

# Quantum error mitigation

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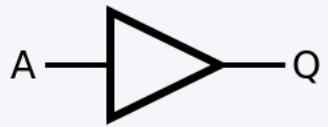
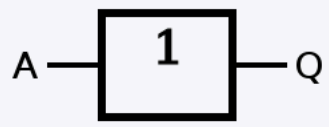
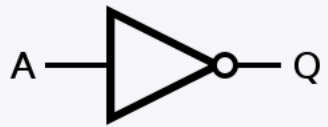
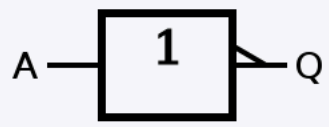




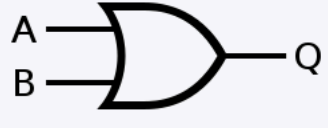
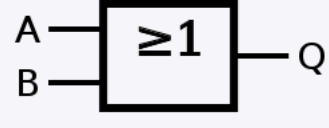
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# Universal / digital / circuit-based quantum computer



# Classical computing with logic gates

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- Logic gates are operations on bits.
- {NOT, AND} and {NOT, OR} are universal gate sets.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logic\\_gate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logic_gate)



# Qubits and quantum gates

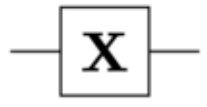
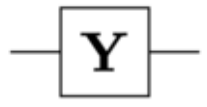
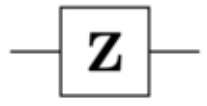


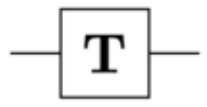
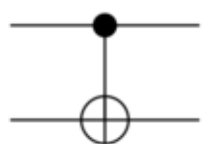
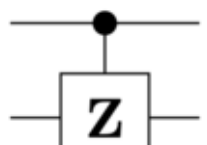
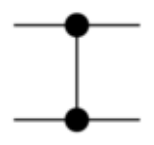

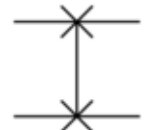
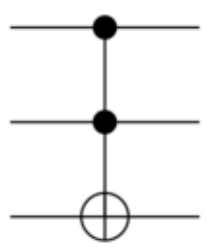
Superposition state of a qubit:

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Universal gate sets:

- Clifford gates + one non-Clifford  
 $\{H, T, \text{CNOT}\}$  or  $\{H, T, \text{CZ}\}$   
 (Realistic gate sets)
- Toffoli and Hadamard  $\{\text{CCNOT}, H\}$

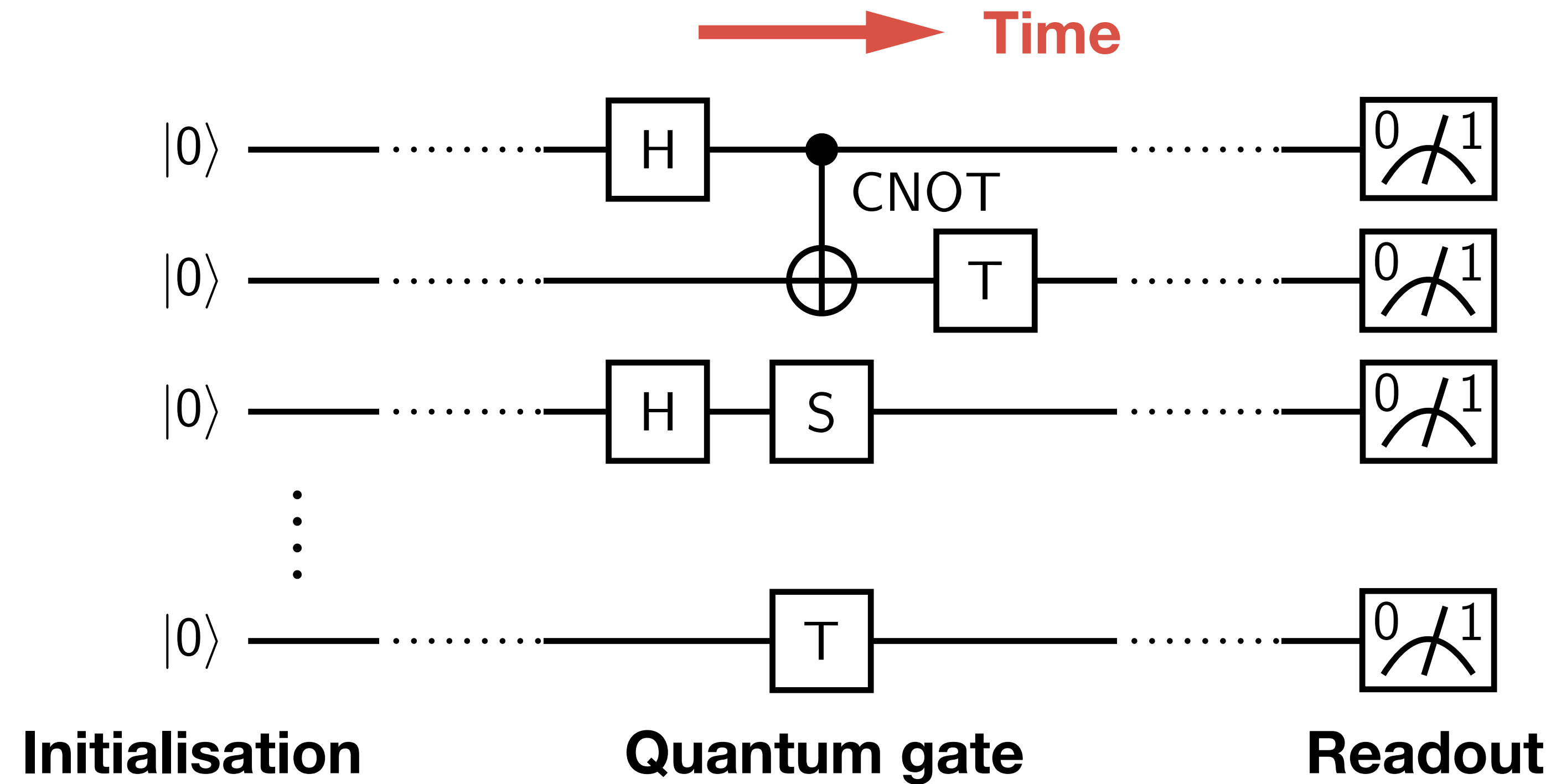
Operator	Gate(s)	Matrix
Pauli-X (X)	 $\oplus$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Y (Y)		$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Pauli-Z (Z)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Hadamard (H)		$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Phase (S, P)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$
$\pi/8$ (T)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix}$
Controlled Not (CNOT, CX)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Controlled Z (CZ)	 	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
SWAP	 	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Toffoli (CCNOT, CCX, TOFF)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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# Universal quantum computer (Quantum Turing machine)

Quantum circuit:

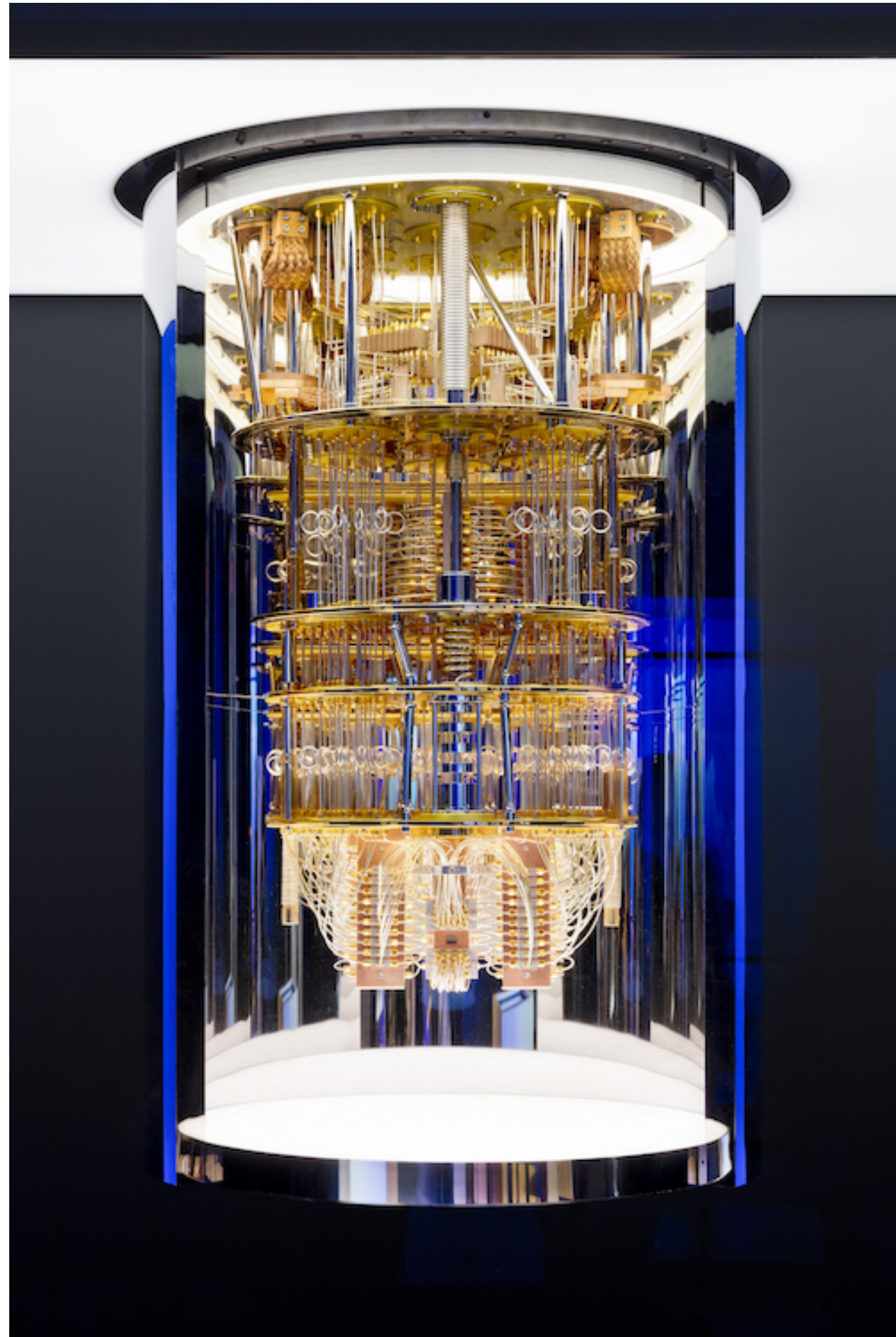


	Classical Computing	Quantum Computing
Information carrier	Bit	Qubit
Operation	Logic gate (Boolean function)	Quantum gate (Unitary transformation)
Universality	General Boolean function	General unitary transformation

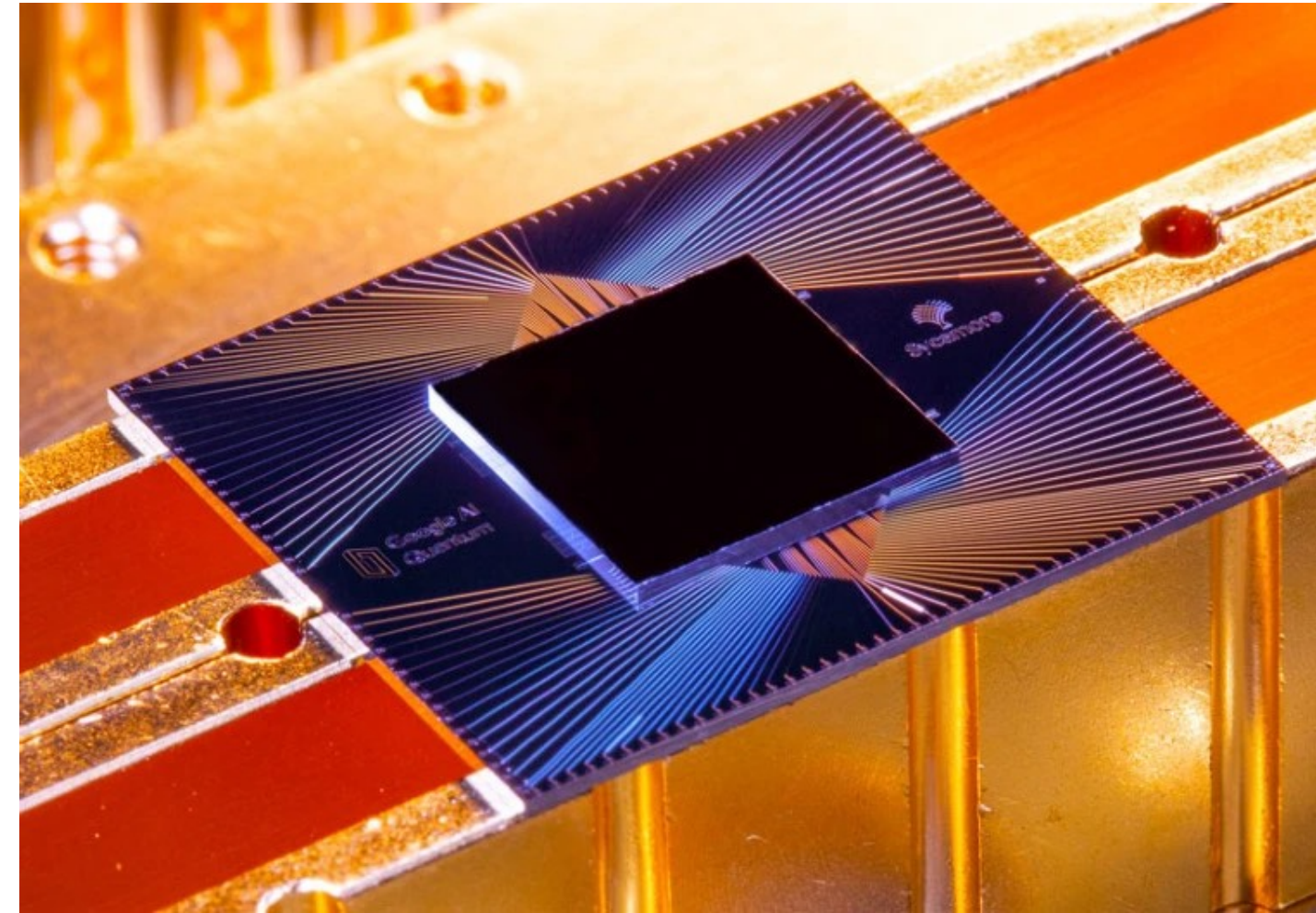
David Deutsch, Proceedings of the Royal Society A 400, 97-117 (1985)



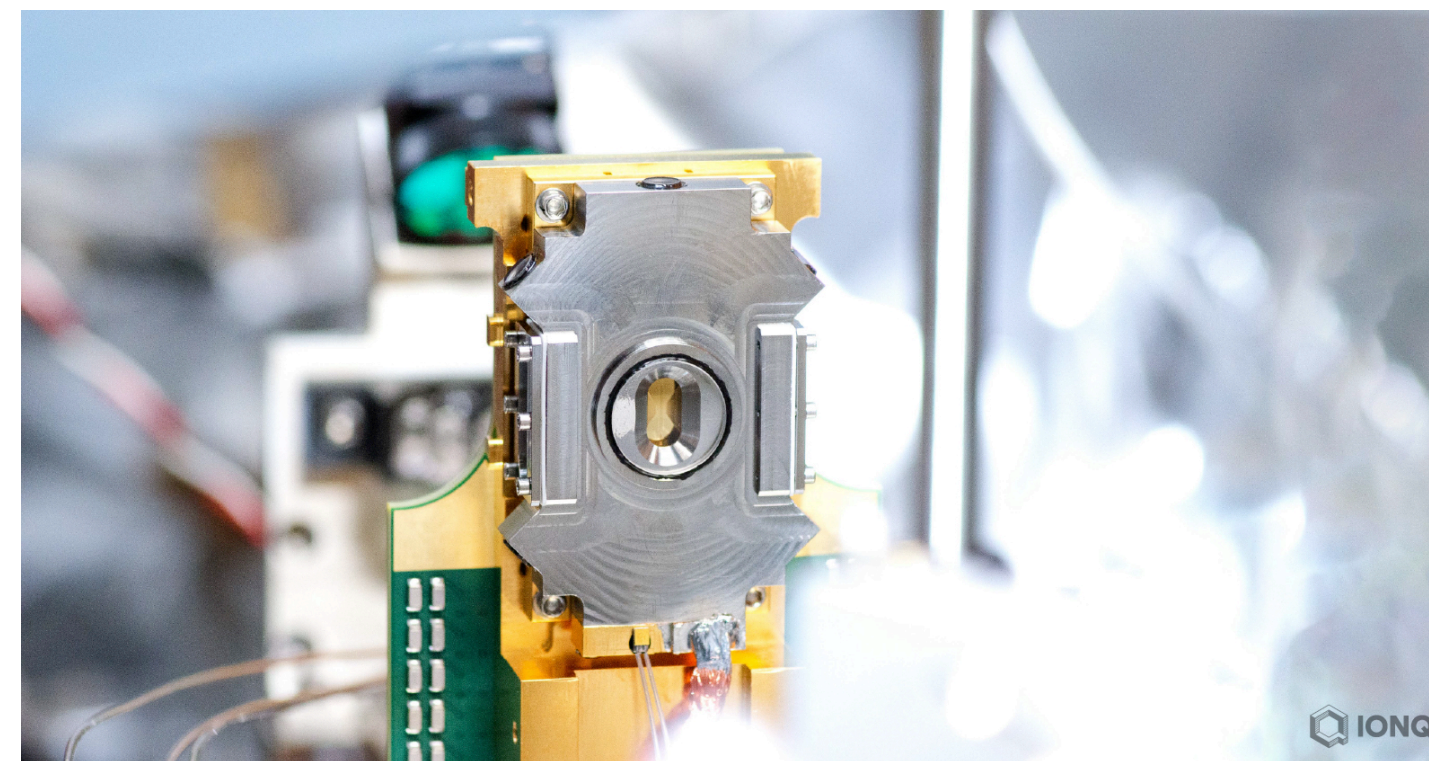
# Hardware



IBM Quantum System One  
[https://qiskit.org/documentation/qc\\_intro.html](https://qiskit.org/documentation/qc_intro.html)



Google's 54-qubit Sycamore chip  
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03213-z>



IonQ's Aria system  
<https://ionq.com/news/march-21-2022-ionq-aria-coming-to-microsoft-azure-quantum>

- Superconducting qubits  
*Solid, fast and scalable*
- Ion trap  
*Accurate, light-matter interface*
- Photonics
- Quantum dot
- Neutral atoms
- Majorana fermions
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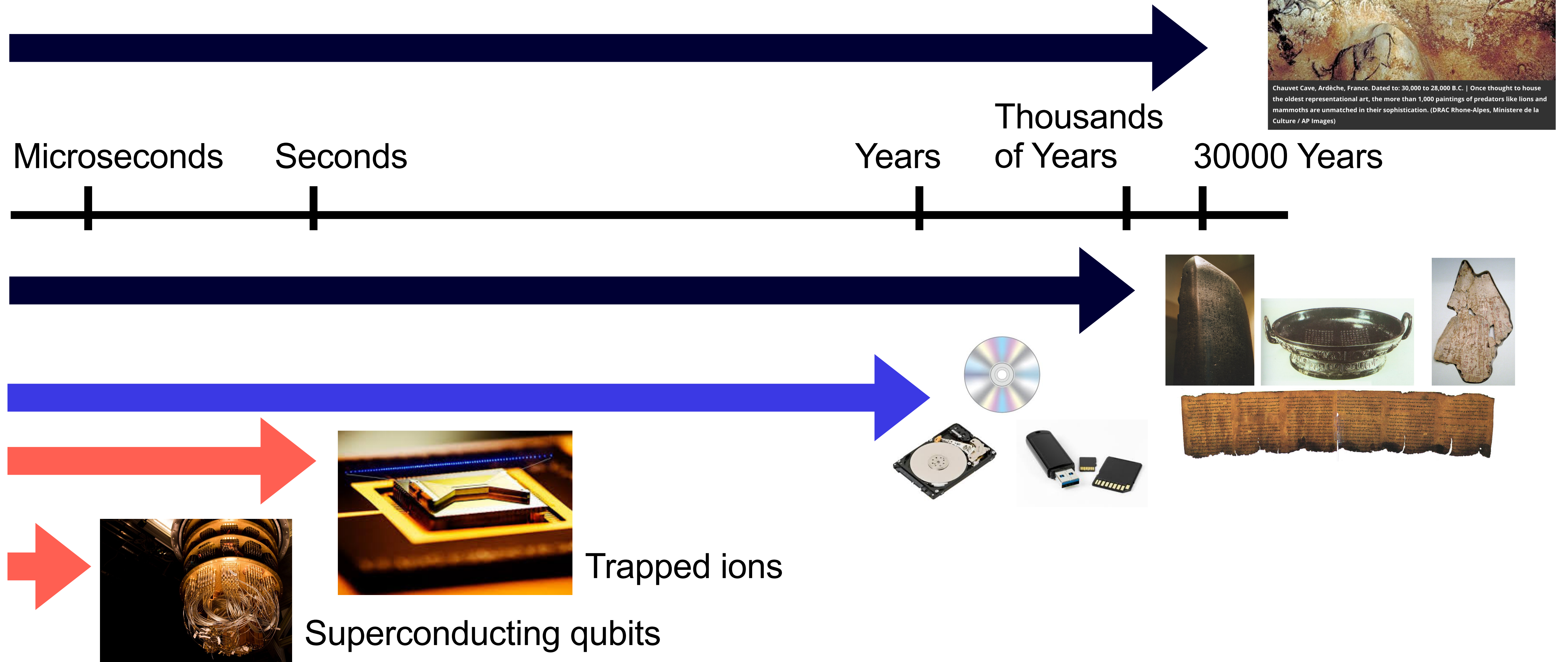


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# Decoherence and memory time



# Resilience of classical information

## 马未都：最另类的“造假”，把一幅真画一揭为二，变成两幅真品

现在很多艺术作品的造假，目的基本都是为了盈利，按照前辈优秀的真迹，仿照着制作出看起来一模一样的仿制赝品，为了能够以次充好，获得利益。而本文所要说的另类造假，严格地说并不是真正的一种造假，因为做出来的东西其实并不是赝品，东西是真品，因为是真的，就很容易被粗心大意收入了。这算是一种最另类的造假了，本来只有一个作品，经过作伪者精心仿制之后，竟然分成了两个，甚至三个四个，一下子利润就翻了几番。



知乎 @物物堂装池



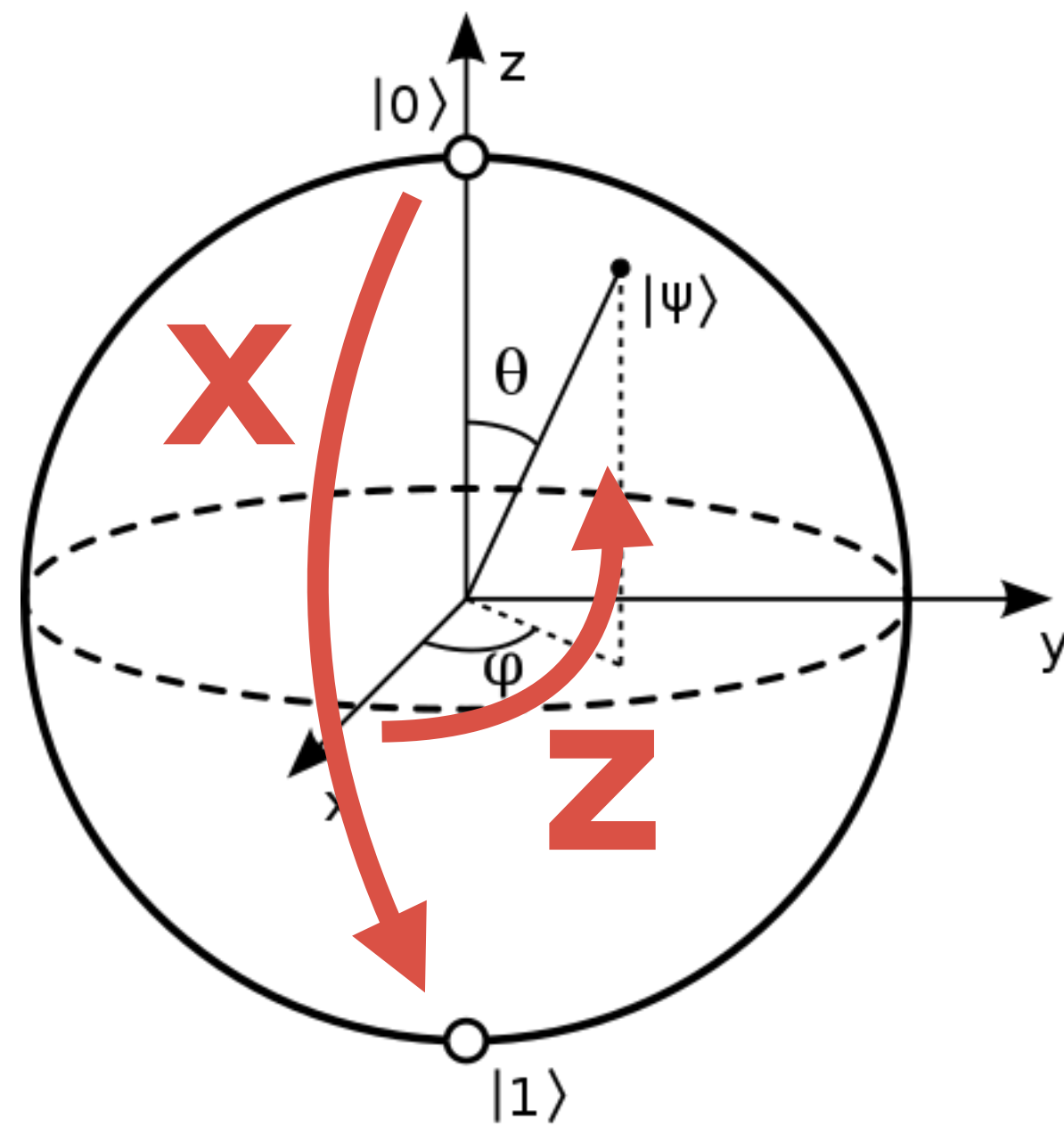
# Quantum error correction

Classical error correction:

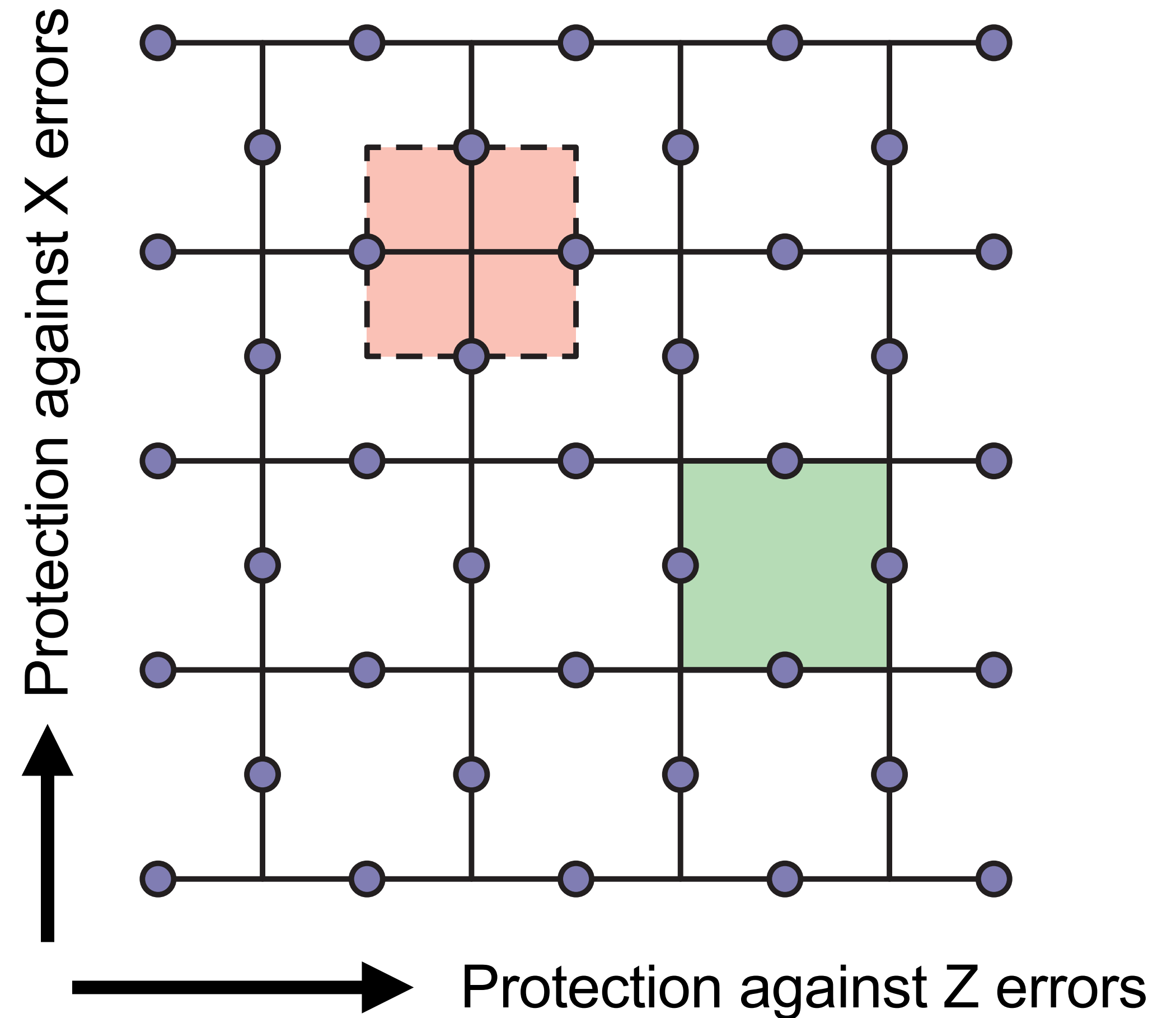
$$\mathbf{0} = 0000\mathbf{1}0000\dots$$

$$\mathbf{1} = 1111\mathbf{0}1111\dots$$

Two types of errors on qubits:



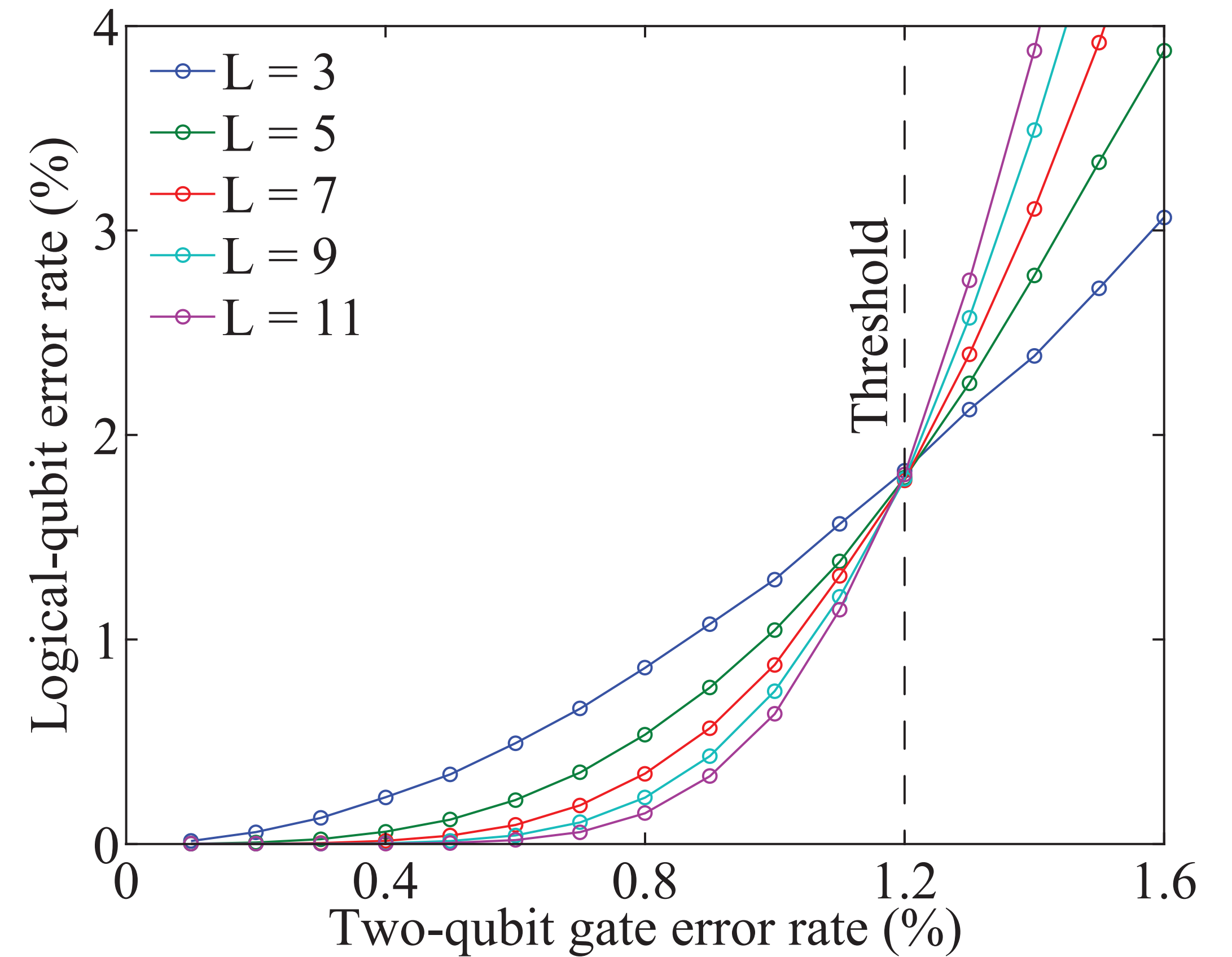
Surface code:



A. Yu. Kitaev, *Annals Phys.* 303, 2-30 (2003)  
Robert Raussendorf and Jim Harrington, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 98, 190504 (2007)  
Austin G. Fowler, Ashley M. Stephens, and Peter Groszkowski, *Phys. Rev. A* 80, 052312 (2009)



# Surface-code threshold



Thresholds of surface code:

0.75%, Robert Raussendorf and Jim Harrington, 2006

> 1%, David Wang, Austin Fowler and Lloyd Hollenberg, 2011



# Quantum fault tolerance

## Threshold theorem:

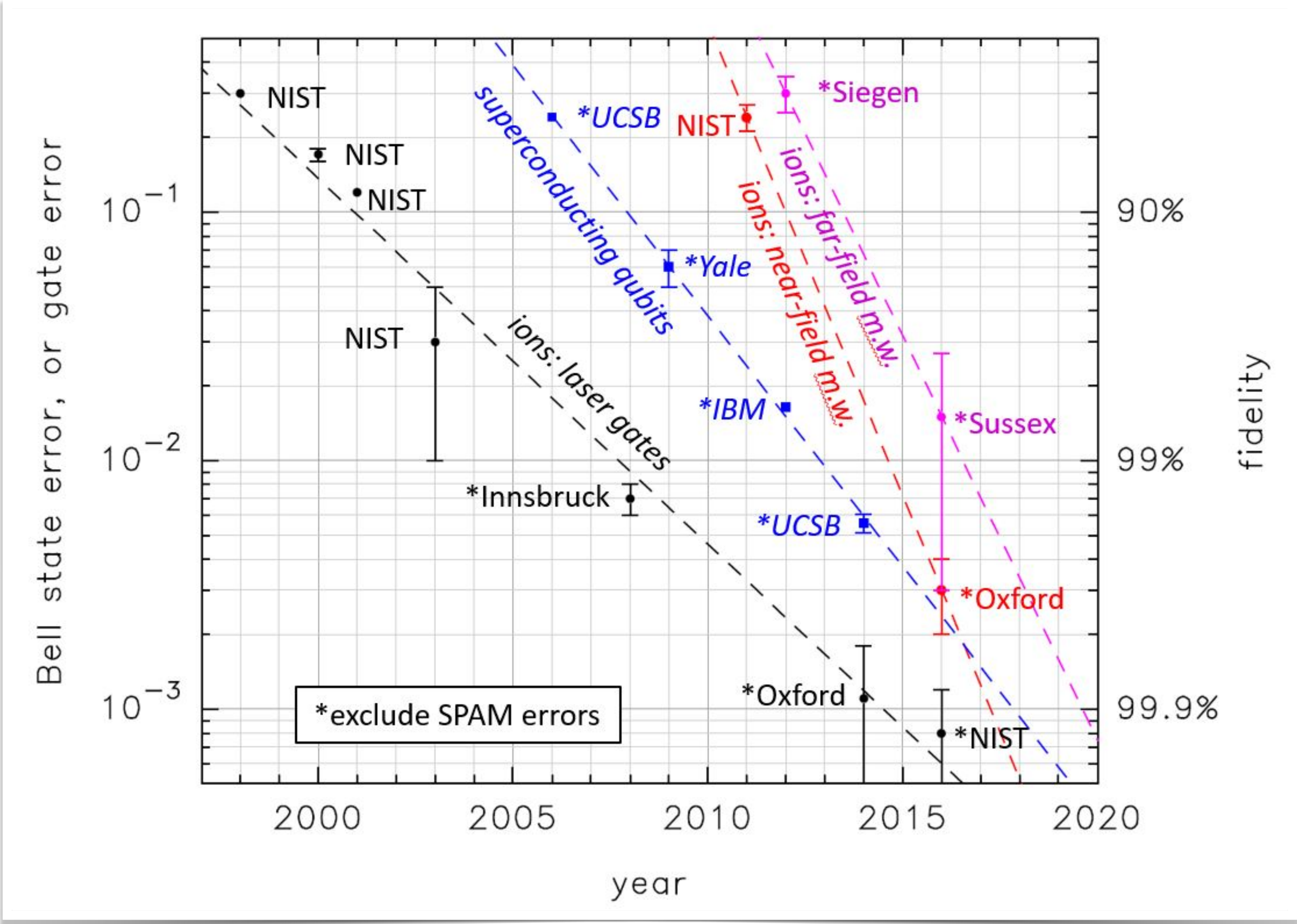
- If the physical error rate is lower than the **threshold**,
- the logical error rate can be suppressed to an **arbitrarily** low level,
- and the number of physical qubits for encoding is **polynomial** in one over the logical error rate.

Dorit Aharonov and Michael Ben-Or, arXiv:quant-ph/9611025

Emanuel Knill, Raymond Laflamme, and Wojciech H. Zurek, Science 279, 342-345 (1998)



# Error rate over years



<https://nqit.ox.ac.uk/content/ion-traps>



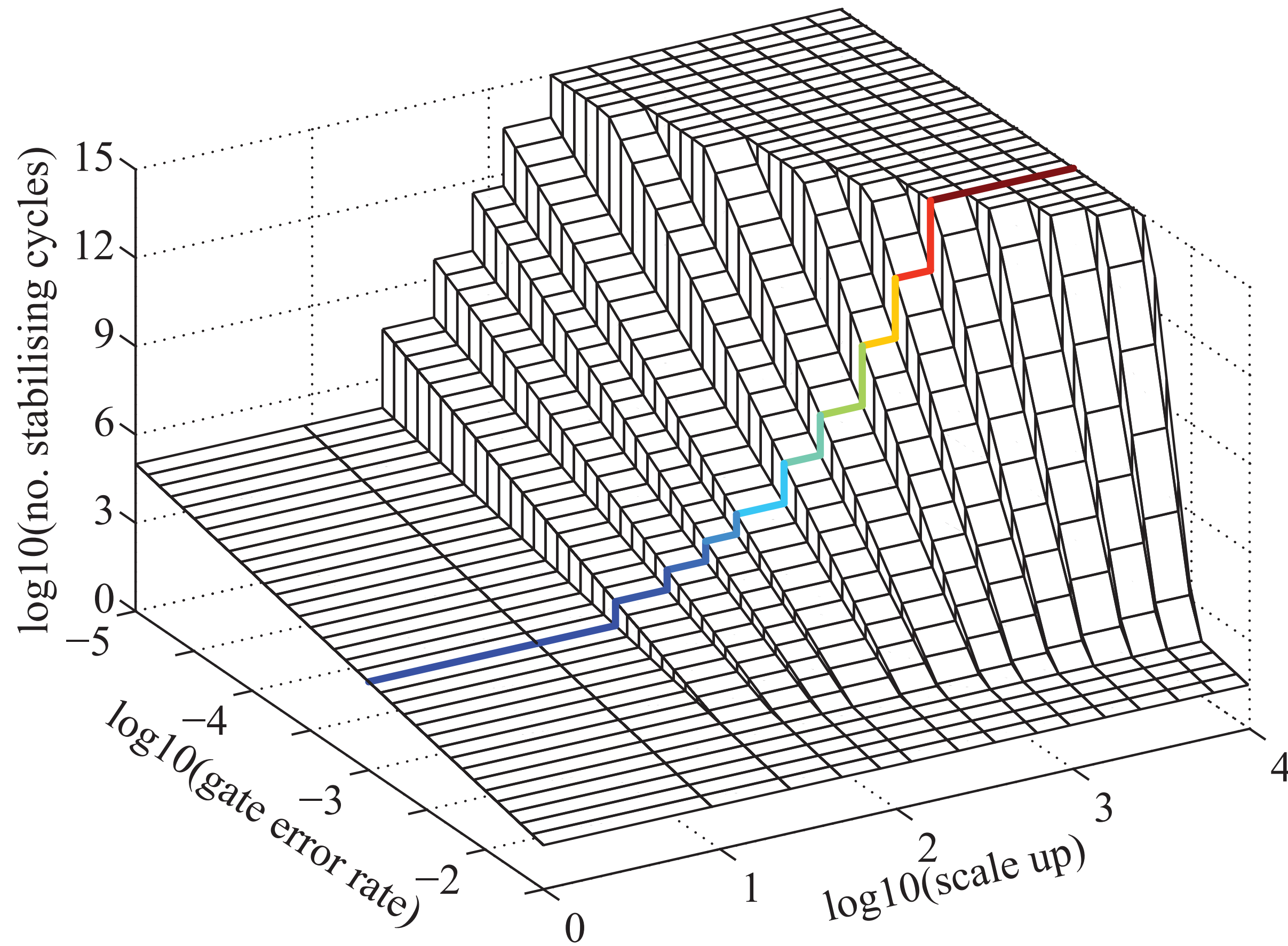
Threshold error rate above 1%

*Gap #1 has been  
closed!!!*

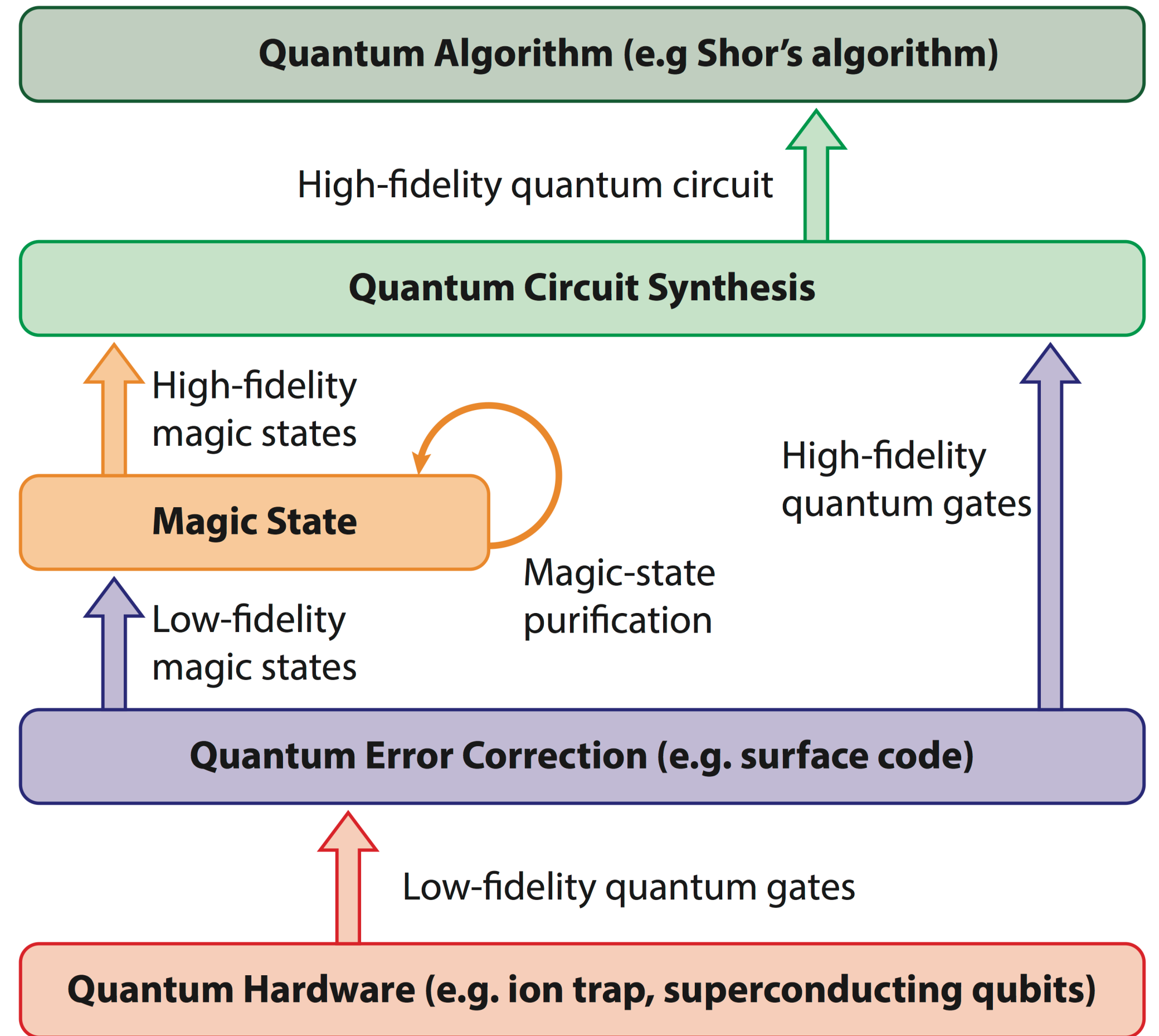
Technology today: Error rate below 0.1%



# Fault-tolerant quantum computing and the qubit overhead



Encoding cost of surface code

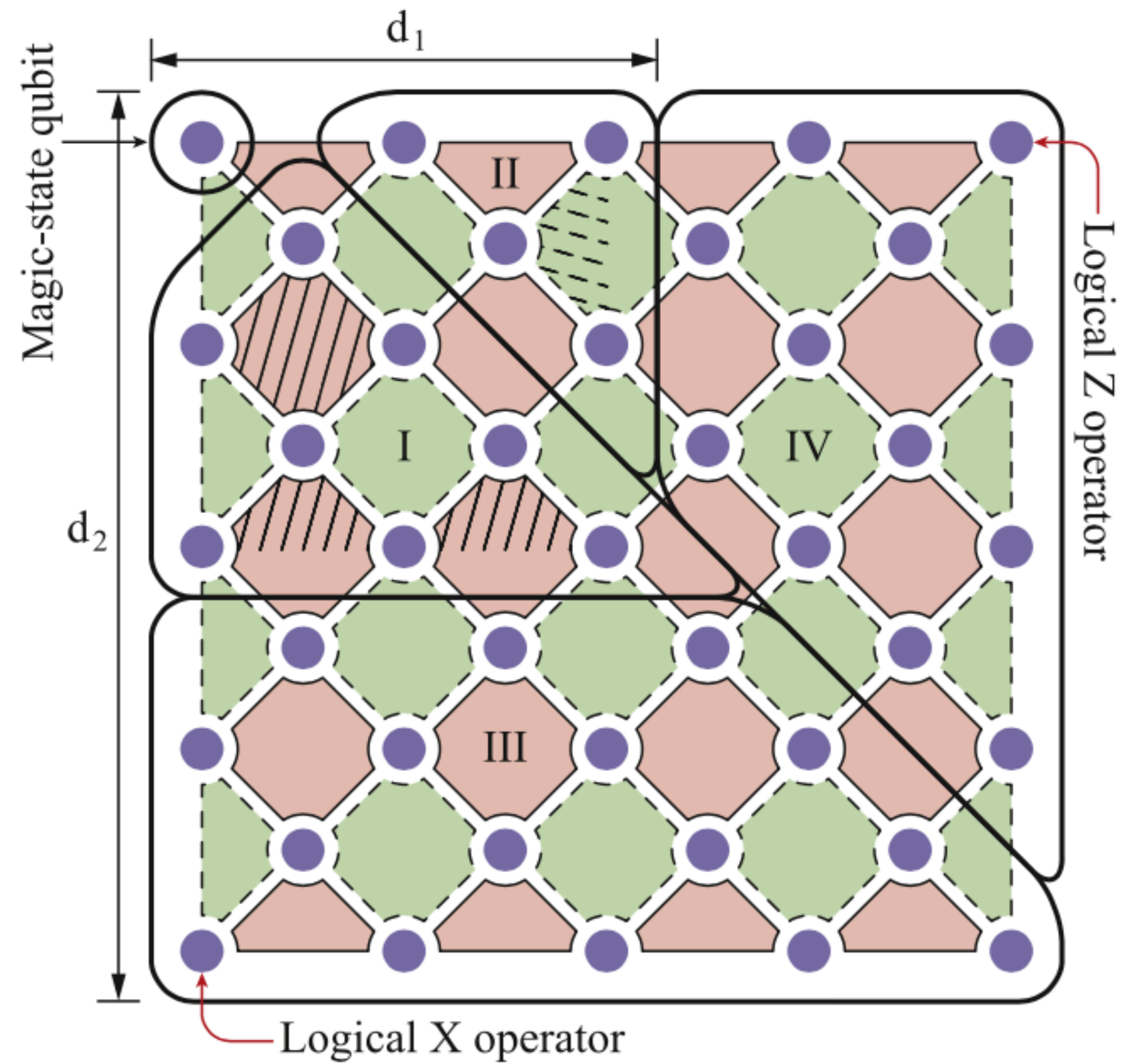


Fault-tolerant quantum computing





# Magic-state encoding



YL, New J. Phys. 17, 023037 (2015)

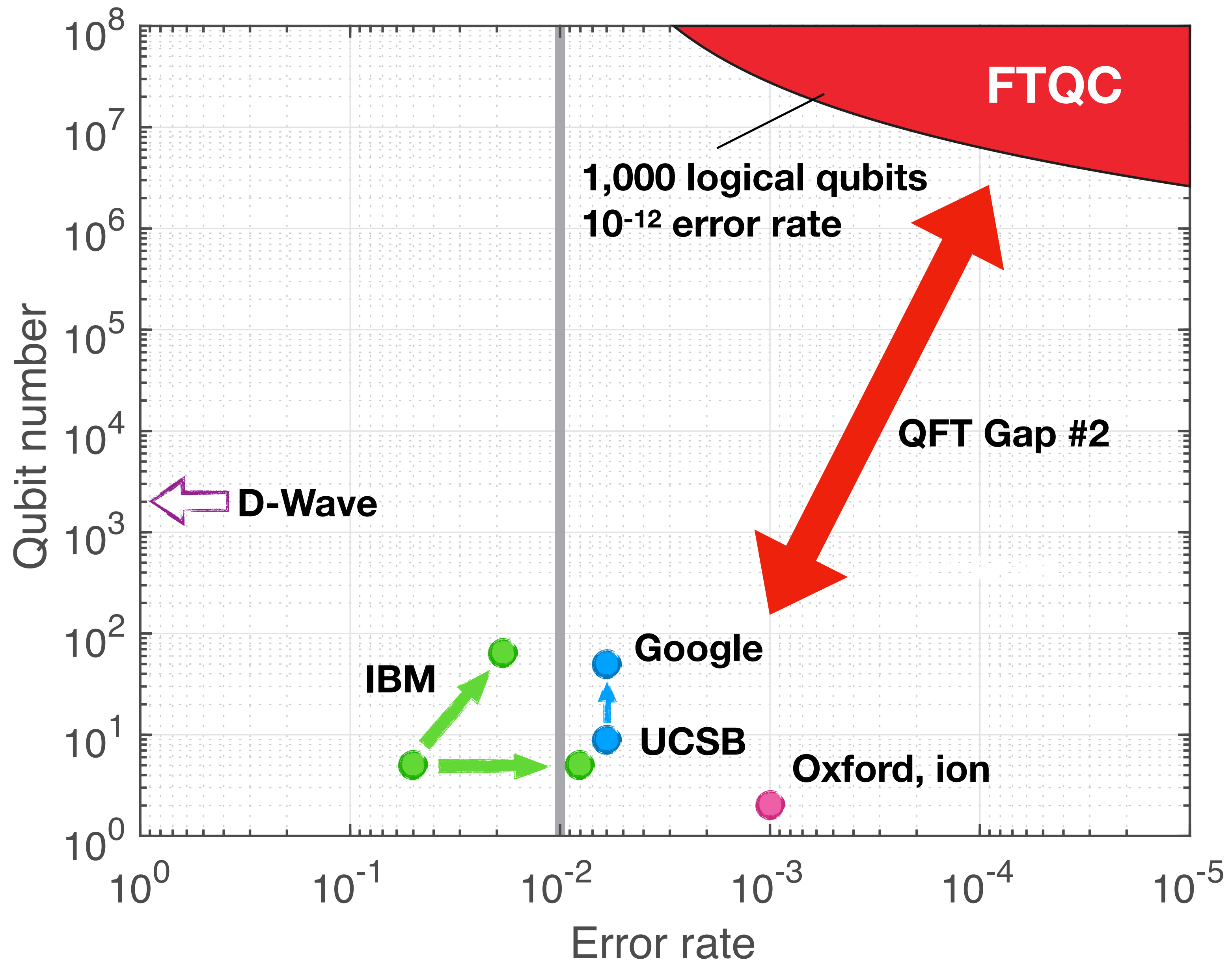


# Qubit cost of fault-tolerant quantum computing

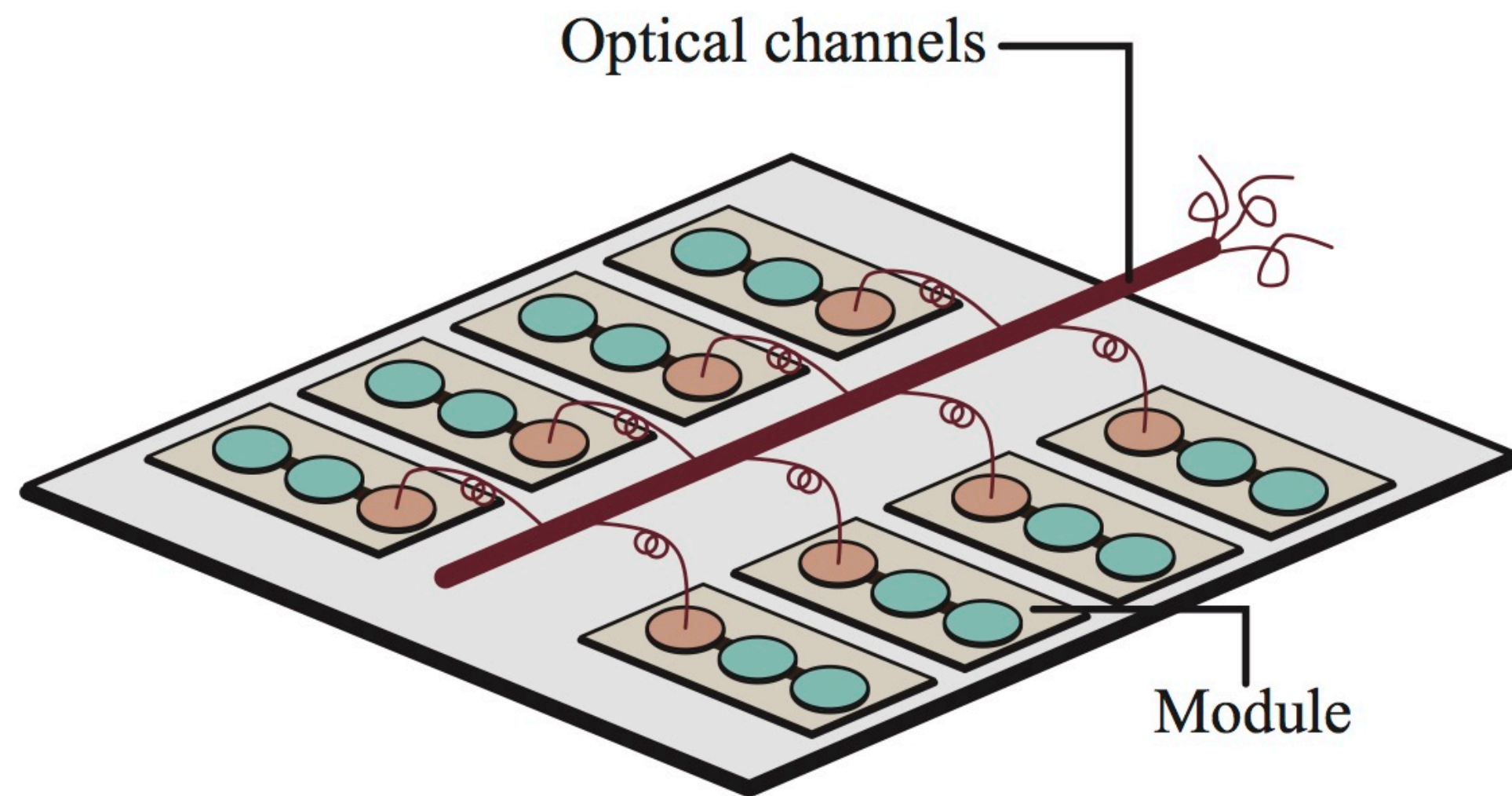
Problem	Magic states required		Space-time overhead per magic state in qubit rounds		Physical qubits in factory (and evaluation time) required for time-optimal computation			
	Type	Count	$p_g = 10^{-3}$	$p_g = 10^{-4}$	$p_g = 10^{-3}, t_{\text{meas/ff}} = 0.1t_{\text{sc}}$		$p_g = 10^{-4}, t_{\text{meas/ff}} = 0.1t_{\text{sc}}$	
					$t_{\text{sc}} = 10^{-3}$ s	$t_{\text{sc}} = 10^{-5}$ s	$t_{\text{sc}} = 10^{-3}$ s	$t_{\text{sc}} = 10^{-5}$ s
1000-bit Shor	Toffoli	$10^{10.60}$	$1.41 \times 10^7$	$5.35 \times 10^5$	$1.73 \times 10^8$ <b>(6.6 weeks)</b>	$1.73 \times 10^8$ <b>(11 h)</b>	$6.30 \times 10^6$ <b>(6.6 weeks)</b>	$6.30 \times 10^6$ <b>(11 h)</b>
2000-bit Shor	Toffoli	$10^{11.51}$	$1.66 \times 10^7$	$5.71 \times 10^5$	$2.18 \times 10^8$ <b>(53 weeks)</b>	$2.18 \times 10^8$ <b>(3.7 days)</b>	$6.97 \times 10^6$ <b>(53 weeks)</b>	$6.97 \times 10^6$ <b>(3.7 days)</b>
4000-bit Shor	Toffoli	$10^{12.41}$	$1.94 \times 10^7$	$6.12 \times 10^5$	$2.50 \times 10^8$ <b>(8 years)</b>	$2.50 \times 10^8$ <b>(4.2 weeks)</b>	$7.69 \times 10^6$ <b>(8 years)</b>	$7.69 \times 10^6$ <b>(4.2 weeks)</b>

Joe O'Gorman and Earl T. Campbell, Phys. Rev. A 95, 032338 (2017)





# Optical and network quantum computing



Size	Local error rate	Network error rate
$0_{[1]}$	--	0.001%
$1_{[2]}$	--	0.01%
$2_{[3,4]}$	0.1%	1%
$3_{[4]}$	0.1%	10%
$4_{[4]}$	0.2%	30%
$4_{[5]}$	0.775%	10%
$5_{[6]}$	0.825%	10%
$31 \times 31_{[6]}$	0.1%	10%
$35 (1D)_{[7]}$	0.1%	0.1%

[1] YL, Peter C. Humphreys, Gabriel J. Mendoza, and Simon C. Benjamin, Phys. Rev. X 5, 041007 (2015)

[2] YL, Sean D. Barrett, Thomas M. Stace, and Simon C. Benjamin, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 250502 (2010)

[3] YL, Daniel Cavalcanti, and Leong Chuan Kwek, Phys. Rev. A 85, 062330 (2012)

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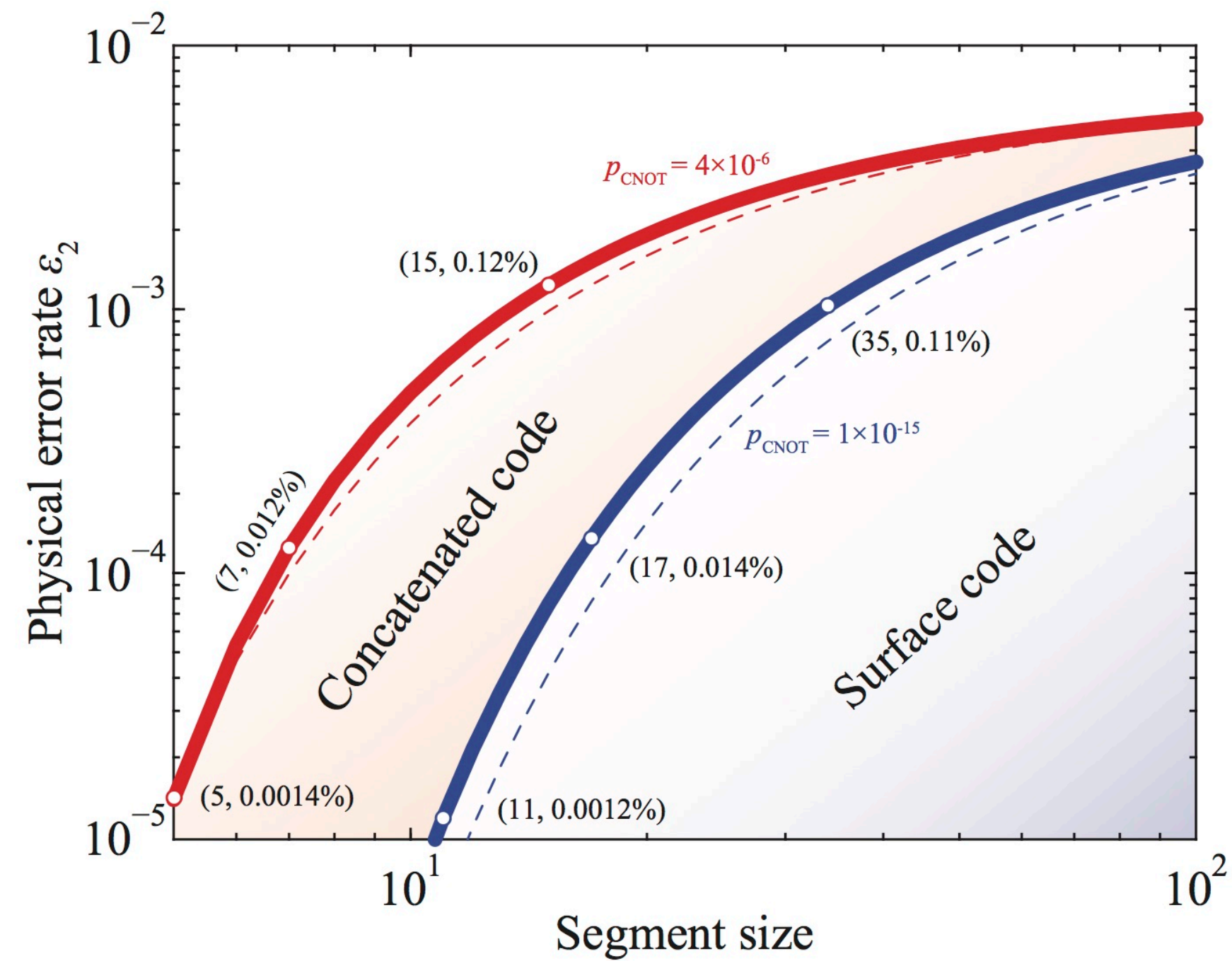
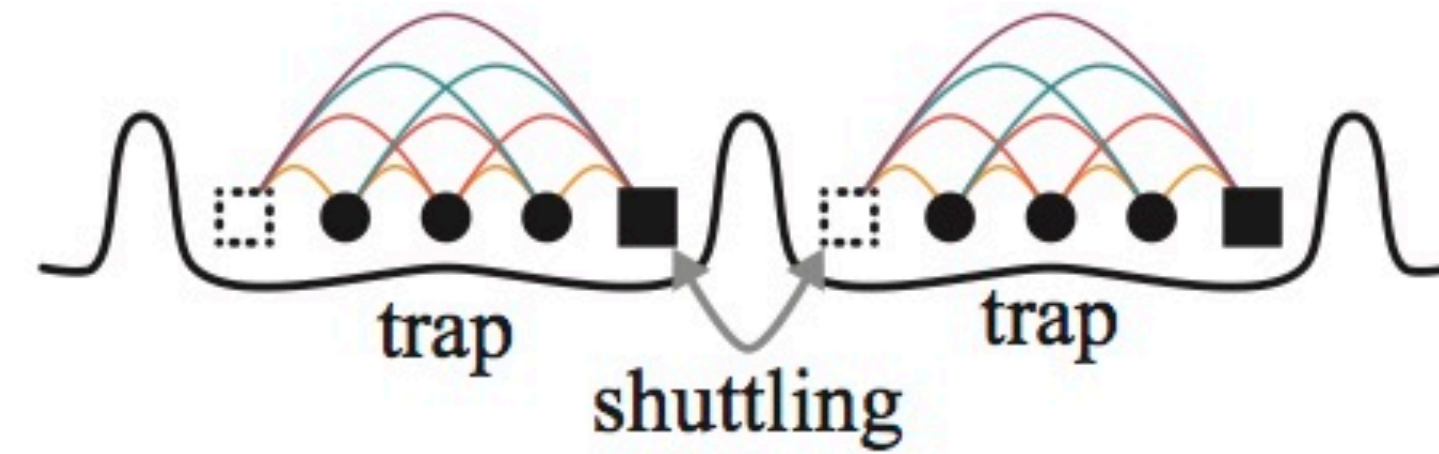
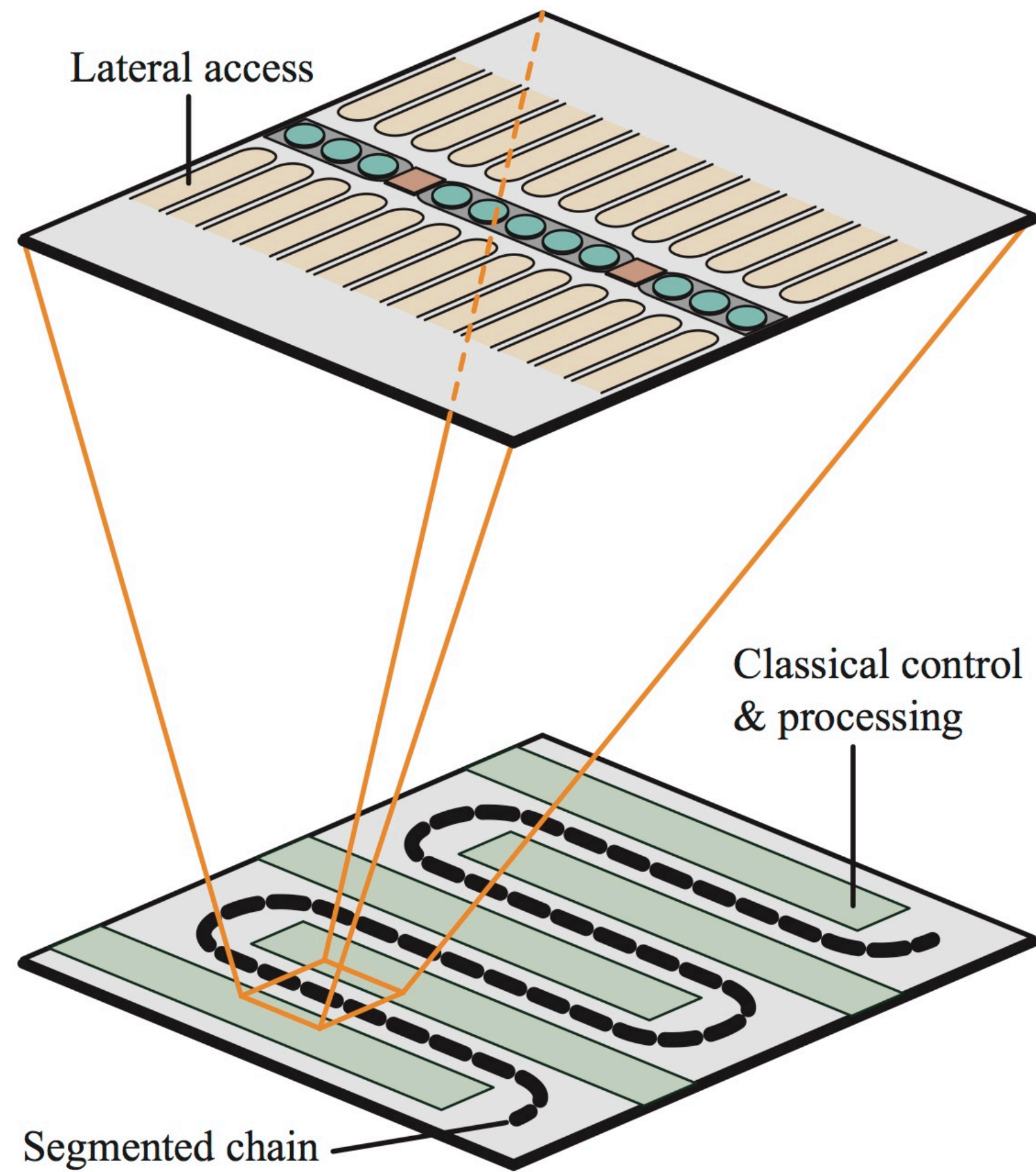
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# Quantum computing on segmented chain

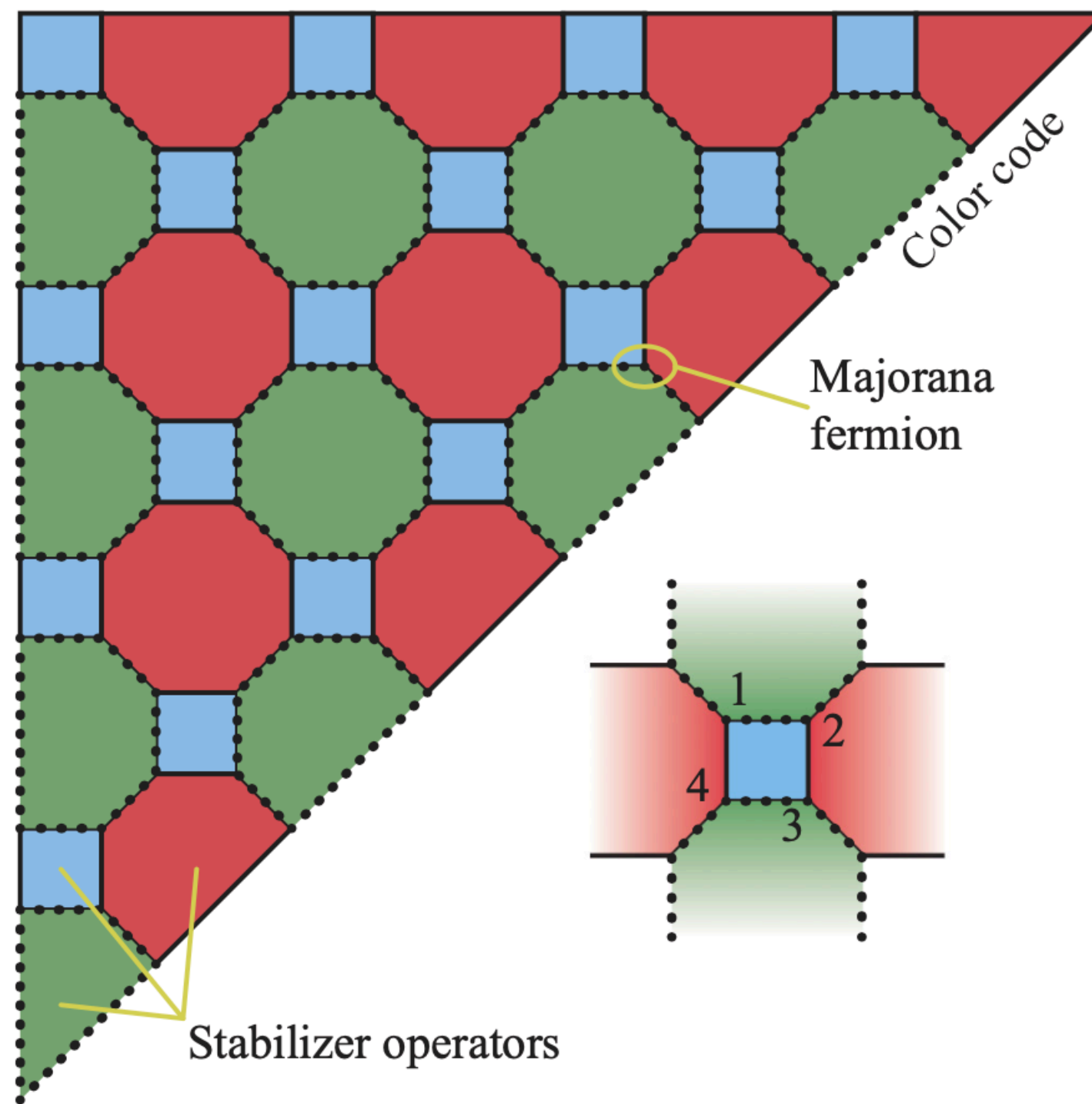
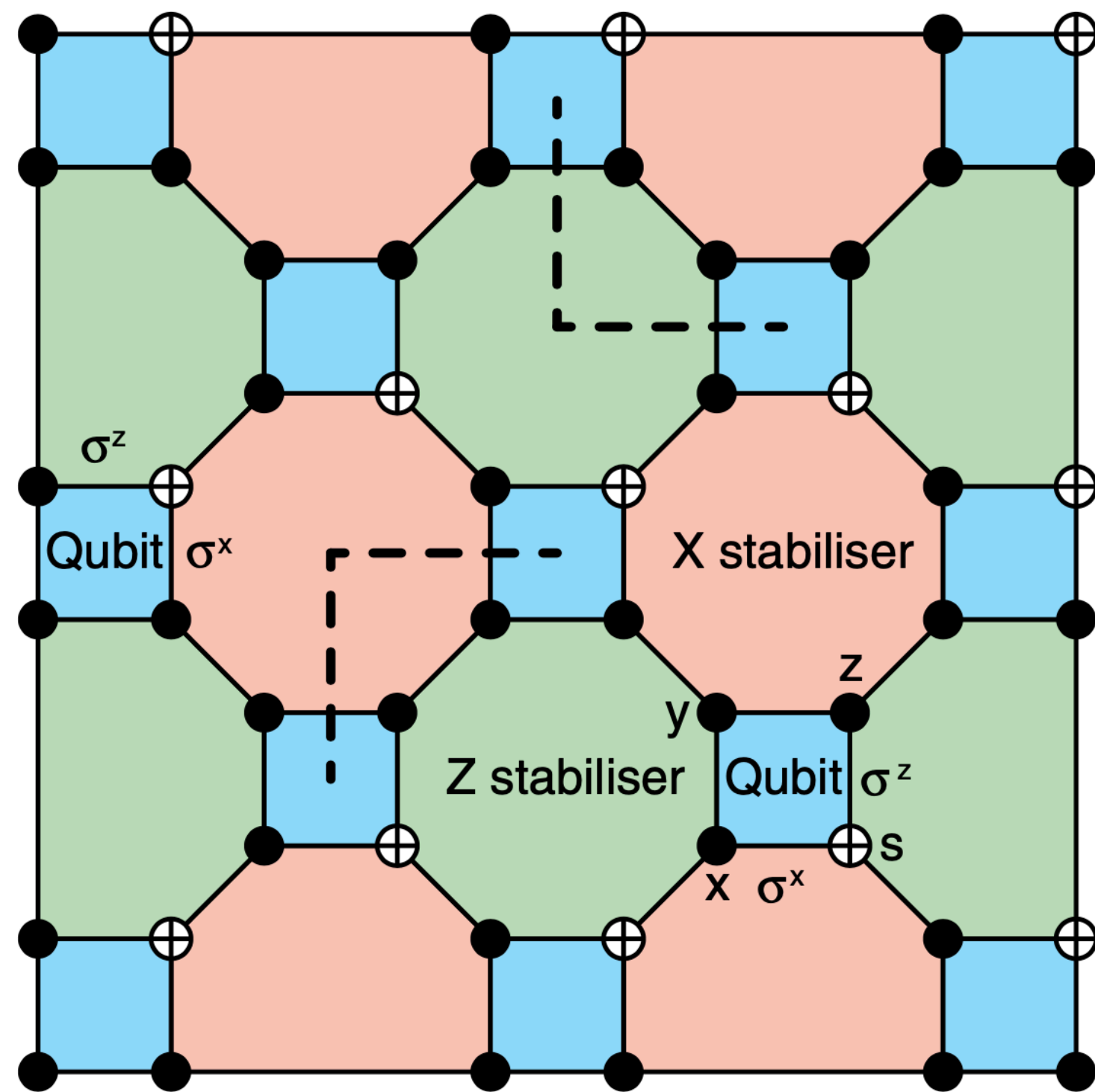


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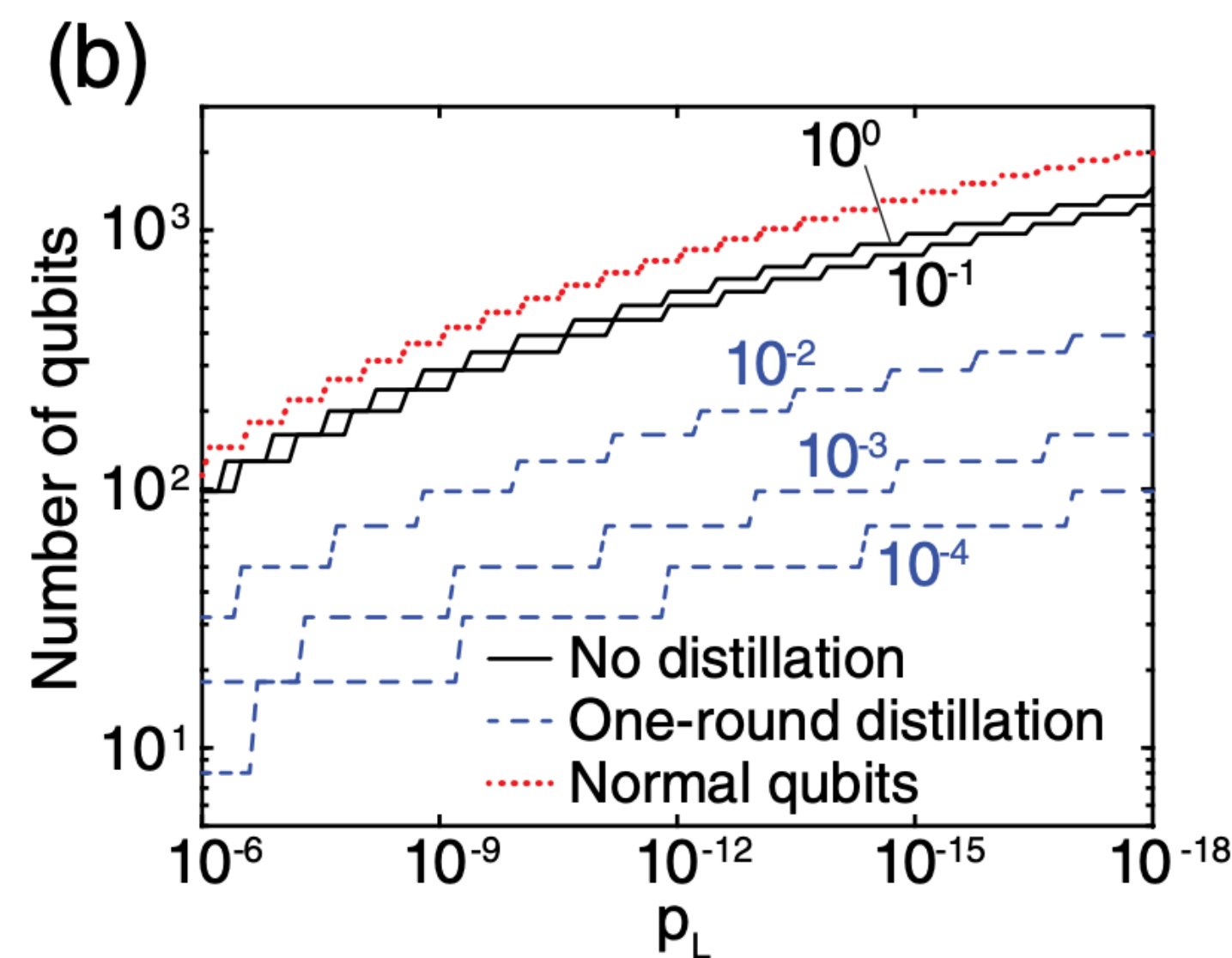
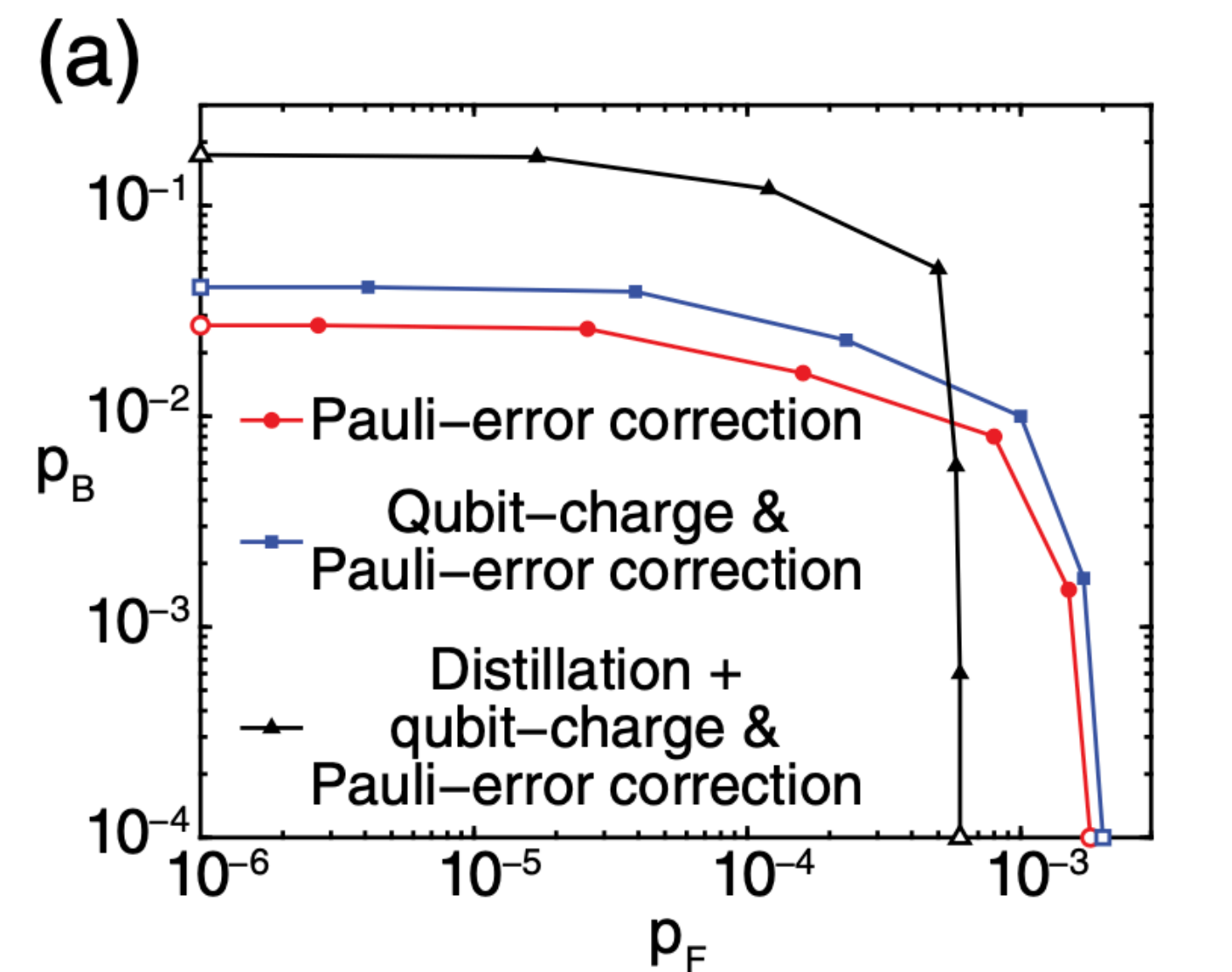




# Majorana fermion quantum computing



YL, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 120403 (2016)  
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# What is quantum error mitigation

**Quantum error mitigation** refers to methods for

- attaining the correct computing result using data from **quantum circuits already affected by errors**,
- instead of preventing errors from happening.



# What is quantum error mitigation

- ***Hardware and control optimisation***: Minimising physical errors
- ***Quantum error correction***: Minimising logical errors
- ***Quantum error mitigation***: Minimising the impact of errors

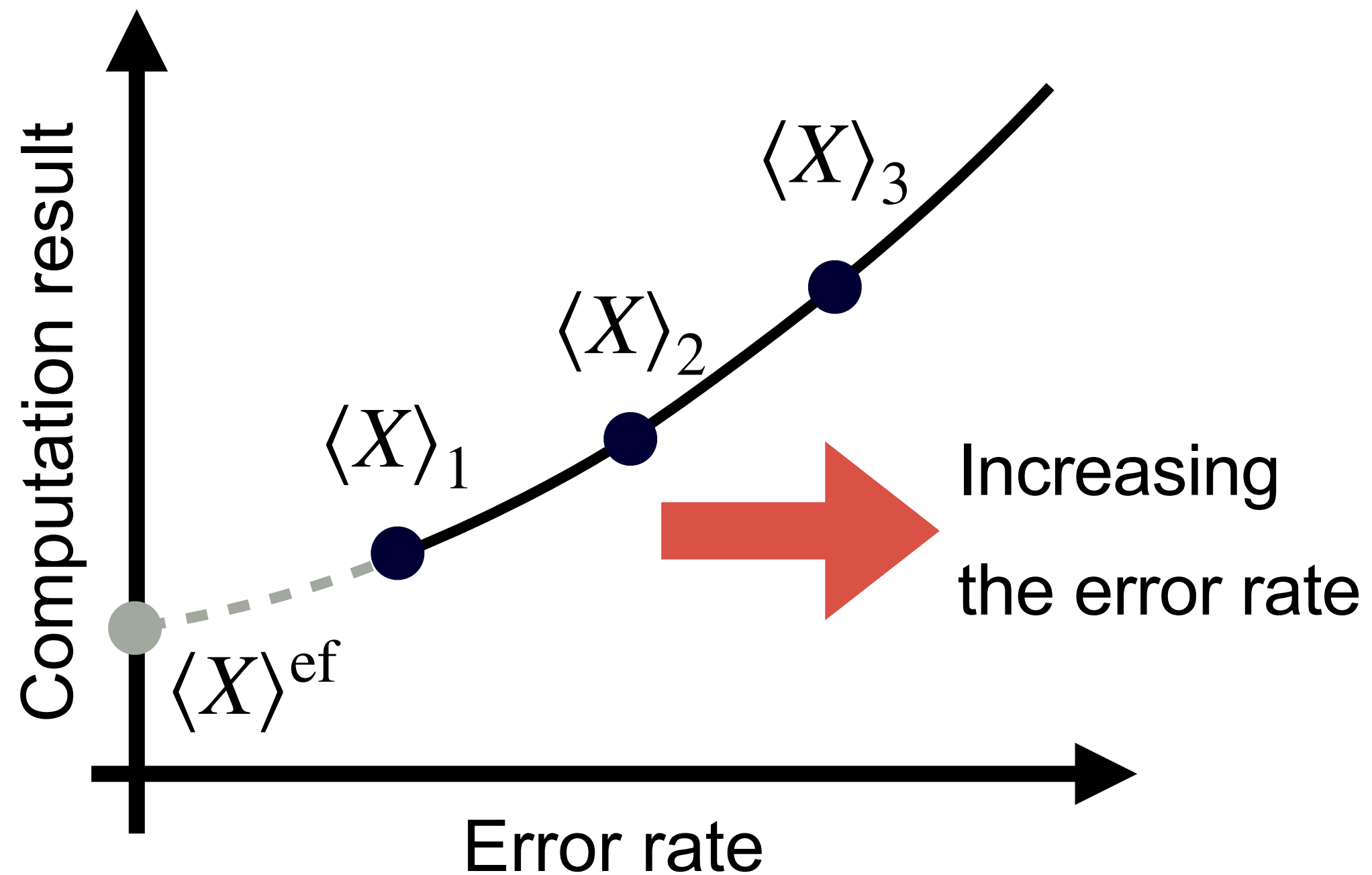


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# Error extrapolation (Zero-noise extrapolation)

Deliberately make the errors *worse!*



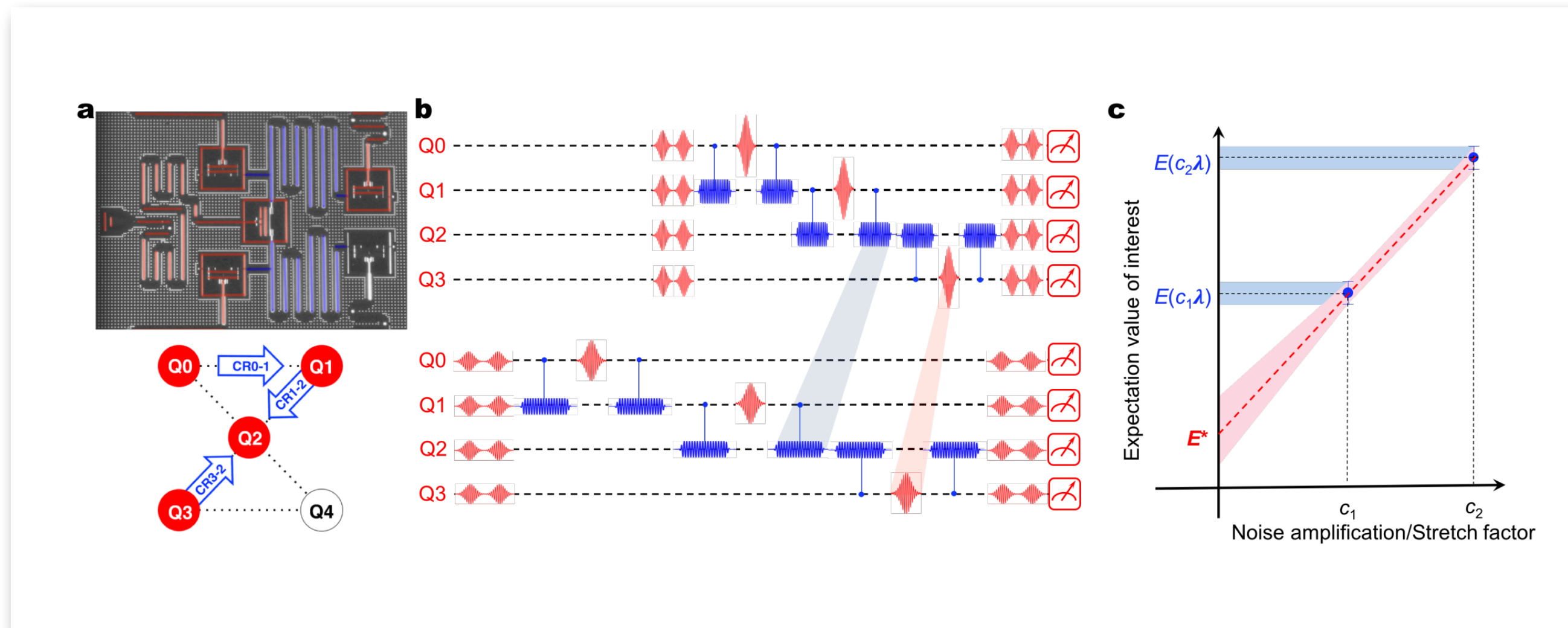
Quantum Error mitigation formula:

$$\langle X \rangle^{em} = F(\langle X \rangle_1, \langle X \rangle_2, \langle X \rangle_3, \dots)$$

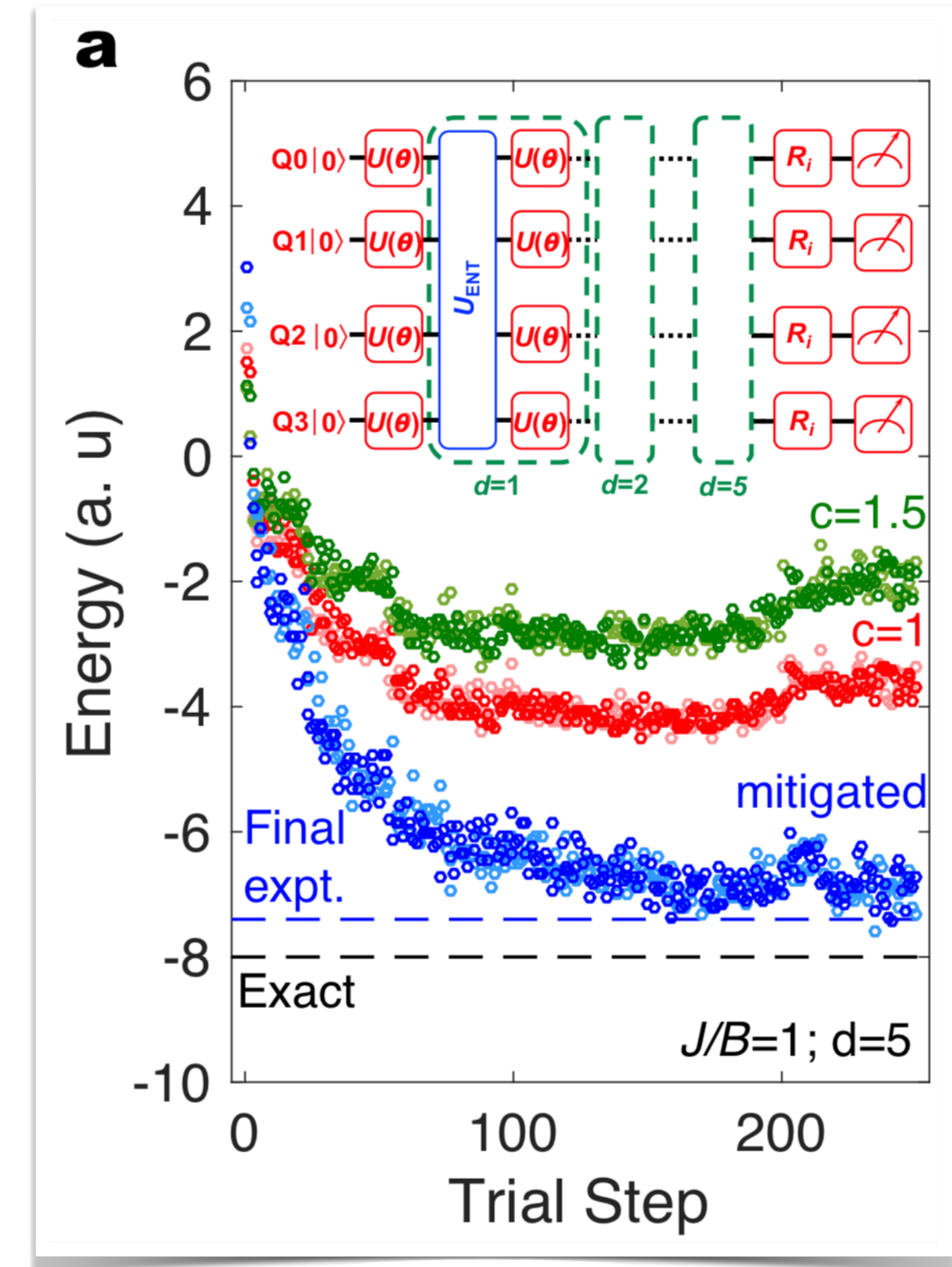
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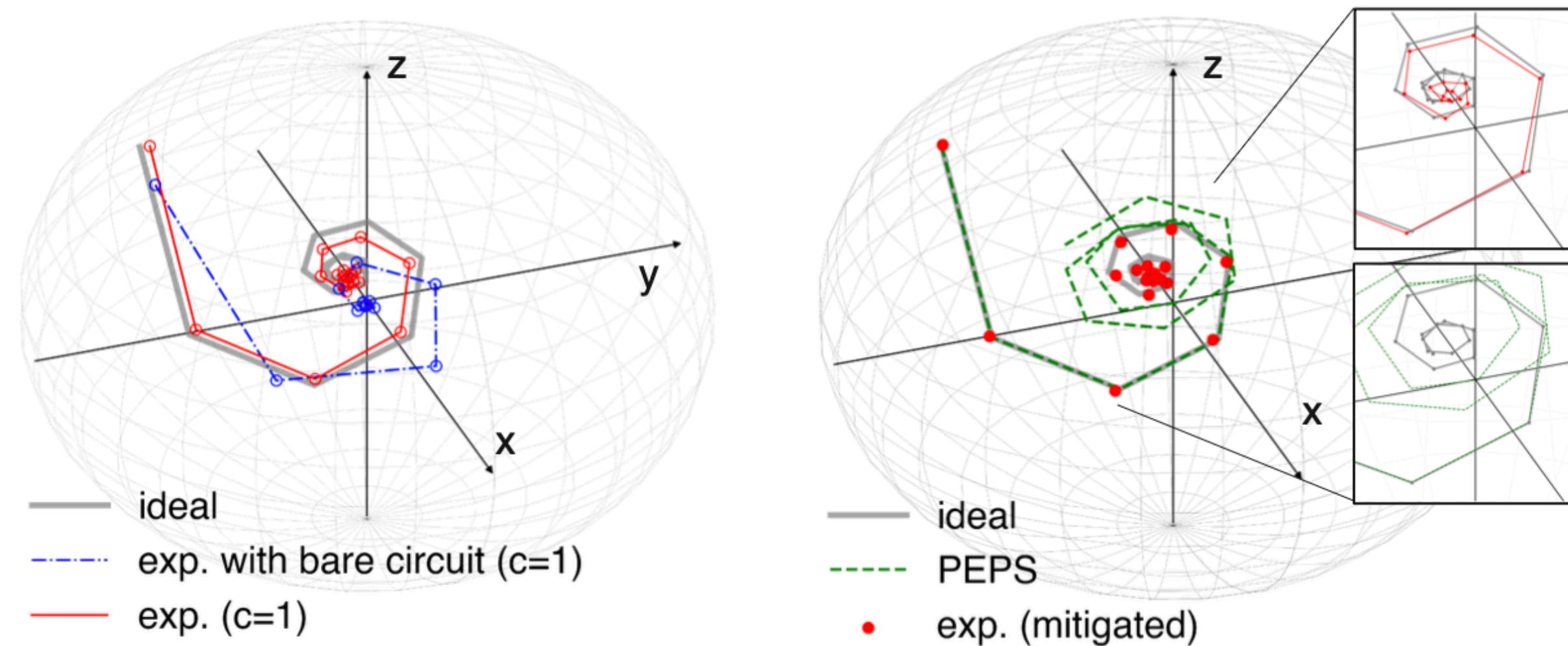
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A. Kandala, K. Temme, A. D. Corcoles, A. Mezzacapo, J. M. Chow, and J. M. Gambetta, Nature 567, 491 (2019)



# Error extrapolation (Zero-noise extrapolation)



- 26 spin 2D Ising spin lattice
- Digital quantum simulation with Trotterisation
- Circuit depth of 60 and 1080 CNOT gates

Youngseok Kim *et al.*, arXiv:2108.09197



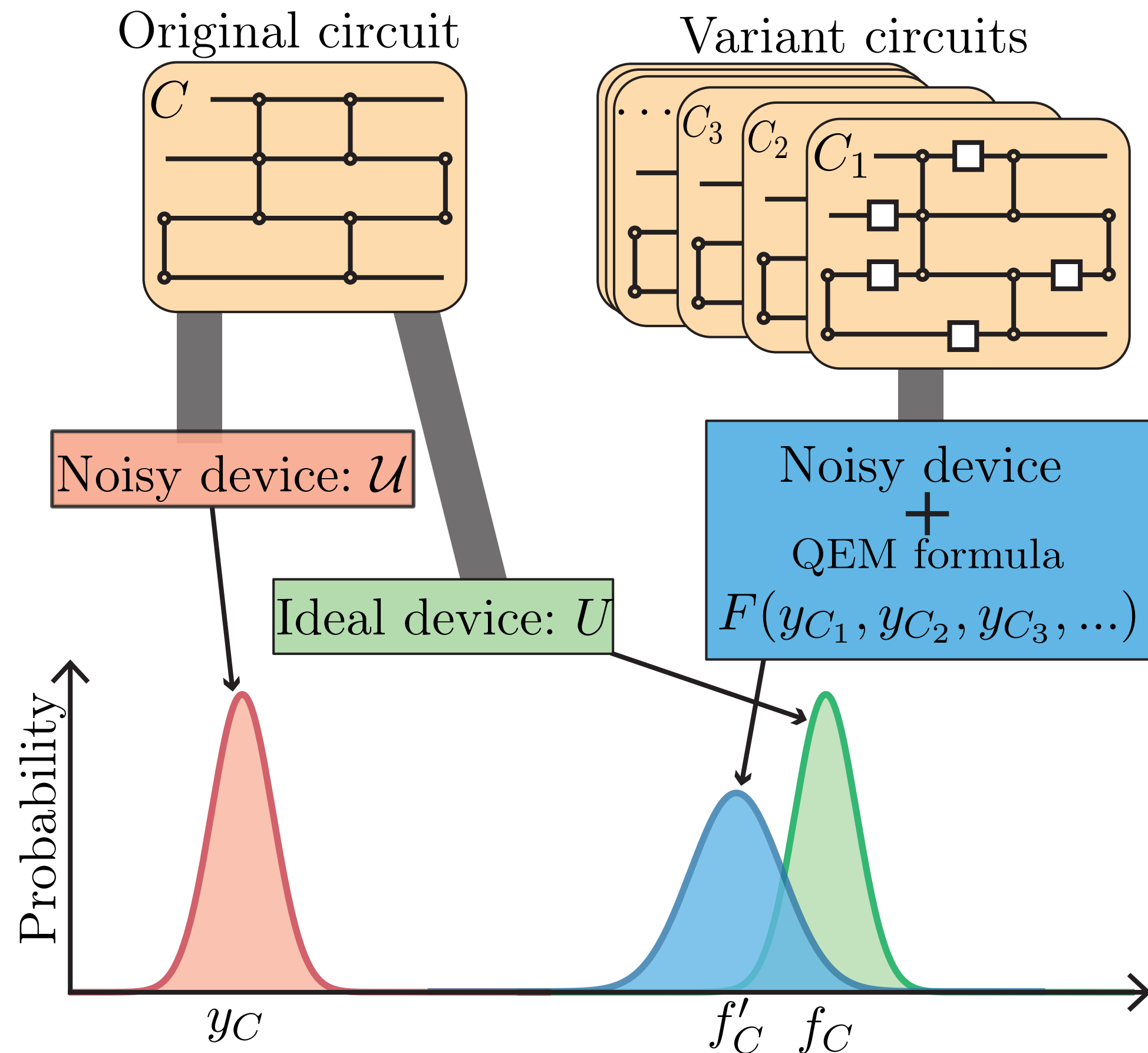
# General formalism of quantum error mitigation

Error-free original circuit  $\mathbf{C}$ :

- Initial state:  $\rho^{\text{ef}} = |0\rangle\langle 0|^{\otimes n}$
- TPCP map of the circuit:  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{ef}}$
- Measured observable:  $O^{\text{ef}}$
- Error-free computation result:  $f_{\mathbf{C}} = \text{Tr} \left[ O^{\text{ef}} \mathcal{M}^{\text{ef}} (\rho^{\text{ef}}) \right]$

Noisy original circuit  $\mathbf{C}$ :

- Initial state:  $\rho$
- TPCP map of the circuit:  $\mathcal{M}$
- Measured observable:  $O$
- Error-free computation result:  $y_{\mathbf{C}} = \text{Tr} \left[ O \mathcal{M} (\rho) \right]$

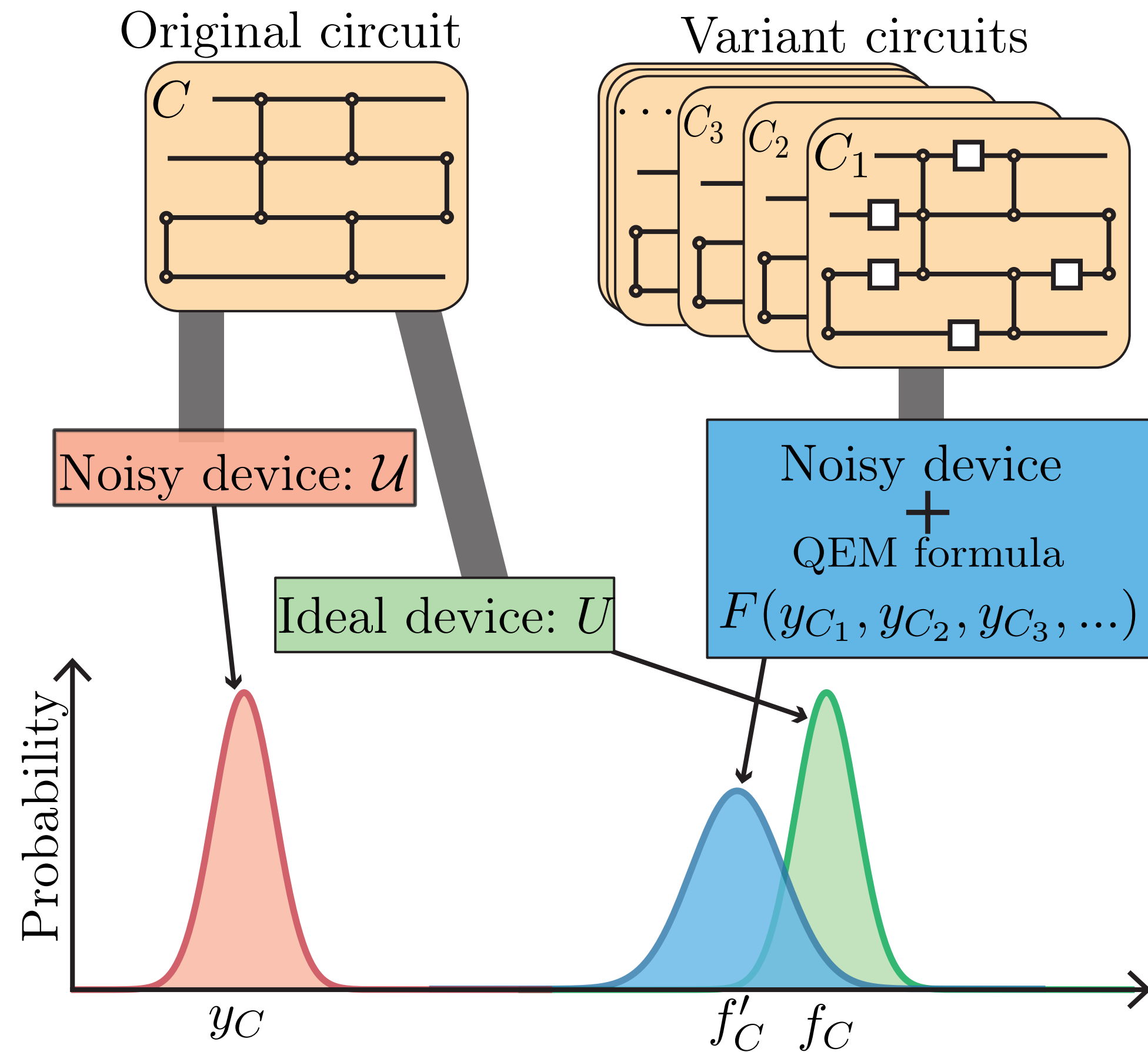


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# General formalism of quantum error mitigation



Noisy variant circuit  $C_k$ :

- Initial state:  $\rho$
- TPCP map of the circuit:  $\mathcal{M}_k$
- Measured observable:  $O_k$
- Error-free computation result:  $y_{C_k} = \text{Tr} \left[ O_k \mathcal{M}_k (\rho) \right]$

Error mitigation formula:

$$f'_C = F(y_{C_1}, y_{C_2}, y_{C_3}, \dots)$$

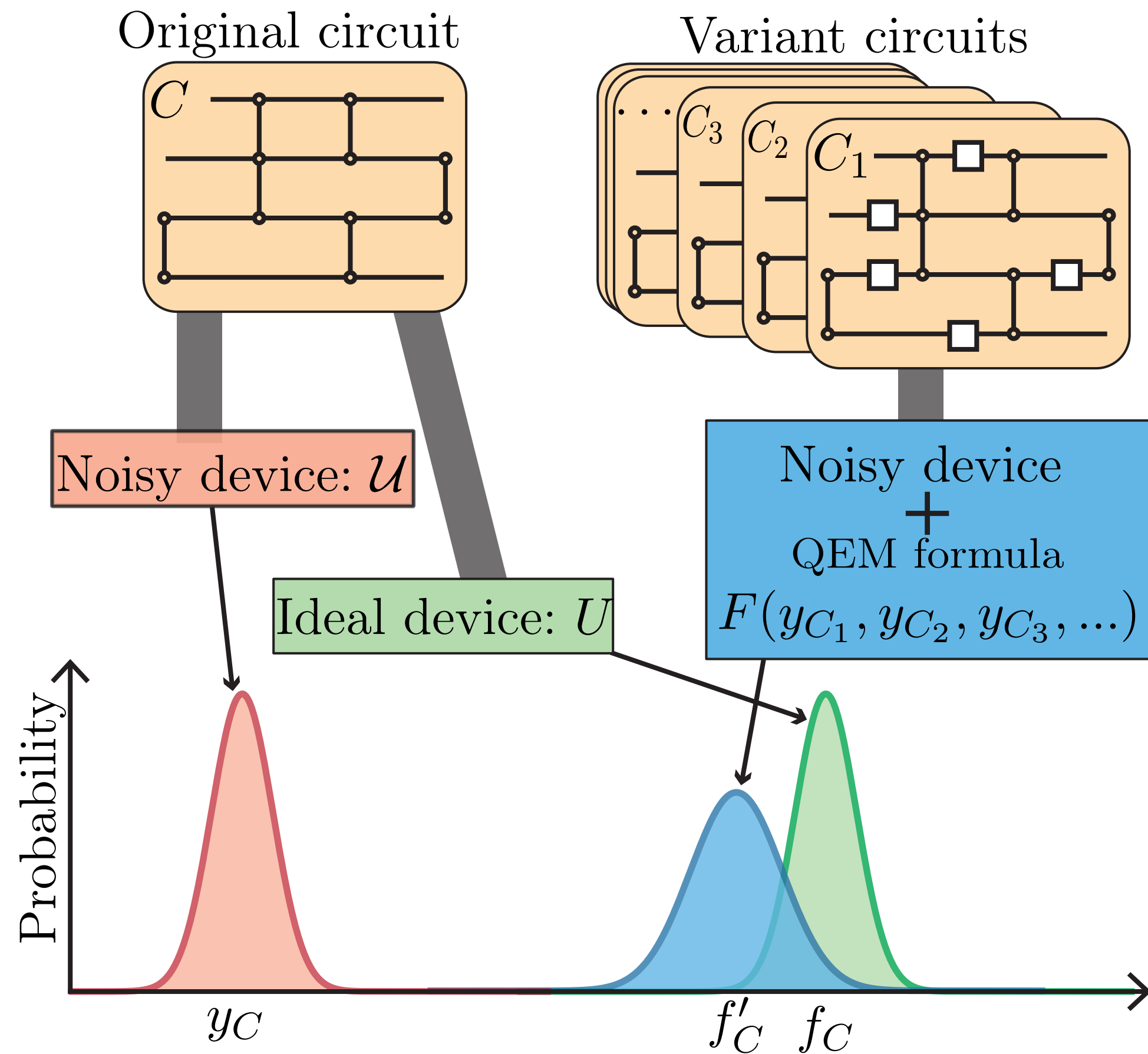
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# General formalism of quantum error mitigation



- Error before error mitigation:  $y_C - f_C$
- Error after error mitigation:  $f'_C - f_C$
- *Variances*

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# Quasi-probability decomposition and probabilistic error cancellation

Quasi-probability decomposition:  $O^{\text{ef}} \mathcal{M}^{\text{ef}} (\rho^{\text{ef}}) = \sum_k q_k O_k \mathcal{M}_k (\rho)$

Error mitigation formula:  $f'_C = \sum_k q_k y_{C_k}$

Probabilistic error cancellation (Monte Carlo):  $f'_C = \text{Cost} \times \sum_k \text{sgn}(q_k) p_k y_{C_k}$

$$p_k = |q_k| / \text{Cost}, \quad \text{Cost} = \sum_k |q_k|, \quad \text{Variance} \propto \text{Cost}^2$$

Kristan Temme, Sergey Bravyi, and Jay M. Gambetta, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 180509 (2017)

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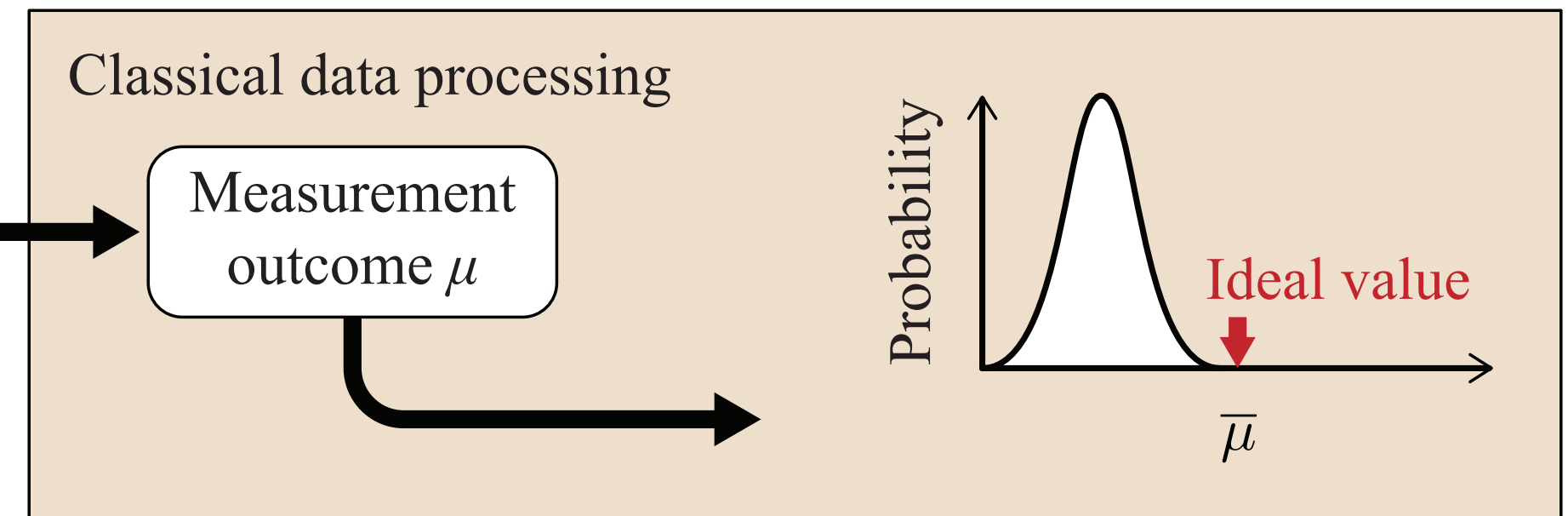
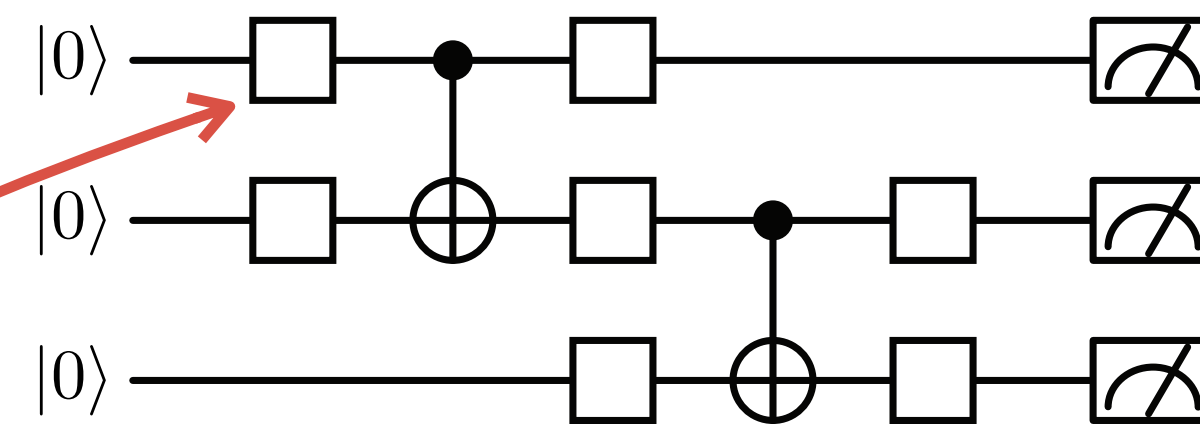


# Probabilistic error cancellation

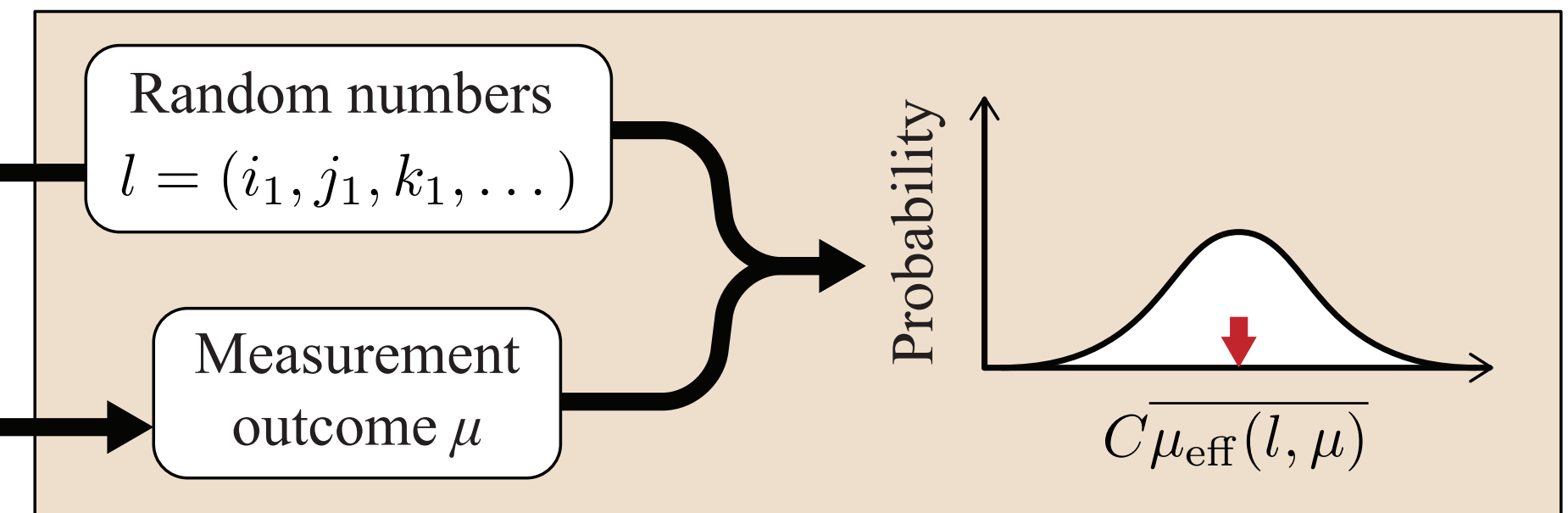
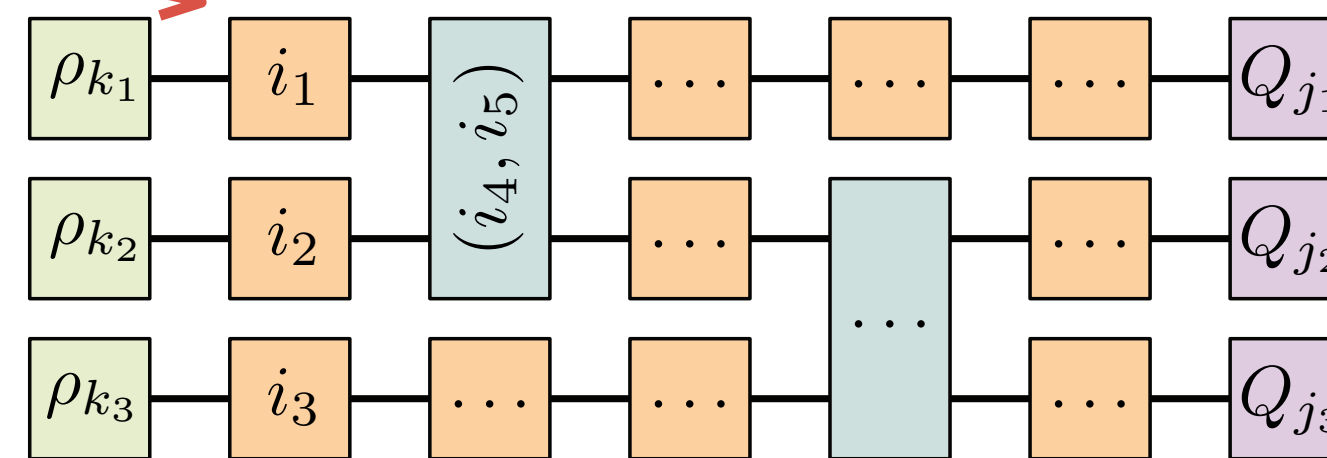
$$f'_C = q_1 y_{C_1} + q_2 y_{C_2} + q_3 y_{C_3} + \dots$$

The original gate is replaced by a Clifford gate/Initialisation/Measurement

(a) Computing without error mitigation



(b) Computing with error mitigation



*Provable effectiveness:*  
**The bias can be completely eliminated.**

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# Probabilistic error cancellation - Universal operation set

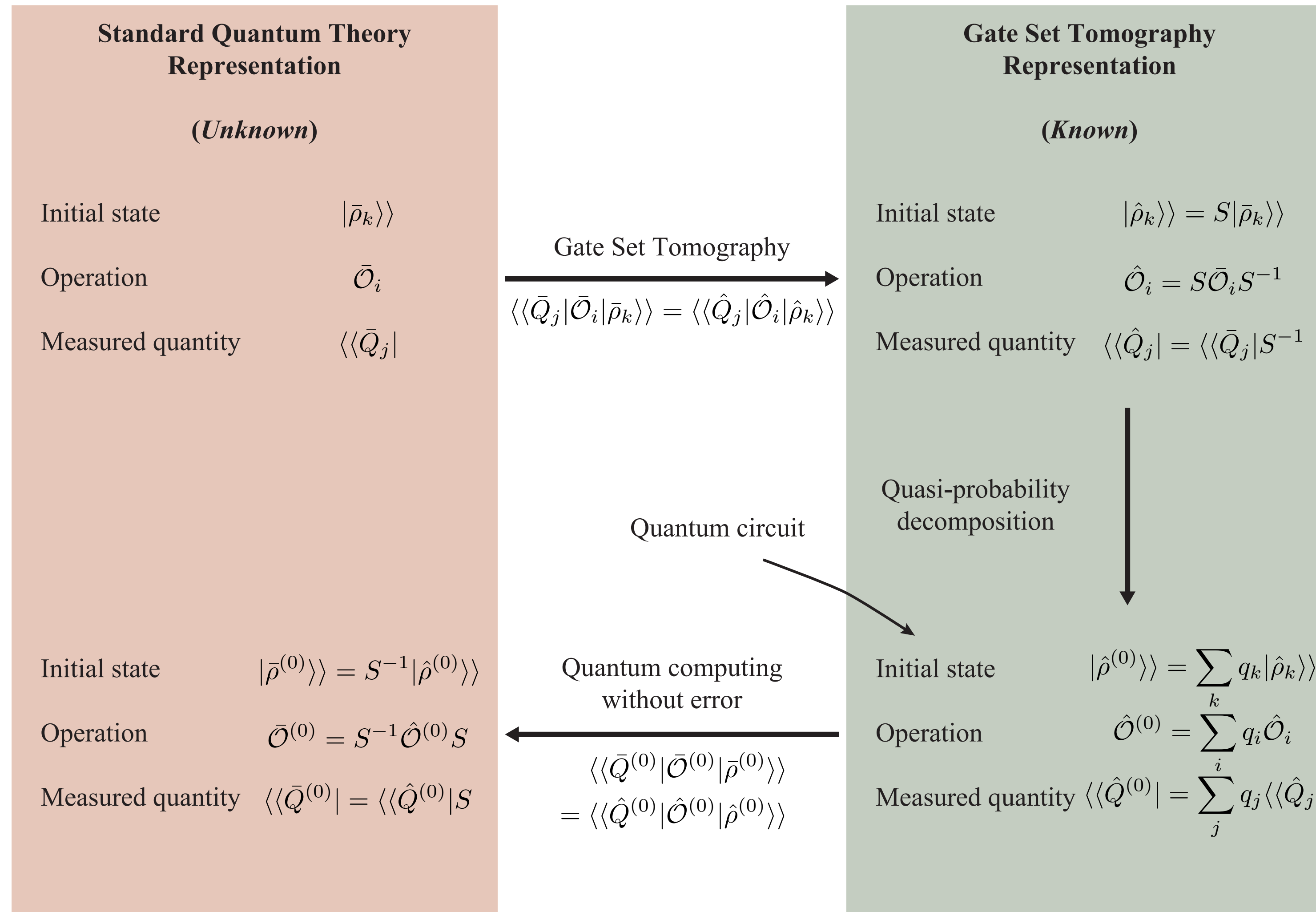
1	$[\mathbb{1}]$ (no operation)
2	$[\sigma^x] = [R_x]^2$
3	$[\sigma^y] = [R_x]^2 [R_z]^2$
4	$[\sigma^z] = [R_z]^2$
5	$[R_x] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbb{1} + i\sigma^x)] = [H][S]^3[H]$
6	$[R_y] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbb{1} + i\sigma^y)] = [R_z]^3[R_x][R_z]$
7	$[R_z] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbb{1} + i\sigma^z)] = [S]^3$
8	$[R_{yz}] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma^y + \sigma^z)] = [R_x][R_z]^2$
9	$[R_{zx}] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma^z + \sigma^x)] = [R_z][R_x][R_z]$
10	$[R_{xy}] = [\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma^x + \sigma^y)] = [R_x]^2[R_z]$
11	$[\pi_x] = [\frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \sigma^x)] = [R_z]^3[R_x]^3[\pi][R_x][R_z]$
12	$[\pi_y] = [\frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \sigma^y)] = [R_x][\pi][R_x]^3$
13	$[\pi_z] = [\frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \sigma^z)] = [\pi]$
14	$[\pi_{yz}] = [\frac{1}{2}(\sigma^y + i\sigma^z)] = [R_z]^3[R_x]^3[\pi][R_x]^3[R_z]$
15	$[\pi_{zx}] = [\frac{1}{2}(\sigma^z + i\sigma^x)] = [R_x][\pi][R_x]^3[R_z]^2$
16	$[\pi_{xy}] = [\frac{1}{2}(\sigma^x + i\sigma^y)] = [\pi][R_x]^2$

TABLE I. Sixteen basis operations. Gates  $[R_x]$  and  $[R_y]$  can be derived from  $[H]$  and  $[S]$ , and other operations can be derived from  $[\pi]$ ,  $[R_x]$  and  $[R_y]$ .

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# Probabilistic error cancellation - Consistency

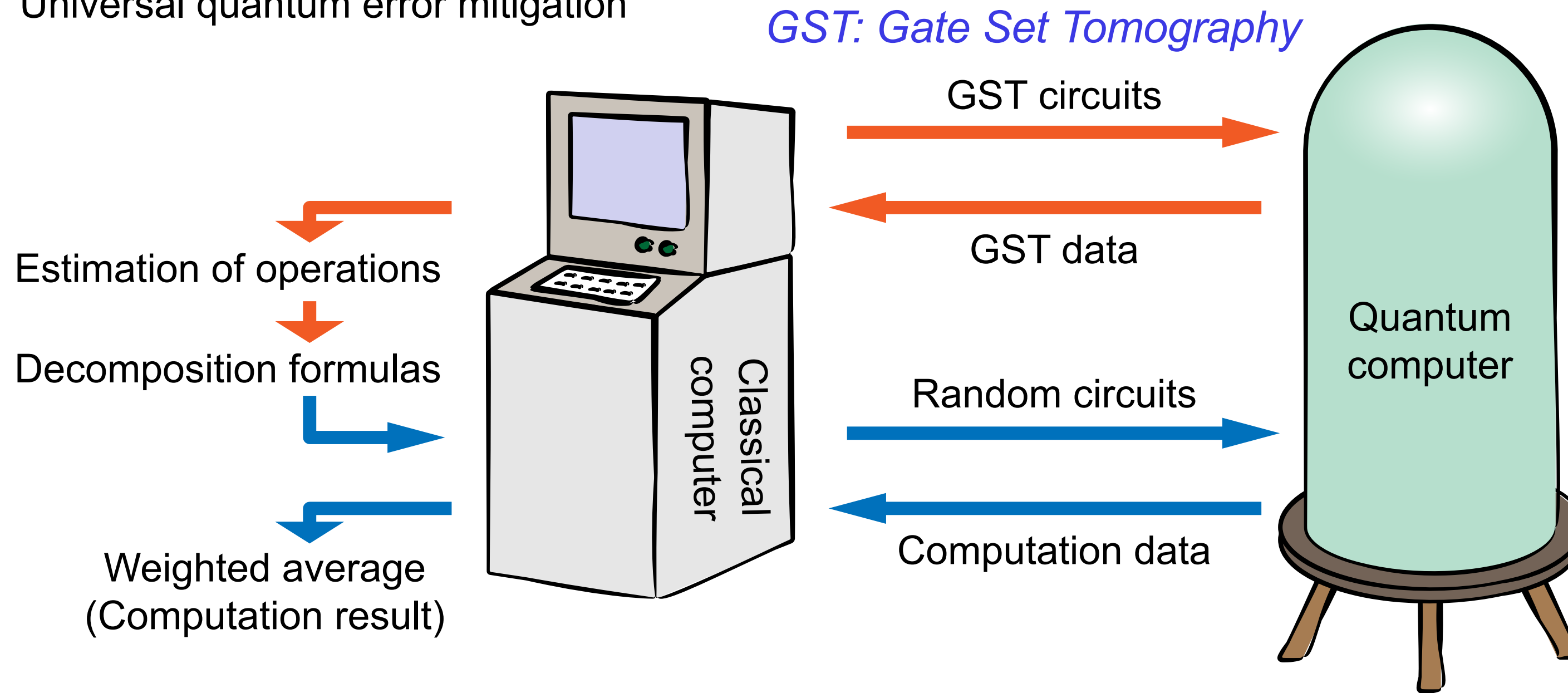


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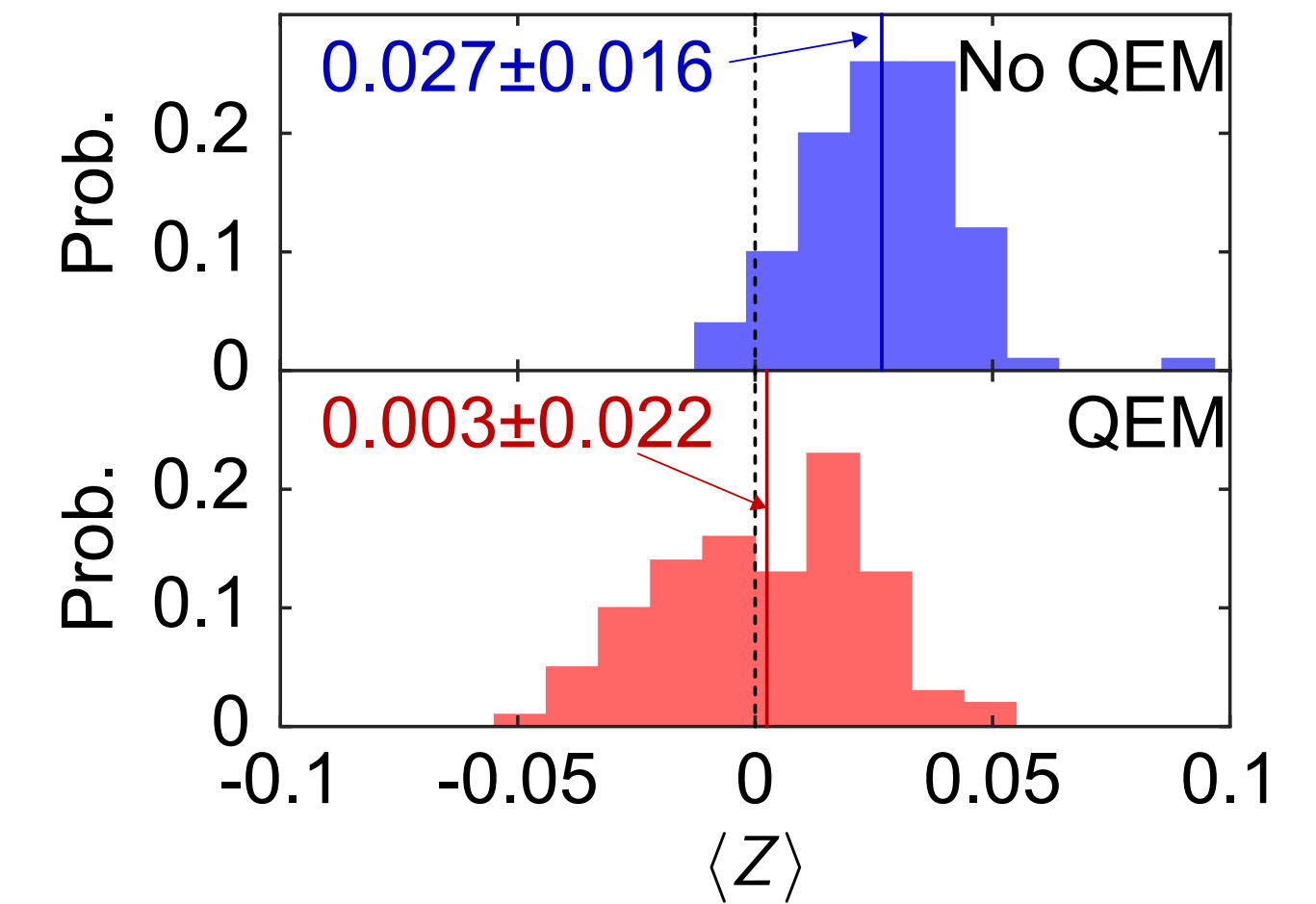
# Probabilistic error cancellation

Universal quantum error mitigation

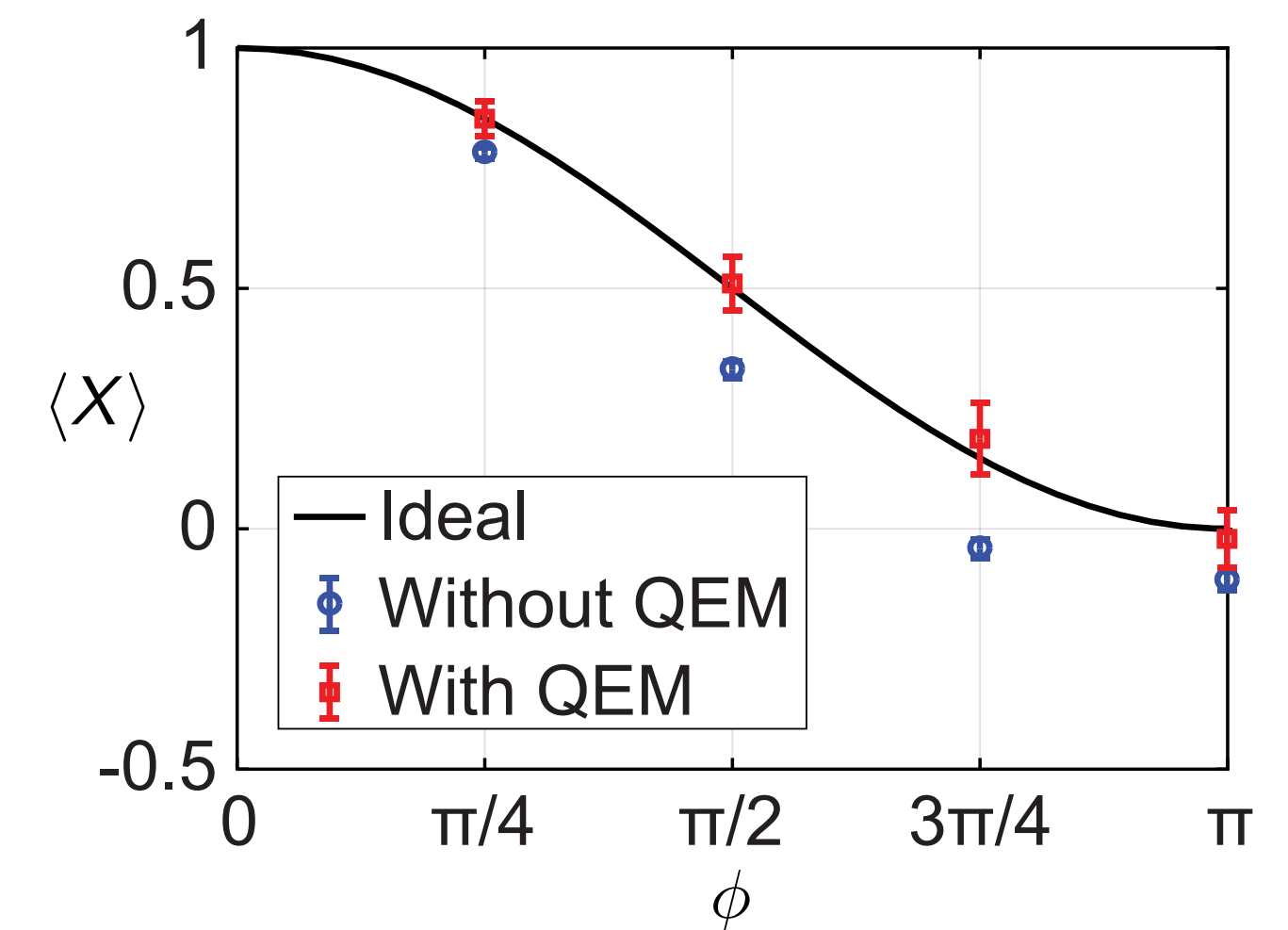


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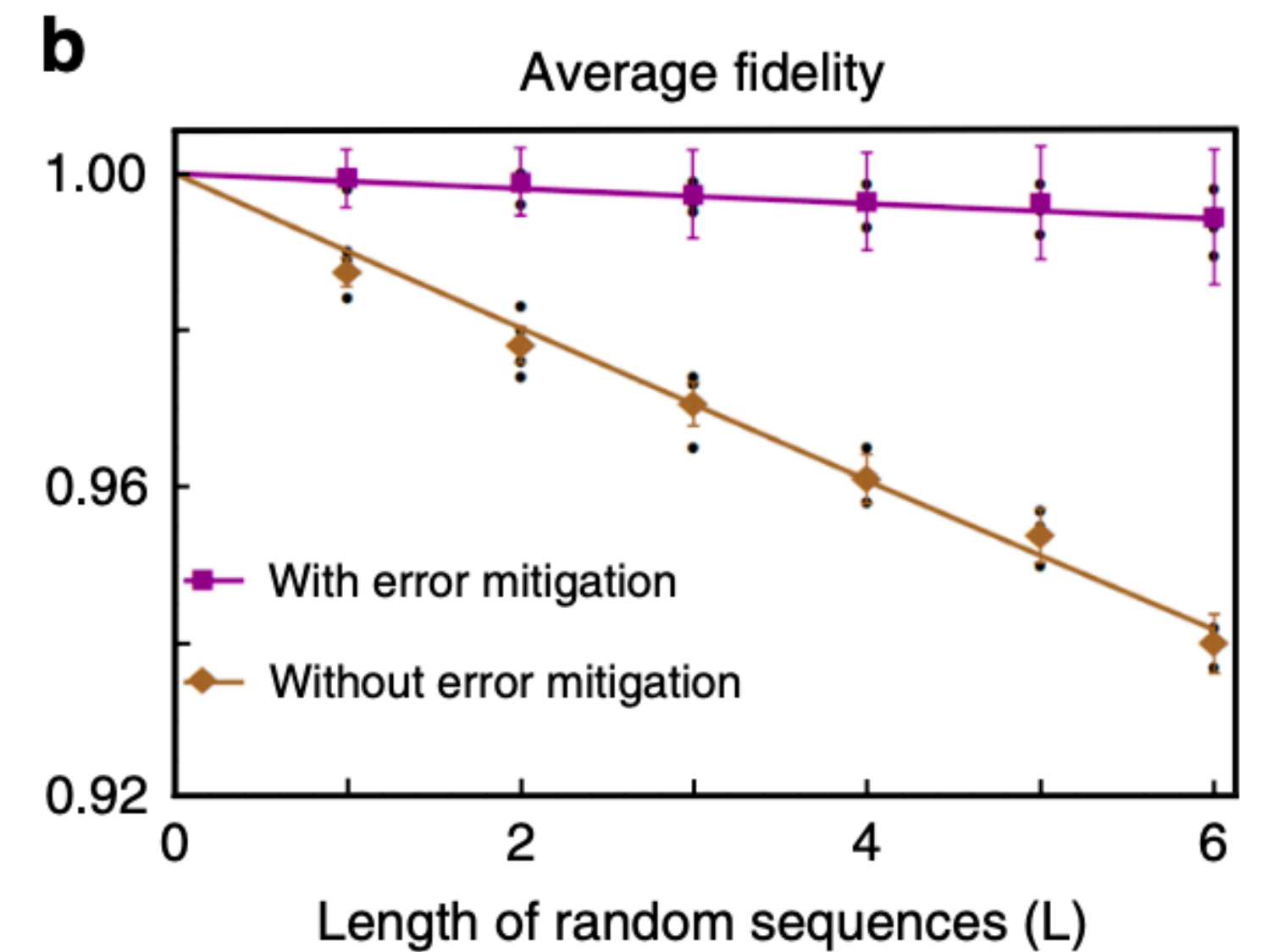
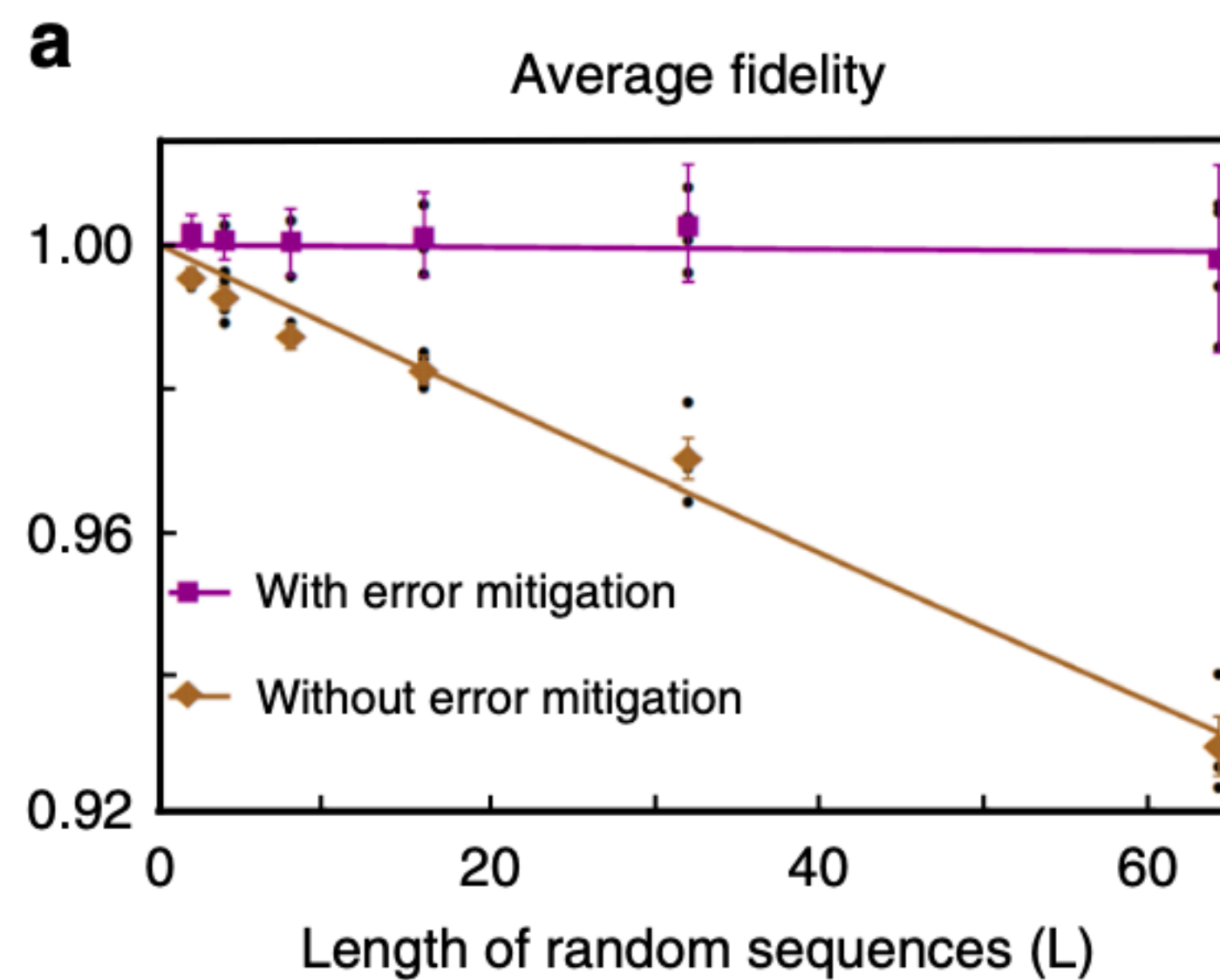
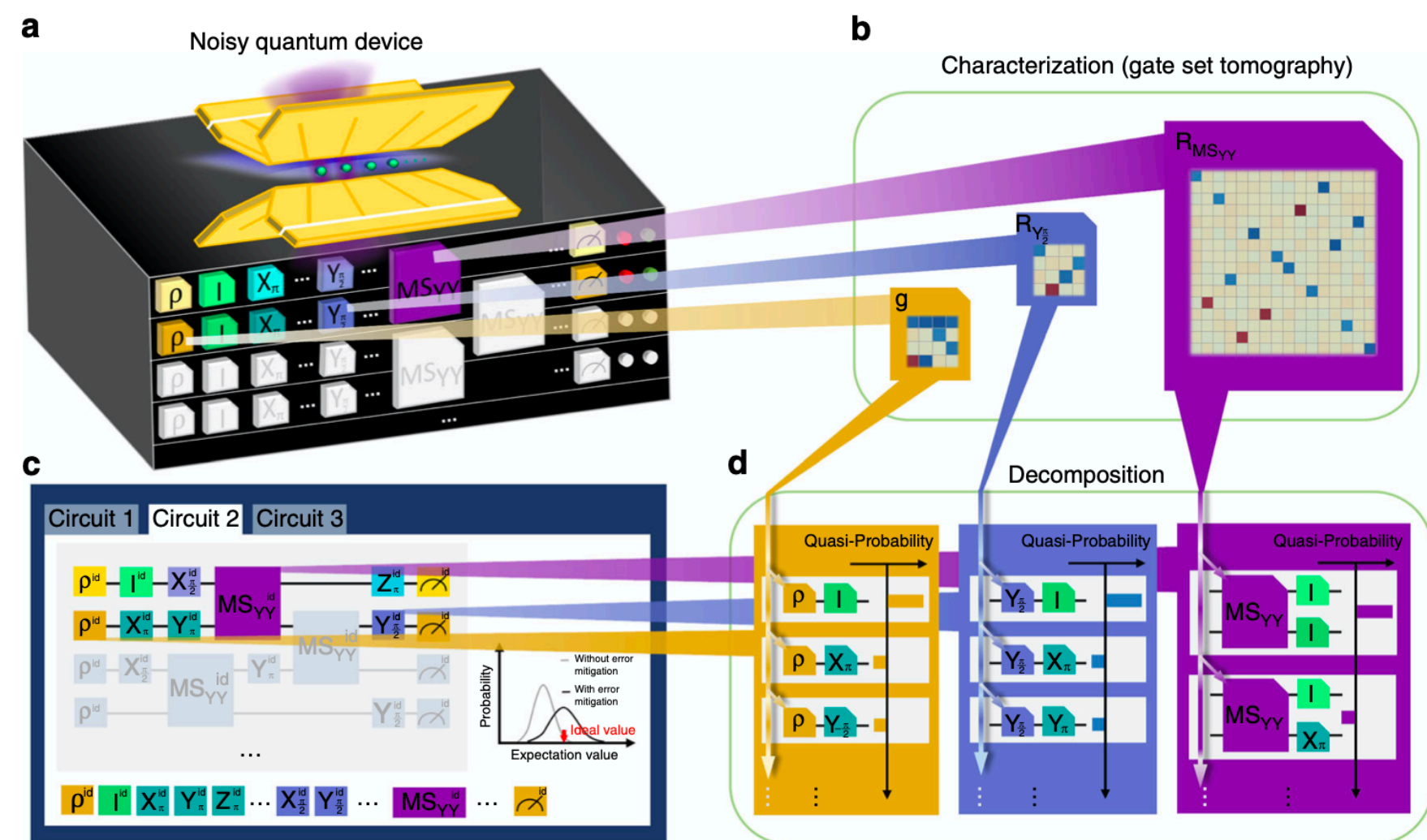
(f) One-qubit computation results



(g) Two-qubit computation results



# Probabilistic error cancellation



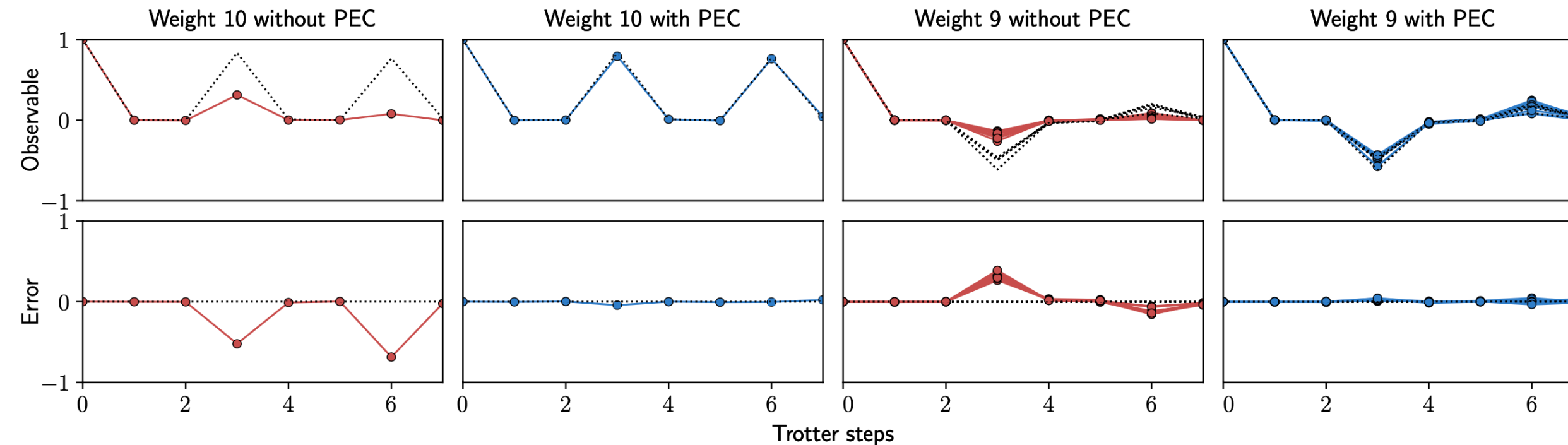
Shuaining Zhang, Yao Lu, Kuan Zhang, Wentao Chen, YL, Jing-Ning Zhang, and Kihwan Kim, Nature Communications 11, 587 (2020)



# Probabilistic error cancellation

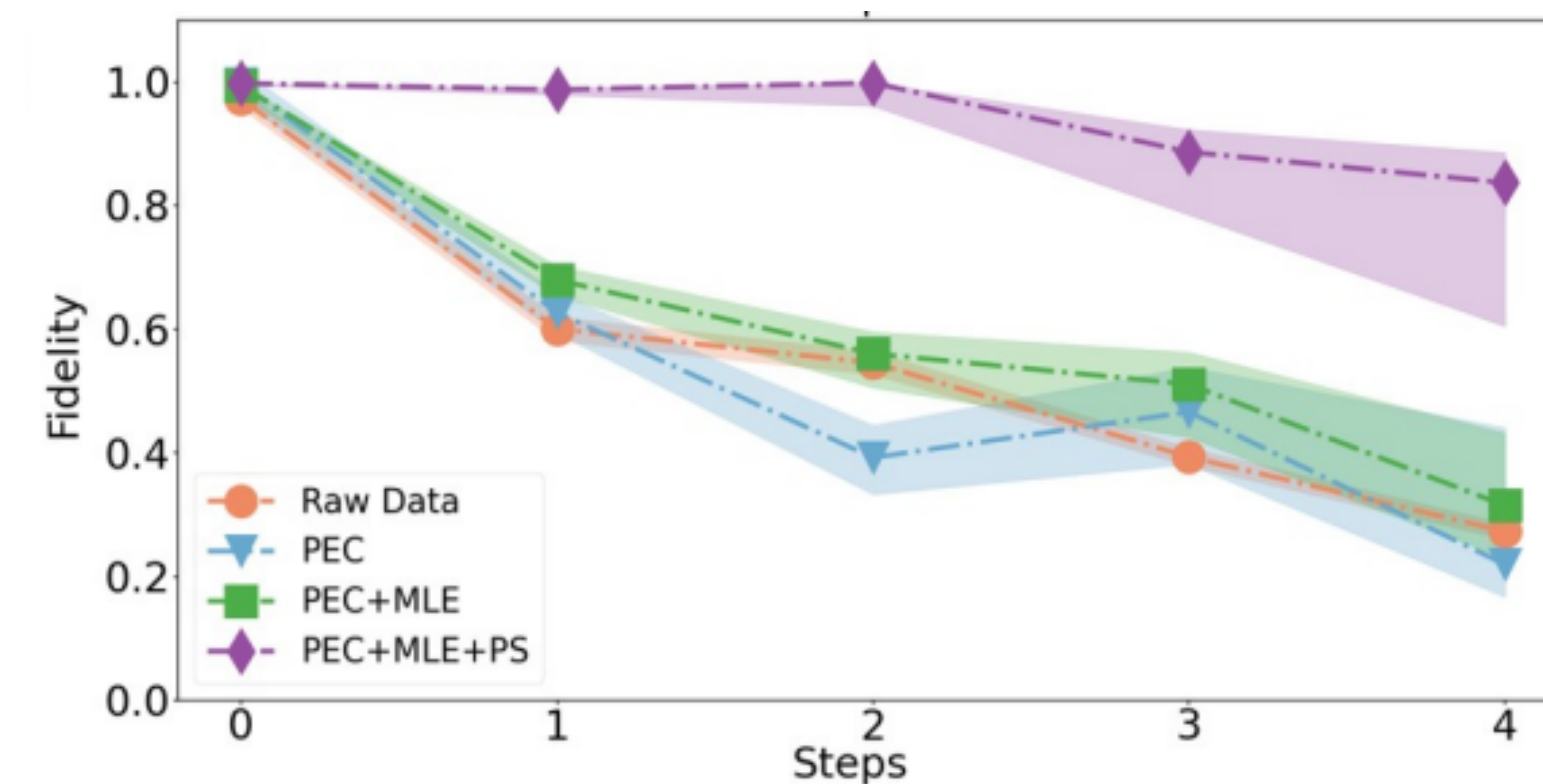
Ten superconducting qubits:

Ewout van den Berg, Zlatko K. Mineev, Abhinav Kandala, Kristan Temme, arXiv:2201.09866



Four ion-trap qubits:

Wentao Chen, Shuaining Zhang, Jiali Zhang, Xiaolu Su, Yao Lu, Kuan Zhang, Mu Qiao, Ying Li, Jing-Ning Zhang, Kihwan Kim, arXiv:2302.10436





# Cost of quantum error mitigation

$$f_{\mathbf{C}}' = q_1 y_{\mathbf{C}_1} + q_2 y_{\mathbf{C}_2} + q_3 y_{\mathbf{C}_3} + \dots$$

Monte Carlo summation:

$$\text{Var} \propto (|q_1| + |q_2| + |q_3| + \dots)^2 \simeq \exp(4Np)$$

$$Np = \text{Gate number} \times \text{Error rate} \lesssim 1$$



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# Constraint-based approaches

- Quantum error correction — Stabiliser group
- Symmetry verification
- Purification of fermion correlations
- Purification of quantum states
- .....



# Symmetry-based quantum error mitigation

The final state  $|\psi\rangle$  has the symmetry  $P_S$  (projection operator), i.e.  $P_S|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$ .

State with noise  $\rho_n$

$$\text{Error mitigated state } \rho_{\text{em}} = \frac{P_S \rho_n P_S}{\text{Tr}(P_S \rho_n P_S)}$$

Sam McArdle, Xiao Yuan, and Simon Benjamin, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 180501 (2019)

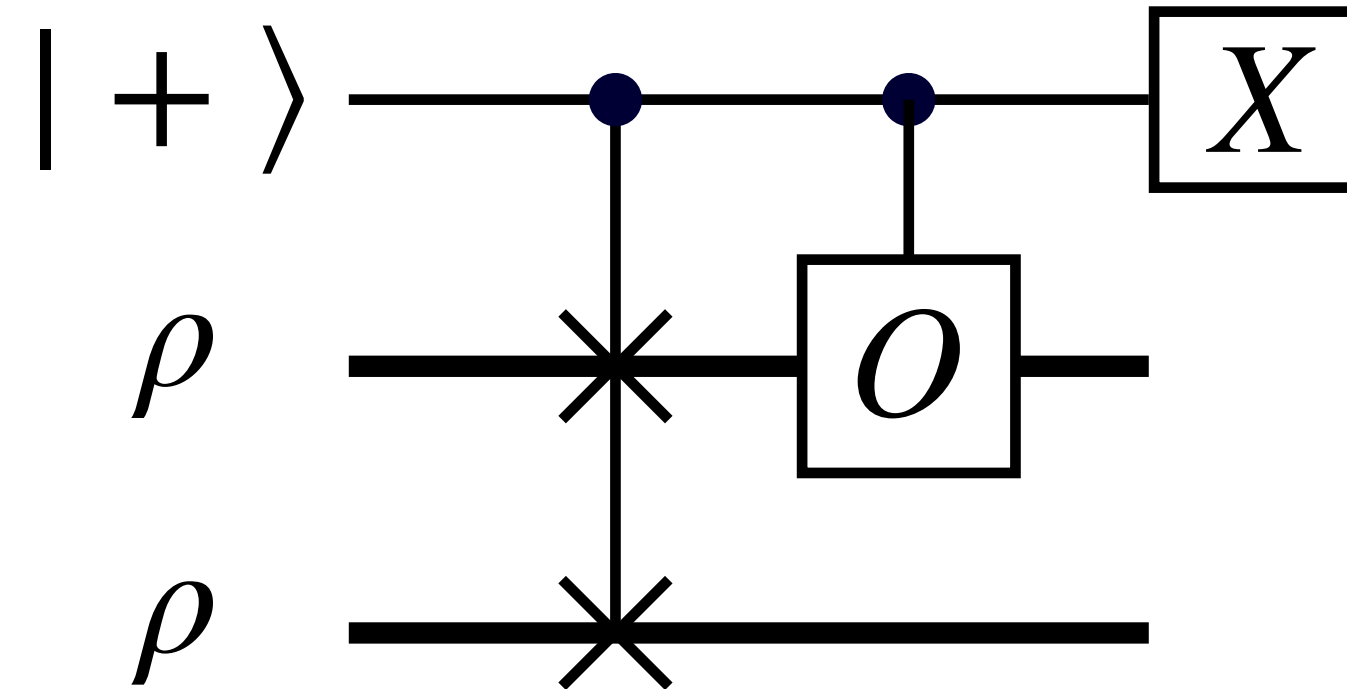
X. Bonet-Monroig, R. Sagastizabal, M. Singh, and T. E. O'Brien, Phys. Rev. A 98, 062339 (2018)



# Purification and virtual distillation

Purified state:

$$\rho \rightarrow \frac{\rho^2}{\text{Tr}(\rho^2)}$$



- Two copies of the state, qubit overhead
- Controlled-swap operation must be error-free

Bálint Koczor, Phys. Rev. X 11, 031057 (2021)

William J. Huggins *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 11, 041036 (2021)

Piotr Czarnik, Andrew Arrasmith, Lukasz Cincio, Patrick J. Coles, arXiv:2102.06056



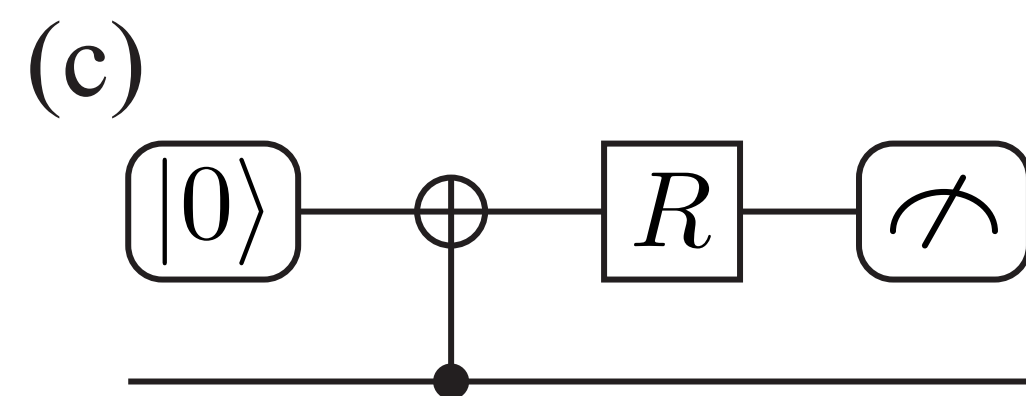
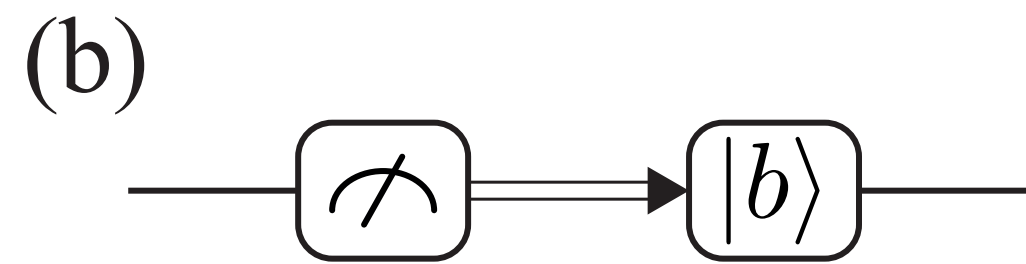
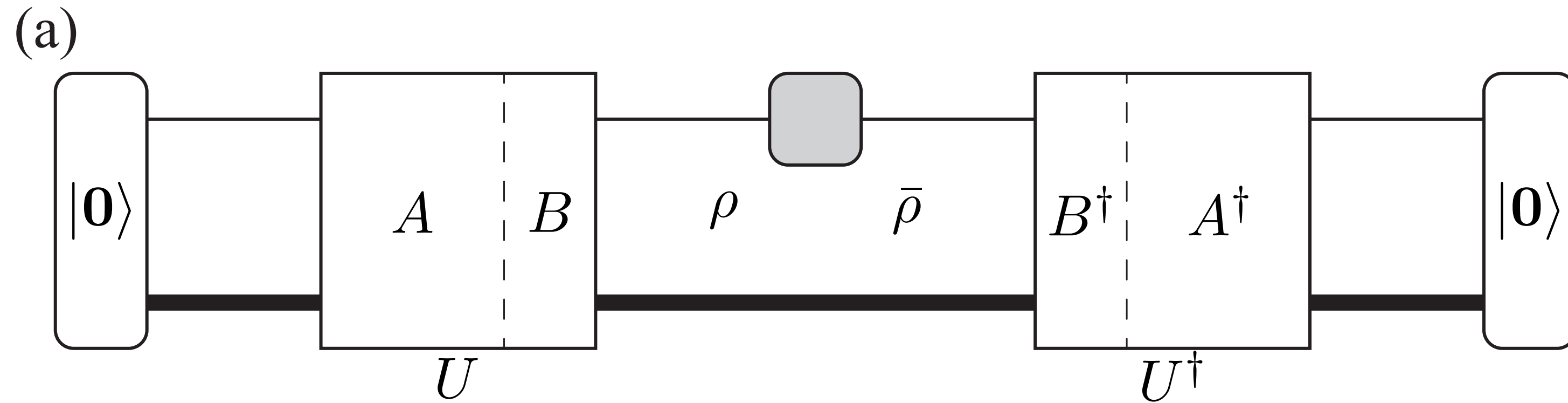
# Purification and virtual distillation

$$\rho = (1 - p) |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + p |\psi_{\perp}\rangle\langle\psi_{\perp}|$$

$$\rho \rightarrow \frac{\rho^2}{\text{Tr}(\rho^2)} = \frac{(1 - p)^2 |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| + p^2 |\psi_{\perp}\rangle\langle\psi_{\perp}|}{(1 - p)^2 + p^2}$$



# Dual-state purification



$$\langle O \rangle = \text{Tr} \left( O \frac{\rho \bar{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \rho}{2} \right) / \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\rho \bar{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \rho}{2} \right) = \frac{\langle Z_a \rangle_0}{1 + \langle X_a \rangle_0}$$

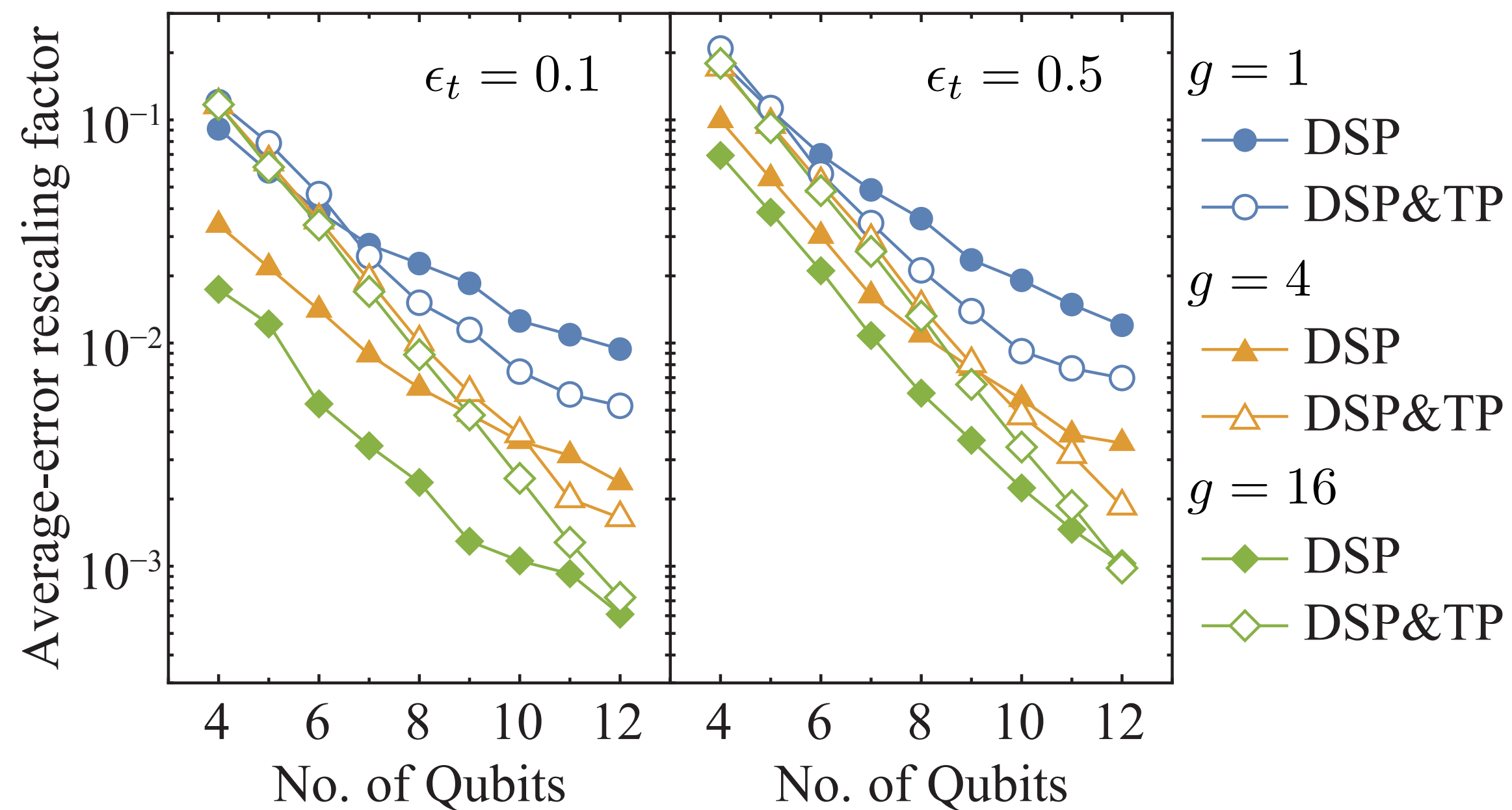
$$O = Z_1$$

Mingxia Huo and YL, Phys. Rev. A 105, 022427 (2022)

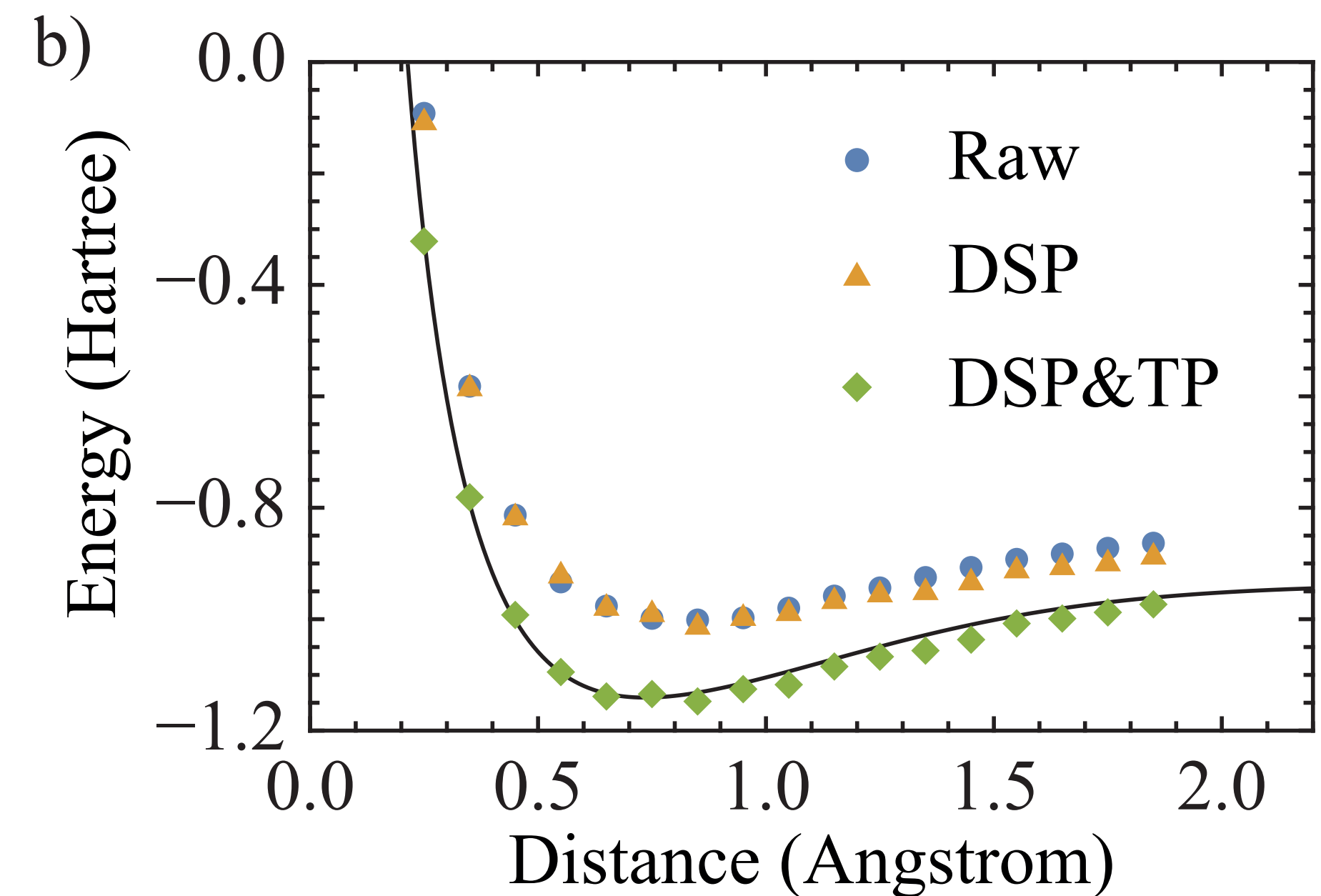


# Dual-state purification

Random circuit test



Experiment on *ibmq\_athens*



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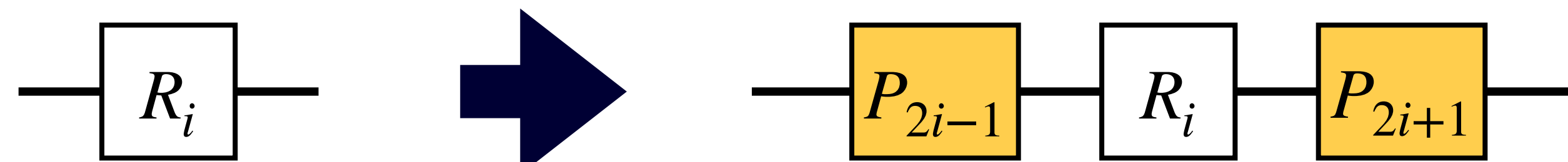
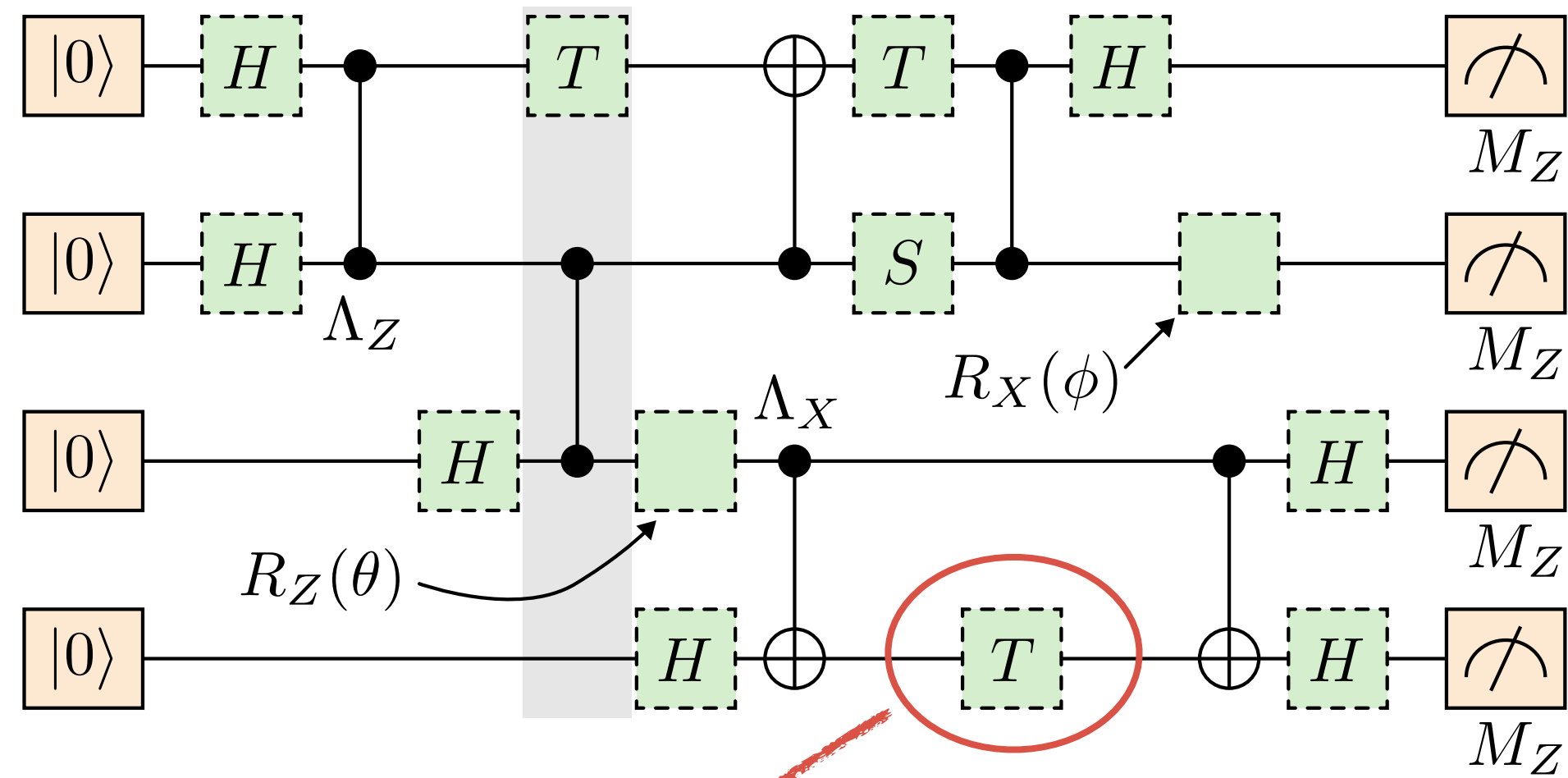




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# Learning-based approach



$$f'_C = q_1 y_{C_1} + q_2 y_{C_2} + q_3 y_{C_3} + \dots$$

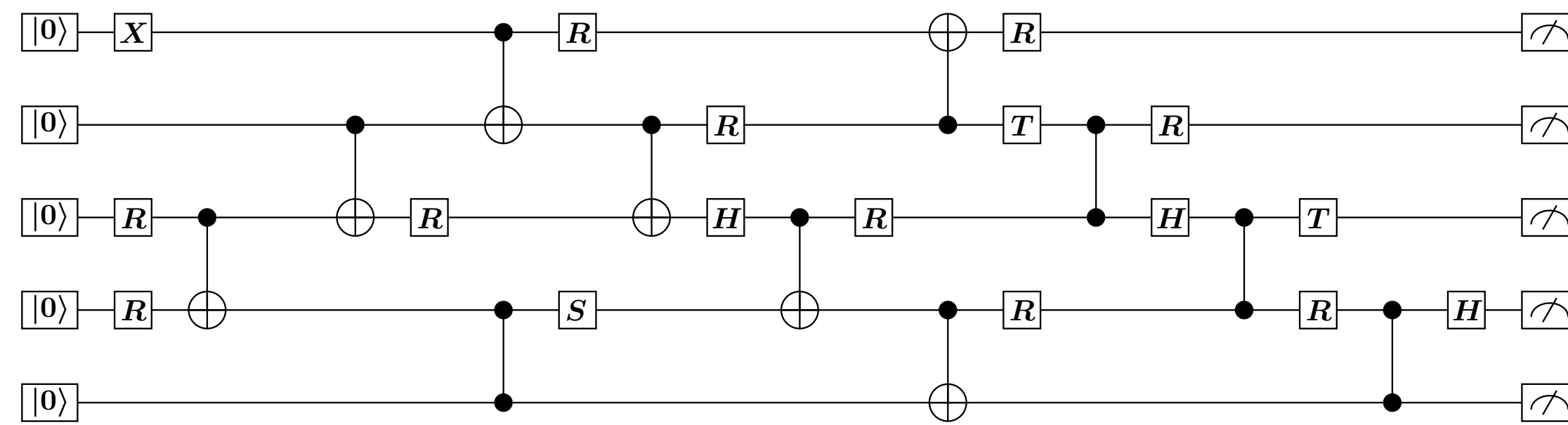
- $\text{Loss}(q)$  = difference between  $f'_C$  and  $f_C$
- Minimise  $\text{Loss}(q)$

Armands Strikis, Dayue Qin, Yanzhu Chen, Simon C. Benjamin, and YL, PRX Quantum 2, 040330 (2021)



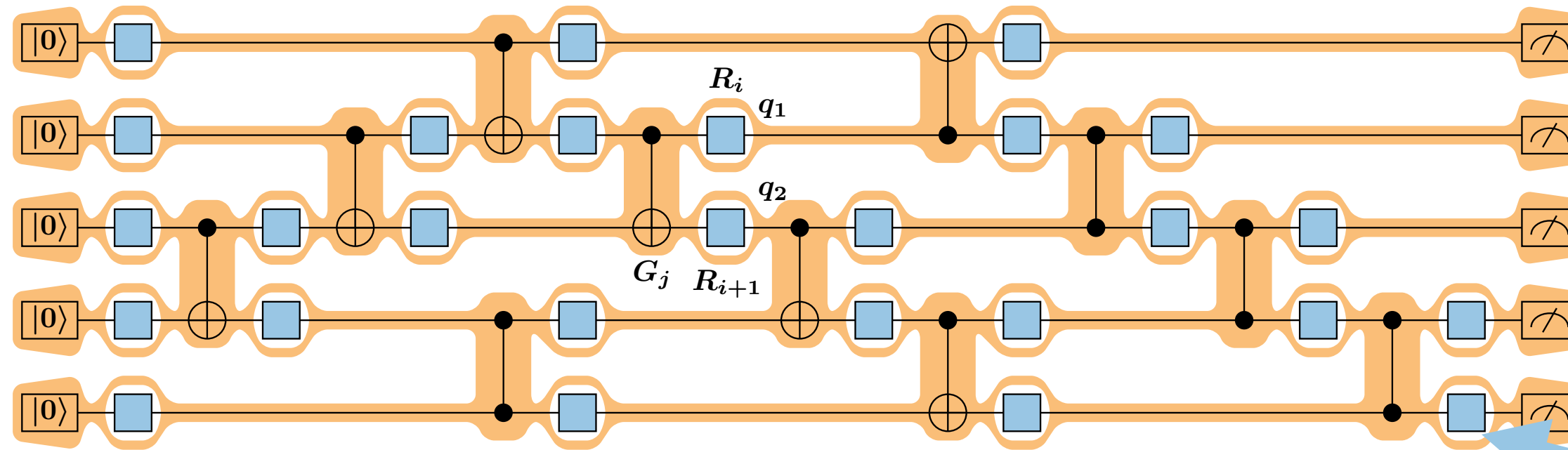
# Circuit frame

(a) Task circuit

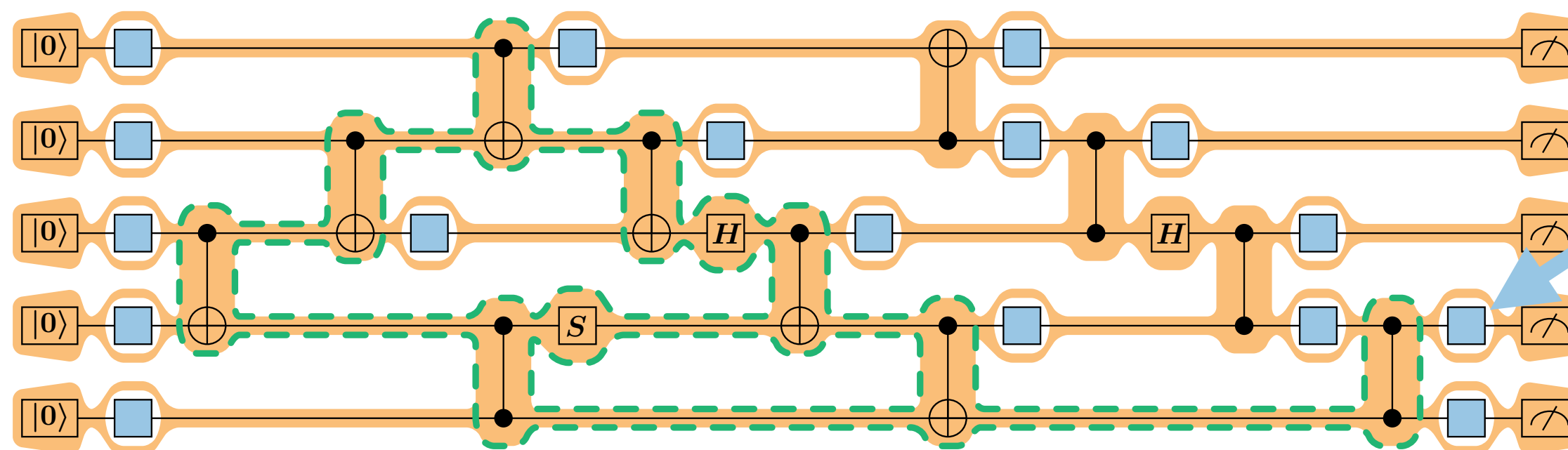


Gates on the frame are fixed.  
Gates in slots are variable.

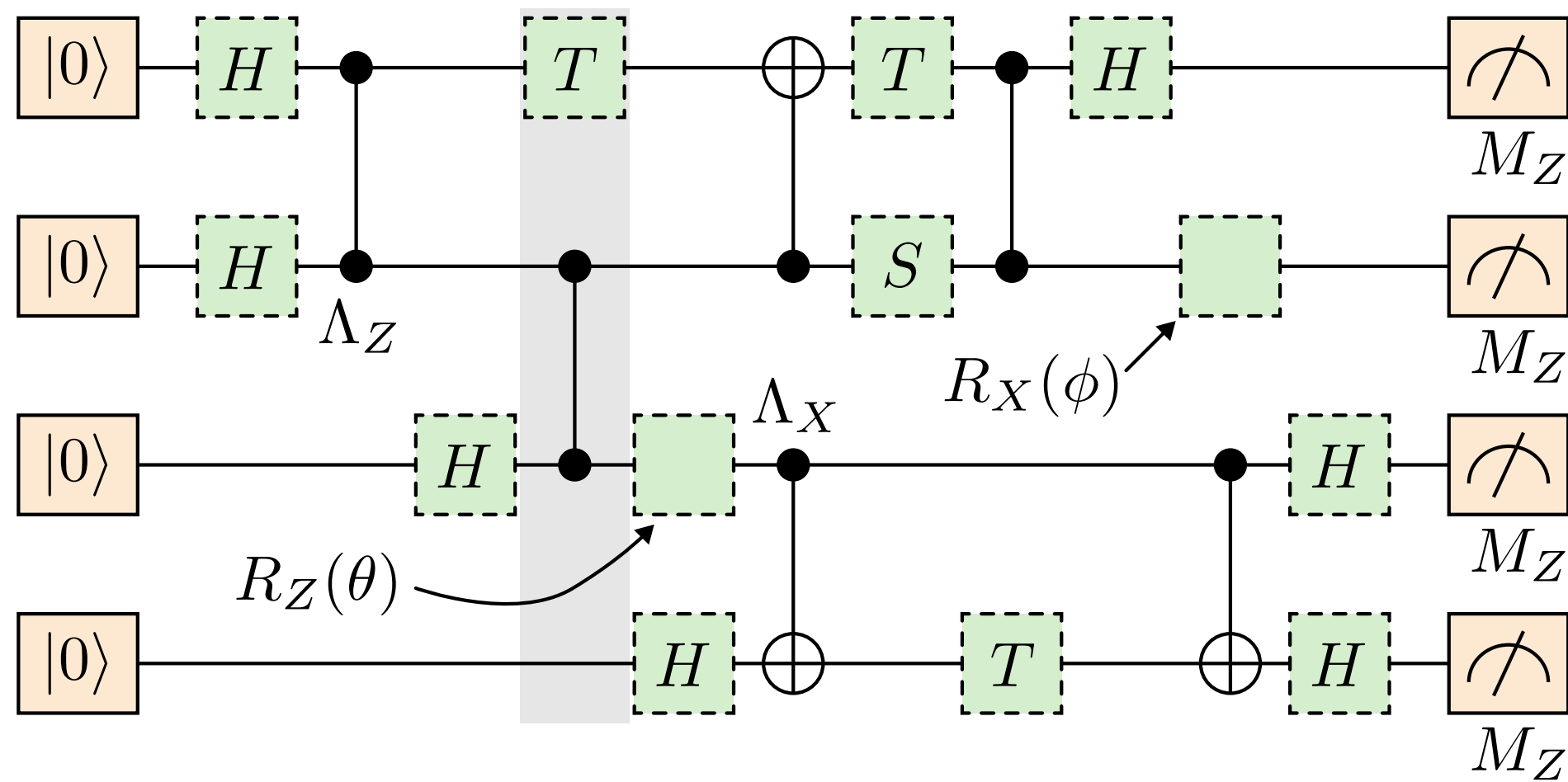
(b) Complete slot setting



(c) Task-dependent slot setting



# Quadratic error loss



$$L_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{E} [(f'_{\mathbf{c}} - f_{\mathbf{c}})^2]_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}}$$

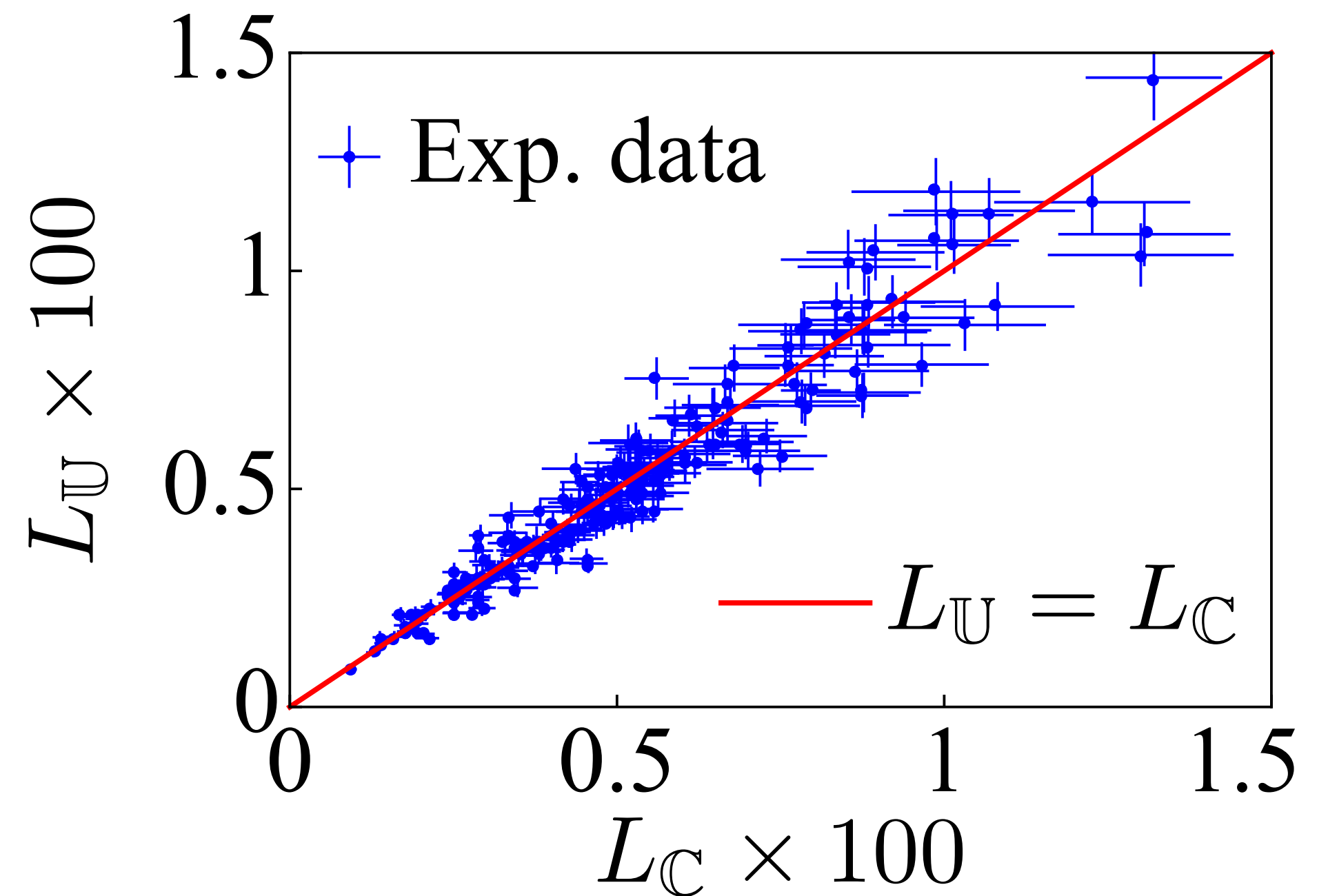
- $\mathbb{R}$  is a subset of circuits; all two-qubit gates are Clifford
- $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{C}$ , single-qubit gates are Clifford (Clifford sampling)
- $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{U}$ , single-qubit gates are general unitaries (Unitary sampling)

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# Unitary sampling and Clifford sampling

- $f_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $f'_{\mathbb{C}}$  are Hom(1,1)  
*(Assumption: Single-qubit-gate errors are gate-independent)*
- $(f'_{\mathbb{C}} - f_{\mathbb{C}})^2$  is Hom(2,2)
- $L_{\mathbb{U}} = L_{\mathbb{C}}$



Demonstrated with four superconducting qubits;

Randomly generated circuit with up to 10 layers of two-qubit gates;

Observable is a single-qubit Pauli operator.

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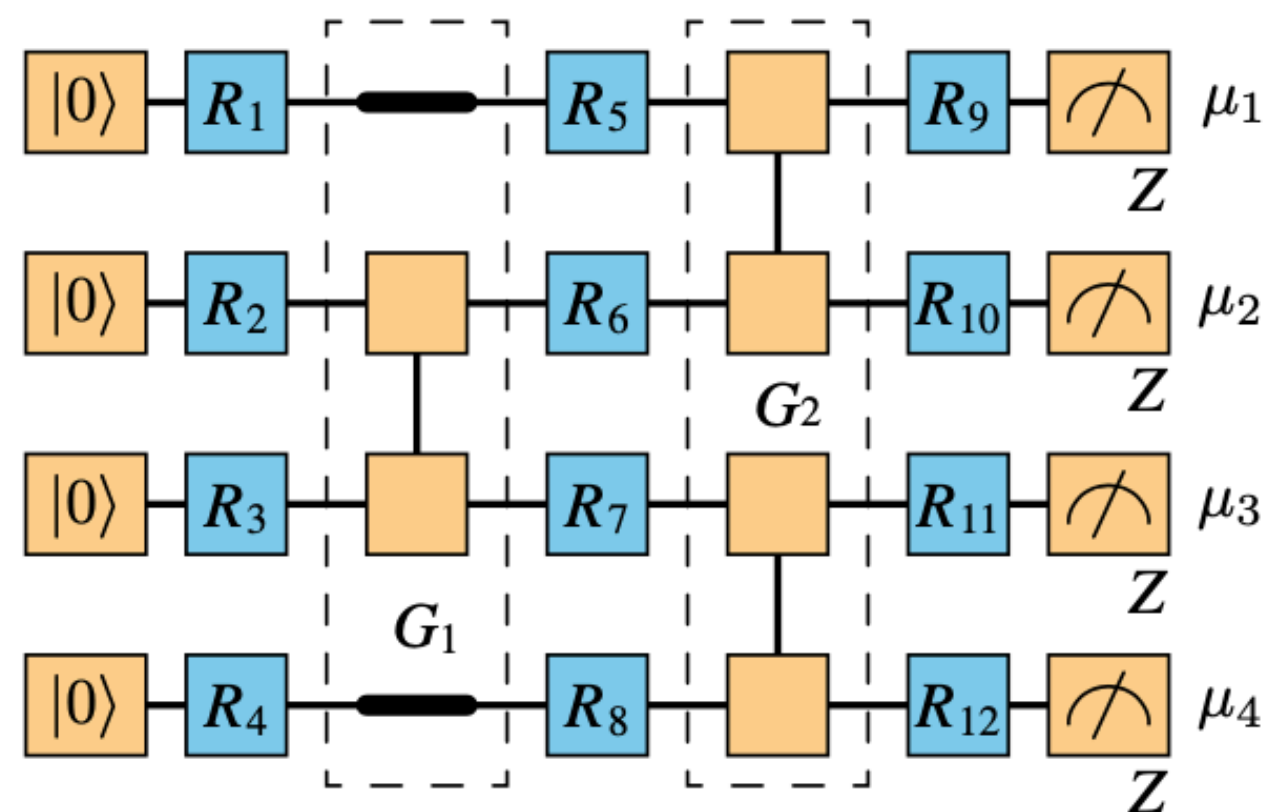
# Learning-based quantum error mitigation

A parametrised error mitigation formula:  $f'_C(\lambda) = F(y_{C_1}, y_{C_2}, \dots, \lambda)$

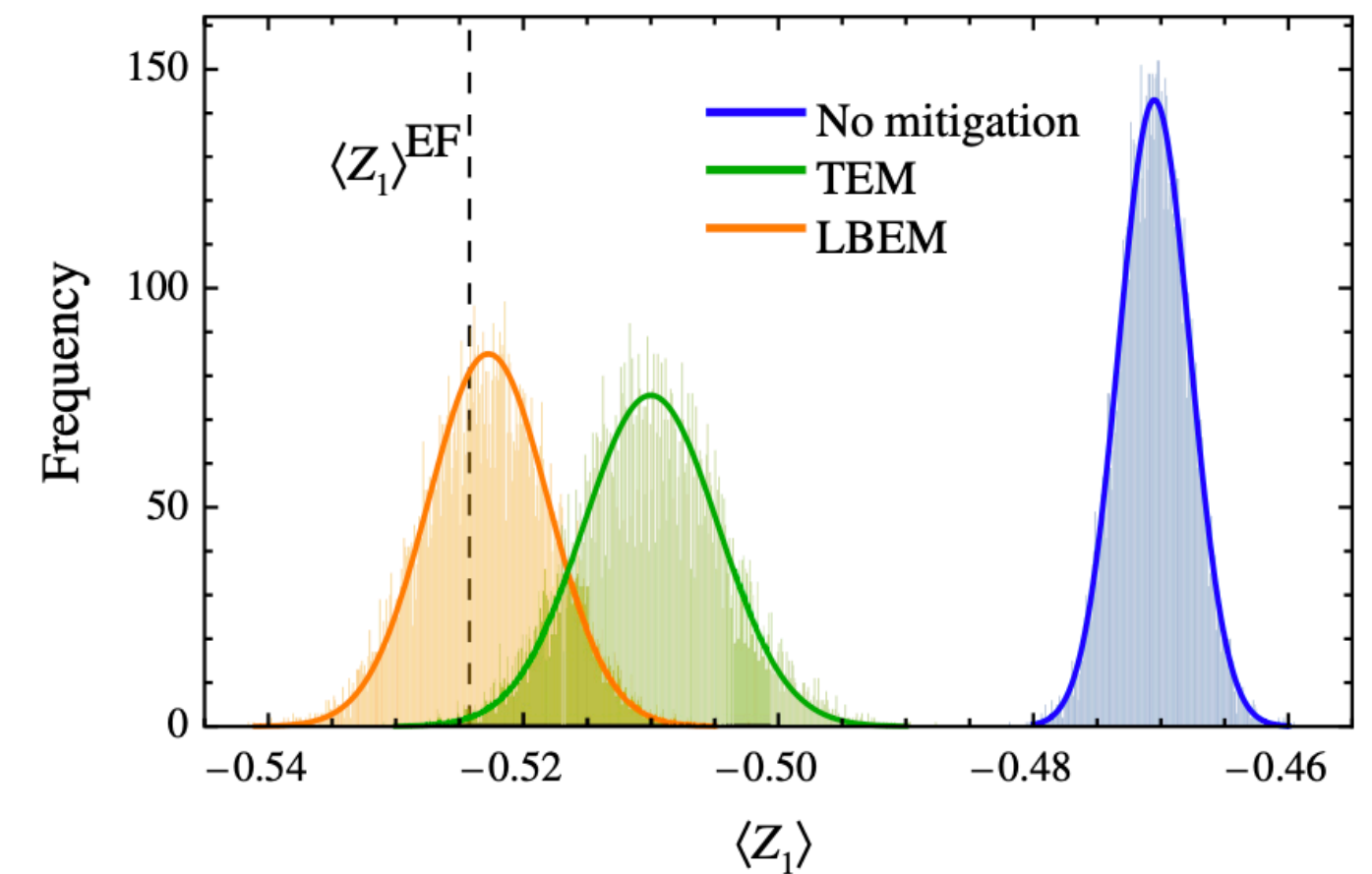
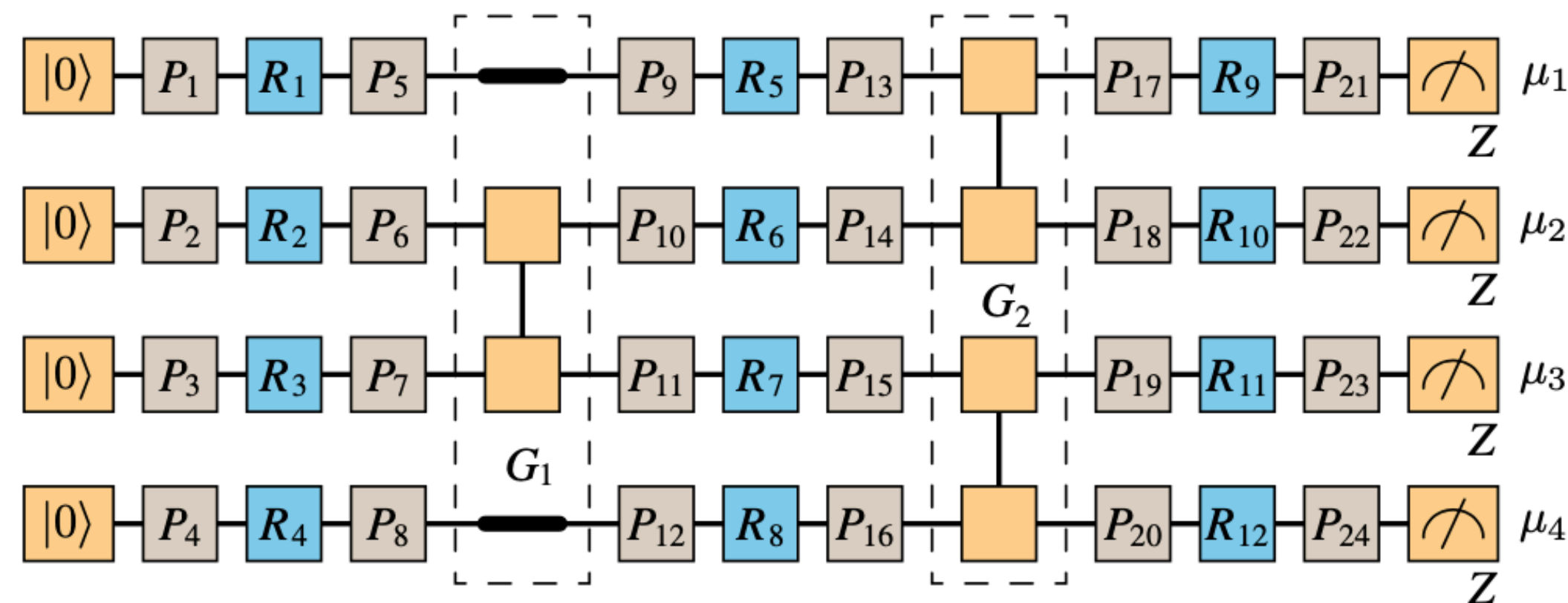
Find optimal  $\lambda$  by minimising the error loss  $L_C(\lambda) = \mathbb{E} \left[ (f'_C - f_C)^2 \right]_{C \in \mathbb{R}}$

$f_C$  can be evaluated on a classical computer

(a) Circuit without error mitigation



(b) Circuit with error mitigation

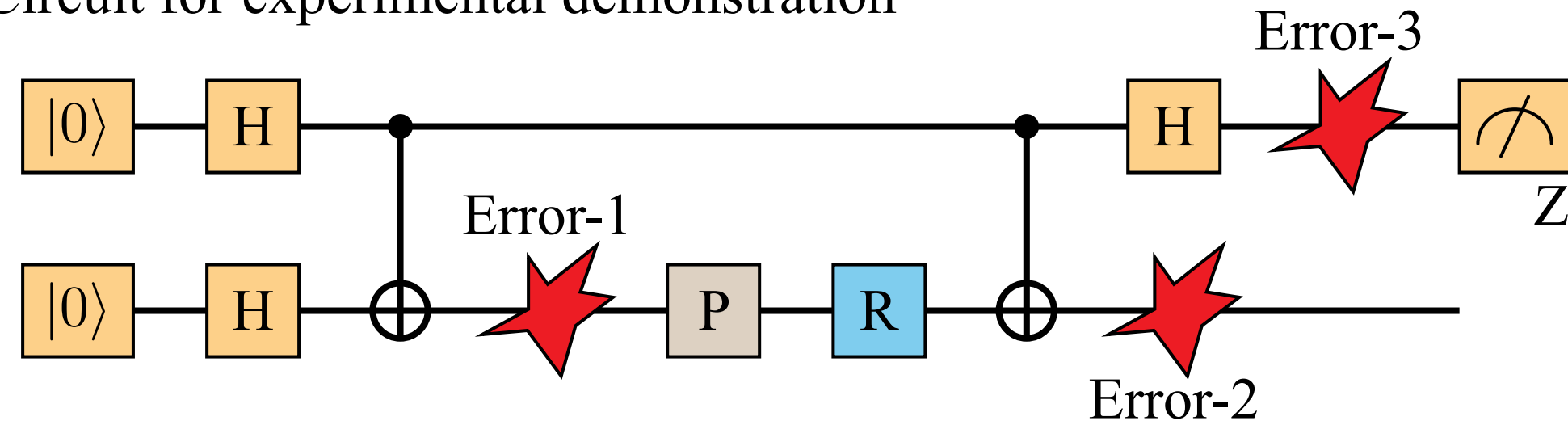


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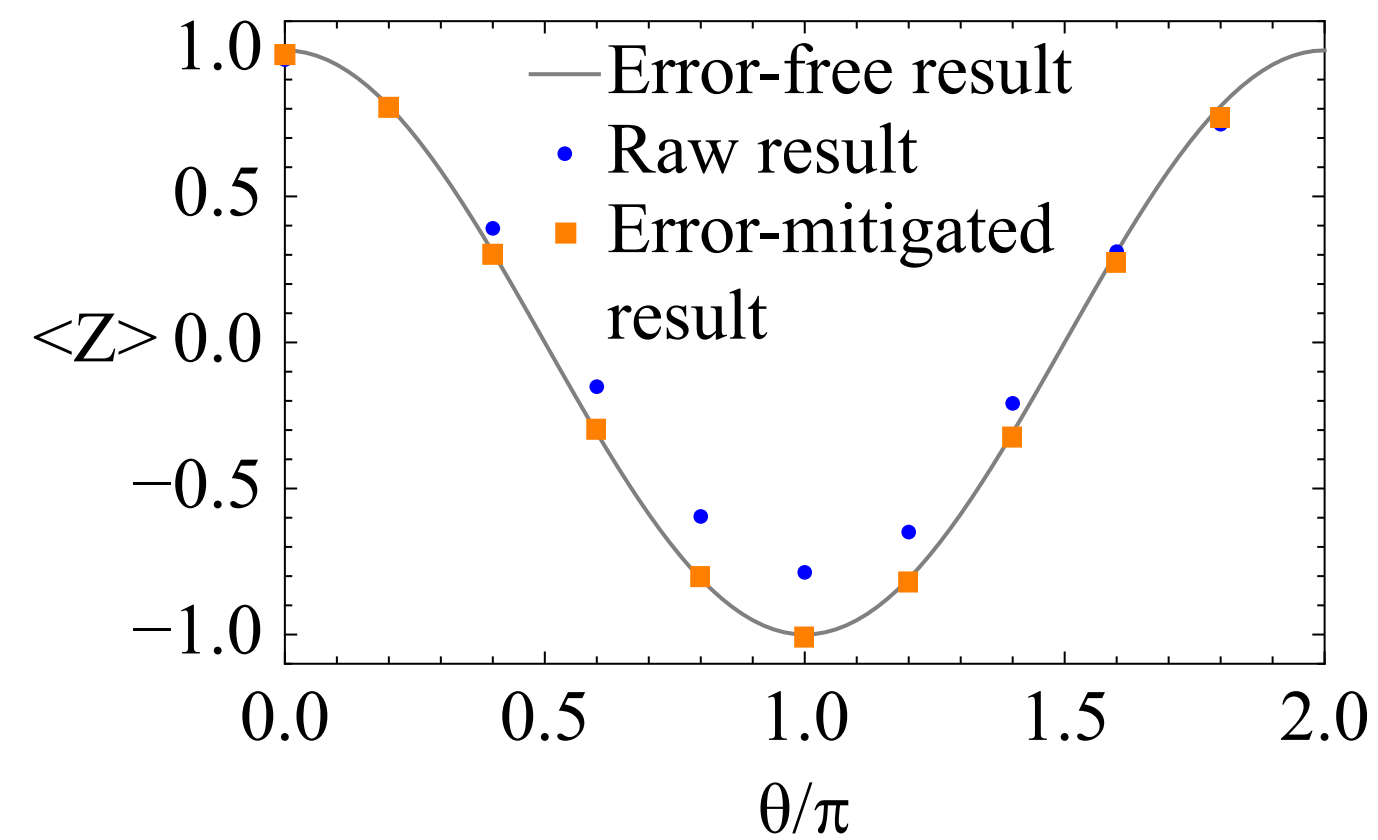
# Demonstration on IBMQ

Circuit for experimental demonstration

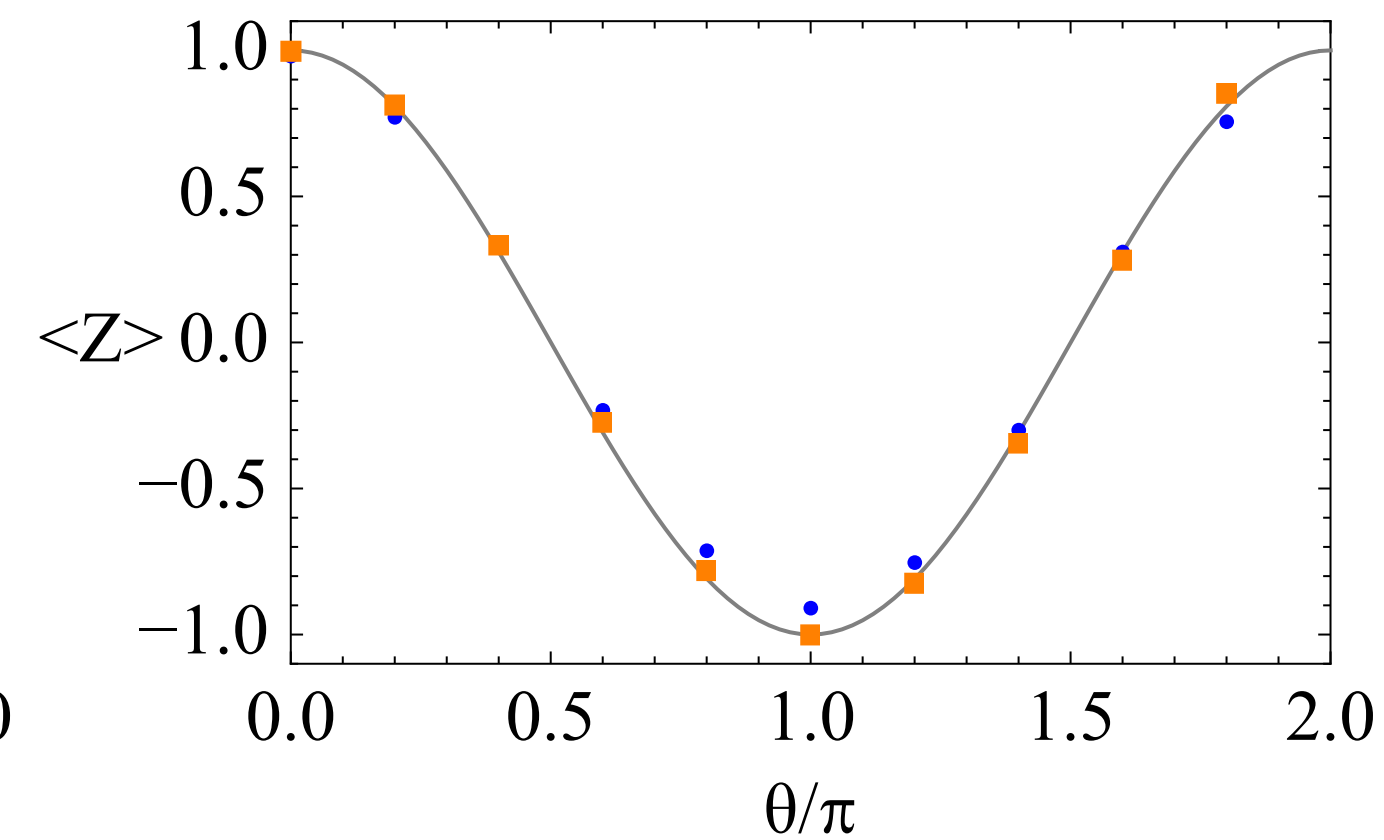


	Training	Test
No. of circuits	24	40

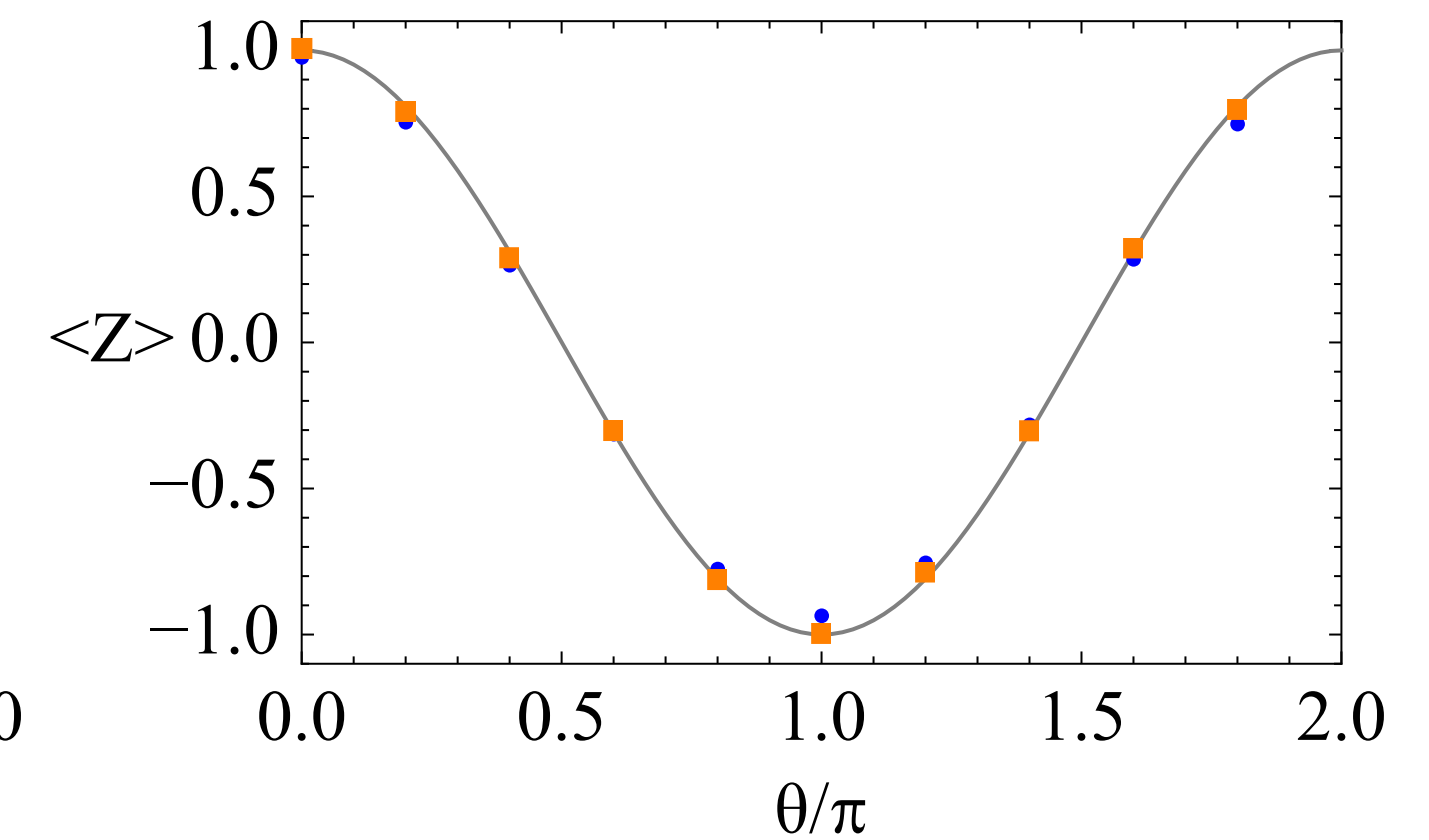
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(b) ibmq\_ourense



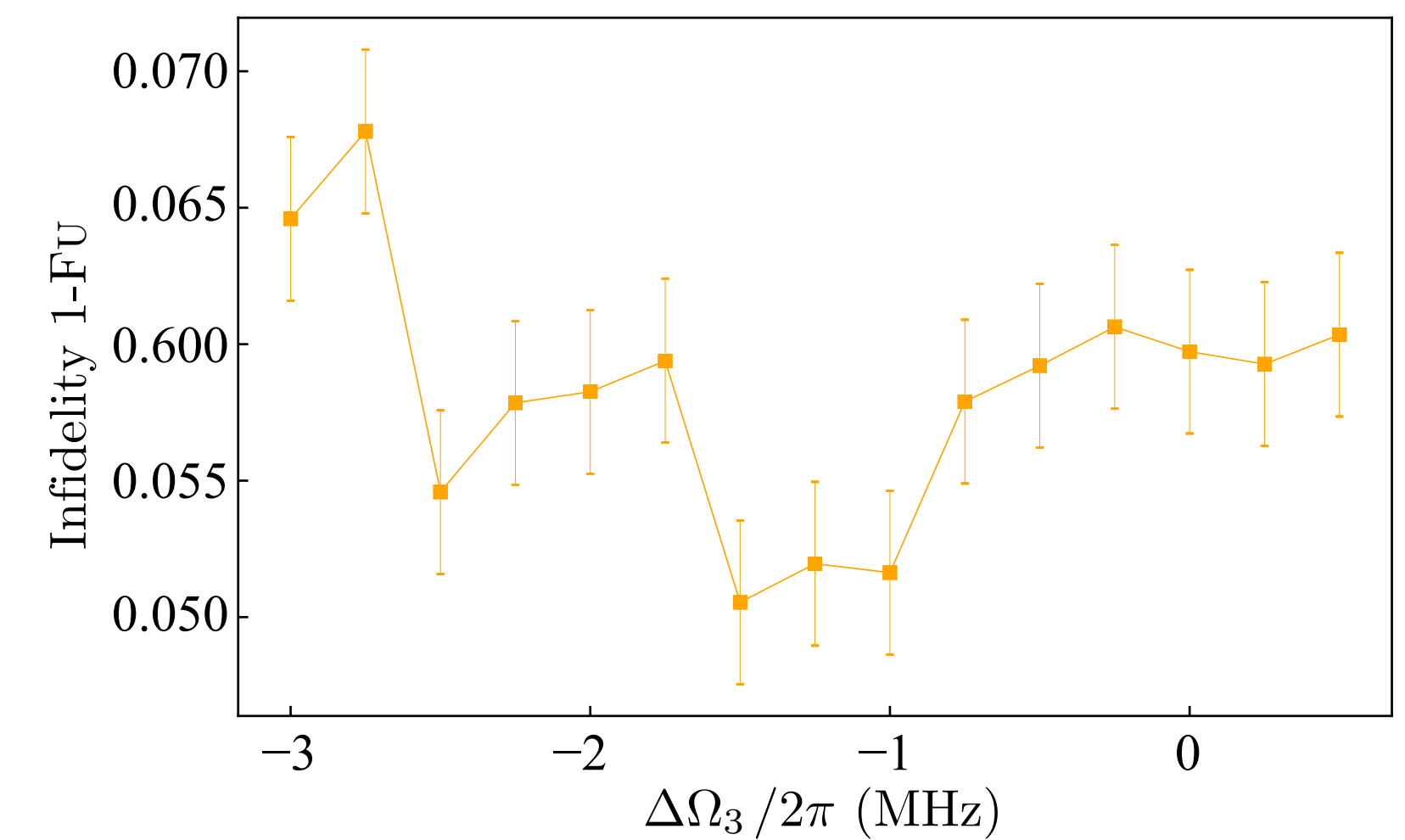
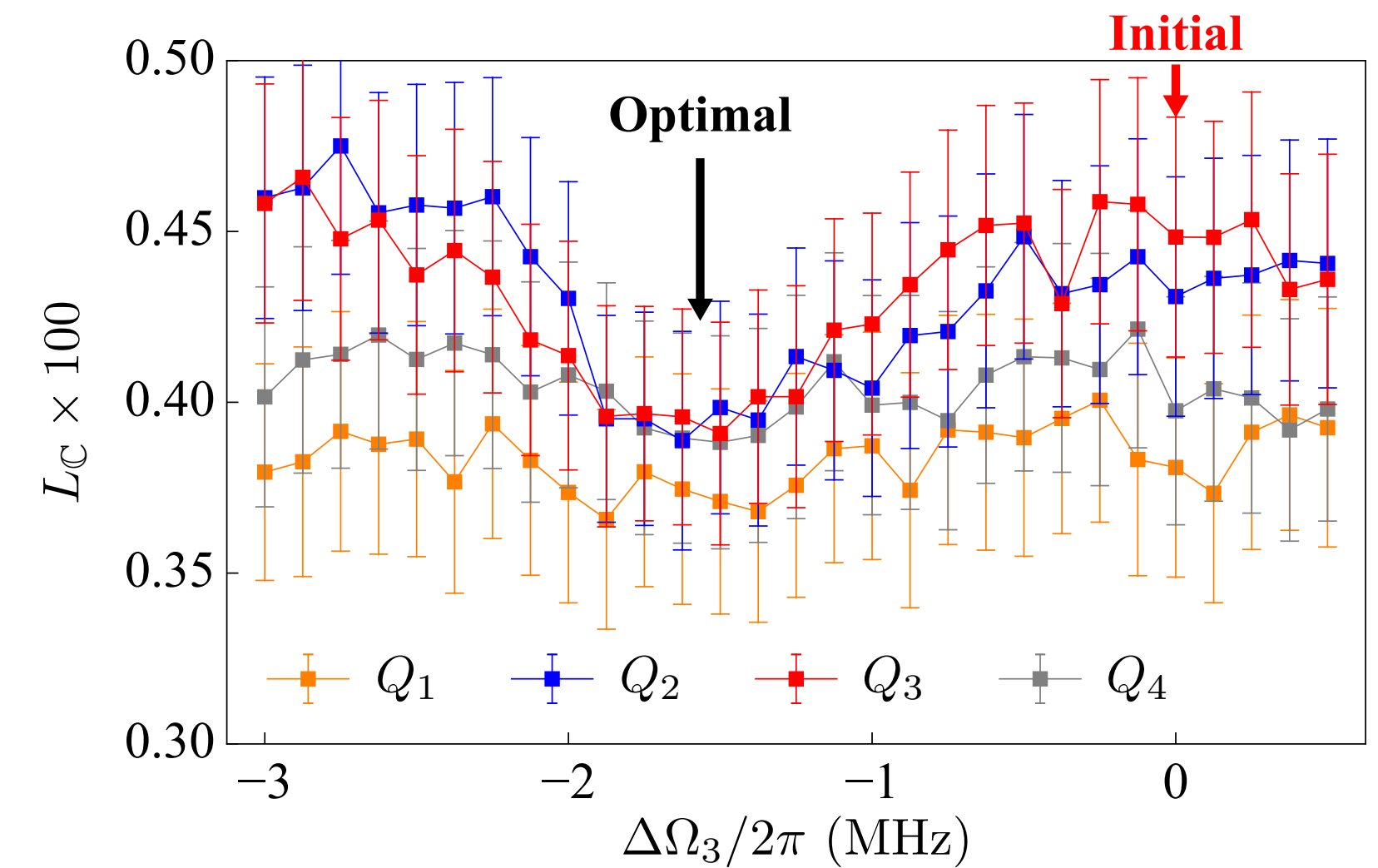
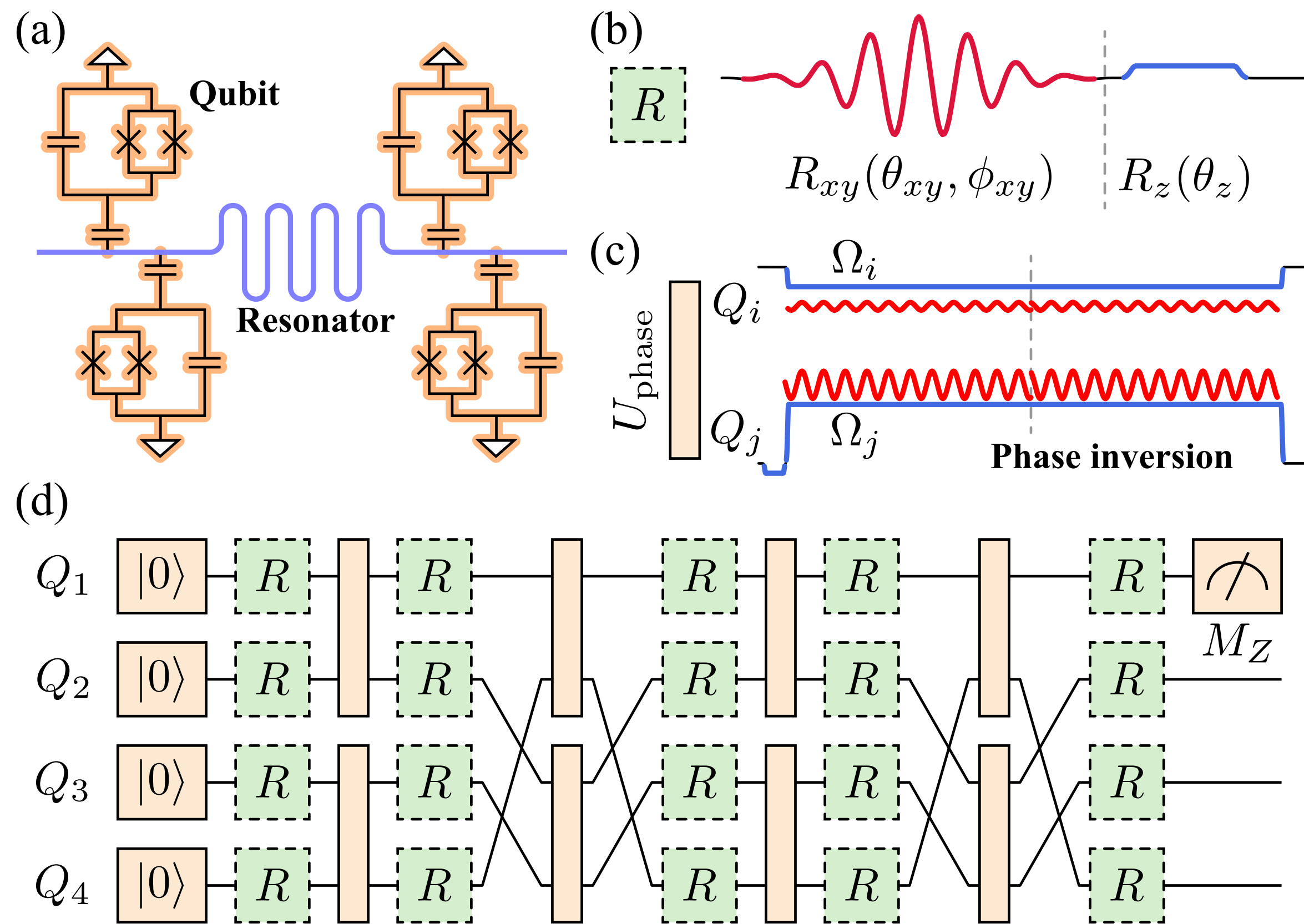
(c) ibmq\_santiago



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# Application to Rabi frequency optimisation



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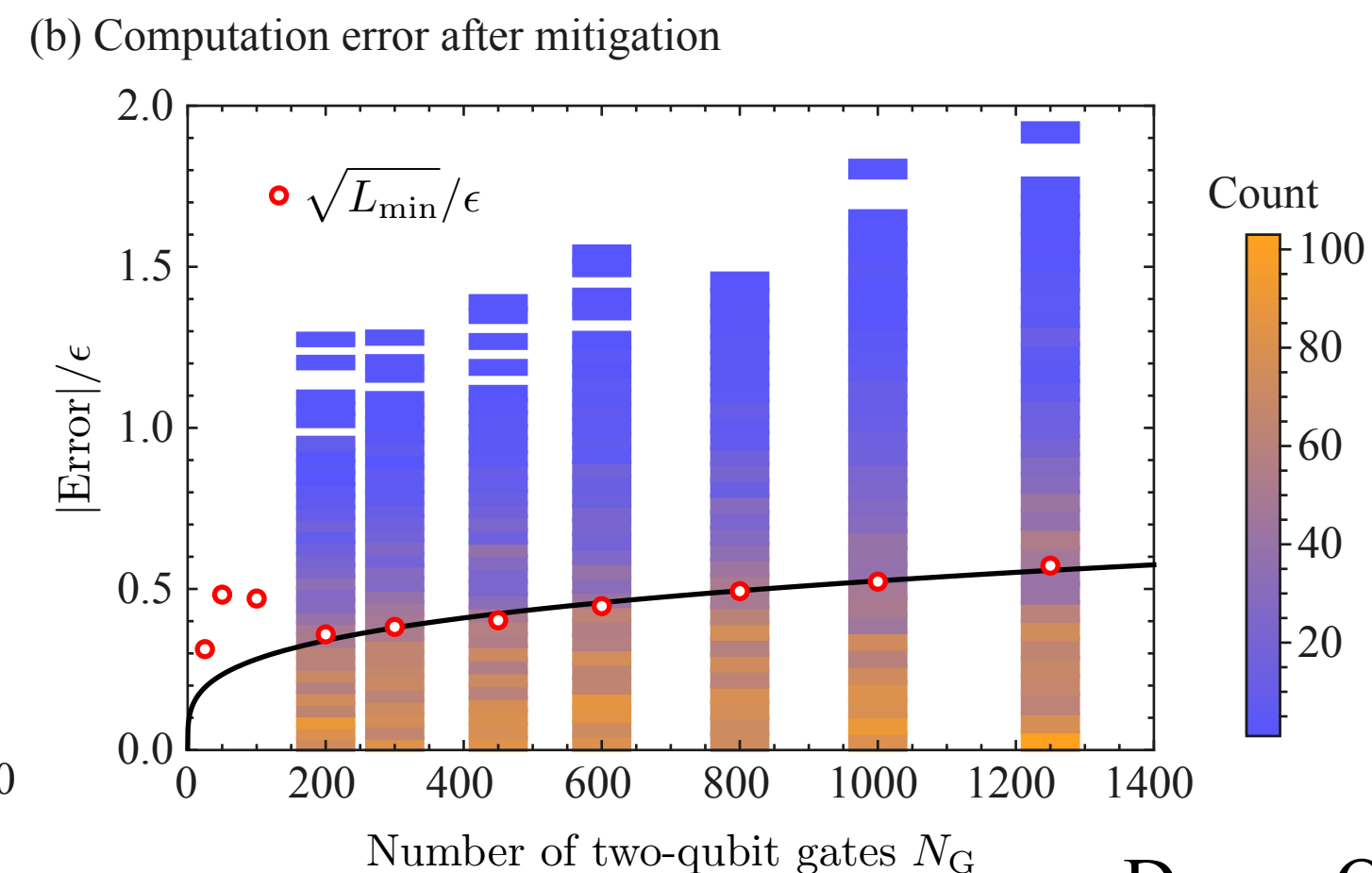
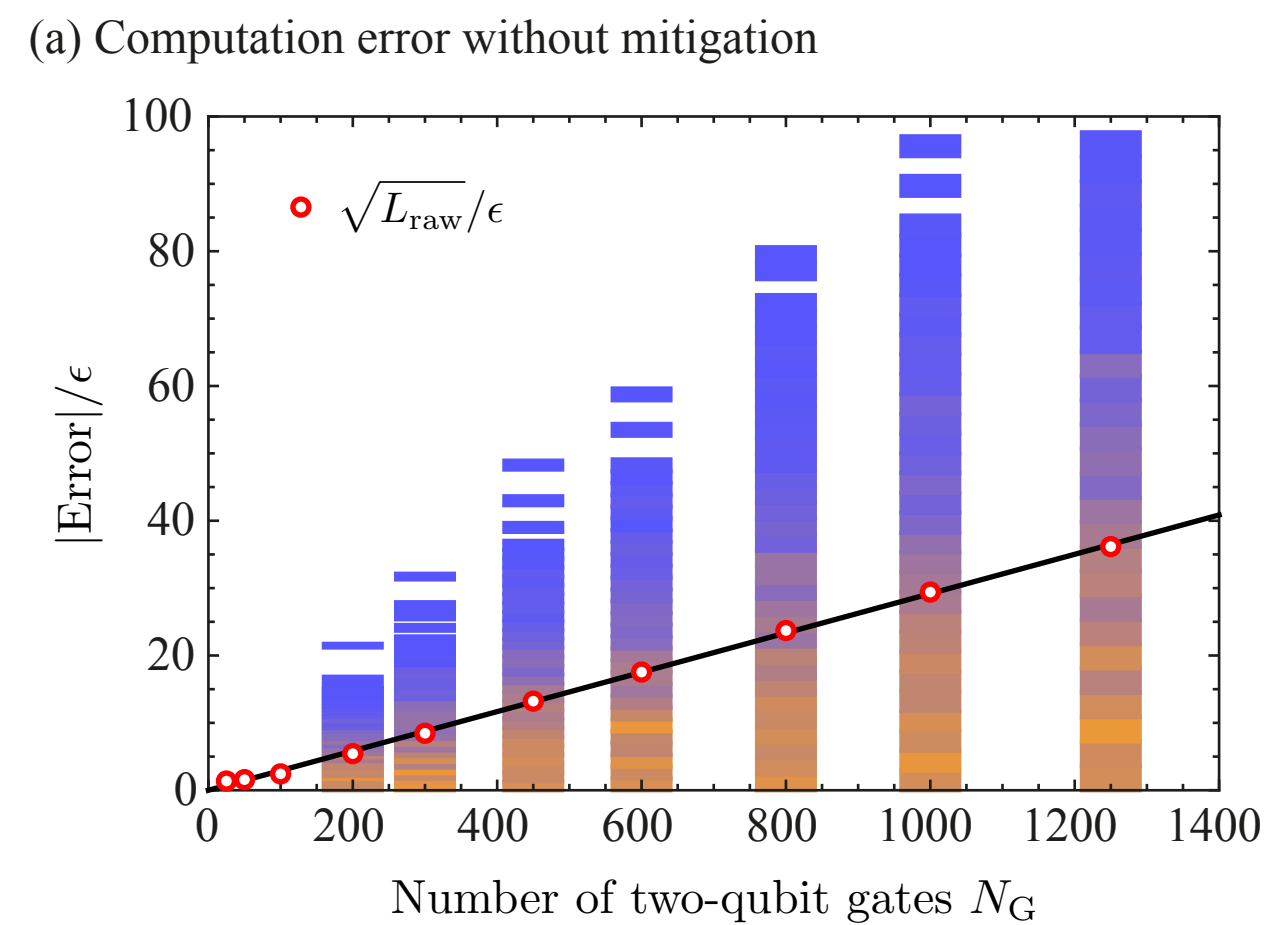
# Phenomenological global depolarising error model

Global depolarising error model:  $\mathcal{M}(\rho) = (1 - \epsilon)[U](\rho) + \epsilon 2^{-n} I^{\otimes n}$

Simplest error mitigation formula:  $f'_C = ay_C$

Piotr Czarnik, Andrew Arrasmith, Patrick J. Coles, Lukasz Cincio, Quantum 5, 592 (2021)

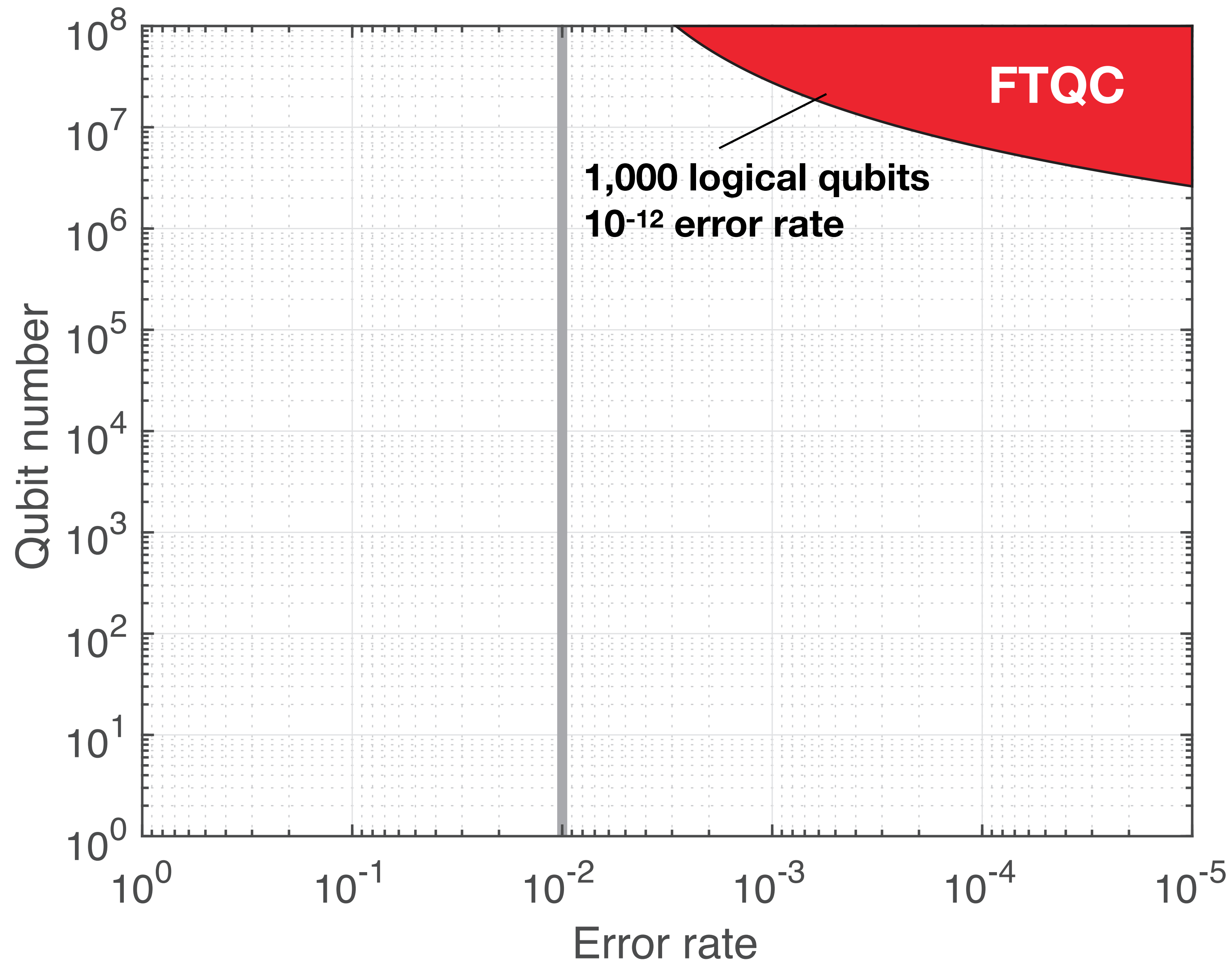
*The global depolarising error model is a better approximation when the gate number is larger.*

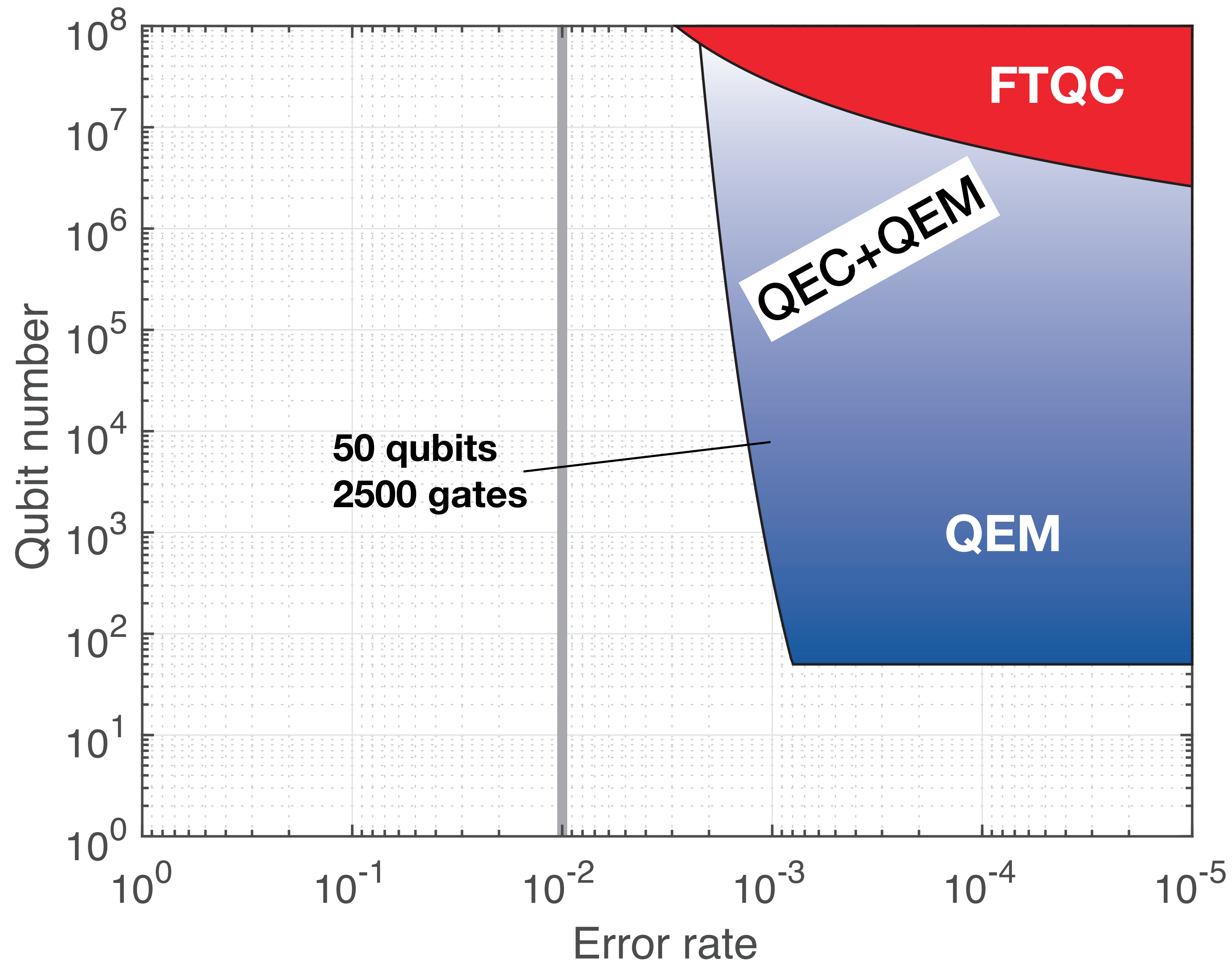


$N$  scaling to  $\sqrt{N}$  scaling

Dayue Qin, Yanzhu Chen, and Ying Li, arXiv:2112.06255







Thank you!

