

Entering the quantum utility era:

how to best mitigate noise on
quantum computers?

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Scalable tensor-network error mitigation for near-term quantum computing

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Until fault-tolerance becomes implementable at scale, quantum computing will heavily rely on noise mitigation techniques. While methods such as zero noise extrapolation with probabilistic error amplification (ZNE-PEA) and probabilistic error cancellation (PEC) have been successfully tested on hardware recently, their scalability to larger circuits may be limited. Here, we introduce the tensor-network error mitigation (TEM) algorithm, which acts in post-processing to correct the noise-induced errors in estimations of physical observables. The method consists of the construction

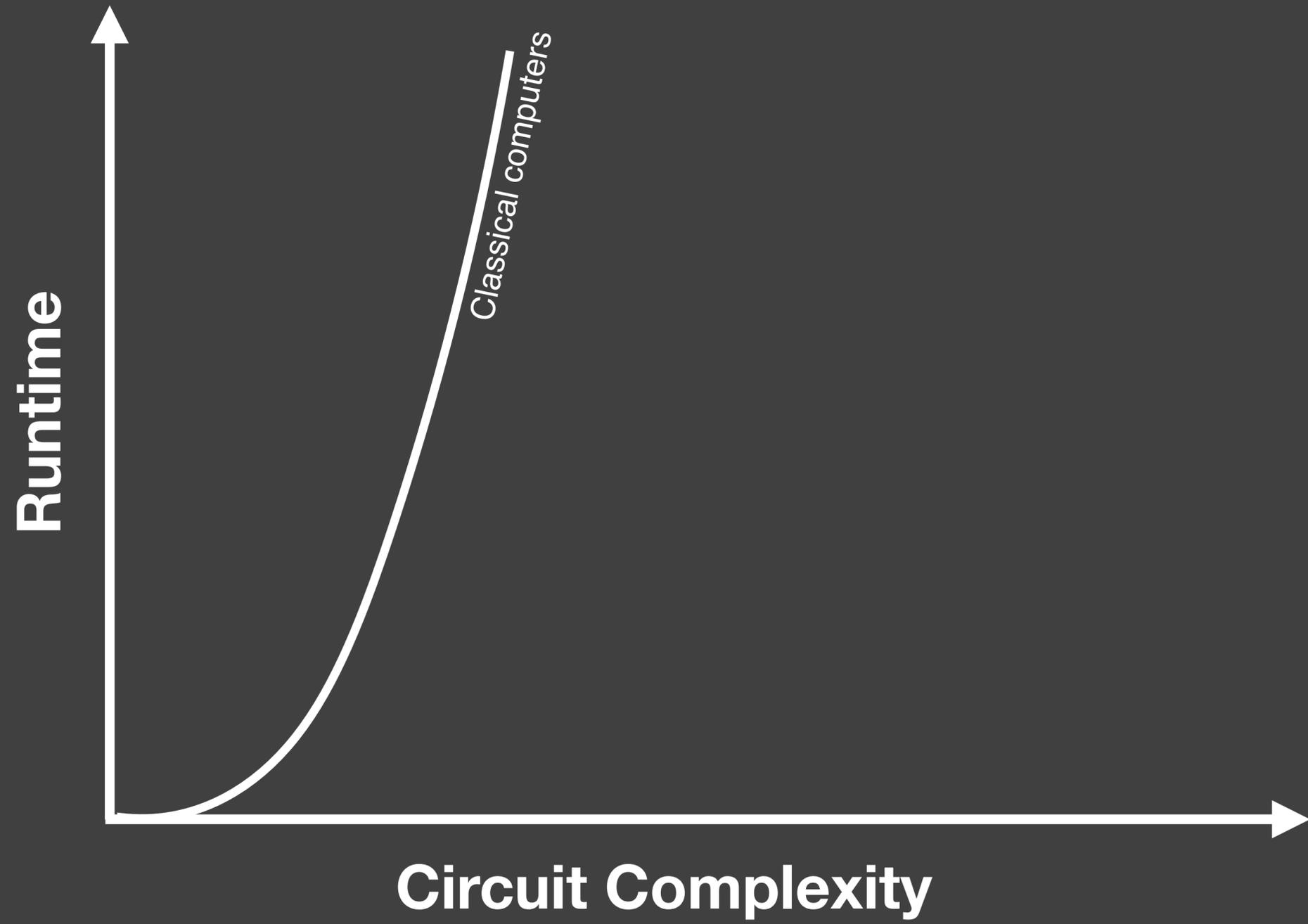
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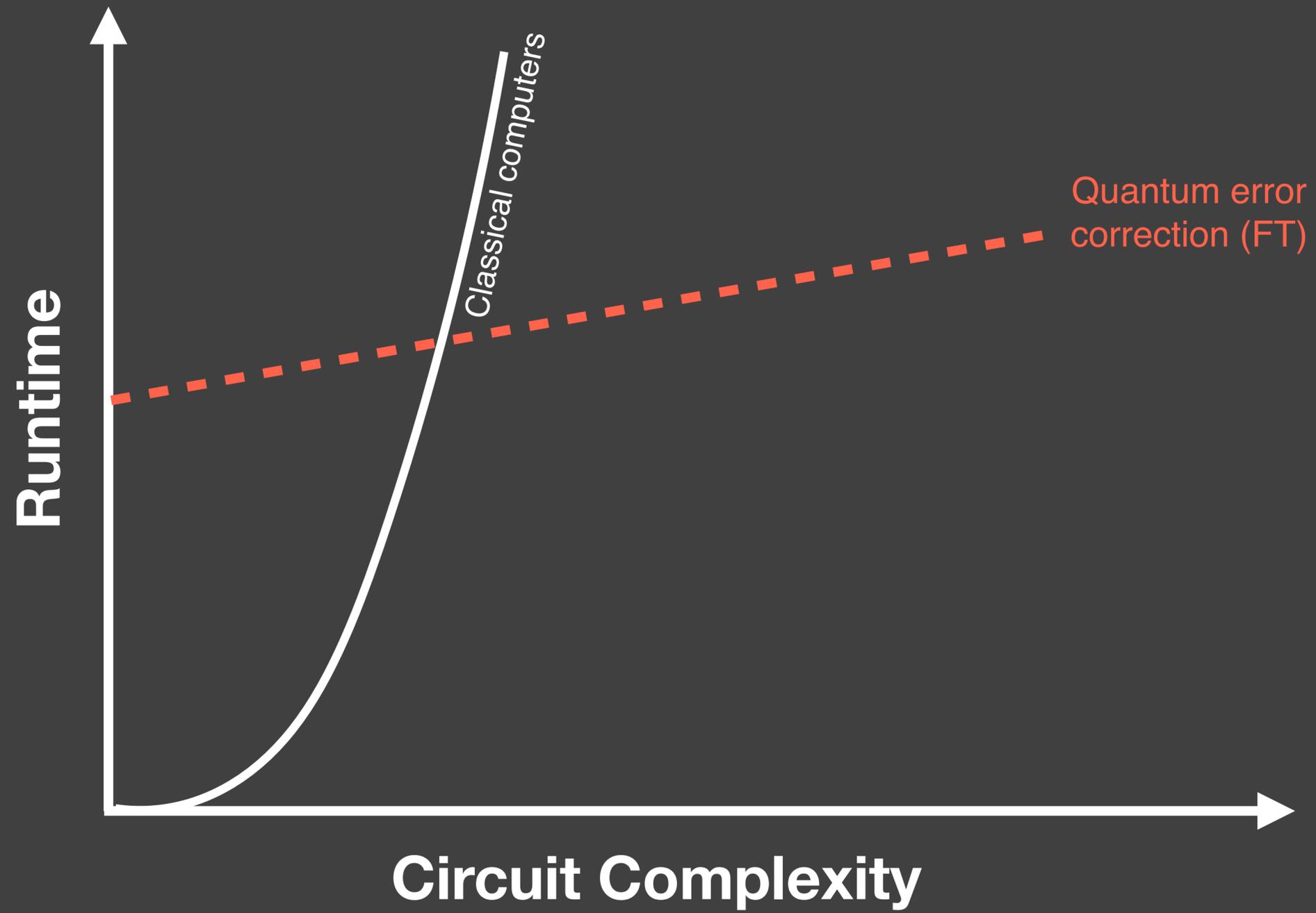


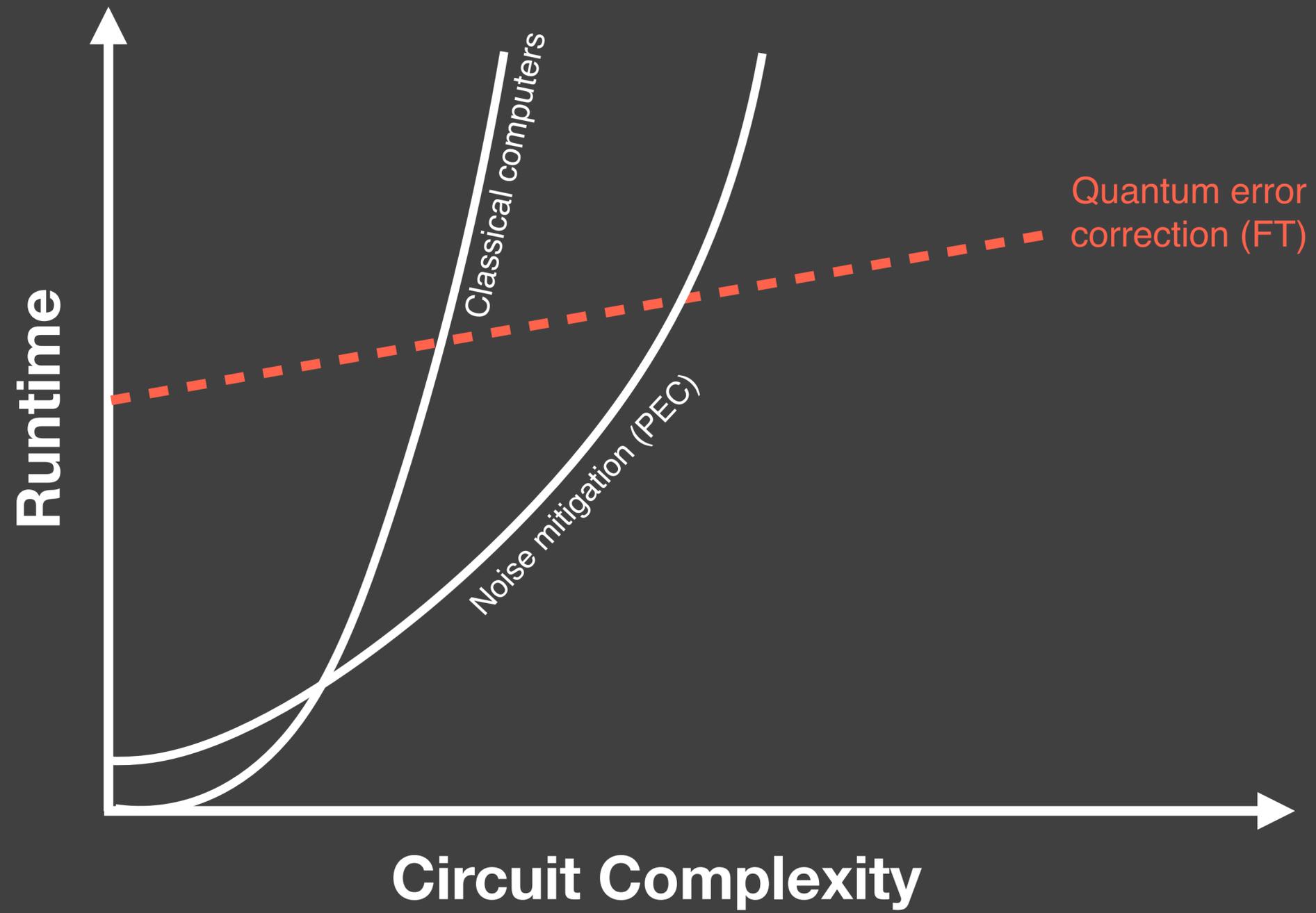
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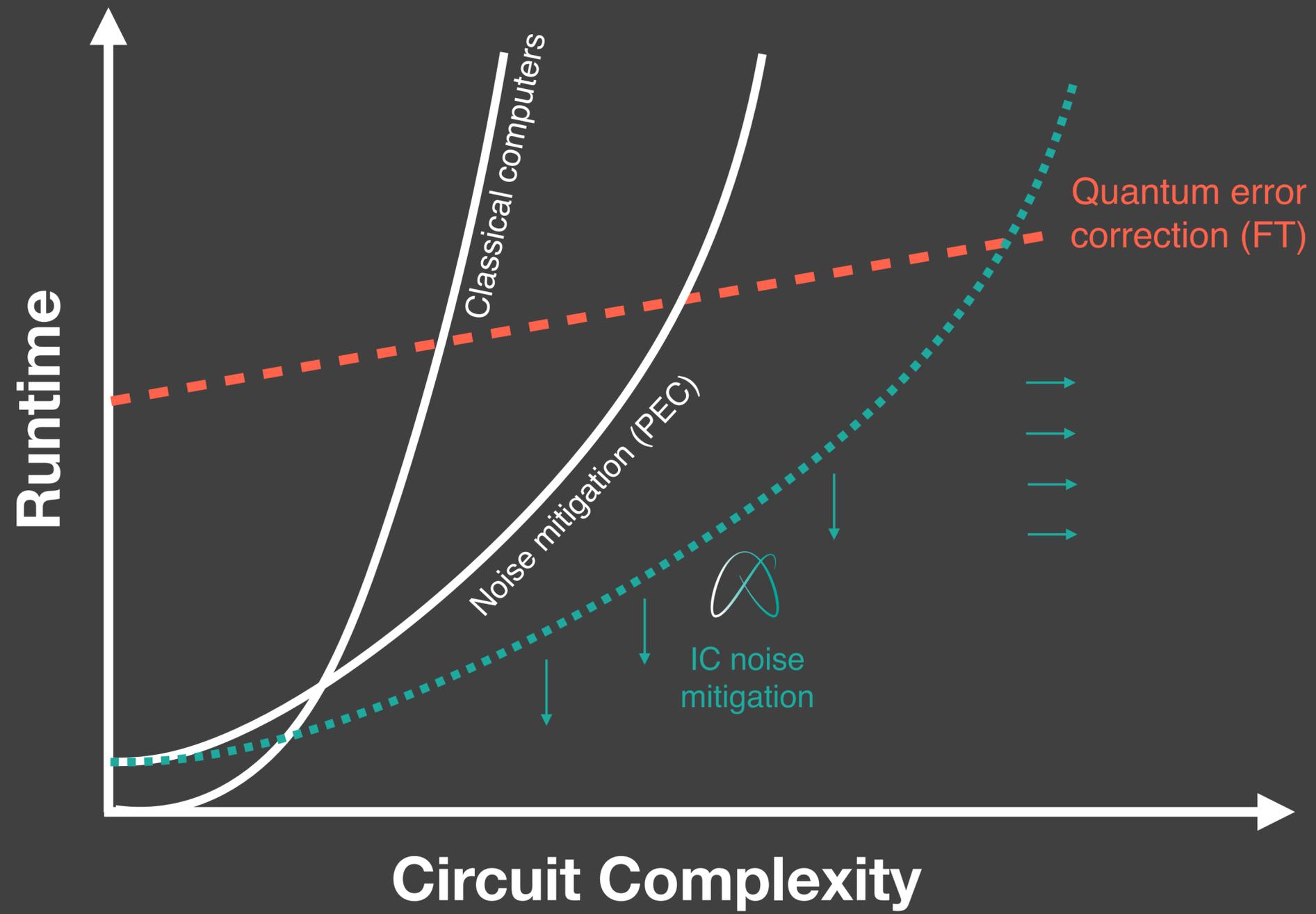
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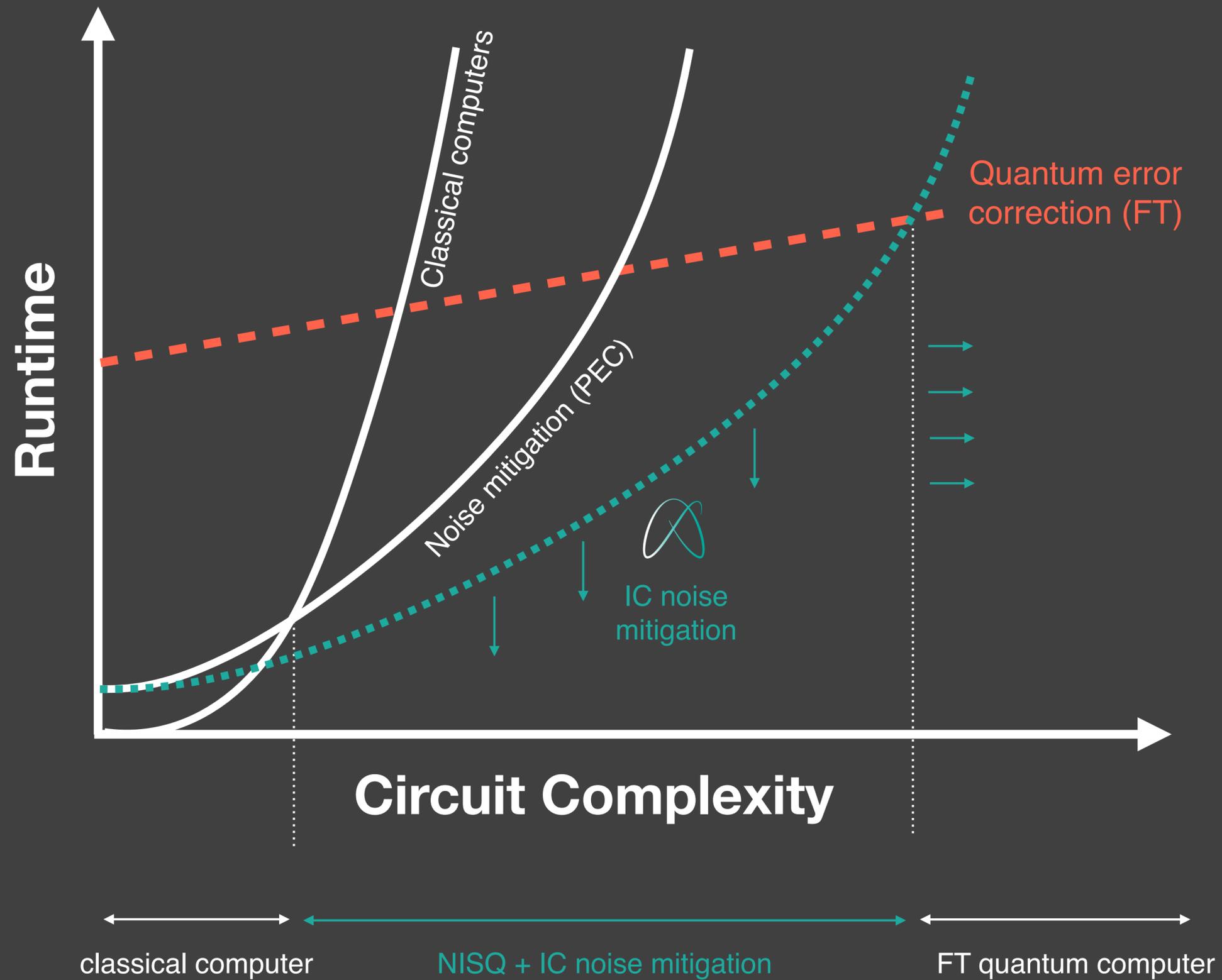
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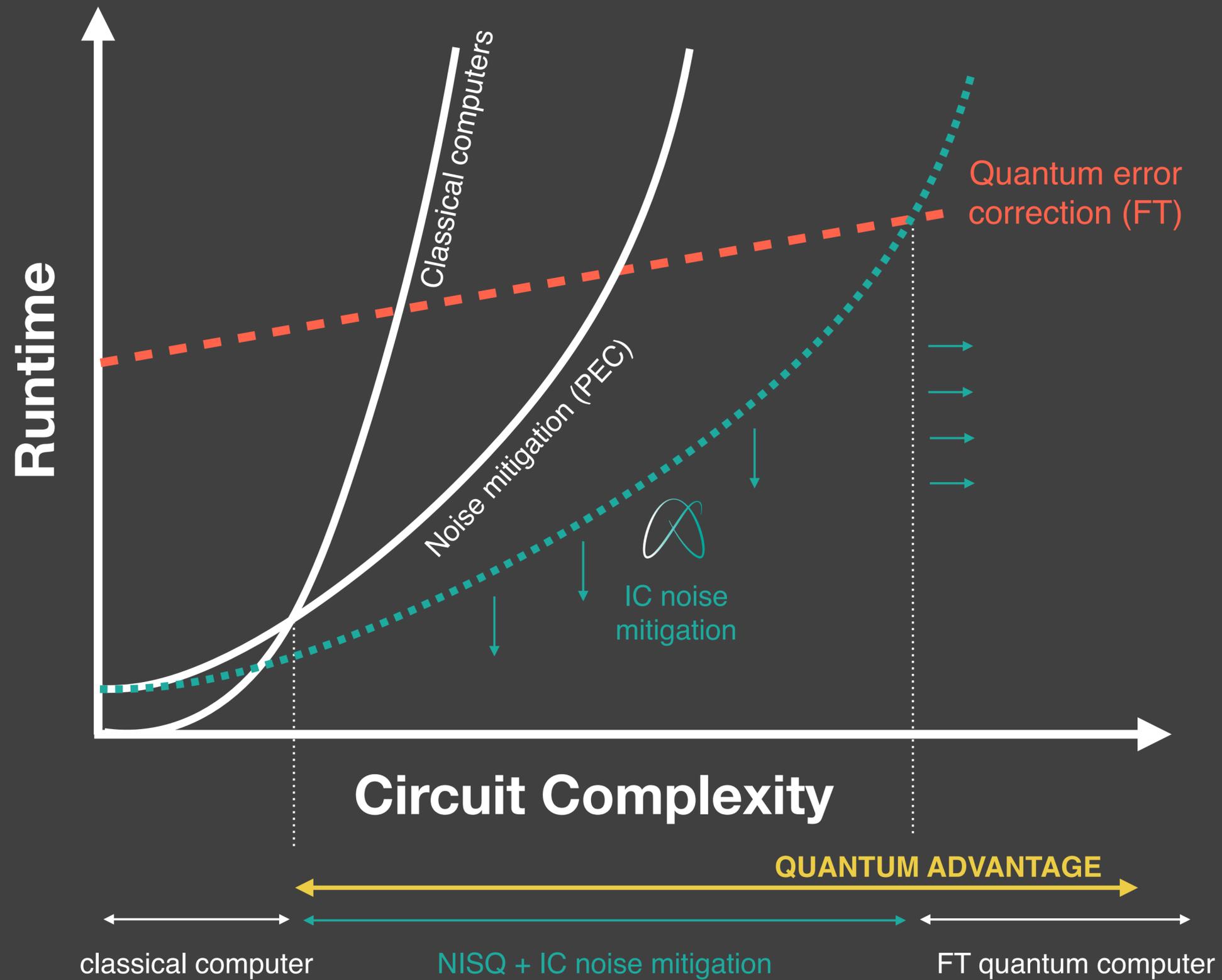












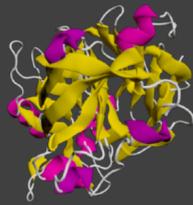
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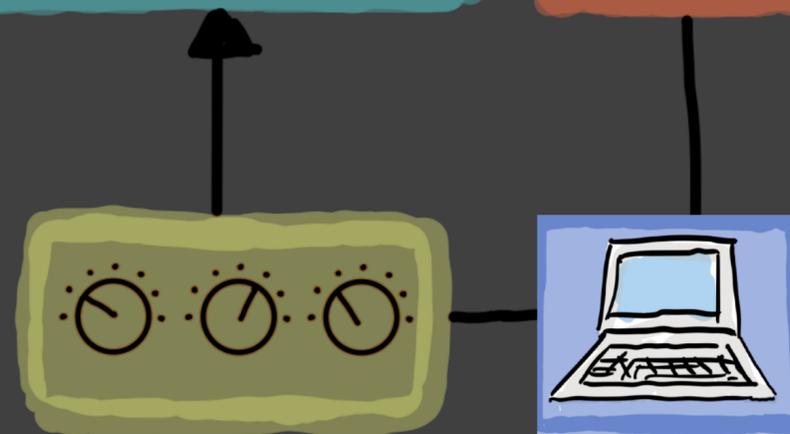
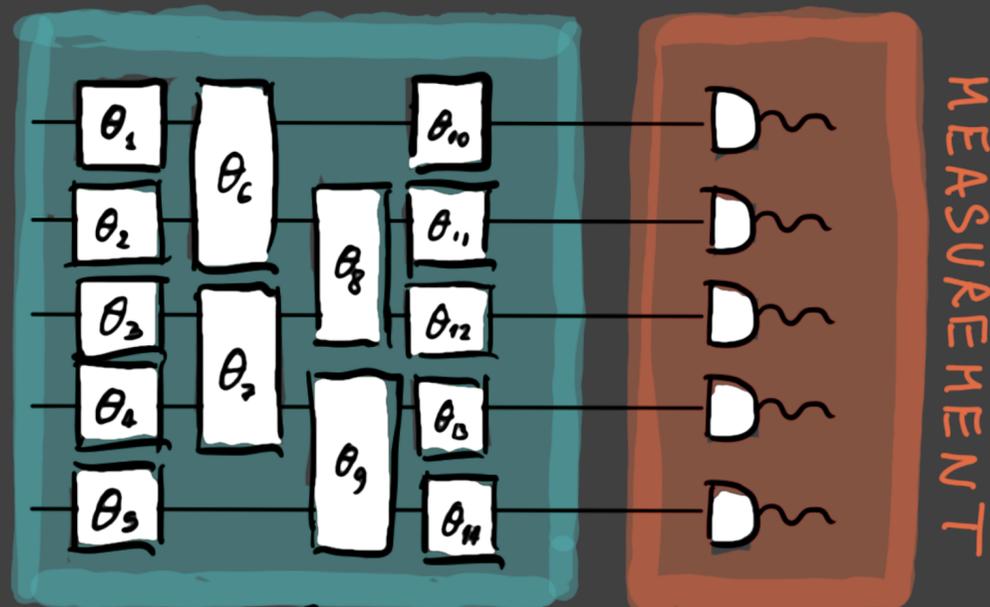
But how about the exponent?

what can we do with, say 200, "very good" qubits?

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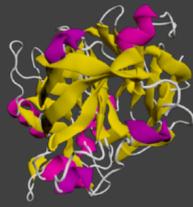


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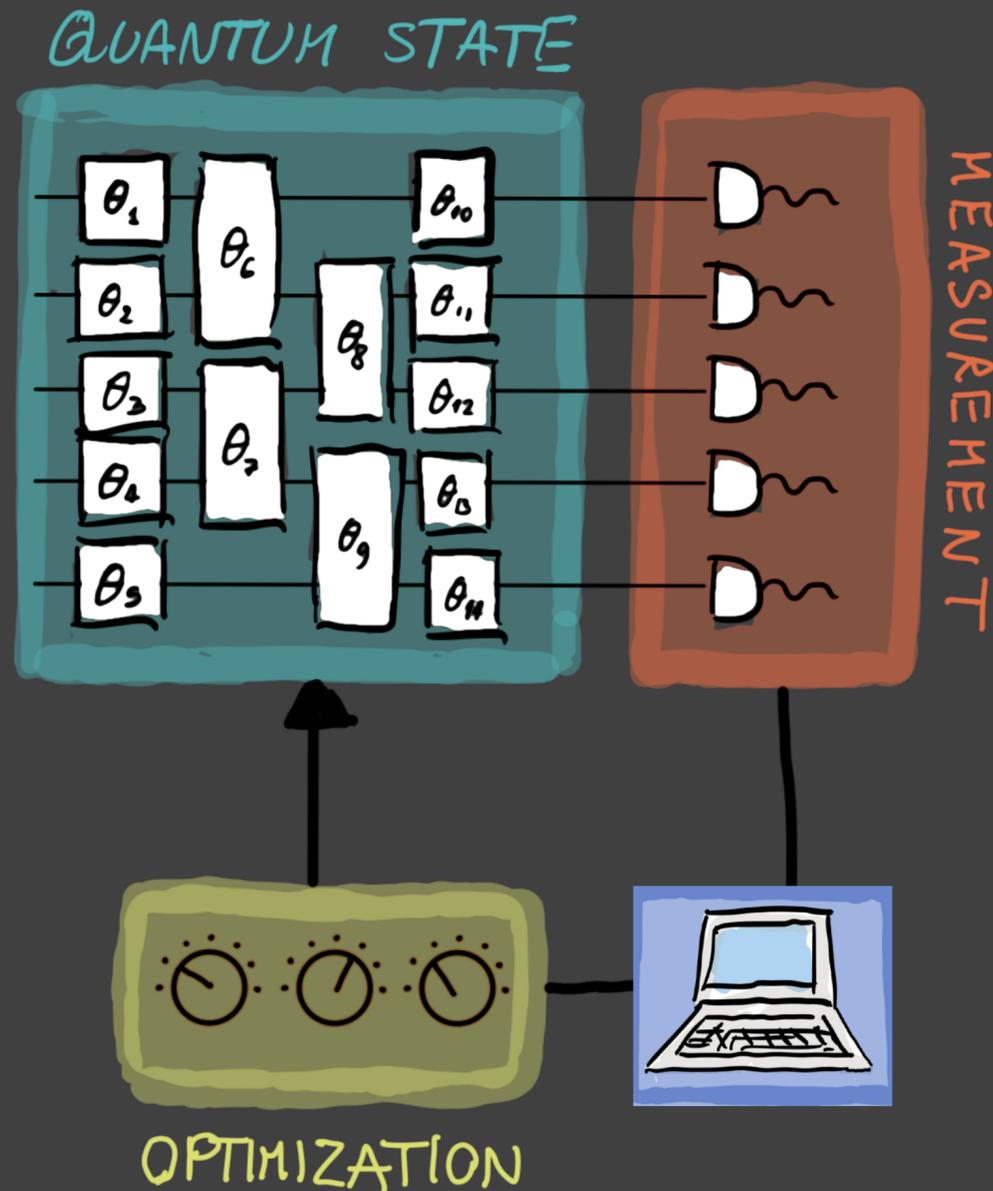


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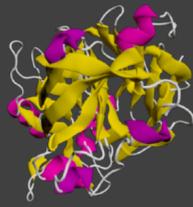


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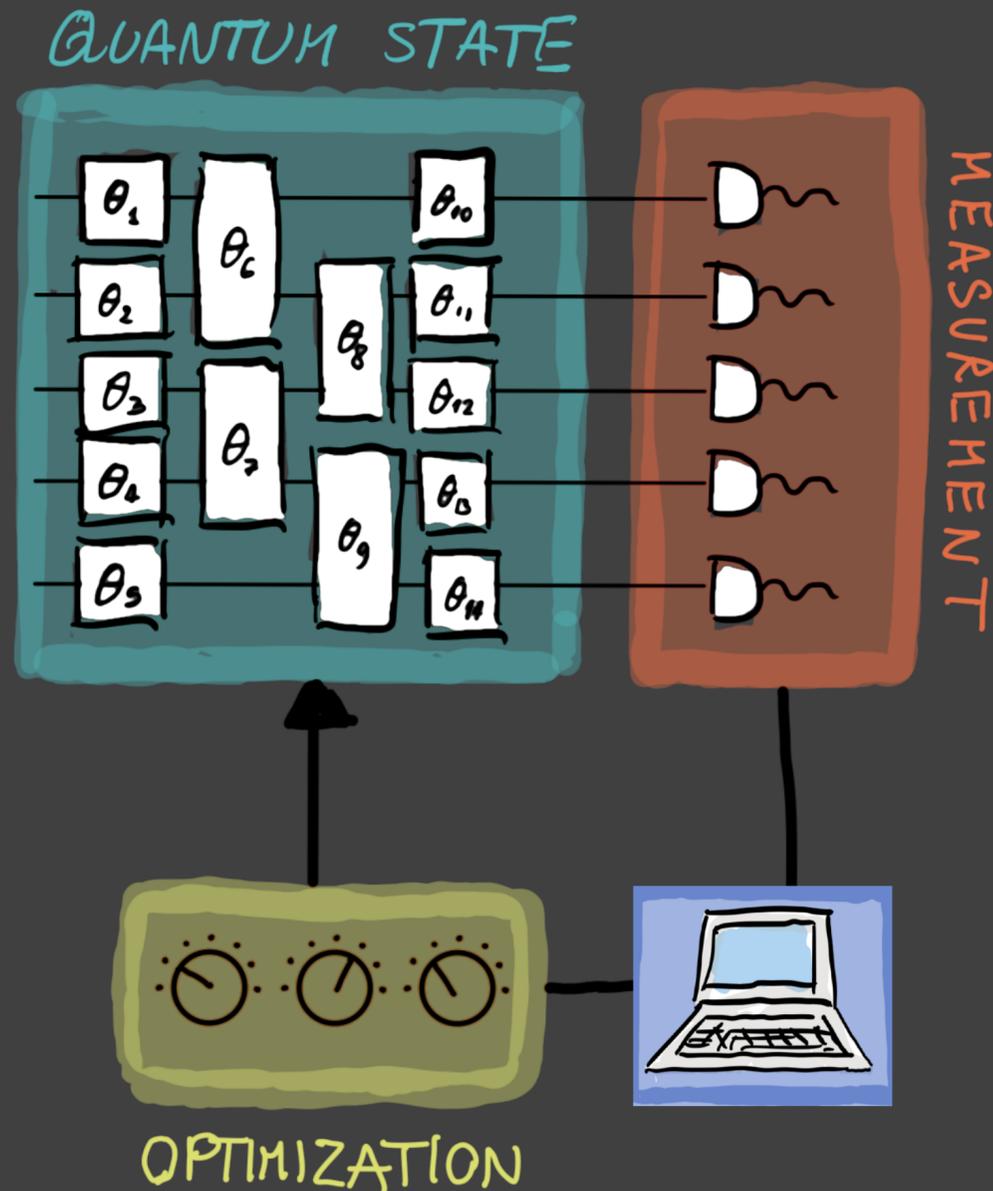


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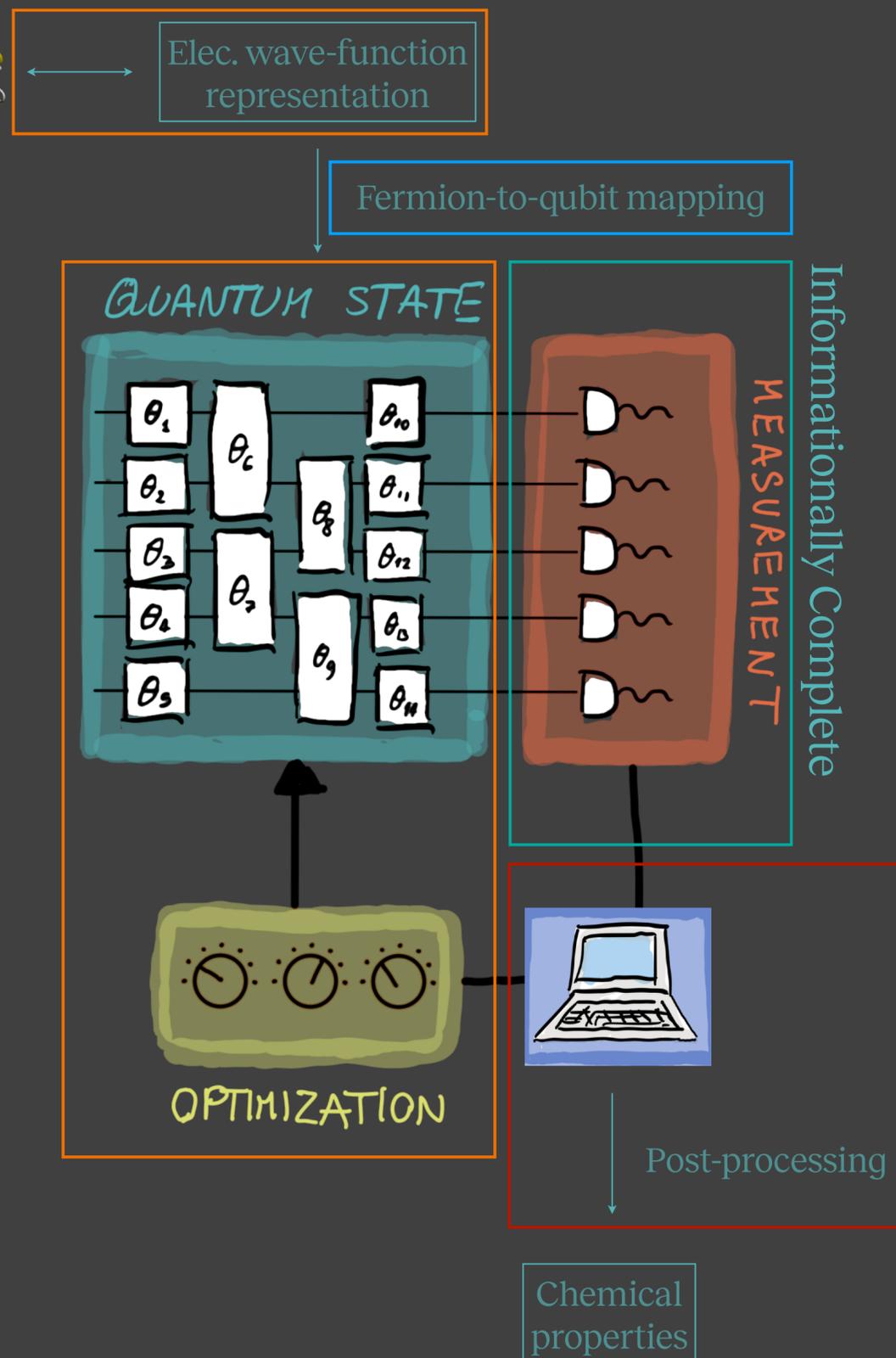
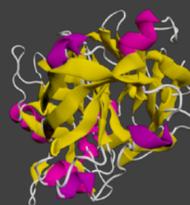
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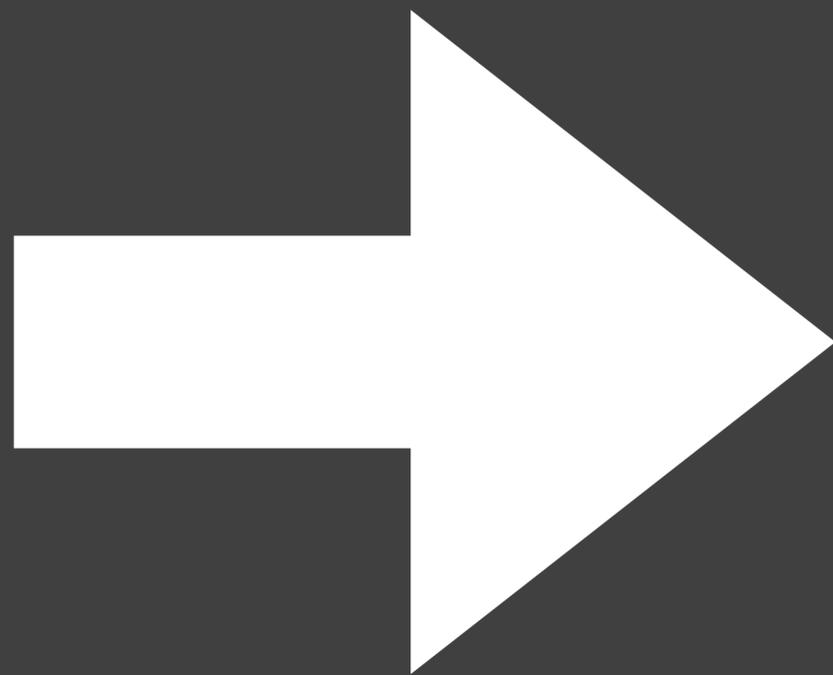


List of papers

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Unlocking practical quantum advantage

with near-term
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Requires
changing
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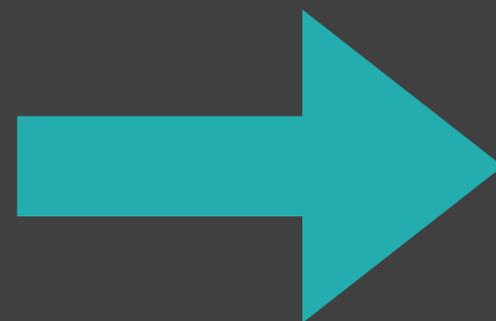
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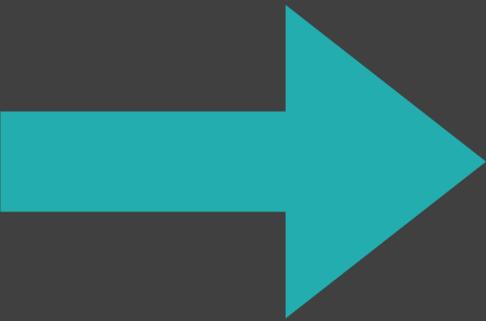
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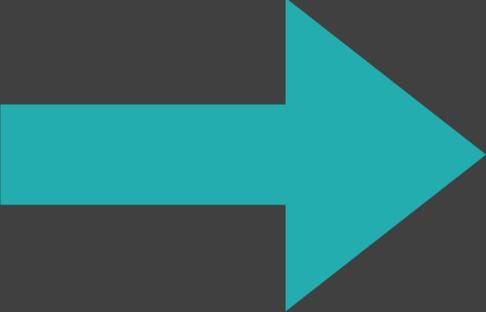


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Adaptive POVM implementations and measurement error mitigation strategies

adaptive measurement techniques
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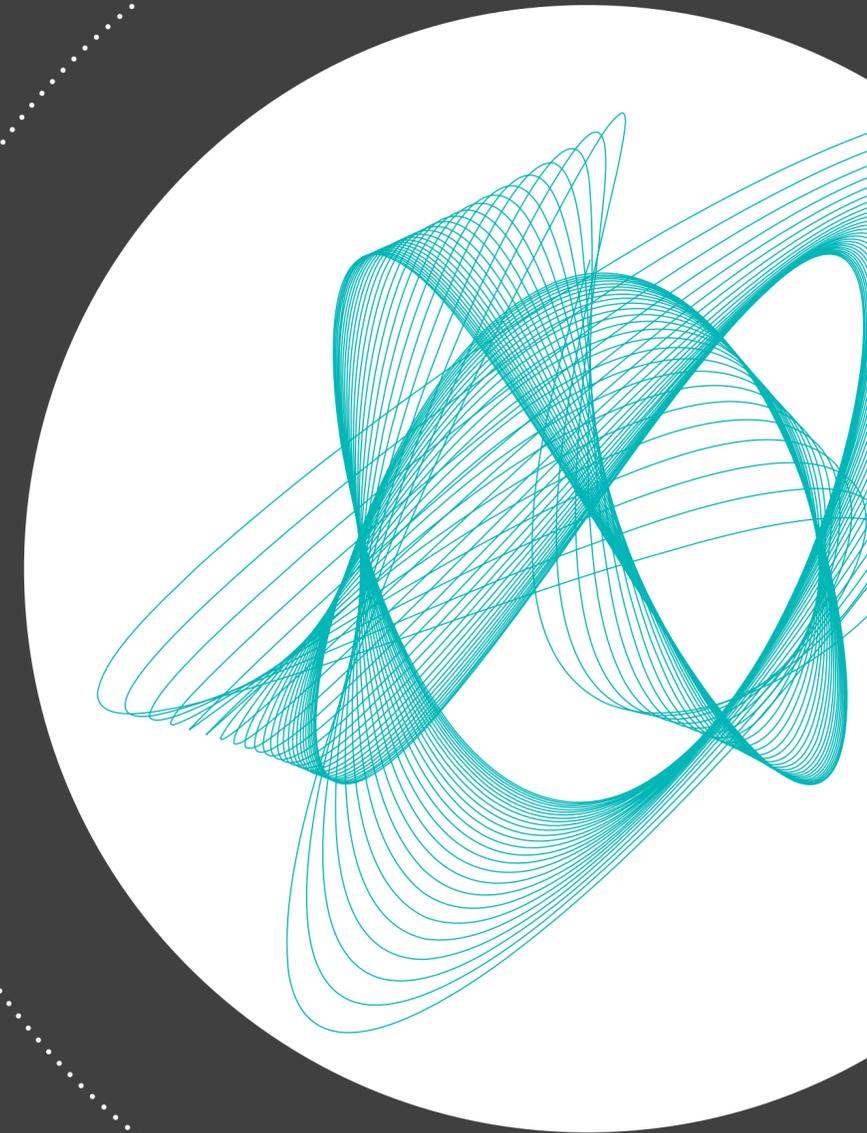
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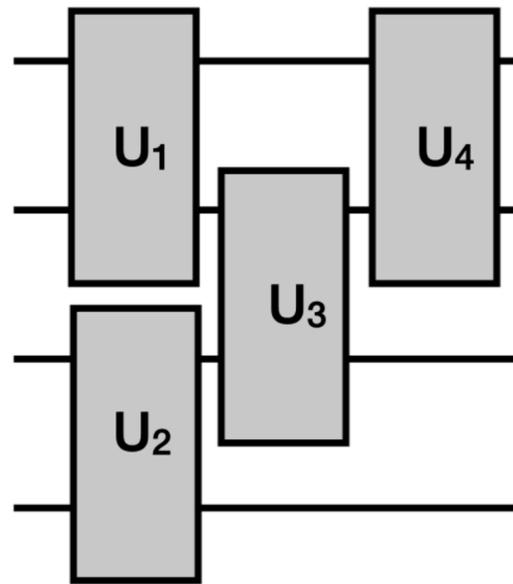


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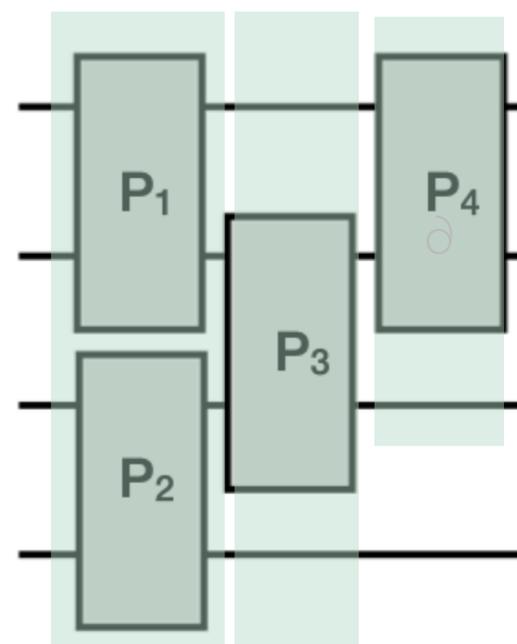




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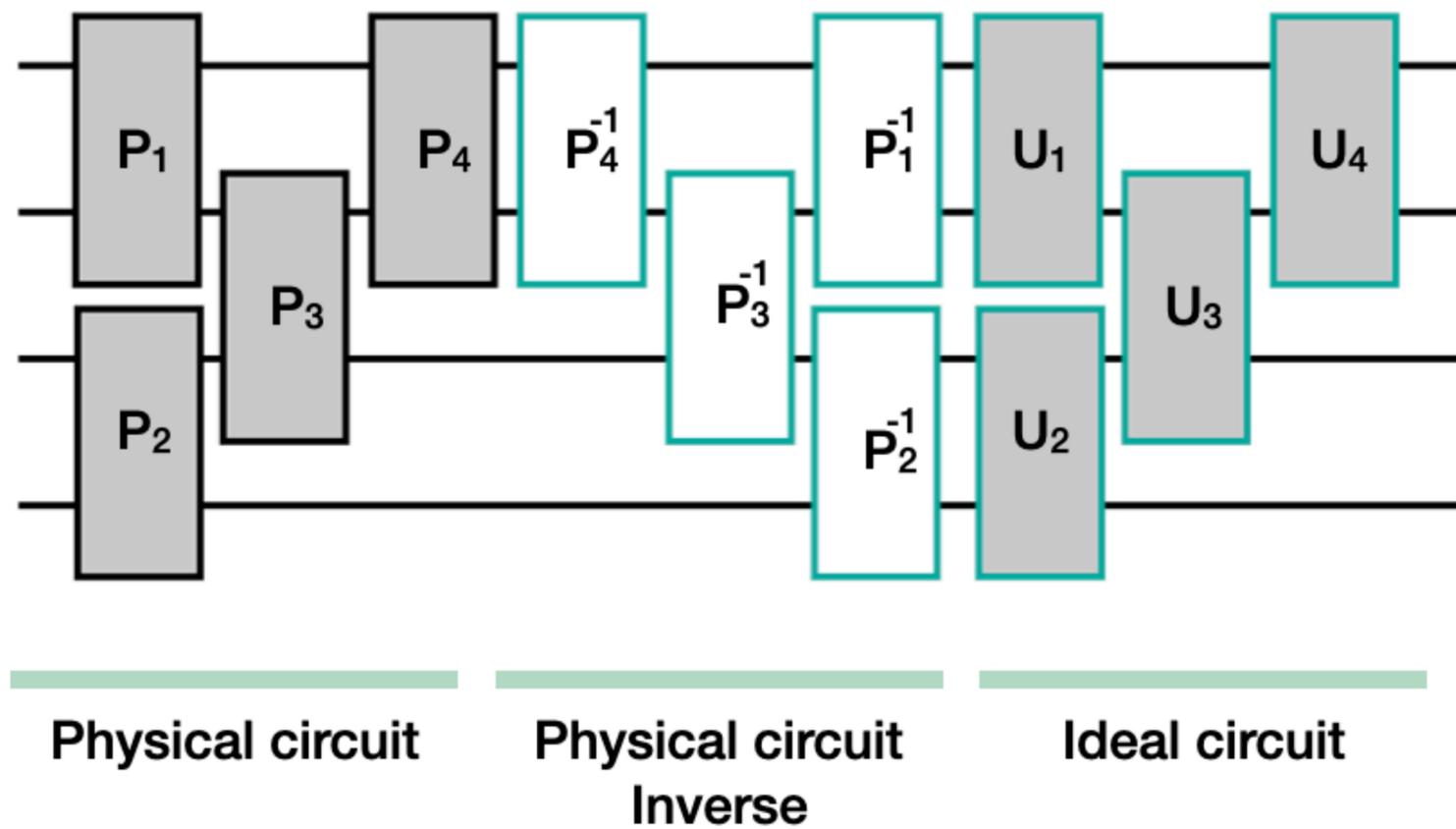
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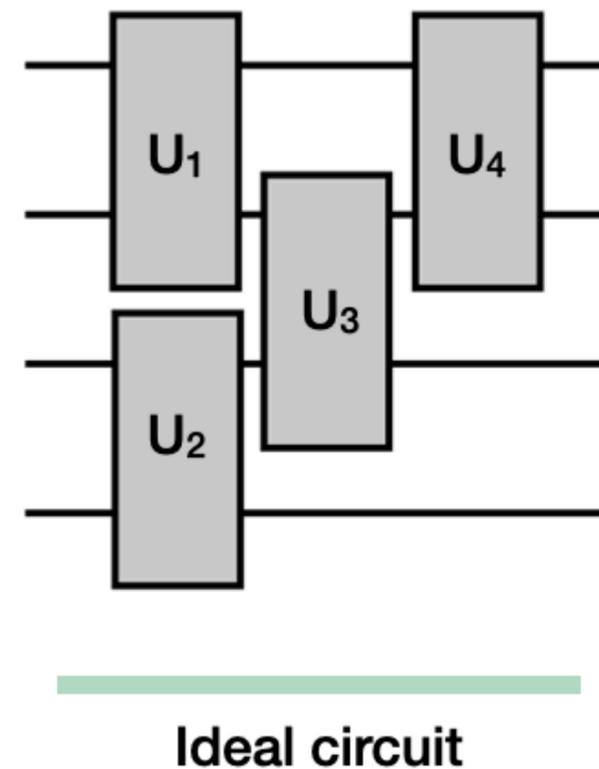


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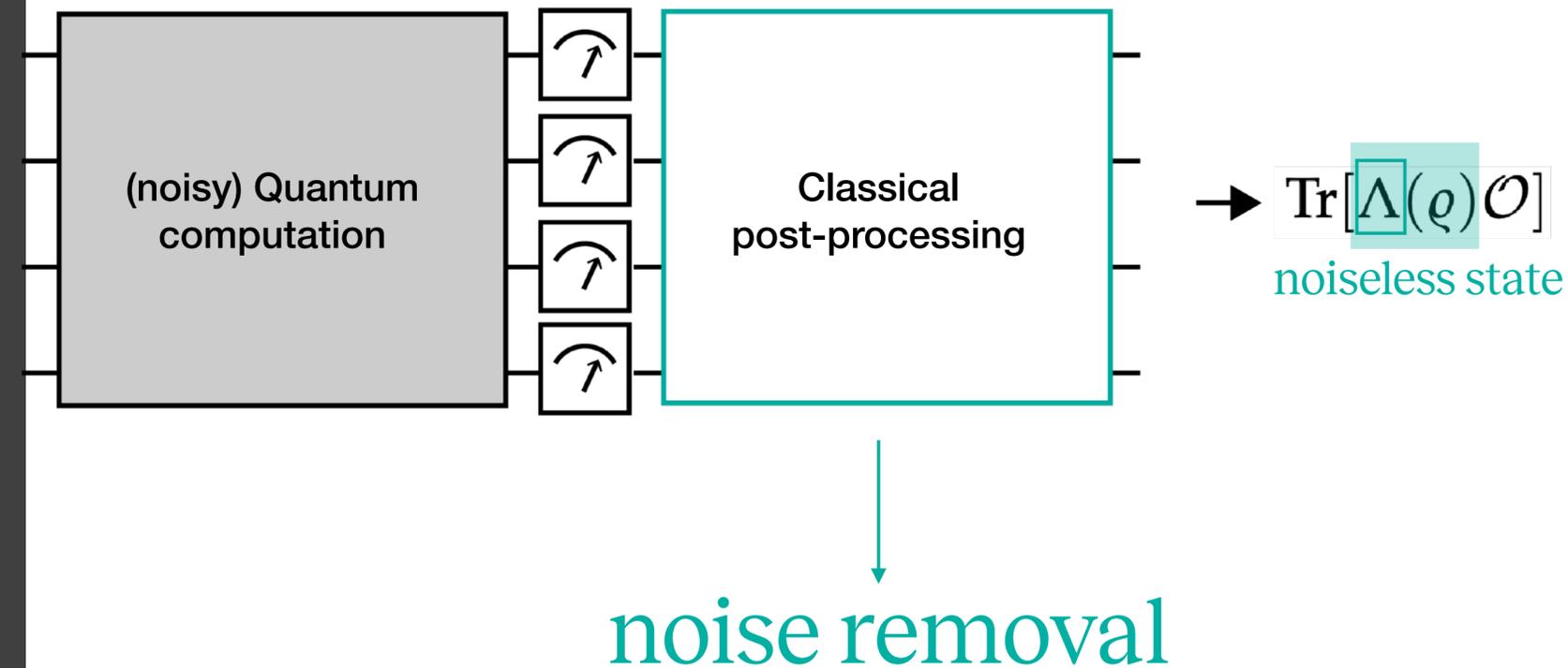
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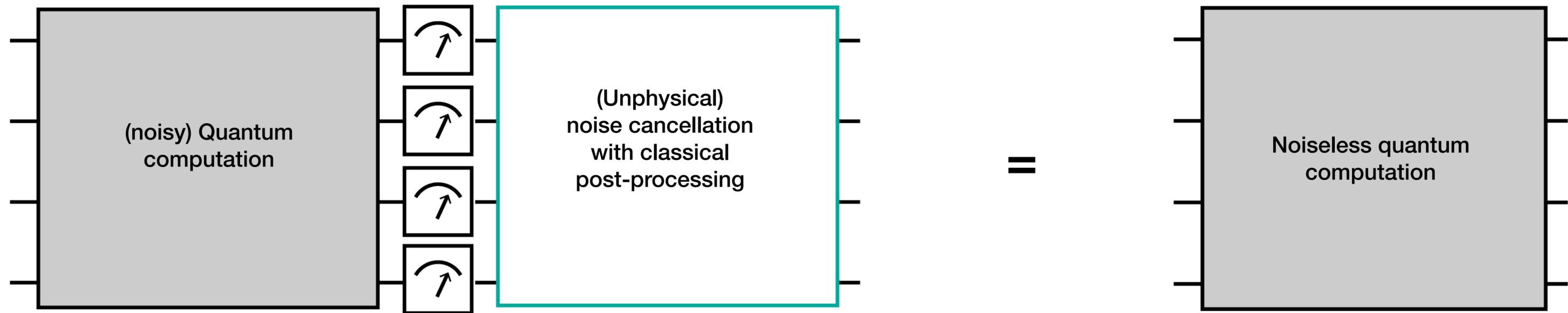
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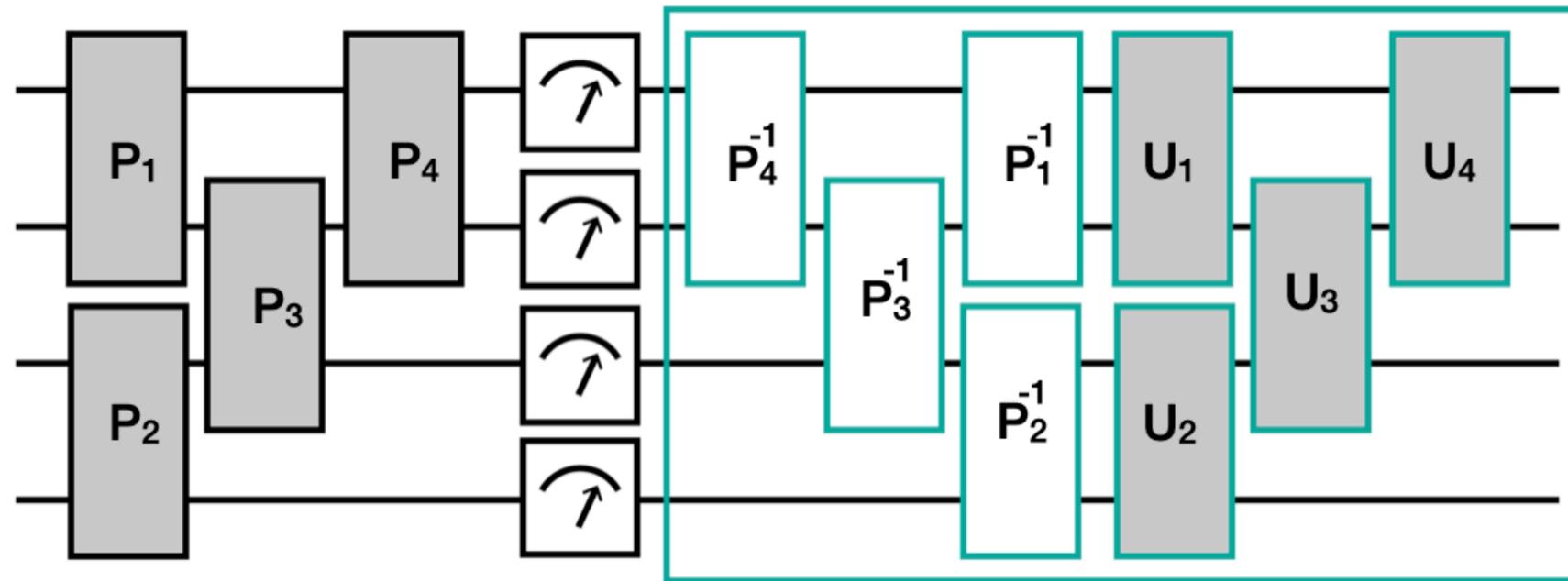
The goal - the Algo way

estimate physical properties of a modified state corresponding to the result of a virtual transformation applied on the state of a quantum processor

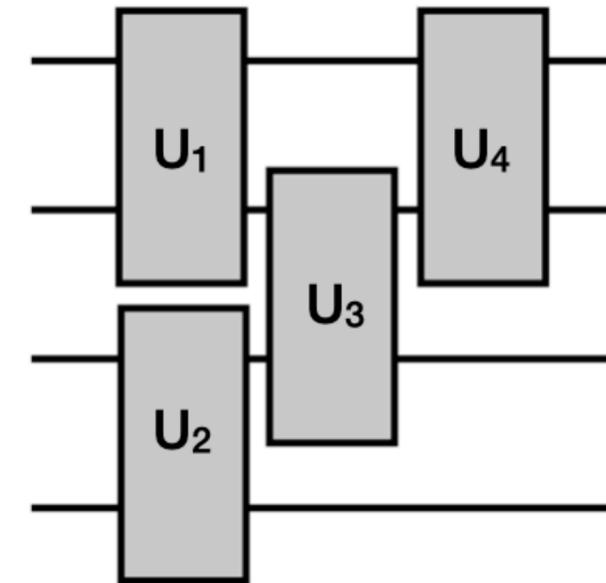




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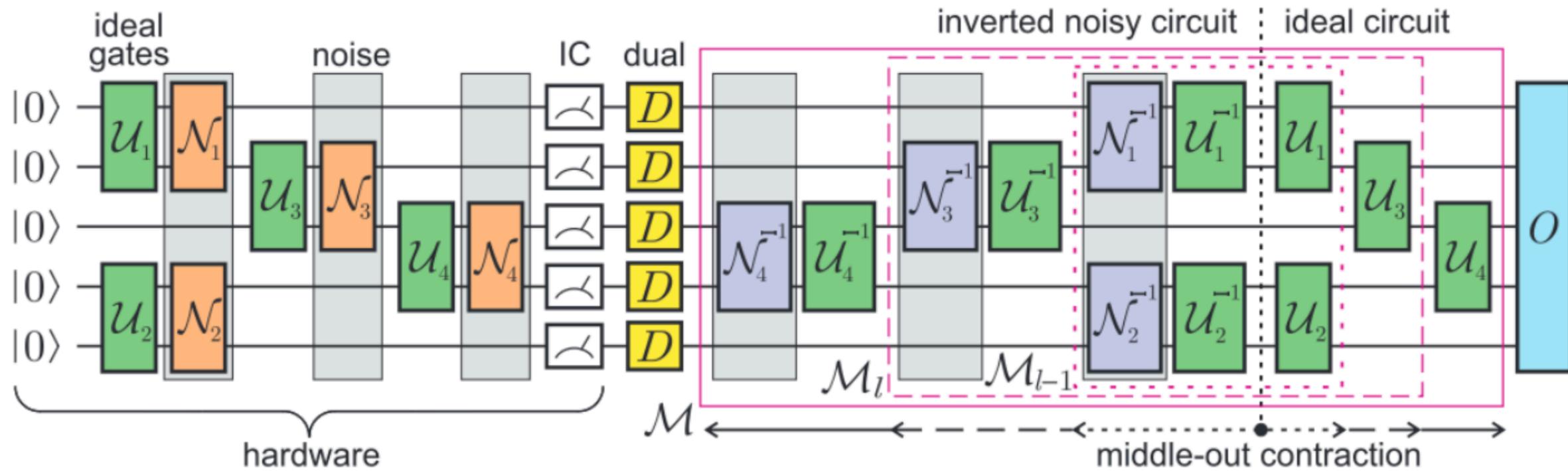
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Key idea:
Find an efficient representation
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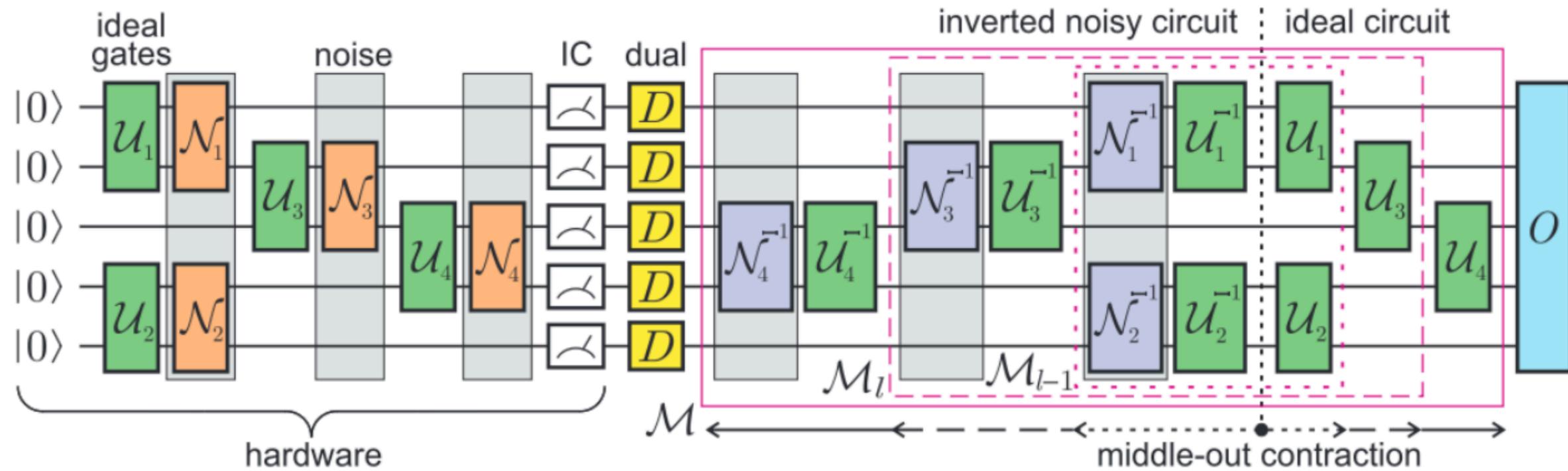
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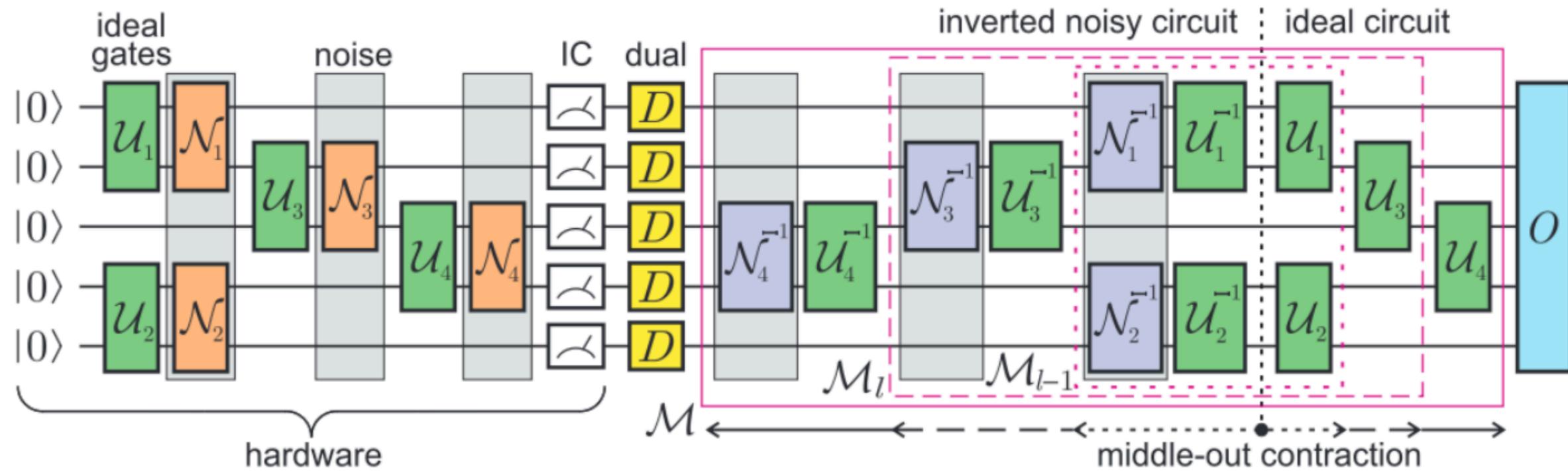
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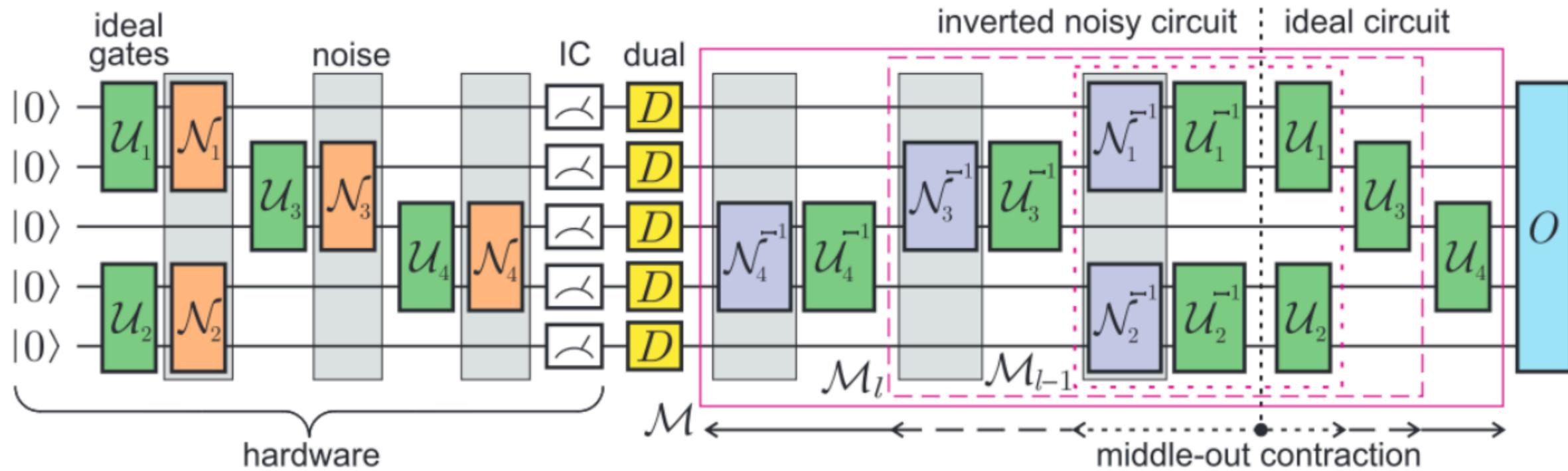


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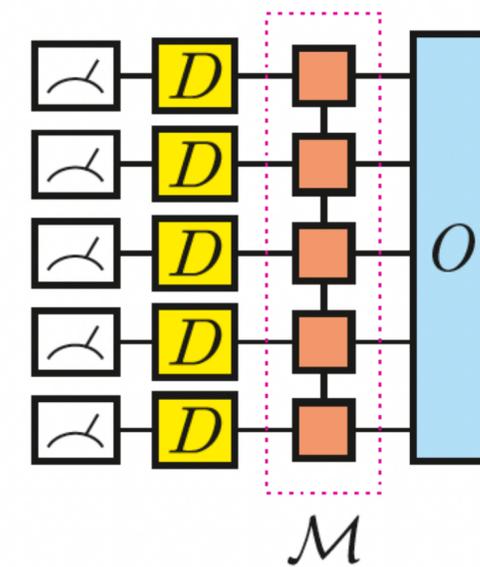
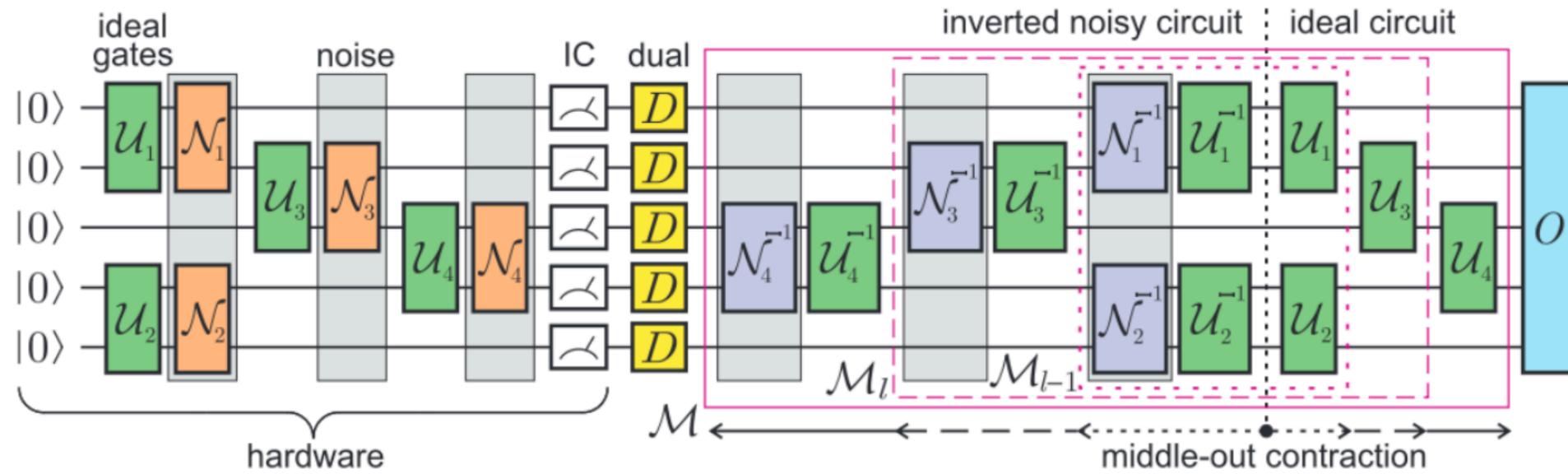
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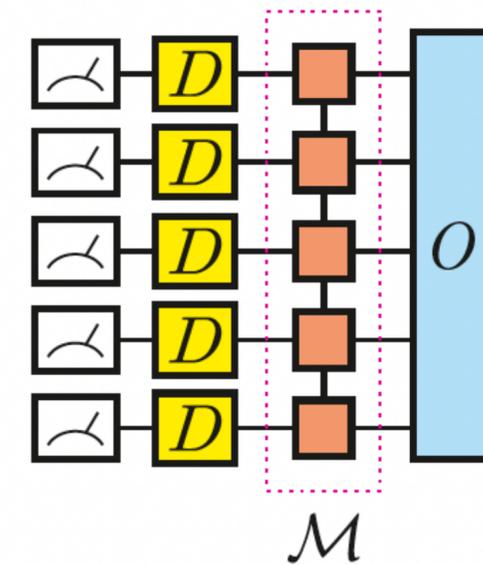
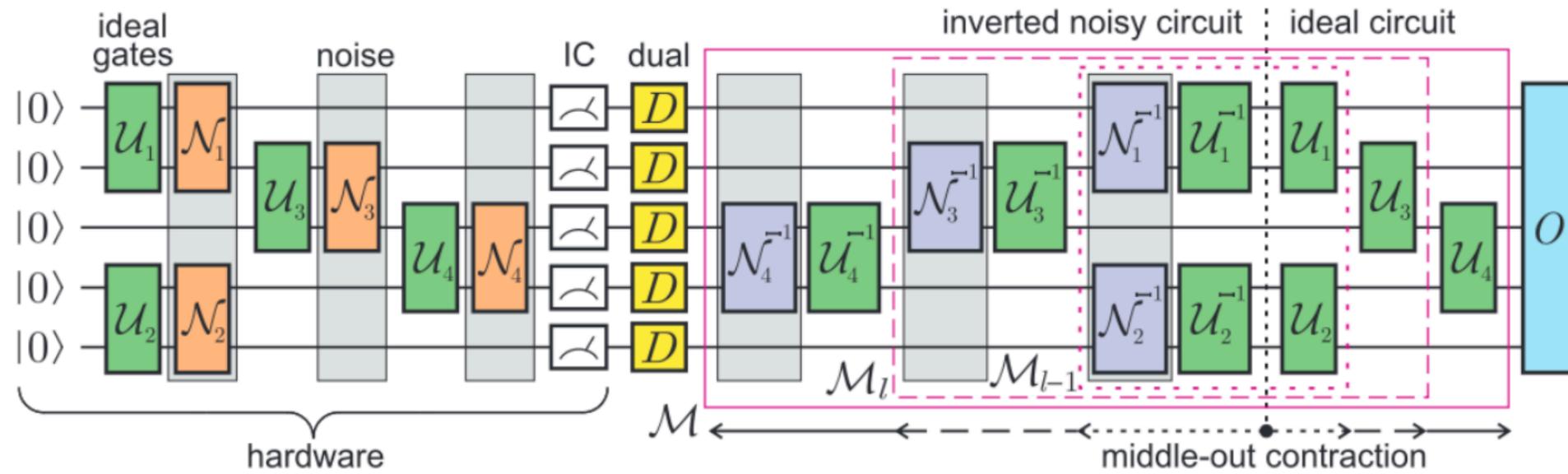
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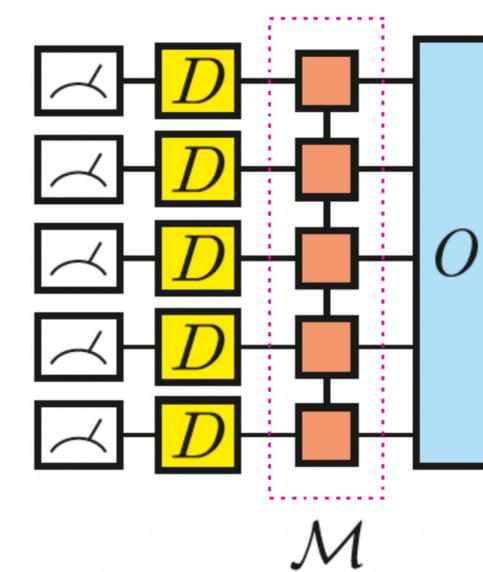
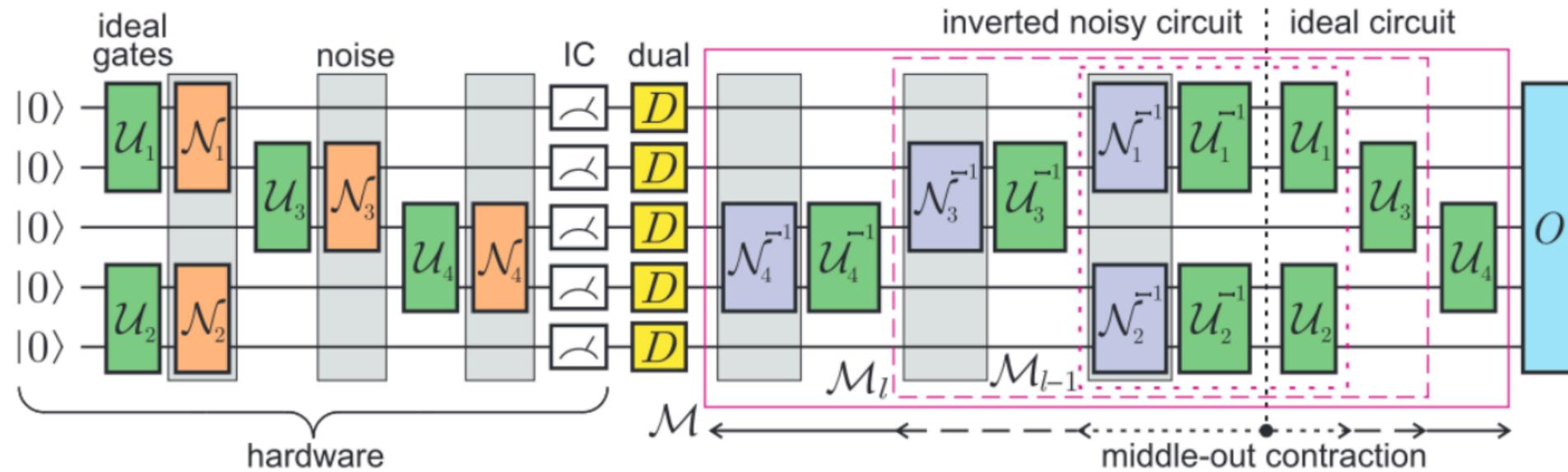
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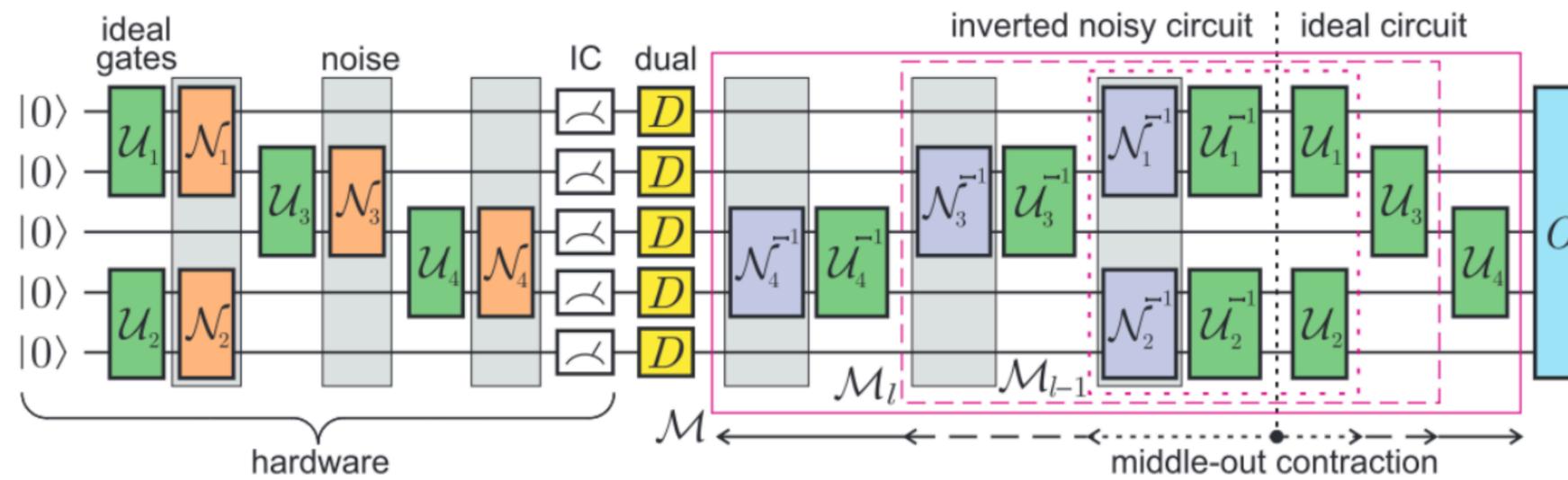


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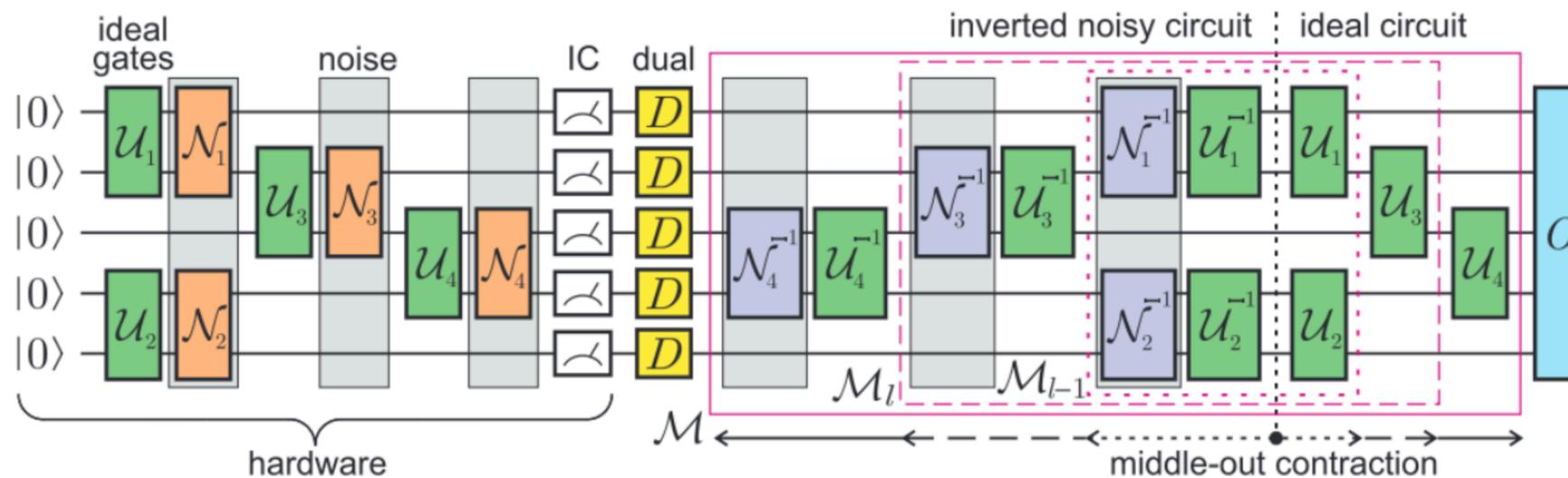


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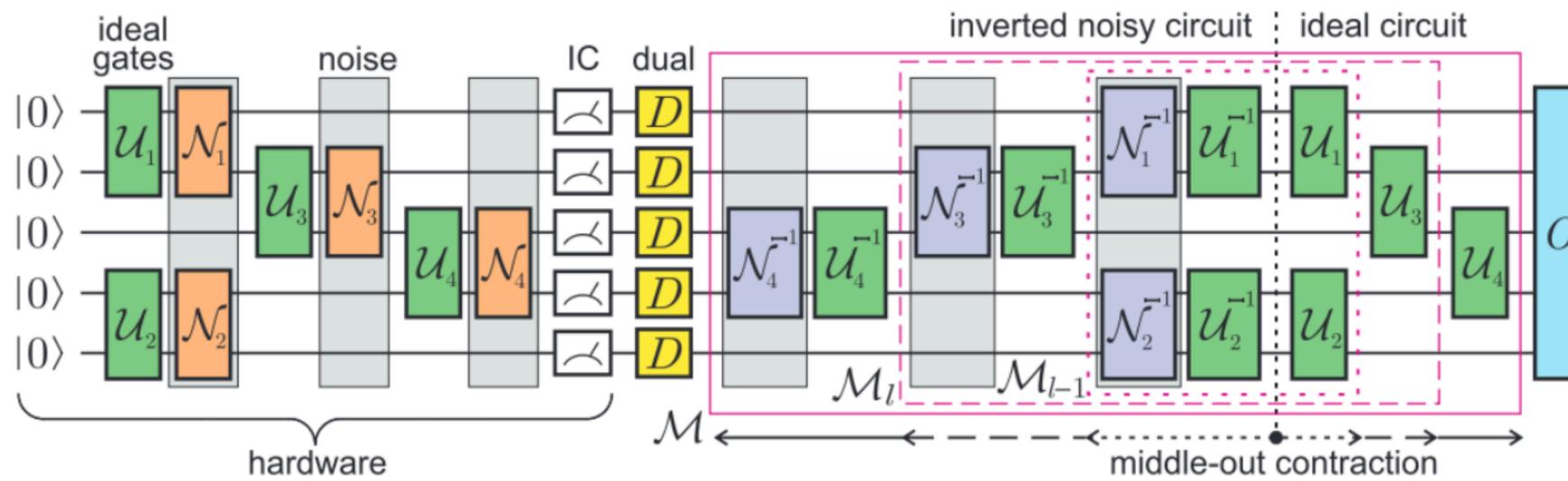
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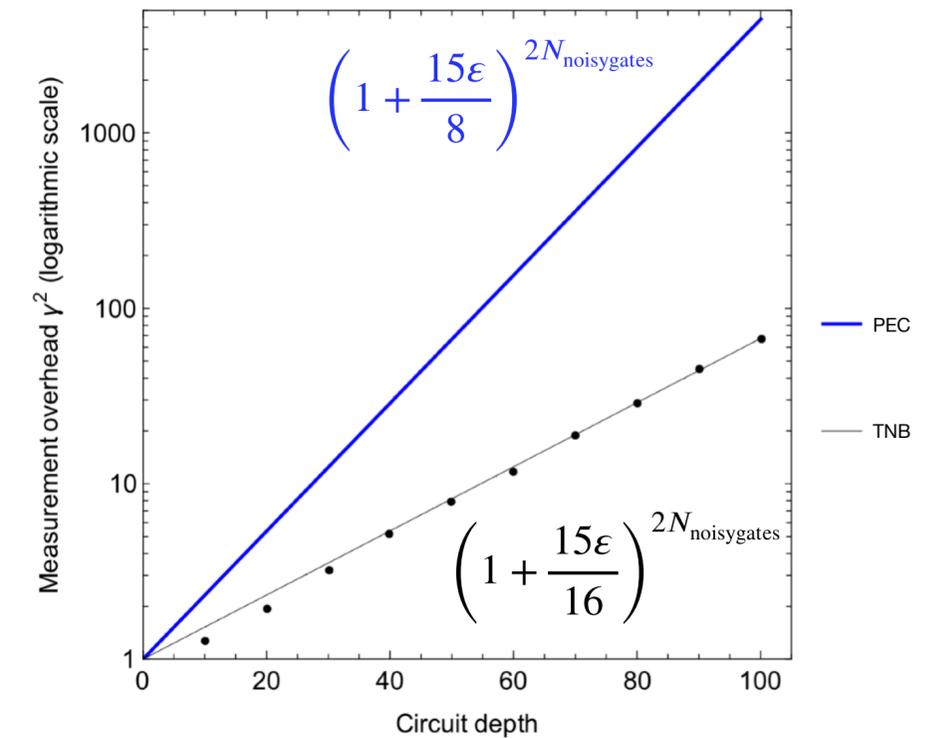


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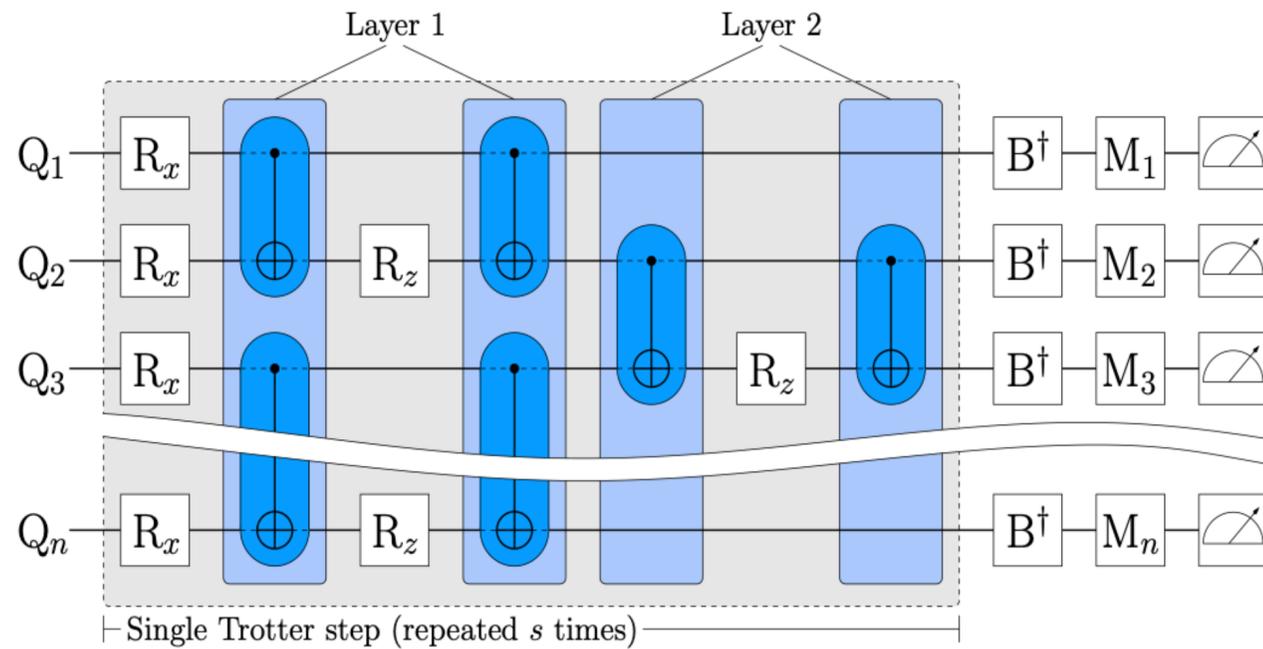


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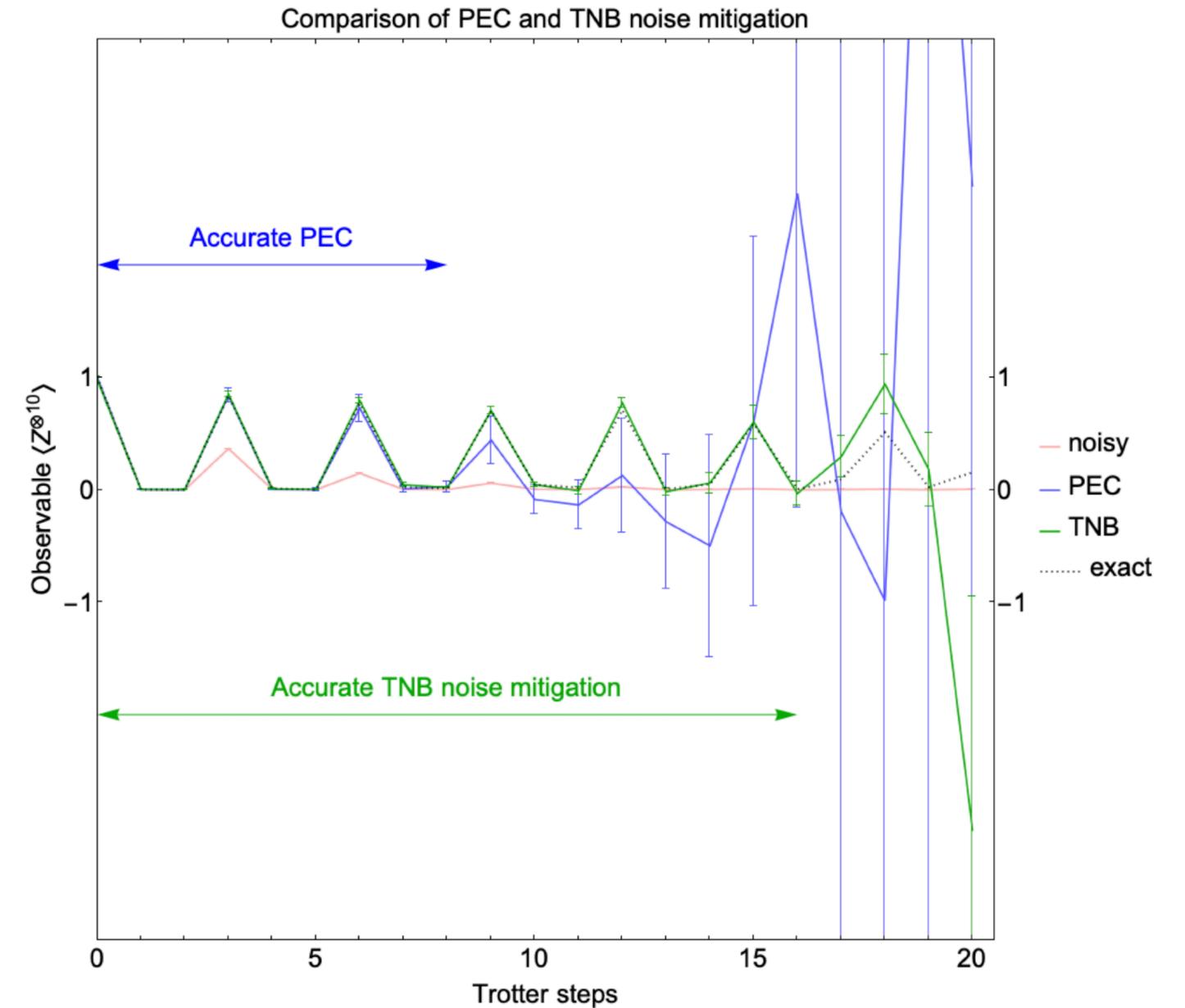
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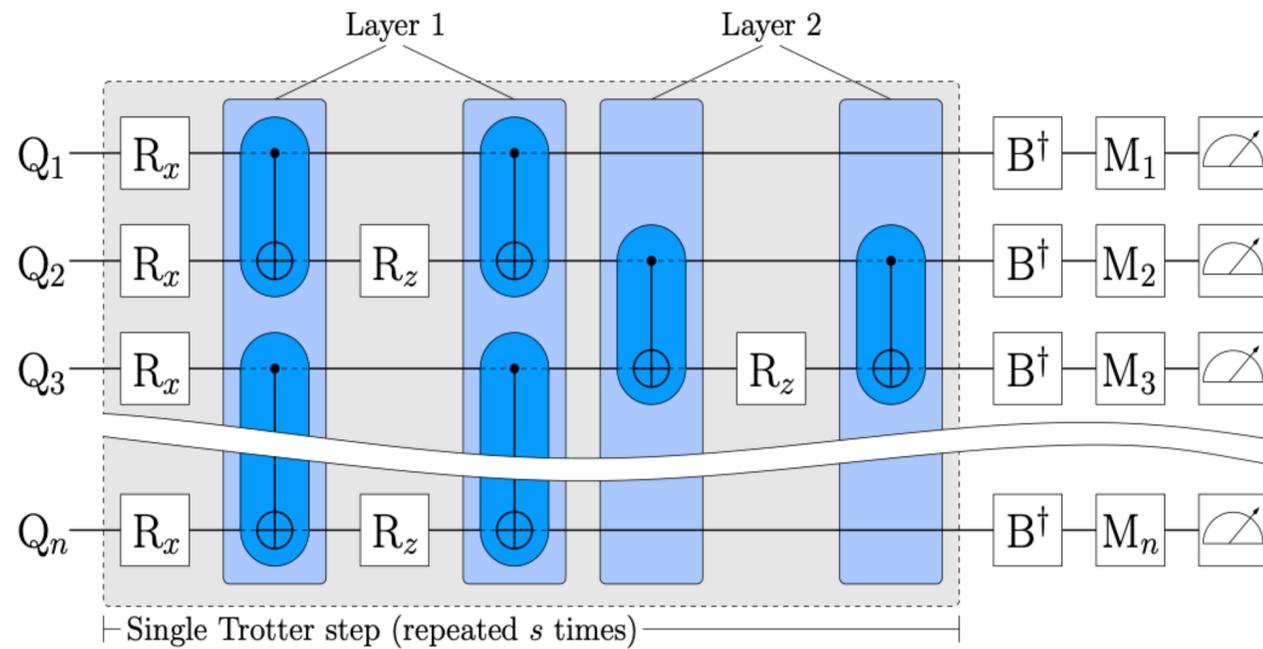
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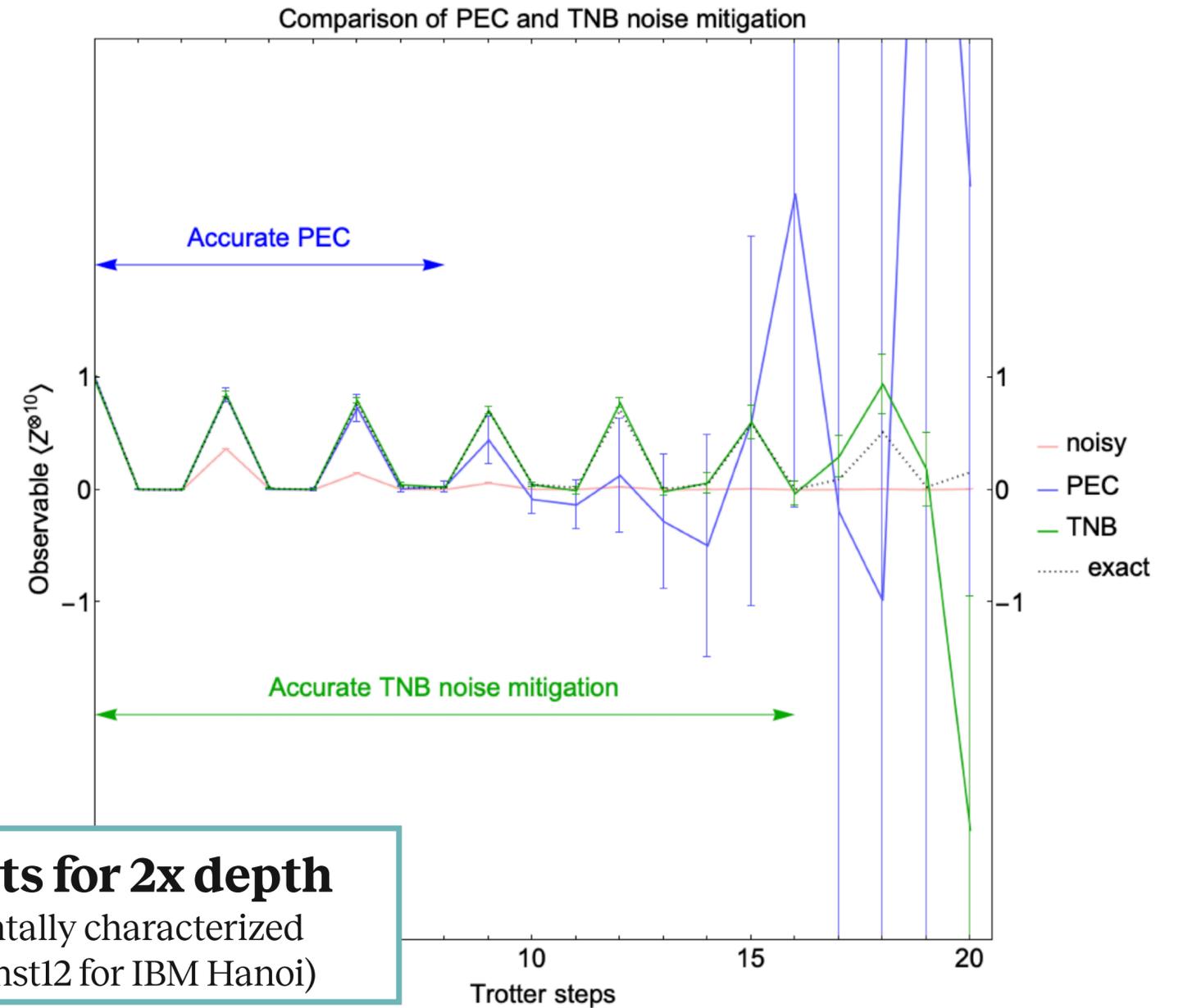
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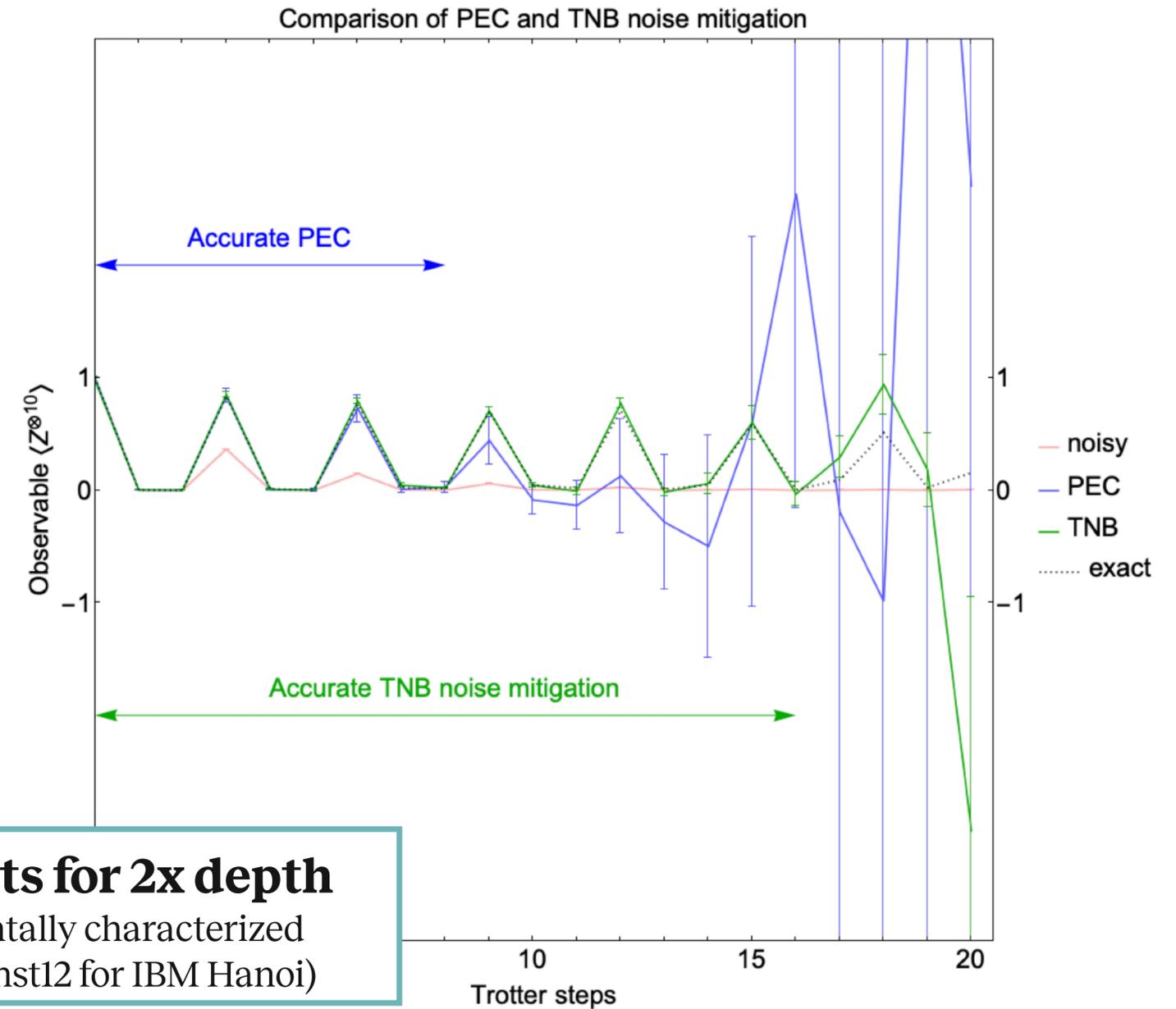
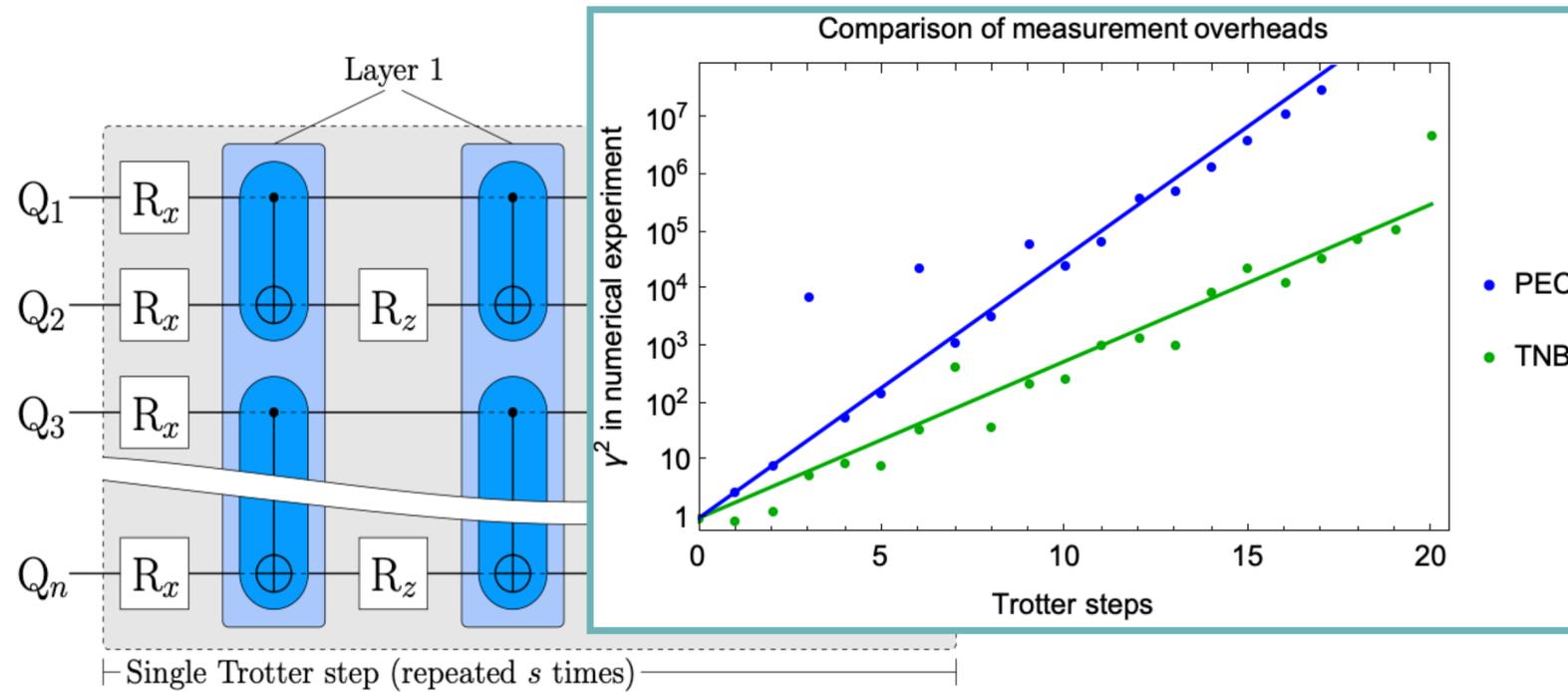
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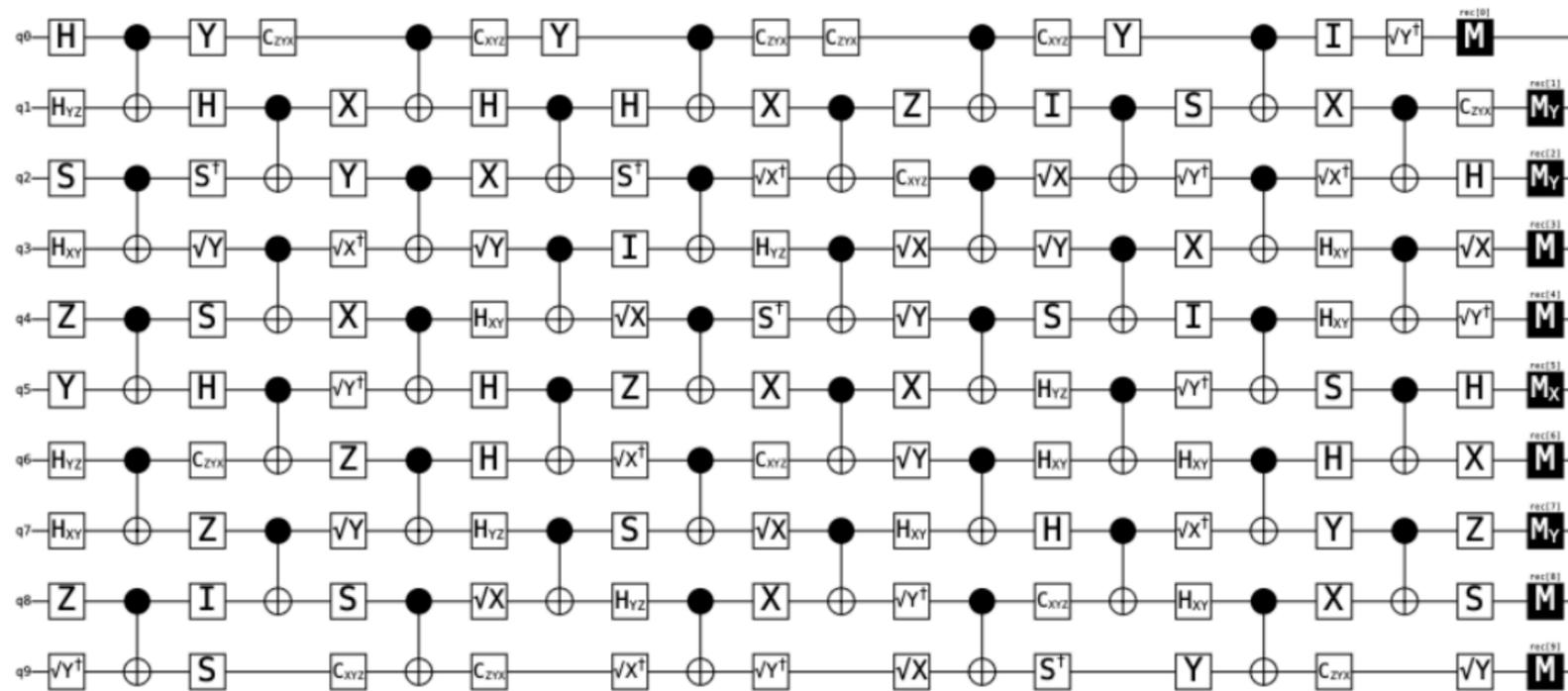
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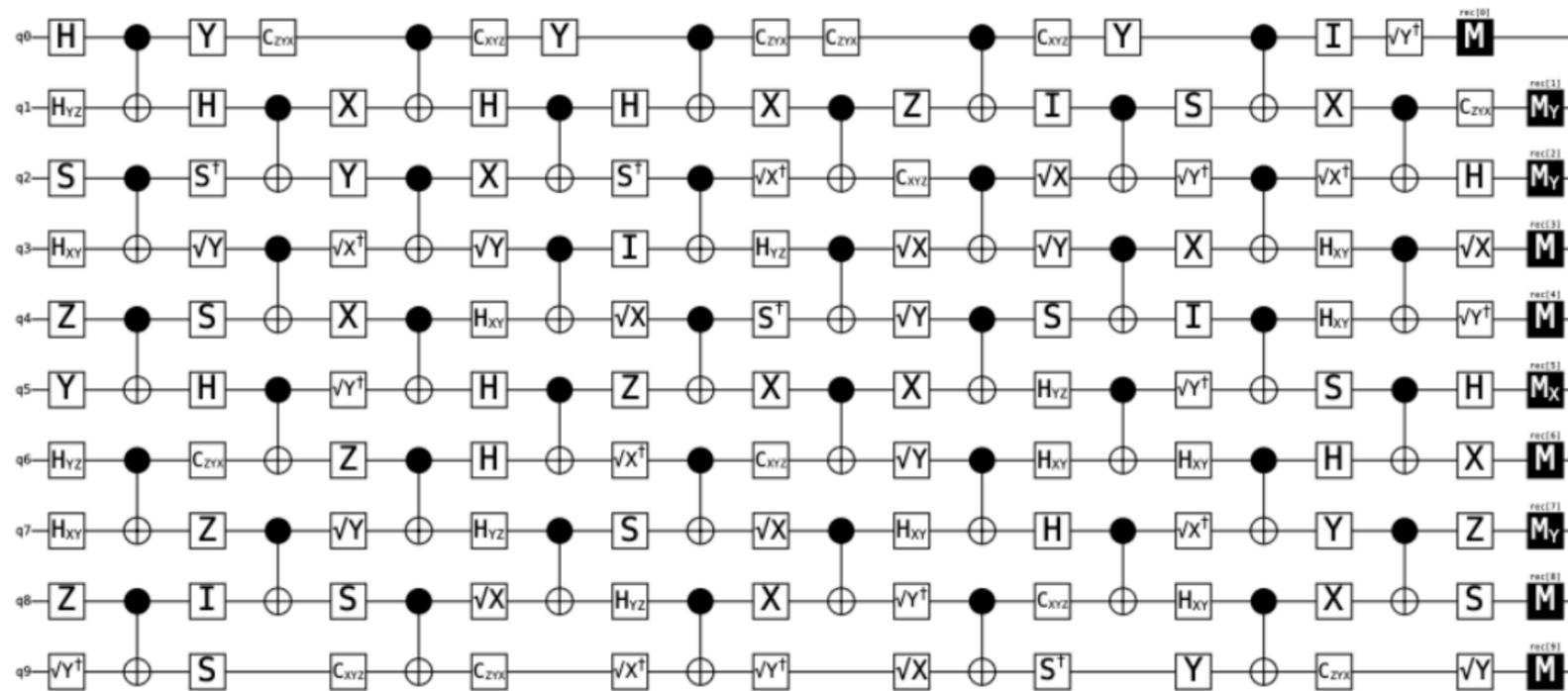


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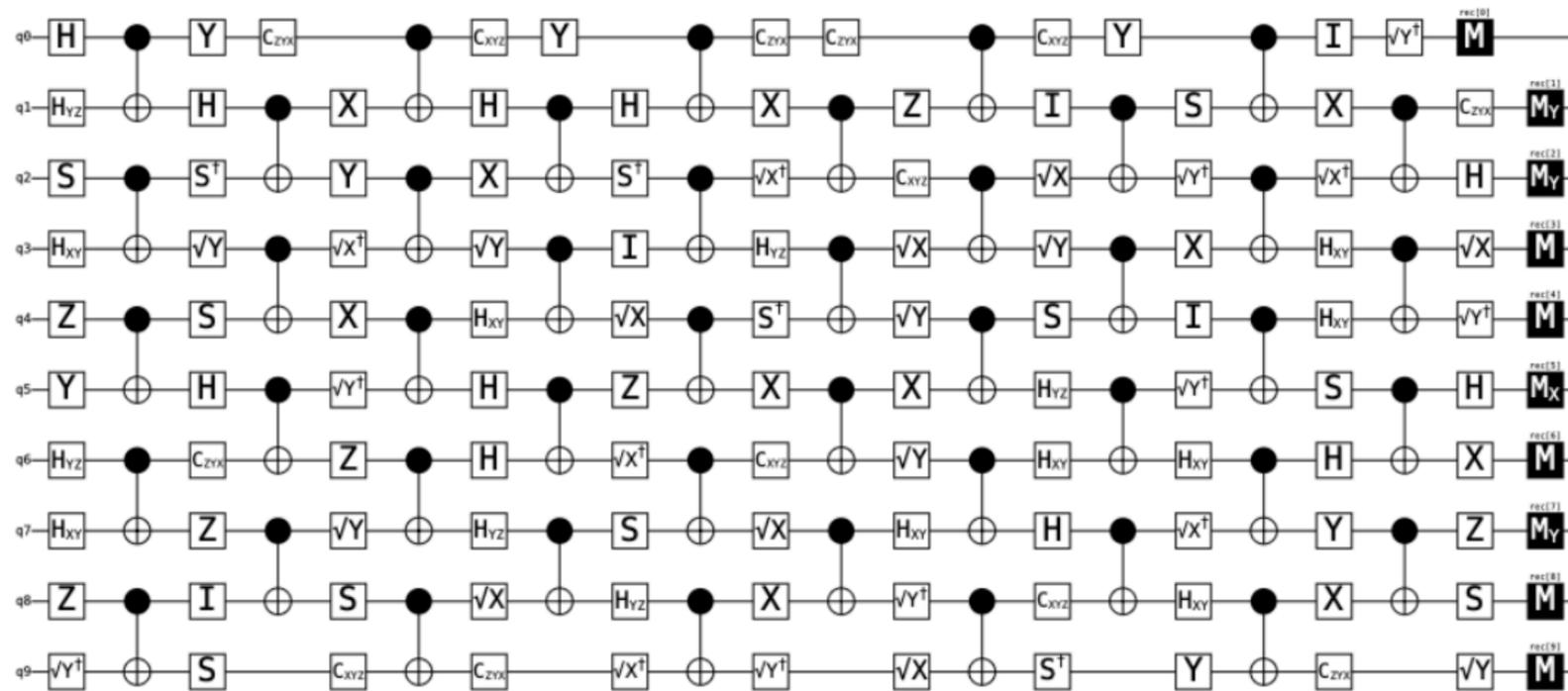
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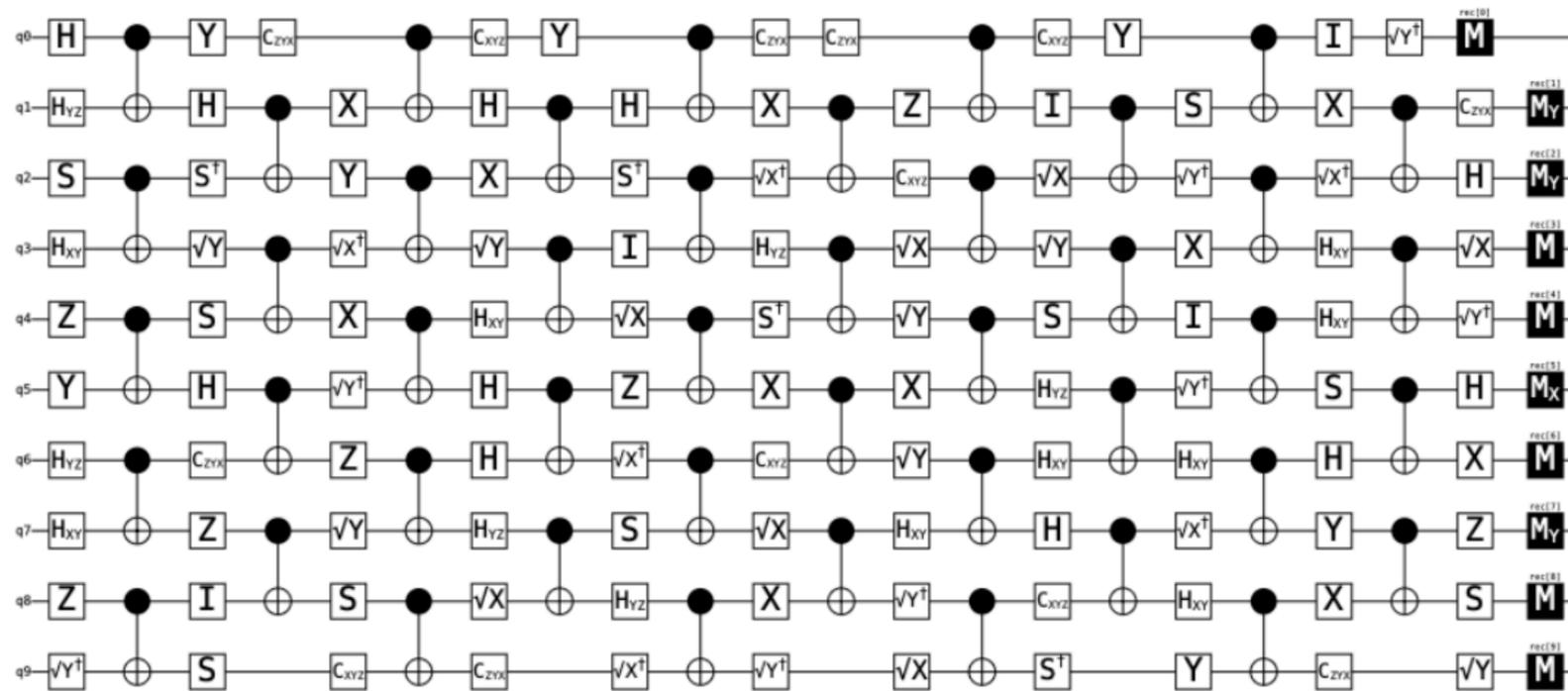
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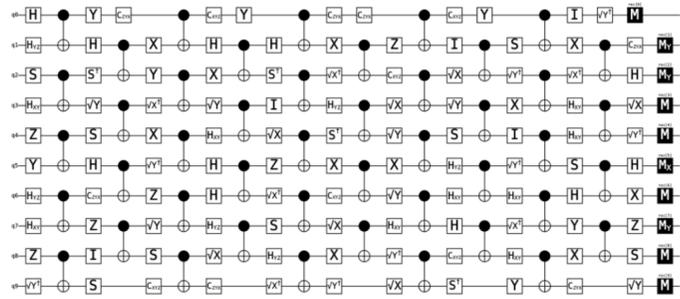
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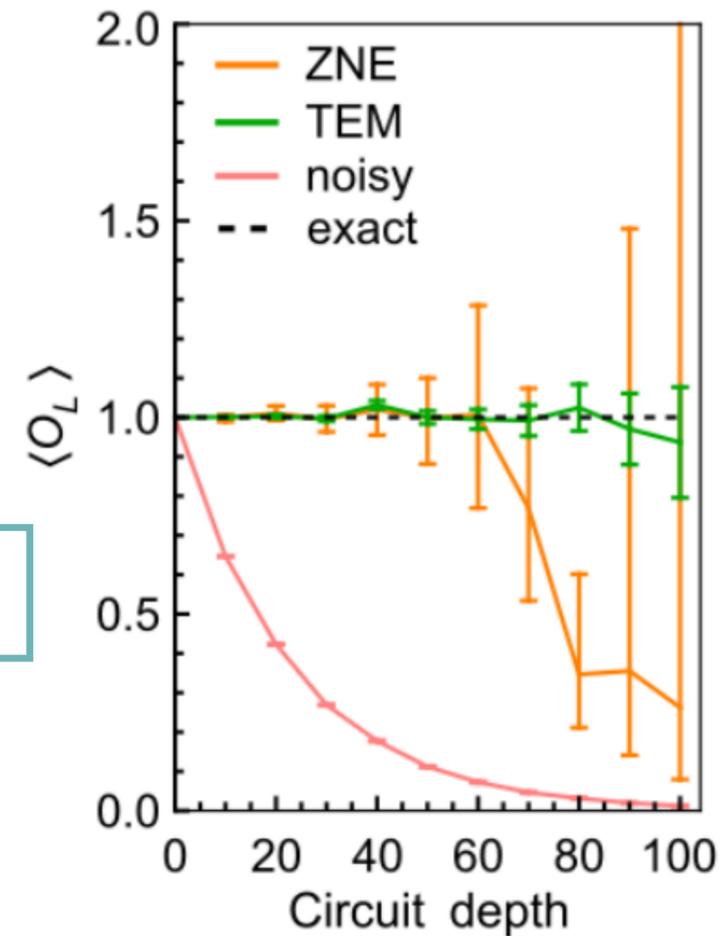
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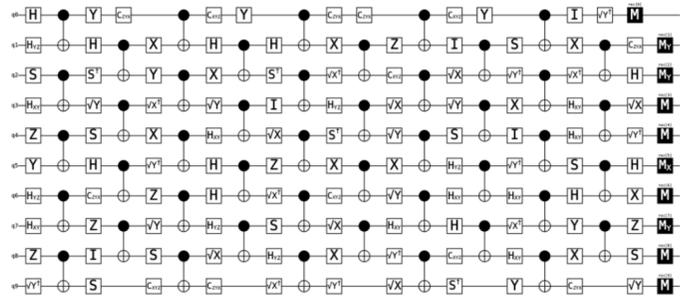


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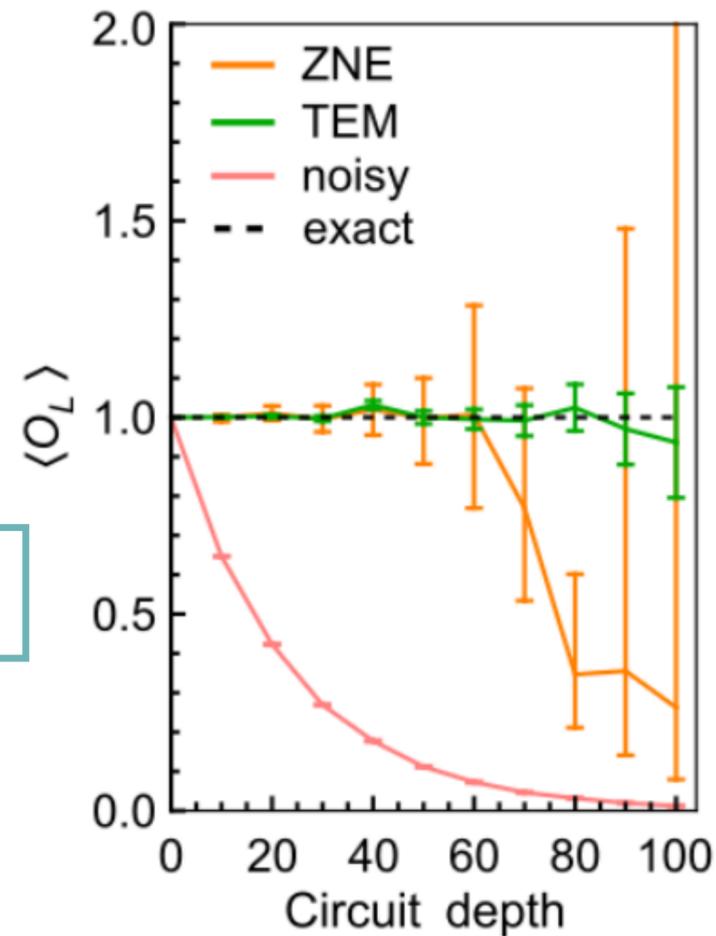
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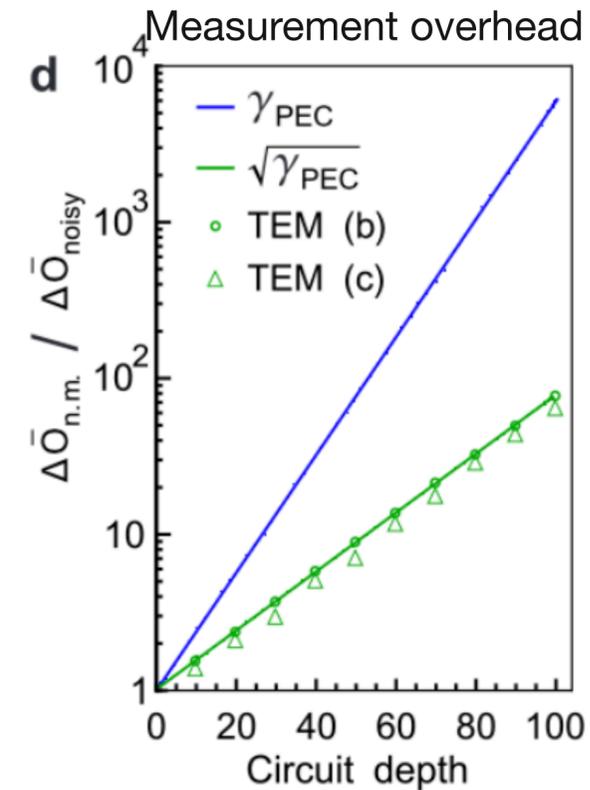
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Measurement overhead in PEC: $\gamma_{\text{PEC}}^2 \sim 10^8$

Measurement overhead in TNB: $\gamma_{\text{TEM}}^2 \sim 10^4$



Number of shots required by PEC to reach this accuracy: $\sim 10^{11}$ (2.5 yrs @ 10^8 shots/day)

Postprocessing time with unoptimized code: ~ 60 h (44 CPUs from 2017, no GPU)

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THANK YOU

