

# Overcoming entropic limitations on asymptotic state transformations through probabilistic protocols

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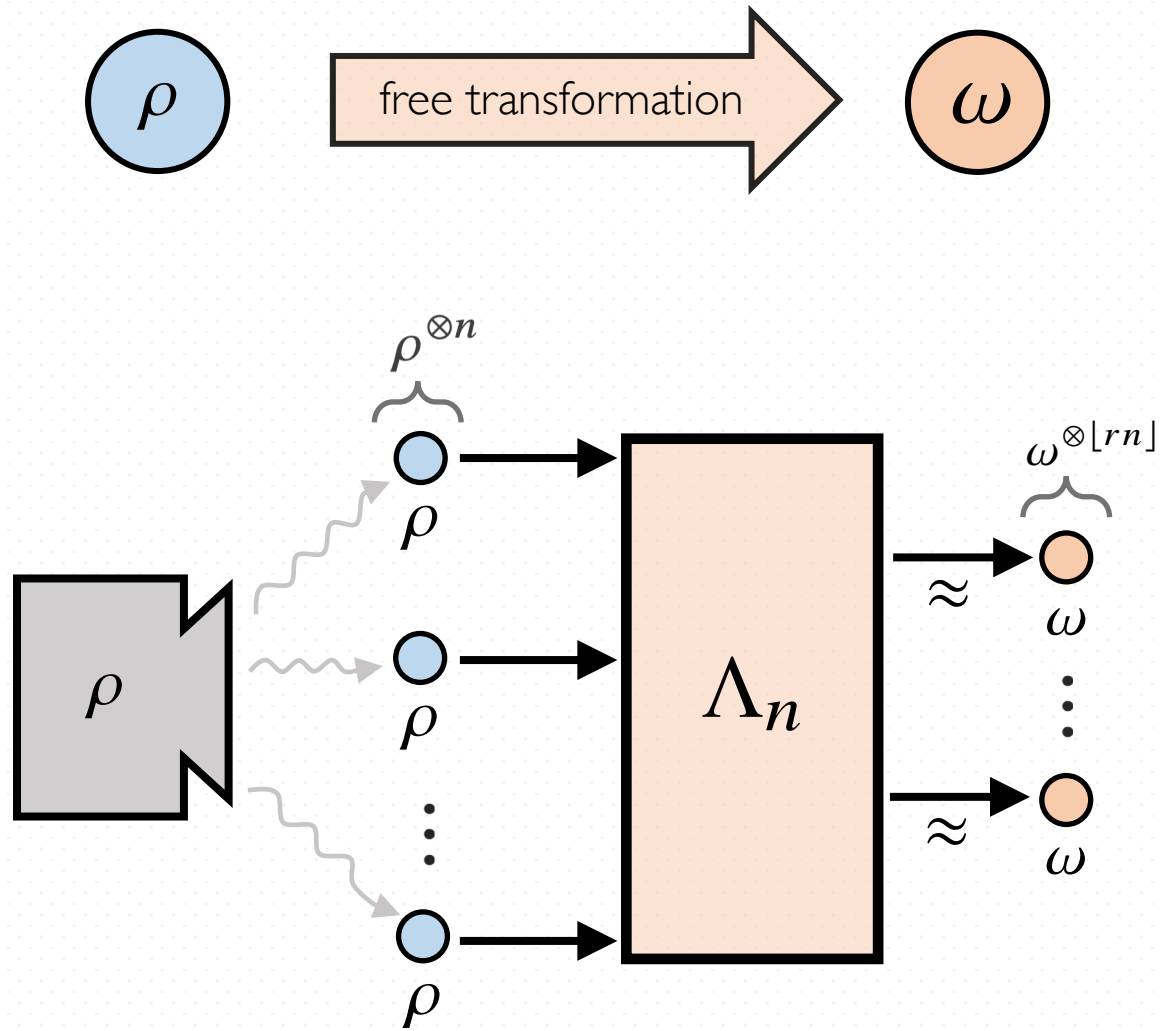
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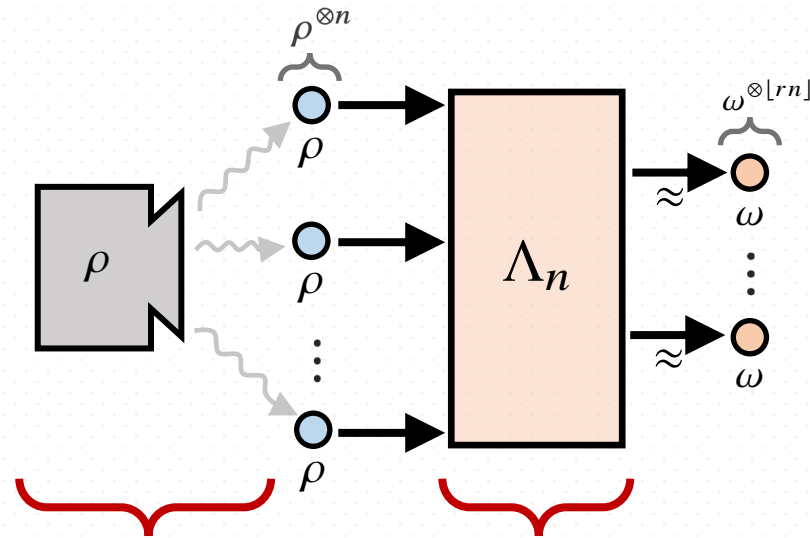
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# Manipulation of quantum states



# Asymptotic rates



cost in Shannon theory:  
number of generated copies

cost in our framework:  
size of quantum memory

asymptotic rate in Shannon theory

$$r(\rho \rightarrow \omega) := \sup \left\{ r \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\Lambda_n \in \mathcal{O}} \left\| \Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n}) - \omega^{\otimes [rn]} \right\|_1 = 0 \right\},$$

	Practice	Shannon theory	This work
Number of copies	✓	✓	✗
Size of quantum memory	✓	✗	✓

# Asymptotic rates

asymptotic rate in Shannon theory

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asymptotic rate in our framework

$$r_{\text{prob}}(\rho \rightarrow \omega) := \sup \left\{ r \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\Lambda_n \in \mathcal{O}} \left\| \frac{\Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n})}{\text{Tr} \Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n})} - \omega^{\otimes \lfloor rn \rfloor} \right\|_1 = 0 \right\}$$

strong converse rate

$$r_{\text{prob}}^{\dagger}(\rho \rightarrow \omega) := \sup \left\{ r \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\Lambda_n \in \mathcal{O}} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n})}{\text{Tr} \Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n})} - \omega^{\otimes \lfloor rn \rfloor} \right\|_1 < 1 \right\}$$

# Divergences as resource monotones

quantum relative entropy

$$D(\rho\|\sigma) = \text{Tr } \rho(\log \rho - \log \sigma)$$

relative entropy of a resource

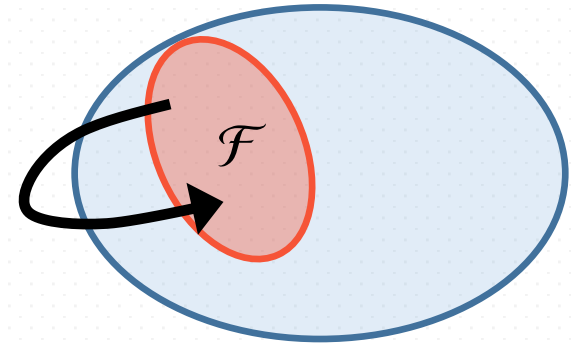
$$D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}} D(\rho\|\sigma)$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}(\Lambda(\rho)) \leq D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho) \quad \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{O} \cap \text{CPTP}$$

regularised relative entropy

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

$$r(\rho \rightarrow \omega) \leq \frac{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\omega)}$$



free transformation

$$\sigma \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \frac{\Lambda(\sigma)}{\text{Tr } \Lambda(\sigma)} \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}\left(\frac{\Lambda(\rho)}{\text{Tr } \Lambda(\rho)}\right) \not\leq D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho) \quad \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{O}$$

# Max-relative entropy

max-relative entropy

[Datta, IEEE TIT 55, 2816 (2009)]

$$D_{\max}(\rho\|\sigma) := \log \inf \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid \rho \leq \lambda \sigma \}$$
$$= \begin{cases} \log \|\sigma^{-1/2} \rho \sigma^{-1/2}\|_{\infty} & \text{supp}(\rho) \subseteq \text{supp}(\sigma) \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$D_{\max, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}} D_{\max}(\rho\|\sigma)$$

smoothed regularised max-relative entropy

[Datta, IJQI 7, 475 (2009)]

[Brandão & Plenio, CMP 295, 829 (2010)]

$$D_{\max, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty, \bullet}(\rho) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\frac{1}{2} \|\rho' - \rho^{\otimes n}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon} \frac{1}{n} D_{\max, \mathcal{F}}(\rho') = D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho),$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}} D(\rho\|\sigma)$$

# Projective relative entropy

projective relative entropy (Hilbert projective metric)

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega}(\rho\|\sigma) := D_{\max}(\rho\|\sigma) + D_{\max}(\sigma\|\rho)$$

[Reeb et al., JMP 52, 082201 (2011)]

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) := \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega}(\rho\|\sigma)$$

[Regula, PRL 128, 110505 (2022)]

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}\left(\frac{\Lambda(\rho)}{\text{Tr } \Lambda(\rho)}\right) \leq \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) \quad \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{O}$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty, \bullet}(\rho) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\frac{1}{2} \|\rho' - \rho^{\otimes n}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho') = ?$$

# Asymptotic equipartition property

## Result I

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty, \bullet}(\rho) = D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty, \bullet}(\rho) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\frac{1}{2} \|\rho' - \rho^{\otimes n}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho')$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

## Main proof idea

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\frac{1}{2} \|\rho' - \rho^{\otimes n}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon} \frac{1}{n} D_{\max, \mathcal{F}}(\rho') = D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)$$

$$(\sigma_n)_n \text{ s.t. } D_{\max, \mathcal{F}}(\rho'_n) = D_{\max}(\rho'_n \| \sigma_n)$$

$$\omega_n := \frac{2^{-\eta} \sigma_n + \rho'_n}{1 + 2^{-\eta}} \quad \eta = \log(2\varepsilon^{-1} - 1) \quad \omega_n \underset{\varepsilon}{\approx} \rho'_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega}(\omega_n \| \sigma_n) \rightarrow D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)$$



# Converse bound

## Result II

$$r_{\text{prob}}(\rho \rightarrow \omega) \leq \frac{D_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\omega)}$$

$$D_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

## Compare with

$$r(\rho \rightarrow \omega) \leq \frac{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\omega)}.$$

## Main idea

Result I (asymptotic equipartition property)

+

$$D_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}} \left( \frac{\Lambda(\rho)}{\text{Tr } \Lambda(\rho)} \right) \leq D_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) \quad \forall \Lambda \in \mathcal{O}$$

# Achievability

affine resource theory

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{aff}(\mathcal{F})$$

(coherence, athermality, asymmetry, imaginarity...)

## Result III

In any affine resource theory,

$$r_{\text{prob}}(\rho \rightarrow \omega) = \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\omega)}$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

$$D_{\mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

Main idea

$$\exists \Lambda \in \mathcal{O} : \frac{\Lambda(\rho)}{\text{Tr} \Lambda(\rho)} = \omega \quad \iff \quad \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) \geq \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\omega)$$

[Regula, Quantum 6, 817 (2022)]

# More achievability

## Result IV

In entanglement distillation (i.e.  $\omega = |\Phi_+\rangle\langle\Phi_+|$ ),

$$r_{\text{prob}}(\rho \rightarrow \Phi_+) = \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \text{SEP}}^{\infty}(\rho)$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

## Main idea

$$\exists \Lambda \in \mathcal{O} : \frac{\Lambda(\rho)}{\text{Tr } \Lambda(\rho)} = \omega \quad \Leftarrow \quad \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}(\rho) \geq \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\mathcal{F}}(\omega)$$

[Regula, Quantum 6, 817 (2022)]

standard robustness of  $\omega$  = generalised robustness of  $\omega$

$$\inf_{\sigma, \sigma' \in \mathcal{F}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{ \lambda \mid \omega = \lambda \sigma - (\lambda - 1) \sigma' \}$$

$$\inf_{\sigma \in \mathcal{F}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{ \lambda \mid \omega \leq \lambda \sigma \}$$

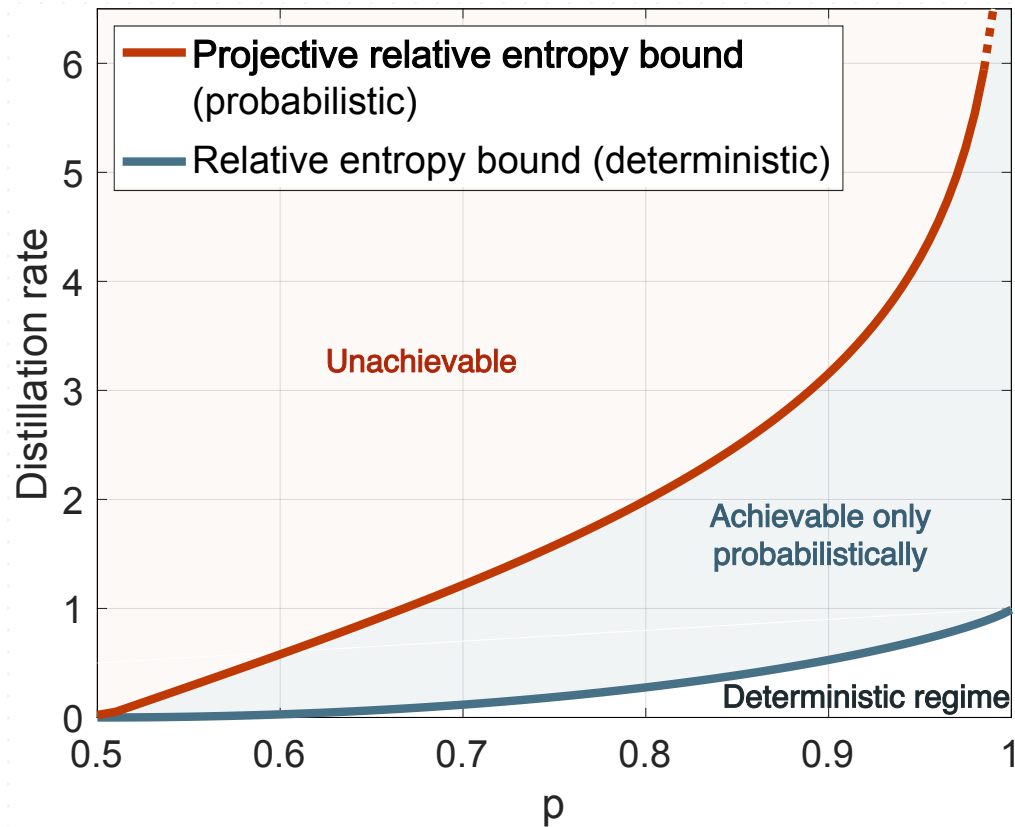
# Example: entanglement distillation

$$\rho_p = p\Phi_d + (1-p)\frac{\mathbb{1} - \Phi_d}{d^2 - 1}$$

$$r_{\text{prob}}(\rho \rightarrow \Phi_2) = \mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \text{SEP}}(\rho_p) = \log \frac{p(d-1)}{1-p}$$

$$> D_{\text{SEP}}^{\infty}(\rho_p) = p \log d + (1-p) \log \frac{d}{d-1} - h_2(p)$$

$$\geq r(\rho_p \rightarrow \Phi_2)$$



# More insights for distillation

## Result V

Every distillation protocol  $(\Lambda_n)_n$  which distills at a rate  $r$  with

error  $\varepsilon_n := \frac{1}{2} \left\| \Lambda_n(\rho^{\otimes n}) - \psi^{\otimes \lfloor rn \rfloor} \right\|_1$  satisfies

$$r \leq \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\min, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\psi)} - \frac{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log(\varepsilon_n^{-1} - 1)}{D_{\min, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\psi)}$$

strong converse bound

$$r_{\text{prob}}^{\dagger}(\rho \rightarrow \psi) \leq \frac{\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho)}{D_{\min, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\psi)}$$

no superexponential error decay

$$\varepsilon_n = 2^{-O(n)}$$

(when  $\mathbb{D}_{\Omega, \mathcal{F}}^{\infty}(\rho) < \infty$ )

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \inf \left\{ m \left| \frac{\Lambda(\psi^{\otimes m})}{\text{Tr} \Lambda(\psi^{\otimes m})} = \phi^{\otimes n} \right. \right\}$$

[Chitambar et al., PRL 101, 140502 (2008)]  
[Vrana and Christandl, CMP 352, 621 (2017)]

# Conclusions

- General constraints that **all probabilistic protocols** must satisfy
- In many cases, the **best bounds possible**: achievable for all affine resources, entanglement distillation
- Strictly larger than relative entropy bounds: beyond Shannon theory

## Follow-up question

Quantum relative entropy = error exponent of asymmetric hypothesis testing (quantum Stein's lemma)

Projective relative entropy = error exponent in postselected hypothesis testing  
[\[arXiv:2209.10550\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.10550)

## Open problem

- Better understanding of pure-to-pure transformations (e.g. LOCC)

# Thank you

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