

Unitary Symmetries of Open Quantum Systems Trajectories

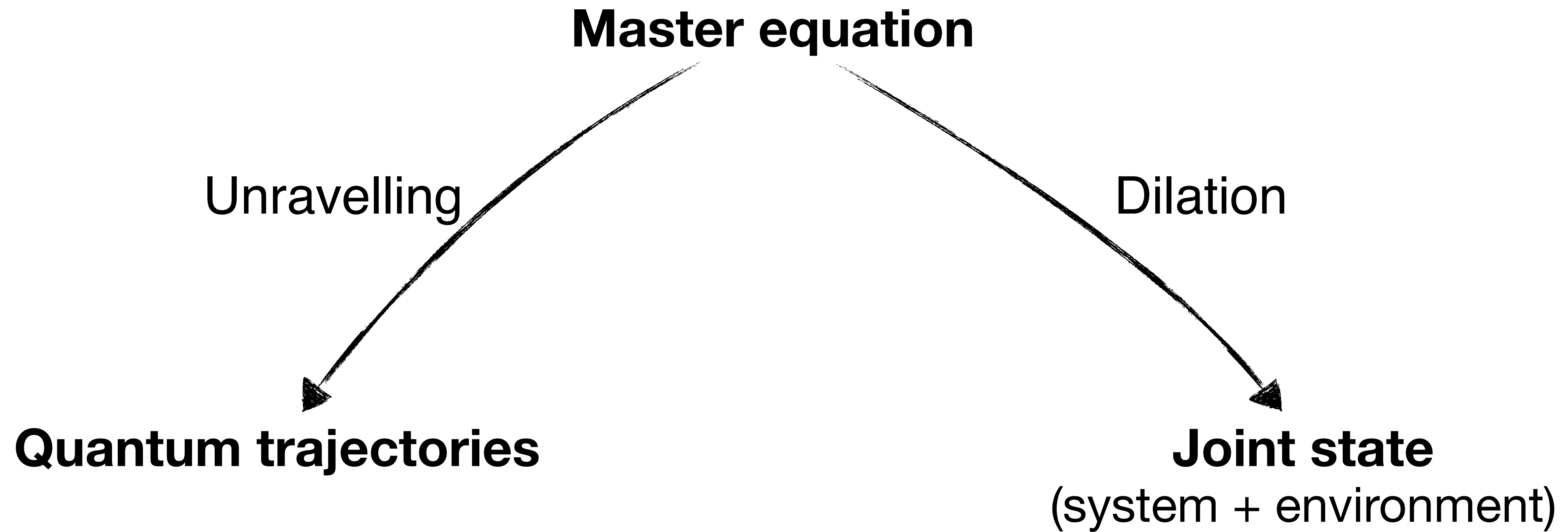
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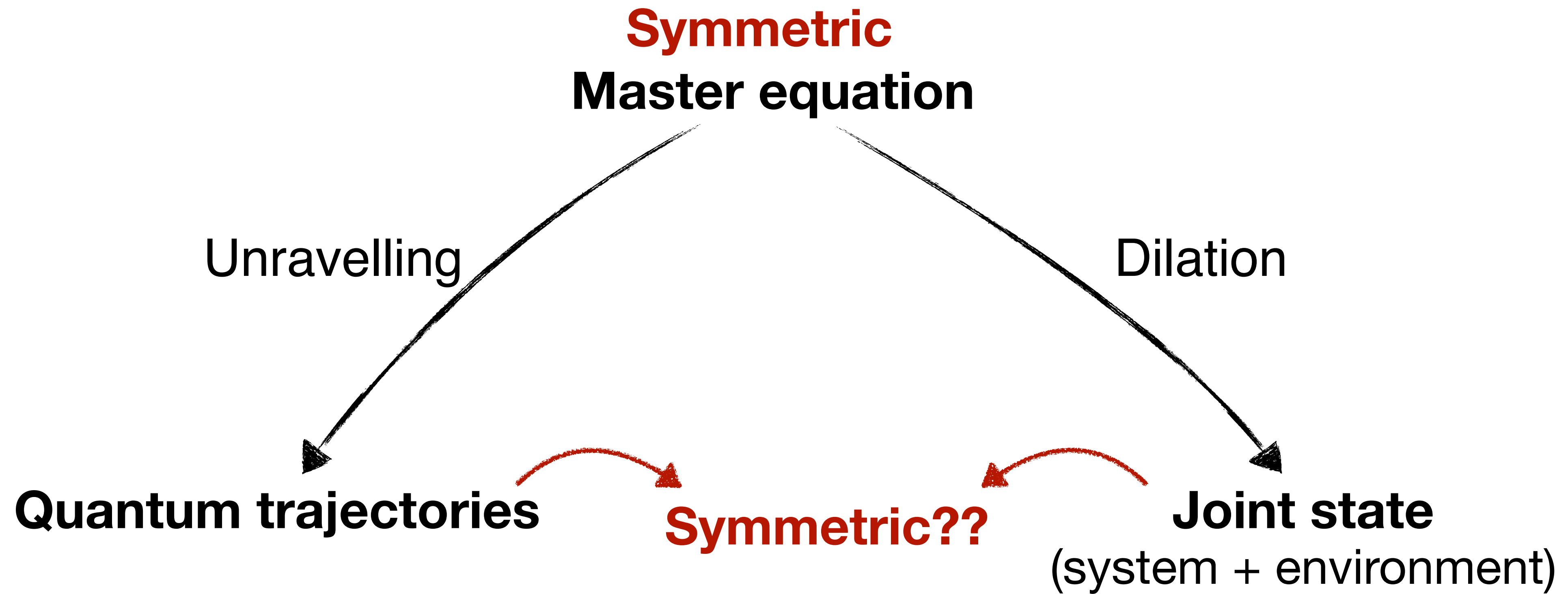


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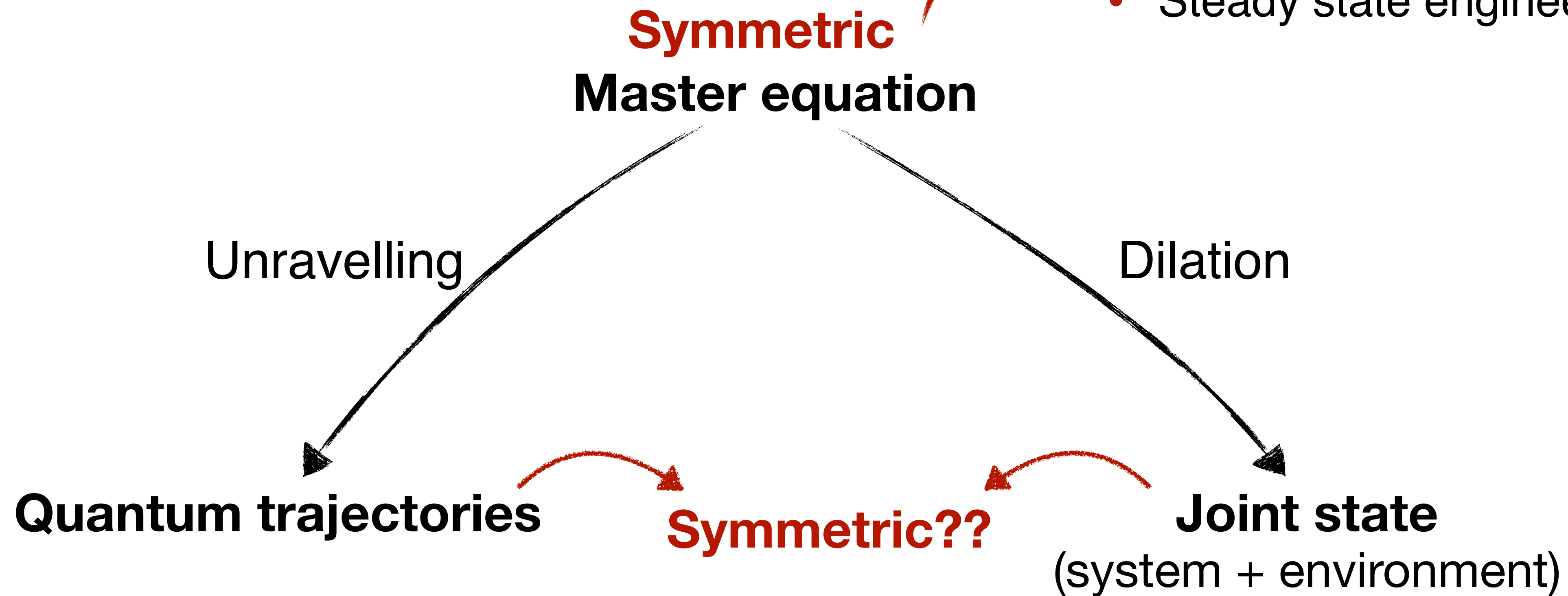


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- Physical insight
- Reduce degrees of freedom
- Supply spectral information
- Simplification of master operators
- Suppression of decoherence
- Steady state engineering



Weak symmetry of master equation

- Quantum master equation (QME)
$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -i[H, \rho_t] + \sum_{k=1}^d \left(J_k \rho_t J_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ J_k^\dagger J_k, \rho_t \} \right) \equiv \mathcal{L}(\rho)$$

- Consider a unitary symmetry operator U , such that $U^N = \mathbb{1}$

- States transform under the symmetry as $\mathcal{U}(\rho) = U \rho U^\dagger$

- The master operator, \mathcal{L} , is weakly symmetric with respect to unitary symmetry U , iff

$$\mathcal{U} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{U}^\dagger = \mathcal{L} \quad \text{Symmetry condition I}$$

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‘Unravalled generator’

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Symmetry of unravelled generator

(Symmetry of quantum trajectories)

- Consider unitary superoperator Υ , which acts as $\Upsilon P(\psi, t) = P(\mathcal{U}^\dagger \psi, t)$

- The unravelled generator, \mathcal{W}^\dagger , is symmetric with respect to unitary symmetry U , when

$$\Upsilon \mathcal{W}^\dagger \Upsilon^\dagger = \mathcal{W}^\dagger \quad \text{Conditions on } H, J_1, \dots, J_d ?$$

Recall symmetry of master operator:

$$U \mathcal{L} U^\dagger = \mathcal{L} \quad \text{Symmetry condition I}$$

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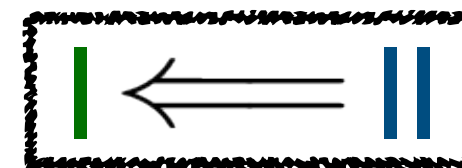
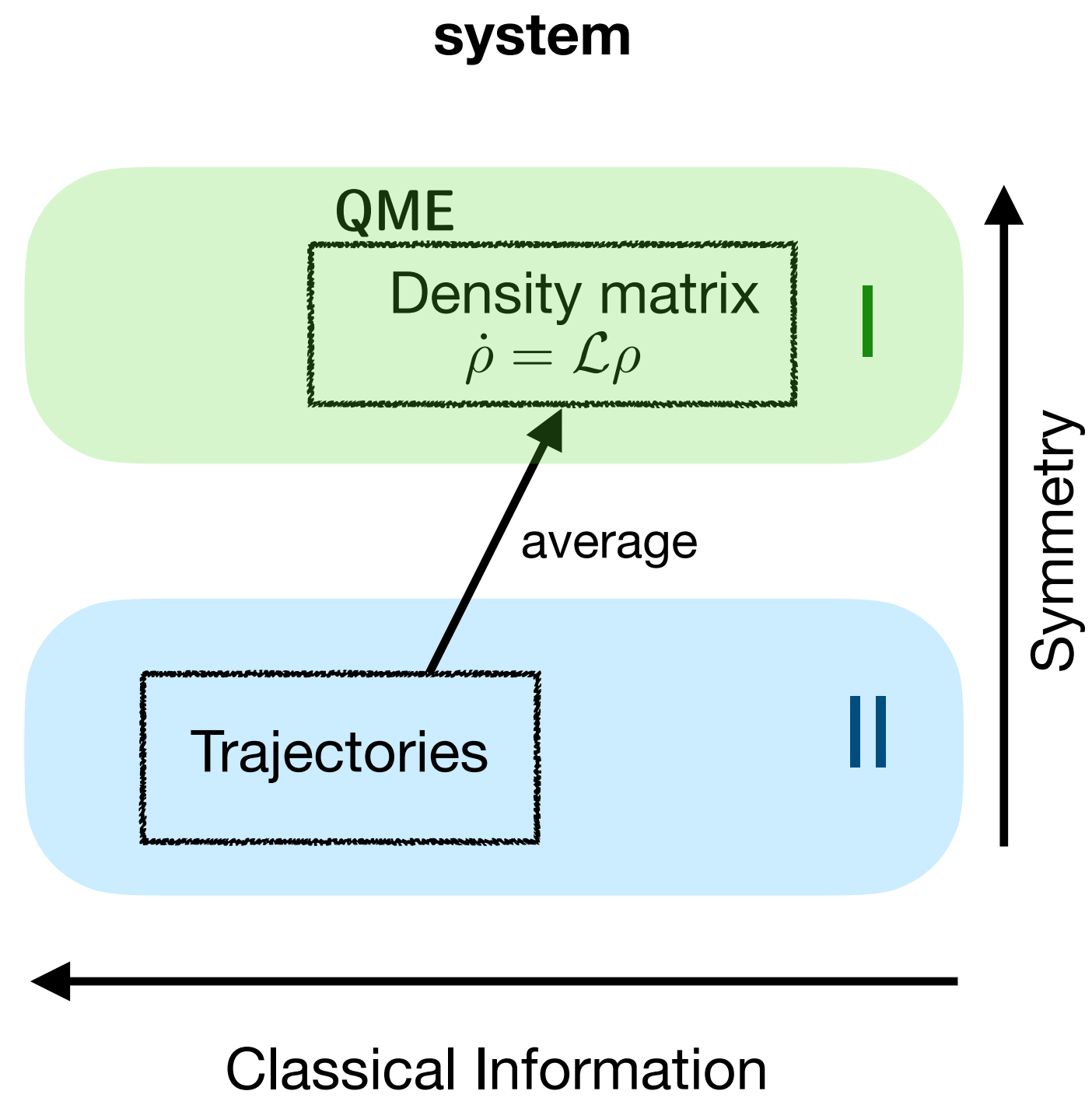
QME

Density matrix

$$\dot{\rho} = \mathcal{L}\rho$$

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- Symmetry of stochastic trajectories $p(\psi_{[0,t)}|\psi_0) = p(\mathcal{U}(\psi_{[0,t)})|\mathcal{U}(\psi_0))$

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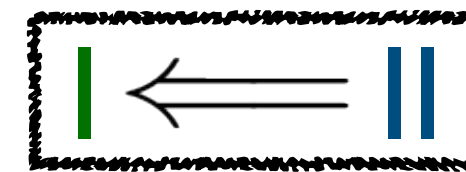
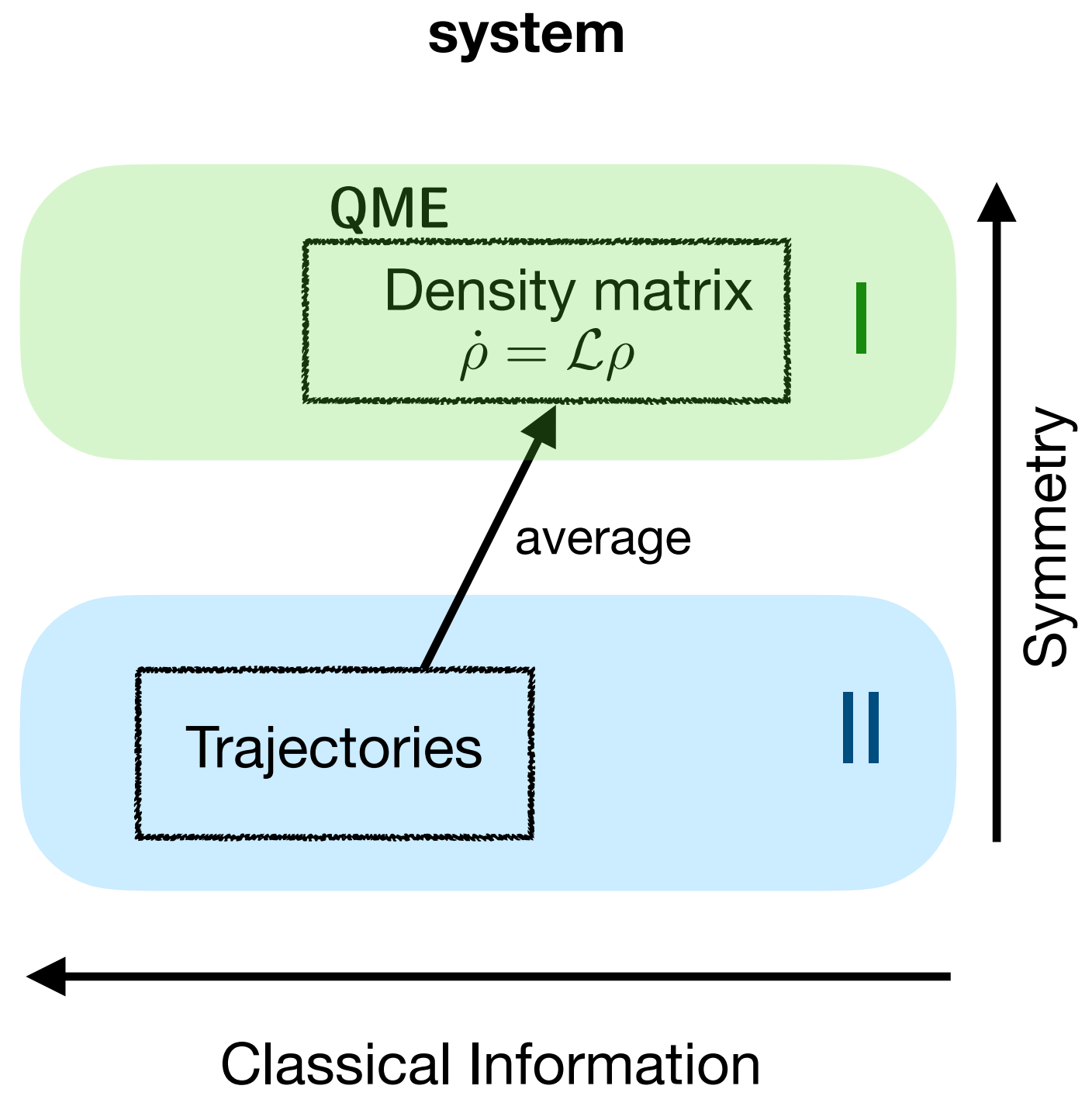
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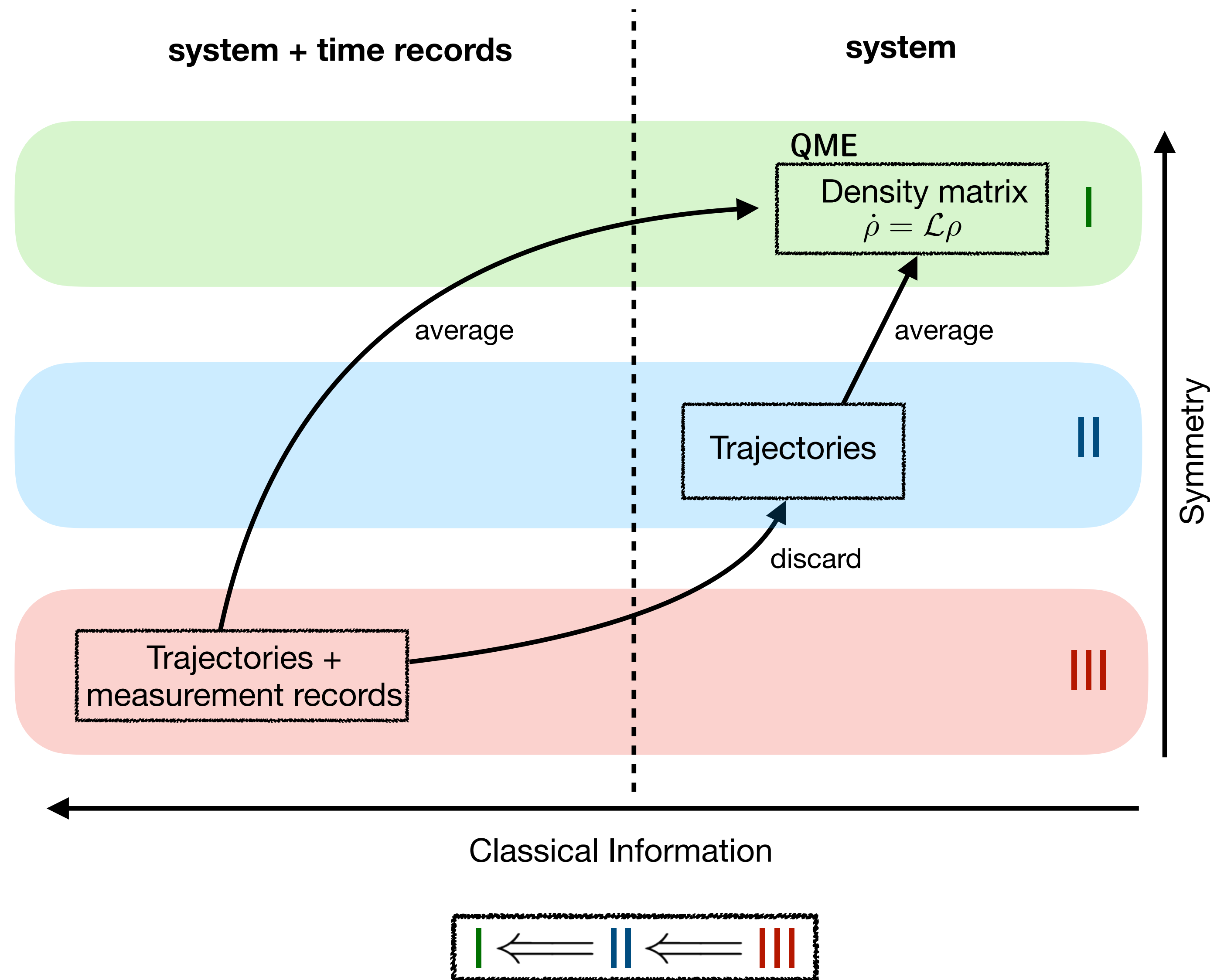
The generator is symmetric, $\Upsilon_F \mathcal{W}_F^\dagger \Upsilon_F^\dagger = \mathcal{W}_F^\dagger$ iff

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Joint state

- Dilation of the QME leads to unitary evolution of the system + environment joint state, given by the **continuous matrix product state (cMPS)**

$$|\Psi_t\rangle = \int_{\mathbf{m}_t} |\varphi_t(\mathbf{m}_t)\rangle \otimes |d\mathbf{m}_t\rangle$$

$$|\varphi_t(\mathbf{m}_t)\rangle = e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}(t-t_n)} J_{j_n} \dots e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}(t_2-t_1)} J_1 e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}t_1} |\psi_0\rangle, \quad |d\mathbf{m}_t\rangle = dB_{j_n,t_n}^\dagger \dots dB_{j_1,t_1}^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle, \quad dB_{j,t} dB_{k,t}^\dagger = \delta_{jk} dt$$

- Evolves as $d|\Psi_t\rangle = -idH_t|\Psi_t\rangle$

with Hamiltonian $dH_t \equiv H \otimes \mathbb{1}_E dt + i \sum_{j=1}^d \left(J_j \otimes dB_{j,t}^\dagger - J_j^\dagger \otimes dB_{j,t} \right)$

[Hudson, Parthasarathy 1984]

[Verstraete, Cirac 2010]

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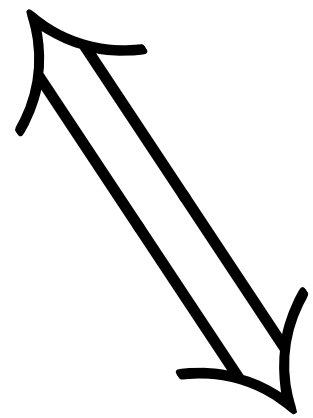
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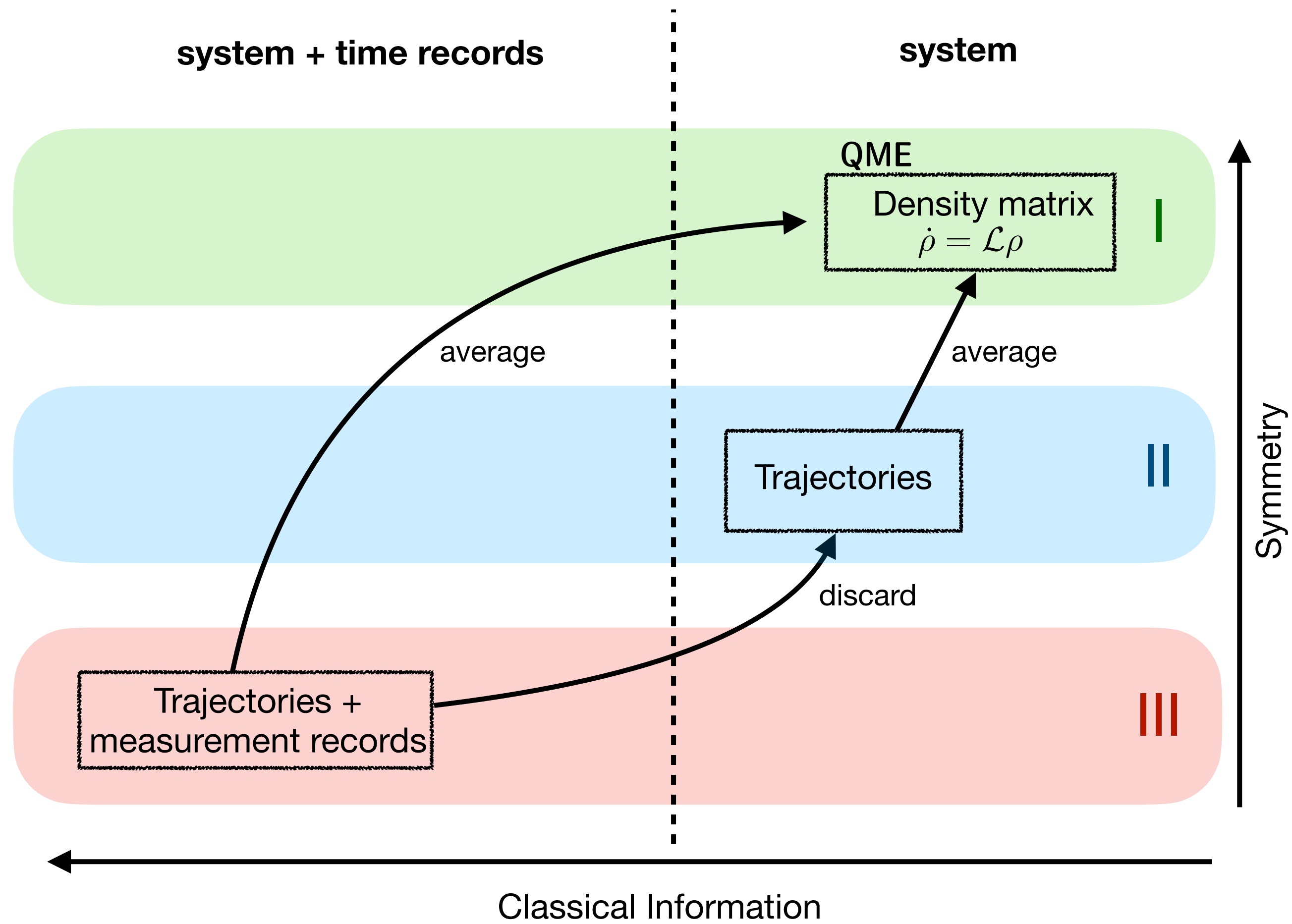
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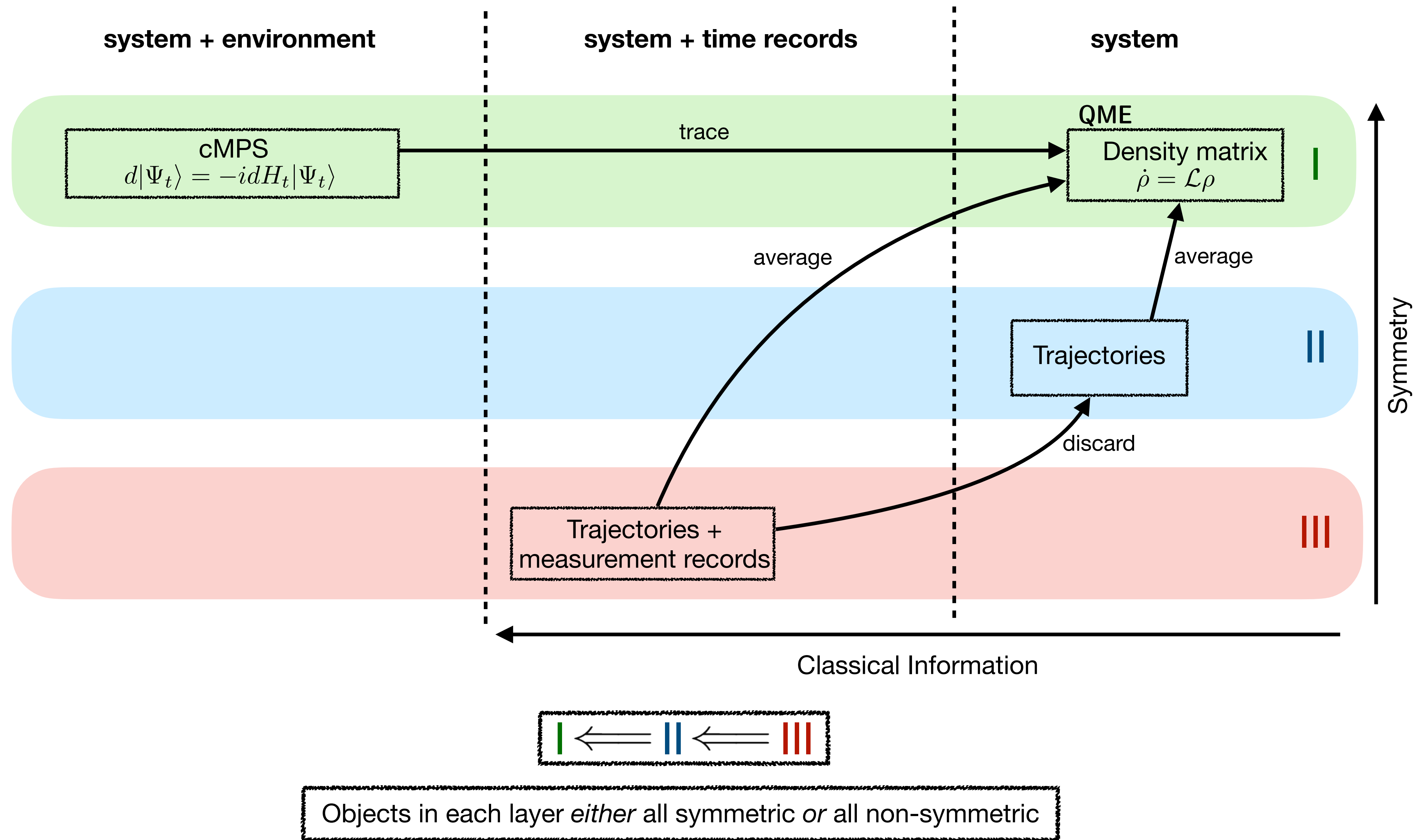
$$J'_j = J_j - \frac{\mathbb{1}}{d_s} \text{Tr}(J_j), \quad \mathcal{U}(J'_j) = \sum_k \mathbf{U}_{jk} J'_k$$

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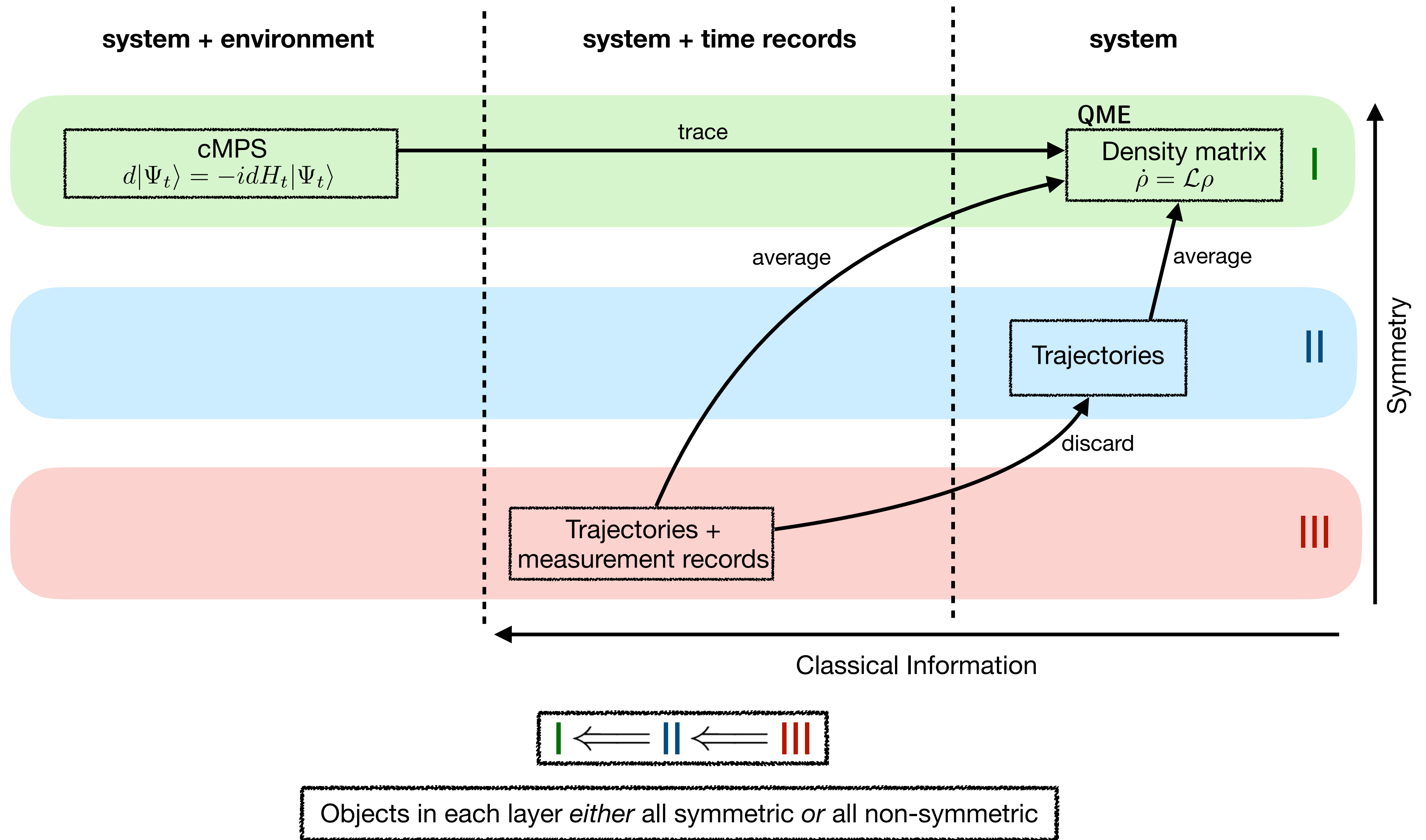
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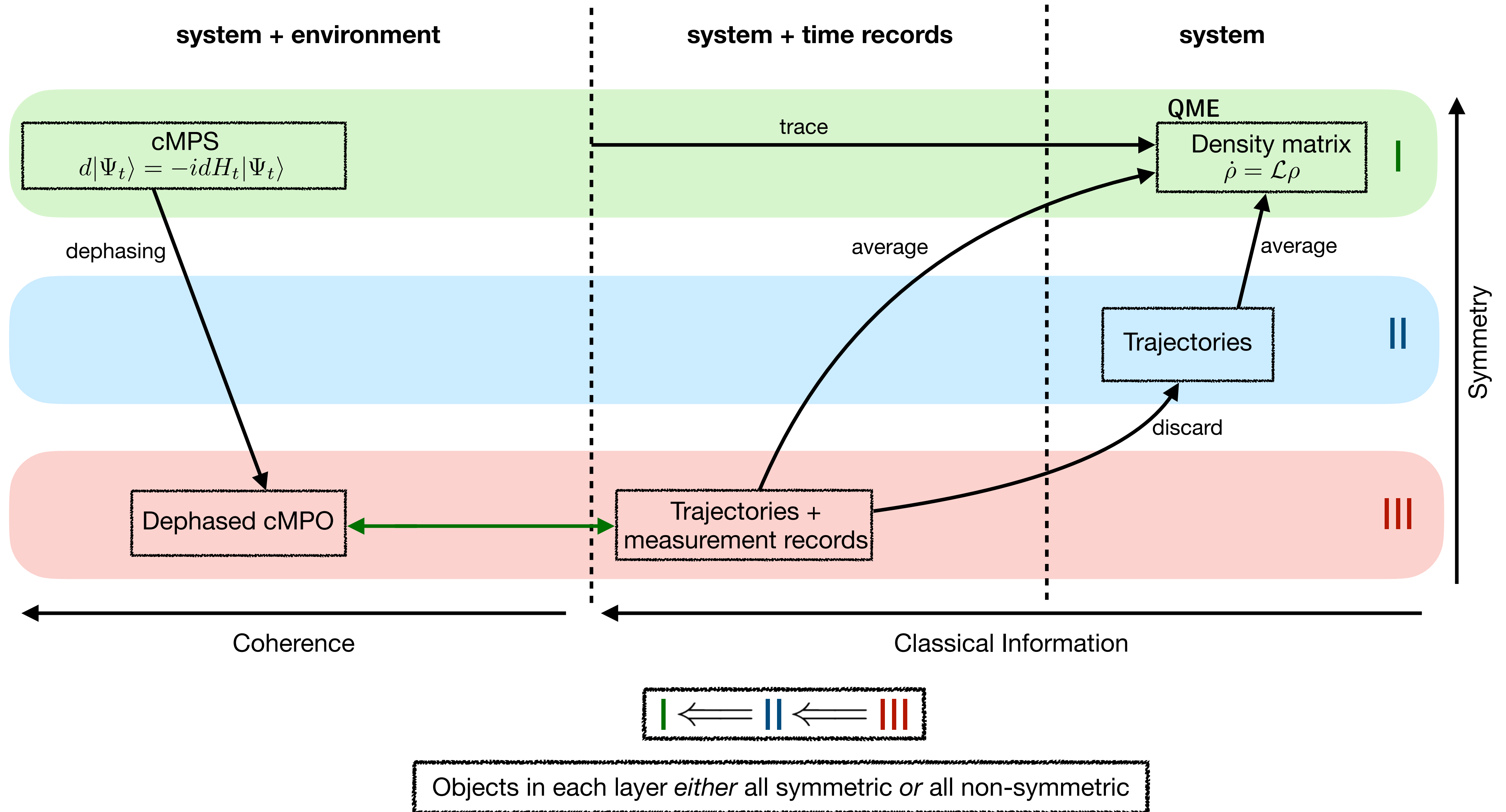
Symmetry

- Symmetric measured cMPO has $(\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{U}_E) d\mathbb{L}_t (\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{U}_E)^\dagger = d\mathbb{L}_t$
- This occurs iff $\mathcal{U}(H) = H, \quad \mathcal{U}(J_k) = J_{\pi(k)} e^{i\phi_k} \quad \forall k$ **Symmetry condition III**

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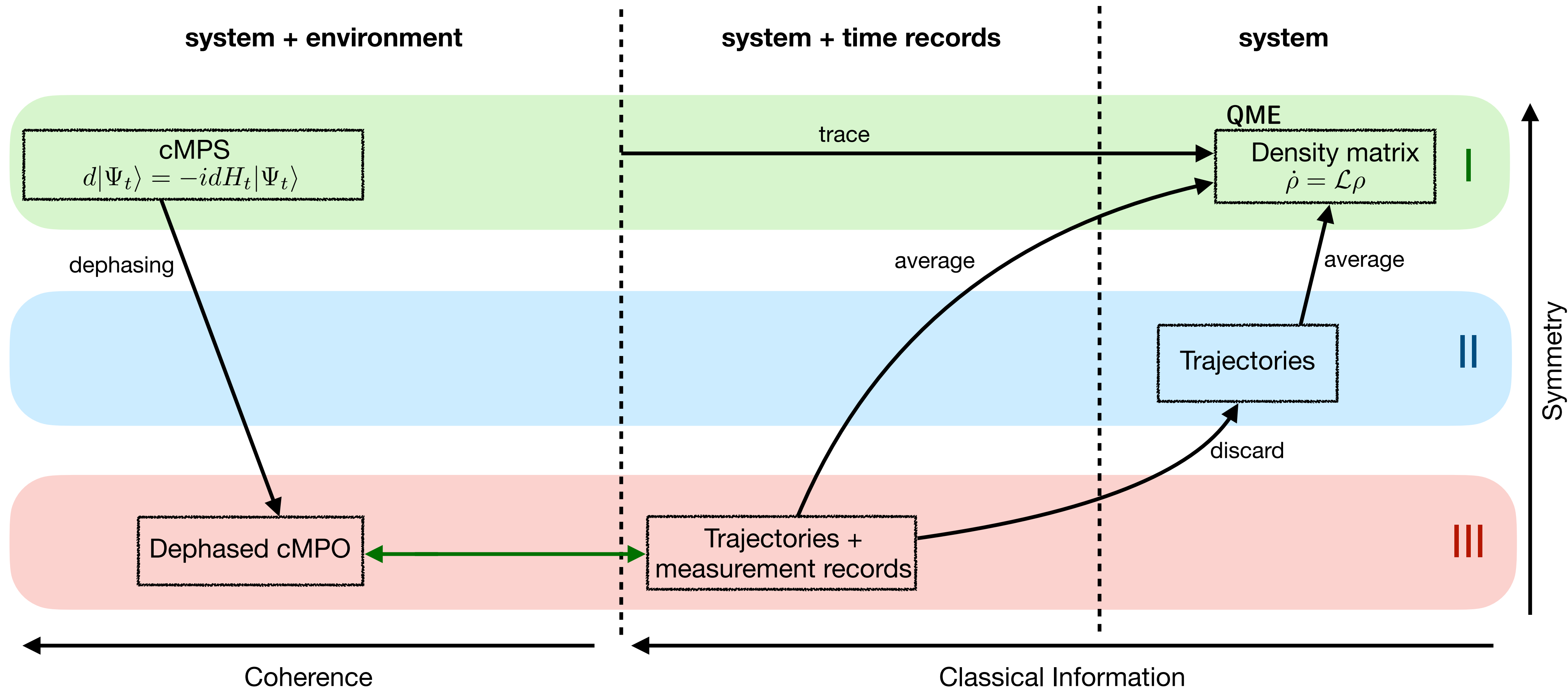


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- Characterised the conditions for weak unitary symmetry to be present in quantum trajectories and their measurement records. [By considering gauge freedoms of unravelled generator]
- Showed that there always exists a dilation of a symmetric QME such that the corresponding cMPS has a separable symmetry (and vice versa).
- Considered dephasing of the cMPS, which corresponds to quantum trajectories and their measurement records, in which these objects share symmetry conditions.
- Applications: eigenfunctions of generator, numerical simplification, support of operators, physical insight
- Future outlook: non-unitary symmetries, approximate symmetry, resource theory of asymmetry

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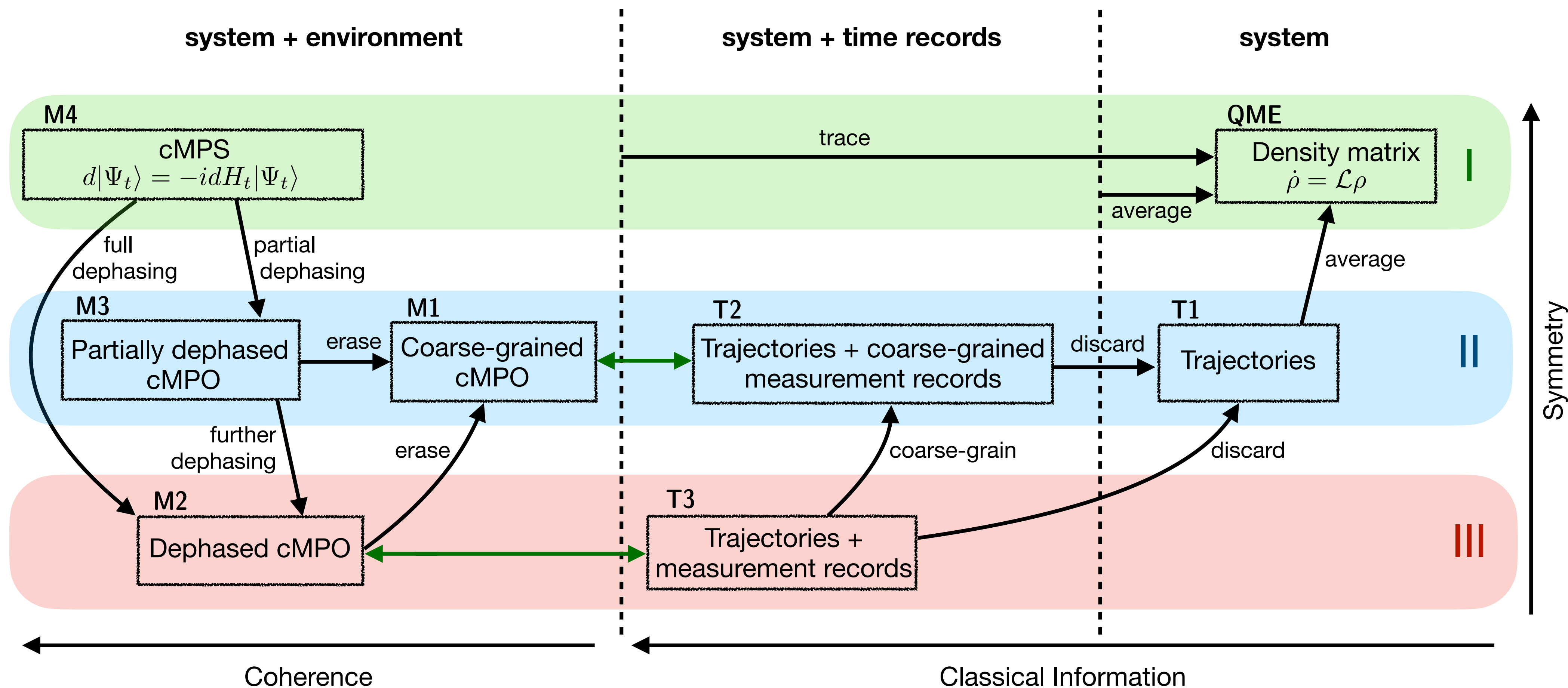
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where $\mathbf{V} = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbf{V}^{(\alpha)}$

$$\mathbf{V}_{jk}^{(\alpha)} = 0 \quad \text{unless} \quad j \in \tilde{S}_\alpha, k \in S_{\pi(\alpha)}$$

$$\sum_{j \in \tilde{S}_\alpha} (\mathbf{V}_{jk}^{(\alpha)})^* \mathbf{V}_{jk'}^{(\alpha)} = \delta_{kk'} \quad \text{for} \quad k, k' \in S_{\pi(\alpha)}$$