

# Composable Uncertainty in Symmetric Monoidal Categories for Design Problems

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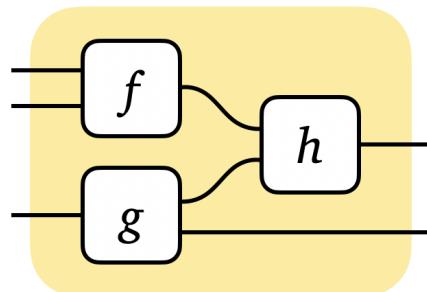
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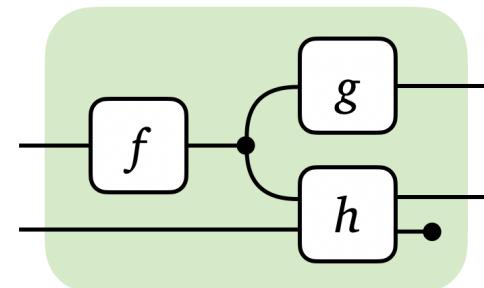
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# SMCs with extra structure as system models

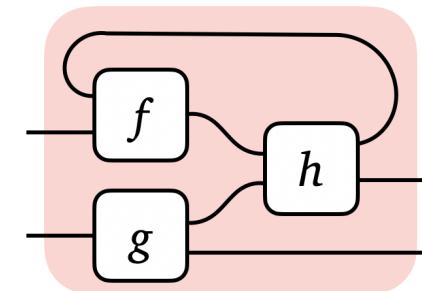
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monoidal



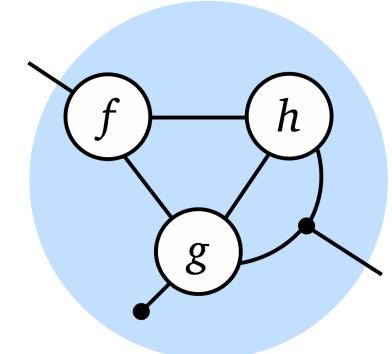
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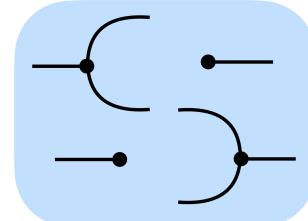
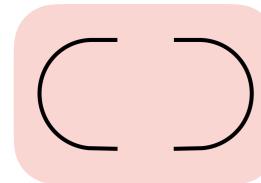
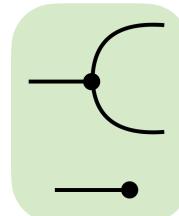


hypergraph



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*Extra structure:*



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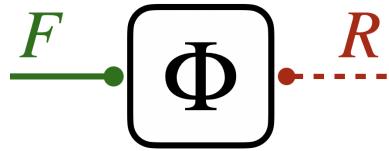
*Examples:*

FinStoch

DP

**Csp(Petri<sub>r</sub>)**

# Monotone co-design



A **feasibility relation** is a monotone map

$$\Phi: F^{\text{op}} \times R \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

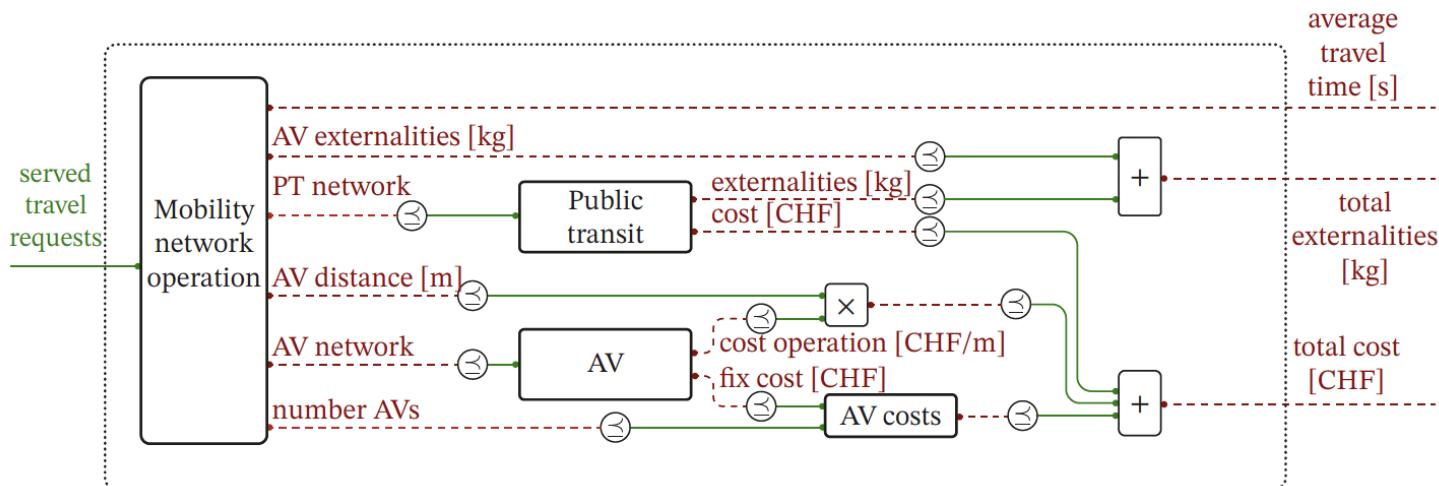
where  $\text{Bool} := \{\perp \leq \top\}$ .

Posets and feasibility relations form **compact closed SMC** called DP.

DP can be viewed as **enriched in Pos.**

**Functorial queries** via  $\text{DP} \simeq \text{KI}_U$  efficiently compute optimal designs.

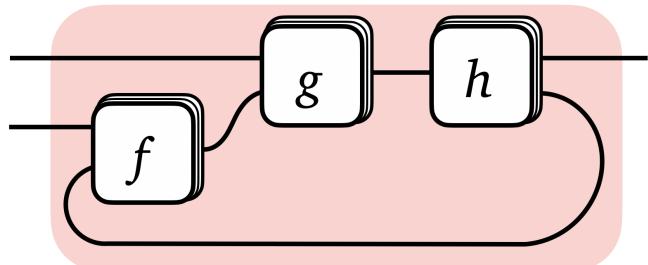
**Applied** in real world problems.



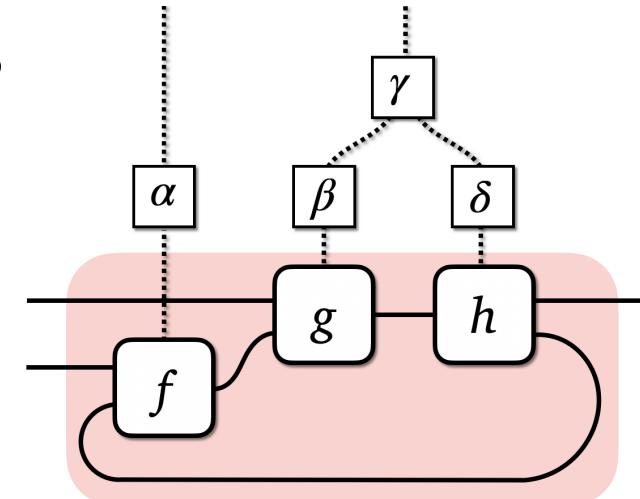
## Sources of uncertainty:

- Random performance
- Dependency on external factors
- Partial knowledge of feasibility

# Uncertainty for SMCs



**monadic uncertainty**



**parametric uncertainty**

Symmetric monoidal  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$

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Symmetric monoidal monad  
 $(M, \eta, \mu, \nabla)$  on  $\mathcal{V}$

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Symmetric monoidal  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $M_*\mathcal{C}$   
with hom-objects  $MC(X, Y)$

- Functorial
- Transfers extra structure

Symmetric monoidal  $\mathcal{W}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$

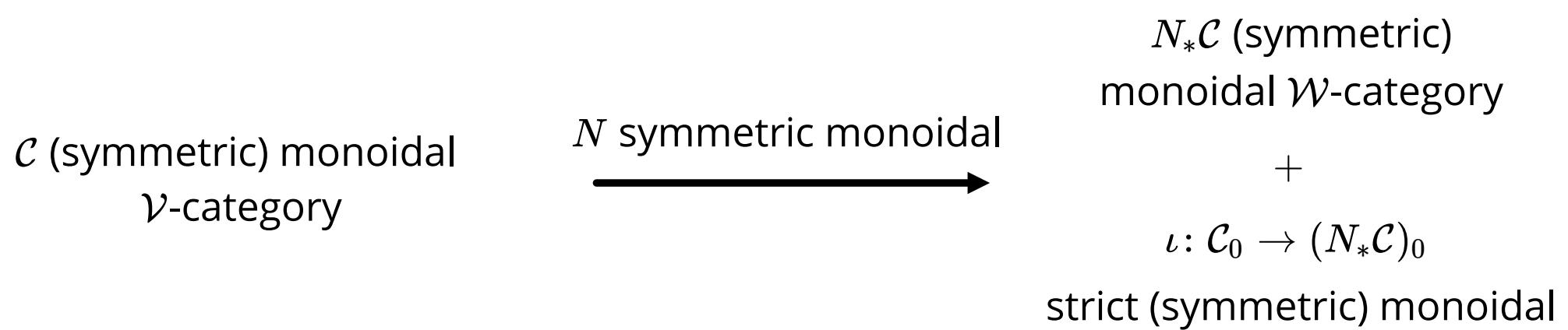
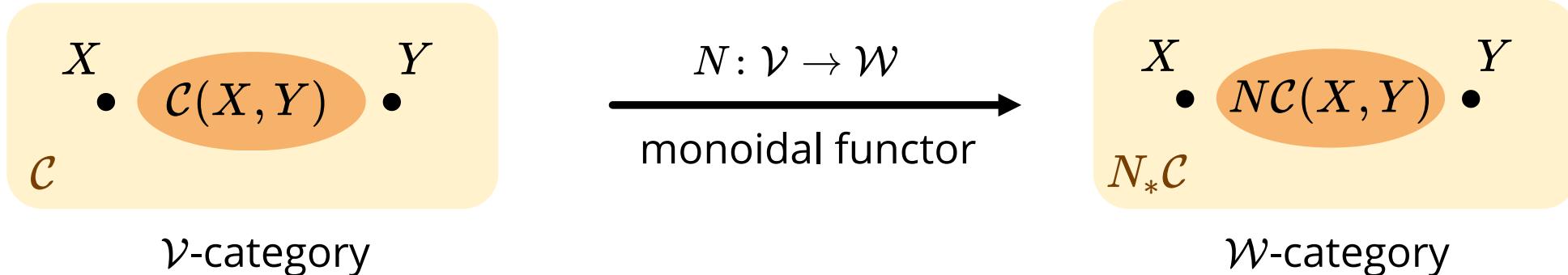
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Full strict monoidal  
subcategory  $i: \mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$

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Symmetric monoidal 2-category  $\mathcal{U}/(-)_*\mathcal{C}$   
with 1-cells  $U \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X, Y)$  in  $\mathcal{W}$   
and reparameterization 2-cells.

# Change-of-base replaces hom-objects



# Enriched category theory

**Definition:** Given an SMC  $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I)$ , a  **$\mathcal{V}$ -category**  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of

1. a set of *objects*  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,

2. *hom-objects*

$$\mathcal{C}(A, B) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}),$$

3. *composition arrows*

$$c_{A,B,C}: \mathcal{C}(A, B) \otimes \mathcal{C}(B, C) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A, C),$$

4. and *identity arrows*

$$\text{id}_A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A, A),$$

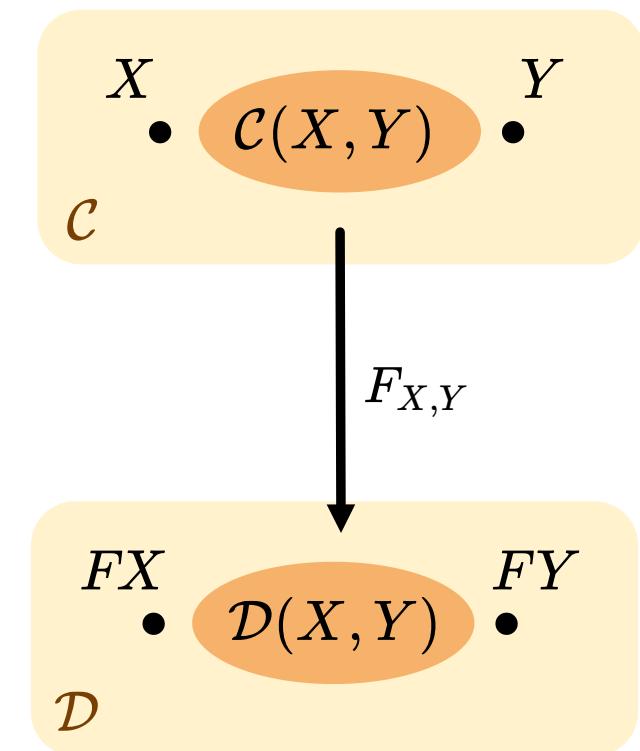
satisfying unitality and associativity conditions.

**Definition:** A  **$\mathcal{V}$ -functor**  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  consists of

1. a function  $F: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ ,

2.  $\mathcal{V}$ -arrows  $F_{A,B}: \mathcal{C}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(FA, FB)$

that preserve composition and identities.



**Definition:** A  **$\mathcal{V}$ -natural transformation**

$\tau: F \Rightarrow G$  consists of components

$$\tau_A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(FA, GA)$$

that satisfy the  $\mathcal{V}$ -naturality condition.

# Monoidal functors

**Definition:** Let  $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I)$  and  $(\mathcal{W}, \bullet, J)$  be SMCs. A **monoidal functor** is a functor  $N: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ , along with natural transformations whose components

$$N_\epsilon: J \rightarrow NI$$

$$\tilde{N}_{A,B}: NA \bullet NB \rightarrow N(A \otimes B)$$

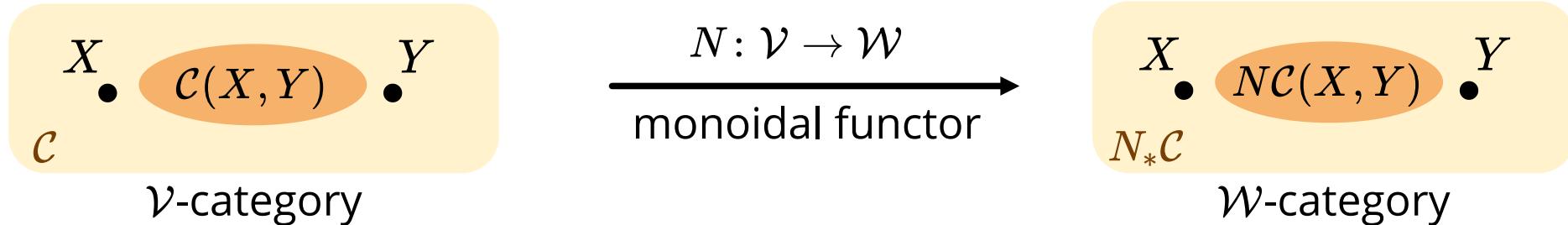
satisfy associativity and unitality conditions.

We call  $N$  **strict**, if  $N_\epsilon$  and  $\tilde{N}_{A,B}$  are identities.

We call  $N$  **symmetric monoidal**, if  $N$  preserves the symmetry coherence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} NX \bullet NY & \xrightarrow{\sigma_W} & NY \bullet NX \\ \downarrow \tilde{N} & & \downarrow \tilde{N} \\ N(X \otimes Y) & \xrightarrow{N(\sigma_V)} & N(Y \otimes X) \end{array}$$

# Change-of-base



**Proposition (Eilenberg & Kelly 1966):**

Any **monoidal functor**  $N: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  induces a **change-of-base** 2-functor  $N_*: \mathbb{V}\text{cat} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}\text{cat}$  that sends a  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  to the  $\mathcal{W}$ -category  $N_*\mathcal{C}$  with

1. objects  $\text{Ob}(N_*\mathcal{C}) := \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,
2. arrows  $(N_*\mathcal{C})(A, B) := NC(A, B)$ ,
3. composition

$$NC(A, B) \otimes_{\mathcal{W}} NC(B, C) \xrightarrow{\widetilde{N}} N(\mathcal{C}(A, B) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{C}(B, C)) \xrightarrow{Nc} NC(A, C),$$

4. identities

$$I_{\mathcal{W}} \xrightarrow{N_{\epsilon}} NI_{\mathcal{V}} \xrightarrow{N\text{id}_A} NC(A, A).$$

# Transferring SMC structure

**Definition:** A **(symmetric) monoidal  $\mathcal{V}$ -category**  $(\mathcal{C}, \boxtimes, J)$  is a  $\mathcal{V}$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  with

1. a  $\mathcal{V}$ -functor  $\boxtimes: \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ ,
2. a unit object  $J \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,
3.  $\mathcal{V}$ -natural isomorphisms

$$a_{A,B,C}: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}((A \boxtimes B) \boxtimes C, A \boxtimes (B \boxtimes C)), \quad r_A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A \boxtimes J, A),$$

$$l_A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A \boxtimes J, A), \quad (s_{A,B}): I \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(A \boxtimes B, B \boxtimes A),$$

that satisfy the usual coherence axioms in the underlying category  $\mathcal{C}_0$ .

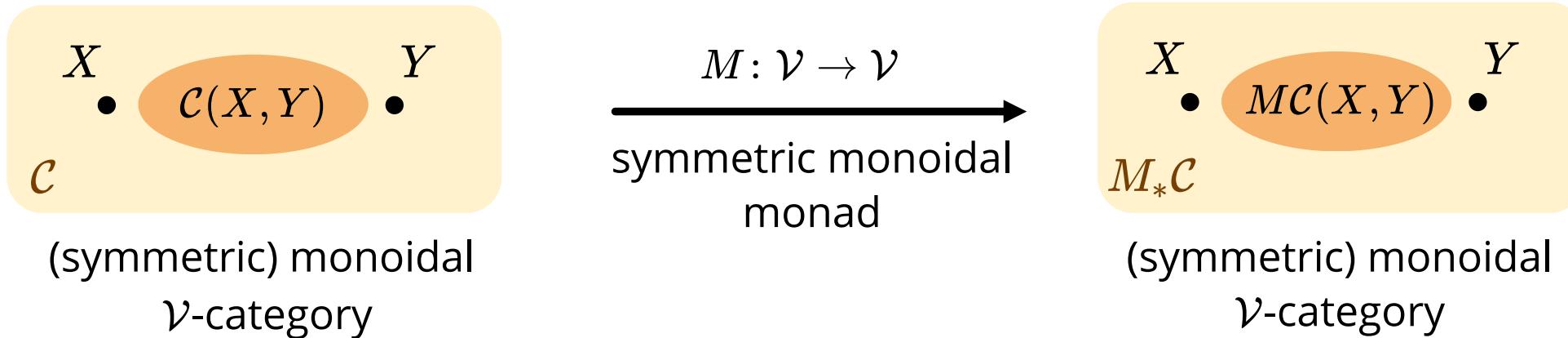
**Proposition** (Cruttwell 2008):

If  $N: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  is a **symmetric** monoidal functor, and  $\mathcal{C}$  a (symmetric) monoidal  $\mathcal{V}$ -category, then  $N_*\mathcal{C}$  is a (symmetric) monoidal  $\mathcal{W}$ -category with product

$$N\mathcal{C}(A_1, B_1) \otimes_{\mathcal{W}} N\mathcal{C}(A_2, B_2) \xrightarrow{\widetilde{N}} N(\mathcal{C}(A_1, B_1) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{C}(A_2, B_2)) \xrightarrow{N \boxtimes} N\mathcal{C}(A_1 \boxtimes A_2, B_1 \boxtimes B_2).$$

There is a strict (symmetric) monoidal functor  $\iota: \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow (N_*\mathcal{C})_0$  between underlying categories.

# Monadic uncertainty

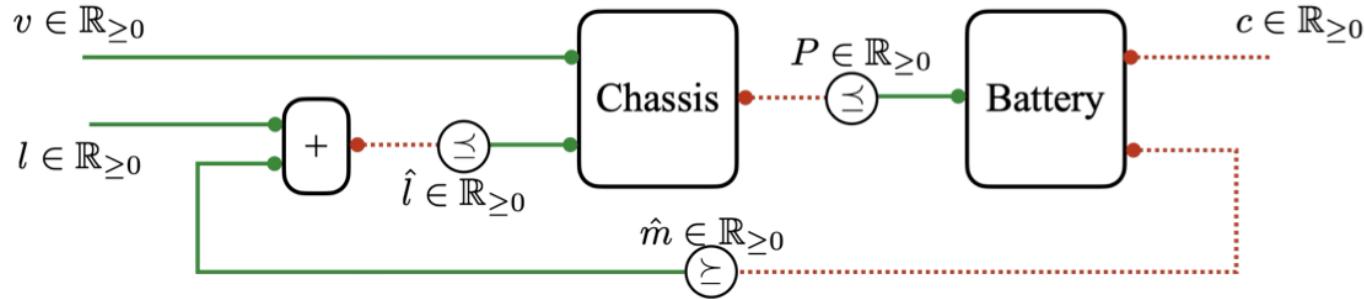


**Definition:** A ***symmetric monoidal monad***  $(M, \eta, \mu, \nabla)$  on  $\mathcal{V}$  consists of

1. a monad  $(M, \eta, \mu)$  on  $\mathcal{V}$ ,
2. a natural transformation  $\nabla_{X,Y}: MX \otimes MY \rightarrow M(X \otimes Y)$

such that  $M$  is a symmetric monoidal functor with unit  $\eta_I$ , and  $\mu, \eta$  are monoidal transformations.

# Uncertain design problems



## Non-empty powerset monad

$\text{Pow}_\emptyset: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$$X \mapsto \{A \subseteq X \mid A \neq \emptyset\}$$

## Interval monad

$\text{Int}: \text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Pos}$

$$(P, \leq) \mapsto \{[l, u] \mid l \leq u\} \subseteq P \times P$$

## Giry monad

$\text{D}: \text{Meas} \rightarrow \text{Meas}$

$$X \mapsto \{\text{probability measures on } X\}$$

$$\eta_X: x \mapsto [x, x] \quad \mu_X: [[l_1, u_1], [l_2, u_2]] \mapsto [l_1, u_2]$$

$$\nabla_{X,Y}: ([l_1, u_1], [l_2, u_2]) \mapsto [(l_1, l_2), (u_1, u_2)]$$

**Lemma:** There is a *strict symmetric monoidal functor*  $\Sigma: \text{Pos} \rightarrow \text{Meas}$  that assigns each poset the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by its upper sets.

# Imprecise graphical models

$(\text{Pow}_\emptyset)_*\text{FinStoch}$  has

1. objects: Finite sets  $X, Y$
2. arrows: Non-empty subsets  $S$  of

Markov kernels  $k: X \rightarrow Y$

3. composition:

$$T \circ S := \{t \circ s \mid t \in T, s \in S\}$$

4. identities:

$$\text{id}_X = \{\text{id}_X\}$$

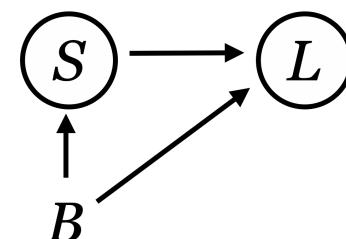
5. monoidal product

$$S_1 \otimes S_2 := \{s_1 \otimes s_2 \mid s_1 \in S_1, s_2 \in S_2\}.$$

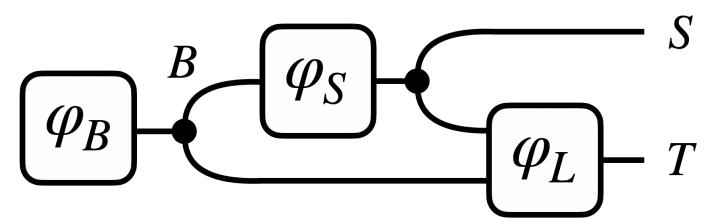
We transfer cd-structure by  $\{\text{cp}_X\}$  and  $\{\text{del}_X\}$  along the strict symmetric monoidal  $\iota: \text{FinStoch} \rightarrow M_*\mathcal{C}$

View probabilistic graphical models as string diagrams in FinStoch.

(Fritz & Klingler 2023, Lorenz & Tull 2023)



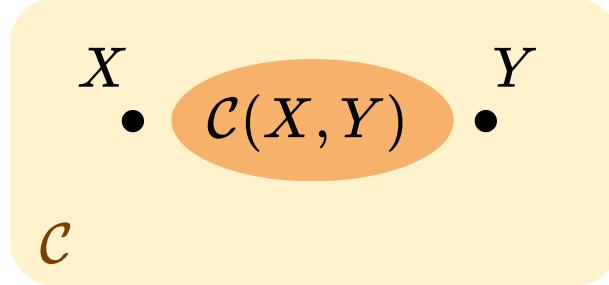
Bayesian network



String diagram in FinStoch

$\{\text{del}_Y\} \circ S = \{\text{del}_Y \circ s \mid s \in S\} = \{\text{del}_X\}$  shows the result is even a Markov category.

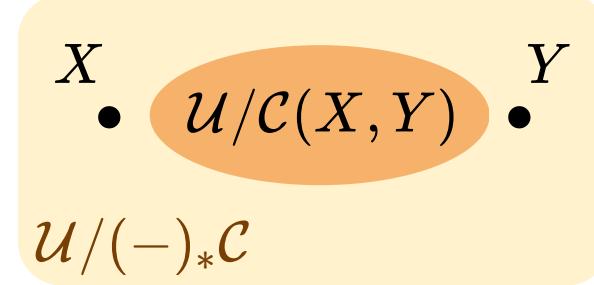
# Parametric uncertainty



(symmetric) monoidal  
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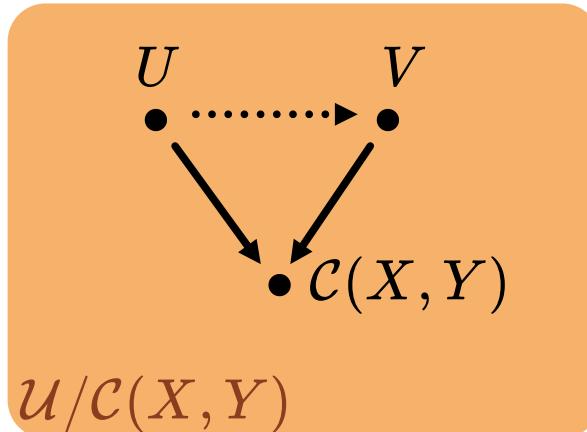
$$\xrightarrow{\quad \mathcal{U}/(-): \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathbf{cat} \quad}$$

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(symmetric) monoidal  
2-category

## slice category

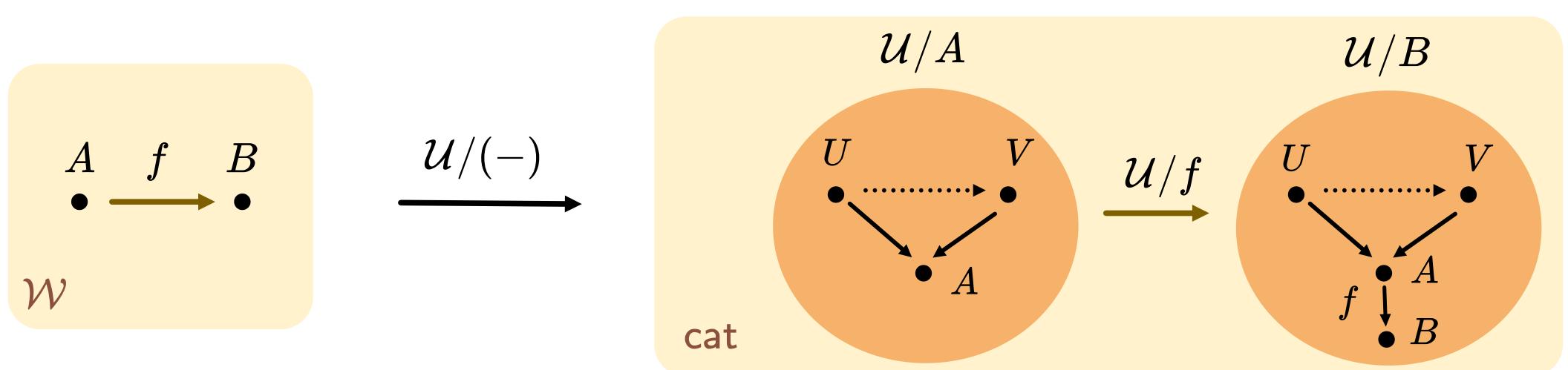


# Partial slice functor

**Definition:** Given a category  $\mathcal{W}$  and subcategory  $i: \mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$ , the **partial slice functor**  $\mathcal{U}/(-): \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \text{cat}$  sends  $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{W})$  to the comma category  $(i \downarrow \Delta_A)$  whose

1. objects are pairs  $(U \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{U}), f: i(U) \rightarrow A)$ ,
2. arrows  $\varphi: (U, f) \rightarrow (V, g)$  are  $\mathcal{U}$ -arrows  $\varphi: U \rightarrow V$  satisfying  $f = g \circ i(\varphi)$ .

On arrows,  $\mathcal{U}/(-)$  sends  $f: A \rightarrow B$  to the post-composition functor  $\mathcal{U}/f: \mathcal{U}/A \rightarrow \mathcal{U}/B$ .



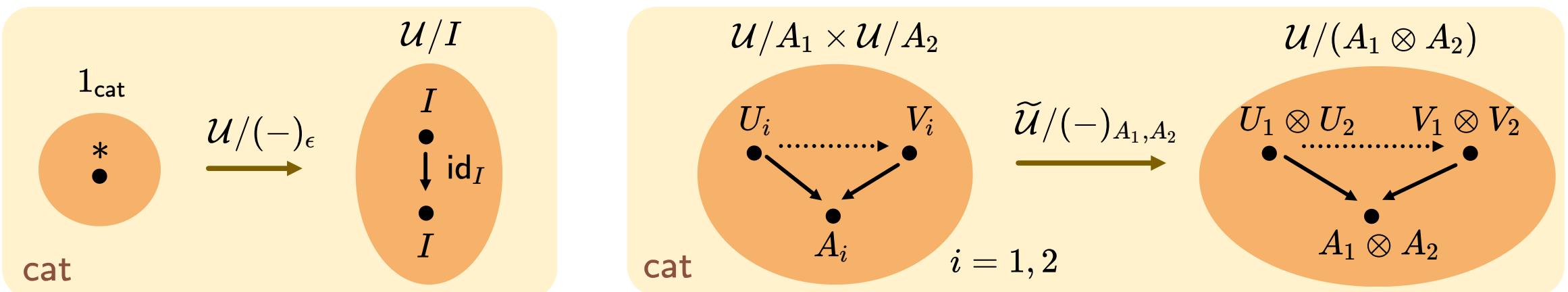
# Partial slice functor

**Proposition:** Let  $(\mathcal{W}, \otimes, I)$  be an SMC and  $i: \mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  a full strict monoidal subcategory.

The **partial slice functor**  $\mathcal{U}/(-): \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \text{cat}$  **is monoidal**:

1. The functor  $\mathcal{U}/(-)_\epsilon: 1_{\text{cat}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}/I$  maps the single object  $*$  to the identity  $\text{id}_I: I \rightarrow I$ .
2. The natural transformation  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}/(-)_{A_1, A_2}: \mathcal{U}/A_1 \times \mathcal{U}/A_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{U}/(A_1 \otimes A_2)$  maps
  - objects  $f_i: U_i \rightarrow A_i$  to  $f_1 \otimes f_2: U_1 \otimes U_2 \rightarrow A_1 \otimes A_2$
  - arrows  $\varphi: f_1 \rightarrow g_1$  and  $\psi: f_2 \rightarrow g_2$  to  $\varphi \otimes \psi$ .

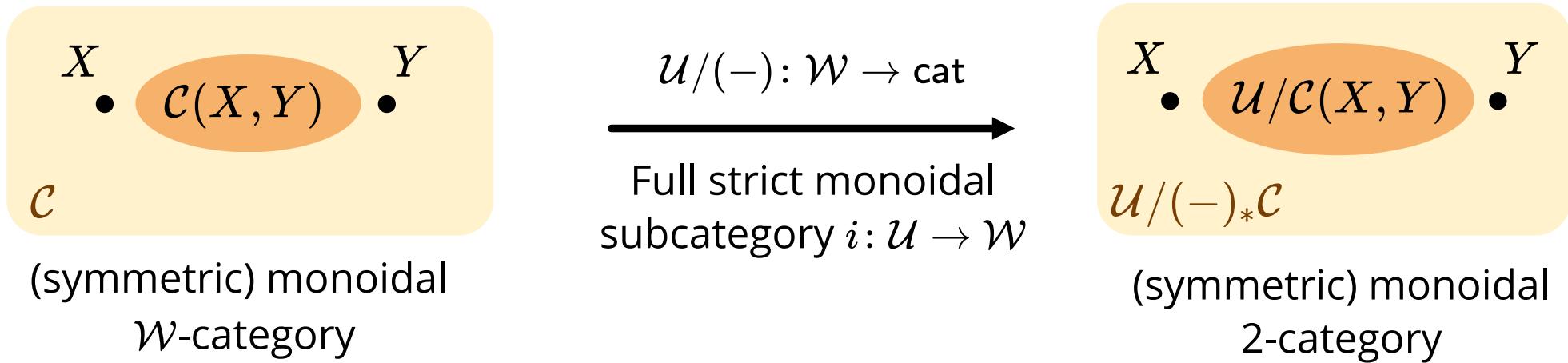
$\mathcal{U}/(-)$  is only symmetric up to the natural invertible 2-cells  $\sigma_{U_1, U_2}$ .



# Parametric uncertainty

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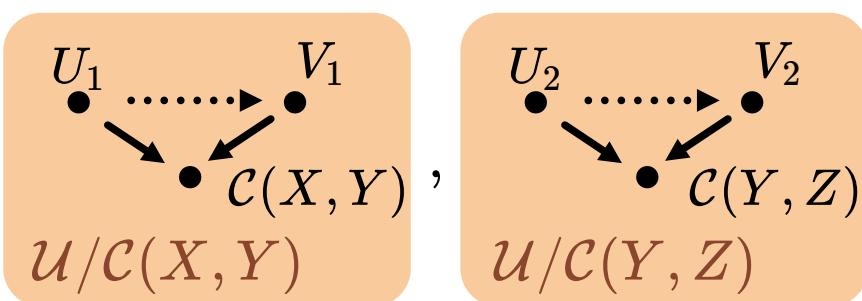


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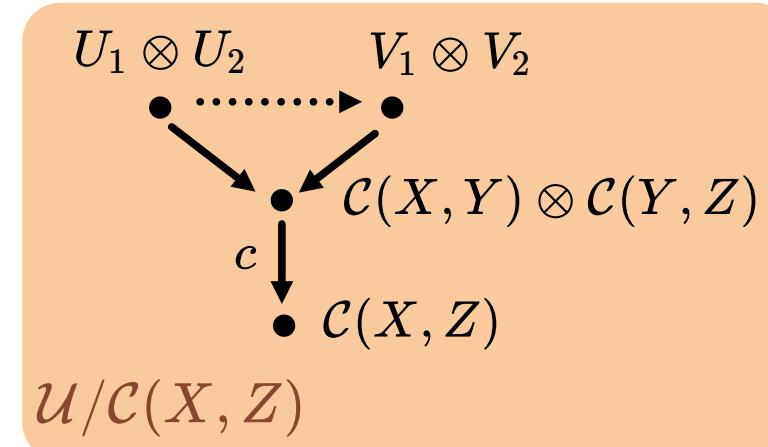
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## composition (& monoidal product)



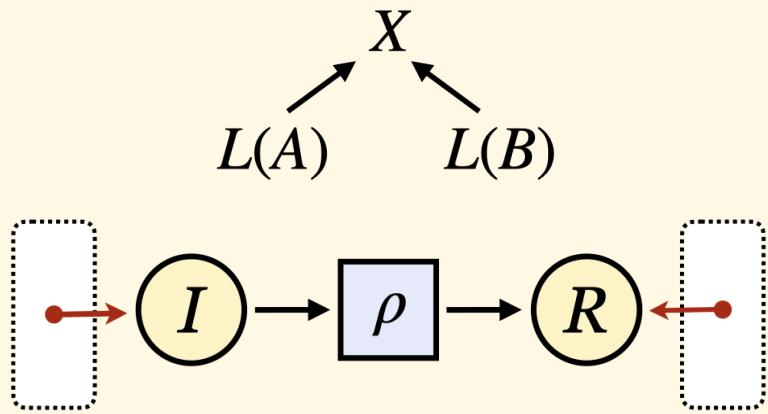
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# Open reaction networks with coupled rates

Open Petri nets with rates:  $\mathbf{Csp}(\text{Petri}_r)$

(Baez & Courser 2020, Baez & Pollard 2017)

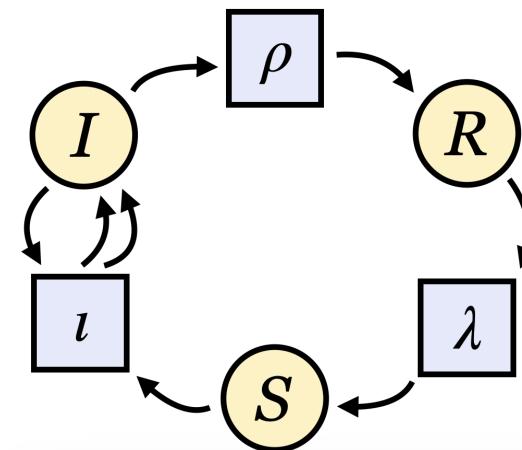


Put  $\mathcal{C} := \mathbf{Csp}(\text{Petri}_r)$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  the full monoidal subcategory of Set generated by  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{U}/(-)_*\mathcal{C}$  has

1. objects: finite sets  $A, B$
2. 1-cells:  $f: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{Csp}(\text{Petri}_r)(A, B)$
3. 2-cells: commuting  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$

<b>infection</b>	<b>recovery</b>	<b>loss</b>
$\iota: S + I \xrightarrow{r_\iota} 2I$	$\rho: I \xrightarrow{r_\rho} R$	$\lambda: R \xrightarrow{r_\lambda} S$



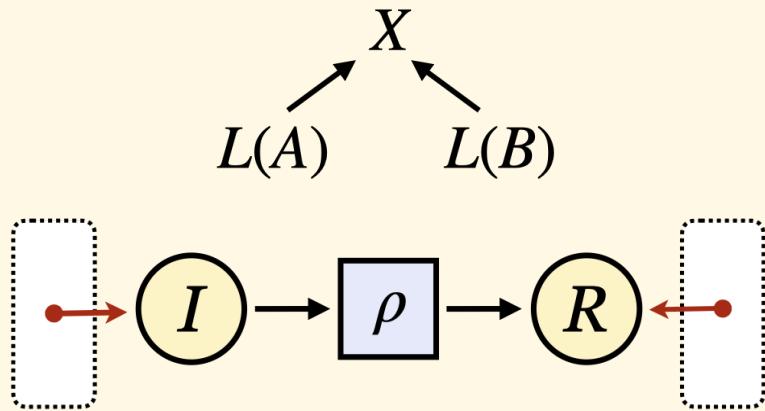
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= r_\lambda R - r_\iota SI \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= r_\iota SI - r_\rho I \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= r_\rho I - r_\lambda R\end{aligned}$$

We can transfer hypergraph structure via  
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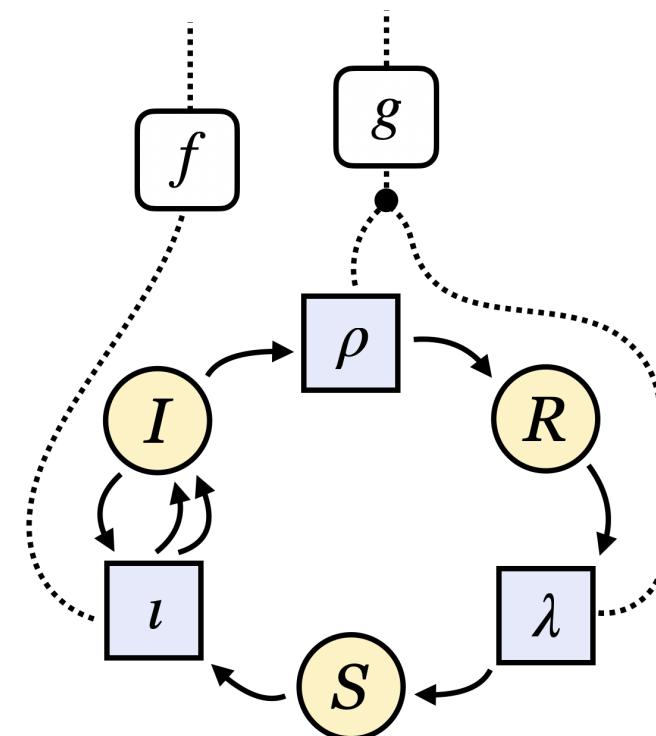


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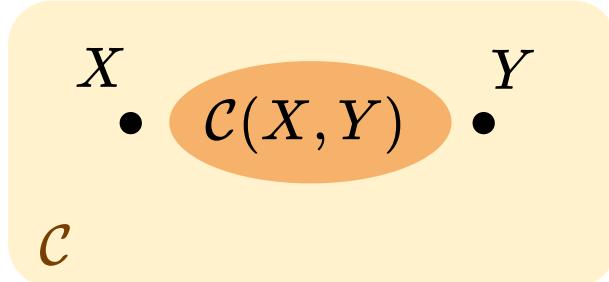
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$$r_\iota = f(x)$$

$$r_\rho = r_\lambda = g(y)$$

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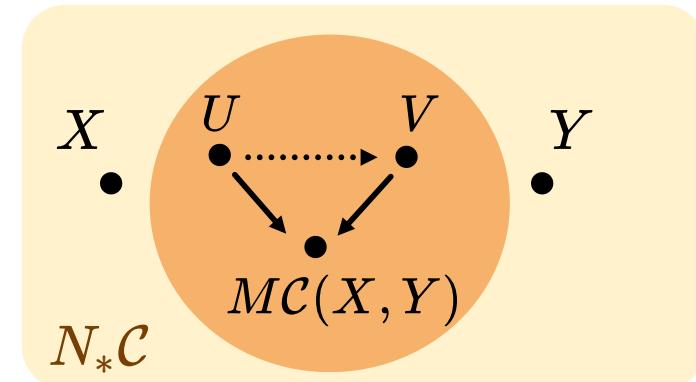
# Combining monadic and parametric uncertainty



(symmetric) monoidal  
 $\mathcal{W}$ -category

$$N: \mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{L_M} \mathbf{Kl}_M \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Kl}_M/(-)} \mathbf{cat}$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad\text{change-of-base}\quad}$



(symmetric) monoidal  
2-category

## Proposition: (standard)

The Kleisli category  $\mathbf{Kl}_M$  of a symmetric monoidal monad  $(M, \eta, \mu, \nabla)$  is symmetric monoidal.

The identity-on-objects functor  $L_M: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{Kl}_M$  mapping  $f \mapsto f \circ \eta$  **is strict symmetric monoidal**.

# Parametrized distributions of design problems

View DP as Pos-enriched and change-of-base:

$$N: \text{Pos} \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \text{Meas} \xrightarrow{L_D} \text{KI}_D = \text{Stoch} \xrightarrow{\text{KI}_D/(-)} \text{cat}$$

The symmetric monoidal 2-category  $N_*\text{DP}$  has

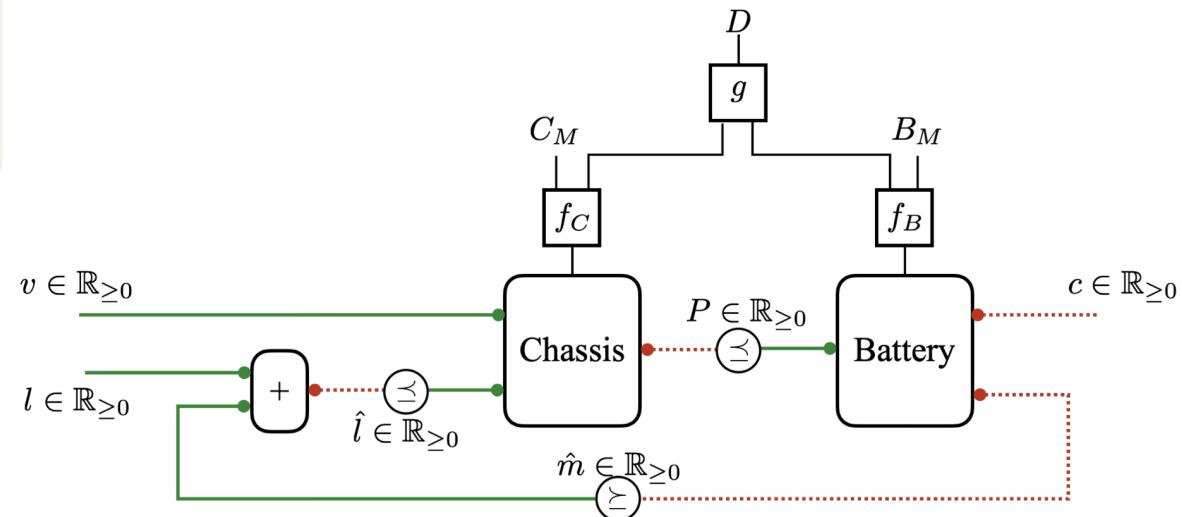
1. objects: Posets,
2. 1-cells: Markov kernels  $f: U \rightarrow \text{DP}(X, Y)$ ,
3. 2-cells: commuting Markov kernels  $\varphi: U \rightarrow V$ .

Transfer compact closed structure via

$$\iota: f \mapsto [* \mapsto \delta_f]$$

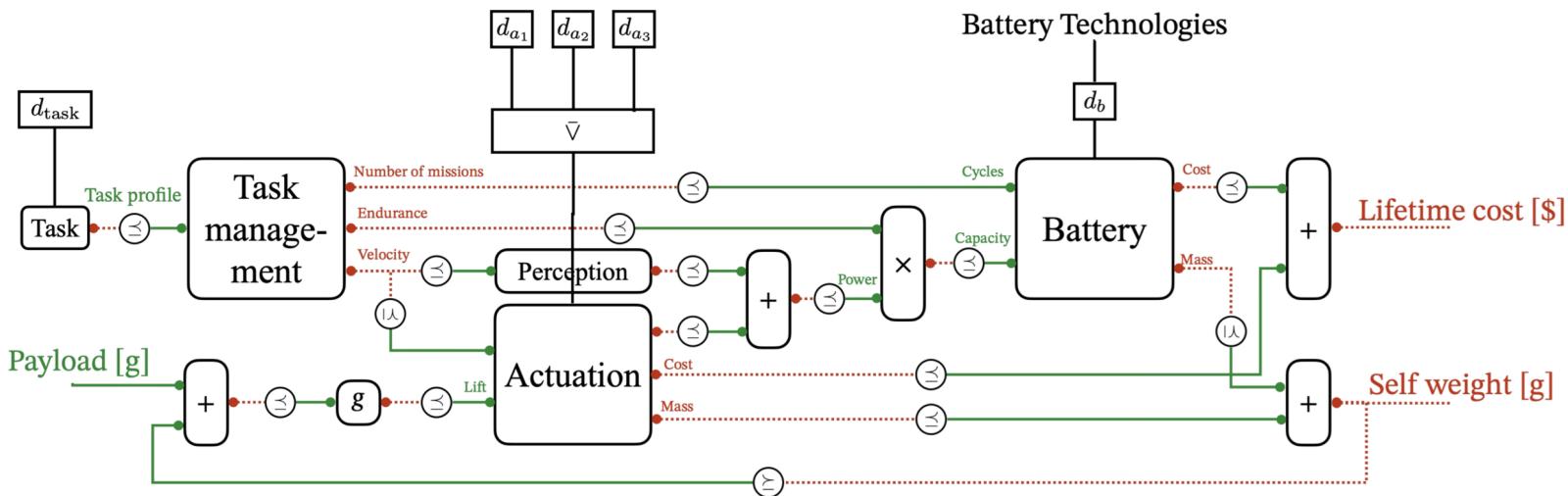
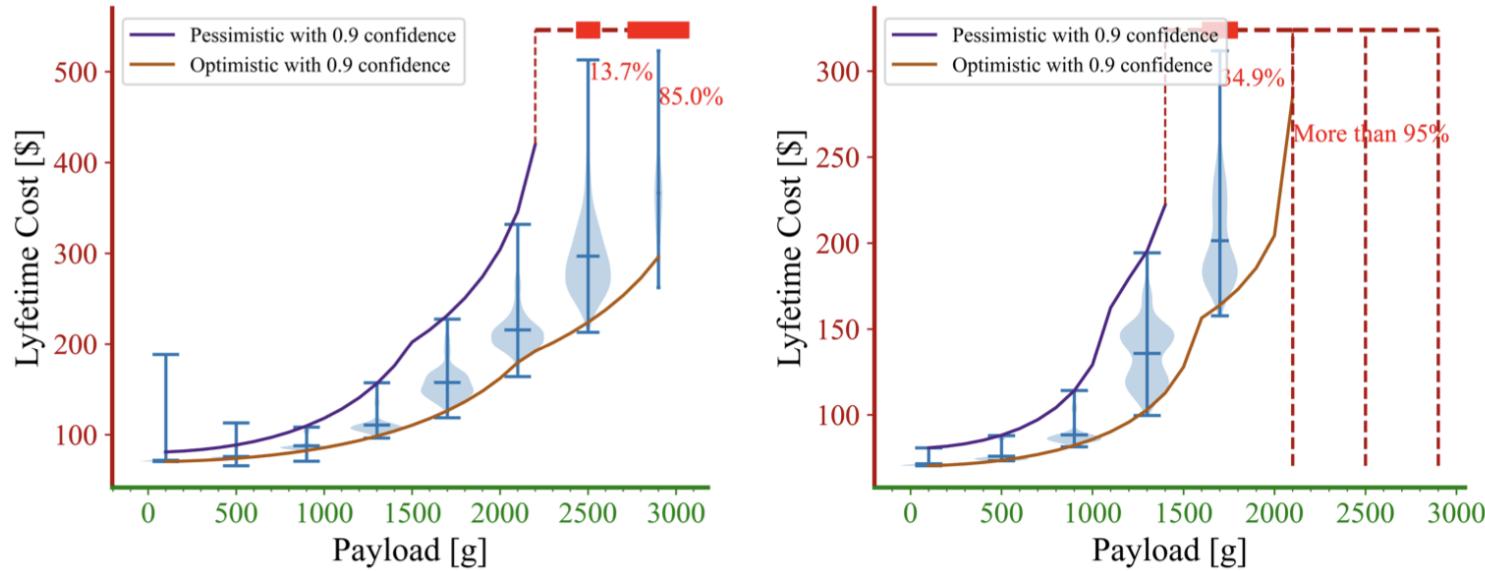
## Applications:

1. Sensitivity / robustness
2. Learn design problems from data
3. Active learning with surrogates



**Markov kernel**  $D \otimes C_M \otimes B_M \rightarrow \text{DP}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2, \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$ .

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