

Exploring postselection-induced quantum phenomena with time-bidirectional state formalism

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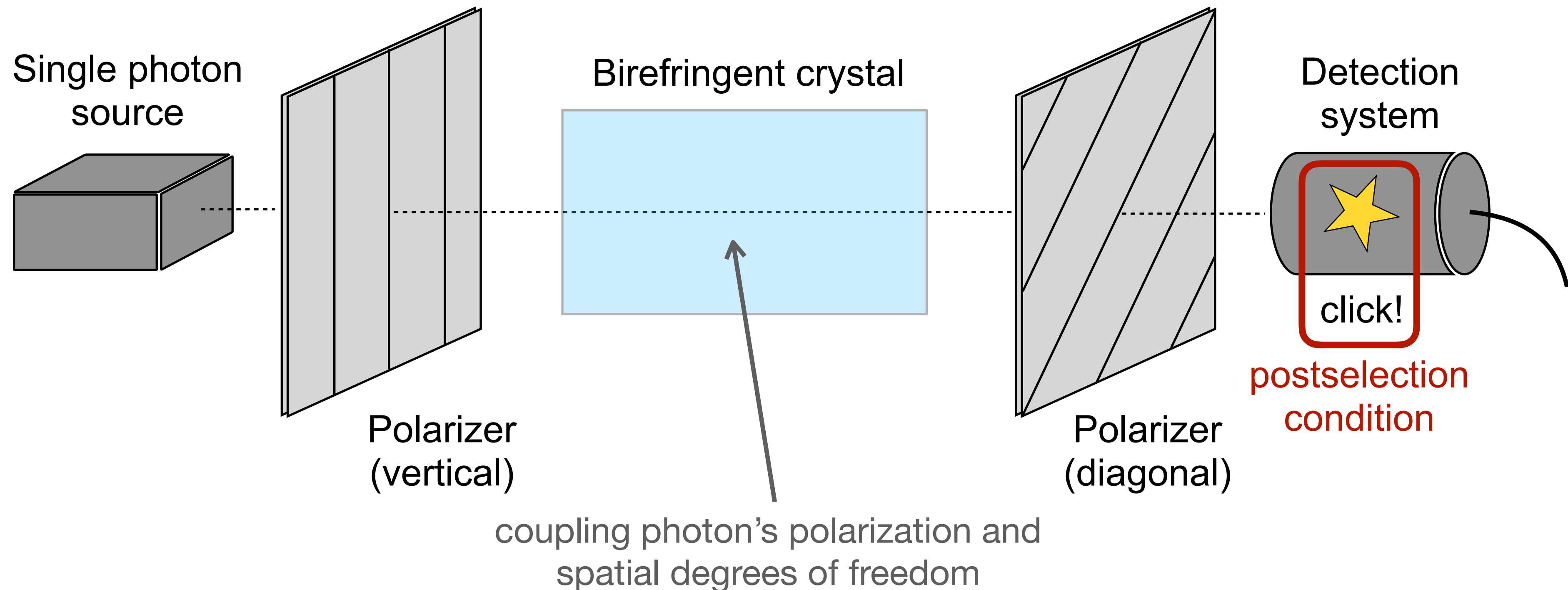
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1. Introduction and motivation
2. Derivation of time-bidirectional states (TBS)
3. Tomographical reconstruction of a TBS
4. Experimental demonstration of employing TBS formalism

Introduction and motivation

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Postselection (in quantum physics) is a consideration of a realization of experiment given that a particular measurement, performed in the experiment, provides some particular (prefixed) outcome. Conceptually it means a consideration of conditional probability distributions of observables' outcomes or fixing a «boundary condition in time».



Applications of the postselection

Quantum metrology

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A. W. Harrow et al. “Quantum algorithm for linear systems of equations,” PRL **103**, 150502 (2009).

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Two-state formalism

In order to properly describe quantum states in setups with postselection, it was proposed to use a «twofold» object, which both captures **preparation** (or **preselection**) and **postselection**.

History of the development

- 1) Two-state vector [1]: $(|\psi\rangle, \langle\phi|)$
- 2) Generalized two-state vector [2]: $\underline{\Psi} = \sum_i c_i (|\psi_i\rangle, \langle\phi_i|)$.
- 3) Two-state density vector [3]: $\eta = \sum_r p_r (\underline{\Psi}^r \otimes \underline{\Psi}^{r\dagger})$.
- 4) Mixed two-state vector [4]: $(\rho_{\text{post}}, \rho_{\text{pre}})$.
- 5) Time-bidirectional state [5]: $\eta \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}^\dagger)$

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Derivation of time-bidirectional states

Definitions and notations

$\mathcal{H}_X$ — finite-dimensional complex Hilbert space assigned to particle X.

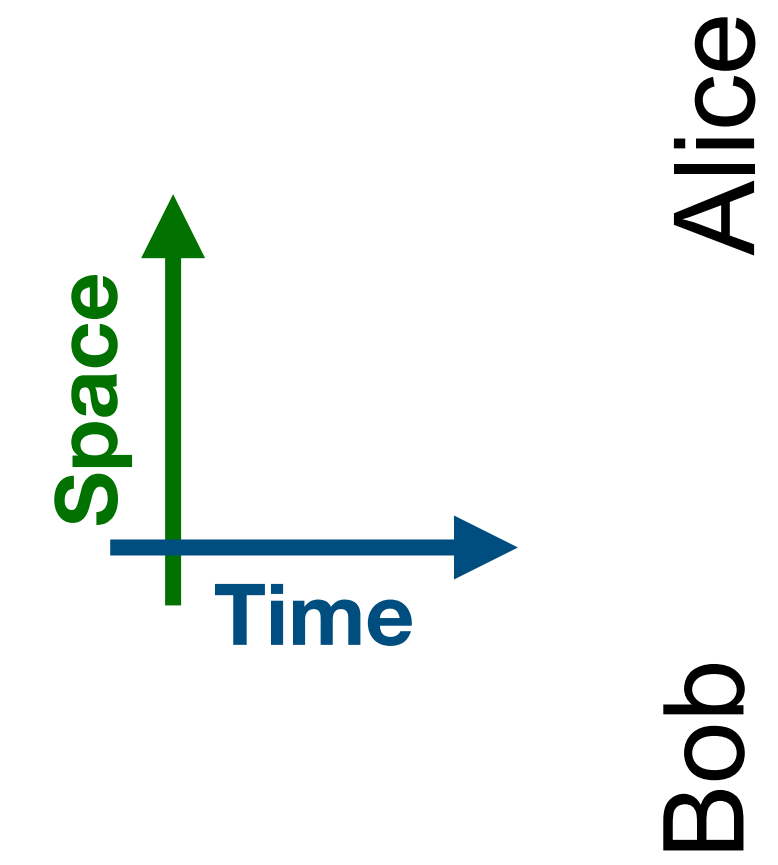
$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ — set of linear operators acting on $\mathcal{H}$.

$\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}) := \{U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \mid U^\dagger U = \mathbf{1}\}$ — set unitary operators acting on $\mathcal{H}$.

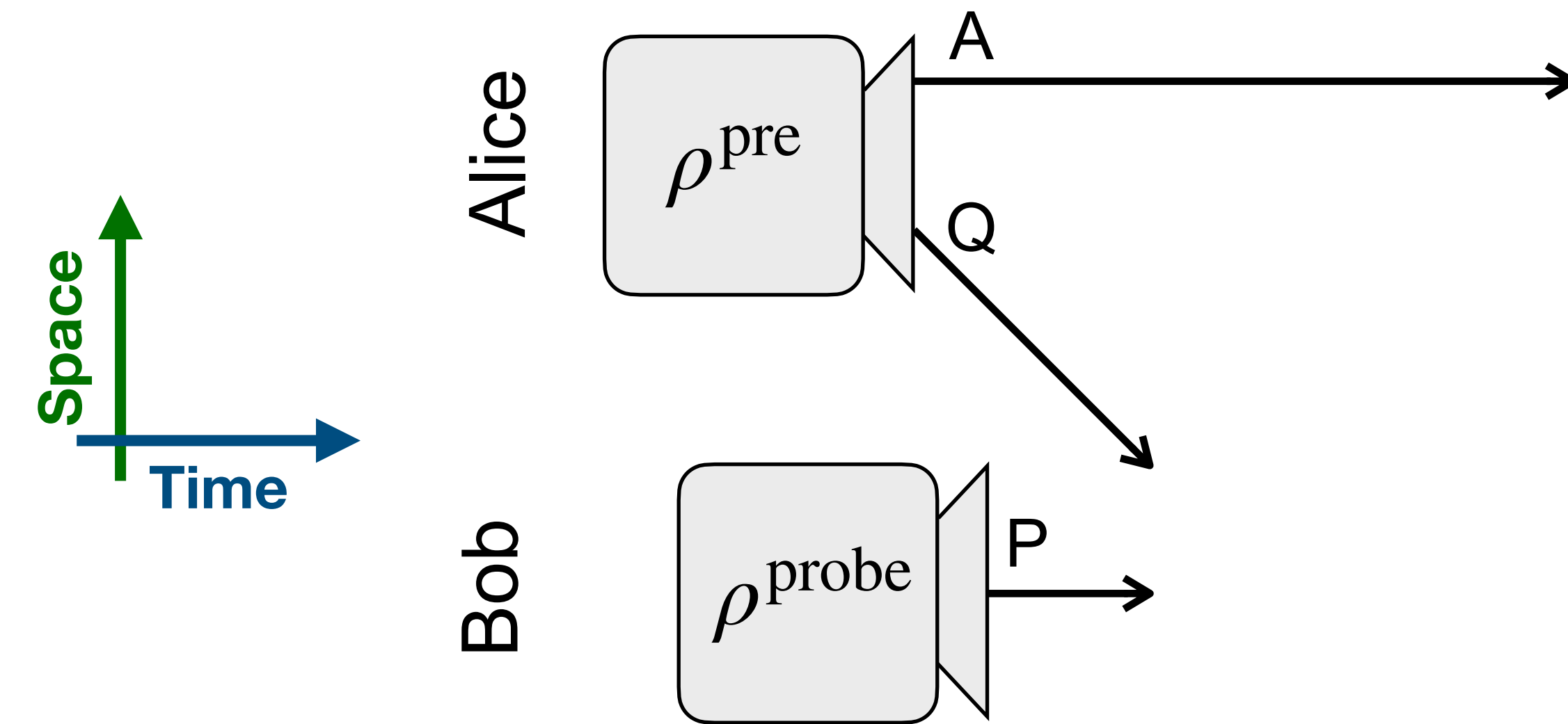
$\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}) := \{\rho \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \mid \text{Tr}\rho = 1, \rho \geq 0\}$ — set of density operators acting on $\mathcal{H}$.

$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H}) := \{E \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}) \mid 0 \leq E \leq \mathbf{1}\}$ — set of «effects» acting on $\mathcal{H}$.

Generalized postselection experiment



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A: ancillary particle that keeps possible initial entanglement with Q)

P: probe particle used for indirect measurement of Q

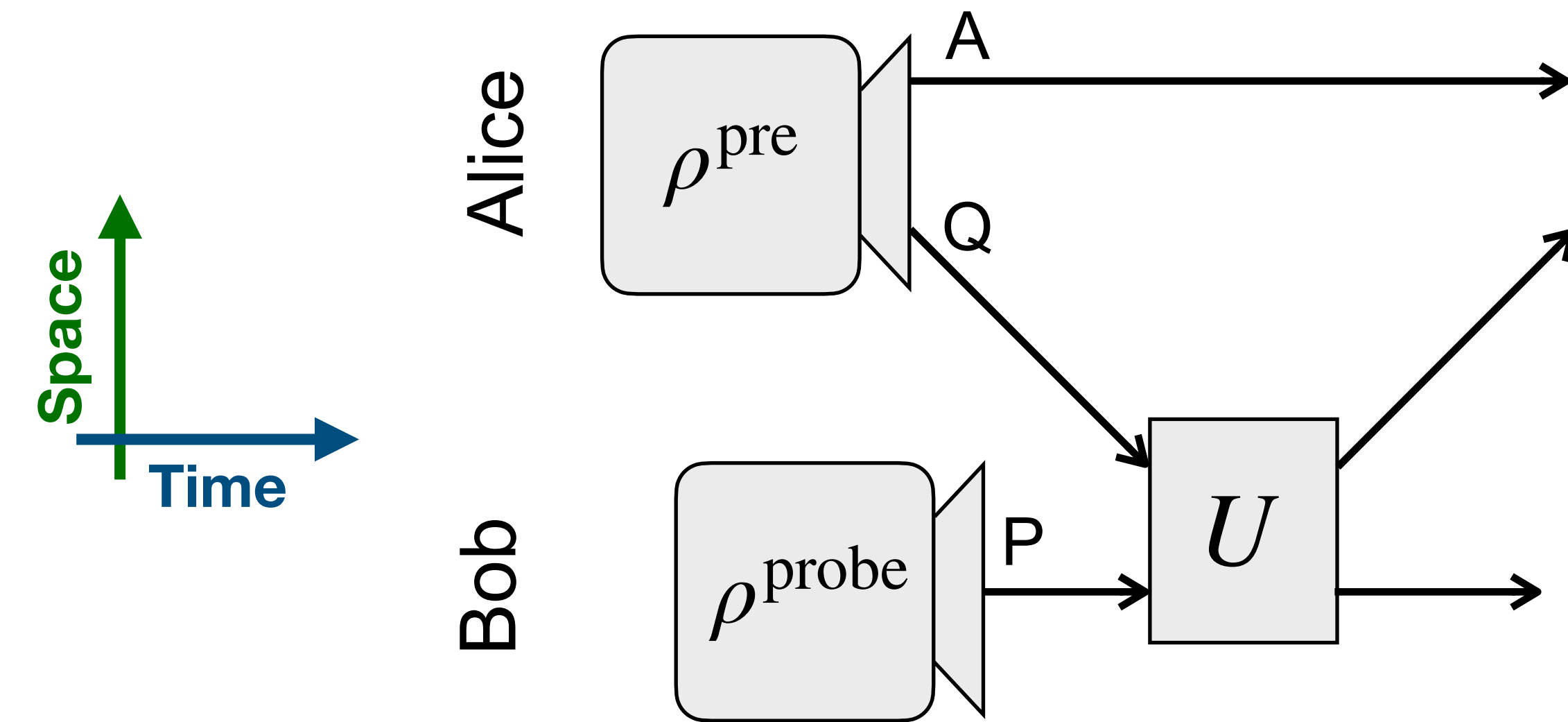
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→ classical information

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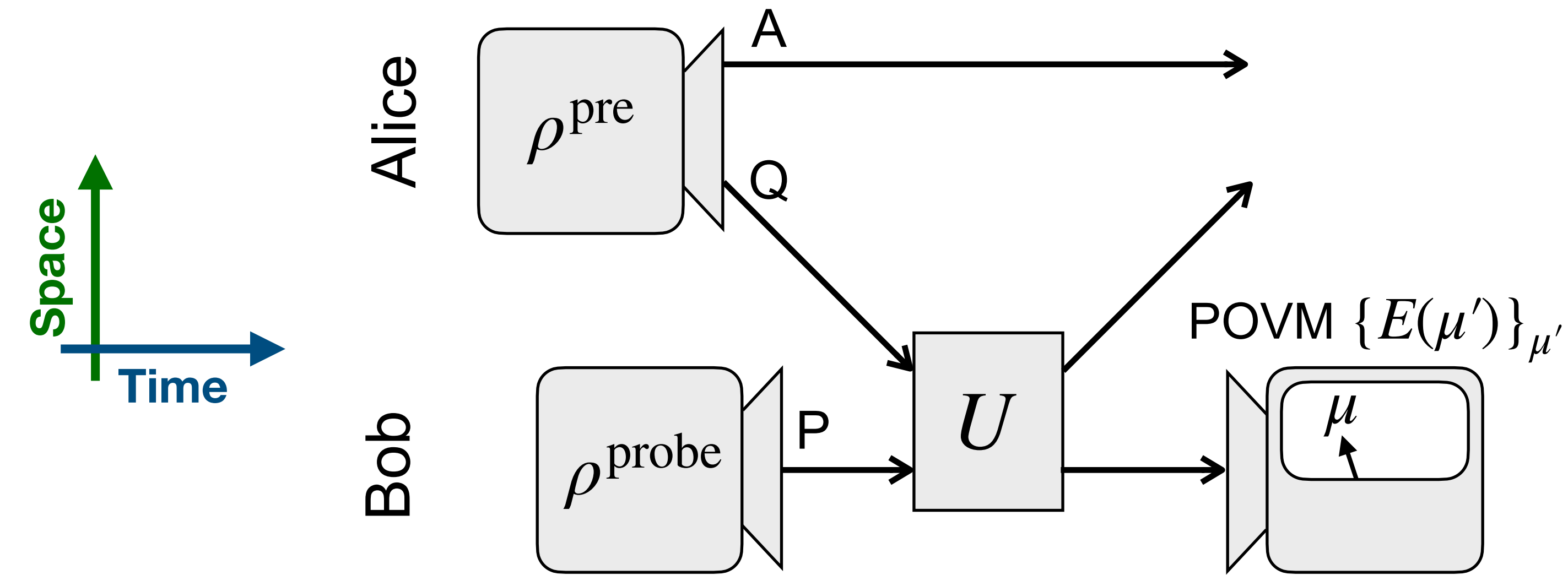
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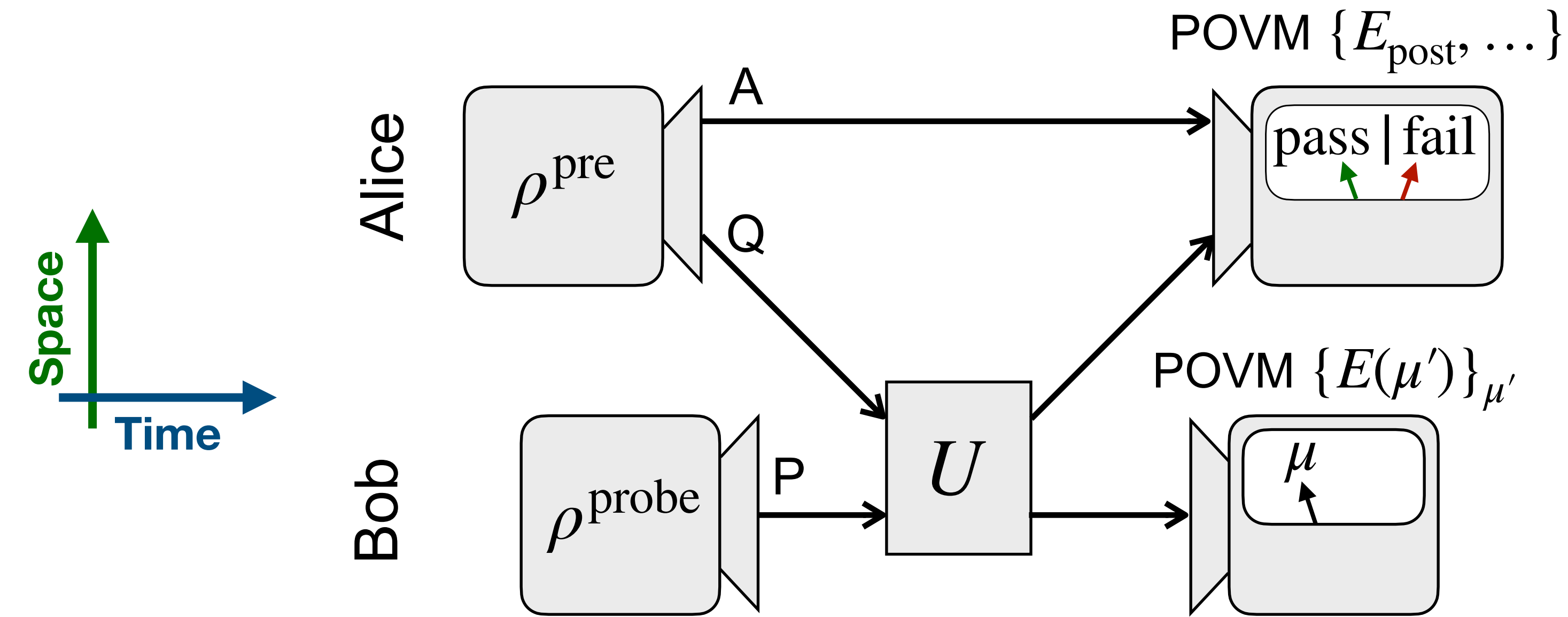
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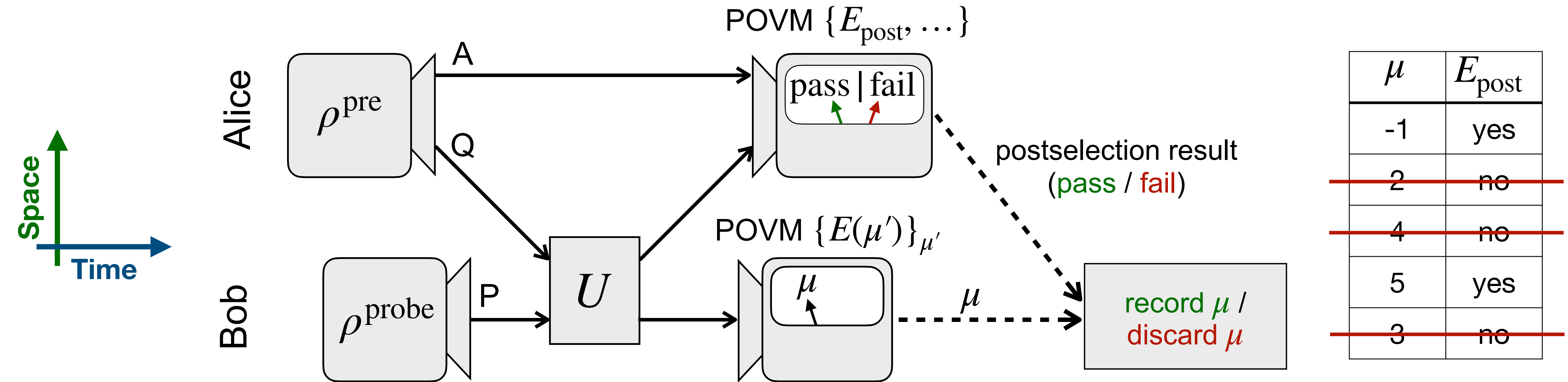
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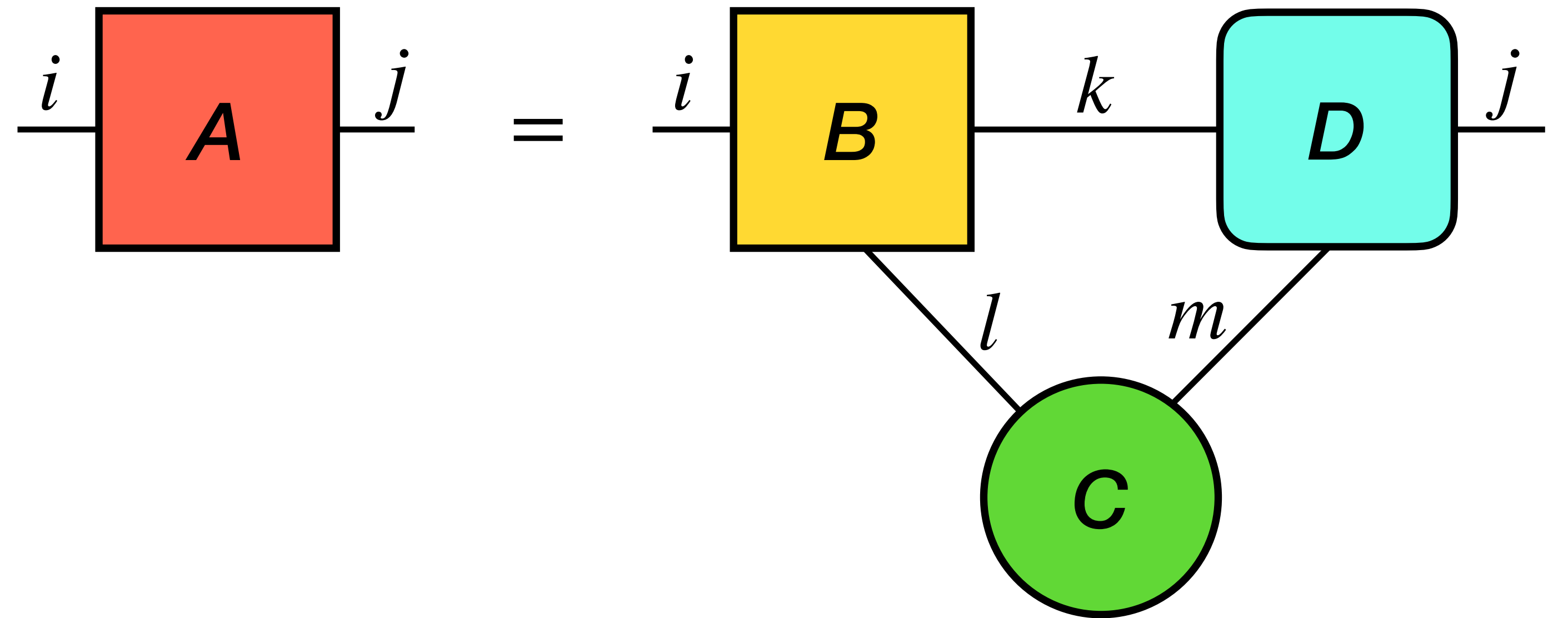
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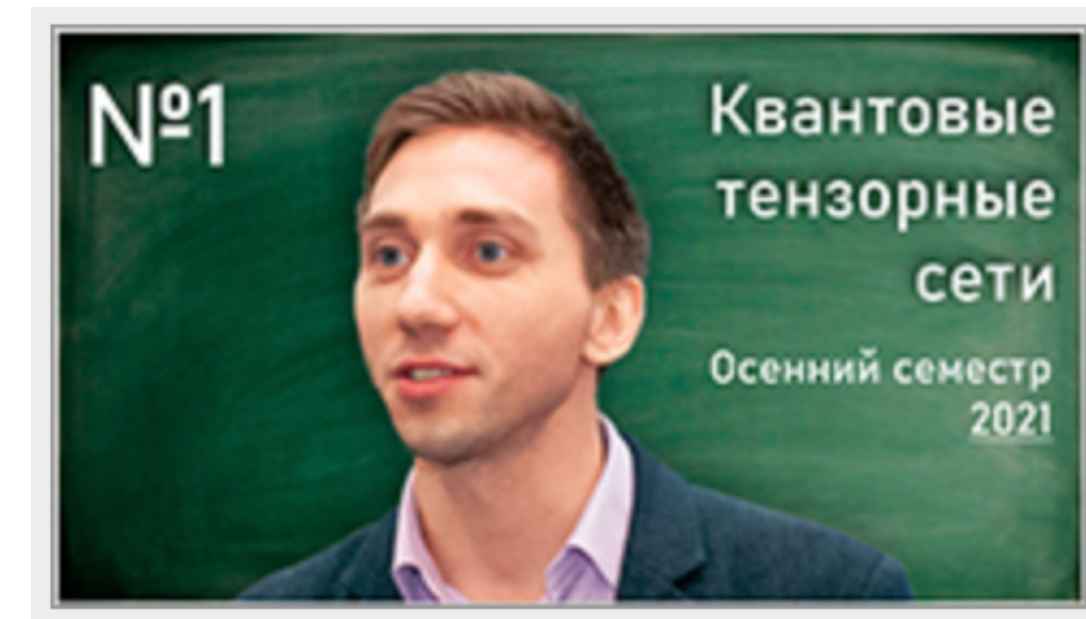
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Tensor networks formalism

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{k,l,m} B_{ikl} C_{lm} D_{kmj}$$

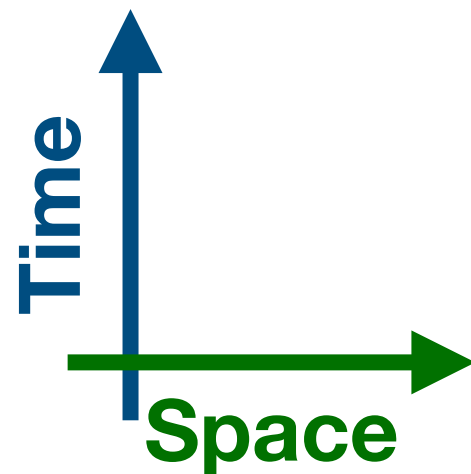


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Calculations with tensor networks

$$\Pr(\mu, E_{\text{post}}) =$$



Alice

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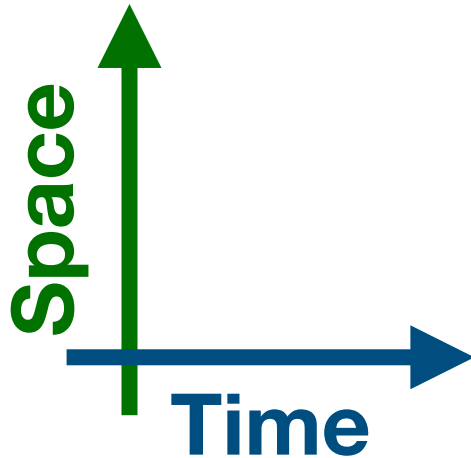
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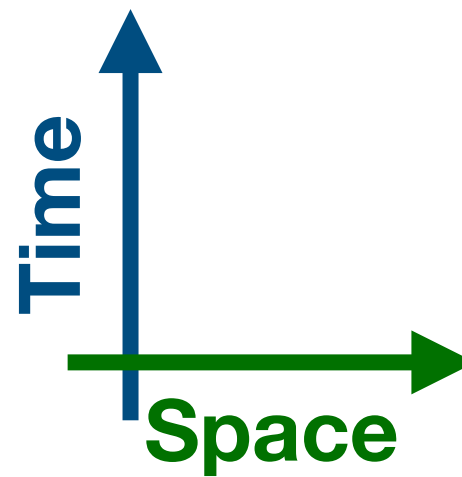
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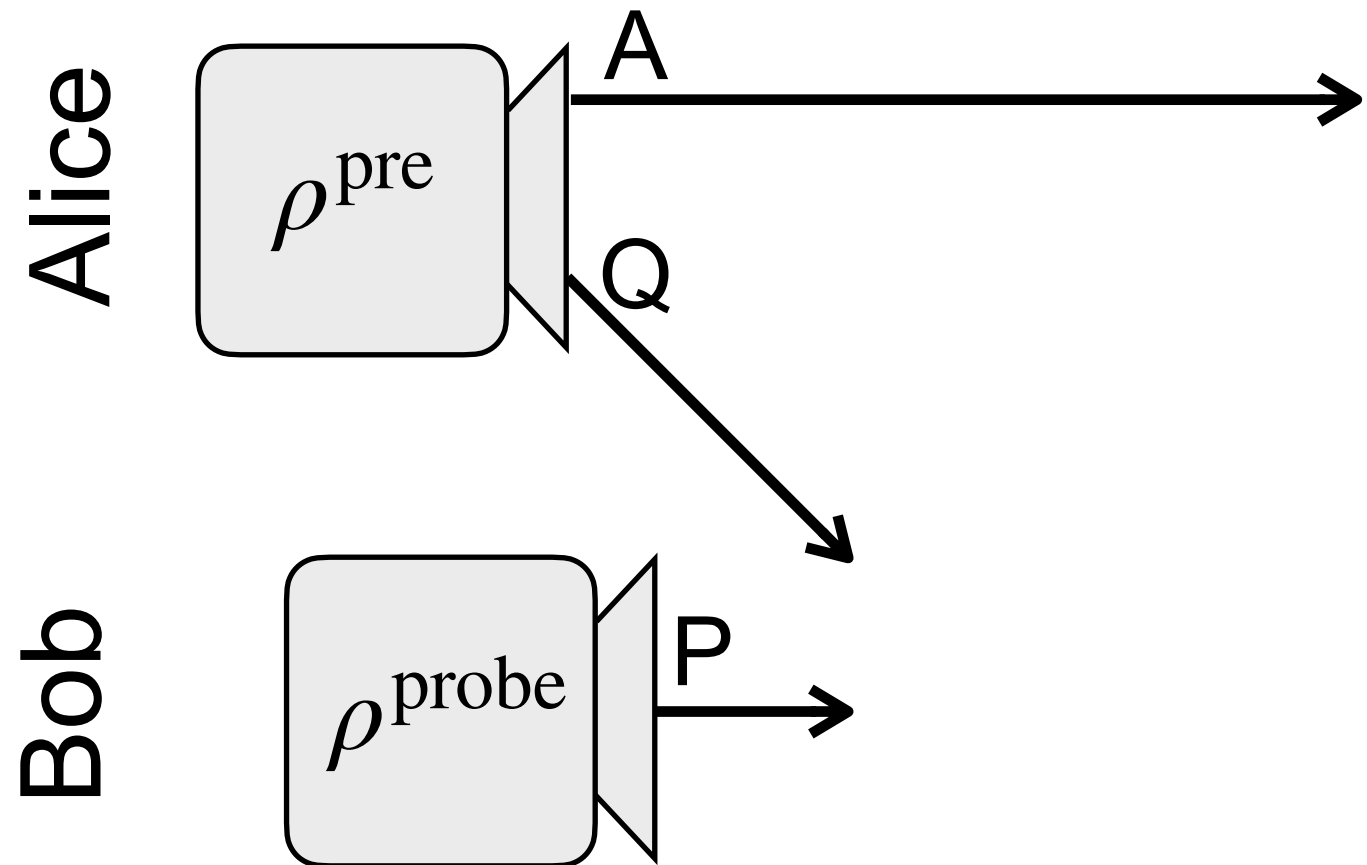
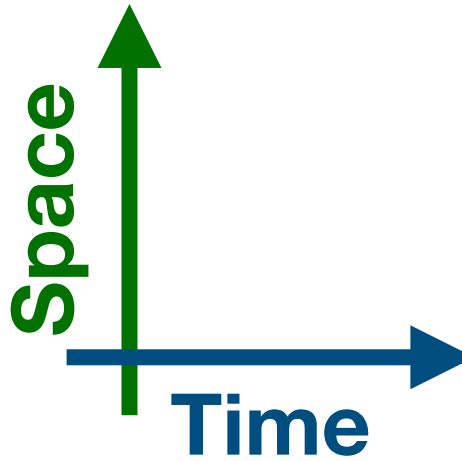
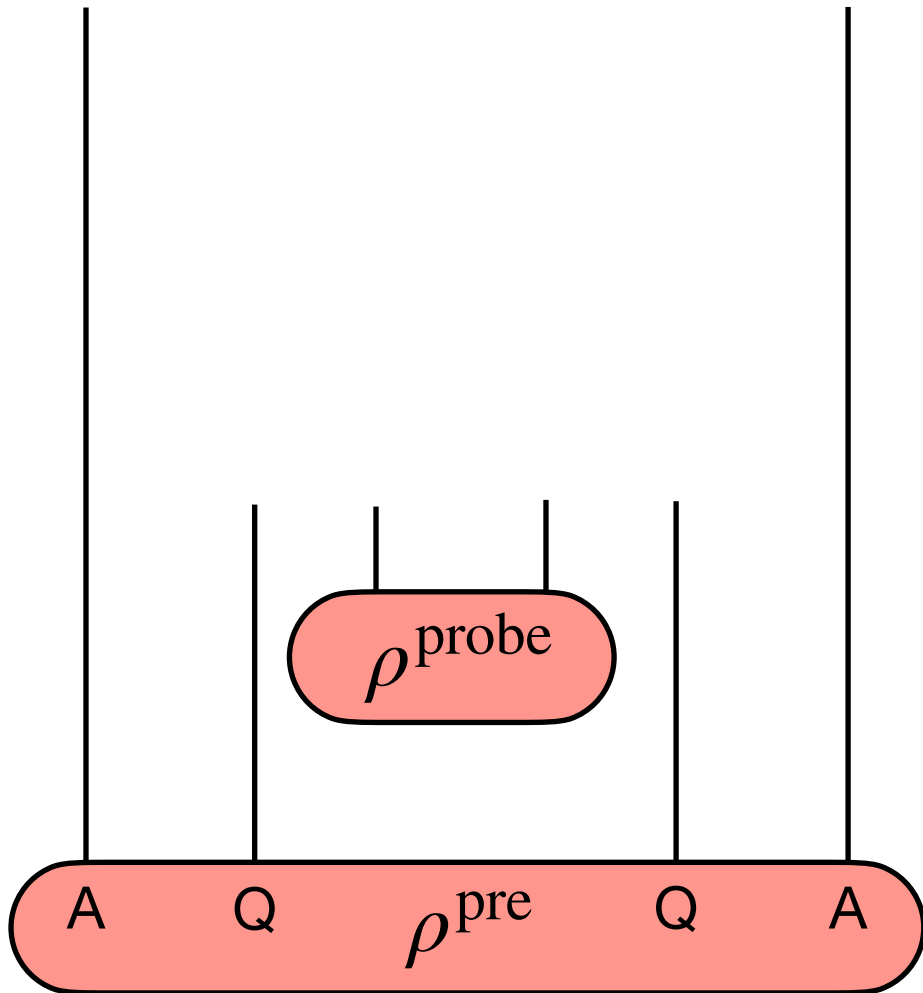
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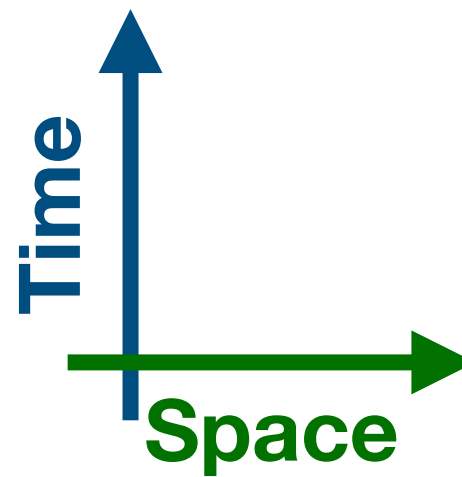


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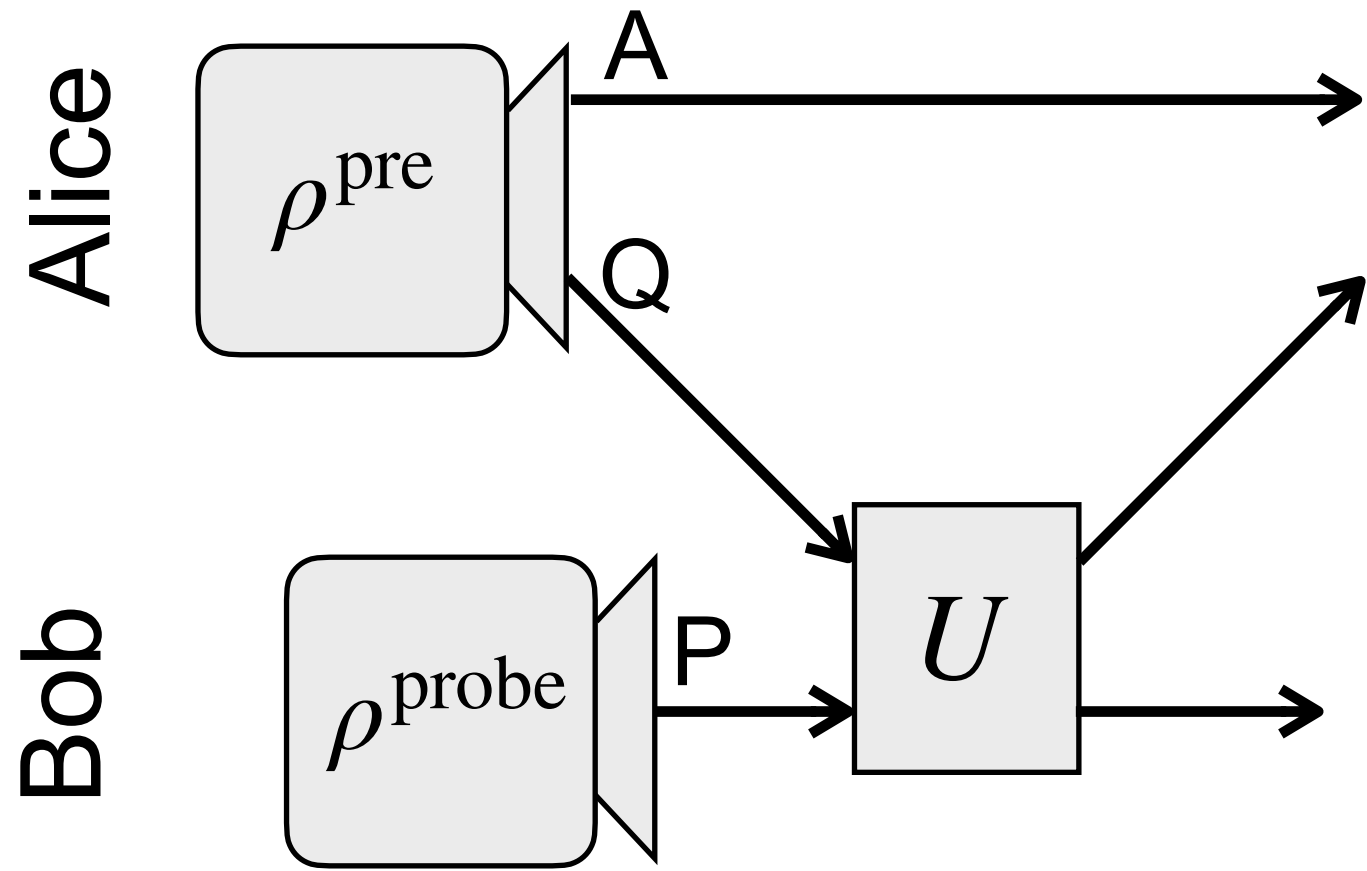
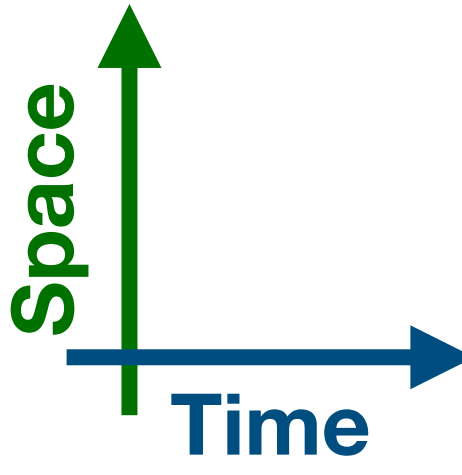
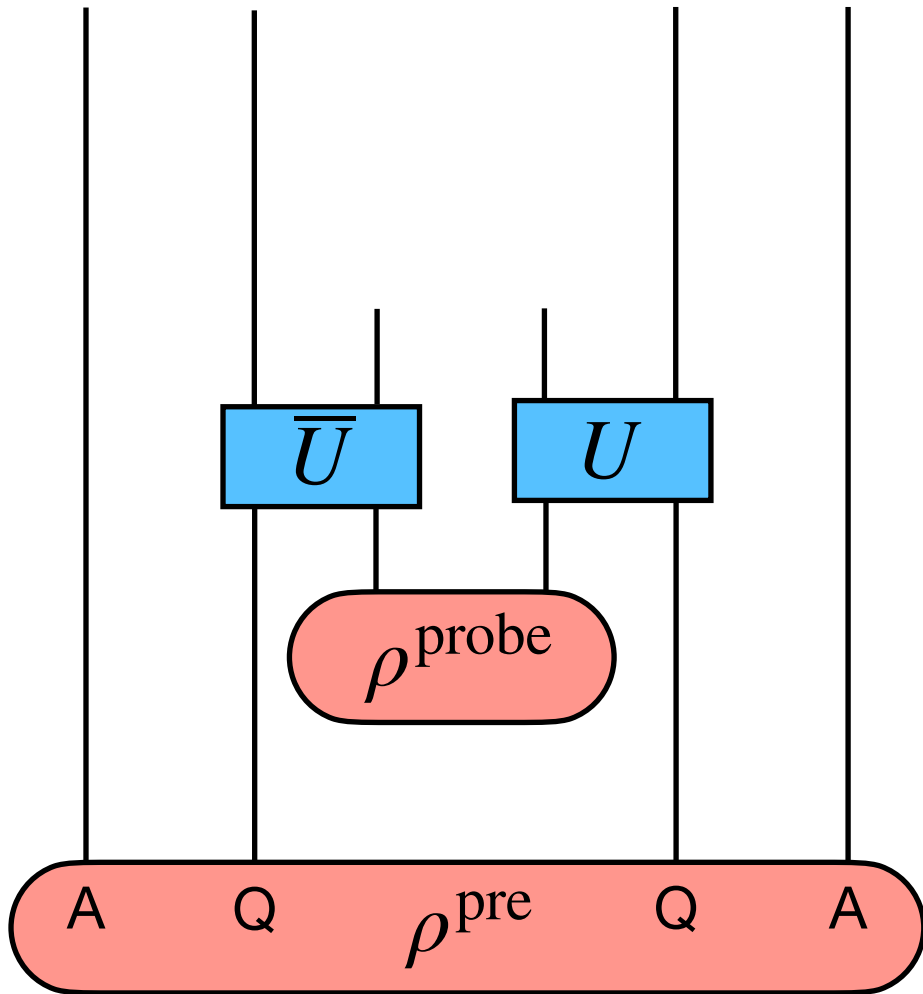


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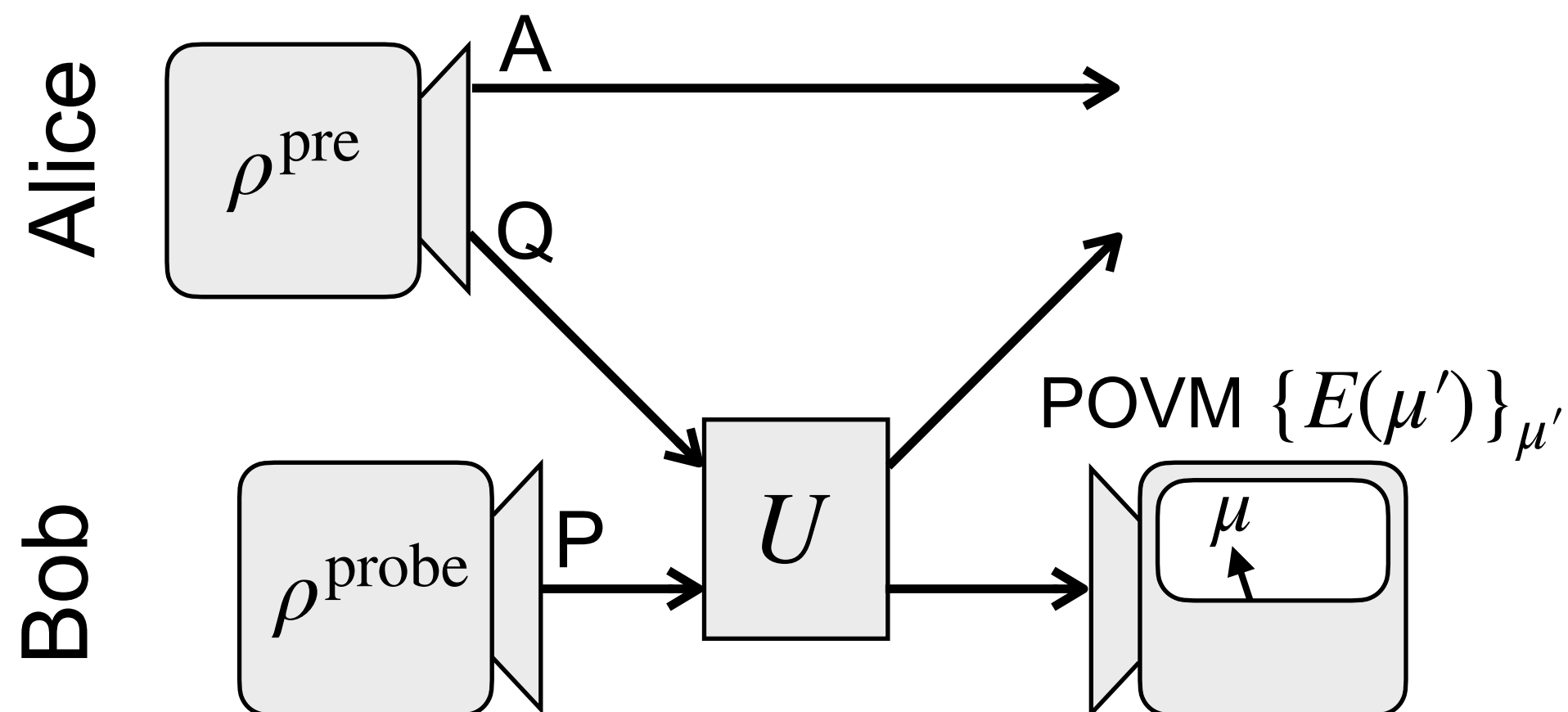
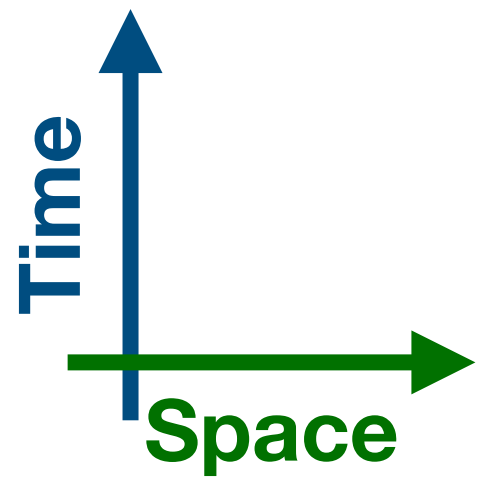
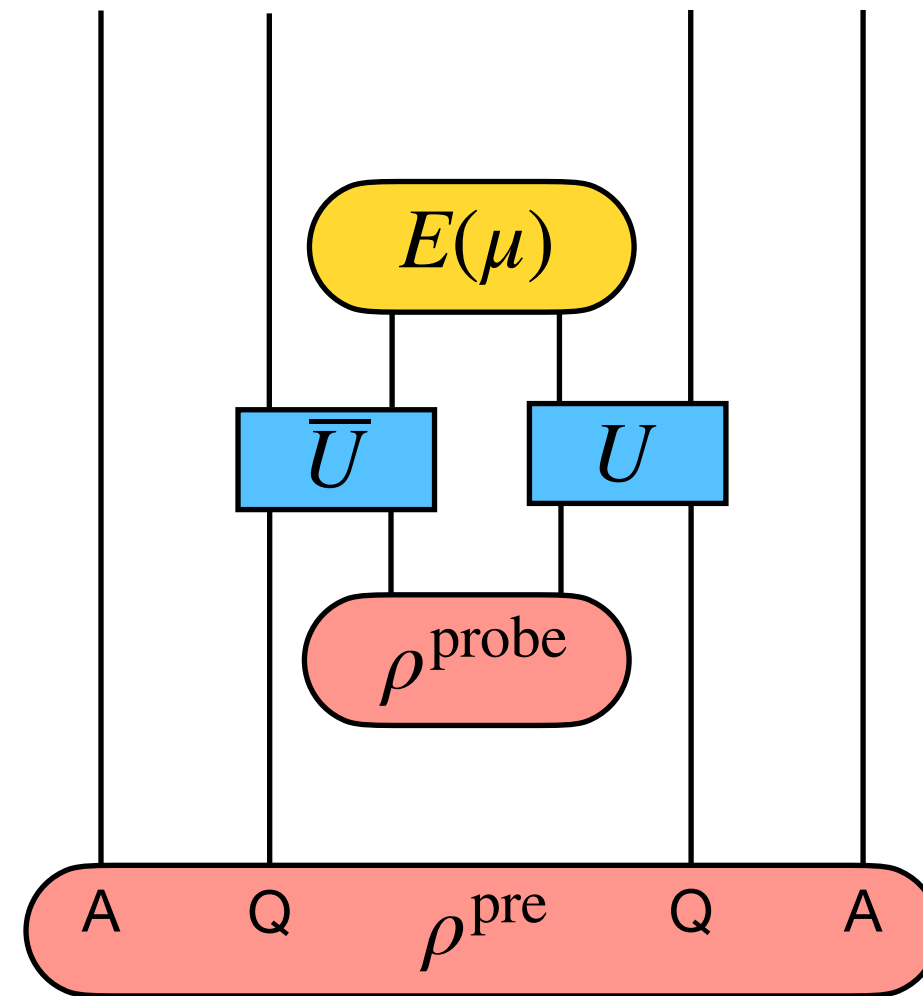
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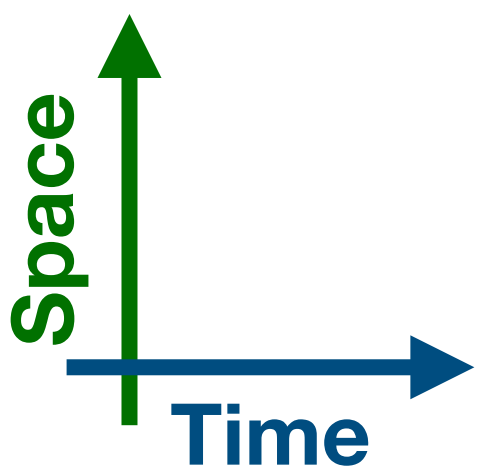
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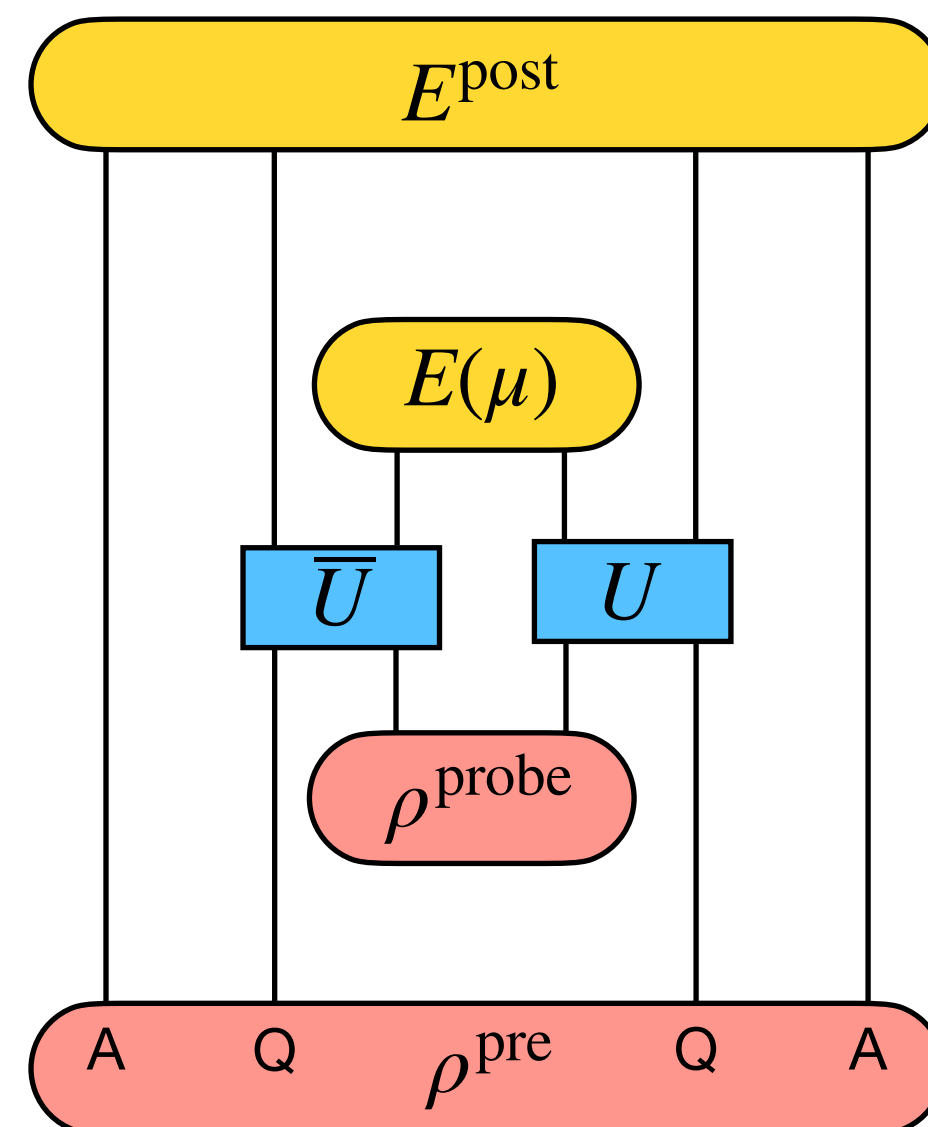


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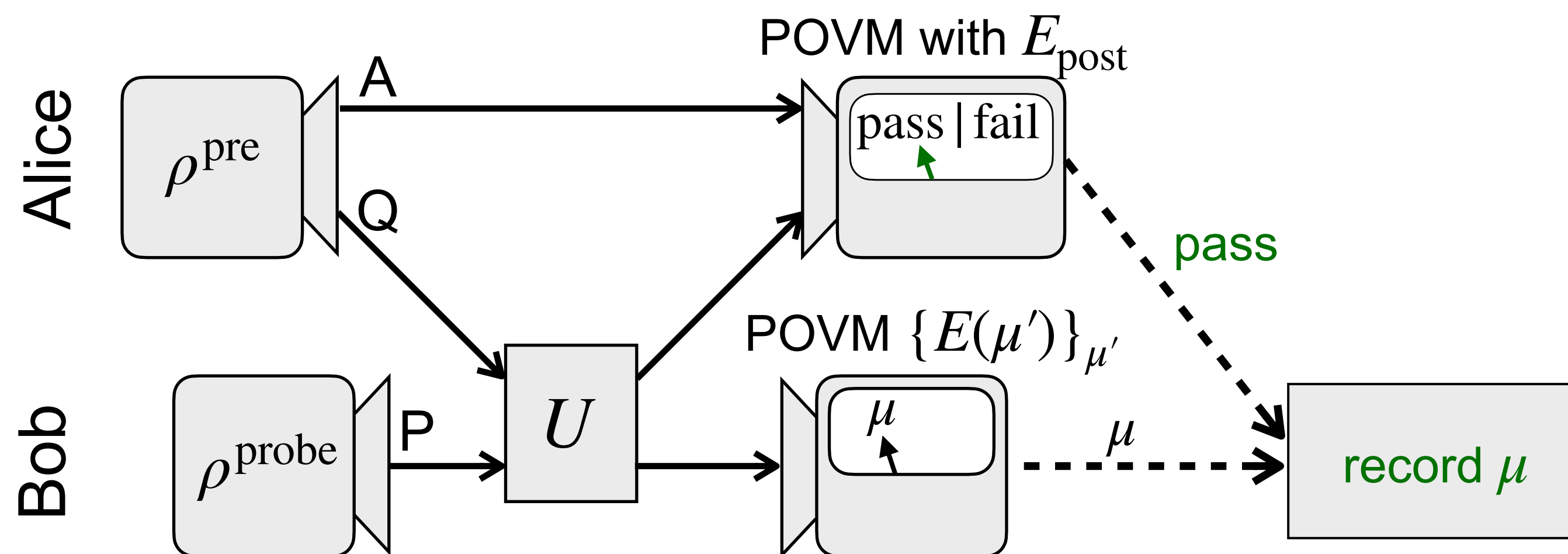


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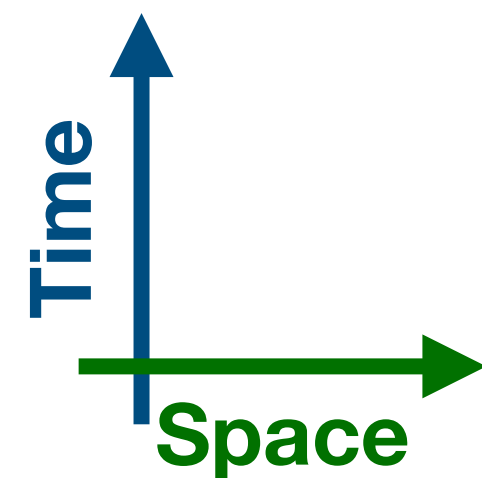
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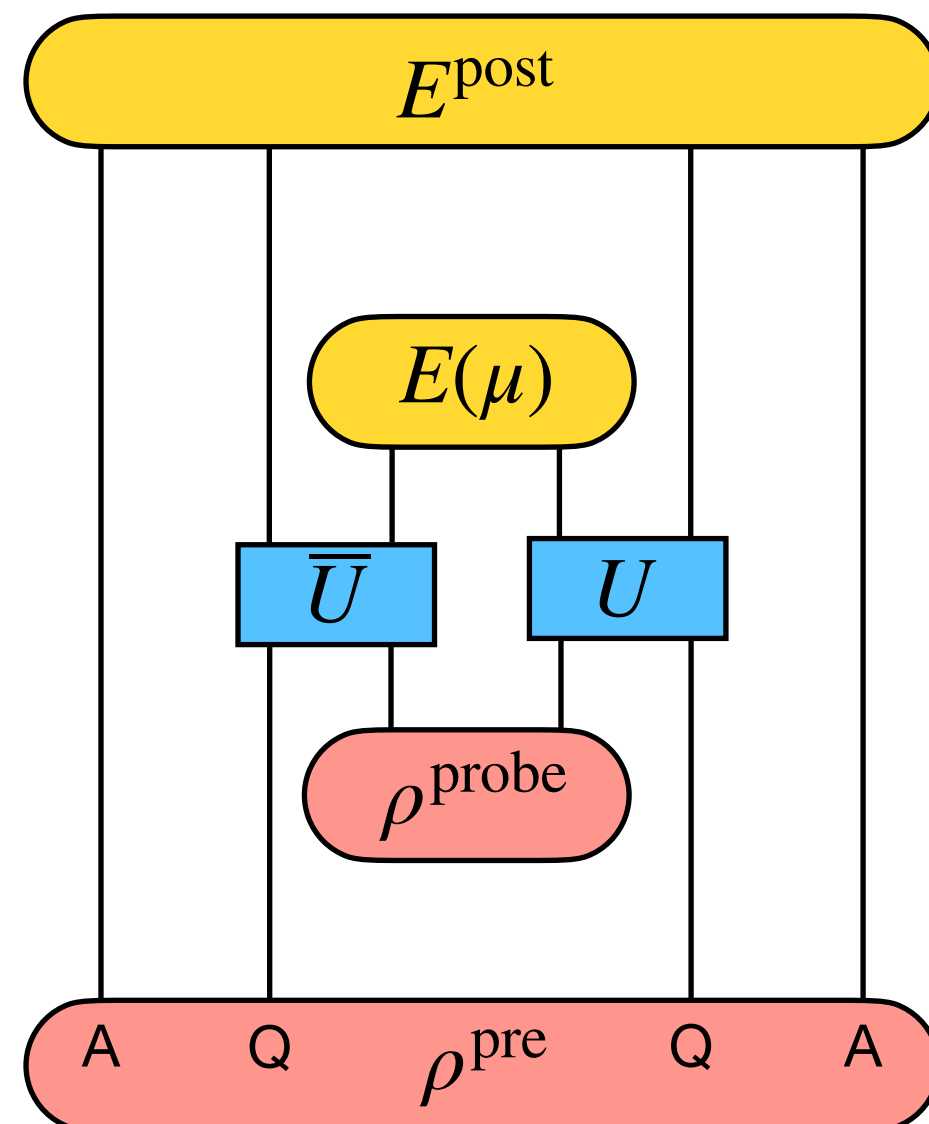
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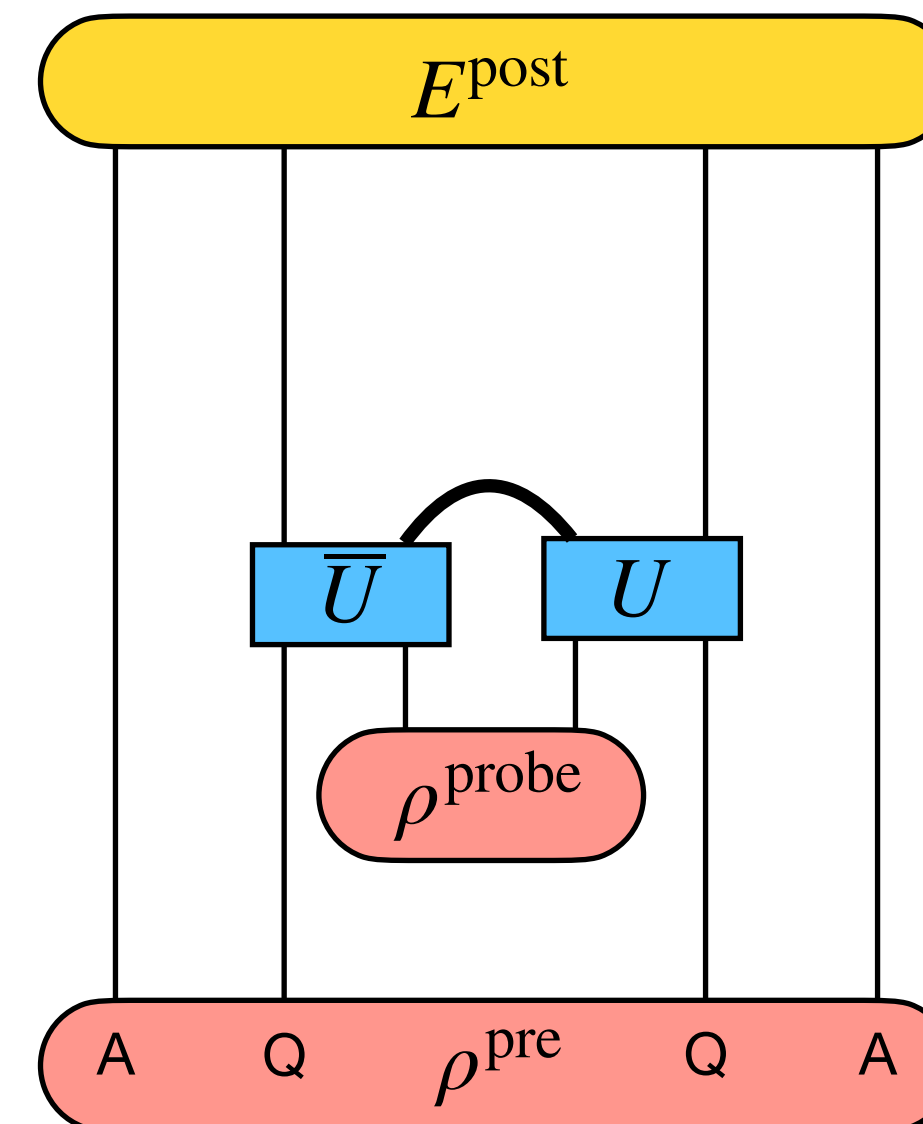


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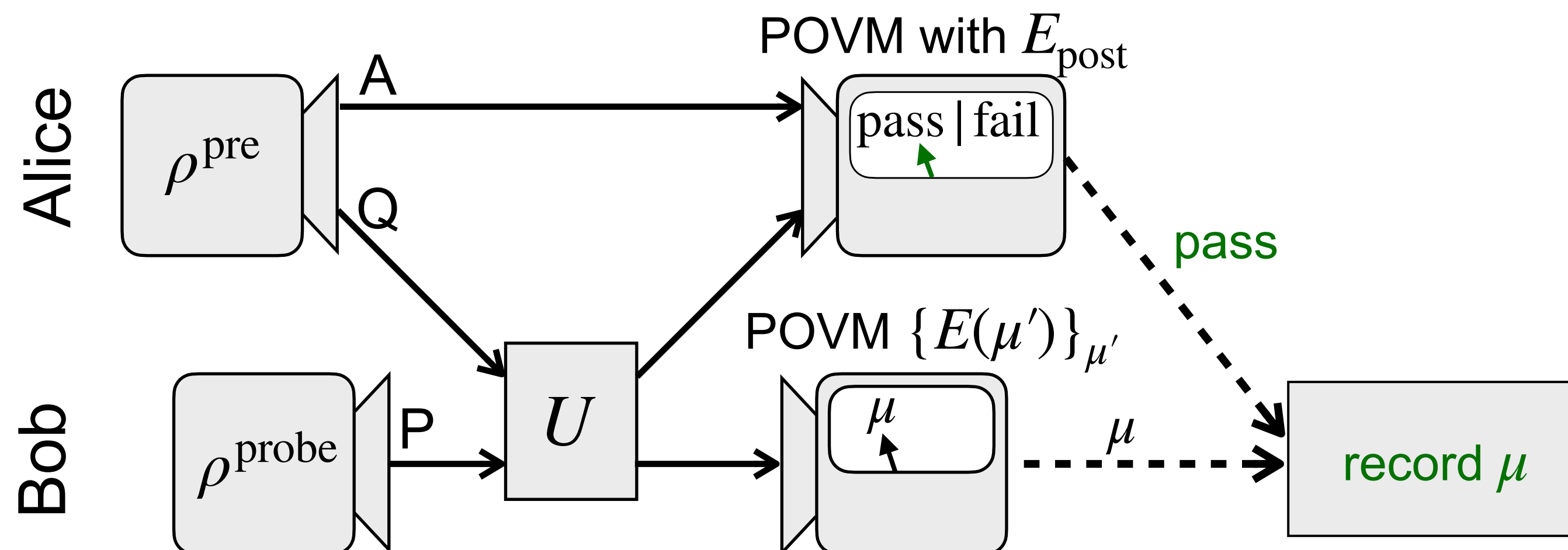
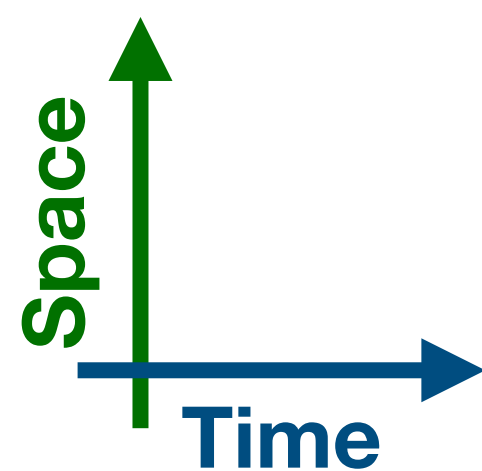


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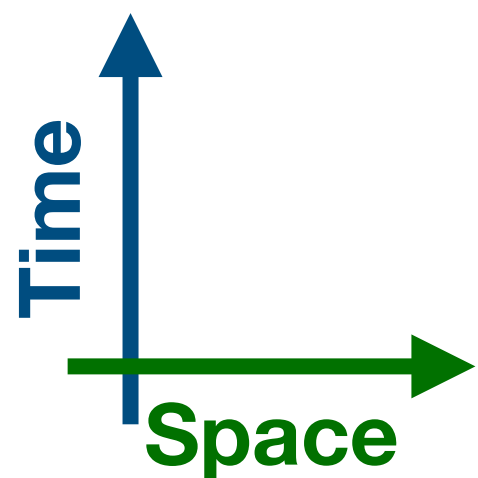
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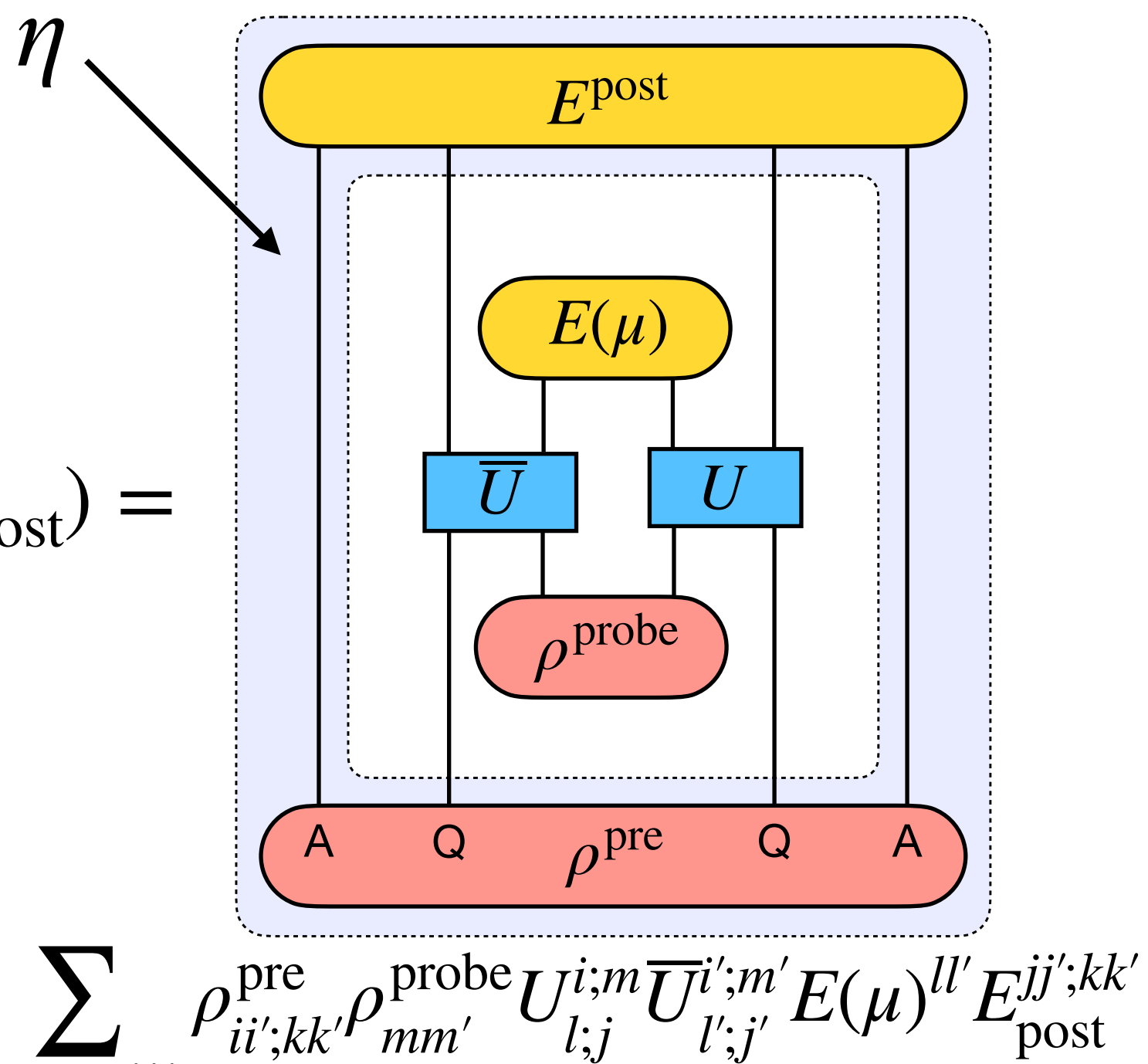
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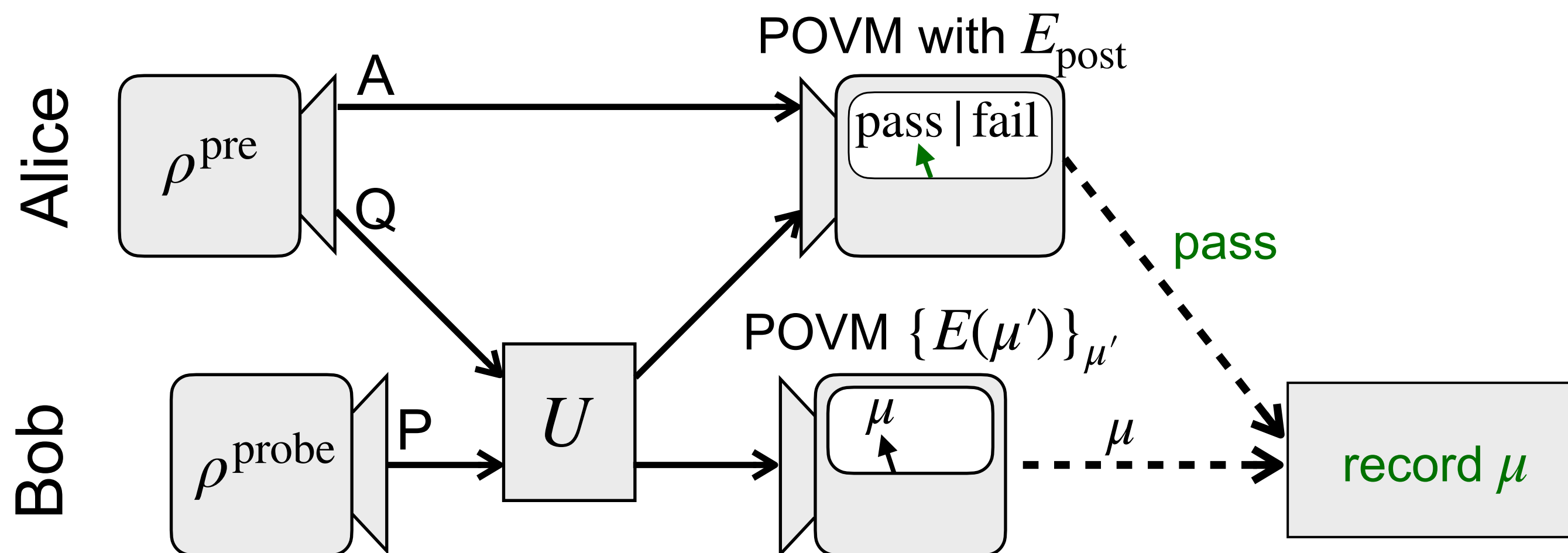
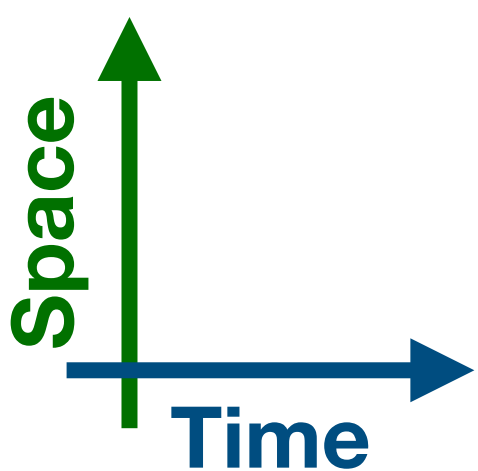
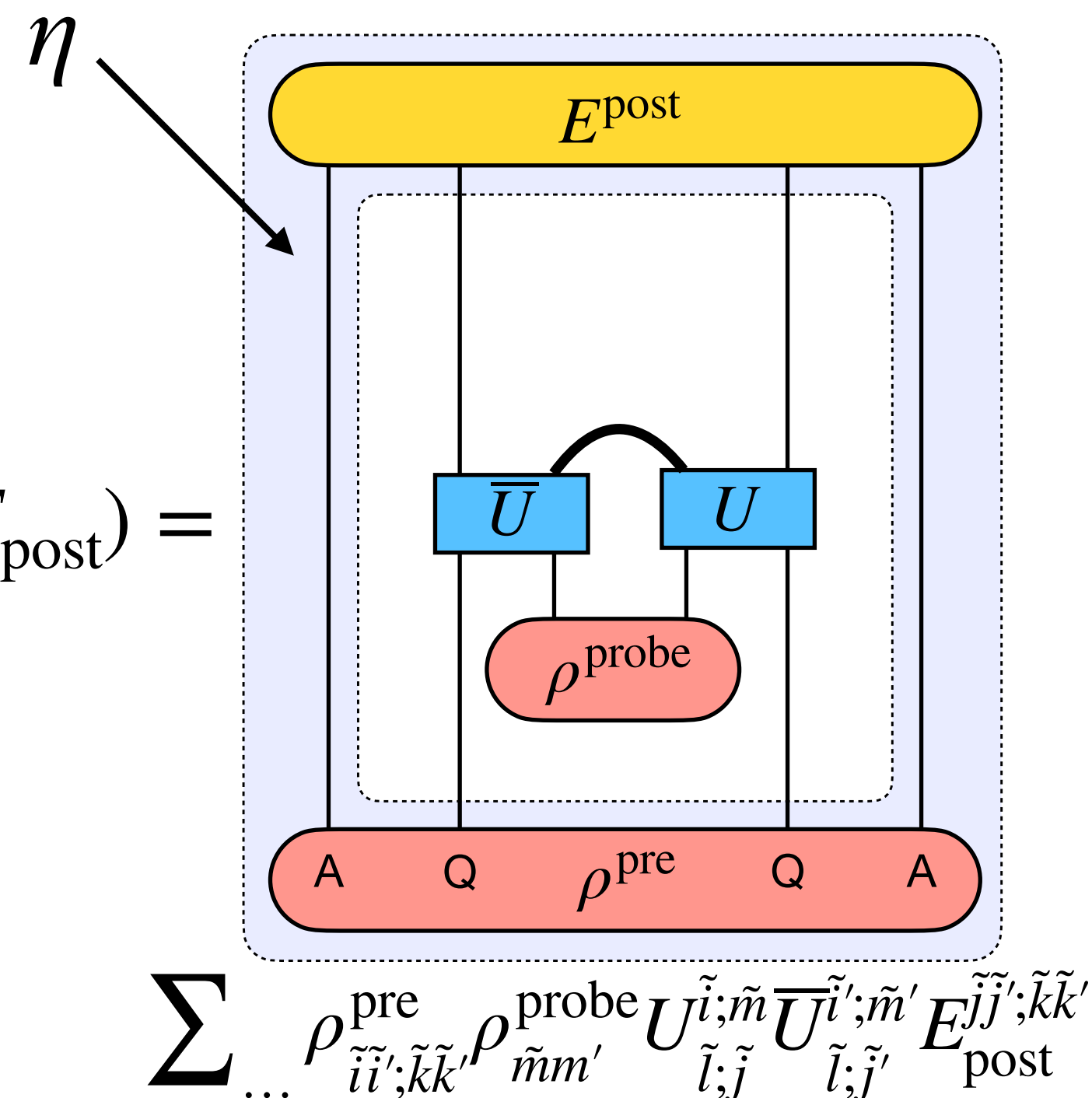
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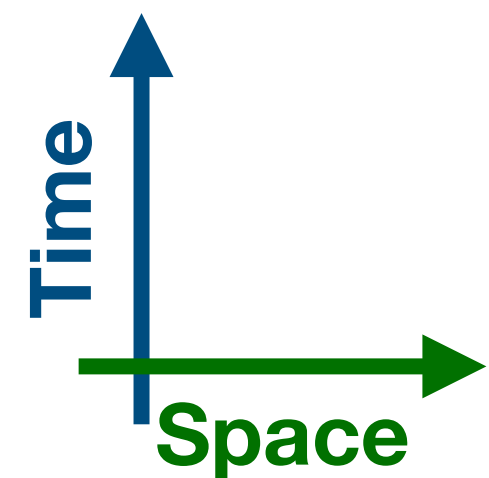


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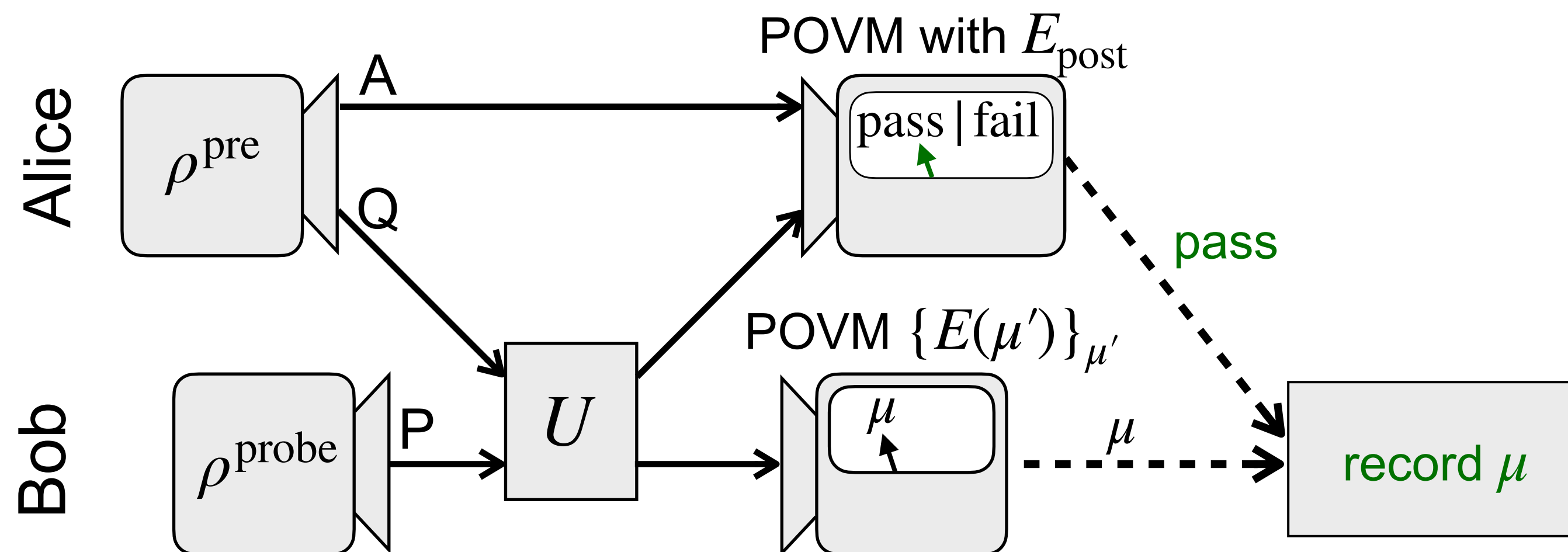
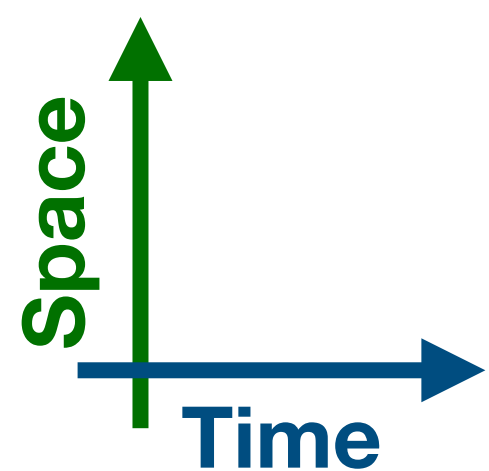


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Probability to obtain μ given postselection condition

$$\Pr(\mu | E_{\text{post}}) = \frac{\Pr(\mu, E_{\text{post}})}{\Pr(E_{\text{post}})} = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta \bullet K(\mu)}{\eta \bullet K} & \text{if } \eta \bullet K \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\eta \in \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q$ — time-bidirectional state captures Alice's pre- and postselection procedures.

$K(\mu) \in \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger$ — operation μ outcome tensor — captures condition for obtaining given outcome μ by Bob.

$K \in \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger$ — operation tensor — captures an effect of Bob's operations on postselection made by Alice (CPTP map).

Some facts about time-bidirectional states (TBS)

$$\eta = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{cc} j' \downarrow & \downarrow j \\ i' \uparrow & \uparrow i \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \in \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q$$

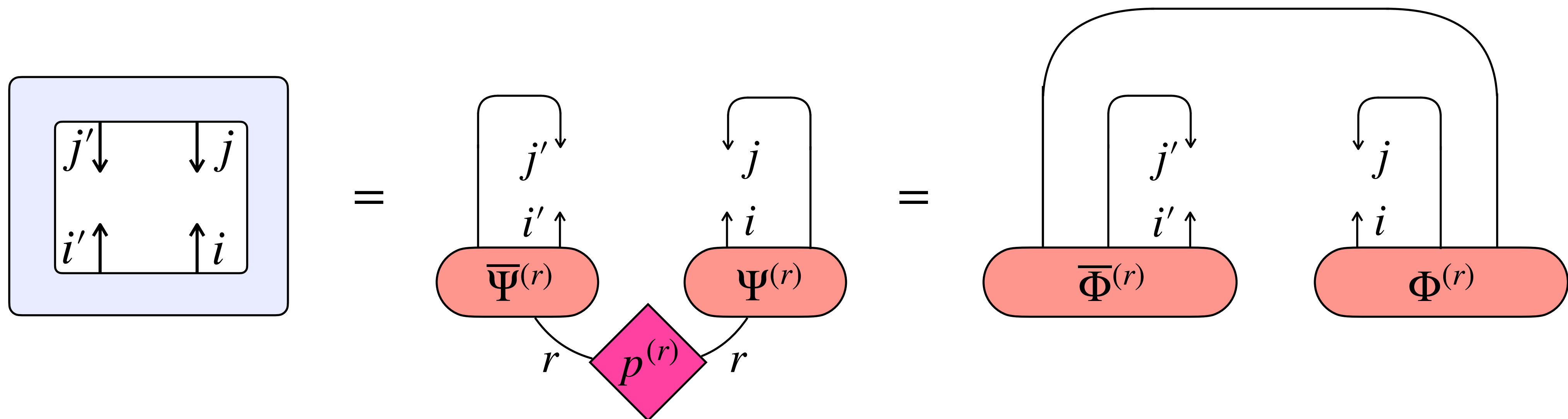
$$\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_Q) : \langle \langle \alpha | \eta | \alpha \rangle \rangle := \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{cc} \boxed{\bar{\alpha}} & \boxed{\alpha} \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \geq 0 \quad \text{«semipositivity condition»}$$

Preparation and purification of time-bidirectional states

Claim 1. Within the considered generalized postselection experiment, for any $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q$ satisfying the condition $\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_Q) : \langle \langle \alpha | \eta | \alpha \rangle \rangle \geq 0$, and for any indirect measurement made by Bob, given by $\{K(\mu)\}_\mu$, with $K(\mu) \in \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger$, there exists a preselection + postselection procedure, made by Alice and specified by $\rho_{AQ} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q)$ and $E_{\text{post}} \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q)$, that provides $\Pr(\mu | E_{\text{post}}) = (\eta \bullet K(\mu)) / (\eta \bullet K)$. «Any proper TBS η is prepareble».

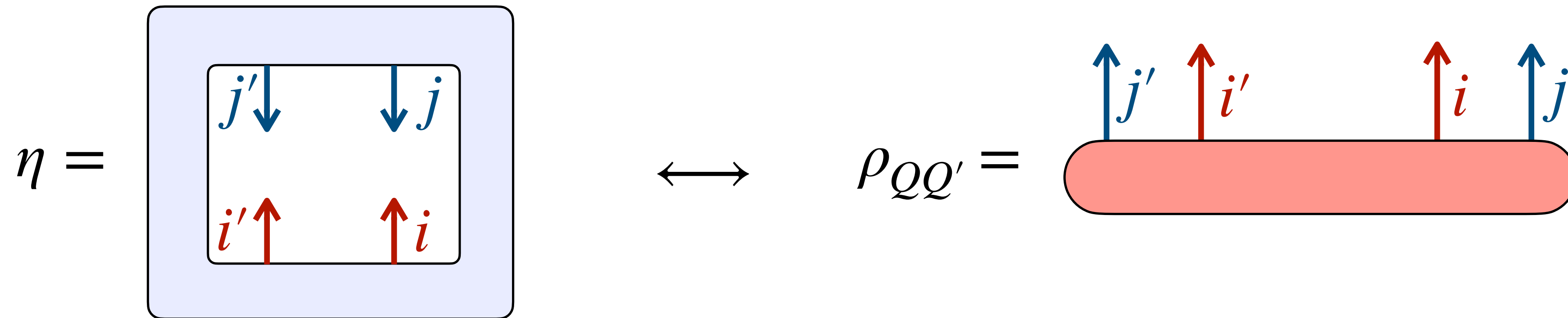
Claim 2. There exists a procedure with only pure states preselection and only projective measurements that prepares η . «TBS η can be purified»

Idea of the proof: using the spectral decomposition via thinking about η as non-normalized state of two particles

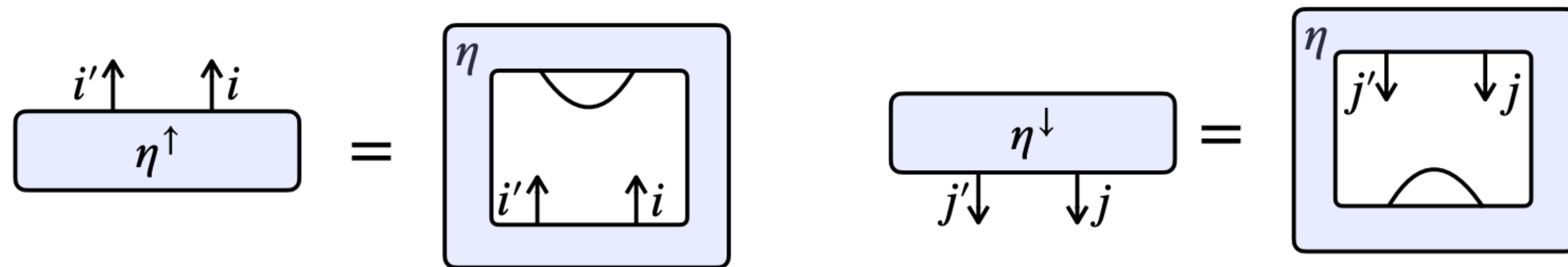


Time-bidirectional states and bipartite states

η is equivalent to a non-normalized mixed state of a bipartite system («two copies of a particle»)



Reduced states of η , which correspond to forward and backward evolving parts can be obtained:



$$(\eta^\uparrow = \text{Tr}_\downarrow \eta)$$

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The diagram illustrates the simplification of a time-bidirectional state when there is no post-selection. It consists of three parts connected by equals signs:

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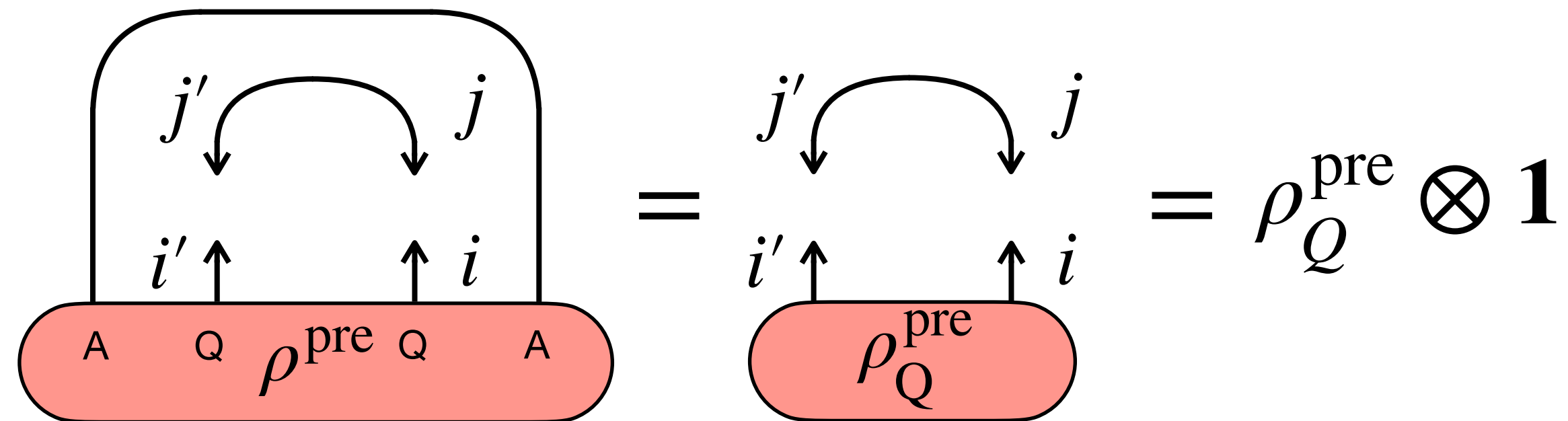
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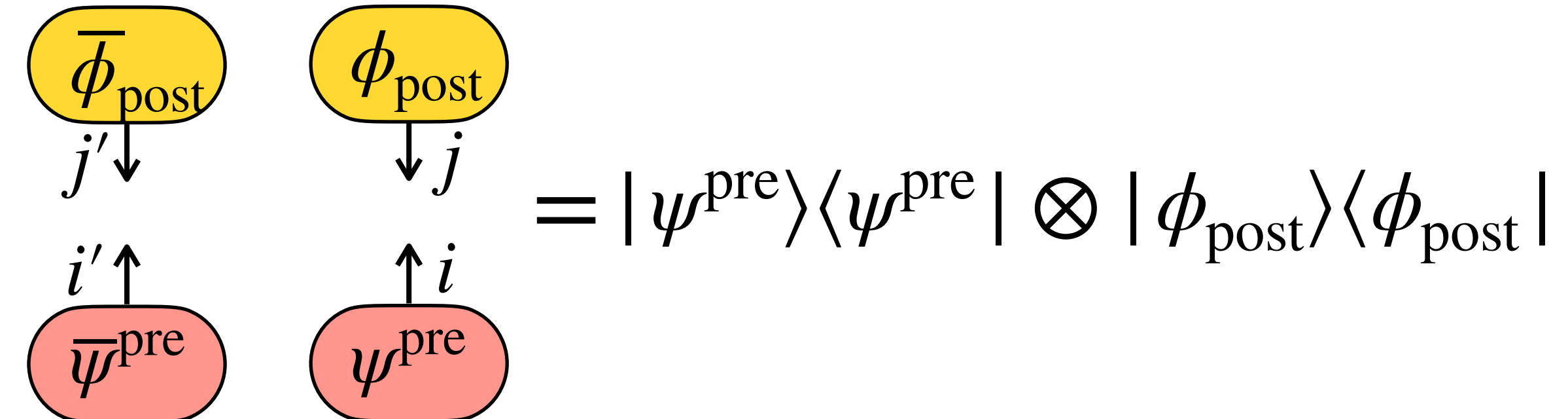
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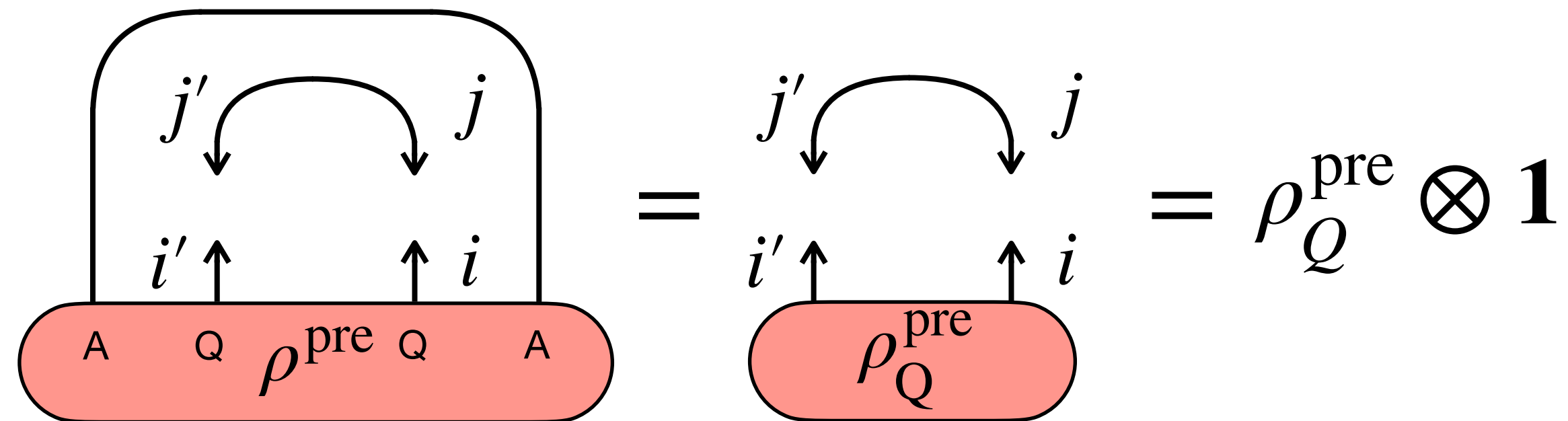
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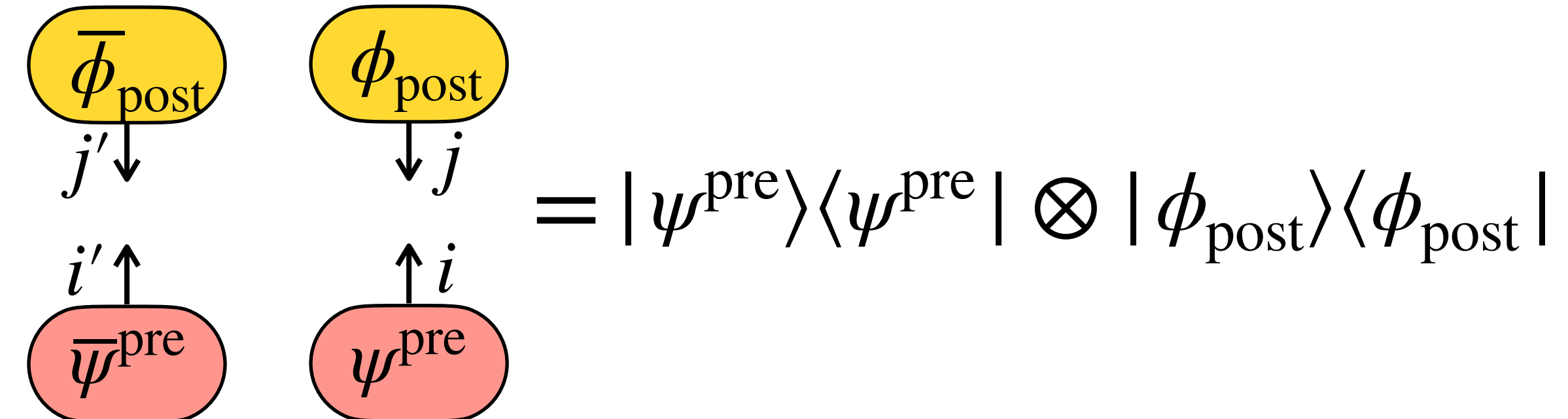
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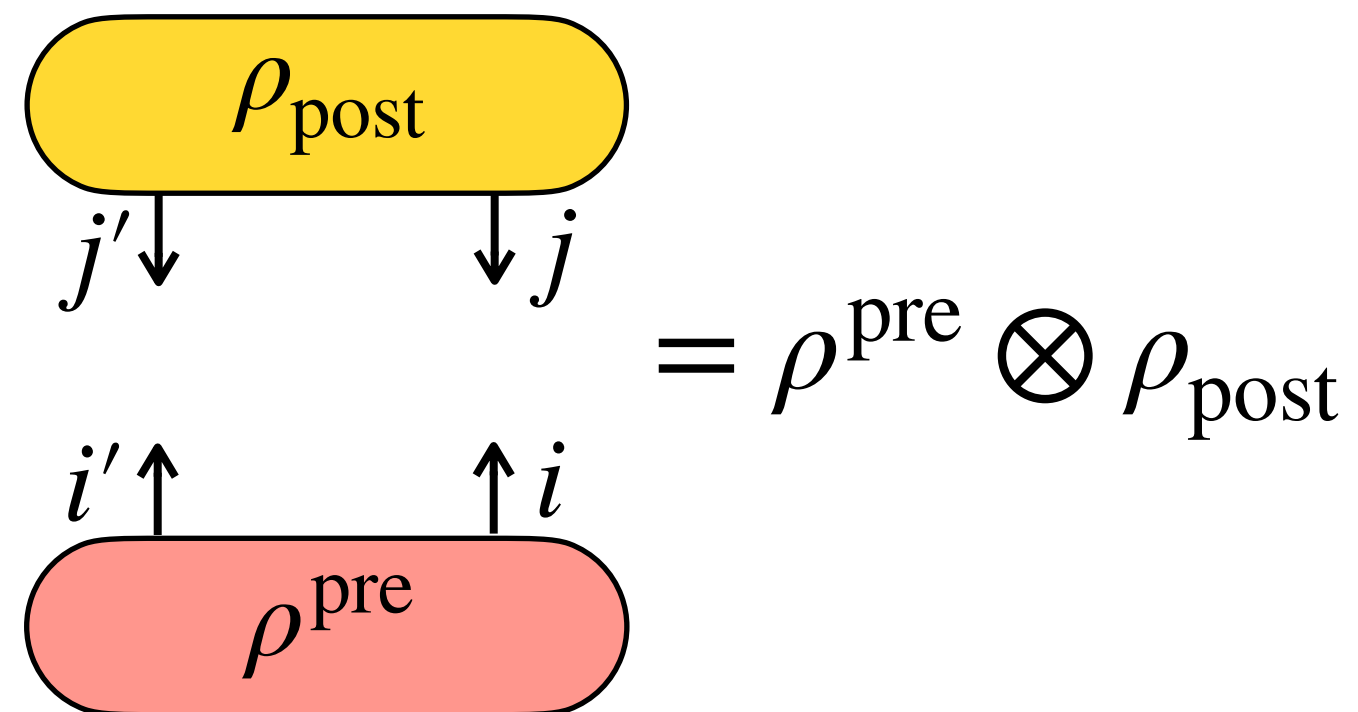
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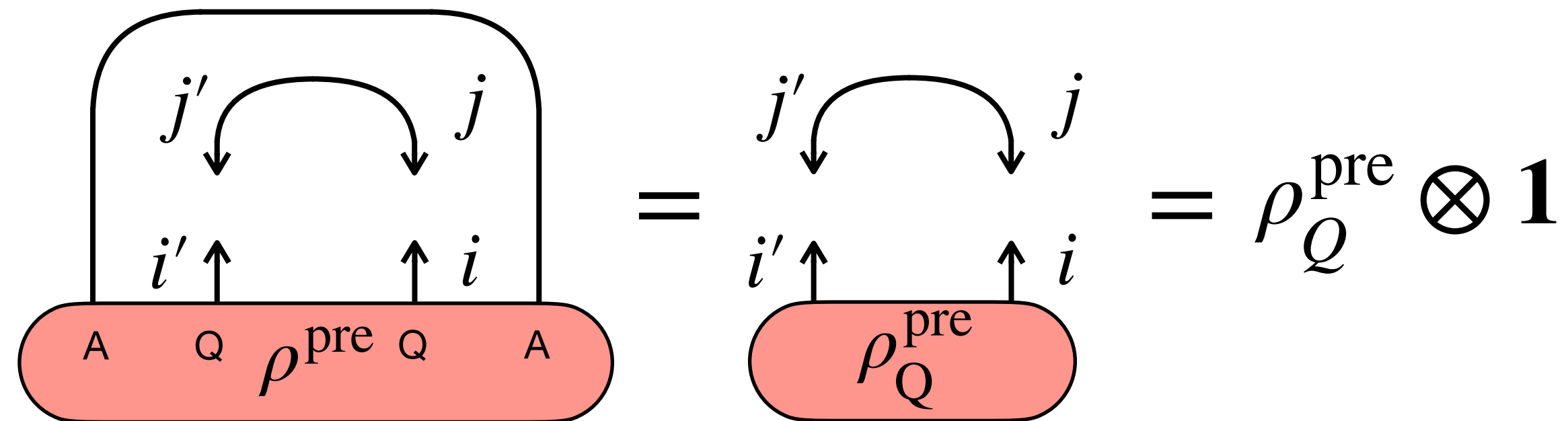
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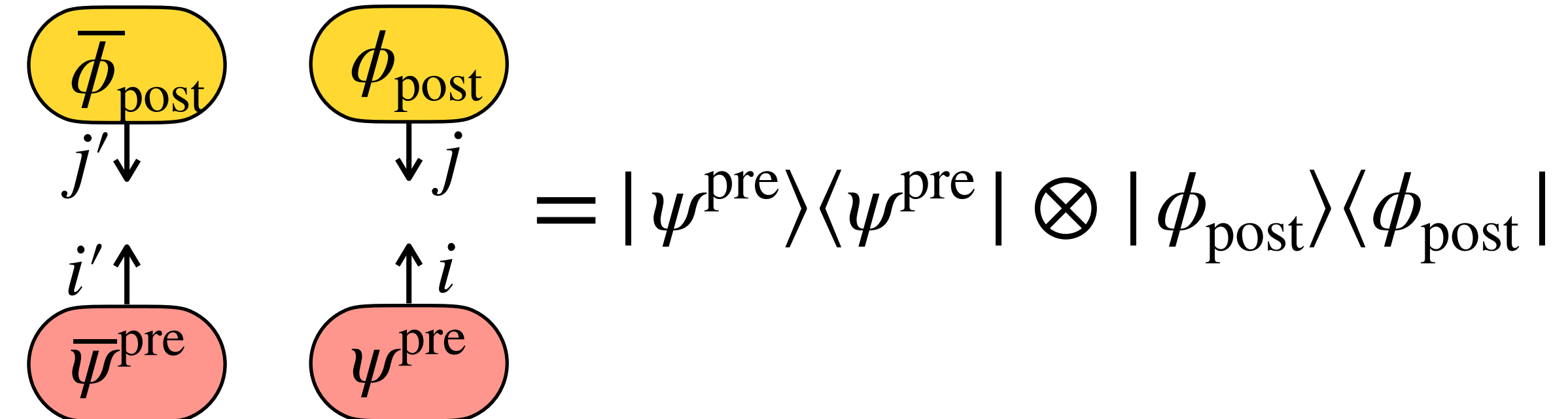
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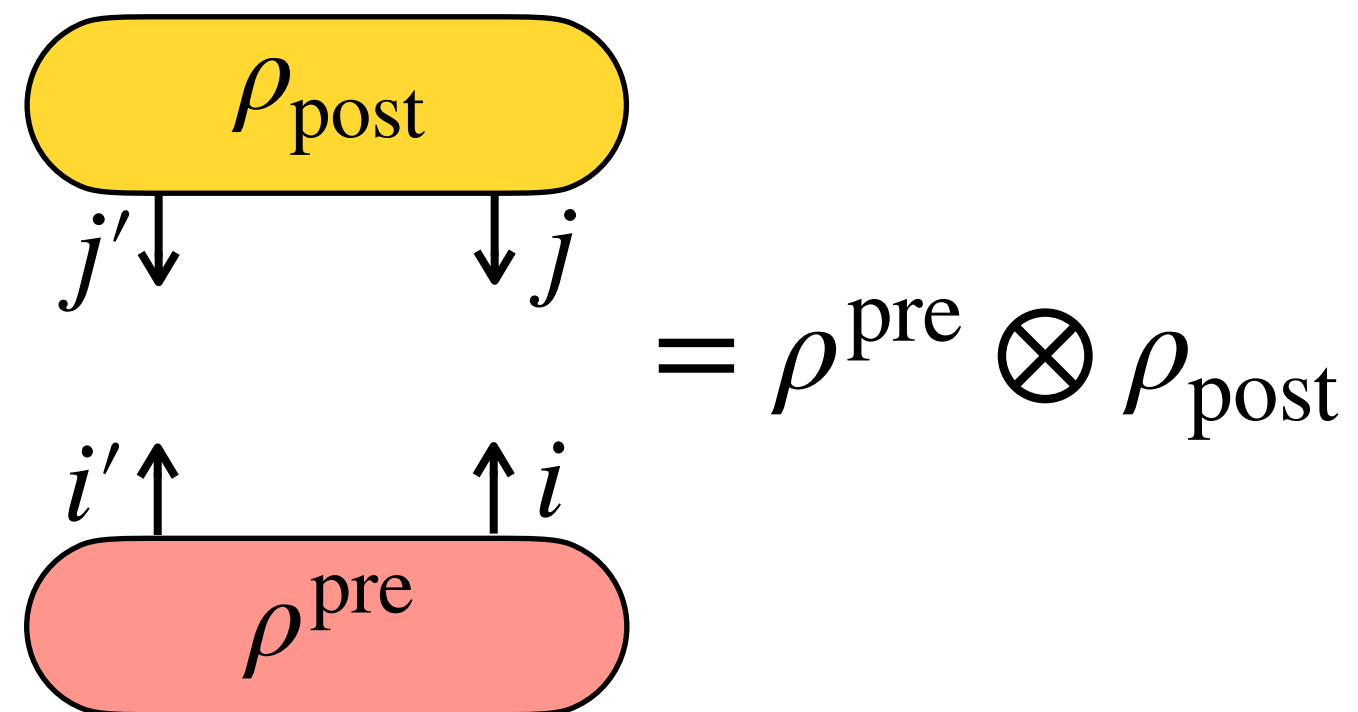
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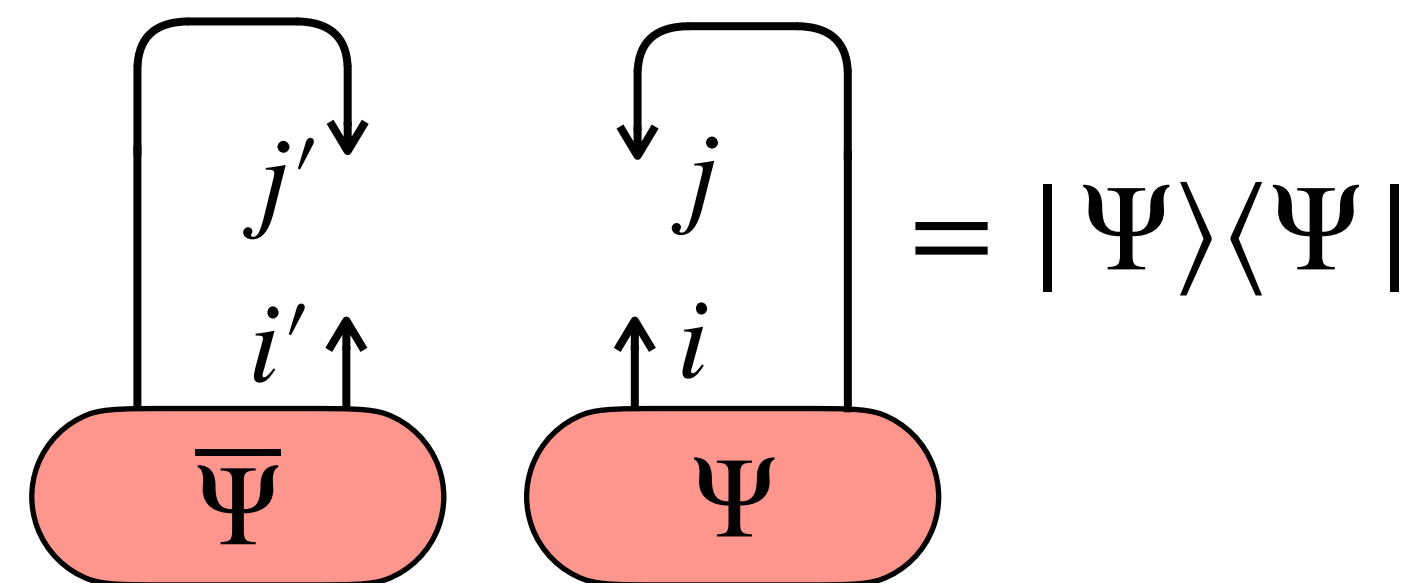
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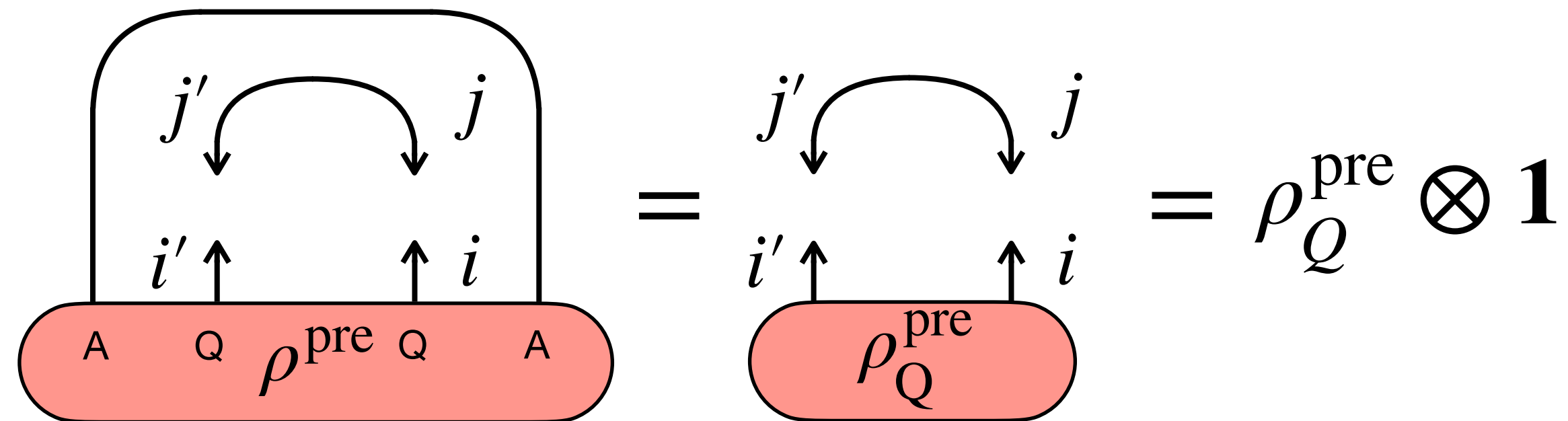
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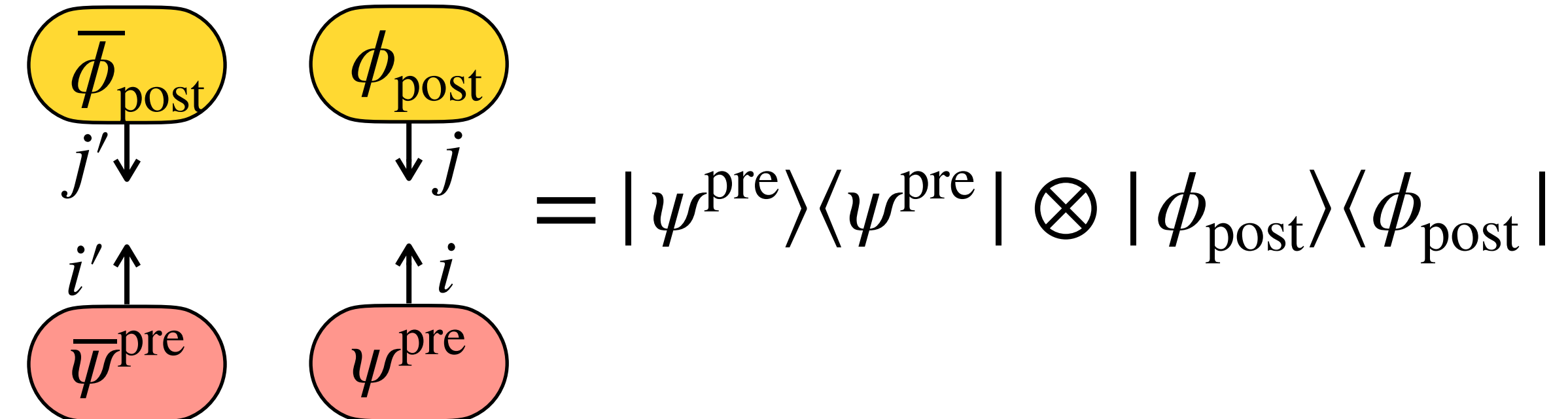
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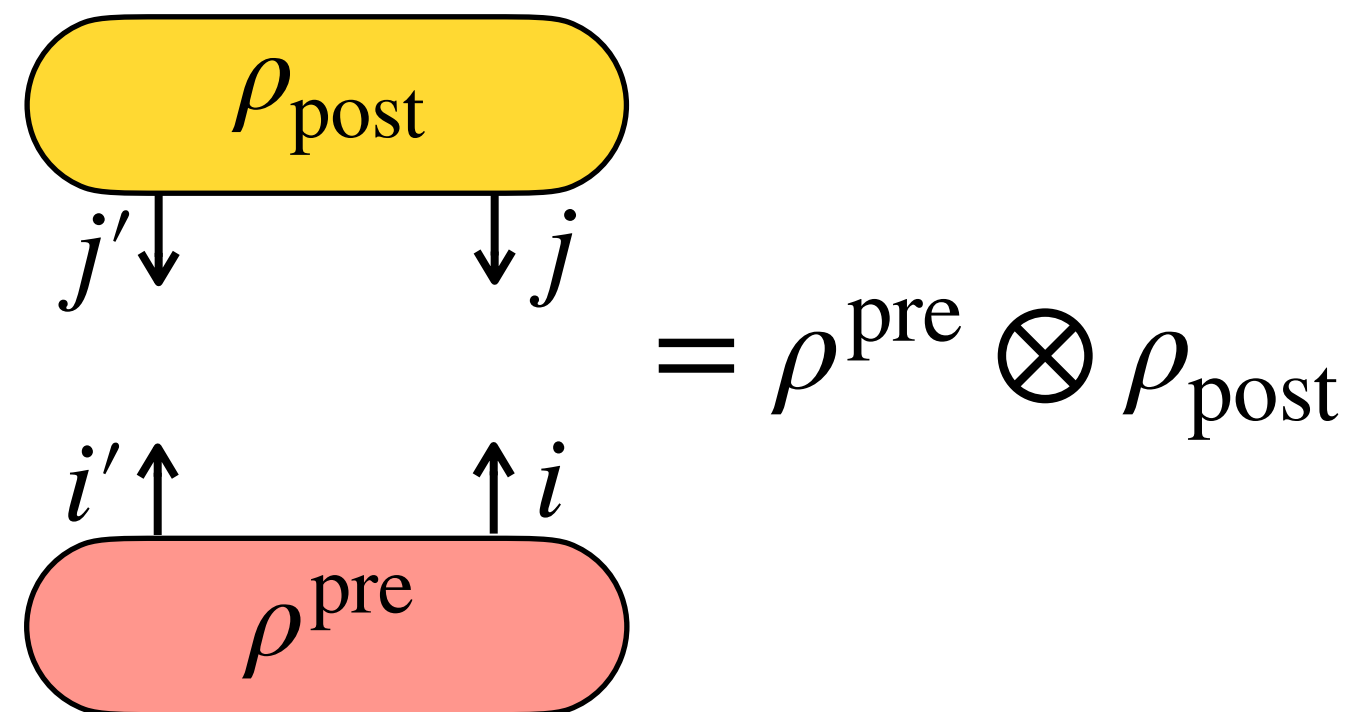
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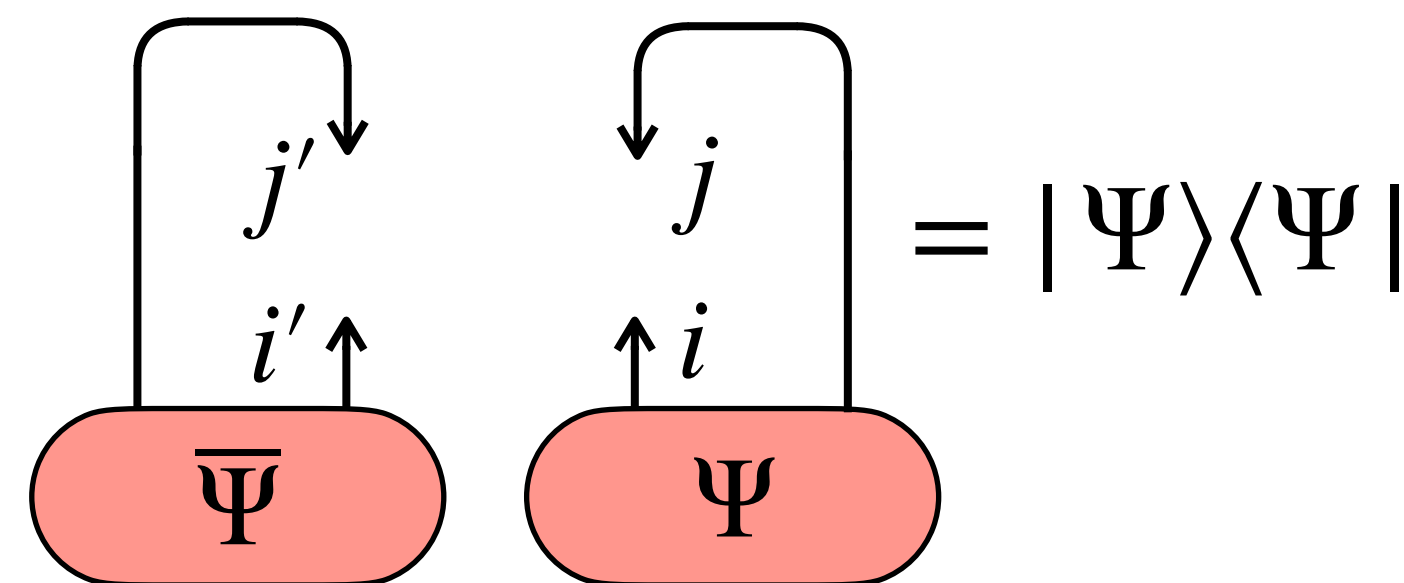
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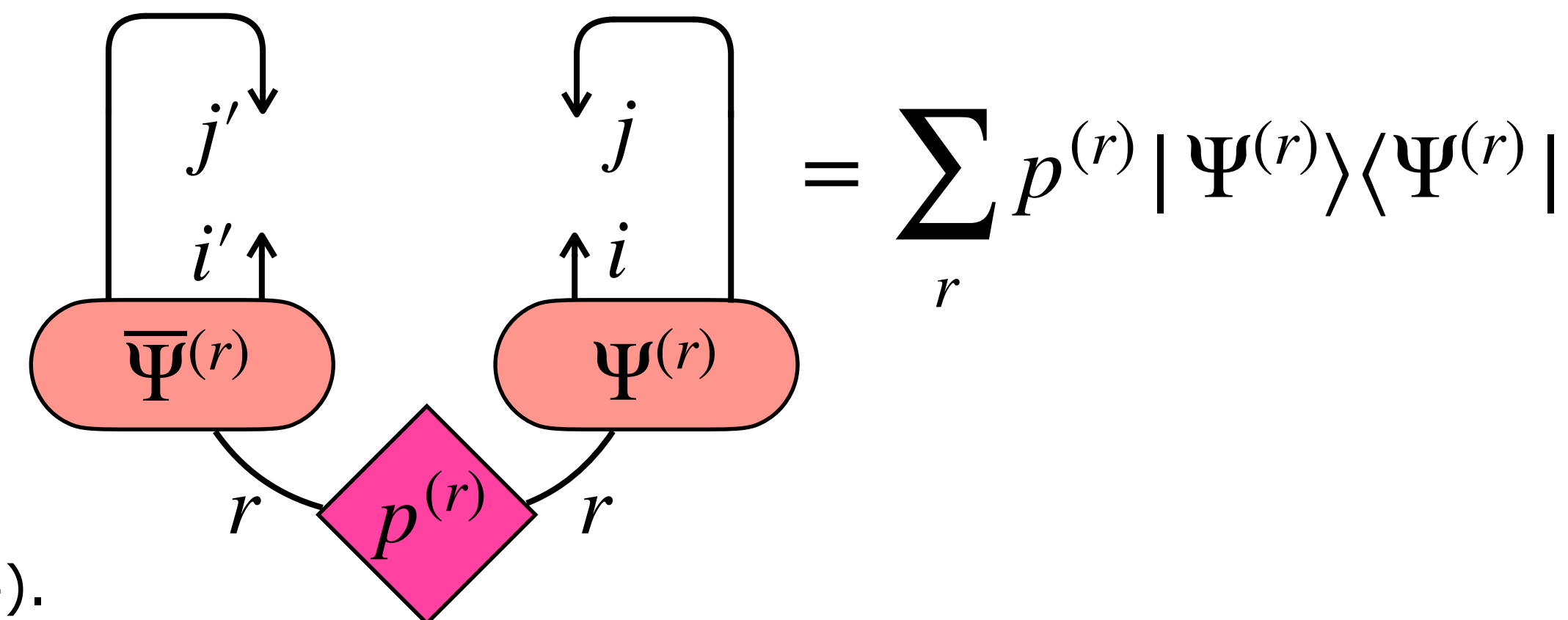
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Some facts about operation outcome and operation tensors

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \uparrow \\ \boxed{K(\mu)} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \uparrow \\ \boxed{K} \\ \downarrow \downarrow \end{array} \in \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger$$

K is a completely-positive trace-preserving (CPTP) map $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_Q) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_Q)$.

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{H}_Q^\dagger \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q : \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\bar{\alpha}} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{K(\mu)} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\alpha} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \geq 0 \quad \text{«CP»}$$

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Measuring Hermitian observables

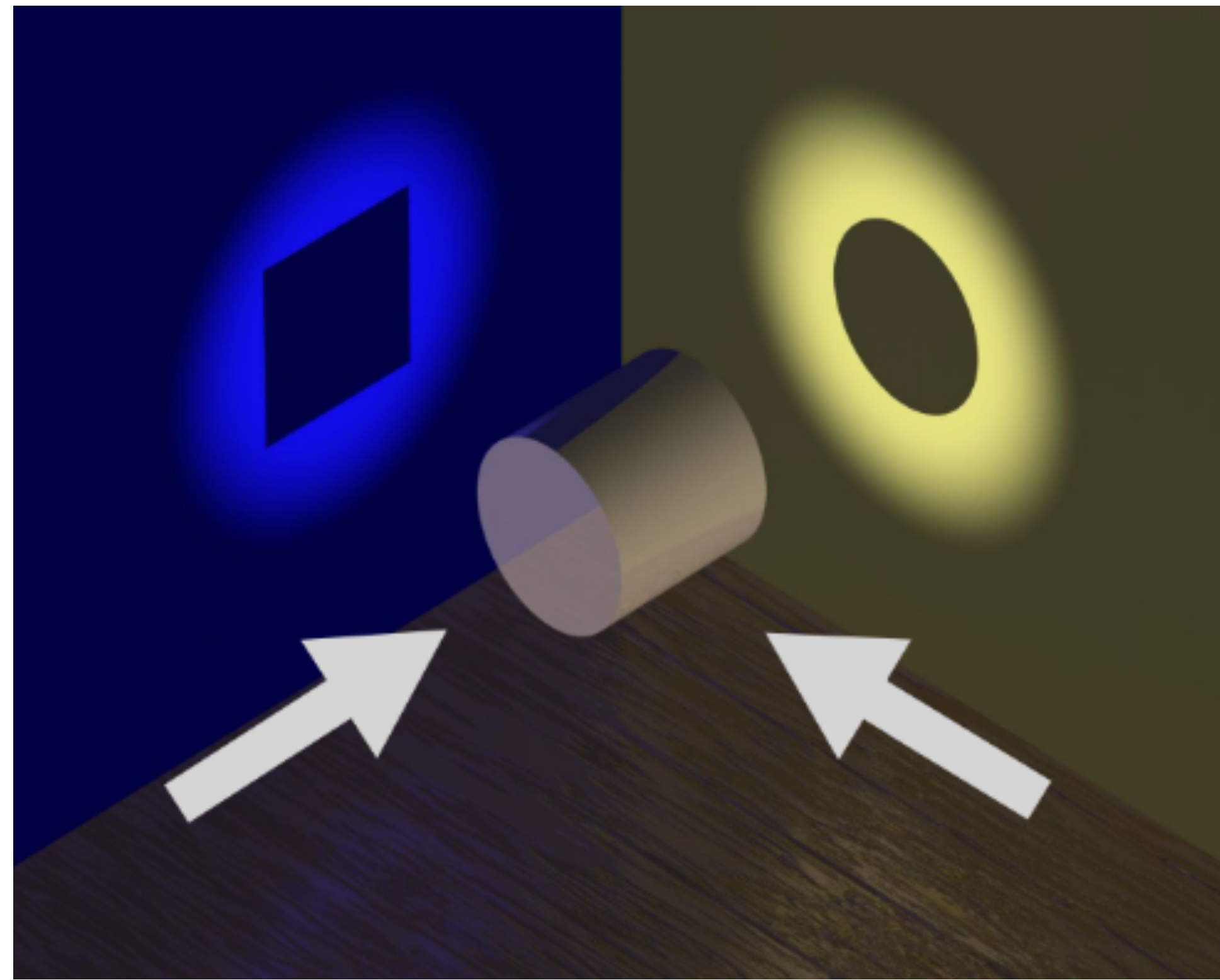
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Tomographical reconstruction of a TBS



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Informationally complete set of measurement: $\{\mathbf{K}^{(r)}\}_r$, $\mathbf{K}^{(r)} = \{K^{(r)}(\mu')\}_{\mu'}$

Updated Born rule: $\text{Pr}^{(r)}(\mu \mid \text{post}) = \frac{K^{(r)}(\mu) \cdot \eta}{K^{(r)} \cdot \eta}$

Problem: extract η from $\{\text{Pr}^{(r)}(\mu \mid \text{post})\}_{r,\mu}$

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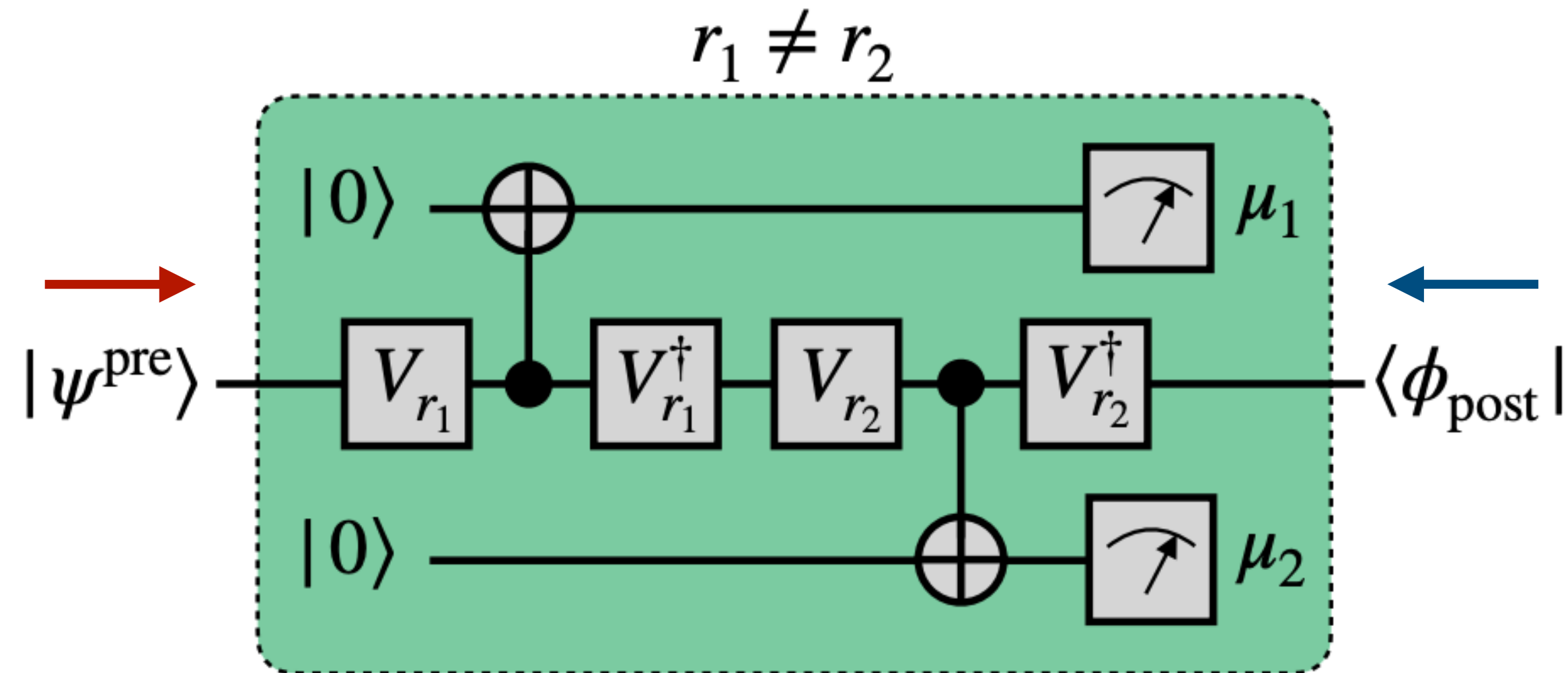
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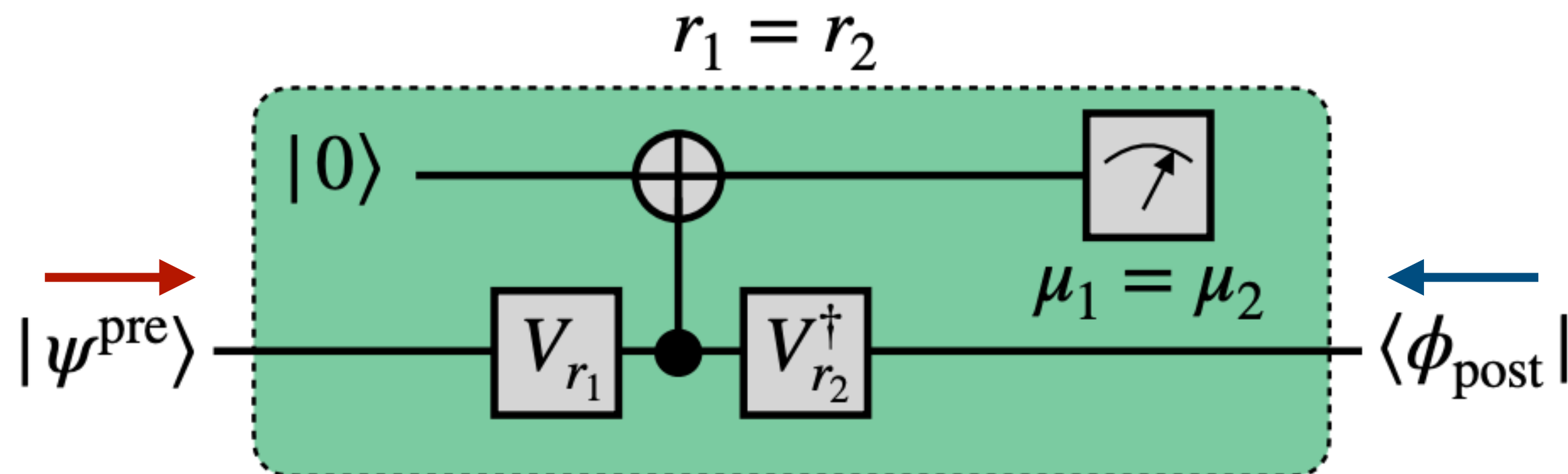
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Single-qubit MUB-based approach (mutually unbiased bases)

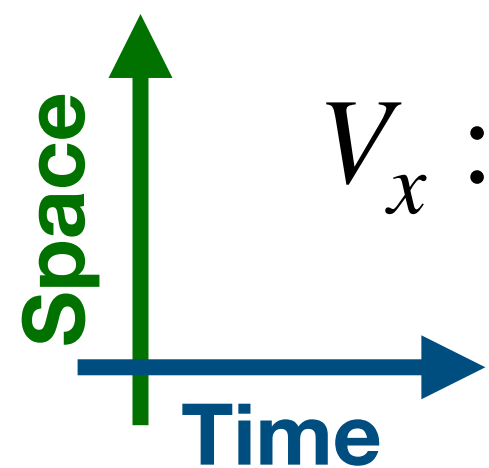


$$r_1, r_2 \in \{x, y, z\}$$

Idea: measure $\uparrow$ and $\downarrow$ qubits
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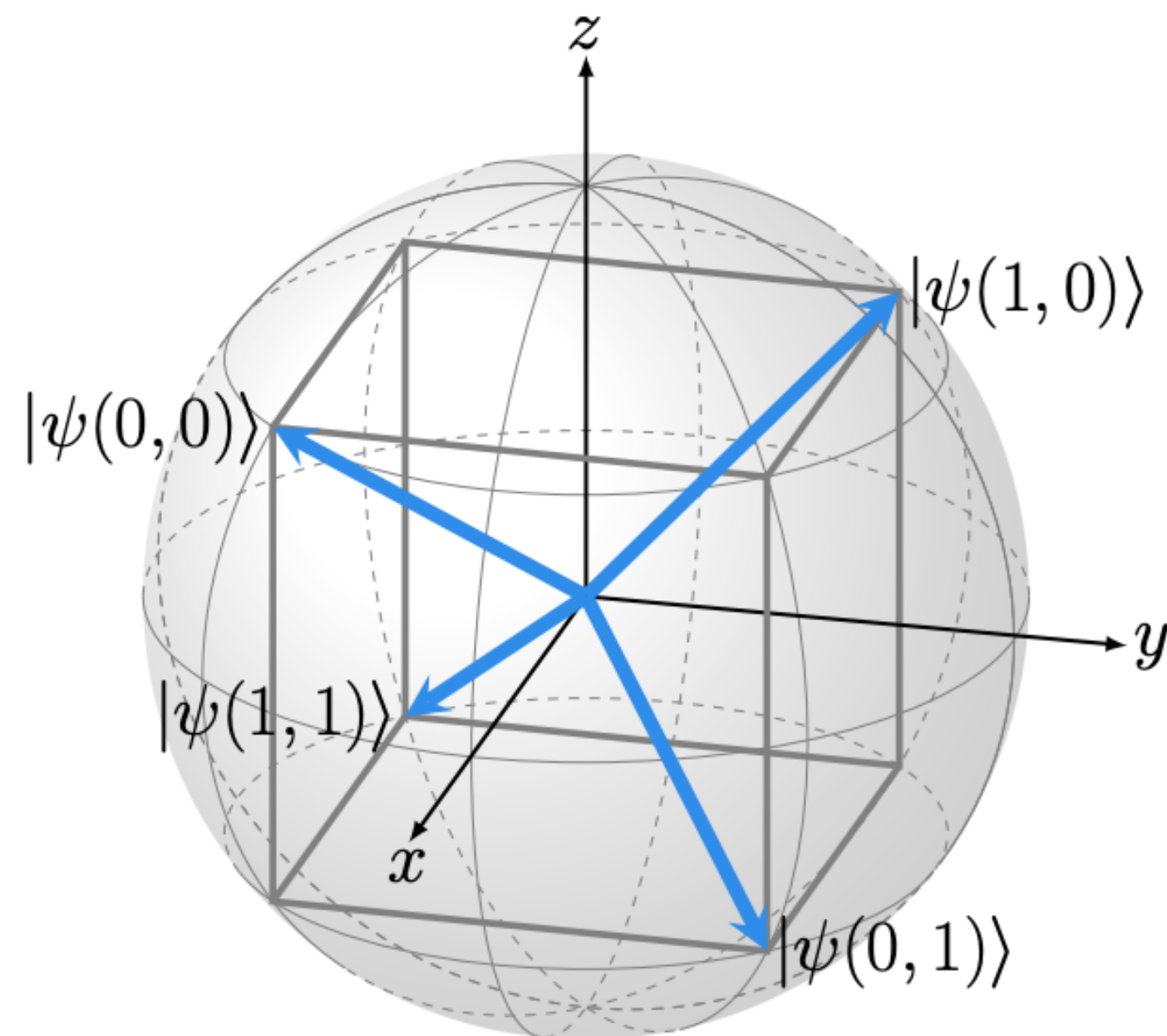
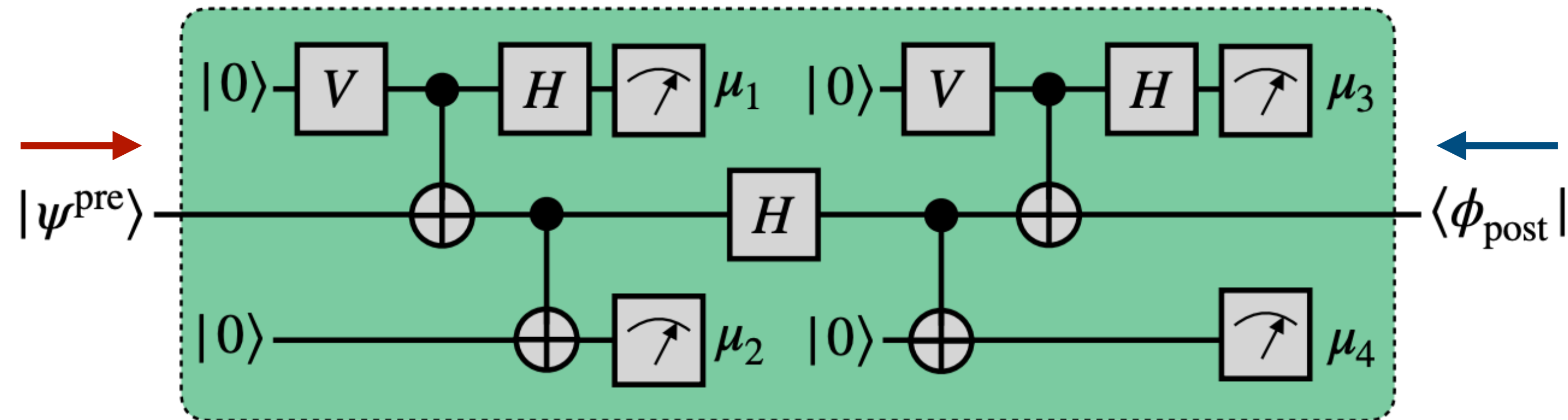


$$V_x := R_y(\pi/2), \quad V_y := R_x(\pi/2) \quad V_z := \mathbf{I}$$



Single-qubit SIC-POVM-based approach

(symmetric informationally complete)

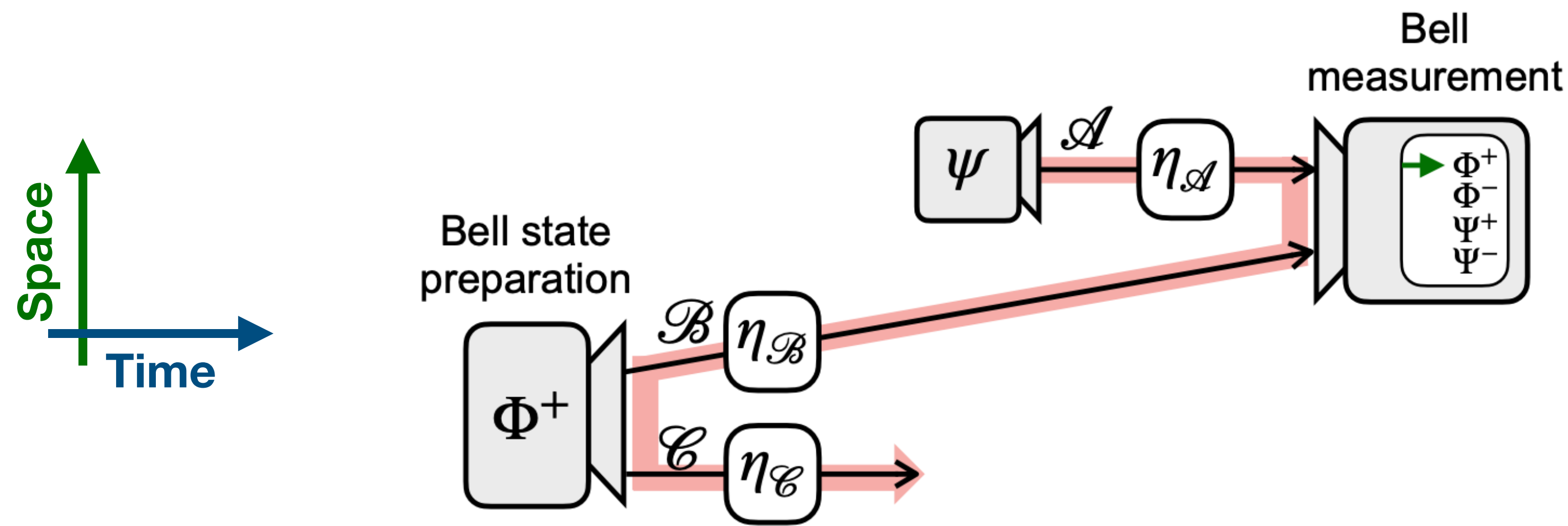


Idea: measure both $\uparrow$ and $\downarrow$ qubits
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Experimental demonstration of employing TBS formalism



Time-reversal in quantum teleportation



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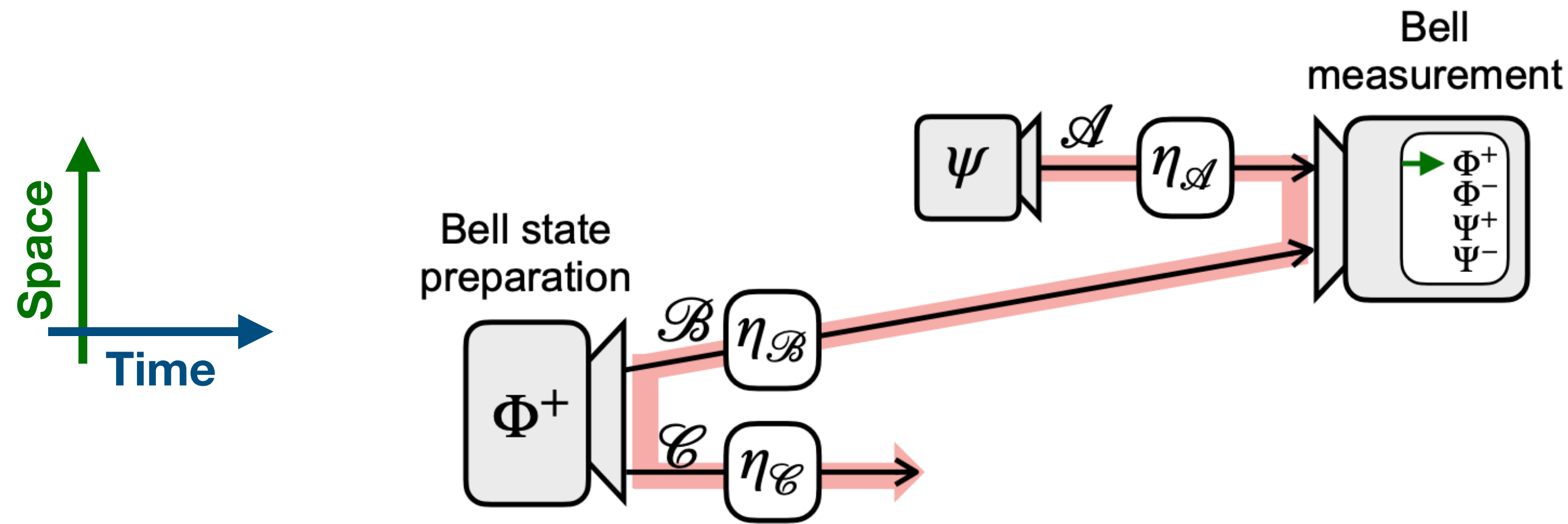
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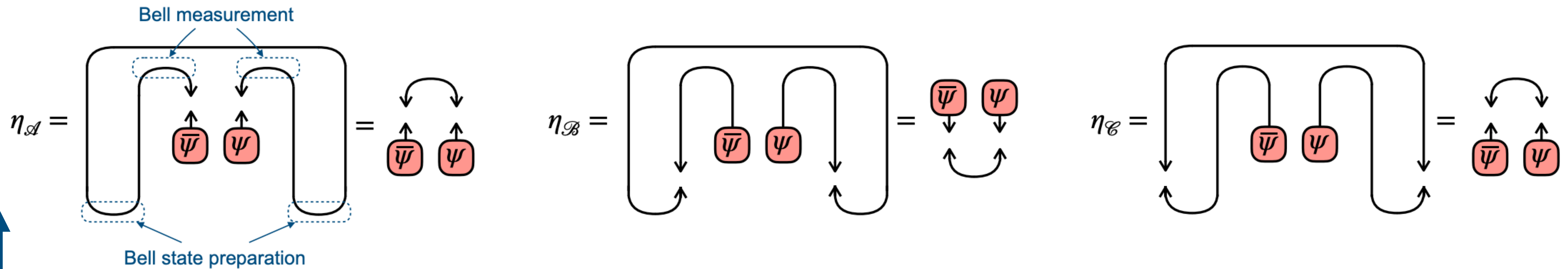


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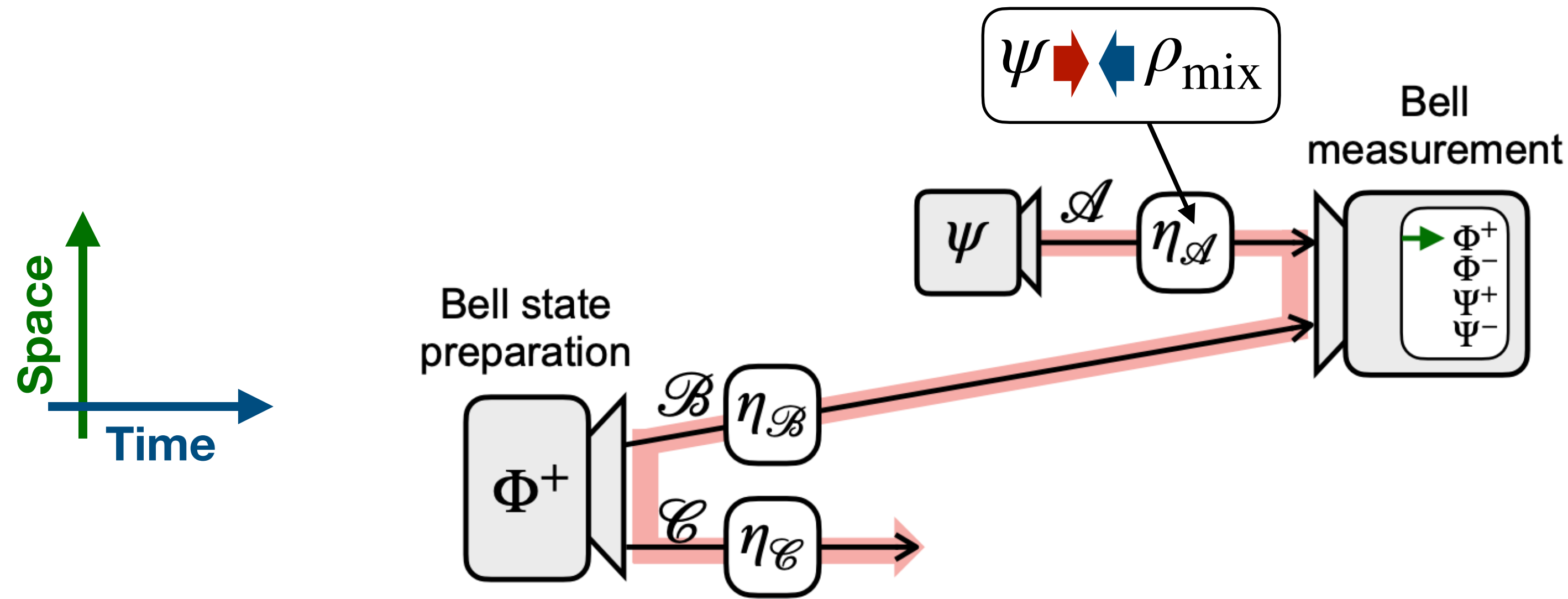


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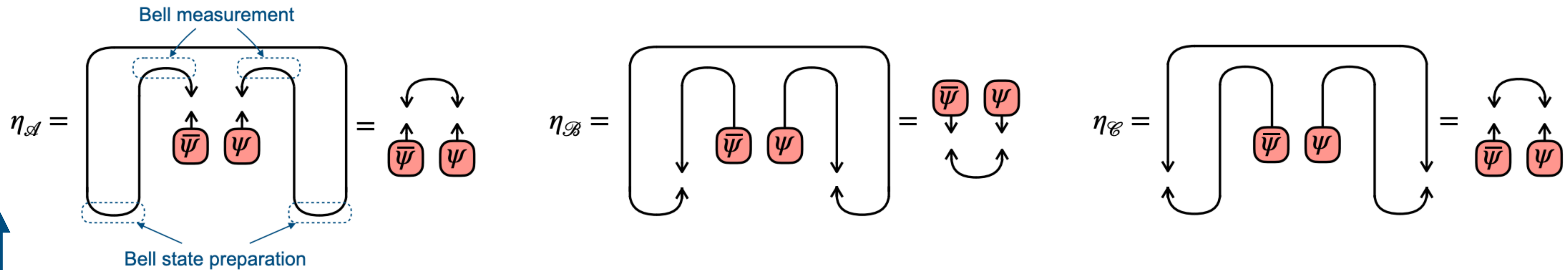


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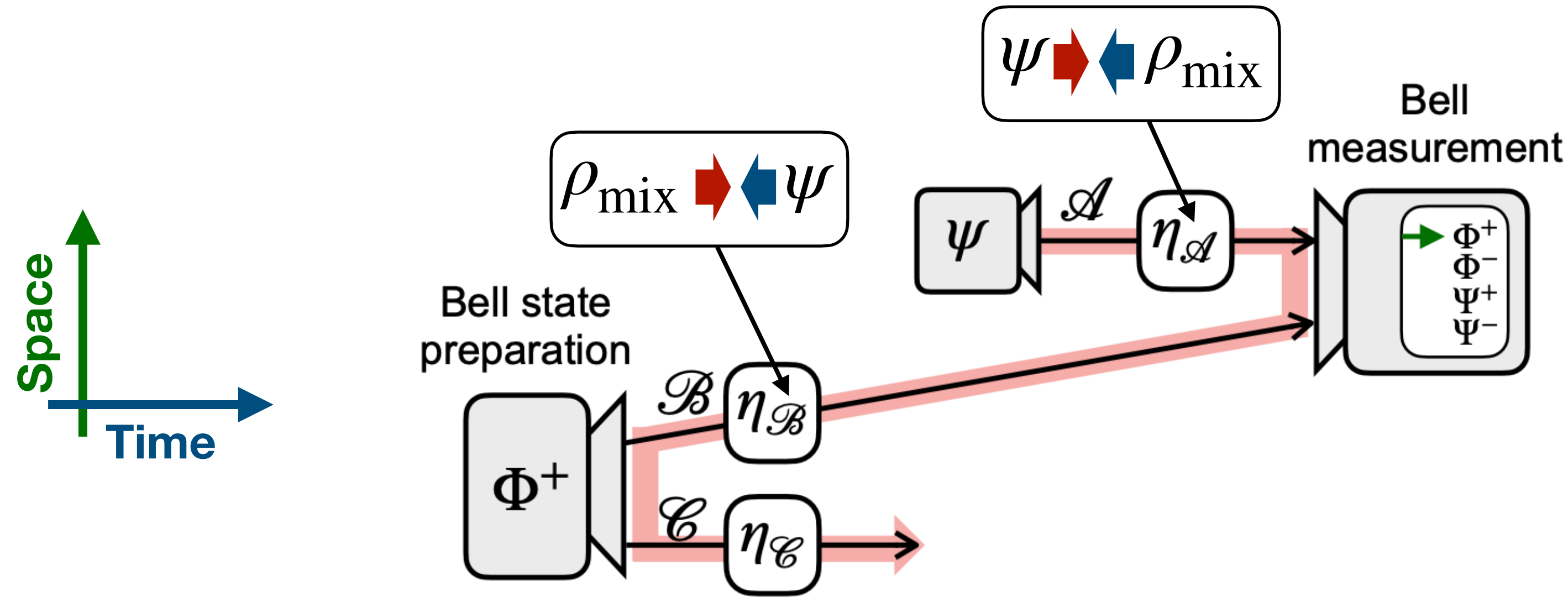


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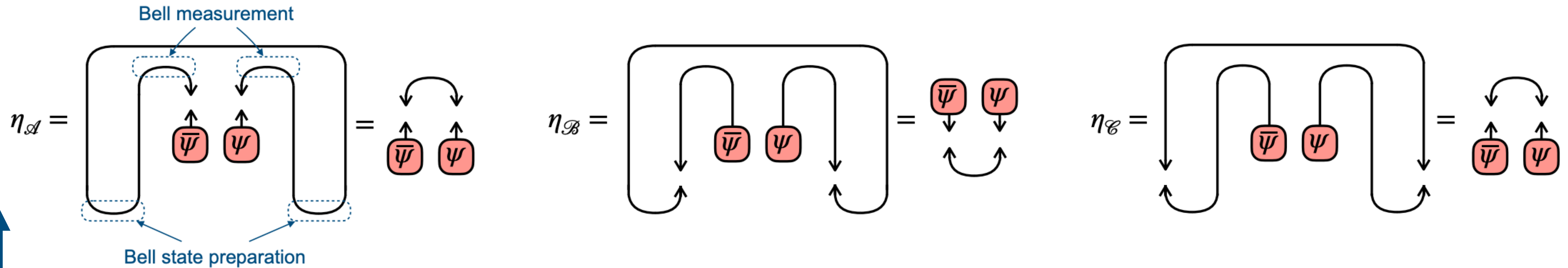


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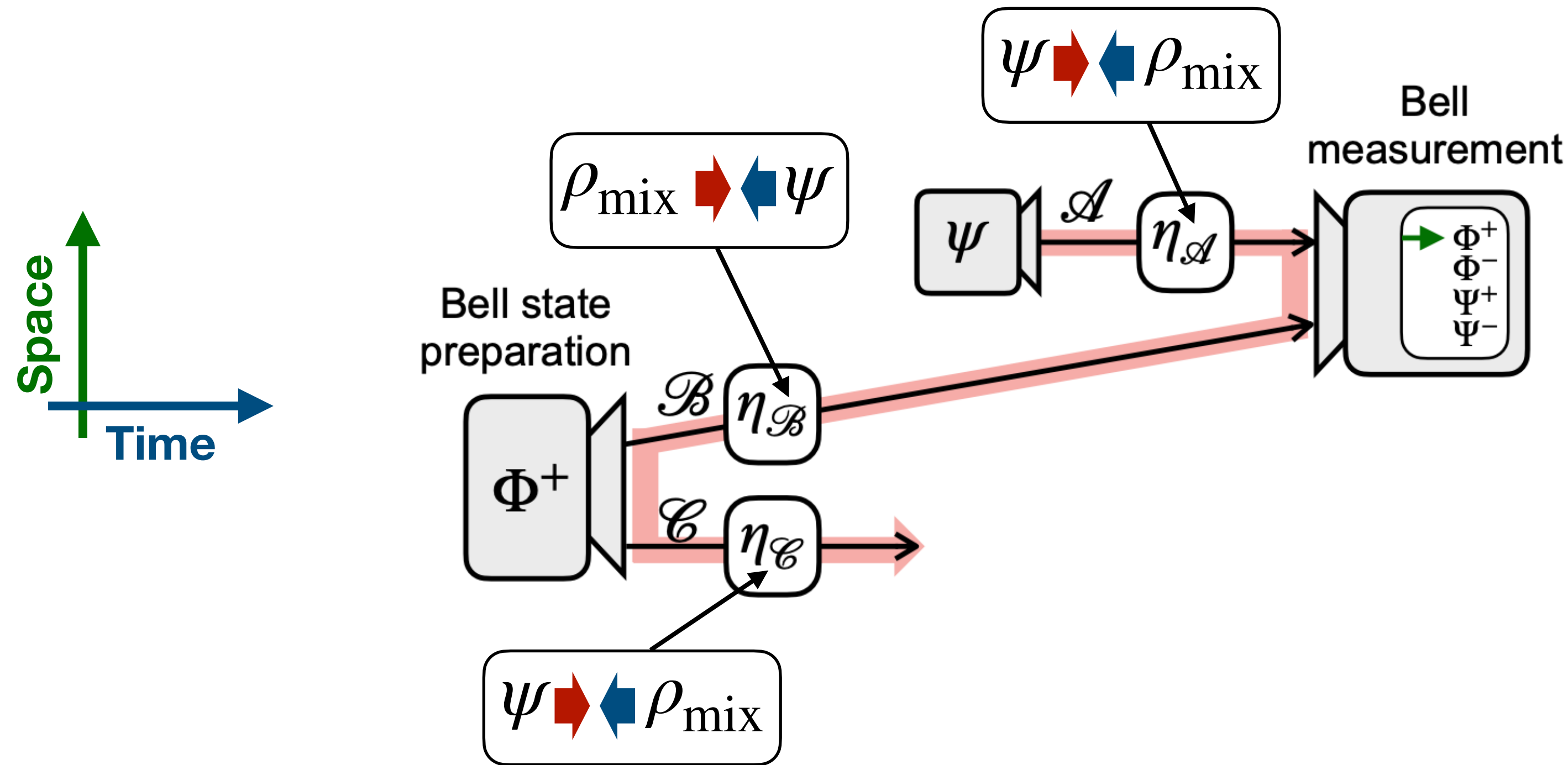


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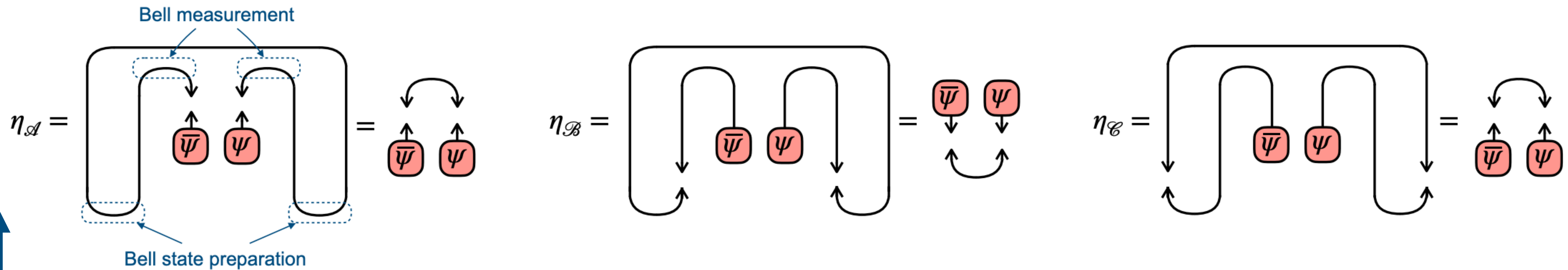


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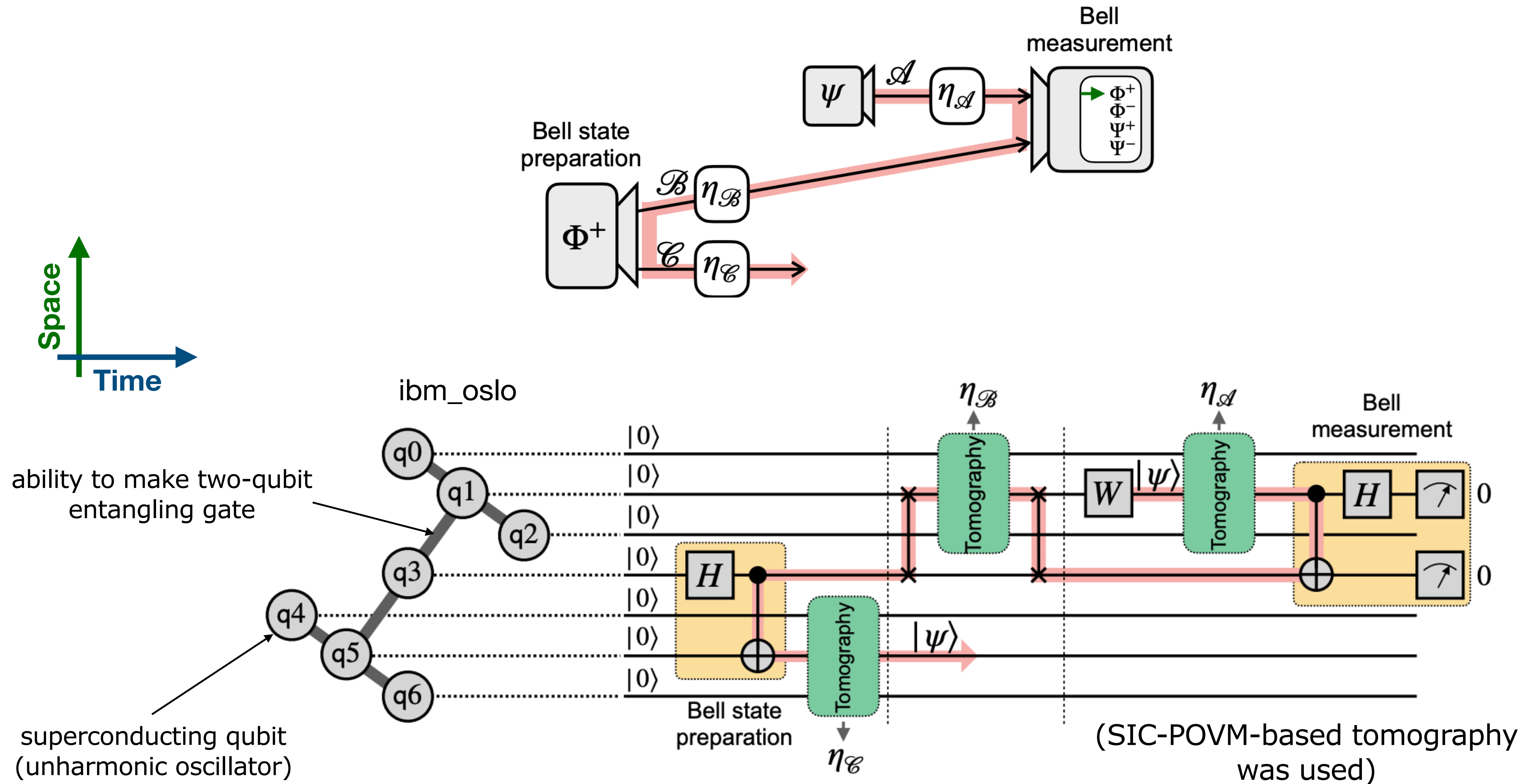


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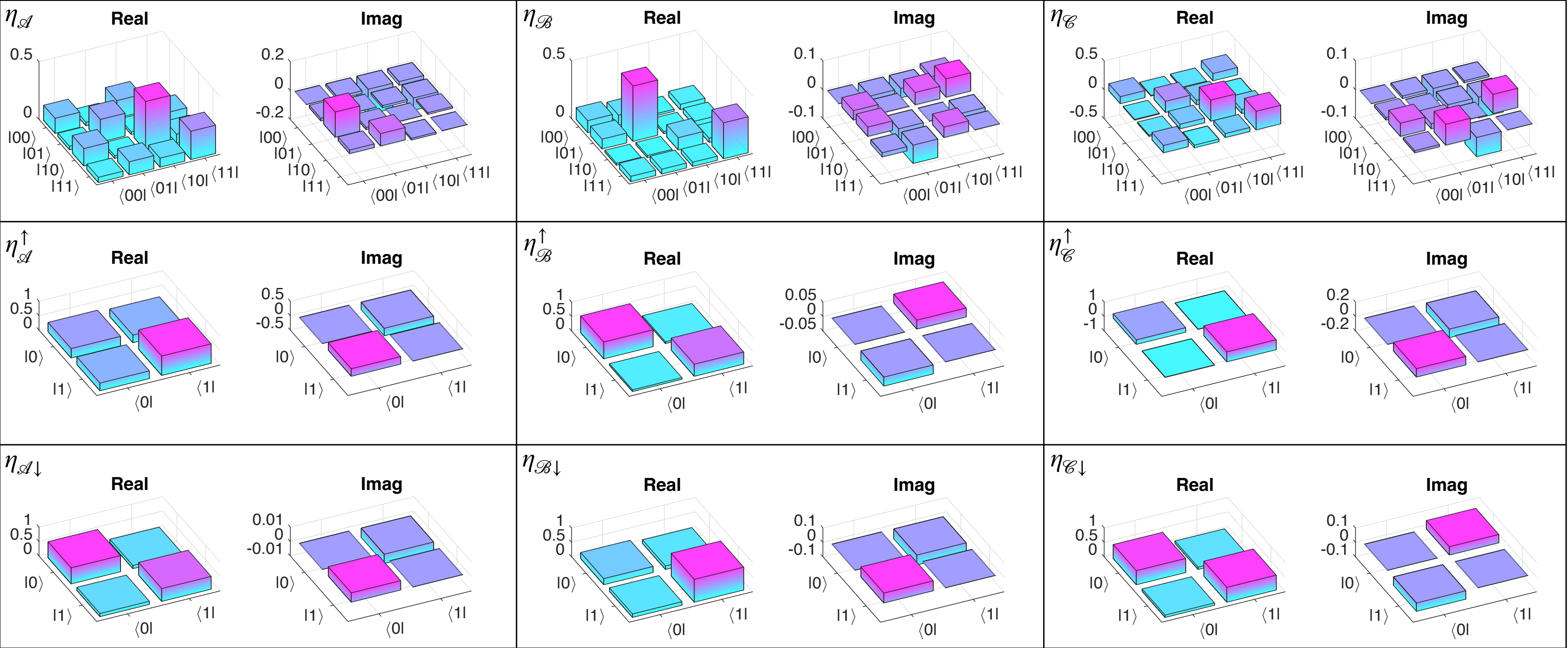
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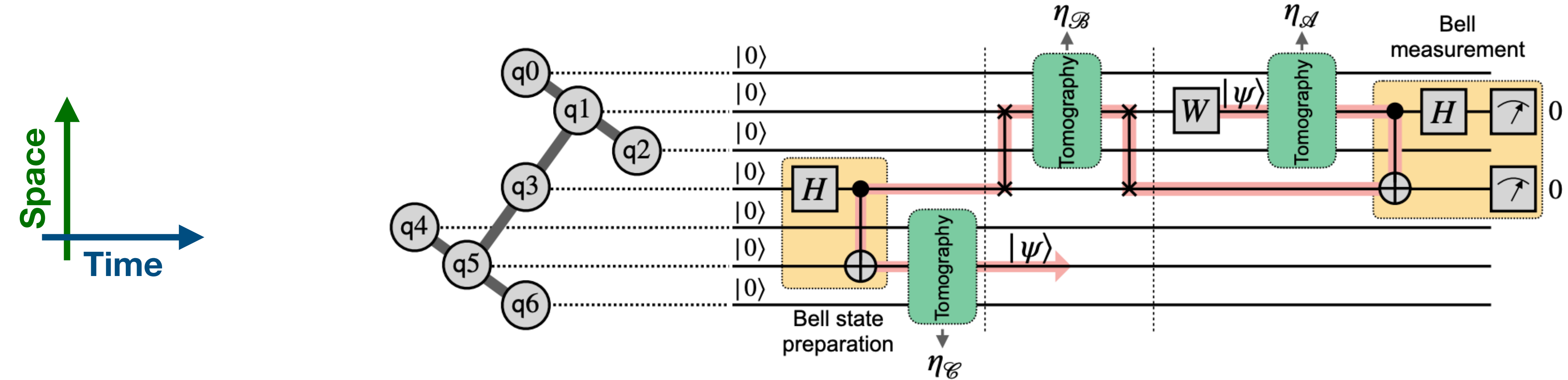
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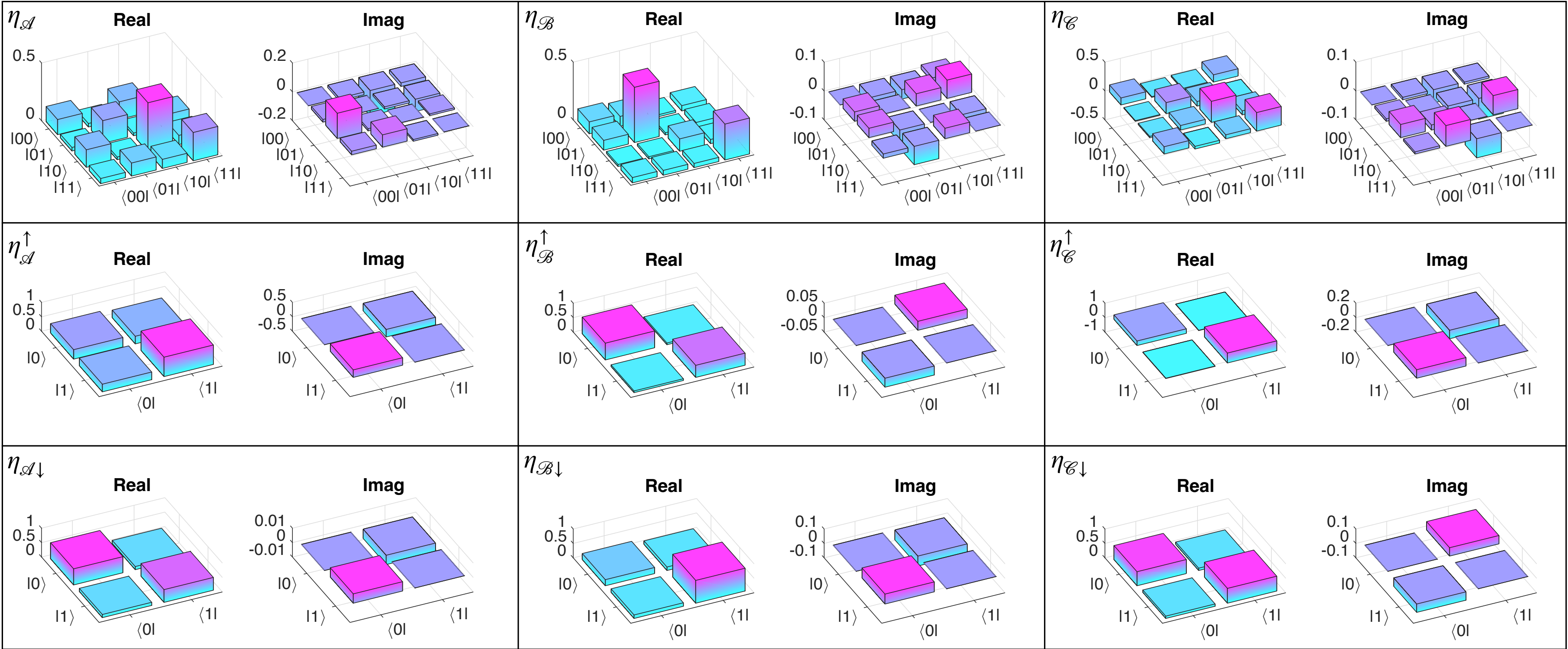
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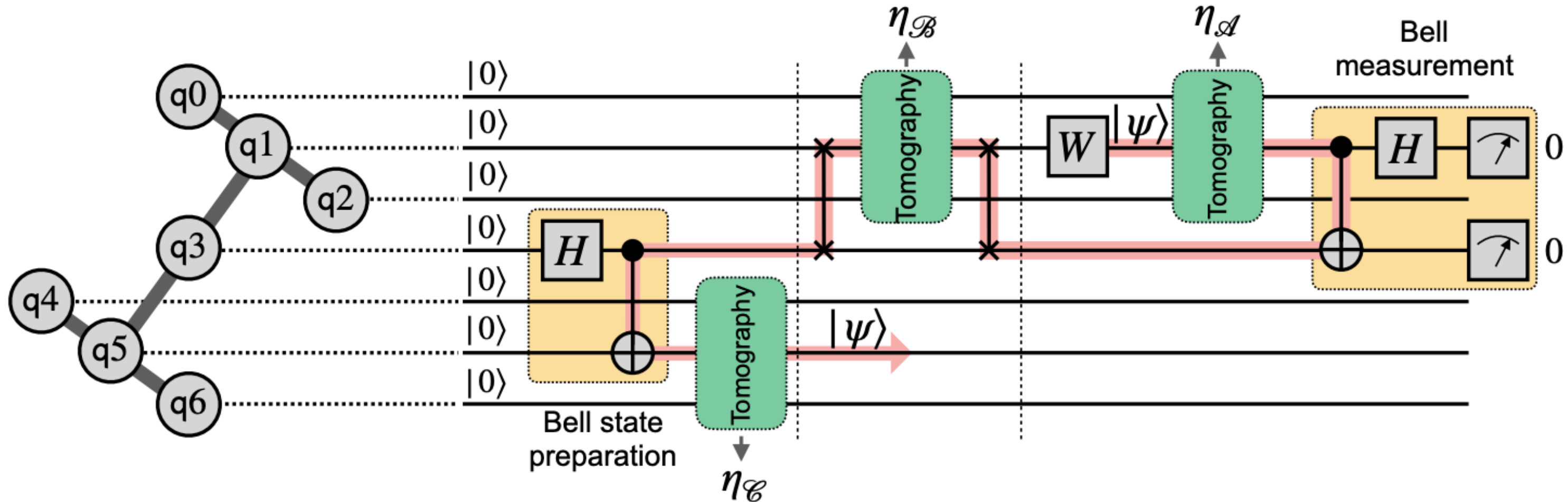
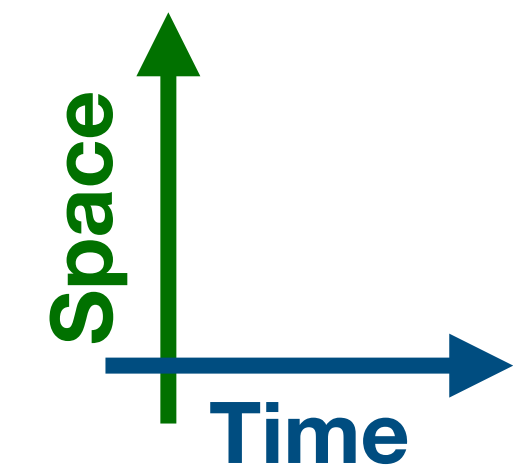


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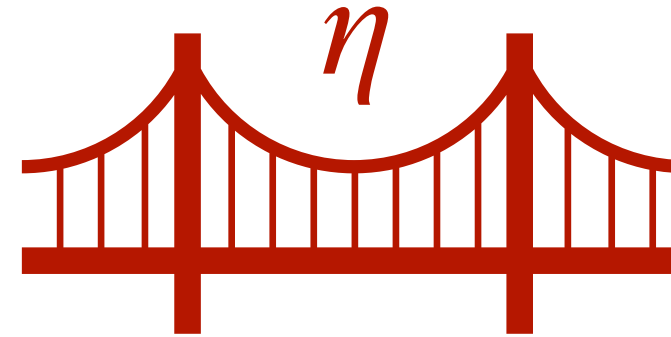


Conclusion

- 1) Generalisation of two-state vector formalism (TSVF) to mixed states and arbitrary measurements (POVMs) has been obtained. This bridges the gap between the standard formalism and TSVF.

no postselection

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projective postselection

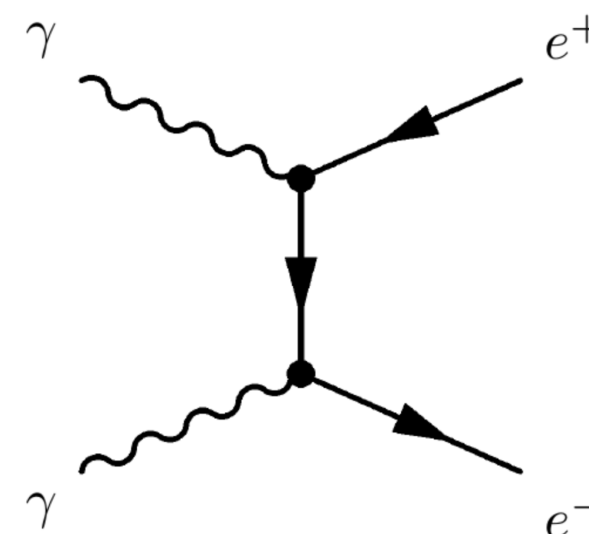
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Open questions:

- 1) Can the doubling of the Hilbert space be used in quantum information processing?
- 2) What are «dynamics» equations for TBS?
- 3) How this behaviour of quantum information relates to particle physics?



Thank you for attention!

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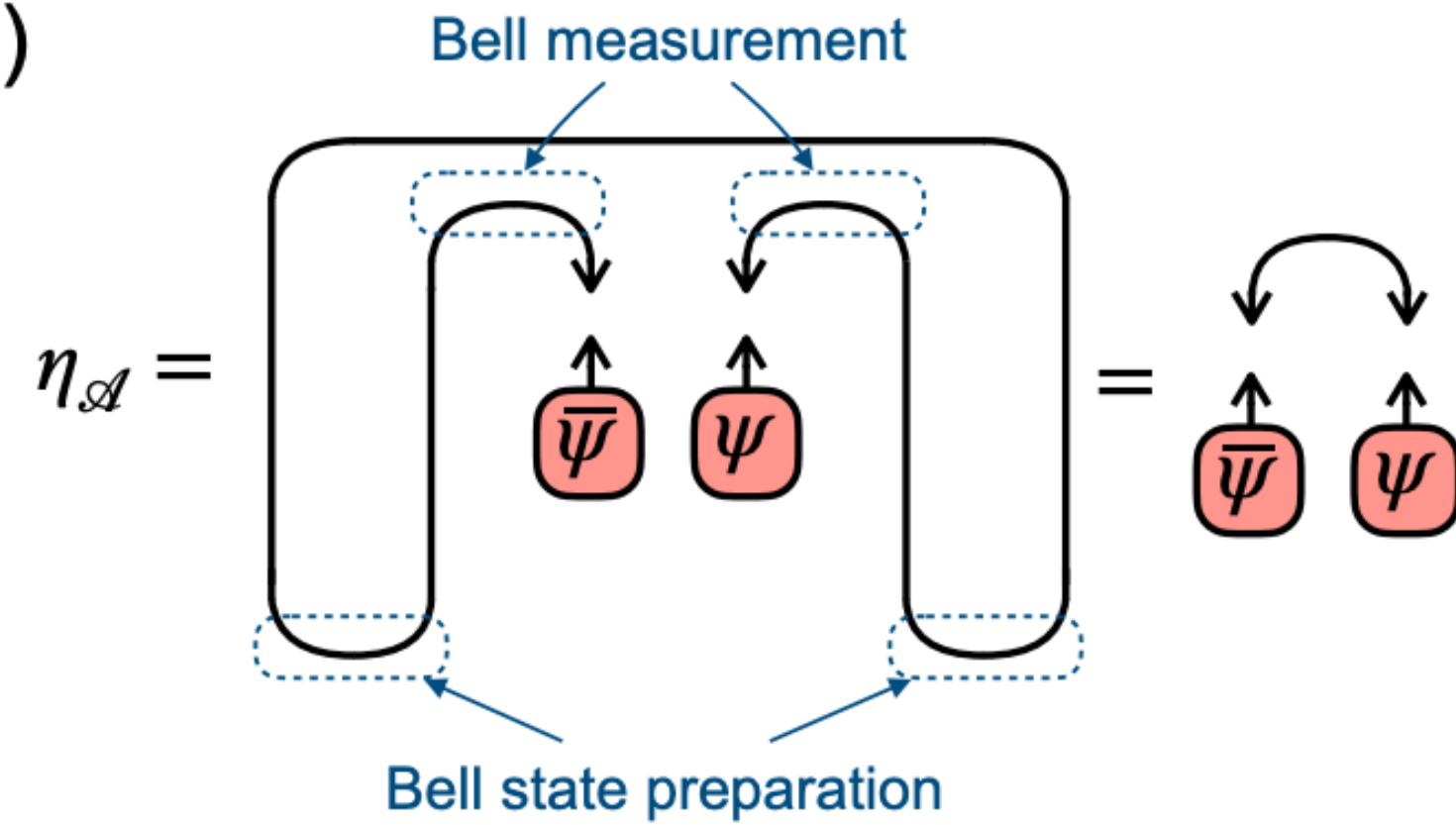
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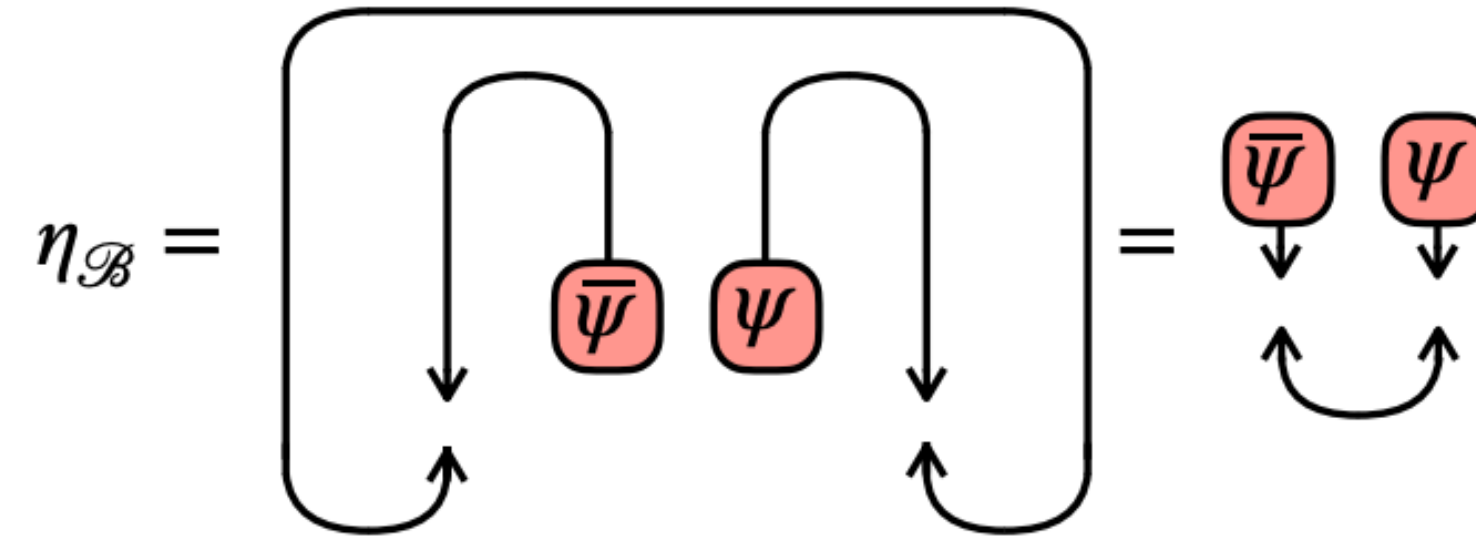
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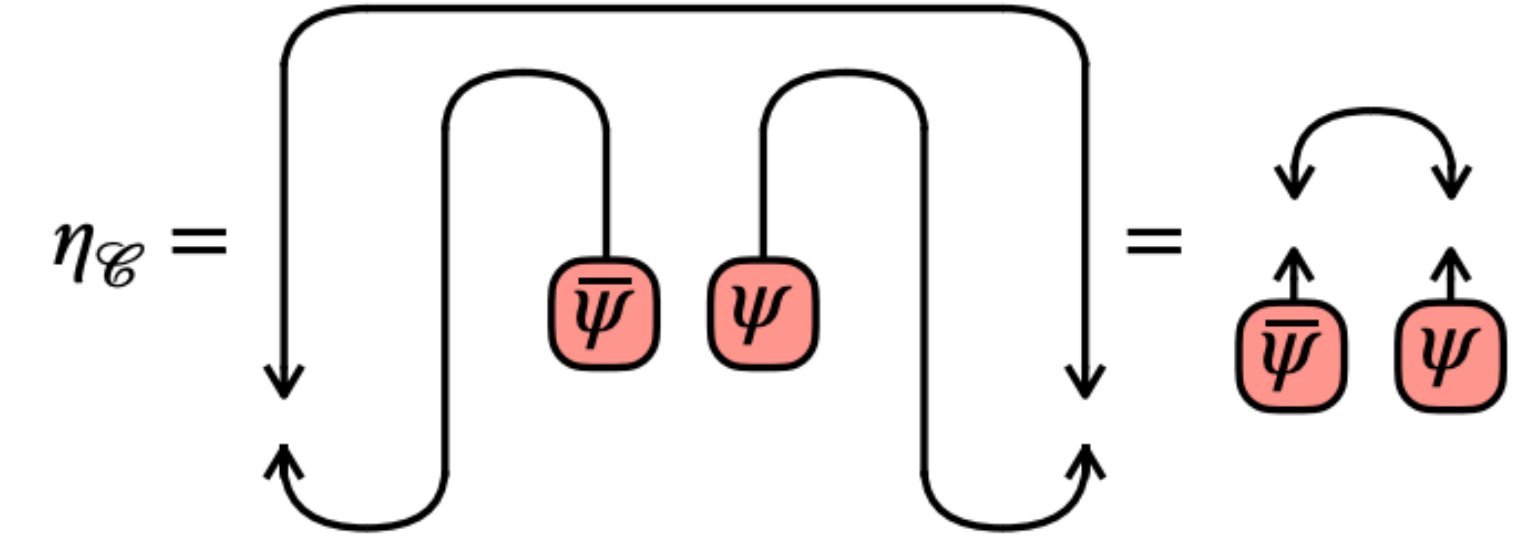
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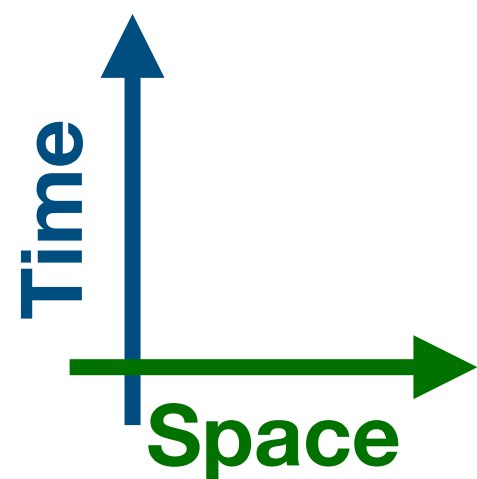
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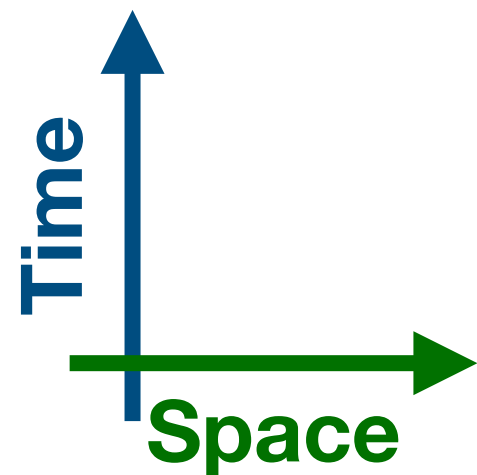
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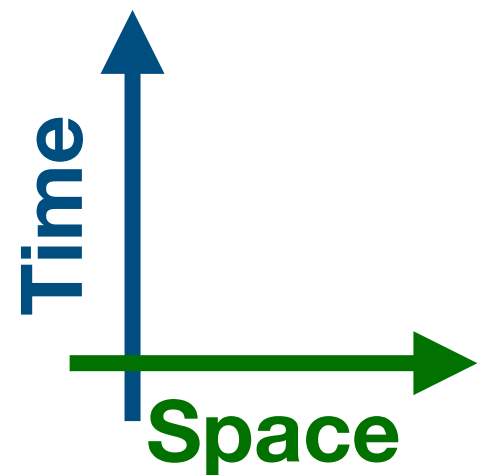
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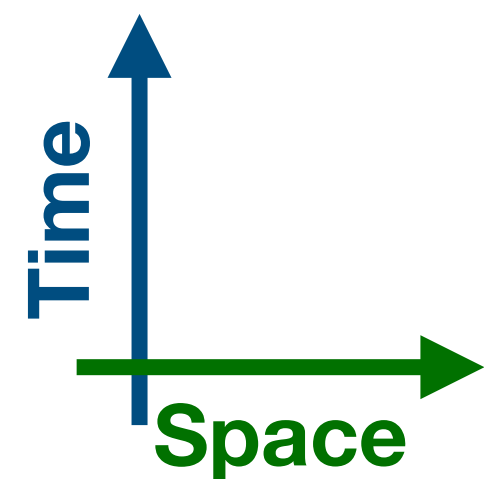
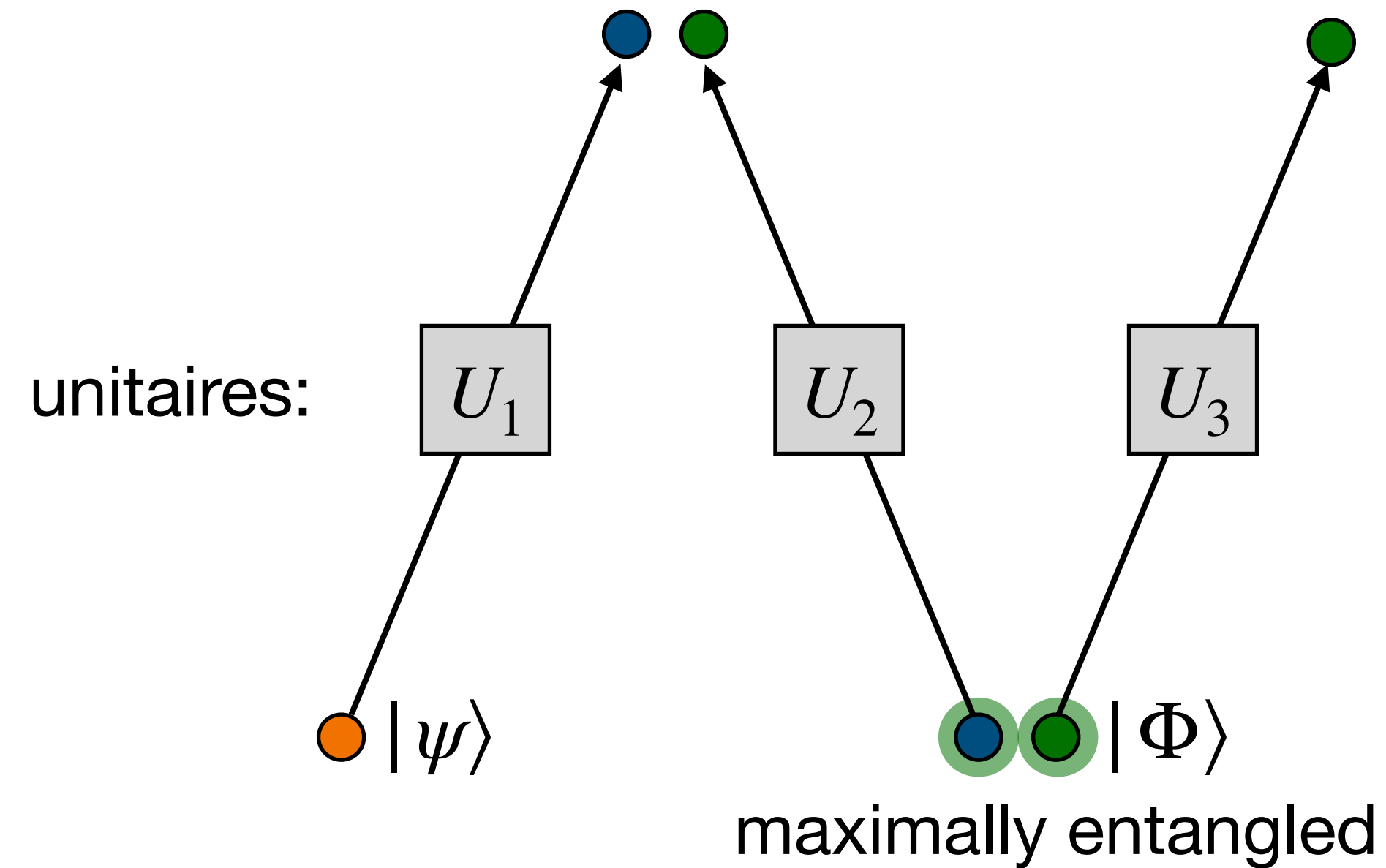


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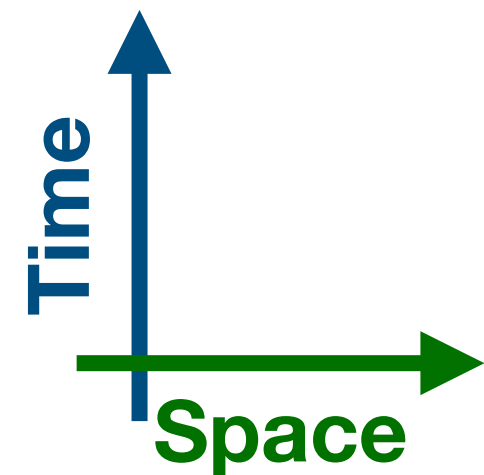
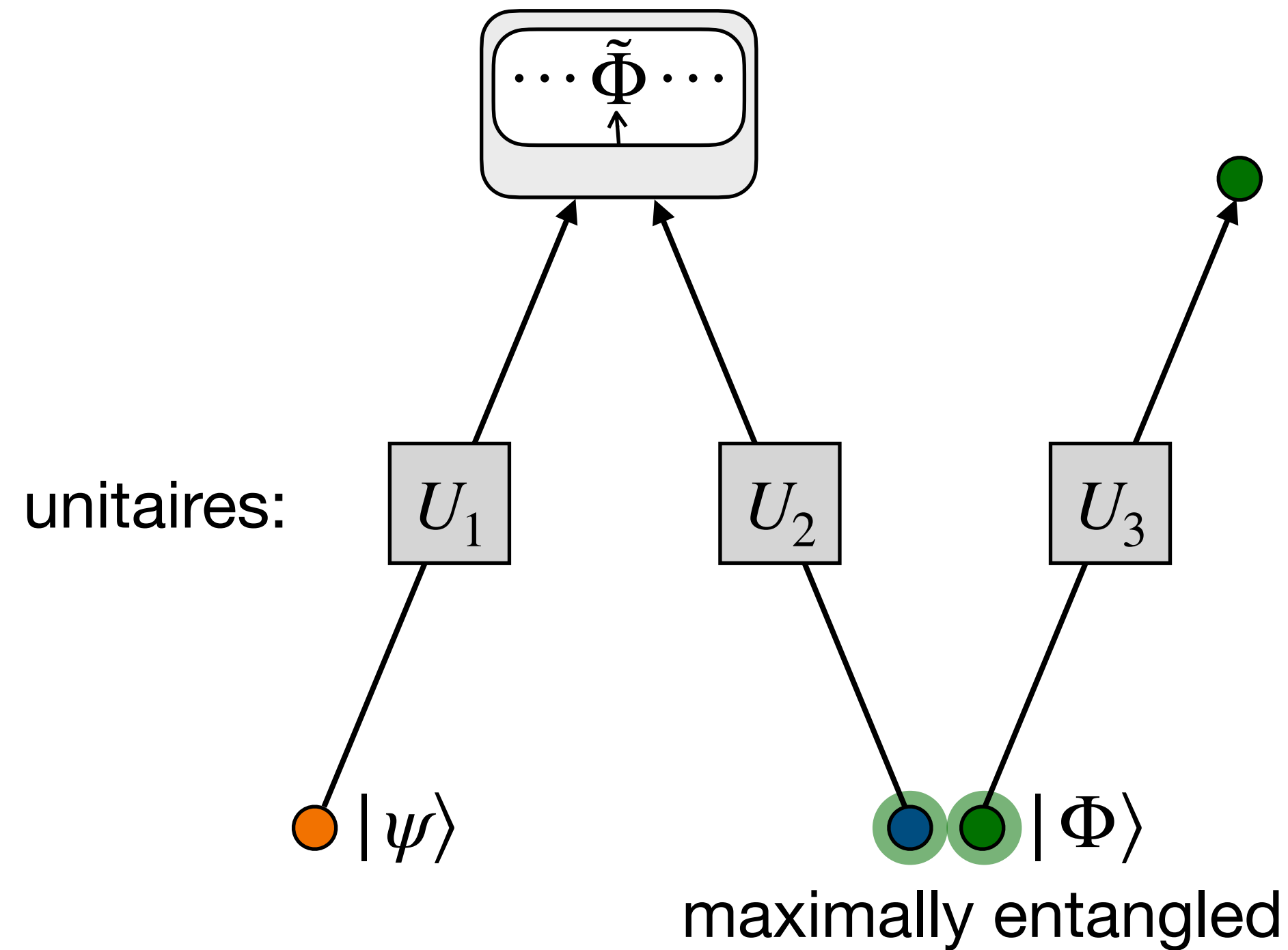
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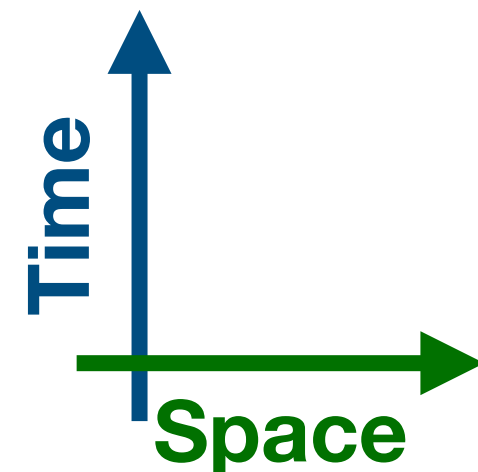
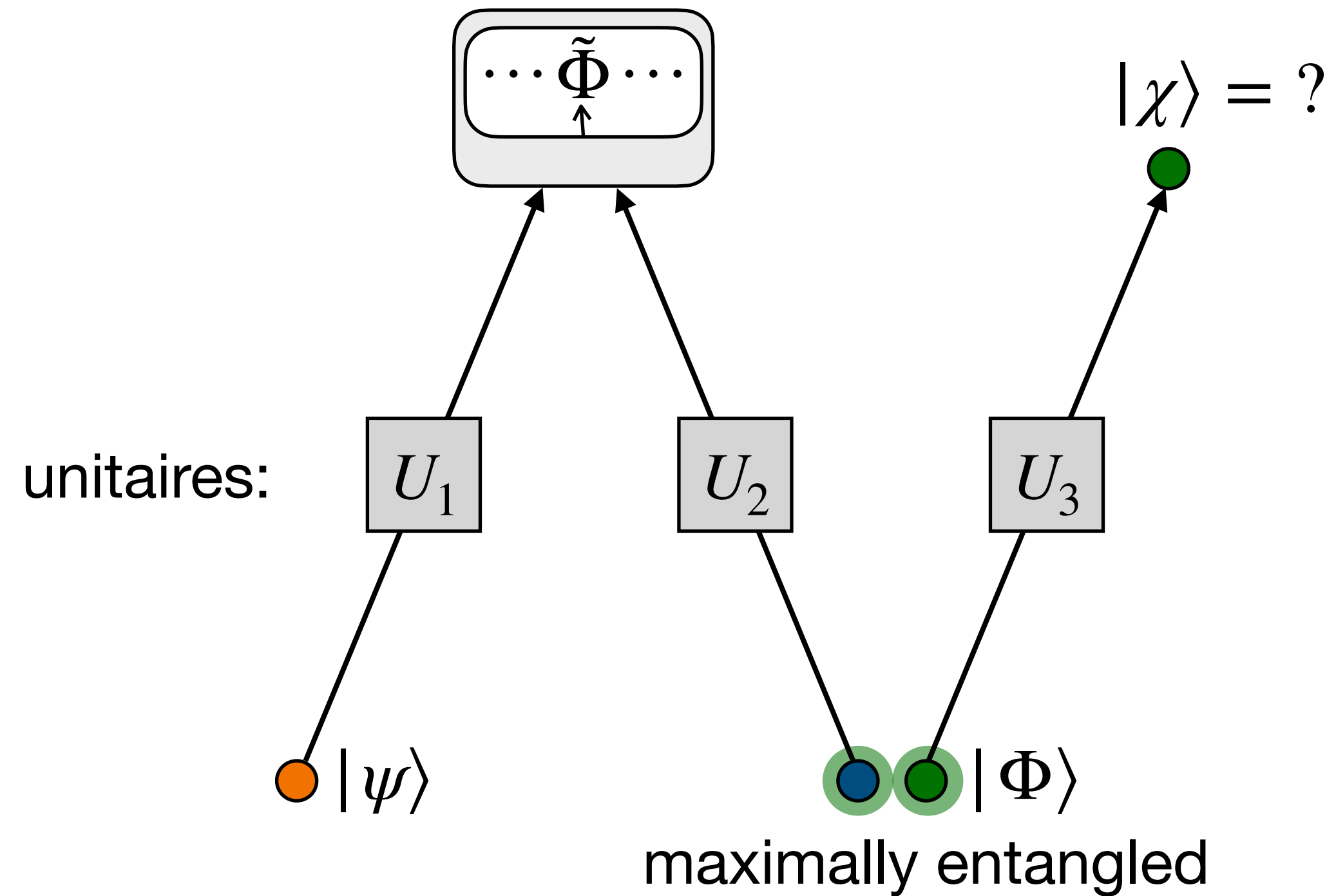
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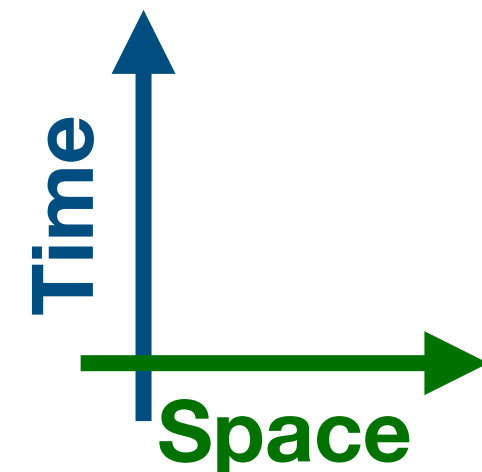
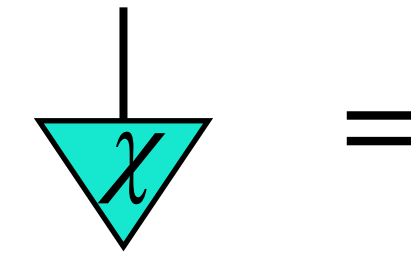
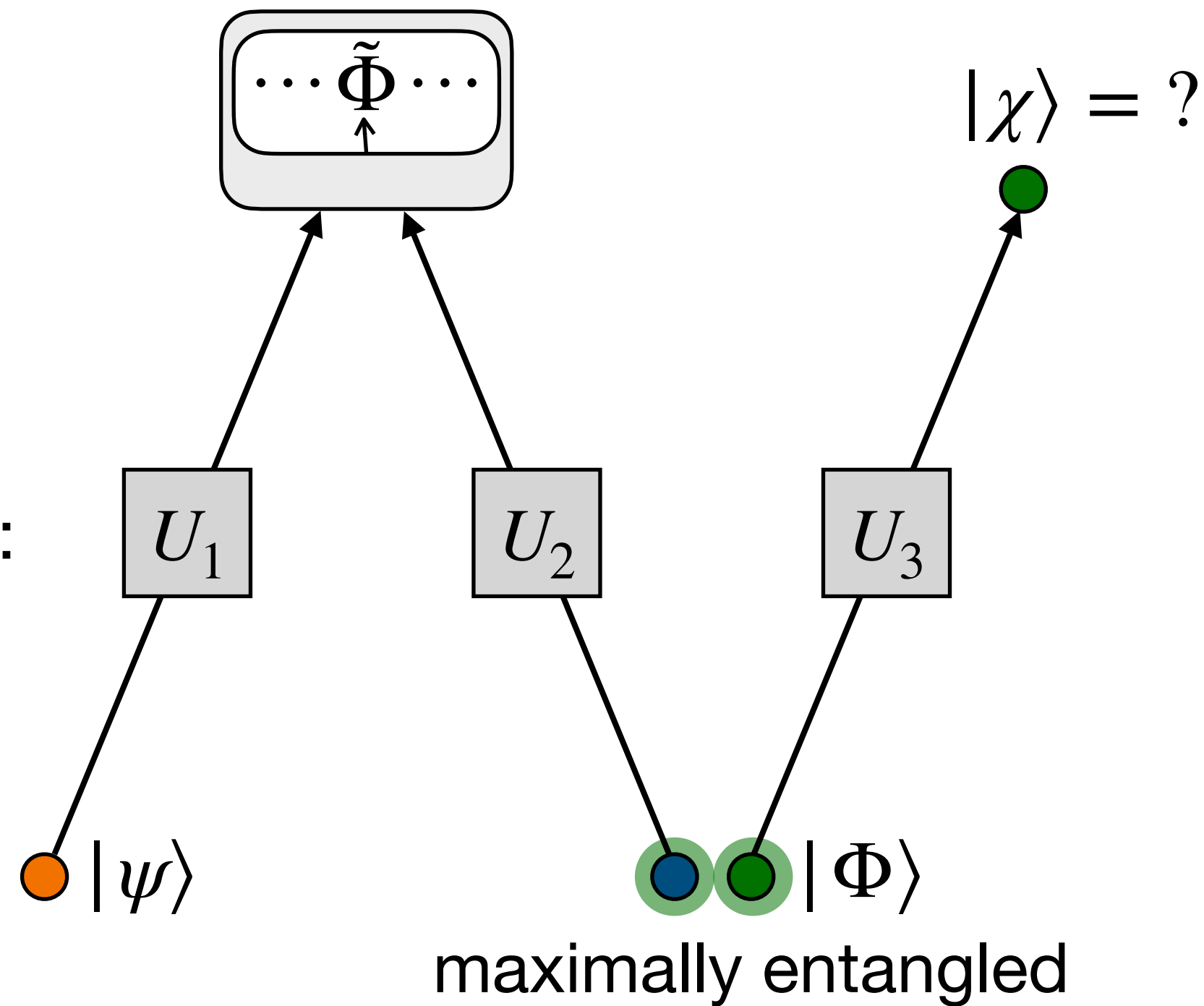
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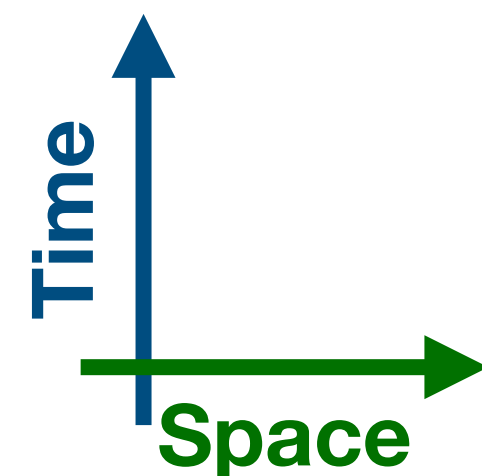
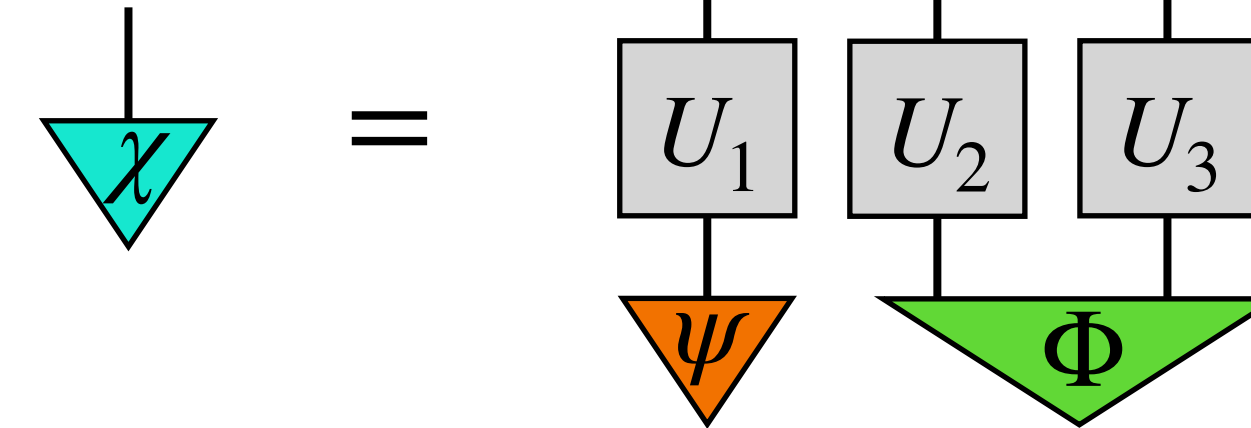
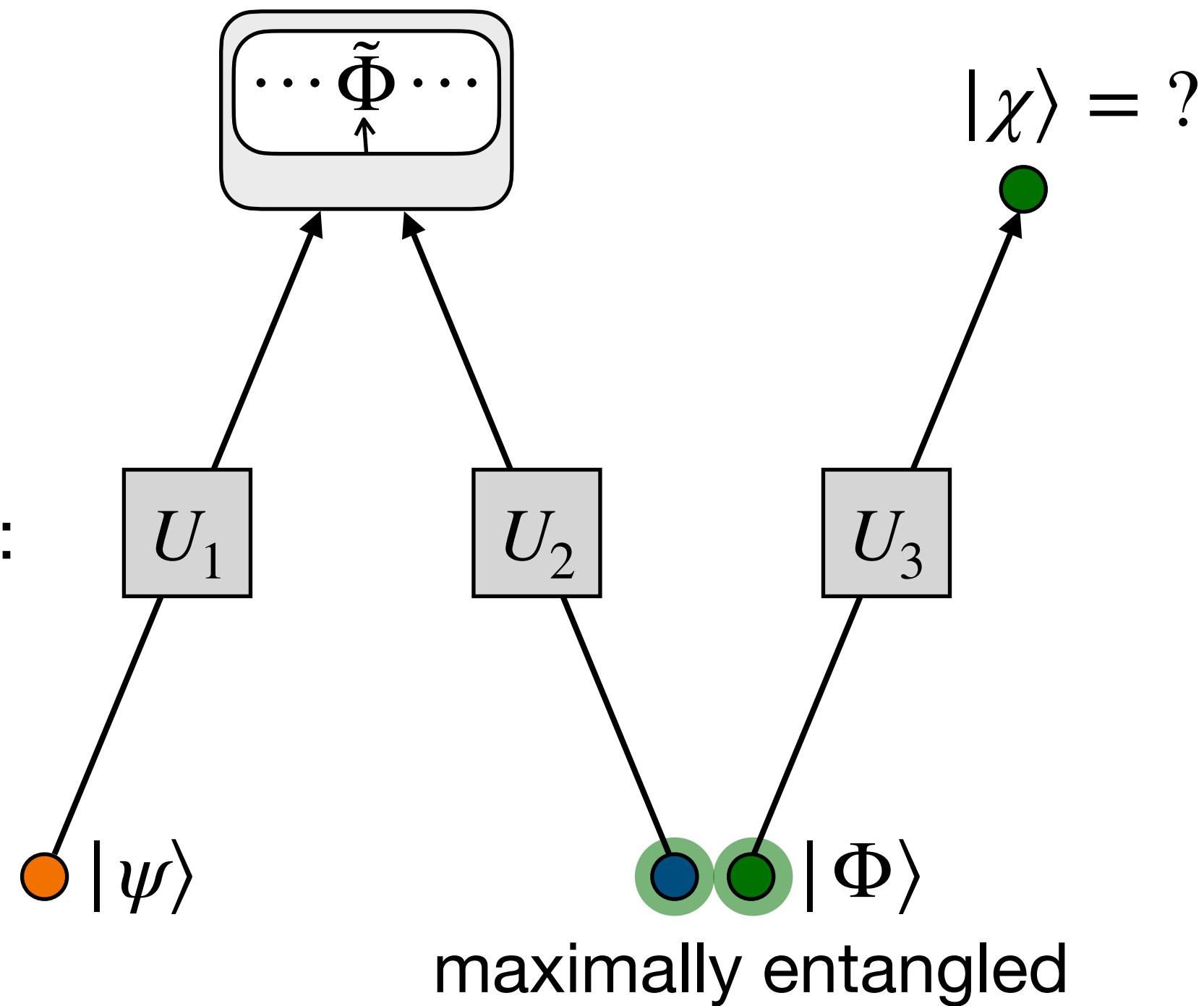
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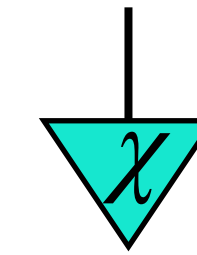
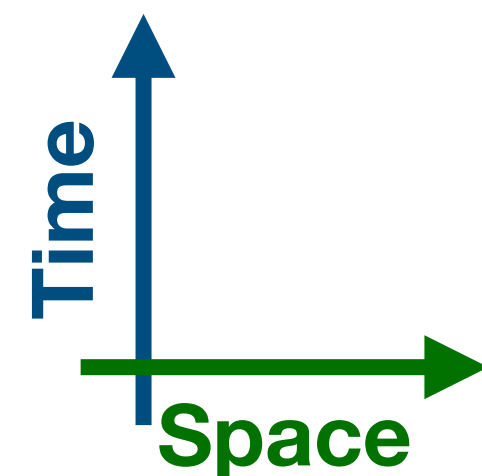
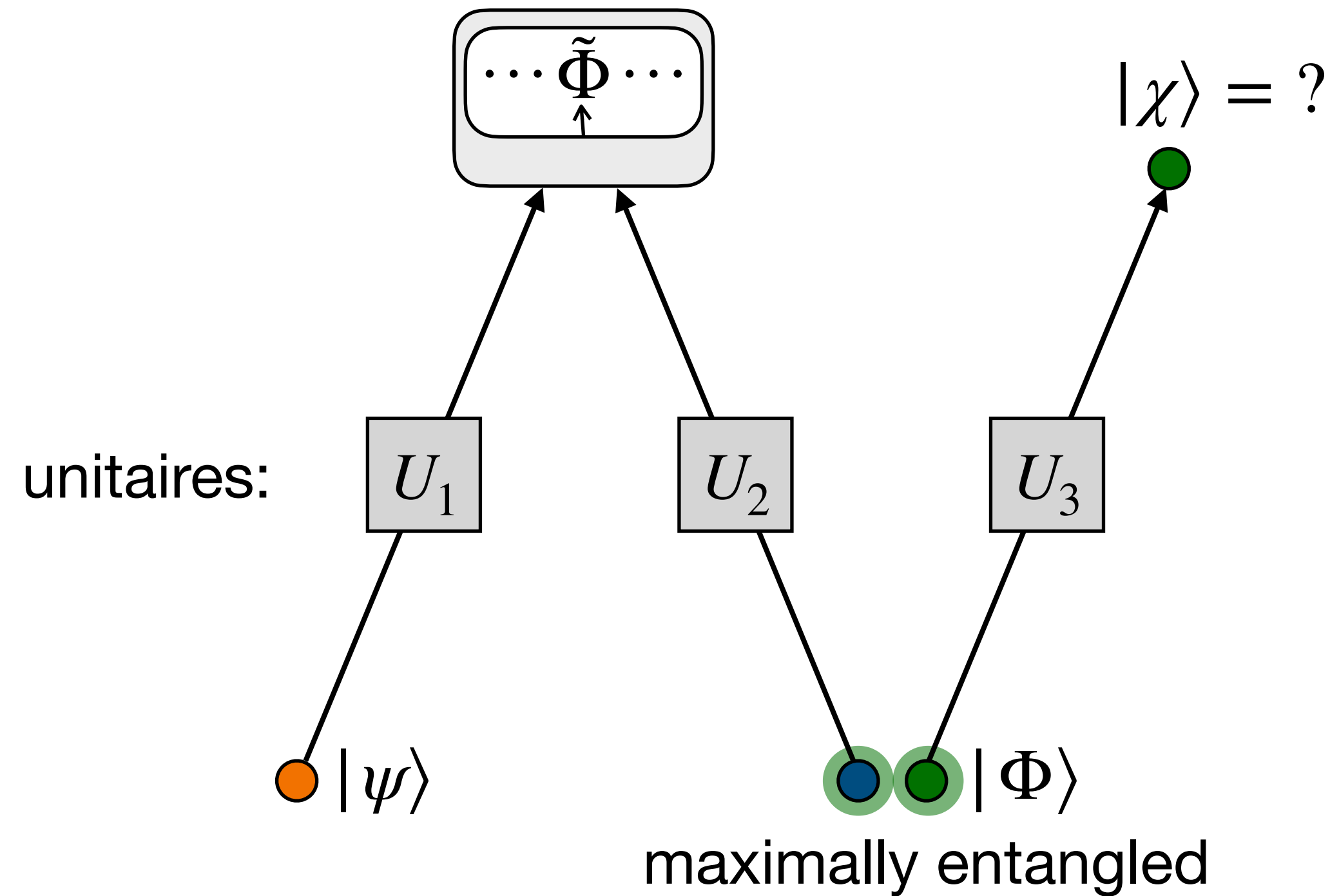
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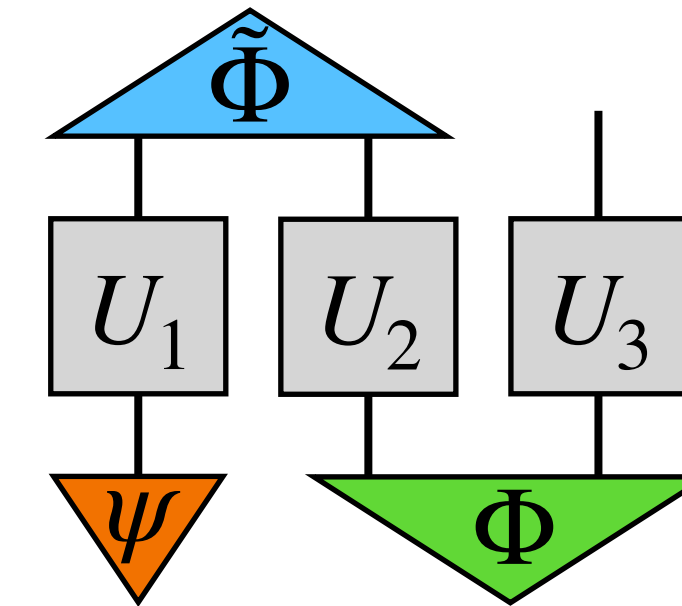
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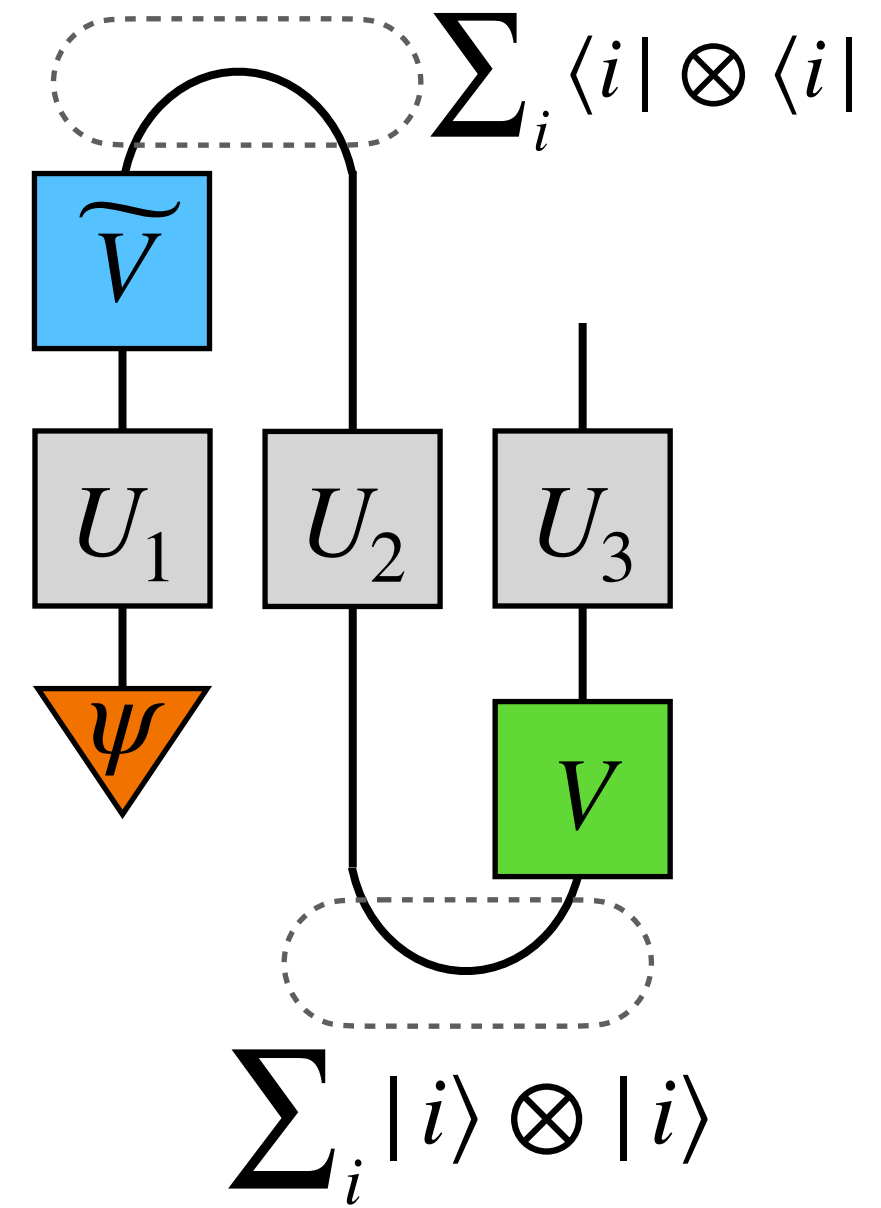
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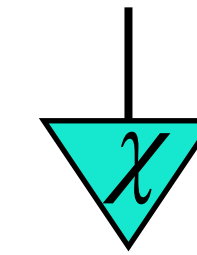
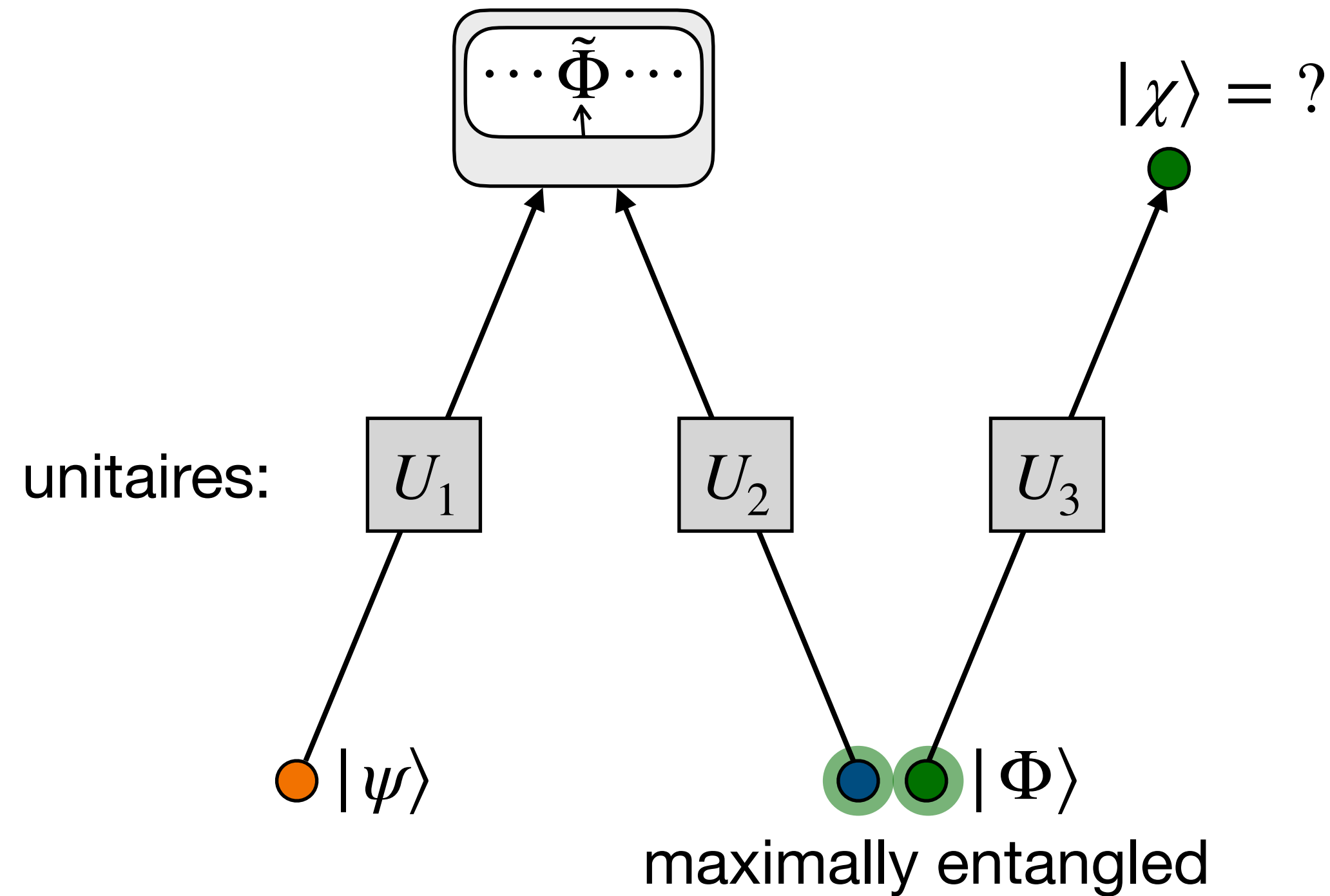
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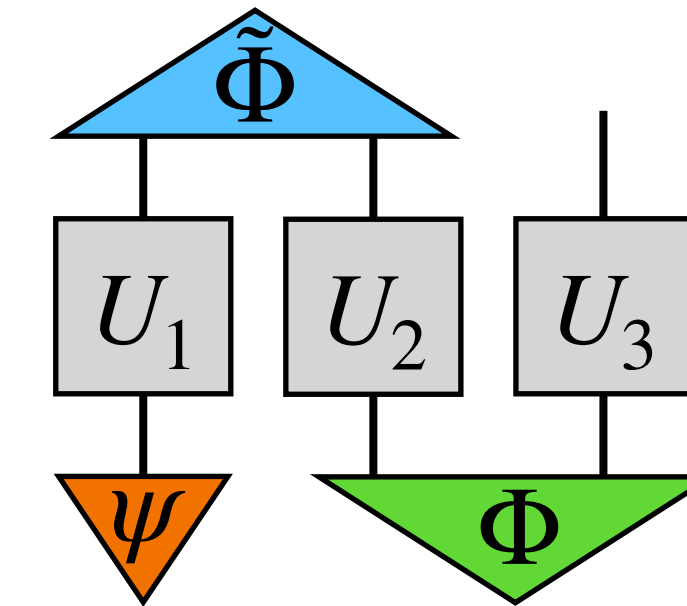
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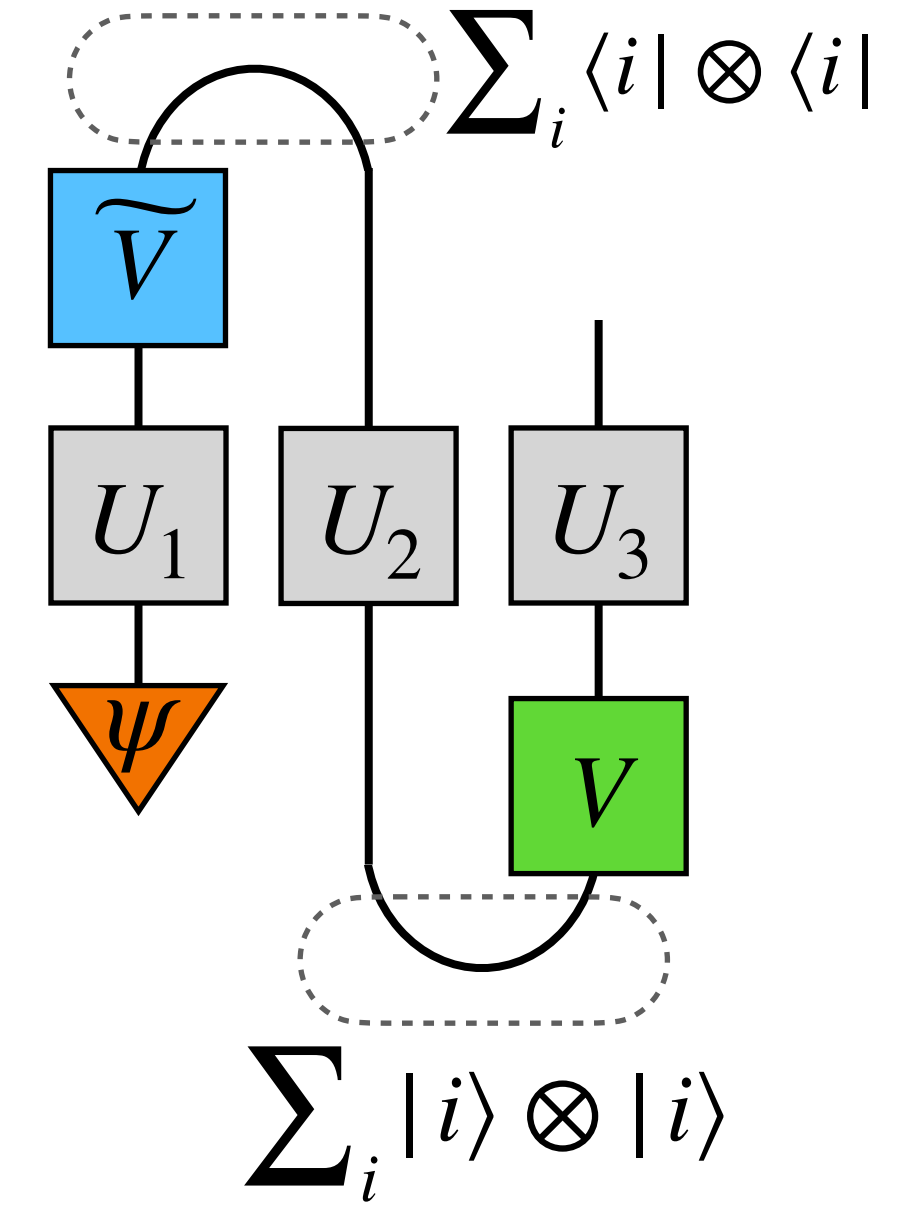
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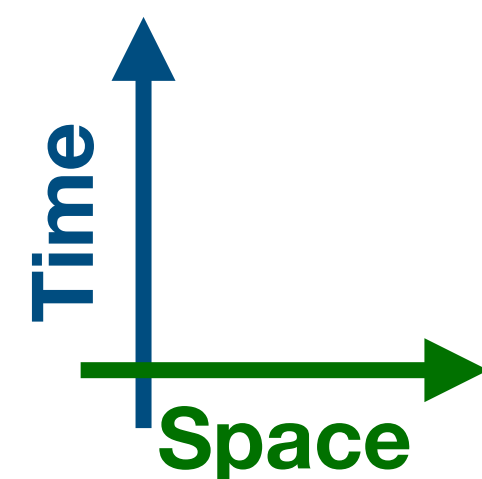
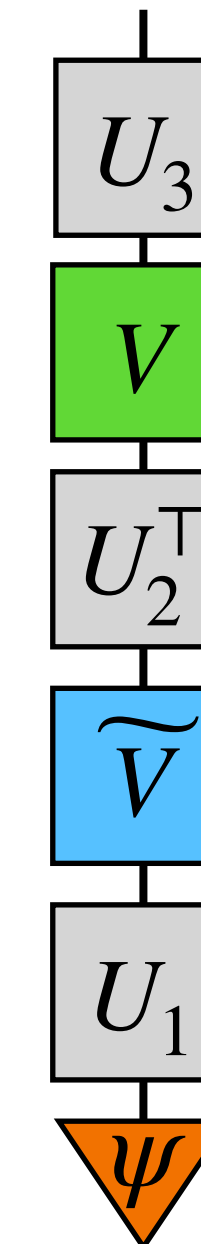
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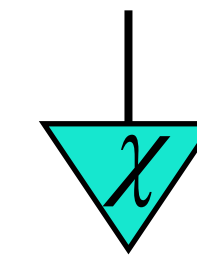
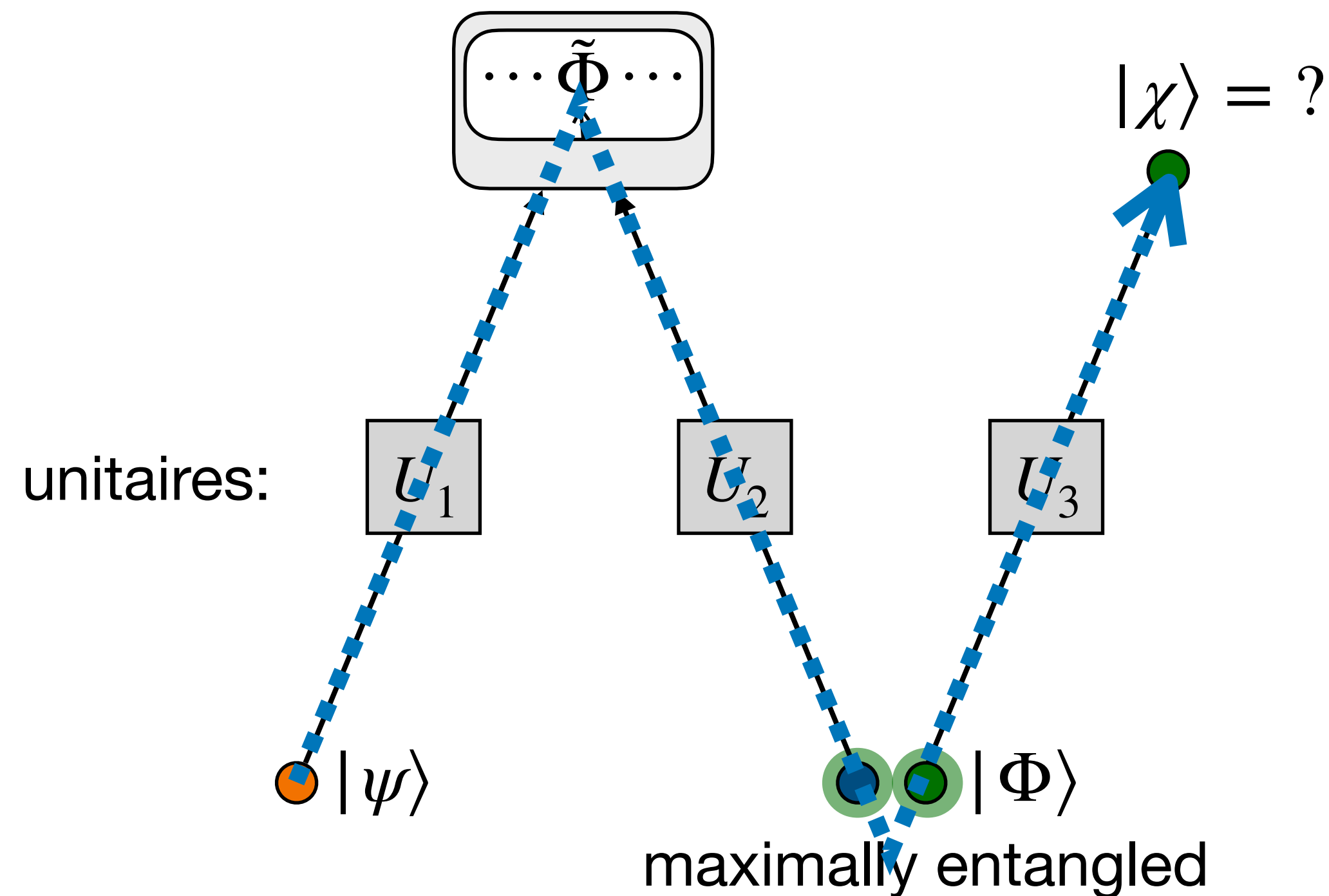
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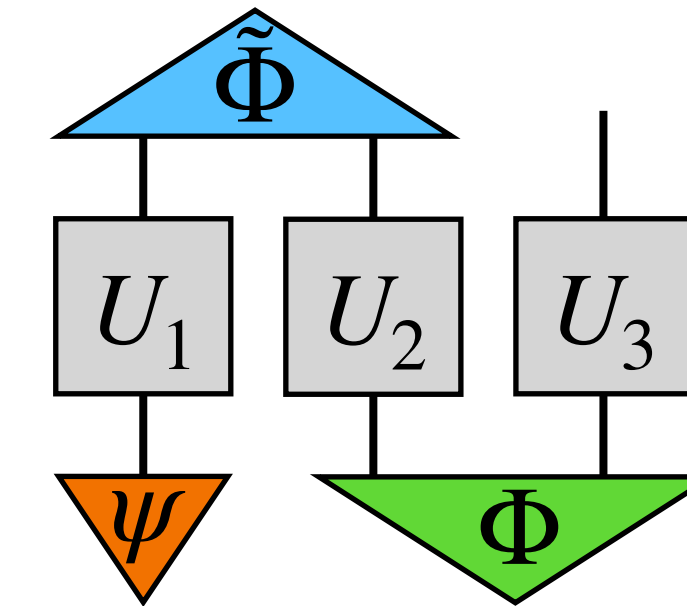
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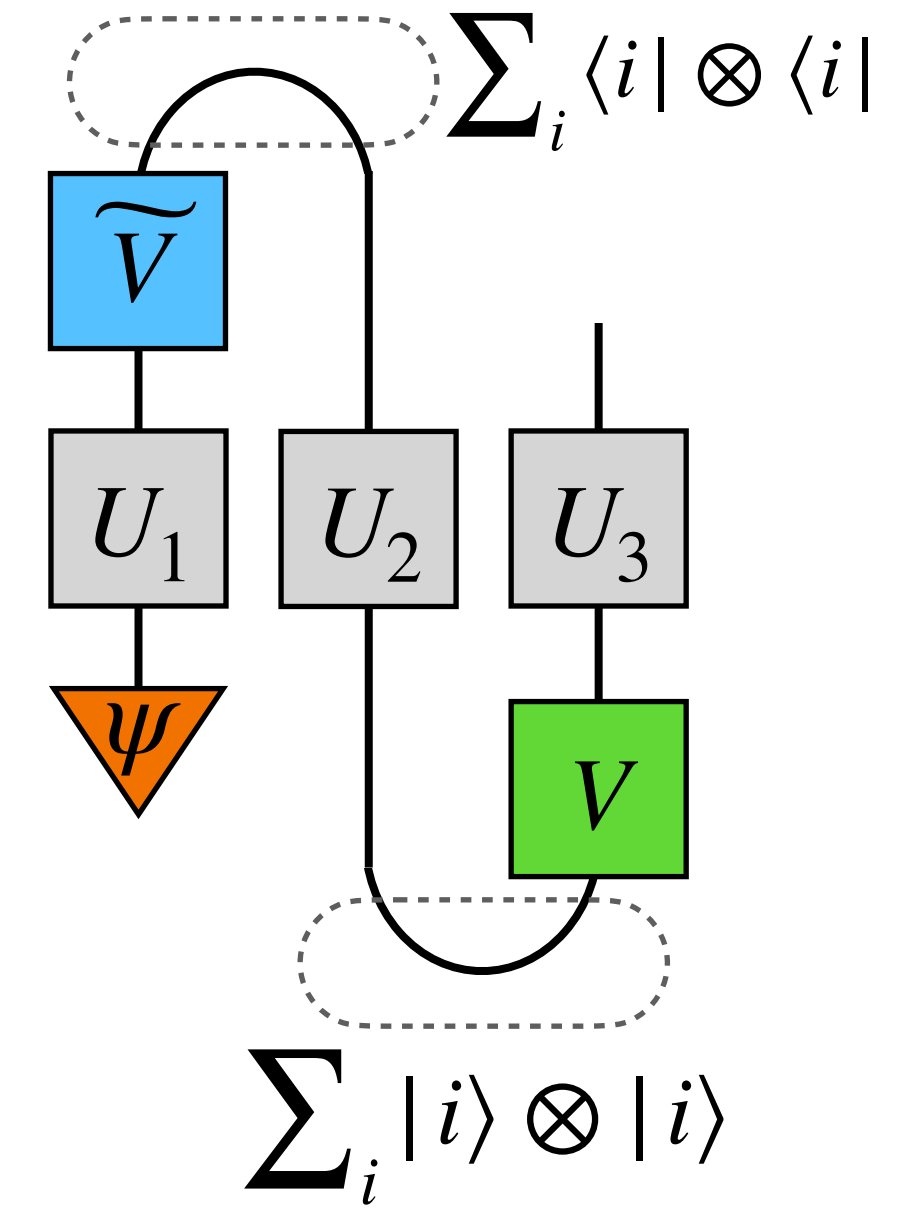
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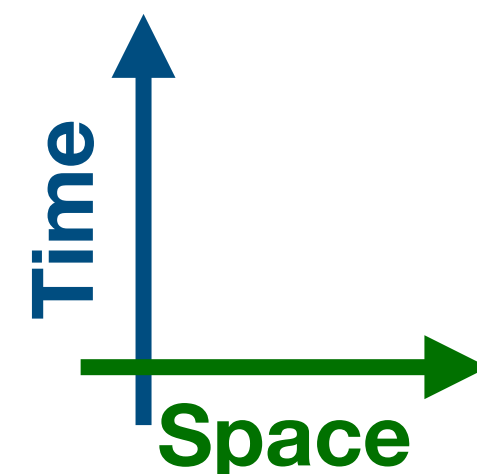
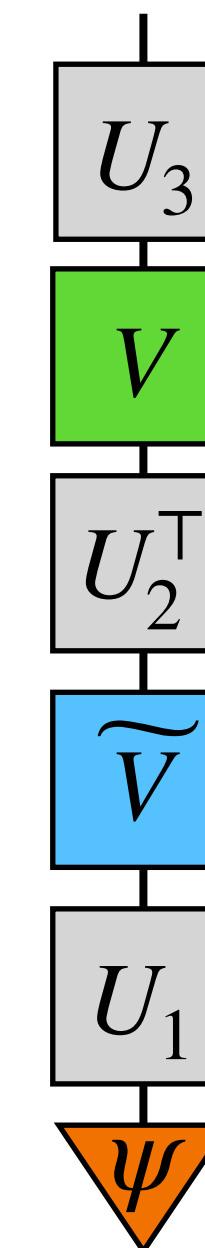
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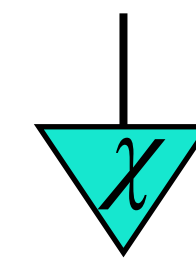
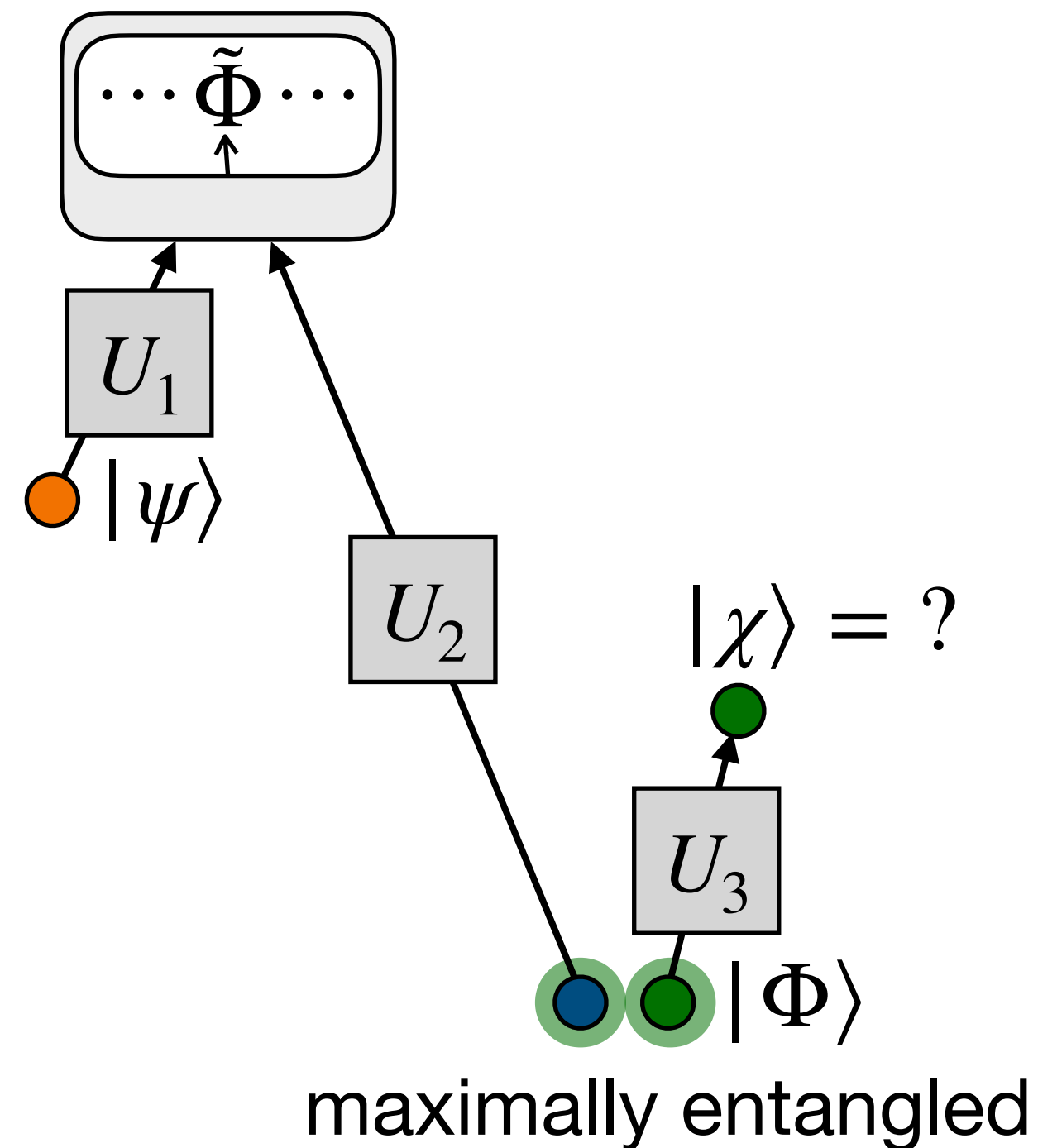
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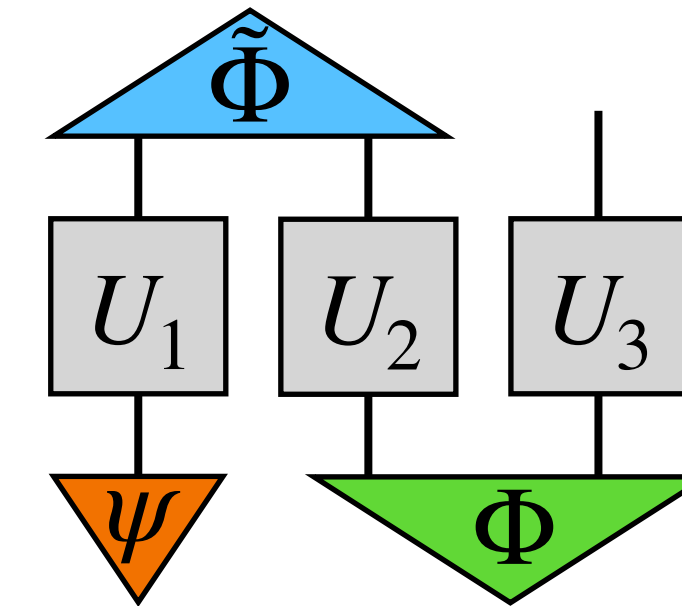
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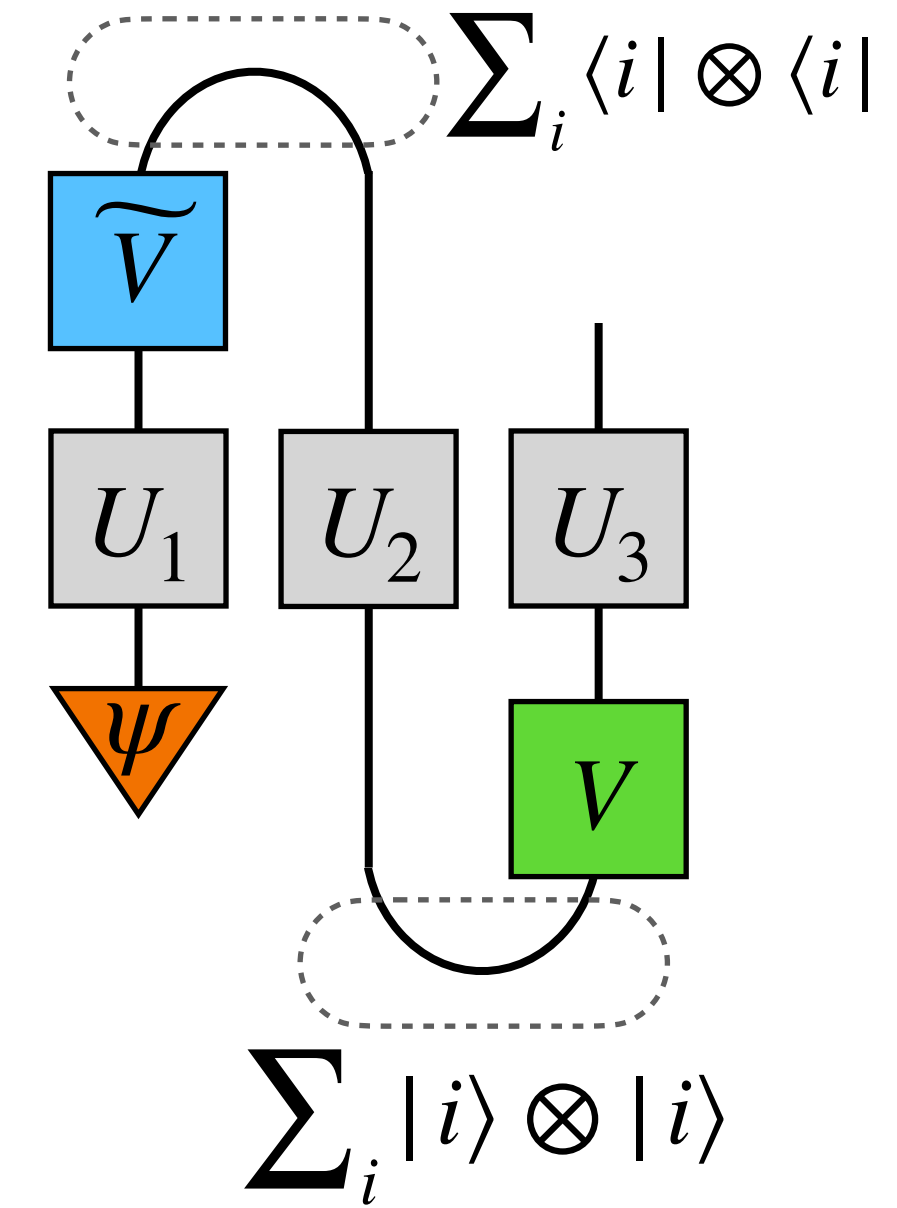
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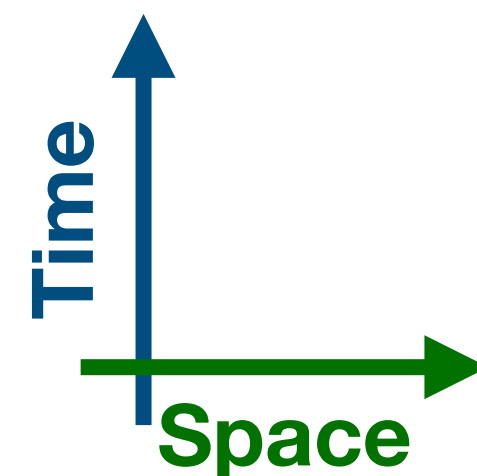
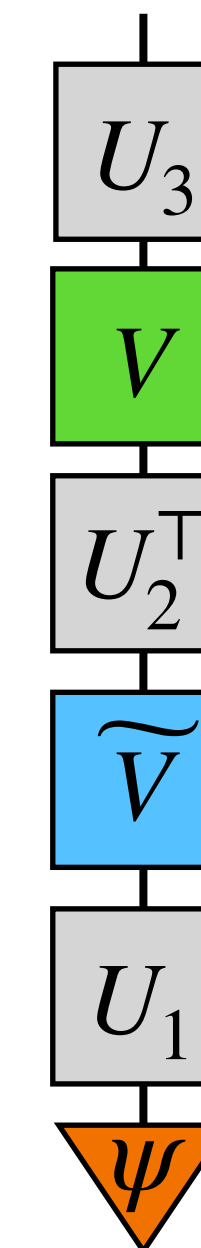
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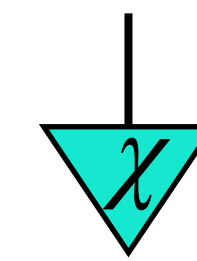
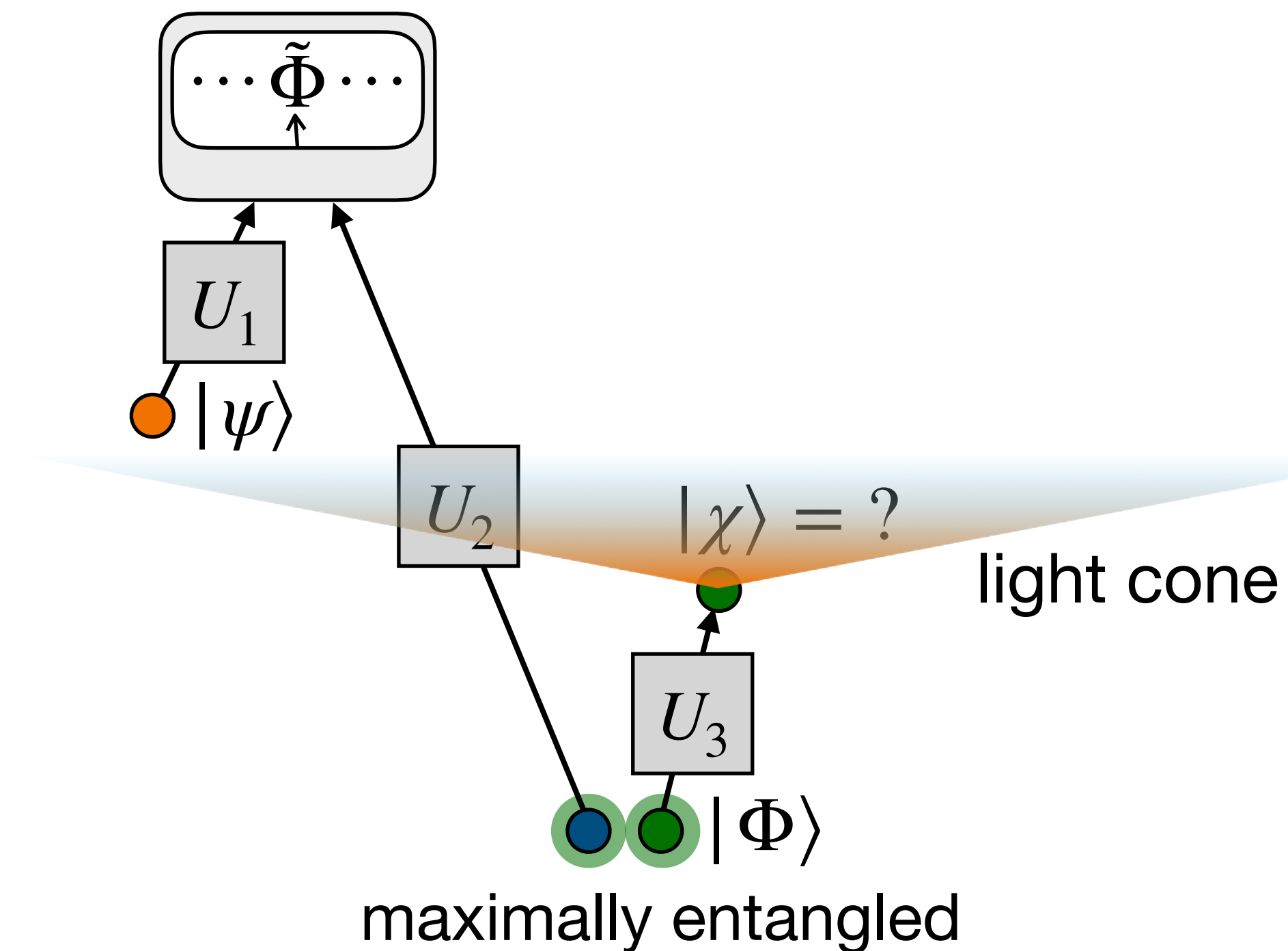
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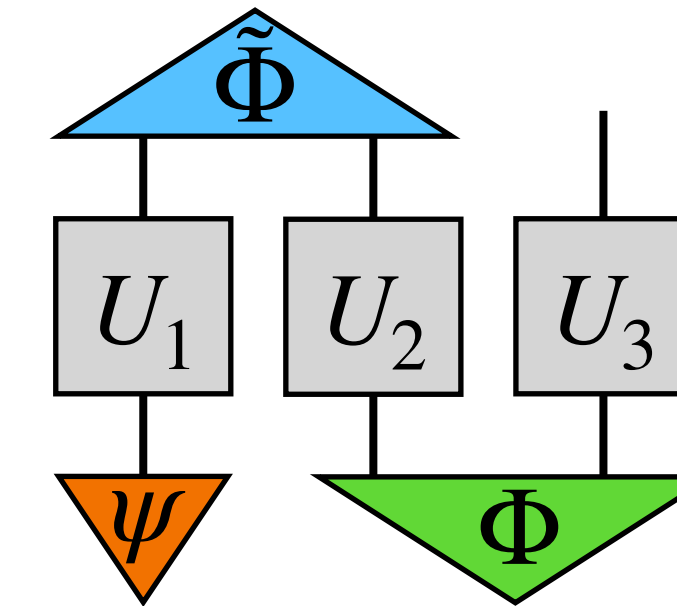
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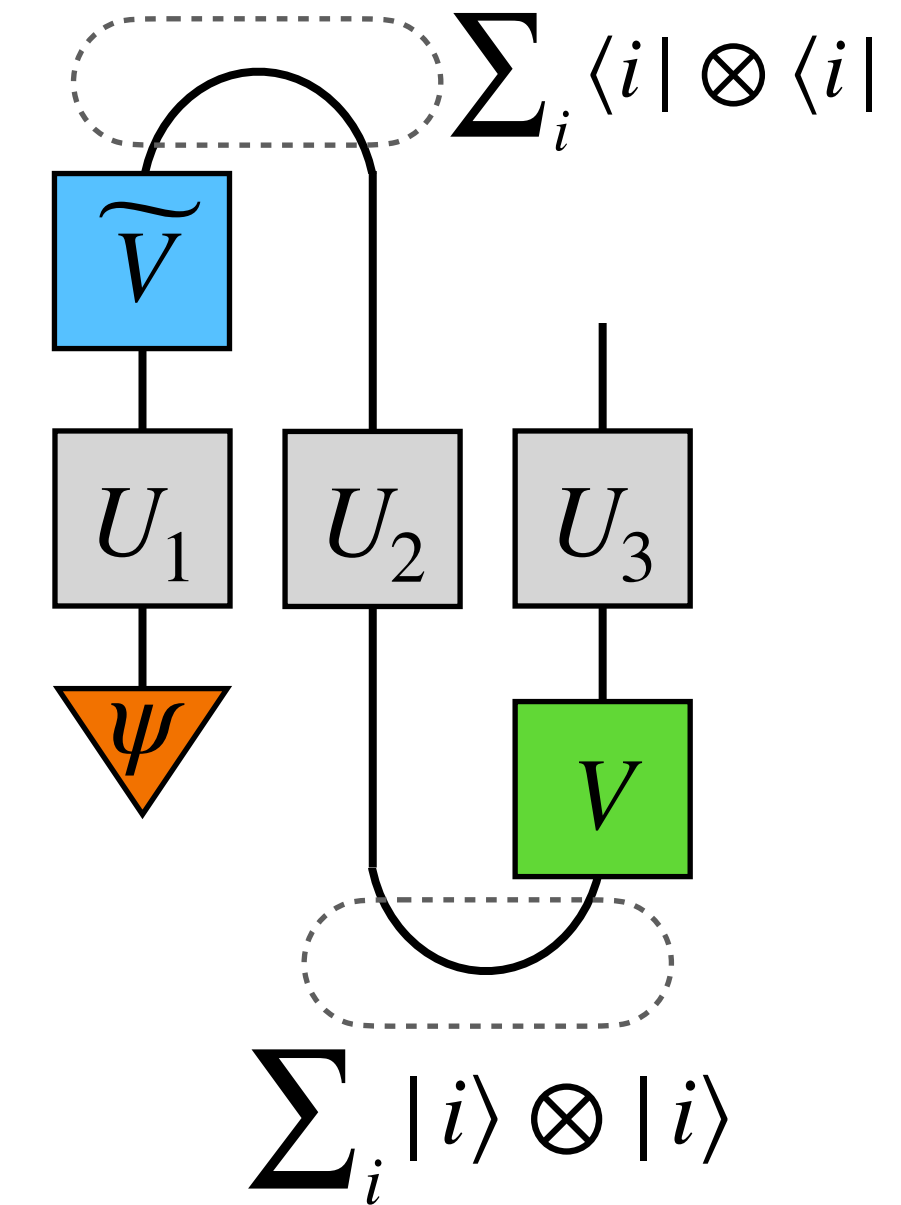
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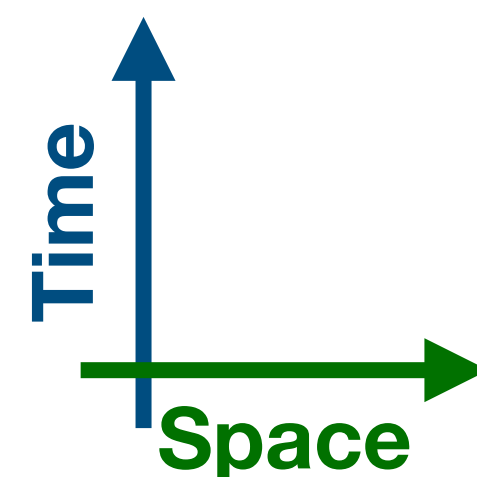
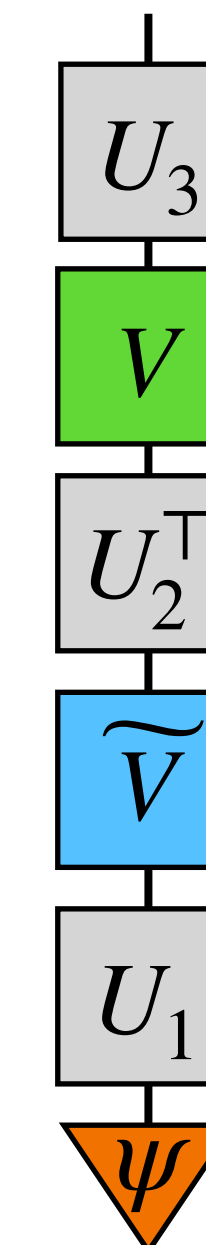
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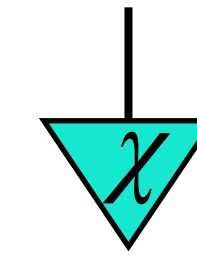
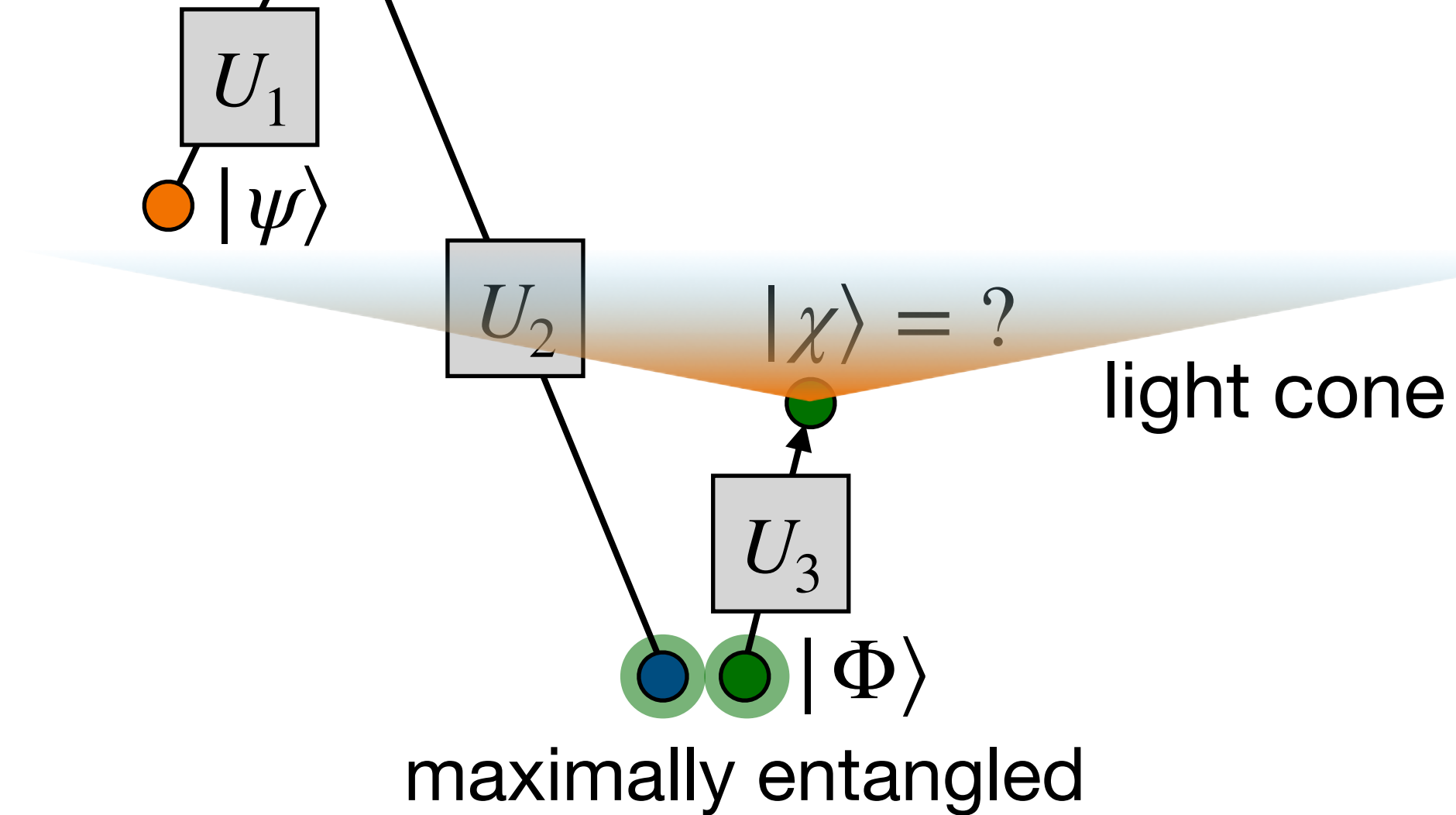
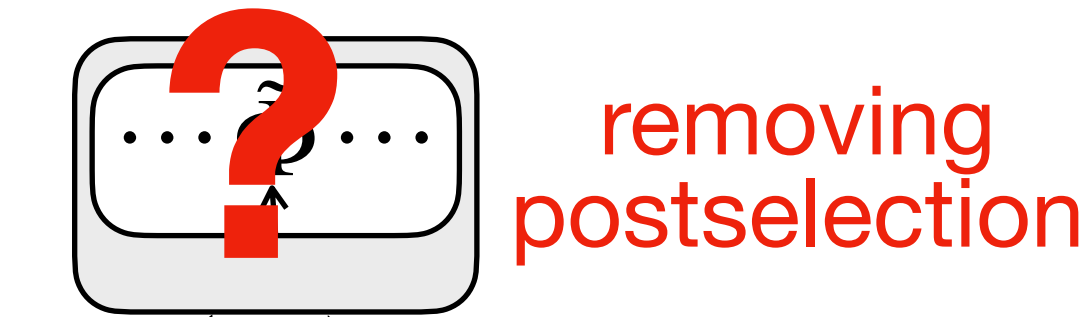
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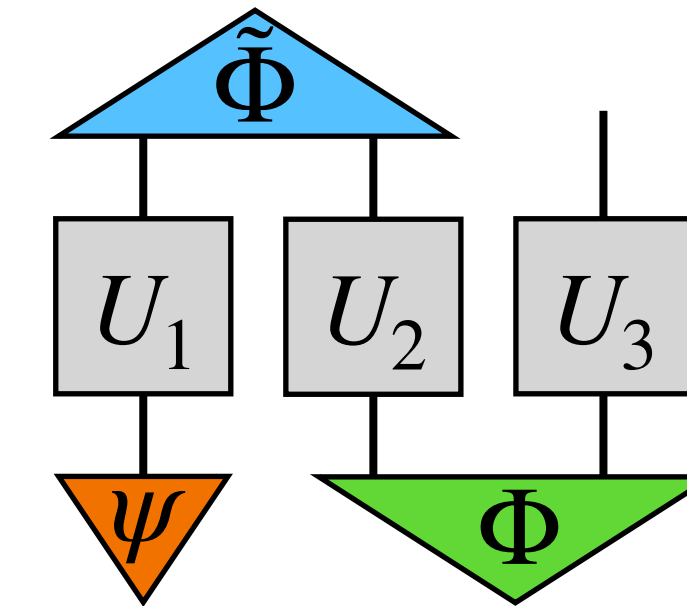
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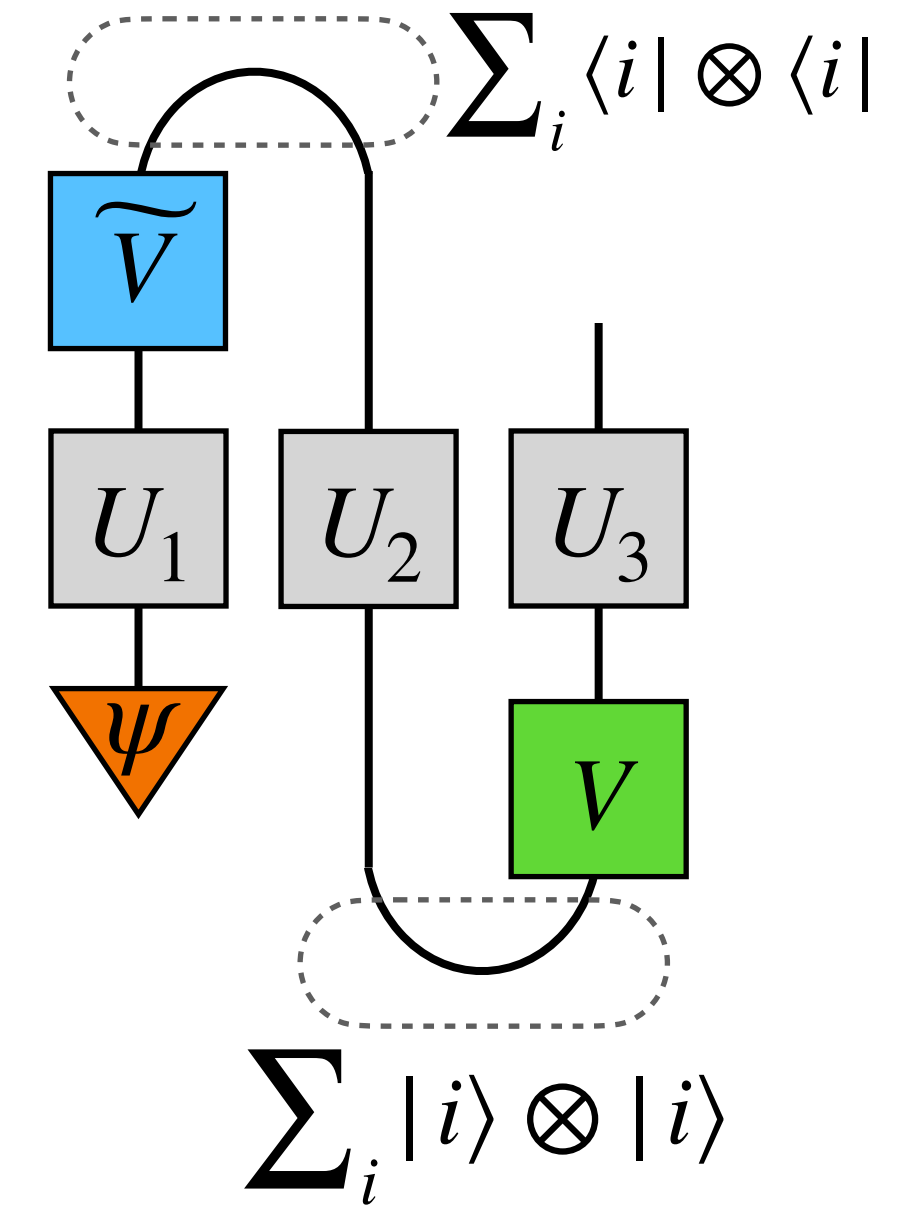
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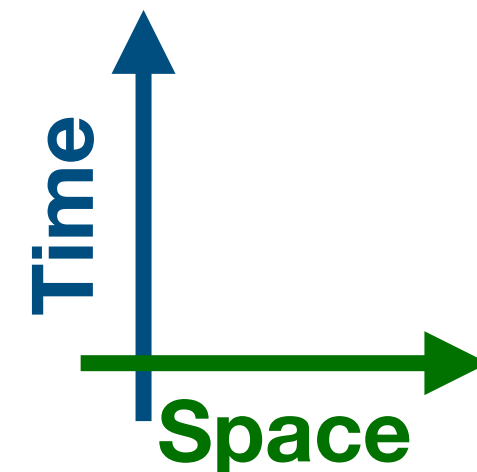
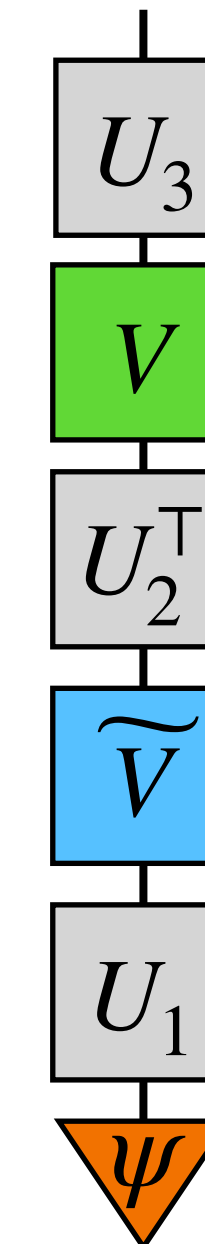
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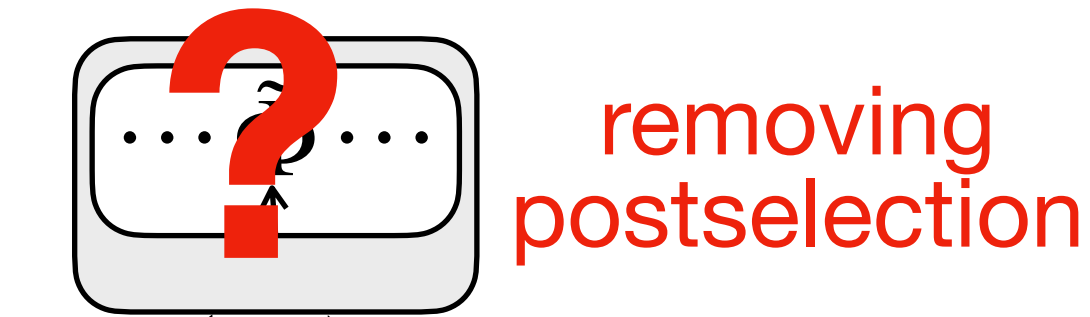
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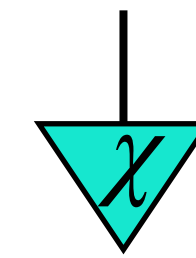
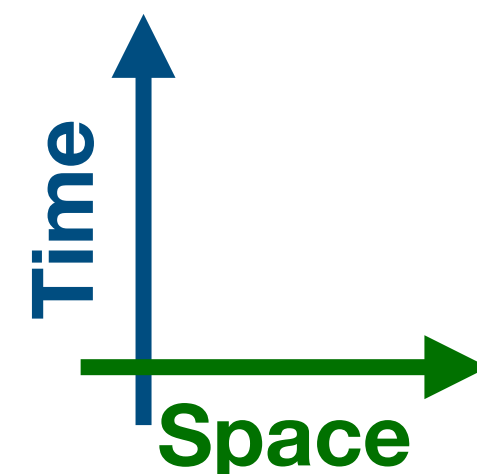
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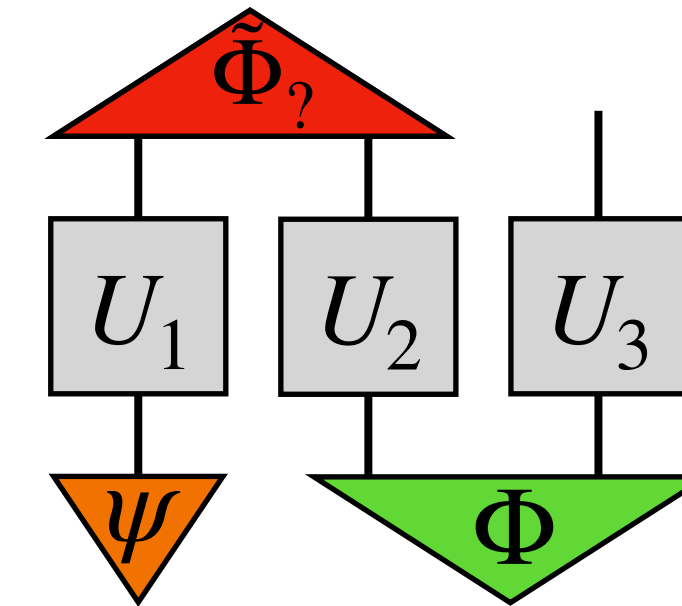
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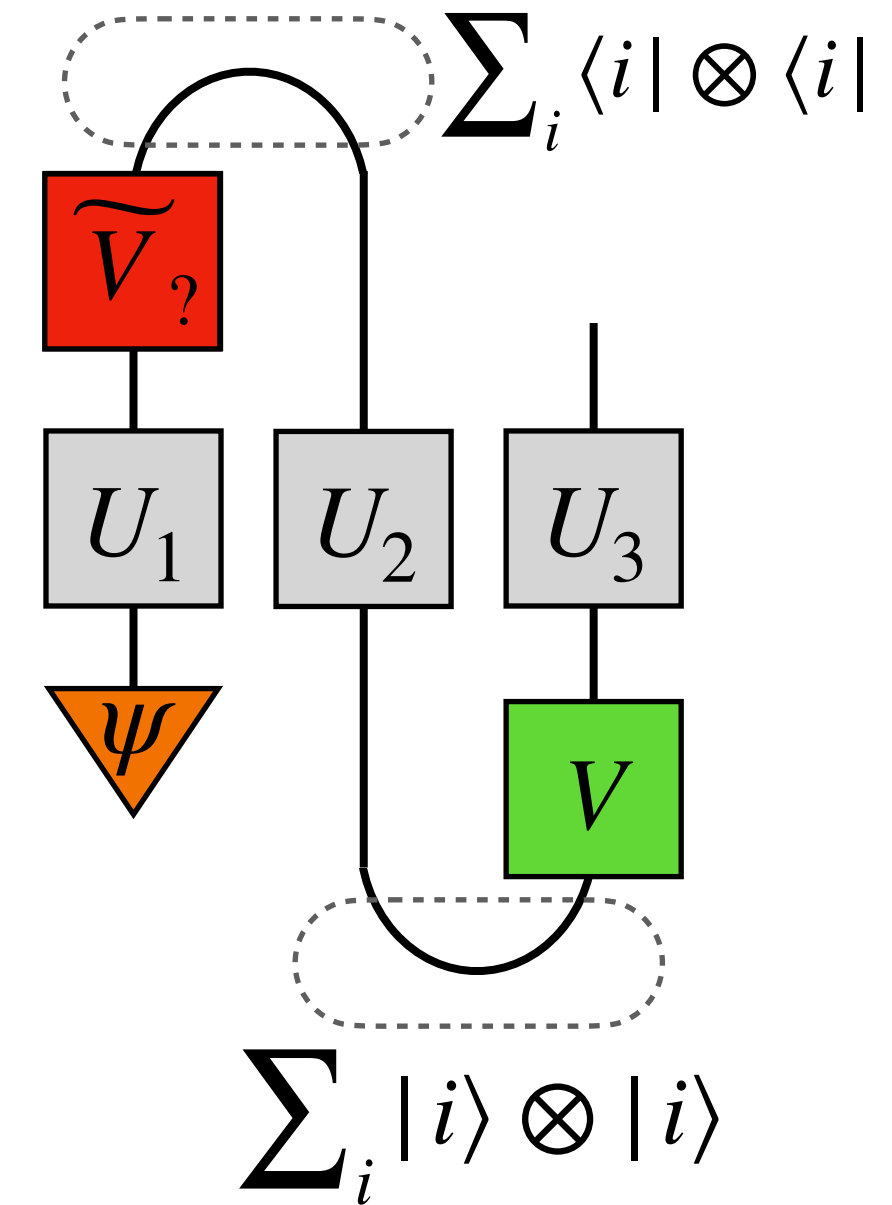
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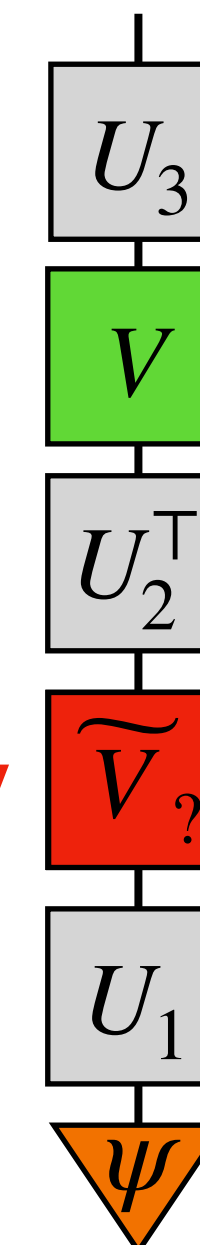


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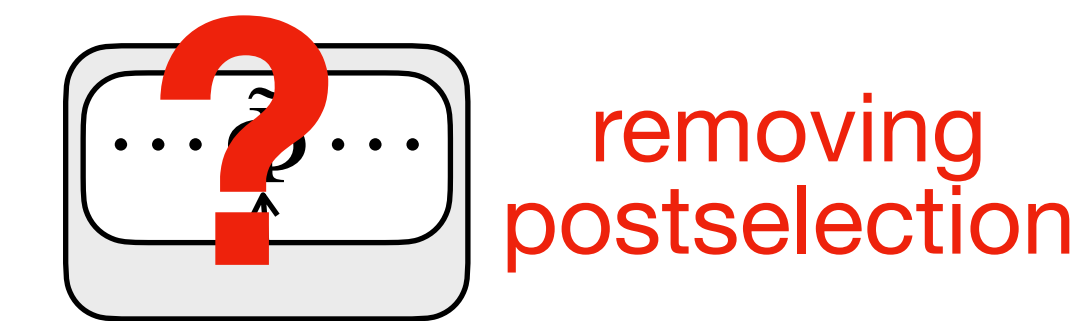
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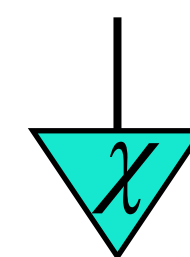
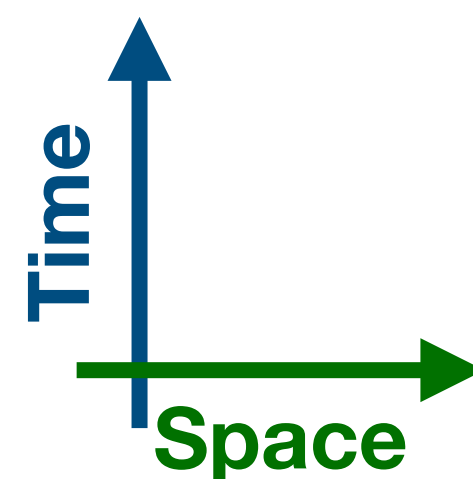
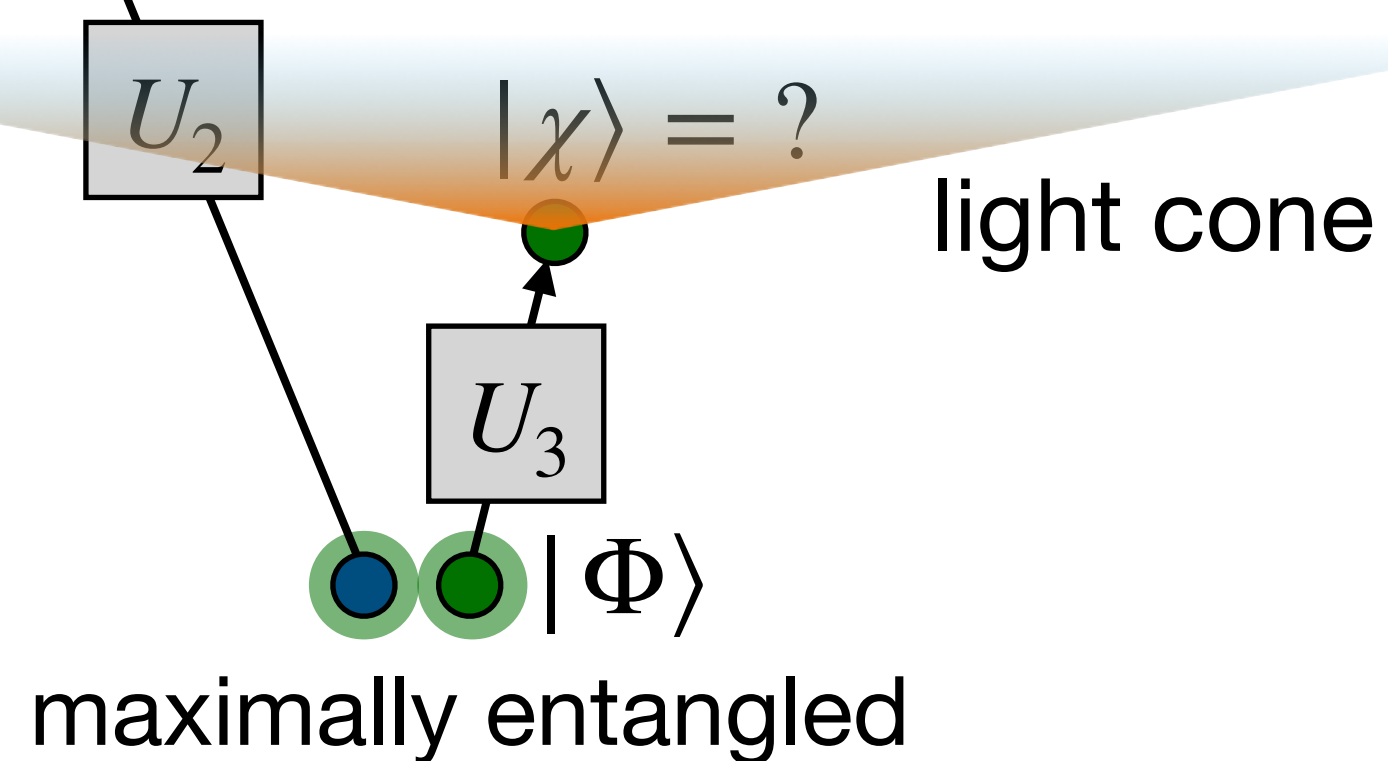
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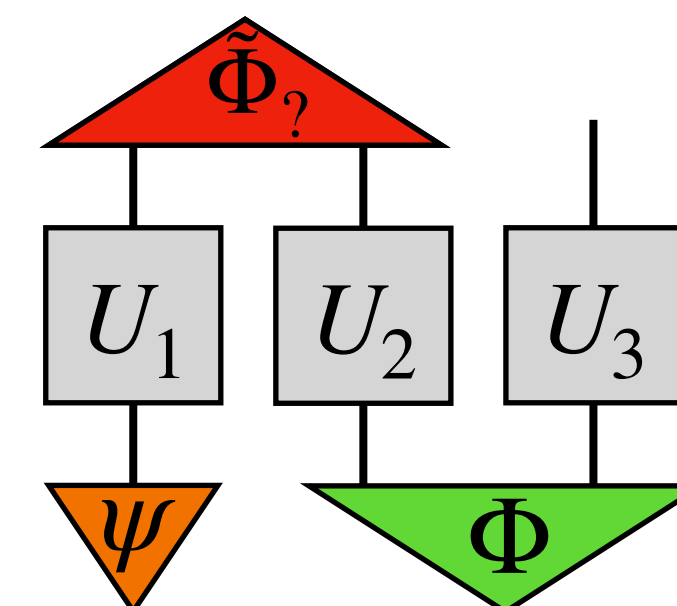
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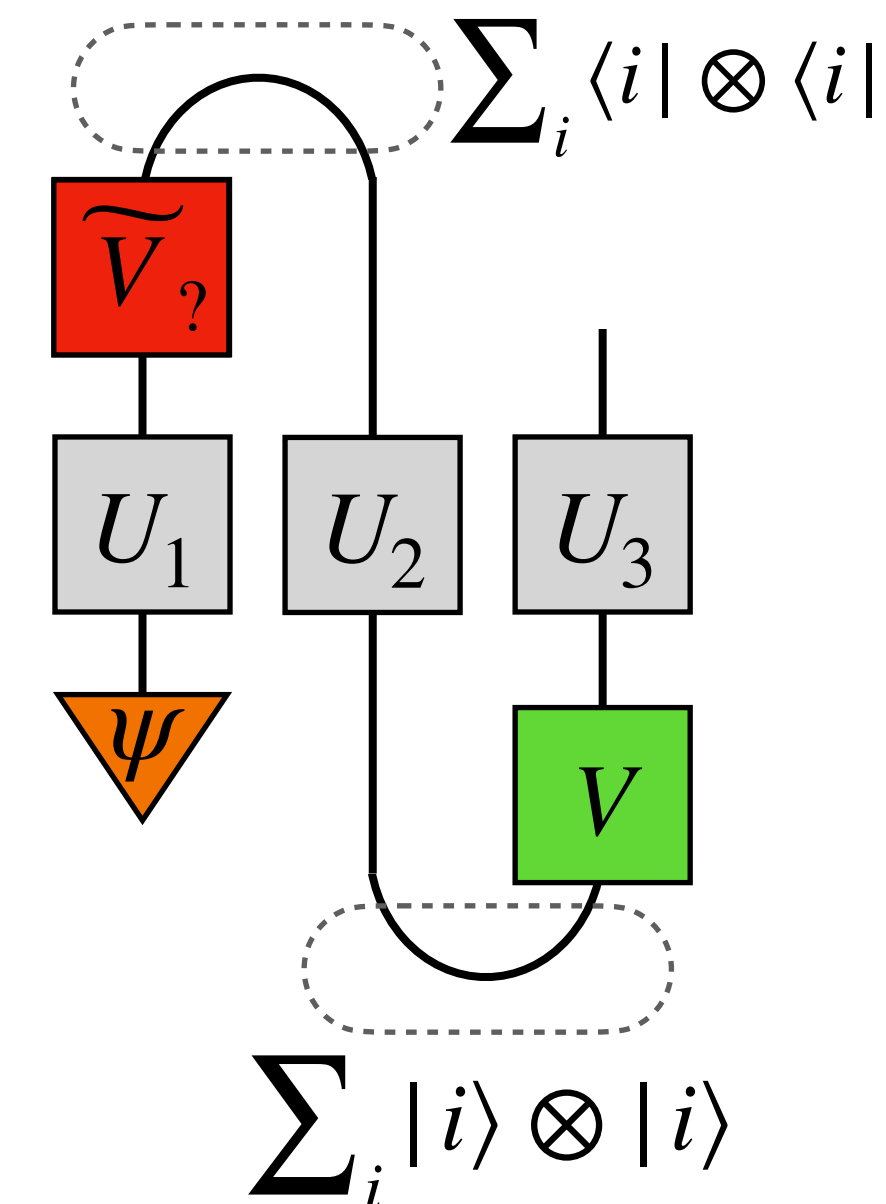
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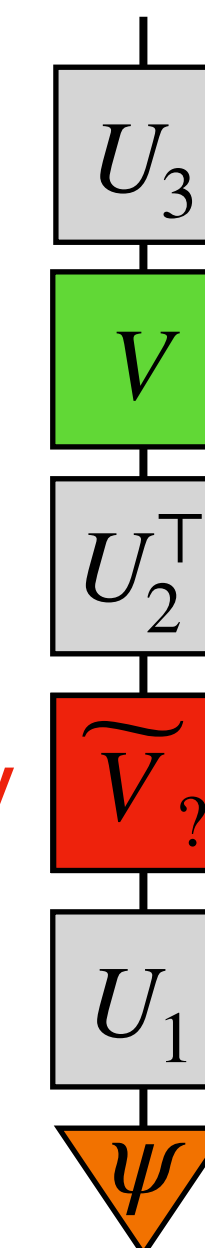
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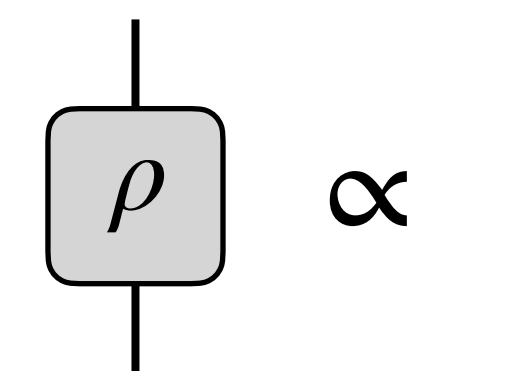


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