

Indistinguishability and compressibility of quantum states

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Introduction

Distinguishability of states

Compressibility of source with distinguishable letters

Optimal compression in blind scenarios

Operations that preserve partially known quantum states

Variable length, faithful compression

Fixed length, asymptotically faithful compression

Upper bound for the information defect.

Distinguishability and compression rates

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A fundamental question in the information theory

Quantifying the randomness of a probabilistic source

source → ABCDBCDBCABCDBC....

source → AAAAAABAAAAACA....

↓ Compression (coding)

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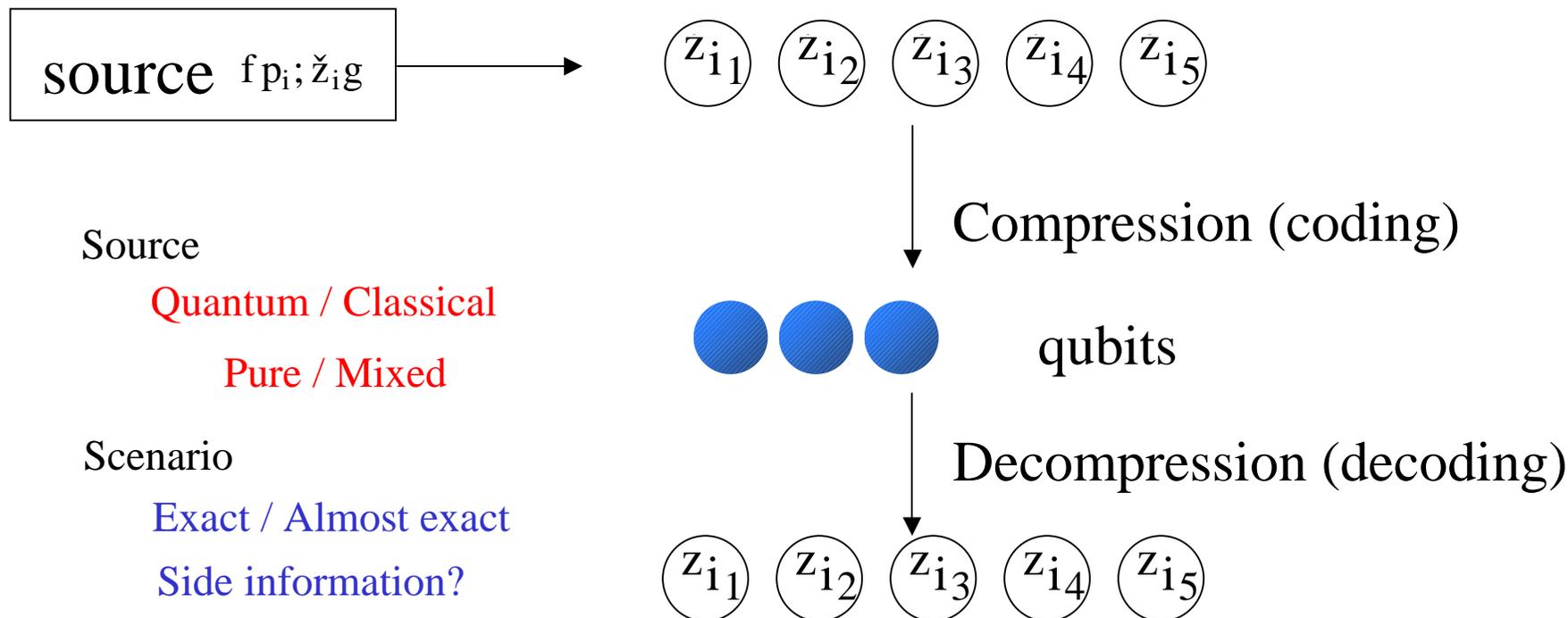
↓ Decompression (decoding)

AAAAAABAAAAACA....

How many bits (per letter) are required to describe the sequence?

A fundamental question in quantum information theory

How many qubits (per system) are required to reproduce the state?



How the optimal rates differ depending on scenarios?

How well can we manipulate various types of information?

source $f p_i; i g$

→ ABCDBCDBCABCDBC....

Letters are distinguishable from each other.

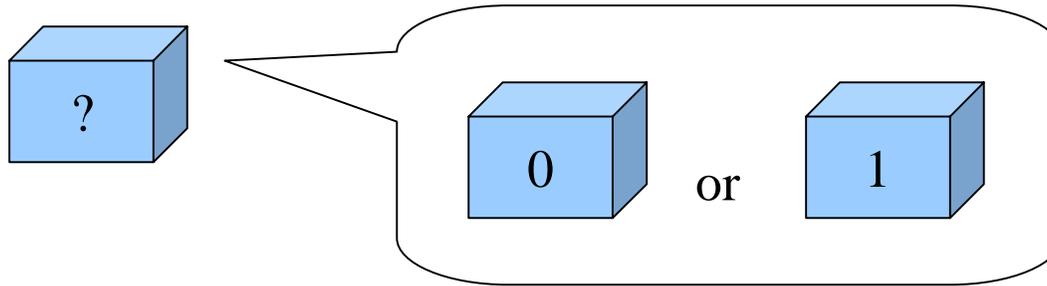
source $f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$

→ $(z_{i1}) (z_{i2}) (z_{i3}) (z_{i4}) (z_{i5})$

Letter states are indistinguishable.

(not completely distinguishable)

Distinguishability of the states of a physical system

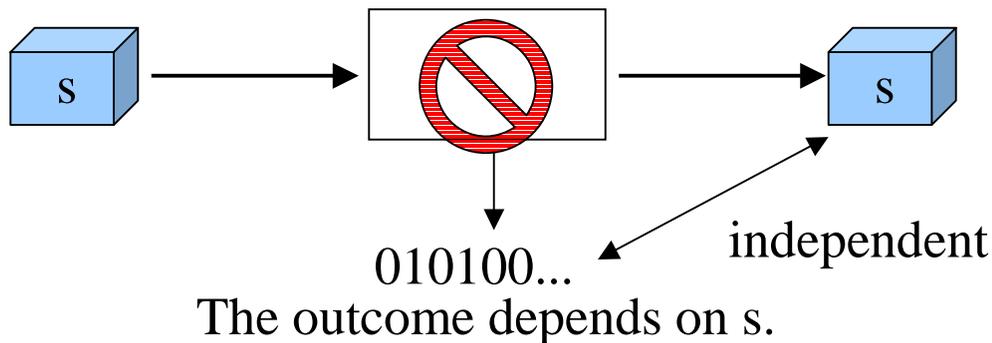


The two states are **indistinguishable**.

There is no way to learn the identity of the state from a single sample for sure, in principle.



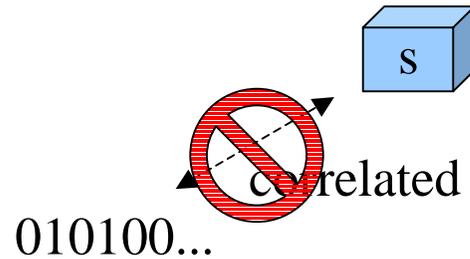
The following task is forbidden.



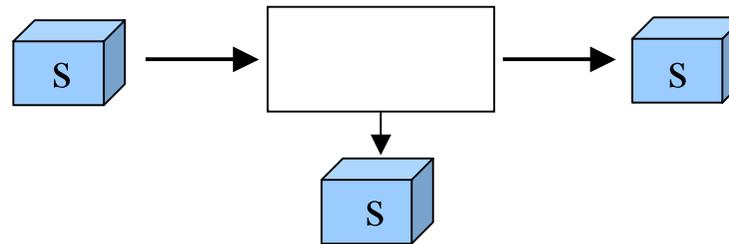
Pure source and classical source

source $f p_s; \hat{z}_s g$

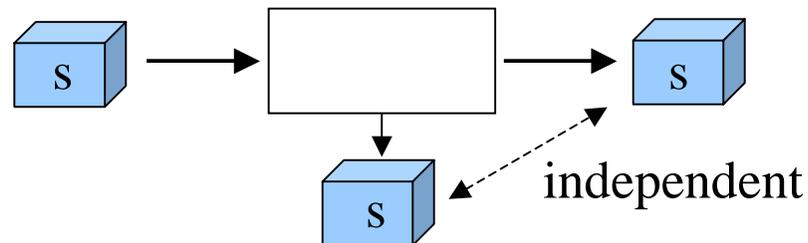
Pure: Each letter state is pure.



Classical: Letter states can be copied.

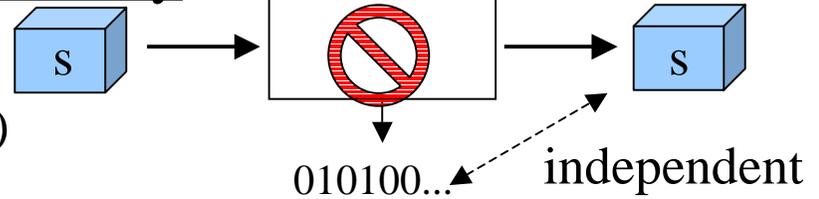
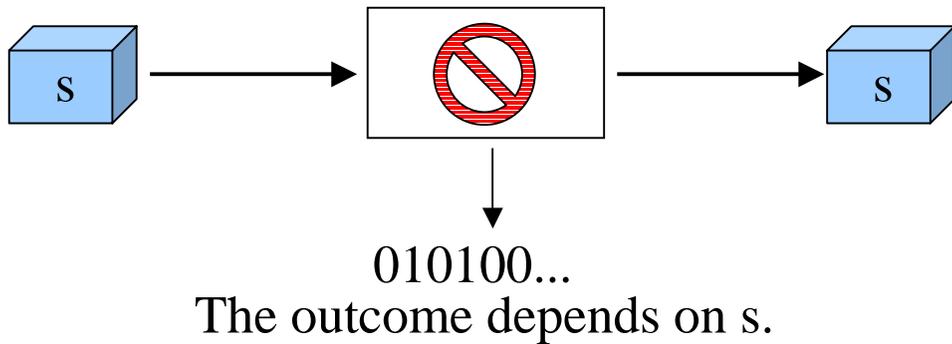


Pure & Classical \longrightarrow distinguishable

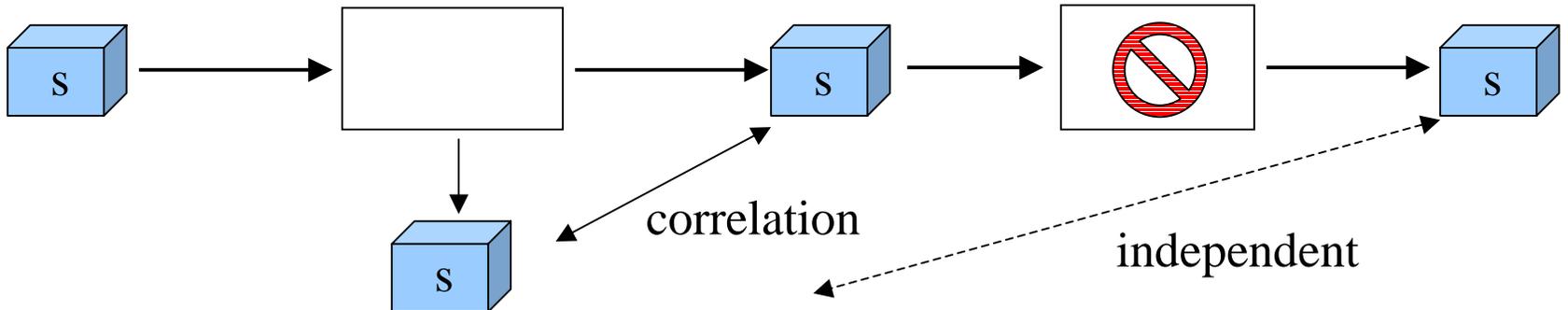


Restriction arising from indistinguishability

Pure & indistinguishable (pure & quantum)



Classical & indistinguishable (classical & mixed)

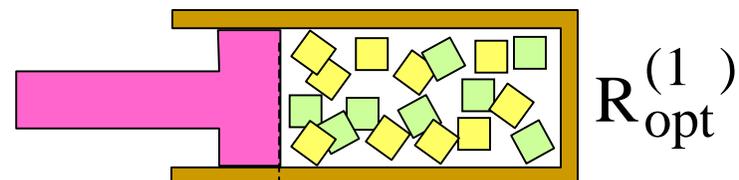


Different scenarios of compression

Hard

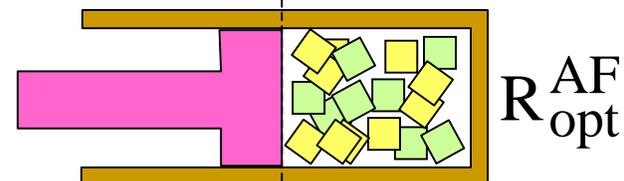
Variable-length
Faithful

Blind



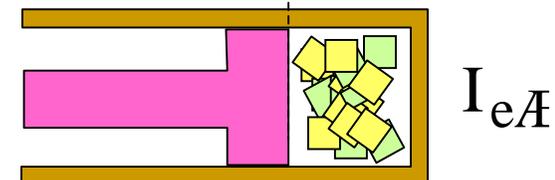
Fixed-length
Asymptotically Faithful

Blind



Fixed-length
Asymptotically Faithful

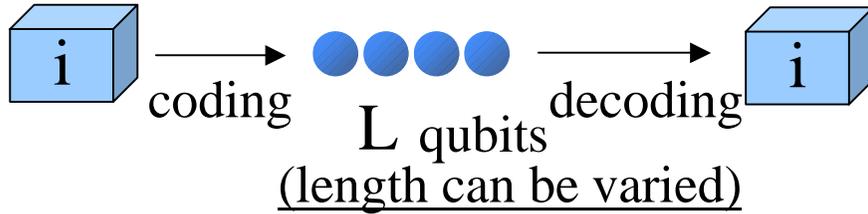
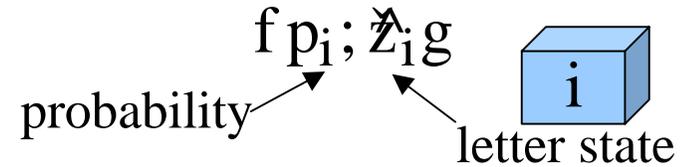
Visible



Easy

Variable-length and faithful scenario

Characterization of a source



with success probability (fidelity) 1.

$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)}$: Minimum of expected length $\langle L \rangle$

n-i.i.d. sequence



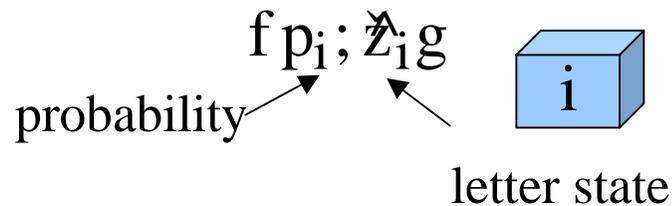
$R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)}$: Minimum of expected length per letter, $\langle L_n \rangle / n$

By definition, $R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} \leq R_{\text{opt}}^{(2)} \leq \dots \leq R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)} \leq \dots$

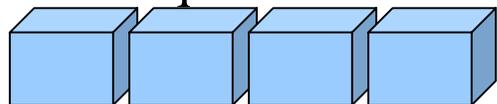
optimal compression rate $R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)}$

Fixed-length and asymptotically faithful scenario

Characterization of a source



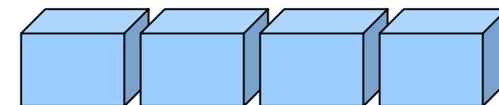
n-i.i.d. sequence



block coding



L_n qubits
(fixed length)



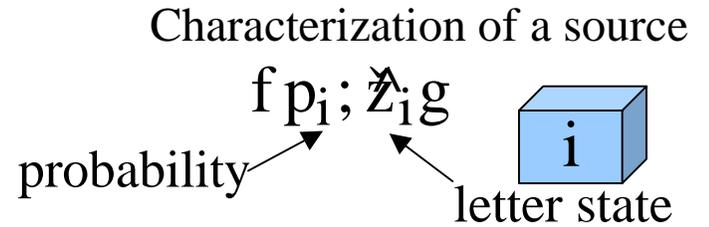
with success probability
(fidelity) $1 - \epsilon_n$

Requirement: **“Asymptotically faithful”** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$
(vanishing errors in large block length limit)

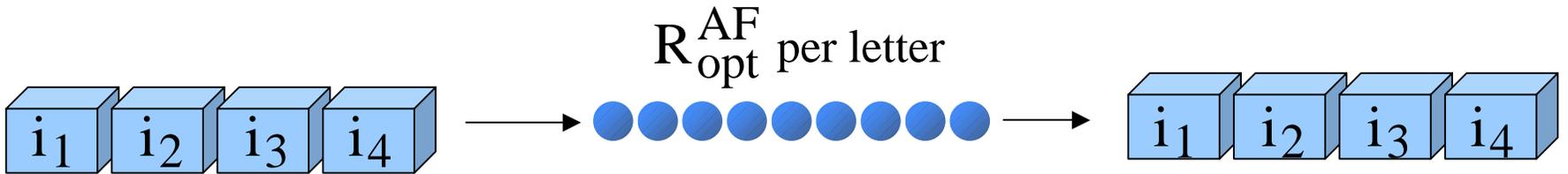
Compression rate $\forall \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L_n}{n} = R$ (How many qubits are used per letter?)

Minimum of this rate: **optimal compression rate** $R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}$

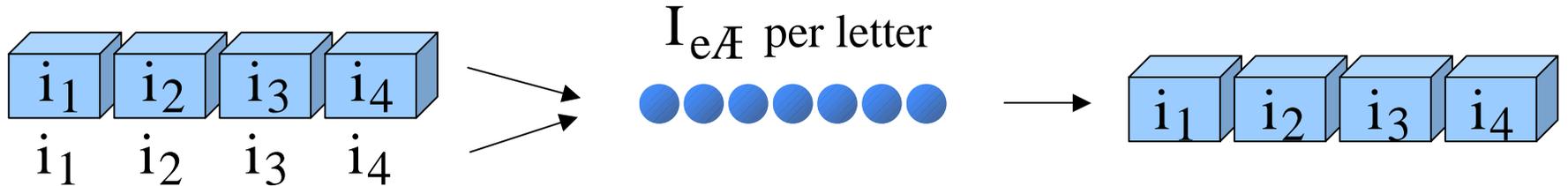
Blind and visible scenarios



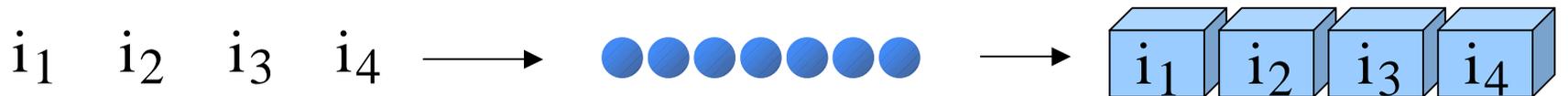
blind scenario



visible scenario



This is equivalent to directly preparing the state of the qubits.

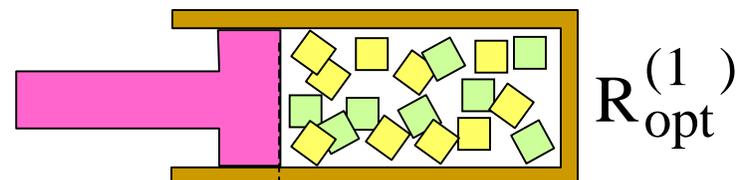


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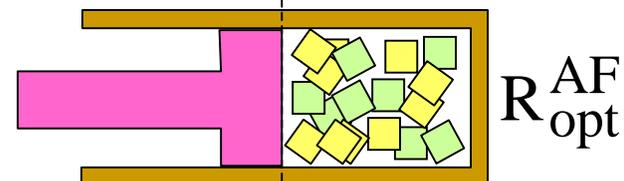
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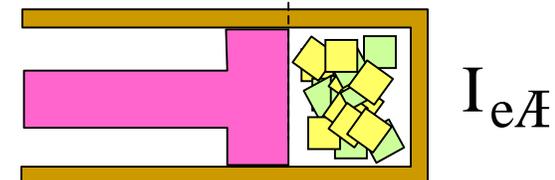
Fixed-length
Asymptotically Faithful

Blind



Fixed-length
Asymptotically Faithful

Visible



Easy

Variable-length, faithful coding

more powerful

more strict

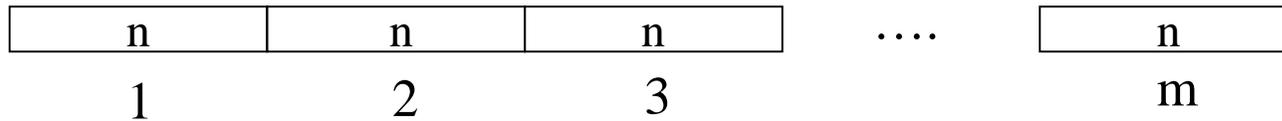
$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)}$$

v.s.

Fixed-length, asymptotically faithful coding

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}$$

Repeating n-block variable-length coding for m times



Expected length per letter is $R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)}$

Law of large numbers

When m becomes large, length per letter is almost always close to $R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)}$



Fixed-length, asymptotically faithful coding with rate $R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)}$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(n)} \quad R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}$$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} \quad R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}$$

Distinguishable case (Variable-length, faithful coding)

source $\{p_i; i\}$

$i \in C(i)$ length l_i

$$l_i = \lceil \log_2 \frac{1}{p_i} \rceil$$

Shorter code words
for more frequent letters

Kraft inequality

$$\sum_i 2^{-l_i} = \sum_i 2^{\log p_i} = \sum_i p_i = 1$$

↓
instantaneous code

$$\lceil \log p_i \rceil \leq \log p_i + 1$$

$$R_{opt}^{(1)} < H(\{p_i; i\}) + 1$$

Applying this to the n-i.i.d. case,

$$L_n < nH(\{p_i; i\}) + 1$$

$$R_{opt}^{(n)} < H(\{p_i; i\}) + 1/n$$

$$R_{opt}^{(1)} = H(\{p_i; i\})$$

Shannon entropy

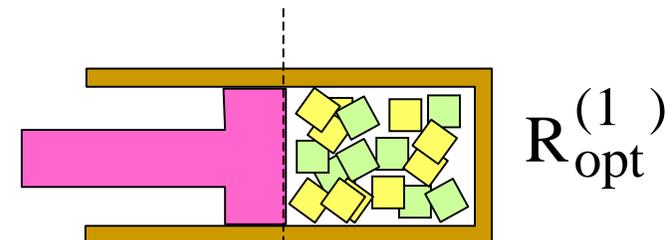
Different scenarios of compression

Distinguishable case $f_{p_i; i g}$

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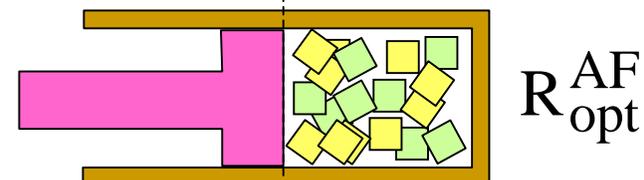
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Fixed-length
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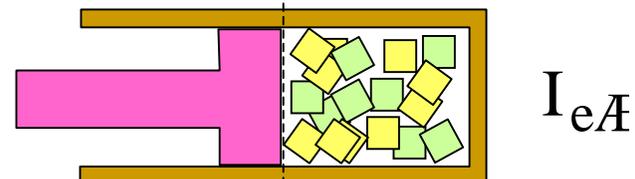
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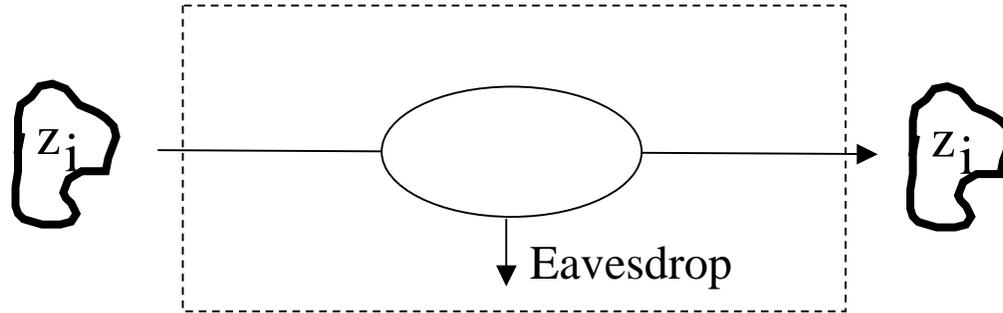
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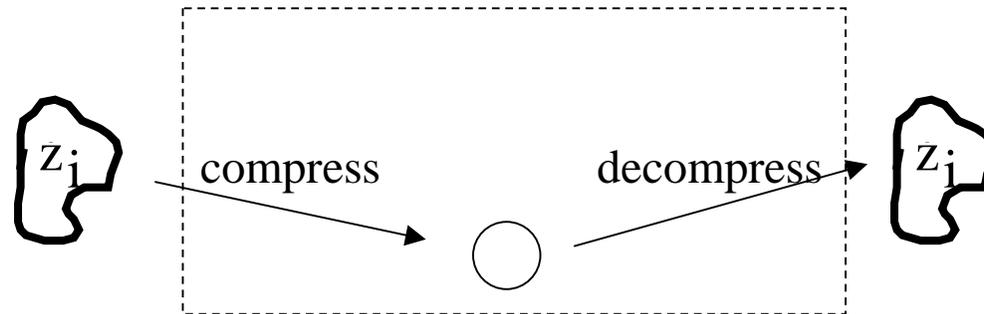
Easy

Shannon entropy

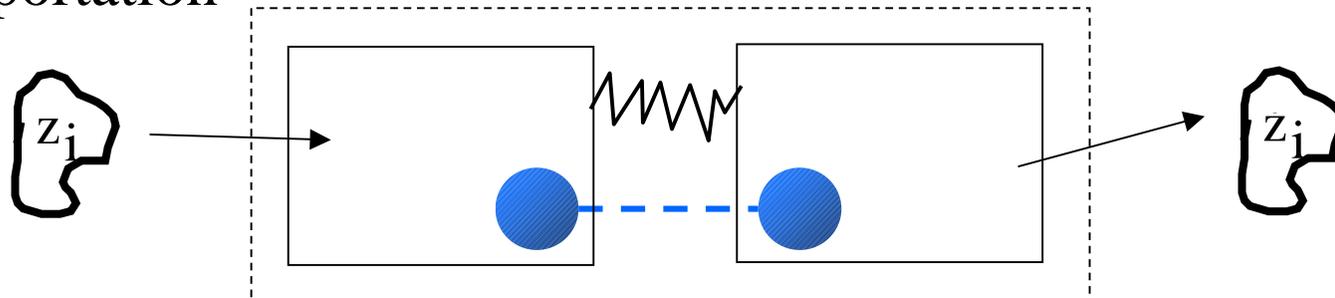
The operations that do not disturb f_{z_i}
Quantum cryptography



Compression

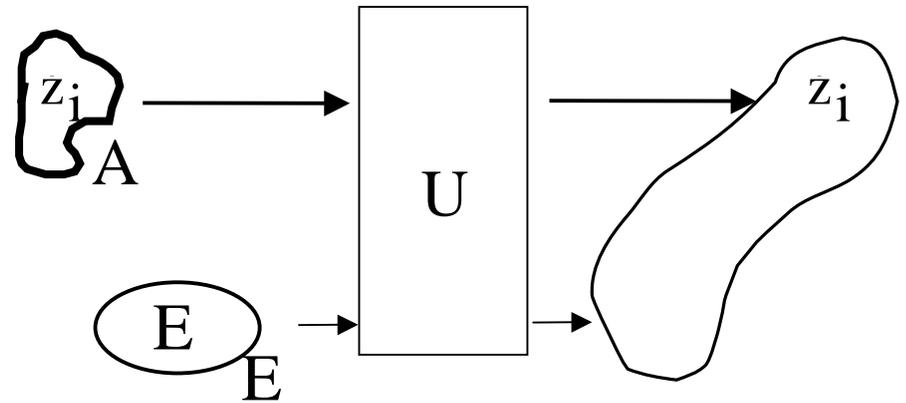


Teleportation



Problem

Given initial states $\{\rho_i^A\}$,
find the condition for the
allowed operations.

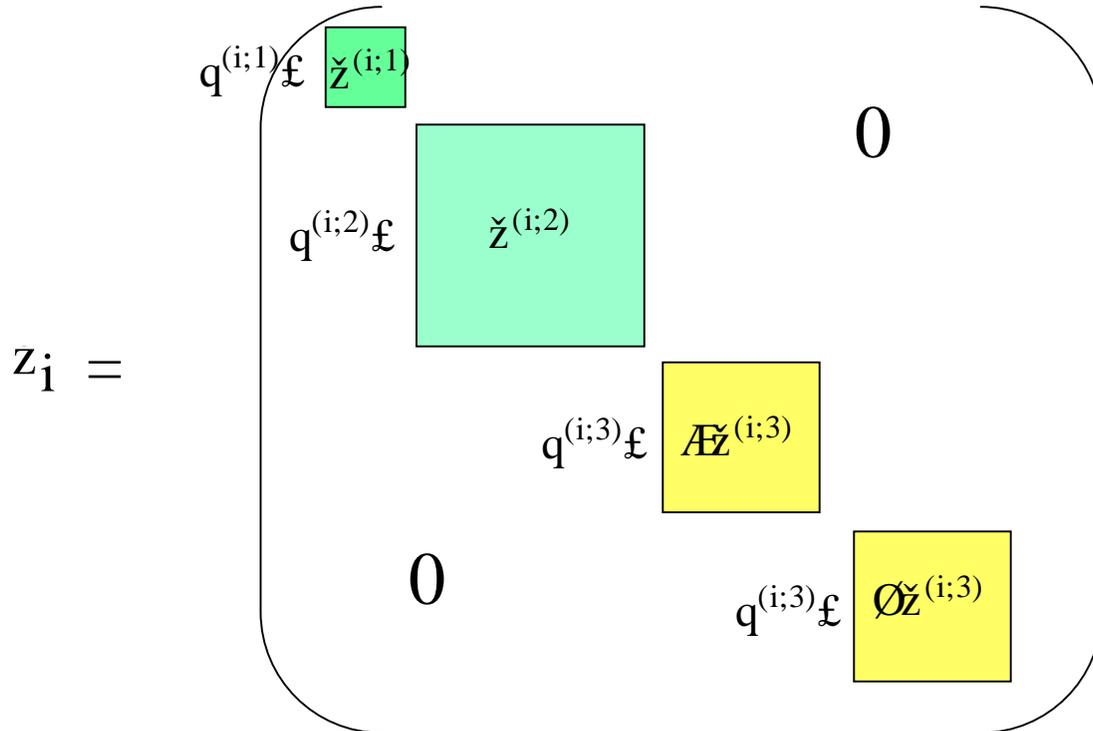


$$\text{Tr}_E[U(\rho_i^A \otimes \rho_i^E) U^\dagger] = \rho_i^A$$

A principle that states what one can do, and what one cannot do, without disturbing the given marginal density operators.

Principle

Koashi & Imoto,
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, 4264 (1998)
 Phys.Rev. A **66**, 022318 (2002)



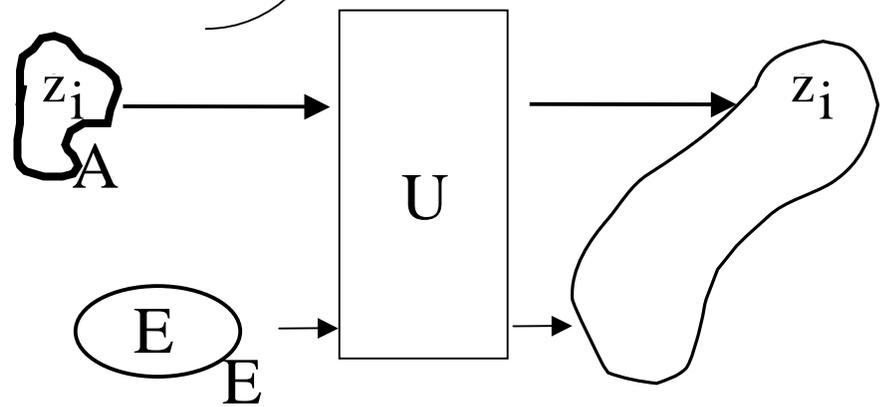
$$|z_J^{(i;3)}\rangle = |z^{(i;3)}\rangle$$

$$|z_K^{(3)}\rangle = \begin{matrix} |AE\rangle \\ |OZ\rangle \\ |0\rangle \end{matrix}$$

$$H = \prod_1^M H_J^{(1)} \circ H_K^{(1)}$$

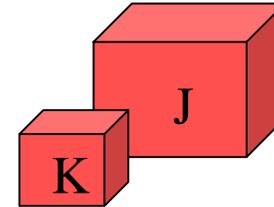
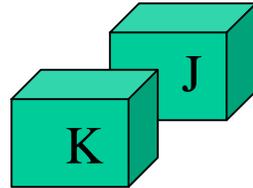
$$|z_i\rangle = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} |z_J^{(i;1)}\rangle \circ |z_K^{(1)}\rangle$$

$$\hat{U} = \prod_1^M \hat{U}_J^{(1)} \circ \hat{U}_{KE}^{(1)}$$



$$\hat{z}_i = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} \hat{z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(1)}$$

Color: 1



We know the contents of the box K.

$$\hat{u} = \prod_1^M \hat{1}_J^{(1)} \circ \hat{u}_{KE}^{(1)}$$

We can see colors, but cannot change colors.

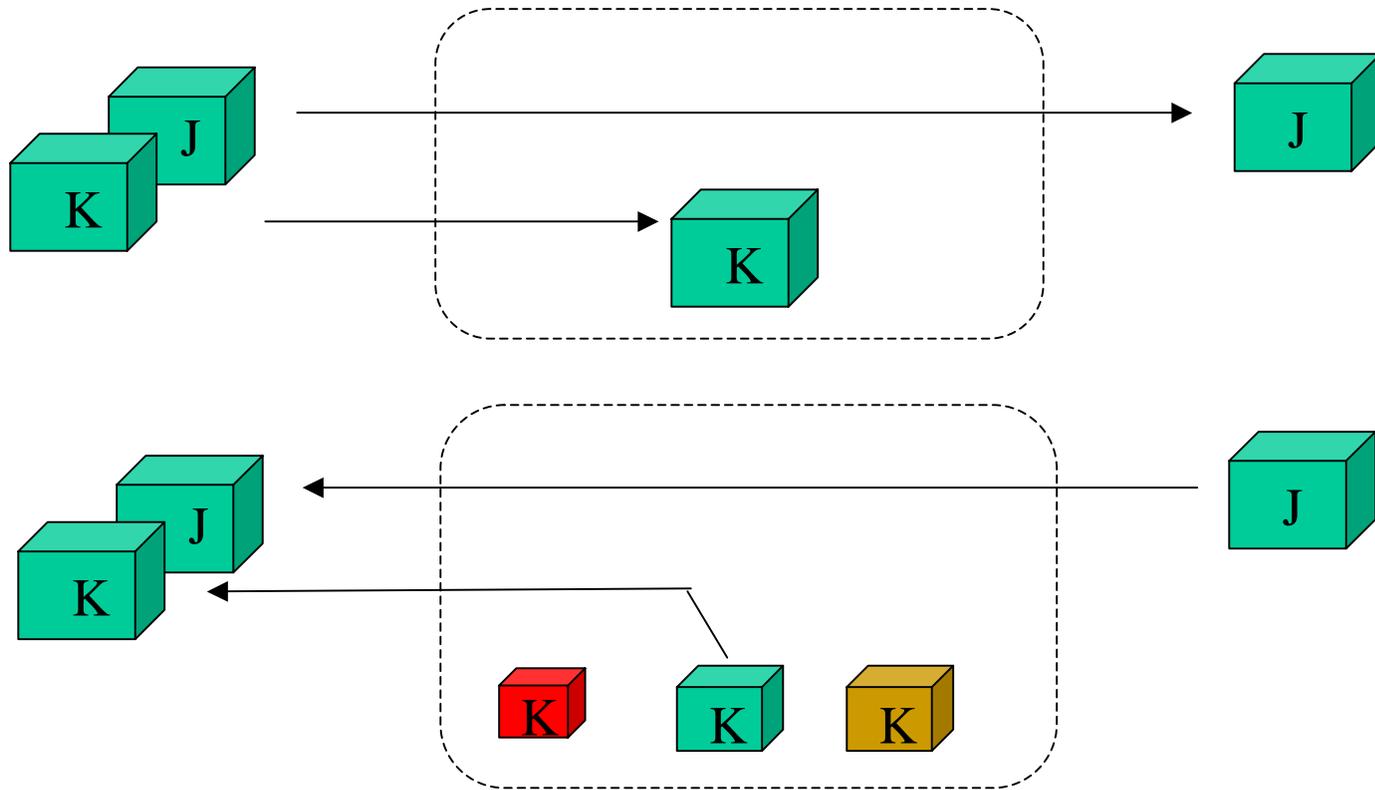
We cannot open the box J.

Reduced ensemble

Original source $f p_i; \mathbb{Z}_i g$

Reduced source $f p_i; \mathbb{A}_i g$

$$\mathbb{Z}_i = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} \mathbb{Z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \mathbb{Z}_K^{(1)} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{freely} \quad \mathbb{A}_i = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} \mathbb{Z}_J^{(i;1)}$$



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Original source $f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$

Reduced source $f p_i; \hat{a}_i g$

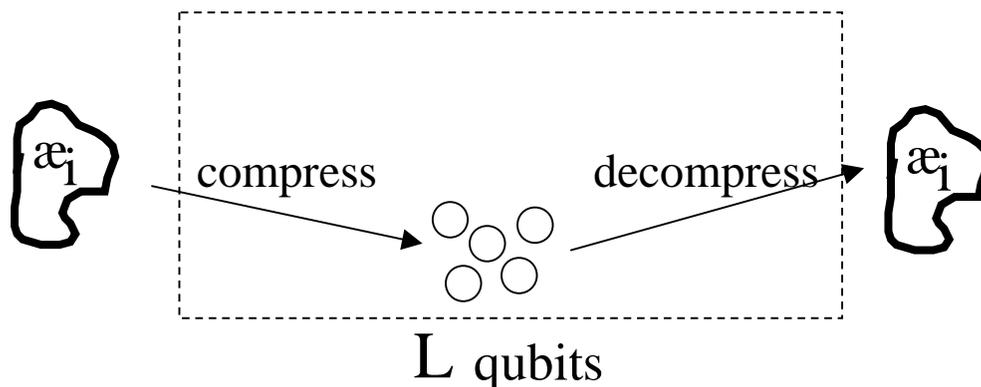
$$\hat{z}_i = \bigcirc_1^M q^{(i;1)} \hat{z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(1)} \quad \overset{\text{freely}}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \hat{a}_i = \bigcirc_1^M q^{(i;1)} \hat{z}_J^{(i;1)}$$

Compressibility of $f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$ is equal to that of $f p_i; \hat{a}_i g$

Variable-length and faithful scenario

Koashi and Imoto,
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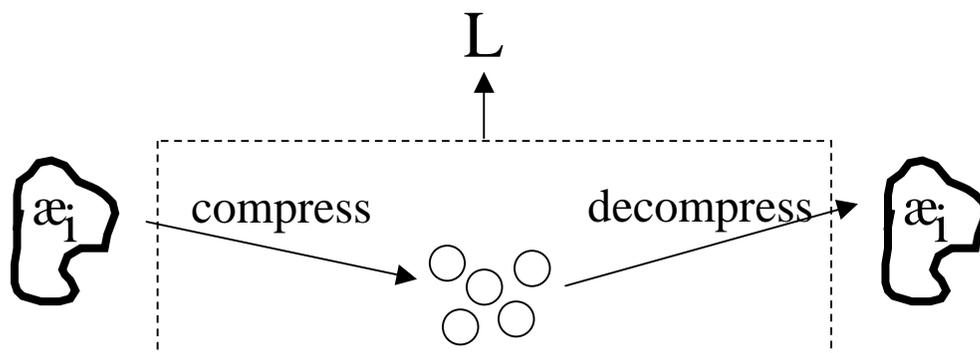
source $E = \{p_i; \mathcal{Z}_i\}$ Reduced source $\{p_i; \mathcal{A}_i\}$



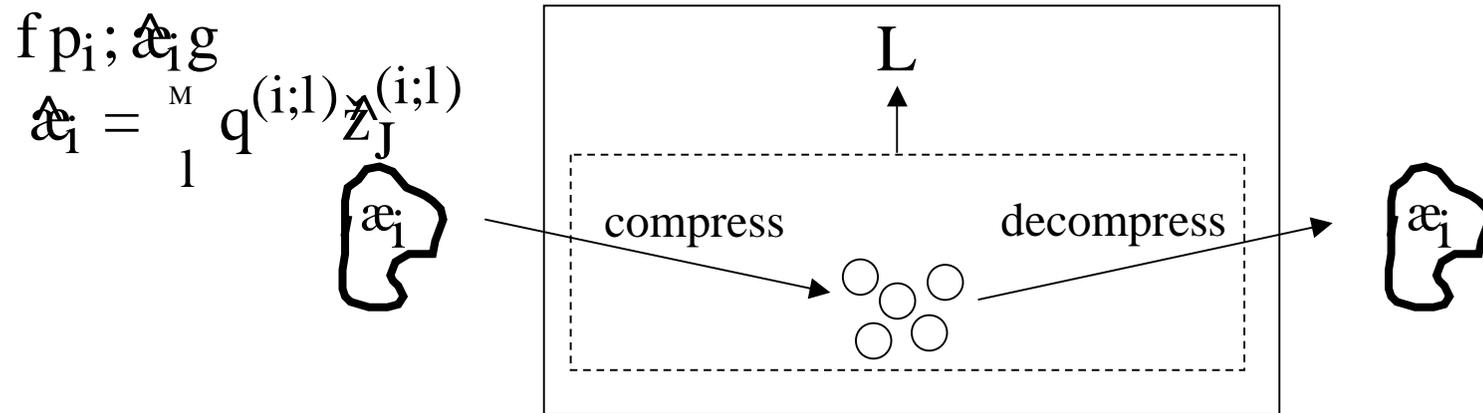
What do we mean by saying, “only L qubits are used this time.” ?

“OK, the rest of N-L qubits can be used in any other independent task.”

Information of L comes out of the compression machine.



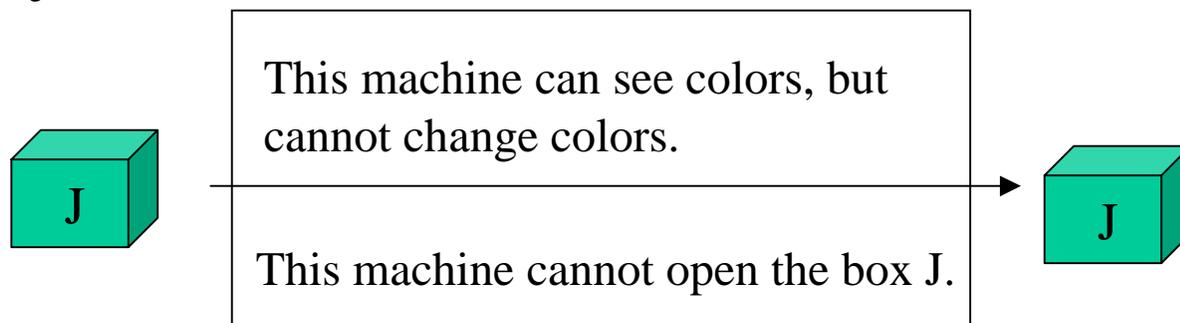
Faithful compression machines preserve $f_{\mathfrak{A}_1} g$



Averaged state

$$\mathfrak{A} = \sum_1^M p^{(1)} \mathfrak{Z}_J^{(1)}$$

$$\hat{U} = \sum_1^M \hat{U}_J^{(1)} \circ \hat{U}_E^{(1)}$$



The expected length $\langle L \rangle$ depends only on the statistics of colors, $p^{(1)}$

A new source with distinguishable letters

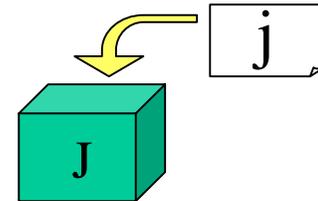
$$f p(l; j); j l; j i g \quad f j l; j i g_{j=1; 2; \dots; \dim H_J^{(1)}} : \text{A basis of } H_J^{(1)}$$

$$p(l; 1) = p(l; 2) = \dots = p(l; \dim H_J^{(1)})$$

$$p(l; 1) + p(l; 2) + \dots + p(l; \dim H_J^{(1)}) = p^{(l)}$$

Pick up the color l with probability $p^{(l)}$

Choose j randomly.



This source should be faithfully compressed with the same rate as the original source $E = f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$

The rate should never be smaller than $H(f p(l; j) g)$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)}(E) = H(f p(l; j) g) = I_C(E) + D_{\text{NC}}(E)$$

$$I_C(E) \asymp H(f p^{(l)} g)$$

$$D_{\text{NC}}(E) \asymp \sum_1^{\times} p^{(l)} \log_2 \dim H_J^{(l)}$$

A particular compression scheme

$$\hat{Z}_1 = \prod_1^M p^{(i;1)} \hat{Z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \hat{Z}_K^{(1)}$$

$$\hat{Z} = \prod_1^M p^{(1)} \hat{Z}_J^{(1)} \circ \hat{Z}_K^{(1)}$$

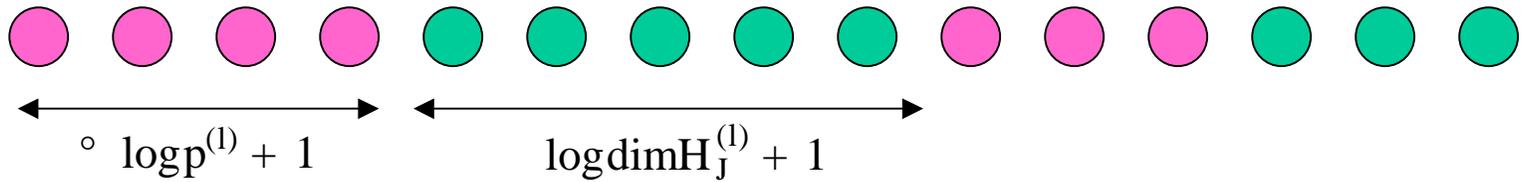
Measurement of 1

Postmeasurement state

The outcome follows probability $p^{(1)}$

Classical instantaneous code for $f p^{(1)}; \lg$

$\frac{\hat{Z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \hat{Z}_K^{(1)}}{\text{discard}}$



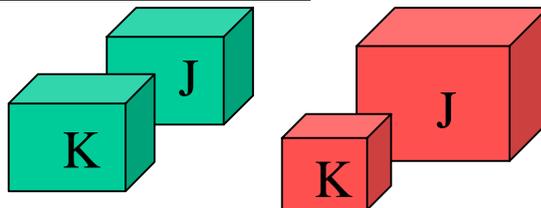
average

$$H(f p^{(1)} g) + \sum_1^x p^{(1)} \log_2 \dim H_J^{(1)} + 2$$

$$= I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E) + 2$$

Variable-length and faithful scenario

source $E = f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$



$$H_A = \prod_1^M H_J^{(1)} \circ H_K^{(1)}$$

$$\hat{z}_i = \prod_1^M p^{(i;l)} \hat{z}_J^{(i;l)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(1)}$$

$$\hat{z} = \prod_1^M p^{(1)} \hat{z}_J^{(1)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(1)}$$

$$I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E) \quad R_{opt}^{(1)}(E) \quad I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E) + 2$$

Applying this to the n-i.i.d. case,

$$I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E) \quad R_{opt}^{(n)}(E) \quad I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E) + 2 = n$$

$$R_{opt}^{(1)}(E) = I_C(E) + D_{NC}(E)$$

$I_C(E) \asymp H(f p^{(1)} g)$ ————— Entropy of the color.

$D_{NC}(E) \asymp \sum_1^x p^{(1)} \log_2 \dim H_J^{(1)}$ ————— Averaged size of the boxes

$$\hat{Z}_i = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} \hat{Z}_J^{(i;1)} \circ \hat{Z}_K^{(1)} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathfrak{A}}_i = \prod_1^M q^{(i;1)} \hat{Z}_J^{(i;1)}$$

Compressibility of $f p_i; \hat{Z}_i g$ is equal to that of $f p_i; \hat{\mathfrak{A}}_i g$

By Schumacher compression,

$f p_i; \hat{Z}_i g$ can be compressed into

$$\begin{aligned} S(\hat{\mathfrak{A}}) &= H(f p^{(1)} g) + \sum_1^x p^{(1)} S(\hat{Z}_J^{(1)}) \\ &= I_C + I_{NC} \end{aligned}$$

(qubits per letter)

Averaged state

$$\hat{\mathfrak{A}} = \prod_1^M p^{(1)} \hat{Z}_J^{(1)}$$

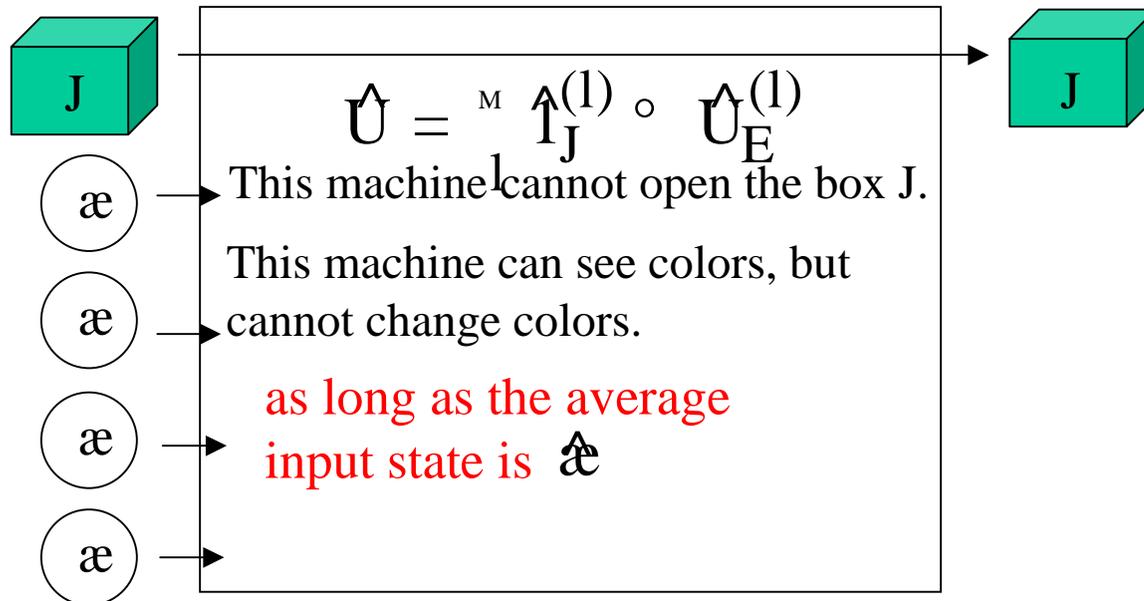
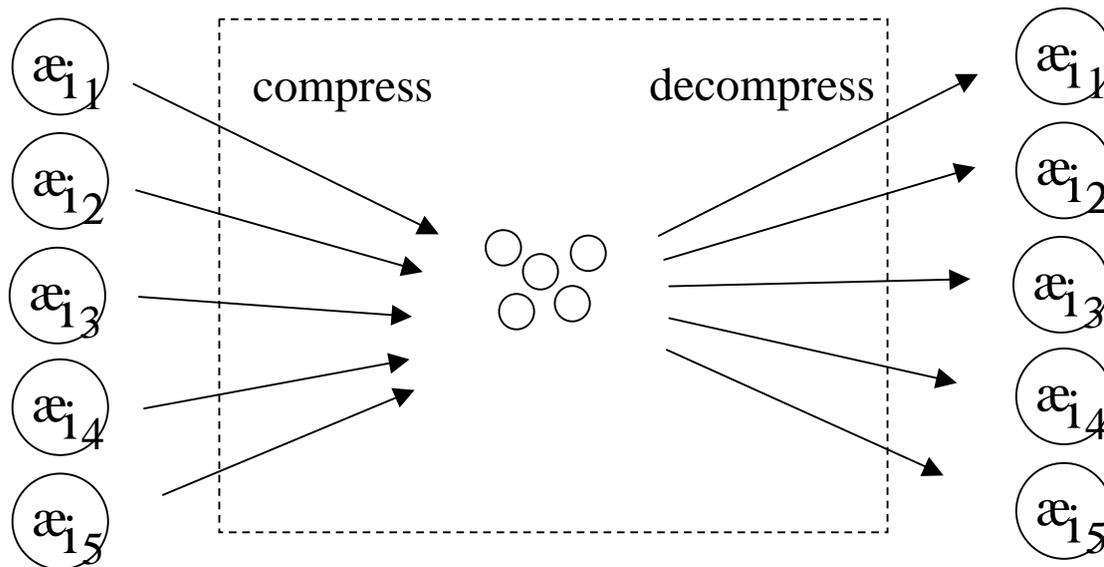
$$R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}(E) = I_C(E) + I_{NC}(E)$$

Asymptotically faithful compression machines preserve $f_{\mathfrak{A}_1} g$

$$f_{\mathfrak{A}_1} g = \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \mathfrak{A}_1^{(i)} g$$

Averaged state

$$\mathfrak{A} = \sum_{i=1}^M p^{(1)} \mathfrak{A}_1^{(1)}$$



A new source with distinguishable letters

$$\mathfrak{A} = \sum_l^M p^{(1)} \mathfrak{Z}_J^{(1)}$$

diagonalize

$$\mathfrak{Z}_J^{(1)} = \sum_j^x q_j^{(1)} |j\rangle\langle j|$$

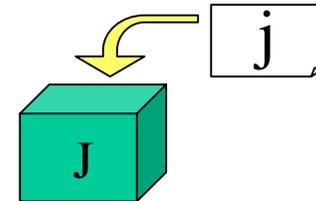
new source

$$f p^{(1)} q_j^{(1)} |j\rangle\langle j| g$$

average state is \mathfrak{A}

Pick up the color l with probability $p^{(1)}$

Choose j with probability $q_j^{(1)}$



The states $|j\rangle\langle j|$ should appear at the output asymptotically faithfully.

The machine can transfer $H(f p^{(1)} q_j^{(1)} g)$ bits per letter of classical information.

The rate should never be smaller than $H(f p^{(1)} q_j^{(1)} g)$

$$E = f p_i |i\rangle\langle i| g$$

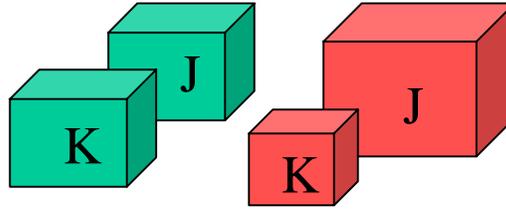
$$R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}(E) = H(f p^{(1)} q_j^{(1)} g) = S(\mathfrak{A}) = I_C(E) + I_{\text{NC}}(E)$$

$$I_C(E) \asymp H(f p^{(1)} g)$$

$$I_{\text{NC}}(E) \asymp \sum_l p^{(1)} S(\mathfrak{Z}_J^{(1)})$$

Gap between the two scenarios

source $E = f p_i; \hat{z}_i g$



$$H_A = \bigcirc_{i=1}^M H_J^{(i)} \circ H_K^{(i)}$$

$$\hat{z}_i = \bigcirc_{i=1}^M p^{(i;l)} \hat{z}_J^{(i;l)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(i;l)}$$

$$\hat{z} = \bigcirc_{i=1}^M p^{(i)} \hat{z}_J^{(i)} \circ \hat{z}_K^{(i)}$$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}(E) = I_C(E) + I_{\text{NC}}(E)$$

Fixed-length, asymptotically faithful

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)}(E) = I_C(E) + D_{\text{NC}}(E)$$

Variable-length, faithful

$$I_C(E) \asymp H(f p^{(1)} g) \quad \text{Entropy of the color.}$$

$$I_{\text{NC}}(E) \asymp \sum_{i=1}^x p^{(i)} S(\hat{z}_J^{(i)}) \quad \text{Averaged entropy of the box contents}$$

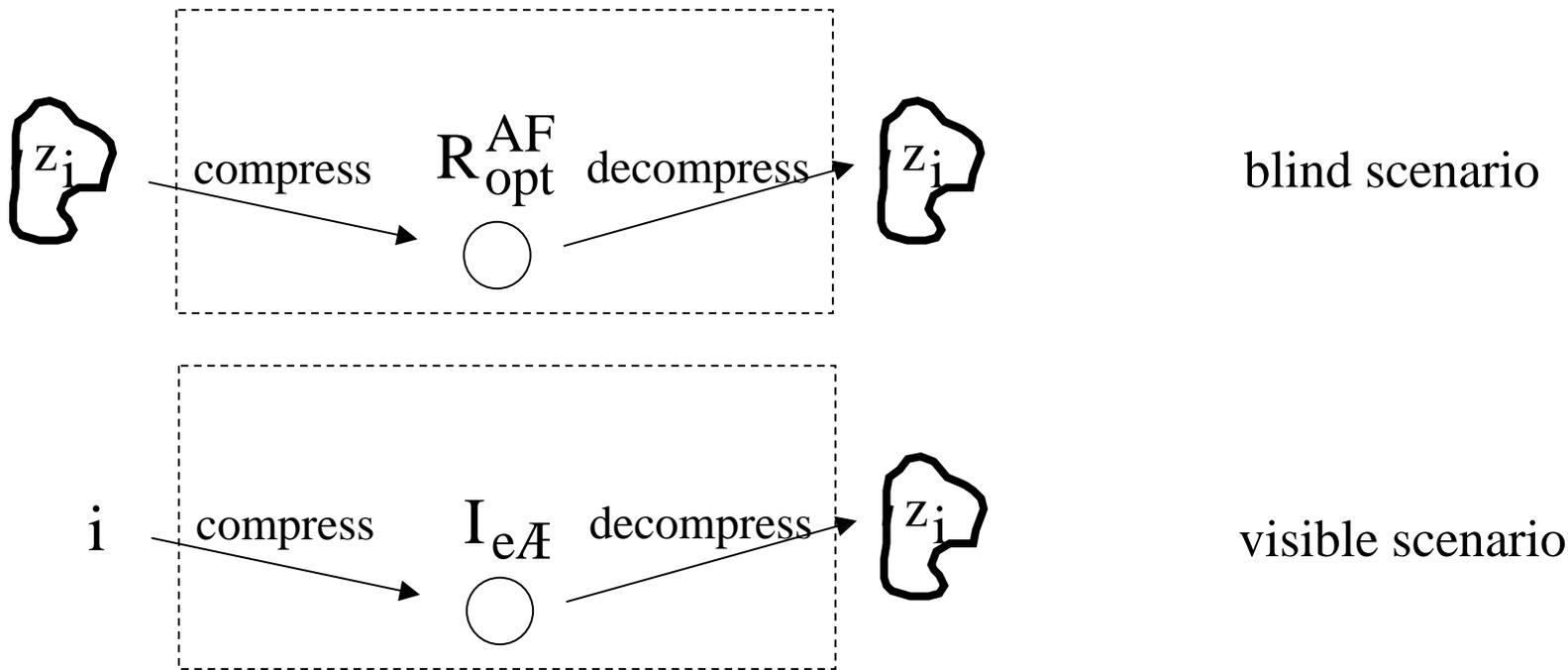
$$D_{\text{NC}}(E) \asymp \sum_{i=1}^x p^{(i)} \log_2 \dim H_J^{(i)} \quad \text{Averaged size of the boxes}$$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} \circ R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} = \sum_{i=1}^x p^{(i)} [\log_2 \dim H_J^{(i)} \circ S(\hat{z}_J^{(i)})]$$

$$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} = R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} \quad \text{if all } \hat{z}_i \text{ commute.}$$

This gap has the genuinely quantum origin.

Information defect



$$I_{eA} \quad I_{LH} \quad S(\hat{Z}) \circ \prod_i p_i S(\hat{Z}_i)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{b \circ v} \quad R_{opt}^{AF} \circ I_{eA} \quad I_C + I_{NC} \circ I_{LH} \\ = \prod_i p_i S(\hat{Z}_i) \circ \prod_1 p^{(1)} S(\hat{Z}_K^{(1)}) = \prod_i p_i S(\hat{a}_i)$$

Averaged entropy of reduced letters.

$\mathcal{C}_{b \circ v} = 0$ if $\{\hat{a}_i\}$ are all pure.

$\mathcal{C}_{b \circ v}$ can be nonzero even when $\{\hat{a}_i\}$ commute.
(classical data)

Nonzero information defect: Example

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_0 = \frac{1}{10} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{4} \end{matrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_1 = \frac{1}{10} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{matrix}$$

$$p_0 = p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_0 = \frac{\textcircled{1}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{2}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \\ \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{3}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{4}}{10} (1)^\circ (1)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_1 = \frac{\textcircled{4}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{3}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \\ \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{2}}{10} (1)^\circ (1) \textcircled{\circ} \frac{\textcircled{1}}{10} (1)^\circ (1)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

blind scenario $R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} = S(\hat{\mathbf{a}}) = 2$

visible scenario $I_{e\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}} H(f p_i g) = 1$

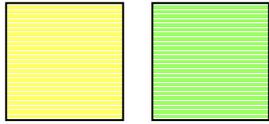
Nature of information and compressibility

Information	classical $([\mathbb{Z}_1; \mathbb{Z}_j] = 0)$	quantum
pure $(S(\mathbb{A}_1) = 0)$	$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} = R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} = I_{e\mathbb{A}}$	$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} = R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} = I_{e\mathbb{A}}$
mixed	$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} = R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} < I_{e\mathbb{A}}$	$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)} < R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}} = I_{e\mathbb{A}}$

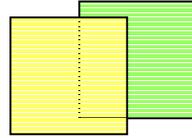
$R_{\text{opt}}^{(1)}$	$R_{\text{opt}}^{\text{AF}}$	$I_{e\mathbb{A}}$
variable-length faithful	fixed length asymptotically faithful	
blind		visible

Distinguishability and compression rates

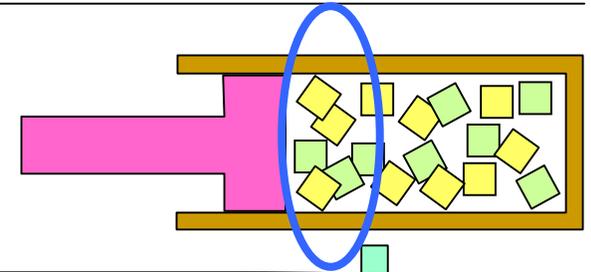
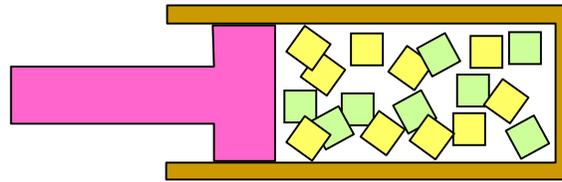
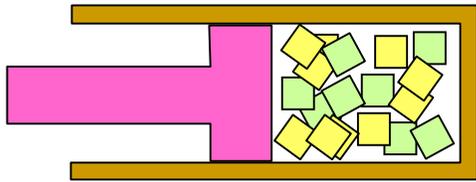
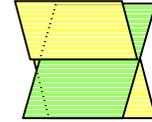
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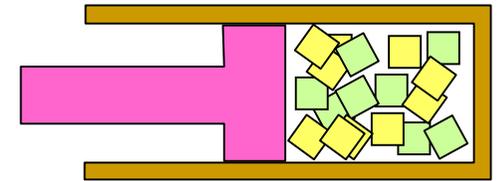
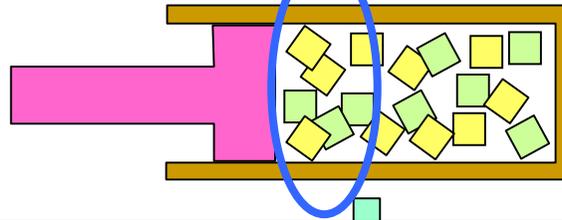
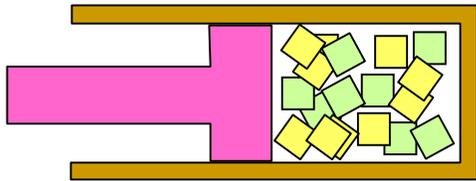
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by noises



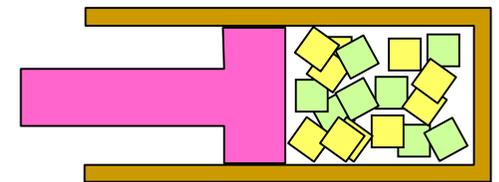
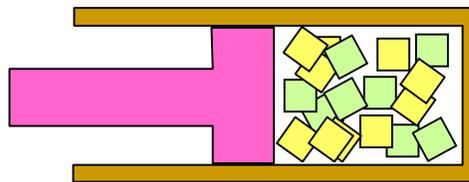
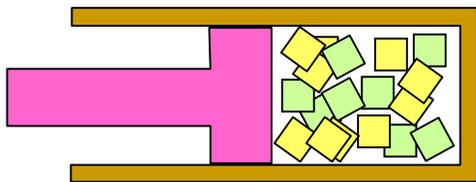
indistinguishable
by nonorthogonality



Very small errors are acceptable!

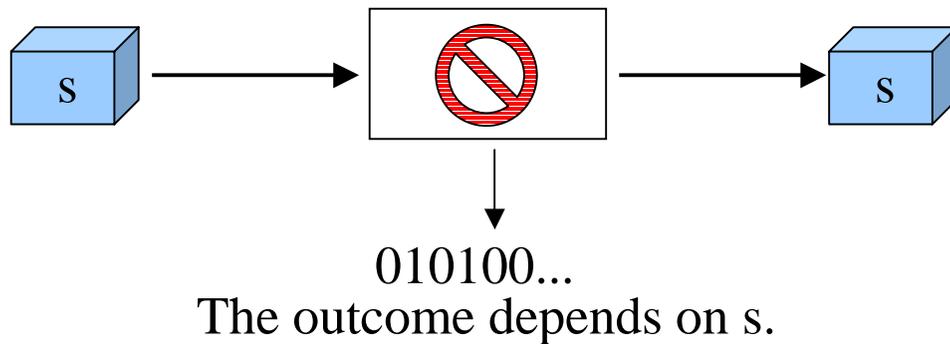


I'll give you the identity of each letter !

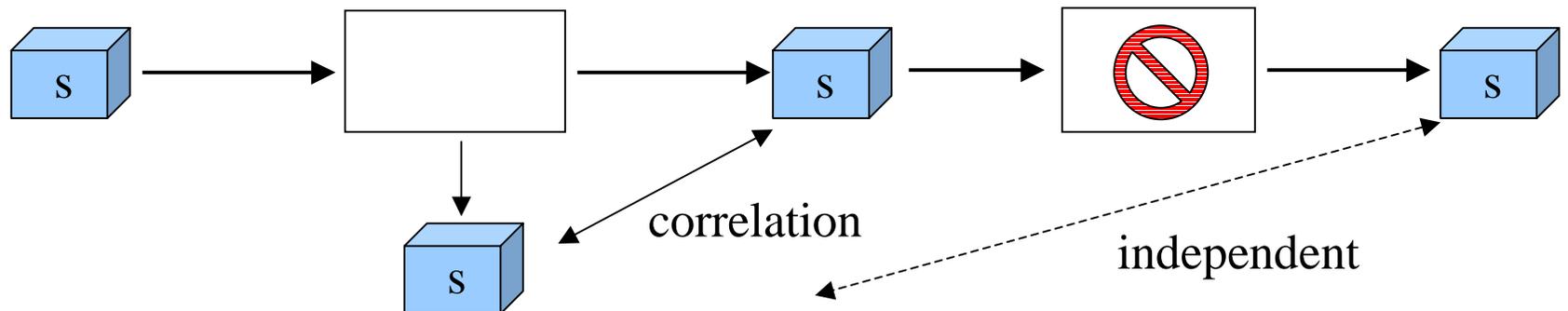


Restriction arising from indistinguishability

Pure & indistinguishable

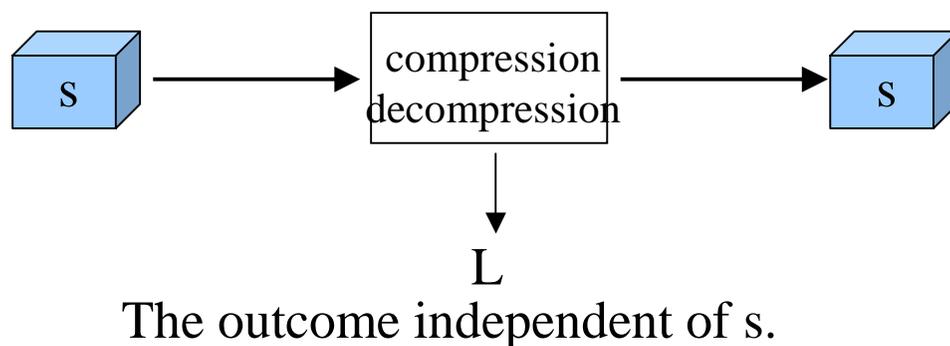
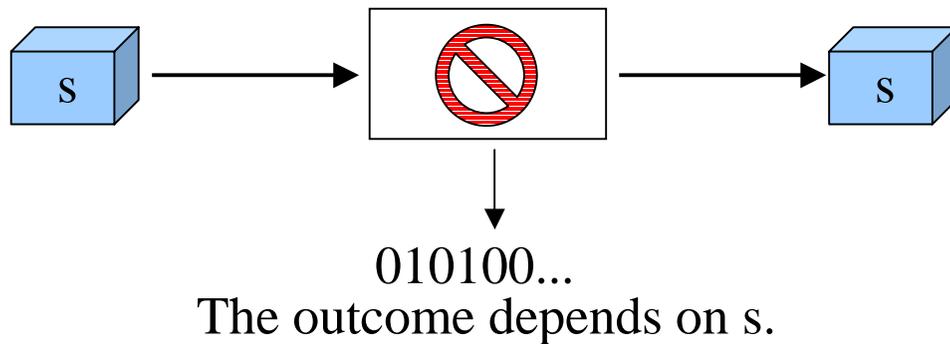


Classical & indistinguishable



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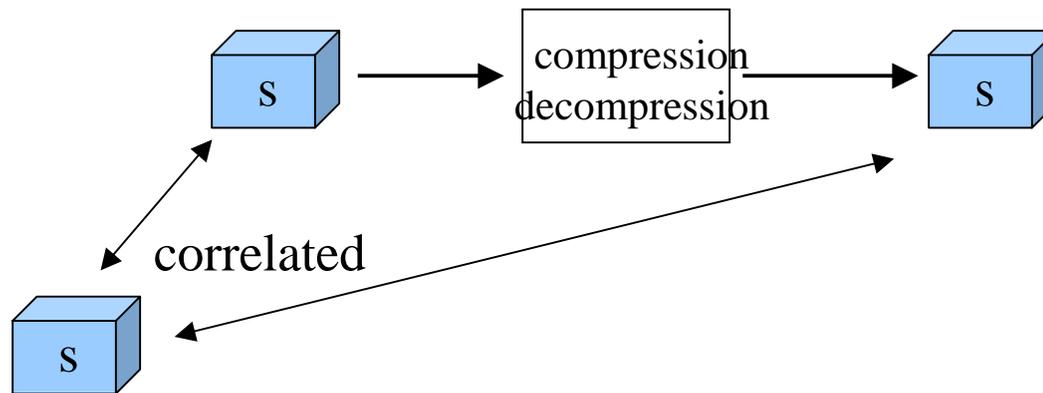
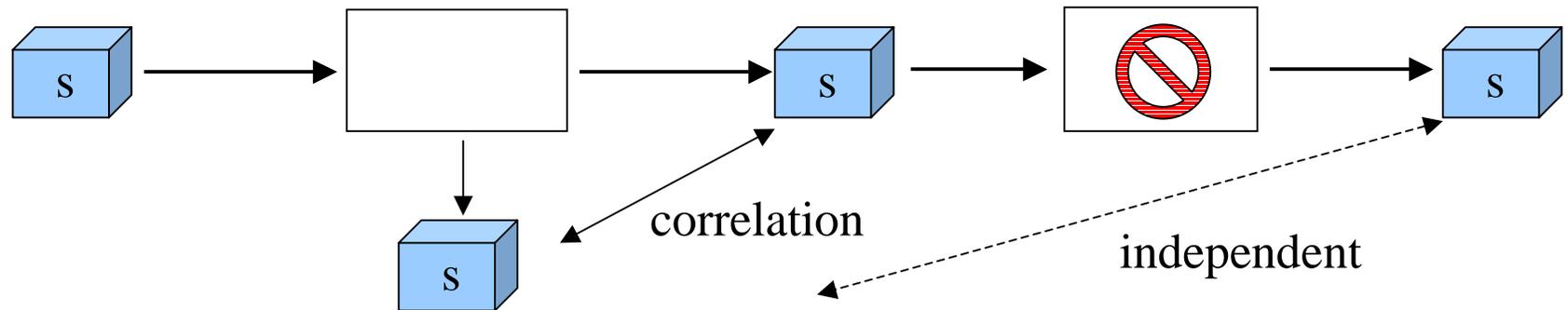


Faithful compression machines cannot vary the length according to the input.

Variable length coding doesn't work.

Restriction arising from indistinguishability

Classical & indistinguishable



Blind compression machines preserve not only the original signals but also the possible correlation to a broadcast system.

Conclusion

The compressibility of the source with indistinguishable letters depends on scenarios of compression.

There are at least two different kinds of indistinguishability, one with quantum origin (nonorthogonality) and another with classical origin (mixing). This difference shows up in the compressibility.