

STRICT HIERARCHY BETWEEN PARALLEL, SEQUENTIAL, AND INDEFINITE-CAUSAL-ORDER STRATEGIES

FOR CHANNEL DISCRIMINATION

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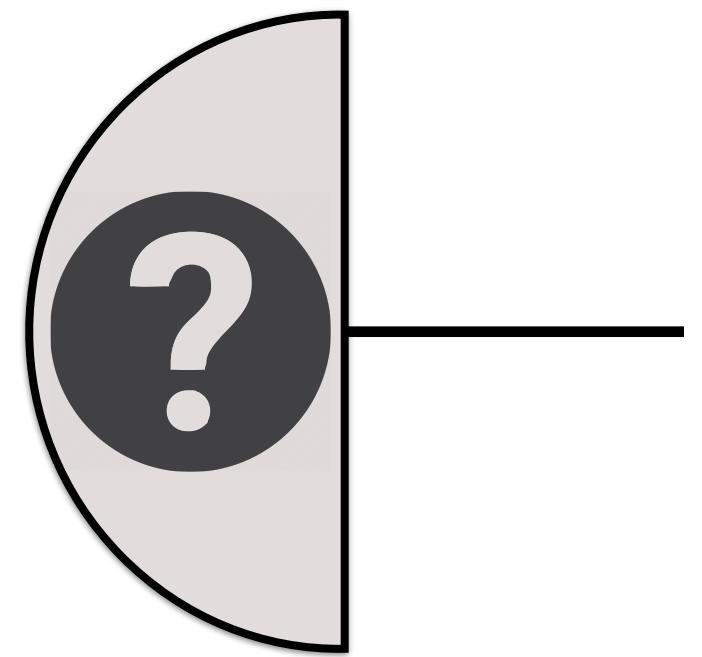
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$$\text{?} = \rho_1, \quad \text{?} = \rho_2$$

(with probability $p_1 = \frac{1}{3}$) (with probability $p_2 = \frac{2}{3}$)

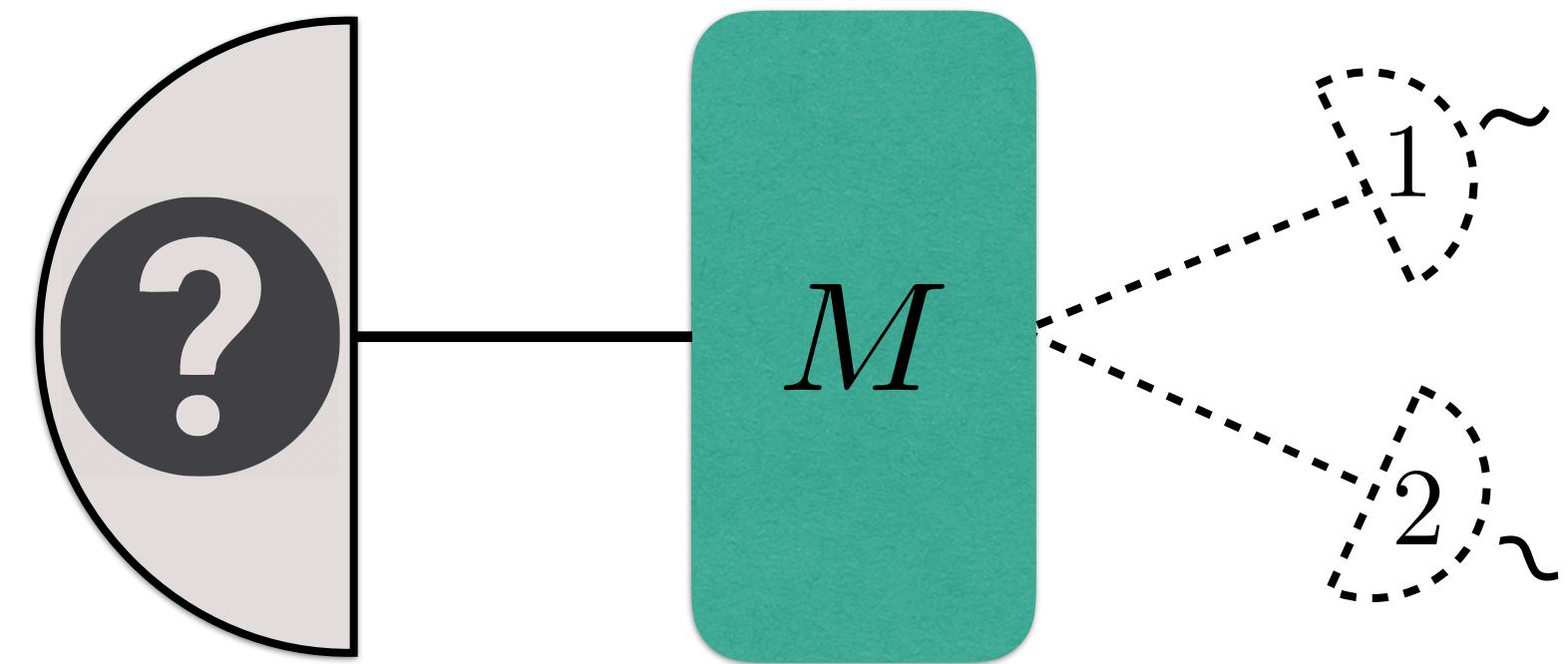
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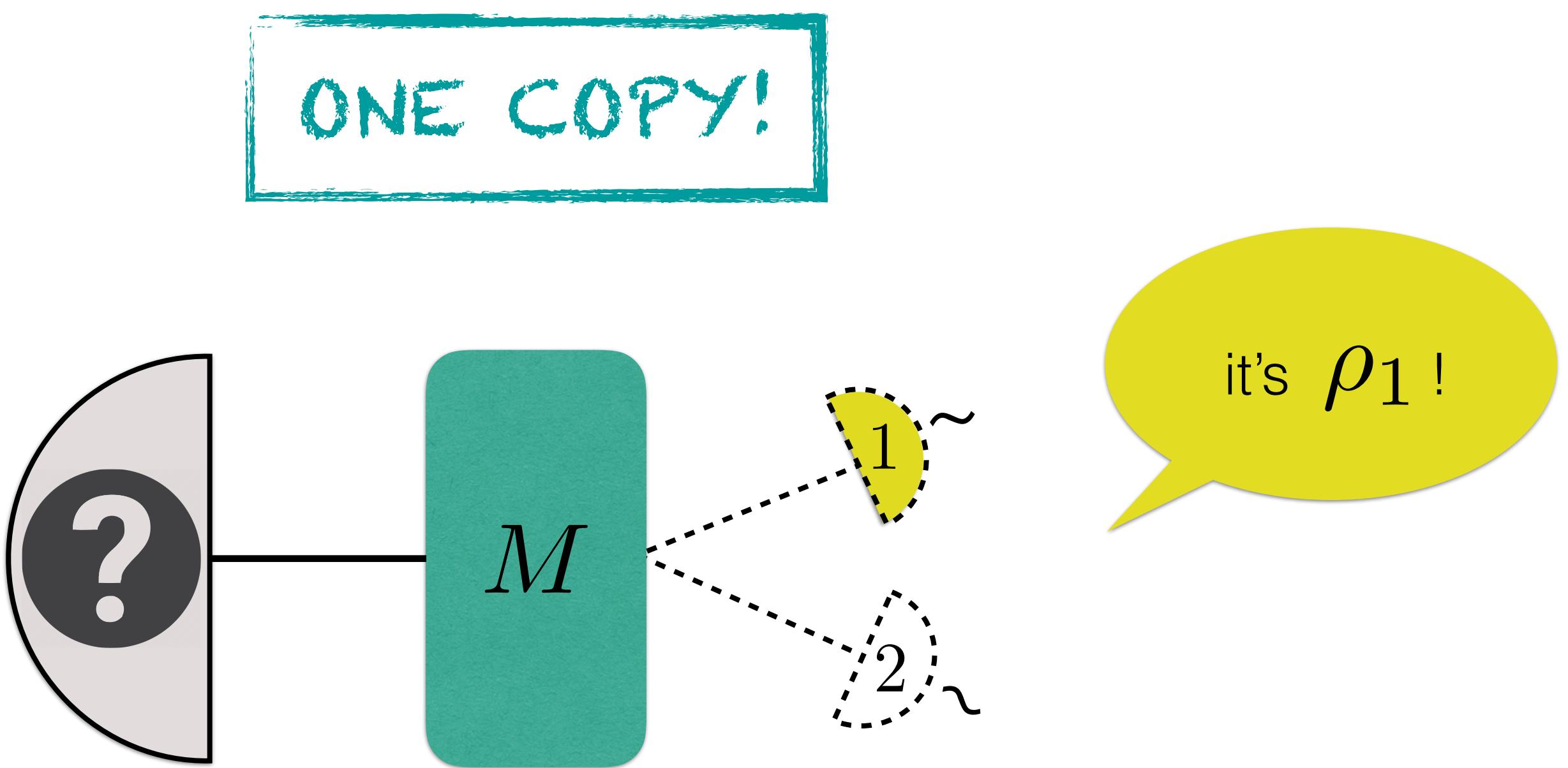


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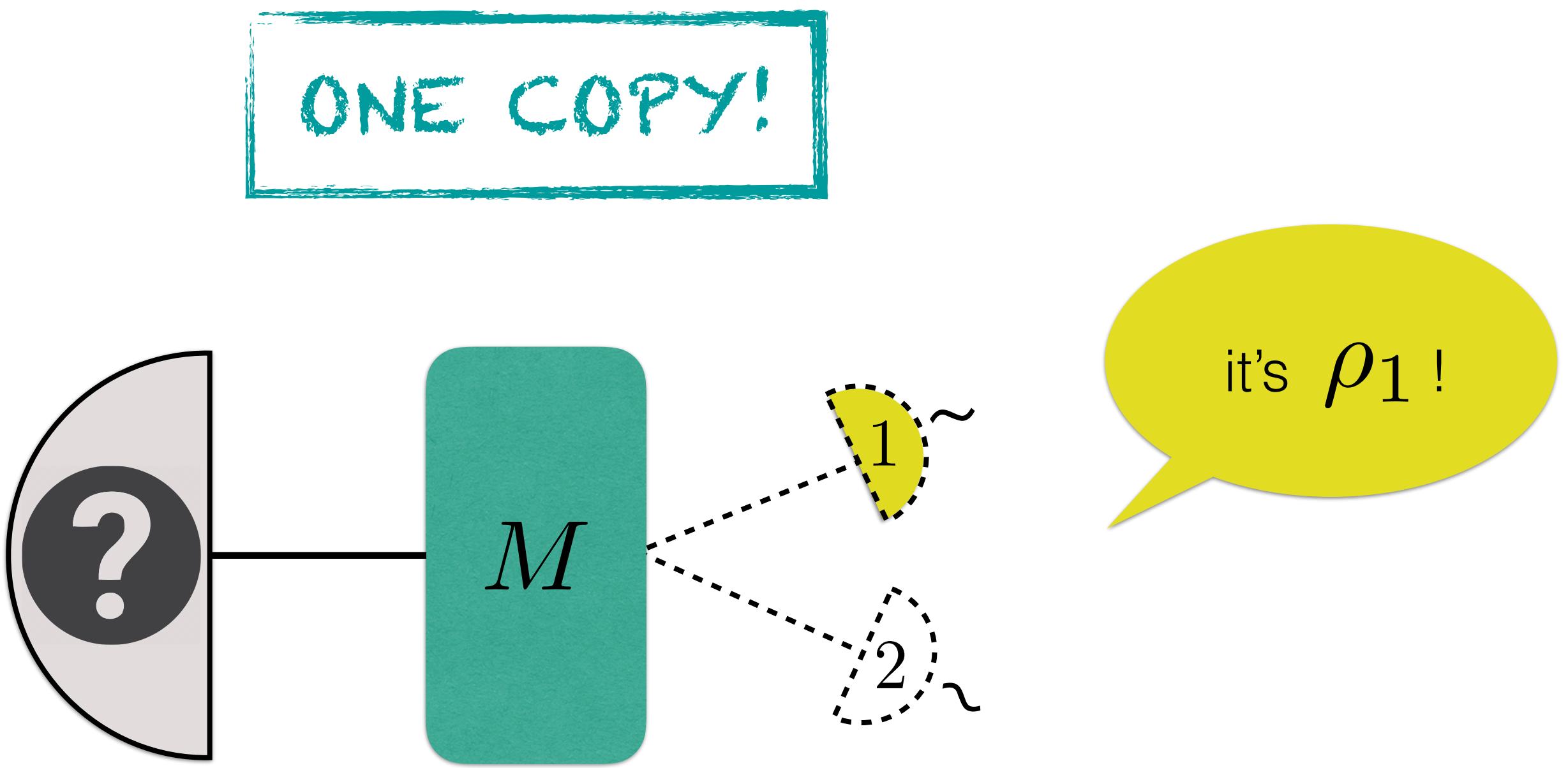
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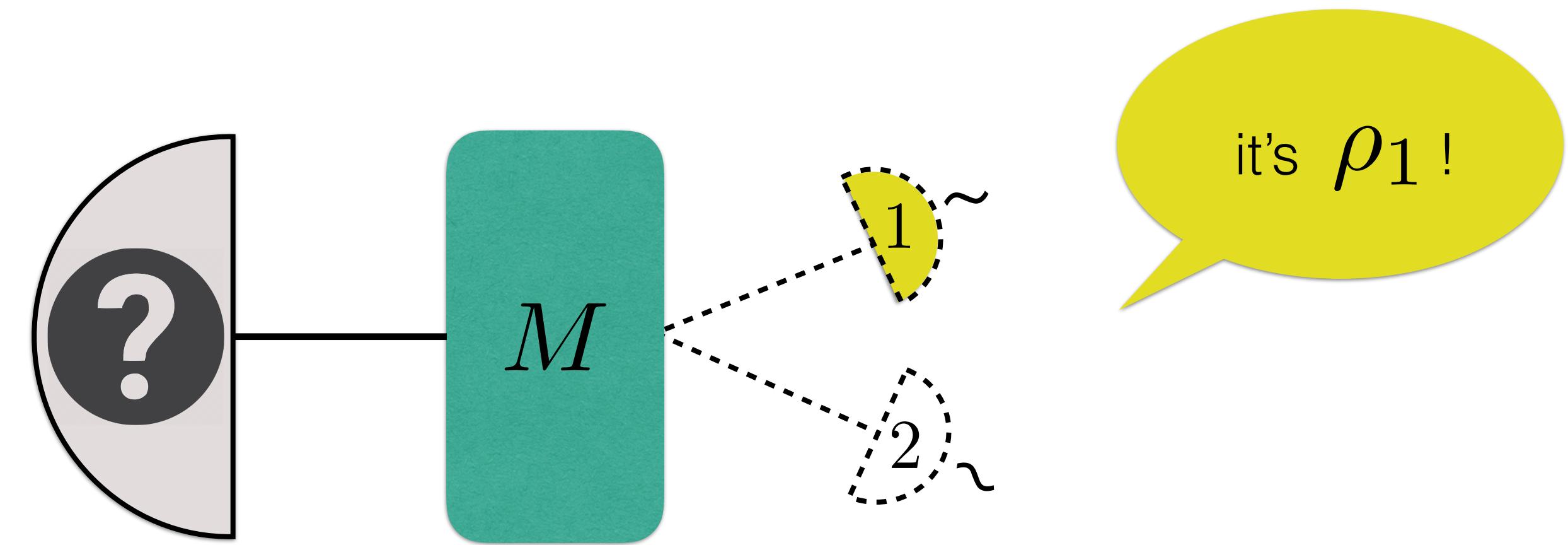
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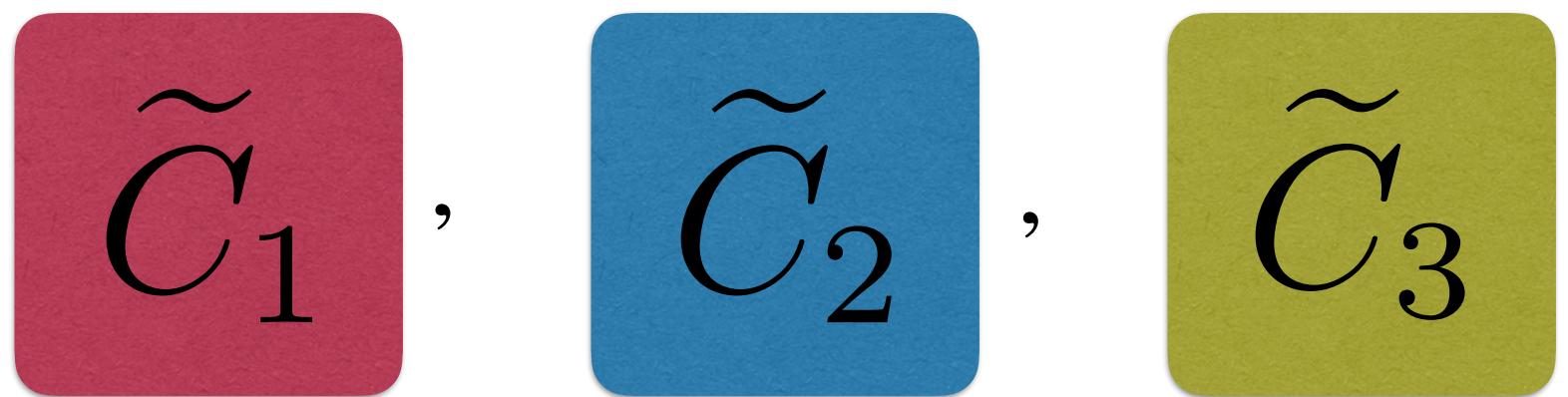
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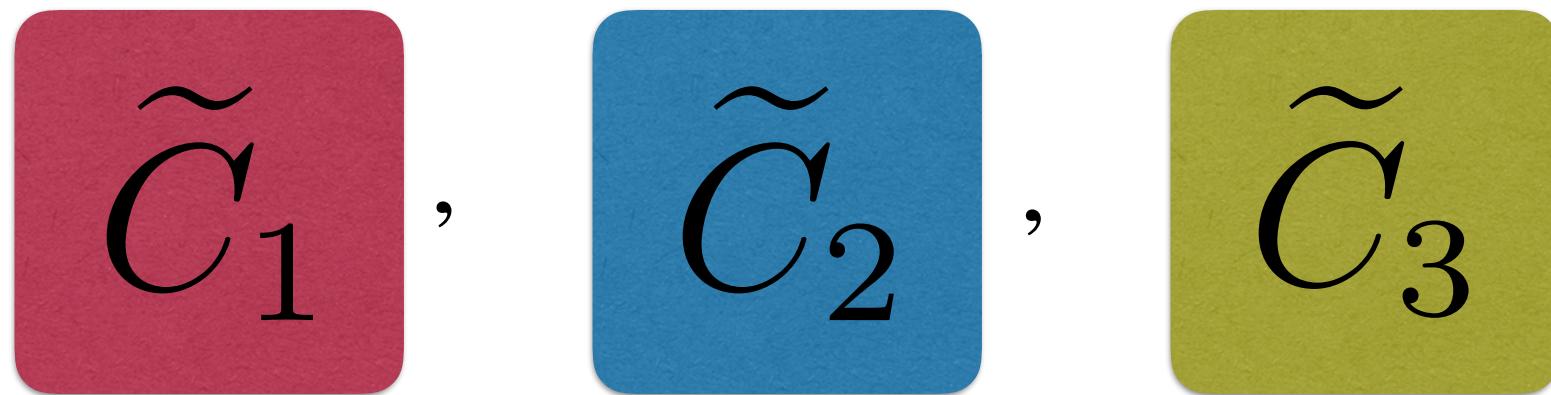


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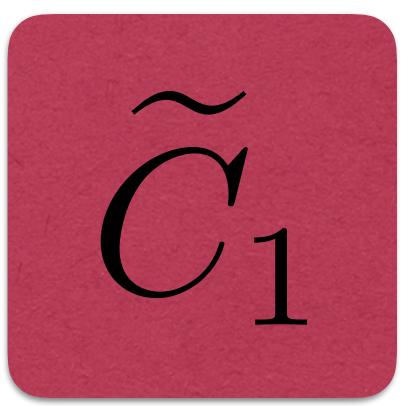
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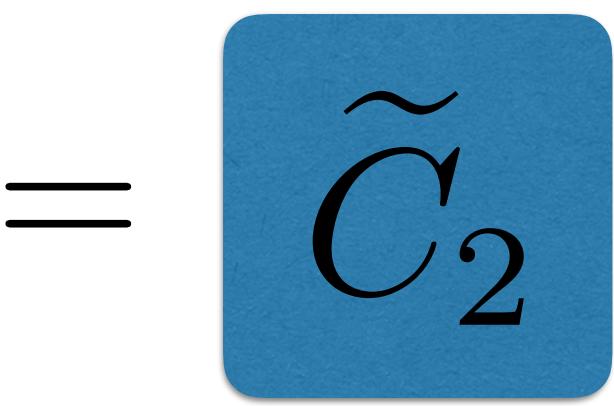
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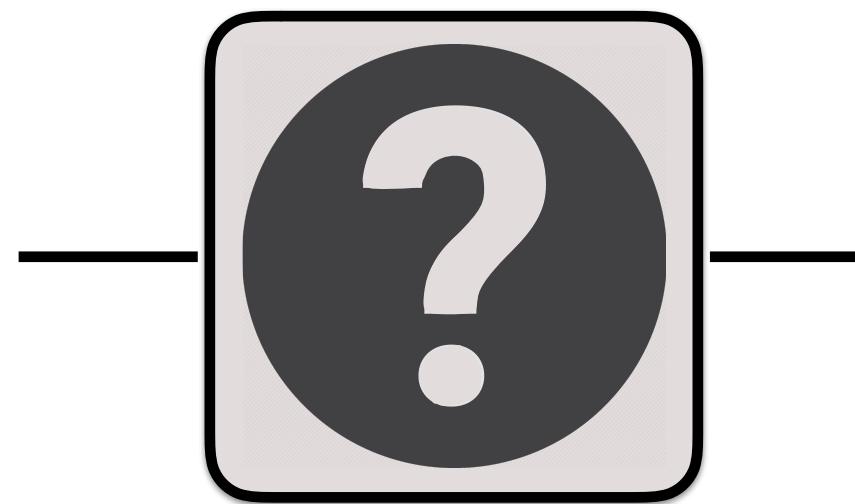
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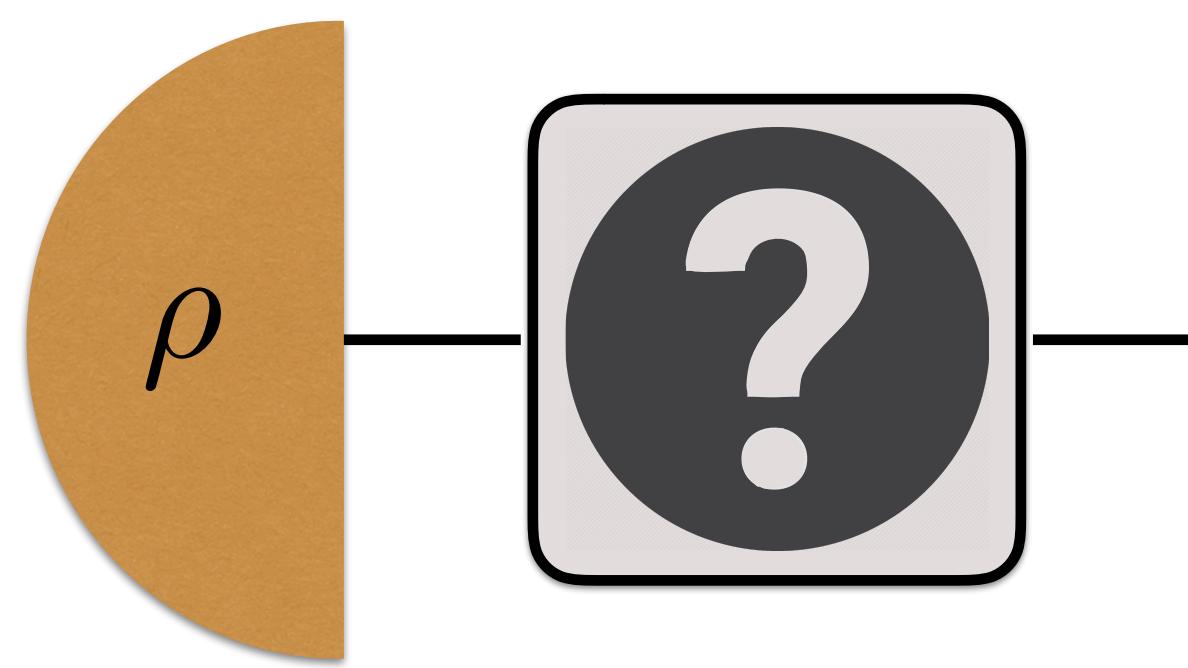
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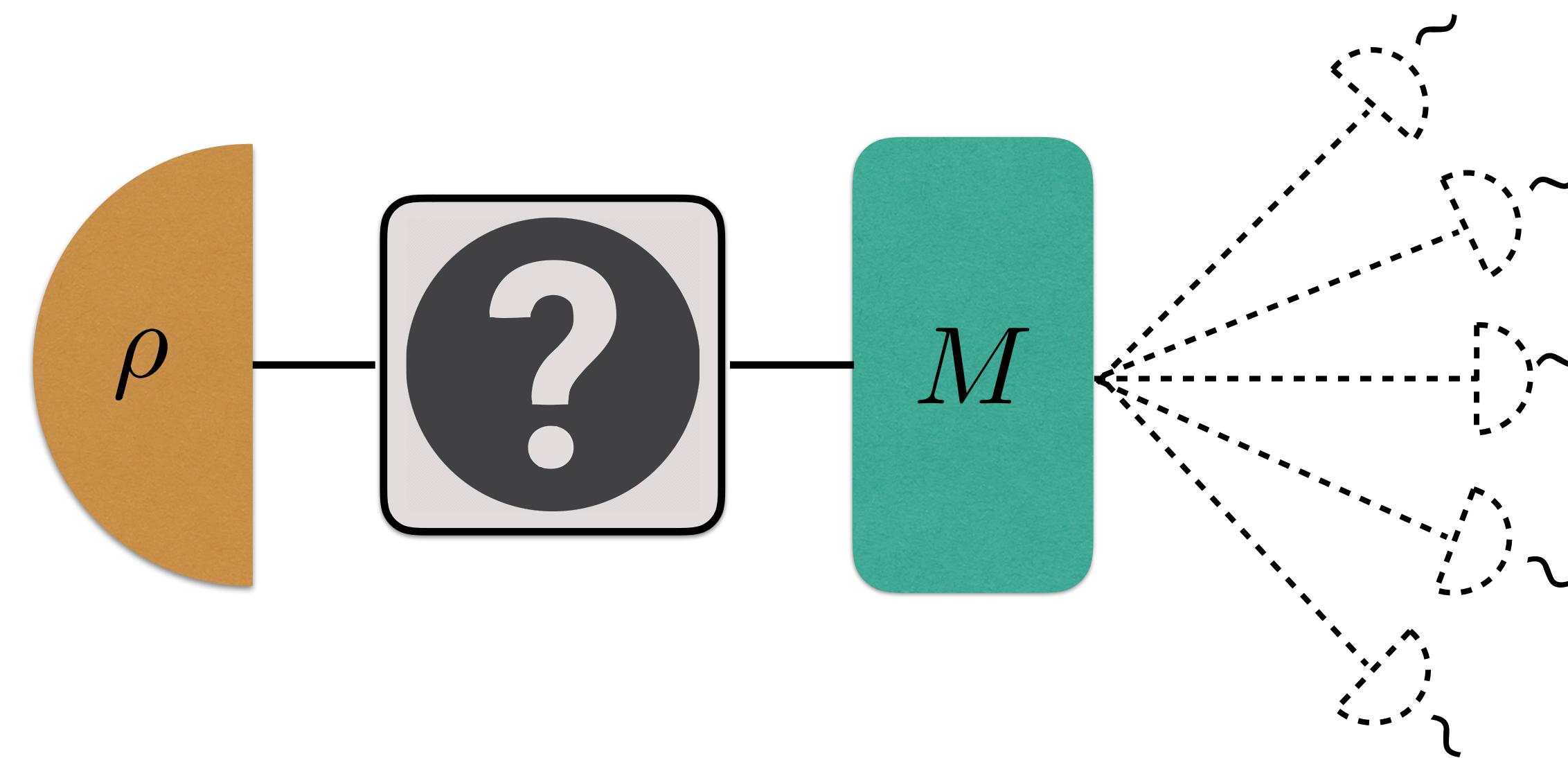
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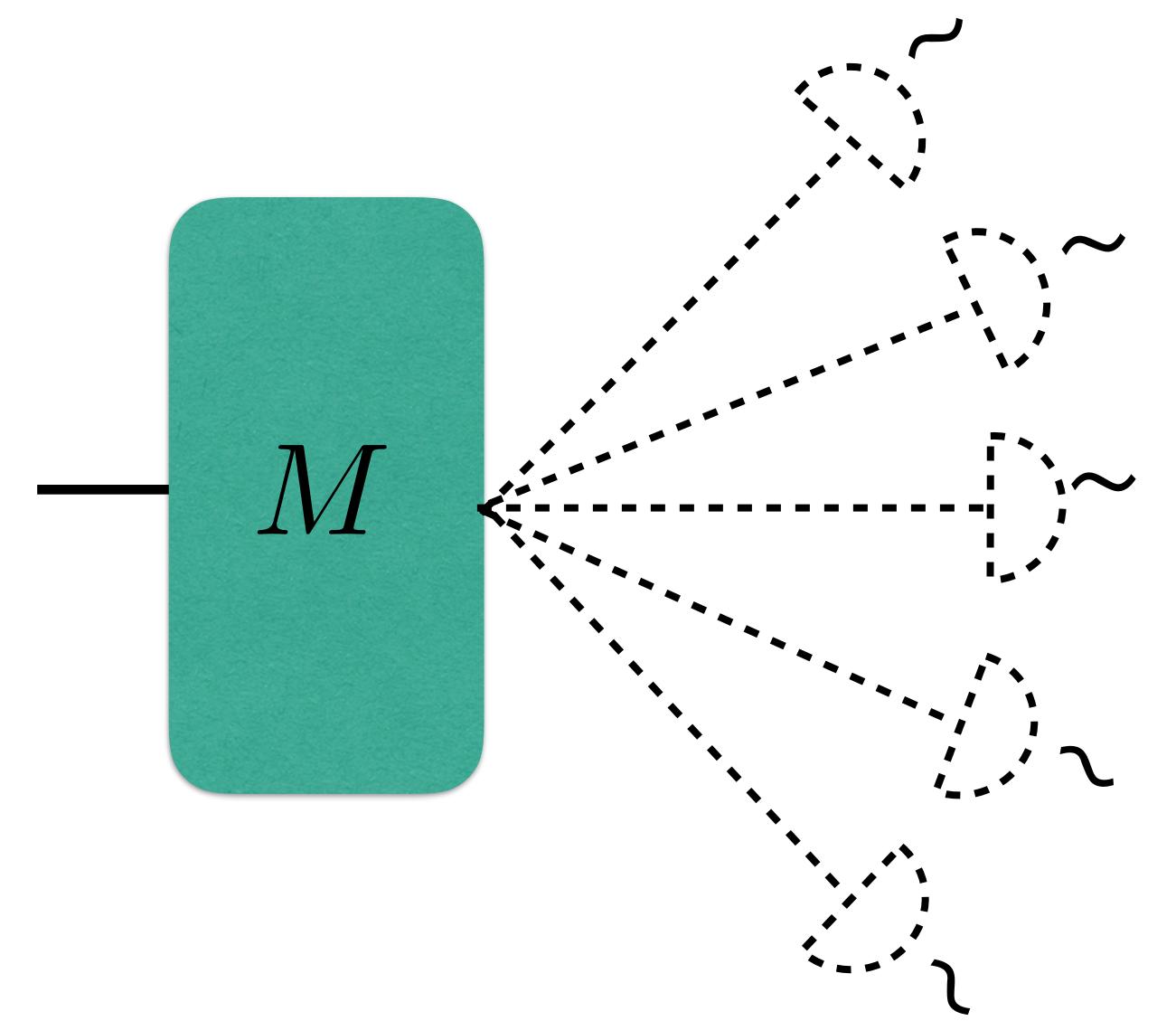


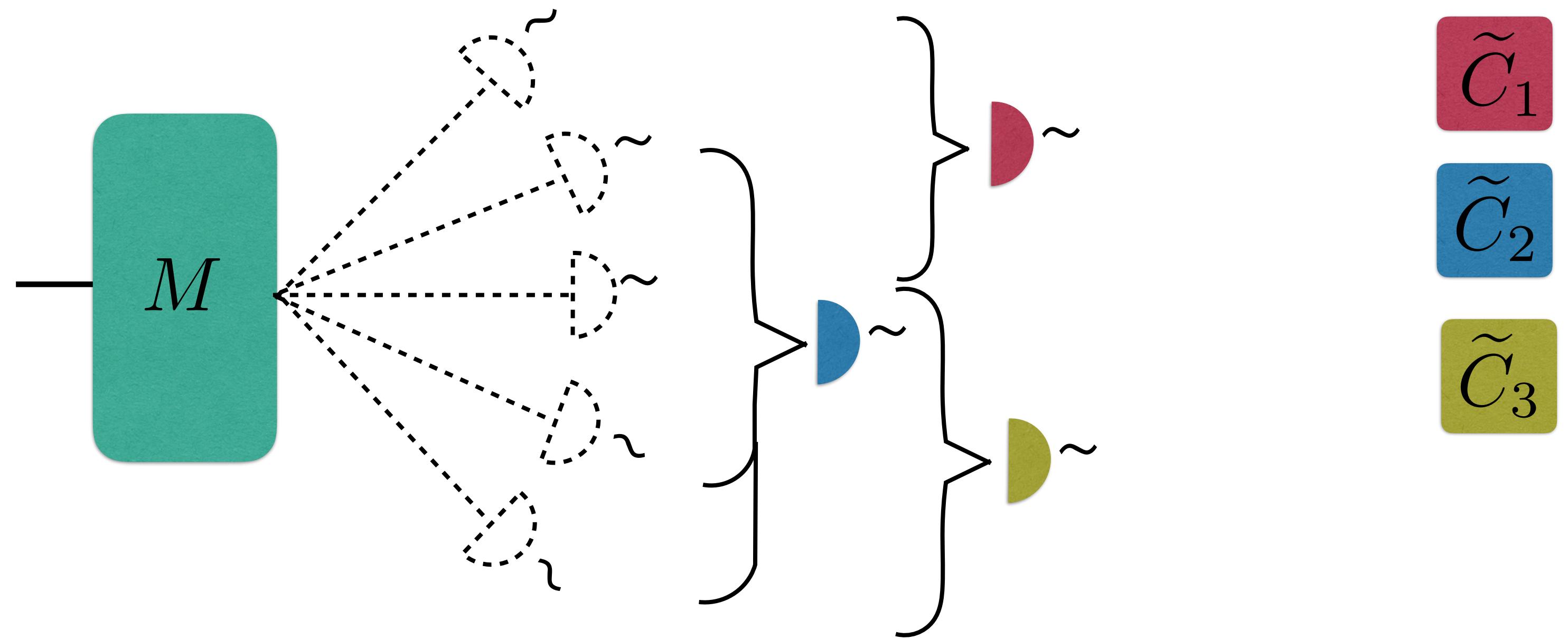
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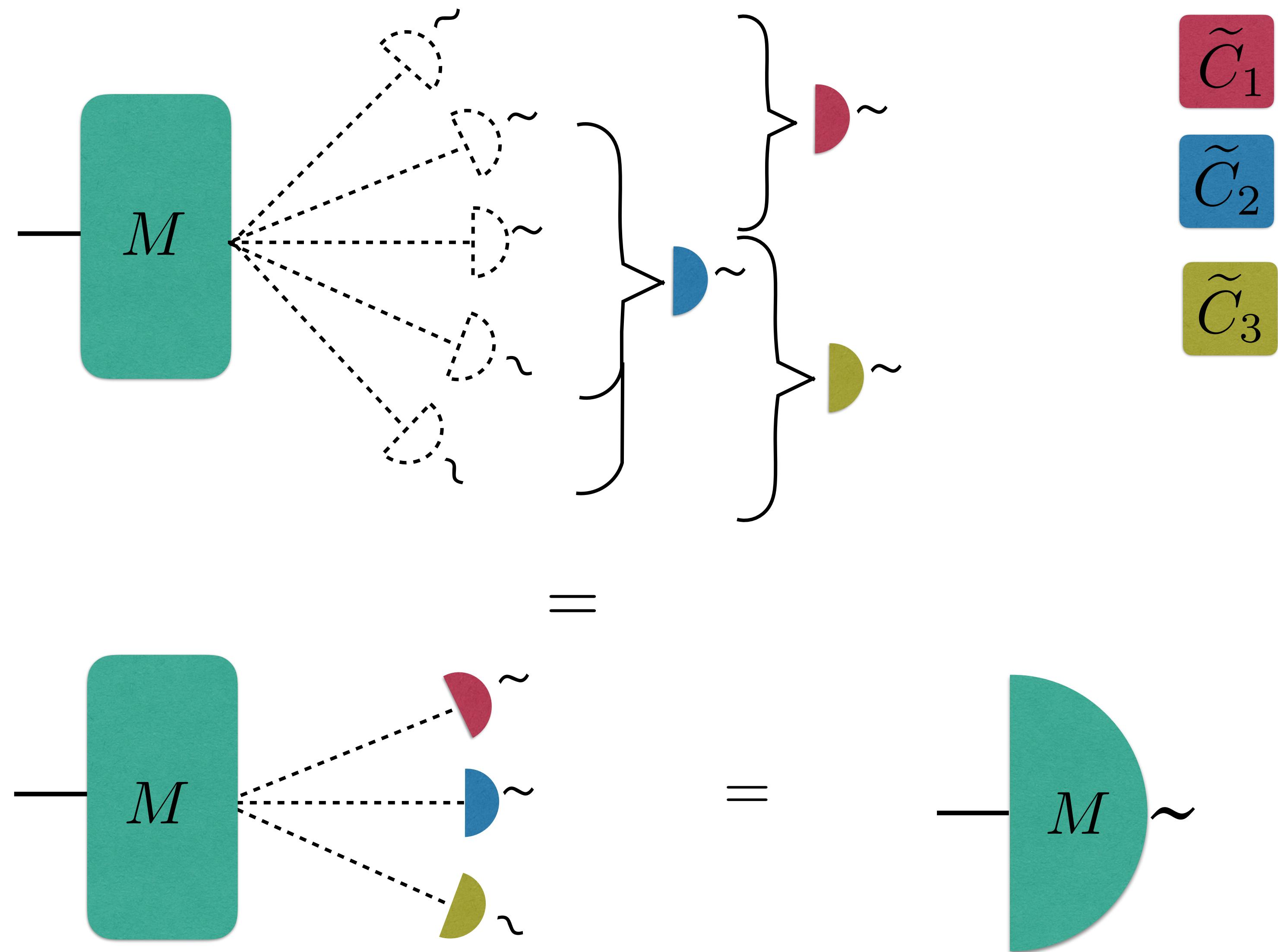


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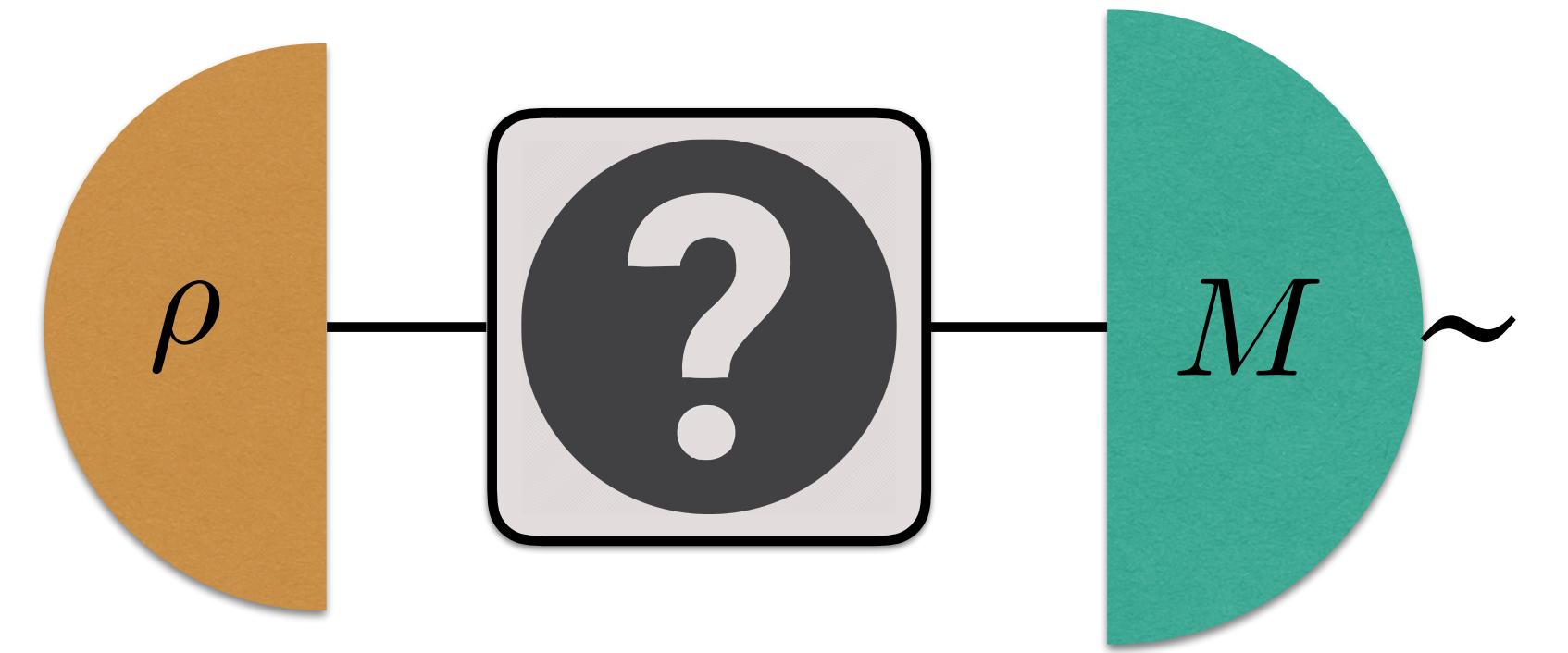


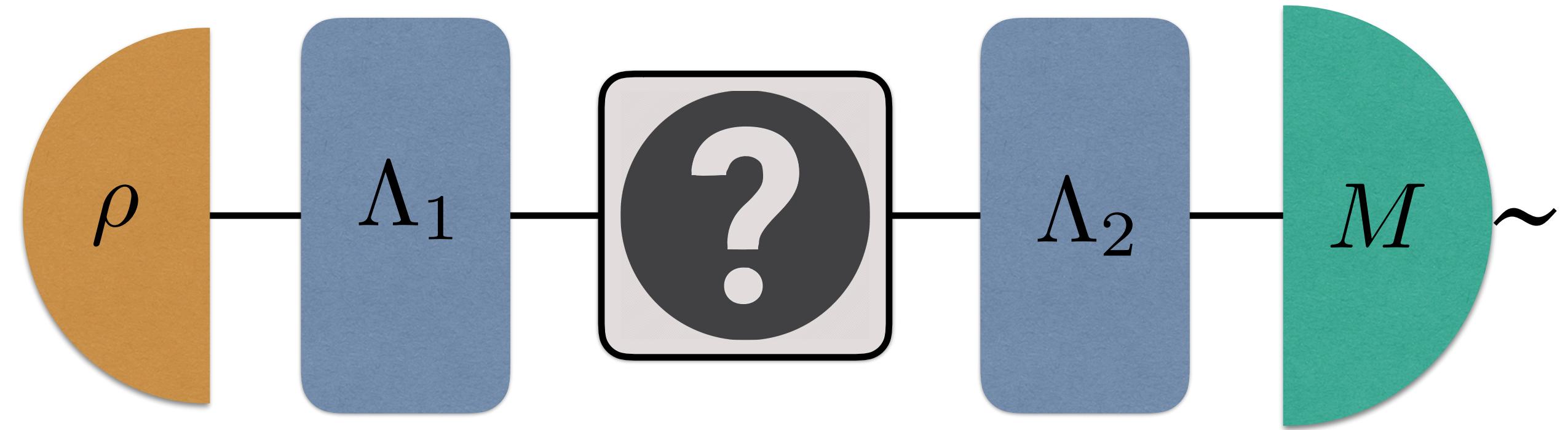


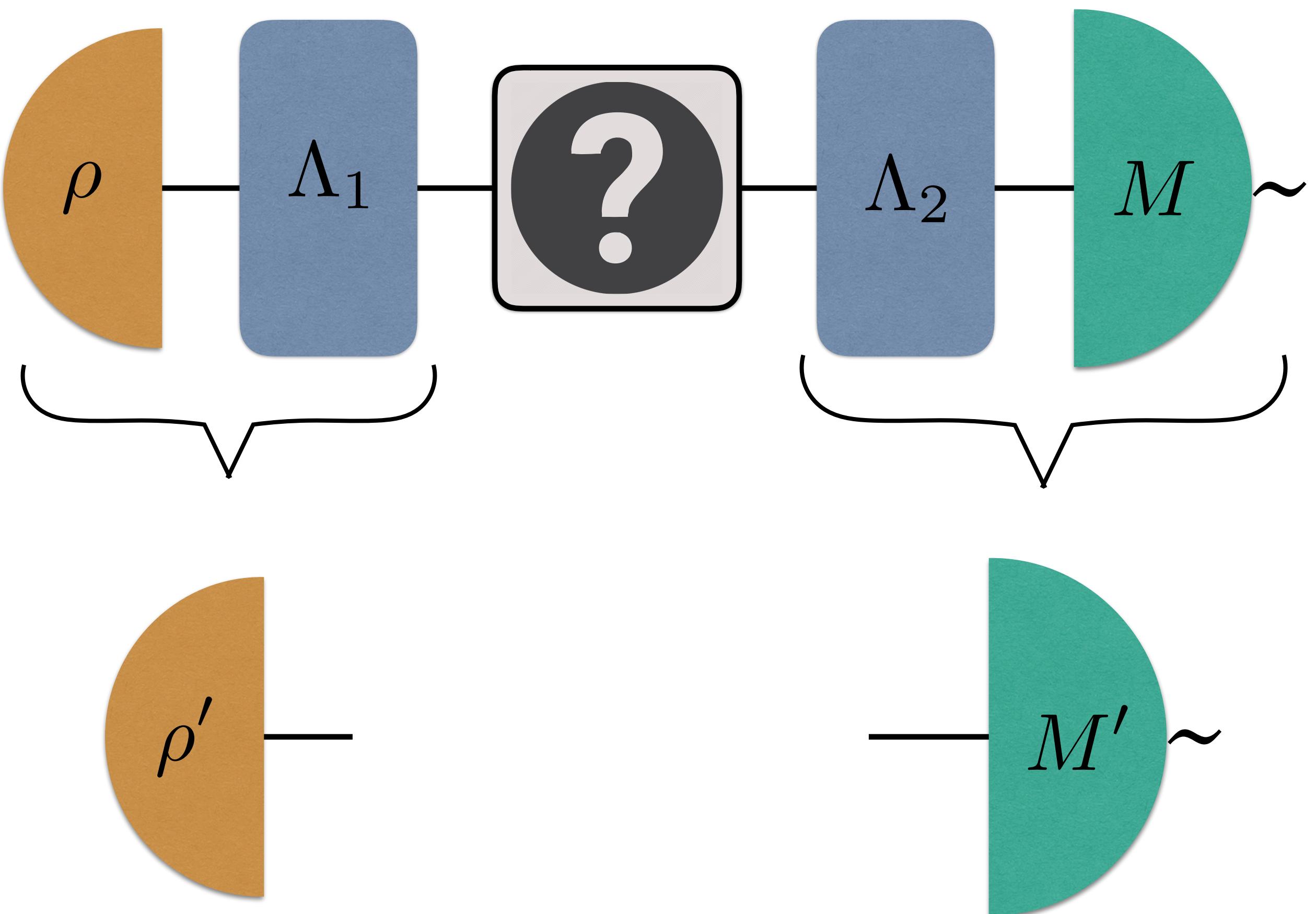


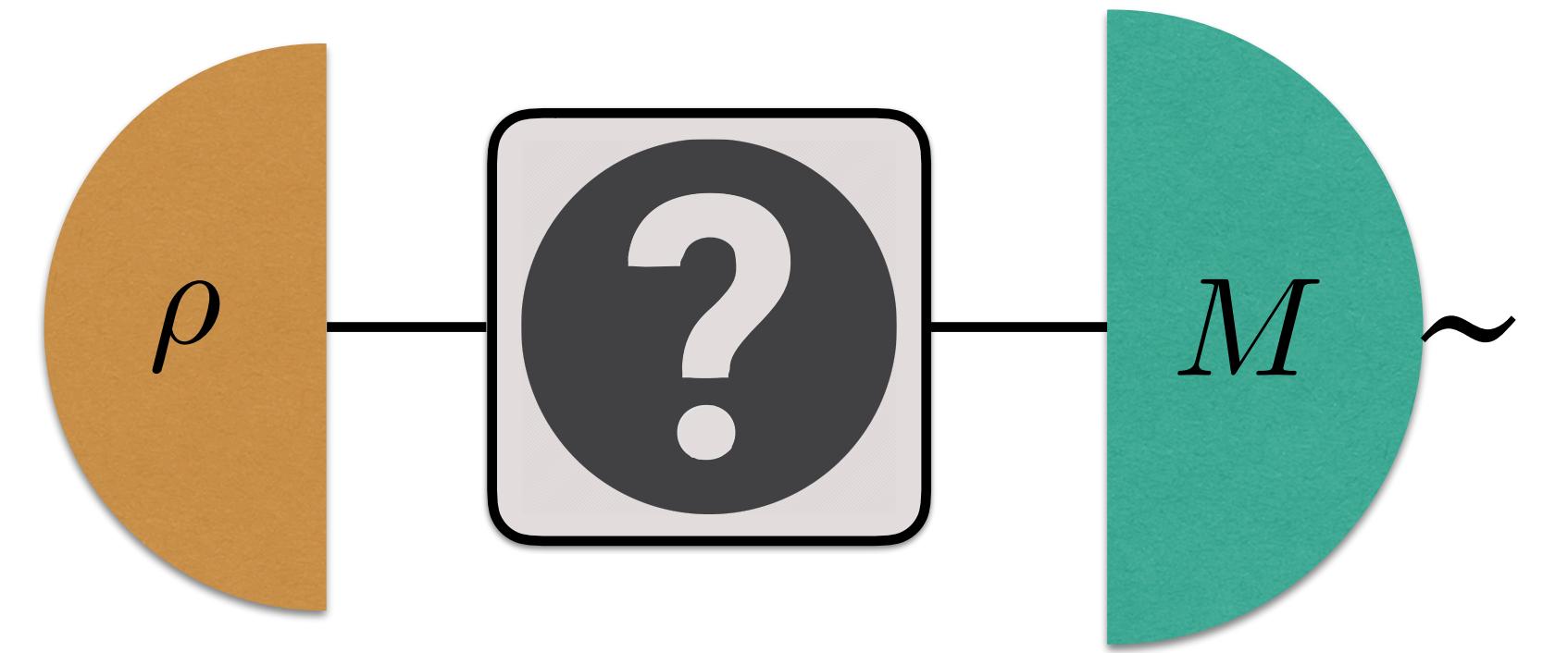


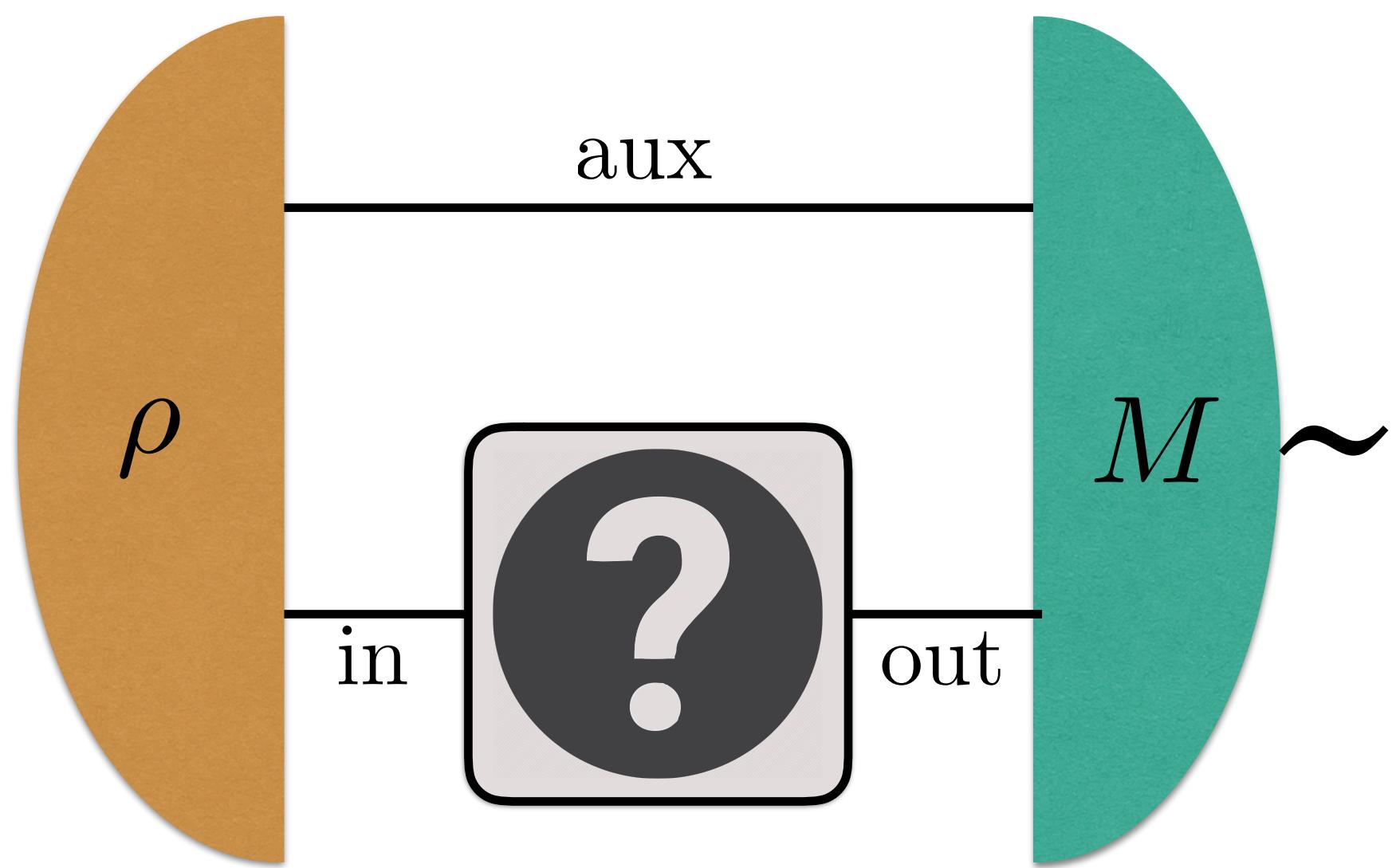
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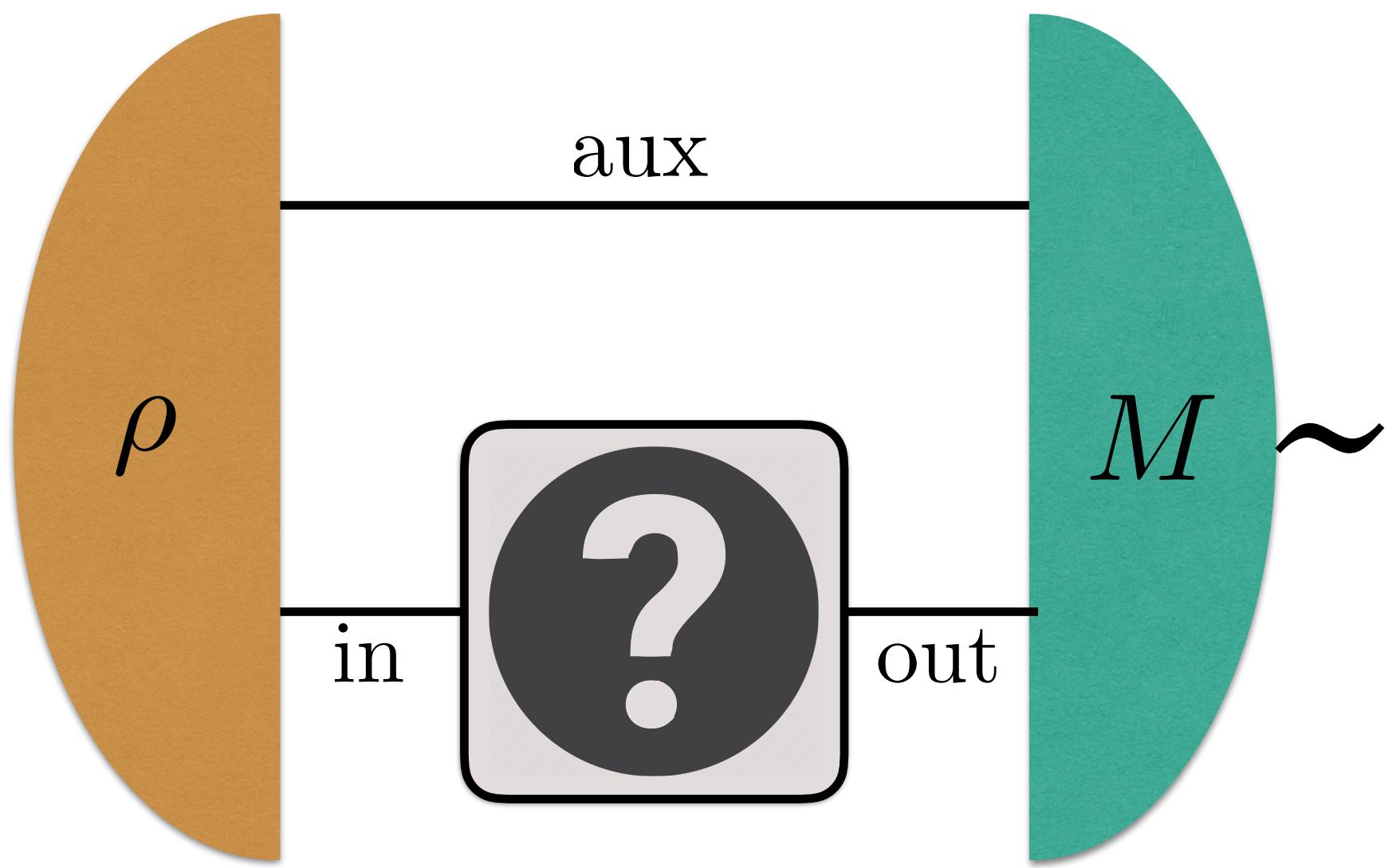




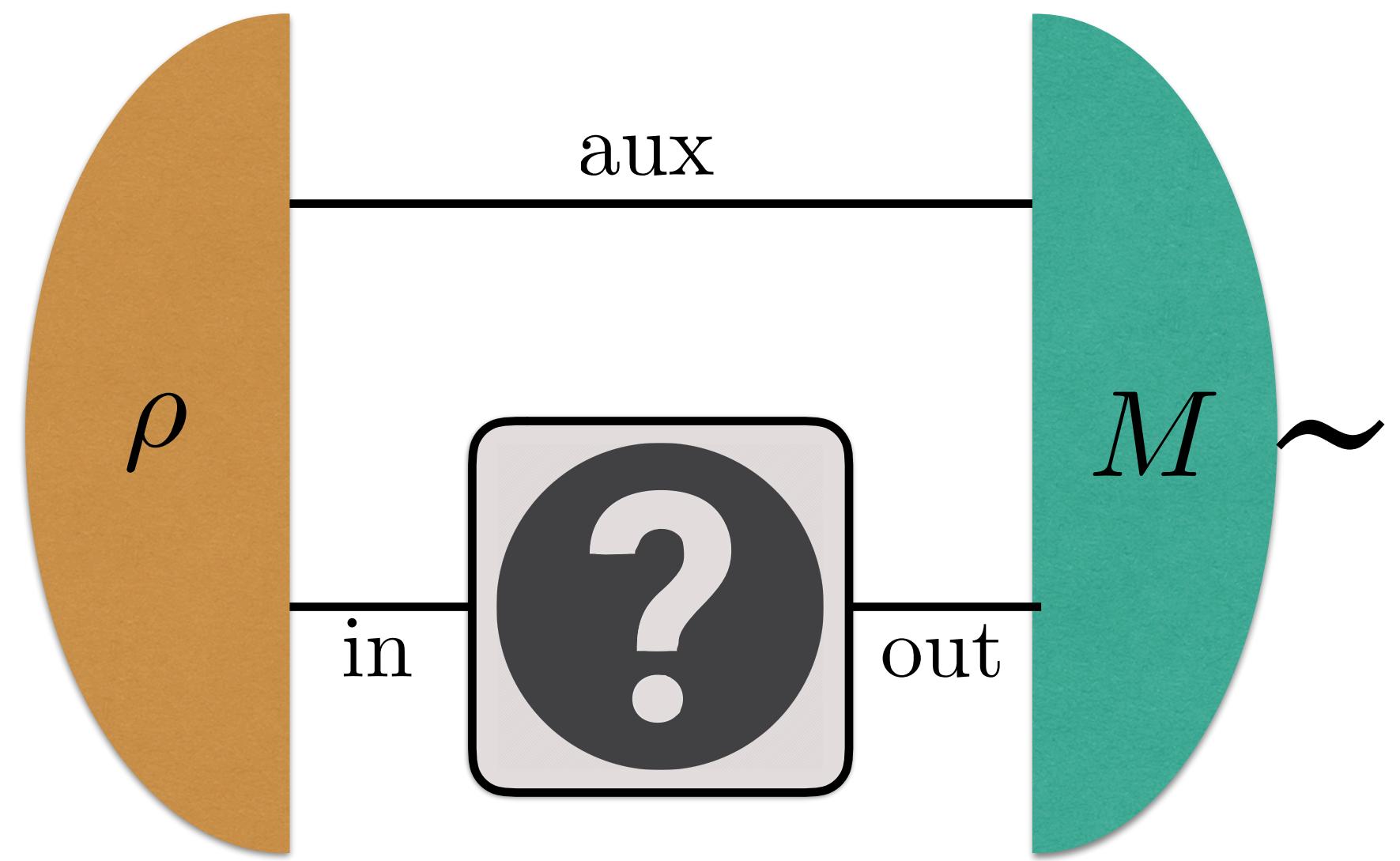




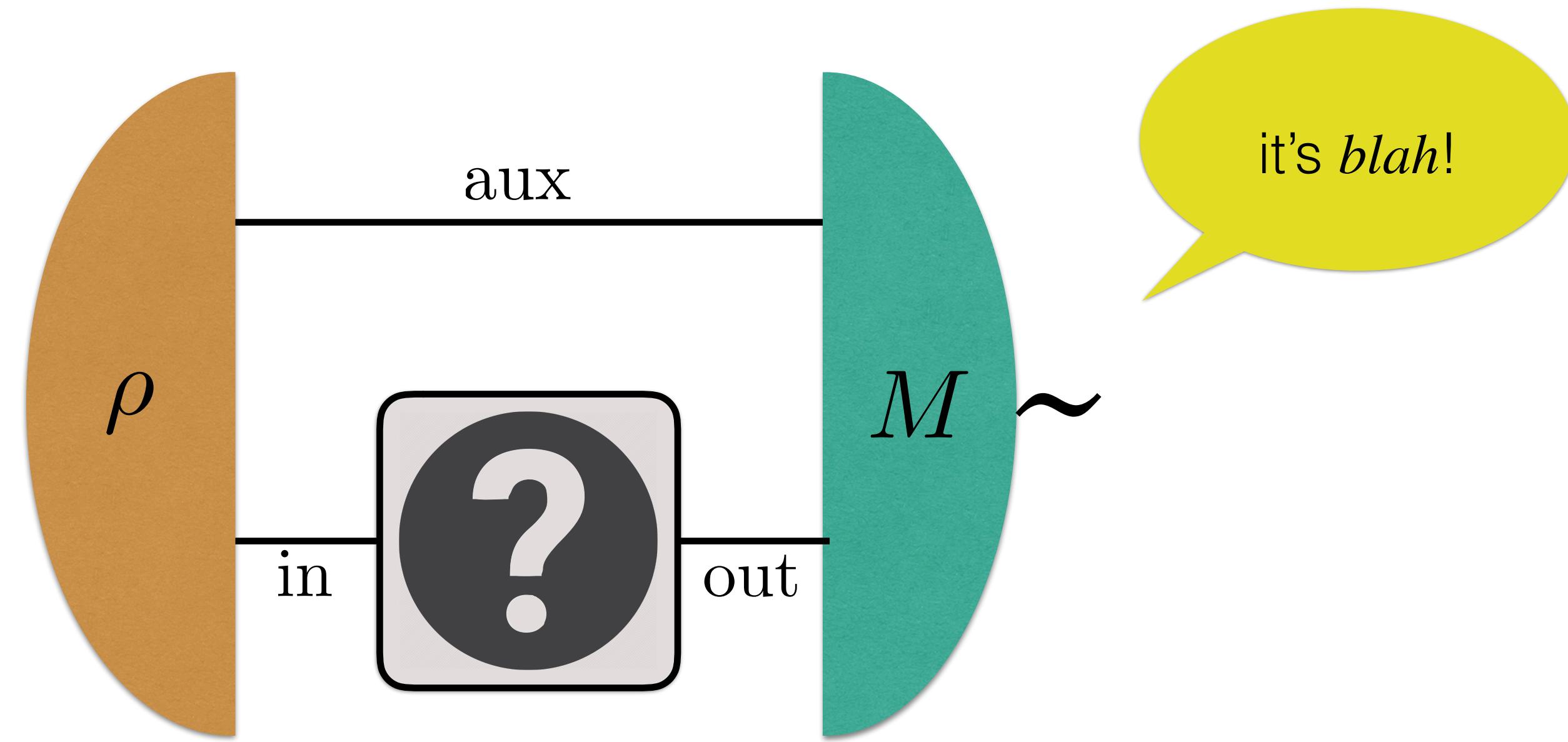
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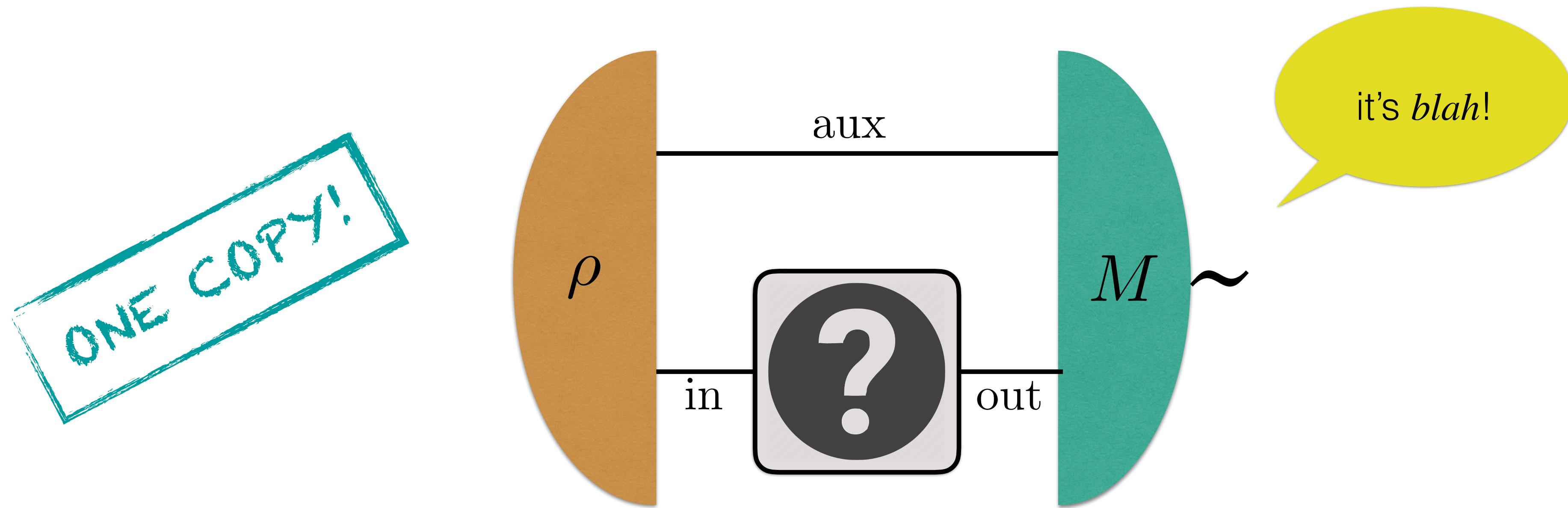


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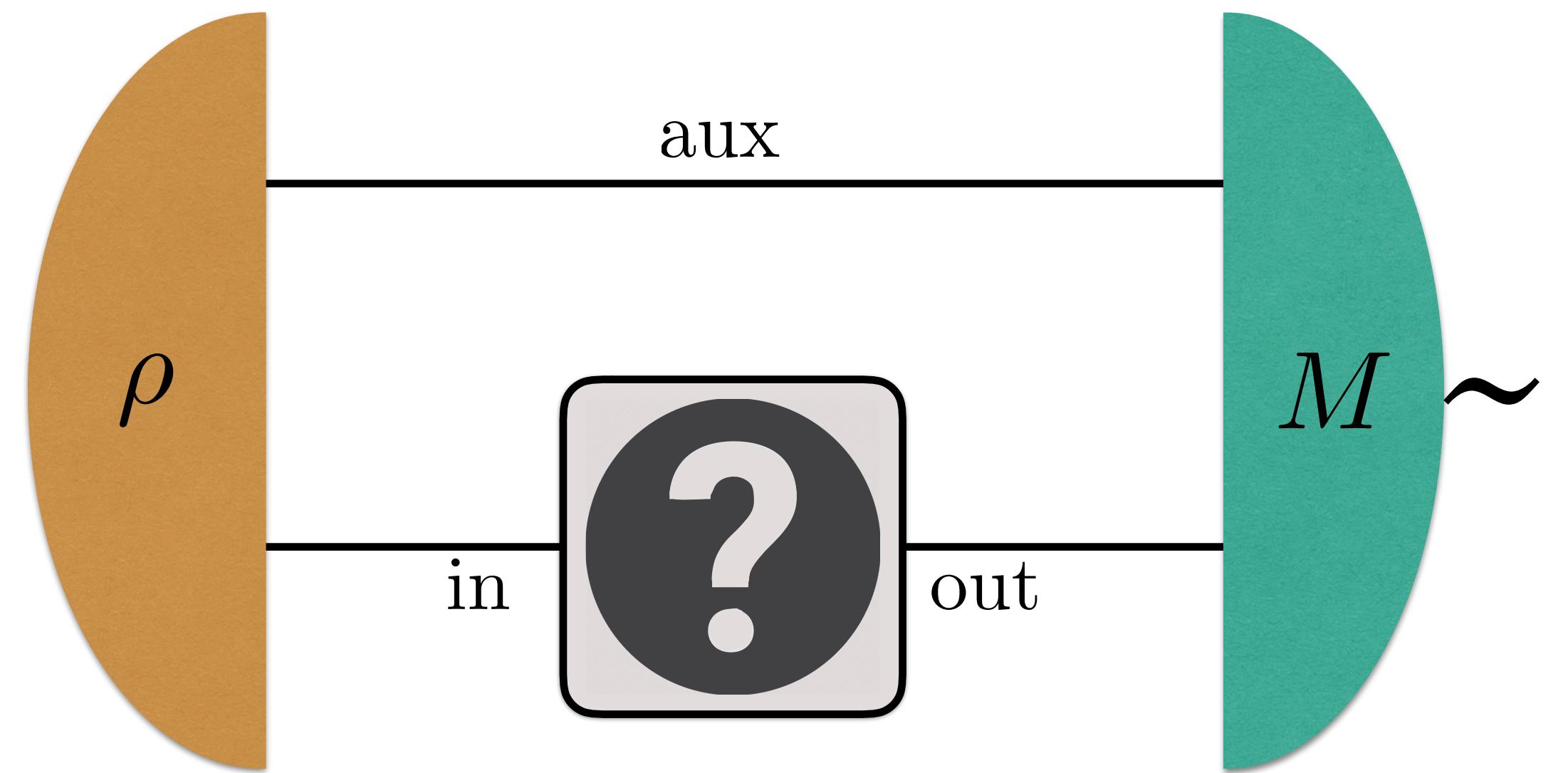
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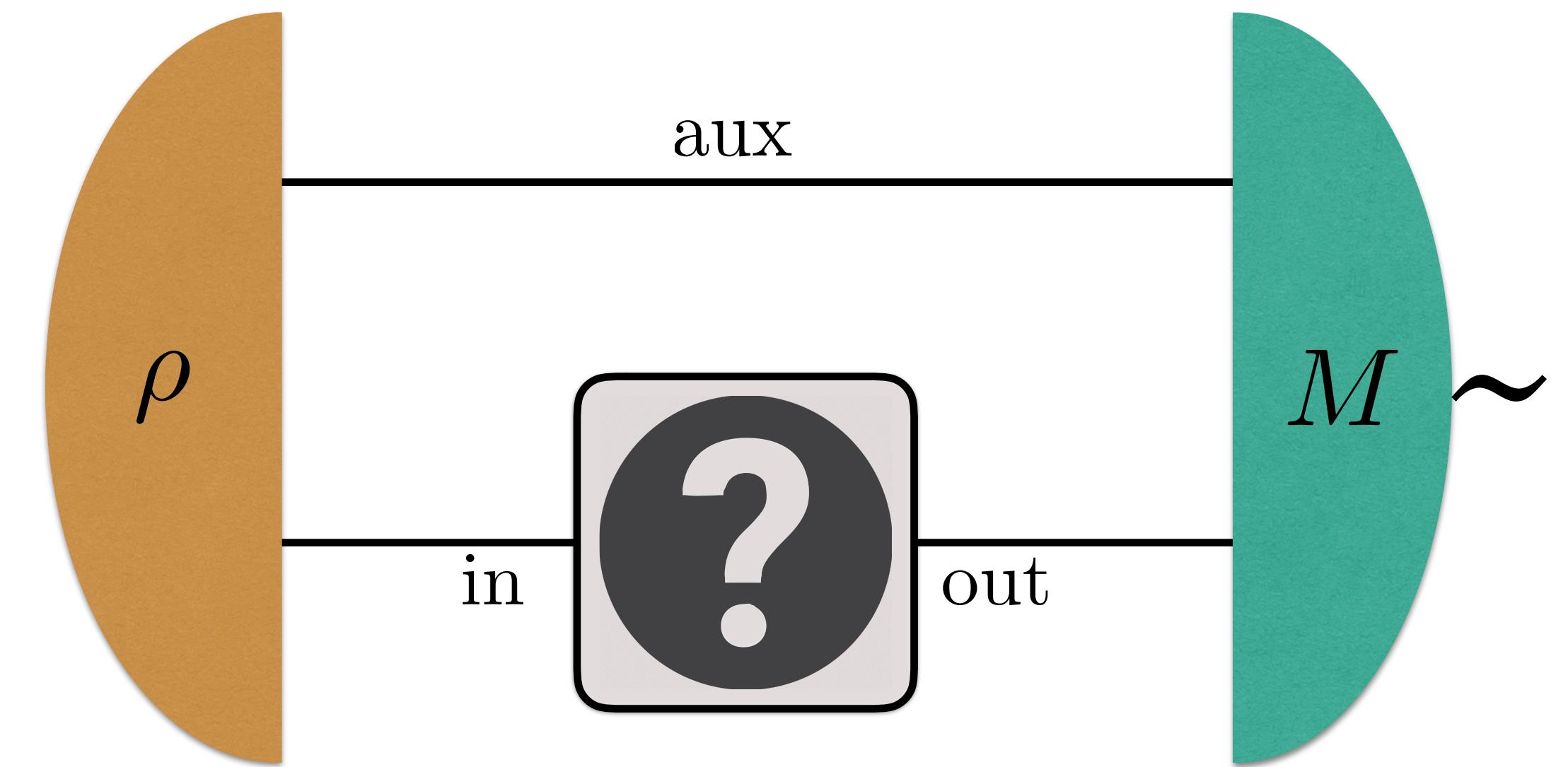


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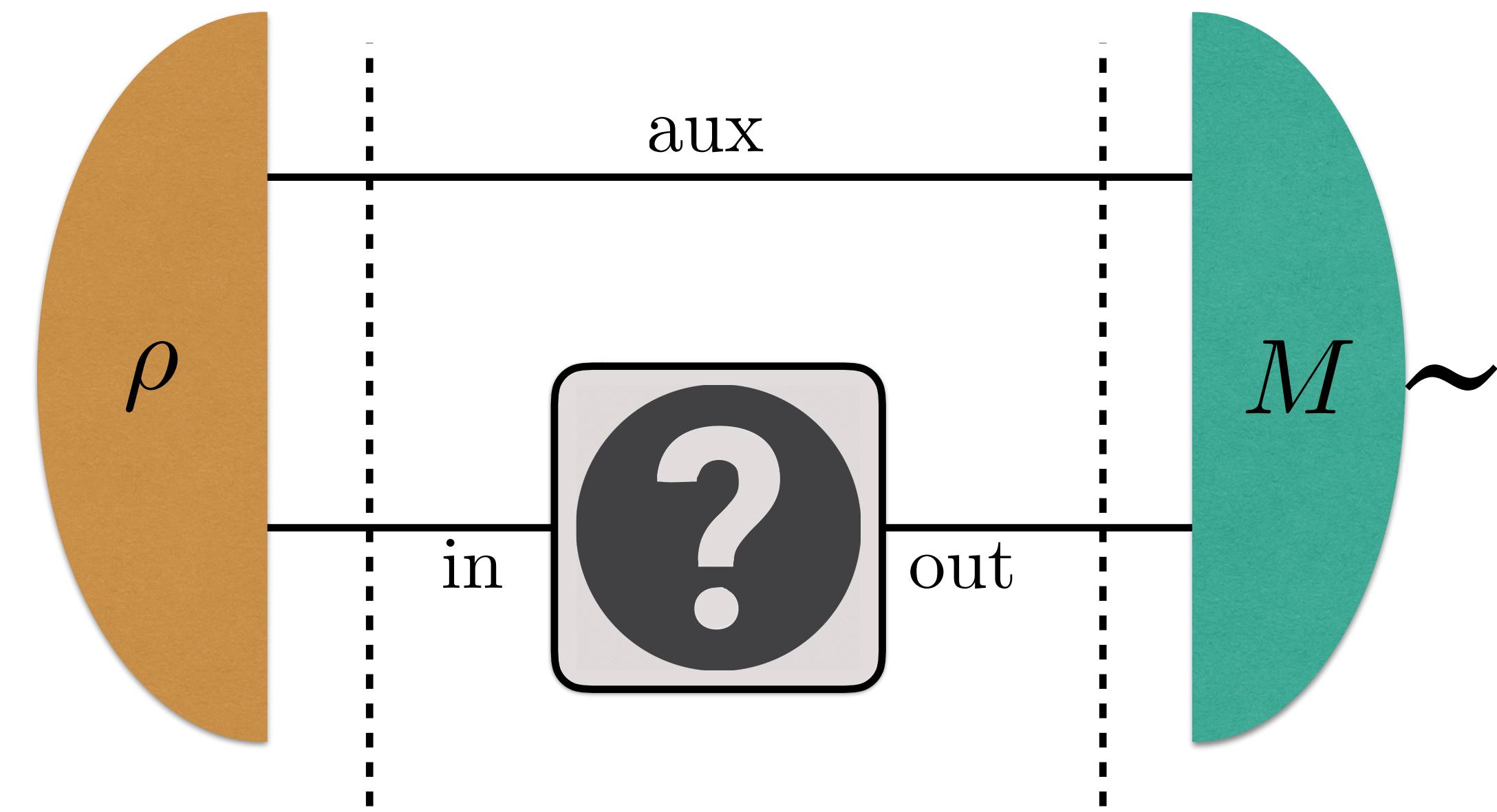
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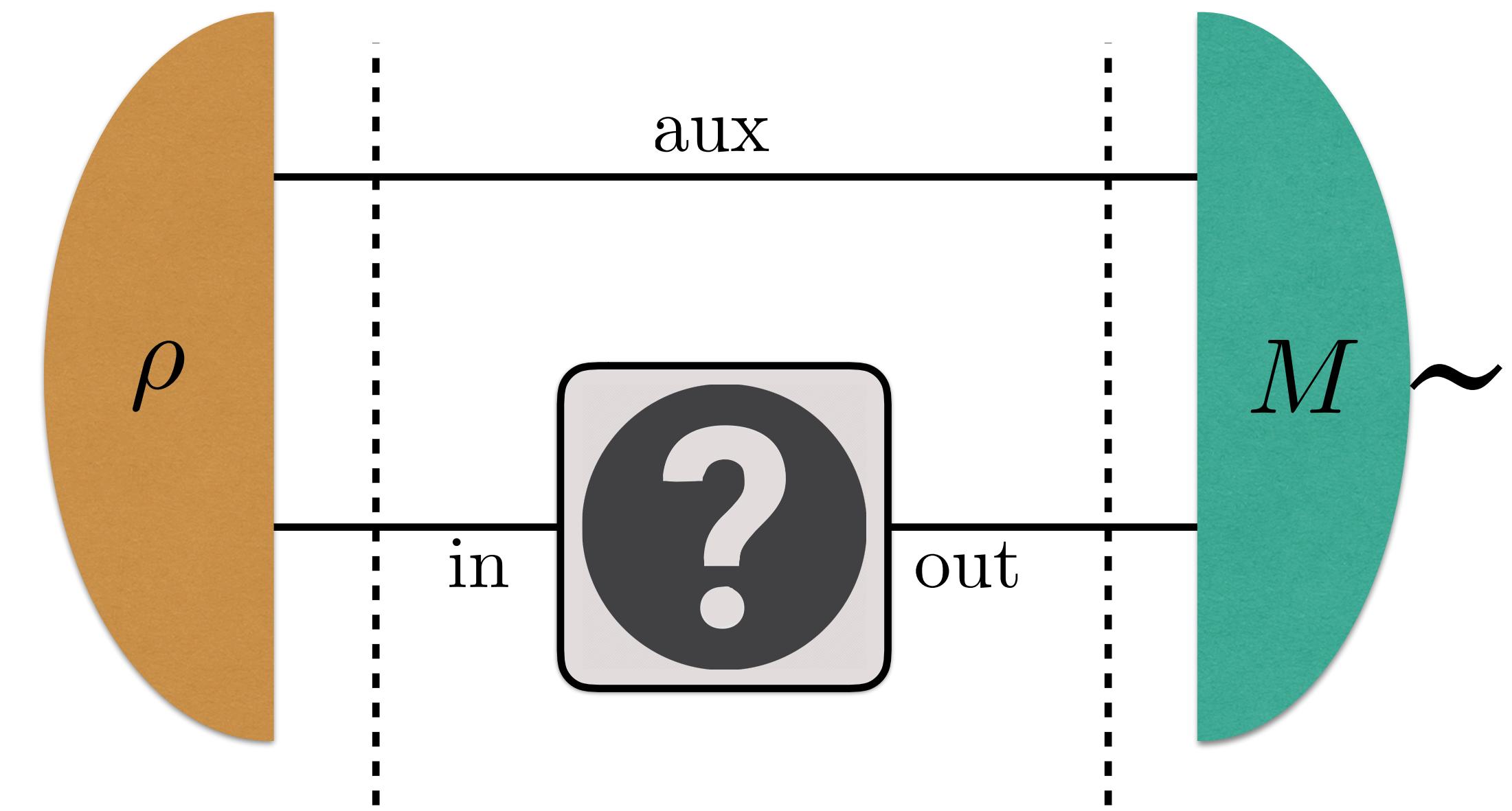
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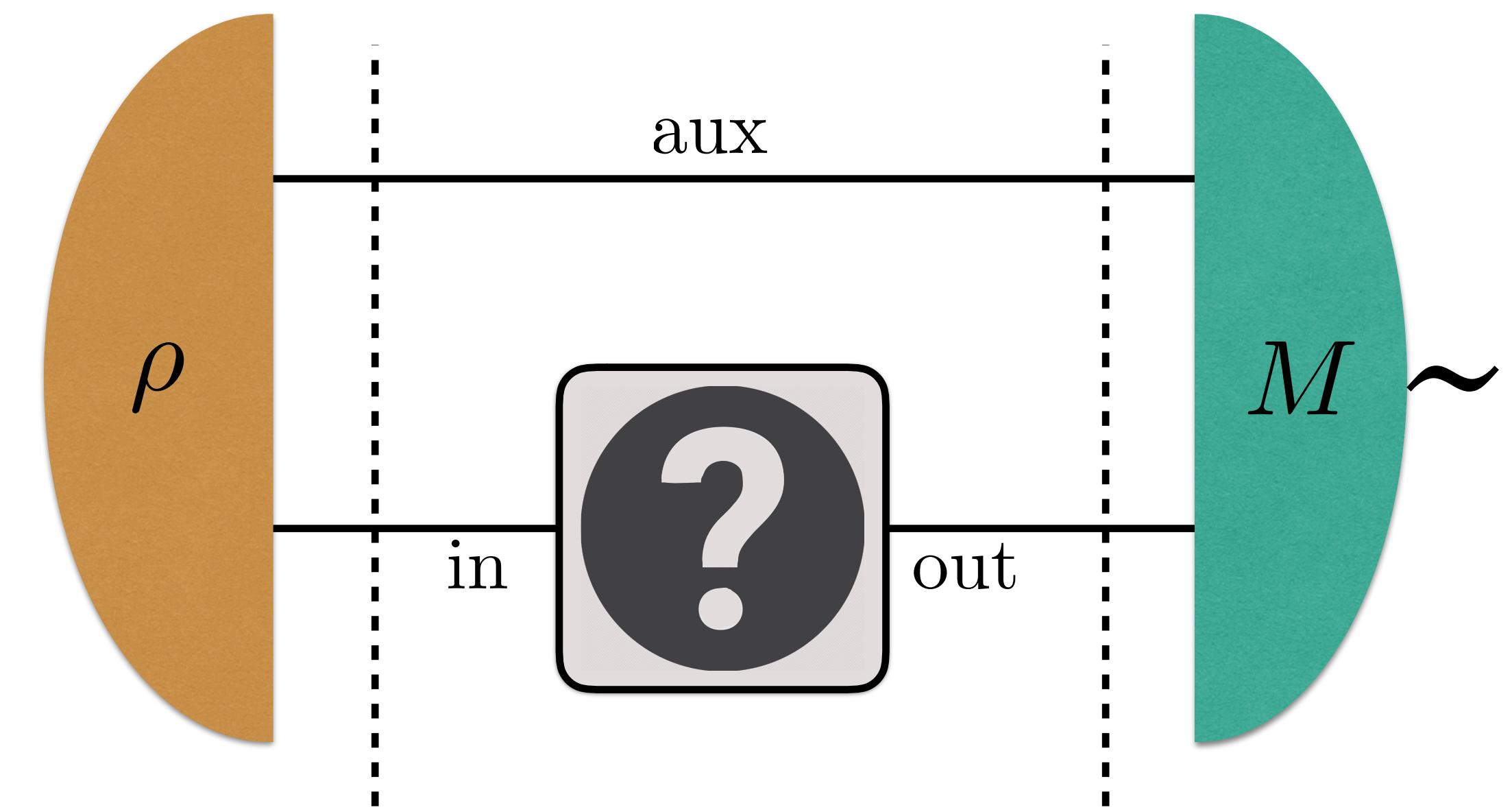
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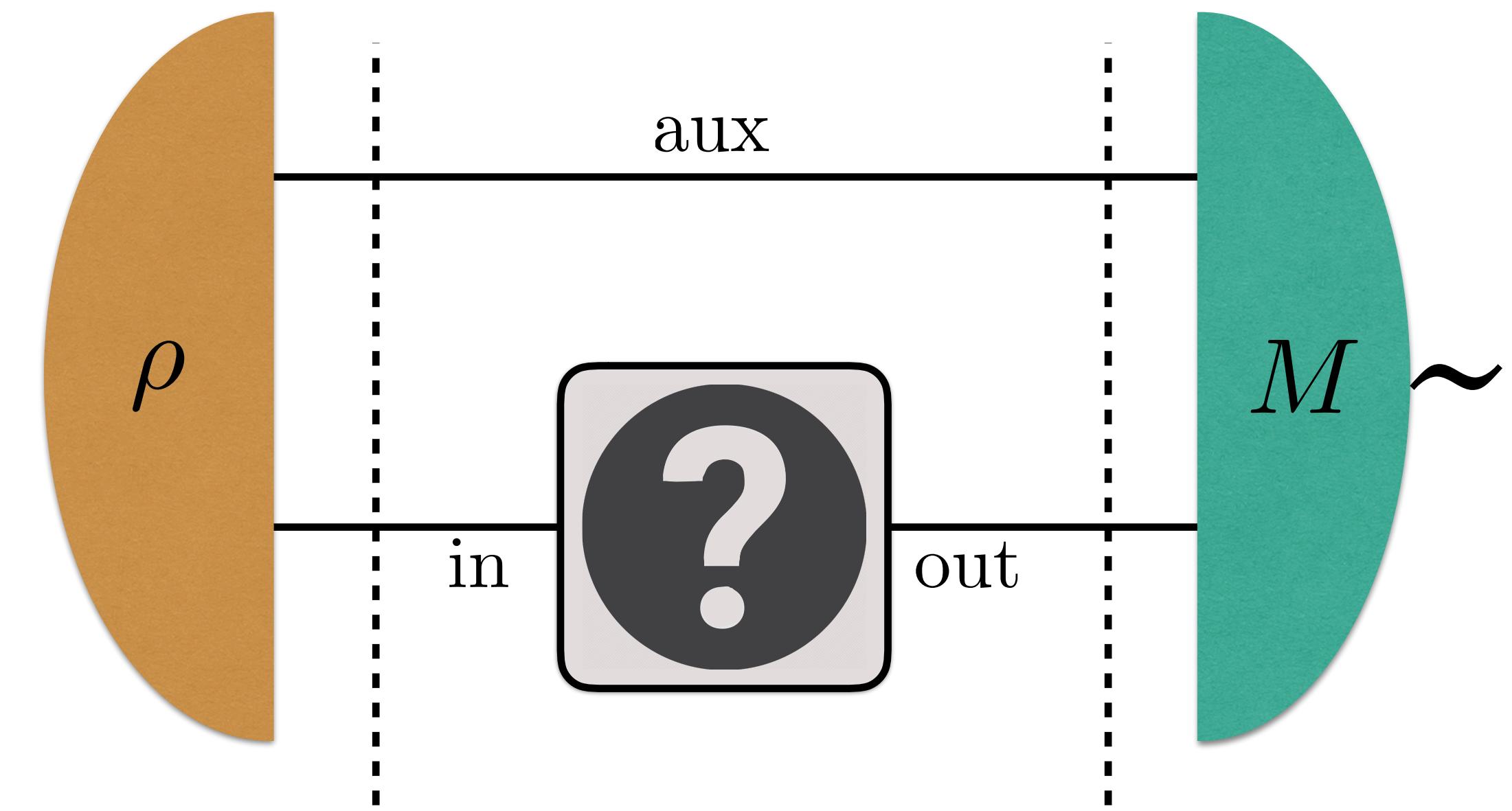
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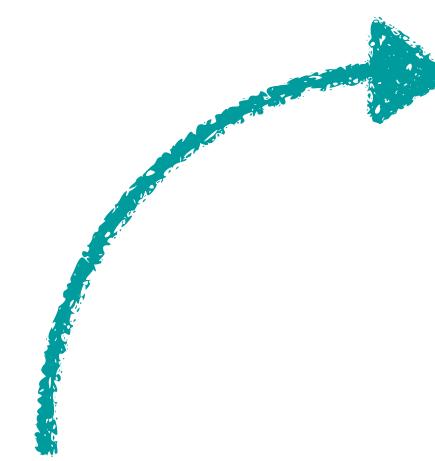
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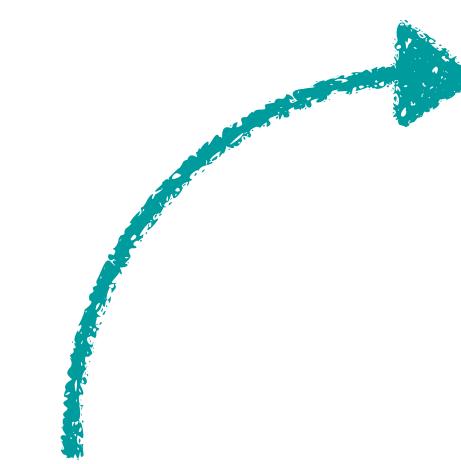
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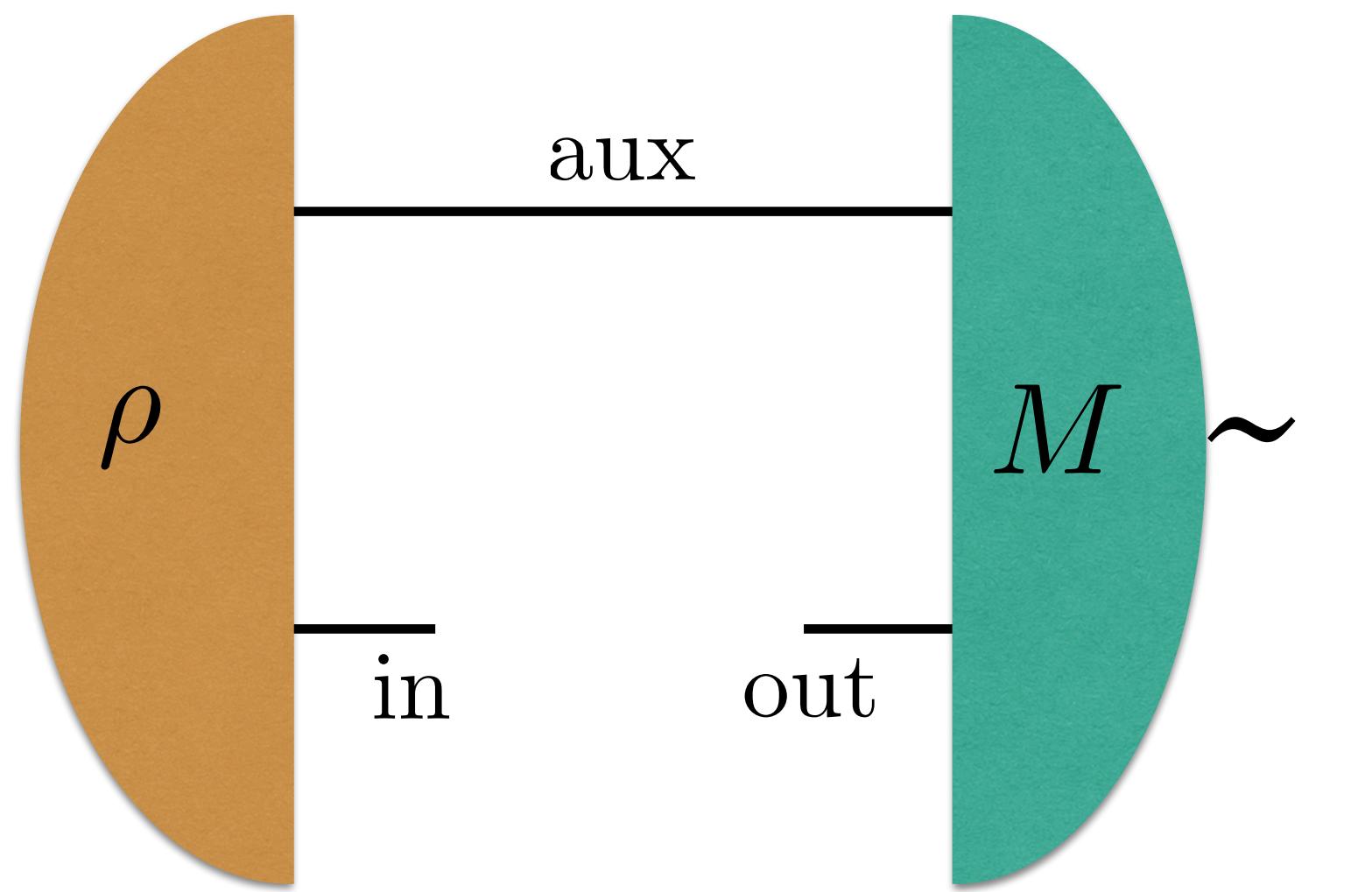
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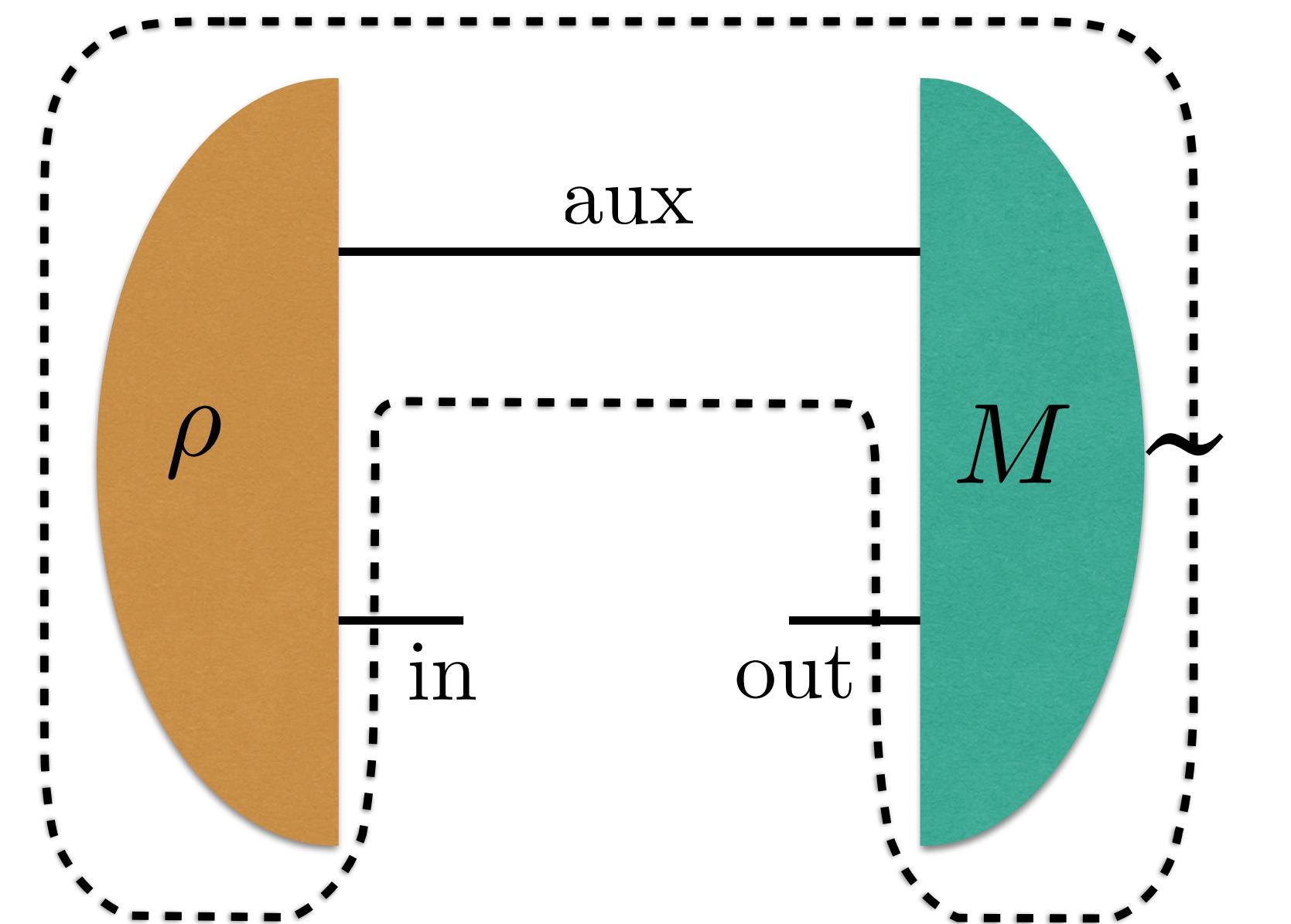

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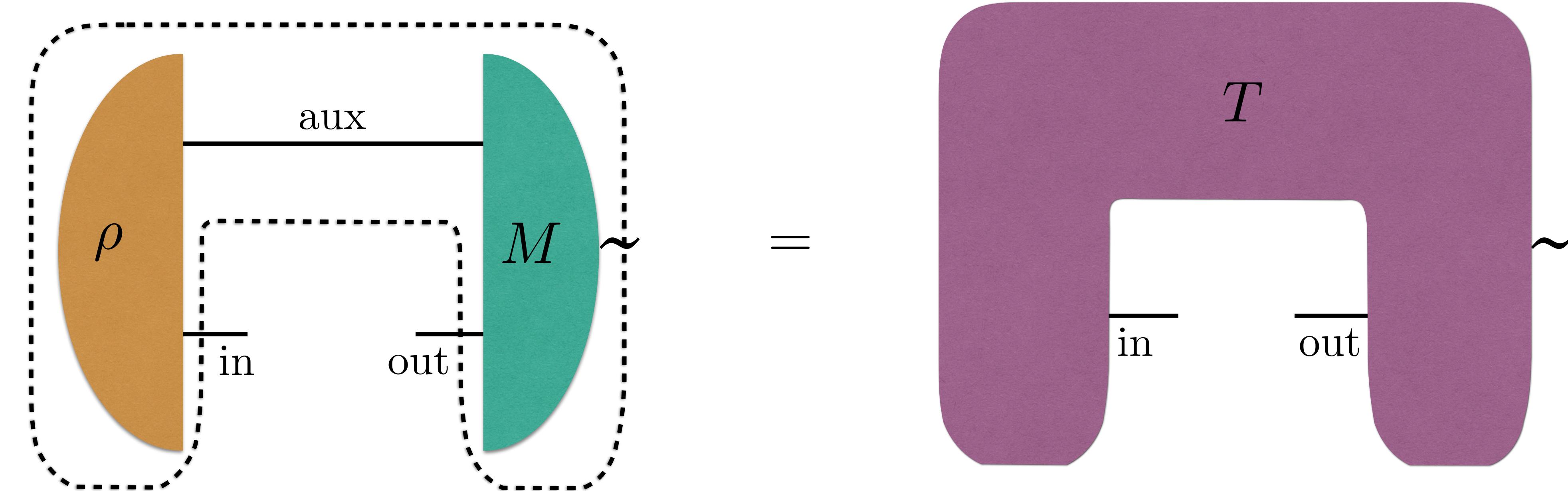
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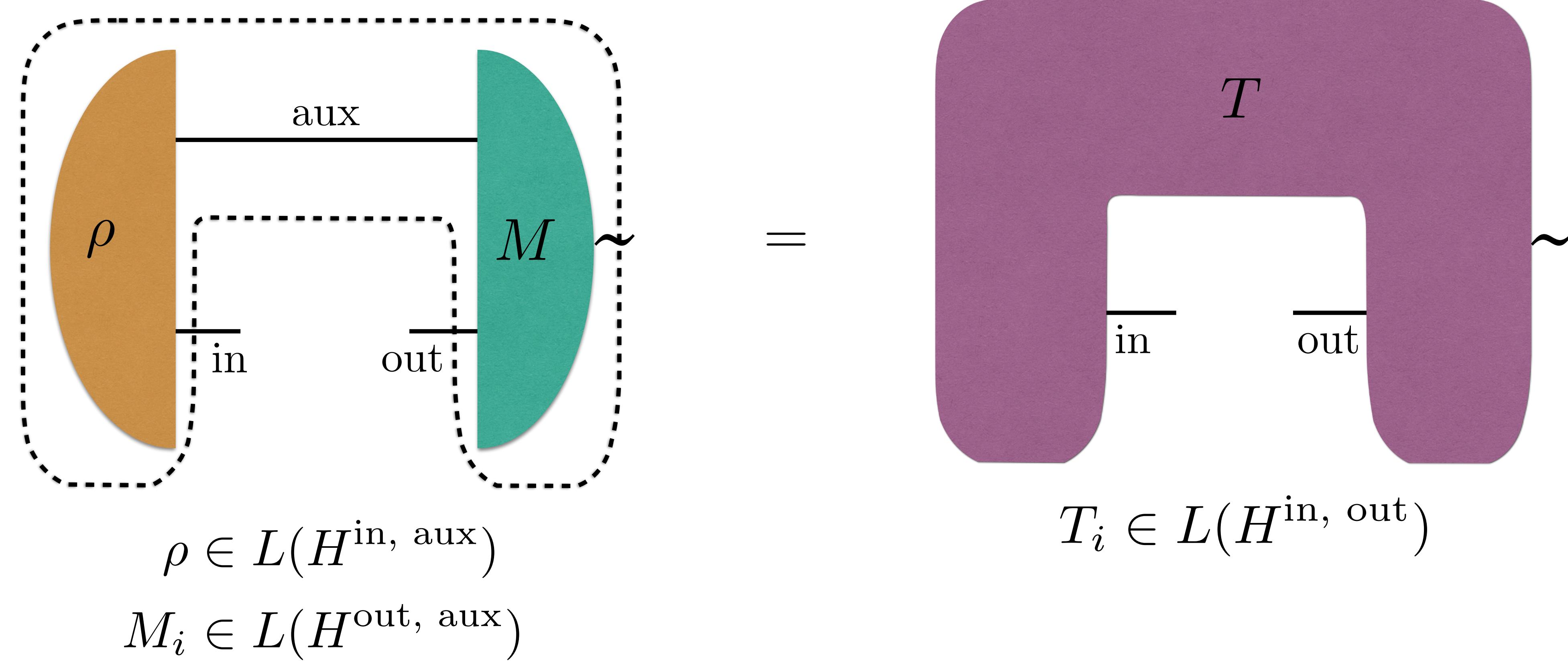
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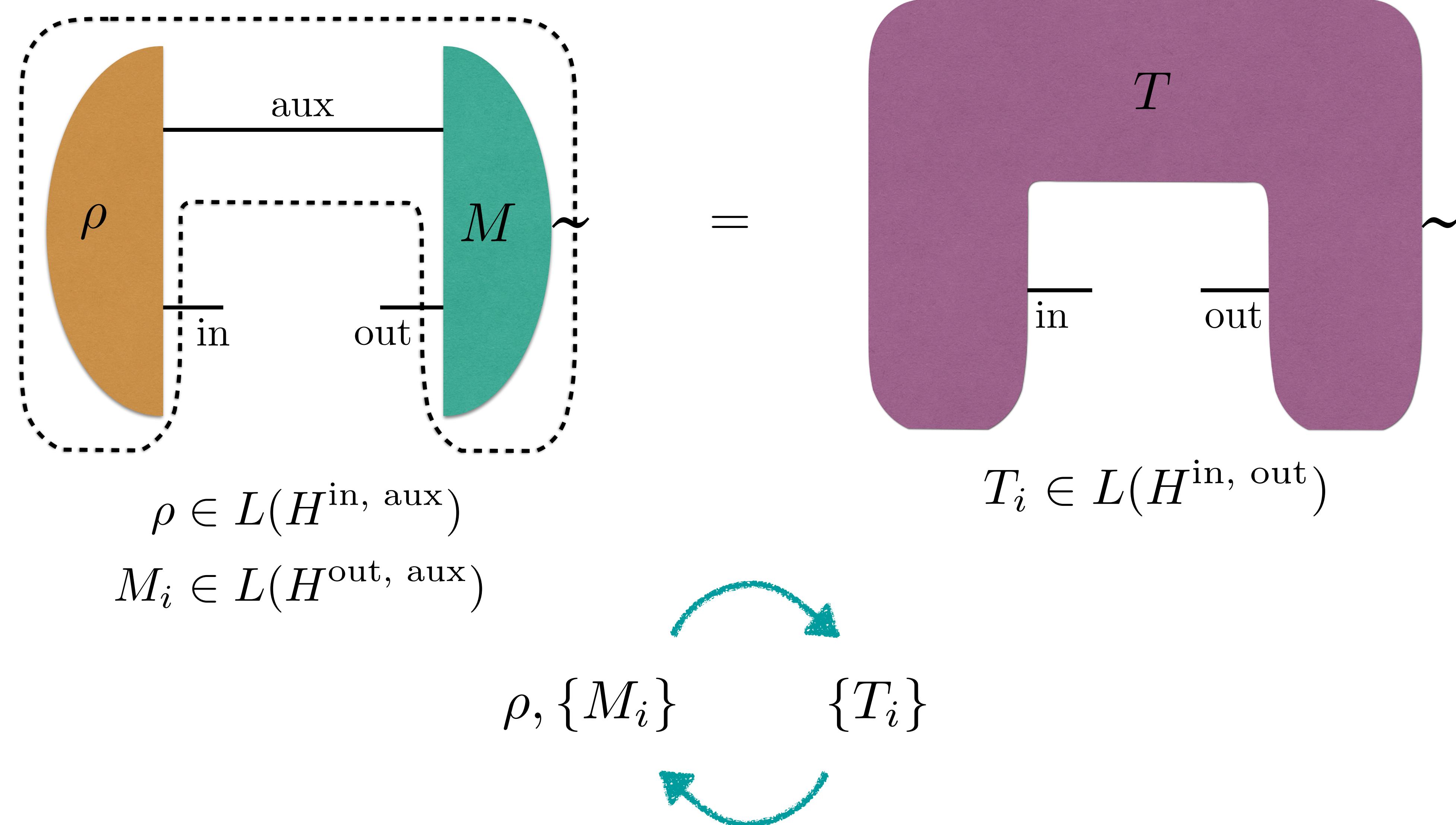
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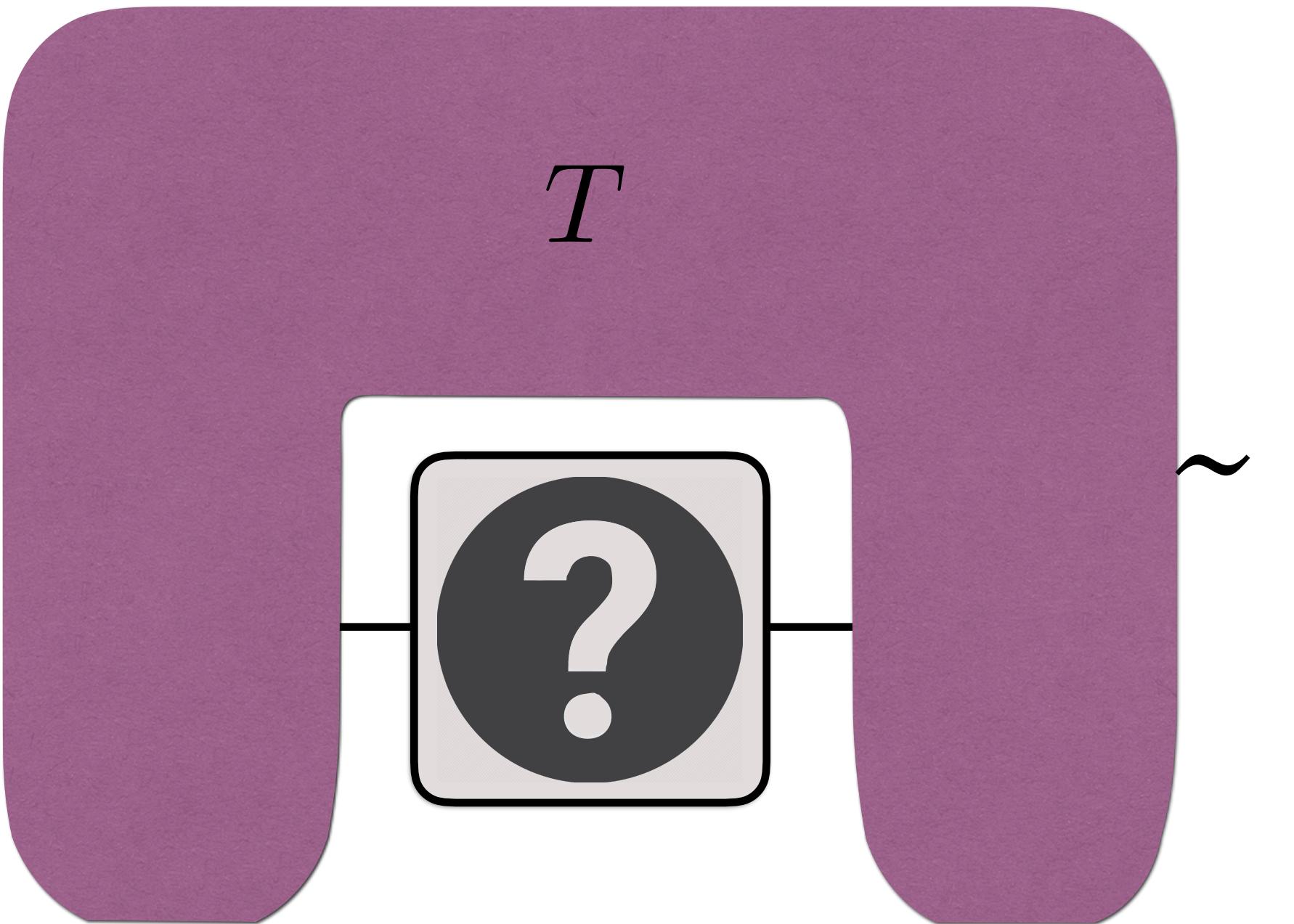
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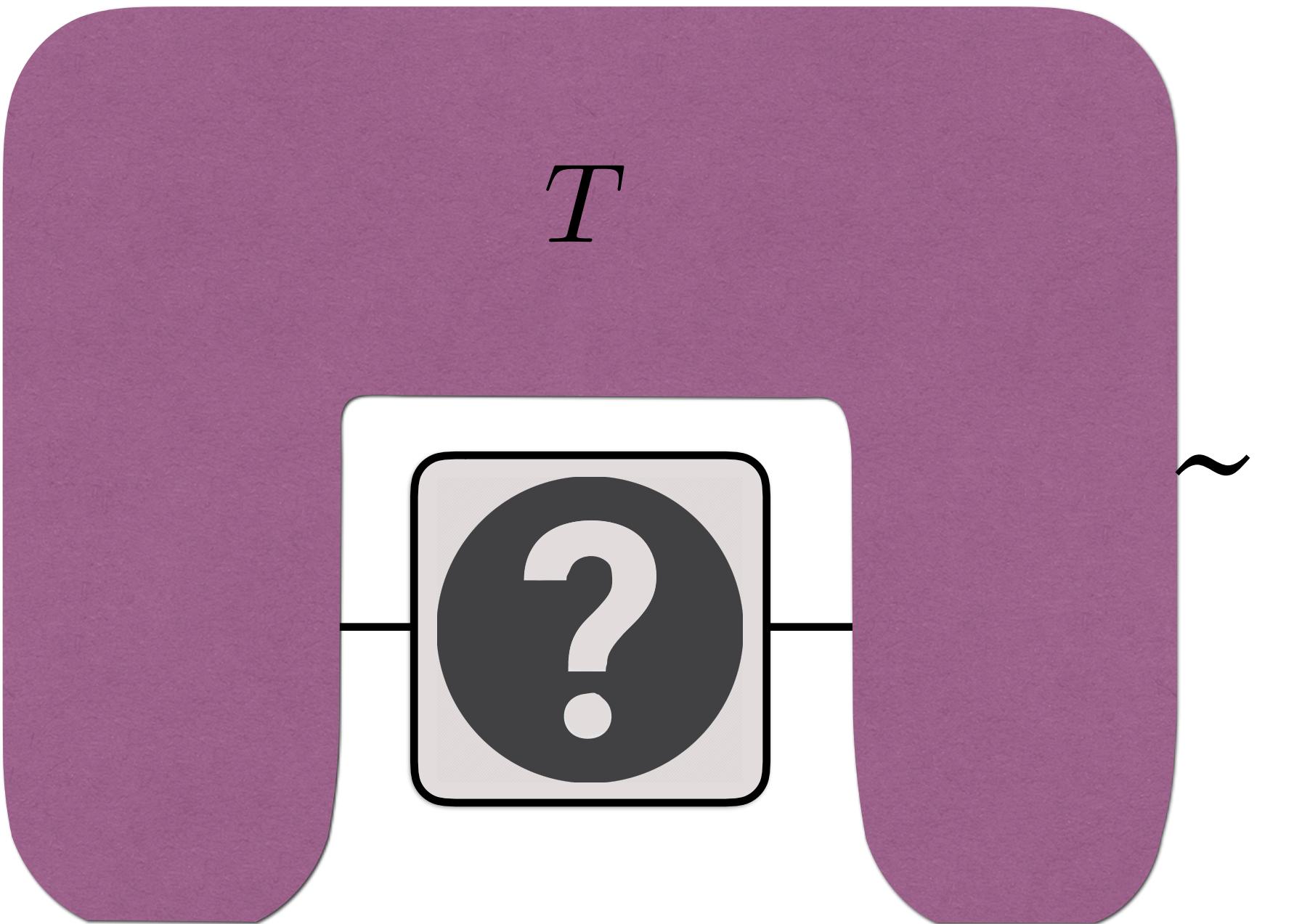


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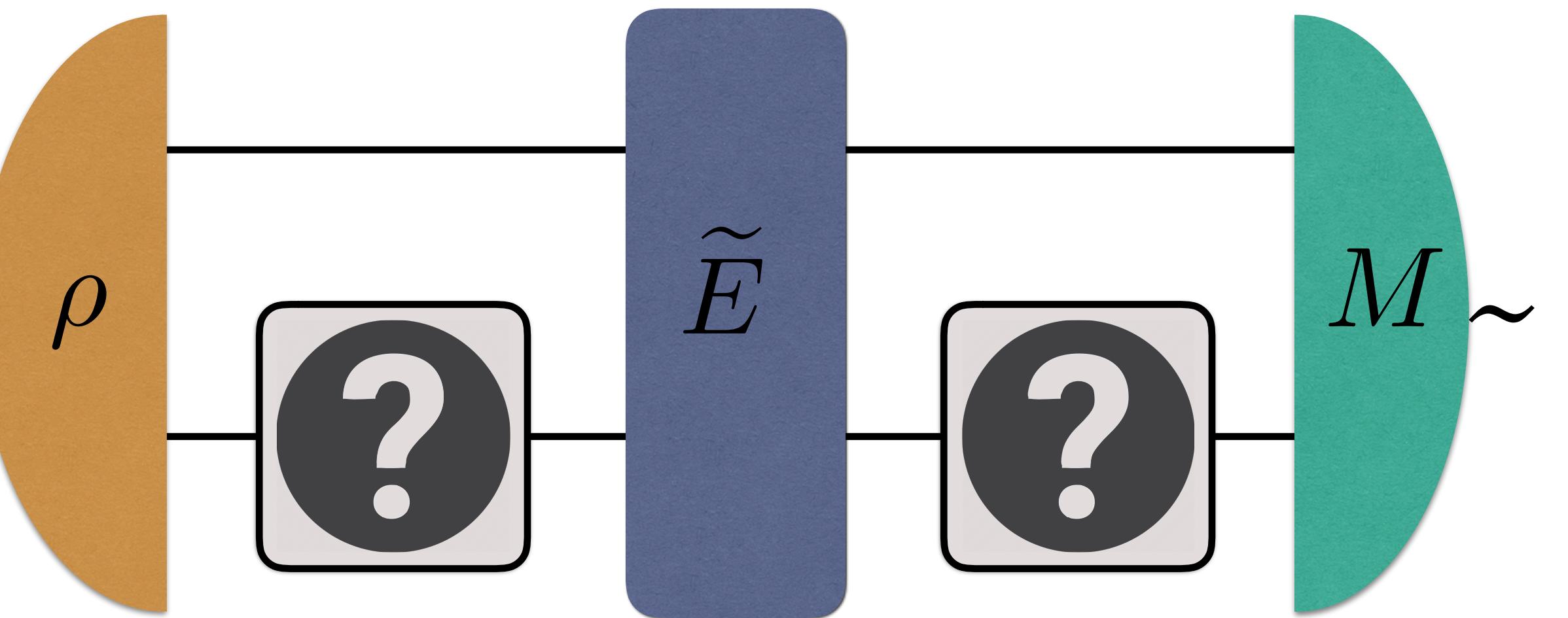
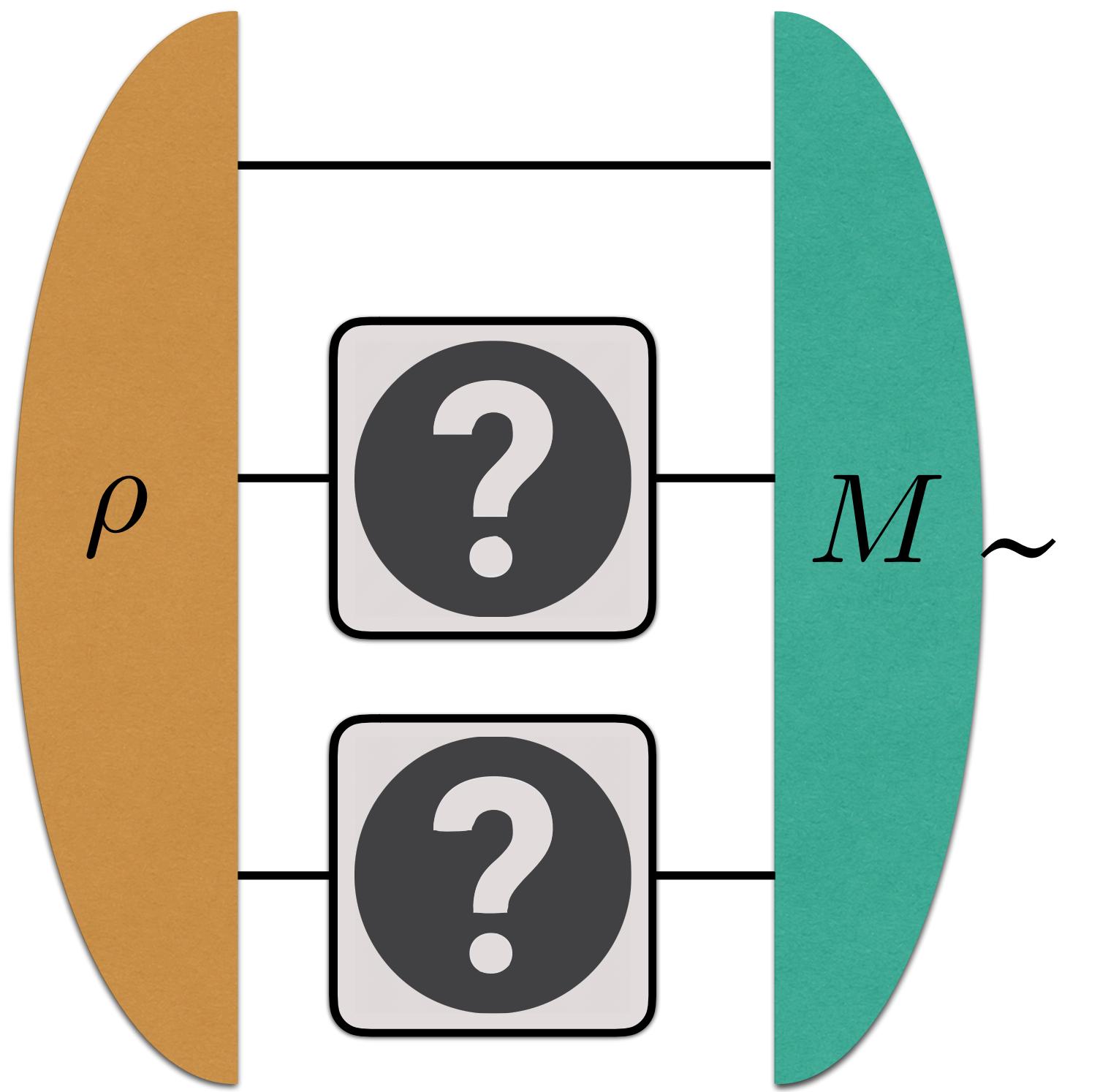
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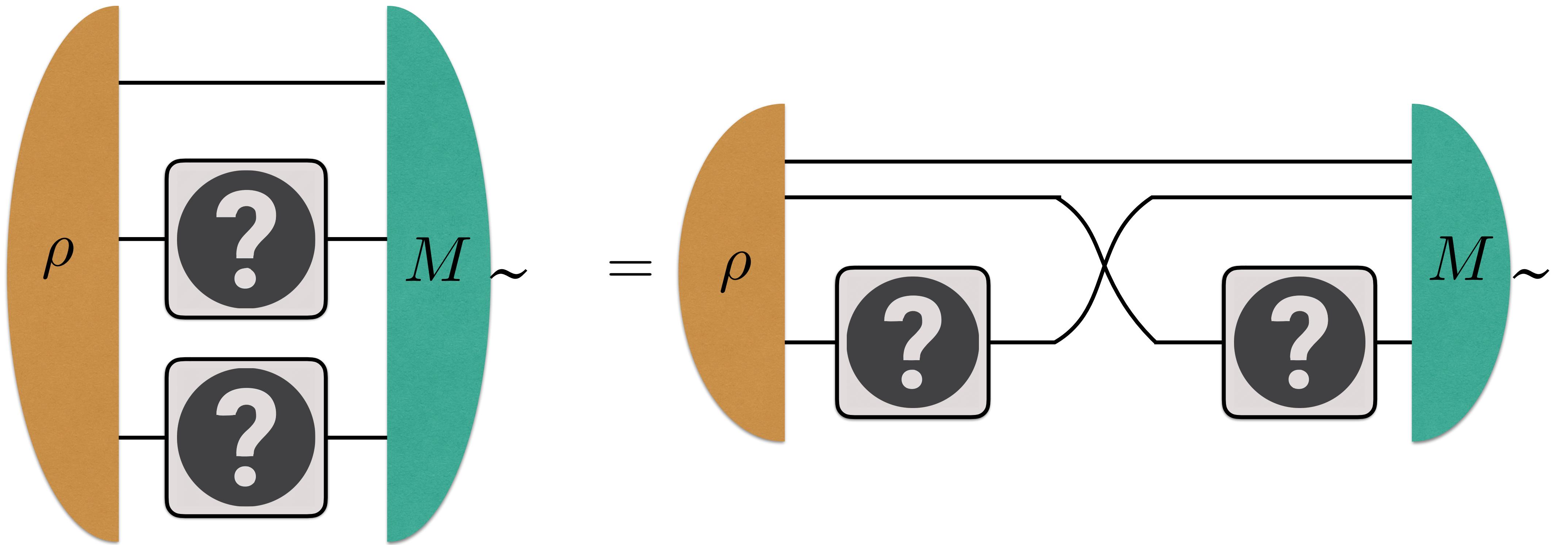
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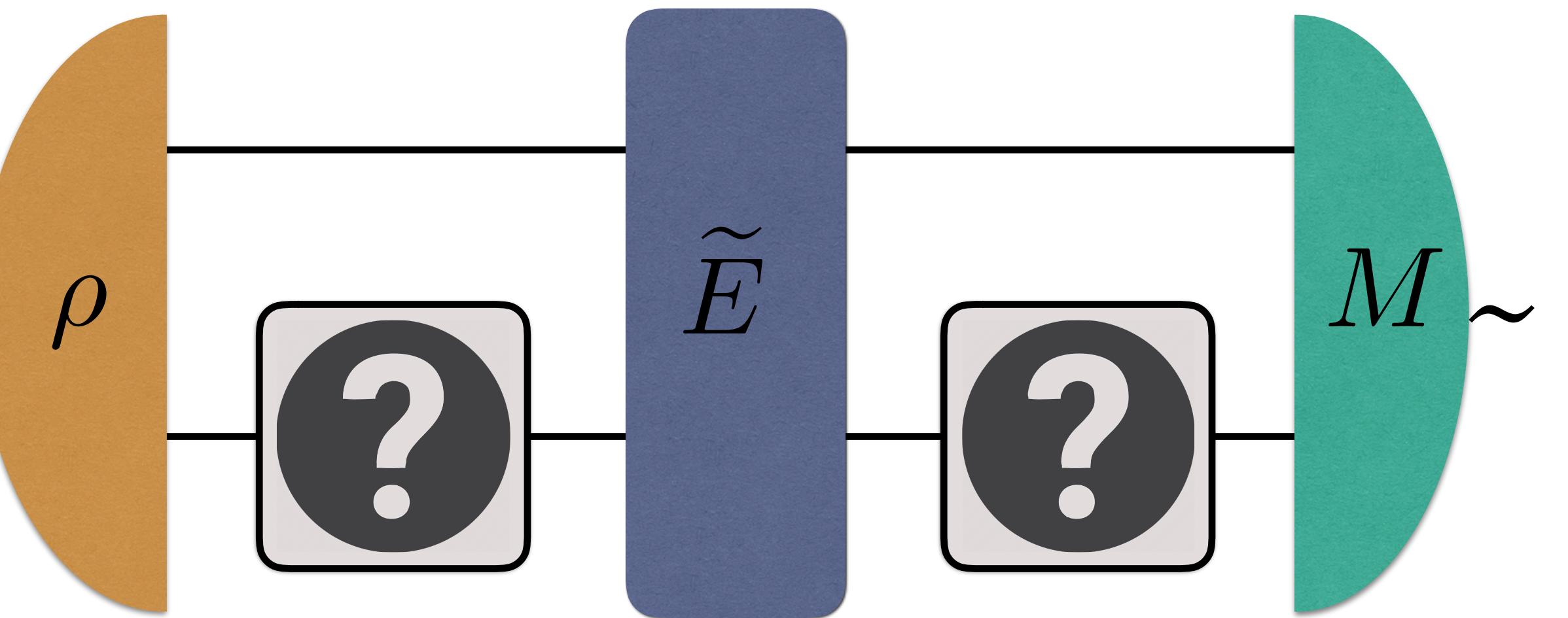
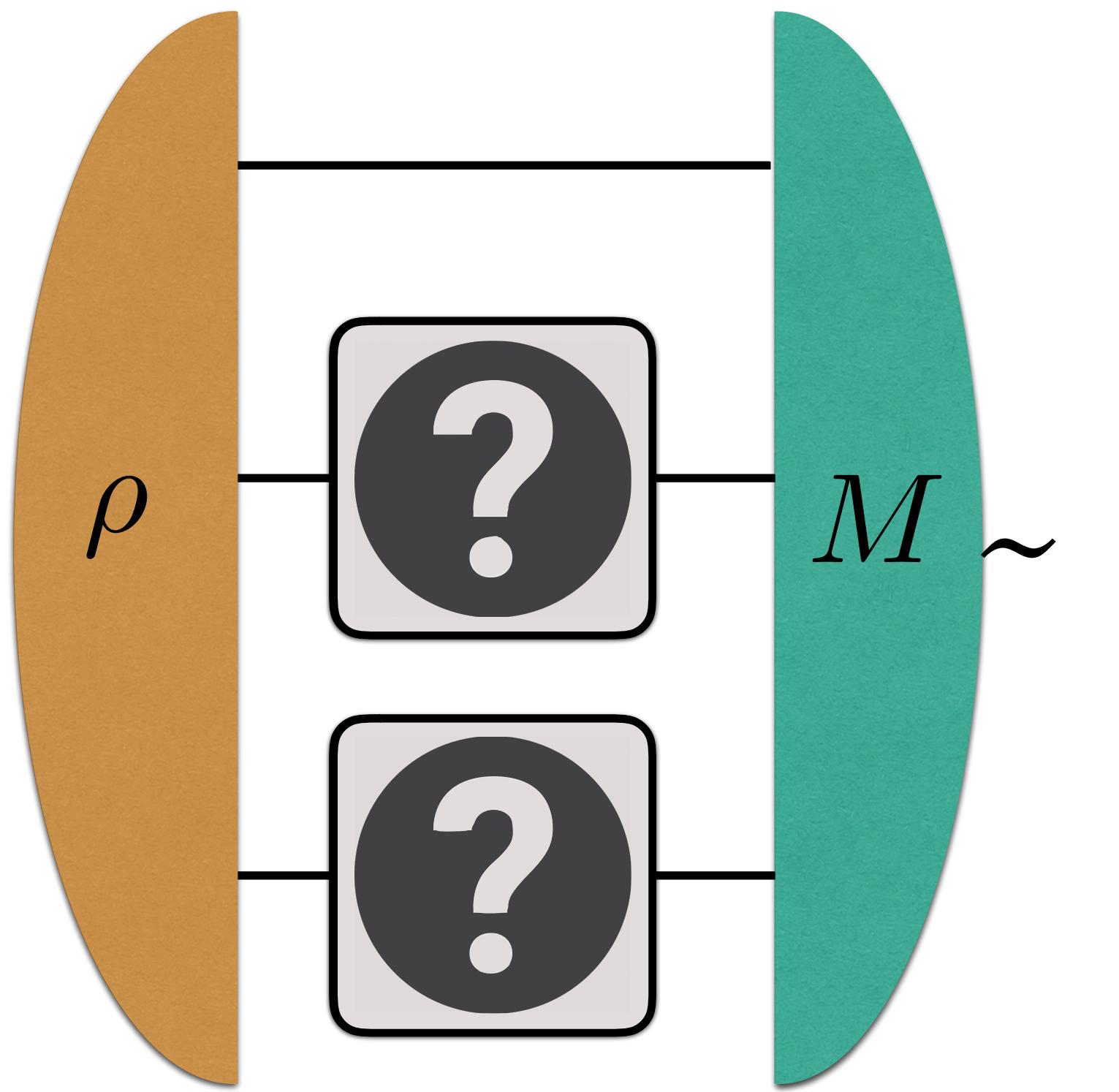
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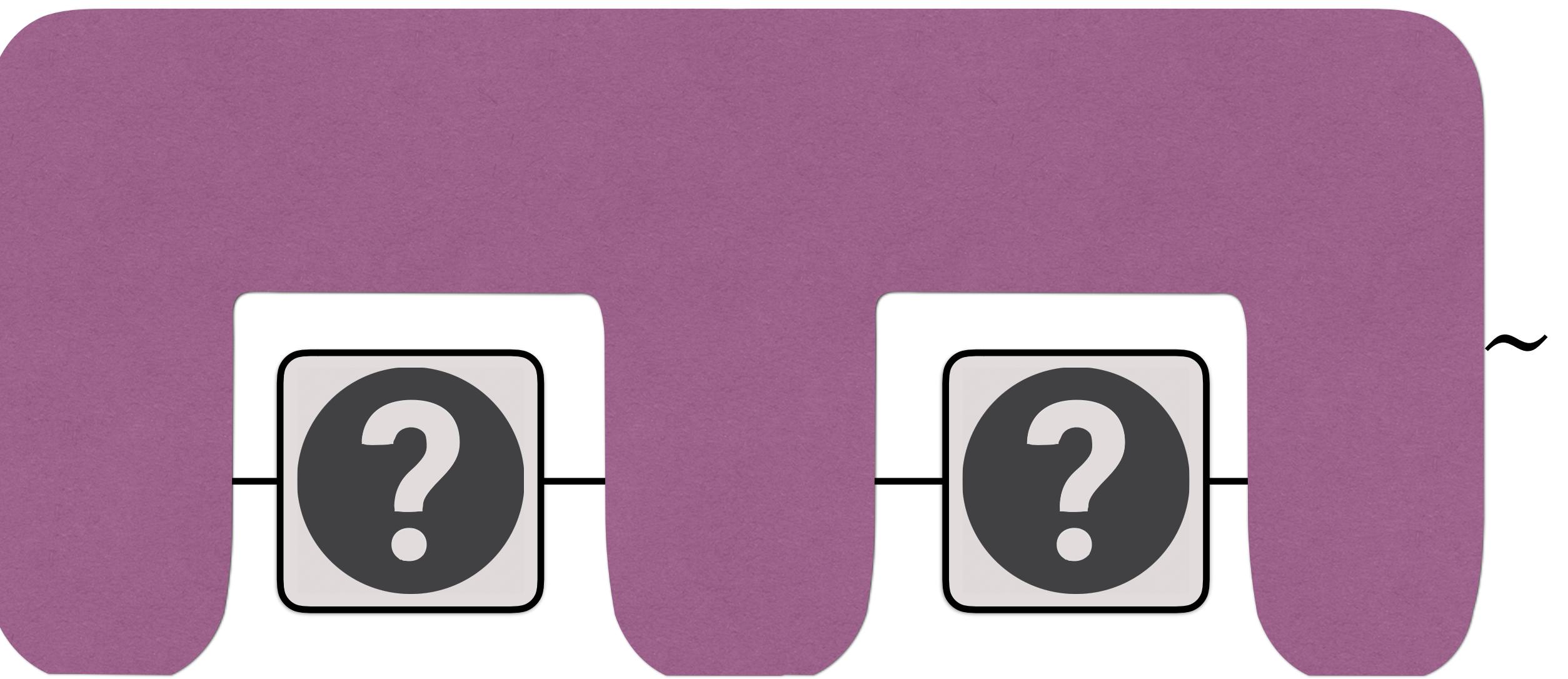
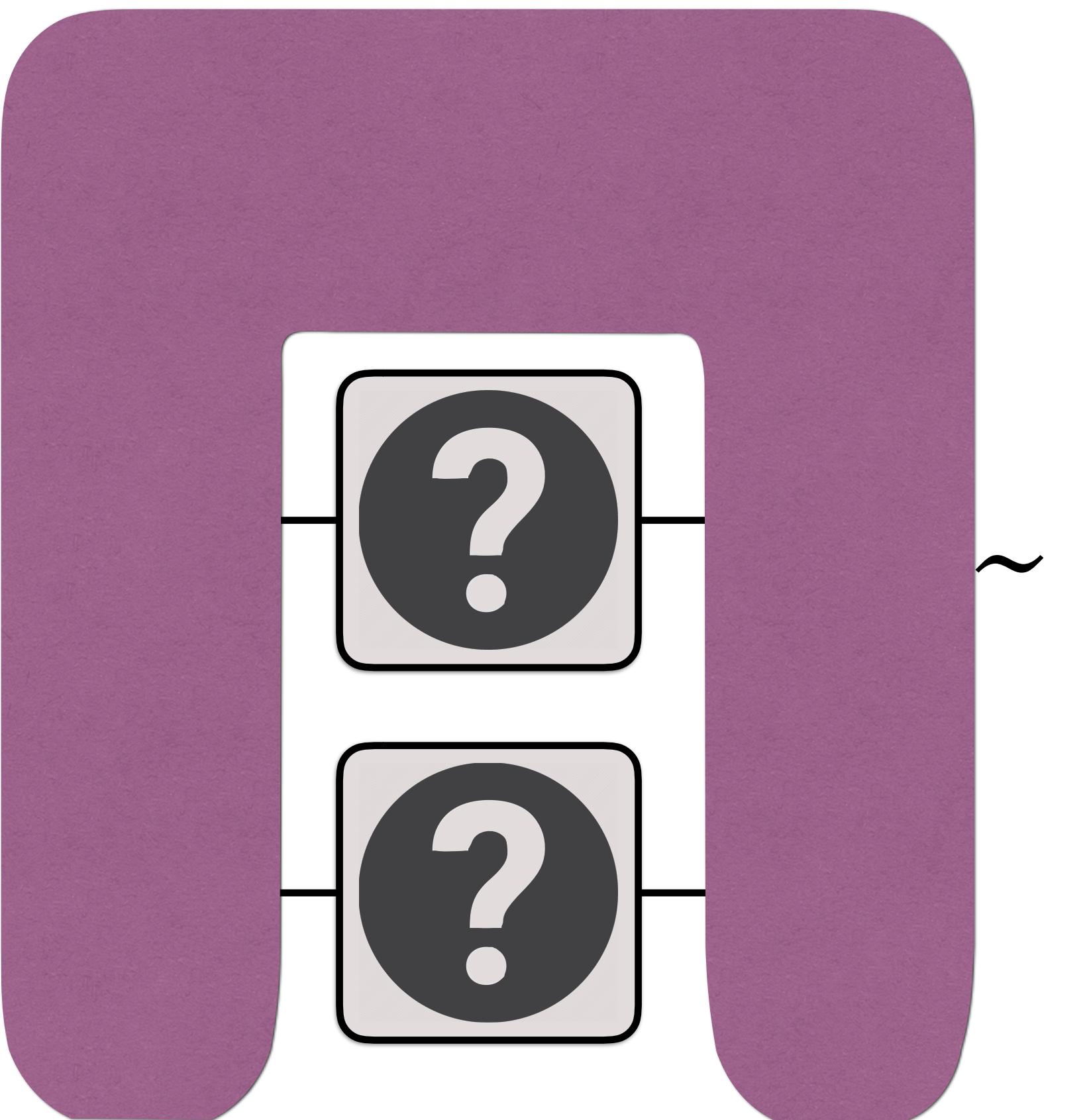
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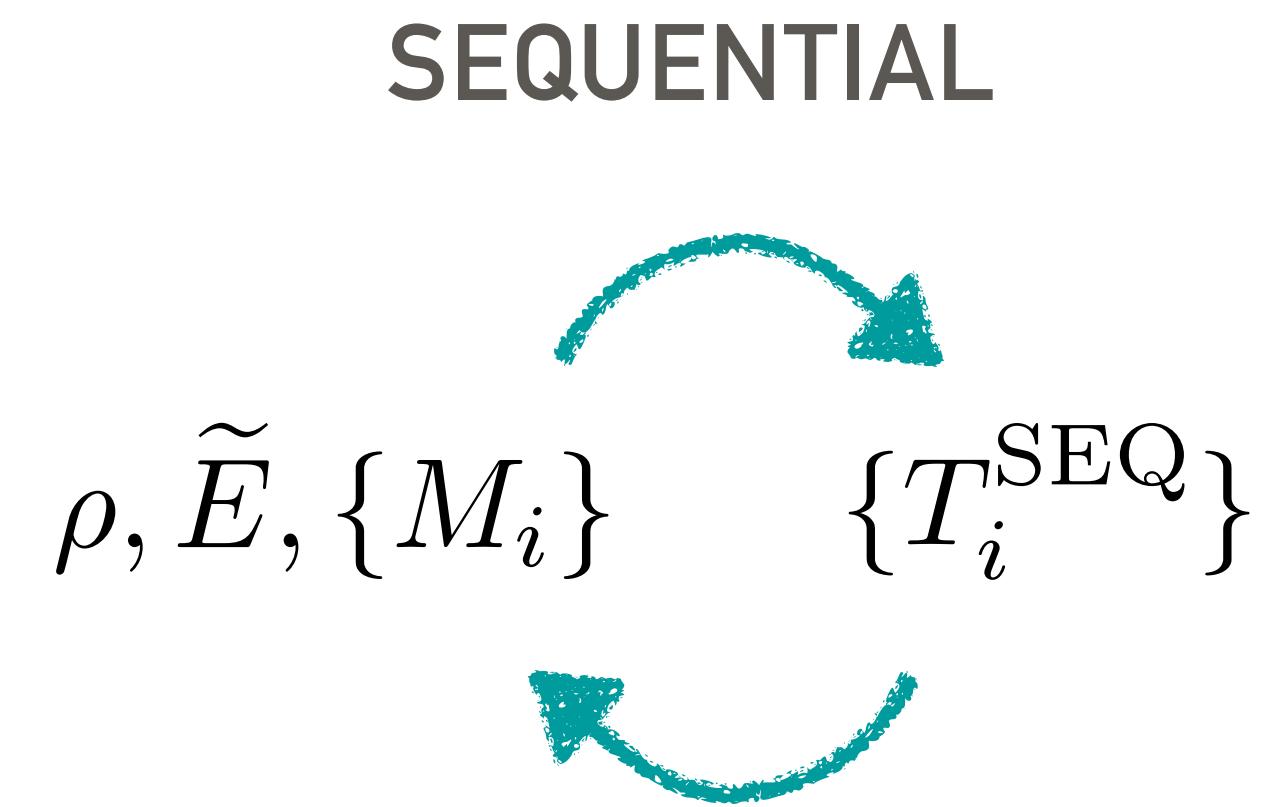
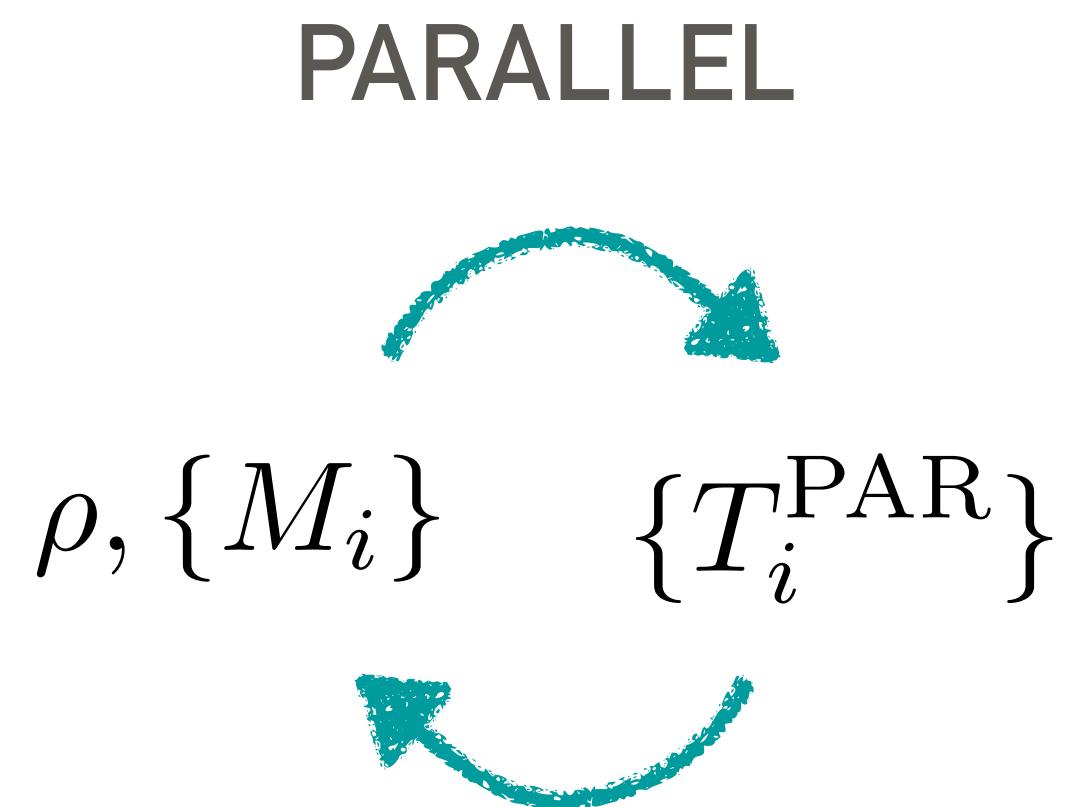
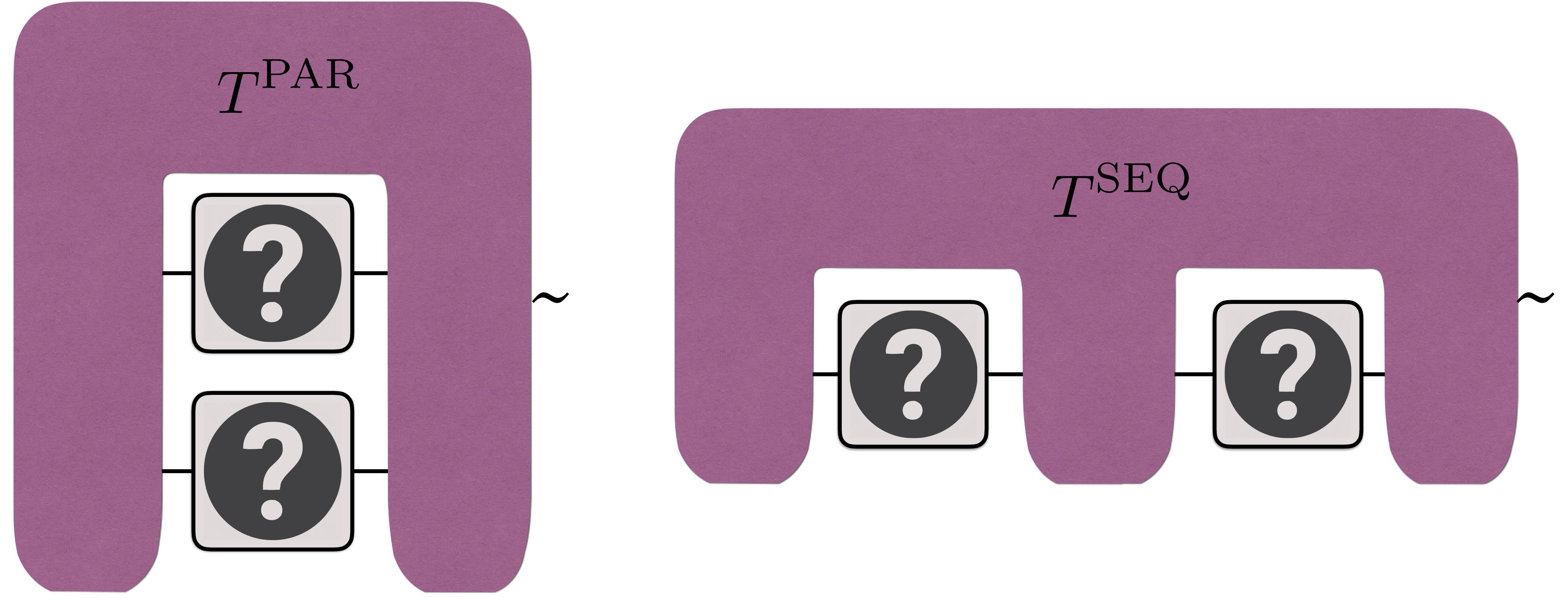












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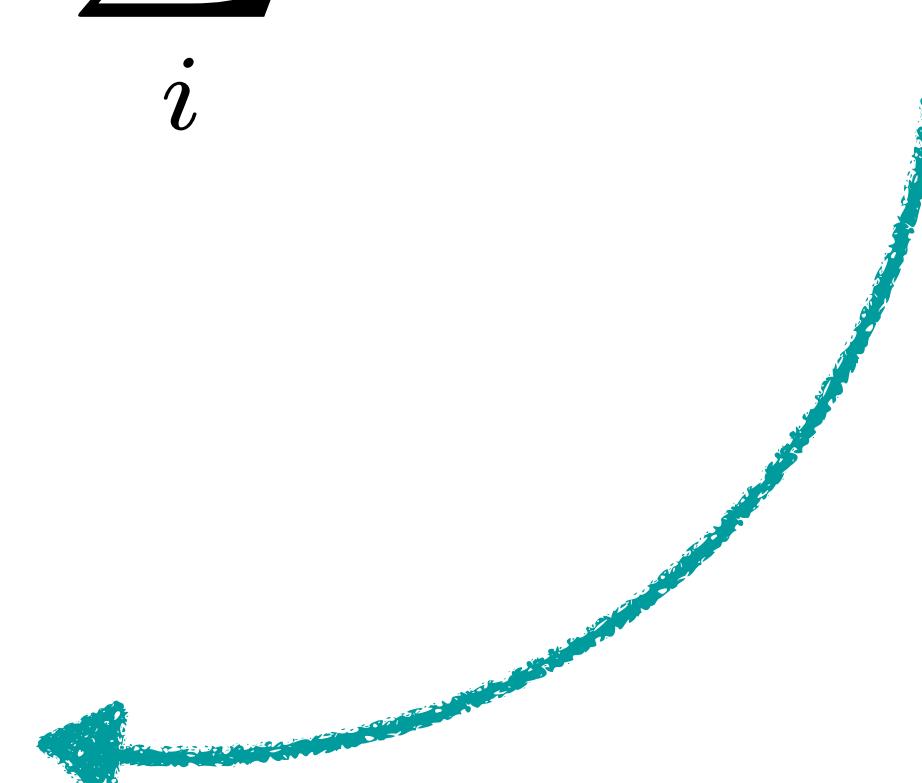


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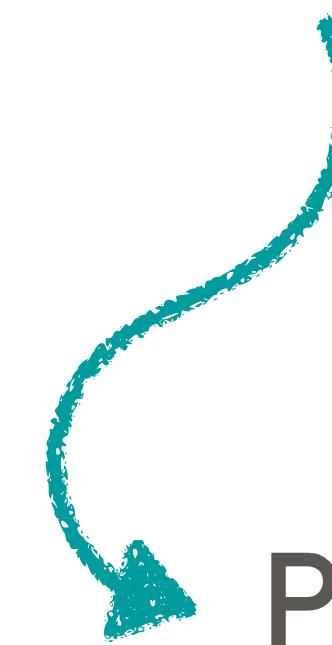
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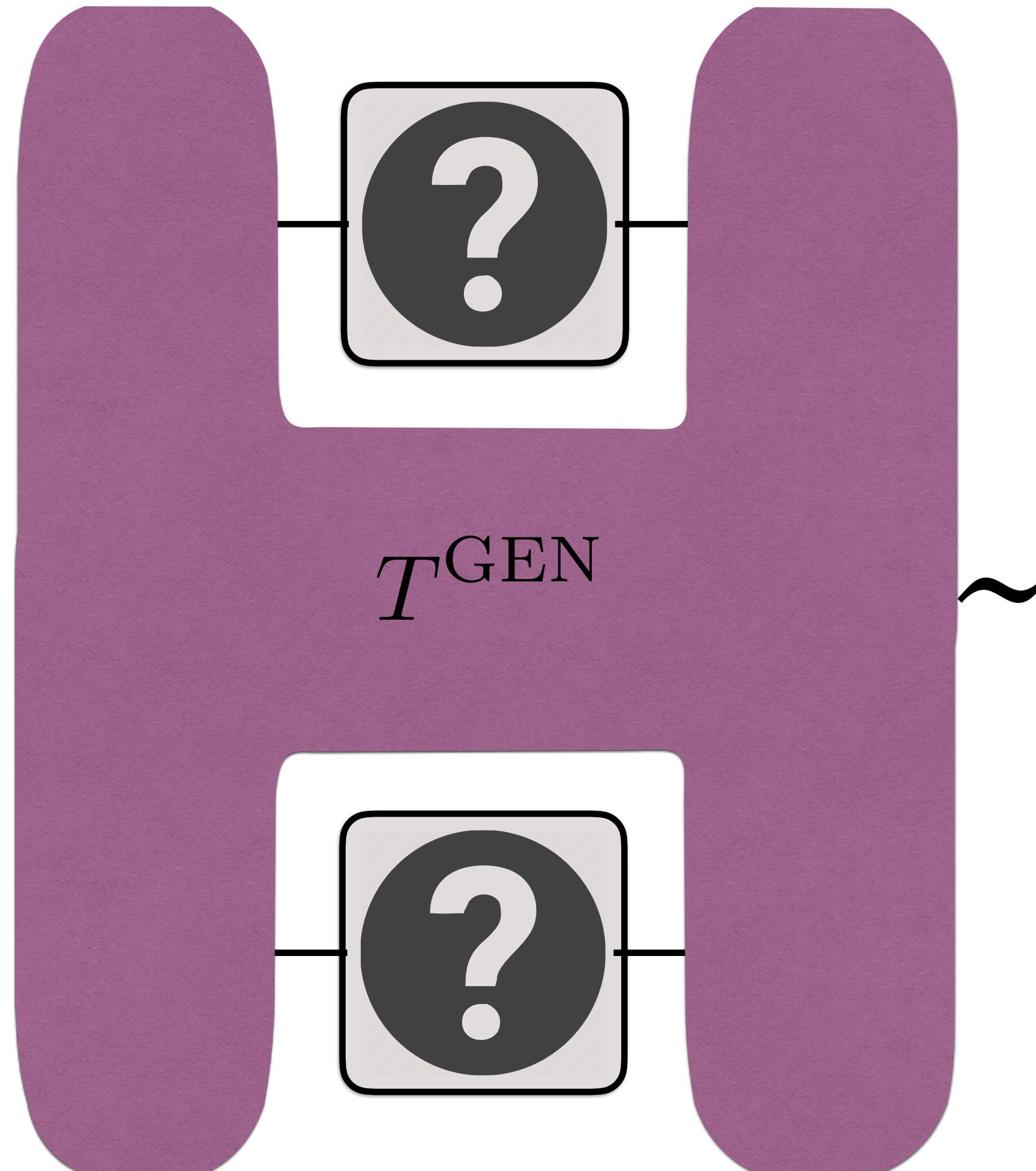
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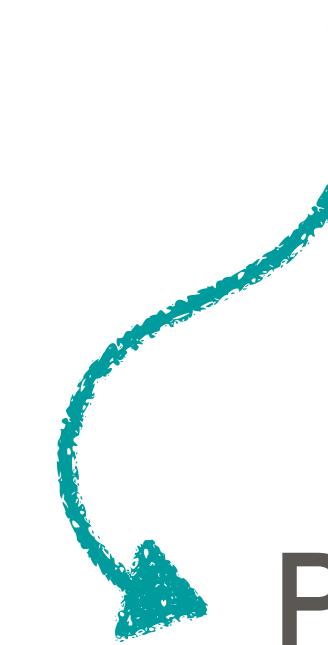
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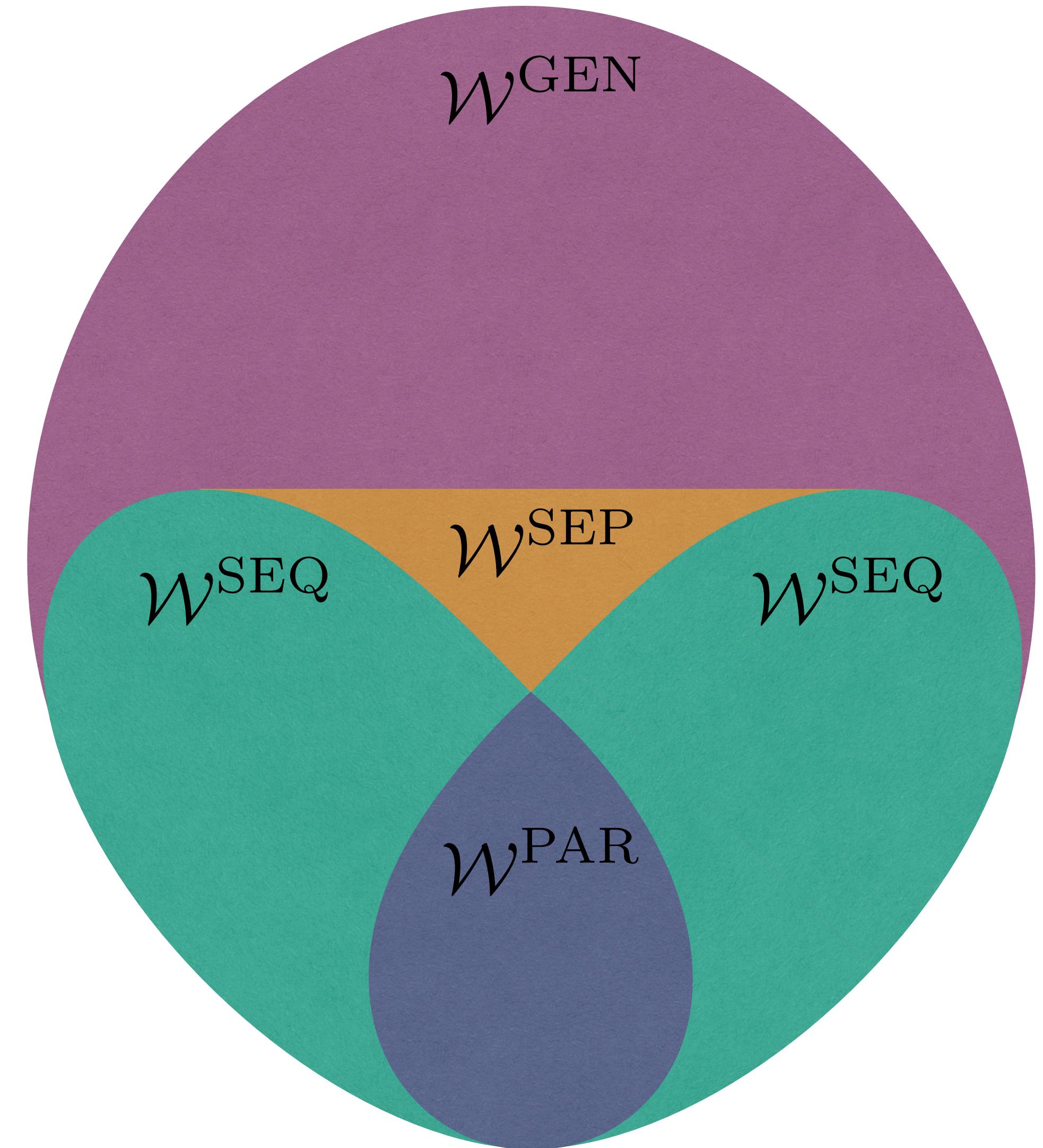
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Causal order	States	Channels	Channels with memory

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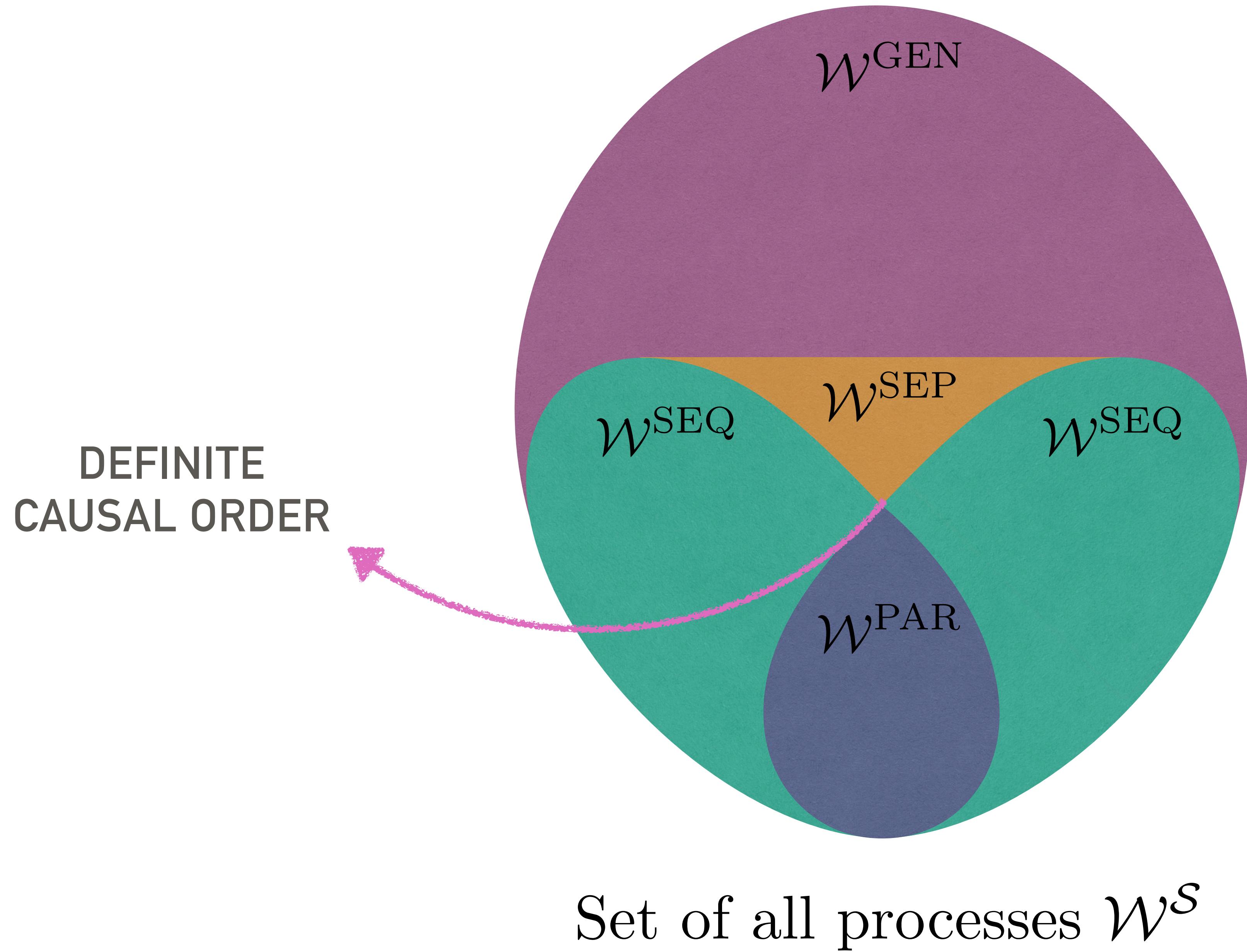
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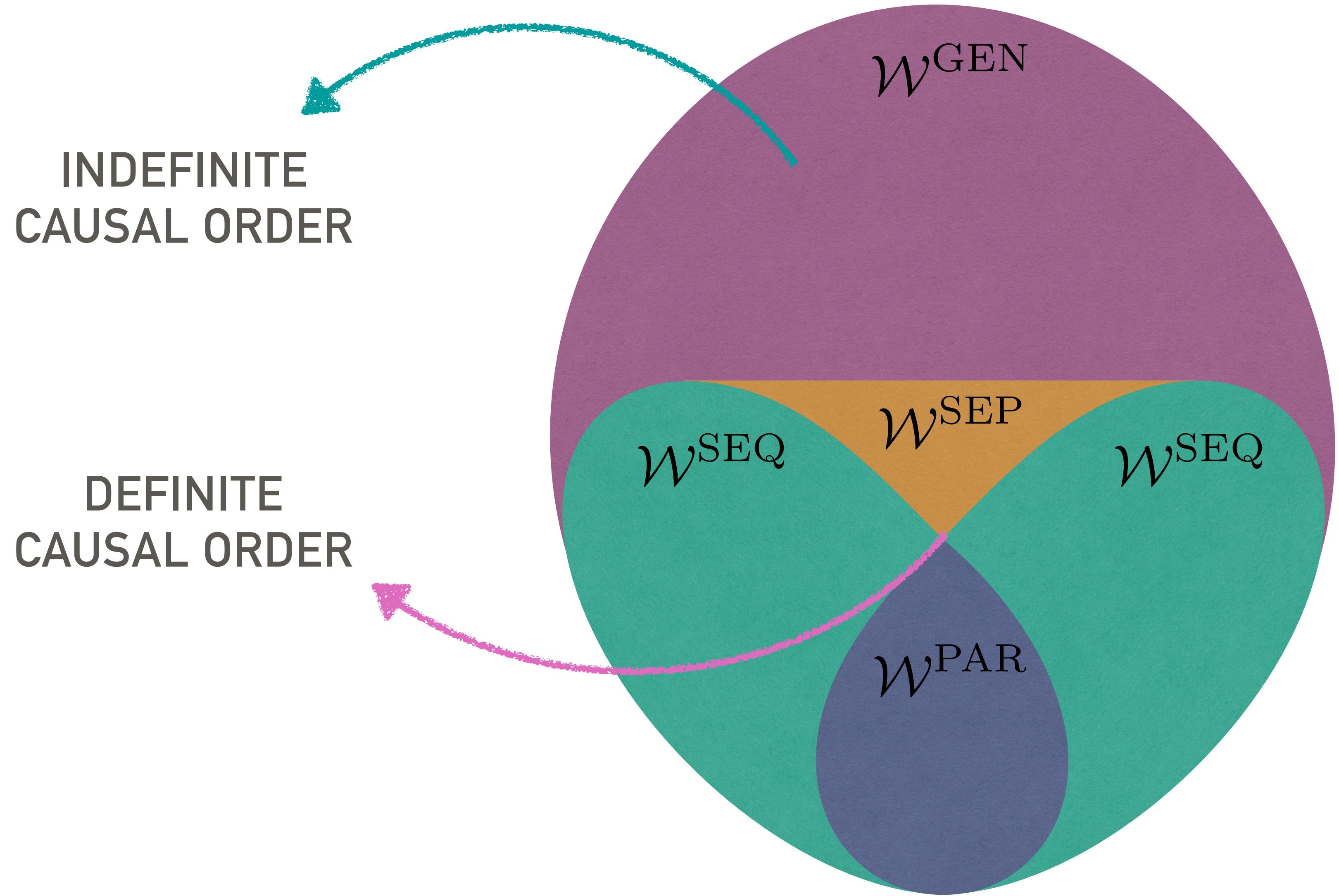
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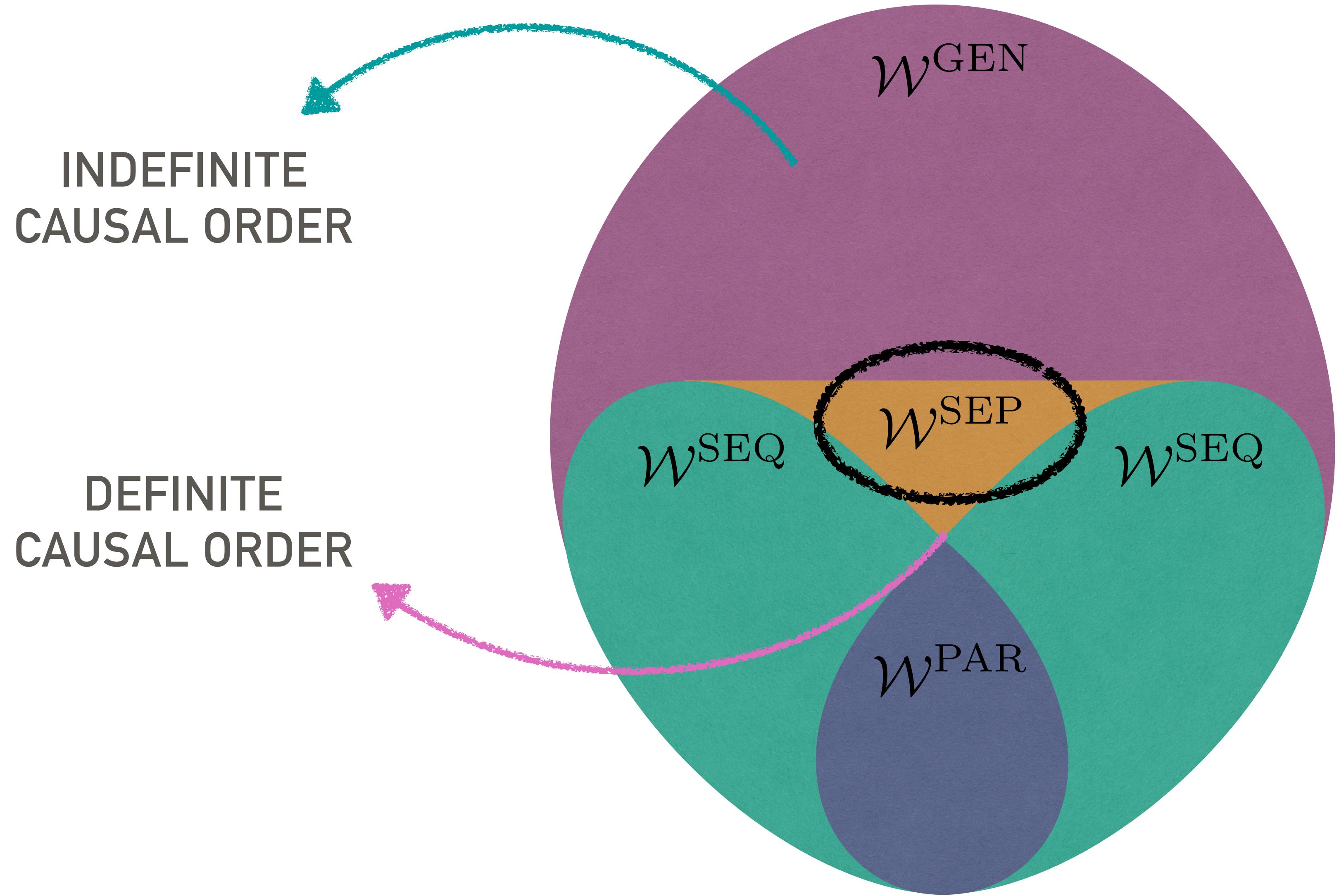
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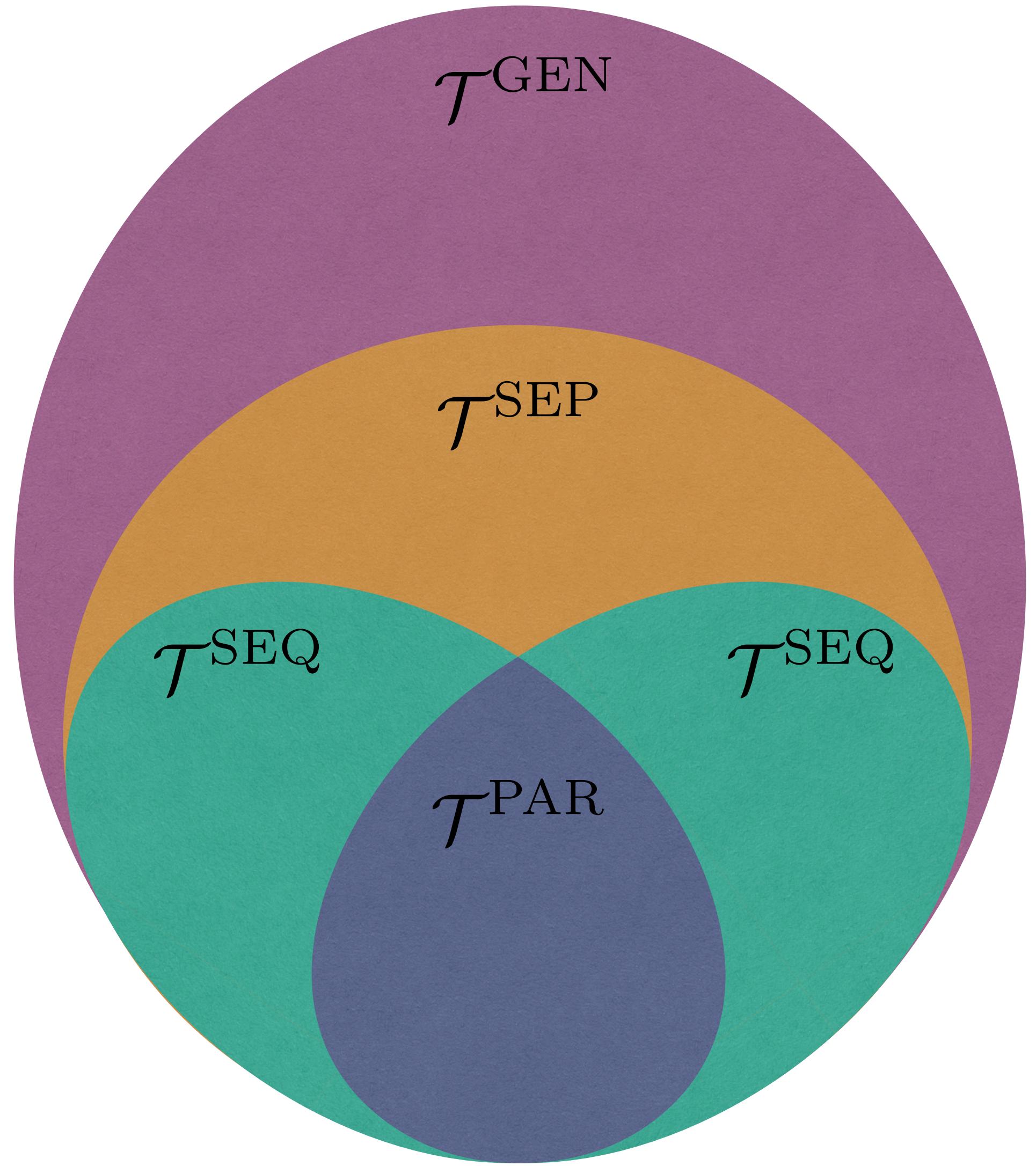
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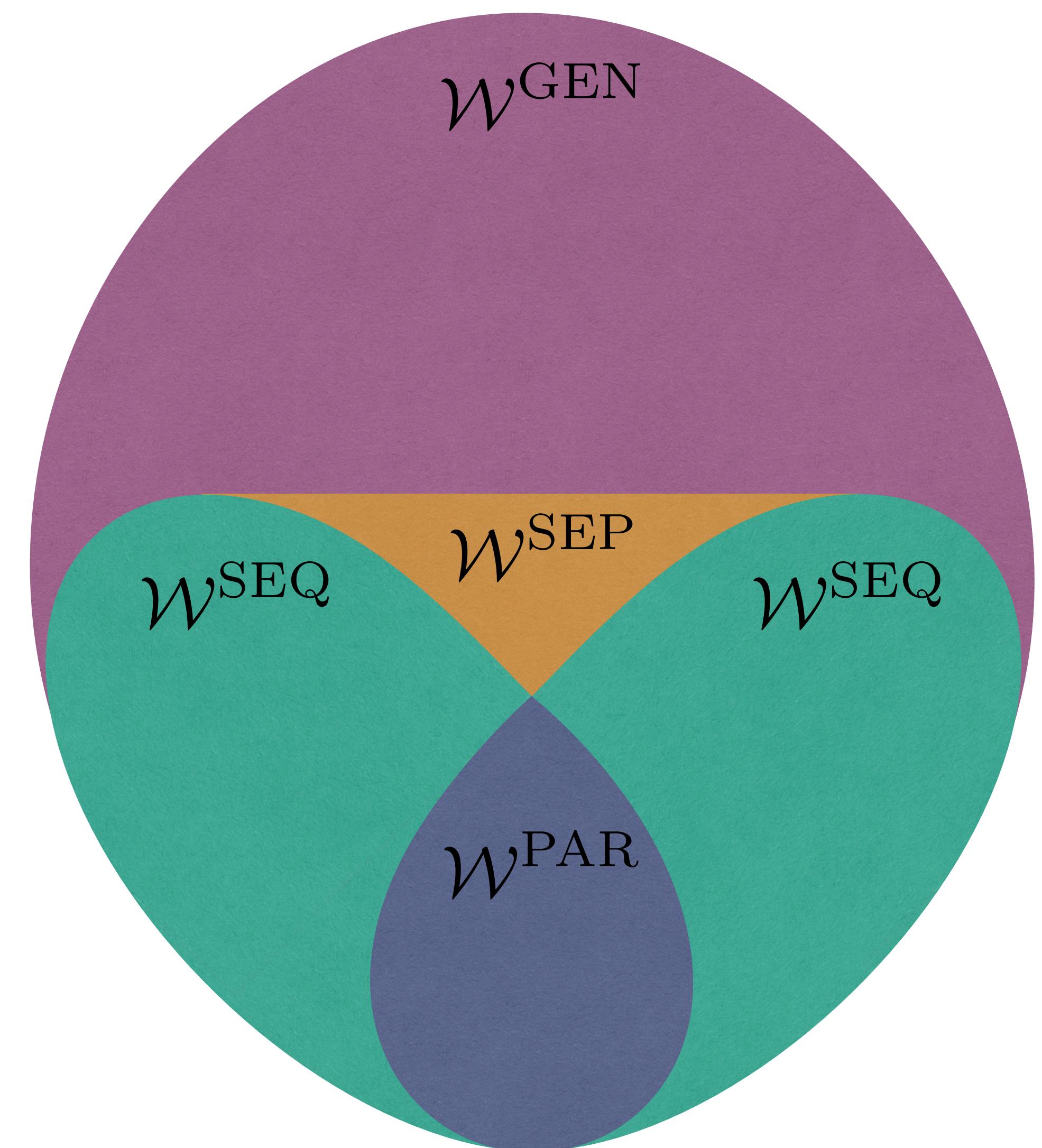
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$$\sum_i T_i^{\text{SEP}} = q W_{1 \prec 2}^{\text{SEQ}} + (1 - q) W_{2 \prec 1}^{\text{SEQ}} =: W^{\text{SEP}}$$



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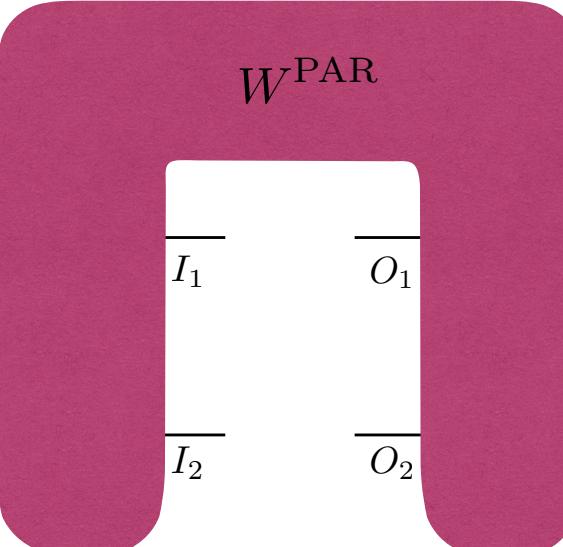
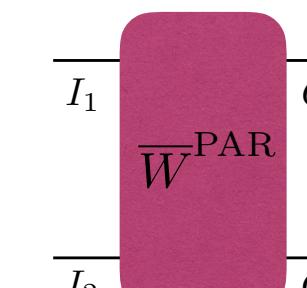
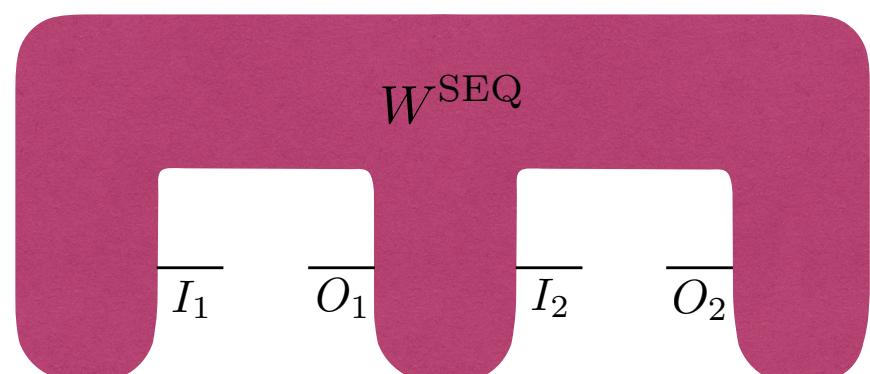
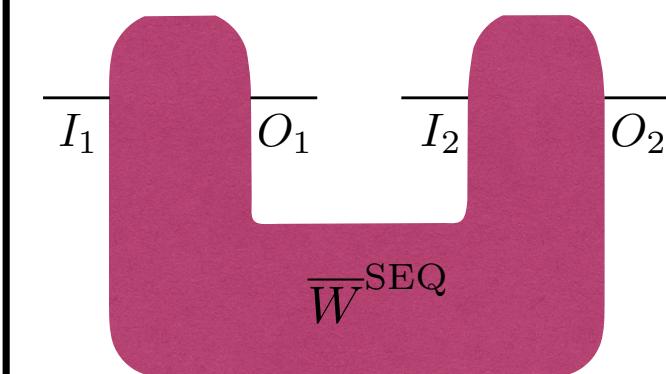
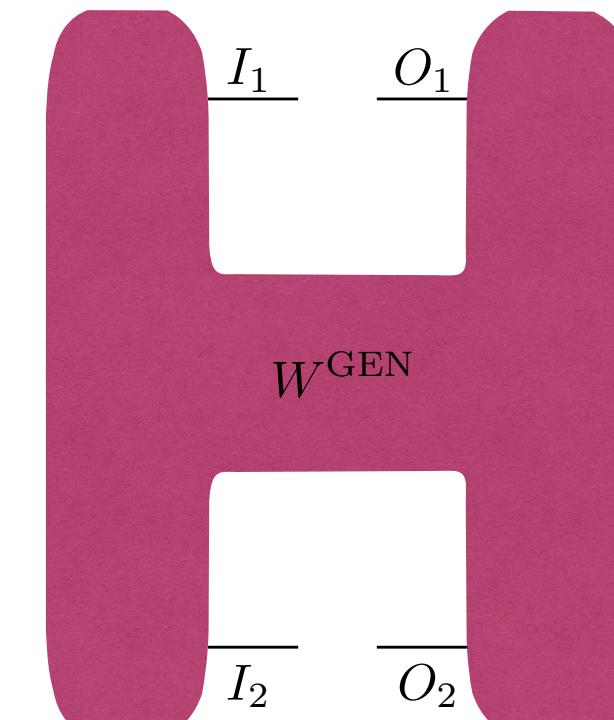
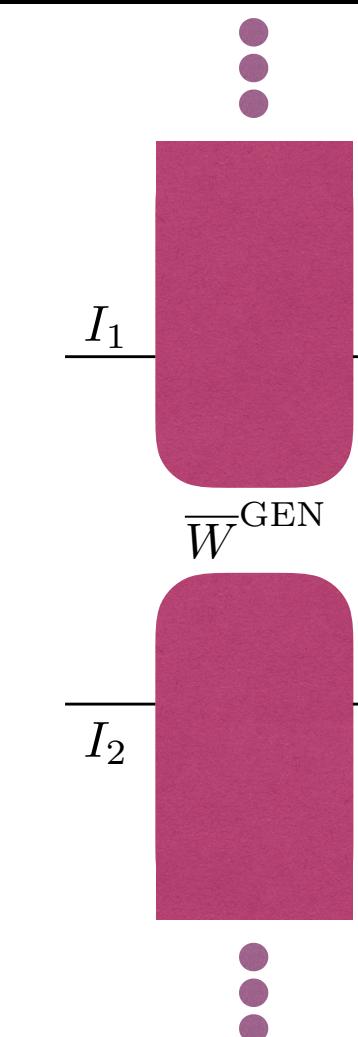
DUAL

given $\{p_i, C_i\}$

minimize λ

subject to $p_i C_i^{\otimes 2} \leq \lambda \bar{W}^{\mathcal{S}} \quad \forall i$

$$\mathrm{Tr}(W \overline{W}) = 1 \quad \forall \quad W \in \mathcal{W}, \overline{W} \in \overline{\mathcal{W}}$$

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$$\tilde{C}_{\text{AD}}(\rho) = K_0 \rho K_0^\dagger + K_1 \rho K_1^\dagger$$

$$K_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0| + \sqrt{1-\gamma}|1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$K_1 = \sqrt{\gamma}|0\rangle\langle 1|$$

BIT FLIP

$$\tilde{C}_{\text{BF}}(\rho) = \eta \rho + (1 - \eta)X \rho X$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{\text{PAR}} = 0.8346 < P^{\text{SEQ}} = 0.8447 < P^{\text{SEP}} = 0.8487 < P^{\text{GEN}} = 0.8514$$

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Example: how to create a “valid” channel

- Take numerically imprecise matrix C from the solution of an SDP
- Truncate C and define $C \mapsto \frac{C + C^\dagger}{2}$
- Project C onto the subspace of valid channels, $C \mapsto L(C)$
- Find coefficient η such that $C \mapsto \eta C + (1 - \eta)\mathbb{I} \geq 0$
- Output $C \mapsto d_I \frac{C}{\text{Tr}(C)}$

$$\frac{8346}{10000} < P^{\text{PAR}} < \frac{8347}{10000}$$

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- Unified tester formalism that includes indefinite-causal-order strategies.
- Strict hierarchy between discrimination strategies in the simplest scenario (2 copies, 2 candidates, qubit channels).
- Method of computer-assisted proofs readily applicable to quantum information problems.

THANK YOU!

EXTRA

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