

# The Kirkwood-Dirac Distribution and Quantum Metrology

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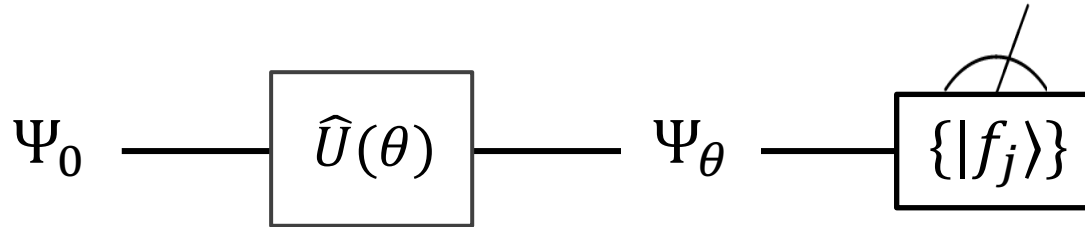


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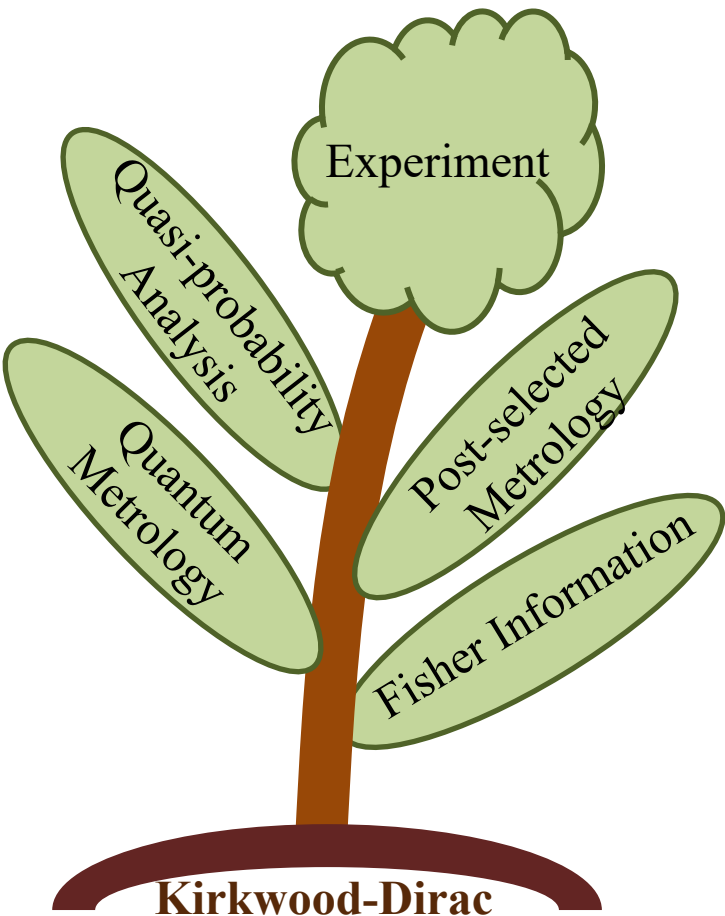
## Metrology

*The scientific study of Measurements and Estimation.*

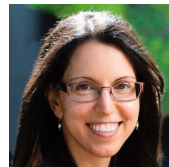


Ability to guess  $\theta$  depends on a Kirkwood-Dirac distribution.





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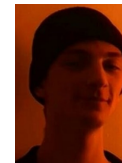
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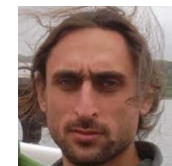
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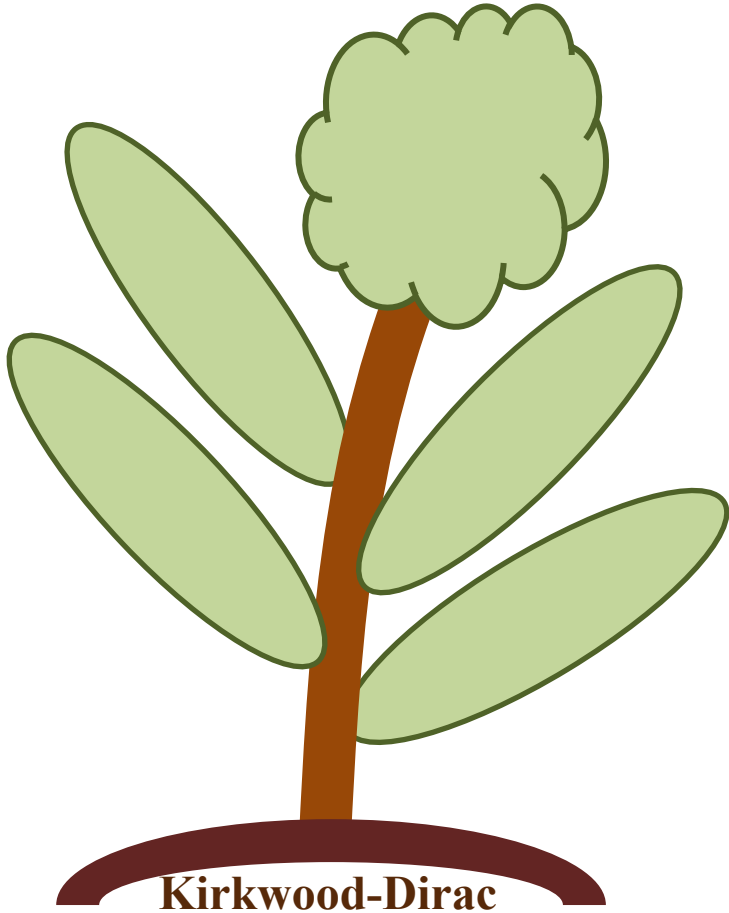


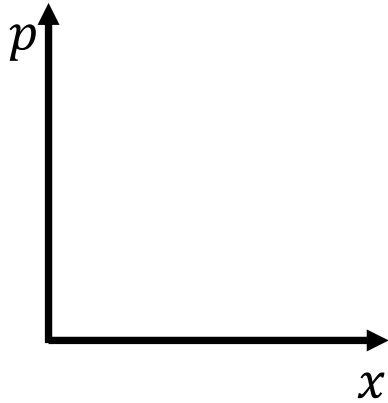
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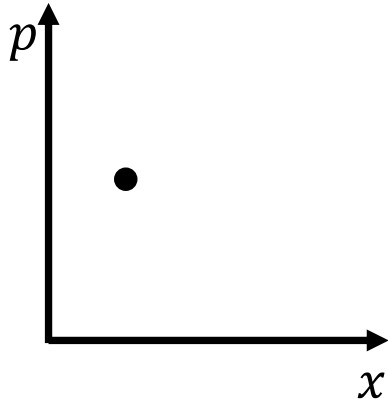
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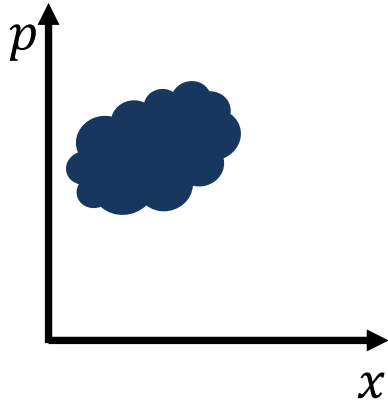


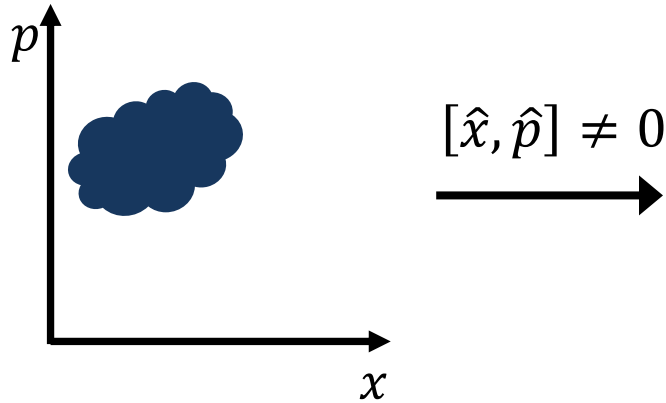


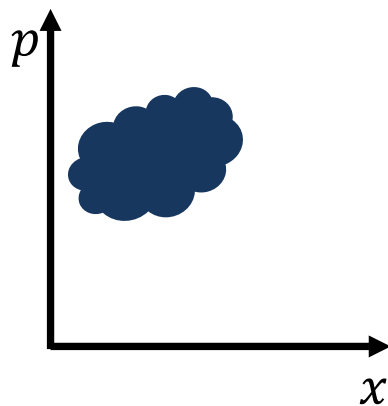




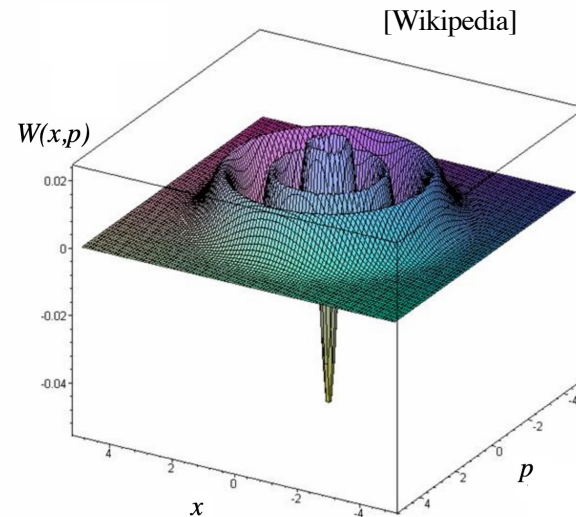








$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] \neq 0$$





Kirkwood-Dirac Distribution

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Other (less elegant) functions satisfy the conditions.  
What extra conditions would uniquely determine  $Q$ ?



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## Conditions tighter than noncommutation needed for nonclassicality

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[or Stephan's superior article]



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## Scrambling/out-of-time-ordered correlators:

### **Out-of-Time-Ordered-Correlator Quasiprobabilities Robustly Witness Scrambling**

José Raúl González Alonso,<sup>1,\*</sup> Nicole Yunger Halpern,<sup>2</sup> and Justin Dressel<sup>1,3</sup>

Entropic uncertainty relations for quantum information scrambling

Nicole Yunger Halpern<sup>1,2,5</sup>, Anthony Bartolotta<sup>3</sup> & Jason Pollack<sup>4</sup>

### **The quasiprobability behind the out-of-time-ordered correlator**

Nicole Yunger Halpern,<sup>1</sup> Brian Swingle,<sup>2,3,4</sup> and Justin Dressel<sup>5,6</sup>

### **Optimizing measurement strengths for qubit quasiprobabilities behind out-of-time-ordered correlators**

Razieh Mohseninia,<sup>1,2</sup> José Raúl González Alonso<sup>3</sup> and Justin Dressel<sup>1,3</sup>

## Thermodynamics:

A quasiprobability distribution for heat fluctuations in the quantum regime

Amikam Levy<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Matteo Lostaglio<sup>4,5,\*</sup>

### **Jarzynski-like equality for the out-of-time-ordered correlator**

Nicole Yunger Halpern<sup>\*</sup>

## Foundations

### **Linear positivity and virtual probability**

James B. Hartle<sup>\*</sup>

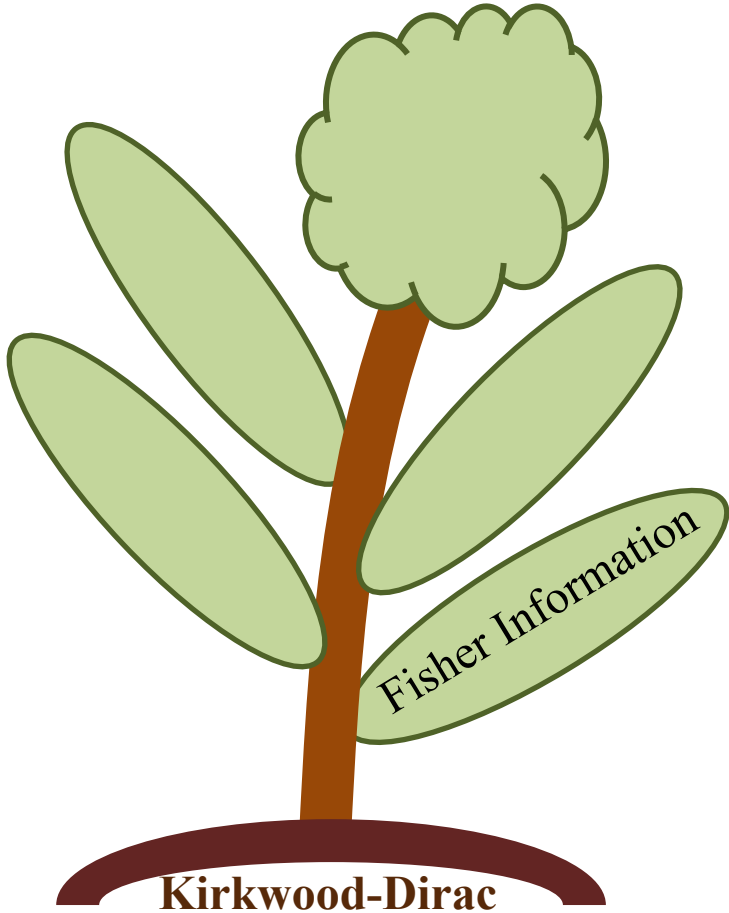
### **Complex joint probabilities as expressions of reversible transformations in quantum mechanics**

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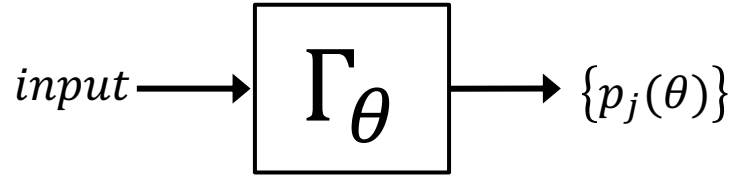
## Metrology:

### **Quantum Advantage in Postselected Metrology**

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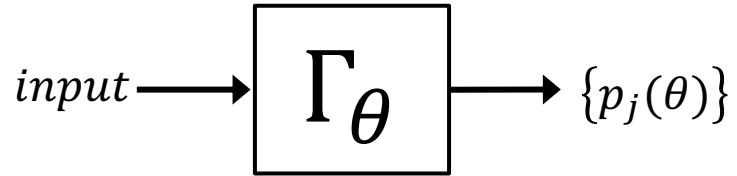
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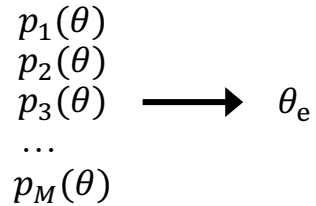
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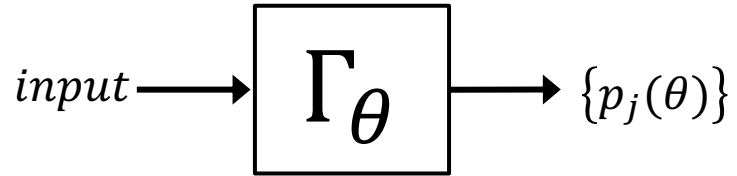


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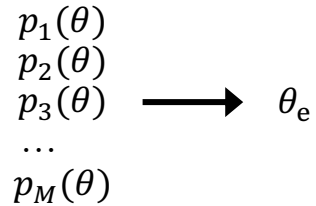


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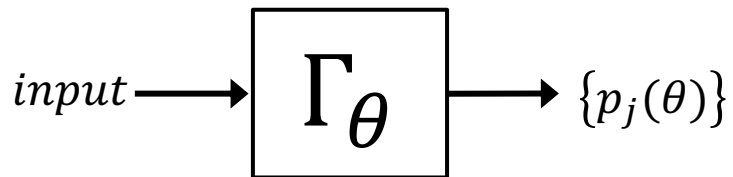


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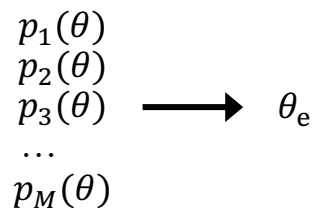
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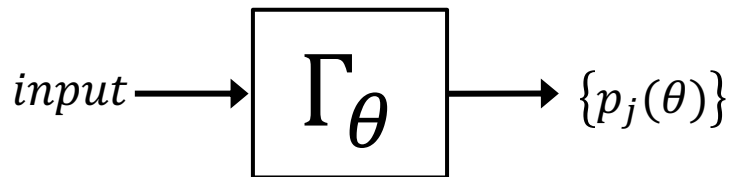
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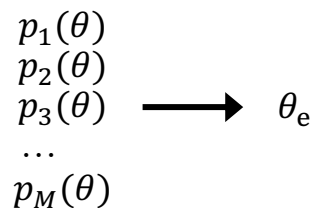
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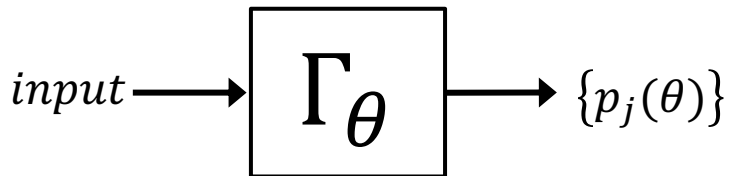
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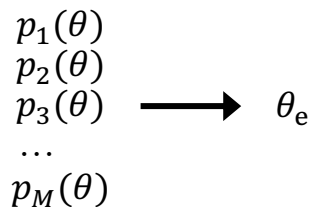
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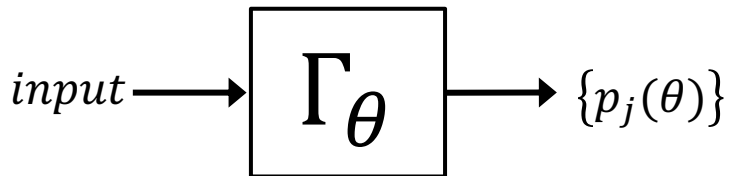
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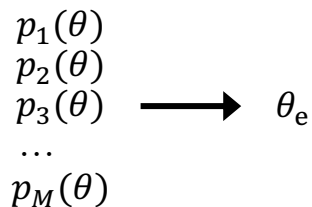
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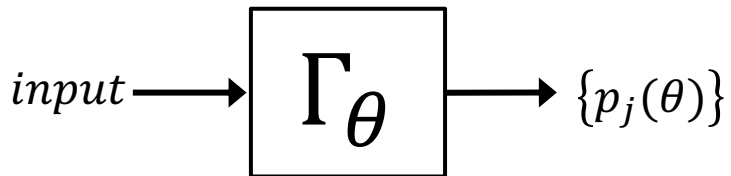
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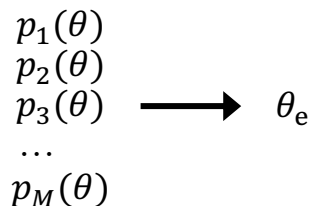
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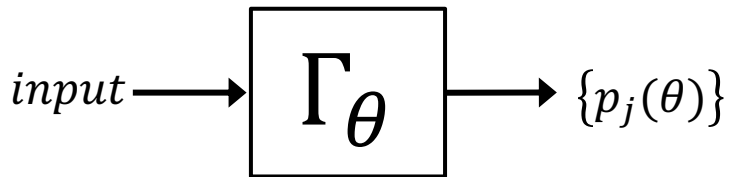
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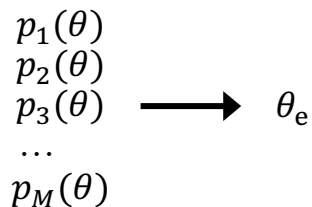
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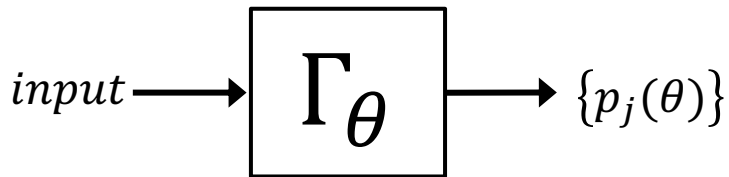
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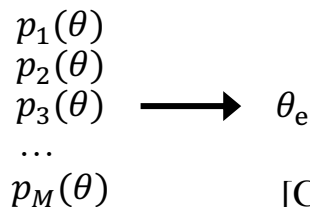
[Fisher information]

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[Cramèr-Rao Bound]

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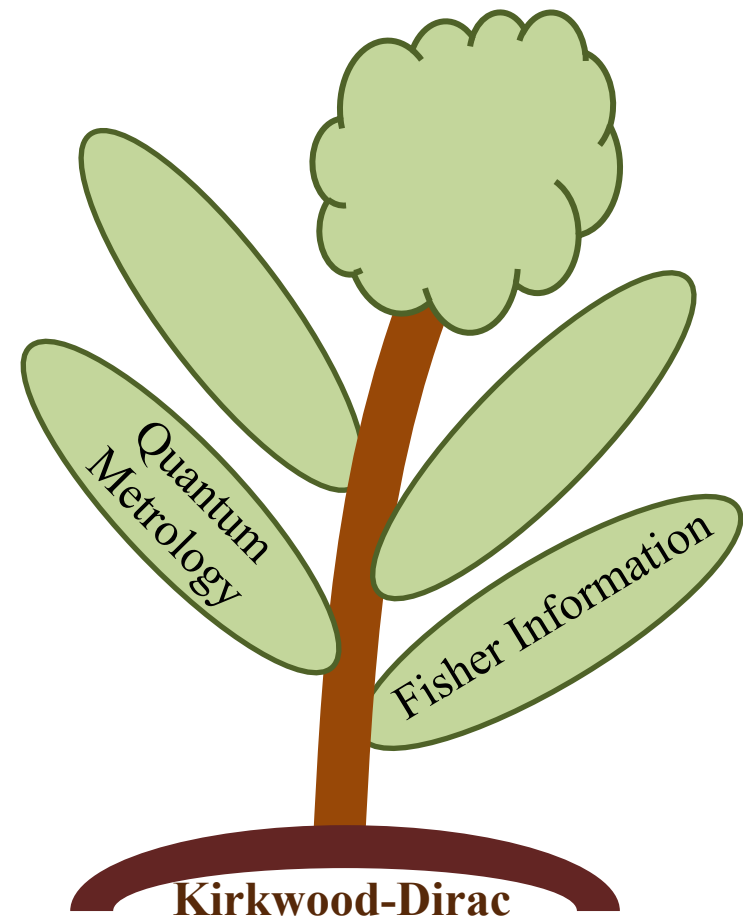
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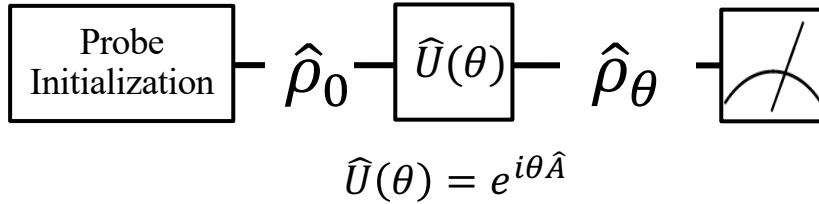


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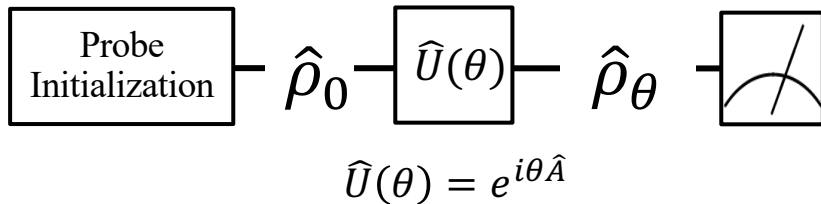
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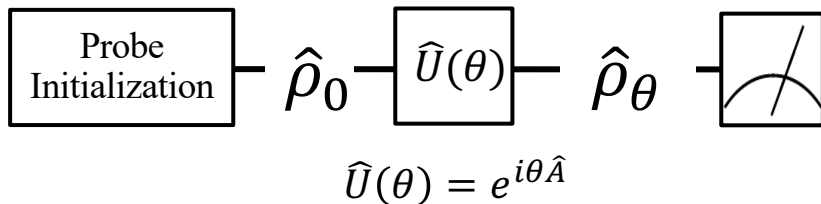
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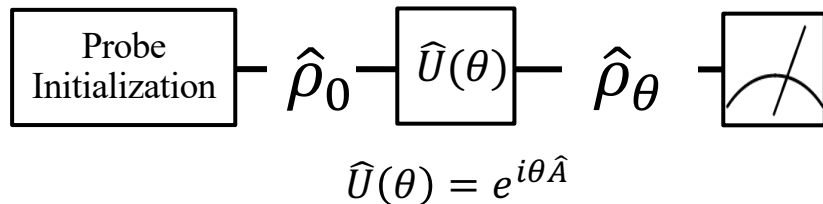
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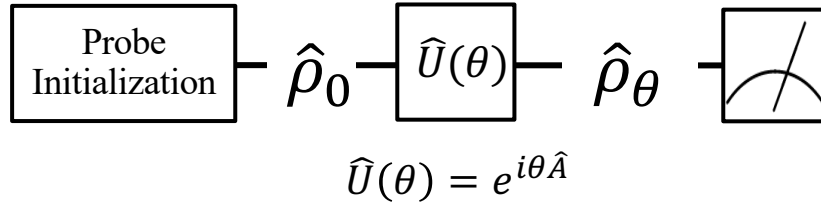
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$$\partial_\theta p(f_j | \Psi_\theta) = i \langle f_j | \hat{A} | \Psi_\theta \rangle \langle \Psi_\theta | f_j \rangle - i \langle f_j | \Psi_\theta \rangle \langle \Psi_\theta | \hat{A} | f_j \rangle$$

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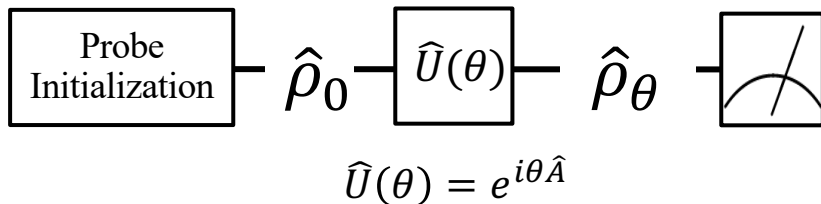
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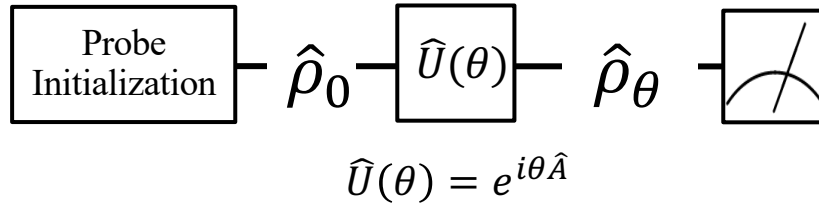
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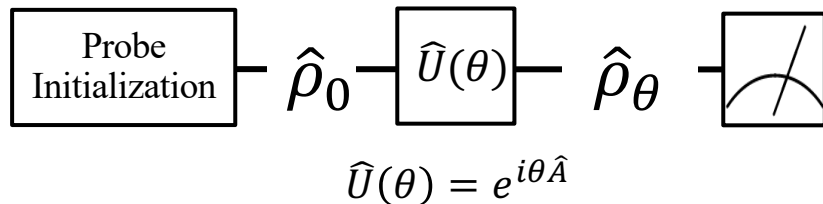
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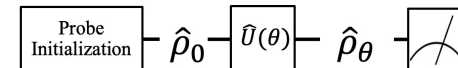


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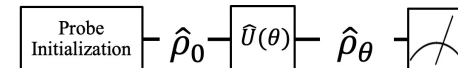
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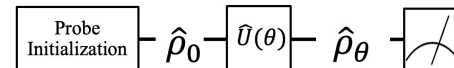
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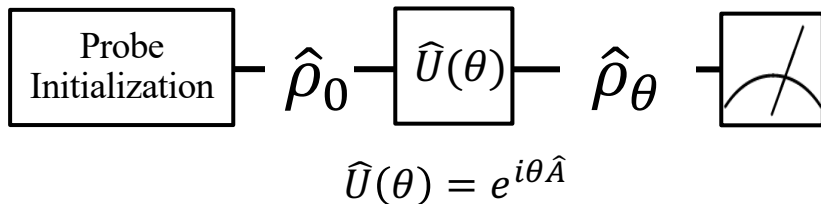
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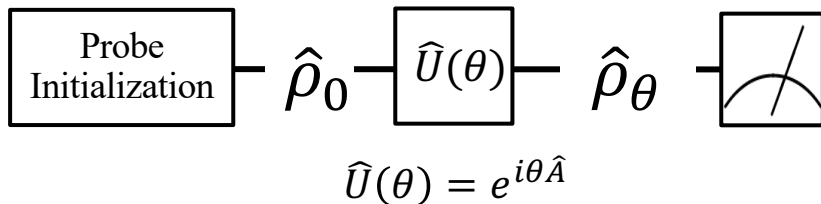
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## Quantum Experiment



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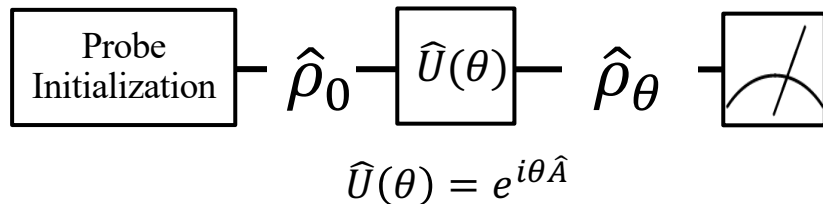
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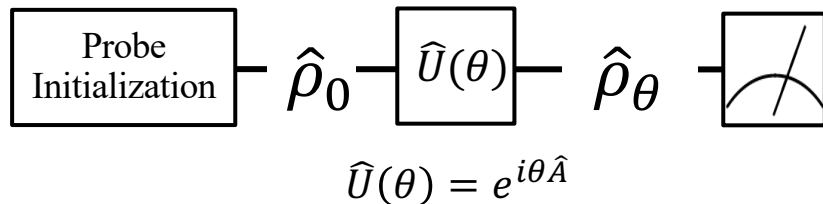
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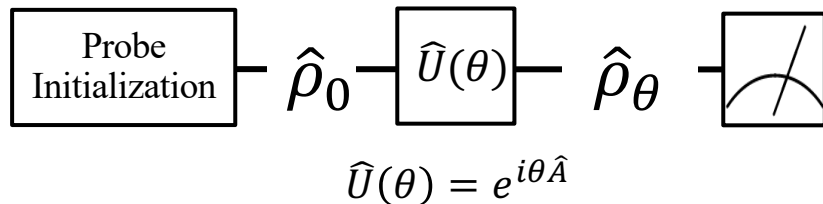
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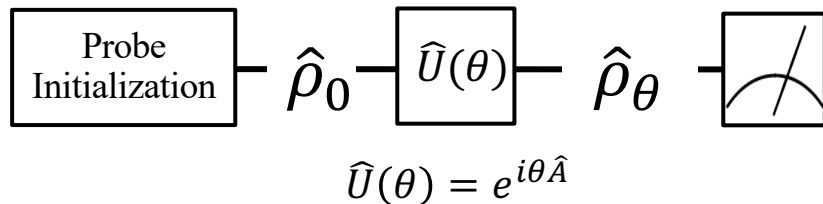
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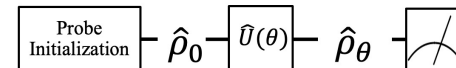
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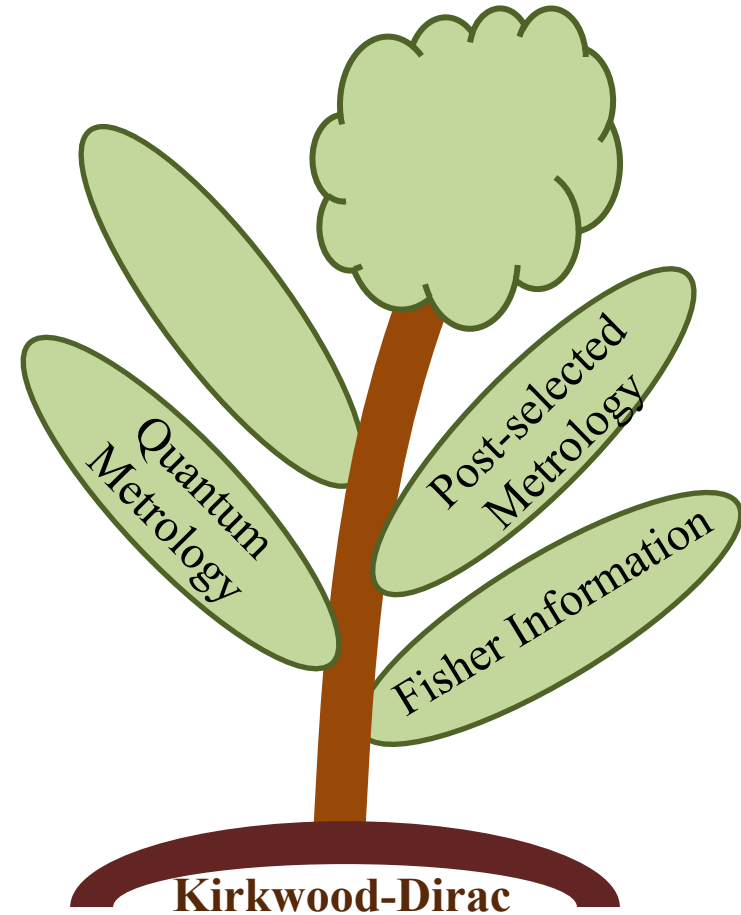
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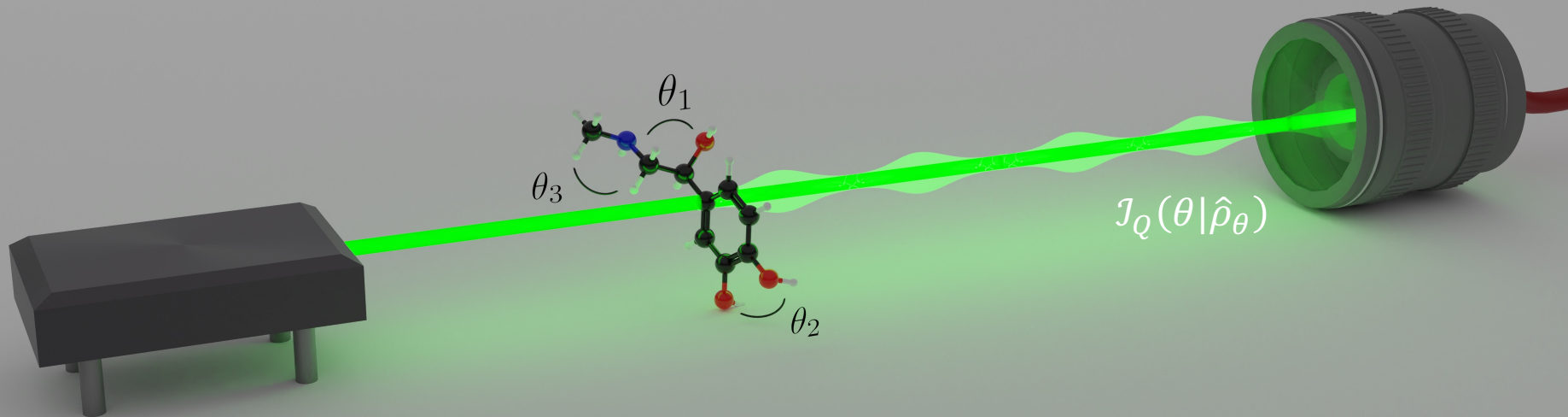
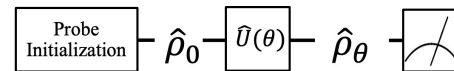
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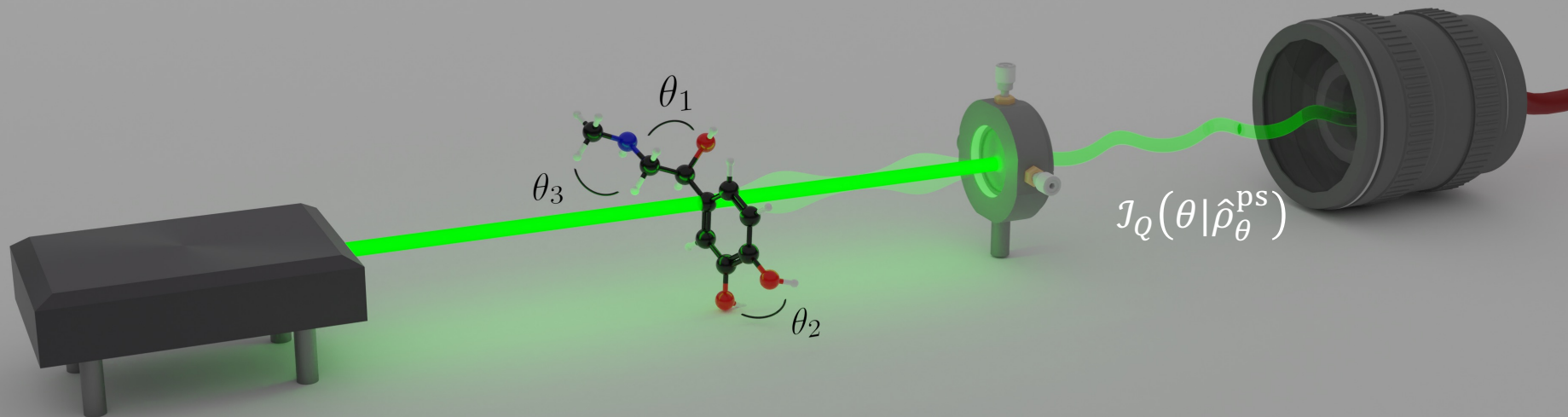
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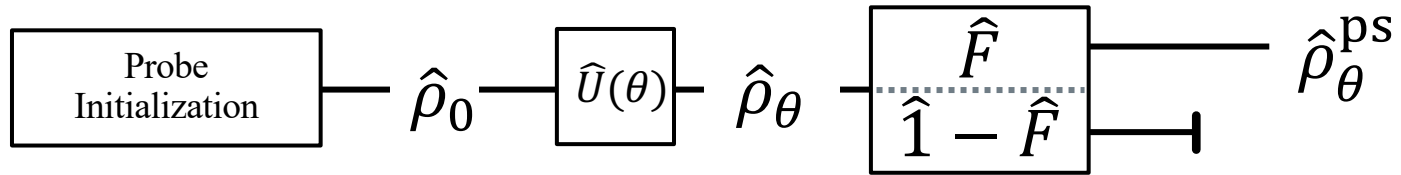


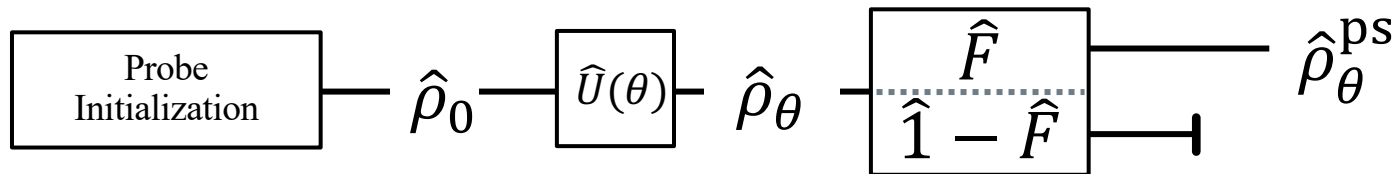


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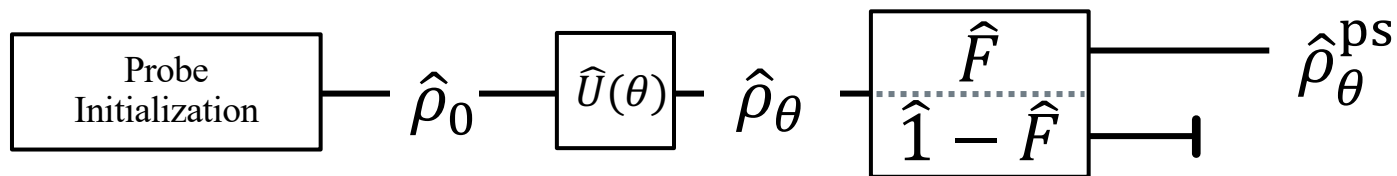
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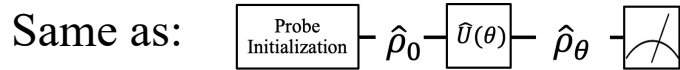


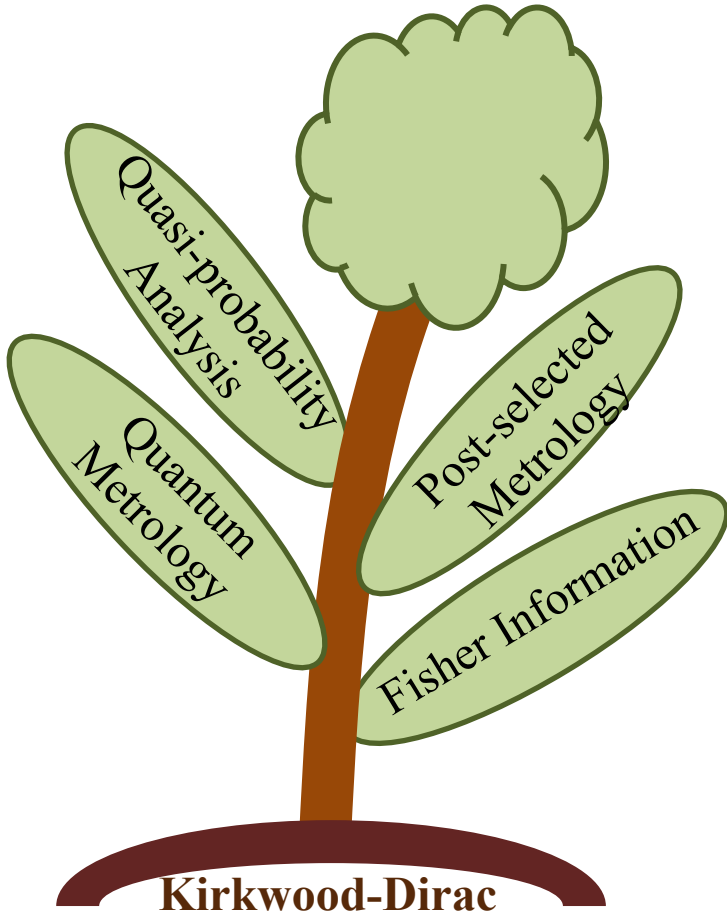
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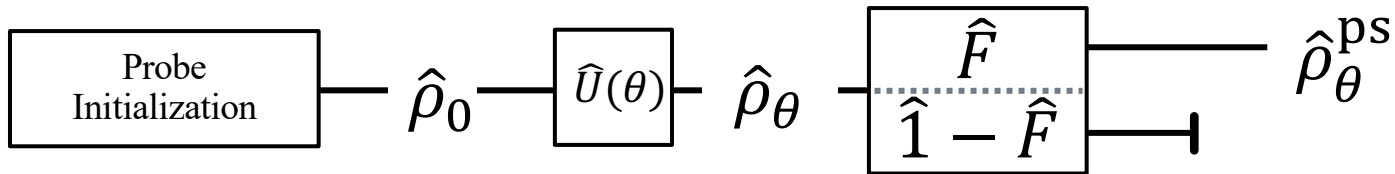




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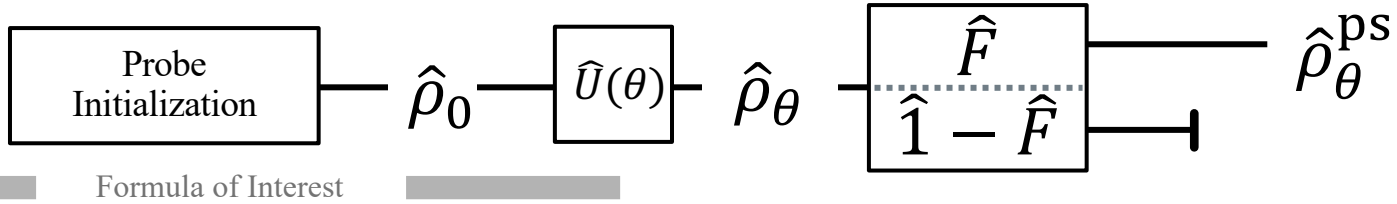


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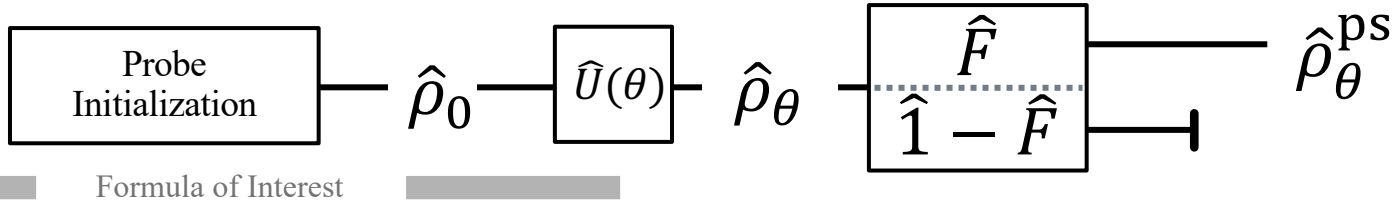


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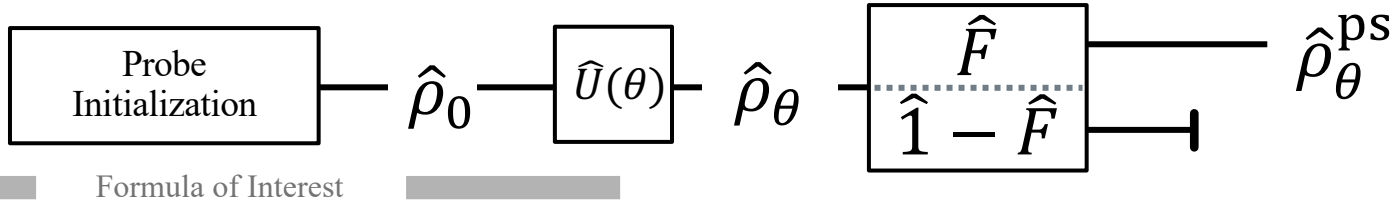
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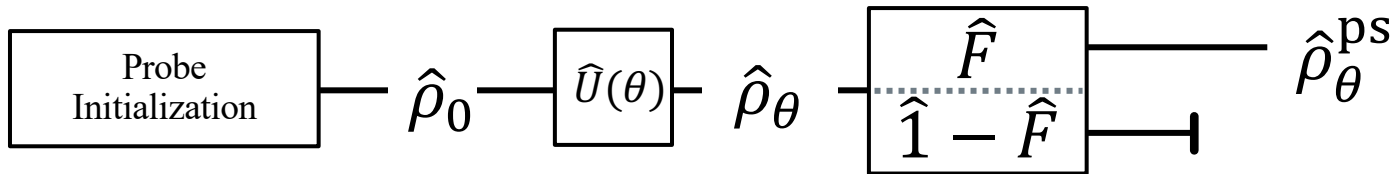
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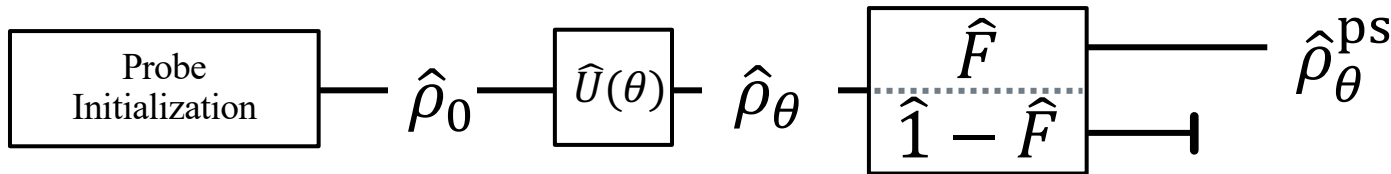
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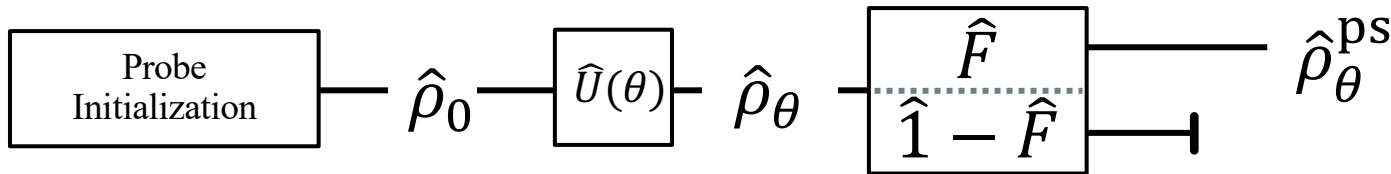
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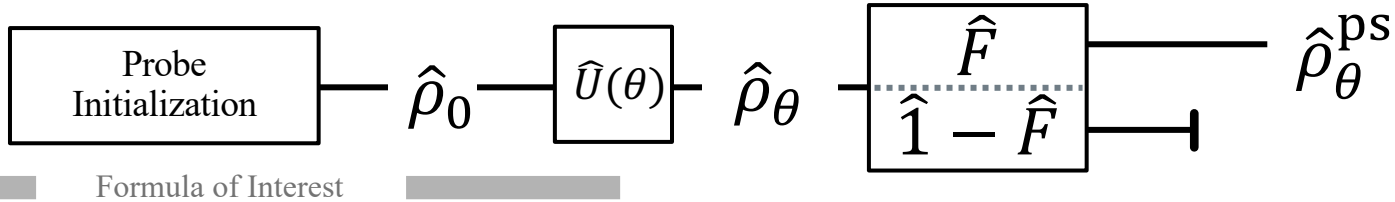
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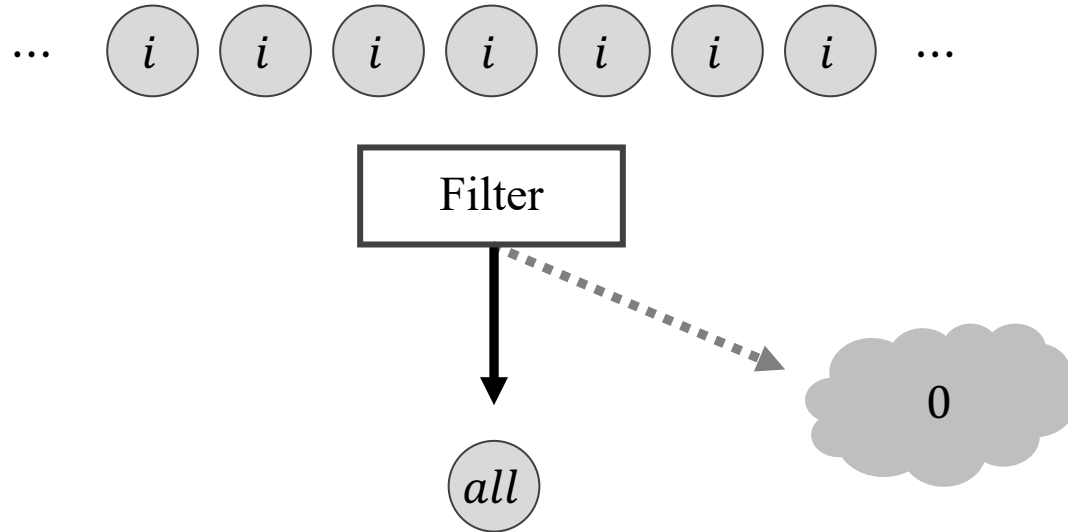
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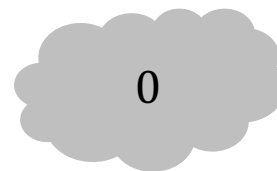
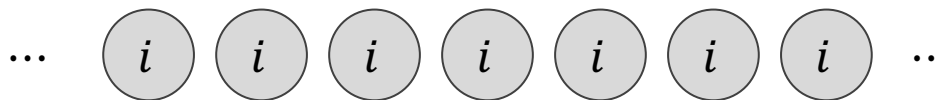
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[Batuhan's talk]

## Quantum Learnability is Arbitrarily Distillable

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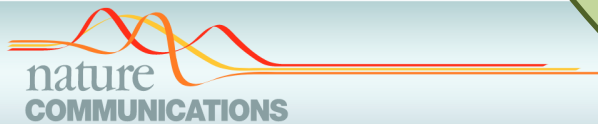
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## Nonclassical Advantage in Metrology Established via Quantum Simulations of Hypothetical Closed Timelike Curves

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## Quantum advantage in postselected metrology

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## Compression of metrological quantum information in the presence of noise

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## Experiment

Multiparameter  
distillation

Post-selected  
Metrology

Quasi-probabilistic  
analysis

Quantum Metrology

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Editors' Suggestion

## Negative Quasiprobabilities Enhance Phase Estimation in Quantum-Optics Experiment

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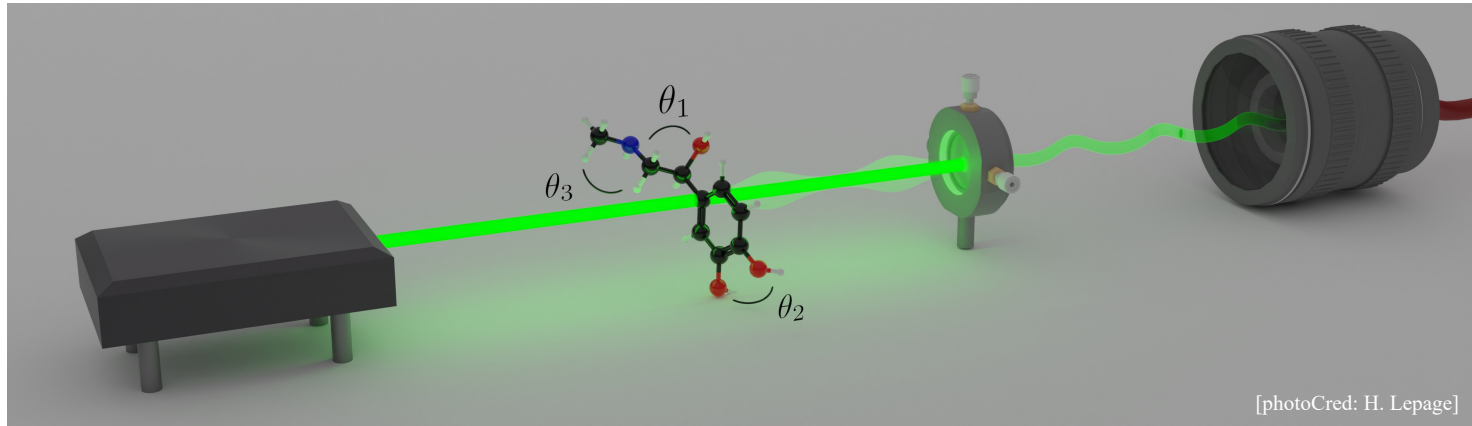
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