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# The Möbius Test



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# The Bell Test



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result **A**  setting **X**  
**Alice**

 result **B** setting **Y**  
**Bob**

$\Lambda$

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$$\Pr[A \oplus B = X \cdot Y] \leq 3/4$$

**The Bell Test: device independence**



### ON THE EINSTEIN PODOLSKY ROSEN PARADOX\*

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#### I. Introduction

THE paradox of Einstein, Podolsky and Rosen [1] was advanced as an argument that quantum mechanics could not be a complete theory but should be supplemented by additional variables. These additional variables were to restore to the theory causality and locality [2]. In this note that idea will be formulated mathematically and shown to be incompatible with the statistical predictions of quantum mechanics. It is the requirement of locality, or more precisely that the result of a measurement on one system be unaffected by operations on a distant system with which it has interacted in the past, that creates the essential difficulty. There have been attempts [3] to show that even without such a separability or locality requirement no "hidden variable" interpretation of quantum mechanics is possible. These attempts have been examined elsewhere [4] and found wanting. Moreover, a hidden variable interpretation of elementary quantum theory [5] has been explicitly constructed. That particular interpretation has indeed a grossly non-local structure. This is characteristic, according to the result to be proved here, of any such theory which reproduces exactly the quantum mechanical predictions.

#### II. Formulation

With the example advocated by Bohm and Aharonov [6], the EPR argument is the following. Consider a pair of spin one-half particles formed somehow in the singlet spin state and moving freely in opposite directions. Measurements can be made, say by Stern-Gerlach magnets, on selected components of the spins  $\vec{\sigma}_1$  and  $\vec{\sigma}_2$ . If measurement of the component  $\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{a}$ , where  $\vec{a}$  is some unit vector, yields the value +1 then, according to quantum mechanics, measurement of  $\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{a}$  must yield the value -1 and vice versa. Now we make the hypothesis [2], and it seems one at least worth considering, that if the two measure-

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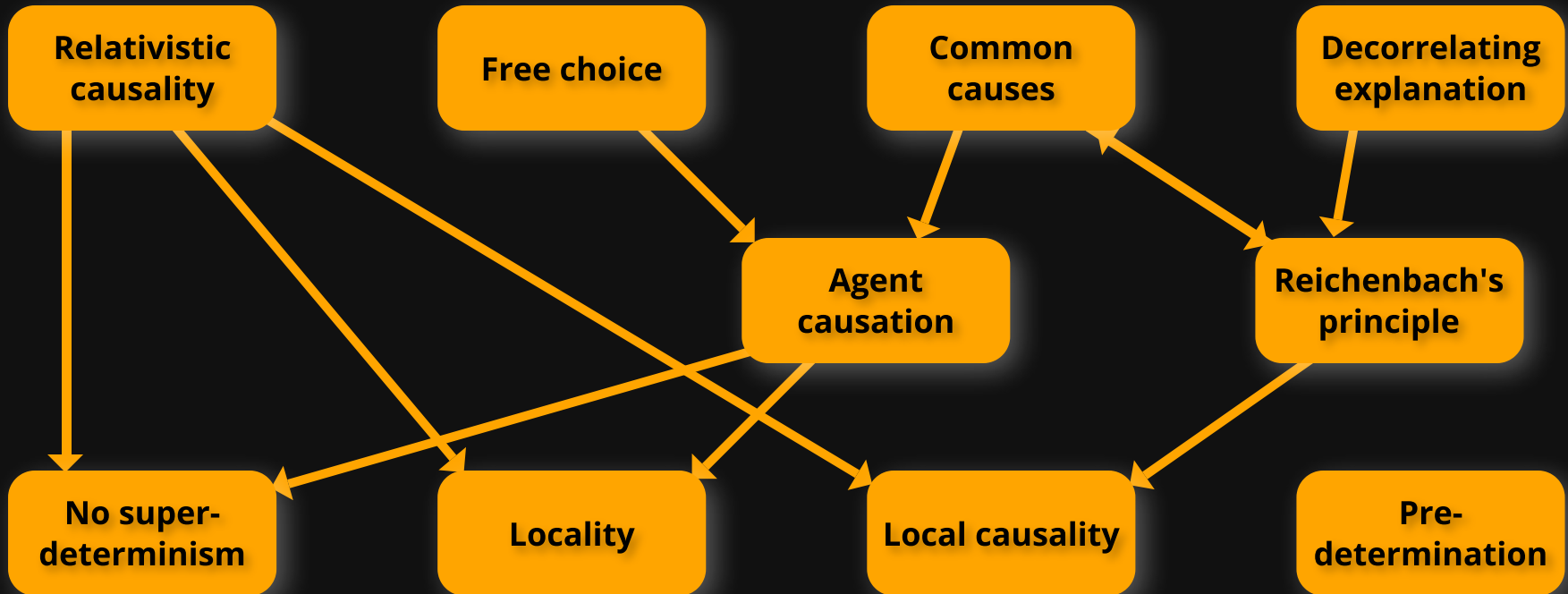
# Postulates

**Locality**

**Local causality**

**Pre-  
determination**

# Web of postulates



*"Quantum correlations falsify the hypothesis that, in any laboratory, nature carries the answer to any question which may be put there, and answers without knowing which questions are being put elsewhere."*

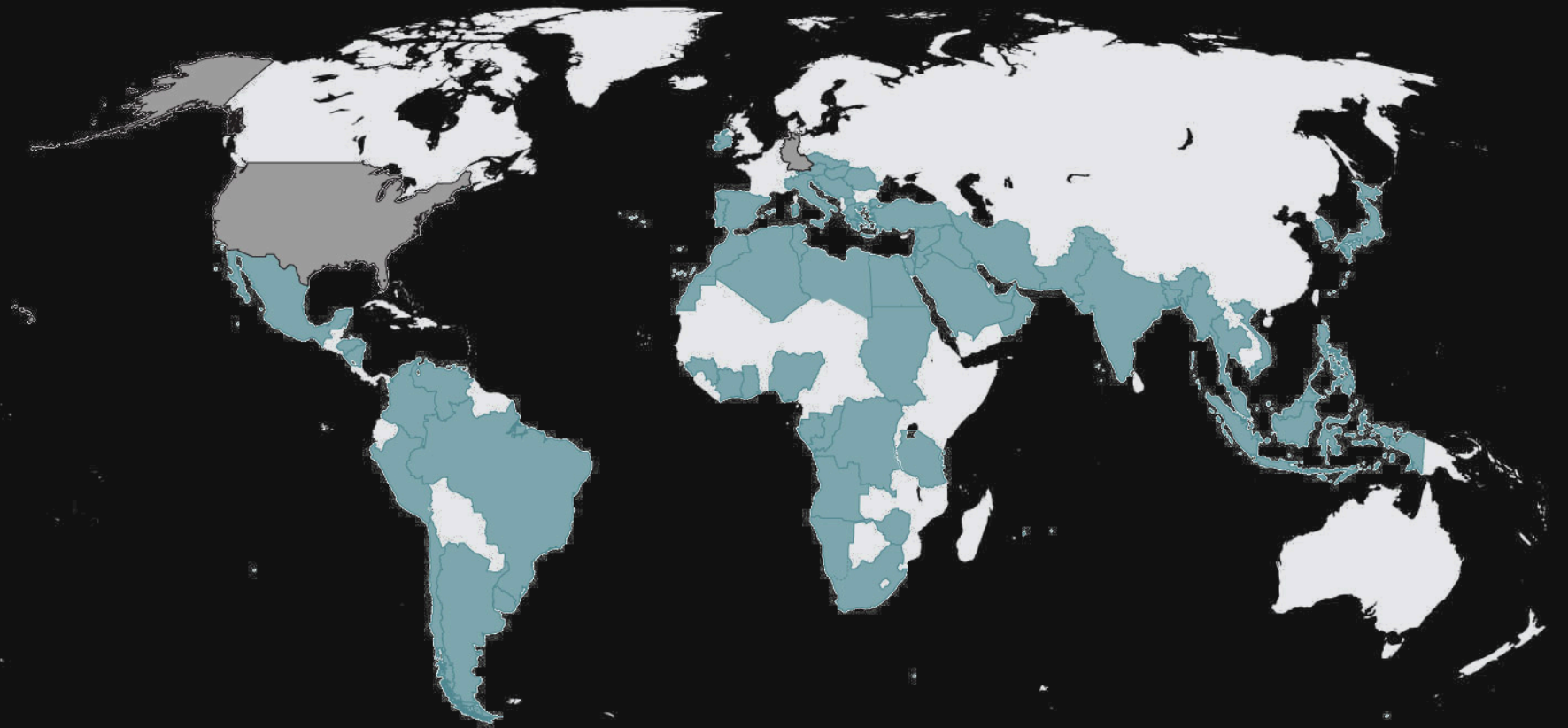
# Spontaneous correlations:

$$p(a, b|x, y) \neq \sum_{\lambda} p(\lambda) p(a|x, \lambda) p(b|y, \lambda)$$

Independent of physical degrees of freedom,  
apparatus, physical systems, laws, ...

# Applications: Cryptography

- Self testing
- Quantum key distribution
- Randomness amplification



# The Bell Test: **polytope theory**

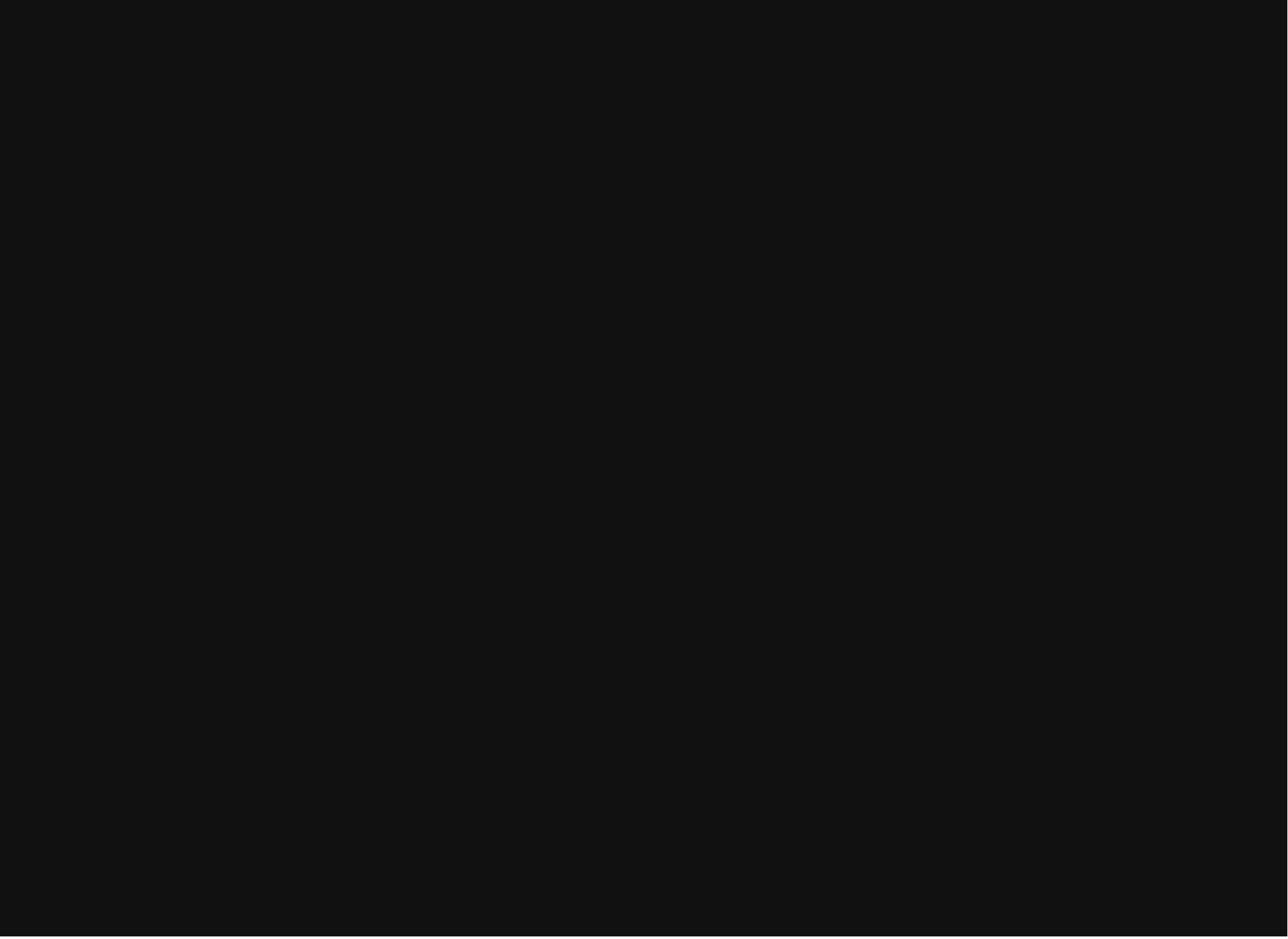


$$p(a, b|x, y) = \sum_{\lambda} p(\lambda) p(a|x, \lambda) p(b|y, \lambda)$$

$$\vec{p} = ( p(00|00), p(01|00), p(10|00), p(11|00), \\ p(00|01), p(01|01), p(10|01), p(11|01), \\ p(00|10), p(01|10), p(10|10), p(11|10), \\ p(00|11), p(01|11), p(10|11), p(11|11) )$$



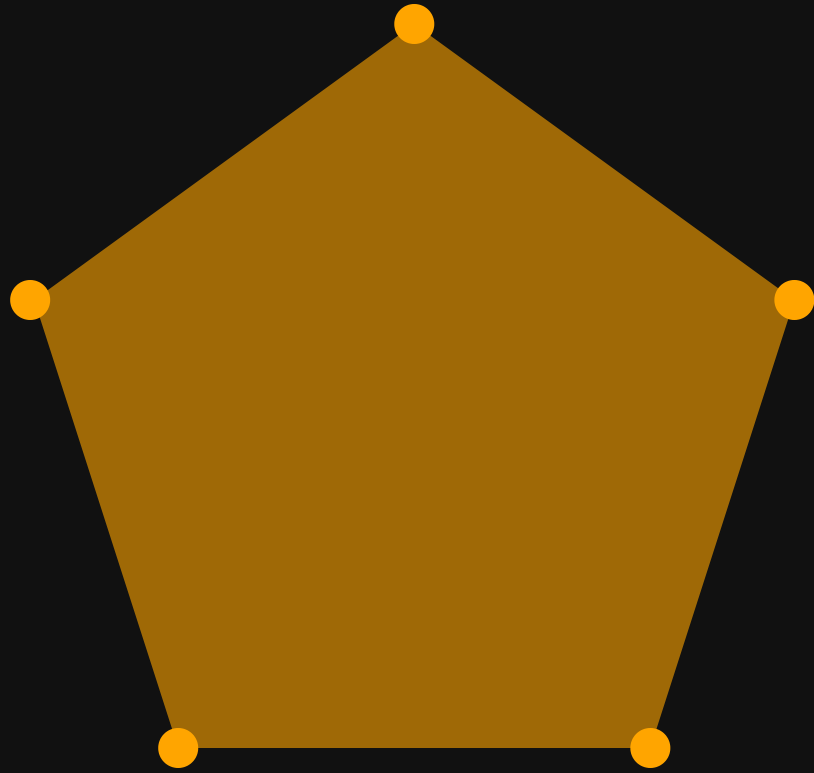




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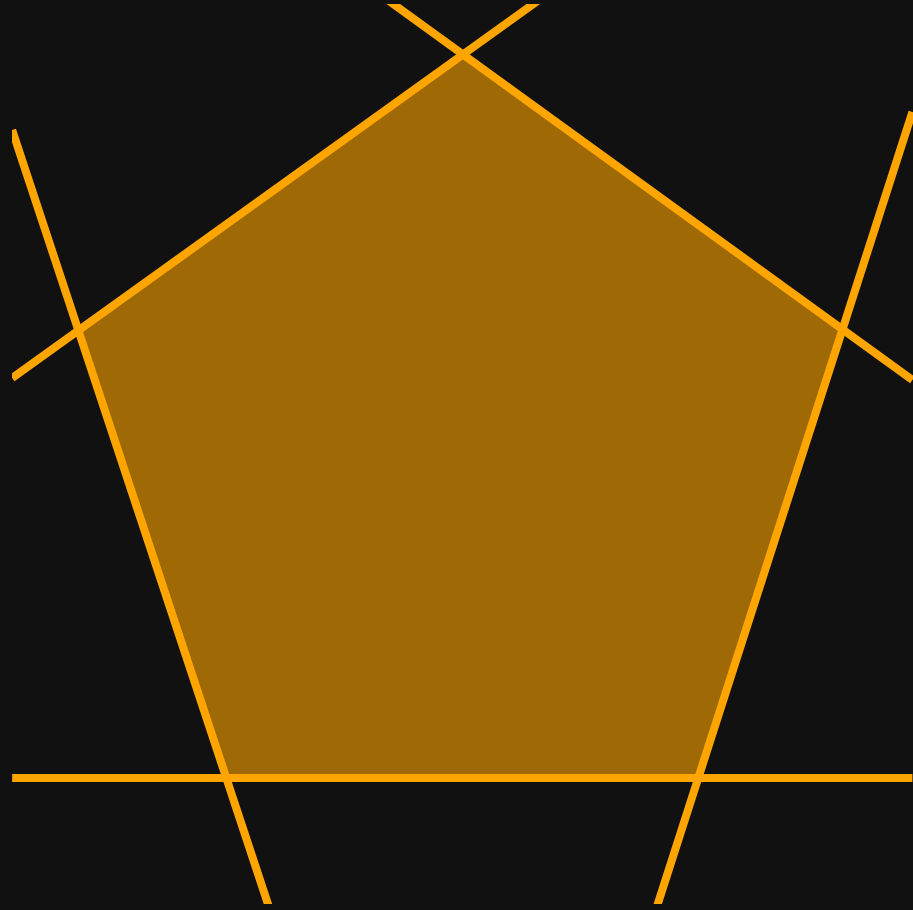
Geometric representation: **convex polytope**





**vertex** representation

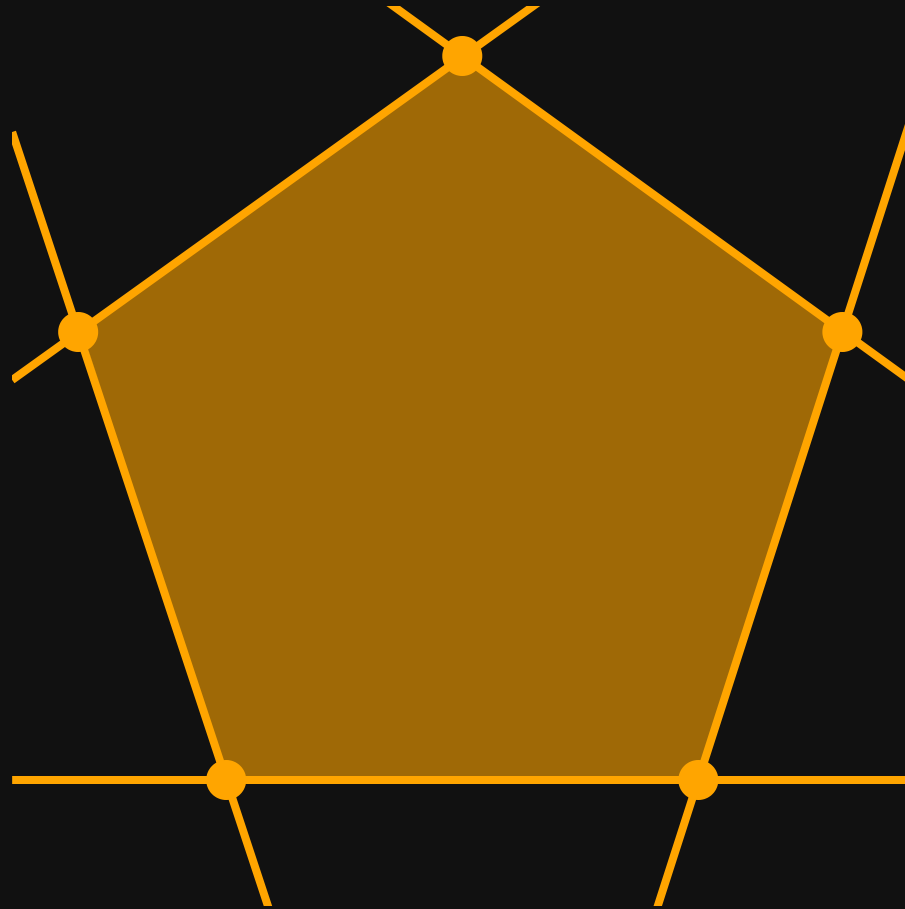




**halfspace** representation

$$p(a, b|x, y) = \sum_{\lambda} p(\lambda) p(a|x, \lambda) p(b|y, \lambda)$$

$$p(a, b|x, y) = [a = f_A(x, \lambda)] [b = f_B(y, \lambda)]$$

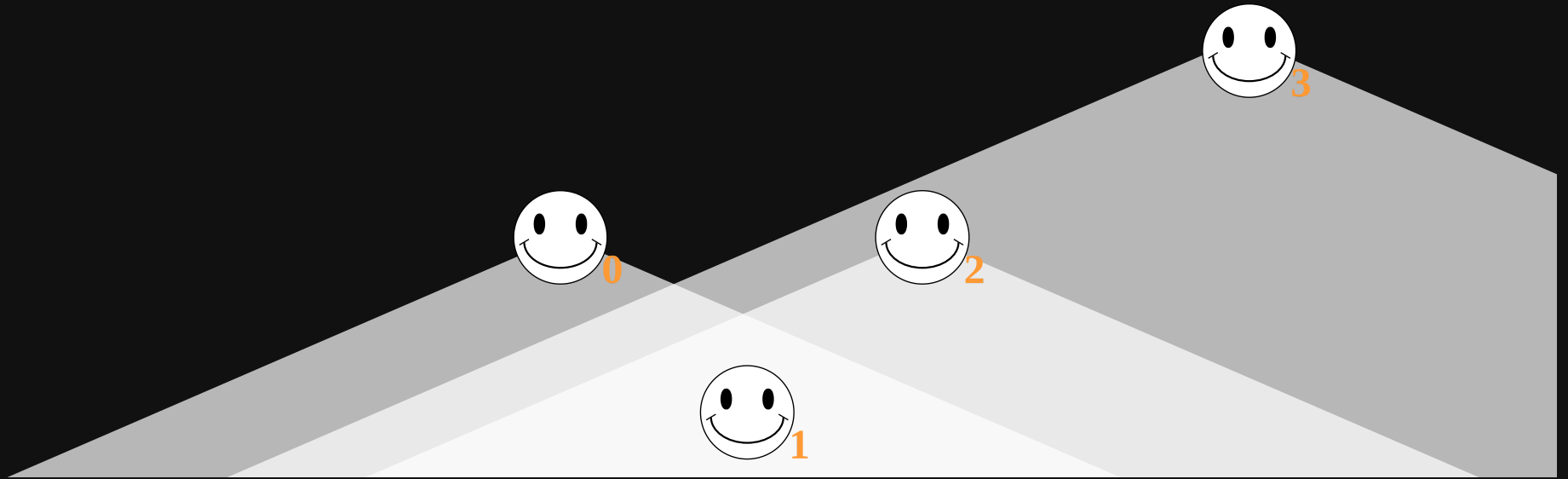


- Full dimensional
- Bell inequality is a **facet** (*11-dimensional*)

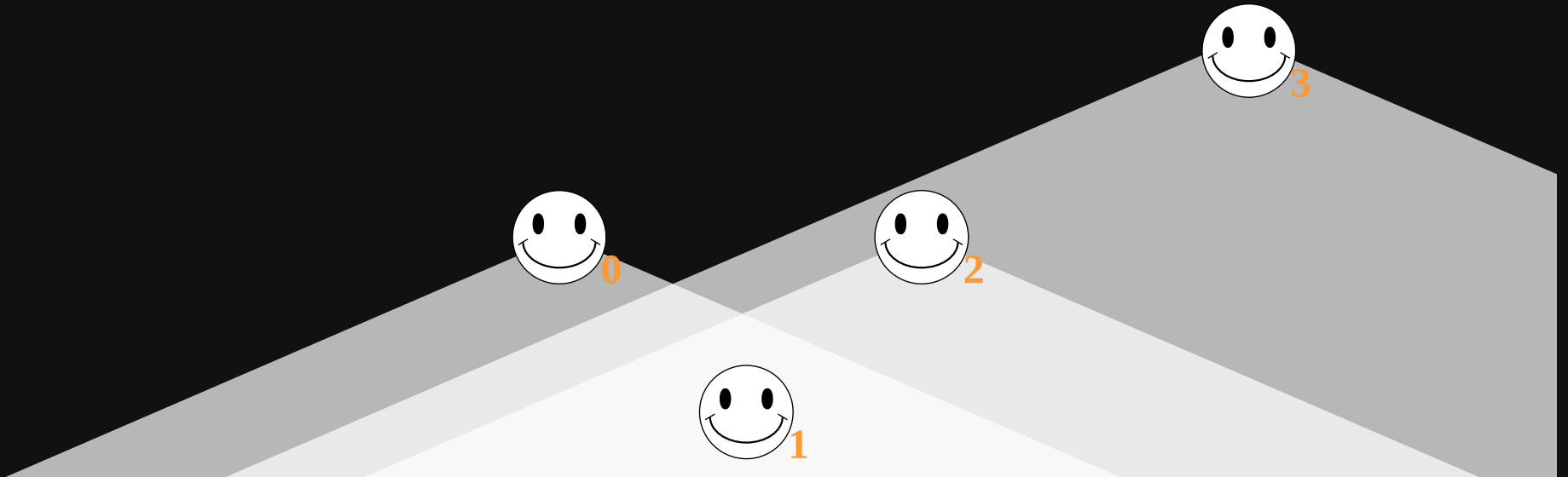
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1. **The Möbius Test**
2. Relativity

# The Möbius Test

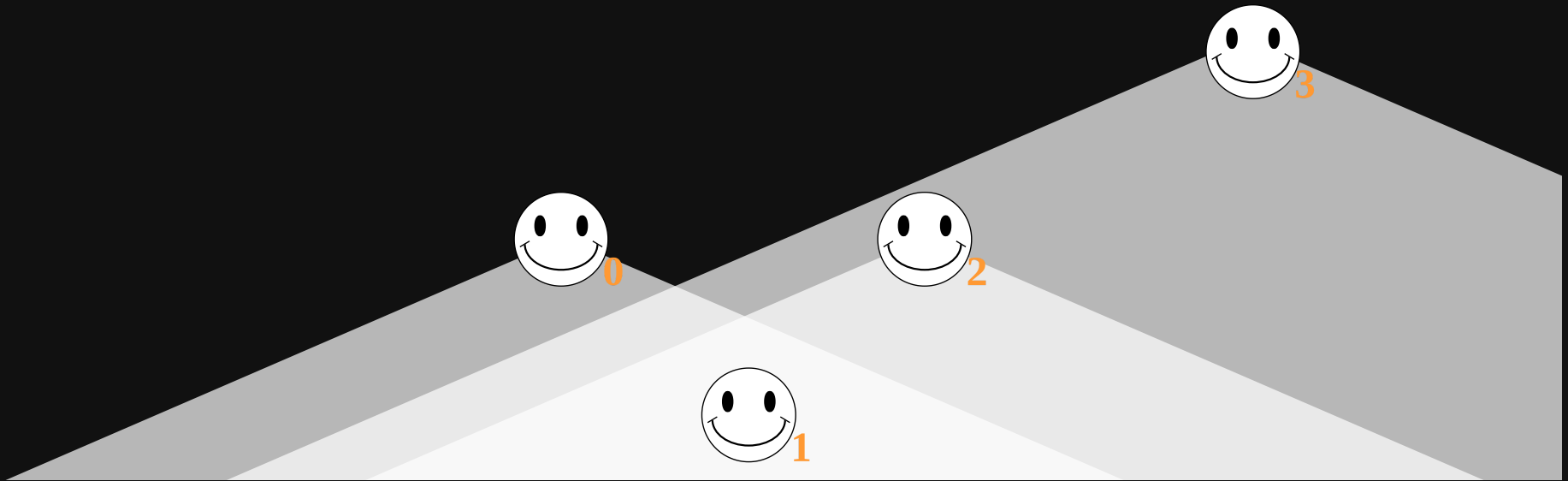


Observations at *fixed* spacetime coordinates

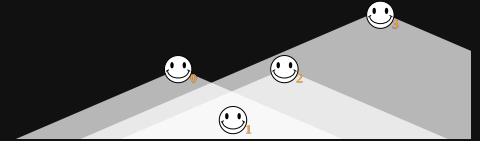


Observations obey *partial order*





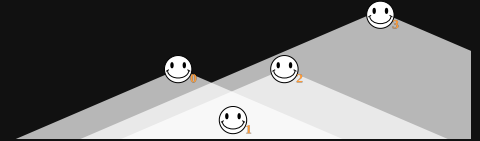
- Result  $A_3$  may depend on setting  $X_1$
- Result  $A_1$  *cannot* depend on setting  $X_3$



Decomposition of

$$p(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots | x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

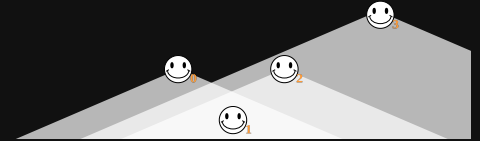
$$p(\underline{a} | \underline{x}) = \sum_{\sigma} p(\sigma) \prod_k p(a_k | \sigma, x_k, a_{\prec_{\sigma} k}, x_{\prec_{\sigma} k})$$



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# A simple scenario

$$p( a | s, r, x )$$

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$$= \sum_{\sigma: s \prec_{\sigma} r} p(\sigma) p(a \mid \sigma, s, r, x) + \sum_{\sigma: s \not\prec_{\sigma} r} p(\sigma) p(a \mid \sigma, s, r, x)$$

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$$= [s \prec_{\sigma} r][a = f(s, r, x)] + [s \not\prec_{\sigma} r][a = g(s, r)]$$

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$p(0|A, B, 0) \neq p(1|A, B, 1)$ : signal from  $A$  to  $B$

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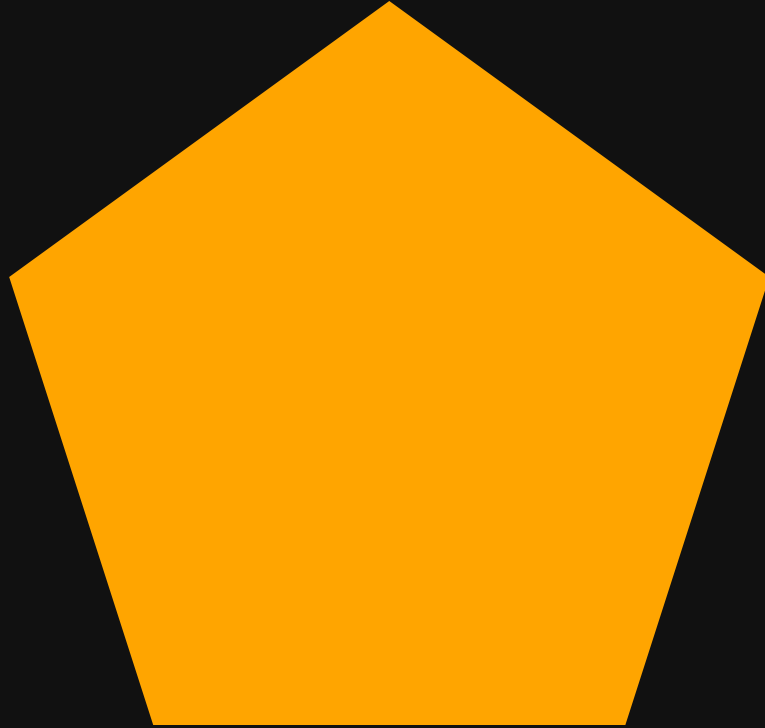


$$\left( \begin{array}{l} [A \rightarrow B], \\ [A \rightarrow C], \\ [B \rightarrow A], \\ [B \rightarrow C], \\ [C \rightarrow A], \\ [C \rightarrow B], \end{array} \right)$$

Adjacency vector of a directed graph.

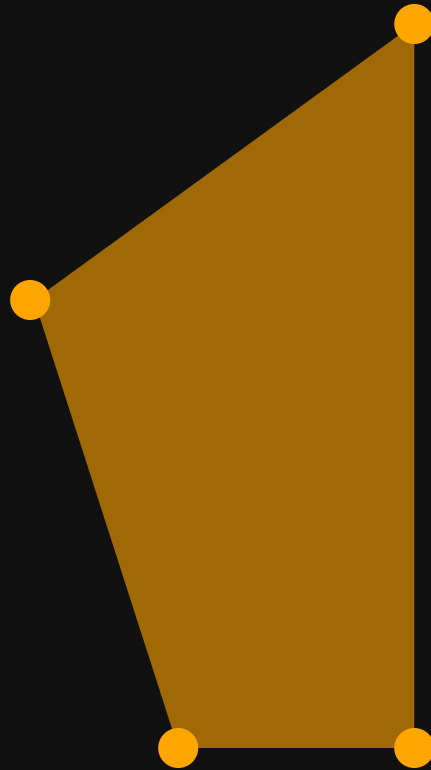
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Adjacency vector of a directed **acyclic** graph.





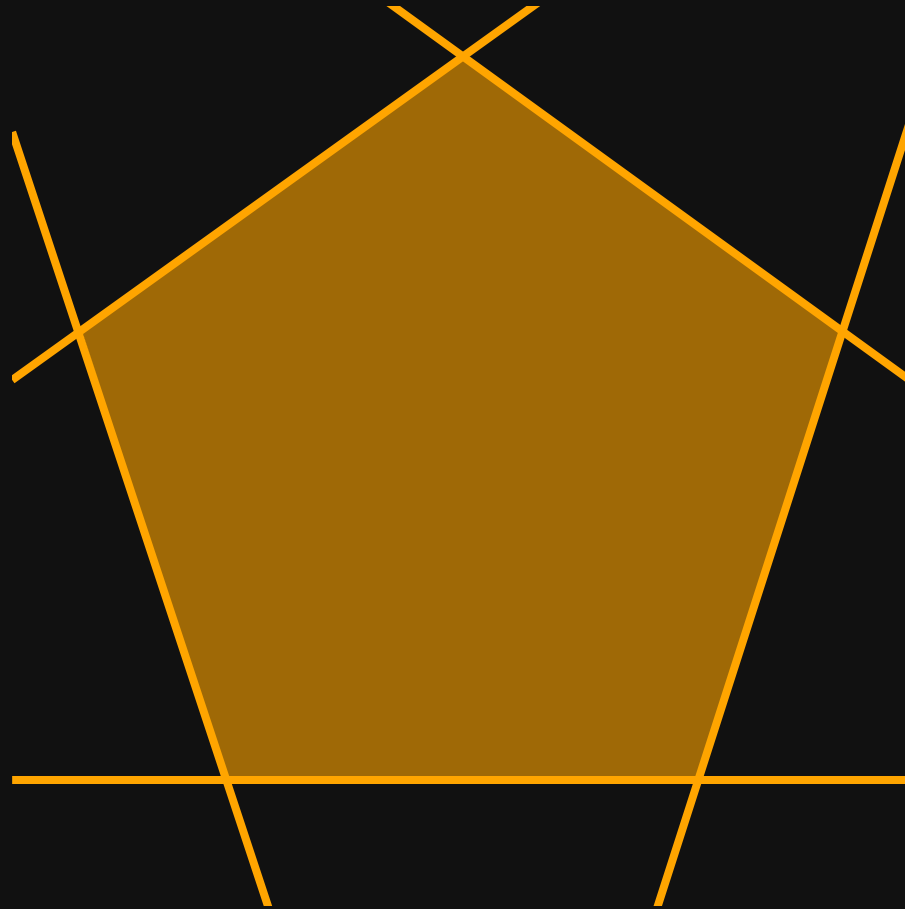
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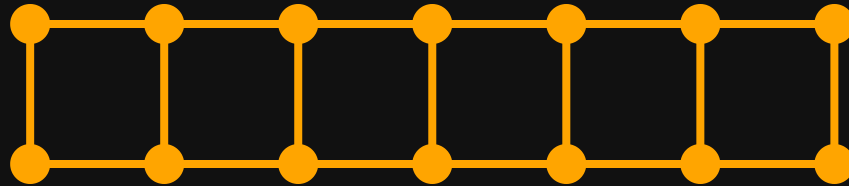


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- Extremal points correspond to DAGs
- Some halfspaces known since 1985



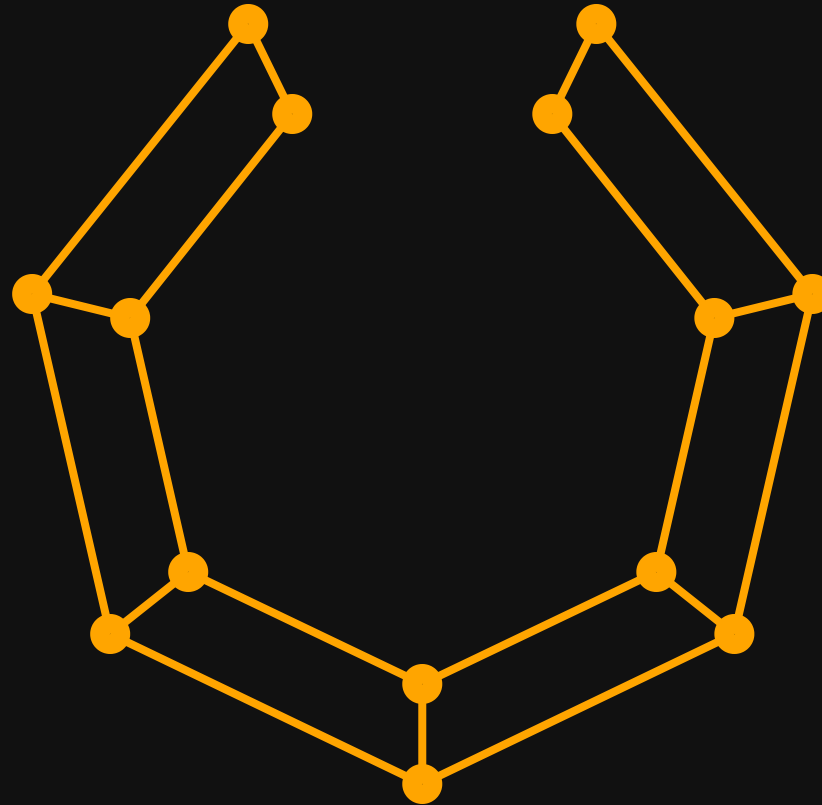
- Projection:  $2n(n - 1)$  dim. to  $n(n - 1)$  dim.
- Extremal points correspond to DAGs
- Some halfspaces known since 1985
- Lifting theorem

# The Möbius graph

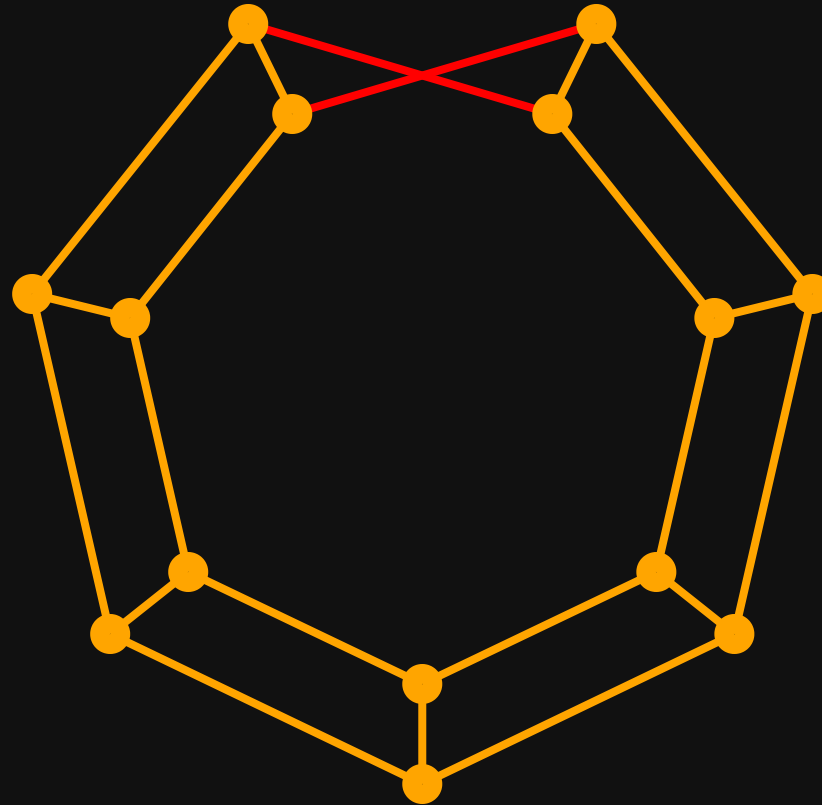




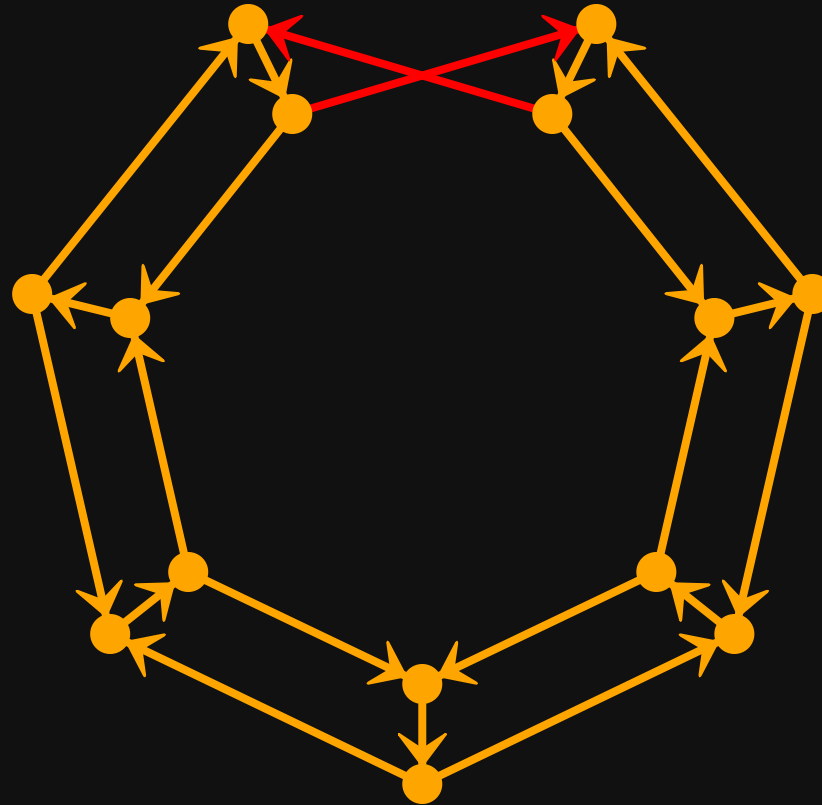
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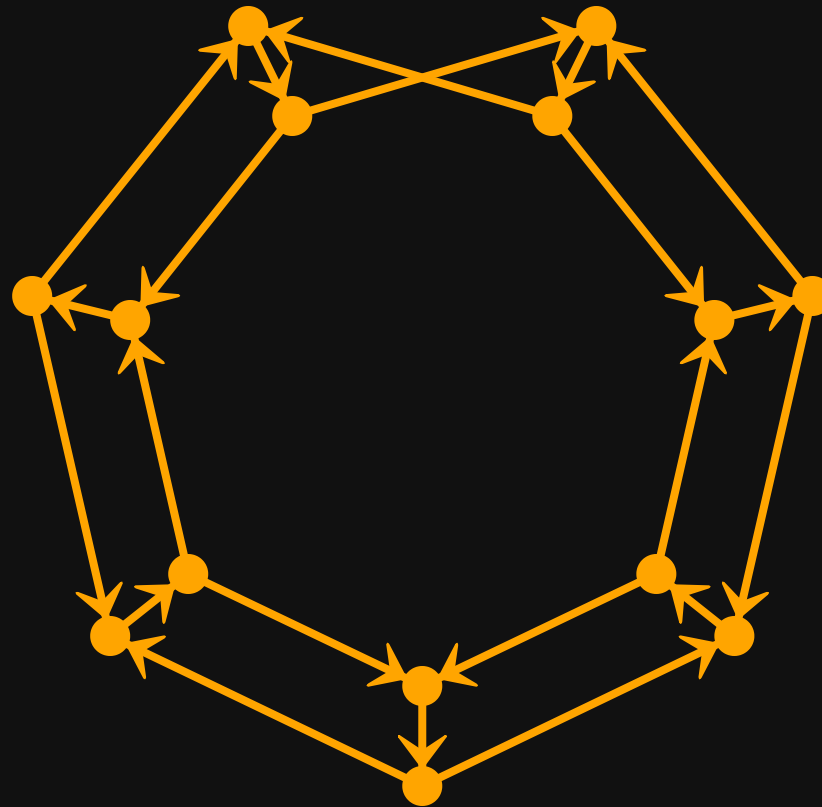
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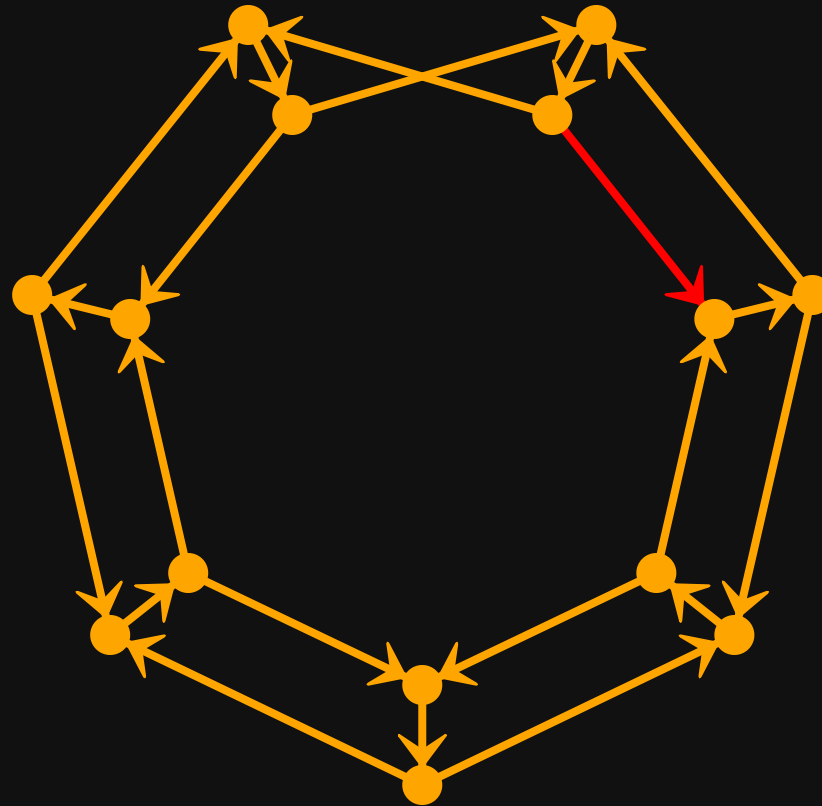
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# The Möbius inequality

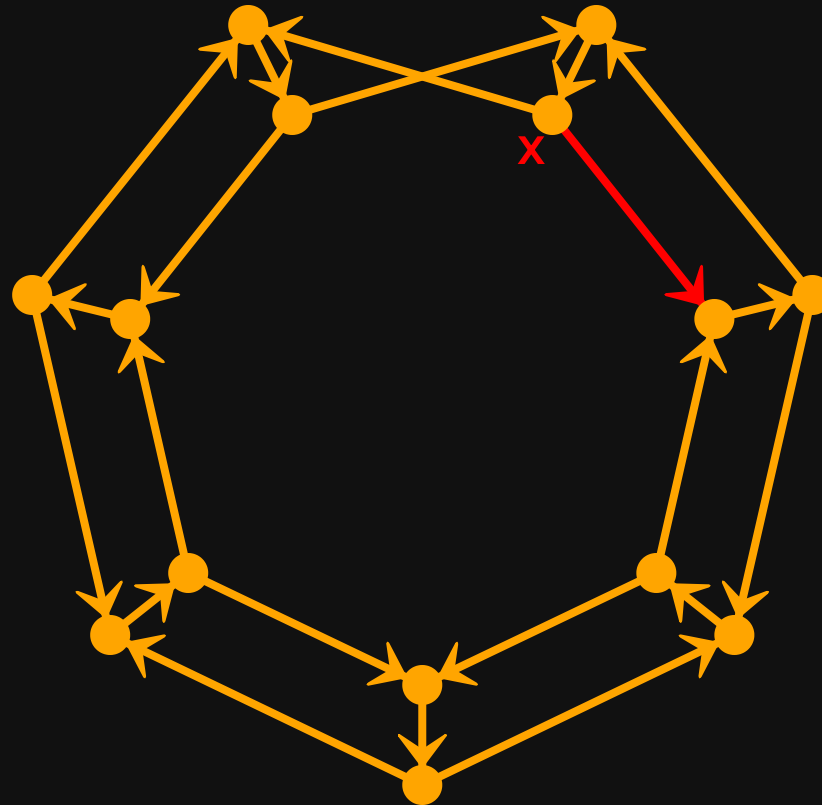


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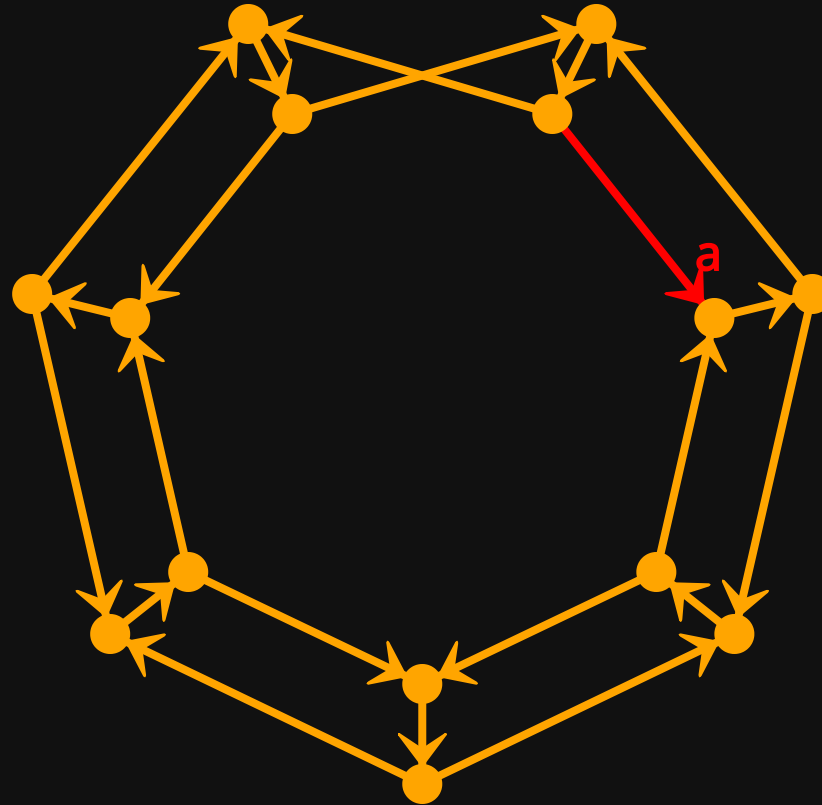
Referee announces random arc  $s \rightarrow r$

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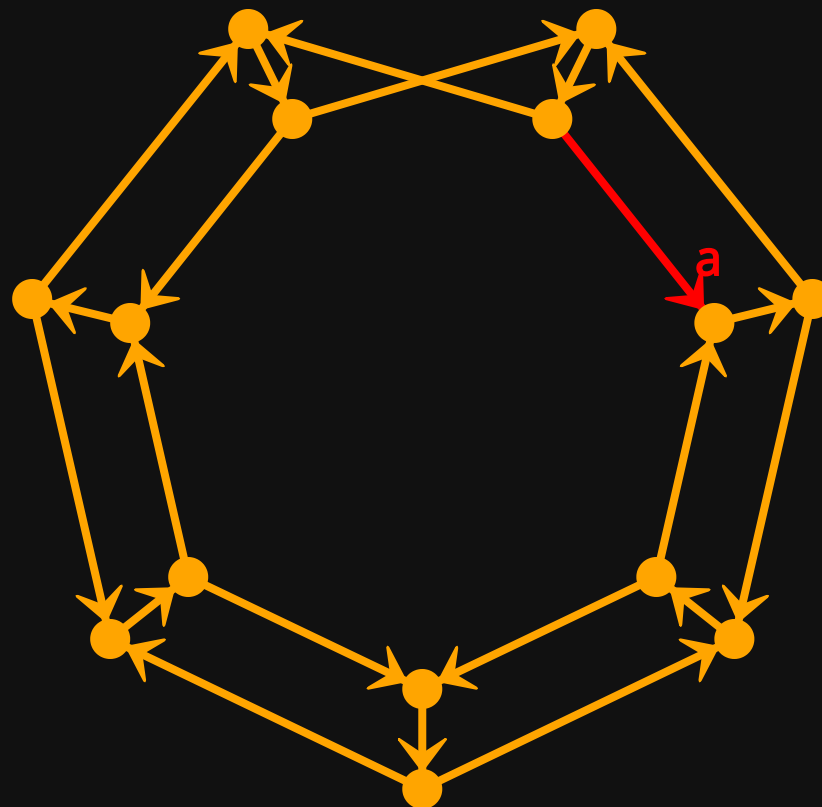
... and announces random bit  $x$  to the "sender"  $s$

# The Möbius inequality



The parties **win** if the "receiver"  $r$  outputs  $a = x$

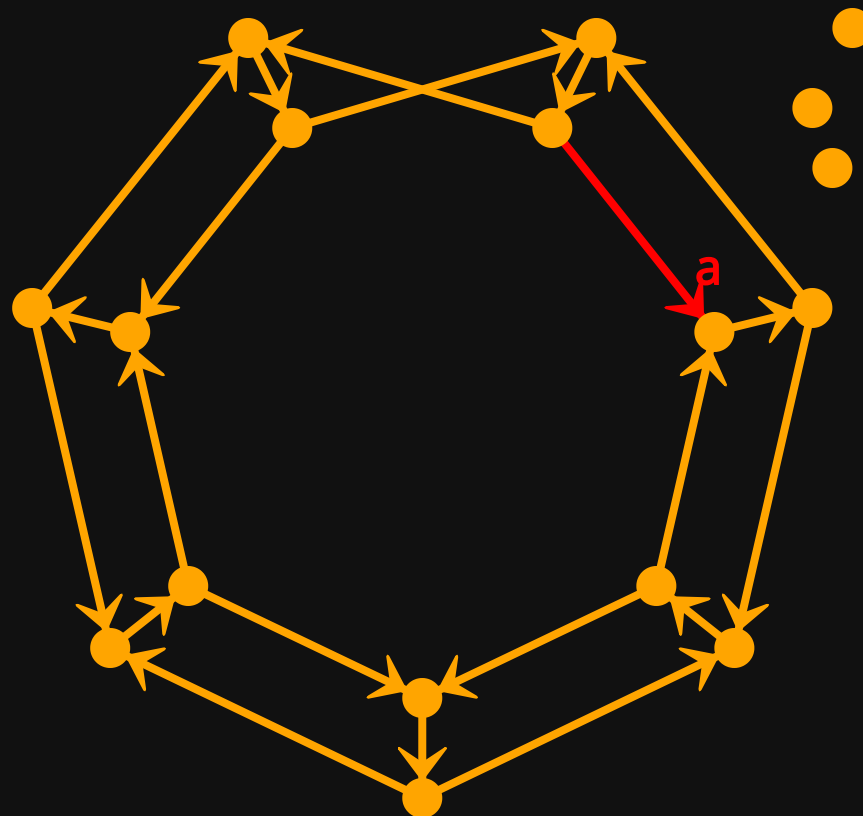
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$$\Pr[A = X] \leq 1 - \frac{k+1}{12k} \leq \frac{11}{12}$$



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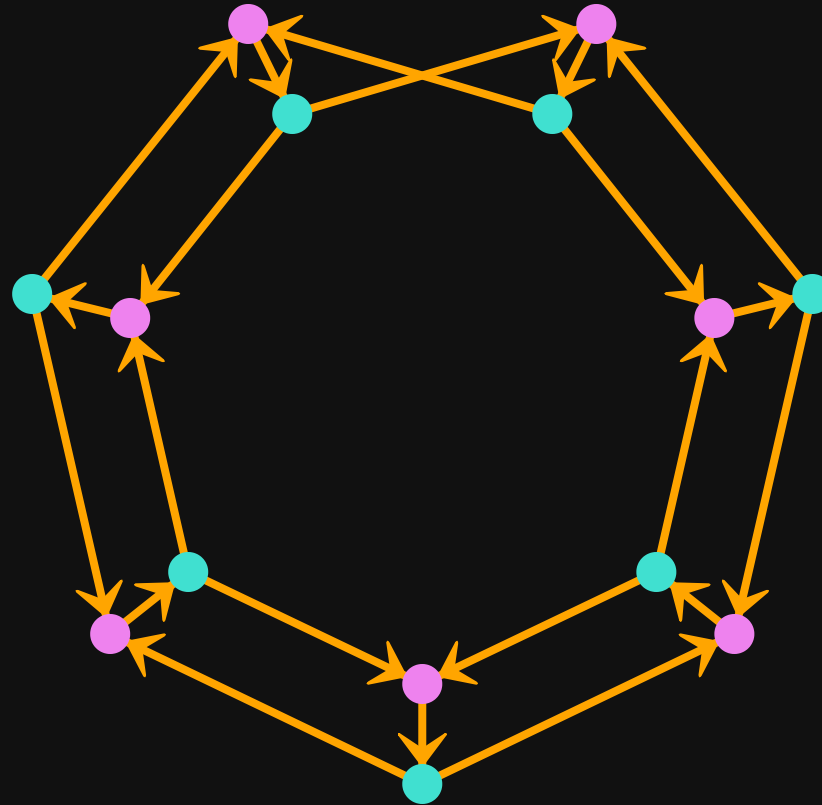


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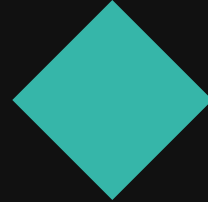
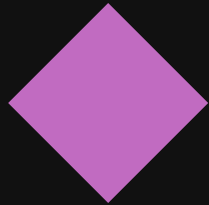
Violation of the Möbius inequality ...  
... proves *incompatibility* with partial order.

**Relativity**

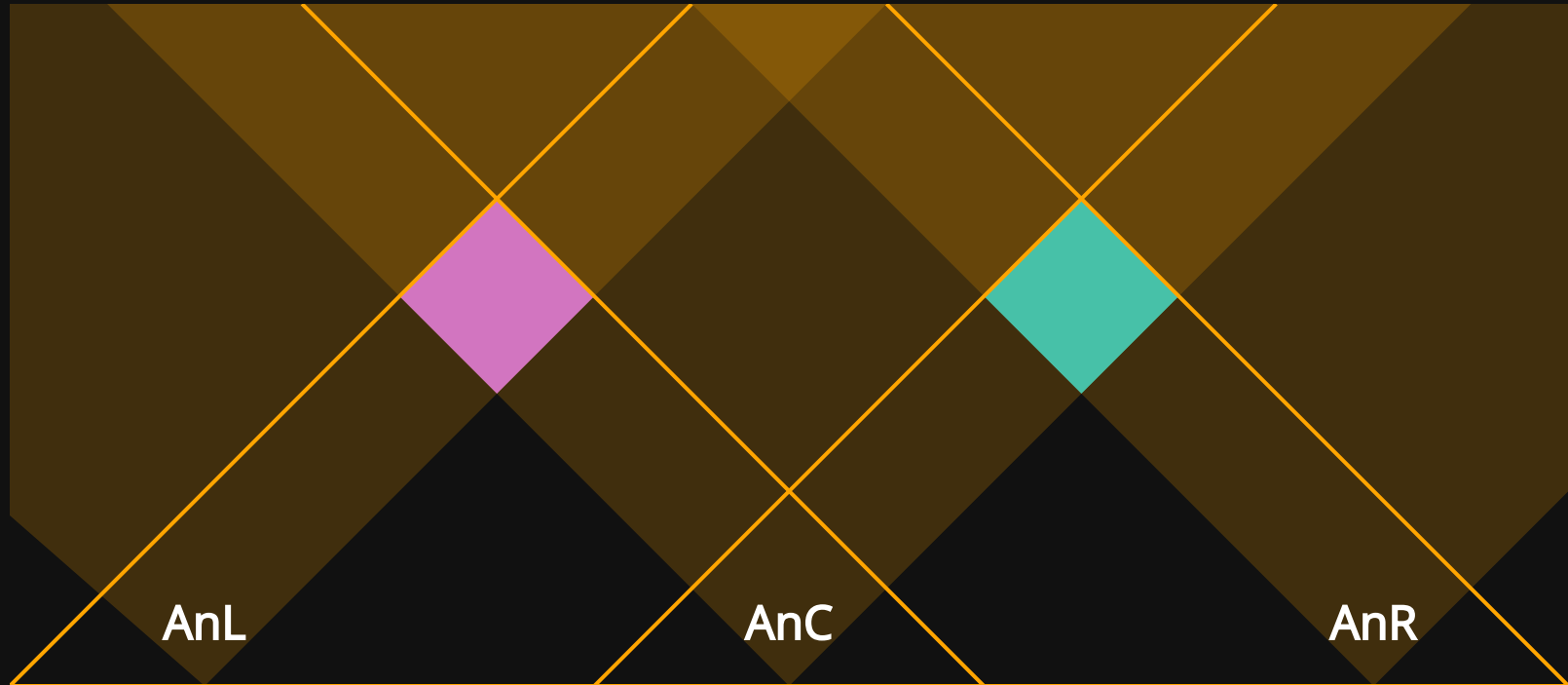
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# Special relativity



- Non-overlapping **causal diamonds**: No violation



- AnC:  $s \rightarrow r$ , bit  $x_C$
- AnL:  $x_L$ ; AncR:  $x_R$
- $s \in S_L : x := x_L \oplus x_C$
- $s \in S_R : x := x_R \oplus x_C$
- Collectors ensure that  $a$  is produced timely

# General relativity

*In principle* a party in the common past of both diamonds can manipulate the spacetime structure of the future lightcone: **violation.**

# Thank You

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