

# **From Communication Complexity to an Entanglement Spread Area Law**

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**Communication Complexity**

**Ground State Entanglement**

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Ground State Entanglement

**Alice**

$x$  ●

**Bob**

●  $y$

**Jointly evaluate  $f(x, y)$**

**Alice**

$x$



**Bob**

$y$



**Jointly evaluate  $f(x, y)$**

**Communication Complexity =**

**Minimum number of exchanged bits to evaluate  $f(x, y)$**

**Alice**

*A* ●

**Bob**

● *B*

**Jointly perform  $U_{AB}$**

**Alice**

*A* ●

**Bob**

● *B*

**Jointly prepare  $|\Omega\rangle_{AB}$**

# Testing Bipartite States

Alice

Bob



$|\psi\rangle_{AB}$

Test whether the shared state is  $|\Omega\rangle_{AB}$



# Testing Bipartite States

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Bob



$$|\psi\rangle_{AB}$$

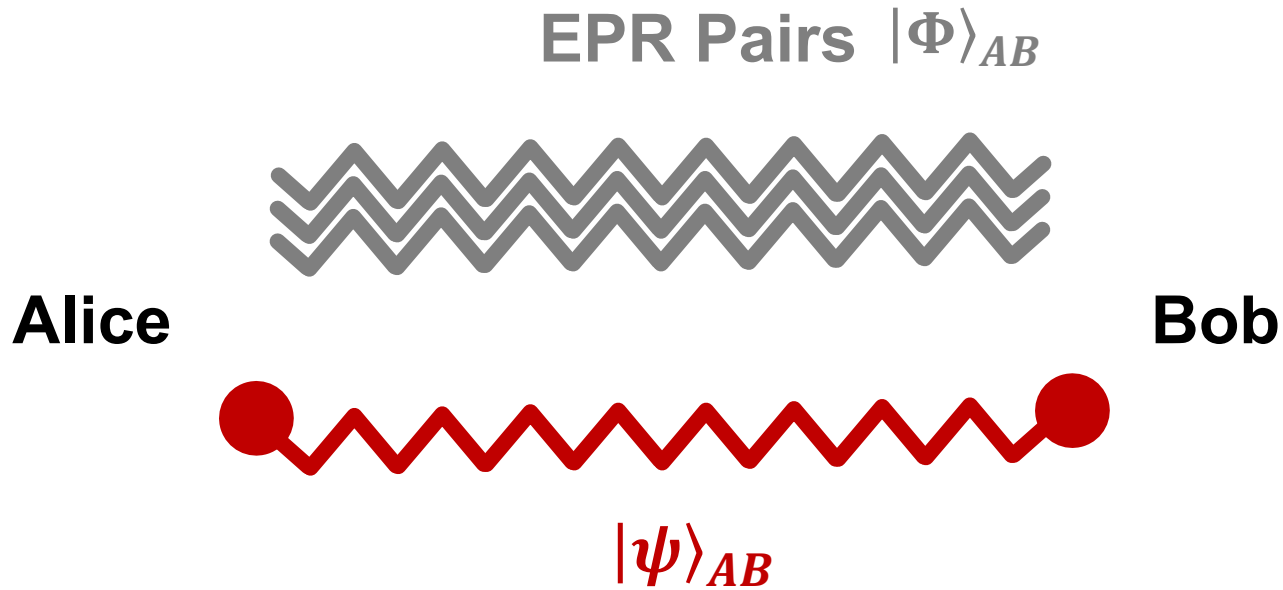
YES

NO

$$\{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|_{AB}, I - |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|_{AB}\}$$

**Two-Outcome Measurement**

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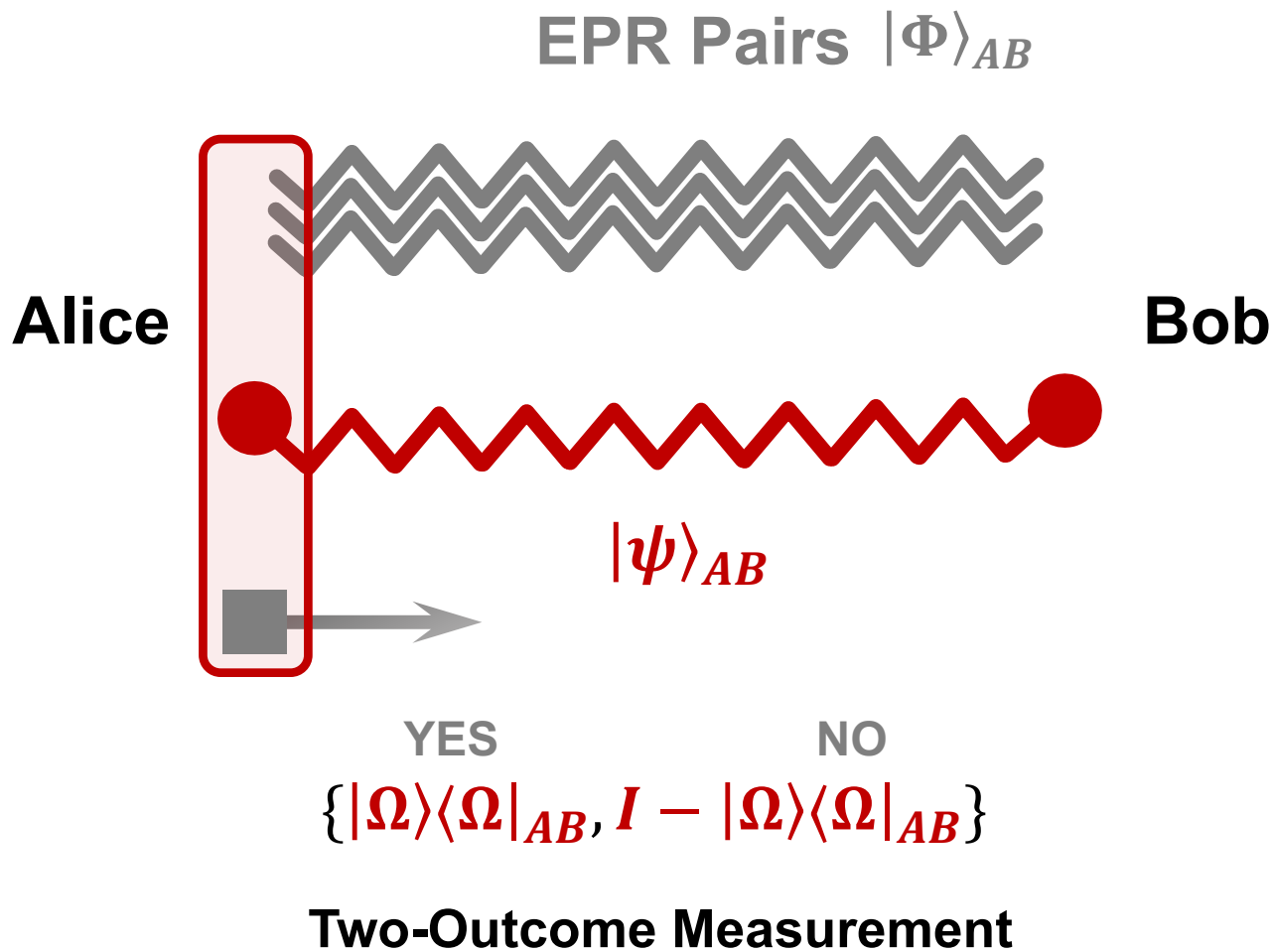


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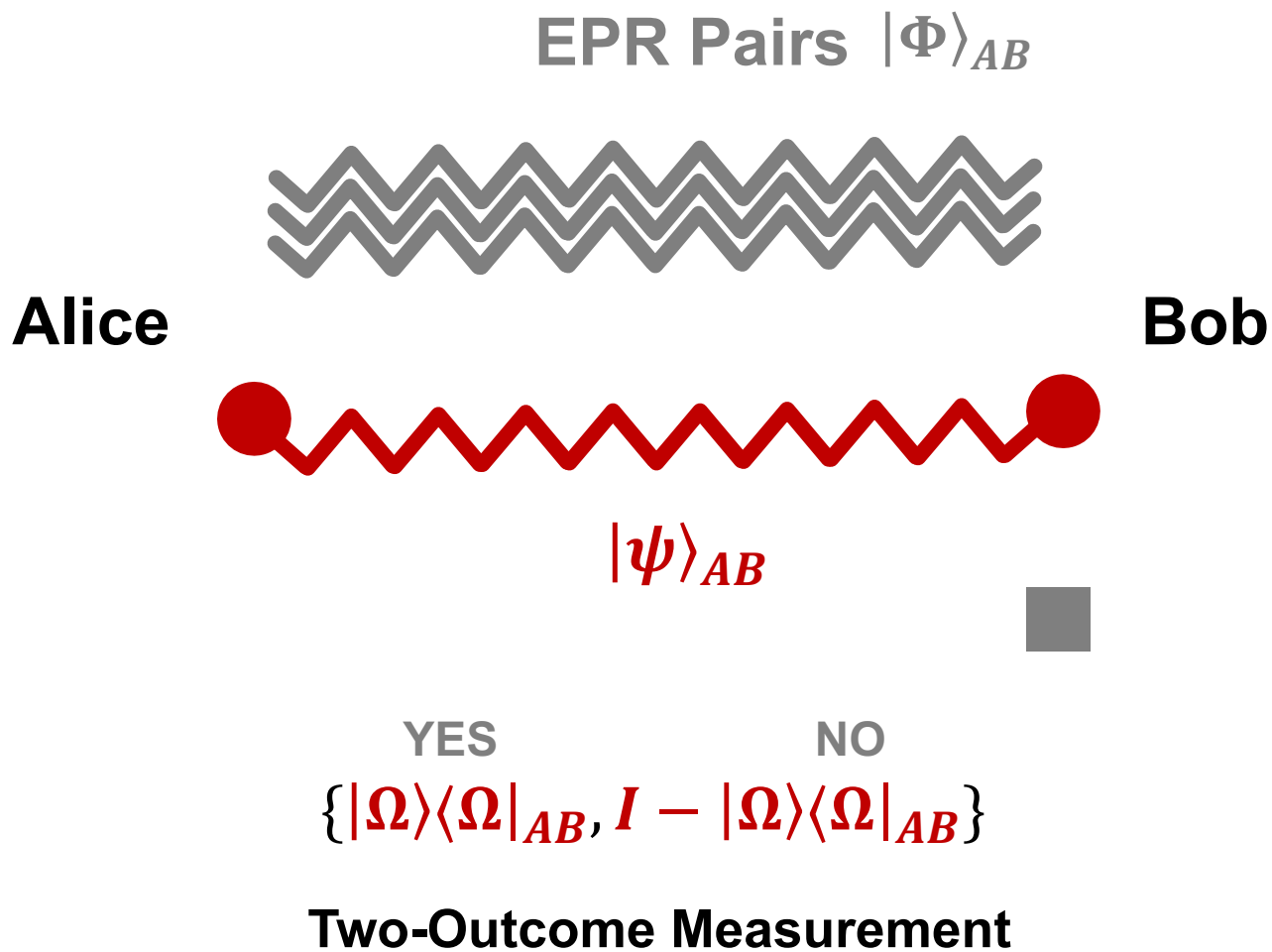
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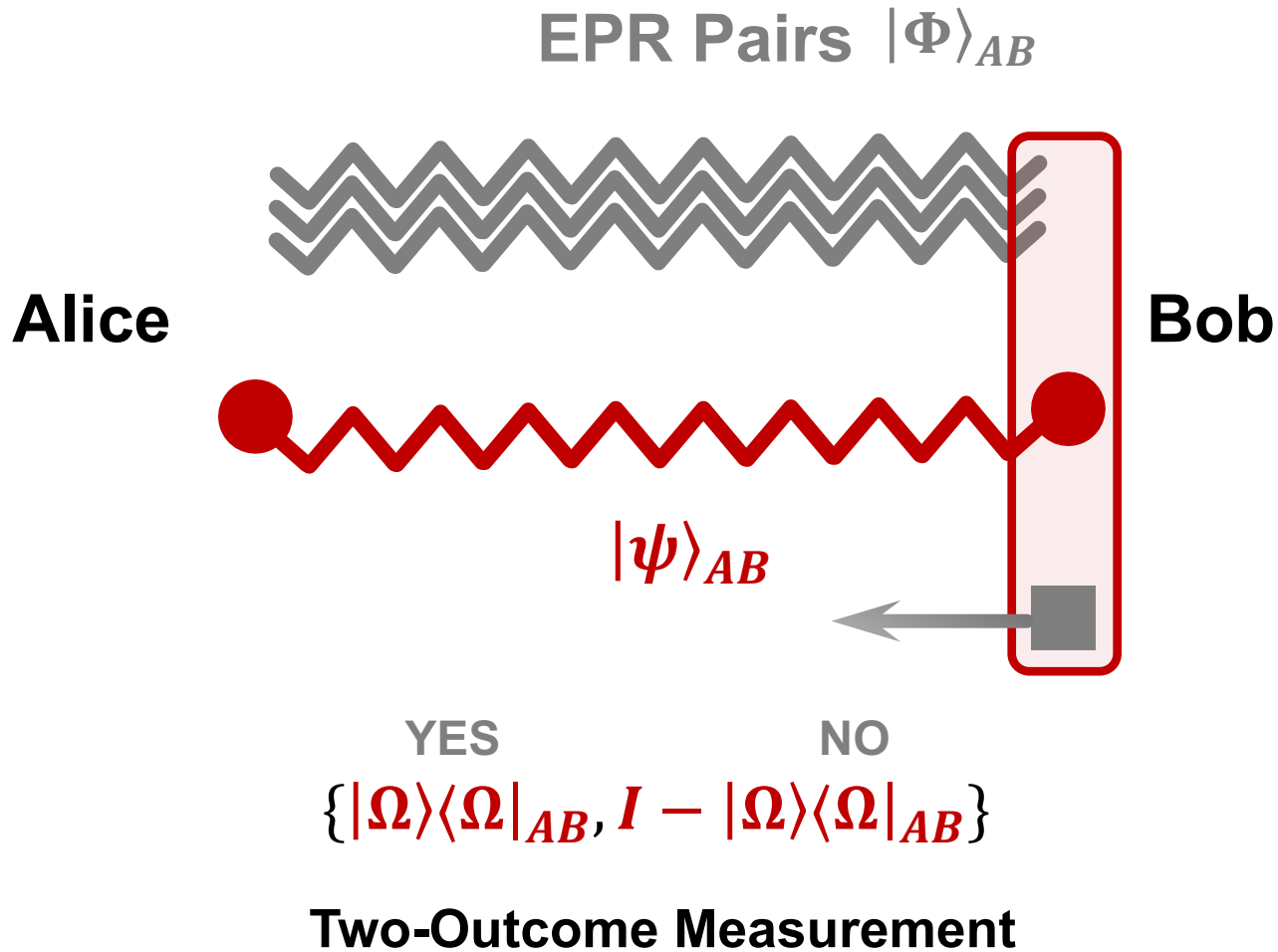
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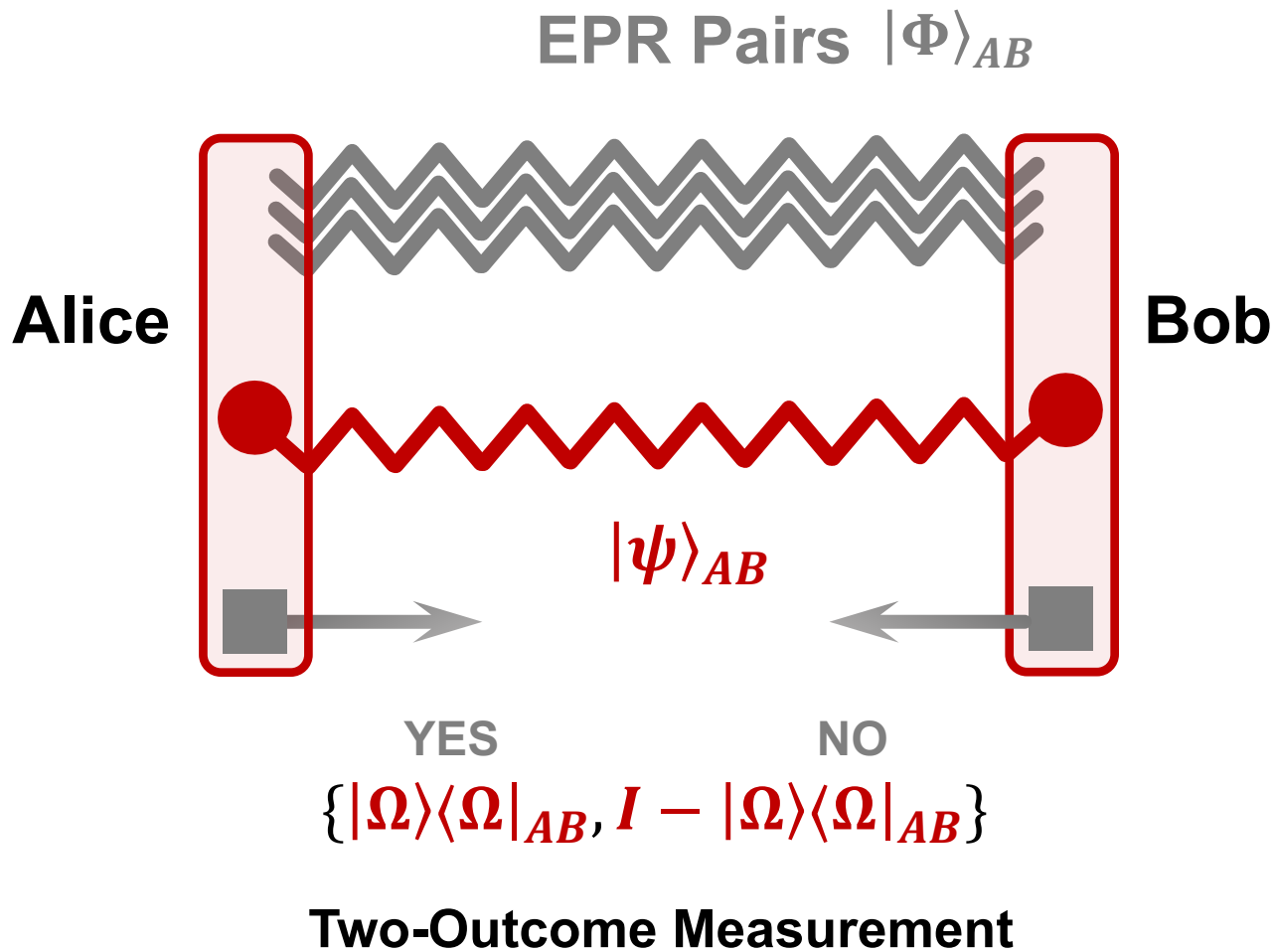
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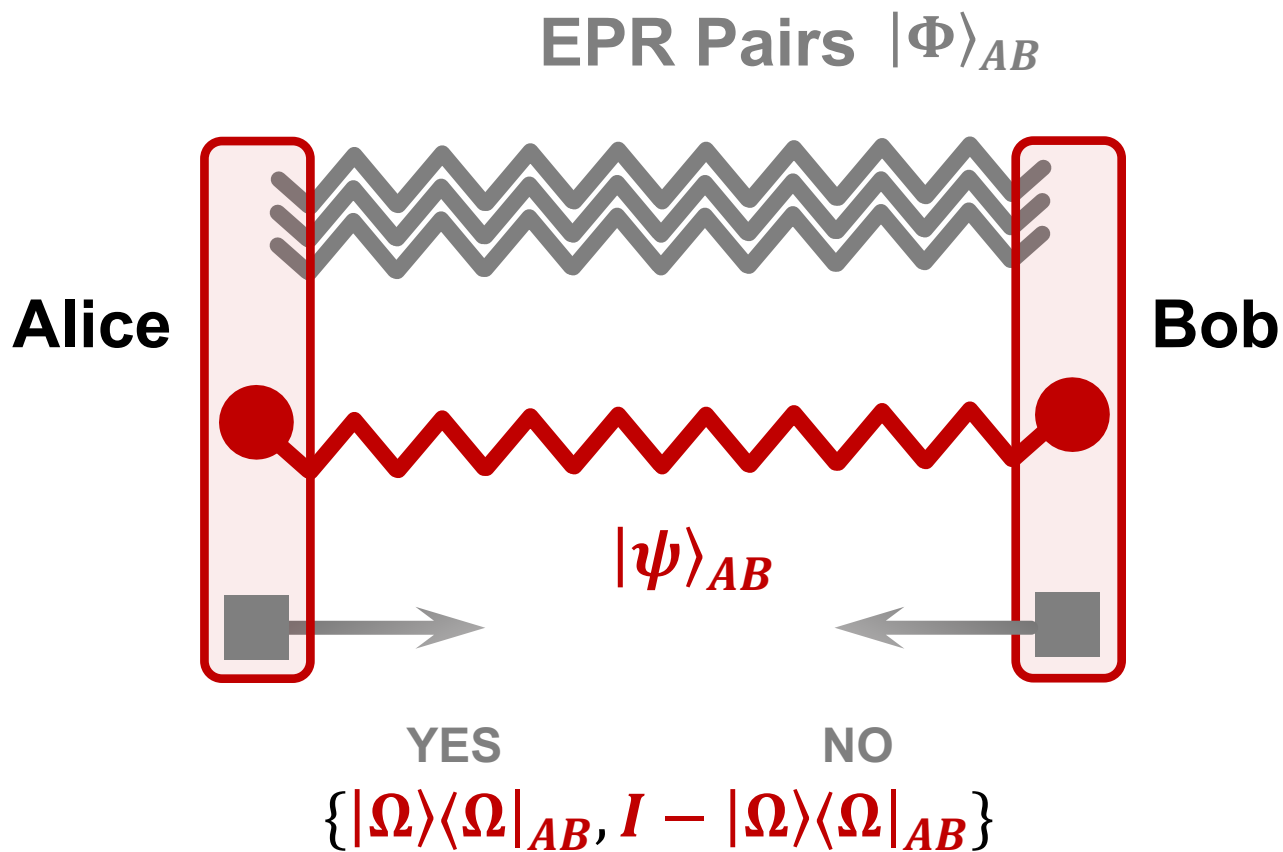
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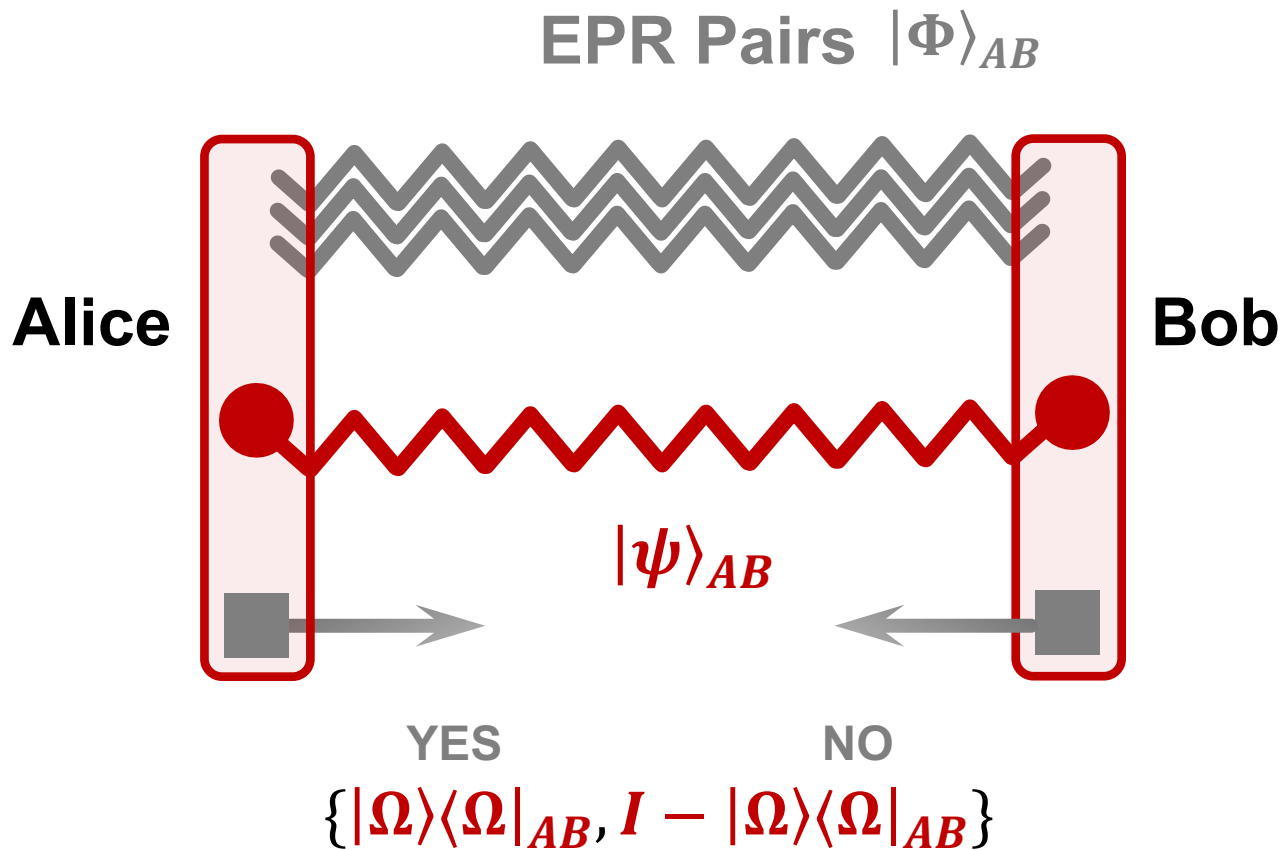
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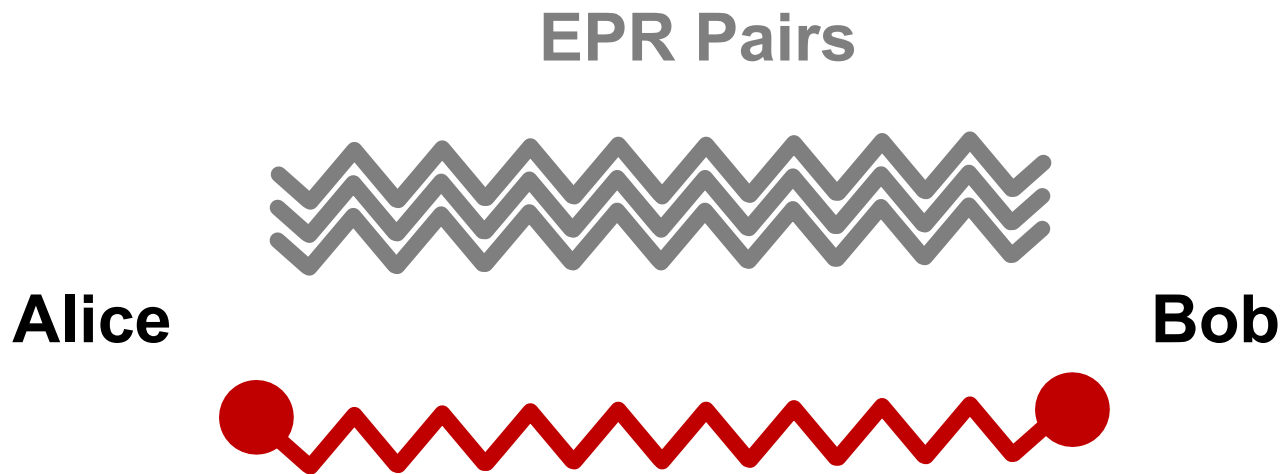


Two-Outcome Measurement

$C_\varepsilon(\Omega_{AB}) =$  Minimum # of exchanged **qubits**  
to perform  $\varepsilon$  **approximation** of  $\{|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|_{AB}, I - |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|_{AB}\}$

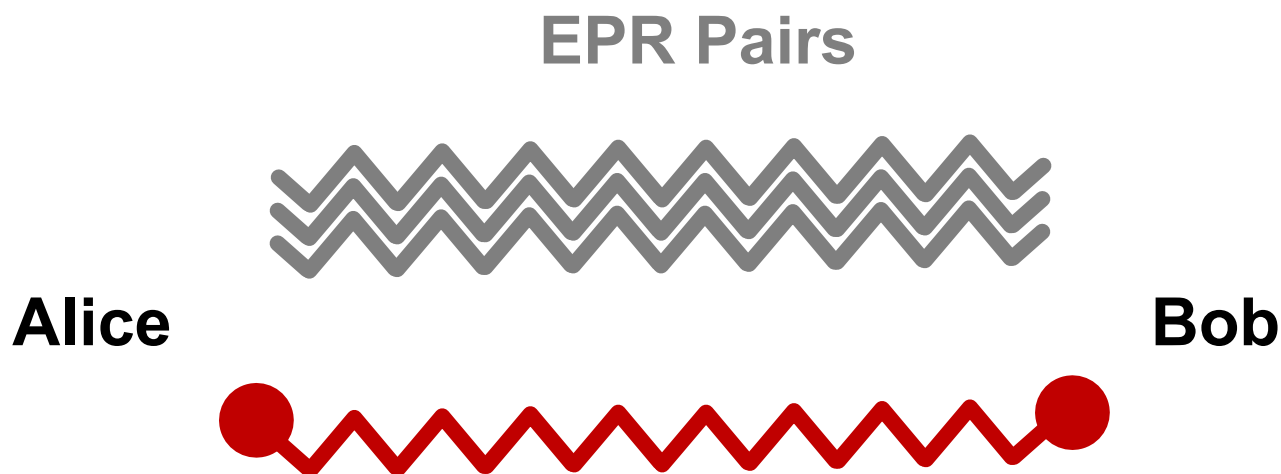


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What property of  $|\Omega\rangle_{AB}$  determines  $C_\varepsilon(\Omega_{AB})$ ?

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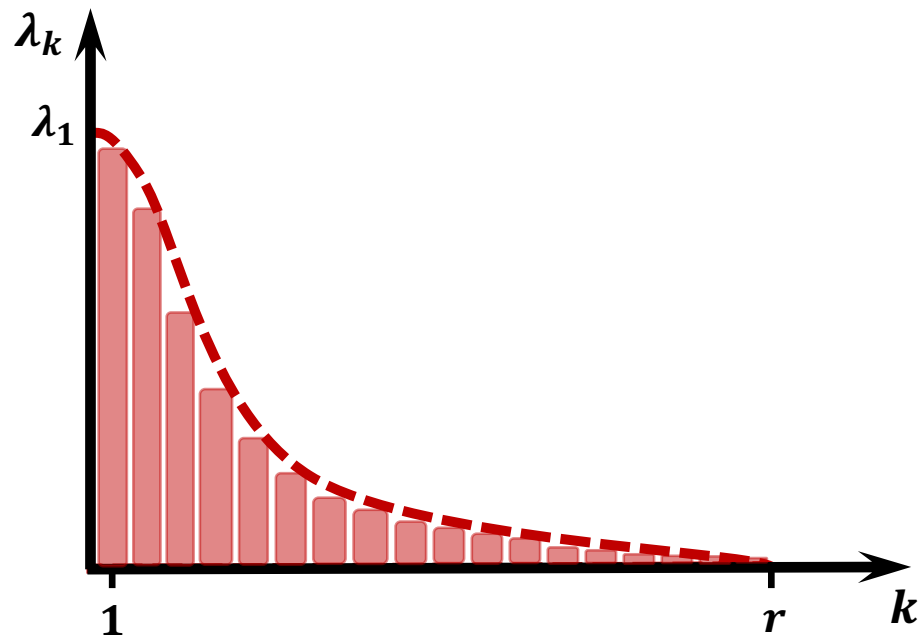


$$|\Omega\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{k=1}^r \sqrt{\lambda_k} |k\rangle_A |k\rangle_B$$

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_r = 1$$

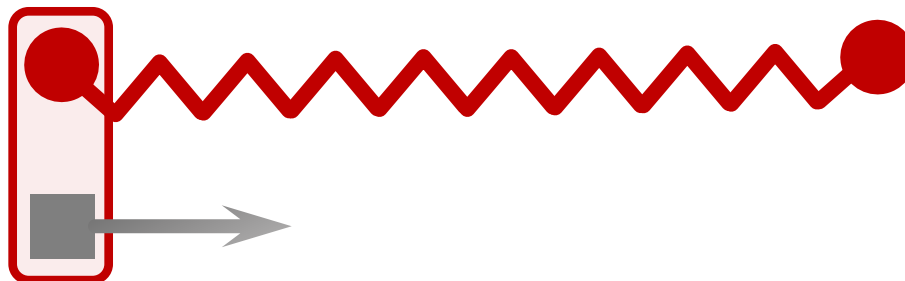
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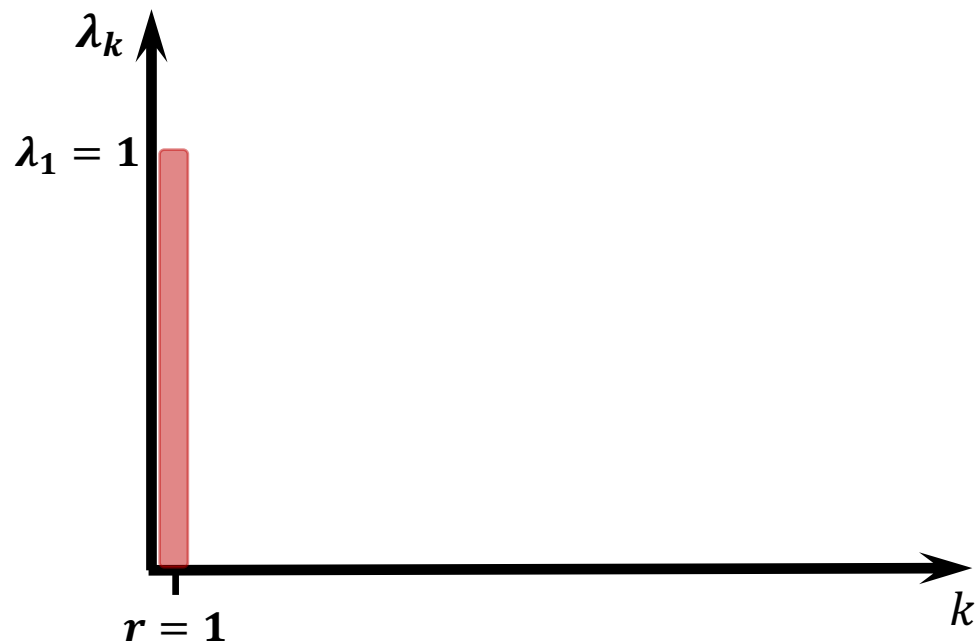
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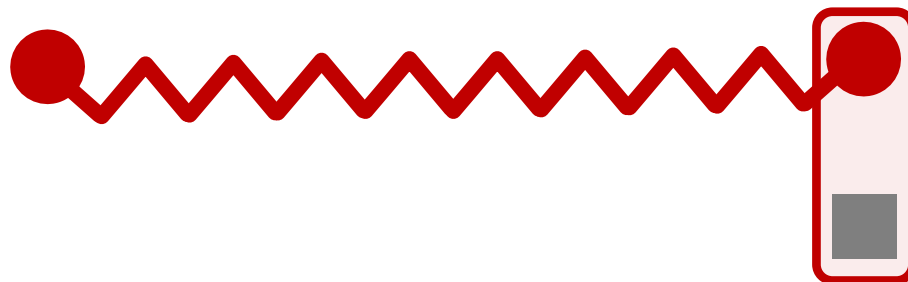
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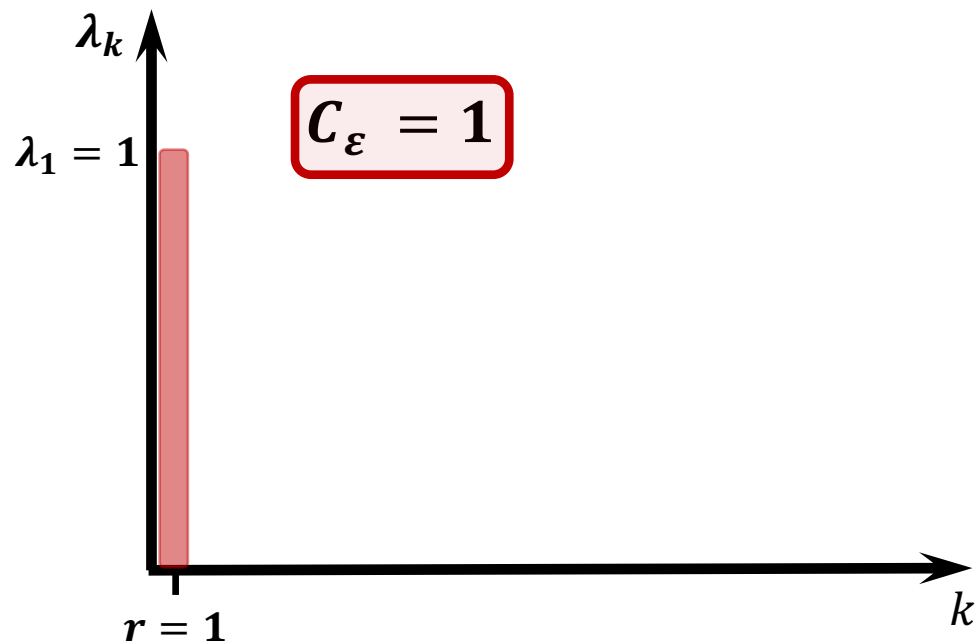
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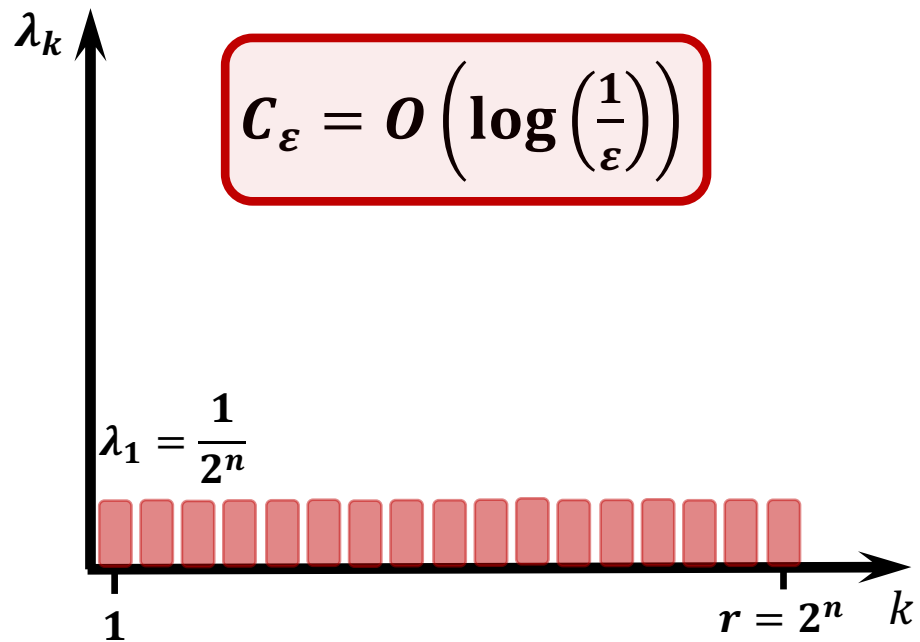
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[AHL+14]

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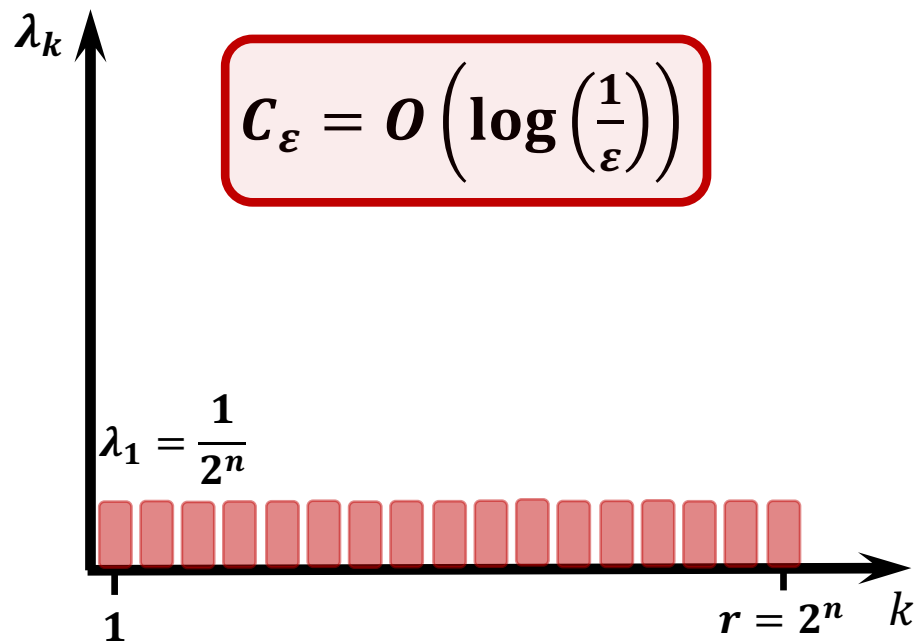
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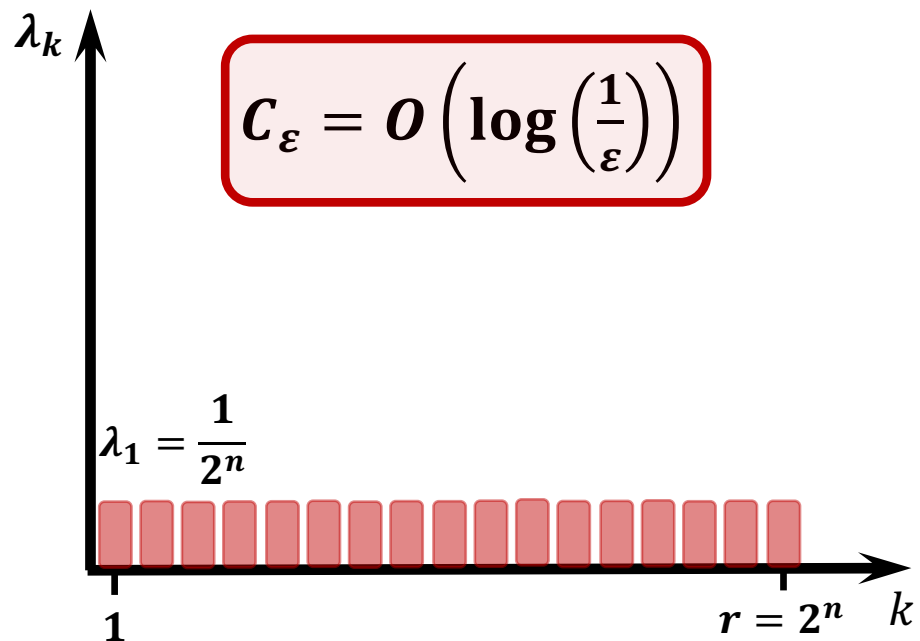
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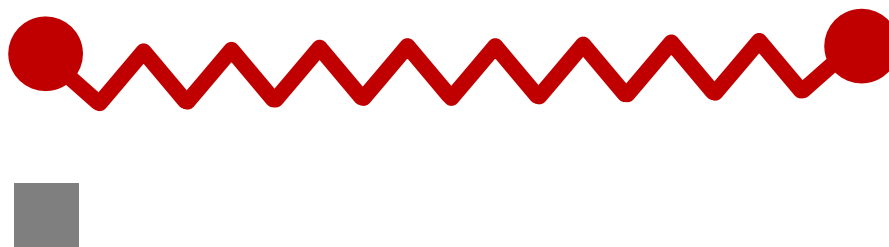
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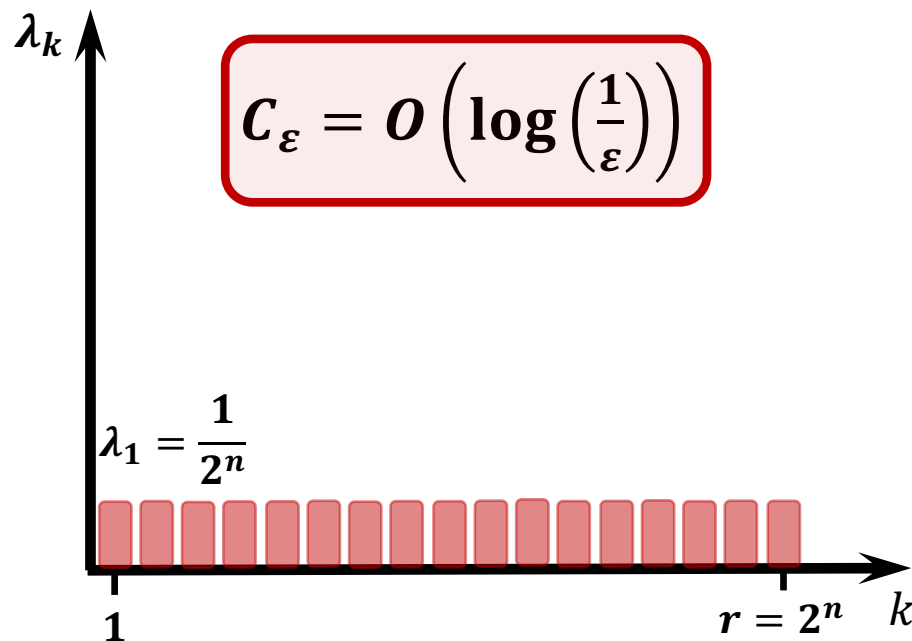
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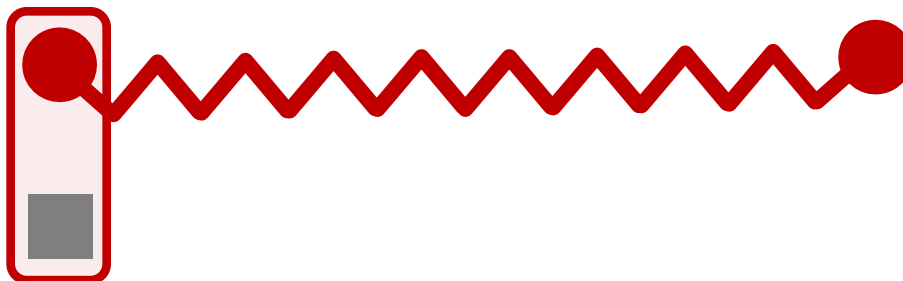




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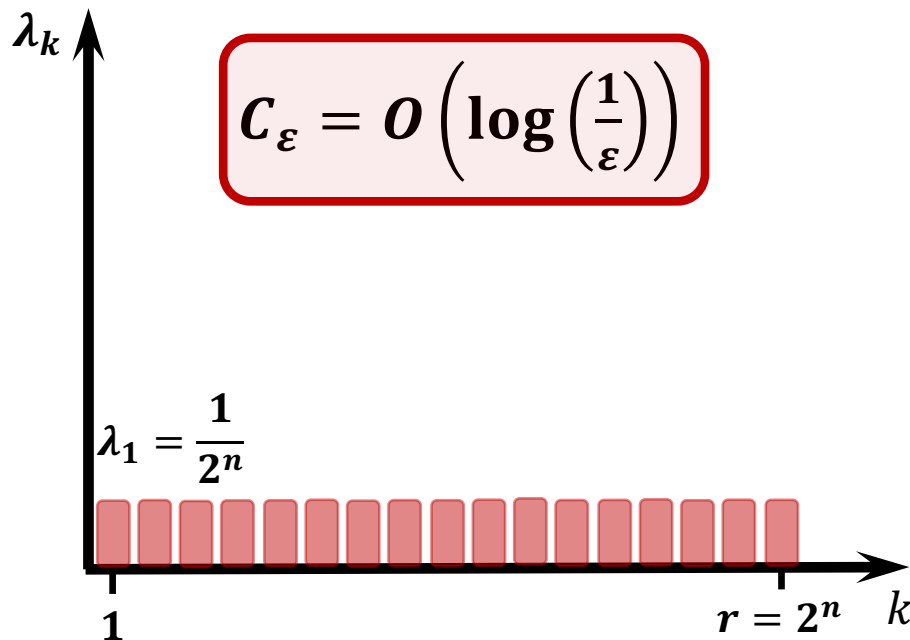
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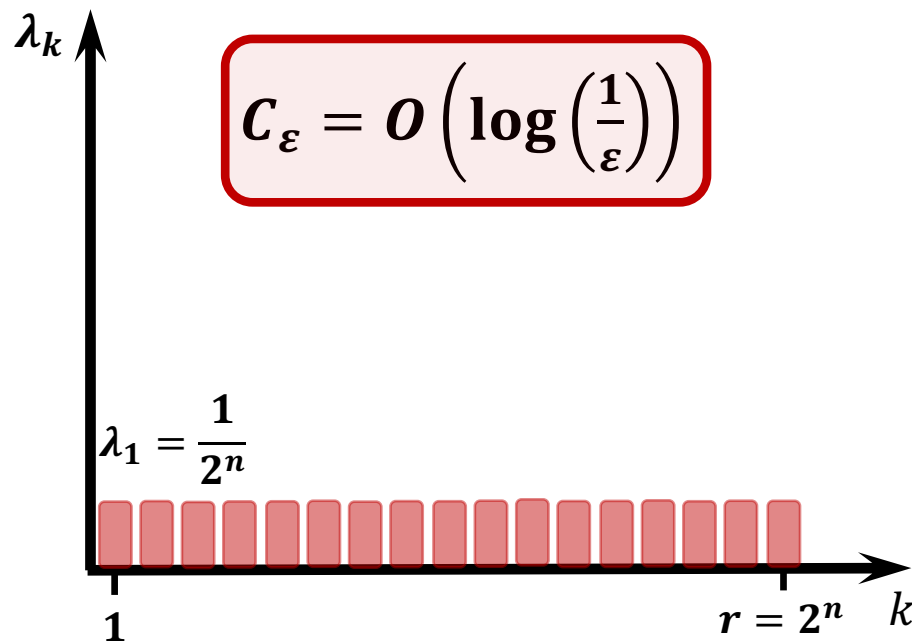
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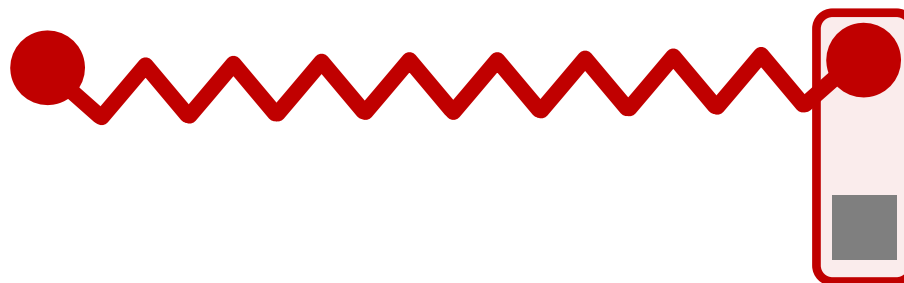
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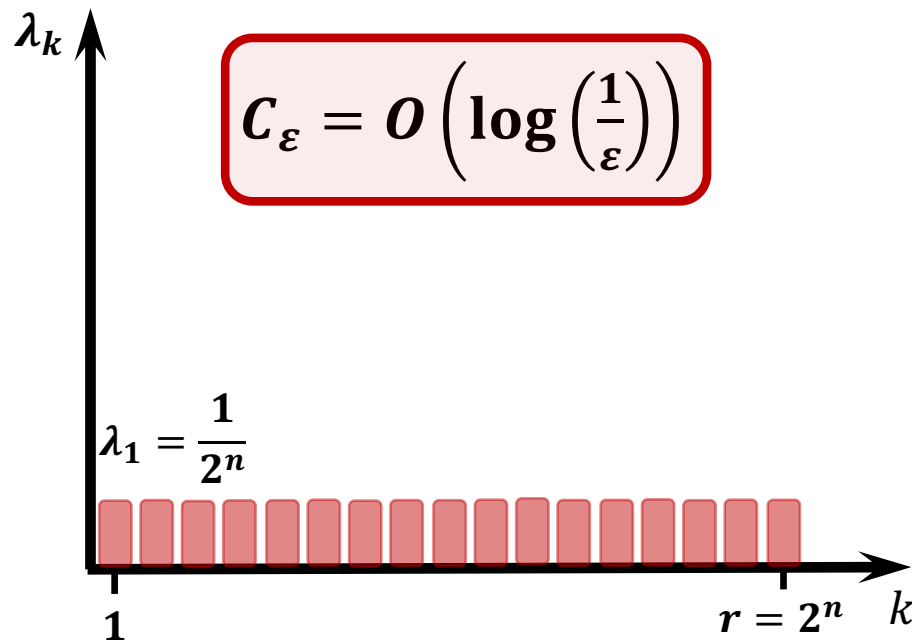
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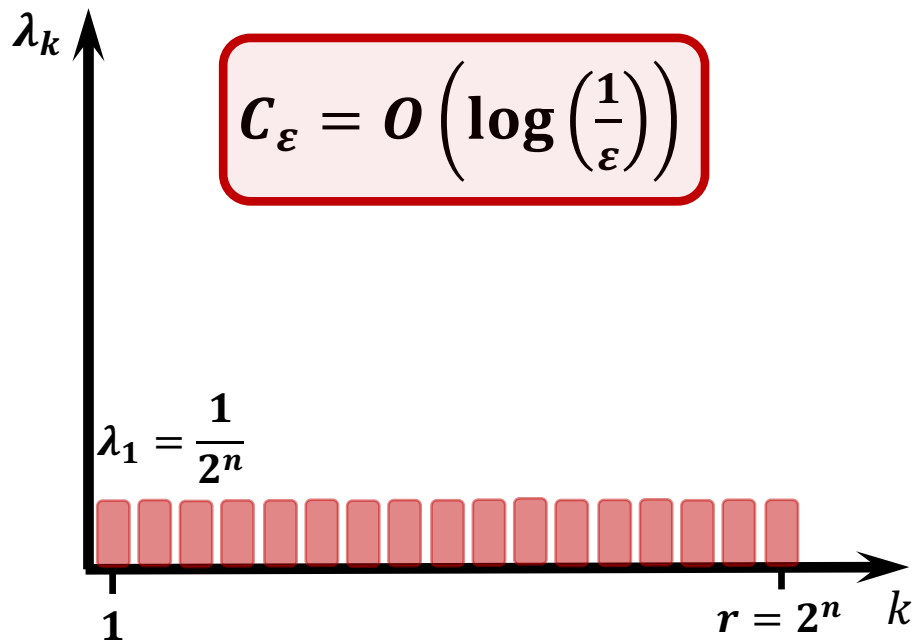
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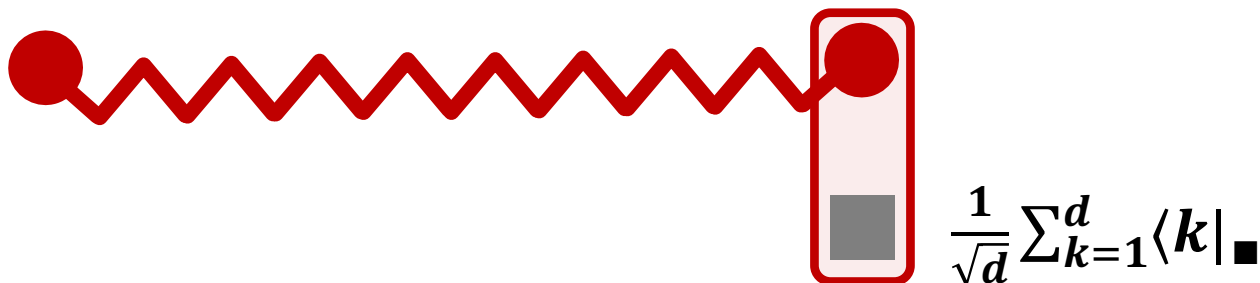
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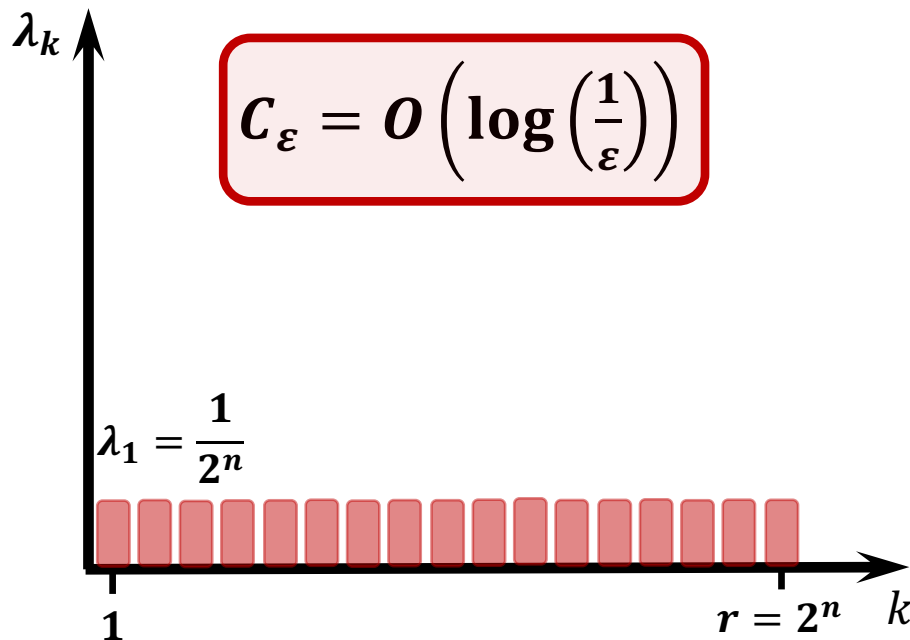
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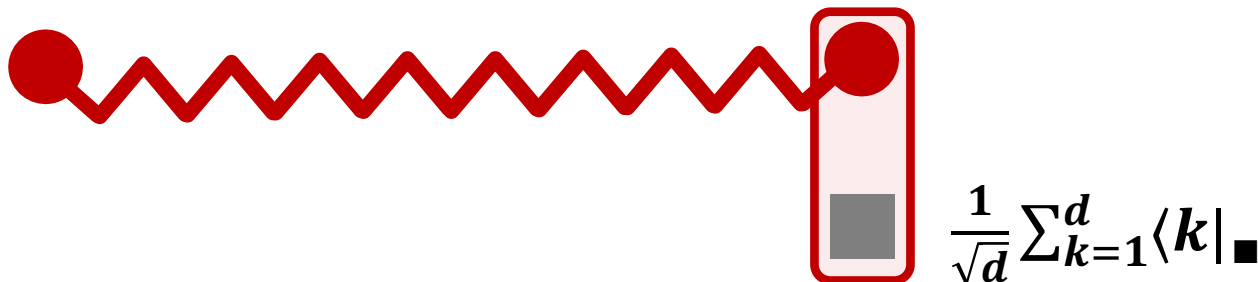
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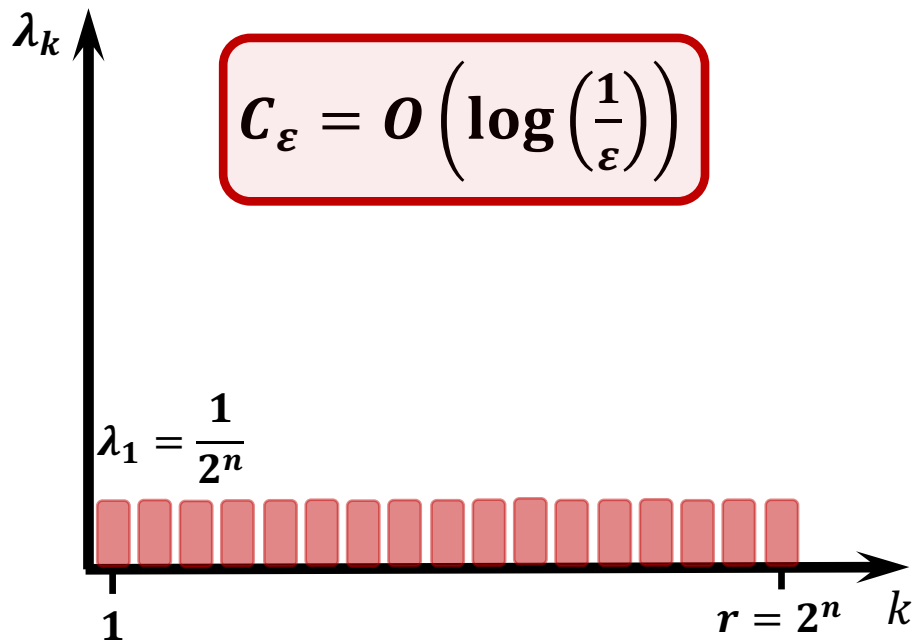
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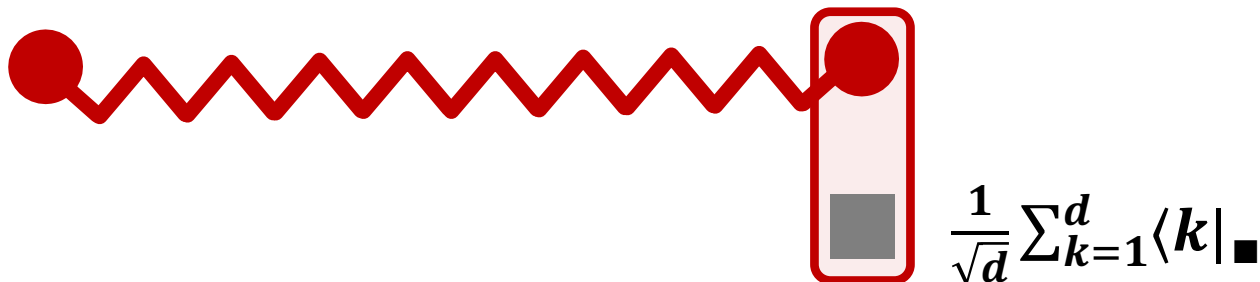
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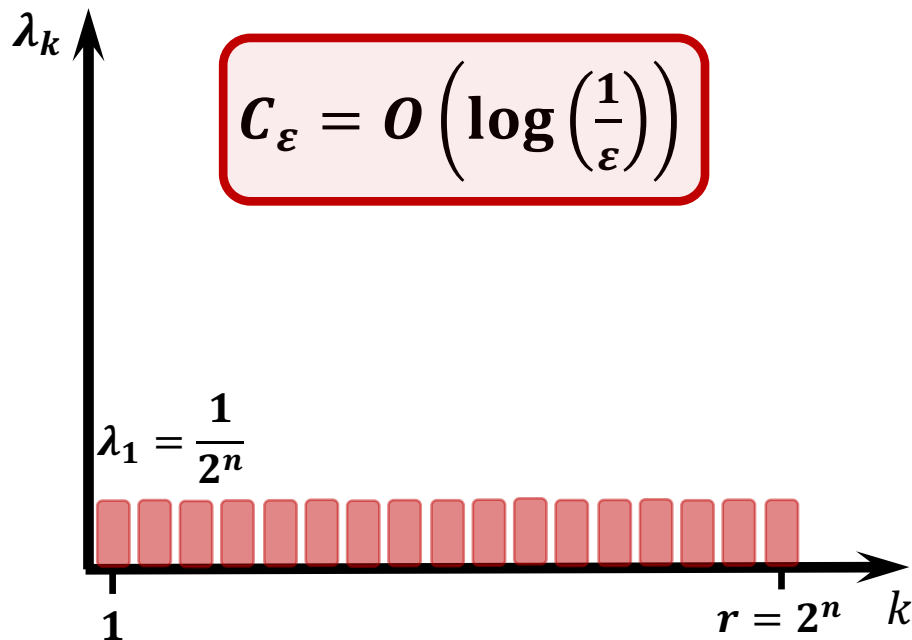
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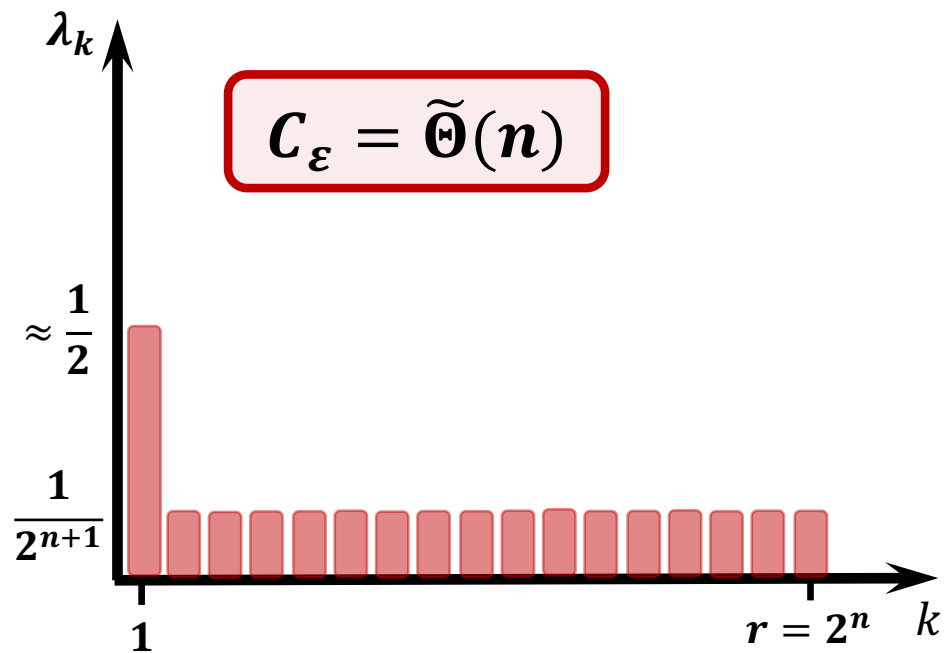
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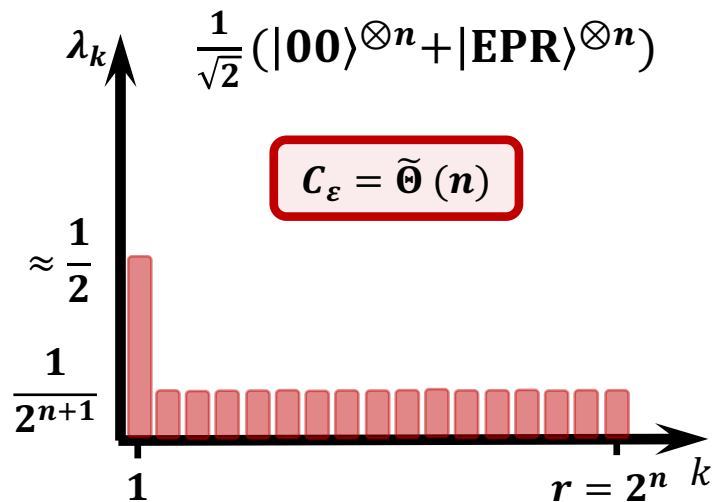
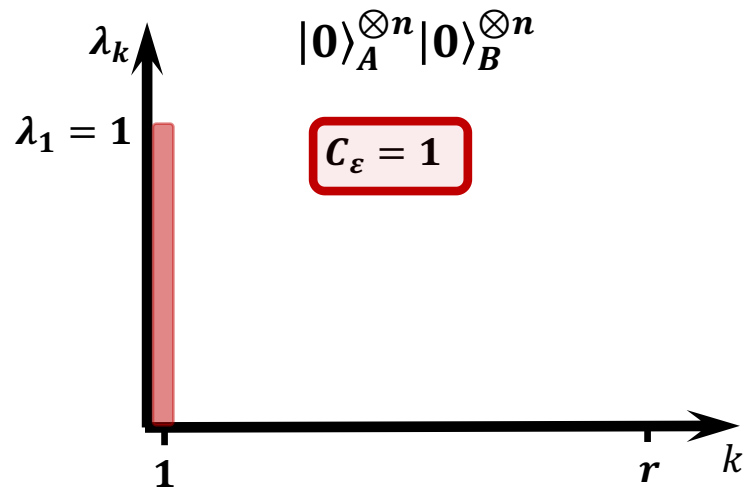
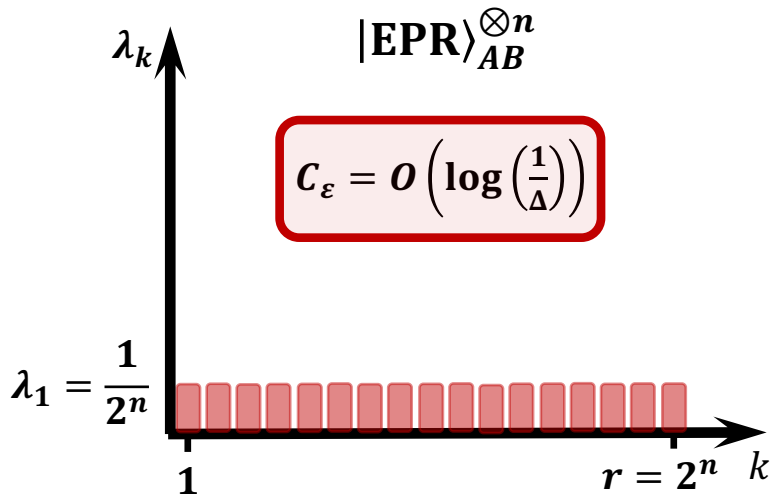


$$|\Omega\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle^{\otimes n} + |\text{EPR}\rangle^{\otimes n})$$



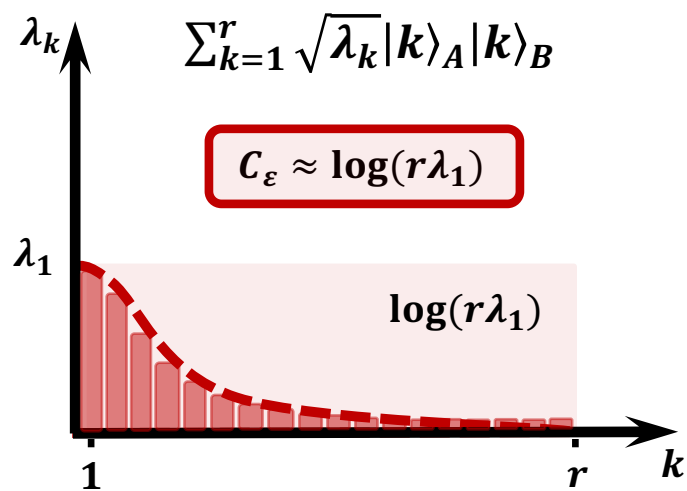
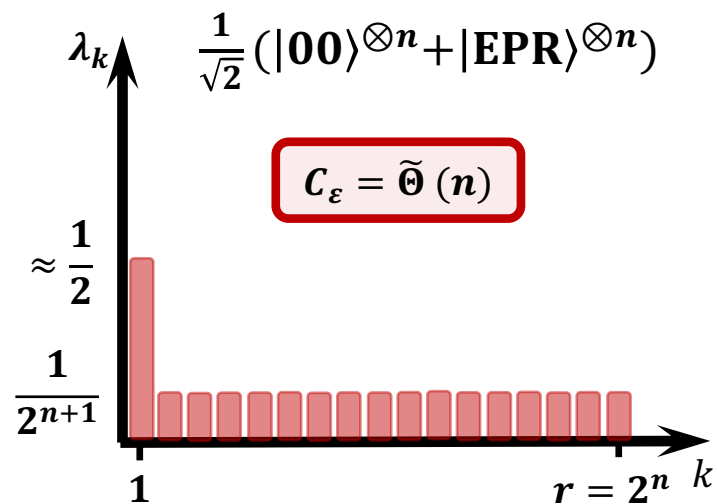
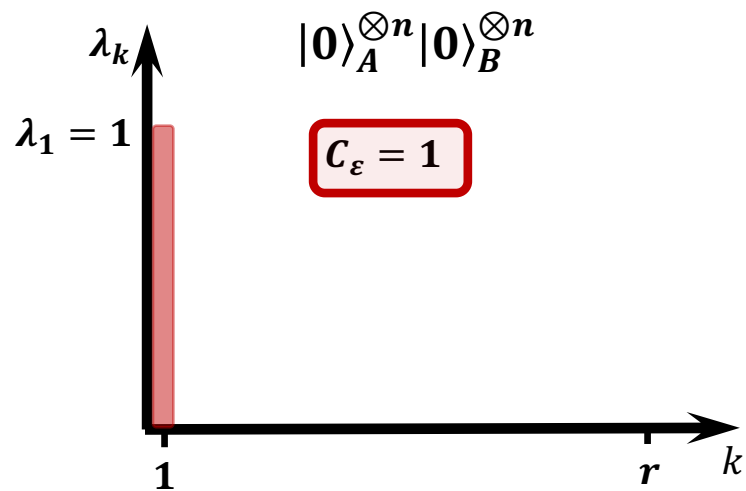
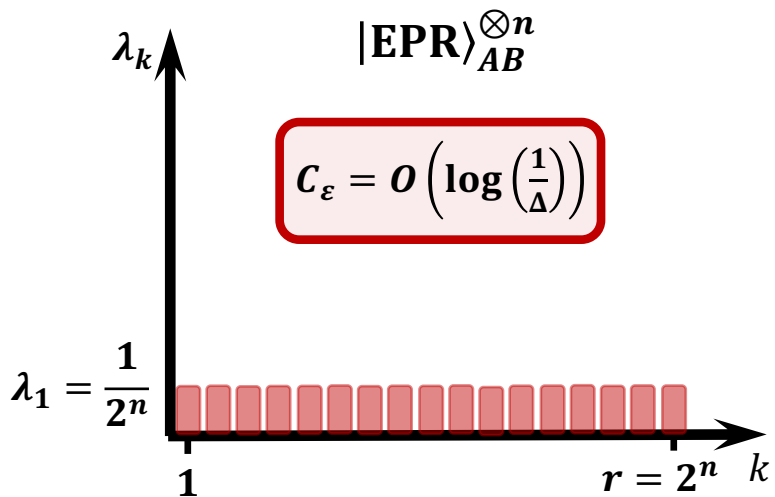


# Recap



How spread out or concentrated  $\lambda_k$  are

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# Entanglement Spread

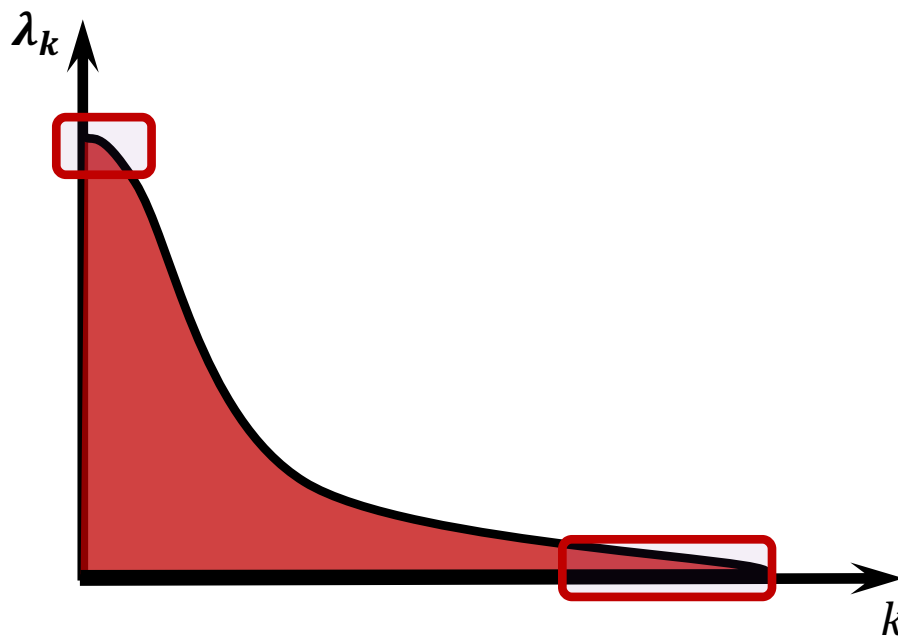
[HW03]  $\text{ES}(\Omega_A) = \log(r\lambda_1) = \log(r) - \log(1/\lambda_1)$

$$\Omega_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|_{AB} = S_{\max}(\Omega_A) - S_{\min}(\Omega_A)$$

## $\varepsilon$ – Smooth Entanglement Spread

$$\text{ES}_\varepsilon(\Omega_A) = S_{\max}^\varepsilon(\Omega_A) - S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\Omega_A)$$

$\varepsilon$  – Smooth min/max entropies



**Communication Complexity  $\geq$  Entanglement Spread**

$$C_\varepsilon(\Omega_{AB}) \geq \text{ES}_\varepsilon(\Omega_A) = S_{\max}^\varepsilon(\Omega_A) - S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\Omega_A)$$

[HW03, CH19, HL11]

EPR Pairs



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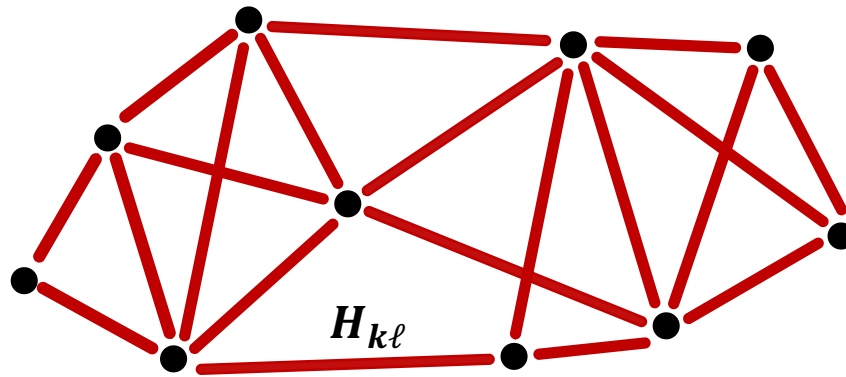
*Holds even with EPR-assistance*

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**Local Hamiltonians**

$$H = \sum_{k \sim \ell} H_{k\ell}$$

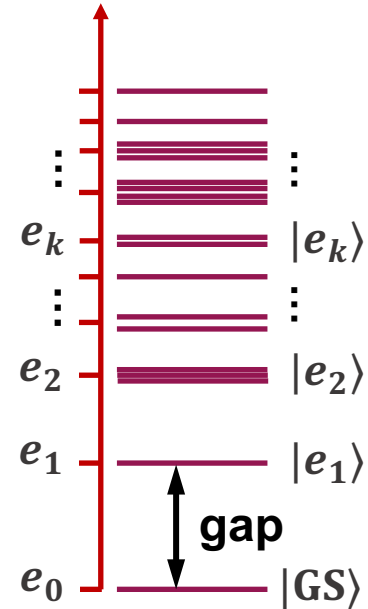
**Quantum Analog of CSP (e.g. Max-Cut)**

$$H = \sum_{k \sim \ell} (e_{k\ell} Z_k Z_\ell + f_{kl} Y_k Y_\ell + g_{k\ell} X_k X_\ell)$$

*(Hamiltonian need not be 2-local)*

**This Talk: Gapped Ground States**

Energy



**Ground State |GS>**

$$e_0 = 0$$



# Gapped Ground States

- *Connected to central problems in physics (e.g. low  $T$  properties and novel phases of matter)*
- *Inherit locality of Hamiltonians*

$$(I - H/\|H\|)^c \approx |\text{GS}\rangle\langle\text{GS}| \quad \text{AGSP Constructions [AKLV13]}$$

- *Exhibit exponential **decay of correlations***

$$\langle A \rangle = \text{Tr}[A \cdot \text{GS}]$$

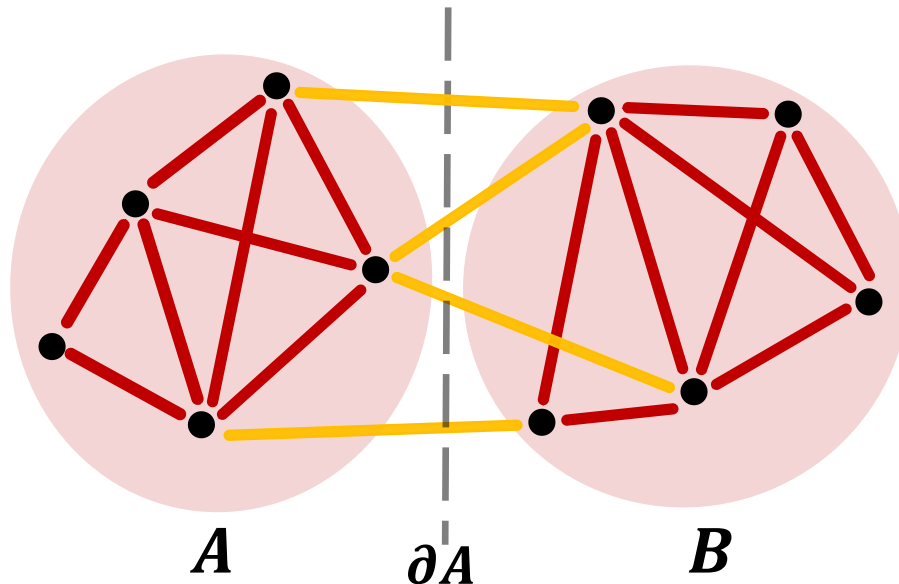
[Hastings04, HK05]



$$|\langle A \otimes B \rangle - \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\| \cdot e^{-\text{dist}(A,B)/\xi}$$

- ***Short-range entanglement***

# Ground State Entanglement



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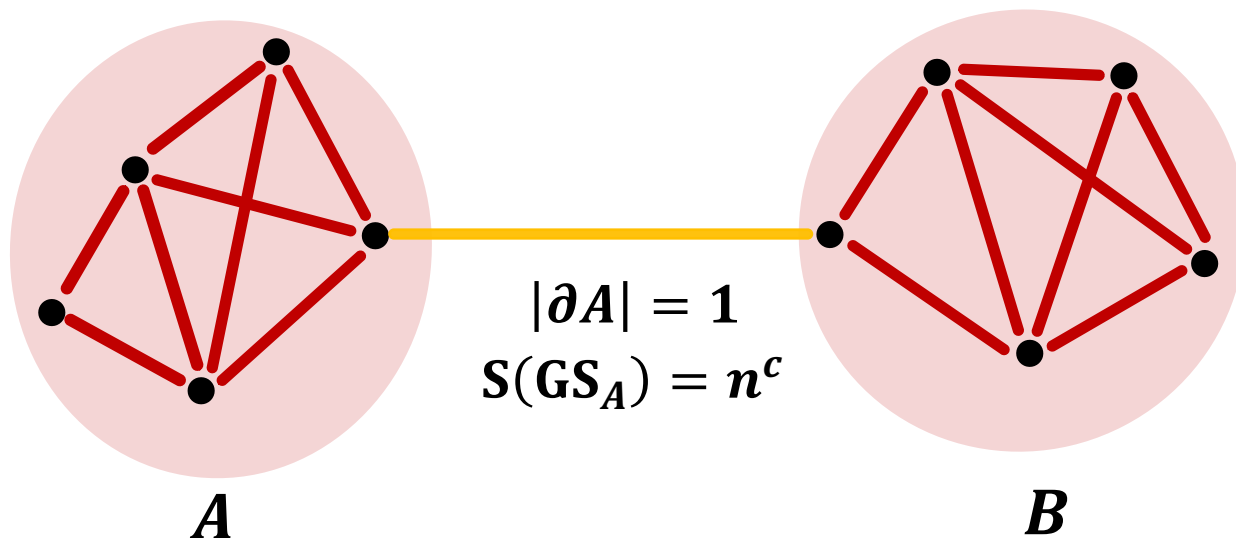
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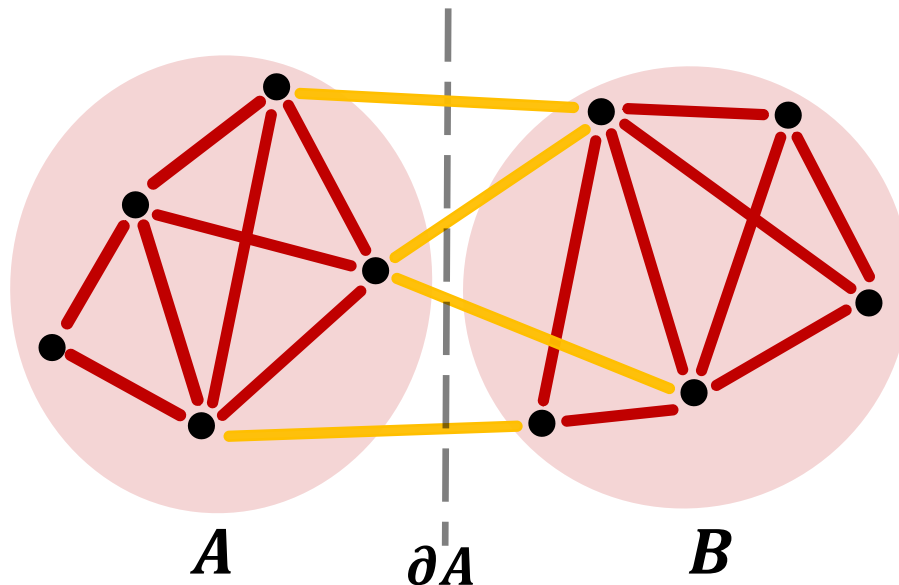
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[AHL+14] - **Counter Example on General Graphs**

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*Other structural properties for ground state entanglement?*

$$\text{ES}_\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A) = S_{\max}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A) - S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A)$$

**Our Result: Area law for Entanglement Spread on *any* Graph**

$$\text{ES}_\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A) \leq \tilde{O}\left(\frac{|\partial A|}{\text{gap}} \cdot \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \leftarrow \text{By designing a testing protocol}$$

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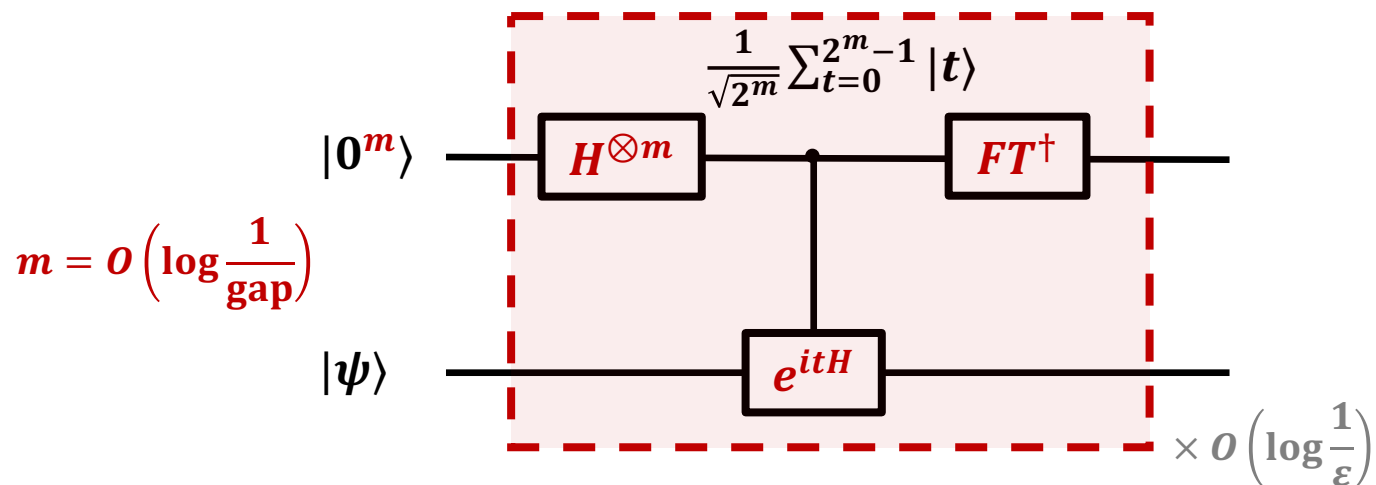
$$C_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{GS}_{AB}) \geq \mathbf{ES}_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{GS}_A)$$

# Testing **Gapped** Ground States

Measure energy  $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$

- Yes:  $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \leq \mathbf{gap}/2$
- No:  $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle > \mathbf{gap}/2$

## Quantum Phase Estimation



$$W|0^m\rangle|\text{GS}\rangle = |0^m\rangle|\text{GS}\rangle$$

$$W|0^m\rangle|\Omega_k\rangle = \left(\sqrt{p_k}|0^m\rangle + \sqrt{1-p_k}|0^\perp\rangle\right)|\Omega_k\rangle, \quad p_k \ll 1$$

Repeat for  $O\left(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$  to get  $p_k = O(\epsilon)$

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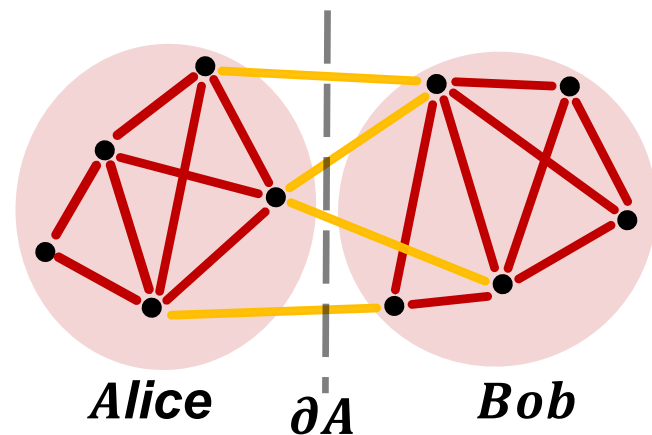
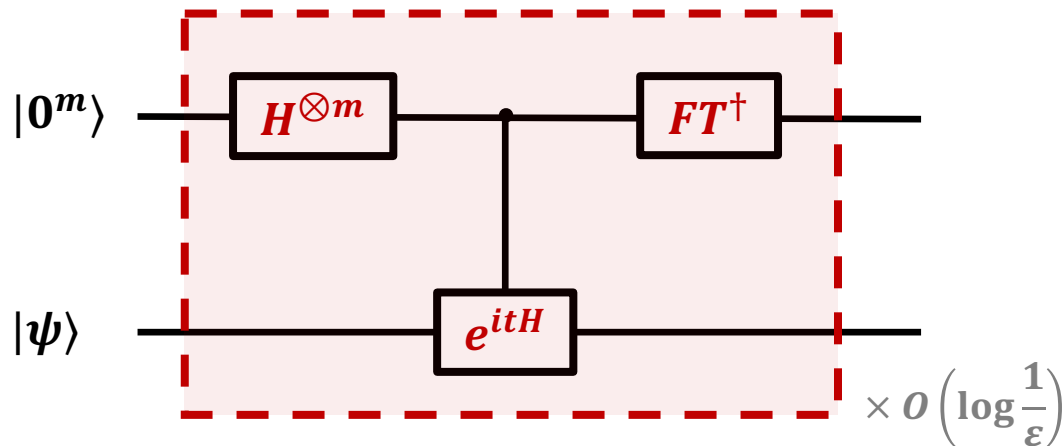
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**Area law for Entanglement Spread on *any* Graph**

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# Testing **Gapped** Ground States

## Communication Protocol



For  $O\left(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$  rounds

1) Alice shares  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1/\text{gap}}} \sum_{t=0}^{1/\text{gap}-1} \underbrace{|t\rangle_A |t\rangle_B}_{\text{communication}}$

$O\left(\log \frac{1}{\text{gap}}\right)$  communications



2) Jointly apply  $e^{itH_{AB}}$

$O\left(\frac{|\partial A|}{\text{gap}}\right)$  communications

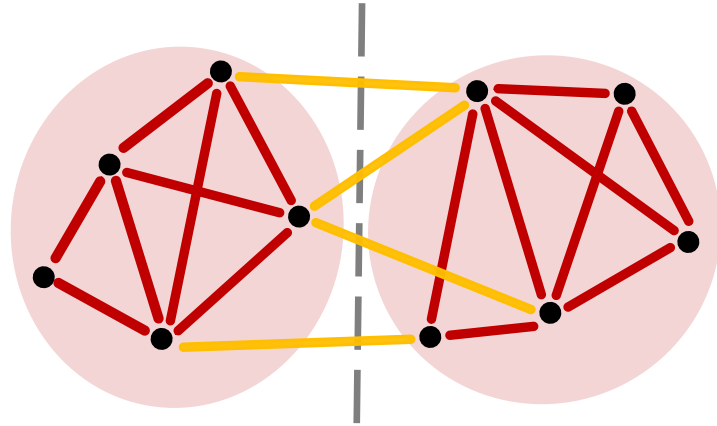
3) Bob sends back  $O\left(\log \frac{1}{\text{gap}}\right)$  qubits

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**Overall Communication Cost:  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{|\partial A|}{\text{gap}} \cdot \log 1/\epsilon\right)$**



# Hamiltonian Simulation (Performing $e^{itH_{AB}}$ )



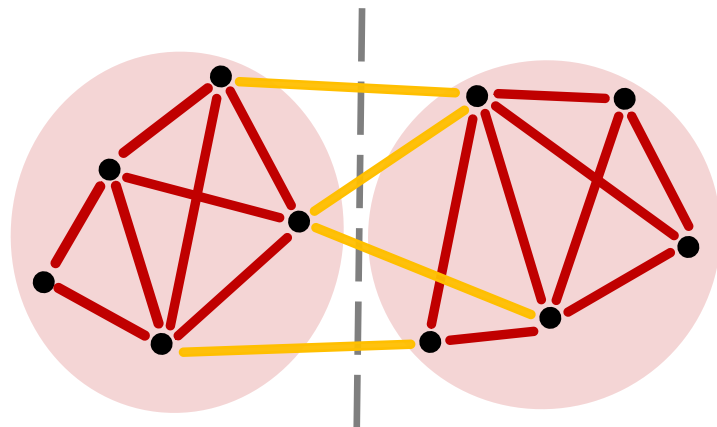
$$H_{AB} = H_A + H_{\partial A} + H_B$$

**Depth** of Hamiltonian simulation algorithms is  $O(t\|H_{AB}\|)$

**Communication cost** of  $e^{itH_{AB}}$  is  $O(t\|H_{AB}\|)$

*How to improve this to  $O(t\|H_{\partial A}\|)$ ?*

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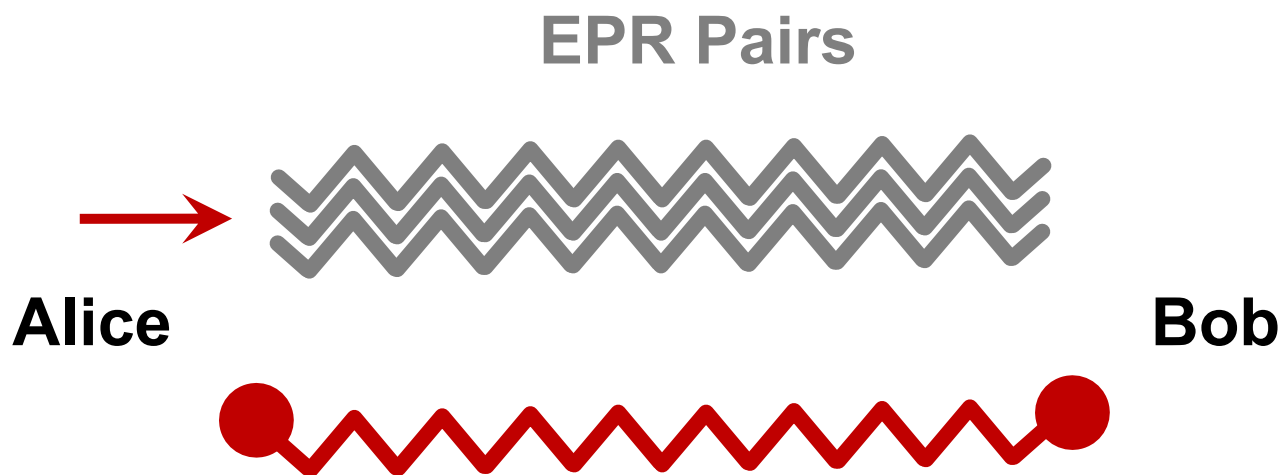
$$e^{itH_{AB}} = e^{itH_A} \cdot e^{itH_B} \cdot e^{itH_{\partial A}} \quad \text{when } H_A, H_B, H_{\partial A} \text{ Commute}$$

**Interaction Picture: Time-dependent Hamiltonian** [LW18]

$$H_I(t) = e^{-it(H_A+H_B)} \cdot H_{\partial A} \cdot e^{it(H_A+H_B)}$$

$$e^{itH_{AB}} = e^{itH_A} \cdot e^{itH_B} \cdot e^{\int_{\tau=0}^t iH_I(\tau) d\tau}$$

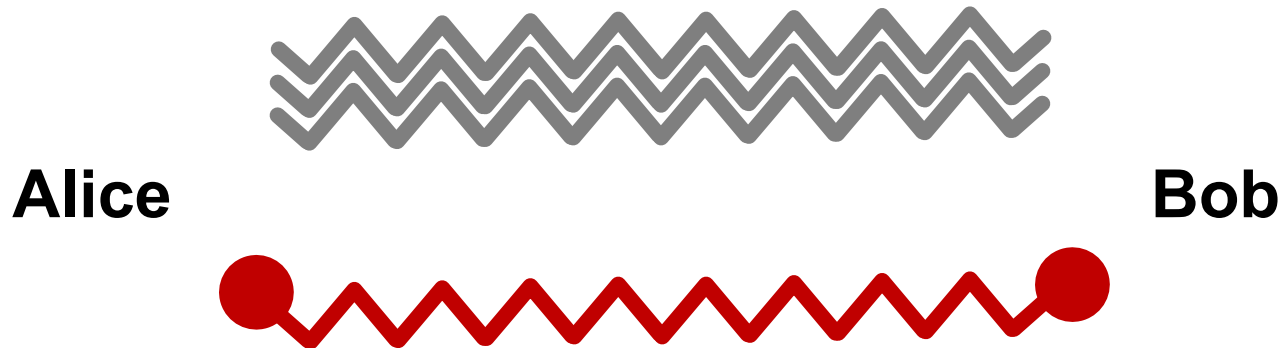
**Communication Cost of  $O(t\|H_I\|) = O(t\|H_{\partial A}\|)$**



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## EPR Pairs



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**Time complexity** of Alice and Bob **doesn't matter** so

Modify **LCU** [BCC+15] and use **EPR-assistance**  
to implement **Taylor expansion** of  $e^{iHt}$

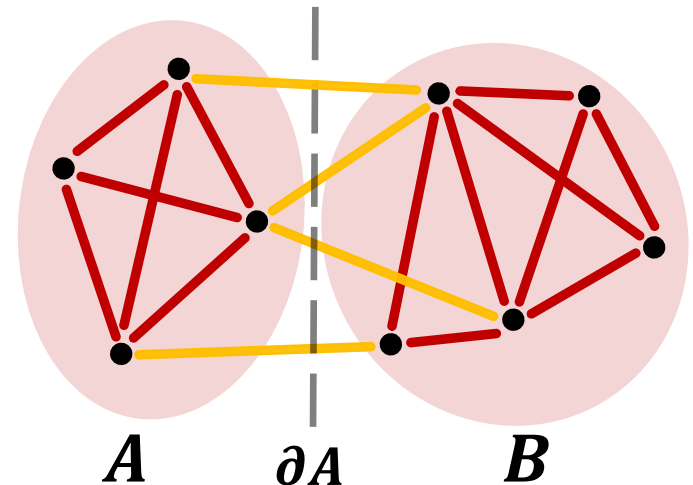
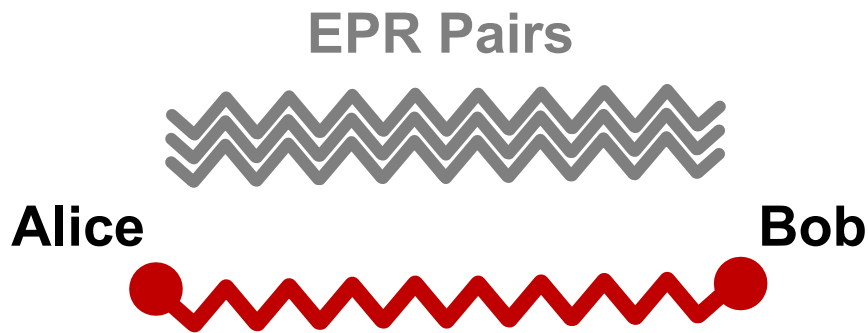
# Summary

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# Improvement for **Lattices**

**Sub-Area** law for Entanglement Spread on *lattices* (**Tight**)

$$\text{ES}_\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A) \leq \tilde{\mathcal{O}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{|\partial A|}{\text{gap}}} \cdot \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right)$$

Gives evidence for **Li-Haldane Conjecture** [LH08] in physics

$$\text{GS}_A \approx e^{-H_{\partial A}} \quad \text{Then} \quad \text{ES}(\text{GS}_A) = \mathcal{O} \left( \sqrt{|\partial A|} \right)$$

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## Implication for **Entropy** Area Law

**Gapped** ground states always have small Entanglement Spread

$$S_{\max}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A) - S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A)$$

$S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A)$  is **small** → Entropy Area Law

$S_{\min}^\varepsilon(\text{GS}_A)$  is **large** → Violated Entropy Area Law [AHL+14]

# Open questions

1) **Efficient** contraction of **tensor network** representation of **gapped** ground states from **entanglement spread** area law?

[AAJ16], [CPSV11]

2) Other applications for our **AGSP** based on **QPE** and **Hamiltonian simulation**?

3) Other **universal** properties of **gapped** ground states?



# **From Communication Complexity to an Entanglement Spread Area Law**

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