Randomization theorems for quantum channels

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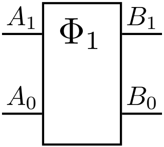

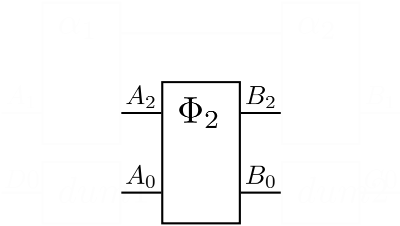

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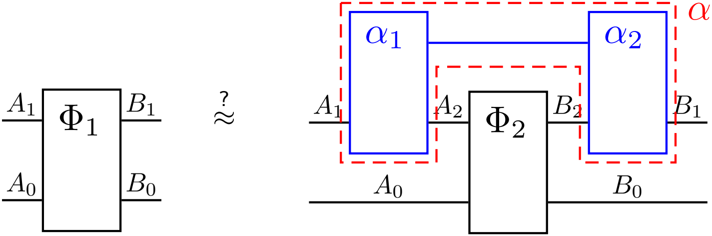

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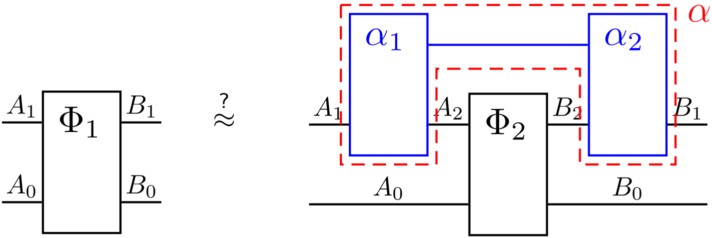

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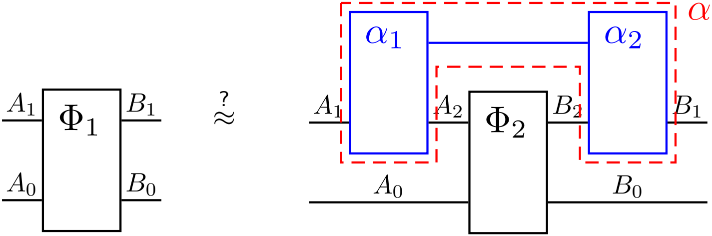

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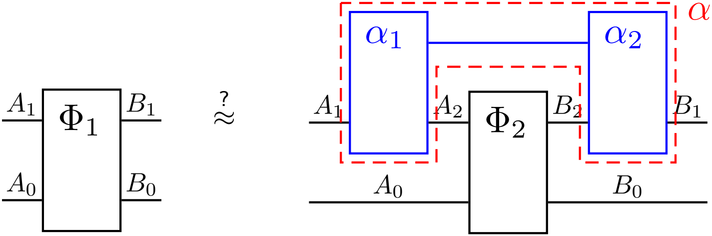

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- These are extensions of Le Cam deficiency/distance for classical statistical experiments: $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{p_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$, $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{q_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$

$$\delta(\mathcal{F}_1 \| \mathcal{F}_2) = \min_\alpha \sup_\theta \|p_\theta - \alpha(q_\theta)\|_1$$

- Randomization theorem (Le Cam 1964): deficiency is characterized by comparing risks in decision problems: informativity

Randomization theorem for classical channels

Φ_1, Φ_2 - classical channels with equal input spaces: $A_1 = A_2 = A$,
$\mathcal{T} = post$:= set of post-processings

Theorem

Let $\epsilon \geq 0$, Then $\delta_{post}(\Phi_1 \| \Phi_2) \leq \epsilon$ if and only if:
for any ensemble $\mathcal{E} = \{\lambda_x, p_x\}$ of classical states $p_x \in \mathcal{S}(A)$,

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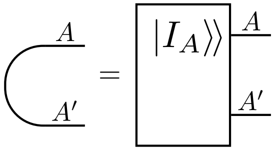

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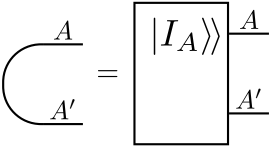

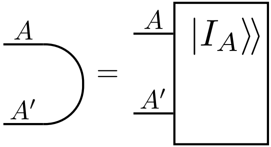

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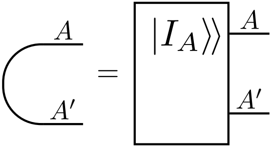

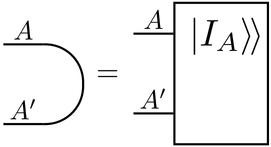

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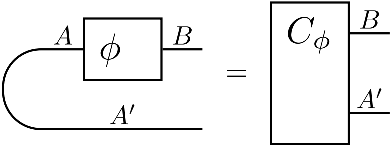

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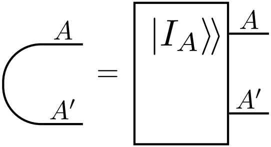

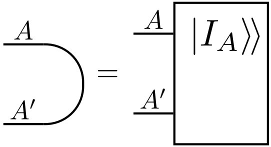

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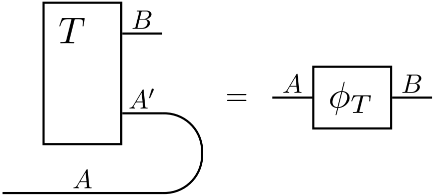

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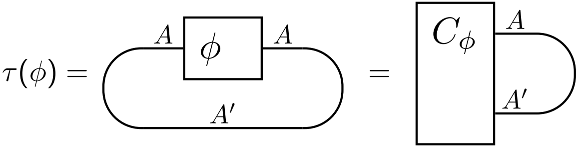

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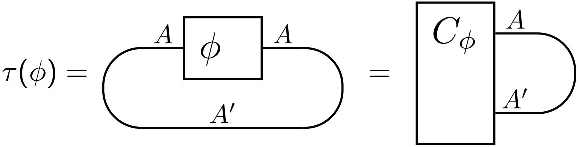

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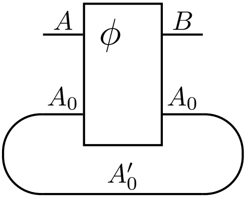
$\tau_{A_0}(\phi) =$ 

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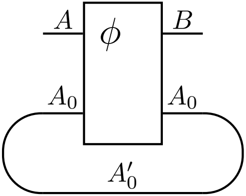
$\tau_{A_0}(\phi) \;=$ 

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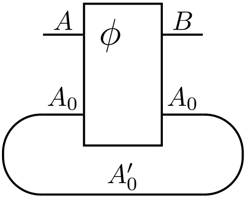
$\tau_{A_0}(\phi) \;=$ 

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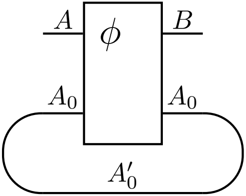

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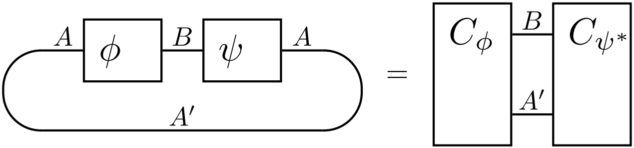

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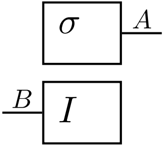

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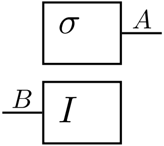

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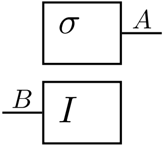

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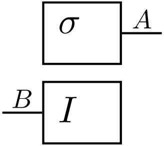

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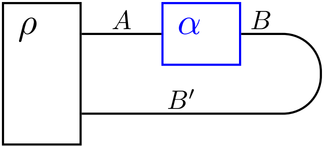

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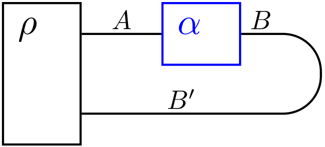
$= \max_{\alpha\in\mathcal{C}}$ 

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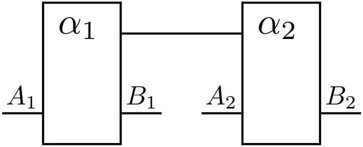

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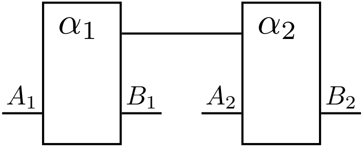

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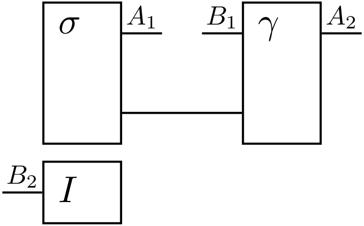

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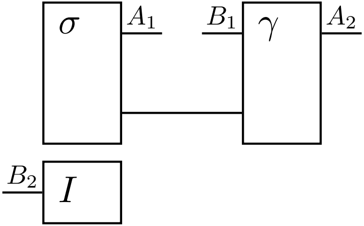

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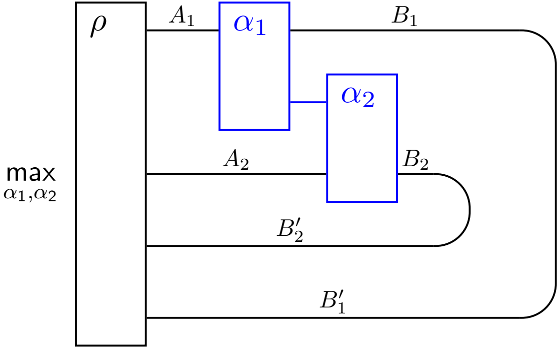

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Useful properties of $H^{(2)}_{min}$: (Gour, 2018)

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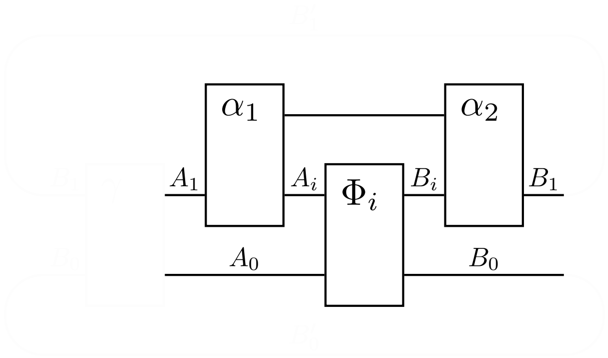

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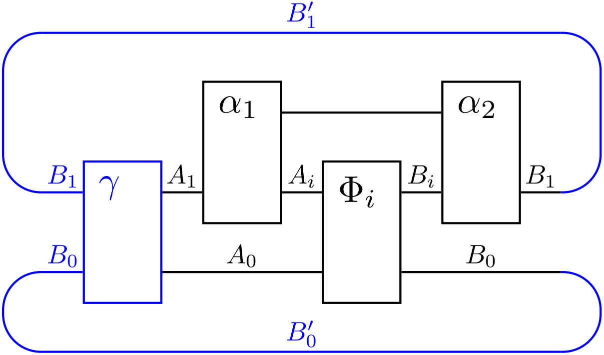

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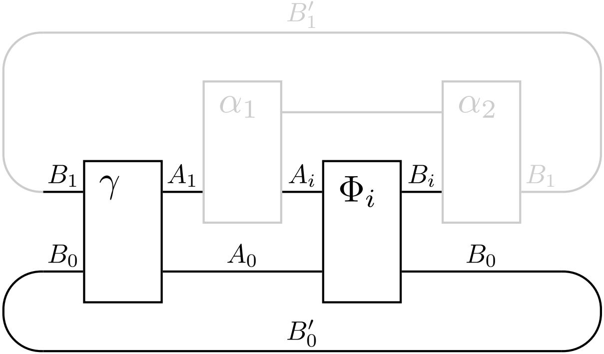

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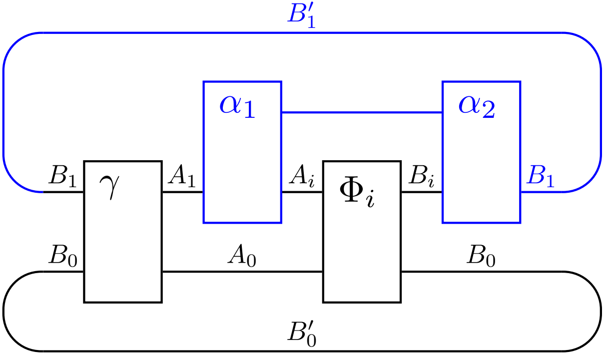

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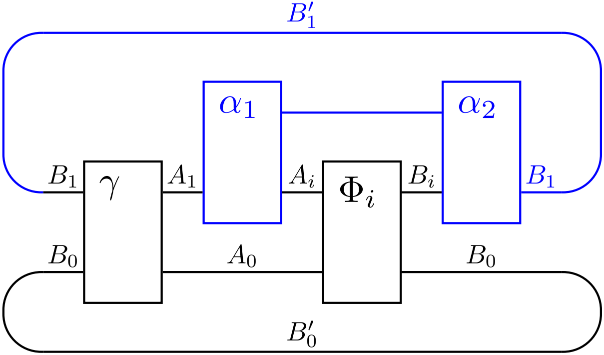

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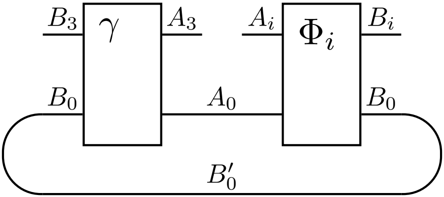

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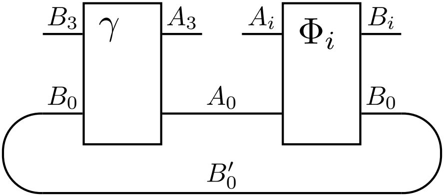

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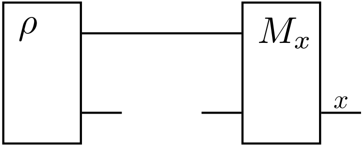

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$$P_{succ}(\mathcal{E}, \rho) \leq \frac{1}{d_R} 2^{-H_{min}(R|A)_\rho}$$

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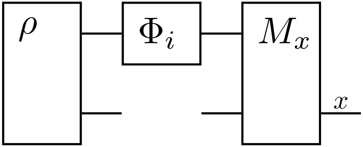

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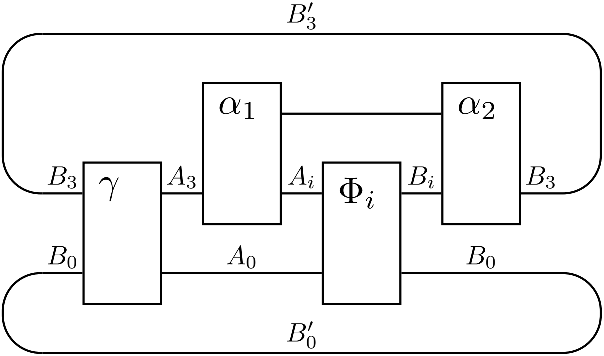

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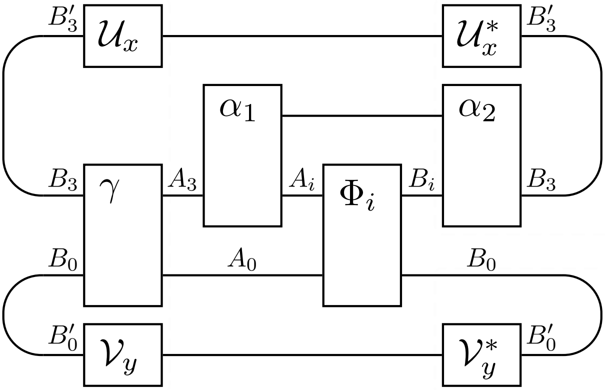

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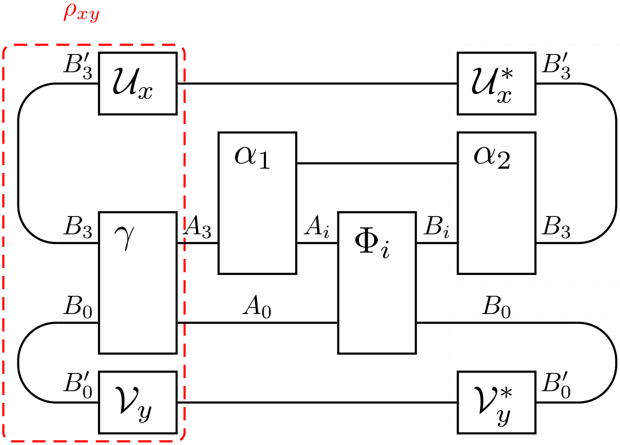

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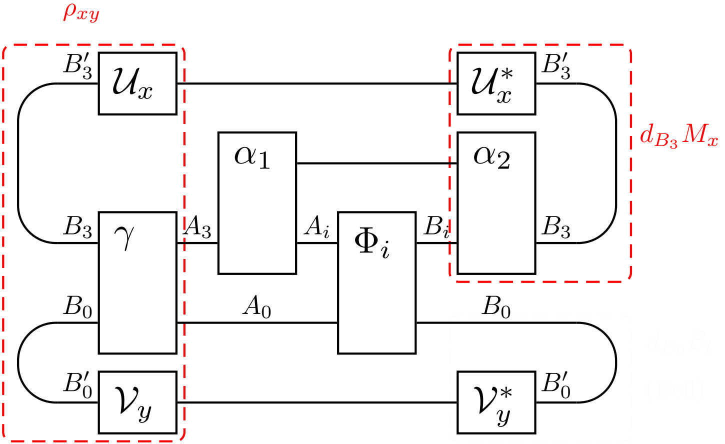

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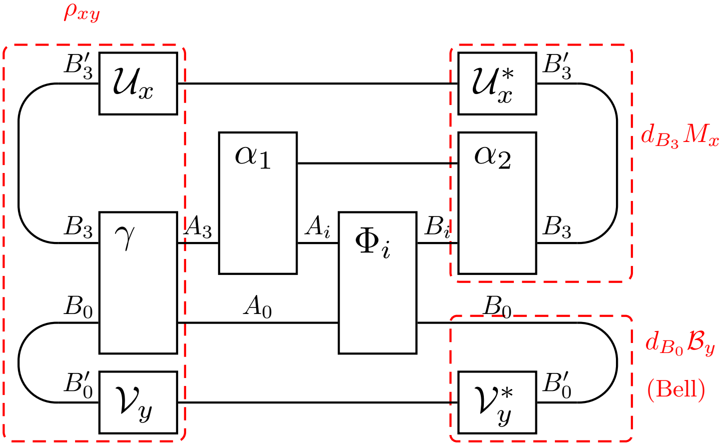

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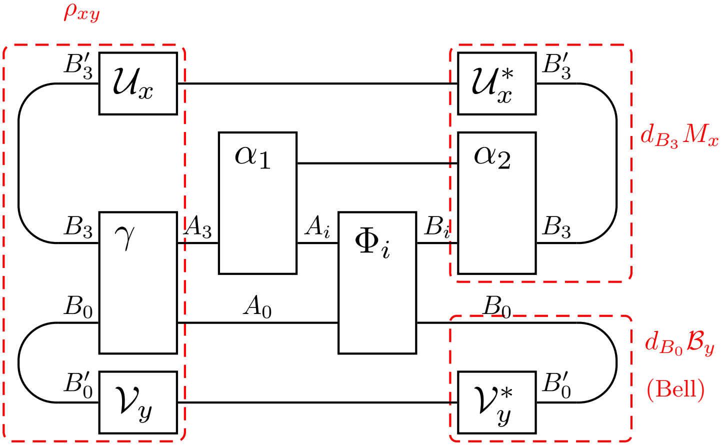

$$= \frac{1}{d_{B_3} d_{B_0}} \sum_{x,y} \mathrm{Tr}\left[\rho_{xy}(\alpha_1 * \Phi_i)^*(M_x \otimes \mathcal{B}_y)\right]$$

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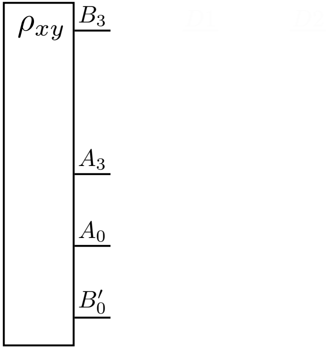

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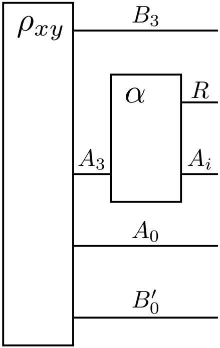

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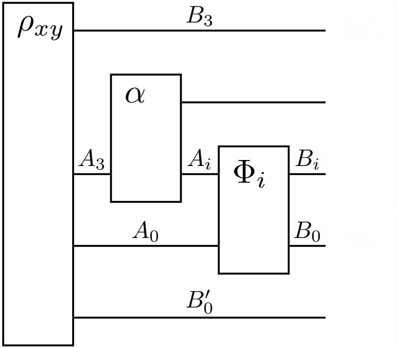

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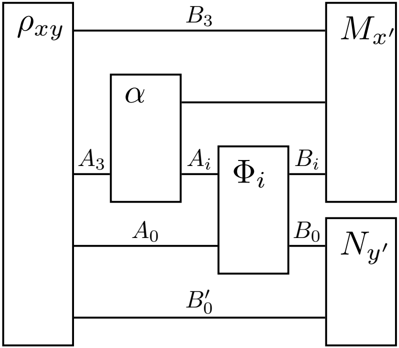

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Theorem

$\delta_{sc}(\Phi_1\|\Phi_2) \leq \epsilon$ if and only if for any A_3, B_3, any POVM N on B_0B_0' and any ensemble $\mathcal{E} = \{\lambda_{xy}, \rho_{xy}\}$, on $B_3A_3A_0B_0'$, we have

$$P_{succ}(\mathcal{E}, \Phi_1, N) \leq P_{succ}(\mathcal{E}, \Phi_2, N) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}P_{succ}(\mathcal{E})$$

We may restrict to $A_3 \simeq A_1$, $B_3 \simeq B_1$ and $N = \mathcal{B}$ the Bell measurement.

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