

Quantum computing for nuclear and particle physics

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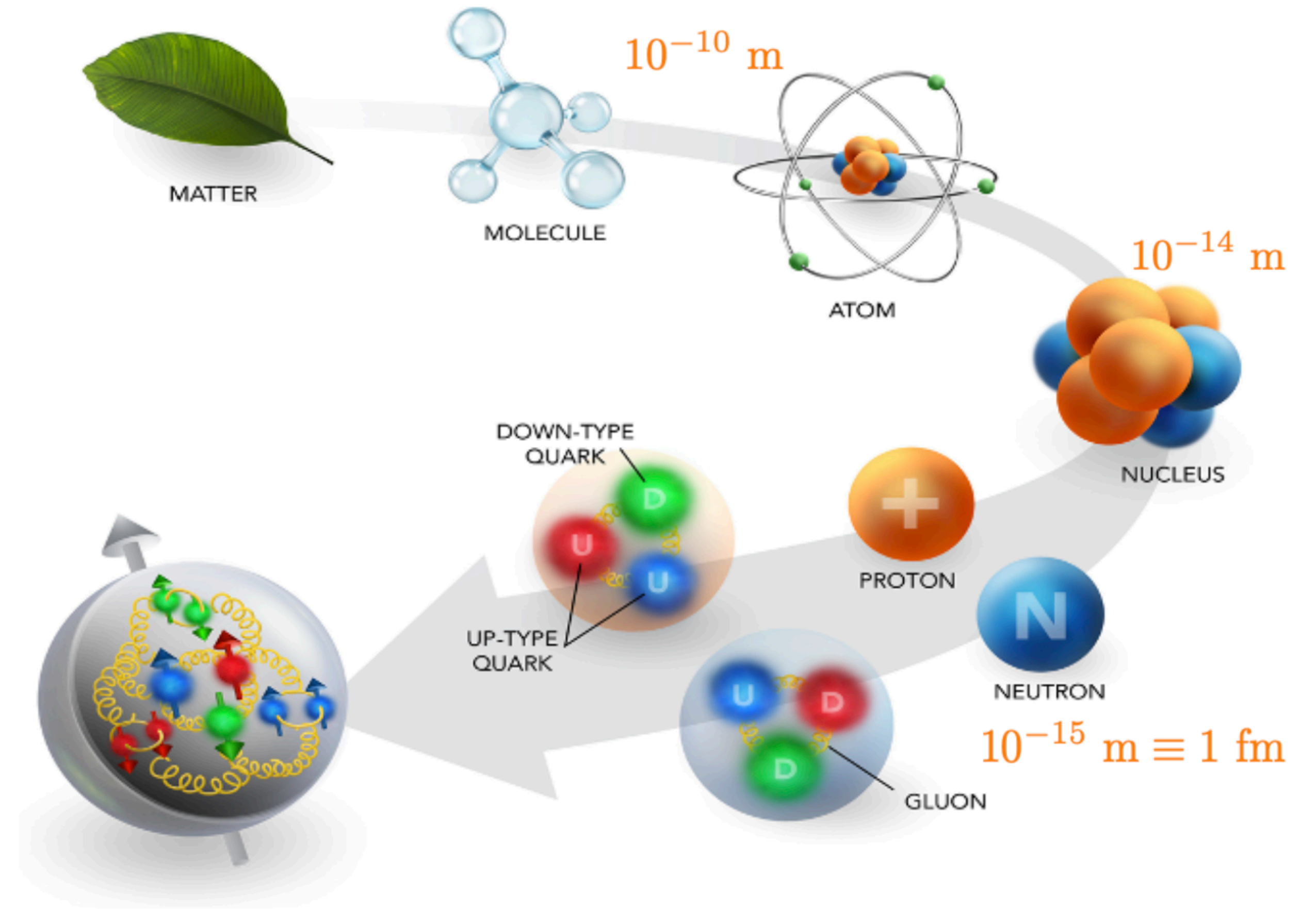
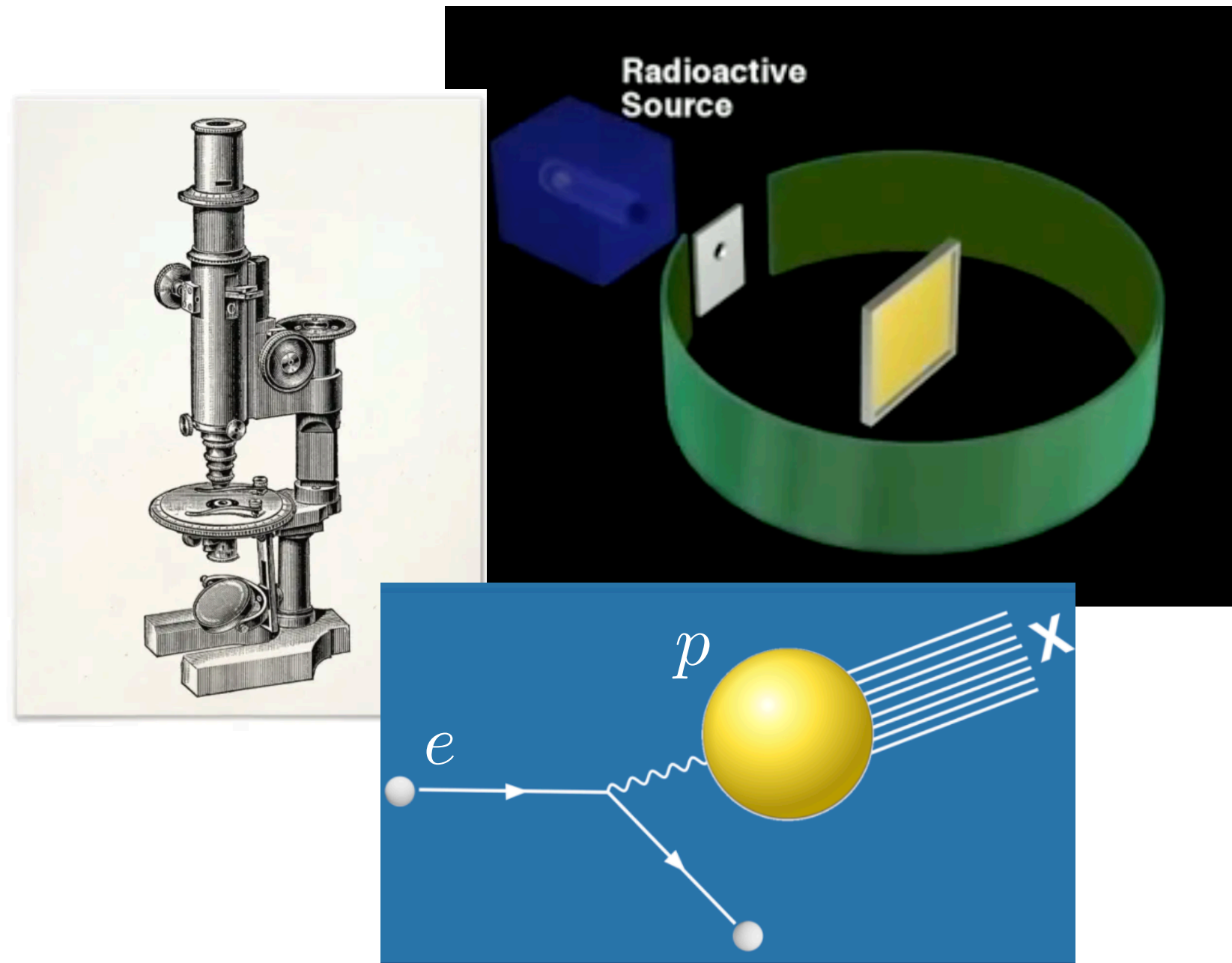
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Probing the fundamental structure of matter

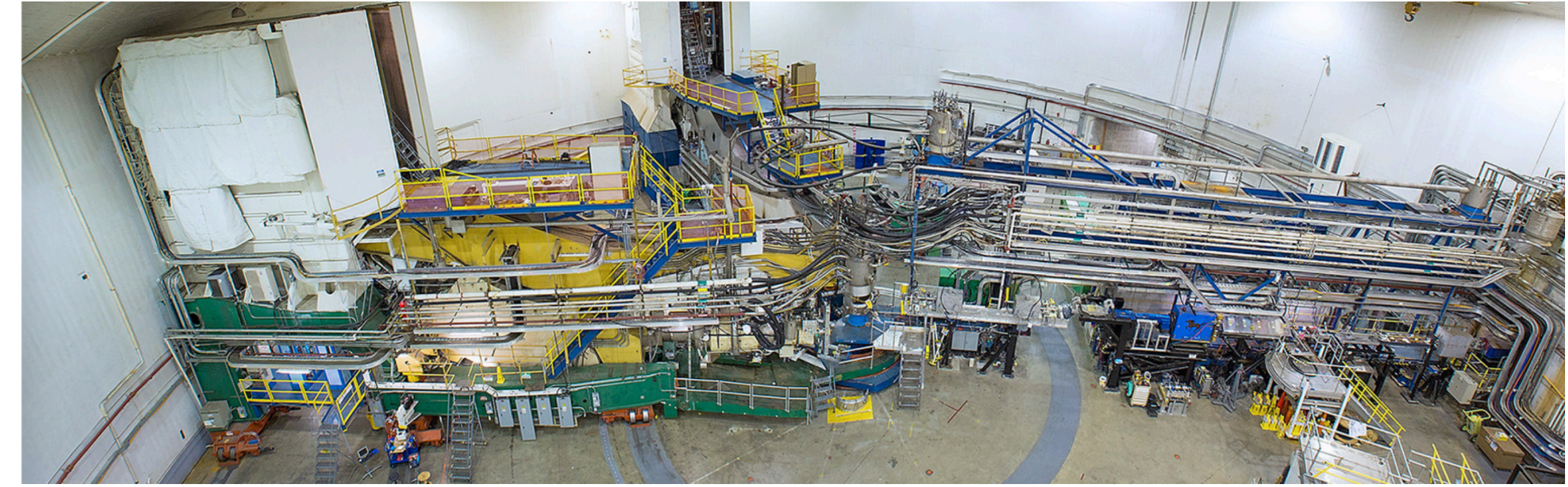


Quantum chromodynamics (QCD)

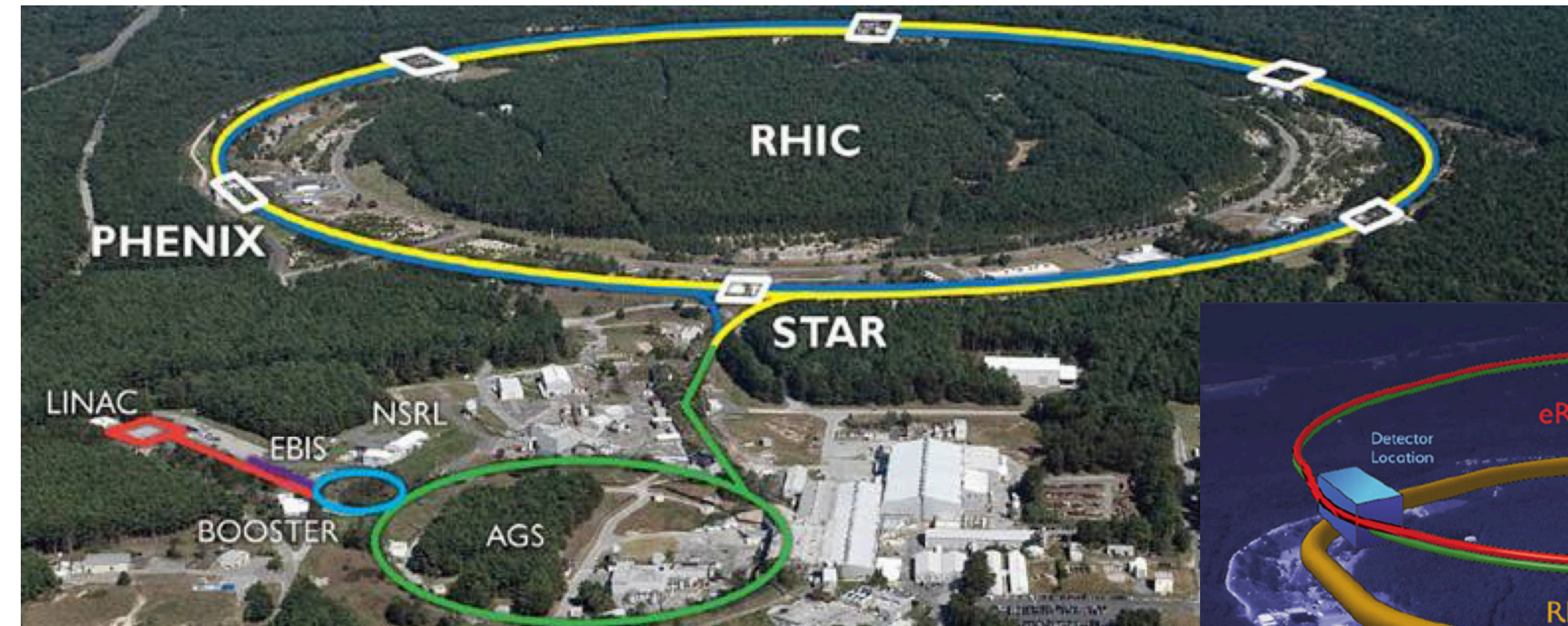
Large Hadron Collider CERN



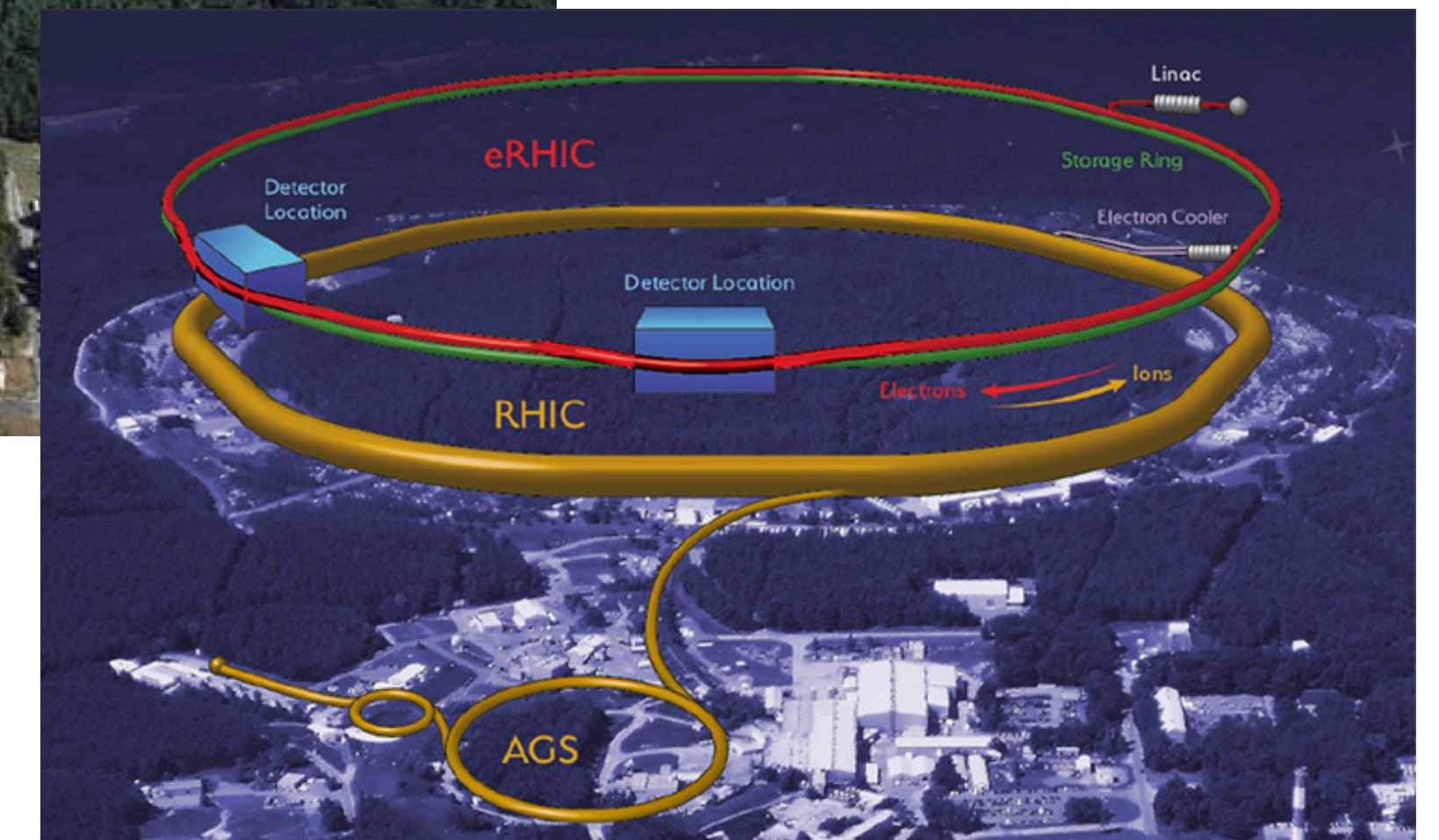
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High-energy collider experiments



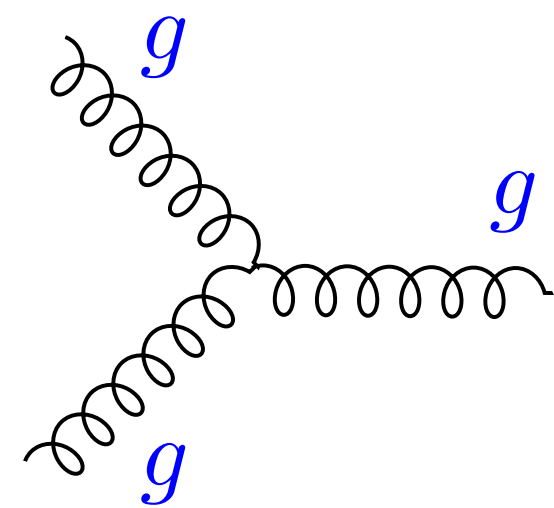
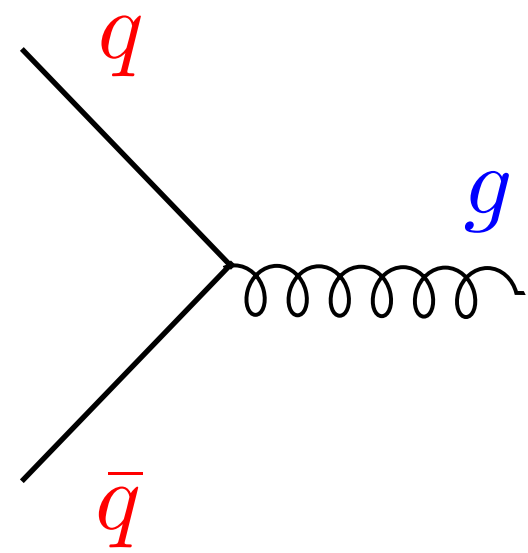
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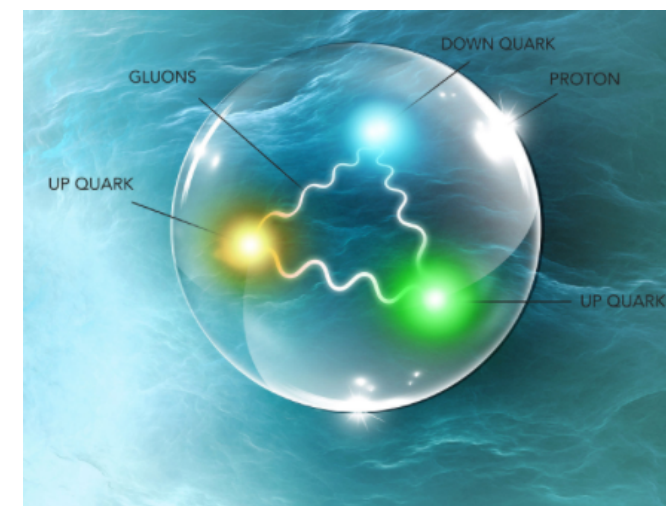
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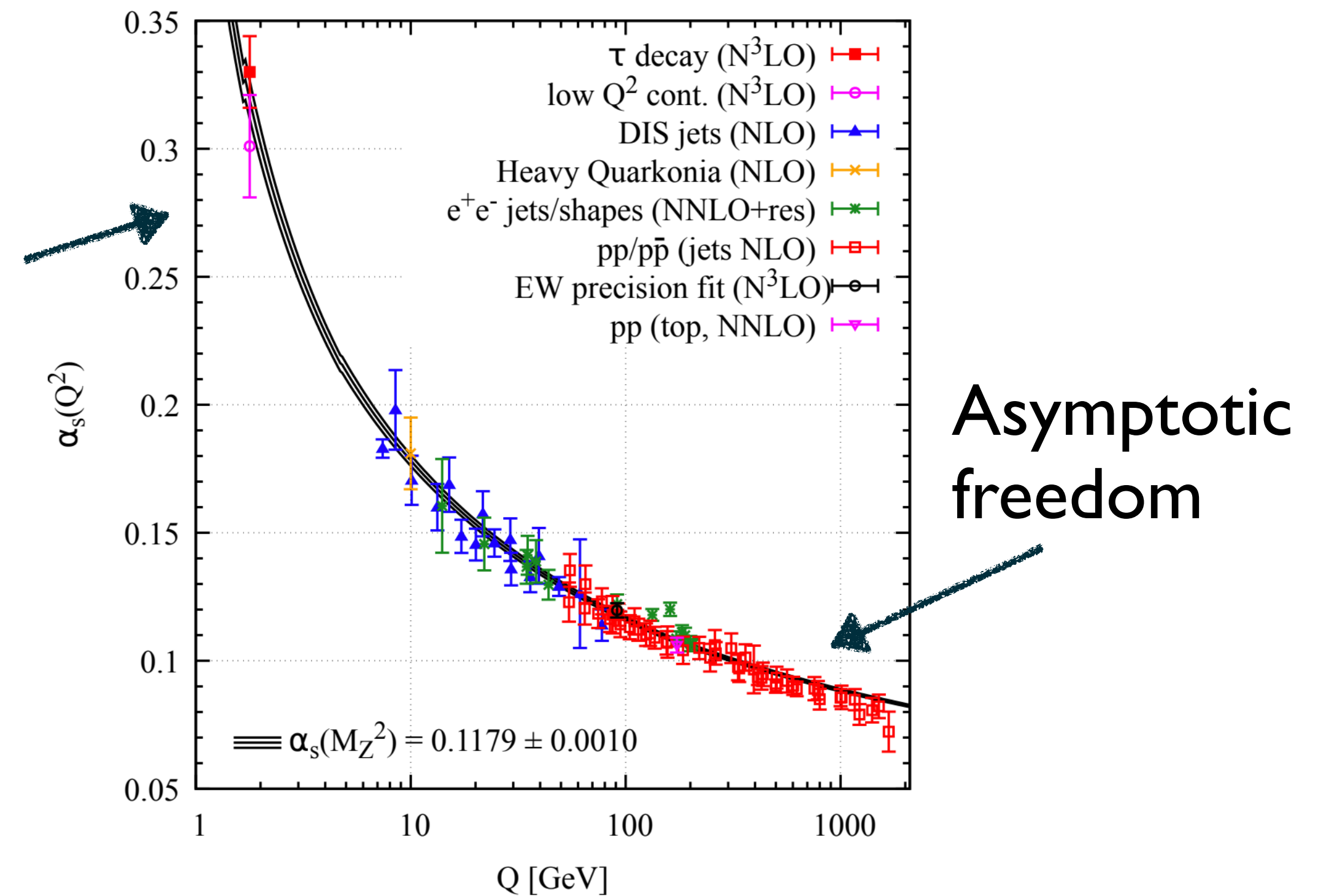


Confinement



- QCD coupling constant $\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$

Nobel Prize 2004

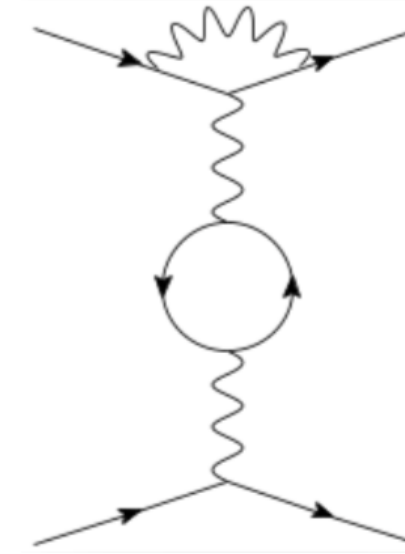


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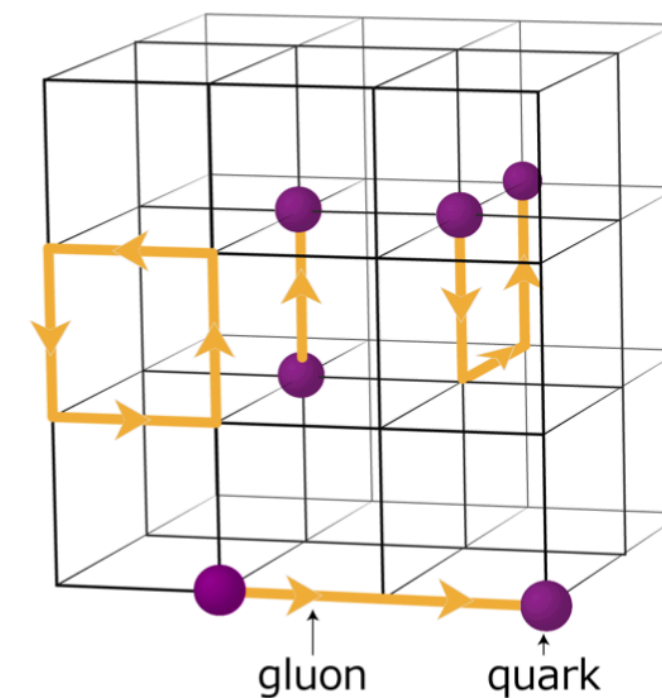
1. Perturbative QCD at high energies

$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)} + \alpha_s \sigma^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 \sigma^{(2)} + \dots$$

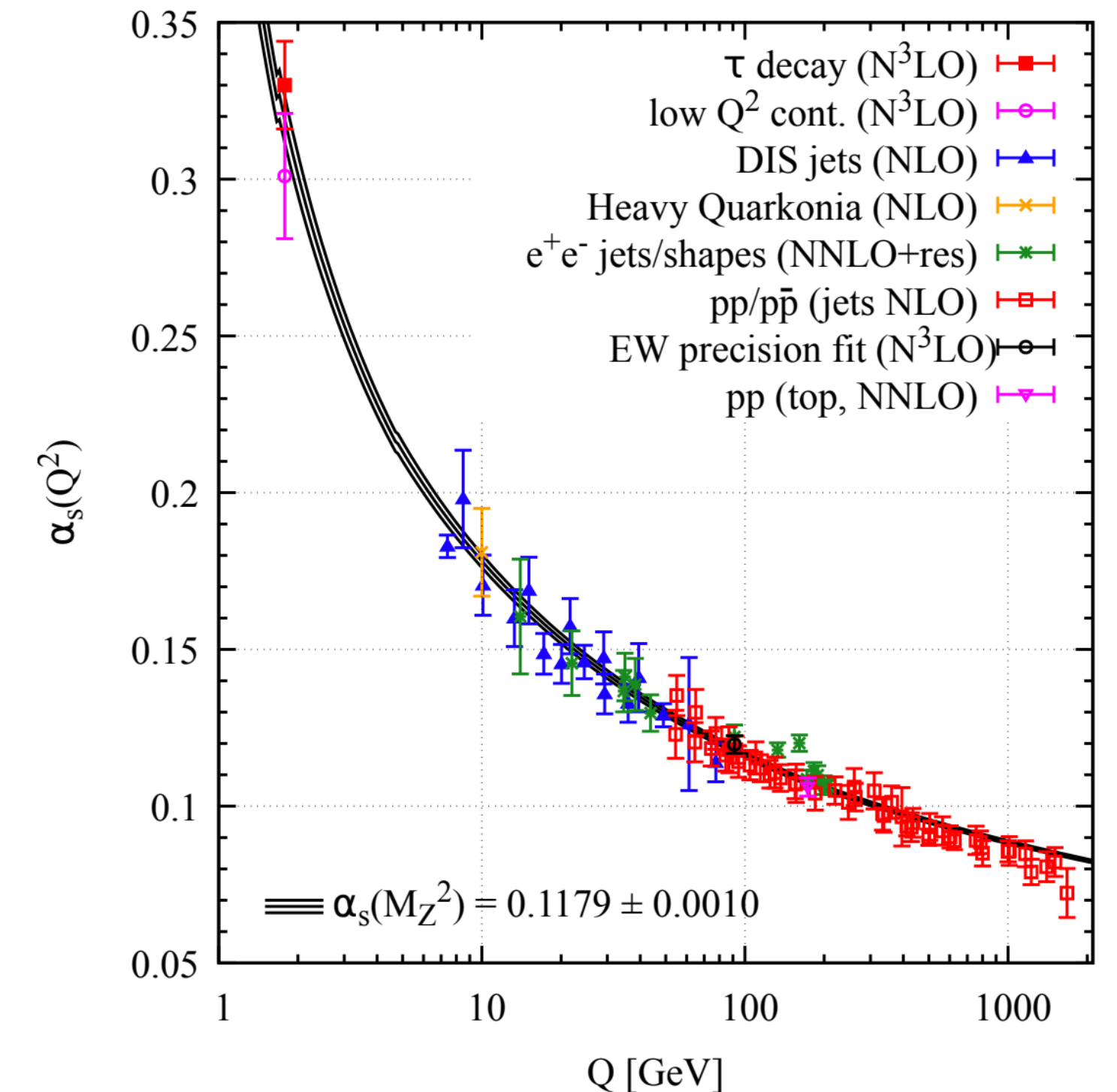


2. Nonperturbative at low energies

- Simulations using a lattice discretization
- Path integral vs. Hamiltonian formulation (imaginary vs. real time)
- Quantum computing for real-time dynamics?



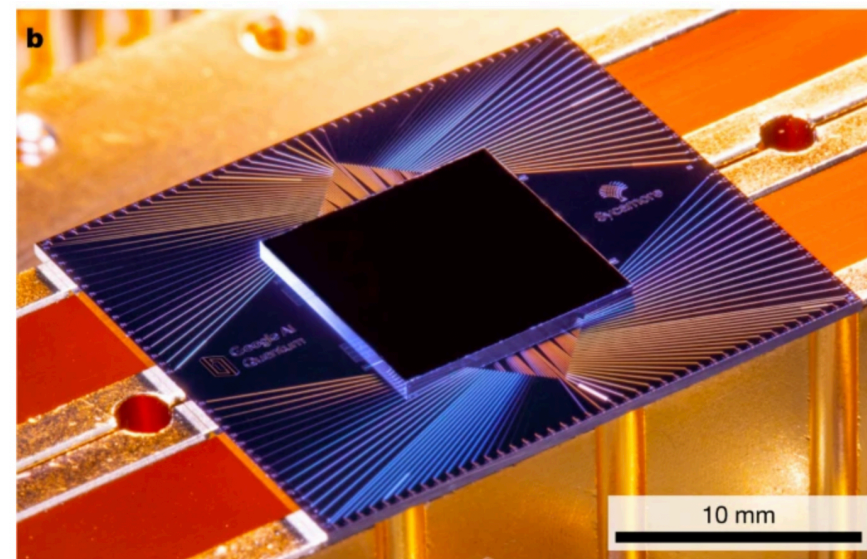
Wilson; Kogut, Susskind '70s



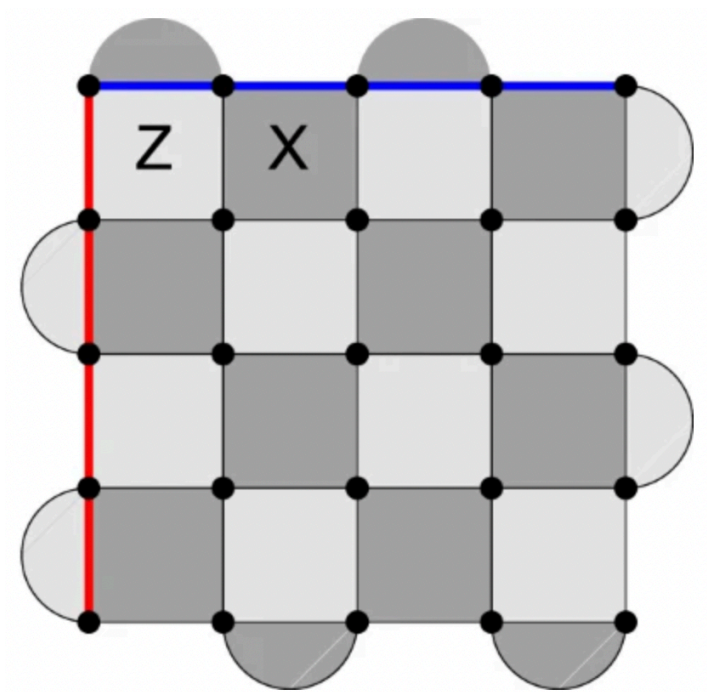
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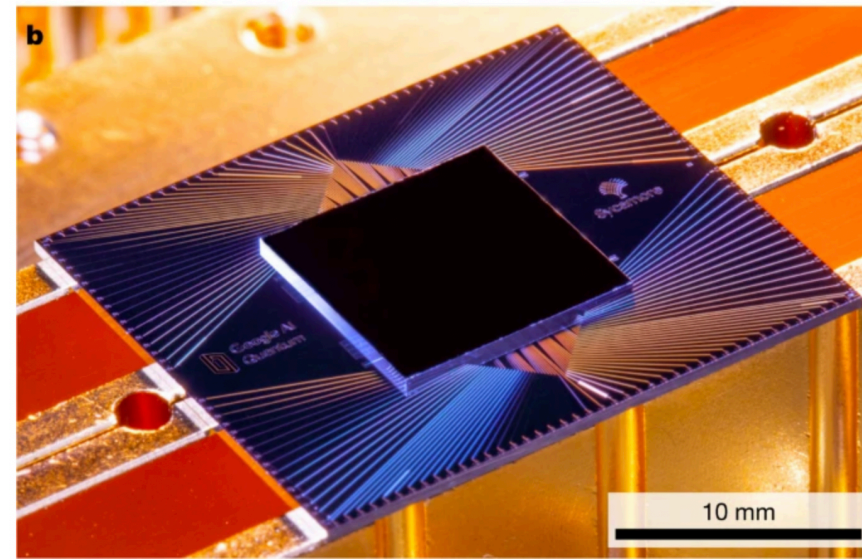


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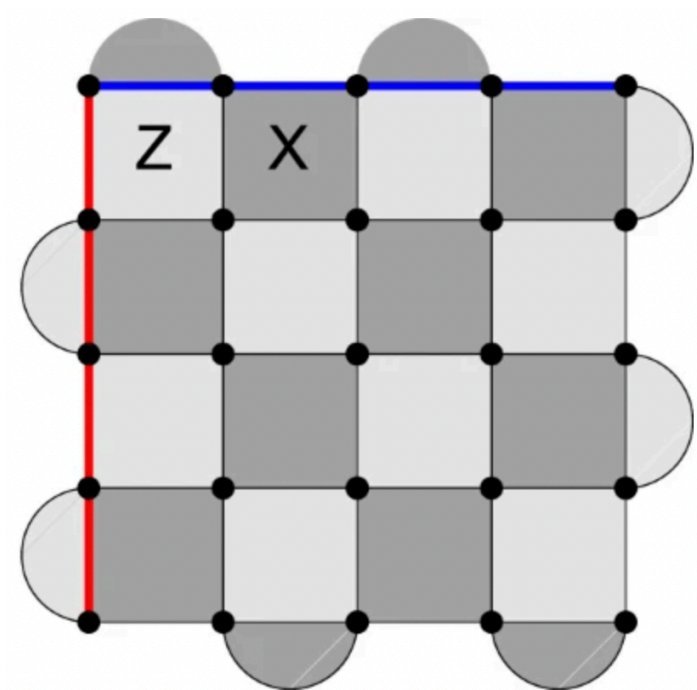


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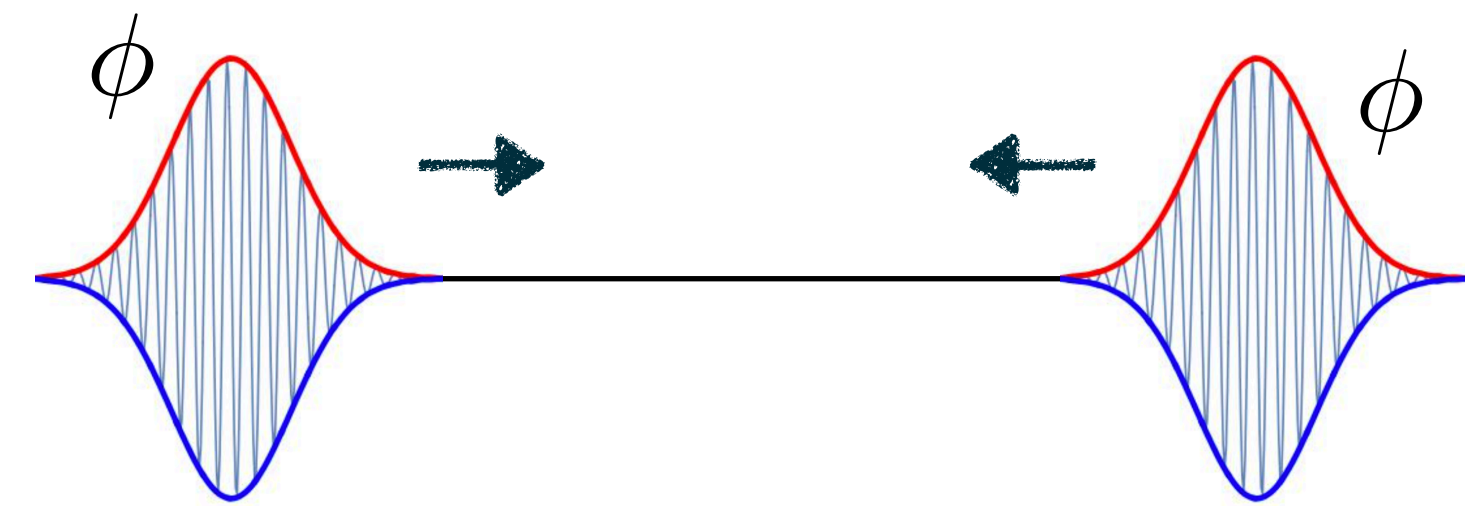


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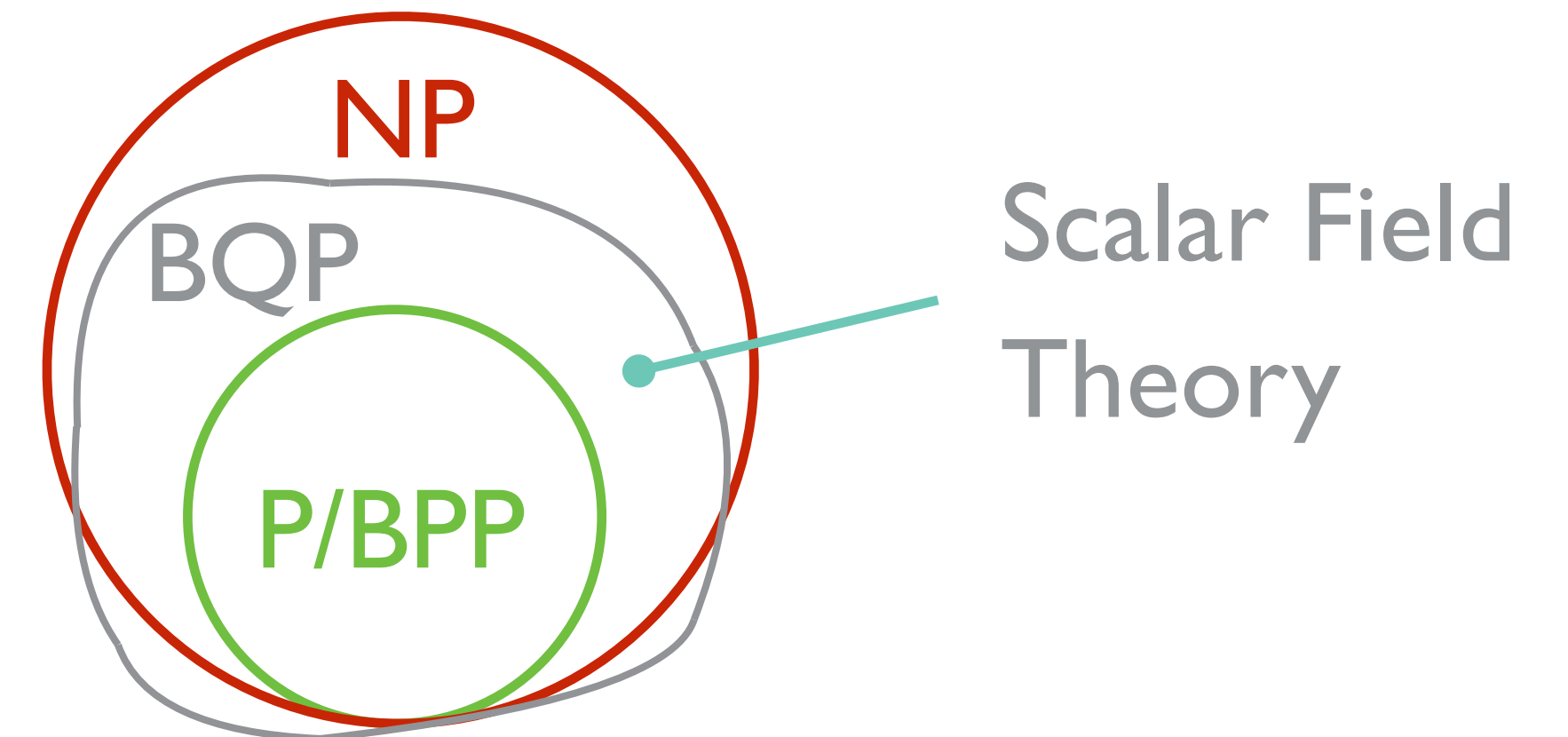


- Scalar field theory $|\langle X | U(t, t_0) | \phi\phi \rangle|^2$

Jordan, Lee, Preskill '10-'17

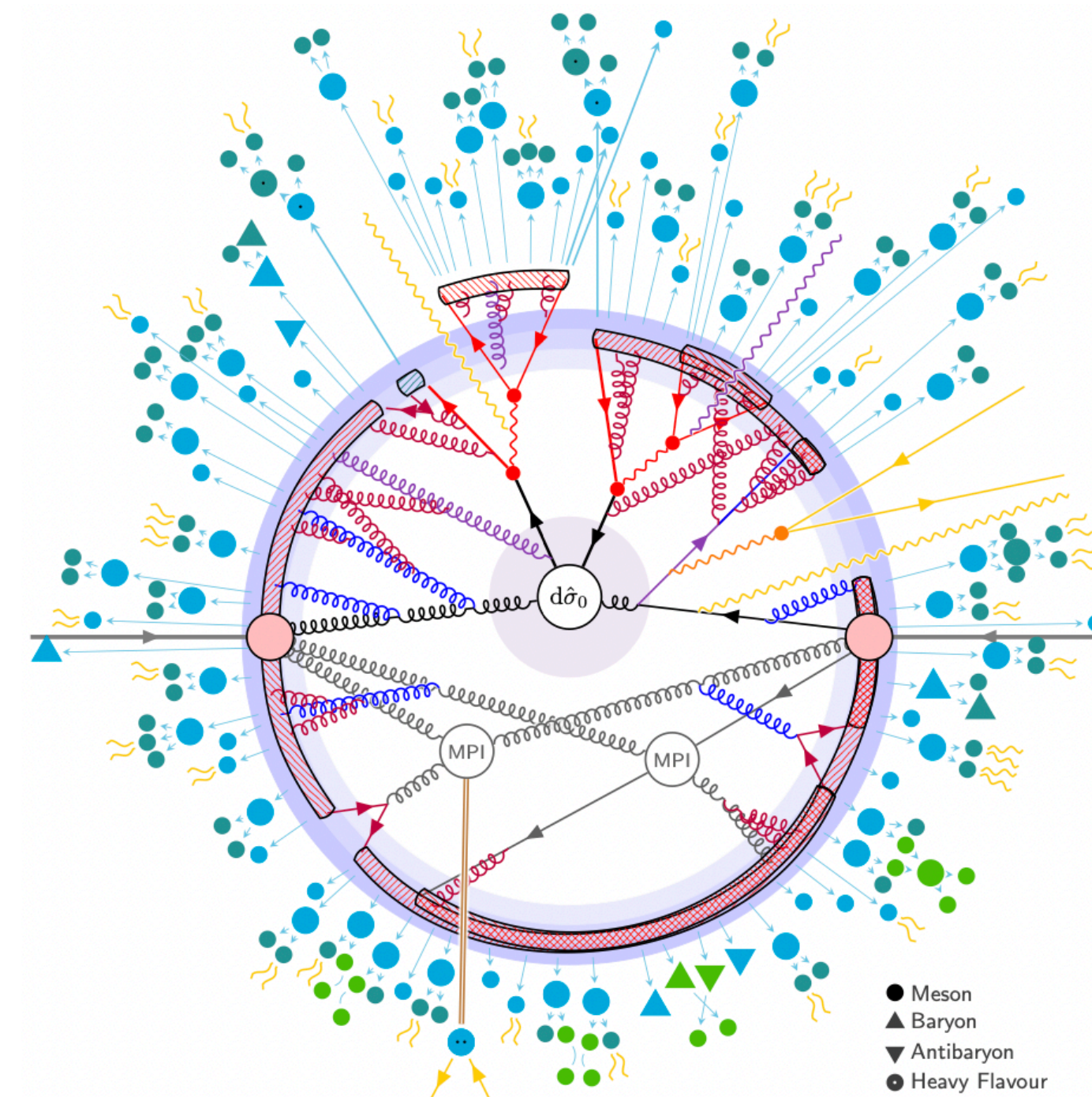
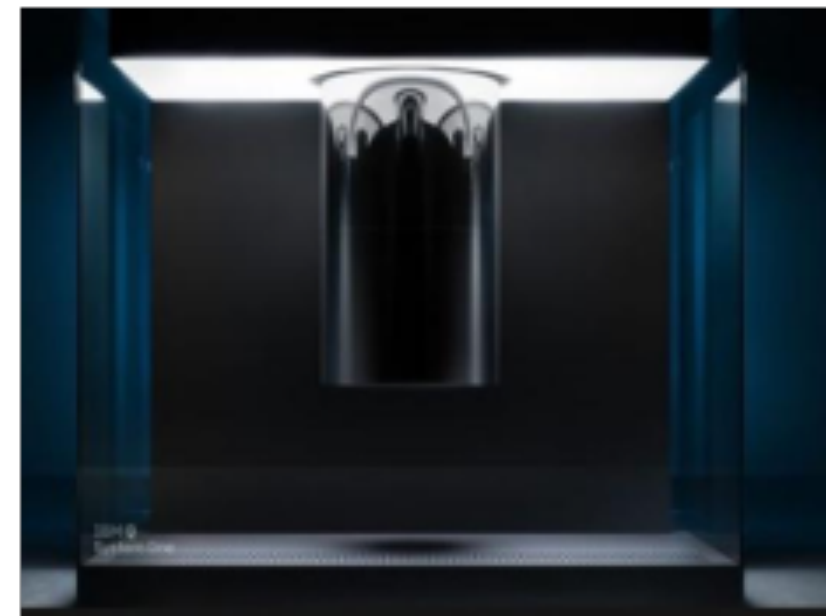
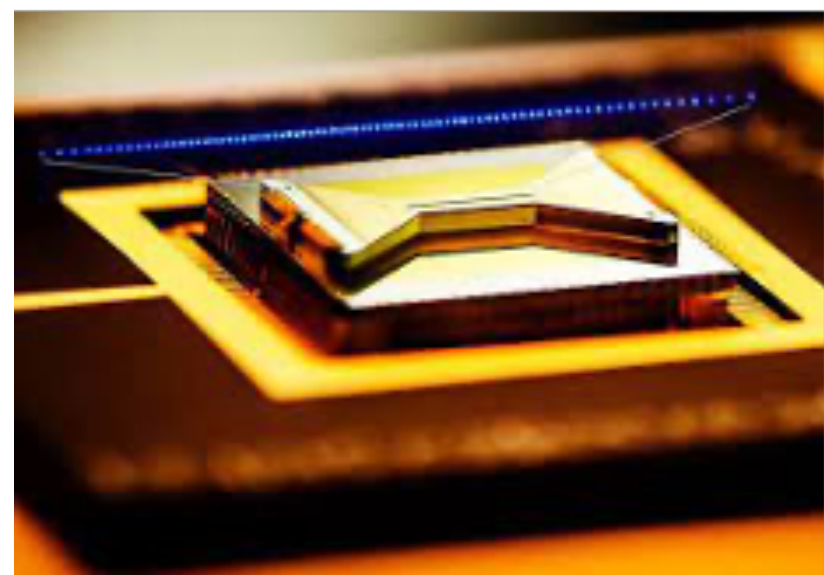


- Is QCD scattering in BQP?



Toward simulating scattering processes

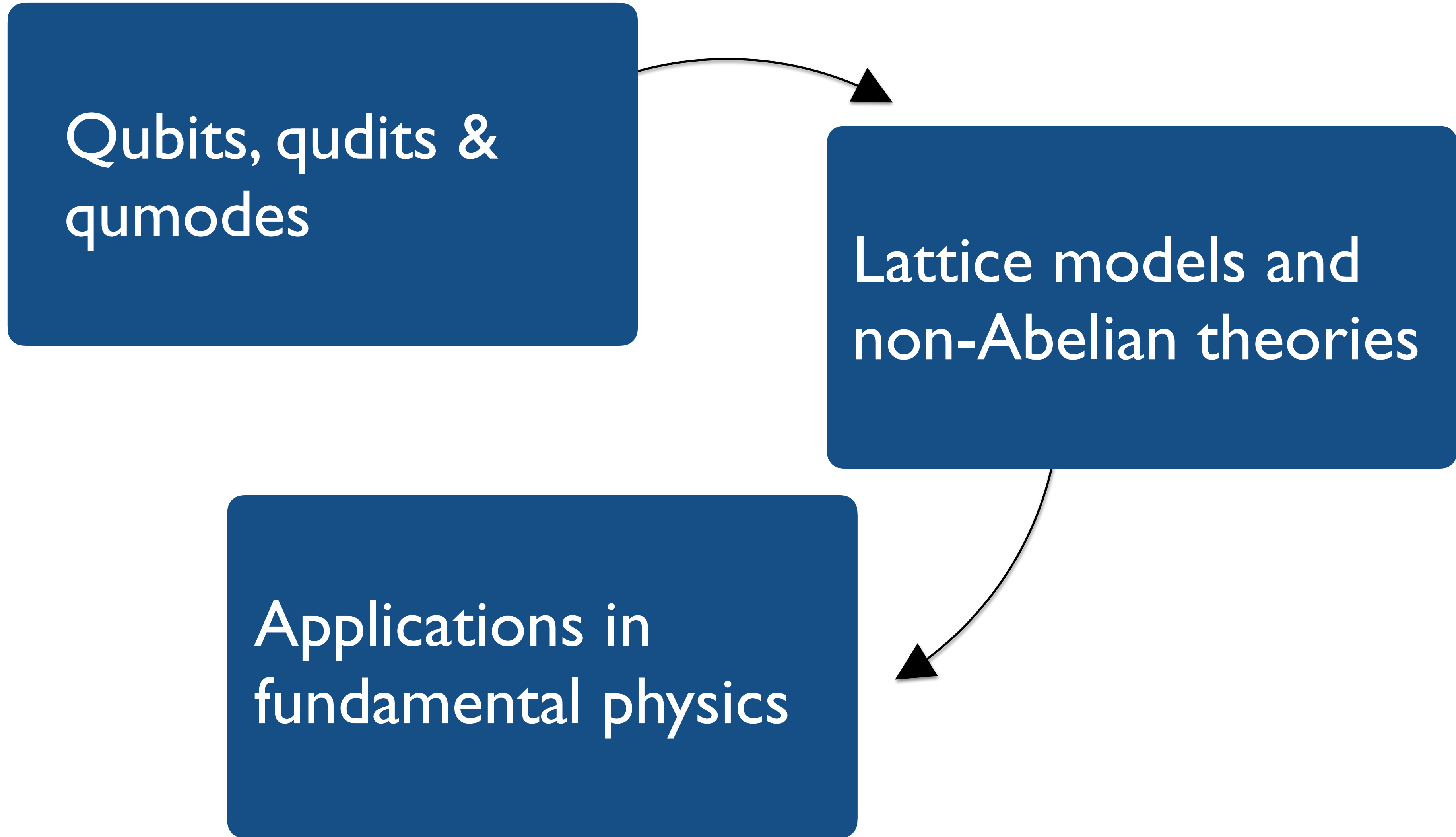
- Need to simulate classically intractable real-time dynamics
- Compton scattering amplitudes, in-medium correlation functions or full scattering events



$$\sim \int dt d\vec{x} e^{iq \cdot x} \langle P_f | \mathcal{T}[\mathcal{O}(t, \vec{x}) \mathcal{O}(0)] | P_i \rangle$$

QCD factorization

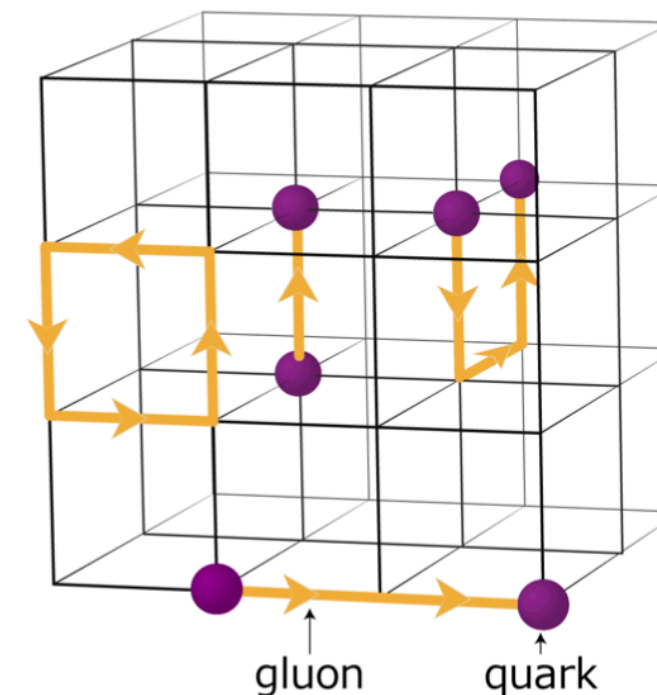
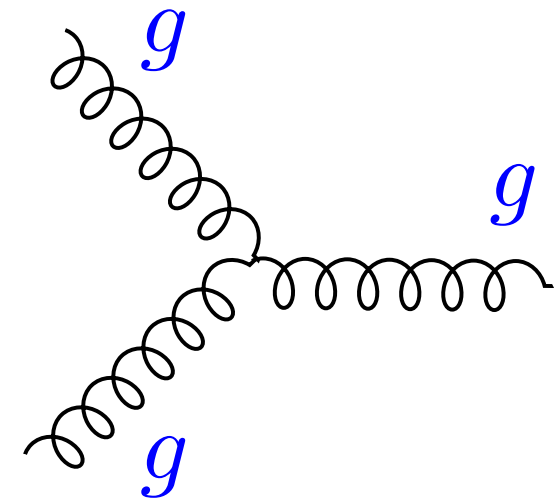
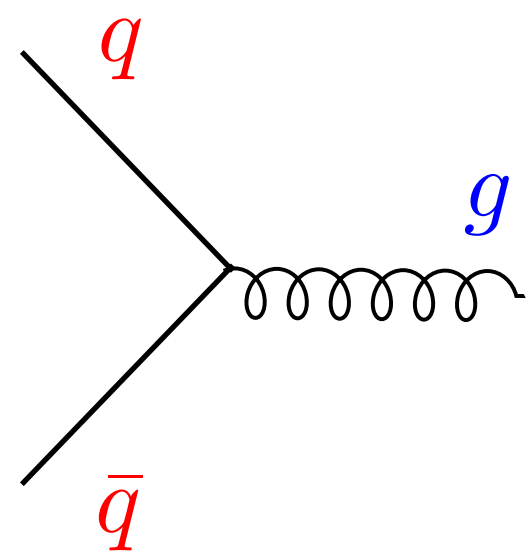
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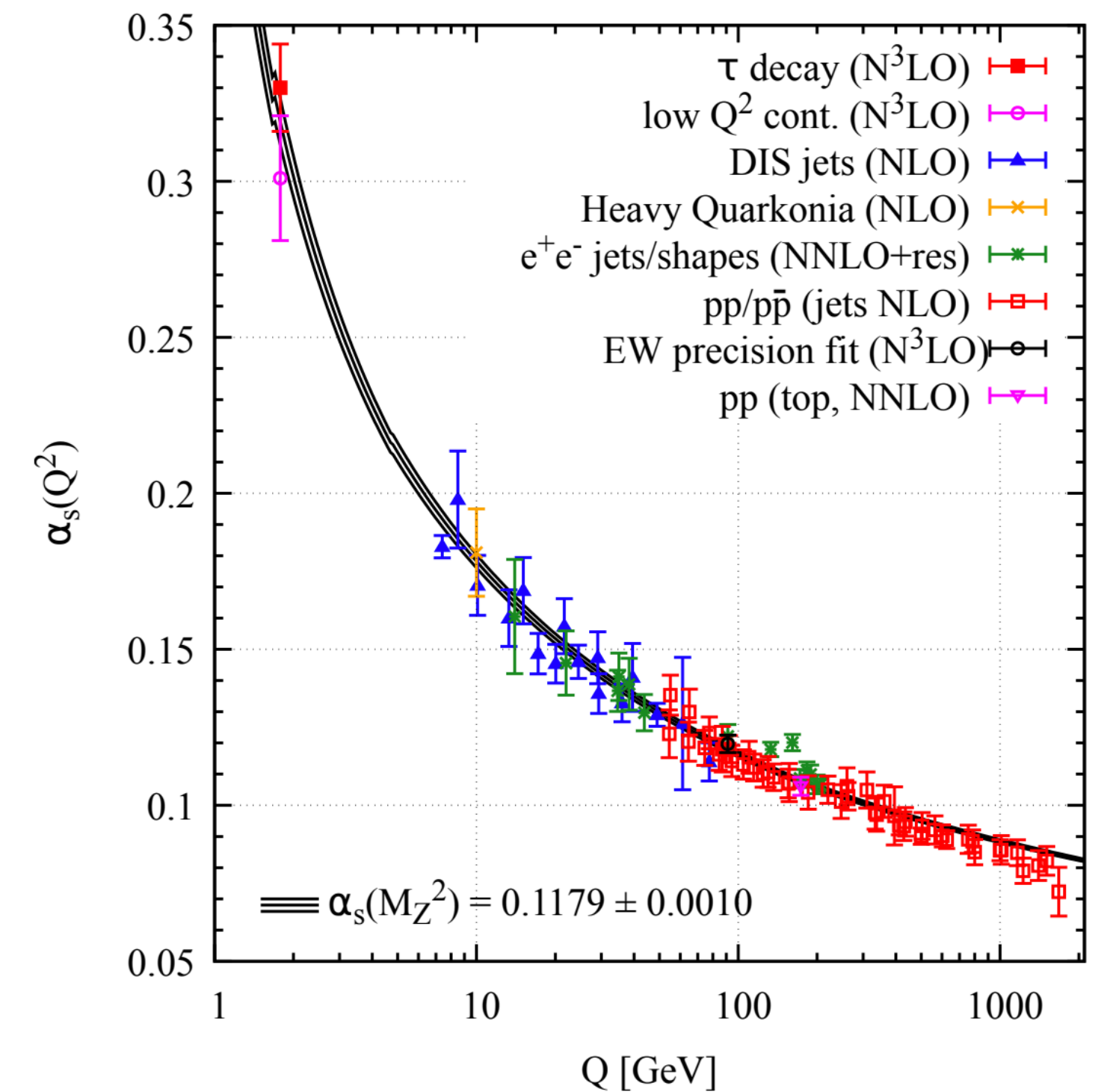
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Simulate quarks and gluons with different quantum resources?



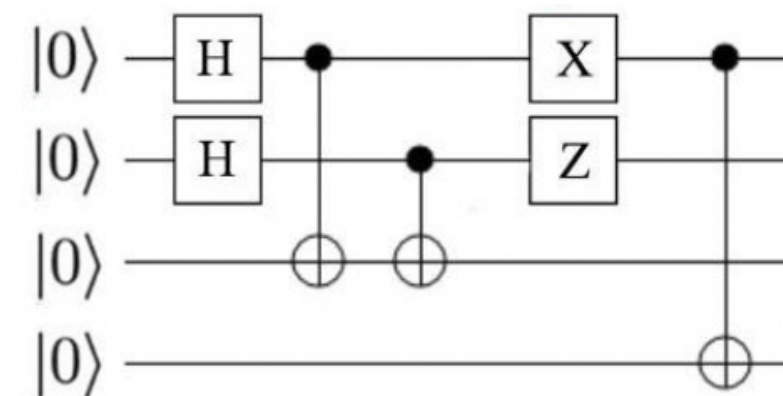
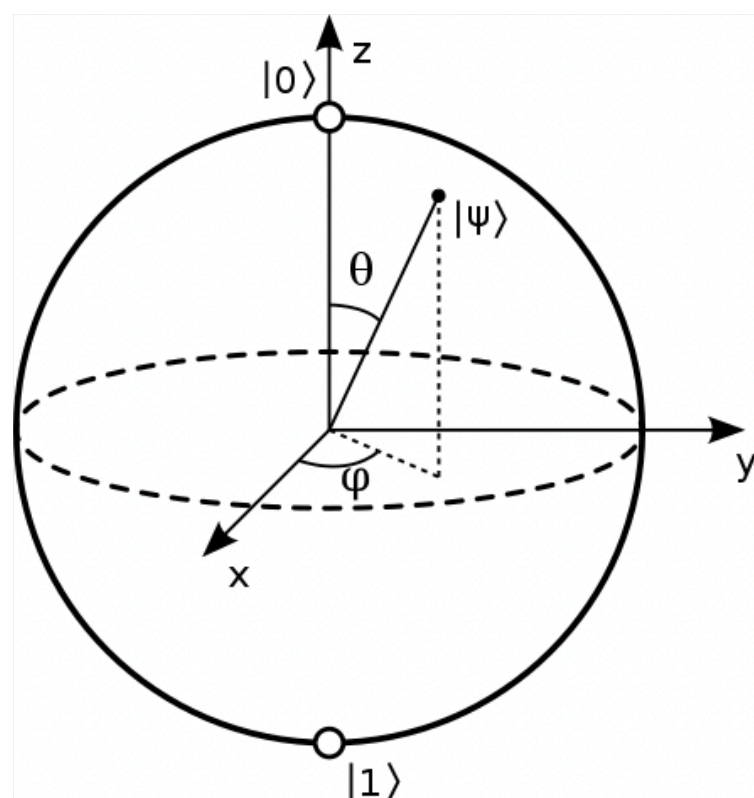
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Elementary units for computing

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- Superconducting circuits, cold atoms, trapped ions, topological qubits
- Digital gate-based computing

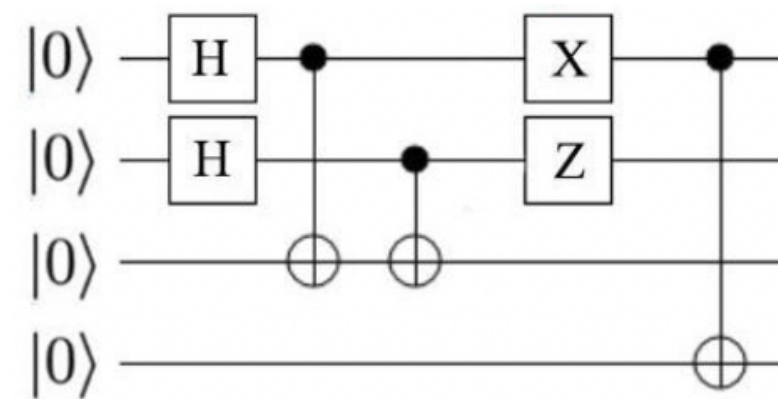
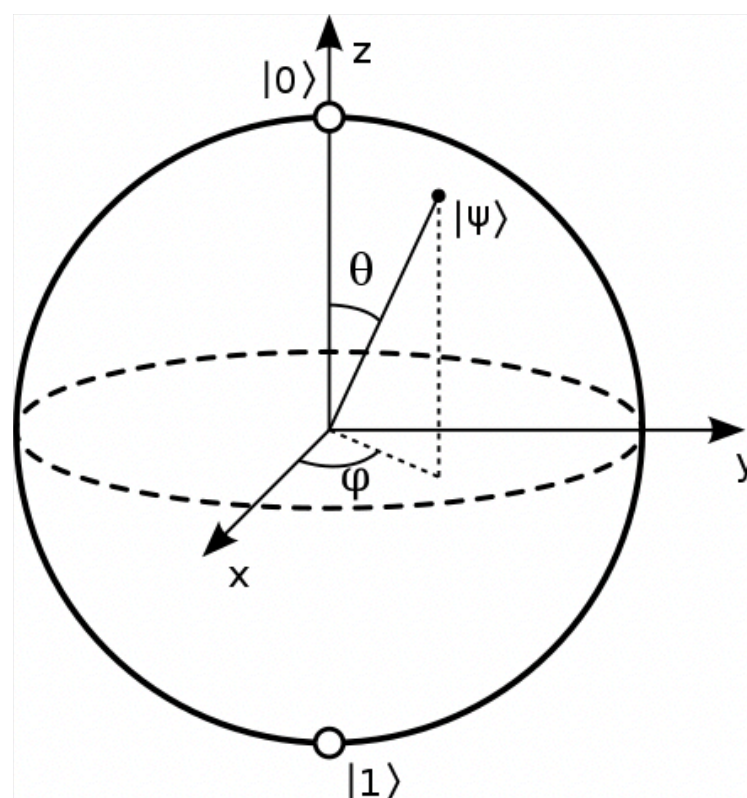


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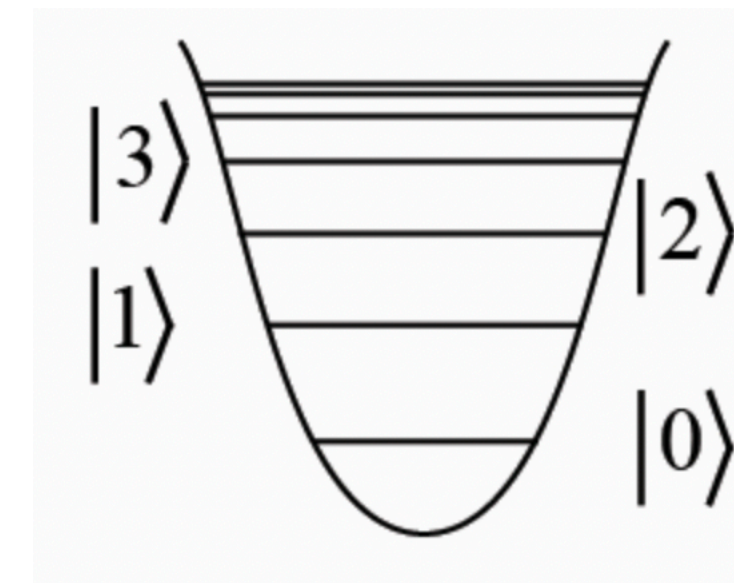
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• Qudits

- Multi-level $d > 2$ computational units
- Gates e.g. X_d , Z_d , $C_2[R_d]$
- Various hardware platforms

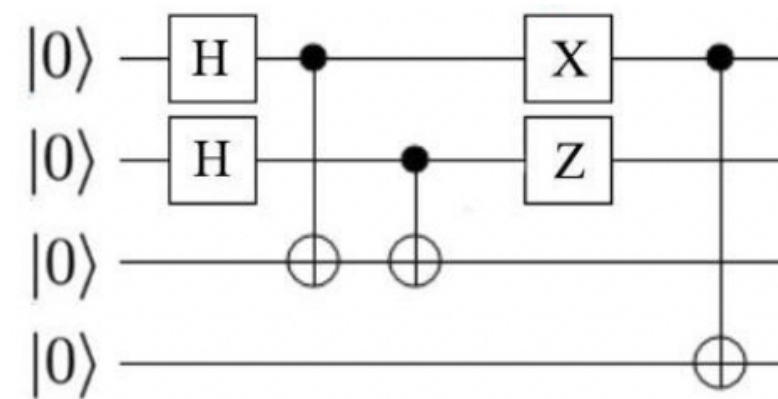
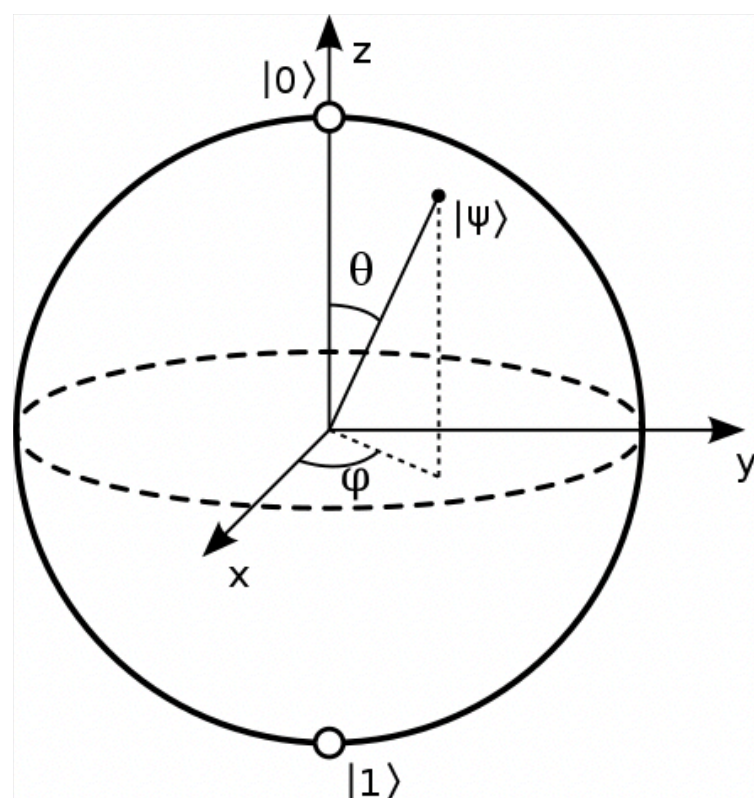


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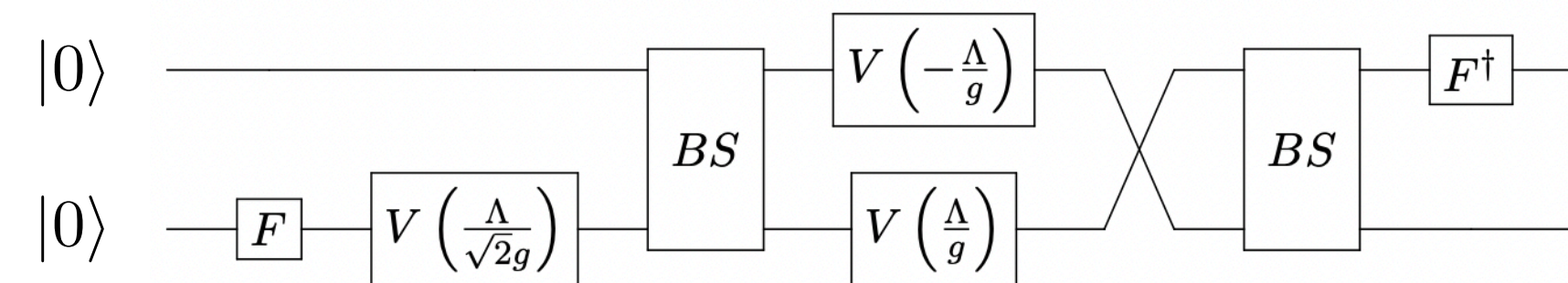
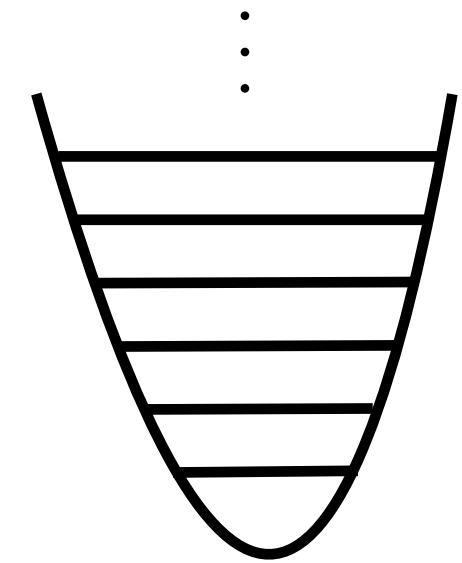
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• Qumodes

- Photonics, trapped ions, superconducting circuits
- Infinite-dimensional Hilbert space
- Gate based but with continuous variables

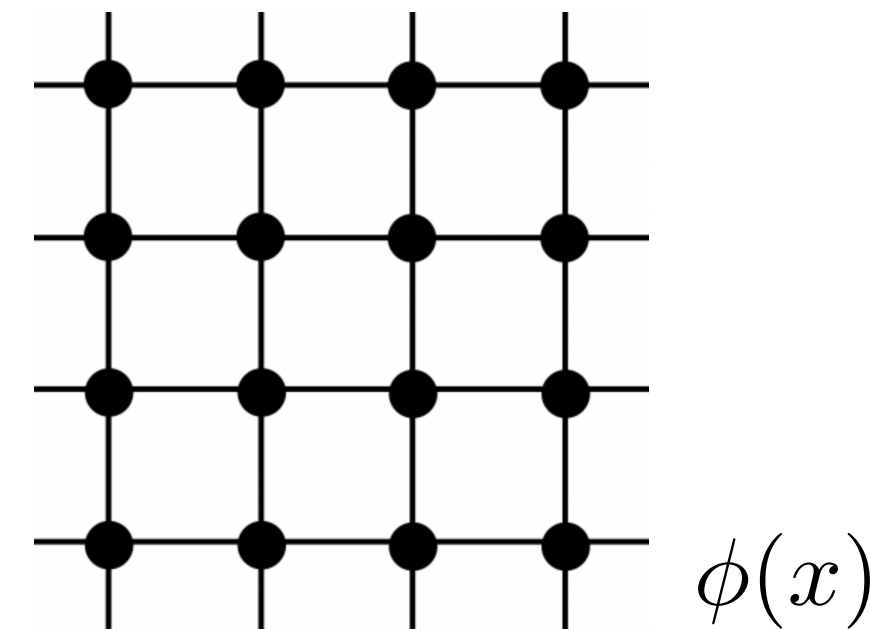


Quantum simulations for collider physics

Kogut, Susskind '70s, Jordan, Lee, Preskill '11-'17

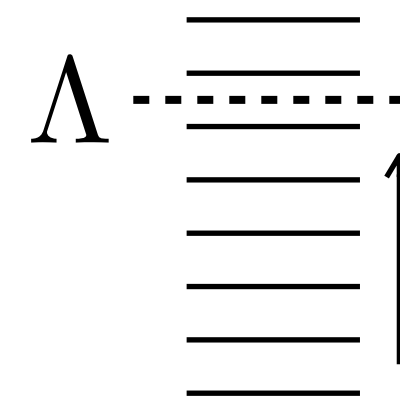
- Use the Hamiltonian formulation instead

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}\pi^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_0^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4$$

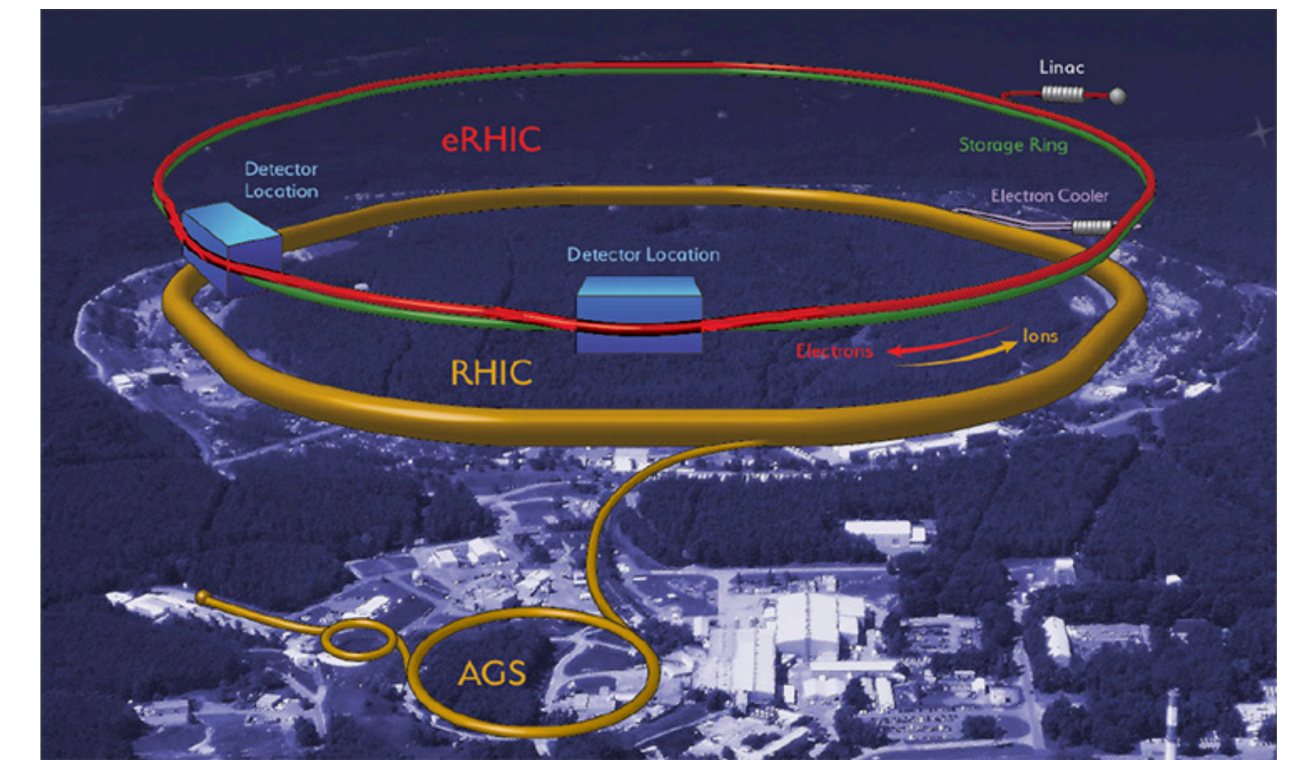


- Discretize spatial component $x = an, \quad n = 0, \dots, L - 1$

- Truncate the local Hilbert space



- Take limits $L, \Lambda \rightarrow \infty, \quad a \rightarrow 0$ + finite volume formalism



Time-dependent n-point correlation functions $\langle \mathcal{O}(t_1)\mathcal{O}(t_2) \rangle$

Toward quantum simulations for QCD

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Develop a hybrid qubit/qumode approach

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{qumode}}^m \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{qubit}}^n$$

Quantum simulations with qumodes

see Lloyd, Braunstein '99

- Bosonic raising/lowering operators \hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger and Fock states

$$|n\rangle = \frac{(a^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle$$

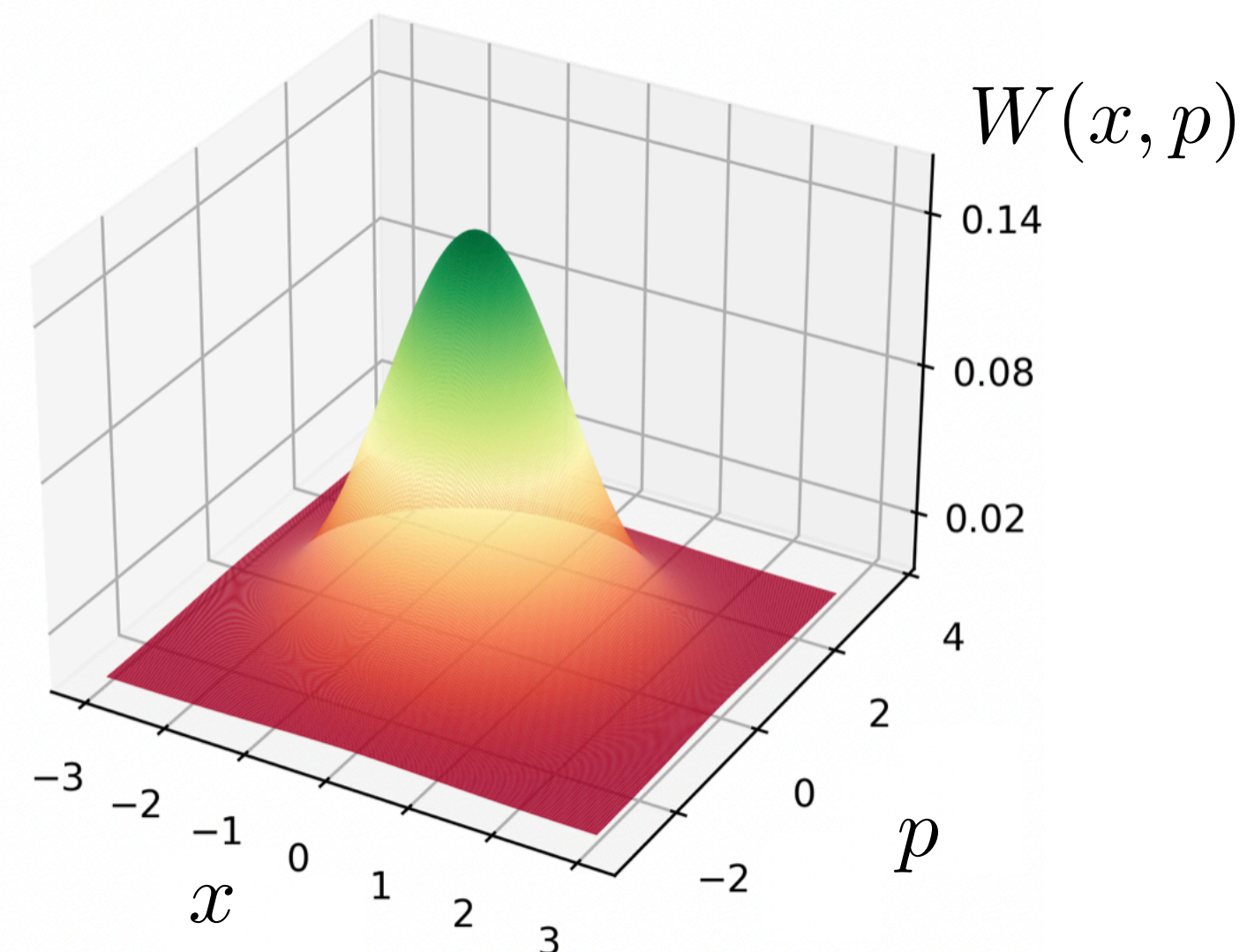
- Quadratures \hat{X}, \hat{P} with $[\hat{X}, \hat{P}] = i\hbar$ and state

$$|\psi\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x) |x\rangle dx$$

- Visualize using Wigner functions

$$W(x, p) = \frac{1}{\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x+y)\psi(x-y)e^{2ipy/\hbar} dy$$

Ground state (in the Fock basis) $|0\rangle$

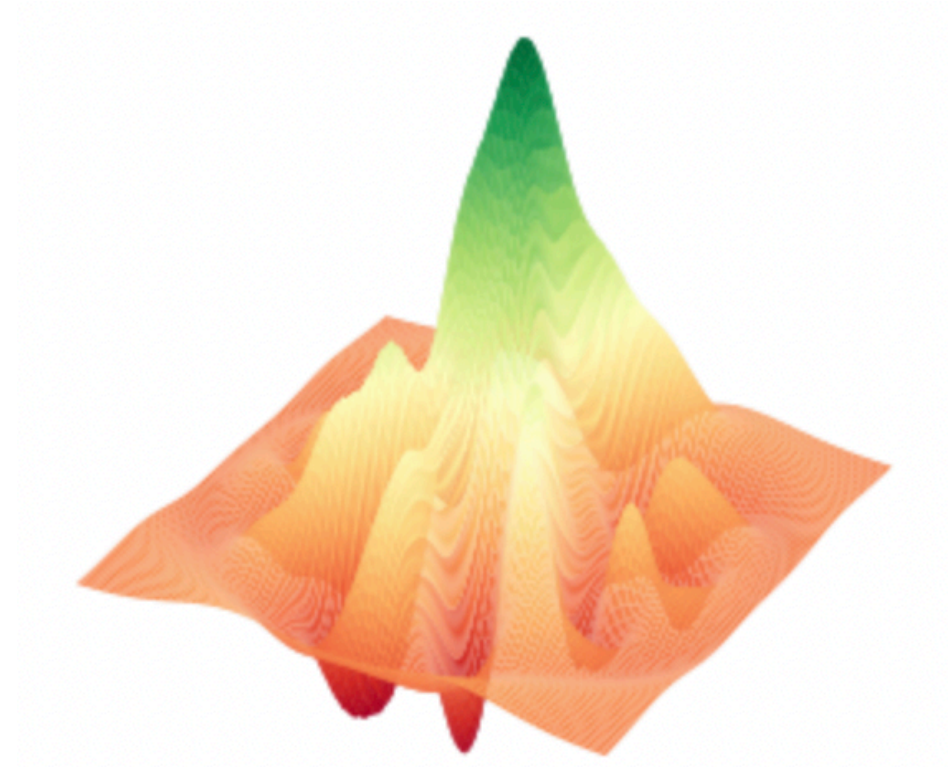
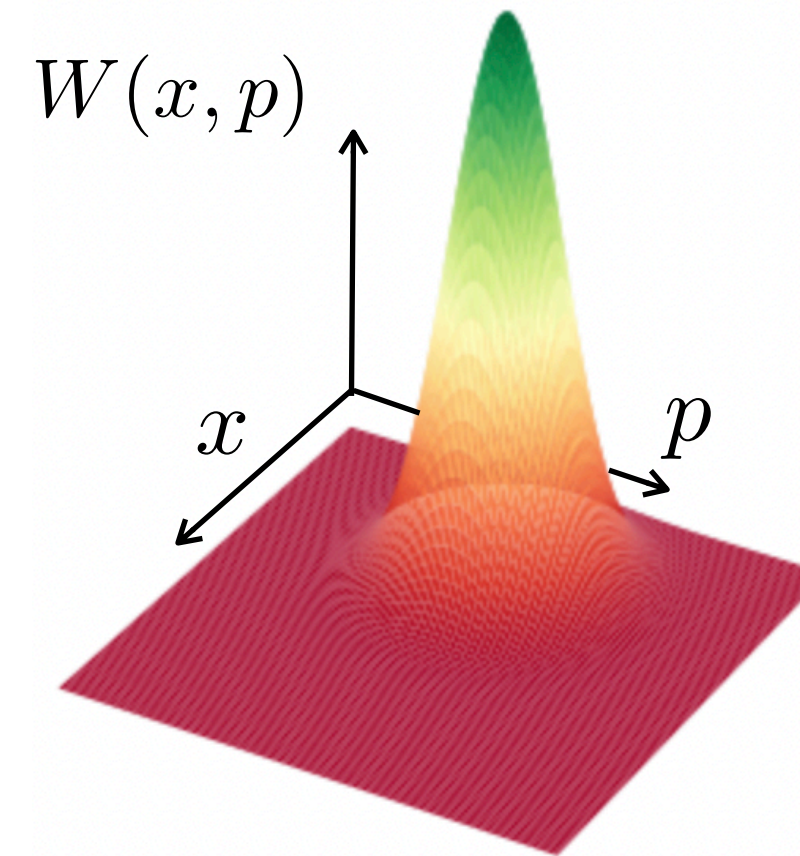


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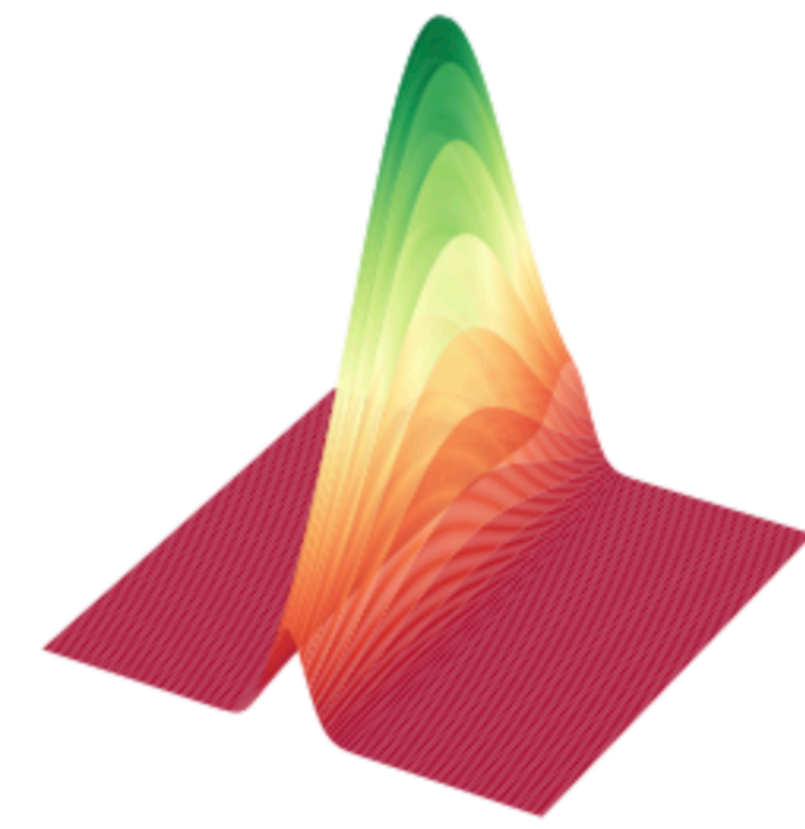
Universal gate set

- Displacement $D(z) = e^{z\hat{a}^\dagger - z^*\hat{a}}$
- Rotation $R(\theta) = e^{i\theta\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}}$
- Two-qumode beam splitter
 $U_{\text{bs}}(z) = e^{z\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger - z^*\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b}}$
 $z = \theta e^{i\phi}$
- Non-Gaussian operations
e.g. Kerr gate



- Squeezing

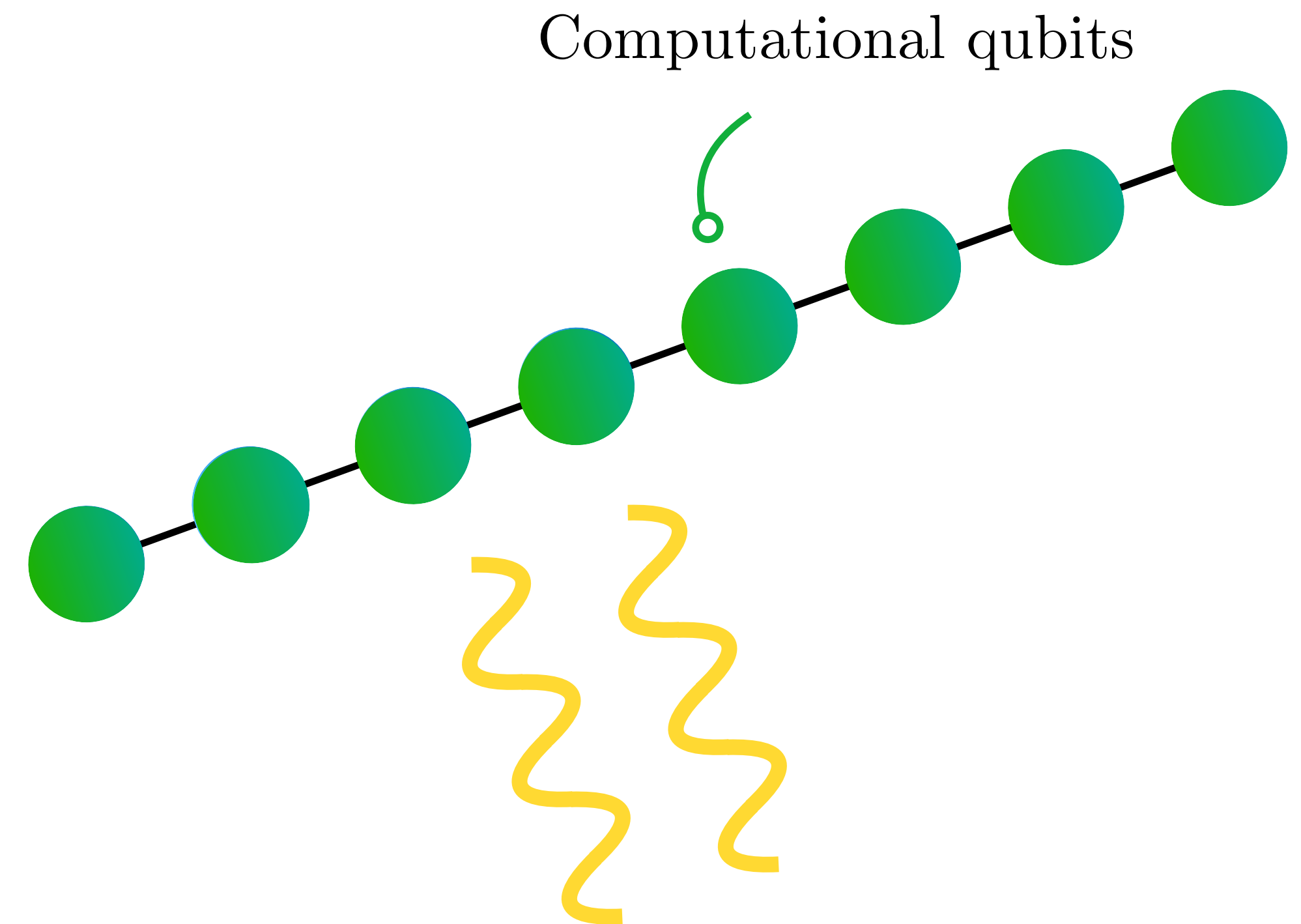
$$S(z) = e^{\frac{1}{2}(z^*\hat{a}^2 - z\hat{a}^{\dagger 2})}$$



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Araz, Grau, Montgomery, FR '24

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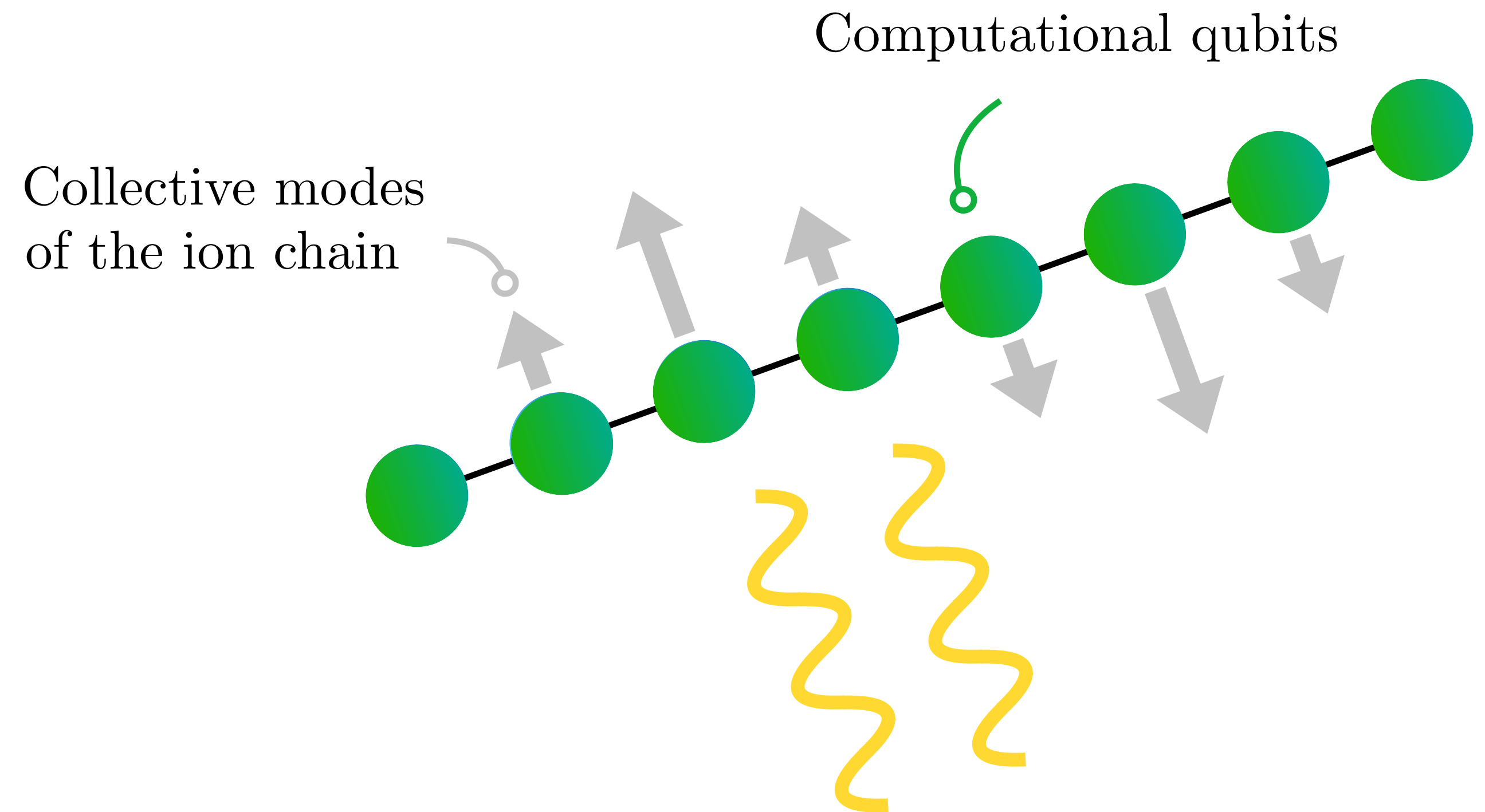


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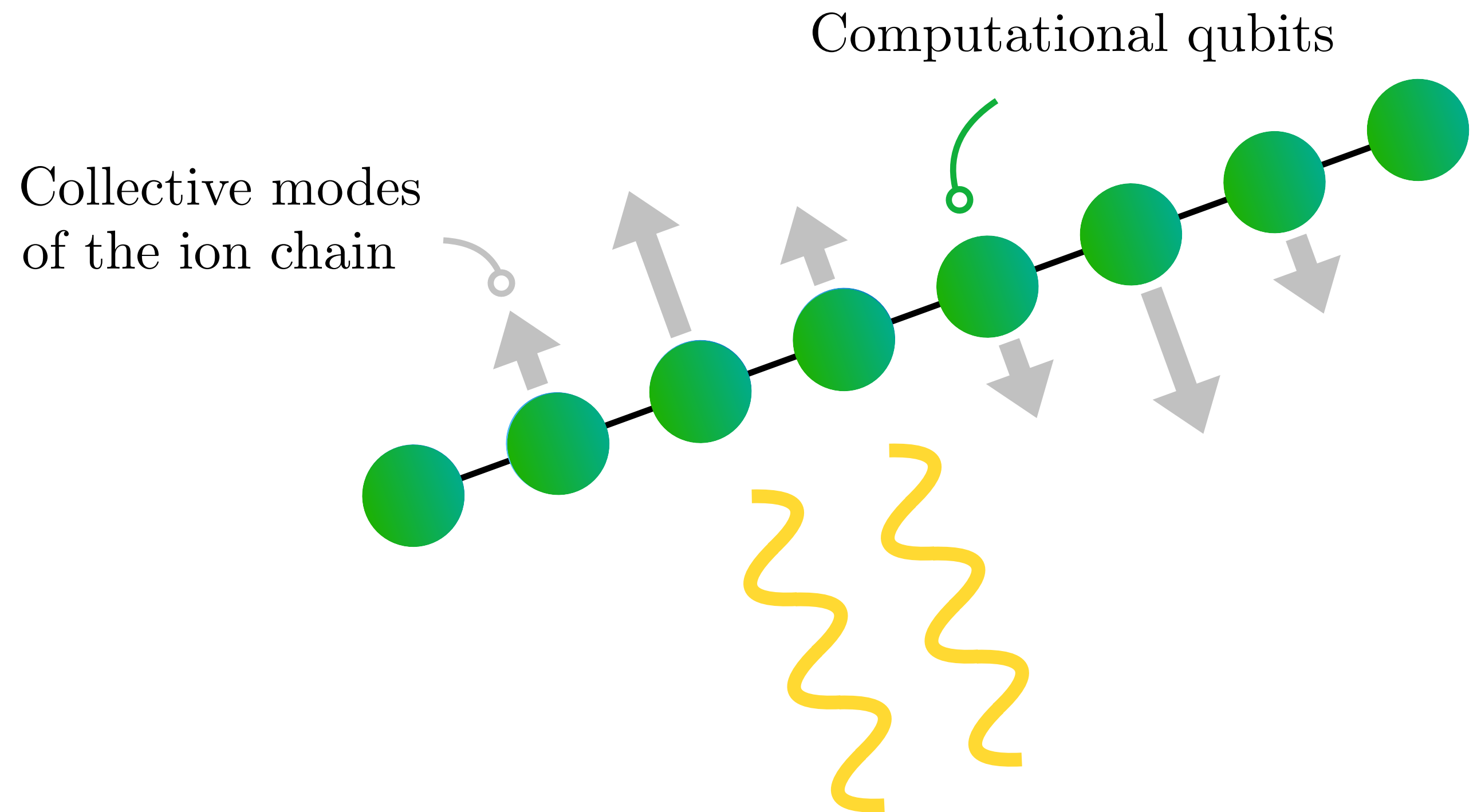


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- Collective modes are more resilient to environmental noise compared to local modes
- N ions \longrightarrow N axial and $2N$ radial modes



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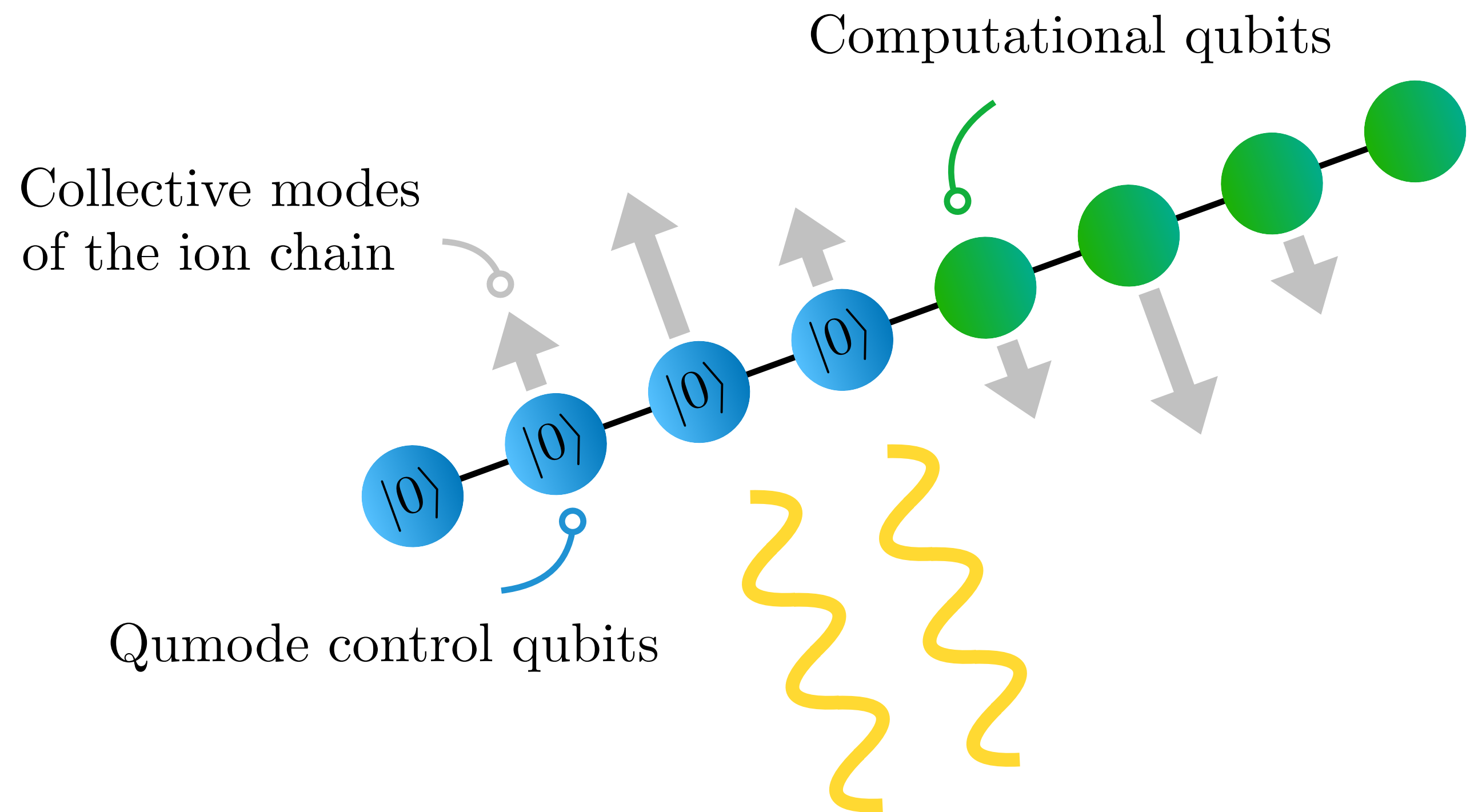
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But keep as many “computational qubits” as possible



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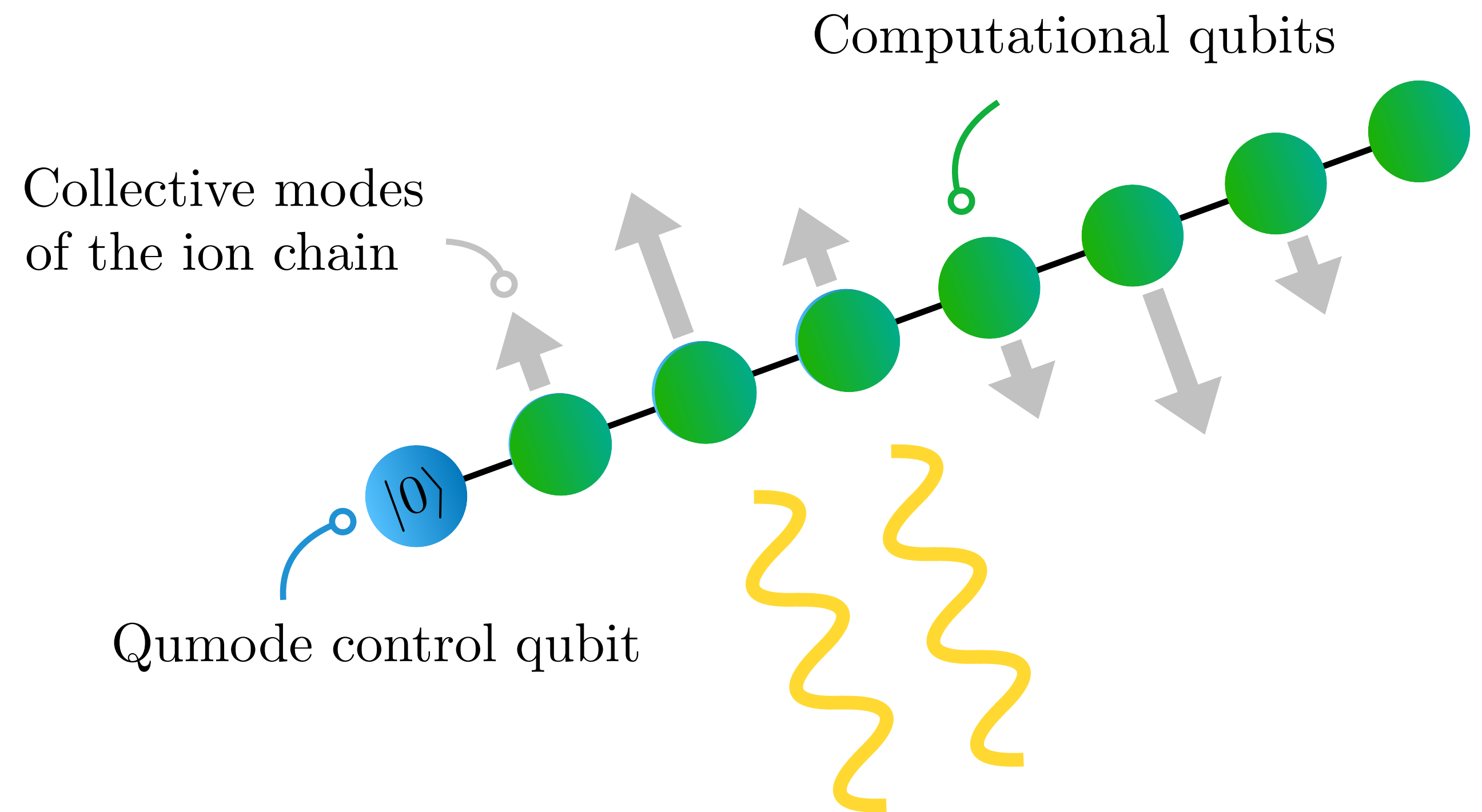
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	Qumode homodyne		\hat{X}, \hat{P}	200 μs	95%*	[102]
	Hybrid		$\sigma^i\hat{X}, \sigma^i\hat{P}$	200 μs^\dagger	95% †	

where $z = \theta e^{i\phi}$

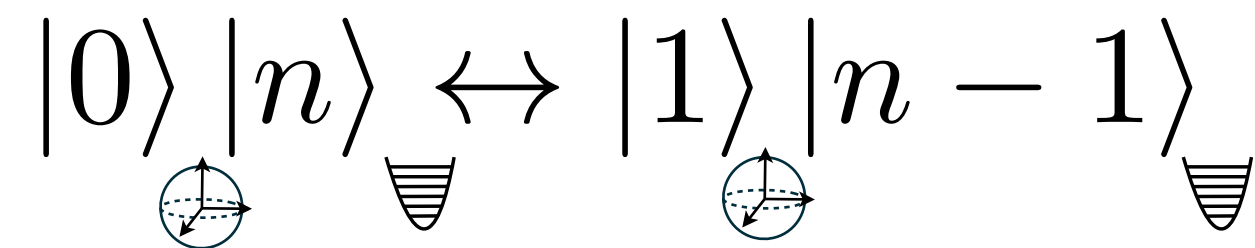
Qubit & qumodes with trapped ions

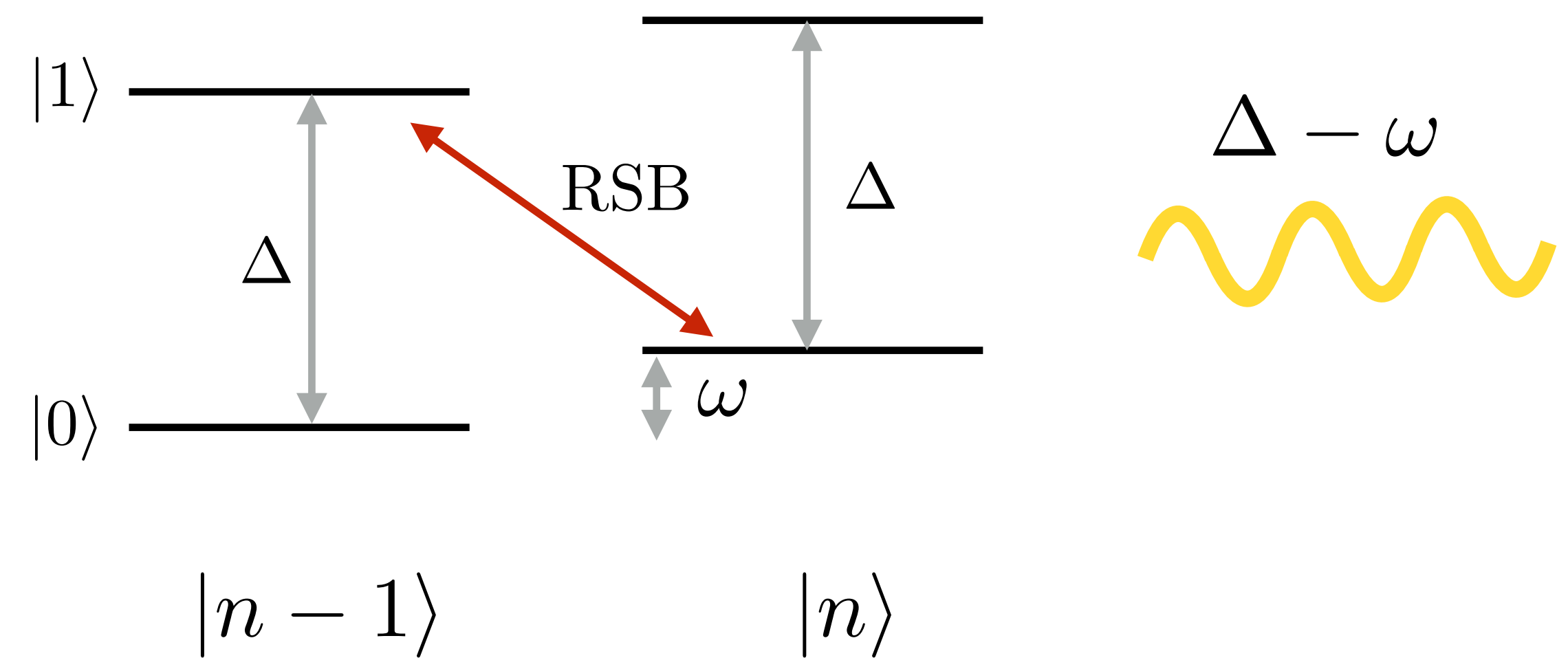
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- Hybrid gate example

Red sideband gate $U_{\text{rsb}}(z) = e^{iz\hat{a}\sigma^+ + iz^*\hat{a}^\dagger\sigma^-}$

Red sideband detuned laser

$$|0\rangle |n\rangle \leftrightarrow |1\rangle |n-1\rangle$$




- Preserves the total number of excitations
- Beam splitter using two detuned red sidebands

Qubit & qumodes with trapped ions

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$^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ ions in a linear Paul trap

Type	Operation	Short	Operator	Estimated gate time	Estimated fidelity	Ref.
Qubit gates	Pauli operators		σ^i	2 μs	99.999%	[92]
	Rotation	$R_i(\theta)$	$e^{i\theta\sigma^i/2}$	2 μs	99.999%	[92]
	Controlled NOT	CNOT	$e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}(\mathbb{I}_1 - \sigma_1^z)(\mathbb{I}_2 - \sigma_2^x)}$	30 μs	99.9%	[93]
Qumode gates	Rotation	$R(\theta)$	$e^{i\theta\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}}$	200 μs^*	99%*	[94]
	Displacement	$D(z)$	$e^{z\hat{a}^\dagger - z^*\hat{a}}$	10 μs	99%	[95]
	Single-mode squeezing	$S(z)$	$e^{(z^*\hat{a}\hat{a} - z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}^\dagger)/2}$	3 μs	98%	[96]
	Beam splitter	$BS(z)$	$e^{z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b} - z^*\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger}$	250 μs	99%	[68]
	Kerr	$K(z)$	$e^{i\theta(\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a})^2}$	10 ms*	95%*	[97]
	Cross-Kerr	$CK(z)$	$e^{i\theta\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger\hat{b}}$	800 μs	97%	[98]
Hybrid gates	Red sideband	$RSB(z)$	$e^{iz\hat{a}\sigma^+ + iz^*\hat{a}^\dagger\sigma^-}$	200 μs	99.9%	[68]
	Blue sideband	$BSB(z)$	$e^{iz\hat{a}^\dagger\sigma^+ + iz^*\hat{a}\sigma^-}$	200 μs	99.9%	[68]
	Controlled rotation	$CR(\theta)$	$e^{i\theta\sigma^z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}}$	200 μs^*	99%*	[13]
	Controlled displacement	$CD(z)$	$e^{\sigma^z(z\hat{a}^\dagger - z^*\hat{a})}$	800 μs	95%*	[99]
	Controlled squeezing	$CS(z)$	$e^{\sigma^z(z^*\hat{a}\hat{a} - z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}^\dagger)/2}$	120 μs^*	99%*	[13]
	Controlled beam splitter	$CBS(z)$	$e^{\sigma^z(z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b} - z^*\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger)}$	250 μs	99%	[68]
Measurements	Qubit Pauli strings		σ^i	145 μs	99.99%	[100]
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Qubit & qumodes with transmons

Liu, Singh, Smith et al. '24
Crane, Smith, Tomesh et al. '24

Native transmon gates

Gate Name	Gate Operation
Mode gates	
$R_i(\theta)$	$\exp(-i\theta\hat{n}_i)$
$D_i(\alpha)$	$\exp(\alpha\hat{a}_i^\dagger - \alpha^*\hat{a}_i)$
$BS_{i,j}(\varphi, \theta)$	$\exp(-i\theta(e^{i\varphi}\hat{a}_i^\dagger\hat{a}_j + e^{-i\varphi}\hat{a}_i\hat{a}_j^\dagger))$
Transmon gates	
$R_i^z(\theta)$	$\exp(-i\frac{\theta}{2}\hat{Z}_i)$
$R_i^\varphi(\theta)$	$\exp(-i\frac{\theta}{2}\hat{\sigma}_i^\varphi)$ $\hat{\sigma}_i^\varphi = \hat{X}_i \cos \varphi + \hat{Y}_i \sin \varphi$
Transmon-Mode gates	
$CR_{i,j}(\theta)$	$\exp(-i\frac{\theta}{2}\hat{Z}_i\hat{n}_j)$
$C\Pi_{i,j}$	$\exp(-i\frac{\pi}{2}\hat{Z}_i\hat{n}_j)$
$CD_{i,j}(\alpha)$	$\exp(\hat{Z}_i(\alpha\hat{a}_j^\dagger - \alpha^*\hat{a}_j))$
$SNAP_{i,j}(\vec{\theta})$	$\exp(-i\hat{Z}_i \sum_n \theta_n n\rangle \langle n _j)$
$SQR_{i,j}(\vec{\theta}, \vec{\varphi})$	$\sum_n R_i^{\varphi_n}(\theta_n) \otimes n\rangle \langle n _j$

- Different native gate set
- Connectivity
- Coherence times

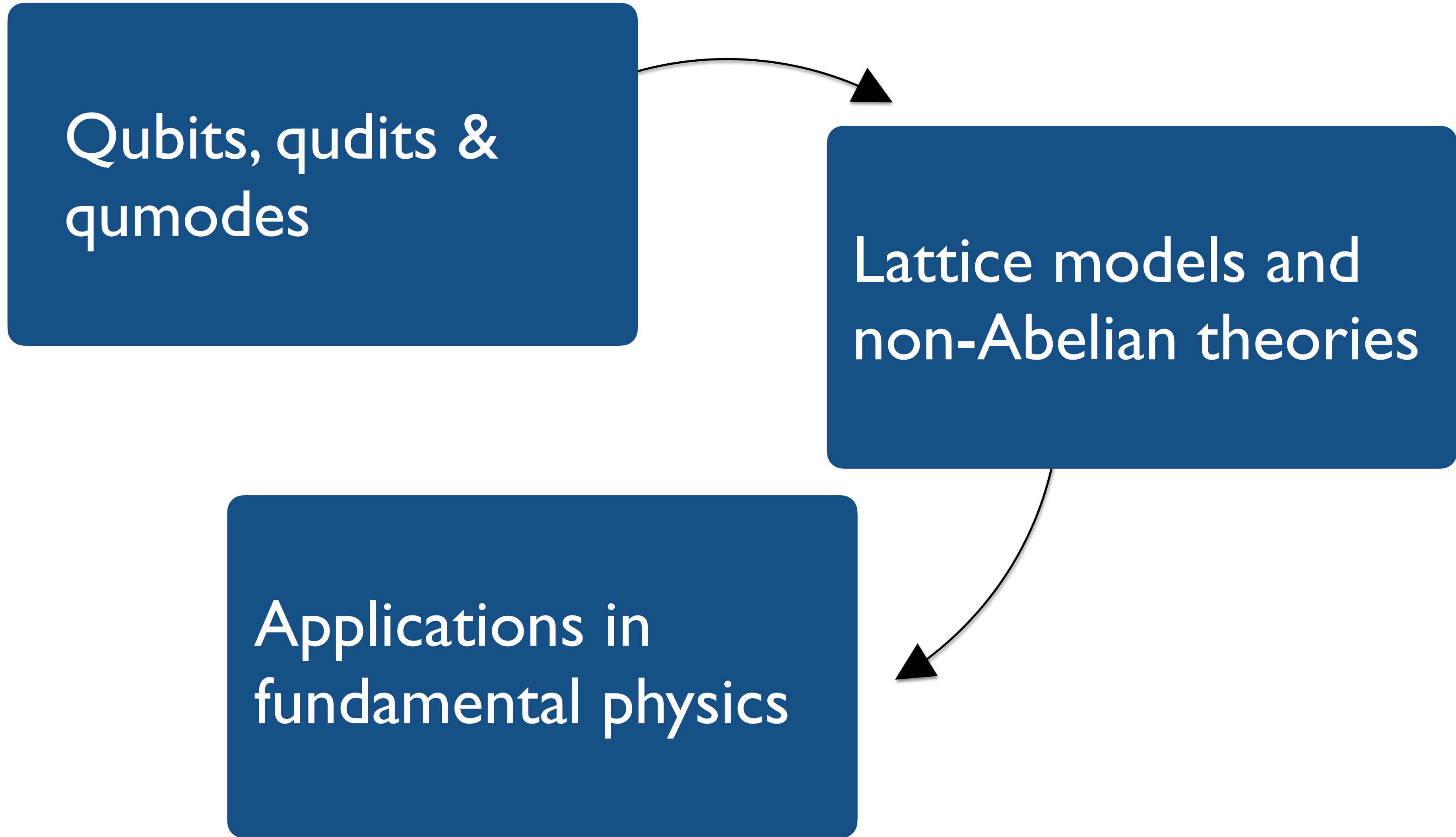
Trapped ions:

Qubits $\mathcal{O}(s)$, qumodes $\mathcal{O}(ms)$

Transmons:

Qubits $\mathcal{O}(ms)$, qumodes $\mathcal{O}(s)$

Outline



The many-body Jaynes-Cummings model

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- 1-dimensional Hamiltonian with N lattice sites

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_c a_n^\dagger a_n \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{N qumodes}$$

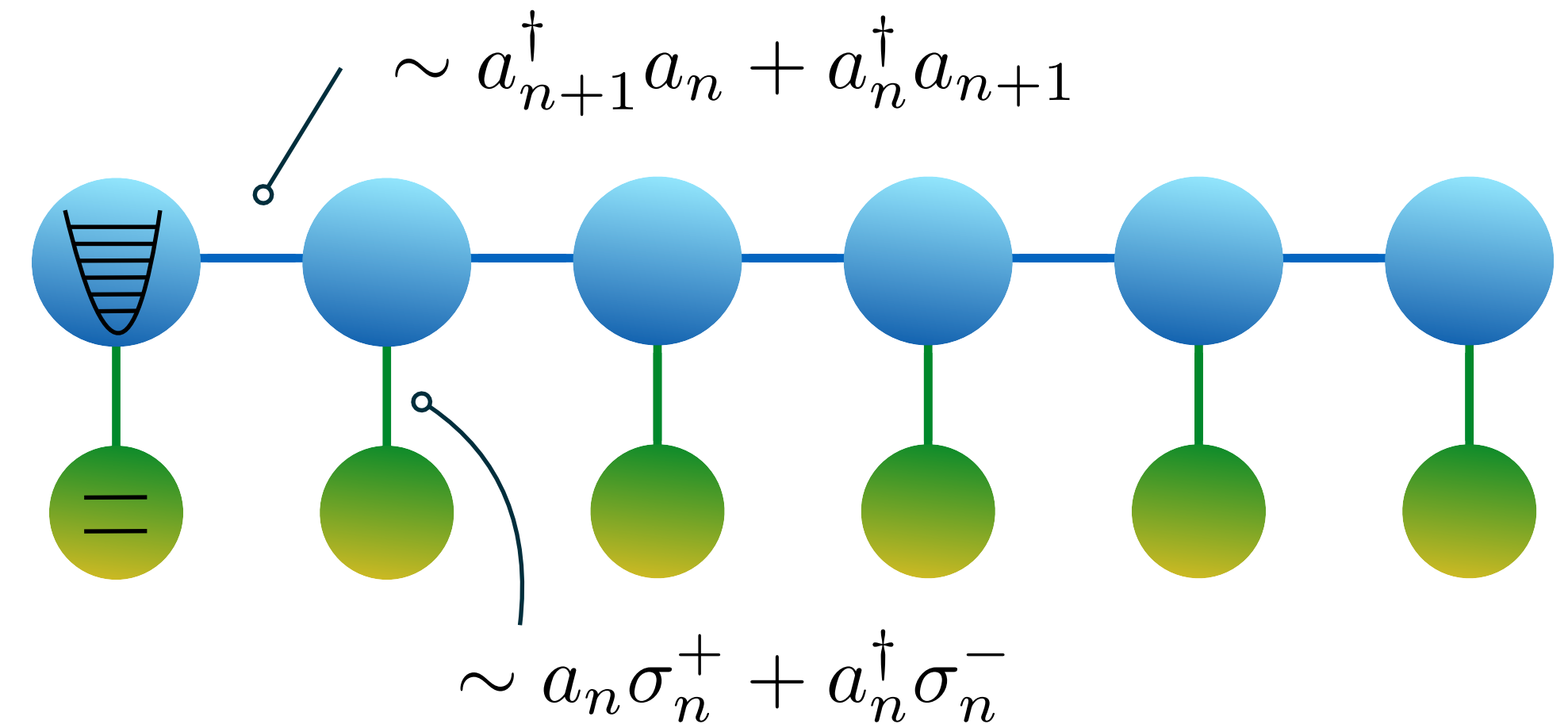
$$+ \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_a \sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^- \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{N qubits}$$

$$+ \kappa \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_{n+1}^\dagger a_n + a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} \right) \quad \longrightarrow$$

Qumode nearest-neighbor hopping

$$+ \eta \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_n \sigma_n^+ + a_n^\dagger \sigma_n^- \right) \quad \longrightarrow$$

Onsite qumode-qubit interaction



Qumodes
Qubits

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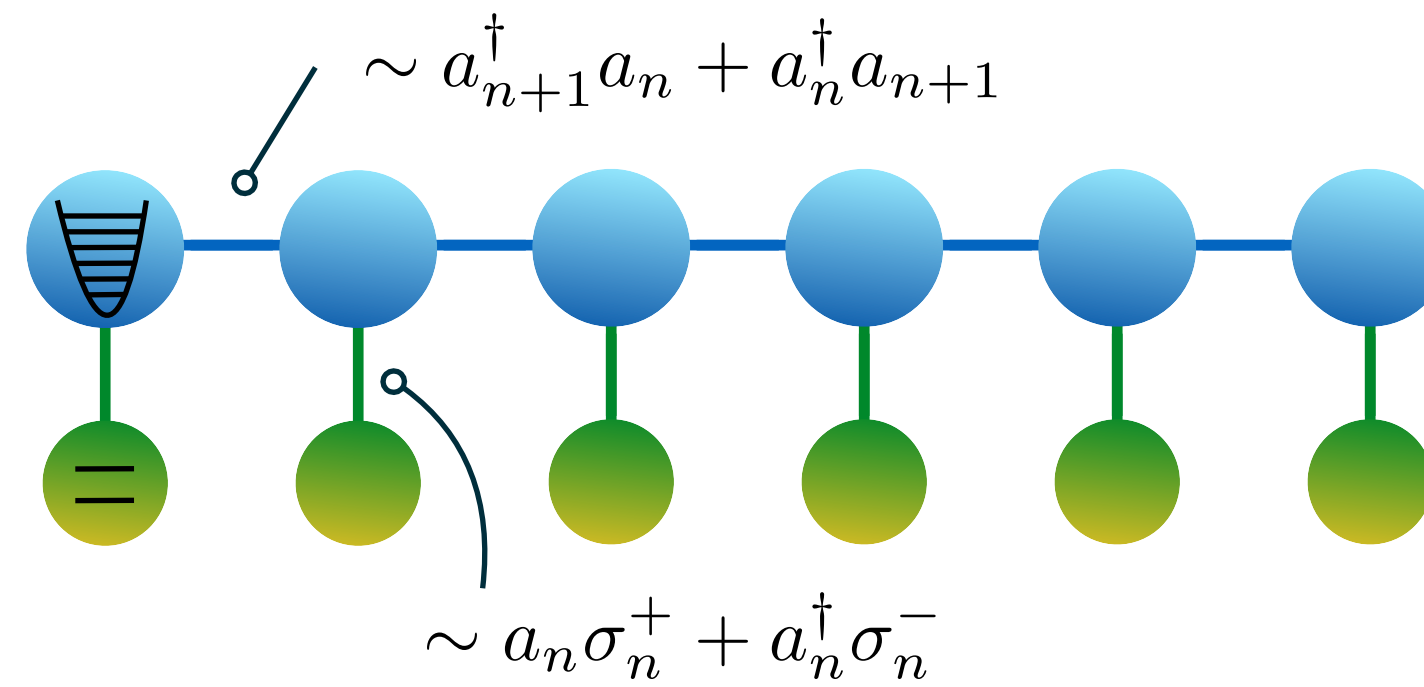
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$$+ \eta \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_n \sigma_n^+ + a_n^\dagger \sigma_n^- \right)$$



- The total number of excitations is conserved

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{N}_{\text{tot}}] = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{N}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n^\dagger a_n + \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^-$$

- Related to the Schwinger model,
U(1) gauge theory + fermions

The many-body Jaynes-Cummings model

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- Real-time evolution

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_c a_n^\dagger a_n$$



Qumode rotation

$$+ \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_a \sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^-$$



Qubit $\sim \mathbb{I} + \sigma_z$

$$+ \kappa \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_{n+1}^\dagger a_n + a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} \right)$$



Qumode beam splitter

$$+ \eta \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_n \sigma_n^+ + a_n^\dagger \sigma_n^- \right)$$



Red sideband

Trotter decomposition

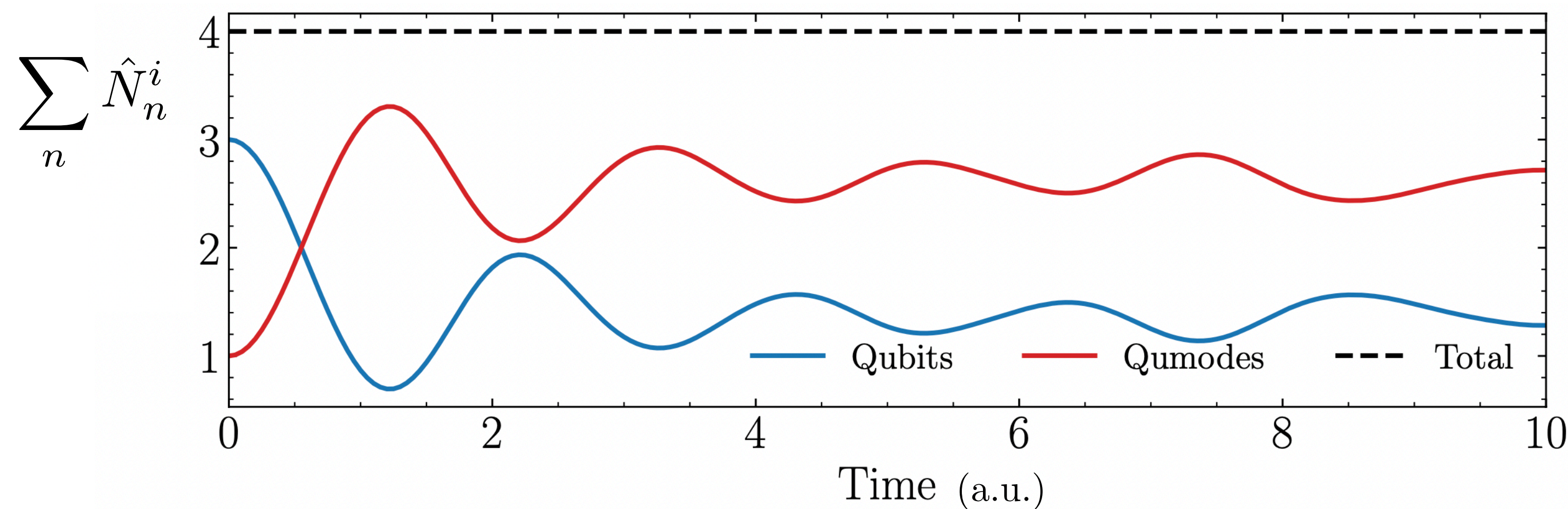
$$U_1(t) = \prod_j e^{-iH_j t}$$

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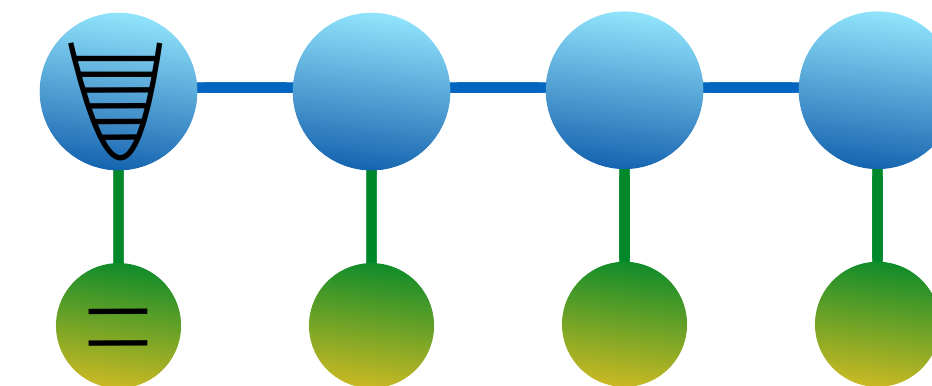
- Real-time evolution

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_c a_n^\dagger a_n + \sum_{n=1}^N \omega_a \sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^- + \kappa \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_{n+1}^\dagger a_n + a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} \right) + \eta \sum_{n=1}^N \left(a_n \sigma_n^+ + a_n^\dagger \sigma_n^- \right)$$



← As expected for

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{N}_{\text{tot}}] = 0$$



- Open boundary conditions

- 4 sites and qumodes truncated to 4 levels for the classical simulation

The many-body Jaynes-Cummings model

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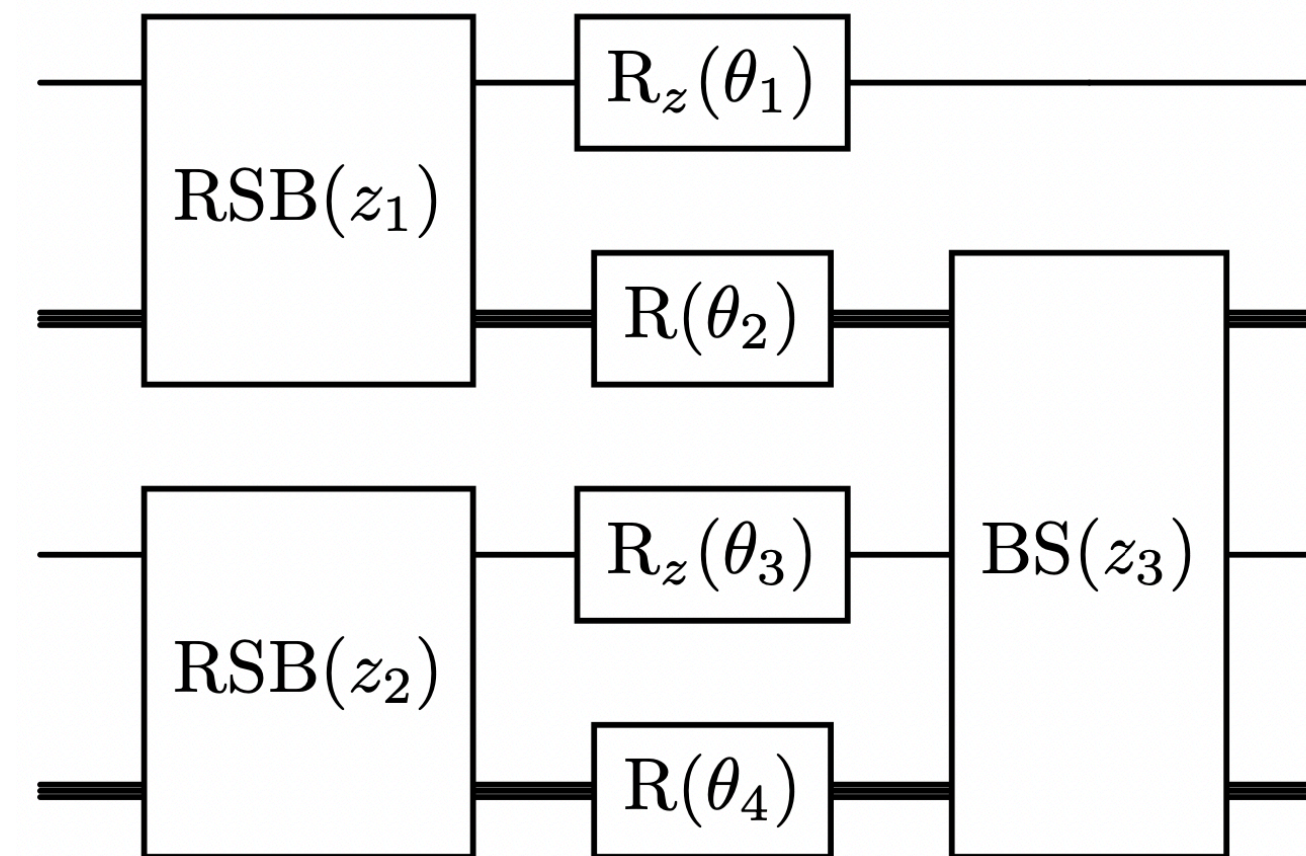
- Ground state preparation

- Hamiltonian-based VQA

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Qubit

Qumode



1 layer with non-Gaussian red sideband gate

cf. Lloyd et al. '18, Siopsis et al. '23

The many-body Jaynes-Cummings model

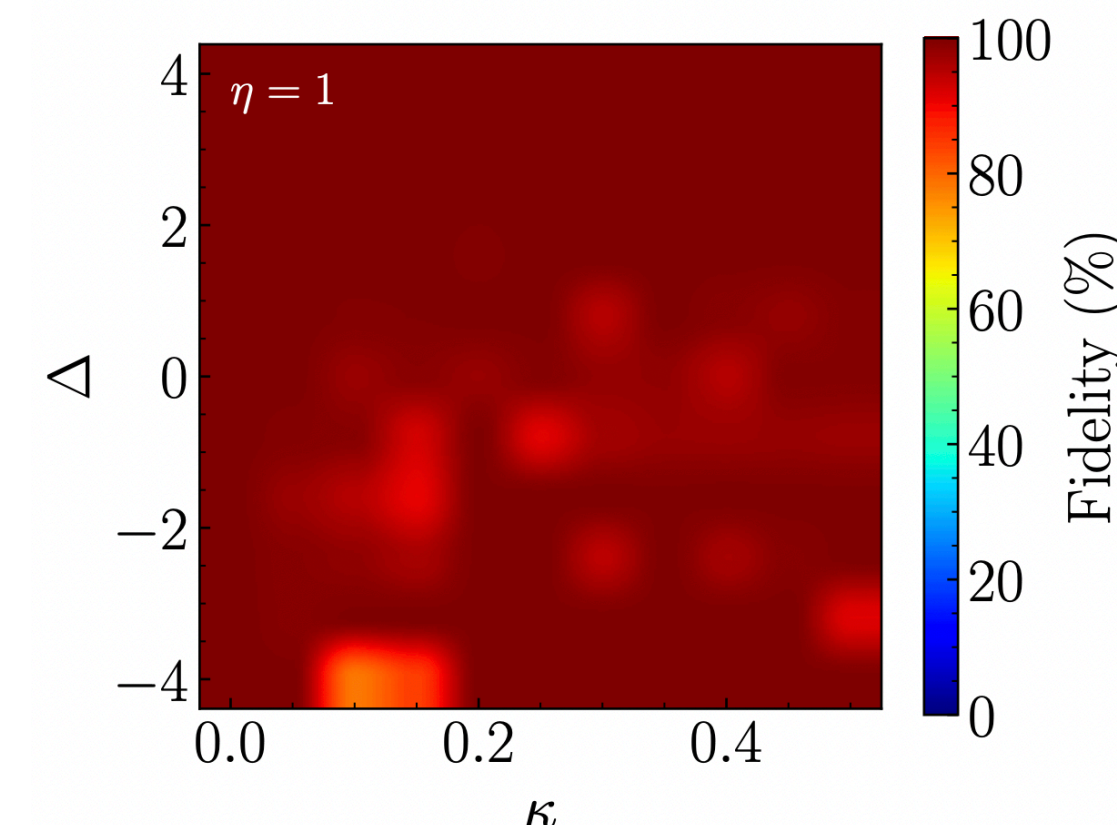
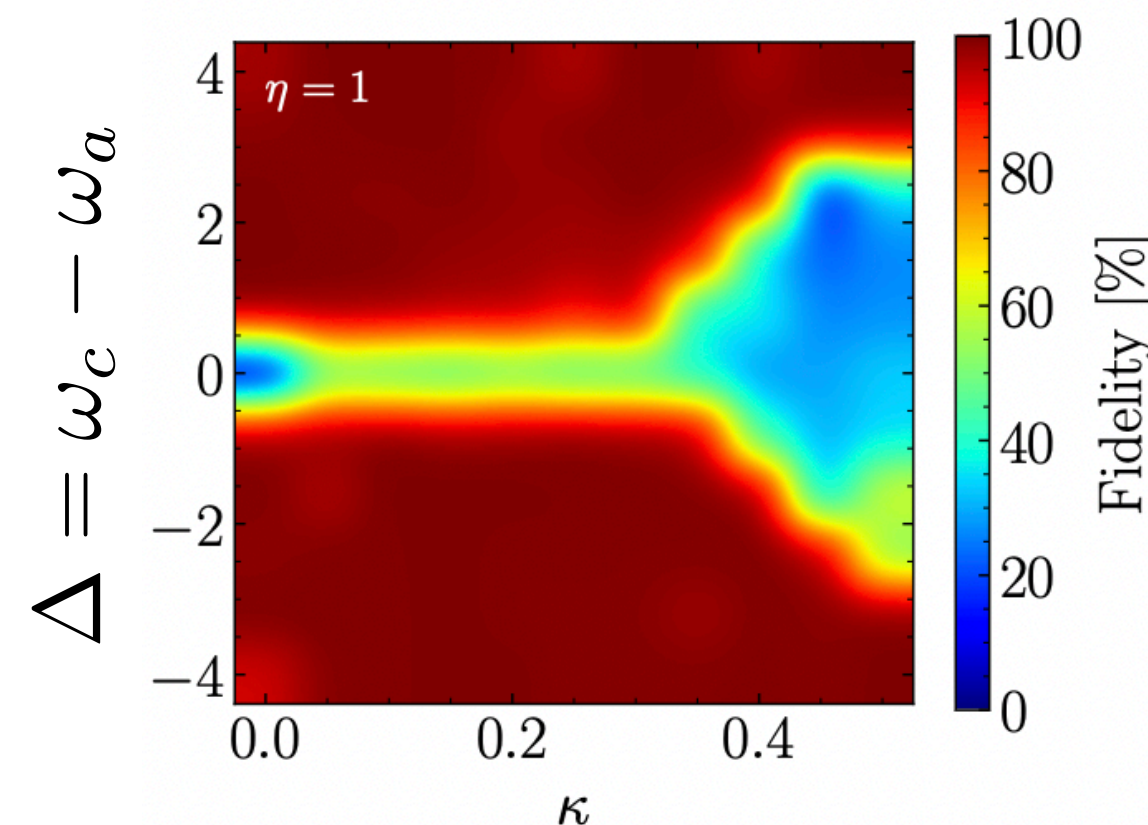
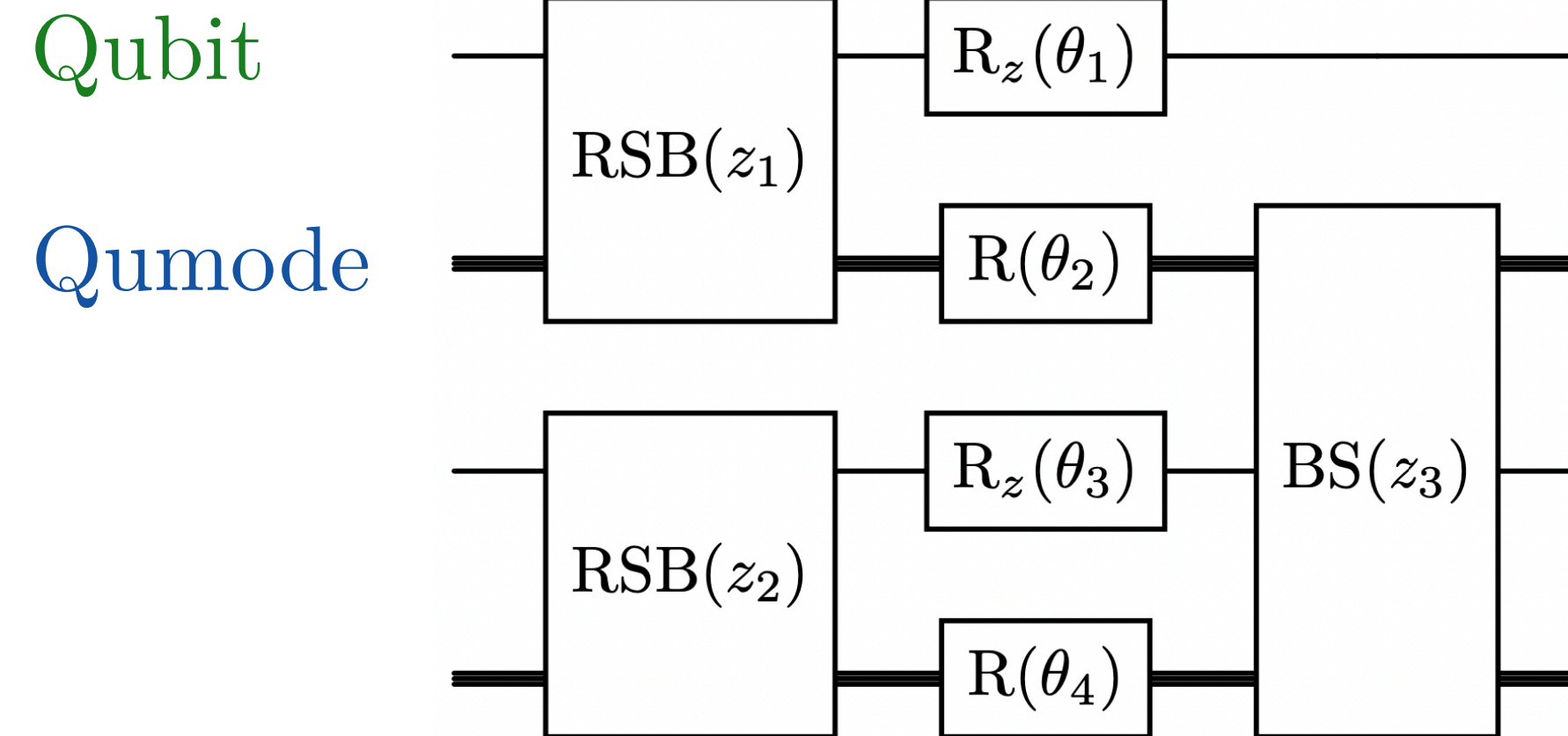
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cf. Lloyd et al. '18, Siopsis et al. '23



Fixed vs.
variable $\langle N_{\text{tot}} \rangle$

$$|\langle \psi_{\text{VQA}} | \psi \rangle|^2$$

Qumodes and the $O(3)$ model

Jha, FR, Siopsis, Thompson '23

- Hamiltonian 1+1d

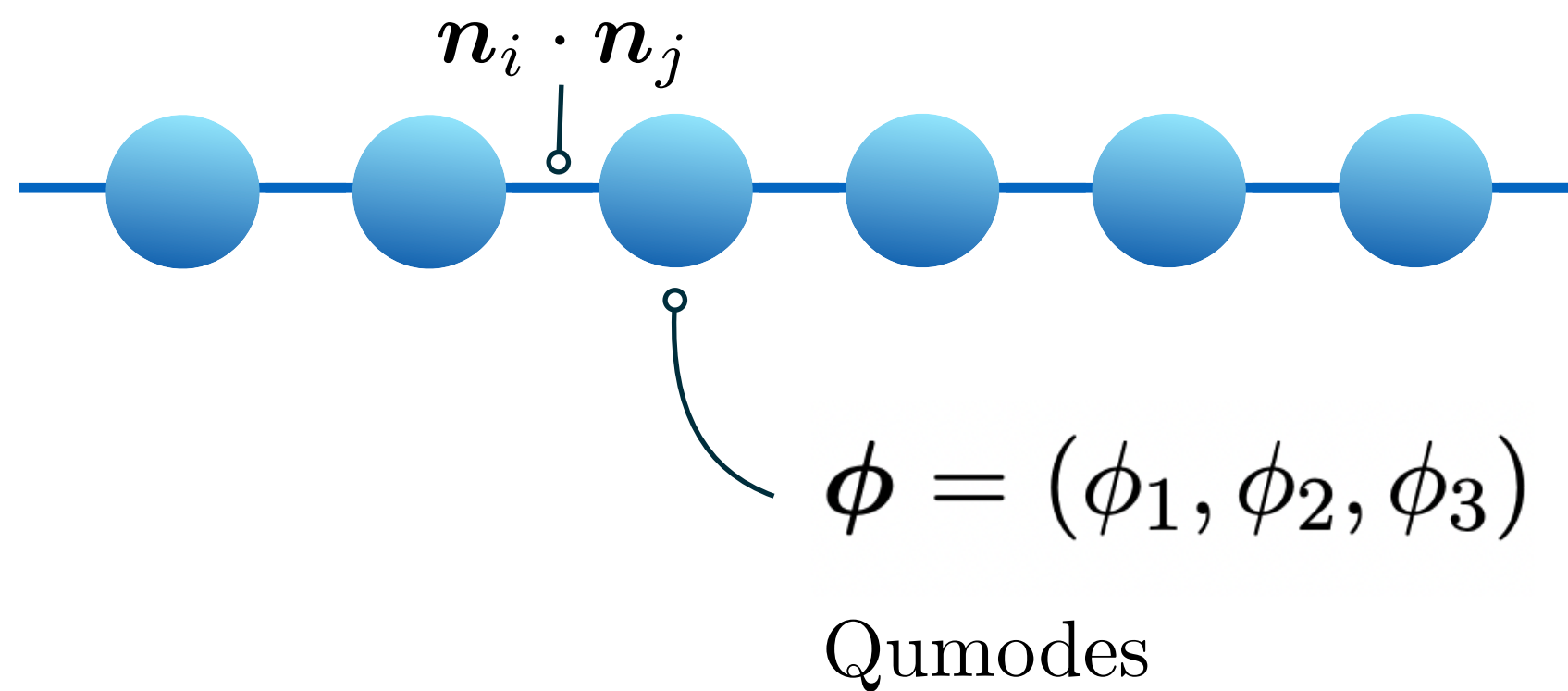
Angular momentum

Global non-abelian symmetry

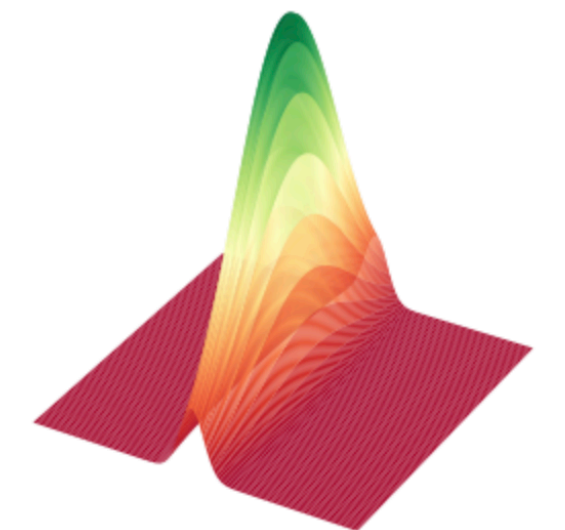
$$H = \frac{1}{2g^2} \sum_i L_i^2 - g^2 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{n}_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_j$$

Unit 3-vectors at sites i,j

- The fields are treated as continuous variables



Introduce 3 qumodes per lattice site and enforce $\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 = 1$



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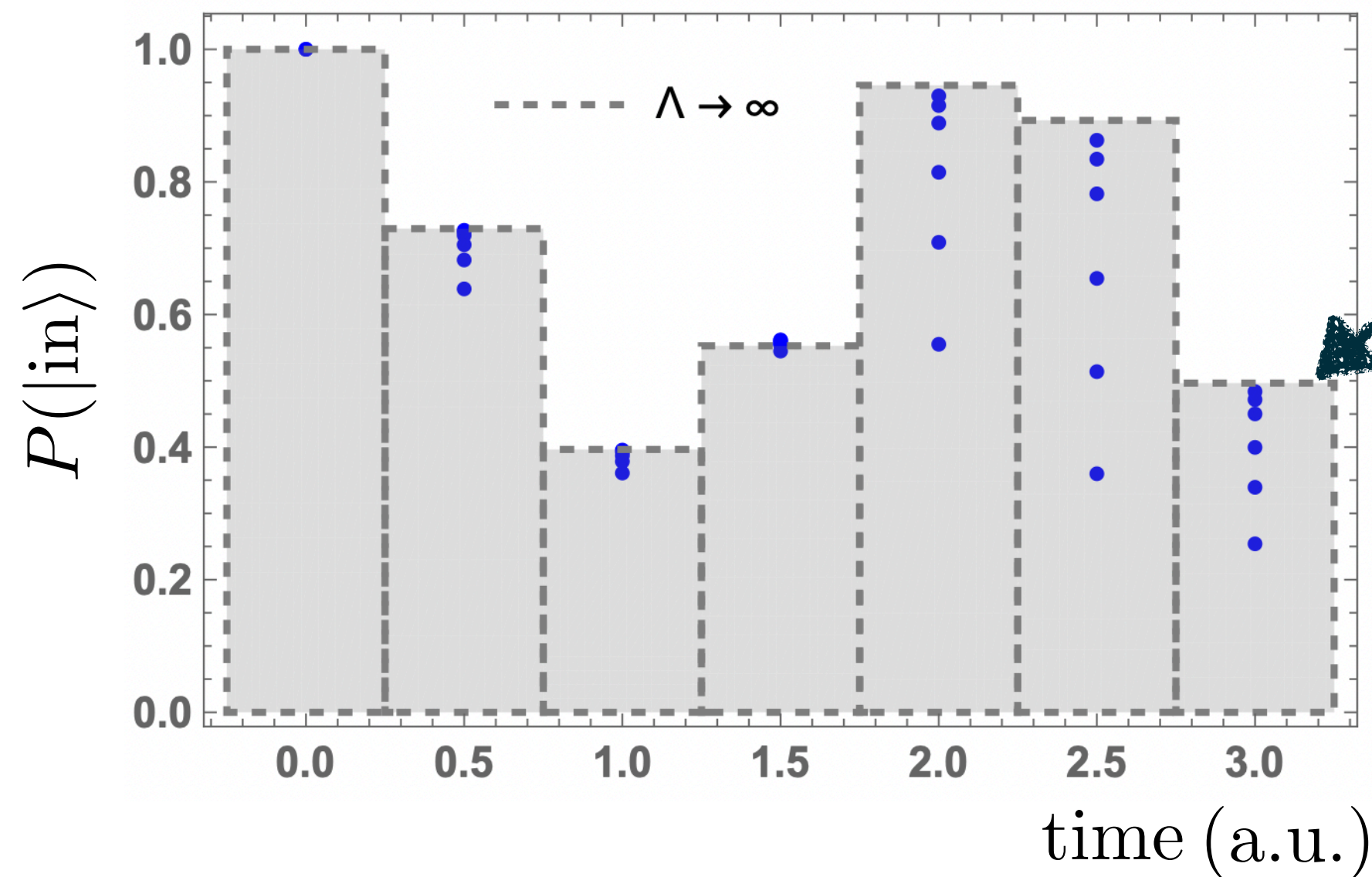
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- Real-time evolution



Infinite squeezing limit

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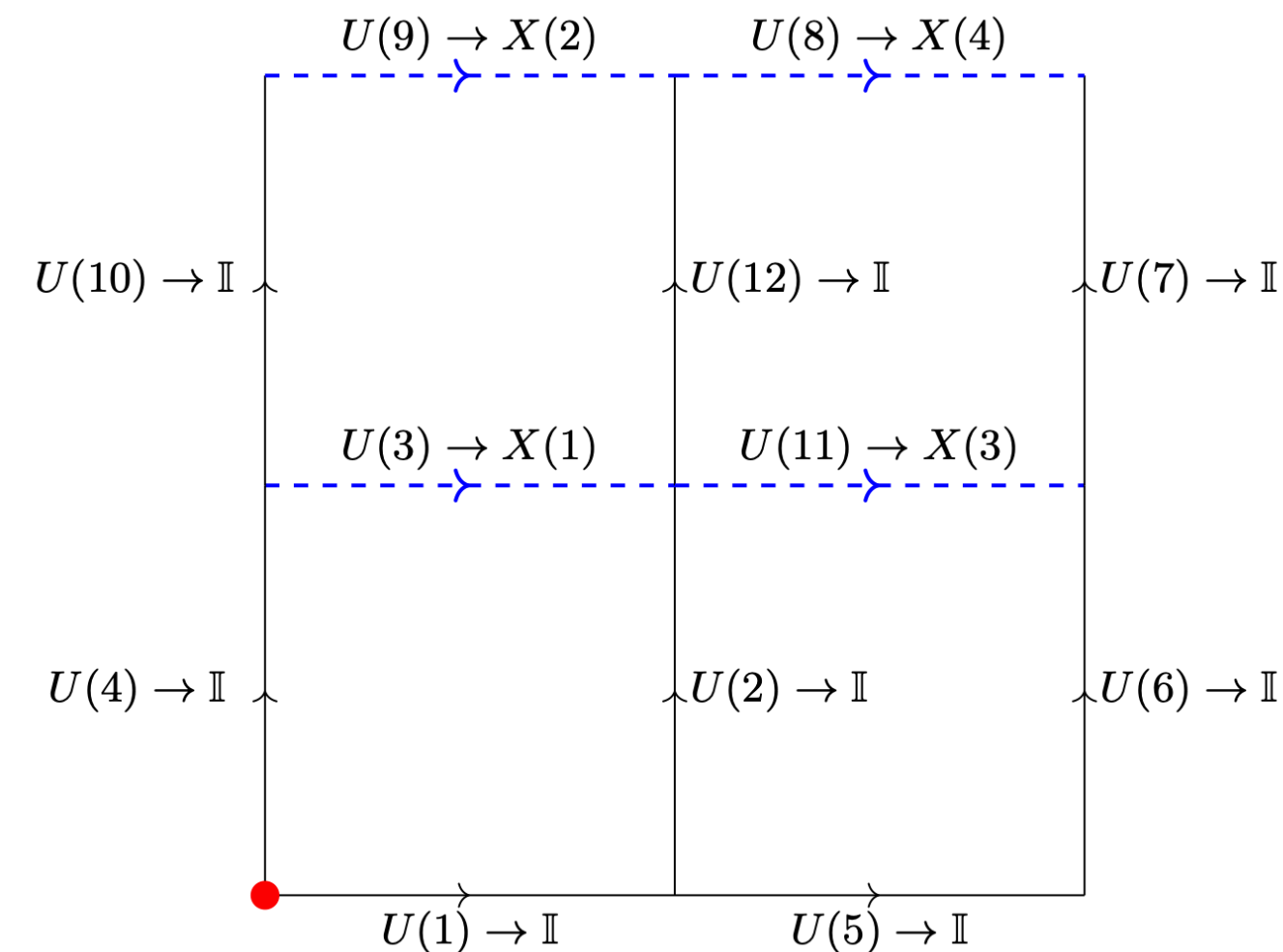
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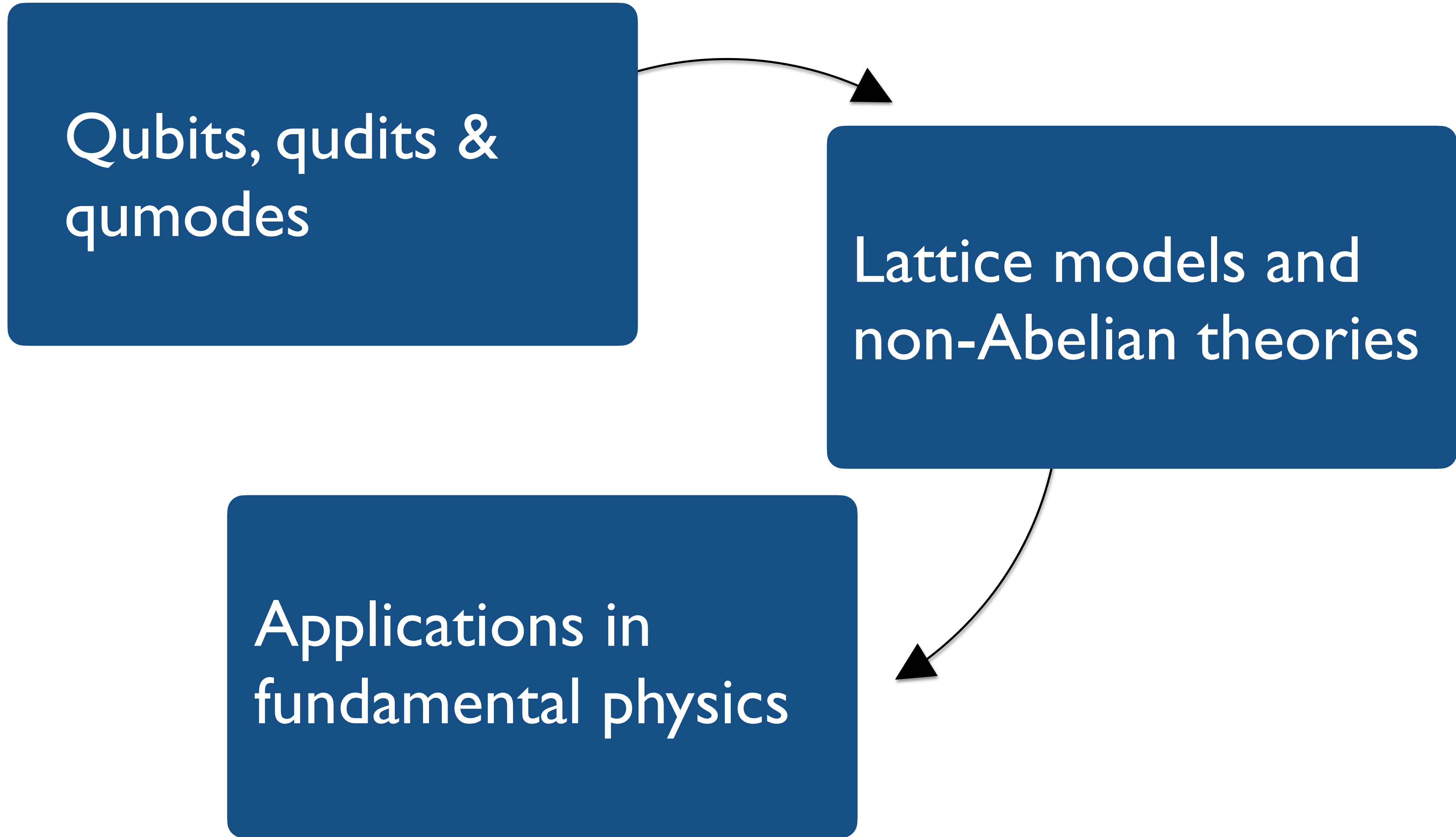
- Extension to SU(2) gauge theories



Ale, Bauer, Jha, FR, Siopsis, Thompson '24

Alternatively Schwinger-boson formulation

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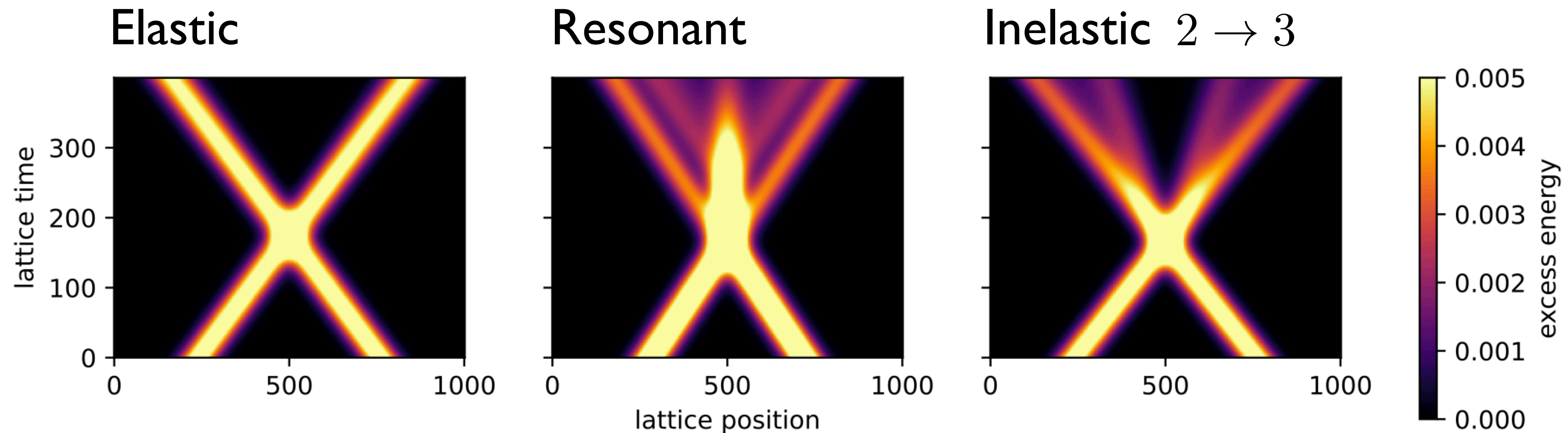
Applications in fundamental physics

Jha, Milsted, Neuenfeld, Preskill, Vieira '24
see also e.g. *Savage et al., Davoudi et al.*

- Full scattering process

$$|p_1, p_2\rangle_{\text{in}} = S_{11 \rightarrow 11}(E; \eta) |p_1, p_2\rangle_{\text{out}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \int d\text{PS}_i S_{11 \rightarrow X_n}(p_1, p_2, q_1, \dots, q_n; \eta) |q_1, \dots, q_n\rangle_{\text{out}}$$

- Tensor network simulations for Ising Field Theory in 1+1d with up to 2000 sites



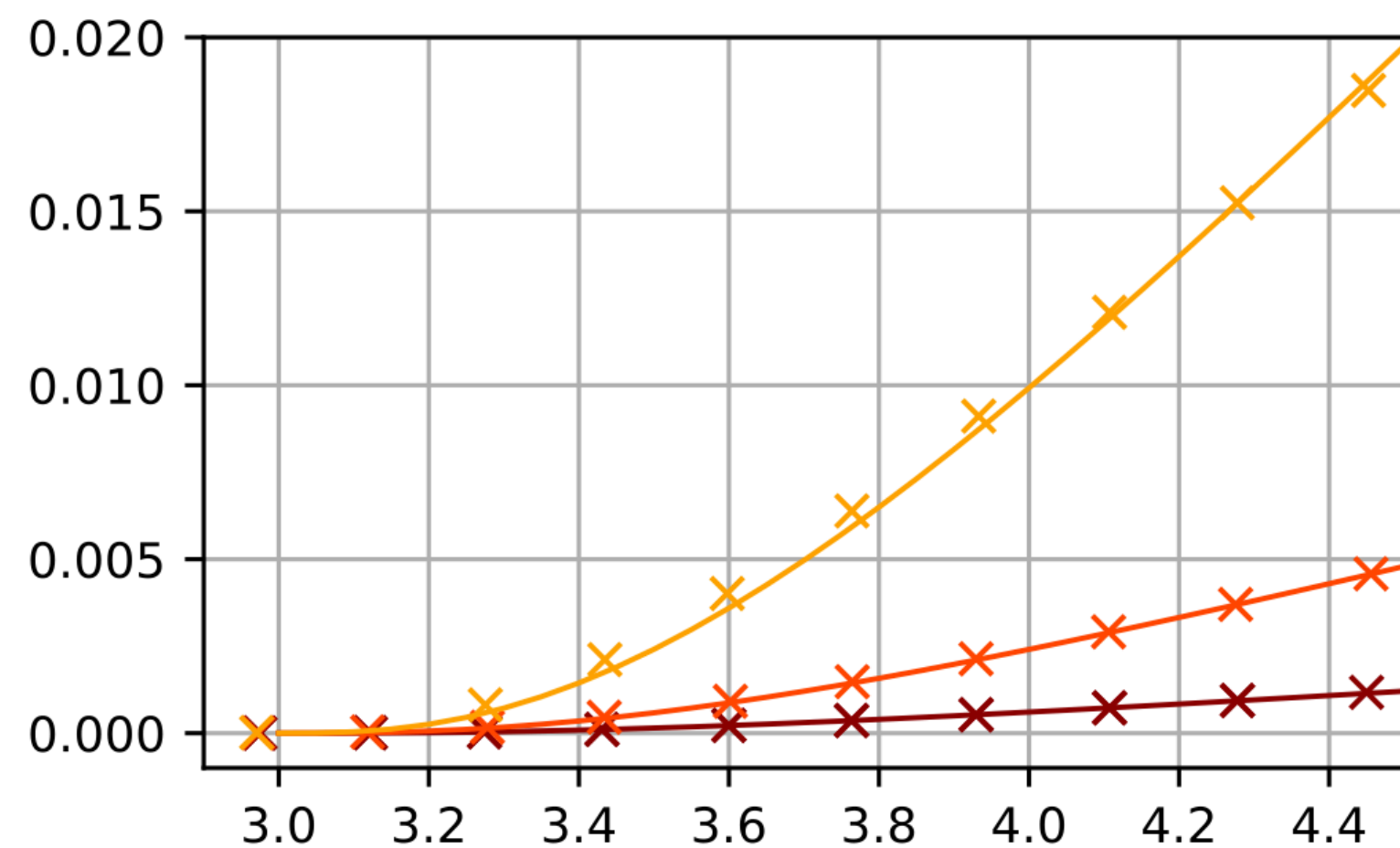
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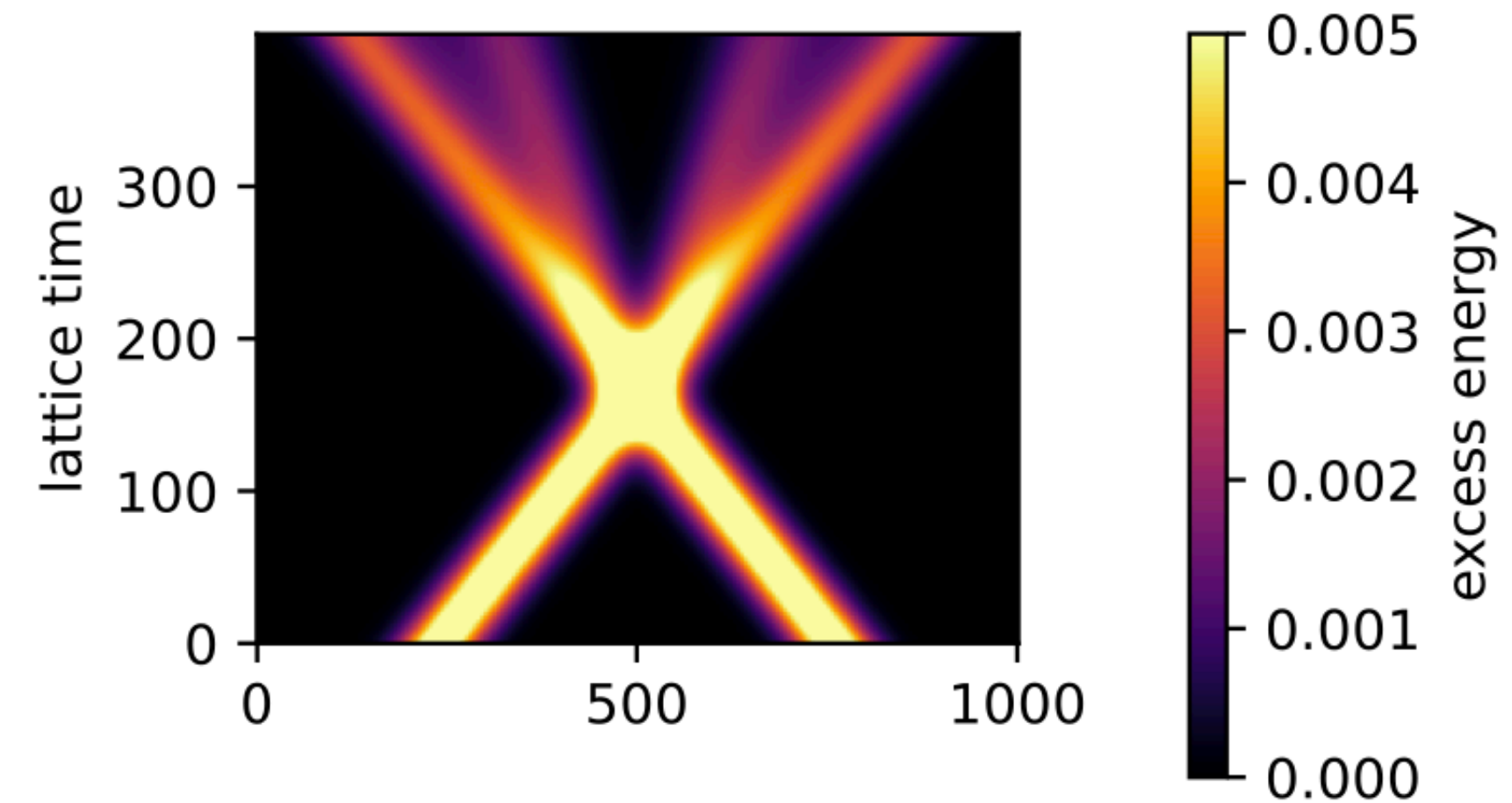
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Inelastic 2 → 3



cf. Zamolodchikov, Ziyatdinov '11

Toward parton distribution functions

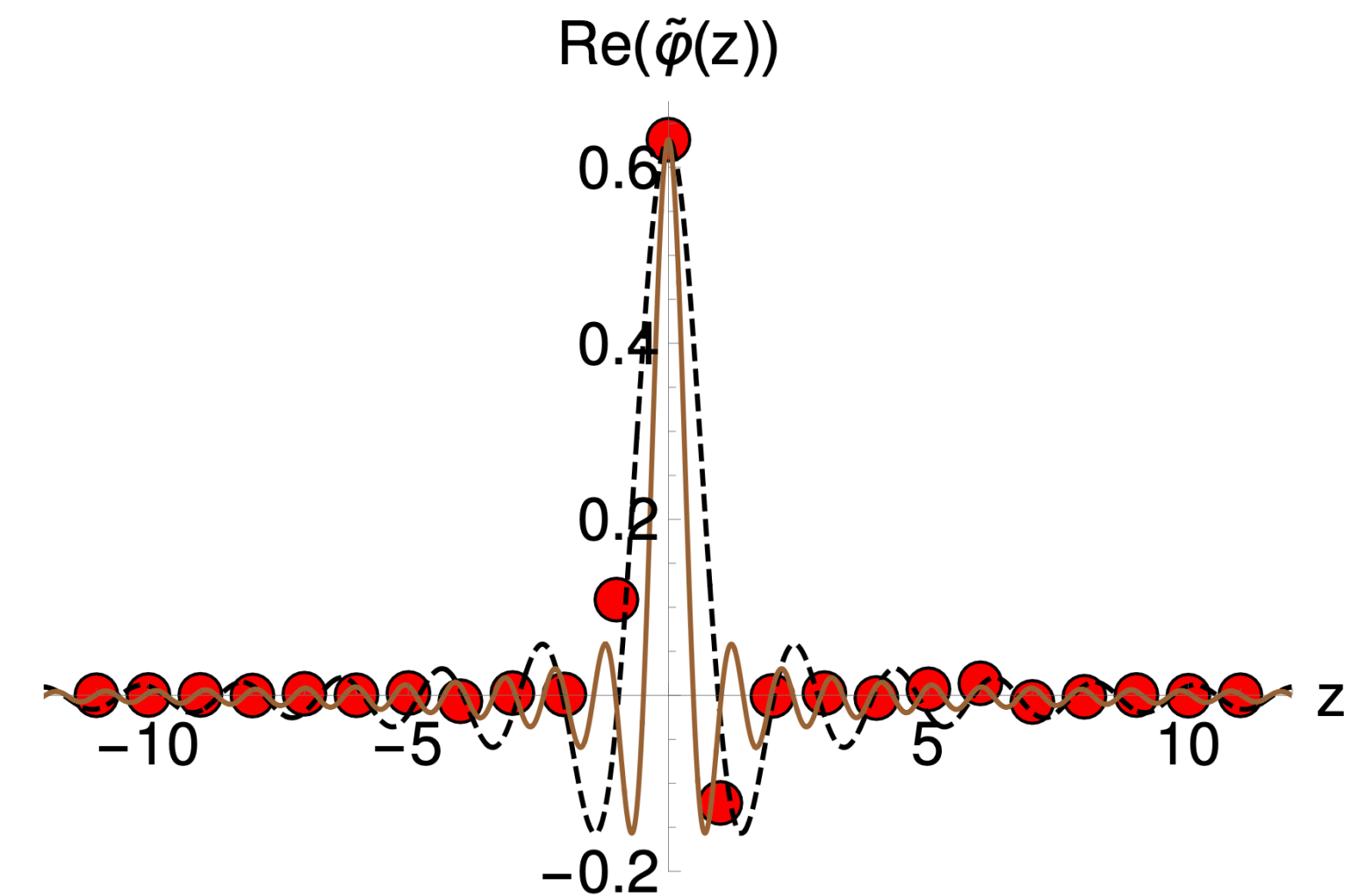
- Real-time quasi-PDFs
- Schwinger model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\mathcal{D} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

Griener, Ikeda, Zahed `24
see also Xing et al., Rico et al.

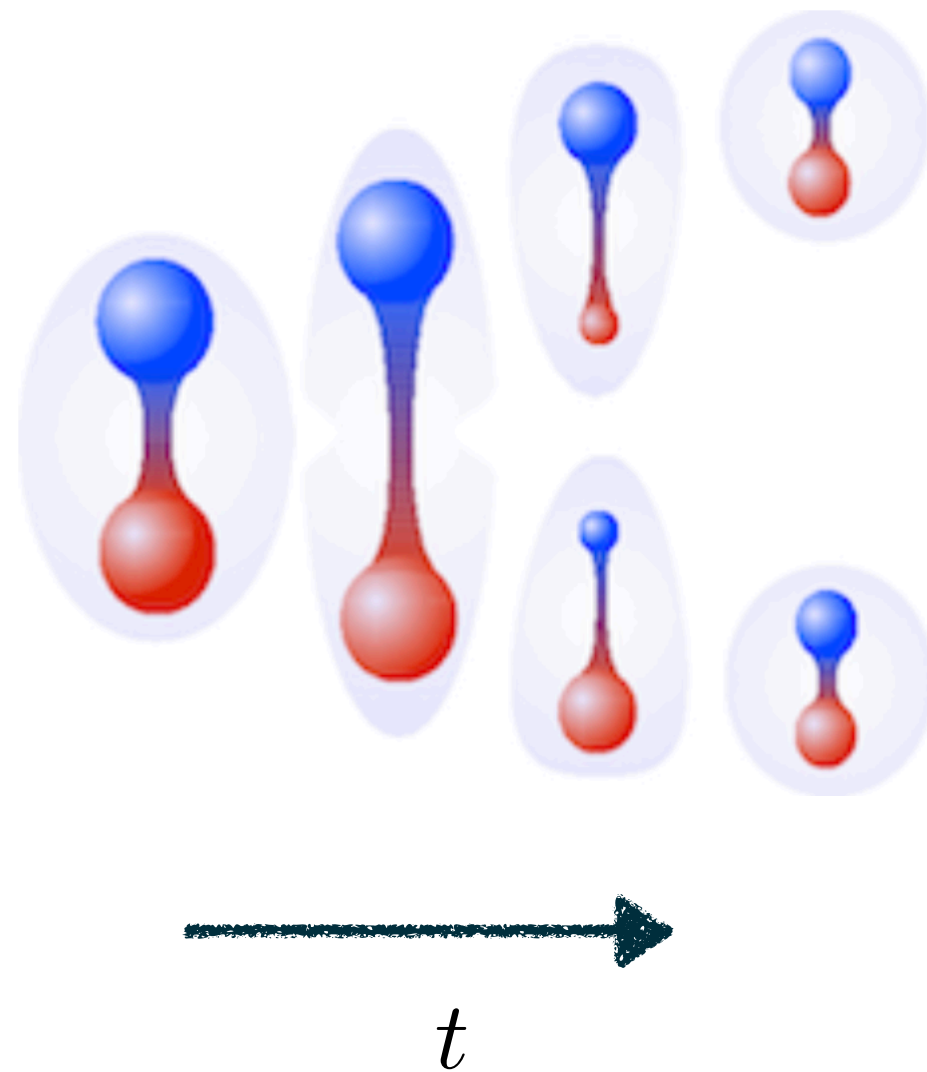
$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{-iz\zeta p^1} \langle \eta(0) | e^{-i\chi\mathbb{K}} \bar{\psi}(0, -z) [-z, +z]_S \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \psi(0, +z) e^{i\chi\mathbb{K}} | \eta(0) \rangle$$

- Continuum limit requires a large lattice
- Extension to 3D hadron structure
- Fragmentation functions *Griener, Zahed `24*

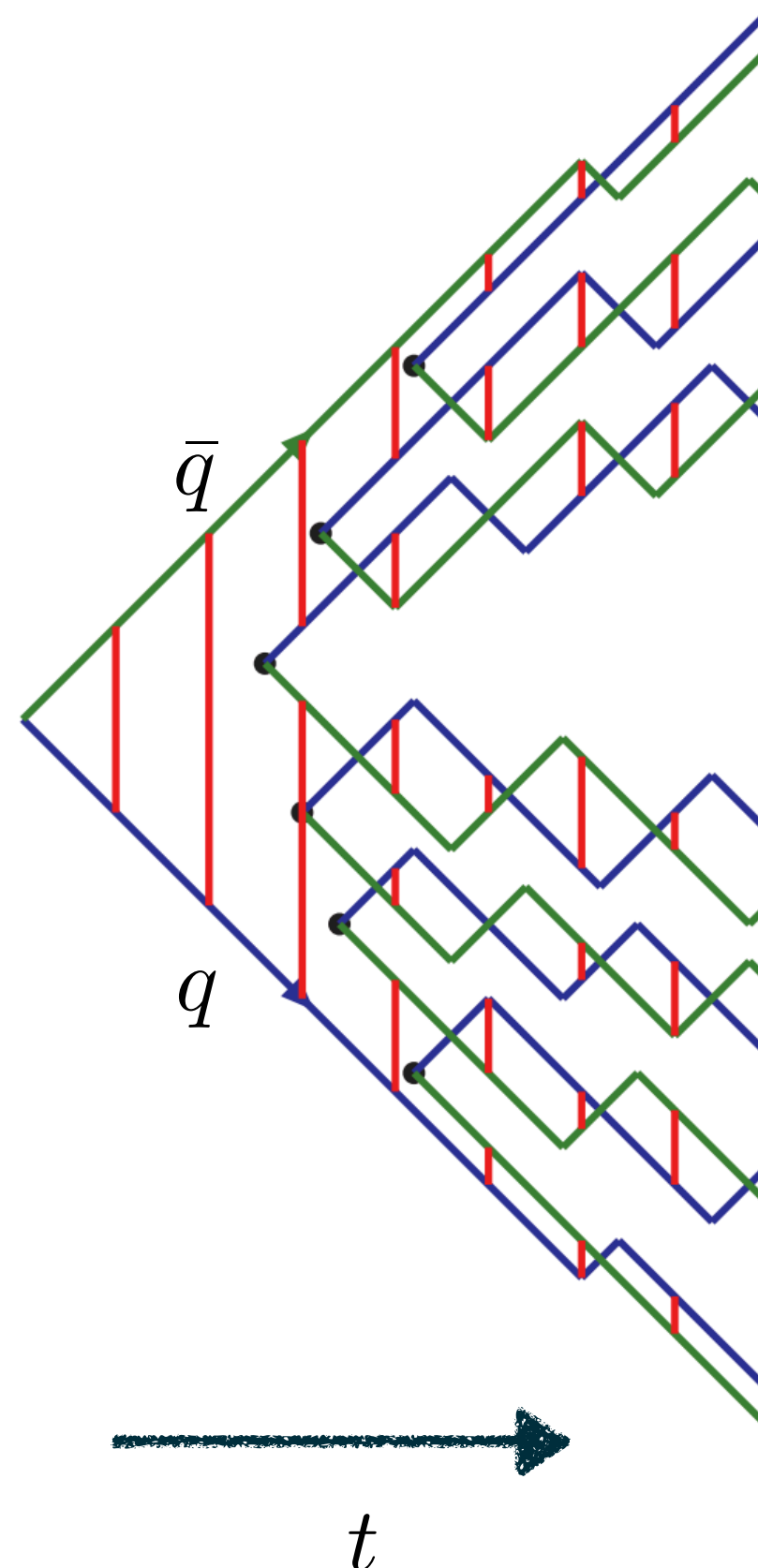


Hadronization and string breaking

- QED in 1+1 dimensions *Schwinger* '62
- Model of hadronization
- Confining potential $V \sim r$



QCD string breaking



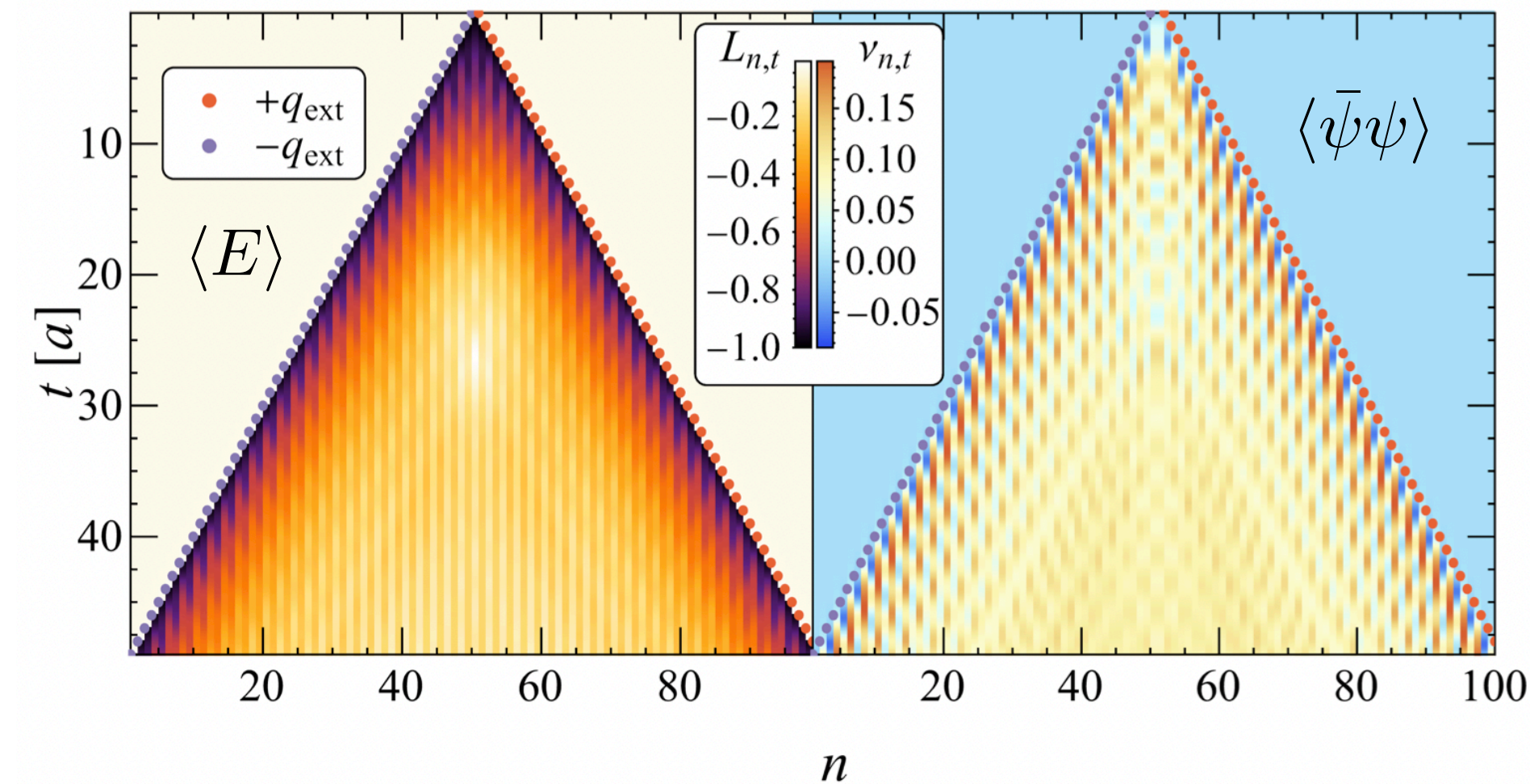
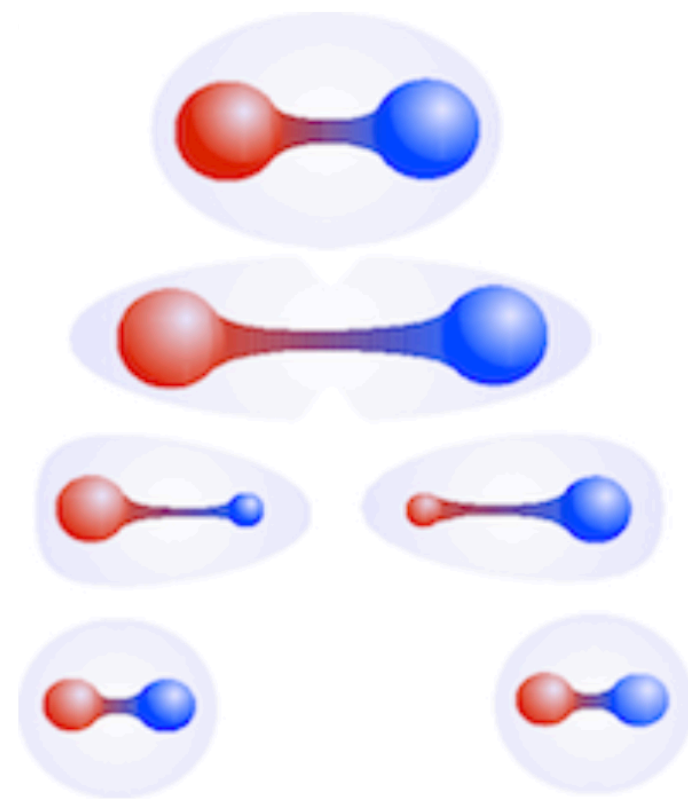
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Pythia Lund string hadronization
Florio, Kharzeev et al. '23, Kharzeev, Zahed et al. '23

Hadronization and string breaking

- Full scattering process

Florio, Frenklakh, Kharzeev et al. '24

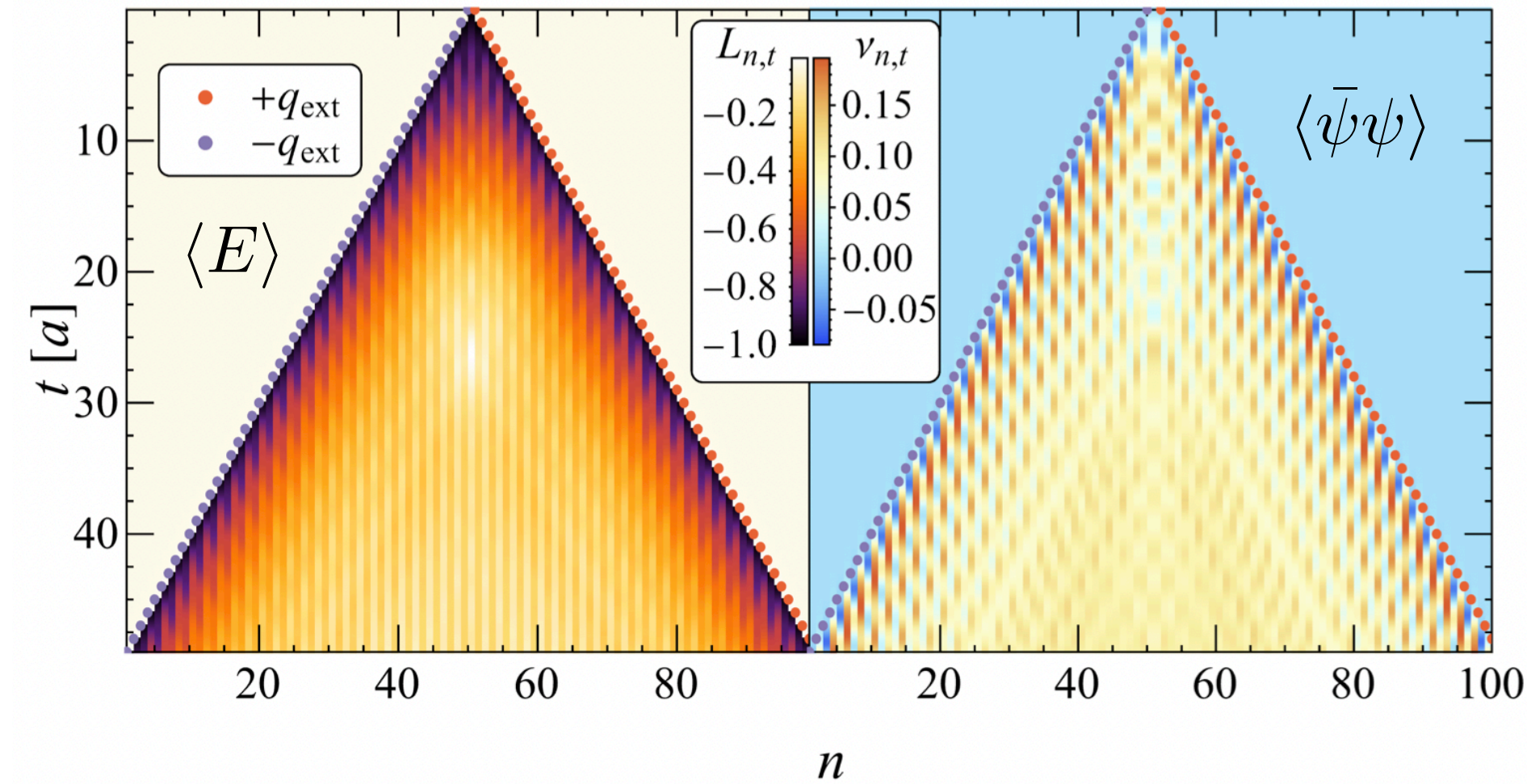
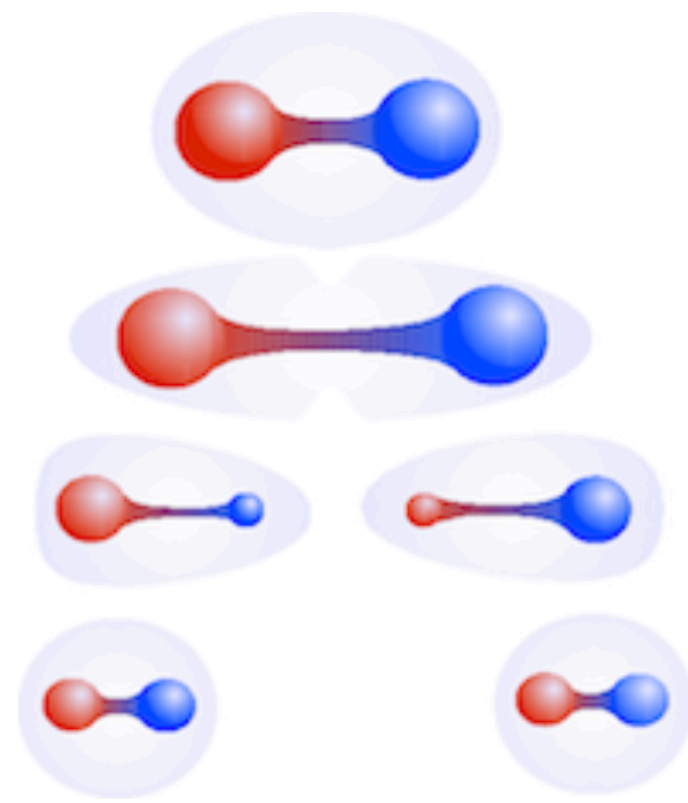


Studies of entanglement and thermalization

Hadronization and string breaking

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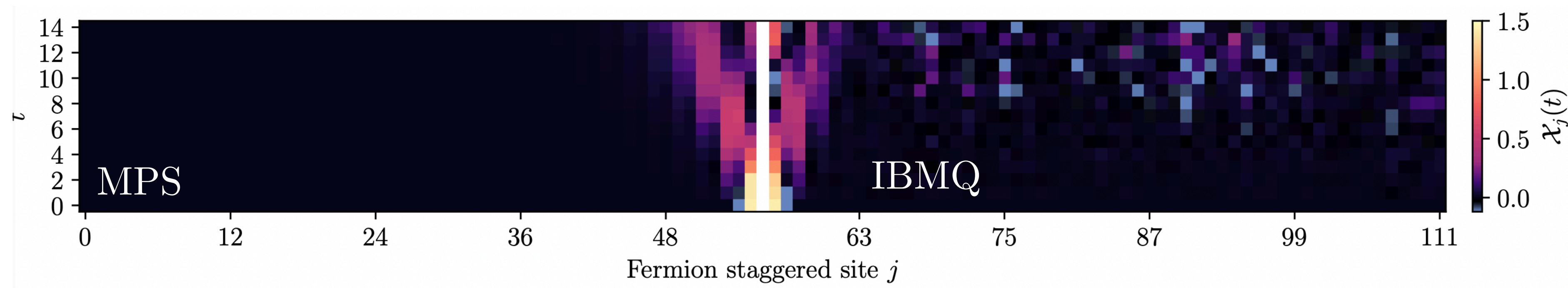
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Studies of entanglement and thermalization

- Evolution of a hadron wave packet

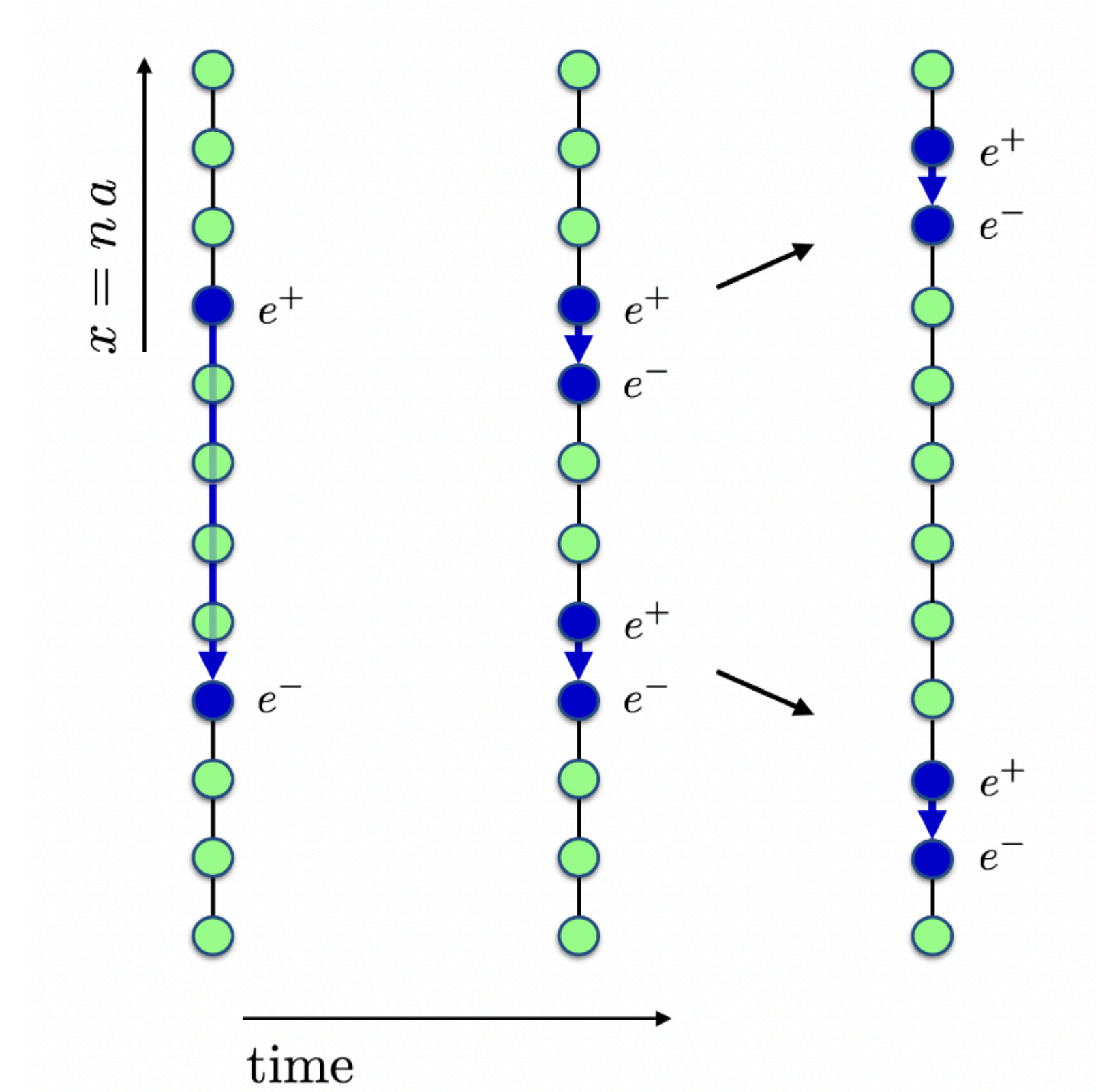
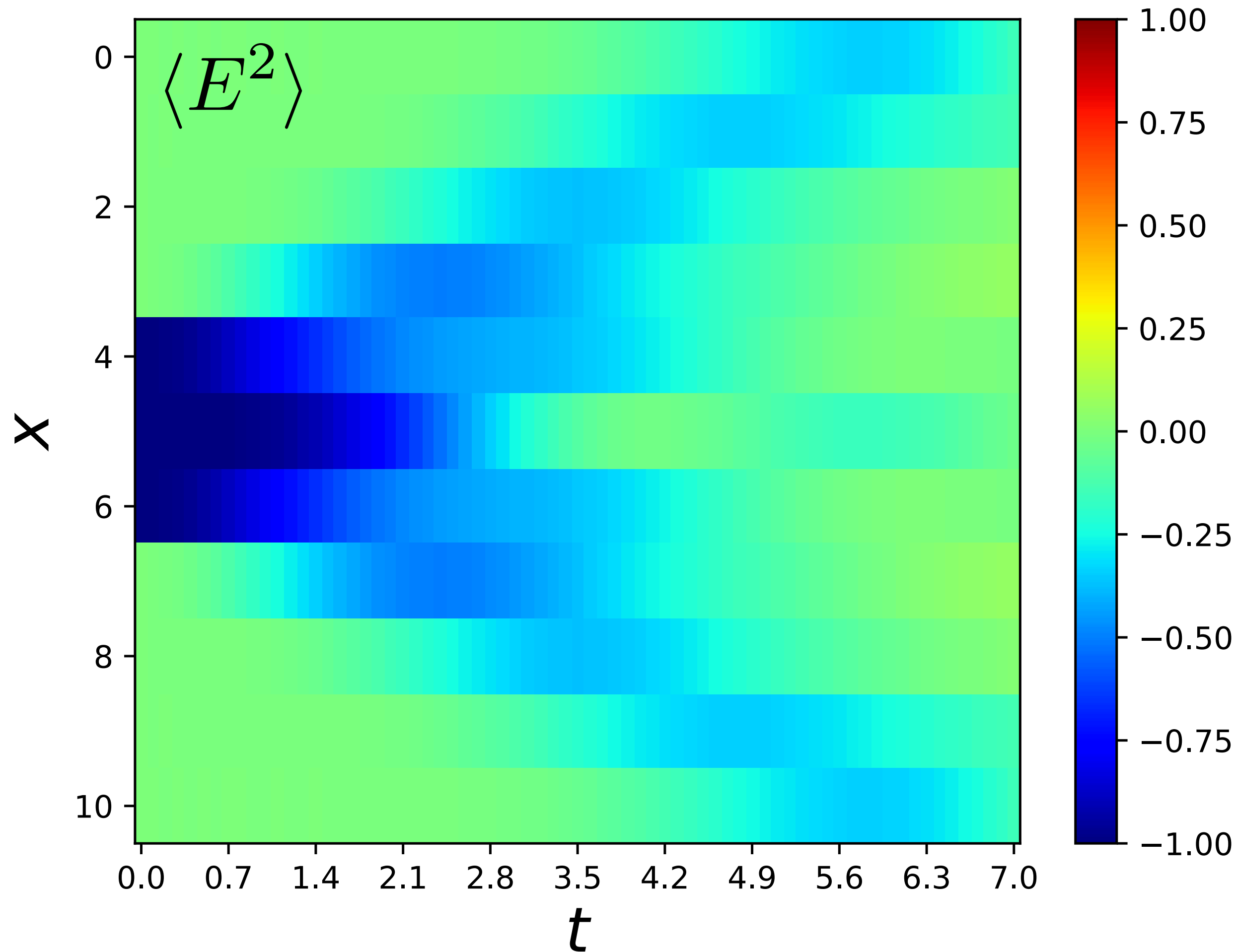
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String breaking — medium modification

Vacuum

Lee, Mulligan, FR, Yao '24

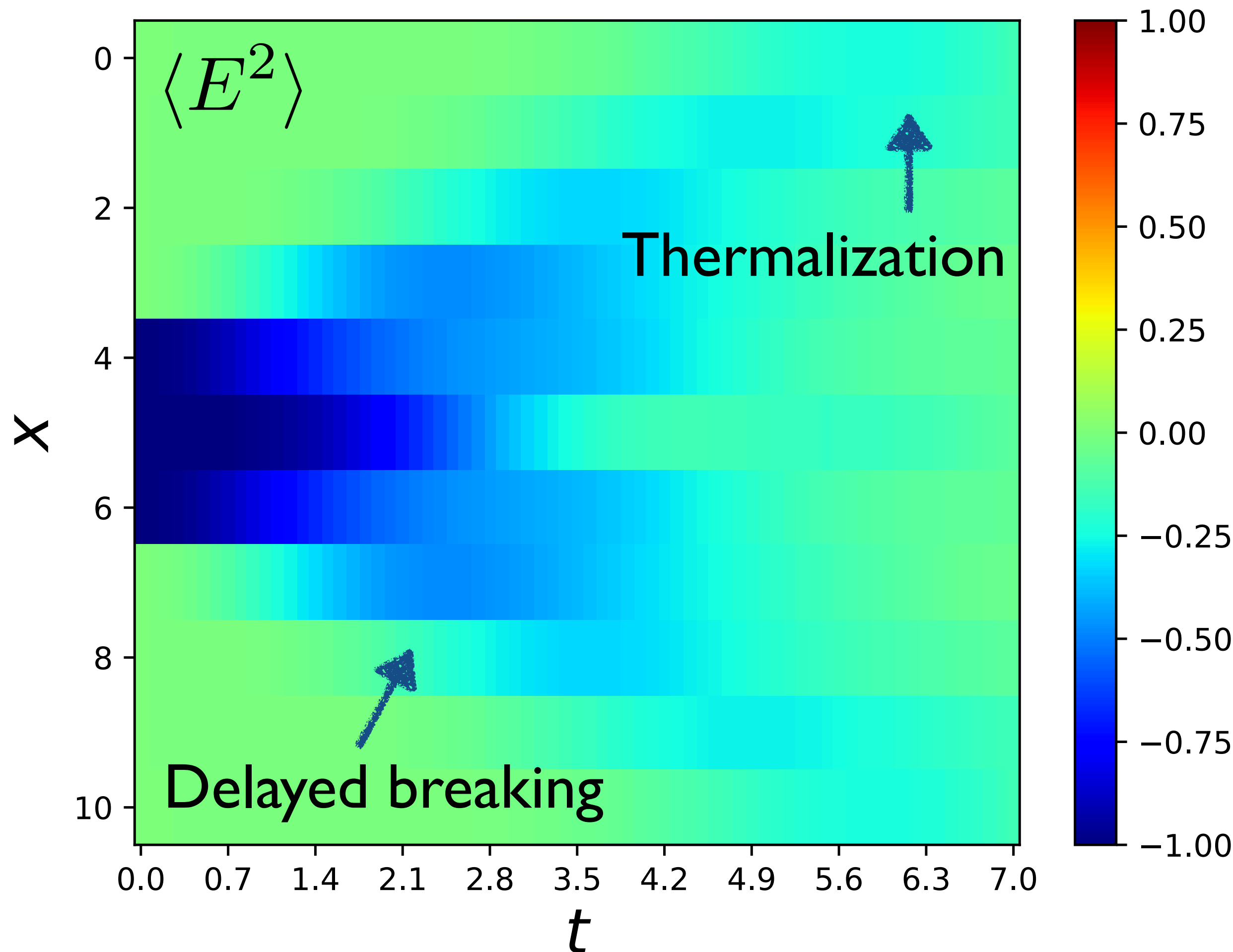


• String breaking in vacuum

String breaking — medium modification

Medium

Lee, Mulligan, FR, Yao '24



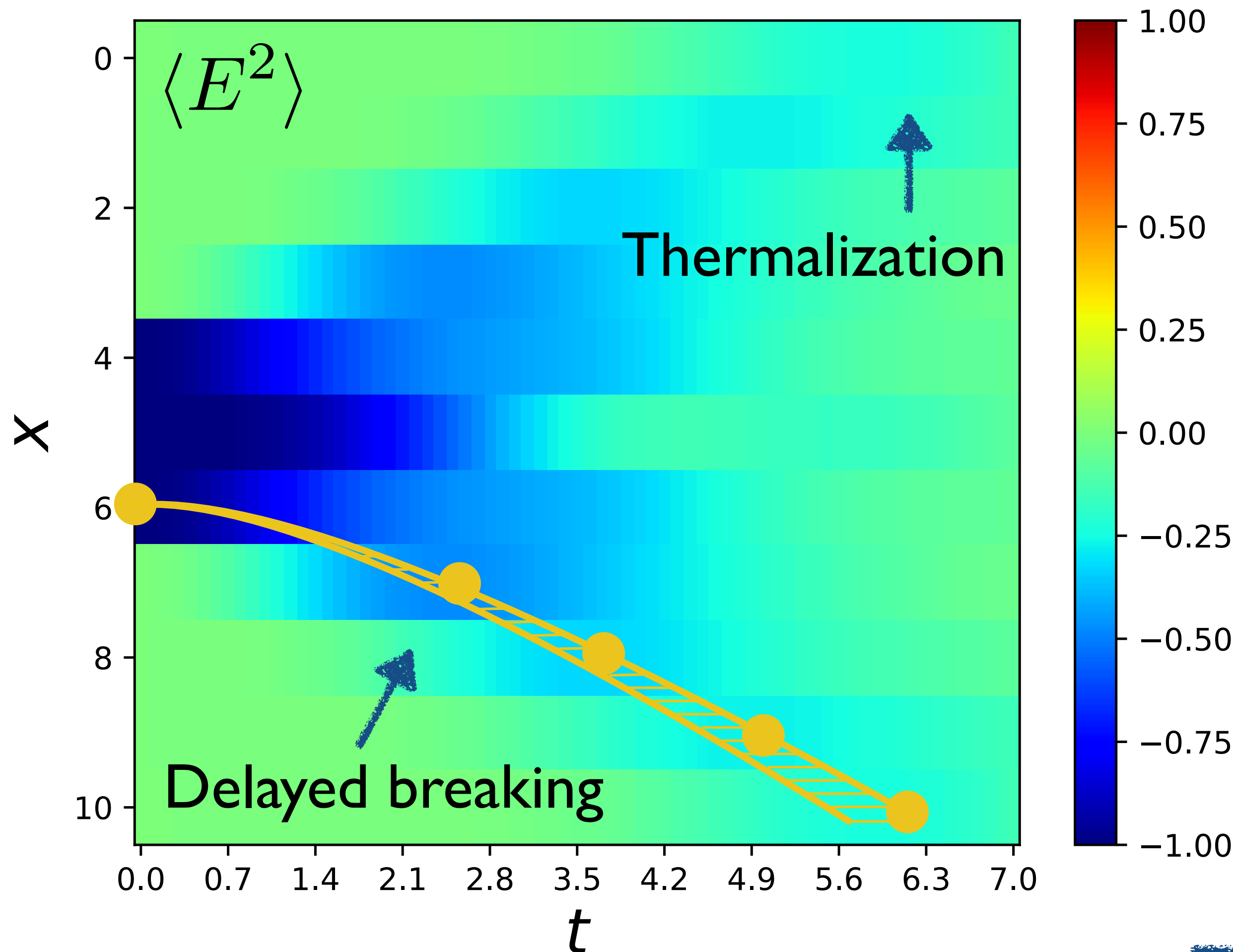
$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_S = -i [H_S, \rho_S] + \sum_{j=1}^m \left(L_j \rho_S L_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} L_j^\dagger L_j \rho_S - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S L_j^\dagger L_j \right)$$

- String breaking in a thermal background
- Lindblad evolution

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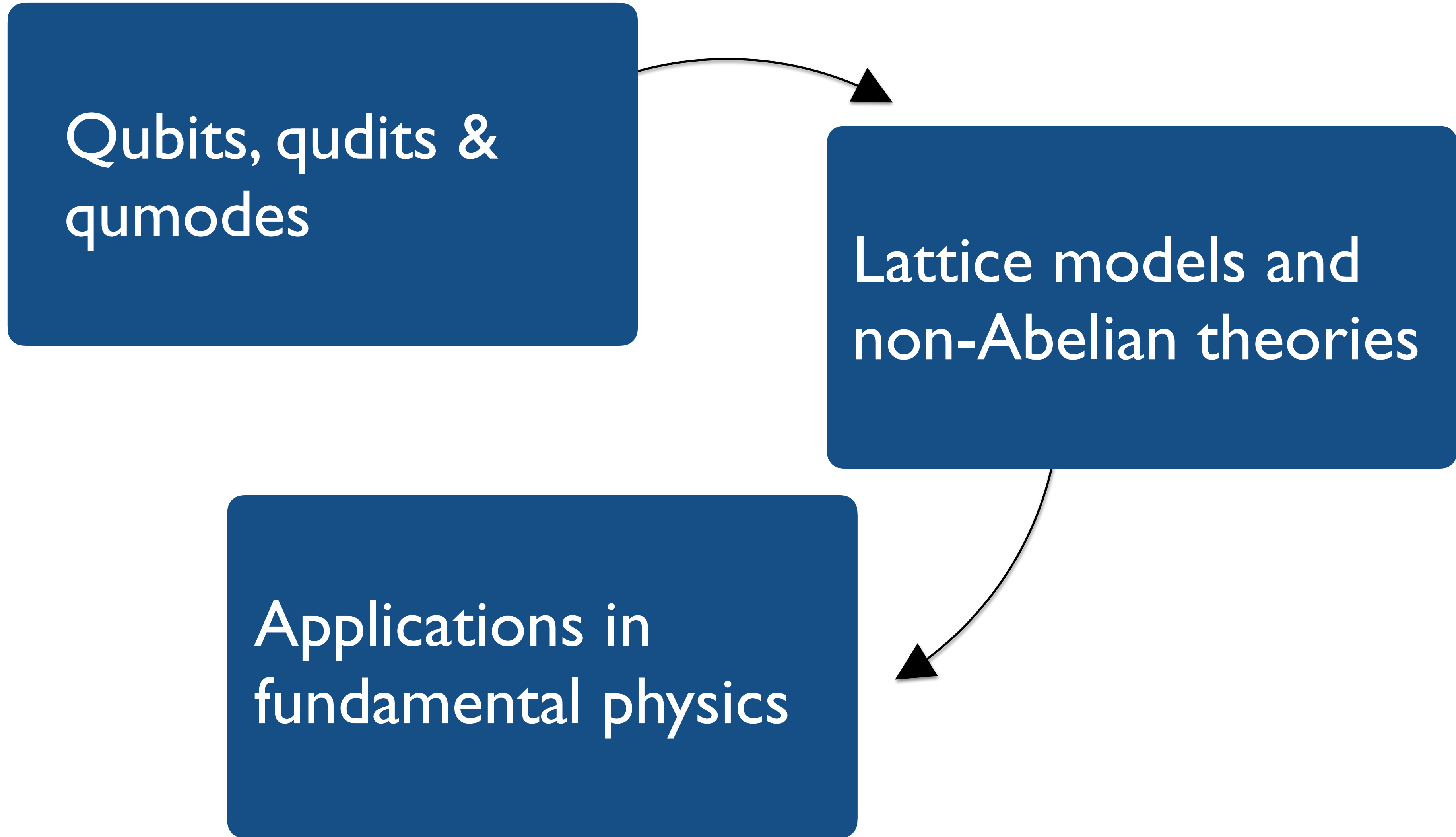


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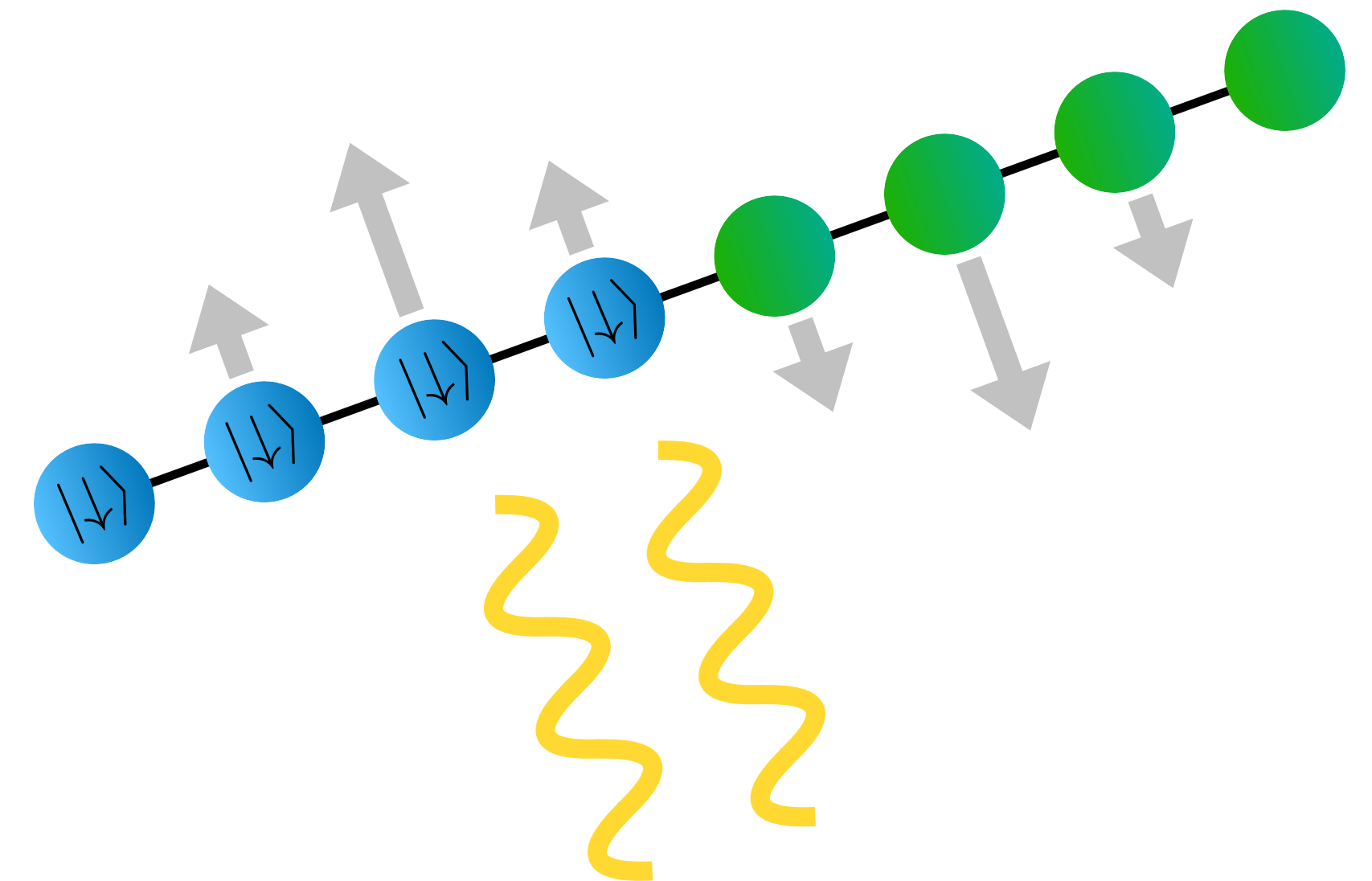
Simulations may inform modeling of nuclear medium effects

Outline



Conclusions

- Quantum computing well-suited to address challenges in fundamental physics
- Exploration of qubits, qudits, qumodes
- Small-scale simulations
- Continuum extrapolations
- Building up toward simulations of the Standard Model



Qubit & qumodes with trapped ions

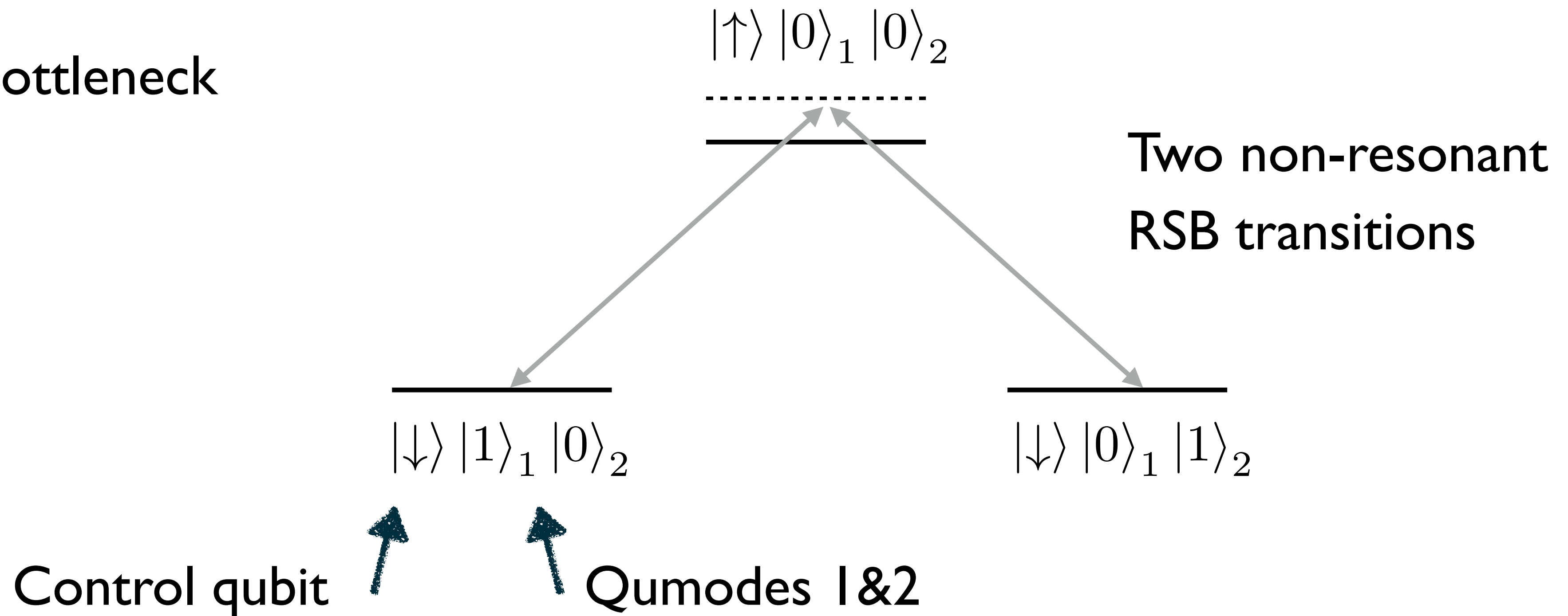
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- Two-qumode beam splitter *Katz, Monroe '22, Kim et al. '23*

- Laser does not interact with the two modes directly

$$U_{\text{bs}}(z) = e^{z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b} - z^*\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger}$$

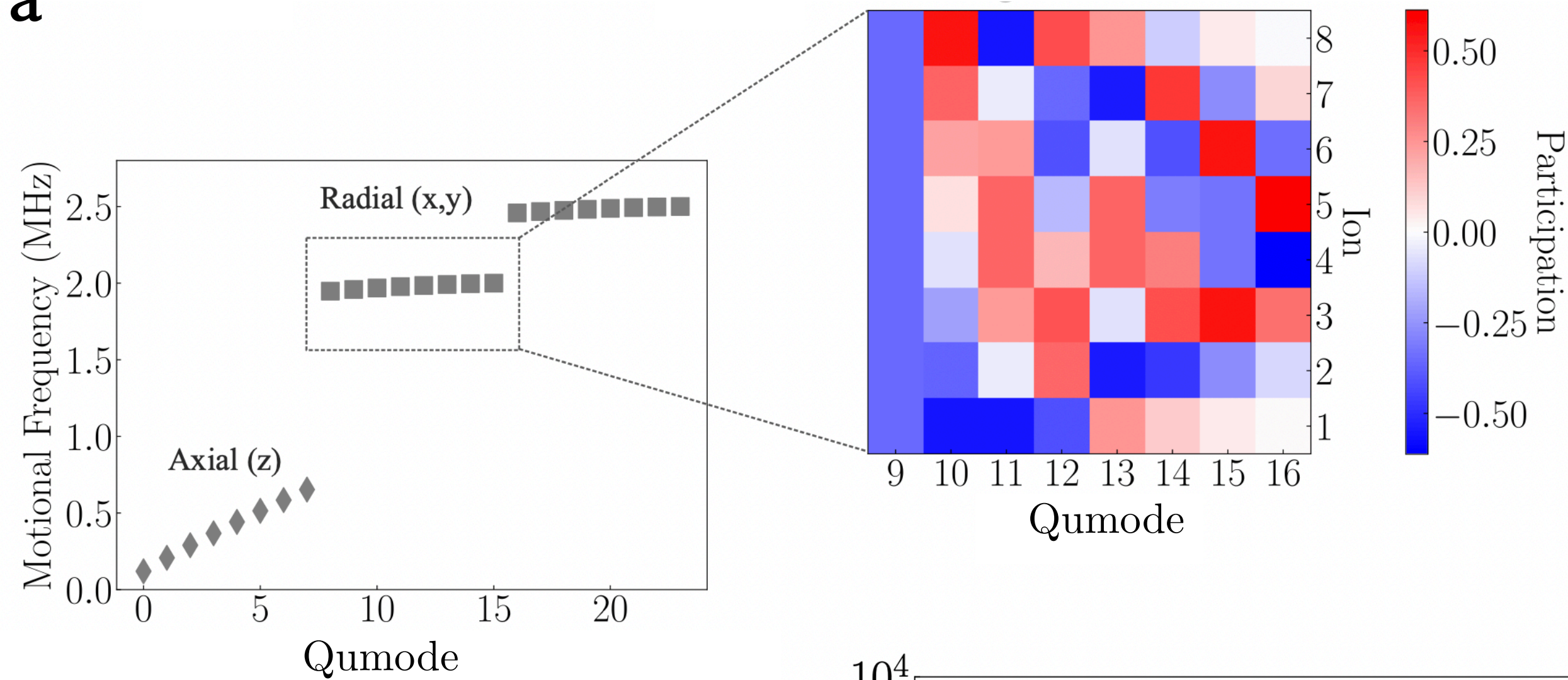
→ Potential bottleneck



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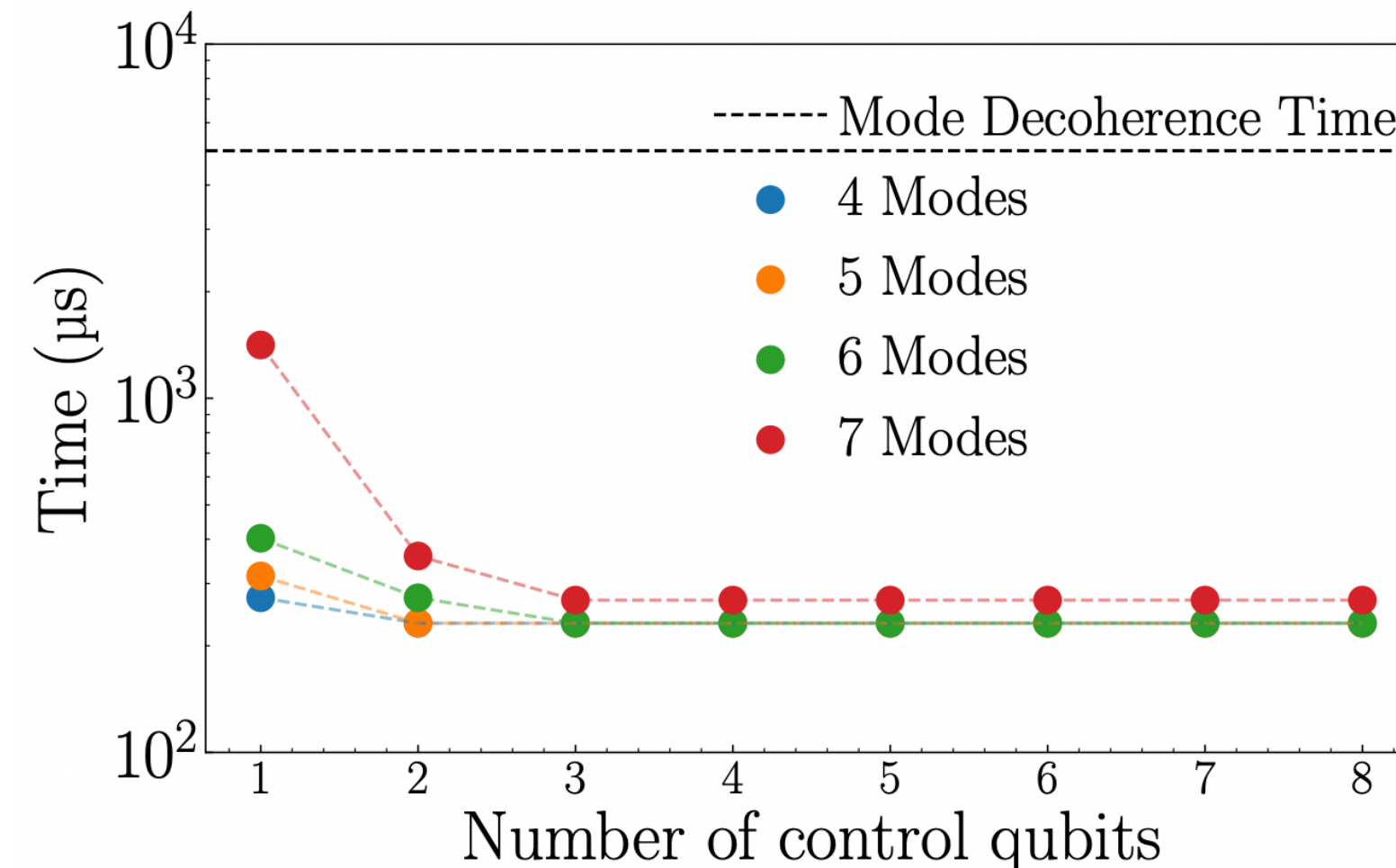
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- Eight $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ ions in a linear Paul trap



- E.g. two-qumode beam splitter $U_{bs}(z) = e^{z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b} - z^*\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger}$

→ Feasible with current platforms



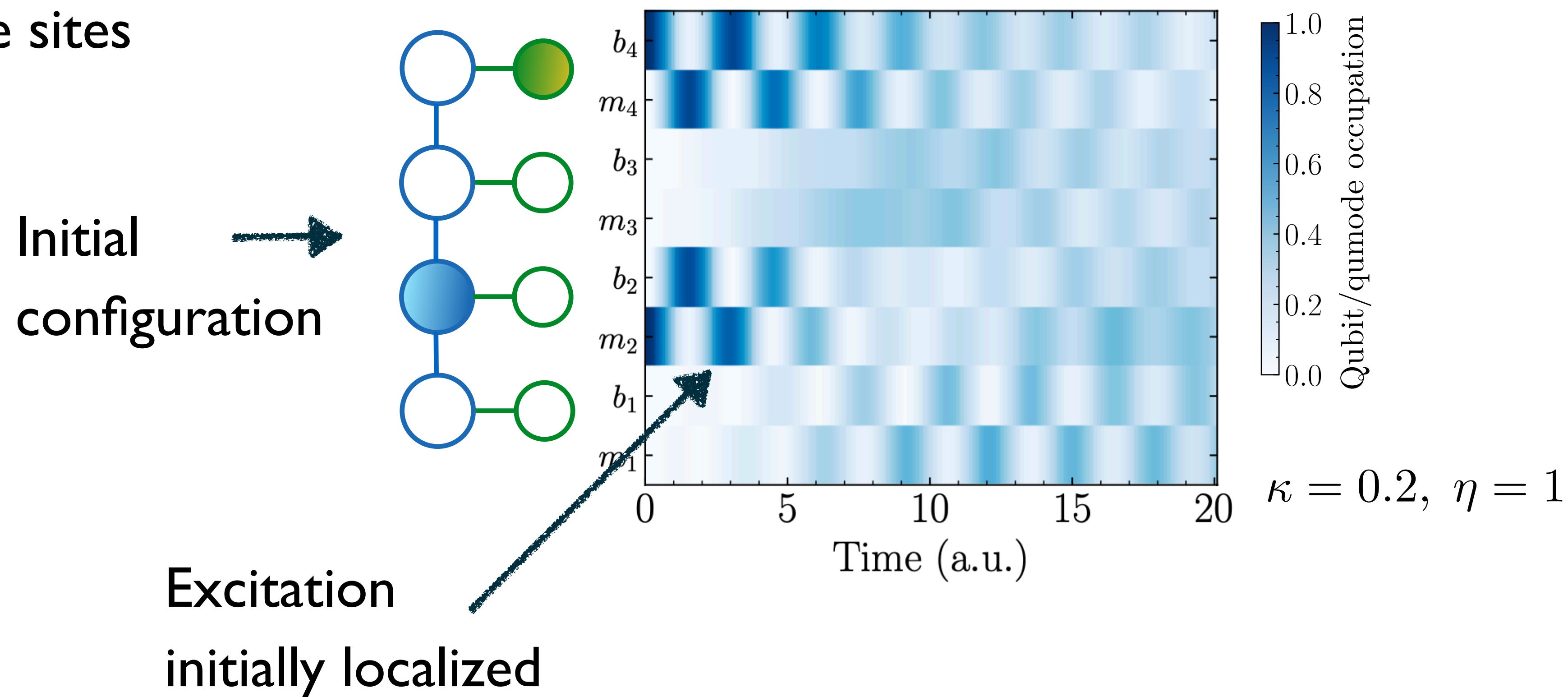
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- VQA ansatz

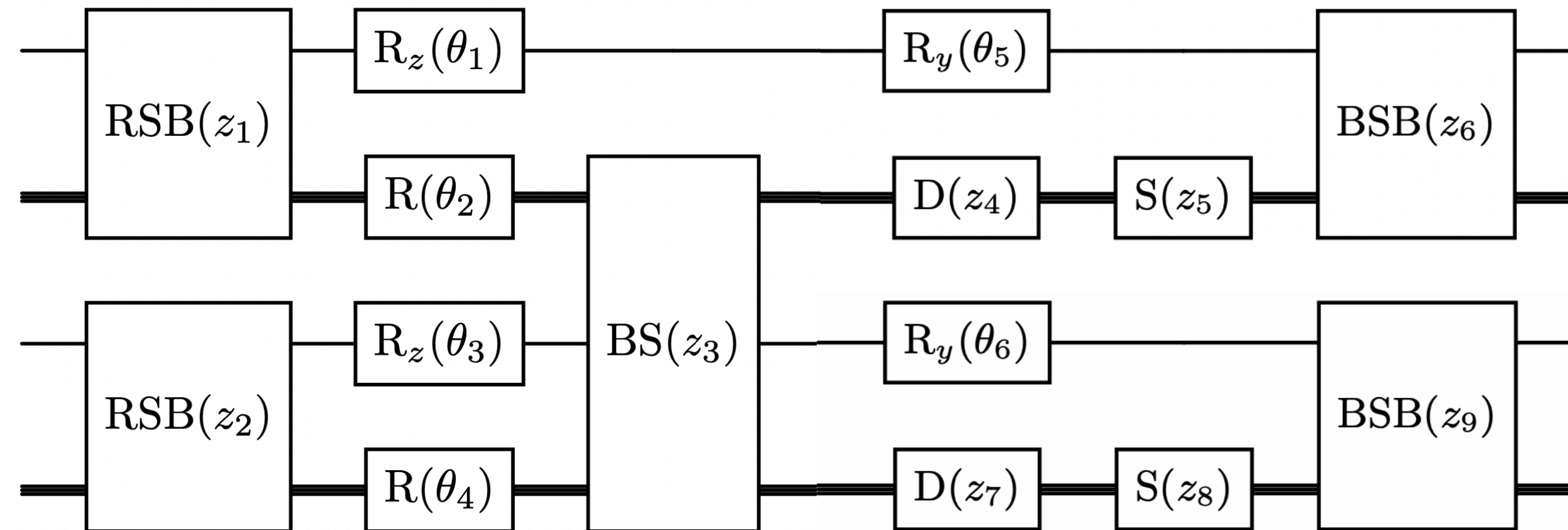
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Hamiltonian ansatz

Can achieve variable $\langle \hat{N}_{\text{tot}} \rangle$