

Optimizing QUBO on Digital Quantum Computers: From Particle Tracking to Scalable Algorithms

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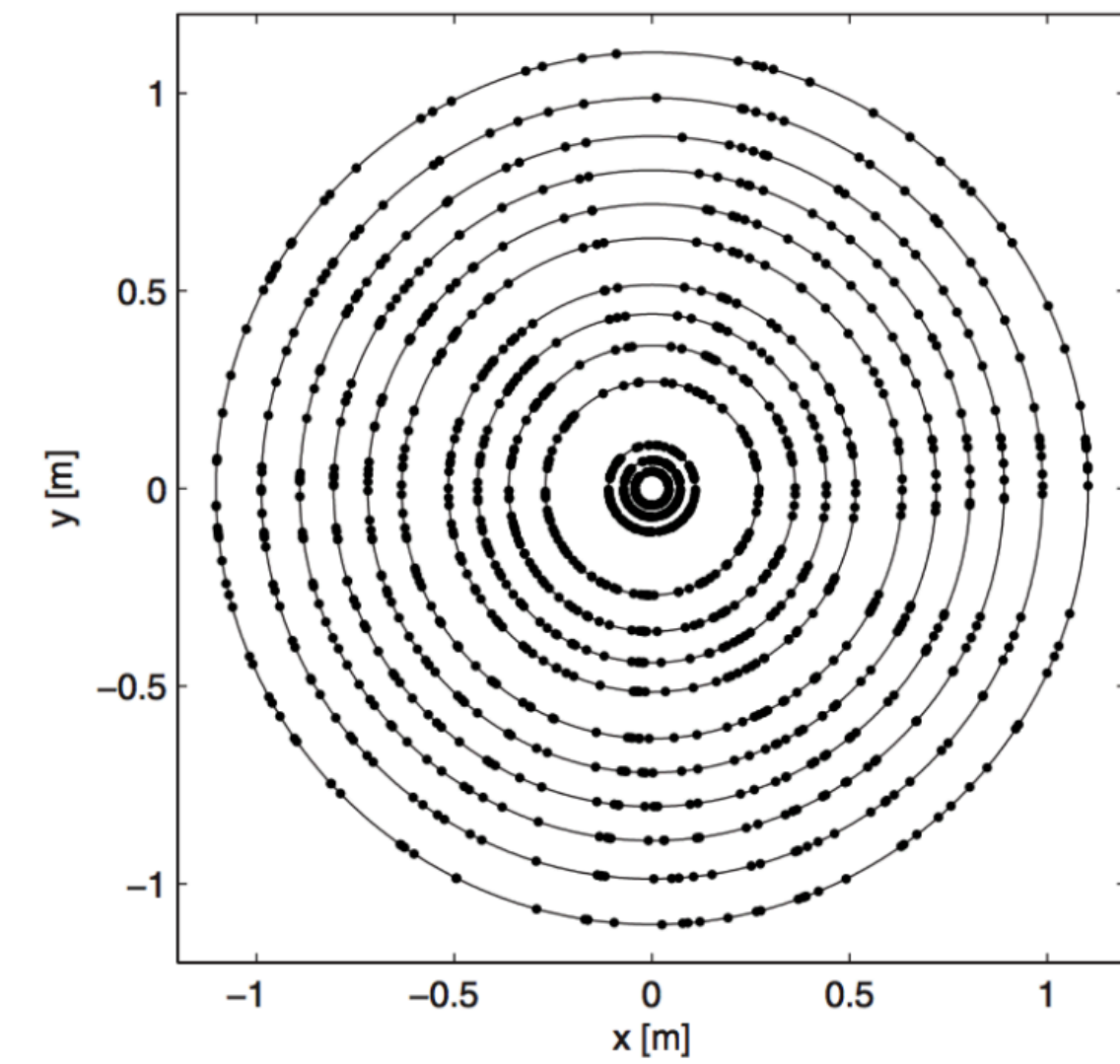
Outline

- Particle tracking to **Q**uadratic **U**nconstrained **B**inary **O**ptimization (QUBO) problem
- Quantum algorithms for QUBO problem
 - Variational quantum algorithm, VQE, QAOA....
 - Imaginary Time Evolution-Mimicking Circuit (ITEMC)
 - Fewer measurements, shallower circuits
 - Experiments of 40, 60, 80 qubits on IBM quantum device
- Summary and outlook

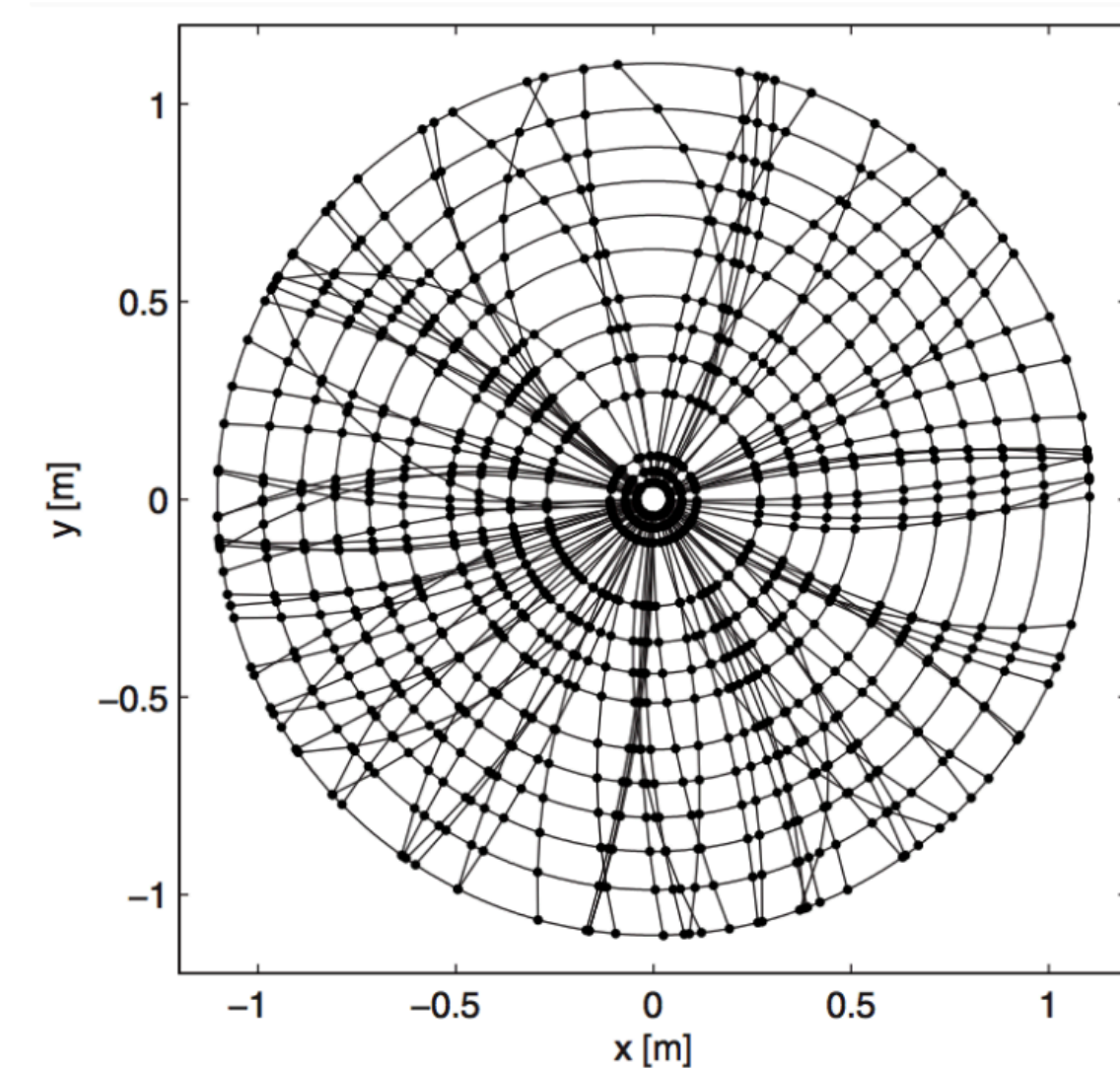
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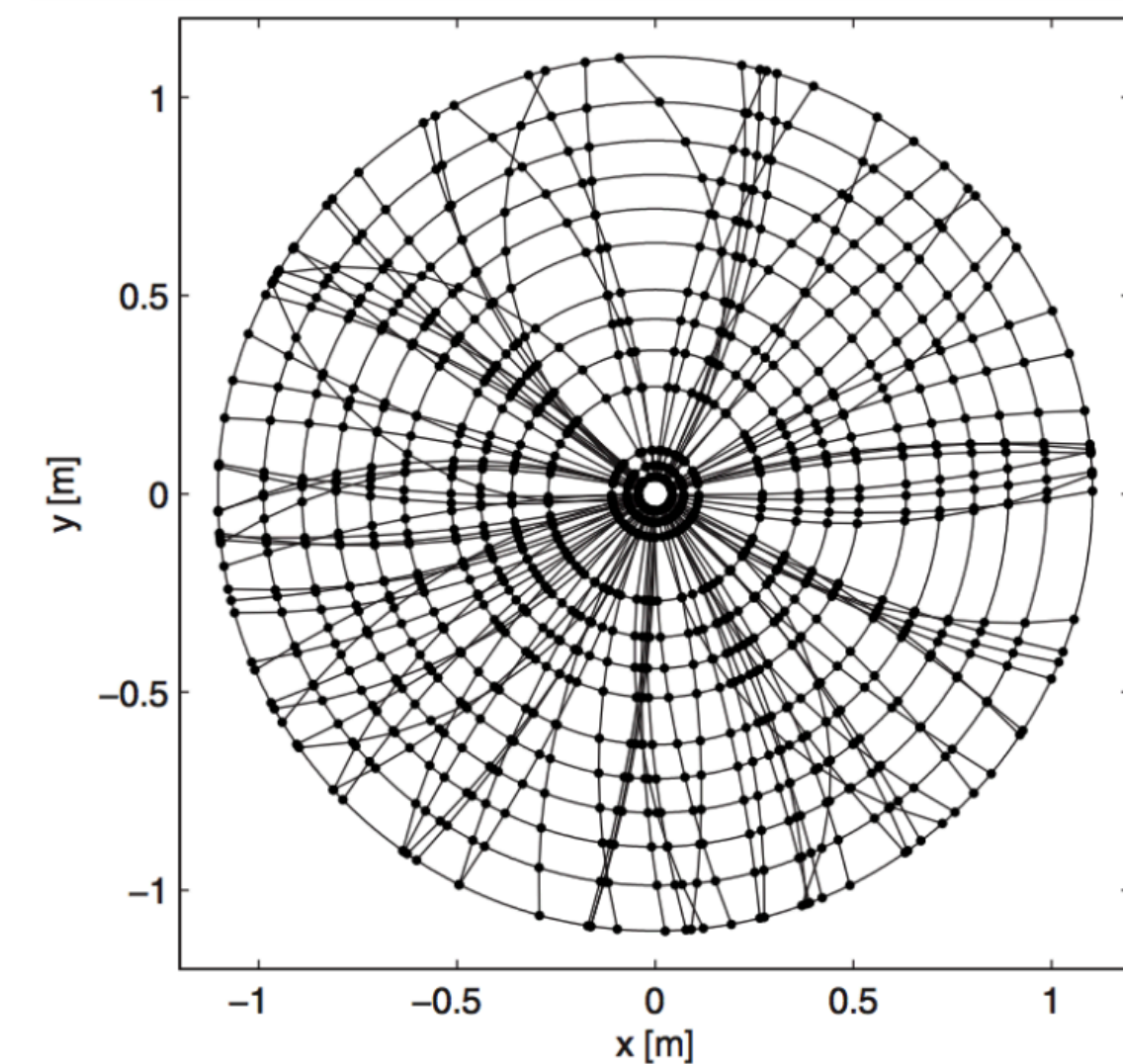
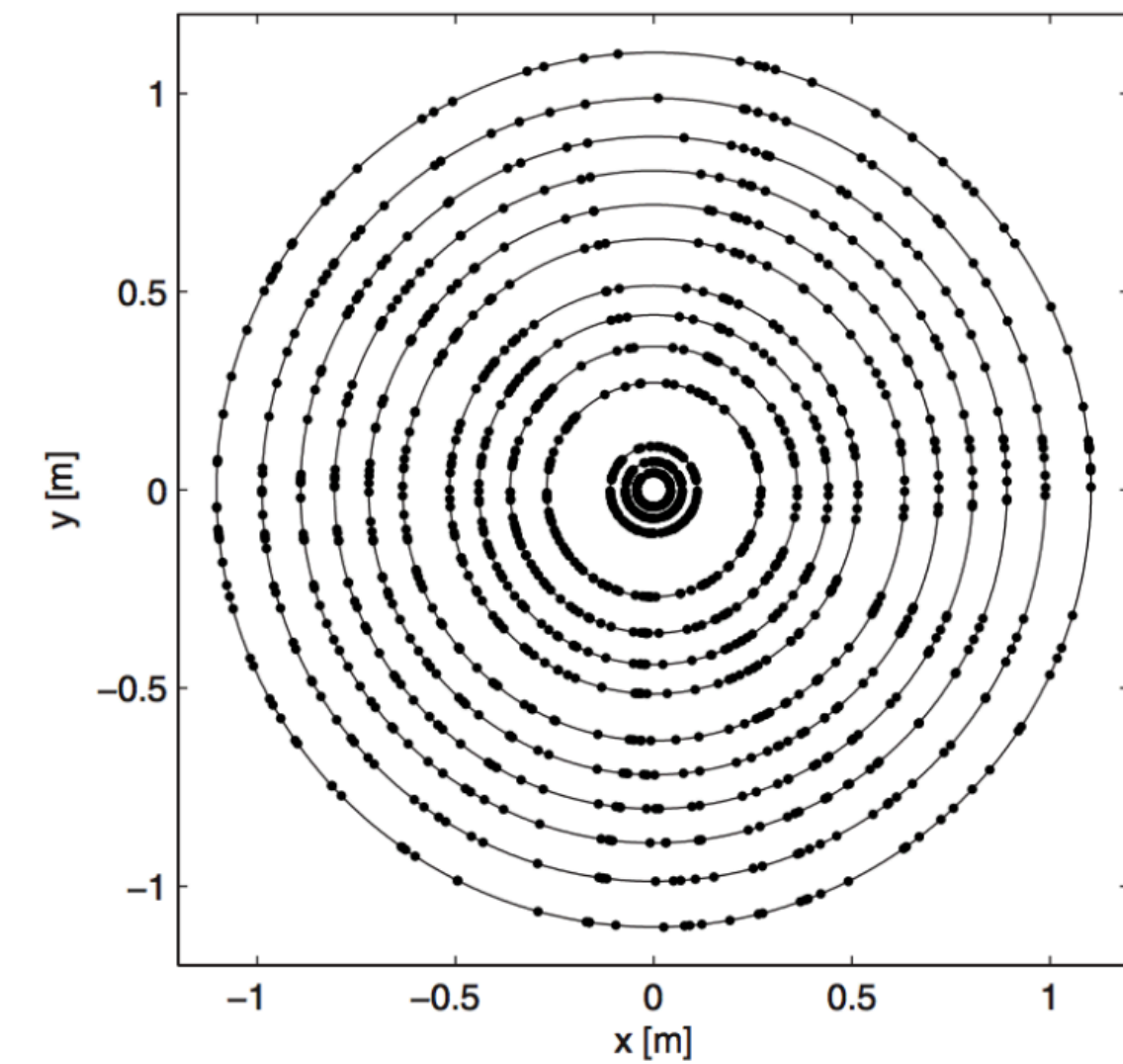
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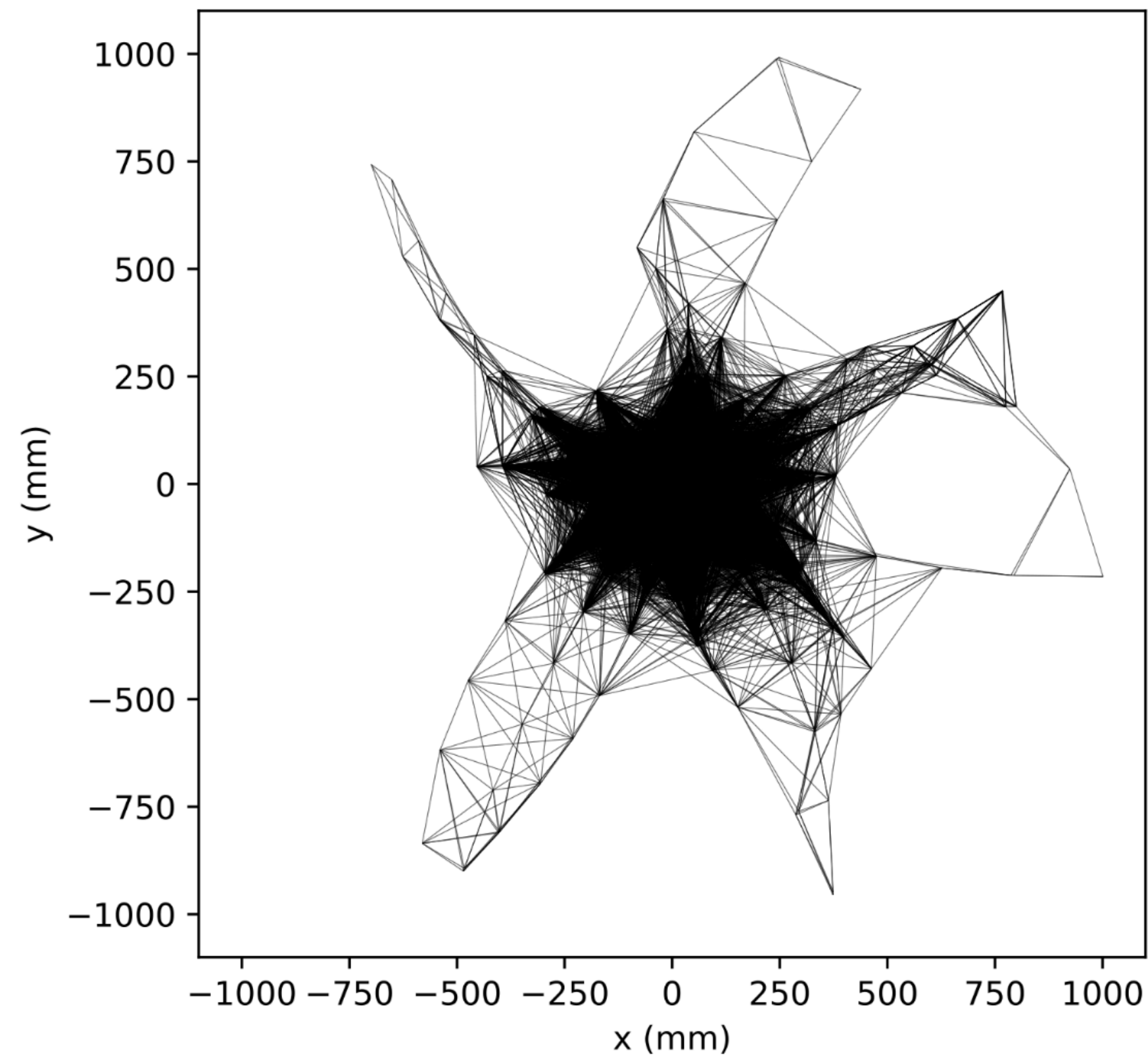
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All pre-selected potential edges



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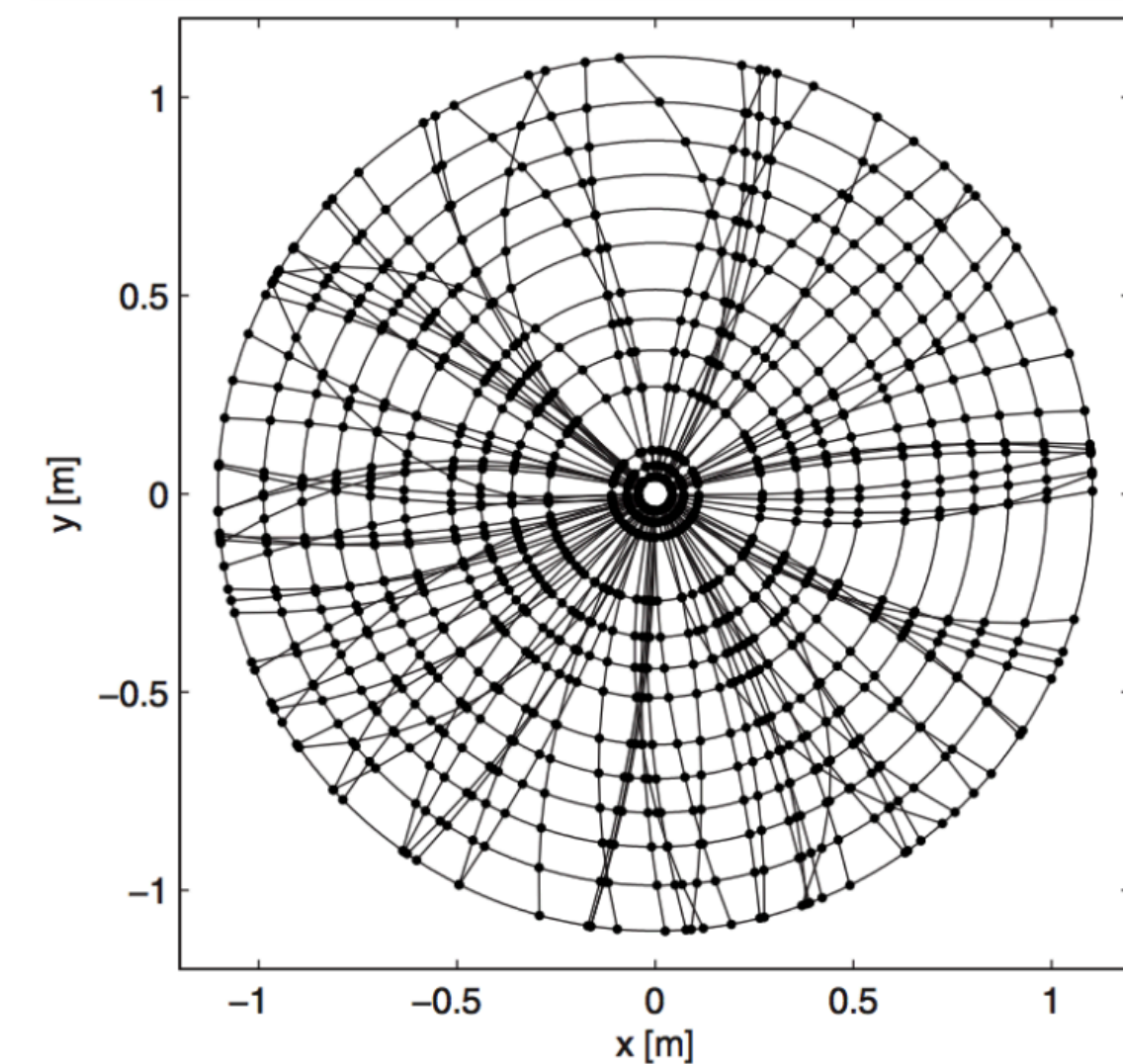
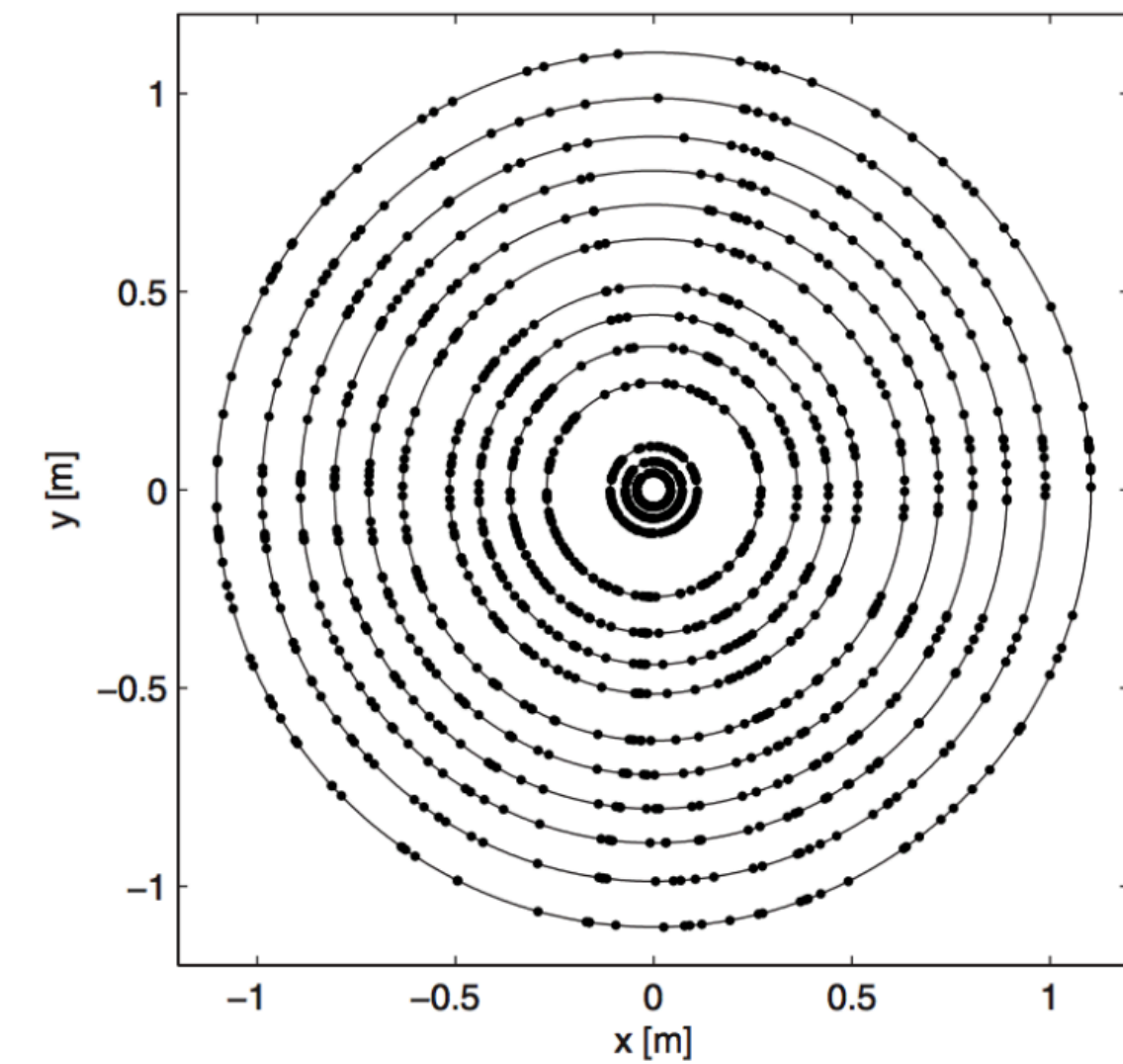
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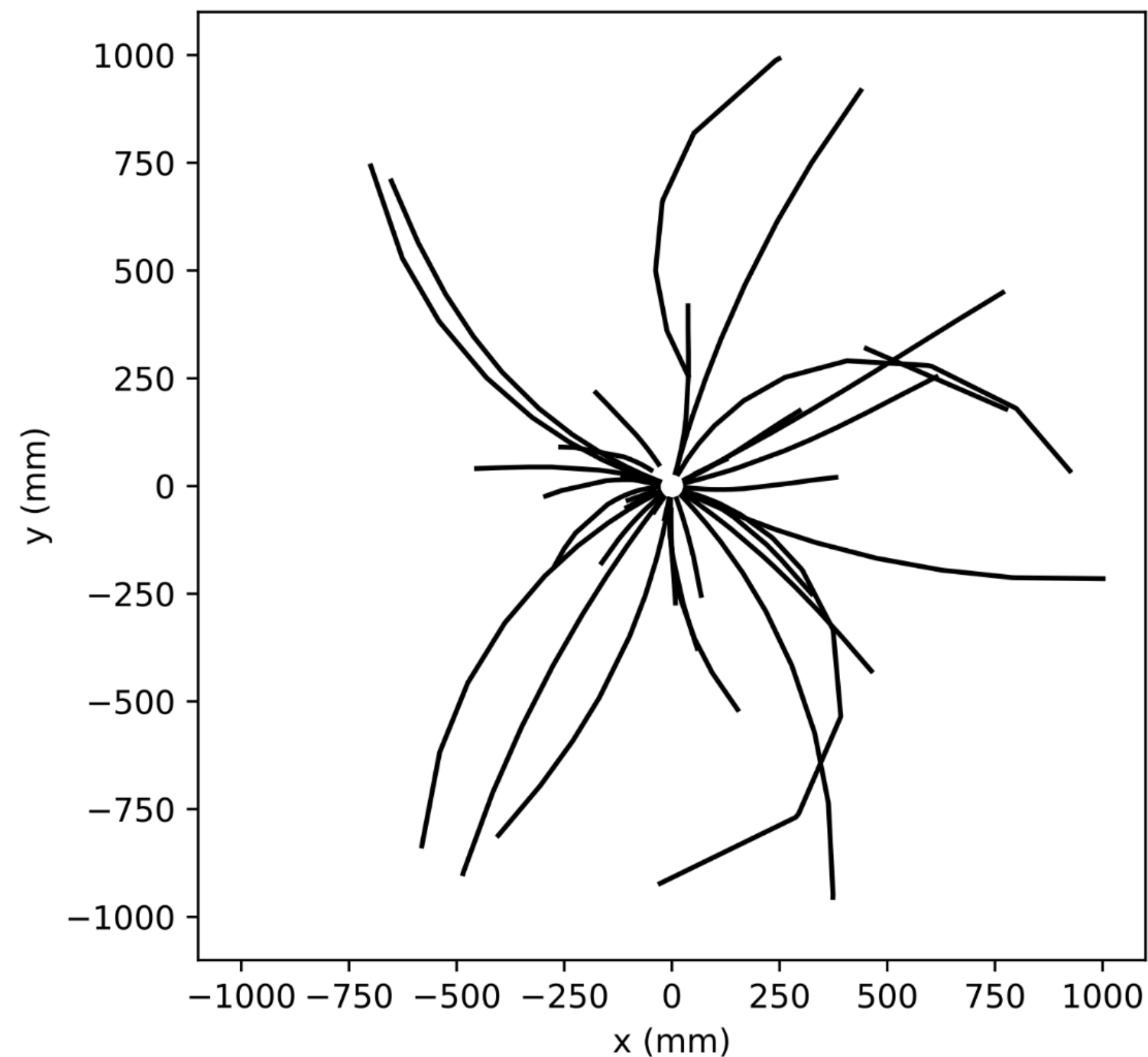
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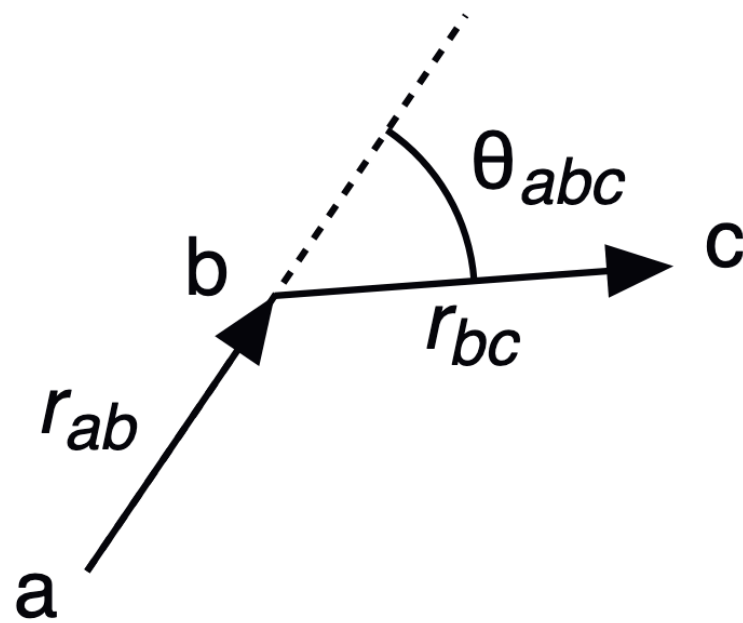
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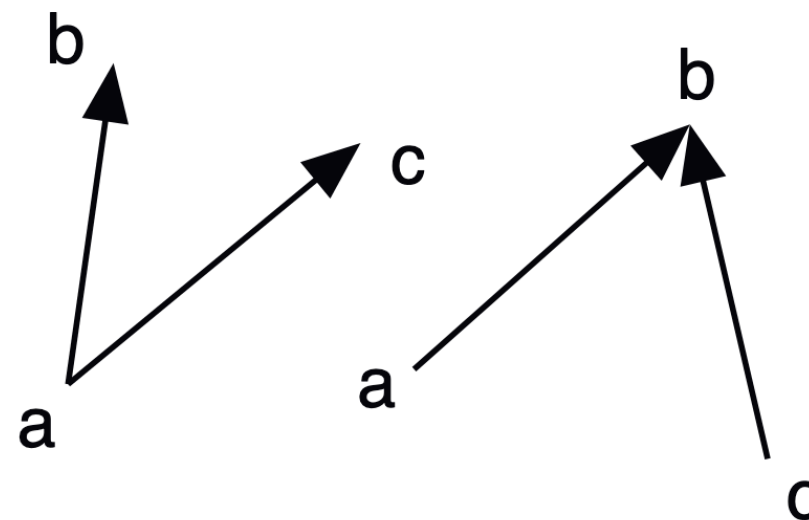
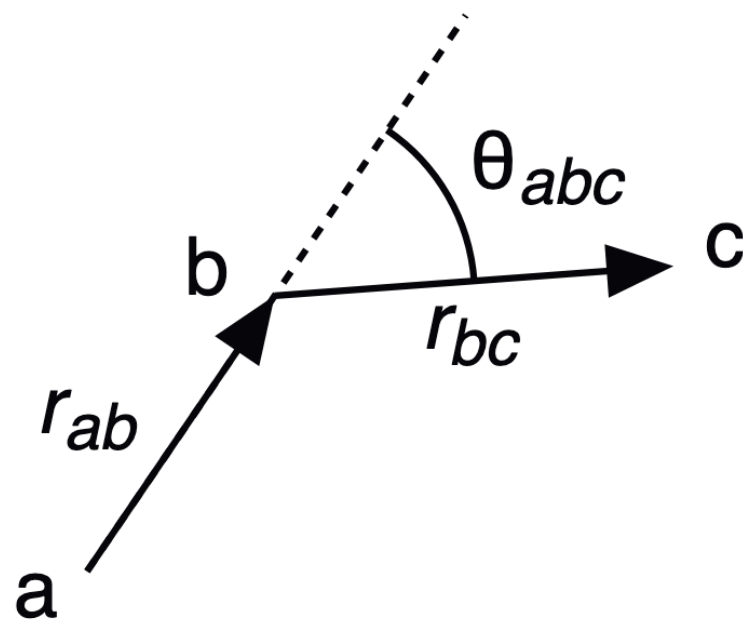
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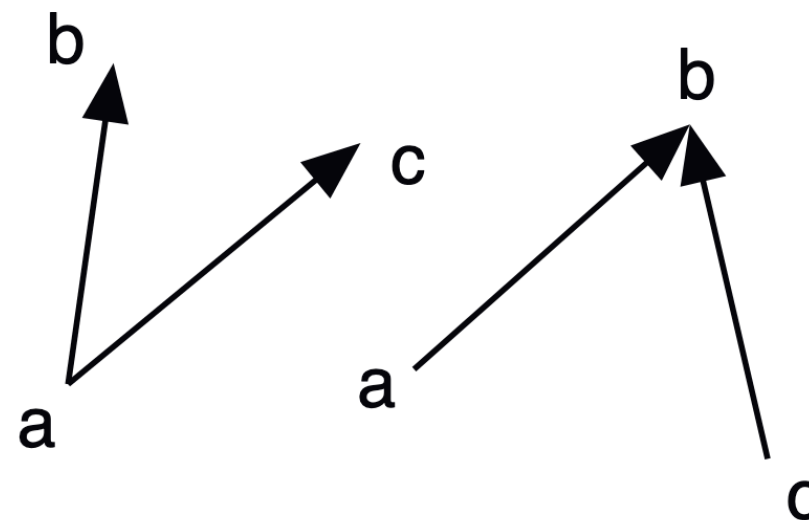
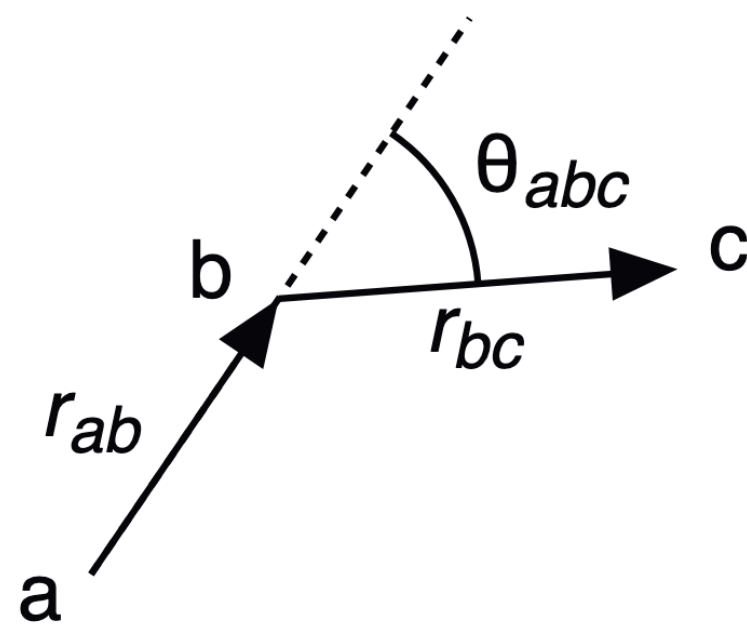
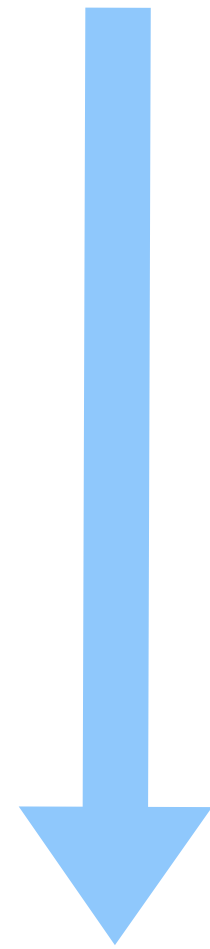
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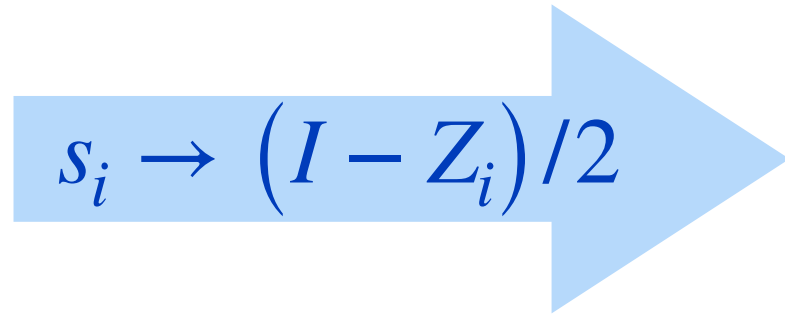
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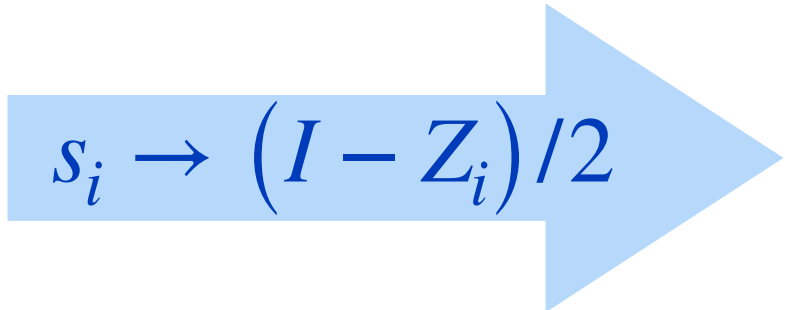
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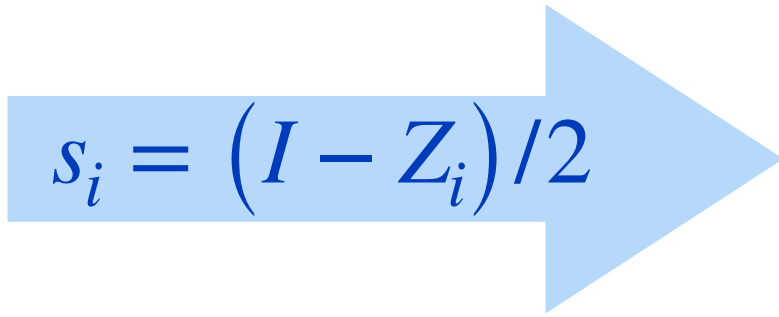
$$\left(\frac{I - Z_i}{2} \right) |s_i\rangle = s_i |s_i\rangle$$

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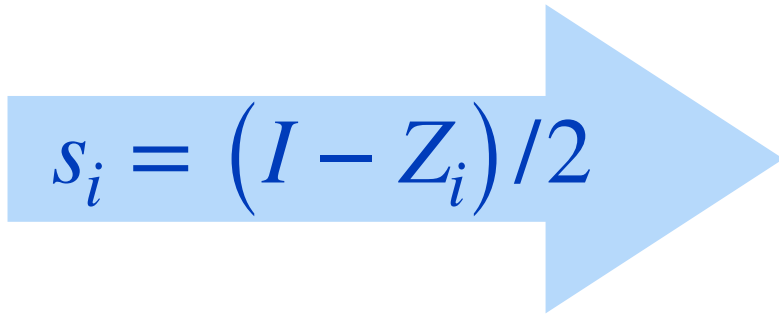
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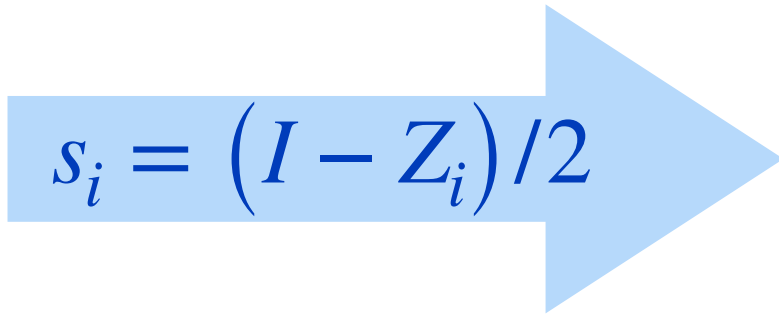
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Segments s_0, s_1, s_2 are true

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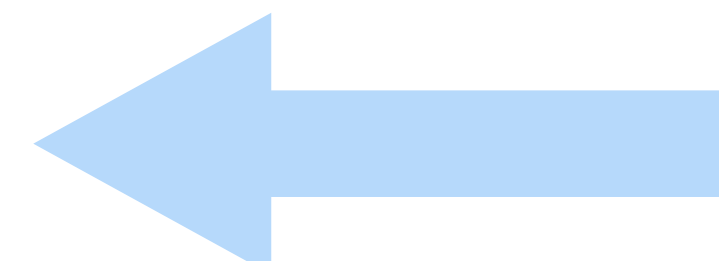
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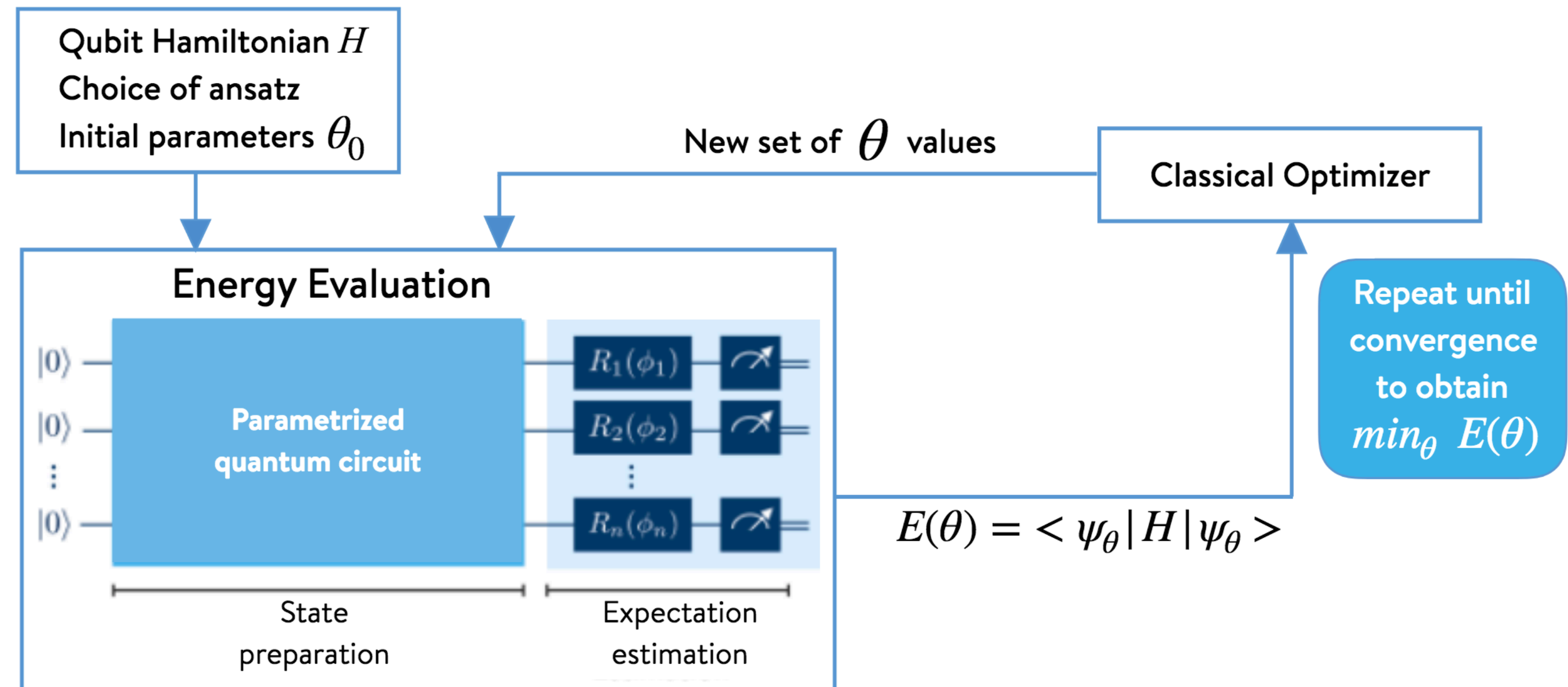
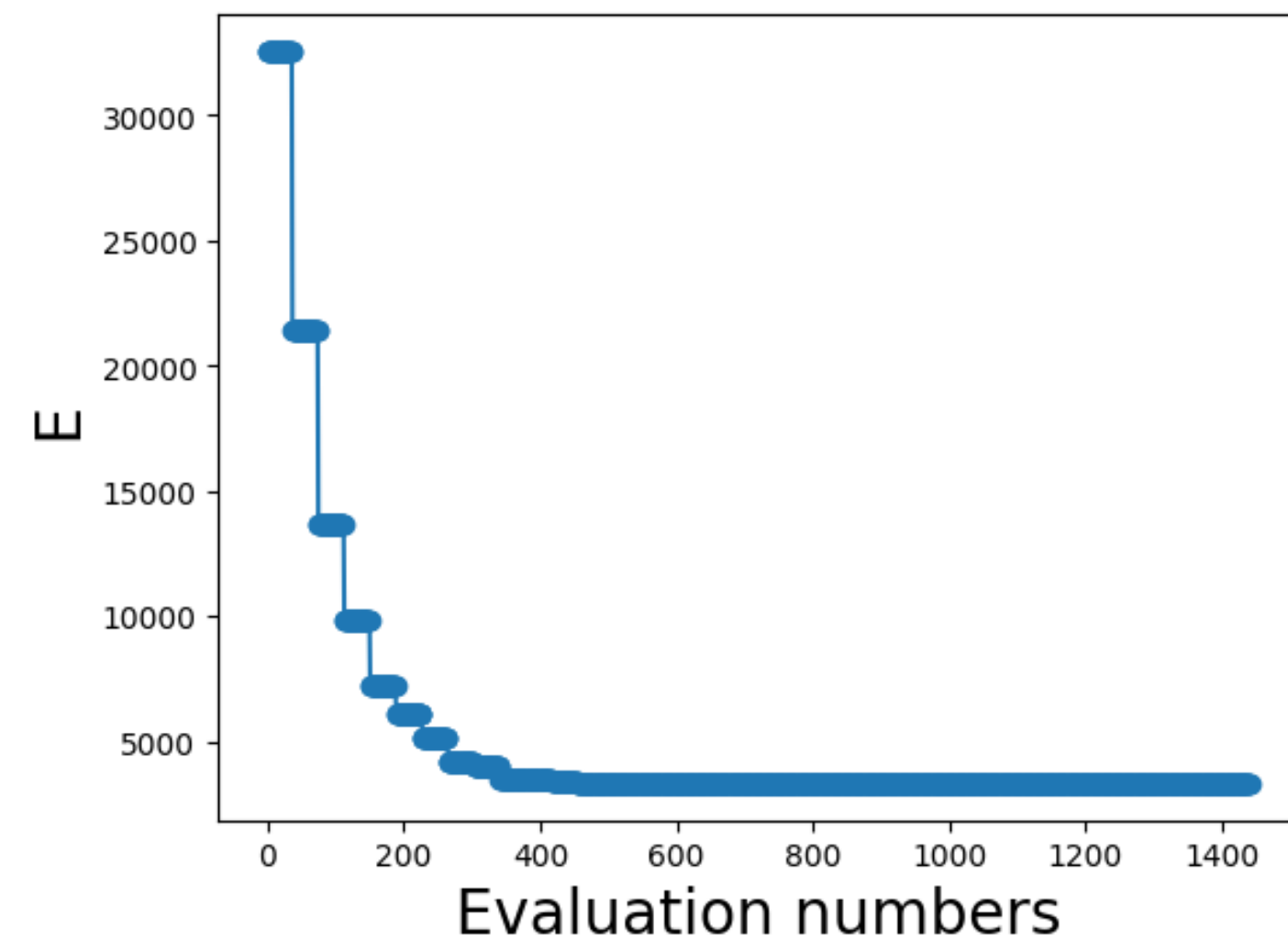


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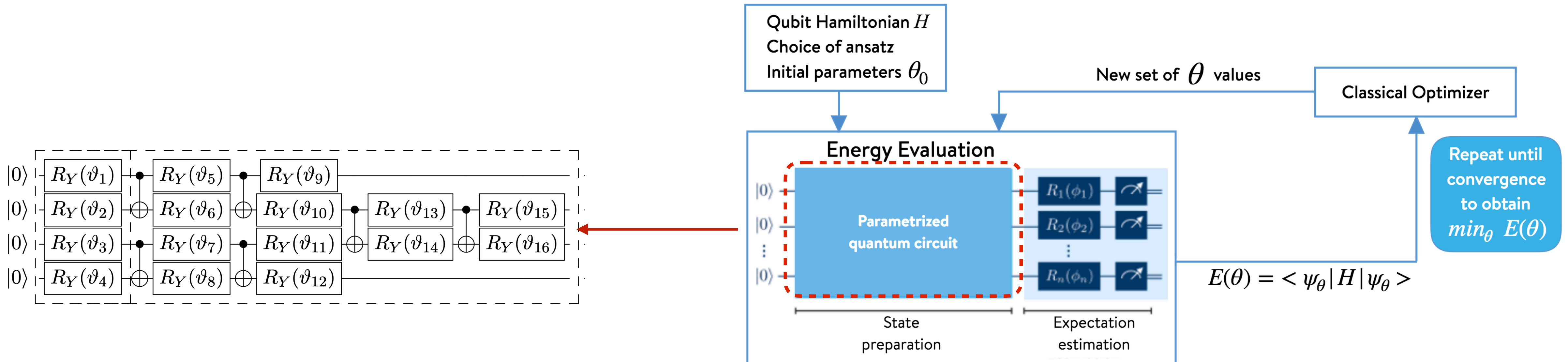
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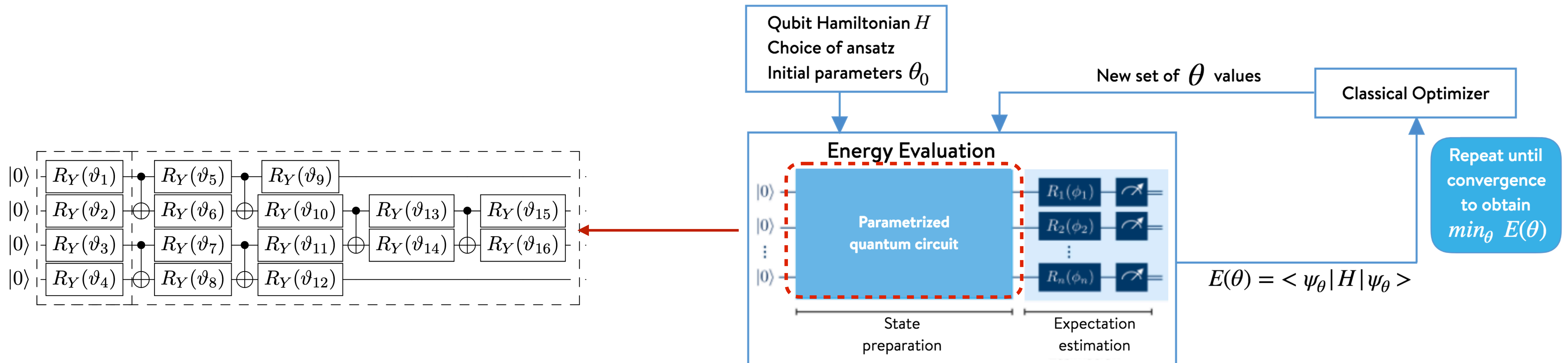
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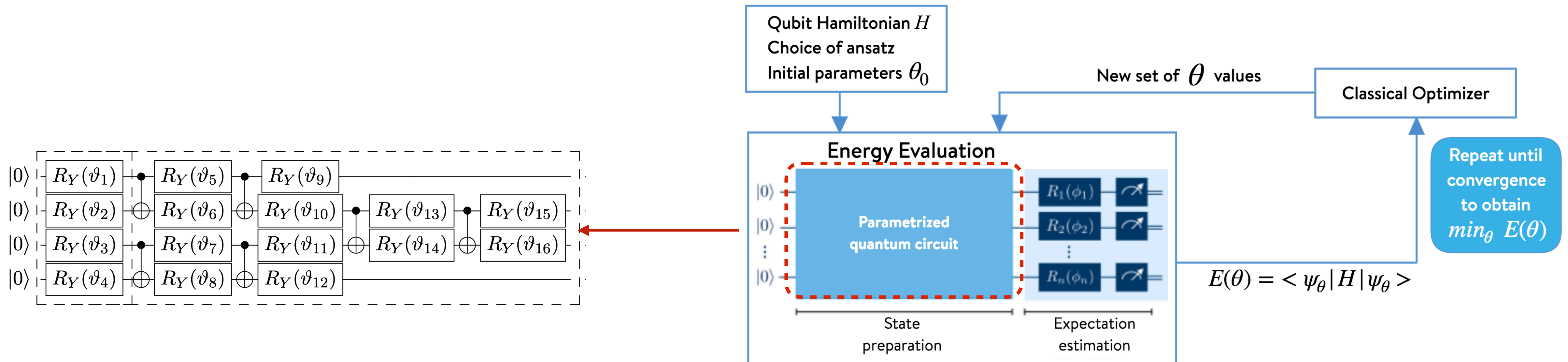


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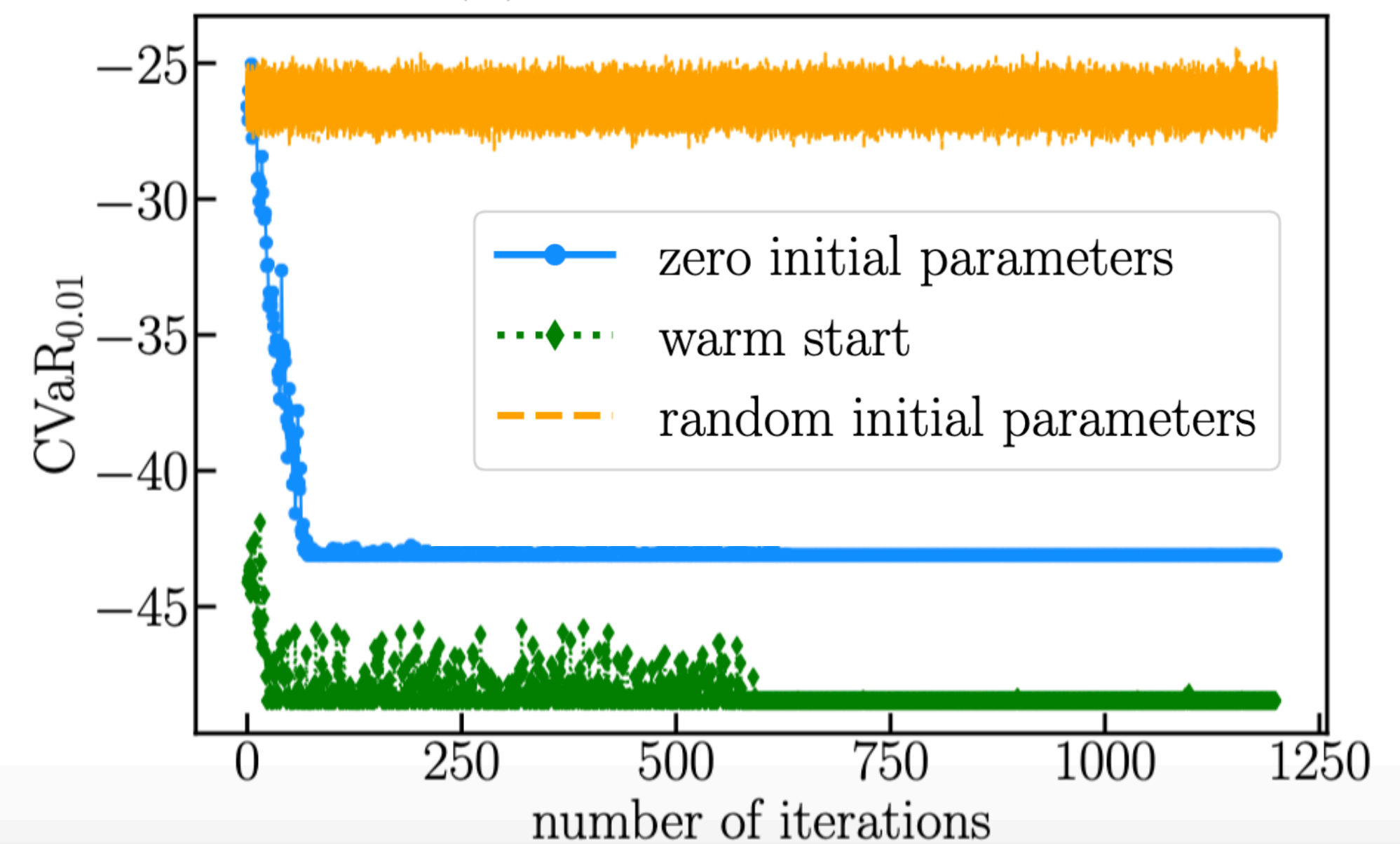


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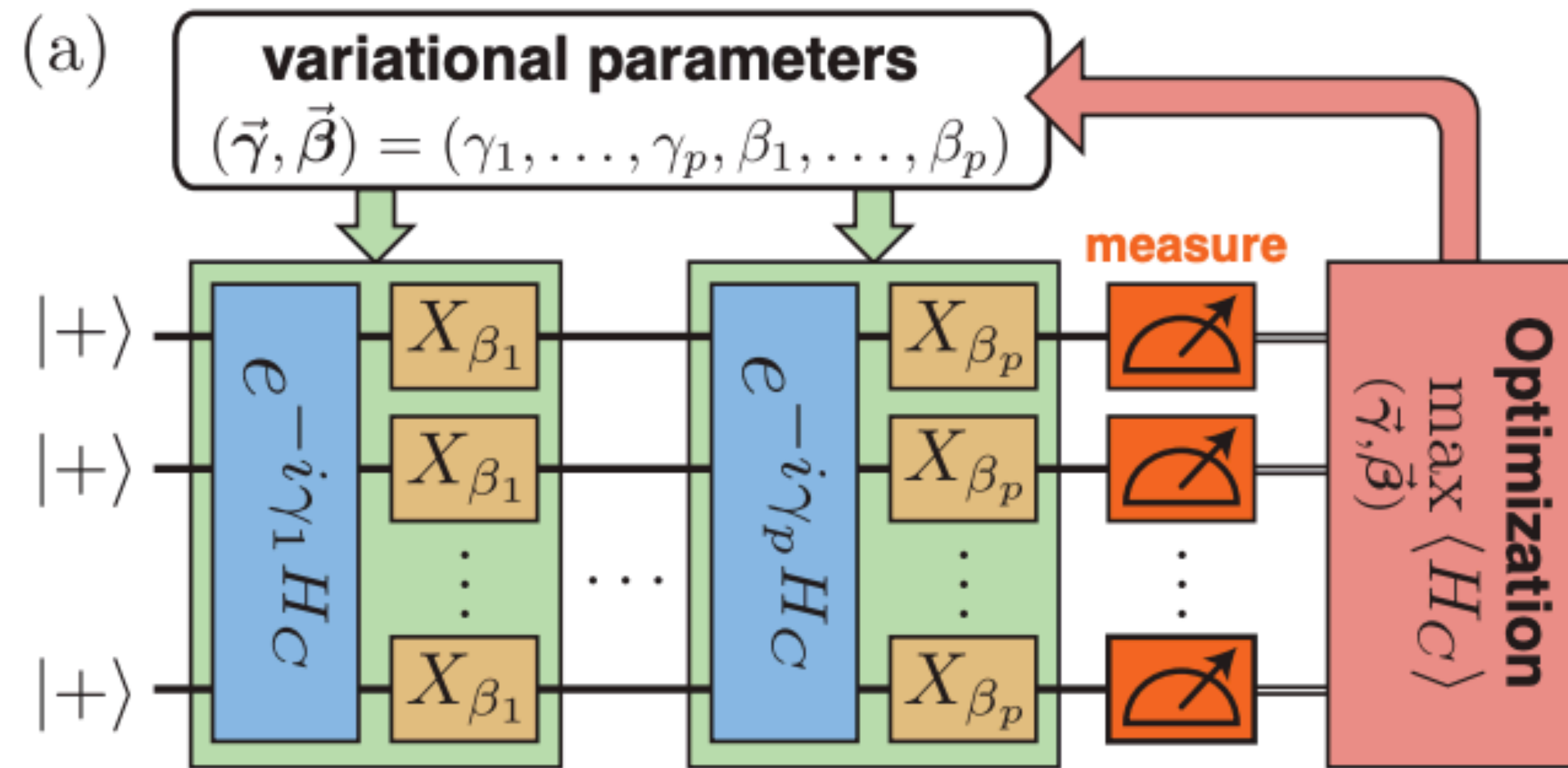
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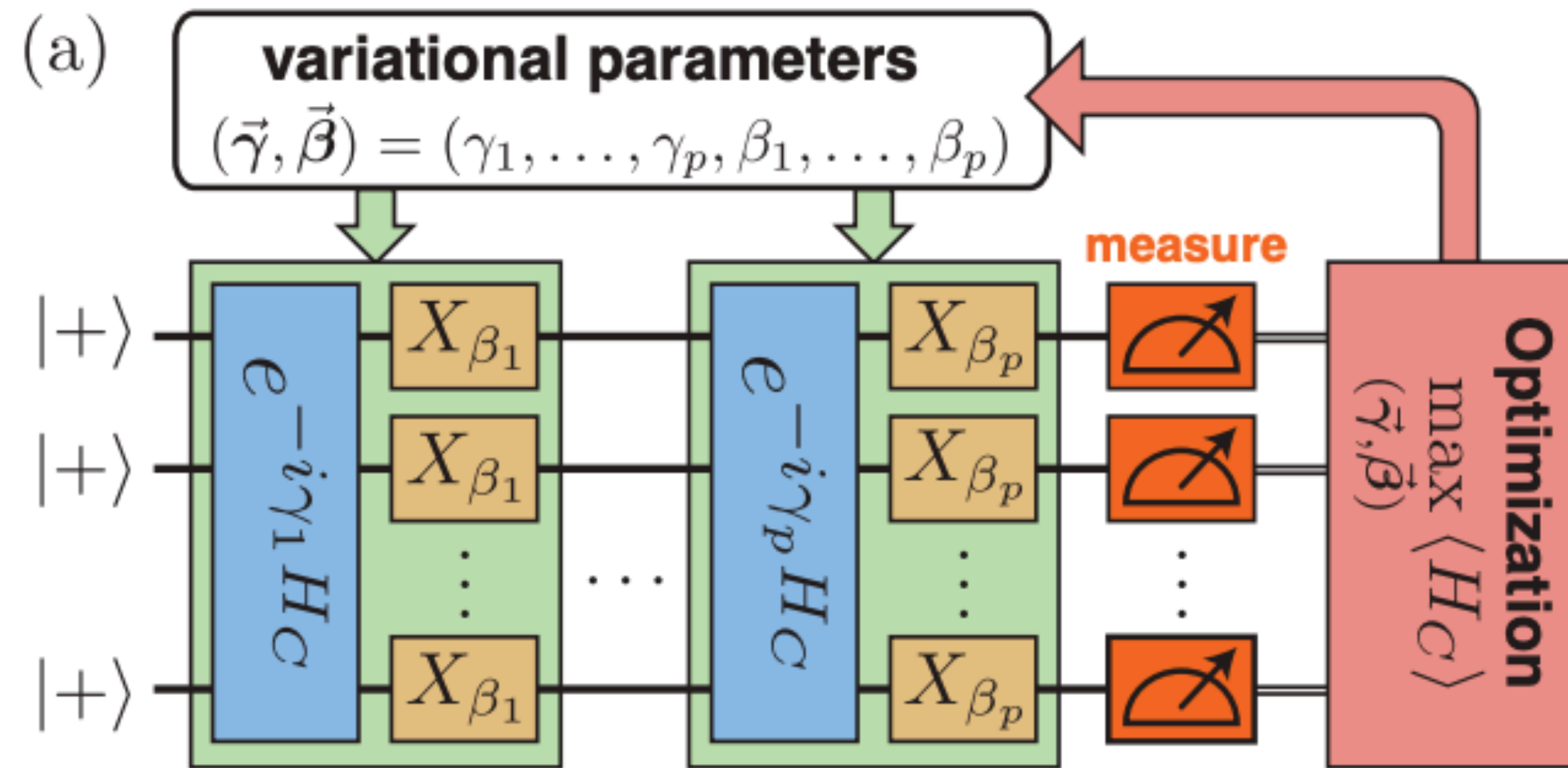
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The Imaginary time evolution of the QUBO Hamiltonian:

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$$= \sum_{k=0}^{2^N-1} e^{-\tau \cdot E_k} \cdot a_k |E_k\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow a_0 |E_0\rangle + e^{-\tau E_1} a_1 |E_1\rangle + \dots$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} |E_0\rangle$$

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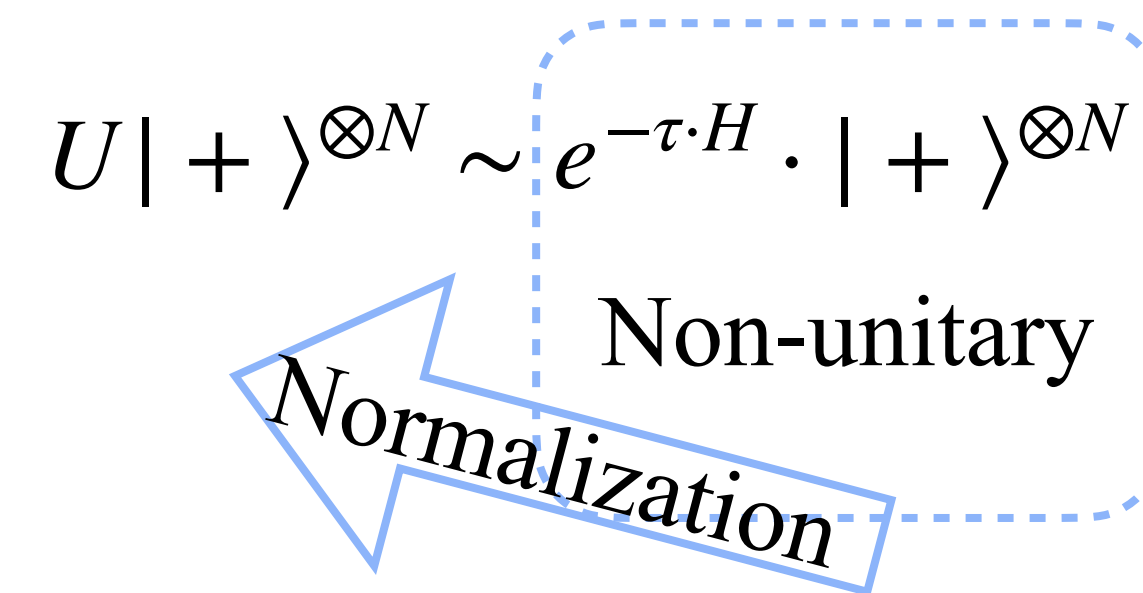
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- $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, large correlation, deep circuit
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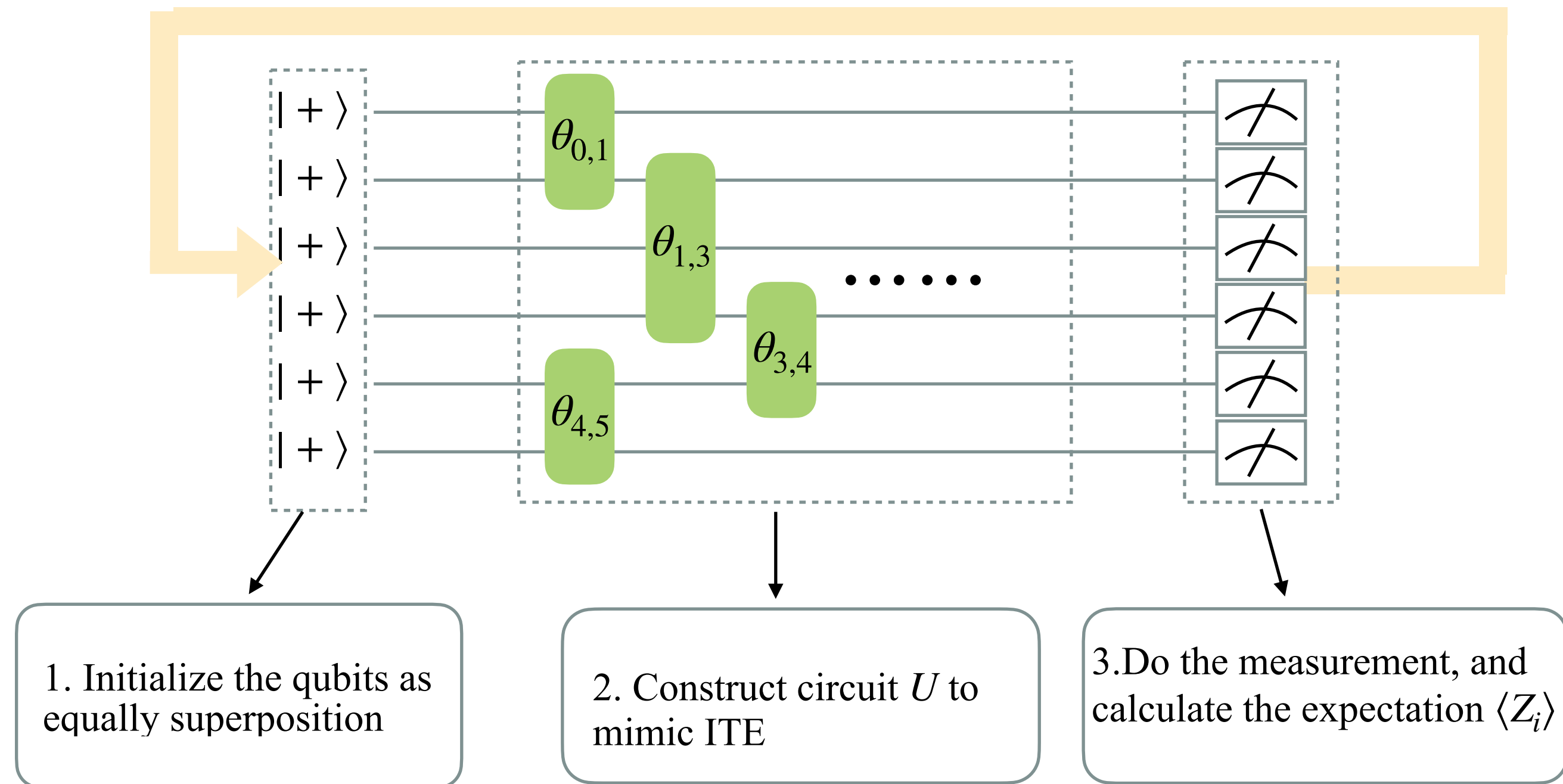
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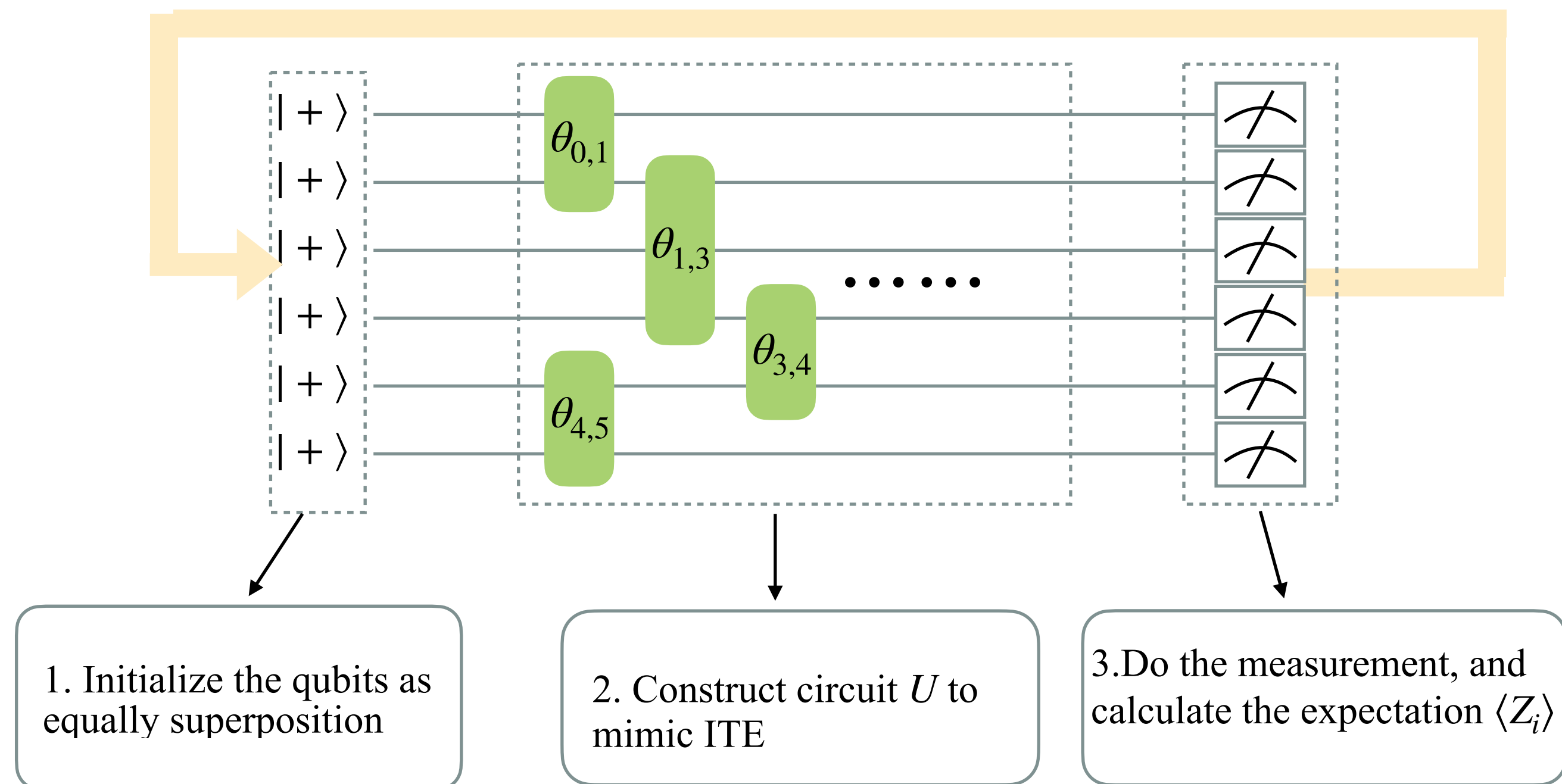
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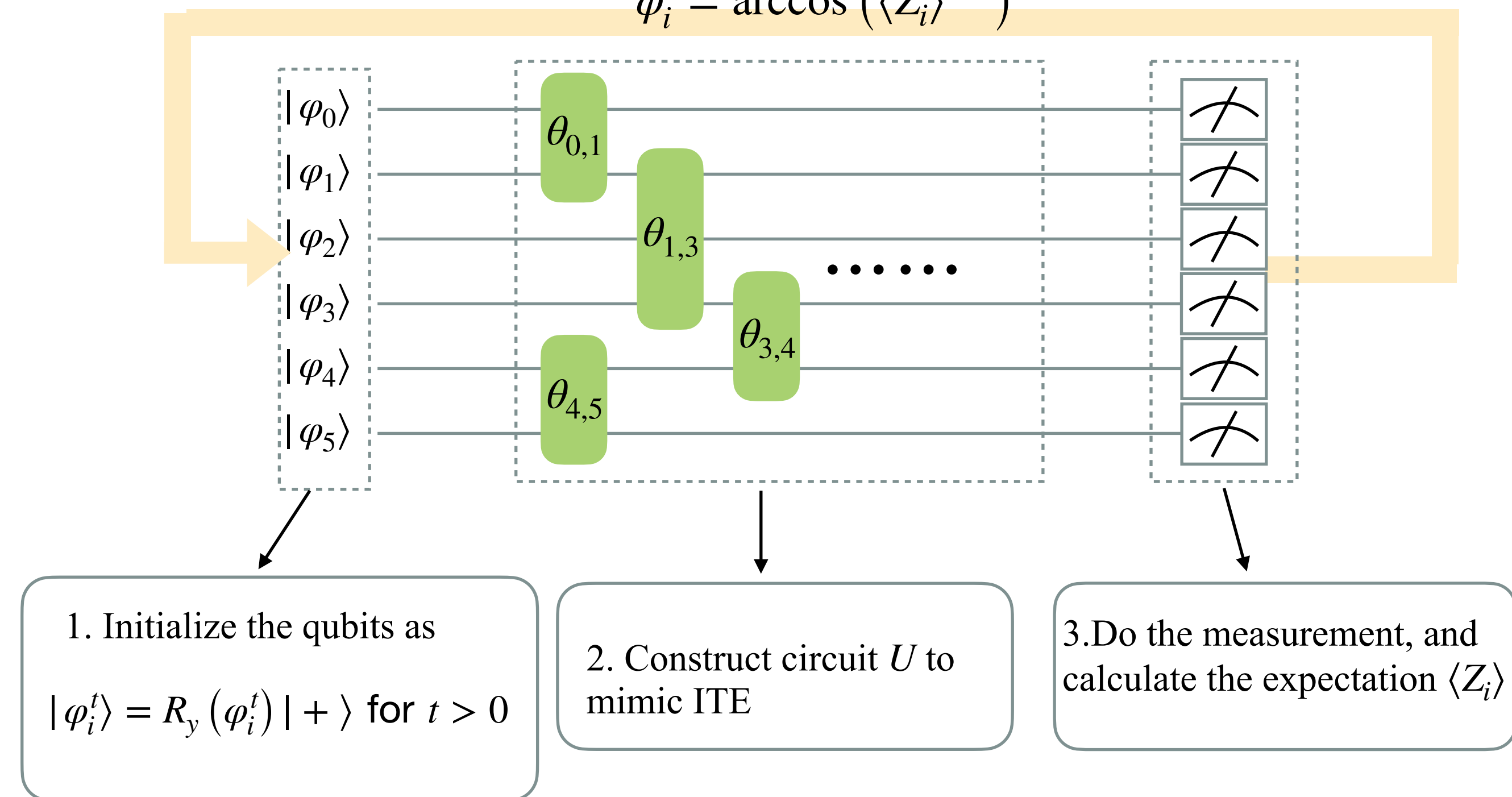
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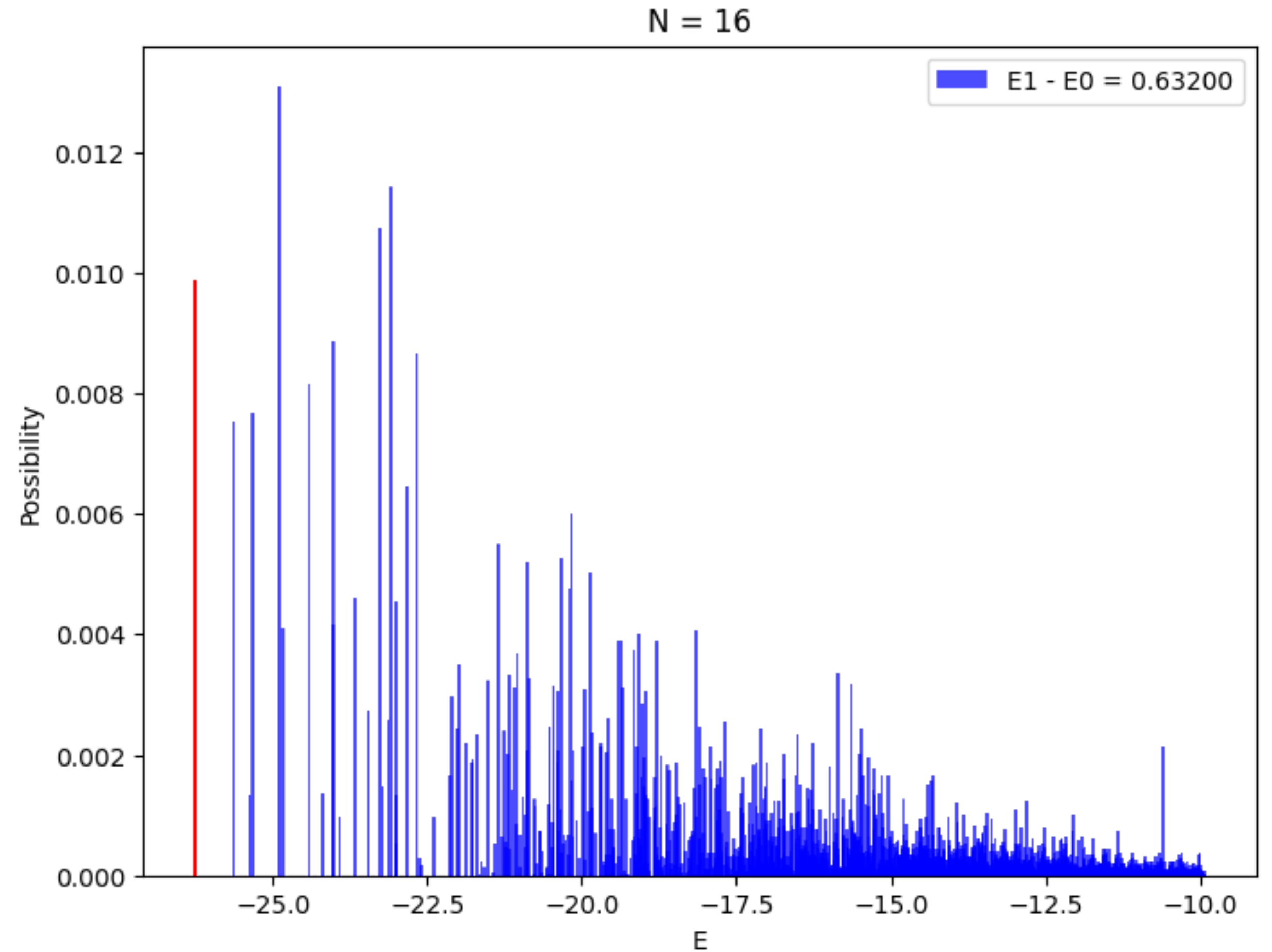
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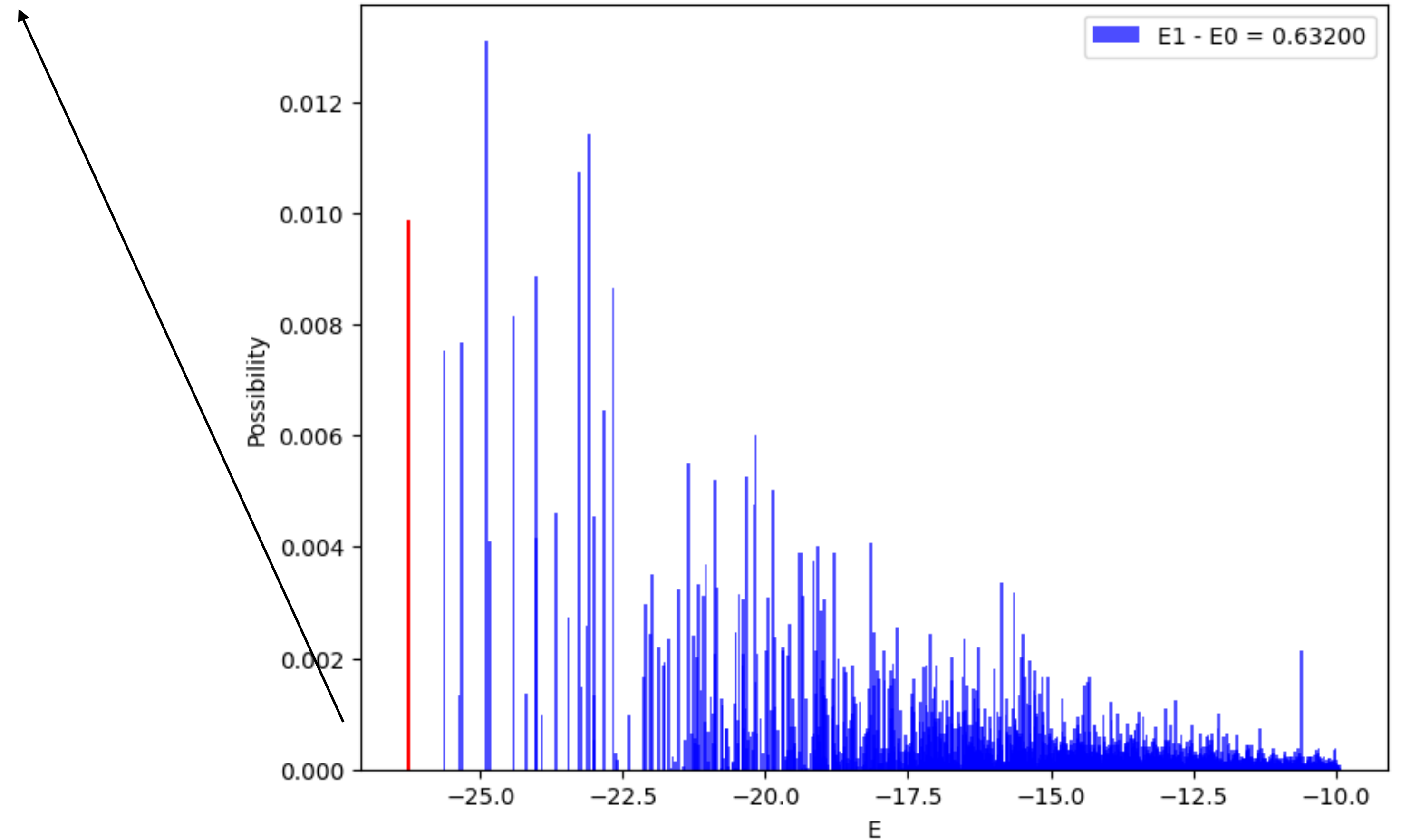
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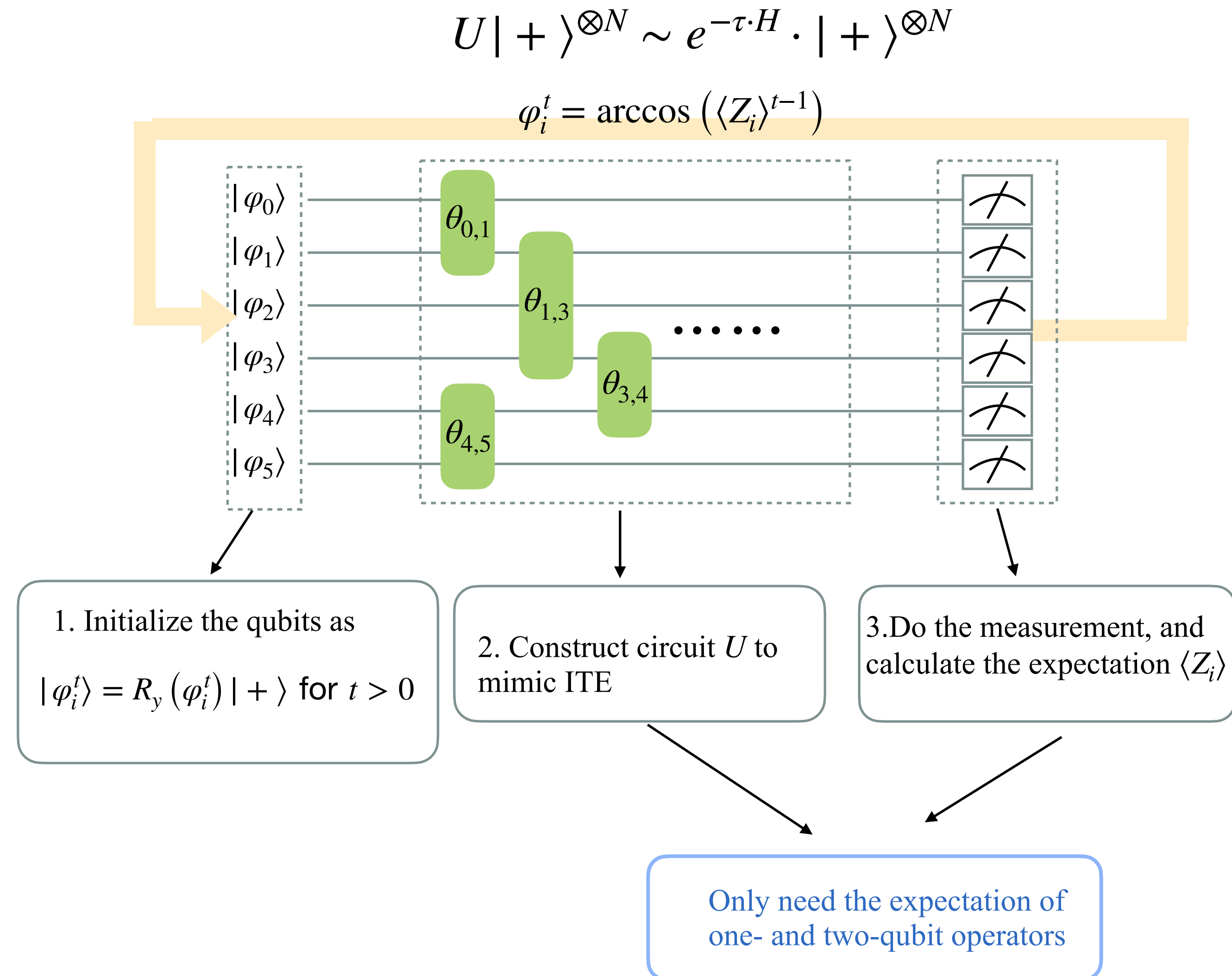
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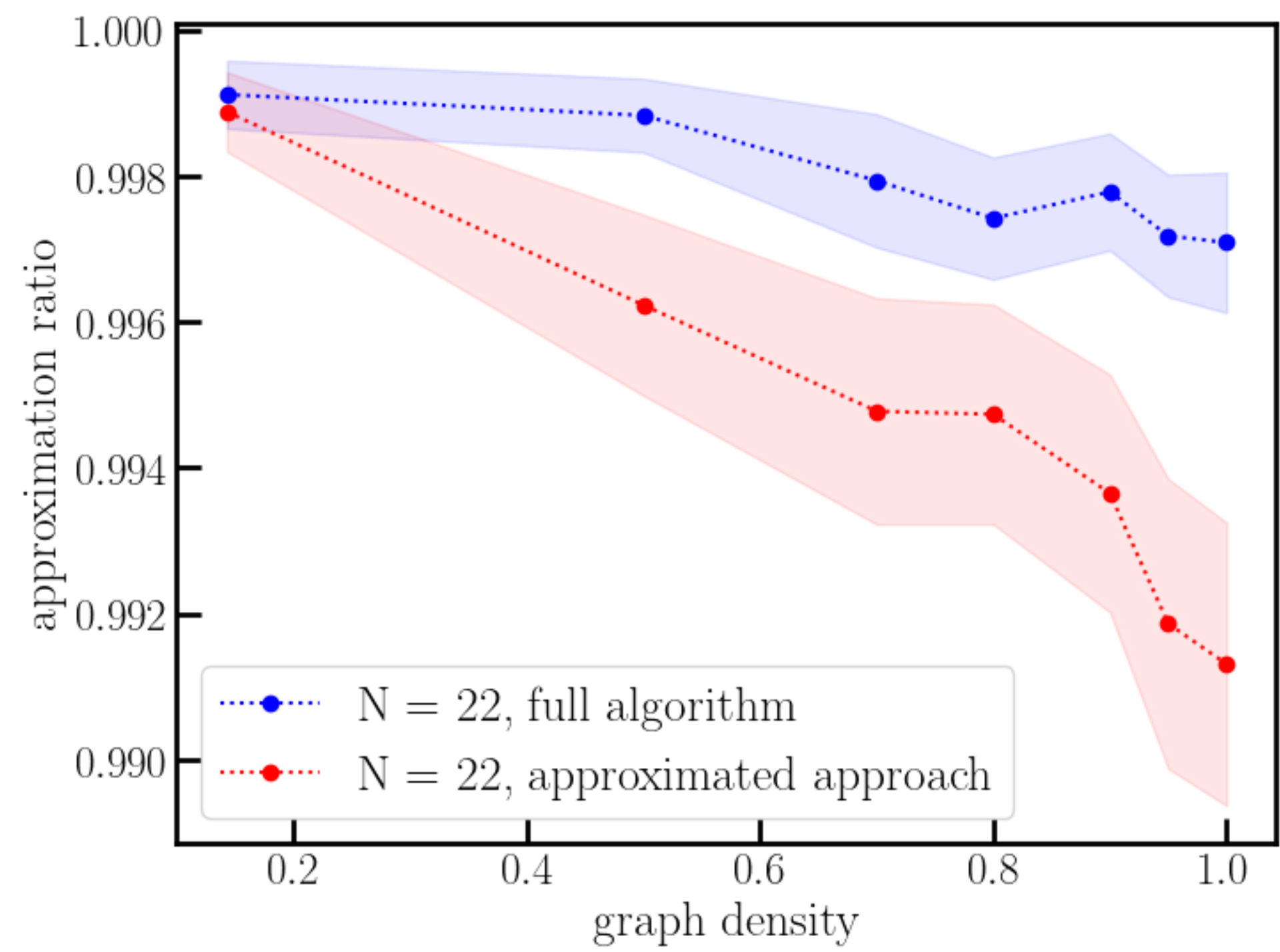
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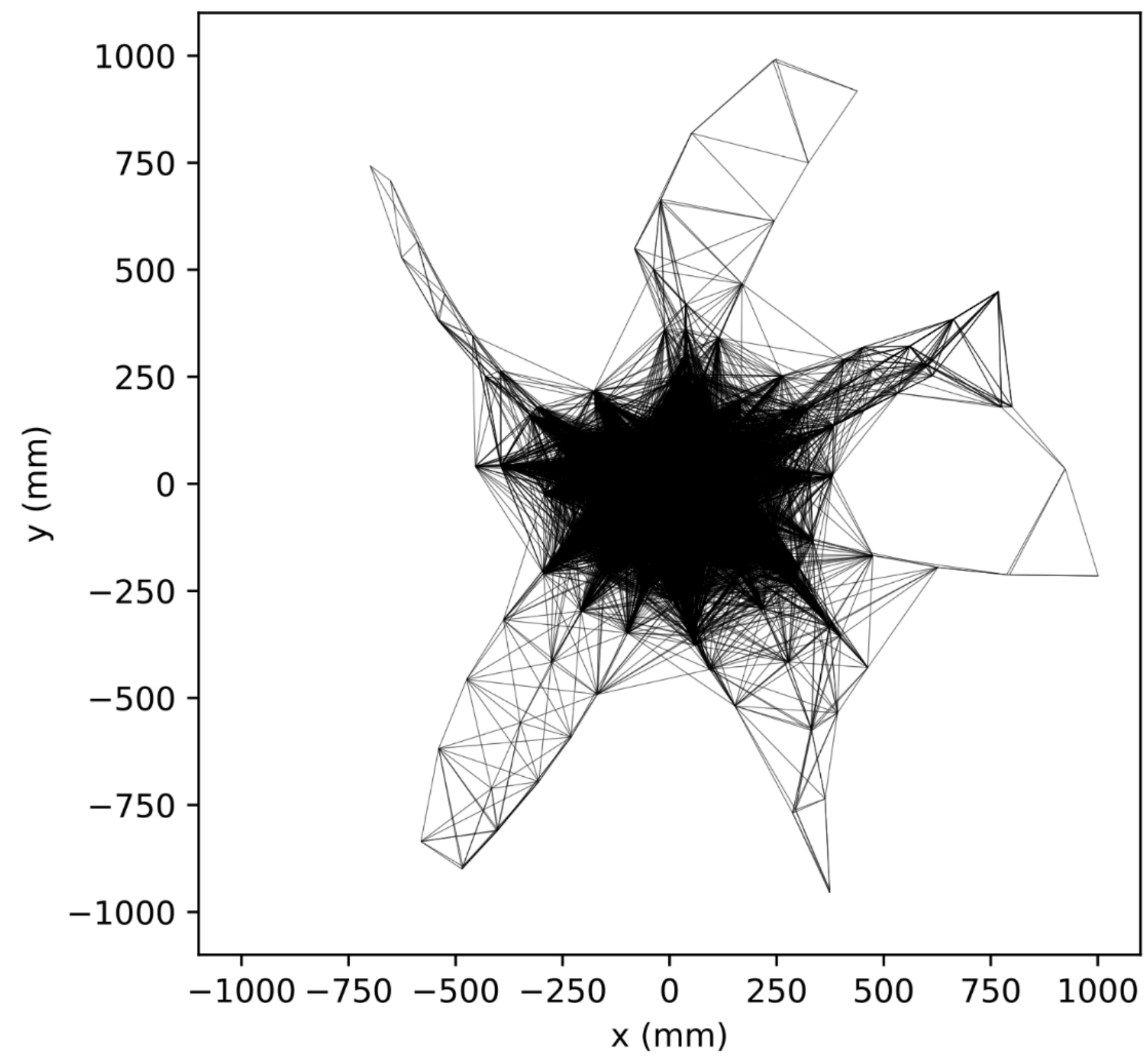
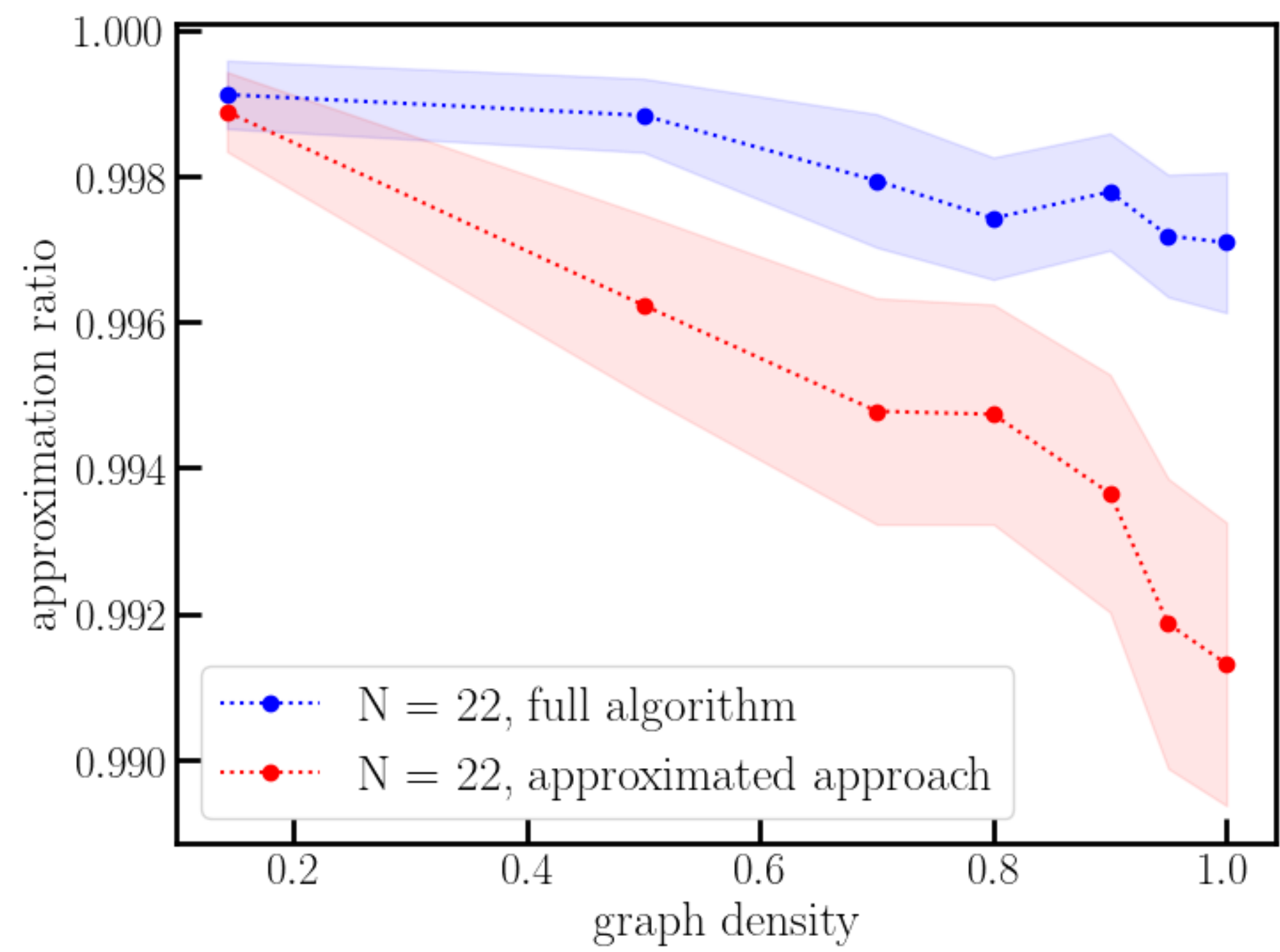
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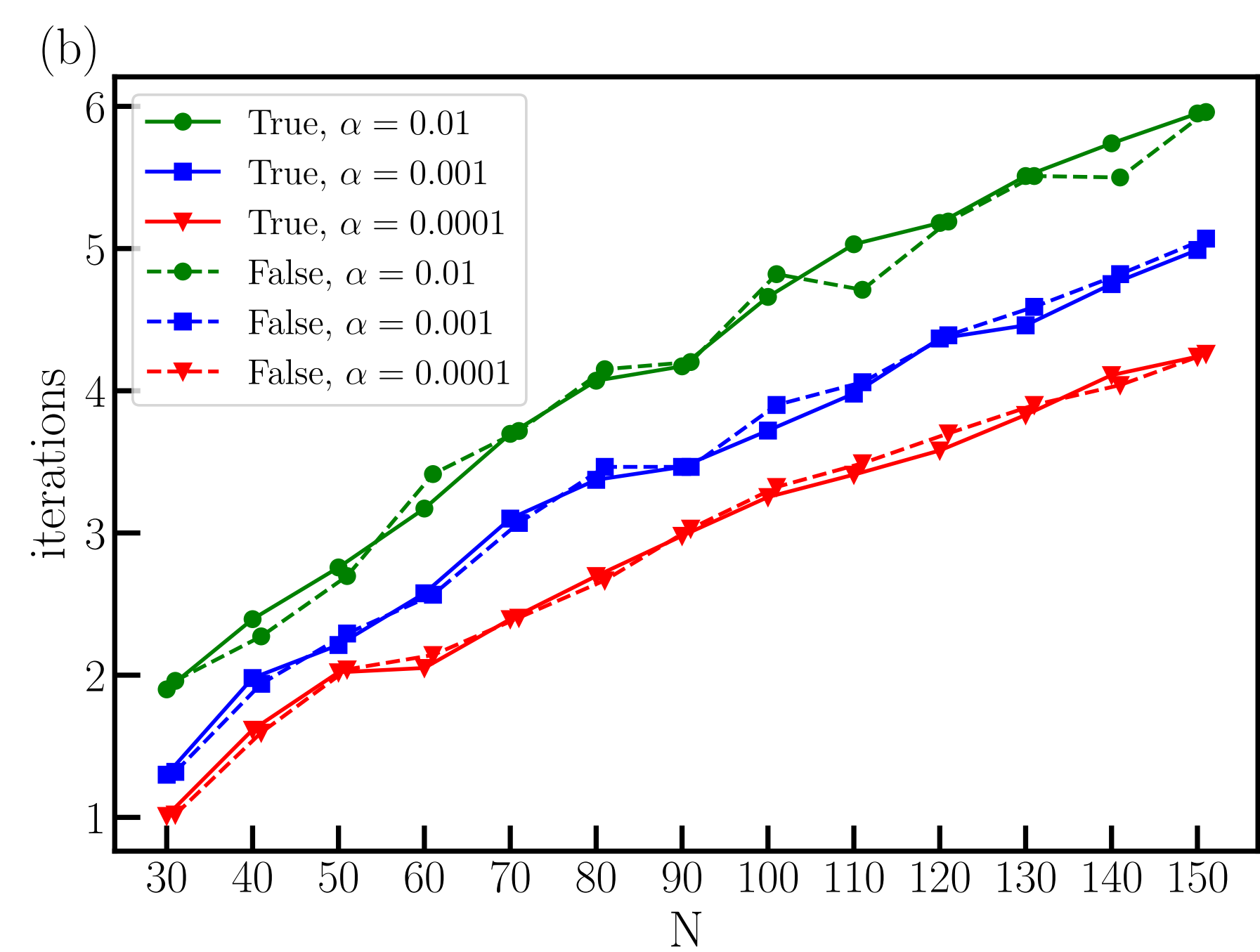
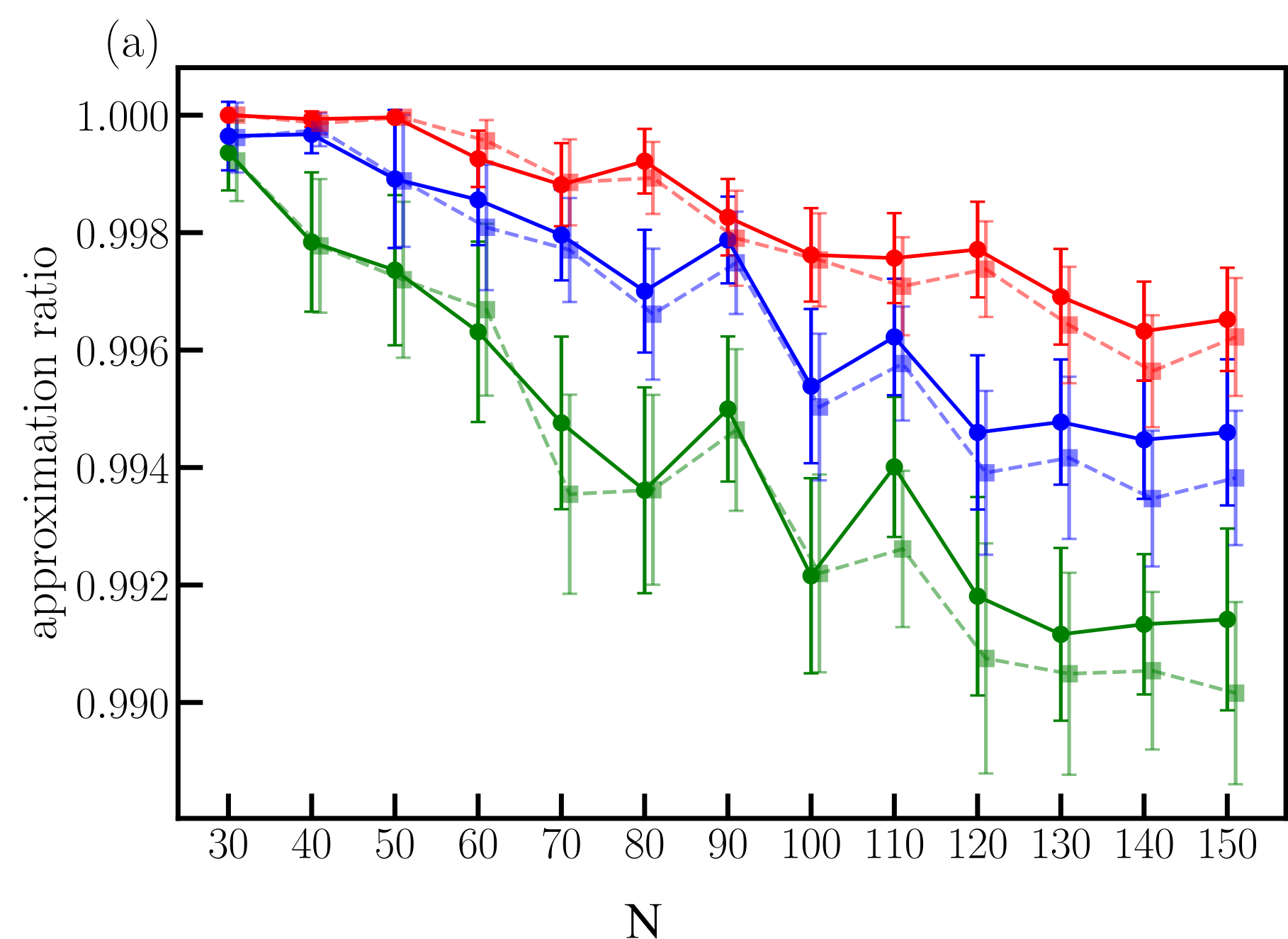
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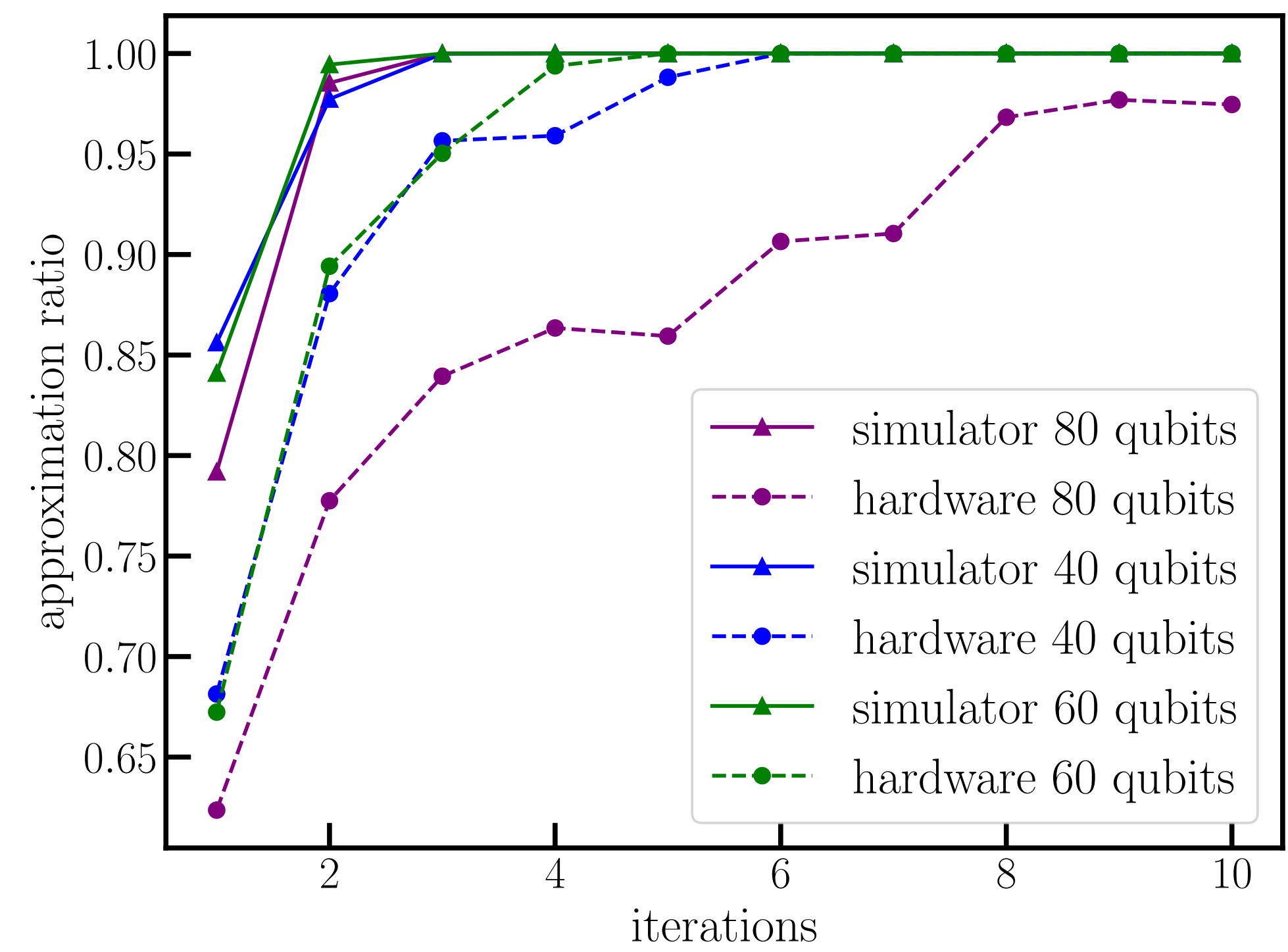
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Hardware run on IBM device



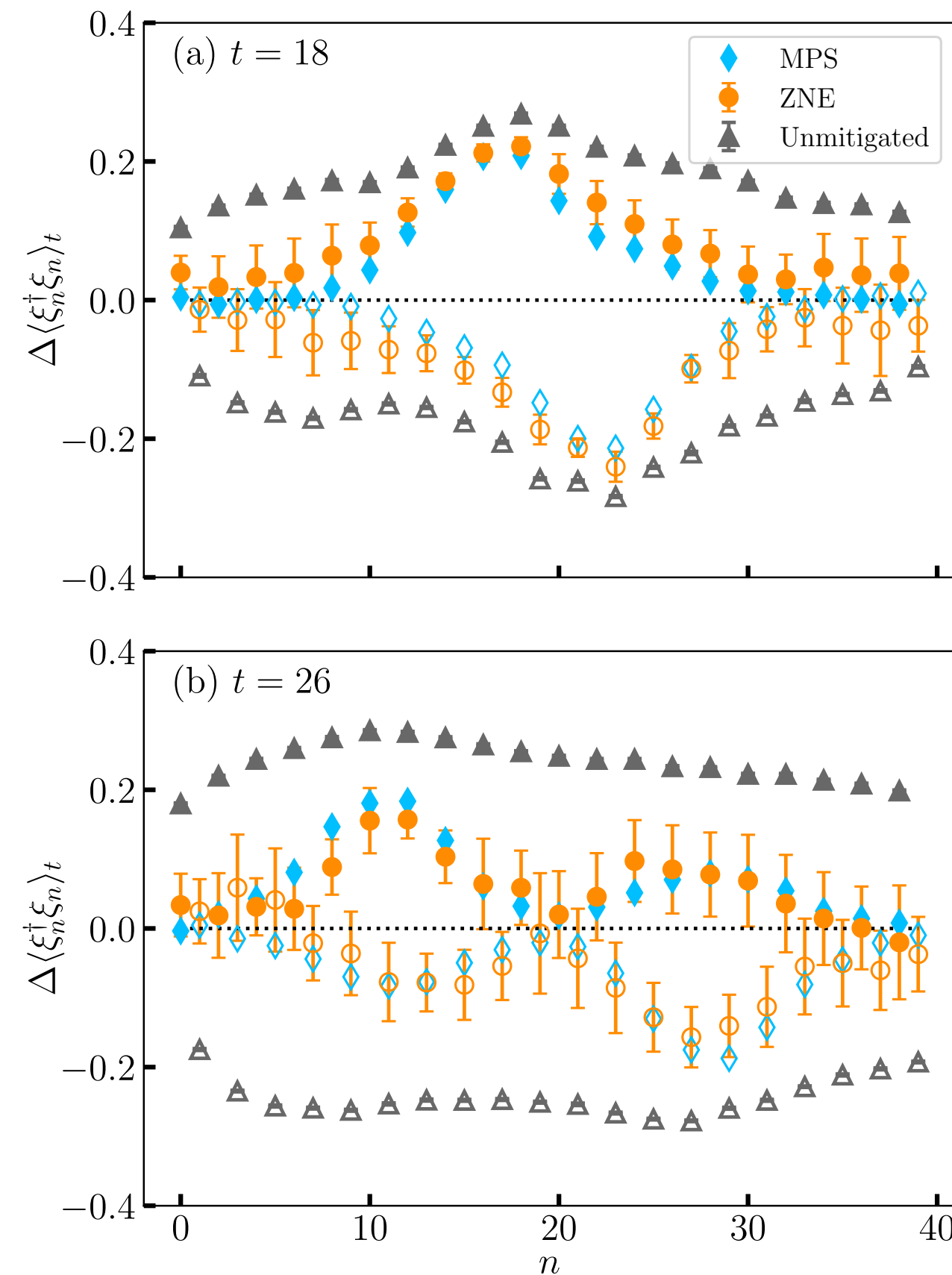
Two-qubit depth: 45, 55, 65 for 40, 60, 80 qubits

Summary and outlook

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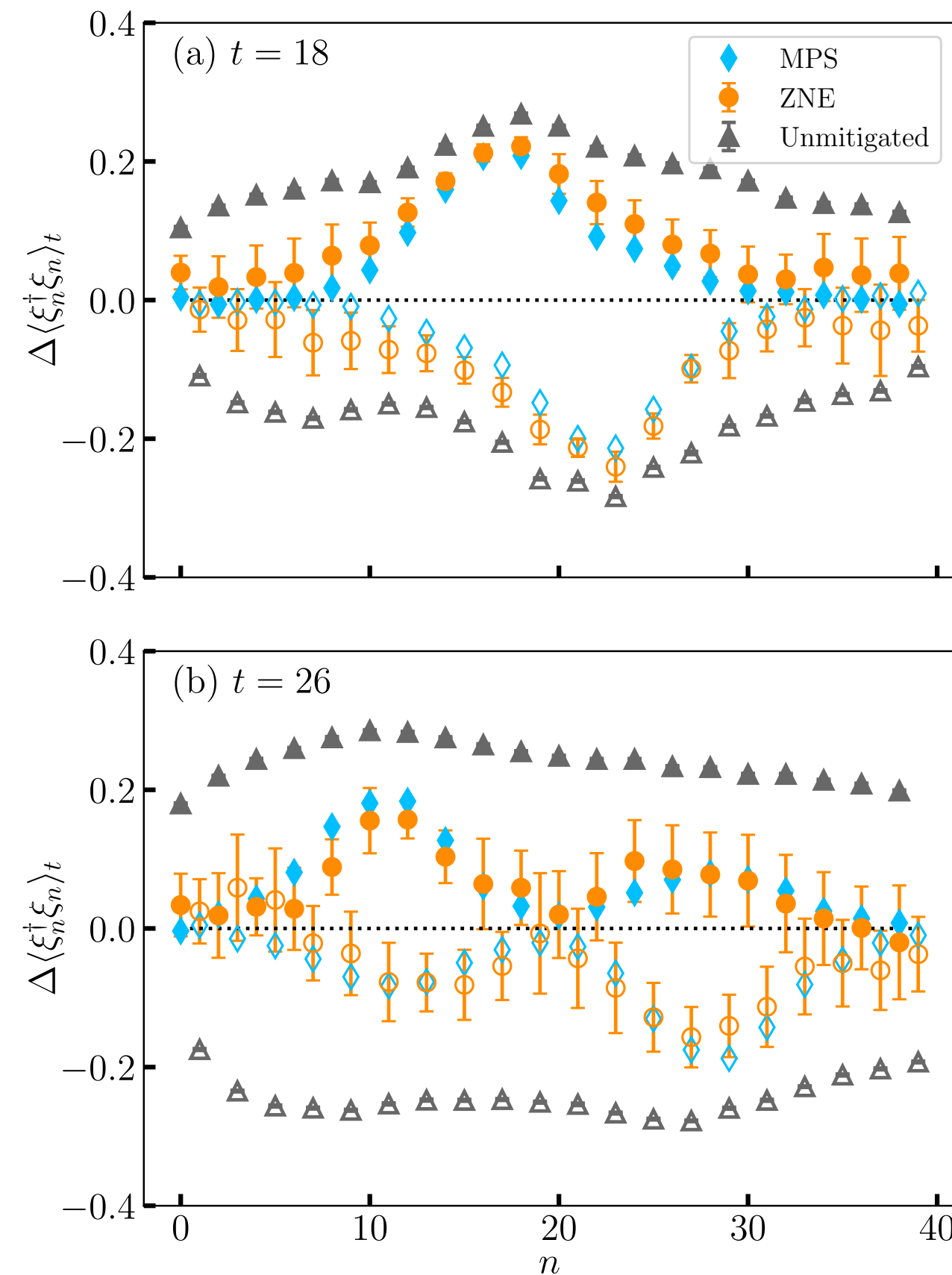
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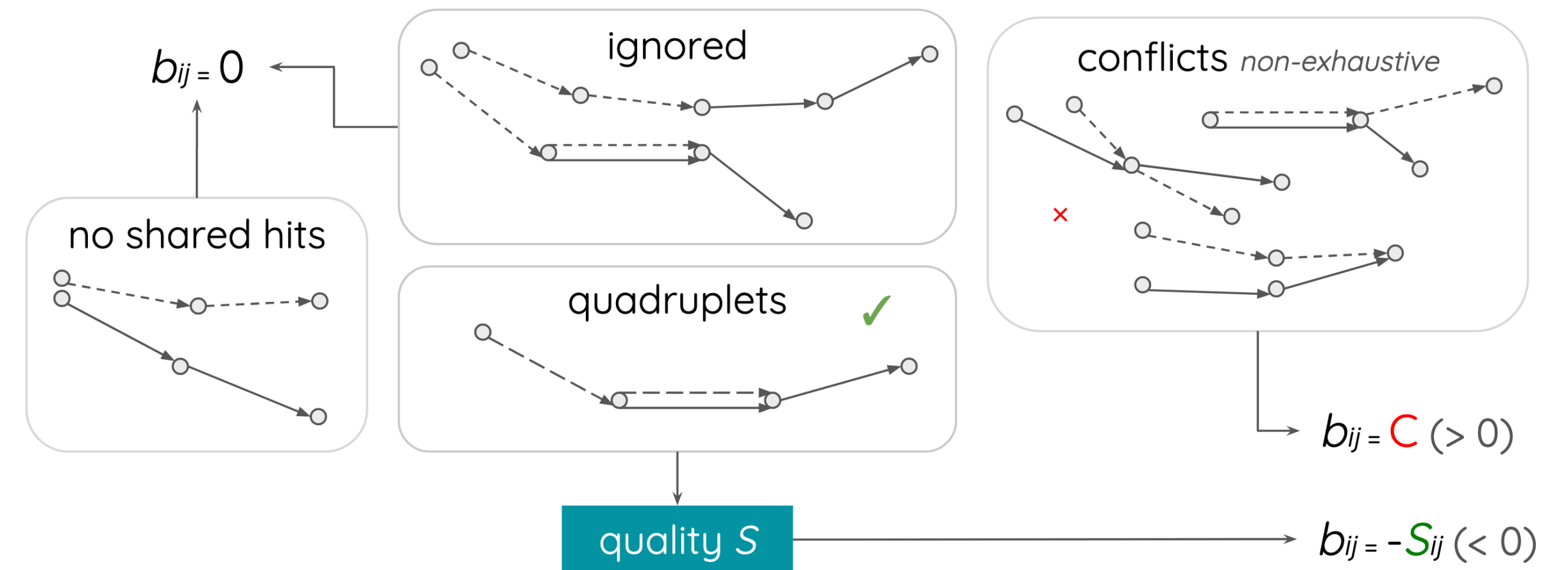
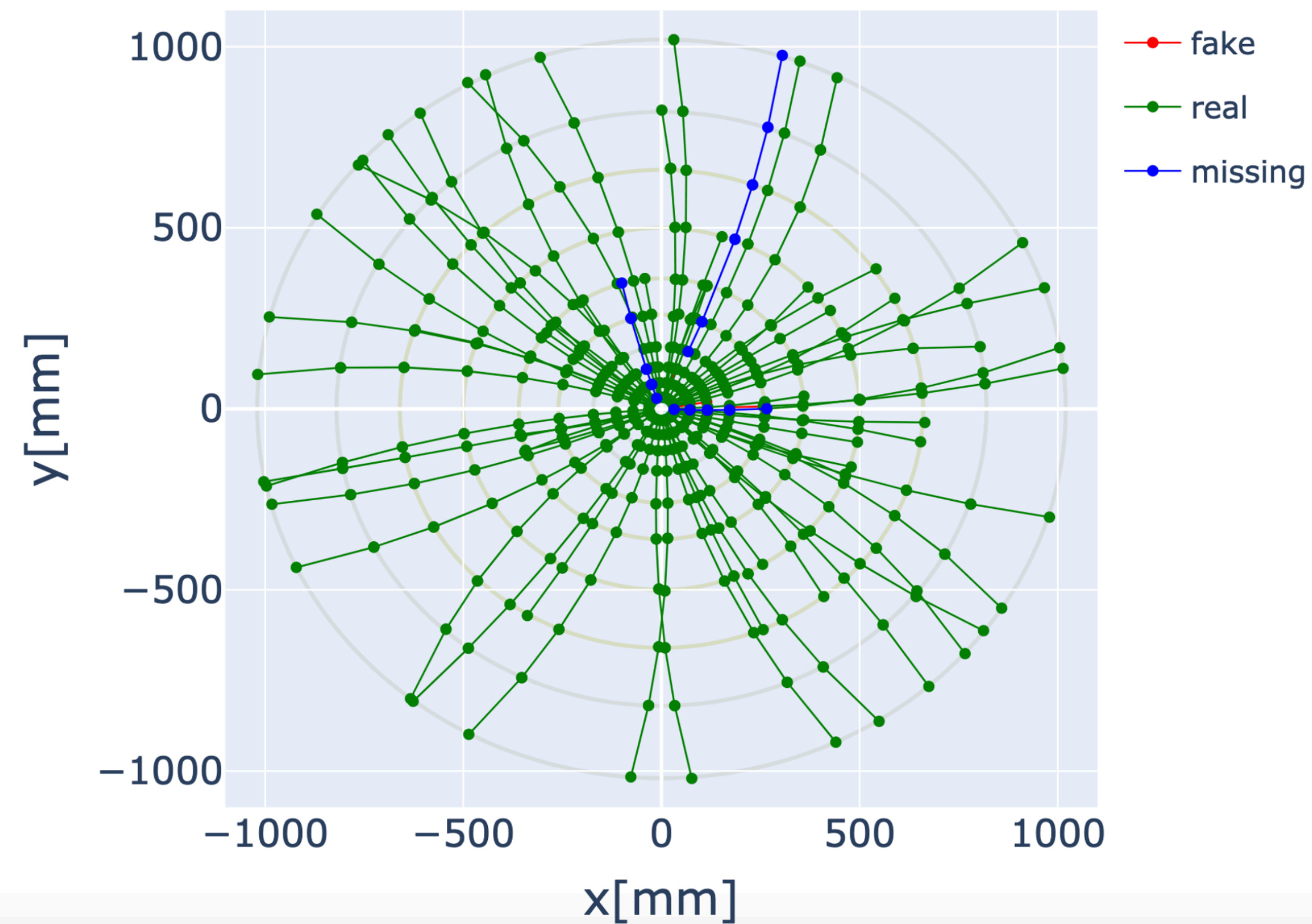
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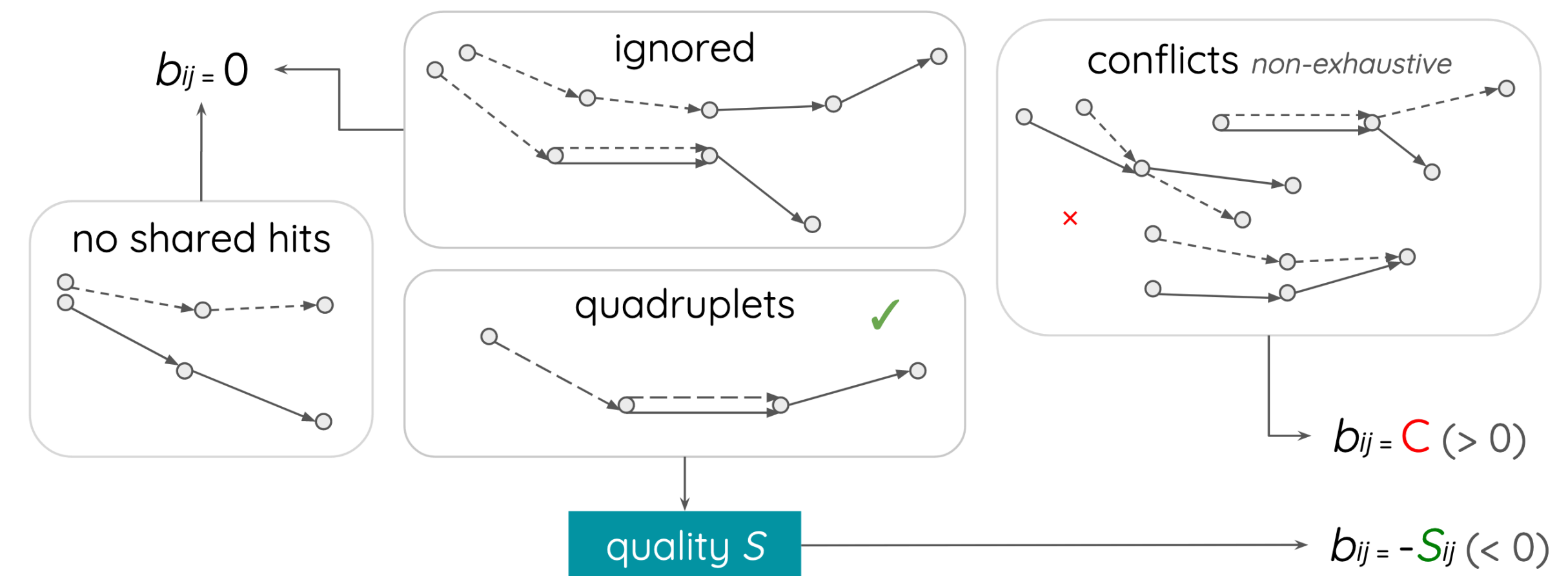
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- Construct QUBO cost function

$$Q(T) = \sum_i^N a_i T_i + \sum_i^N \sum_{j < i}^N b_{ij} T_i T_j$$

- Variables: $T_i \begin{cases} 1 & \text{True triplets} \\ 0 & \text{False triplets} \end{cases}$

- Coefficients: $\begin{cases} a_i & \text{rate the quality of individual triplets} \\ b_{ij} & \text{express the compatibility of two triplets} \end{cases}$



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