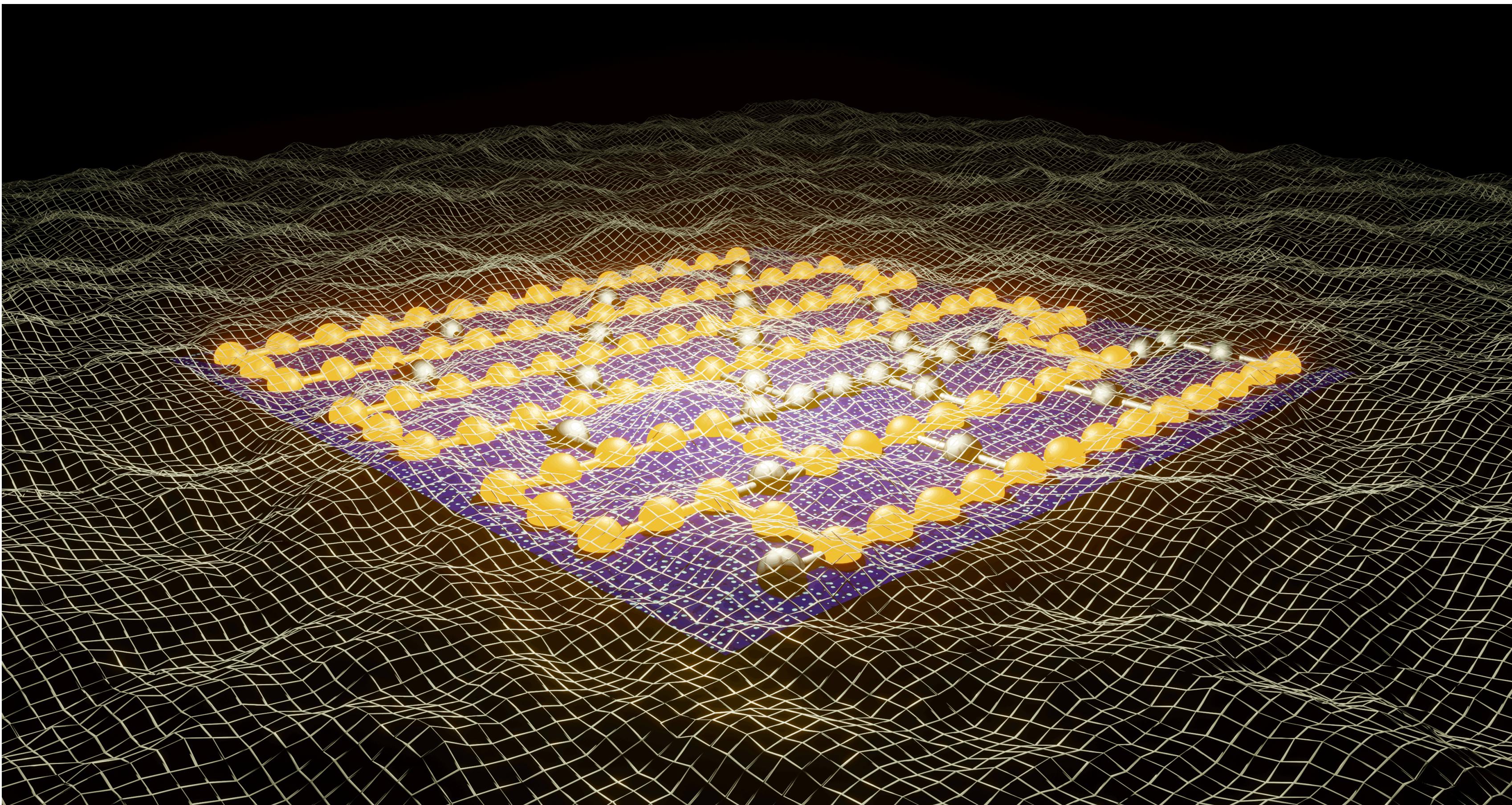


Simulations of hadron dynamics on a quantum computer



I will discuss work done in collaboration with



Marc Illa



Anthony Ciavarella



Martin Savage

Details can be found in:

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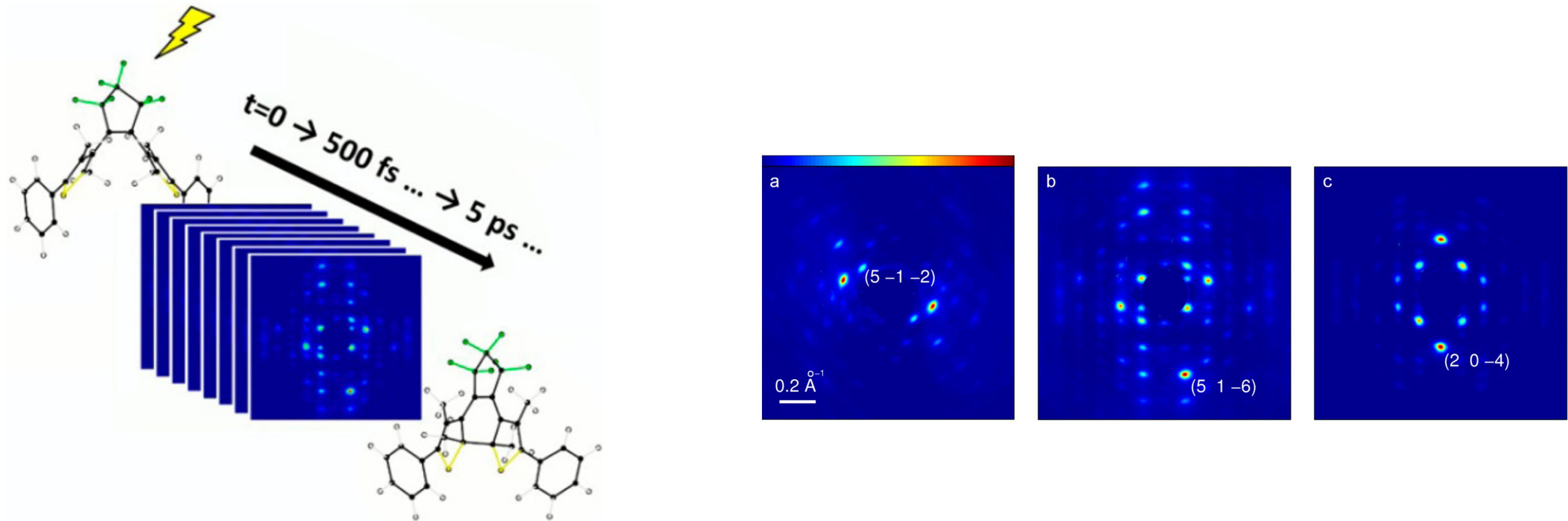
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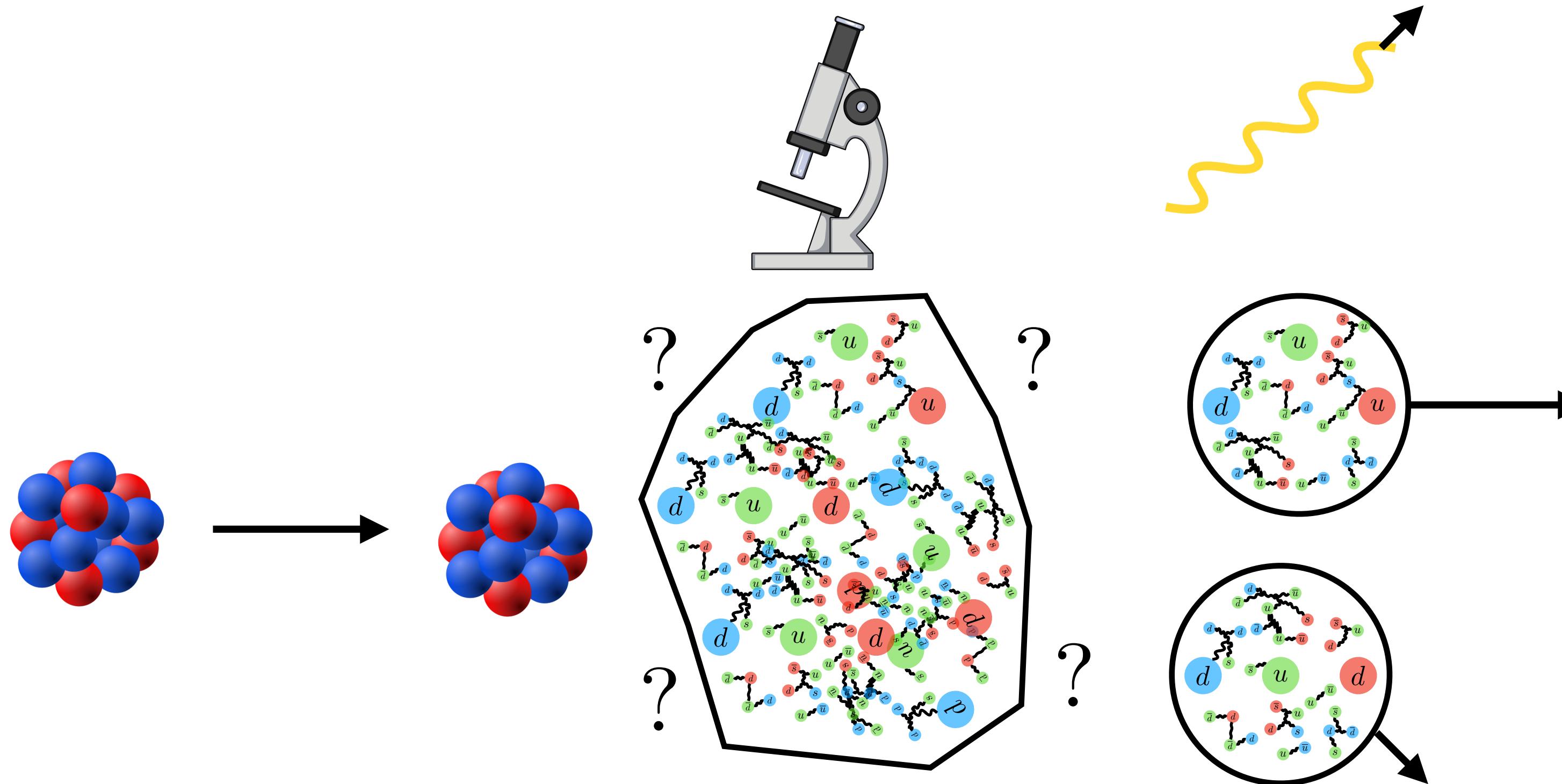
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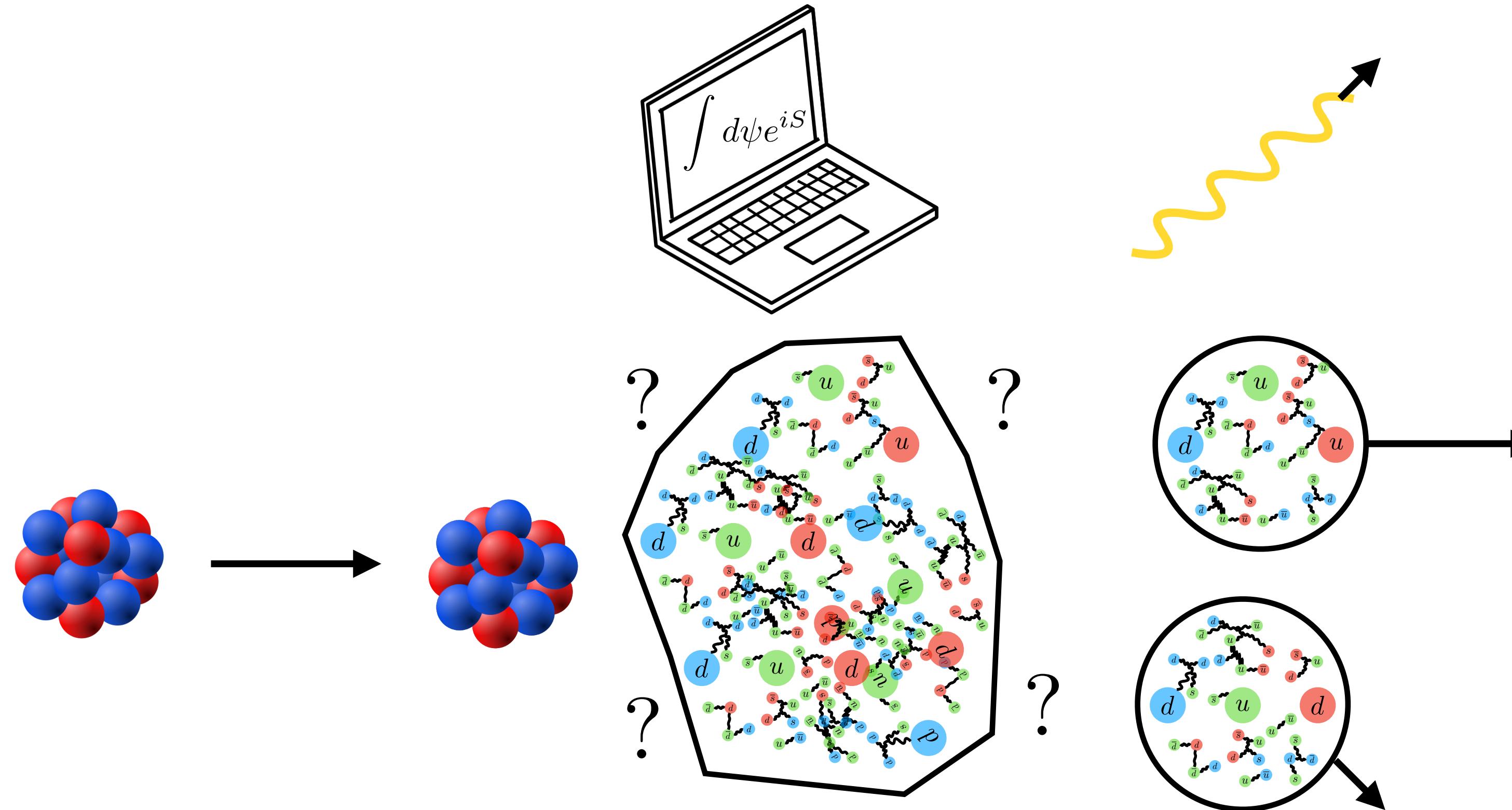
Femtosecond electron diffraction has revealed how molecules re-arrange

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Hadronic processes are difficult to dissect experimentally

Probing reactions in real-time



Accessible through simulations

Lattice QCD on classical computers



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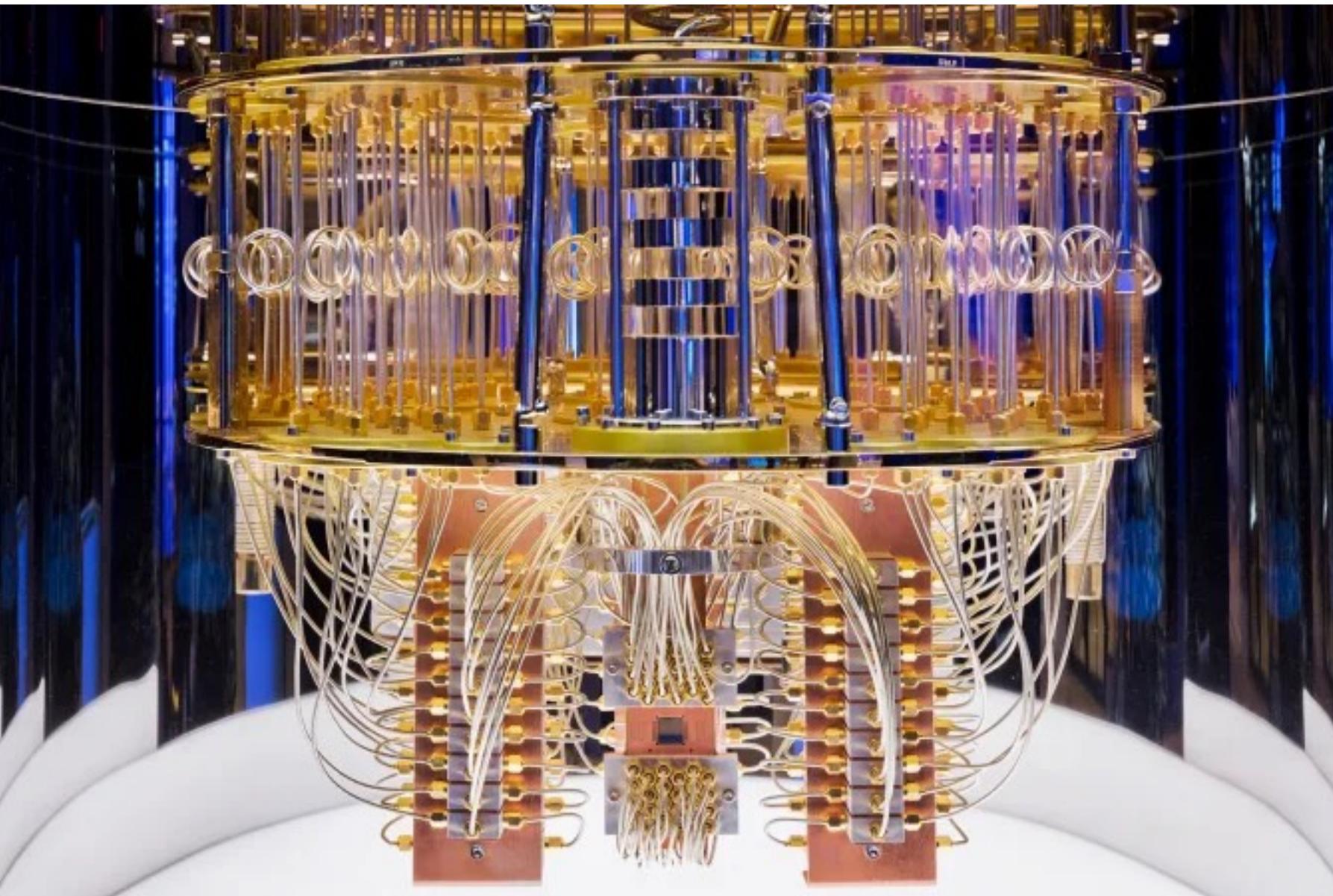
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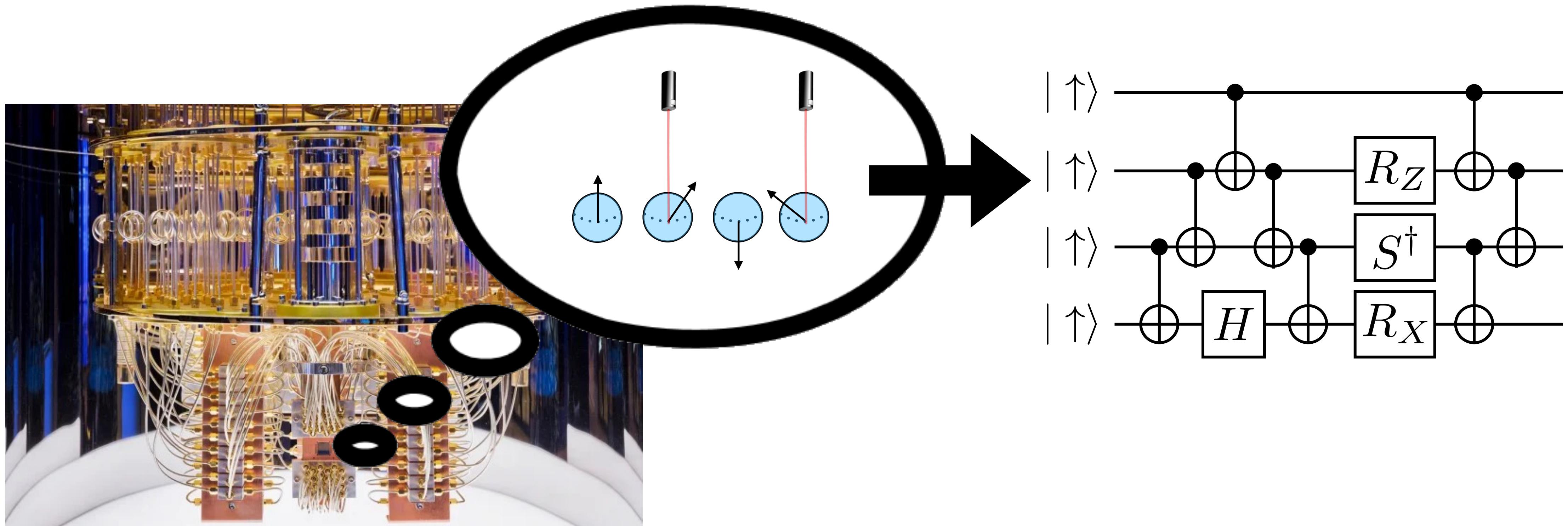
Quantum mechanics naturally
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$$U(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}_{\text{QCD}}t}$$



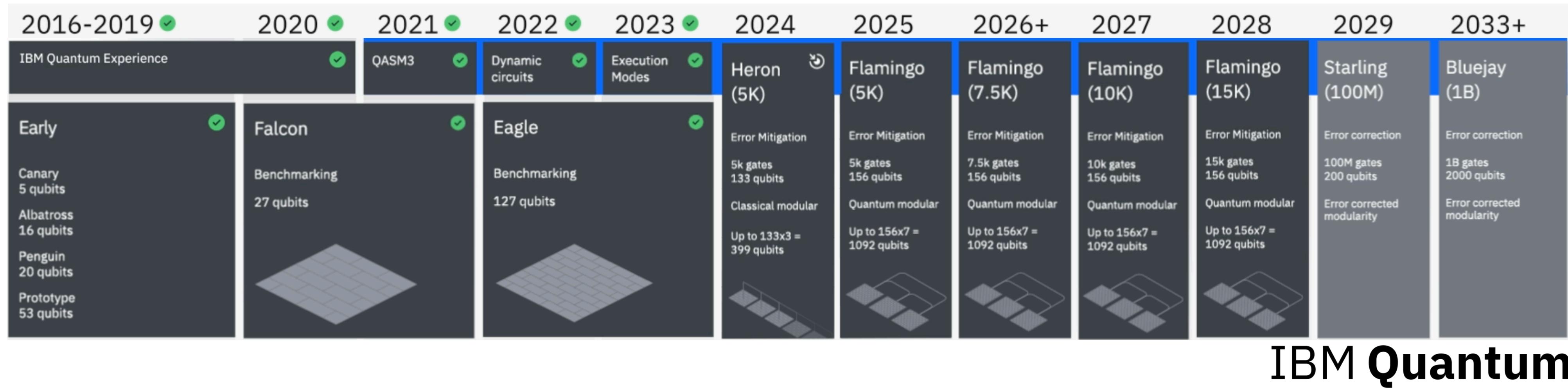
Emulate QCD on a system of highly controllable qubits

A quantum computer is a highly controllable quantum system

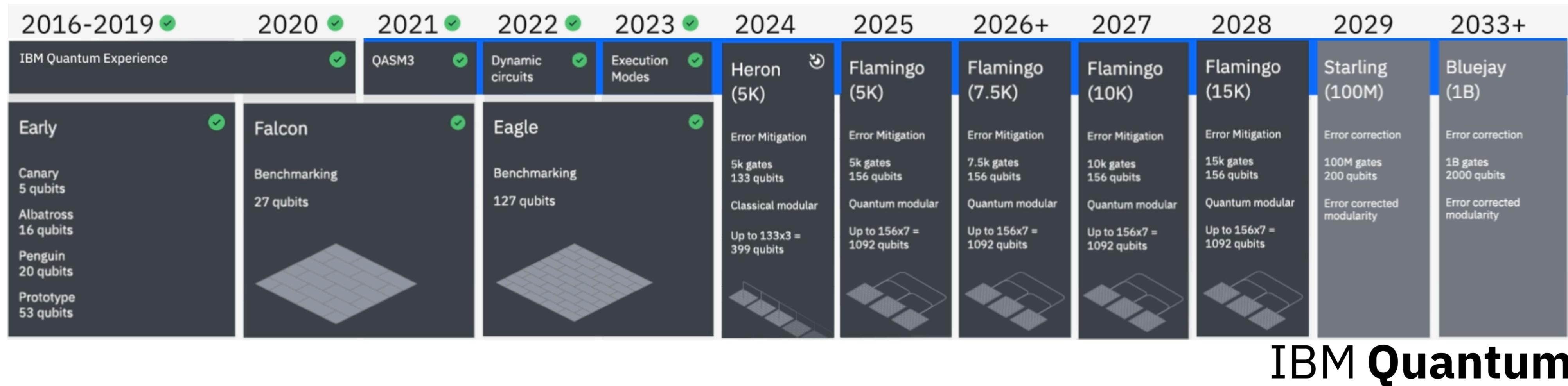


More gates = more device errors

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Towards QCD, I will discuss work on the Schwinger model

- QED in 1+1D: also a confining gauge theory with “hadrons”

Atas et. al *Nat Commun* **12**, 6499 (2021)

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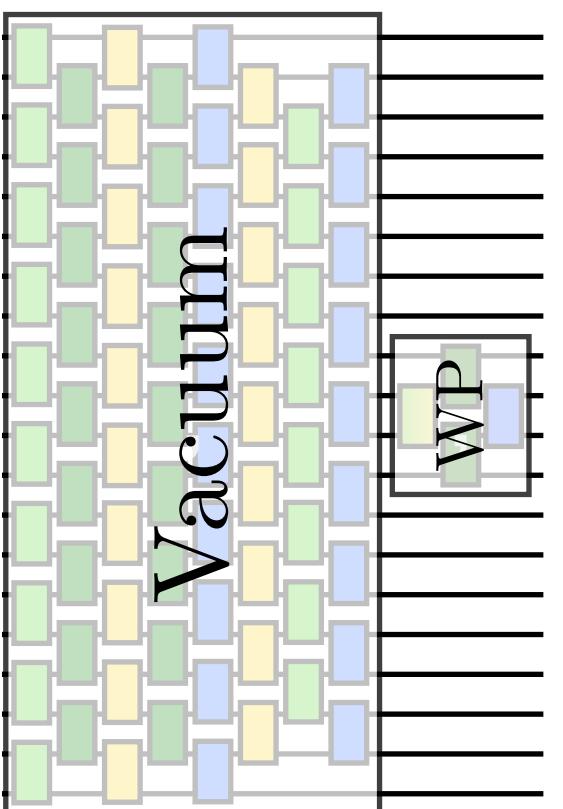
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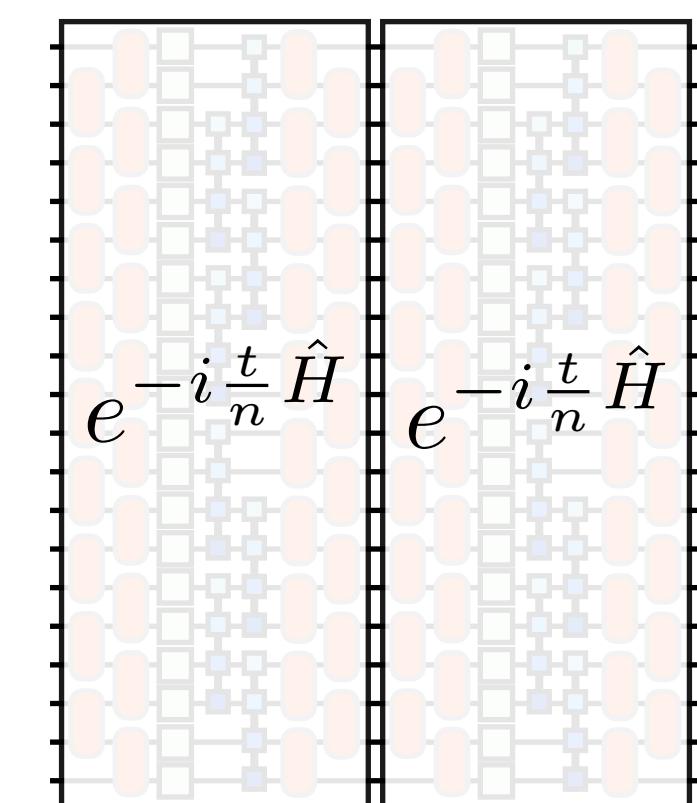
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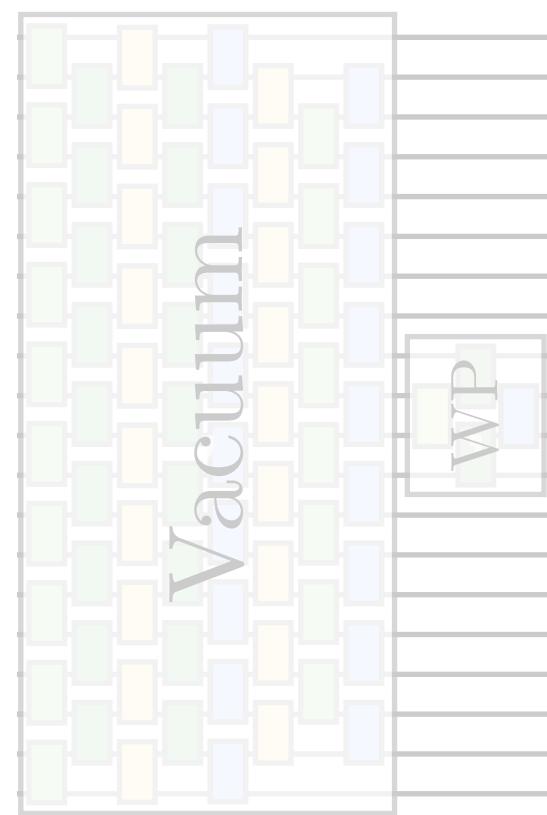
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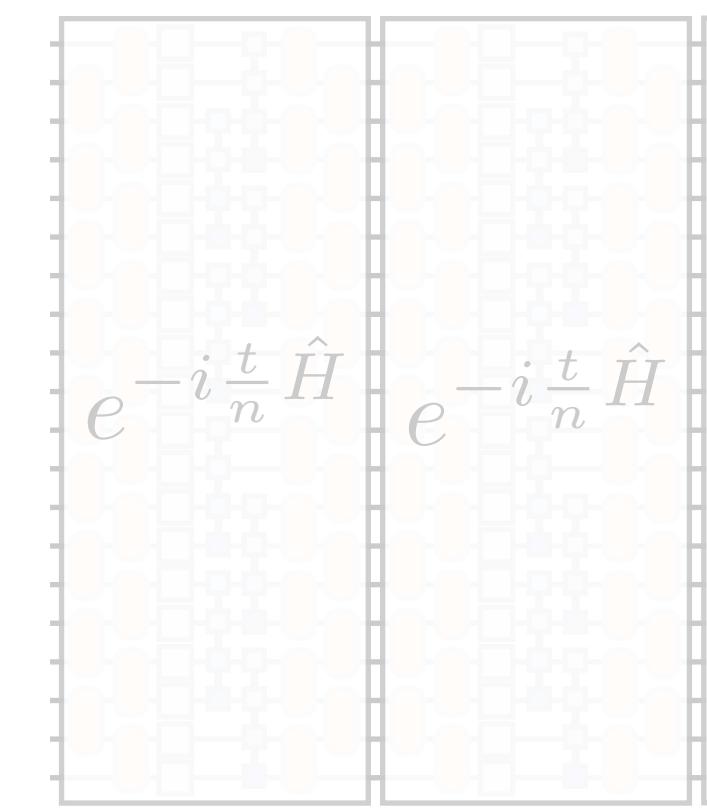
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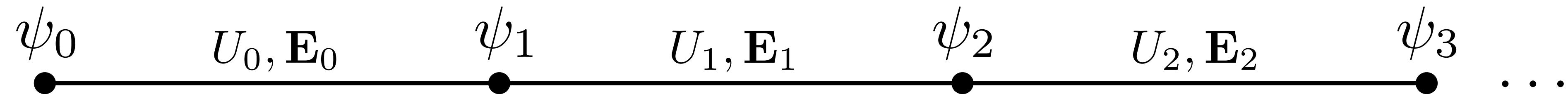


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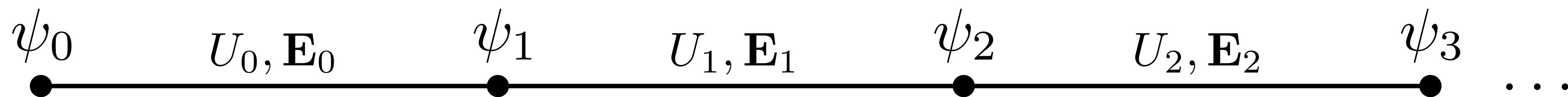
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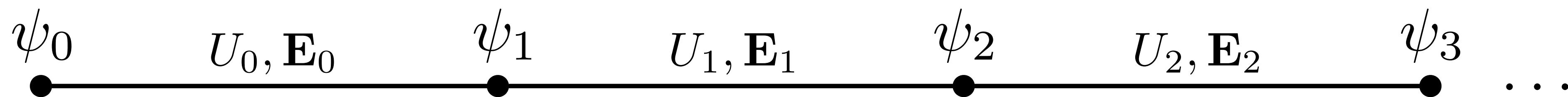
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No parallel transporter



Coulomb potential

A lattice of N interacting electrons and positrons

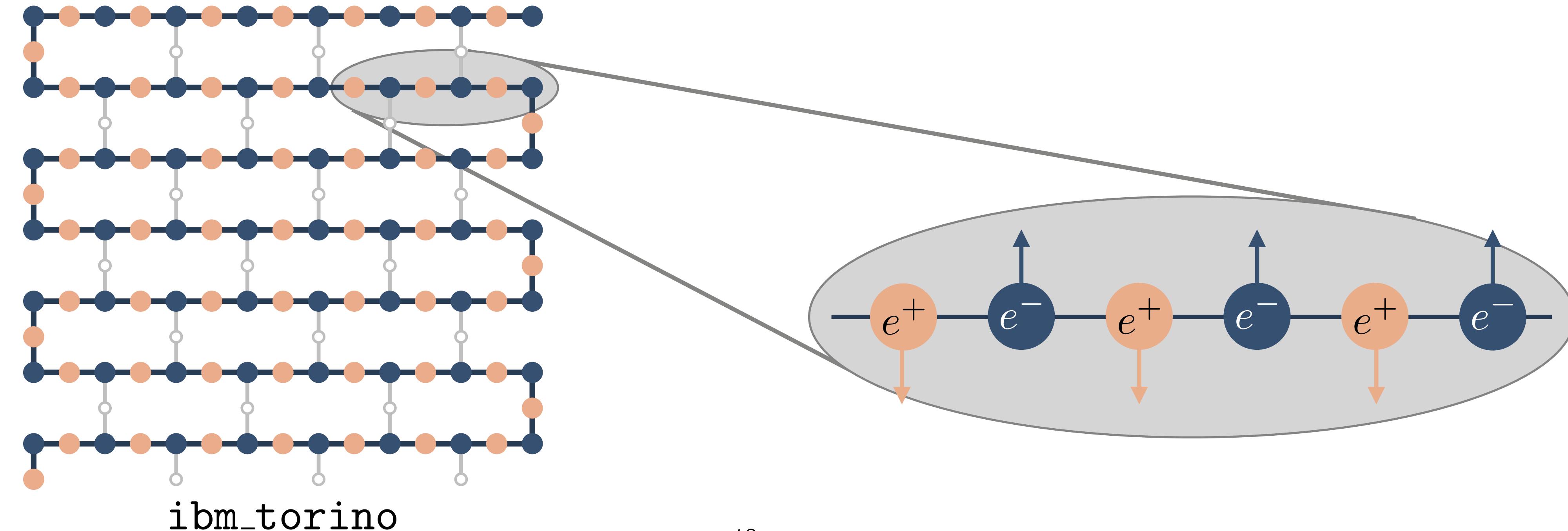
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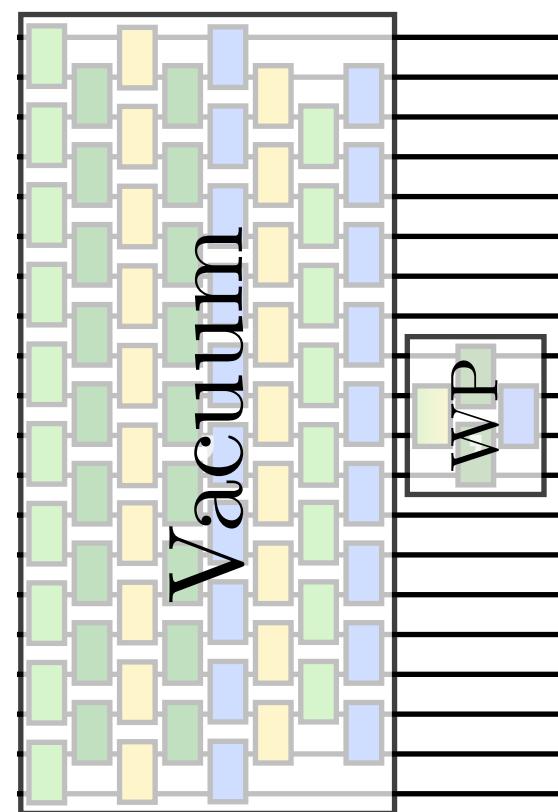
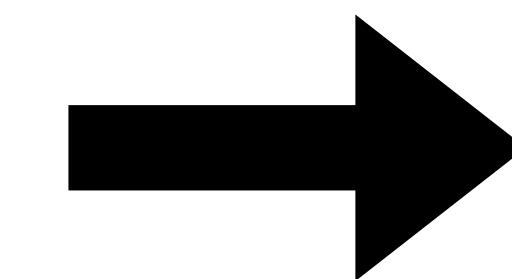


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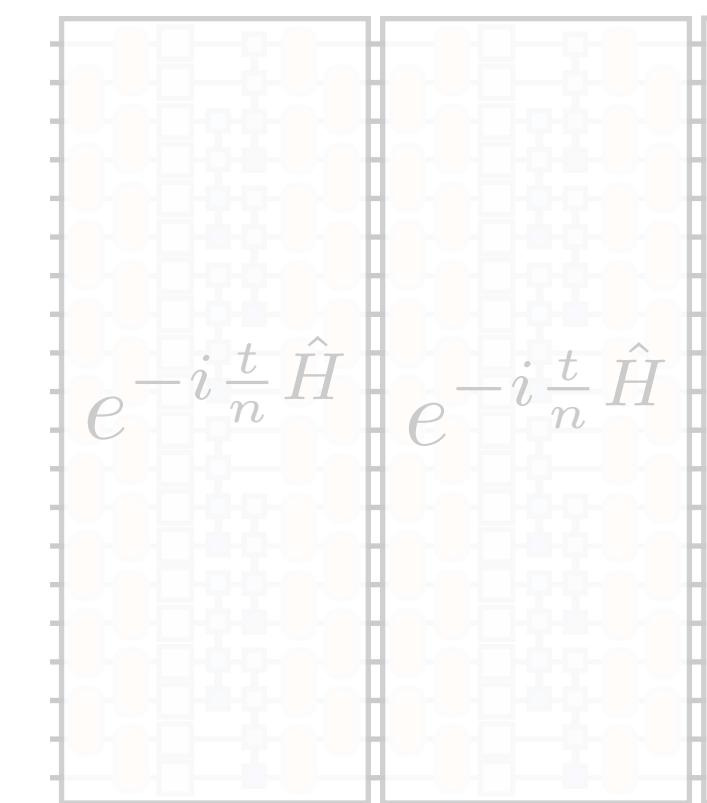
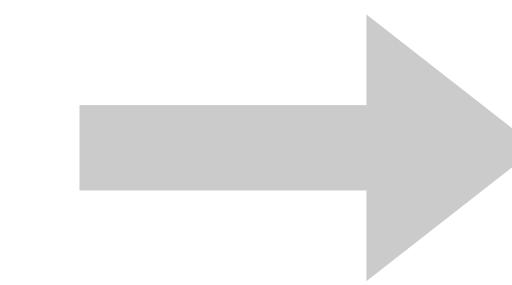
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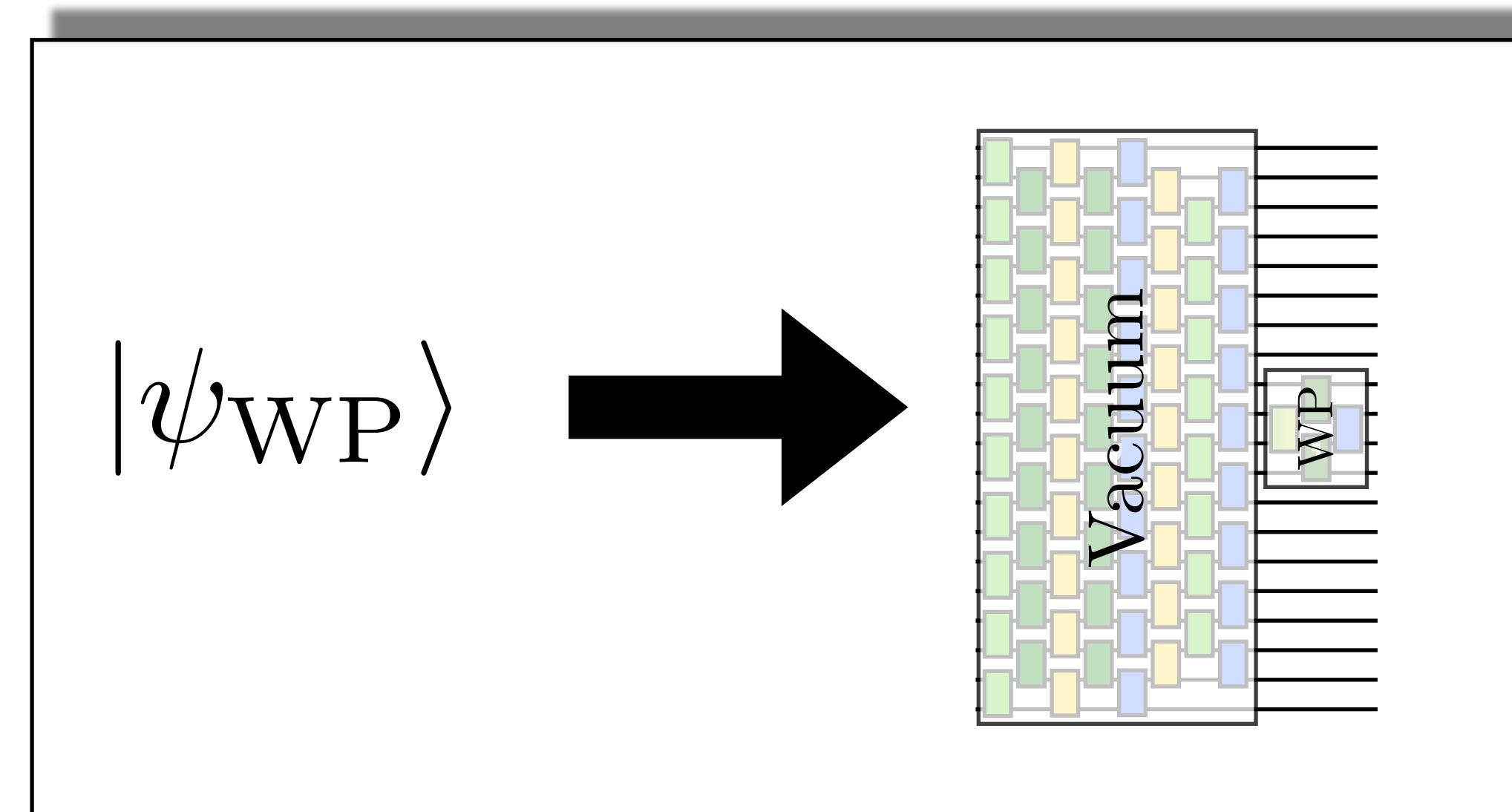
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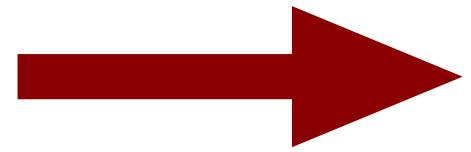
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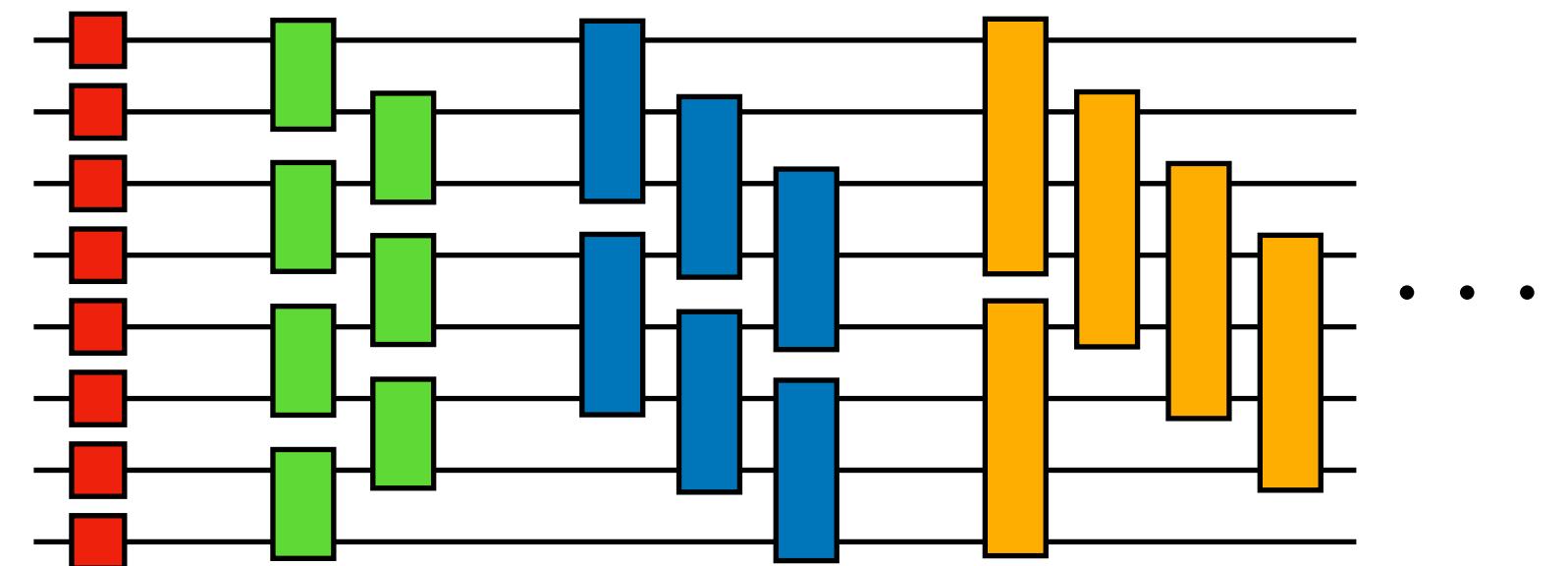
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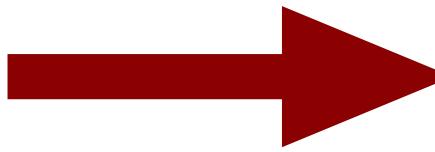
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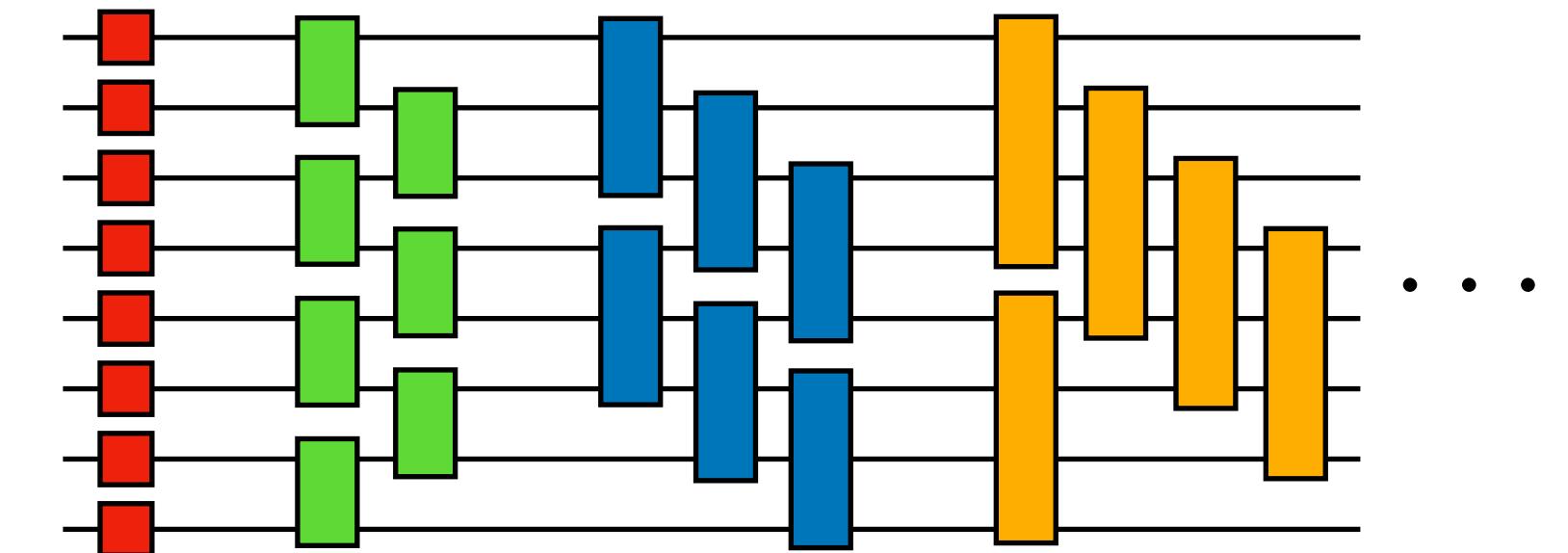
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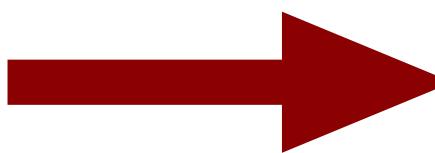
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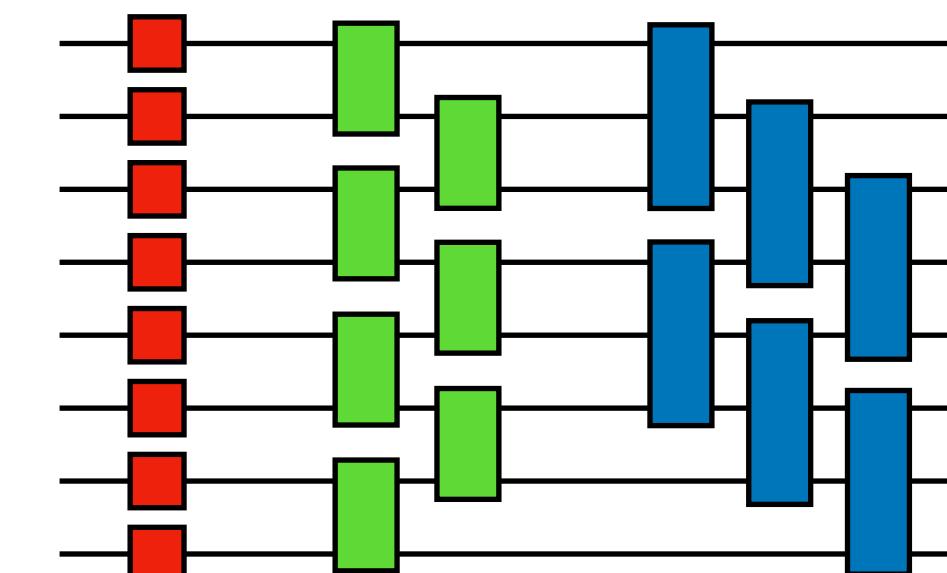
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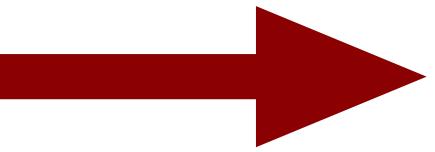
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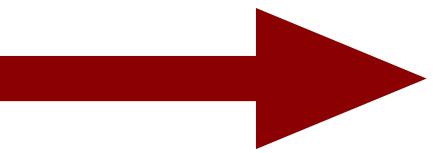
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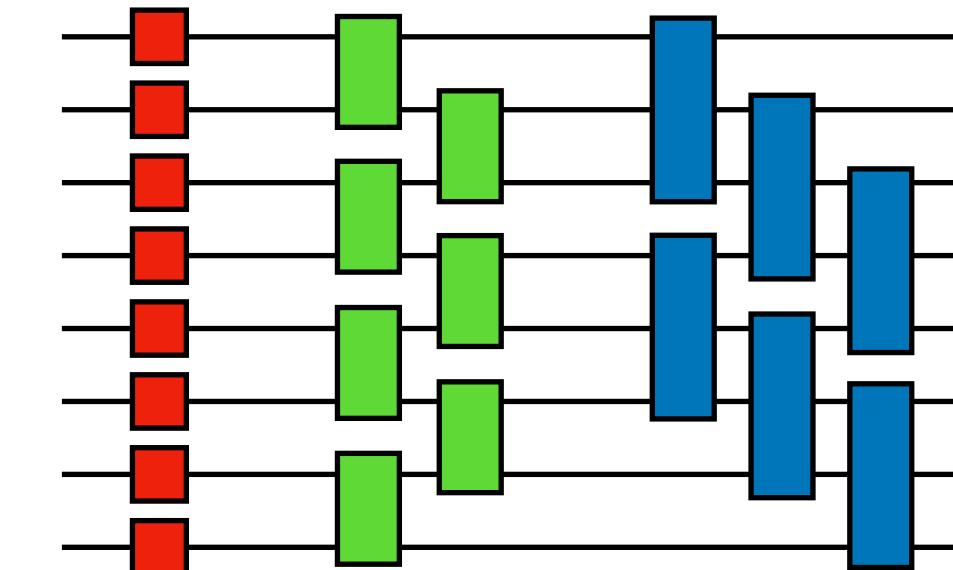
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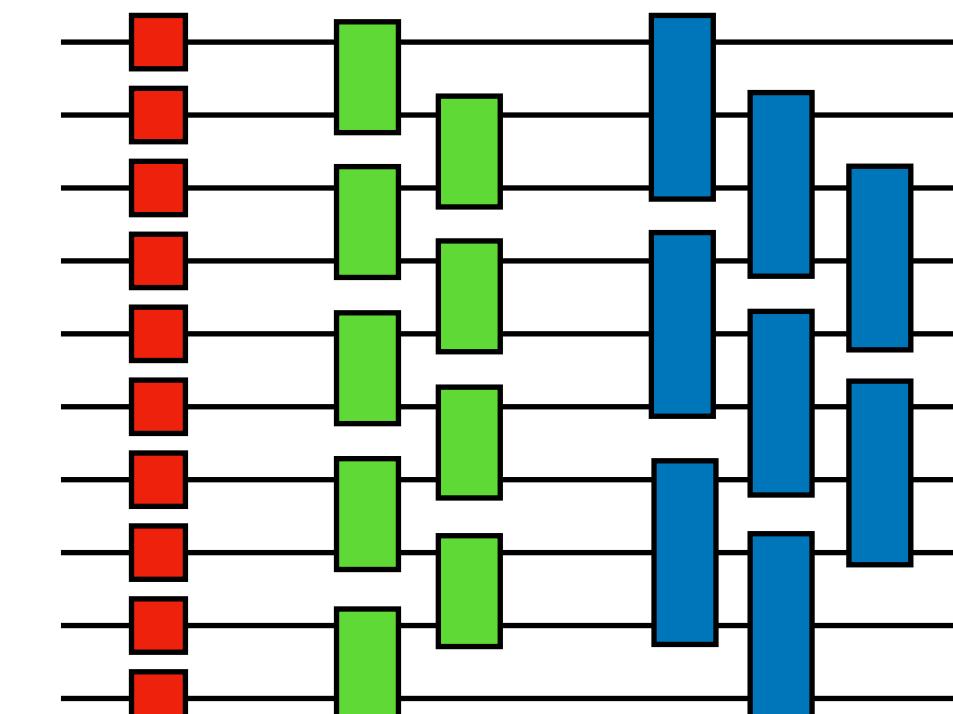
Circuits structure converges in N

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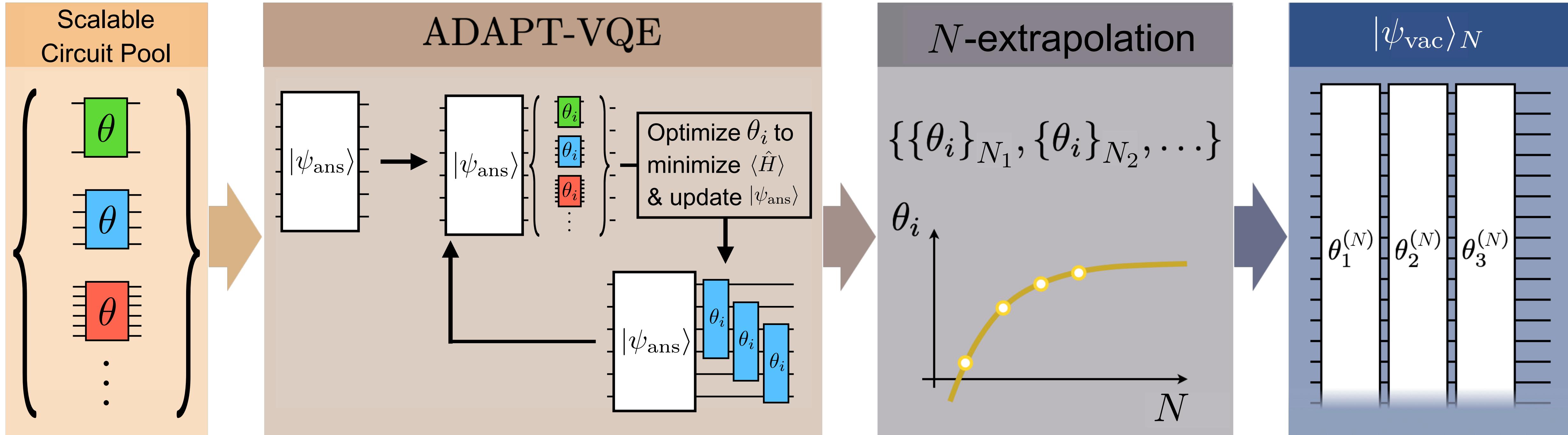
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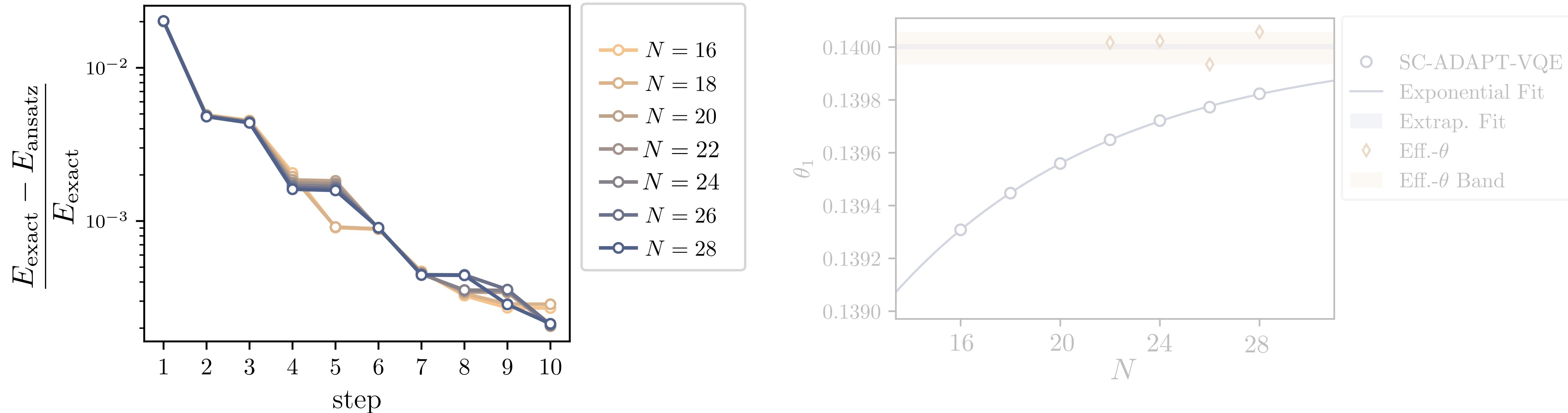
The SC-ADAPT-VQE state preparation algorithm



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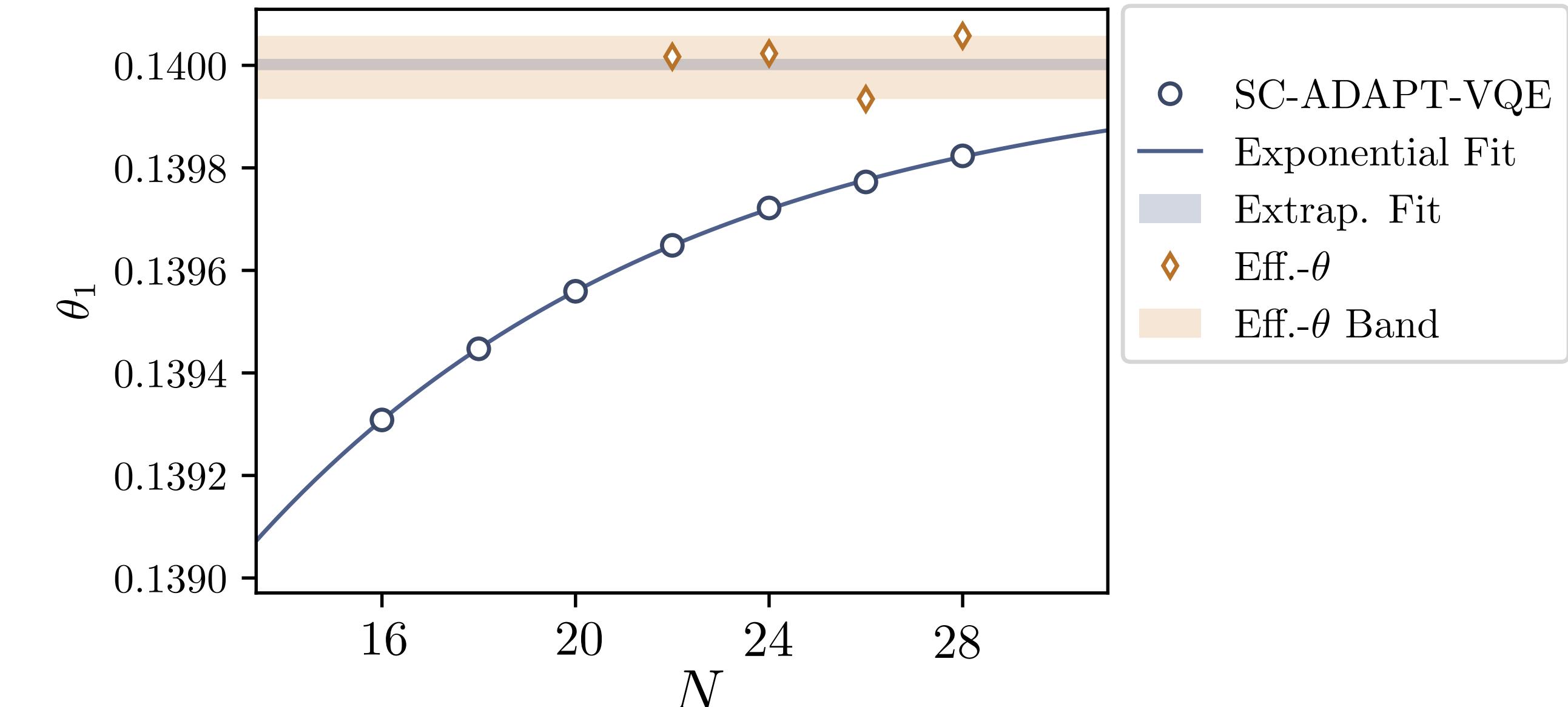
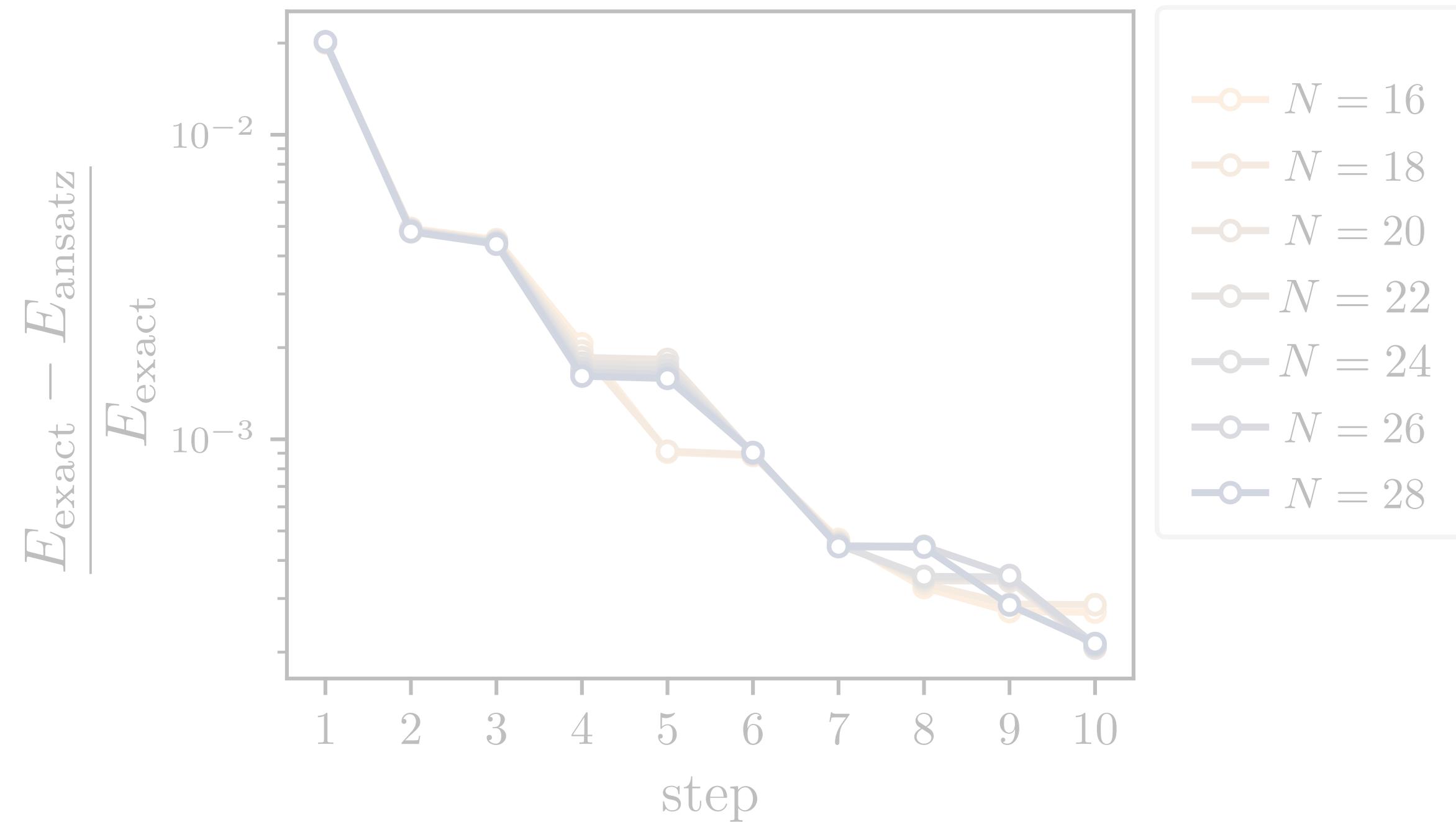
Circuits are systematically scaled and executed on a quantum computer

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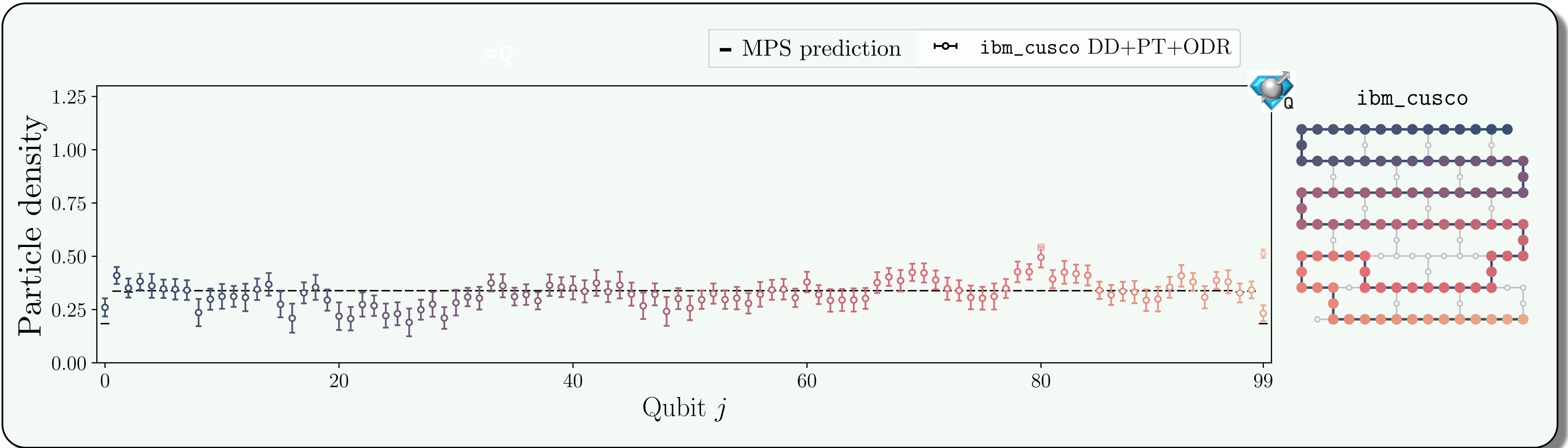
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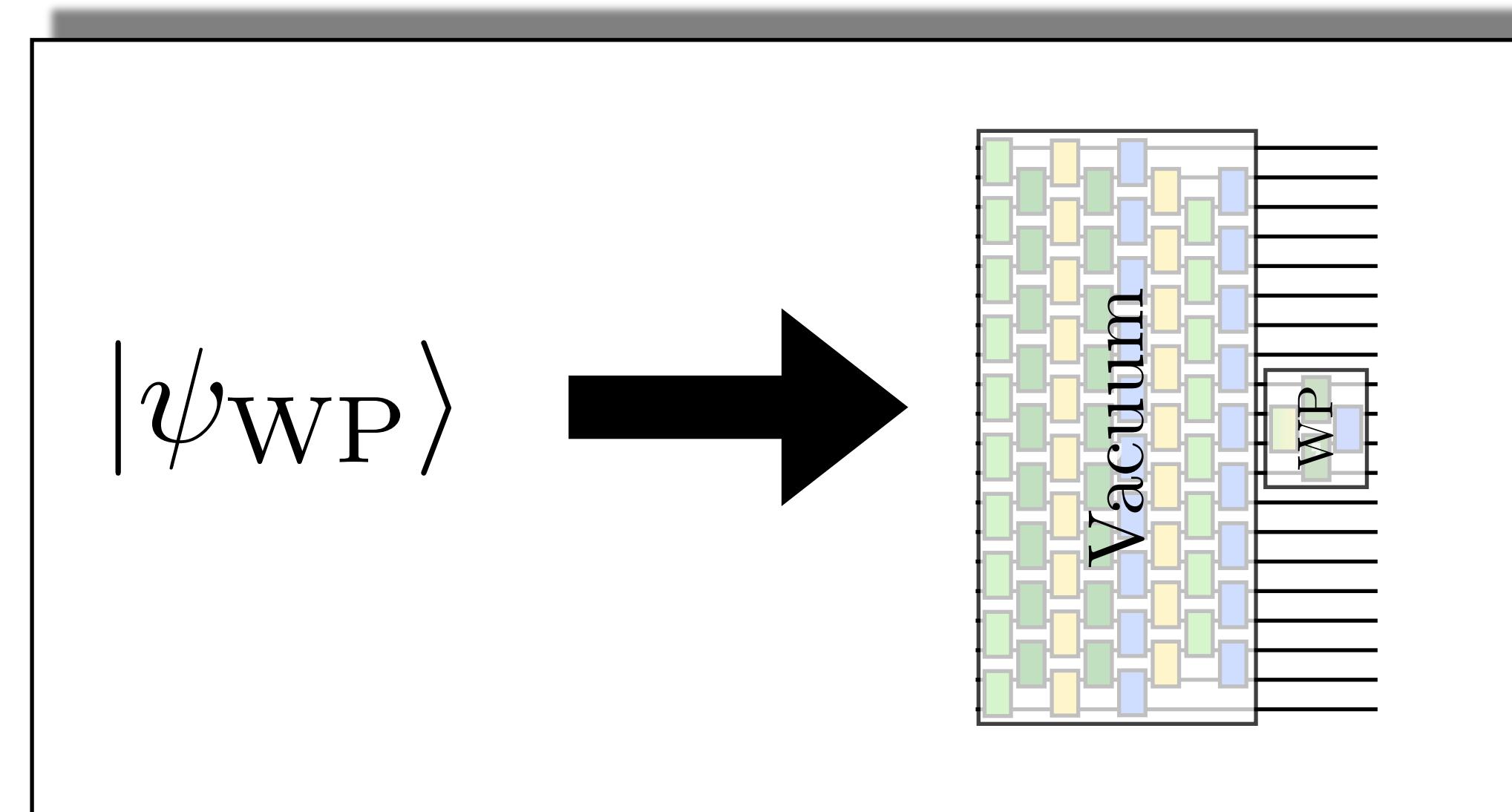
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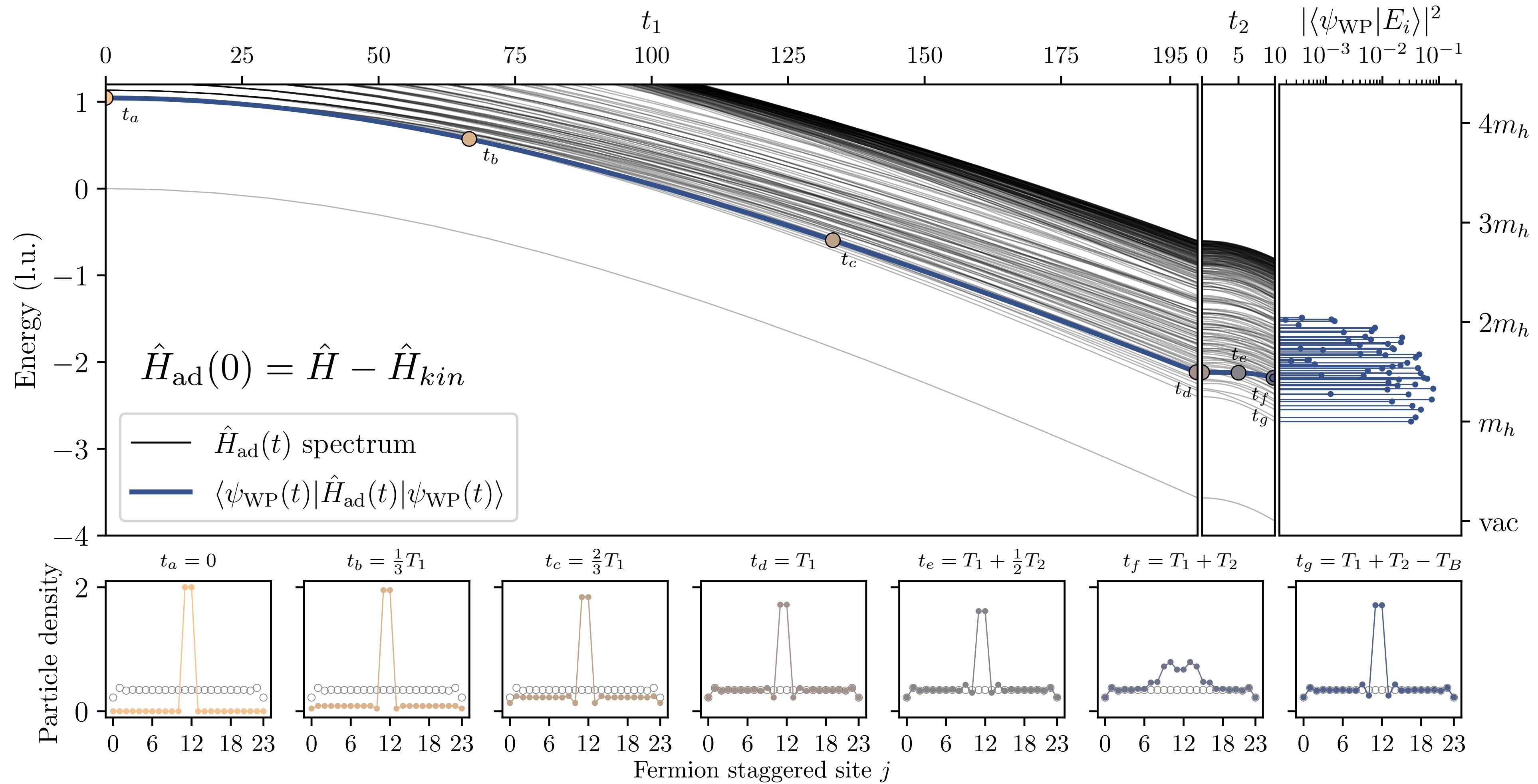
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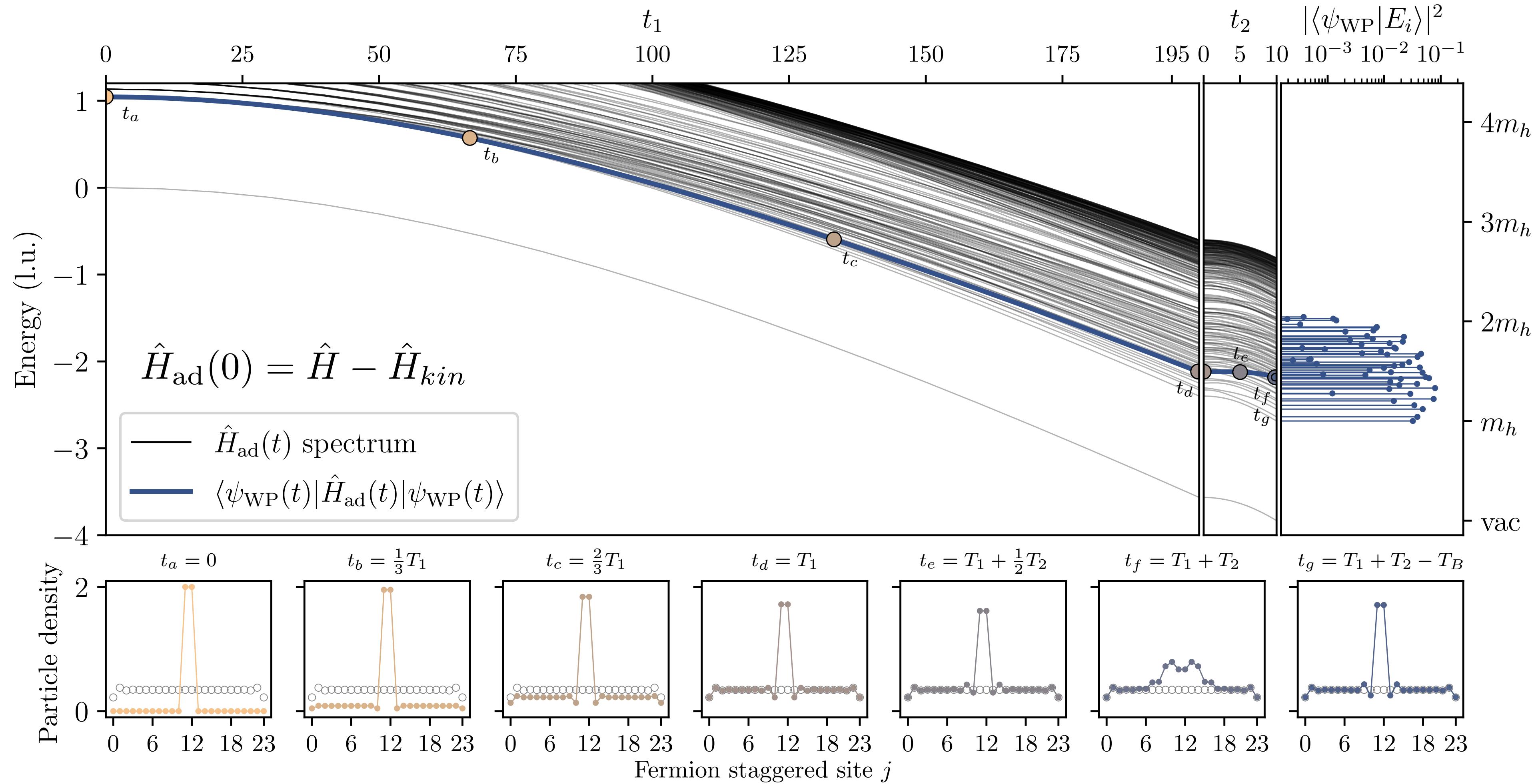


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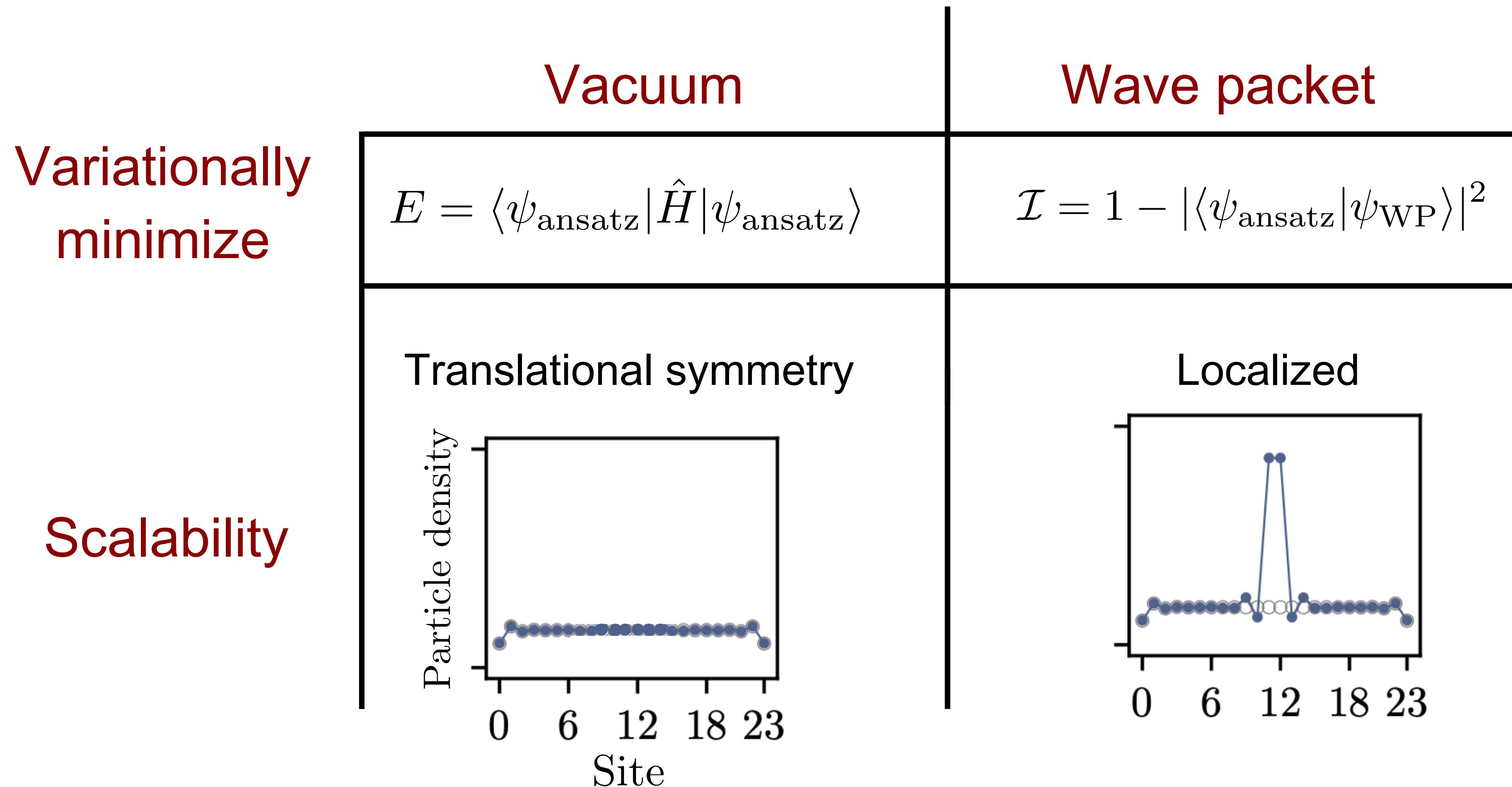
A hadronic wave packet can be prepared by adiabatically turning on \hat{H}_{kin}

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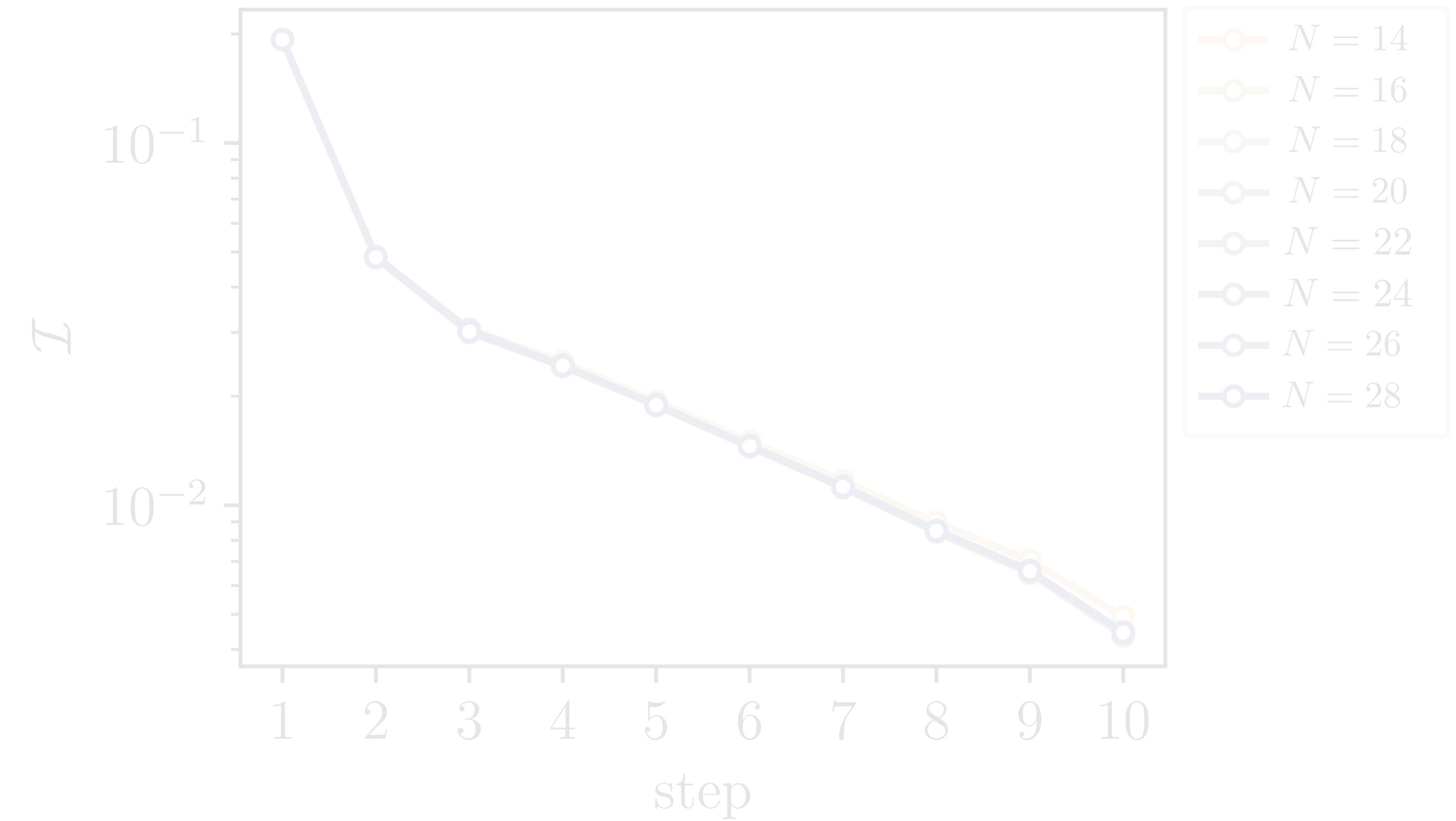
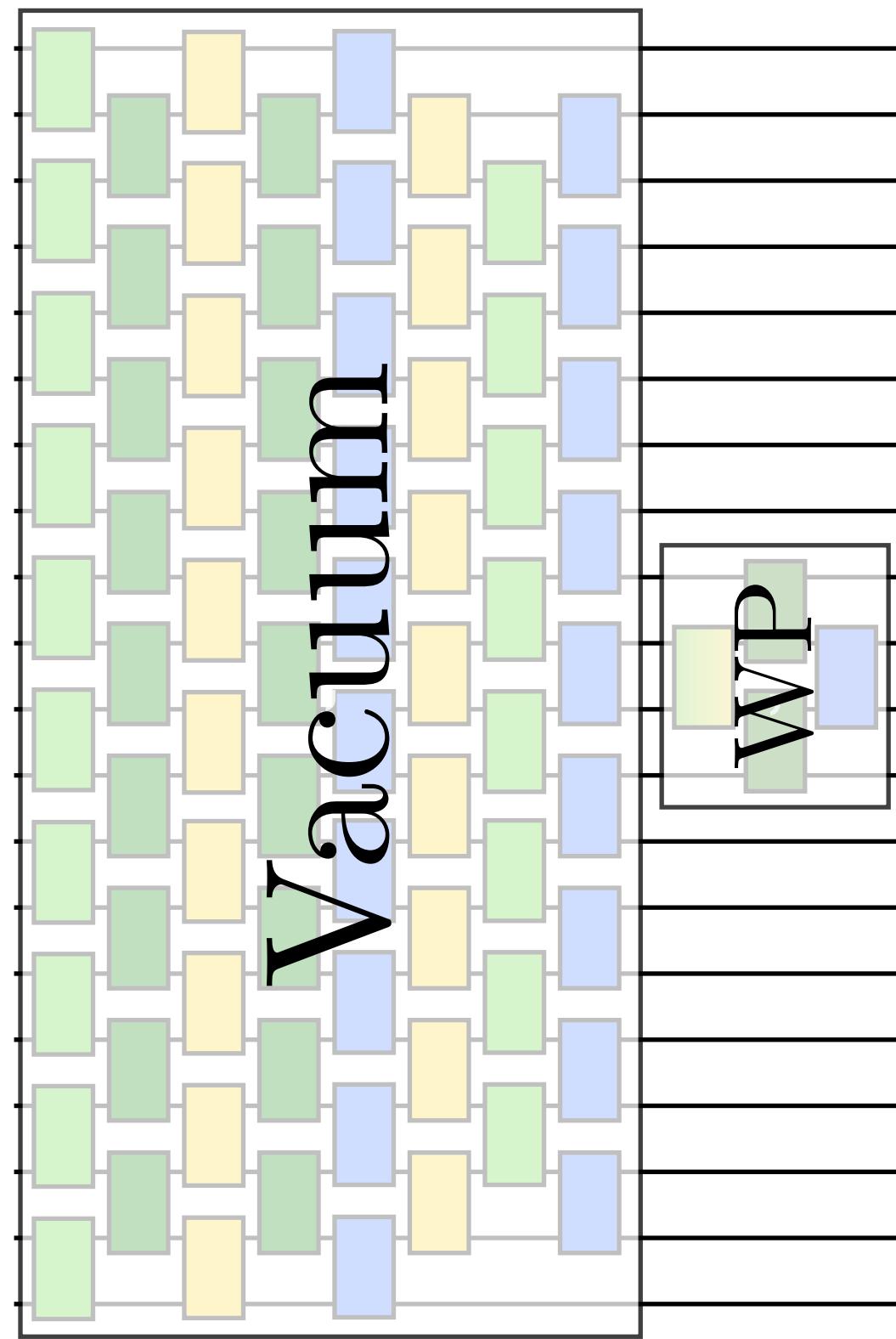
Adiabatic preparation circuits require too many gates: use SC-ADAPT-VQE

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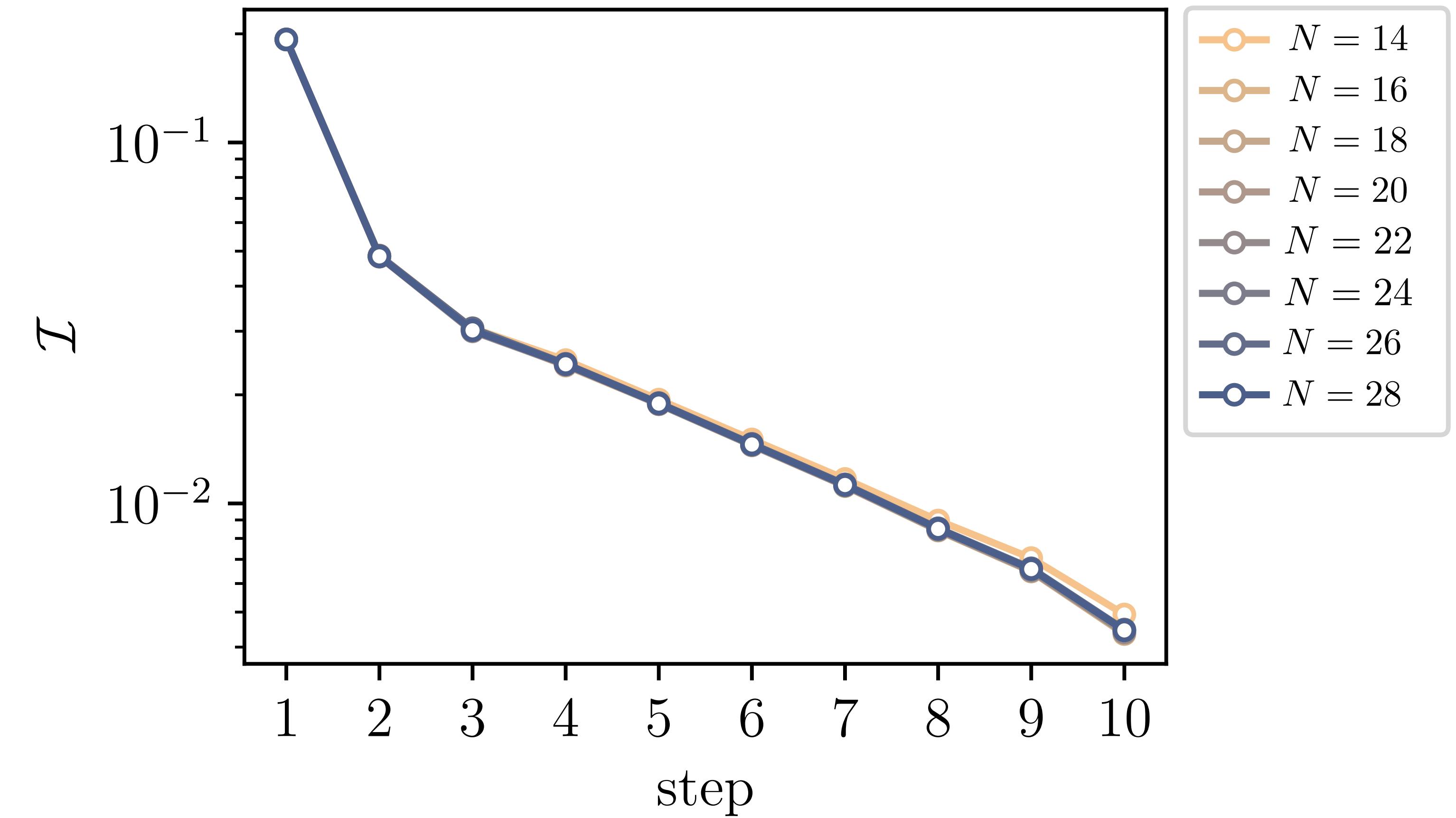
Localized circuits maximize overlap with the adiabatically prepared wave packet

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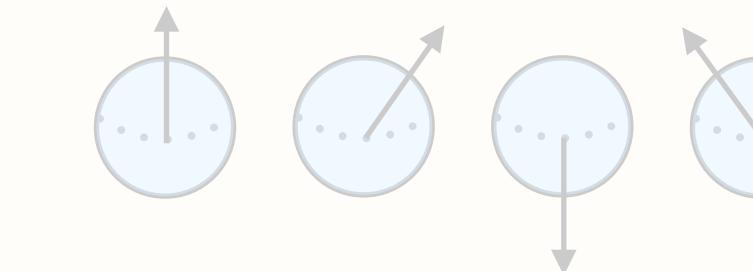
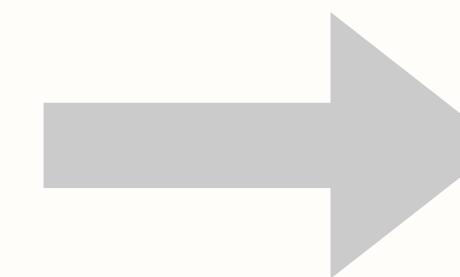
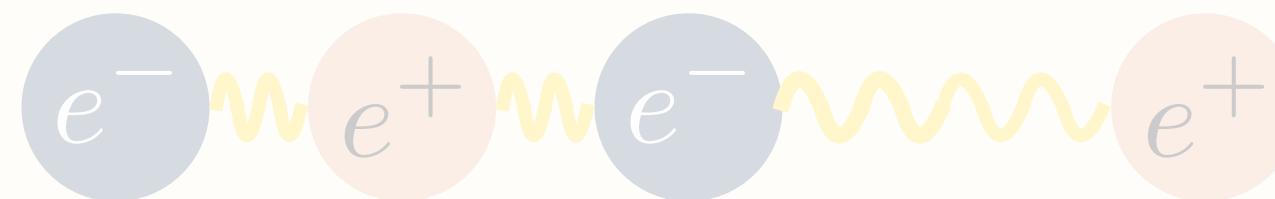
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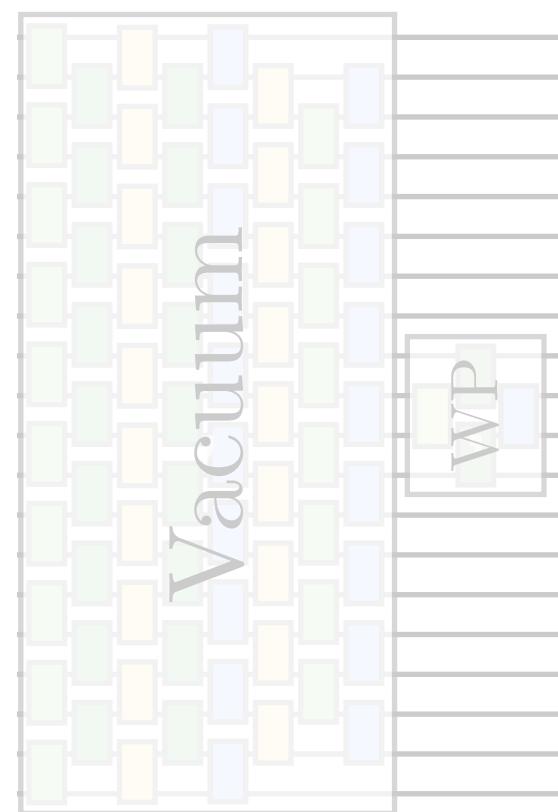
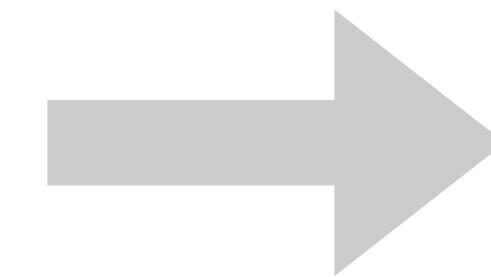


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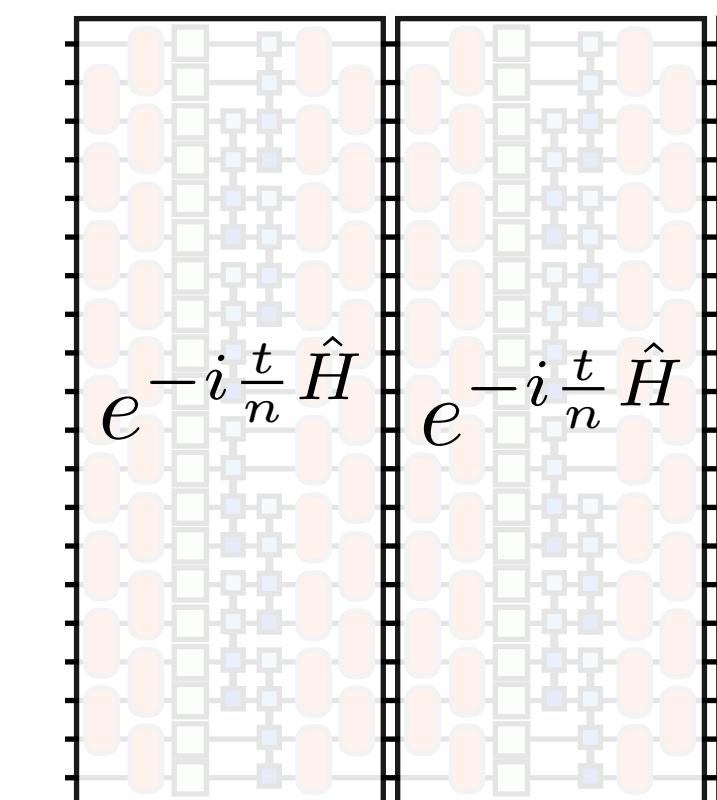
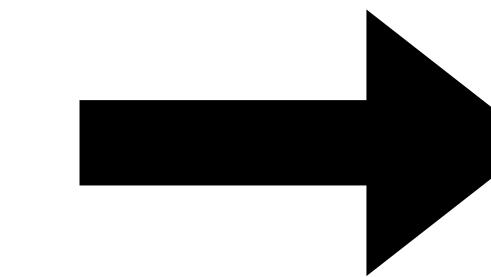
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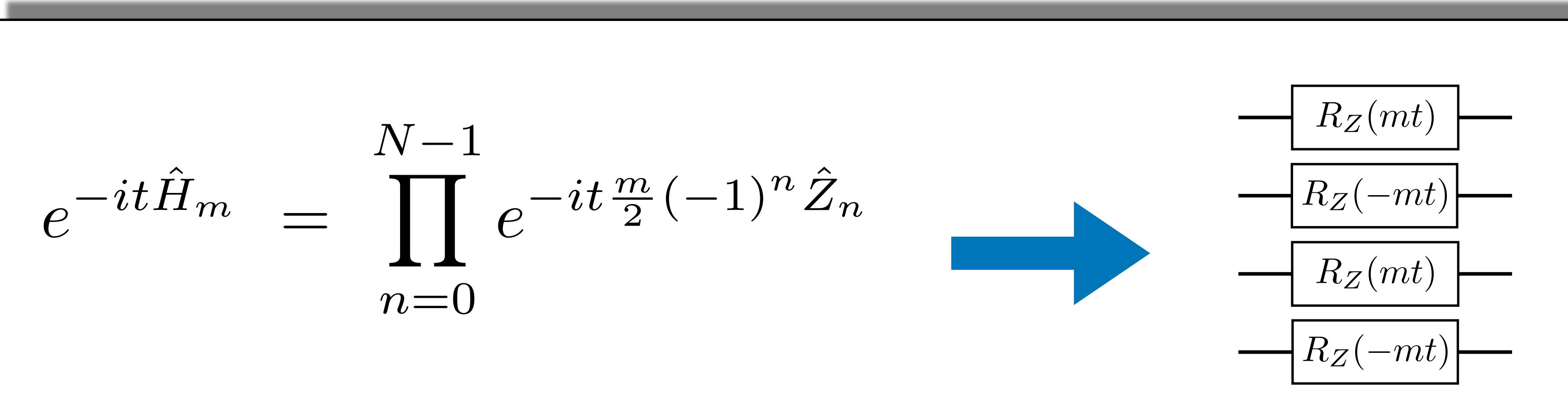


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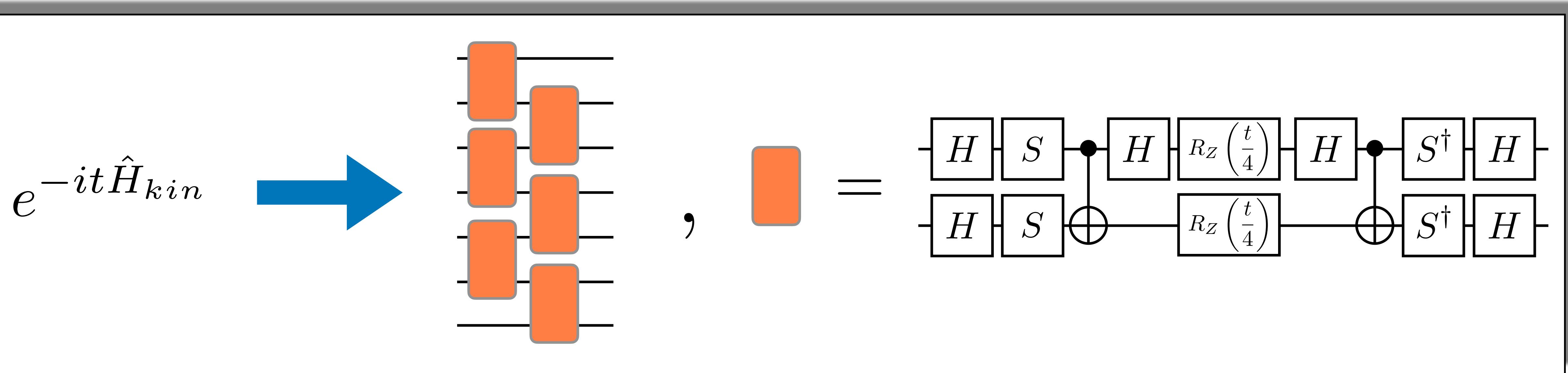
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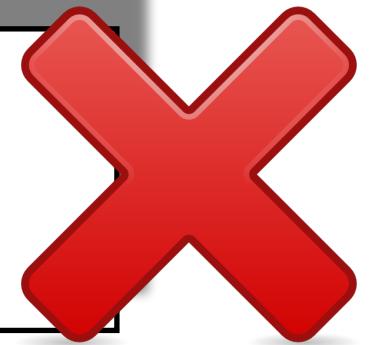


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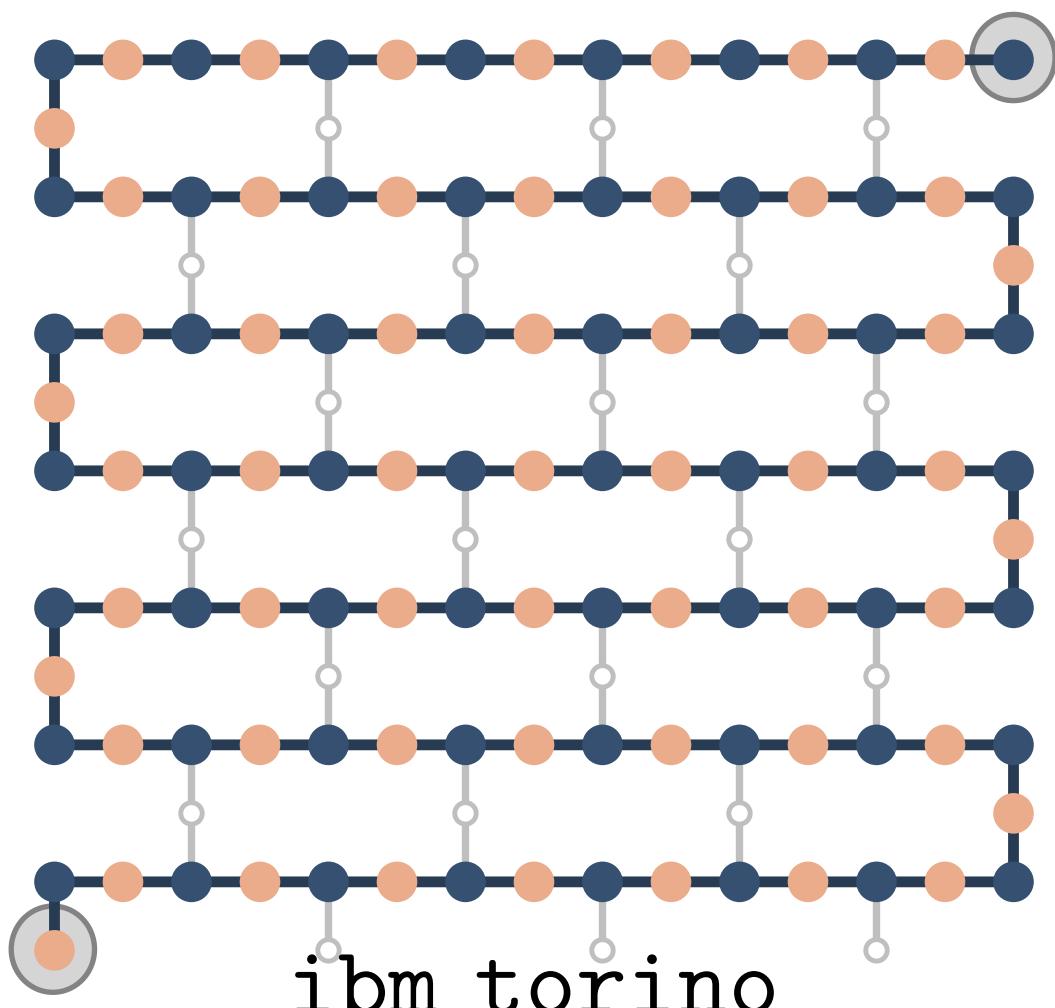
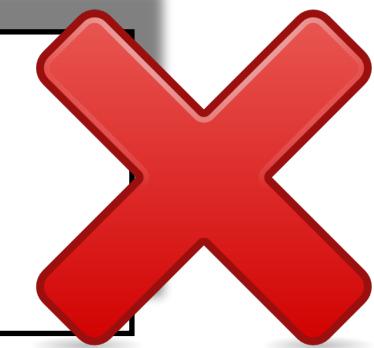
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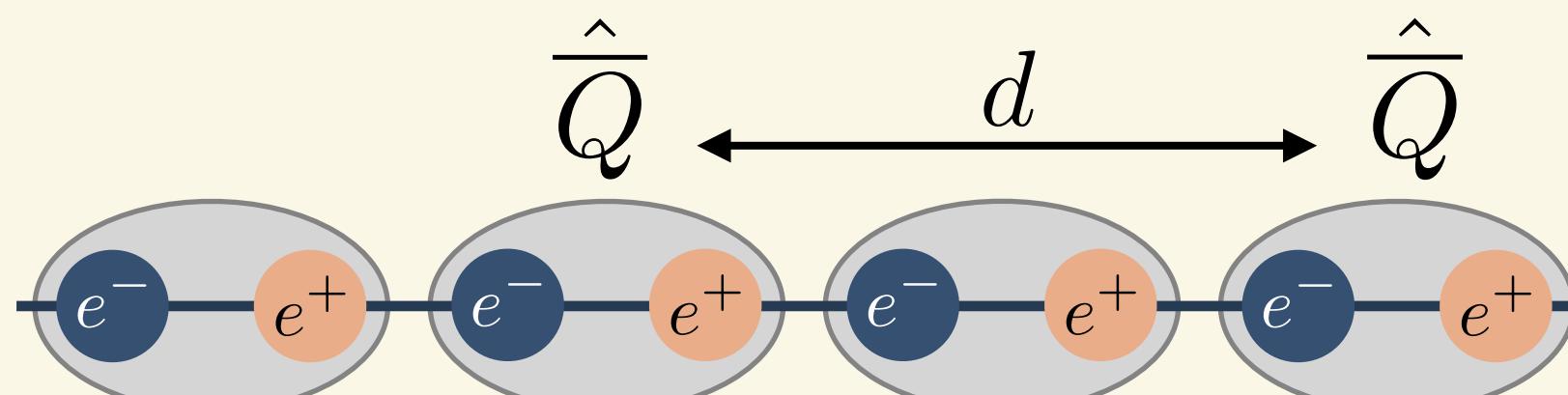
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Overhead for long-range gates:
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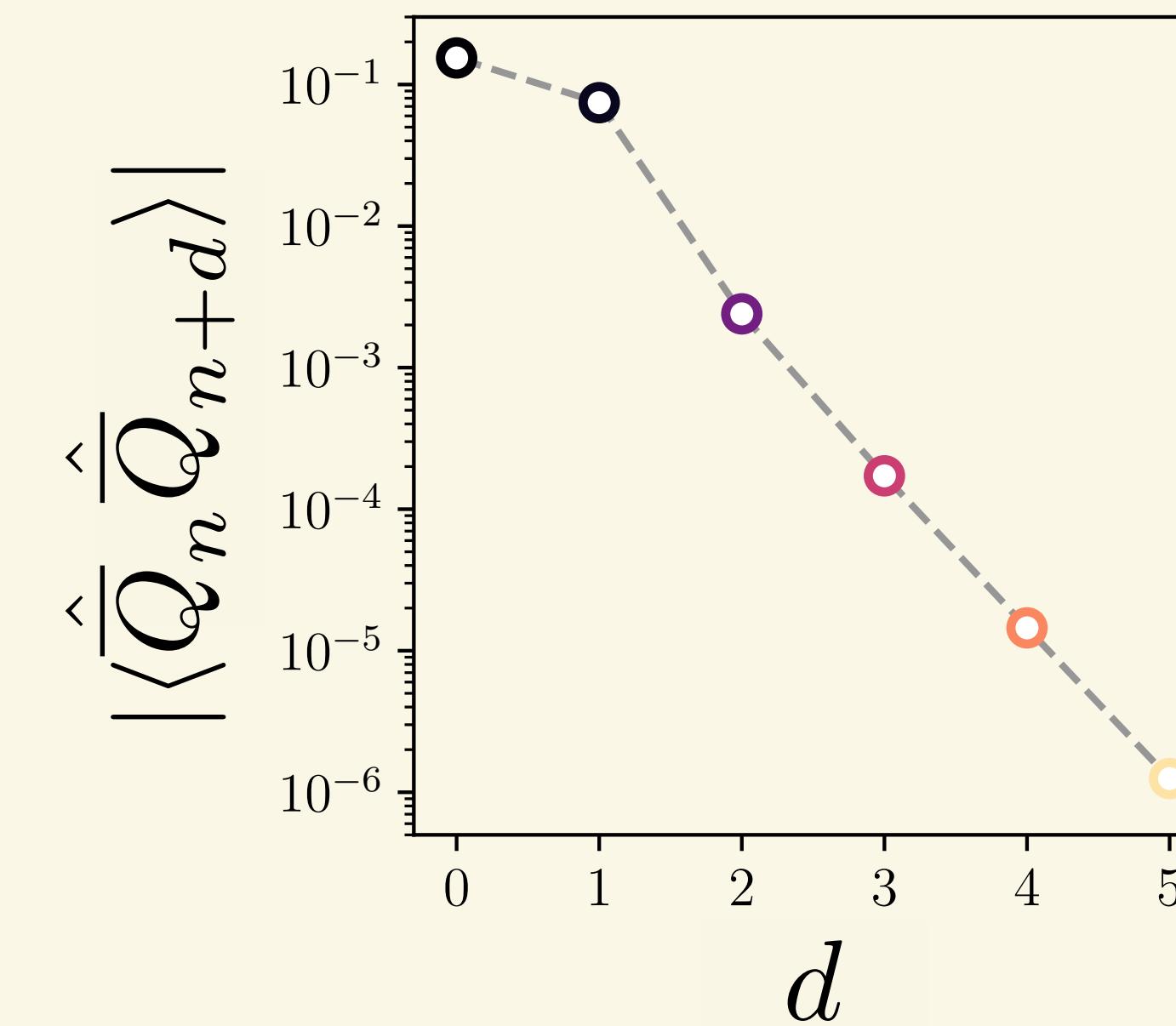
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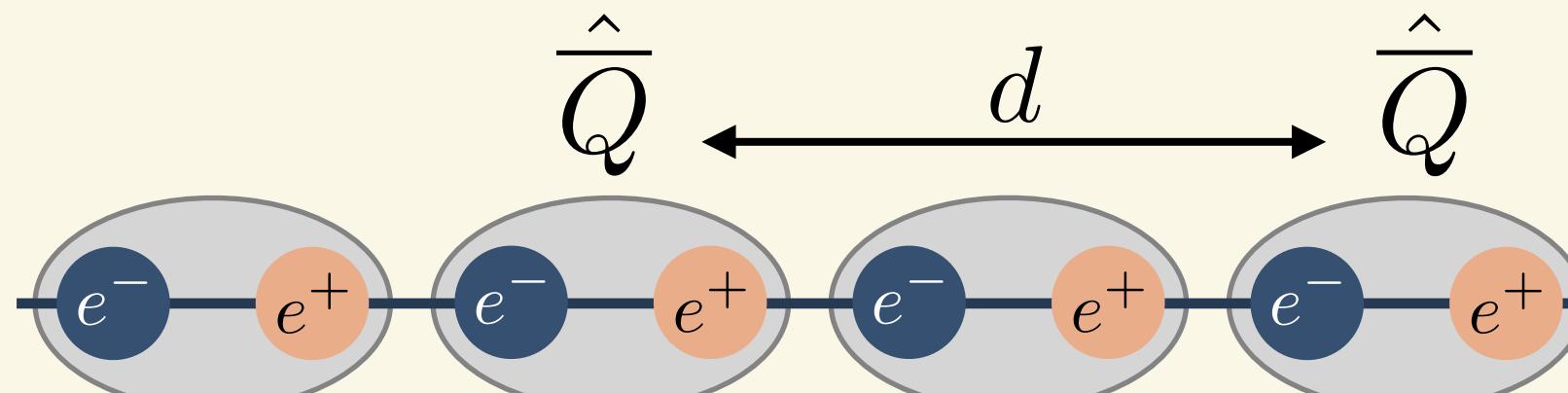
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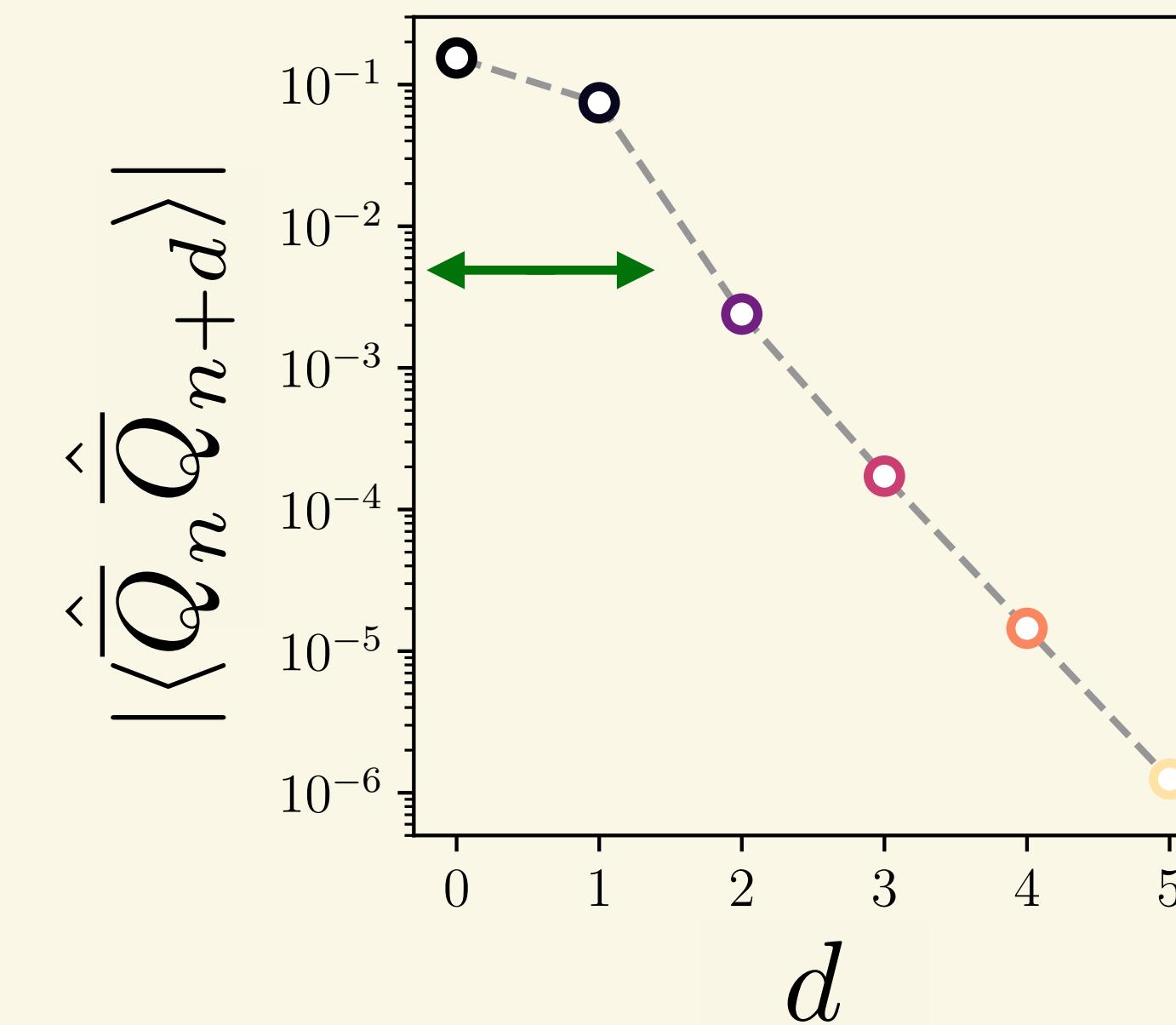
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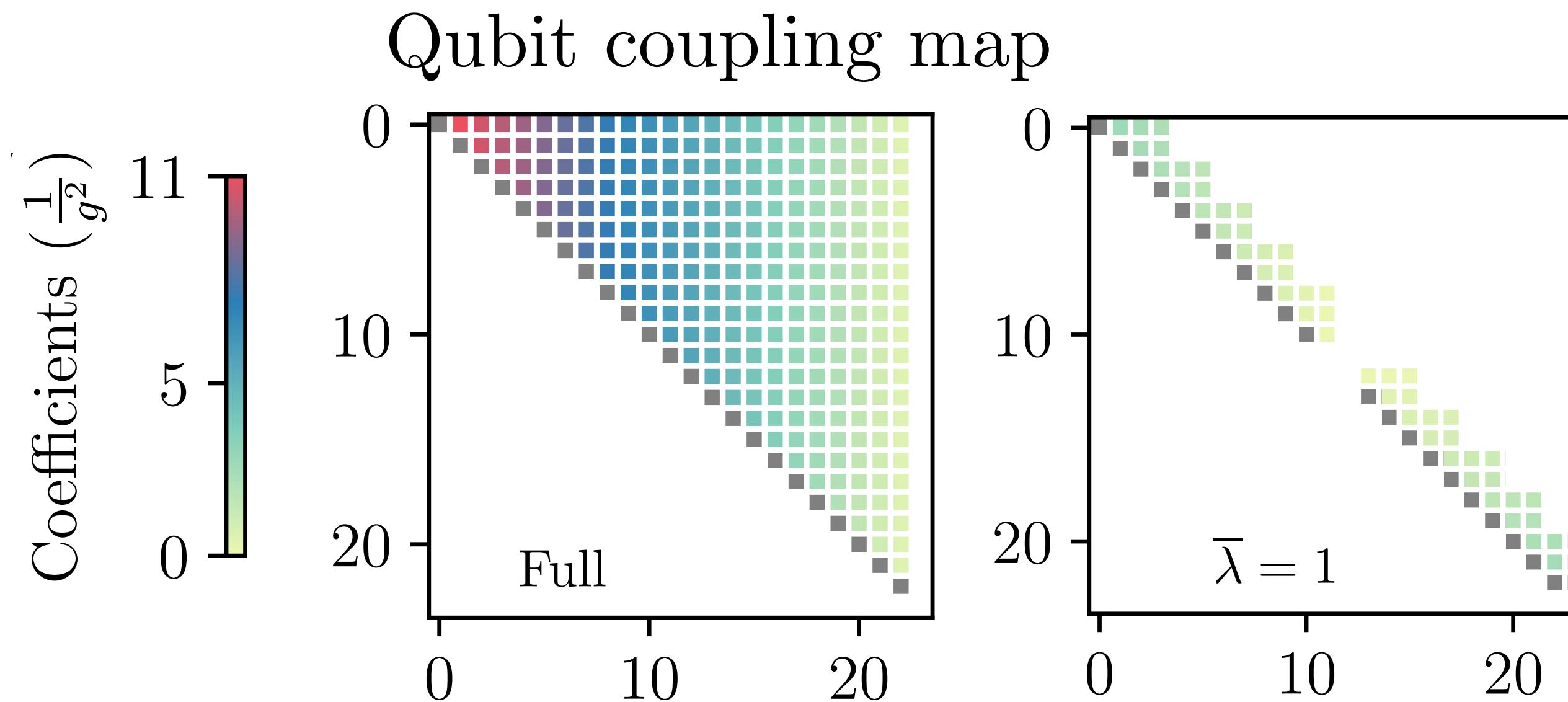
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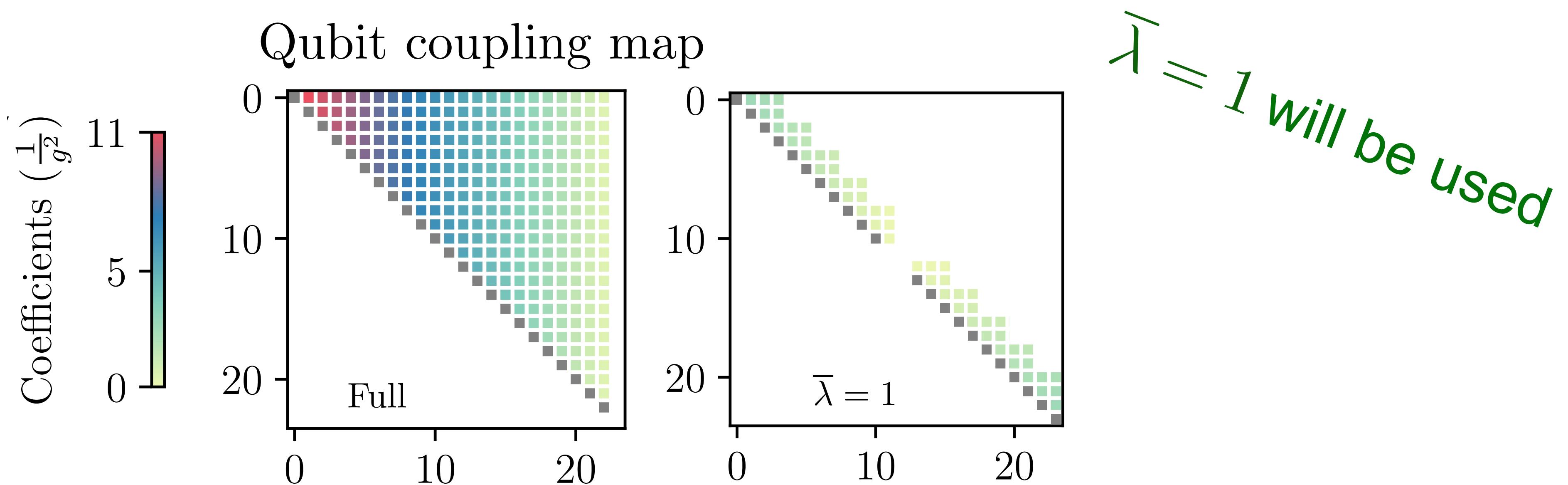
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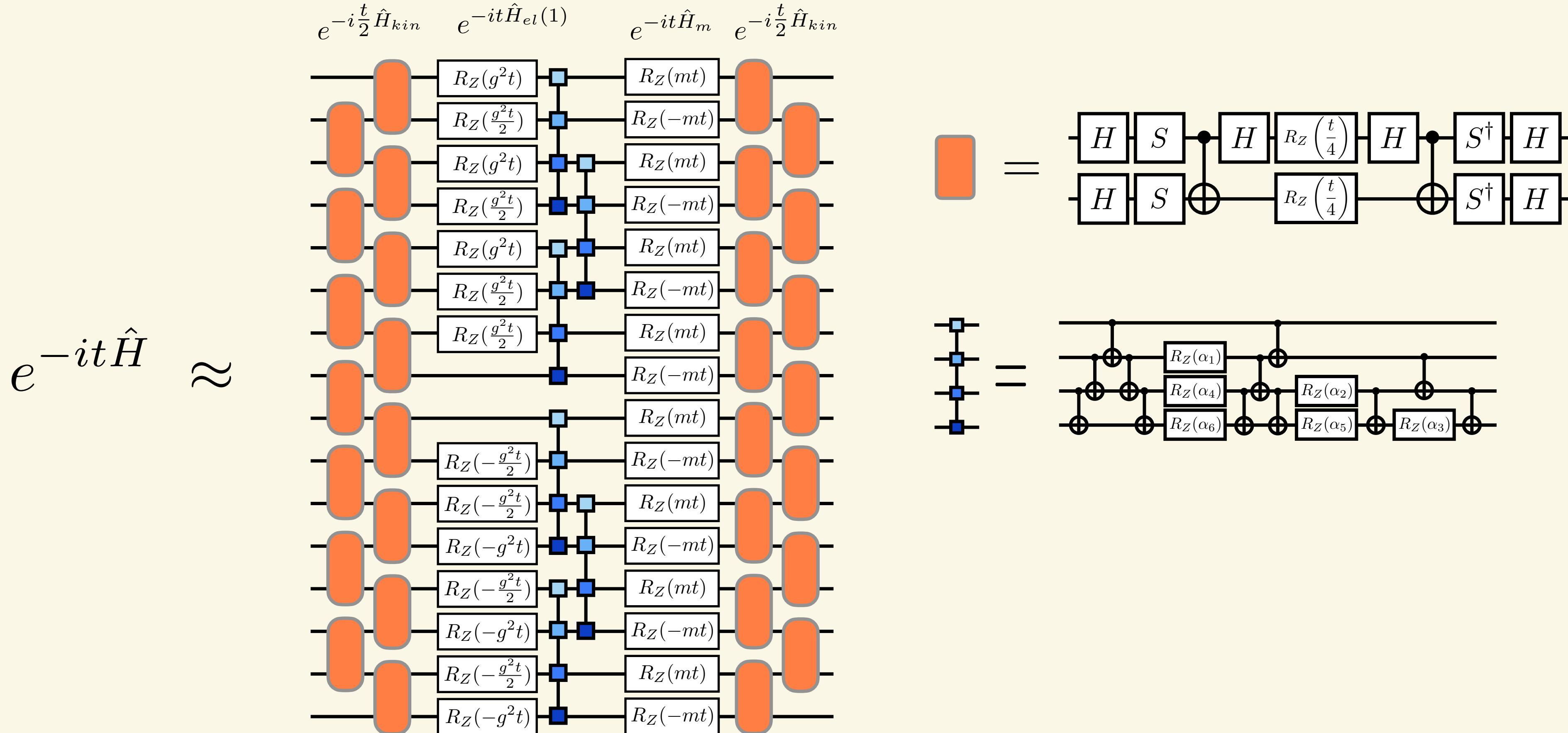
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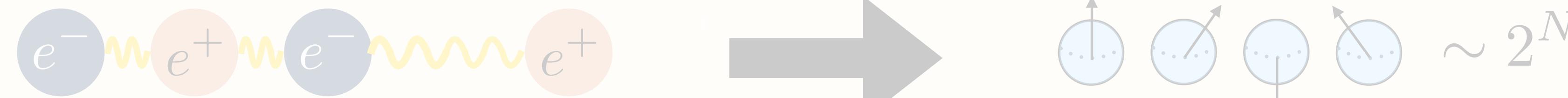
Trotterized time evolution



One second order Trotter step with the $\bar{\lambda} = 1$ truncated electric interaction

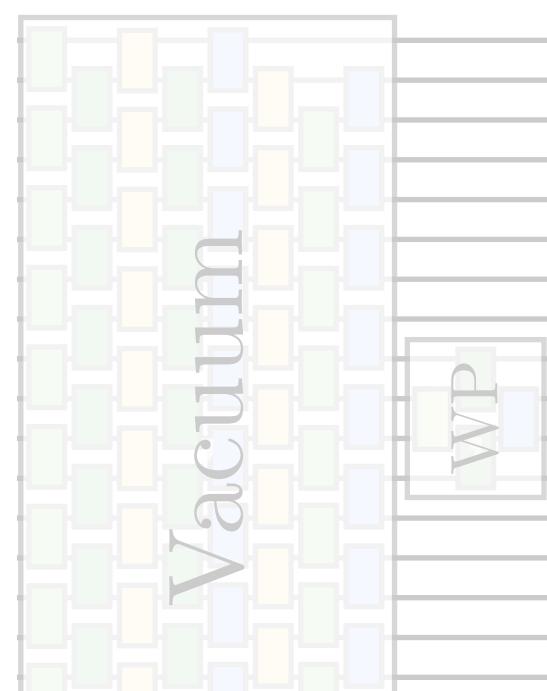
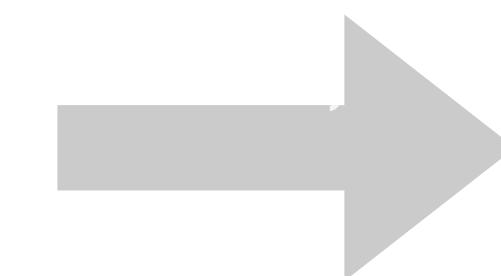
Goal: to simulate hadron dynamics on a quantum computer

0. Map the Hilbert space onto qubits



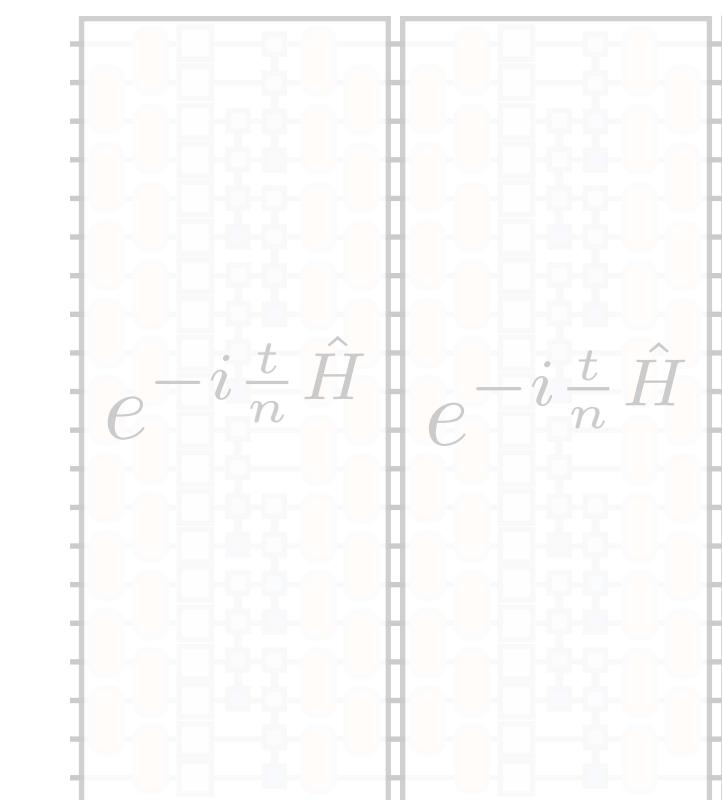
1. Prepare the initial state

$$|\psi_{WP}\rangle$$

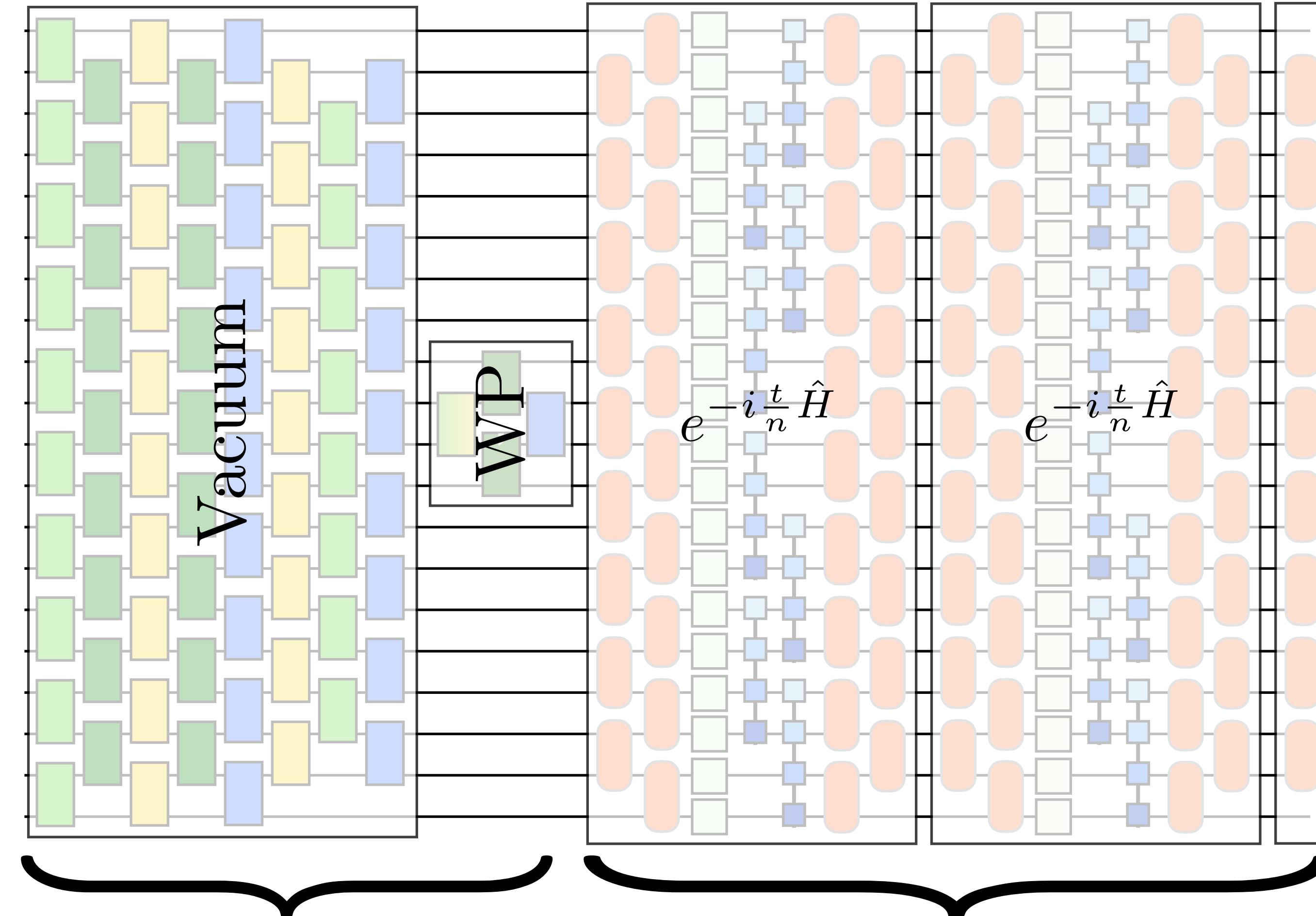


2. Time evolve

$$e^{-it\hat{H}}$$



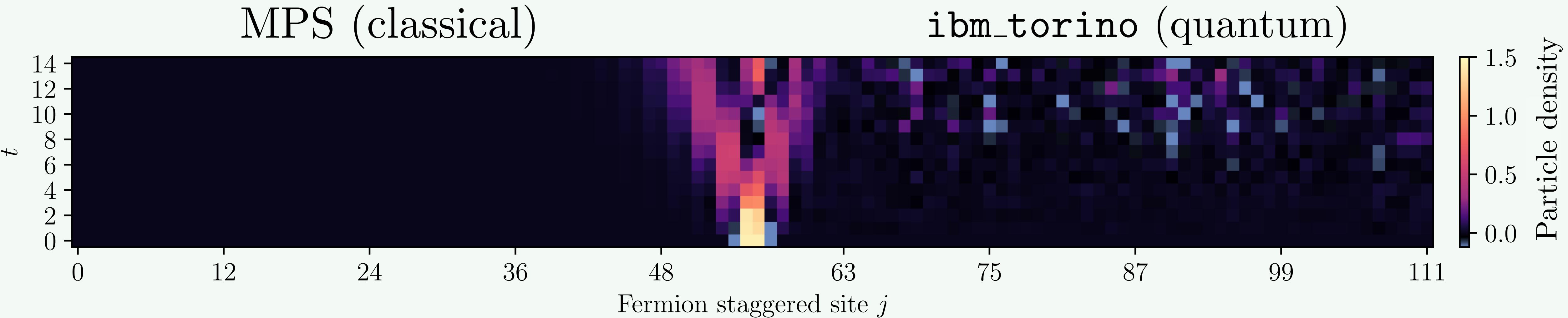
Quantum circuits for simulating hadron dynamics



Hadron wave packet prepared
with SC-ADAPT-VQE

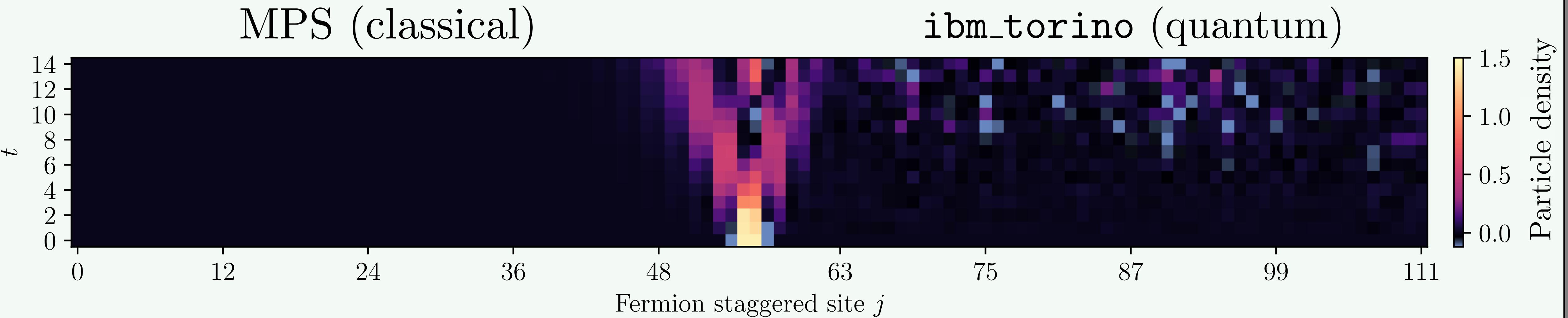
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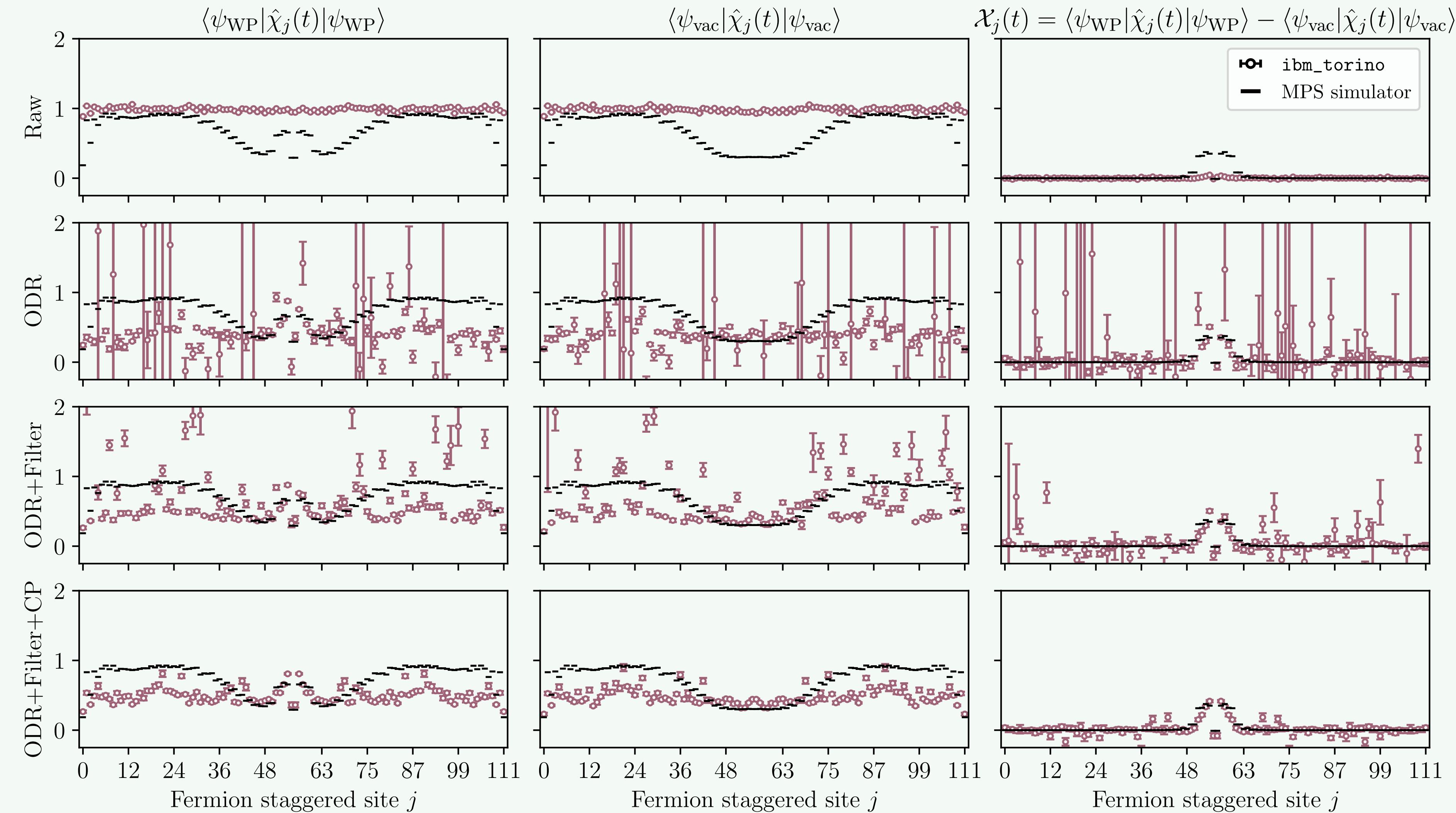
- Reflection symmetric in the absence of device errors
- Hadron propagation clearly identified

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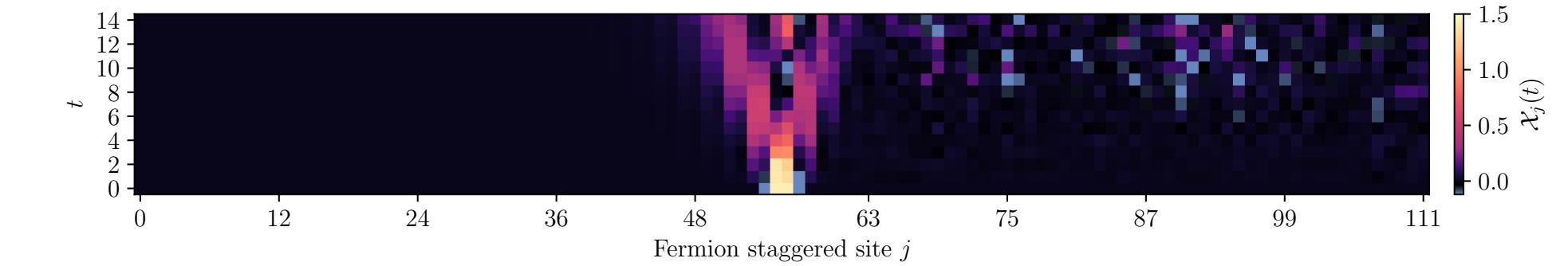
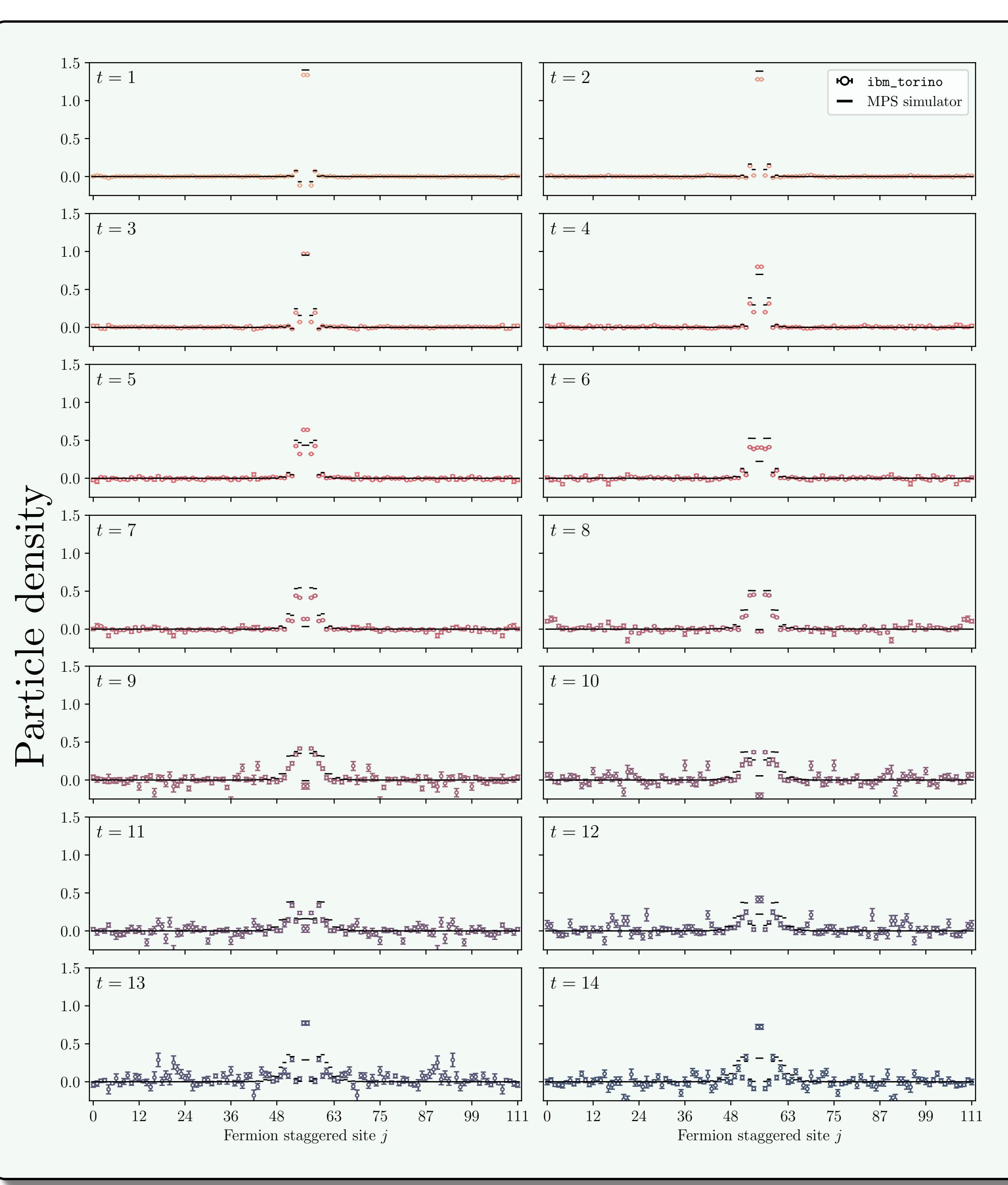


t	N_T	# of CNOTs (per t)	CNOT depth (per t)	Executed CNOTs ($\times 10^9$)	Total # of shots ($\times 10^6$)
1 & 2	2	2,746	70	$4 \times 2 \times 10.5$	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
3 & 4	4	4,598	120	$4 \times 2 \times 17.7$	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
5 & 6	6	6,450	170	$4 \times 2 \times 24.8$	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
7 & 8	8	8,302	220	$4 \times 2 \times 31.9$	$4 \times 2 \times 3.8$
9 & 10	10	10,154	270	$4 \times 2 \times 13.0$	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
11 & 12	12	12,006	320	$4 \times 2 \times 15.4$	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
13 & 14	14	13,858	370	$4 \times 2 \times 17.7$	$4 \times 2 \times 1.3$
Totals				1.05×10^{12}	1.54×10^8

$t = 9$



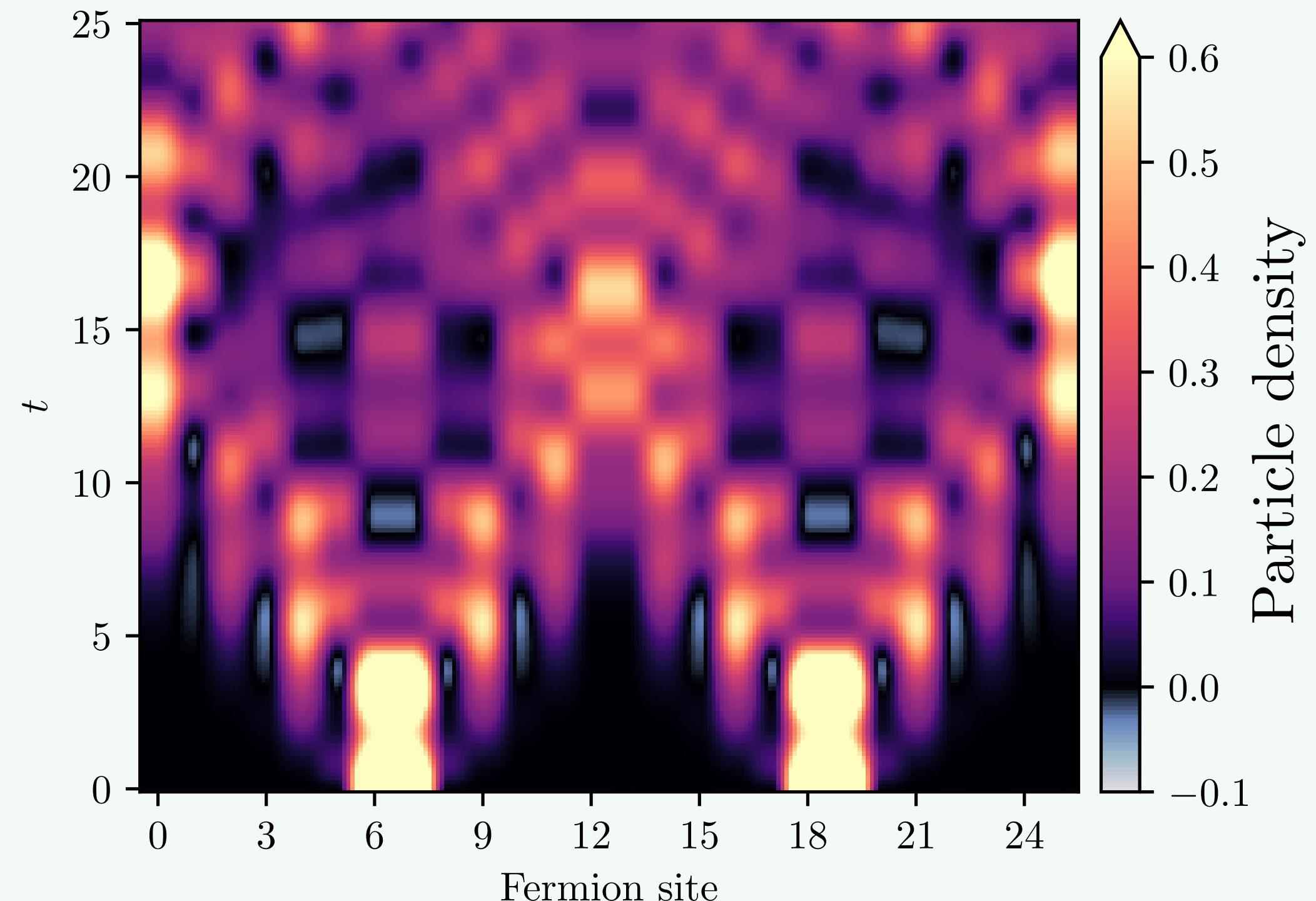
Error mitigation essential to extract a signal!



- Qualitative agreement with MPS
- Systematic error around the wave packet

Looking toward the (immediate) future

Hadron collisions

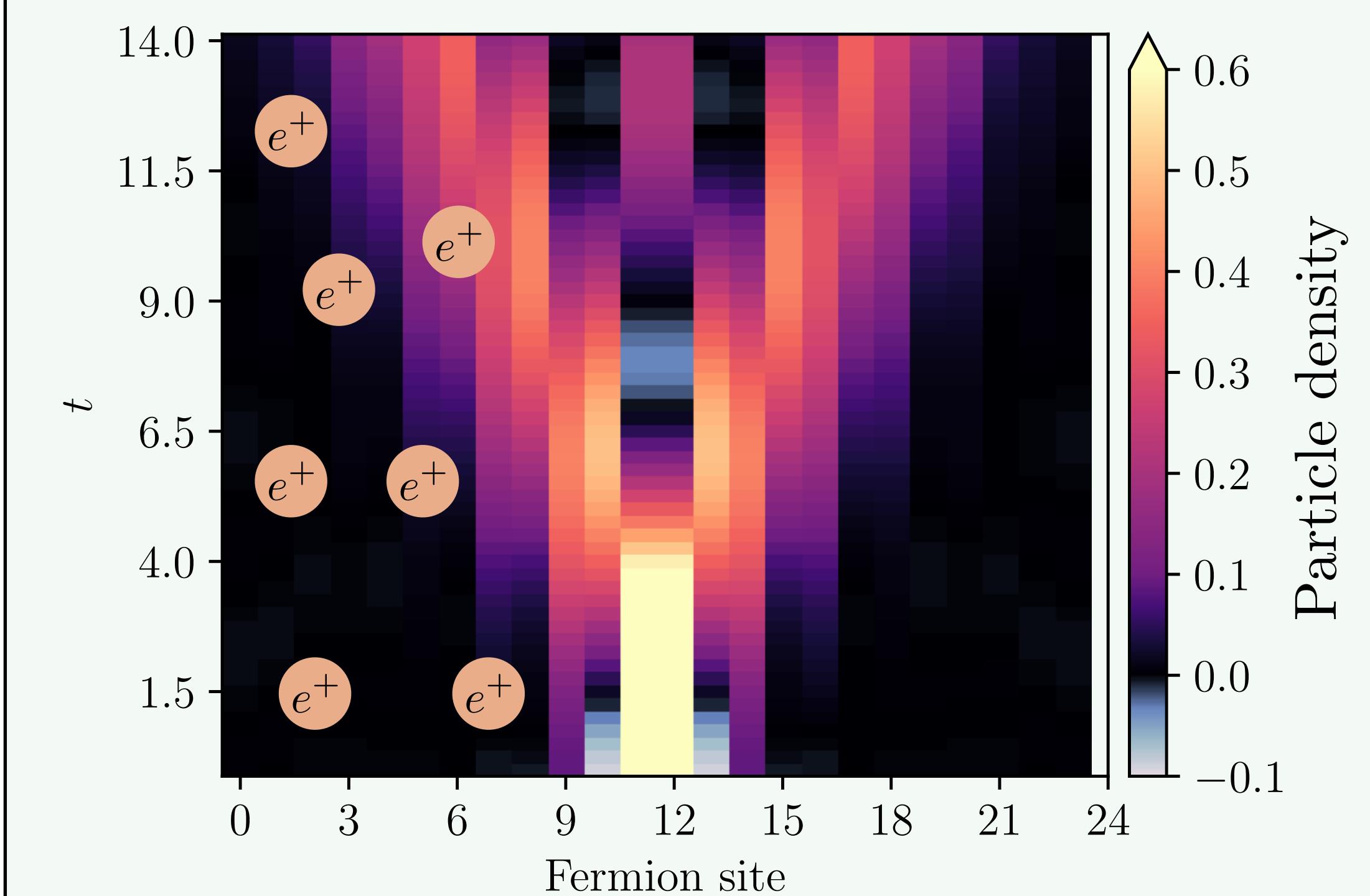


Real-time scattering in the lattice Schwinger model

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In-medium effects



Steps Toward Quantum Simulations of Hadronization and Energy-Loss in Dense Matter

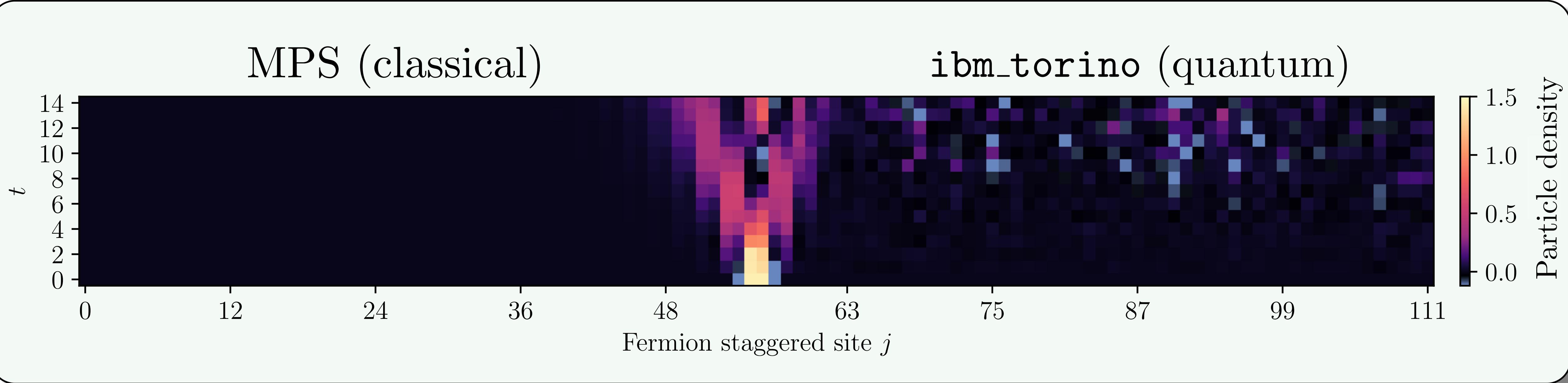
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Summary

- Quantum simulations of fundamental physics are promising candidates for a “quantum advantage”
- Informed by symmetries and hierarchies in length scales, we developed efficient quantum simulation protocols for the Schwinger model
- Prepared a hadron wave packet and time evolved it on `ibm_torino`
- One of the most complex digital quantum simulations ever performed: up to 13,858 two-qubit gates over 112 qubits. 154 million measurements
- Error mitigation essential to extracting a signal

Thanks for listening!



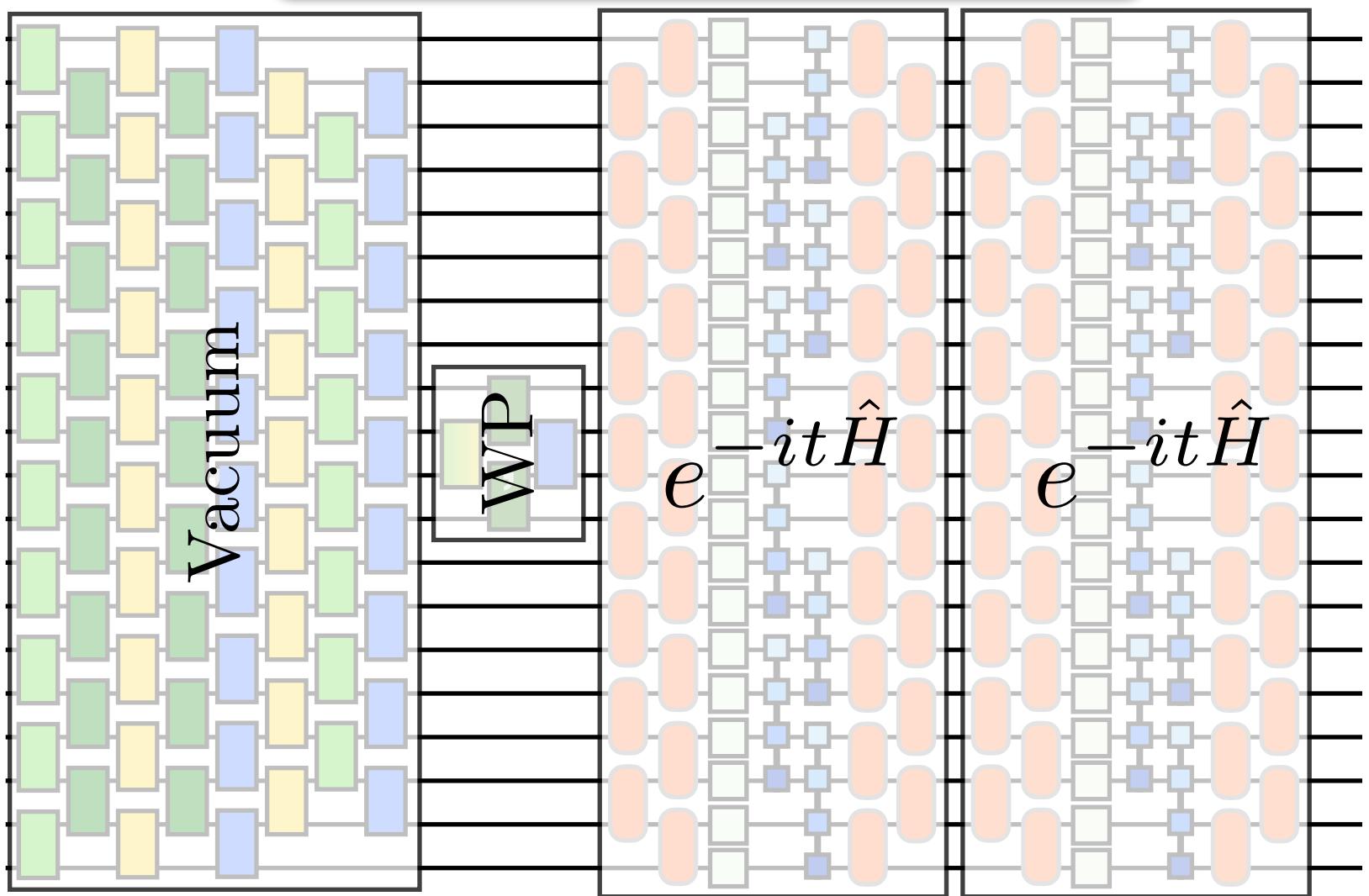
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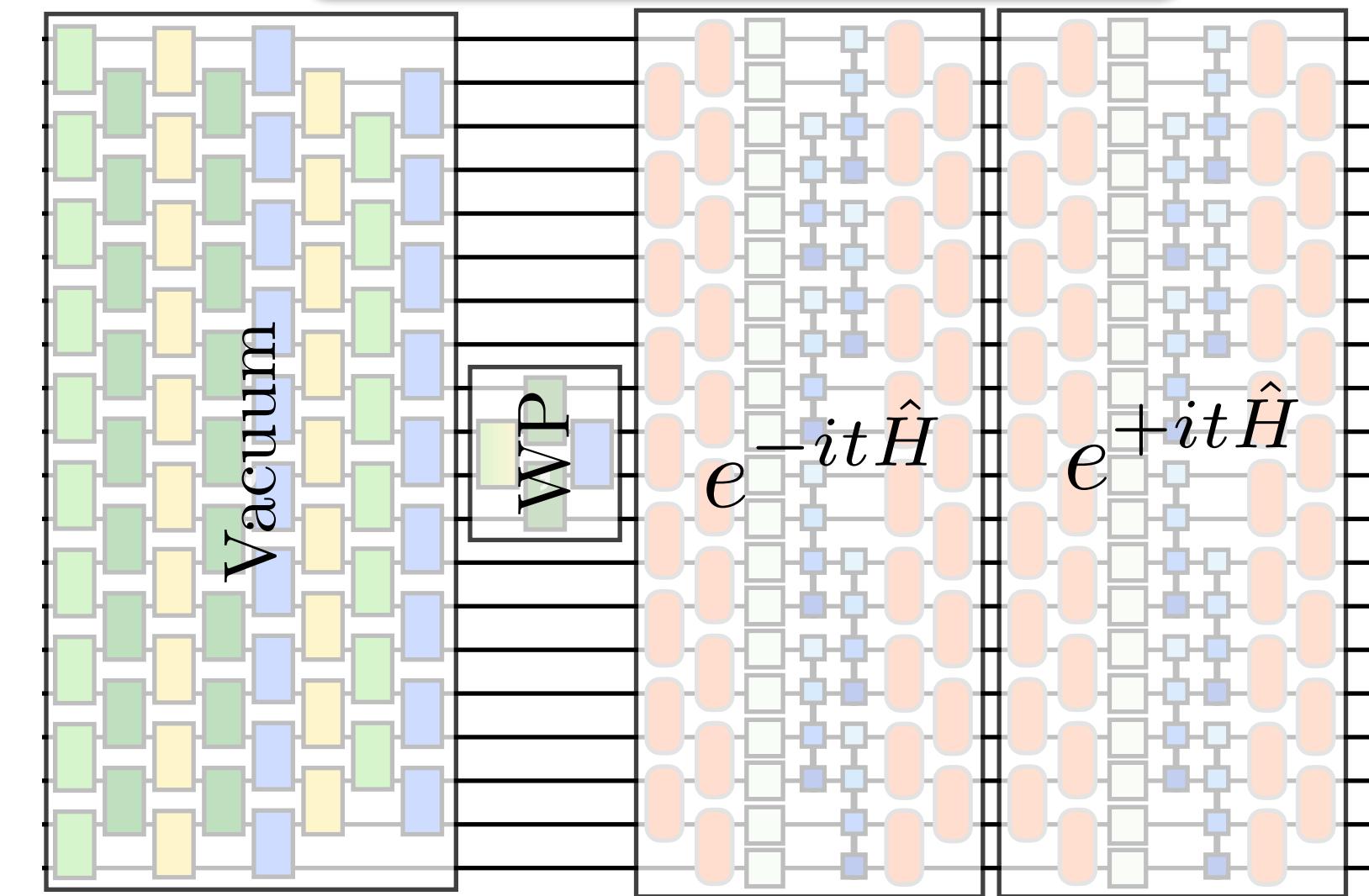
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Physics circuit



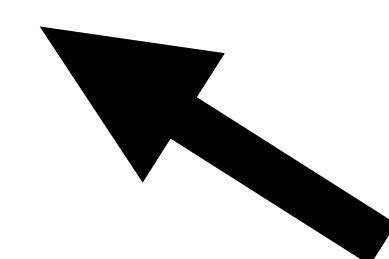
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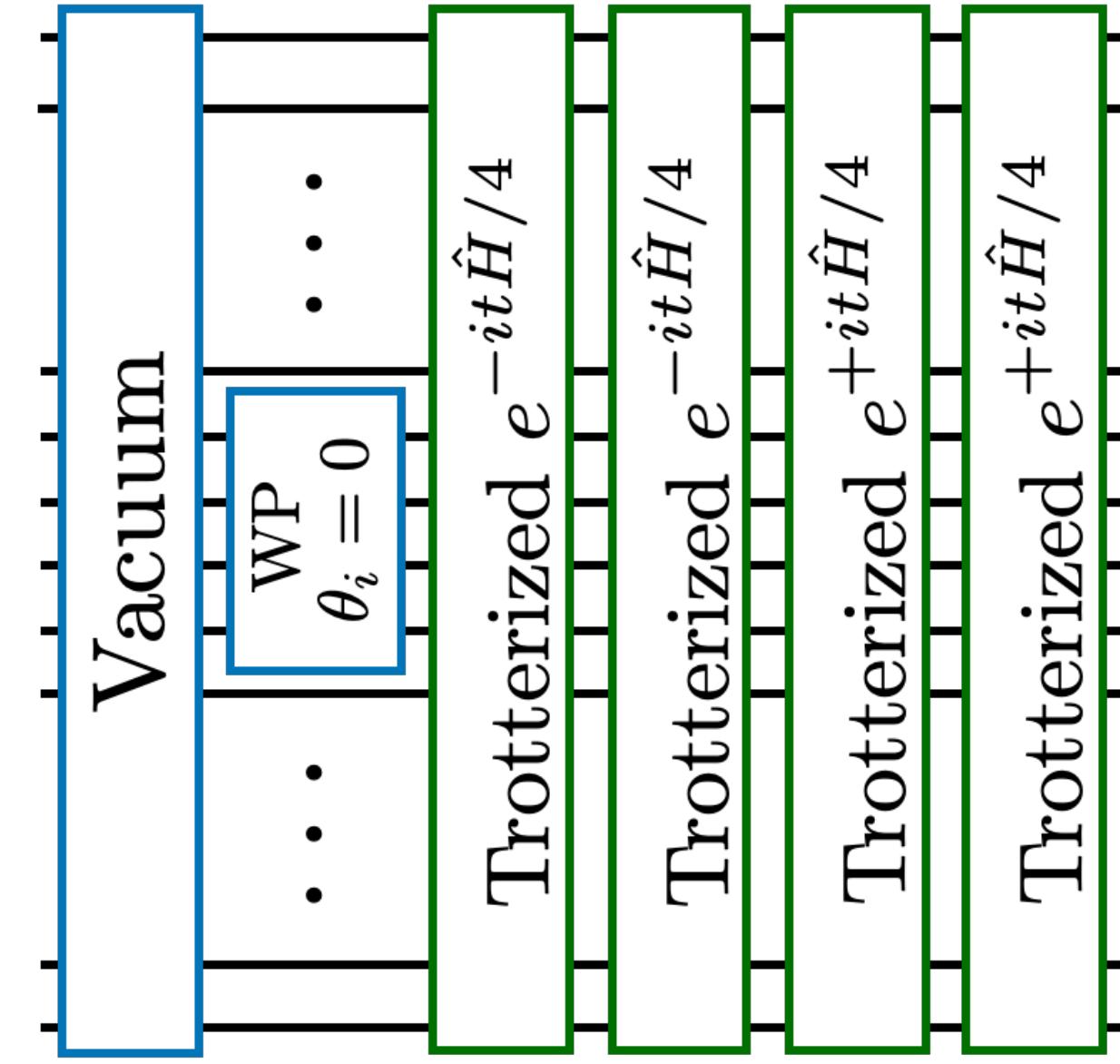
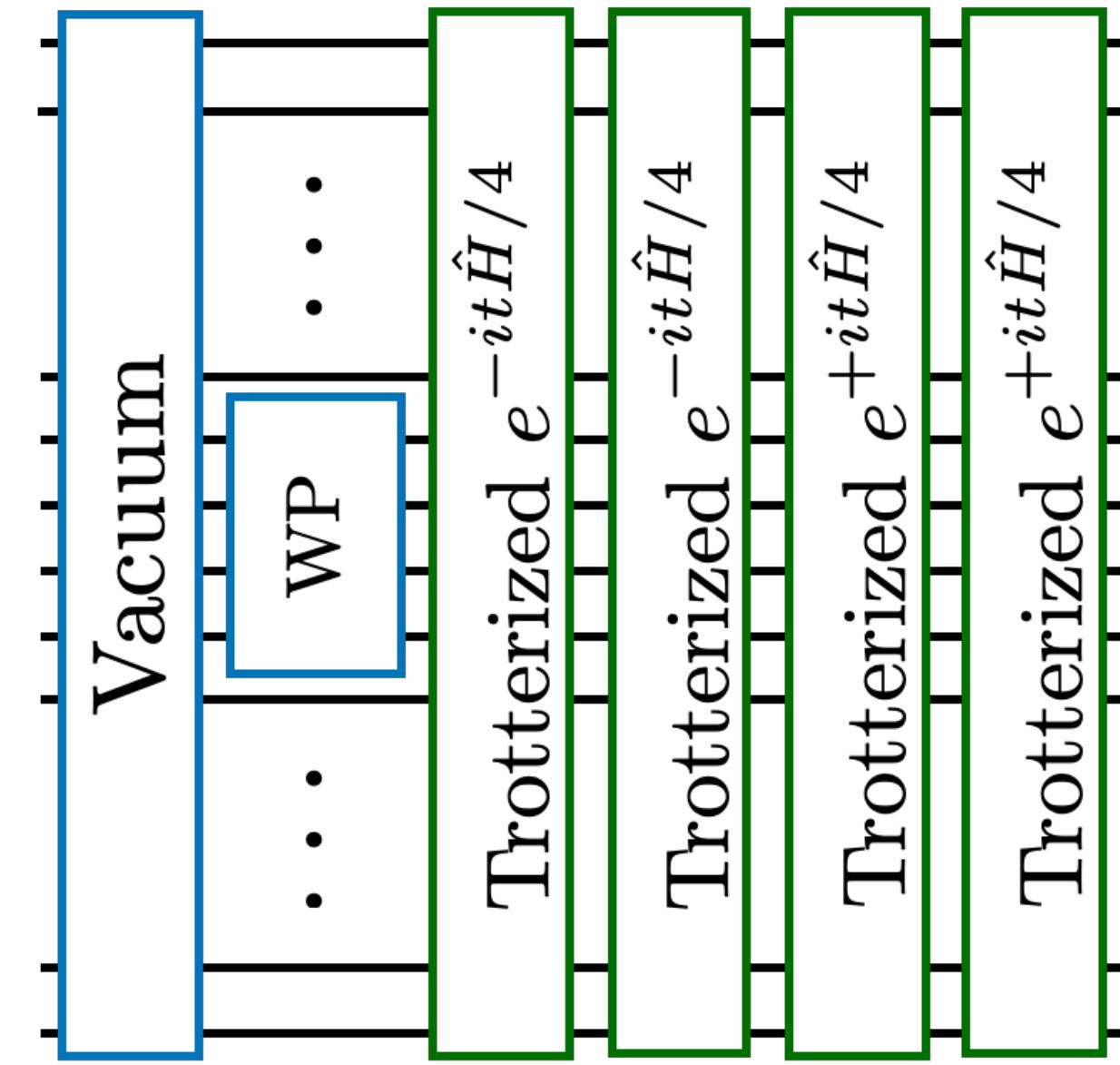
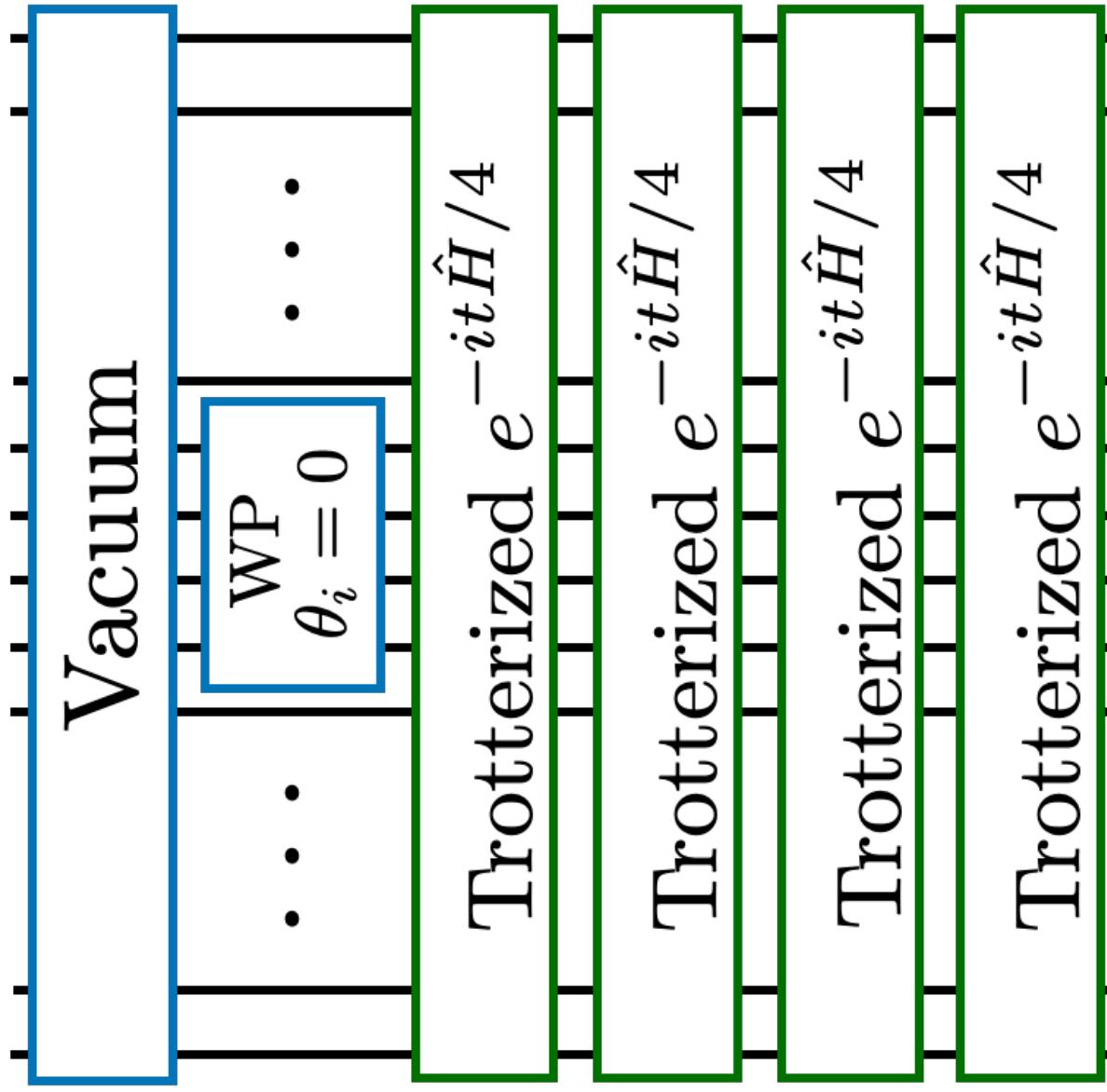
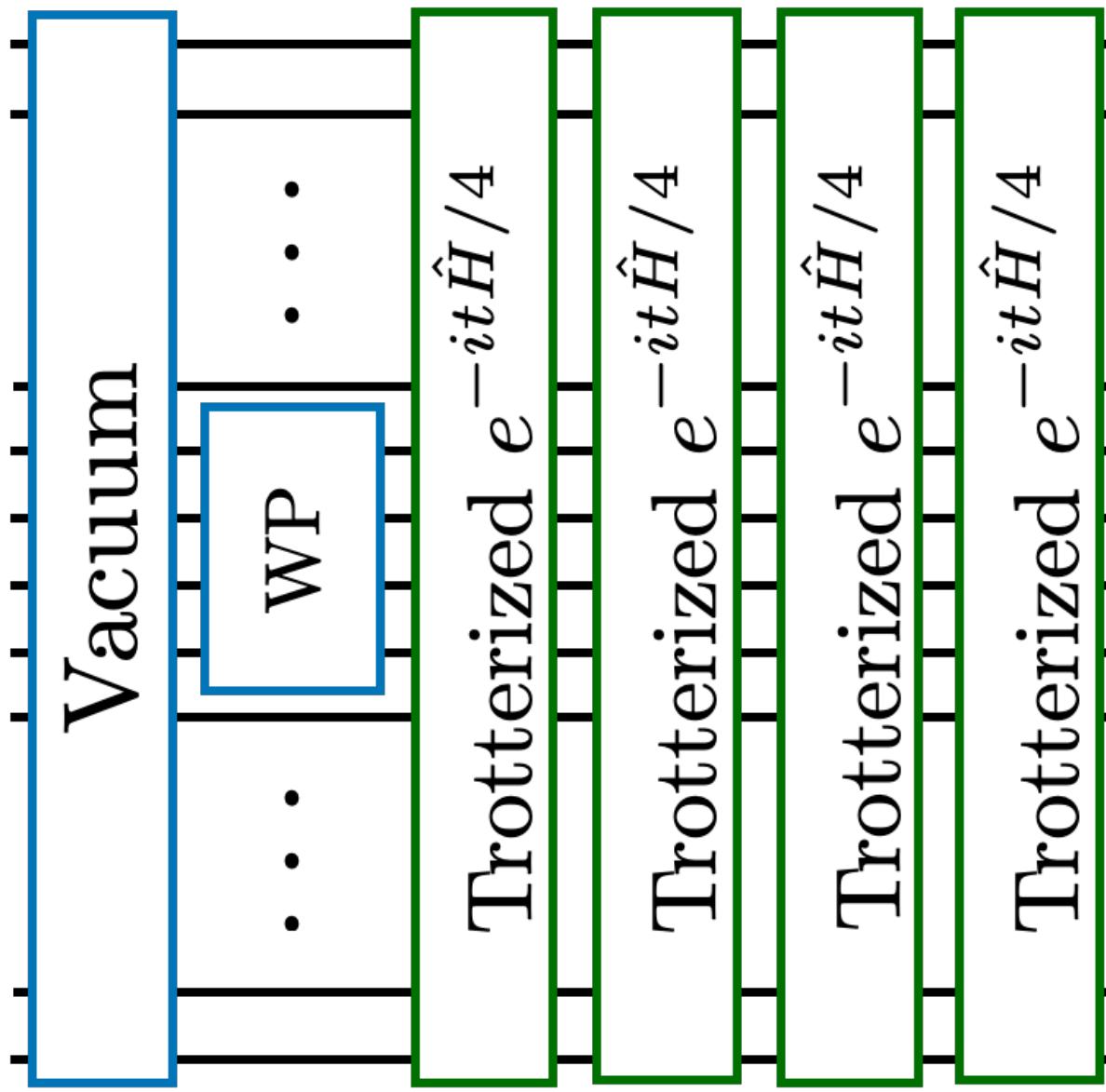
Pauli twirling

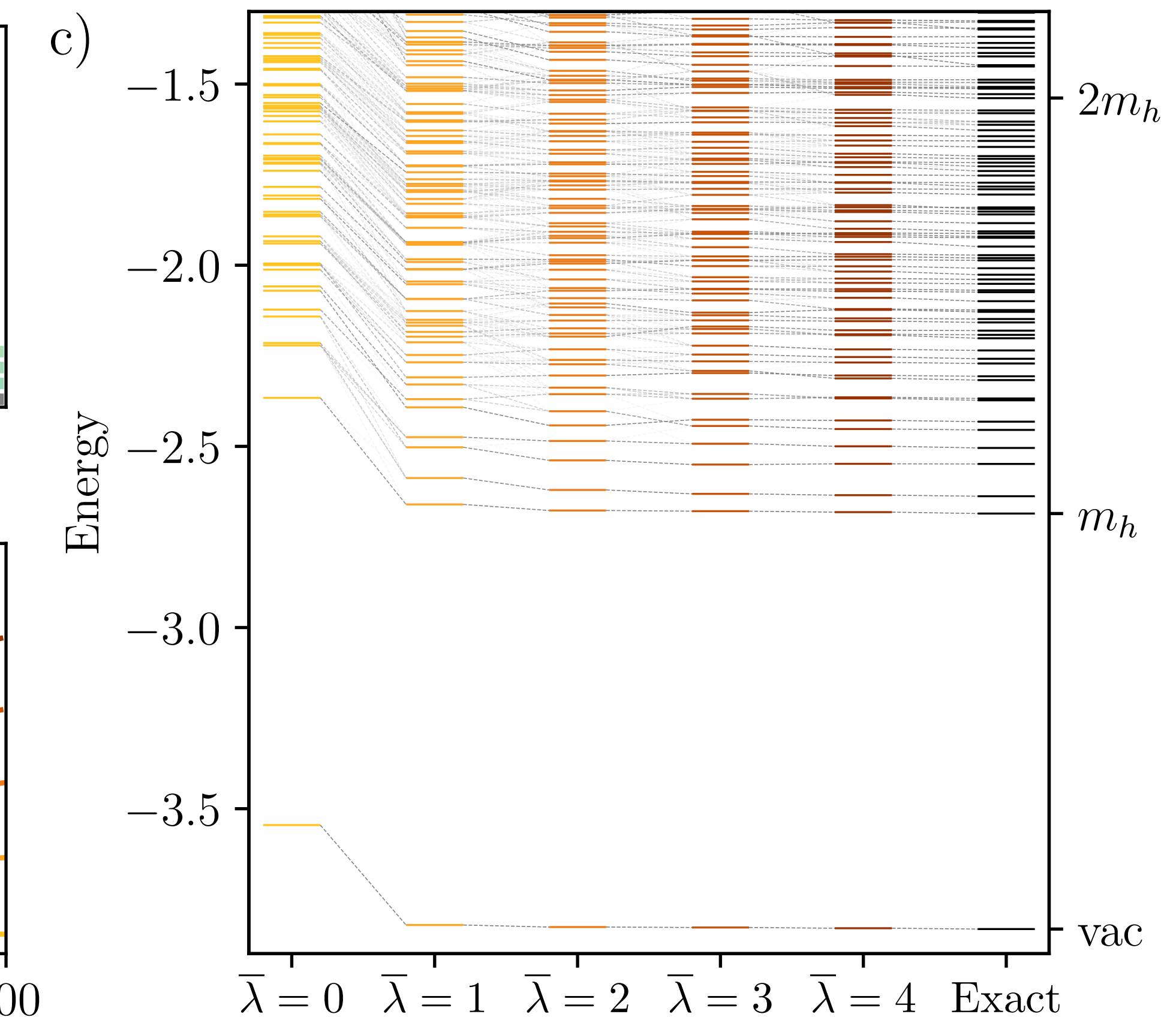
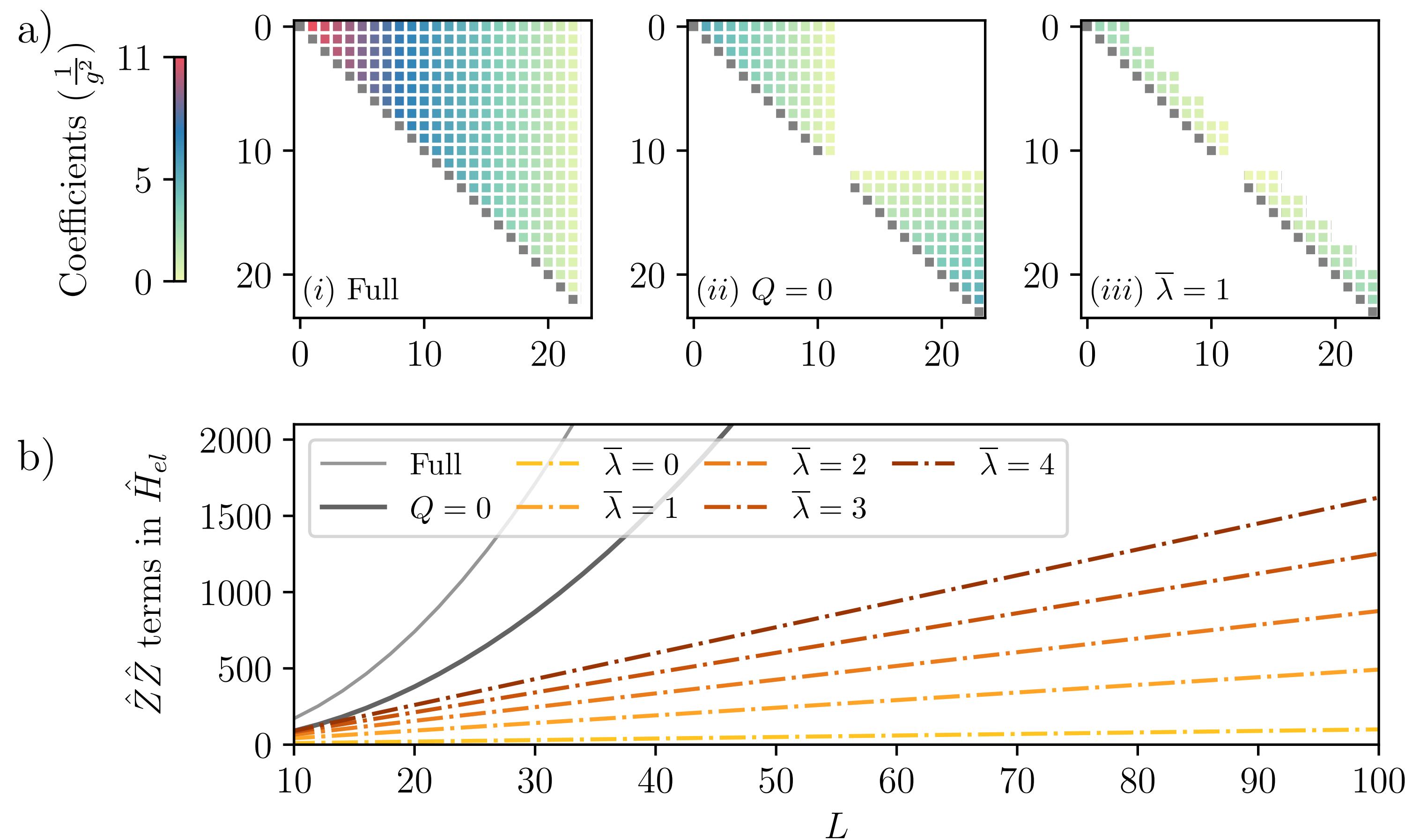
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Solve for $\langle \hat{Z} \rangle_{\text{expected}}$





Effective electric interaction

Quantify errors on $N = 24$ system that can be done exactly

