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Abstract:

To justify the existence of measurements that can not be performed jointly on quantum systems, Heisenberg put forward a heuristic argument, involving the famous gamma-ray microscope Gedankenexperiment, based on the existence of measurements that irreversibly alter the physical system on which they act. Today, the impossibility of jointly measuring some physical quantities, termed measurement incompatibility, and irreversible disturbance, namely the existence of operations that irreversibly alter the system on which they act, are understood to be distinct but related features of quantum mechanics. In our work, we formally characterized the relationship between these two properties, showing that measurement incompatibility implies irreversible disturbance, though the converse is false. The counterexamples are two toy theories: Minimal Classical Theory and Minimal Strongly Causal Bilocal Classical Theory. These two are distinct as counterexamples because the latter allows for classical conditioning. Our research followed an operational approach exploiting the framework of Operational Probabilistic Theories. In particular, it required the development of two new classes of operational theories: Minimal Operational Probabilistic Theories and Minimal Strongly Causal Operational Probabilistic Theories. These theories are characterized by a restricted set of dynamics, limited to the minimal set consistent with the set of states. In Minimal Strongly Causal Operational Probabilistic Theories, classical conditioning is also allowed.

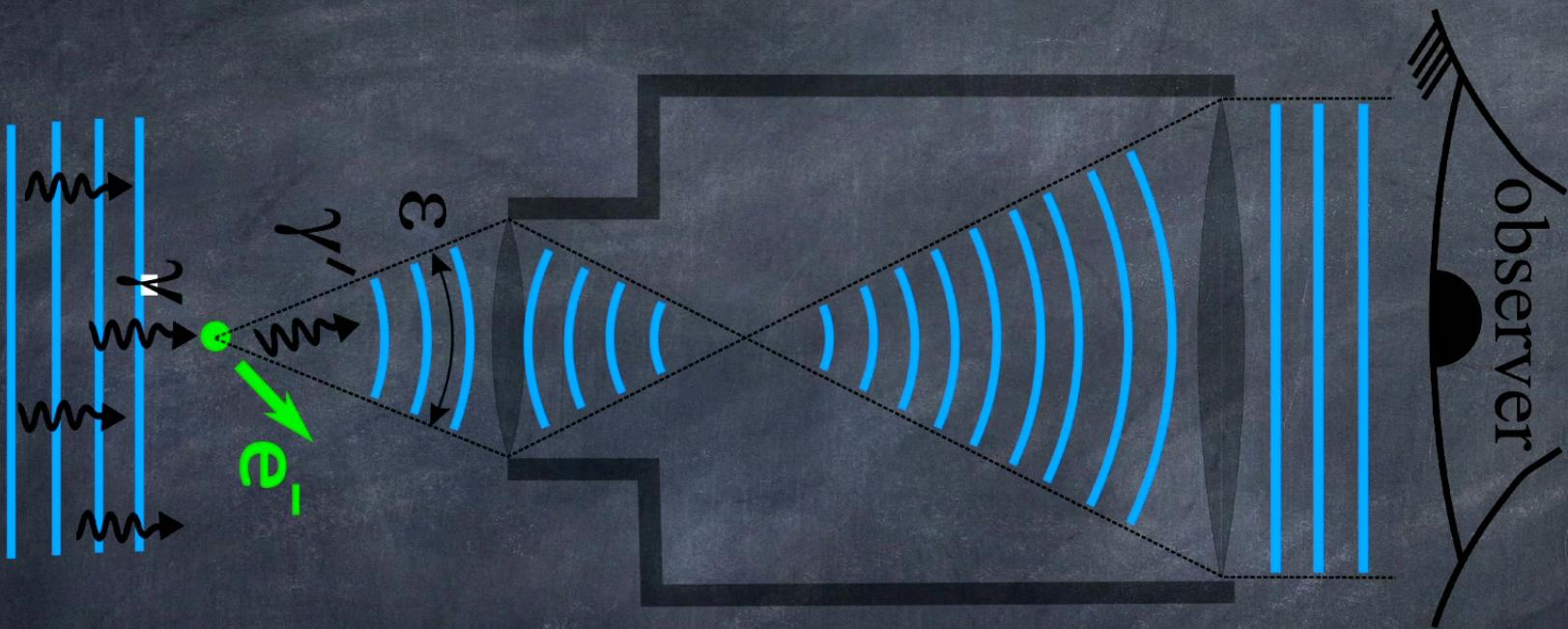
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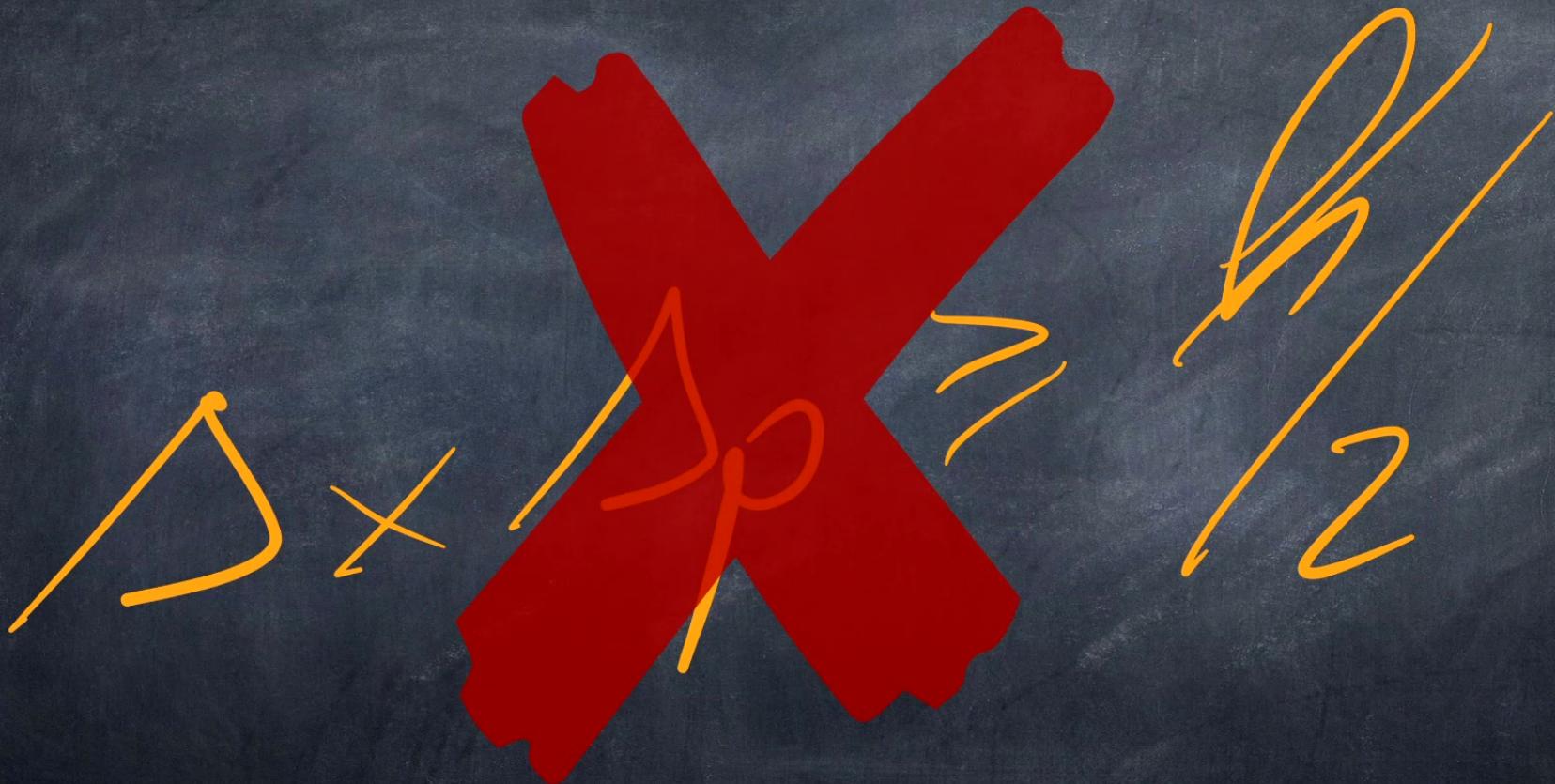


$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \approx h$$



my work

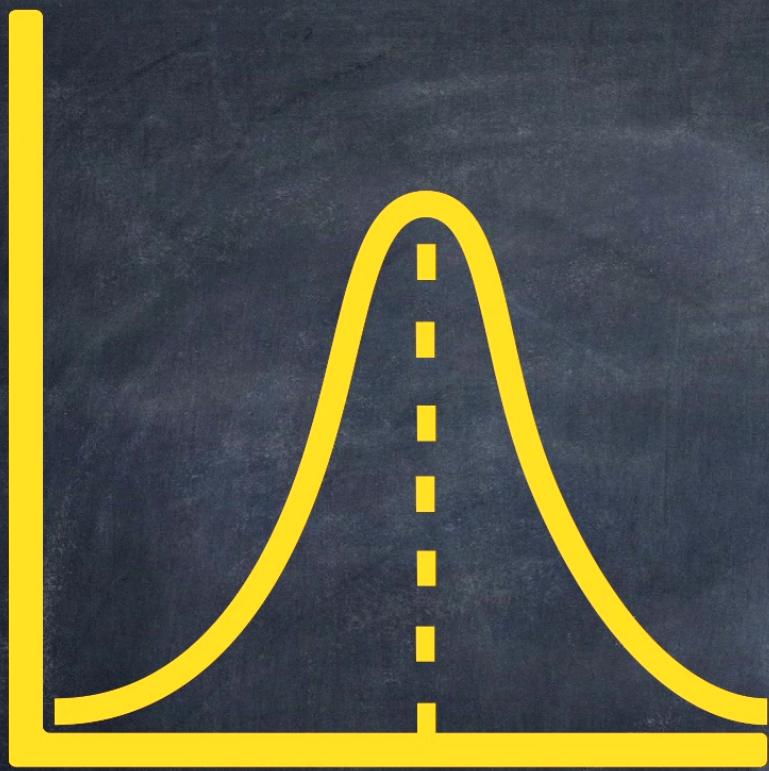




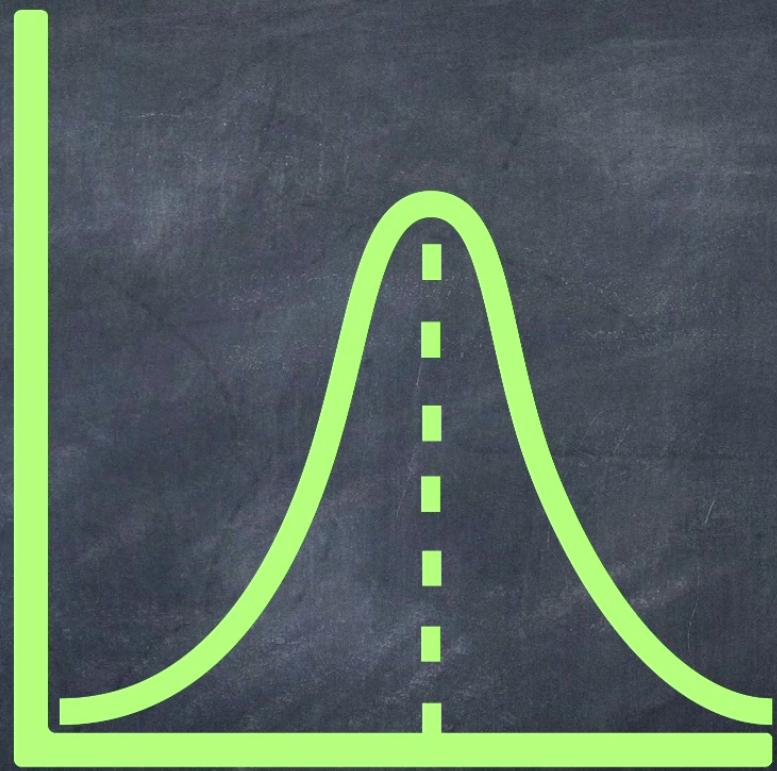
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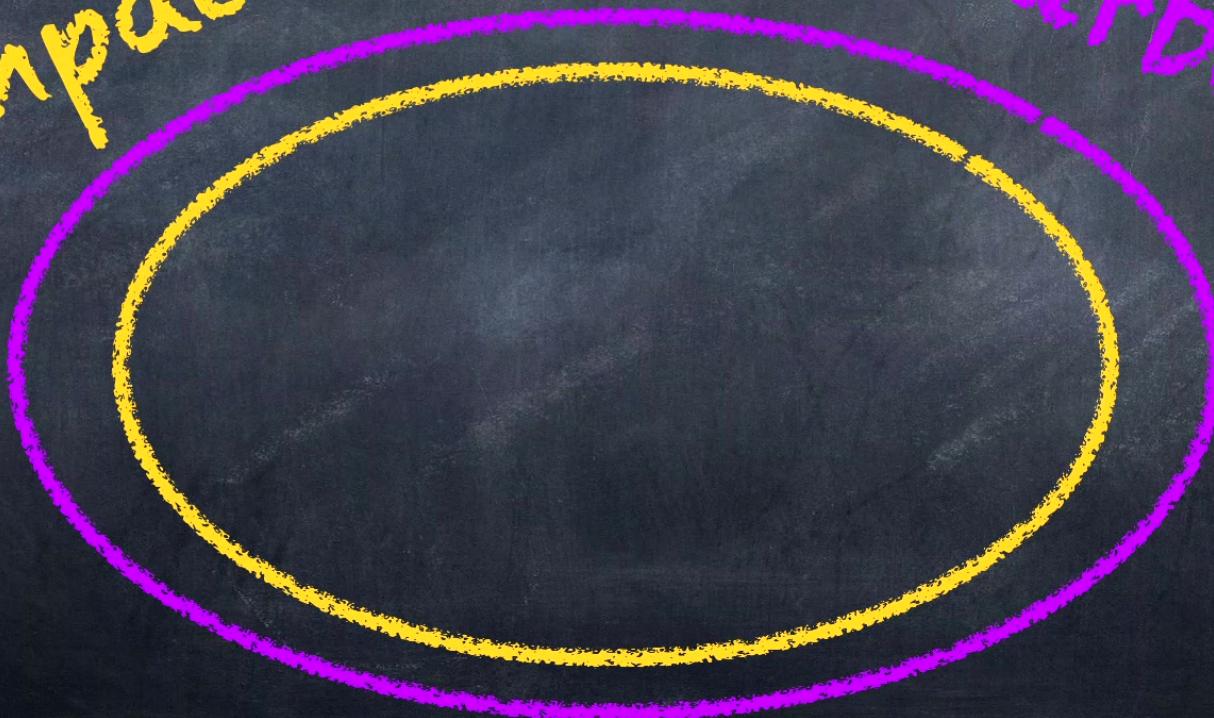
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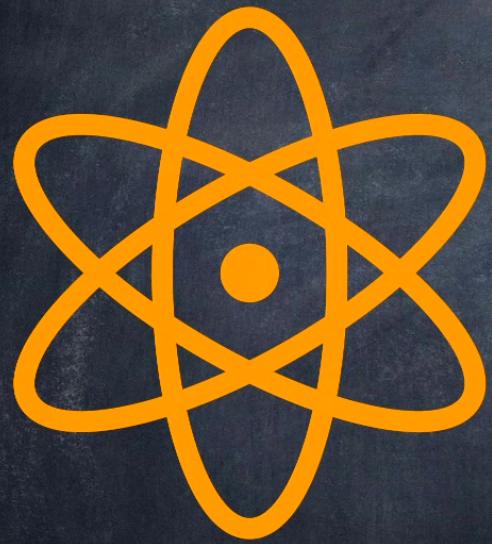
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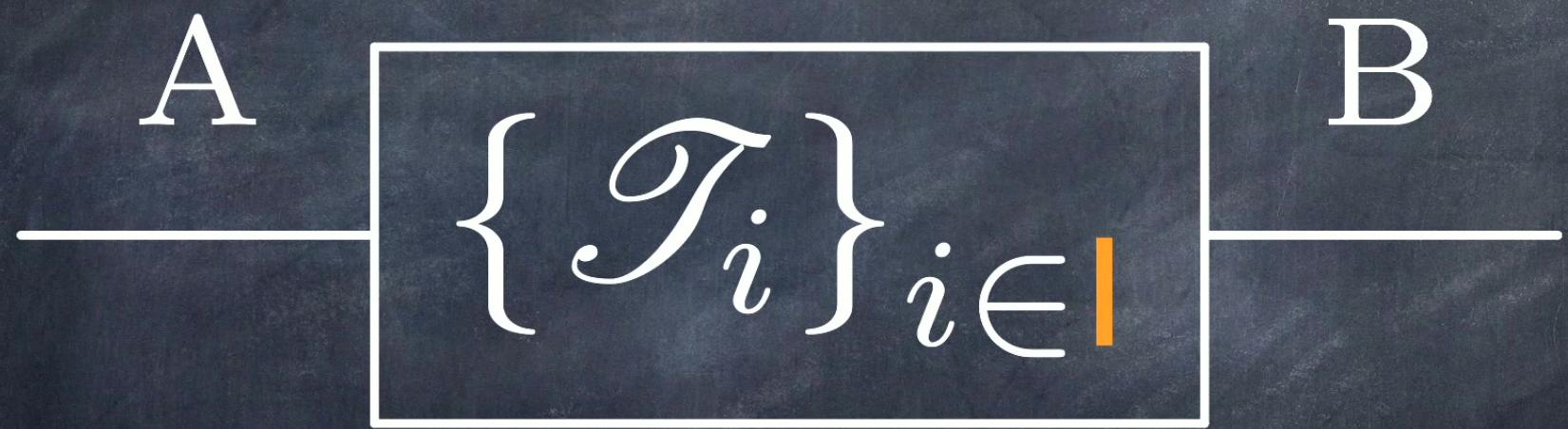
OPERATIONAL PROBABILISTIC THEORIES (OPTs)

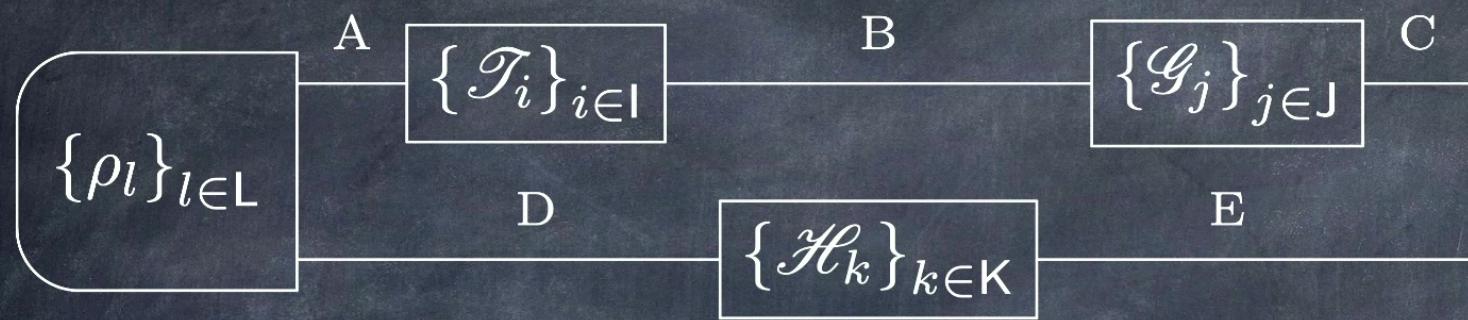
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INSTRUMENTS

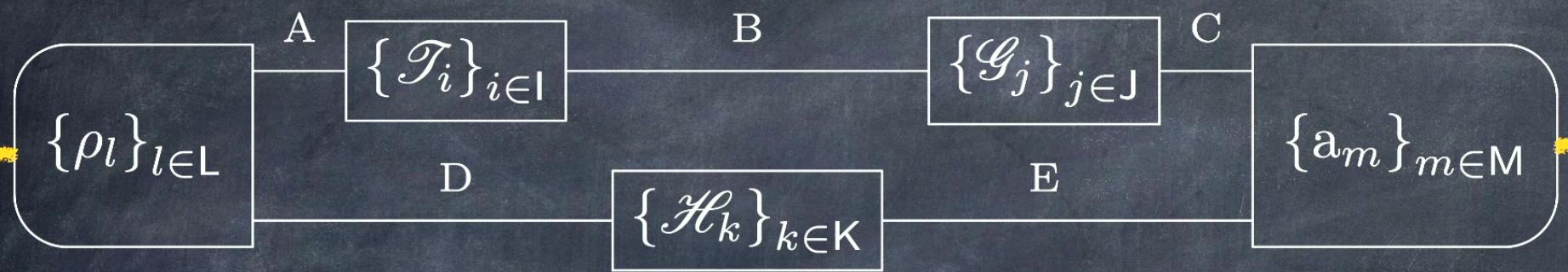






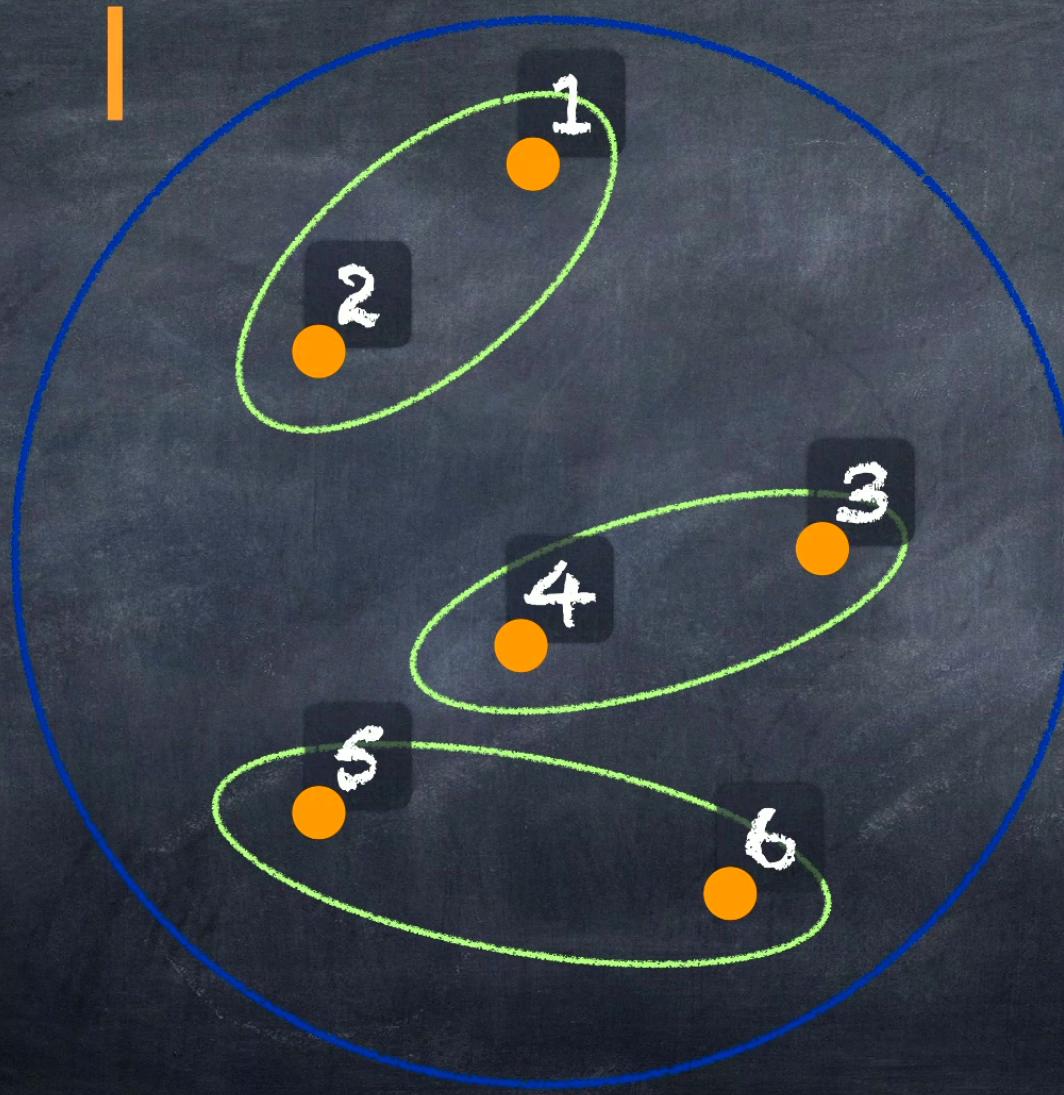


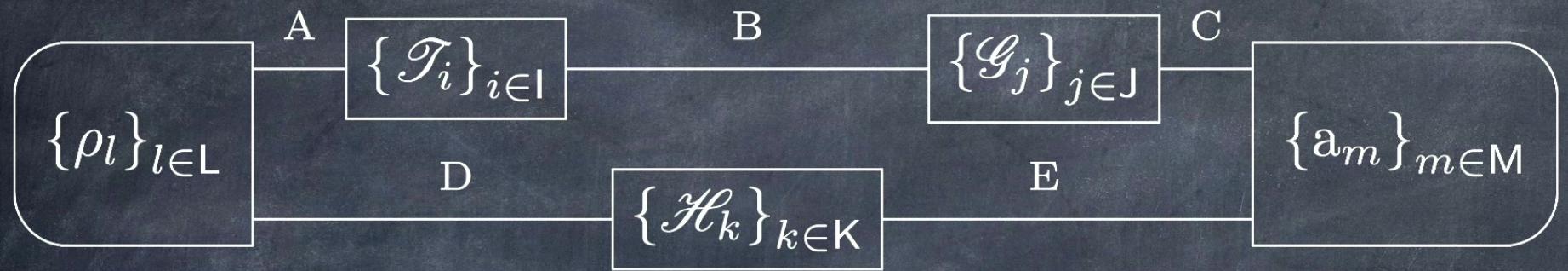
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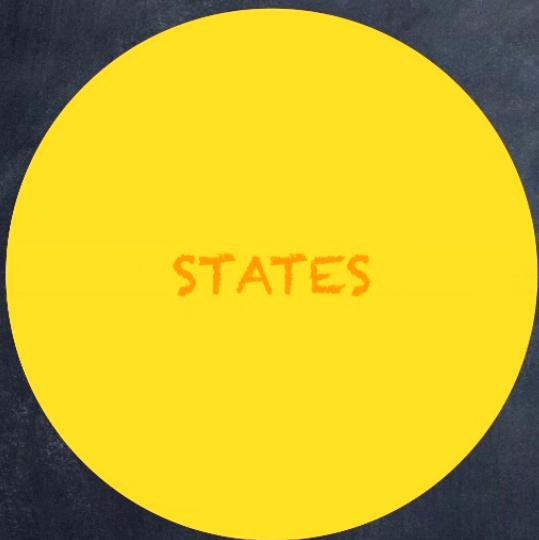
BRAIDED (STRICT) MONOIDAL CATEGORY



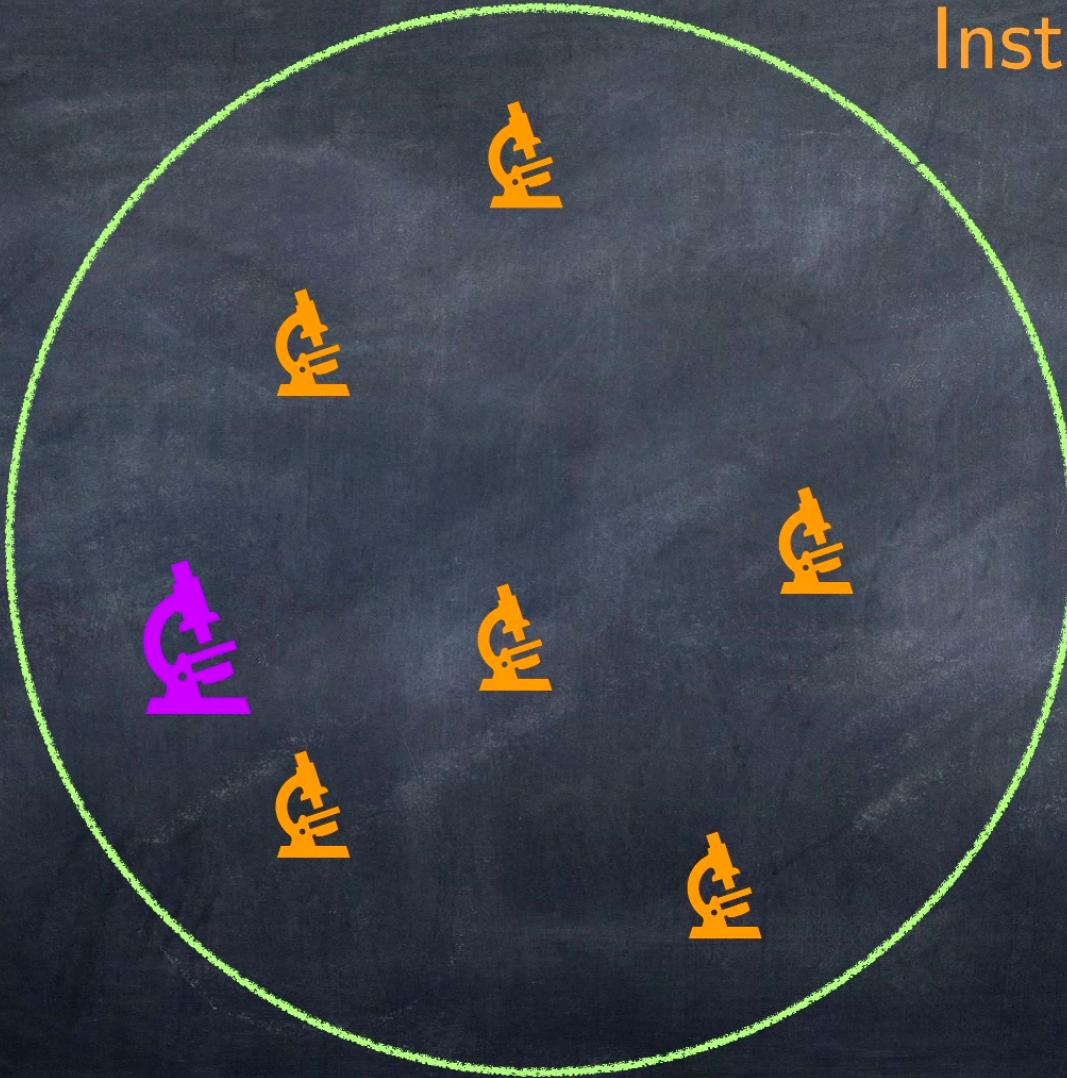


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$$p(l, i, j, k, m | \rho_L, T_I, G_J, H_K, a_M)$$



$\overline{\text{Instr}} \ (\text{A} \rightarrow \text{B})$



DISCRIMINATION PROBABILITY

$$d(\text{ℳ}^+, \text{ℳ}^-)$$

CAUSAL THEORIES

COMPATIBILITY

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$$P_i = \sum_{j \in J} R_{(i,j)} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$Q_j = \sum_{i \in I} R_{(i,j)} \quad \forall j \in J$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{a_i} &= \sum_{j \in J} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{c(i,j)} \quad \forall i \in I \\ \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{b_j} &= \sum_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{c(i,j)} \quad \forall j \in J \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \boxed{\mathcal{T}_i} \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \sum_{j \in J} \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{(i,j)}} \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{---} \end{array} e \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \boxed{\mathcal{G}_j} \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \sum_{i \in I} \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{(i,j)}} \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{---} \end{array} e \quad \forall j \in J$$

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**STRONG
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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\mathcal{T}_i} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{B} \end{array} = \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^{(i)}} \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\mathcal{C}_z} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{B} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{E} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{e} \end{array} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\mathcal{G}_j} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{C} \end{array} = \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\mathcal{C}_z} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{B} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{E} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\mathcal{P}_i^{(z)}} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{C} \end{array} \quad \forall j \in J$$

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**STRONG
COMPATIBILITY**



**WEAK
COMPATIBILITY**



$$\begin{aligned}
 A & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}_i} B = \sum_{z \in Z^{(i)}} \cancel{\text{Diagram}} \quad \forall i \in I \\
 A & = \sum_{z \in Z} \cancel{\text{Diagram}} \quad \text{Diagram: } \mathcal{C}_z \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \mathcal{P}(z) \xrightarrow{\text{B}} C
 \end{aligned}$$

The image shows two equations on a chalkboard. The first equation shows an input A entering a box labeled \mathcal{T}_i , which then splits into outputs B and E. The second part of the equation is a summation over $z \in Z^{(i)}$, followed by a large red X. To the right of the X is a circuit diagram: input A goes to a box labeled \mathcal{C}_z , whose output B goes to an AND gate (labeled 'e'). The output E of \mathcal{C}_z also goes to the AND gate. The second equation is similar, except it sums over $z \in Z$ and has no red X. Its circuit diagram consists of three boxes: input A goes to \mathcal{C}_z , whose output B goes to $\mathcal{P}(z)$, whose output C is the final result.

$$\begin{aligned} \xrightarrow{A} [a_i] &= \cancel{\sum_{j \in J} \xrightarrow{A} [c(i,j)]} \quad \forall i \in I \\ \xrightarrow{A} [b_j] &= \cancel{\sum_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{A} [c(i,j)]} \quad \forall j \in J \end{aligned}$$

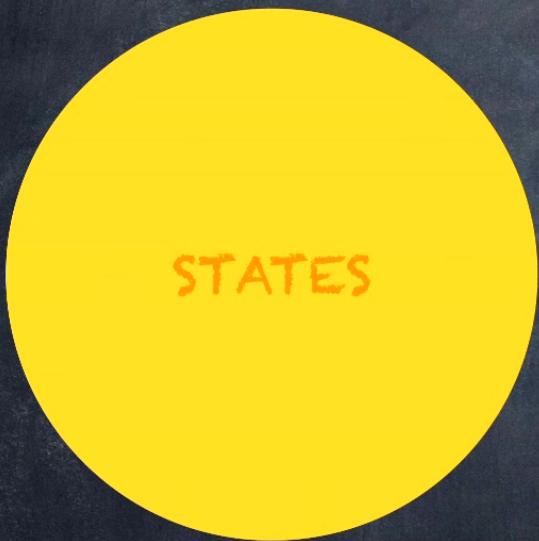
$$\begin{aligned}
 A \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{T}_i} \xrightarrow{B} &= \sum_{z \in Z^{(i)}} \cancel{\text{A}} \quad \cancel{\text{B}} \quad \cancel{\text{E}} \quad \forall i \in I \\
 \cancel{\text{A}} &= \sum_{z \in Z} \cancel{\text{A}} \quad \cancel{\text{B}} \quad \cancel{\text{E}} \quad \cancel{\text{C}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The diagram illustrates two equivalent circuit representations. The top part shows a block labeled \mathcal{T}_i with inputs A and B, and output E. The bottom part shows a block labeled \mathcal{C}_z with inputs A and B, and output E. The output E from \mathcal{C}_z is connected to one input of a logic gate labeled 'e'. The other input of 'e' is connected to the output C of another block labeled $\mathcal{P}(z)$. A large red X is drawn over both the middle term of the top equation and the middle term of the bottom equation.



$$\begin{aligned}
 A \boxed{\mathcal{T}_i} B &= \sum_{z \in Z^{(i)}} \quad \text{A} \quad \boxed{\mathcal{C}_z} \quad \text{B} \quad \text{E} \quad e \quad \forall i \in I \\
 A \boxed{\mathcal{G}_j} C &= \sum_{z \in Z} \quad \text{A} \quad \boxed{\mathcal{C}_z} \quad \text{B} \quad \boxed{\mathcal{P}_i^{(z)}} \quad C \quad \forall j \in J
 \end{aligned}$$





INSTRUMENTS

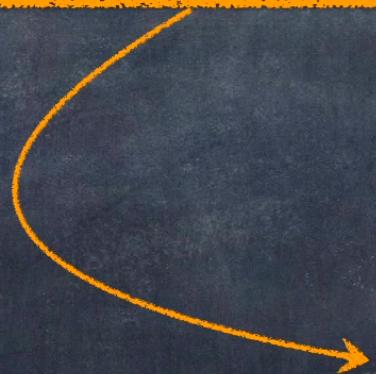


$$\left\{ \quad \frac{\mathbf{A}}{} \quad \right\}$$

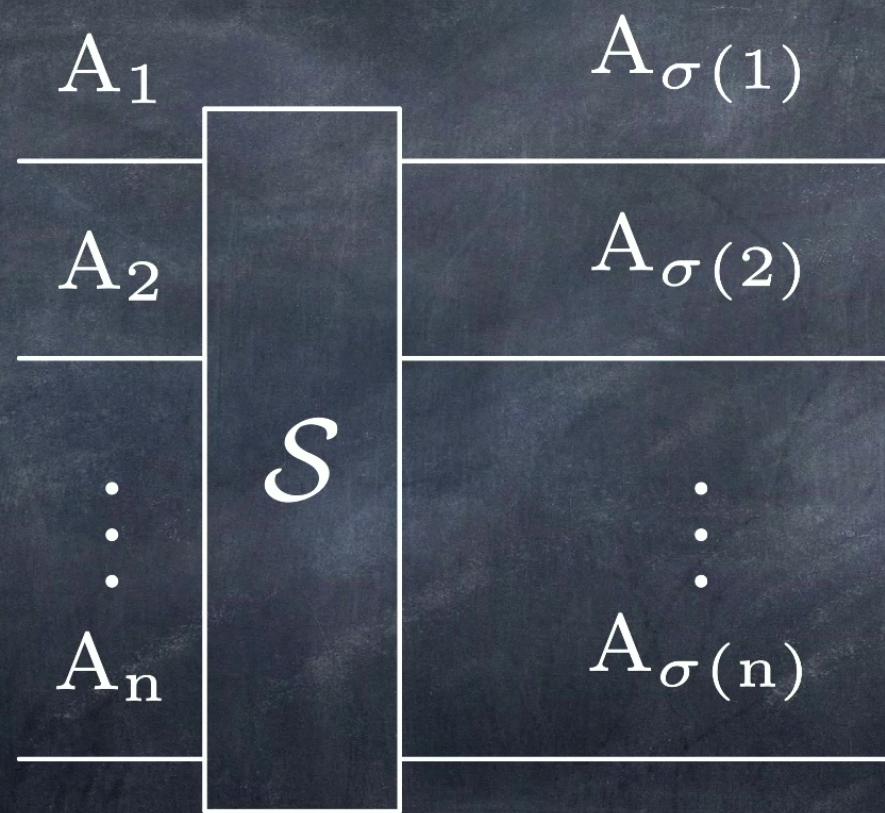
$$\left\{ \frac{\text{A}}{\text{A}} , \quad \boxed{\{\rho_i\}_{i \in I}} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} , \quad \boxed{\{a_j\}_{j \in J}} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} , \quad \overbrace{\text{B} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{A}}^{\text{A}} \right\}$$

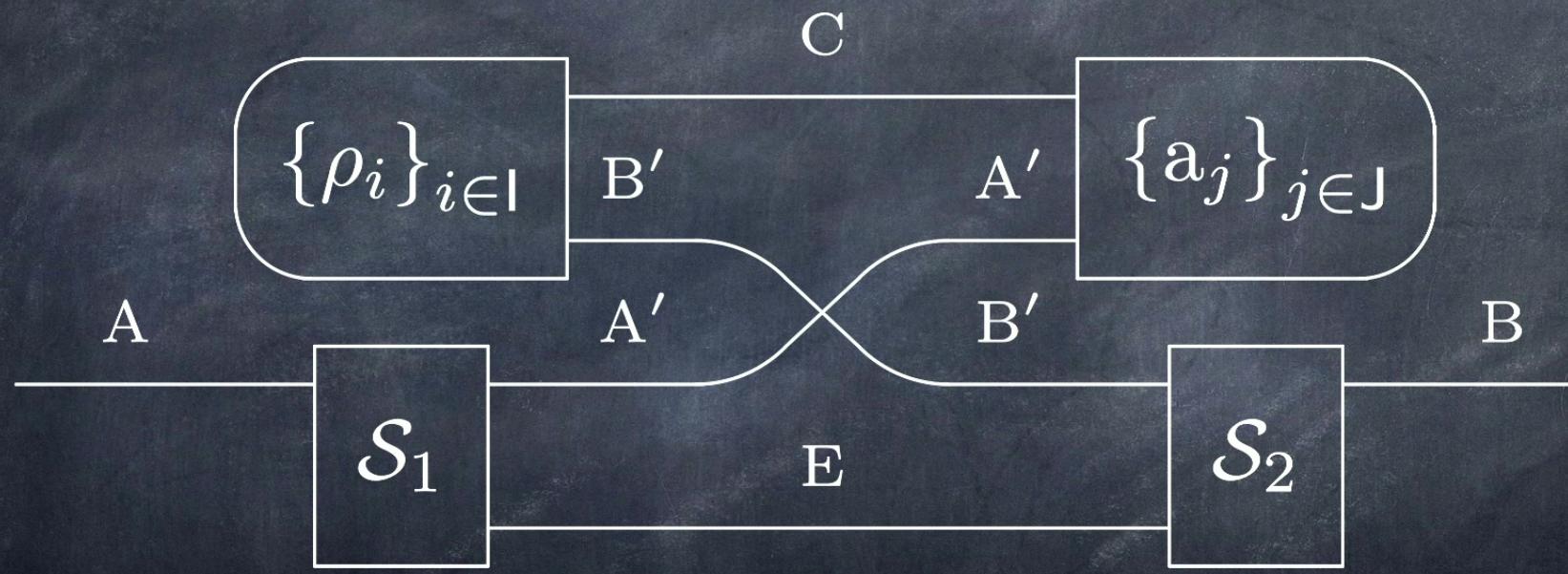
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$$\left\{ \frac{\text{A}}{\text{B}} , \boxed{\{\rho_i\}_{i \in I}} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} , \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{\{a_j\}_{j \in J}} , \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \diagup \\ \text{B} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{A} \end{array} \right\}$$

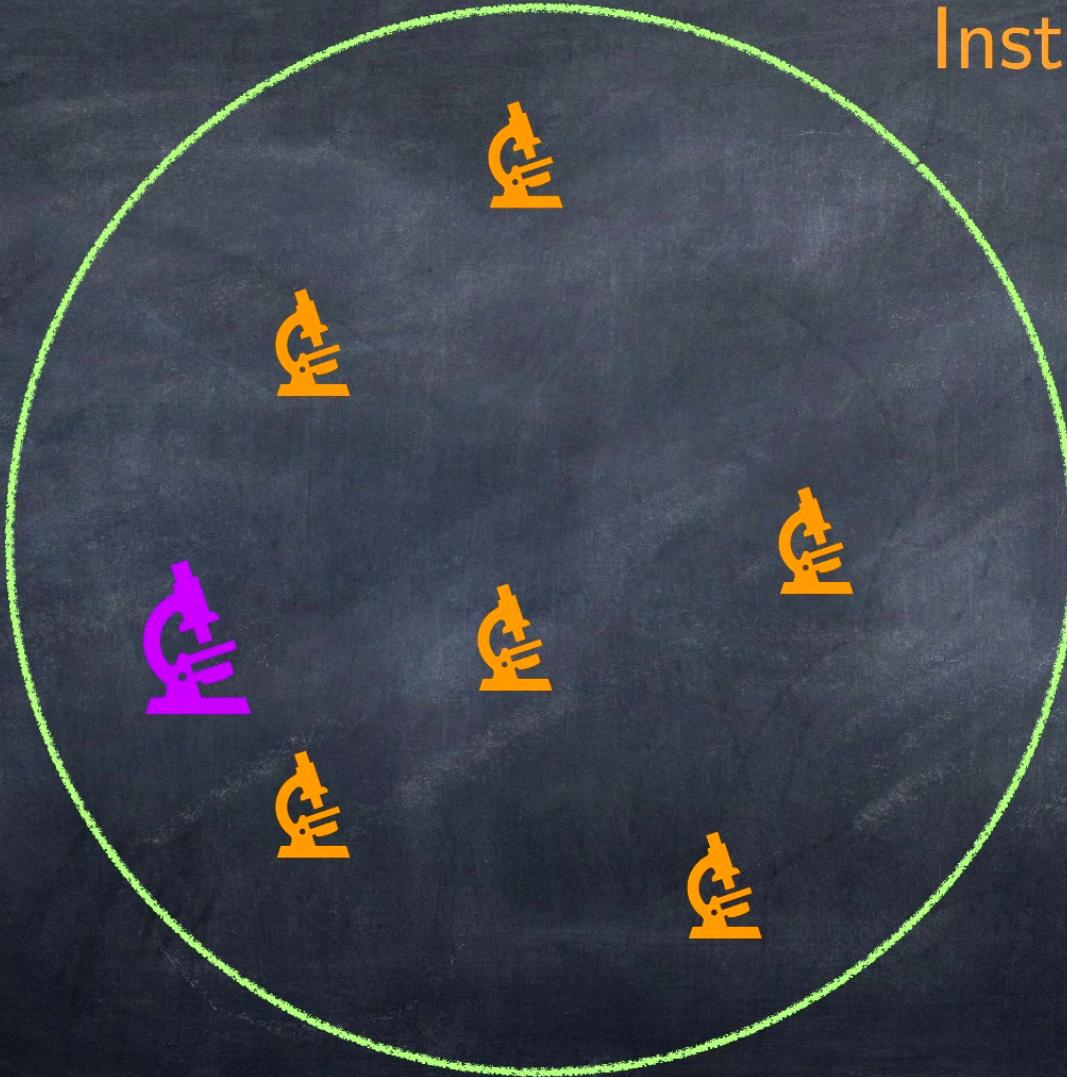


States and
effects of
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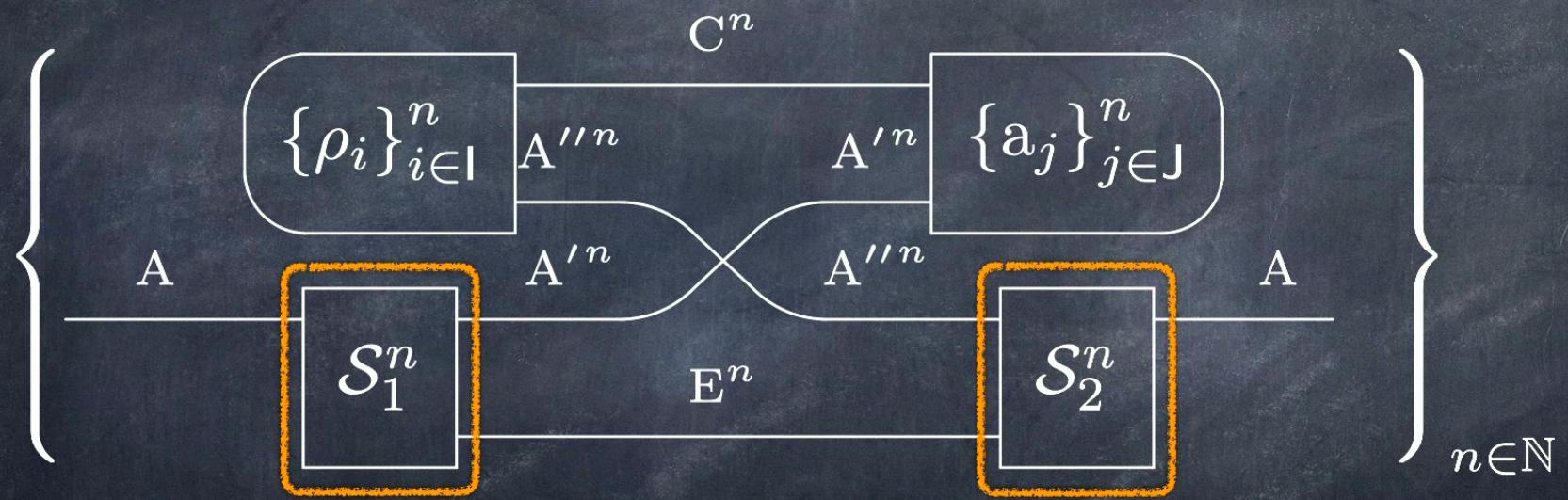


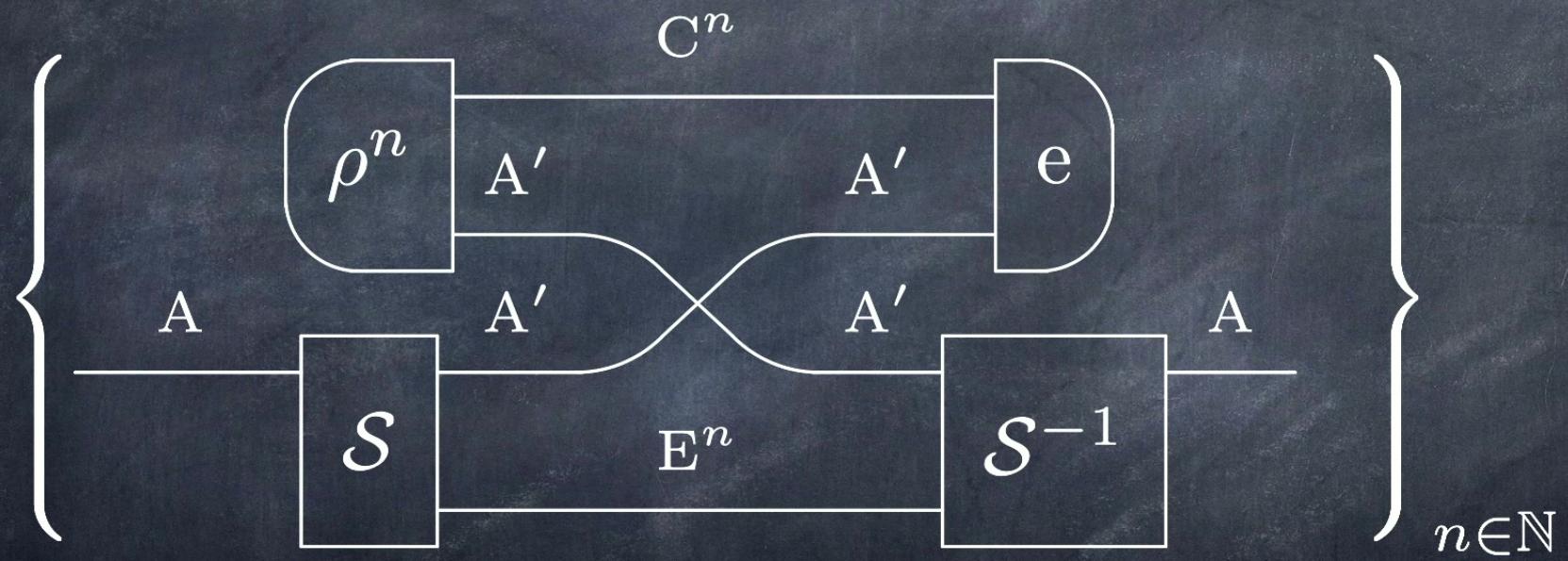
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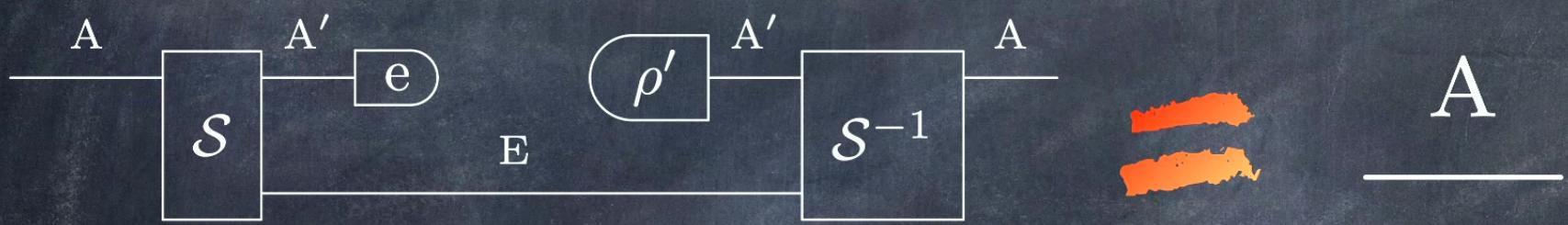


ATOMIC

$$g_j \propto T \quad \forall j \in J'$$





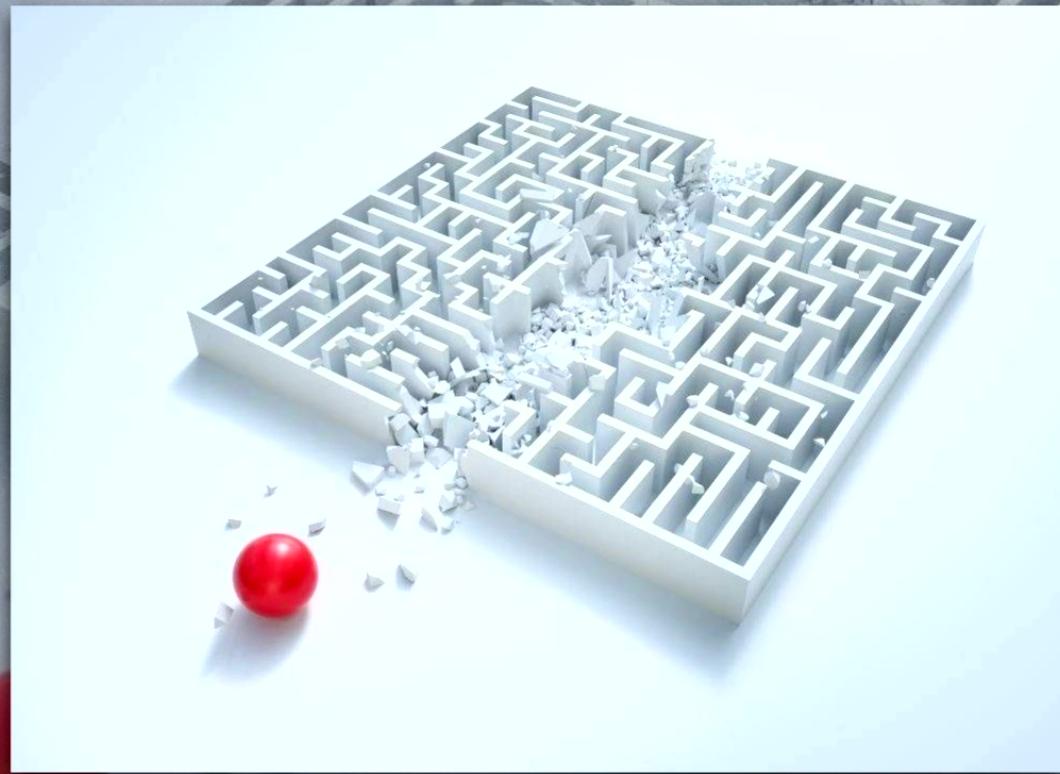


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \{\rho_i\}_{i \in I}^n \xrightarrow[A]{C^n} \{\mathbf{a}_j\}_{j \in J}^n \end{array} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

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MEASUREMENT
INCOMPATIBILITY



MINIMAL CLASSICAL THEORY



~~INTITIALLY~~ CLASSICAL THEORY

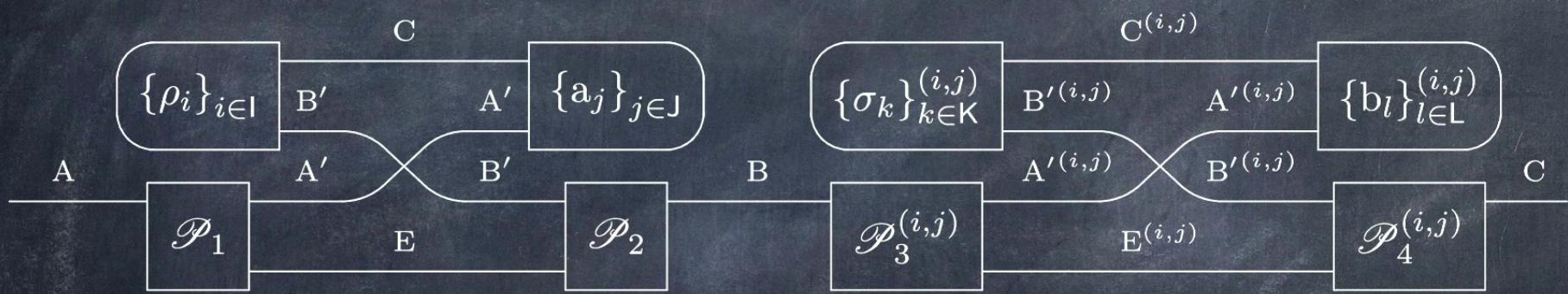
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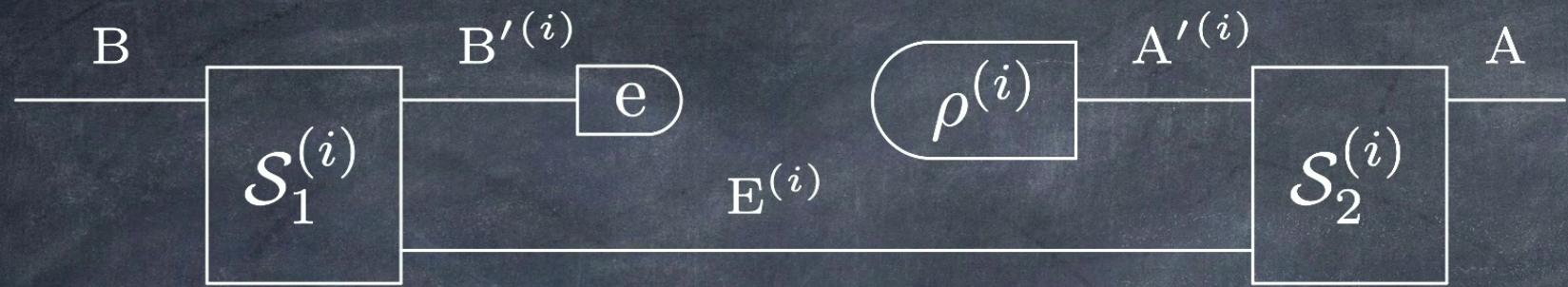
$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{i} \\ \textcircled{j} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{A} \\ \text{B} \end{array} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=\pm} \begin{array}{c} (ij)_s \\ \text{A} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\text{A}}{\text{B}} , \boxed{\{\rho_i\}_{i \in I}} \xrightarrow{\text{A}} , \xrightarrow{\text{A}} \boxed{\{a_j\}_{j \in J}} , \begin{array}{c} \text{A} & & \text{B} \\ \diagup & & \diagdown \\ \text{B} & \times & \text{A} \end{array} \right\}$$

States and effects
of Bilocal
Classical Theory



$$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} \overbrace{\left\{ \mathcal{T}_i \right\}_{i \in I}}^A \overbrace{\left\{ \mathcal{G}_j^{(i)} \right\}_{j \in J}}^B \overbrace{=}^A$$



ENTANGLEMENT BREAKING



Measurement
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Irreversible
disturbance

MSBCT

MCT

GENERALISE



$$\left\{ \frac{\text{A}}{\text{A}} , \boxed{\{\rho_i\}_{i \in I}}^{\text{A}} , \boxed{\{\mathbf{a}_j\}_{j \in J}}^{\text{A}} , \overbrace{\text{B} \qquad \text{B}}^{\text{A}} \right\}$$

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Classical conditioning



NO-INFORMATION
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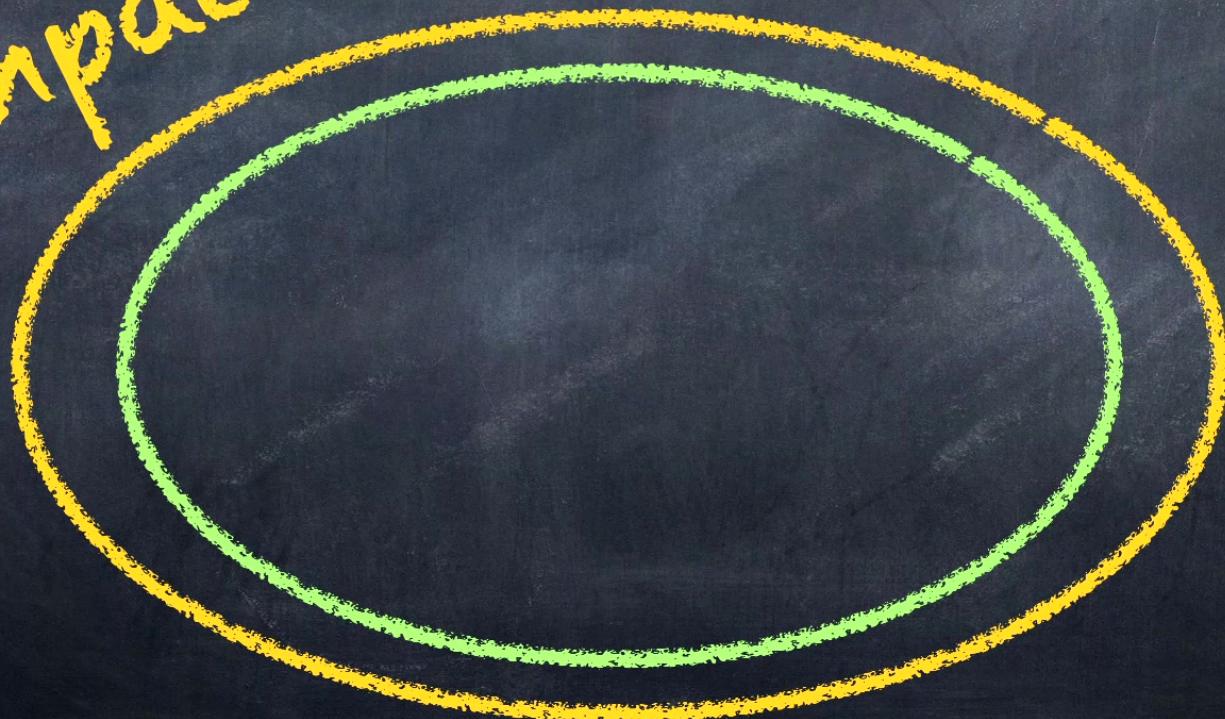


MINIMAL STRONGLY CAUSAL OPTs (MSOPTs)

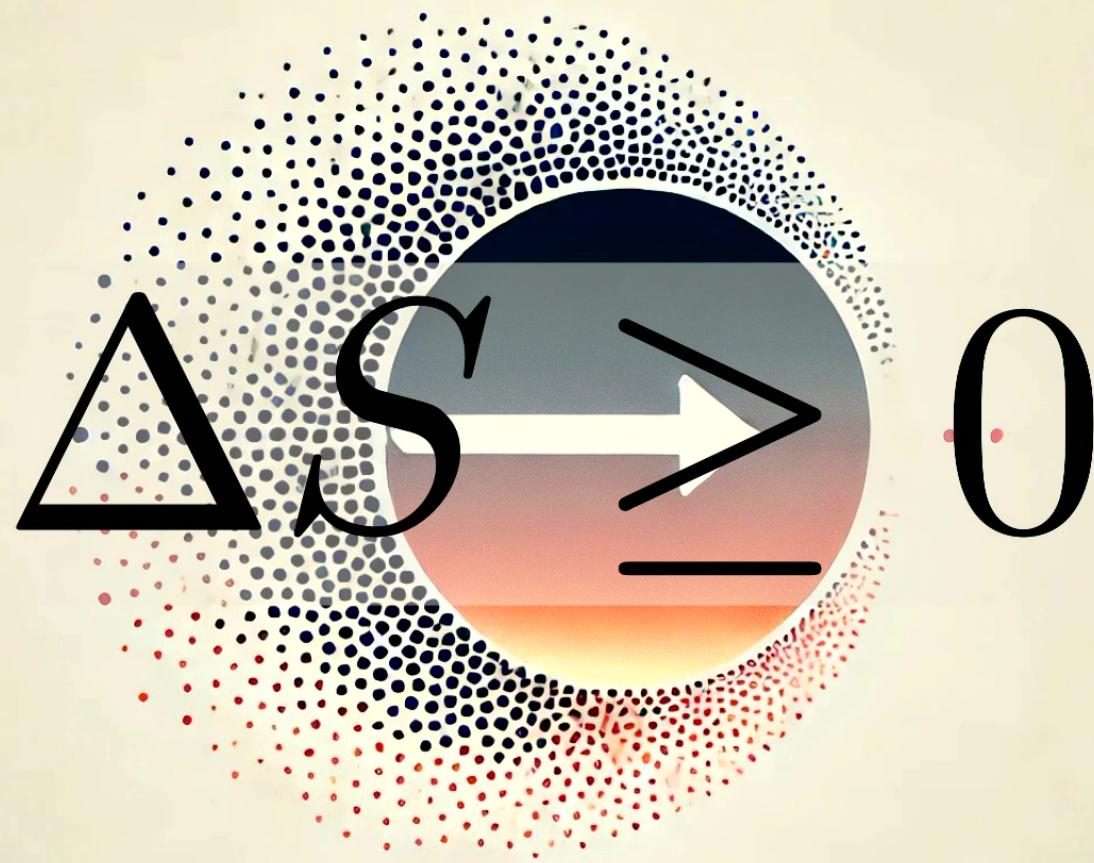
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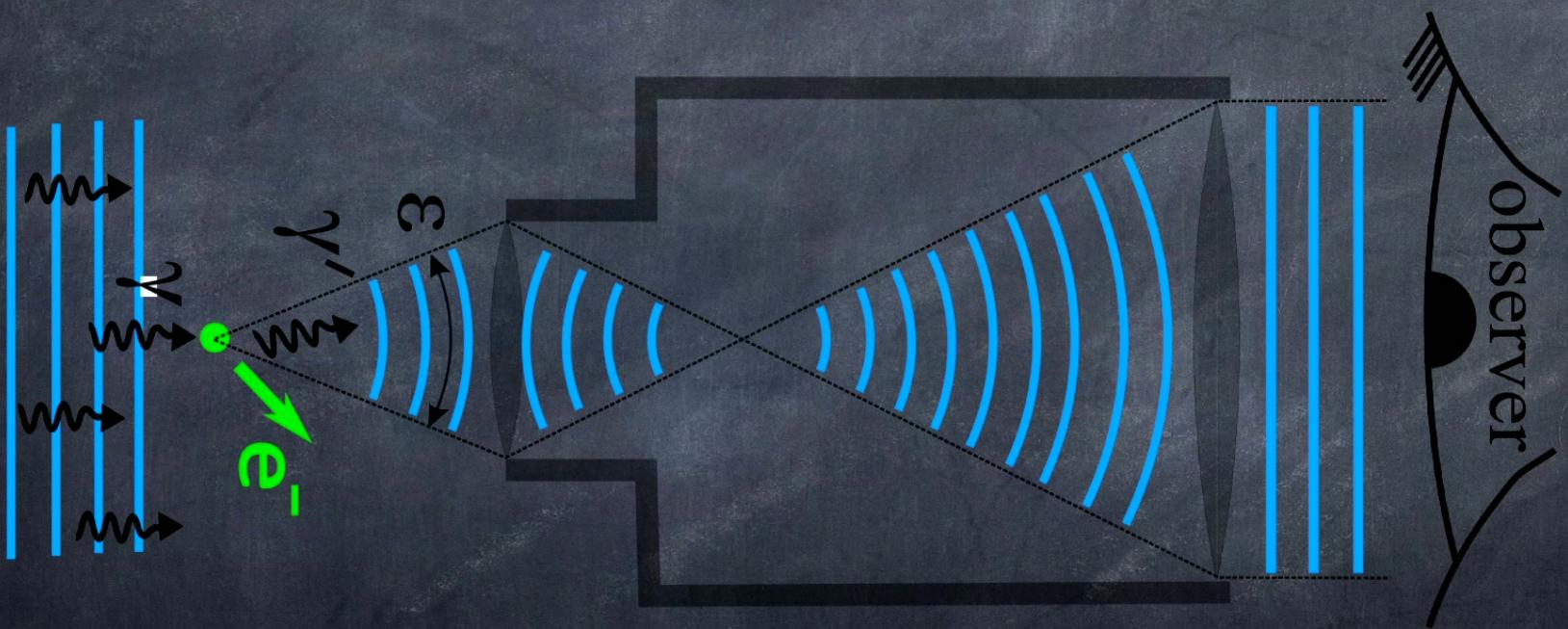


Measurement Complementarity
incompatibility



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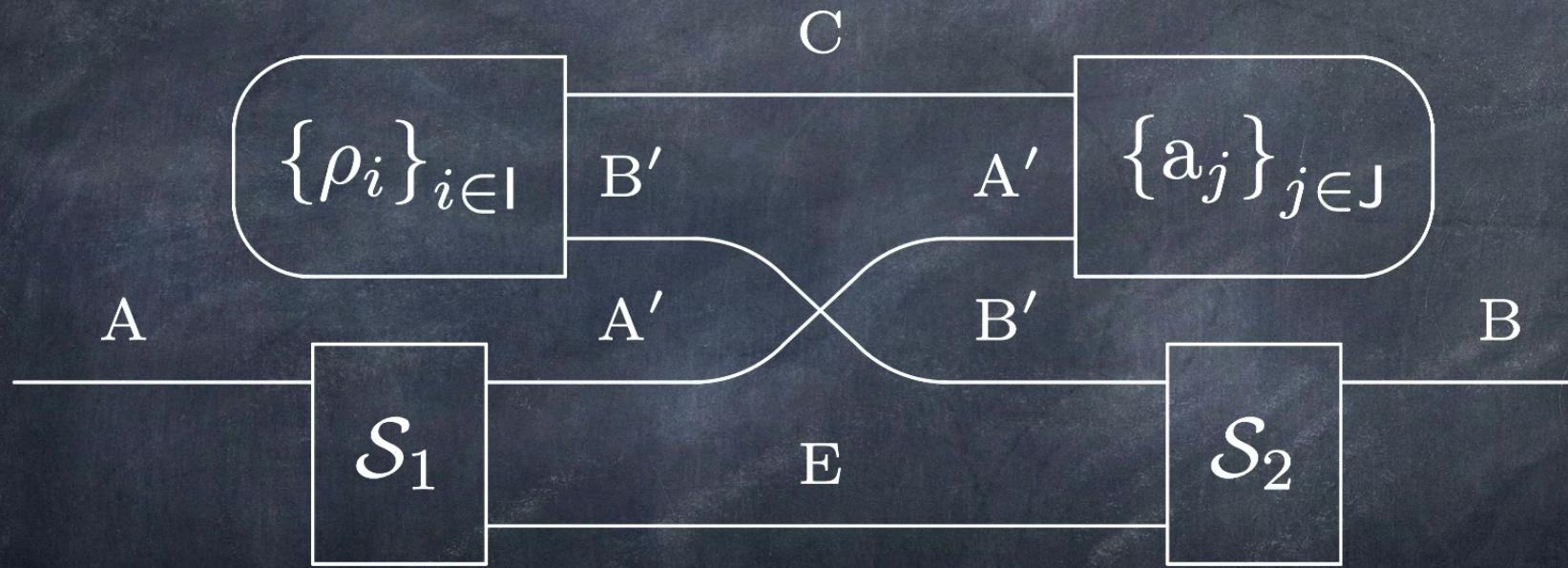


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+

Classical
conditioning