

EUCLIDEAN-MONTE-CARLO INFORMED GROUND-STATE PREPARATION FOR SCALAR FIELD THEORY

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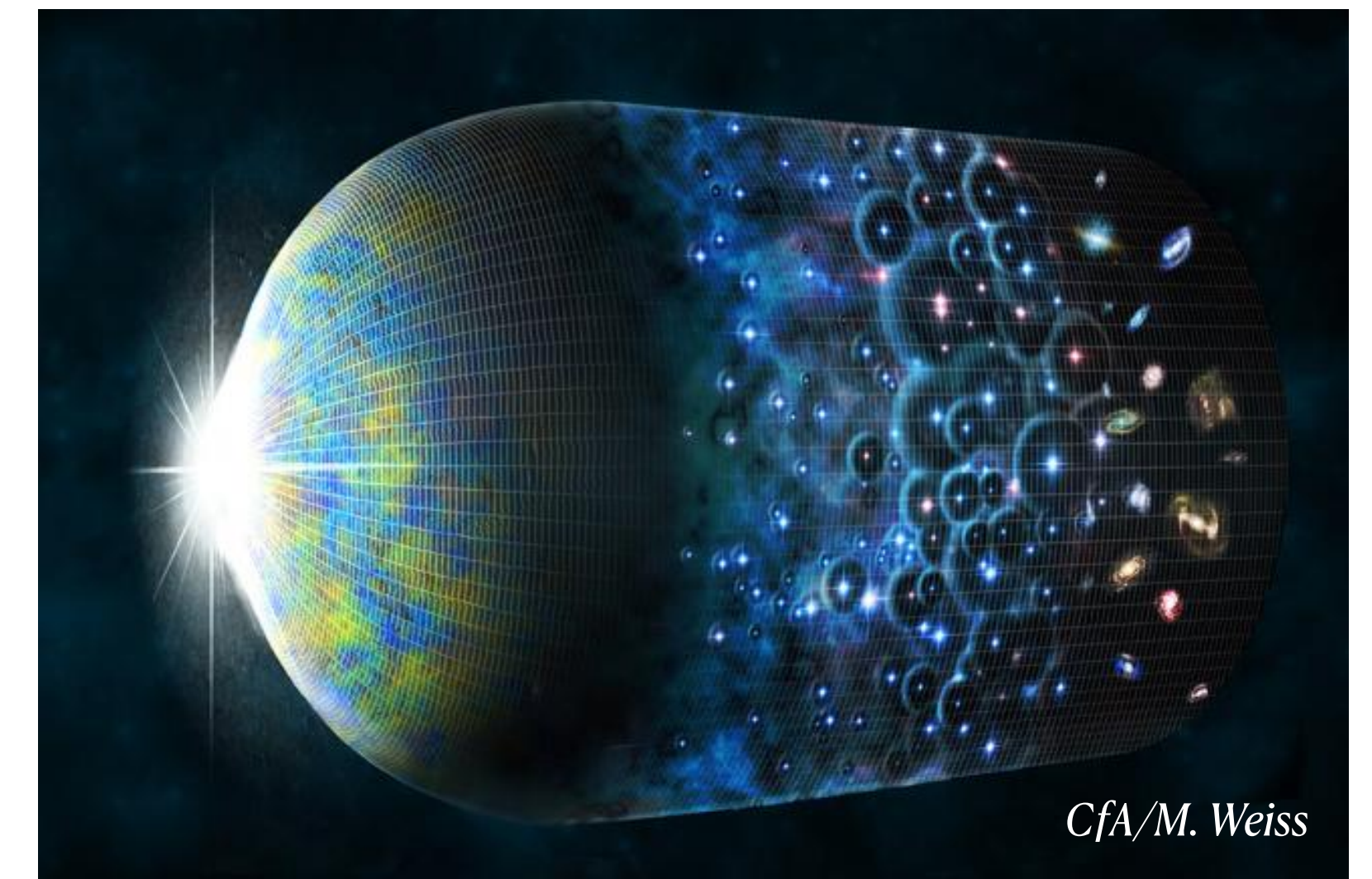
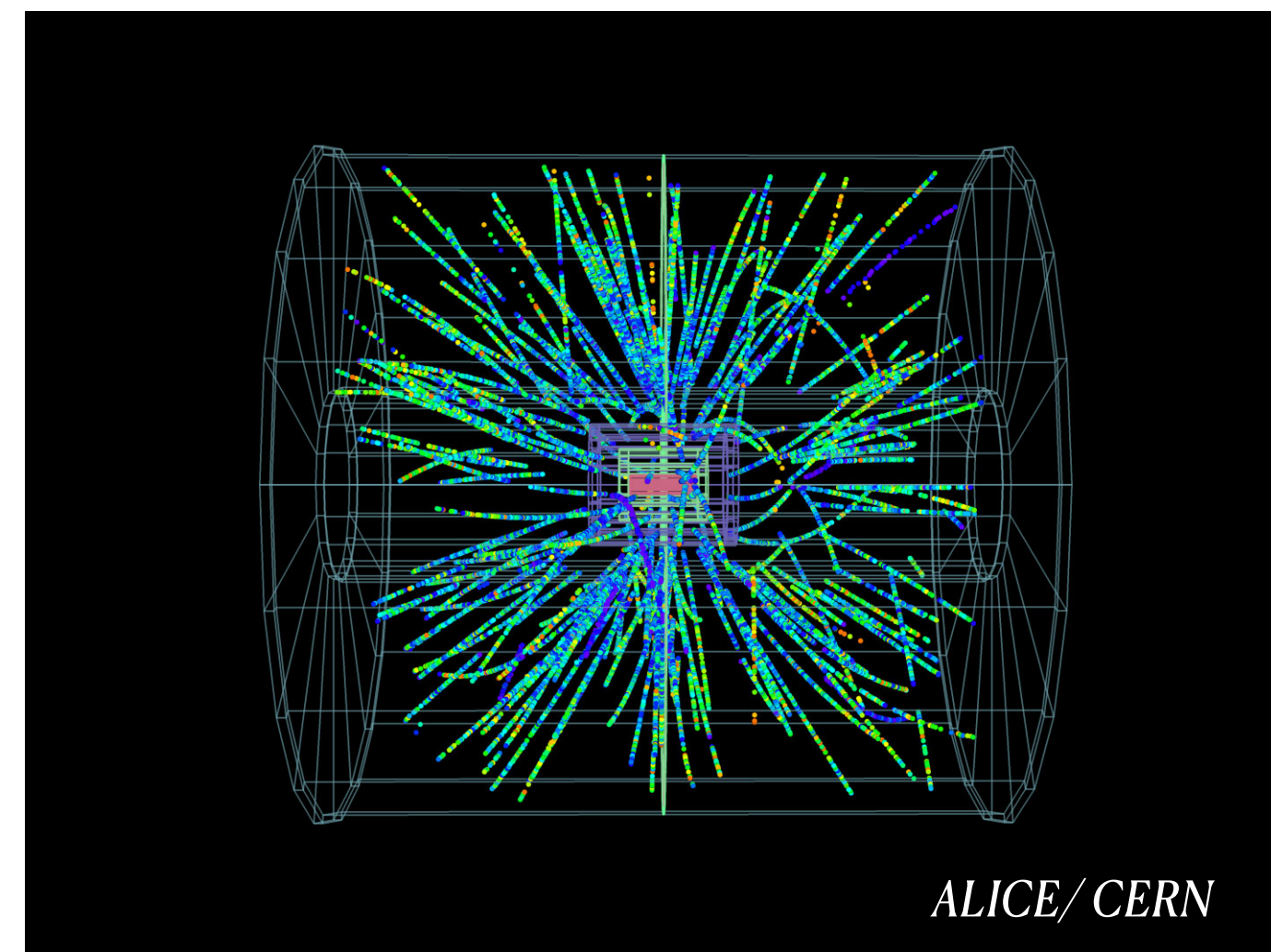
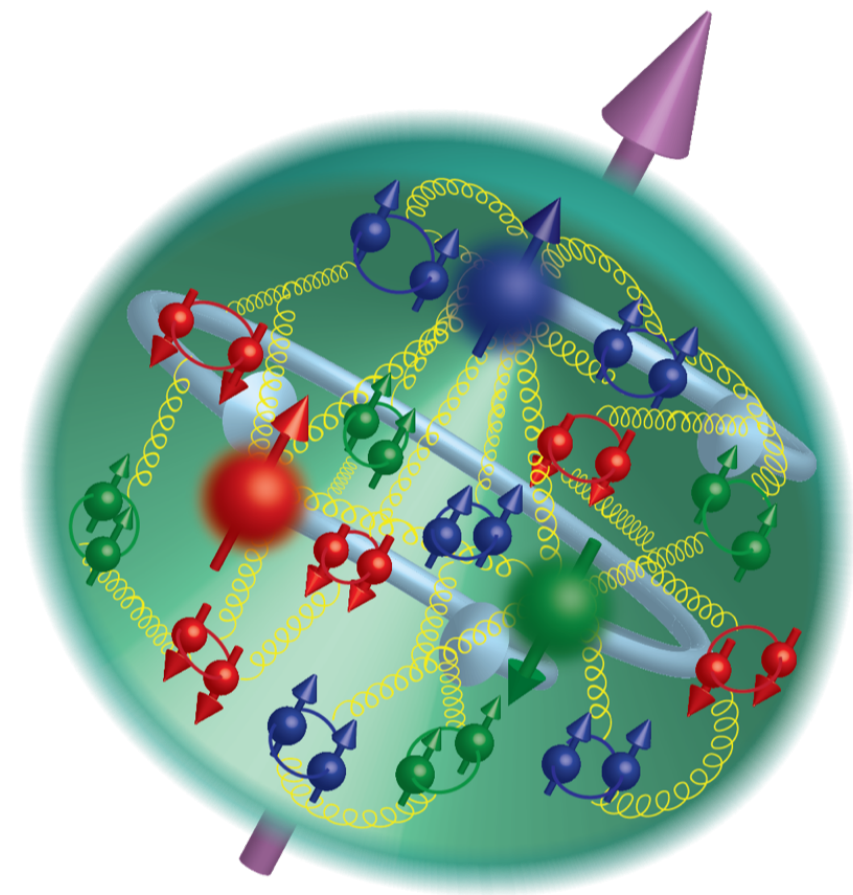
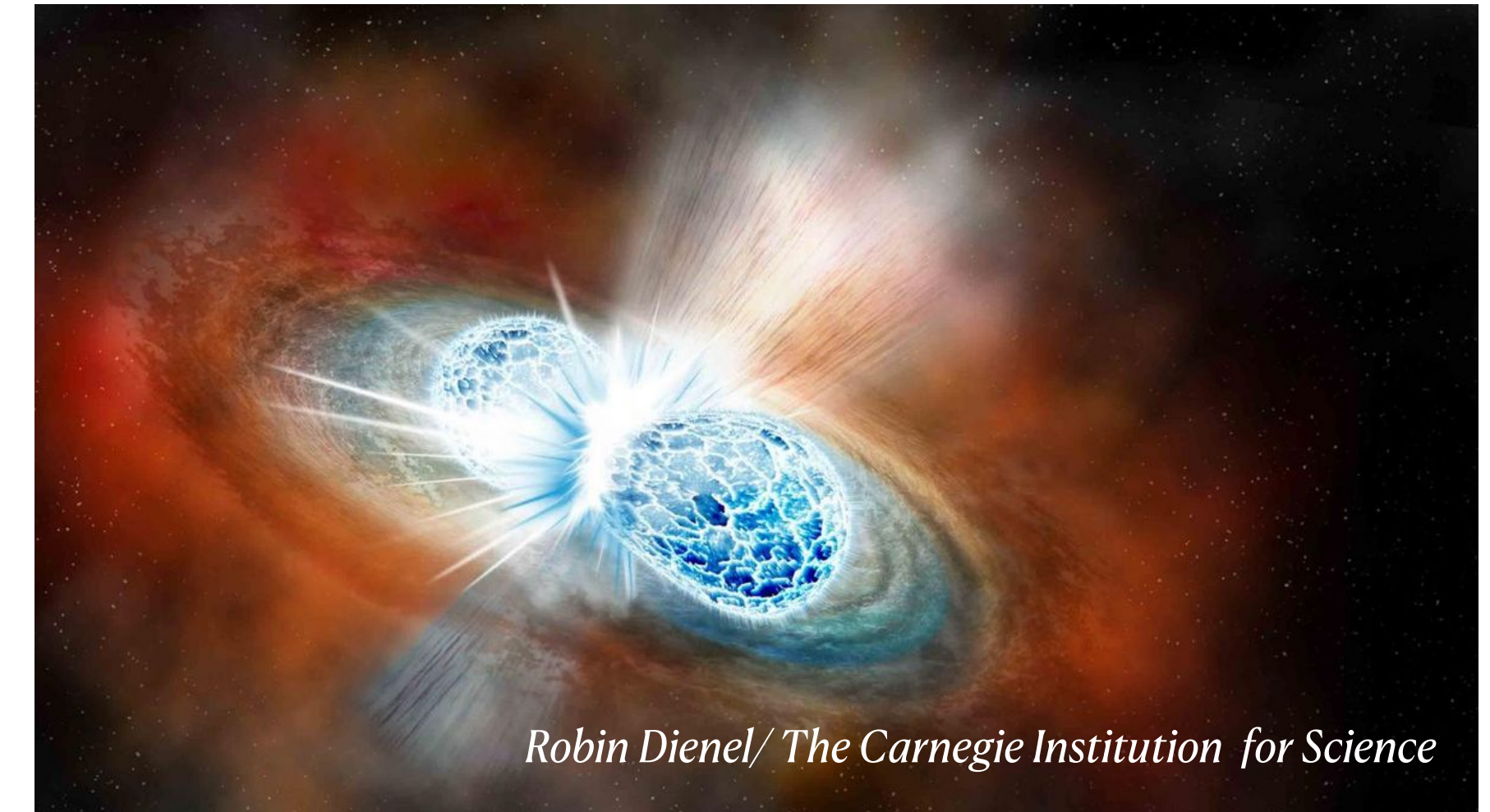
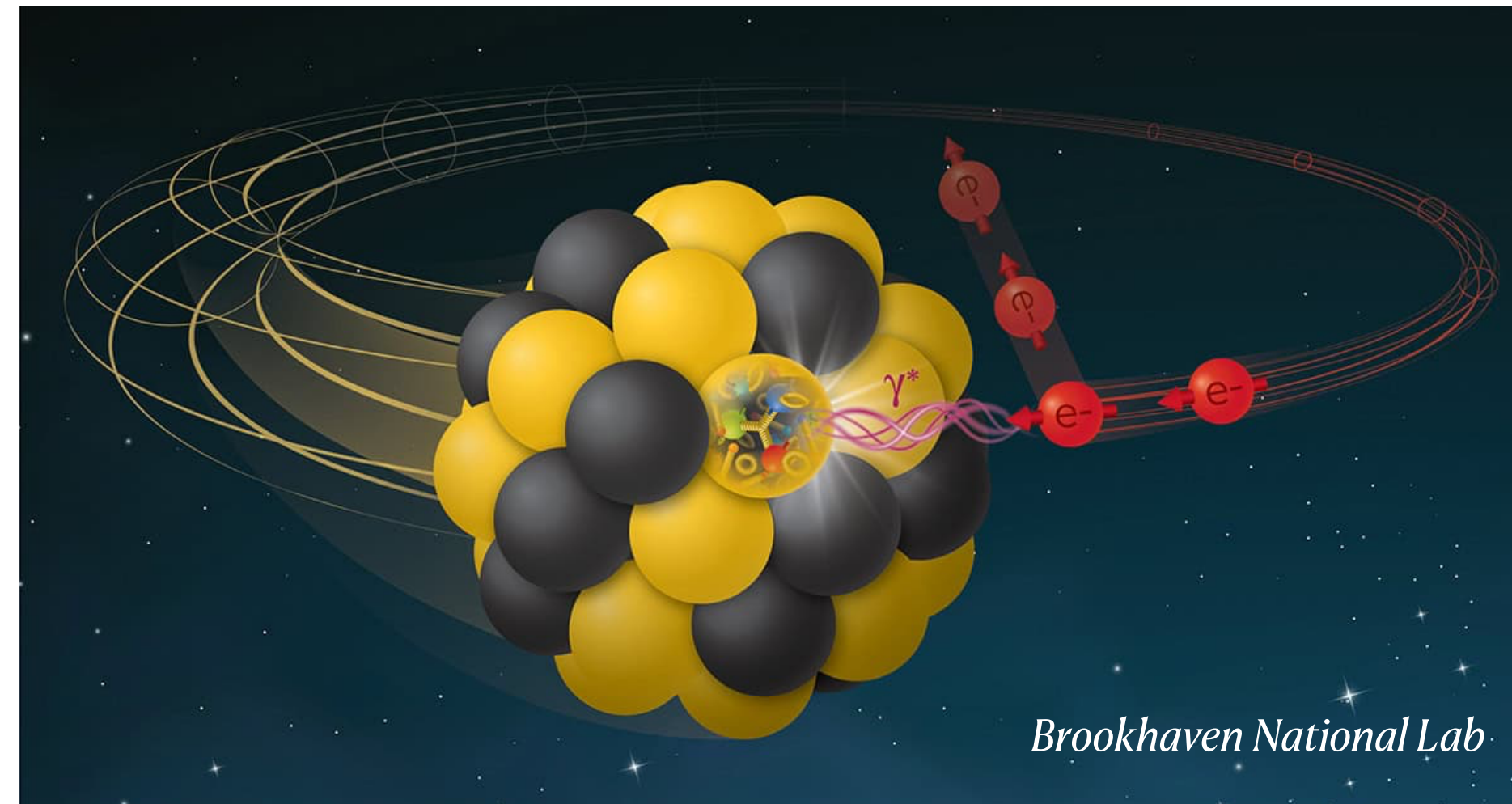
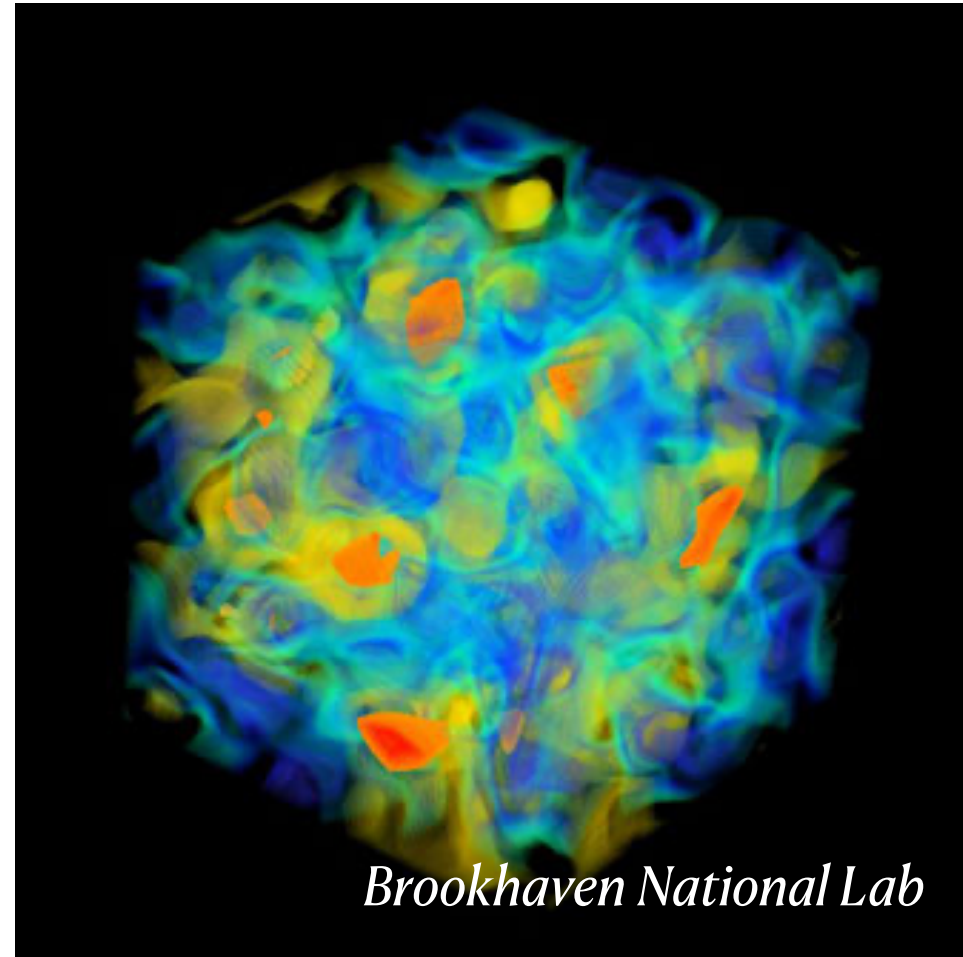
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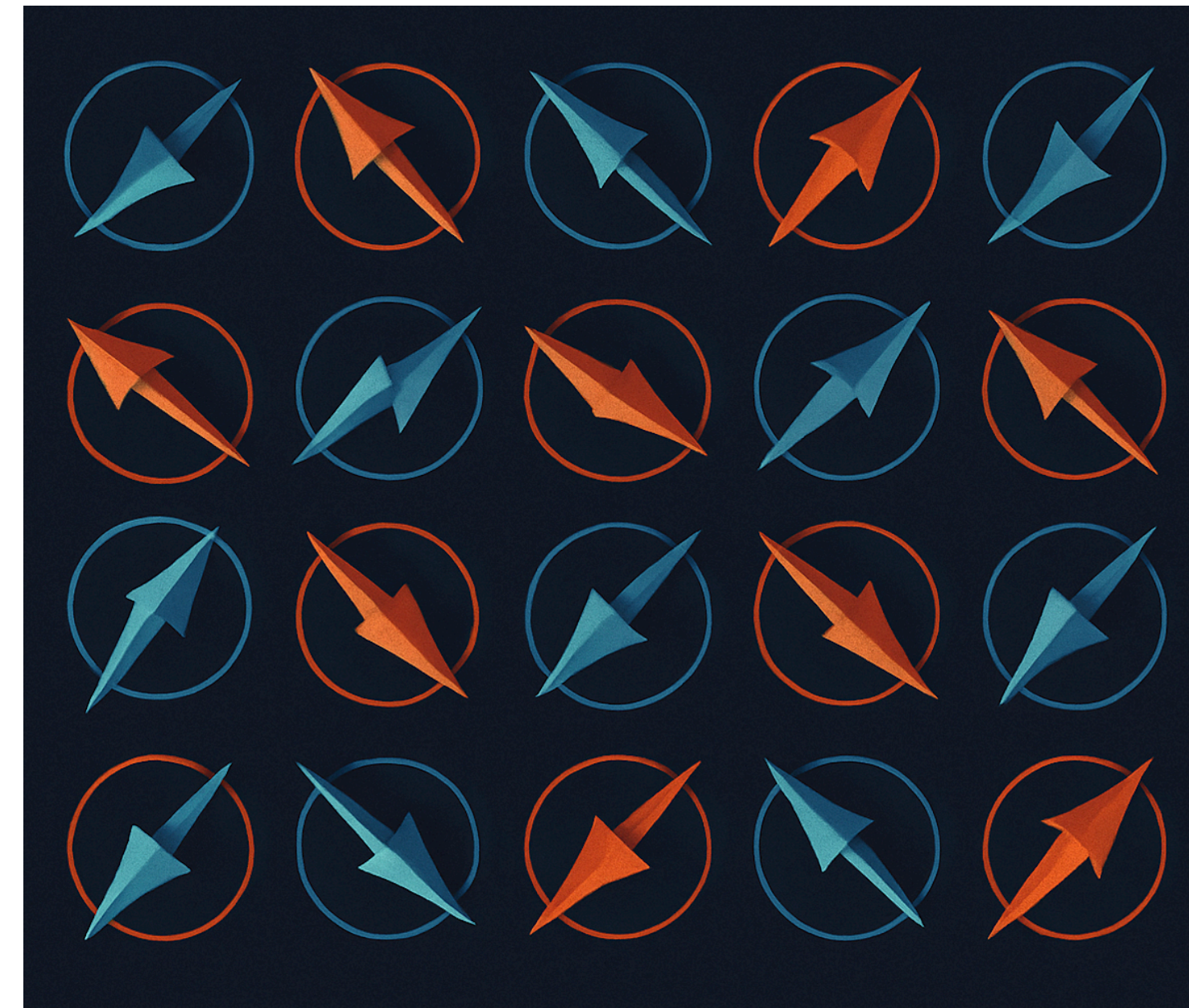
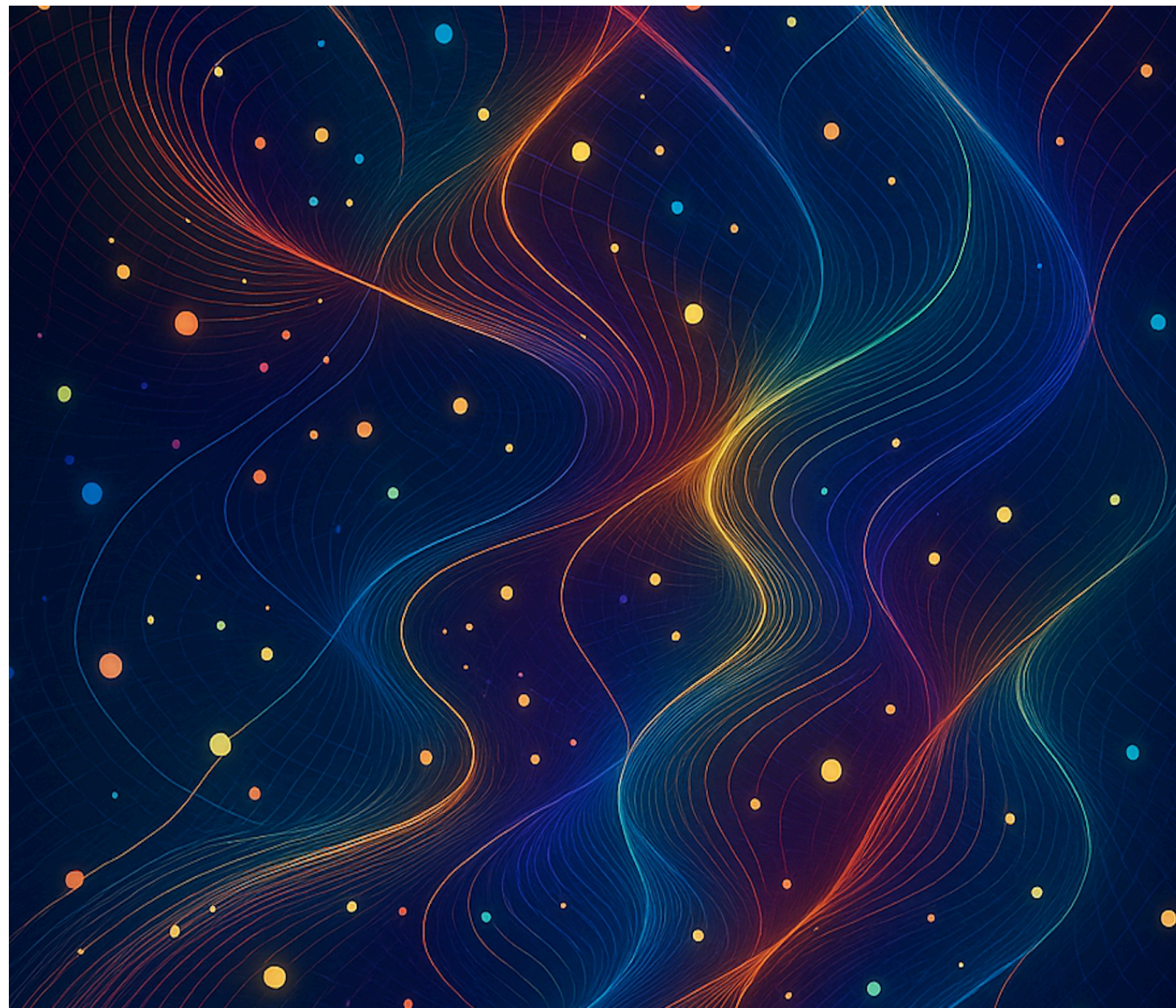
Understanding the strong force



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- Richard Feynman

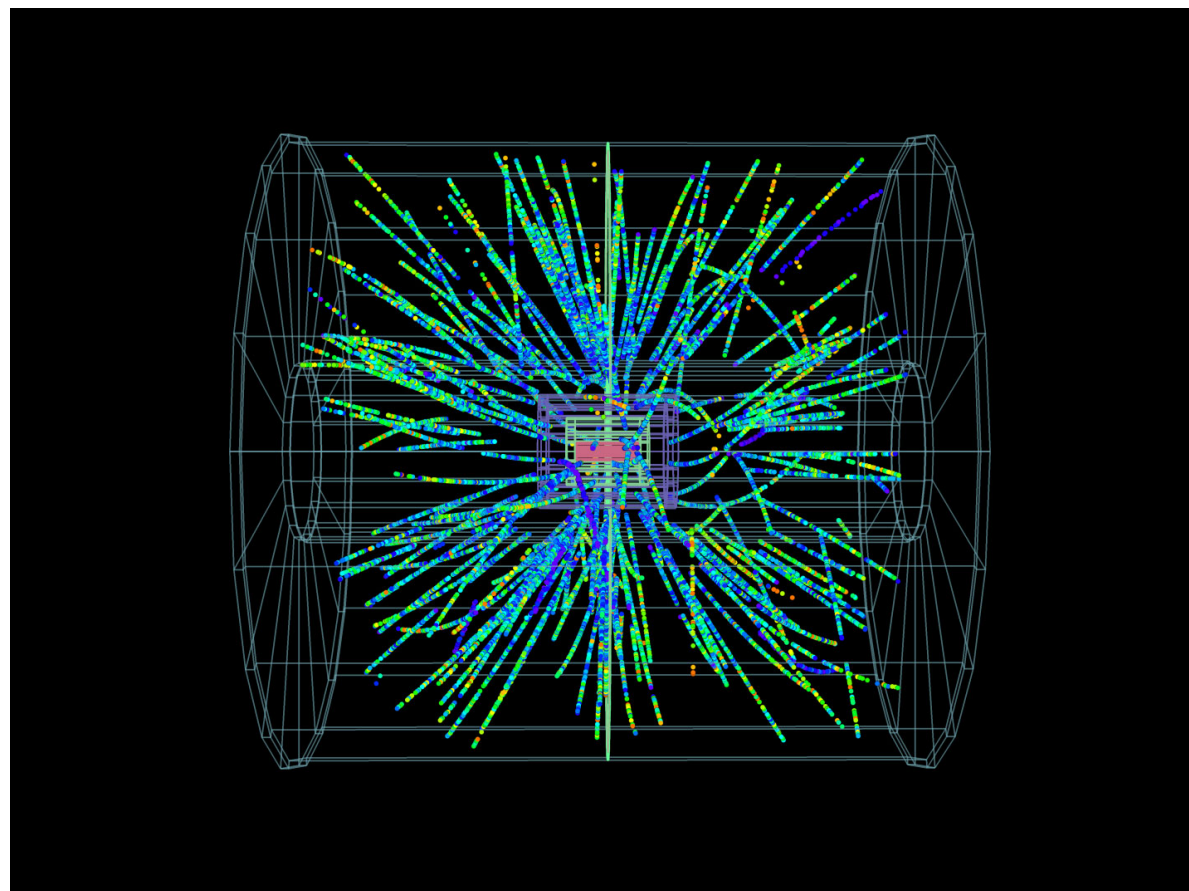
The degrees of freedom of a quantum field theory can be efficiently encoded into quantum simulator degrees of freedoms.



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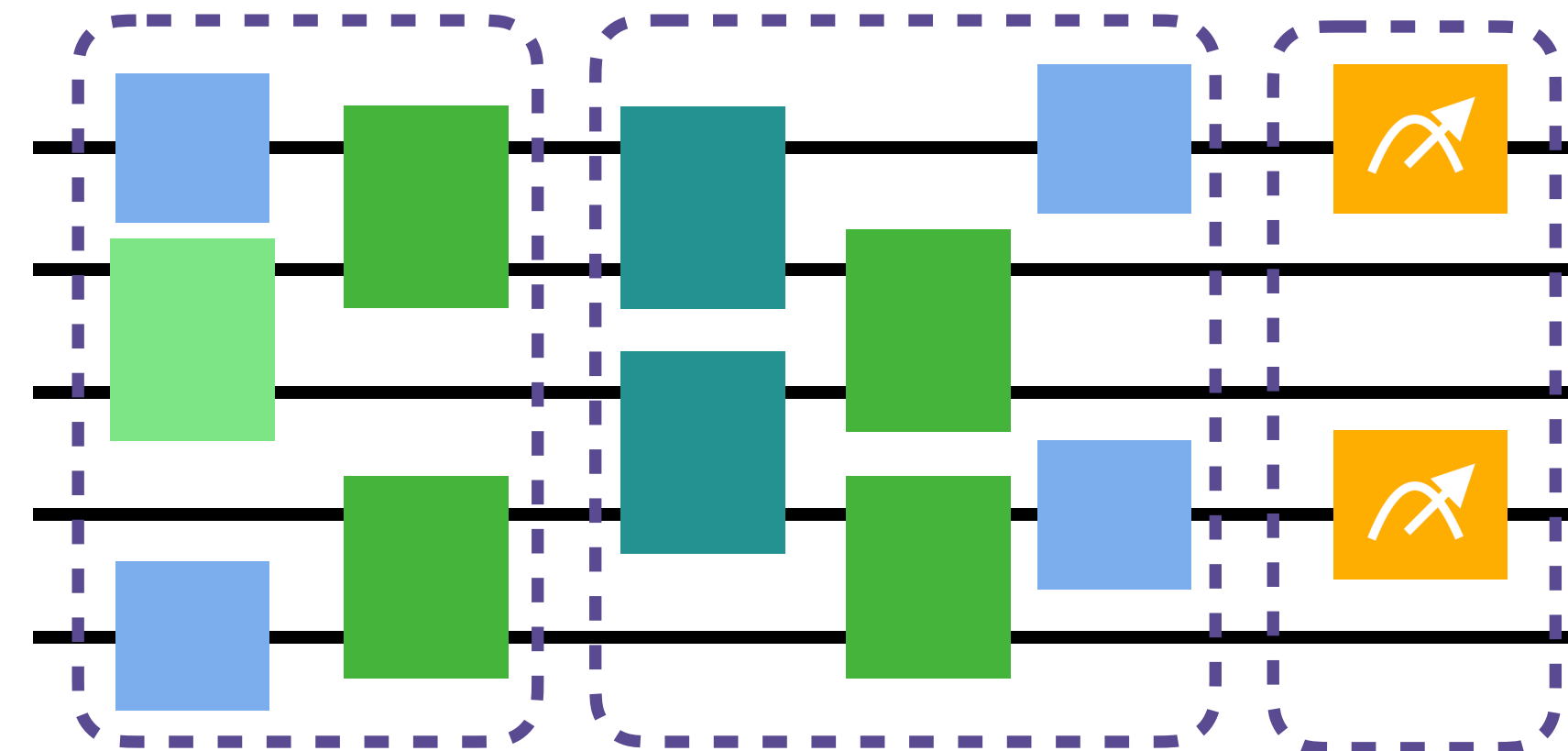
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Phenomenon of interest



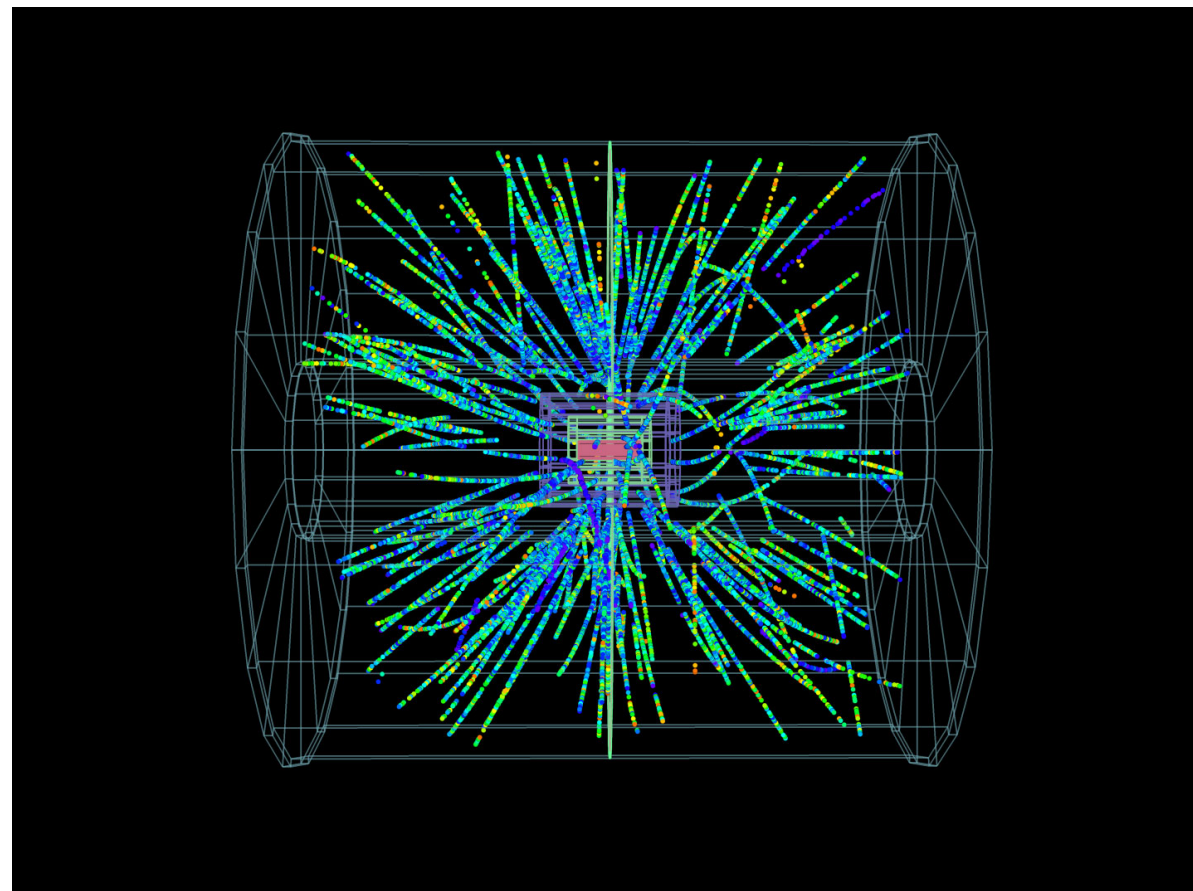
Quantum simulation

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{in}} \rightarrow e^{-i\hat{H}t} \rightarrow \langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle$$

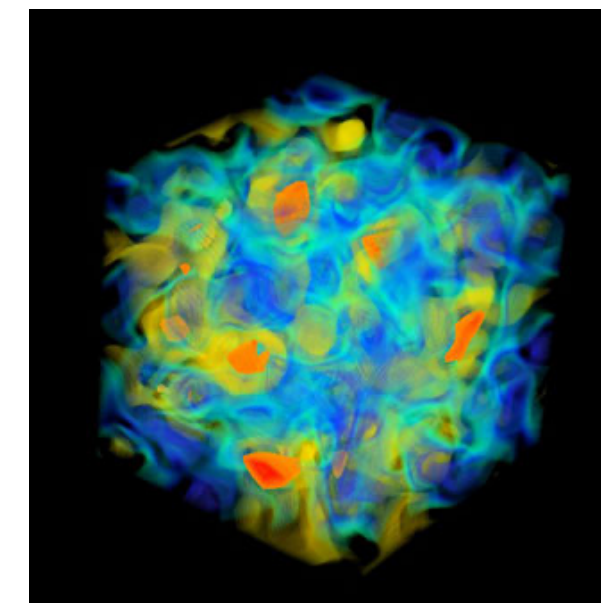
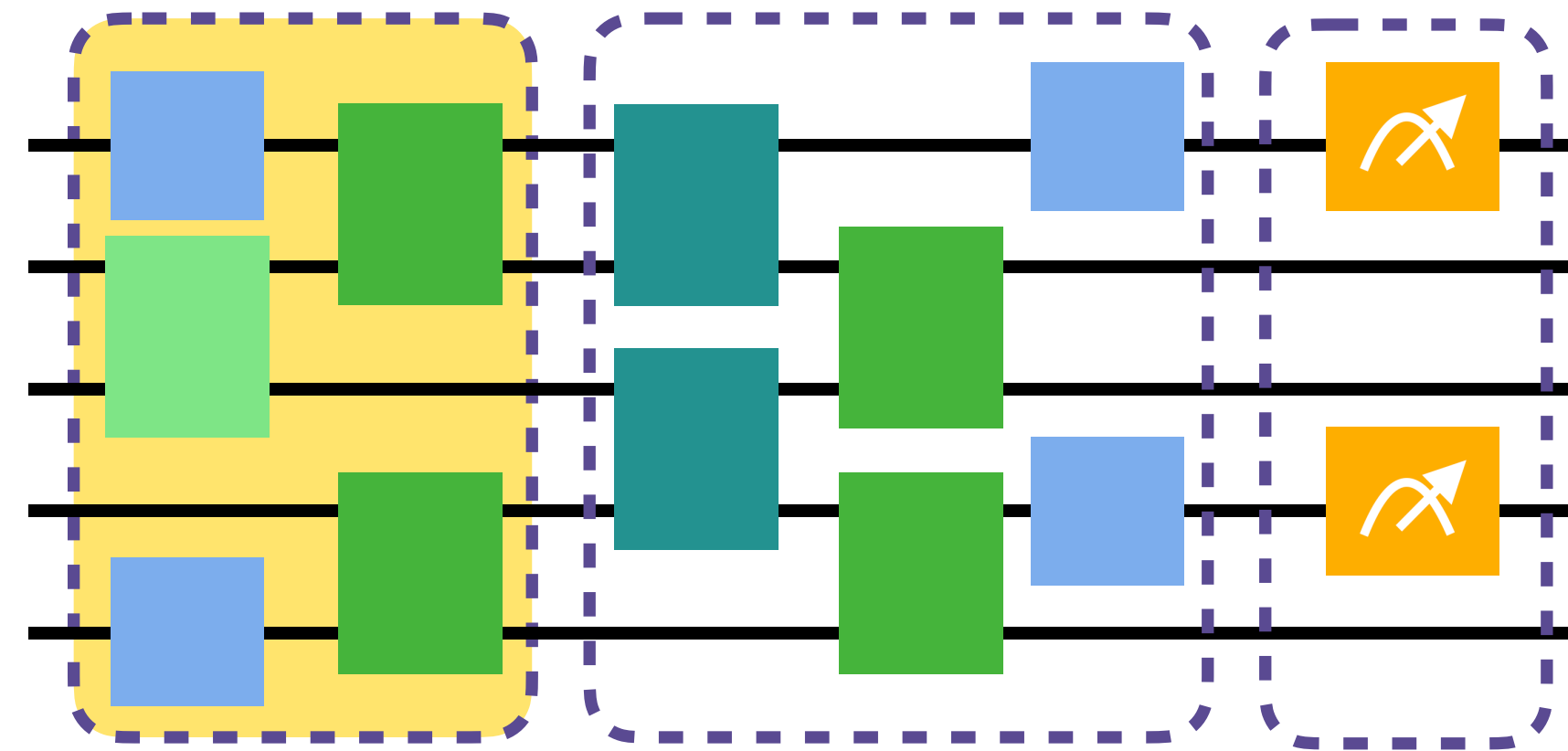


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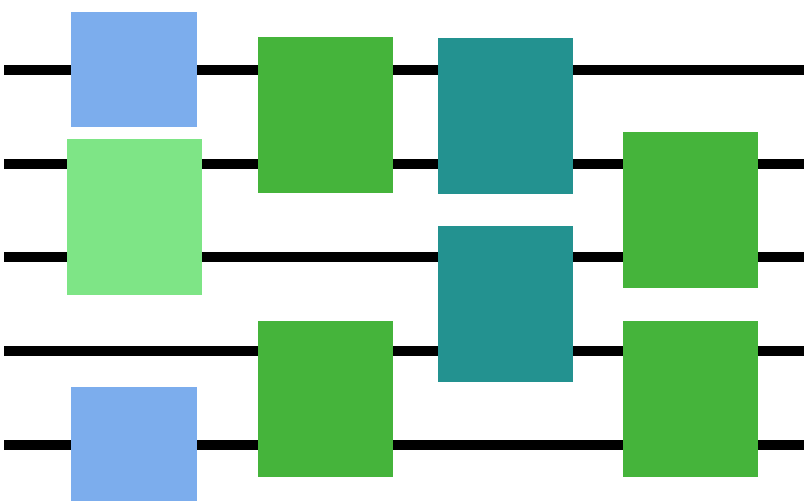


The first step in a quantum simulation is the preparation of an initial state.

This routine typically involves the preparation of an interacting ground state.

Direct methods

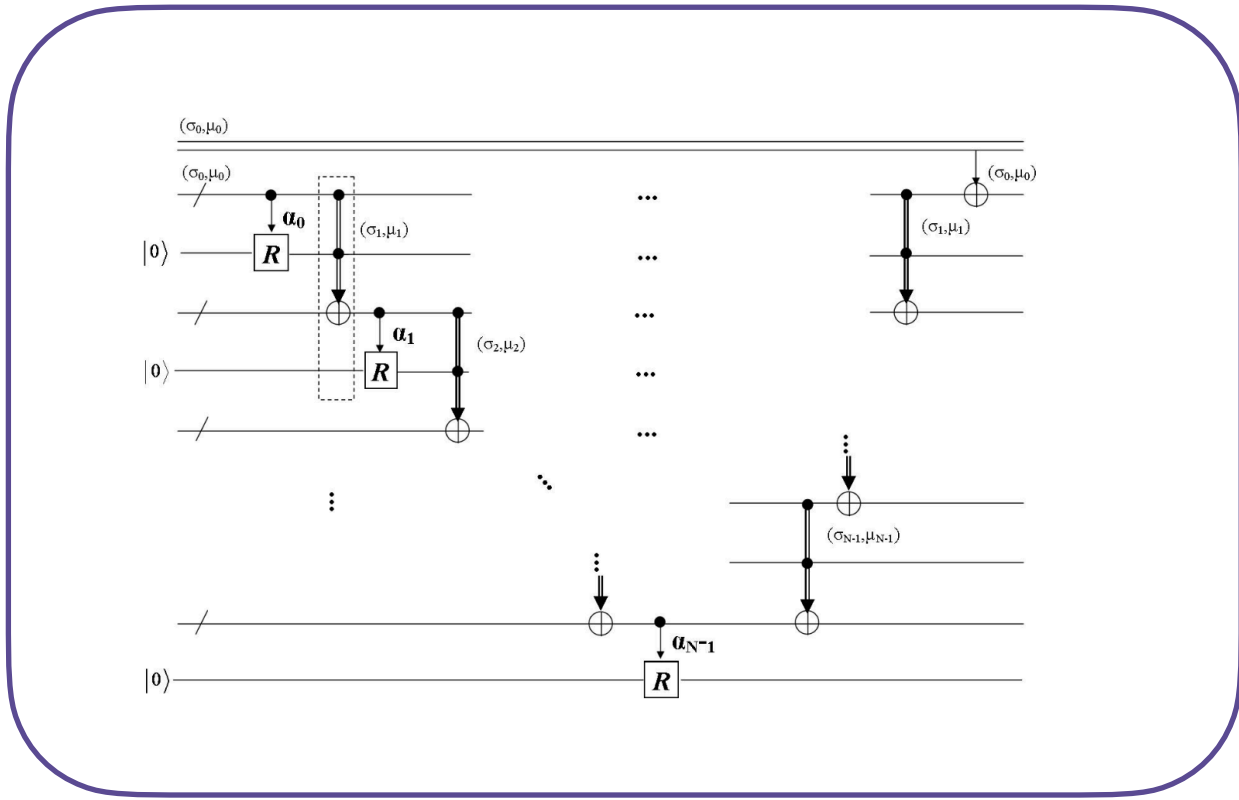
$$|\Omega\rangle$$



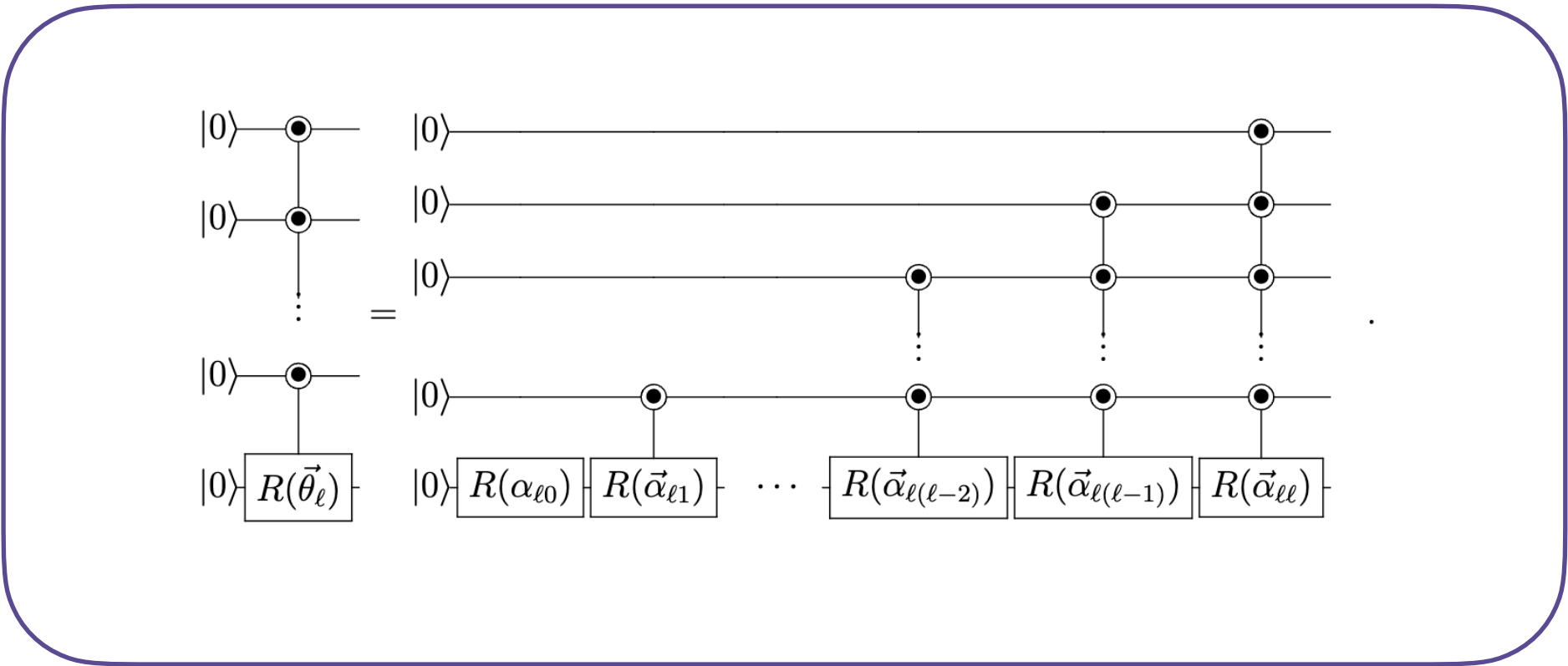
Known ground-state
(of free/ analytically solvable theory, or
obtained from exact diagonalization)

Translation to quantum circuit
(map wavefunction to quantum-
circuit using classical algorithm)

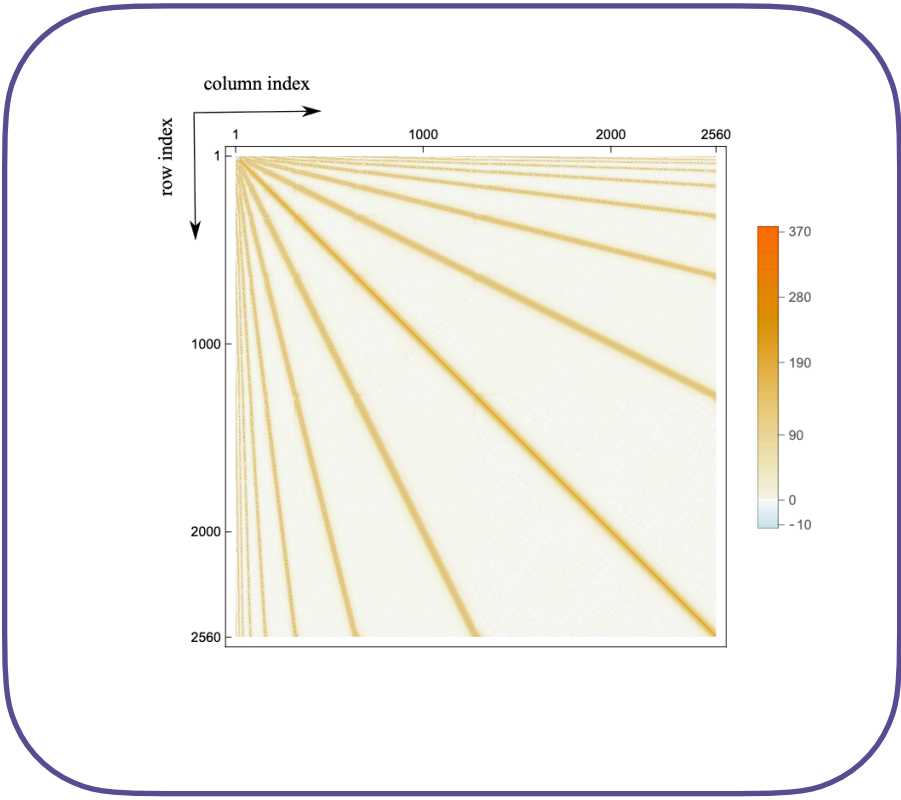
Ground-state quantum circuit
(implement classically-compiled
quantum circuit on hardware)



Kitaev & Webb '08

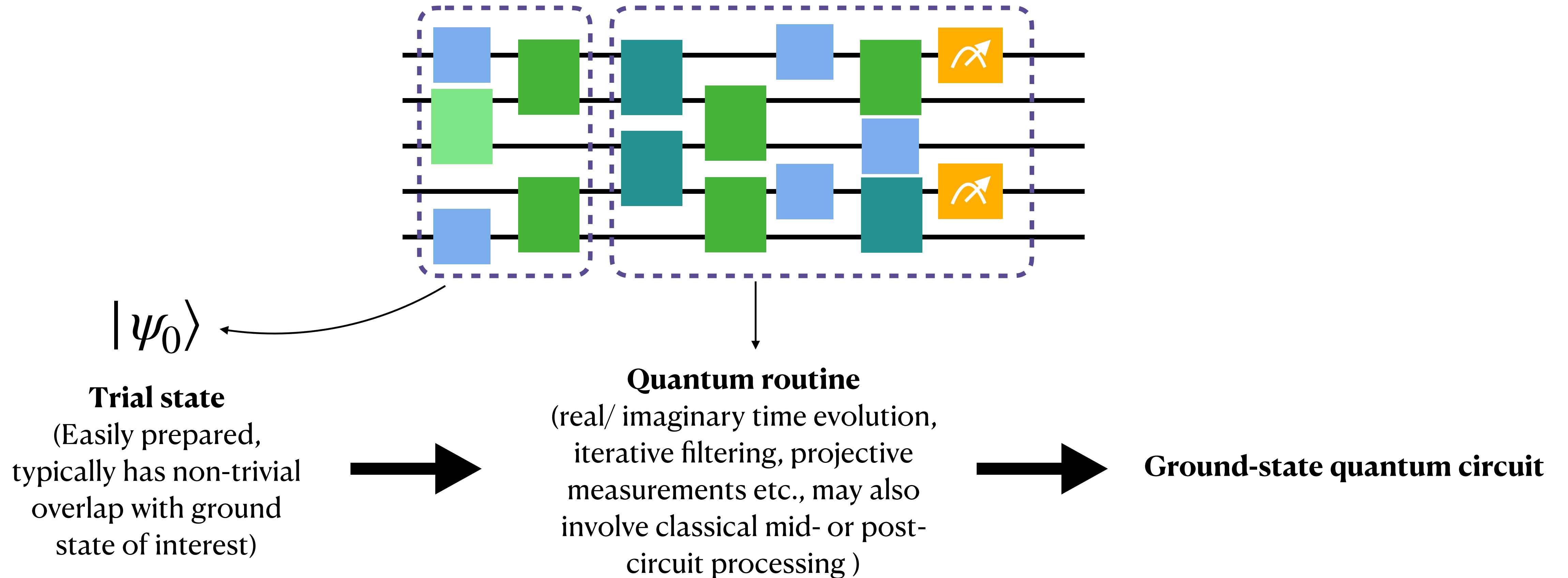


Klco & Savage '20



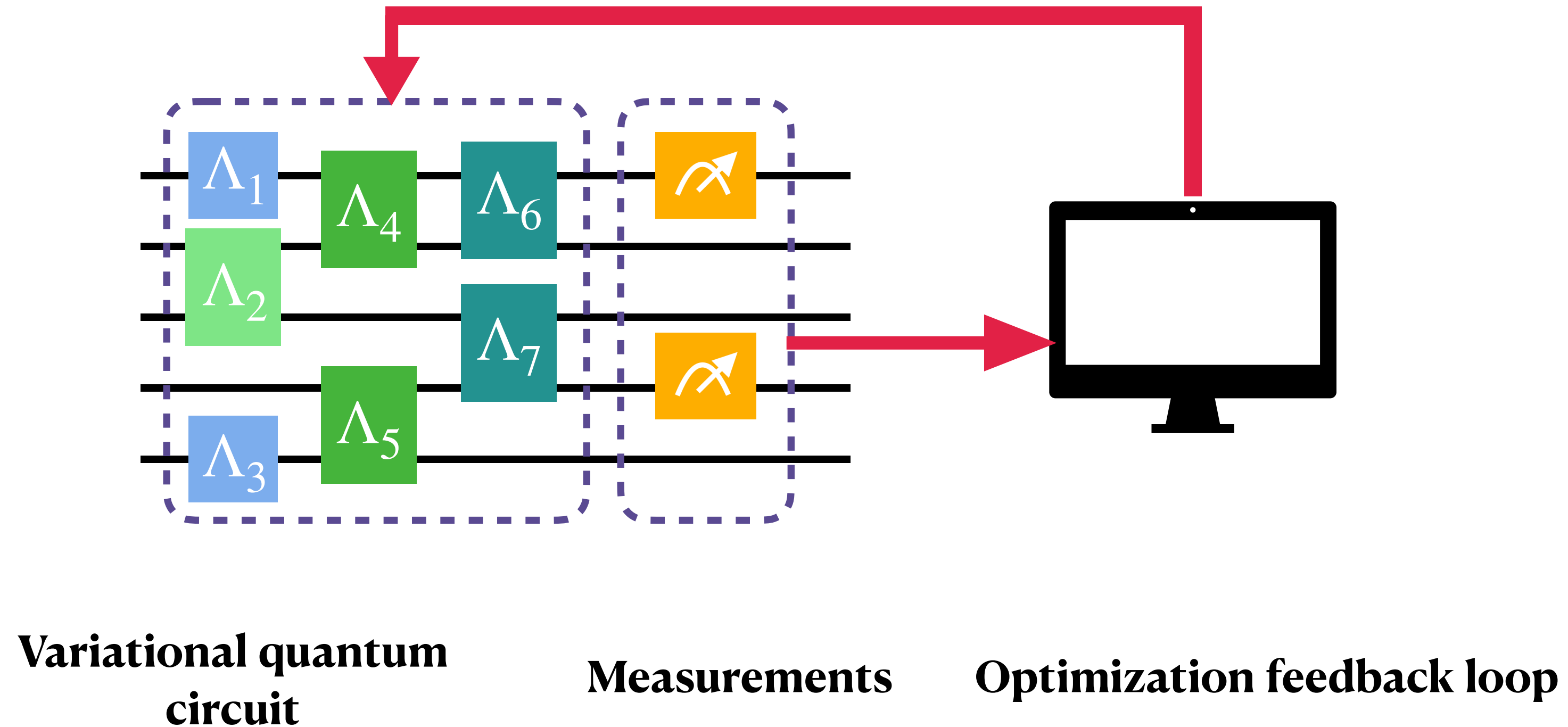
Bagherimehrab+ '22

Exact quantum methods



- While these algorithms come with provable guarantees for accuracy and optimality, they require deep coherent quantum circuits.
- Hence, they are more suitable for the far-term fault-tolerant era.

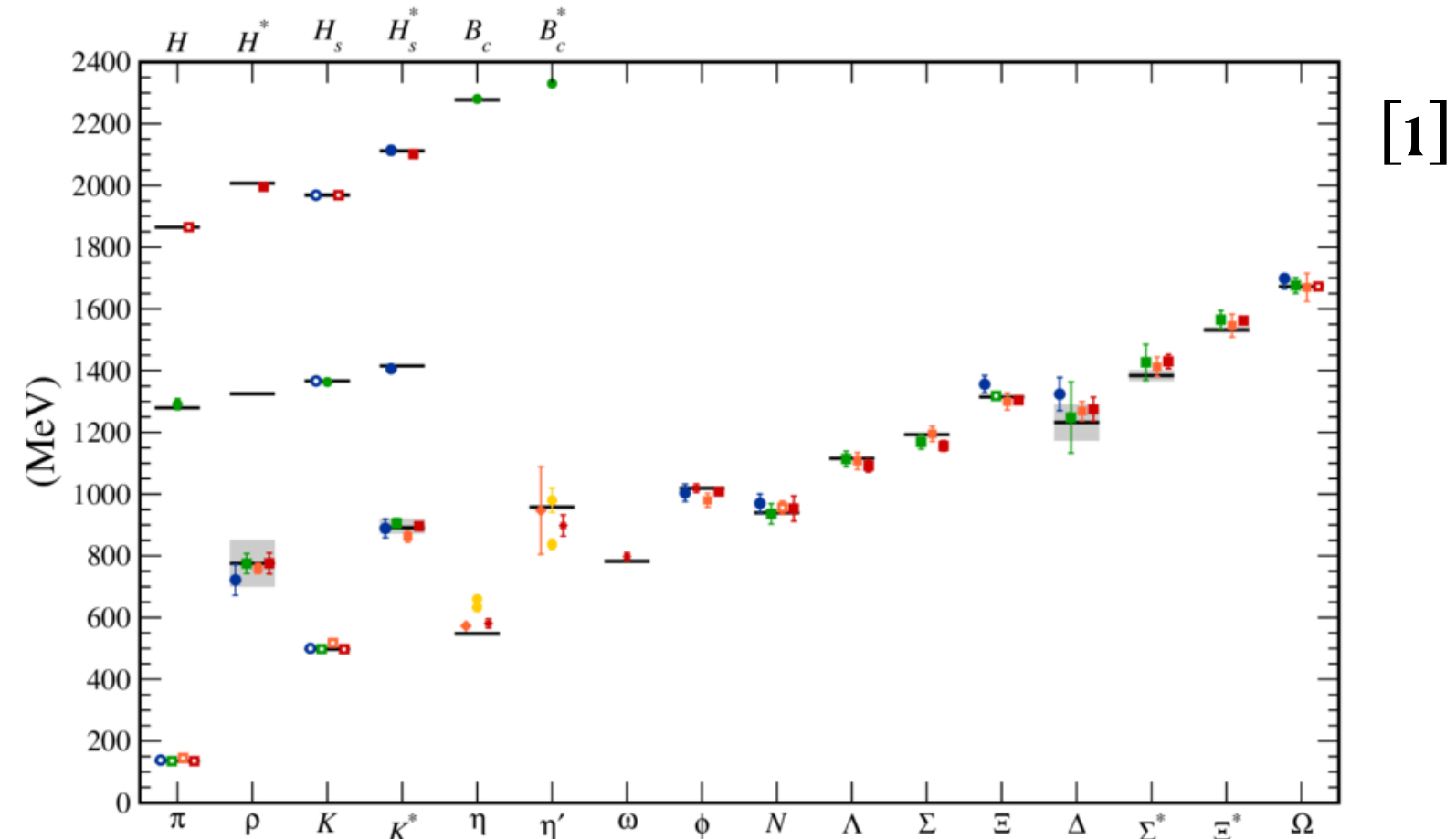
Heuristic hybrid methods



- Some quantum computing cost is traded off by the classical computing cost of optimization, resulting in shallower circuits.
- This makes this method more appropriate for the near-term era.
- However, there are typically no guarantees for the accuracy and efficiency of this procedure and its success critically depends upon an appropriate choice of circuit ansatz.
- Furthermore, statistical noise from quantum measurements aggravates barren plateaus.

An opportunity

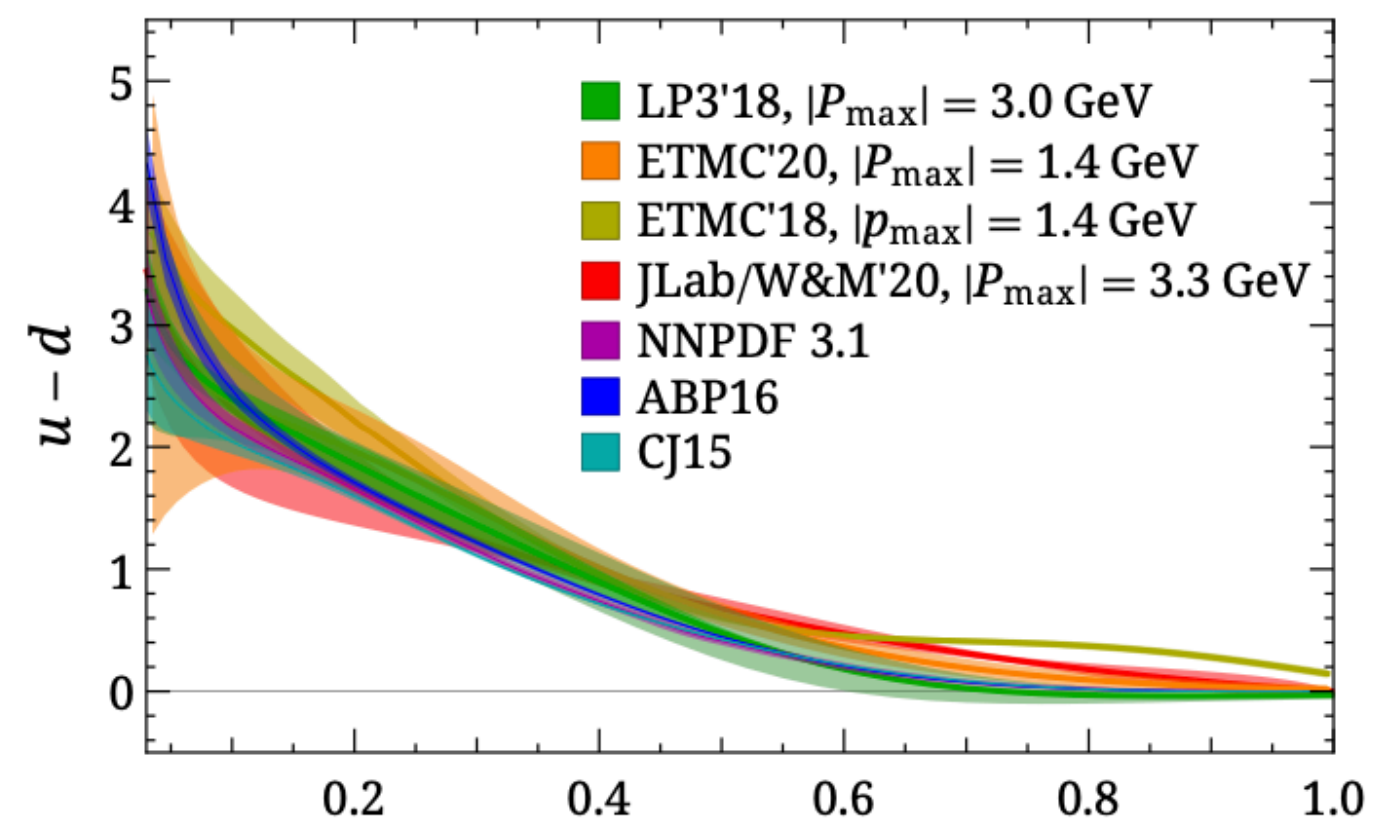
Hadron Spectrum



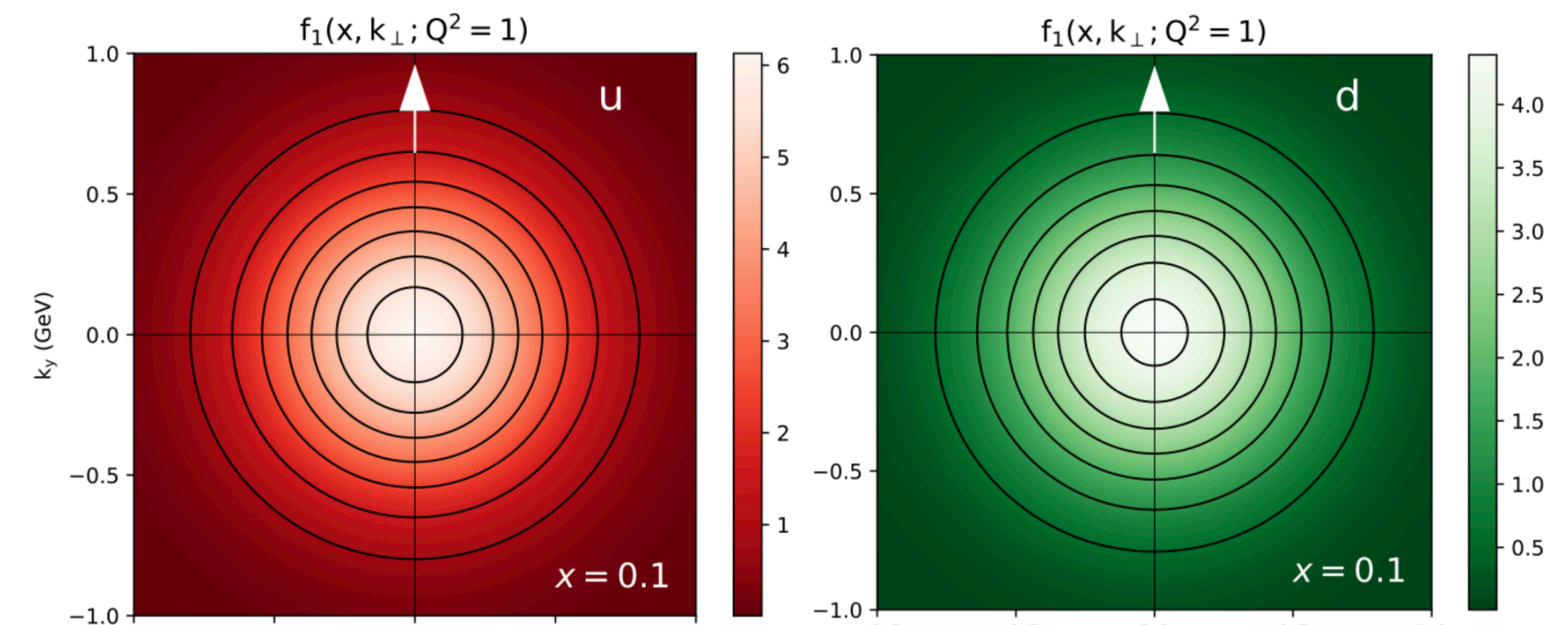
[1]

Path Integral Monte Carlo (PIMC) methods like lattice QCD are a rich source of ground-state data.

Structure



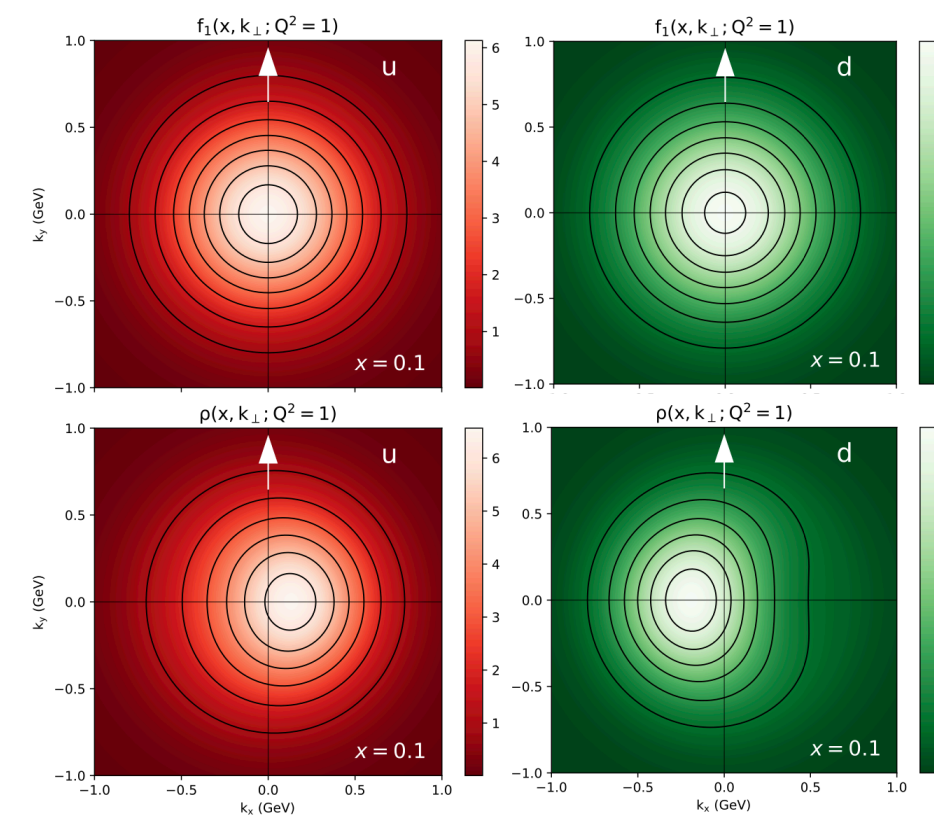
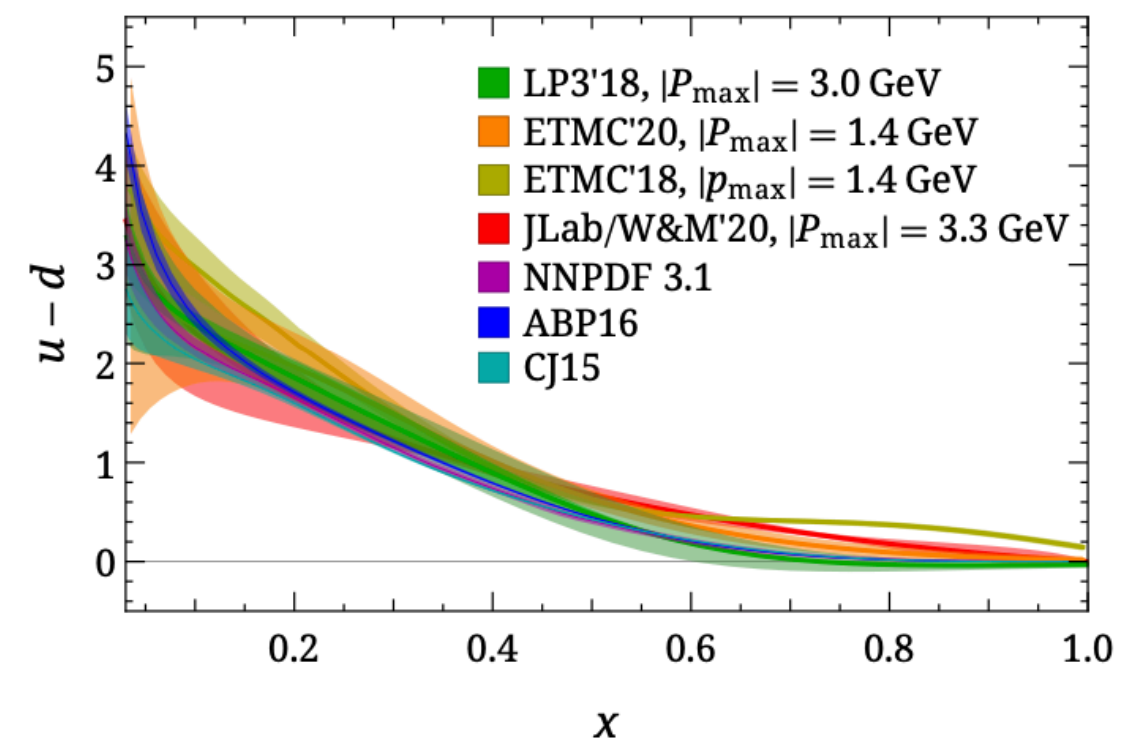
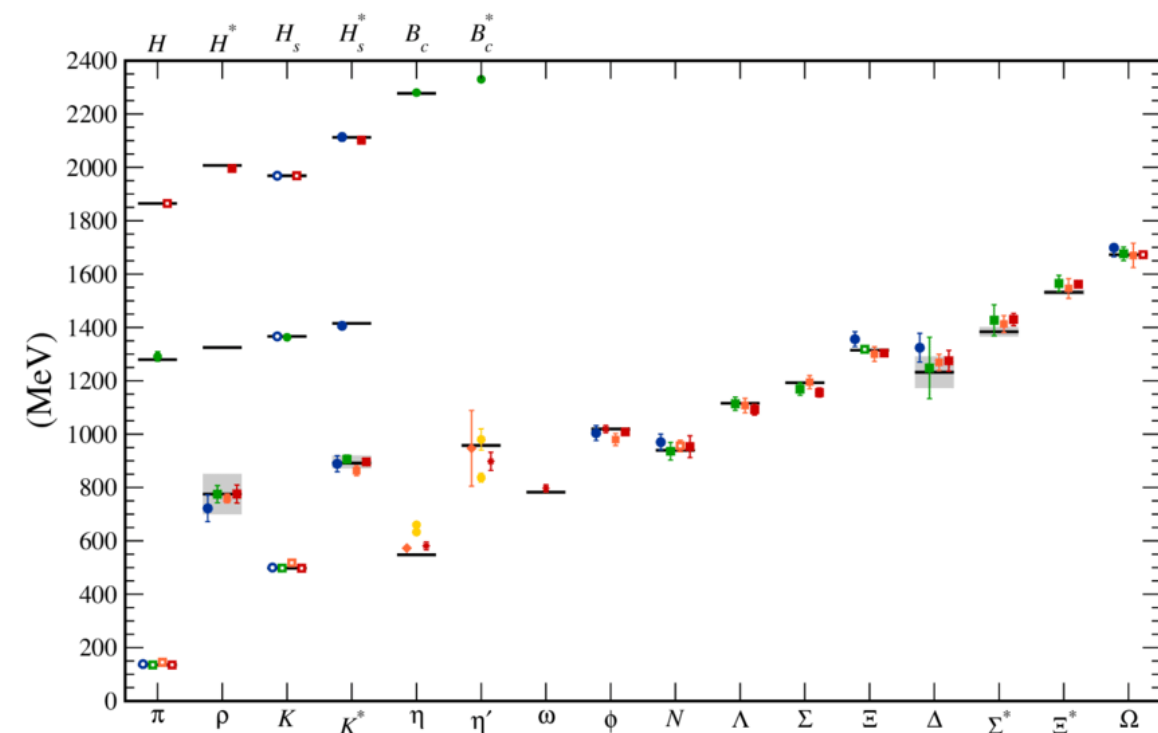
(Summary of lattice calculations of isovector unpolarized quark PDFs from various collaborations)



[2]

(Quark density for an unpolarized proton moving towards the viewer for the up quark on the left and down quark on the right)

From lattice QCD to ground states for simulation?



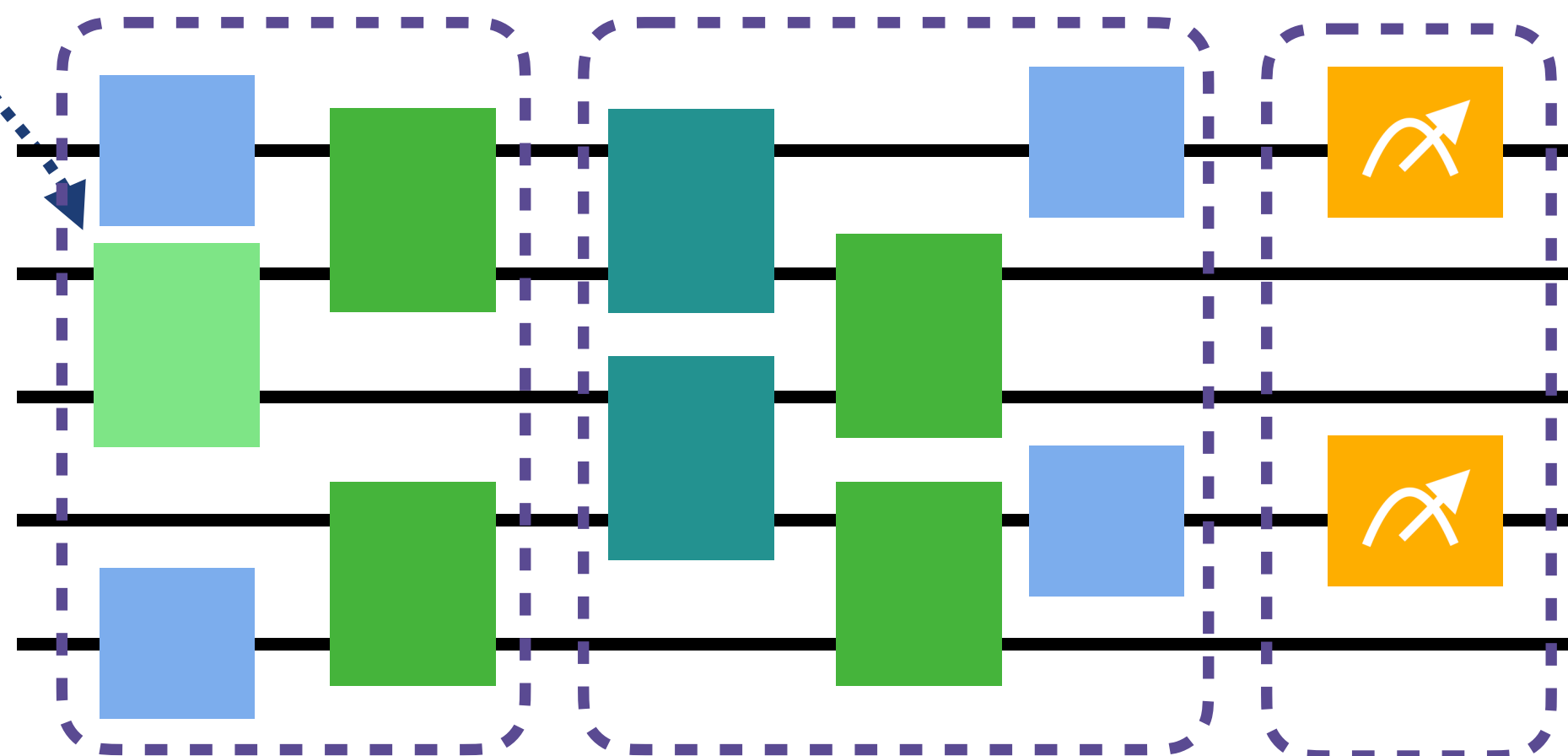
Non-trivial to make a
connection between

Euclidean Monte
Carlo data

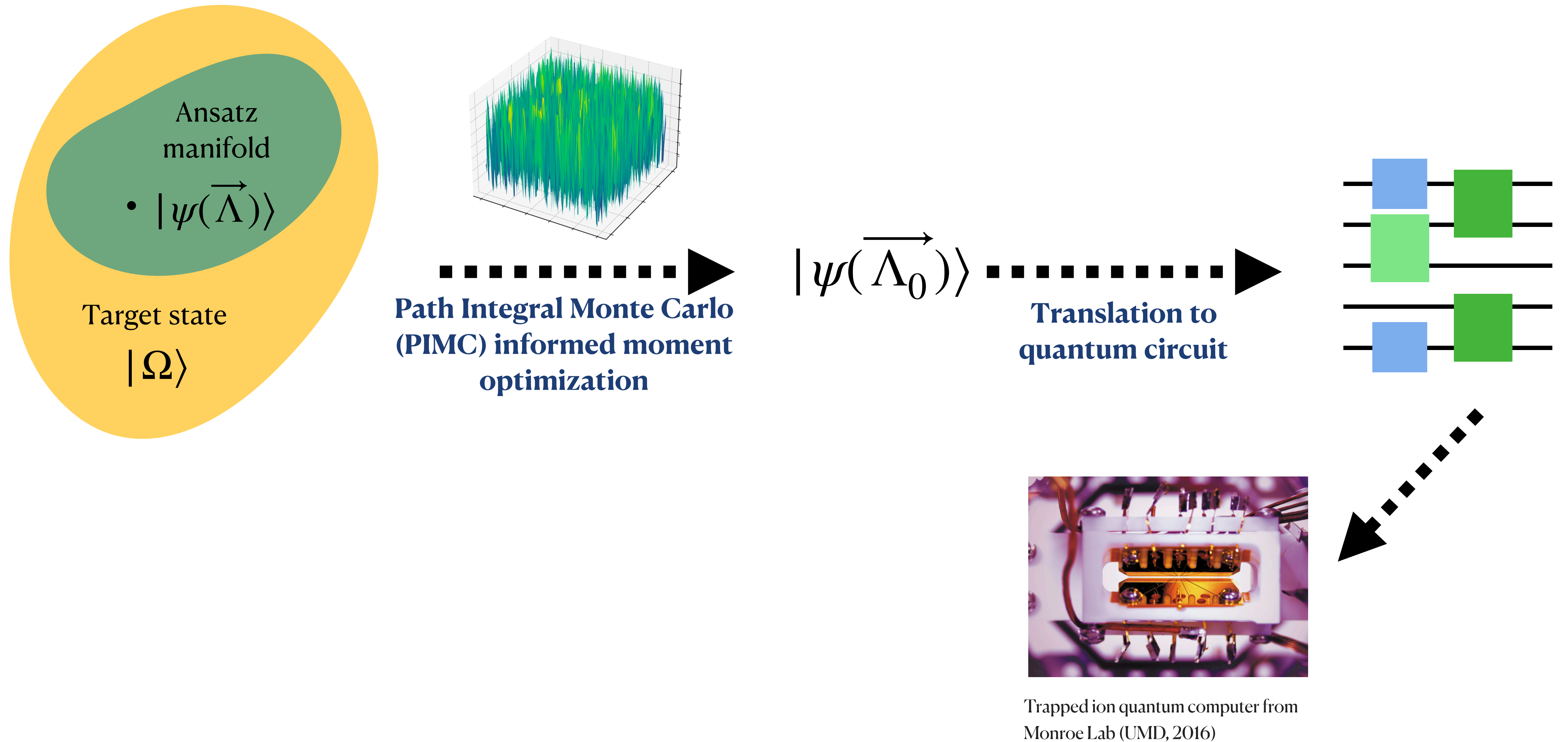
and

Minkowski wavefunctions

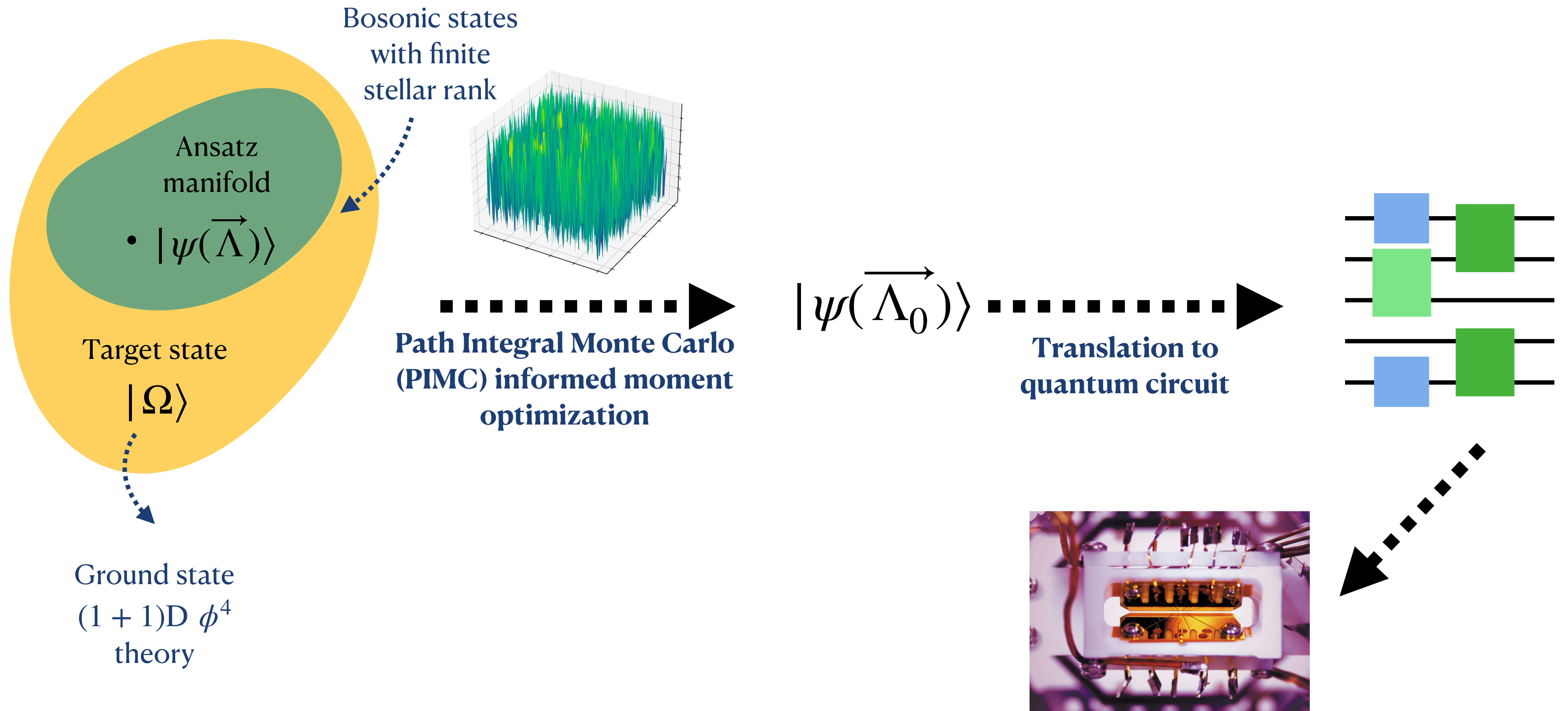
in general, and for QCD in
particular.



Classically determined quantum circuits

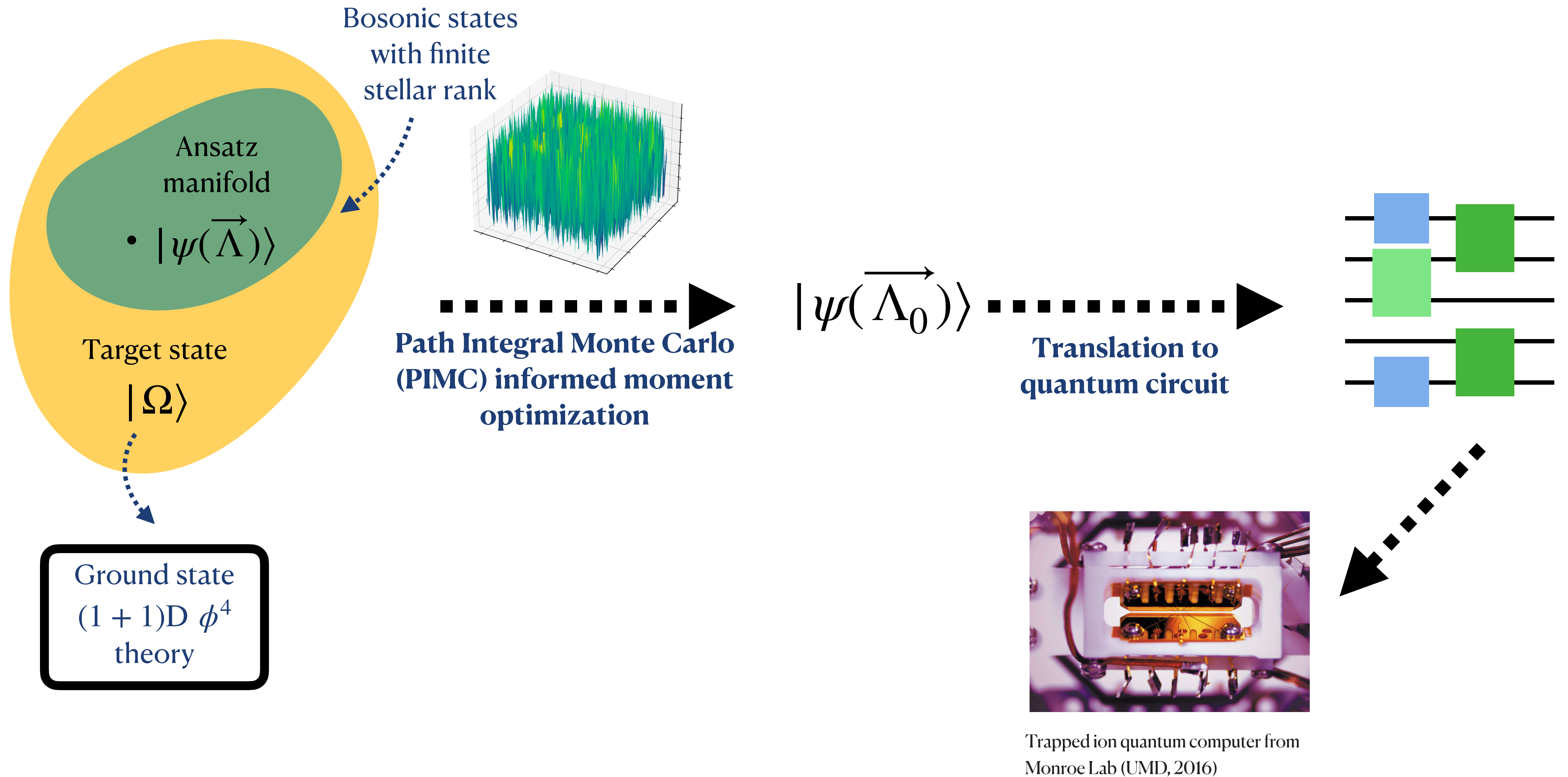


Classically determined quantum circuits



Trapped ion quantum computer from Monroe Lab (UMD, 2016)

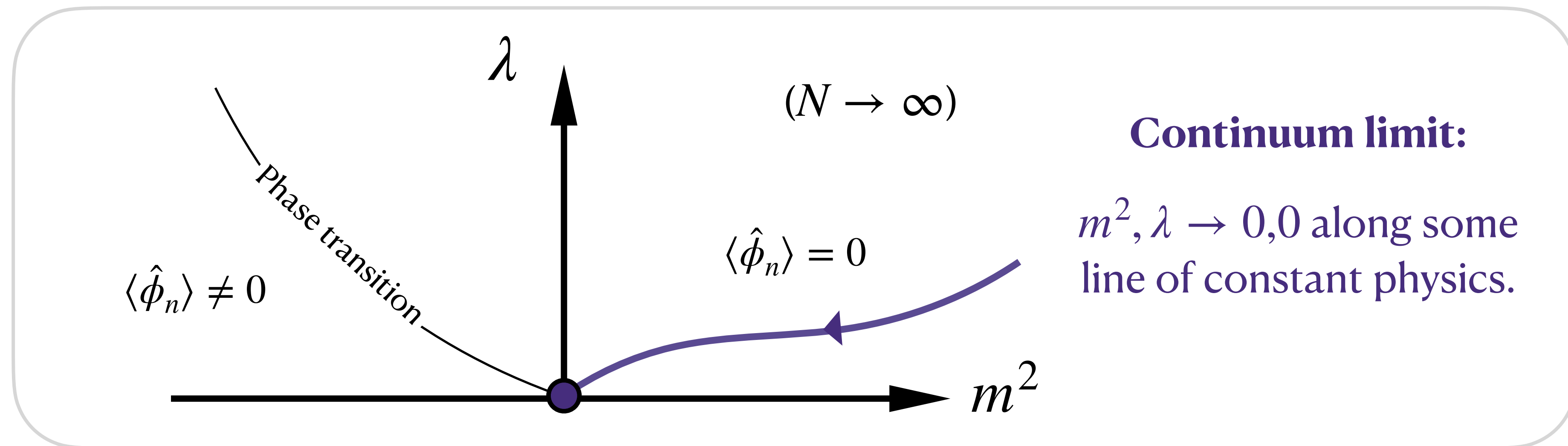
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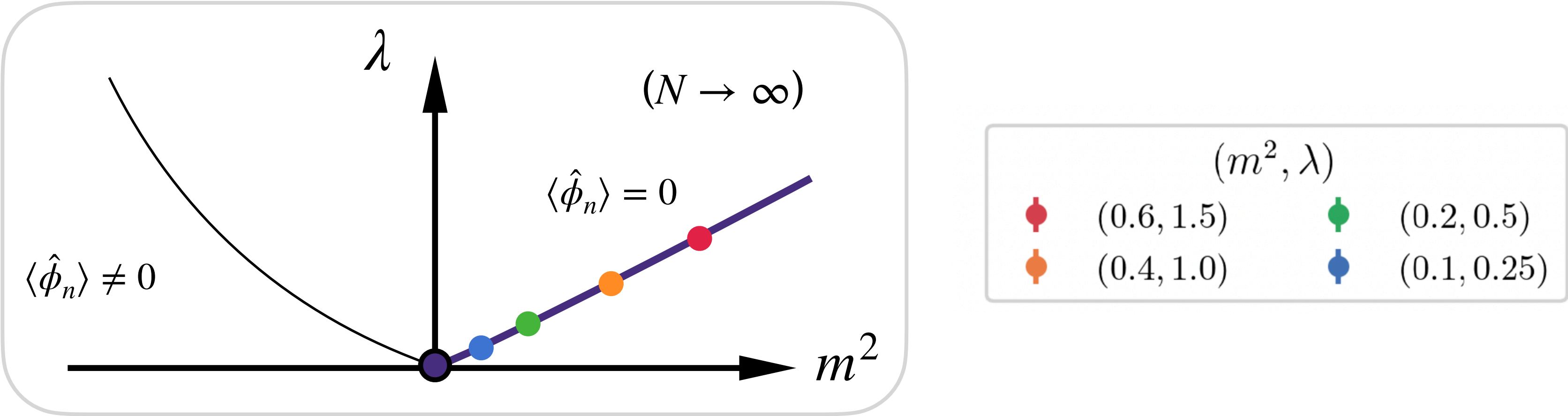
Ground state of (1 + 1)D ϕ^4 theory

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{\hat{\pi}_n^2}{2} + \frac{(\hat{\phi}_{n+1} - \hat{\phi}_n)^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m^2\hat{\phi}_n^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\hat{\phi}_n^4 \right)$$

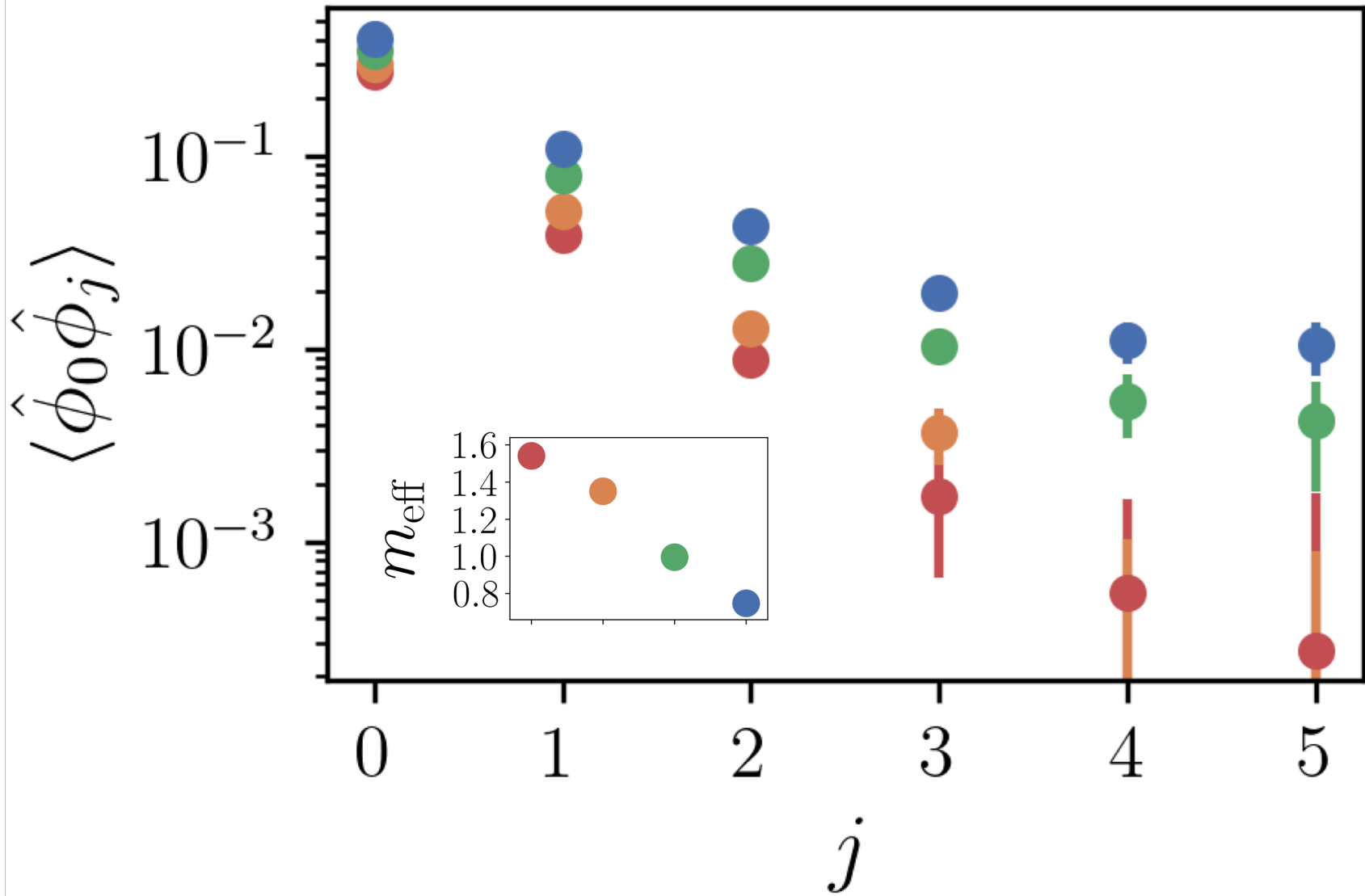
Parity, time-reversal, cyclic translation, and inversion symmetric.



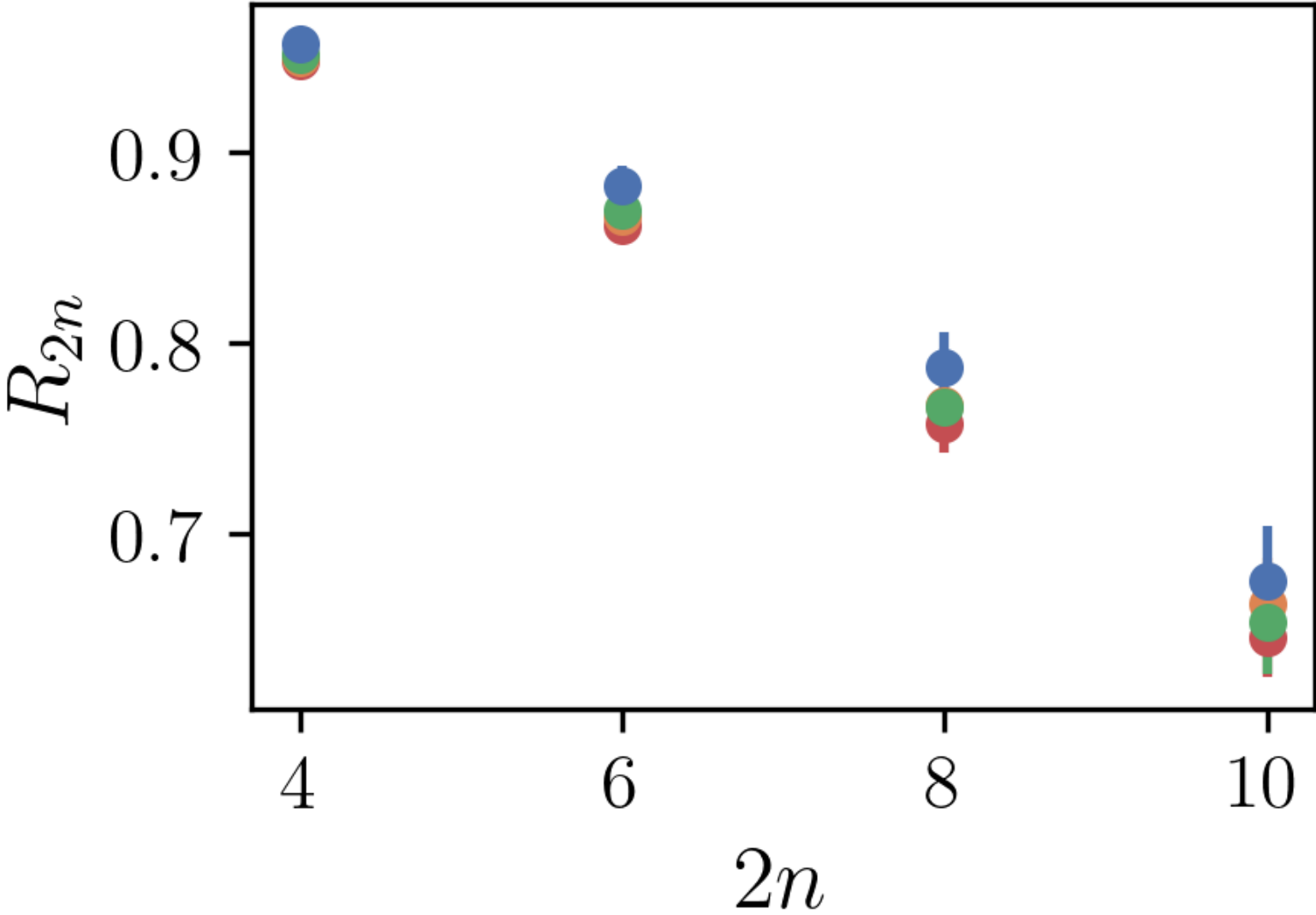
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Correlations

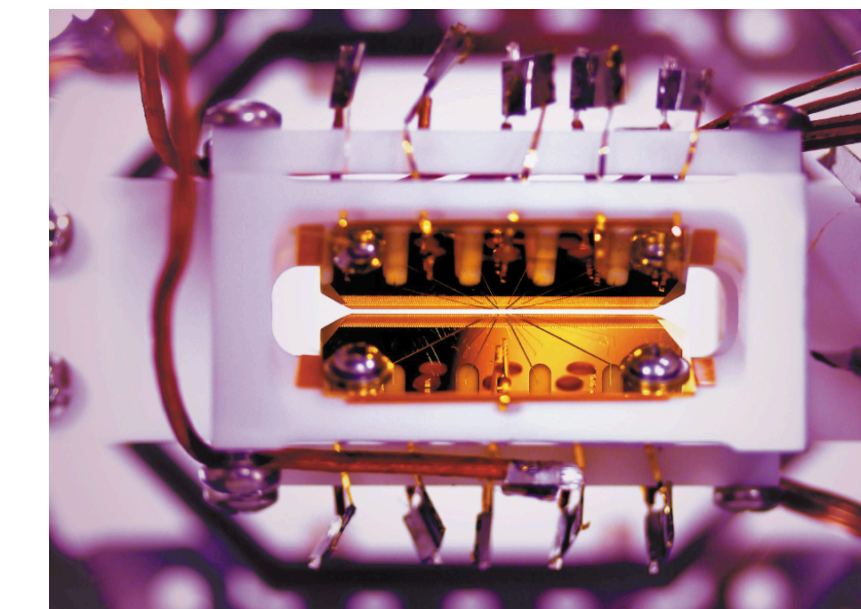
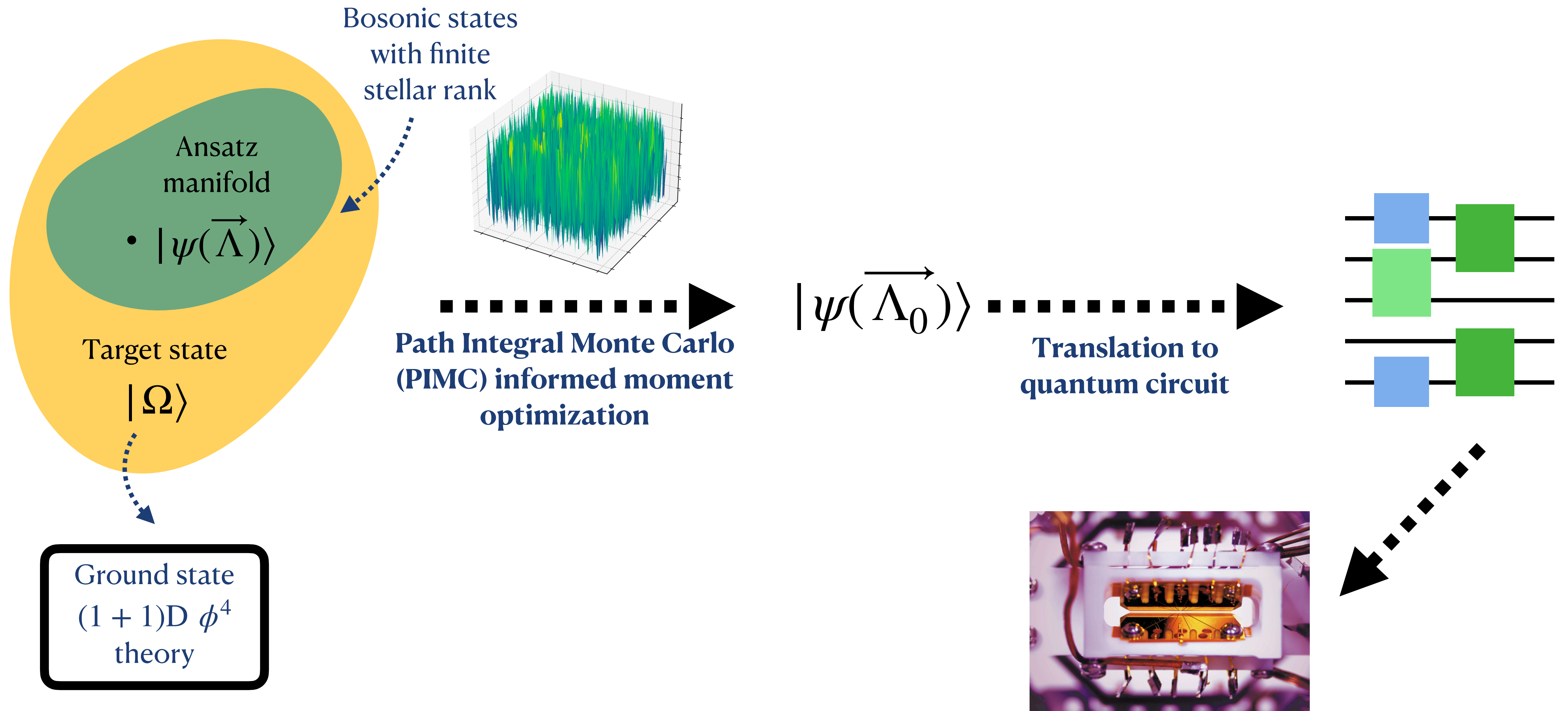


Non-Gaussianity



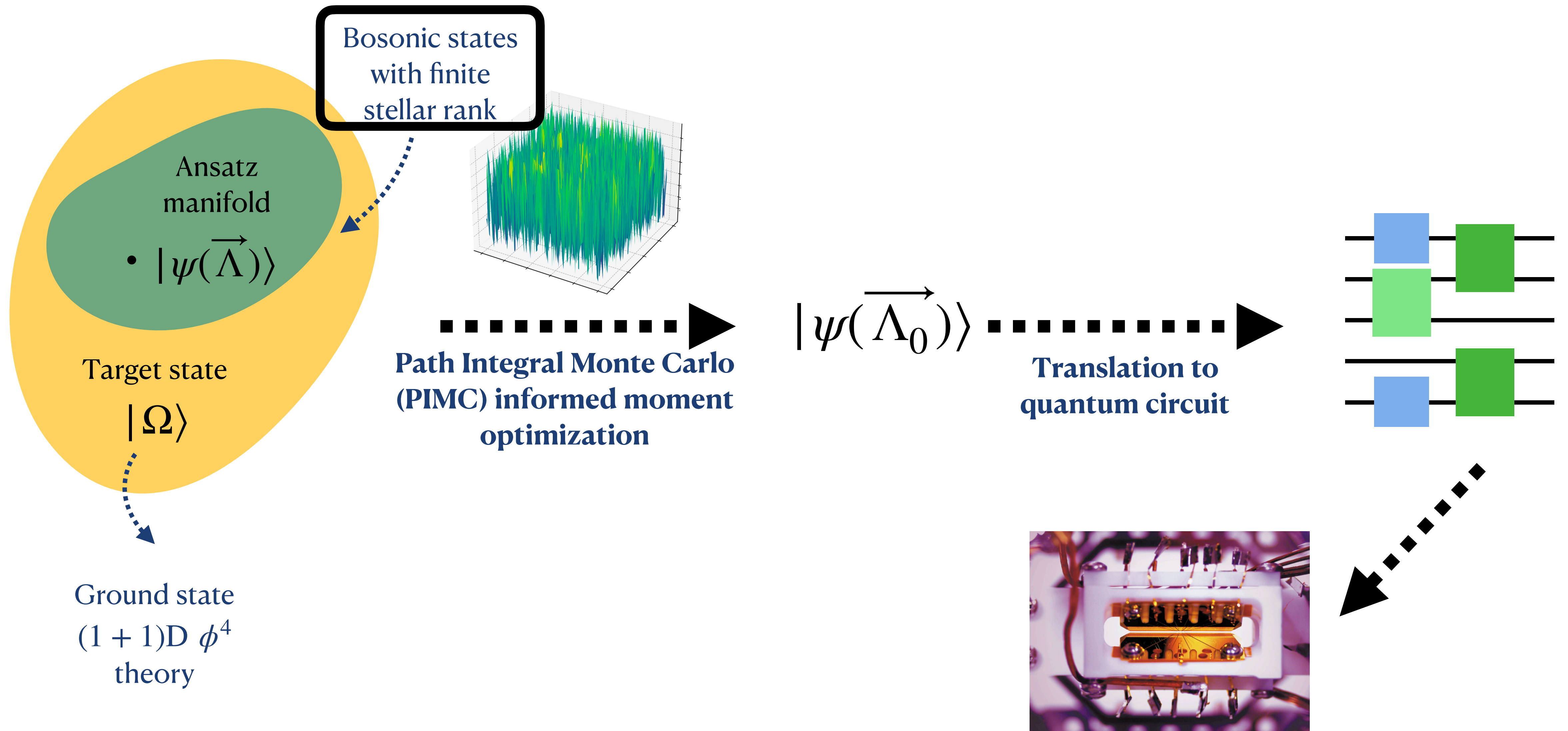
$$R_{2n} = \frac{\langle \hat{\phi}^{2n} \rangle}{(2n - 1)!! \langle \hat{\phi}^2 \rangle^n}$$

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Finite-stellar rank states

Most pure states of N bosonic modes have the decomposition

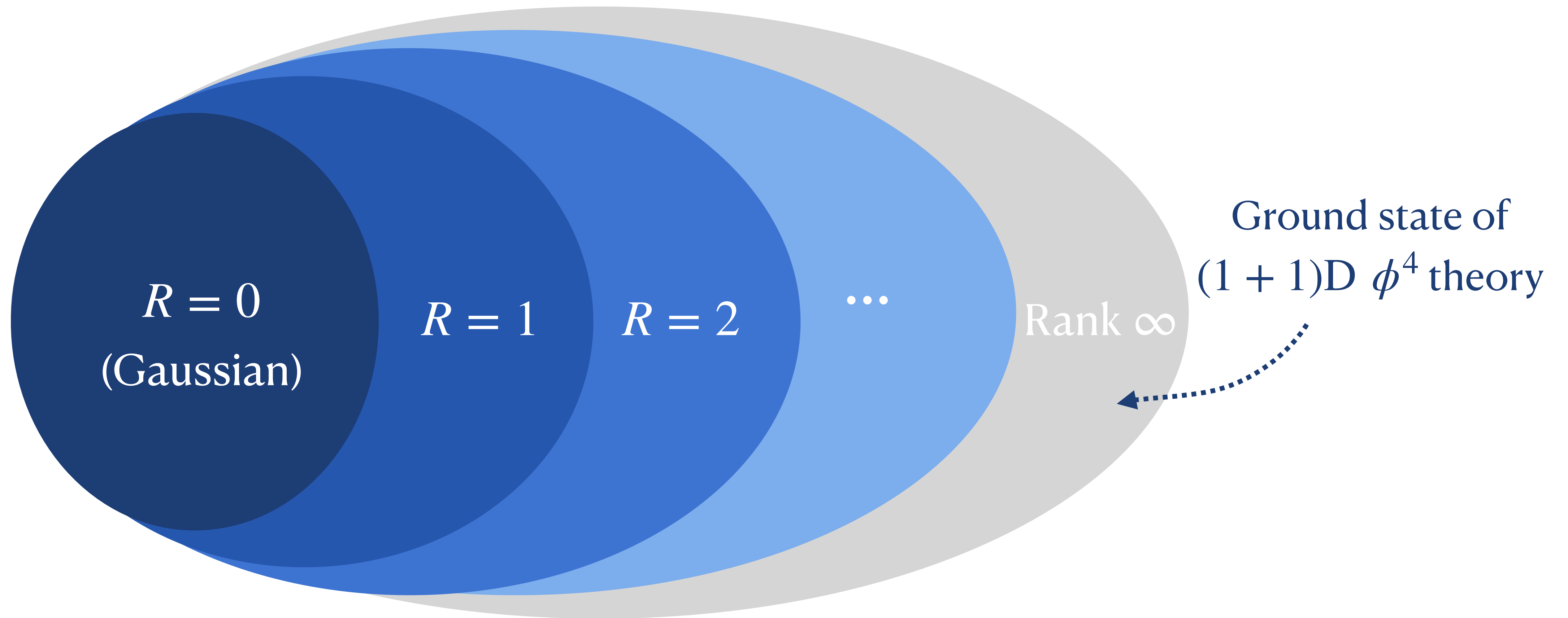
$$|\psi\rangle_R = \hat{U}_G |C\rangle_R$$

Gaussian unitary transformation

Core state $\rightarrow |C\rangle_R = \sum_{\substack{\vec{n} = n_0, \dots, n_{N-1} \\ \text{sum}(\vec{n}) \leq R}} c_{\vec{n}} |\vec{n}\rangle$

$R \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ is the **stellar rank** of this state.

States which do not admit the above decomposition are said to have an infinite rank.

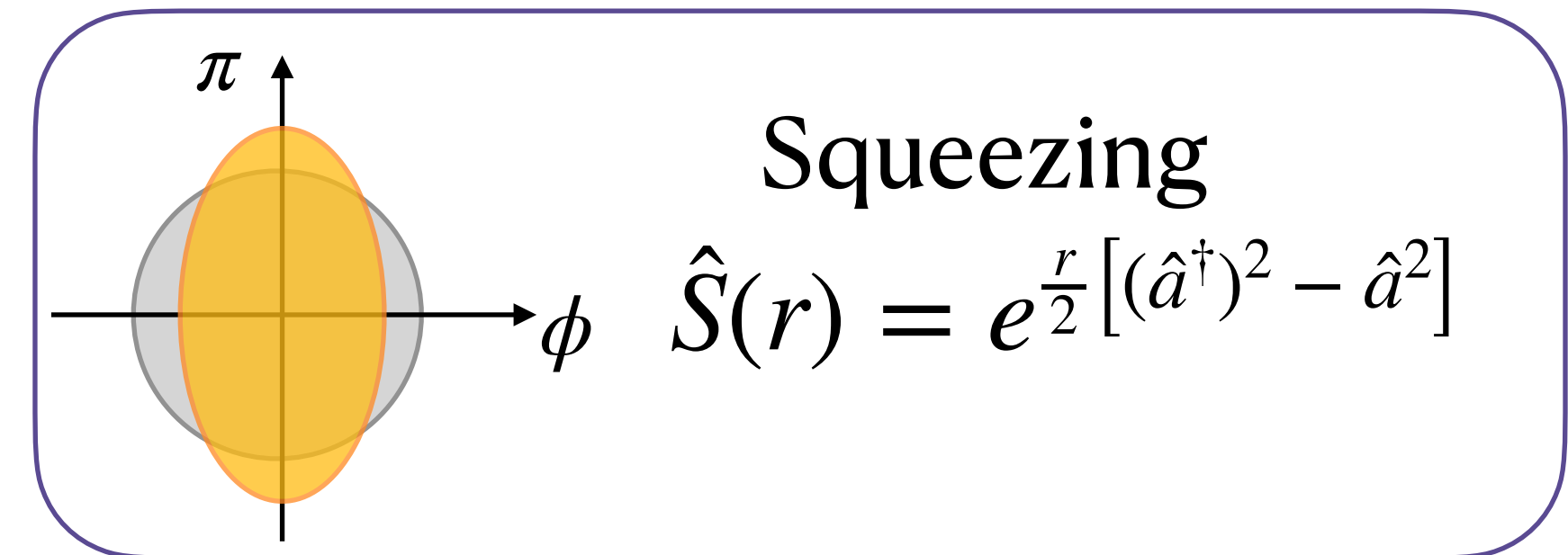


Finite rank states can get arbitrarily close to infinite-rank states (in trace distance).
Thus, we will use finite rank states to approximate the infinite rank ground state.

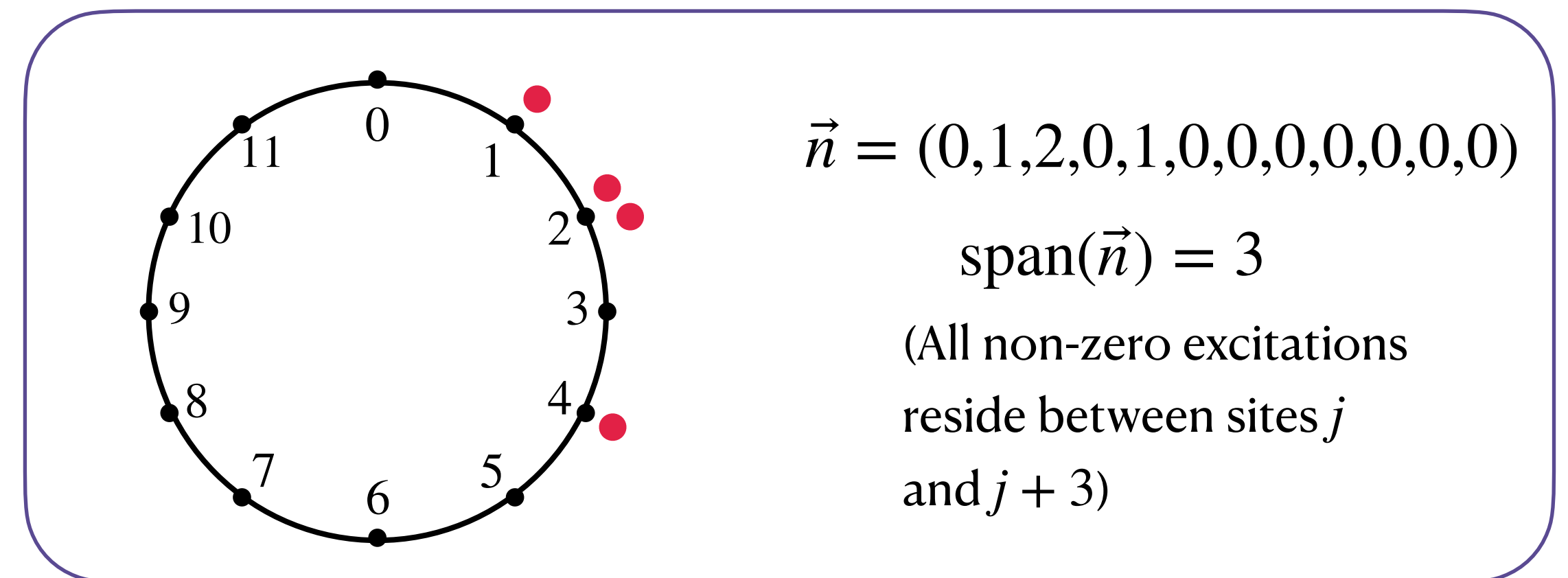
The (R, Q) ansatz

$$|\psi\rangle_R = \hat{U}_G |C\rangle_R \rightarrow |\psi\rangle_{R,Q} = \bigotimes_{j=0}^{N-1} \hat{U}_{G,j} |C\rangle_{R,Q}$$

$$U_{G,j} = \hat{S}_j(r)$$



$$|C\rangle_{R,Q} = \sum_{\substack{\vec{n} = n_0, \dots, n_{N-1} \\ \text{sum}(\vec{n}) \leq R \\ \text{span}(\vec{n}) \leq Q \leq N/2}} c_{\vec{n}} |\vec{n}\rangle$$



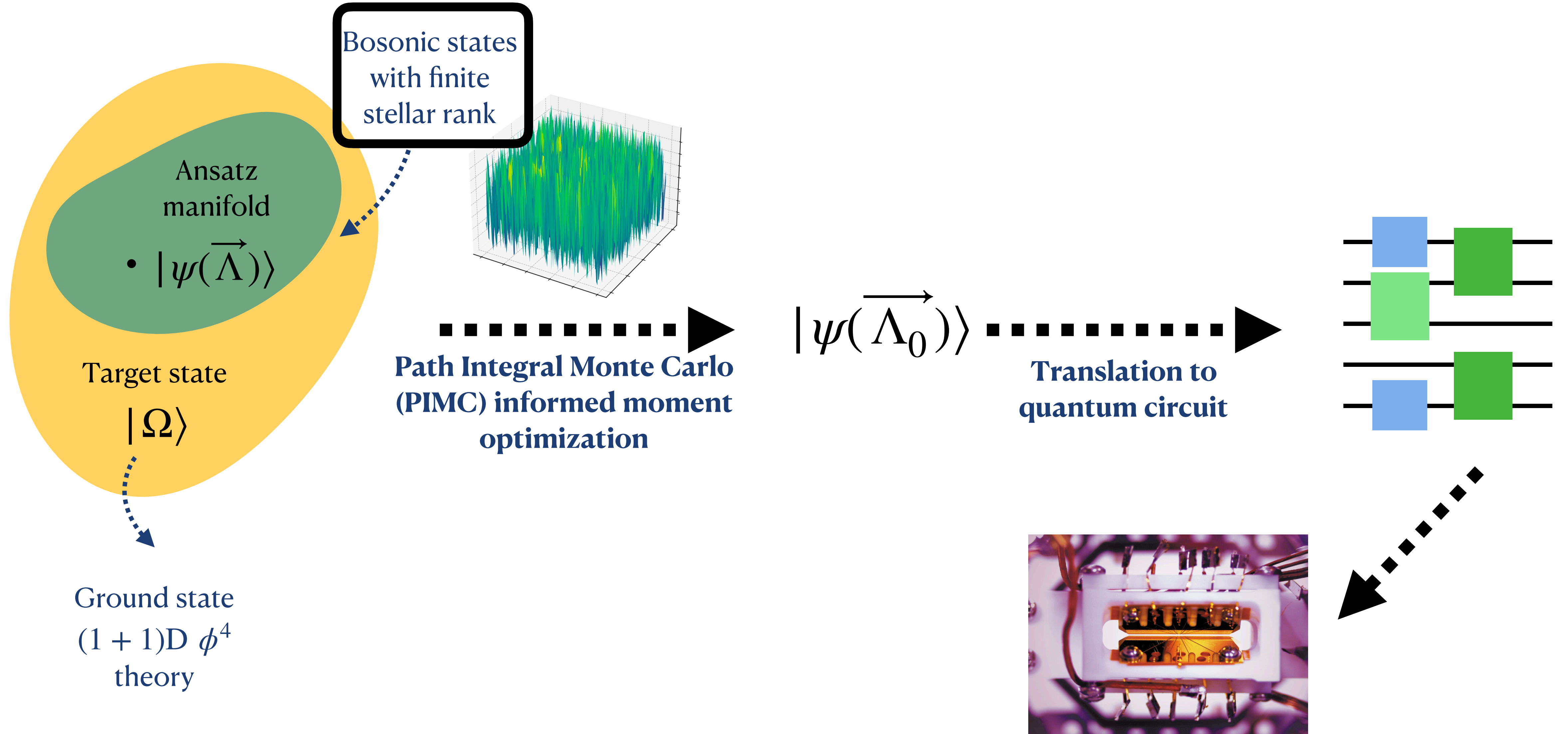
- The variational parameters are r and $c_{\vec{n}}$.
- The above simplifications result in an $O(Q^2 |c_{R,Q}|^2)$ complexity for the classical computation of low-order expectation values. $N |c_{R,Q}|$ is the number of terms in the superposition $|C\rangle_{R,Q}$.

The Gaussian Effective Potential (GEP) ansatz

$$|\psi\rangle_R = \hat{U}_G |C\rangle_R \rightarrow |\psi\rangle_{\text{GEP}} = \hat{U}_{\text{GEP}} |\vec{0}\rangle$$

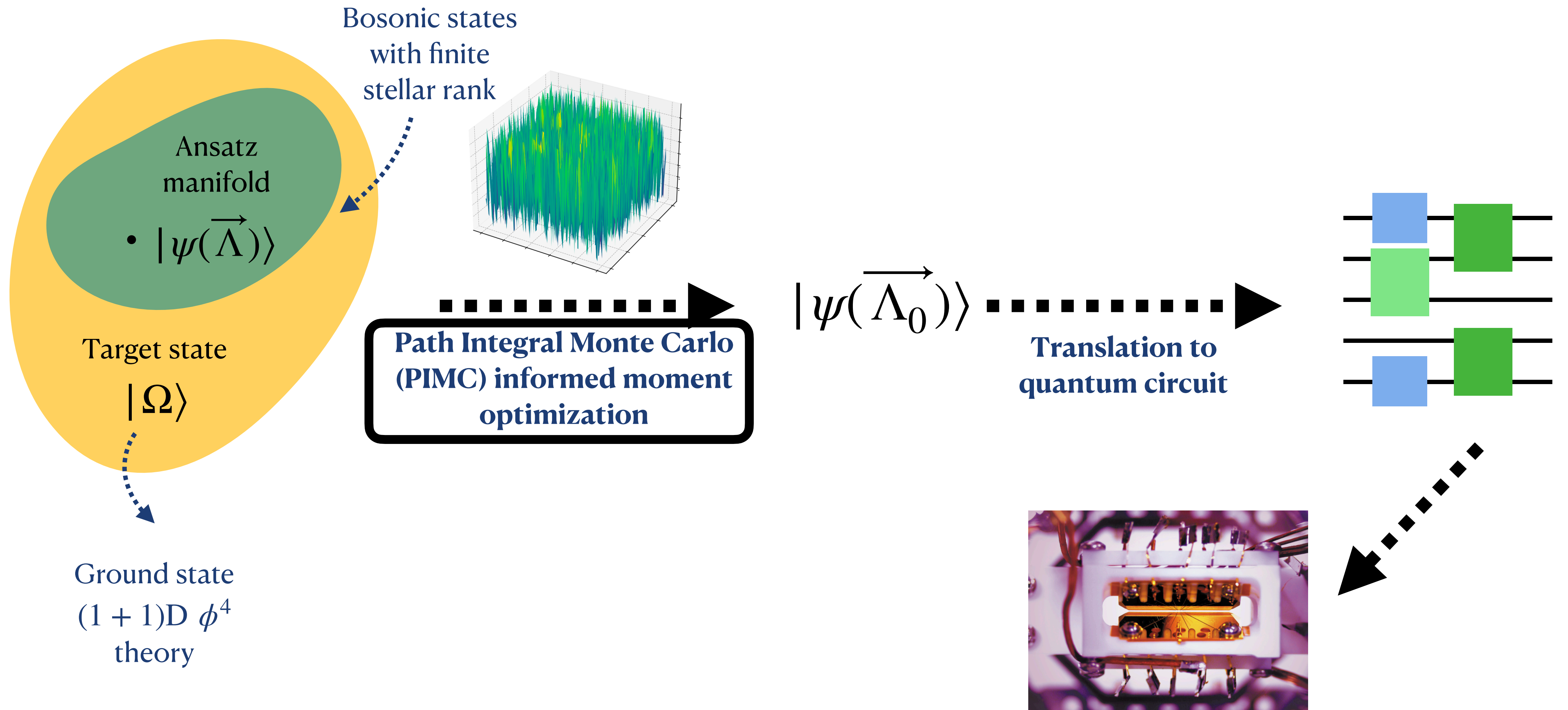
- \hat{U}_{GEP} is the ground-state of a free scalar field theory with bare mass μ , which is the variational parameter.
- The ground state of a $\lambda\phi^4$ theory with bare mass m can be approximated by that of a free scalar field theory with a different mass μ .

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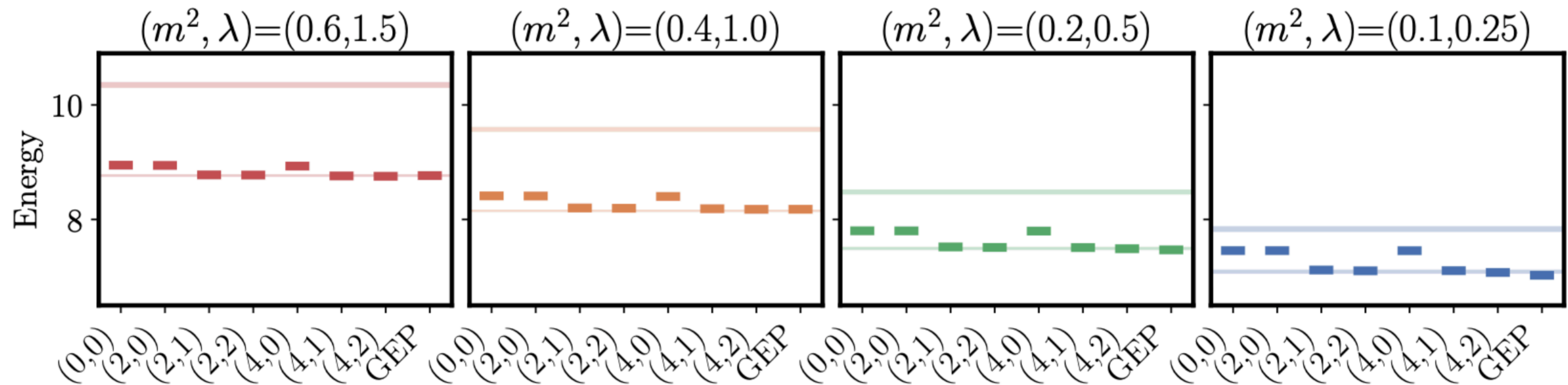
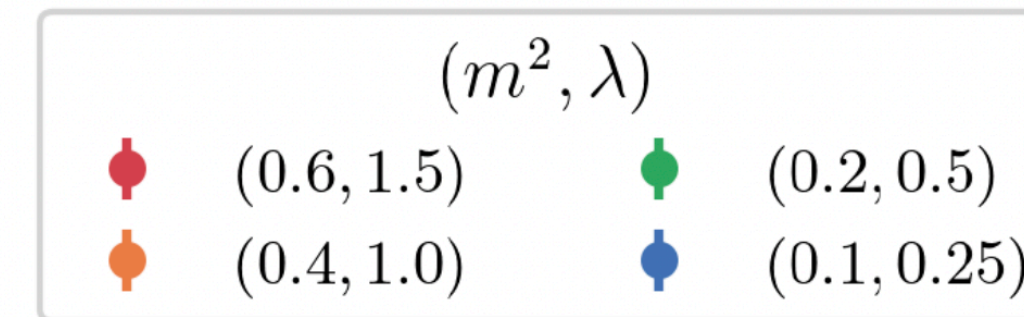
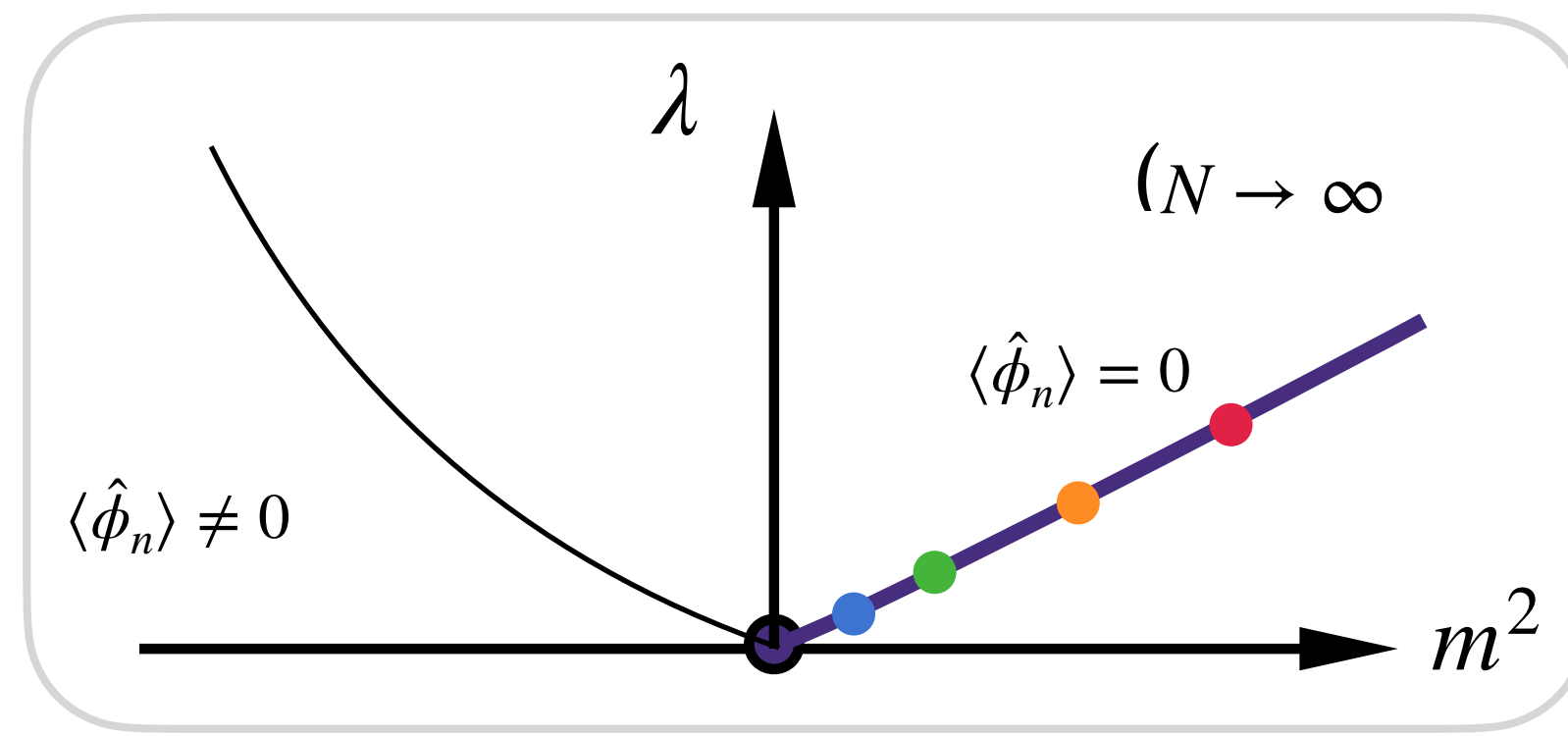
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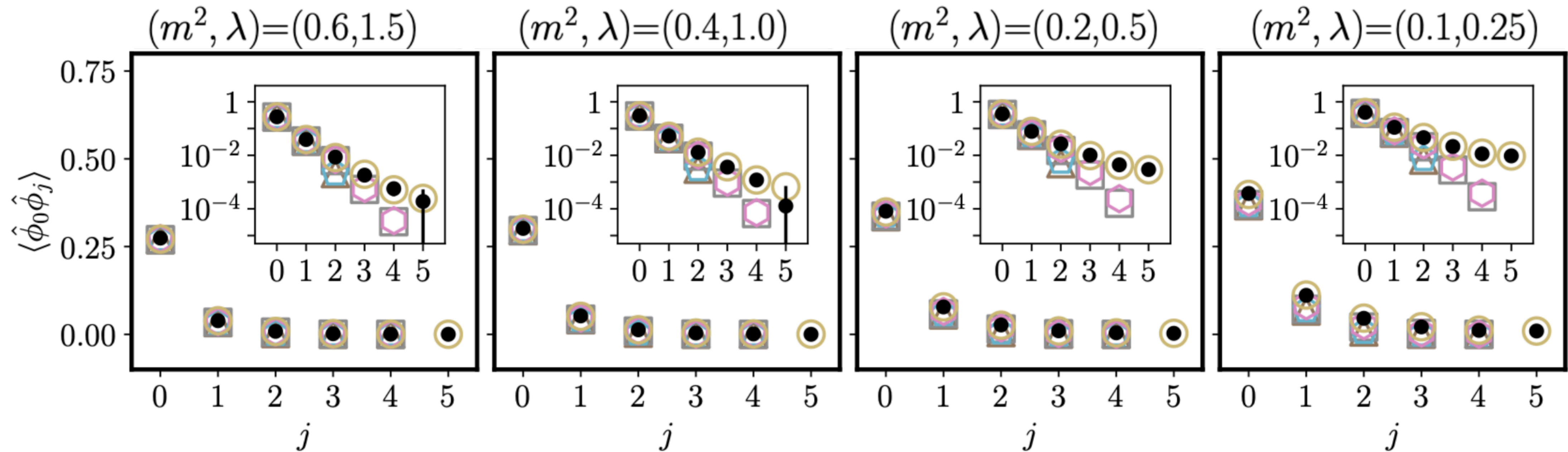
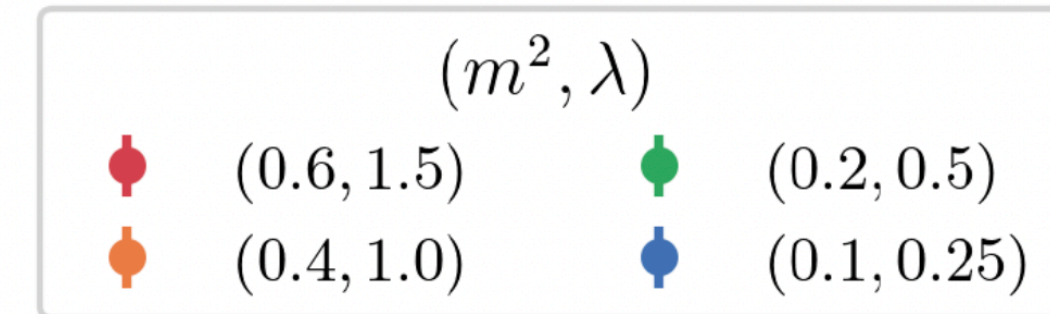
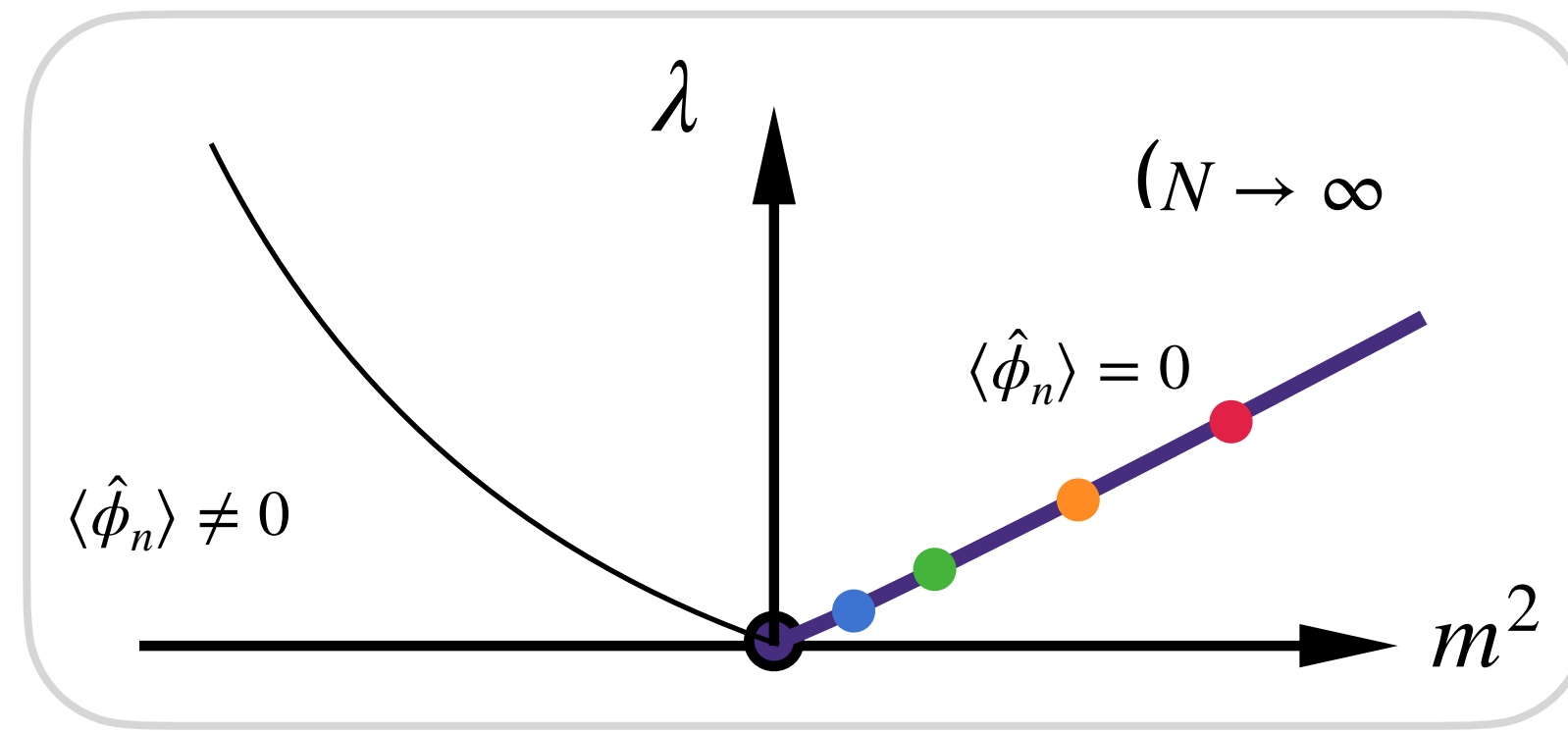


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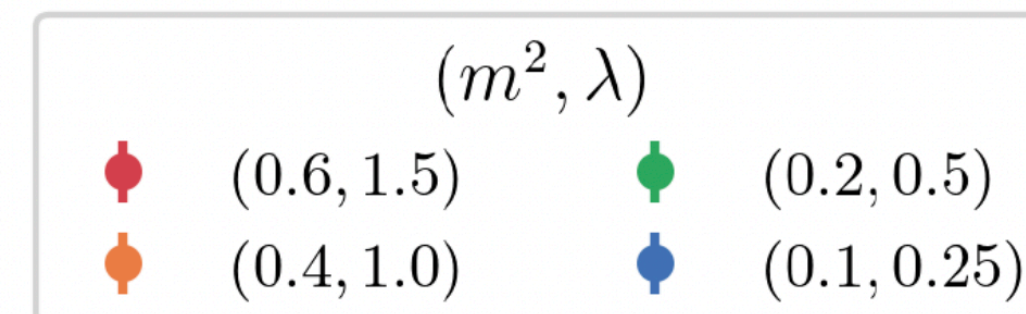
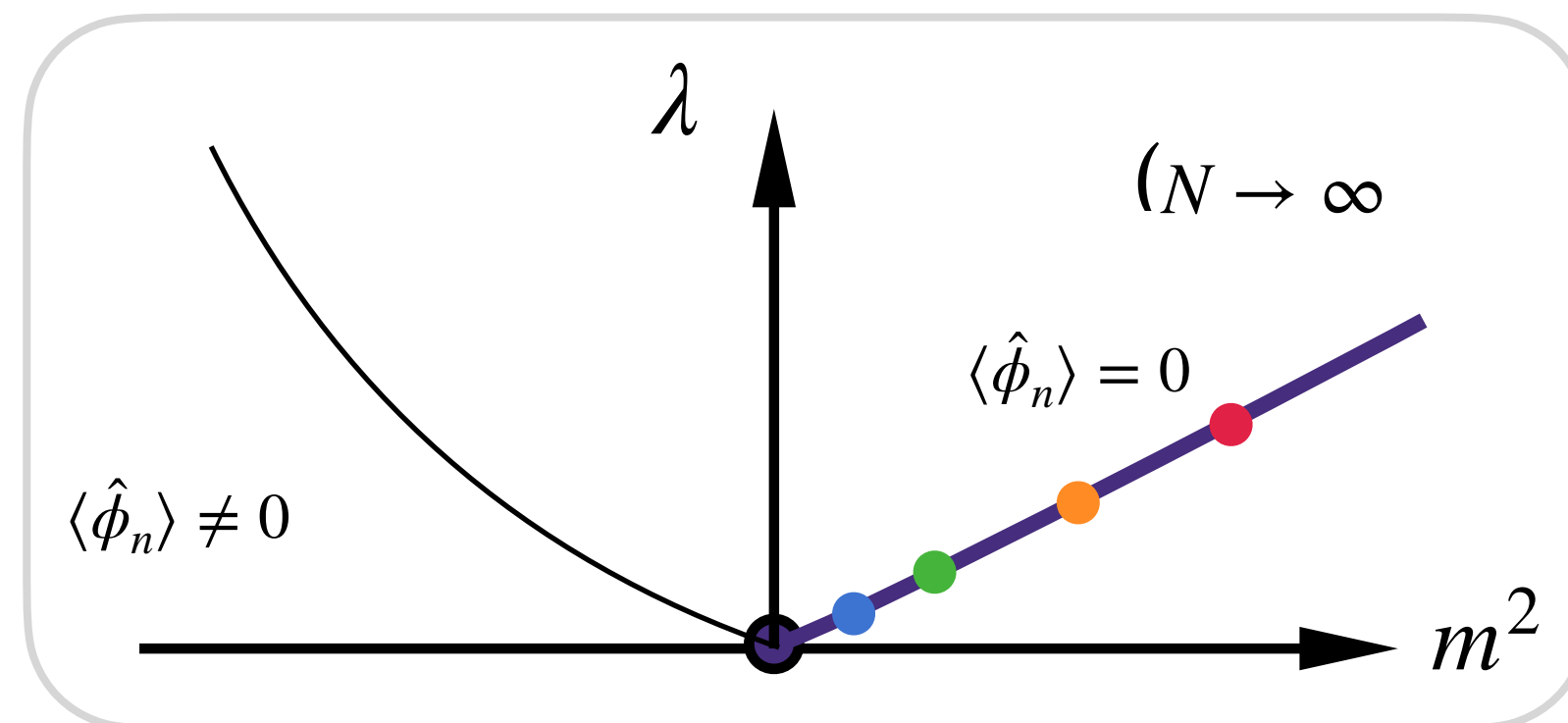
Energy minimization



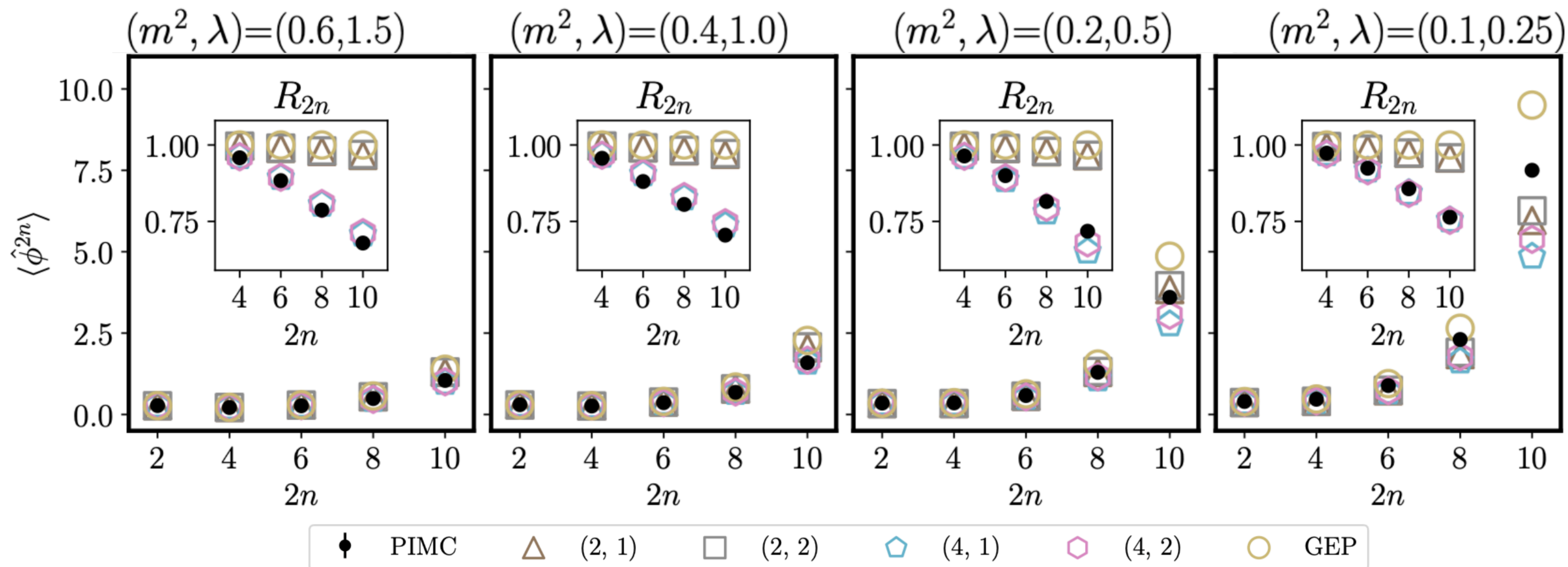
Energy minimization: Two-point functions



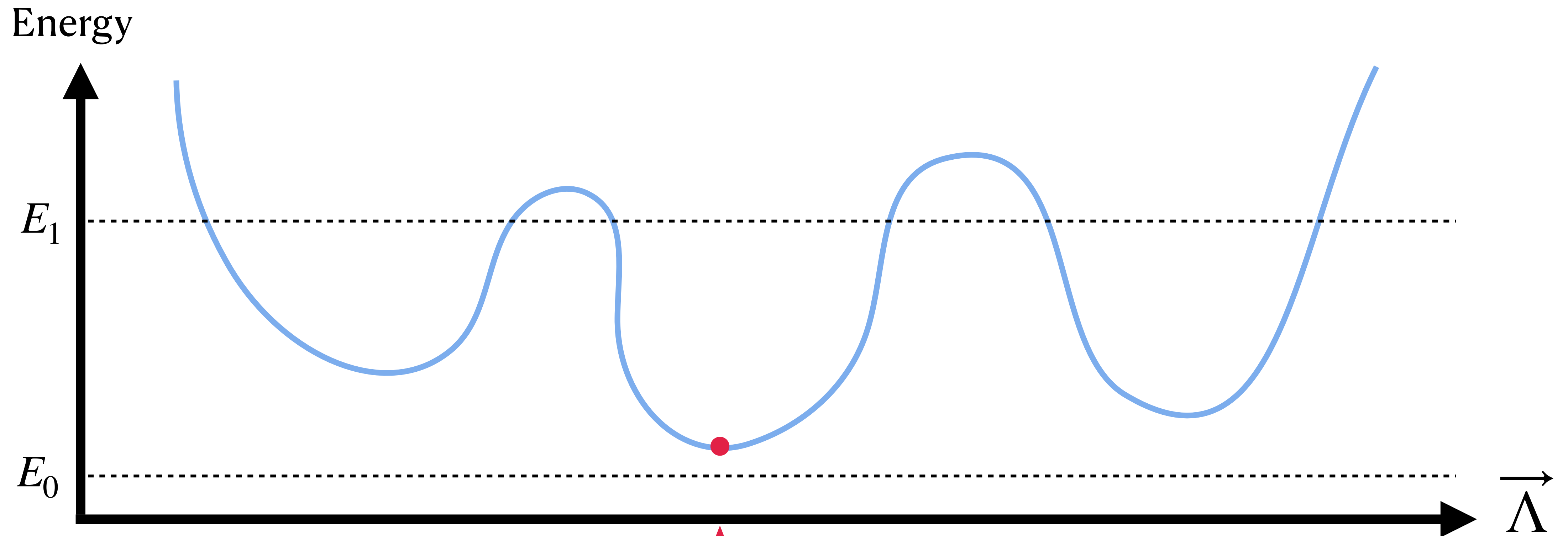
Energy minimization: Moment ratios



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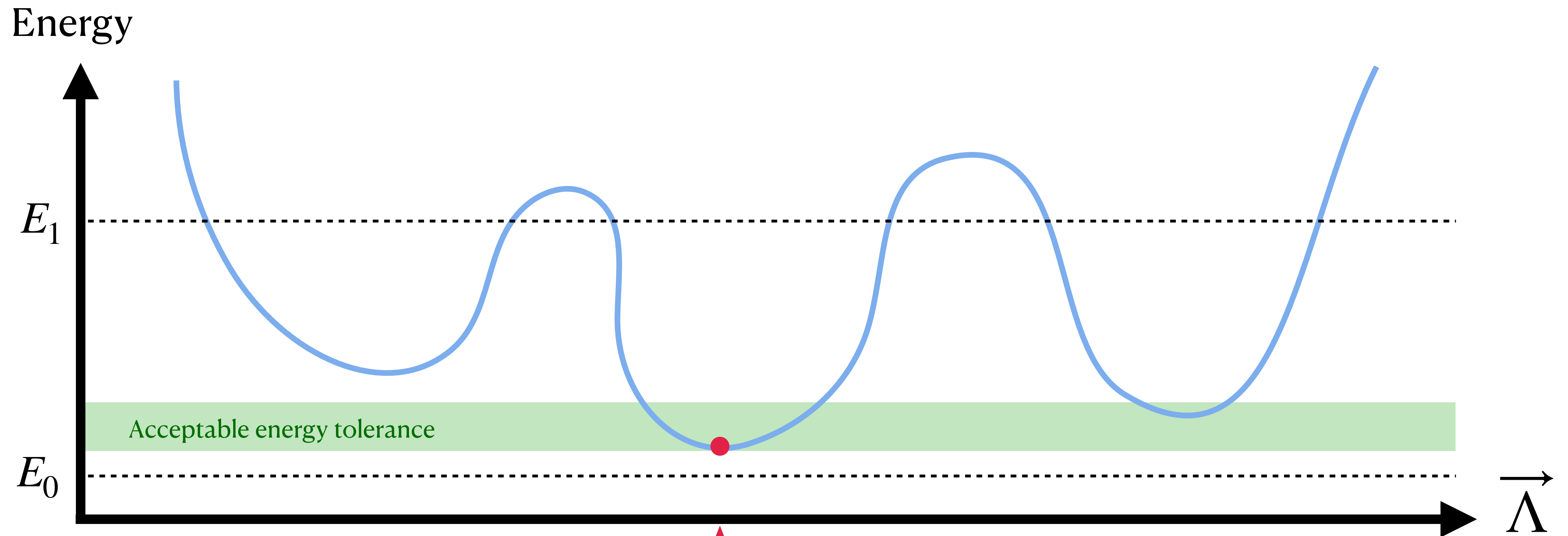


Moment optimization



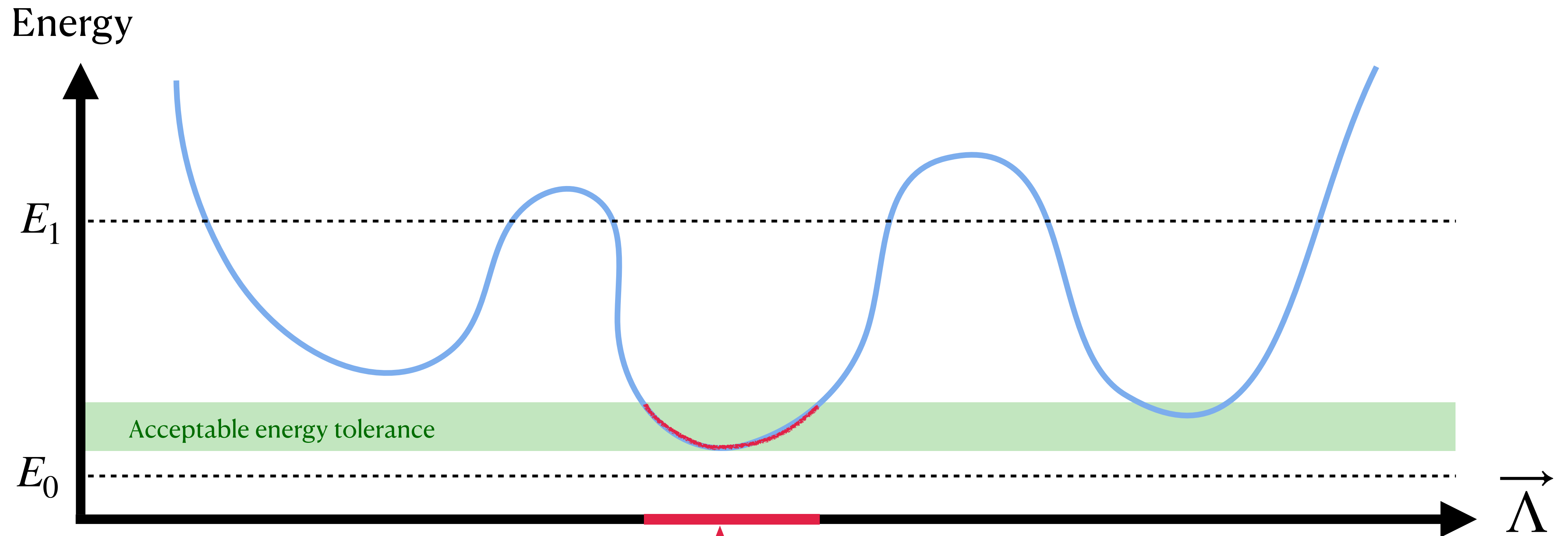
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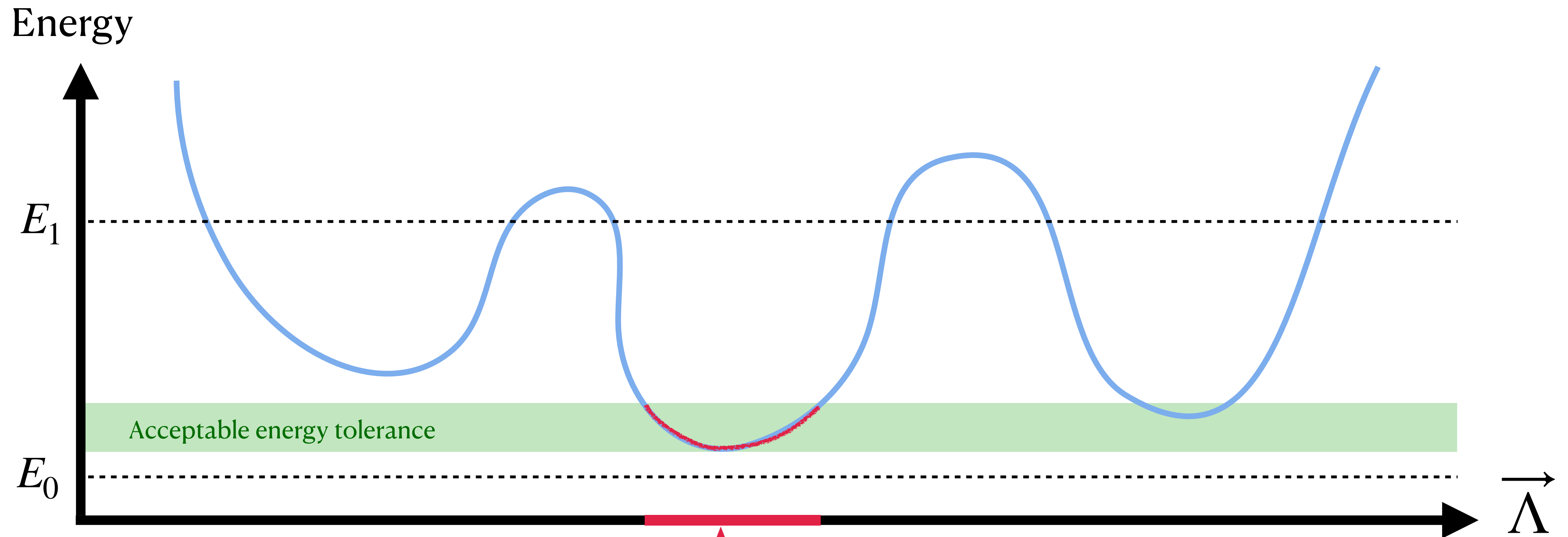
Moment optimization



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Varying the set of “target moments” \mathcal{T} and weights $w_{\hat{O}}$ enables exploration of acceptable regions in parameter space.

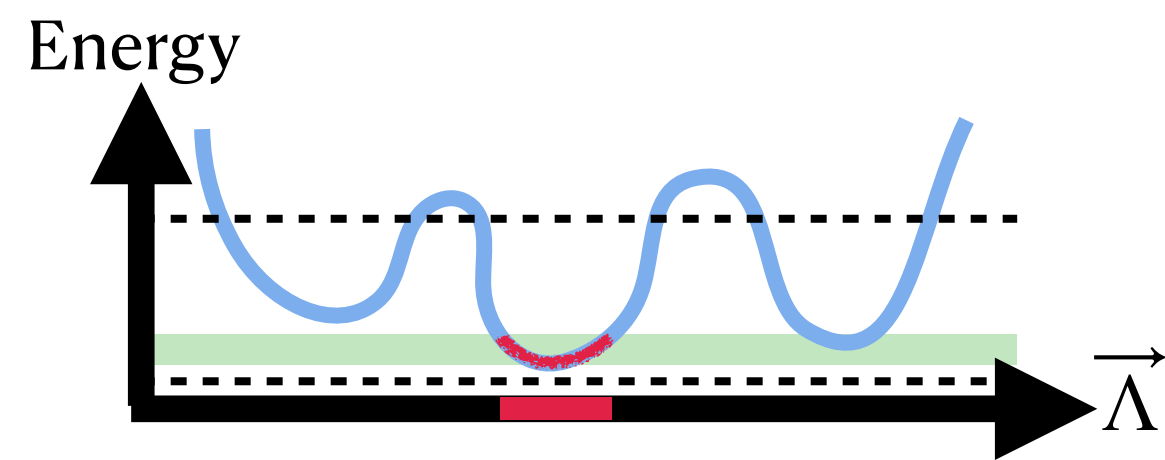
Euclidean-Monte-Carlo-informed Moment optimization



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Ground-state moments $\langle \Omega | \hat{O} | \Omega \rangle$ can be sourced from Euclidean Monte Carlo methods.

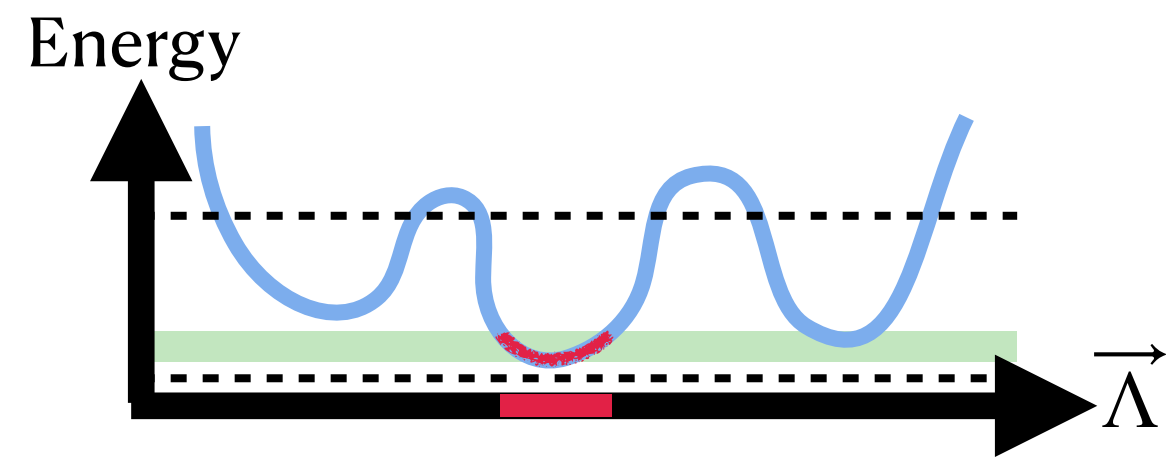
Optimization of two-point functions



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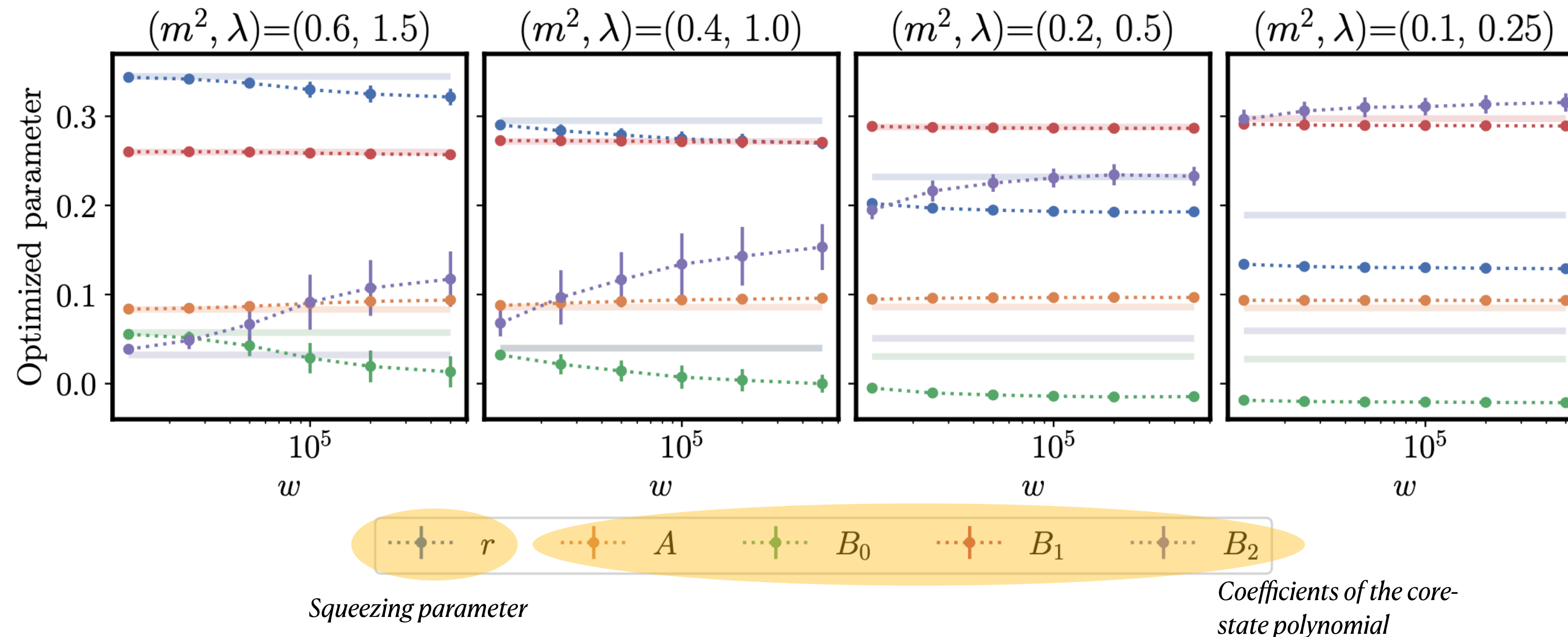
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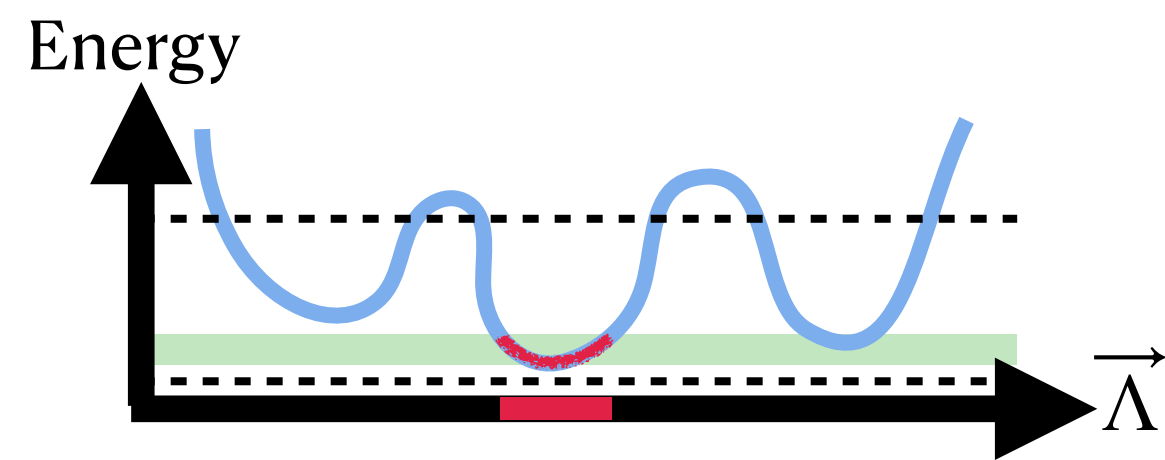
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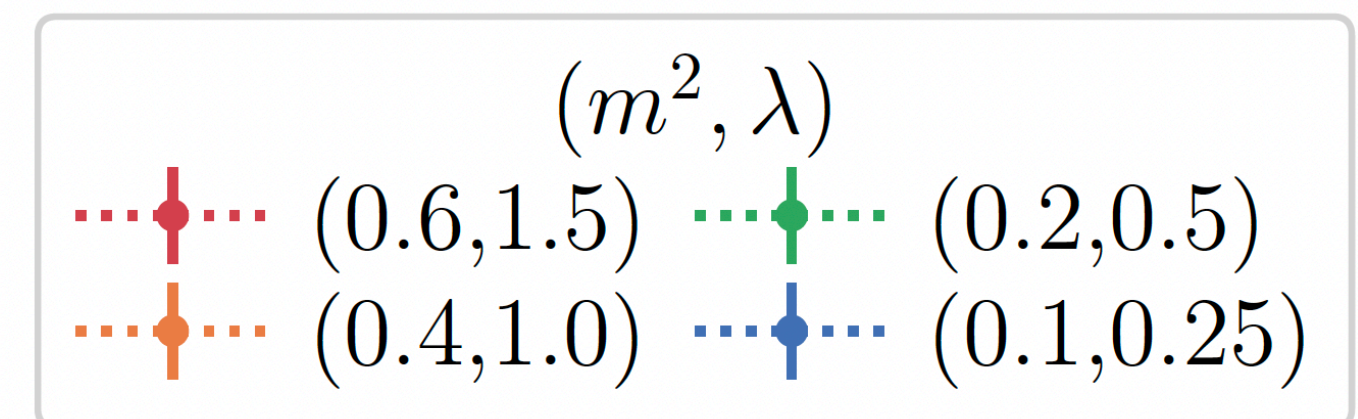
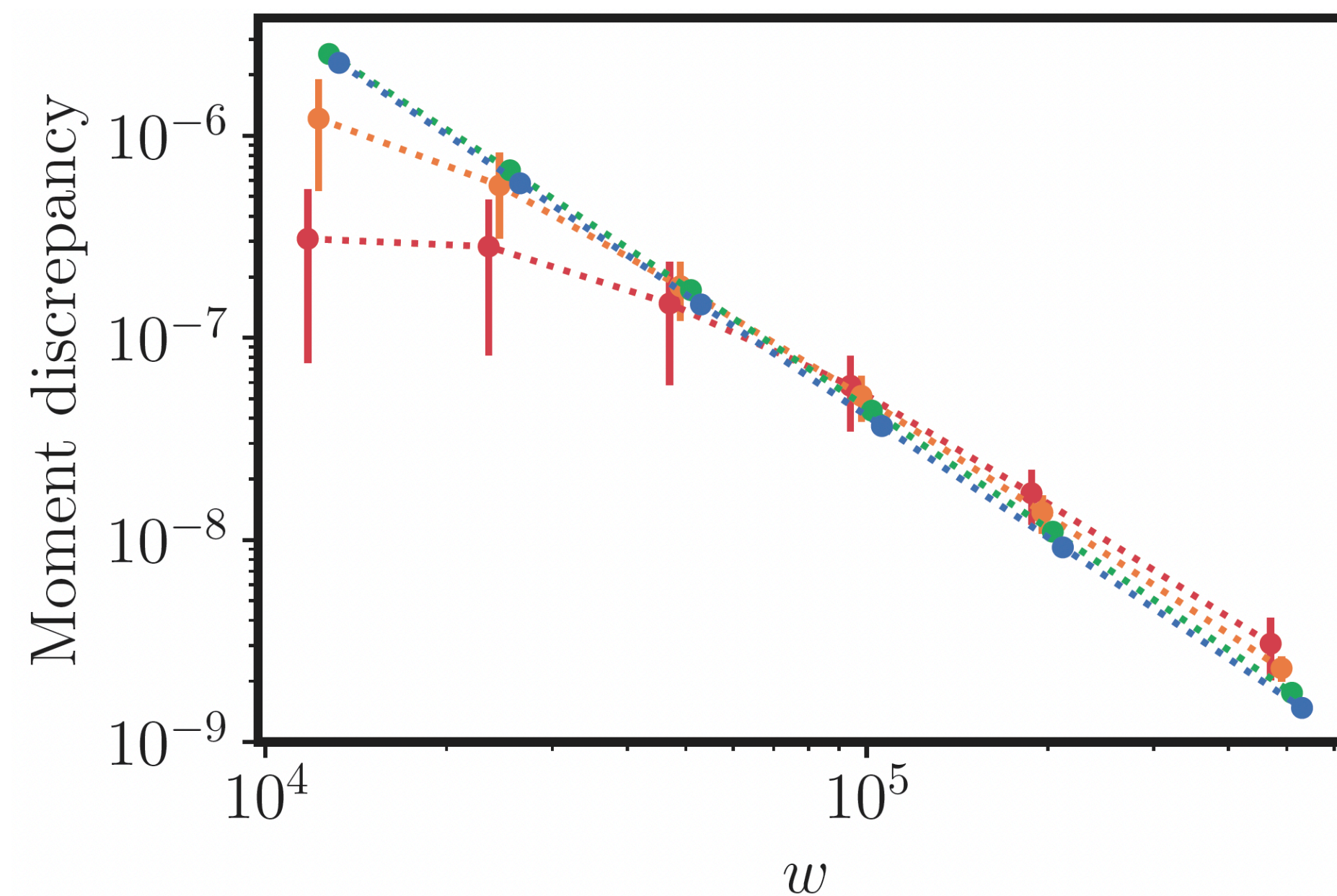
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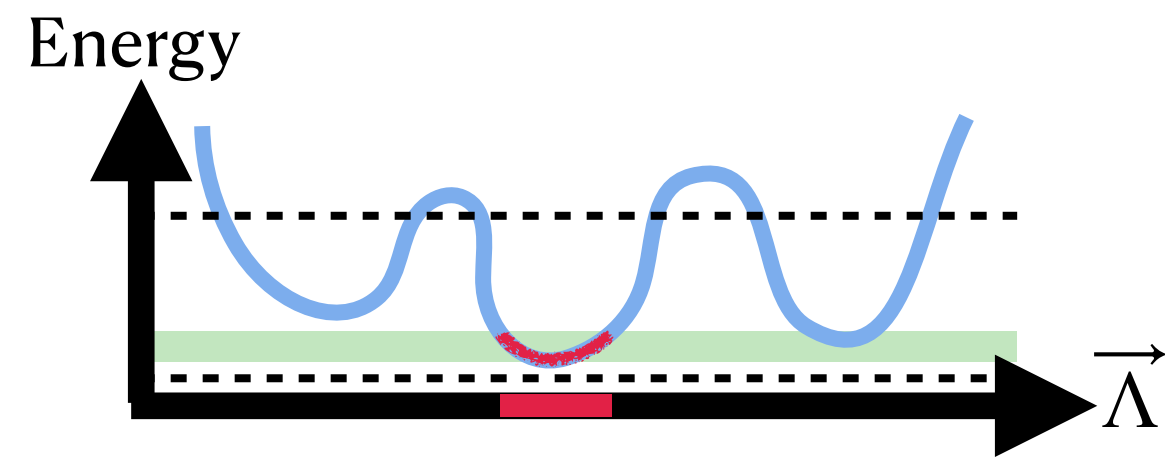
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- Varying w leads to excursions in the parameter space.
- Target-moment discrepancies go down with w



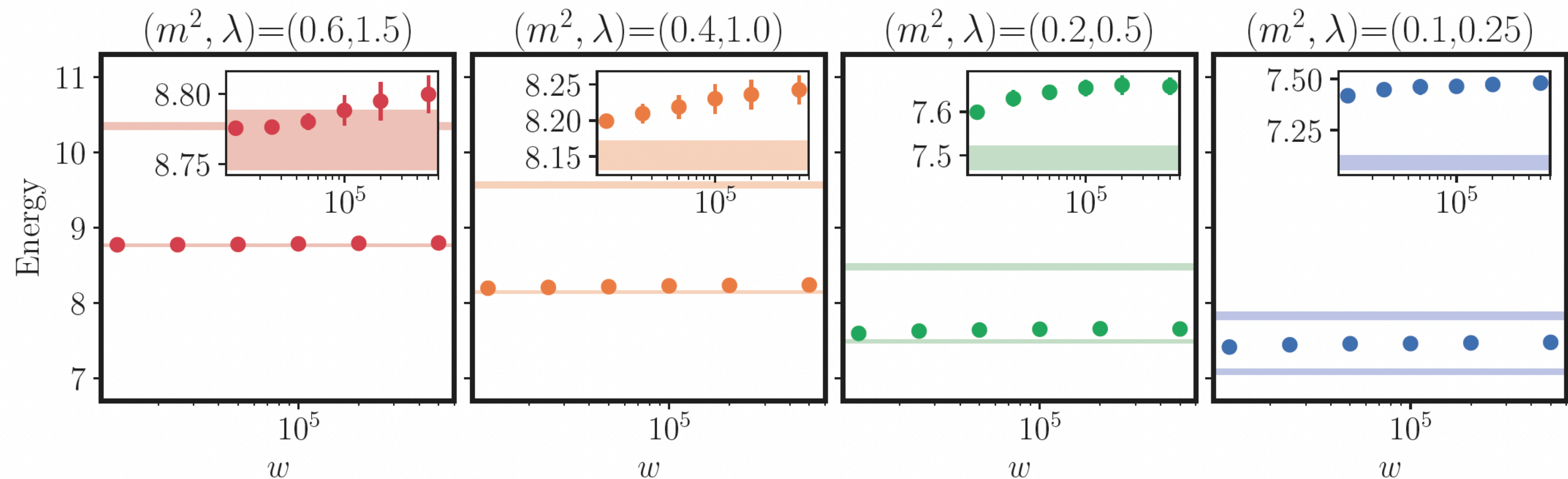
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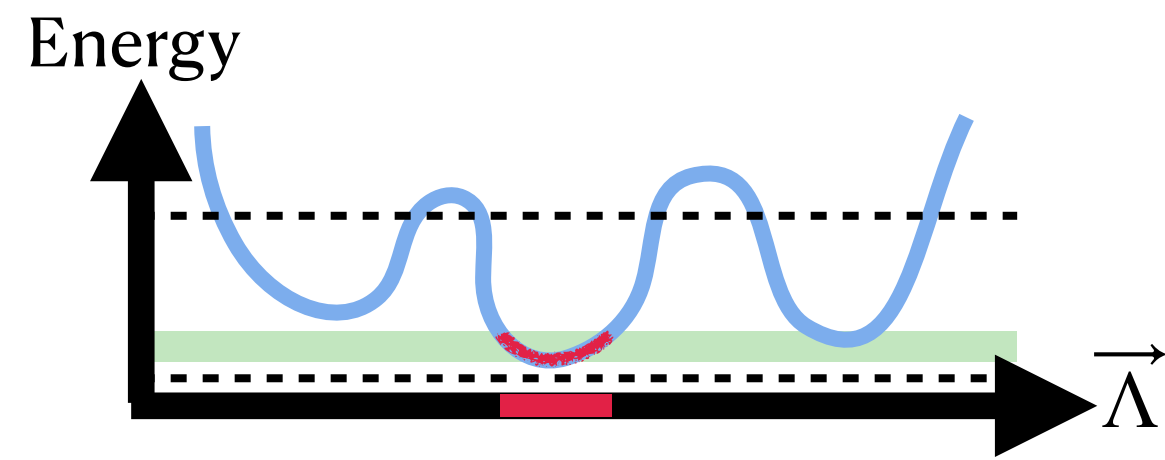
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- Varying w leads to excursions in the parameter space.
- Target-moment discrepancies go down with w at a negligible cost in energy for larger (m^2, λ) values.



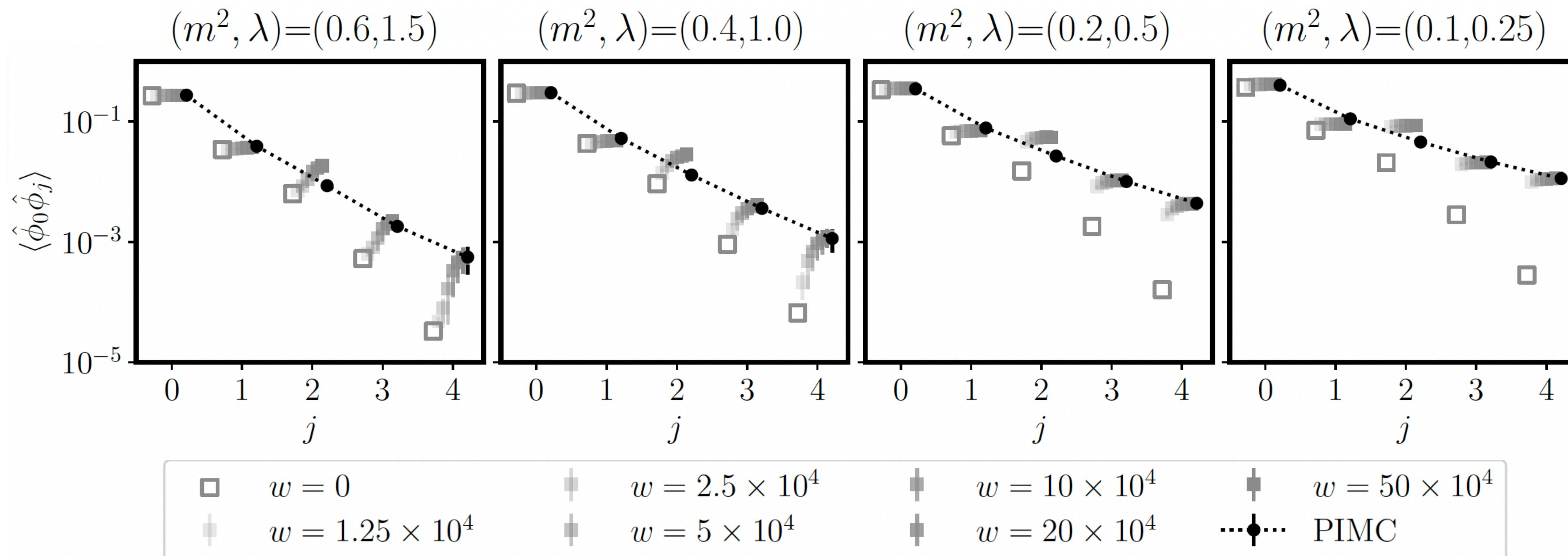
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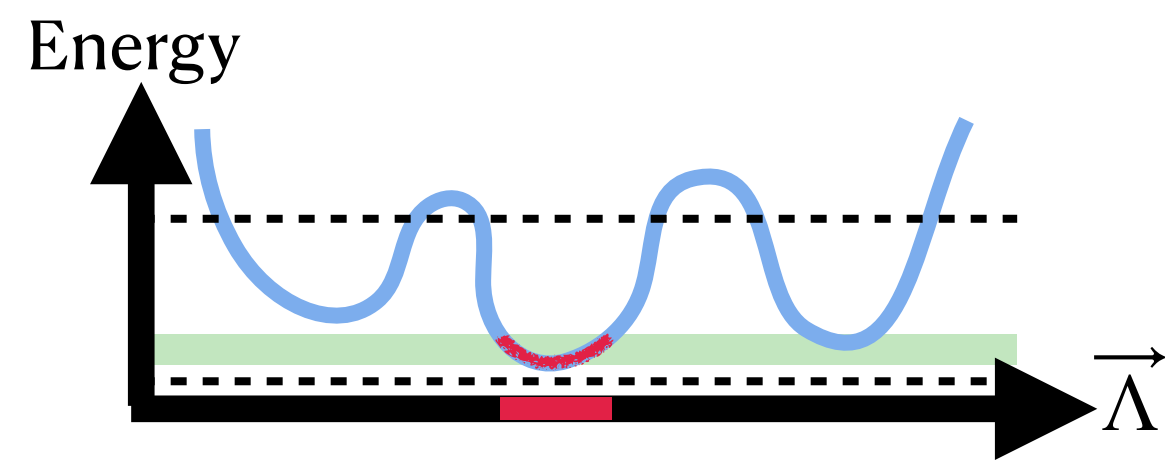
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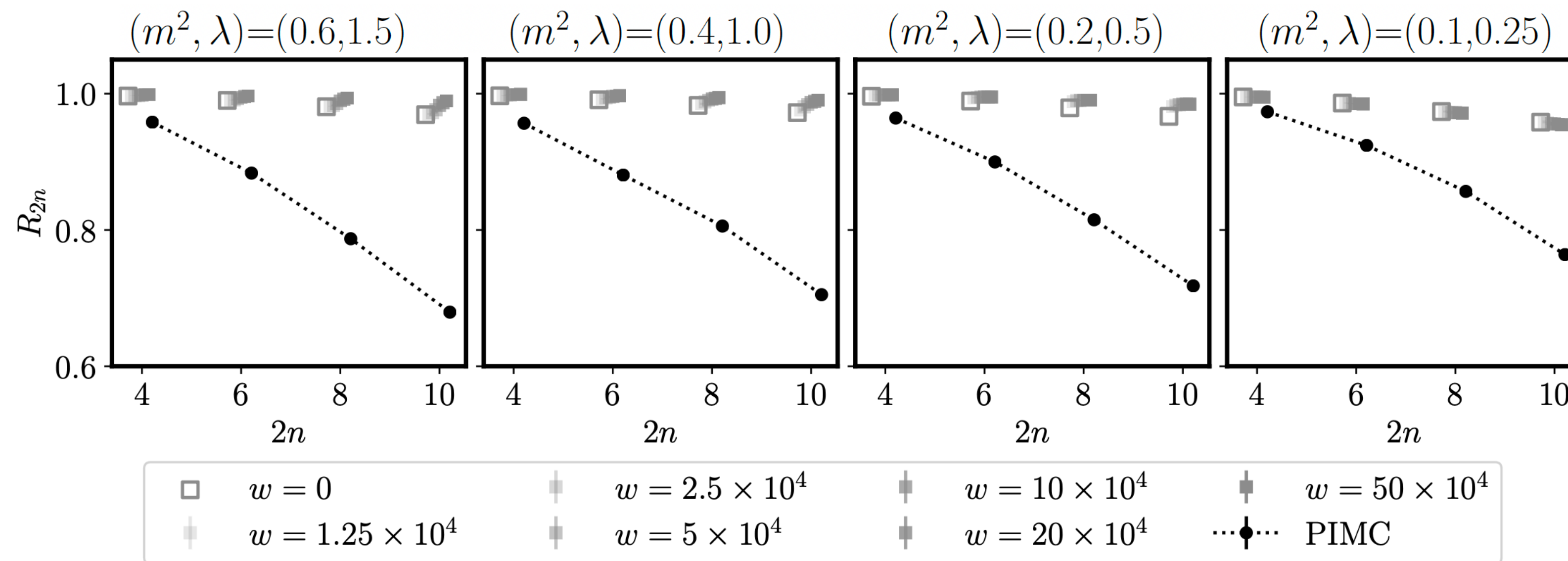
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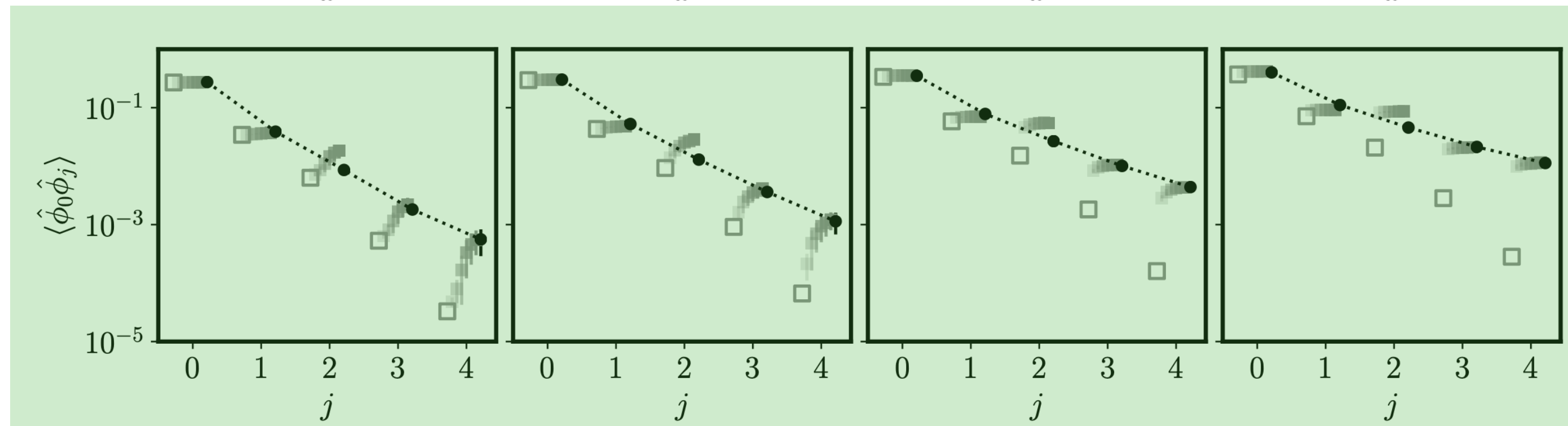
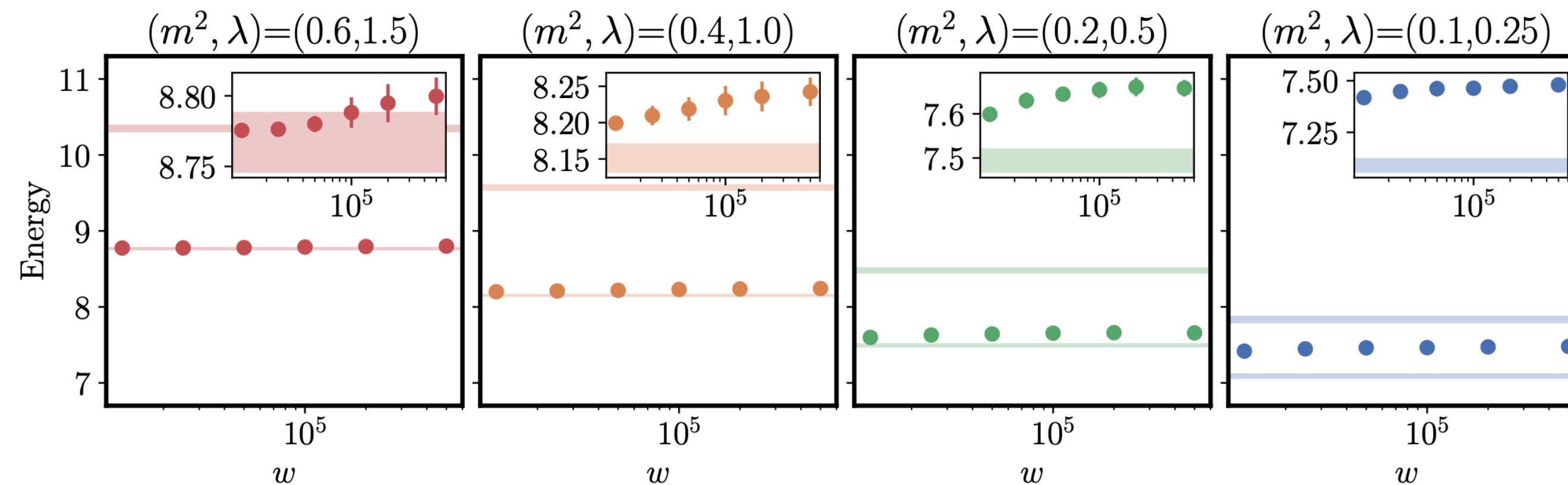
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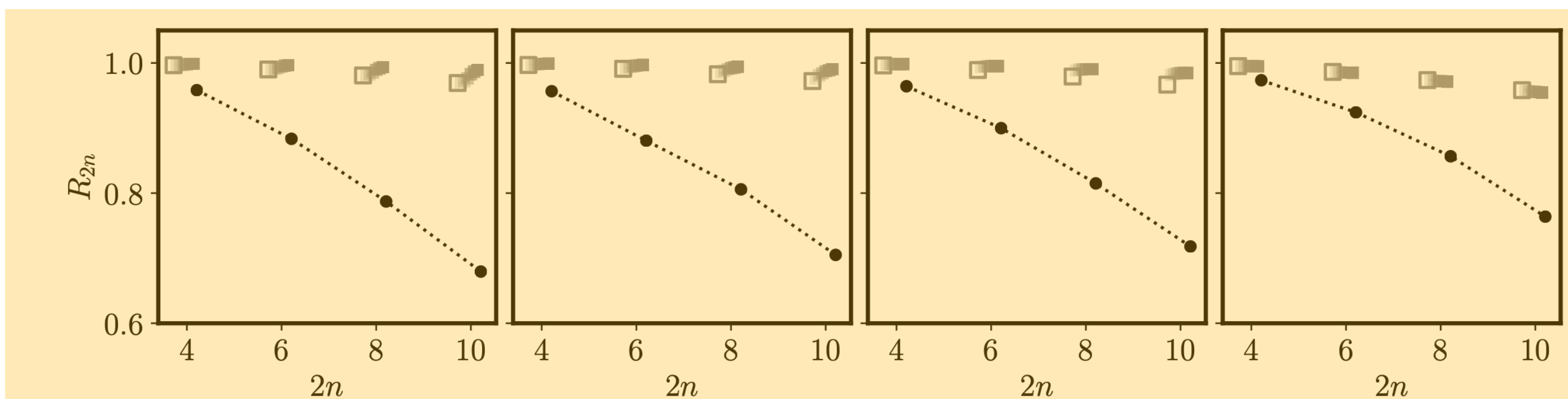
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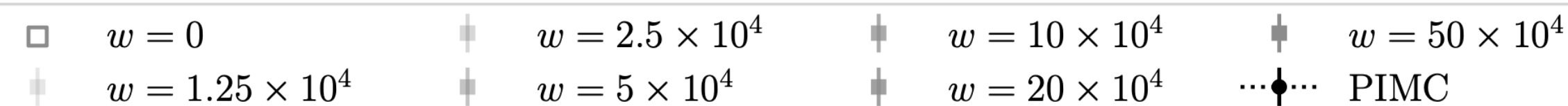


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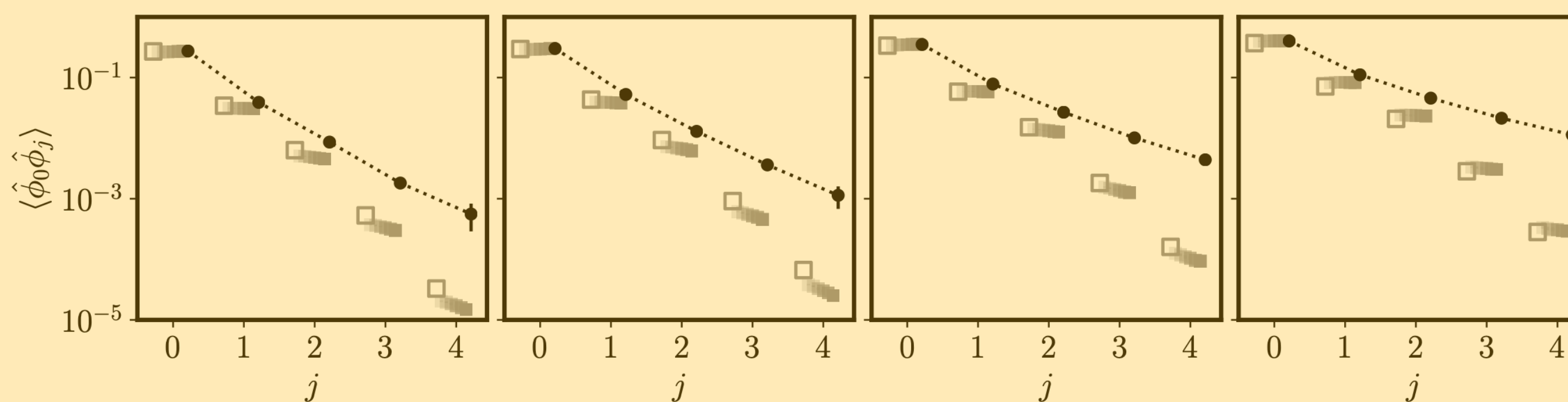
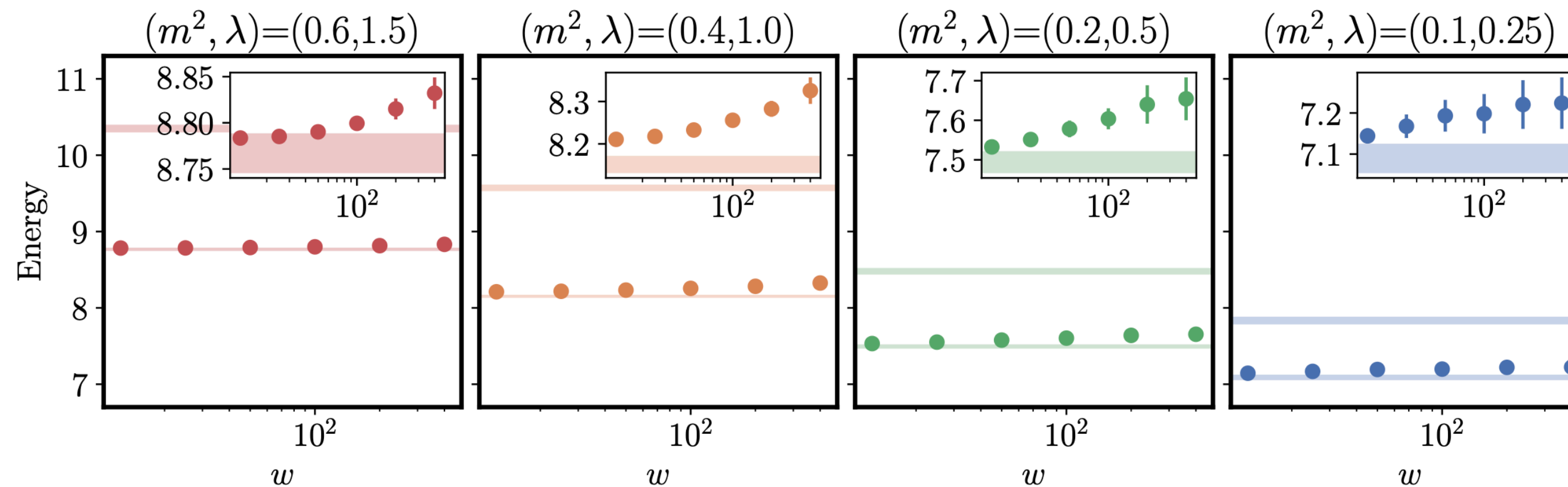


Ground-state non-Gaussianity is captured no better than the minimum energy ansatz.



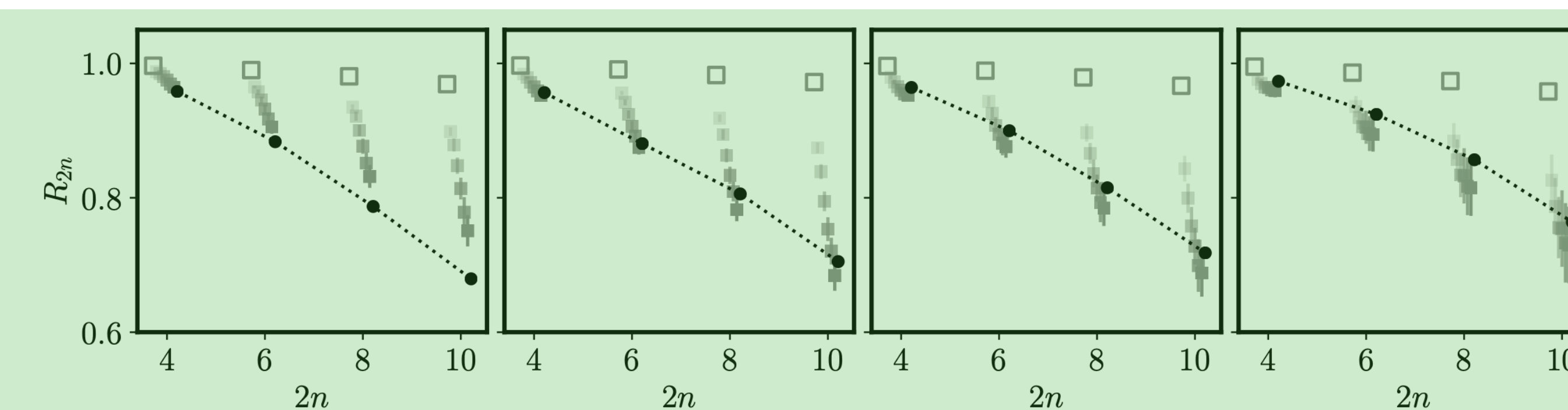
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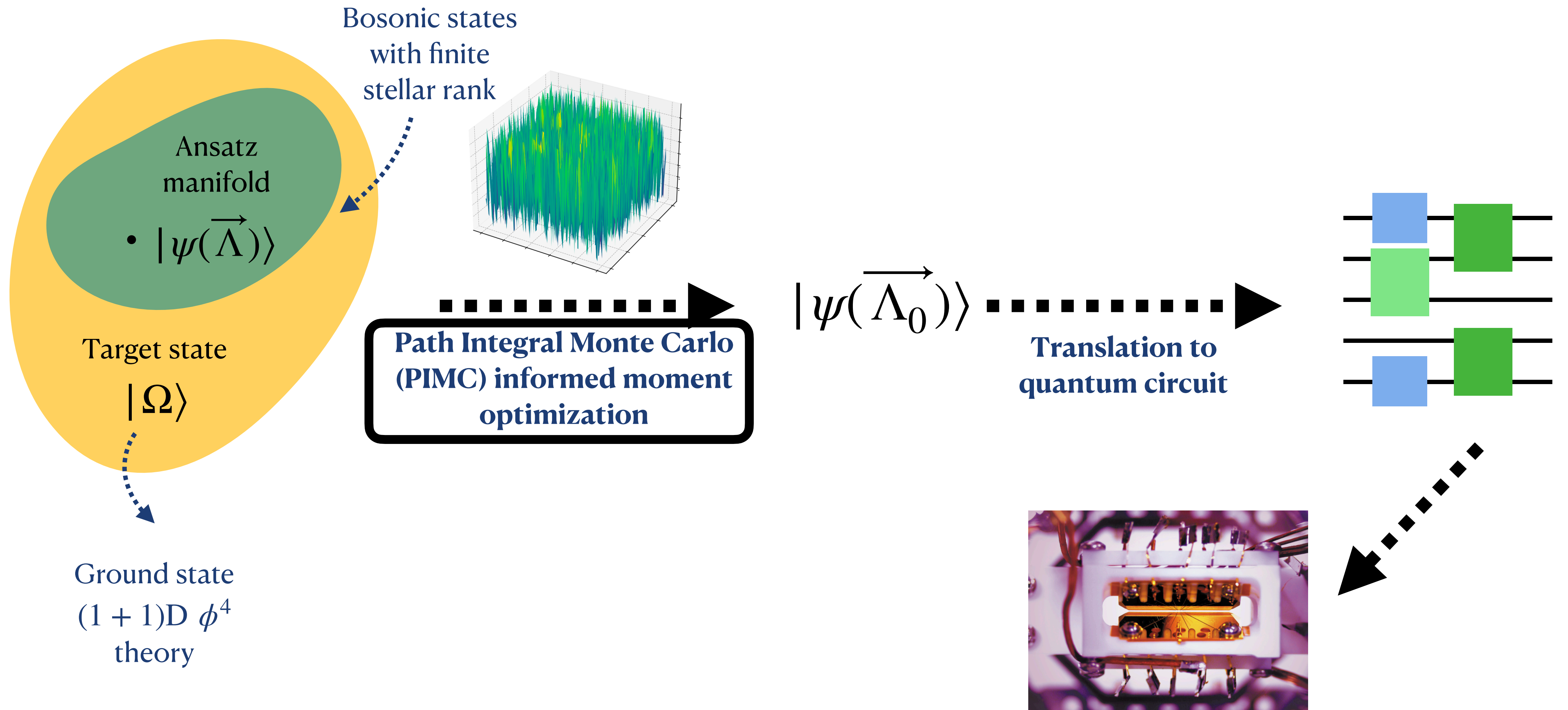
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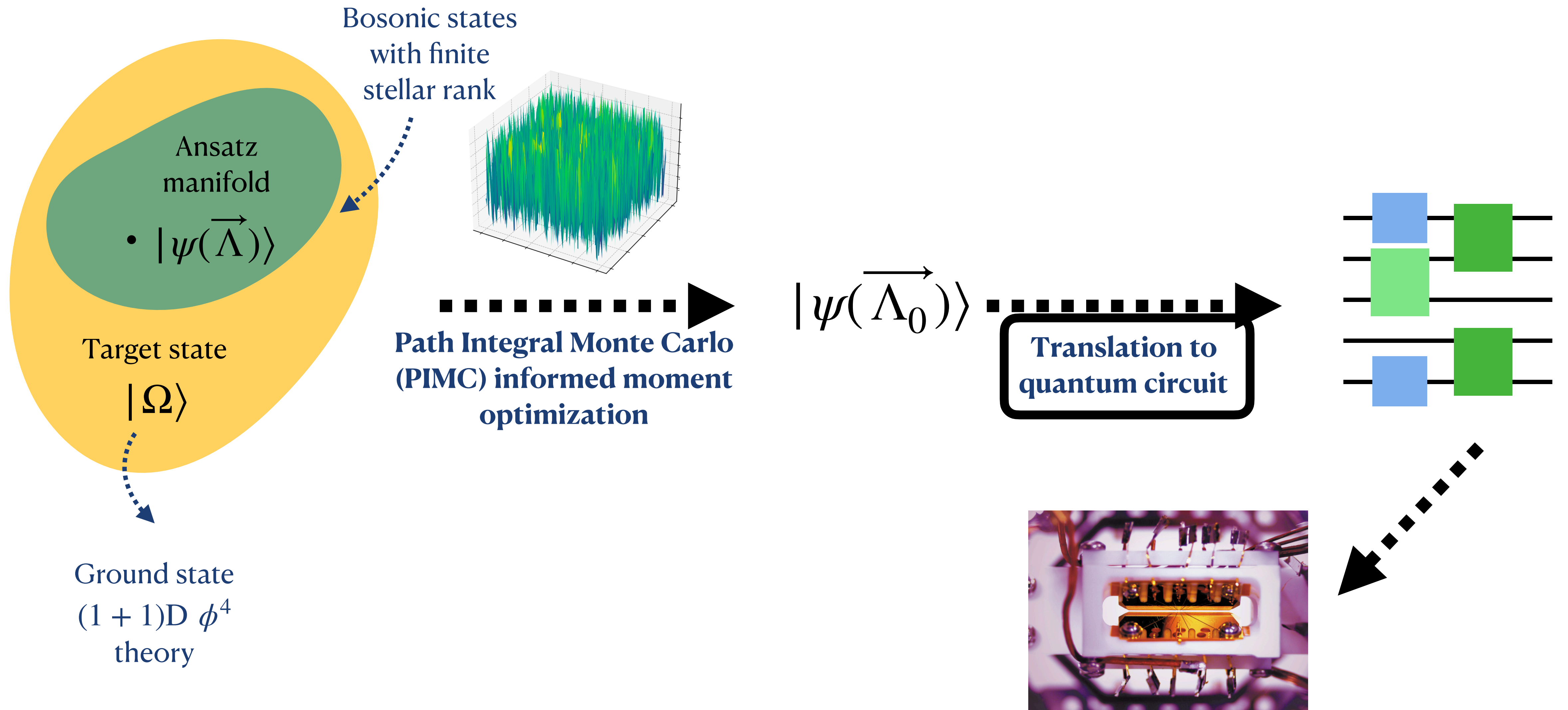


Classically determined quantum circuits



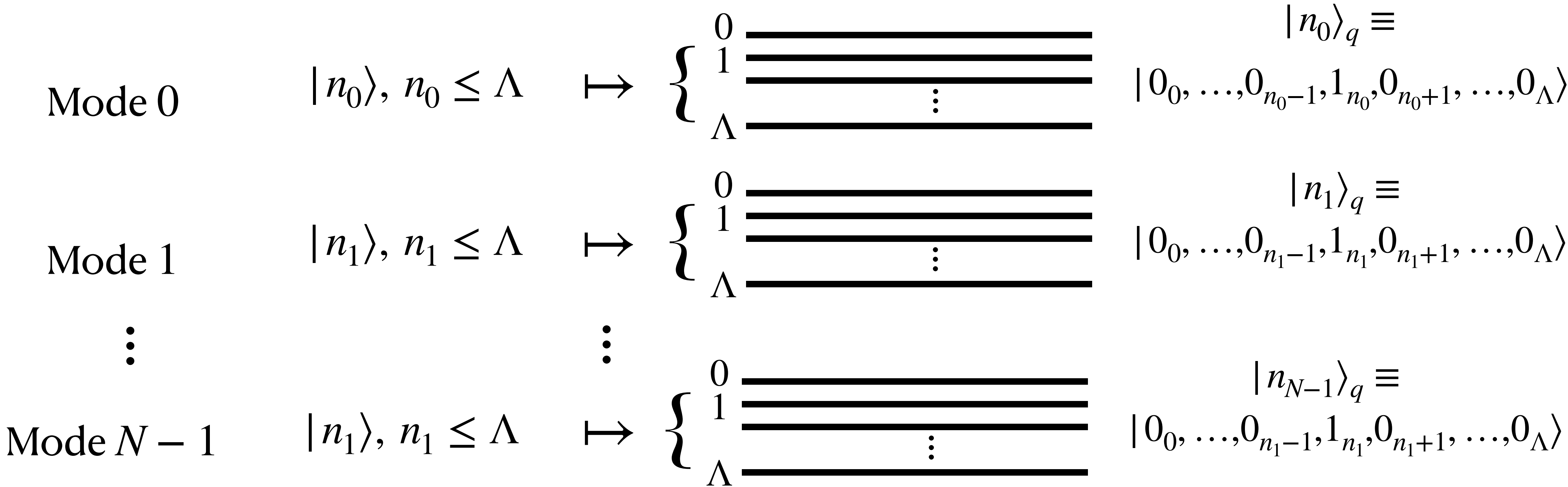
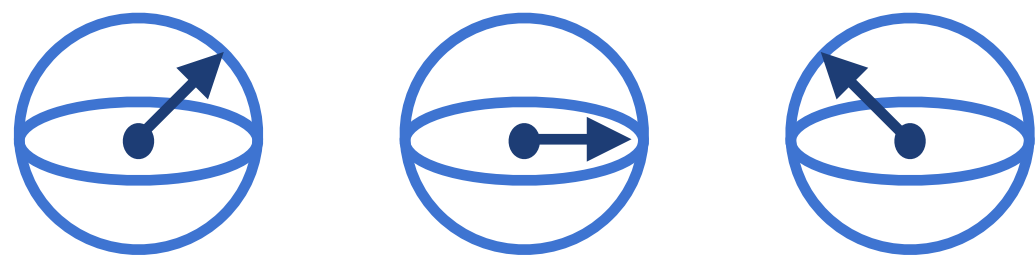
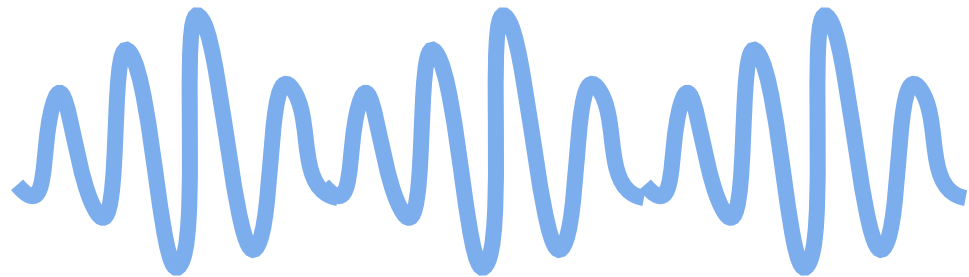
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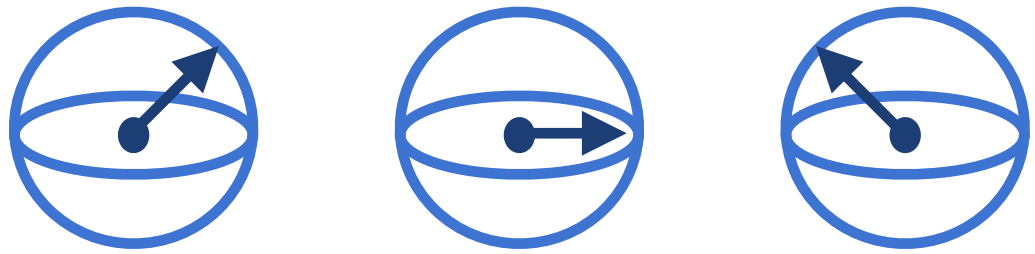
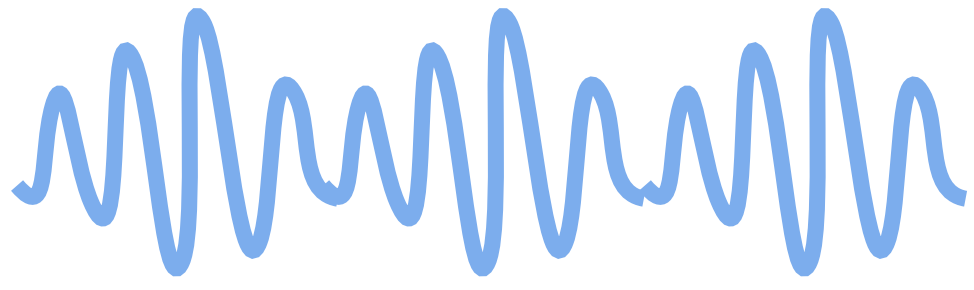
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Circuit encoding: Discrete variable



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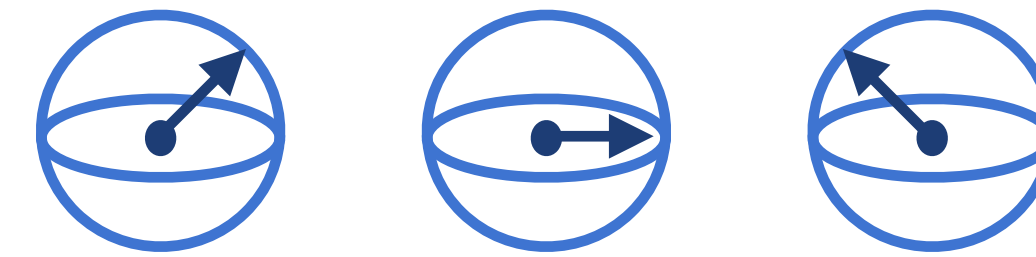
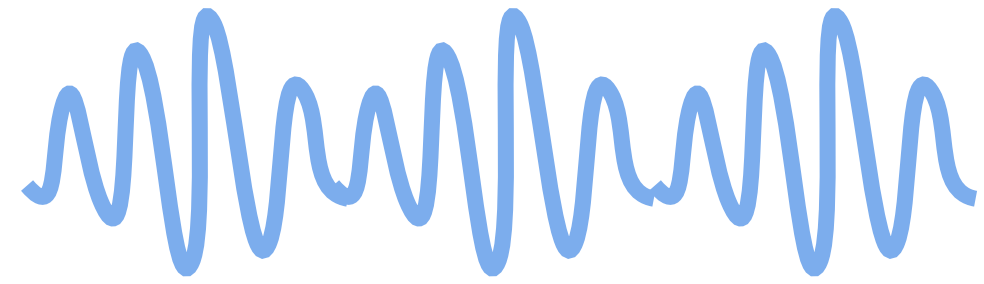
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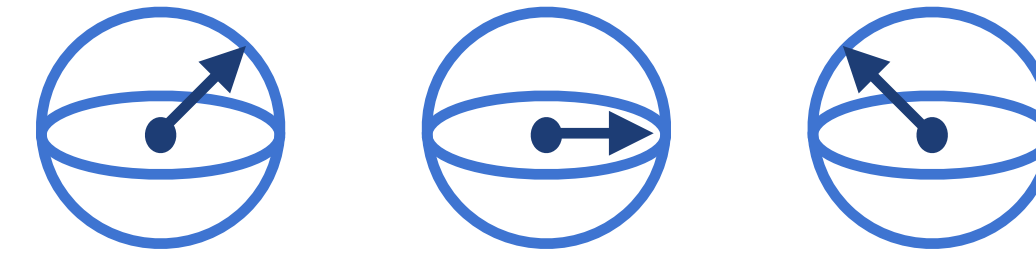
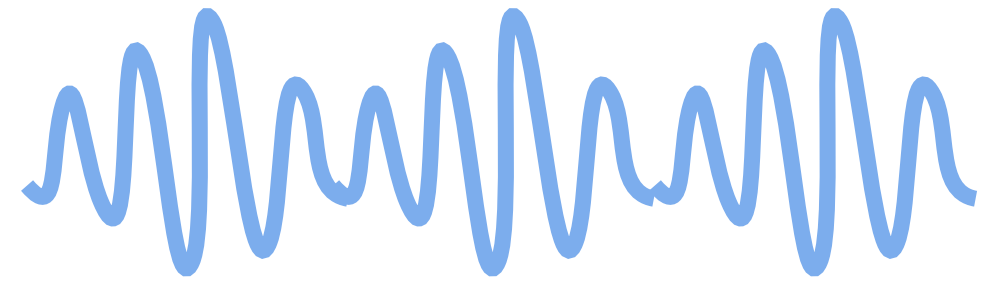


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- The core state has a bounded support over Fock space.
- Thus, it can be represented exactly using $R + 1$ qubits per mode.
- Using the sparse state preparation algorithm proposed by Gleinig et al., this state can be prepared using $O(N^2)$ CNOT gates and $O(N \log N)$ single qubit gates using an $O(N^3 \log N)$ complexity.

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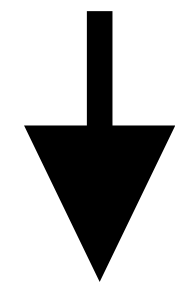


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- The Gaussian unitary operation is $\hat{U}_G = \bigotimes_{j=0}^{N-1} \hat{S}_j(r)$, where $\hat{S}(r) = e^{\frac{r}{2}[(\hat{a}^\dagger)^2 - \hat{a}^2]}$.
- This operator extends the support of the core state to the entire bosonic Hilbert space.
- Thus, it can only be represented approximately on a discrete-variable platform.

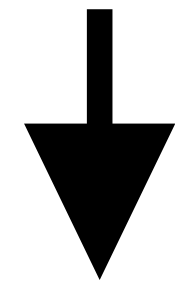
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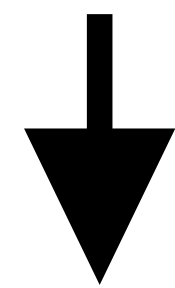
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- Once a choice for the “circuit regulators”, namely the cutoff Λ and number of Trotter layers K is picked, the squeezing operator can be implemented using $O(\Lambda K)$ CNOT gates.
- We now describe the errors associated with both regularizations.

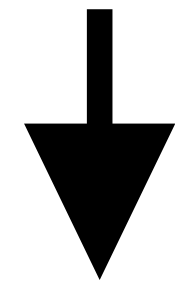
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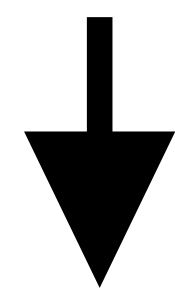
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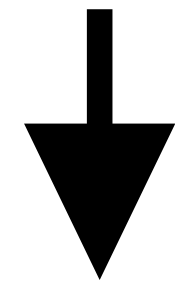
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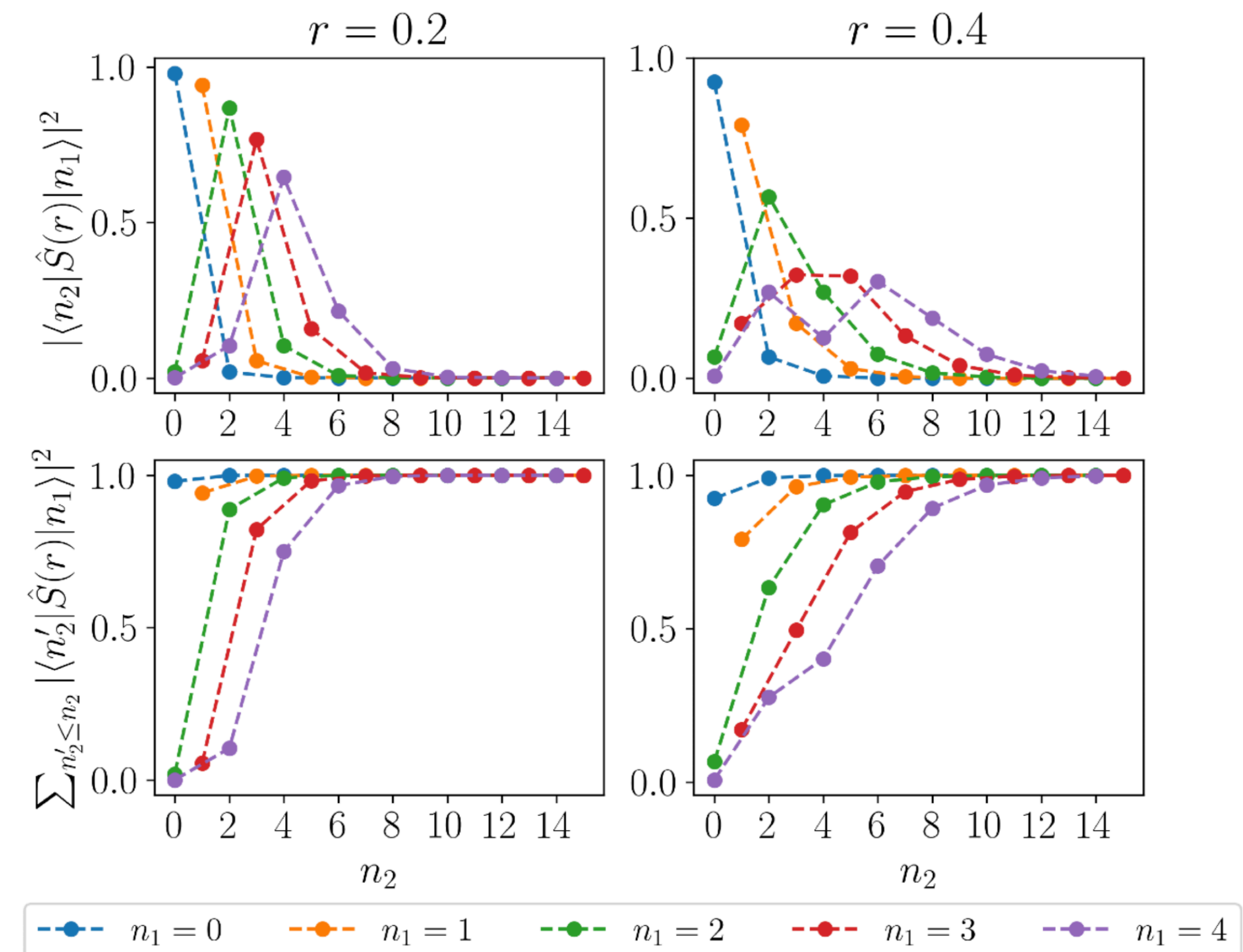
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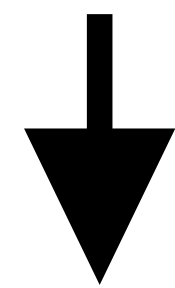
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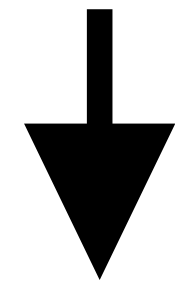
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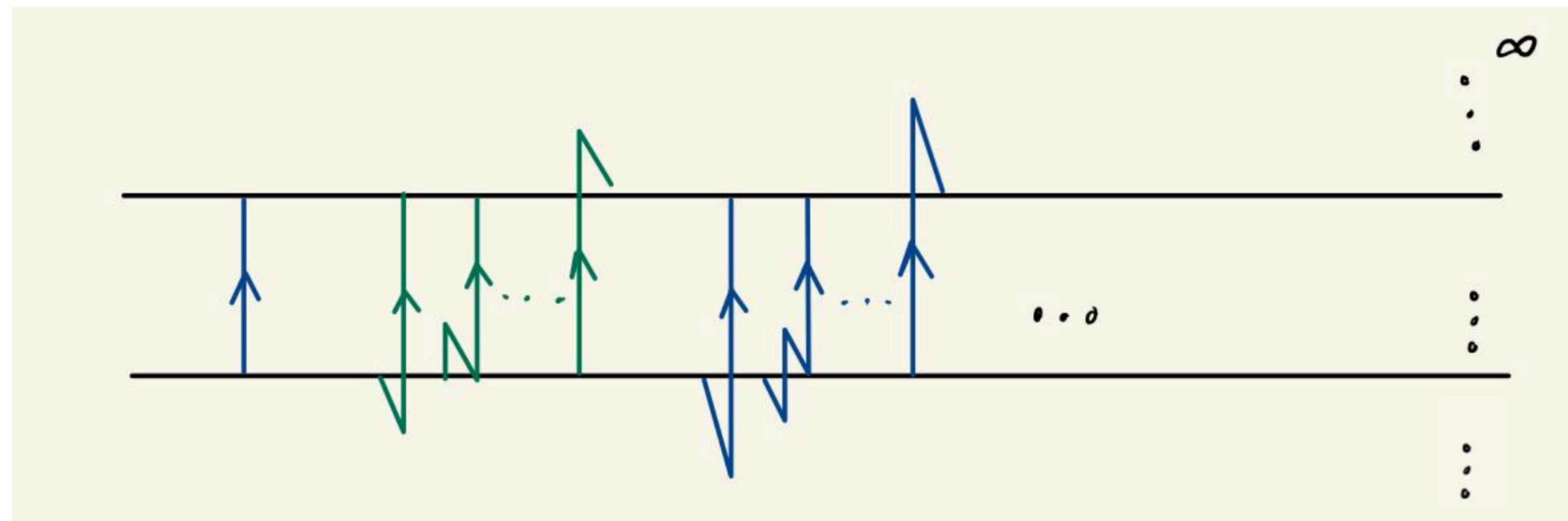
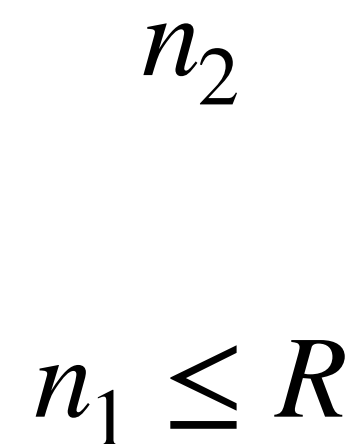
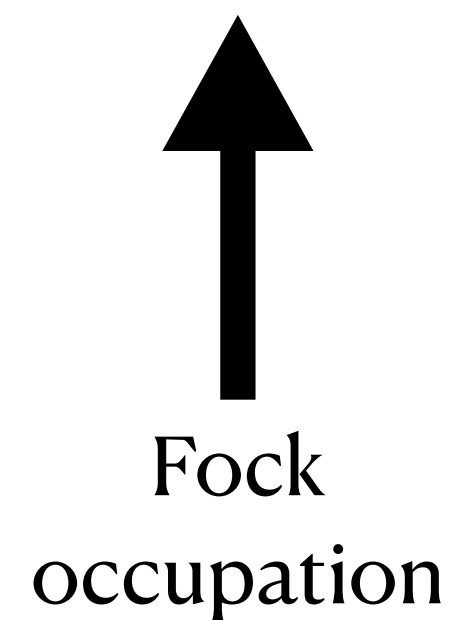
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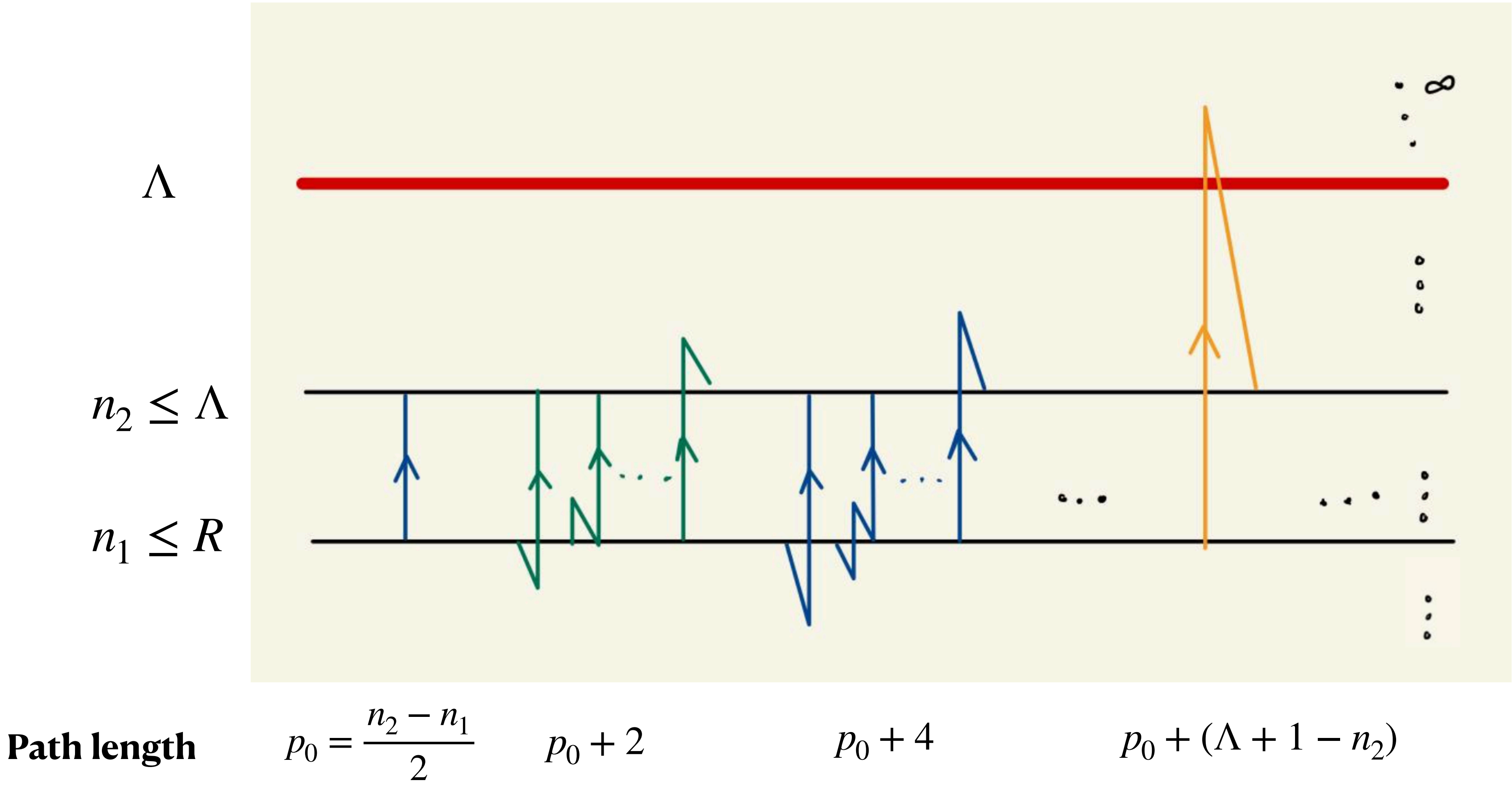


Path length	$p_0 = \frac{n_2 - n_1}{2}$	$p_0 + 2$	$p_0 + 4$
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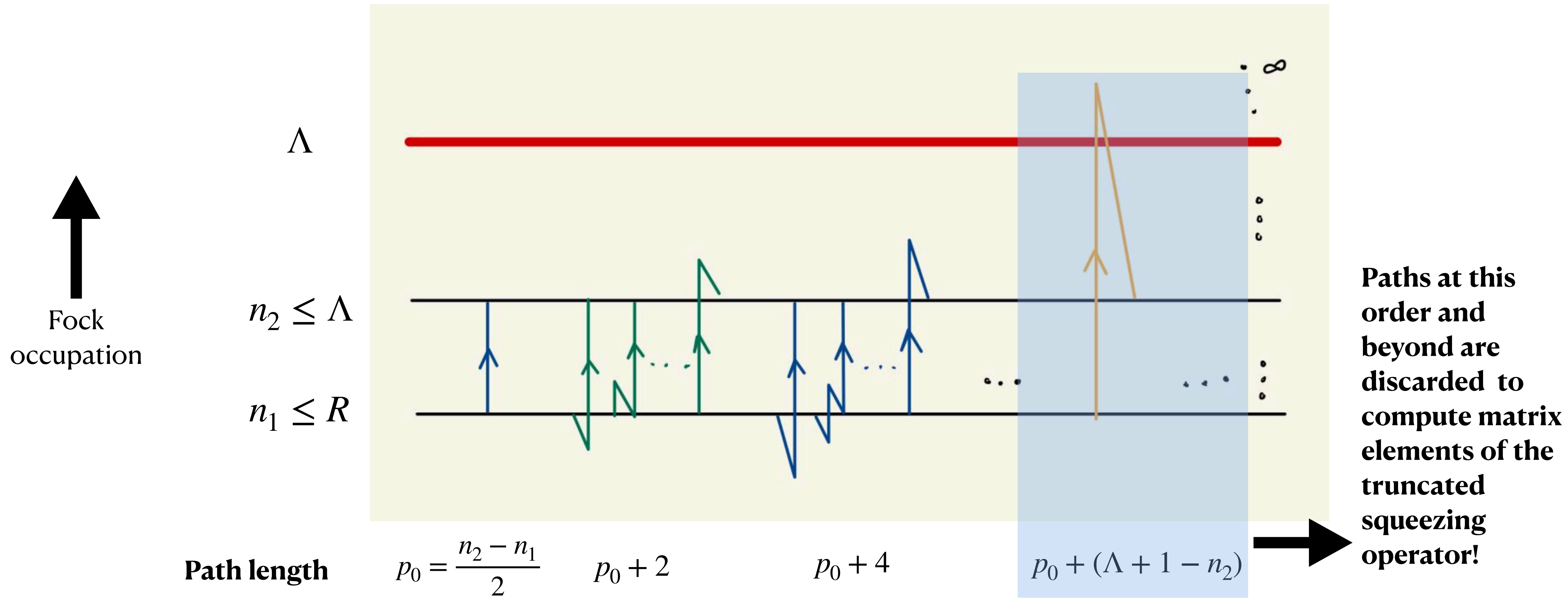
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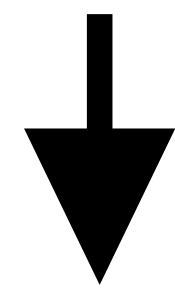
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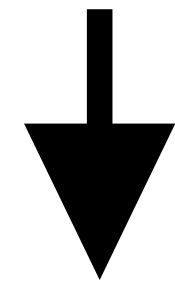
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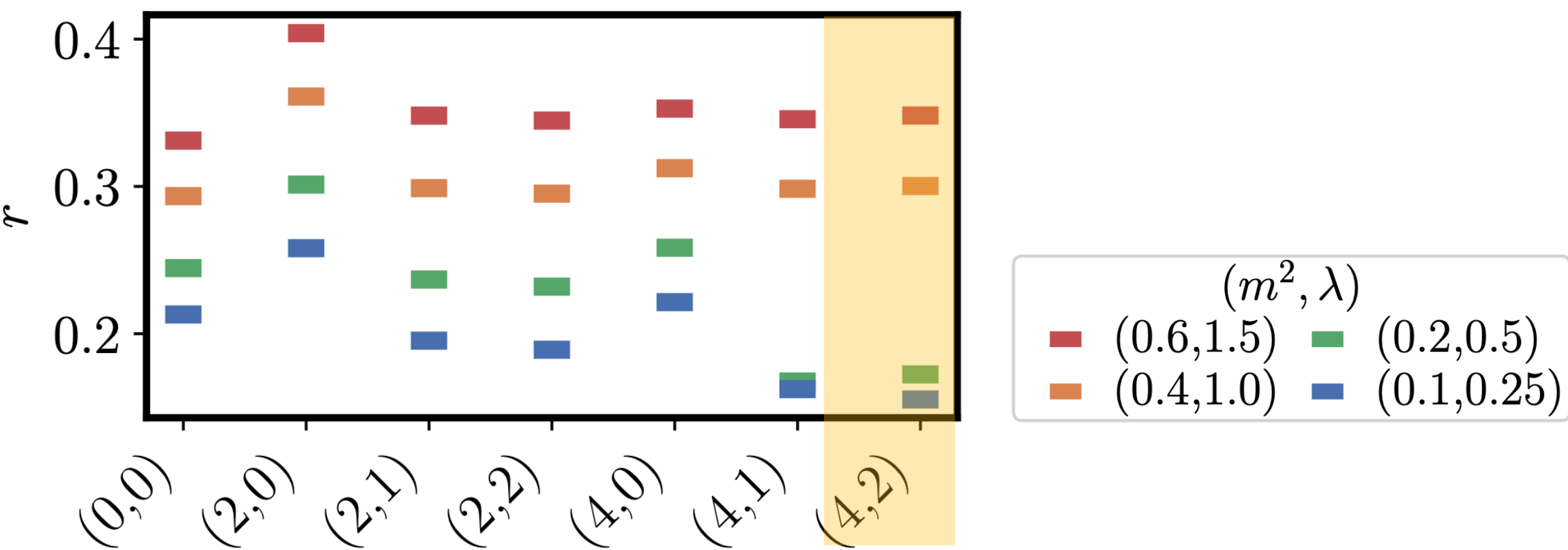
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- The first-order product formula results in an $O\left(\frac{Nr^2\Lambda^3}{K}\right)$ value for the spectral norm of $\hat{S}^\Lambda(r) - \hat{S}^{\Lambda,K}(r)$.
- This bound, however, is quite loose because it is state-independent.

Circuit encoding: Discrete variable

We now look at the values of circuit regulators Λ and K that guarantee a minimum fidelity between $|\psi\rangle_{R,Q}$ and $|\psi^{\Lambda,K}\rangle_{R,Q}$.

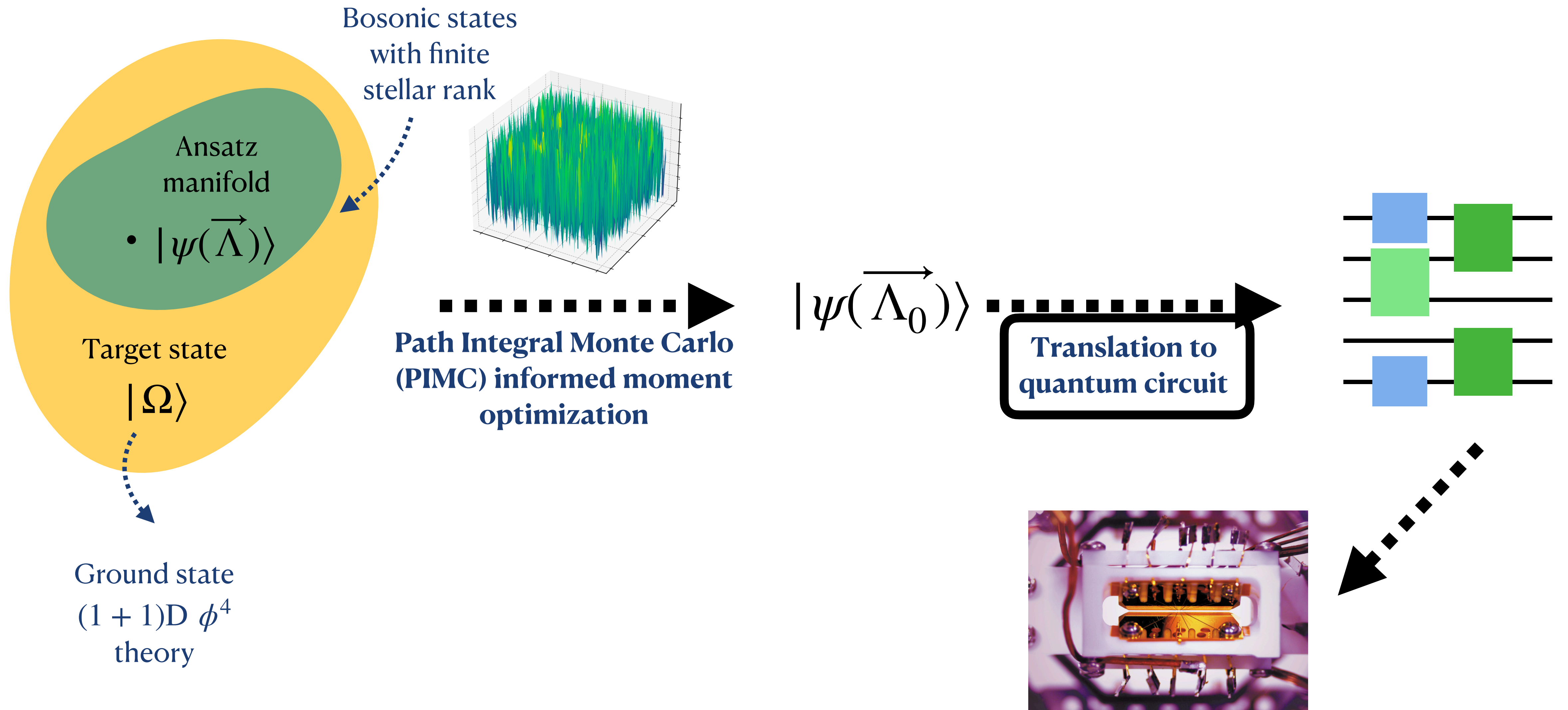
Optimized squeezing parameter r from energy minimization



Minimum values of Λ and K that guarantee fidelity F_0 for the $(R, Q) = (4, 2)$ ansatz

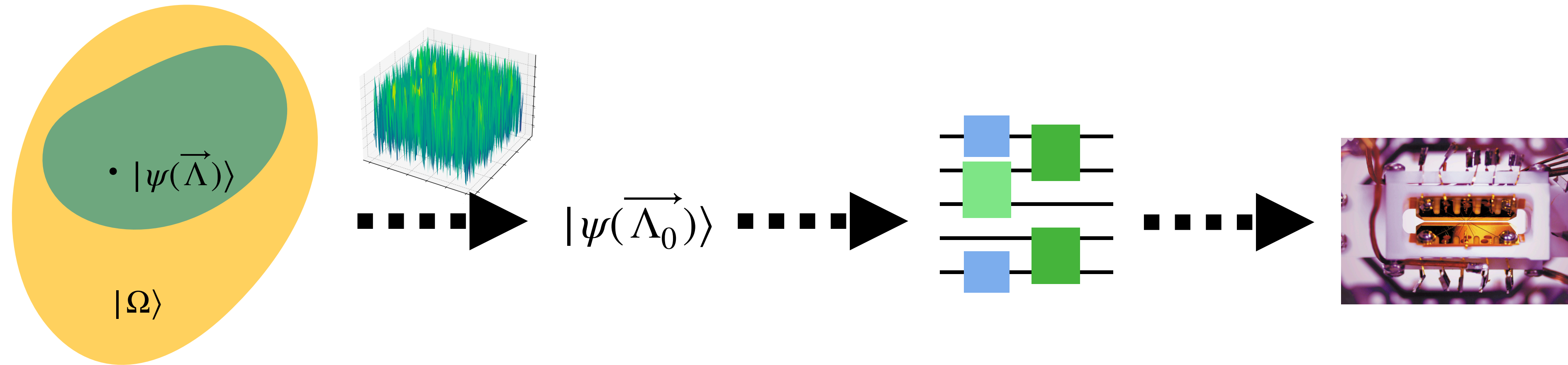
(m^2, λ)	r	$F_0 = 0.9$		$F_0 = 0.95$	
		Λ	K	Λ	K
$(0.6, 1.5)$	0.348	33	2375	35	3876
$(0.4, 1)$	0.300	27	1102	27	1569
$(0.2, 0.5)$	0.172	15	87	15	123
$(0.1, 0.25)$	0.155	14	59	15	100

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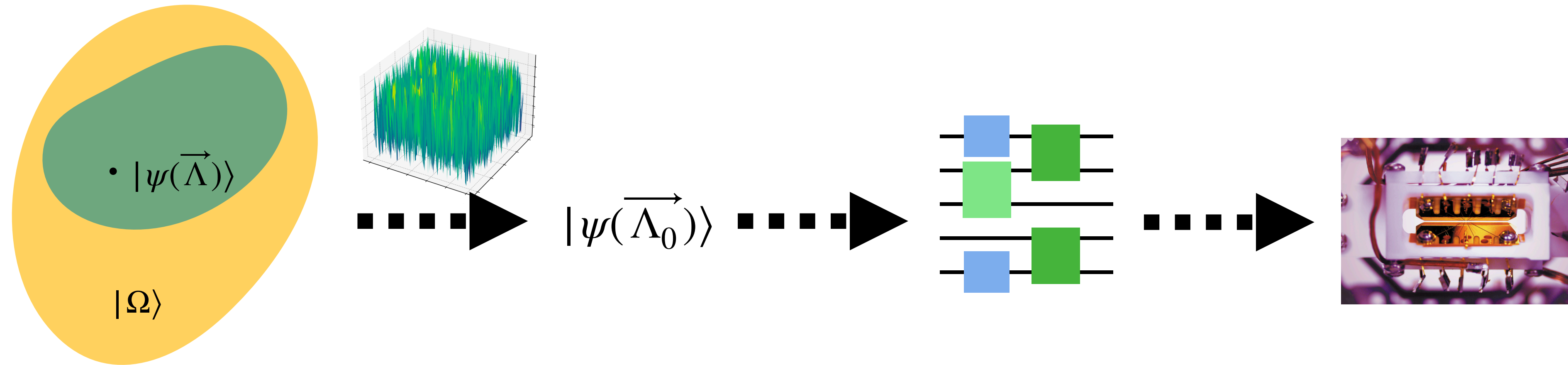
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Summary



- The (R, Q) ansatz is a *classically tractable*, *circuit-translatable*, and *circuit-efficient* ansatz for multimode bosonic systems.
- The ansatz is optimized classically using Euclidean-Monte-Carlo-informed moment optimization. This procedure augments the familiar variational minimization of energy by penalizing deviations in selected sets of target moments.
- The optimized ansatz can thereafter be translated into a quantum circuit with polynomial complexity in system size.

Outlook



- A detailed study of the thermodynamic and continuum limits.
- Translation to bosonic quantum circuits.
- Variational quantum algorithms based on the (R, Q) ansatz.
- Study of dynamics with moment-optimized initial states.
- Extension to theories with fermions and gauge bosons.
- Implications of PIMC-induced statistical uncertainty.