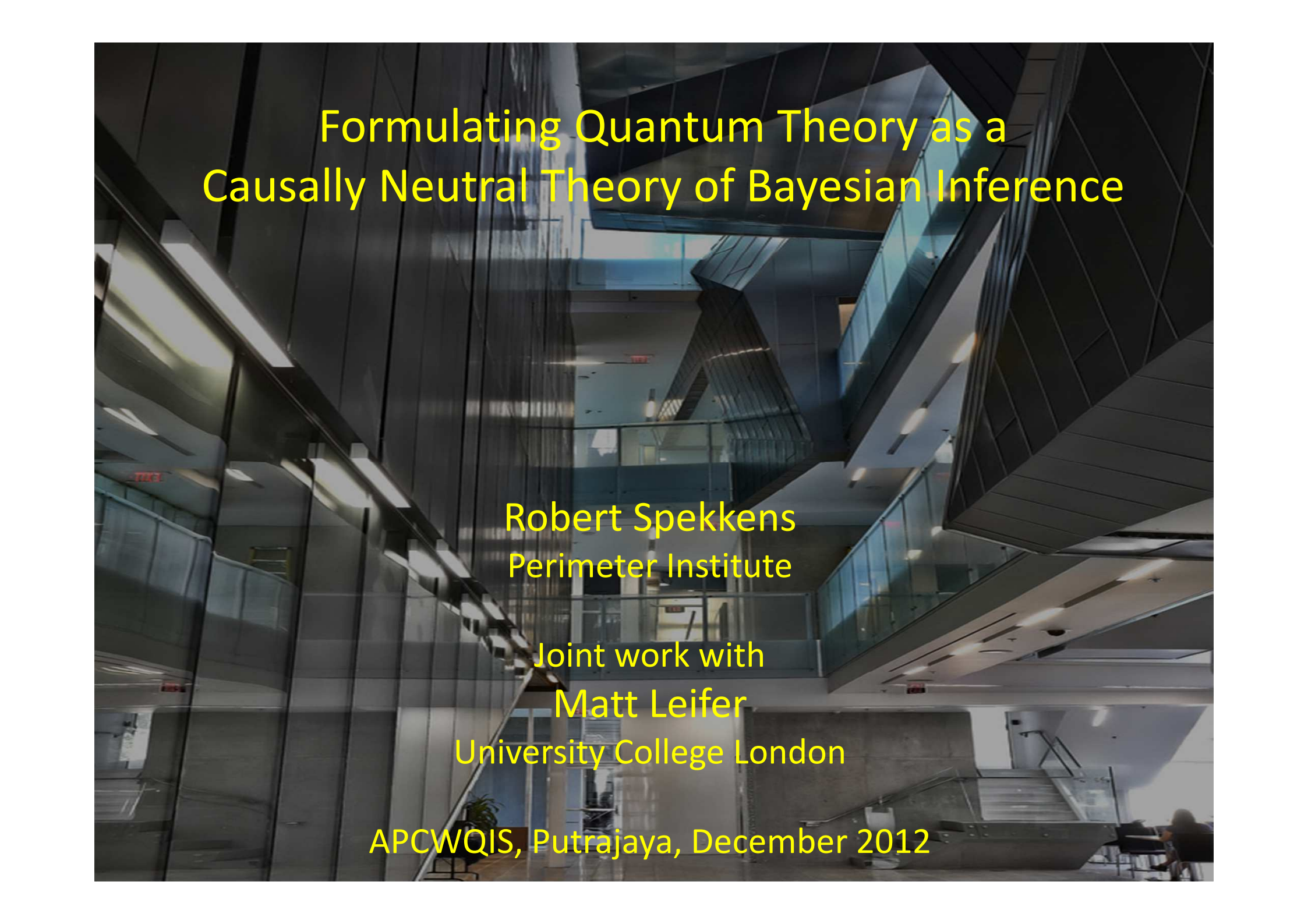




“But our present QM formalism is not purely epistemological; it is a peculiar mixture describing in part realities of Nature, in part incomplete human information about Nature --- all scrambled up by Heisenberg and Bohr into an omelette that nobody has seen how to unscramble. Yet we think that the unscrambling is a prerequisite for any further advance in basic physical theory. For, if we cannot separate the subjective and objective aspects of the formalism, we cannot know what we are talking about; it is just that simple.”

--E.T. Jaynes



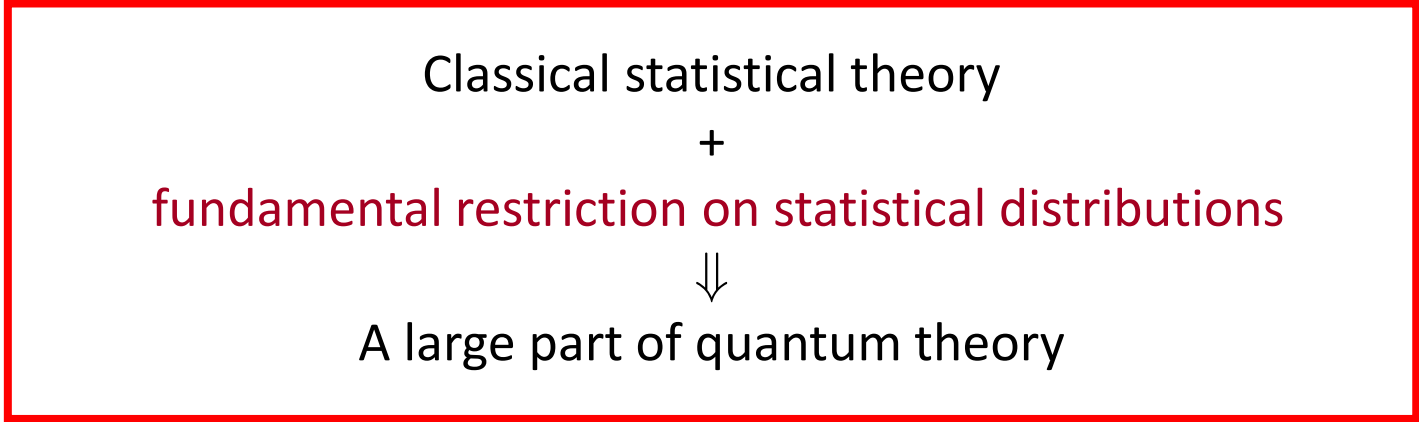
# Formulating Quantum Theory as a Causally Neutral Theory of Bayesian Inference

Robert Spekkens  
Perimeter Institute

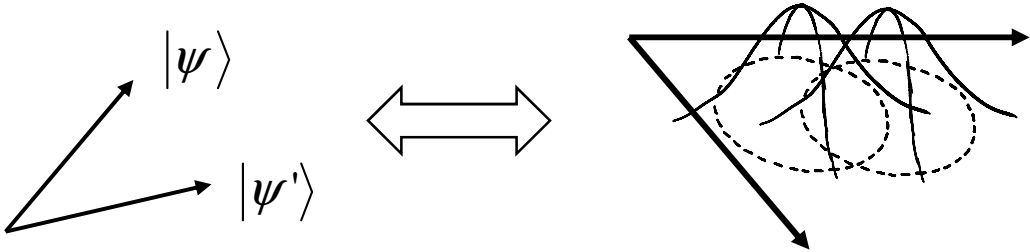
Joint work with  
Matt Leifer  
University College London

APCWQIS, Putrajaya, December 2012

Where I'm coming from...



In the resulting model  
quantum states are states of incomplete knowledge



# Epistemically Restricted Liouville mechanics

A Liouville distribution  $\mu(q,p)$ , can describe an agent's knowledge only if it satisfies:

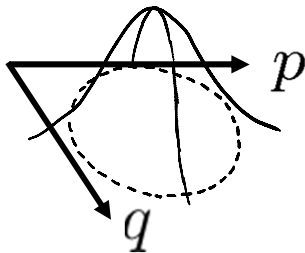
The classical uncertainty principle:

$$\Delta^2 q \Delta^2 p - C_{q,p}^2 \geq (\hbar/2)^2$$

The max-ent condition: the entropy of  $\mu(q,p)$ ,

$$S(\mu) = - \int \mu(q,p) \log \mu(q,p) dq dp$$

is maximal for a given set of second-order moments.



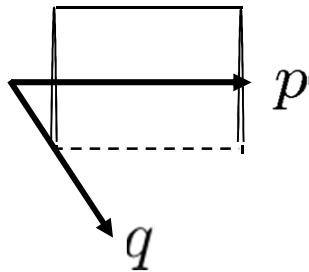
(This can be generalized to  $n$  systems)

## The limit of perfect knowledge for some variables

An observer can only jointly know the values of a set of variables if they commute relative to the Poisson bracket.

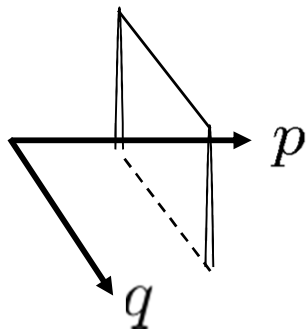
know  $Q$

$$P(q, p) \propto \delta(q - a)$$



know  $P$

$$P(q, p) \propto \delta(p - b)$$

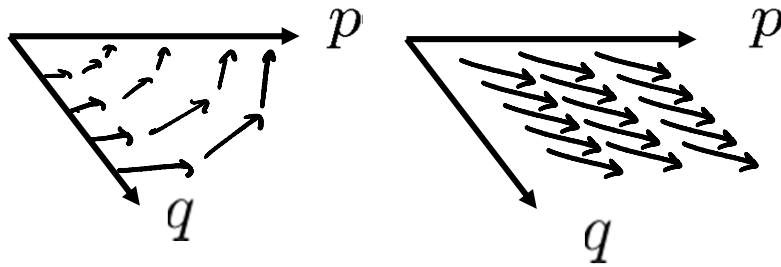


know  $Q_A - Q_B$  and  $P_A + P_B$

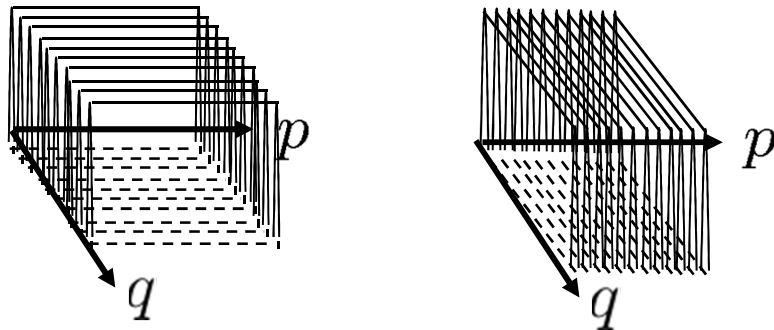
$$P(q_A, p_A, q_B, p_B) \\ \propto \delta(q_A - q_B) \delta(p_A + p_B)$$

corresponds to EPR state

## Valid transformations



## Valid measurements

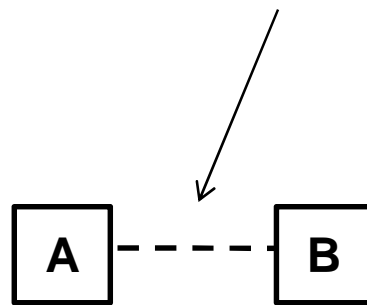


**Theorem:** Epistemically restricted Liouville mechanics is empirically equivalent to Gaussian quantum mechanics

Bartlett, Rudolph and Spekkens, arXiv:1111:5057

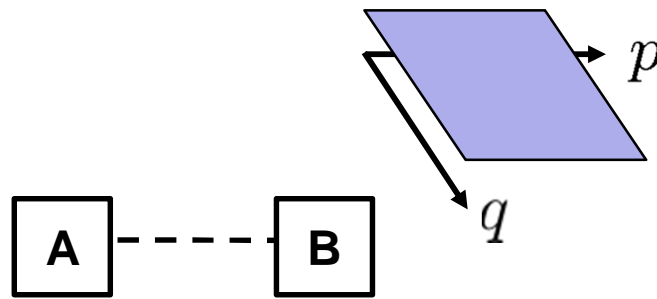
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acausal connection





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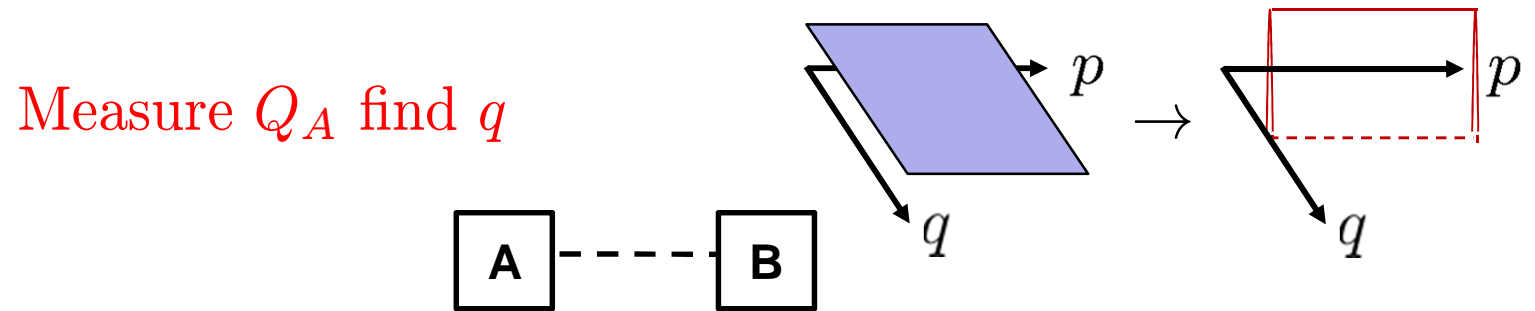


$$P_{\text{EPR}}(q_A, p_A, q_B, p_B) \propto \delta(q_A - q_B) \delta(p_A + p_B)$$

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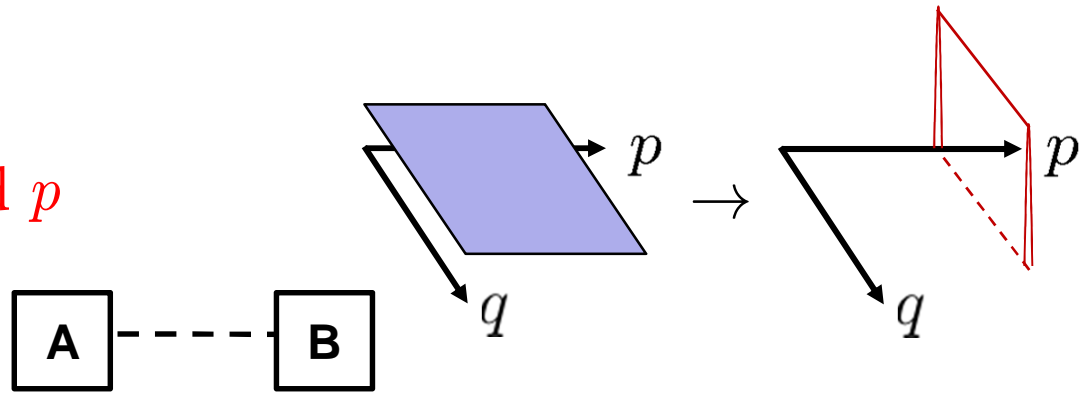
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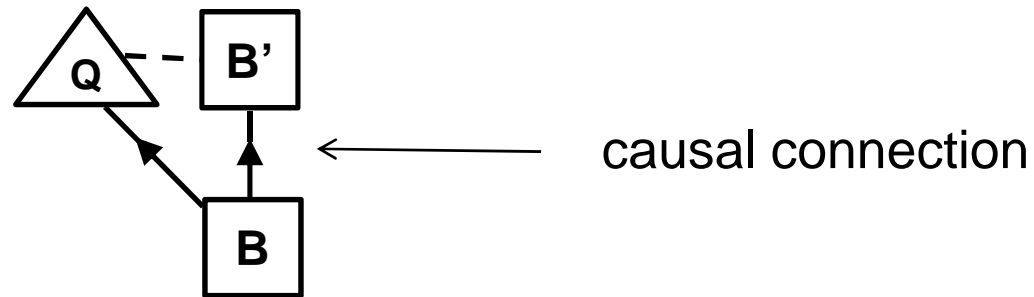


# EPR effect in Epistemically Restricted Liouville mechanics

Measure  $P_A$  find  $p$

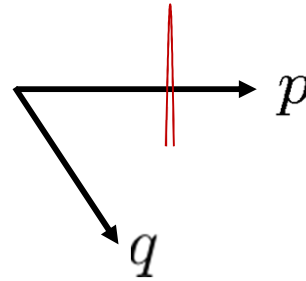
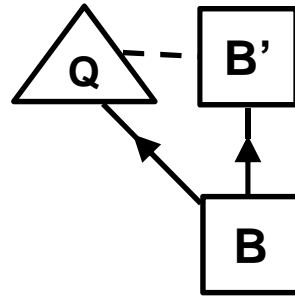


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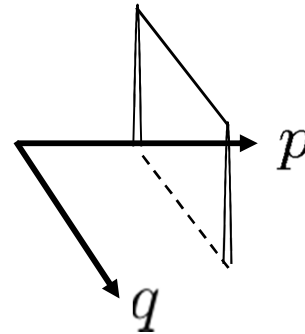


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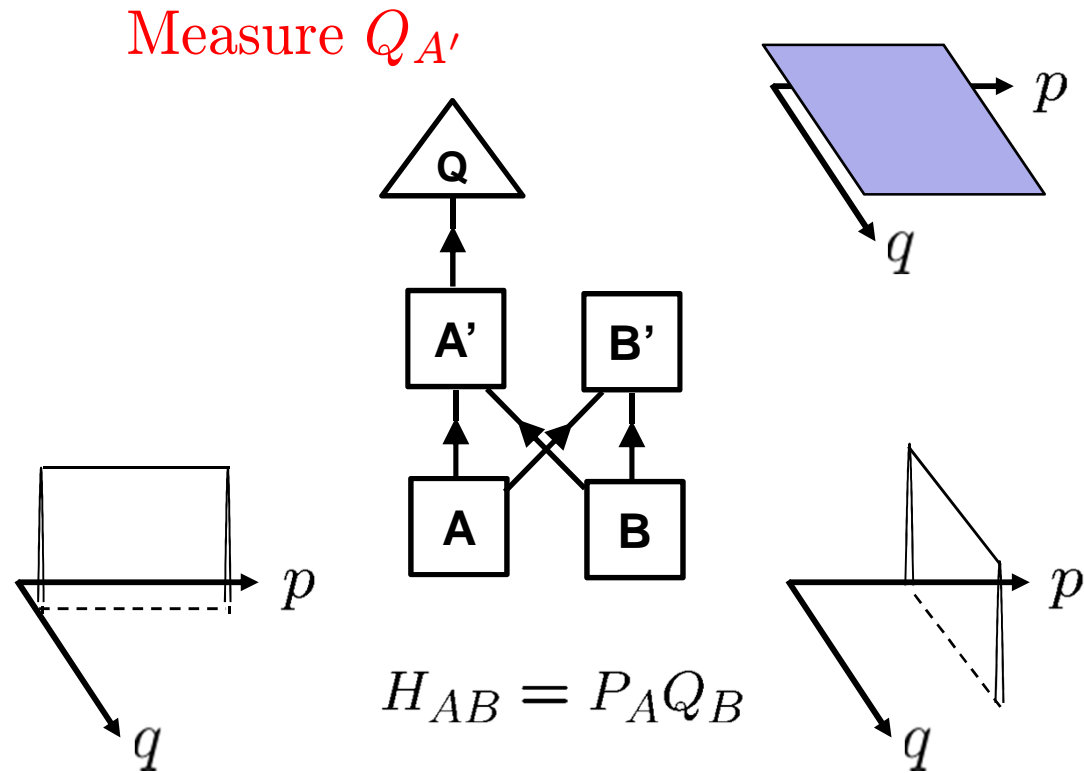
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But this would violate the epistemic restriction!

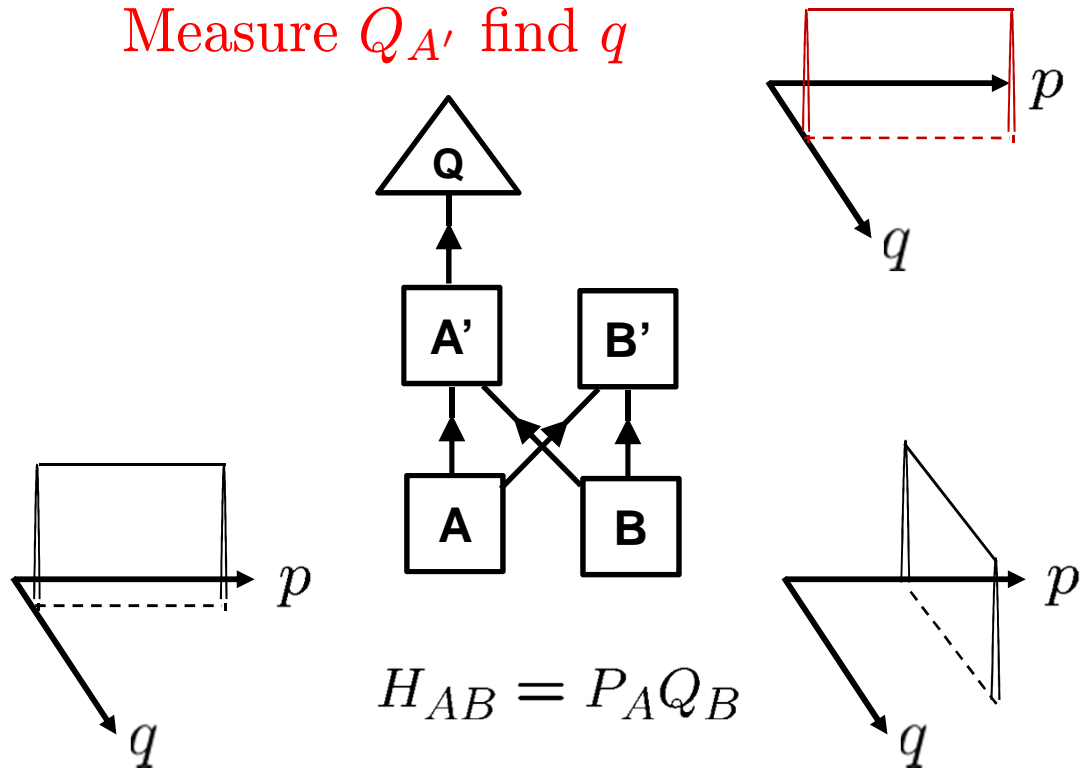


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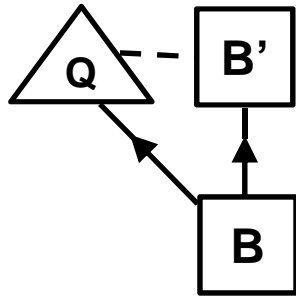


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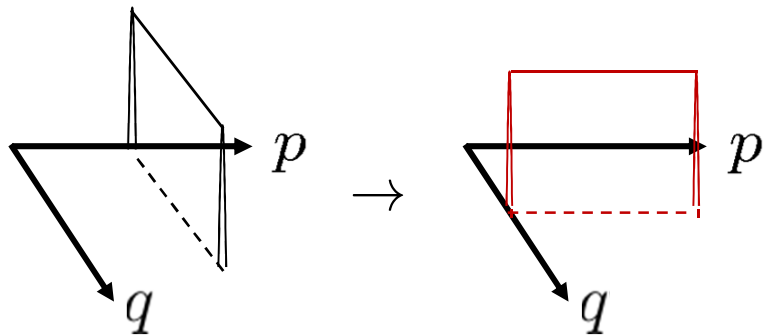
Measure  $Q_{A'}$ , find  $q$



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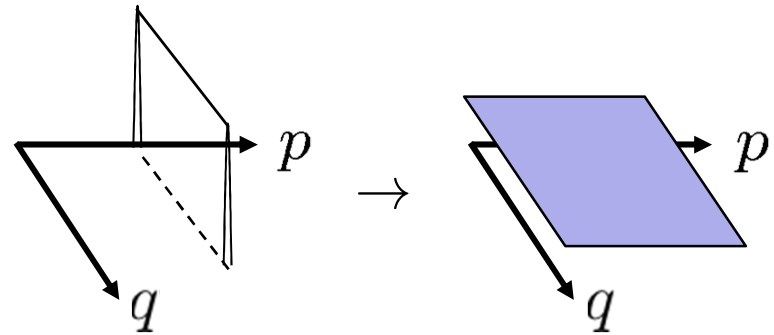


Collapse rule



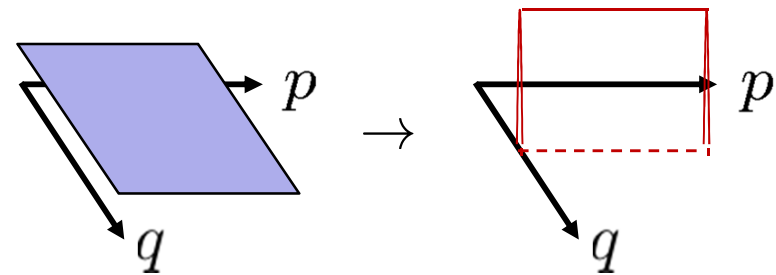
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Belief propagation  
(unknown disturbance)



+

Bayesian conditioning





# Categorizing quantum phenomena

## Those arising in a restricted statistical classical theory

Noncommutativity  
Entanglement  
Collapse  
Wave-particle duality  
Teleportation  
No cloning  
Interference  
Key distribution  
Improvements in metrology  
Quantum eraser  
Coherent superposition  
Pre and post-selection effects  
Others...

## Those not arising in a restricted statistical classical theory

Bell inequality violations  
Computational speed-up (if it exists)  
Noncontextuality inequality violations  
Certain aspects of items on the left  
Others...

Quantum theory  
as a theory of Bayesian inference

## Classical

$P(R)$  Probability distribution  
over phase-space  
coordinates  $R$

$P(R = r)$  probability that  $R=r$

## Quantum

$\rho_A$  Operator on Hilbert  
space of  $A$

No analogue (yet)

	Classical	Quantum
State of knowledge	$P(R)$	$\rho_A$
Normalization	$\sum_R P(R) = 1$	$\text{Tr}_A \rho_A = 1$
Joint state	$P(R, S)$	$\rho_{AB}$
Marginalization	$P(S) = \sum_R P(R, S)$	$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A \rho_{AB}$
Conditional state	$P(S R)$	????

Conditional probability

$$P(S|R)$$

Normalization condition

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See: Leifer, PRA 74, 042310 (2006)

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Quantum belief propagation

$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{B|A} \rho_A)$$

Two formulas for the  
joint probability

$$\begin{aligned} P(R, S) &= P(S|R)P(R) \\ &= P(R|S)P(S) \end{aligned}$$

Classical Bayes' theorem

$$P(S|R) = \frac{P(R|S)P(S)}{P(R)}$$

Classical  
Bayesian conditioning

$$\begin{aligned} P(S) &\rightarrow P(S|X = x) \\ P(S|X = x) &= \sum_X P(S|X)\delta_{X,x} \end{aligned}$$

Two formulas for the  
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$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{BA} &= \rho_A^{1/2} \rho_{B|A} \rho_A^{1/2} \\ &= \rho_B^{1/2} \rho_{A|B} \rho_B^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

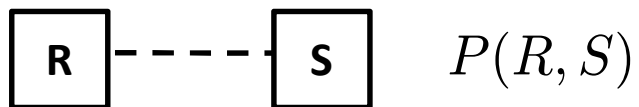
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# Causal Neutrality

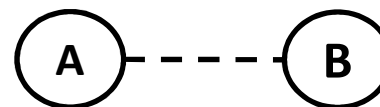


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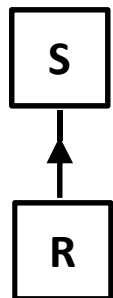


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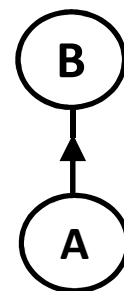


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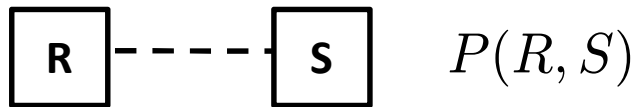


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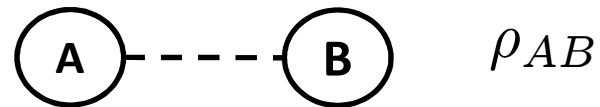


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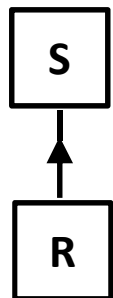


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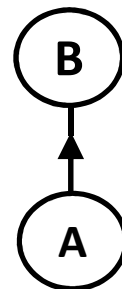


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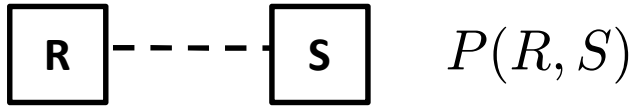


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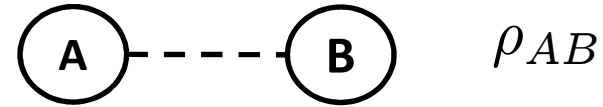


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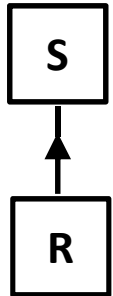


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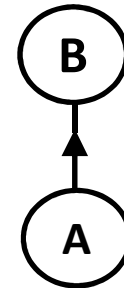


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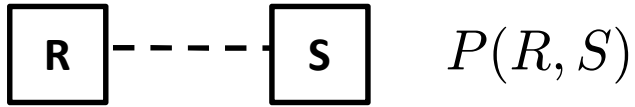


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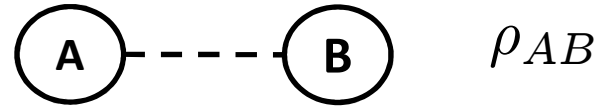


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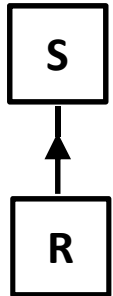
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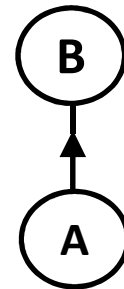


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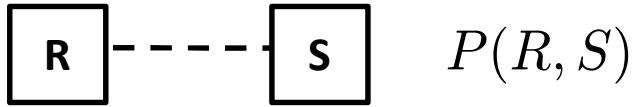
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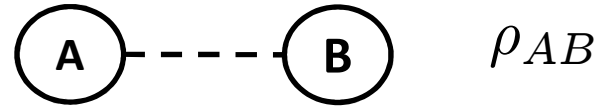
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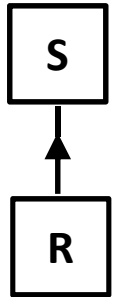


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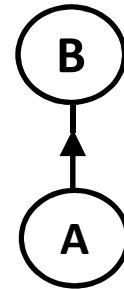
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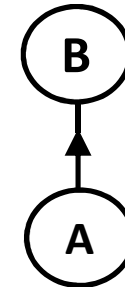
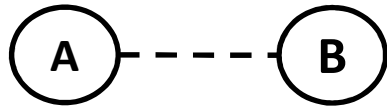
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# Comparing causal and acausal correlations in Quantum Mechanics

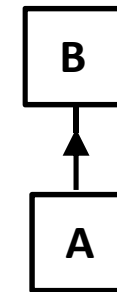
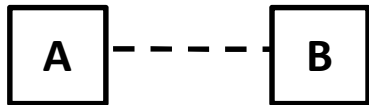


	$\hat{Q}_A, \hat{Q}_B$	$\hat{P}_A, \hat{P}_B$
$ EPR\rangle$	C	A
$(I \otimes U_{inv}) EPR\rangle$	A	C

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# Comparing causal and acausal correlations in Epistemically Restricted Liouville mechanics

$$P_{\text{id}}(q_B, p_B | q_A, p_A) \propto \delta(q_A - q_B) \delta(p_A - p_B)$$



$$Q_B = Q_A$$

$$P_B = P_A$$

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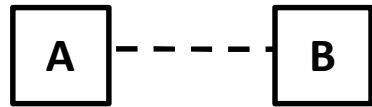
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$P_{\text{EPR-inv}}$	A	C

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$P_{\text{inv}}$	A	A

# Comparing causal and acausal correlations in Epistemically Restricted Liouville mechanics

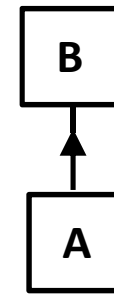


$$P_{\text{id}}(q_B, p_B | q_A, p_A) \propto \delta(q_A - q_B) \delta(p_A - p_B)$$

$$Q_B - Q_A = 0$$

$$P_B - P_A = 0 \quad \text{Not allowed!}$$

$$P_{\text{EPR}}(q_B, p_B | q_A, p_A) \propto \delta(q_A - q_B) \delta(p_A + p_B)$$



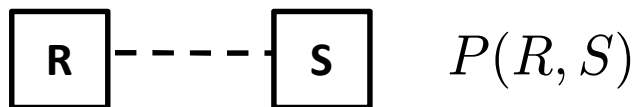
$$Q_B = Q_A$$

$$P_B = -P_A$$

Not allowed!

	$Q_A, Q_B$	$P_A, P_B$
$P_{\text{EPR}}$	C	A
$P_{\text{EPR-inv}}$	A	C

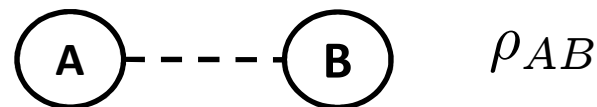
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$$P(R, S)$$

$$P(S|R) = P(R, S)/P(R)$$

$$P(S) = \sum_R P(S|R)P(R)$$



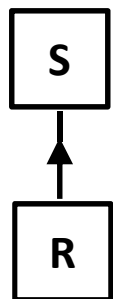
$$\rho_{AB}$$

$$\rho_{B|A} = \rho_A^{-1/2} \rho_{AB} \rho_A^{-1/2}$$

$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{B|A} \rho_A)$$

$$P(S|R) \in L_{\text{restricted}}$$

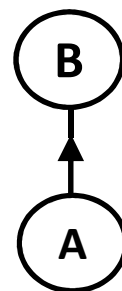
$$\rho_{B|A} \geq 0$$



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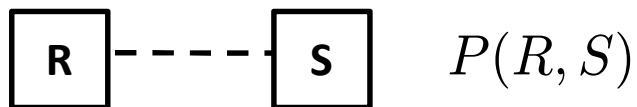
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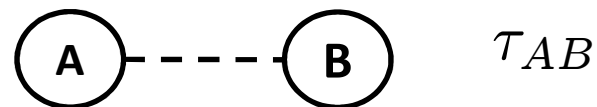
$$P(S|R) \in \Lambda_R(L_{\text{restricted}})$$

$$\varrho_{B|A}^{T_A} \geq 0$$


 $P(R, S)$ 

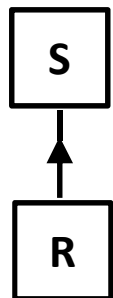
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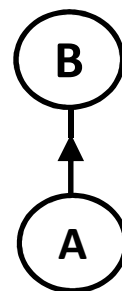
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 $P(S|R) \in L_{\text{restricted}}$ 
 $\tau_{B|A} \in O_{\text{restricted}}$ 

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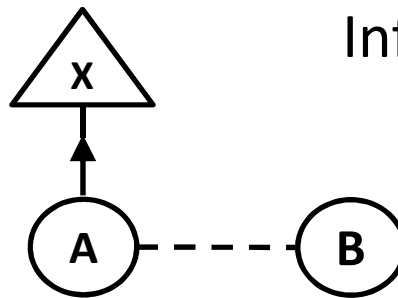
Quantum steering  
and quantum collapse  
in the conditional states formalism

# Quantum steering

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|A} \leftrightarrow \{E_x^A\}$$

Learn:  $X = x$



Given:  $\rho_{AB}$

Infer:  $\rho_B \rightarrow \rho_{B|X=x}$

$$\rho_{B|X} = \rho_X^{-1/2} \rho_B^{1/2} \rho_{X|B} \rho_B^{1/2} \rho_X^{-1/2}$$

where

$$\rho_{X|B} = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{X|A} \rho_{A|B})$$

$$\rho_{A|B} = \rho_B^{-1/2} \rho_{AB} \rho_B^{-1/2}$$

$$\rho_{B|X=x} = \frac{\rho_B^{1/2} E_x^B \rho_B^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_B(E_x^B \rho_B)}$$

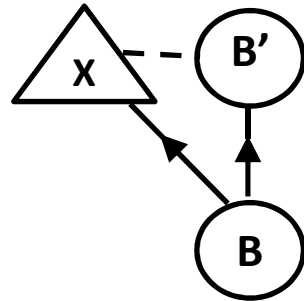
where  $E_x^B = \mathfrak{E}_{A \rightarrow B}^\dagger(E_x^A)$

# Quantum collapse

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|B} \leftrightarrow \{E_x^B\}$$

Learn:  $X = x$



Collapse rule:

$$\rho_B \rightarrow \frac{(E_x^B)^{1/2} \rho_B (E_x^B)^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_B(E_x^B \rho_B)}$$

Pure Bayesian conditioning:

$$\rho_B \rightarrow \frac{\rho_B^{1/2} E_x^B \rho_B^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_B(E_x^B \rho_B)}$$

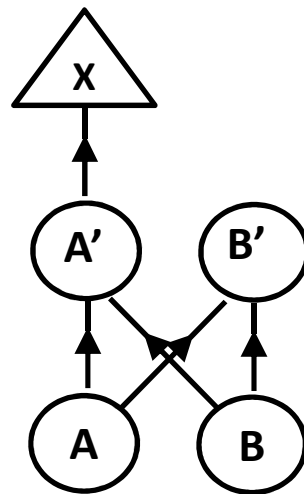


# Quantum collapse

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|A'} \leftrightarrow \{\Pi_x^{A'}\}$$

Learn:  $X = x$



Given:

$$\rho_{A'B'|AB} \leftrightarrow U_{AB \rightarrow A'B'}$$

A' gets info about B  
(i.e. mmt is informative)

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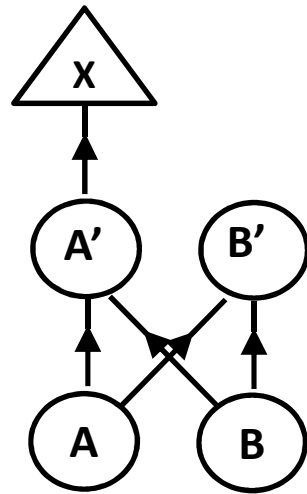
B' gets info about A  
(B to B' is not identity channel)

no information gain without disturbance

# Quantum collapse

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|A'} \leftrightarrow \{\Pi_x^{A'}\}$$



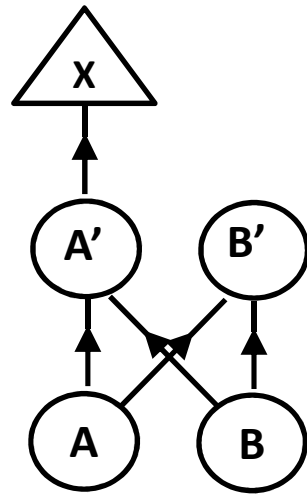
$$\rho_{B'} = \sum_x P(X = x) \frac{(E_x^B)^{1/2} \rho_B (E_x^B)^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_B(E_x^B \rho_B)}$$

# Quantum collapse

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|A'} \leftrightarrow \{\Pi_x^{A'}\}$$

Learn:  $X = x$



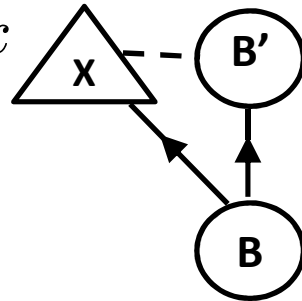
$$\rho_{B'|X=x} = \frac{(E_x^B)^{1/2} \rho_B (E_x^B)^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_B(E_x^B \rho_B)}$$

# Quantum collapse

Measure:

$$\rho_{X|B} \leftrightarrow \{E_x^B\}$$

Learn:  $X = x$



Collapse rule

$$\rho_B \rightarrow \rho_{B'|X=x}$$

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Quantum belief propagation  
(disturbance)

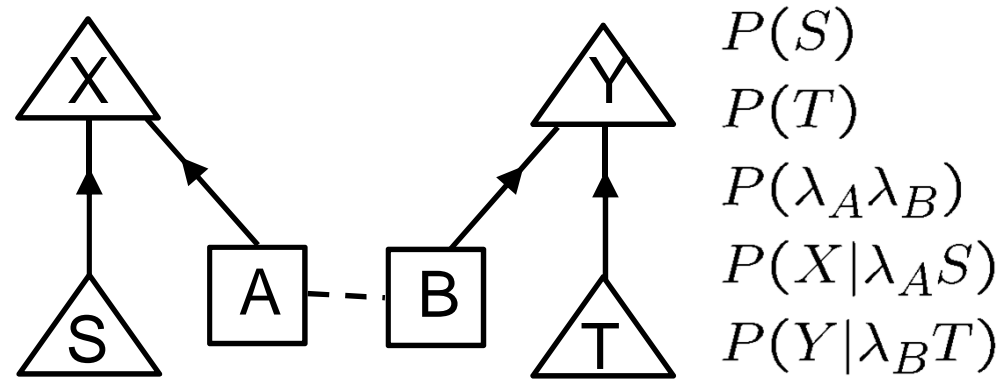
$$\rho_B \rightarrow \rho_{B'}$$

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Quantum Bayesian conditioning

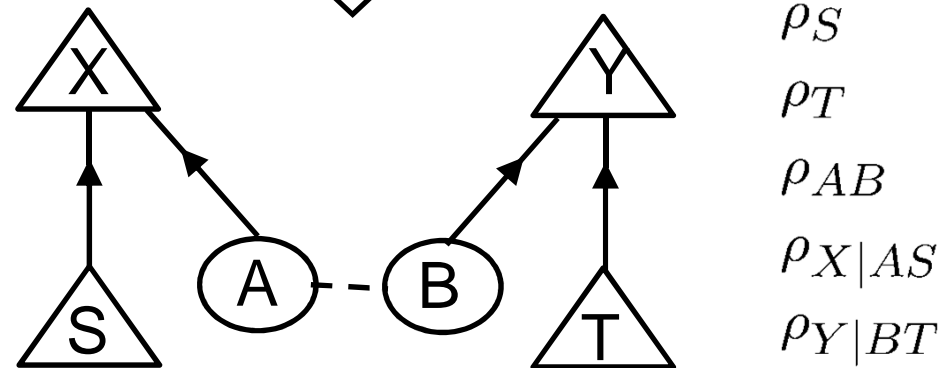
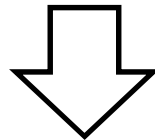
$$\rho_{B'} \rightarrow \rho_{B'|X=x}$$

## No local explanation of Bell inequality violations



$$P(XY|ST) = \sum_{\lambda_A \lambda_B} P(X|\lambda_A S) P(Y|\lambda_B T) P(\lambda_A \lambda_B)$$

Satisfies all Bell inequalities



$$\rho_{XY|ST} = \text{Tr}_{AB}(\rho_{X|AS} \rho_{Y|BT} \rho_{AB})$$

Can violate Bell inequalities

## Further work

- Conditional independence, sufficient statistics
- Retrodiction, Pre and post selection, General inference
- State compatibility and state pooling

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Conventional  
expression

In terms of  
conditional states

Born's rule

$$\forall y : P(Y = y) = \text{Tr}_A(E_y^A \rho_A)$$

$$\rho_Y = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{Y|A} \rho_A)$$

Ensemble  
averaging

$$\rho_A = \sum_x P(X = x) \rho_x^A$$

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_X(\rho_{A|X} \rho_X)$$

Action of quantum  
channel

$$\rho_B = \mathcal{E}^{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_A)$$

$$\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{B|A} \rho_A)$$

Composition of  
channels

$$\mathcal{E}^{A \rightarrow C} = \mathcal{E}^{B \rightarrow C} \circ \mathcal{E}^{A \rightarrow B}$$

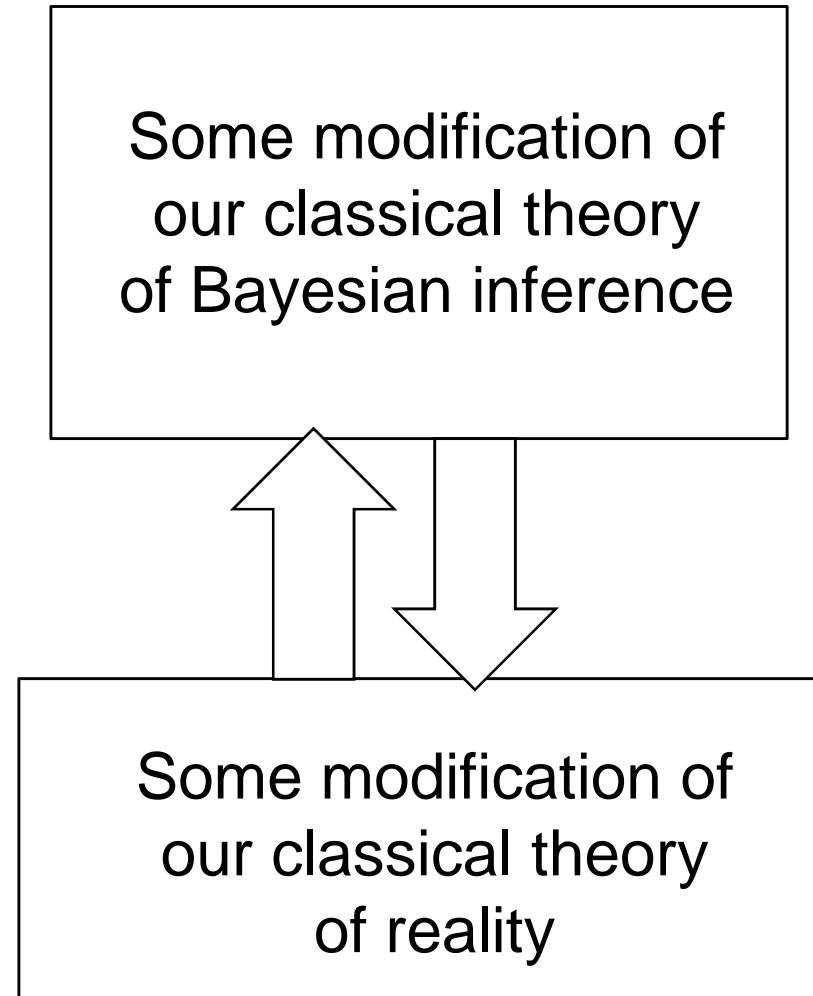
$$\rho_{C|A} = \text{Tr}_B(\rho_{C|B} \rho_{B|A})$$

State update  
rule

$$\forall y : P(Y = y) \rho_y^B = \mathcal{E}_y^{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_A)$$

$$\rho_{YB} = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{YB|A} \rho_A)$$

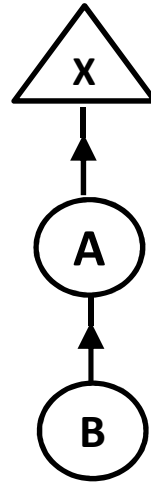
## An idea for achieving realism in quantum theory





# Quantum retrodiction

Measure:  
 $\rho_{X|A} \leftrightarrow \{E_x^A\}$   
 Learn:  $X = x$   
 Given:  $\rho_{A|B} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{B \rightarrow A}$   
 $\rho_B$



Infer:  $\rho_B \rightarrow \rho_{B|X=x}$

$$\rho_{B|X} = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{B|A}\rho_{A|X})$$

$$\rho_{B|A} = \rho_{A|B} * (\rho_B \rho_A^{-1})$$

$$\rho_{A|X} = \rho_{X|A} * (\rho_A \rho_X^{-1})$$

$$\rho_{B|X=x} = \frac{\rho_B^{1/2} \mathcal{E}_{A \rightarrow B}^\dagger(E_x^A) \rho_B^{1/2}}{\text{Tr}_A(E_x^A \mathcal{E}_{B \rightarrow A}(\rho_B))}$$

Generalizes Barnett, Pegg & Jeffers,  
 J. Mod. Opt. 47:1779 (2000).

Time symmetry:

Set of possible  
**predictive** inferences

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Set of possible  
**retrodictive** inferences

The Jamiołkowski isomorphism

$$\tau_{B|A} = (\Phi_{A' \rightarrow B} \otimes \text{id}_A) \left( \sum_{j,k} |j\rangle\langle k|_{A'} \otimes |k\rangle\langle j|_A \right)$$

$$\Phi_{A' \rightarrow B} \text{ is trace-preserving} \iff \text{Tr}_B \tau_{B|A} = I_A$$

This implies:  $\Phi_{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_A) = \text{Tr}_A(\tau_{B|A} \rho_A)$

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}_A(\tau_{B|A} \rho_A) &= \Phi_{A' \rightarrow B} \left( \sum_{j,k} |j\rangle\langle k|_{A'} \langle j| \rho_A |k\rangle \right) \\ &= \Phi_{A \rightarrow B} \left( \sum_{j,k} |j\rangle\langle j|_A \rho_A |k\rangle\langle k|_A \right) \\ &= \Phi_{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_A) \quad \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Phi_{A \rightarrow B} \text{ is CP} \iff \tau_{B|A}^{T_A} \geq 0$$

$$\tau_{B|A} = \left( [\Phi_{A' \rightarrow B} \circ T_{A'}] \otimes \text{id}_A \right) (d_A |\Psi^+\rangle_{A'A} \langle \Psi^+|)$$

$$\Phi_{A \rightarrow B} \circ T_A \text{ is CP} \iff \tau_{B|A} \geq 0$$