

# Correlation in Catalysts Enables Arbitrary Manipulation of Quantum Coherence

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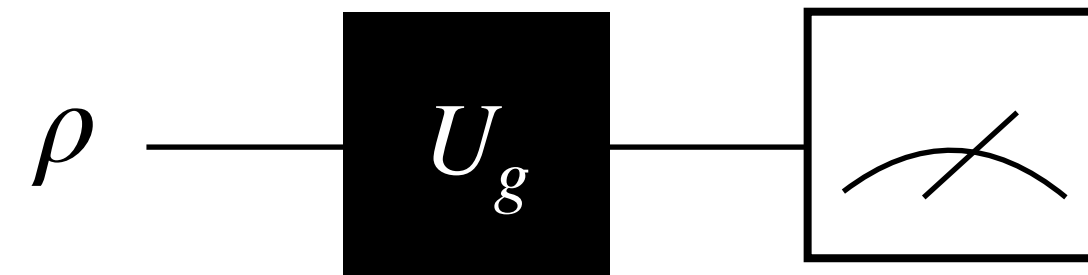
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# Resource Theory of Asymmetry

Symmetry group  $G$  with representation  $U_g$  for  $g \in G$ .

A state  $\rho$  is *symmetric* if  $U_g \rho U_g^\dagger = \rho$ ,  $\forall g \in G$ . Otherwise,  $\rho$  is *asymmetric*.

Operational resource for metrology



- Quantify the amount of symmetry violation
- Characterize the possible state transformation with operations that respect symmetry

$$\text{Covariant operations: } U_g \mathcal{E}(\rho) U_g^\dagger = \mathcal{E}(U_g \rho U_g^\dagger), \forall g \in G, \forall \rho$$

Resource theory of asymmetry     $\mathbb{F}$  : symmetric states and  $\mathbb{O}$  : Covariant operations

# Quantum Coherence as Asymmetry

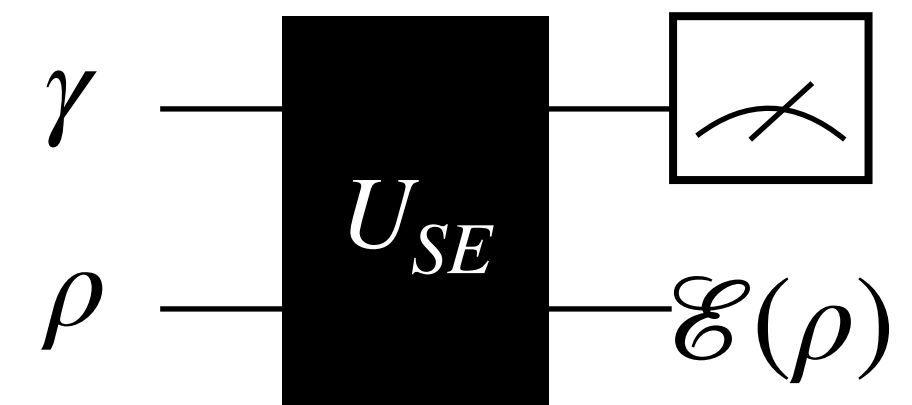
Consider a specific group  $G = U(1)$  with representation  $U_t = e^{iHt}$ .  $H = \sum_i E_i |i\rangle\langle i|$

Asymmetric state has energetic coherence. e.g.,  $|+\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$

- Resource for quantum clock
- “Quantum part” of quantum thermodynamics

## Thermal Operations

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E \left( U_{SE} (\rho \otimes \gamma) U_{SE}^\dagger \right) \quad [U_{SE}, H_S + H_E] = 0 \quad \gamma = e^{-\beta H_E} / \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H_E})$$



- Thermal Operations are subclass of Covariant Operations with energy constraint.
- Free energy can be decomposed into classical and quantum parts.

$$\beta[F(\rho) - F(\gamma)] = S(\rho||\gamma) = \underbrace{S(\Pi(\rho)||\gamma)}_{\text{classical}} + \underbrace{C(\rho)}_{\text{quantum}}$$

$\Pi(\rho)$ : dephasing with energy eigenbasis

$C(\rho)$ : relative entropy of coherence [Lostaglio et al. PRX '15]

# Resource Manipulation with Catalysts

Ultimate transformation capability: One can consider using the help of *catalysts*.

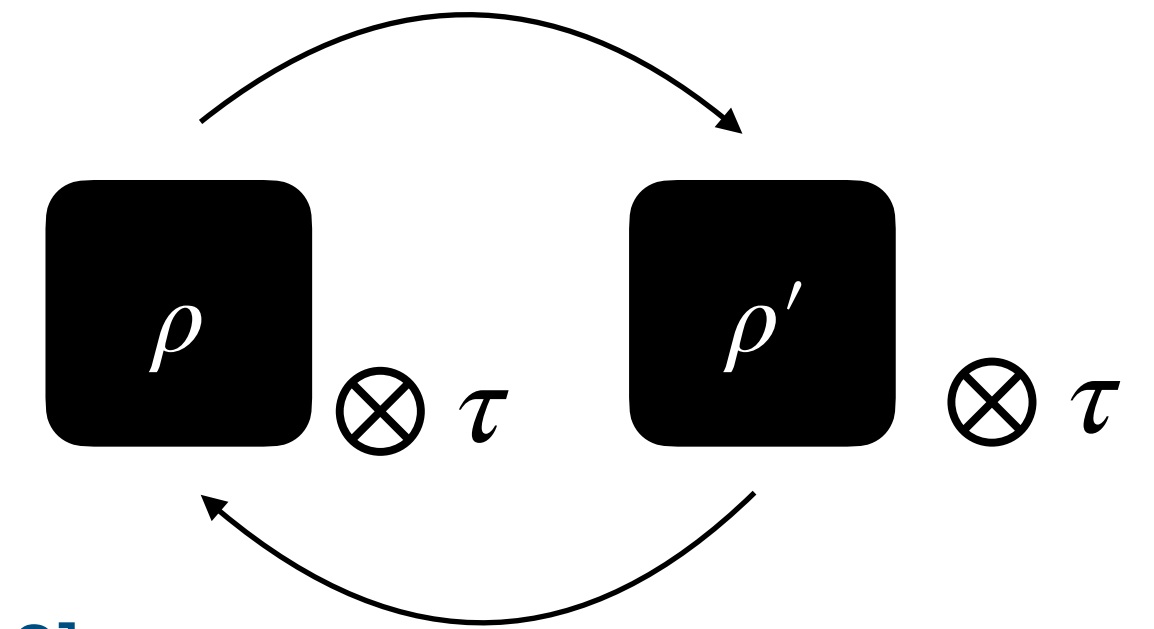
## Product catalysts

For a resource theory with free operations  $\mathbb{O}$ ,  $\rho \otimes \tau_C \xrightarrow[\mathbb{O}]{} \rho' \otimes \tau_C$   $\tau_C$  : catalyst

e.g.) Quantum thermodynamics ( $\rho, \rho'$ : block-diagonal)

$\rho \xrightarrow[\text{Thermal}]{} \rho'$  : thermo-majorization [Horodecki, Oppenheim, Nat. Comm. '13]

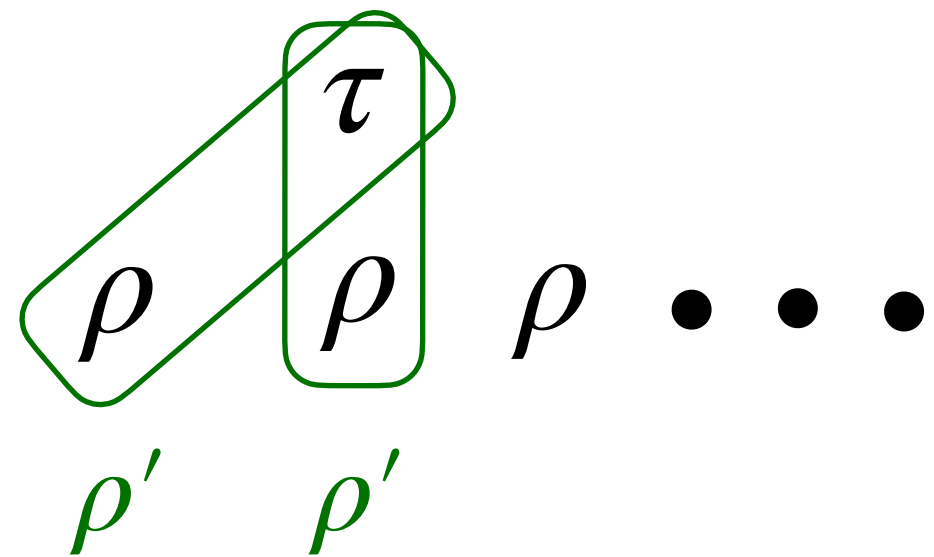
$\rho \otimes \tau_C \xrightarrow[\text{Thermal}]{} \rho' \otimes \tau_C$  : “second laws”.  $F_\alpha(\rho) \geq F_\alpha(\rho'), \forall \alpha$  [Brandao et al., PNAS, '15]



# Correlated Catalysts

$$\rho \otimes \tau_C \rightarrow \rho'_{SC} \text{ such that } \text{Tr}_C \rho'_{SC} = \rho' \text{ and } \text{Tr}_S \rho'_{SC} = \tau_C$$

Correlation between system and catalyst



The catalyst can be reused indefinitely as long as input states are freshly prepared.

e.g.) Quantum thermodynamics with correlated catalysts

$F(\rho) \geq F(\rho')$  with (1) thermal operations for block-diagonal  $\rho, \rho'$  [Müller, PRX, '18]

(2) Gibbs-preserving operations for general  $\rho, \rho'$  [Shiraishi, Sagawa, PRL, '21]

# Marginal Catalysts

$$\rho \otimes \tau_{C^{(0)}} \cdots \otimes \tau_{C^{(K-1)}} \rightarrow \rho' \otimes \tau_{C^{(0)} \dots C^{(K-1)}}$$

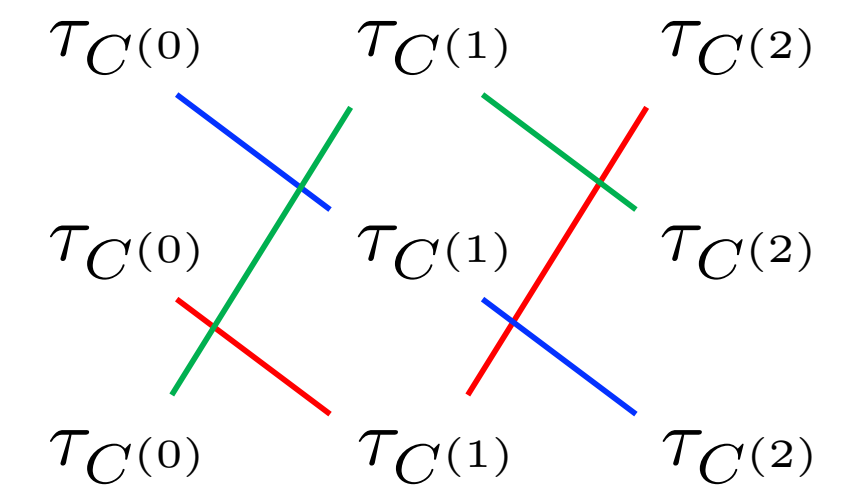
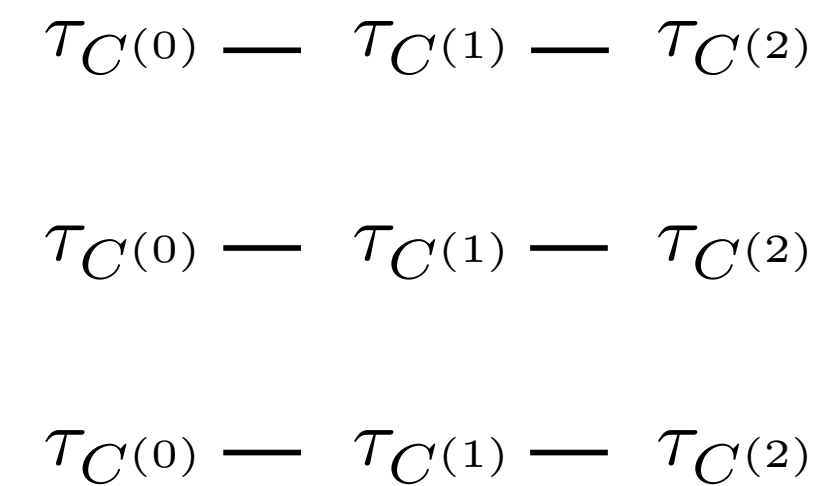
$$\text{Tr}_{\overline{C^{(j)}}} \left( \tau_{C^{(0)} \dots C^{(K-1)}} \right) = \tau_{C^{(j)}}, \quad \forall j$$



Correlation between multiple catalysts

Infinite repeatability is lost due to correlation.

- Catalyst is partially reusable.
- Theoretical understanding of different operational setting.



Previously considered in quantum thermodynamics

$F(\rho) \geq F(\rho')$  with thermal operations for block-diagonal  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$ . [Lostaglio et al., PRL '15]

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# Arbitrary Manipulation is Possible

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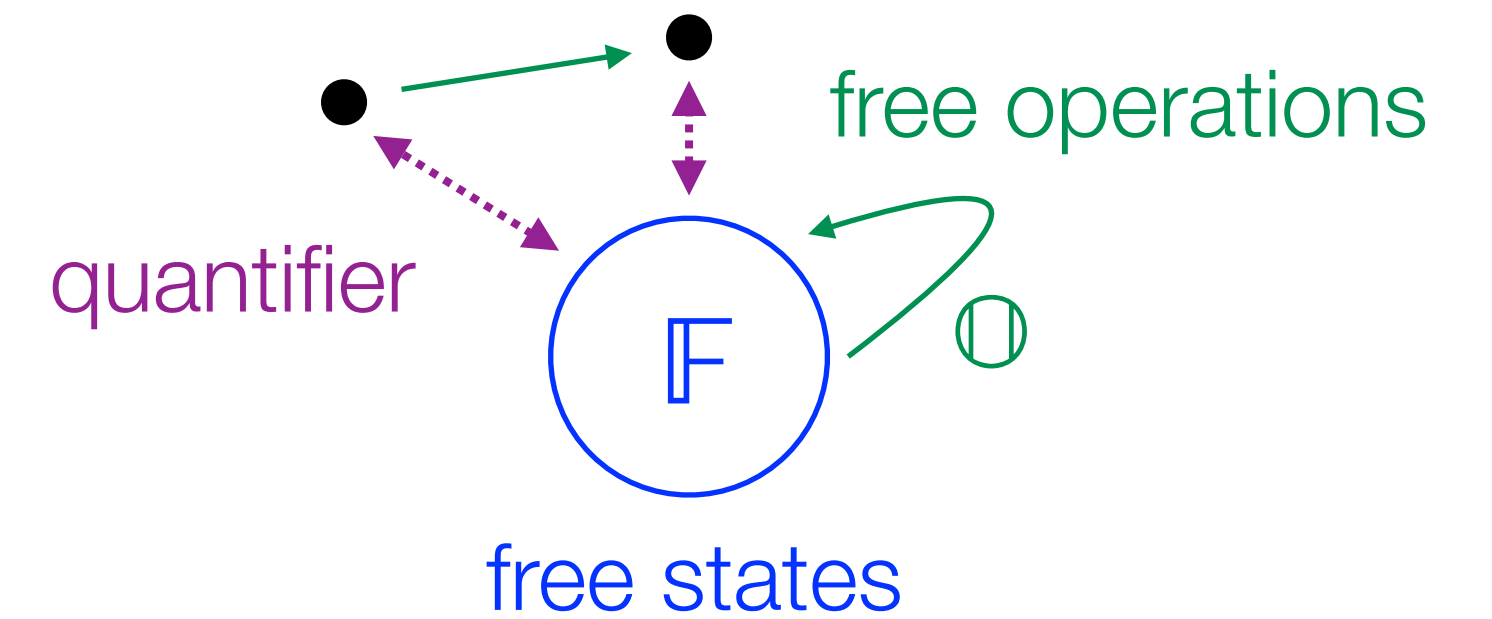
## Main result

For arbitrary states  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$ ,  $\rho$  can be transformed to  $\rho'$  by a marginal-catalytic covariant transformation with arbitrarily small error.

- $\rho$  can even be an incoherent state.
- Unlike the case of thermodynamics, coherence transformation has no restriction.
- Can be regarded as a new type of embezzlement, but with a very different mechanism.

# Restriction of Marginal Catalysts

- $\mathfrak{R}(\rho_{12}) \geq \mathfrak{R}(\rho_1) + \mathfrak{R}(\rho_2), \forall \rho_{12}$  superadditivity
- $\mathfrak{R}(\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2) = \mathfrak{R}(\rho_1) + \mathfrak{R}(\rho_2), \forall \rho_1, \rho_2$  product additivity



If  $\rho$  can be transformed to  $\rho'$  by a marginal-catalytic or correlated-catalytic free transformation, then every super additive, product-additive resource measure satisfies  $\mathfrak{R}(\rho) \geq \mathfrak{R}(\rho')$

If there exists even a single superadditive, product-additive, and faithful resource measure, arbitrary resource transformation is impossible.

e.g., quantum thermo, speakable coherence, entanglement  
(free energy) (rel. ent. coherence) (squashed ent.)

# Achievable Catalytic Transformation

We discussed necessary conditions for catalytic transformation. **What about sufficiency?**

**Asymptotic transformation can be converted to single-shot catalytic transformation.**

c.f. [Shiraishi, Sagawa, PRL, '21]

If  $\rho$  can be transformed to  $\rho'$  by an asymptotic free transformation, then  $\rho$  can be transformed to  $\rho'$  by a free transformation with correlated and marginal catalysts.

Completely characterize the correlated and marginal catalytic transformation of

- Quantum thermodynamics with Gibbs-preserving operations [Shiraishi, Sagawa, PRL '21]
- LOCC pure state transformation [Kondra et al., PRL '21] [Kipka-Bartosik, Skrzypczyk, PRL '21]
- Speakable coherence distillation

Operational meaning of relative entropy measures in terms of single-shot transformation.

# Coherence Manipulation with Correlated Catalysts

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**Can we also realize an arbitrary coherence transformation with correlated catalysts?**

We at least need some initial coherence due to the coherence no-broadcasting theorem.

## Conjecture

If all energy differences for nonzero off-diagonals of  $\rho'$  can be expressed as a linear combination of those of  $\rho$ , then  $\rho$  can be transformed to  $\rho'$  by a correlated-catalytic covariant operation with an arbitrarily small error.

[We can show a weaker version of this statement with a broader class of operations.](#)

Could be a key toward the complete characterization of the capability of **thermal operations with correlated catalysts**.

# Summary

- Marginal-catalytic covariant operation can realize arbitrary state transformation.
- This is possible by a peculiar property of coherence measure. We derived a general restriction on such an anomalous transformation valid for general resource theories.
- Presented achievable condition in relation to asymptotic transformation and precise characterization for some theories in combination with the above restriction.
- Showed that quasi-correlated-catalytic covariant transformation allows for a wide class of state transformation.

# Outlook

- Prove or disprove the conjecture on correlated-catalytic covariant transformation.
- Characterization of correlated-catalytic and marginal-catalytic thermal transformations.
  - Can we show that if there is nonzero coherence in the initial state, then transformation rule is governed by the free energy?
  - Can we extend the result for semiclassical transformation with marginal catalysts to a quantum setting?
- Extension to general groups.

**Thank you!**