

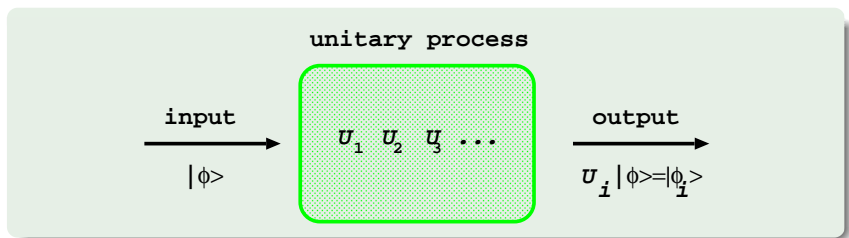
# Unitary Process Discrimination with Error Margin

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# Unitary process discrimination with error margin



- State discrimination  $\{|\phi_i\rangle \equiv U_i|\phi\rangle\}$
- Inconclusive result ("I don't know") is allowed
- Maximize the success probability  $P_{\text{success}}$
- **Margin on error probability  $P_{\text{error}} < m$** 
  - $m = 1$  : minimum-error discrimination
  - $m = 0$  : unambiguous discrimination
- Two solvable cases:
  - $\{U_1, U_2\}$  (two unitary processes)
  - $\{T_g\}_{g \in G}$  ( $T_g$  is a projective representation of a finite group  $G$ )

# Two unitary processes $\{U_1, U_2\}$

First, fix input  $|\phi\rangle$

## Two-state discriminaiton

- $\rho_1 = |\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1|$ ,  $|\phi_1\rangle \equiv U_1|\phi\rangle$   
 $\rho_2 = |\phi_2\rangle\langle\phi_2|$ ,  $|\phi_2\rangle \equiv U_2|\phi\rangle$
- We assume the same occurrence probabilities

## POVM $\{E_\mu\}_{\mu=1,2,3}$

$E_1$  for  $\rho_1$ ,  $E_2$  for  $\rho_2$ ,  $E_3 \equiv E_?$  for "I don't know",

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## Joint probabilities

The state is  $\rho_a$  and measurement outcome is  $\mu$ :

$$P_{\rho_a, E_\mu} = \text{tr}[E_\mu \rho_a]$$

## Success probability to be optimized

$$p_o = \frac{1}{2} \left( P_{\rho_1, E_1} + P_{\rho_2, E_2} \right)$$

## Margin $m$ on conditional error probabilities

$$P_{\rho_2|E_1} = \frac{\text{tr}[E_1\rho_2]}{\text{tr}[E_1\rho_1] + \text{tr}[E_1\rho_2]} \leq m$$

$$P_{\rho_1|E_2} = \frac{\text{tr}[E_2\rho_1]}{\text{tr}[E_2\rho_1] + \text{tr}[E_2\rho_2]} \leq m$$

$m = 1 \iff$  **Minimum error discrimination**  
$$p_o = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|^2} \right)$$

$m = 0 \iff$  **Unambiguous discrimination**  
$$p_o = 1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|$$

## Optimization

maximize:

$$\rho_o = \frac{1}{2} \left( \text{tr} [E_1 \rho_1] + \text{tr} [E_2 \rho_2] \right),$$

subject to:

$$E_1 \geq 0, \quad E_2 \geq 0,$$

$$E_1 + E_2 \leq 1,$$

$$\text{tr} [E_1 \rho_2] \leq m \left( \text{tr} [E_1 \rho_1] + \text{tr} [E_1 \rho_2] \right),$$

$$\text{tr} [E_2 \rho_1] \leq m \left( \text{tr} [E_2 \rho_1] + \text{tr} [E_2 \rho_2] \right).$$

**Equal occurrence probabilities**

**Semidefinite programming**

# Bloch vector representation

In the 2-dim subspace =  $\langle |\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle \rangle$

## Bloch vector representation

$$\rho_a = \frac{1 + \mathbf{n}_a \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}, \quad E_\mu = \alpha_\mu + \beta_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

## Optimization in terms of parameters $\{\alpha_\mu, \beta_\mu\}$

maximize:

$$\rho_o = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha_1 + \beta_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \right),$$

subject to:

$$\alpha_1 \geq |\beta_1|, \quad \alpha_2 \geq |\beta_2|,$$

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + |\beta_1 + \beta_2| \leq 1,$$

$$\alpha_1 + \beta_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \leq m \left( 2\alpha_1 + \beta_1 \cdot (\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2) \right),$$

$$\alpha_2 + \beta_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 \leq m \left( 2\alpha_2 + \beta_2 \cdot (\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2) \right).$$

$$p_o = \begin{cases} A_m \left(1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|\right), & (0 \leq m \leq m_c), \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|^2}\right), & (m_c \leq m \leq 1), \end{cases}$$

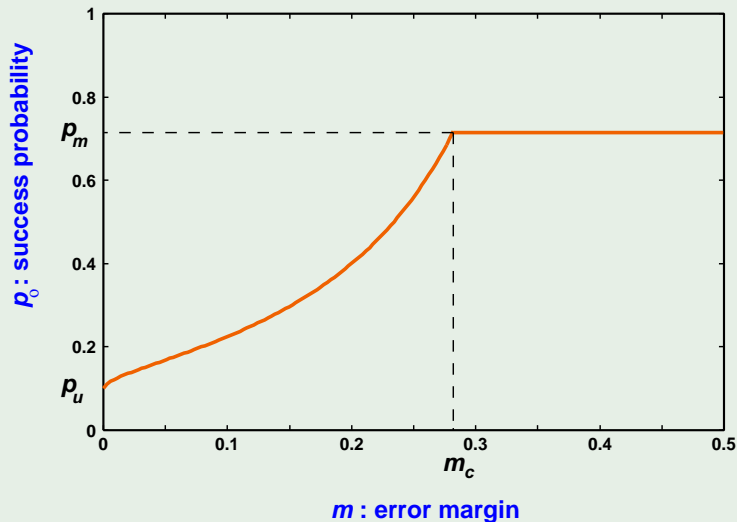
where

$$m_c = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|^2}\right),$$

and  $A_m$  is an increasing function of error margin and defined to be

$$A_m = \frac{1 - m}{(1 - 2m)^2} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{m(1 - m)}\right).$$

# Success probability $p_o(m)$



$p_m$  : minimum error discrimination

$p_u$  : unambiguous discrimination



## Strong conditions

$$P_{\rho_2|E_1} \leq m, \quad P_{\rho_1|E_2} \leq m$$

$$p_o = A_m \left( 1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle| \right),$$
$$(0 \leq m \leq m_c)$$

$$A_m \equiv \frac{1-m}{(1-2m)^2} \left( 1 + 2\sqrt{m(1-m)} \right)$$

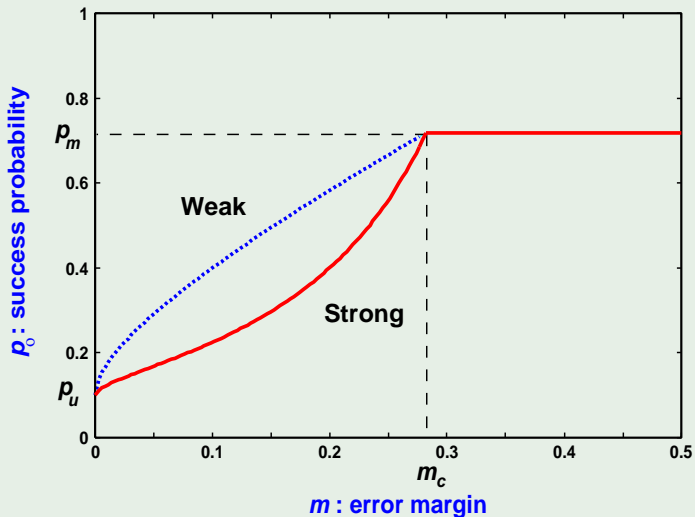
## Weak conditions

$$p_{\times} = P_{E_1, \rho_2} + P_{E_2, \rho_1} \leq m$$

$$p_o = \left( \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|} \right)^2,$$
$$(0 \leq m \leq m_c)$$

POVM  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  : rank 0 or 1

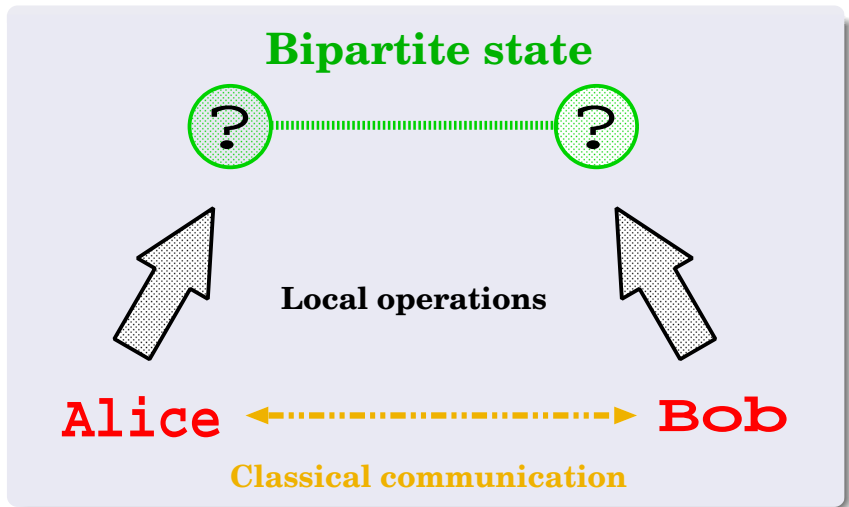
# Strong and weak error-margin conditions II



$p_m$  : minimum error discrimination

$p_u$  : unambiguous discrimination

## Local Operations and Classical Communication (LOCC)



# Two Orthogonal pure states

Two orthogonal pure states can be perfectly discriminated by LOCC:(Local Operations and Classical Communication)  
(Walgate *et al.*, 2000)

Example :

$$|\phi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle|0\rangle + |1\rangle|1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle|+\rangle + |-\rangle|-\rangle)$$

$$|\phi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle|0\rangle - |1\rangle|1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle|-\rangle + |-\rangle|+\rangle)$$

$$\text{where, } |\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle)$$

In general, if  $\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle = 0$

$$\begin{cases} |\phi_1\rangle = \sum_i |i\rangle|\xi_i\rangle \\ |\phi_2\rangle = \sum_i |i\rangle|\eta_i\rangle \end{cases}, \text{ where } \begin{cases} |i\rangle : \text{Orthonormal basis} \\ \langle \xi_i | \eta_i \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Local discrimination

Two **non-orthogonal** pure states (generally entangled) can be optimally discriminated by LOCC.

Discrimination with minimum error:

Virmani *et al.* (2001)

$$\text{Error margin : } m_c \leq m \leq 1, \quad m_c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - |\langle \phi_1 | \phi_2 \rangle|^2 \right)$$

Unambiguous discrimination:

Chen *et al.* (2001,2002), Ji *et al.* (2005)

$$\text{Error margin : } m = 0$$

## We can show

For **any error margin**, two pure states can be optimally discriminated by LOCC.

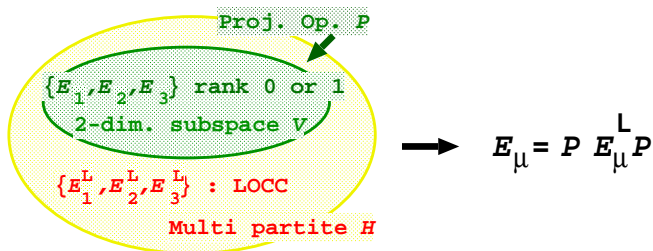
# Three-element POVM of rank 0 or 1

## Optimal POVM of discrimination with error margin

$\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  : each element is of rank 0 or 1

## Theorem

Let  $V$  be a **two**-dimensional subspace of a multipartite tensor-product space  $H$ , and  $P$  be the projector onto the subspace  $V$ . Then, for any **three-element** POVM  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  of  $V$  with every element being of rank 0 or 1, there exists a one-way LOCC POVM  $\{E_1^L, E_2^L, E_3^L\}$  of  $H$  such that  $E_\mu = P E_\mu^L P$  ( $\mu = 1, 2, 3$ ).



# Unitary process $\{U_1, U_2\}$ discrimination I

## Discrimination between states $\{|\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle\}$

$$P_{\max}(m, |\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle) = f(m, |\langle\phi_1|\phi_2\rangle|)$$

$$f(m, s) = \begin{cases} (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{1-s})^2, & 0 \leq m < \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-s^2}) \\ \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1-s^2}), & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-s^2}) \leq m \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

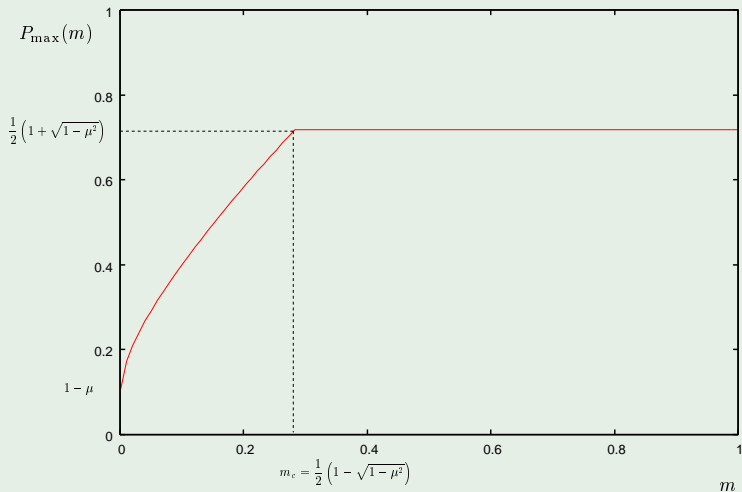
- $f(m, s)$  is decreasing with respect to  $s$

## Discrimination between processes $\{U_1, U_2\}$

$$P_{\max}^{\text{pure}}(m) = \max_{|\phi\rangle} P_{\max}(m, |\phi_1\rangle, |\phi_2\rangle) = f(m, \mu)$$
$$\mu \equiv \min_{|\phi\rangle} |\langle\phi|U_1^\dagger U_2|\phi\rangle|$$

**Remark:** The optimal success probability is attained by a pure-state input, since  $P_{\max}^{\text{pure}}(m)$  is concave with respect to  $m$

# Discrimination between processes $\{U_1, U_2\}$ II



$m$  : error margin

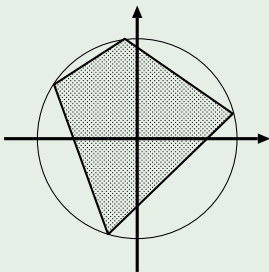
$$\mu \equiv \min_{|\phi\rangle} |\langle \phi | U_1^+ U_2 | \phi \rangle|$$



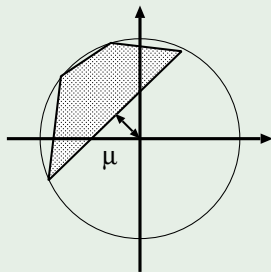
## Minimum fidelity $\mu$

$$\mu \equiv \min_{|\phi\rangle} |\langle \phi | U_1^\dagger U_2 | \phi \rangle| = \min_{q_a \geq 0, \sum_a q_a = 1} \left| \sum_{a=1}^d q_a e^{i\theta_a} \right|$$

where  $\{e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_d}\}$  are eigenvalues of  $U_1^\dagger U_2$



$\mu=0$



$\mu>0$

# Unitary processes $\{T_g\}_{g \in G}$ : $T_g$ is a unitary projective representation of a finite group $G$

## Unitary projective representation

$$T_g T_h = c_{g,h} T_{gh} \quad (T_g^\dagger = T_g^{-1}, |c_{g,h}| = 1, g, h \in G)$$

where  $\{c_{g,h}\}$  is a factor set.

## State discrimination

$$\left\{ P_{\phi_g} = \frac{1}{|G|}, |\phi_g\rangle = T_g |\phi\rangle \right\}_{g \in G}$$

where  $|G|$  is the order of  $G$ .

## Covariant POVM

Optimal POVM  $\{E_g, E_?\}$  can be assumed covariant:

$$T_g E_? T_g^+ = E_?, \quad T_g E_h T_g^+ = E_{gh}$$

## Optimization with covariant POVM

maximize:  $P_o = \langle \phi | E_1 | \phi \rangle$

subject to:  $E_1 \geq 0, \quad \sum_{g \in G} T_g E_1 T_g^+ \leq 1$

weak error-margin condition

$$P_x = \sum_{h(\neq 1)} \langle \phi | T_h^+ E_1 T_h | \phi \rangle \leq m$$

## If $\{T_g\}$ is irreducible (I)

By Schur's lemma

$$\sum_{g \in G} T_g E_1 T_g^+ = \frac{|G|}{d} \text{tr}[E_1] \cdot \mathbf{1} \quad (d = \text{dimension})$$

Completeness of POVM :  $\sum_{g \in G} T_g E_1 T_g^+ \leq \mathbf{1}$

$$P_o = \text{tr}[E_1 \rho] \leq \text{tr}[E_1] \leq \frac{d}{|G|}$$

Error-margin condition :  $\sum_{g(\neq 1)} \text{tr}[T_g^+ E_1 T_g \rho] \leq m$

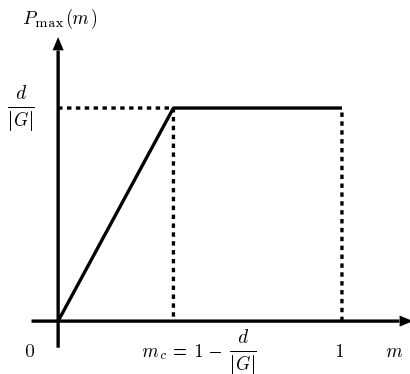
$$P_o = \text{tr}[E_1 \rho] \leq \text{tr}[E_1] \leq \frac{m}{\frac{|G|}{d} - 1}$$

## If $\{T_g\}$ is irreducible (II)

### Maximal success probability

$$P_{\max}(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{m}{\frac{|G|}{d}-1}, & (0 \leq m \leq m_c) \\ \frac{d}{|G|}, & (m_c \leq m \leq 1) \end{cases}$$

$$m_c = 1 - \frac{d}{|G|}$$



For any  $E_1 \geq 0$

$$\kappa \sum_{g \in G} T_g E_1 T_g^+ \geq E_1, \quad \kappa \equiv \sum_r \frac{\min(m_r, d_r) d_r}{|G|}$$

$|G|$  = order of  $G$ ,  $r$  = irreducible representation

$d_r$  = dimension of  $r$ ,  $m_r$  = multiplicity of  $r$

(Proof: orthogonality of representation matrices and Schwarz inequality)

**Note:**  $\sum_r \frac{d_r d_r}{|G|} = 1$  (Plancherel measure)

**Completeness of POVM :**  $\sum_{g \in G} T_g E_1 T_g^+ \leq 1$

$$P_o = \text{tr} [E_1 \rho] \leq \text{tr} [E_1] \leq \kappa$$

**Error-margin condition :**  $\sum_{g(\neq 1)} \text{tr} [T_g^+ E_1 T_g \rho] \leq m$

$$P_o = \text{tr} [E_1 \rho] \leq \text{tr} [E_1] \leq \frac{\kappa}{1 - \kappa} m$$

## Maximal success probability

$$P_{\circ}^{\max}(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{\kappa}{1-\kappa} m, & (0 \leq m \leq m_c) \\ \kappa, & (m_c \leq m \leq 1) \end{cases}$$
$$m_c = 1 - \kappa$$
$$\kappa = \sum_r \frac{\min(m_r, d_r) d_r}{|G|}$$

**Note :** With a sufficient large ancilla,

$$\kappa \rightarrow \sum_{r(m_r \geq 1)} \frac{d_r^2}{|G|} \rightarrow \sum_r \frac{d_r^2}{|G|} = 1 \text{ (Plancherel measure)}$$

## Optimal input and POVM

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa}} \sum_r \sum_{a=1}^{\min(m_r, d_r)} \sqrt{\frac{d_r}{|G|}} |r, a, a\rangle$$
$$E_1 = P_{\circ}^{\max}(m) |\phi\rangle \langle \phi|$$

## Example I : Super dense coding in $d$ dimension

- Define unitaries  $T_{mn}$  on  $C^d$

$$T_{mn} = X^m Z^n \quad (m, n = 0, 1, \dots, d-1)$$

$$X = \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} |a\rangle\langle a+1|, \quad (\sim \sigma_x)$$

$$Z = \sum_{a=0}^{d-1} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{d}a} |a\rangle\langle a|, \quad (\sim \sigma_z)$$

$$XZ = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{d}} ZX$$

- $\{T_{mn}\}$  is an irreducible projective representation of  $G = Z_d \times Z_d$

$$T_{mn} T_{m'n'} = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{d}nm'} T_{m+m', n+n'}$$

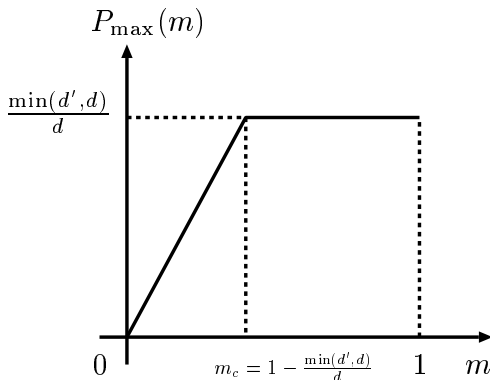
- For  $C^d \otimes C^{d'}$  (ancilla),  $d_r = d, m_r = d', |G| = d^2$



## Maximum success probability of $\{T_{nm}\}$

$$P_{\circ}^{\max}(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{d}}{d - \tilde{d}} m, & (0 \leq m \leq m_c) \\ \frac{d}{d}, & (m_c \leq m \leq 1) \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{d} = \min(d', d), \quad m_c = 1 - \frac{\tilde{d}}{d}$$



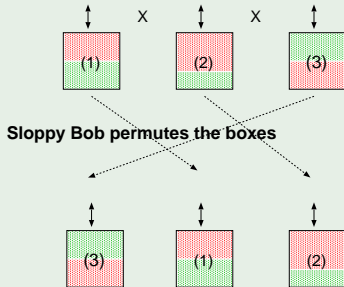
## Example II : Color coding (symmetric group $S_N$ )

- Consider  $(C^d)^{\otimes N}$
- Permutation of  $N$  subsystems :  $T_\sigma$  ( $\sigma \in S_N$ ) on  $(C^d)^{\otimes N}$
- $\{T_\sigma\}_{\sigma \in S_N}$  is a representation of  $S_N$

Korff and Kempe (PRL 2005)

A. Hayashi, T. Hashimoto, and M. Horibe (PRA 2005)

Alice :  $N=3$  boxes,  $d=2$  quantum colors (0 or 1)



Alice guesses which box contains which object.

$N$  : number of boxes     $d$  : number of colors

- $N = 3, d = 2$

$$P_{\circ}^{\text{classical}} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P_{\circ} = P_{\circ}^{\text{ancilla}} = \frac{5}{6}$$

- $N = 4, d = 2$

$$P_{\circ}^{\text{classical}} = ?, \quad P_{\circ} = \frac{13}{24}, \quad P_{\circ}^{\text{ancilla}} = \frac{14}{24}$$

When  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$P_{\circ} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{if } d \sim \frac{N}{e} \quad (\text{Korff and Kempe})$$

$$P_{\circ}^{\text{ancilla}} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{if } d \sim 2\sqrt{N} \quad (\text{HHH})$$

# Strong error-margin condition

## Error-margin condition

$$P_{\times|E_1} \equiv \frac{\sum_{g(\neq 1)} \text{tr} [\rho T_g E_1 T_g^+]}{\sum_g \text{tr} [\rho T_g E_1 T_g^+]} \leq m$$

$$\text{tr} [\rho E_1] \leq \kappa \text{tr} \left[ \rho \sum_g T_g E_1 T_g^+ \right] \leq \frac{\kappa}{1-m} \text{tr} [\rho E_1]$$

## Maximum success probability

$$P_{\circ}^{\max}(m) = \begin{cases} 0, & (0 \leq m < m_c) \\ \kappa, & m_c \leq m \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$m_c = 1 - \kappa, \quad \kappa = \sum_r \frac{\min(m_r, d_r) d_r}{|G|}$$

- Unitary process discrimination with error margin
- Two-unitary case,  $\{U_1, U_2\}$ , solved
- Group representation case,  $\{T_g\}_{g \in G}$ , solved
  - Unambiguous discrimination ( $m = 0$ ) :  $P_{\circ}^{\max}(0) = 0$  or  $1$
  - Weak error margin :  $P_{\circ}^{\max}(m)$  is linear in  $m$  for  $m \leq m_c$
  - Strong error margin :  $P_{\circ}^{\max}(m) = 0$  for  $m \leq m_c$
- Many applications (super dense coding, color coding,  $\dots$ )
  - Ancilla
  - Entangled input state for multiple uses of the process

## Appendix 1

(The strong condition is stronger than the weak condition)

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\mathbf{x}} &= P_{E_1, \rho_2} + P_{E_2, \rho_1} \\ &= P_{\rho_2|E_1} P_{E_1} + P_{\rho_1|E_2} P_{E_2} \\ &\leq m(P_{E_1} + P_{E_2}) \\ &\leq m\end{aligned}$$