

## Catalytic Decoupling

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## Deconstruction and Conditional Erasure of Correlations

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# Introduction: Decoupling and Erasure

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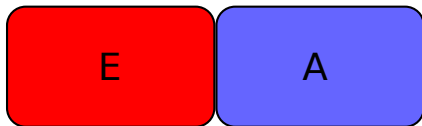
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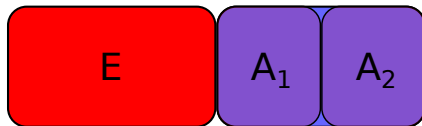


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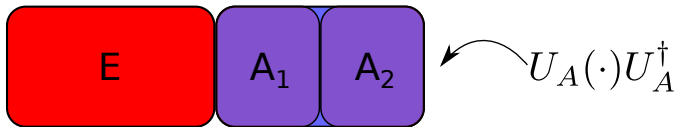


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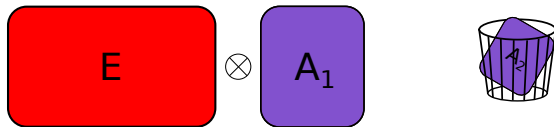


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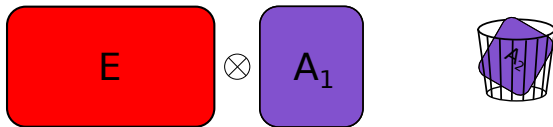


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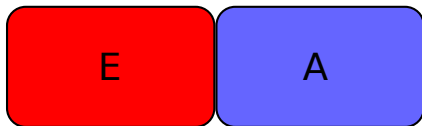
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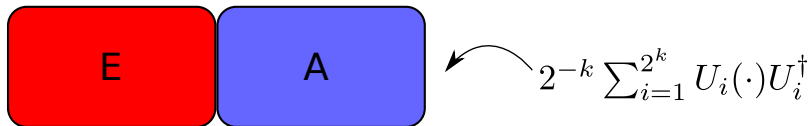


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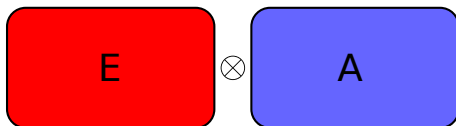


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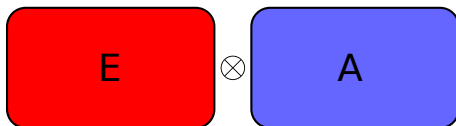


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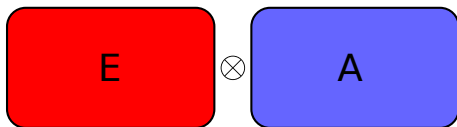
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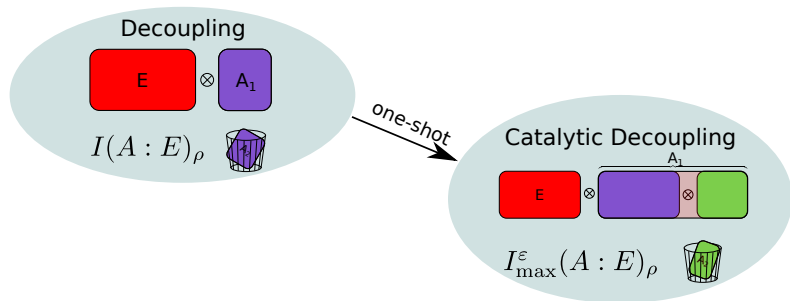
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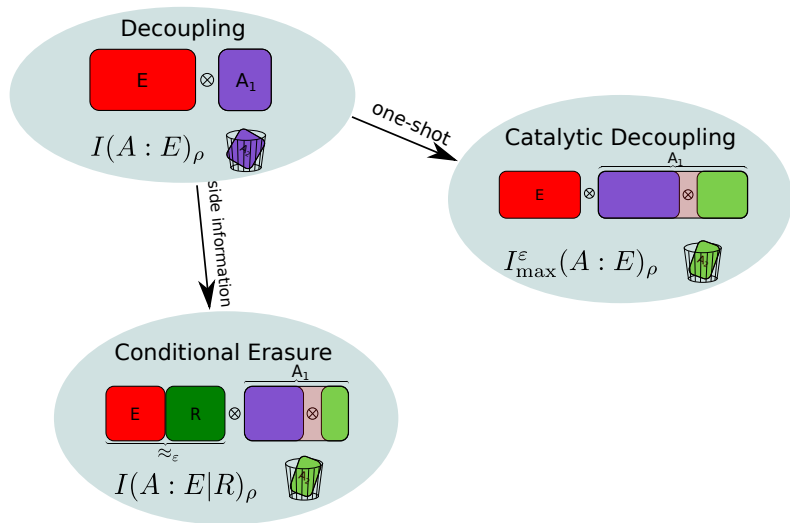
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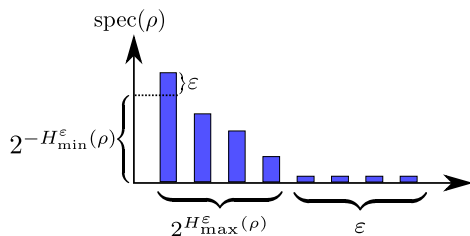
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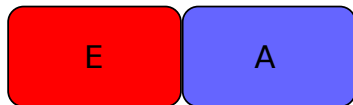
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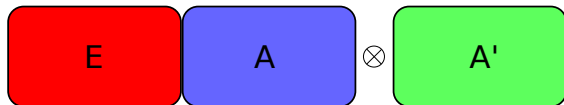


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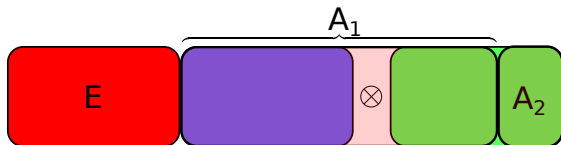


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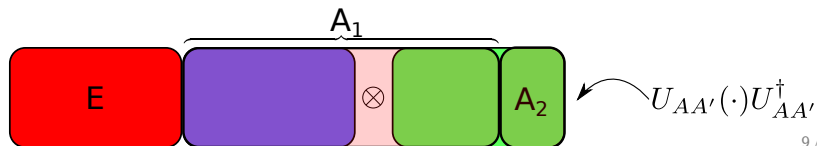


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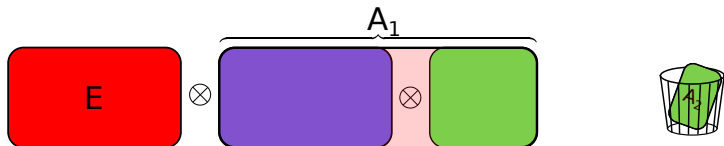


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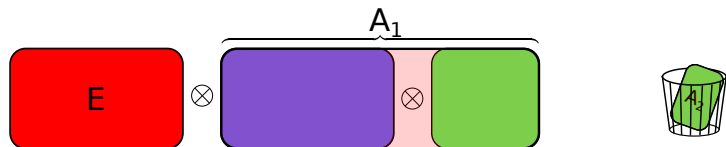


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- ▶ Two proofs, one using the techniques from Anshu et al. and Berta et al. respectively

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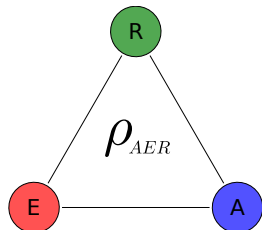
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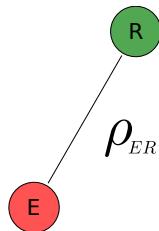
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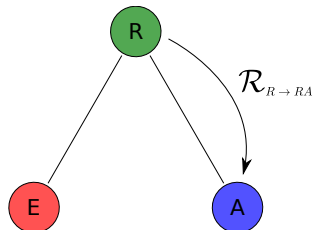
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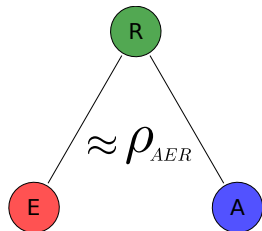
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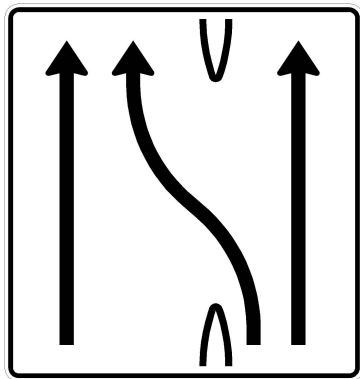
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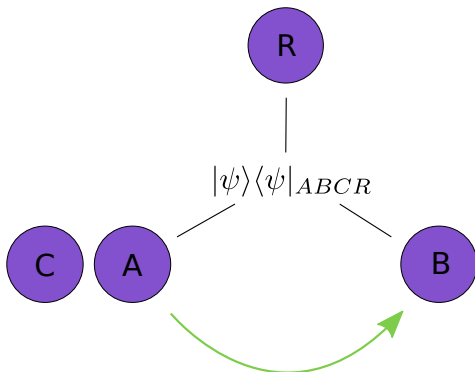
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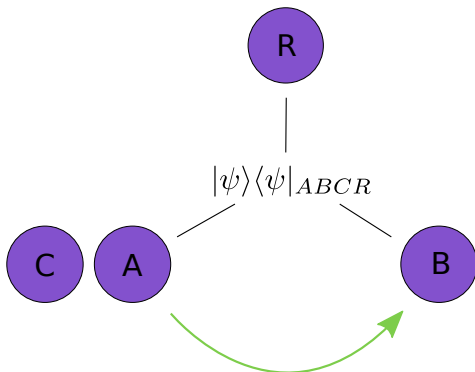
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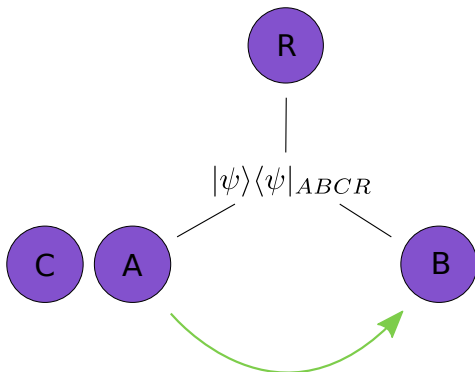
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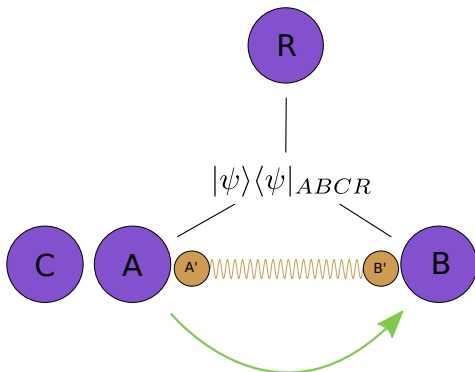
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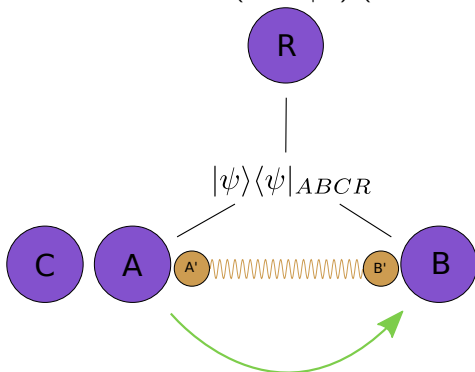
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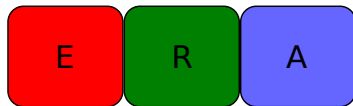
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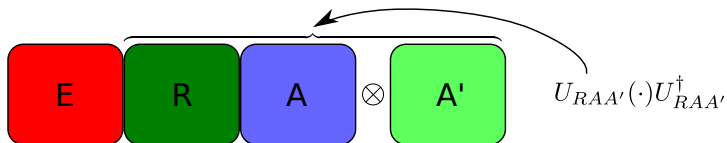


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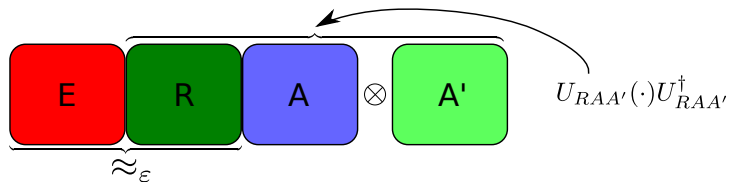


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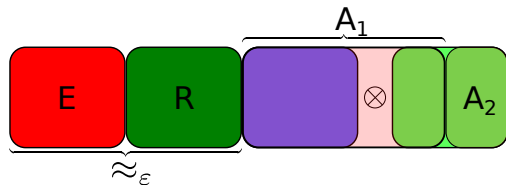


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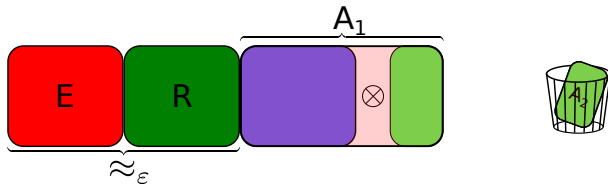


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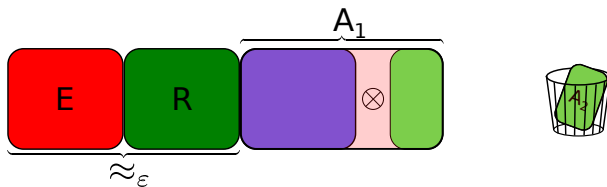
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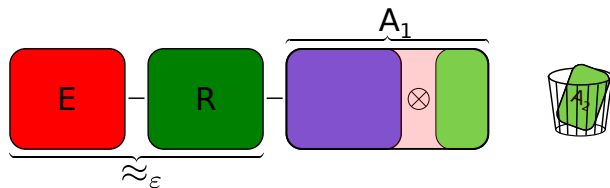
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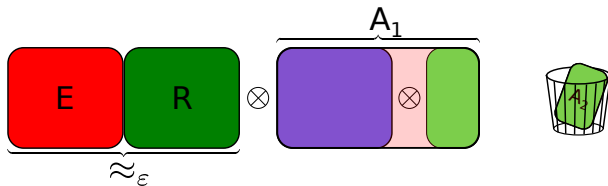
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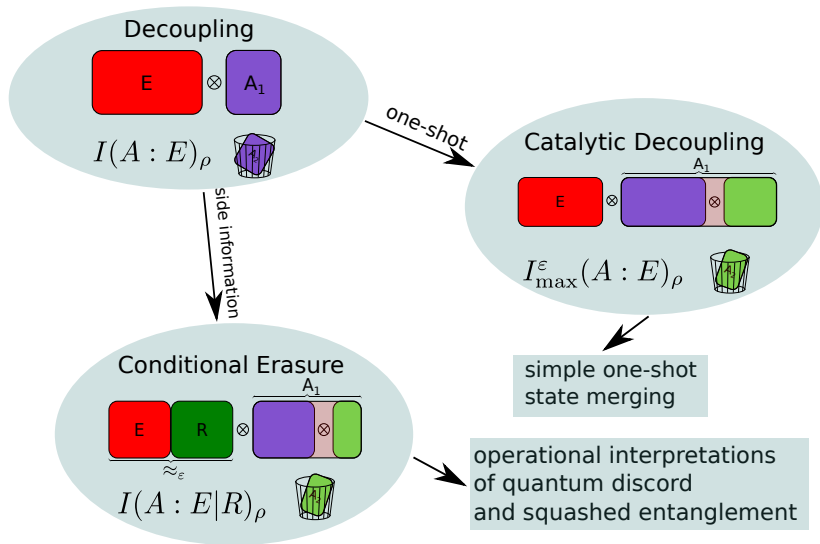
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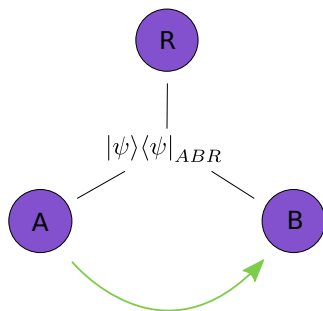
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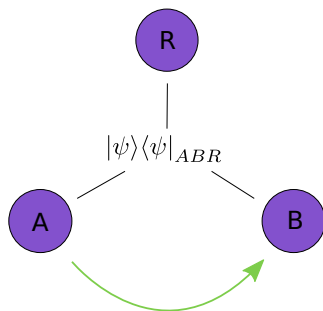
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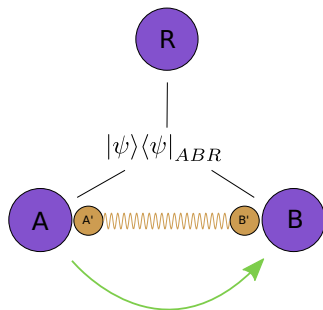




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