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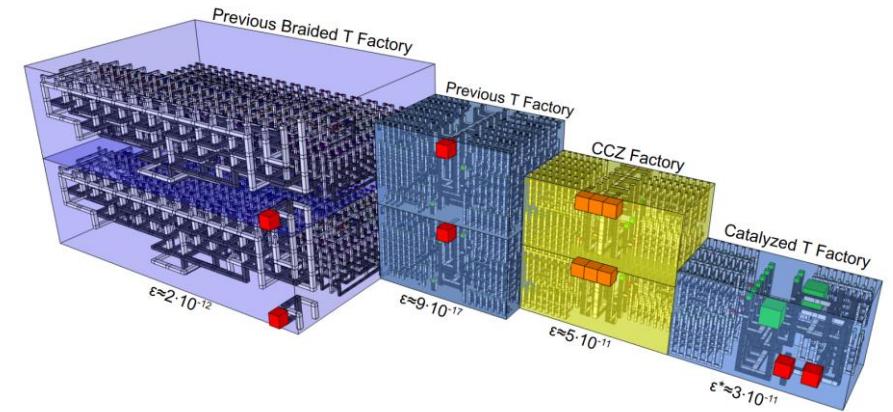
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# Motivation

Magic state model = Model of fault-tolerant universal QC

Problem: Huge overhead



[Gidney and Fowler 2019]

Resource theory of magic

quantifying “magic”

Classical simulation

Distillation rates

Achievable via

“Stabiliser operations” ?

“Stabiliser-preserving channels” ?

# Introduction

Stabiliser operations, Gottesman-Knill, and  
resources in quantum computing

# Stabiliser operations and Gottesman-Knill

A *stabiliser operation* (SO) is a circuit consisting of

- Preparation and measurement in the computational basis
- Application of phase, Hadamard and controlled-NOT gates
- Classical randomness and control

“Clifford” circuit

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gottesman-Knill theorem: SO are efficiently simulable on a classical computer

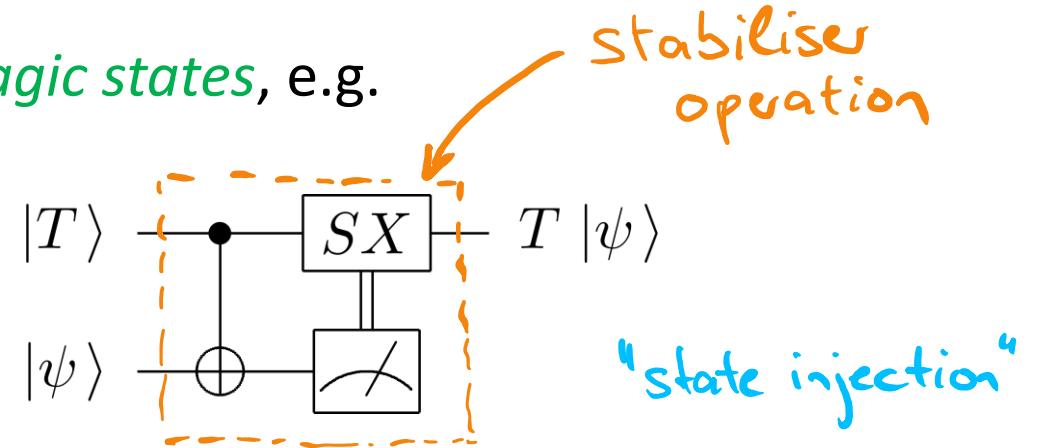
⇒ Not “powerful” in a quantum computational sense  
(otherwise very useful!)

# Going universal: Magic states

Other *diagonal gates* can be applied using *magic states*, e.g.

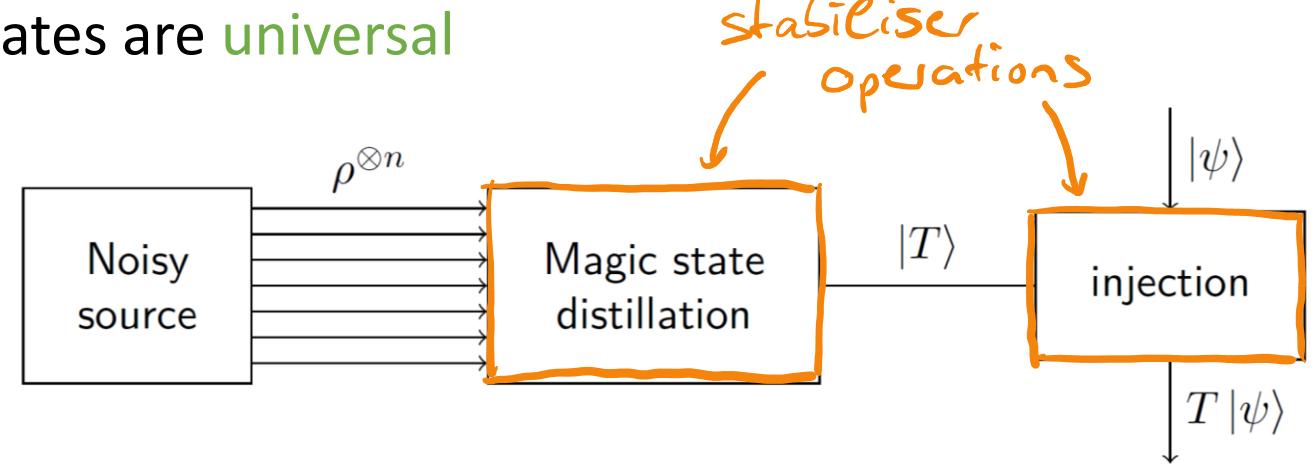
$$T = \text{diag}(1, e^{i\pi/4})$$

$$\Rightarrow |T\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |0\rangle + e^{i\pi/4} |1\rangle \right)$$



Fact: Stabiliser operations + magic states are *universal*

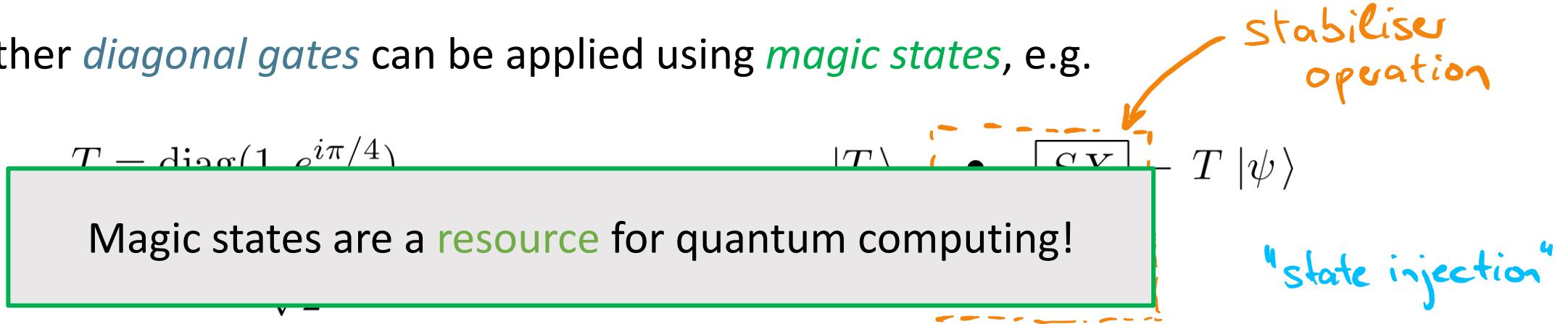
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[Bravyi and Kitaev 2005]

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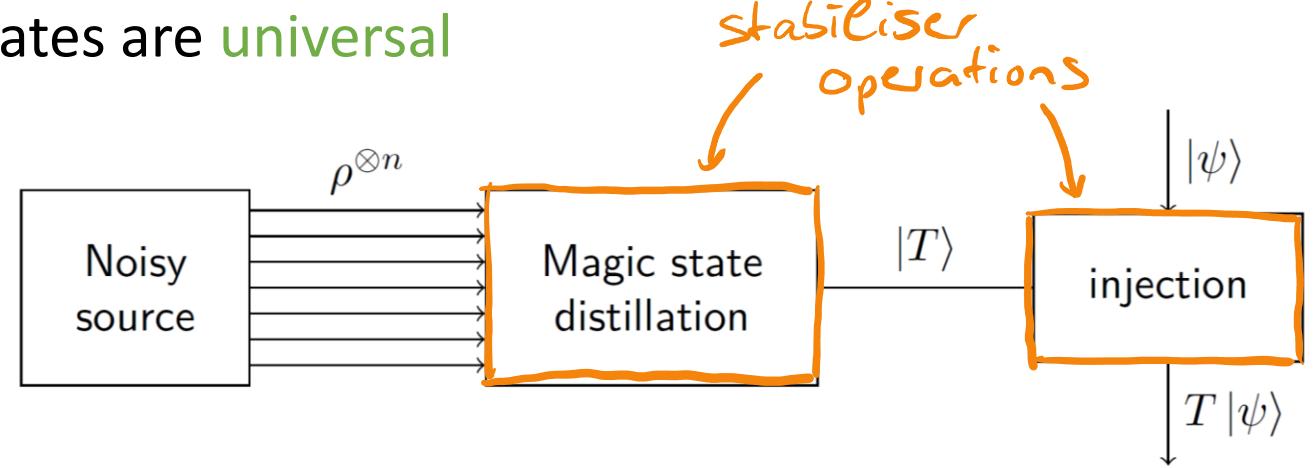
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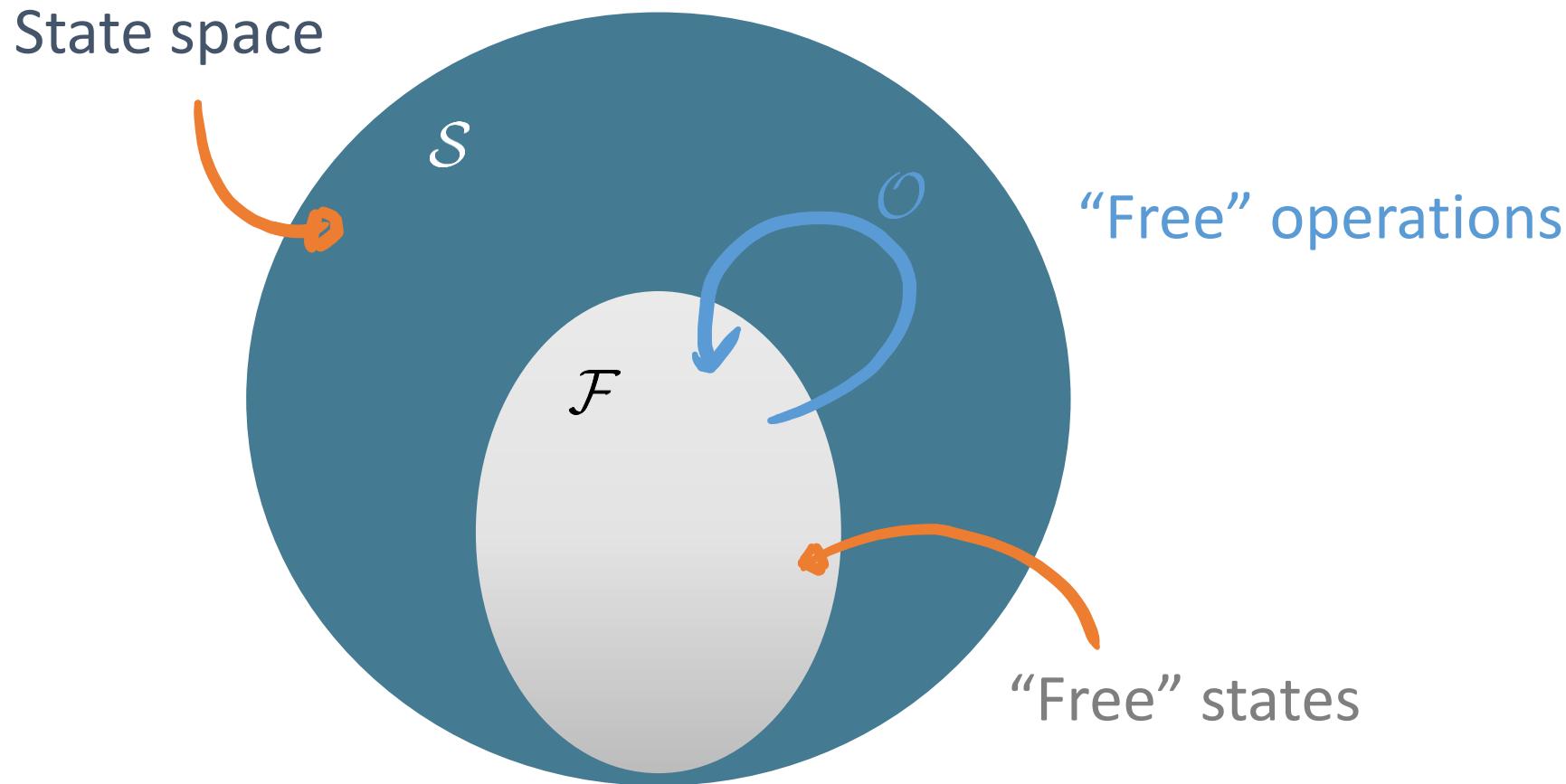
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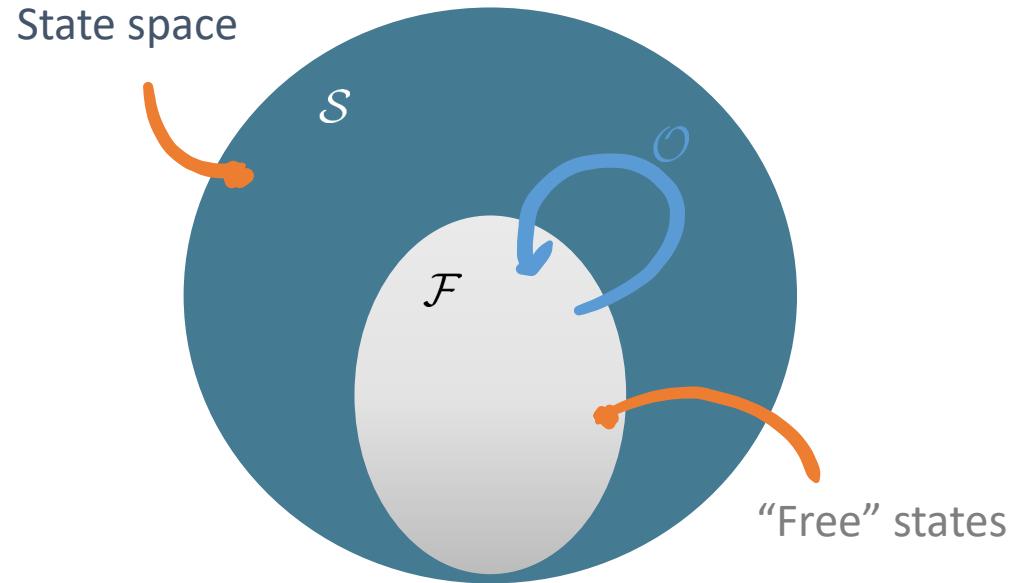
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# Resource theories in a nutshell



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“Free” operations

Operational:  
“Prepare this, apply  
that, measure those”

Axiomatic:  
“Any channel which  
maps  $\mathcal{F}$  to itself”

# Example: Entanglement

Free states = **separable states**

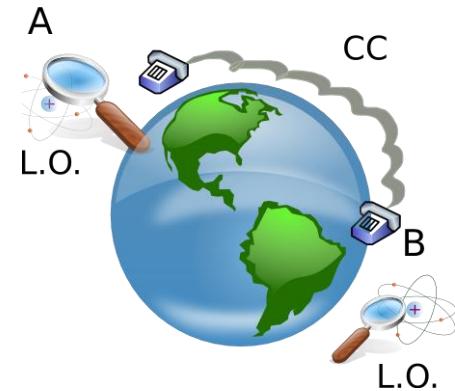
Free operations:

**Operational:** *Local operations and classical communication (LOCC)*

**Axiomatic:** *Separable channels (SEP)*

“Classic” result:

$$\text{LOCC}_1 \subsetneq \text{LOCC}_k \subsetneq \text{LOCC}_{k+1} \subsetneq \text{LOCC} \subsetneq \overline{\text{LOCC}} \subsetneq \text{SEP}$$



# “Magic” as a resource

Free states := states which can be prepared by SO = **stabiliser polytope** (for qubits)

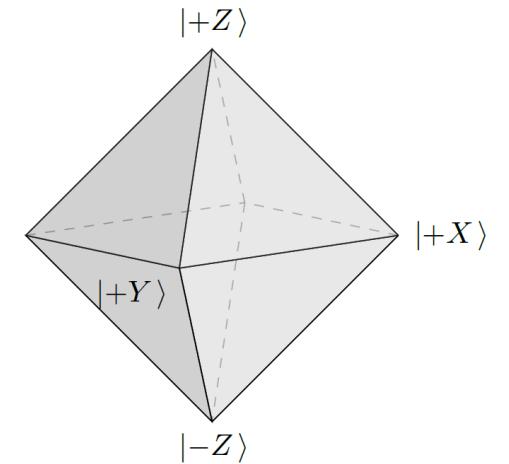
Fact: This is exactly the convex hull of all **stabiliser states**, i.e.

$$\text{SP} := \text{conv} \left\{ U |0\rangle \mid U \text{ is a Clifford unitary} \right\}$$

Free operations:

**Operational:** *stabiliser operations* (SO)

**Axiomatic:** *(compl.) stabiliser-preserving channels* (CSP):  
all channels which map SP to itself



# Spoiler alert

Not much is known about the SO and CSP classes ... We show by explicit example:

$$\text{SO} \subsetneq \text{CSP}$$

... and develop a characterization of CSP on the way

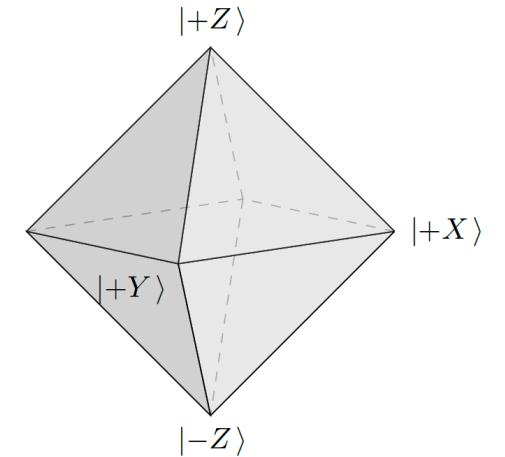
# Completely stabiliser-preserving channels

characterisation, interpretation, and differentiation  
from stabiliser operations

# CSP channels

A superoperator  $\mathcal{E}$  is *completely stabiliser-preserving* iff it maps the stabiliser polytope to itself (even when applied to subsystems).

**Lemma 1.** *Any CSP map is completely positive and trace-preserving.*



e.g.  $|\Phi^+\rangle = 2^{-n/2} \sum_x |xx\rangle$  is stabiliser state  $\Rightarrow$  Choi state  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{E}) := \mathcal{E} \otimes \text{id} |\Phi^+\rangle \geq 0$

**Lemma 2** (Lem. 4.2 in [13]). *A linear map  $\mathcal{E} : L((\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}) \rightarrow L((\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes m})$  is CSP if and only if its Choi representation lies in the intersection of the stabiliser polytope with the affine space  $\text{TP}_{n,m}$ :*

$$\mathcal{J}(\text{CSP}_{n,m}) = \text{SP}_{n,m} \cap \text{TP}_{n,m}. \quad (11)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Write  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{E})$  as convex combination of stabiliser states and impose TP

# CSP channels

Any bipartite  $2n$ -qubit stabiliser state is of the form [Thm. 1, HHG]

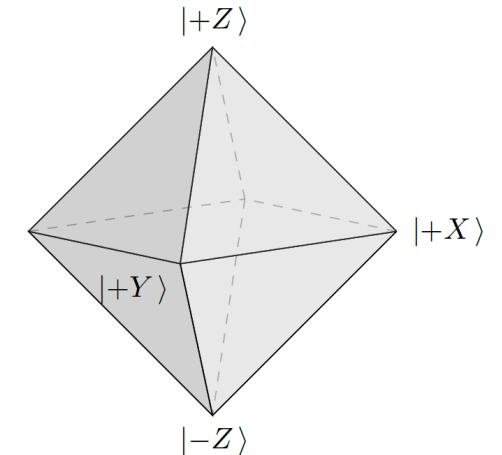
$$|s\rangle = 2^{k/2} UP \otimes \mathbb{1} |\Phi^+\rangle$$

Where

- $U$  is a **Clifford unitary**
  - $P$  projects onto a subspace spanned by orthonormal stabiliser states (**stabiliser code**)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Write } \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_i \lambda_i 2^{k_i} U_i P_i \rho P_i U_i^\dagger \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbb{1} = \mathcal{E}^\dagger(\mathbb{1}) = \sum_i \lambda_i 2^{k_i} P_i$$

Interpretation: Perform POVM  $E_i := \lambda_i 2^{k_i} P_i$  followed by  $U_i$  conditioned on outcome  $i$



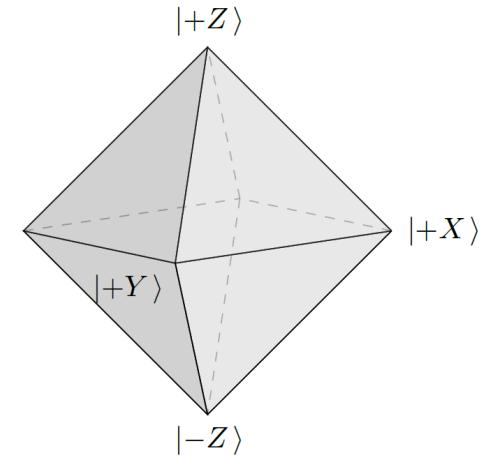
# CSP examples

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_i \lambda_i U_i \rho U_i^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_x U_x |x\rangle\langle x| \rho |x\rangle\langle x| U_x^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_i U_i |s_i\rangle\langle s_i| \rho |s_i\rangle\langle s_i| U_i^\dagger$$

Where  $|s_i\rangle$  is an orthonormal stabiliser basis



These are all stabiliser operations! We need non-orthogonal projectors!

# CSP $\neq$ SO

Central theorem: The following is CSP and not SO for  $n \geq 2$

$$\Lambda(\rho) = \rho_{00} |+\rangle\langle+| + \sum_{x \neq 0} \rho_{xx} |x\rangle\langle x| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \neq y \neq 0} \rho_{xy} |x\rangle\langle y|$$

1. Projective measurement of  $\{|0\rangle\langle 0|, \mathbb{1} - |0\rangle\langle 0|\}$
2. Dephasing in the computational basis with probability 1/2
3. Conditioned on “0” perform global Hadamard

not CSP by itself

Moreover: CSP = SO for  $n = 1$

“possible measurements become orthogonal”

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Proof strategy: Show that  $\Lambda$  is ...

1. a CSP channel (okay ✓)
2. extremal within the CSP set (totally not obvious)
3. not a stabiliser operation (not obvious, extremality needed)

# Technical sneak peak

extremality, convex geometry and all that

# Invariance property of SO

How do you **separate** SO from CSP ?

$$\mathcal{E} = -\text{[z]} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}(2s2) - \mathcal{E}(s)$$

Claim: **extremal** stabiliser operations have a **Pauli invariance** (except for **Clifford dilations**)



Careful argumentation shows that such a SO **cannot be extremal**

# Lambda is not SO

Separate SO from CSP using:

**Theorem 3** (Pauli invariance of extremal stabiliser operations). *Let  $\mathcal{O} \in \mathrm{SO}_{n,m}$  be an extremal stabiliser operation. Then, at least one of the following is true:*

- (i) *There is a  $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2n} \setminus 0$  such that  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O} \circ \mathrm{Ad}(w(x))$ .*
- (ii)  *$\mathcal{O}$  has a Clifford dilation.*

non-trivial Pauli operator

Claim follows from the observation that  $\Lambda$

1. is extremal
2. is not a Clifford dilation
3. does not have a Pauli invariance

# The Lambda channel

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How do you come up with ... ?

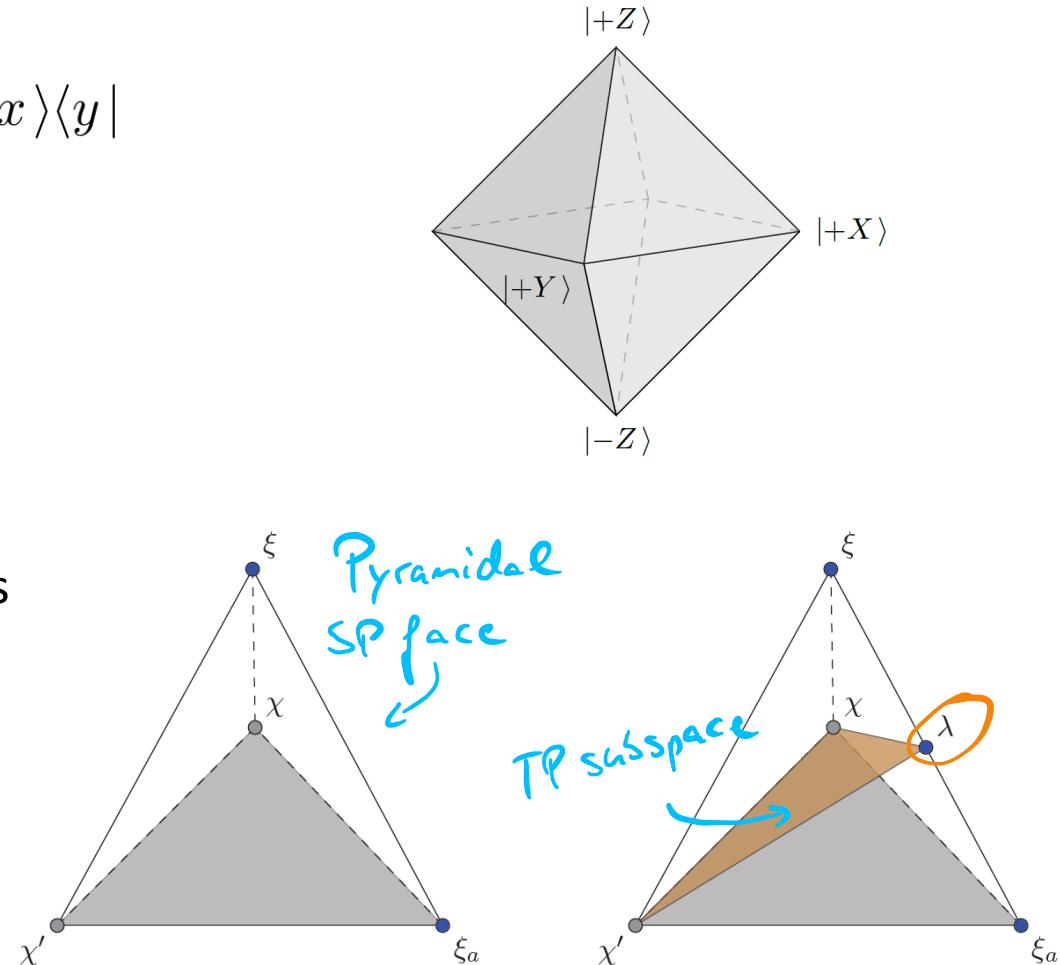
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... we were looking for **extremal CSP channels**

1. “likely” to not be SO
2. needed to use Pauli invariance of SO
3. Interesting by themselves, e.g. for simulation questions
4. Because we like math :)

Our channel is the result of a **vertex construction**

[Heimendahl, MH, and Gross 2020]



# Summary

Resource-theoretic perspective on quantum computing is still in its **infancy**

Our contribution:

- Studying the **CSP** class of operations
- Showing that **CSP** is strictly larger than **SO**
- Initiating the study of **extremal CSP channels**

Outlook:

- Implications on **magic state distillation / resource conversion** ? **Gaps**?
- **Simulation of CSP** seems **possible** (“*beyond Gottesman-Knill*”) [Seddon et al. 2020]

*However, details have to be filled in ...*

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# Lambda channel with stabiliser codes

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This can be written using the stabiliser codes  $P_z := \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{1} - Z(z))$

$$\Lambda(\rho) = H^{\otimes n} |0\rangle\langle 0| \rho |0\rangle\langle 0| H^{\otimes n} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus 0} P_z \rho P_z$$

One can check that

$$|0\rangle\langle 0| + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus 0} P_z = \mathbb{1}$$

# Magic state distillation

If single-qubit conversion  $\rho^{\otimes k} \rightarrow \sigma^{\otimes m}$  is possible via CSP:

$$GR(\rho^{\otimes k}) \geq GR(\sigma^{\otimes m}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{m}{k} \leq \frac{\log GR(\rho)}{\log GR(\sigma)}$$

Upper bound is achievable if conversion is *reversible*

[Liu-Winter 2020]: Resource theory of magic is *asymptotically reversible* (w.r.t CSP channels)

→ Gap is possible! (maybe along the lines of [Chitambar et al. 2012])

# Magic monotones

There are a number of **magic monotones** w.r.t. to CSP

- (Free) robustness of magic
- Generalised robustness
- dyadic negativity
- mixed-state extent



mixed state extensions of **stabiliser extent** for pure states

(Some of) these monotones can be tied to **runtimes of appropriate simulation algorithms**

