

# Quantifying EPR: the resource theory of nonclassicality of common-cause assemblages

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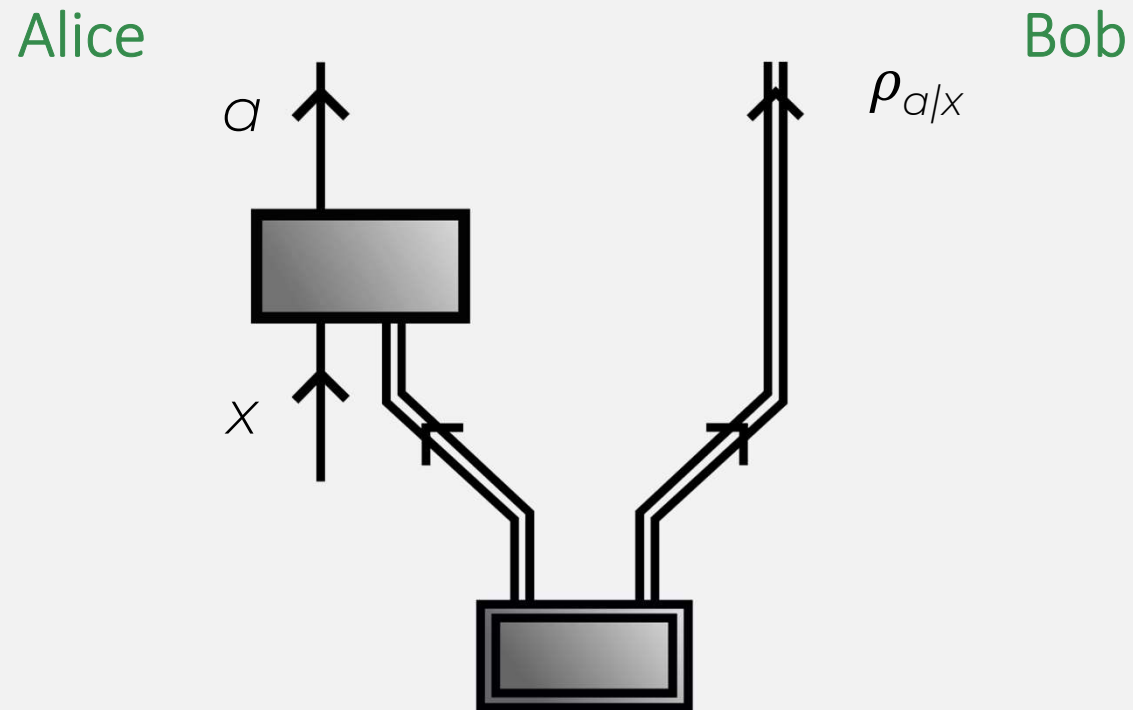
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# Standard EPR scenario

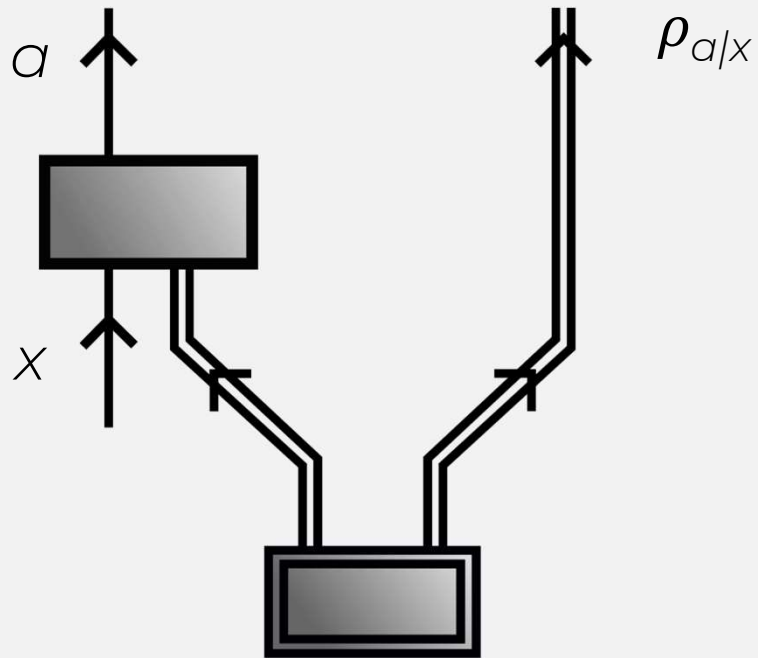
A form of nonclassical correlations that arise when one considers measurements performed on half of a bipartite system prepared on an entangled state.



# Quantum assemblage

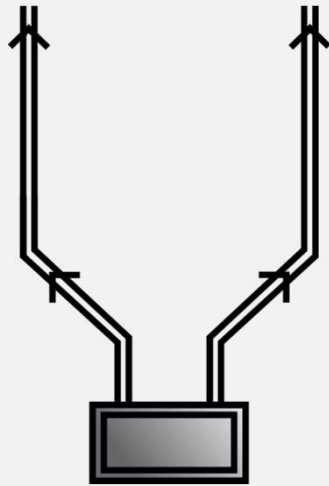
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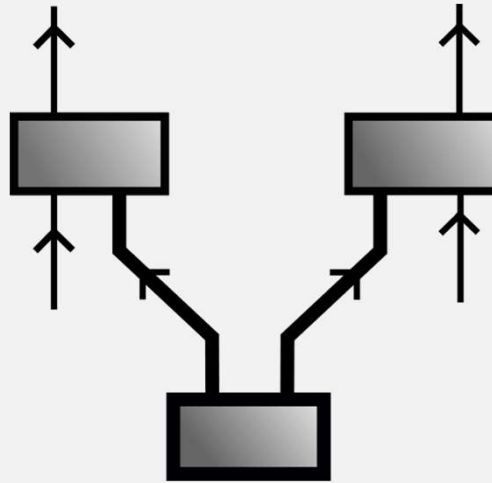


Multiple applications in quantum information protocols

# Common-cause resources



Entanglement  
arXiv:2004.09194



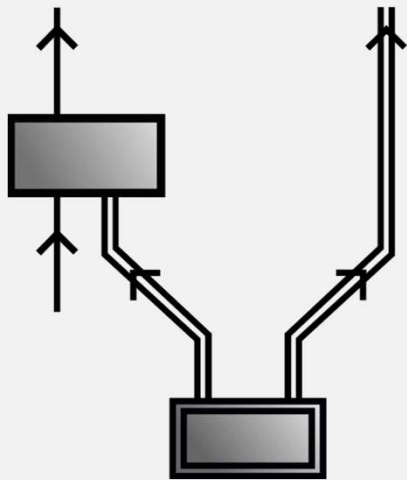
Bell scenarios  
arXiv:1903.06311

Other common-cause  
processes:  
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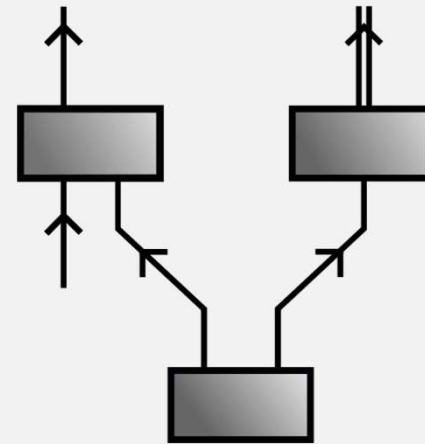
# The resource theory of assemblages

Free operations: local operations and shared randomness

General assemblage:



Free assemblage:

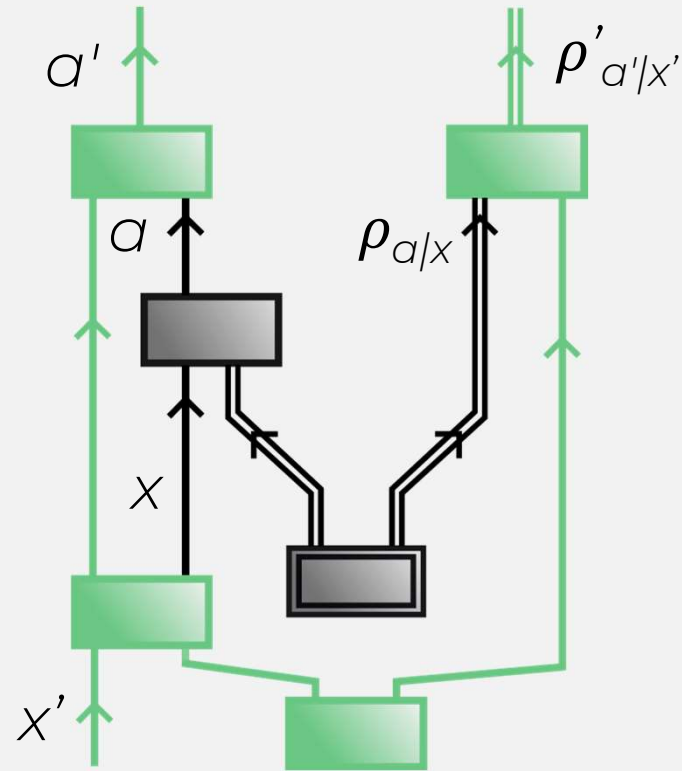


$$\sigma_{a/x} = \sum_{\lambda} p(a/x/\lambda) \sigma_{\lambda}$$

(unsteerable assemblage)

# LOSR operations

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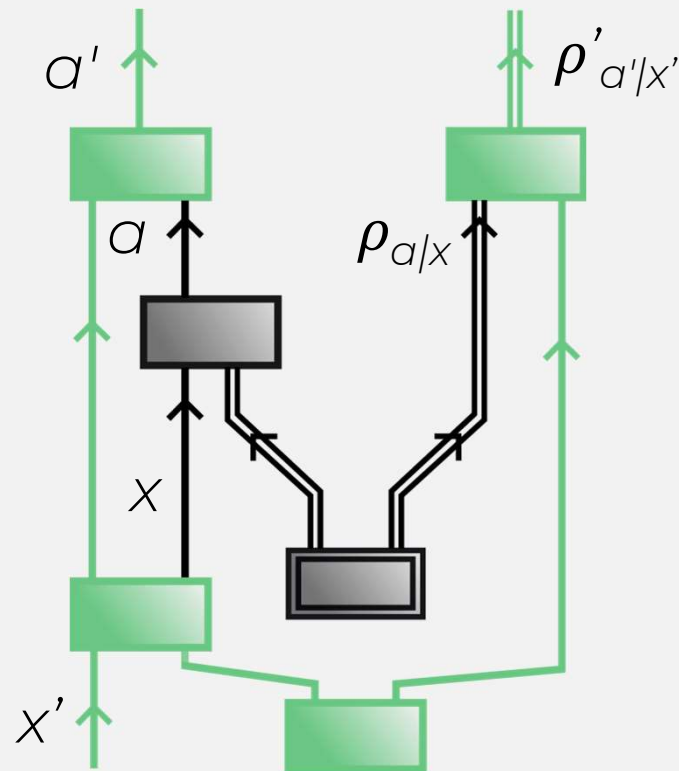


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# Properties of the pre-order

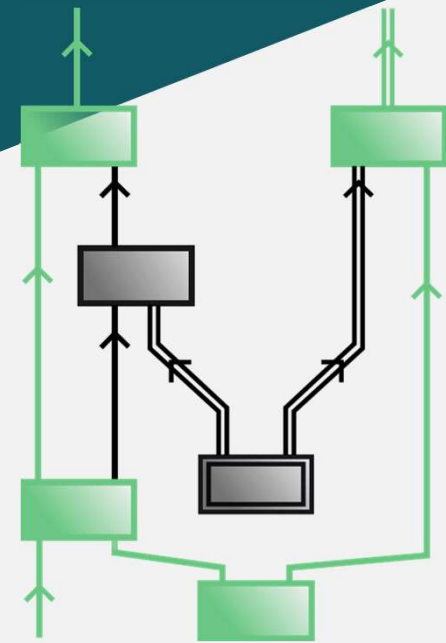
# Assemblage conversion under LOSR

One assemblage is said to be *more nonclassical* than another if it can be freely converted to the latter.





Assemblage conversion  
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given  $\{\sigma_{a|x}\}_{a,x}$ ,  $\{\sigma_{a'|x'}\}_{a',x'}$ ,  $\{D(a'|a, x', \lambda)\}_{\lambda,a',a,x'}$ ,  $\{D(x|x', \lambda)\}_{\lambda,x,x'}$

find  $\{W_\lambda\}_\lambda$

$$s.t. \begin{cases} W_\lambda \geq 0, \\ \text{tr}_{B'} \{W_\lambda\} \propto \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{I}_B \quad \forall \lambda, \\ \sum_\lambda \text{tr}_{B'} \{W_\lambda\} = \frac{1}{d} \mathbb{I}_B, \\ \sigma_{a'|x'} = \sum_\lambda \sum_{a,x} D(a'|a, x', \lambda) D(x|x', \lambda) d \text{tr}_B \left\{ W_\lambda \mathbb{I}_{B'} \otimes \sigma_{a|x}^T \right\}. \end{cases}$$

# Structure of the pre-order

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We confirm this result with our SDP and analytically using EPR monotones that we develop.

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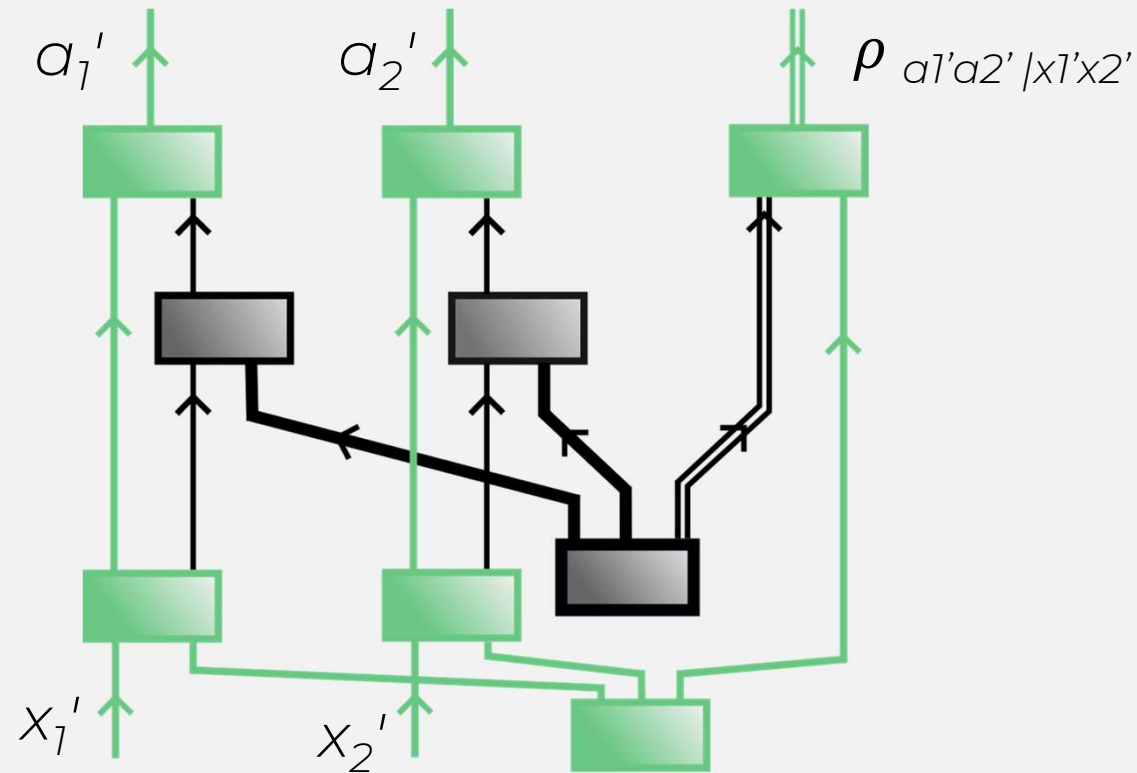
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Distillation with LOSR?

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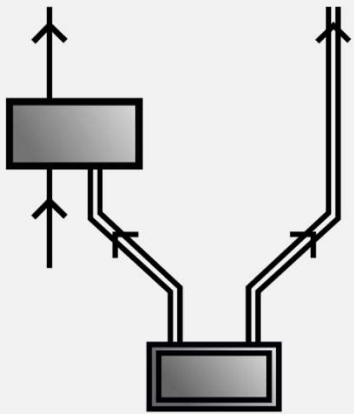
# Multipartite EPR scenarios



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- Family of incomparable resources

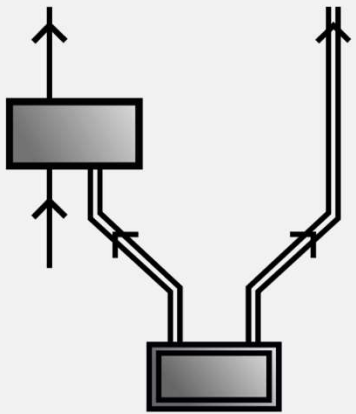
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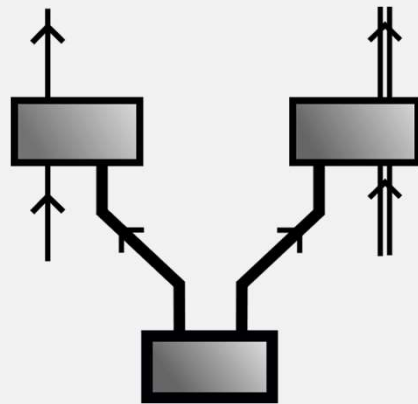


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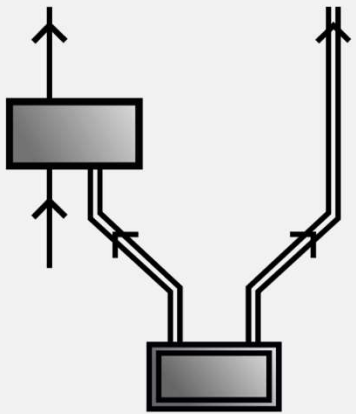
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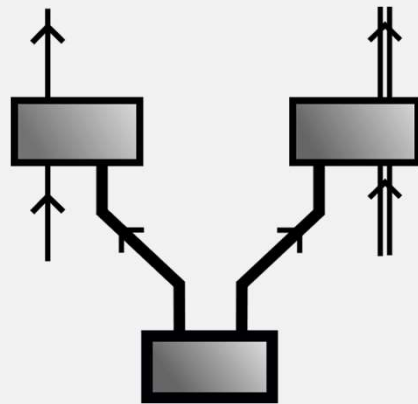
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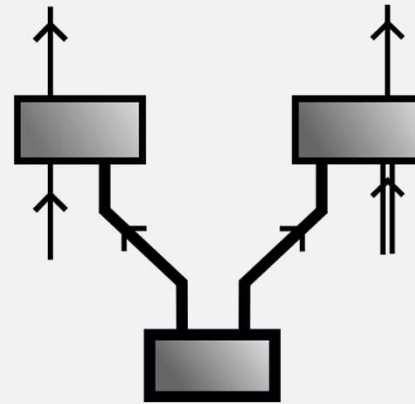
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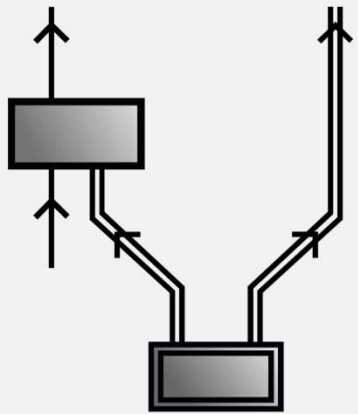


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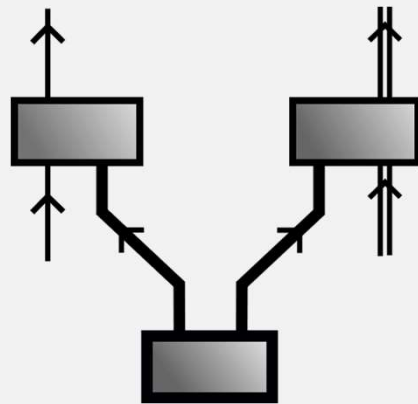


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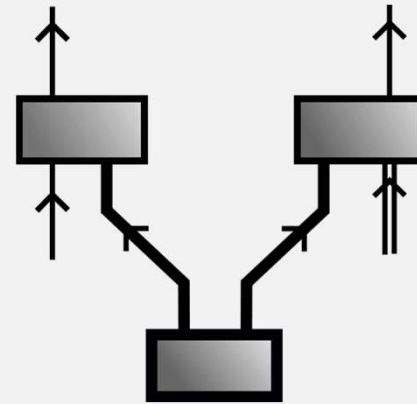
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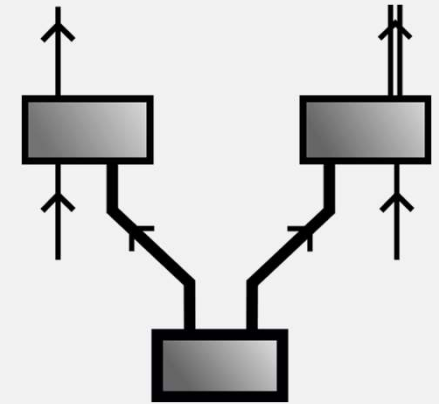
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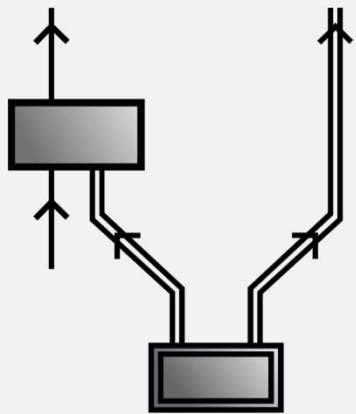


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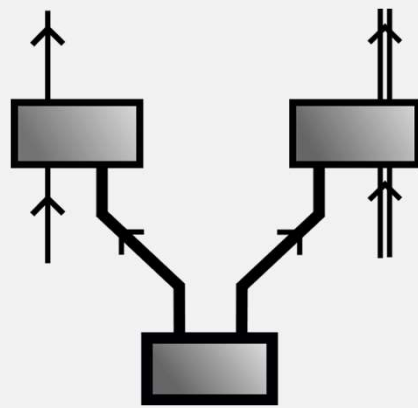


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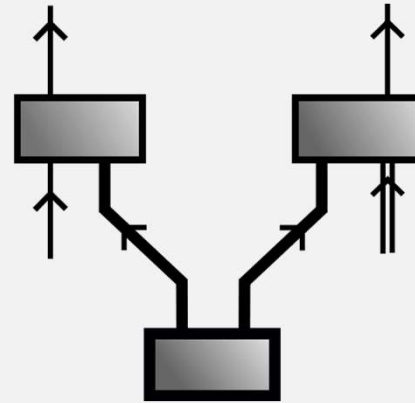
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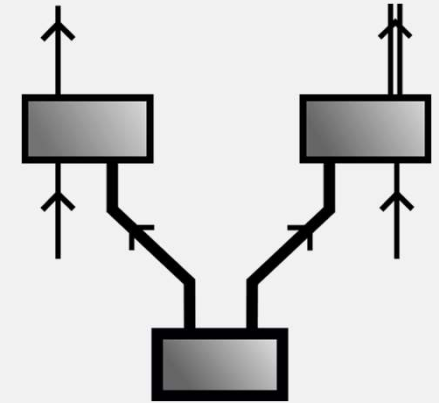
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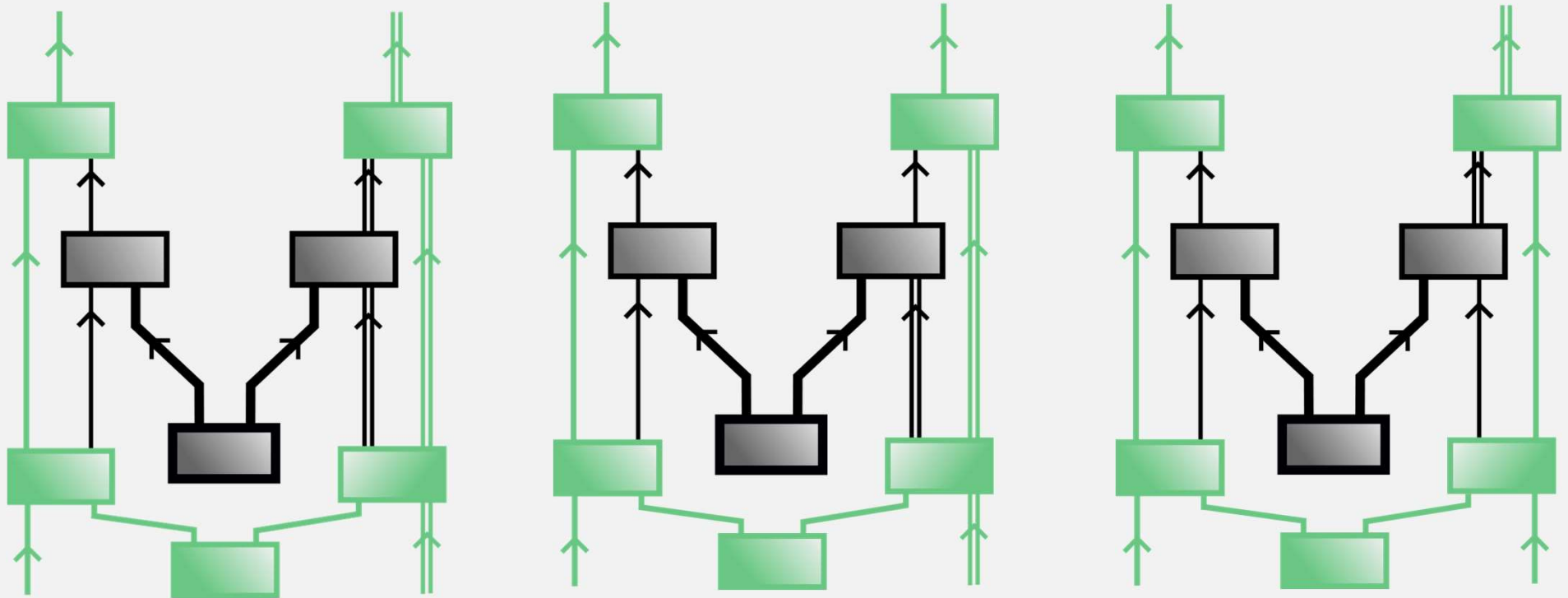
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Free resources = classical common cause

# LOSR transformations



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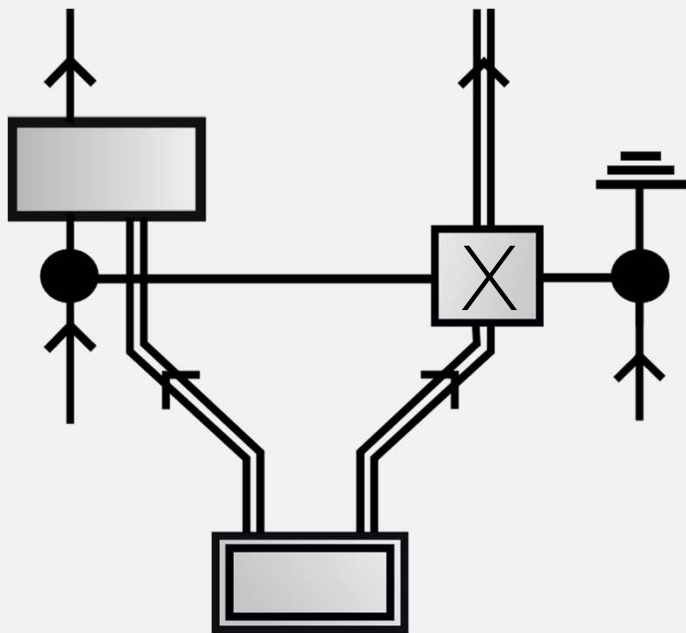
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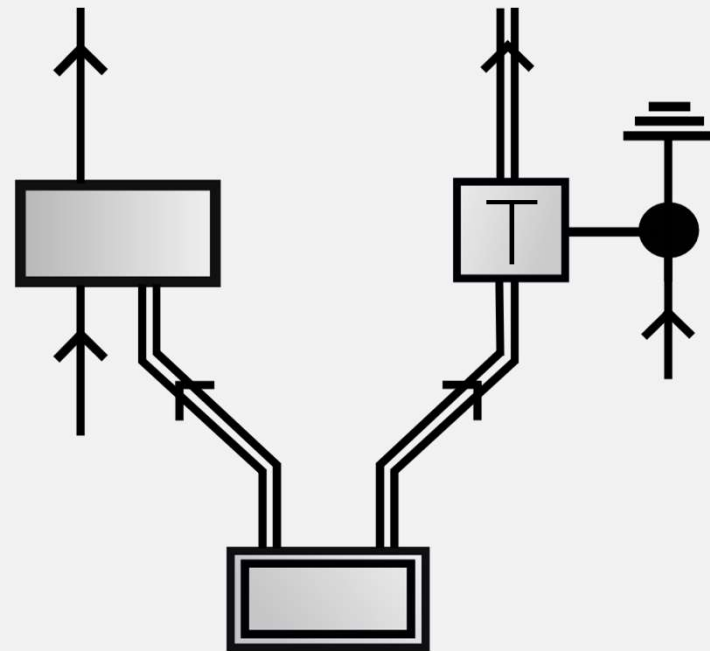
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# Postquantum Bob-with-input assemblages

PR-box assemblage

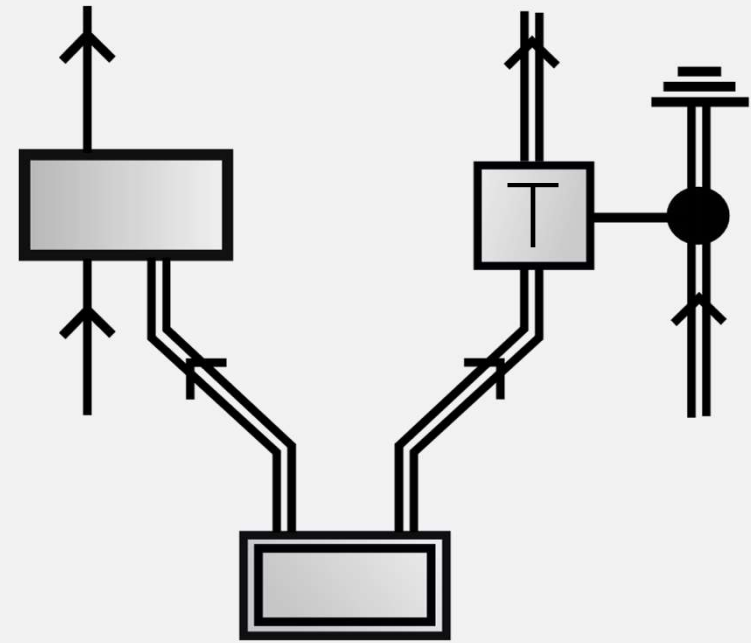
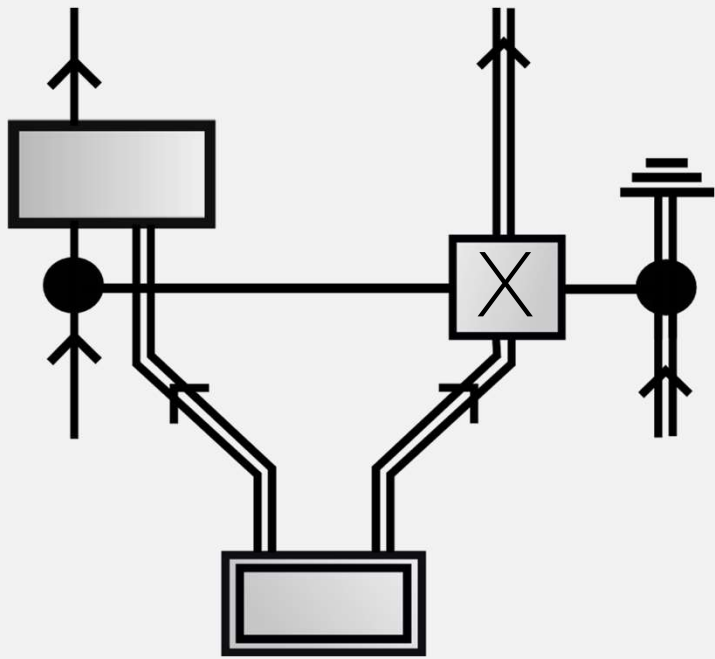


PTP assemblage



- Incomparable under LOSR
  - PR  $\rightarrow$  PTP under LOSE

# Postquantum channel assemblages



# Measurement-device-independent scenario

A hierarchy of SDPs to test membership to the quantum set

Final remarks



# Resource theory of common-cause assemblages

(standard bipartite & multipartite, channel,  
Bob-with-input, measurement-device-independent)

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**Testing conversions is numerically tractable**

(interesting properties of the pre-order)

# Thank you!

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# Comparison to prior work

Rodrigo Gallego and Leandro Aolita. *Resource theory of steering*. Physical Review X, 5 (4):041008, 2015  
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevX.5.041008>

Free operations: Stochastic local operations and one-way classical communication from Bob to Alice (S-1W-LOCC)

## Differences:

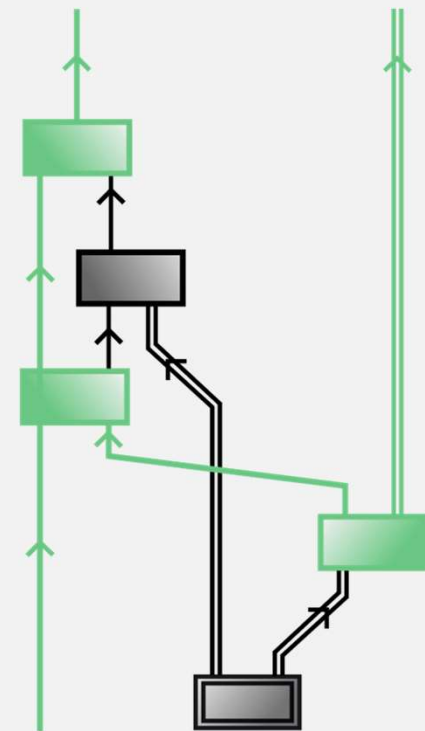
- Different pre-orders

## Conceptual advantages:

- Clear physical motivation
- Unification of every type of nonclassical correlation in Bell-like scenarios

## Technical advantages:

- simpler to characterize and study
- direct generalizations: multipartite EPR scenarios, Bob-with-input EPR scenarios and channel EPR scenarios



# Structure of the pre-order

Family of assemblages indexed by two parameters:

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \Sigma_{\mathbb{A}|\mathbb{X}}^{\theta,p} \mid \theta \in (0, \pi/4], p \in [0, 1] \right\},$$

where  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{A}|\mathbb{X}}^{\theta,p} = \left\{ p \sigma_{a|x}^{\theta} + (1-p) \frac{\mathbb{I}}{4} \right\}_{a \in \mathbb{A}, x \in \mathbb{X}},$

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