

# Causal Compatibility Inequalities Admitting of Quantum Violations in the Triangle Scenario

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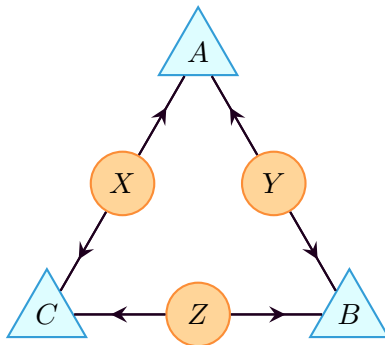
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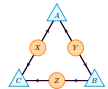
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1. Research project's goal was to derive new causal compatibility inequalities that distinguish quantum correlations from classical correlations
2. More specifically, the ambition of the project is to obtain such inequalities that constraint compatibility with The Triangle Scenario
3. Triangle Scenario has be studied extensively before



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1. At the time of publishing Branciard et al. (2012), problem seems hard.
2. Important because its smallest correlation scenario with quantum non-locality.
3. Compatibility can not be determined from conditional independence relations (there are none)
4. It would be interesting to find quantum non-locality in the triangle scenario that does not rely on Bell's theorem.

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2. Additionally I will talk about my attempts at using these inequalities to find new incompatible quantum distributions
3. In doing so, will discuss how we obtained symmetric compatibility inequalities that have violations in the Triangle Scenario

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1. As a quick example or preview of what is to come, here is an example inequality admits quantum violations in the triangle scenario
2. Some features of note: inequality is polynomial in  $P_{ABC}$  and its marginals

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- **Marginal scenario**  $\mathcal{M} = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$

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1. Before continuing, I will define exactly what I mean by causal compatibility
2. Causal compatibility refers to the compatibility between causal structures and marginal models
3. Marginal model is collection of probability distributions over sets of random variables
4. Marginal scenario refers to the those sets of random variables
5. The complete set of random variables are the joint random variables



Let  $n, m \in \mathcal{N}$  be nodes of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- **parents of  $n$** :  $\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \{m \mid m \rightarrow n\}$
- **children of  $n$** :  $\text{Ch}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \{m \mid n \rightarrow m\}$
- **ancestry of  $n$** :  $\text{An}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \equiv \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{W}} \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^i(n)$

$$\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^0(n) = n \quad \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^i(n) \equiv \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}^{i-1}(n))$$

Notation extends to sets of nodes  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ ,

- **parents of  $N$** :  $\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(N) \equiv \bigcup_{n \in N} \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$
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An **induced subgraph** of  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$  due to  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{G}}(N) = (N, \{e \in \mathcal{E} \mid e \subseteq N\})$$

**Question:** Which marginal models  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  are **compatible** with a causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$ ?

**Answer:**  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  is compatible with  $\mathcal{G}$  if there exists a set of **casual parameters**

$$\left\{ P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)} \mid n \in \mathcal{N} \right\}$$

Such that for each  $V \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $P_V$  can be recovered:

1  $P_{\mathcal{N}} = \prod_{n \in \mathcal{N}} P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$

2  $P_V = \sum_{\mathcal{N} \setminus V} P_{\mathcal{N}}$

**Inequality:** A **casual compatibility inequality**  $I$  is an inequality over  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$  that is satisfied by all compatible  $P^{\mathcal{M}}$

# Deriving Inequalities

Two necessary components to compatibility:

- 1 **Marginal problem:**  $\forall V \in \mathcal{M} : P_V = \sum_{\mathcal{N} \setminus V} P_{\mathcal{N}}$ 
  - Is the marginal model contextual or non-contextual?
  - 3 distinct ways to tackle this problem
    - 1 Convex hull, Polytope projection, Fourier-Motzkin
    - 2 Possibilistic Hardy Inequalities (Hypergraph transversals)
    - 3 Linear Program Feasibility/Infeasibility
- 2 **Markov Separation:**  $P_{\mathcal{N}} = \prod_{n \in \mathcal{N}} P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$ 
  - Much harder to determine since latent nodes  $\mathcal{N}_O$  have unspecified behaviour
  - It is possible to turn Markov Separation problem into a Marginal problem (at least partially)

Developed by Wolfe, Spekkens, and Fritz Wolfe et al. (2016)

## Definition

An **inflation** of a causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$  is another causal structure  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that:

$$\forall n' \in \mathcal{N}', n' \sim n \in \mathcal{N} : \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$$

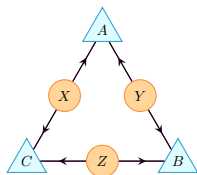
Where  $\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$  denotes the ancestral sub-graph of  $n$  in  $\mathcal{G}$

$$\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) = \text{Sub}_{\mathcal{G}}(\text{An}_{\mathcal{G}}(n))$$

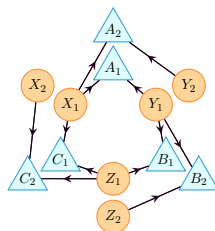
And ' $\sim$ ' is a **copy-index** equivalence relation

$$A_1 \sim A_2 \sim A \not\sim B_1 \sim B_2 \sim B$$

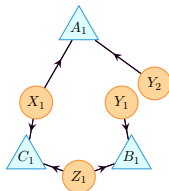
# Some Inflations of the Triangle Scenario



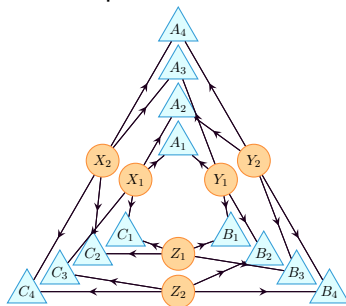
The Triangle Scenario



Spiral Inflation



Cut Inflation



Large Inflation

# Inflation Lemma

If one has obtained  $\mathcal{G}$ , inflation  $\mathcal{G}'$  and *compatible* marginal distribution  $P_N$  where  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , then:

- 1 There exists causal parameters  $\{P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)} \mid n \in \mathcal{N}\}$  such that

$$P_N = \prod_{n \in N} P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$$

- 2  $\text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{AnSub}_{\mathcal{G}}(n) \implies \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n') \sim \text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)$

- 3 Construct **inflated causal parameters**

$$\forall n' \in \mathcal{N}' : P_{n'|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n')} \equiv P_{n|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(n)}$$

- 4 Obtain *compatible* marginal distributions over any  $N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$

$$P_{N'} = \prod_{n' \in N'} P_{n'|\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}'}(n')}$$

- Inflation procedure holds for any  $N \in \mathcal{N}, N' \in \mathcal{N}'$  where  $N \sim N'$
- Define **injectable sets of  $\mathcal{G}'$**  and **images of the injectable of  $\mathcal{G}$**

$$\text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}') \equiv \{N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}' \mid \exists N \subseteq \mathcal{N} : N \sim N'\}$$

$$\text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}') \equiv \{N \subseteq \mathcal{N} \mid \exists N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}' : N \sim N'\}$$

- For  $N' \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$  there is a *unique*  $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  such that  $N \sim N'$
- For  $N \in \text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G})$  there can *exist many*  $N' \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$  such that  $N \sim N'$

## Lemma

*The Inflation Lemma: (Wolfe et al., 2016, lemma 3) Given a particular inflation  $\mathcal{G}'$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , if a marginal model  $\{P_N \mid N \in \text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')\}$  is compatible with  $\mathcal{G}$  then all marginal models  $\{P_{N'} \mid N' \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')\}$  are compatible with  $\mathcal{G}'$  provided that  $P_N = P_{N'}$  for all instances where  $N \sim N'$ .*

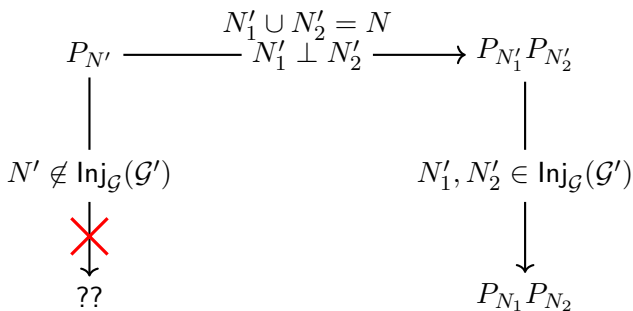
## Corollary

*Any causal compatibility inequality  $I'$  constraining the injectable sets  $\text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$  can be **deflated** into a causal compatibility inequality  $I$  constraining the images of the injectable sets  $\text{ImInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$ .*



# $d$ -Separation Polynomial

- Deflation only holds when inequality constrains probabilities  
 $P_{N'}, N' \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$
- **Linear inequality** for  $\mathcal{G}'$



- **Polynomial inequality** for  $\mathcal{G}$ !

# Pre-injectable Sets

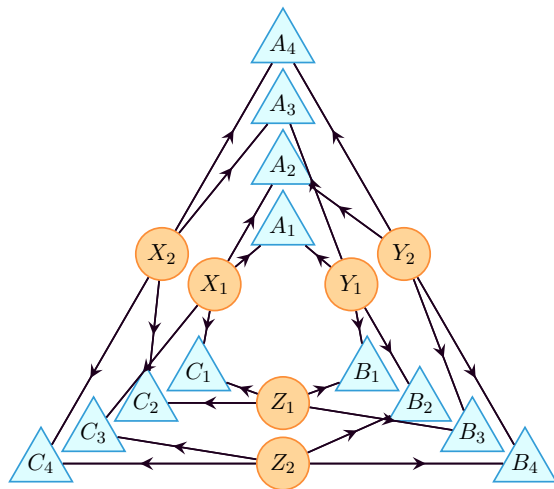
- $d$ -separation relations + inflation = polynomial inequalities over  $\mathcal{G}$
- Restrict focus to sets  $N'$  that are partitioned into  $N'_1, N'_2$   $d$ -separated by empty set  $\emptyset$
- A **pre-injectable set**  $N'$ :

$$N' = \coprod_i N'_i \quad \forall i : N'_i \in \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$$

$$\forall i, j : N'_i \perp N'_j \iff \text{An}_{\mathcal{G}'}(N'_i) \cap \text{An}_{\mathcal{G}'}(N'_j) = \emptyset$$

- Only need to consider **maximal pre-injectable sets**  $\text{PreInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$

# Pre-injectable Sets of Large Inflation



- Has 12 maximal pre-injectable sets (to follow)

# Large Inflation Pre-injectable Sets

## Maximal Pre-injectable Sets

$\{A_1, B_1, C_1, A_4, B_4, C_4\}$

$\{A_1, B_2, C_3, A_4, B_3, C_2\}$

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## Ancestral Independences

$\{A_1, B_1, C_1\} \perp \{A_4, B_4, C_4\}$

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# Deriving Inequalities

- Inflation facilitates turning linear, inflated inequalities into polynomial deflated ones
- **Question:** How to derive compatibility inequalities for  $\mathcal{G}'$ ?
- **Answer:** Use your favorite technique for deriving compatibility inequalities:
  - Entropic inequalities
  - Finite outcome inequalities
- Here we solve the marginal problem for  $\mathcal{M} = \text{PreInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$
- First some notation and formalism

# Outcomes and Events

## Definition

Each variable  $v$  has finite set of **outcomes**  $O_v$ .

Each set of variables  $V$  has finite set of **events**  $\mathcal{E}(V)$ :

$$\mathcal{E}(V) \equiv \{s : V \rightarrow O_V \mid \forall v \in V, s(v) \in O_v\}$$

## Definition

The set of events over the joint variables  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$  are termed the **joint events**.

## Definition

The set of events over the marginal contexts are the **marginal events**

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}) \equiv \coprod_{V \in \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{E}(V)$$

# Distribution Vectors

## Definition

The **joint distribution vector**  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{J}}$

$$\mathcal{P}_j^{\mathcal{J}} = P_{\mathcal{J}}(j) \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$$

## Definition

The **marginal distribution vector**  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$

$$\mathcal{P}_m^{\mathcal{M}} = P_{\mathcal{D}(m)}(m) \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{D}(m) \in \mathcal{M}$$

Can now write complete marginal problem as matrix multiplication:

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{M} : P_V = \sum_{\mathcal{J} \setminus V} P_{\mathcal{J}} \iff \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}} = M \cdot \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{J}}$$

# Incidence Matrix

- **Incidence matrix**  $M$  is a bit-wise matrix
- Row-indexed by marginal events  $m \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})$
- Column-indexed by joint events  $j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$

$$M_{m,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & m = j|_{\mathcal{D}(m)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\# \text{Columns} = |\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})| = \prod_{v \in \mathcal{J}} |O_v|$$

$$\# \text{Rows} = |\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})| = \sum_{V \in \mathcal{M}} \prod_{v \in V} |O_v|$$



# Example

Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be 3 binary variables  $\mathcal{J} = \{A, B, C\}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  be the marginal scenario  $\mathcal{M} = \{\{A, B\}, \{B, C\}, \{A, C\}\}$ . The incidence matrix becomes:

$$M = \begin{array}{l} (A,B,C) = \\ (A=0,B=0) \\ (A=0,B=1) \\ (A=1,B=0) \\ (A=1,B=1) \\ (B=0,C=0) \\ (B=0,C=1) \\ (B=1,C=0) \\ (B=1,C=1) \\ (A=0,C=0) \\ (A=0,C=1) \\ (A=1,C=0) \\ (A=1,C=1) \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} (0,0,0) & (0,0,1) & (0,1,0) & (0,1,1) & (1,0,0) & (1,0,1) & (1,1,0) & (1,1,1) \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Marginal Linear Program

- Obtain inequalities from incidence matrix  $M$  and known incompatible distribution  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$

Marginal LP:

minimize:  $\emptyset \cdot x$

subject to:  $x \succeq 0$

$$M \cdot x = \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$$

Dual Marginal LP:

minimize:  $y \cdot \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}}$

subject to:  $y \cdot M \succeq 0$

- $y$  is an **infeasibility certificate**:

$$y \cdot M \cdot x = y \cdot \mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}} \geq 0$$

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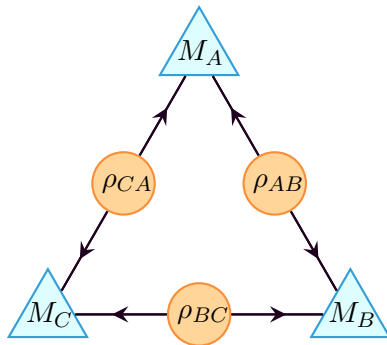
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1. It is possible to derive non-contextuality inequalities from  $M$  and a known incompatible distribution  $\mathcal{P}^M$
2. Note the null objective; the minimization objective is trivially always zero
3. The primal value of the linear program is of no interest, all that matters is its *feasibility*.
4. If *feasible*, then there exists a vector  $x$  that is a valid joint distribution vector  $\mathcal{P}^J$ .
5. Feasibility implies that  $\mathcal{P}^J = x$ .
6. Infeasibility implies contextuality

# Known Incompatible Distribution in The Triangle Scenario

Fritz (2012) provides quantum-accessible distribution incompatible with TS

$$P_{ABC}(abc) = \text{Tr}[\Pi^\top \rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC} \otimes \rho_{CA} \Pi M_{A,a} \otimes M_{B,b} \otimes M_{C,c}]$$



# Fritz Distribution

The **Fritz Distribution**  $P_F$ :

- three-party  $P_F = P_{ABC}$
- each party has 4 outcomes

$$P_F(000) = P_F(110) = P_F(301) = P_F(211) = P_F(122) = P_F(032) = P_F(233) = P_F(323) = \frac{1}{32}(2 + \sqrt{2})$$

$$P_F(010) = P_F(100) = P_F(311) = P_F(201) = P_F(132) = P_F(022) = P_F(223) = P_F(333) = \frac{1}{32}(2 - \sqrt{2})$$

- $C$ 's outcome acts as measurement “setting” for  $A, B$ ;  
independent of  $\rho_{AB}$
- Correlation coarse graining  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{(0, 3), (1, 2)\}$

$$\langle AB|C = 0, 1, 2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \langle AB|C = 3 \rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Gives CHSH violation

$$\langle AB|C = 0 \rangle + \langle AB|C = 1 \rangle + \langle AB|C = 2 \rangle - \langle AB|C = 3 \rangle = 2\sqrt{2} \not\leq 2$$

# Quantum Implementation of Fritz Distribution

- States:

$$\rho_{AB} = |\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+| \quad \rho_{BC} = \rho_{CA} = |\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+|$$

- Maximally entangled Bell states:

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle) \quad |\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

- Measurements:

$$M_A = \left\{ |0\psi_0\rangle\langle 0\psi_0|, |0\psi_\pi\rangle\langle 0\psi_\pi|, |1\psi_{-\pi/2}\rangle\langle 1\psi_{-\pi/2}|, |1\psi_{\pi/2}\rangle\langle 1\psi_{\pi/2}| \right\}$$

$$M_B = \left\{ |\psi_{\pi/4}0\rangle\langle\psi_{\pi/4}0|, |\psi_{5\pi/4}0\rangle\langle\psi_{5\pi/4}0|, |\psi_{3\pi/4}1\rangle\langle\psi_{3\pi/4}1|, |\psi_{-\pi/4}1\rangle\langle\psi_{-\pi/4}1| \right\}$$

$$M_C = \{ |00\rangle\langle 00|, |01\rangle\langle 01|, |10\rangle\langle 10|, |11\rangle\langle 11| \}$$

- Shorthand:  $|\psi_x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + e^{ix}|1\rangle)$

- Proof contingent on perfect correlation between  $C$  and pseudo-settings
- Proof not robust to noise

## Problem (2.17 in Fritz (2012))

*Find an example of non-classical quantum correlations in TS together with a proof of its non-classicality which does not hinge on Bell's Theorem.*

- “...would be helpful to have inequalities...”
- Possible to find inequalities violated by  $P_F$  using the Large inflation of the TS

# Large Inflation Incidence

- Joint variables are all of the observable nodes  $\mathcal{N}'_O = \mathcal{J}$

$$\mathcal{J} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4\}$$

- Marginal scenario is composed of pre-injectable sets  
 $\mathcal{M} = \text{PreInj}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}')$
- Inequalities violated by Fritz distribution are inherently 4-outcome
- Incidence matrix  $M$  is **very large**  $\sim 2.25\text{Gb}$ 
  - #Columns =  $4^{12} = 16,777,216$
  - #Rows =  $4 \times 4^6 + 8 \times 4^3 = 16,896$
  - #Non-zero Entries = 201,326,592



# Triangle Scenario Inequality

# Causal Symmetry

- Desirable to find compatibility inequality  $I$  such that

$$\forall \varphi \in \text{Perm}(A, B, C) : \varphi[I] = I$$

- Compatibility is independent of variable labels  
 $I, \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \varphi[I], \varphi[\mathcal{G}]$
- Need  $\varphi[\mathcal{G}] = \mathcal{G}$  to find new  $\varphi[I]$

## Definition

The **causal symmetry group** of causal structure  $\mathcal{G}$ :

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Strictly speaking, one needs to preserve observable nodes:

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1. Fritz distribution is incompatible with Triangle scenario because party  $C$  plays the role of measurement settings for both  $A$  and  $B$
2. In order to find quantum distributions different from  $P_F$  in the Triangle Scenario, it is therefore desirable to find a proof of its incompatibility (i.e. inequality) that is symmetric under exchange of parties
3. Surprisingly, it is possible to do so!
4. Here is how.
5. First, we will formally define the symmetry group in question
6. Causal symmetry group is the group of automorphisms on causal structure

# Causal Symmetry and Inflation

- Causal symmetry group for  $\mathcal{G}'$  is no good!
- Not possible to deflate inequality if it's not in terms of injectable sets

## Definition

The **restricted causal symmetry group**  $\Phi$  of  $\mathcal{G}'$ :

$$\Phi = \text{Aut}_{\text{PreInj}_{\mathcal{G}}}(\mathcal{G}')$$

# Restricted Causal Symmetry of Large Inflation

- $\Phi$  for the large inflation is an order 48 group with 4 generators

$\varphi_1$	$\varphi_2$	$\varphi_3$	$\varphi_4$
$A_1 \rightarrow A_4$	$A_1 \rightarrow A_1$	$A_1 \rightarrow C_1$	$A_1 \rightarrow A_1$
$A_2 \rightarrow A_3$	$A_2 \rightarrow A_3$	$A_2 \rightarrow C_2$	$A_2 \rightarrow A_2$
$A_3 \rightarrow A_2$	$A_3 \rightarrow A_2$	$A_3 \rightarrow C_3$	$A_3 \rightarrow A_3$
$A_4 \rightarrow A_1$	$A_4 \rightarrow A_4$	$A_4 \rightarrow C_4$	$A_4 \rightarrow A_4$
$B_1 \rightarrow B_4$	$B_1 \rightarrow C_1$	$B_1 \rightarrow A_1$	$B_1 \rightarrow B_2$
$B_2 \rightarrow B_3$	$B_2 \rightarrow C_3$	$B_2 \rightarrow A_2$	$B_2 \rightarrow B_1$
$B_3 \rightarrow B_2$	$B_3 \rightarrow C_2$	$B_3 \rightarrow A_3$	$B_3 \rightarrow B_4$
$B_4 \rightarrow B_1$	$B_4 \rightarrow C_4$	$B_4 \rightarrow A_4$	$B_4 \rightarrow B_3$
$C_1 \rightarrow C_4$	$C_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$C_1 \rightarrow B_1$	$C_1 \rightarrow C_3$
$C_2 \rightarrow C_3$	$C_2 \rightarrow B_3$	$C_2 \rightarrow B_2$	$C_2 \rightarrow C_4$
$C_3 \rightarrow C_2$	$C_3 \rightarrow B_2$	$C_3 \rightarrow B_3$	$C_3 \rightarrow C_1$
$C_4 \rightarrow C_1$	$C_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$C_4 \rightarrow B_4$	$C_4 \rightarrow C_2$

# Symmetric Incidence

- Group orbits through repeated action of  $\varphi \in \Phi$  on  $m \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})$  and  $j \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})$

$$\Phi[m] \equiv \{\varphi[m] \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$$

$$\Phi[j] \equiv \{\varphi[j] \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$$

- Construct **symmetric incidence matrix**  $\Phi[M]$

$$\Phi[M]_{\Phi[m], \Phi[j]} = \sum_{m' \in \Phi[m]} \sum_{j' \in \Phi[j]} M_{m', j'}$$

$$\Phi[M] = \Lambda_{\Phi[\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})]} \cdot M \cdot \Lambda_{\Phi[\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{J})]}$$

- $\Phi[M]$  not a bit-wise matrix like  $M$
- For large inflation  $M$  is  $16,896 \times 16,777,216$
- For large inflation  $\Phi[M]$  is  $450 \times 358,120$

# Party Symmetric Inequality

$$2[P(001)P(333)]_3 + 2[P(010)P(323)]_3 + 6[P(000)P(323)]_3 + 6[P(000)P(333)]_1$$

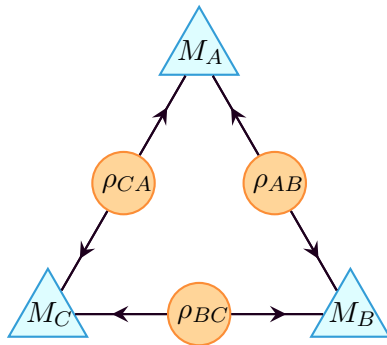
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$$\begin{aligned} & 12[P(031)P(302)]_6 + 12[P(033)P(303)]_6 + 12[P(103)P(130)]_6 + 12[P(203)P(230)]_6 + 12[P(203)P(330)]_6 + 2[P(001)P(320)]_6 + 2[P(002)P(221)]_3 + 2[P(003)P(211)]_6 + \\ & 2[P(003)P(331)]_3 + 2[P(011)P(211)]_3 + 2[P(012)P(322)]_6 + 2[P(013)P(313)]_6 + 2[P(013)P(332)]_6 + 2[P(020)P(111)]_3 + 2[P(020)P(211)]_6 + 2[P(021)P(212)]_6 + \\ & 2[P(022)P(211)]_3 + 2[P(022)P(212)]_6 + 2[P(022)P(322)]_3 + 2[P(023)P(232)]_6 + 2[P(030)P(212)]_3 + 2[P(031)P(231)]_6 + 2[P(032)P(331)]_6 + 2[P(033)P(333)]_3 + \\ & 2[P(101)P(131)]_3 + 2[P(101)P(132)]_6 + 2[P(102)P(131)]_6 + 2[P(102)P(132)]_6 + 2[P(102)P(133)]_6 + 2[P(110)P(133)]_6 + 2[P(110)P(212)]_6 + 2[P(110)P(222)]_3 + \\ & 2[P(110)P(223)]_3 + 2[P(112)P(331)]_3 + 2[P(120)P(122)]_6 + 2[P(121)P(201)]_6 + 2[P(122)P(200)]_3 + 2[P(122)P(202)]_6 + 2[P(122)P(210)]_6 + 2[P(122)P(300)]_3 + \\ & 2[P(130)P(232)]_6 + 2[P(130)P(233)]_6 + 2[P(131)P(201)]_6 + 2[P(131)P(202)]_3 + 2[P(131)P(313)]_3 + 2[P(133)P(200)]_3 + 2[P(133)P(201)]_6 + 2[P(133)P(211)]_3 + \\ & 2[P(133)P(212)]_6 + 2[P(133)P(300)]_3 + 2[P(202)P(231)]_6 + 2[P(210)P(222)]_6 + 2[P(220)P(222)]_3 + 2[P(220)P(313)]_6 + 2[P(221)P(313)]_6 + 2[P(222)P(331)]_3 + \\ & 2[P(223)P(331)]_3 + 2[P(230)P(312)]_6 + 2[P(231)P(313)]_6 + 2[P(232)P(320)]_6 + 2[P(302)P(322)]_6 + 2[P(320)P(323)]_6 + 2[P(330)P(332)]_3 + 3[P(000)P(003)]_3 + \\ & 3[P(010)P(301)]_6 + 4[P(001)P(131)]_6 + 4[P(002)P(020)]_6 + 4[P(002)P(133)]_6 + 4[P(002)P(323)]_6 + 4[P(010)P(123)]_6 + 4[P(013)P(212)]_6 + 4[P(013)P(312)]_6 + \\ & 4[P(023)P(221)]_6 + 4[P(023)P(222)]_6 + 4[P(023)P(322)]_6 + 4[P(031)P(211)]_6 + 4[P(032)P(321)]_6 + 4[P(100)P(123)]_6 + 4[P(100)P(232)]_6 + 4[P(100)P(313)]_6 + \\ & 4[P(112)P(310)]_6 + 4[P(122)P(203)]_6 + 4[P(122)P(302)]_6 + 4[P(130)P(222)]_6 + 4[P(130)P(223)]_6 + 4[P(222)P(310)]_6 + 4[P(223)P(320)]_6 + 4[P(231)P(301)]_6 + \\ & 4[P(312)P(330)]_6 + 6[P(001)P(031)]_6 + 6[P(001)P(033)]_6 + 6[P(002)P(300)]_6 + 6[P(002)P(330)]_3 + 6[P(003)P(032)]_6 + 6[P(003)P(131)]_6 + 6[P(003)P(132)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(011)P(300)]_3 + 6[P(011)P(320)]_6 + 6[P(012)P(200)]_6 + 6[P(012)P(301)]_6 + 6[P(013)P(030)]_6 + 6[P(013)P(110)]_6 + 6[P(013)P(120)]_6 + 6[P(013)P(303)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(020)P(102)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(103)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(123)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(202)]_3 + 6[P(020)P(203)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(311)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(322)]_6 + 6[P(020)P(330)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(022)P(303)]_6 + 6[P(030)P(033)]_6 + 6[P(030)P(101)]_3 + 6[P(030)P(133)]_6 + 6[P(030)P(202)]_3 + 6[P(030)P(303)]_3 + 6[P(030)P(332)]_6 + 6[P(031)P(203)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(032)P(310)]_6 + 6[P(033)P(101)]_6 + 6[P(033)P(130)]_6 + 6[P(033)P(200)]_3 + 6[P(033)P(212)]_6 + 6[P(033)P(220)]_6 + 6[P(033)P(222)]_3 + 6[P(033)P(230)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(033)P(322)]_3 + 6[P(100)P(203)]_6 + 6[P(101)P(130)]_6 + 6[P(103)P(310)]_6 + 6[P(113)P(130)]_6 + 6[P(113)P(230)]_6 + 6[P(113)P(330)]_3 + 6[P(122)P(330)]_6 + \\ & 6[P(130)P(313)]_6 + 6[P(132)P(303)]_6 + 6[P(133)P(303)]_6 + 6[P(133)P(320)]_6 + 6[P(200)P(203)]_6 + 6[P(201)P(230)]_6 + 6[P(203)P(231)]_6 + 6[P(223)P(300)]_6 + \\ & 8[P(003)P(320)]_6 + 8[P(032)P(300)]_6 \end{aligned}$$

# Parameterizing Quantum Distributions

For our purposes, we need to parameterize the space of quantum-accessible distributions that are *realized* on the Triangle Scenario

$$P_{ABC}(abc) = \text{Tr}[\Pi^\top \rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC} \otimes \rho_{CA} \Pi M_{A,a} \otimes M_{B,b} \otimes M_{C,c}]$$





# Numerical Optimization

- Attempt to find new non-classical distributions
- Objective function  $f(\lambda) \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - 1 Real-valued parameters  $\lambda = (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n)$
  - 2 Quantum states/measurements  $\rho_{AB}, \rho_{BC}, \rho_{CA}, M_A, M_B, M_C$
  - 3 Distribution  $P_{ABC}$
  - 4 Plug into inequality  $I$  in homogeneous form  $I(P_{ABC}) \geq 0$
  - 5 Output is objective value  $I(P_{ABC})$
- Numerical minimization of  $f(\lambda)$

$$f(\lambda_{(k+1)}) = \lambda_{(k)} - \gamma_{(k)} \nabla f(\lambda_{(k)})$$

- Non-convex, non-linear, smooth/continuous
- Gradient Descent, BFGS Method, Nelder-Mead simplex method
- Stochastic methods: simulated annealing, basin-hopping

# Parameterizing Unitary Group

- Spengler, Huber and Heismayr Spengler et al. (2010) demonstrate a parameterization of  $\mathcal{U}(d)$  where the parameters are organized in a  $d \times d$ -matrix of real values  $\lambda_{n,m}$

$$U = \left[ \prod_{m=1}^{d-1} \left( \prod_{n=m+1}^d R_{m,n} R P_{n,m} \right) \right] \cdot \left[ \prod_{l=1}^d G P_l \right]$$

- Global Phase Terms:  $G P_l = \exp(i P_l \lambda_{l,l})$
- Relative Phase Terms:  $R P_{n,m} = \exp(i P_n \lambda_{n,m})$
- Rotation Terms:  $R_{m,n} = \exp(i \sigma_{m,n} \lambda_{m,n})$
- Projection Operators:  $P_l = |l\rangle\langle l|$
- Anti-symmetric  $\sigma$ -matrices:  $\sigma_{m,n} = -i|m\rangle\langle n| + i|n\rangle\langle m|$
- Parameters  $\lambda_{n,m} \in [0, 2\pi]$

# Parameterizing Unitary Group Cont'd

- Each parameter  $\lambda_{n,m}$  has physical interpretation
- Degeneracies are easily eliminated such as global phase

$$\forall l = 1, \dots, d : \lambda_{l,l} = 0 \implies GP_l = \mathbb{1}$$

- Parameterize  $U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$  up to global phase denoted  $\tilde{U} \in \mathcal{U}(d)$
- Computationally efficient

$$GP_l = \mathbb{1} + P_l(e^{i\lambda_{l,l}} - 1)$$

$$RP_{n,m} = \mathbb{1} + P_n(e^{i\lambda_{n,m}} - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{m,n} = \mathbb{1} &+ (|m\rangle\langle m| + |n\rangle\langle n|)(\cos \lambda_{n,m} - 1) \\ &+ (|m\rangle\langle n| - |n\rangle\langle m|) \sin \lambda_{n,m} \end{aligned}$$

# Parameterizing States

- Each latent resource  $\rho \in (\rho_{AB}, \rho_{BC}, \rho_{CA})$  modeled as bipartite qubit state acting on  $\mathcal{H}^{d/2} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{d/2}$
- $d \times d$  positive semi-definite (PSD) hermitian matrices with unitary trace
- **Cholesky Parametrization** allows one to write any hermitian PSD as  $\rho = T^\dagger T$
- For  $d = 4$ :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_2 + i\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_5 + i\lambda_6 & \lambda_7 + i\lambda_8 & \lambda_9 & 0 \\ \lambda_{10} + i\lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12} + i\lambda_{13} & \lambda_{14} + i\lambda_{15} & \lambda_{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $d^2$  real-valued parameters
- Normalized  $\rho = T^\dagger T / \text{Tr}(T^\dagger T)$  adds degeneracy

# Parameterizing States Cont'd

- **SHH parameterization** Spengler et al. (2010) exploits spectral decomposition; for rank  $k \leq d$  density matrix

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| \quad p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$$

- Orthonormal  $k$ -element sub-basis  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}^d$  can be transformed into computational basis  $\{|i\rangle\}$  by unitary  $U \in \mathcal{U}(d)$  such that  $|\psi_i\rangle = U|i\rangle$
- Freedom to choice  $k$
- Parameterize  $\rho$  through  $\{p_i\}$  and  $\tilde{U}_k$

$$\tilde{U}_k = \prod_{m=1}^k \left( \prod_{n=m+1}^d R_{m,n} R P_{n,m} \right)$$

- real-value parameters  $d^2 - (d - k)^2 - k$  for  $\tilde{U}_k$ ,  $k - 1$  for  $\{p_i\}$  (no degeneracy)

# Parameterizing POVMs

- Each party ( $A, B, C$ ) is assigned a **projective-operator valued measure (POVM)** ( $M_A, M_B, M_C$ )

$$\forall |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^d : \langle \psi | M_\chi | \psi \rangle \geq 0 \quad M_\chi = M_\chi^\dagger$$

- $n$ -outcome measurement

$$M_\chi = \{M_{\chi,1}, \dots, M_{\chi,n}\} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n M_{\chi,i} = \mathbb{1}$$

- For  $n = 2$  outcomes, a parameterization exists by constraining the eigenvalues of  $M_{\chi,i}$ ; for  $n > 2$  not aware of anything
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## 1. Naimark's Dilation Theorem

# Parameterizing PVMs

- Each party  $(A, B, C)$  is assigned  $n$ -outcome  $(M_A, M_B, M_C)$  such that,

$$M_{\chi,i}M_{\chi,j} = \delta_{ij}M_{\chi,i} \quad M_{\chi,i} = |m_{\chi,i}\rangle\langle m_{\chi,i}|$$

- Inspired by Pál and Vértesi (2010), parameterizing PVMs means parameterizing a  $n$ -element sub-basis  $\{|m_{\chi,i}\rangle\}$
- Use unitary transformation again

$$\{|m_{\chi,1}\rangle, \dots, |m_{\chi,n}\rangle\} = \{U|1\rangle, \dots, U|n\rangle\}$$

- Global phase and remaining basis irrelevant:  $\tilde{U}_n$  requires  $n(2d - n - 1)$  real-valued parameters
- PVMs are computationally more efficient

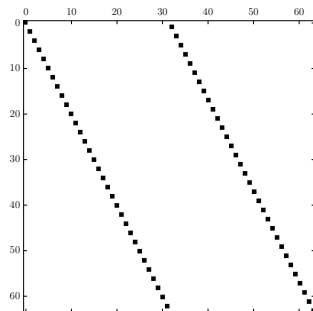
$$P_{ABC}(abc) = \langle m_{A,a}m_{B,b}m_{C,c}|\Pi^\top \rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC} \otimes \rho_{CA}\Pi|m_{A,a}m_{B,b}m_{C,c}\rangle$$



# Network Permutation Matrix

- States and measurements in the Triangle Scenario are not aligned
- Without  $\Pi$ ,  $P_{ABC}$  would be separable
- Required to align  $B$ 's measurement over  $\text{Tr}_{A,C}(\rho_{AB} \otimes \rho_{BC})$
- $\Pi$  is a  $2^6 \times 2^6$  matrix
- Shifts one qubit to the left

$$\Pi \equiv \sum_{|q_i\rangle \in \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}} |q_2 q_3 q_4 q_5 q_6 q_1\rangle \langle q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4 q_5 q_6|$$



- Full rank  $\rho, M$  gives 81 free parameters

$$|\lambda| = 3 \cdot (12 + 3) + 3 \cdot 12 = 81$$

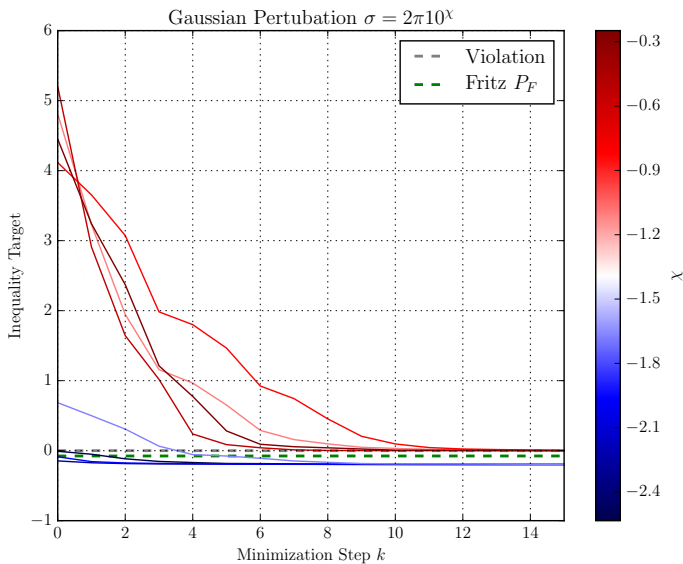
- Parameterization of quantum distributions still degenerate
- Noisy seed (Gaussian noise):

$$\lambda_{(0)} = \lambda_{(F)} + \delta\lambda \quad \delta\lambda_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = (2\pi 10^x)^2)$$

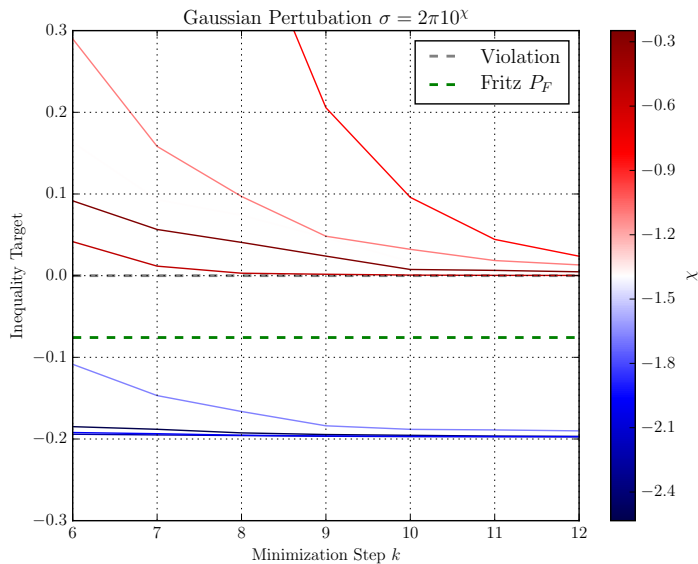
- Uniform seed:

$$\lambda_{(0),i} \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 2\pi])$$

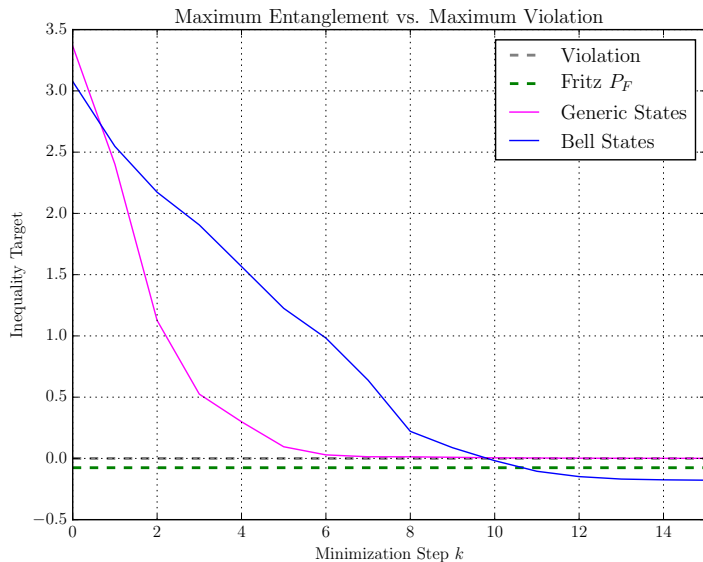
# Fritz Local Minima



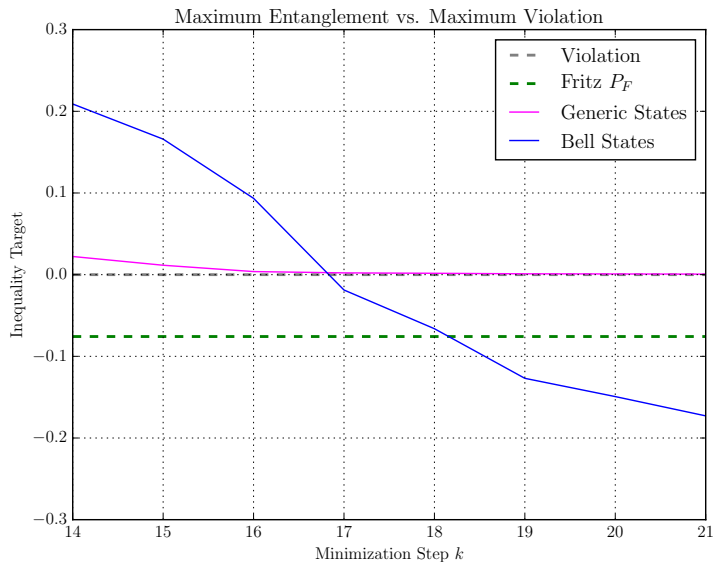
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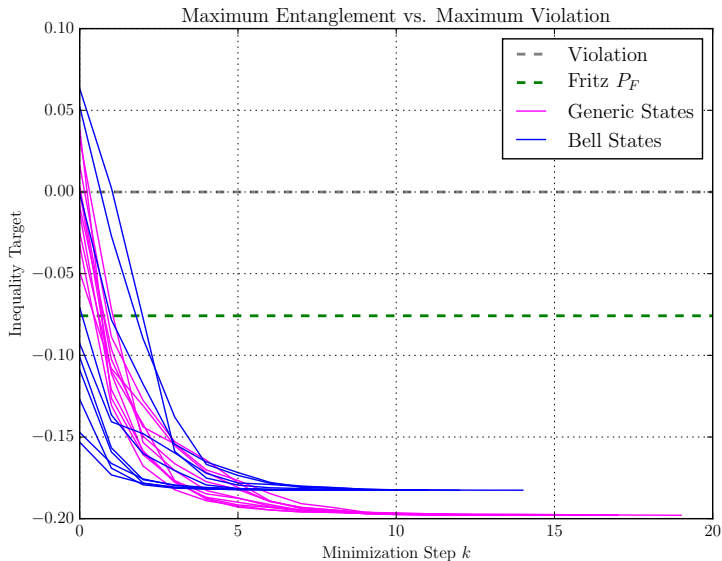
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# Max Entangled vs. Max Violating



# Maximally Violating Distributions

- Able to out-perform violation provided by Fritz distribution
- Maximally-violating states are not maximally-entangled; similar to detection loop-hole example of Methot and Scarani (2006)
- Violation very sensitive to the initial parameters  $\lambda_{(0)}$
- Both symmetric and asymmetric inequalities exhibit same qualitative features



- New causal compatibility inequalities have been found for the TS
- Inflation technique capable of producing inequalities with quantum/classical witnesses
- Proof of non-classicality is robust to noise
- Fritz witness-able by party symmetric inequalities
- Maximally violating distributions are different than Fritz but also similar
- Further research is necessary

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