

Complete positivity in presence of initial correlations:  
A pathway to complete theory for non-Markovian quantum processes

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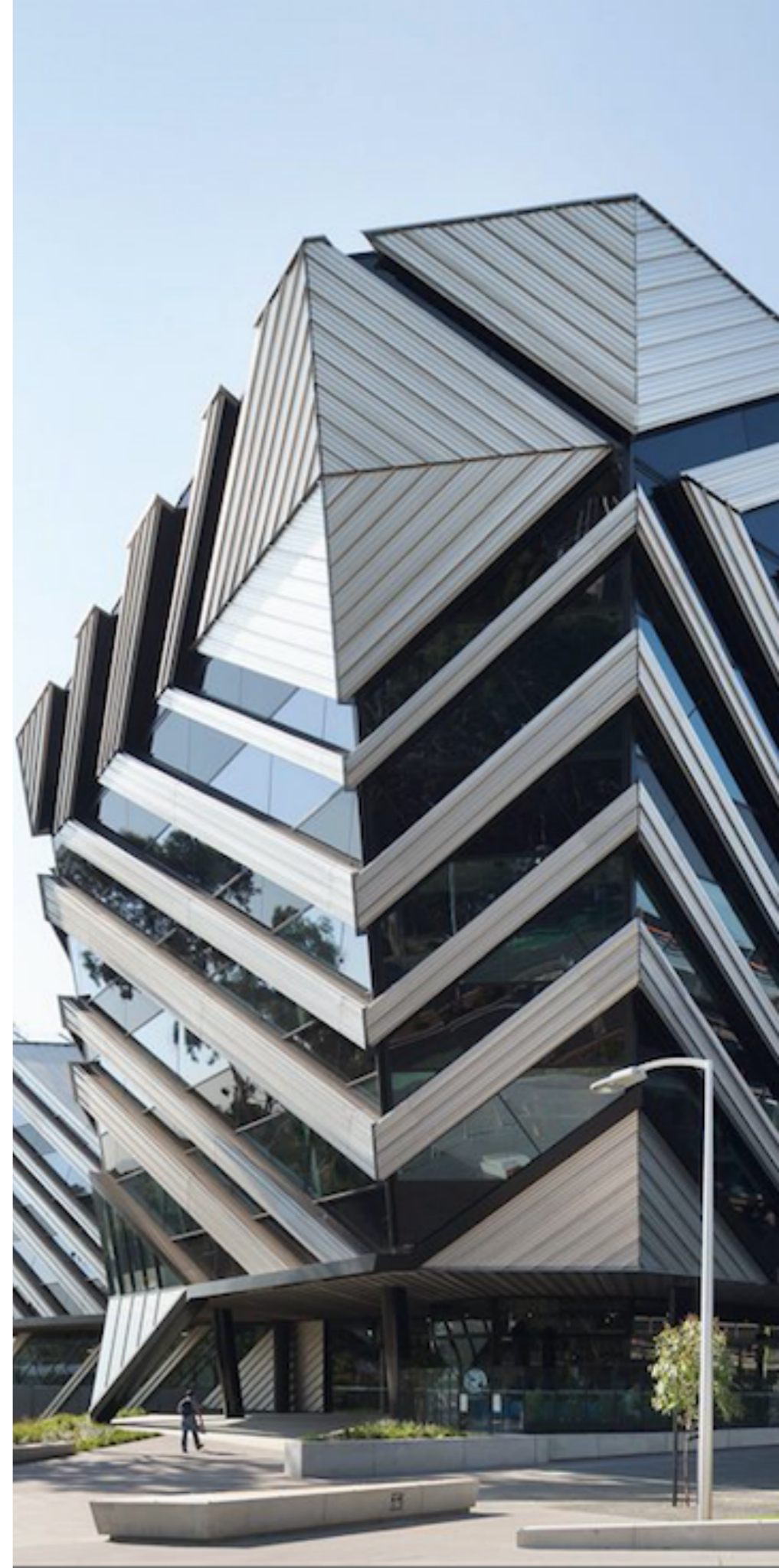
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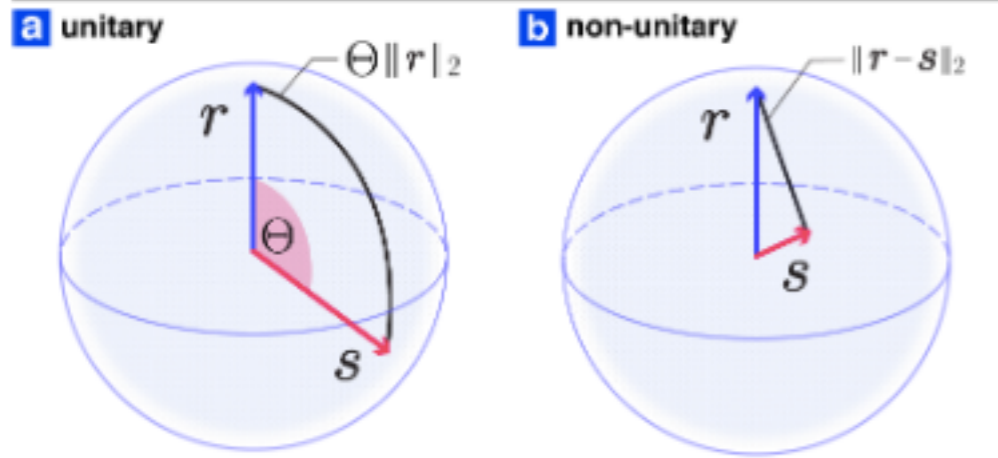
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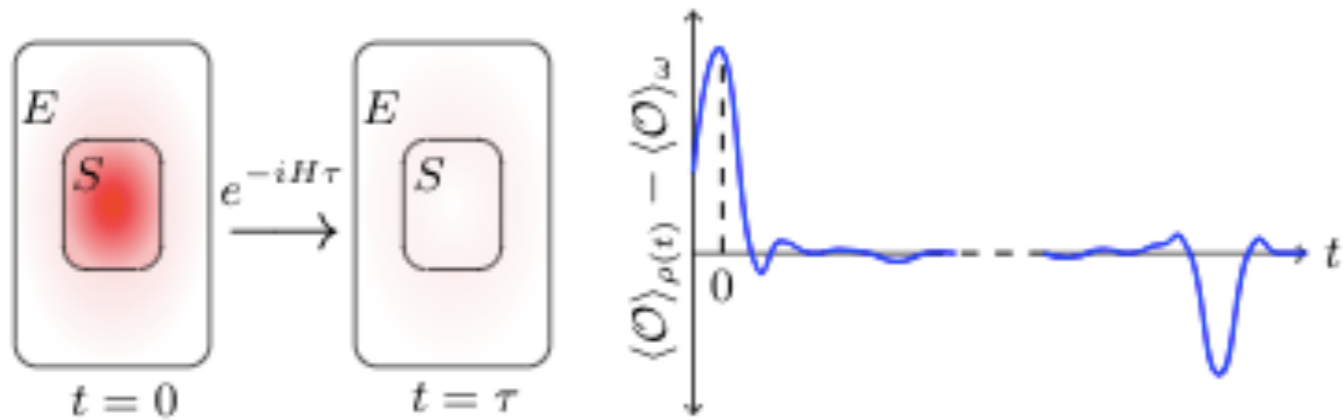
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1 Dynamics with initial correlations

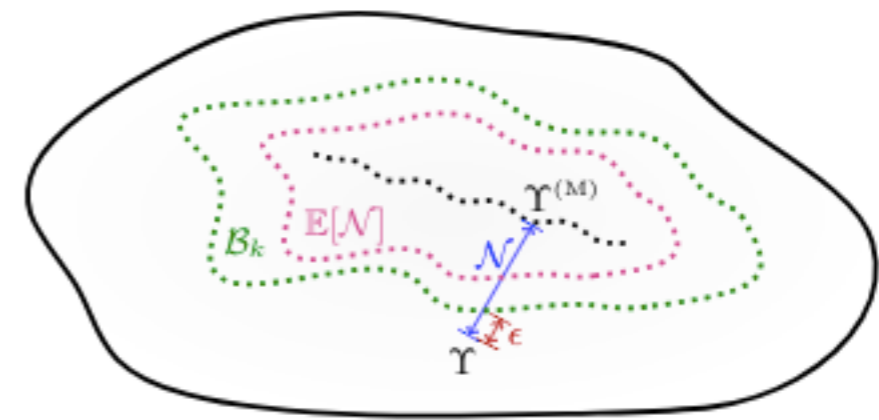
2 Non-markovian quantum  
process (complete theory)

# Almost Markovian processes from closed dynamics

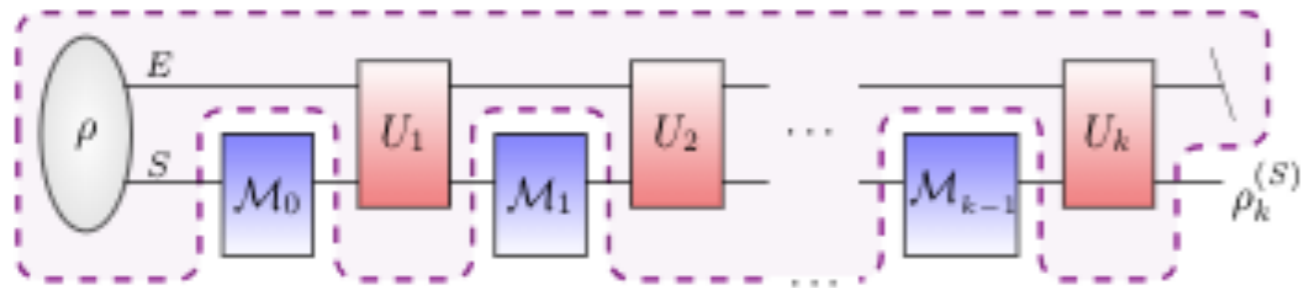


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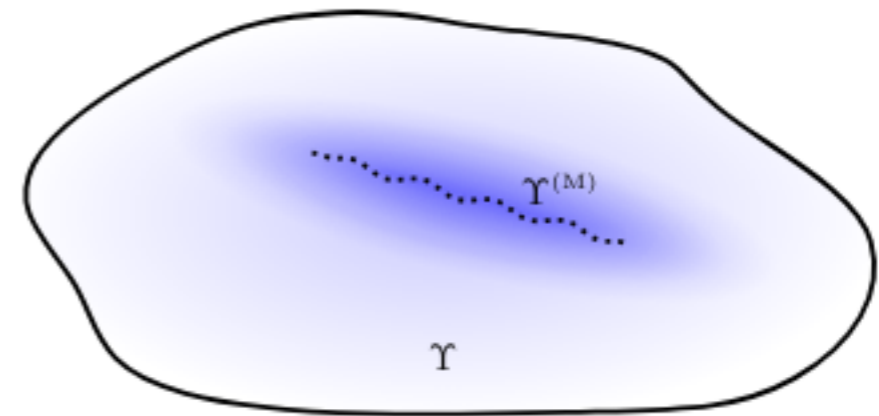
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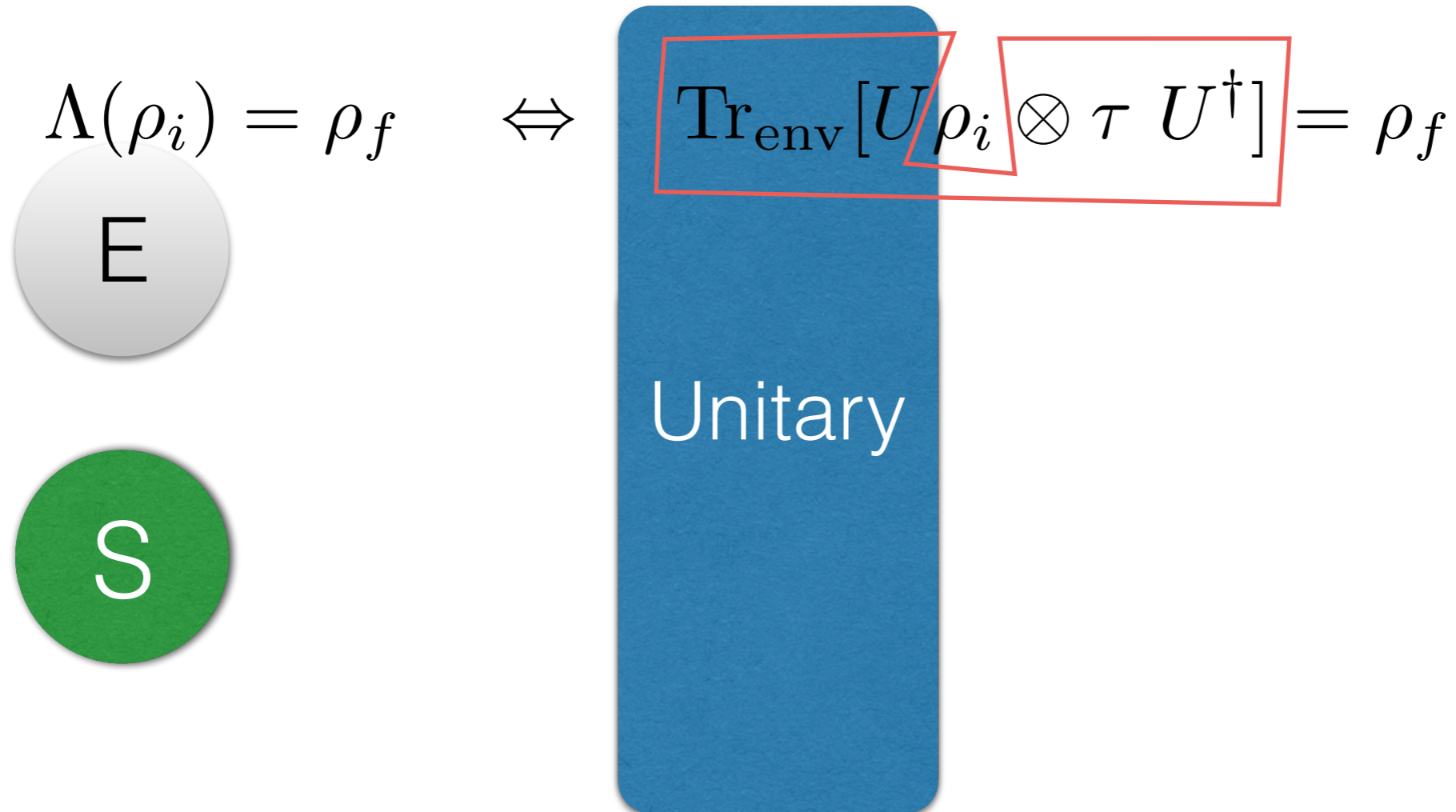
# Completely positive maps

# Contracted unitary dynamics



$$\text{Tr}_{\text{env}} [U \rho_i \otimes \rho^{\text{env}} U^\dagger] = \rho_f$$

# Dynamical map



We can use the system to characterise the Blackbox.



# Properties of map

- Dynamical maps = Reduced unitary dynamics

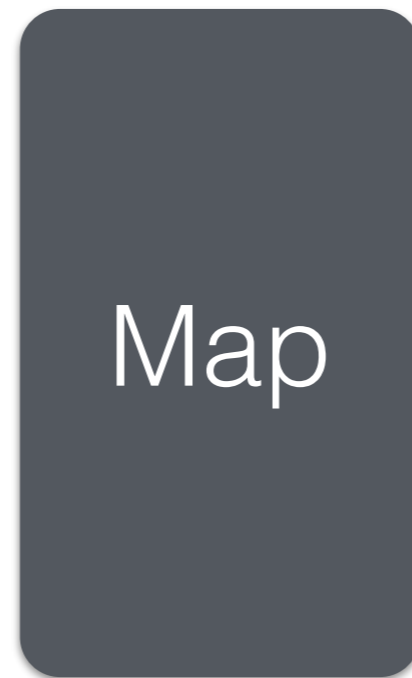
- Linear  $\Lambda(a\rho + b\sigma) = a\Lambda(\rho) + b\Lambda(\sigma)$

- Completely positive  $\Lambda(\rho) = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger$

- Contractivity  $D(\rho, \sigma) \geq D(\Lambda[\rho], \Lambda[\sigma])$

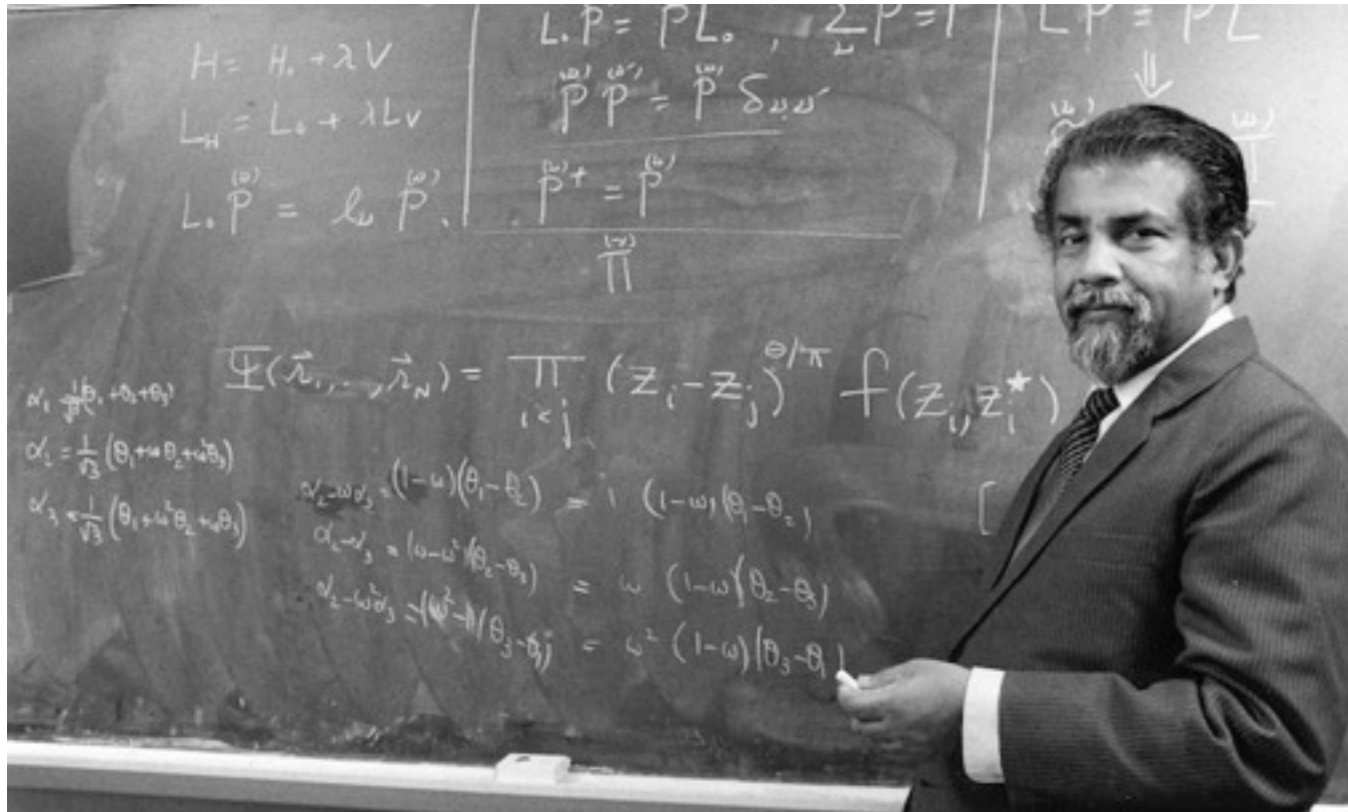
We can derive *any* master equation from a family of maps

# Complete positivity



$$\Lambda(\rho) = \sum_k A_k \rho A_k^\dagger$$

Theory of weak force (V-A theory),  
 Optical theory of coherence,  
 The Spin statistic theorem,  
 Quantum Zeno effect,  
 and so on...



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### Stochastic Dynamics of Quantum-Mechanical Systems

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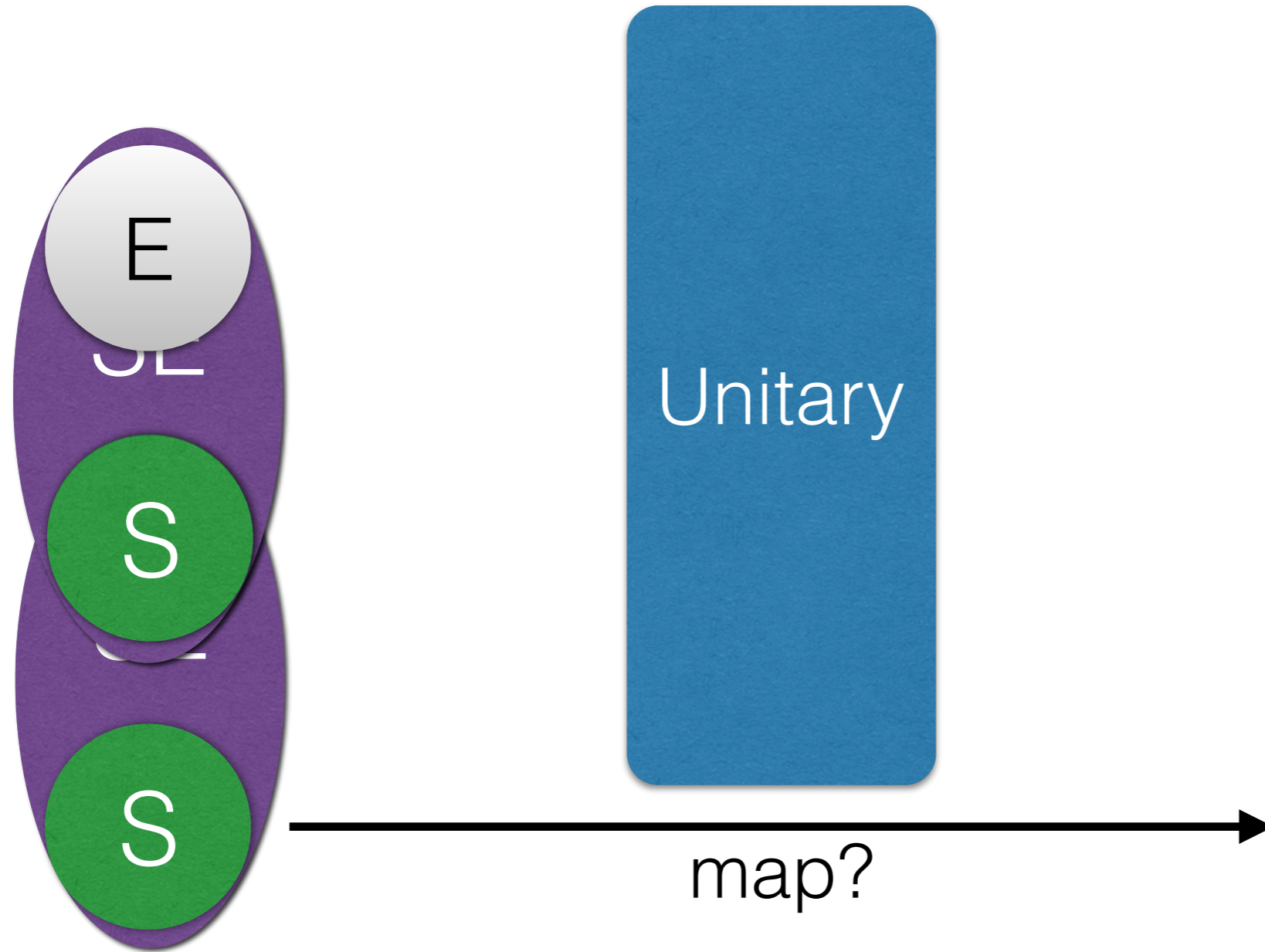
(Received August 15, 1960)

The most general dynamical law for a quantum mechanical system with a finite number of levels is formulated. A fundamental role is played by the so-called "dynamical matrix" whose properties are stated in a sequence of theorems. A necessary and sufficient criterion for distinguishing dynamical matrices corresponding to a Hamiltonian time-dependence is formulated. The non-Hamiltonian case is discussed in detail and the application to paramagnetic relaxation is outlined.

Nearly a decade before Kraus!

Beyond completely  
positivity?

# Initially correlated SE



Pechukas: We must give up **complete positivity** or **linearity**

Alicki: Pechukas theorem is not operational

## Pechukas:

$$\rho_i^s \rightarrow \Phi(\rho_i^s) = \rho_i^{se}$$

$$\Phi(x\rho_i^s + y\sigma_i^s) = x\Phi(\rho_i^s) + y\Phi(\sigma_i^s) \quad \text{Tr}_e \Phi(\rho_i^s) = \rho_i^s \quad \Phi(\rho_i^s) \geq 0$$

$$\Phi(\rho_i^s) = \rho_i^s \otimes \rho^e$$

## Alicki:

Unfortunately, it is impossible to specify such a domain of positivity for a general case, and moreover there exists no physical motivation in terms of operational prescription which could lead to the assignment [Eq. (2)]. The point of this Comment is to propose a mathematically consistent scheme with a clear operational meaning for the reduced dynamics. Let us introduce a completely positive map  $T$  ("operation")  $\rho_S \mapsto T\rho_S = \sum_n V_n \rho_S V_n^*$ ,  $\sum_n V_n^* V_n = I$  (a sum can be replaced by an integral) which represents the influence of a certain instrument preparing the state, and define the associated assignment map as

$$\Phi \rho_S = \sum_n V_n \rho_S V_n^* \otimes \text{tr}_S(V_n^* V_n \rho_{SR}^{\text{eq}}) / \text{tr}(V_n^* V_n \rho_{SR}^{\text{eq}}).$$

(3)

Un-

In conclusion, one should stress that beyond the weak coupling regime there exists no unique definition of the quantum reduced dynamics. It is due to the fact that any physical process of preparation of the initial state of  $S$  disturbs the state of  $R$  as well. Choosing mathematical models of the preparation process (operation  $T$ ), one can define consistently various assignment maps and hence various reduced dynamics. All of them satisfy the fundamental positivity condition and can be expressed in terms of completely positive maps.

$$\rho^{se} = \rho_i \otimes \rho^{\text{env}} + \chi^{se} \geq 0$$

Shaji, Jordan, Sudarshan looked at entangled states

Carteret, Terno, Życzkowski looked at separable states

Rodríguez-Rosario, Modi, Kuah, Shaji, Sudarshan  
looked at classical states

Subsequently paper by Shabani and Lidar  
incorrectly claimed N&S condition

# Quantum computing and quantum process tomography



## Realization of quantum process tomography in NMR

Andrew M. Childs, Isaac L. Chuang, and Debbie W. Leung  
Phys. Rev. A **64**, 012314 – Published 13 June 2001

## Quantum Process Tomography of a Controlled-NOT Gate

J. L. O'Brien, G. J. Pryde, A. Gilchrist, D. F. V. James, N. K. Langford, T. C. Ralph, and A. G. White  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 080502 – Published 20 August 2004

## Quantum process tomography on vibrational states of atoms in an optical lattice

S. H. Myrskog, J. K. Fox, M. W. Mitchell, and A. M. Steinberg  
Phys. Rev. A **72**, 013615 – Published 25 July 2005

## Quantum process tomography and Linblad estimation of a solid-state qubit

M Howard<sup>1</sup>, J Twamley<sup>2,4</sup>, C Wittmann<sup>3</sup>, T Gaebel<sup>3</sup>, F Jelezko<sup>3</sup> and J Wrachtrup<sup>3</sup>  
Published 6 March 2006 • IOP Publishing and Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft  
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why are the maps NCP?

# Giving up CP?

Holevo bound

Masillo, Sclarici, Solombrino, J Math Phys 52, 012101 (2011)

Data processing inequality

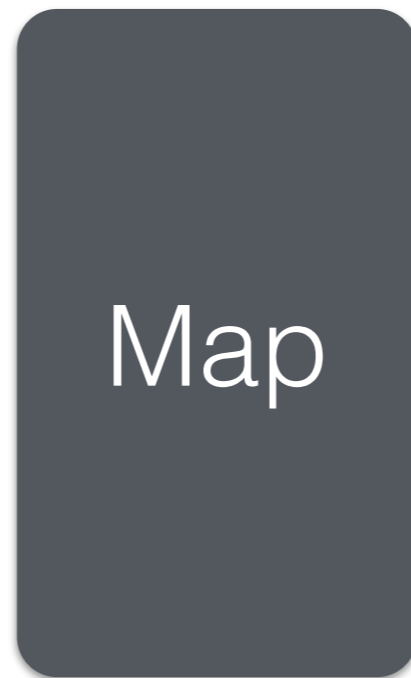
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Entropy production

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# Operational analysis

# Quantum process tomography

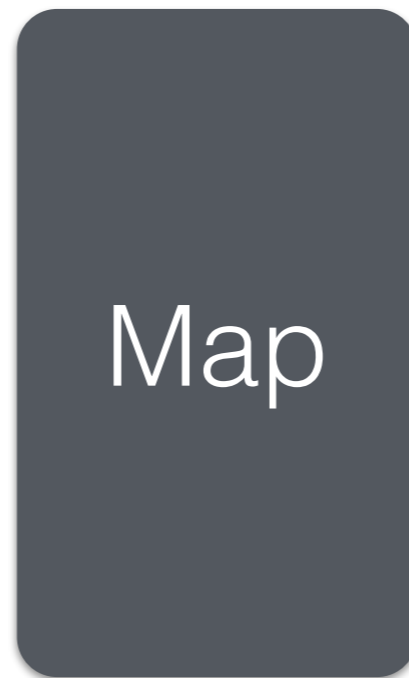


$\{\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \dots\}$

$\{\rho'_1, \rho'_2, \rho'_3, \dots\}$

$\text{map} = f(\text{input states}, \text{output states})$

# Quantum process tomography



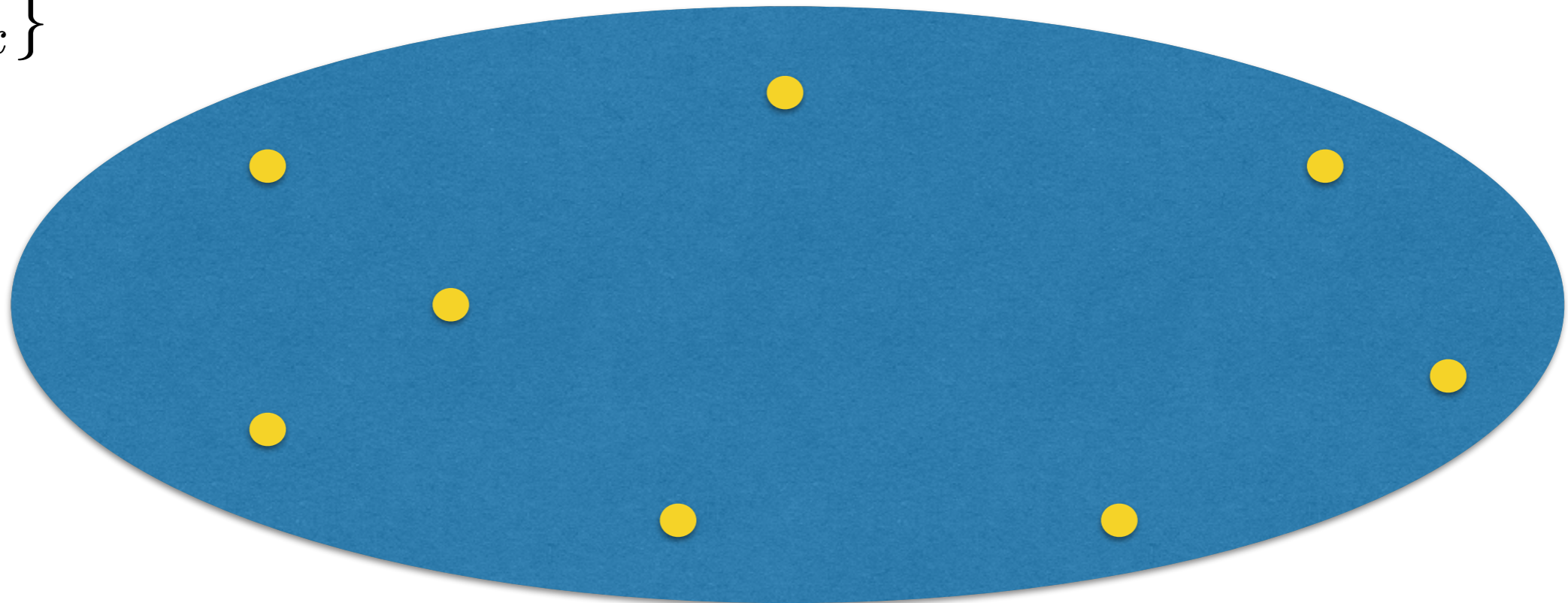
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What can we say about  
initial state?

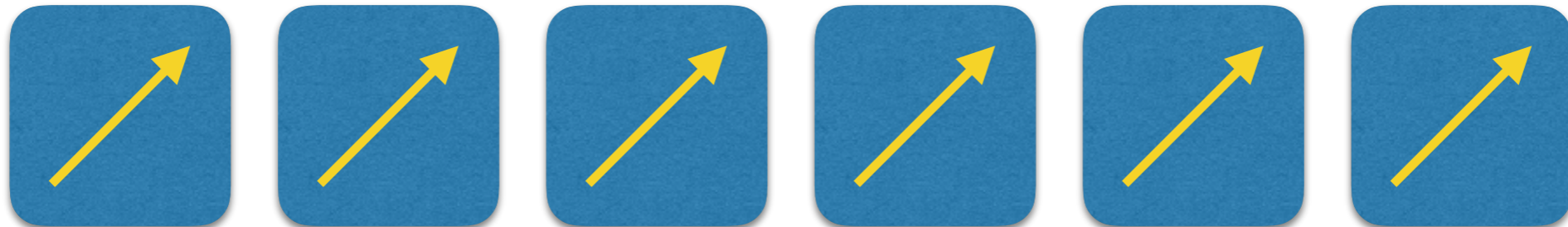
$\{\rho_k\}$



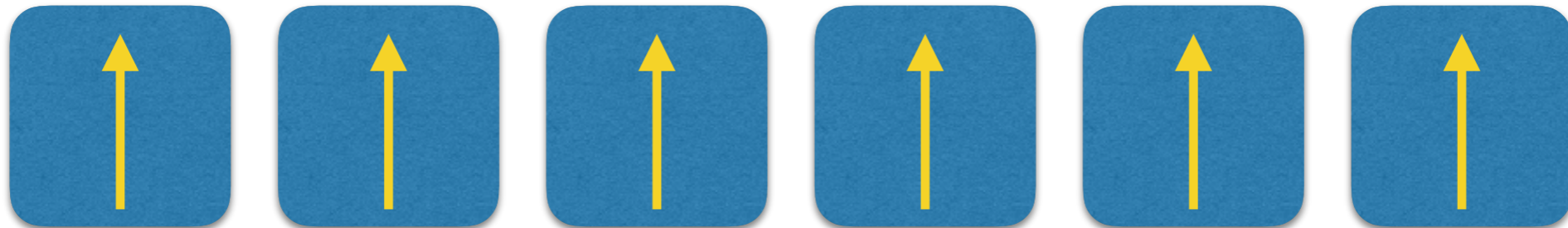
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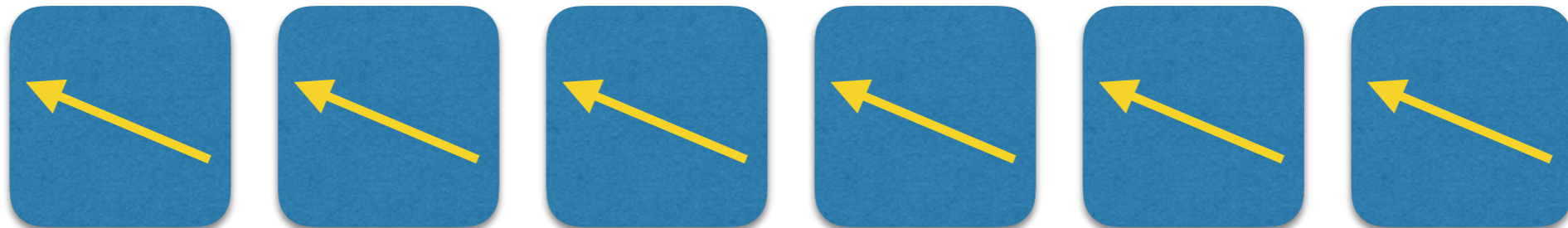
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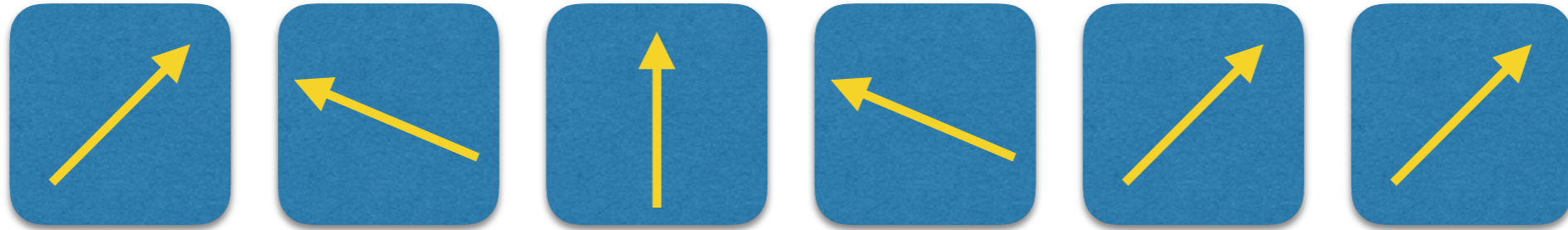


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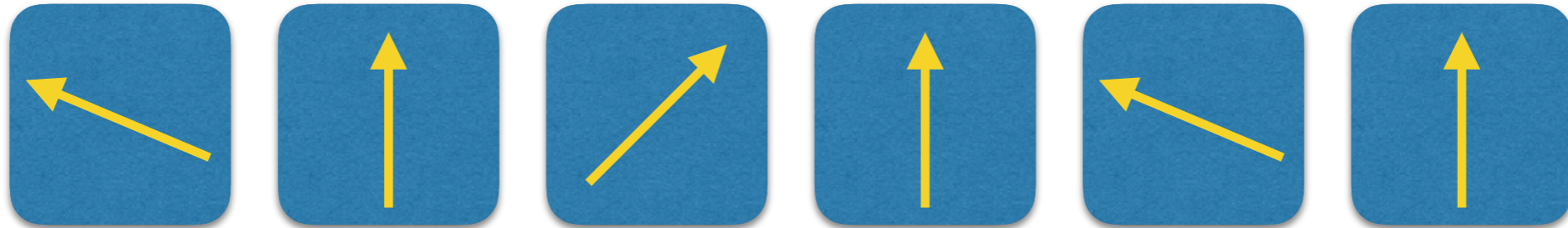


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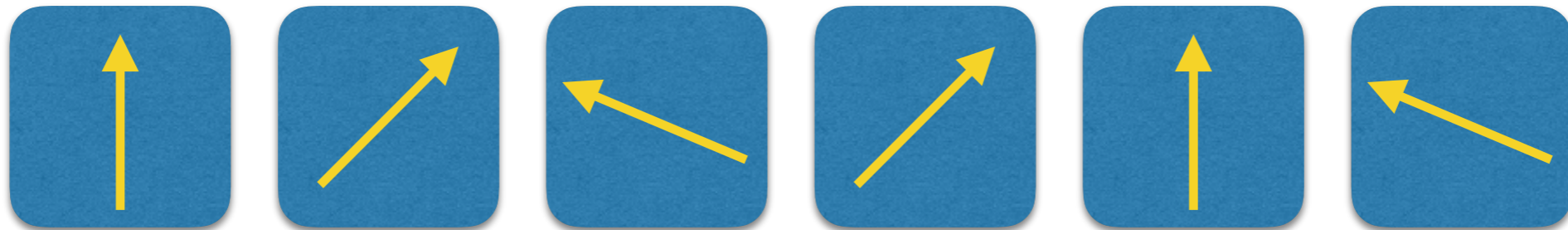
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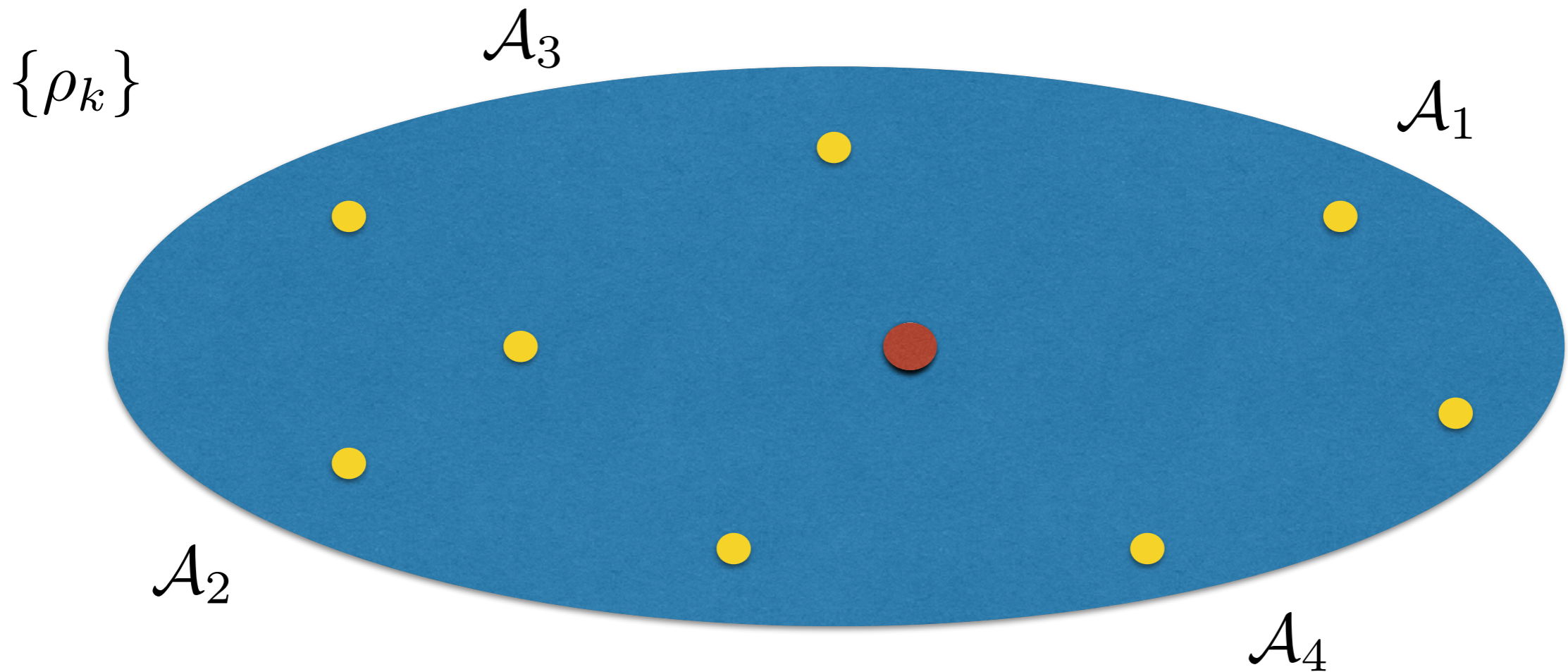


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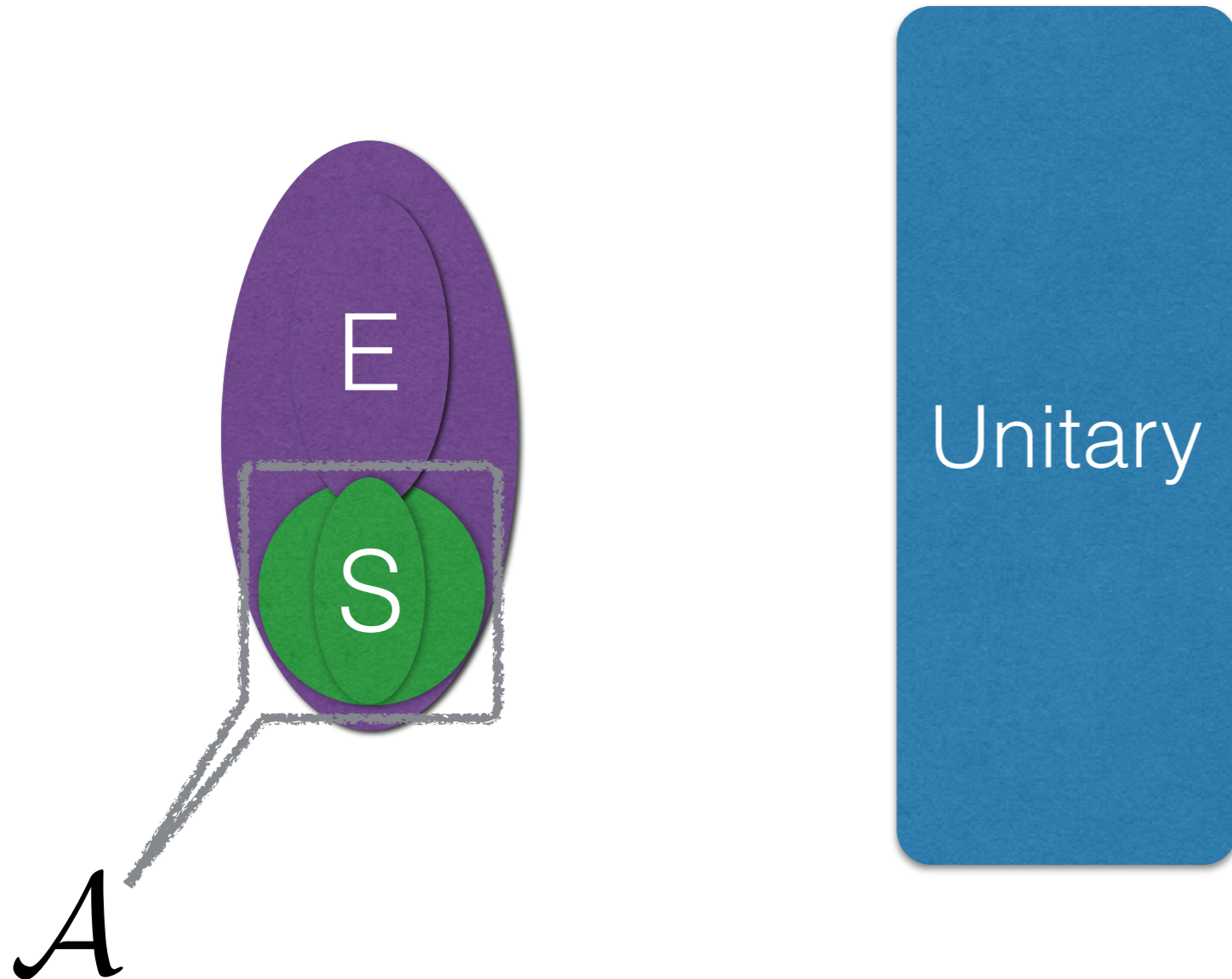


# What can we say about initial state?



$$\rho_{\text{avg}} = \sum_k p_k \rho_k$$

# Initially correlated SE

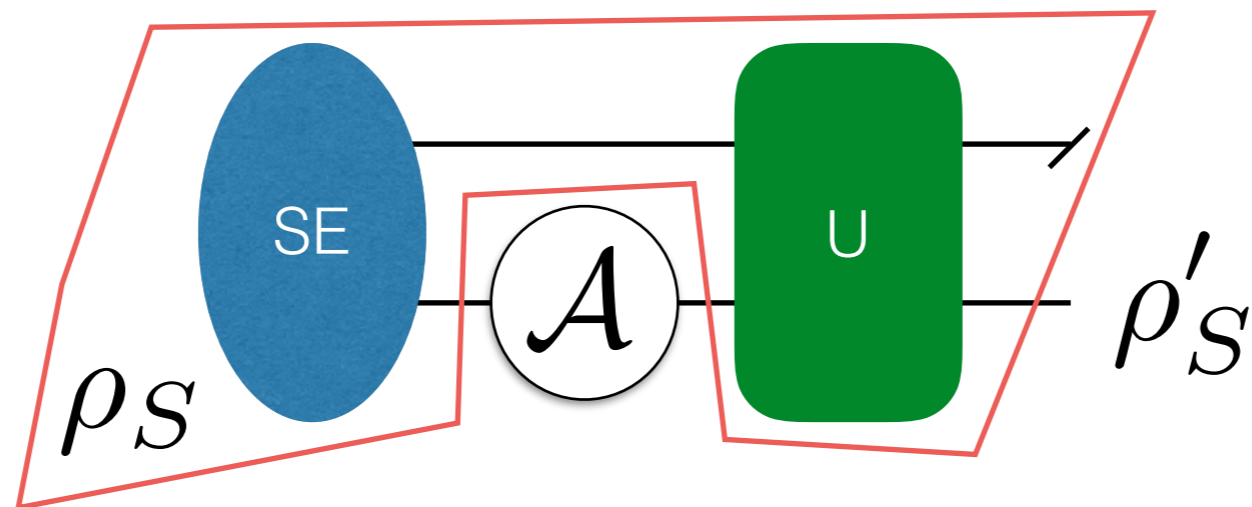


Grad student presses buttons

We can give up states as inputs

# Superchannel

Completely positive and linear



$$\rho_f = \text{Tr}_{\text{env}} [U \mathcal{A}^s \otimes \mathcal{I}^e(\rho^{se}) U^\dagger]$$

$$\mathcal{M}[\mathcal{A}] = \rho_f$$

# Using CP

Holevo bound

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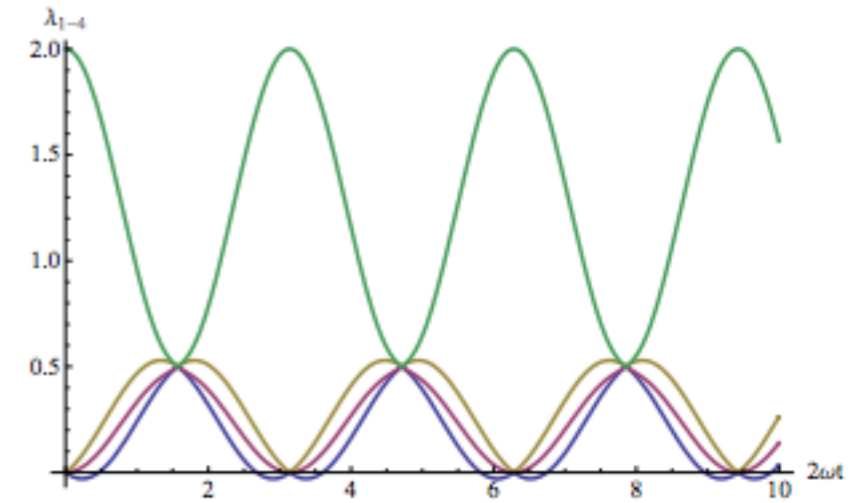
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Vinjanampathy & Modi, *Int. J. Quantum Inf.* 14, 1640033 (2016)

# Be careful with preparations



Errors in preparations

$$V^{(1,-)} |1\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{1-\epsilon} |1\rangle - \sqrt{1+\epsilon} |0\rangle),$$

Variations in preparation

$$P^{\mathbb{I}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}, \quad P^{(1+)}, \quad P^{(2+)}, \quad P^{(3+)}.$$

Ambiguity in preparation

$$\Theta(\rho^{SE}) = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} + p\sigma_3 + c_{23}\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_3 \}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(\rho^{SE}) &= \left( pP^{(3,+)} + (1-p)P^{(3,-)} \right) \otimes \mathbb{I} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbb{I} + p\sigma_3 \} \otimes \mathbb{I}, \end{aligned}$$

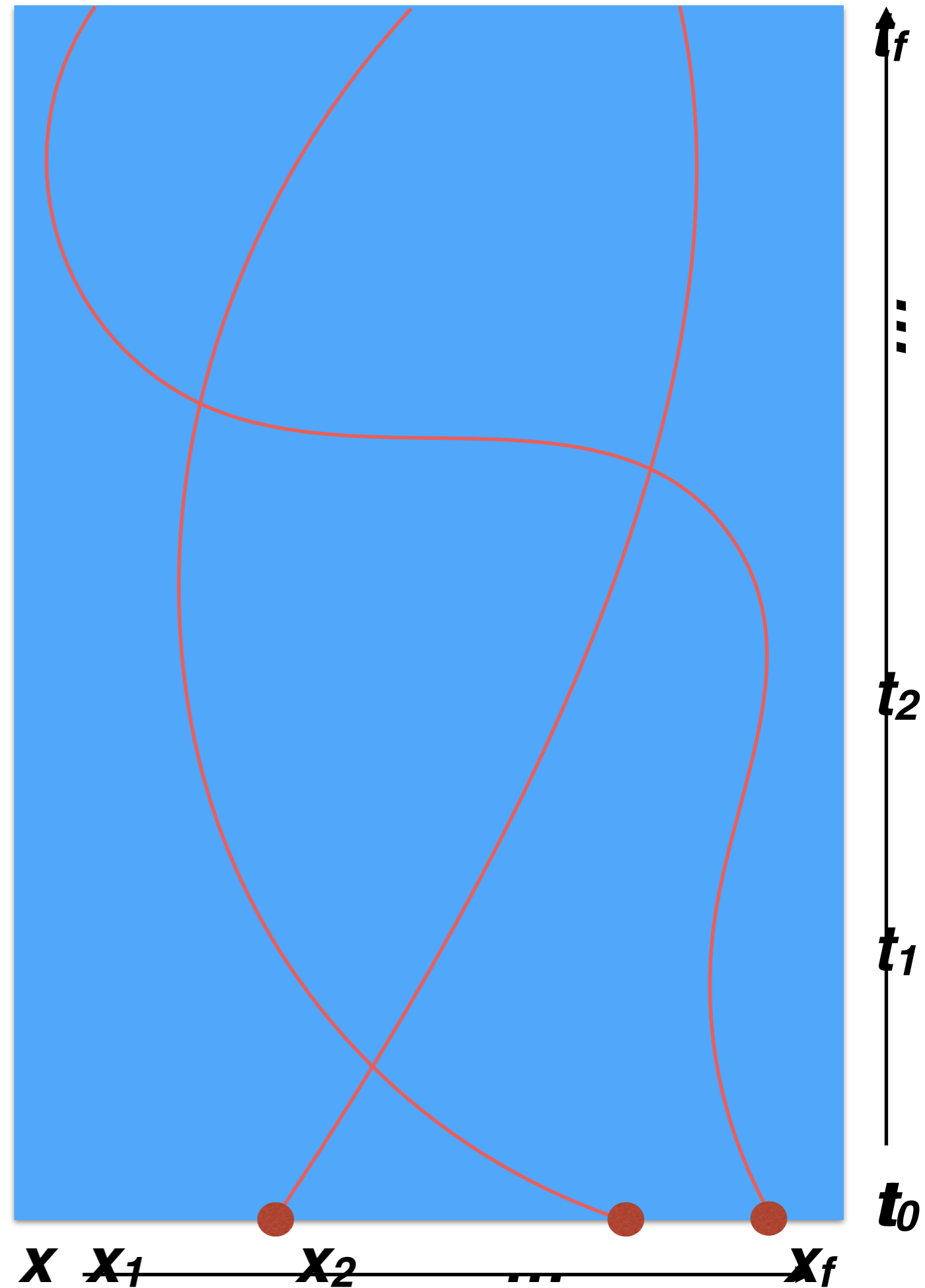
Role of preparation in quantum process tomography

Non-markovianity

Classical

# Classical Stochastic process

$$P(x_f t_f; \dots; x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1)$$





# Classical Stochastic process

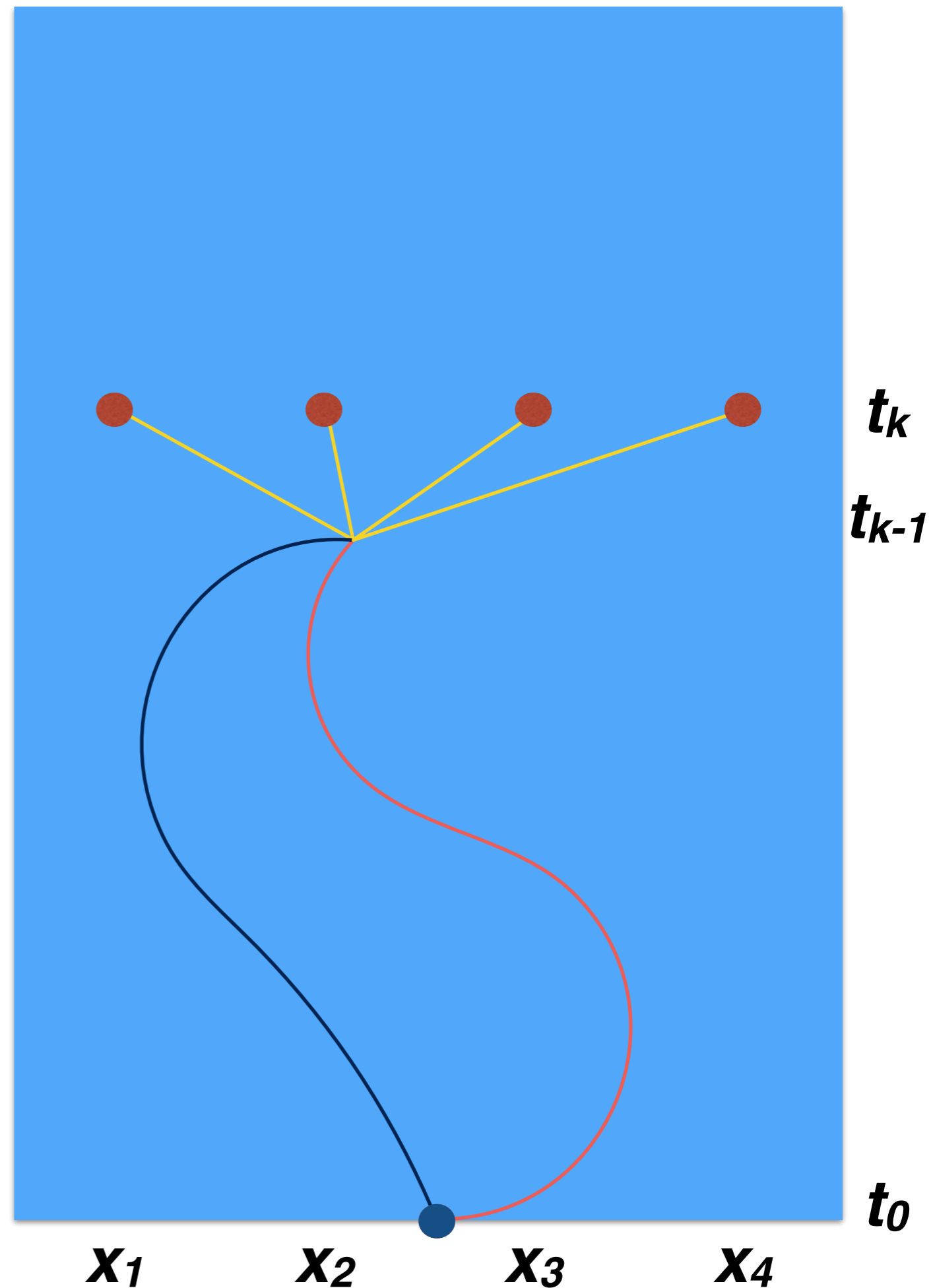
$$P(x_k t_k) = f(x_{k-1} t_{k-1}; \text{trajectory})$$



$$P(x_k t_k | x_{k-1} t_{k-1}; \text{blue})$$

≠

$$P(x_k t_k | x_{k-1} t_{k-1}; \text{red})$$

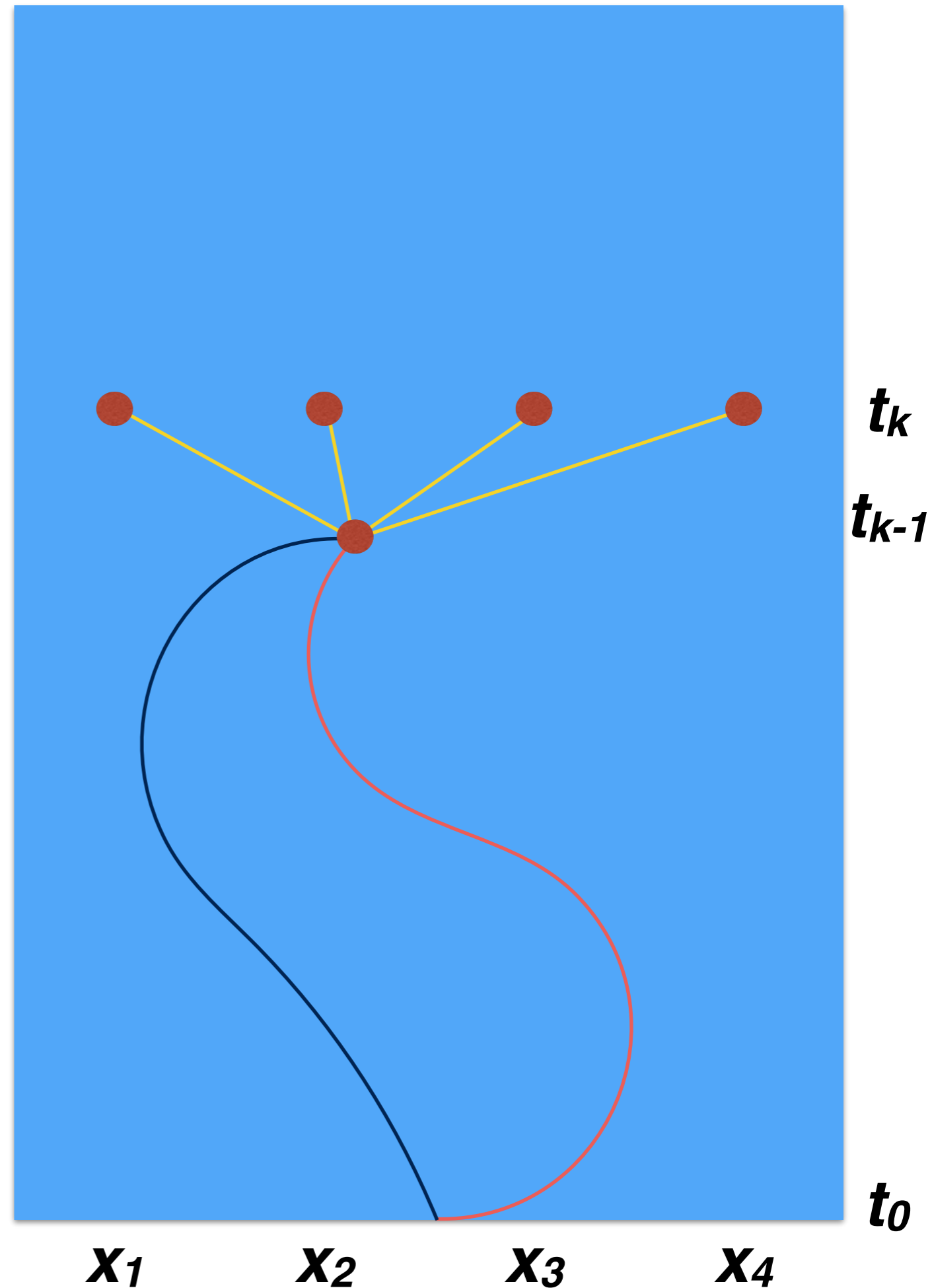


# Classical Markov processes

$$P(x_k | t_k) = f(x_{k-1} | t_{k-1})$$



this function is the well-known stochastic map



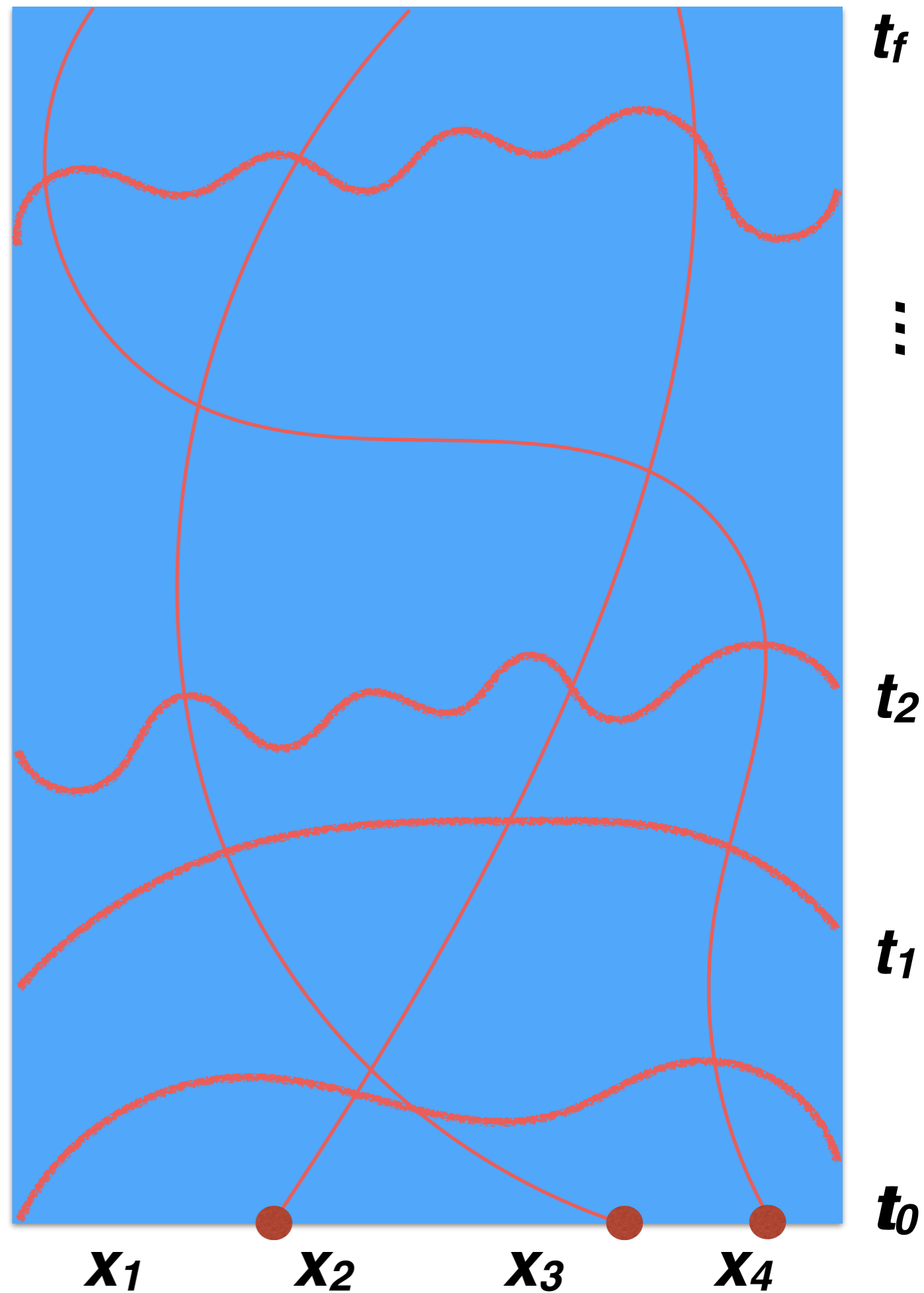
Quantum problem

# Classical Stochastic process

$$P \rightarrow \rho$$

$$P_{ABC} \rightarrow \rho_{ABC}$$

$$P_{x_3 t_3; x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1} \xrightarrow{?} \rho_{x_3 t_3; x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1}$$

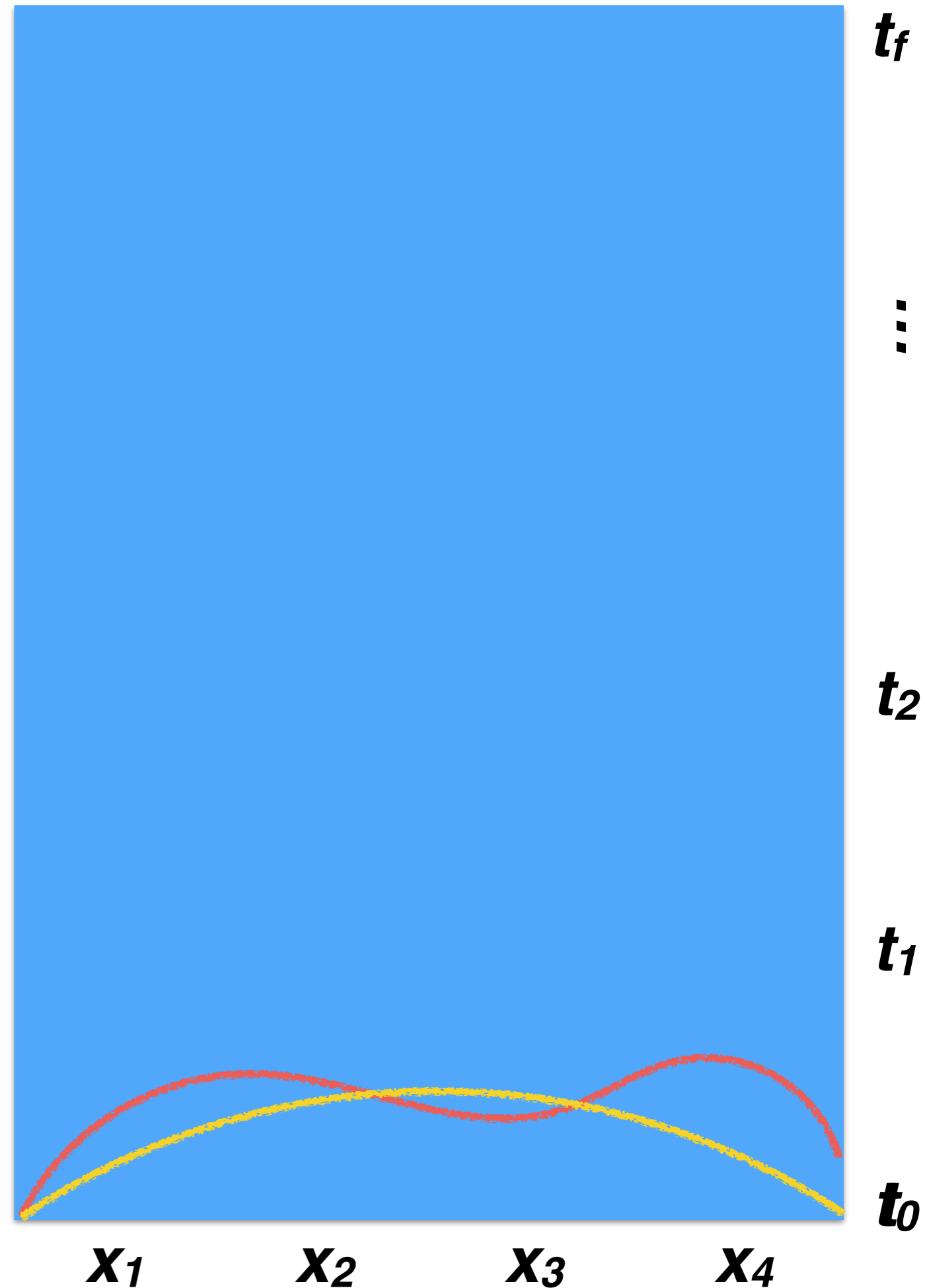


# Quantum Stochastic process

Add control operations



We're not astronomers!



# The framework

# Challenge

p c r o o n c t e r s o s l

process [control] → quantum states  
(probabilities)

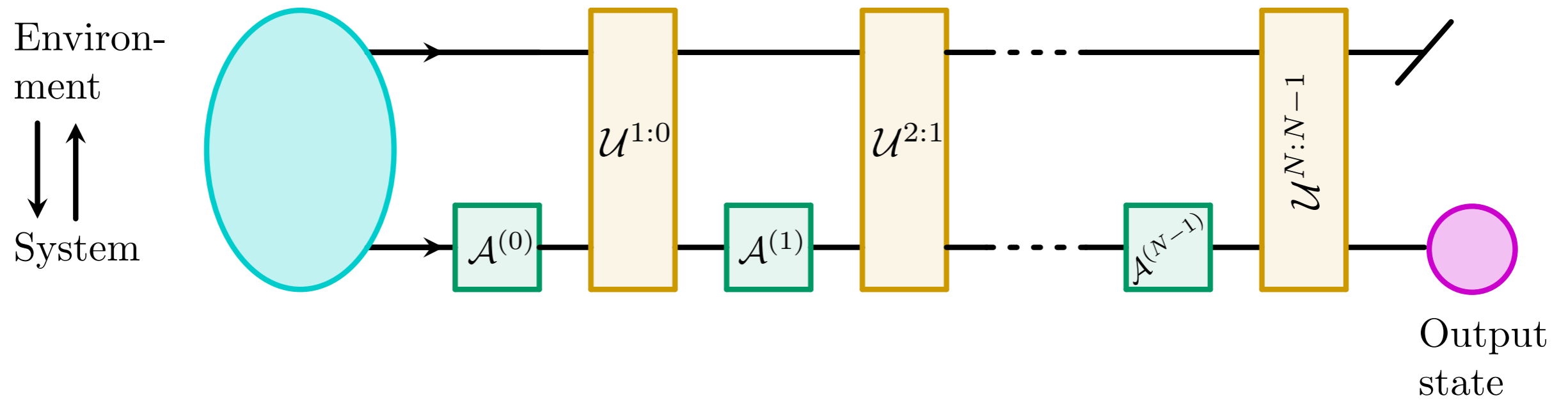
# Modify definition

Classical stochastic process is a mapping from **observed past events** to future states  
(probability distribution)

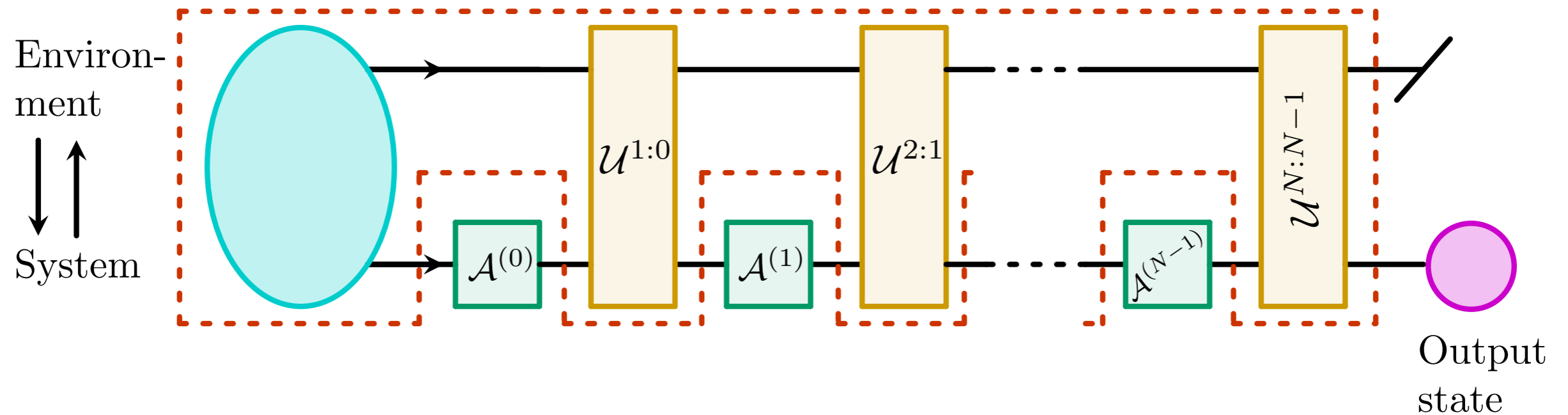
Quantum stochastic process is a mapping from **past control operations** to future states  
(density matrix)



# OPEN QUANTUM MECHANICS



# OPEN QUANTUM MECHANICS



$$\mathcal{T}^{N:0} \left( \mathcal{A}^{(0)}, \mathcal{A}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{A}^{(N-1)} \right) = \text{Output state}$$

$\mathcal{T}$  is called the Process Tensor

A mapping from control operations to states

How good is this  
framework?

**Representation theorem**

# Open quantum evolution $\mathcal{T}$

$$\rho_k^{SE} = \mathcal{U}_{k:k-1} \mathcal{A}_{k-1} \mathcal{U}_{k-1:k-2} \dots \mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{U}_{1:0} \mathcal{A}_0 [\rho_0^{SE}]$$

We can cast the dynamics of the system as  $\mathcal{A}$  act only on the system

$$\mathcal{U}_{k:k-1} \rho_{k-1} \mathcal{U}_{k:k-1}^\dagger = \sum_l \mathcal{A}_{0:k}^{(l)} \rho_{k-1} \mathcal{A}_{0:k}^{(l)\dagger}$$

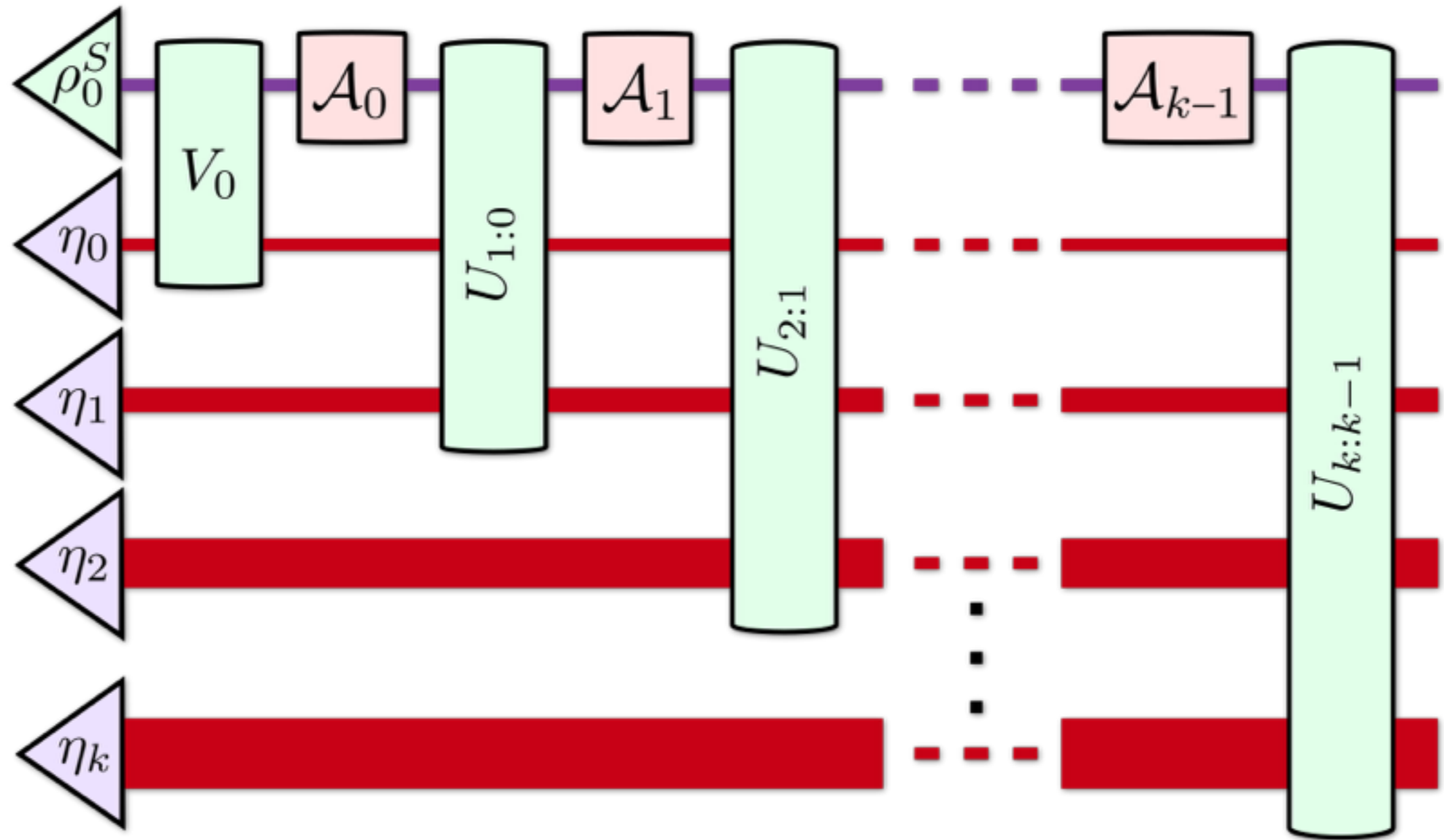
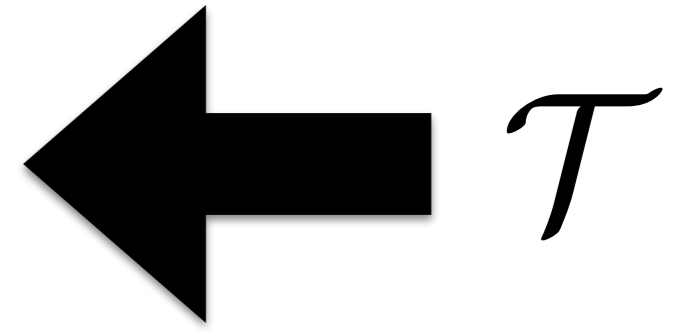
$\mathcal{U}$  act on both the system and environment

In terms of control operations  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{A}_{k-1:0} = [\mathcal{A}_{k-1}; \mathcal{A}_{k-2}; \dots; \mathcal{A}_1; \mathcal{A}_0]$$

**Linear and Completely positive**

# Open quantum evolution



How good is this  
framework?

**It's universal**

F. Pollock, C. Rodríguez-Rosario, T. Frauenheim, M. Paternostro, K. Modi Phys. Rev. A 97, 012127 (2018)  
(on arXiv since late 2015)



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Luigi Accardi<sup>1, 2</sup>

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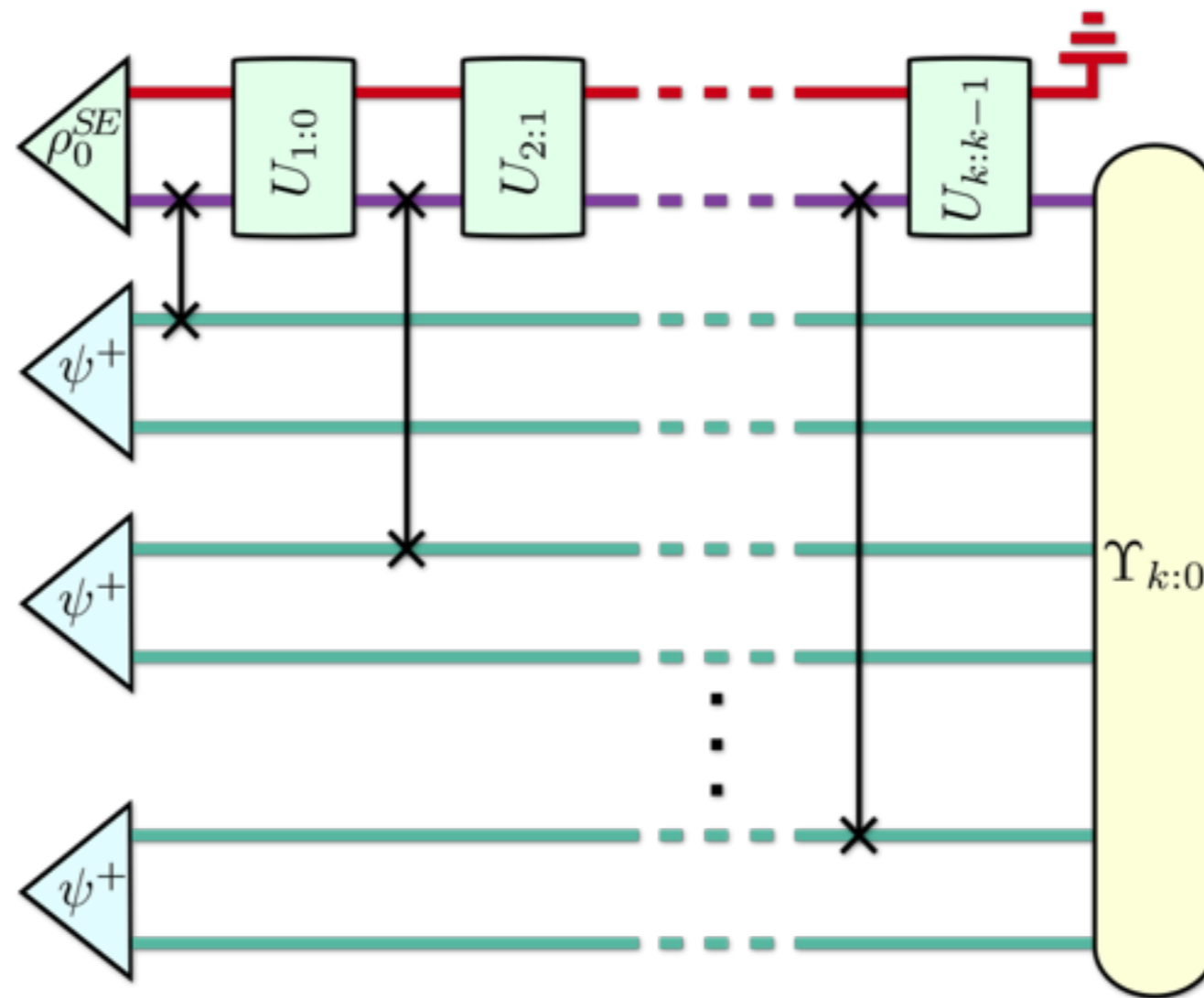
time





What can we do with  
this framework?

# Encode into state



$\Upsilon_{k:0}$  is a matrix product density operator.

Formally define  
quantum stochastic  
processes

# Kolmogorov extension theorem

$$P(x_9, t_9; x_7, t_7; x_6, t_6; x_3, t_3; x_2, t_2) \subset P(x_9, t_9; x_8, t_8; x_7, t_7; x_6, t_6; x_5, t_5; x_4, t_4; x_3, t_3; x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1)$$

Proves the existence of an underlying continuous stochastic process.

Important for proving Brownian motion.

destroy quantum interferences. The fact that the joint probability distributions (24) violate in general the Kolmogorov condition (15) is even true for a closed quantum system. Thus, the quantum joint probability distributions given by Eq. (24) do not represent a classical hierarchy of joint probabilities satisfying the Kolmogorov consistency conditions. More generally, one can consider other joint probability distributions corresponding to different quantum operations describing nonprojective, generalized measurements.

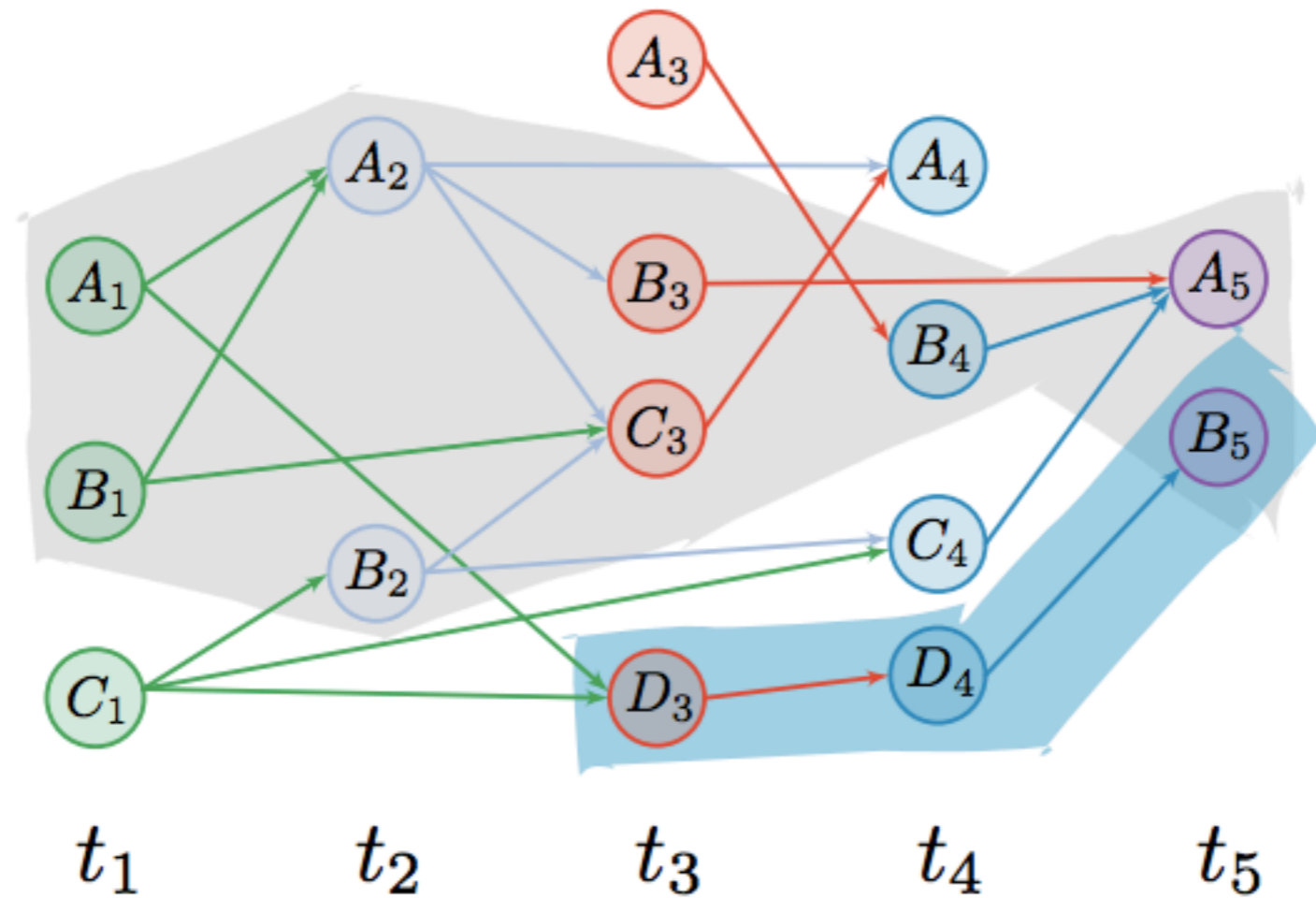
For an open system coupled to some environment measurements performed on the open system not only influence quantum interferences but also system-environment correlations. For example, if the system-environment state prior to a projective measurement at time  $t_i$  is given by  $\rho_{SE}(t_i)$ , the state after the measurement conditioned on the outcome  $x$  is given by

$$\rho'_{SE}(t_i) = \frac{\mathcal{M}_x \rho_{SE}(t_i)}{\text{tr} \mathcal{M}_x \rho_{SE}(t_i)} = |\varphi_x\rangle\langle\varphi_x| \otimes \rho_E^x(t_i), \quad (25)$$

where  $\rho_E^x$  is an environmental state which may depend on the measurement result  $x$ . Hence, projective measurements completely destroy system-environment correlations, leading to an uncorrelated tensor product state of the total system, and, therefore, strongly influence the subsequent dynamics.

We conclude that an *intrinsic* characterization and quantification of memory effects in the dynamics of open quantum systems, which is independent of any prescribed measurement scheme influencing the time evolution, has to be based solely on the properties of the dynamics of the open system's density matrix  $\rho_S(t)$ .

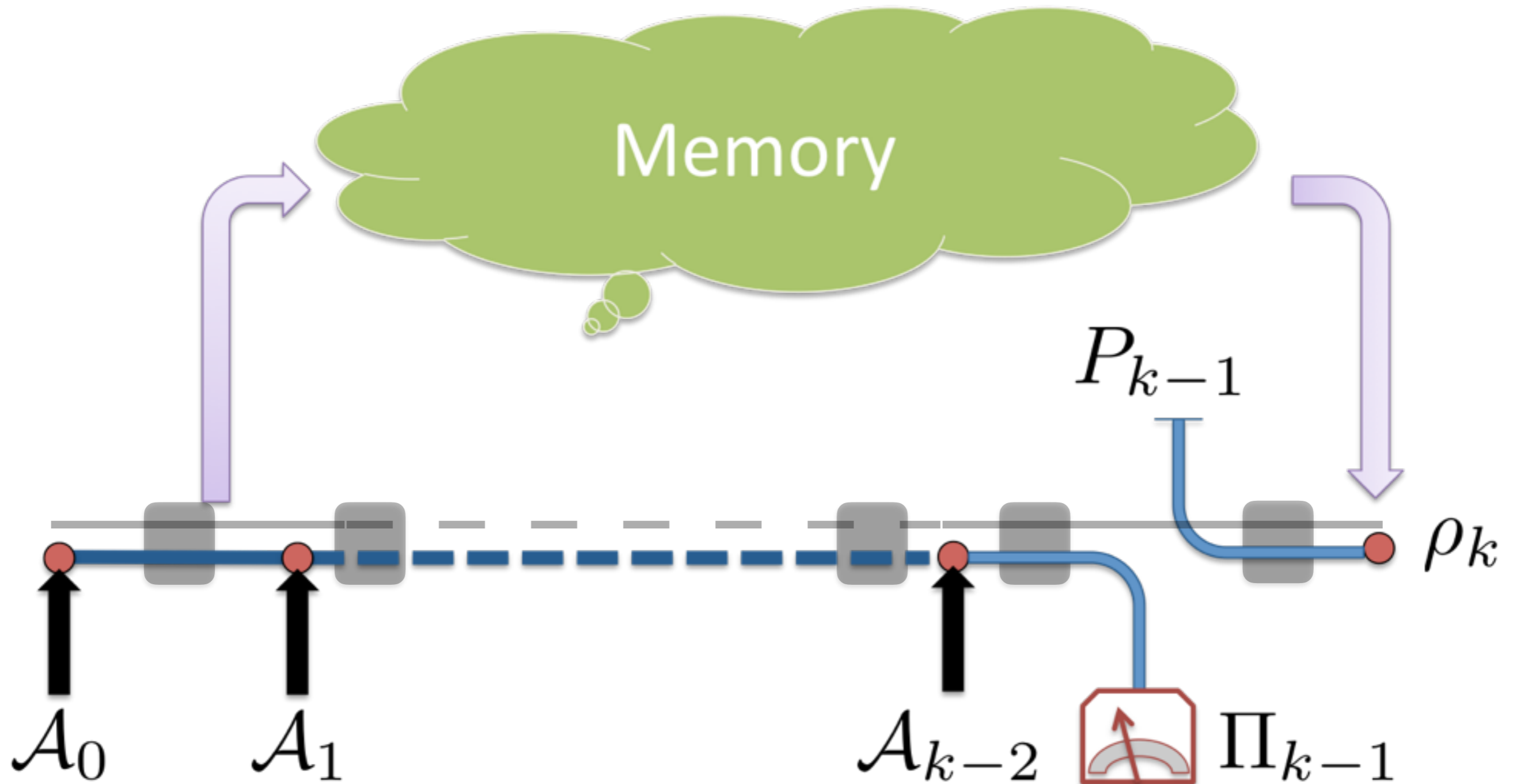
# Kolmogorov extension theorem for general (quantum) stochastic processes.



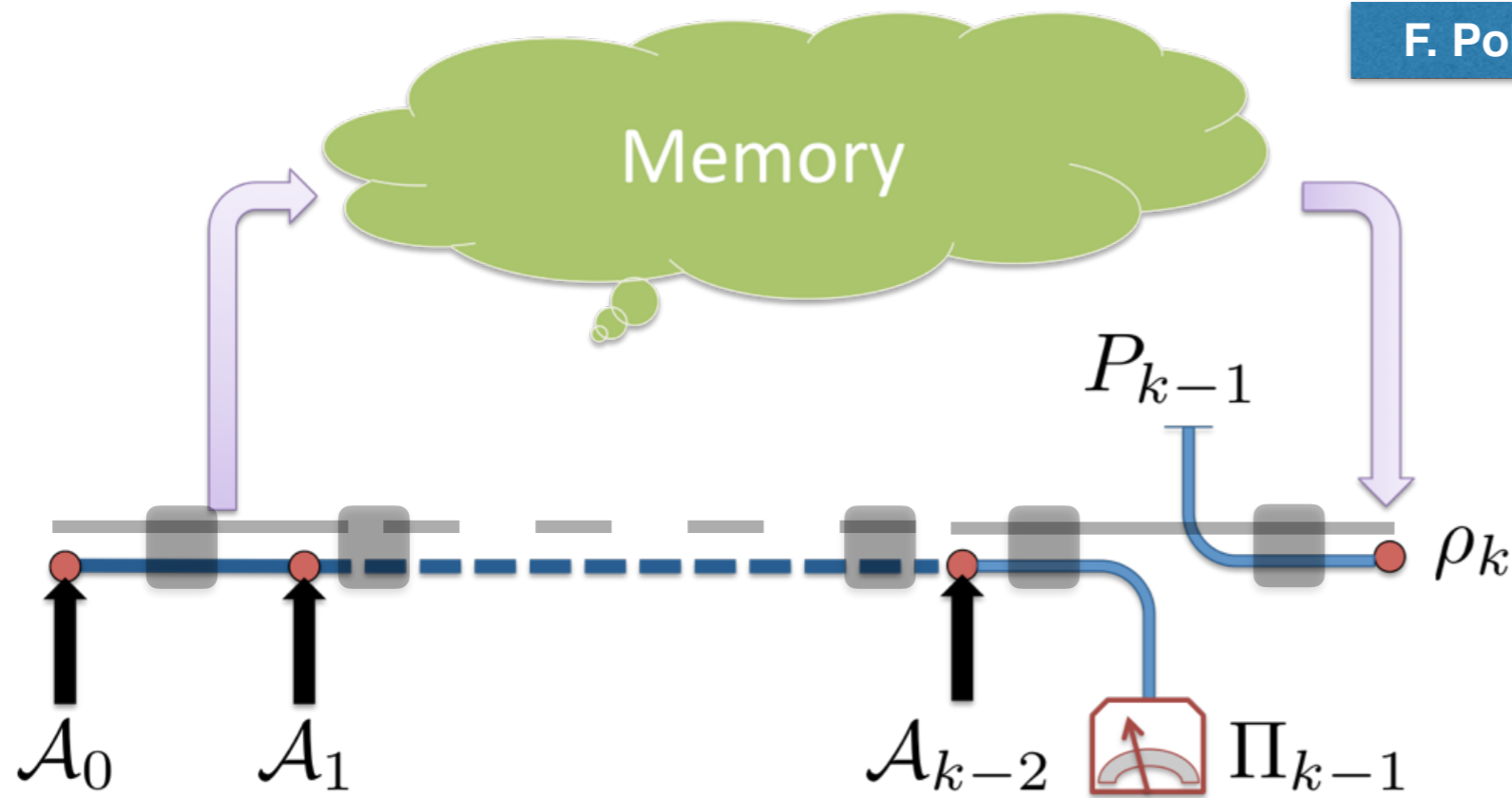
Operational Markov  
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Shift switch of grad student

# Causal break







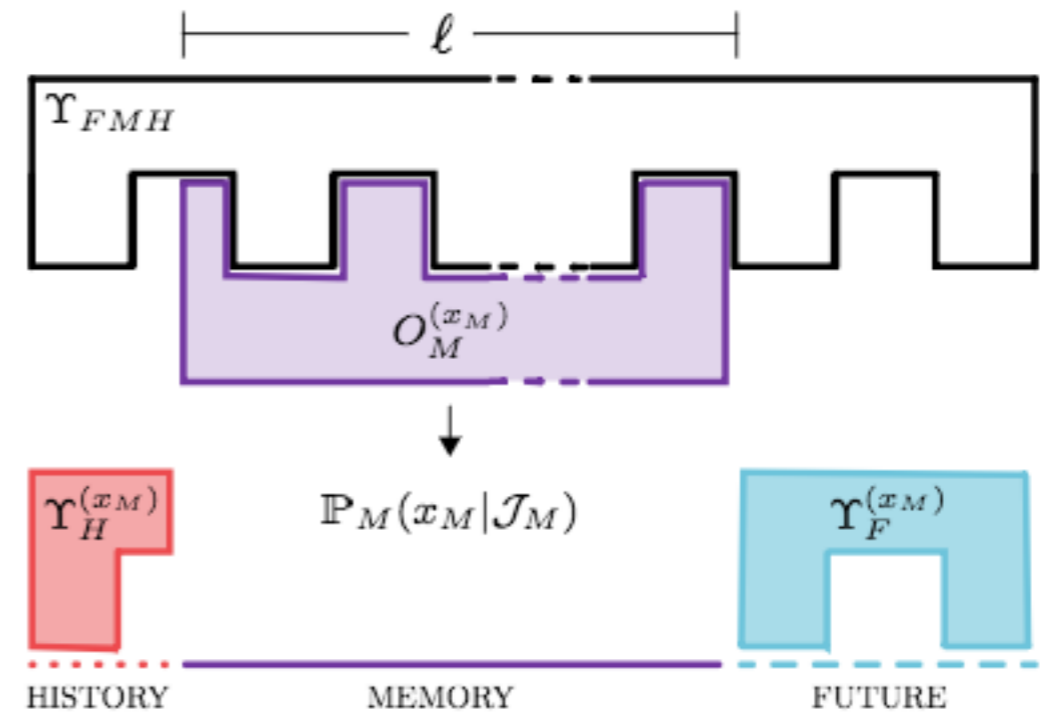
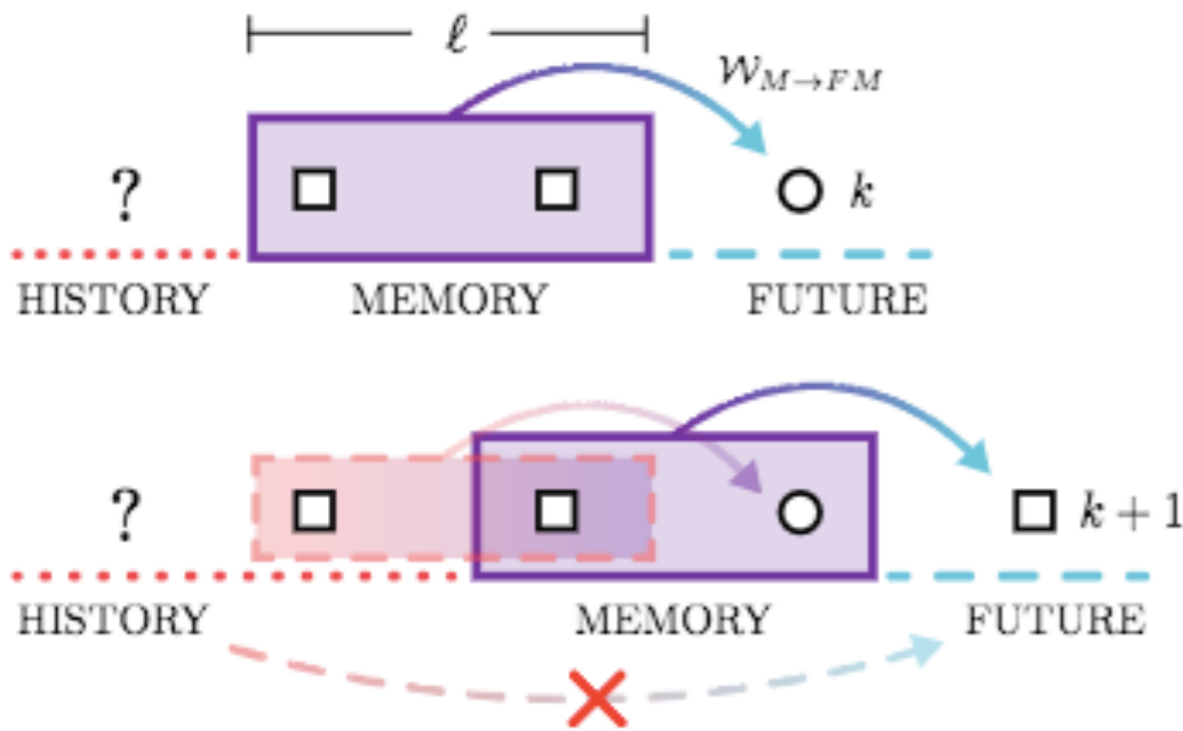
$$\rho_k(P_{k-1} | \Pi_{k-1}; \mathbf{A}_{k-2:0}) = \rho_k(P_{k-1})$$

$$\rho_k(P_{k-1} | \Pi_{k-1}; \mathbf{A}_{k-2:0}) \neq \rho_k(P_{k-1} | \Pi'_{k-1}; \mathbf{A}'_{k-2:0})$$

Markovian  $\rightarrow$  Divisible  
 Semigroup

Markov order

# Quantum Markov order



# Operational measure for non-Markovianity

# Measuring non-Markovianity with Relative entropy

 $\Upsilon_{7:0}$ 

S A1B1 A2B2 A3B3 A4B4 A5B5 A6B6 A7B7

 $\Upsilon_{7:0}^{\text{Markov}}$ 

S

A1B1

A2B2

A3B3

A4B4

A5B5

A6B6

A7B7

$$\mathcal{N} = R(\Upsilon_{7:0} \parallel \Upsilon_{7:0}^{\text{Markov}})$$

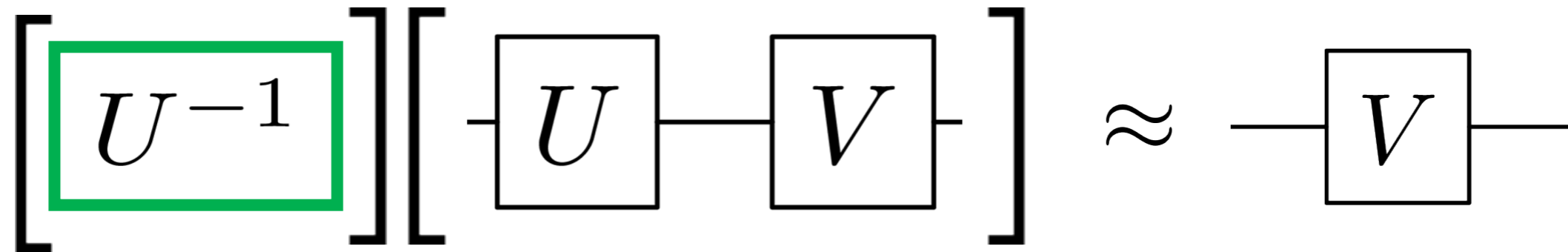
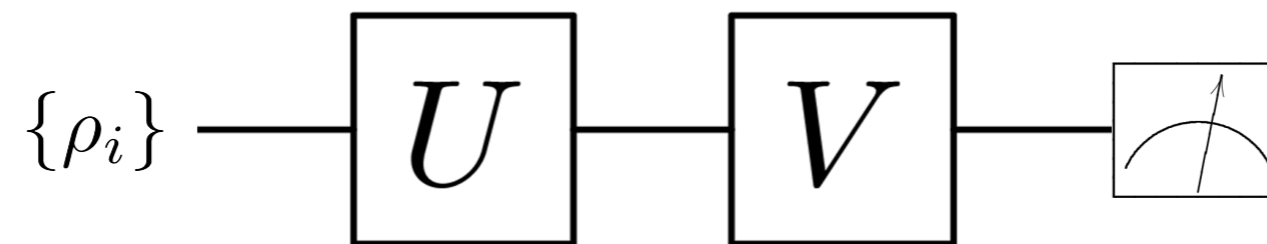
$$\text{Confusion probability} = e^{-n\mathcal{N}}$$

You have a Markovian model to describe a non-Markovian process.  
 We can change the model and systematically develop a better description for the experiment.  
 How surprised are you when the experiment gives wrong answer

# Non-Markovianity in IBM Experience



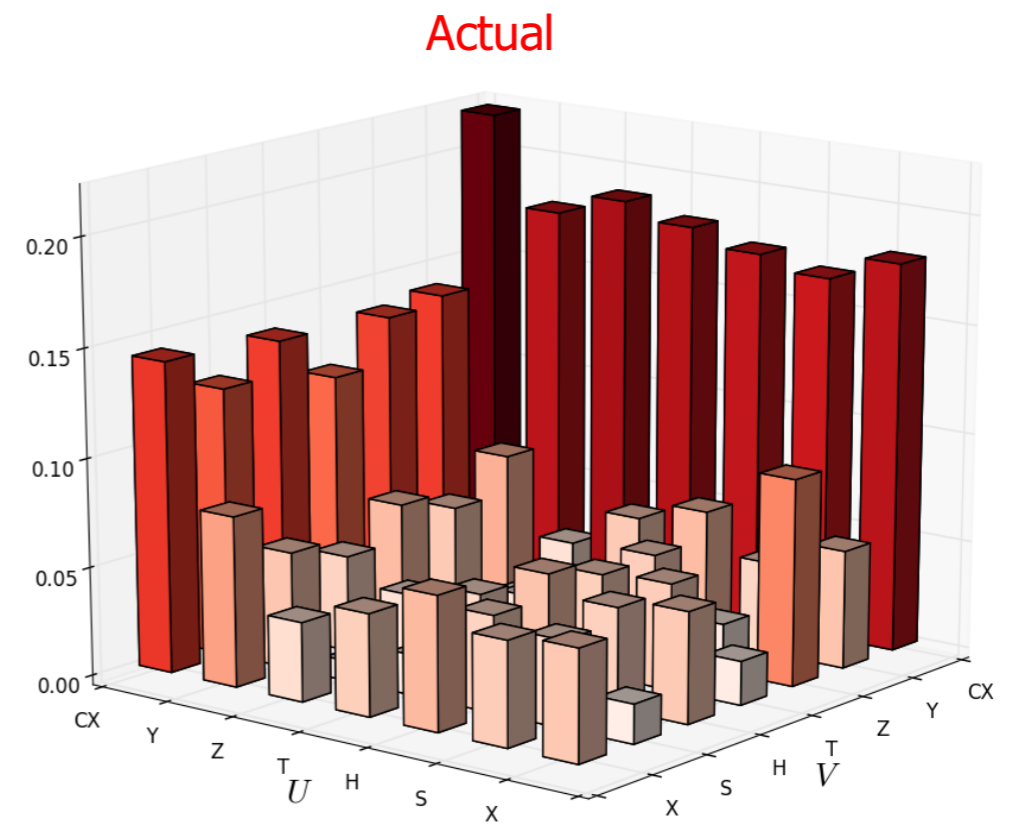
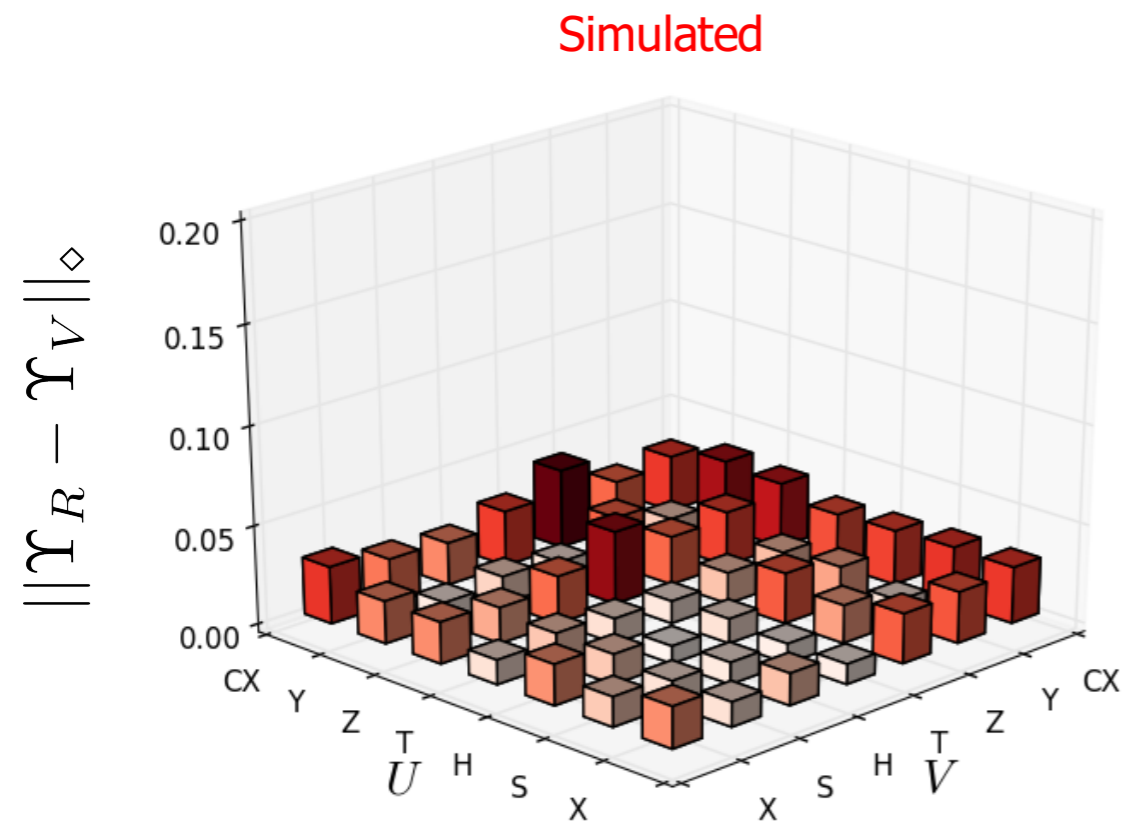
## Two Step Processes



$$\mathbb{L}_V \mathbb{L}_U \mathbb{L}_U^{-1} = \mathbb{L}_R \approx \mathbb{L}_{V_{ideal}}$$



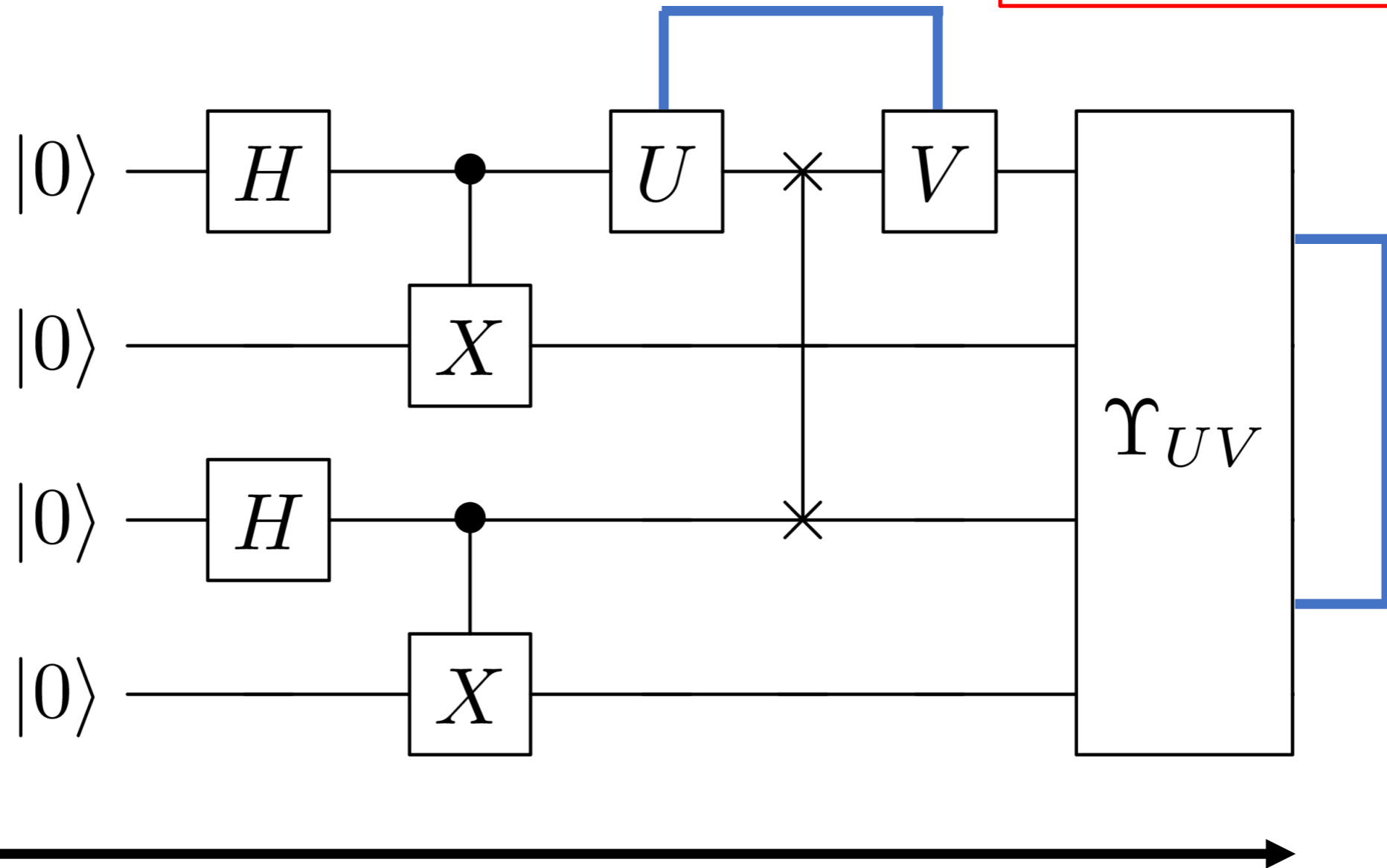
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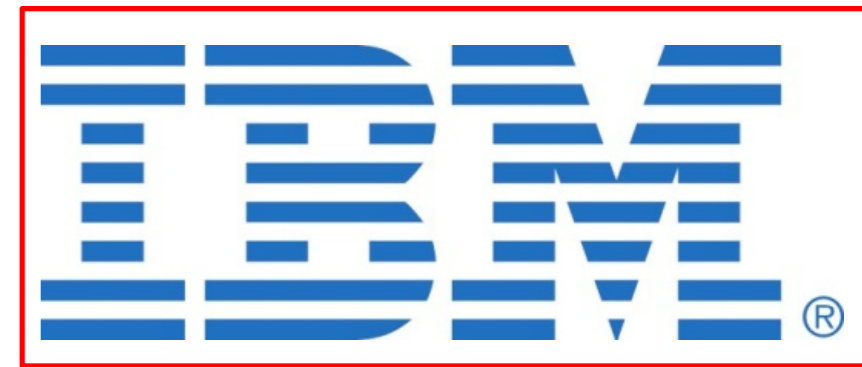




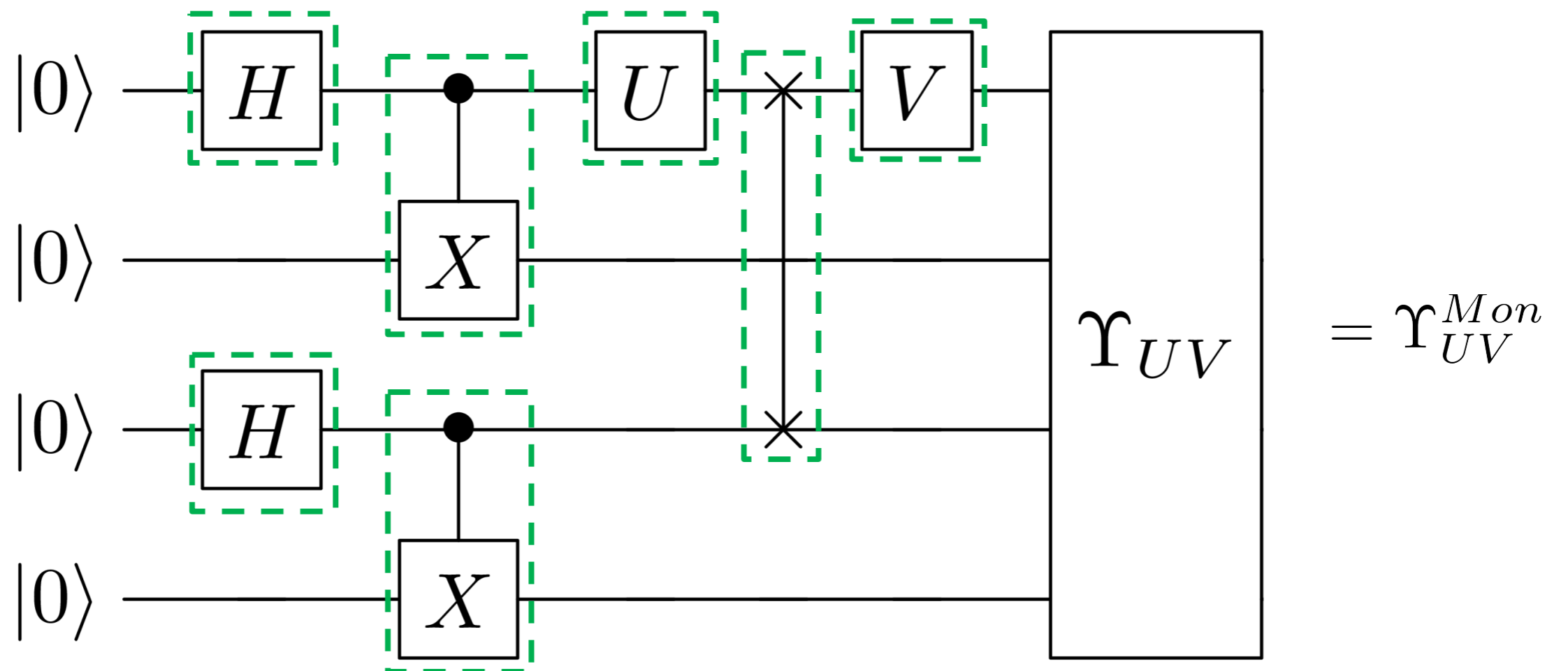
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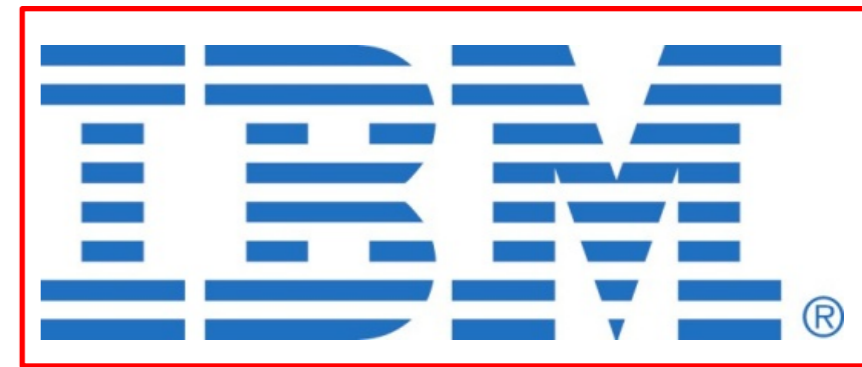


Time



# The Solution





# Simulator Vs Simulator

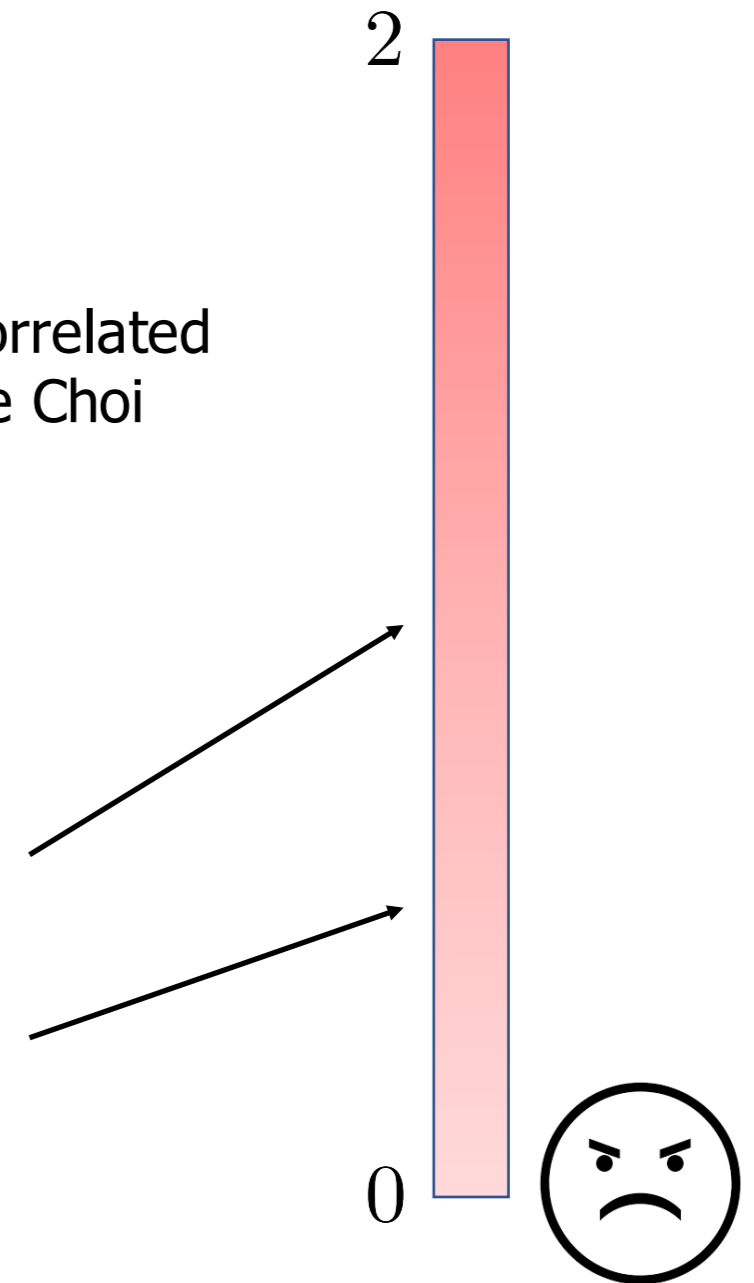
In order to compute the degree of memory due solely to correlated operations we compute the quantum relative entropy of the Choi states

$$S(\rho||\sigma) = \text{Tr}[\rho(\log(\rho) - \log(\sigma))]$$

**IBM:**  $S(\Upsilon_{UV}||\Upsilon_{UV}^{IBM}) = 1.02 \pm 0.04$

**Monash:**  $S(\Upsilon_{UV}||\Upsilon_{UV}^{Mon}) = 0.68 \pm 0.04$

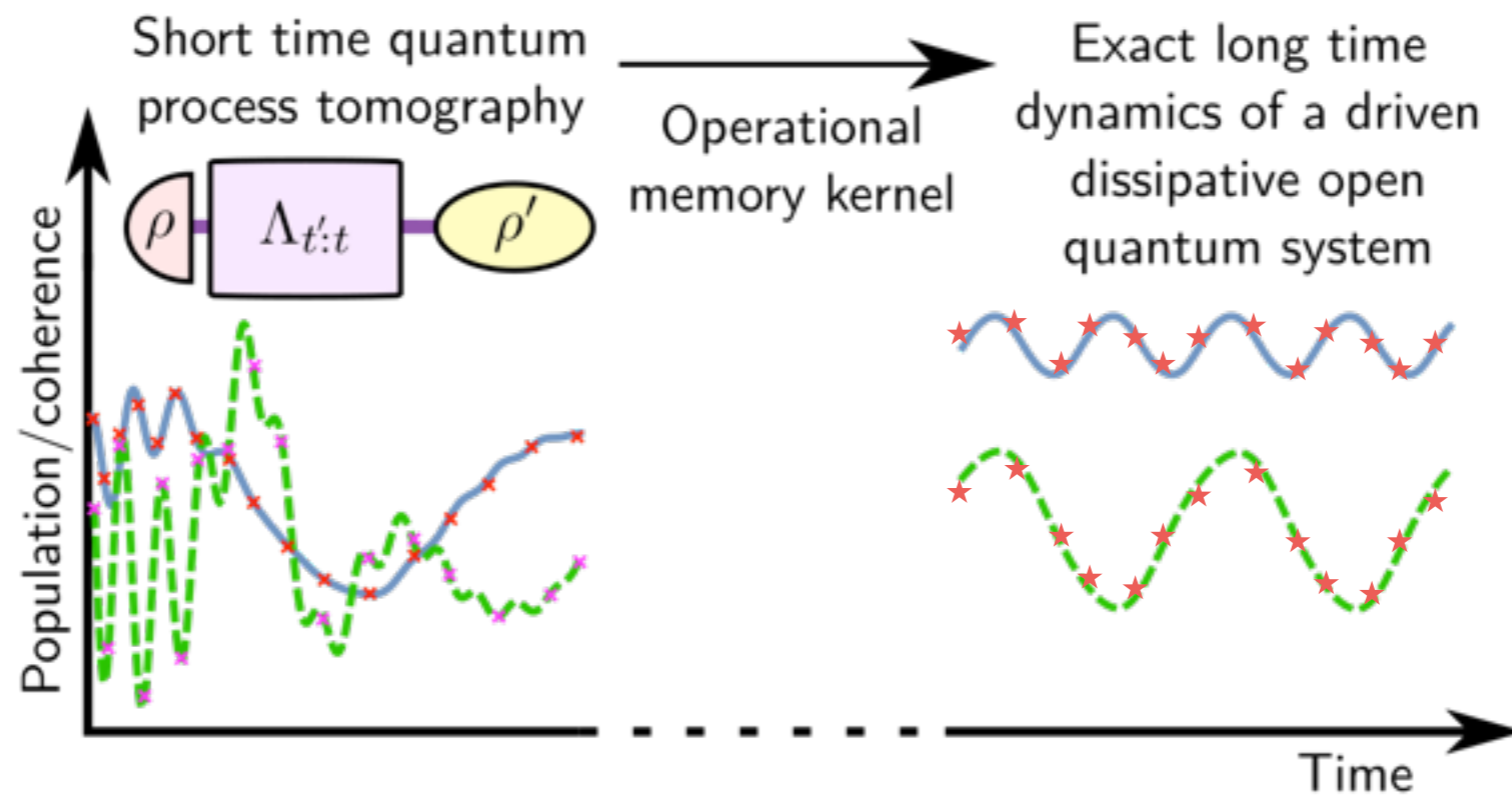
$$\text{Pr}_{conf} = \exp(-nS(\rho||\sigma))$$



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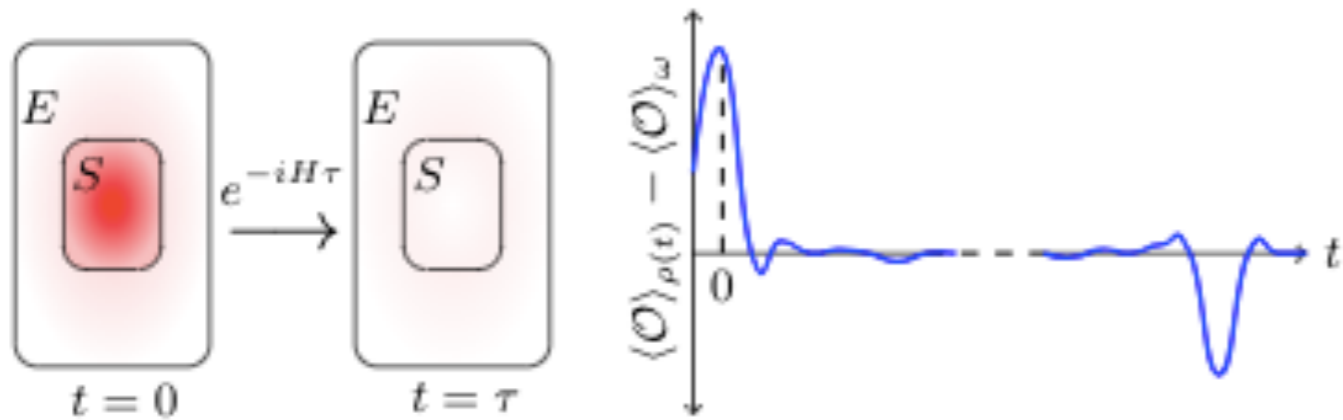
# Efficient long time dynamics

# Reconstructed Nakajima-Zwanzing master equations



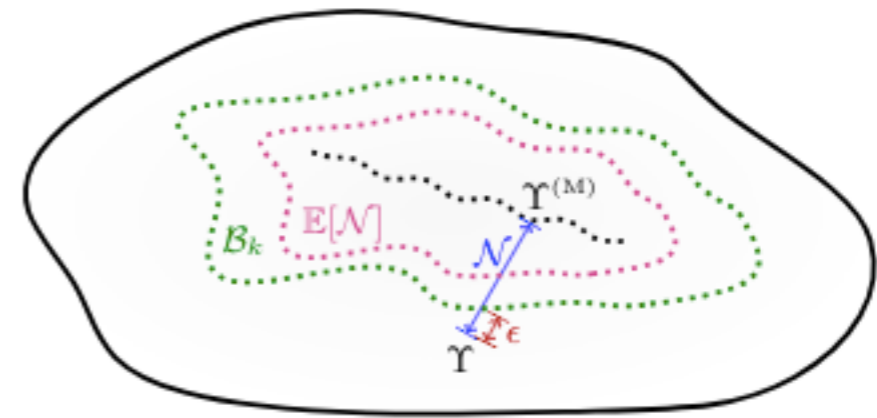
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# Almost Markovian processes from closed dynamics

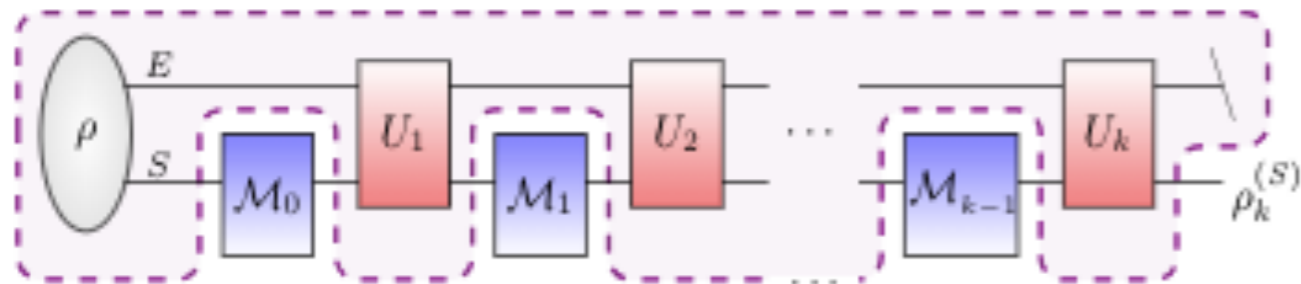


(a)

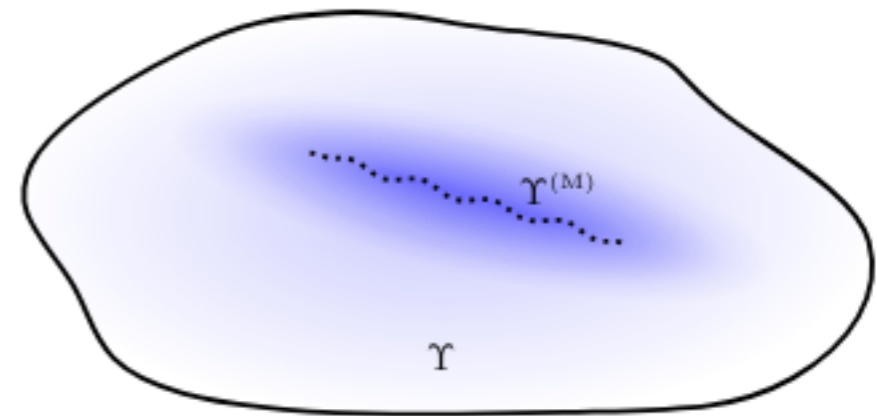
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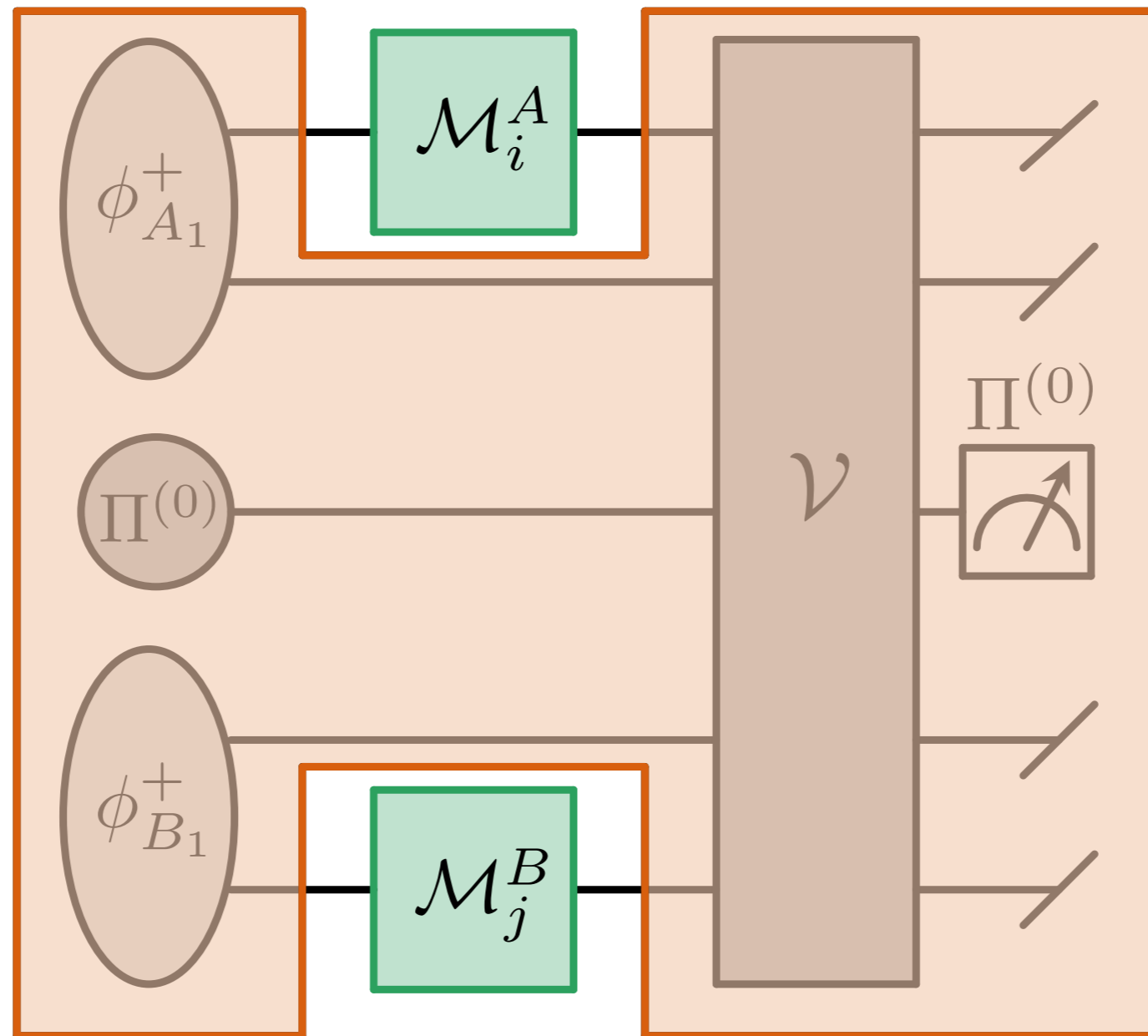


(b)

Relation to process  
matrix



# Entanglement, non-Markovianity, and causal non-separability



# Conclusions

We have a universal descriptor for arbitrary quantum processes and whole lot of applications...

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