

Entanglement transfer using local operations

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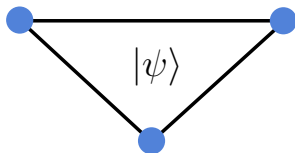
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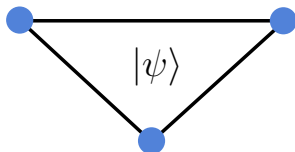
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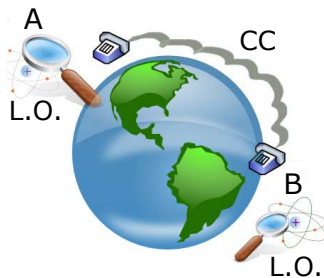
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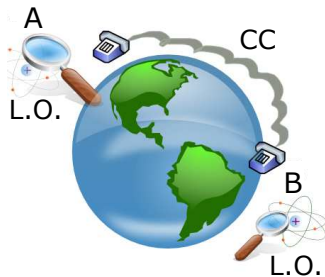


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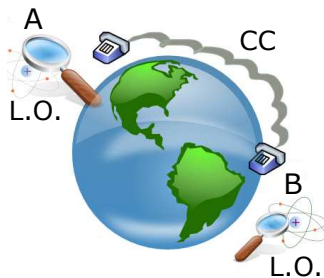
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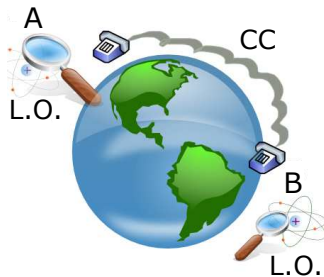
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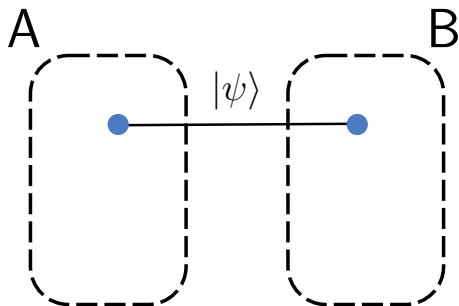
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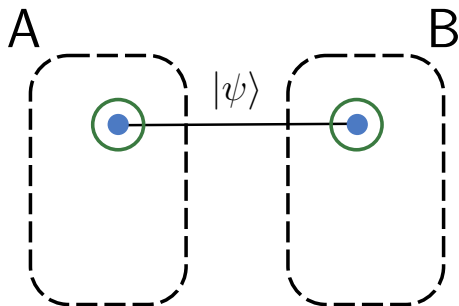
MES in homogeneous systems [D. Sauerwein *et al.*, PRX **8**,031020 (2018)]

In any N -qudit system (with $N \geq 4$), the MES contains almost all states of the Hilbert space.

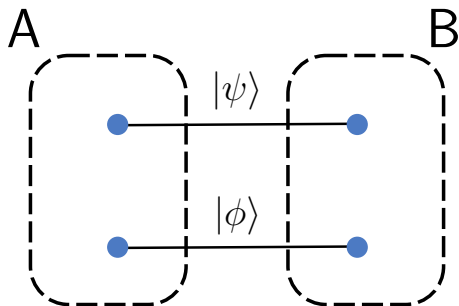
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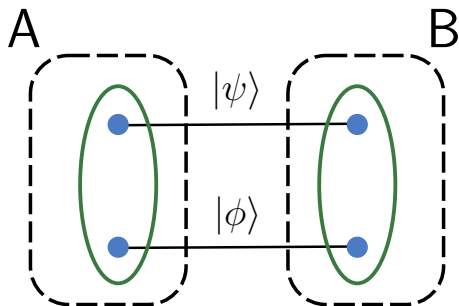
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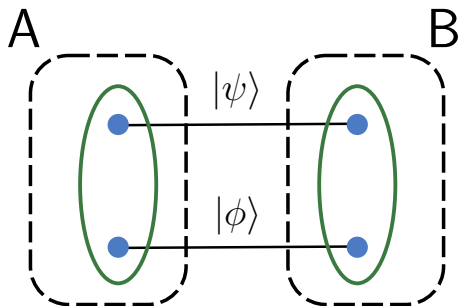
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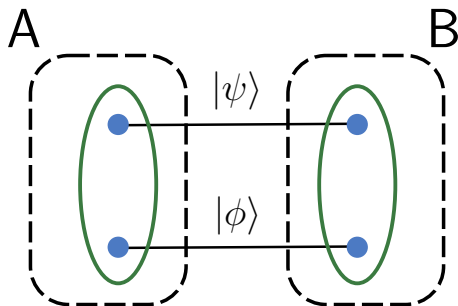


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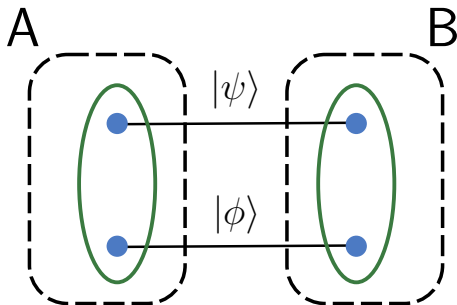
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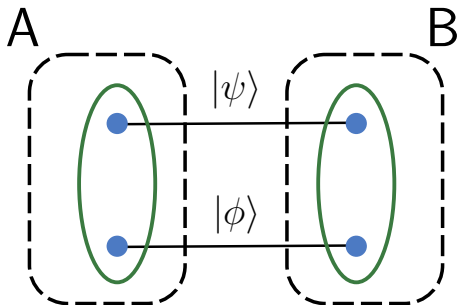
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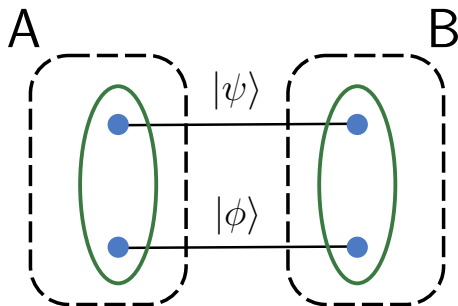


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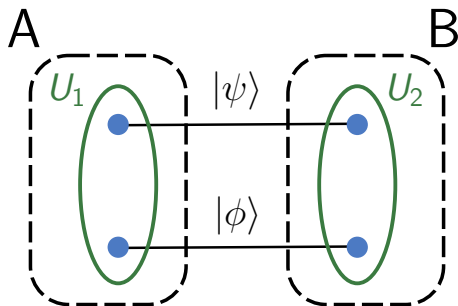
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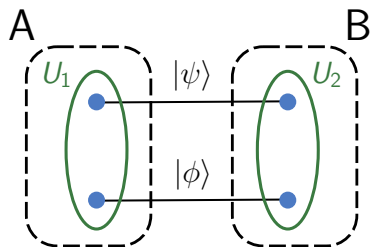
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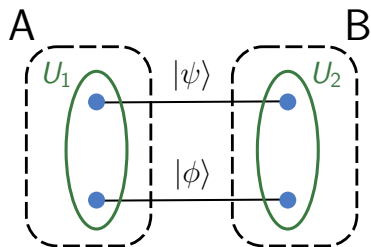
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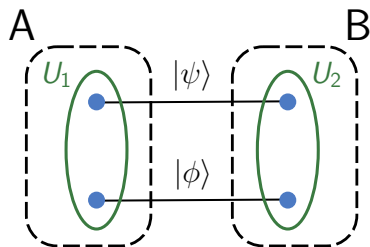


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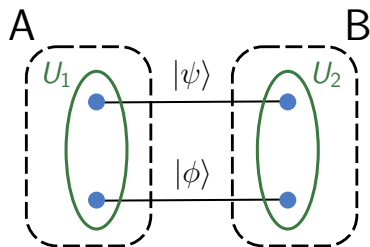
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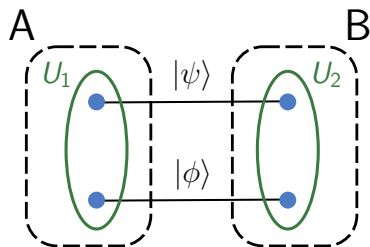
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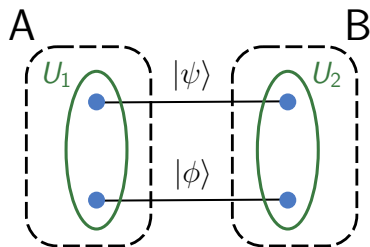
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Using Von Neumann entropy: $S(\psi \otimes \phi) = S(\psi) + S(\phi)$

↪ Amount of entanglement transferred: $\Delta S(\psi) = -\Delta S(\phi)$

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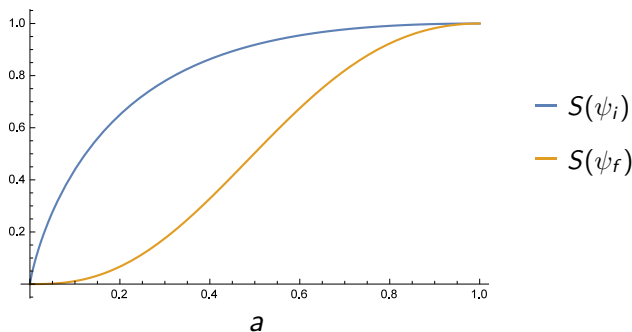
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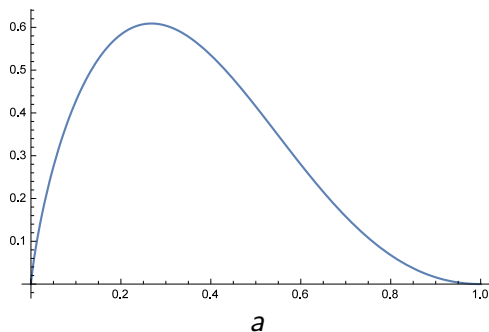
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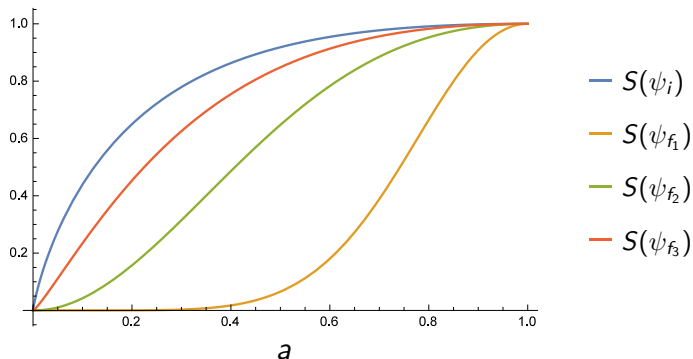
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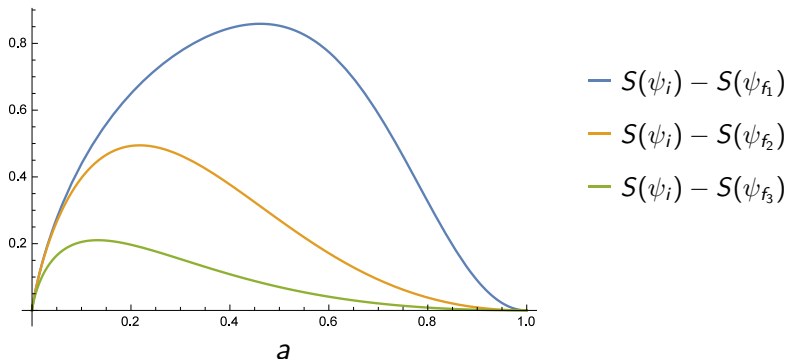


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Given a 2-qubit state $|\psi_i\rangle$ with Schmidt coefficients $\{1, a\}/(1+a)$ characterized by the entanglement parameter $a \in (0, 1]$, and a 2-qudit state $|\phi_i\rangle$ with odd dimension $d \geq 3$, then there is entanglement transfer protocol using LU operations if and only if the final 2-qubit state $|\psi_f\rangle$ is characterized by the entanglement parameter

$$a^{d_1/d_2},$$

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