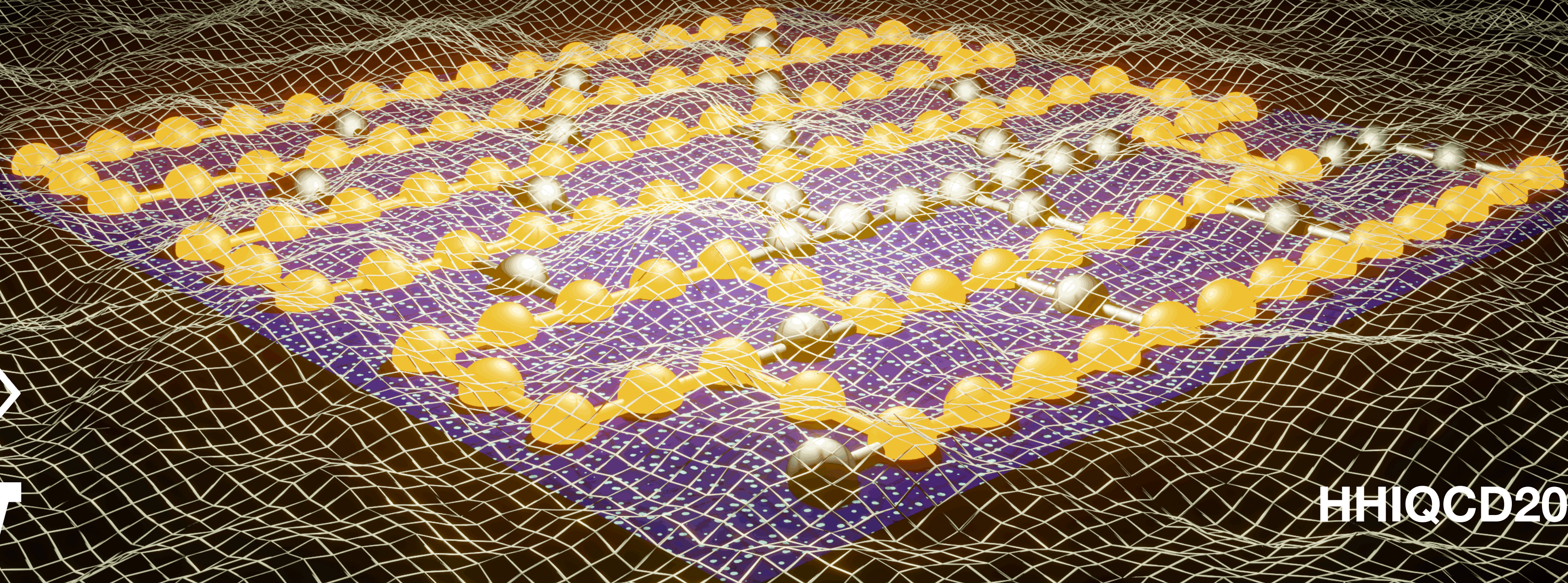


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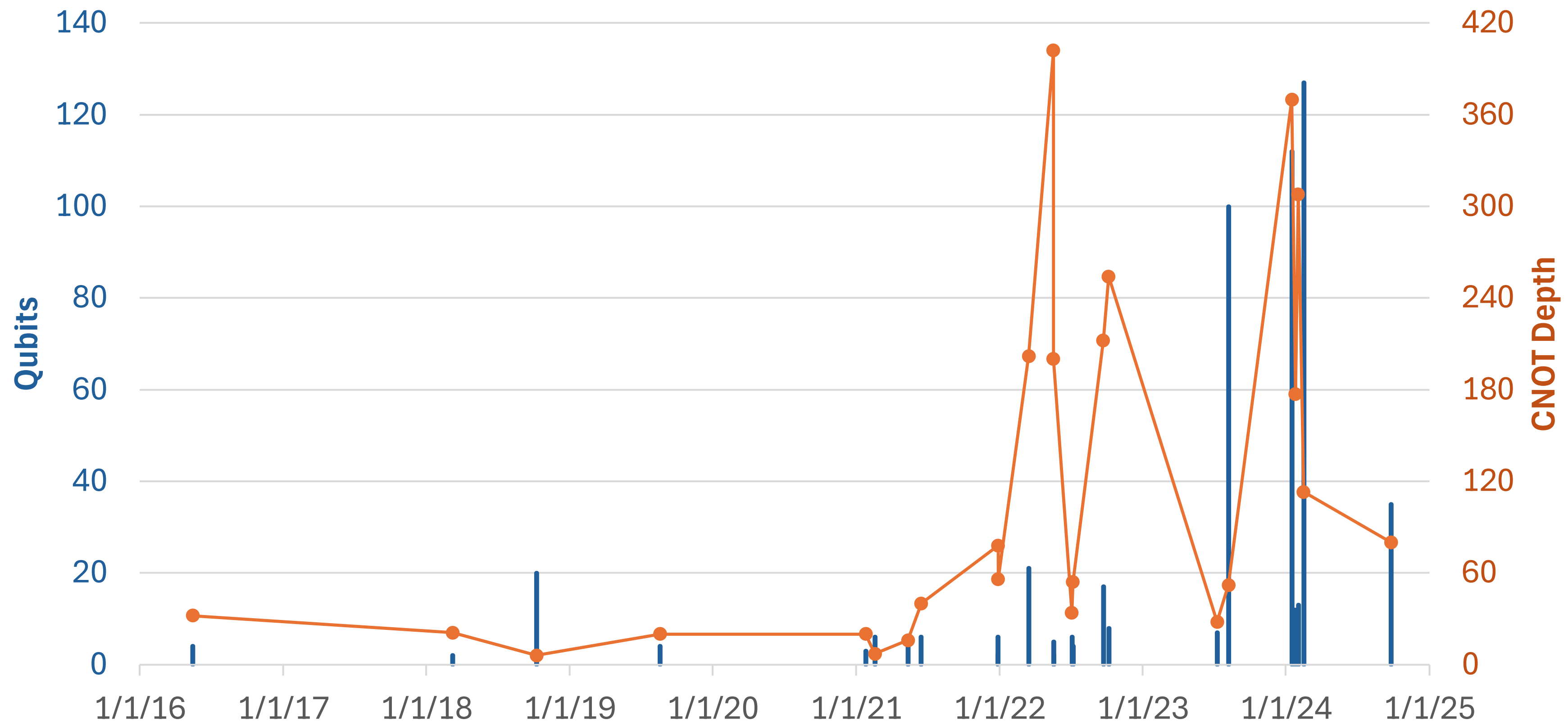
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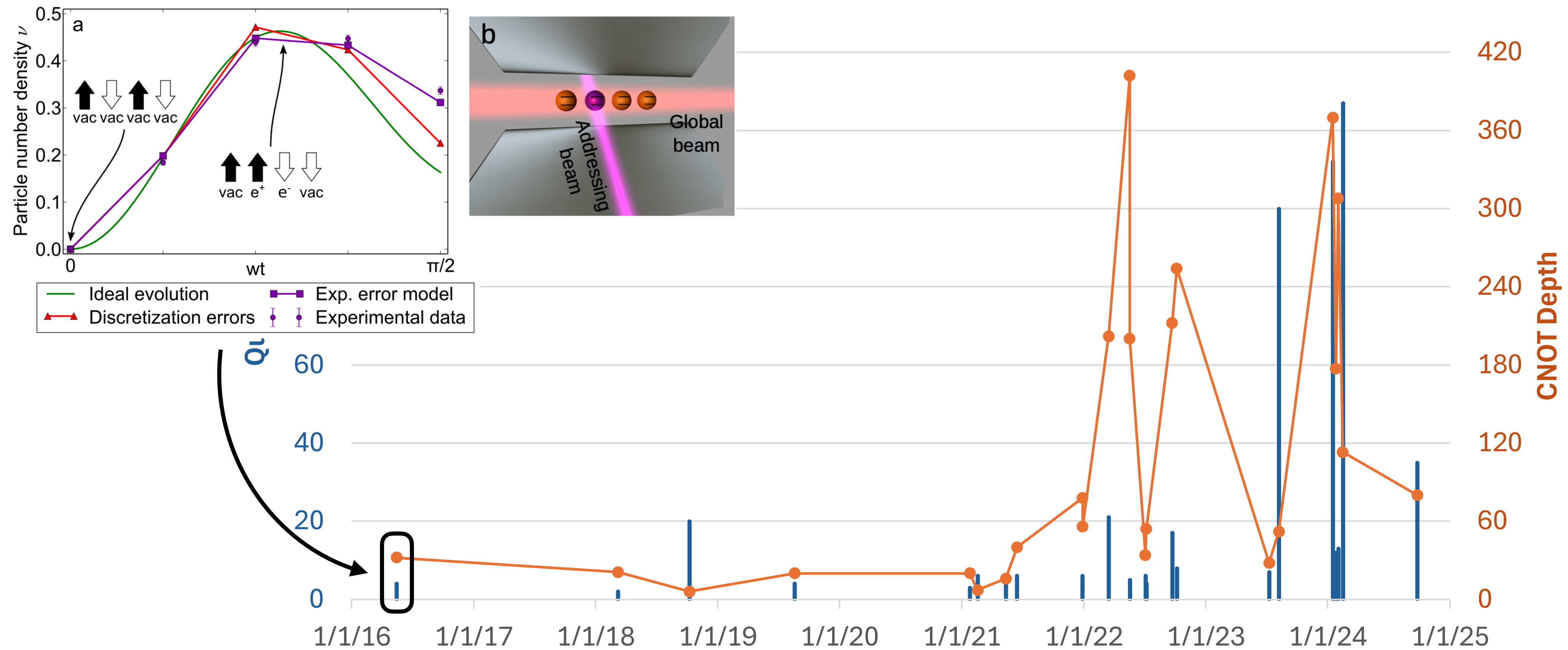
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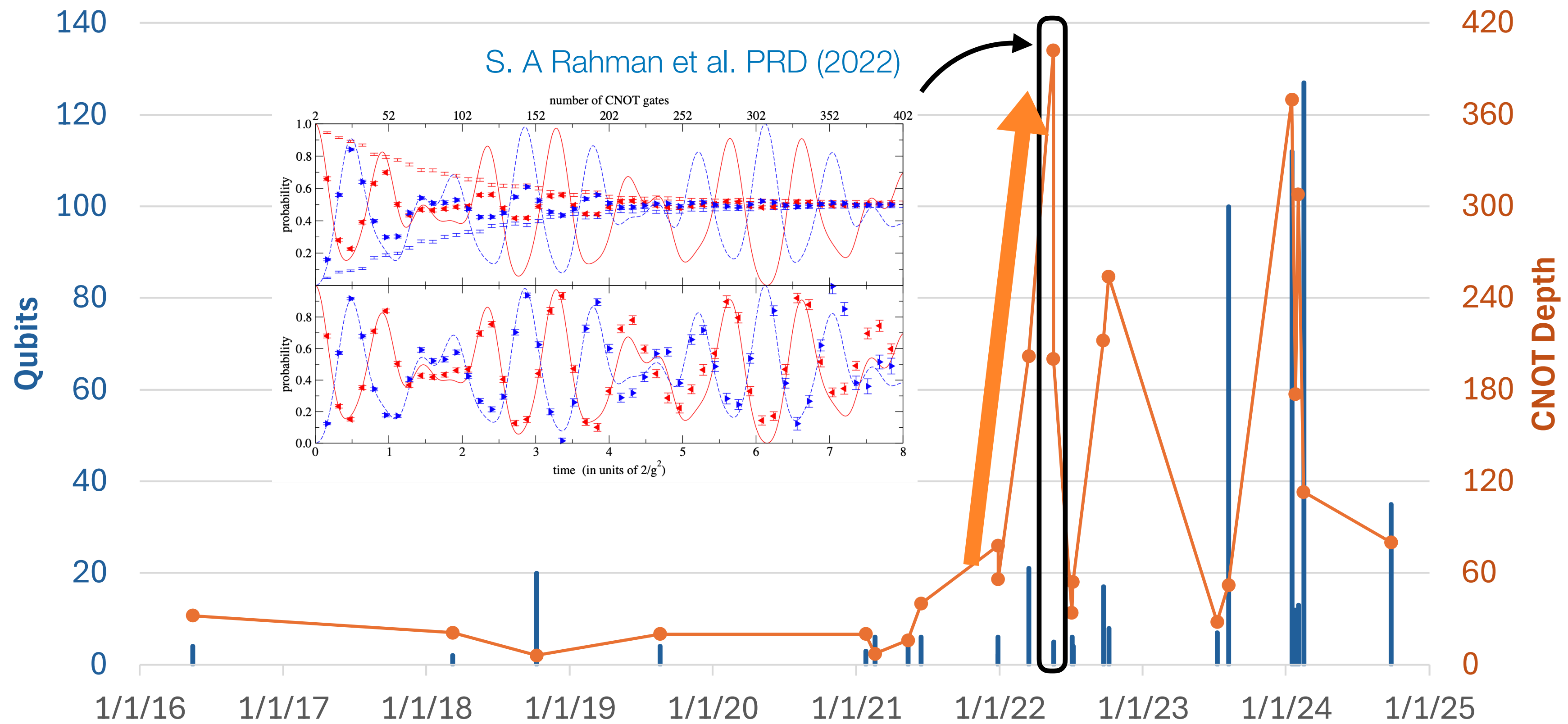


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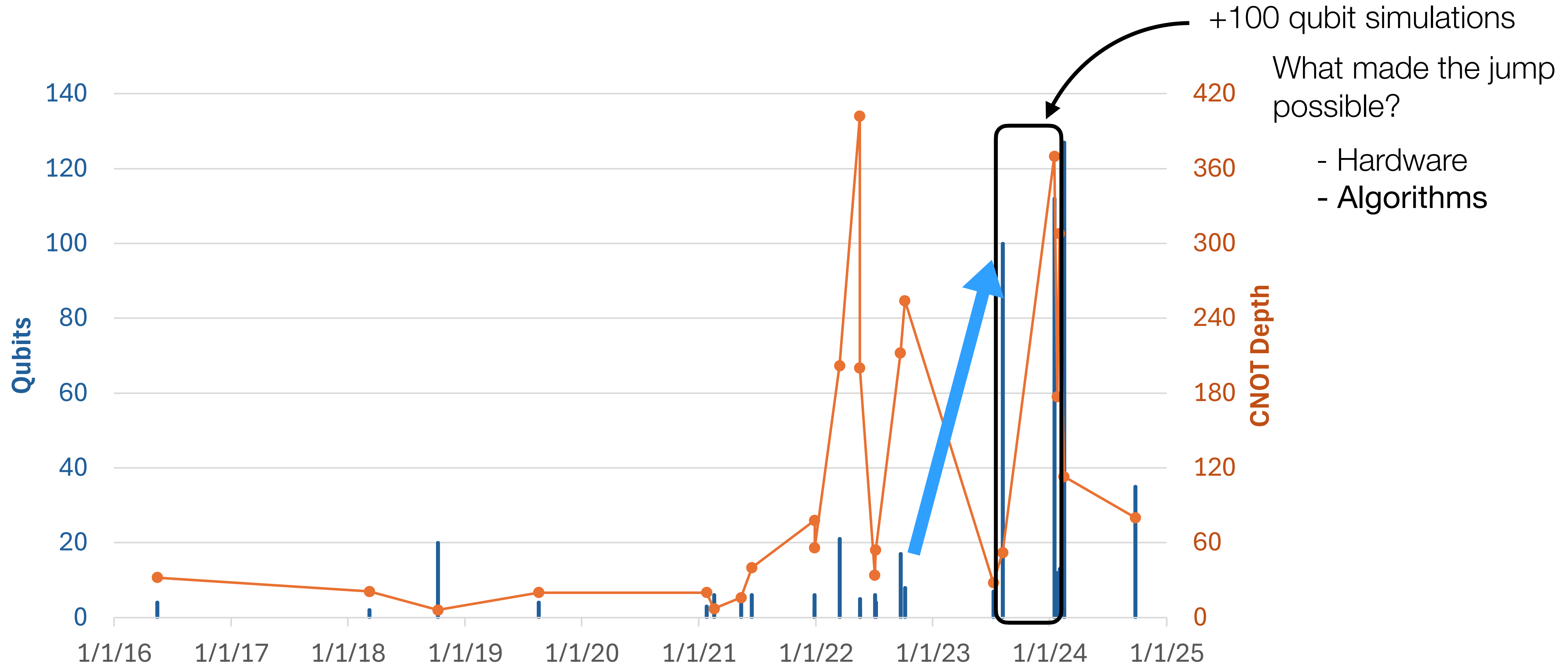
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# The Main Elements

- ♦ **1+1D Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) - The Schwinger Model**
  - ♦ Gapped and translational invariant
  - ♦ Confinement (hadrons) - similarities with QCD
- ♦ **ADAPT-VQE with scalable operator pool: SC-ADAPT-VQE**
  - ♦ Classical resources to exponentially converge on small/modest systems
- ♦ **Efficient circuits for state preparation and time evolution**
- ♦ **Error mitigation techniques for running on 100+ qubits**
  - ♦ Operator decoherence renormalization
- ♦ **Fragmentation and hadronization with classical sources: discretization effects**

# Connection between the Schwinger Model and QCD

◆ Confinement  $V(x) \propto x \longrightarrow$  “Hadrons” (bound states) can form

◆ Non-zero gap  $\Lambda \longrightarrow$  Characteristic length scale  $\xi = 1/\Lambda$



State-preparation circuits only need structure for qubits separated by  $r \lesssim \xi$

◆ Highly non-trivial vacuum, but it has translational invariance

◆ Perfect sandbox to study hadronization, fragmentation and finite-density phases

◆ One of the most studied systems using QC

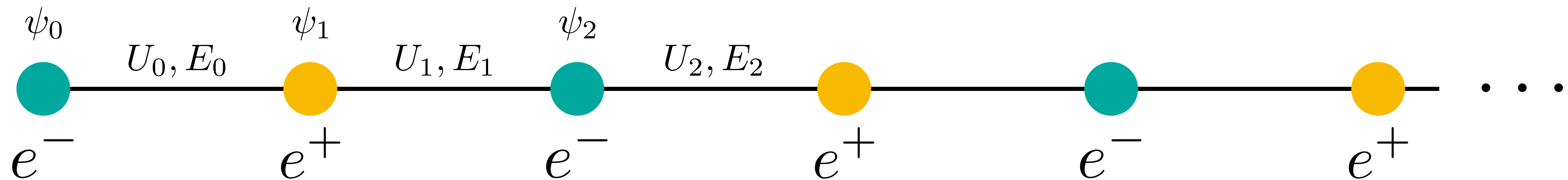
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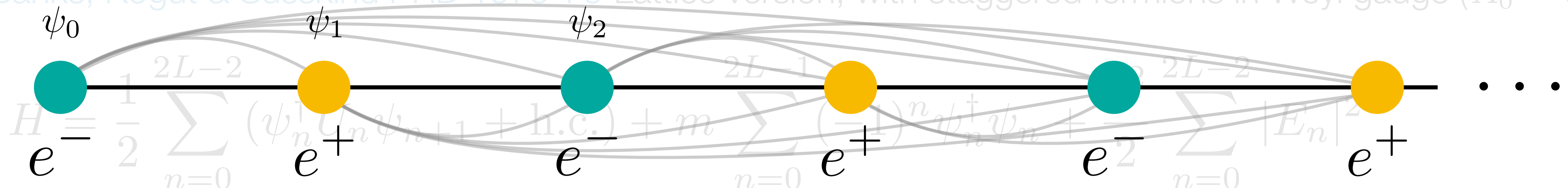
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  - ◆ Bosonic degrees of freedom (gauge links): n level-systems  $\rightarrow$  multiple qubits or qudits



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Change to Axial gauge ( $A_1 = 0$ )

P. Sala et al., PRD 2018  
R. C. Farrel et al., PRD 2023

In 1+1D, the gauge field is not a degree of freedom, completely constrained by Gauss's law

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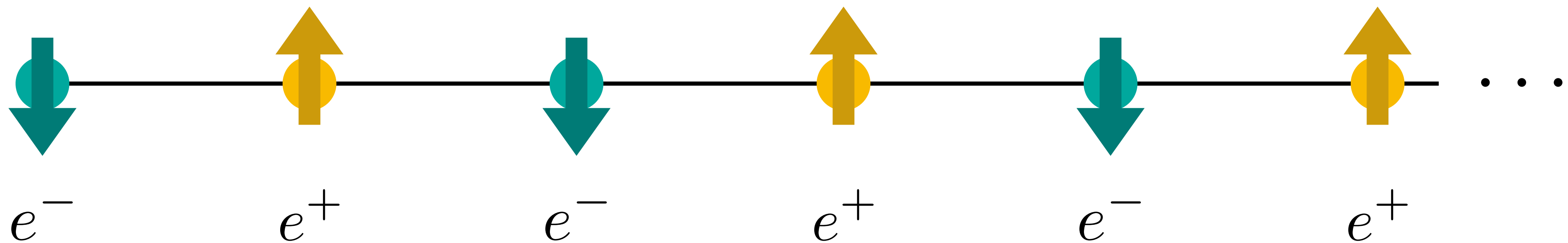
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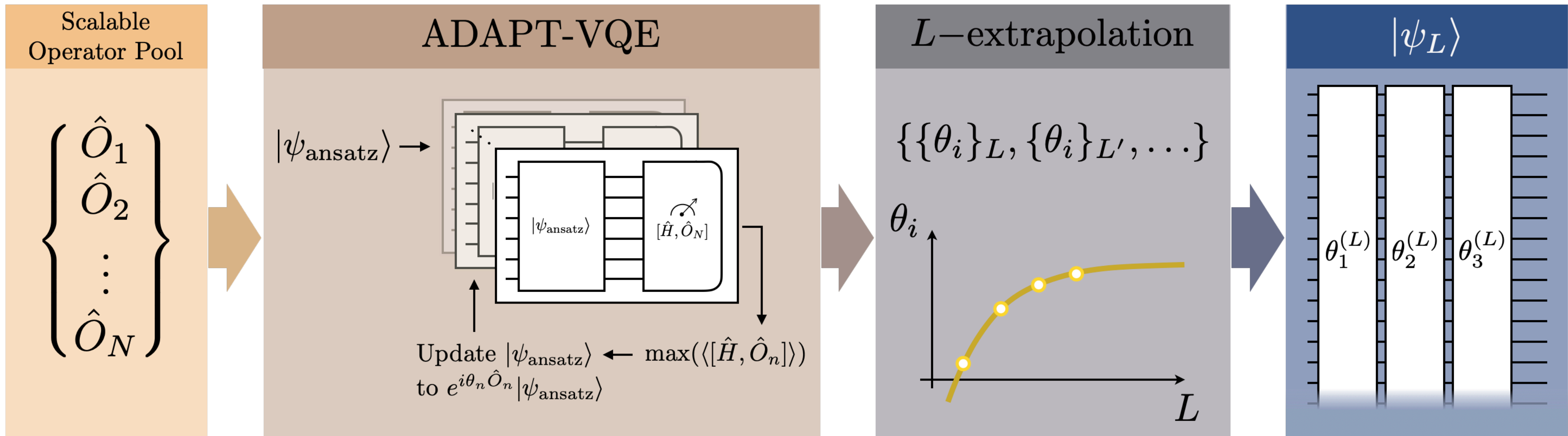
Apply the Jordan-Wigner transformation to map fermion field operators to spins,

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Example: strong-coupling vacuum (all empty)



# Preparing the Vacuum: SC-ADAPT-VQE



# Preparing the Vacuum: Scalable Operators

The operators from the pool are constrained to be charge neutral, symmetric under CP, and invariant under time reversal

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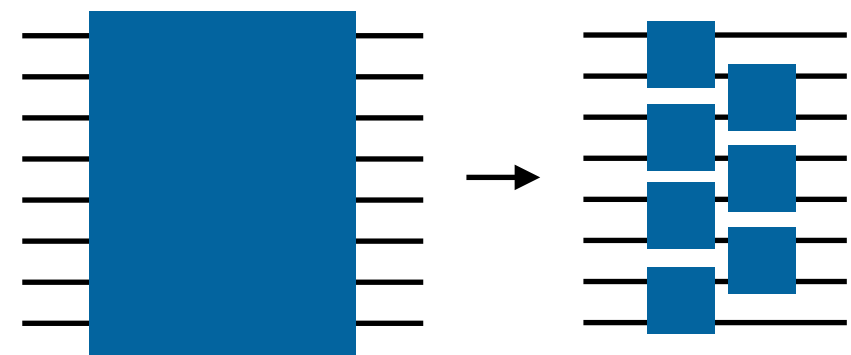
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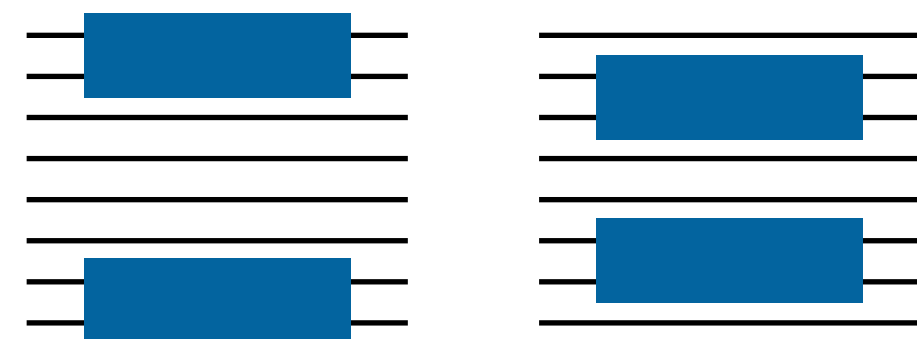
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Need efficient circuits for  
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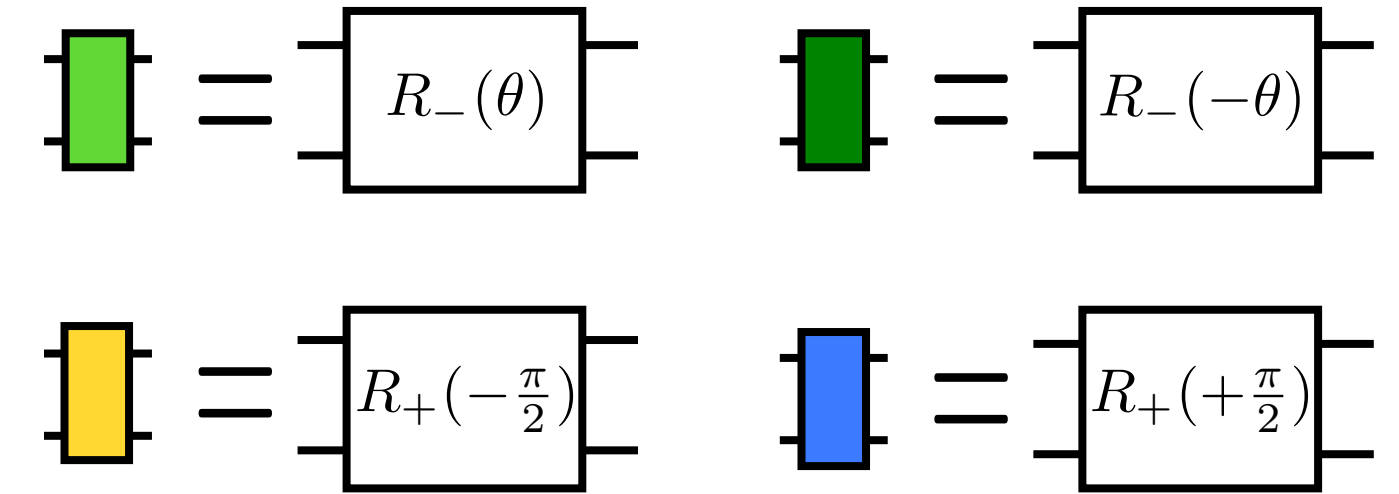
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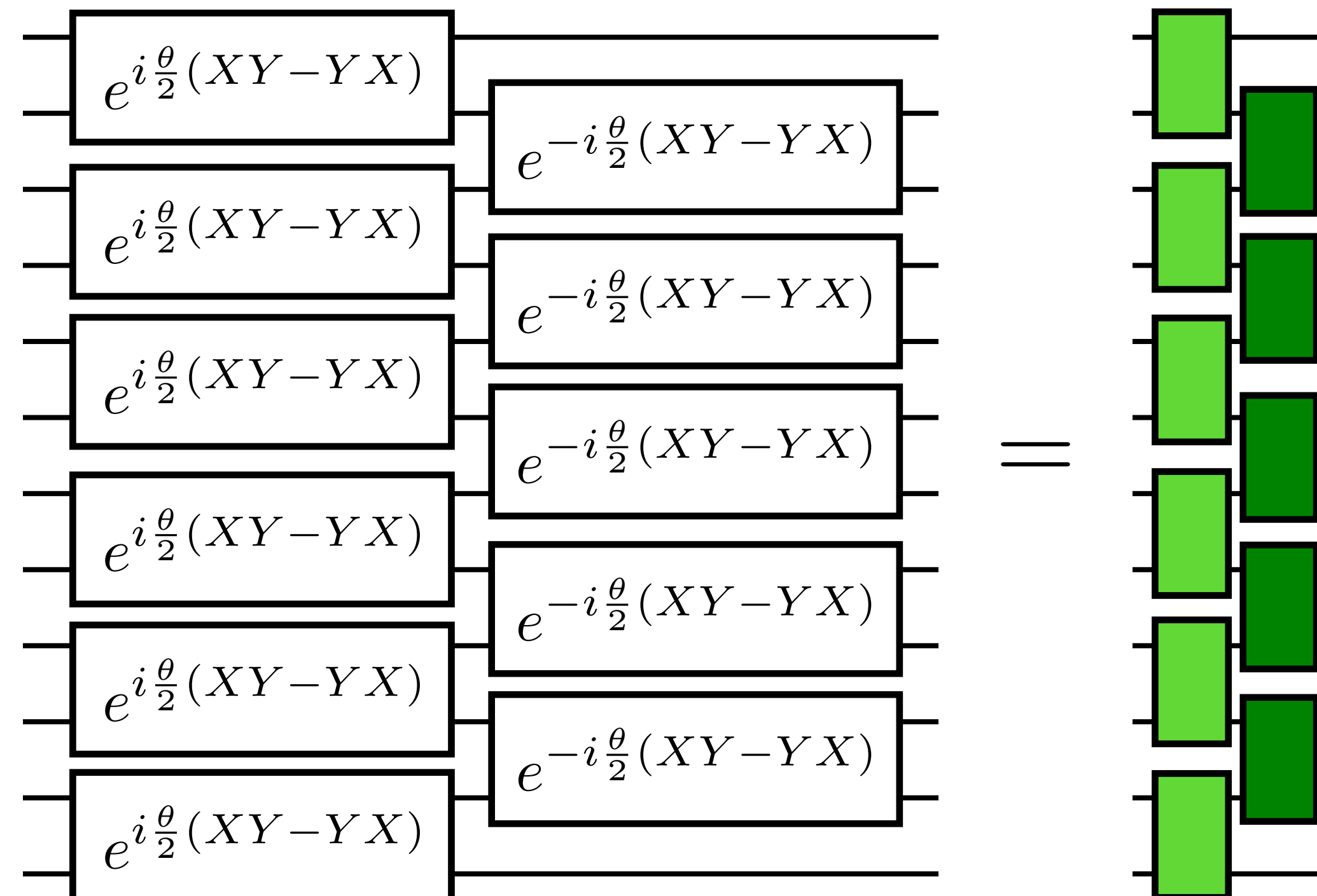
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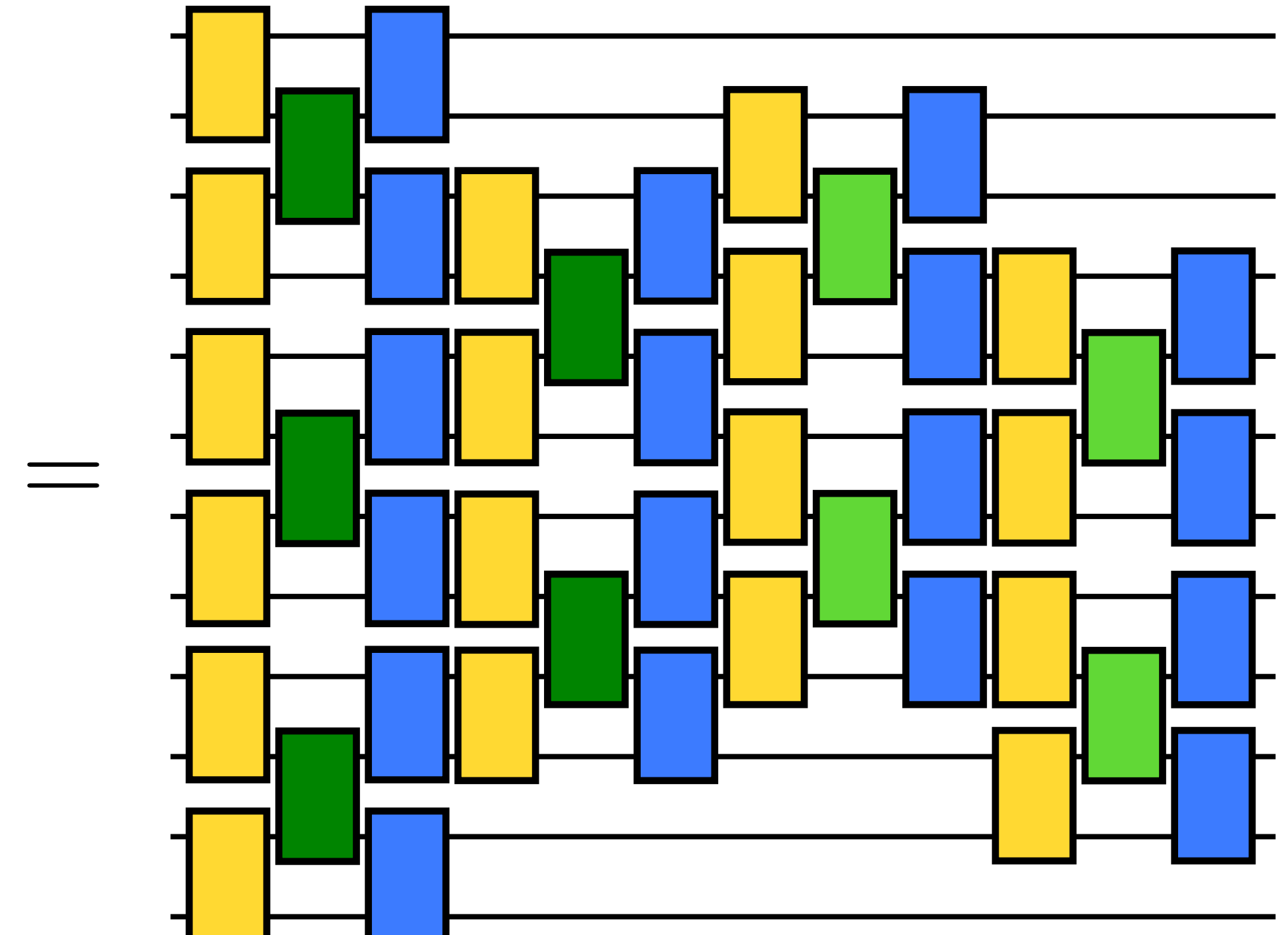
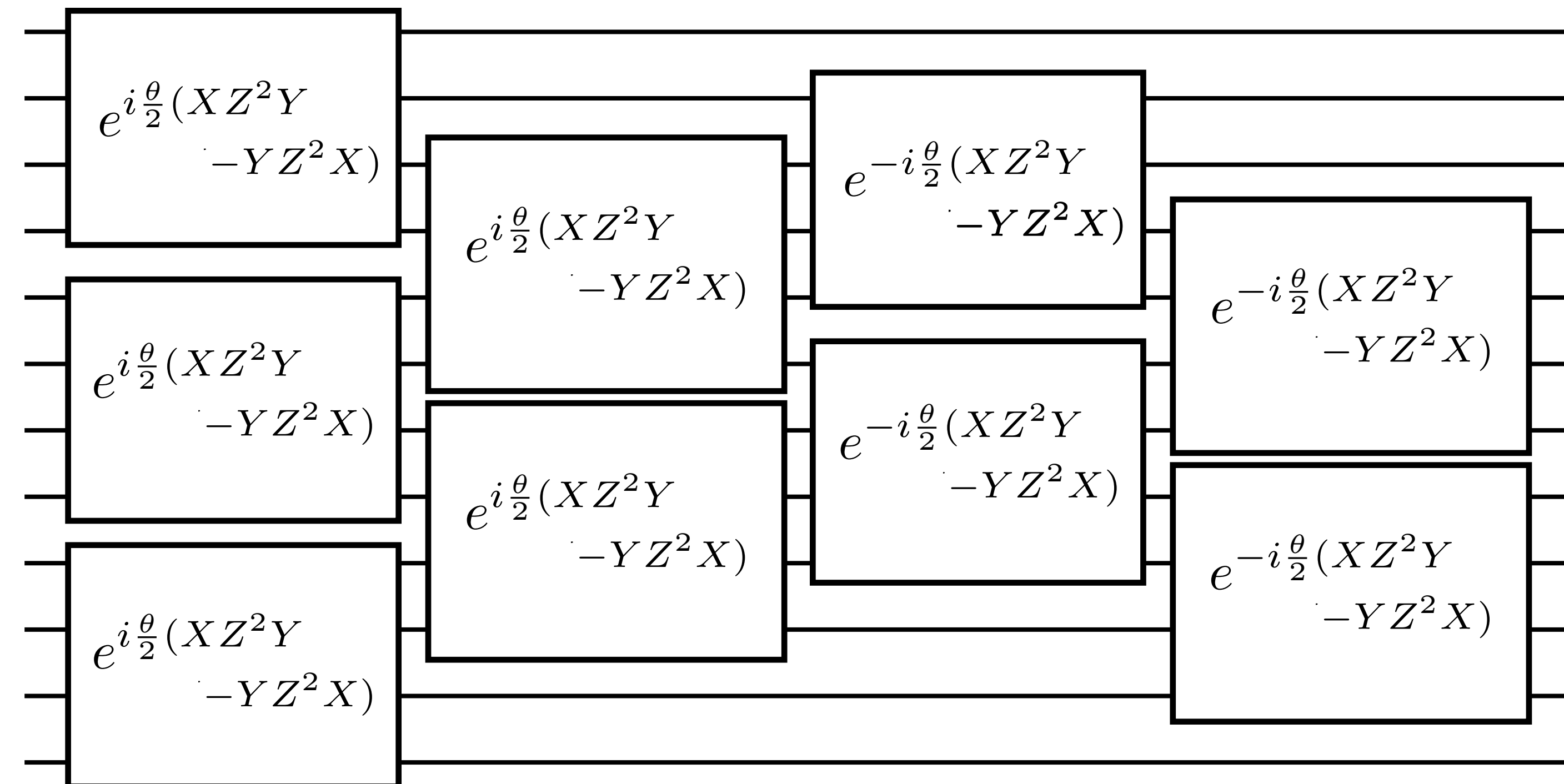
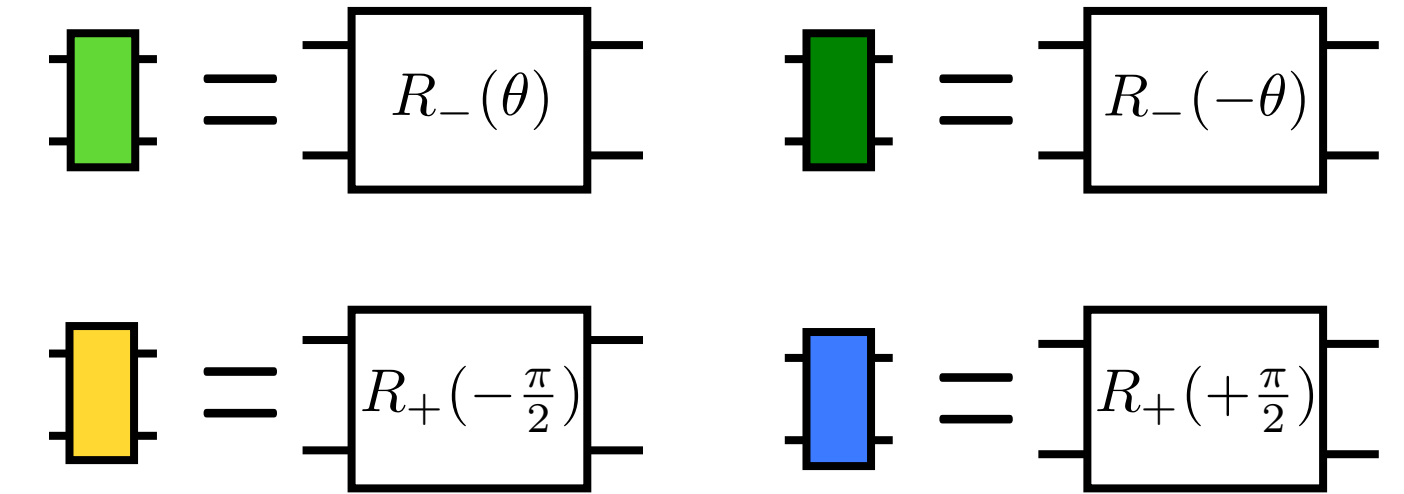


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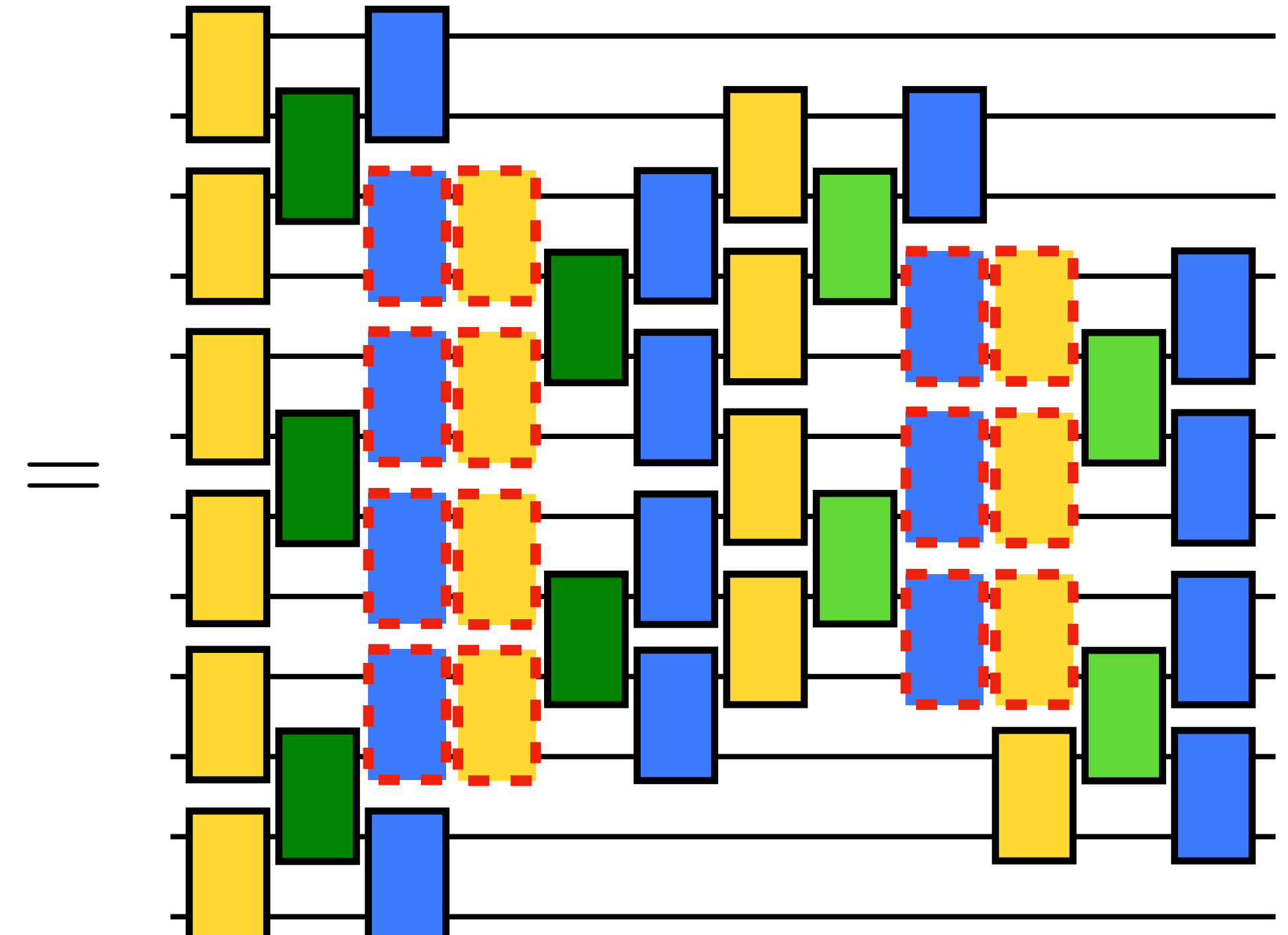
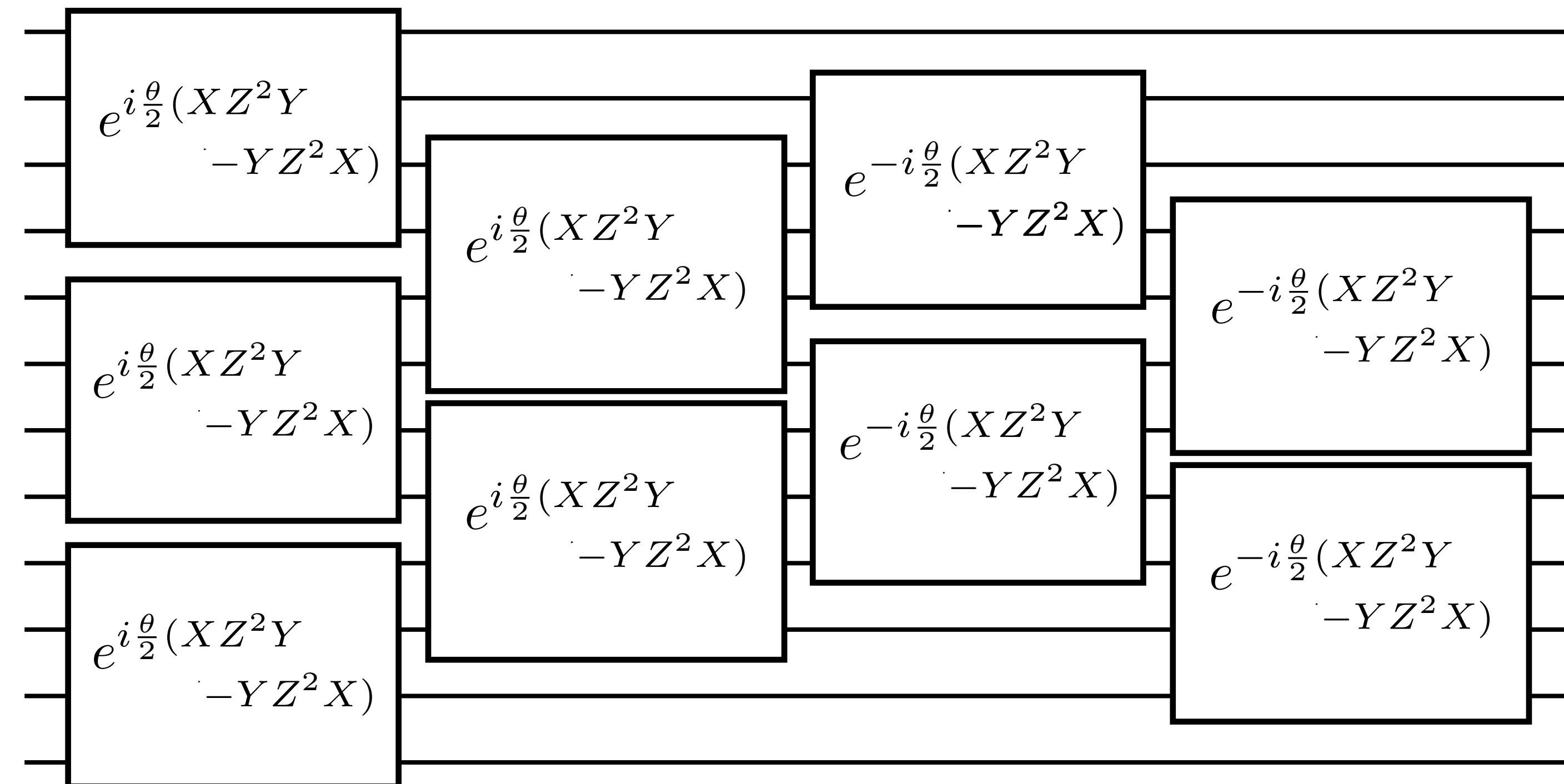
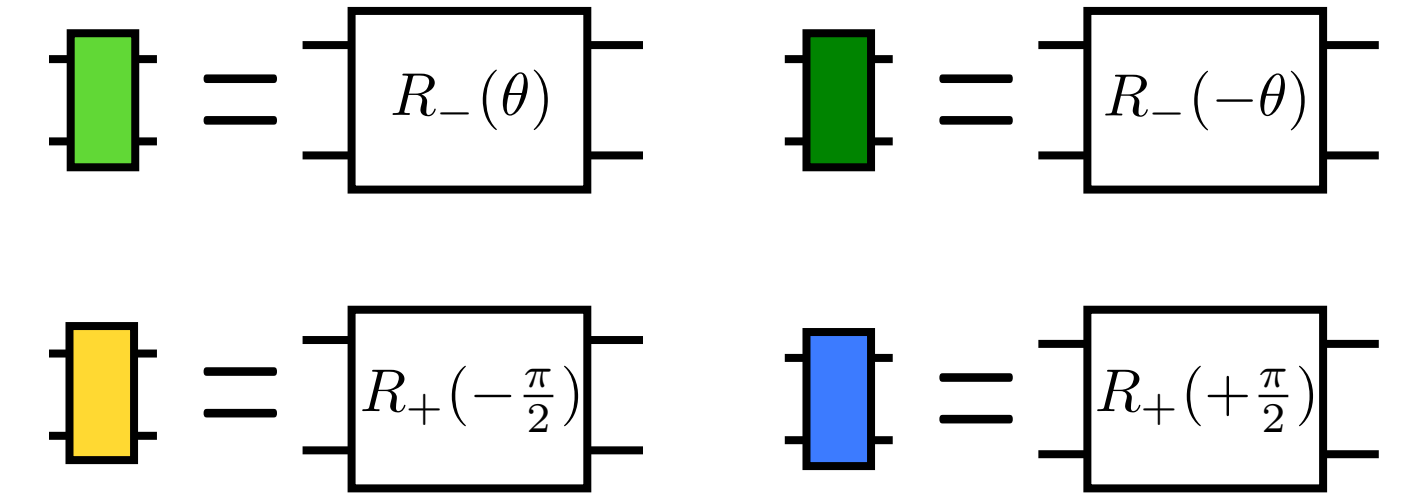


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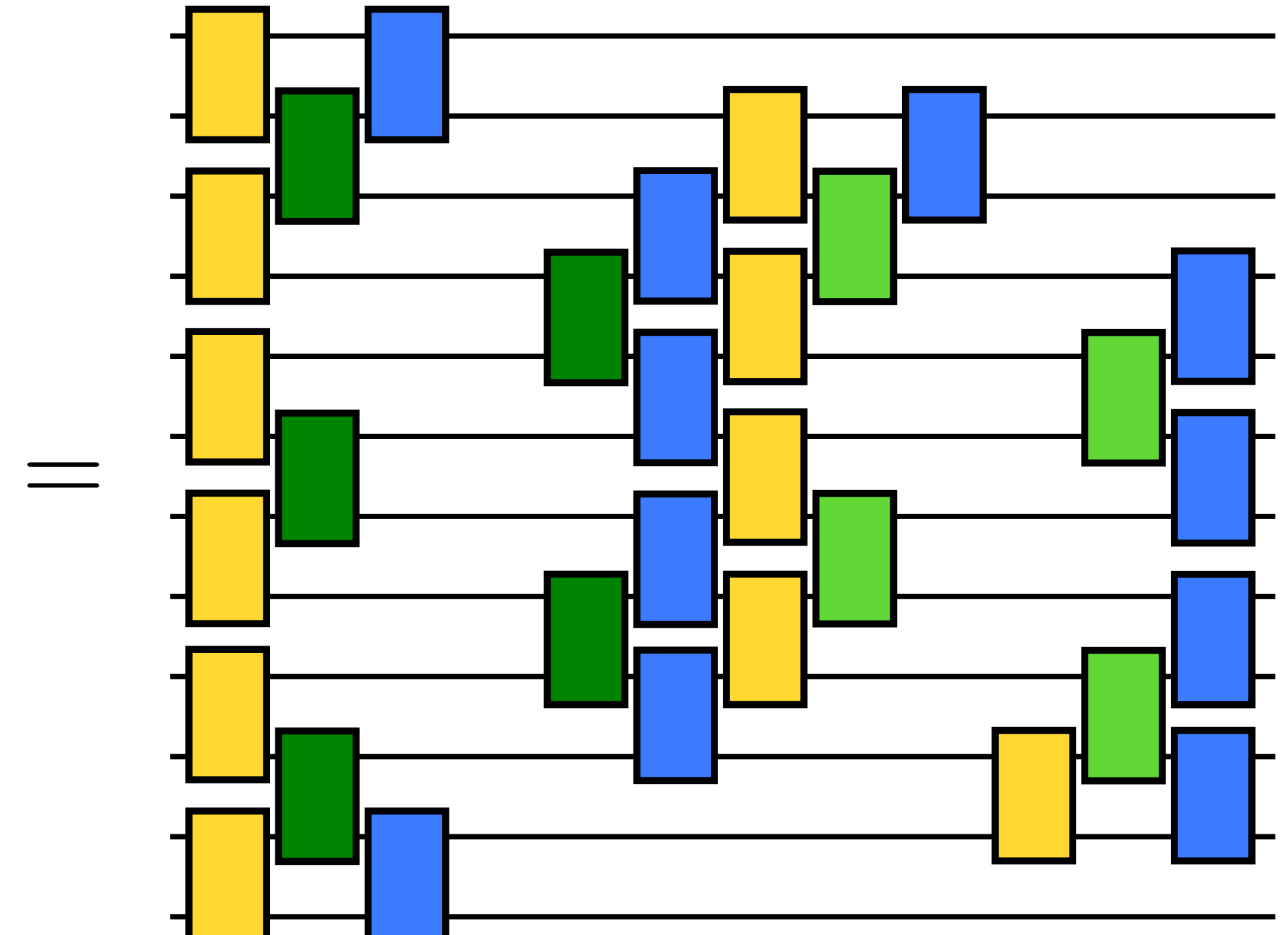
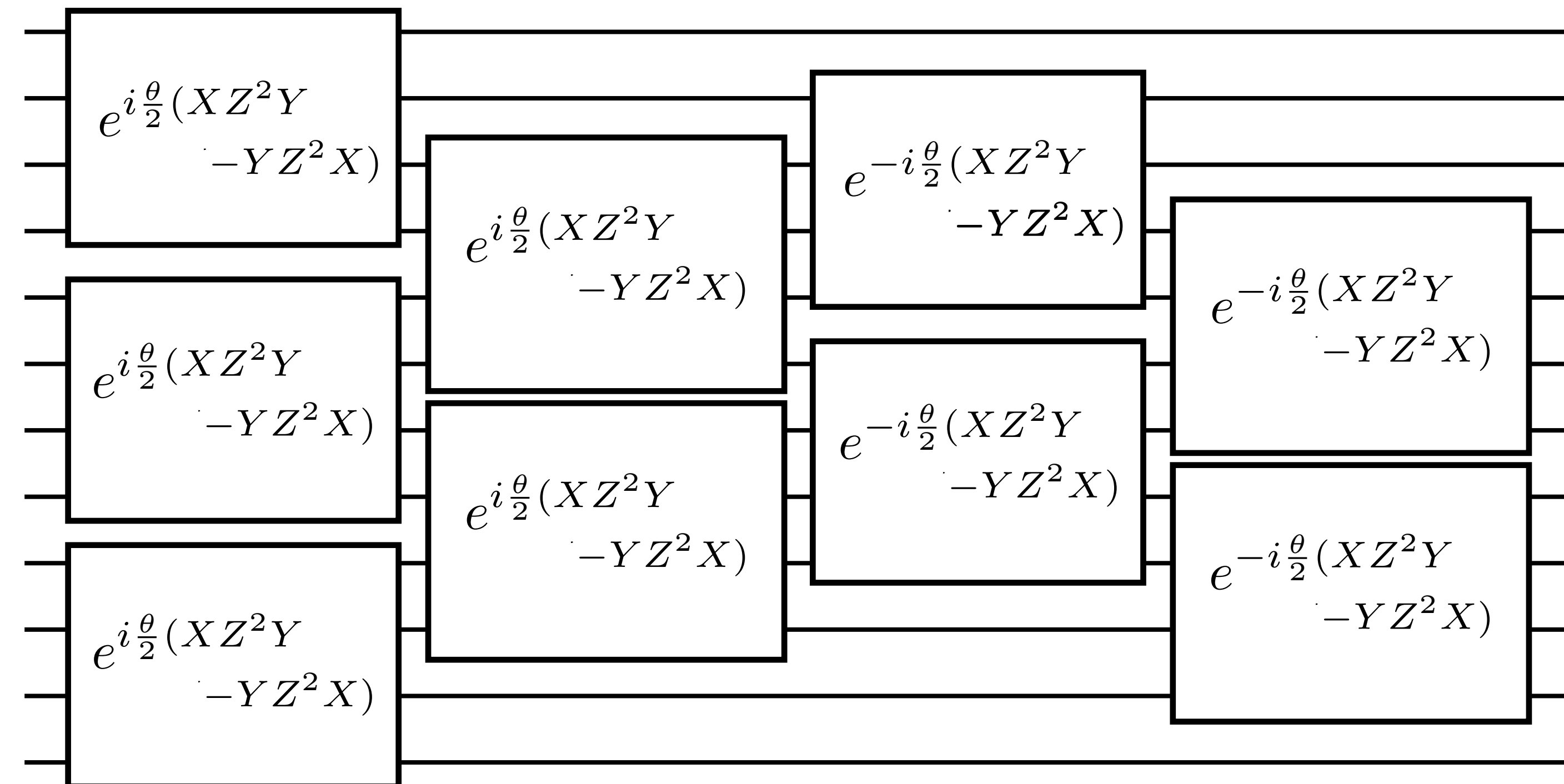
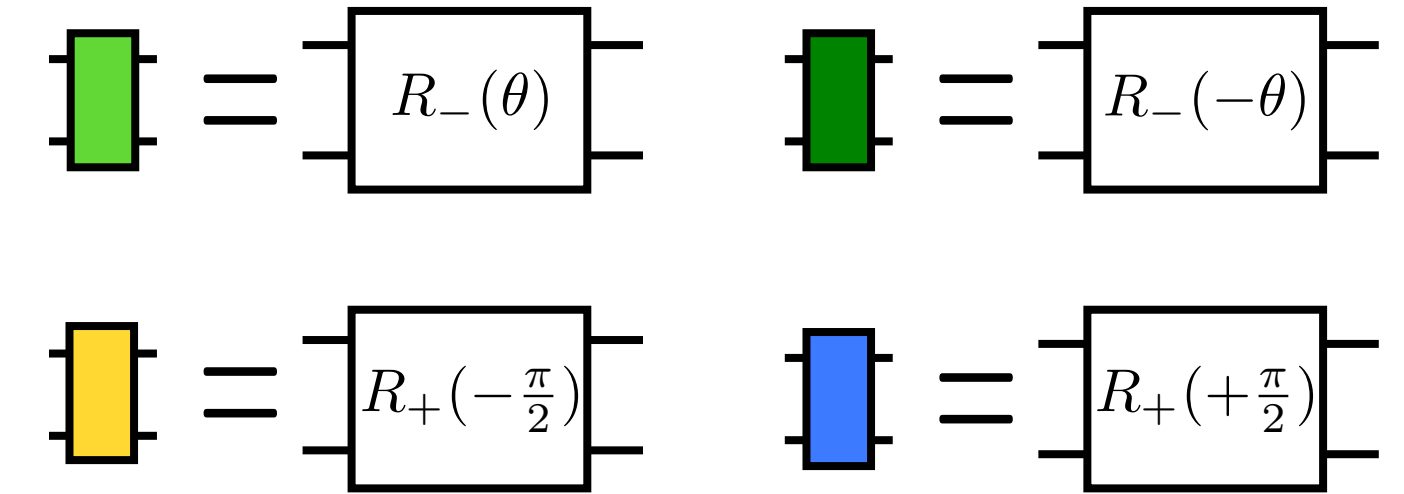


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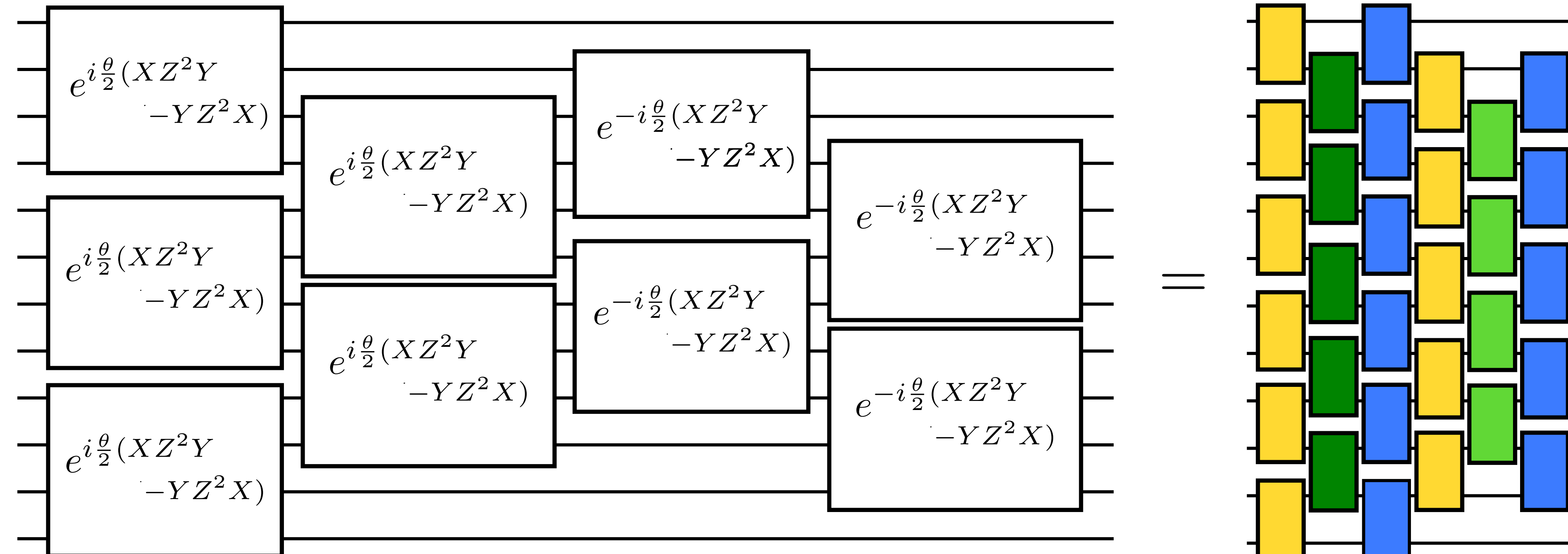
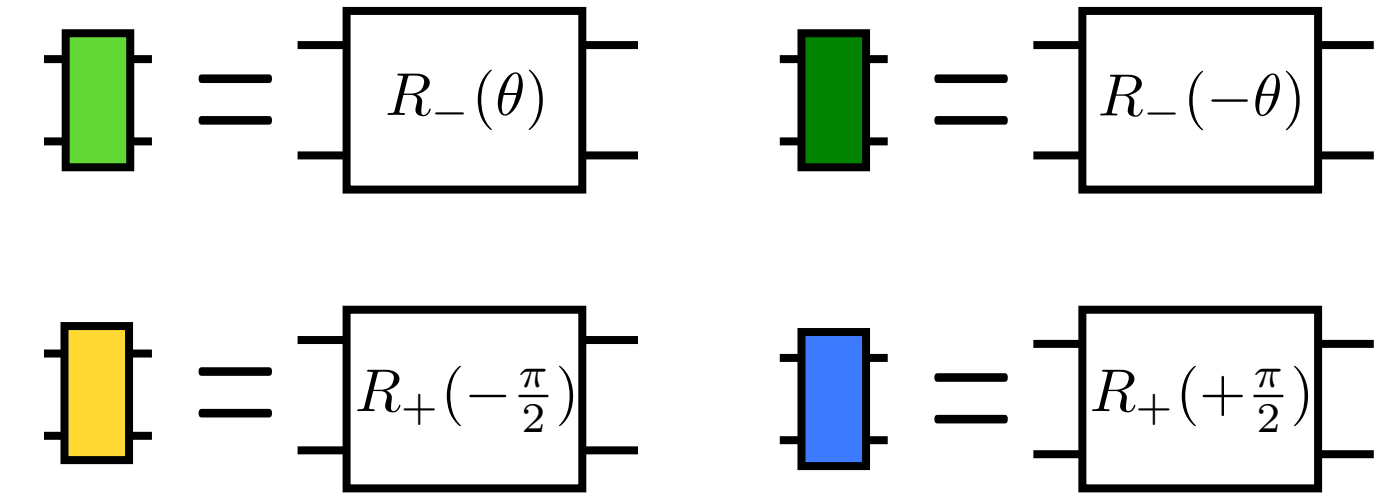


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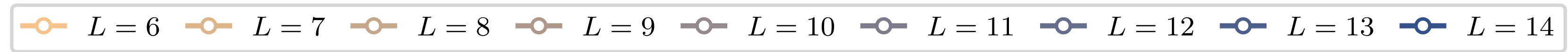
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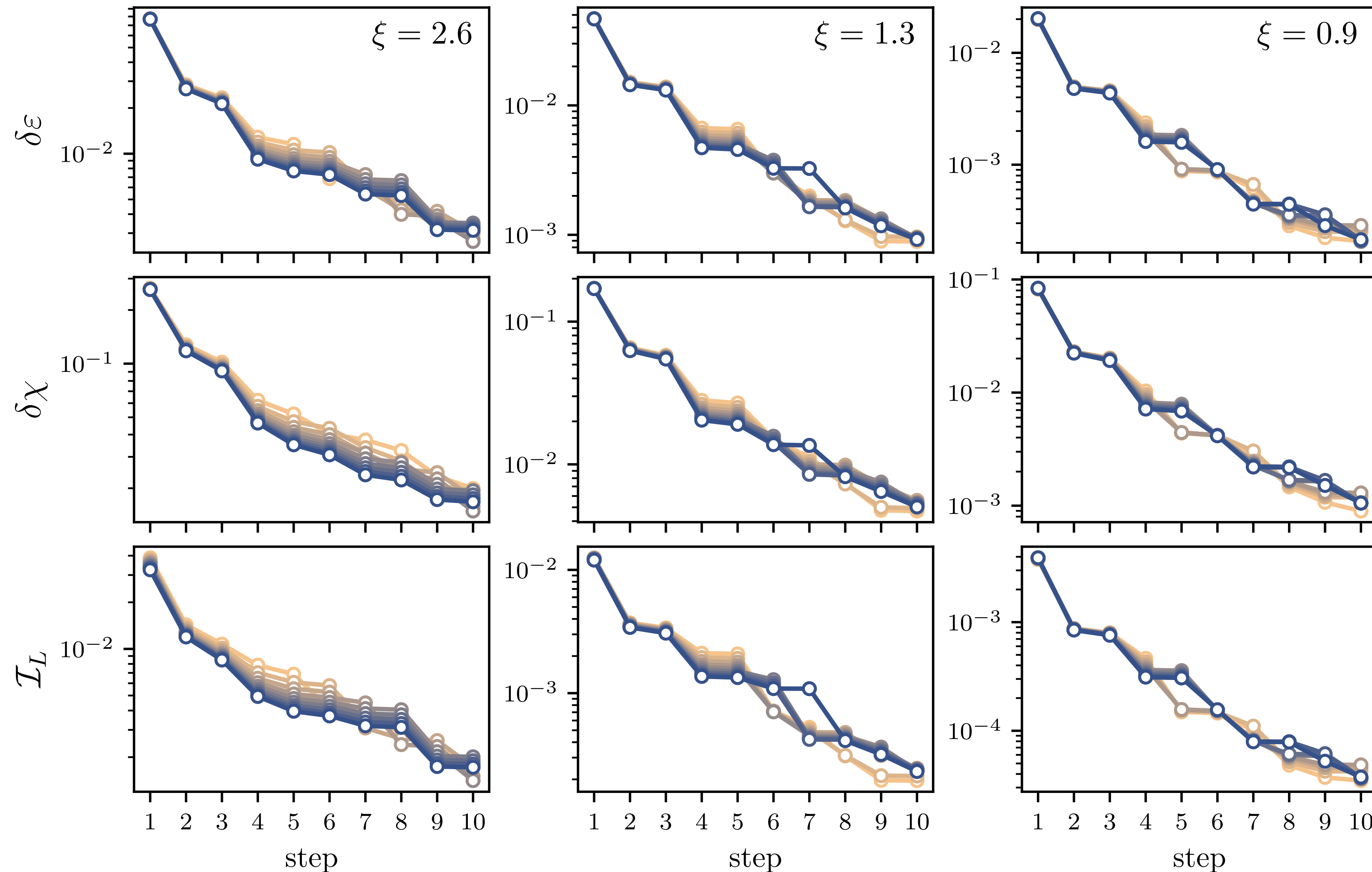
# Convergence as a function of Layers (using classical resources)



$m = 0.1, g = 0.3$

$m = 0.1, g = 0.8$

$m = 0.5, g = 0.3$



$$\delta x = \left| \frac{x^{(\text{aVQE})} - x^{(\text{exact})}}{x^{(\text{exact})}} \right|$$

$$\varepsilon = \langle \hat{H} \rangle / L$$

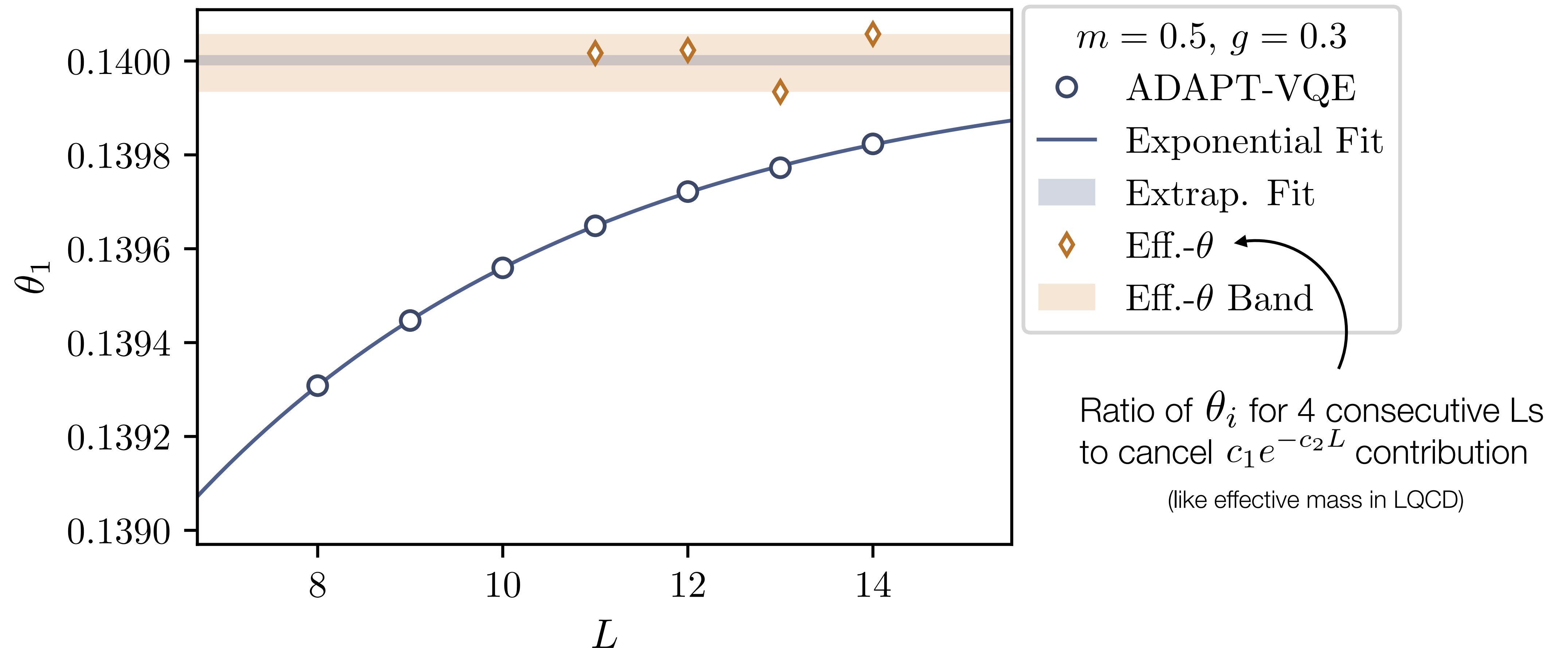
$$\chi = \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{L} \sum_i \langle \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{I}_L = \frac{1}{L} (1 - |\langle \psi_{\text{ansatz}} | \psi_{\text{exact}} \rangle|^2)$$

# Convergence as a function of Layers (using classical resources)

Having exponentially-decaying correlations, and in volumes large enough to contain the longest correlation length, the variational parameters are expected to be exponentially close to their infinite-volume values.

$$\theta_i(L) = \theta_i^\infty + c_1 e^{-c_2 L}$$

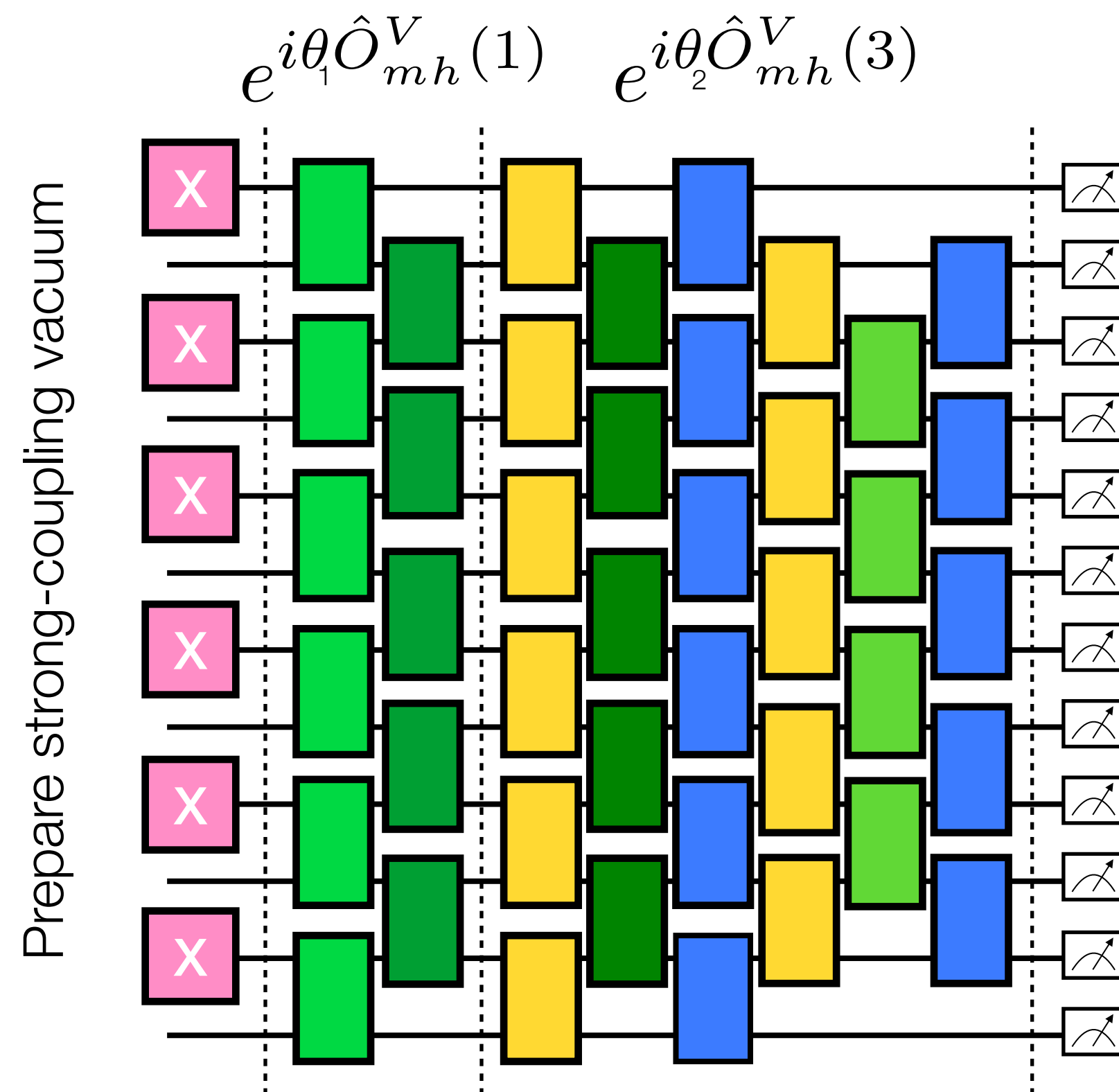




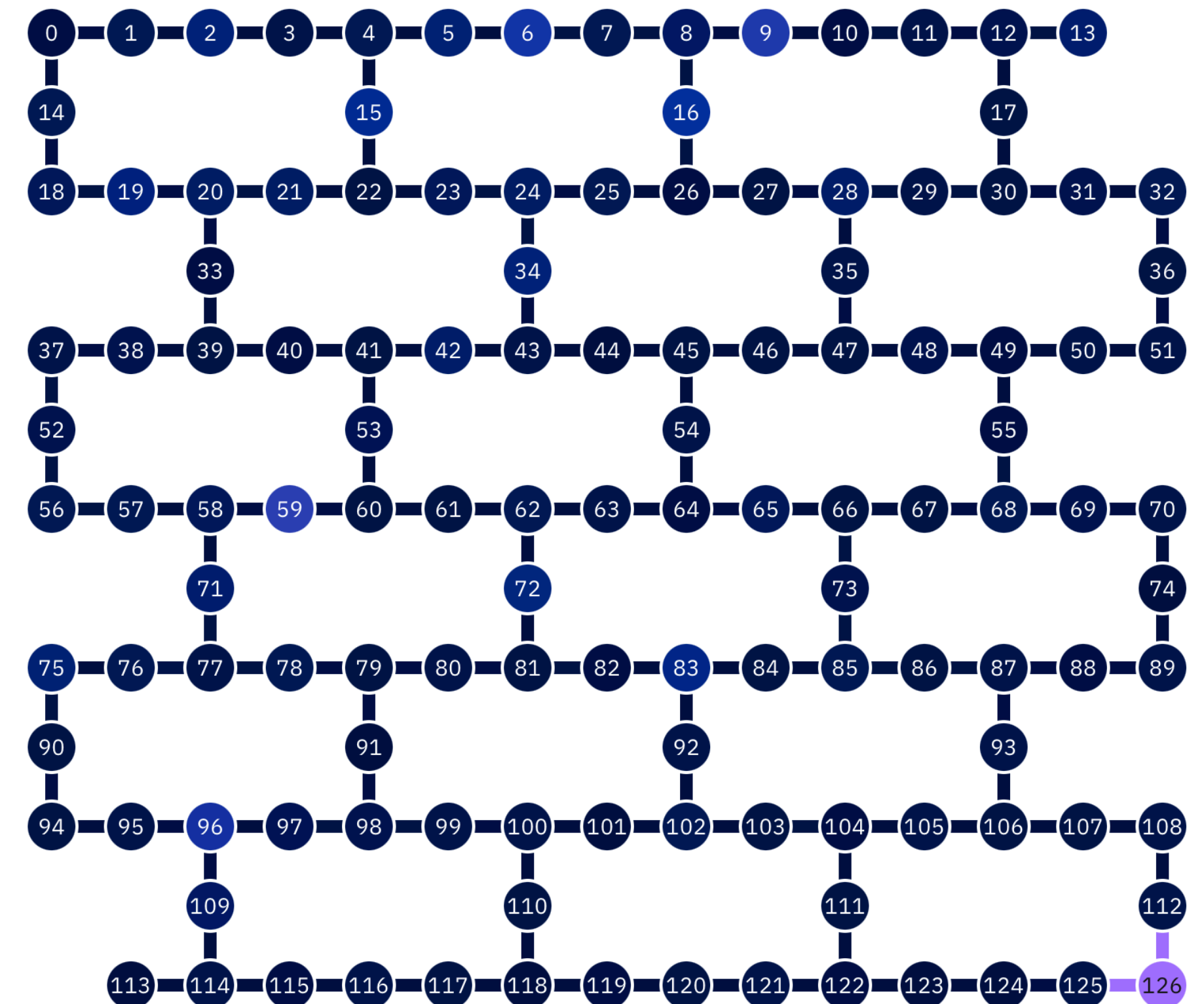
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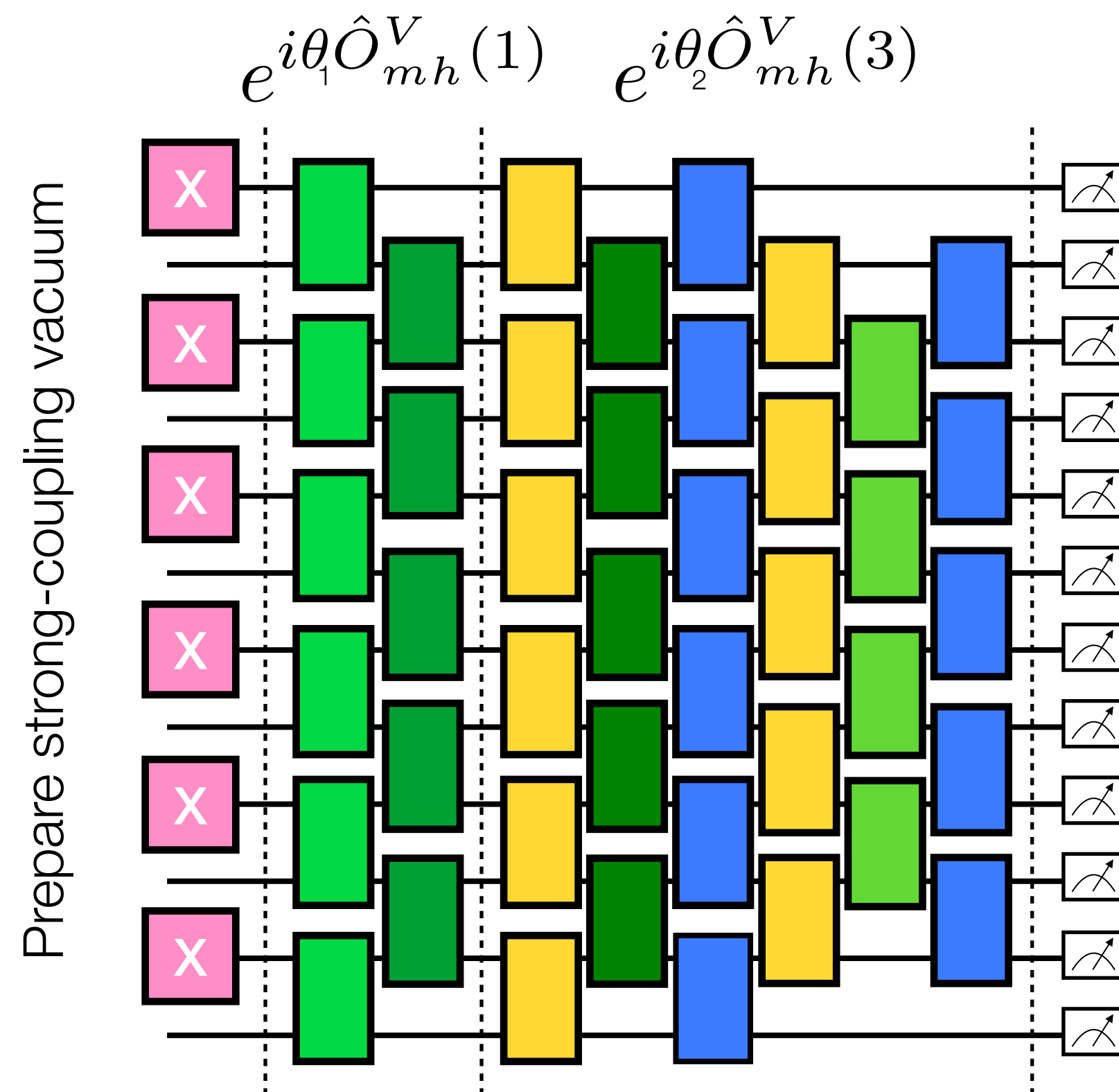
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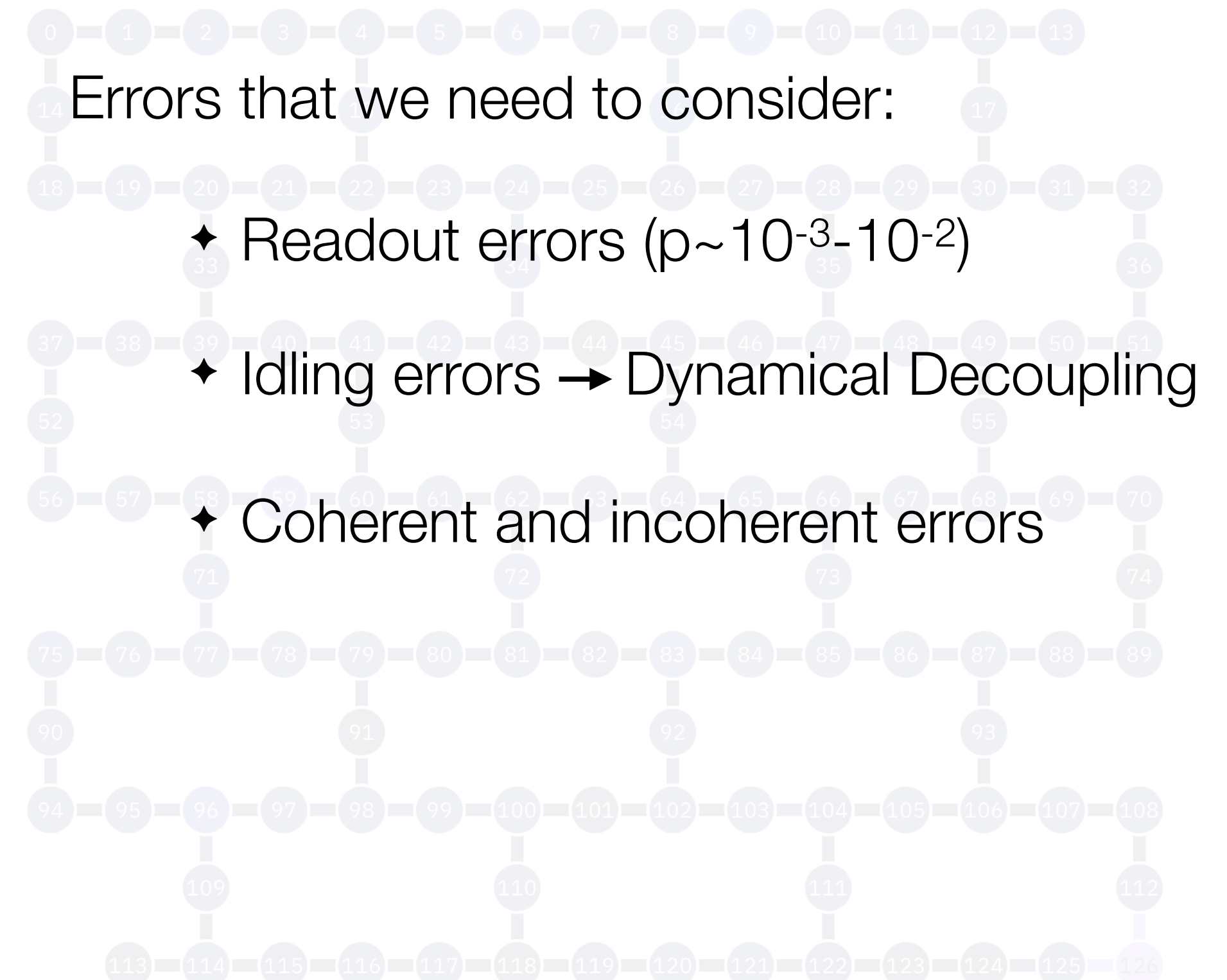
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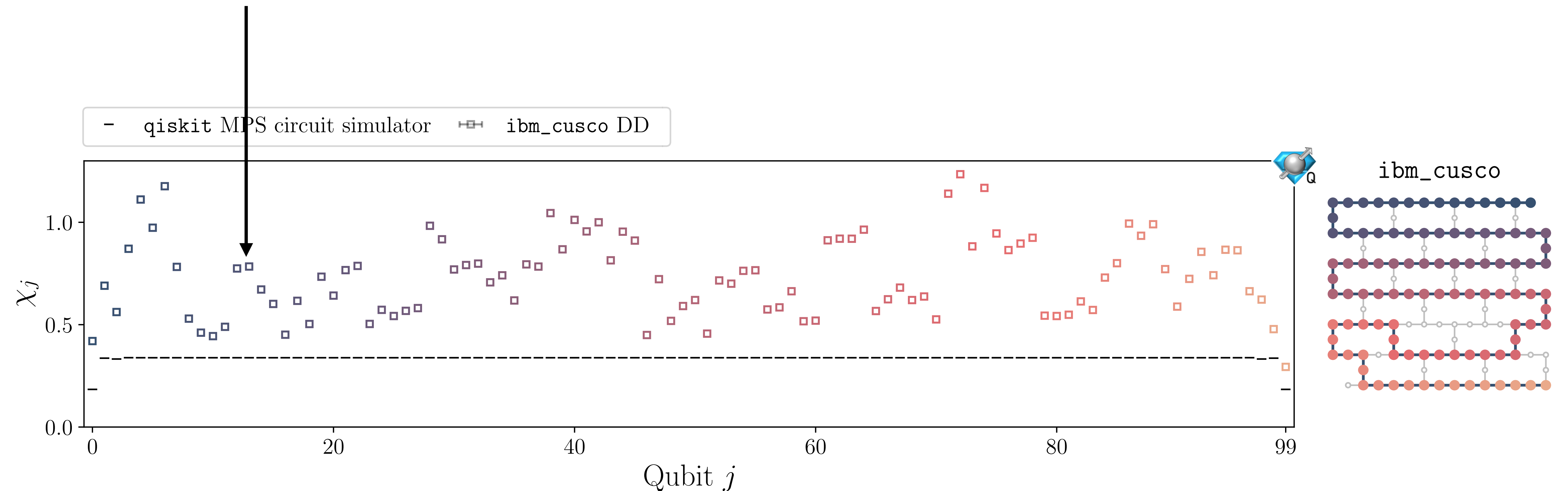
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# Running on a Quantum Computer: Chiral Condensate

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There are still additional errors  $\longrightarrow$  Main contribution coming from 2-qubit gates, i.e., CNOTs



# Mitigating the noise

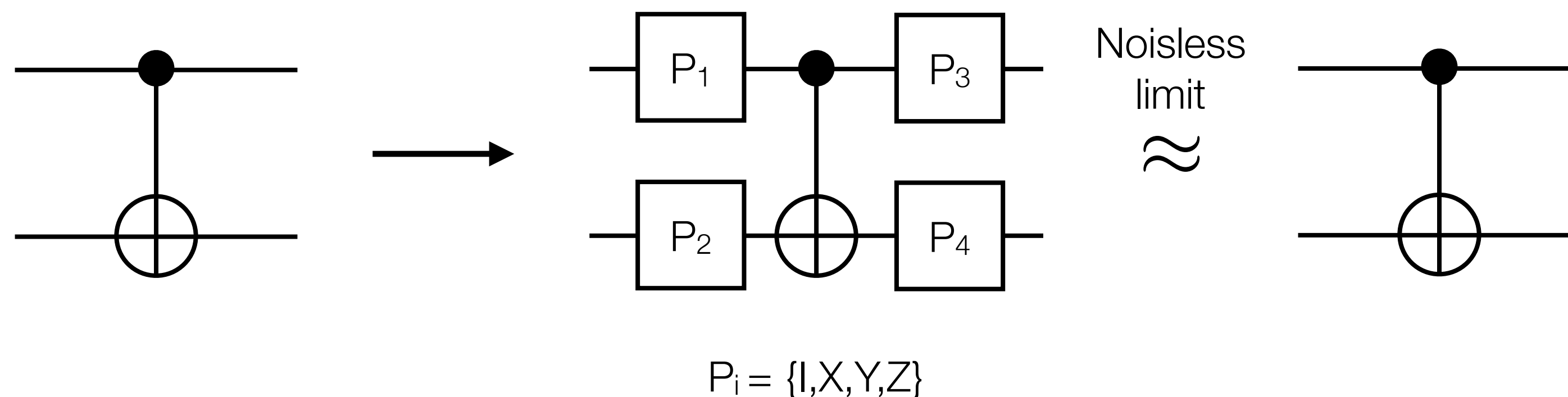
On a quantum computer, we have to deal with:

- ◆ Incoherent (stochastic) noise: relaxation and dephasing (T1 and T2 times)
- ◆ Coherent noise: unitary rotations caused by miscalibrations or cross-talk

We know how to deal with incoherent noise (later), but not with coherent noise. However, there is a way to transform coherent noise into incoherent noise



## Pauli Twirling (or randomized compiling)

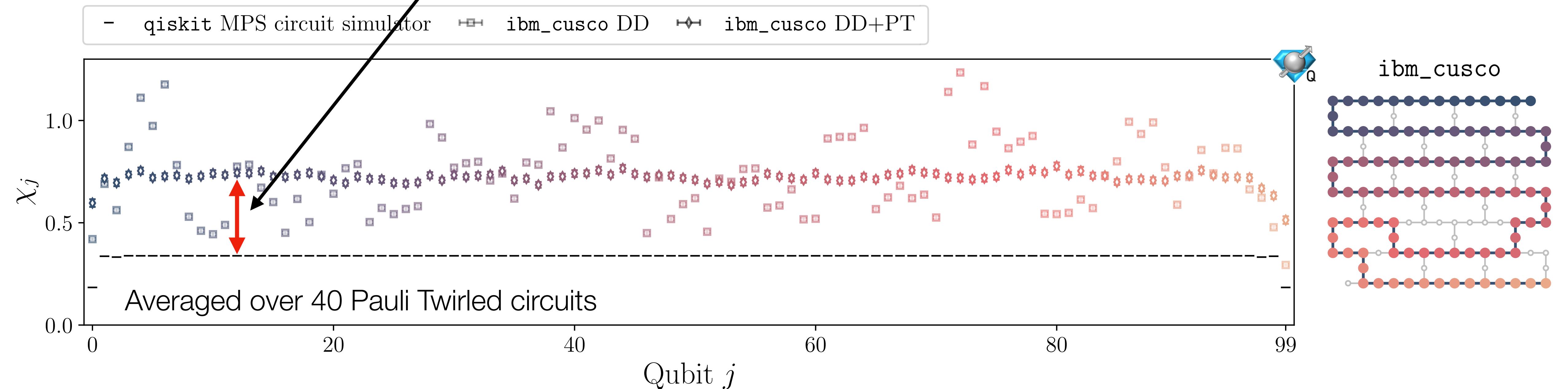


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**Operator Decoherence Renormalization (ODR)**



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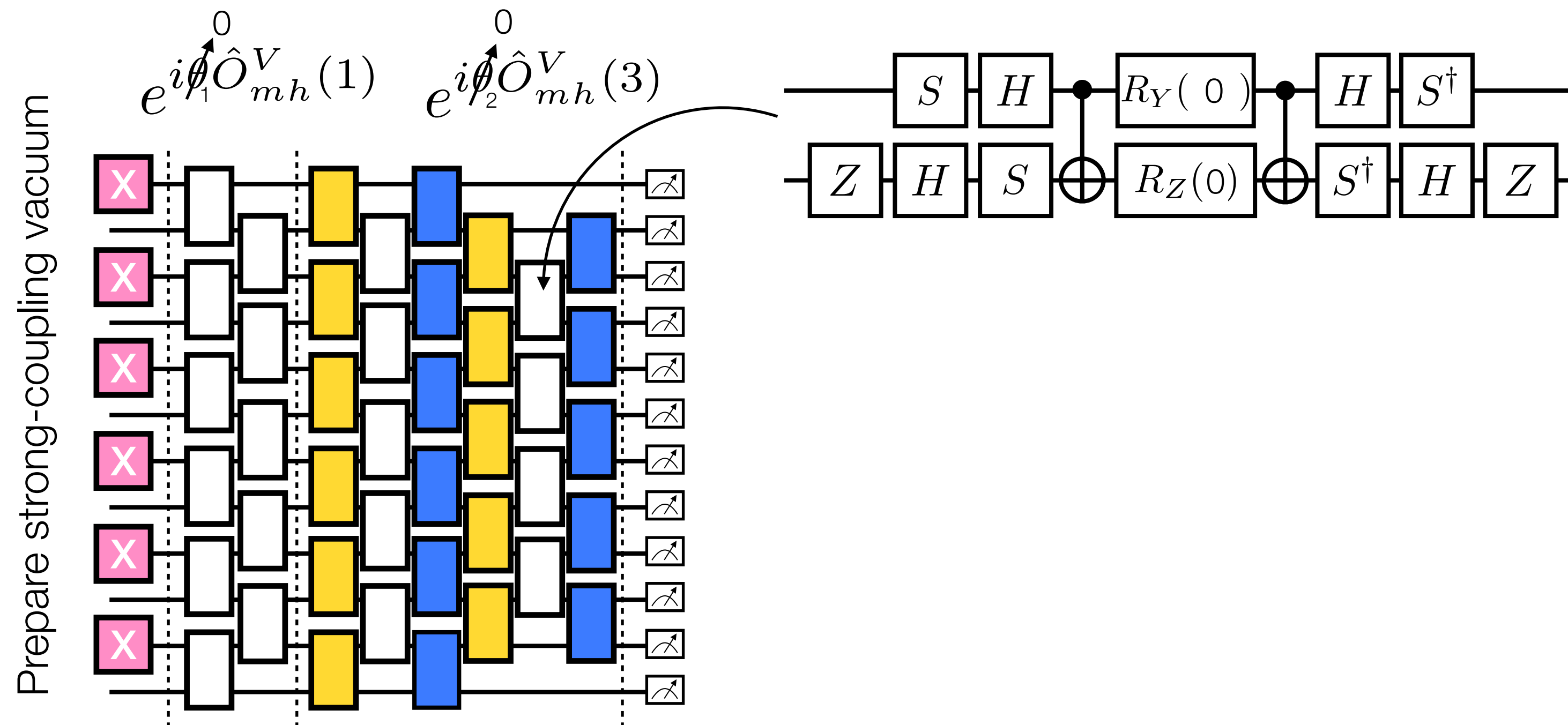
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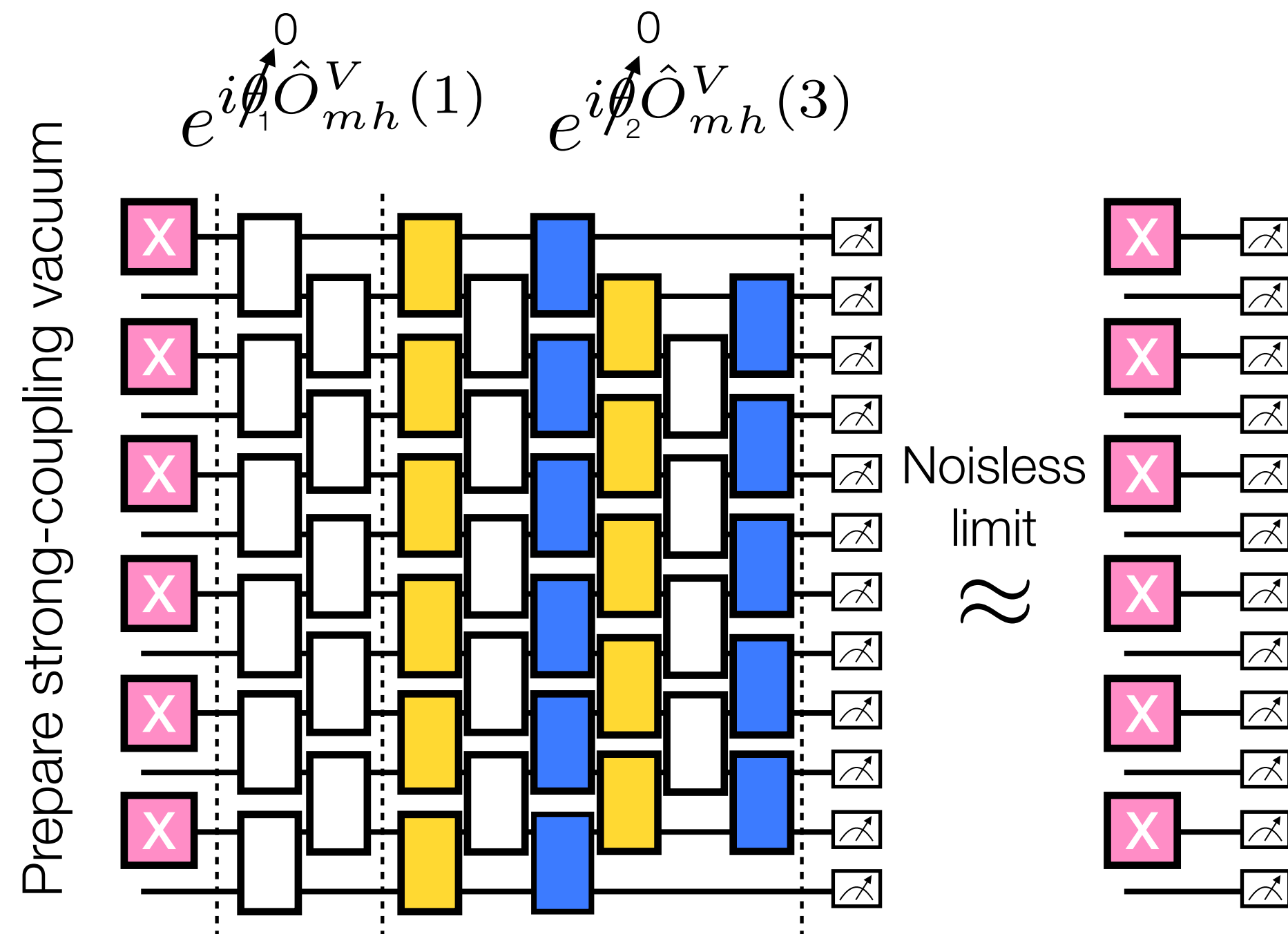
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We call this the **mitigation circuit**, which has the same structure as the physics circuit, but we know the noiseless output

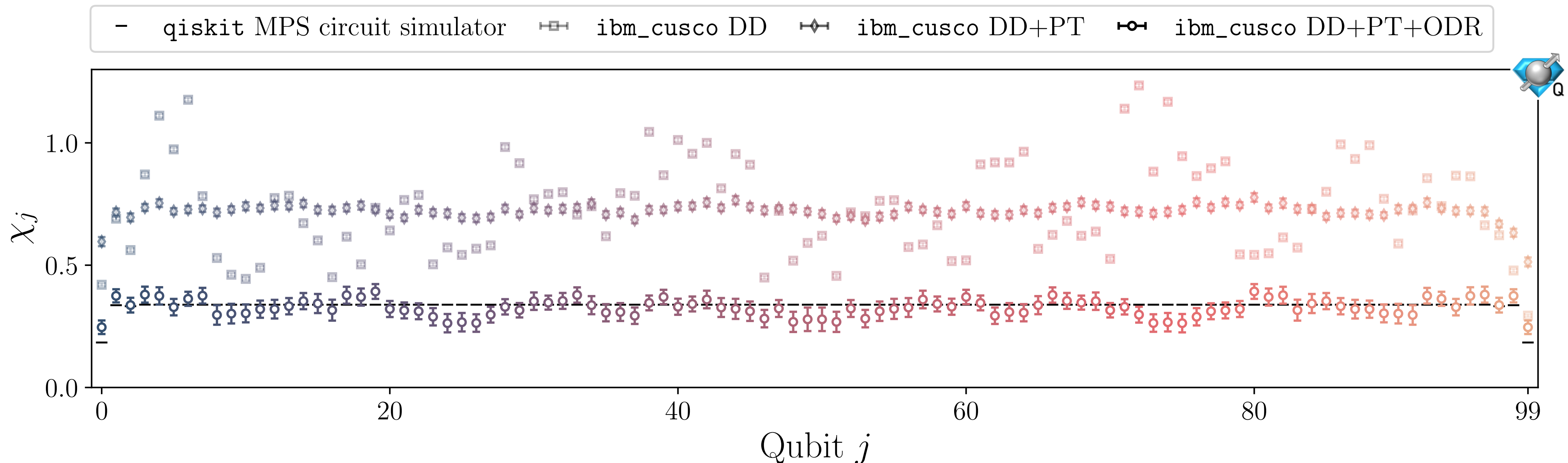
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After applying Pauli Twirling + ODR,  
results agree within statistical uncertainty



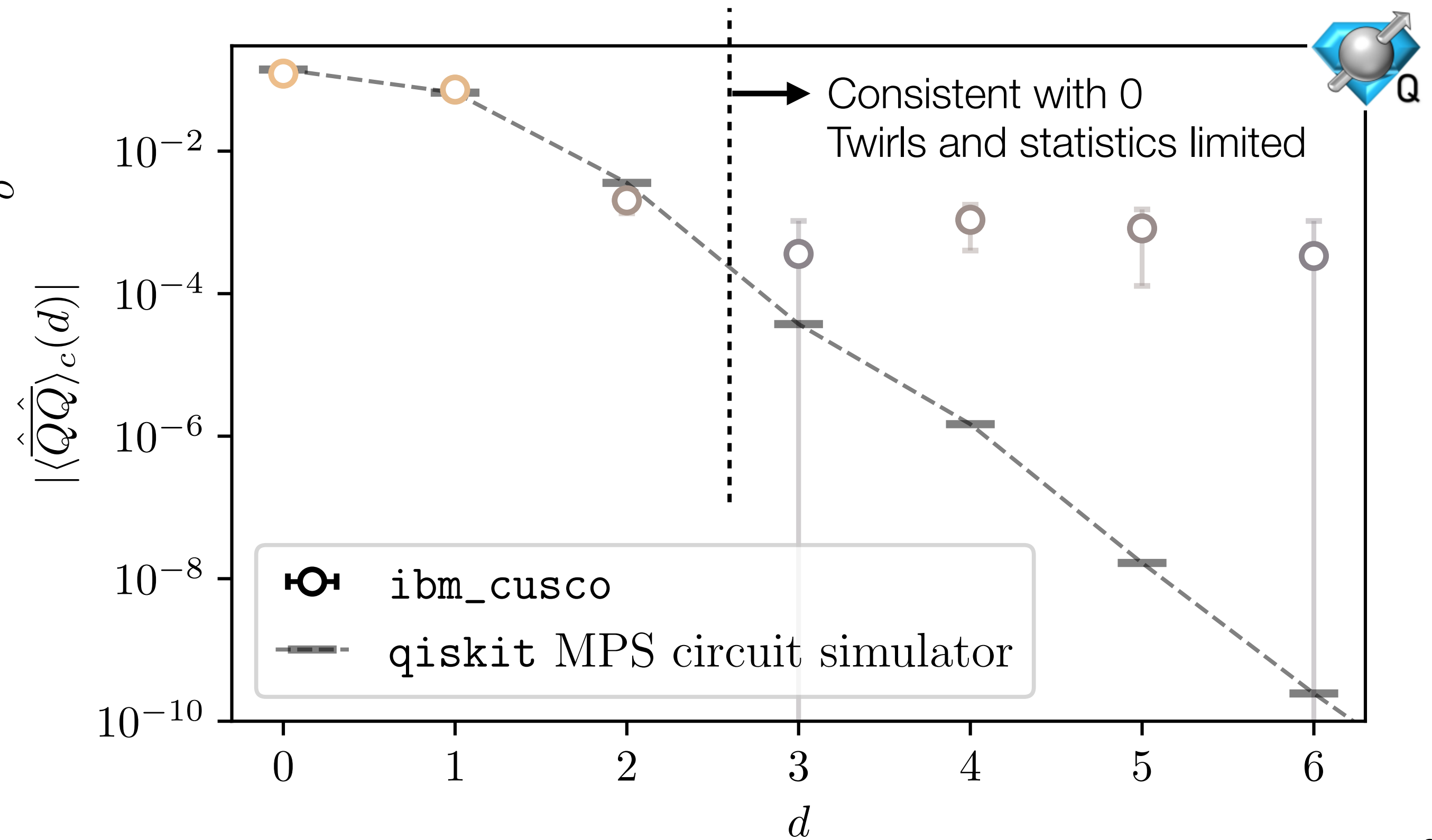
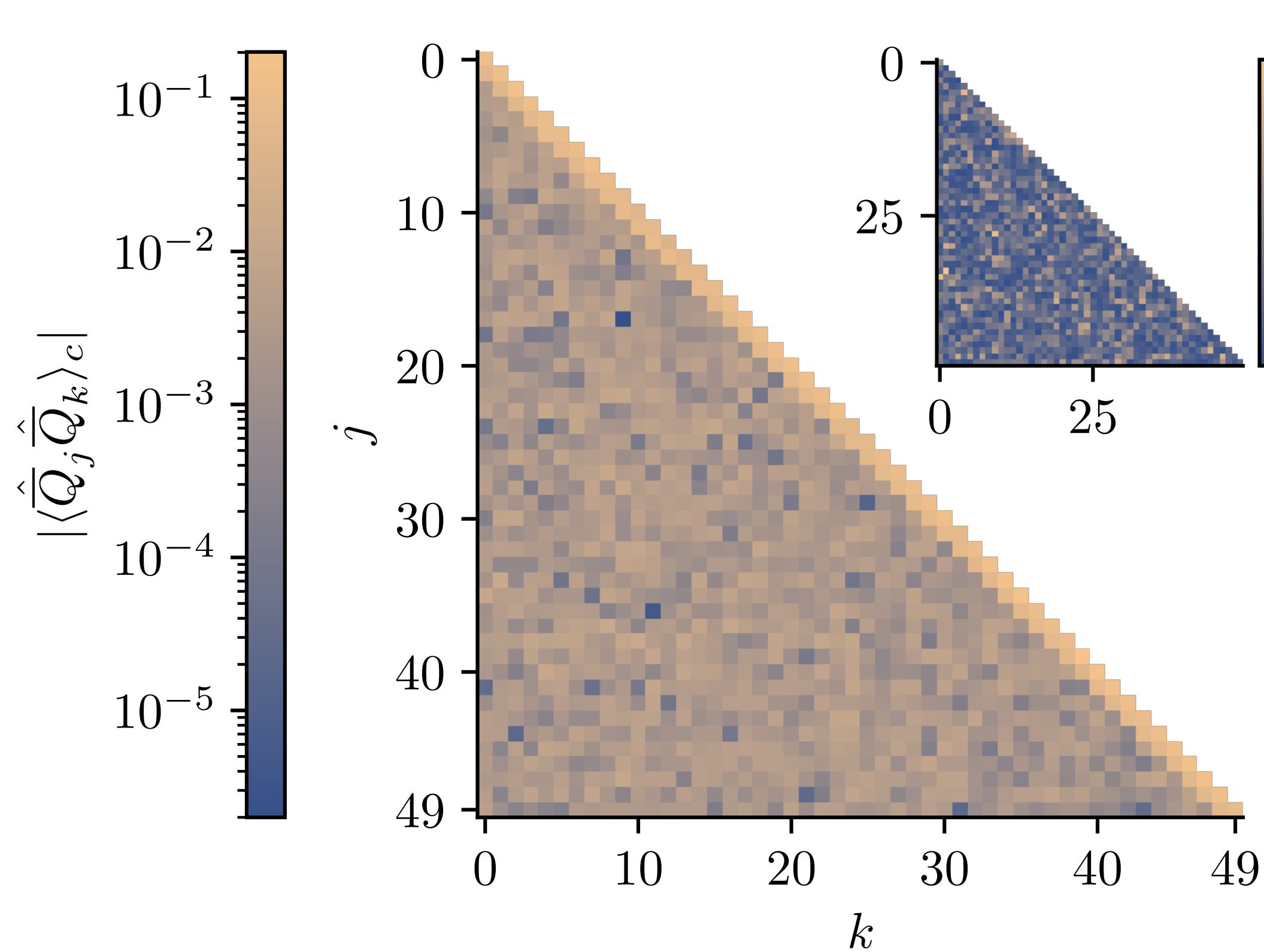
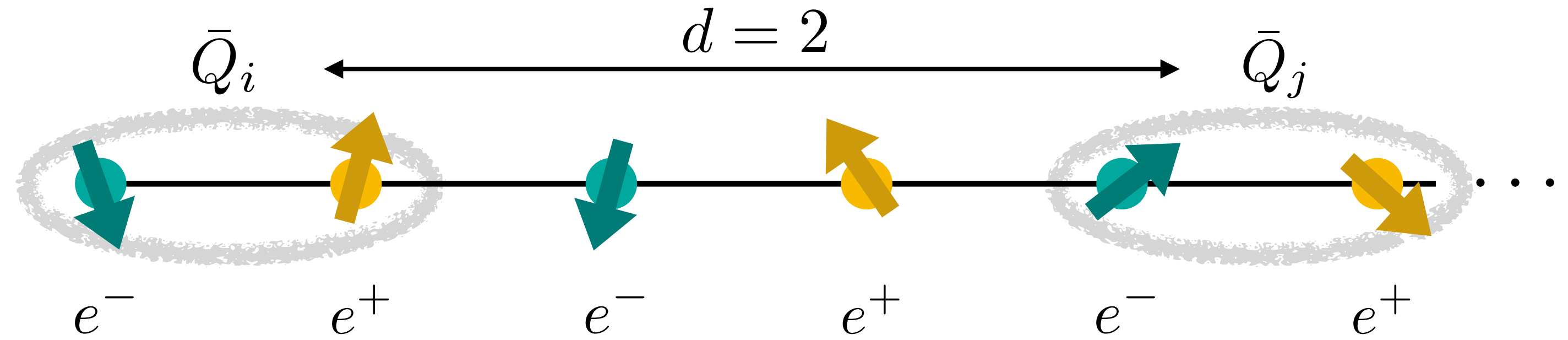
40 mitigation circuits + 40 physics circuits  
= 80 circuits  
w/ 8000 shots each





# Running on a Quantum Computer: QQ Correlations

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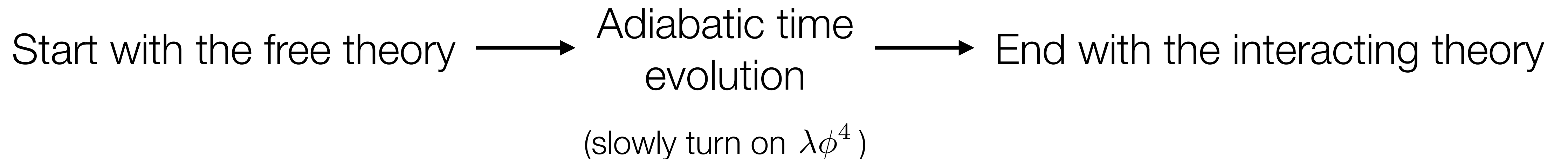


**Once we have prepared the vacuum,  
we can study some dynamics**

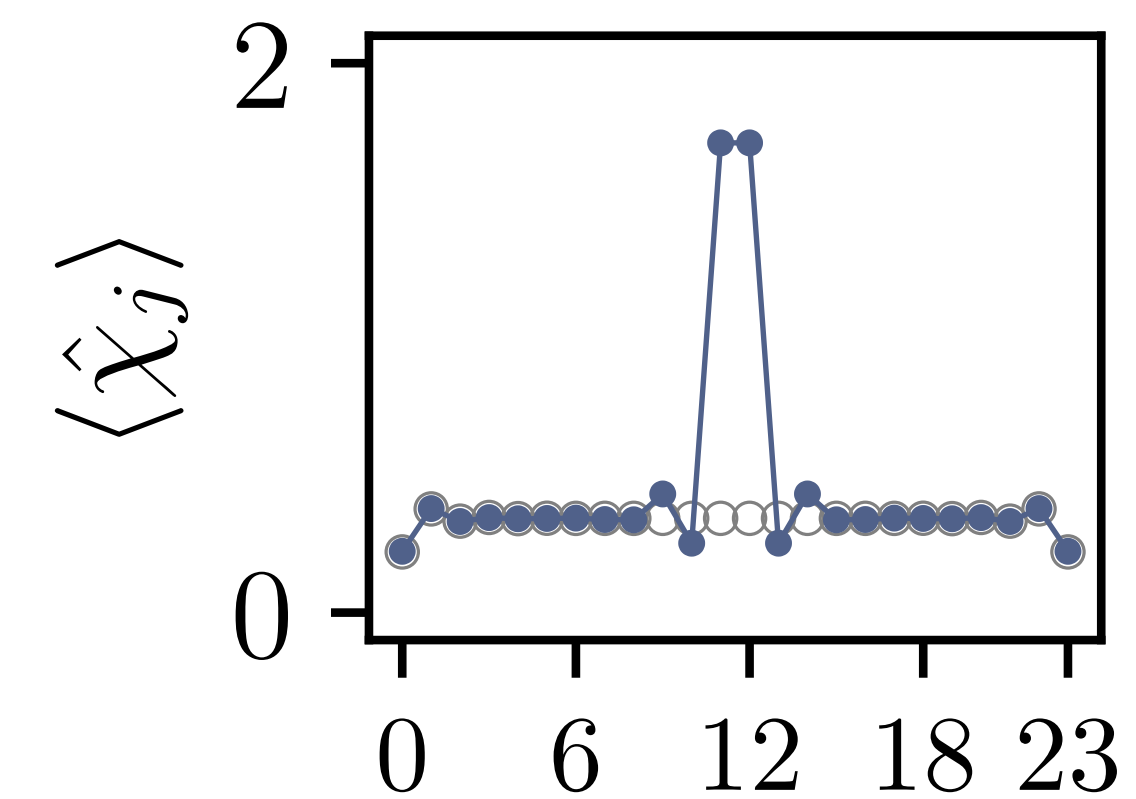
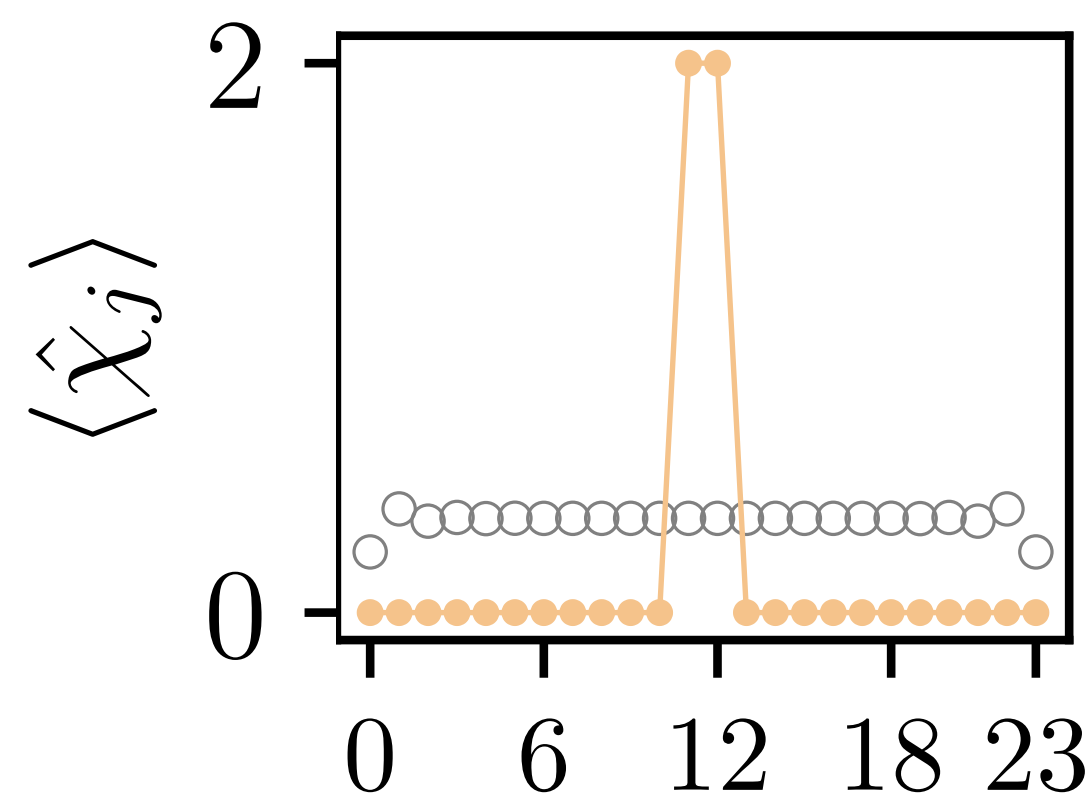
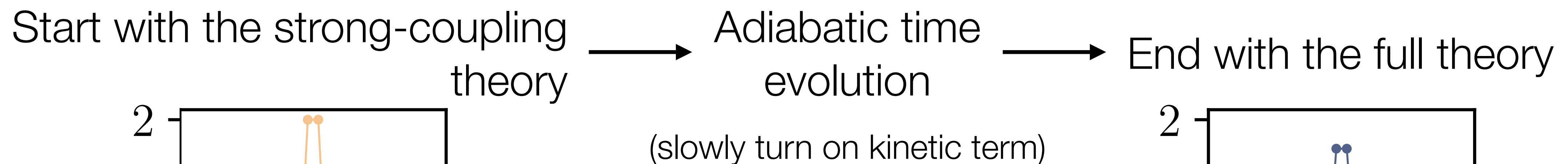
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S. P. Jordan, K. S. M. Lee, J. Preskill, QIC (2014)

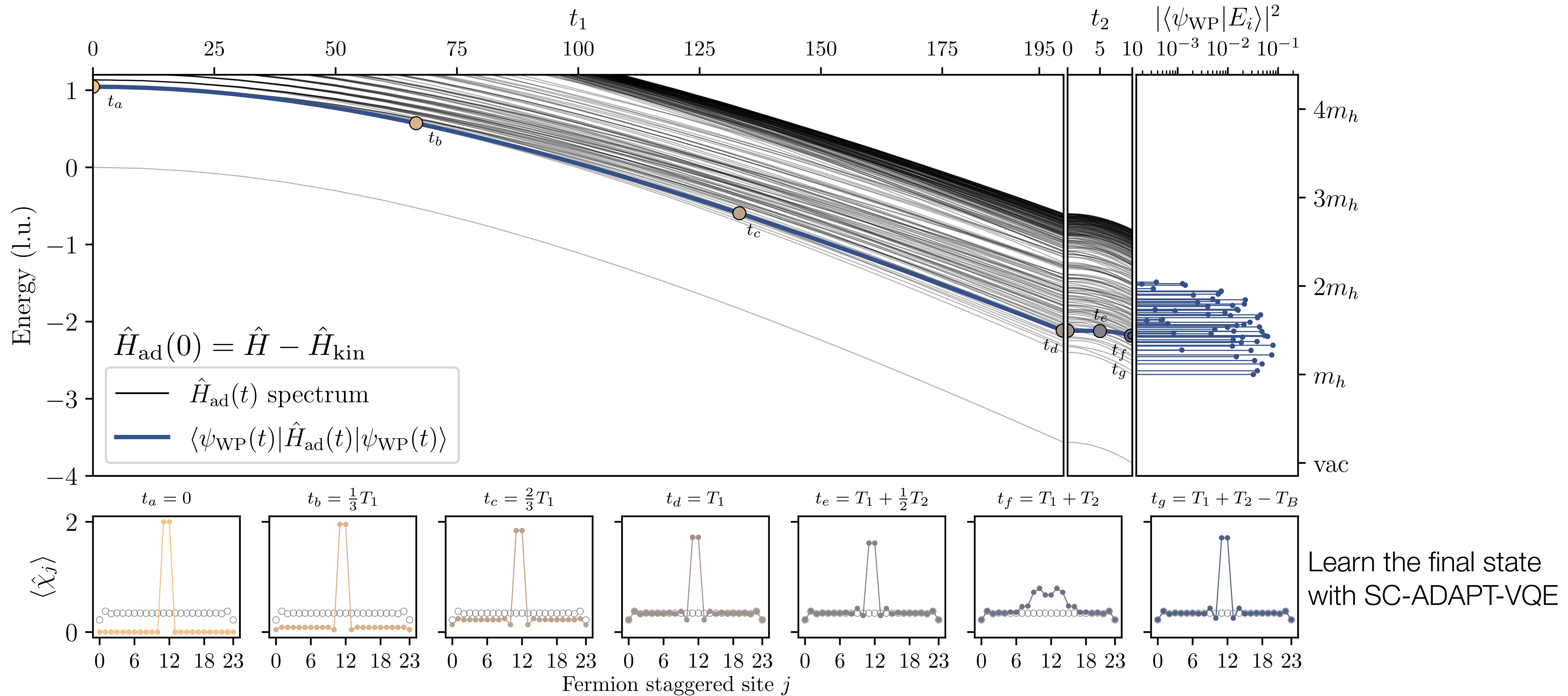
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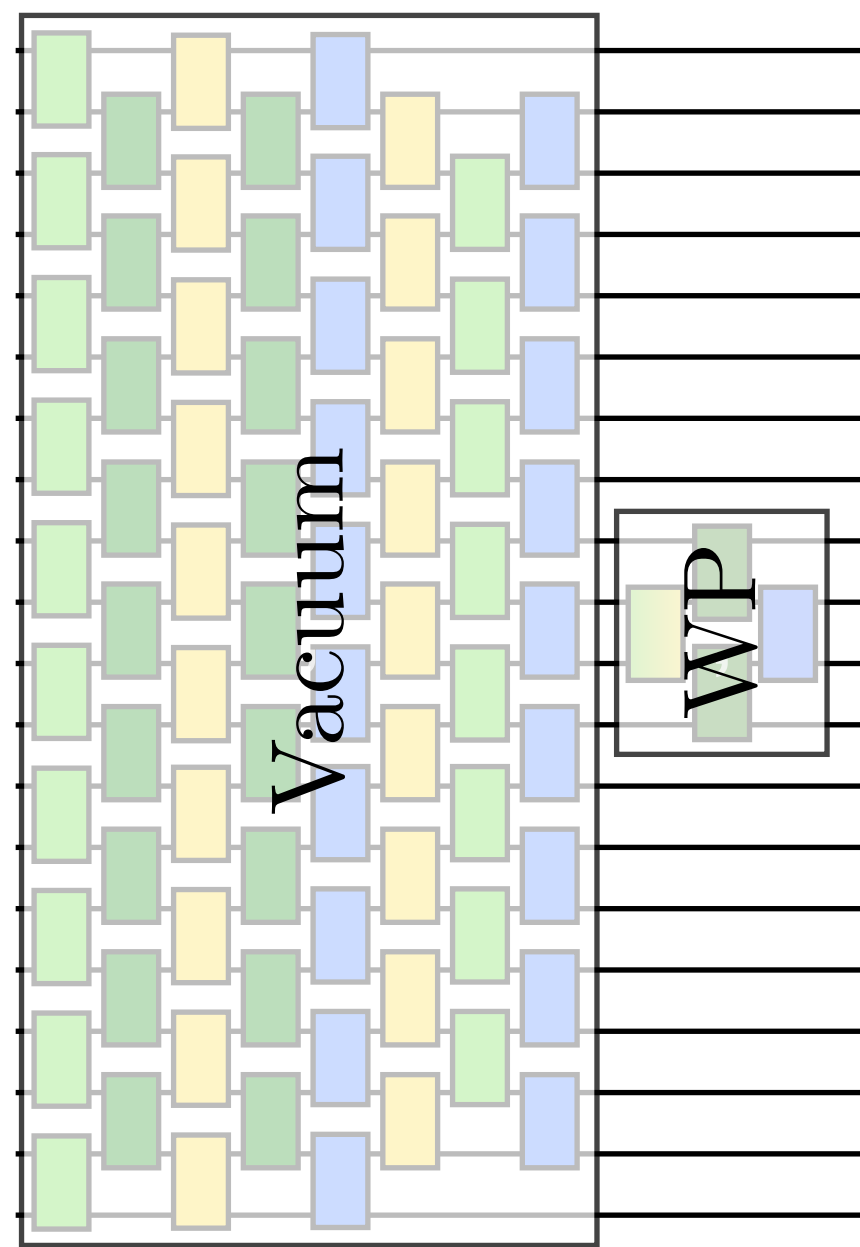
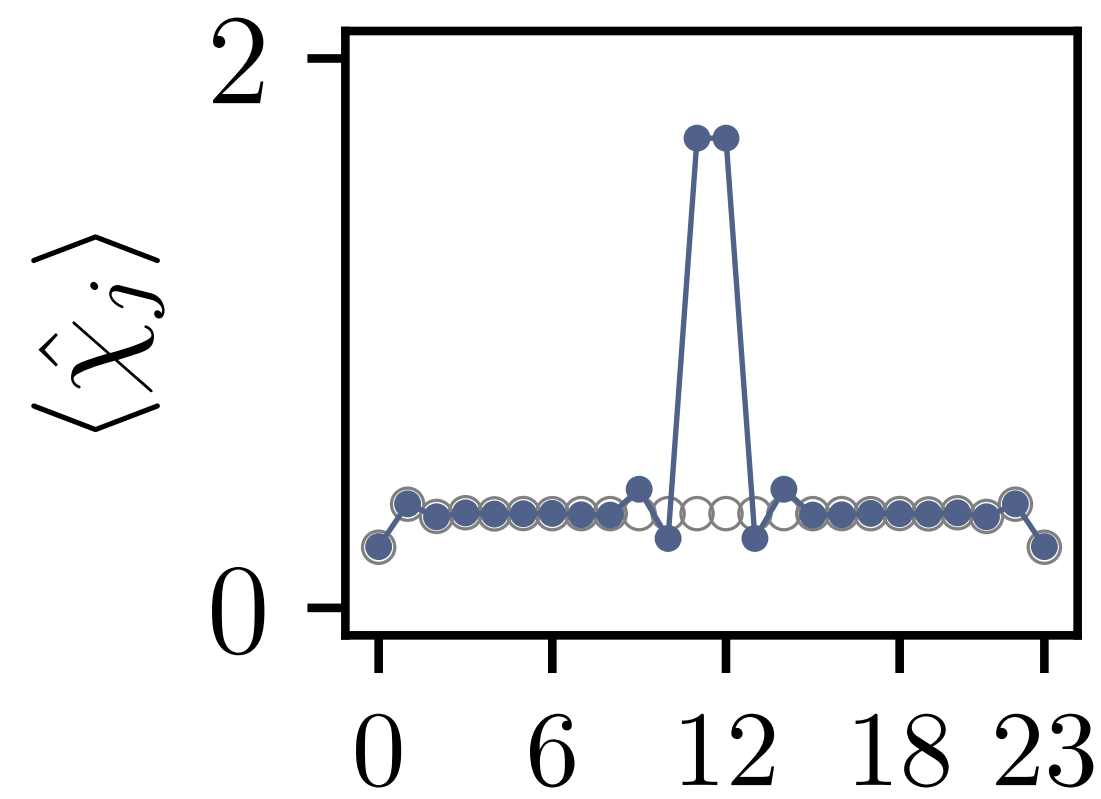
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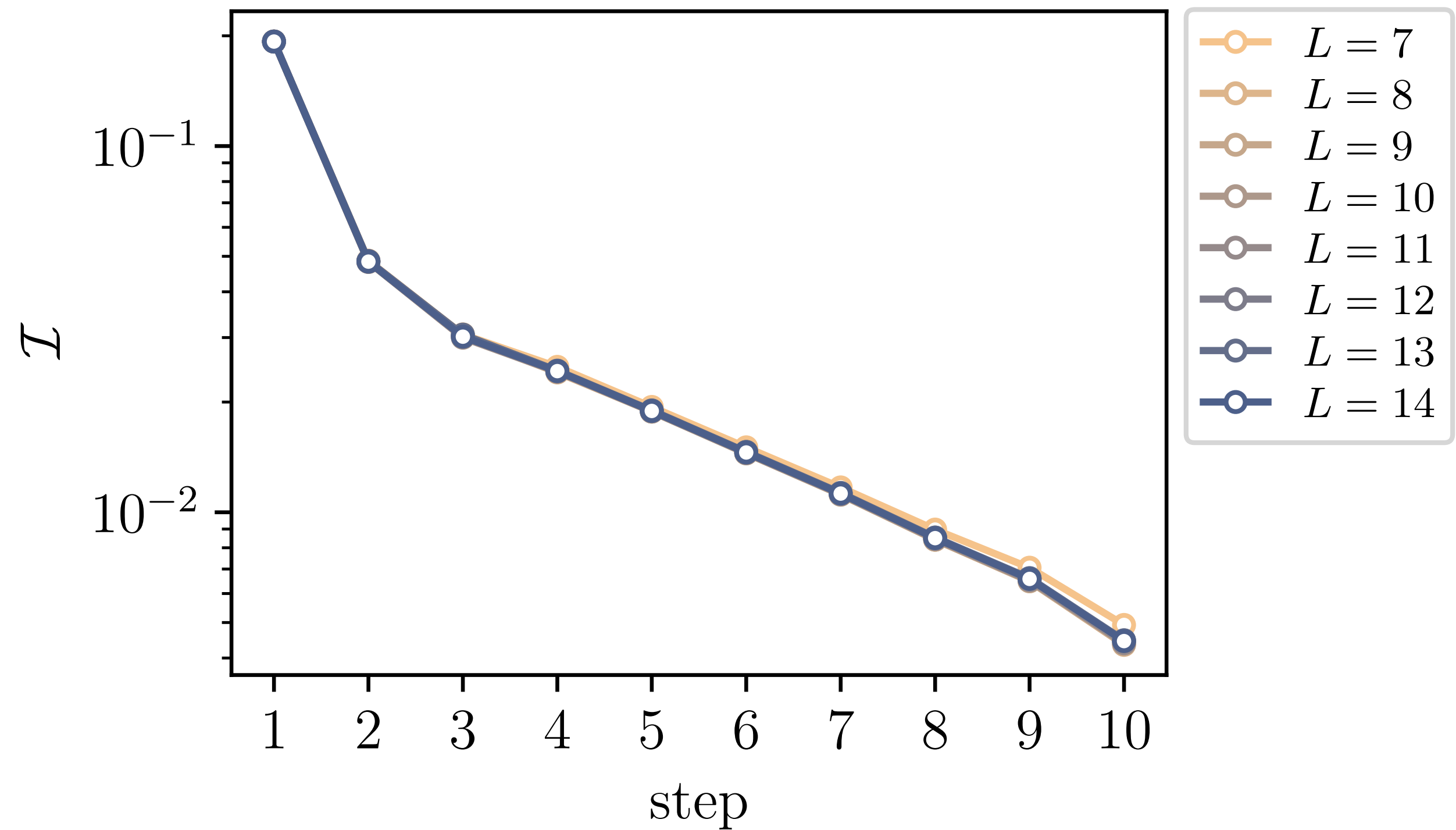


# Preparing a Hadron: using SC-ADAPT-VQE



(localized state)

$$\mathcal{I} = 1 - |\langle \psi_{\text{ansatz}} | \psi_{\text{WP}} \rangle|^2$$



# Performing time evolution: truncating the interaction

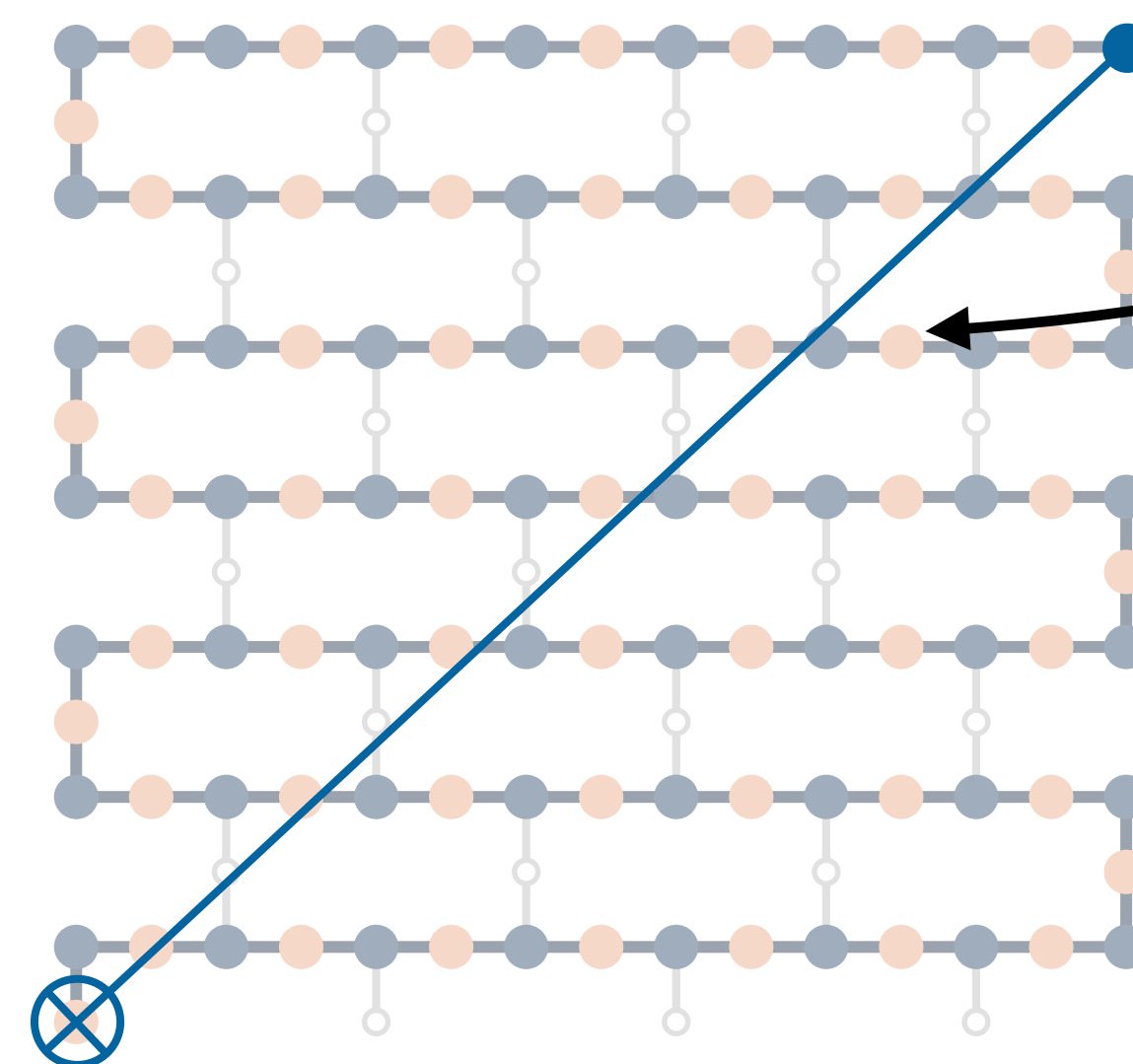
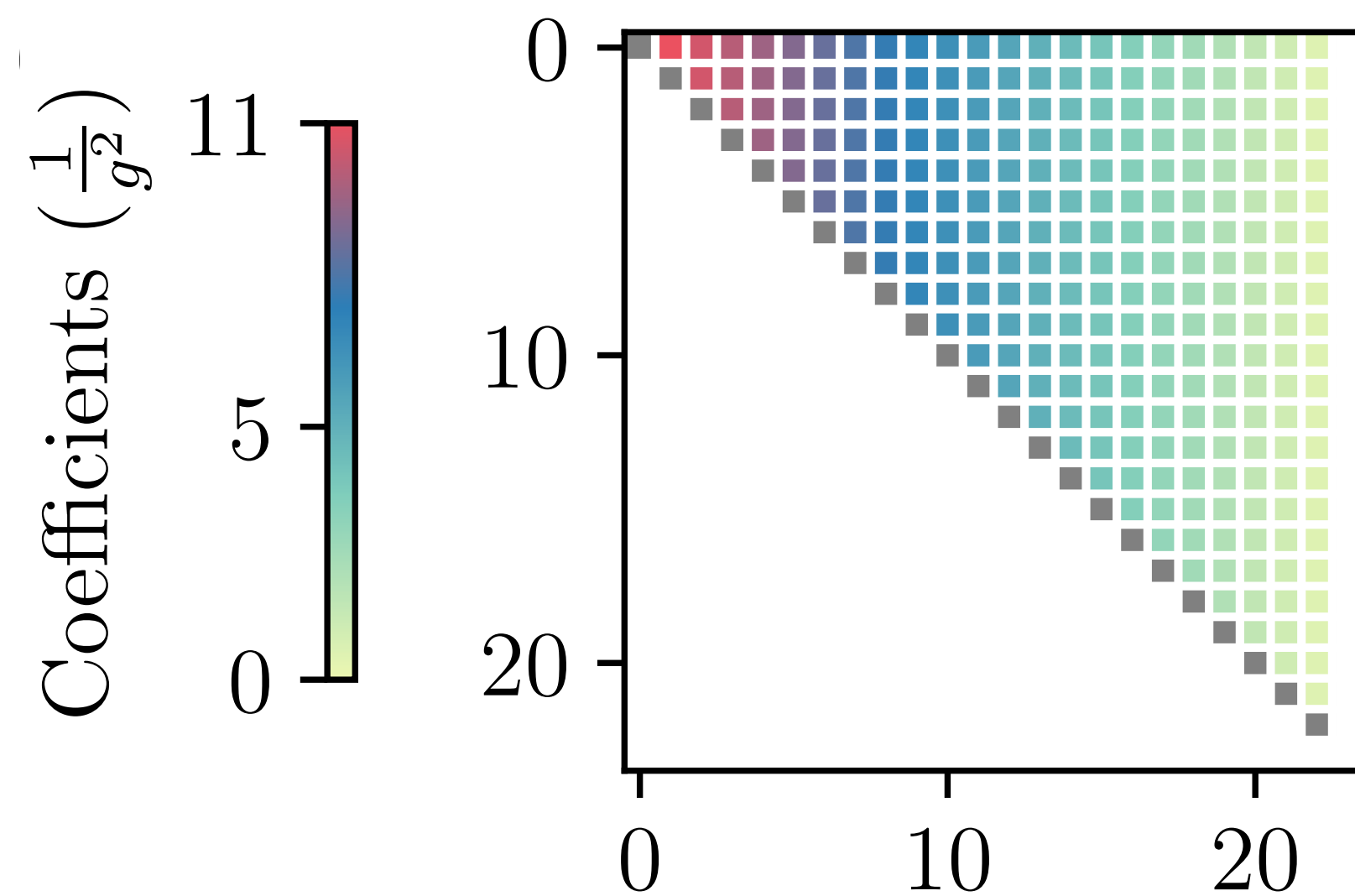
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Impractical to implement

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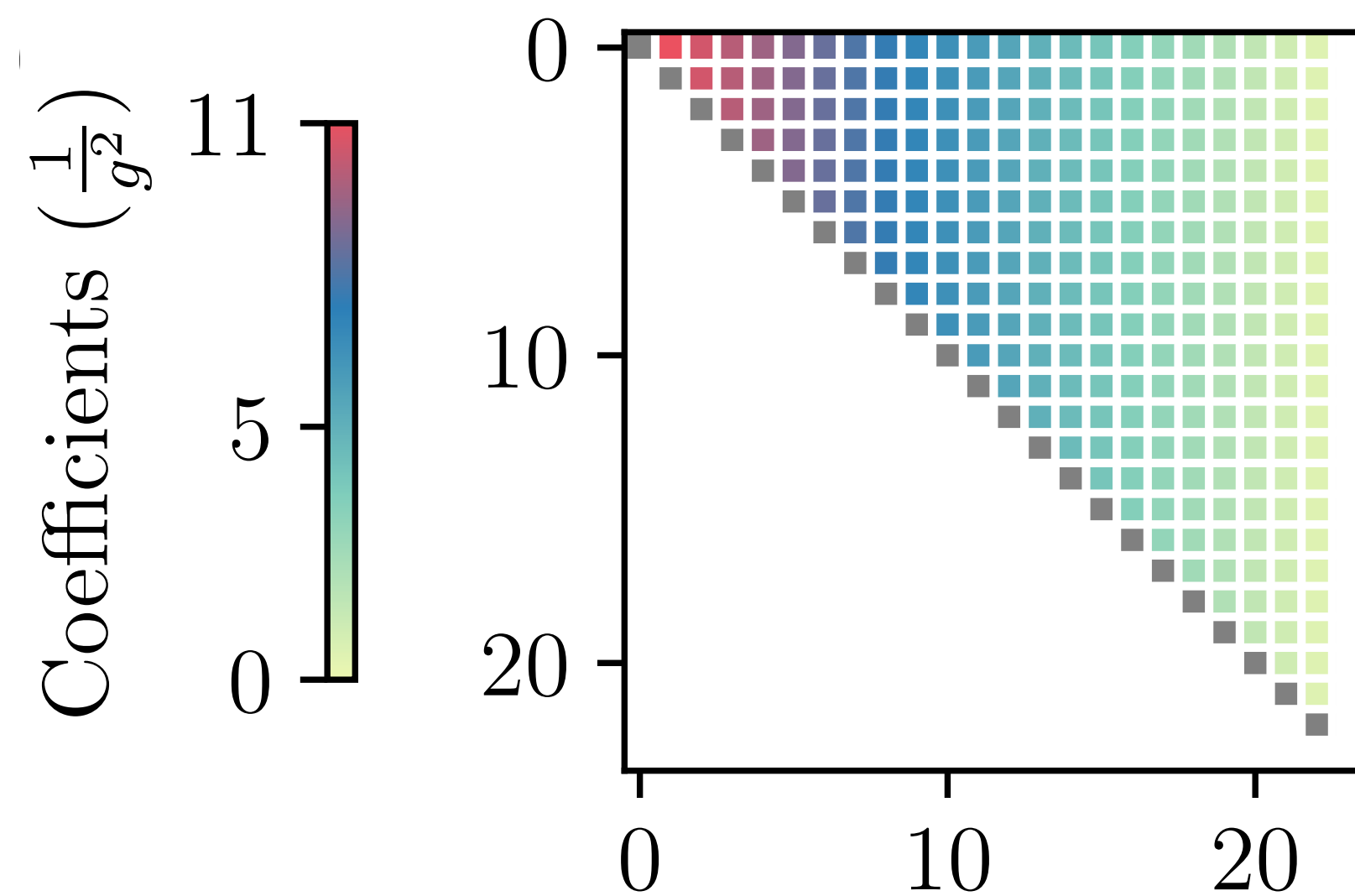
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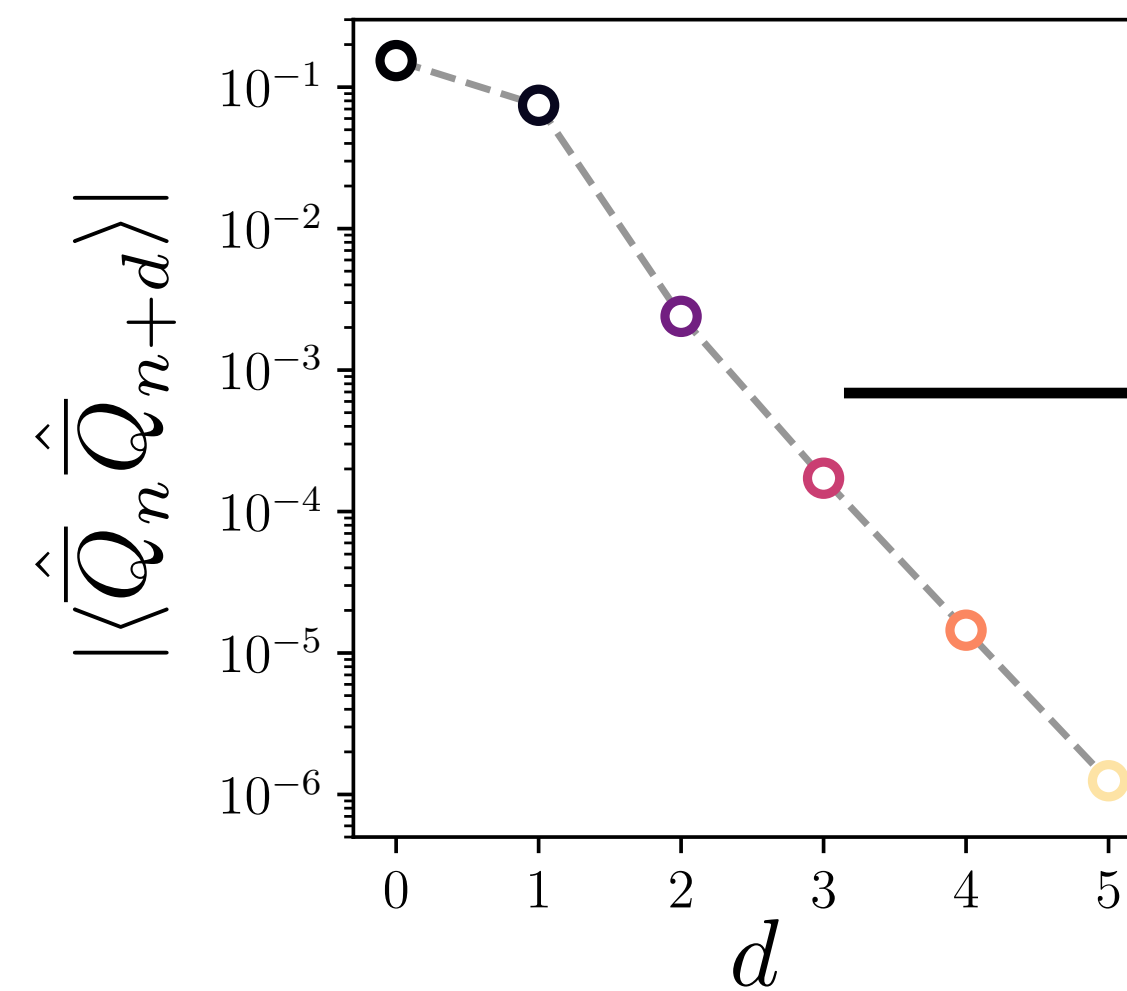
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Charges are screened



We can truncate the interaction beyond confinement length

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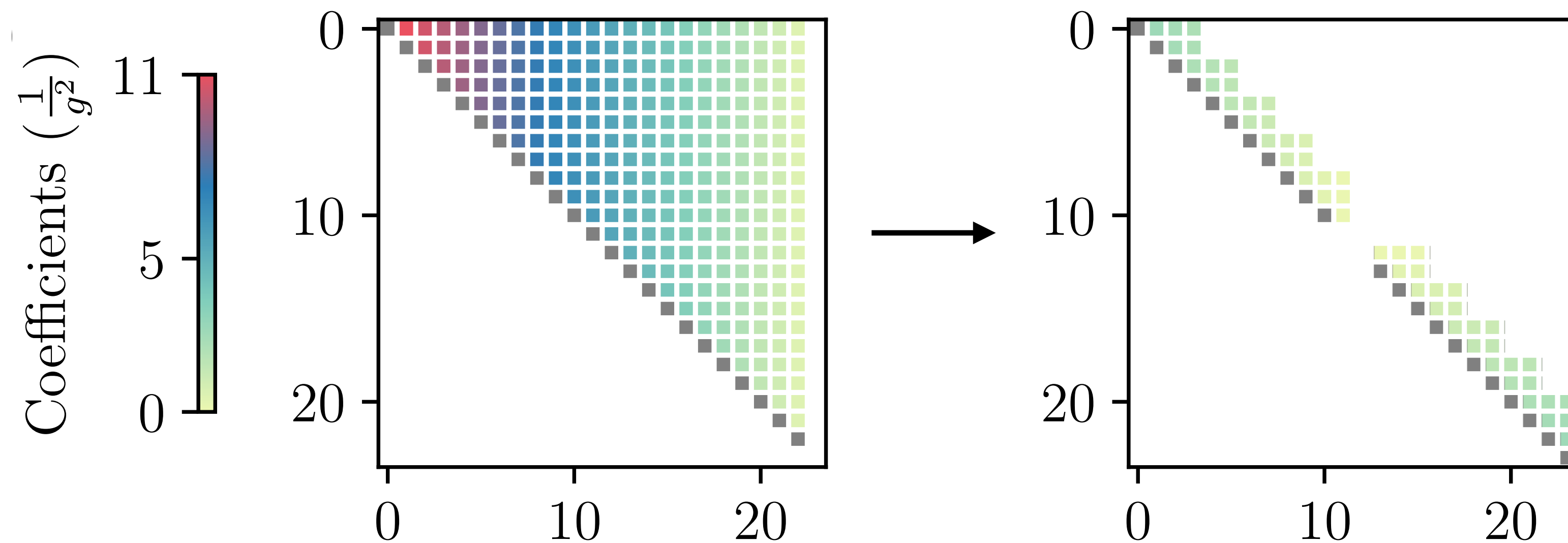
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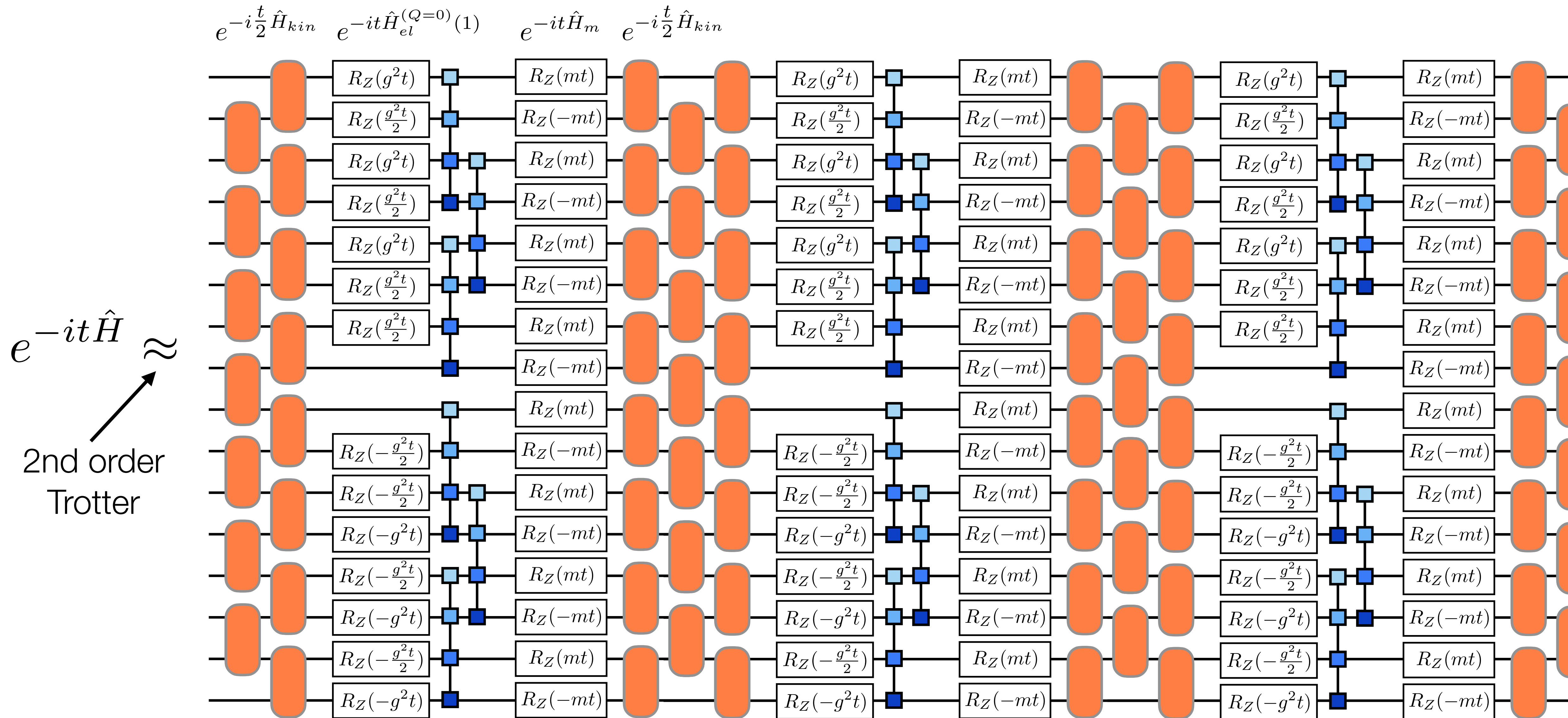
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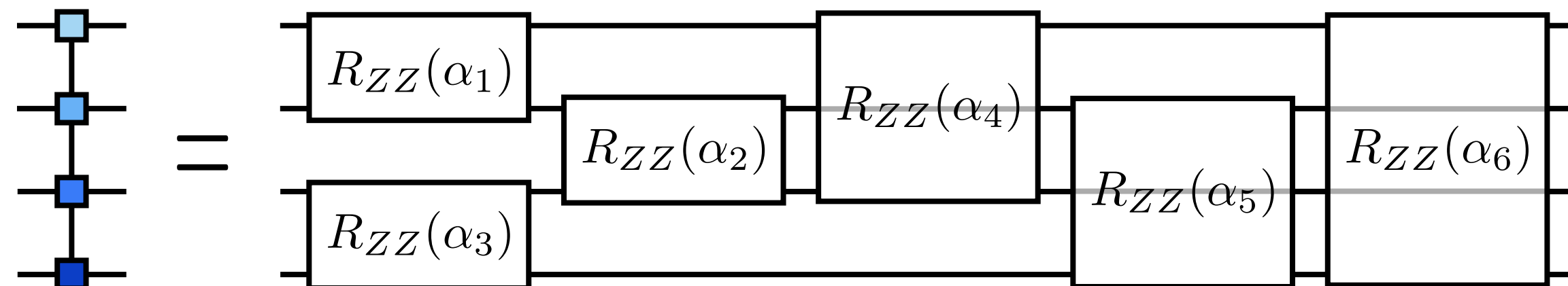
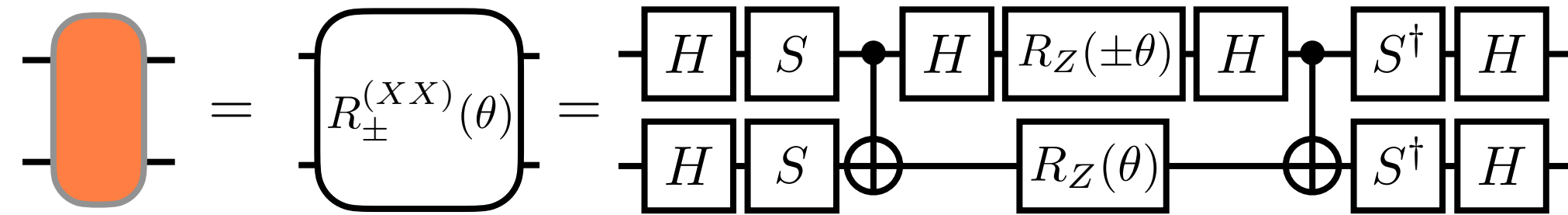
For demonstration,  
we use  $\bar{\lambda} = 1$



# Performing time evolution: Trotterized operator

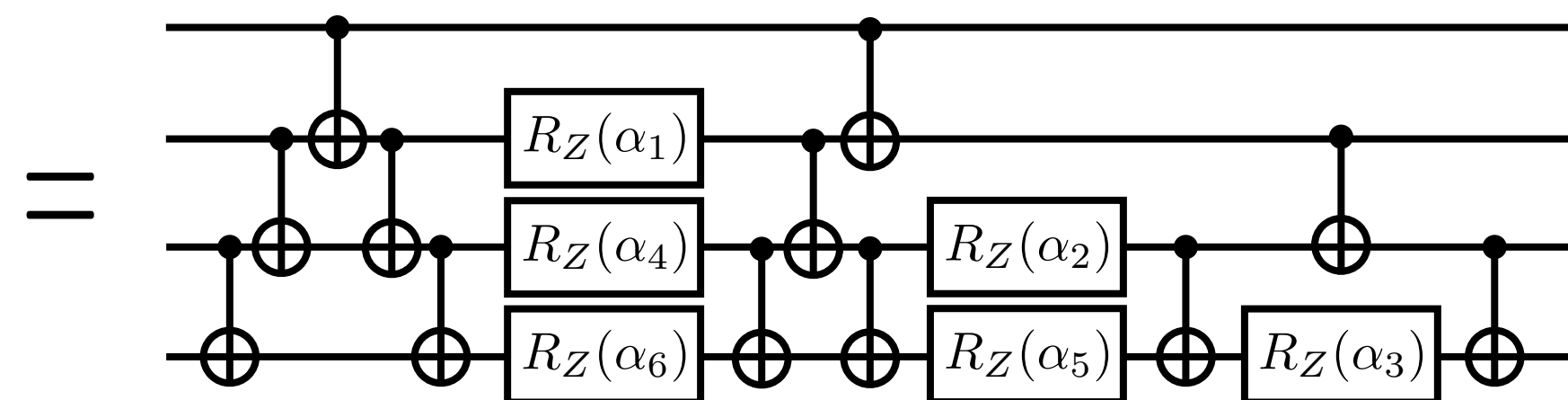
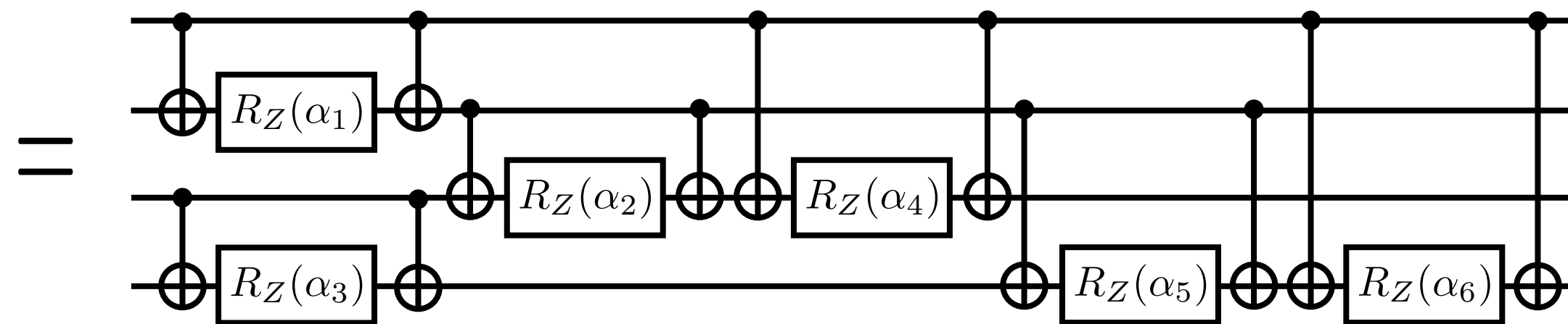


# Performing time evolution: Trotterized operator



With all-to-all connectivity,

$$\text{depth} = N_q$$



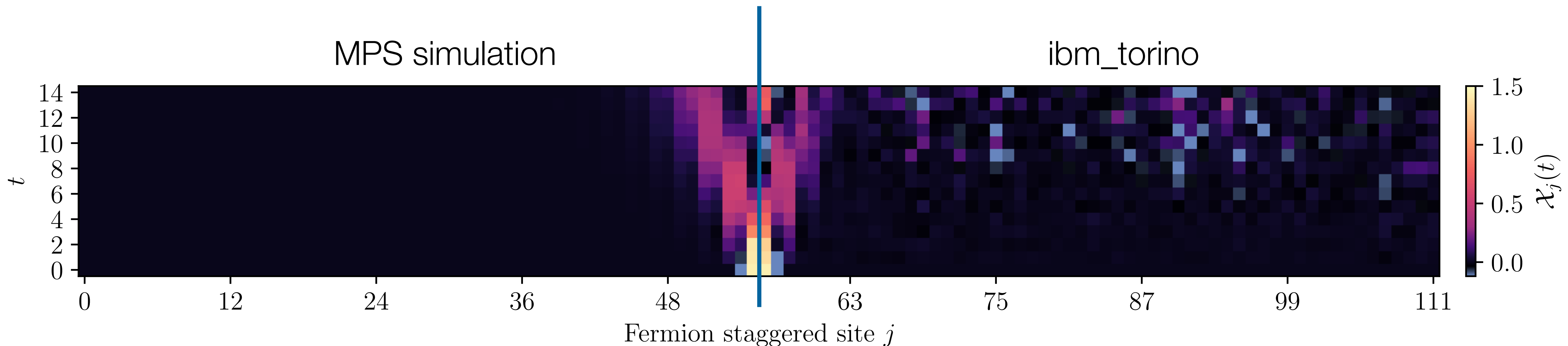
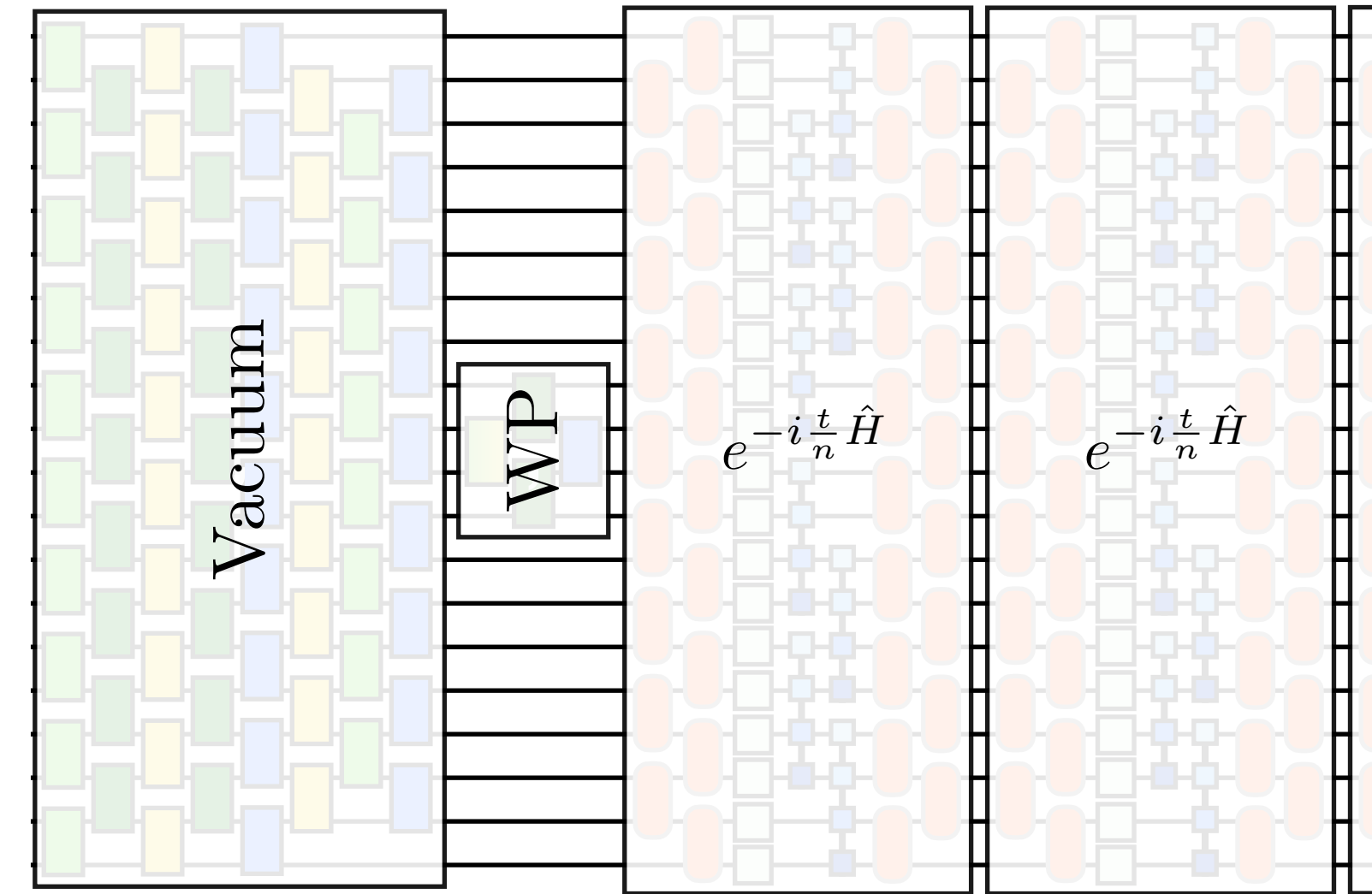
With linear connectivity, we have the same number of CNOTS, but

$$\text{depth} \propto N_q^2$$

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- 3) Measure chiral condensate (removing vacuum contribution)

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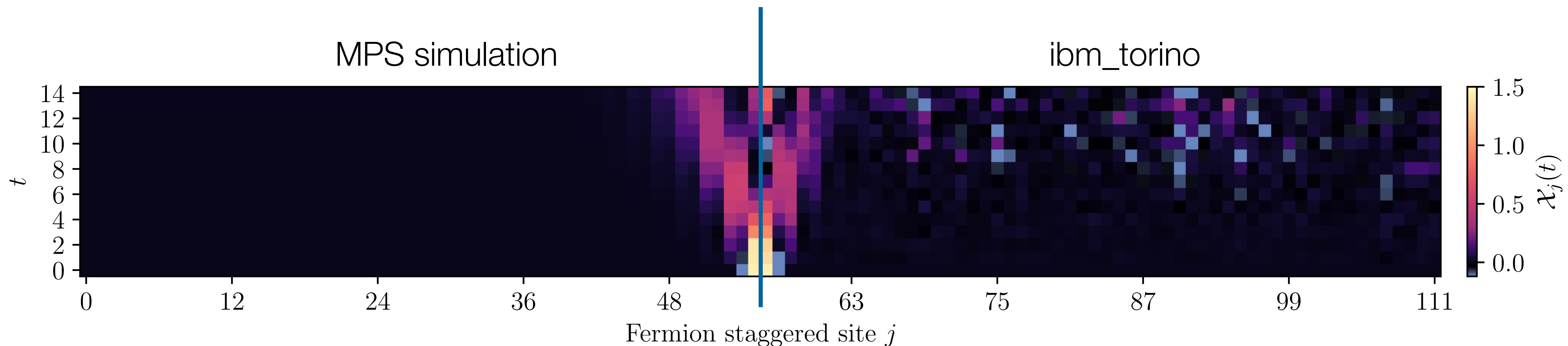


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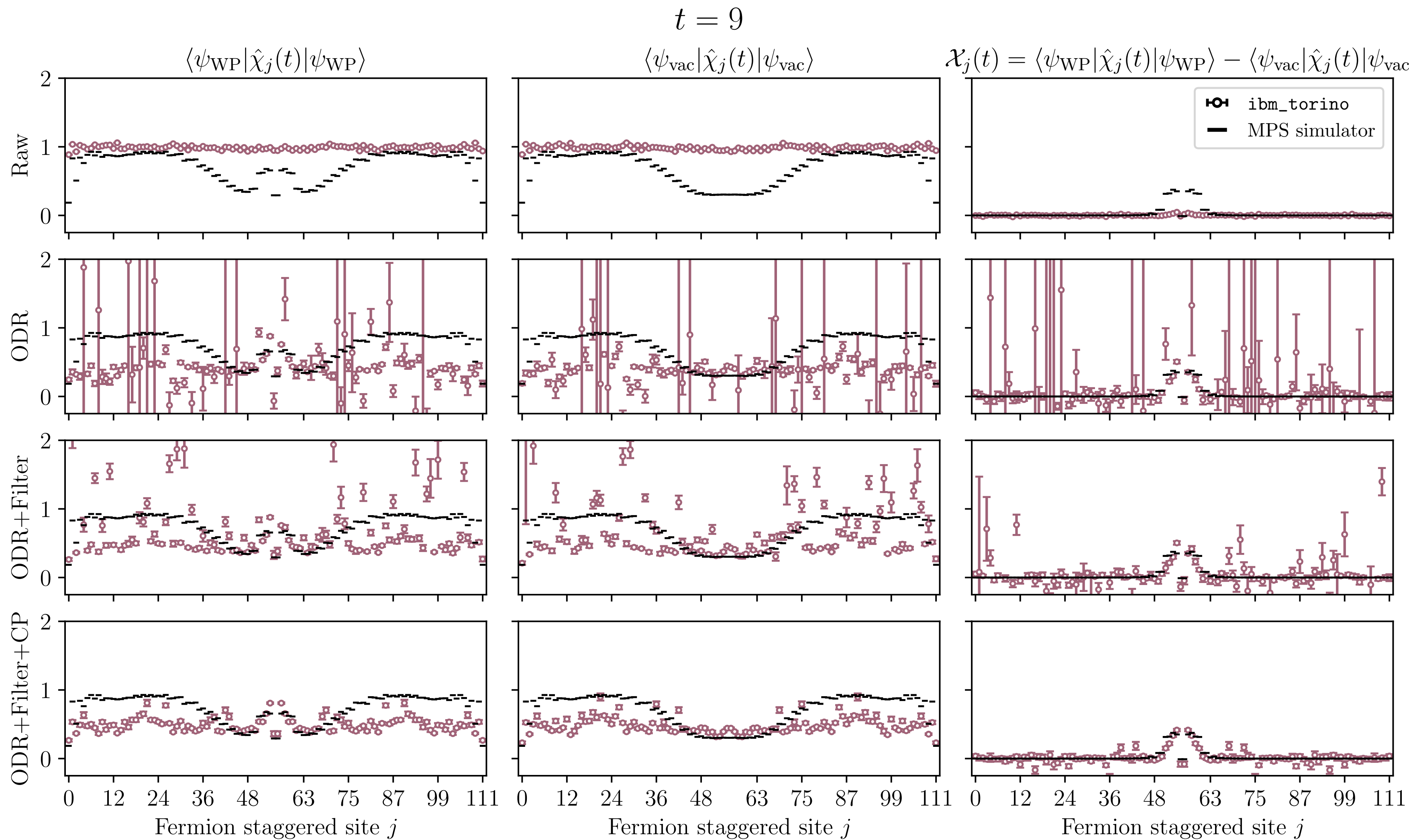
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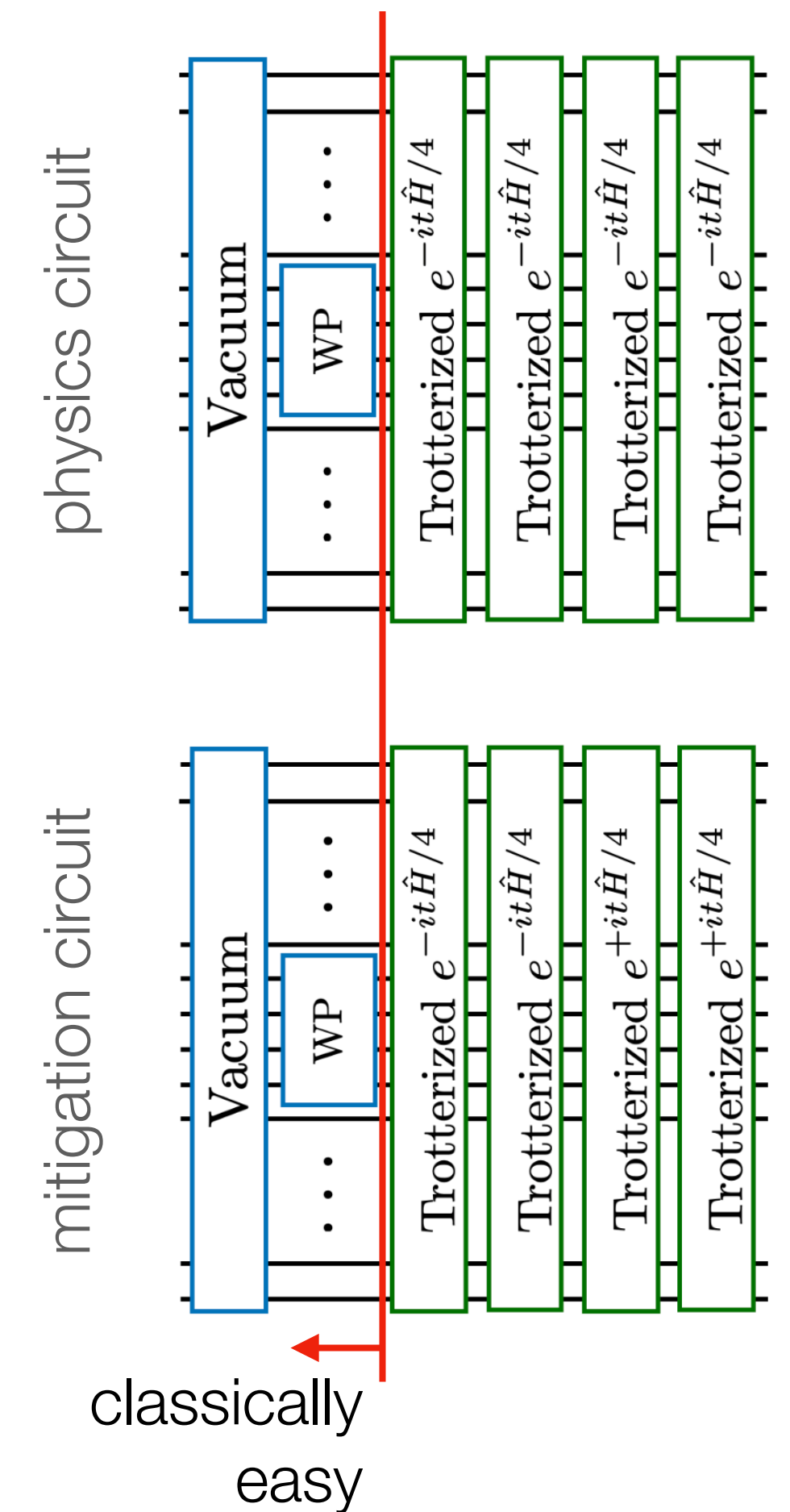
$t$	$N_T$	# of CNOTs (per $t$ )	CNOT depth (per $t$ )	Total # of shots ( $\times 10^6$ )
1 & 2	2	2,746	70	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
3 & 4	4	4,598	120	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
5 & 6	6	6,450	170	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
7 & 8	8	8,302	220	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
9 & 10	10	10,154	270	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
11 & 12	12	12,006	320	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
13 & 14	14	13,858	370	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
<b>Totals</b>				$1.54 \times 10^8$



# Mitigating the noise (again)

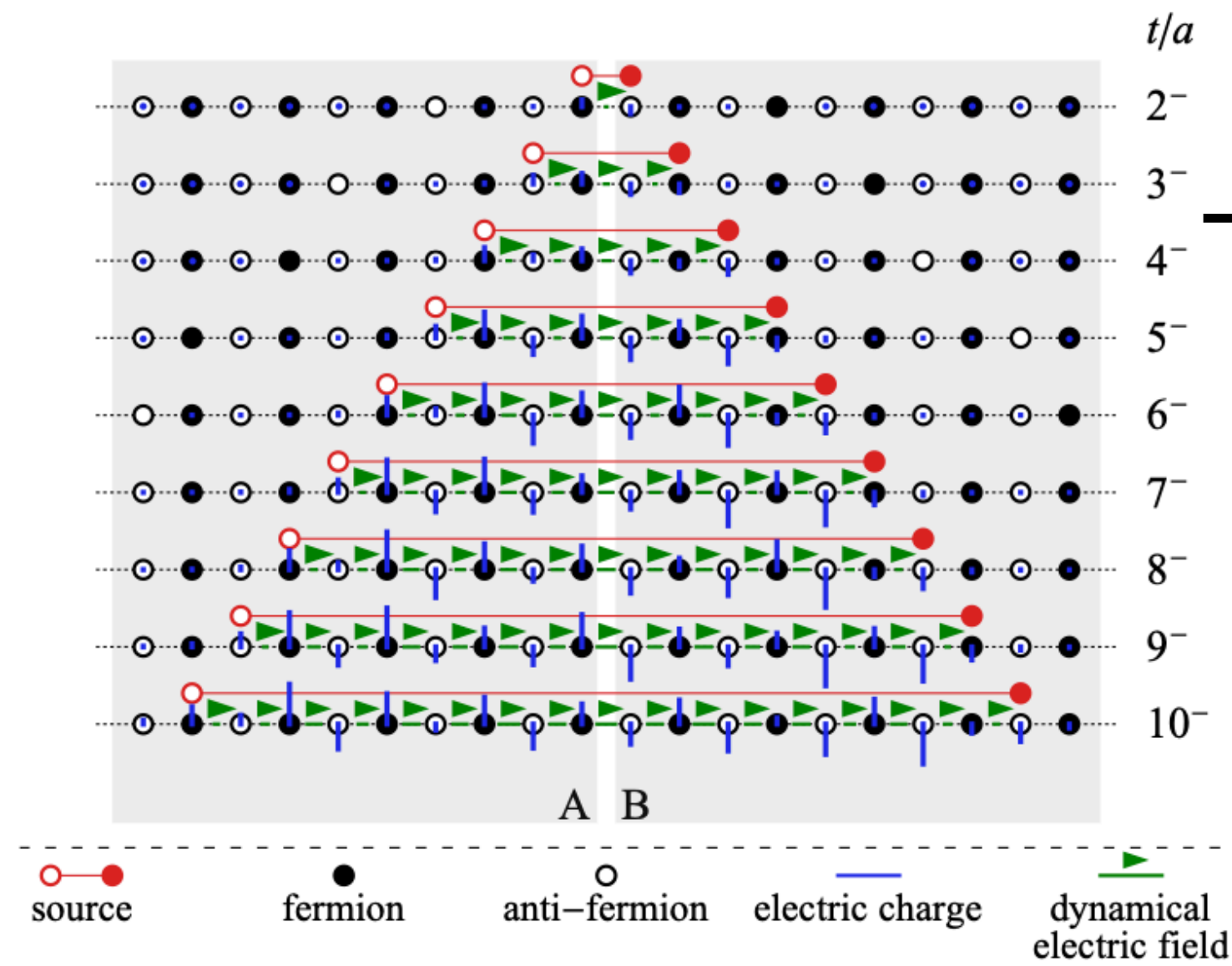


Different mitigation circuit:



# Schwinger model with external charges

A. Florio et al. PRL (2023), arXiv:2404.00087



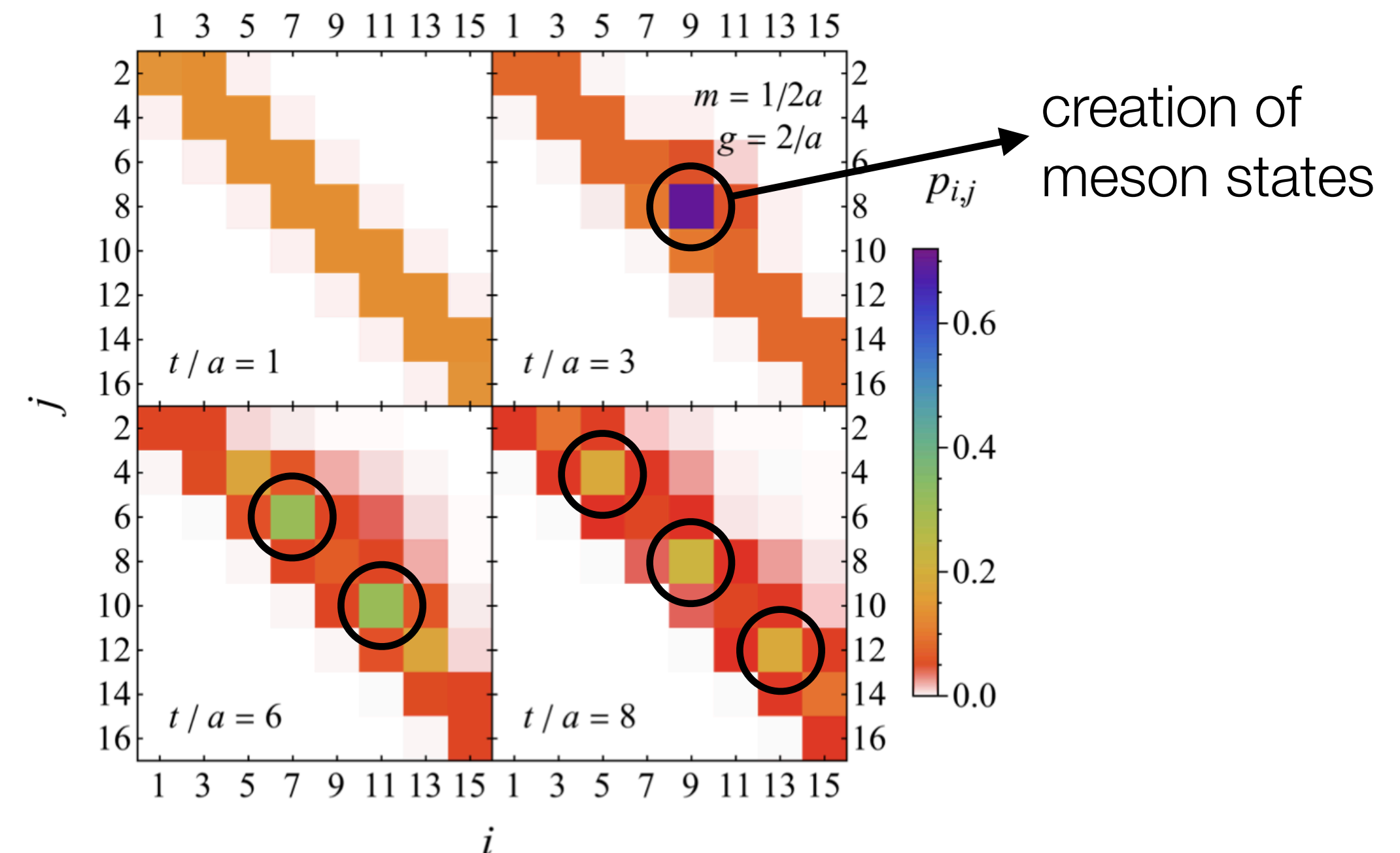
$$q_m^{(\text{ext})}(t) = -\Theta\left(\frac{t-t_0}{a} - |m-L|\right)$$

2 back-to-back charges moving **at the speed of light**

$$H_{el} = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_n \left( \sum_{m \leq n} Q_m \right)^2 \rightarrow \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_n \left( \sum_{m \leq n} Q_m + q_m^{(\text{ext})}(t) \right)^2$$

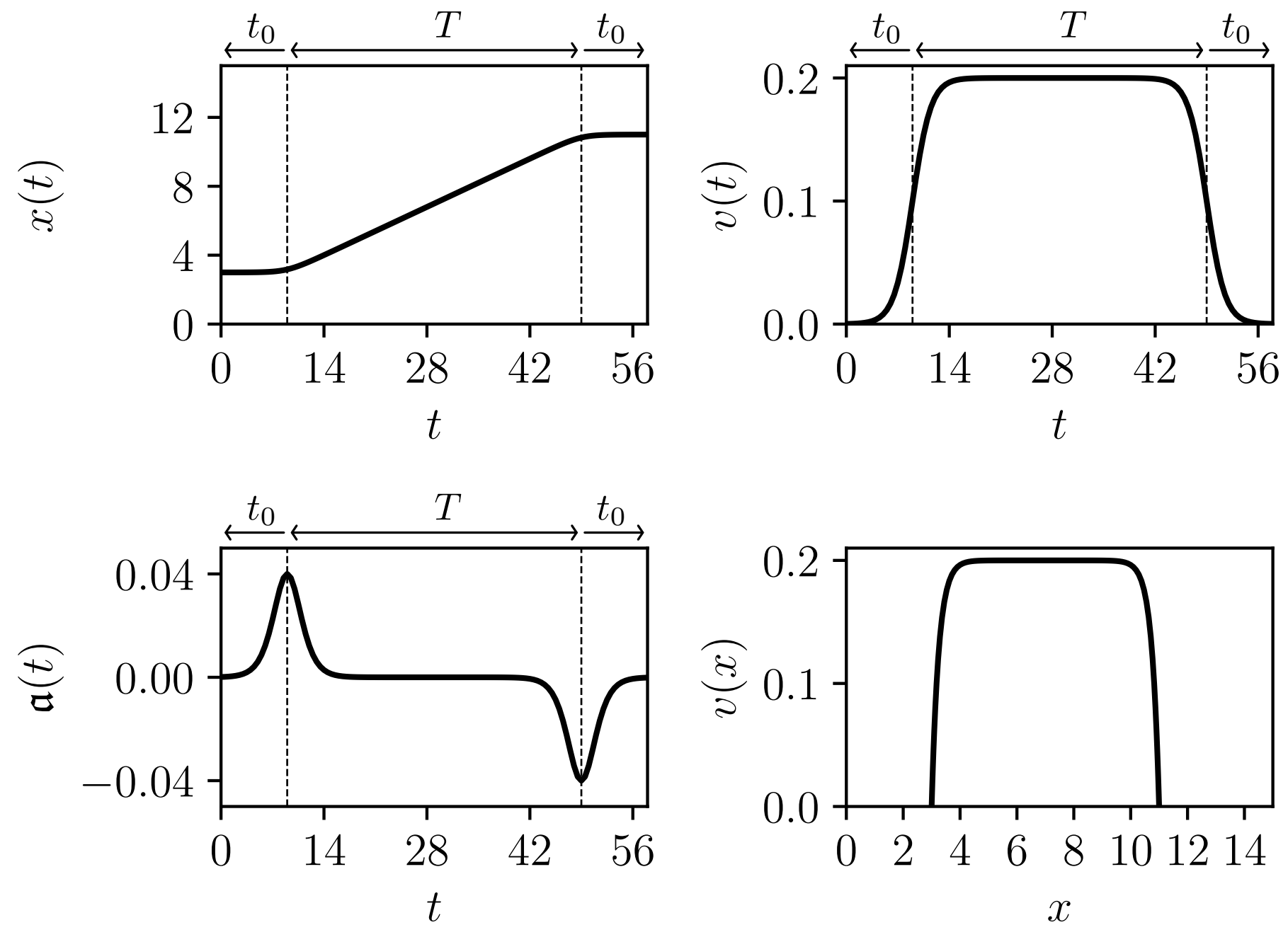
Add external charge in the system

$$p_{i,j} = |\langle \Psi_t | \chi_i \chi_j^\dagger | \text{Neel} \rangle|$$



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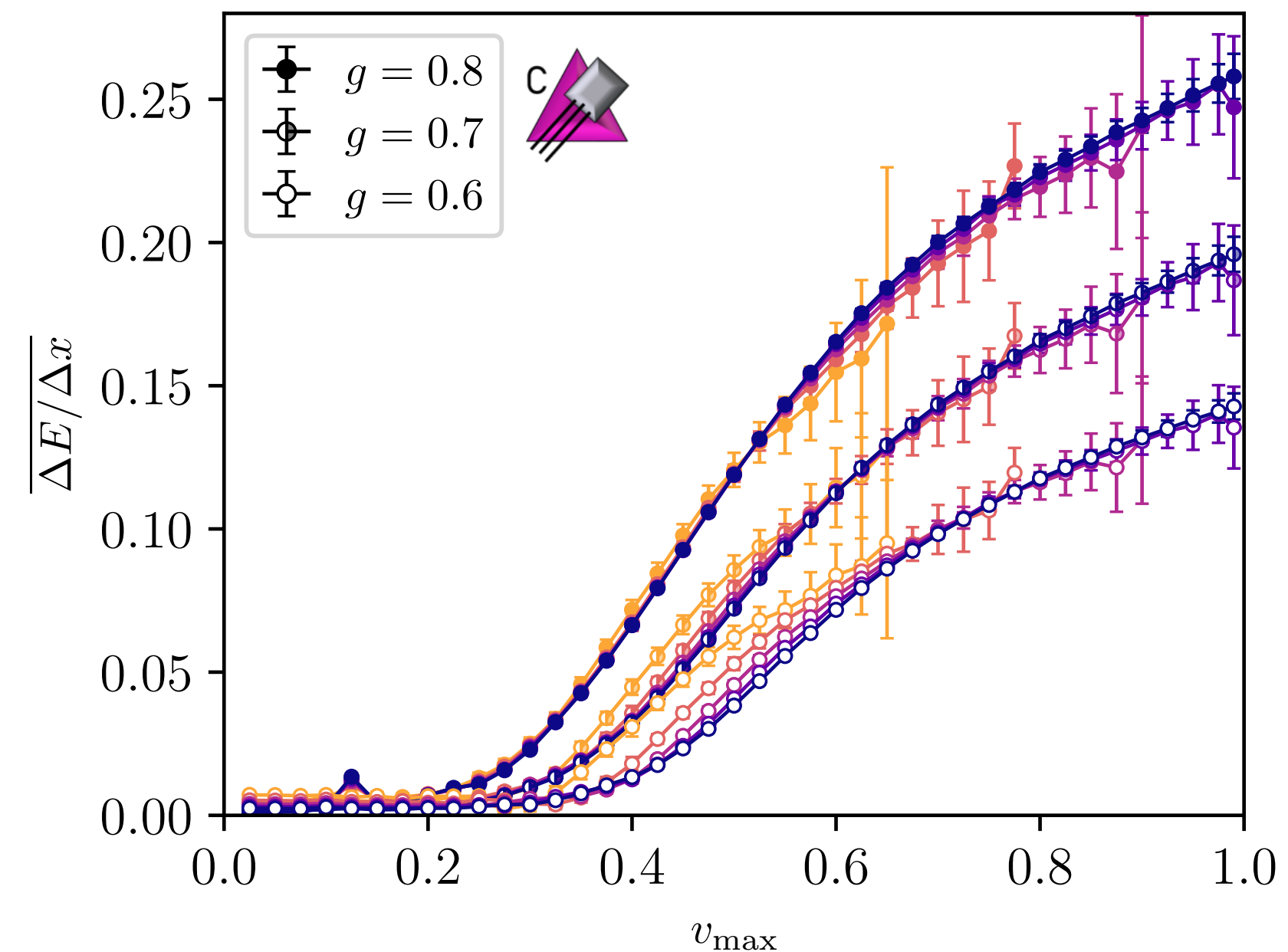
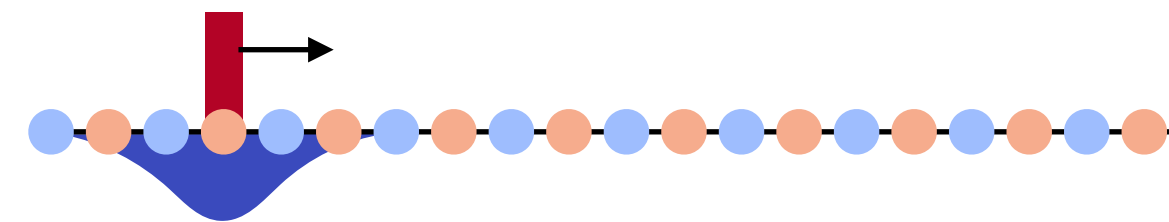
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Charge moving at a constant speed  
(with minimal acceleration)

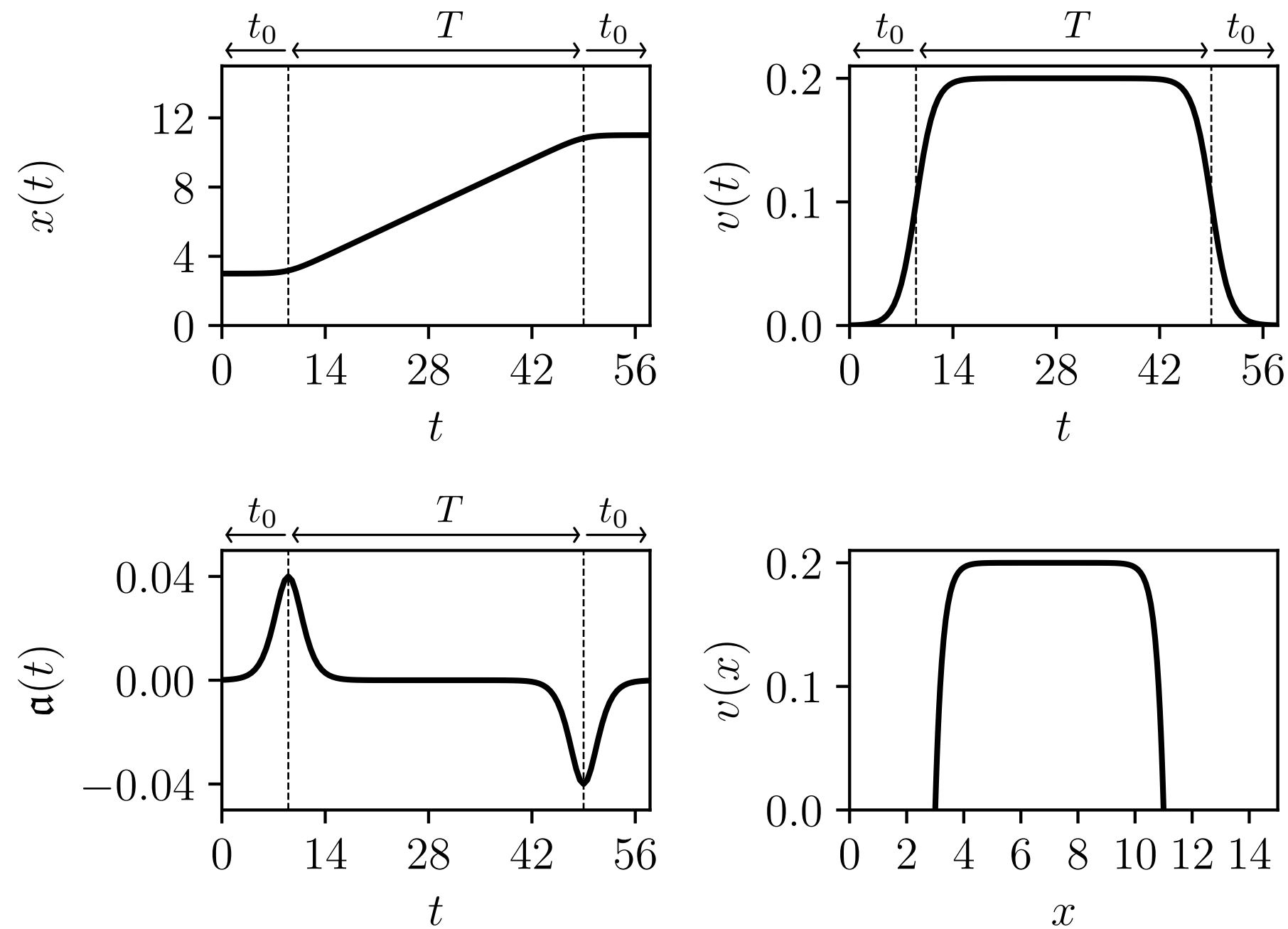


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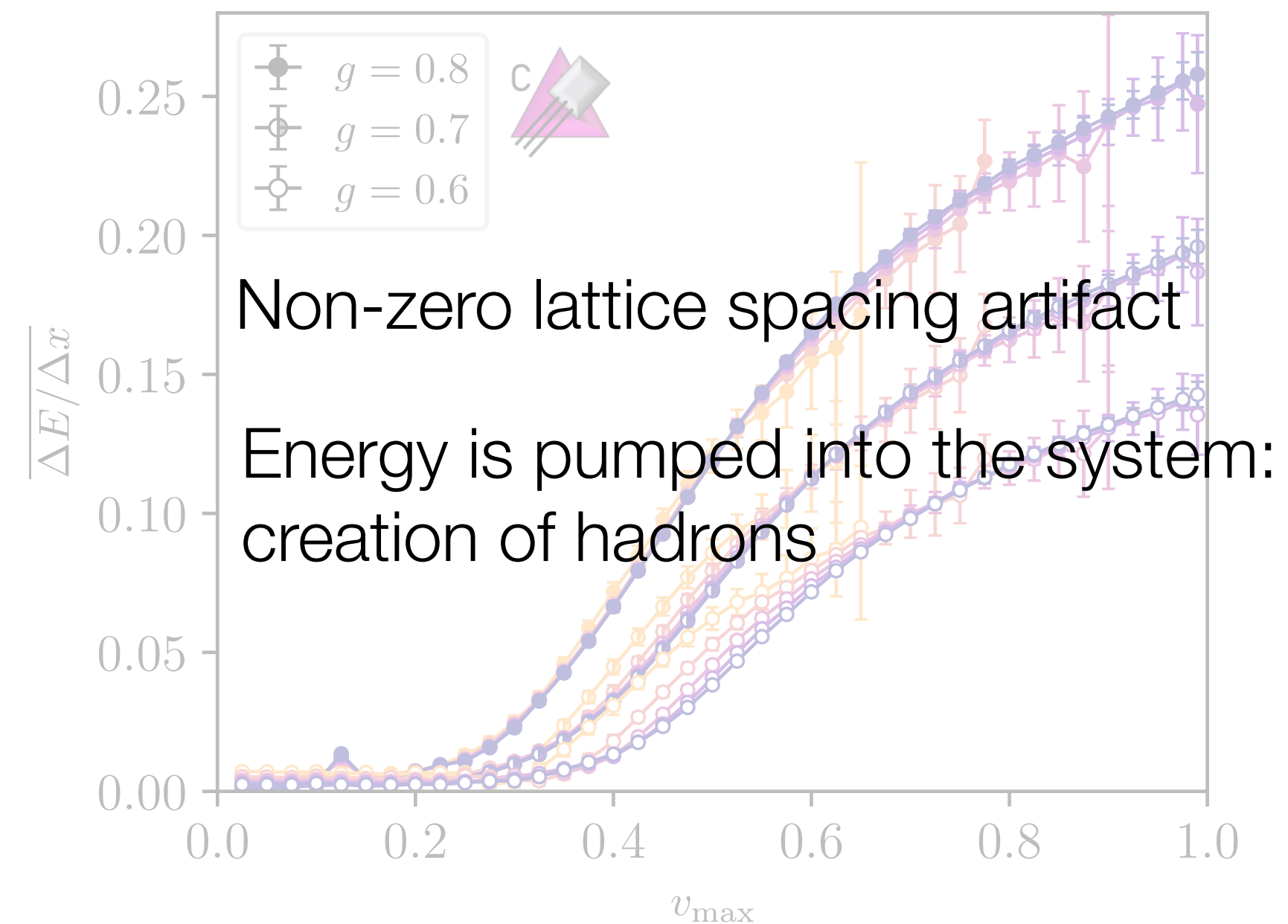
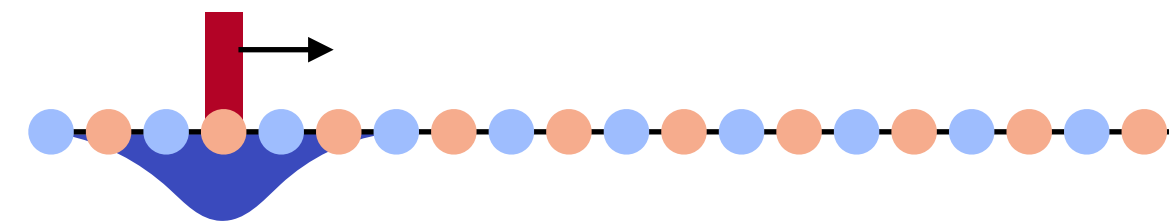


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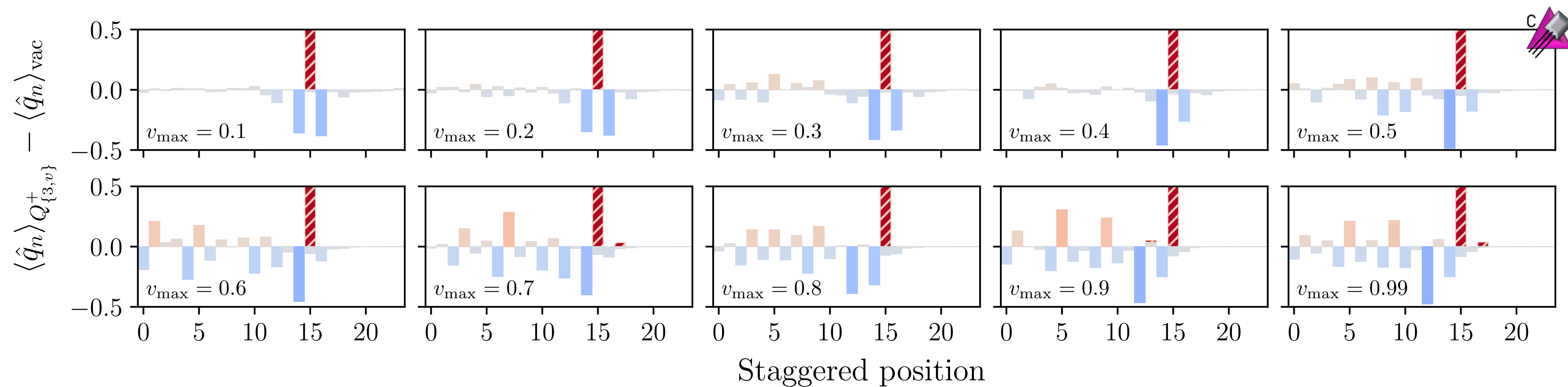
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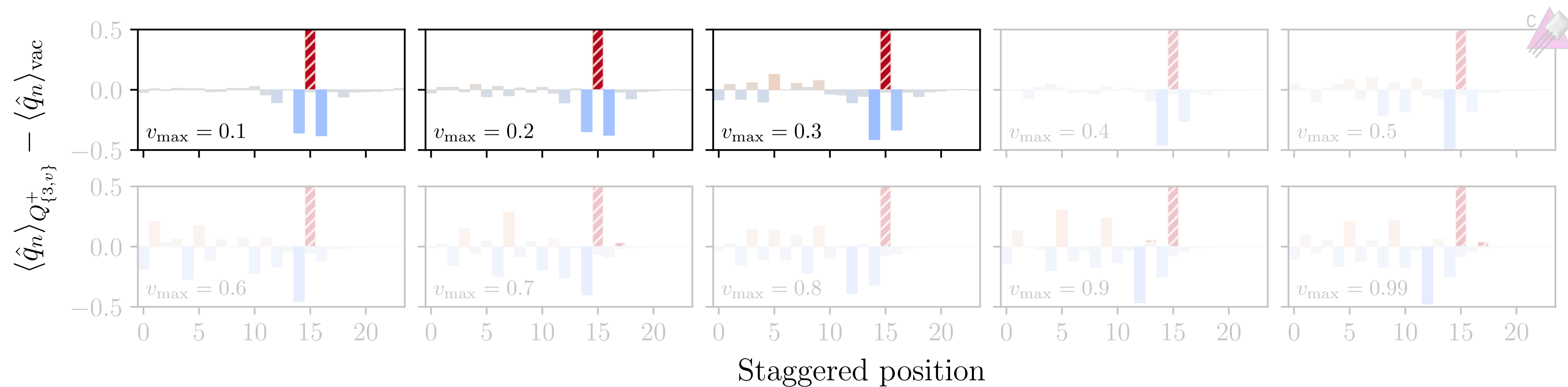
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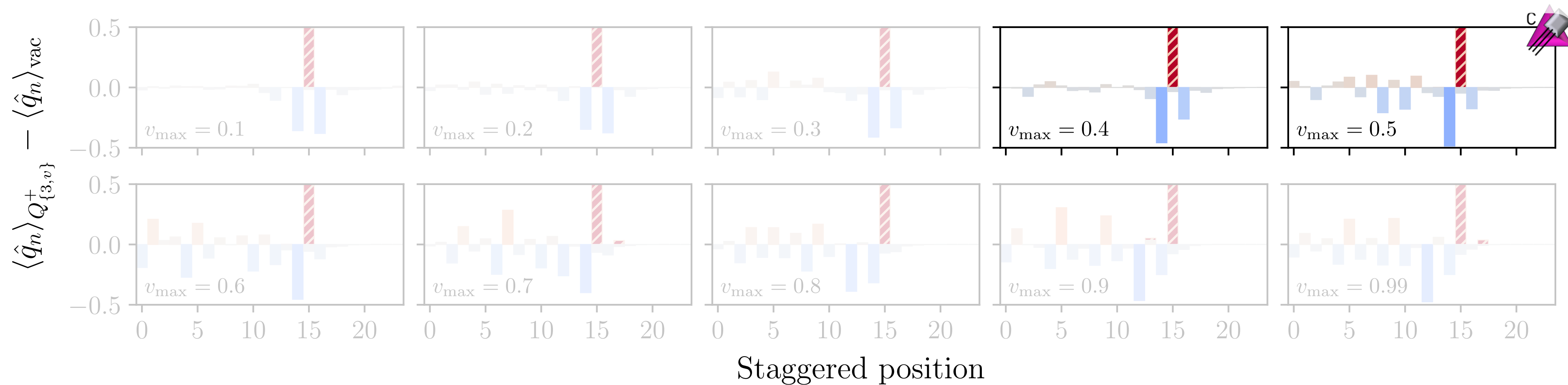


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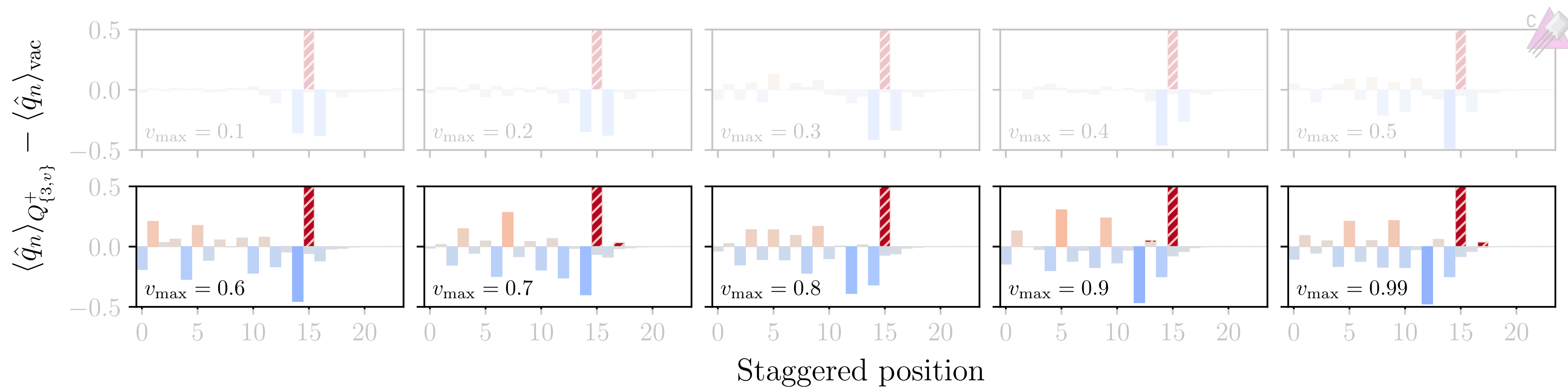
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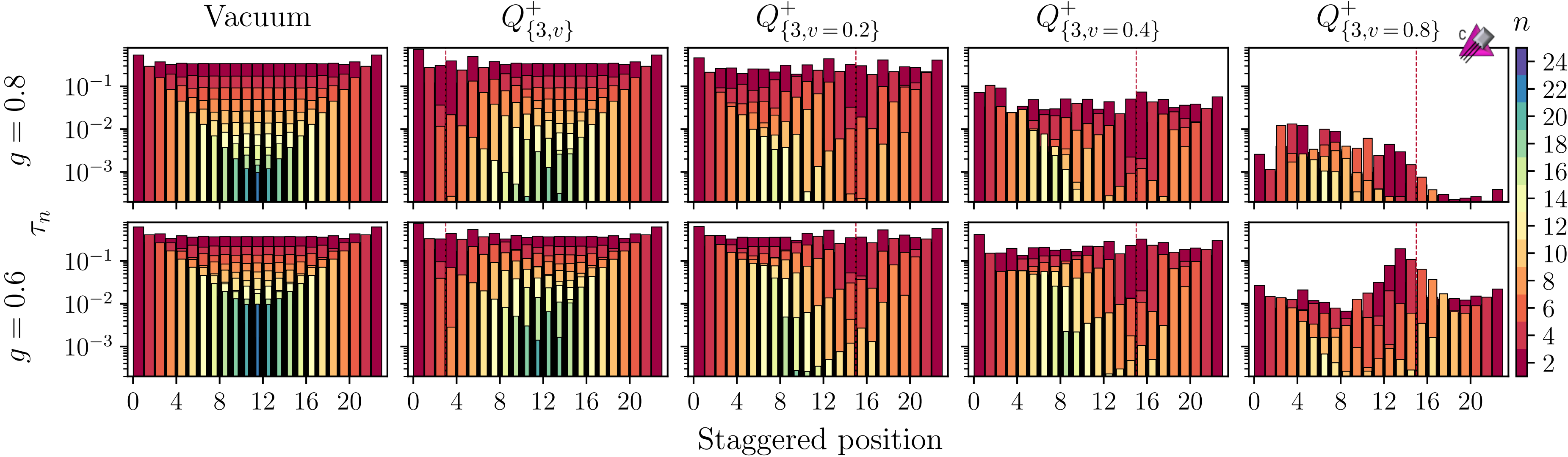
At high velocities, the light charges cannot keep up with the heavy charge

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n-tangles

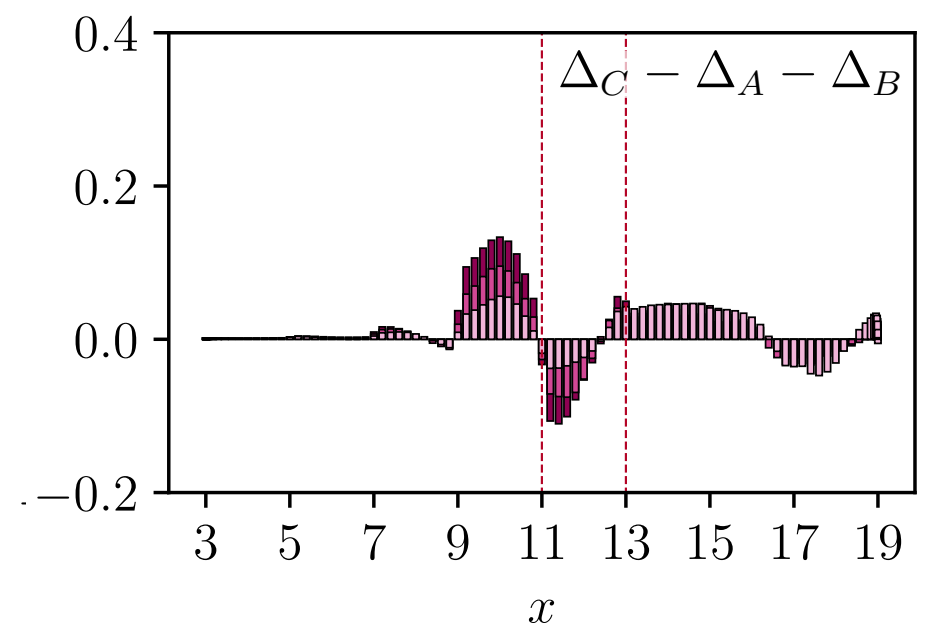
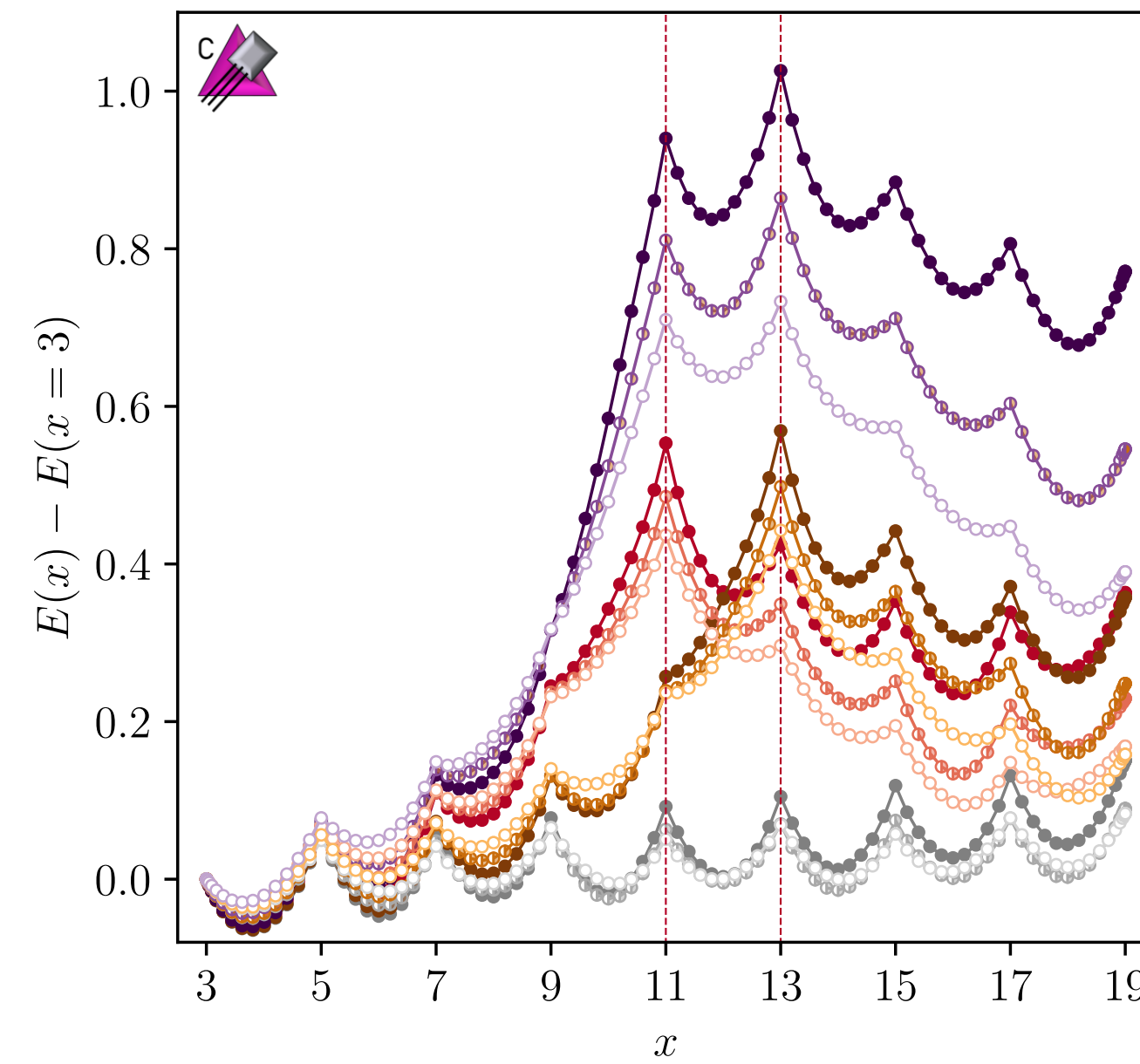
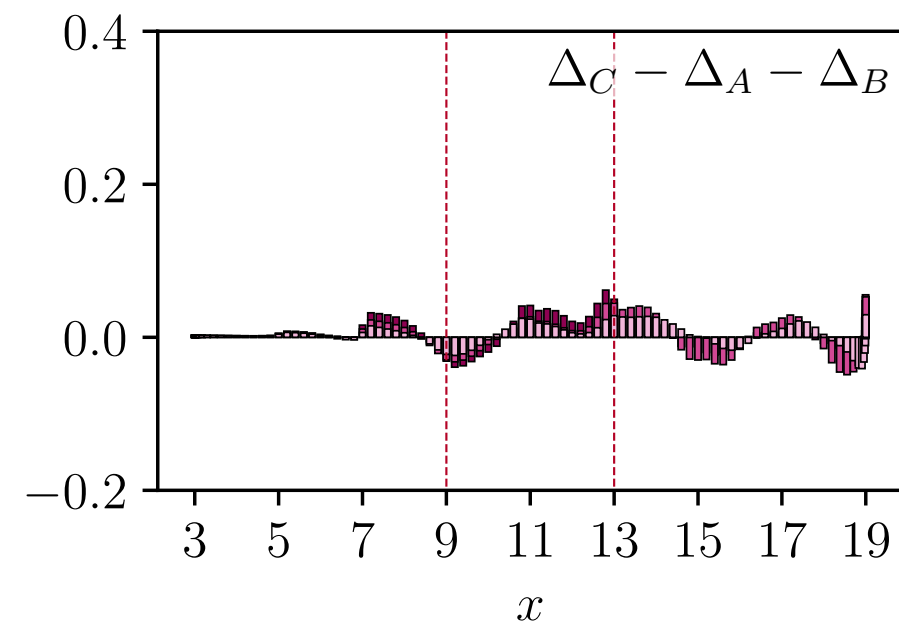
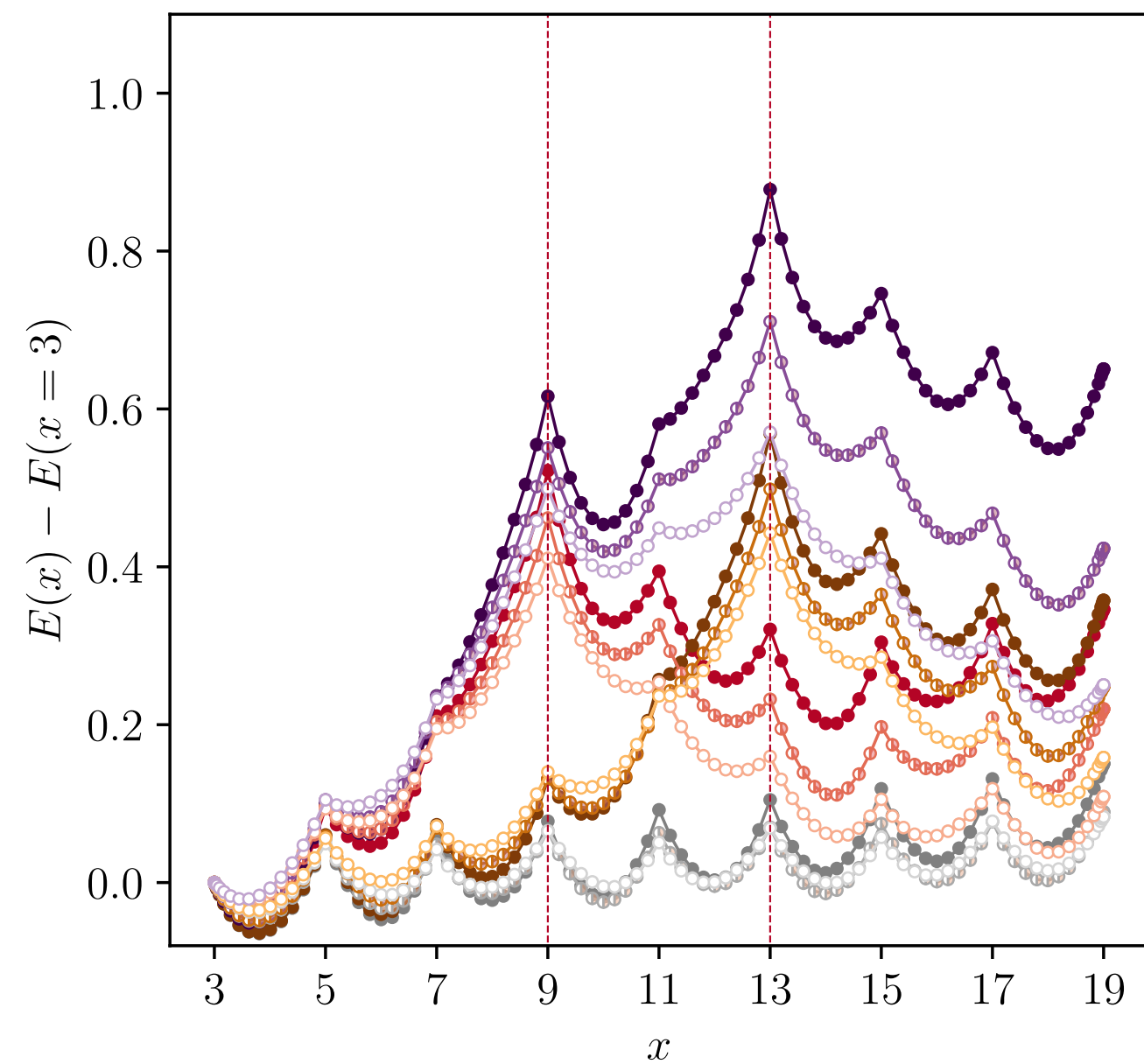
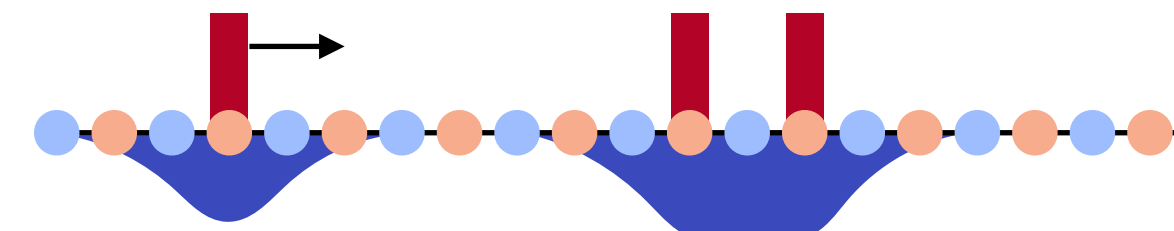
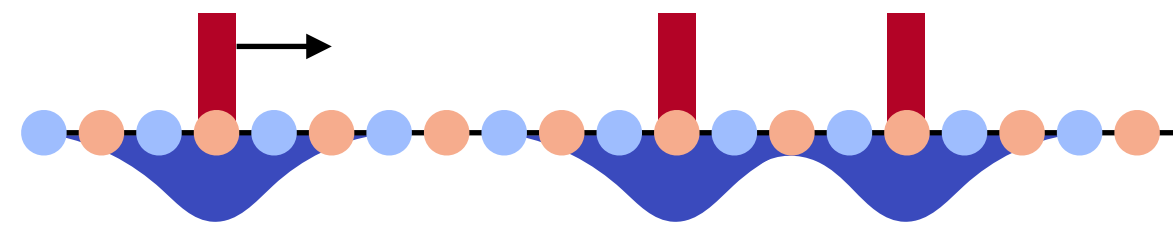
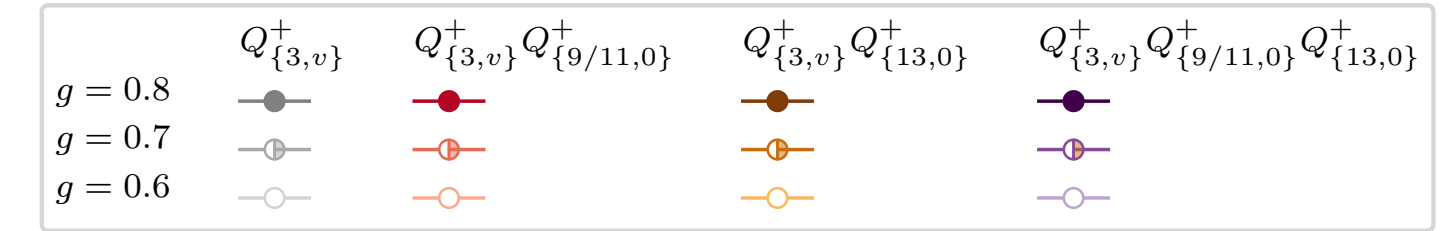
$$\tau_n = |\langle \psi | \sigma_{i_1}^y \sigma_{i_2}^y \cdots \sigma_{i_n}^y | \psi \rangle^*|^2$$



The entanglement also seems to be affected by discretization effects  $\longrightarrow$  Complete destruction

# Schwinger model with external charges

What happens if we collide two (or more) of these heavy charges?



In-medium quantum coherence effects start to become visible (small  $v=0.2$ )

# Summary

- ✦ 1+1D QED is a great testbed for quantum simulations of subatomic physics
- ✦ We have introduced SC-ADAPT-VQE, which is “physics guided”, making use of the properties of the theory (expectation is it will work with QCD)
- ✦ Good results obtained from 100+ qubits, error mitigation is essential
- ✦ We showed how to prepare the vacuum, excite a hadron wavepacket on top, and evolve it in time.
- ✦ One needs to be careful of the discretization effects (as in LQCD)
- ✦ Next step is to go to higher dimensions

# Thank you

ありがとうございます



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