

Flexible quantum state tomography

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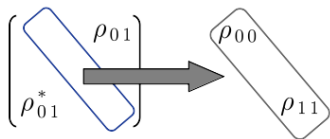
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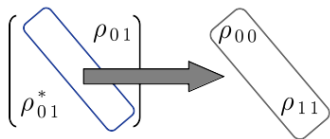
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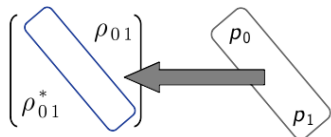
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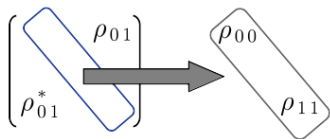
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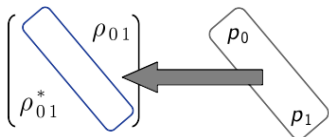
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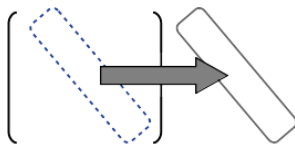
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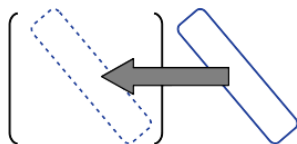
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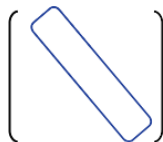
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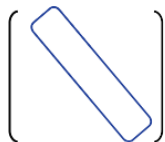
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For m observables $A_1; \dots; A_m$, the PIO is defined as:

$$T_{A_1 \dots A_m} = T_{A_m} \dots T_{A_1}$$

The solution to the quantum state tomography problem is given by the limit of the following sequence:

$$\rho_n = (T_{A_1 \dots A_m})^n(\rho_0)$$

Bloch sphere representation of PIO

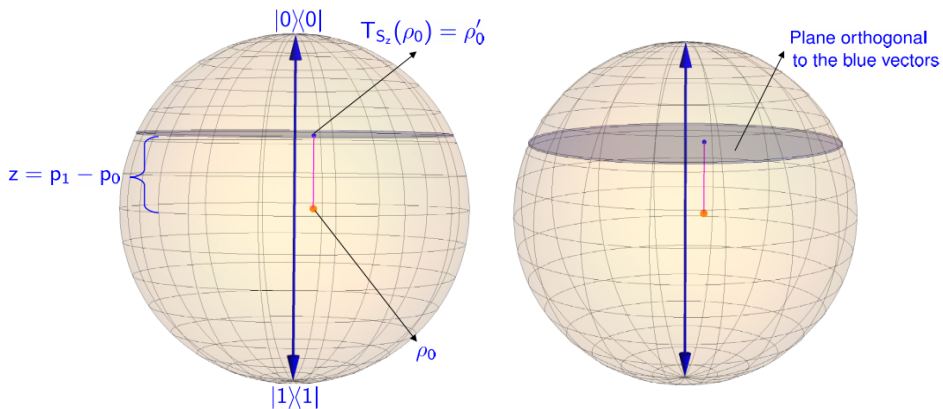


Figure 10: Action of the PIO in the Bloch sphere: orthogonal projection to a disk.

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Figure 11: Convergence of the PIO when considering *two* observables.

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$$\text{HSD}(\rho_{\text{gen}}; \rho_n) = \sqrt{\text{Tr}[(\rho_{\text{gen}} - \rho_n)^2]} \quad (3)$$

where ρ_{gen} is the so-called generator state

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Figure 12: Convergence of the PIO when considering TWO incompatible observables.

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Figure 13: Convergence of the PIO for THREE incompatible observables.

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$$\rho = \sum_{k=1}^{d+1} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} p_j^k |e_j^k\rangle \langle e_j^k| \quad (5)$$

where $p_j^k = p(|e_j^k\rangle)$ is the probability to obtain the result $|e_j^k\rangle$.

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Figure 15: Algorithm converges in A SINGLE iteration for complementary observables.

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Quantum toilets

Many thanks for your attention!