

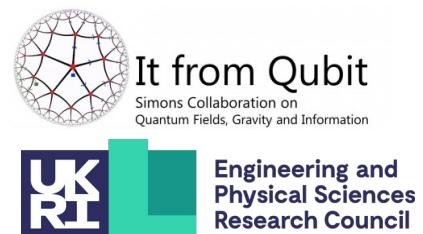
# A postquantum theory of classical gravity?



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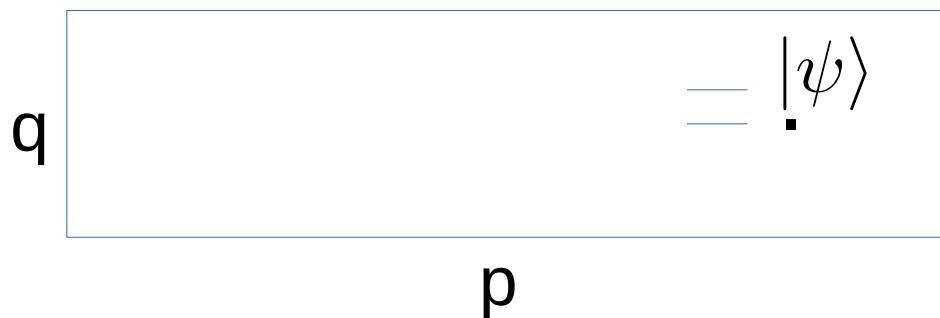
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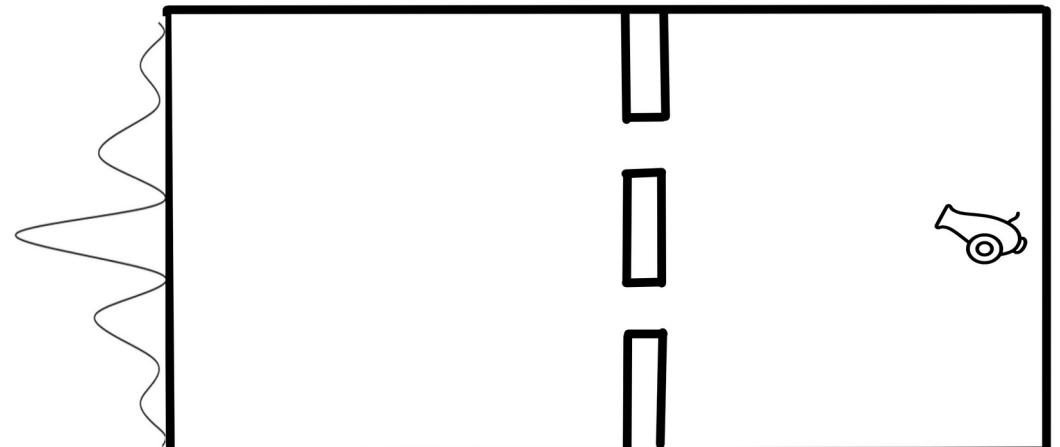
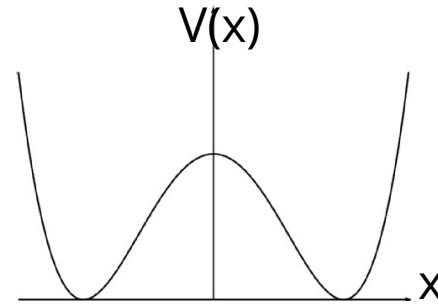
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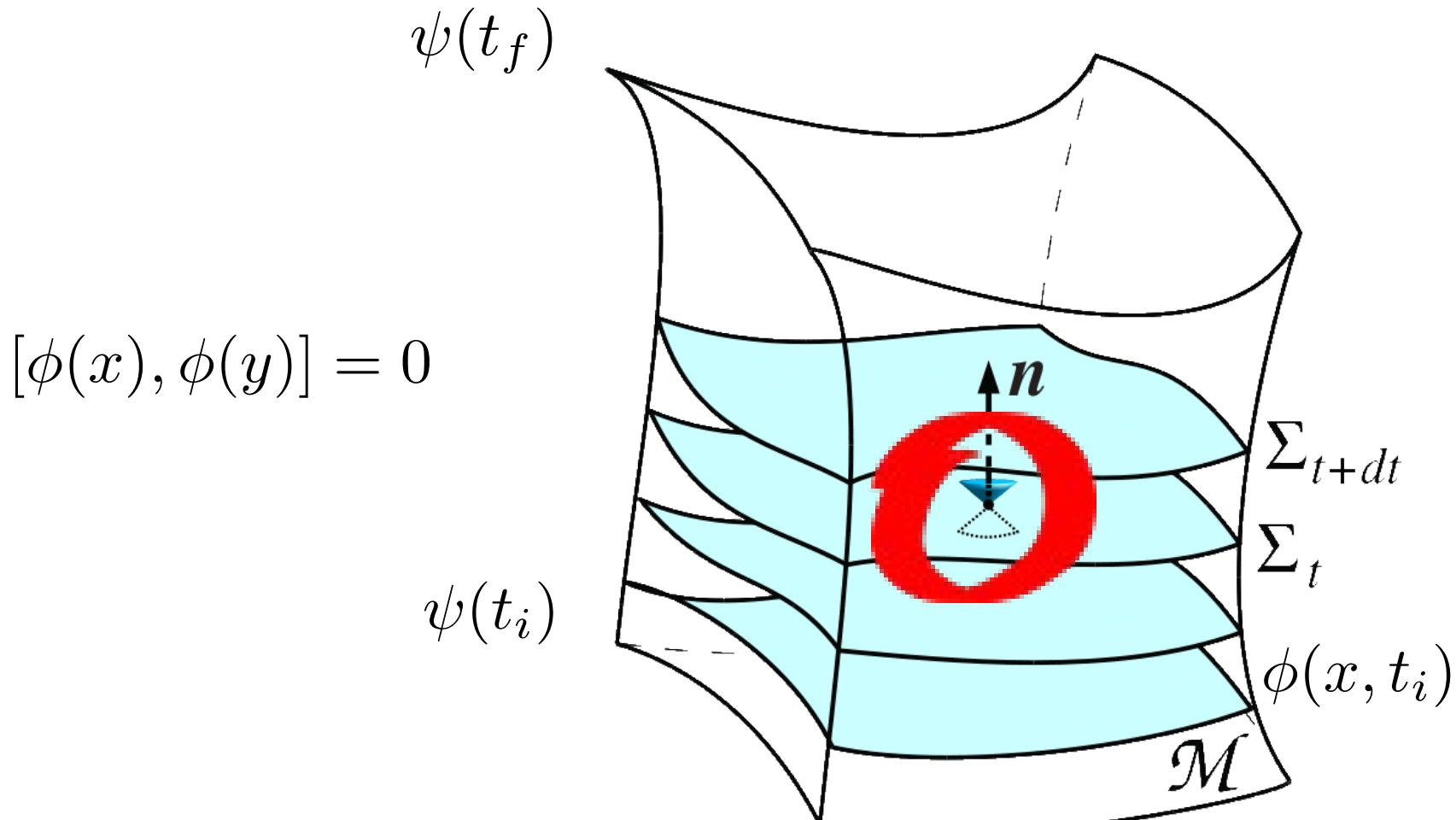
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**Back-reaction**

# Motivation: fundamental or effective?



# Motivation: gravity is unlike (other?) gauge theories

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Not an internal gauge degree of freedom at  $x, t$

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Universal geometry on which fields live

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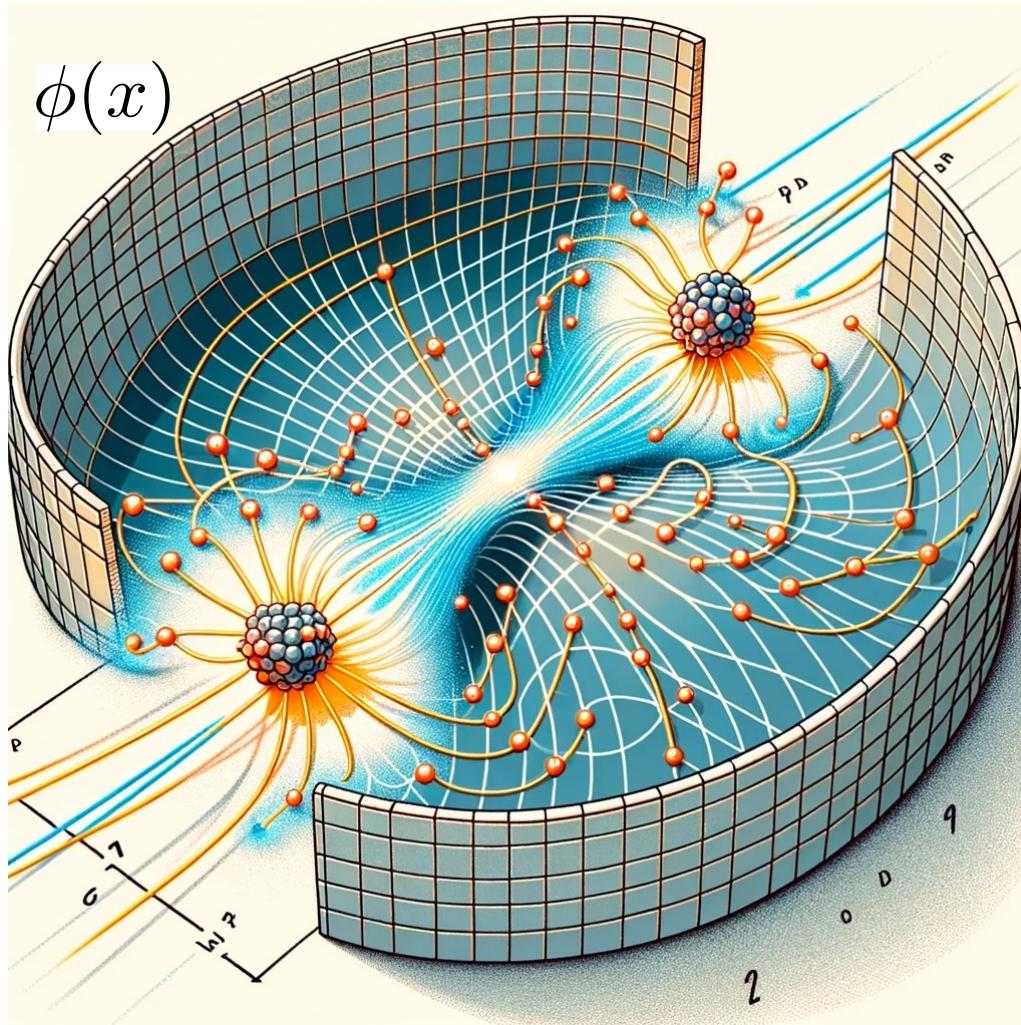
Wheeler-deWitt Eqn

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$$\mathcal{H}(x)|\psi\rangle = 0$$

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Non-renormalisable (quantum theory)



# Classical-quantum gravity

If true

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**Renormalisable  
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Black hole information  
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Small  $\Lambda$ ?  
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Born rule & No need for  
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# Classical-quantum dynamics

## Debate

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No

Feynman (1957)  
DeWitt (1962)  
Unruh (1984)  
Aharonov (~1986)  
Eppley & Hannah (1977)  
Unruh (1984)  
Caro & Salcedo (1999)  
Terno (2004)  
Carlip (2008)  
Marletto Vedral (2017)  
Galley, Giacomini, Selby (2022)

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Maybe

Sherry & Sudarshan (1978)  
Boucher & Traschen (1988)  
Kapral (1999)  
Peres & Terno (2001)  
Hall & Reginatto (2005)  
Mattingly (2006)  
Albers, Kiefer & Reginatto (2008)  
Kent (2018)

# Classical-quantum dynamics

## History

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Semi-classical Einstein  
(pathological when  
fluctuations are large)

Page & Geilker (1981);  
Gisin (1989)

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### Simple examples

Blanchard & Jadczyk (1994);  
Diosi (1995);  
Poulin (2017);

Kafri, Taylor, Milburn (2014);  
Diosi, Tilloy (2016)

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Quantum chemistry  
(negative probabilities)

Kapral review (2006);  
Koopman-von Neumann (1931-32)

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### Experiments!

Kafri & Taylor (2013);  
Bose et. al. (2017);  
Marletto et. al. (2017)  
Lami, Pedarnals, Plenio (2022)  
Carney (2108.06320)

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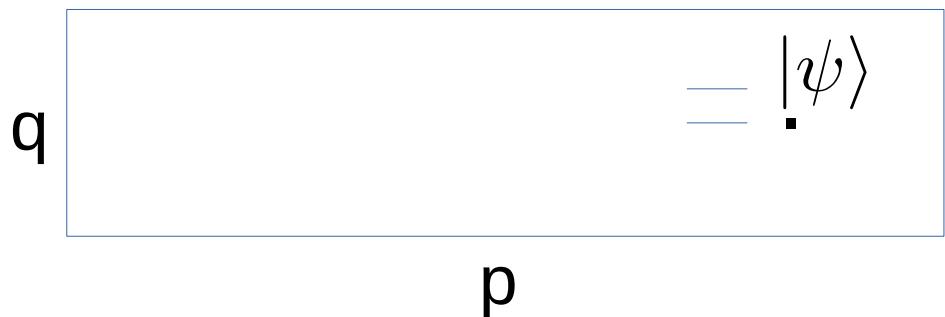
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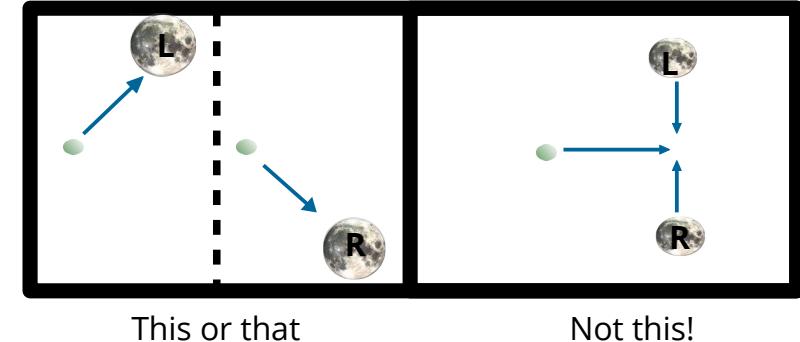
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# Semi-classical equations are pathological

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \langle \hat{T}_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$\rho^{(gm)} = \frac{1}{2}\rho_L^{(g)}\rho_L^{(m)} + \frac{1}{2}\rho_R^{(g)}\rho_R^{(m)}$$



**Consistent Dynamics: linear and preserve state-space (completely positive and norm preserving)**

**Requires decoherence and diffusion**

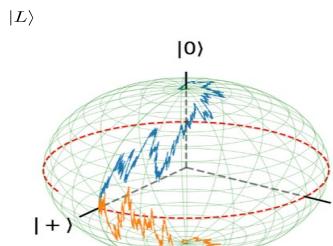
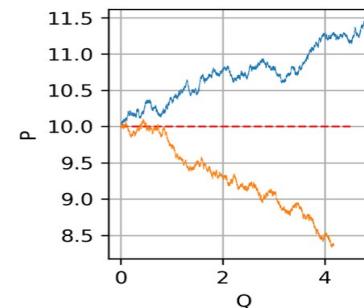
# CQ Dynamics

## Path Integral

$$\rho(q, p, \phi^\pm, t_f) = \int \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}p \mathcal{D}\phi^\pm e^{iS_C[q,p] + iS[\phi^+] - iS[\phi^-] + iS_{FV}[\phi^\pm] + iS_{CQ}[q,p,\phi^\pm]} \delta(\dot{q} - \frac{p}{m}) \rho(q, p, \phi^\pm, t_i)$$

JO, Zach Weller-Davies

## Trajectories



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## Master Eqn

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} \approx \{H^{(grav)}, \hat{\rho}\} - i[\hat{H}^{(m)}, \hat{\rho}] + \frac{1}{2}\{\hat{H}^{(m)}, \hat{\rho}\} - \frac{1}{2}\{\hat{\rho}, \hat{H}^{(m)}\}$$

$$+ \int dxdx' \frac{\delta^2}{\delta\pi_\Phi(x)\delta\pi_\Phi(x')} (D_2(x, x')\hat{\rho}) + \frac{1}{2} \int dxdx' D_0(x, x') ([\hat{m}(x), [\hat{\rho}, \hat{m}(x')]])$$

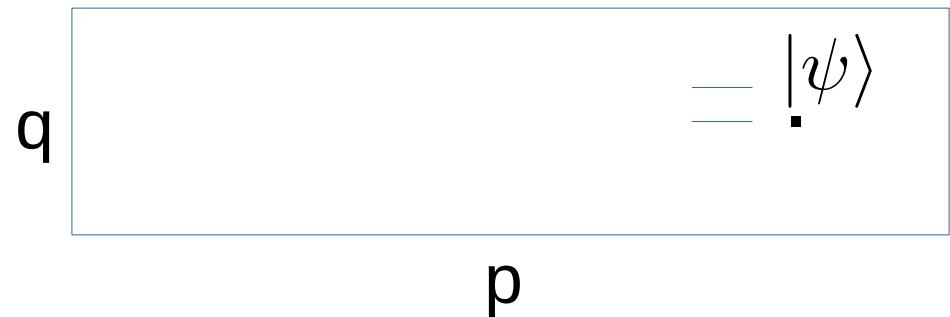
CPTP MAP

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# Classical, quantum, & CQ States

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HILBERT SPACE

 $\hat{\sigma}$ 

$$\text{tr } \hat{\sigma} = 1$$

POSITIVE MATRIX

C

PHASE SPACE

 $\rho(q, p)$ 

$$\int dq dp \rho(q, p) = 1$$

POSITIVE DISTRIBUTION

CQ

$$\hat{\rho}(z; t) = \rho(z; t) \hat{\sigma}(z; t)$$

$$z := (q, p)$$

$$\int dz \text{tr} \hat{\rho}(z) = 1$$

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# Dynamics must be linear and preserve state-space

Must be positive

$$1 \otimes \mathcal{L}$$

Norm preserving

positive matrix at each  $z$

$$\int dz \text{tr} \hat{\rho}(z) = 1$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle|\psi_L\rangle - |1\rangle|\psi_R\rangle)$$

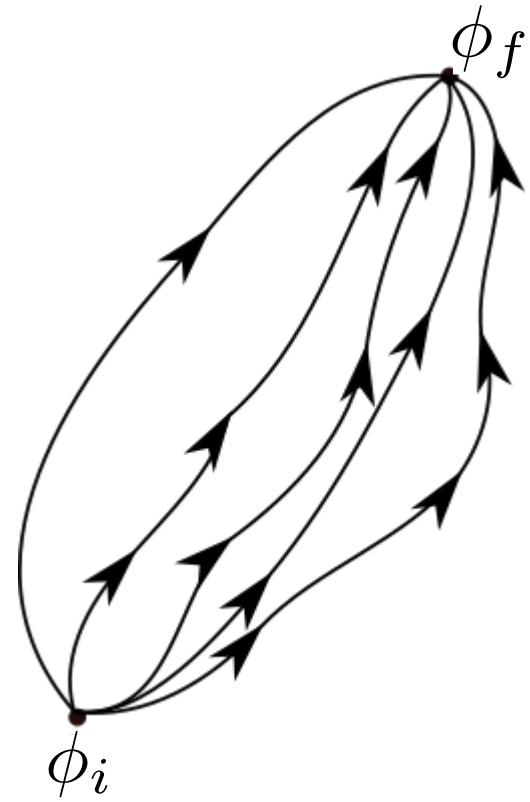
$$\sigma^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2}|\psi_L\rangle\langle\psi_L| + \frac{1}{2}|\psi_R\rangle\langle\psi_R|$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}(|\psi_L\rangle\langle\psi_L|) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}(|\psi_R\rangle\langle\psi_R|) = \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{2}|\psi_L\rangle\langle\psi_L| + \frac{1}{2}|\psi_R\rangle\langle\psi_R|\right)$$

# Path Integrals

## Quantum Mechanics

$$\langle \phi_f, t_f | \phi_i, t_i \rangle = \int_{\phi(t_i) = \phi_i}^{\phi(t_f) = \phi_f} \mathcal{D}\phi \ e^{iS[\phi]}$$



# Path Integrals

## Quantum Mechanics

$$\langle \phi^-, t_f | \phi_i, t_i \rangle \langle \phi_i, t_i | \phi^+, t_f \rangle = \int_{\phi^+ = \phi^- = \phi_i}^{\phi_f^+, \phi_f^-} \mathcal{D}\phi^+ \mathcal{D}\phi^- e^{iS[\phi^+] - iS[\phi^-]}$$

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## Quantum Mechanics (open systems)

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$$iS_{FV} = D_0 \int_{t_i}^{t_f} d^4x \left( \phi^+ \phi^- - \frac{1}{2} (\phi^- \phi^- + \phi^+ \phi^+) \right)$$

Feynman-Vernon

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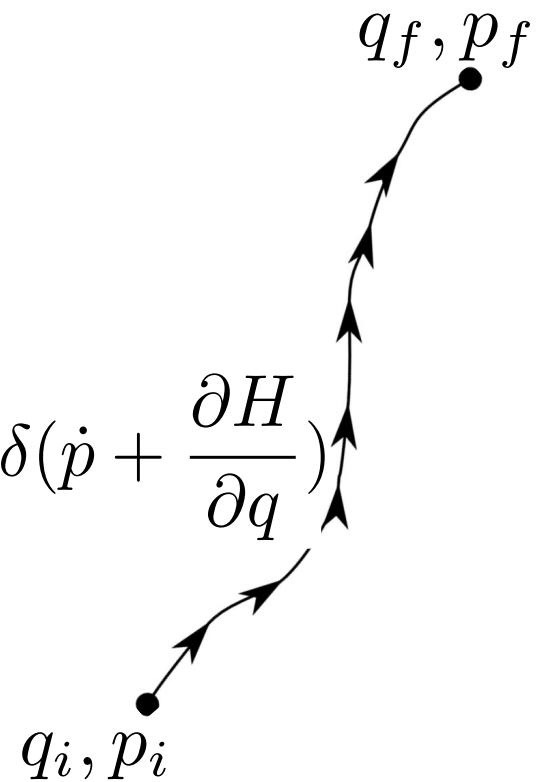
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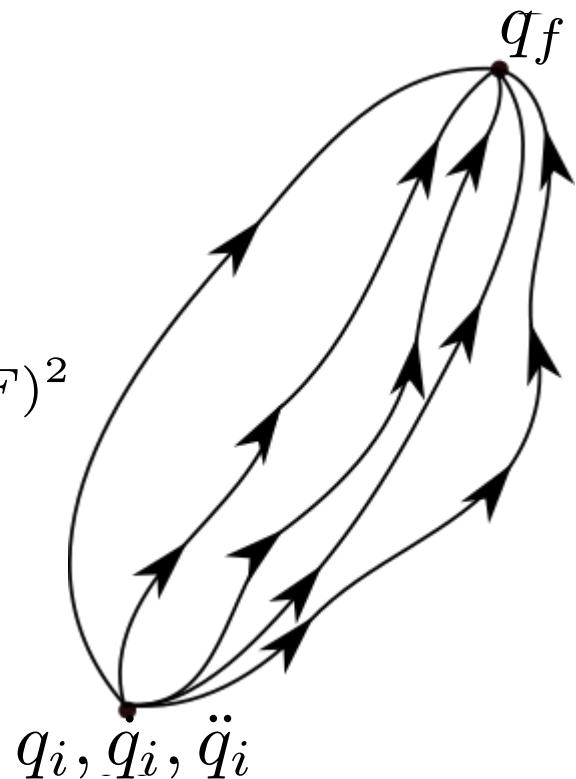
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# Path Integral for Brownian motion

## Classical Mechanics (stochastic)

$$\rho(q_f, t_f | q_i, \dot{q}_i, \ddot{q}_i, t_i) = \mathcal{N} \int_{q_i, \dot{q}_i, \ddot{q}_i}^{q_f} \mathcal{D}q e^{-\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (m\ddot{q} - F)^2}$$



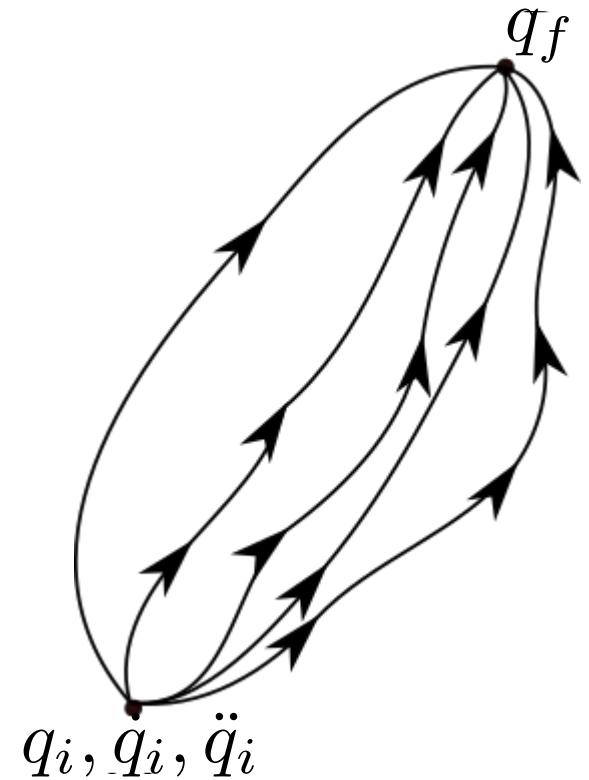
Onsager-Machlup

# Path Integral for Stochastic Dynamics

**“Equation of Motion Squared”**

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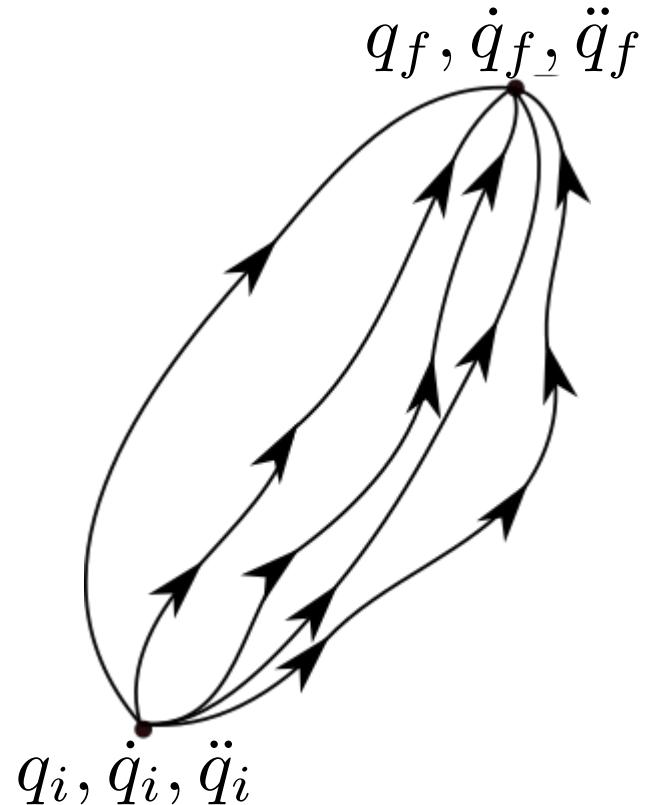
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## Classical Mechanics (stochastic)

$$\ddot{q} = \frac{F}{m} + j(t)$$

$$\langle j(t) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle j(t)j(s) \rangle = D_2 \delta(s, t)$$

Langevin Eqn (or Fokker-Planck, or Ito)



# Q, C & CQ Path integral

**Q**

$$iS_Q[\phi^+, \Phi^-] := iS[\phi^+] - iS[\phi^-] + iS_{FV}[\phi^+, \phi^-]$$

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**C**

$$iS_C[q, p] = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (\dot{p} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q})^2$$

Onsager, Machlup (1953);  
Freidlin, Wentzell (1998)

**CQ**

$$iS[\phi^+, \phi^-, q, p] = S_Q[\phi^+, \phi^-] - \frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (\dot{p} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \hat{H}^+}{\partial q} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \hat{H}^-}{\partial q})^2$$

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$$4D_2 \succeq D_0^{-1}$$

# Q, C & CQ Dynamics (jumps)

Q

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial t} = -i[\hat{H}, \hat{\sigma}] + \sum_{\alpha\beta} W^{\alpha\beta} \hat{L}_\alpha \hat{\sigma} \hat{L}_\beta^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} W^{\alpha\beta} \{ \hat{L}_\beta^\dagger \hat{L}_\alpha, \hat{\sigma} \}_+$$

$$W^{\alpha\beta} \succeq 0$$

C

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{\partial t} = \{ H(z), \rho(z) \} + \int dz' (W(z|z')\rho(z') - W(z)\rho(z))$$

$$W(z|z') \geq 0 \quad \forall z, z'$$

CQ

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}(z; t)}{\partial t} = -i[\hat{H}(z), \hat{\rho}(z; t)] + \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int dz' W^{\alpha\beta}(z|z') \hat{L}_\alpha \hat{\rho}(z'; t) \hat{L}_\beta^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} W^{\alpha\beta}(z) \{ \hat{L}_\beta^\dagger \hat{L}_\alpha, \hat{\rho}(z; t) \}$$

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Poulin (2017);  
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# Q, C & CQ Dynamics (continuous)

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**C**

$$\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial t} = - \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} (D_{1,i} \rho(z)) + \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} (D_{2,ij} \rho(z))$$

$$D_2(z) \succeq 0$$

Fokker-Planck Equation

**CQ**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}(z)}{\partial t} = & -i[H(z), \hat{\rho}(z)] + \mathcal{L}_{FP} \hat{\rho}(z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} (D_{1,i}^{0\alpha} \hat{\rho}(z) L_\alpha^\dagger) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} (D_{1,i}^{\alpha 0} L_\alpha \hat{\rho}(z)) \\ & + D_0^{\alpha\beta}(z) L_\alpha \hat{\rho}(z) L_\beta^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} D_0^{\alpha\beta} \{ L_\beta^\dagger L_\alpha, \hat{\rho}(z) \}_+ \end{aligned}$$

$$D_2(z) - D_1^\dagger(z) D_0^{-1}(z) D_1(z) \succeq 0$$

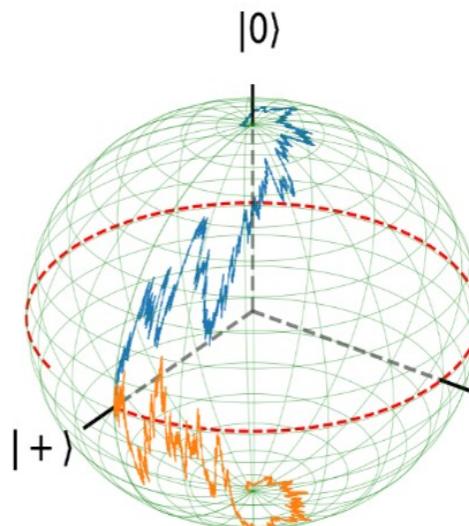
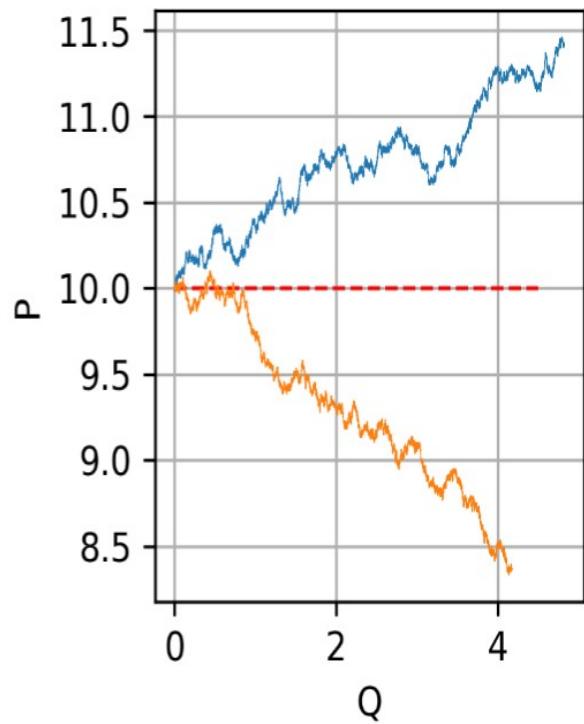
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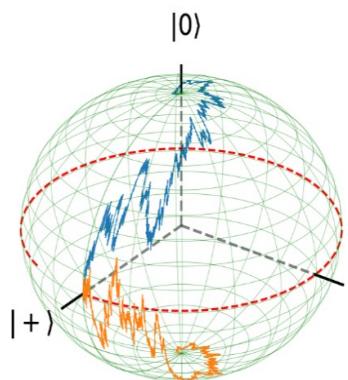
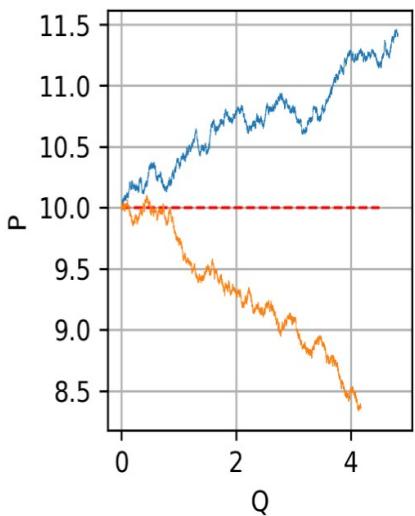
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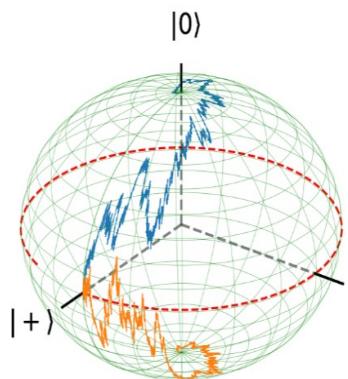
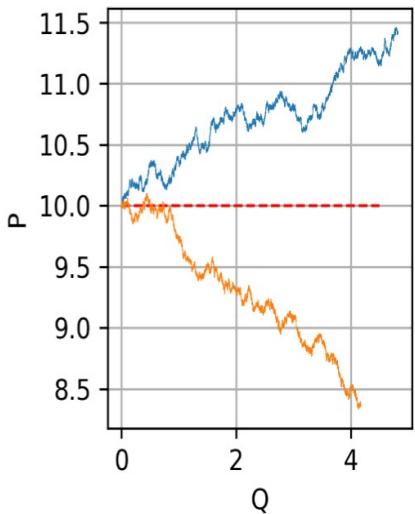
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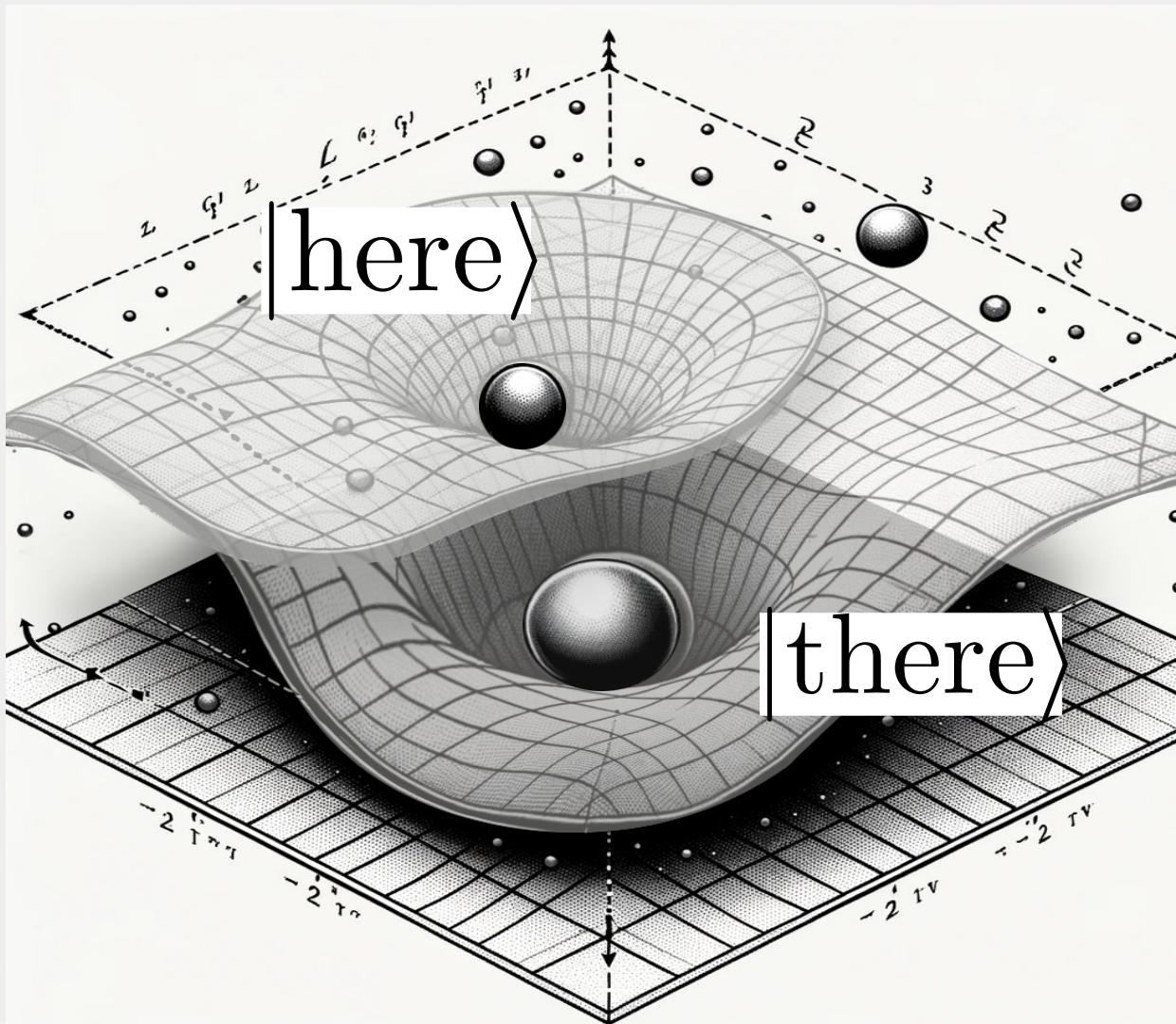
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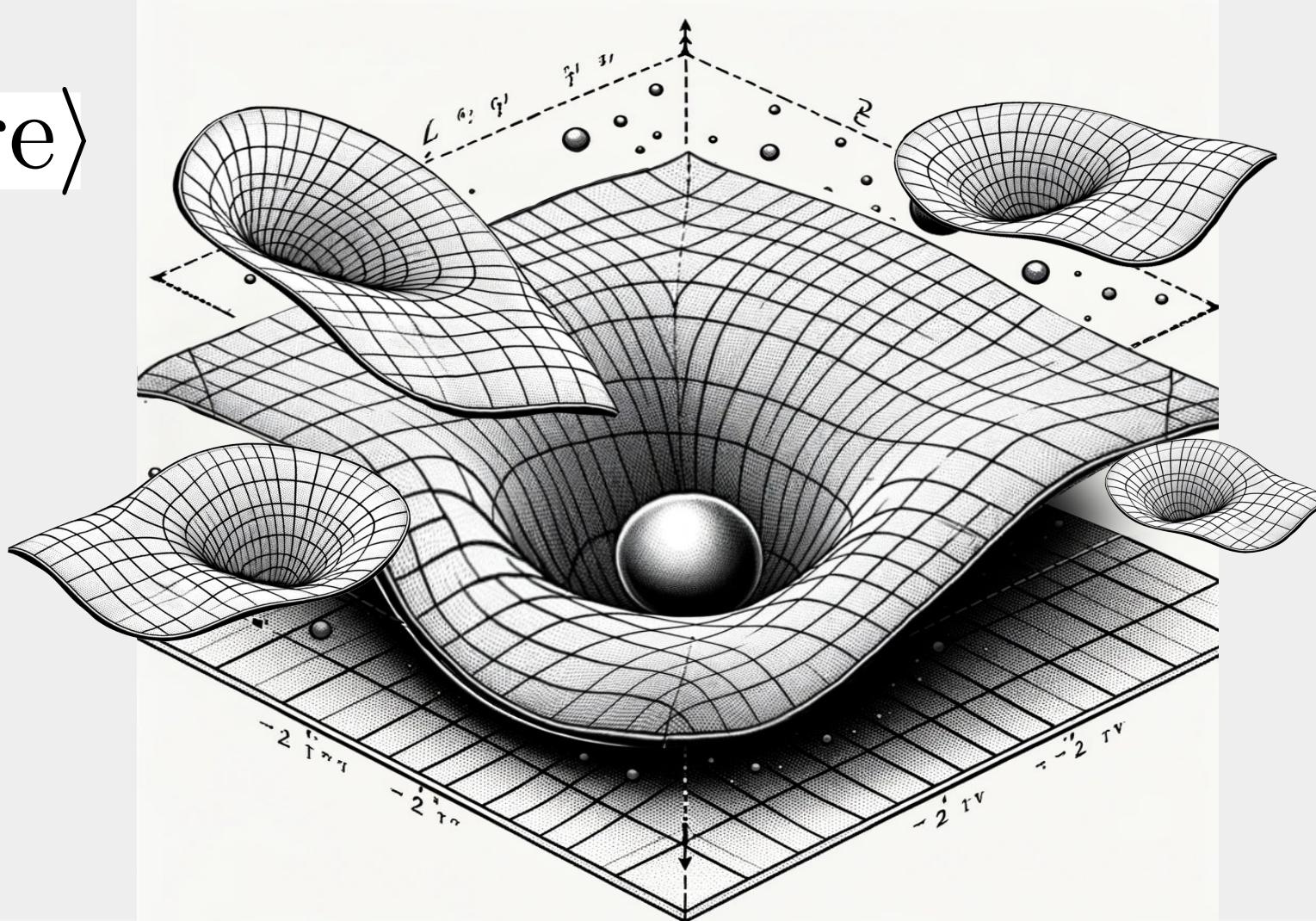
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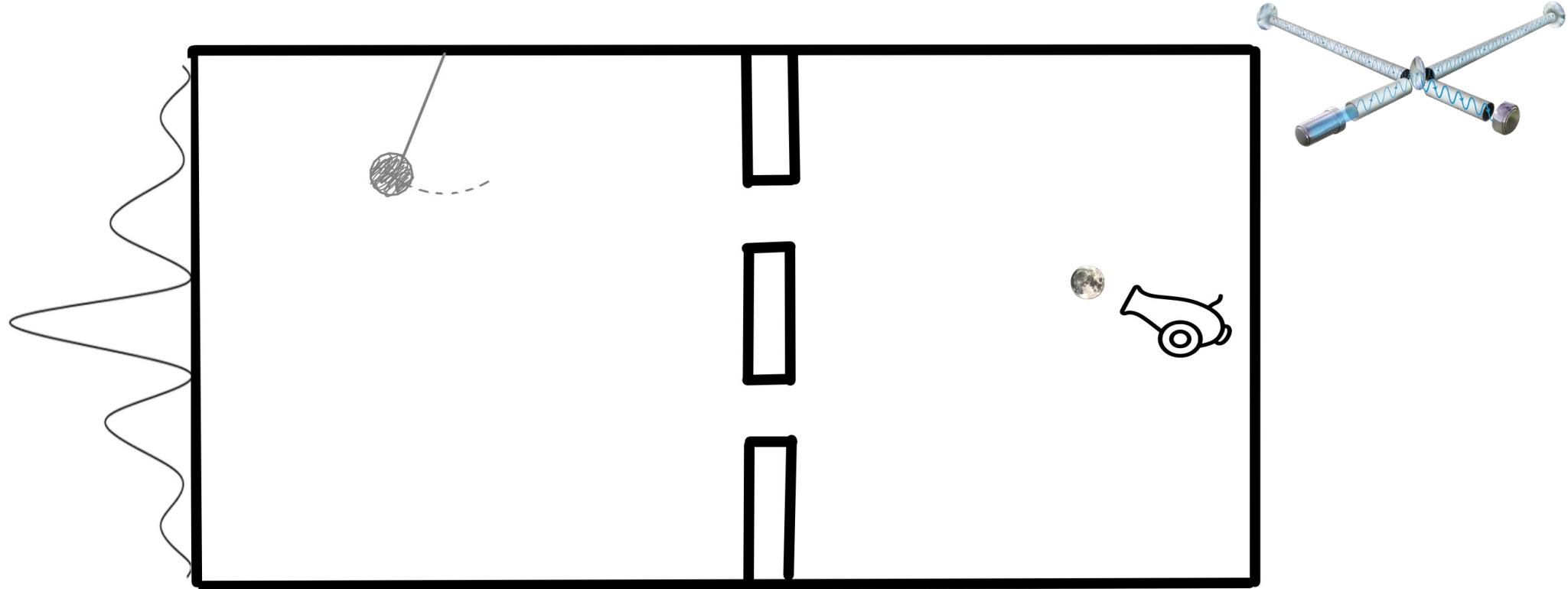
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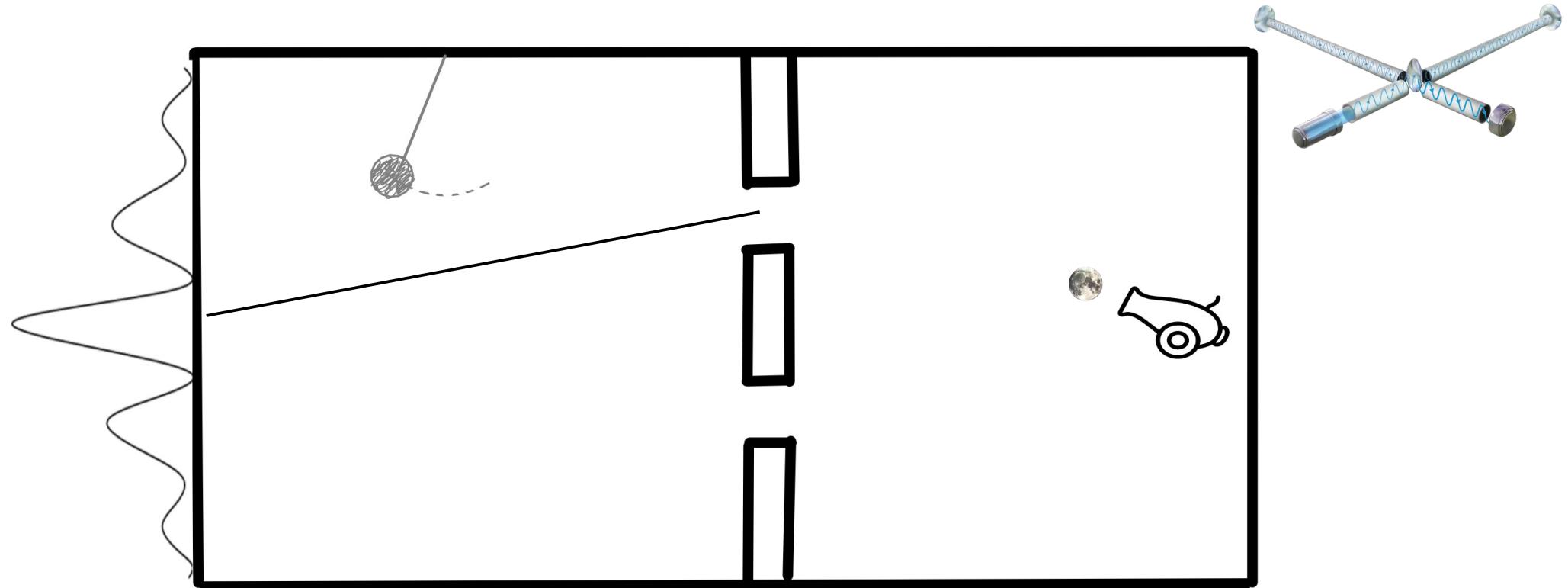
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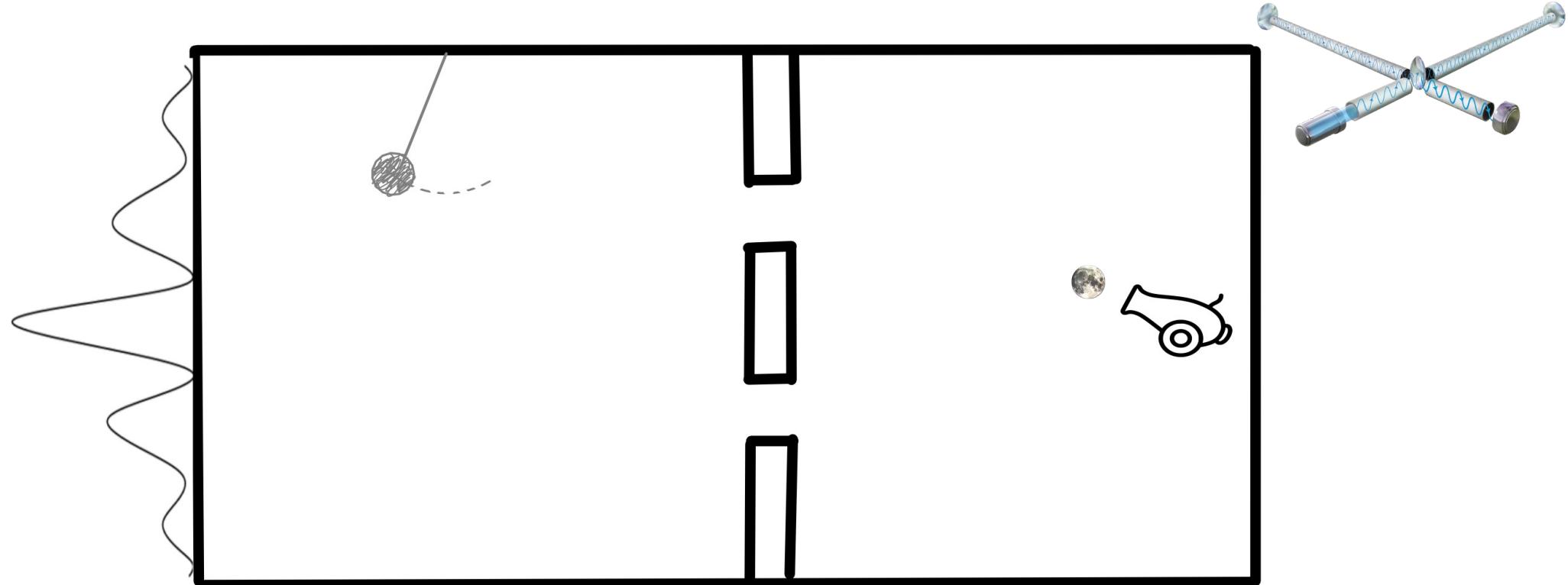
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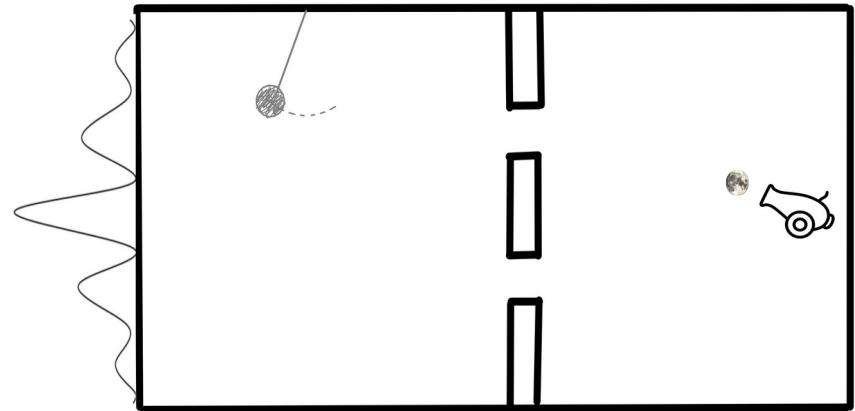
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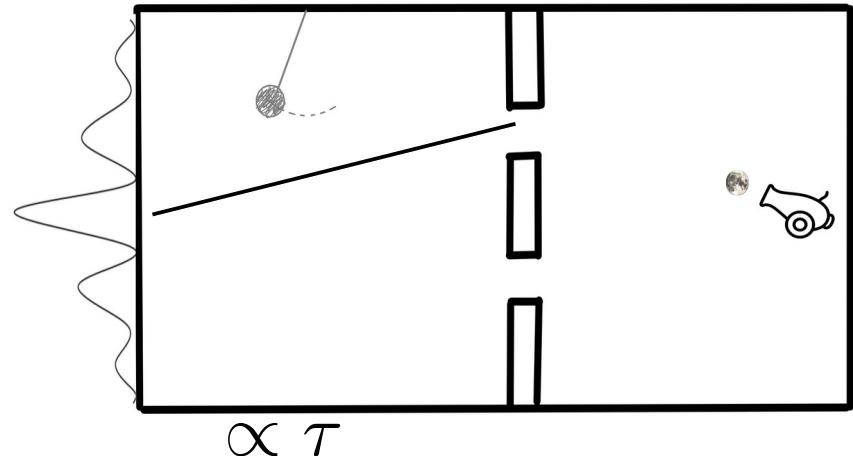


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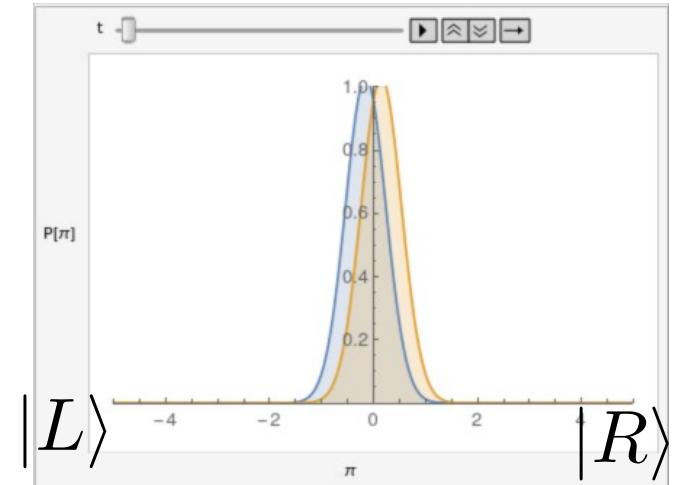
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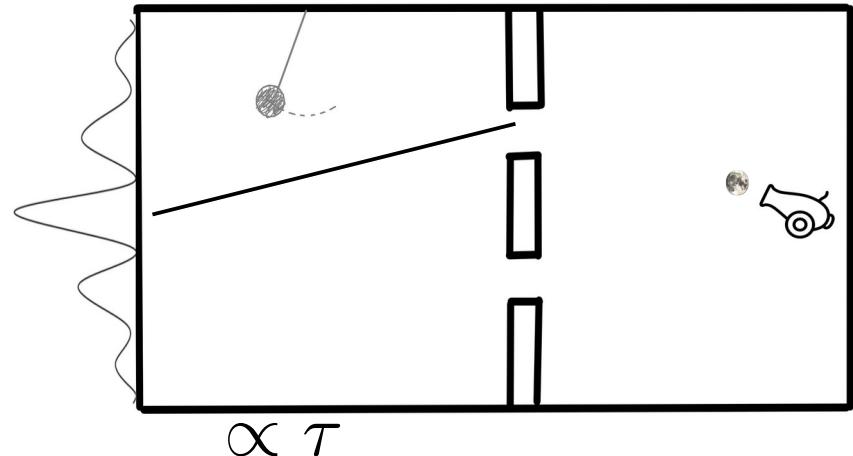


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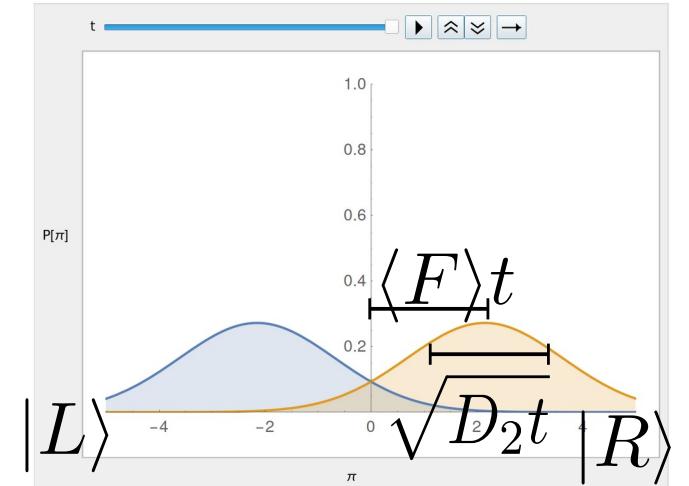
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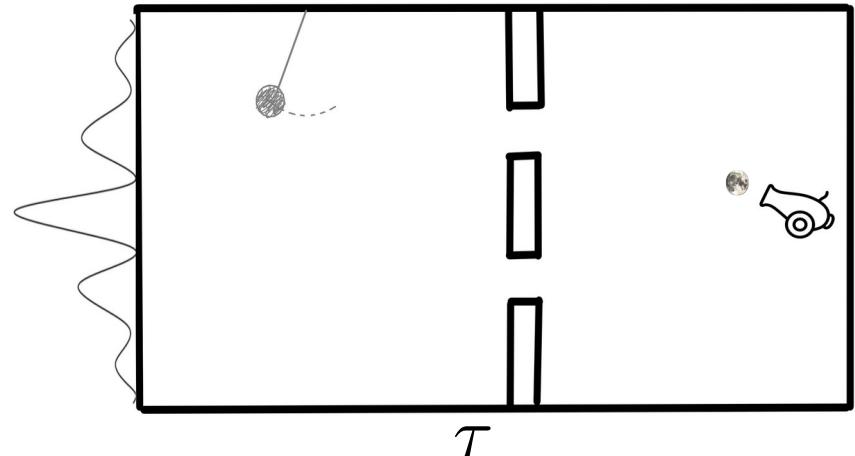
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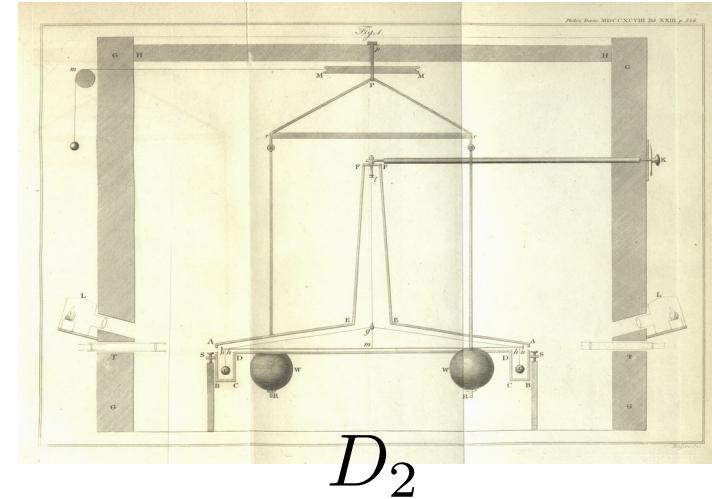
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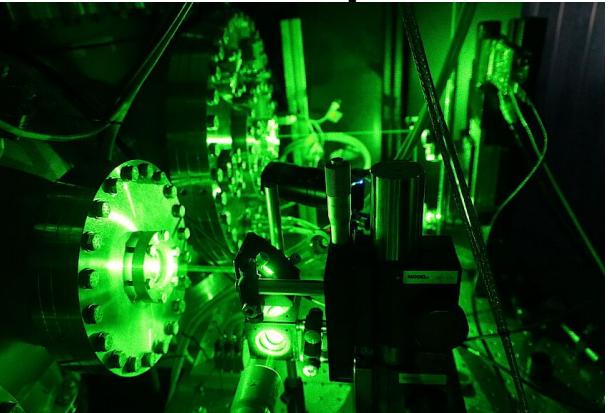
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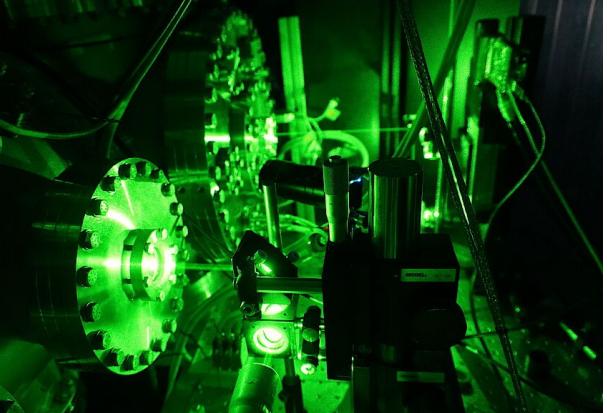
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# Figures of merit

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## Gravity measurement


 $D_2$ 

$$D_2(z) - D_1^\dagger(z)D_0^{-1}(z)D_1(z) \succeq 0$$

Master Equation	Diffusion Kernel	Experimental squeeze
Continuous (ultra-local)	$D_2(\Phi; x, y) = D_2(\Phi)\delta(x, y)$ $D_2(\Phi) = \sum_n c^n \Phi^n$	$10^{-41} \geq D_2 \geq 10^{-9} \text{ kg}^2 \text{sm}^{-3}$ (Eqn (44))
Continuous (Eqn (D11) or (D13))	$D_2(\Phi; x, y) = -l_p^2 D_2(\Phi) \nabla^2 \delta(x, y)$ $D_2(\Phi) = \sum_n c^n \Phi^n$	$10^{-9} \geq l_p^2 D_2 \geq 10^{-35} \text{ kg}^2 \text{sm}^{-1}$ (Eqn (47))
Discrete (ultra-local)	$D_2(\Phi; x, y) = \frac{l_p^2}{m_P} D_2(\Phi) \delta(x, y)$ $D_2(\Phi) = \sum_n c^n \Phi^n$	$10^{-1} \geq \frac{l_p^2 D_2}{m_P} \geq 10^{-25} \text{ kgs}$ (Eqn (46))

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# Path Integrals

## Quantum Mechanics

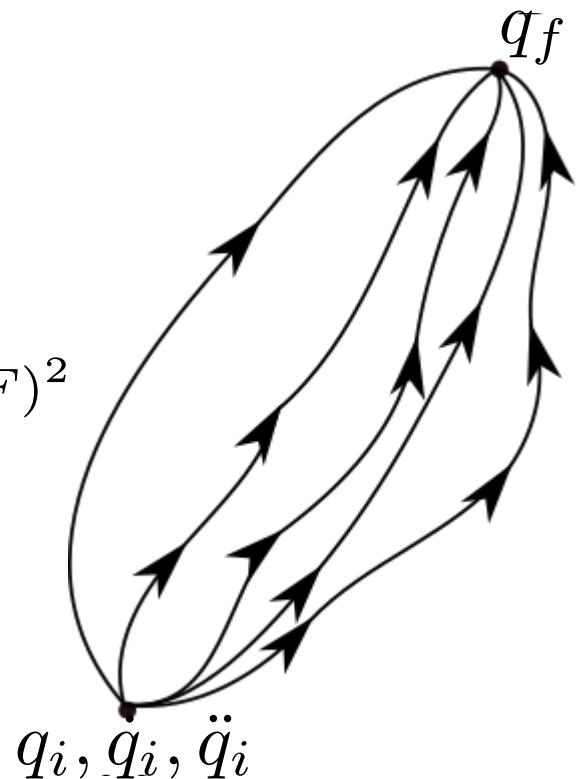
$$\langle q_f, t_f | q_i, t_i \rangle = \int_{q_i}^{q_f} \mathcal{D}q \ e^{i \int dt (\frac{1}{2} m \dot{q}^2 - V(q))}$$



# Path Integral for Brownian motion

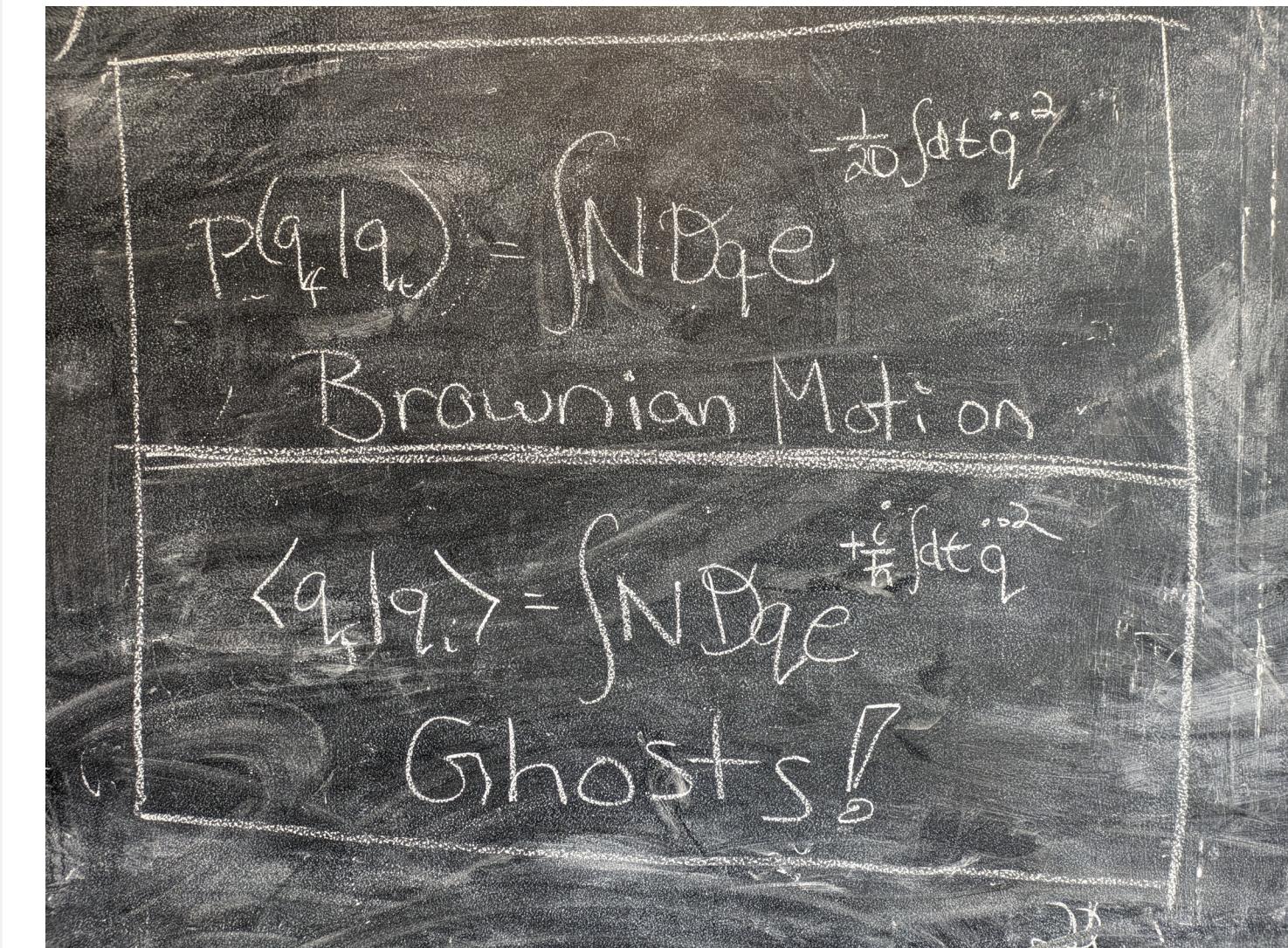
## Classical Mechanics (stochastic)

$$\rho(q_f, t_f | q_i, \dot{q}_i, \ddot{q}_i, t_i) = \mathcal{N} \int_{q_i, \dot{q}_i, \ddot{q}_i}^{q_f} \mathcal{D}q e^{-\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (m\ddot{q} - F)^2}$$



Onsager-Machlup

# Main Message!



# No Ostrogradsky Instability

$$\mathcal{I}_{OM} = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (m\ddot{q} - F)^2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{QM} = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int dt (m\ddot{q} - F)^2$$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(q) + j(t)$$

$$H = \frac{D_2 P_1^2}{2m^2} + P_1 X_2 + \frac{F P_2}{m}$$

# Path Integral for Stochastic GR

## Stochastic GR vs Quadratic Gravity

$$\mathcal{I} = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt \left( R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R \right) \left( R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} R \right)$$

$$\mathcal{I} = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt \left( R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + |\beta| R^2 \right)$$

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$$\mathcal{I}^{(gr)} = - \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2D_2} R^2 + \frac{1}{2D_w} C^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathcal{G} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{I}^{(m)} = - \frac{G_N}{16\pi D_2} \int dx \sqrt{-g} \left[ -2\bar{T}^{\mu\nu}R_{\mu\nu} + (1 - 2\beta)\bar{T}R - 8\pi G_N \beta \bar{T}^2 + 8\pi G_N \bar{T}^{\mu\nu} \bar{T}_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

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## The most probably path (MPP)

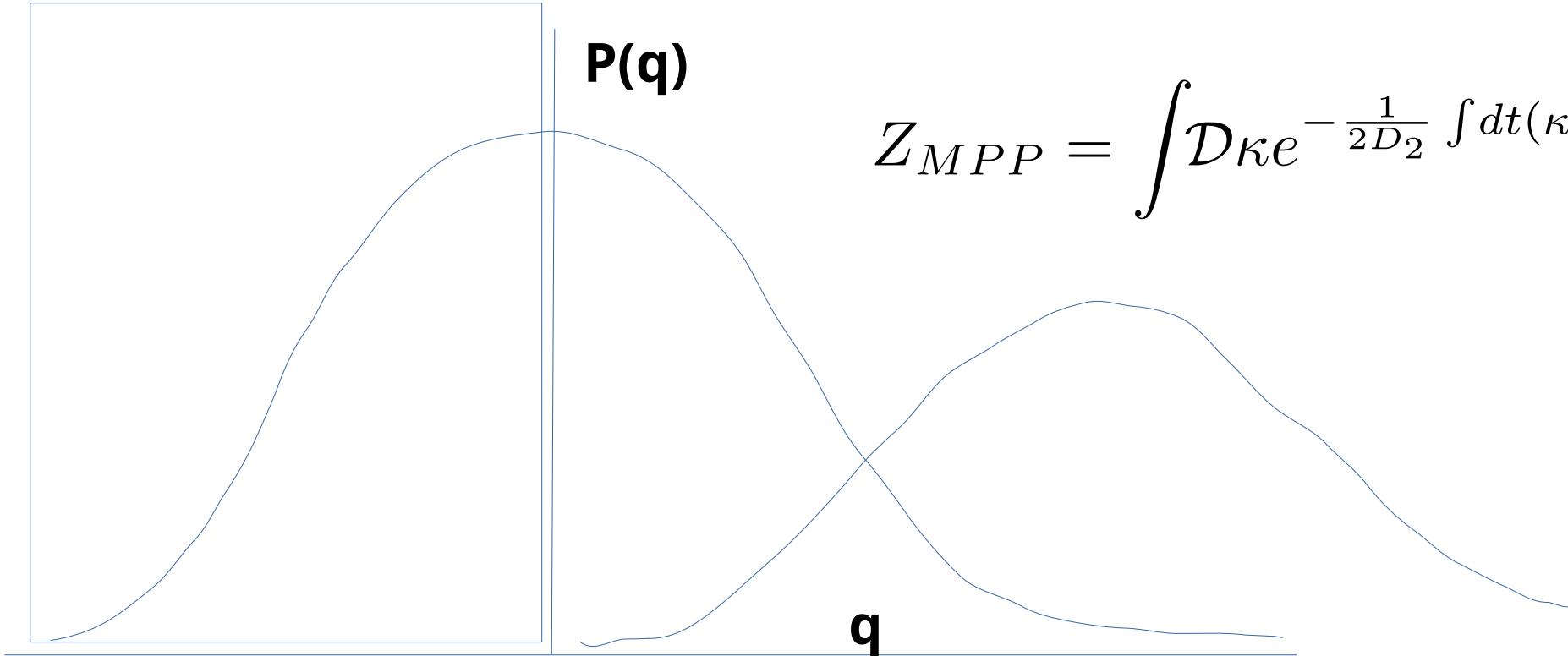
$$\mathcal{I} = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (m\ddot{q})^2$$

$$\frac{d^4 q}{dt^4} = 0$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}q e^{-\frac{1}{2D_2} \int dt (m\ddot{q})^2 t (\kappa_2 + t\kappa_3)^2}$$

$$q_{\text{MPP}} = \kappa_0 + \kappa_1 t + \frac{1}{2}\kappa_2 t^2 + \frac{1}{6}\kappa_3 t^3$$

# Anomalous contribution (Brownian motion)



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# Anomalous contribution (Newtonian gravity)

**The most probably path (MPP)**

$$\mathcal{I} = -\frac{1}{2D_2} \int d^3x (\nabla^2 \Phi - 4\pi Gm)^2$$

$$\nabla^4 \Phi = 0$$

$$\Phi_{\text{MPP}} = -\frac{\kappa_m}{r} + \kappa_1 8\pi r + \kappa_2 r^2$$

# Anomalous contribution (Schwarschild-deSitter)

$$\mathcal{I}_\gamma = -\frac{6\pi VT}{D_2} \left( \frac{5 - 18\beta}{r_{max}^2} \gamma_1^2 + 6(1 - 4\beta) \gamma_2^2 + \frac{9(1 - 4\beta)}{r_{max}} \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \right)$$

Milgrom (1983)

JO, Russo, 2402.19495

- $ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2MG_N}{r} - \gamma_1 r - \gamma_2 r^2 \right) dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{2MG_N}{r} - \gamma_1 r - \gamma_2 r^2 \right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$

Riegert (1984)

Mannheim, Kazanas (1989)

# Challenges

## Tensions?

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CPTP, normalisable

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Local

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Renormalisable in  
matter sector?

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Covariant

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Anomalous heating

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# Is space-time classical?

I have no idea.  
But,.. THANK YOU  
for your attention

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Effective vs  
fundamental vs Foil?

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It could be

1:5000 ODDS

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Information is lost but  
quantum state remains  
pure

DIFFUSION

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Dark matter?  
Dark energy?

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Measurement postulate not  
needed.

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COHERENCE LIMIT

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Decoherence vs  
Diffusion trade-off

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EXPERIMENT

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