

A General Approach to Dropout in Quantum Neural Networks

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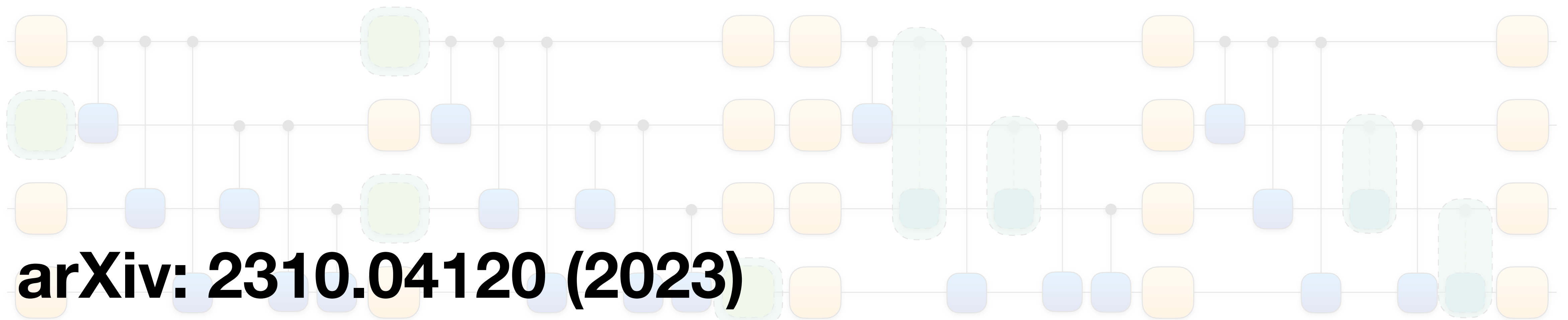
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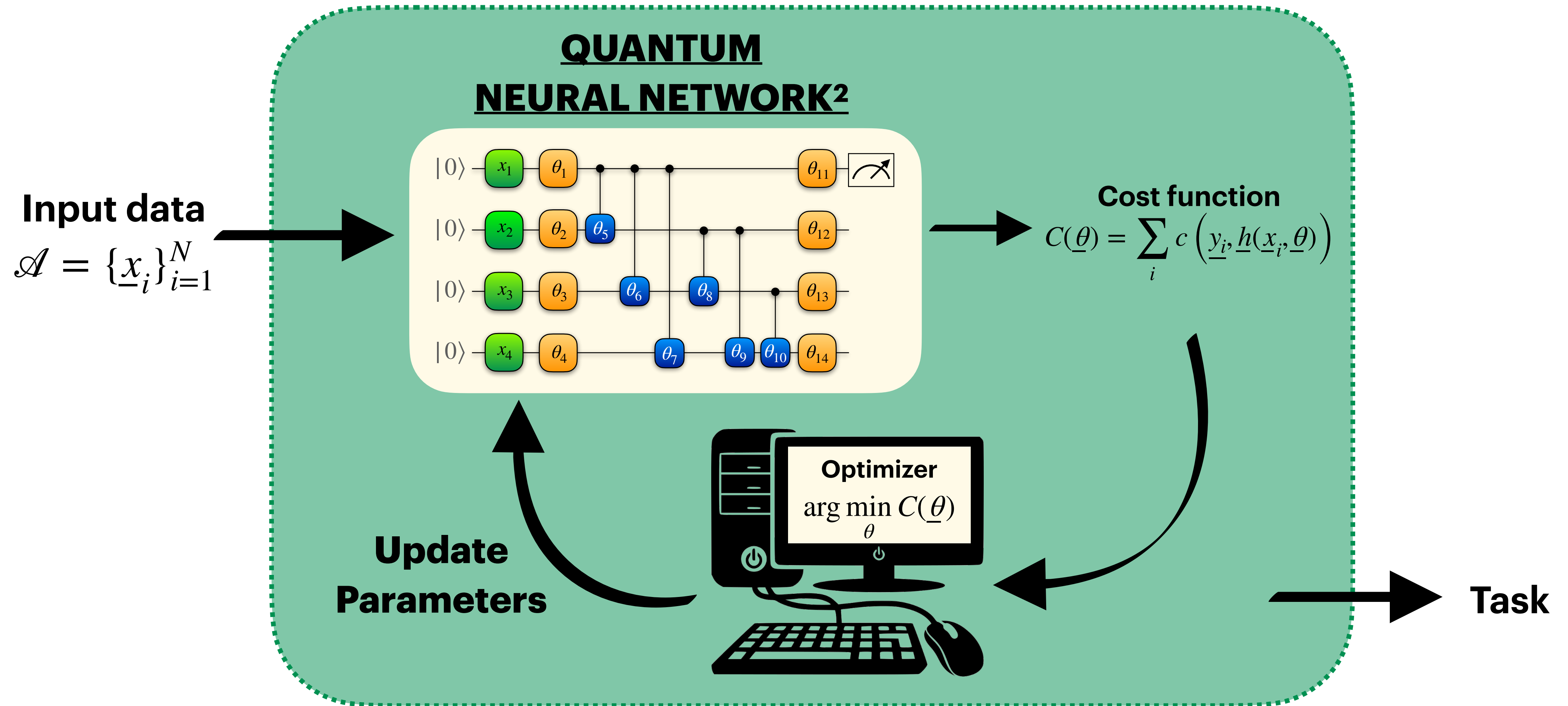
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Quantum Techniques
in Machine Learning 2023



Quantum Machine Learning¹



[1] J. Biamonte, et al., *Nature* 549, 195 (2017) [2] S. Mangini et al., *EPL* 134 10002 (2021)

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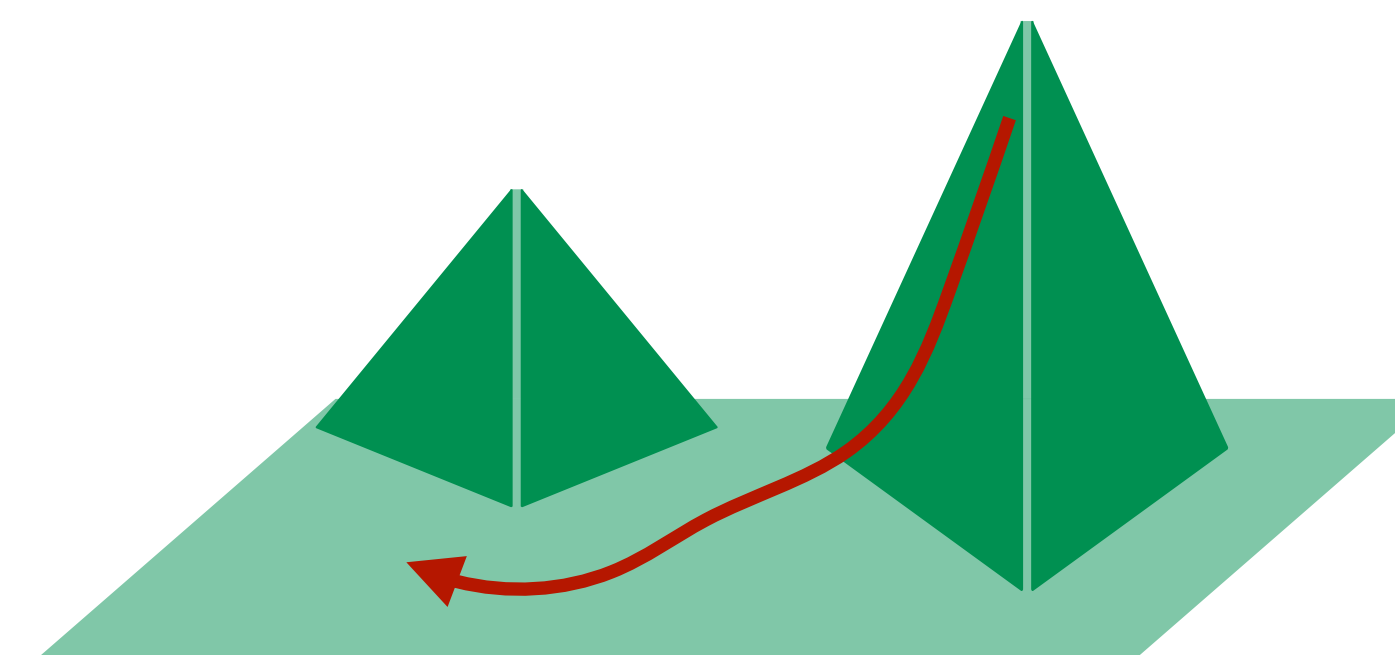
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IMPROVED TRAINABILITY

Computational phase transition
In the cost landscape



Generalization

Training

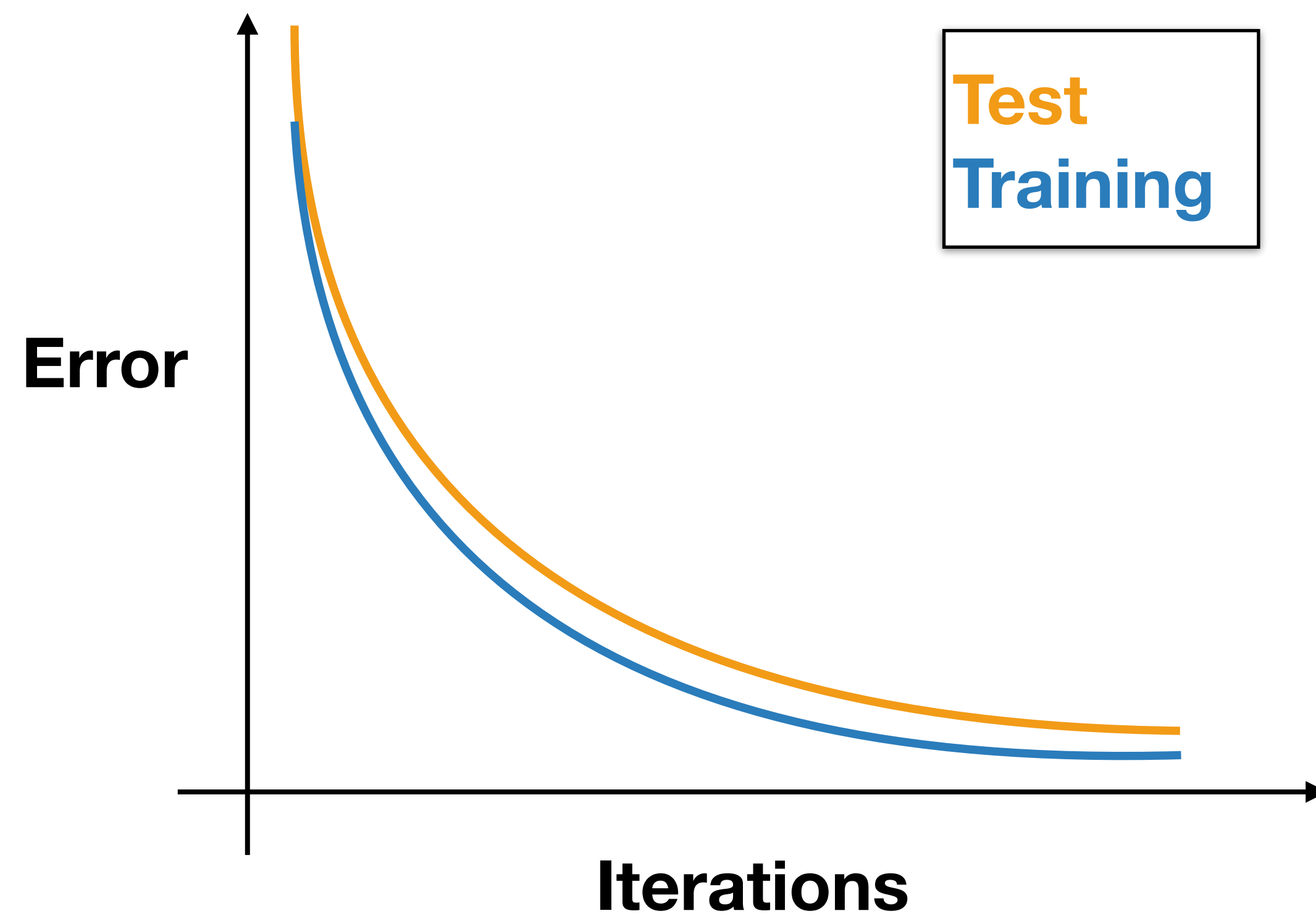


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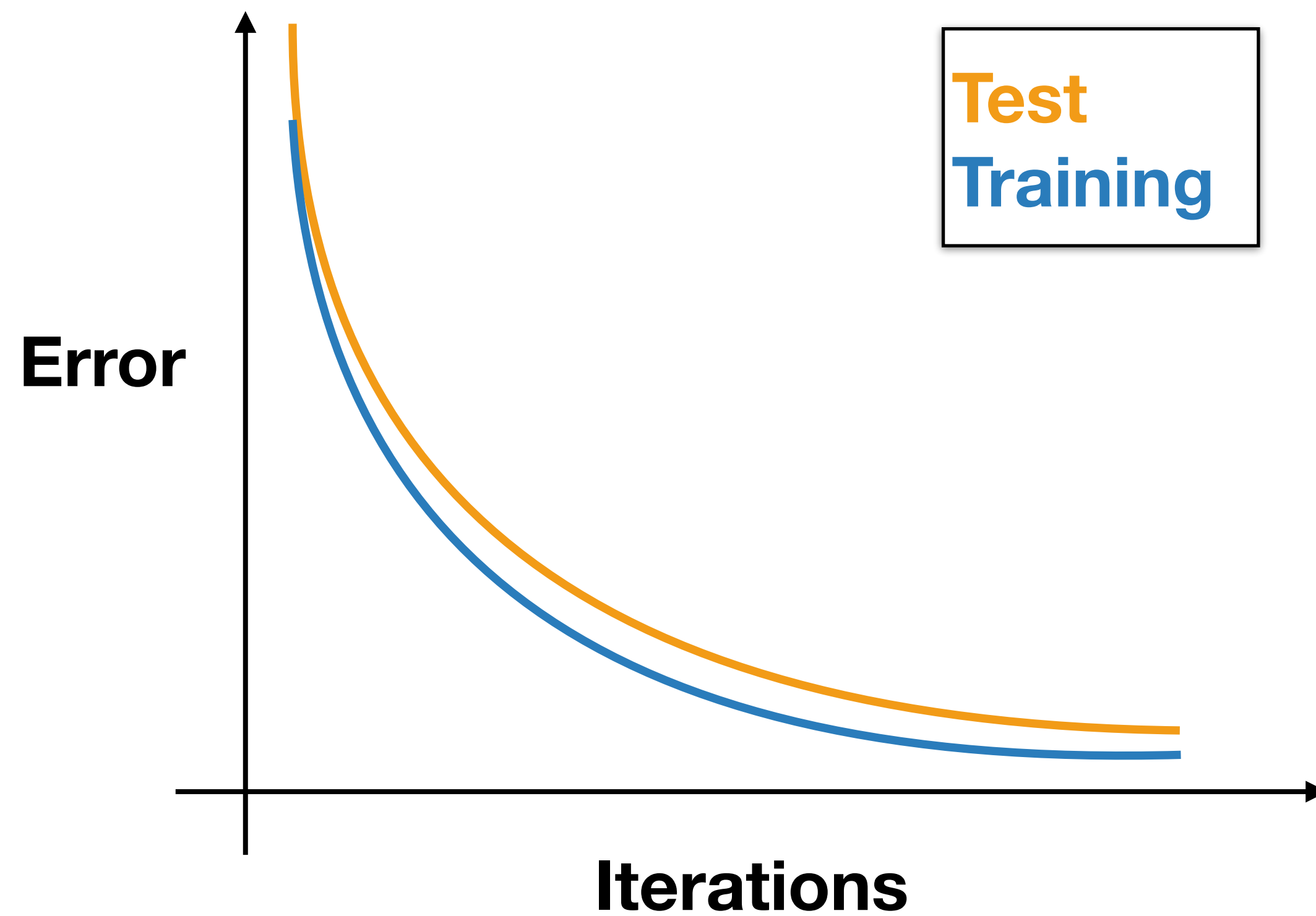
Generalization and Overfitting

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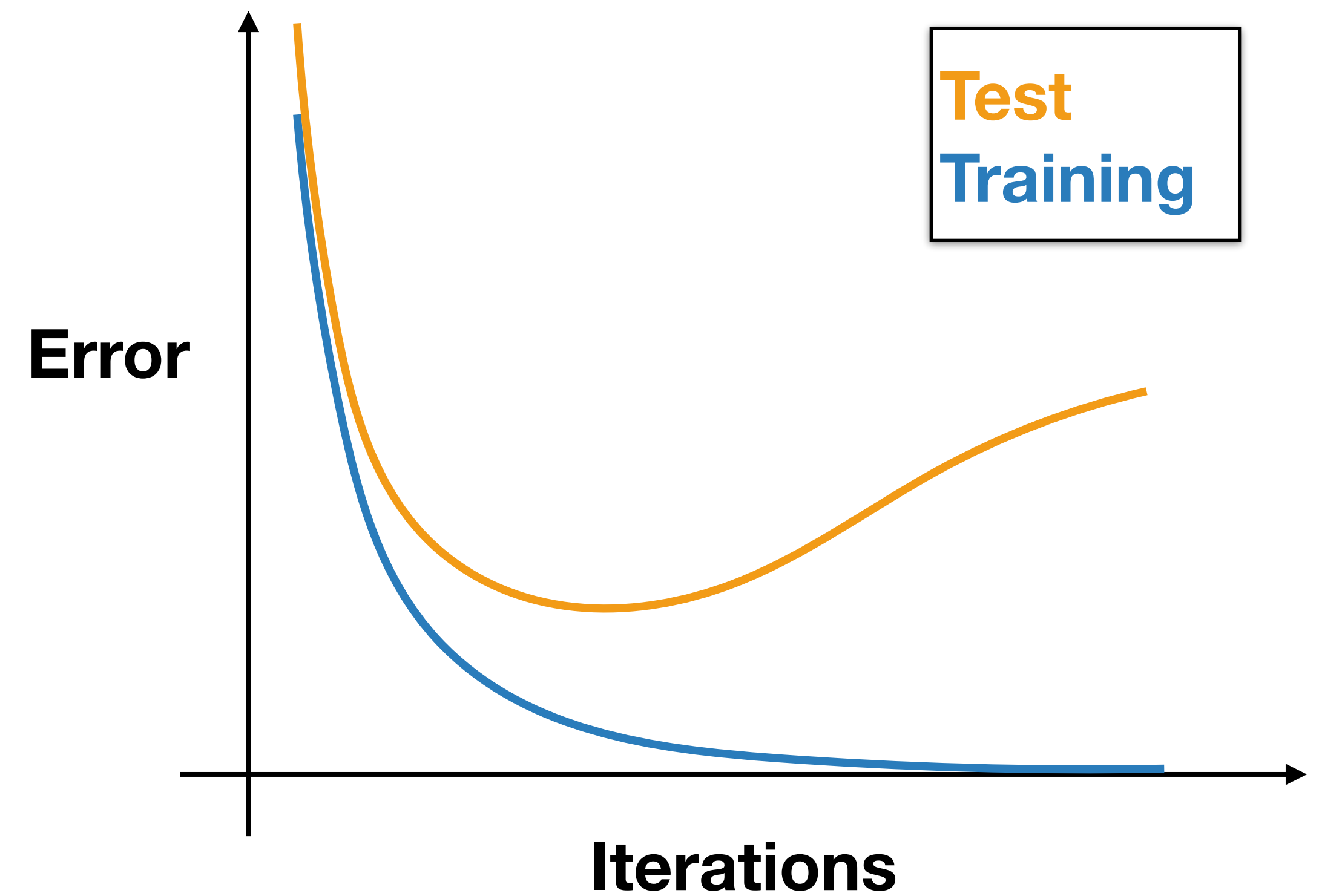


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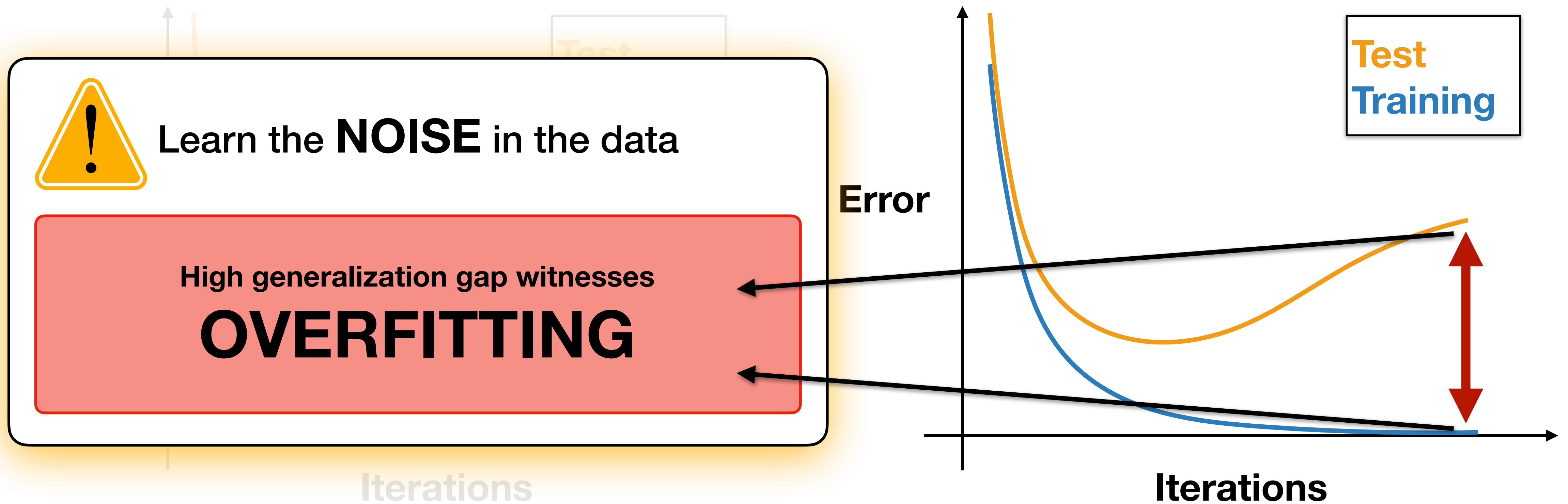
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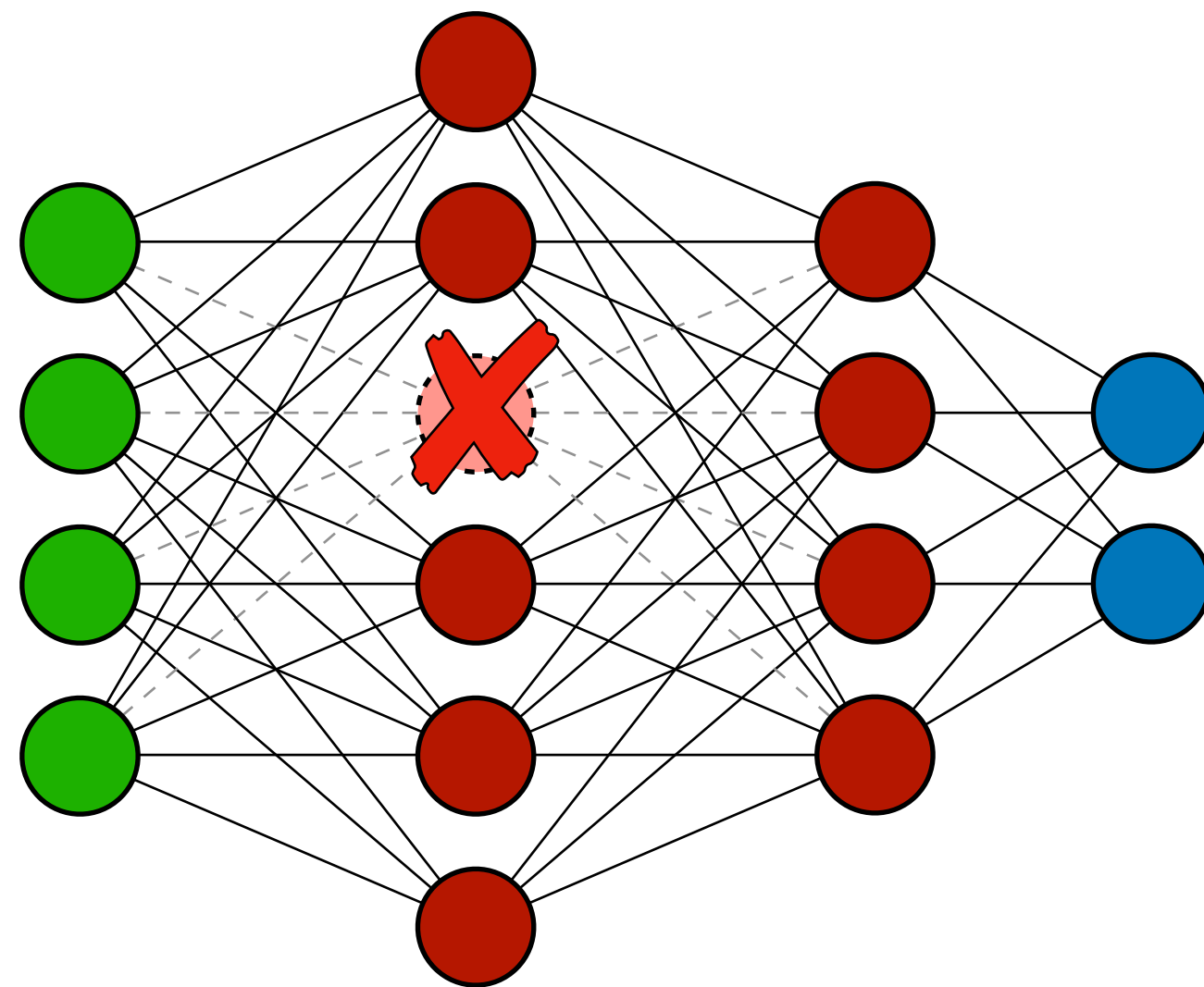
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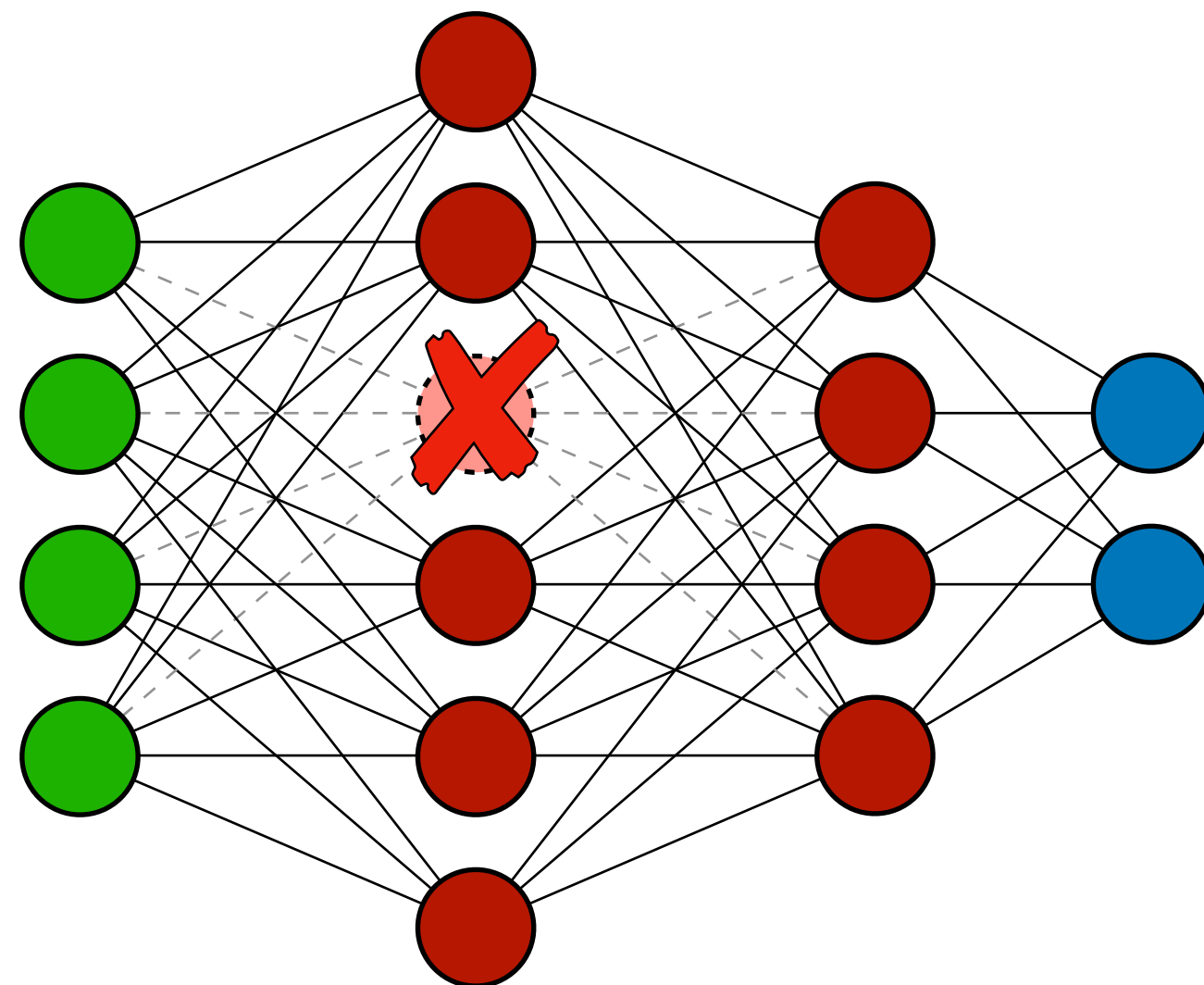
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Randomly remove neurons in
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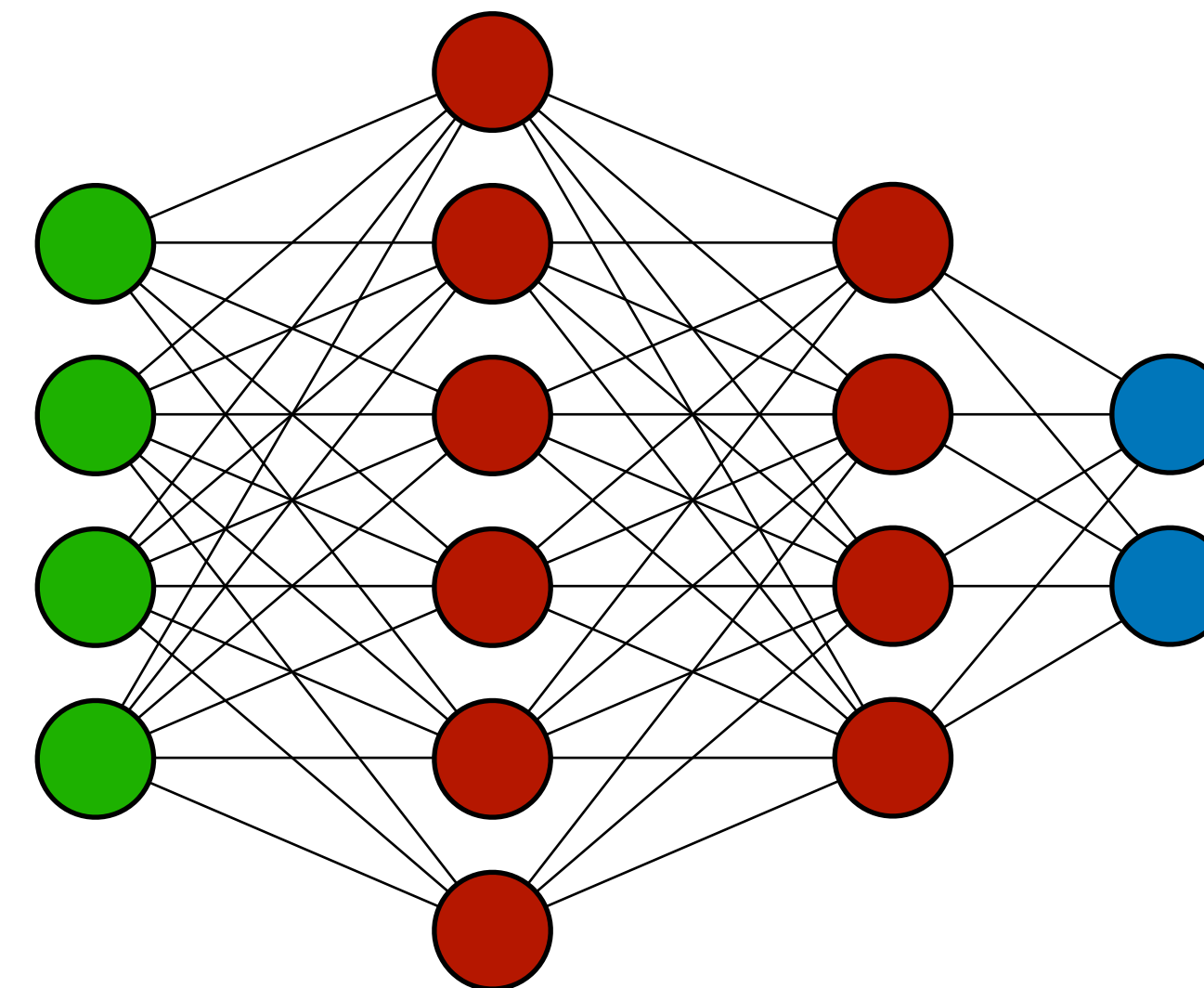
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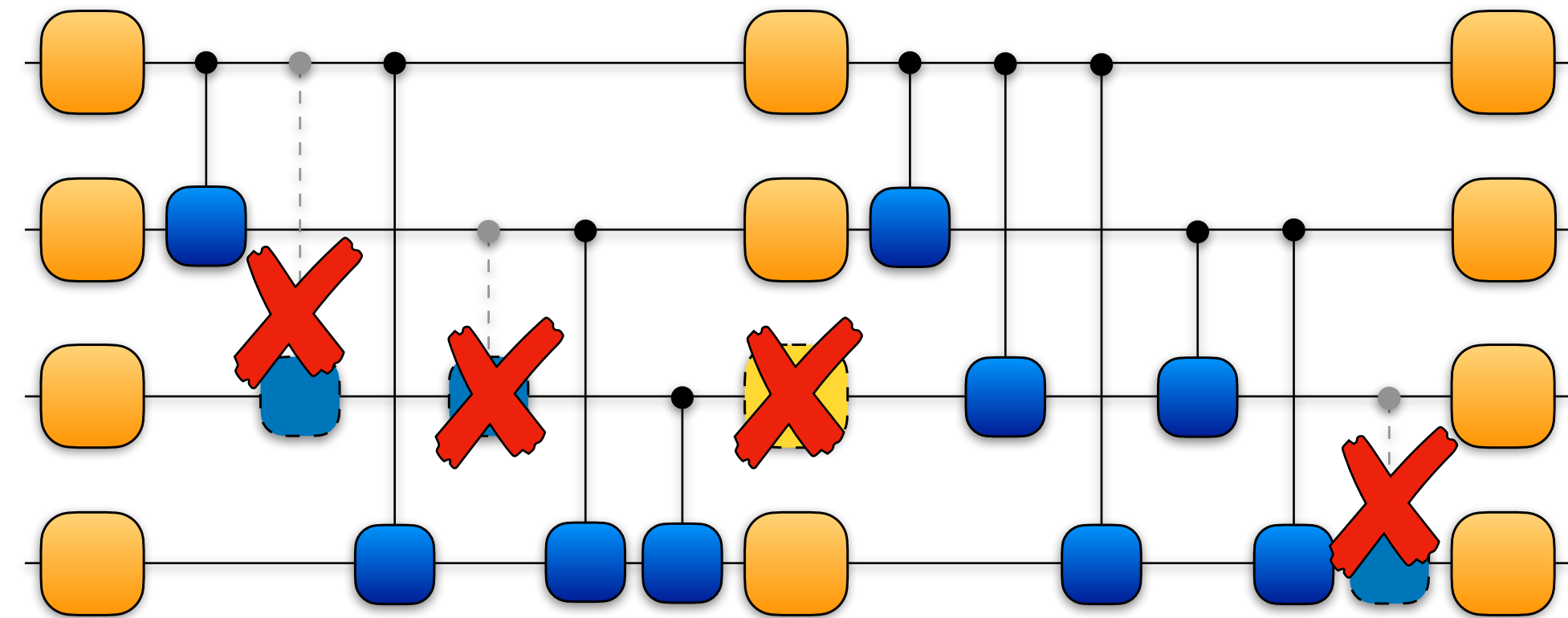
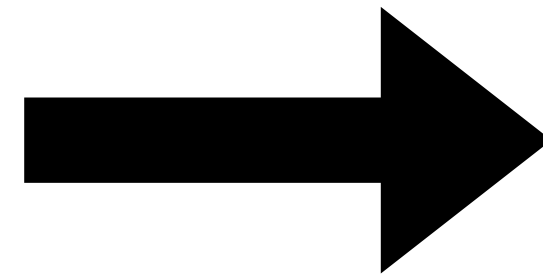
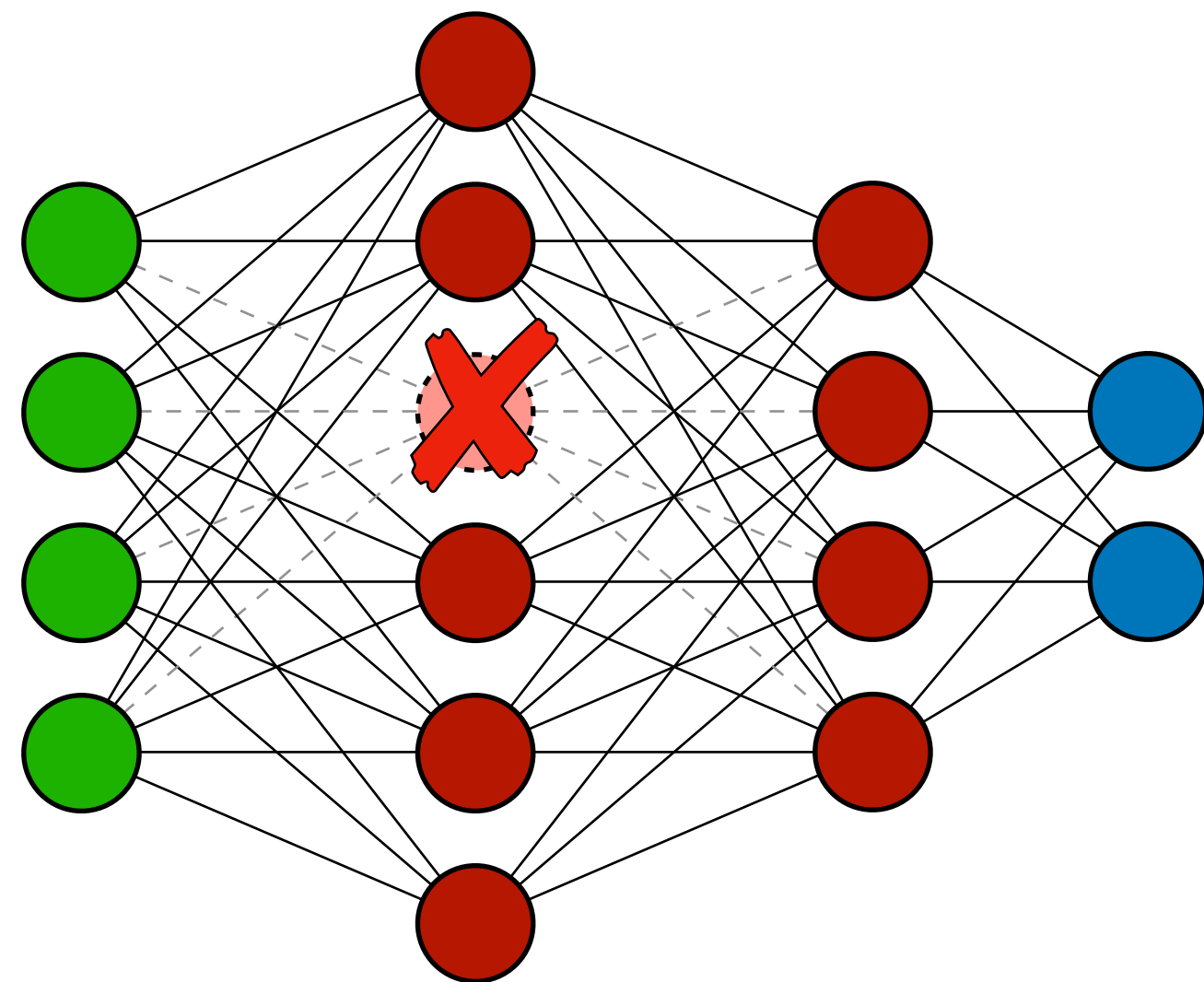
TEST



Employ the whole NN with
rescaled weights

$$\theta_{test} = (1 - p_{drop})\theta_{train}$$

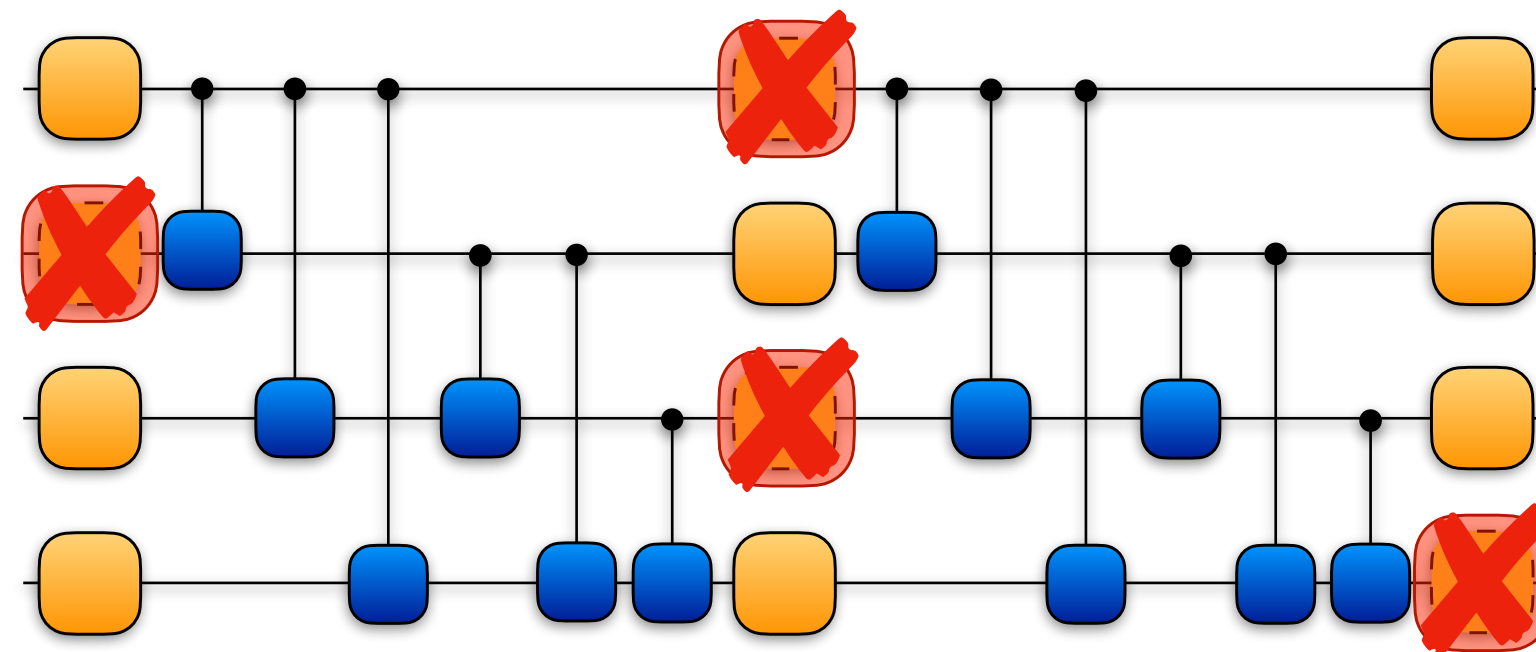
Quantum Dropout



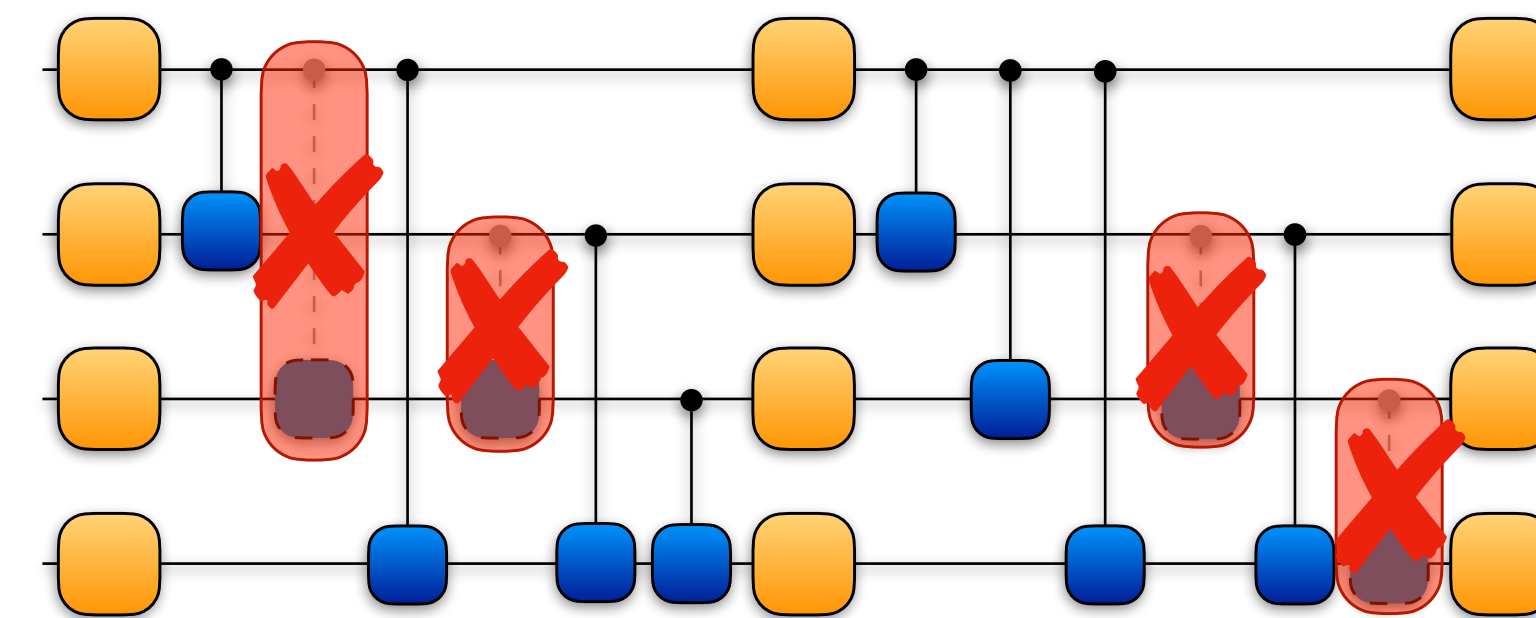
Randomly remove unitaries
during training in
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Different strategies

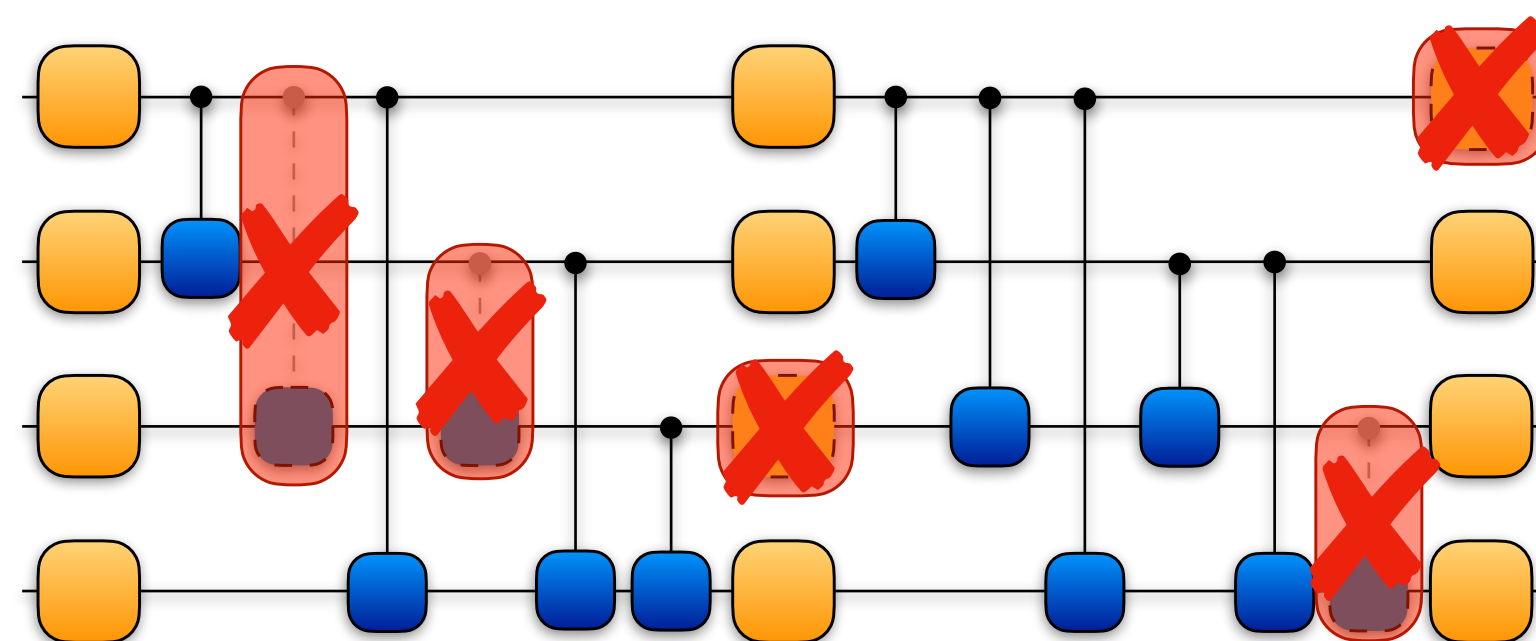
ROTATION dropout



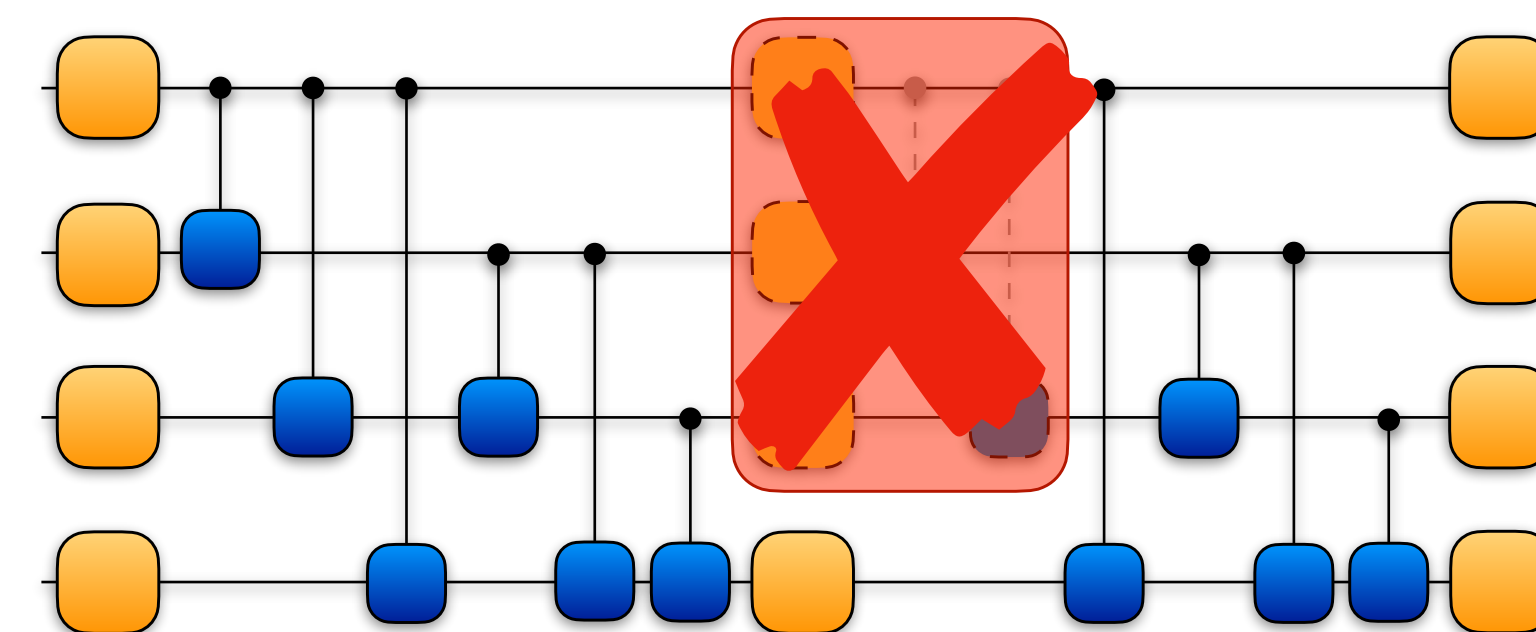
ENTANGLING dropout¹



INDEPENDENT dropout



GROUP dropout



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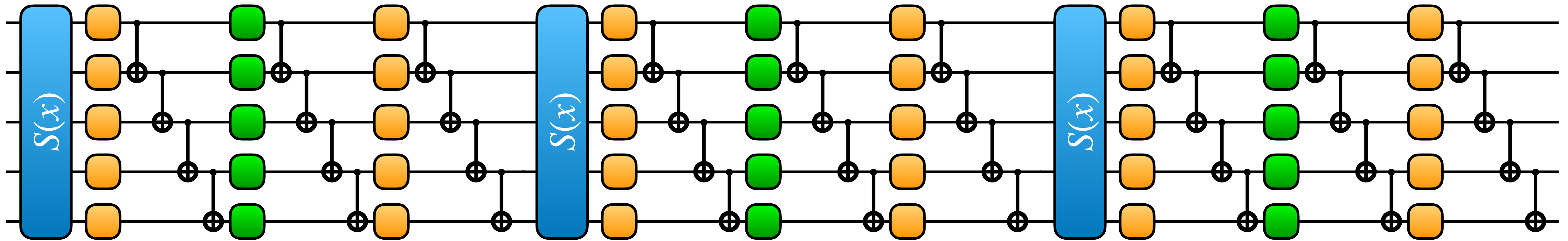
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Dropout scheme

At each training step

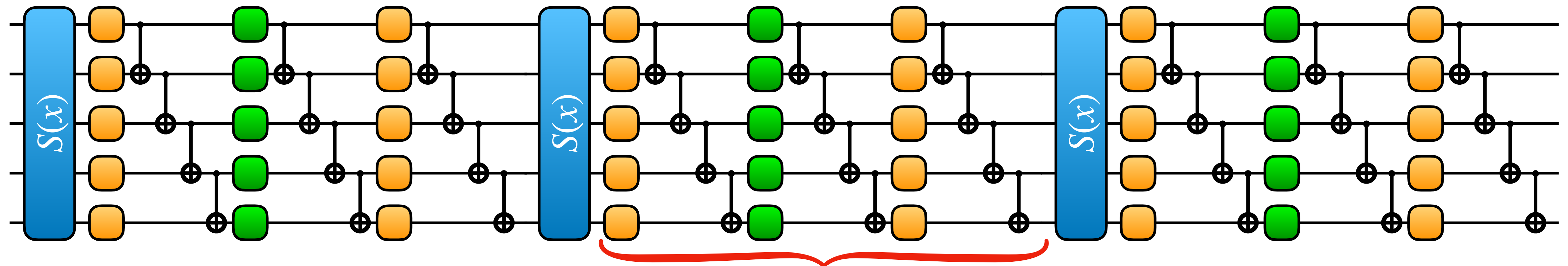


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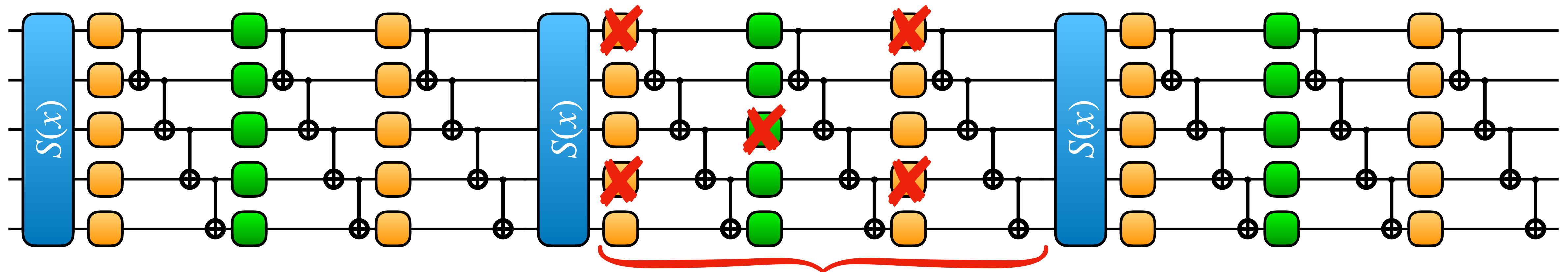
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Dropout scheme

At each training step

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Remove gates based on p_G following a strategy



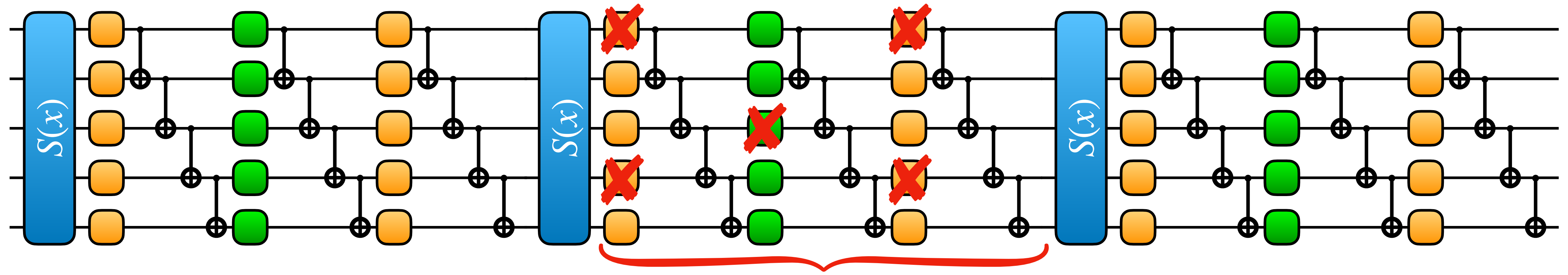
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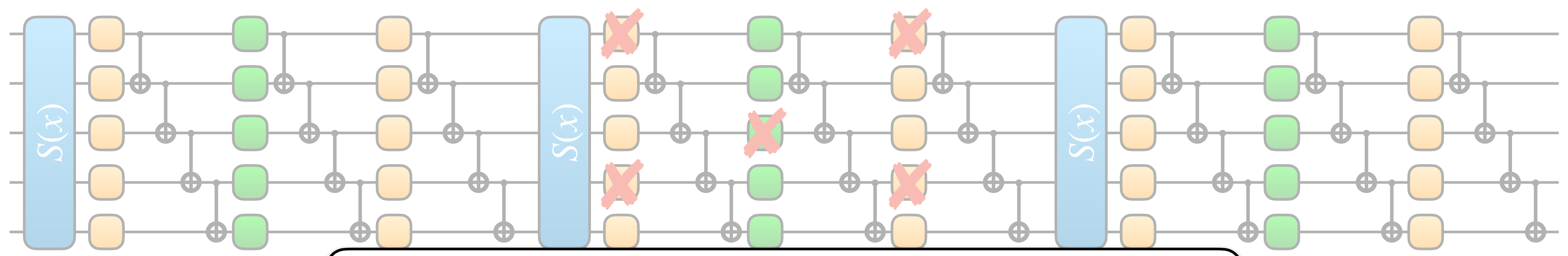
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③ Optimization step: update the parameters

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 **The circuit changes at each training step**

③ Optimization update the

Main results

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Generalization

②

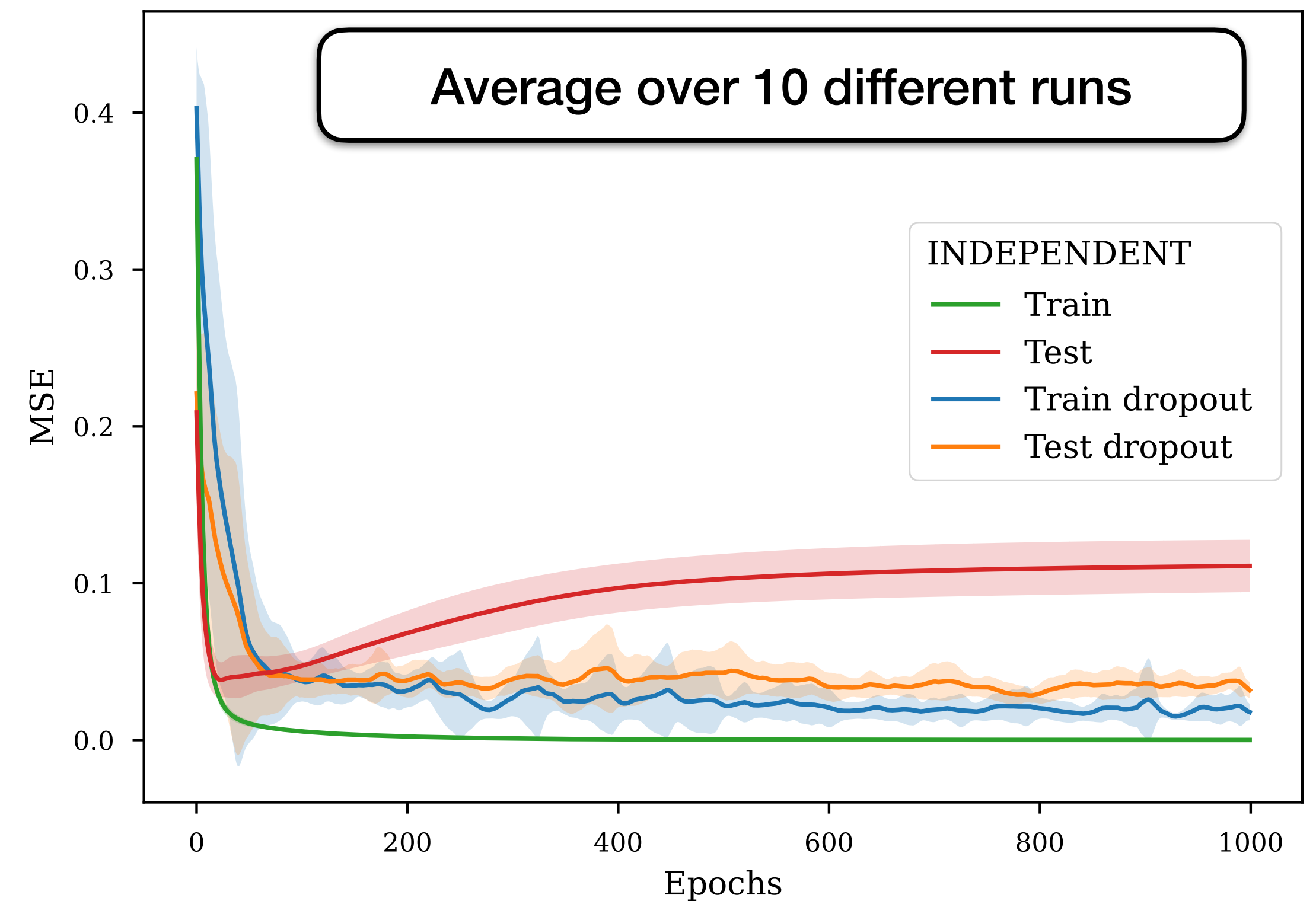
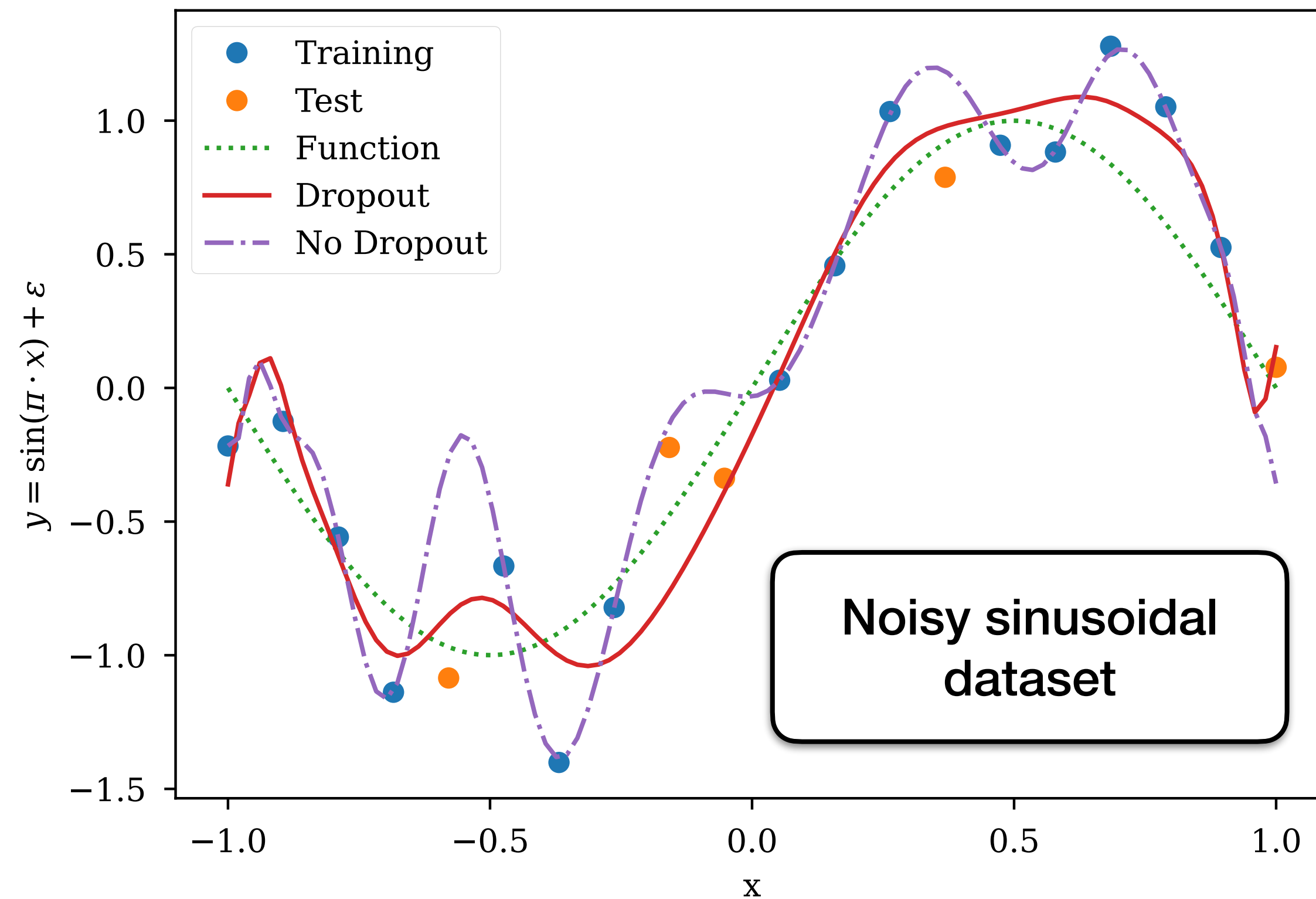
**Expressibility and entanglement
of QNN**

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**Parameters rescaling
at test time**

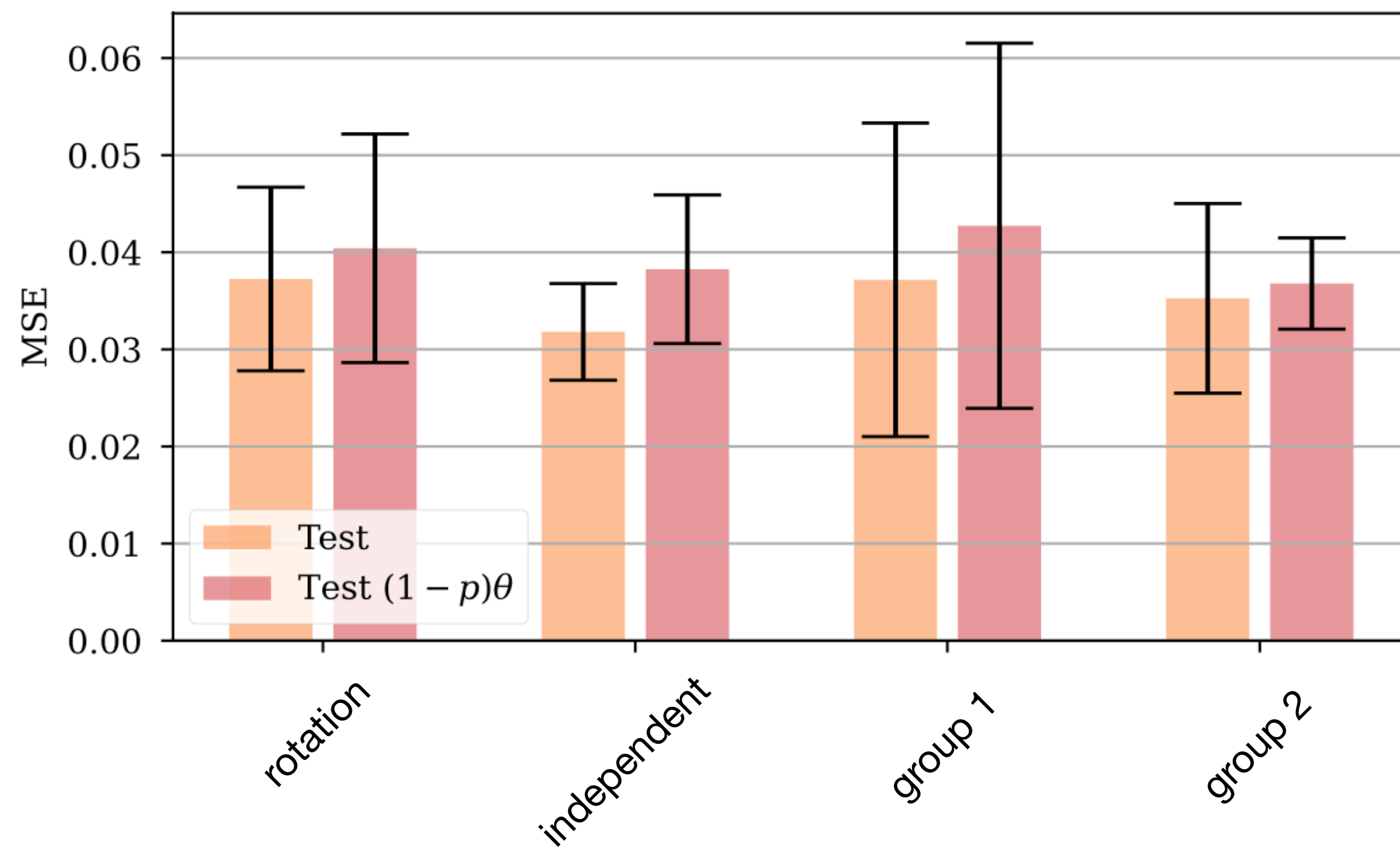
Generalization

Noiseless quantum simulations

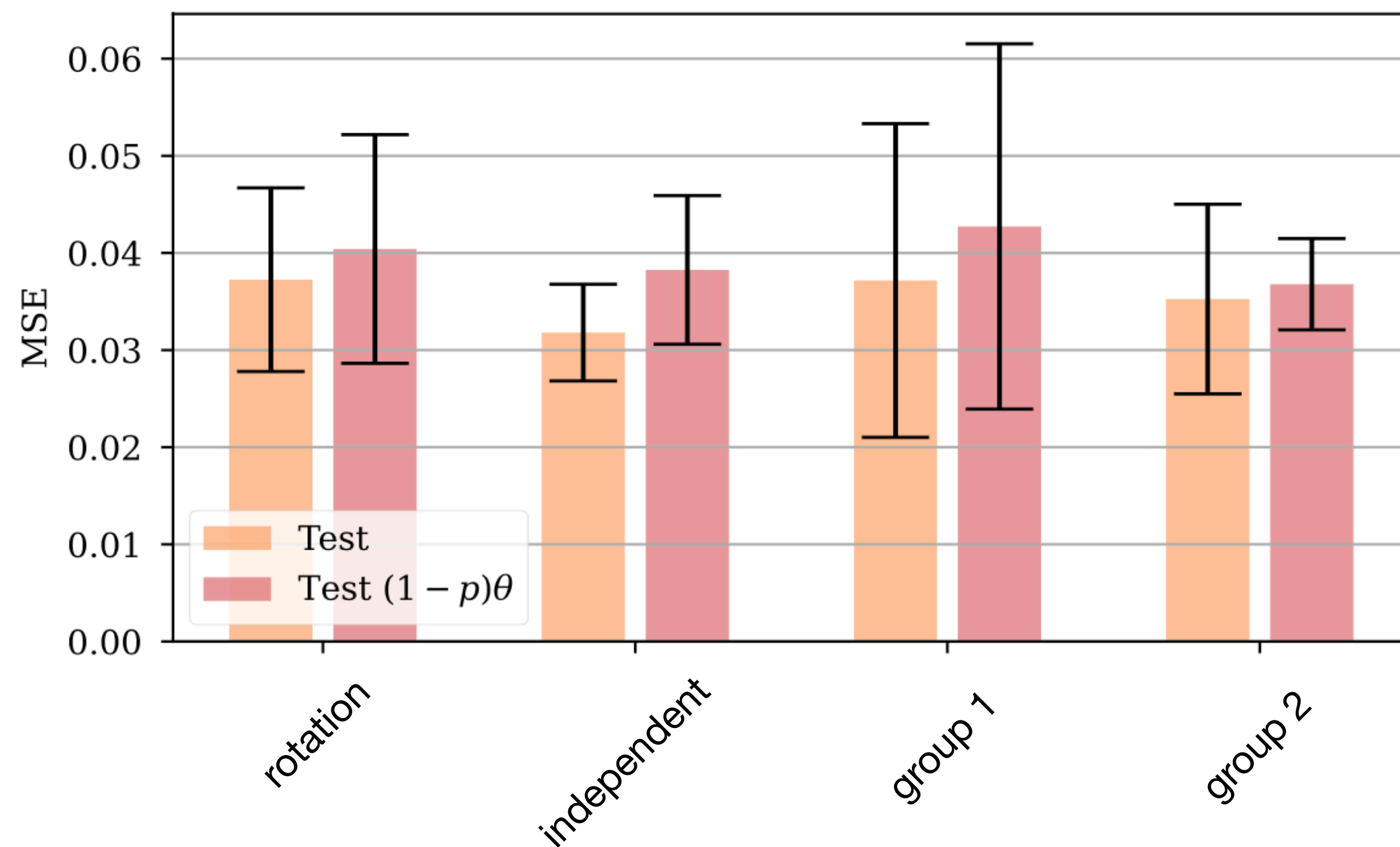


Optimal dropout percentages: 5-8% depending on the strategy

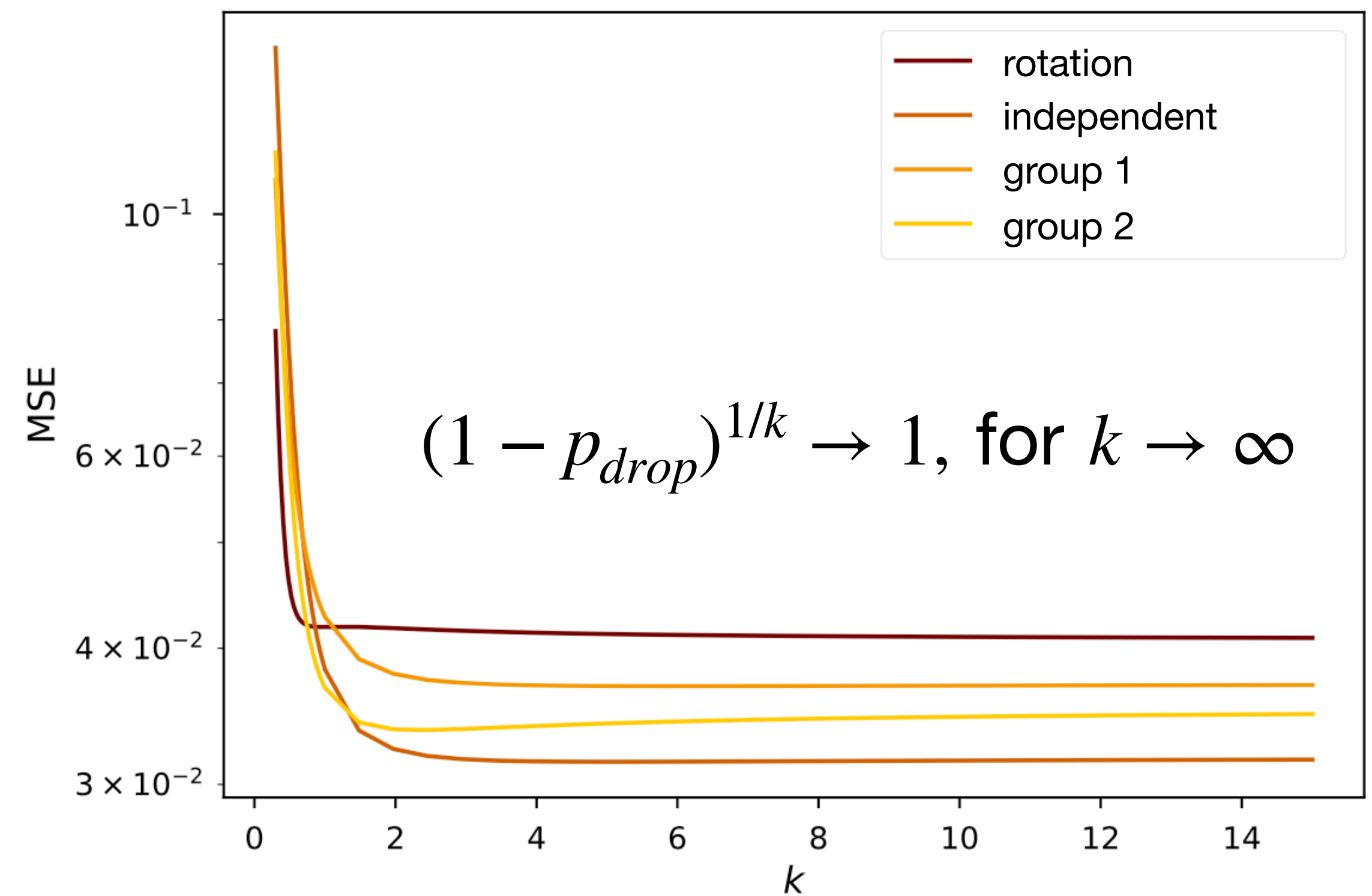
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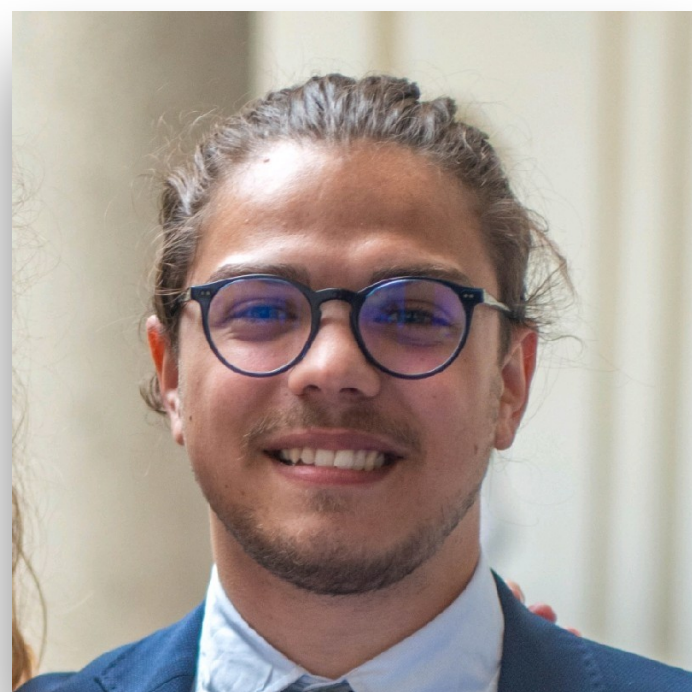
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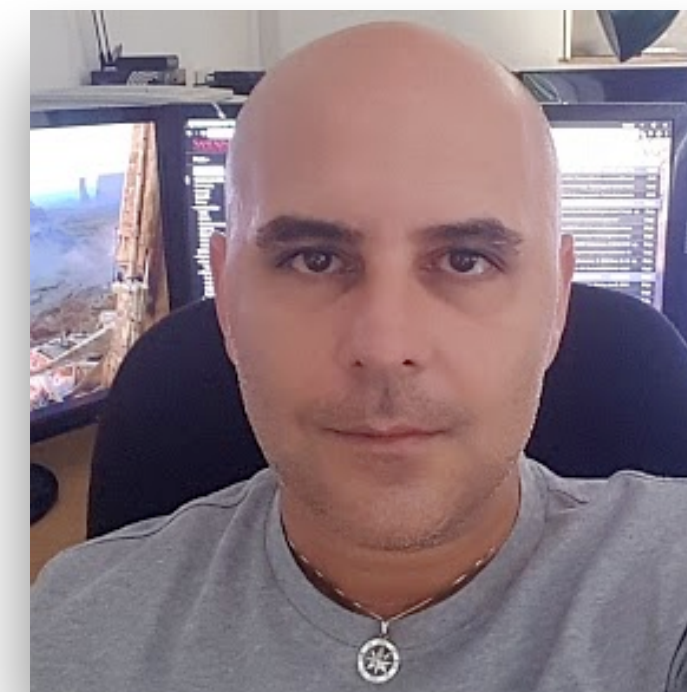
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Summary

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Quantum dropout does:

- Reduce **overfitting** allowing **generalization**
- Not reduce **expressibility nor entanglement** for highly overparametrized QNNs
- Not seem to need parameters **rescaling** at test time

