
LAWS OF QUANTUM COMMUNICATION

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THE LAWS

1st LAW: INFORMATION GAIN

2nd LAW: INFORMATION CAUSALITY

3rd LAW: ENTANGLEMENT GAIN

COMMUNICATION SCENARIO



Sender

Receiver

*Transmitted
systems*

AIMS OF COMMUNICATION



PRIMARY AIM: ESTABLISH CORRELATIONS

MUTUAL INFORMATION

CORRELATIONS: BY LOOKING AT ONE PART YOU CAN SAY
SOMETHING ABOUT THE OTHER PART

$$I_{X:Y} = S_X + S_Y - S_{XY}$$

$$I_{X:Y} = S_X - S_{X|Y}$$

$$S_X = - \sum_x p_x \log p_x$$

$$S_X = -\text{Tr}(\rho_X \log \rho_X)$$

EXAMPLE

FIND MUTUAL INFORMATION BETWEEN PARTICLES
IN THE BELL SINGLET STATE:

$$|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

ANSWER: 2 BITS

TOWARDS UNIFIED VIEW OF CORRELATIONS

Relative entropy and its properties:

$$S(\rho||\tau) = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \tau) - S(\rho)$$

$$S(\rho||\tau) \geq 0$$

$$S(\rho||\tau) = 0 \iff \rho = \tau$$

MUTUAL INFORMATION AS RELATIVE ENTROPY

Mutual information is the relative entropy distance to the closest product state.

$$\min_{\pi_X \otimes \pi_Y} S(\rho_{XY} || \pi_X \otimes \pi_Y) = S(\rho_{XY} || \rho_X \otimes \rho_Y) = I_{X:Y}$$

Proof. $S(\rho || \rho_A \otimes \rho_B) - S(\rho || \pi_A \otimes \pi_B)$
 $= -\text{Tr}(\rho \log(\rho_A \otimes \rho_B)) - S(\rho) + \text{Tr}(\rho \log(\pi_A \otimes \pi_B)) + S(\rho)$

Use $\log(\alpha \otimes \beta) = \log(\alpha) \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes \log(\beta)$

$$= S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) + \text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \pi_A) + \text{Tr}(\rho_B \log \pi_B)$$

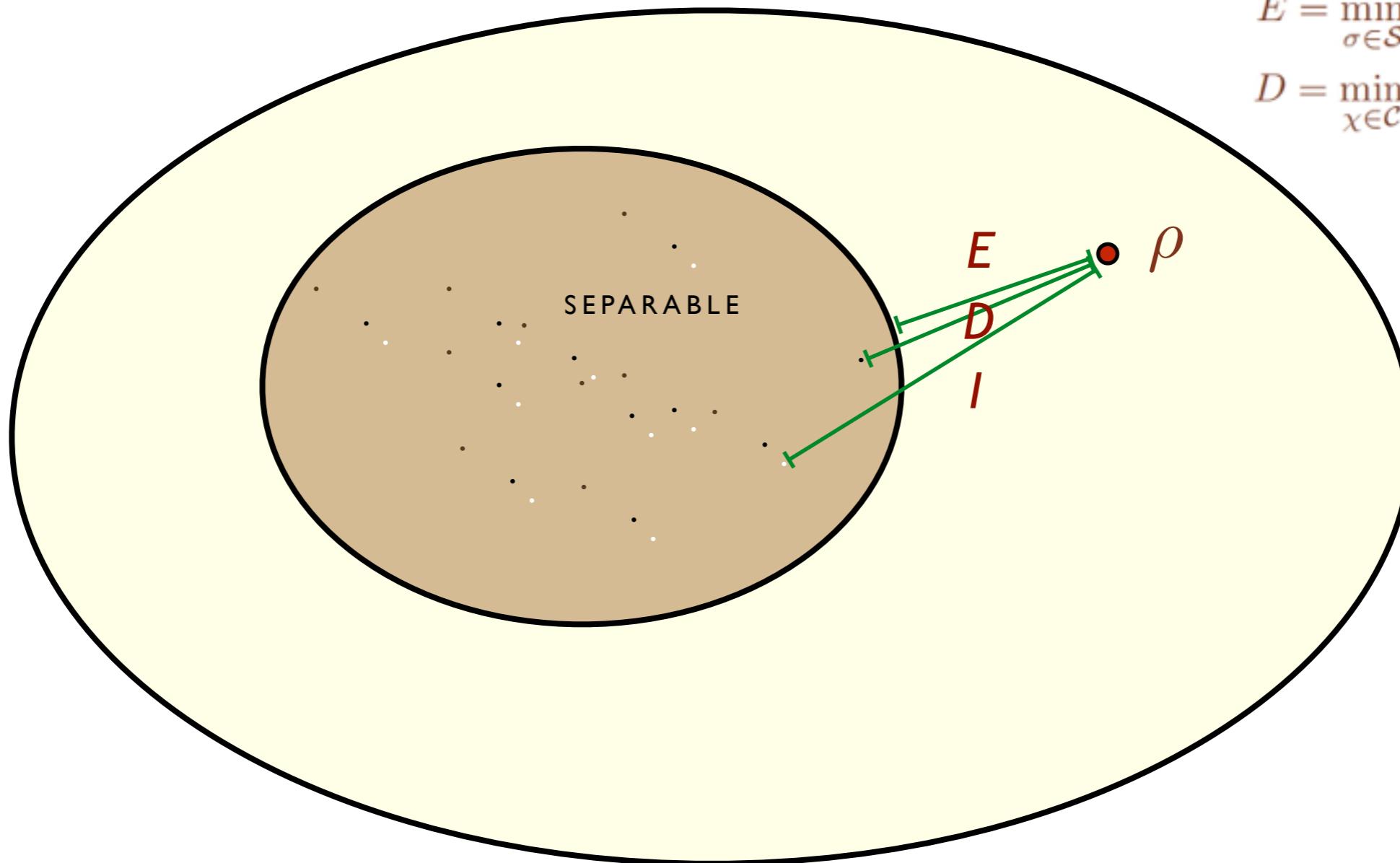
$$= -S(\rho_A || \pi_A) - S(\rho_B || \pi_B) \leq 0.$$

UNIFIED VIEW OF CORRELATIONS

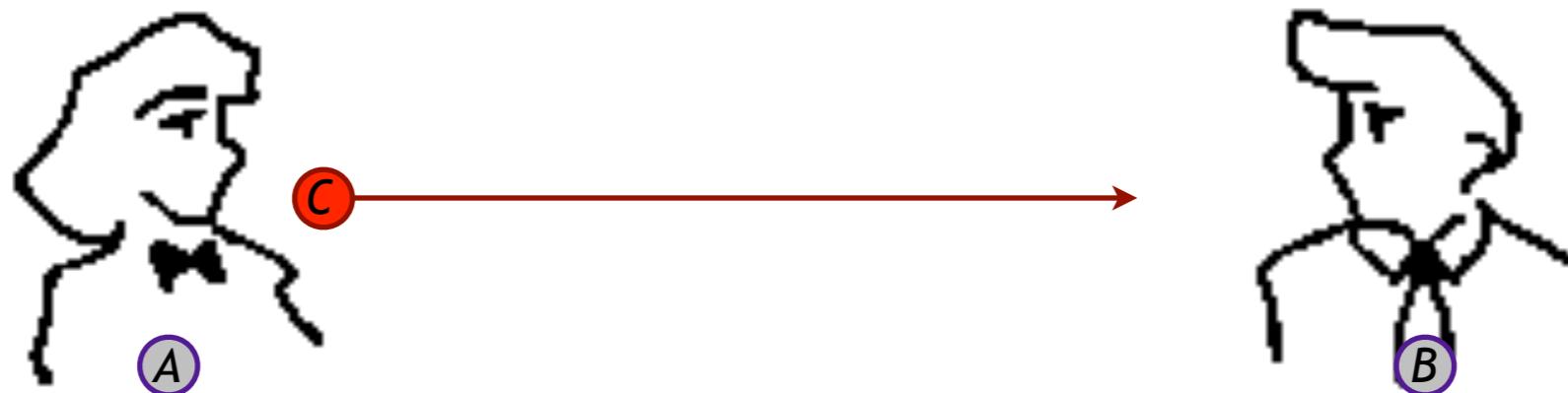
$$I = \min_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}} S(\rho || \pi)$$

$$E = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S(\rho || \sigma)$$

$$D = \min_{\chi \in \mathcal{C}} S(\rho || \chi)$$



COMMUNICATION SCENARIO



Information gain caused by communication:

$$\Delta I = I_{A:CB} - I_{AC:B}$$

Entanglement gain caused by communication:

$$\Delta E = E_{A:CB} - E_{AC:B}$$

WARM UP: NO COMMUNICATION

$$\Delta I \leq ?$$

Unrelated communication $\rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_C$ also gives no information gain

$$I_{A:CB} - I_{AC:B} = I_{A:B} - I_{A:B} = 0$$

1st LAW: INFORMATION GAIN

$$I_{A:CB} - I_{AC:B} \leq ?$$

1st LAW: INFORMATION GAIN

$$I_{A:CB} - I_{AC:B} \leq I_{AB:C}$$

Information gain is bounded by the communicated information.

PROOF

Symmetry of conditional mutual information

$$I_{A:B|C} = I_{AC:B} - I_{B:C}$$

$$I_{A:B|C} = I_{A:CB} - I_{A:C}$$

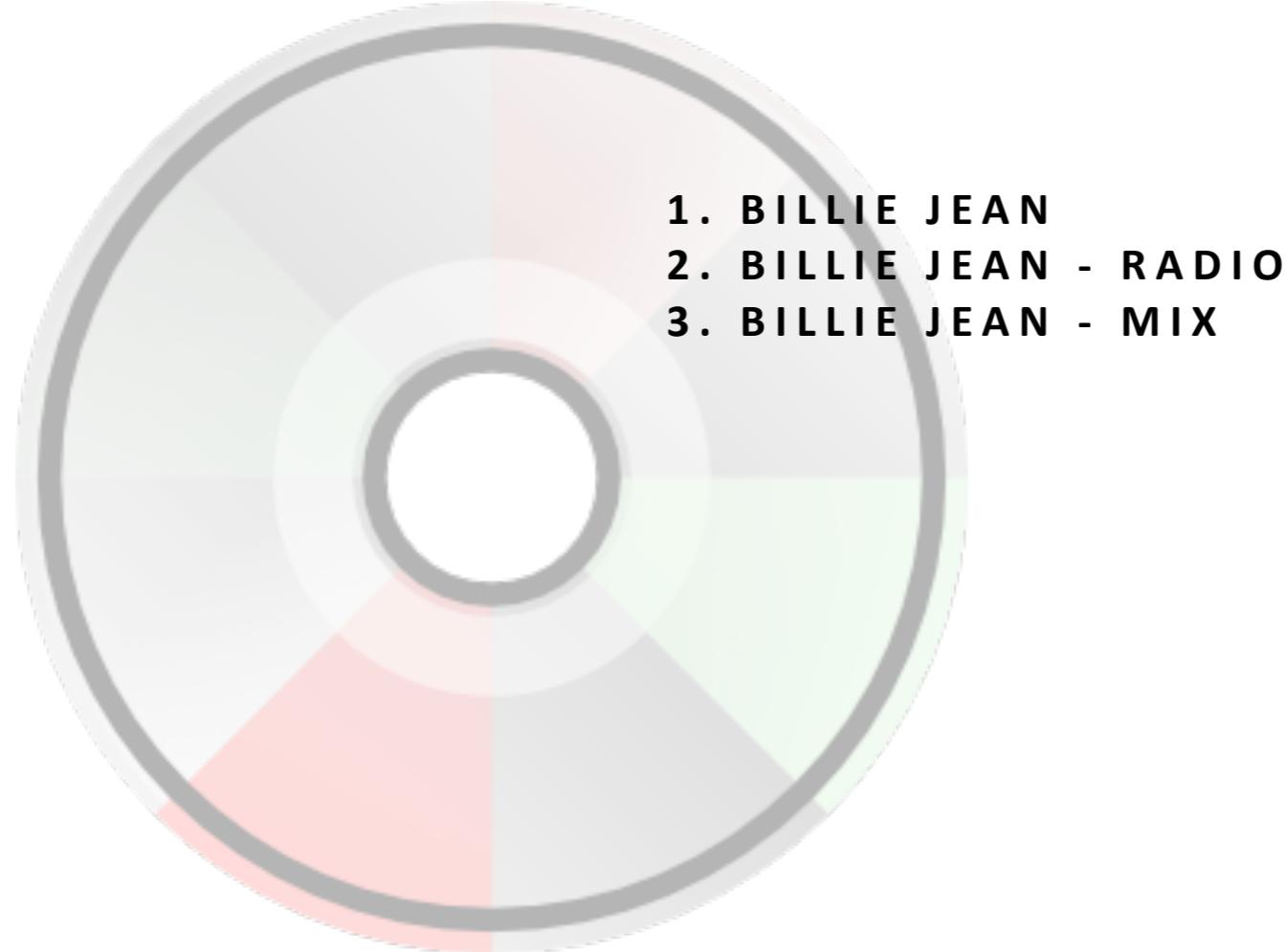
$$I_{A:CB} - I_{AC:B} = I_{A:C} - I_{B:C} \leq I_{A:C} \leq I_{AB:C}$$

Positivity of mutual information

Data processing inequality

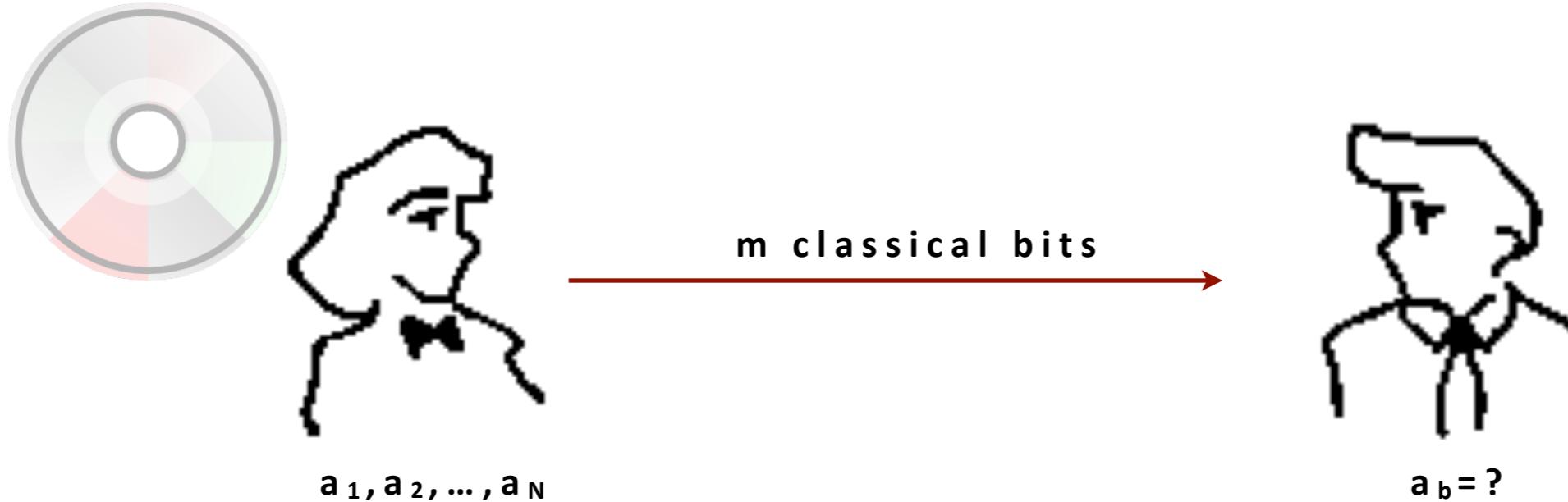
The first law is likely to be present even in future physical theories.

2nd LAW: INFORMATION CAUSALITY



*When Alice has sent 10 MB, Bob cannot choose which version he would like to listen.
She decides this when sending the data!*

MATHEMATICAL STATEMENT



$$I(a_1:G | b=1) + \dots + I(a_N:G | b=N) \leq m$$

PROOF

By data processing inequality:

$$I(a_k : G | b = k) \leq I(a_k : C, B)$$

classical message

whatever else in Bob's lab

$$\sum_{k=1}^N I(a_k : G | b = k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^N I(a_k : C, B) \leq I(a_1 \dots a_N : C, B)$$

Recall the conditional mutual information:

$$I(X : Y | Z) = I(XZ : Y) - I(Y : Z) = I(X : YZ) - I(X : Z)$$

Take $X = a_1, Z = a_2 \dots a_N, Y = C, B$ and start from the right-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} I(a_1 \dots a_N : C, B) &= I(a_1 : a_2 \dots a_N, C, B) + I(a_2 \dots a_N : C, B) - I(a_1 : a_2 \dots a_N) \\ &\geq I(a_1 : C, B) + I(a_2 \dots a_N : C, B) \end{aligned}$$

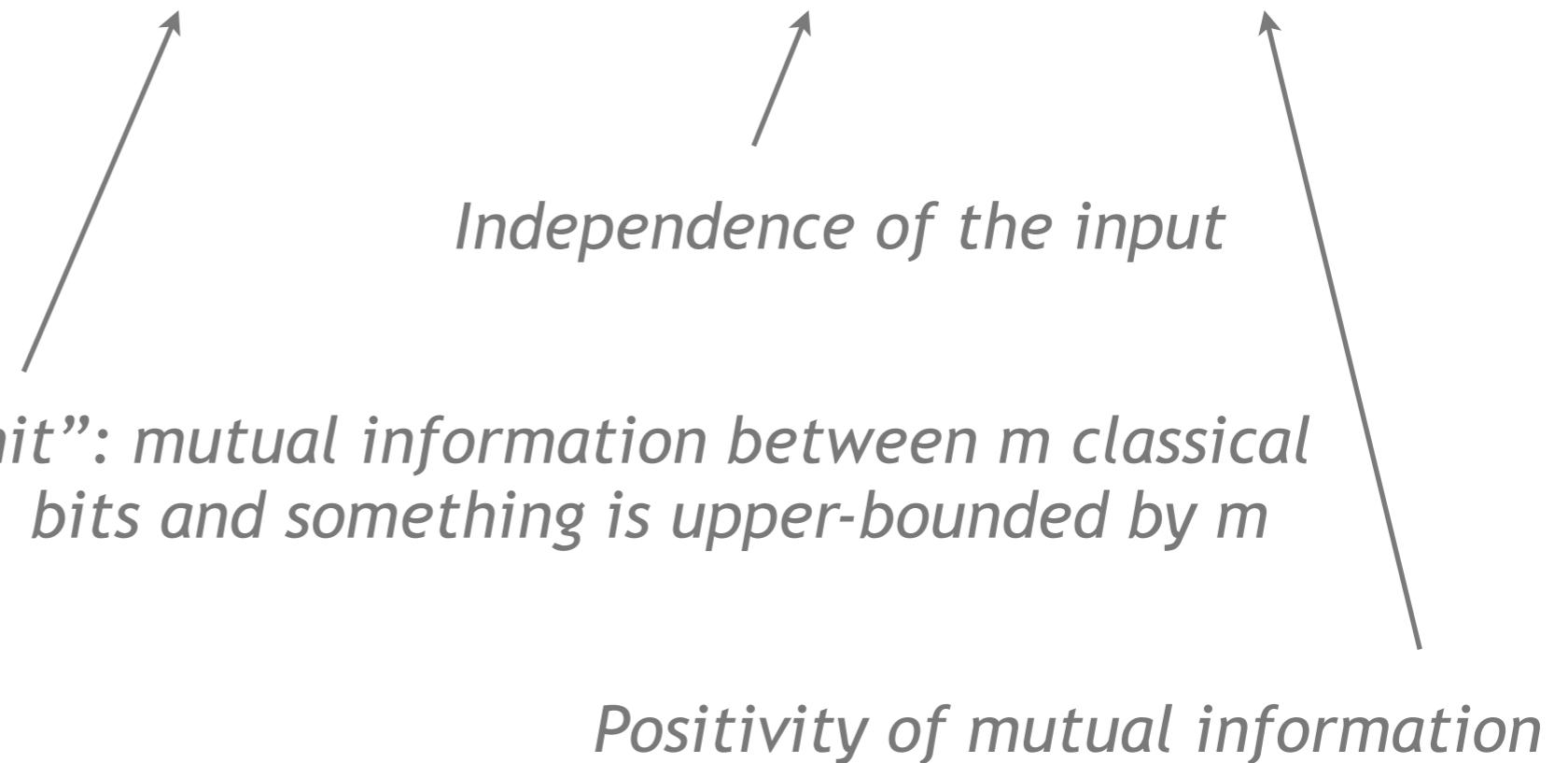
assumed independent

*from
data
processing*

PROOF

$$\sum_{k=1}^N I(a_k : G | b = k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^N I(a_k : C, B) \leq I(a_1 \dots a_N : C, B)$$

$$I(a_1 \dots a_N : C, B) = I(a_1 \dots a_N, B : C) + I(a_1 \dots a_N : B) - I(B : C) \leq m$$



“Classical limit”: mutual information between m classical bits and something is upper-bounded by m

Independence of the input

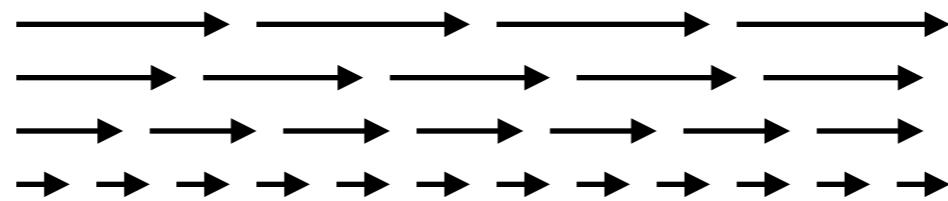
Positivity of mutual information

The second law is likely to be present even in future physical theories.

SO WHAT?

ANALOGY: EXCLUDING ELECTROSTATIC FIELDS

$$\vec{E} = y\hat{x}$$



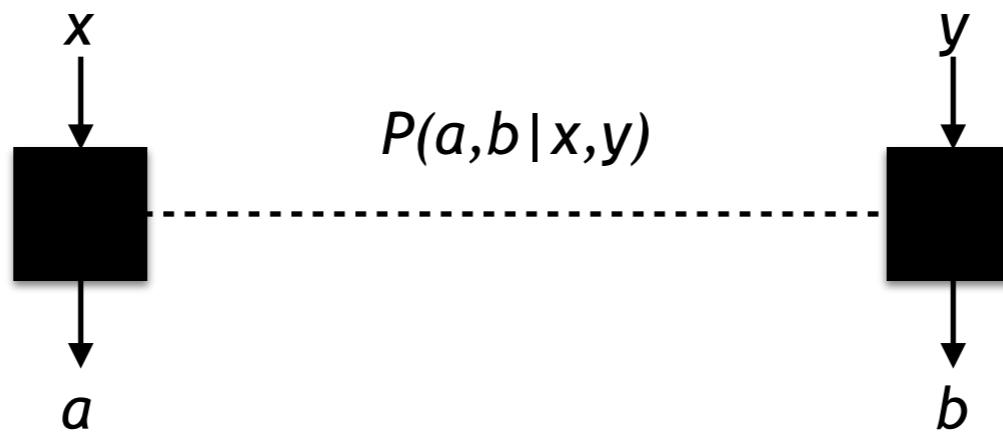
*This is not a physical field.
No set of charges would ever produce it.*

*What's wrong with it?
It's against Maxwell's equation:*

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \vec{0}$$

*Some correlations are also not physical.
Though they look quite innocent at first sight.*

*What's wrong with them?
They violate information causality.*



PROBABILITY TABLE

$P(a,b|x,y)$

$P(0,0 0,0)$	$P(0,1 0,0)$	$P(0,0 0,1)$	$P(0,1 0,1)$
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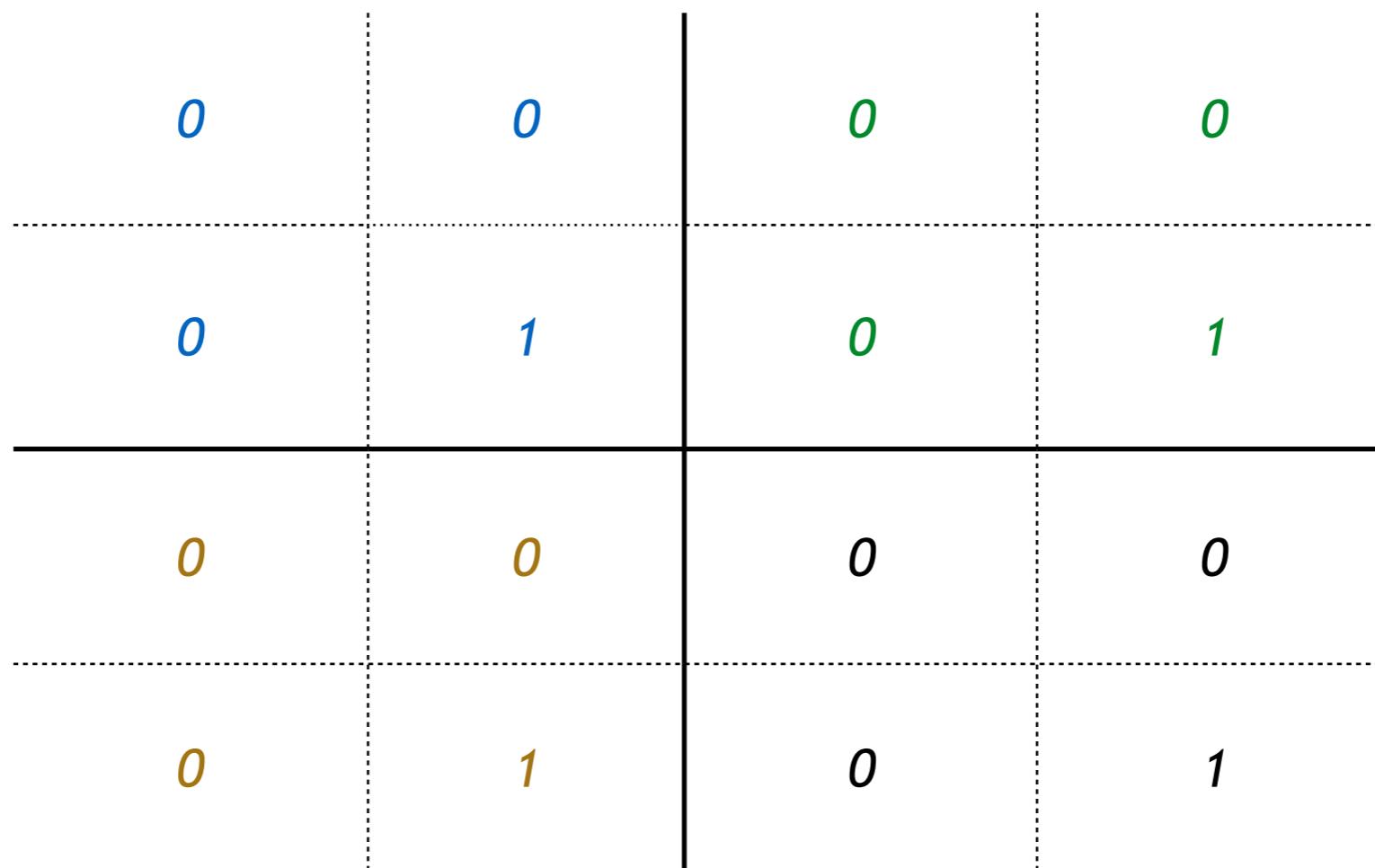
EXAMPLE: DETERMINISTIC BOXES

Output 1 independently of the input.

0	0	?	?
0	1	?	?
?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?

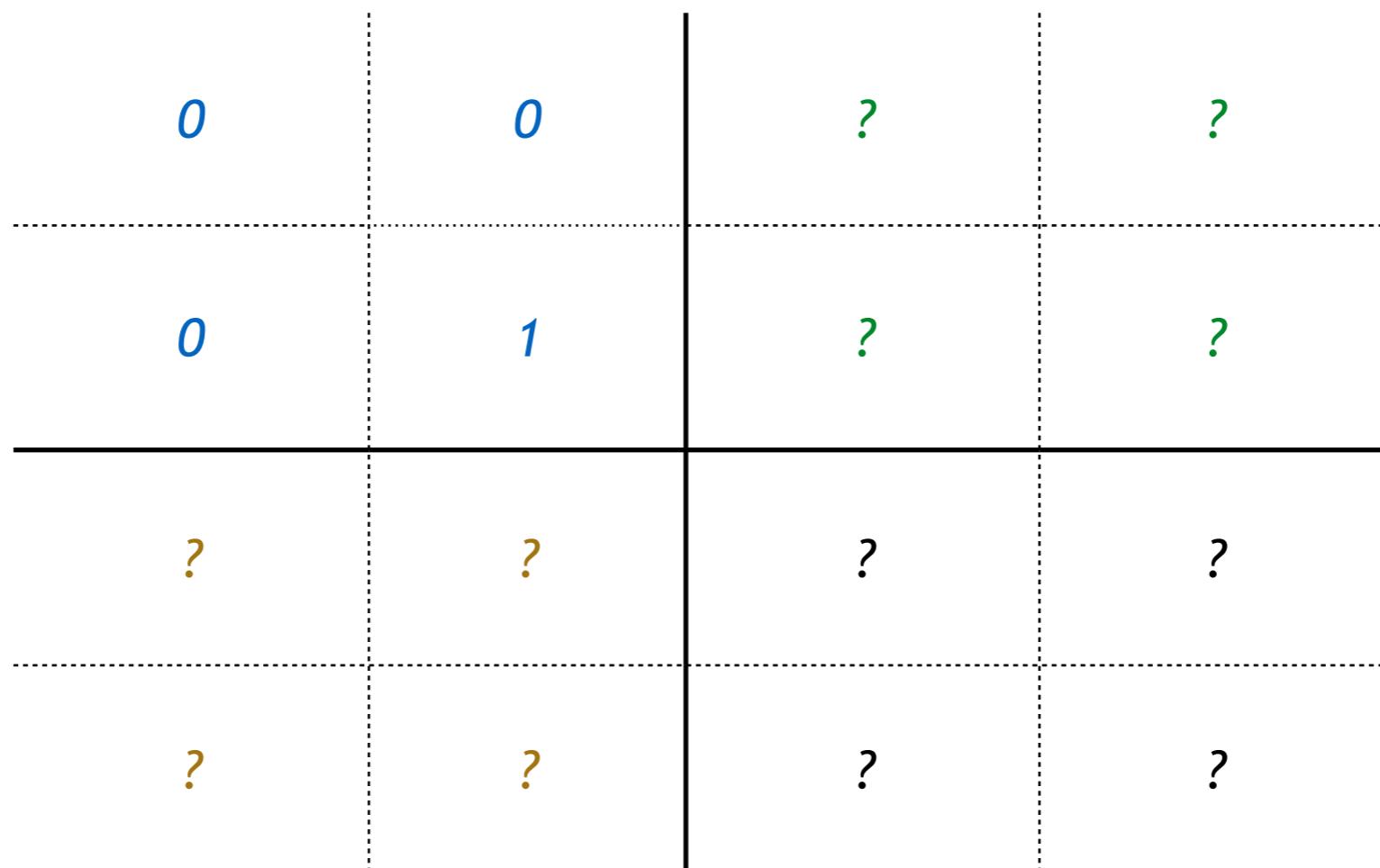
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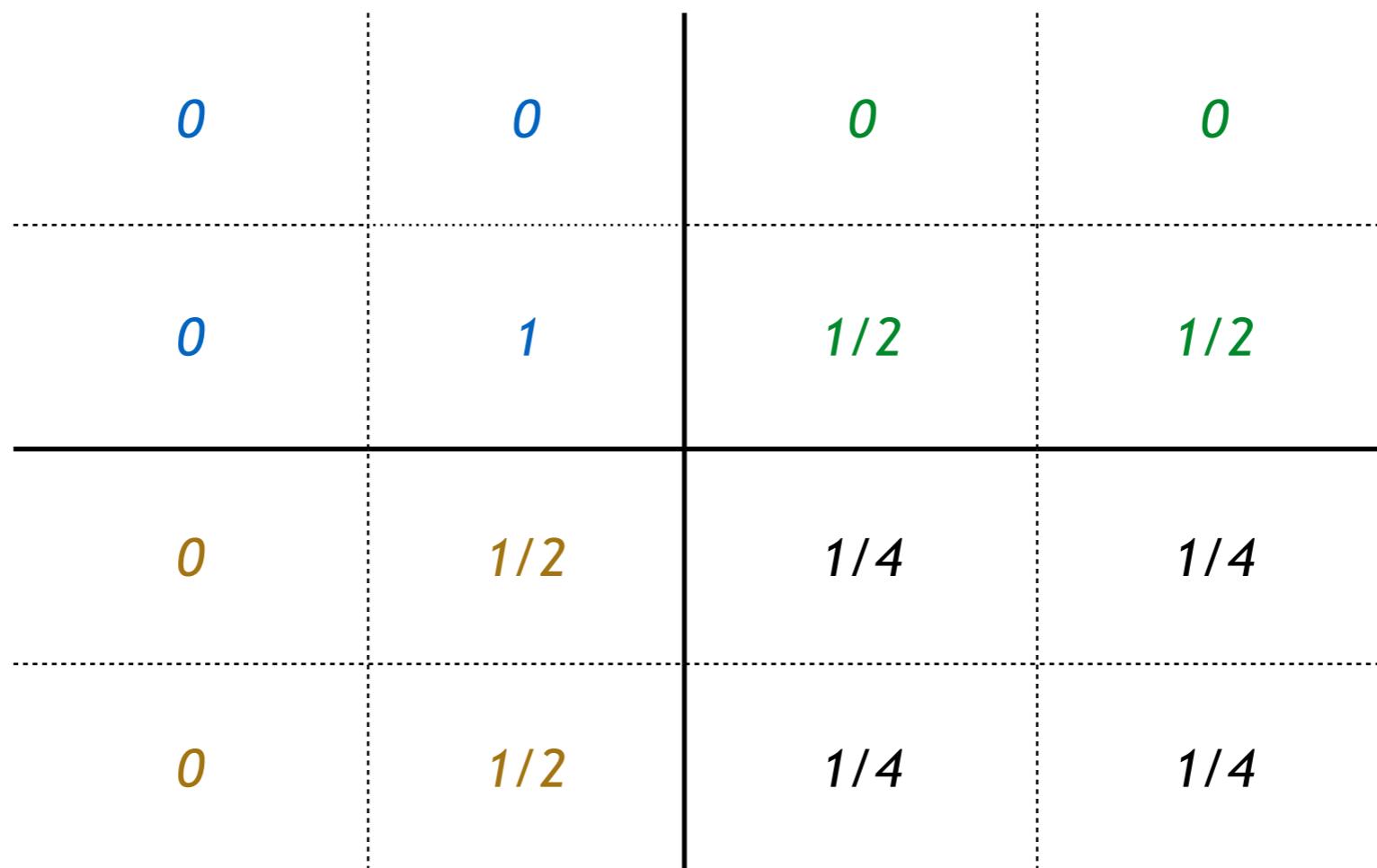
EXAMPLE: COMPLEMENTARY MEASUREMENTS

Pair of spin up particles is measured either along z axis (input 0) or along x axis (input 1)



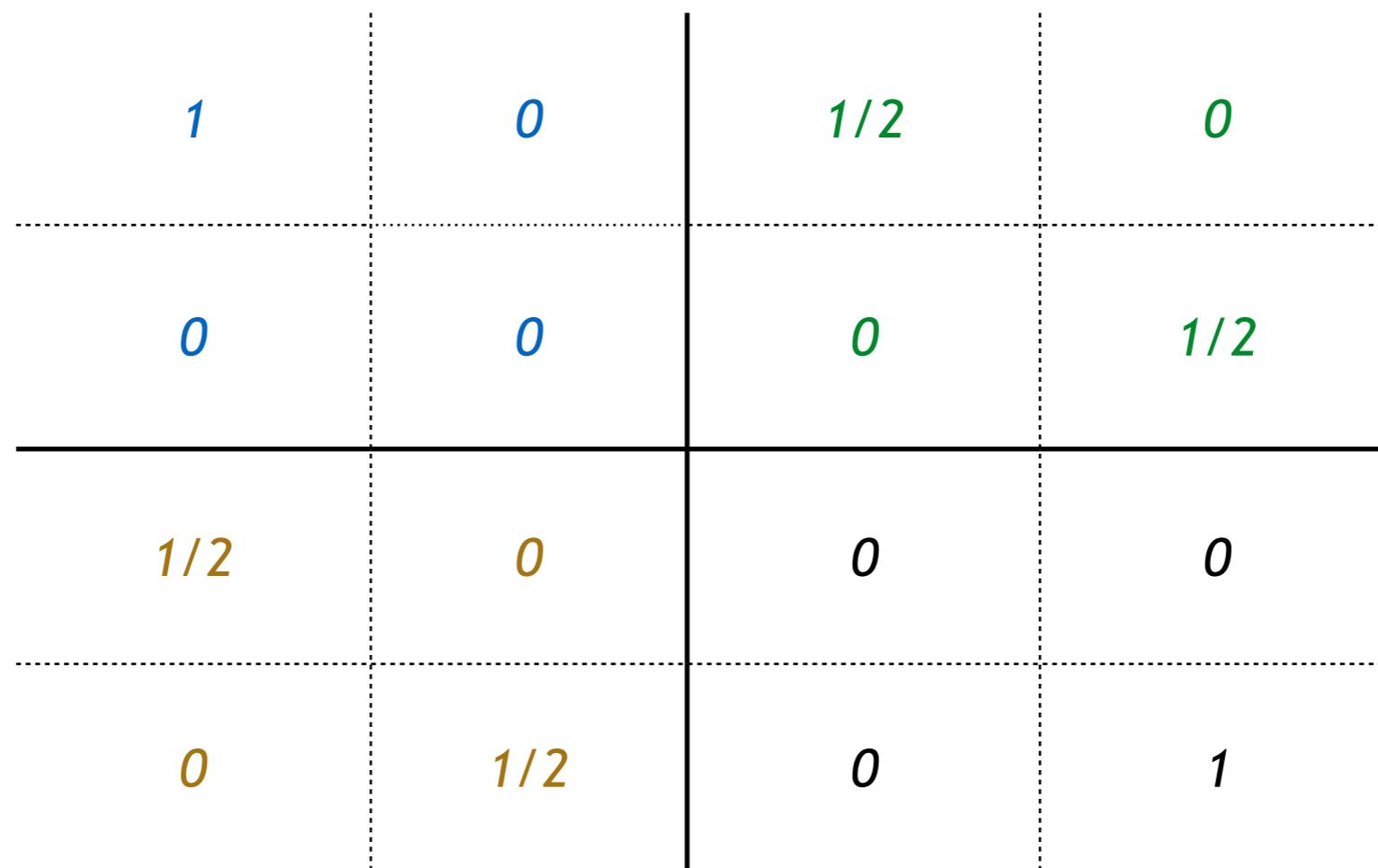
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Pair of spin up particles is measured either along z axis ($x,y=0$) or along x axis ($x,y=1$)



EXAMPLE:WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS BOX?

It allows for faster than light communication!



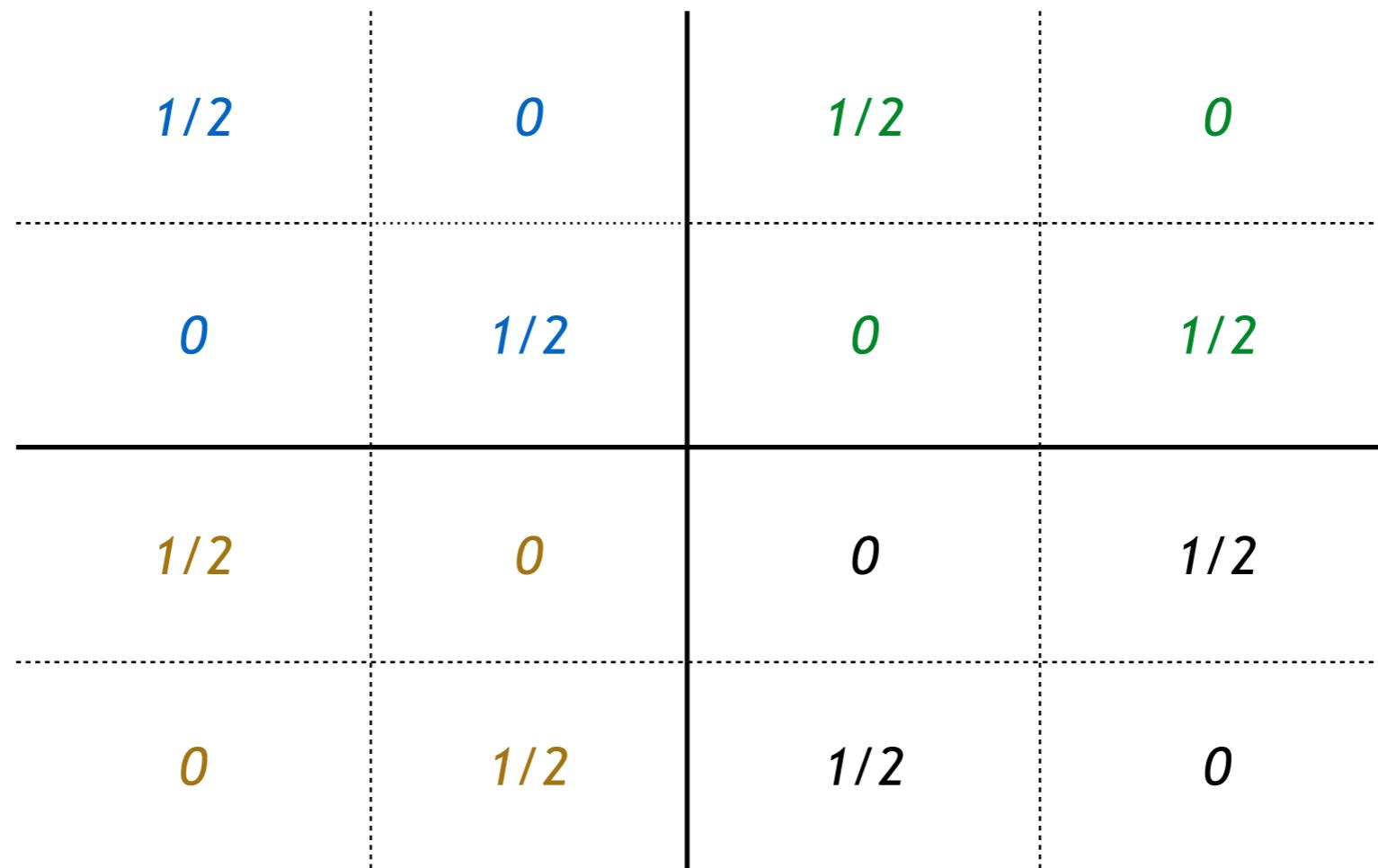
NO SIGNALLING

$$\begin{aligned} P(a|x,y) &= P(a|x) \\ P(b|x,y) &= P(b|y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} P(0,0|0,0) \oplus P(0,1|0,0) = P(0,0|0,1) \oplus P(0,1|0,1) \\ \oplus \qquad \qquad \qquad \oplus \qquad \qquad \qquad \oplus \\ P(1,0|0,0) \oplus P(1,1|0,0) = P(1,0|0,1) \oplus P(1,1|0,1) \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ P(0,0|1,0) \oplus P(0,1|1,0) = P(0,0|1,1) \oplus P(0,1|1,1) \\ \oplus \qquad \qquad \qquad \oplus \qquad \qquad \qquad \oplus \\ P(1,0|1,0) \oplus P(1,1|1,0) = P(1,0|1,1) \oplus P(1,1|1,1) \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE: IS THIS BOX NO-SIGNALLING?

Yes. Is it realised in nature?

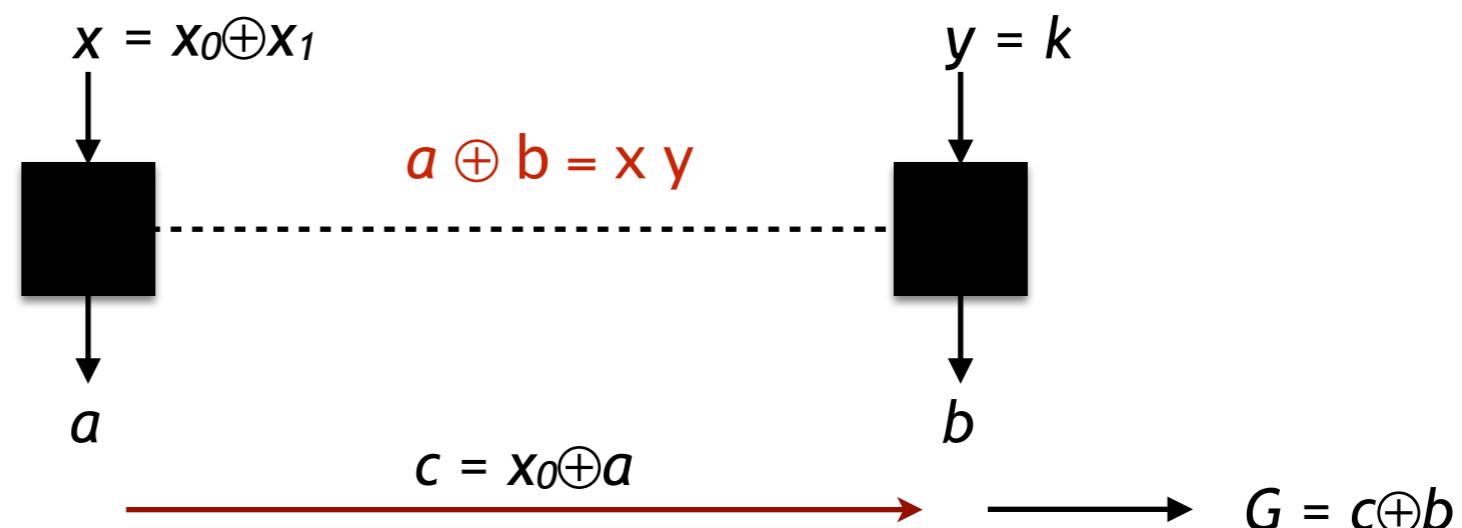


VAN DAM'S PROTOCOL

Problem. How to access any bit of Alice?



Solution. Use boxes from the last slide.



$$G = c \oplus b = x_0 \oplus a \oplus b = x_0 \oplus (x_0 \oplus x_1)k$$

SOME OTHER APPLICATIONS?

Information causality excludes no-signalling correlations which give access to too much of remote data.

3rd LAW: ENTANGLEMENT GAIN



$$\Delta E \leq ?$$

3rd LAW: ENTANGLEMENT GAIN



$$E_{A:CB} - E_{AC:B} \leq D_{AB|C}$$

QUANTUM DISCORD

Entangled states

$$\rho_{\text{ent}} \neq \sum_j p_j |a_j b_j \dots\rangle\langle a_j b_j \dots|$$

These can be any local states

Discorded states

$$\rho_{\text{dis}} \neq \sum_c p_c \rho_{AB|c} \otimes \Pi_c$$

These must be orthogonal states



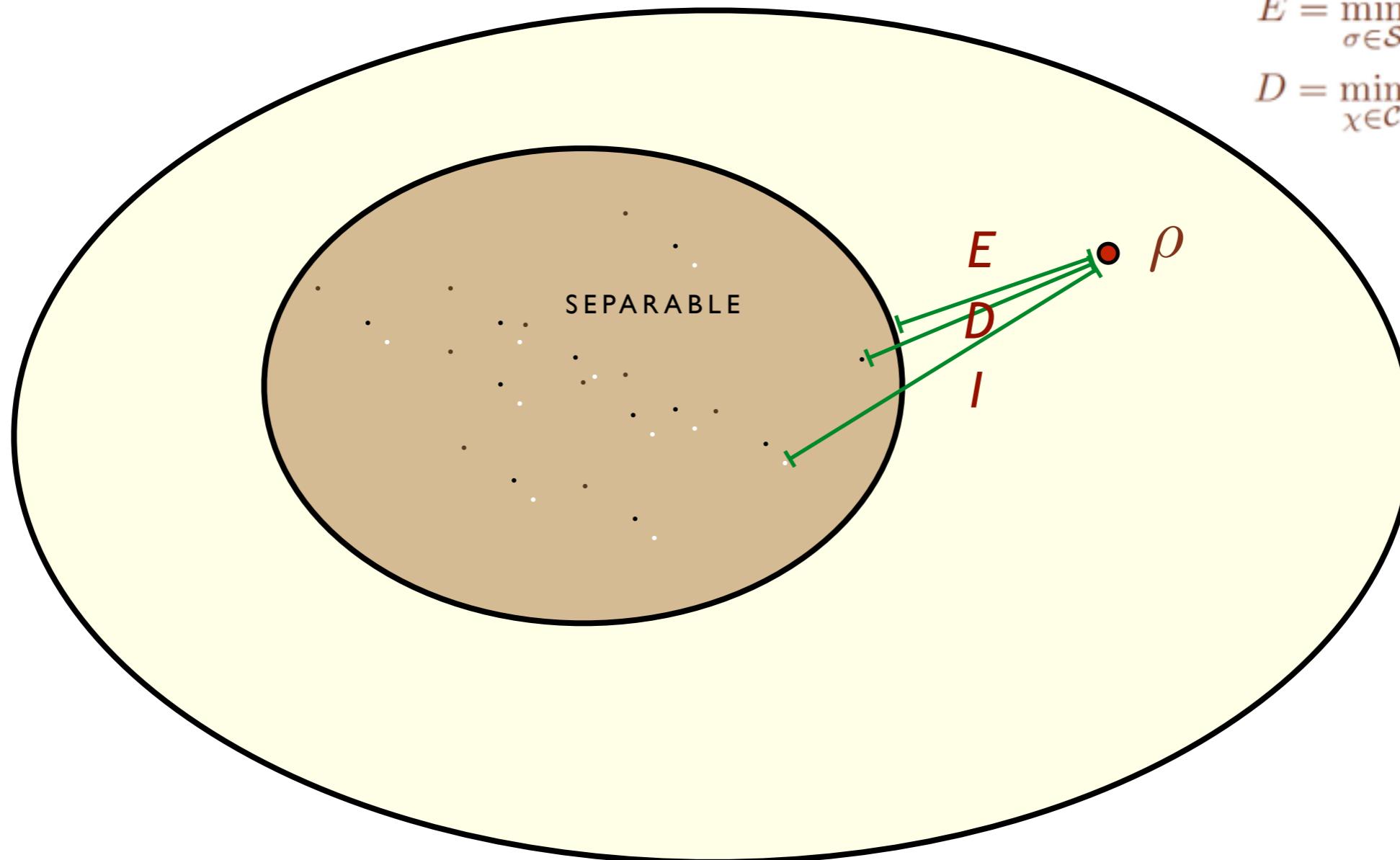
Quantum discord can be present in disentangled states!

RELATIVE ENTROPY OF DISCORD

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$$E = \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} S(\rho || \sigma)$$

$$D = \min_{\chi \in \mathcal{C}} S(\rho || \chi)$$



ENTANGLEMENT GAIN VIA SEPARABLE STATES



$$\mathcal{E}_{AB:C}(\rho) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\rho) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\rho) > 0$$

SUMMARY

1st LAW: INFORMATION GAIN

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2nd LAW: INFORMATION CAUSALITY

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