

Tensor networks and quantum computing for particle physics and related issues

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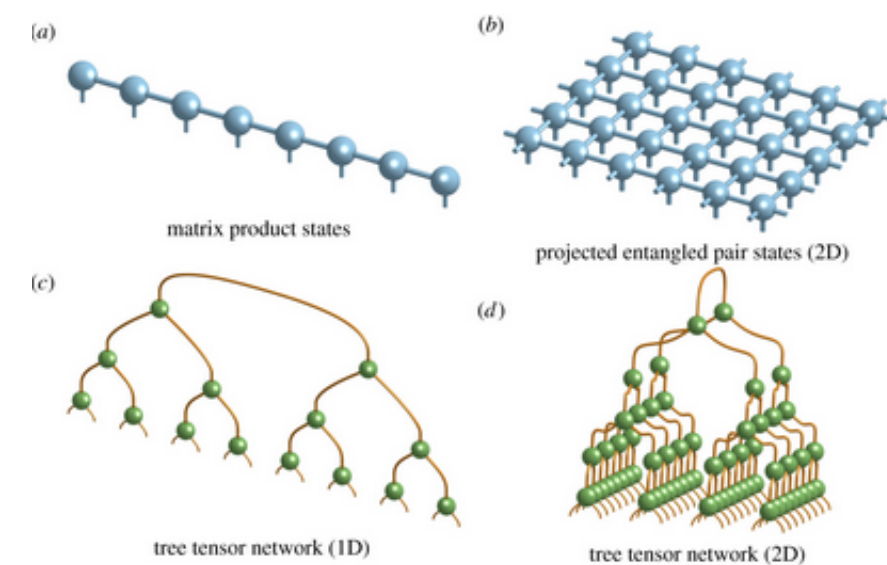
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Background and Research interest:

Quantum Information tools to characterise phases of matter, e.g. entanglement entropy.

Quantum technologies to simulate High Energy models

New non-perturbative methods in Hamiltonian formulation and real-time dynamics following the LQCD program

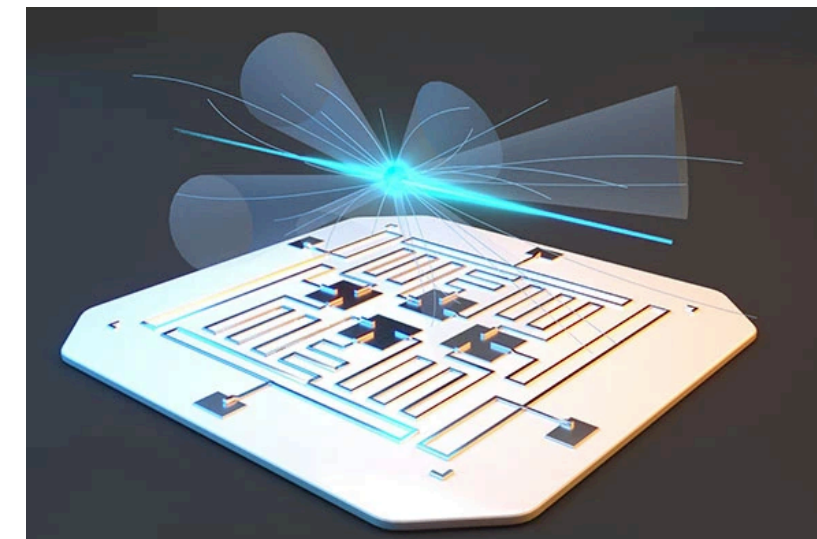
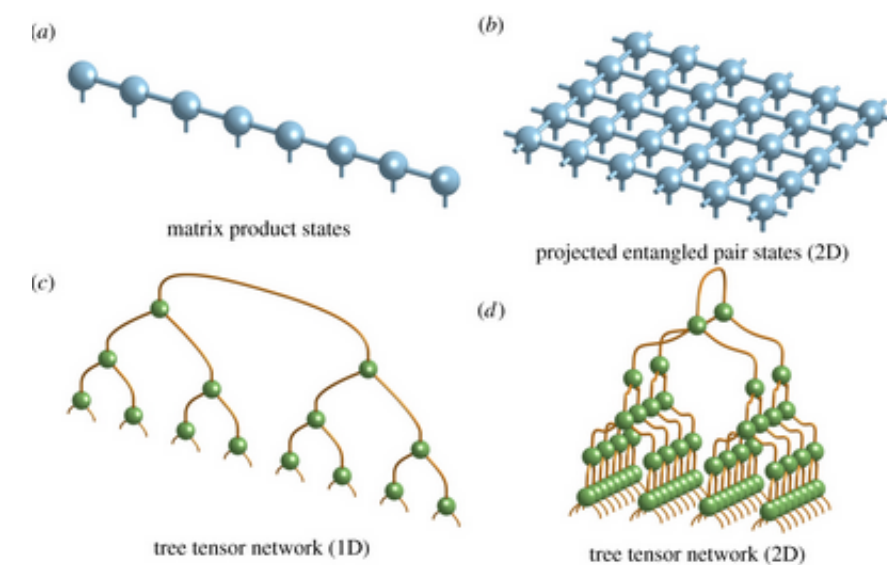


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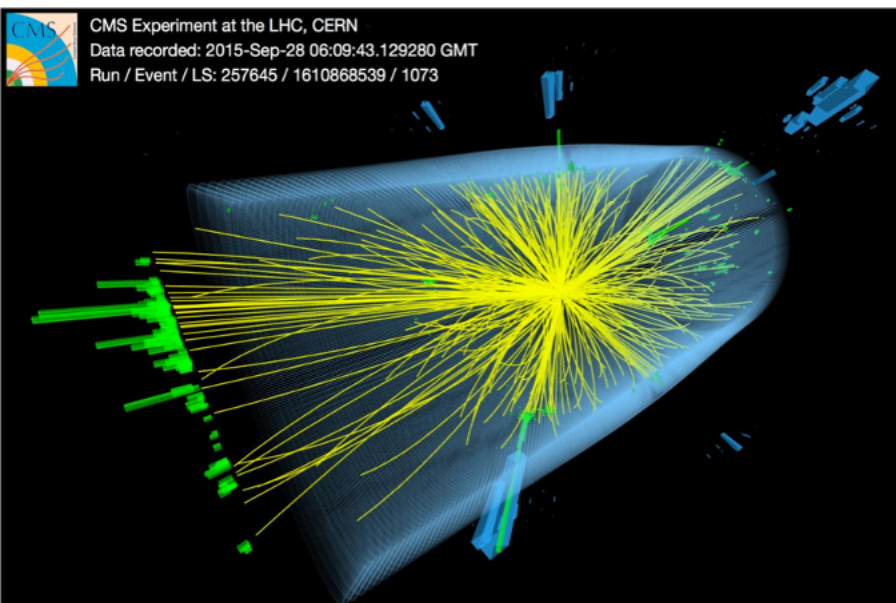
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Real-Time Dynamics in a $(2+1)$ -D Gauge Theory: The Stringy Nature on a Superconducting Quantum Simulator

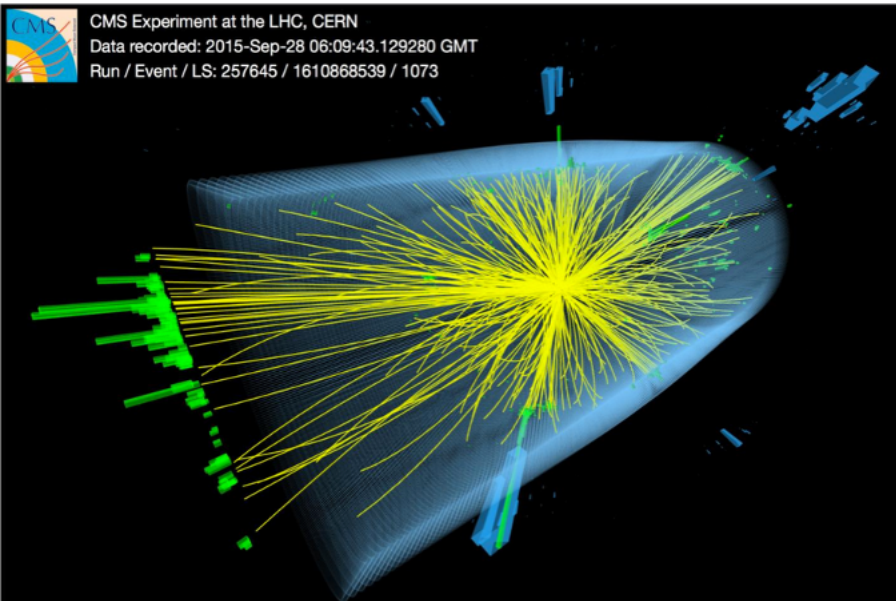
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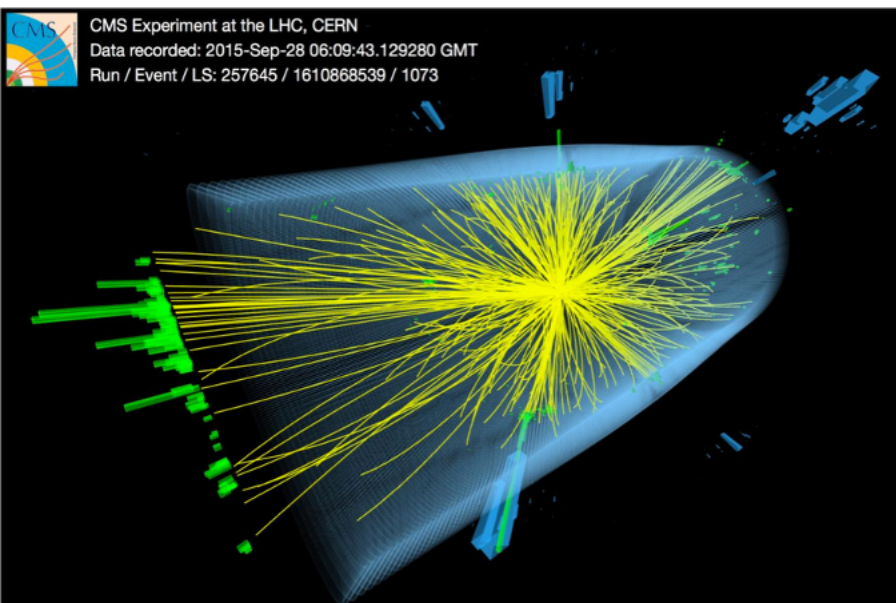
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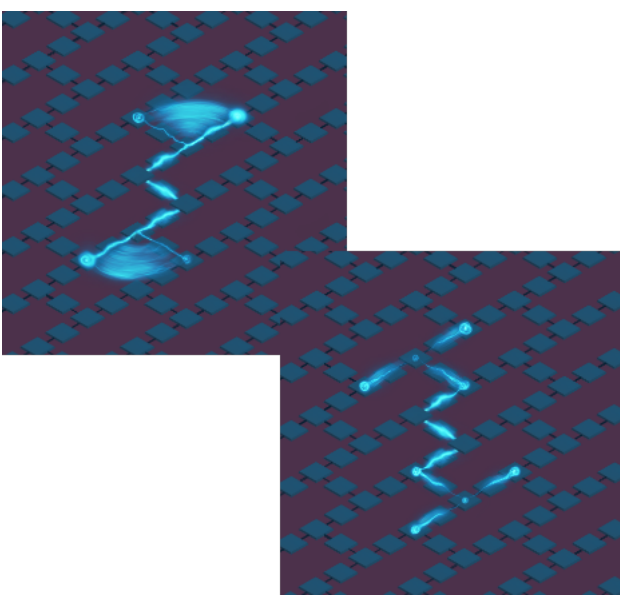
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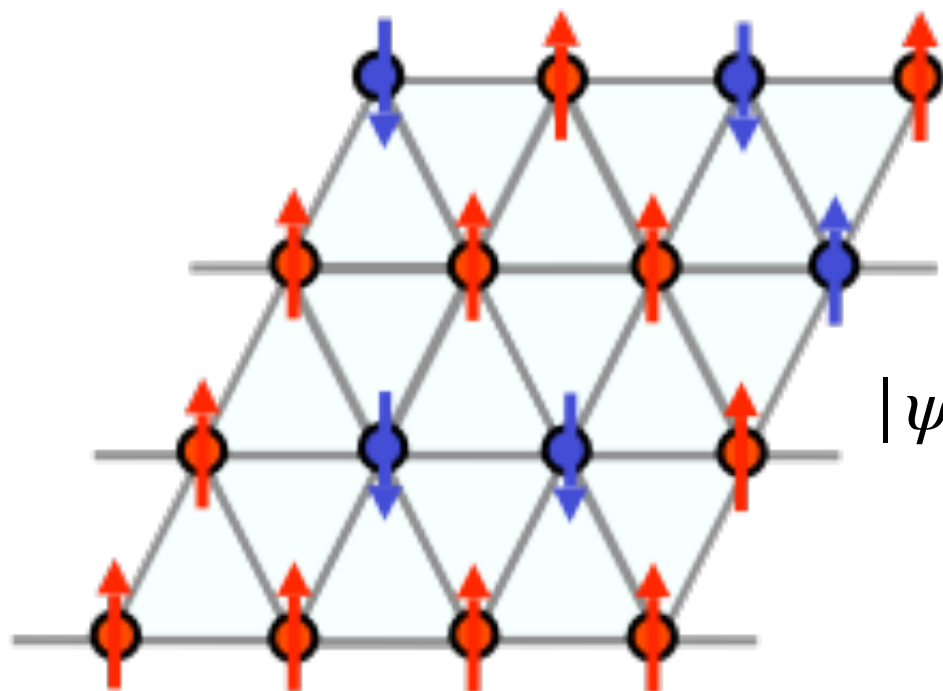
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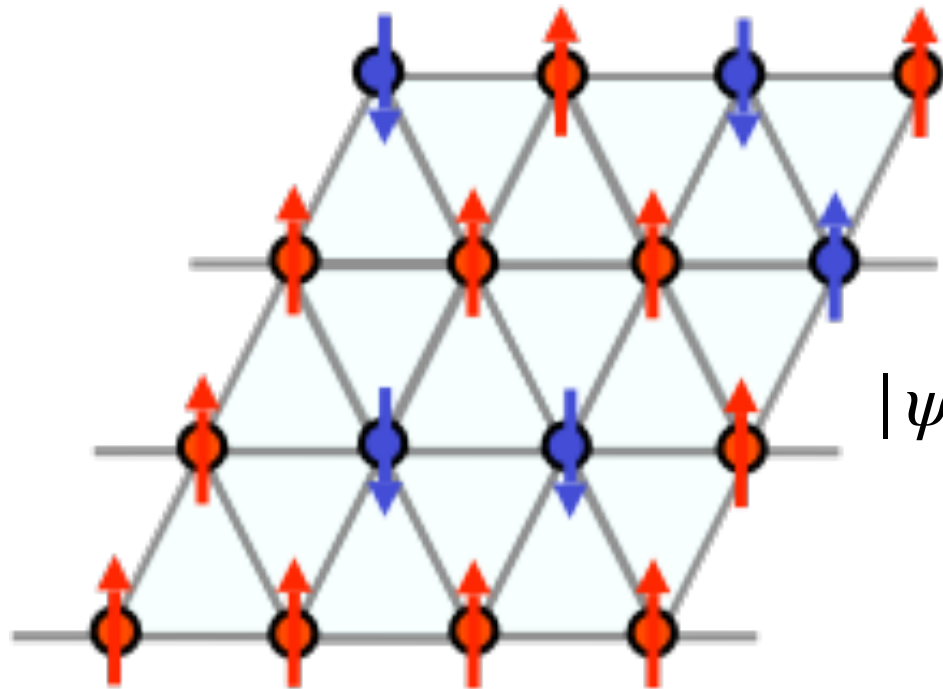


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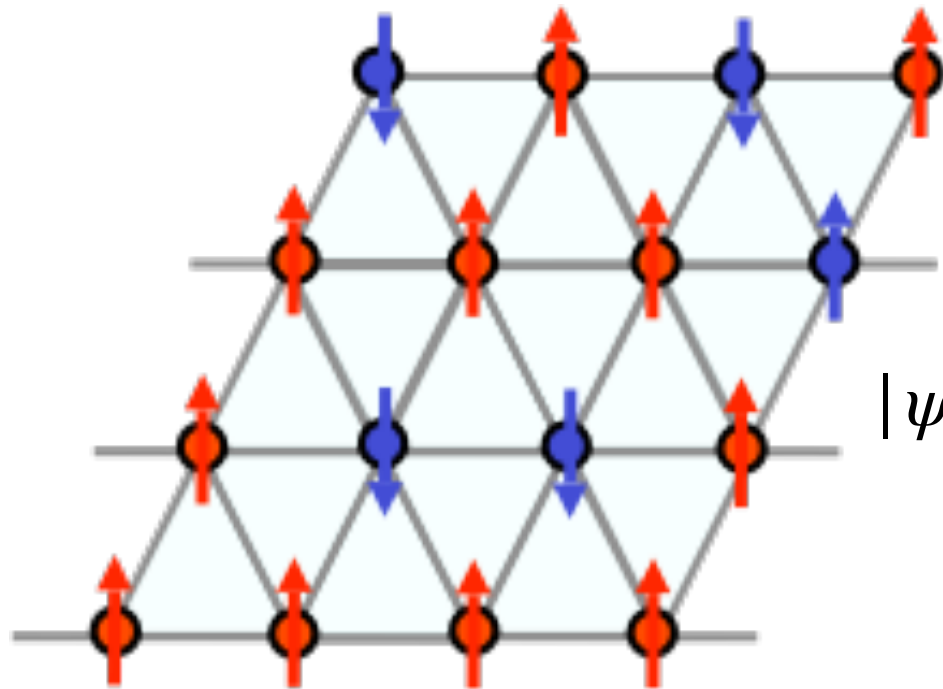
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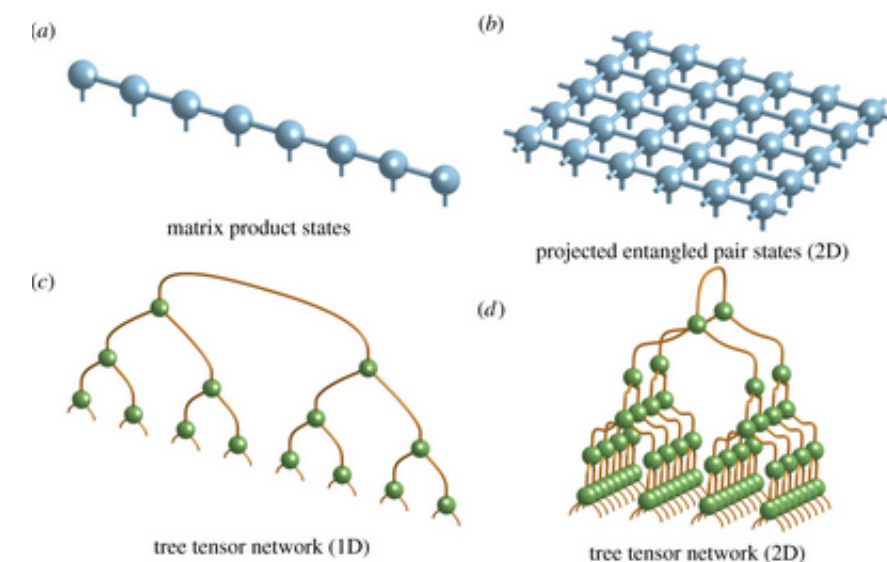
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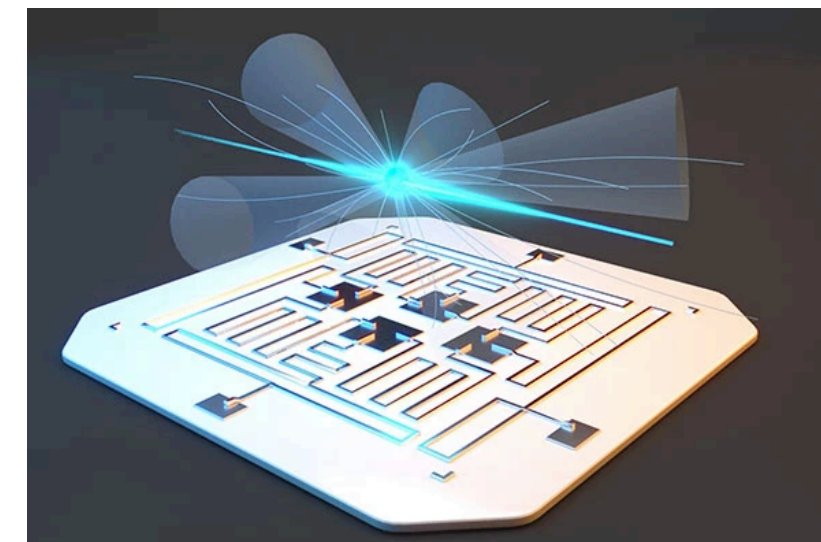
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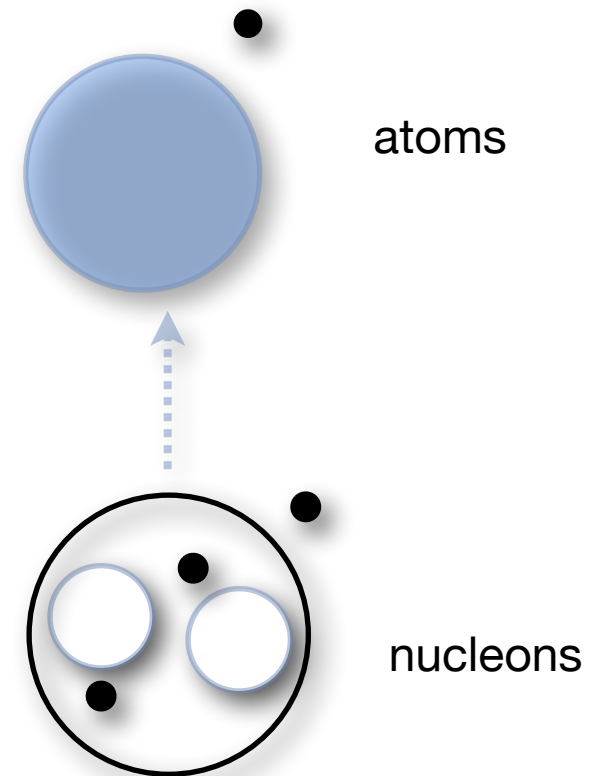
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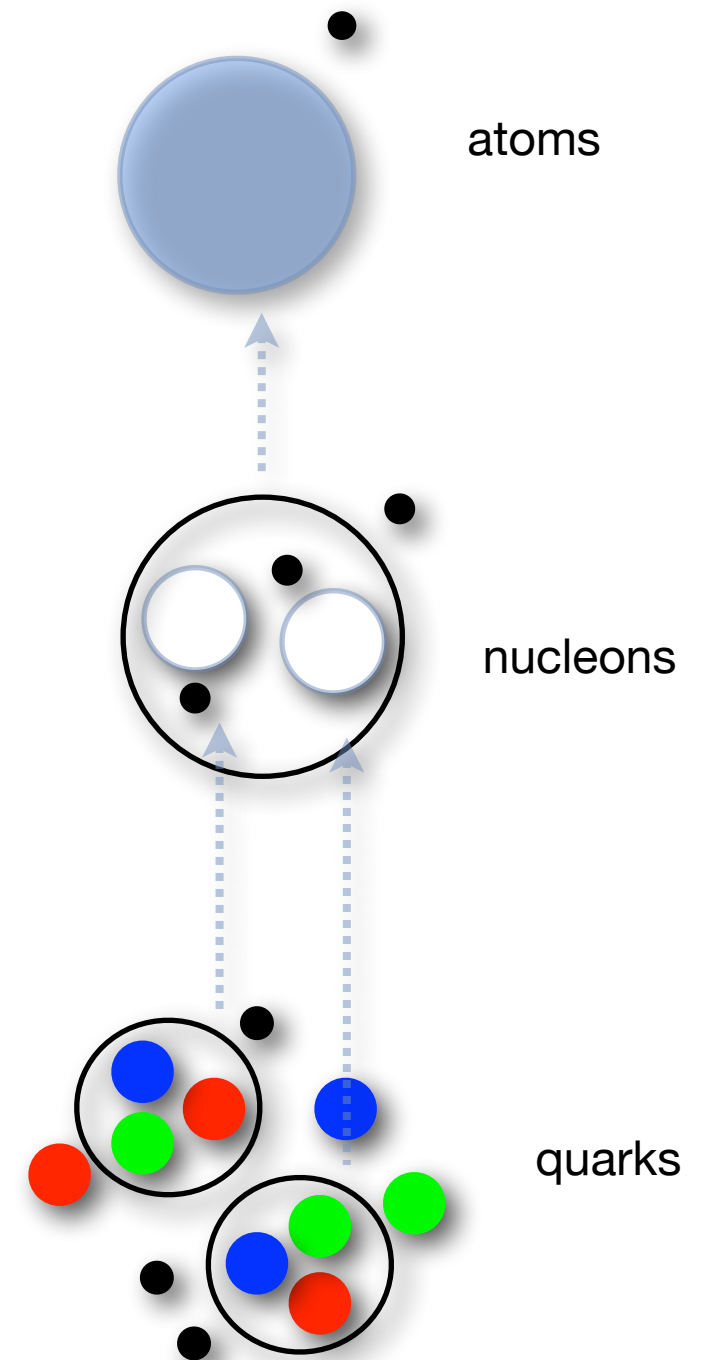
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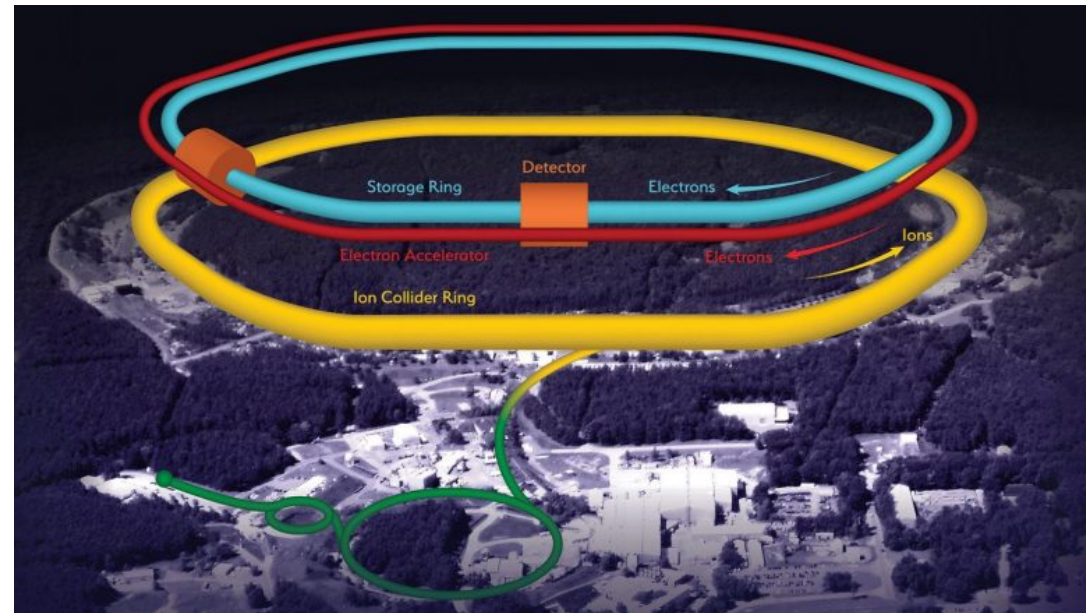
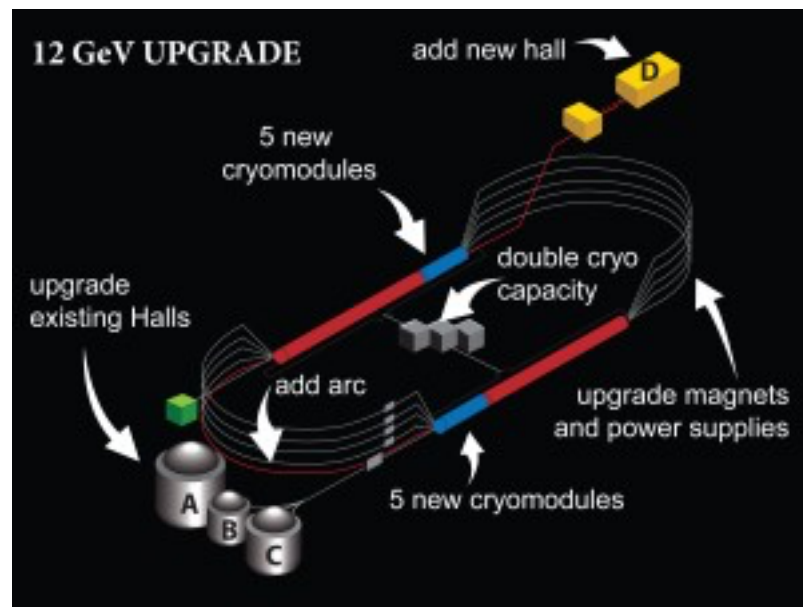
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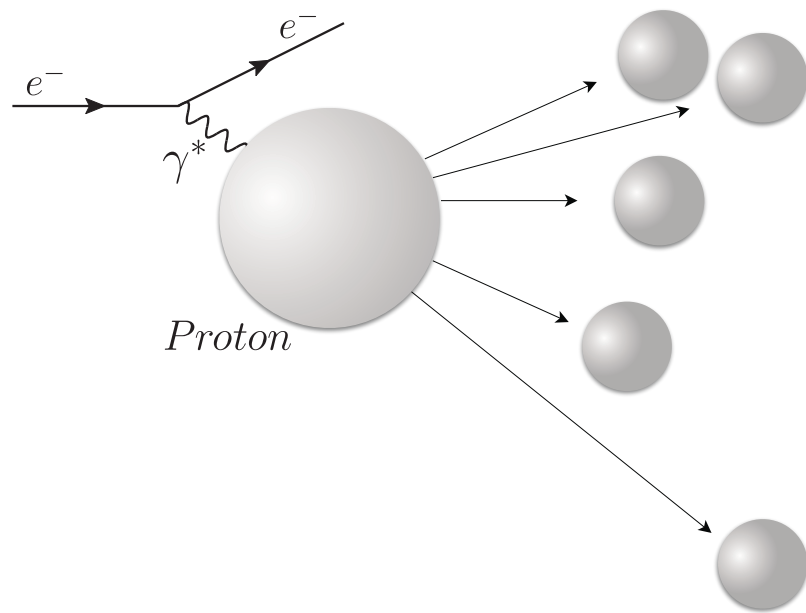
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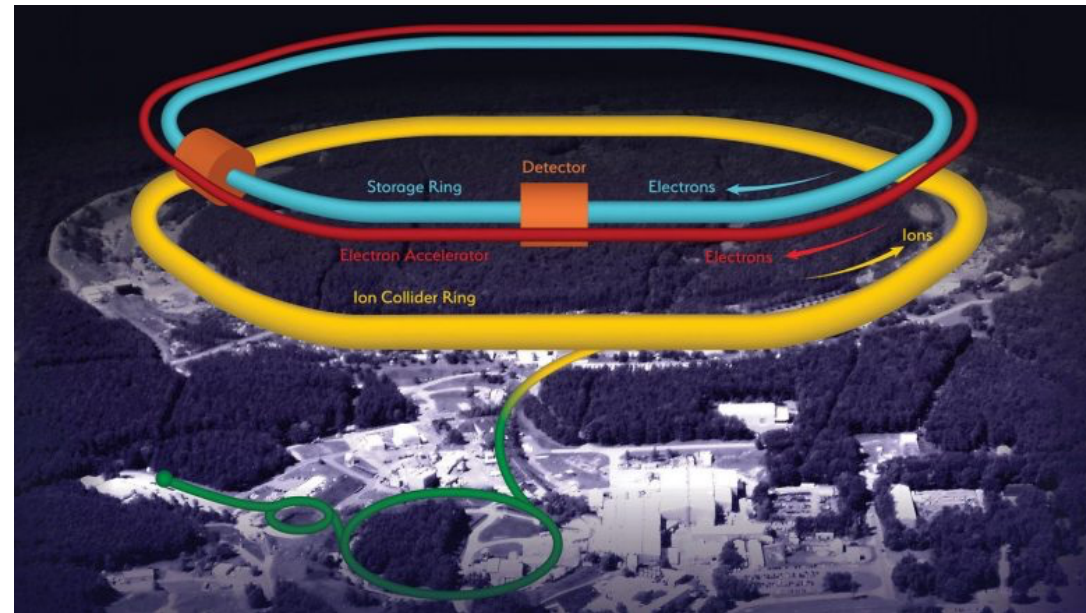
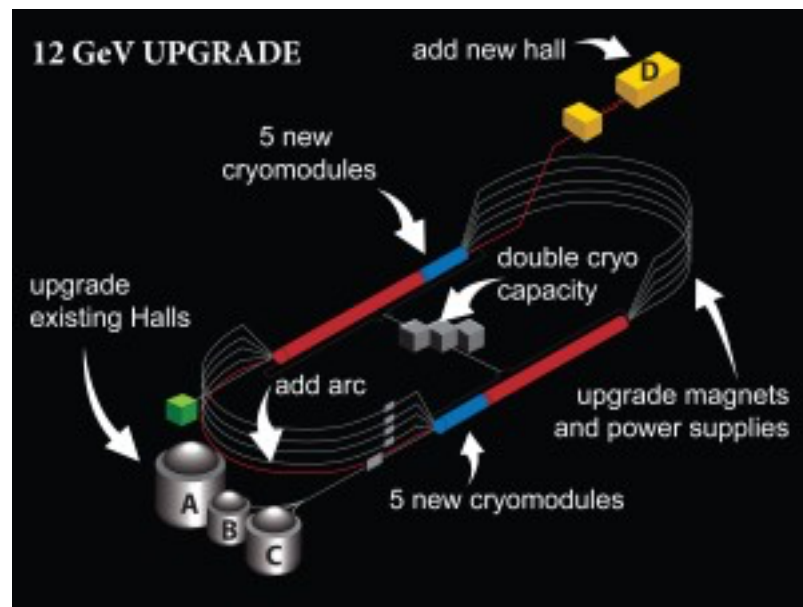
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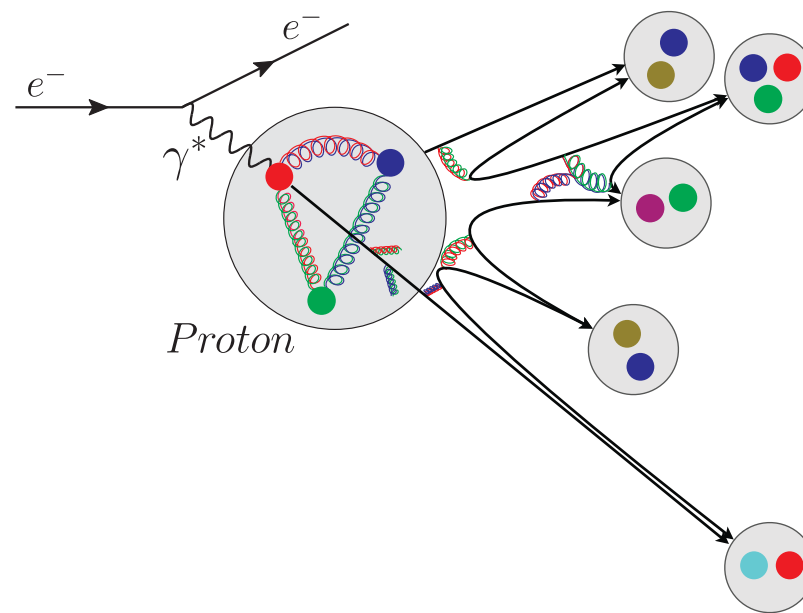
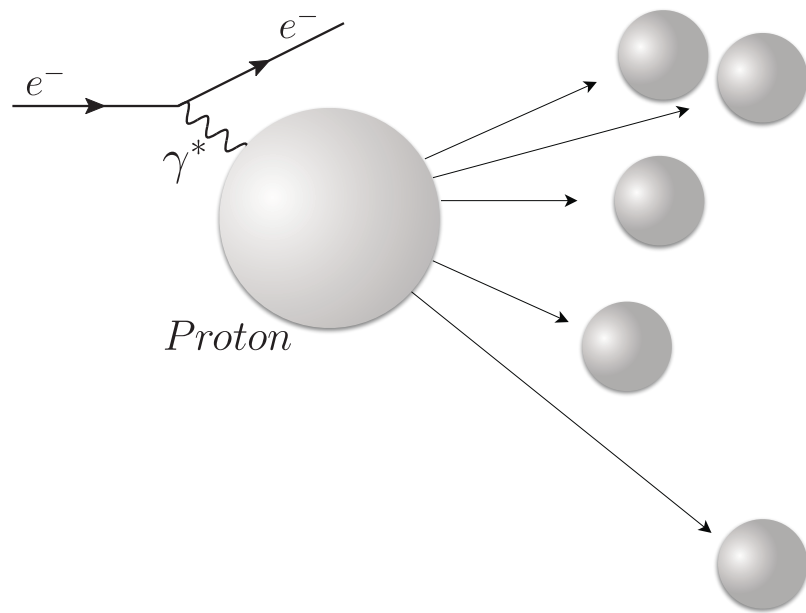
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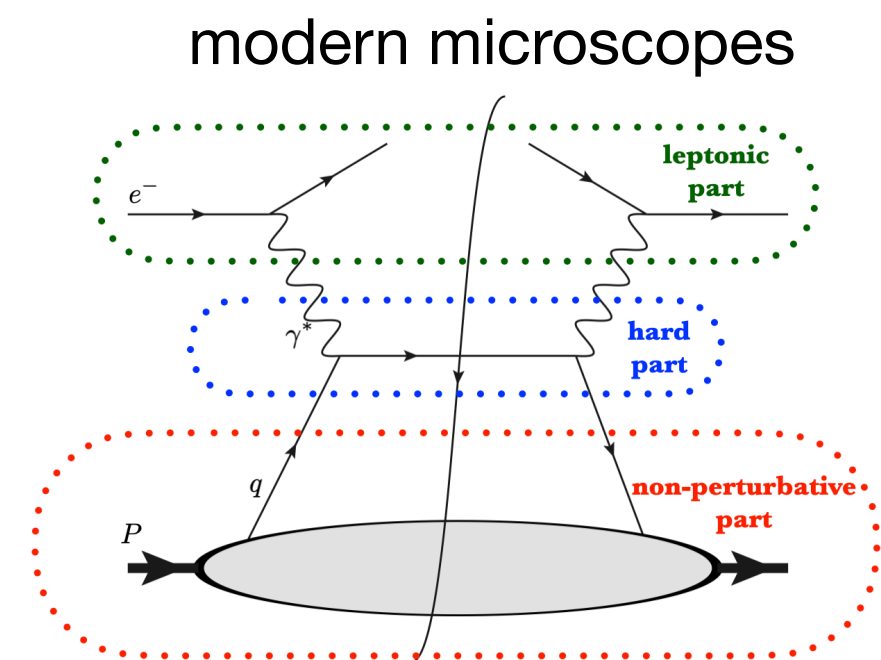
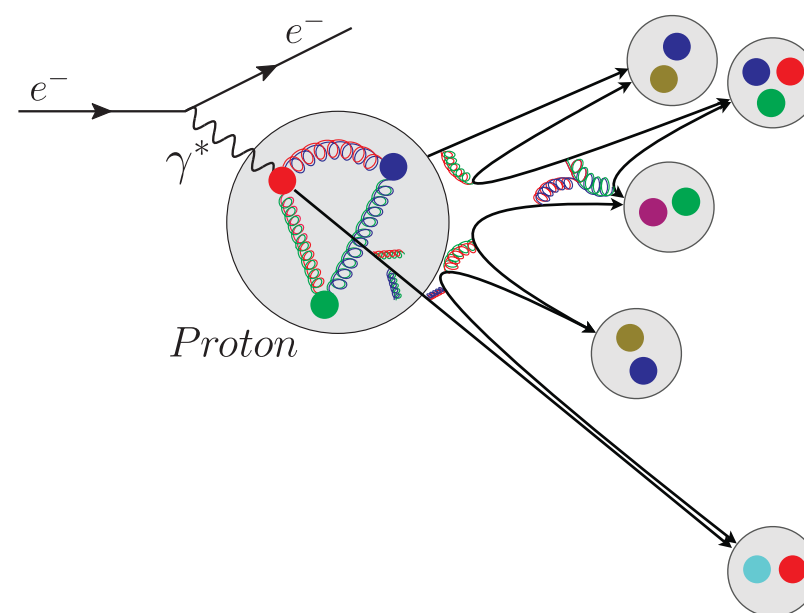
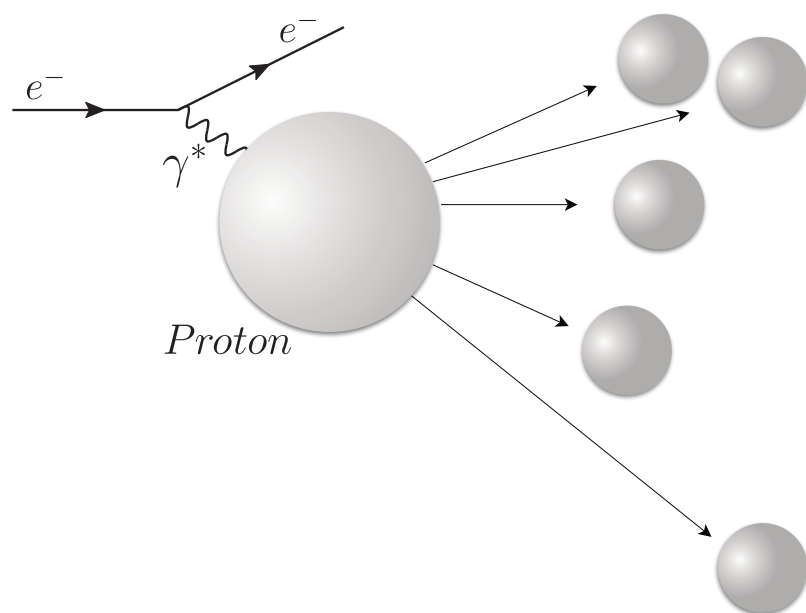
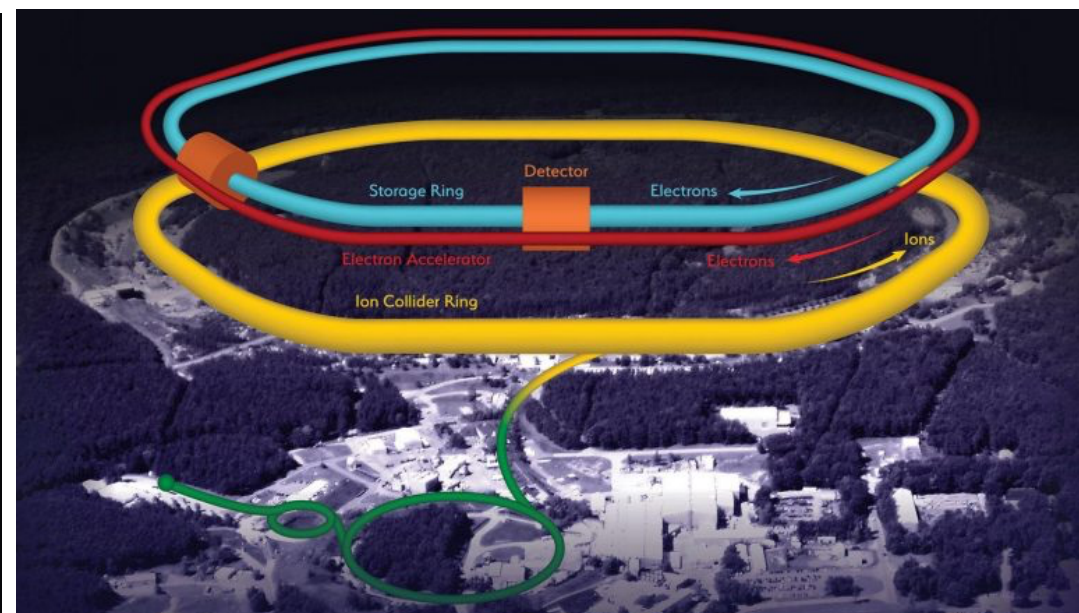
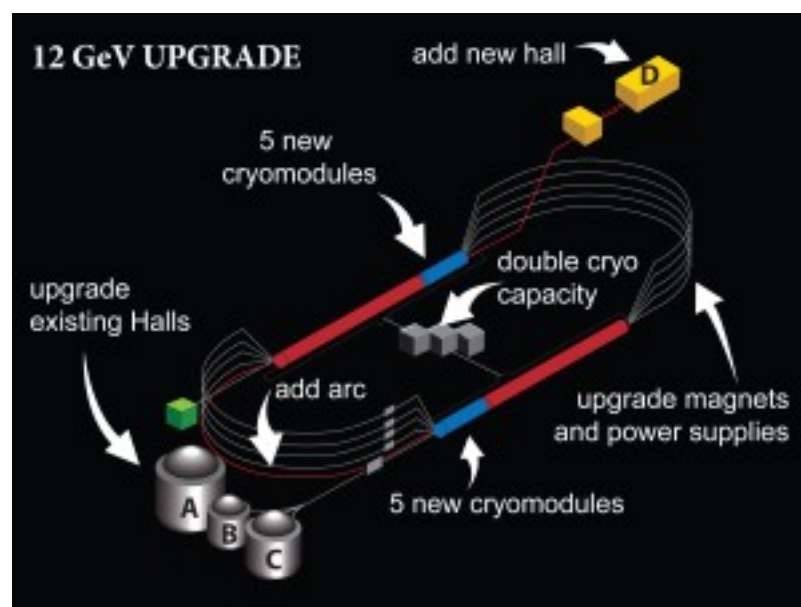


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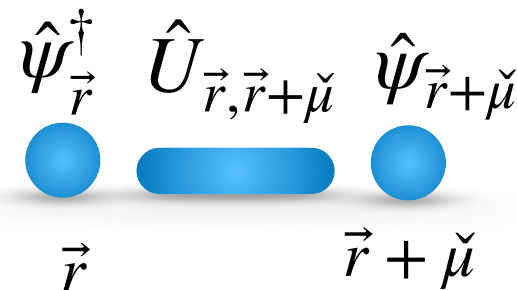
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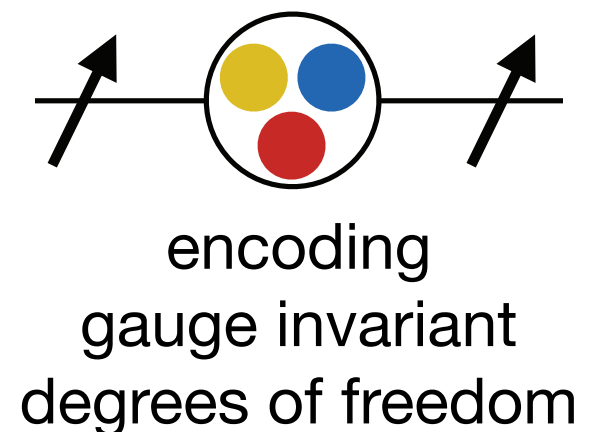
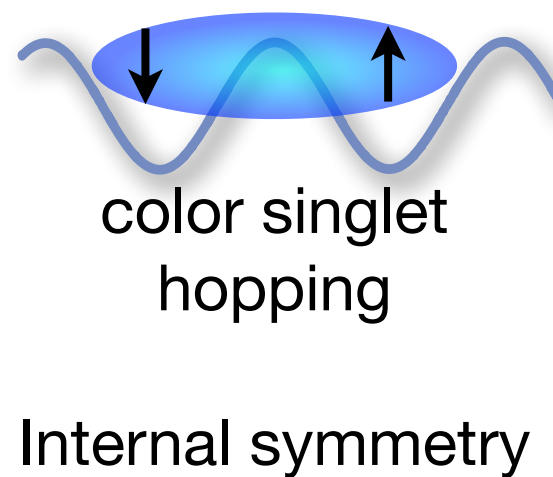
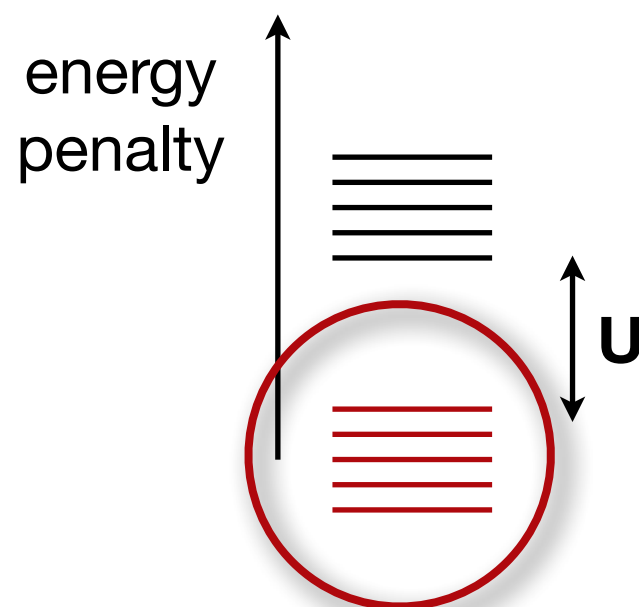
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- Implementing the gauge invariant dynamics



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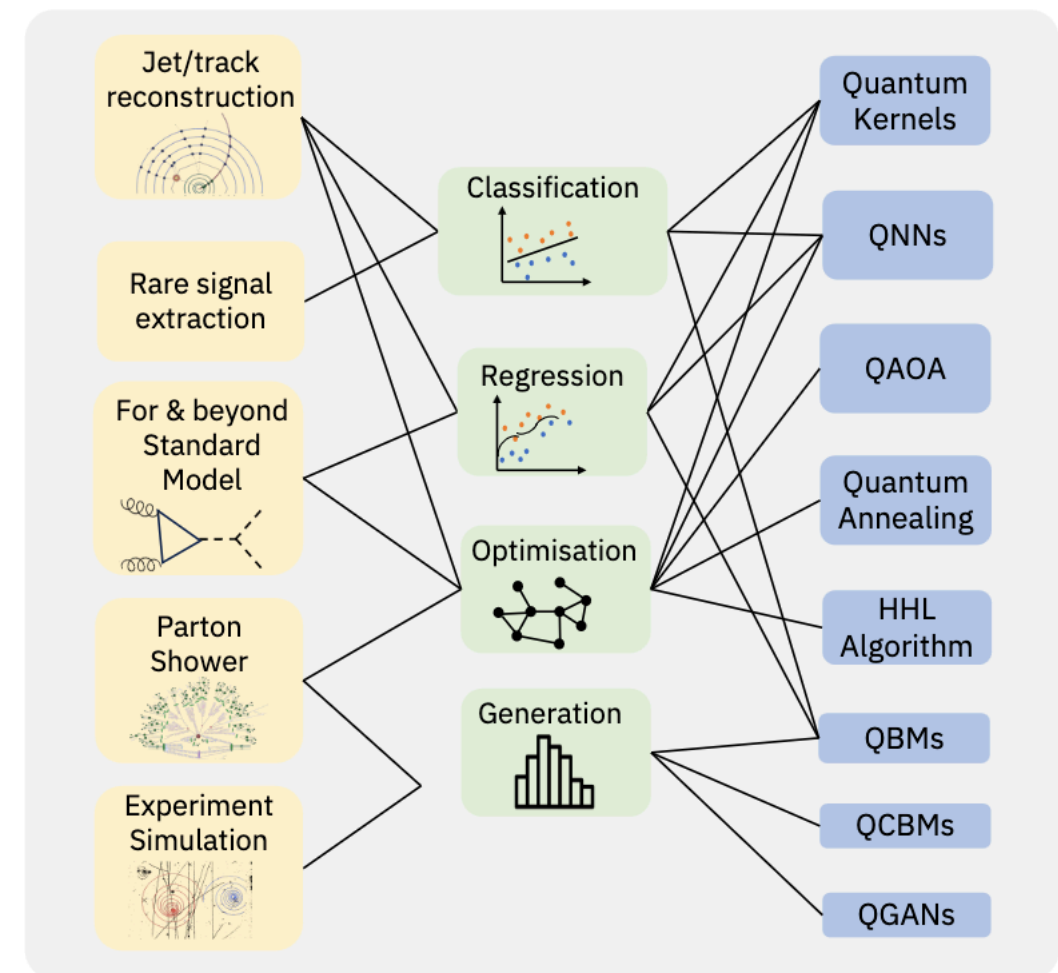
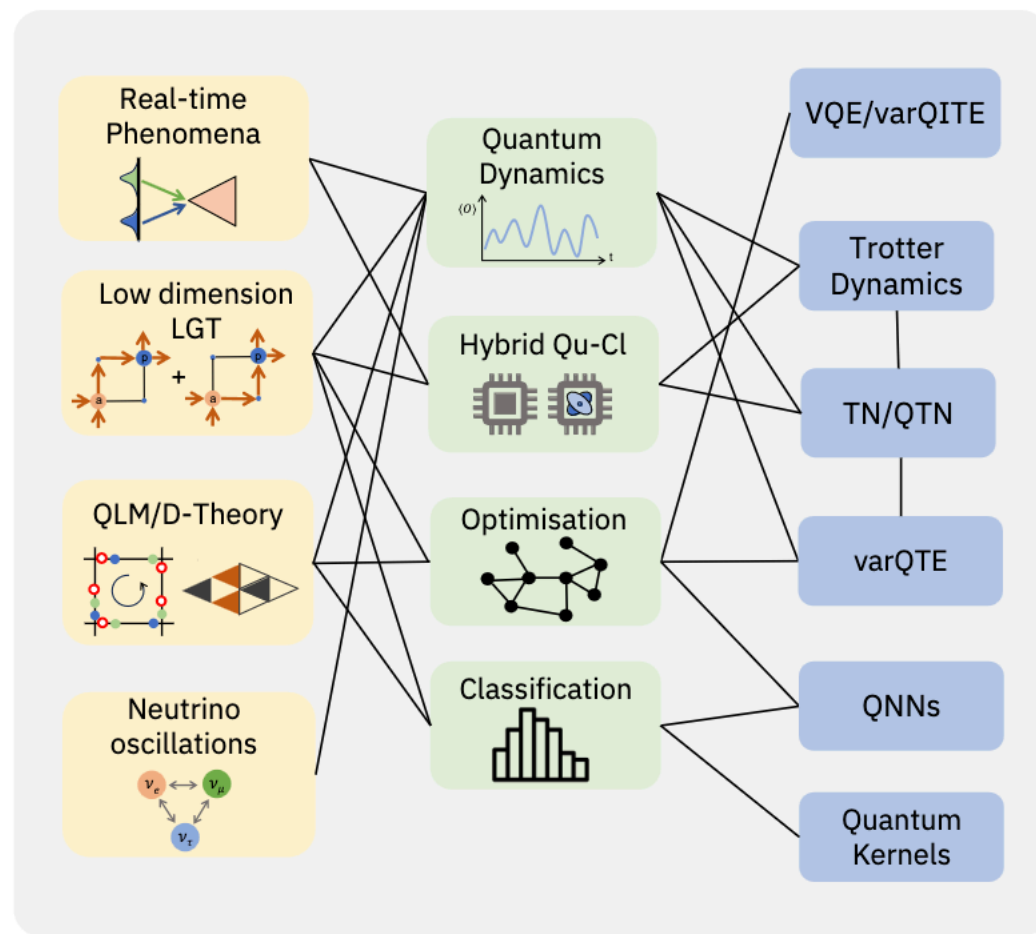
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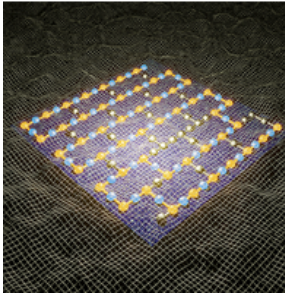
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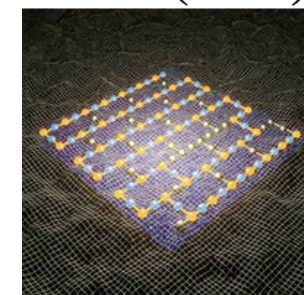
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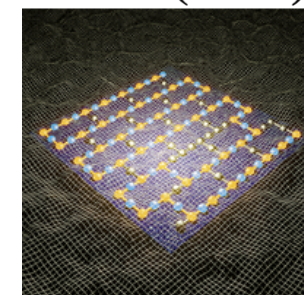
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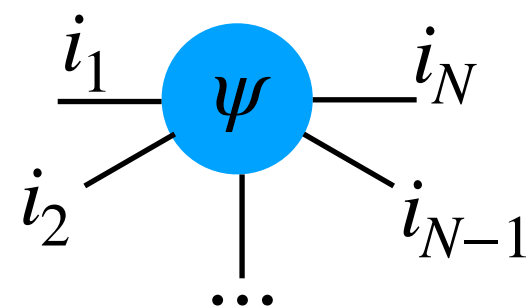
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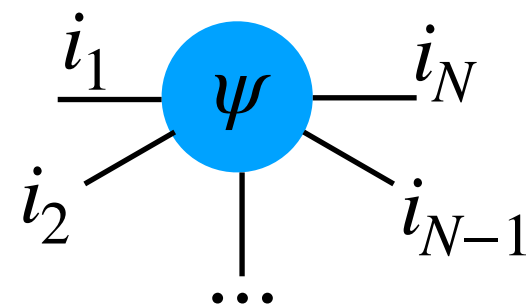
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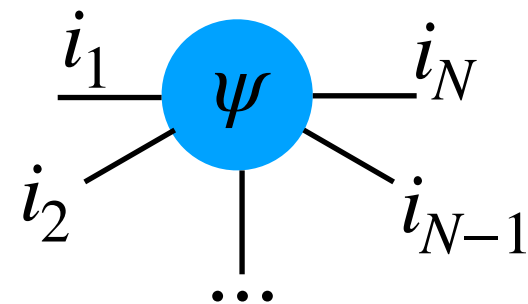
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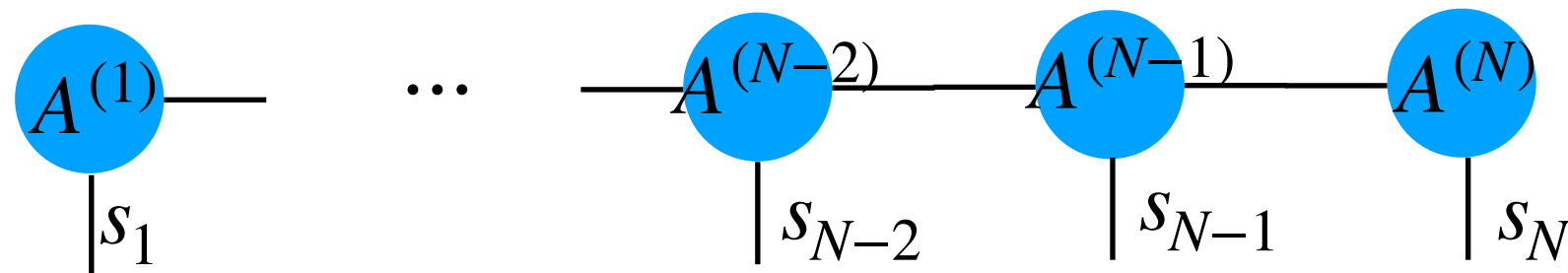
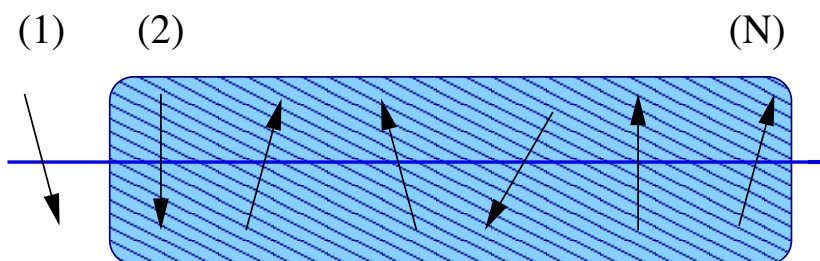
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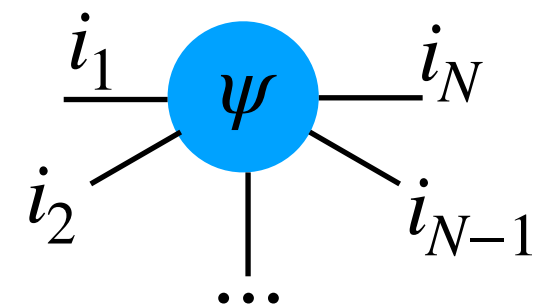
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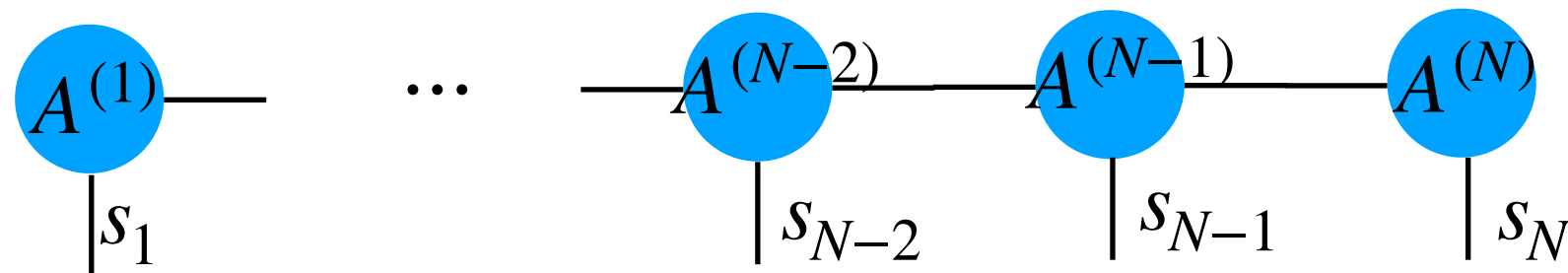
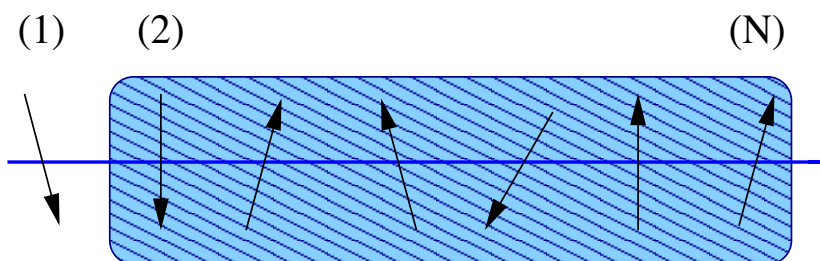
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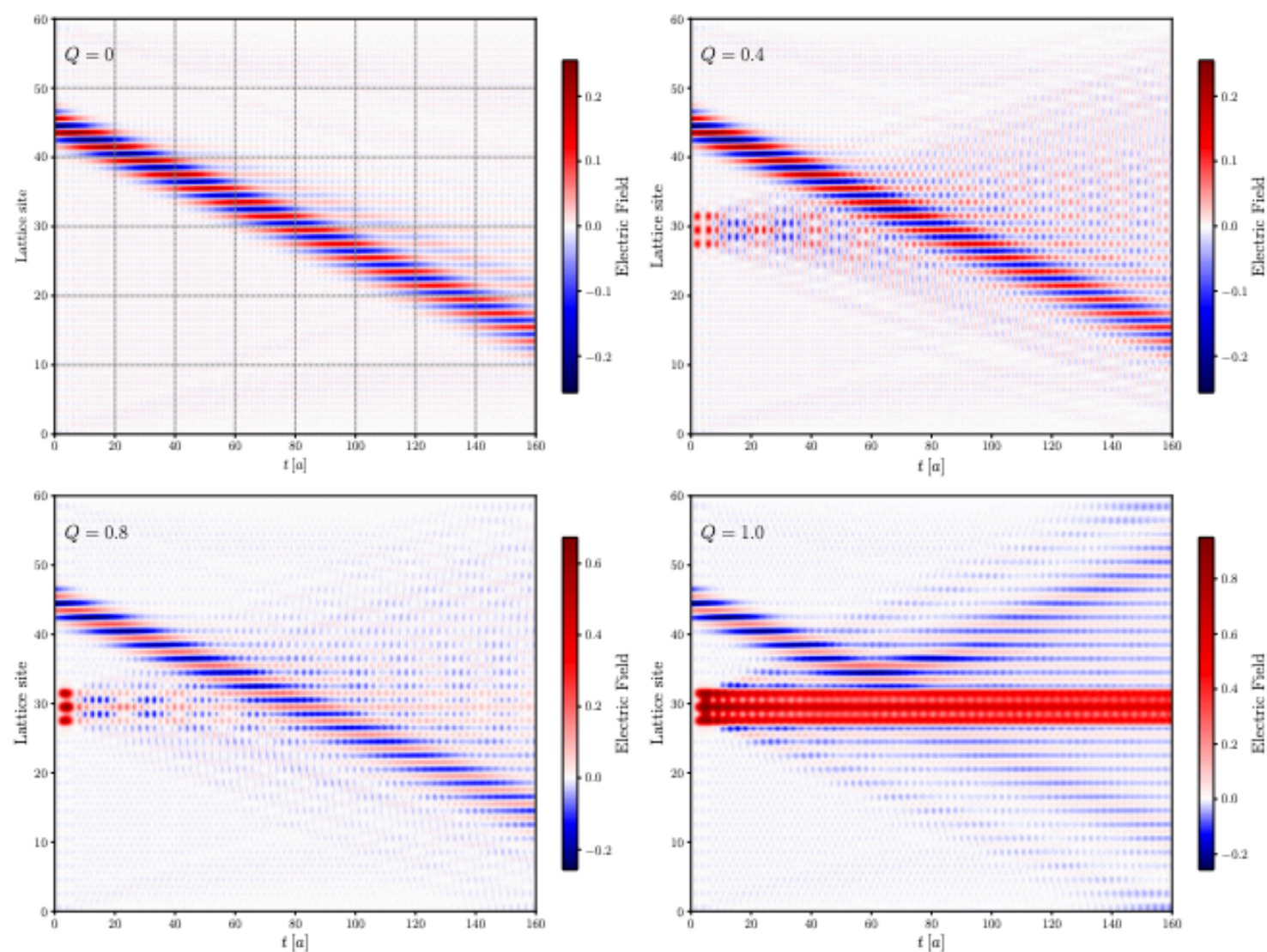
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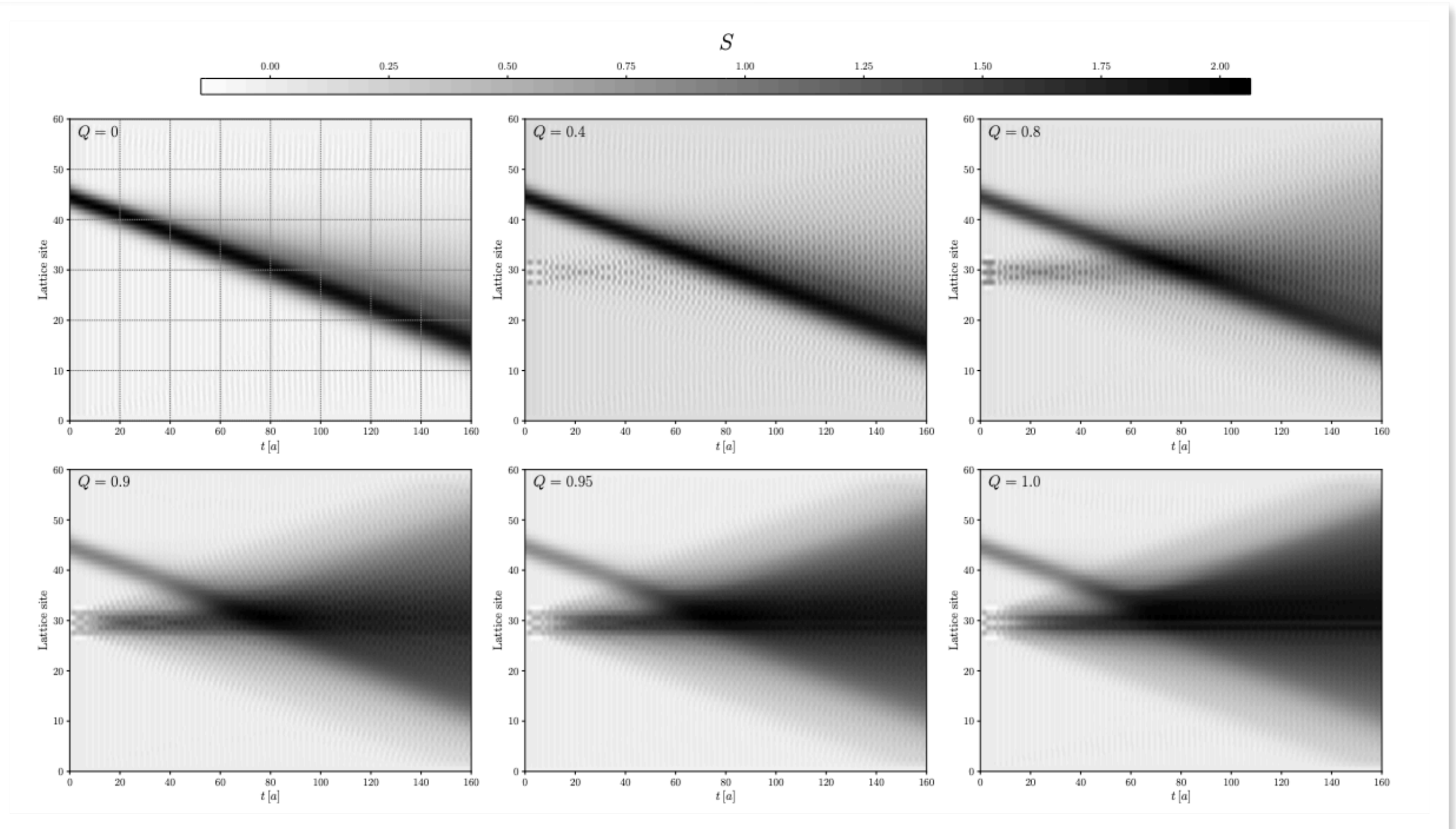
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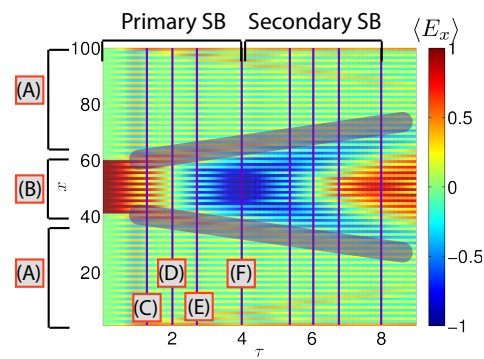


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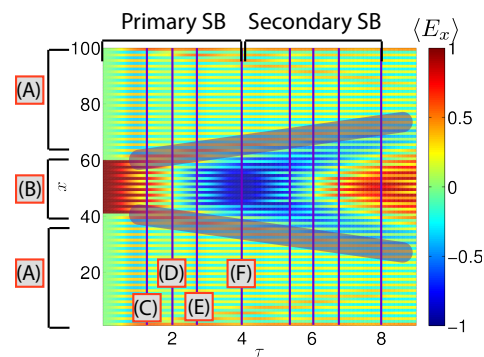


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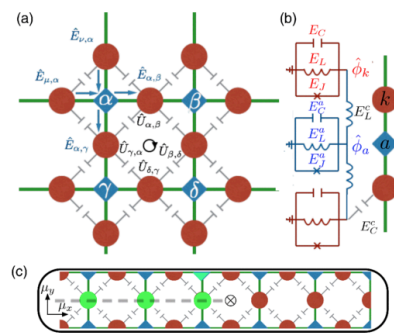
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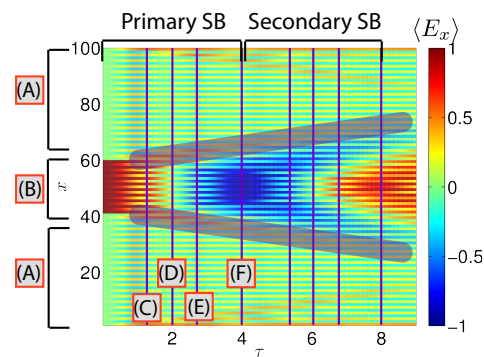
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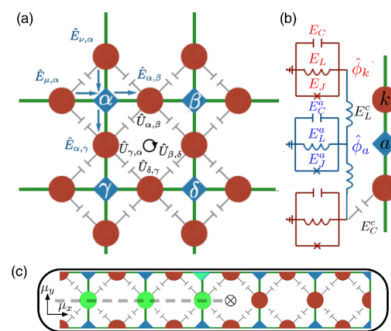
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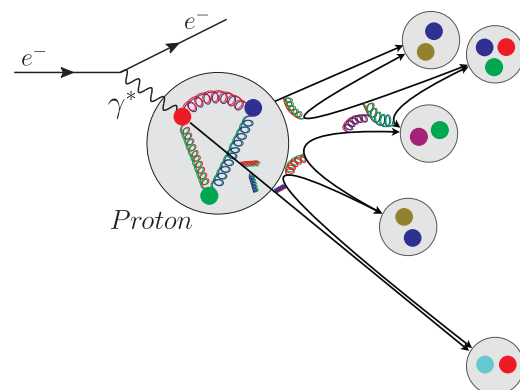
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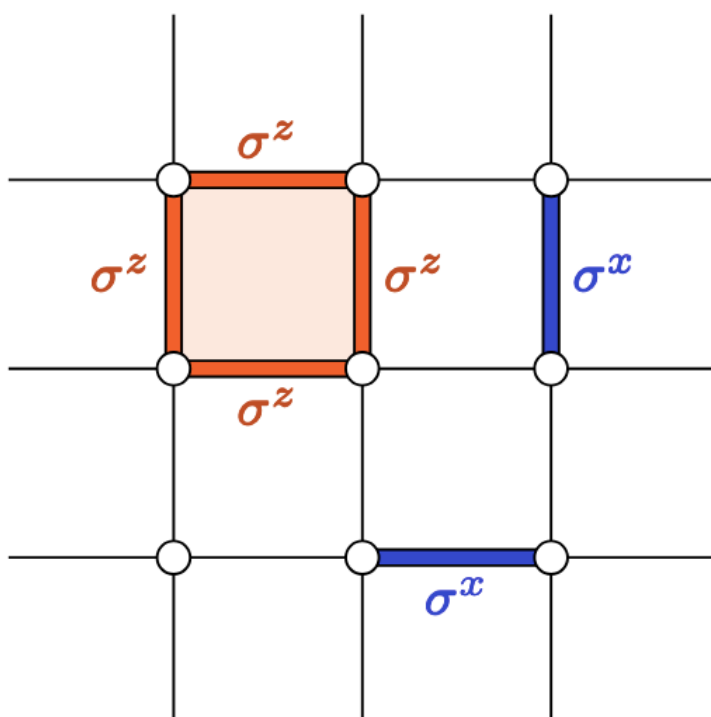
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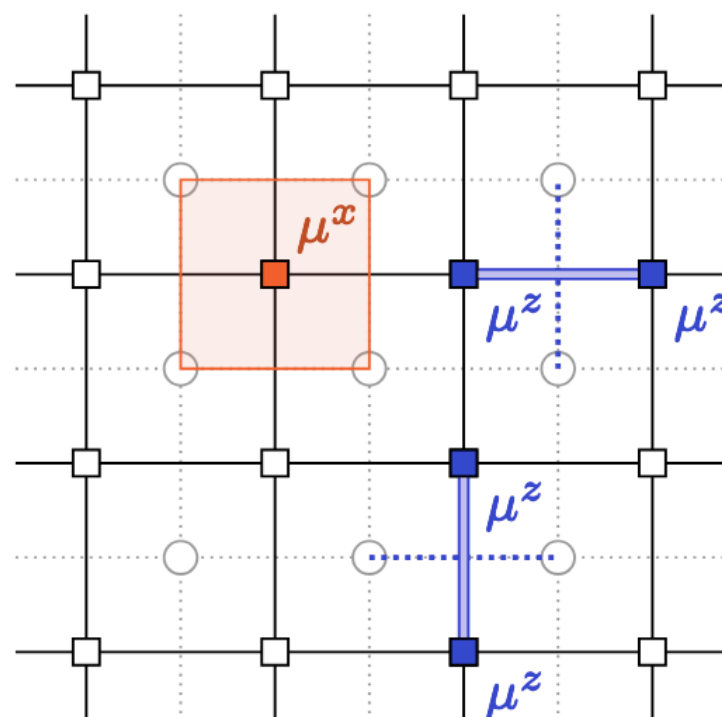
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direct lattice

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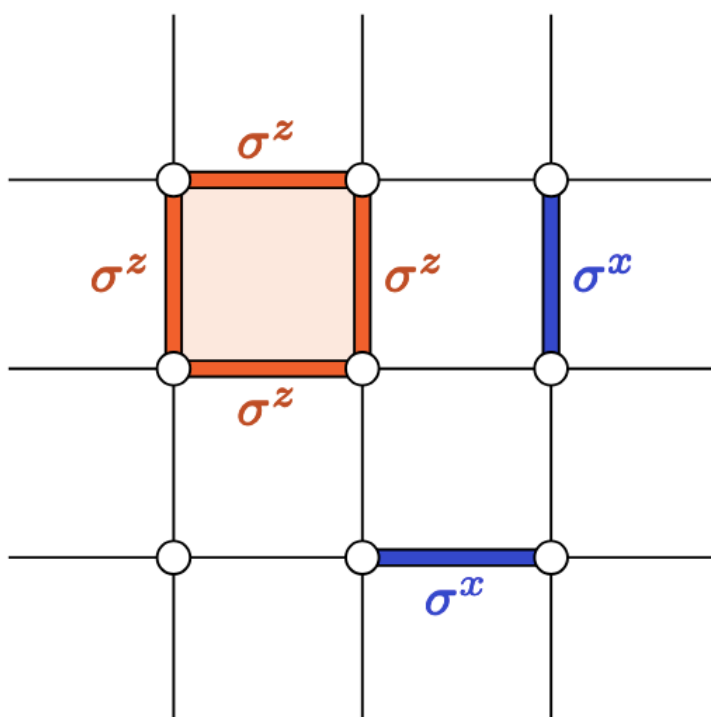
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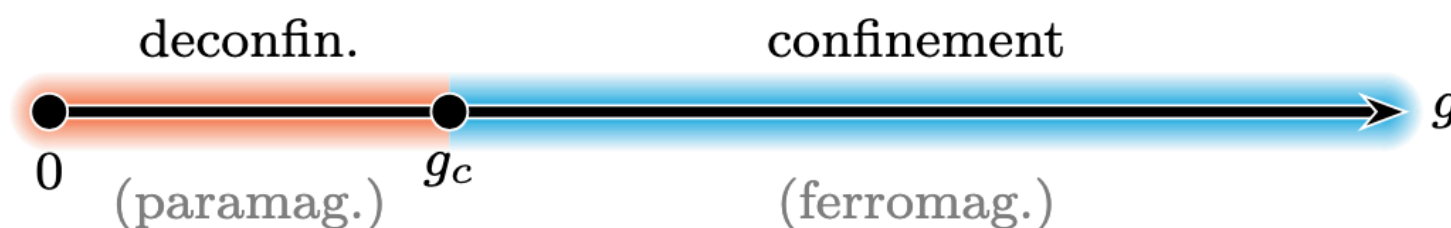
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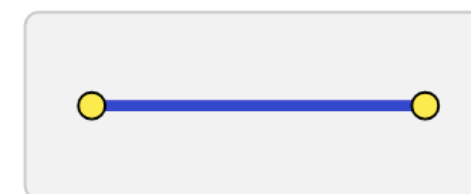
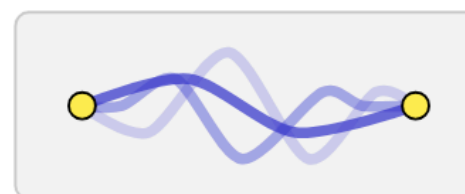
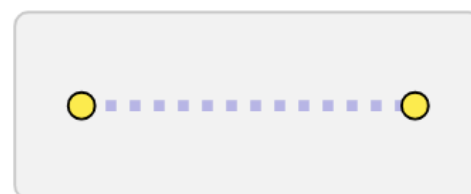


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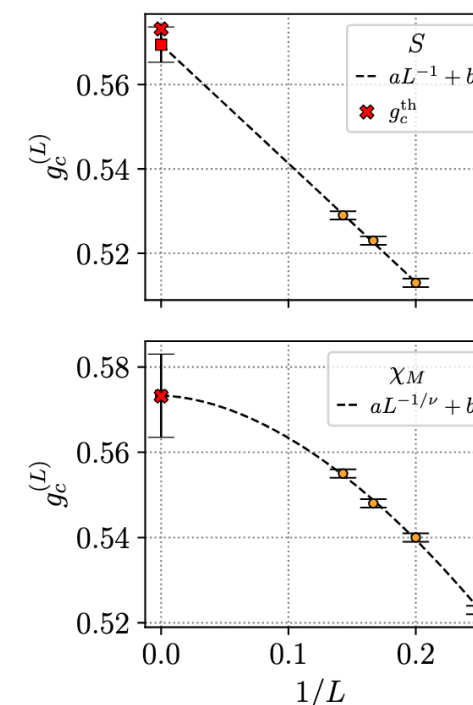
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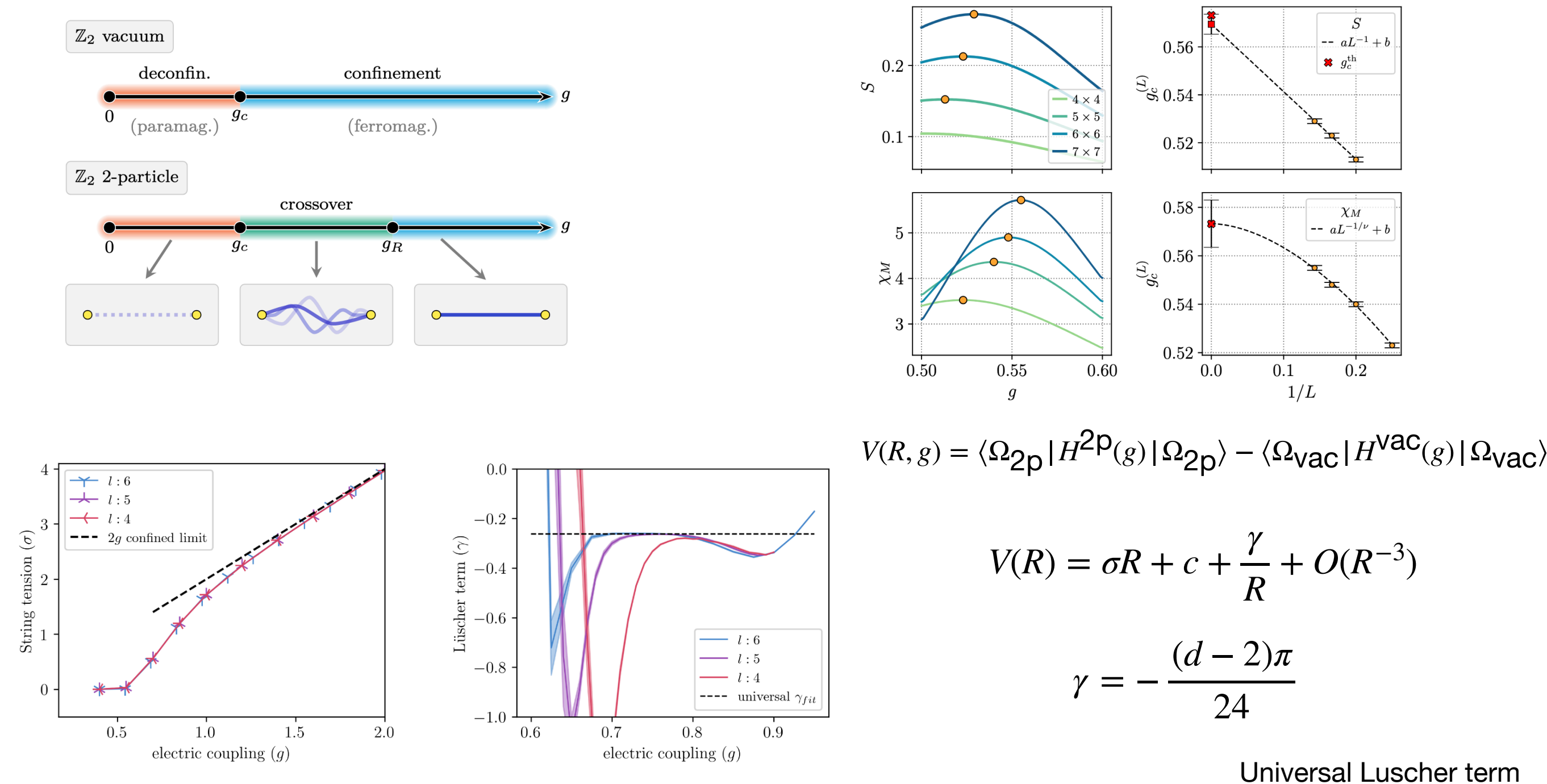


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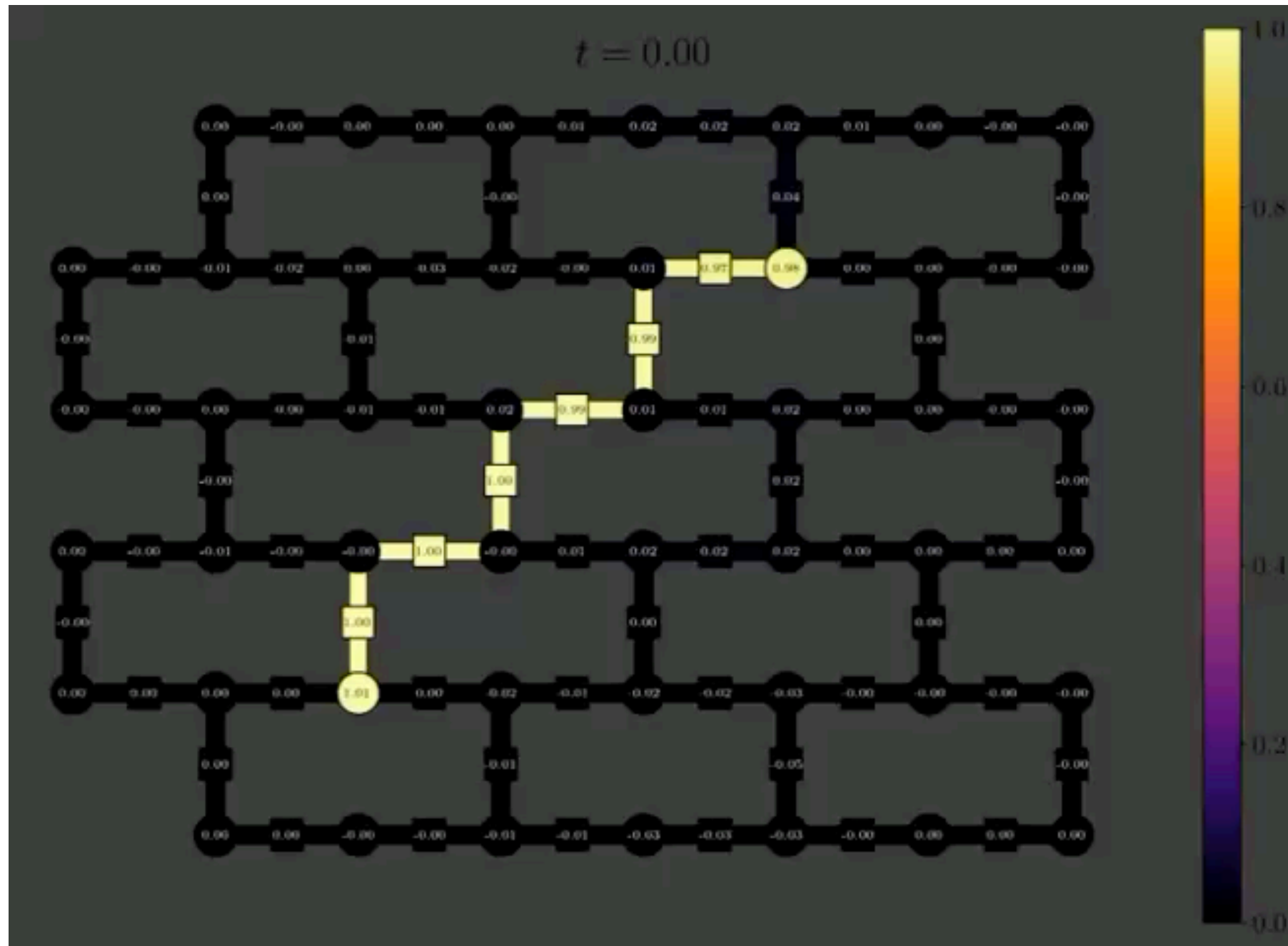
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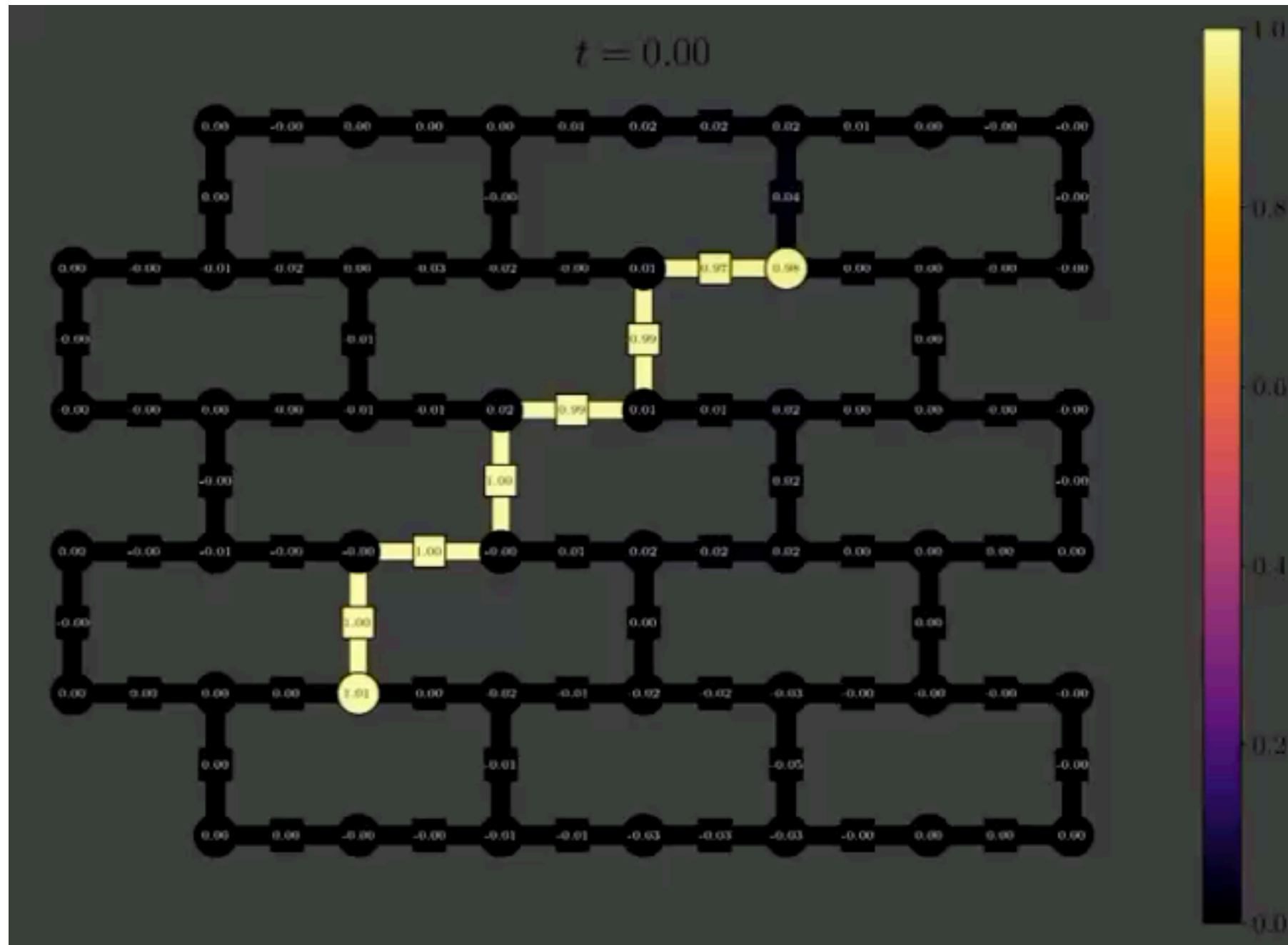


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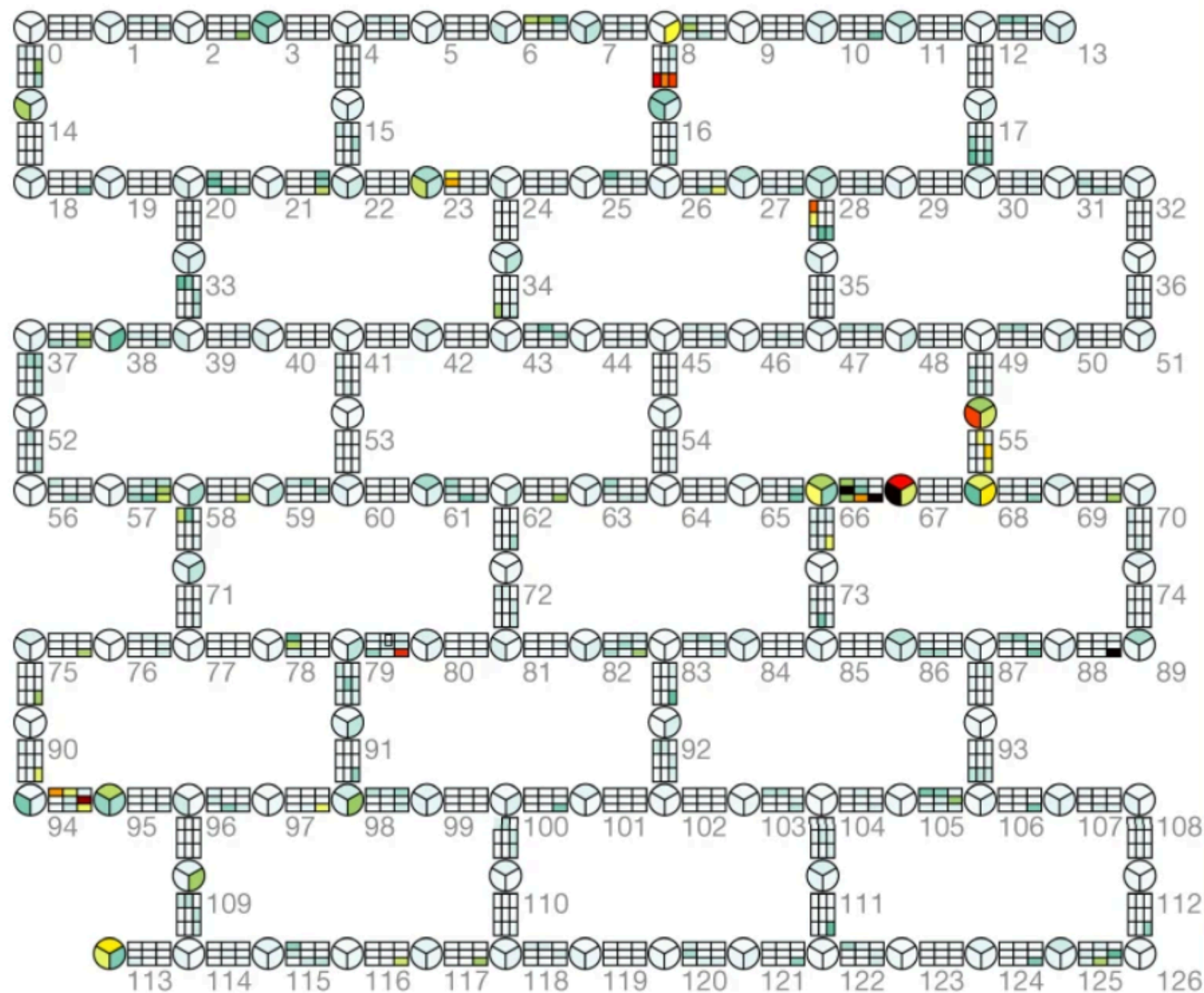
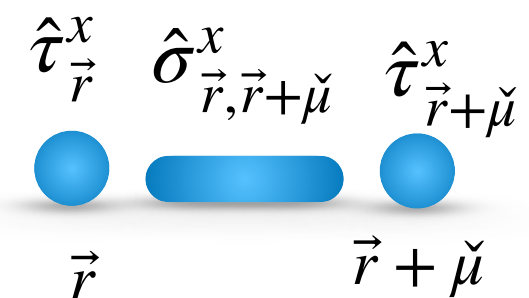


Diagram illustrating a two-site system. Two blue spheres represent sites at positions $\vec{r}$ and $\vec{r} + \vec{\mu}$. A blue cylinder connects them, representing the hopping process. Above the spheres are the operators $\hat{\tau}_{\vec{r}}^x$ and $\hat{\tau}_{\vec{r}+\vec{\mu}}^x$. Above the cylinder is the operator $\hat{\sigma}_{\vec{r}, \vec{r}+\vec{\mu}}^x$.

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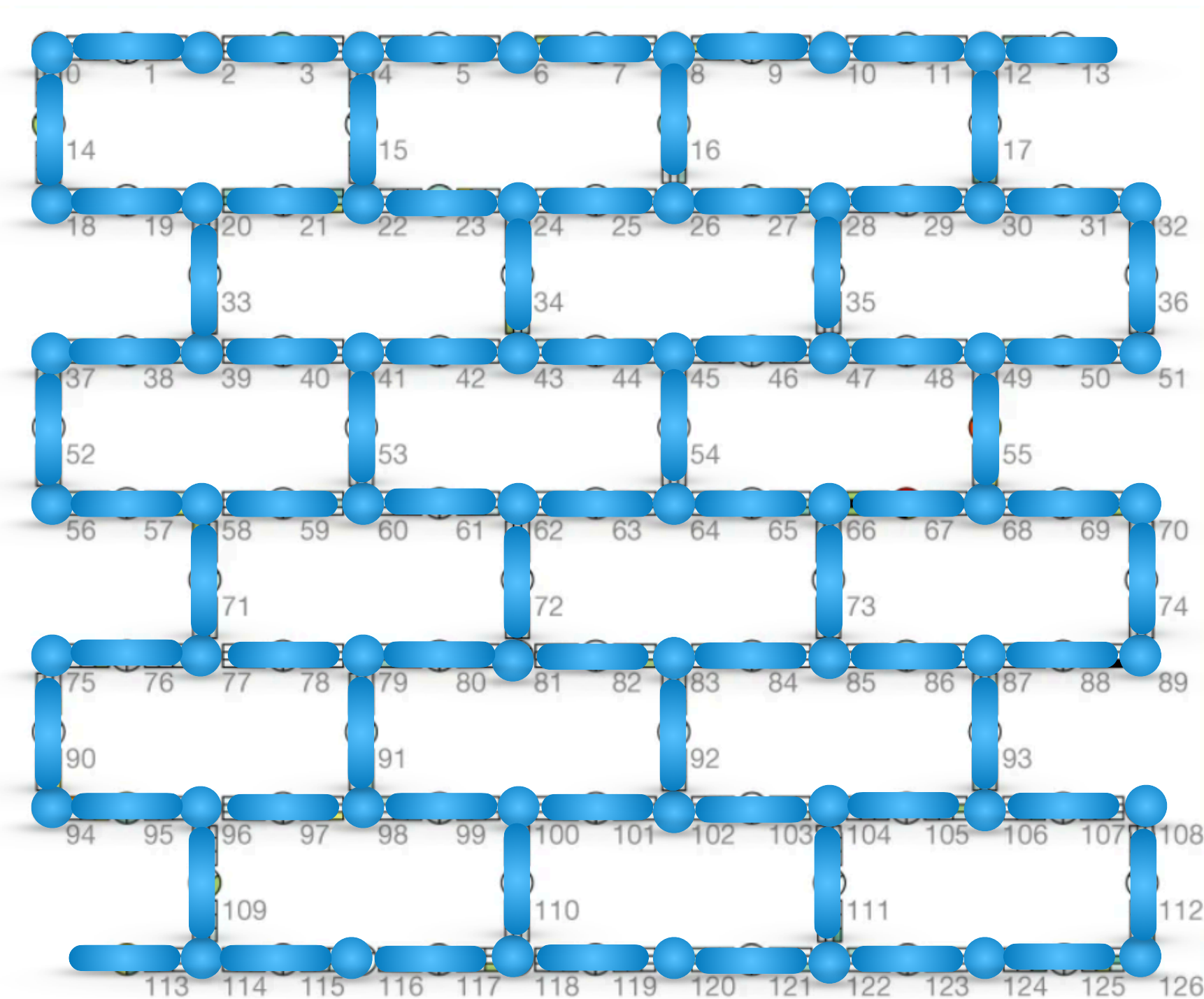
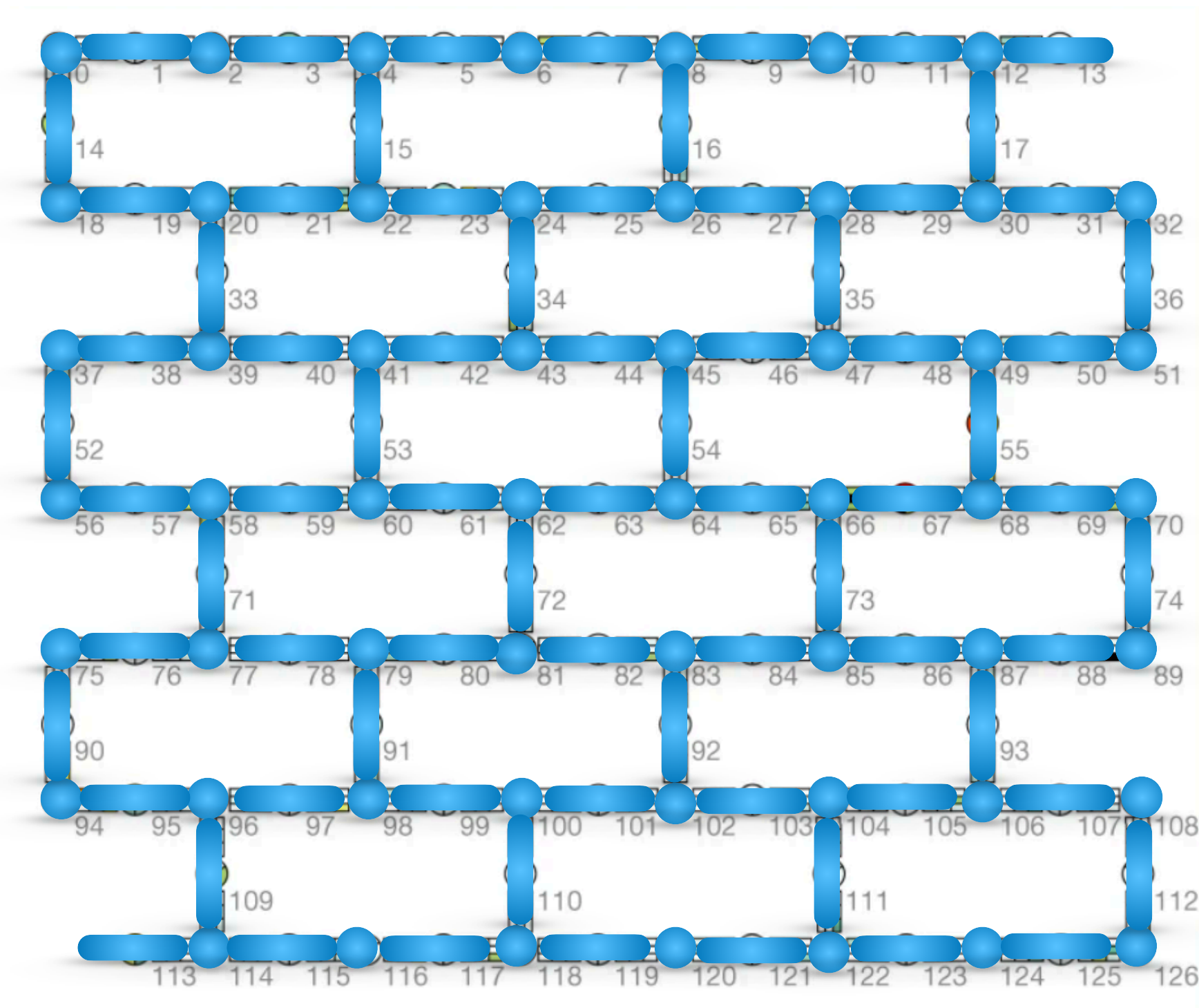


Diagram illustrating a 1D chain with two sites. The left site is labeled with vector $\vec{r}$ and has a blue sphere. The right site is labeled with vector $\vec{r} + \vec{\mu}$ and has a blue sphere. A blue cylinder connects the two sites. Above the left sphere is the symbol $\hat{\tau}_{\vec{r}}^x$. Above the cylinder is the symbol $\hat{\sigma}_{\vec{r}, \vec{r} + \vec{\mu}}^x$. Above the right sphere is the symbol $\hat{\tau}_{\vec{r} + \vec{\mu}}^x$.



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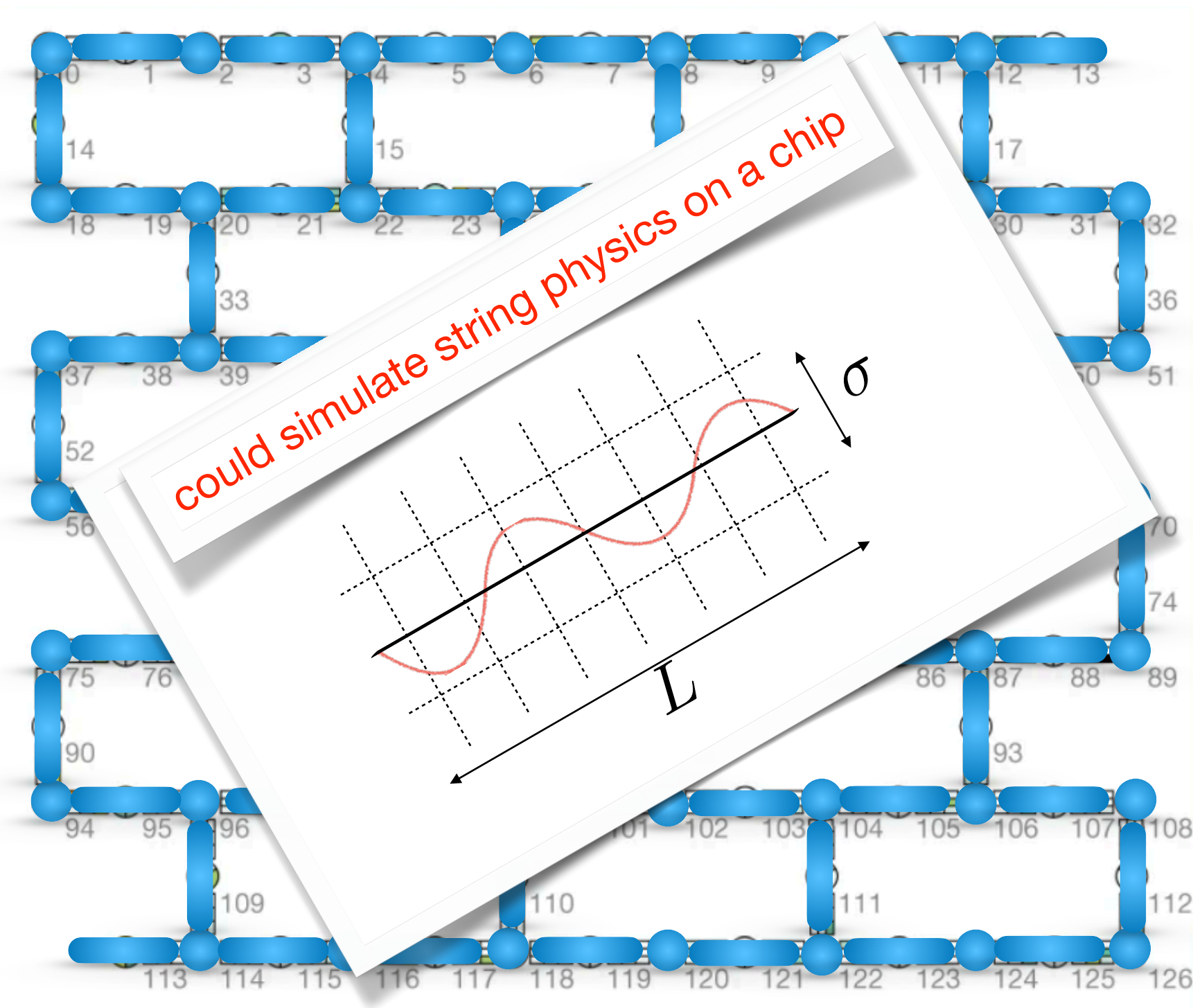
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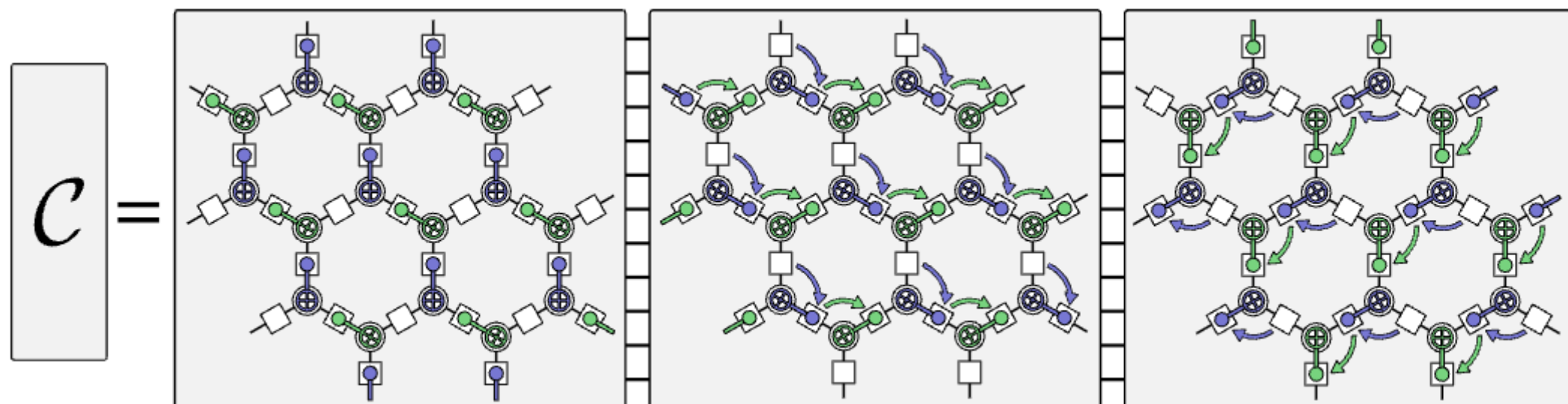
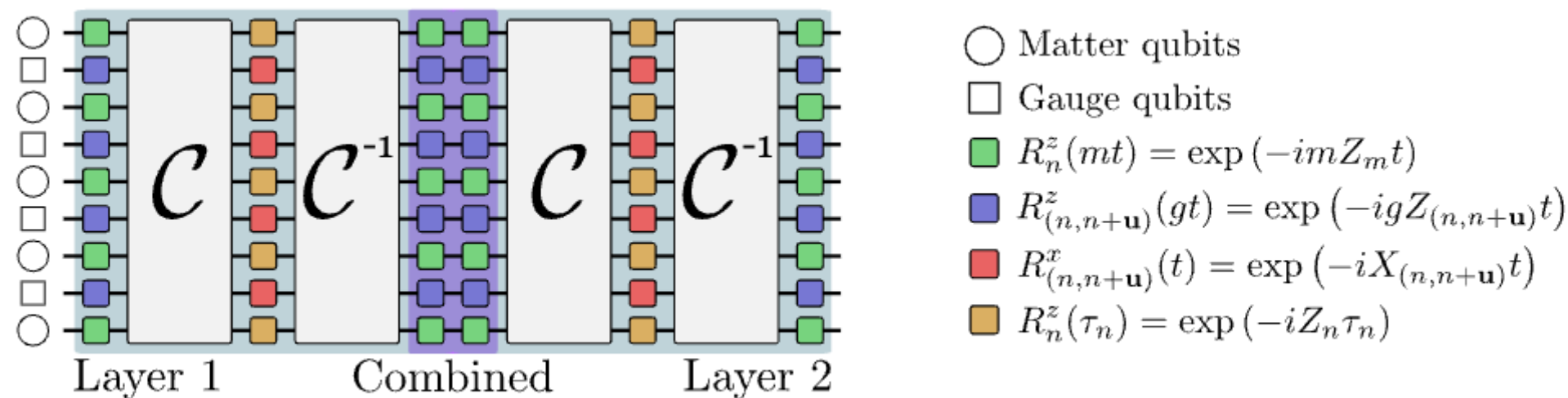
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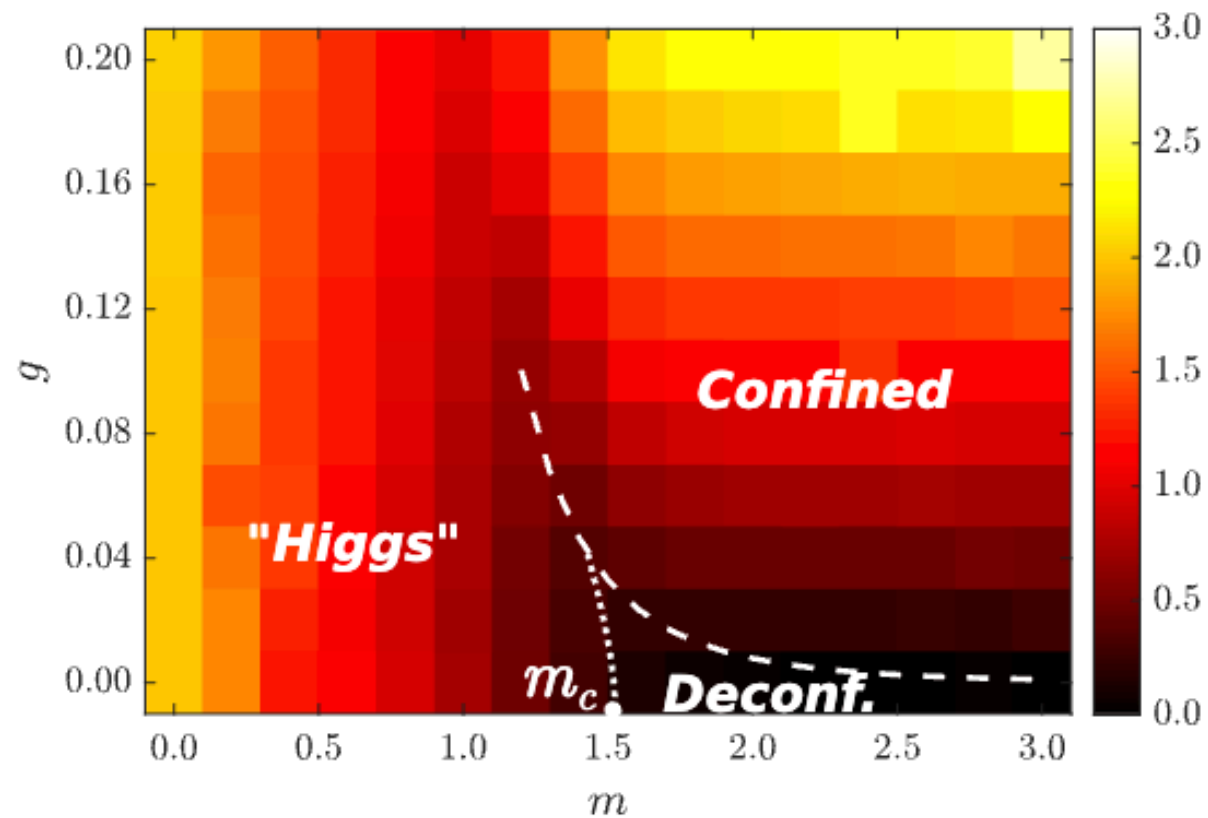
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Goal: Simulate time dynamics using 2nd order Trotter circuits



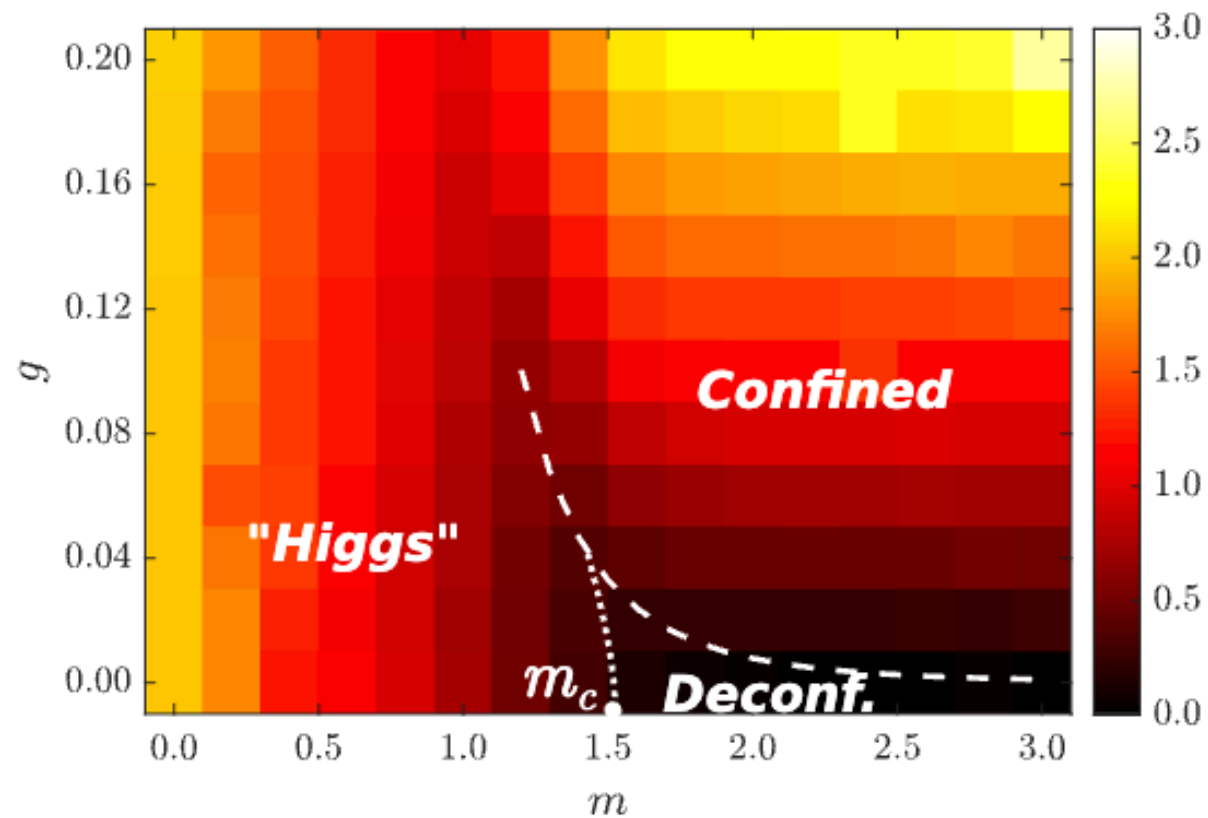
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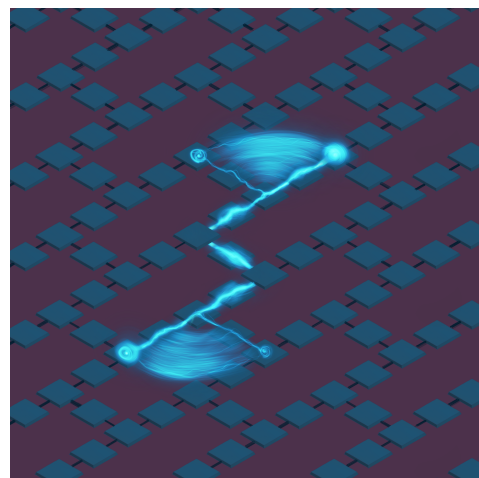


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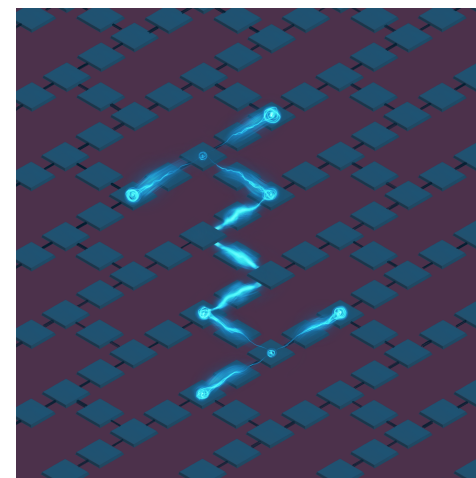
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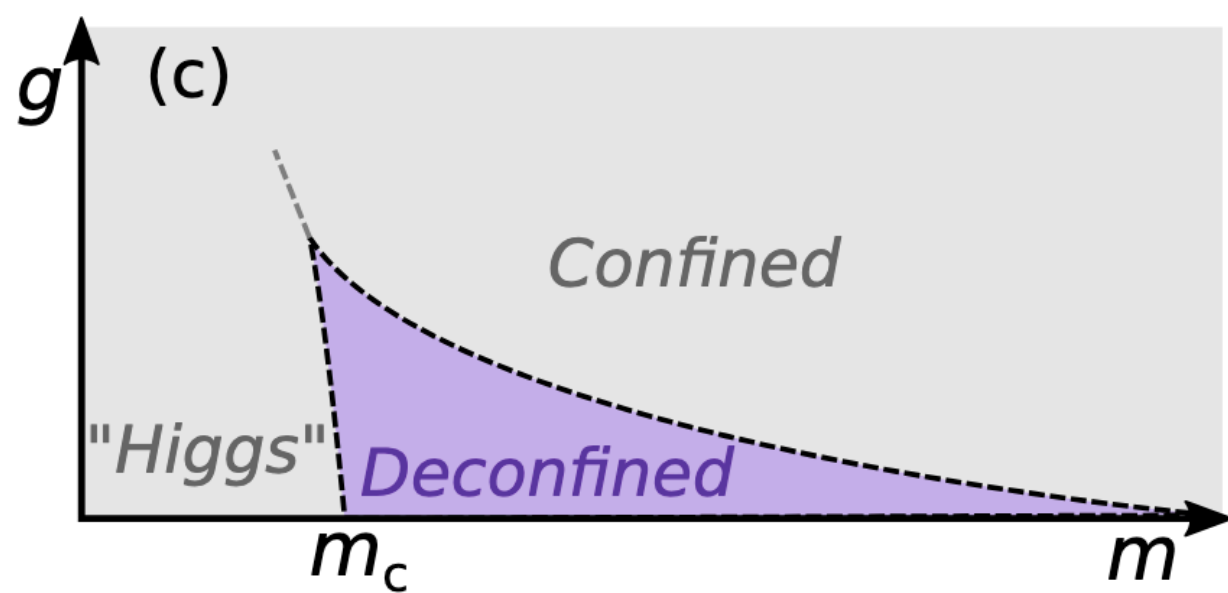
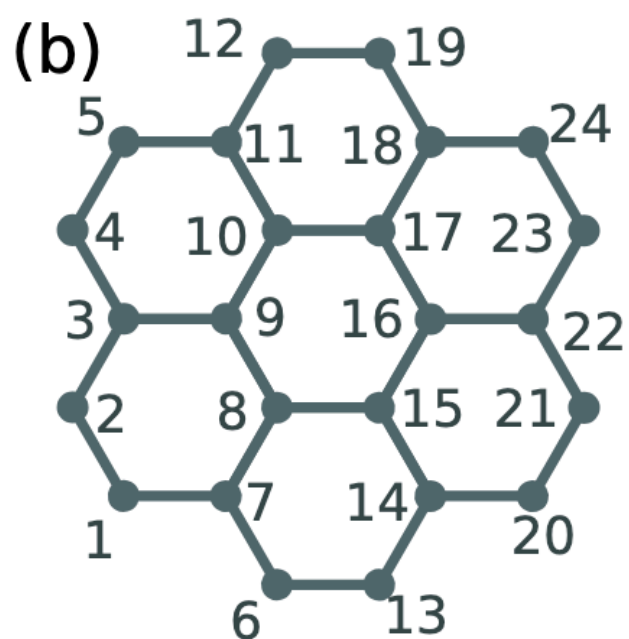


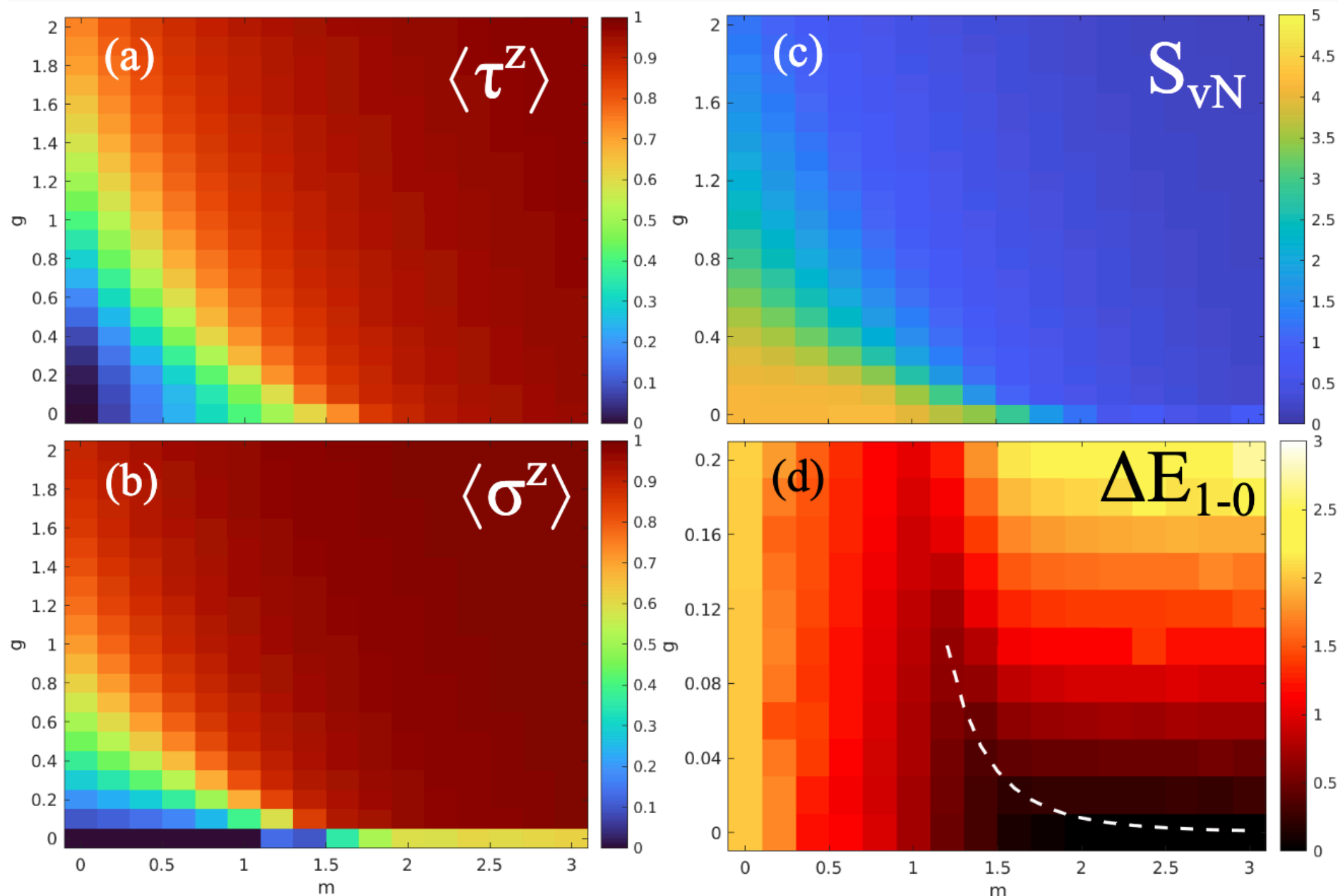
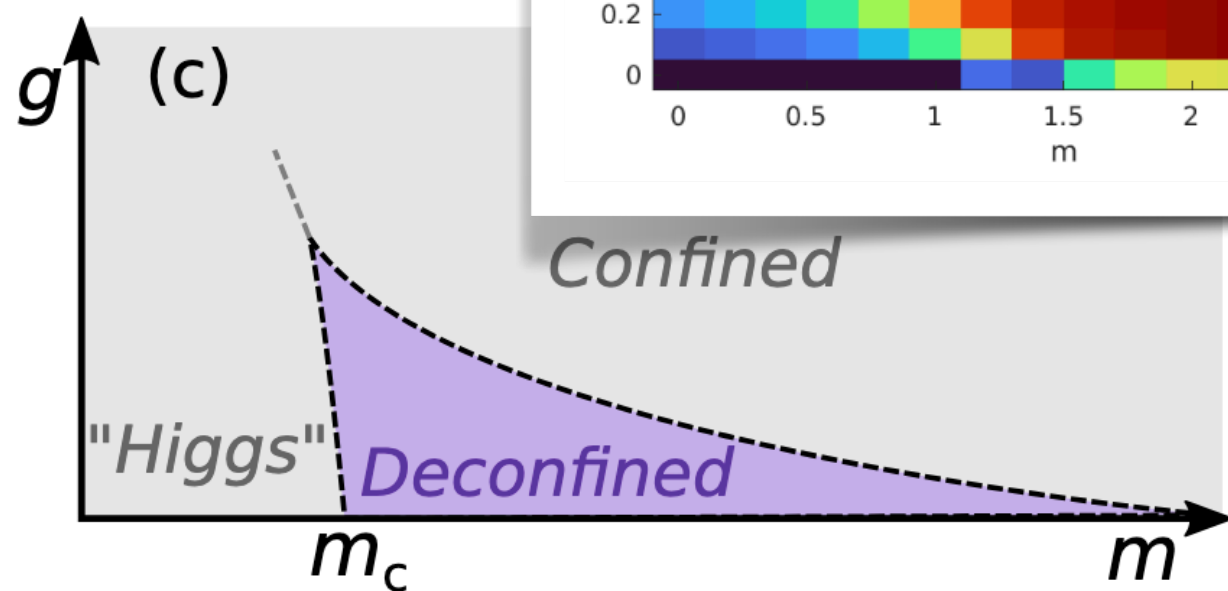
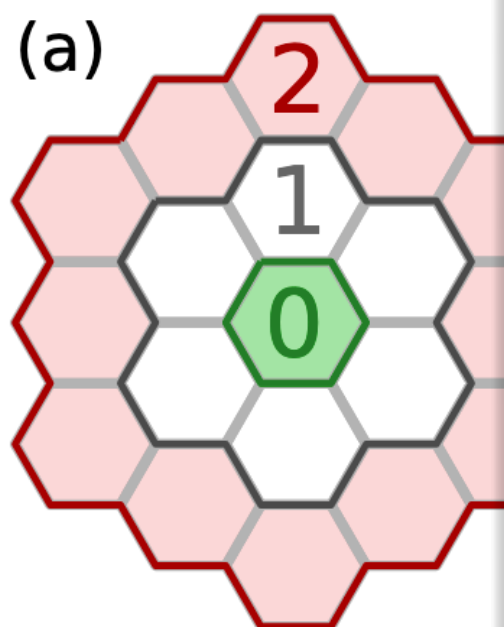
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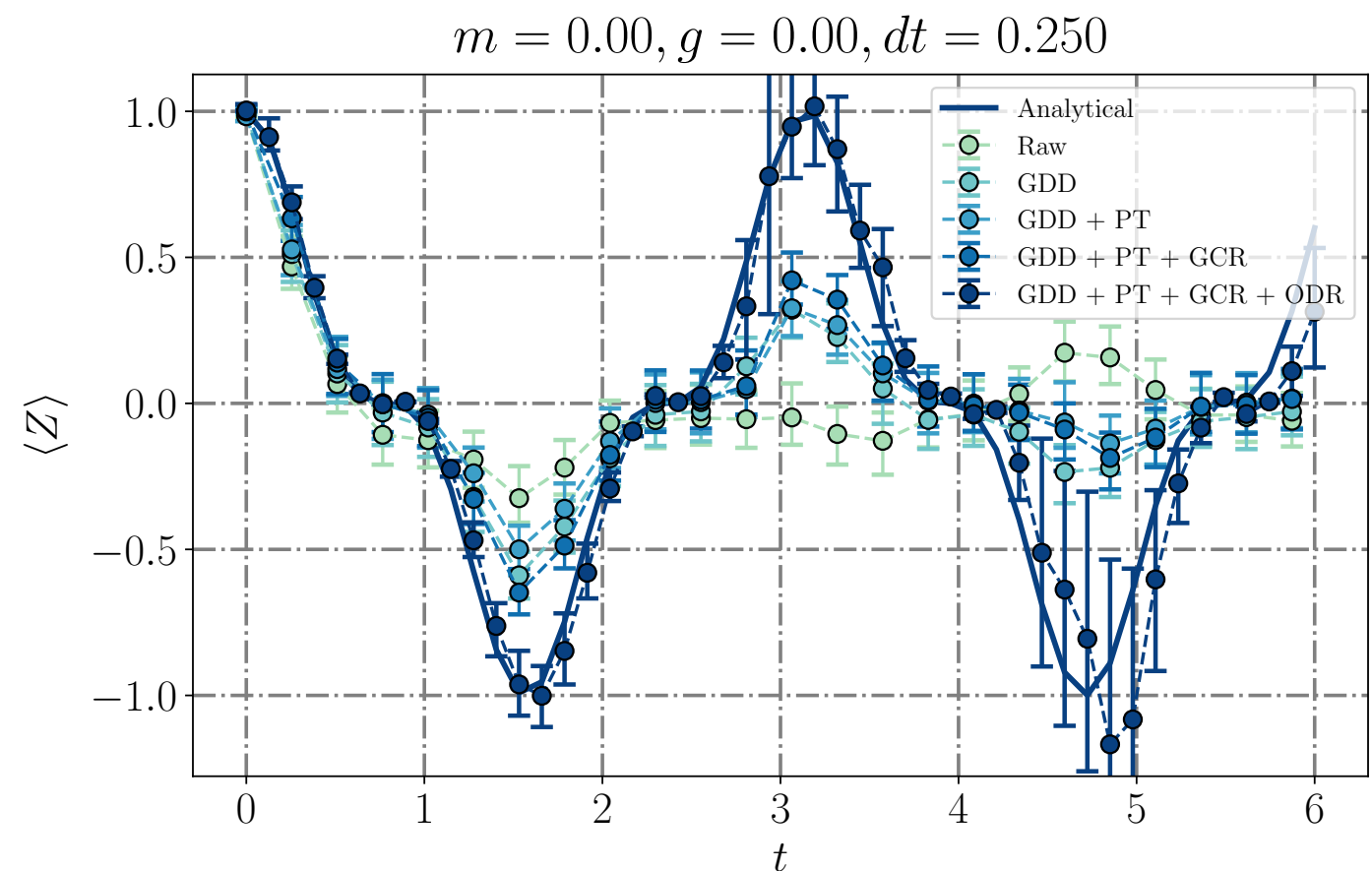
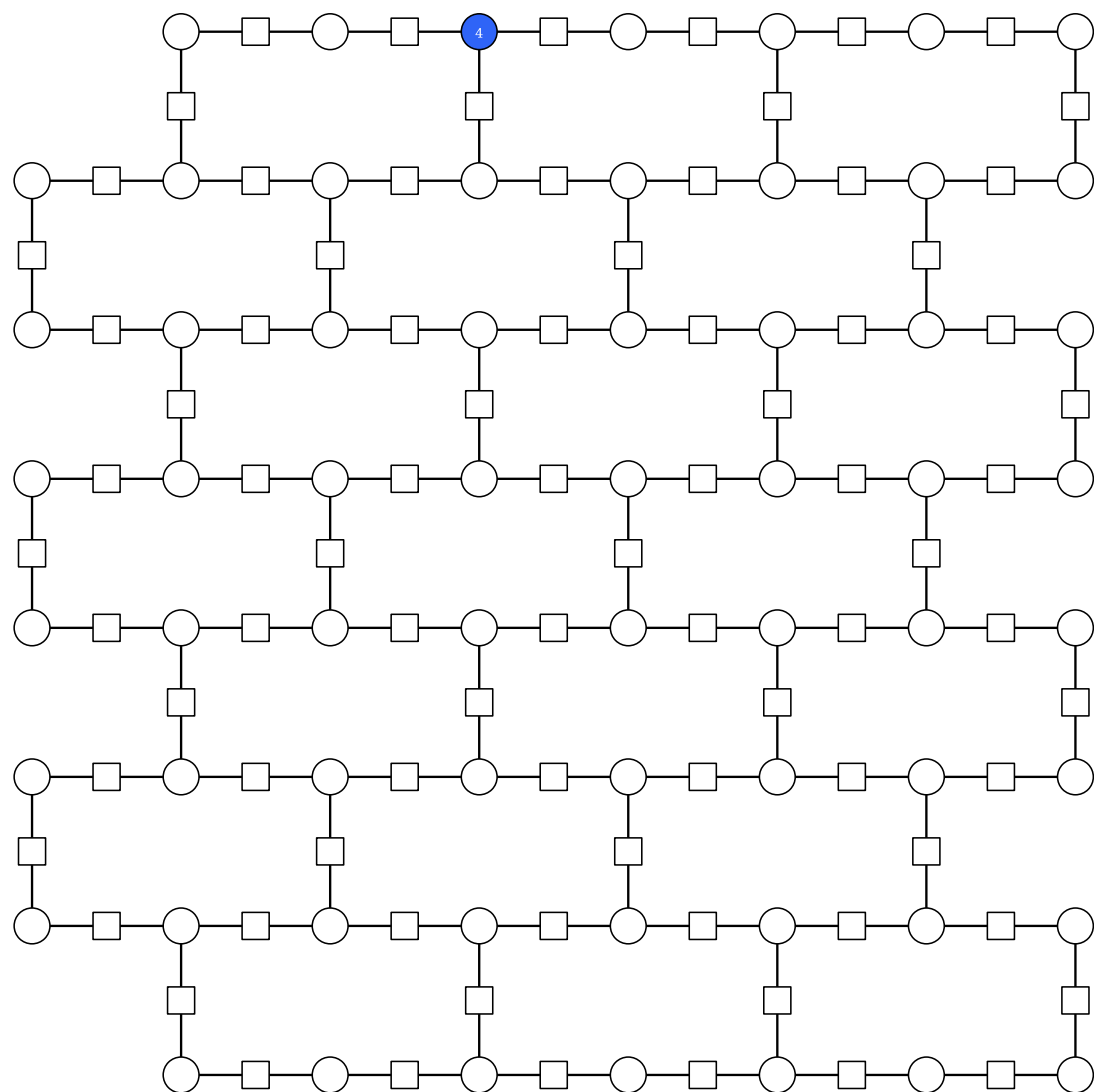


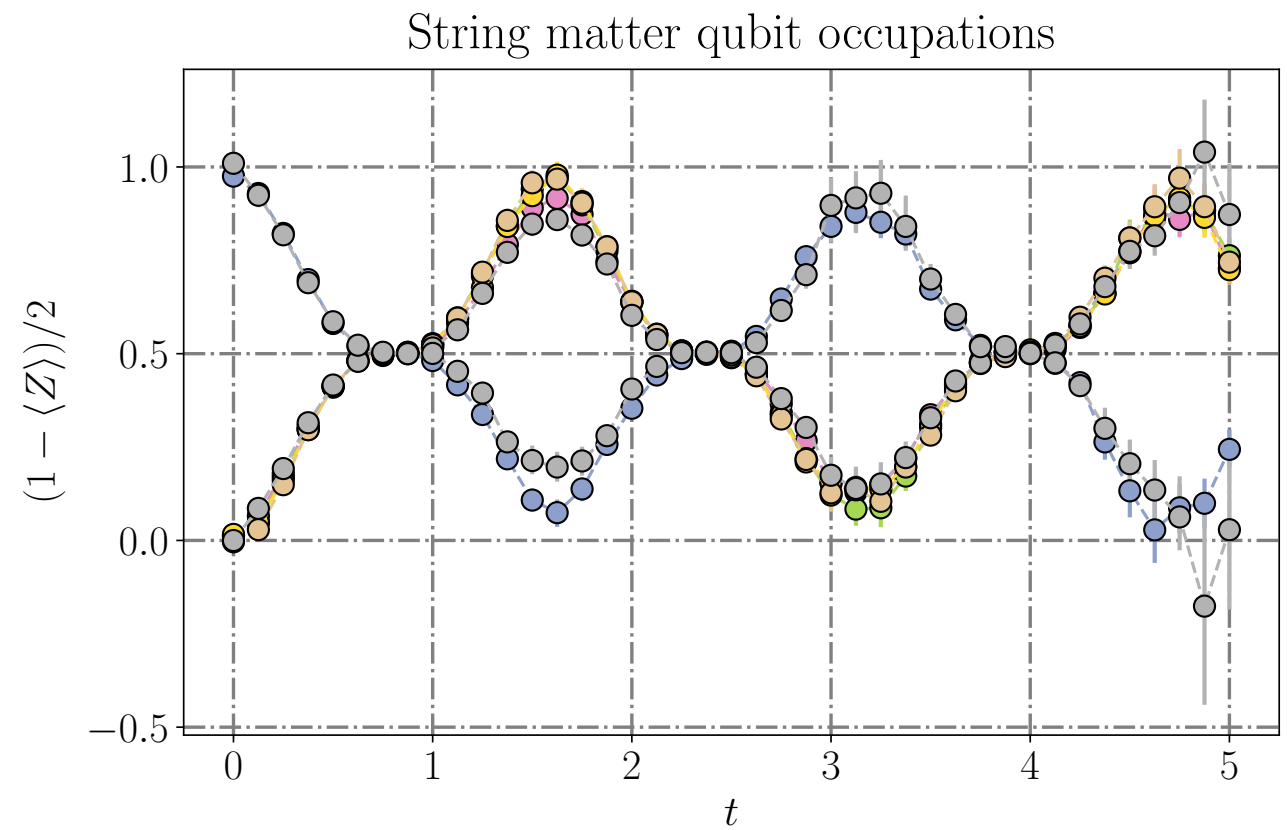
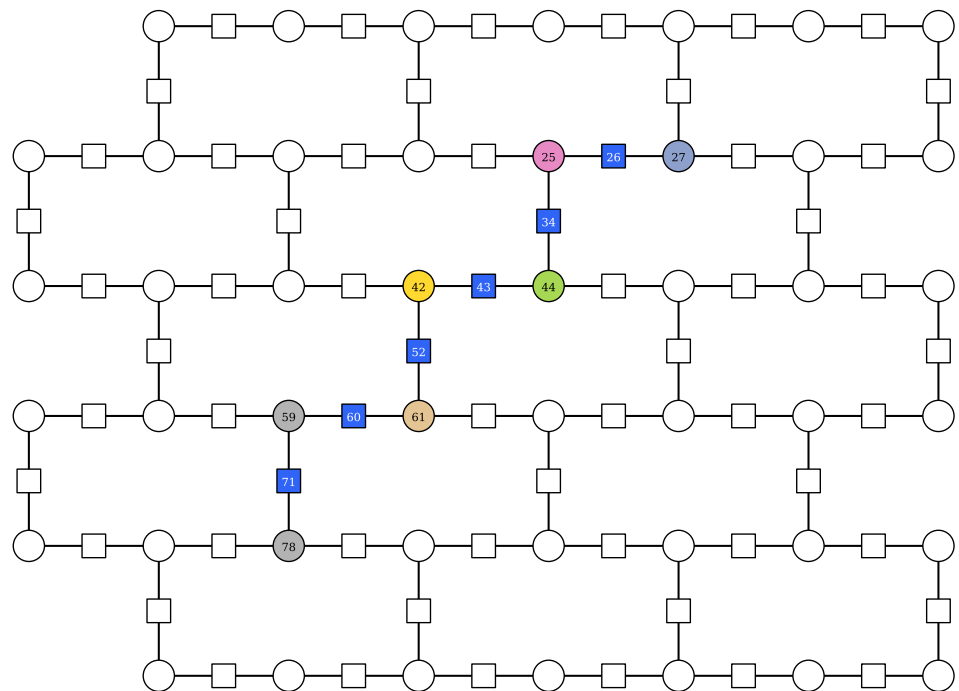


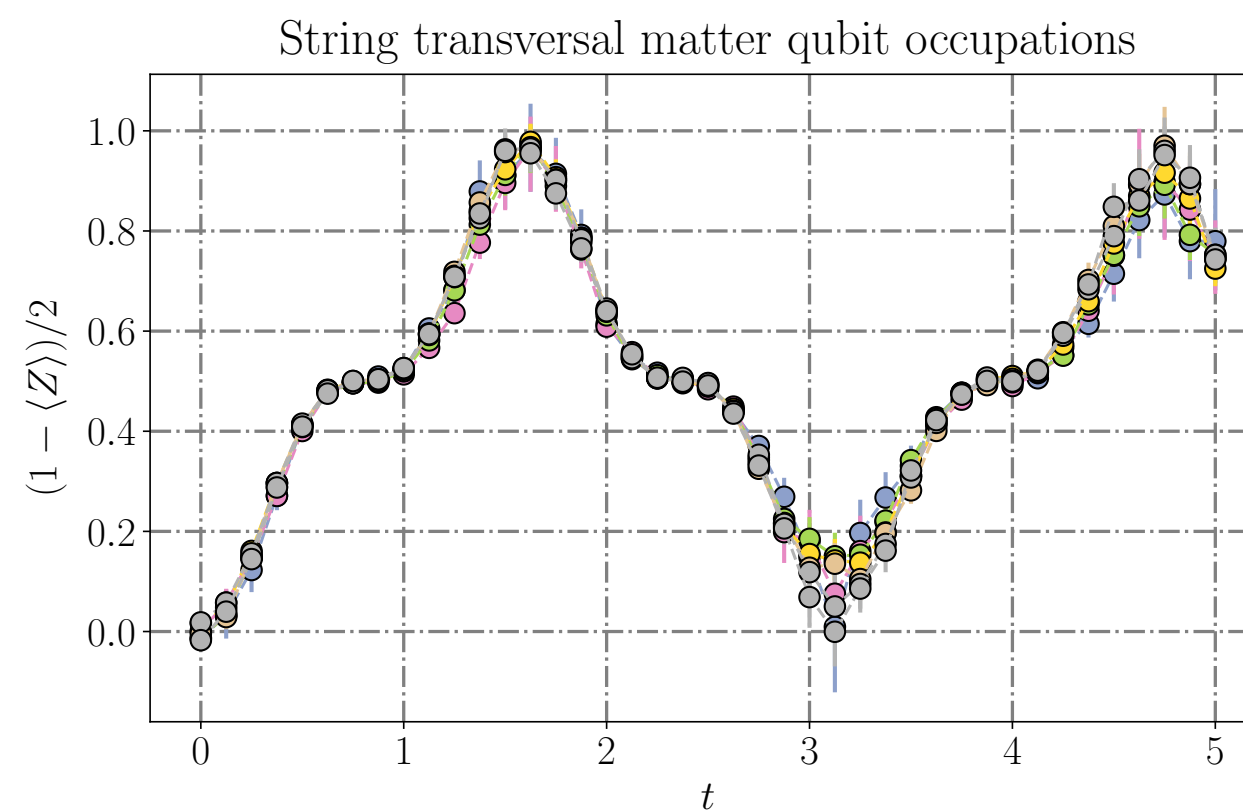
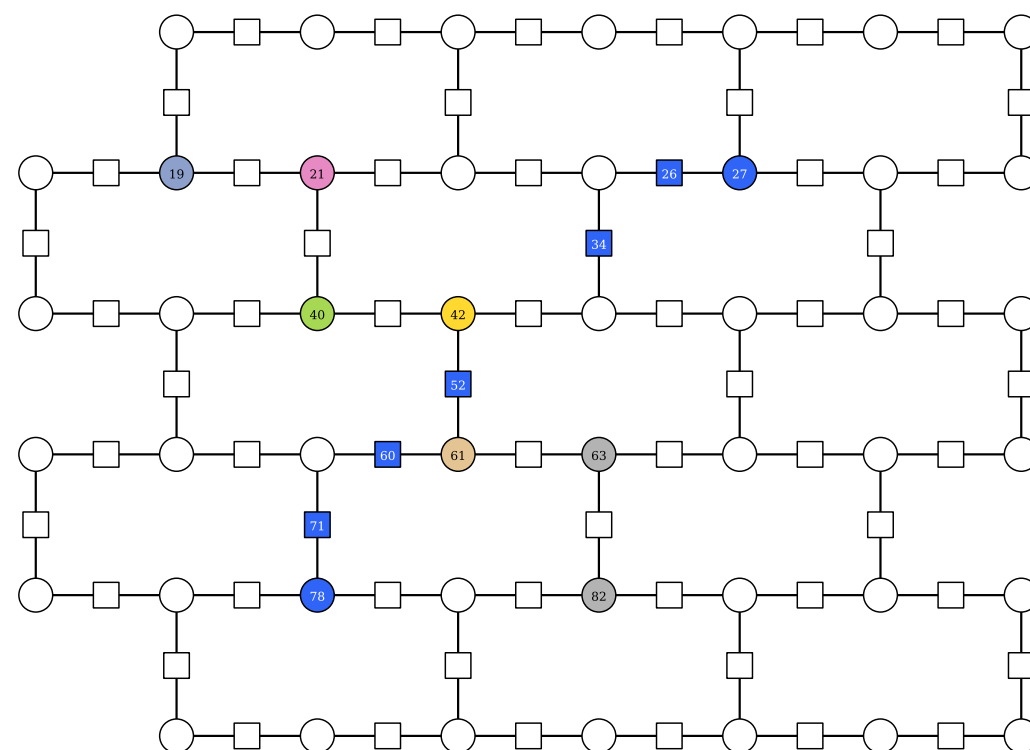
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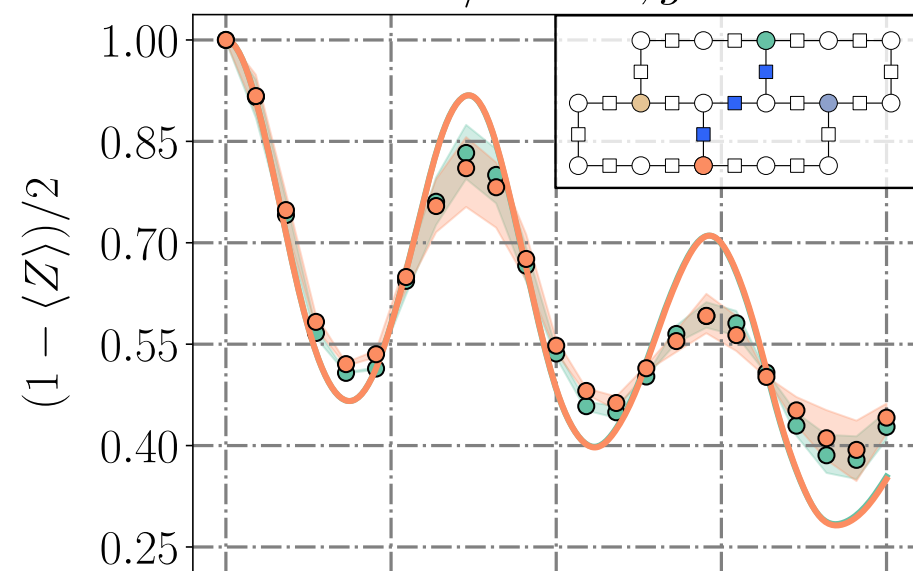






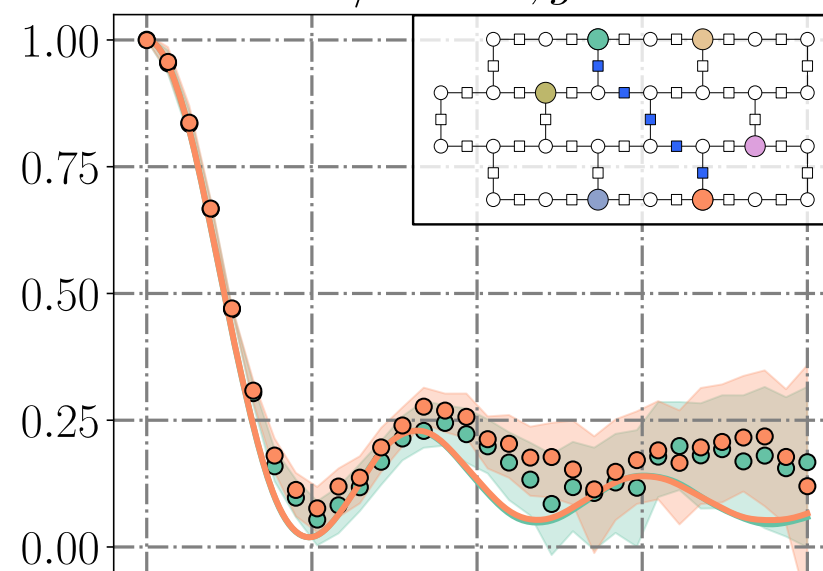
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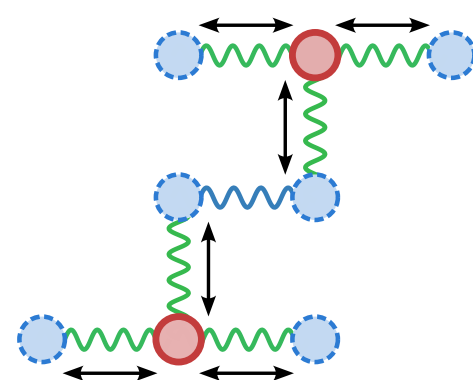
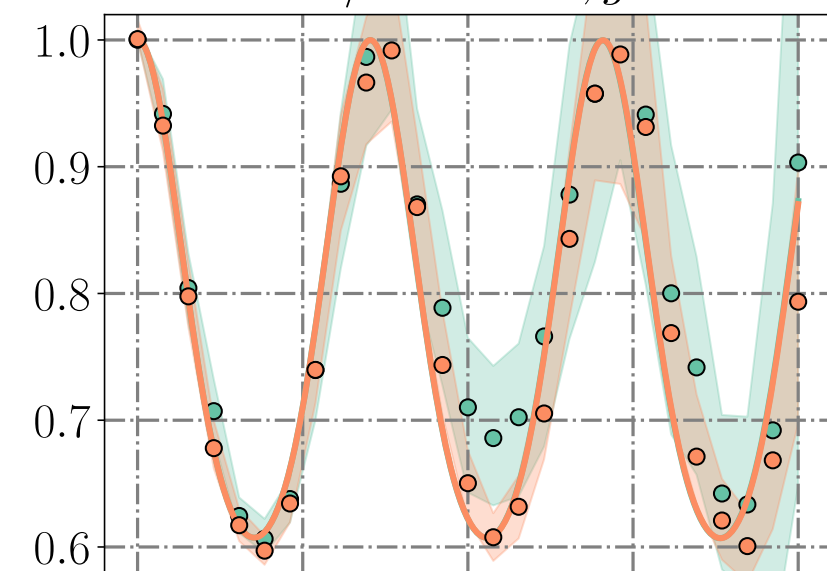
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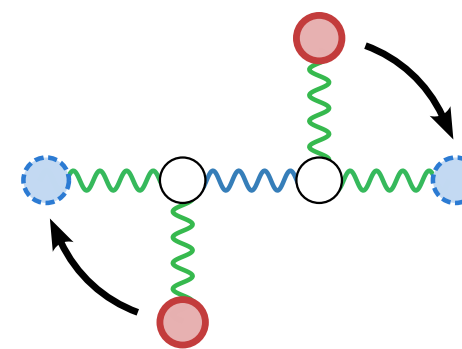


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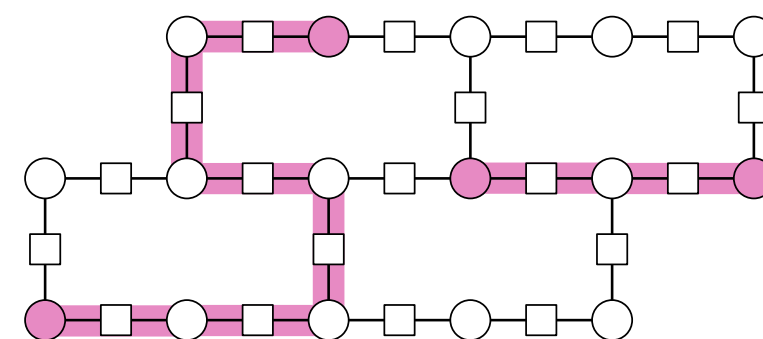
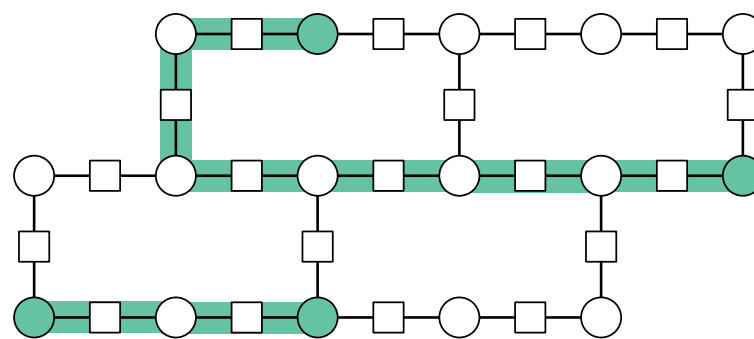
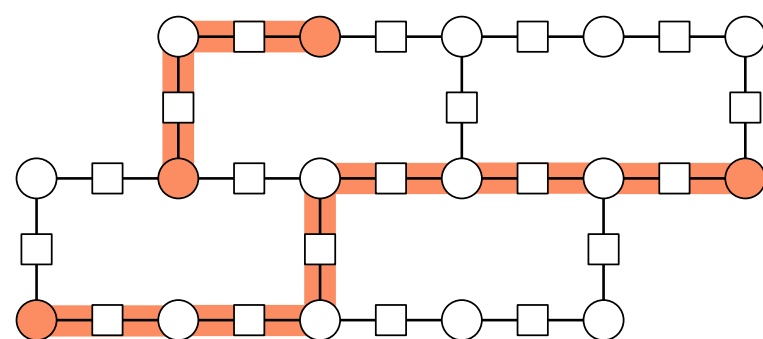
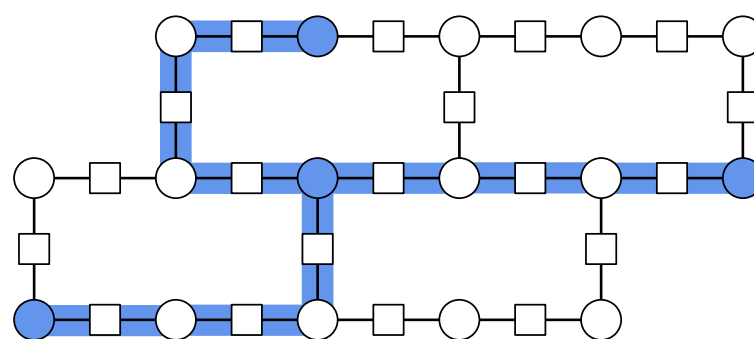
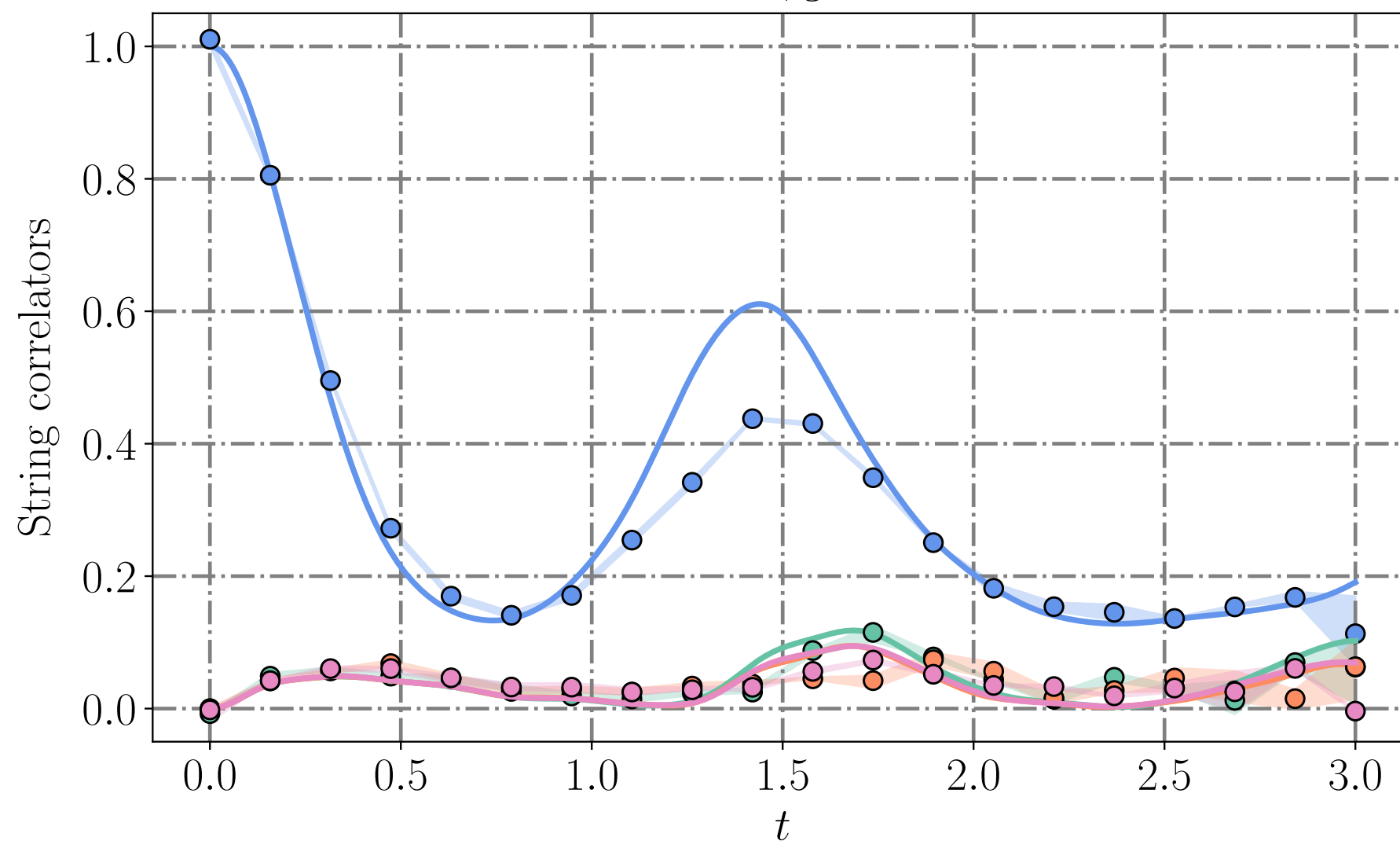


String dynamics:
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String dynamics:
bending mode

$$m = 5, g = 2$$



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