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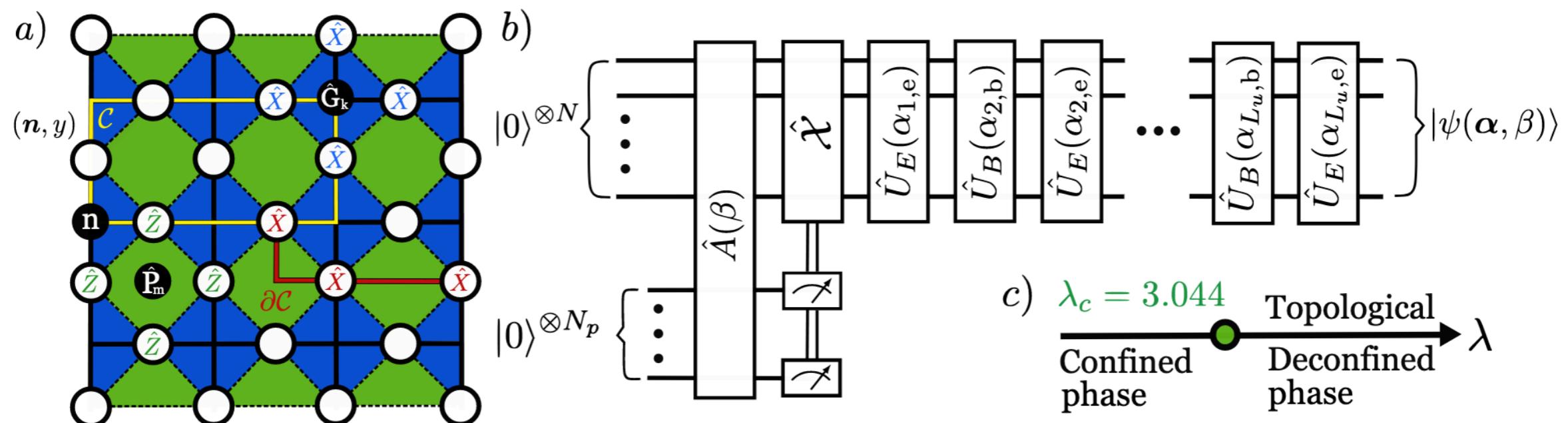
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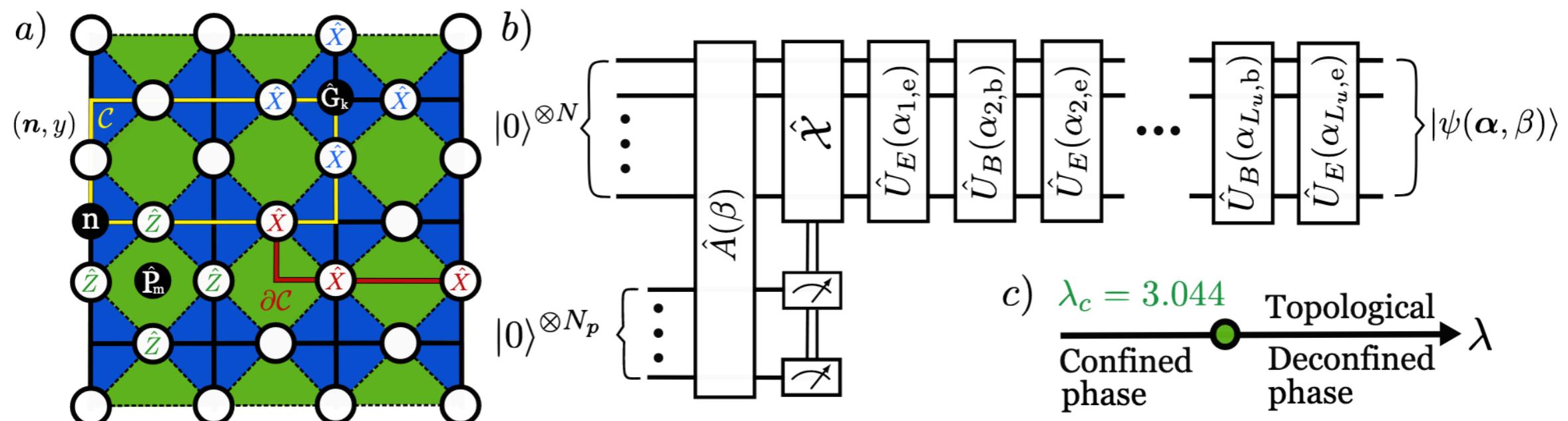
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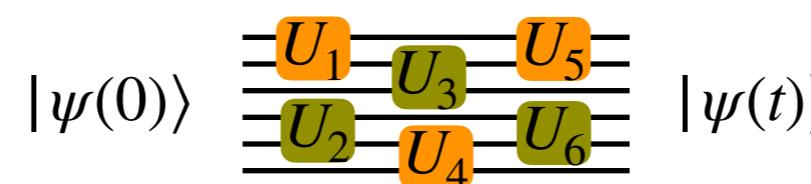
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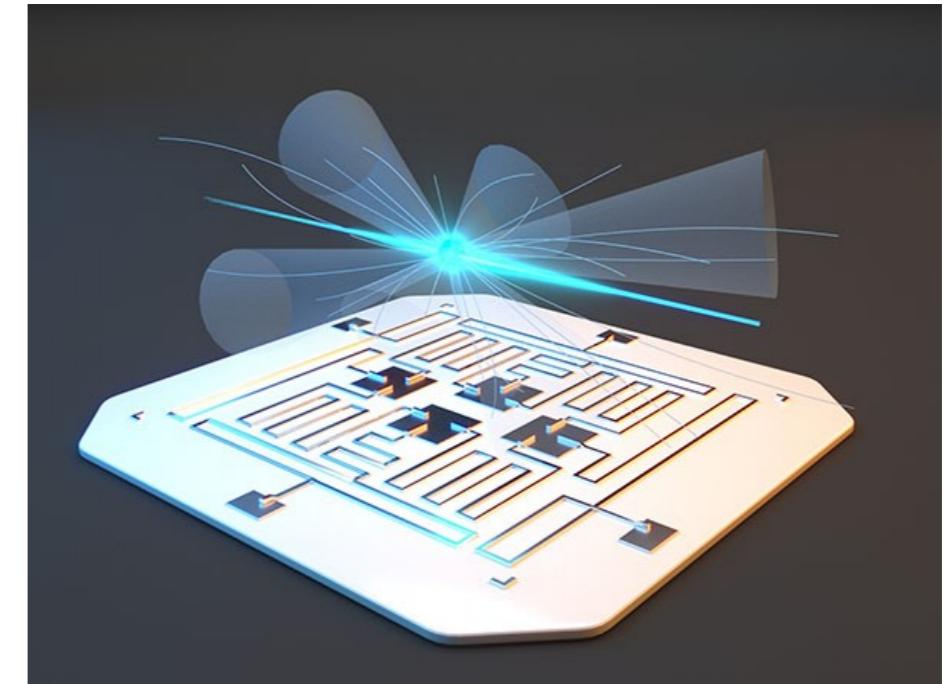


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We show how a variational low-depth circuit can prepare the lowest energy state of a gauge theory

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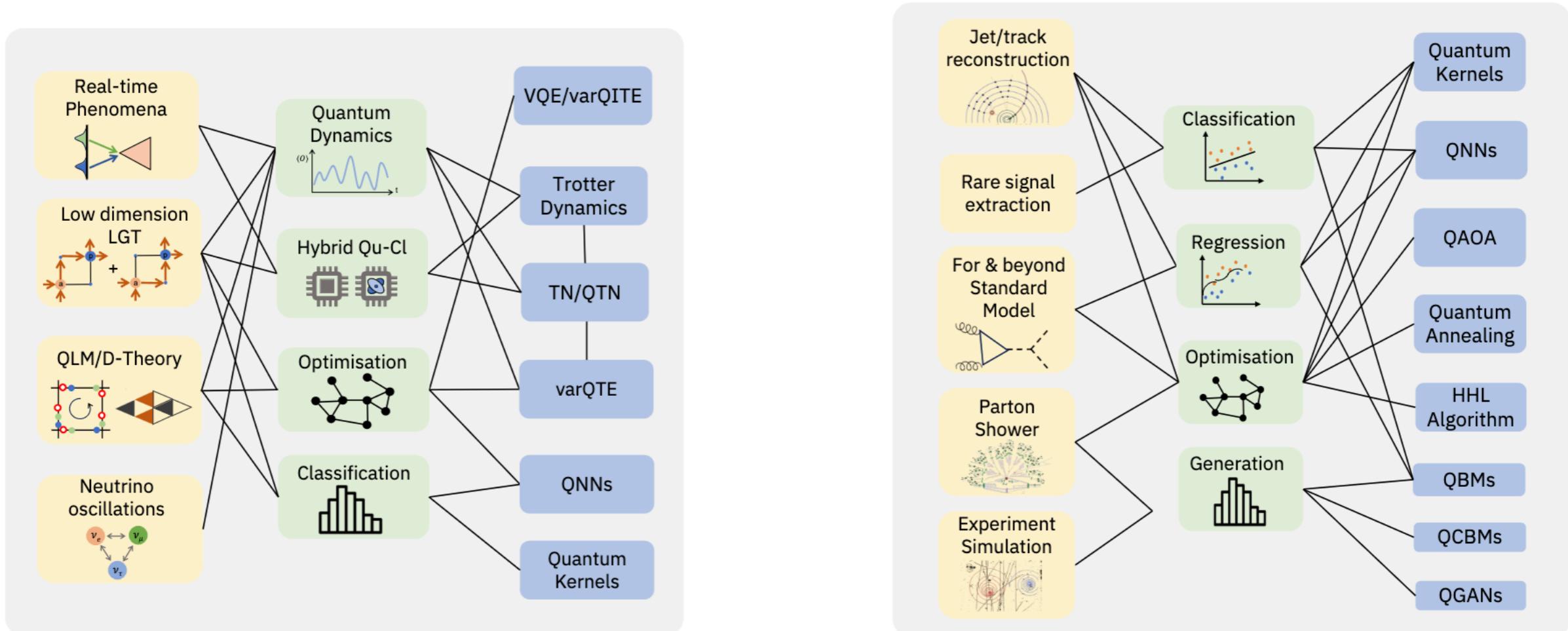
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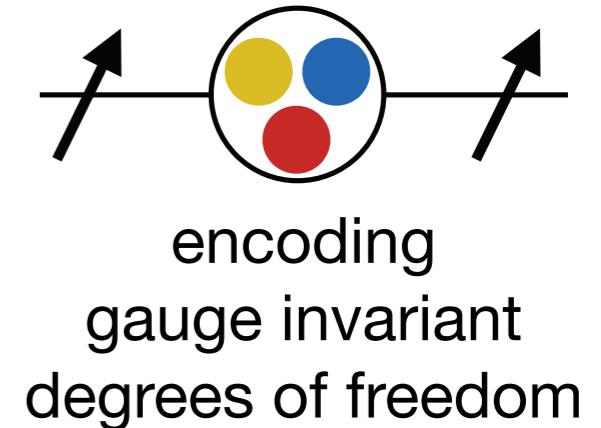
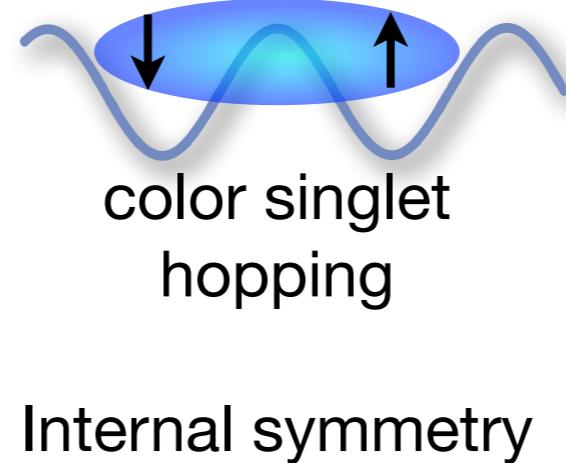
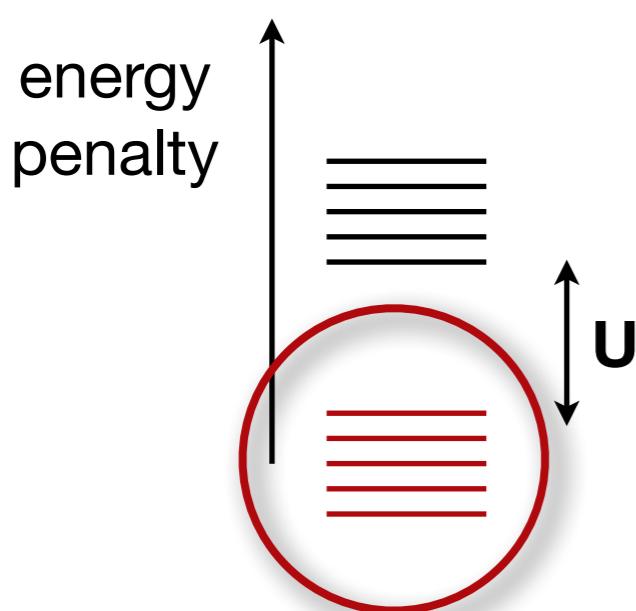


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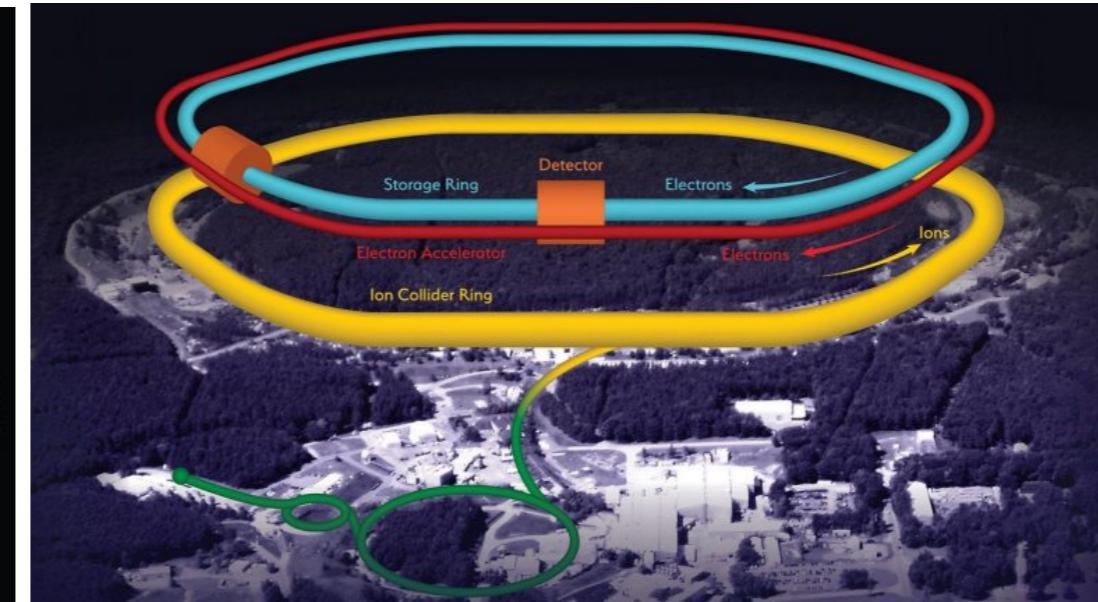
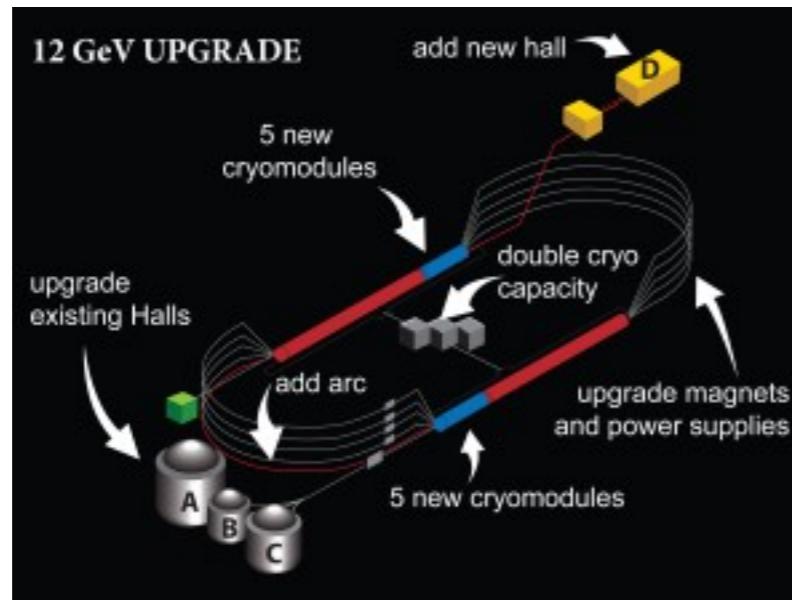
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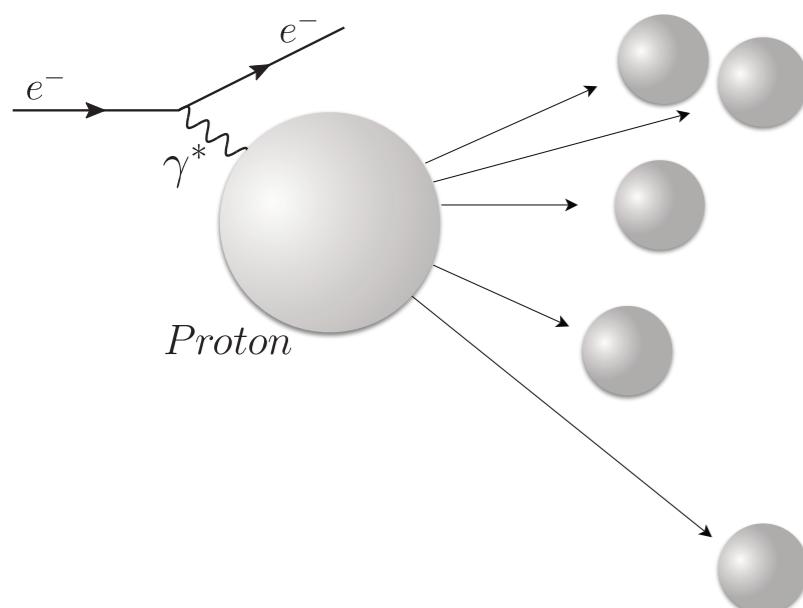
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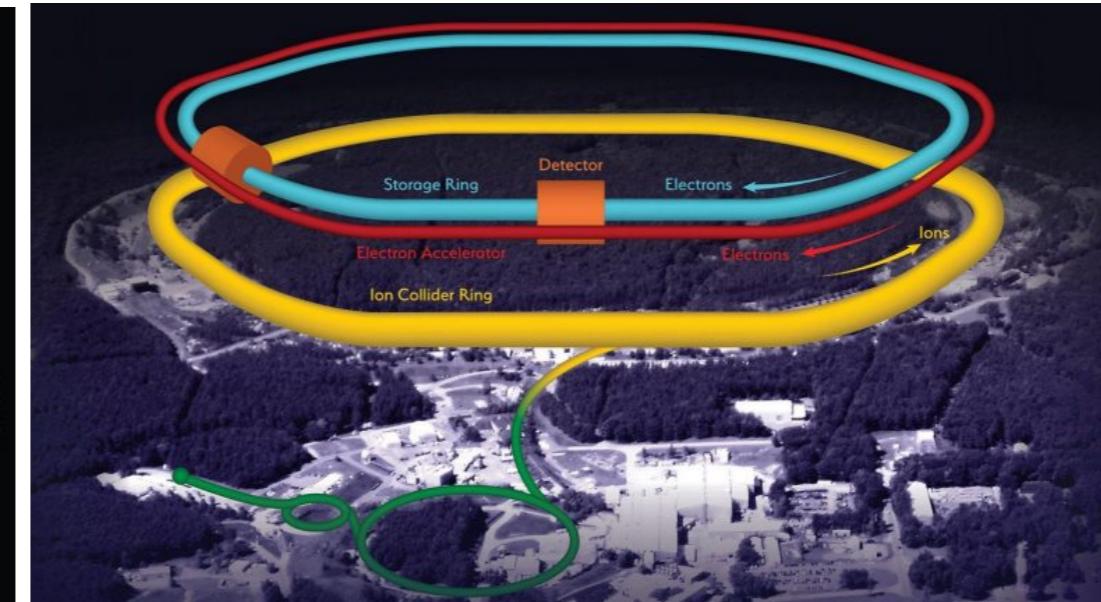
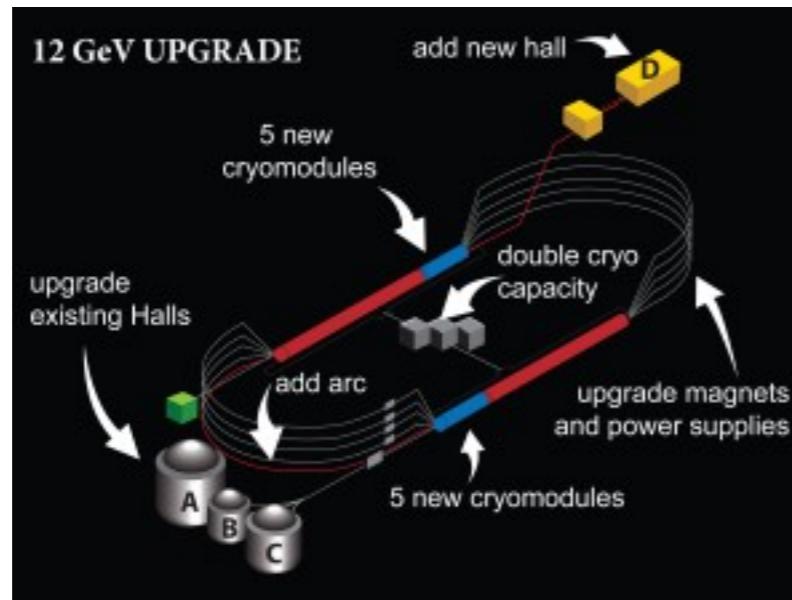


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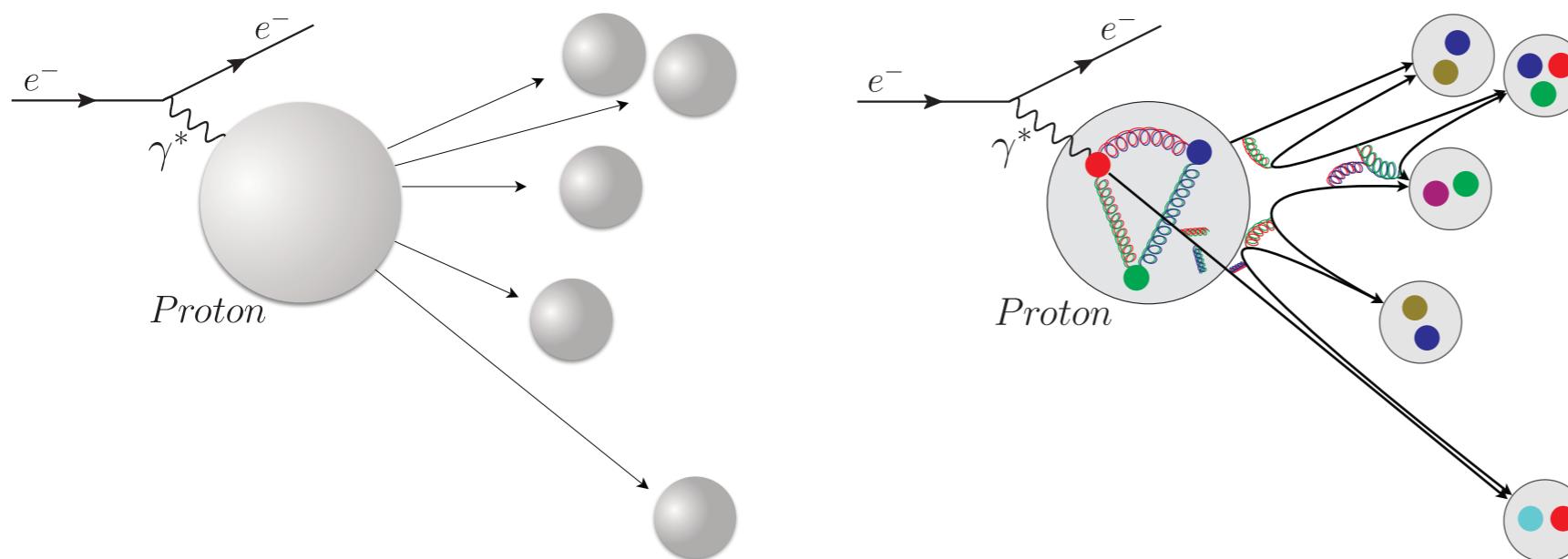


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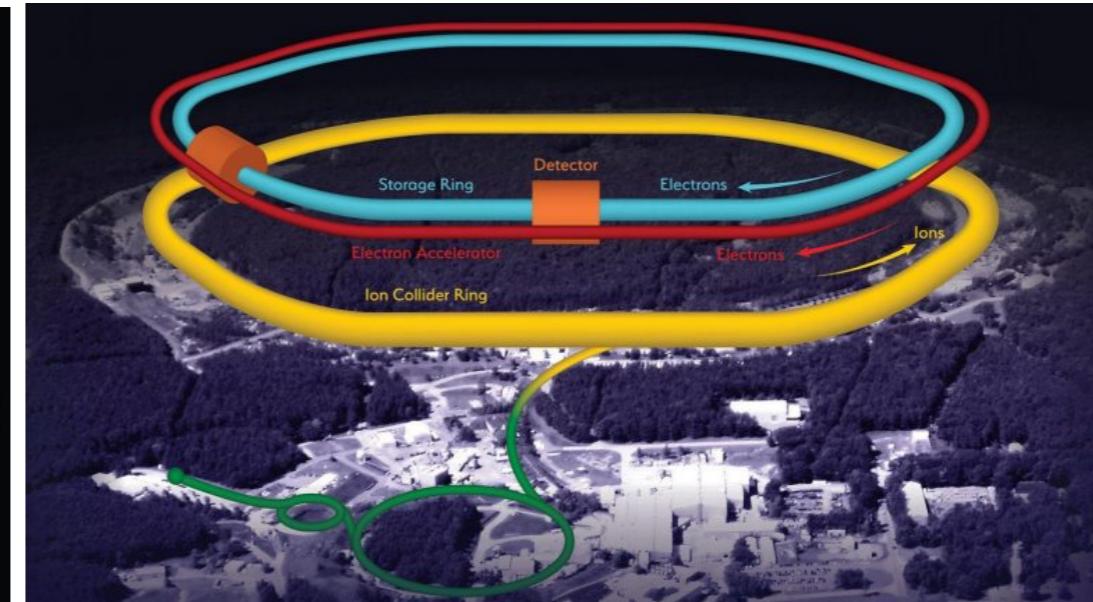
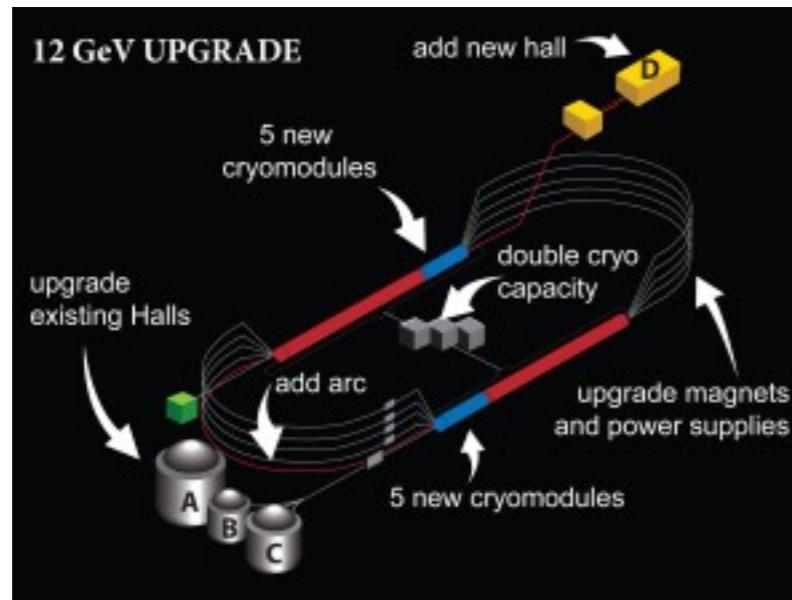
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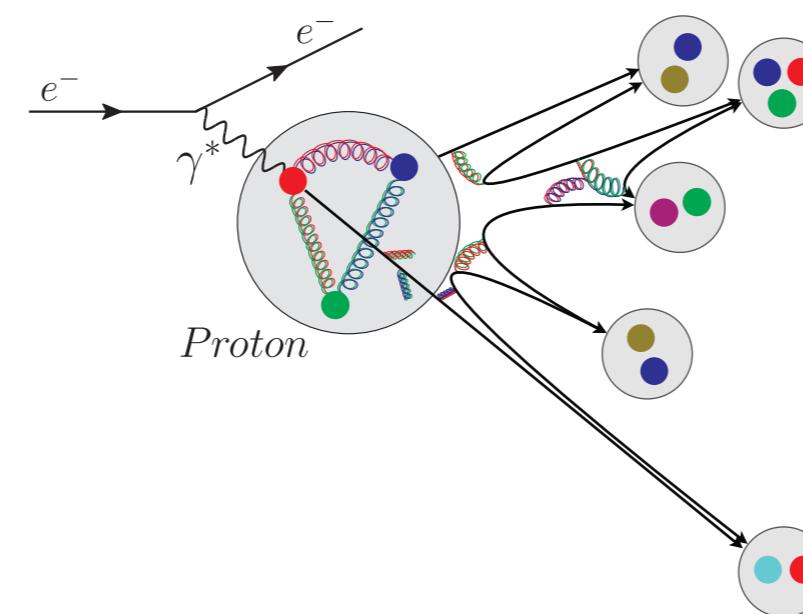
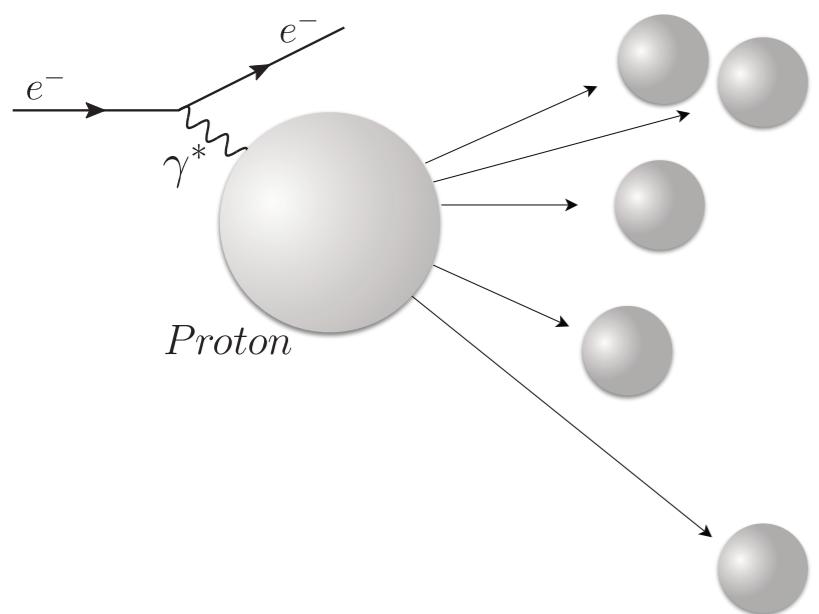
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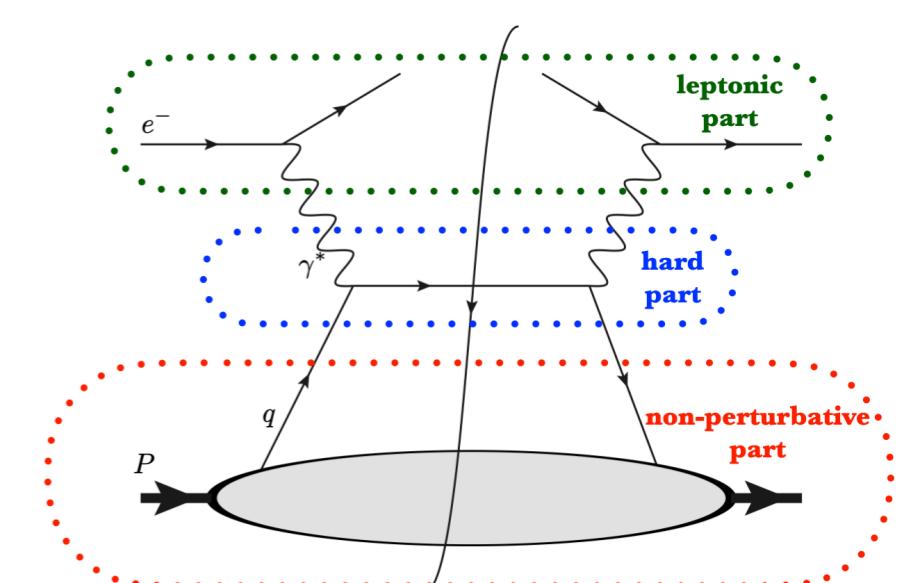


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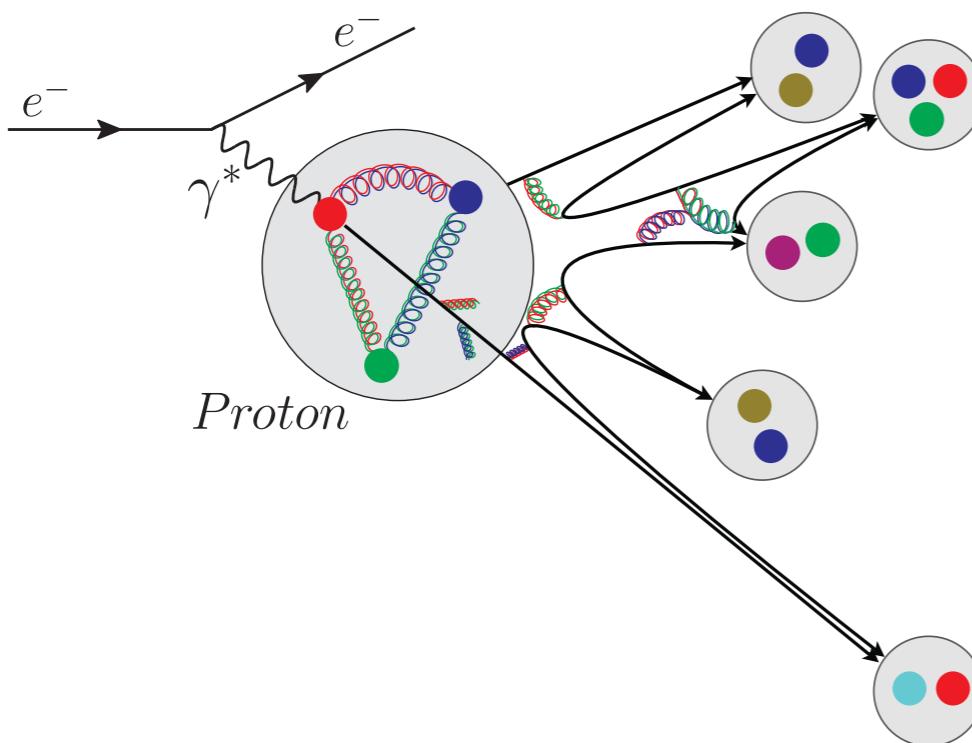
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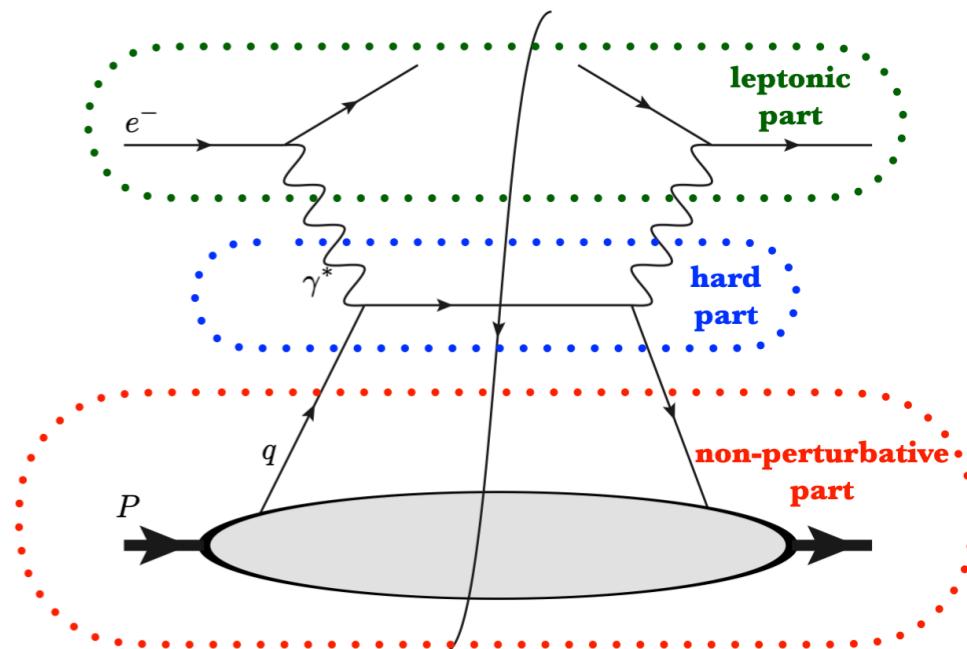


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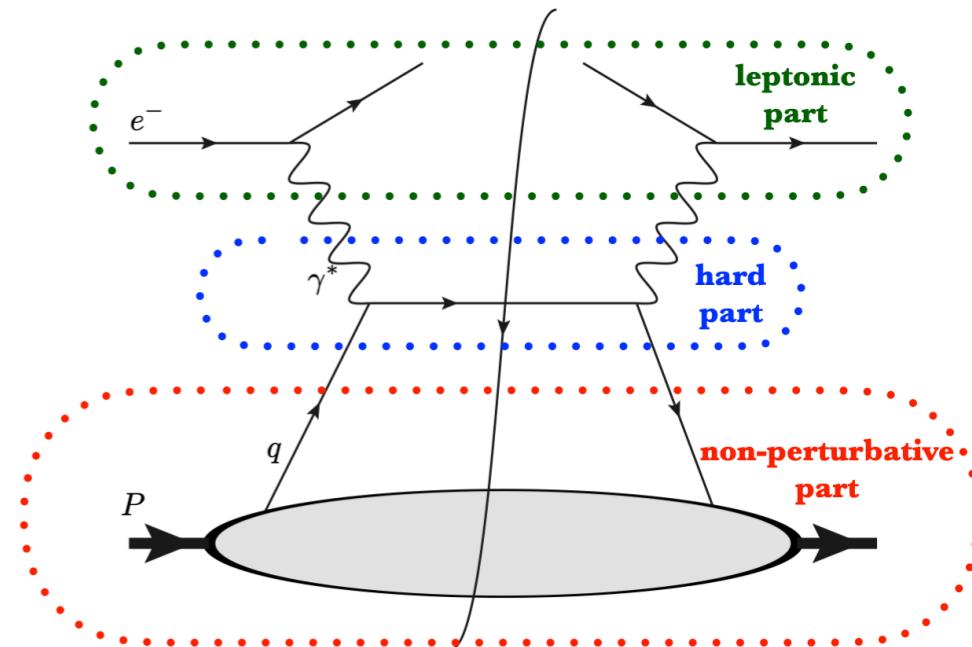


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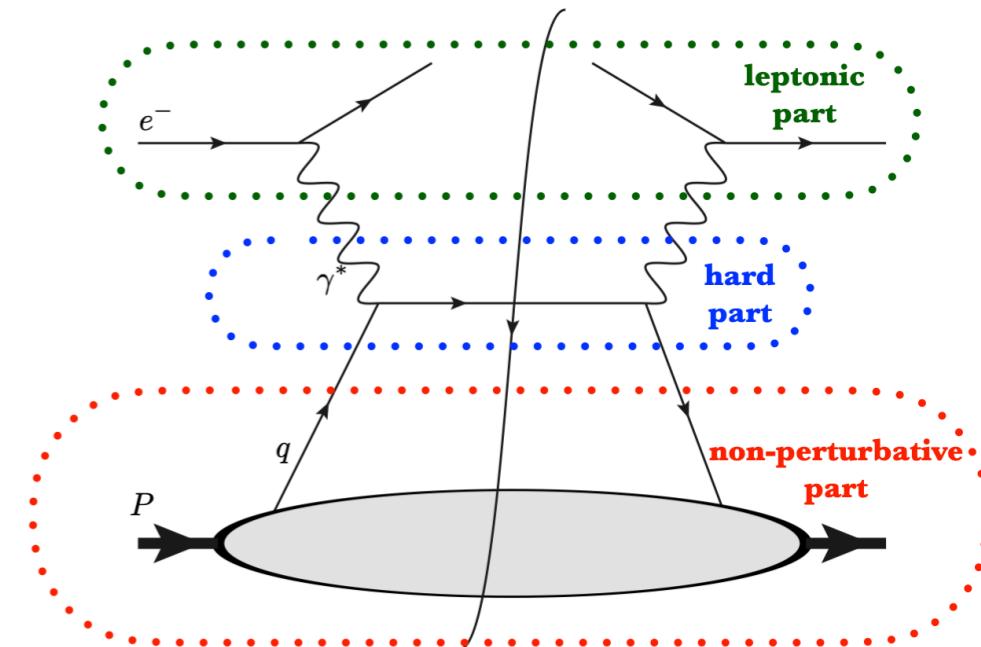
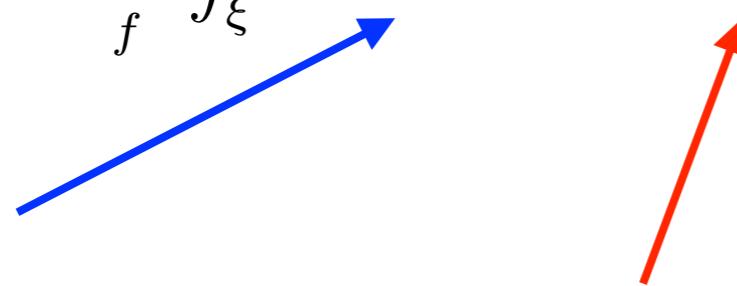
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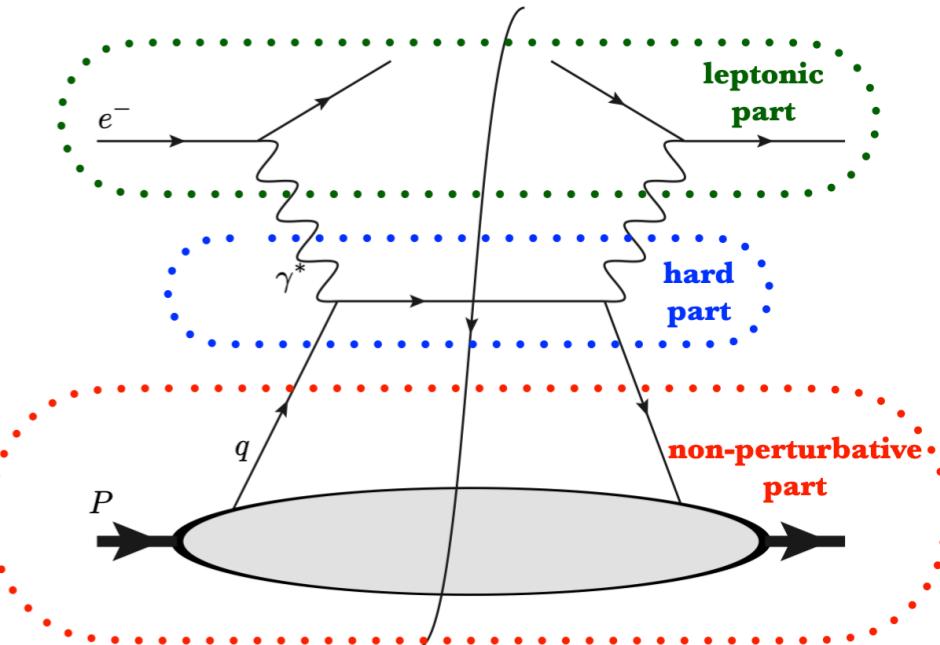
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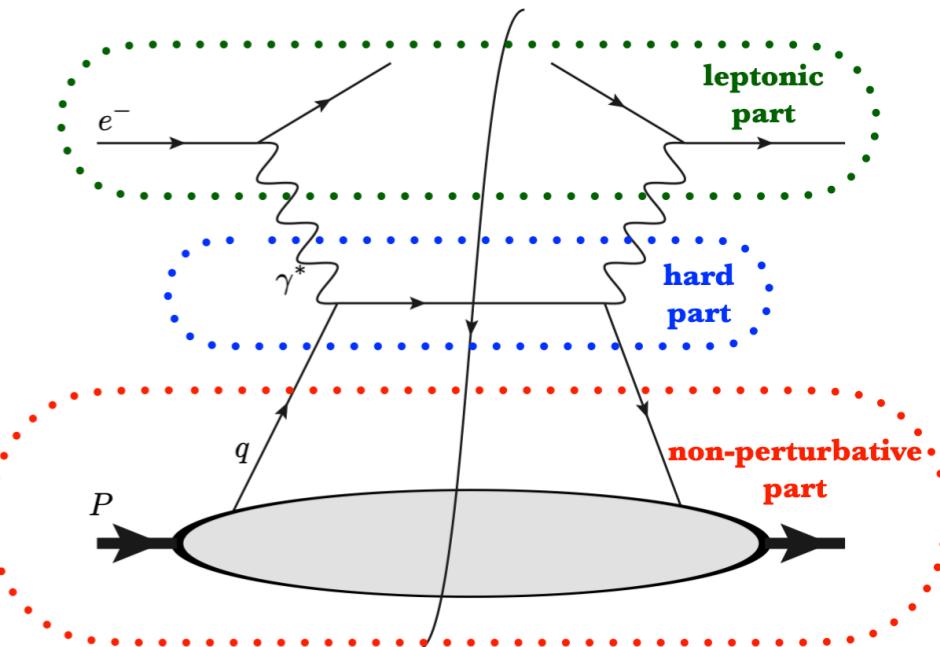
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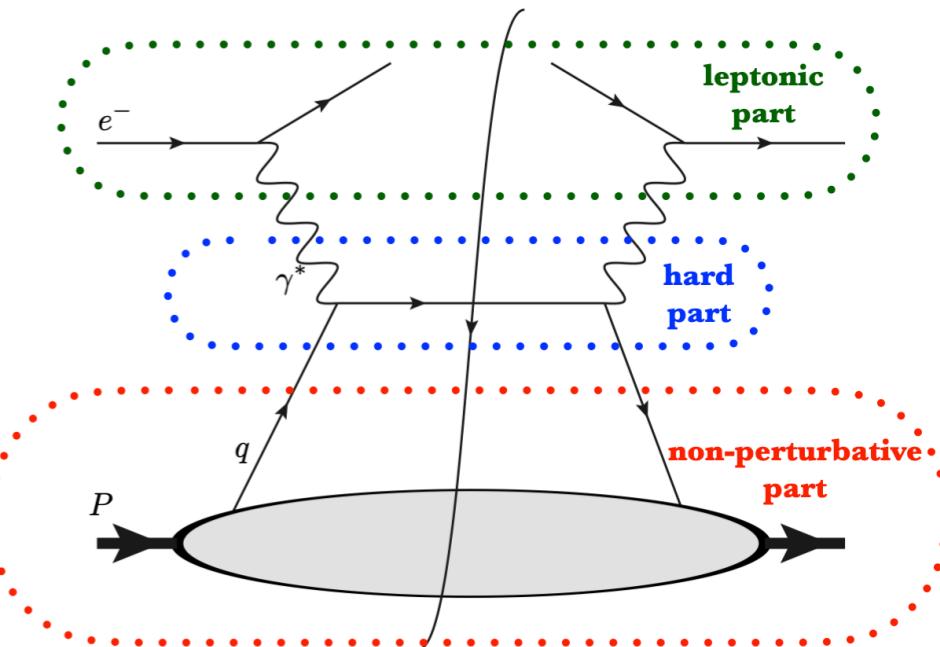
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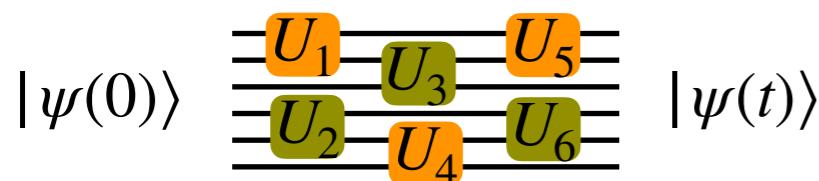
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- encode in quantum degrees of freedom both matter and gauge fields
- preparation of a reference state, e.g., vacuum, proton, glue-ball
- simulate gauge-invariant quantities, e.g., minimal gauge-matter coupling
- real-time evolution, since the Wilson line is non-local in time
- carry out measurements after the evolution, i.e., quantum interferometer

# Quantum simulation of light-front parton correlators

Digital simulation:  
Universal simulator



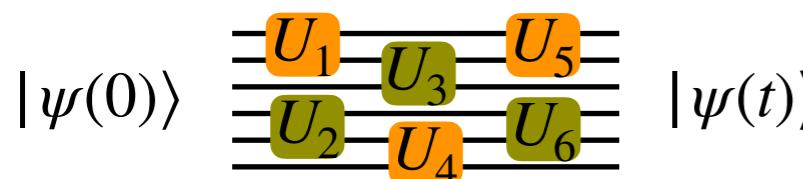
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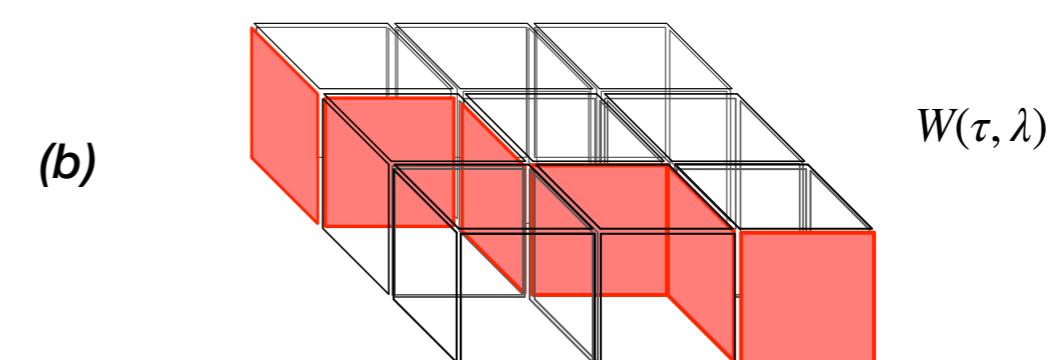
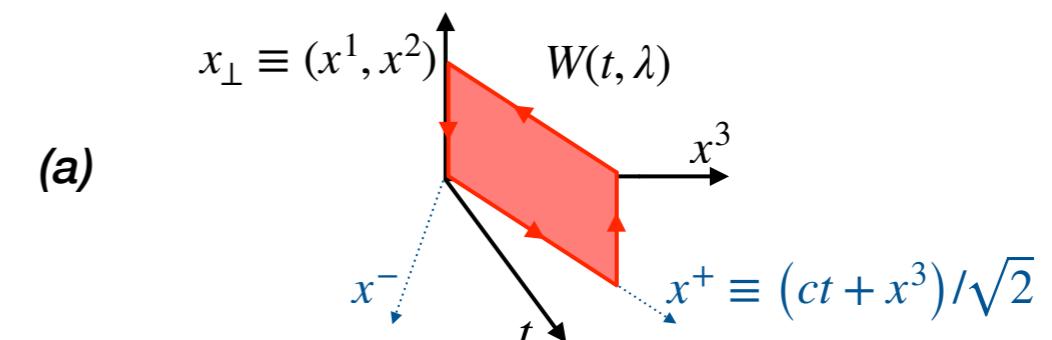
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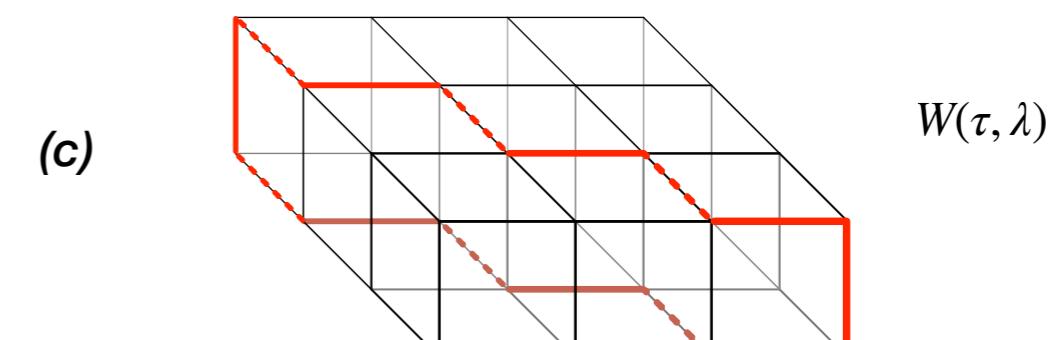
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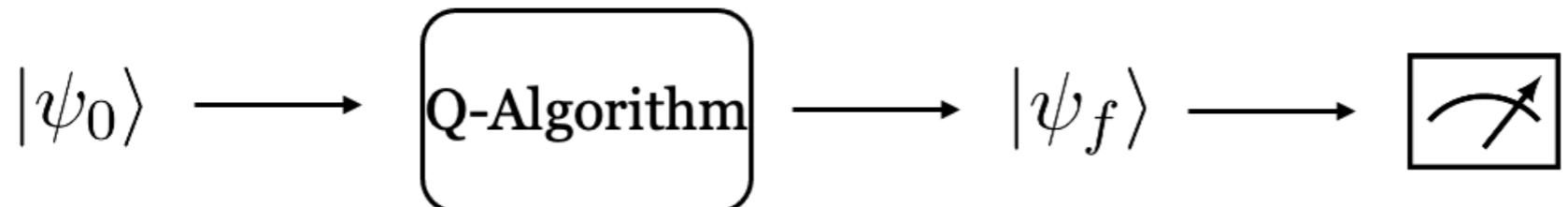
$$W(\tau, \lambda) = W_{C_1} W_{\tau_1} W_{C_2} W_{\tau_2} \dots W_{C_k} W_{\tau_k} \dots$$



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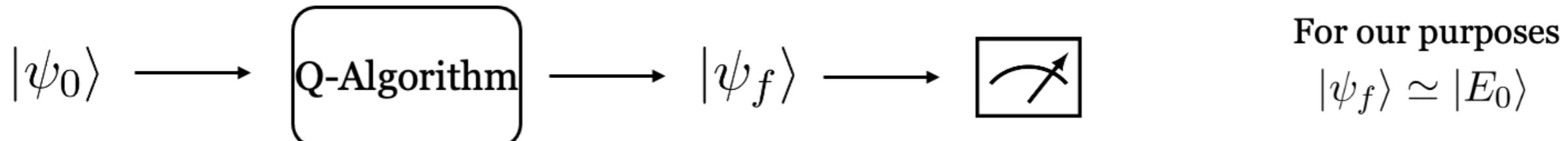


For our purposes  
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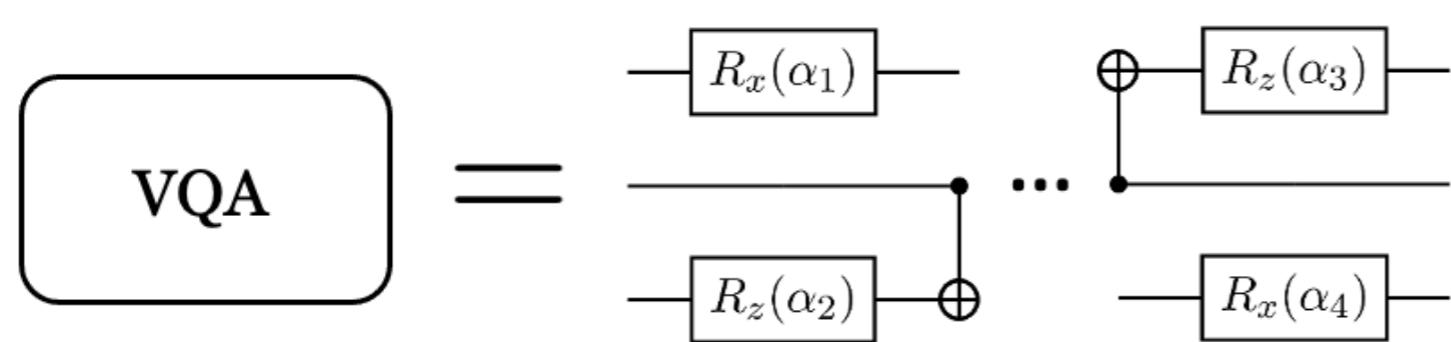
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## Variational quantum algorithms



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VQA

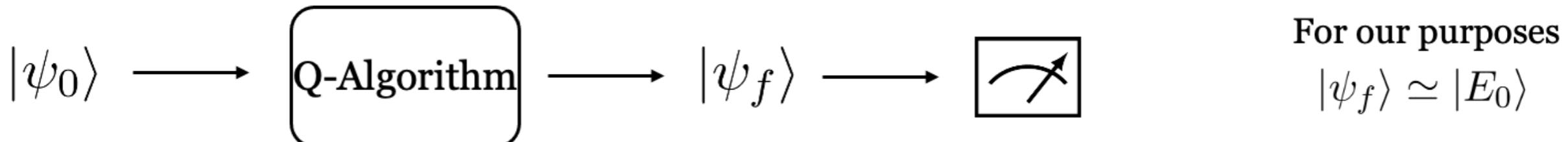
$$|\psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha})\rangle = U_k(\alpha_N)U_{k-1}(\alpha_{N-1})\dots U_1(\alpha_1)|\psi_0\rangle$$

Hard Optimization

$$|\psi_f\rangle = |\psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*)\rangle \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \langle \psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) | \hat{H} | \psi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \rangle \quad \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \geq E_0 \quad \forall |\psi\rangle$$

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## Adiabatic algorithms

$$\text{AA} = \mathcal{T} \left\{ \int_0^T \exp \left[ -\frac{it}{\hbar} H(t) \right] \right\}$$

Less sensitive  
to noise

$$H(t) = [1 - \lambda(t)]H_0 + \lambda(t)H_f$$

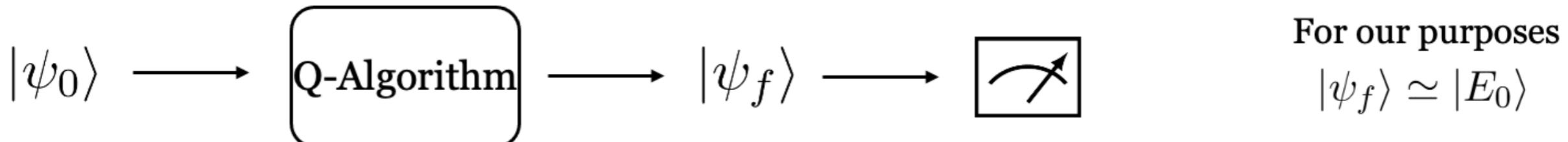
$$\lambda(0) = 0 \quad \lambda(T) = 1$$

$$T \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Delta}\right) \quad \Delta \rightarrow \text{Min. Gap}$$

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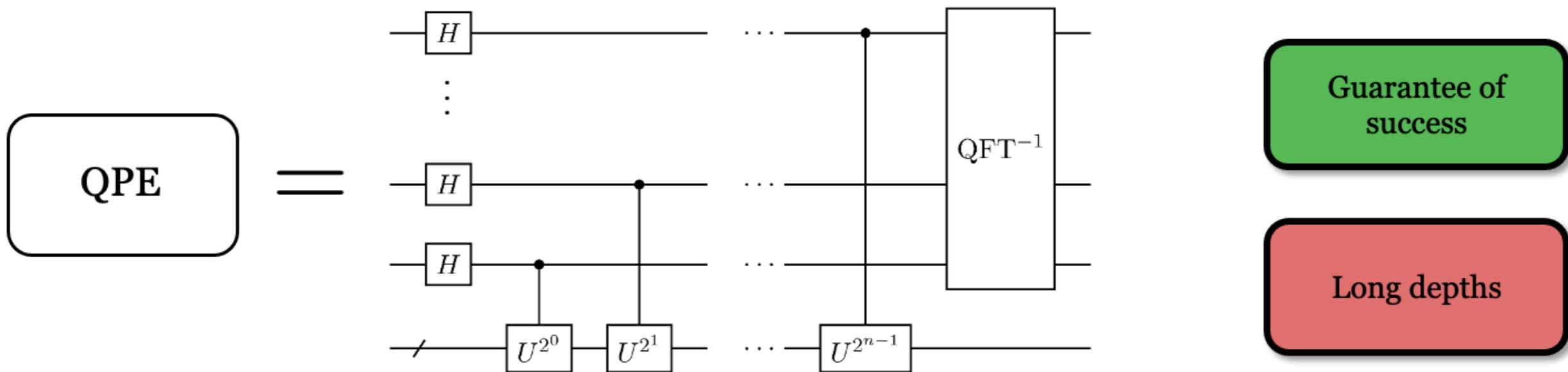
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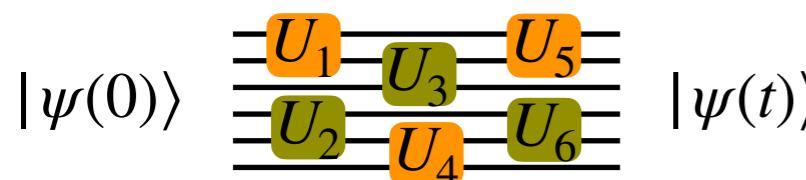


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In the **general case**, it is known to be a QMA problem (analogue of NP problem)

With **unitary circuits**, it is known that the depth scales with the system size (topological order)

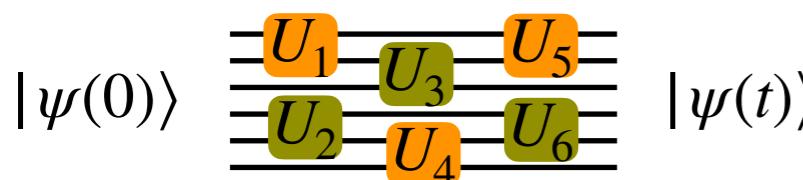
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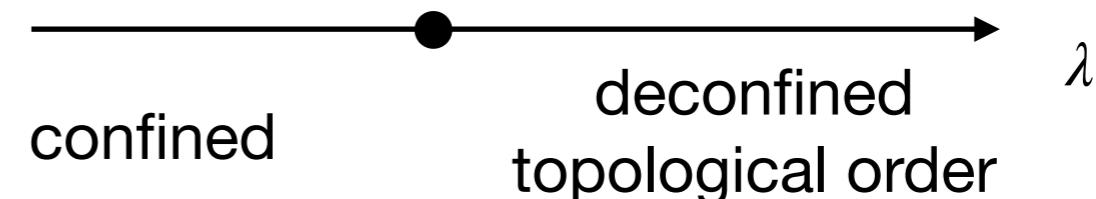
In the **general case**, it is known to be a QMA problem (analogue of NP problem)

With **unitary circuits**, it is known that the depth scales with the system size (topological order)

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## The $\mathbb{Z}_2$ lattice gauge theory

### Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = - \underbrace{\sum_{n,i} \hat{\sigma}_{(n,i)}^x}_{\text{Electric term}} - \lambda \underbrace{\sum_n \hat{P}_n}_{\text{Magnetic term}}$$

$$\lambda \in [0, \infty)$$

### Gauge invariance

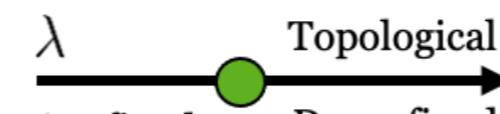
$$[\hat{G}_k, \hat{H}] = 0 \quad \forall k = 0, 1 \dots N_g$$

### Gauss' Law

$$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E})(k) \equiv 0 \implies \hat{G}_k |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \text{Physical states}$

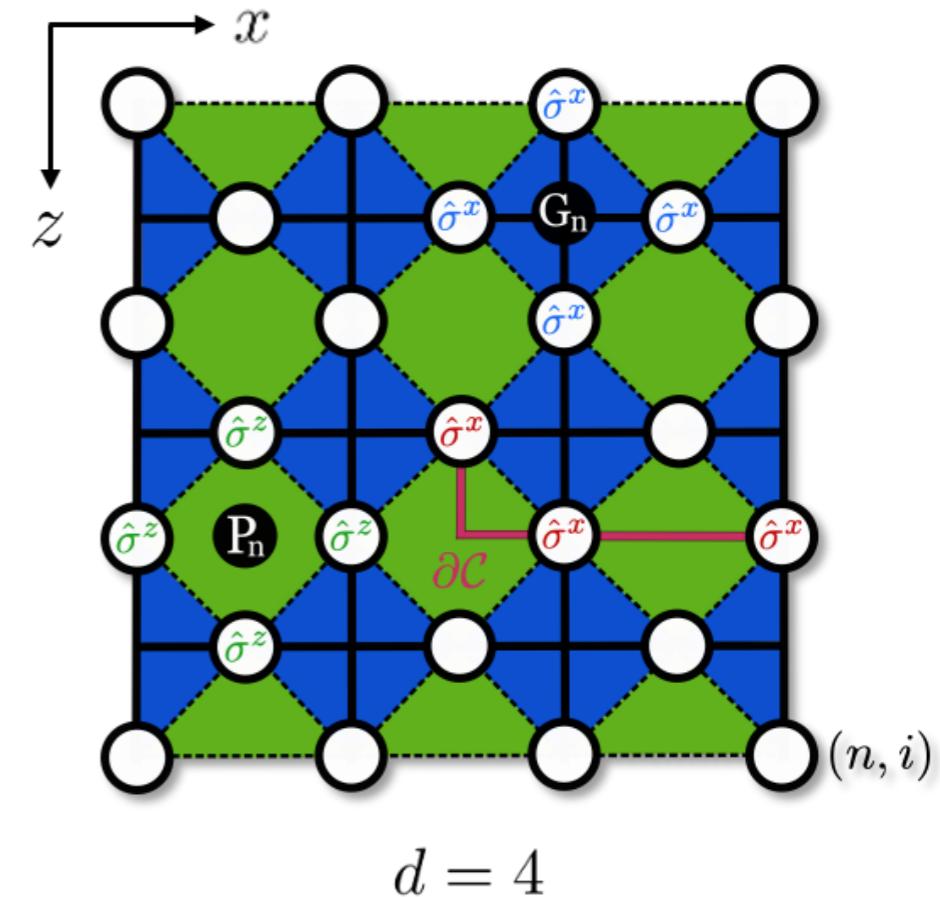
### Phase diagram



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### Dual magnetization

$$\hat{M}_n = \prod_{(n,i) \in \partial\mathcal{C}_n} \hat{\sigma}_{(n,i)}^x$$



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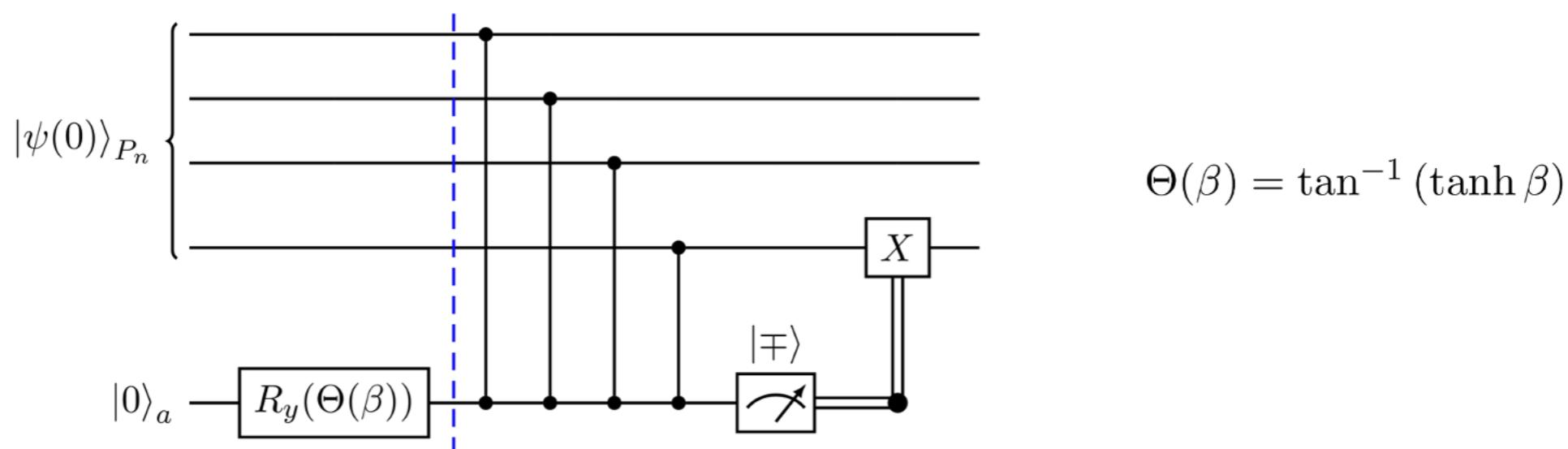
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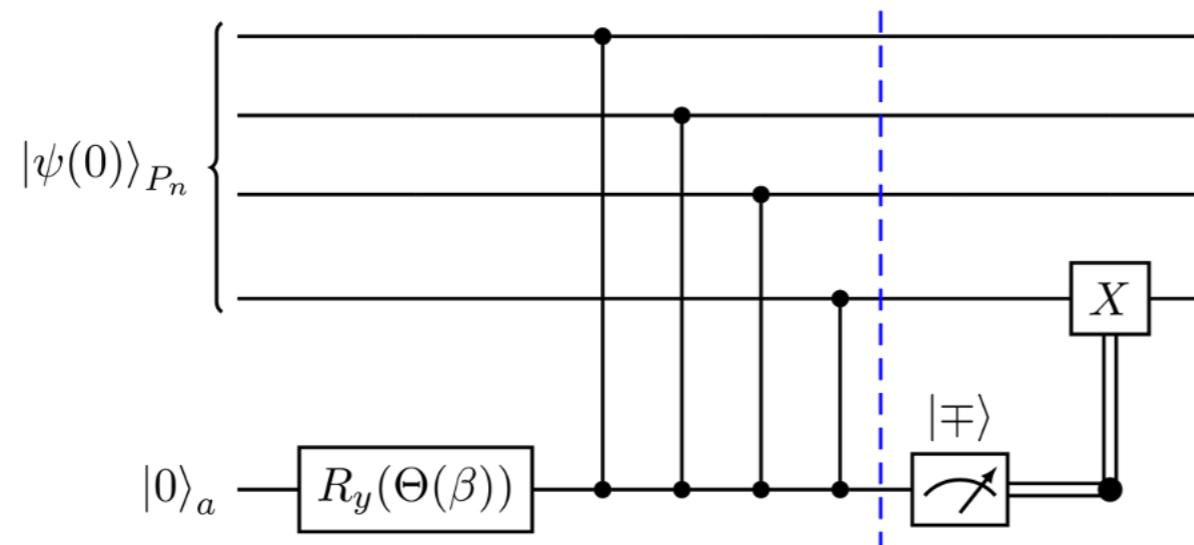
$$|\psi(0)\rangle_{P_n} |0\rangle_a \xrightarrow{R_y(\Theta(\beta))} \left[ \frac{|0\rangle_a + \tanh \beta |1\rangle_a}{\sqrt{1 + \tanh^2 \beta}} \right] |\psi(0)\rangle_{P_n}$$

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$$\hat{\sigma}_{m \in P_n}^x e^{-\hat{P}_n} = e^{\hat{P}_n} \hat{\sigma}_{m \in P_n}^x$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_m^x |\psi(0)\rangle = |\psi(0)\rangle \quad \forall m$$

$$\left[ \frac{|0\rangle_a + \tanh \beta |1\rangle_a}{\sqrt{1 + \tanh^2 \beta}} \right] |\psi(0)\rangle_{P_n} \xrightarrow{CZ} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left[ \frac{e^{\beta \hat{P}_n}}{(\cosh 2\beta)^{N_p/2}} \right] |+\rangle_a + \left[ \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{P}_n}}{(\cosh 2\beta)^{N_p/2}} \right] |-\rangle_a \right\} |\psi(0)\rangle_{P_n}$$

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### **Variational ansatz**

$$|\psi(\alpha, \beta)\rangle = \left[ \prod_{k=2}^{\ell} e^{i\alpha_k H_E} e^{i\beta_k H_B} \right] e^{i\alpha_1 H_E} \frac{e^{\beta_1 H_B}}{(\cosh 2\beta_1)^{N_p/2}} |\Omega_E\rangle$$

Unitary	Dissipative
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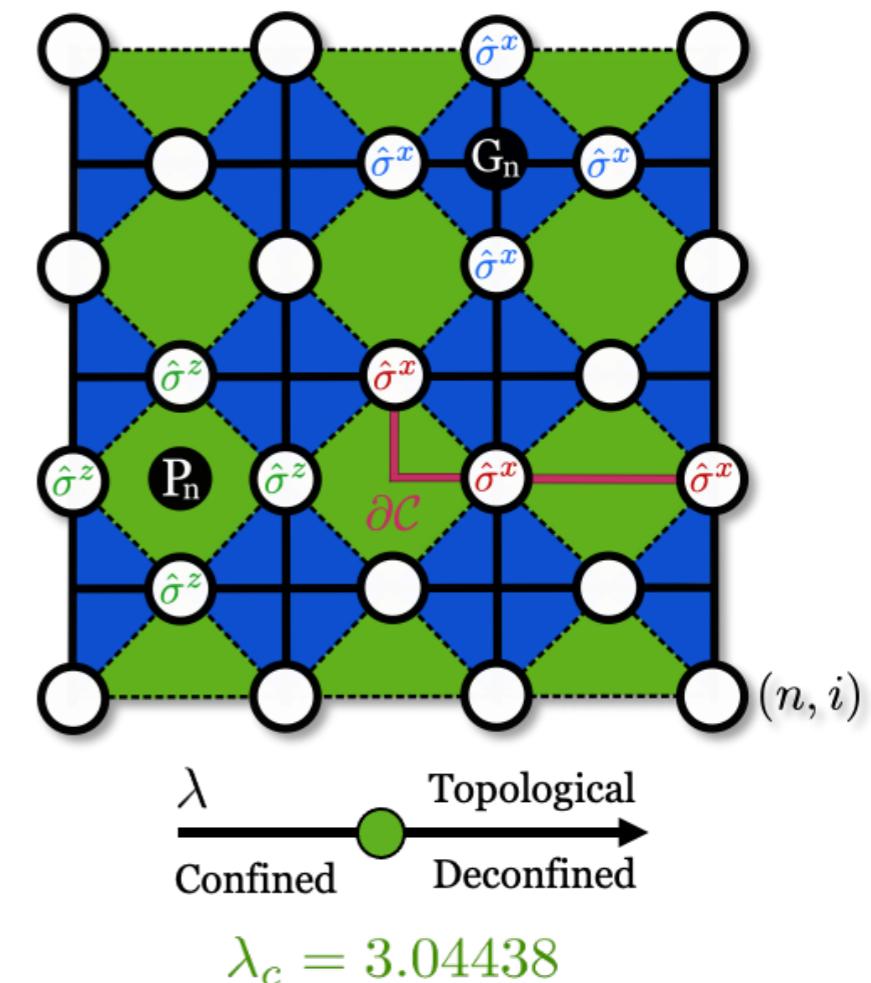
$$H_E = \sum_{n,i} \sigma_{(n,i)}^x \quad H_B = \sum_n P_n \quad |\Omega_E\rangle = \bigotimes_{n,i} |+\rangle_{(n,i)}$$

$$|\psi(\mathbf{0}, \beta_1 = \infty)\rangle = \prod_n \left[ \frac{1 + P_n}{\sqrt{2}} \right] |\Omega_E\rangle \longrightarrow \text{The ansatz captures the ground states of } H_E, H_B$$

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\tau \hat{H}} |\psi\rangle \longrightarrow |\text{g.s.}\rangle$$

$$e^{-\tau \hat{H}} |\psi\rangle = e^{-\tau E_0} |\text{g.s.}\rangle + e^{-\tau E_1} |E_1\rangle + e^{-\tau E_2} |E_2\rangle + \dots$$

$$H = -H_E - \lambda H_B$$

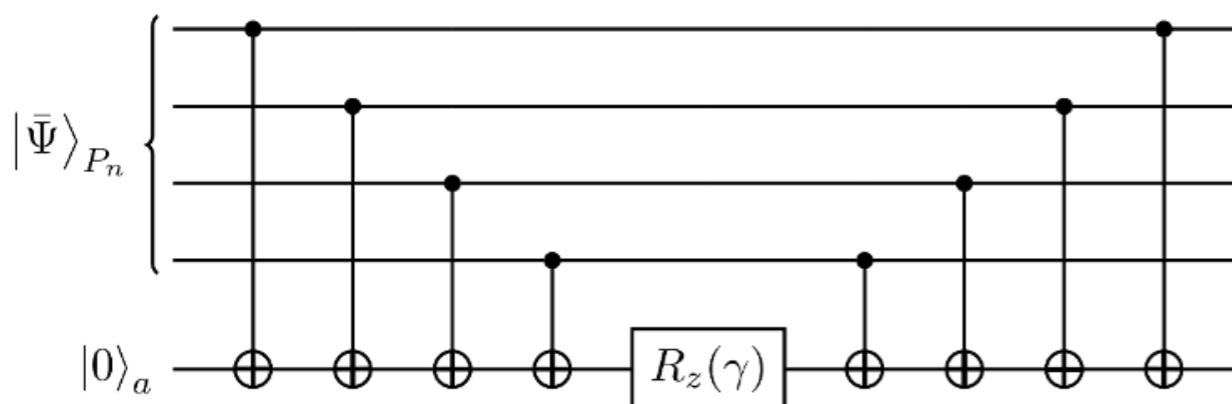


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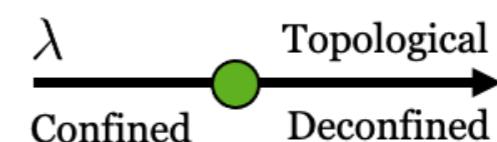
- $e^{i\alpha \hat{\sigma}^x}$  Single qubit rotations
- Circuit implementation of  $e^{i\gamma_k \hat{P}_n}$



## Hamiltonian variational ansatz

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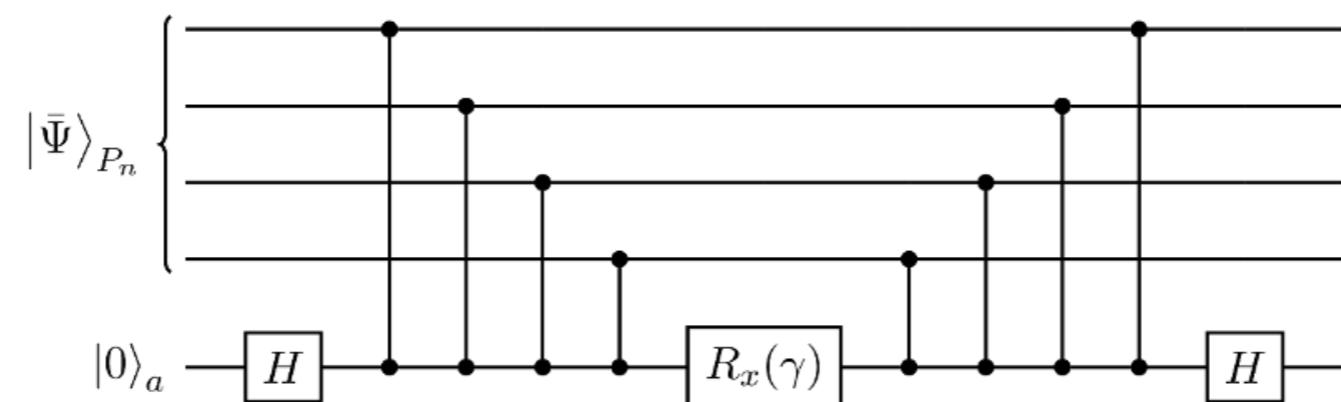
$$|\phi_{u,m}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta})\rangle = \left[ \prod_{k=2}^{\ell} e^{i\beta_k H_B} e^{i\alpha_k H_E} \right] \left[ \prod_n \frac{1 + P_n}{\sqrt{2}} \right] |\Omega_E\rangle$$



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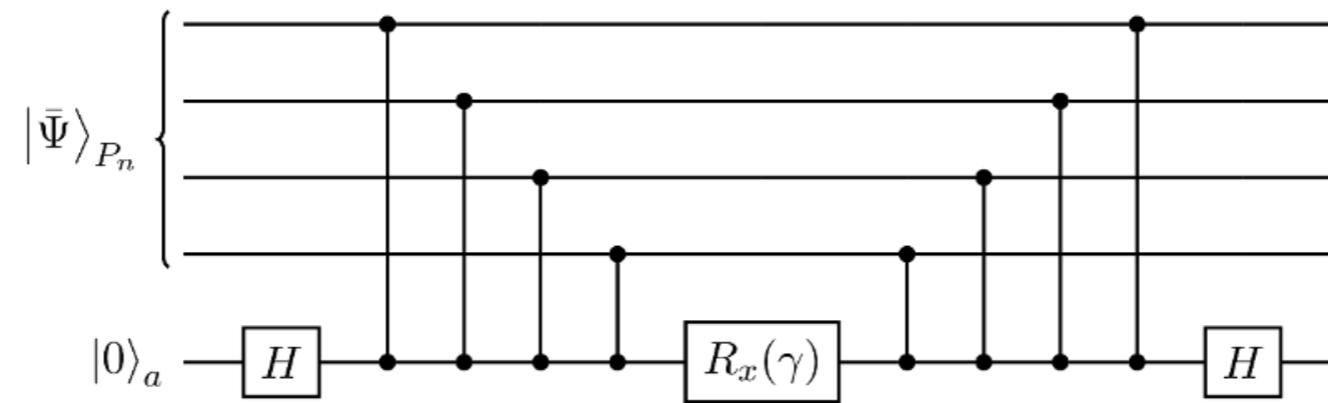
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$$|\psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \theta)\rangle = \left[ \prod_{k=2}^L e^{i\theta_k \hat{H}'_E} e^{i\gamma_k \hat{H}'_B} \right] e^{i\alpha \hat{H}'_E} \frac{e^{\beta \hat{H}'_B}}{(\cosh 2\beta)^{N_p/2}} \left( \bigotimes_{n=0}^N |+\rangle \right)$$



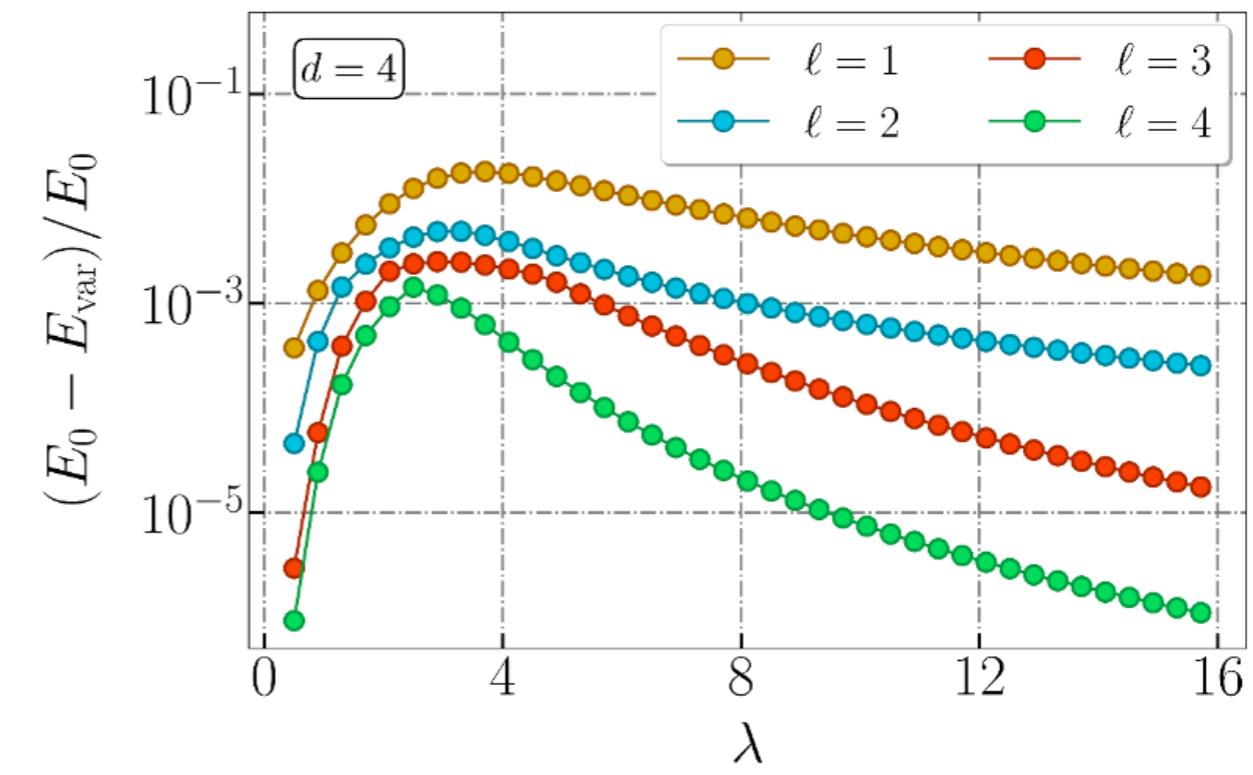
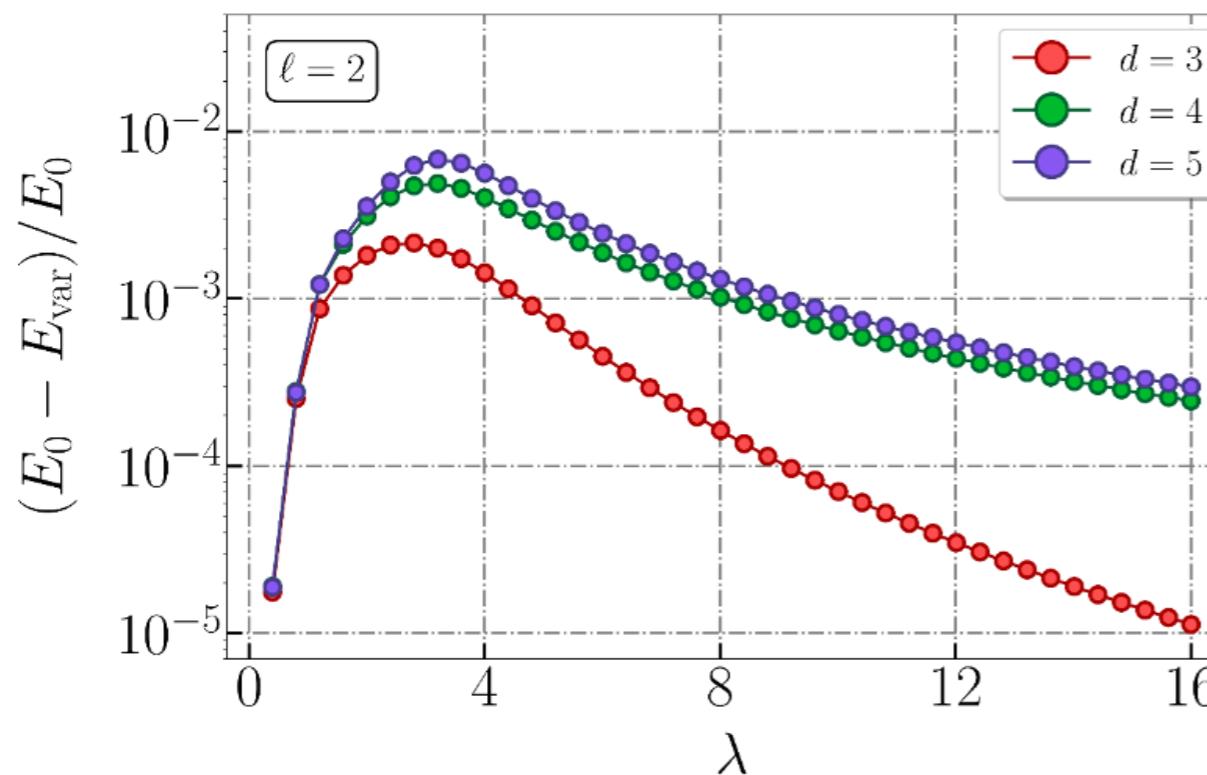
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## Energy deviation

- Energy difference with the exact ground state



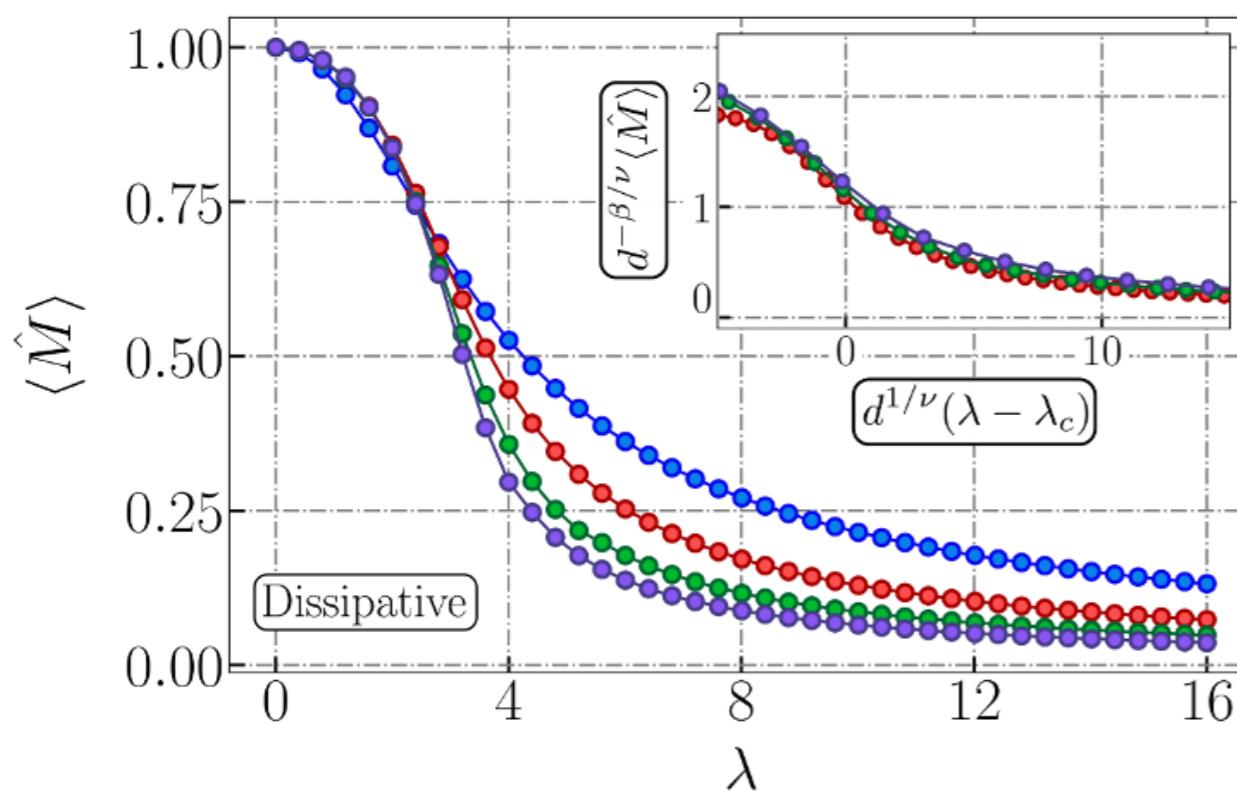
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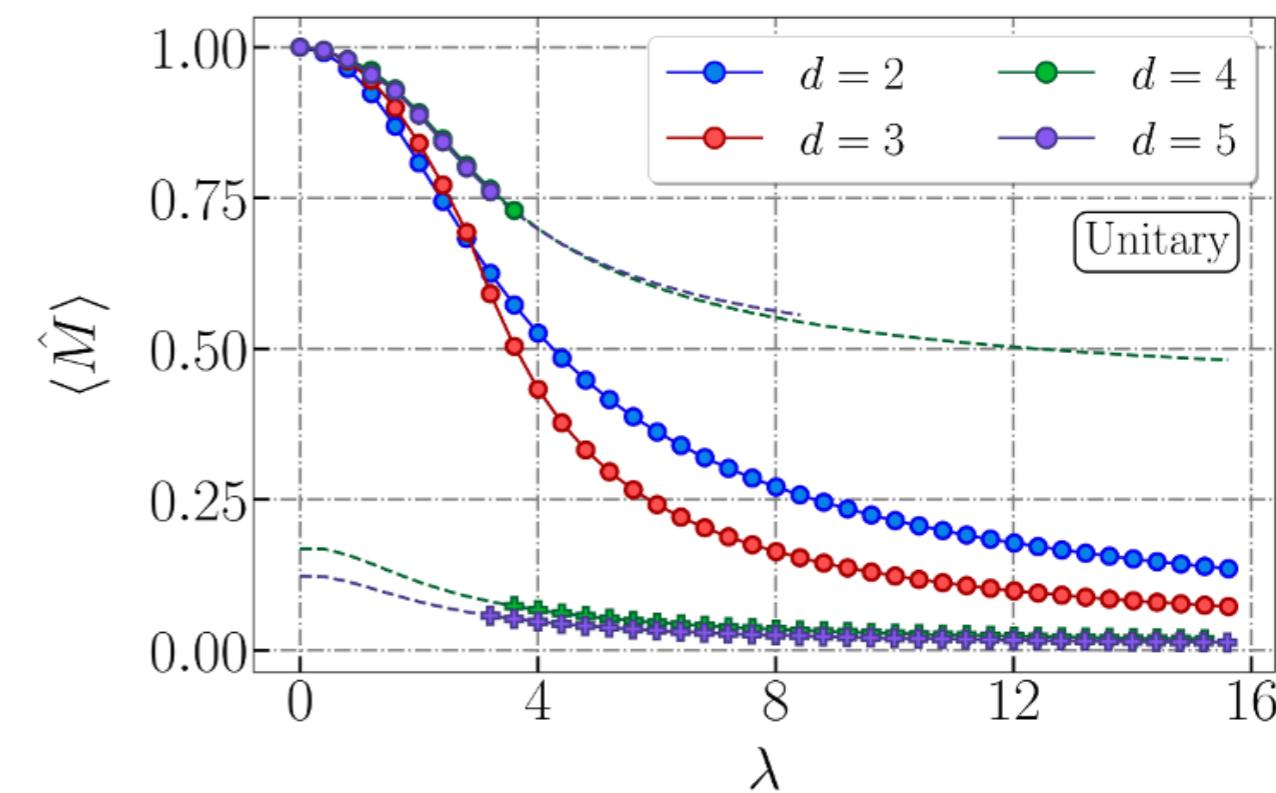
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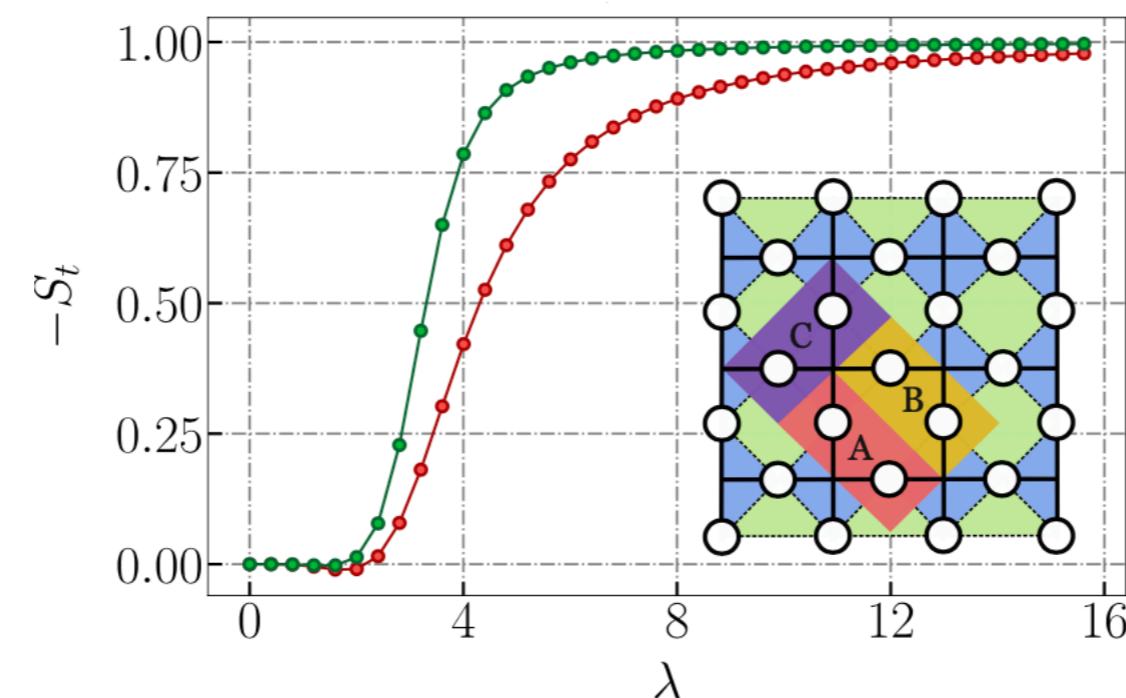
	Dissipative	Monte Carlo	Exact diag.	Unitary $ \phi_{u,e}\rangle$	Unitary $ \phi_{u,m}\rangle$
$\lambda_c$	3.24	3.04	3.06	2.56	2.09
$\beta$	0.35	0.33	0.36	0.04	-1.27
$\nu$	0.59	0.63	0.64	-0.20	-0.40



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## Topological entanglement entropy



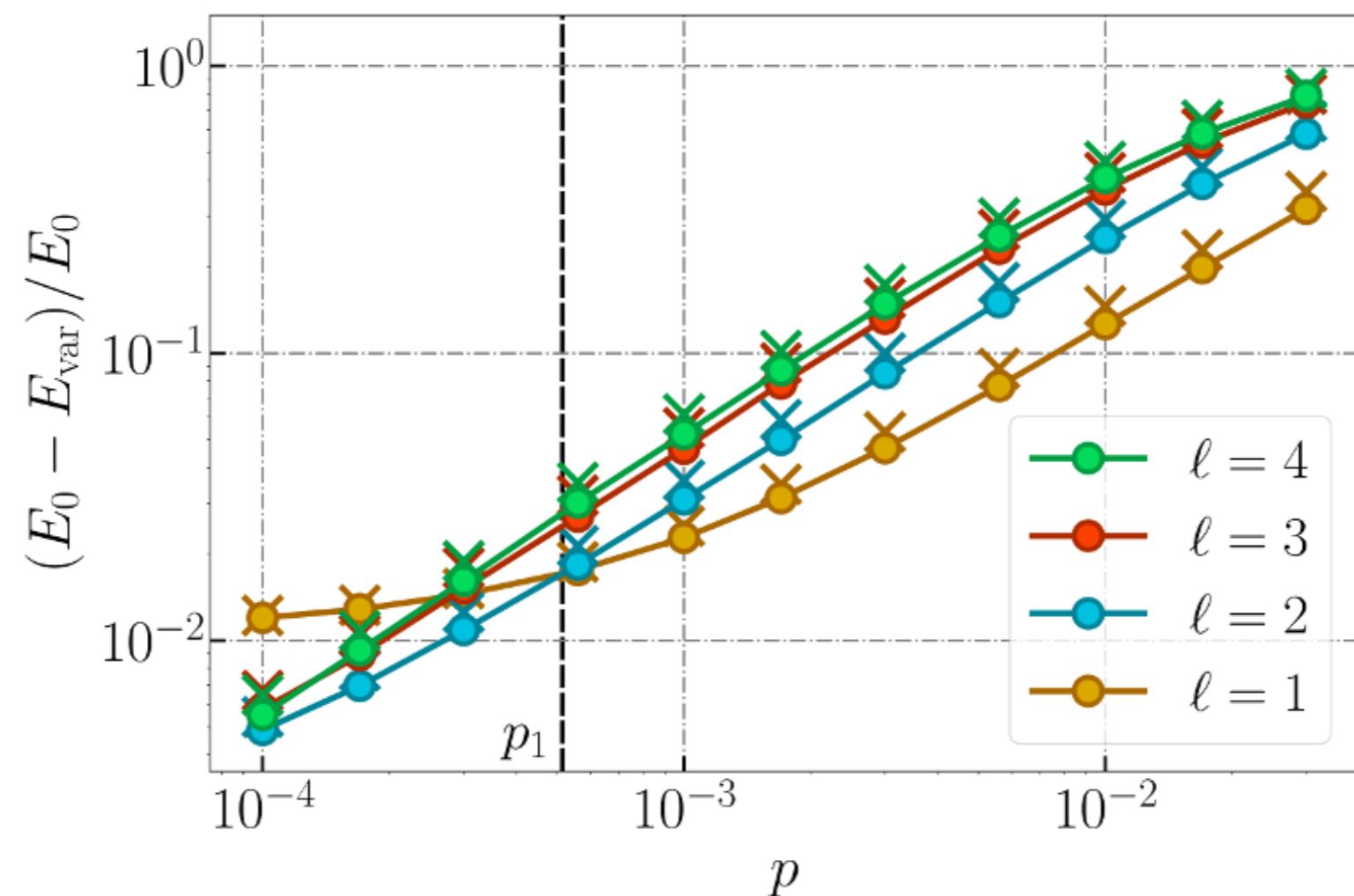
$$S_{\text{topo}} = S_A + S_B + S_C - S_{AB} - S_{AC} - S_{BC} + S_{ABC}$$

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**State preparation  
with noisy gates**

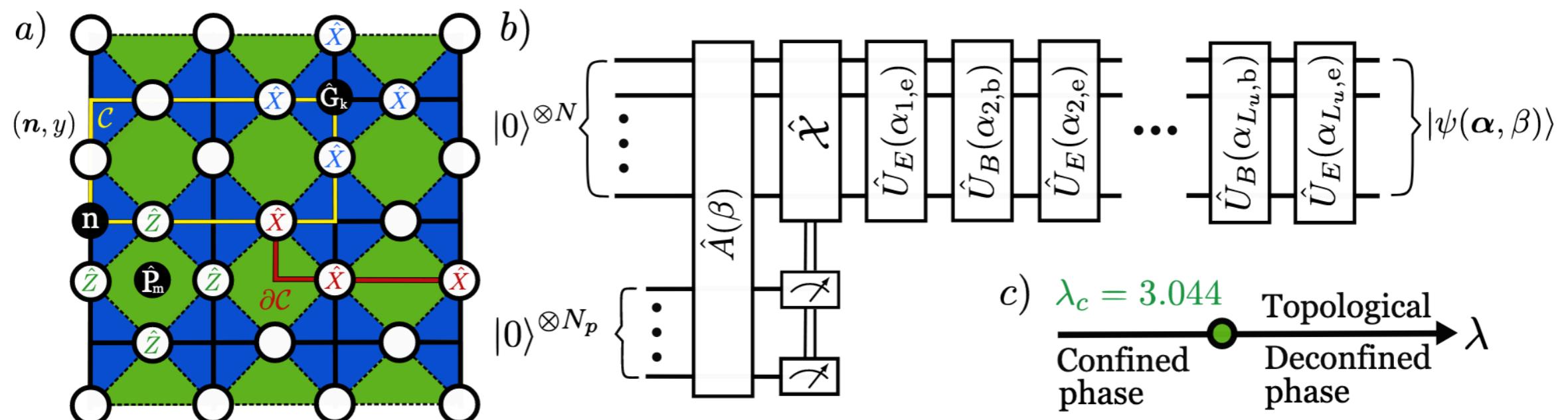
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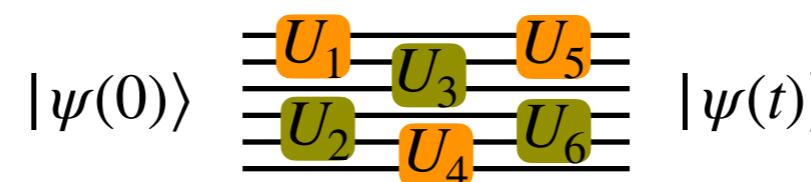
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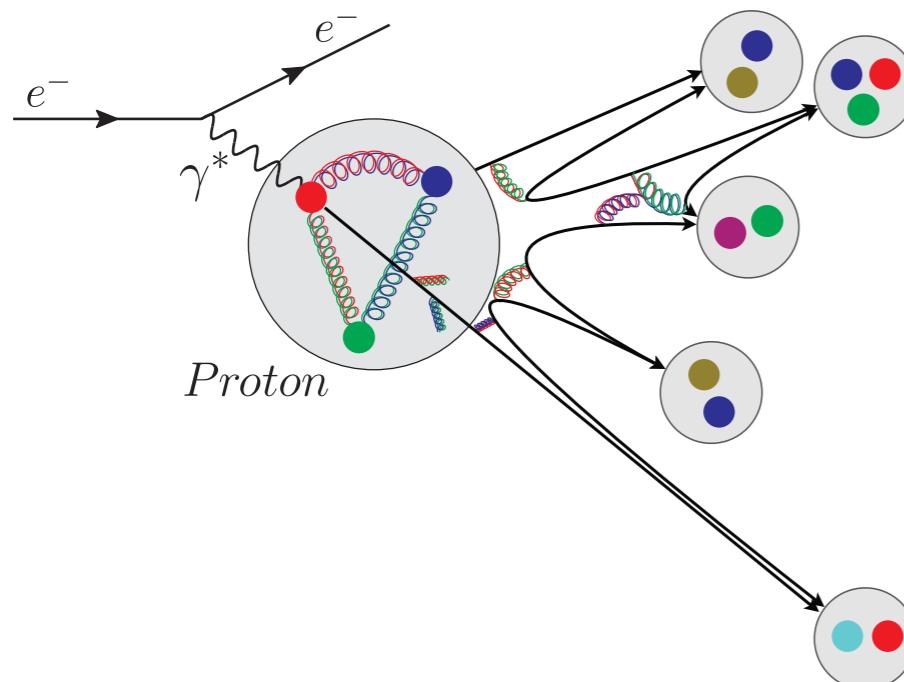


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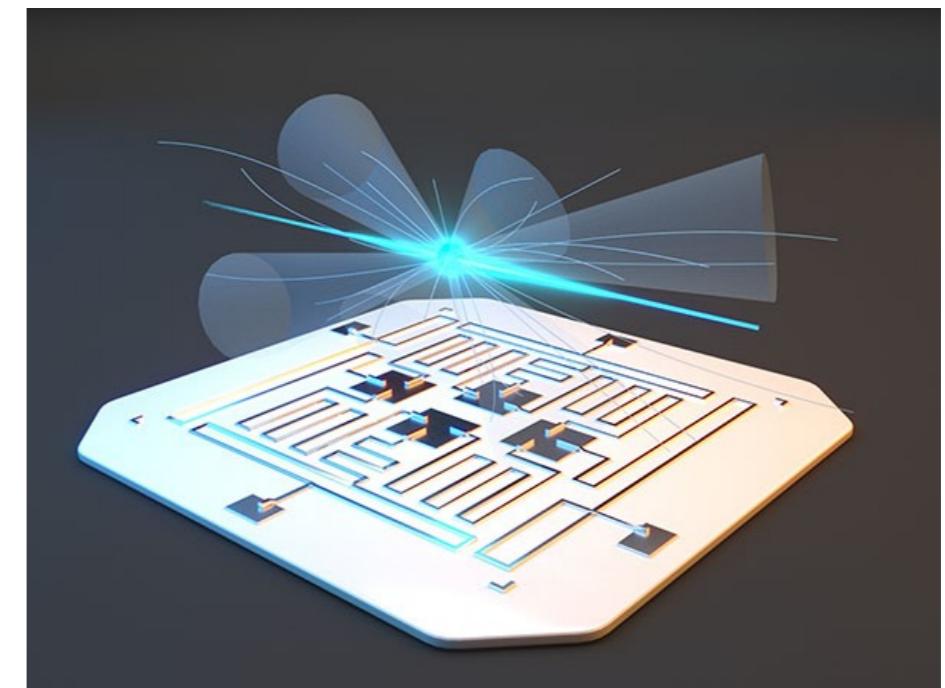


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# A fruitful dialogue (two-way communication)



High-Energy and  
Nuclear Physics



Quantum Information  
Science and Technology

- The first successful implementations of gauge-field theory dynamics on quantum simulators have emerged for small systems.
- Efficient Hamiltonian formulations for (non-Abelian) gauge theories along with best approaches to state preparation and measurement will continue to develop.
- Abelian and non-Abelian lattice gauge theories in higher than 1+1 dimensions present significant challenge but progress is being made.
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