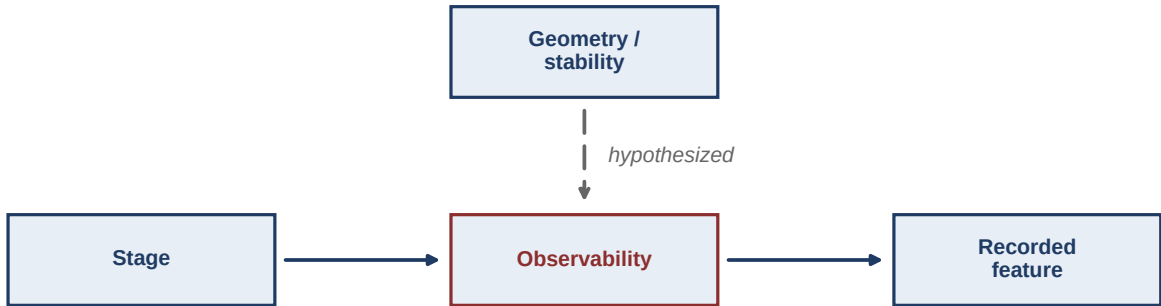




*Under the hypothesized geometry/stability path, observability is a common effect (collider) of Stage and Geometry, and conditioning on it opens a non-causal Stage — Geometry association*