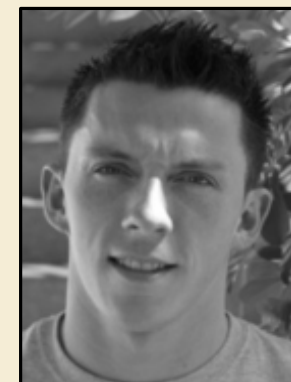


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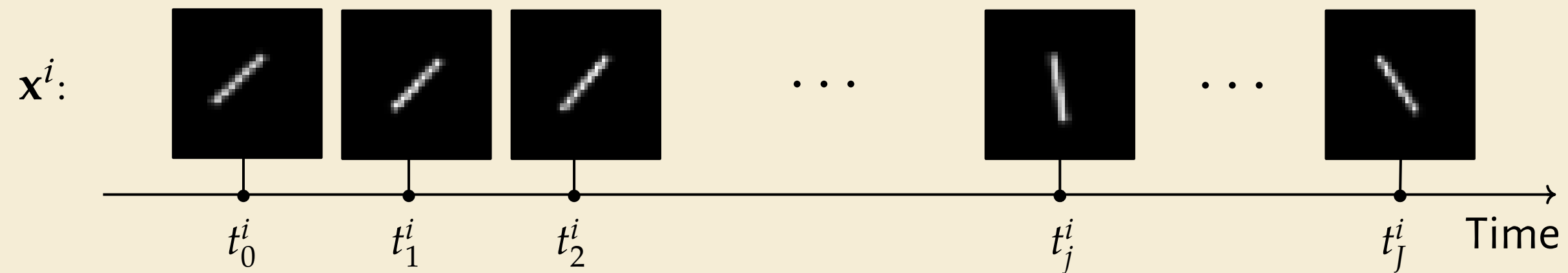
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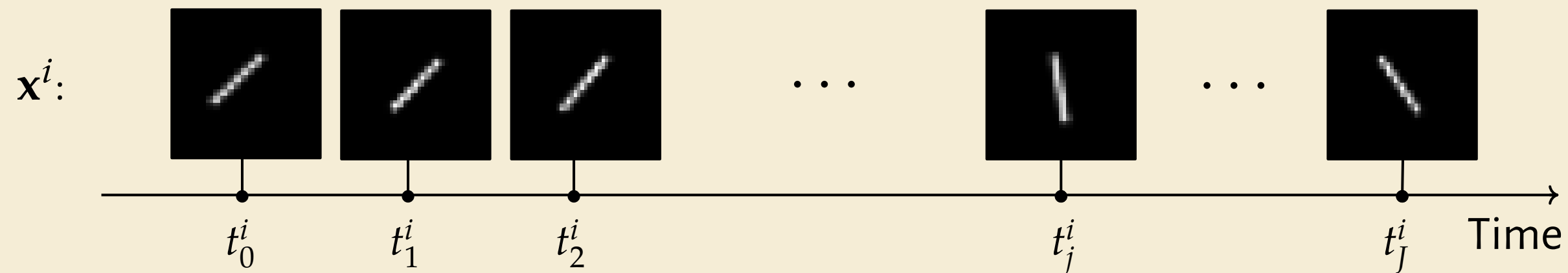
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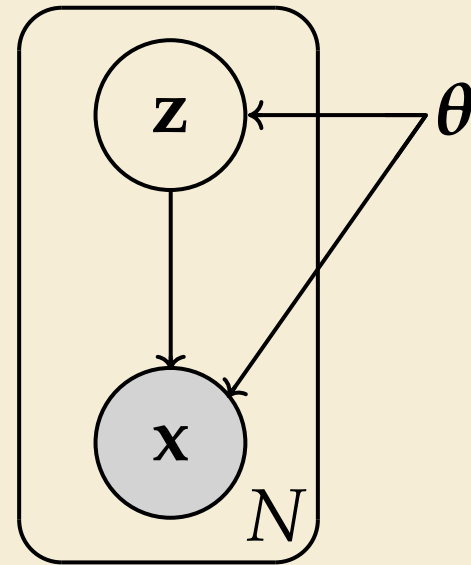
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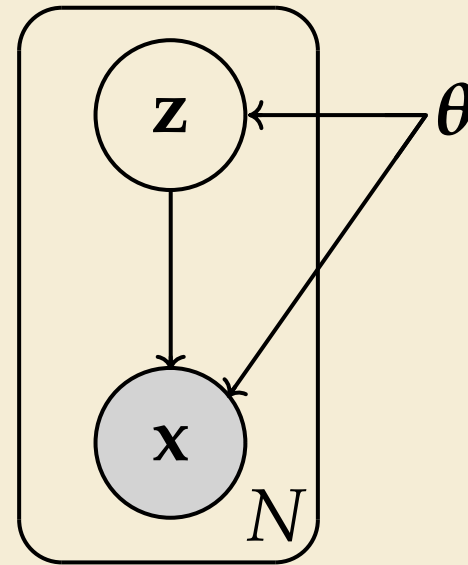
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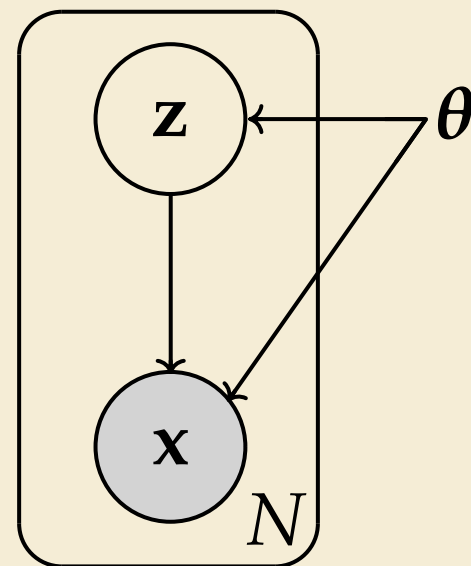


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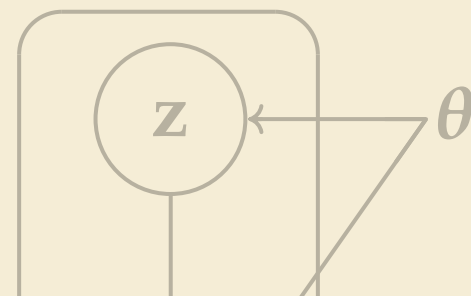


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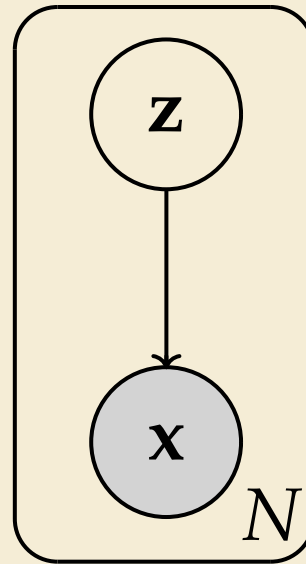
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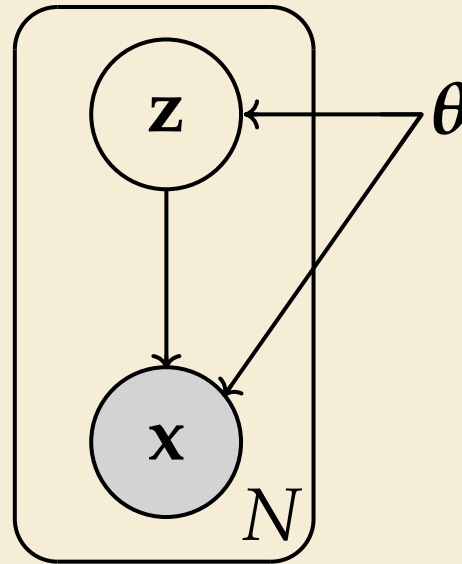
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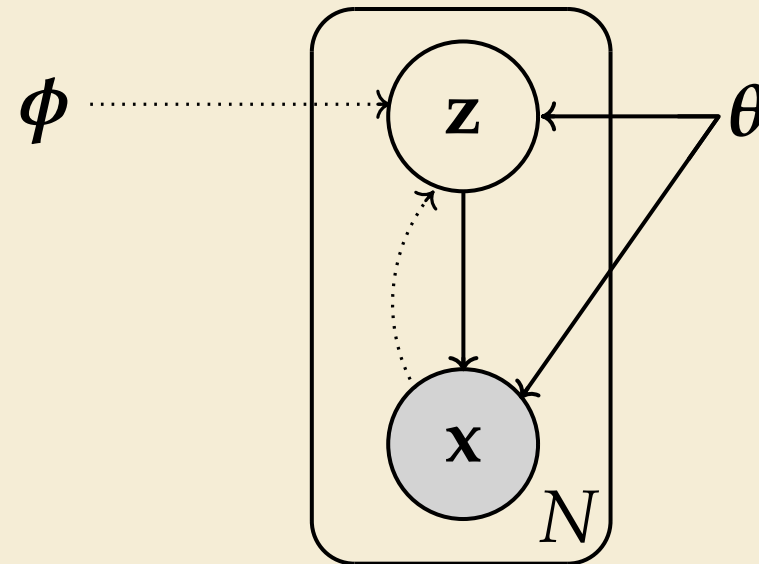


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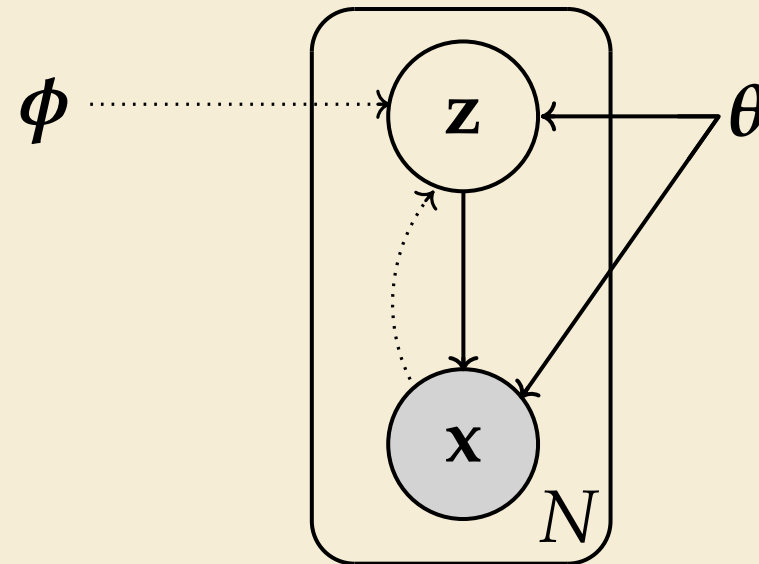


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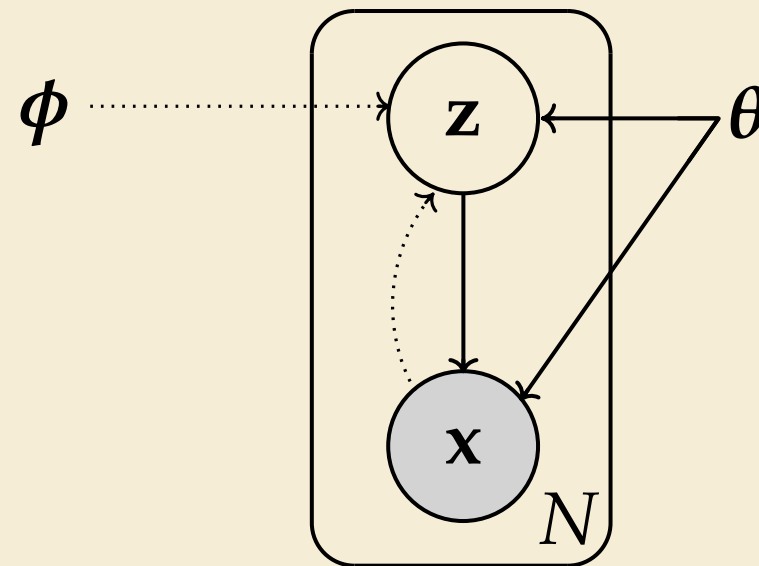
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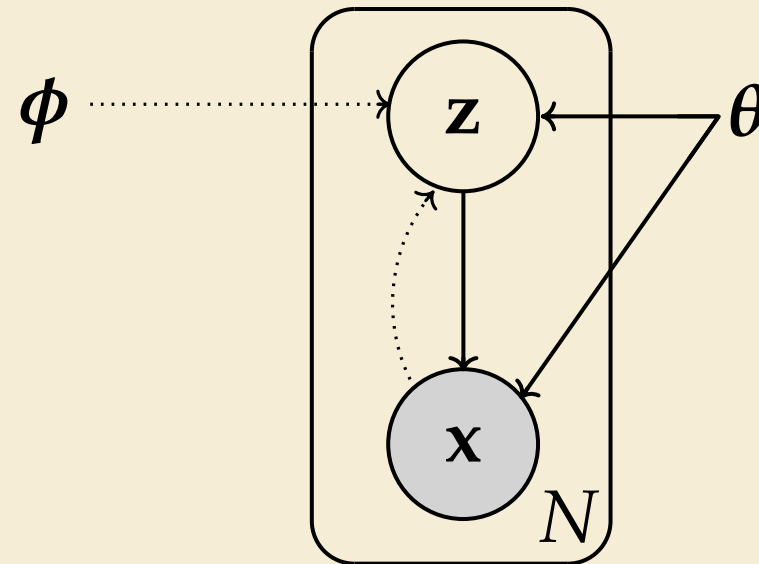
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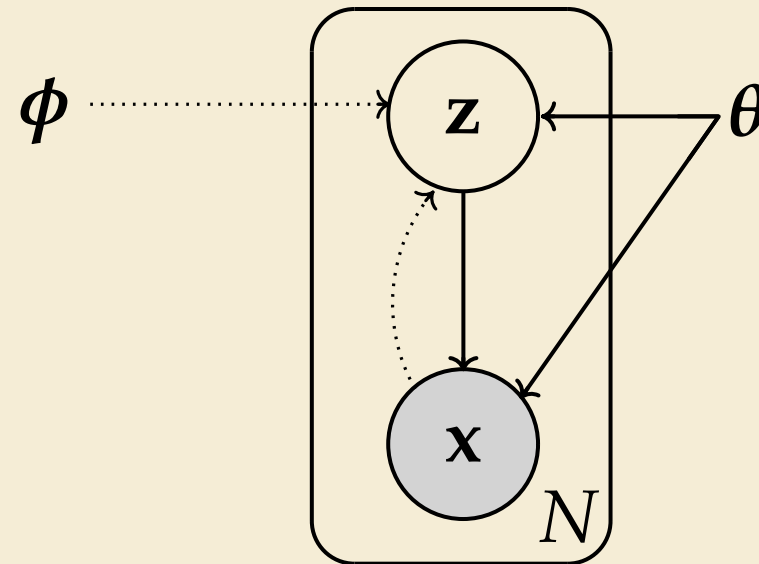
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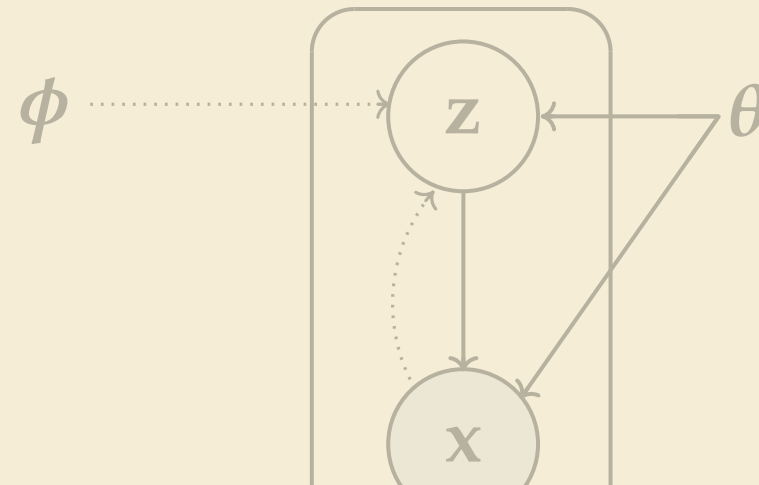
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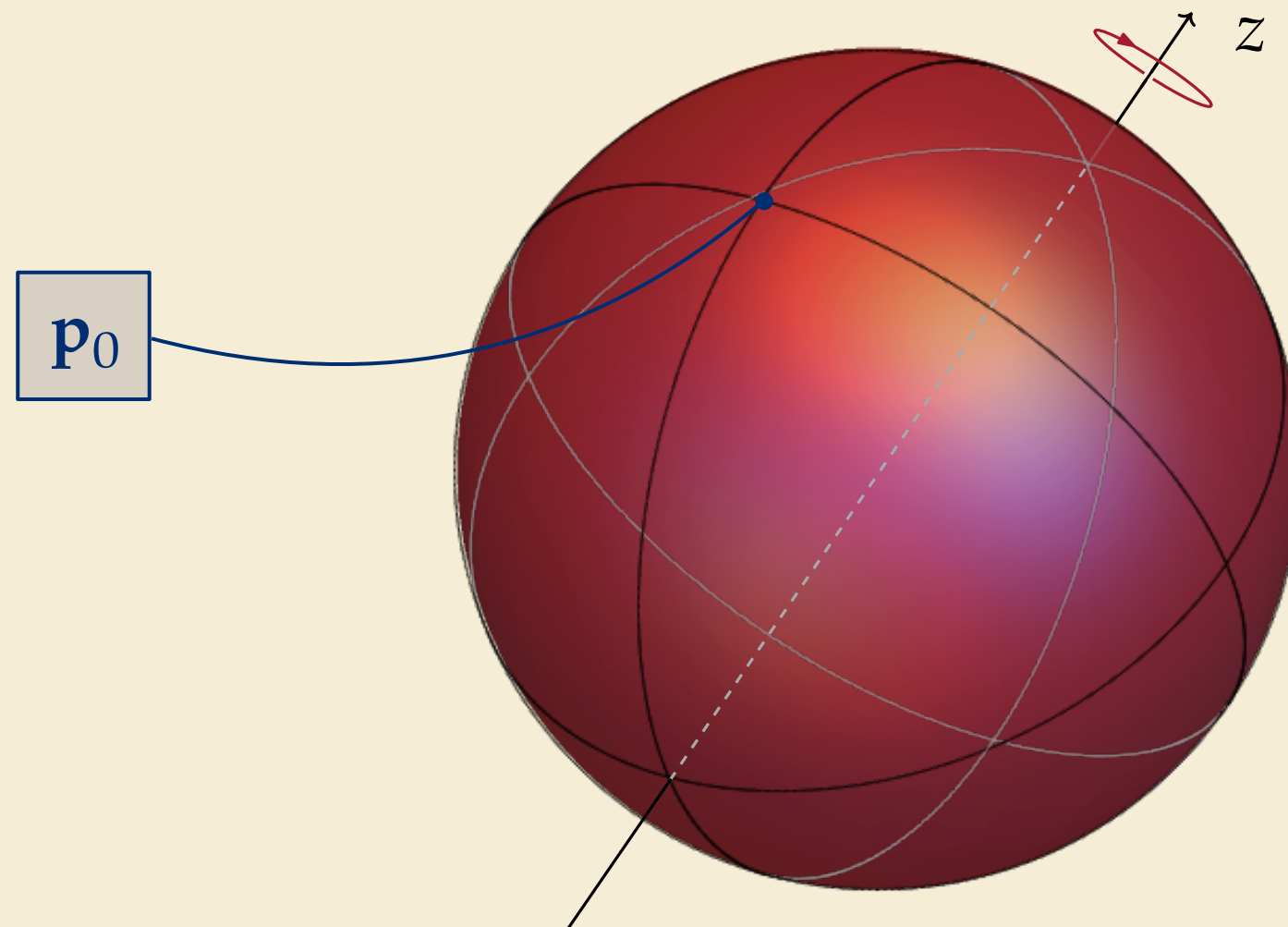
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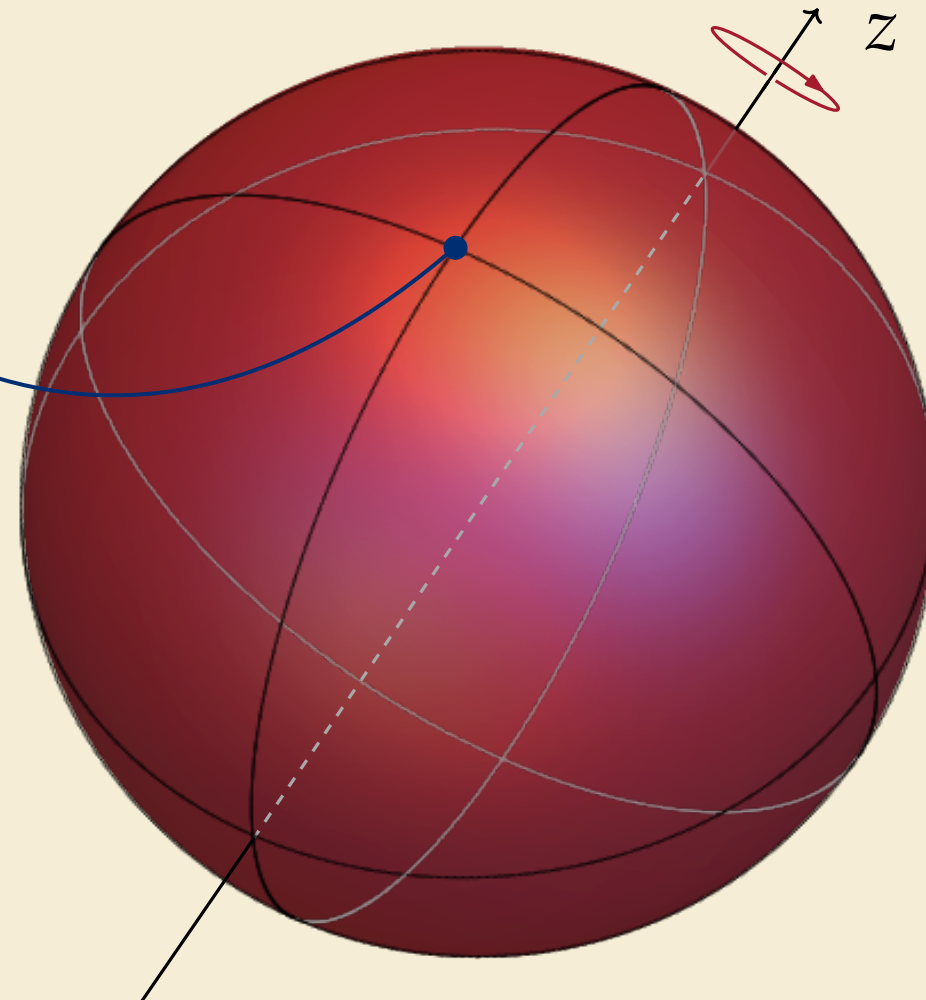


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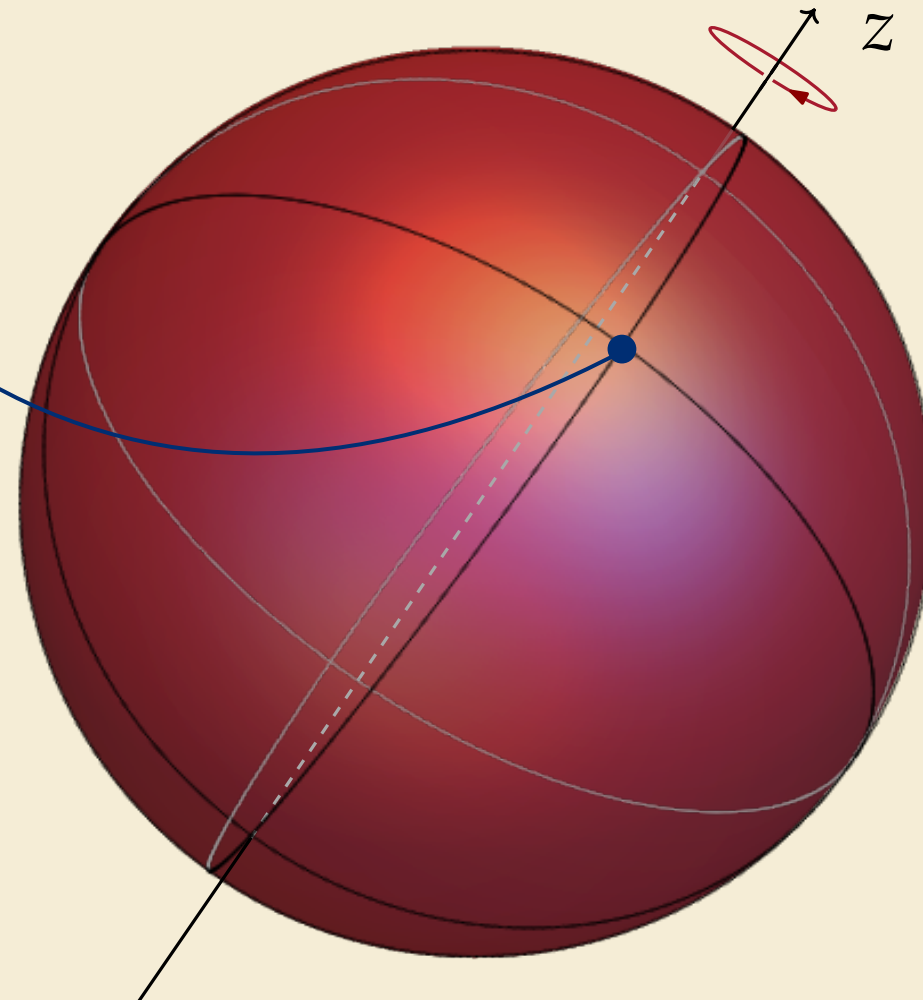


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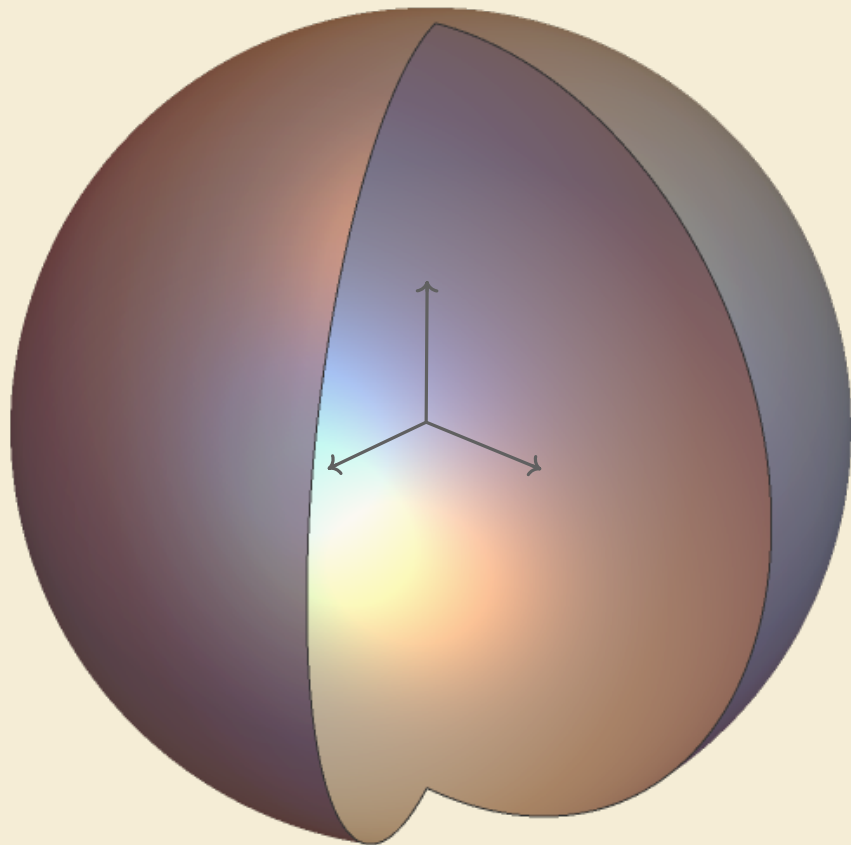
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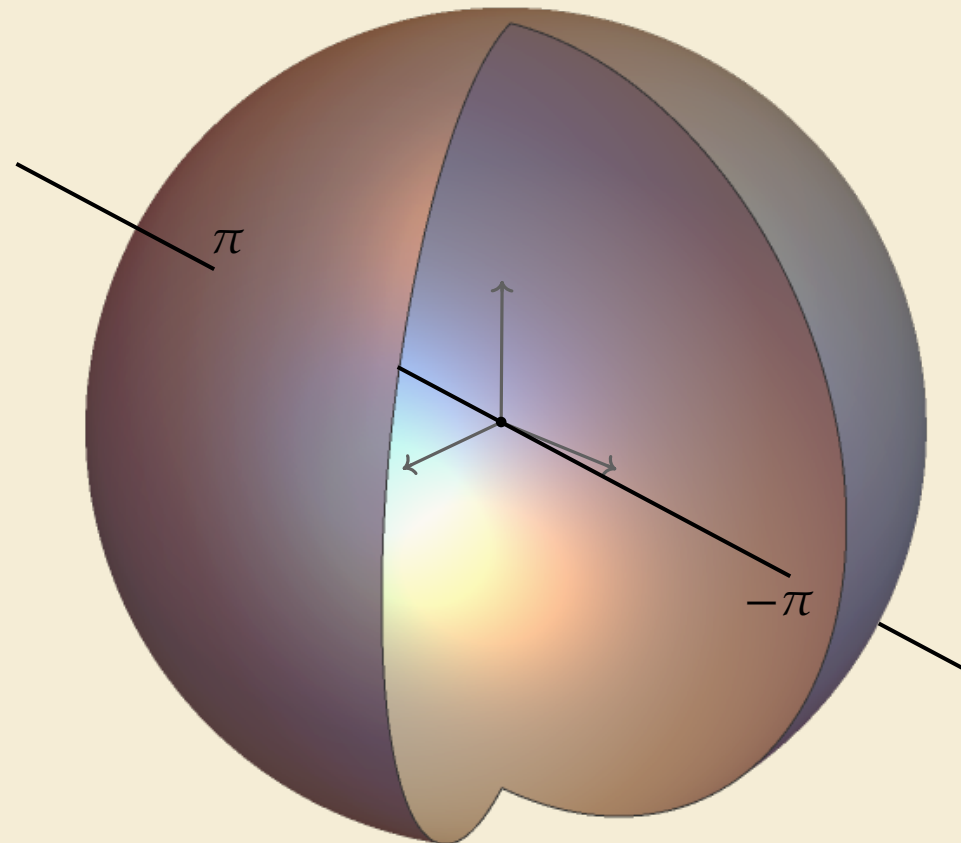
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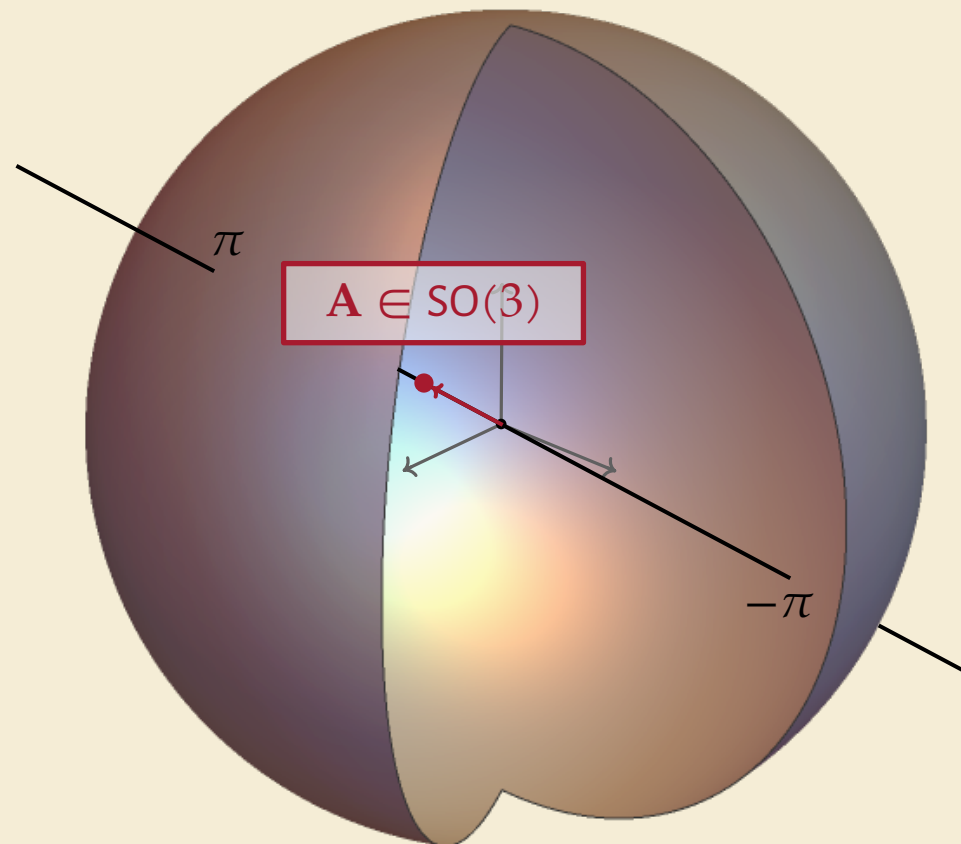
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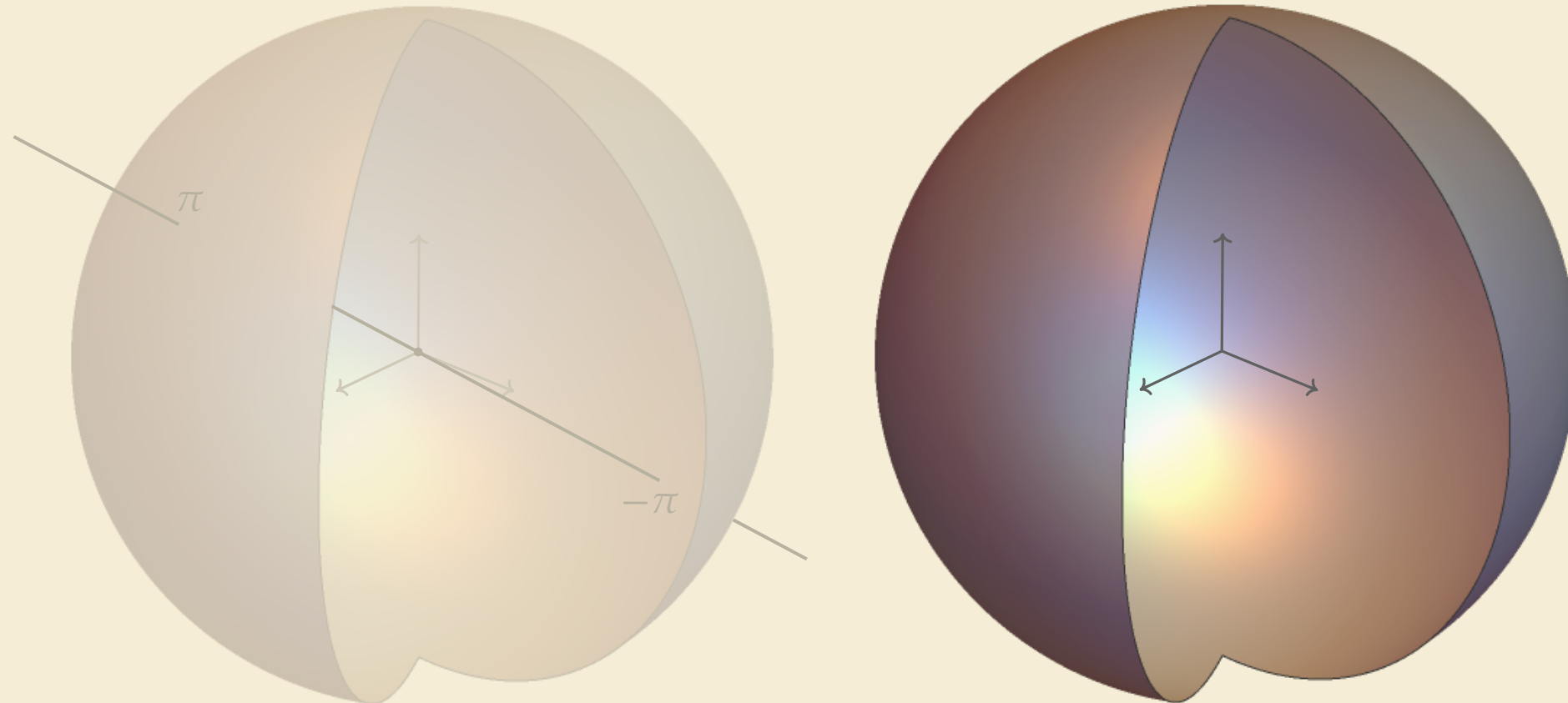
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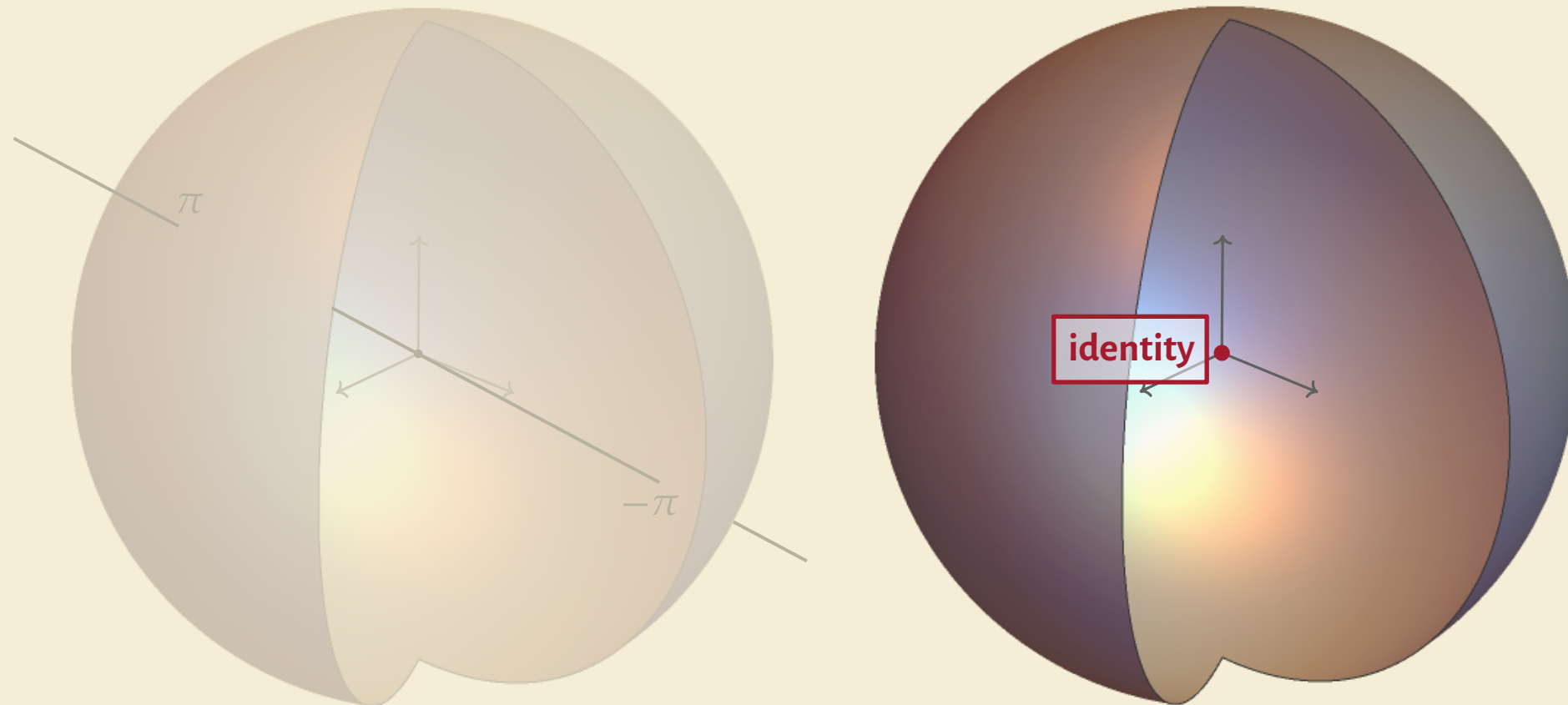
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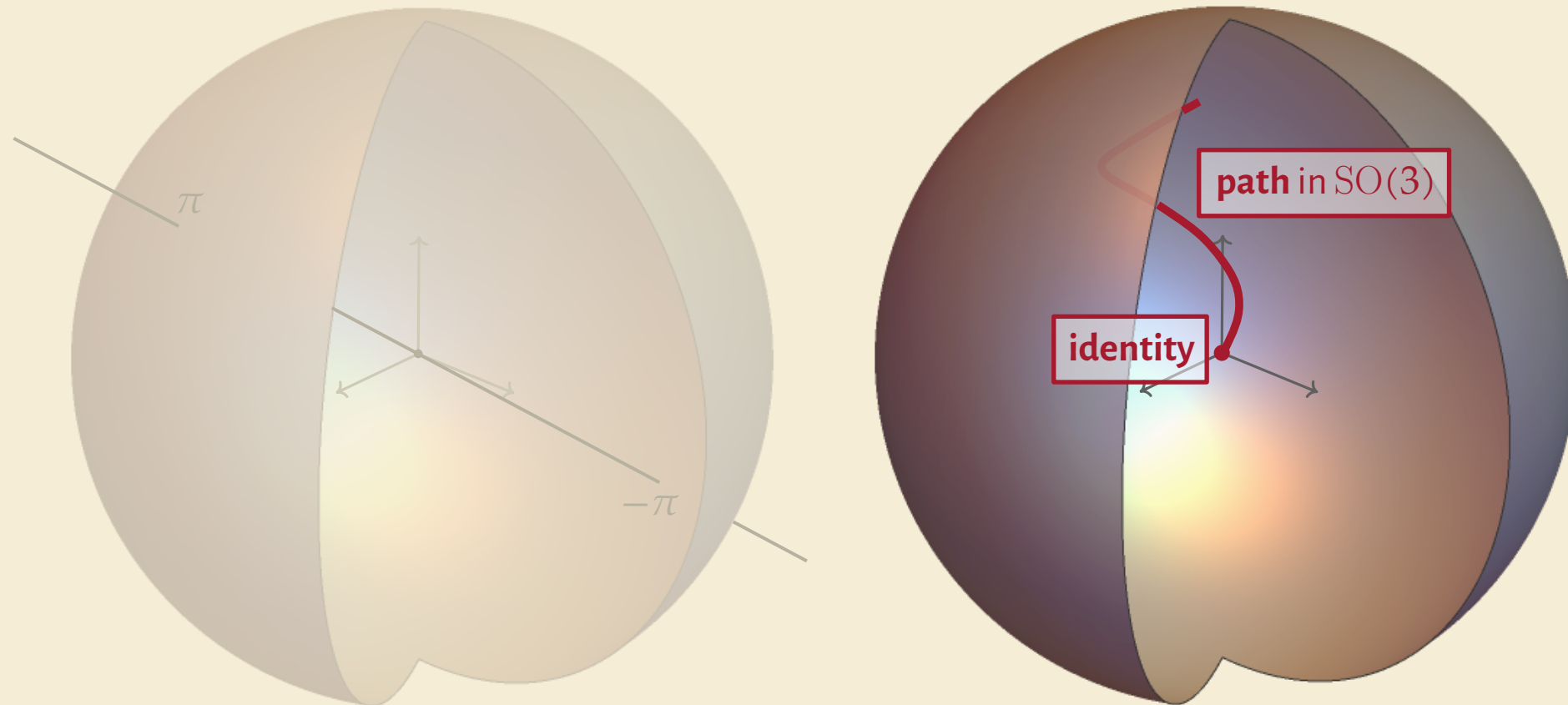
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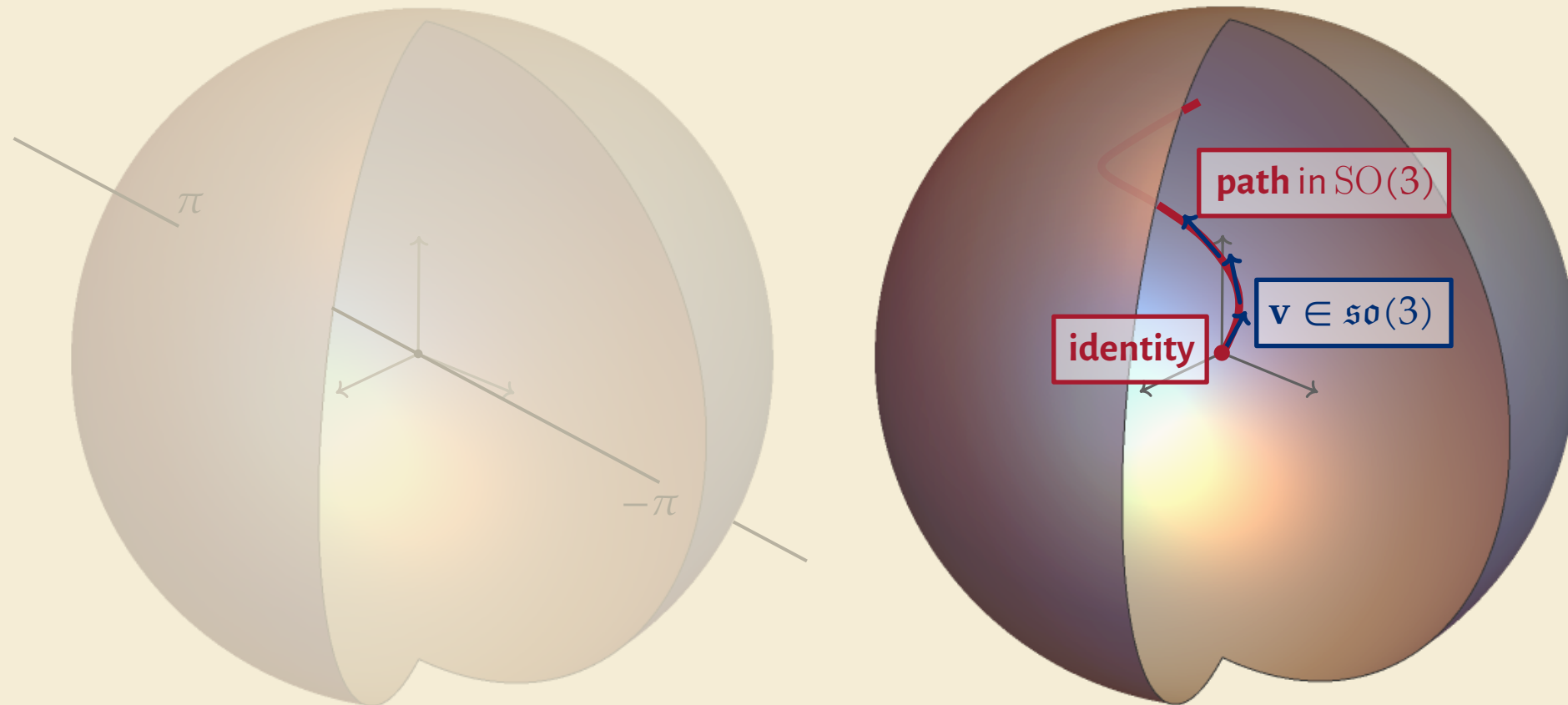
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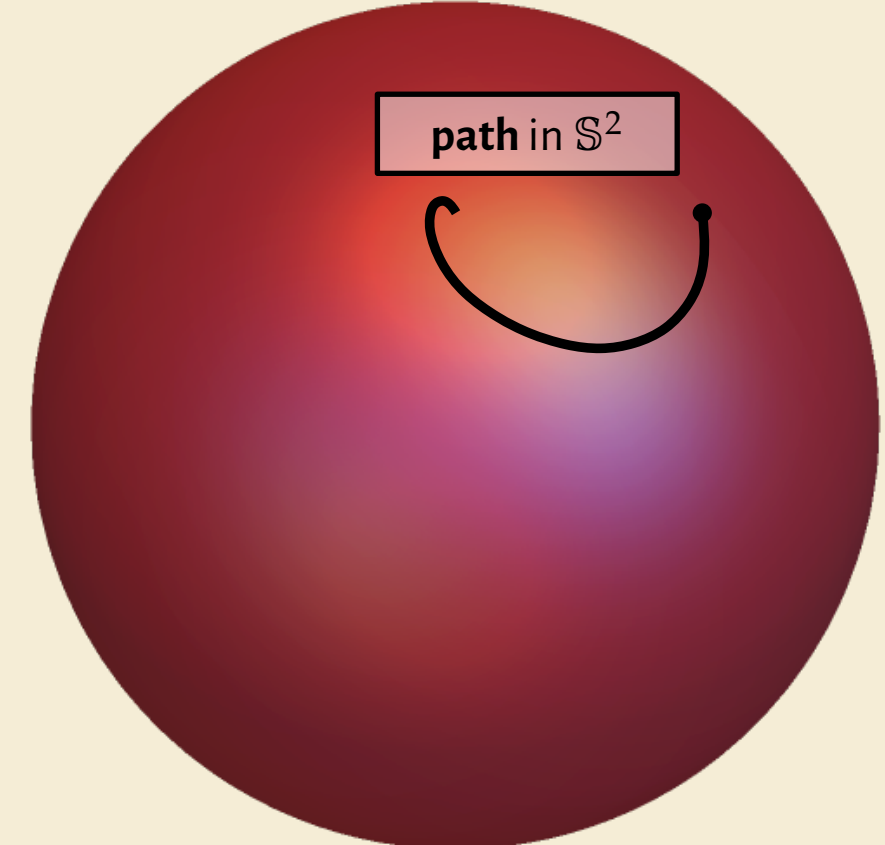
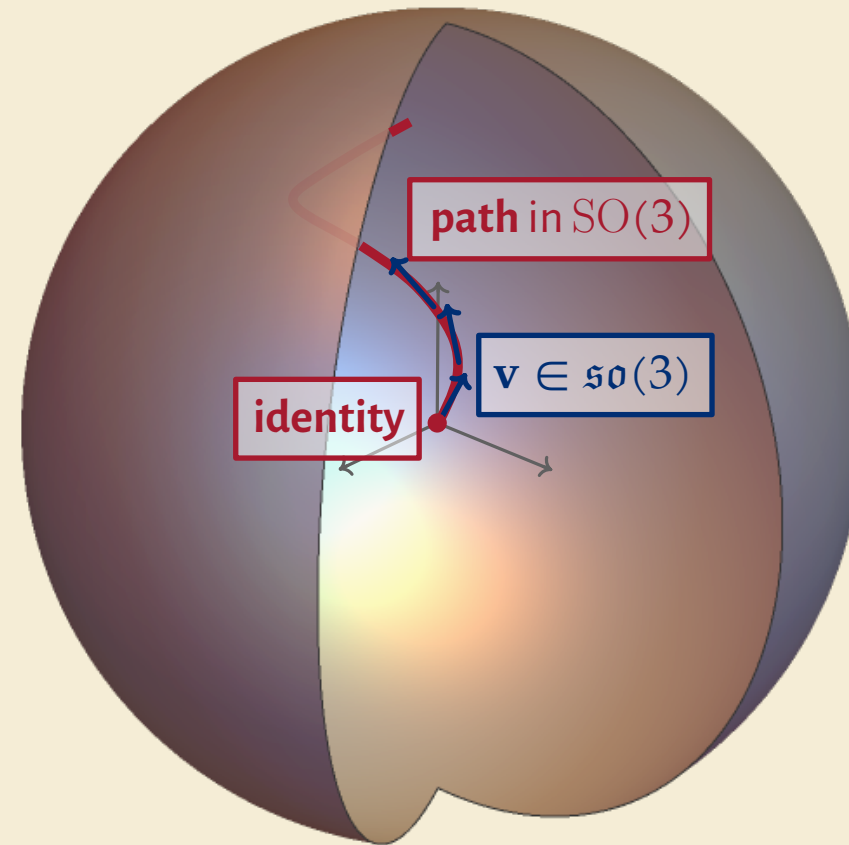
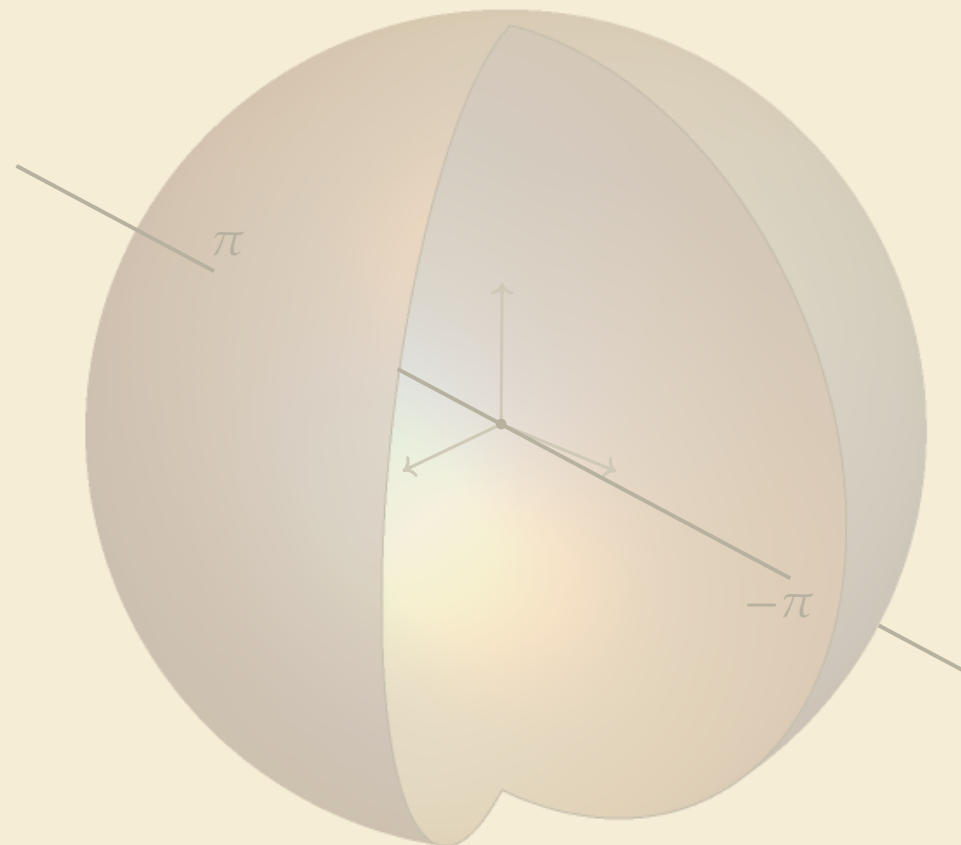
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# SDEs in (quadratic) matrix Lie groups

Leveraging the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we can define (Itô) SDEs in a (quadratic) matrix **Lie group**  $\mathcal{G}$  of the form

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The **prior**  $p_\theta(\mathbf{z})$  and **approximate posterior**  $q_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$  are determined by an SDE of this form!

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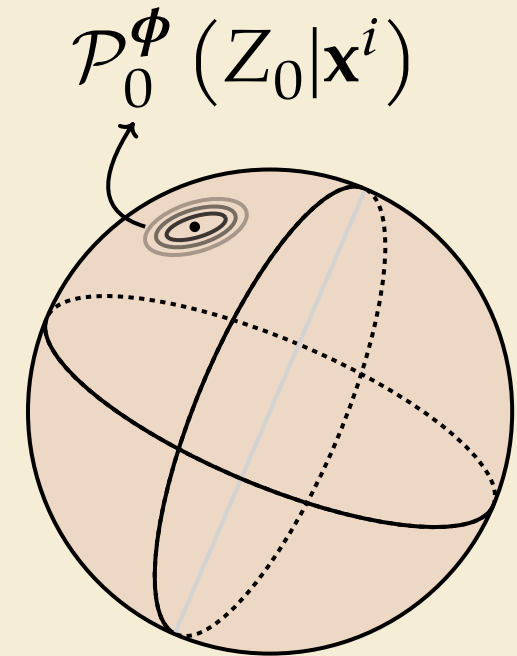
The **overall objective** (for our example of latent paths on  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{x}^i) = & D_{\text{KL}} \left( \mathcal{P}_0^{\boldsymbol{\phi}} (Z_0 | \mathbf{x}^i) \parallel \mathcal{U}_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} q_{Z_t}(\mathbf{z}) \|\mathbf{K}^{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}^i)(t) \mathbf{z}\|^2 d\mathbf{z} dt \\ & + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}^i)} [\log p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}^i | \mathbf{z})]\end{aligned}$$

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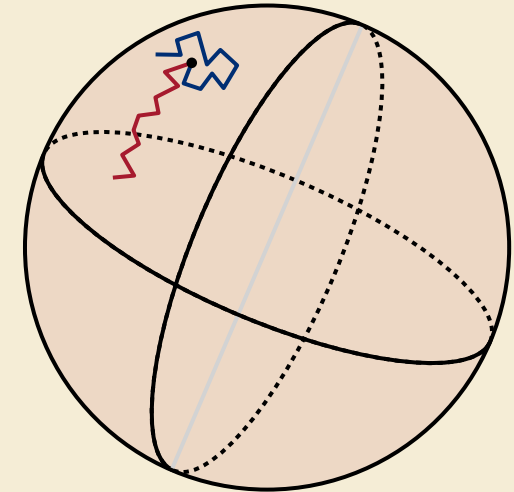


KL-div. to **uniform distribution** on  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$

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KL-div. between **approximate posterior**  
and a **driftless prior**

*(essentially penalizes large rotations)*



# Learning objective

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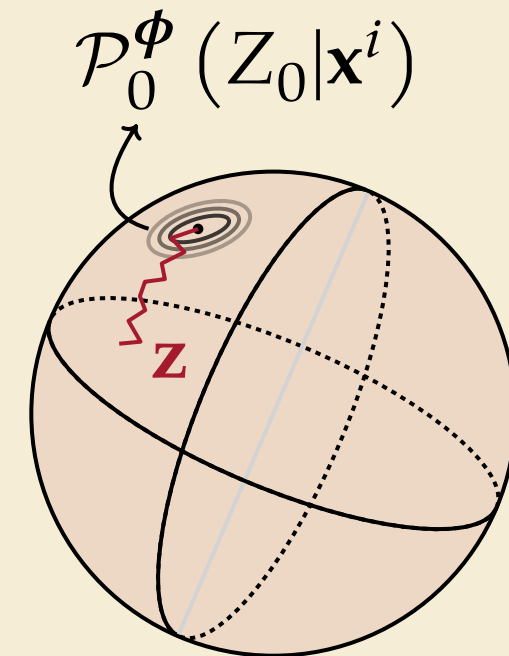
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Expected **log-likelihood** of observed path  
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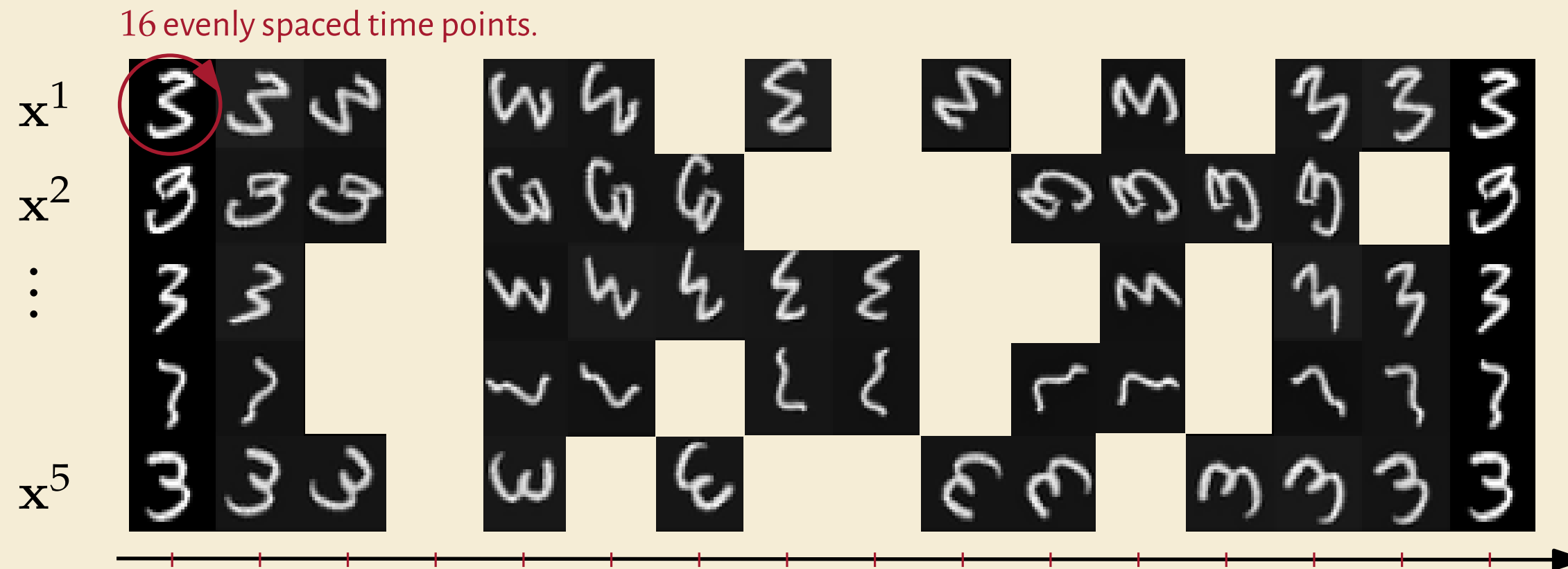
- **Sampling** from the approximate posterior:

We use a one-step **geometric** Euler-Maryuama SDE solver, that is particularly easy to implement!

[Marjanovic & Solo 2015; Muniz et al., 2022]

# Some results

Five training samples of handwritten **rotating 3's** from Rotating MNIST



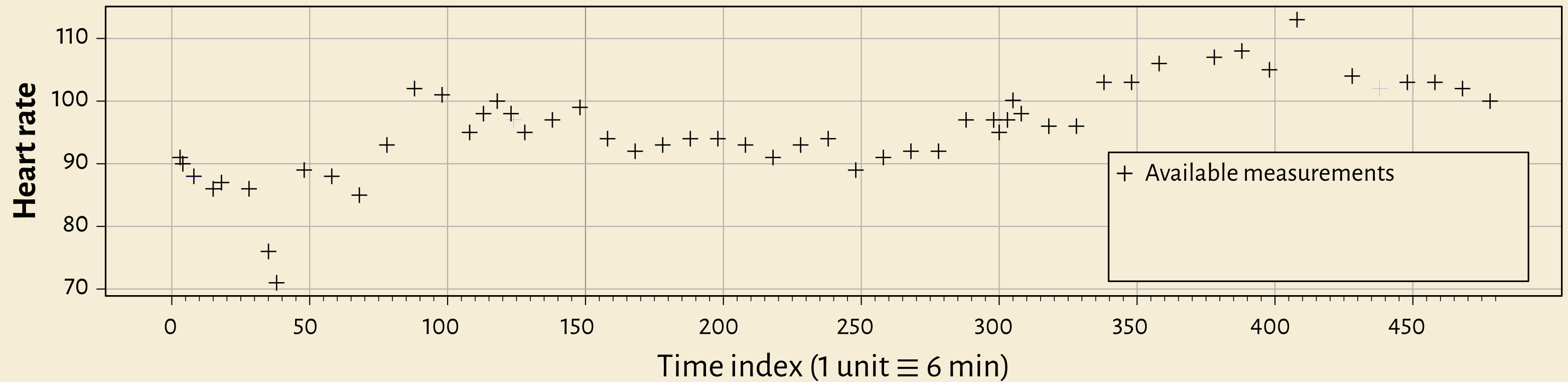
	↓ <b>MSE</b> ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )
<sup>†</sup> GPPVAE-dis	$30.9 \pm 0.02$
<sup>†</sup> GPPVAE-joint	$28.8 \pm 0.05$
<sup>†</sup> ODE <sup>2</sup> VAE	$19.4 \pm 0.06$
<sup>†</sup> ODE <sup>2</sup> VAE-KL	$18.8 \pm 0.31$
CNN-ODE	$14.5 \pm 0.73$
<b>Ours</b>	<b><math>11.8 \pm 0.25</math></b>

<sup>†</sup> indicates results from [Yildiz et al., 2019].

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PhysioNet (2012) **interpolation task** (see [\[Shukla & Marlin, 2021\]](#)):

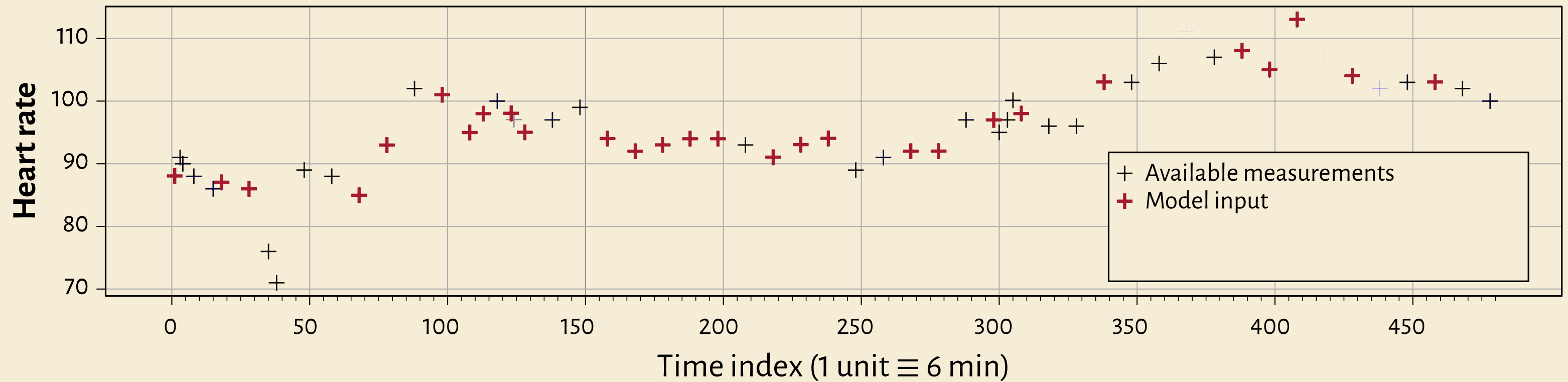
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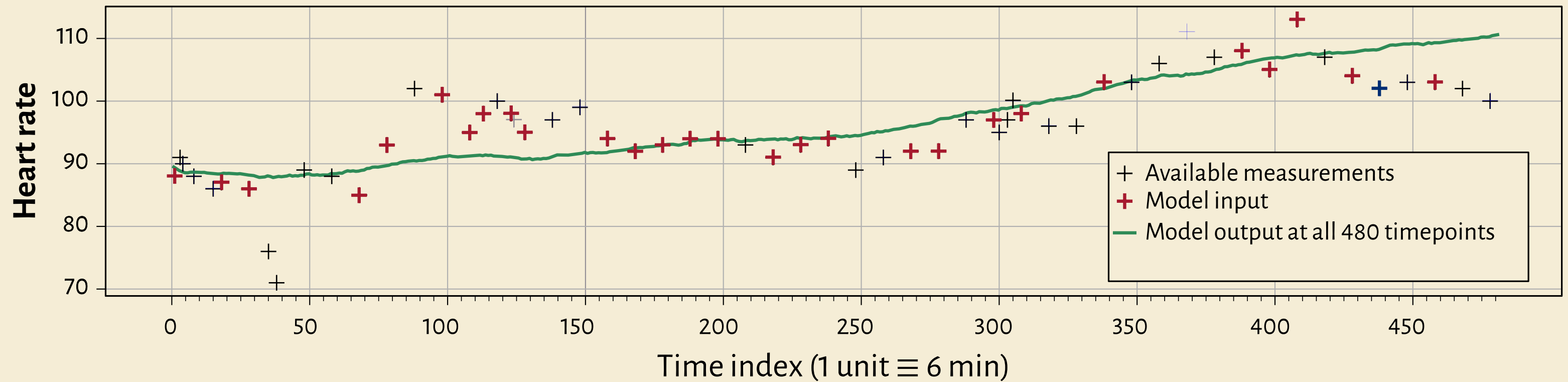
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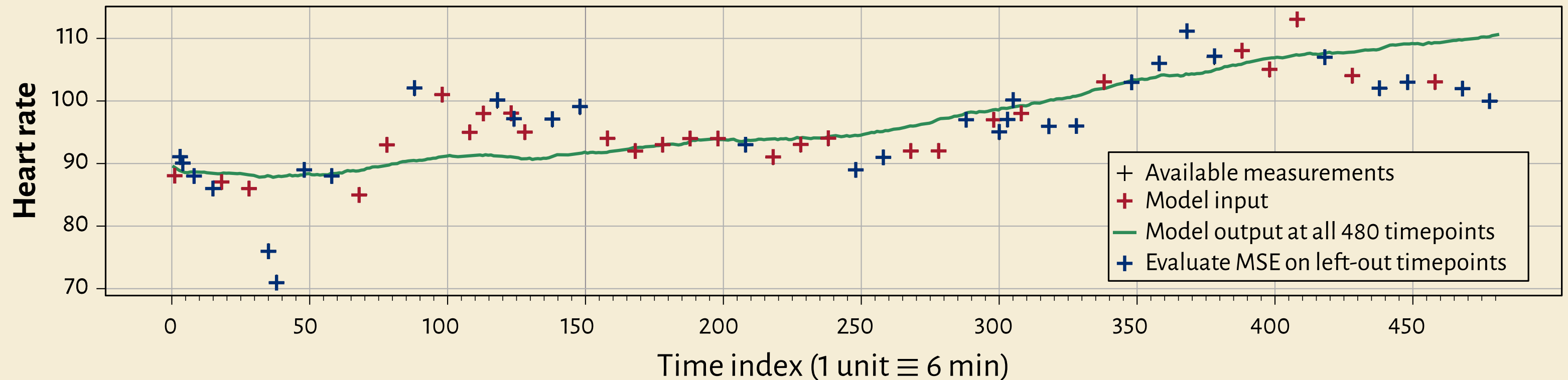
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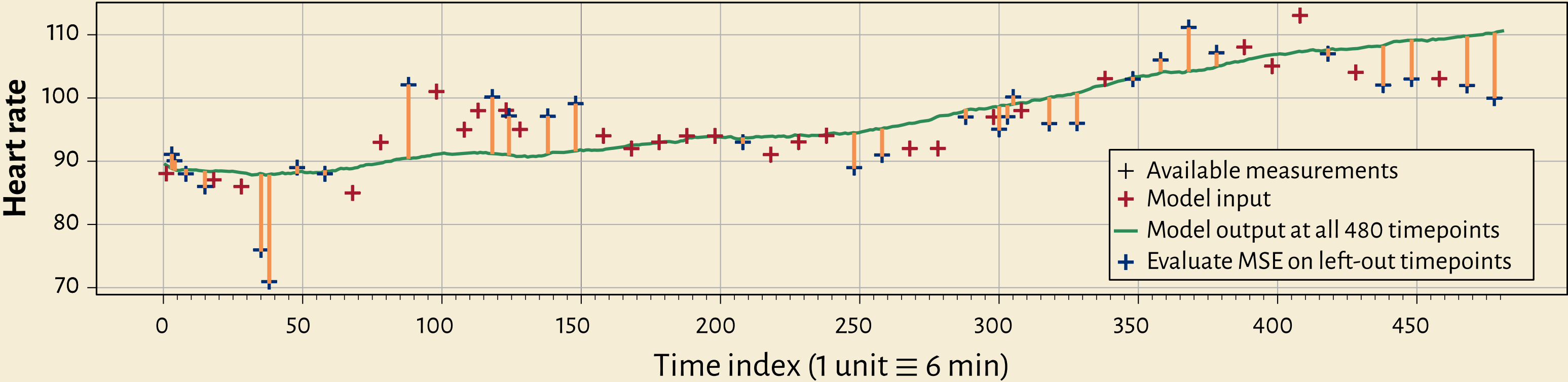
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	$\downarrow$ <b>MSE</b> ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	
CRU	$5.11 \pm 0.40$	[Schirmer et al., 2022]
f-CRU	$5.24 \pm 0.49$	[Schirmer et al., 2022]
mTAND-Full	$3.61 \pm 0.08$	[Shukla & Marlin, 2021]
mTAND-ODE	$3.38 \pm 0.03$	[Shukla & Marlin, 2021] ( <i>with added ODE</i> )
<b>Ours</b>	<b><math>3.11 \pm 0.02</math></b>	



# Thanks for your attention!

Come see us at our **poster #1400**  
Wed 13 Dec 5 p.m. CST @ Great Hall & Hall B1+B2

Full source code available at  
<https://github.com/plus-rkwitt/LatentSDEonHS>

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