

Simulating molecular properties on a quantum computer

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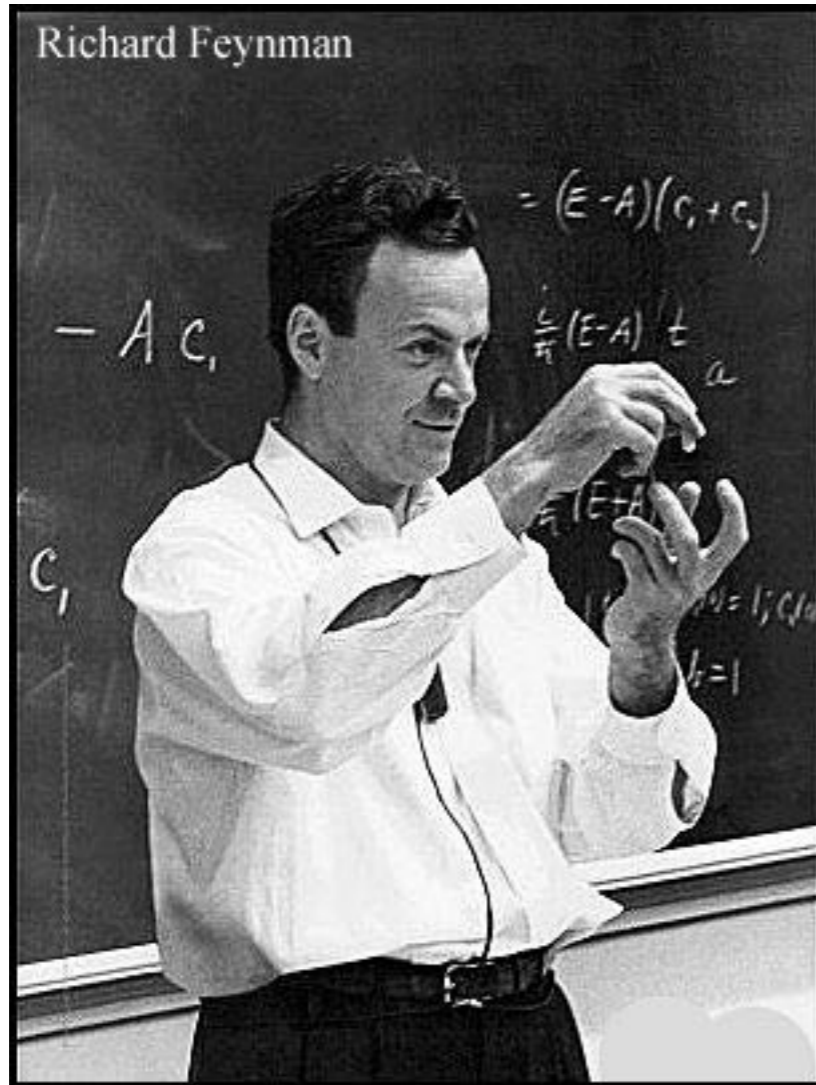
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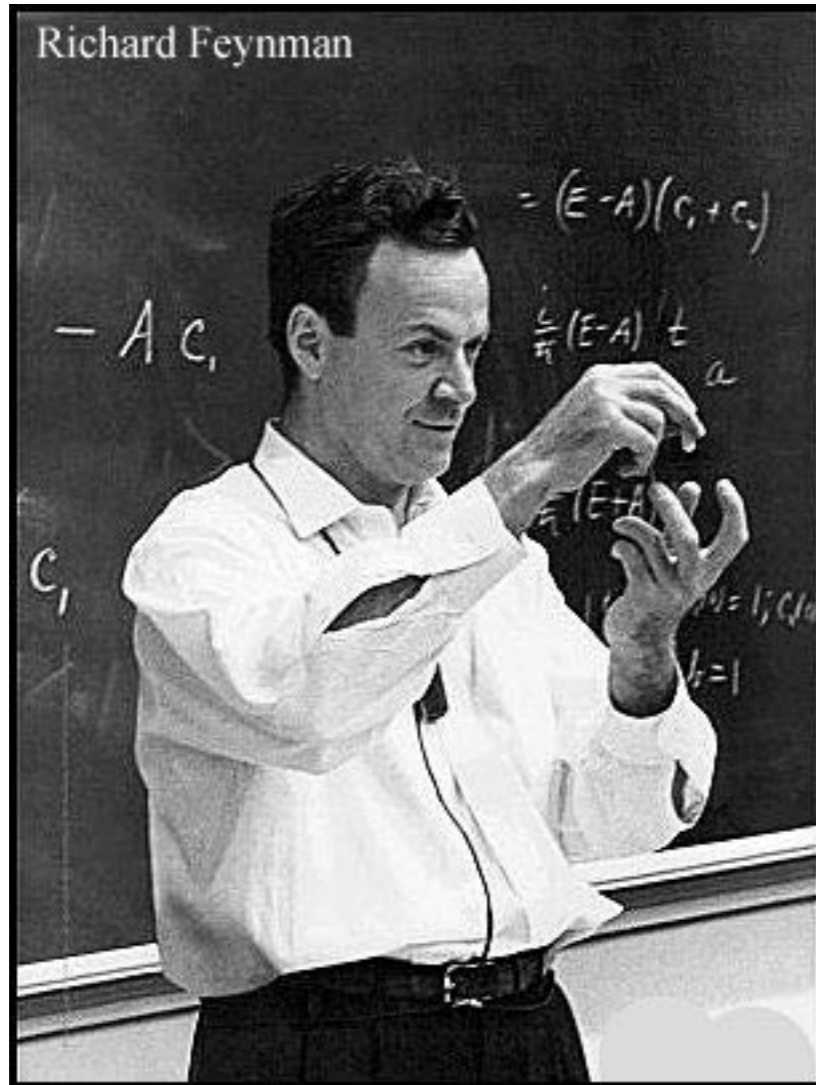
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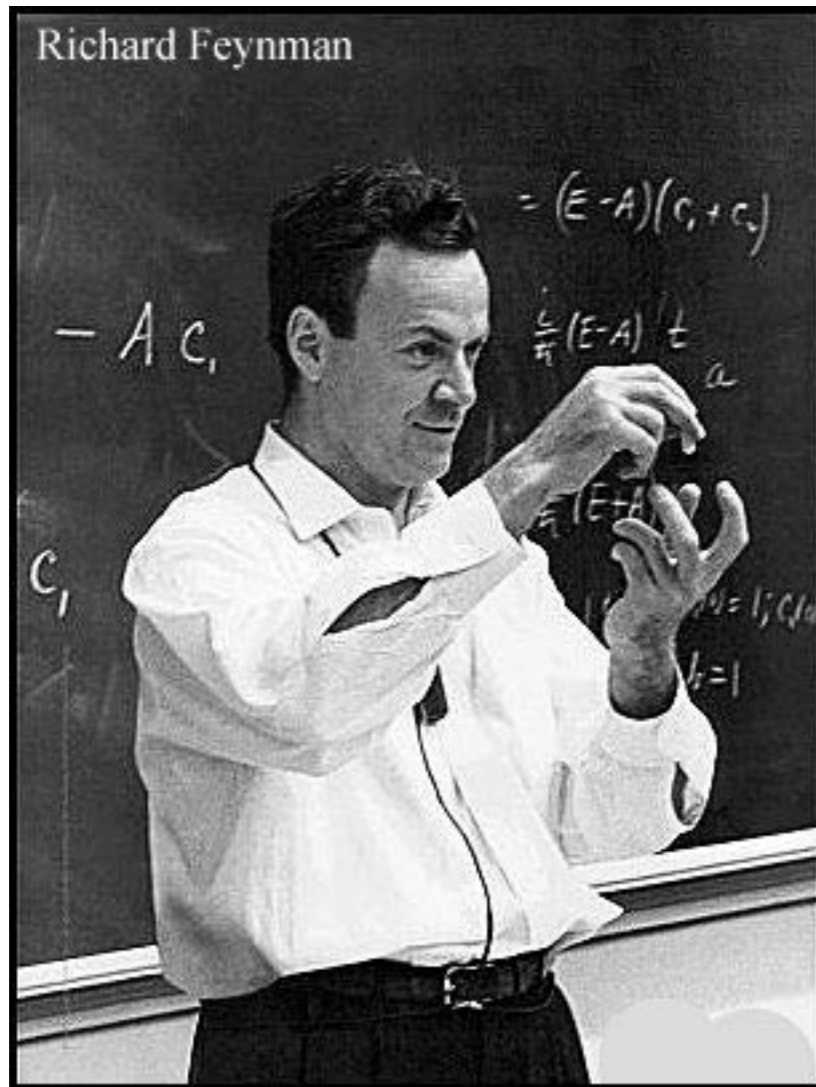
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50th birthday of the Laboratoire de Chimie Quantique de Strasbourg:

Alain Dedieu and Jean-Marie Lehn gave historical conferences about the state of the art of quantum chemistry at the time...

using PUNCH CARDS !

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October 23, 2019: Google claims quantum advantage on 53-qubit device.

**For a particular problem:
Sampling the output distribution of random quantum circuits**

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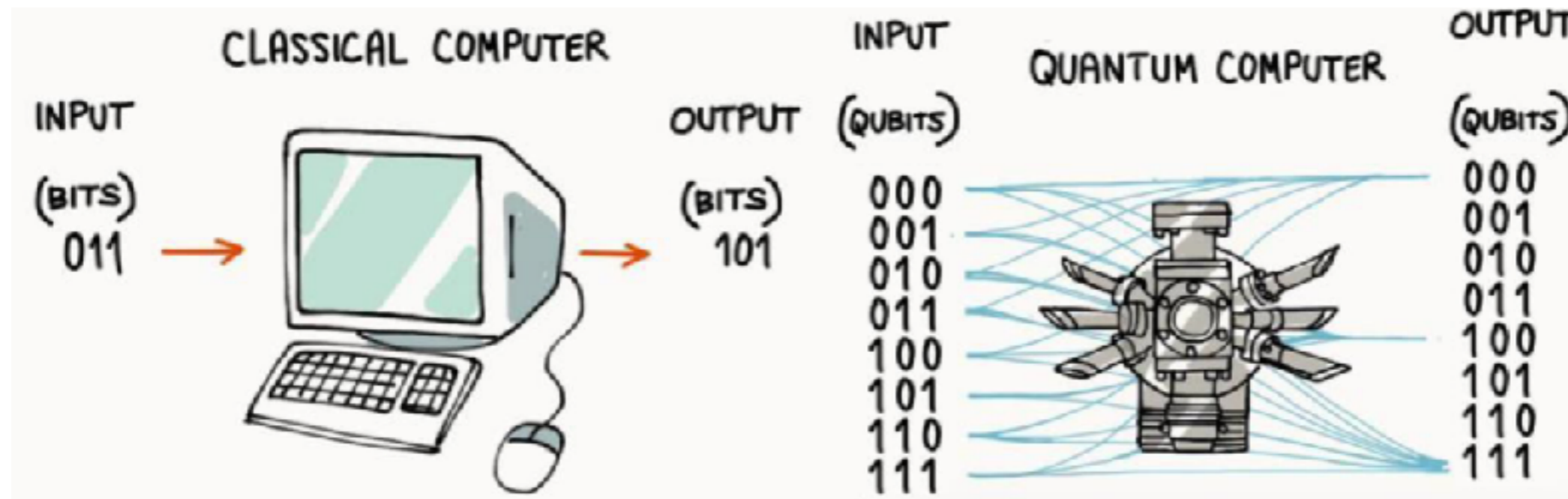
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Quantum Corollary to Moore's law:
double power for every additional qubit

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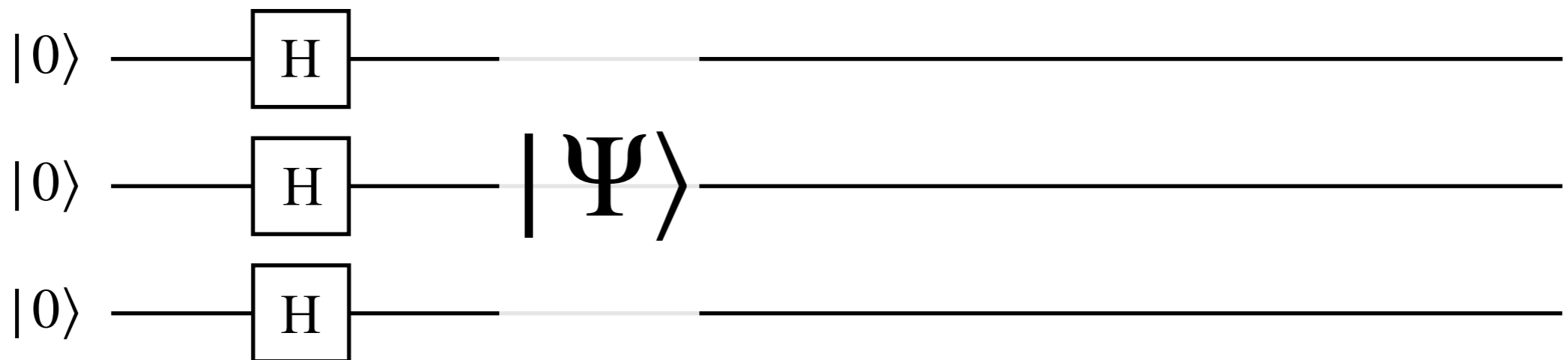
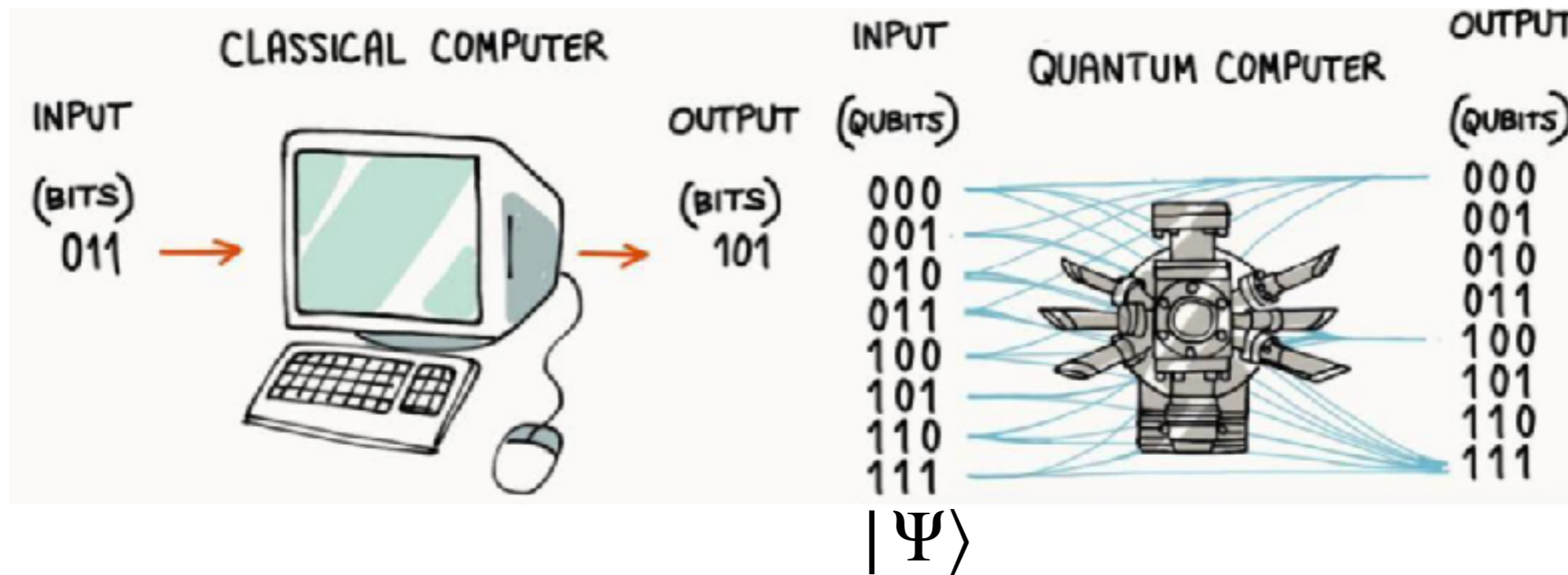
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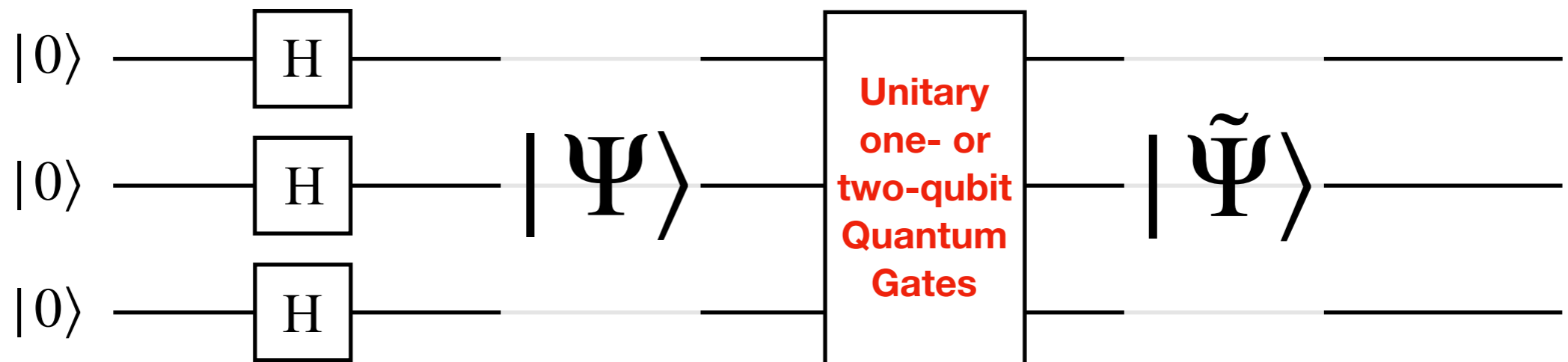
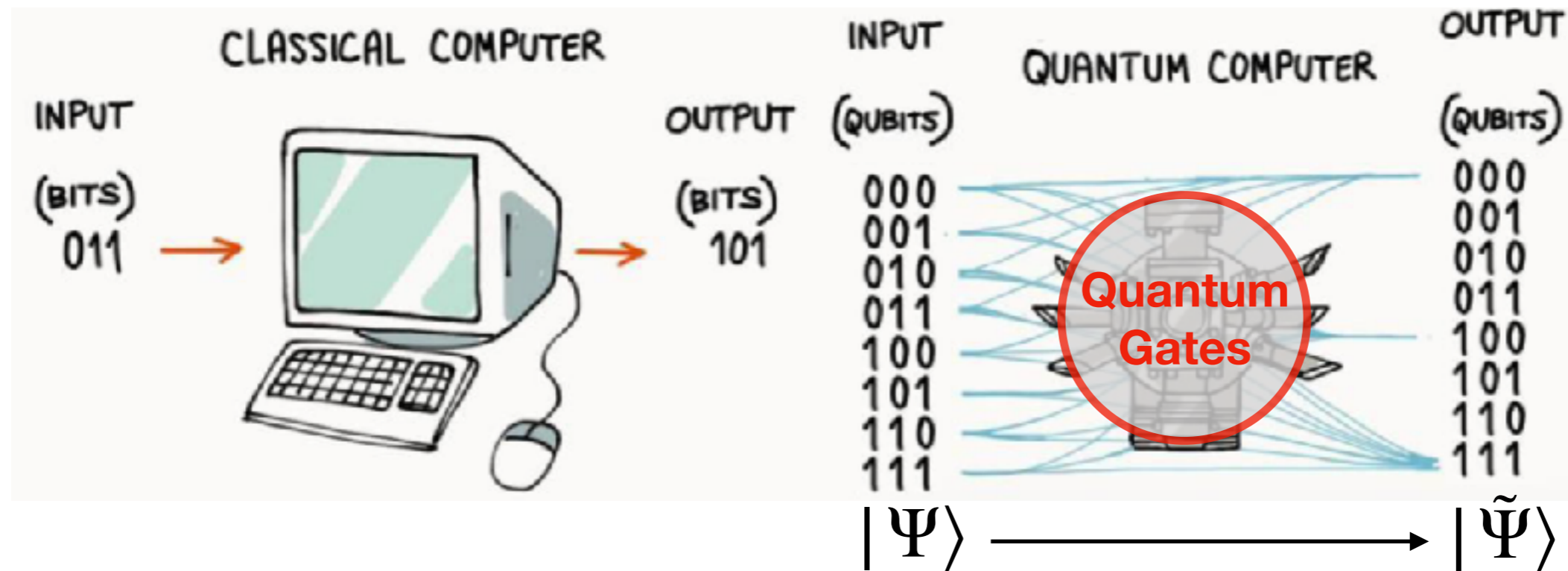
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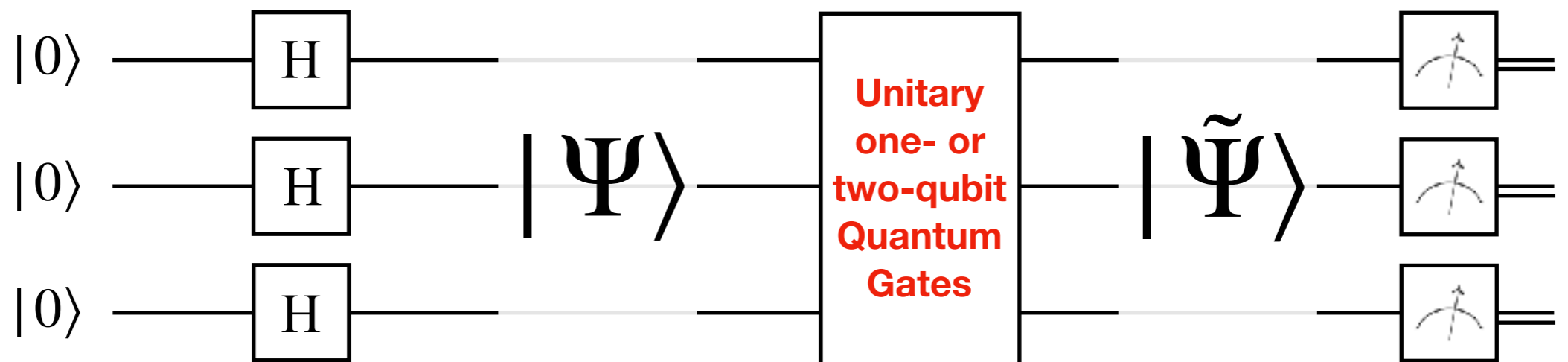
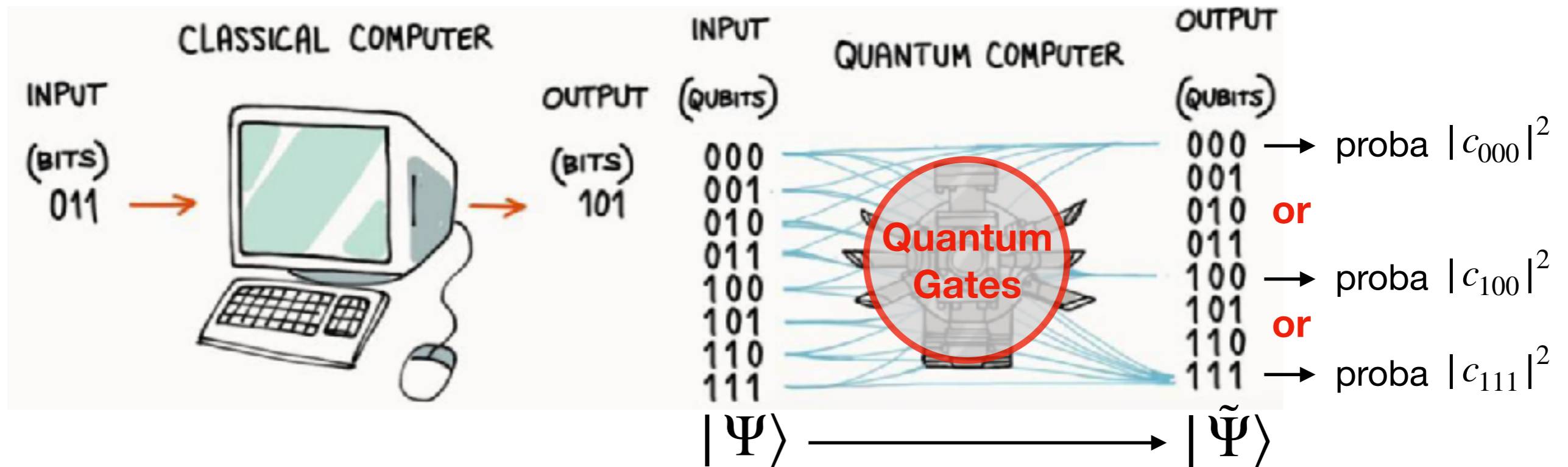
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Jordan-Wigner transformation

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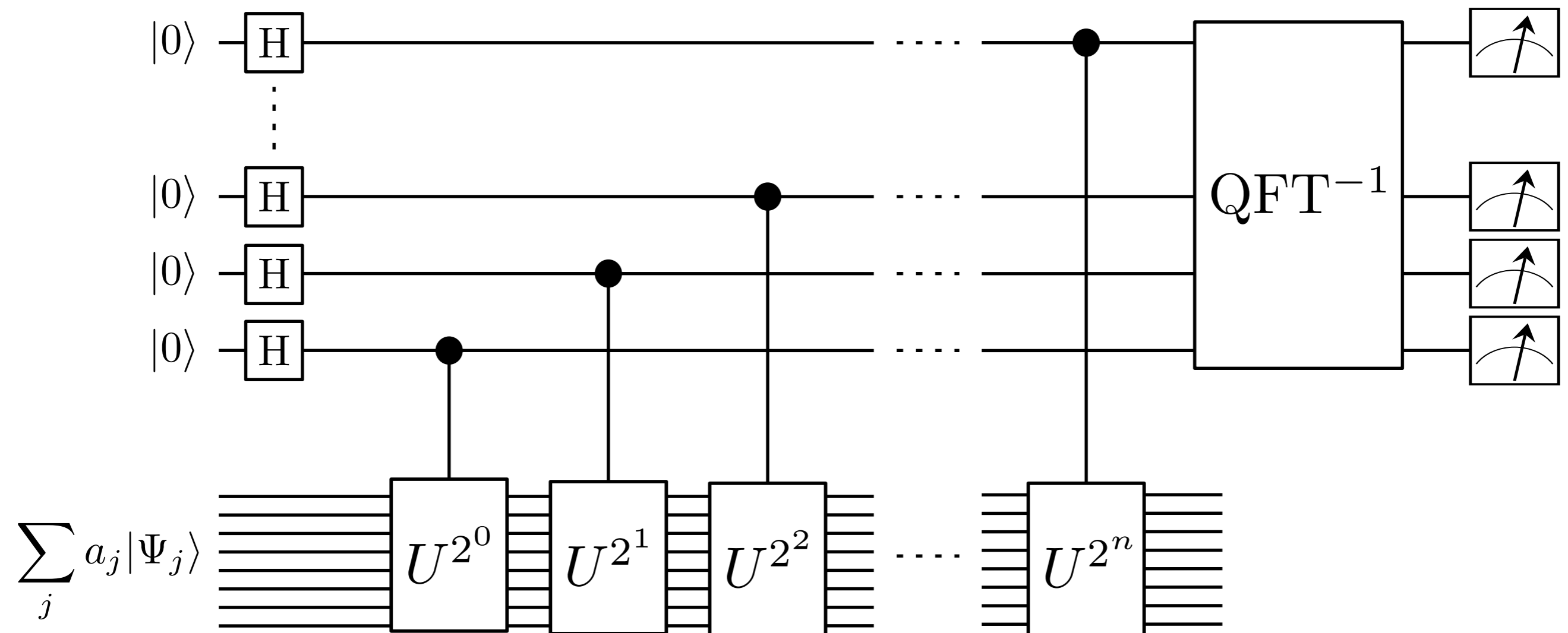
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with precision given by the number of ancilla qubits

Two qubit registers: one encoding the state and the other composed of ancilla qubits

Start with Hartree-Fock !

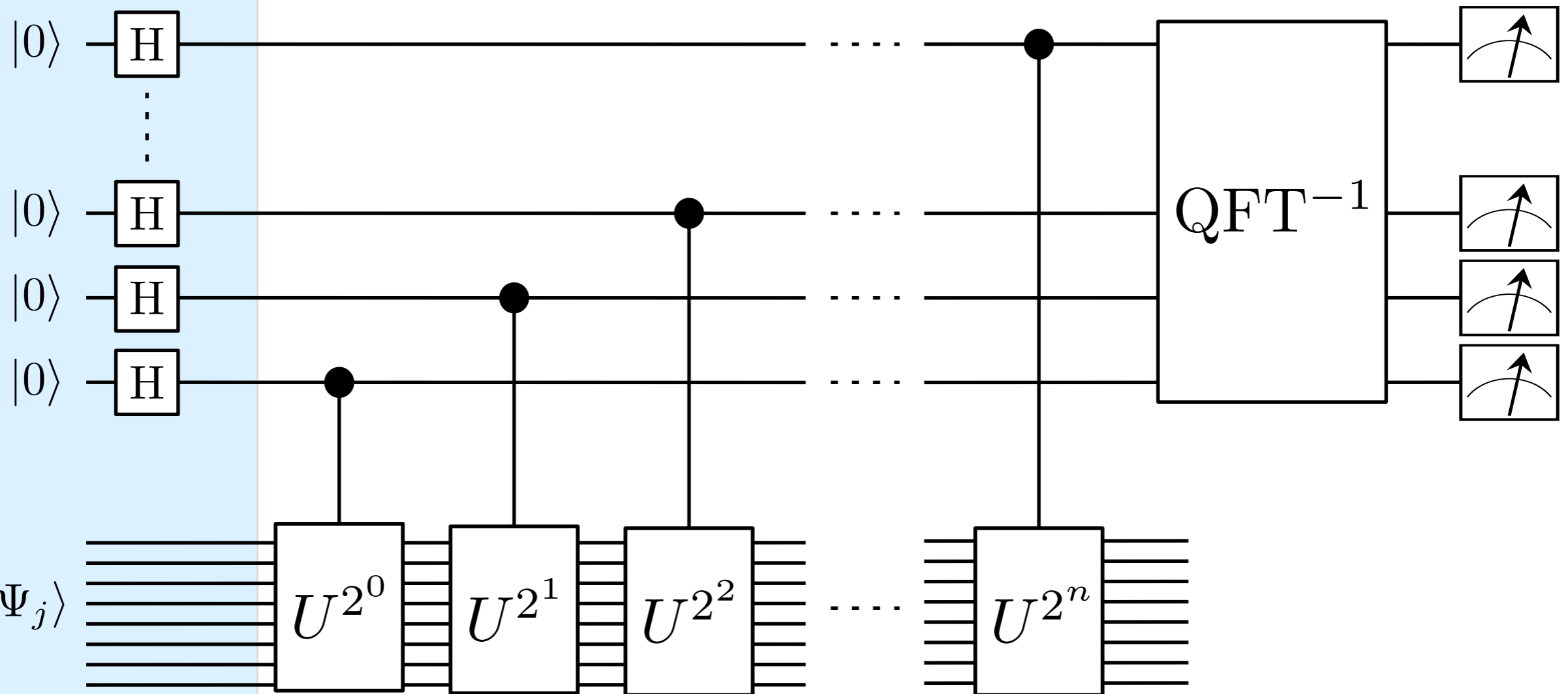


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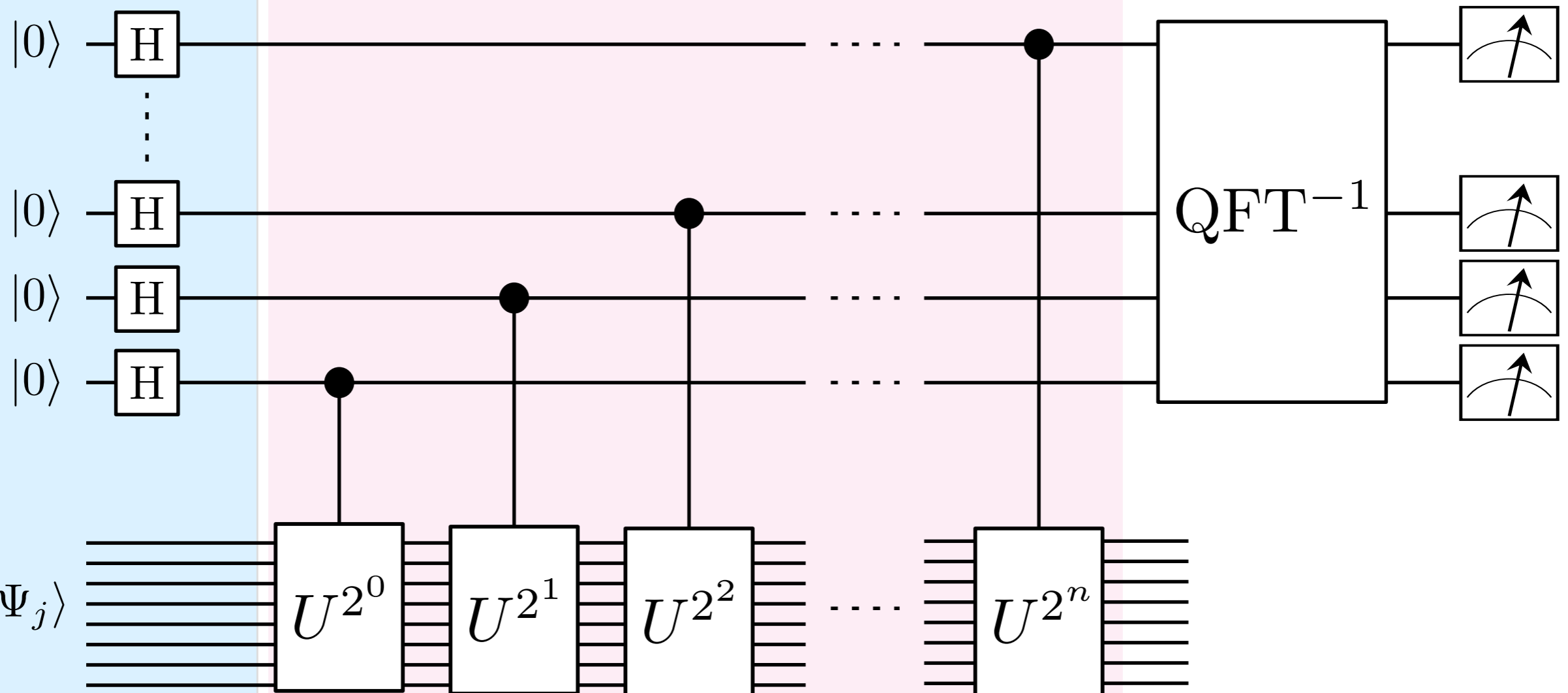


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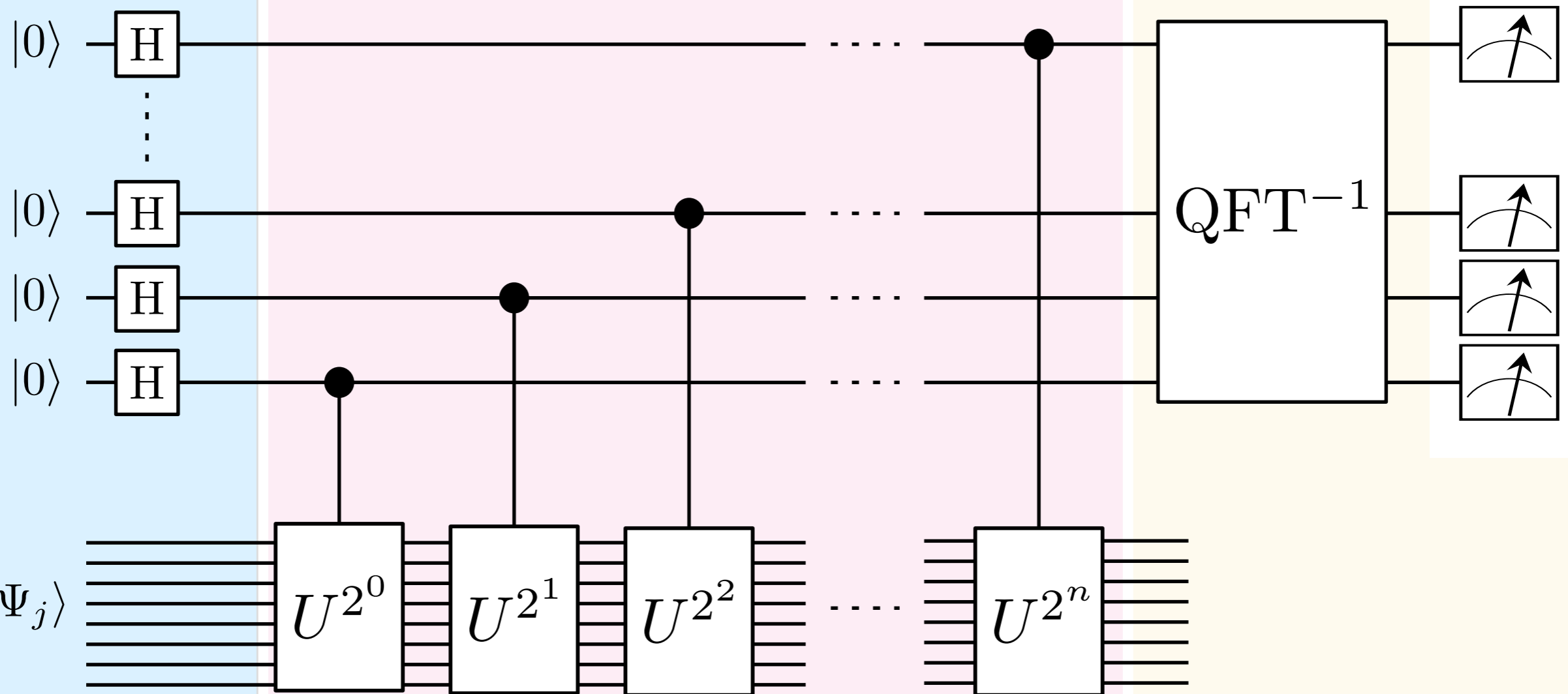
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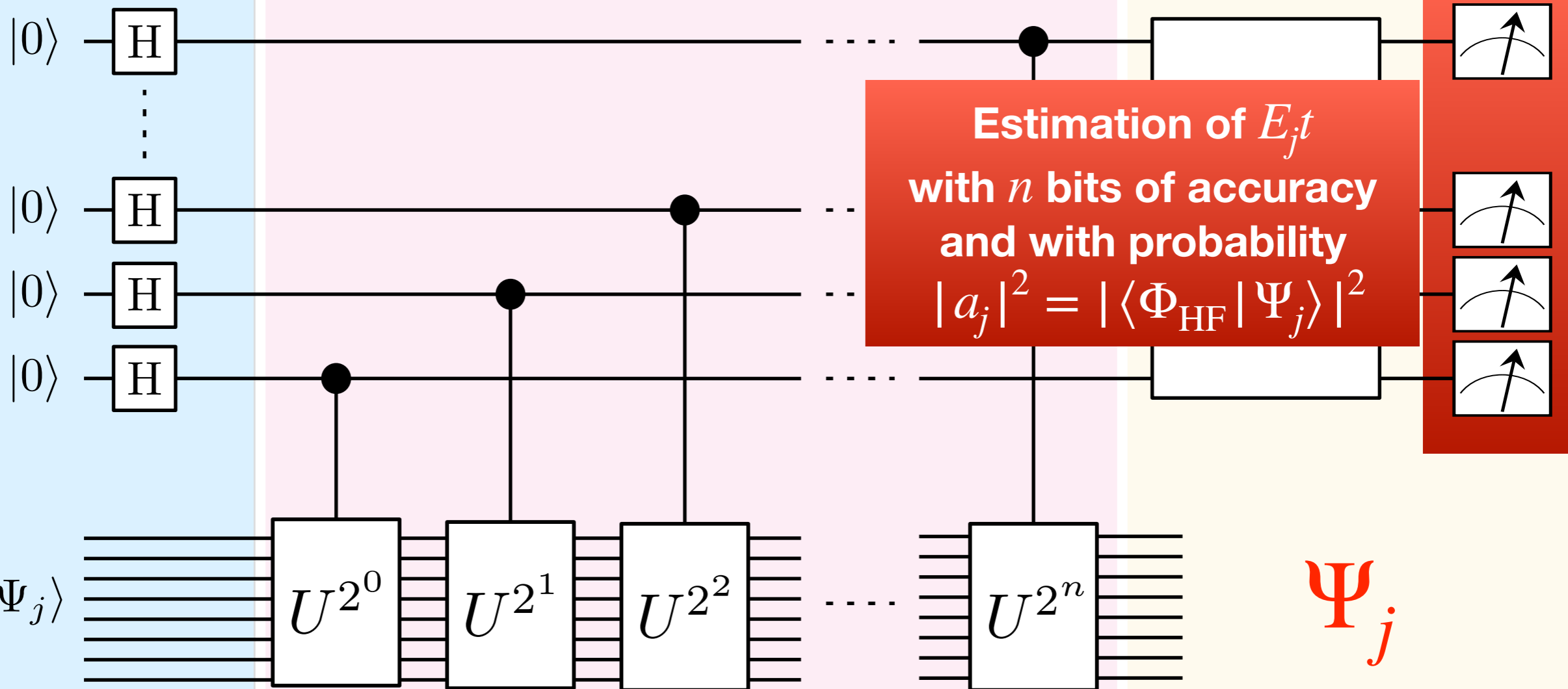
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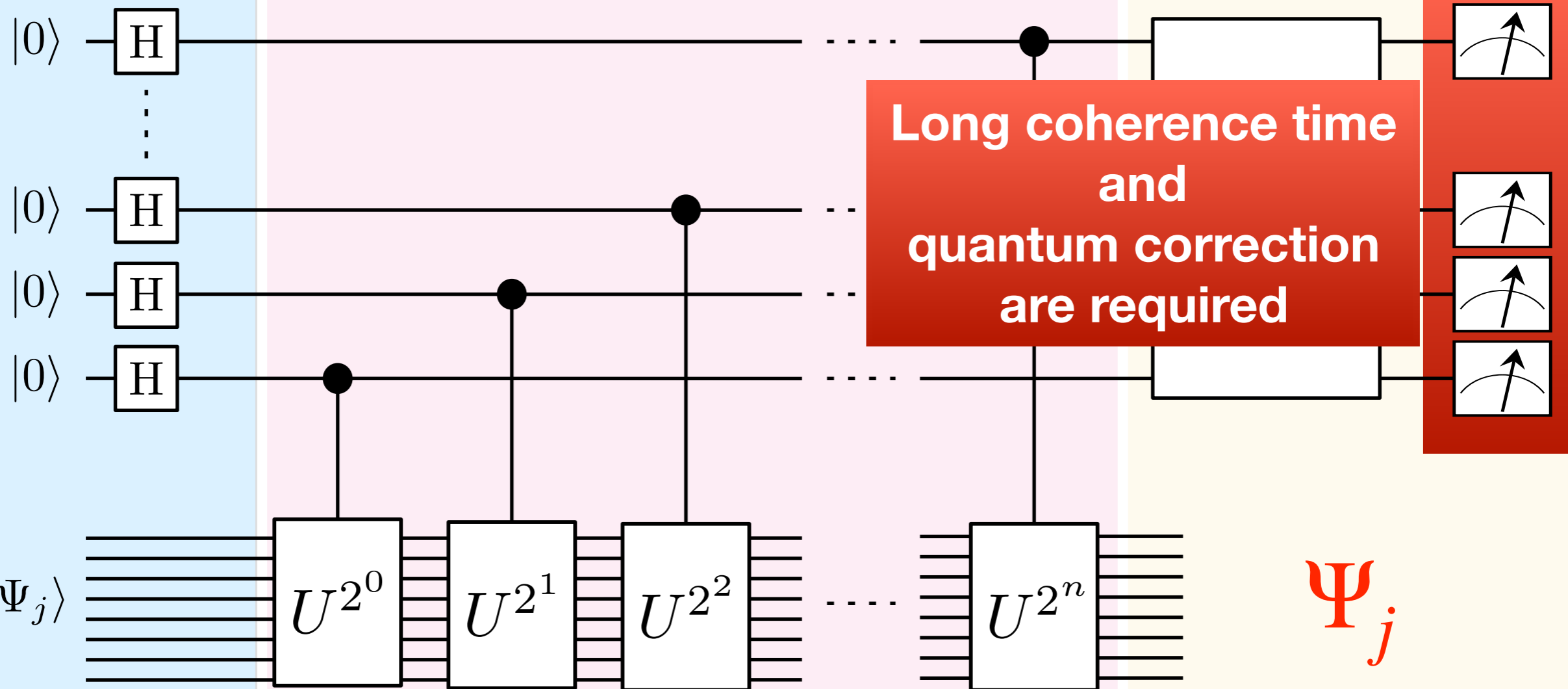
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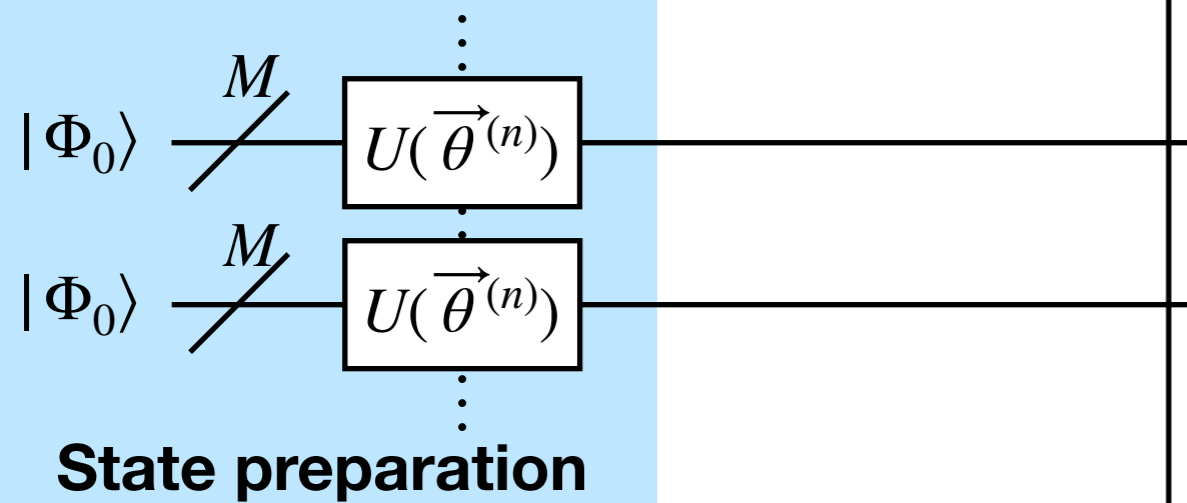
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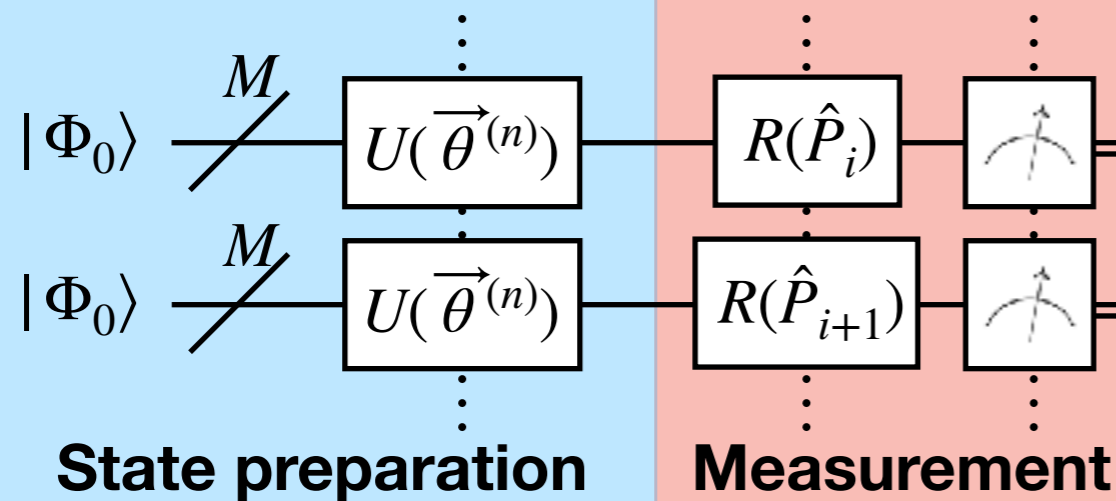
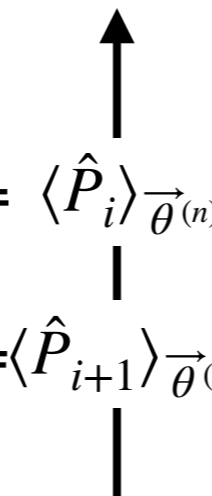
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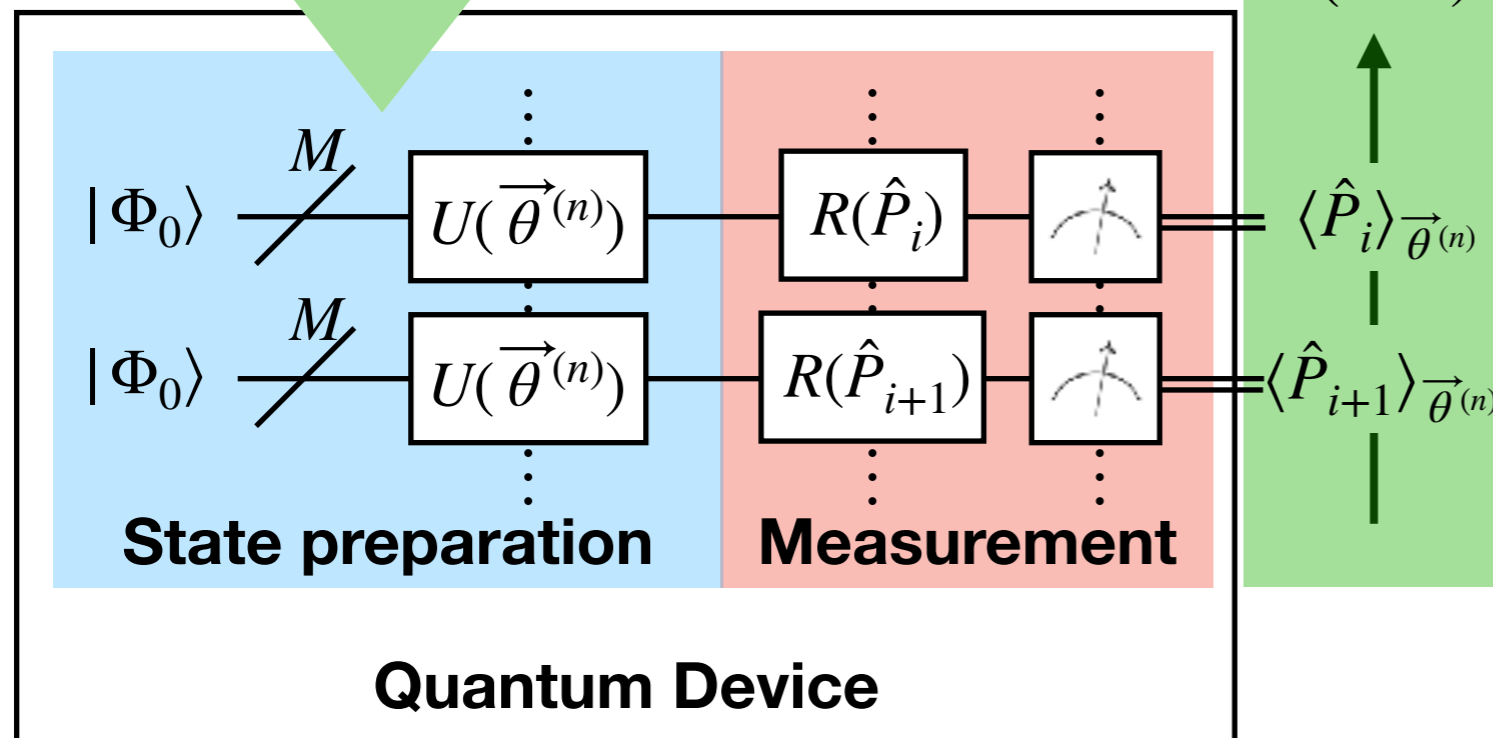
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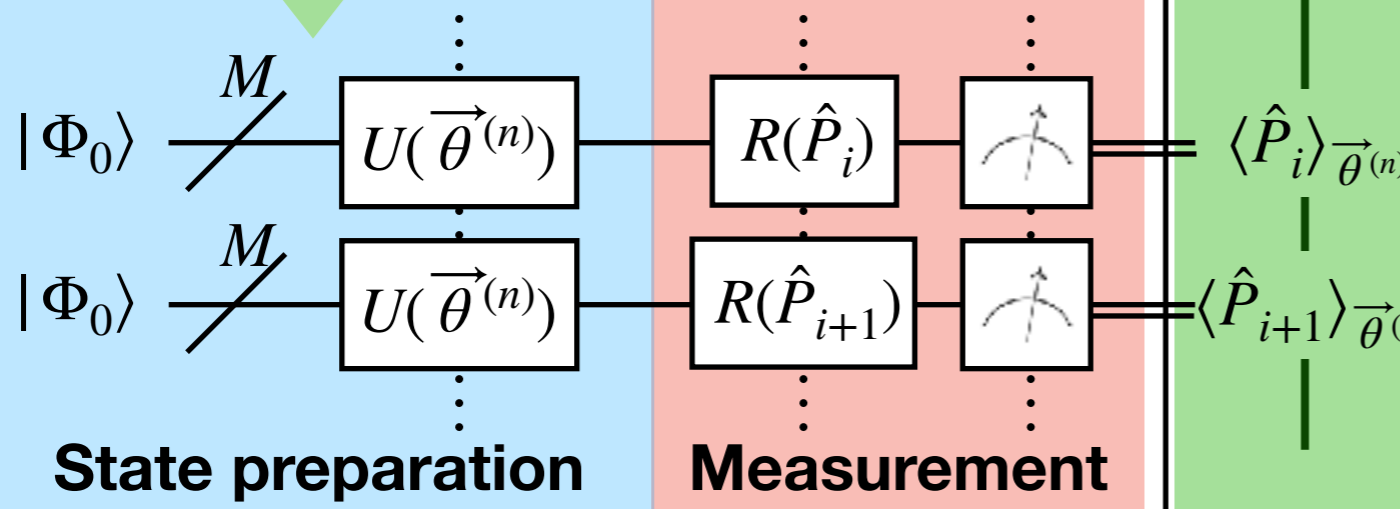
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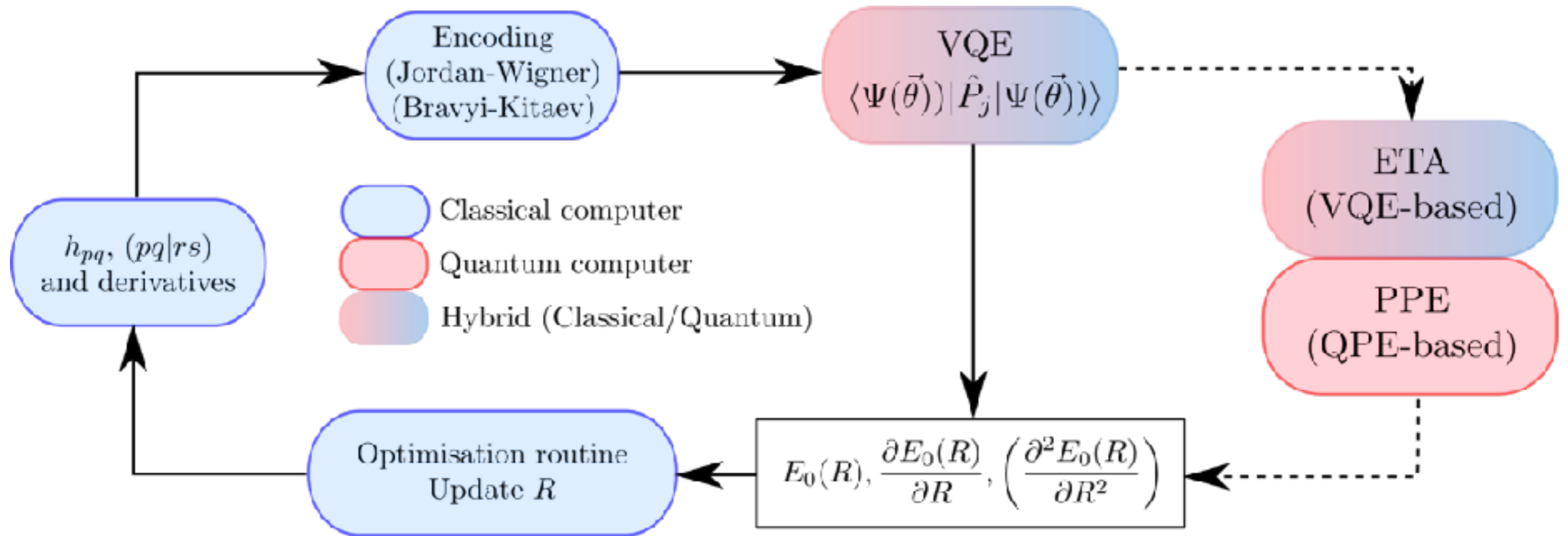
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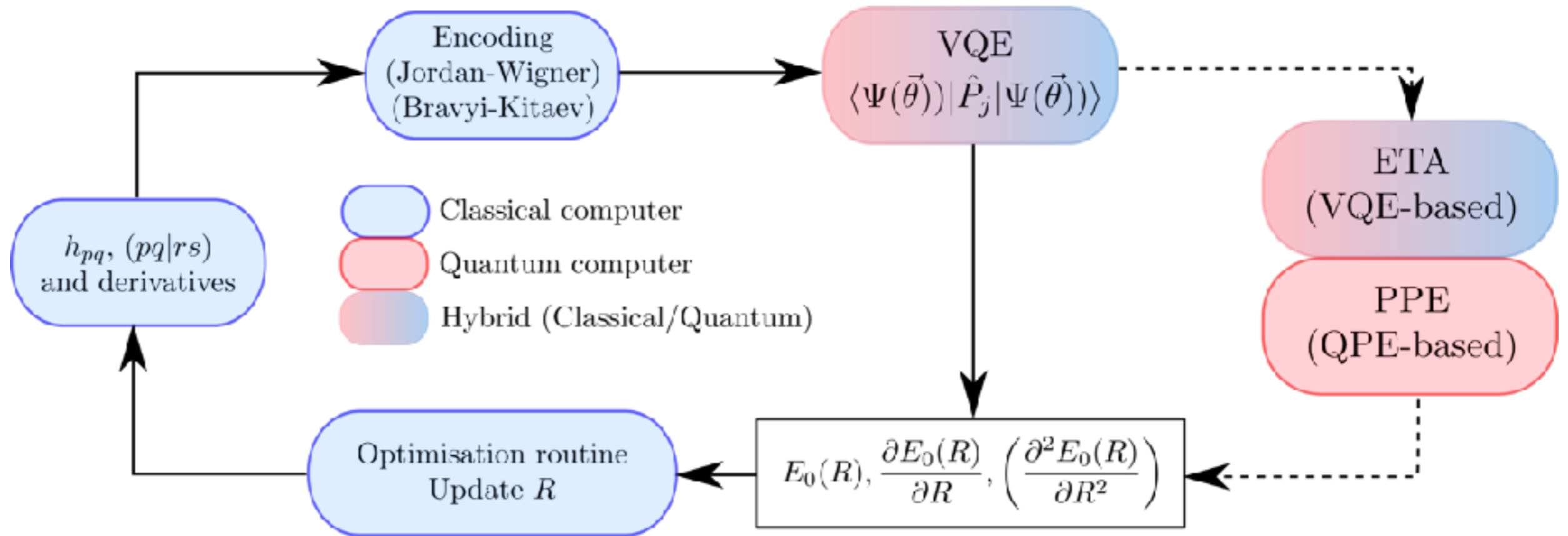
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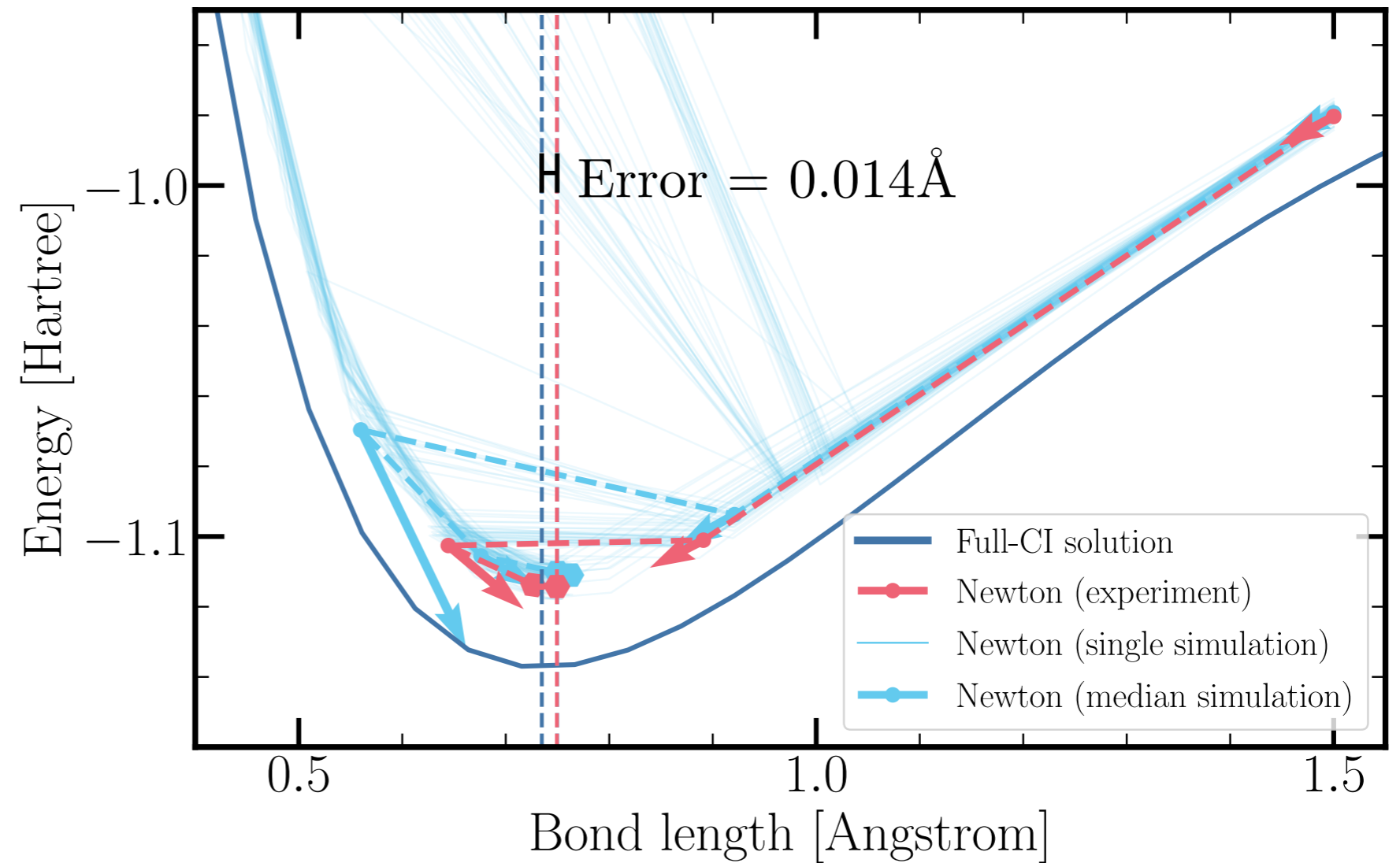
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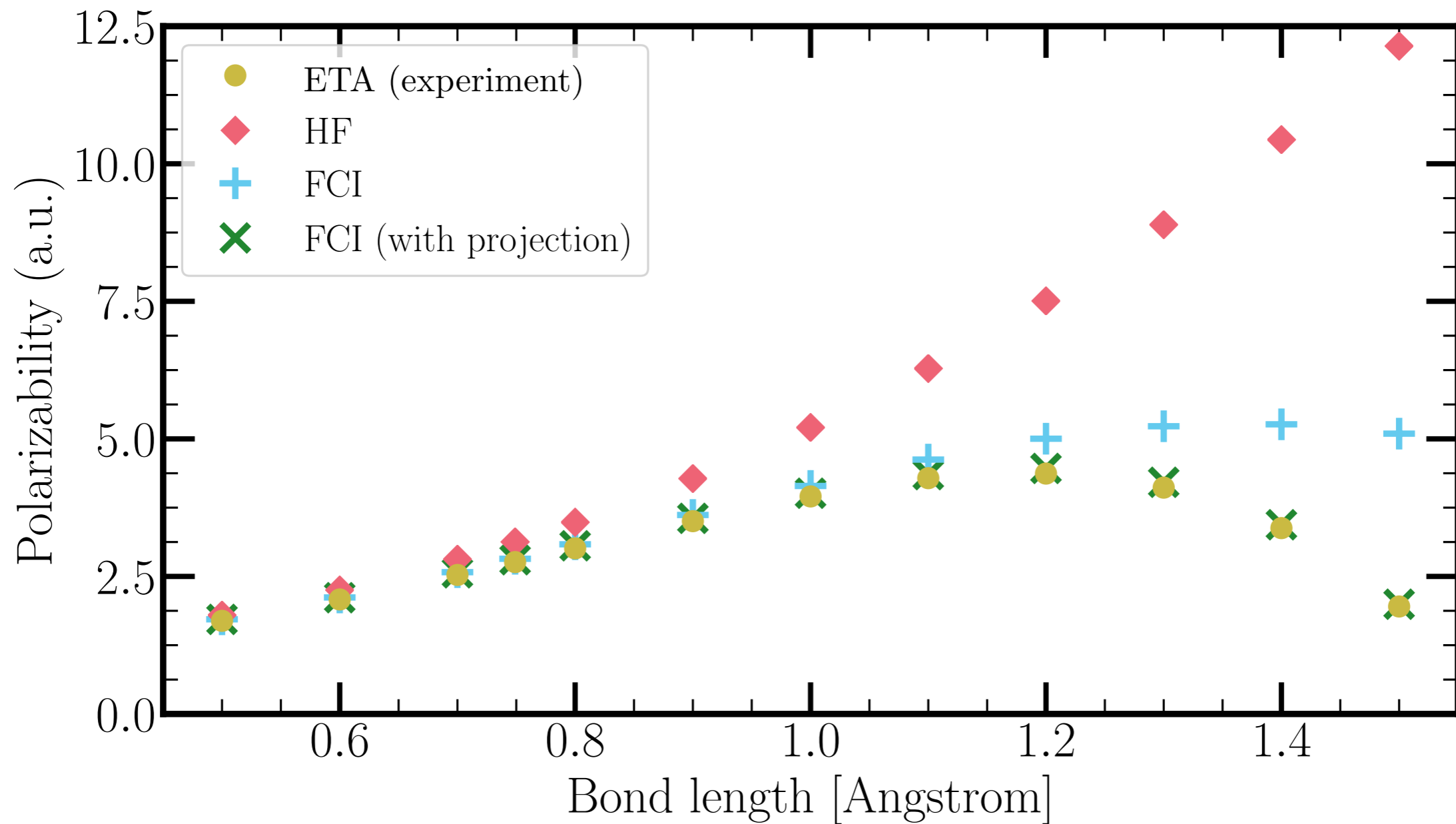


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Geometry Optimization on H₂



Polarizability of H₂



Dipole moment operator **breaks symmetry**,
transformation to two-qubit **no longer valid**

Perspectives

Quantum advantage is now a question of "when" and not "if" ...

1. Find **new algorithms** for **near-term/long-term** quantum computers:

Excited states, Hybrids (embedding ? CASSCF?)

2. Optimize existing algorithms:

measurements, ansatz, ancillas...

3. Quantum Chemistry side:

Better embedding methods, Basis set error ... E. Giner teaser ... :)

4. But:

Cannot copy data (hard drives), and not always advantageous

So much things to do... :)

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