

Analytical lower bound on query complexity for universal transformations of unitary operations

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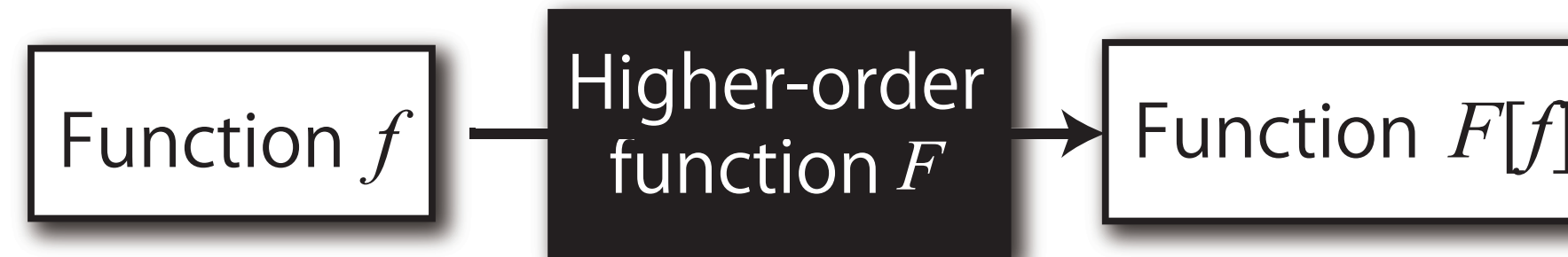
Higher-order quantum operation

Higher-order function in classical information processing

Bit sequence

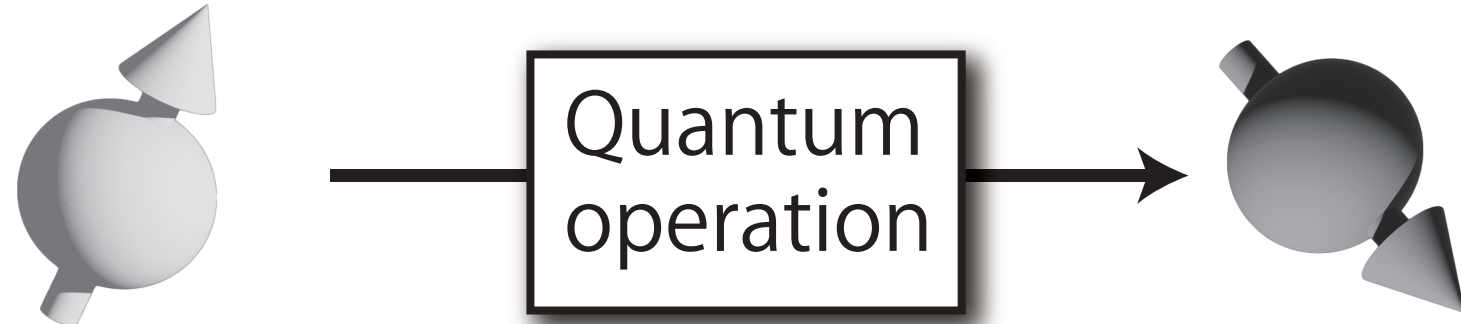


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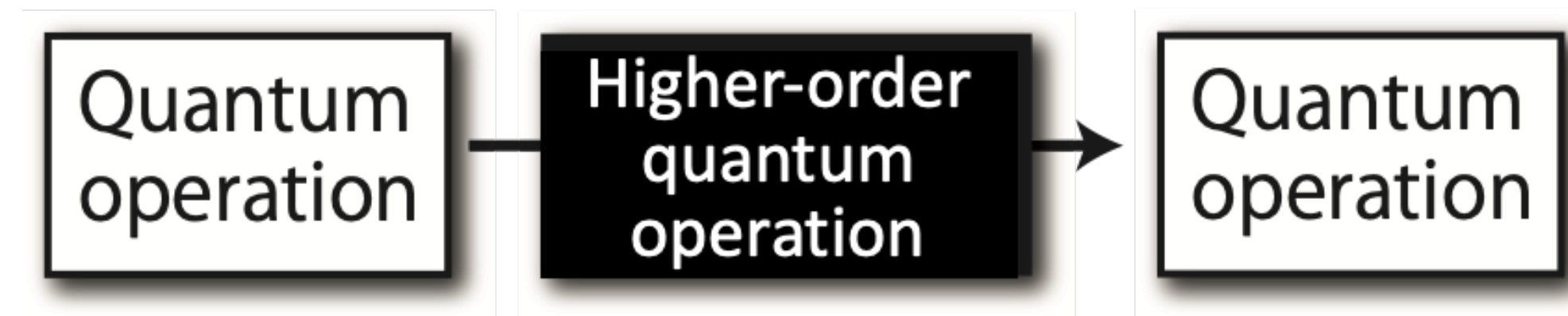


Higher-order quantum operation in quantum information processing

Quantum state



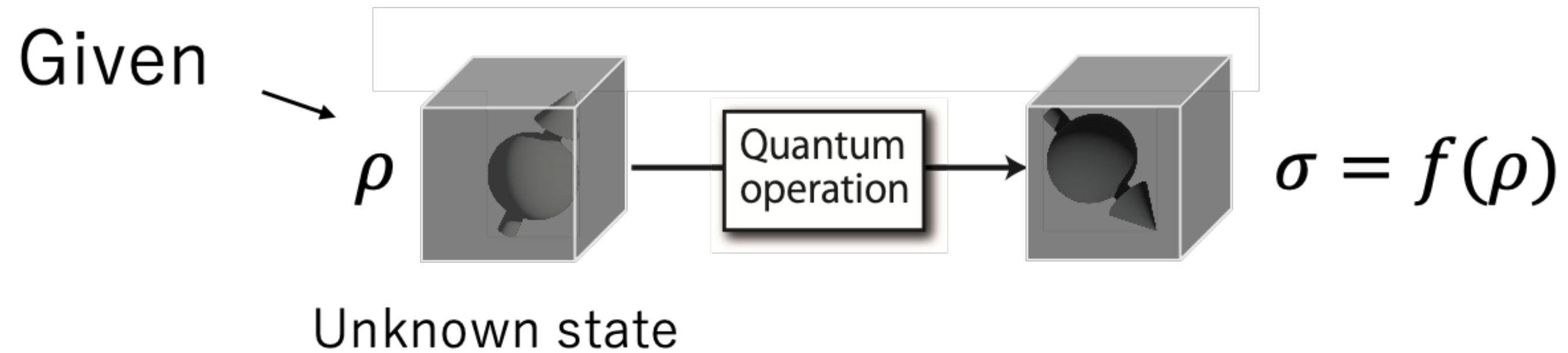
Quantum state



Higher-order quantum operation = Transformation of quantum operation

Universal transformation of q. states and operations

Universal transformation of quantum states

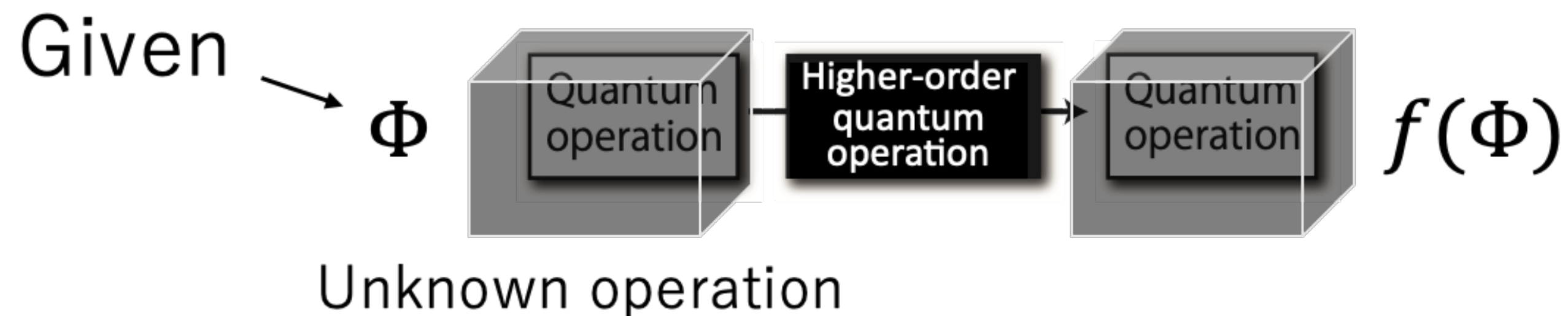


This is NOT $|0\rangle \mapsto |\psi\rangle$

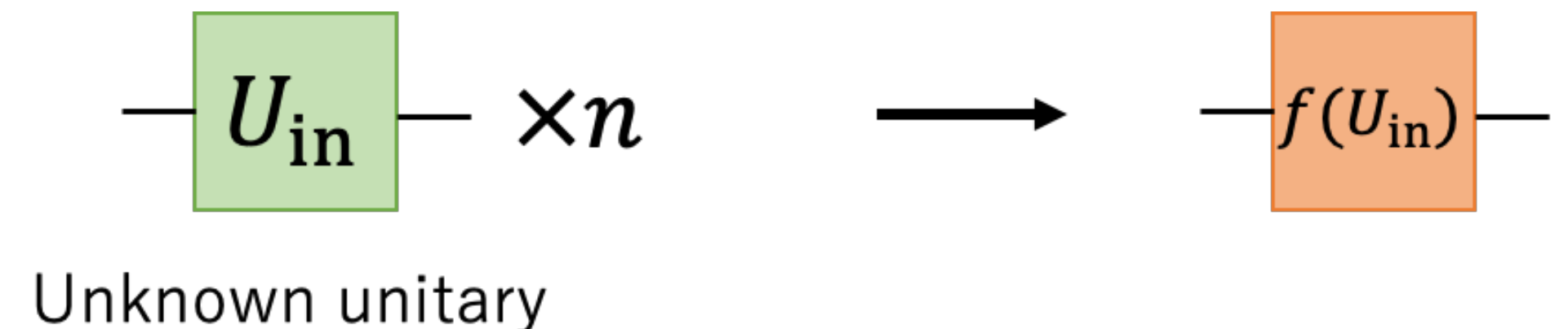
Eg. State cloning $\rho \mapsto \rho \otimes \rho$

Universal NOT $\rho \mapsto \rho^\perp$

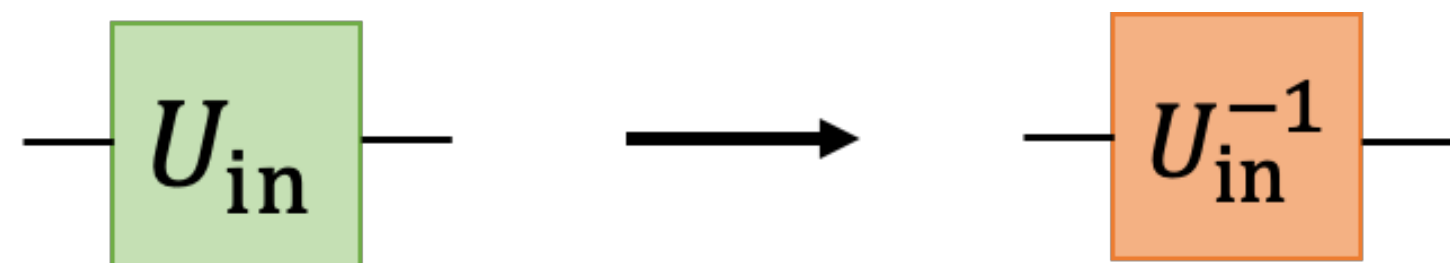
Universal transformation of quantum operations



In particular, we consider



Example: Unitary inversion



Simulation of “time inversion”:

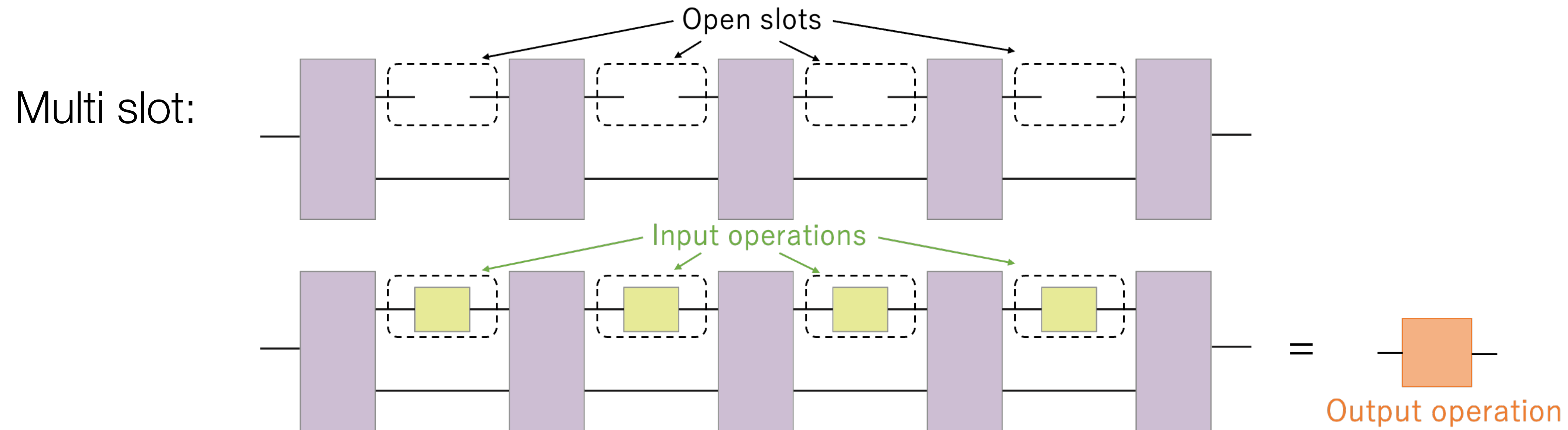
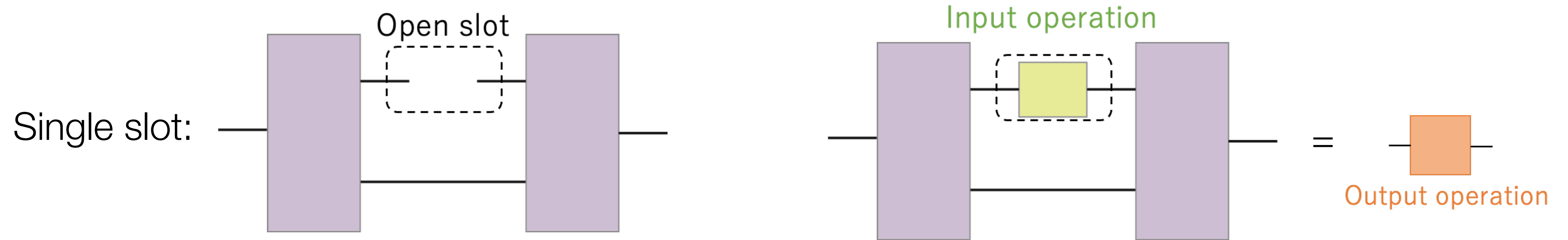
$$U_{\text{in}} = e^{-iHt} \mapsto U_{\text{in}}^{-1} = e^{iHt}$$

Applications

- Quantum control
- Learning (e.g. OTOC)

Quantum comb

Circuit implementation of higher-order quantum operation

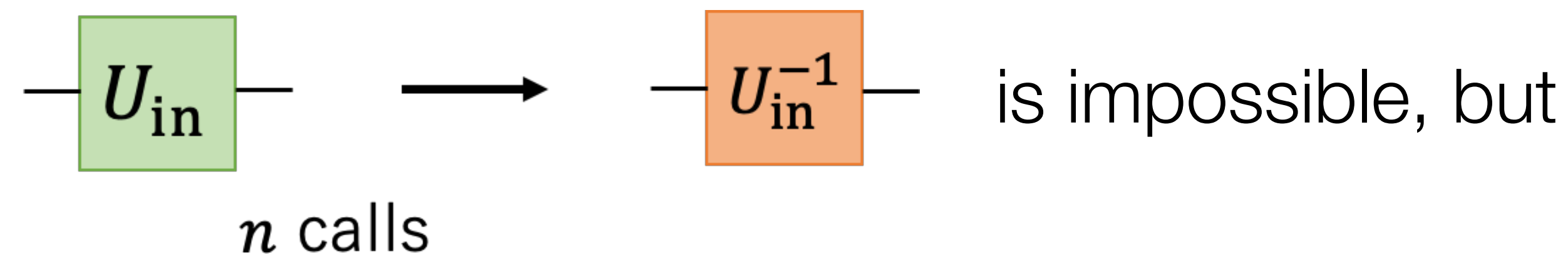


Deterministic, exact and universal transformations

No-go theorems on universal transformations

States: **Impossible**, e.g., no-cloning theorem, no-universal-NOT theorem → Only prob./approx.

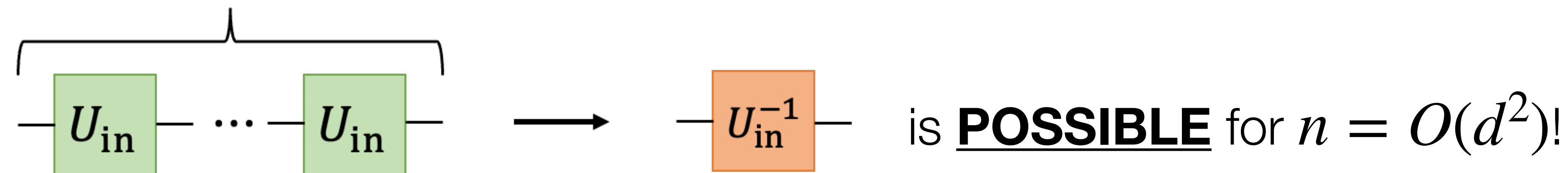
How about universal transformations of unitary operations?



G. Chiribella and D. Ebler, NJP 18, 093053 (2016).

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Other possible transformations

- Complex conjugation: $U_{\text{in}}^{\otimes n} \mapsto U_{\text{in}}^*$ for $n = d - 1$
- Transposition: $U_{\text{in}}^{\otimes n} \mapsto U_{\text{in}}^T$ for $n = O(d^2)$

Research question:

What is the fundamental limit of universal transformations of unitary operations?

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- **Problem setting:**

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- **Main result:**

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- **Proof techniques**

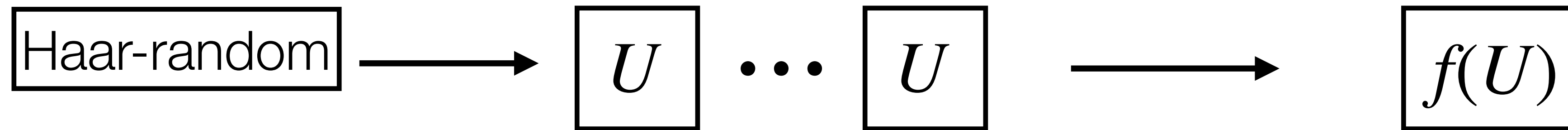
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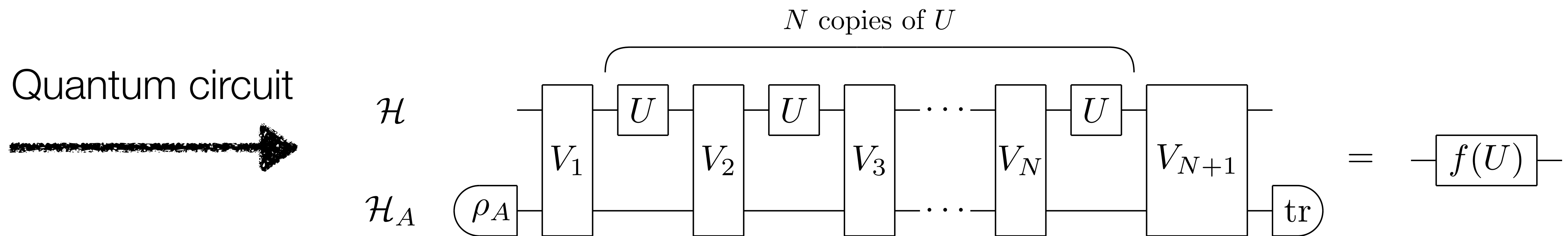
- **Conclusion & outlook**

Problem setting

Task: Universal transformation of unitary operations



N copies



Def: [Query complexity of $f : \text{SU}(d) \rightarrow \text{SU}(d)$] = $\min N$

Problem setting

Question

What is the fundamental limit of universal transformation of unitary operations?

= Lower bound on the query complexity of $f : \text{SU}(d) \rightarrow \text{SU}(d)$

Assumption

Suppose f is differentiable, i.e., $f(e^{i\epsilon H}) = [I + i\epsilon g(H) + O(\epsilon^2)]f(I)$ holds for

- $H \in \mathfrak{su}(d)$: Hermitian (traceless) matrix
- $g : \mathfrak{su}(d) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(d)$: linear map

Eg. $f(U) = U^{-1}, U^*, U^T, U^n$

Previous works on query complexity

Polynomial method

$F(|U\rangle\rangle\langle\langle U|) = |f(U)\rangle\rangle\langle\langle f(U)|$ should have polynomial degree $\leq n$

e.g. $f(U) = U^\dagger \rightarrow$ Polynomial degree $d - 1 \rightarrow n \geq d - 1$

Non-tight

J. Miyazaki et al. PRR 1, 013007 (2019).

Topological method

Property on continuous function $\phi : \text{SU}(d) \rightarrow S^1$ to show no-go for controllization

Z. Gavorová et al. PRA 109, 032625 (2024).

Non-universal

Numerical method

Solve the optimization problem of fidelity for a given d, n

M. Quintino and D. Ebler, Quantum 6, 679 (2022).

Non-scalable

We need tight, universal, and scalable lower bound

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Main result

Theorem 1

Query complexity of $f \geq \min \text{tr} \beta$
s.t. $\beta \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^d), J_g + \beta \otimes I \geq 0$

where $J_g := \sum_{i,j \neq (0,0)} X^i Z^j \otimes g(X^i Z^j)$: Choi matrix of g cf. $f(e^{i\epsilon H}) = [I + i\epsilon g(H) + O(\epsilon^2)]f(I)$
 X, Z : Generalized Pauli matrix

Remark

- This result can be applied to **any** differentiable function $f : \text{SU}(d) \rightarrow \text{SU}(d)$
- RHS: semidefinite programming (SDP) which does not depend on $n \rightarrow$ **Scalable**
- This lower bound is **tight** for some cases (in next slide)

Main result

Theorem 2

Inversion: [Query complexity of $f(U) = U^{-1}$] $\geq d^2$
Transposition: [Query complexity of $f(U) = U^T$] $\geq 4(d = 2), d + 3(d \geq 3)$
Complex conjugation: [Query complexity of $f(U) = U^*$] $\geq d - 1$

} Thm. 1 + α

Tightness of the lower bound

Function	Lower bound	Minimum known	
$f(U) = U^{-1}$	$n \geq d^2$	$n \leq 4 (d = 2), \lesssim \frac{\pi}{2} d^2 (d \geq 3)$	✓ Matching lower bound
$f(U) = U^T$	$n \geq 4 (d = 2), d + 3 (d \geq 3)$	$n \leq 4 (d = 2), \lesssim \frac{\pi}{2} d^2 (d \geq 3)$	△ Only tight for $d = 2$
$f(U) = U^*$	$n \geq d - 1$	$n \leq d - 1$	✓✓ Tight

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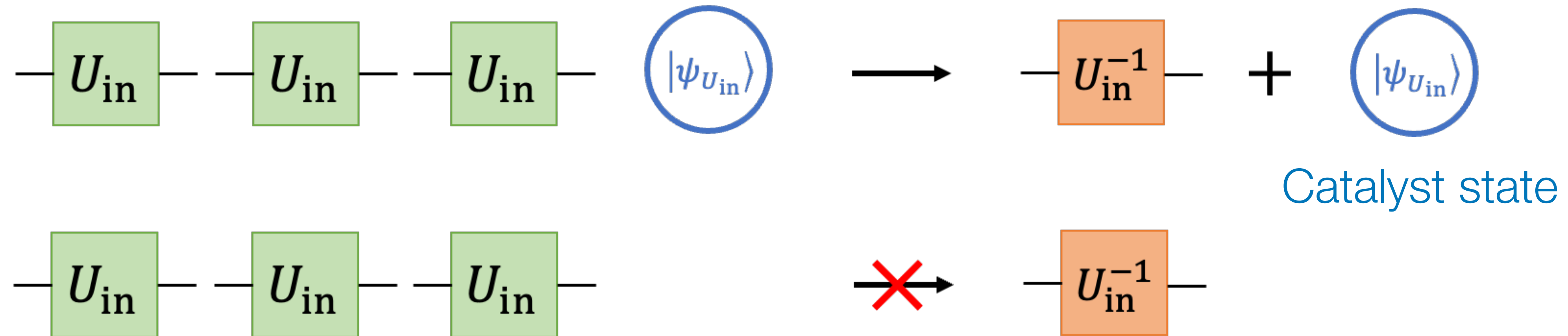
Bonus result: No-go on catalytic transformation

Catalytic transformation

Unitary inversion for $d = 2$

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Theorem 3

If the SDP lower bound is achievable, there is no catalytic transformation

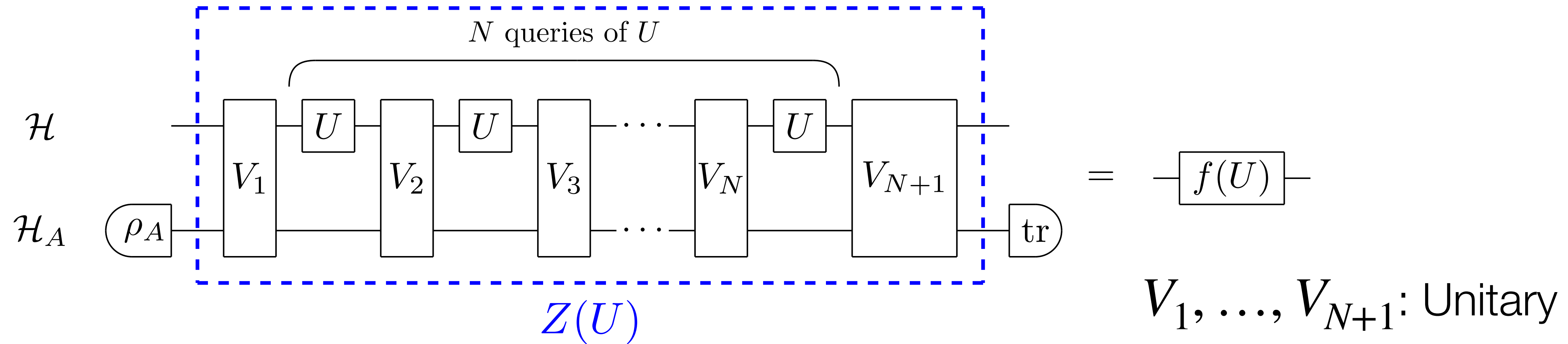
→ No catalytic transformation for $f(U) = U^*$

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Proof of Theorem 1

Idea: Differentiation



Differentiating $Z(e^{i\epsilon H})$ with respect to ϵ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{E}(H) = g(H) + \alpha(H)I,$$

$\alpha(H) \in \mathbb{R}$: Global phase

where \mathcal{E} is a CP map defined by

$$\mathcal{E}(H) = \sum_{s=1}^N \sum_{jk} M_{jk}^{(s)\dagger} H M_{jk}^{(s)},$$

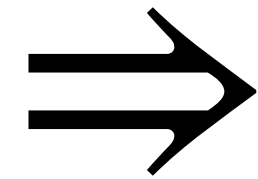
$$\sum_{jk} M_{jk}^{(s)} \otimes |j\rangle\langle k| := V_s \cdots V_1$$

Proof of Theorem 1

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$$\mathcal{E}(H) = g(H) + \alpha(H)I$$

\mathcal{E} is CP

$$\mathcal{E}(I) = NI$$

Choi matrix



$$J_{\mathcal{E}} = J_g + \beta \otimes I \geq 0$$

$$N = \frac{1}{d} \text{tr} \mathcal{E}(I) = \frac{1}{d} \text{tr} J_{\mathcal{E}}$$

SDP constraints!

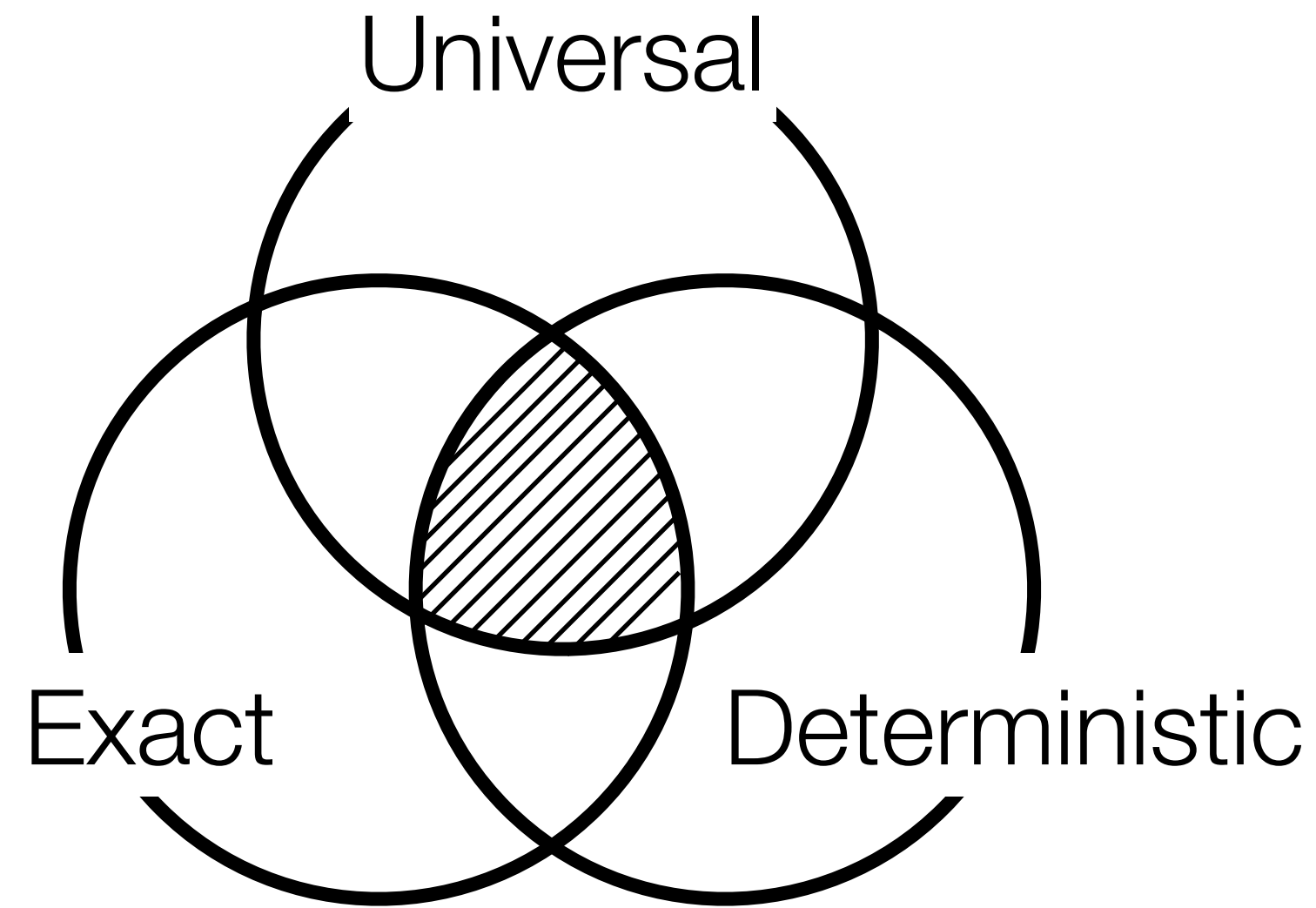
Remark. Only considers necessary conditions \rightarrow Our argument does not imply achievability

Similar technique is used in our concurrent work (H. Kristjánsson et al. arXiv:2409.18420. Poster No. 77 (Thursday))

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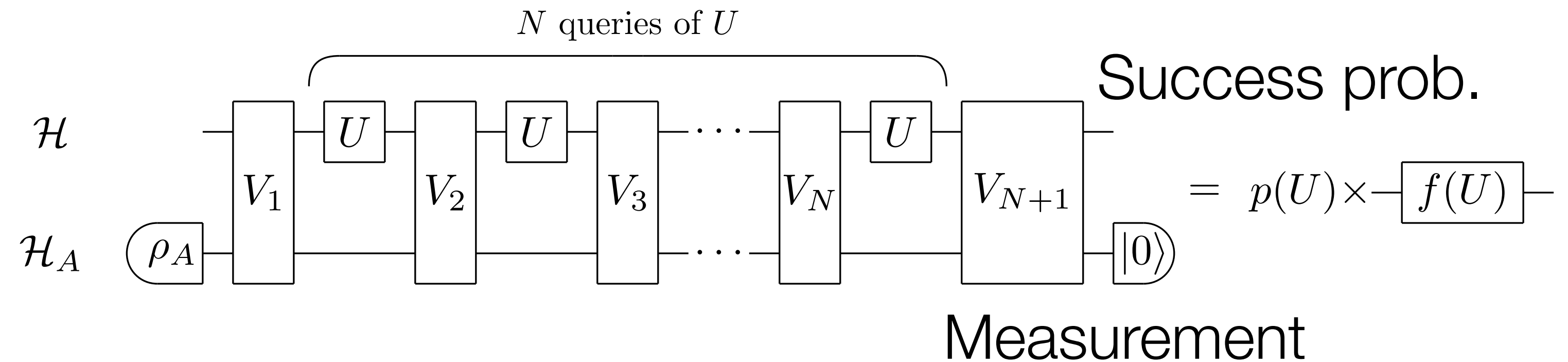
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Extension to relaxed settings



Maybe overkilling for practical applications

- Relaxed setting
- Probabilistic setting



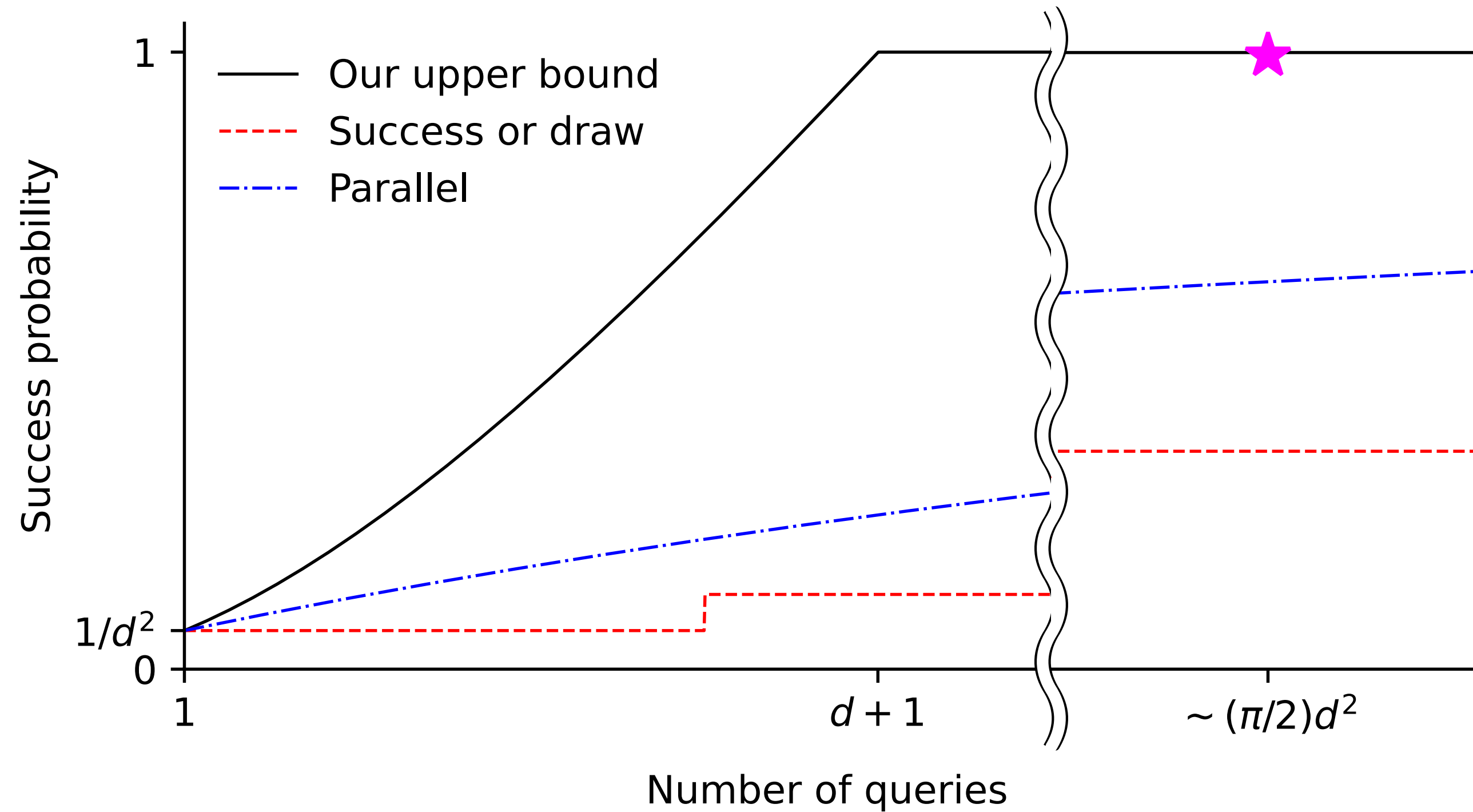
- Partial information of input unitary is given

$$U \in G \subset SU(d) \quad G: \text{subgroup}$$

We also obtain SDP lower bound for the query complexity in these relaxed settings

Example: Probabilistic unitary transposition

$$f(U) = U^T$$



Upper bound on the success probability

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Conclusion

- Non-trivial universal transformation of unitary operation is possible

$$\boxed{U} \cdots \boxed{U} \longrightarrow \boxed{f(U)}$$

N copies

- We provide tight, universal, and scalable SDP to bound N

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$f(U) = U^T$	$n \geq 4$ ($d = 2$), $d + 3$ ($d \geq 3$)	$n \leq 4$ ($d = 2$), $\lesssim \frac{\pi}{2} d^2$ ($d \geq 3$)
$f(U) = U^*$	$n \geq d - 1$	$n \leq d - 1$

- Proof technique: differentiation
- Extend to probabilistic/partially-known settings

Outlook

- We derive the SDP lower bound based on the differentiation
- Only considers local properties

Q1. Tighter lower bound by higher-order derivatives?

- Our lower bound for unitary transposition does not match the minimum known number

Lower bound: $N = \Omega(d)$

Minimum known: $N = O(d^2)$

Q2. Unitary transposition protocol with $N = O(d)$?

or

Q2'. Tighter lower bound for unitary transposition to provide $N = \Omega(d^2)$?

or something in between

Thank you!