

# Super-activating quantum memory by entanglement- breaking channels

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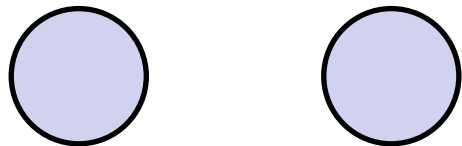
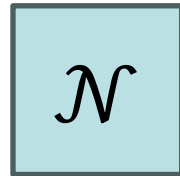
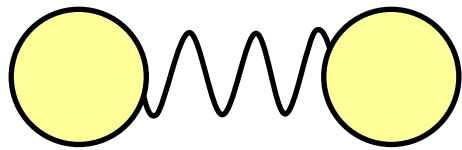
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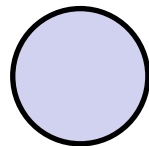
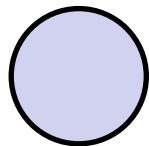
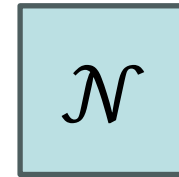
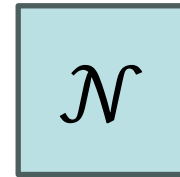
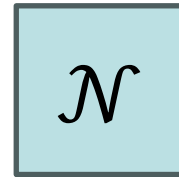
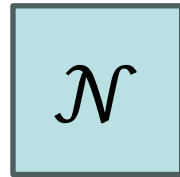
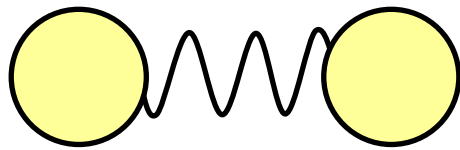
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A channel is a **quantum memory** resource if it is non-entanglement-breaking

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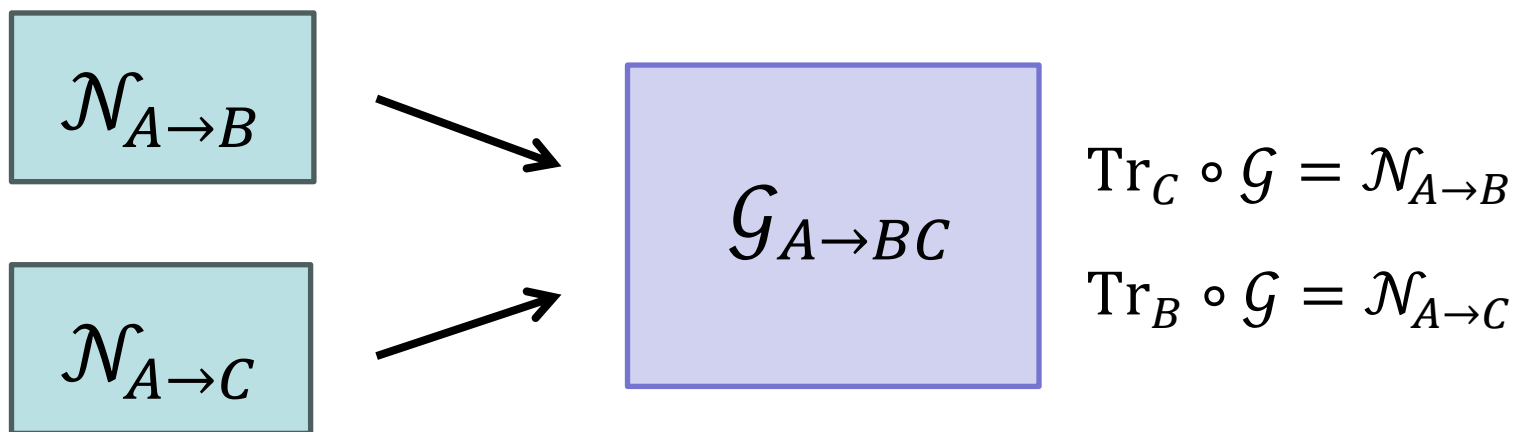
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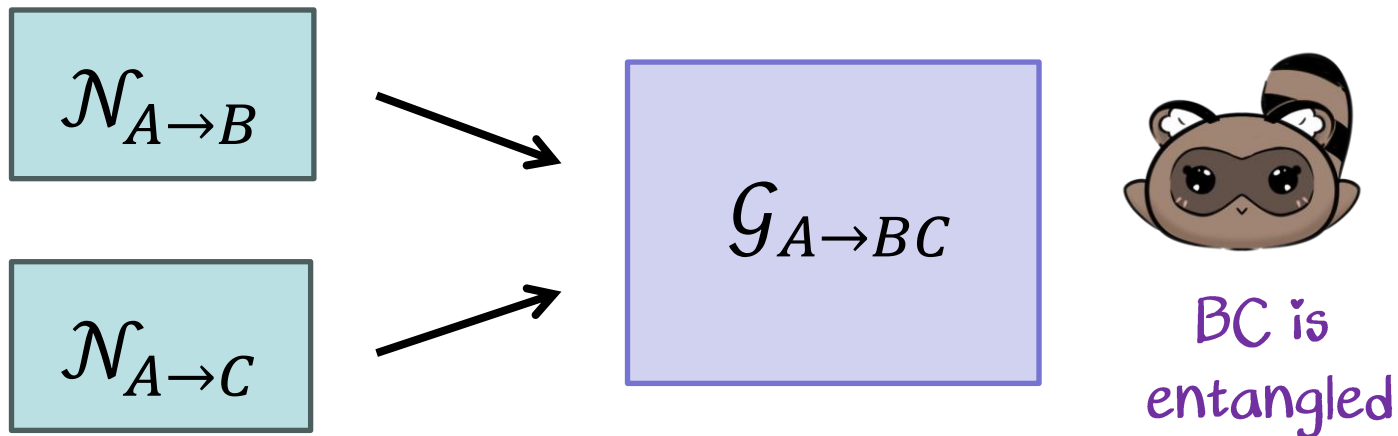
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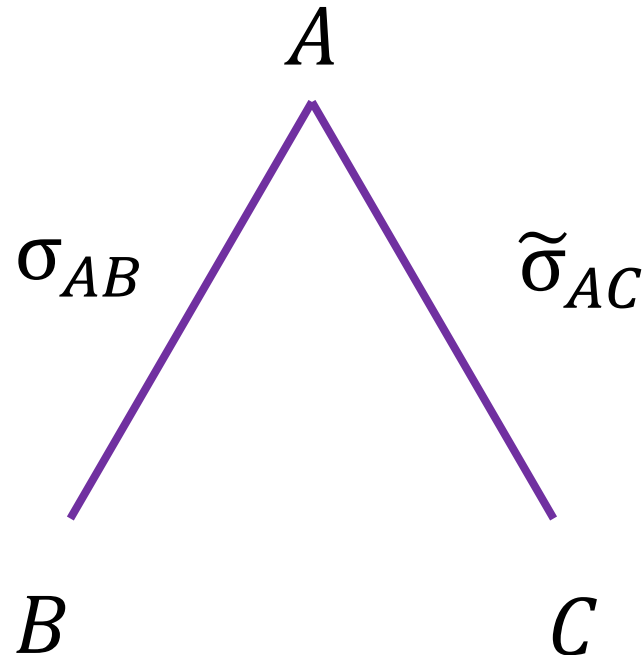




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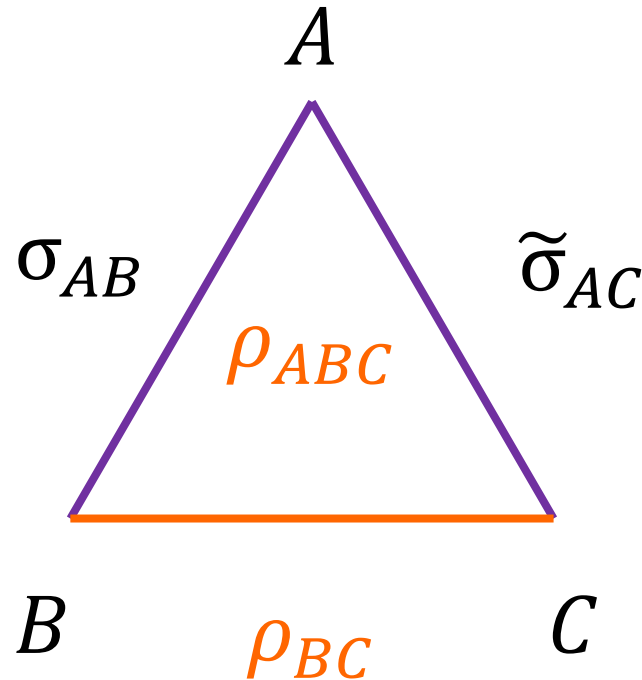
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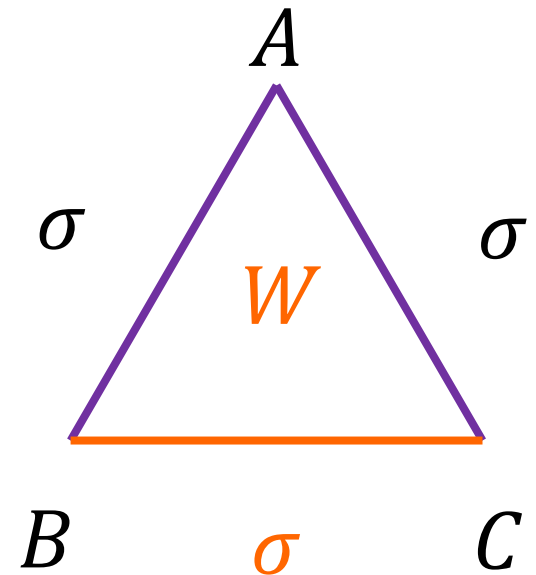


# Example: W-state

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$$\sigma_{AB} = \sigma_{AC} = \frac{2}{3}|\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+| + \frac{1}{3}|00\rangle\langle 00|$$

$$\Rightarrow |W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle)$$



# Certifying transitivity

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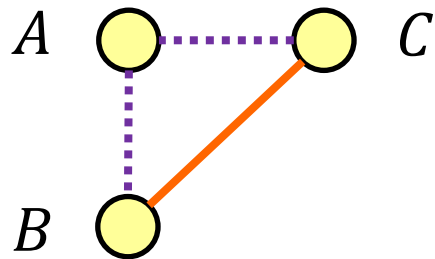
When  $\lambda^* < 0$ , then  $\rho_{BC}$  is always entangled

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\rho_{ABC}} \lambda &=: \lambda^* \\ \text{s. t. } \rho_{ABC} &\geq 0 \\ \rho_{AB} &= \sigma_{AB} \\ \rho_{AC} &= \tilde{\sigma}_{AC} \\ \rho_{BC}^{T_B} &\geq \lambda \mathbb{I} \end{aligned}$$

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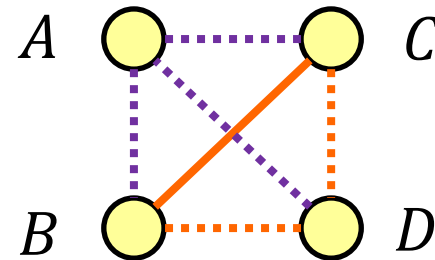
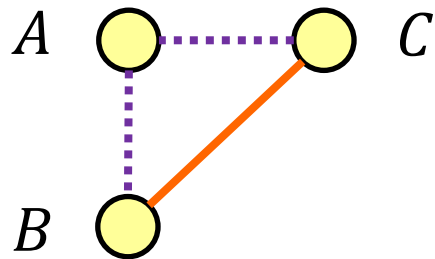
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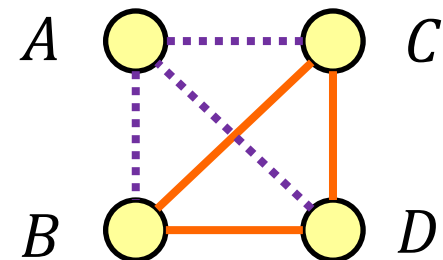
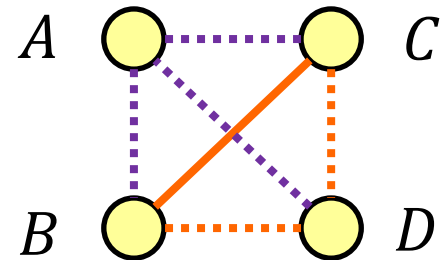
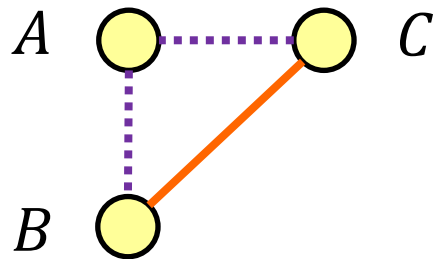
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# A specific example

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$$|\psi_1\rangle_{ABC} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{20}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)_{ABC} + \sqrt{\frac{5}{20}}(|001\rangle + |110\rangle)_{ABC} \\ + \sqrt{\frac{2}{20}}(|010\rangle + |101\rangle)_{ABC};$$

$$|\psi_2\rangle_{ABC} = \sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{15}}{40}}(|000\rangle + |001\rangle - |110\rangle - |111\rangle)_{ABC} \\ + \sqrt{\frac{5-\sqrt{15}}{40}}(|010\rangle + |011\rangle - |100\rangle - |101\rangle)_{ABC}.$$

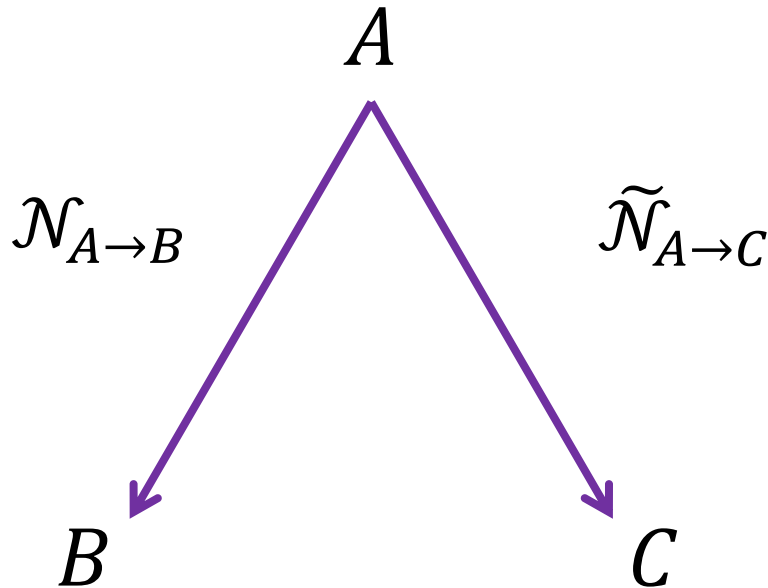
The reduced states  $\rho_{AB}, \rho_{AC}$  of  $\rho_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2}(|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2|)$  have  $\rho_A = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}_2$  and exhibit transitivity in  $BC$



# Broadcasting channel

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When  $\rho_A = \frac{1}{d}\mathbb{I}_d$ , global state is **Choi state** of a **broadcasting channel**



$$\mathcal{J}_{ABC}^{\mathcal{G}} = (\text{id}_A \otimes \mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC})(\Phi_{AA})$$

# Broadcast compatibility

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Pair  $\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B}, \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{A \rightarrow C}$  are **broadcast-compatible** if there is  $\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}$  such that

$$\text{tr}_C \circ \mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC} = \mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B},$$

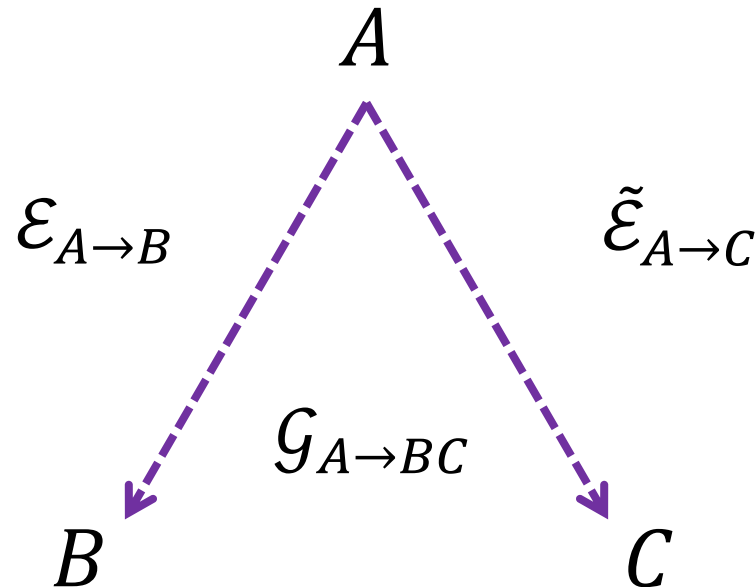
$$\text{tr}_B \circ \mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC} = \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{A \rightarrow C}.$$

Broadcasting realizations  $\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}$  are not generally unique

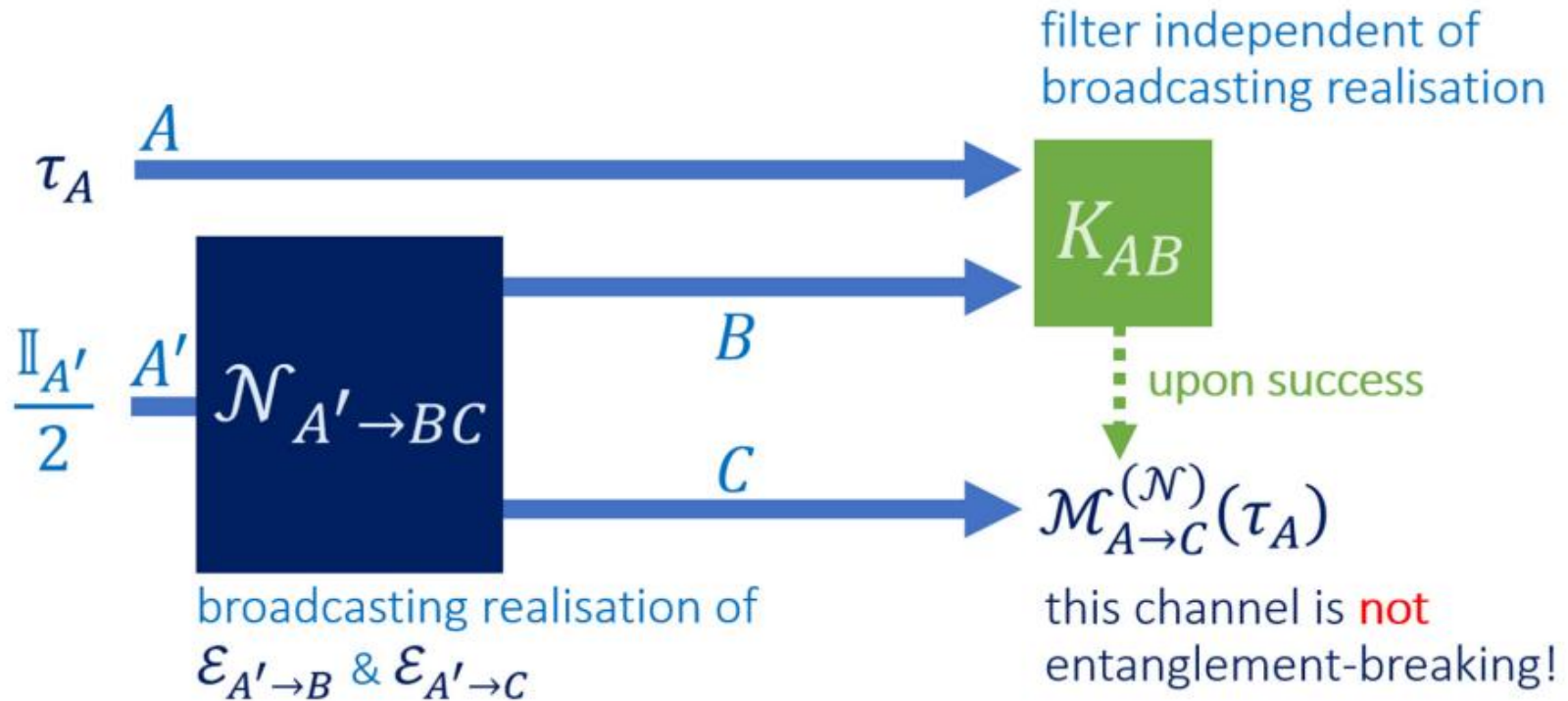
# Generates entanglement

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For EB channels  $\mathcal{E}_{A \rightarrow B}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{A \rightarrow C}$  with transitivity,  $\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}_2)$  is always entangled for all  $\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}$



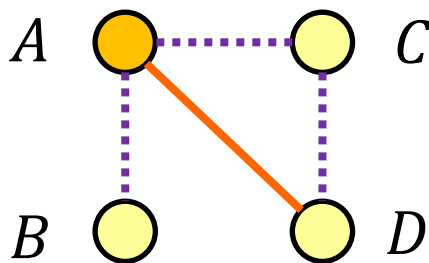
# Superactivation of QM



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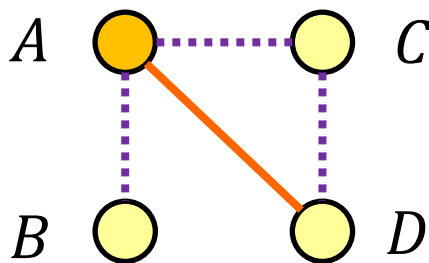


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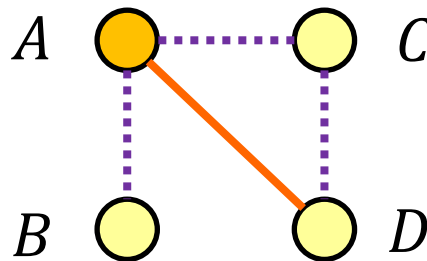
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If success:  $\text{tr}_{BC} \circ \mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BCD} = \mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow D}$  is non-EB



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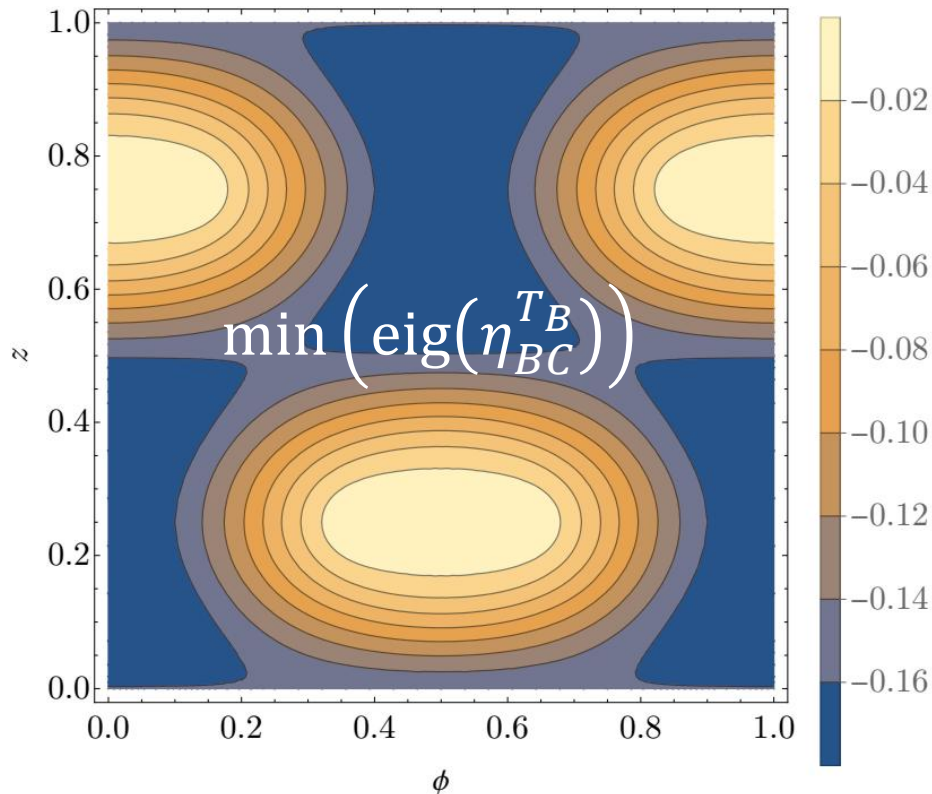
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Other applications of meta-transitivity



# Generic pure input



$$\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}(\Psi_{z,\phi}) =: \eta_{BC}$$

Broadcast channel  
 $\mathcal{G}_{A \rightarrow BC}$  generates  
entanglement in BC  
for random  $|\psi_{z,\phi}\rangle$

$$|\psi_{z,\phi}\rangle = \cos \pi z |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin \pi z |1\rangle$$