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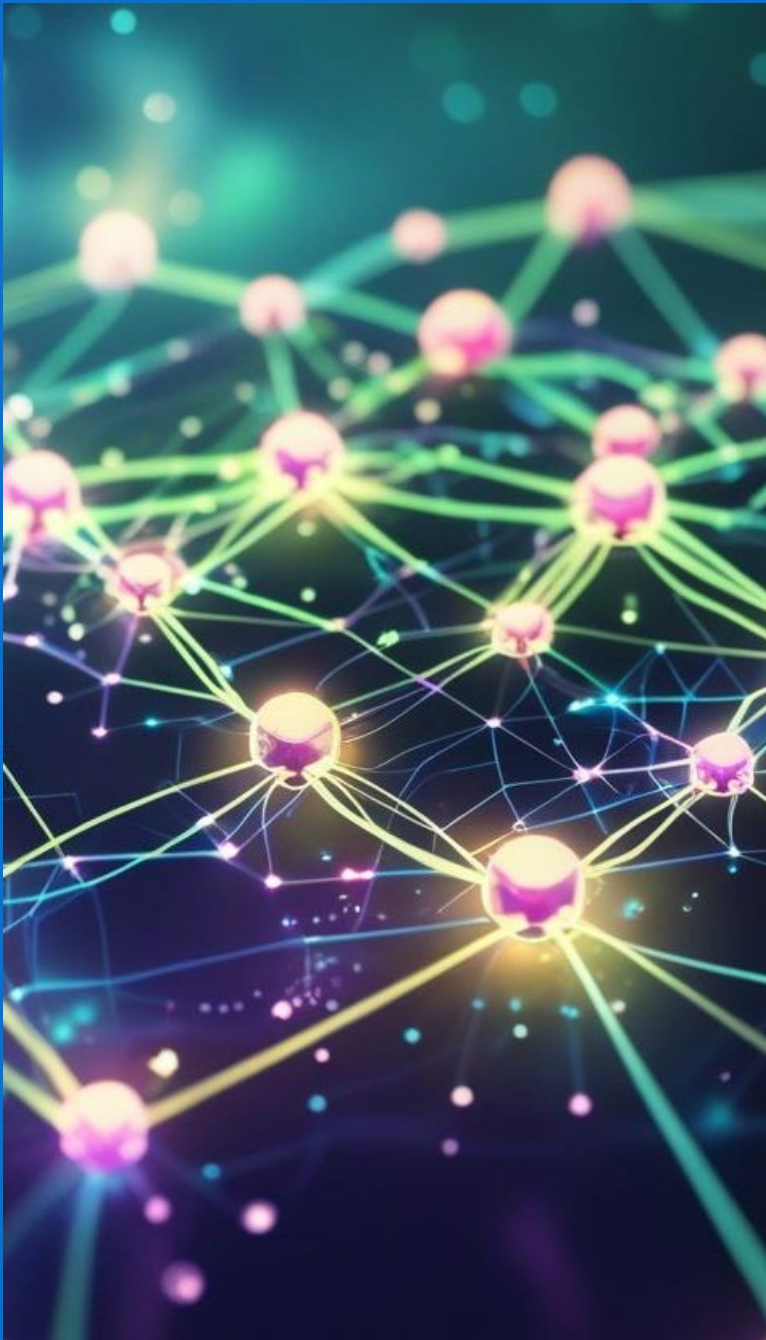
# TENSOR NETWORK SIMULATION OF MULTI-EMITTER WAVEGUIDE QED



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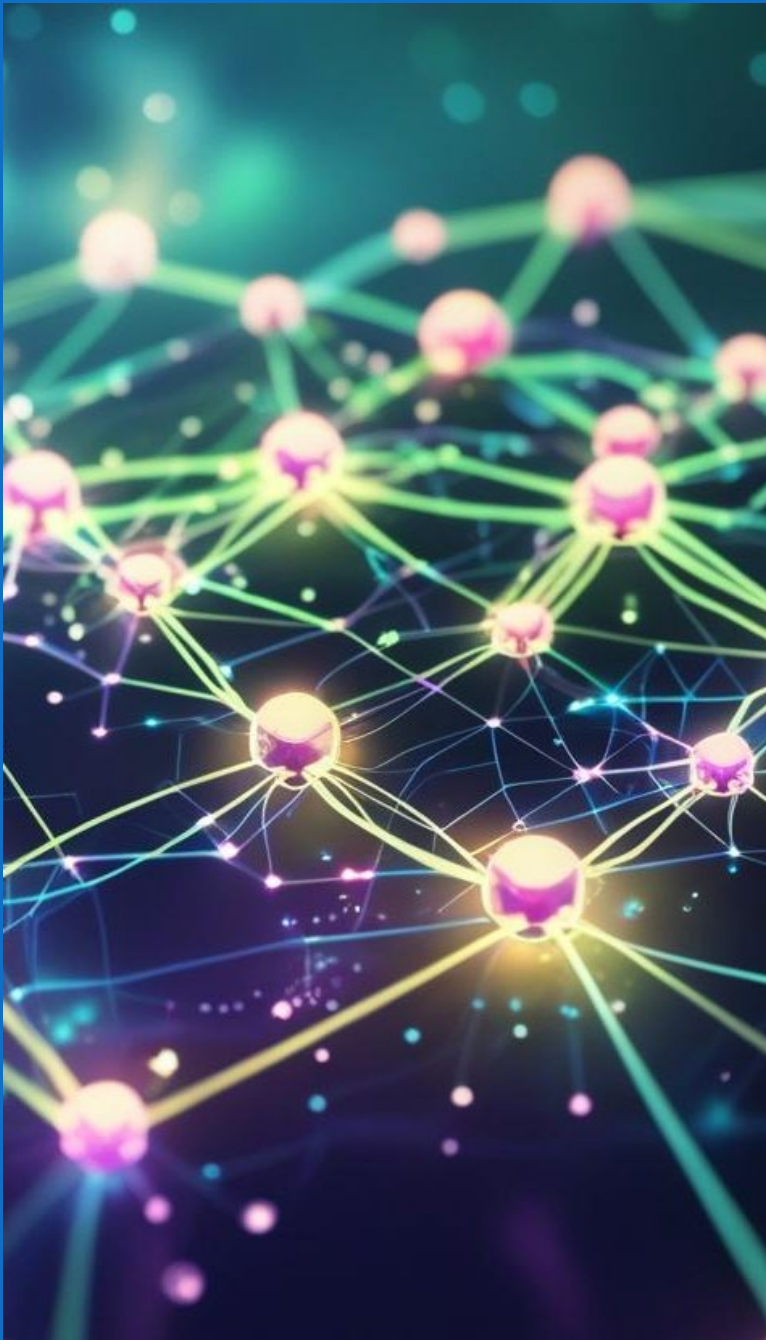
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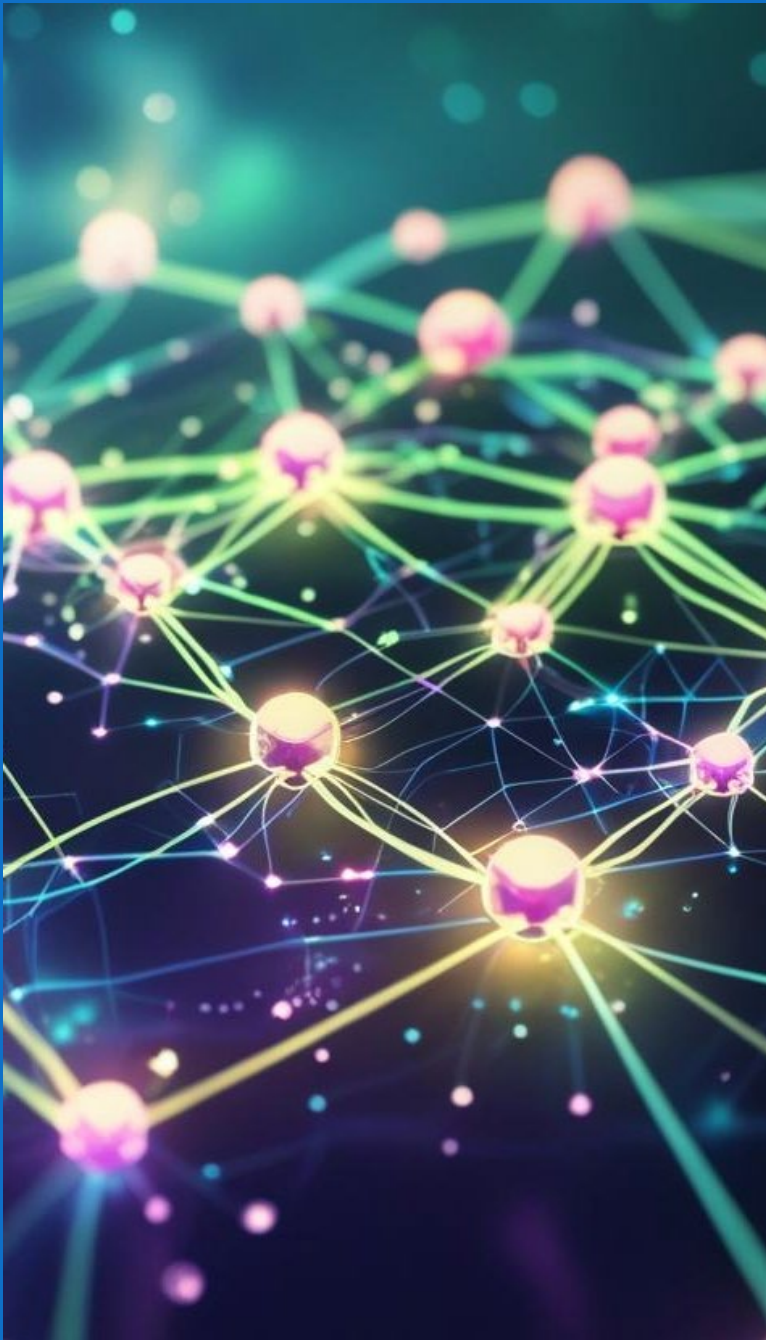
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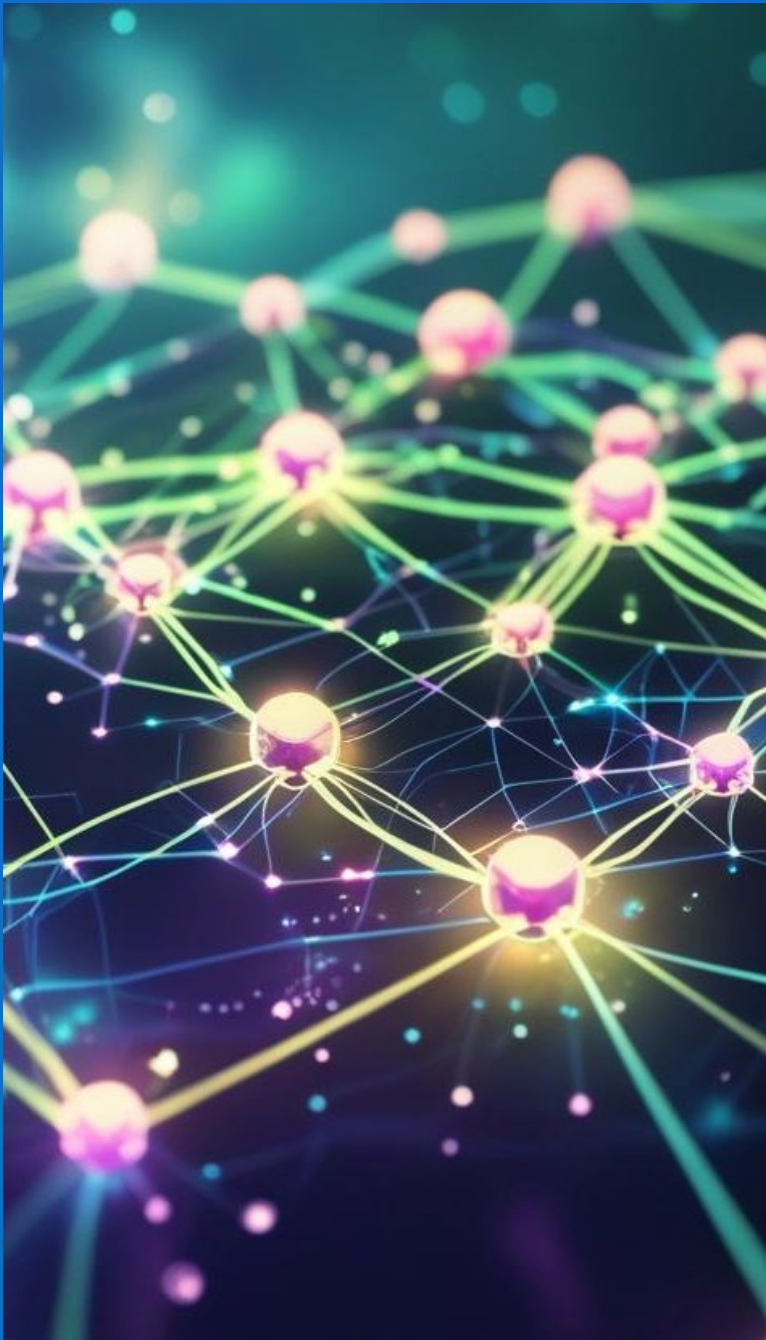


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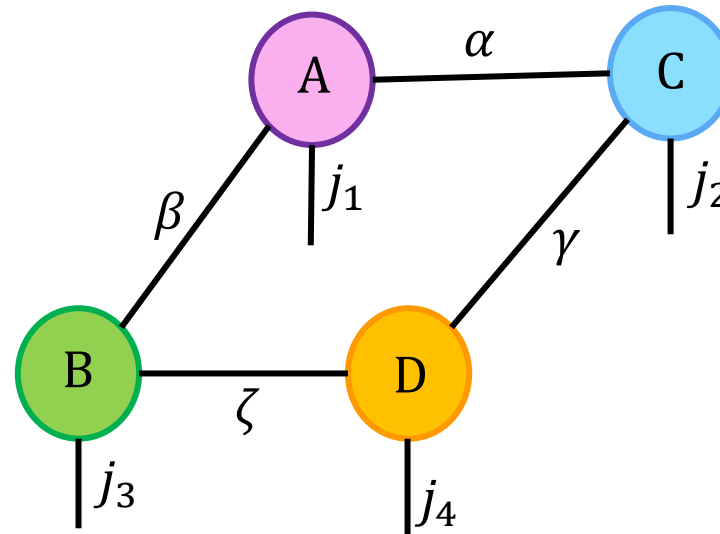
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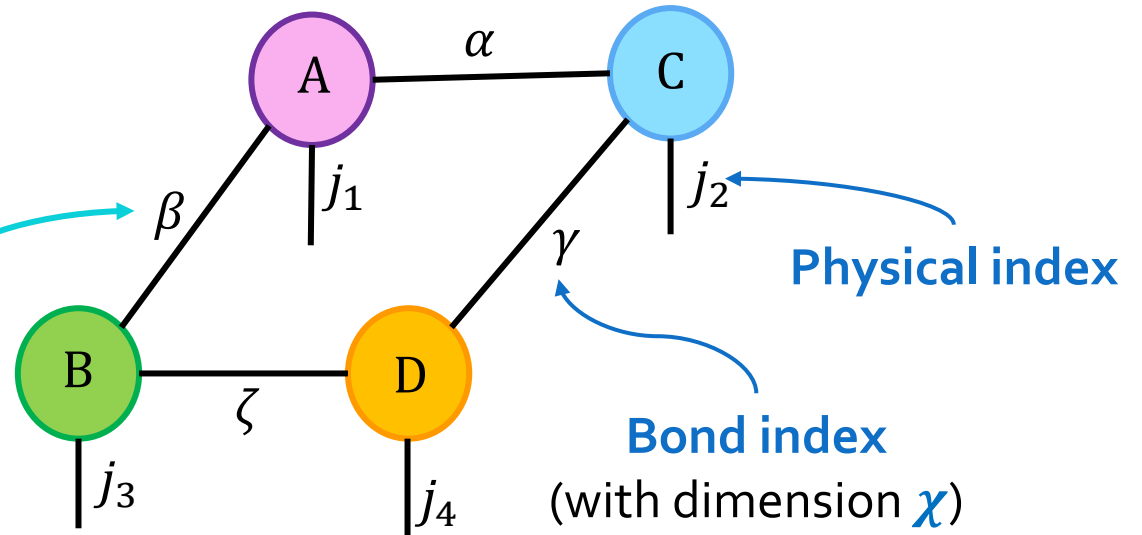
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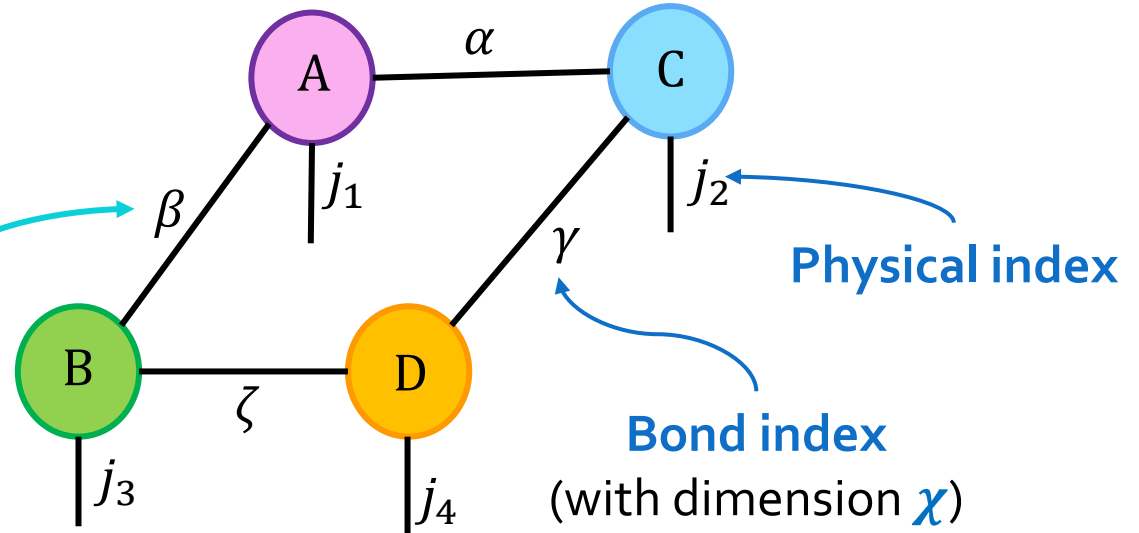
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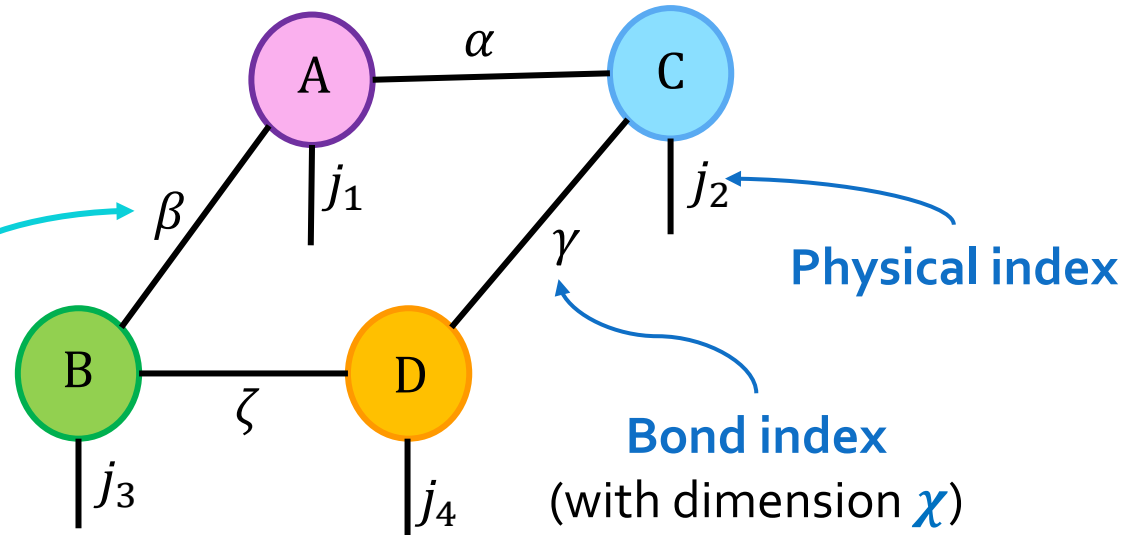
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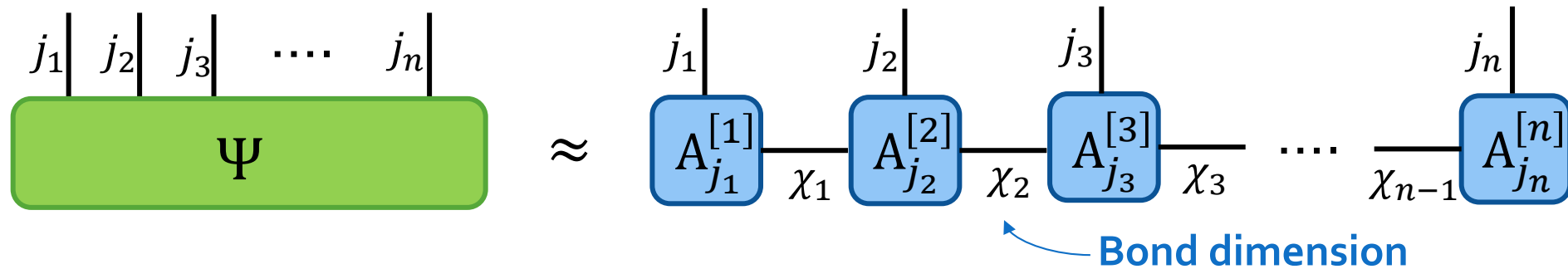


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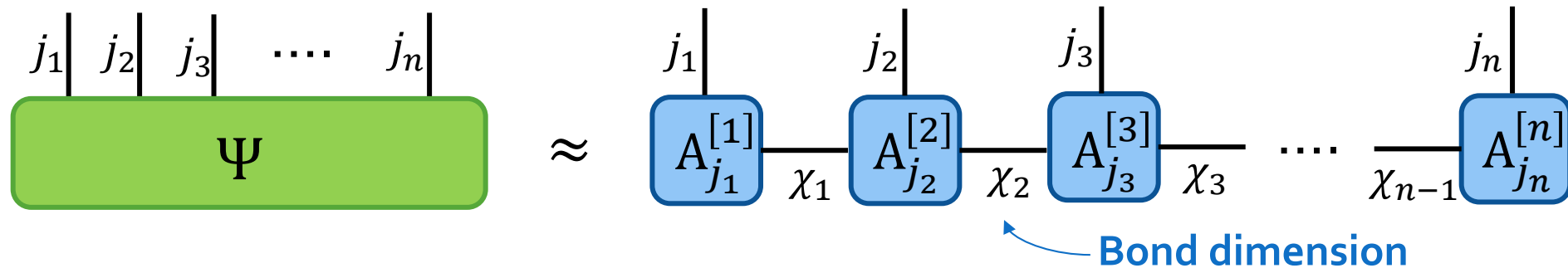
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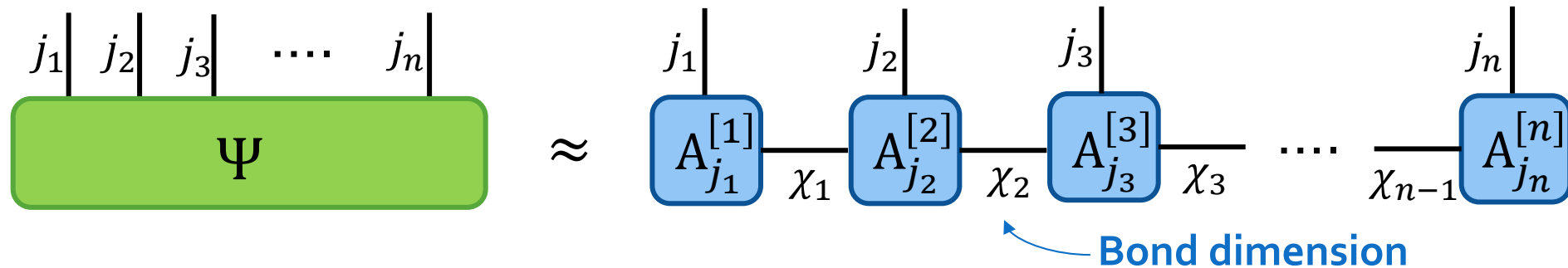
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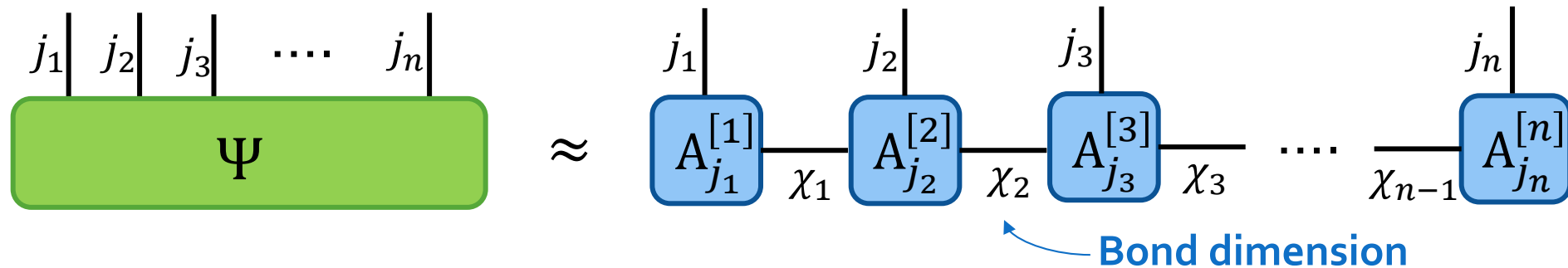
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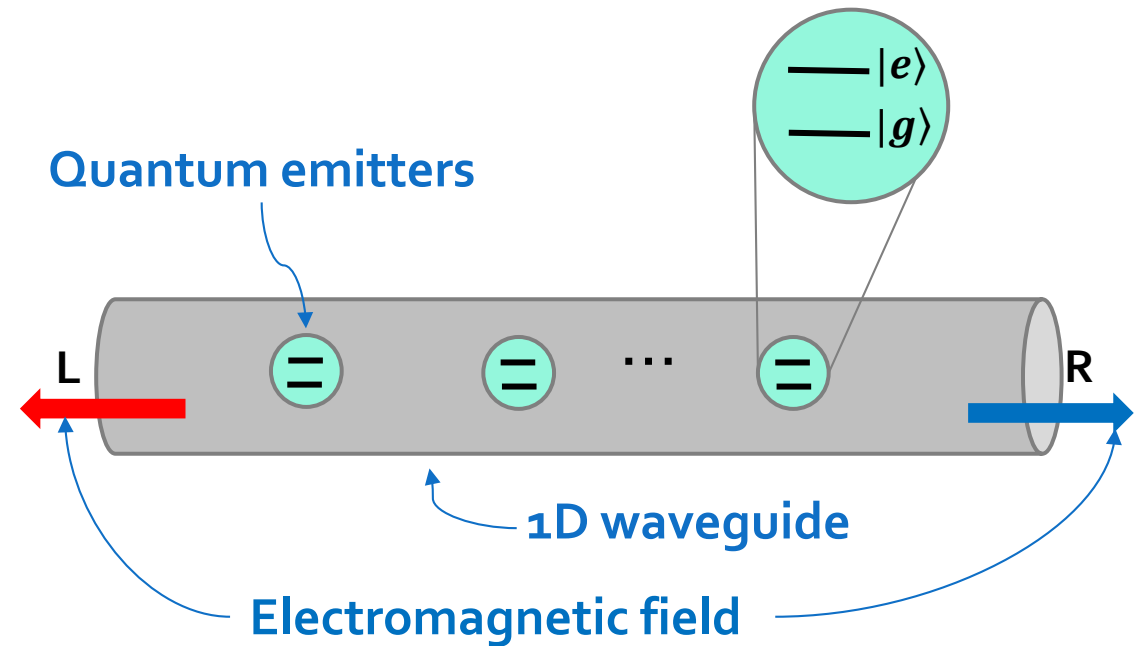
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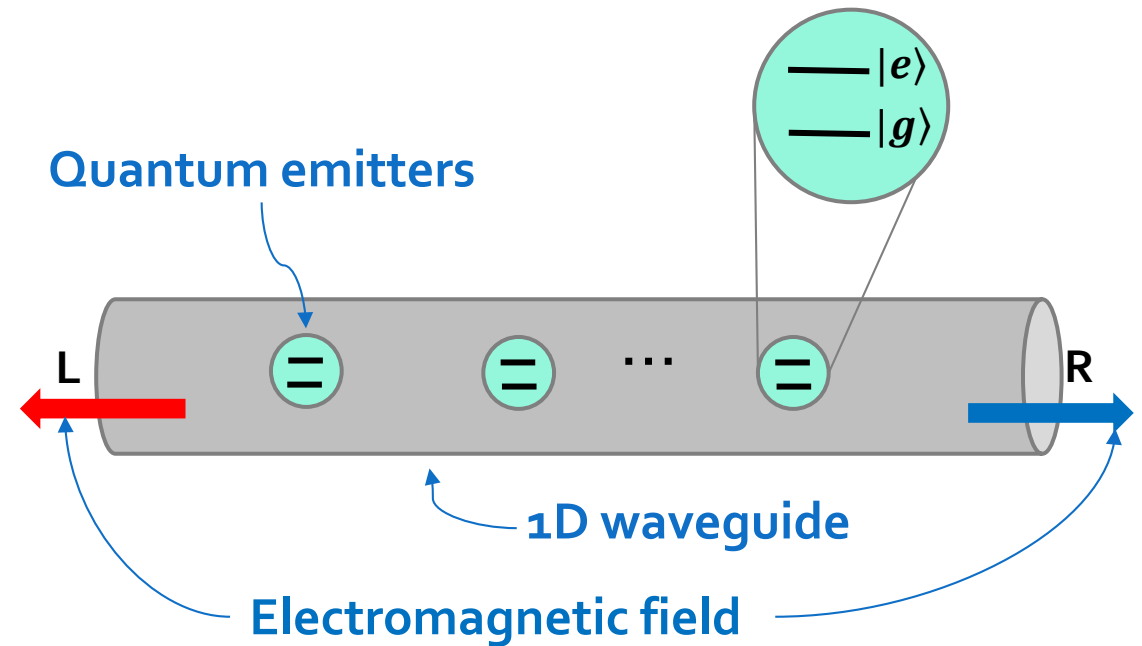
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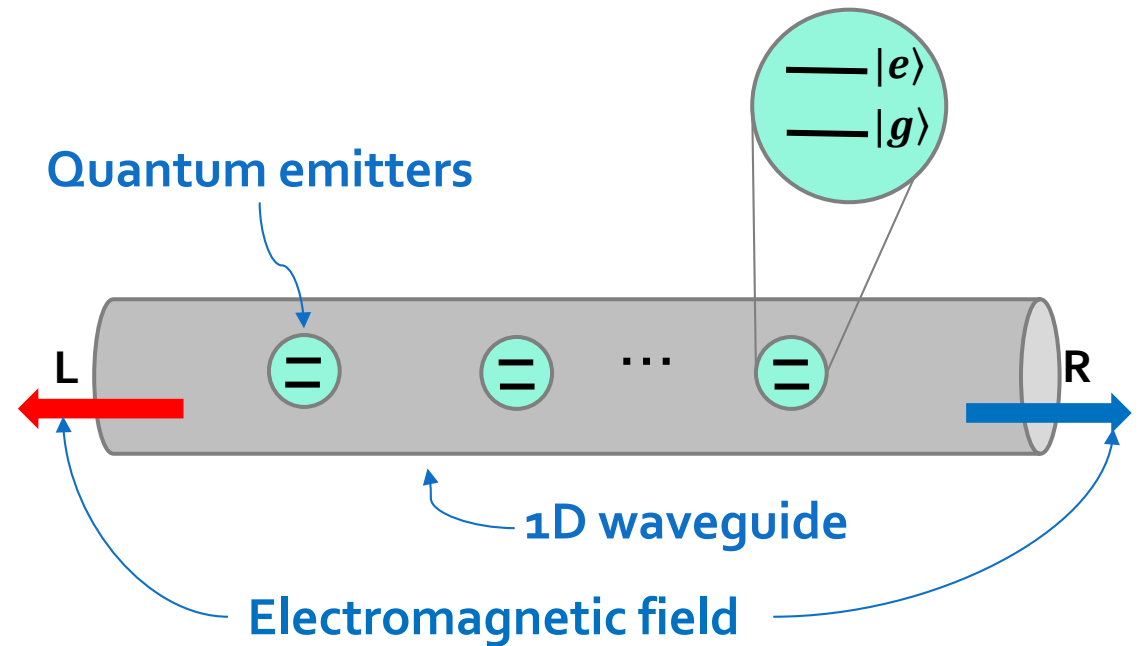
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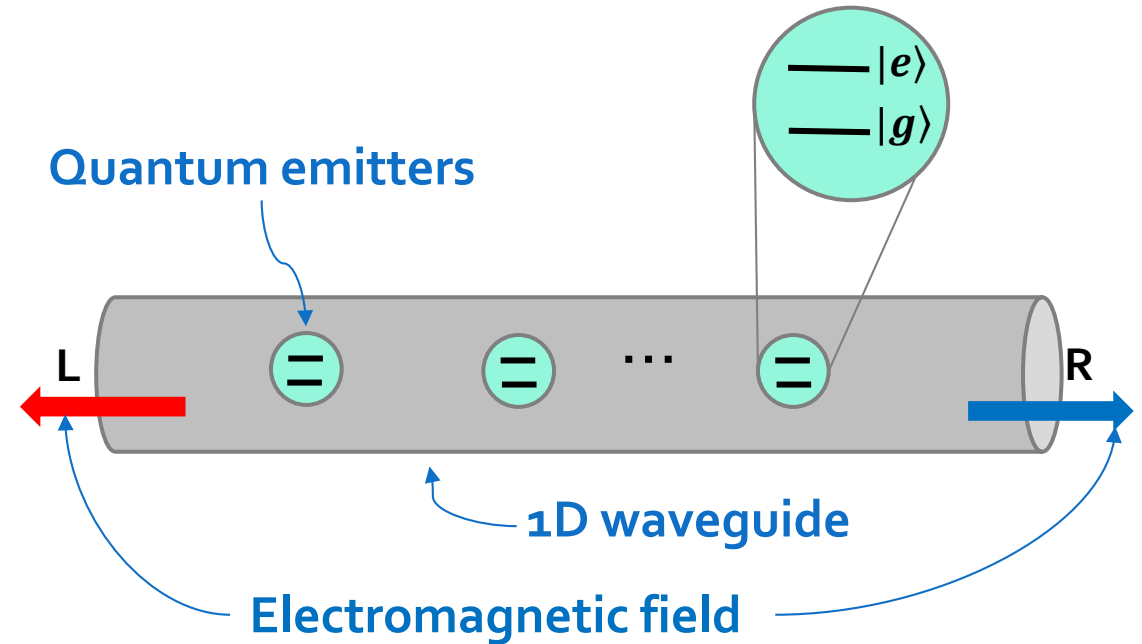
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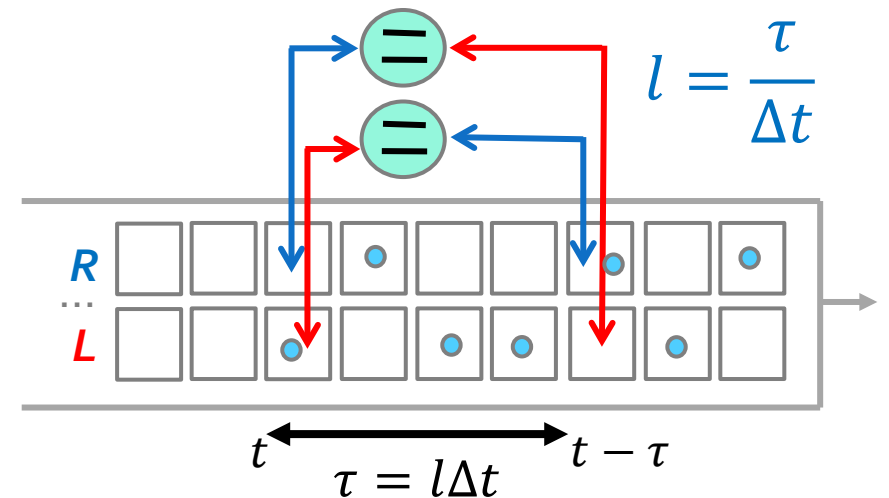
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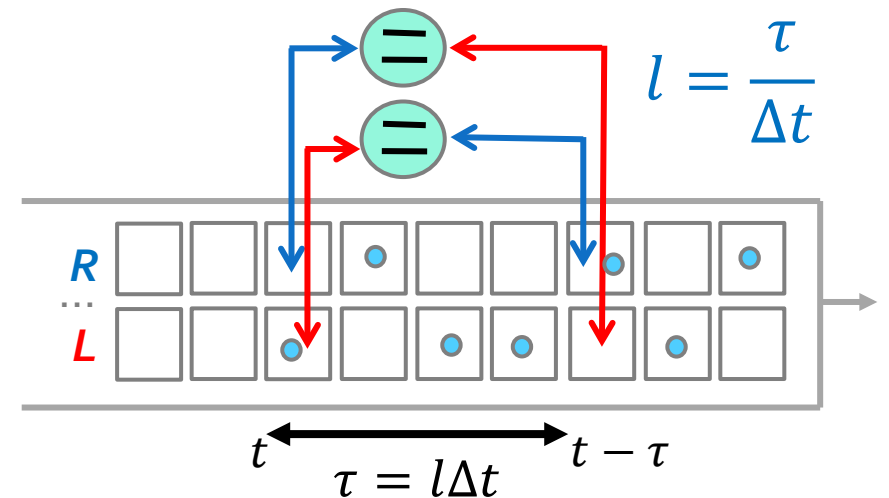
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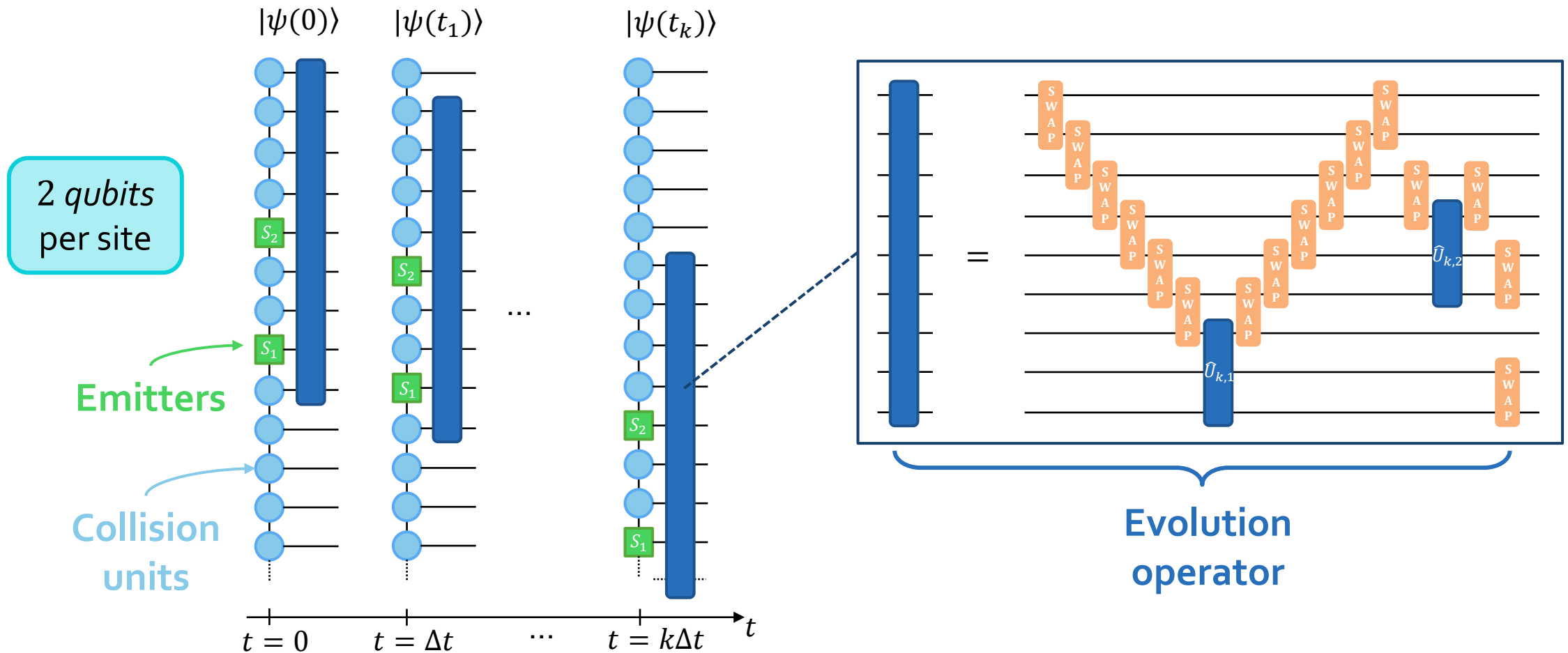
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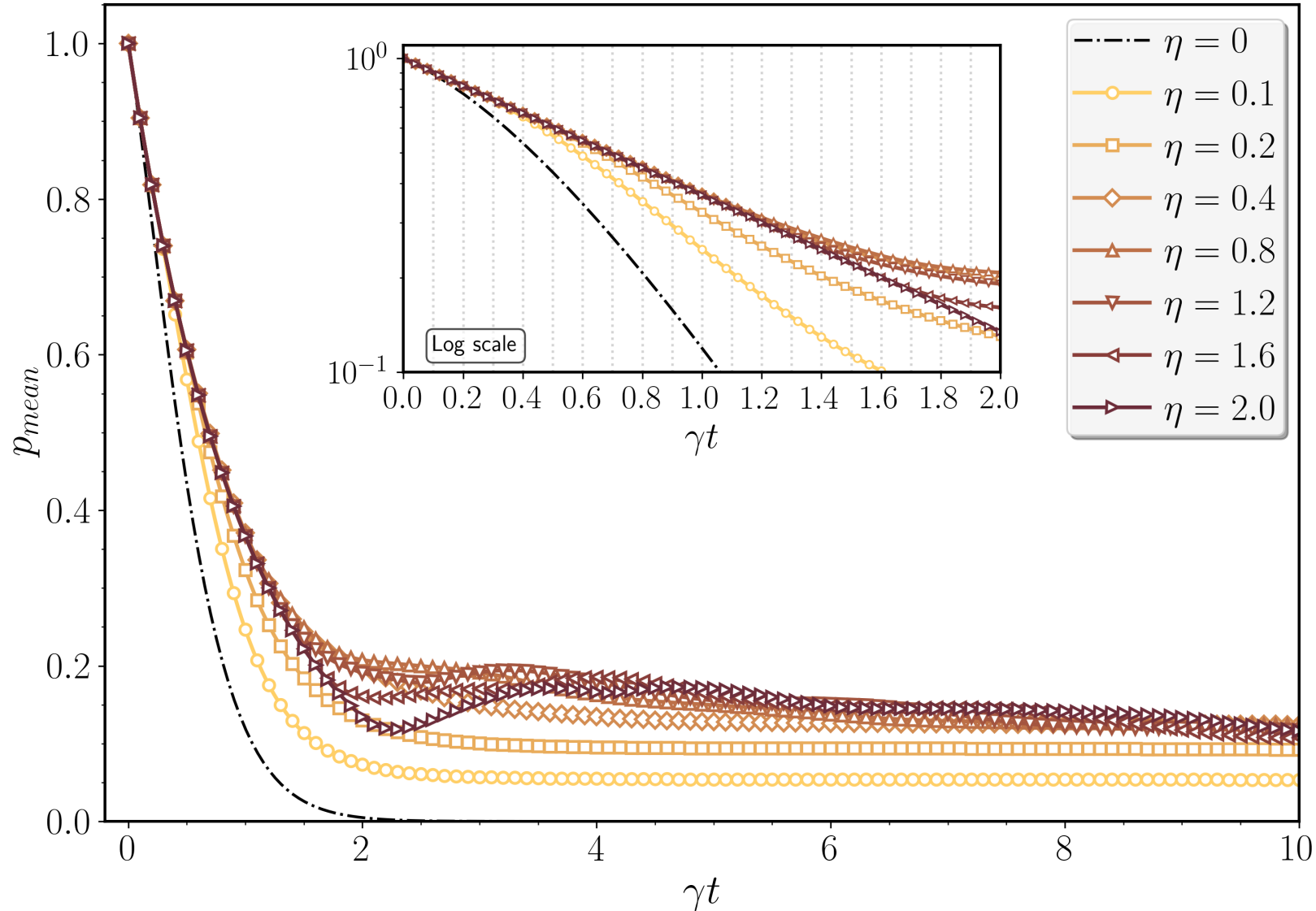


At each time step, each emitter pair interacts with 4 different *collision units*

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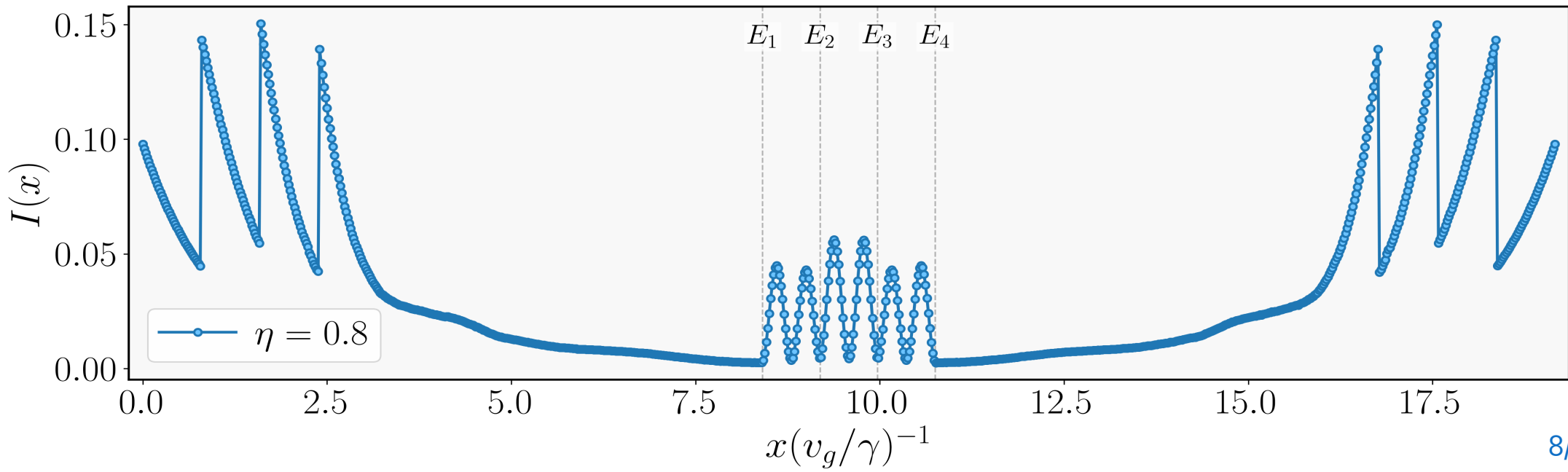
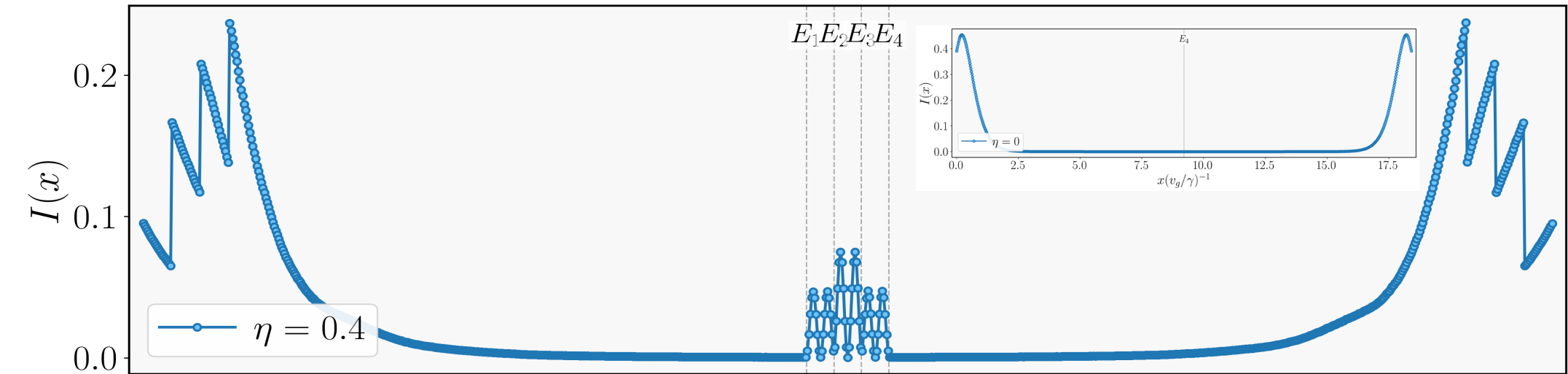
# Results: Mean excitation population



- $N_e = 4$
- *Initial emitter state:*  
 $|\uparrow, \uparrow, \uparrow, \uparrow\rangle$
- $\eta = \gamma\tau = \gamma l\Delta t$ 
  - $\gamma = 0.2$
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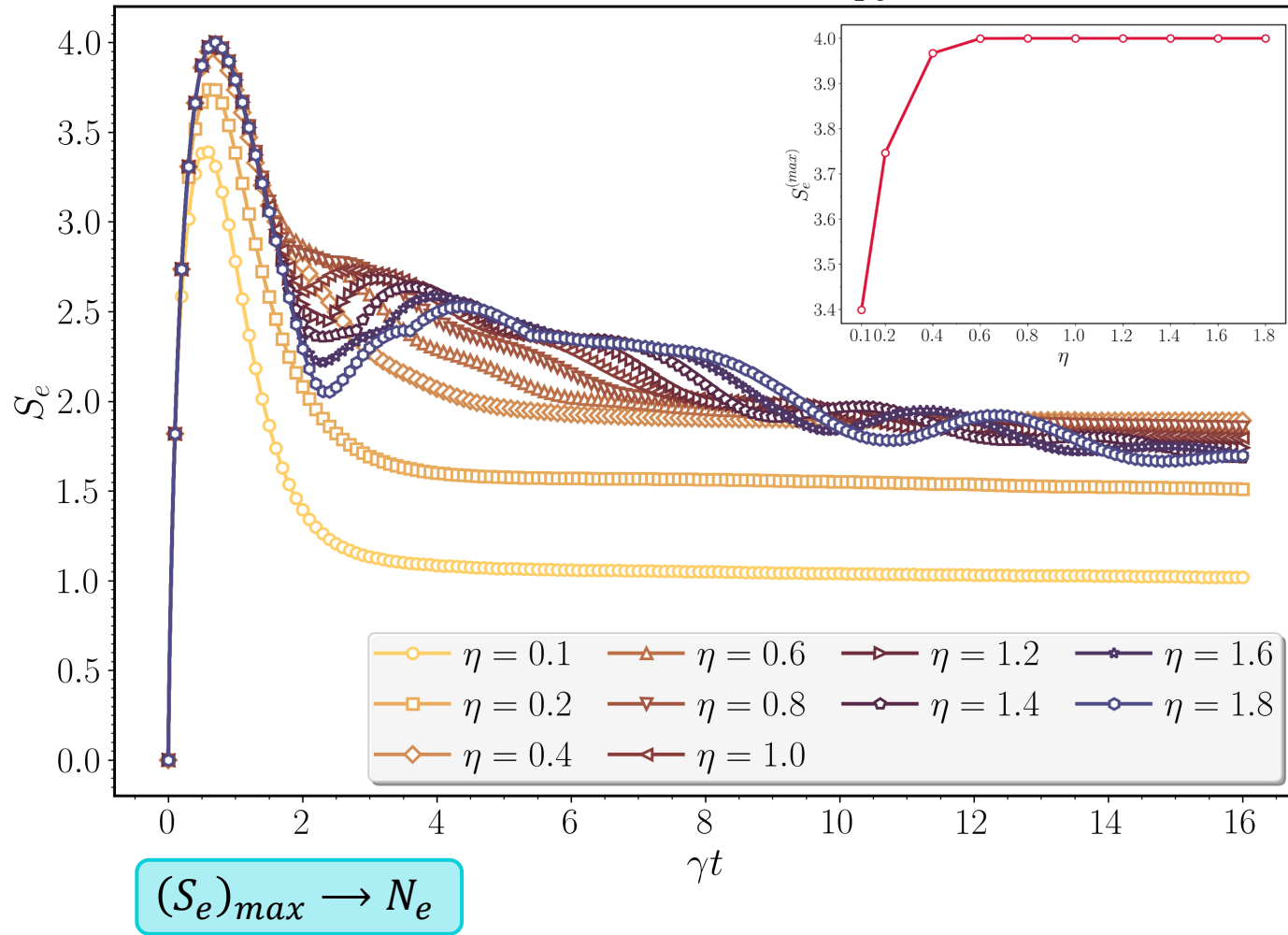
# Results: Field intensity profile

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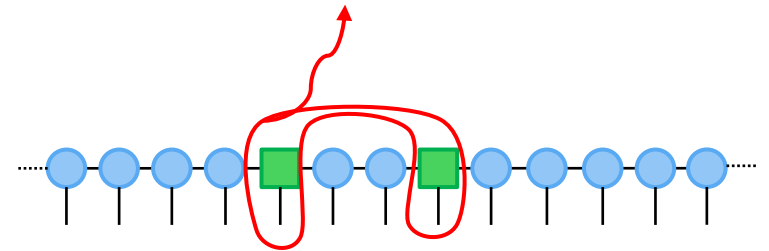


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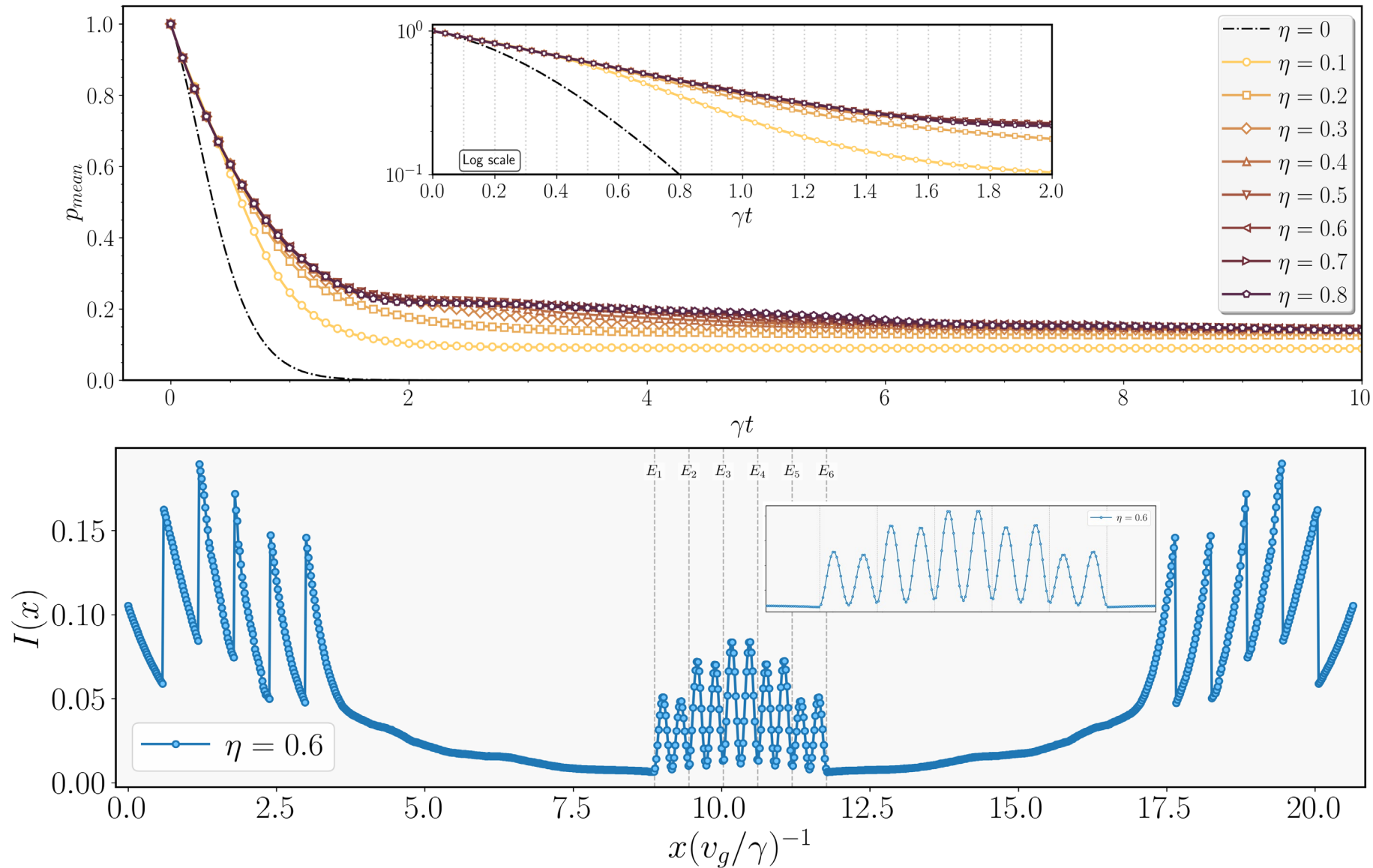
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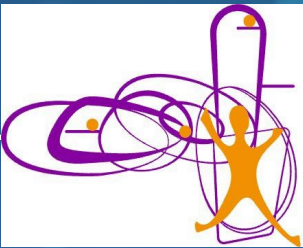
# Results: 6 emitters



# Conclusions

- Tensor Network methods *efficiently* address many-body quantum system time evolution
- Simulation of the non-Markovian dynamics of a *1D waveguide QED platform* with *4 emitters* via Tensor Network, varying  $\eta$
- Formation of a *Bound State in the continuum (BIC)*:
  - *Entanglement generation*
  - *Photon trapping*
- *Entanglement entropy* analysis





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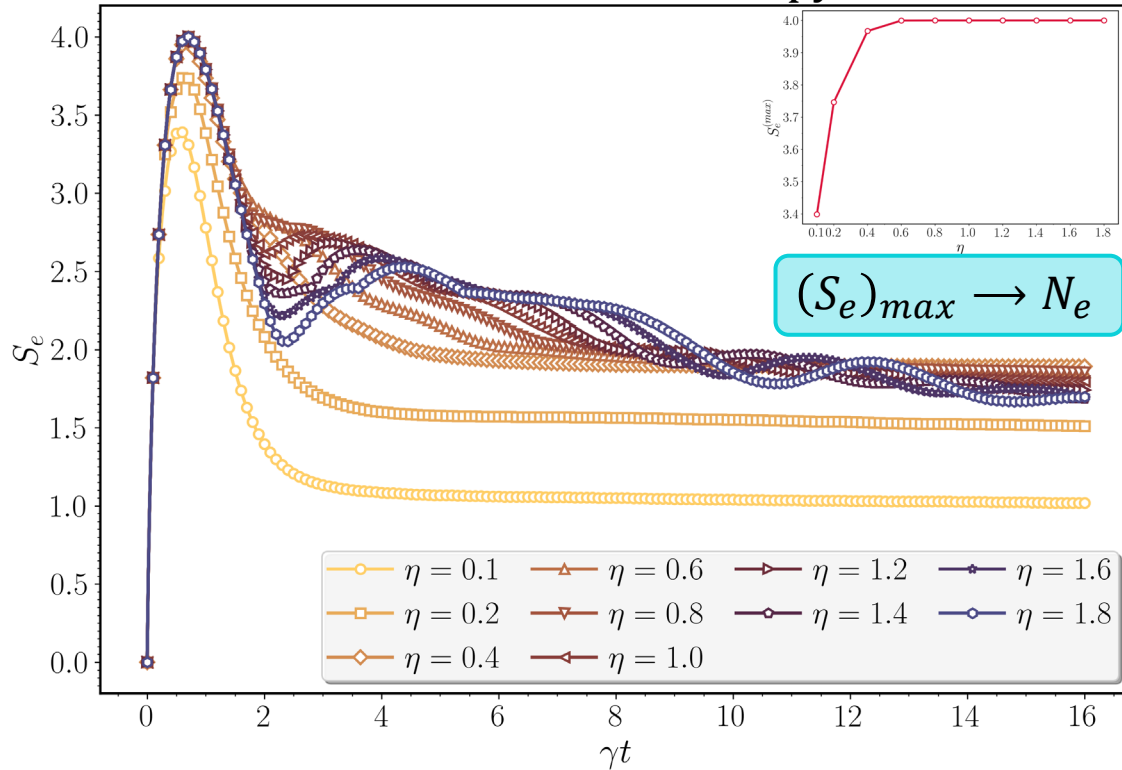


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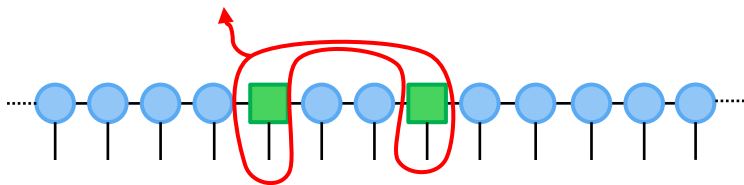


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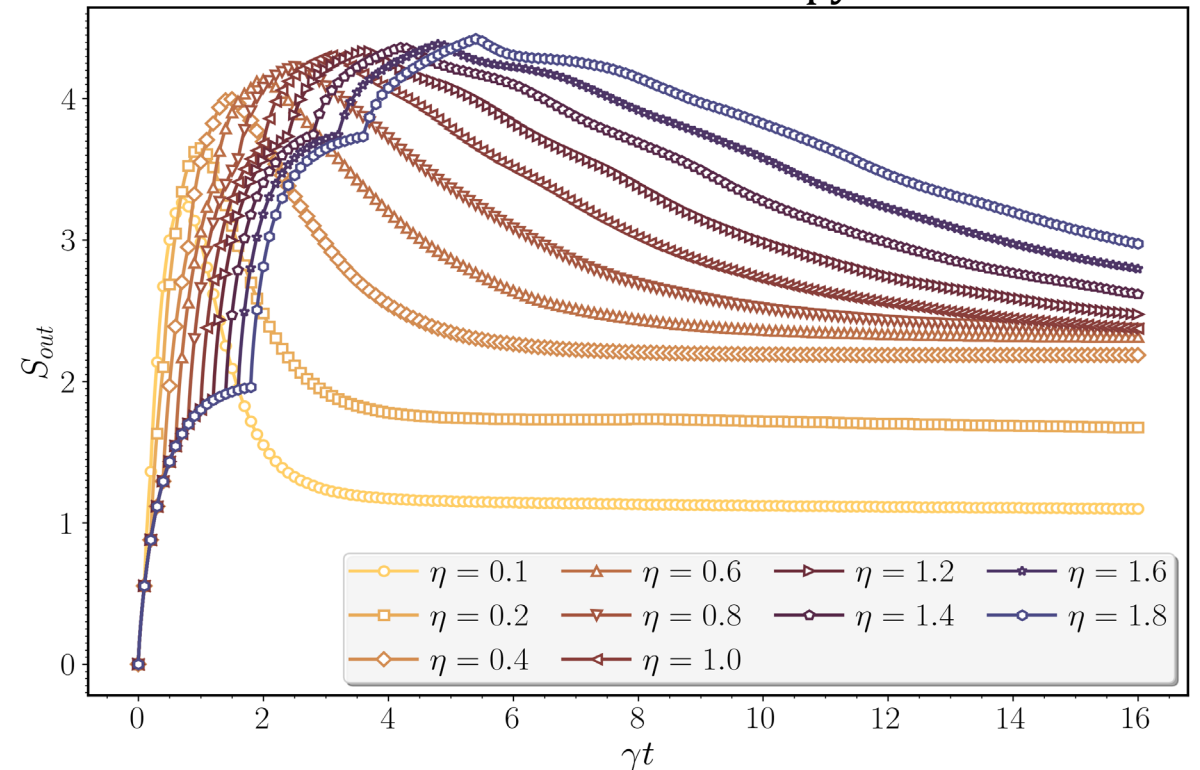
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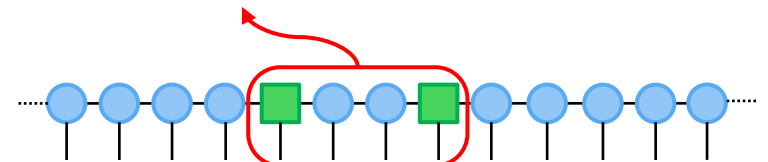
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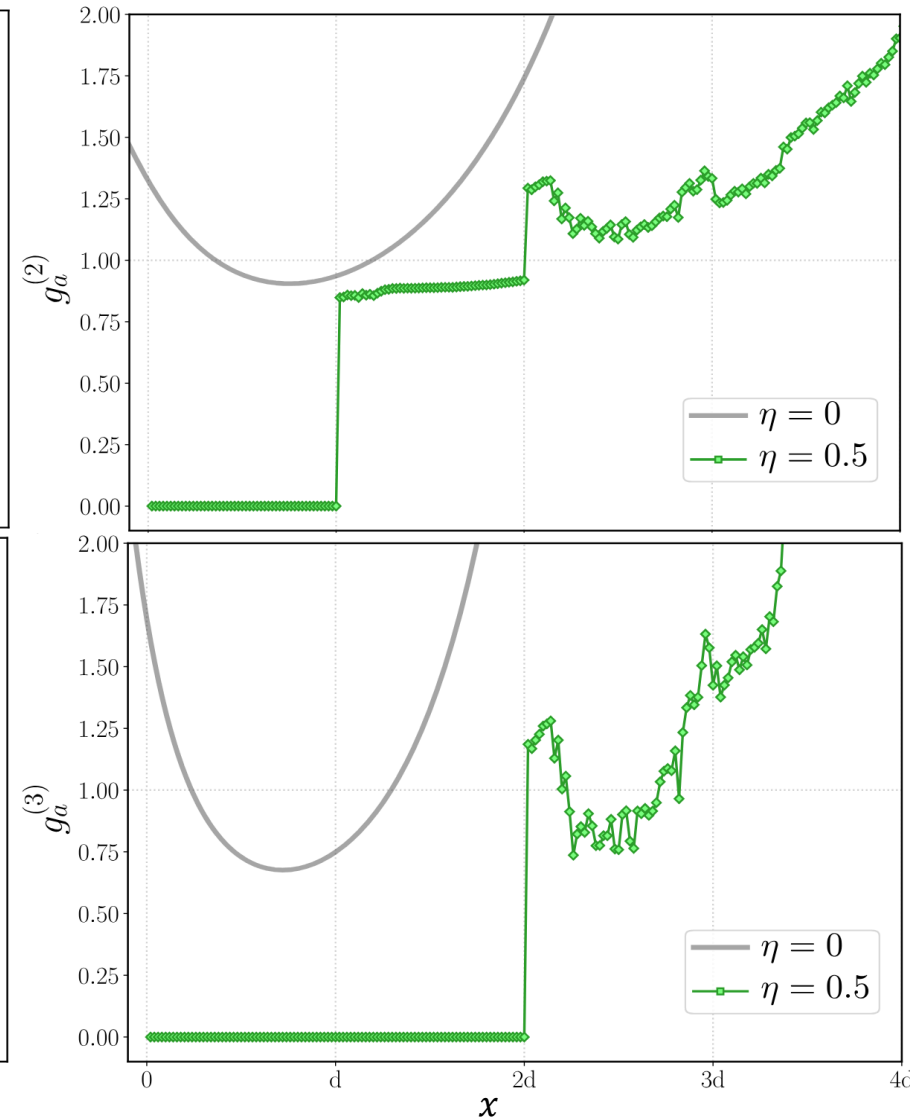
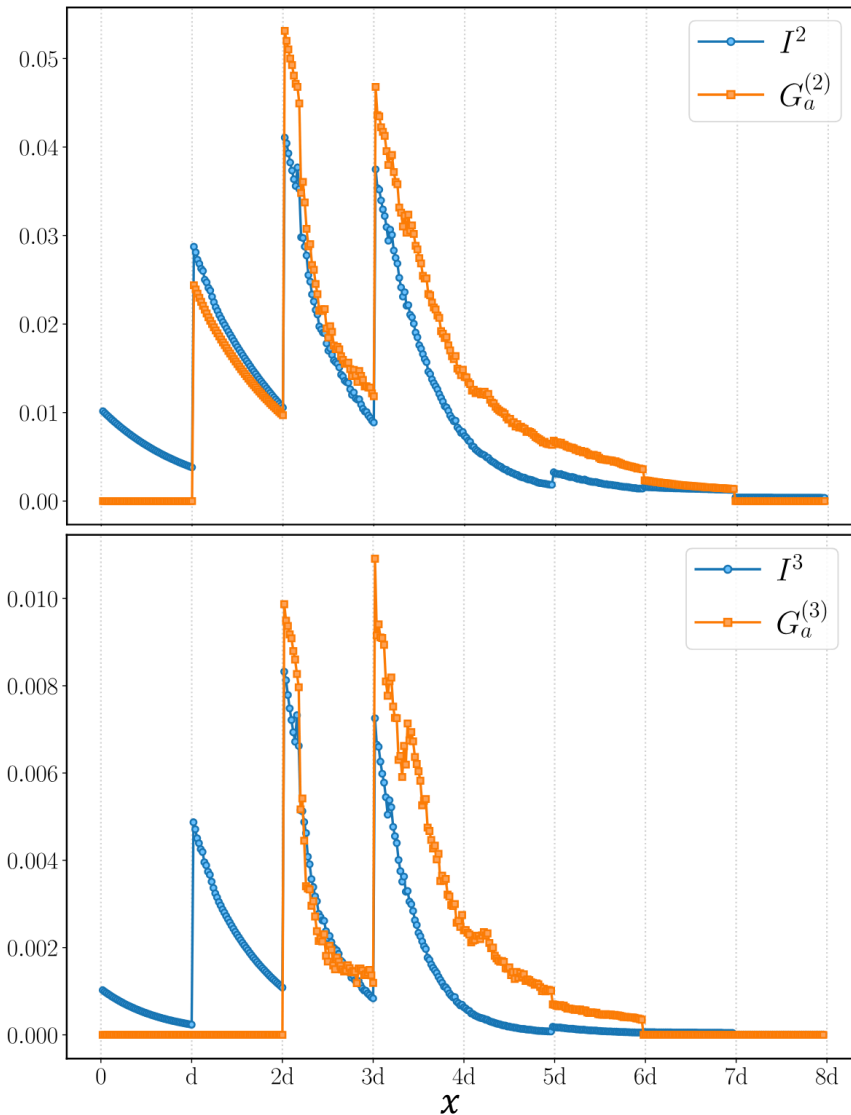
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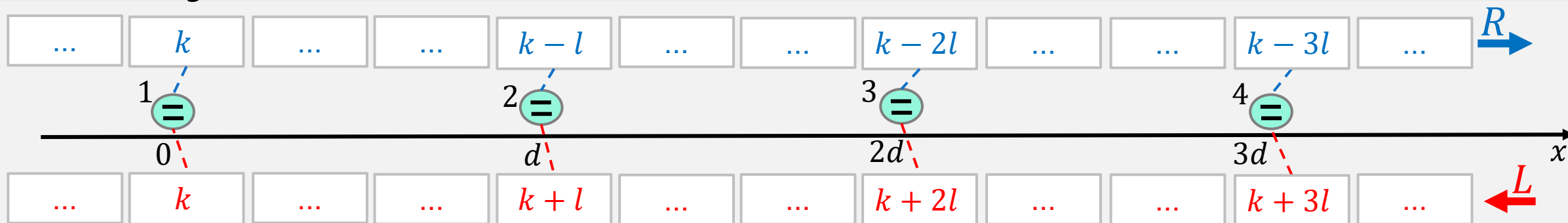
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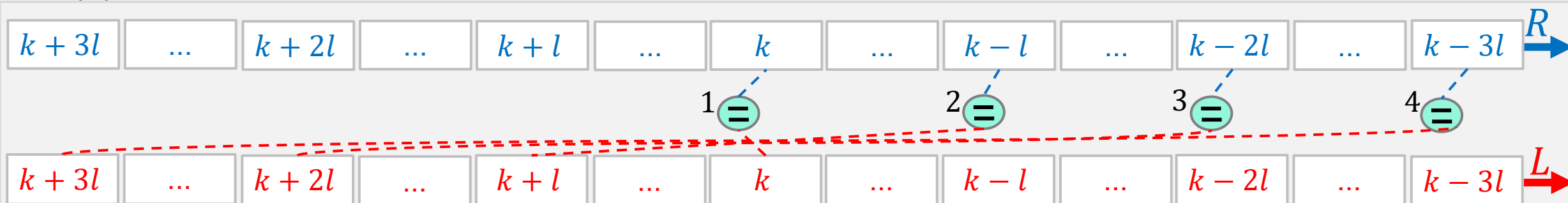
$$g_a^{(m)} = \frac{G_a^{(m)}}{I^m}$$

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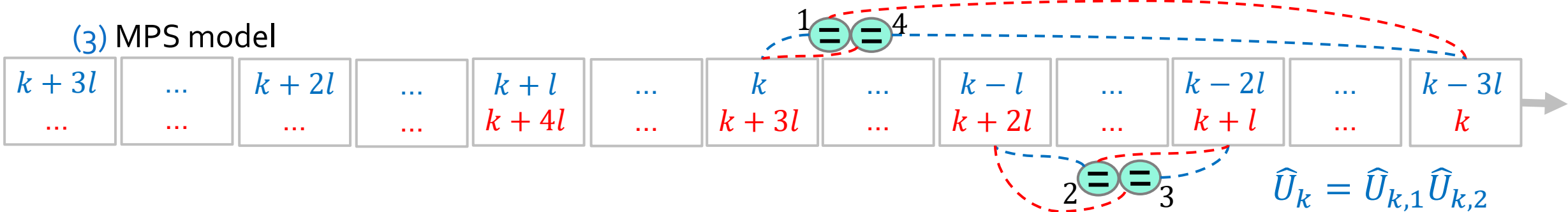
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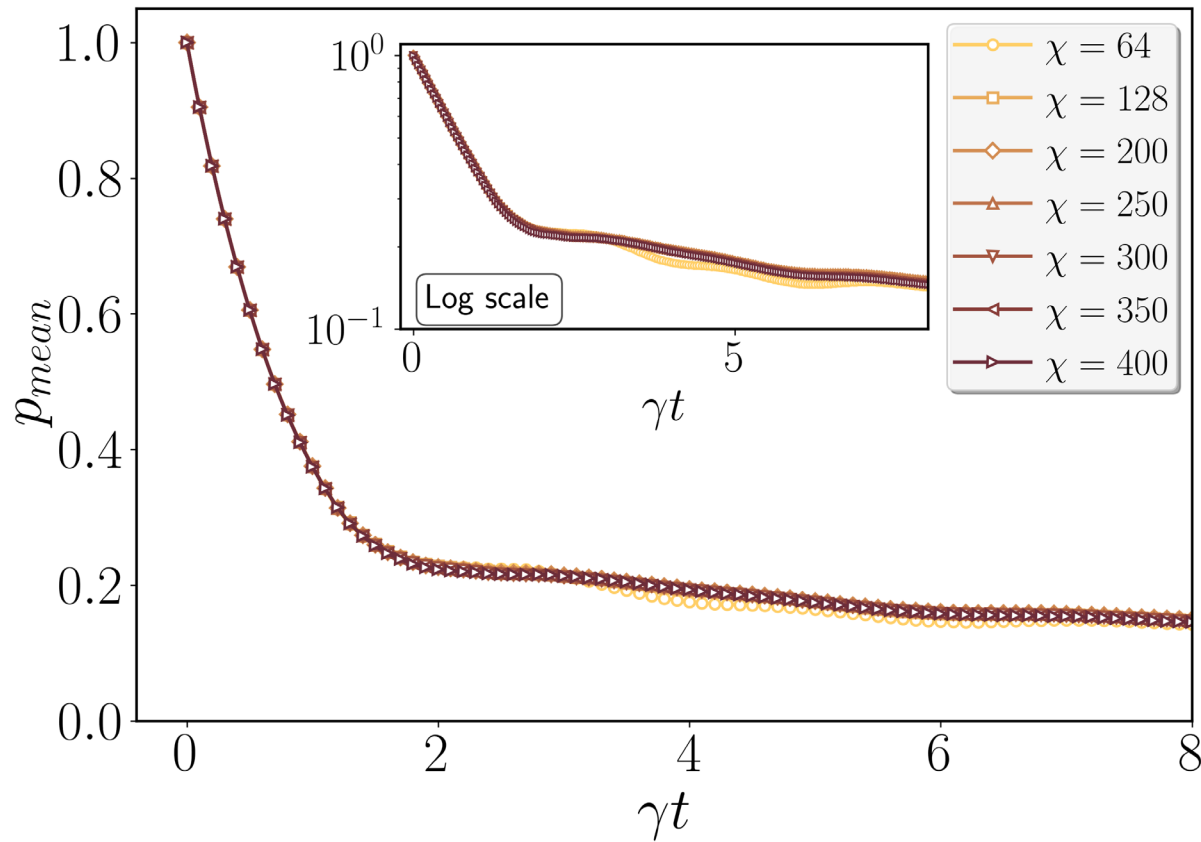
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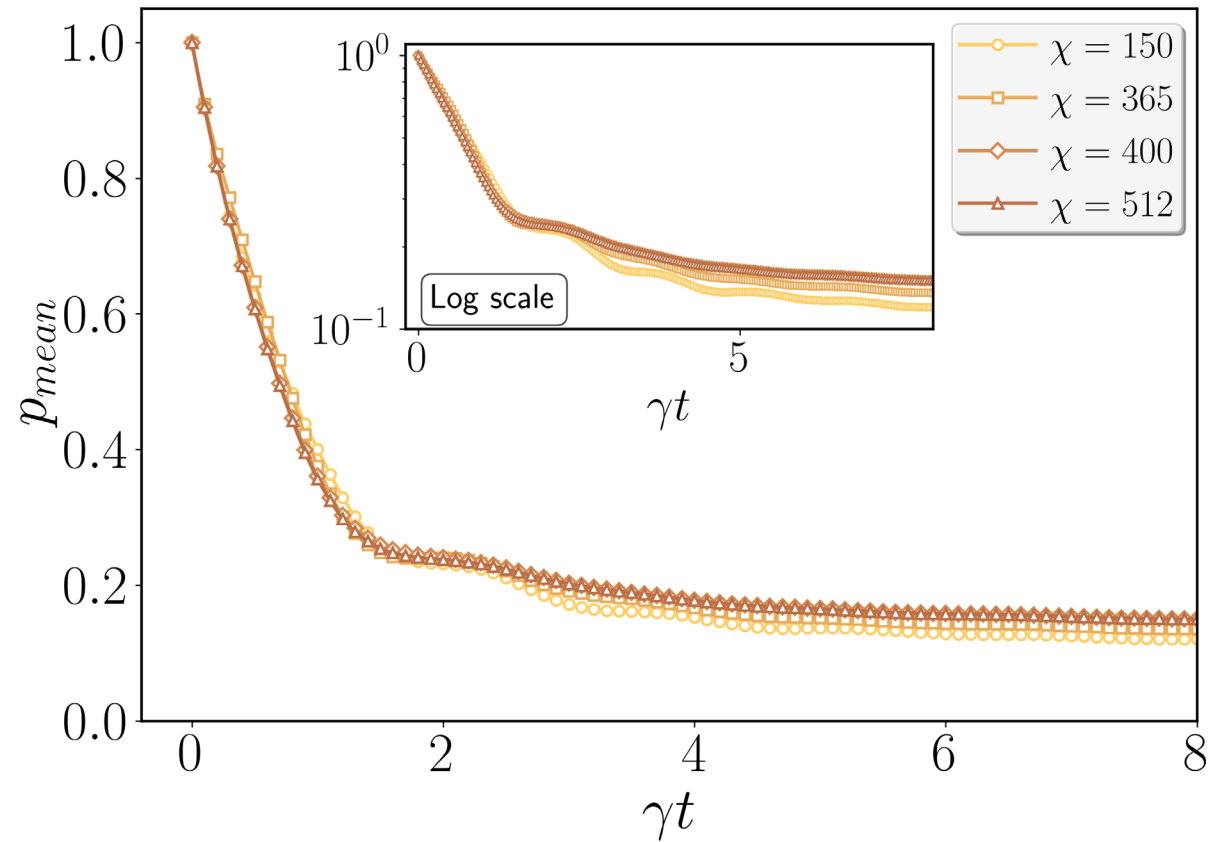
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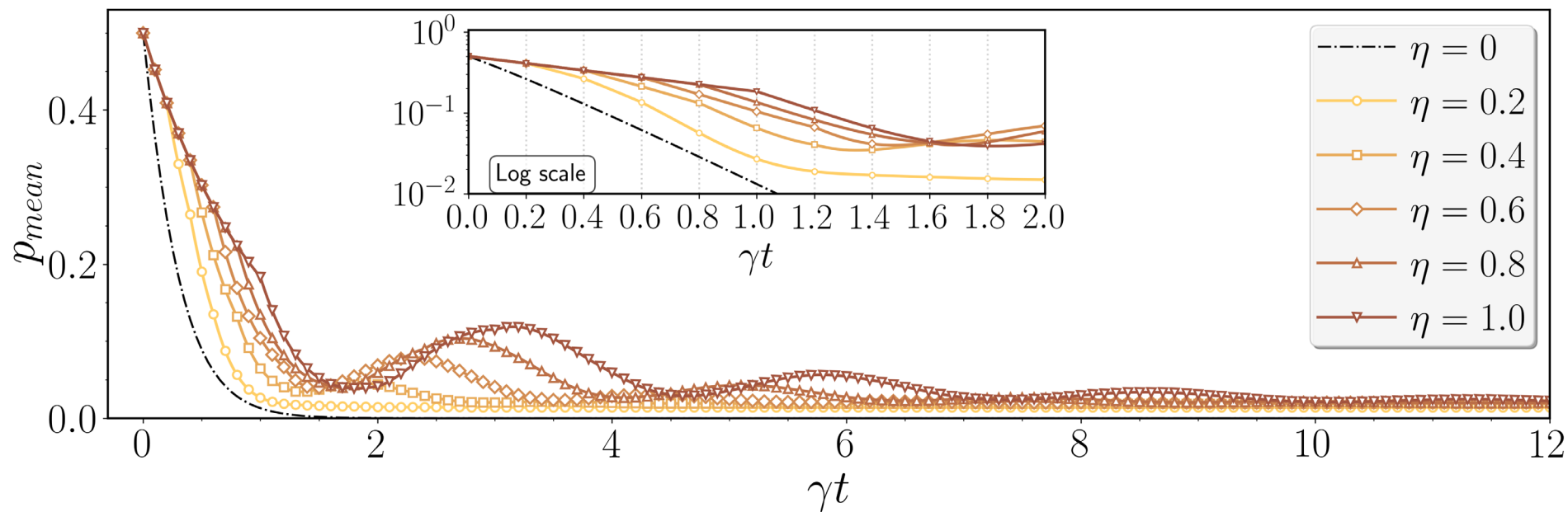
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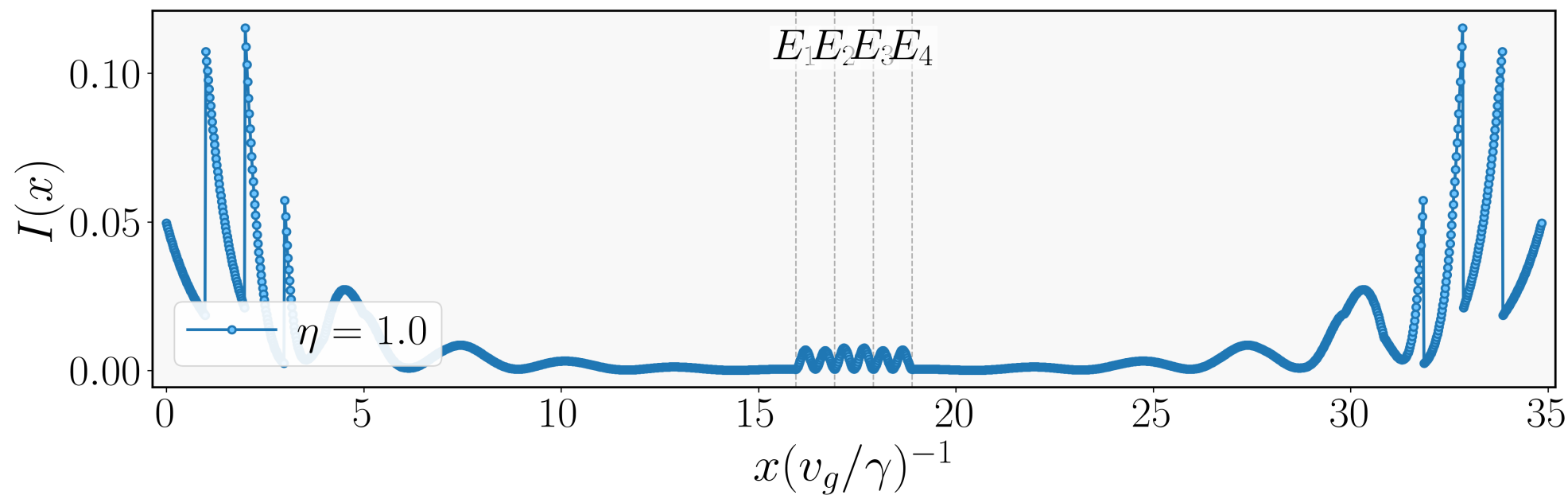
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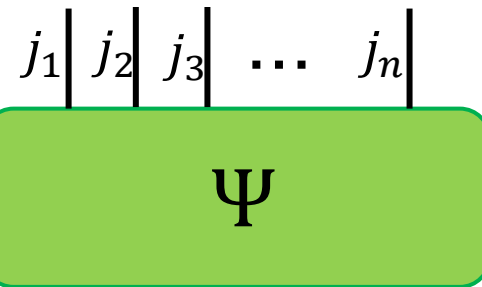
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# TN diagram for a Quantum State

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$d$ -level quantum system

- $\{c_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n}\}_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n} \rightarrow d^n$  complex numbers
- Coefficients of a **tensor**  $\Psi$  with  $n$  indices taking  $d$  different values  $\Rightarrow$  Overall size:  $d^n$
- The indices  $j_i$  are called **physical indices** (*physical dimension* of the subsystem  $i$ )

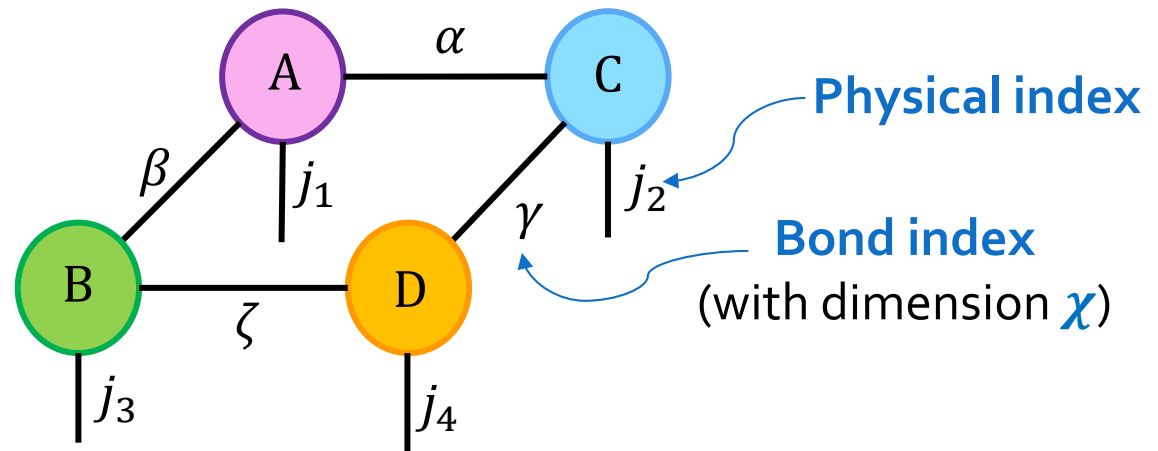
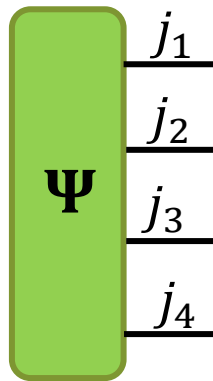


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- *Aim*  $\Rightarrow$  reduction of computational complexity
- **How?**  $\Rightarrow$  replacing the «big» tensor  $\Psi$  with a TN of *smaller-rank tensors*

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- **TEBD algorithm**  $\Rightarrow$  simulation of the *time evolution* of quantum systems with *short-ranged* Hamiltonian
- *Key idea*  $\Rightarrow$  decomposing the evolution operator into *local gates*<sup>[1]</sup>

$$U(t) = e^{-i\mathcal{H}t}$$

*Hamiltonian:*

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\text{even } i} h_{i,i+1} + \sum_{\text{odd } i} h_{i,i+1}$$

*Suzuki-Trotter formula:*

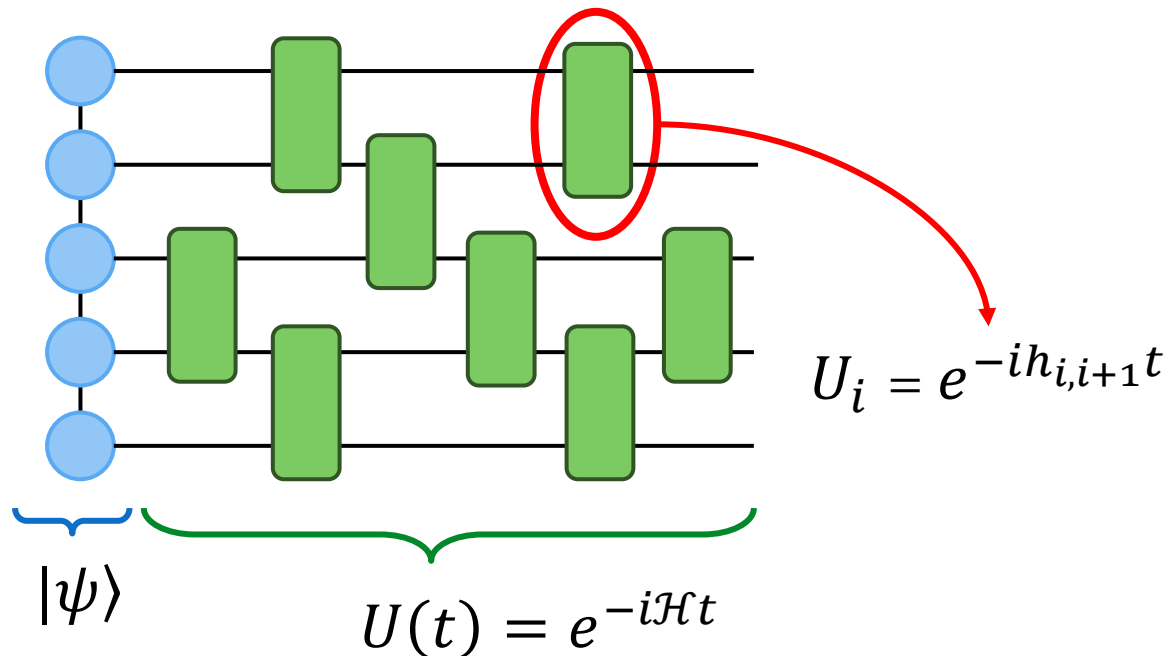
$$U(t) \approx \left( \prod_{\text{even } i} e^{-ih_{i,i+1}\Delta t} \prod_{\text{odd } i} e^{-ih_{i,i+1}\Delta t} \right)^n$$

with  $\Delta t = t/n$

[1] S. Paeckel, T. Köhler, A. Swoboda, S. Manmana, U. Schollwöck, C. Hubig;  
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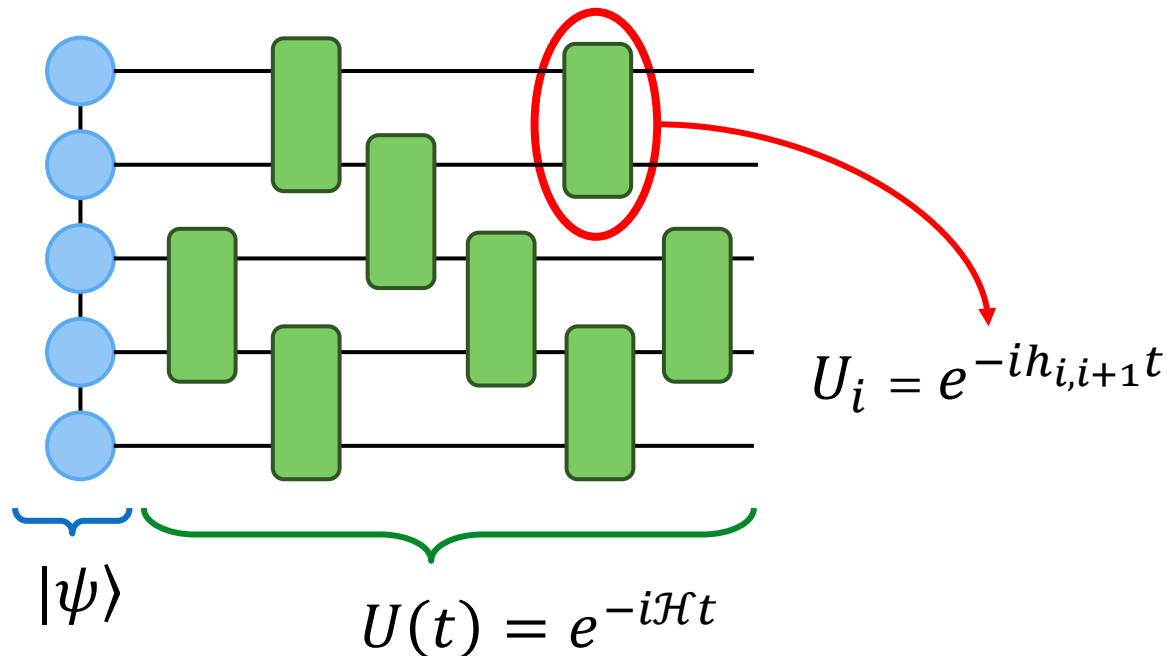
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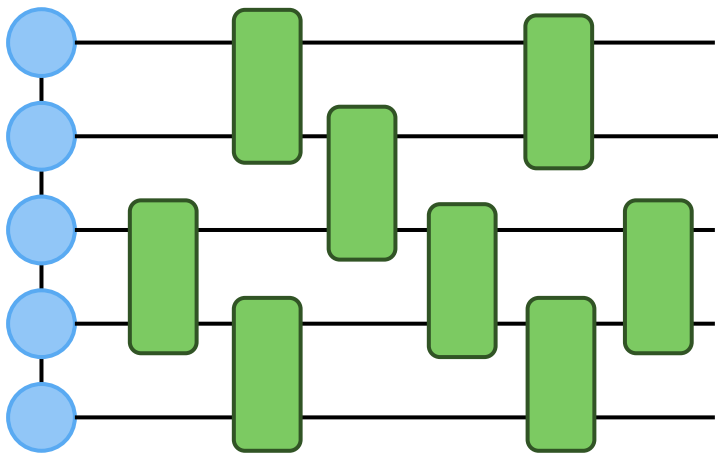


Any  $n$ -qubit gate  $F$  can be reshaped into a rank- $2n$  tensor  $\mathbf{F}$ :

$$F \in \mathbb{C}^{2^n \times 2^n} \Rightarrow$$
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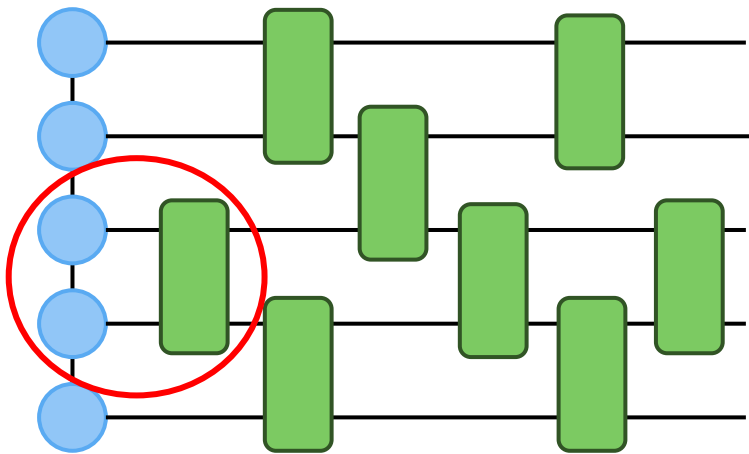
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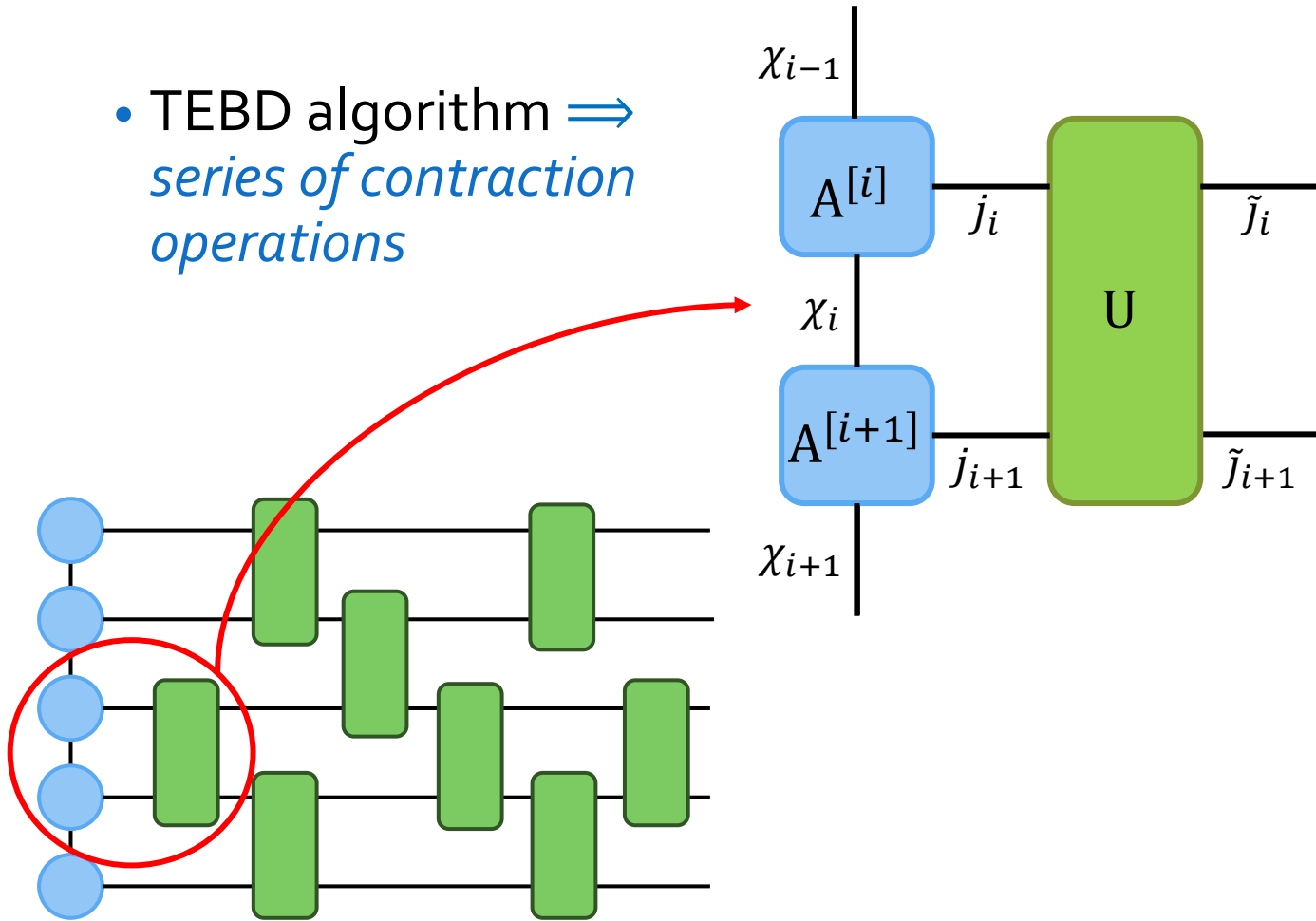
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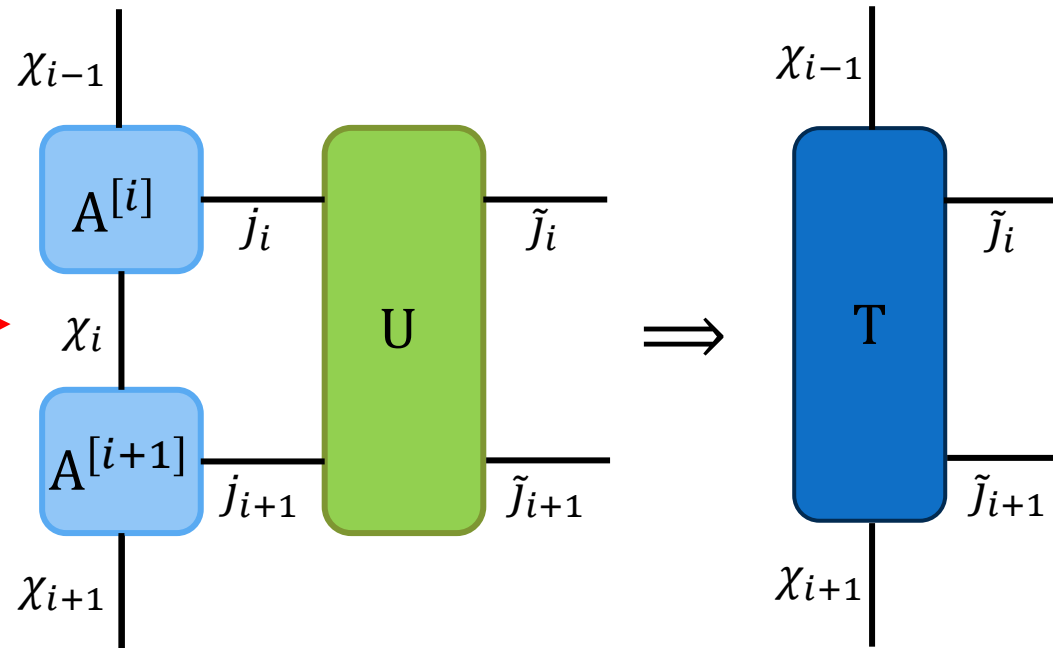
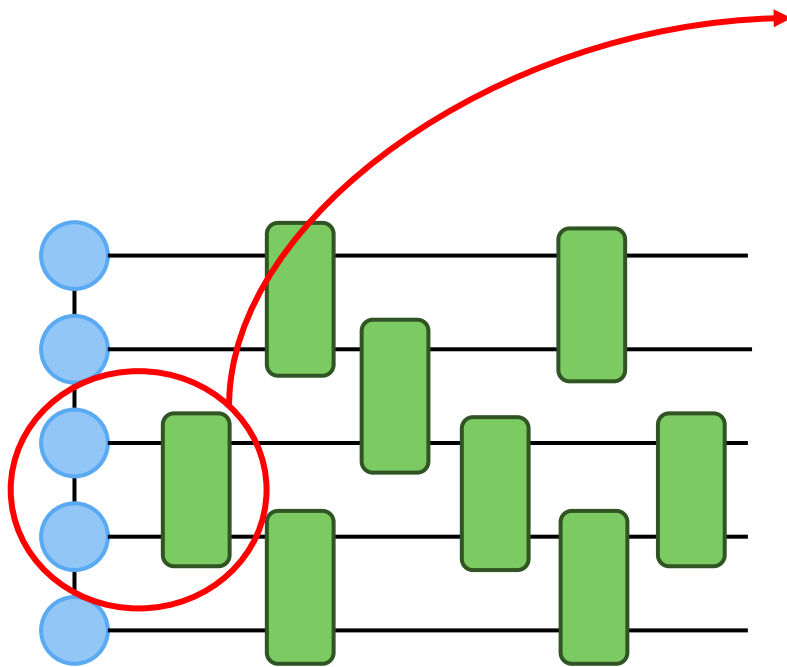
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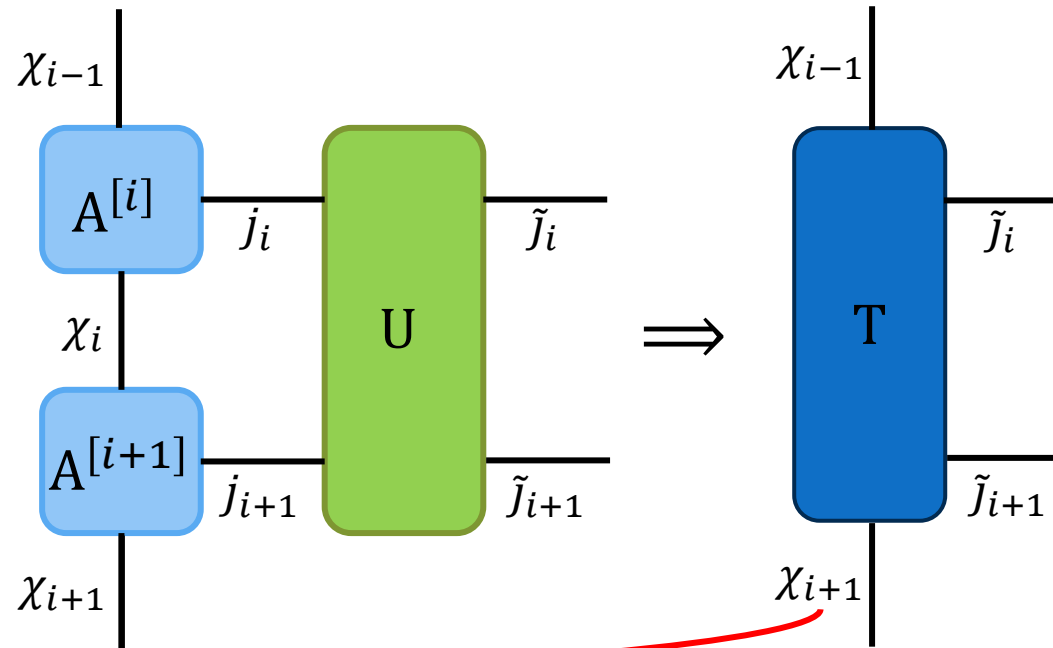
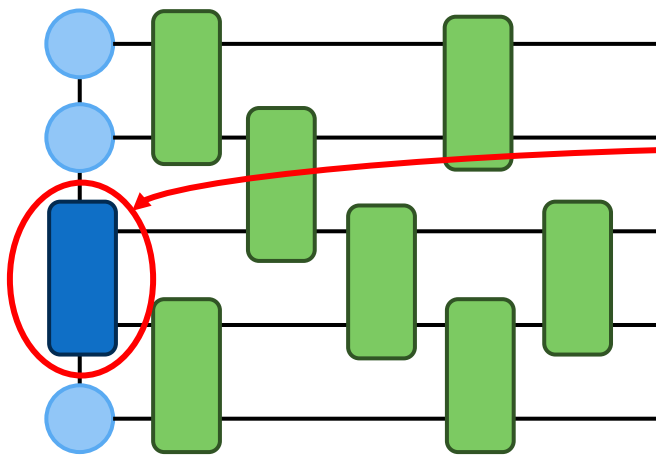
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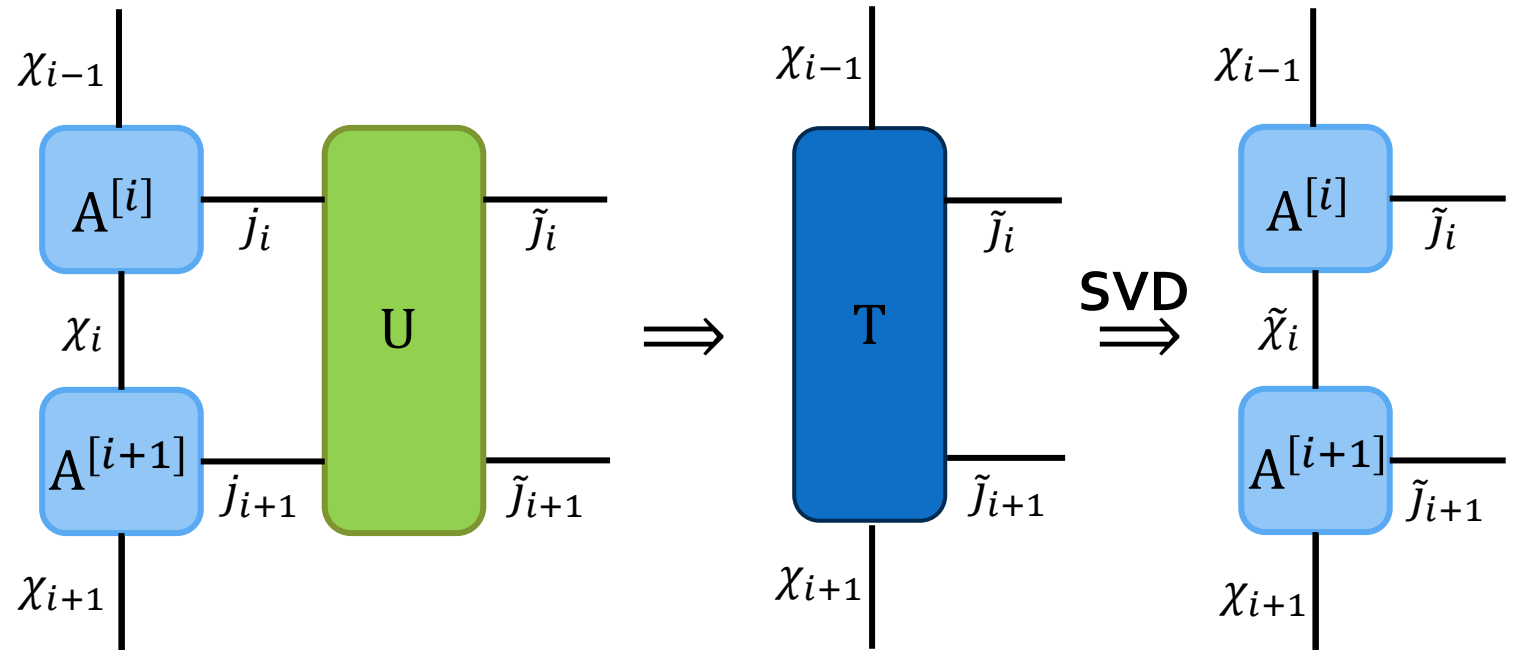
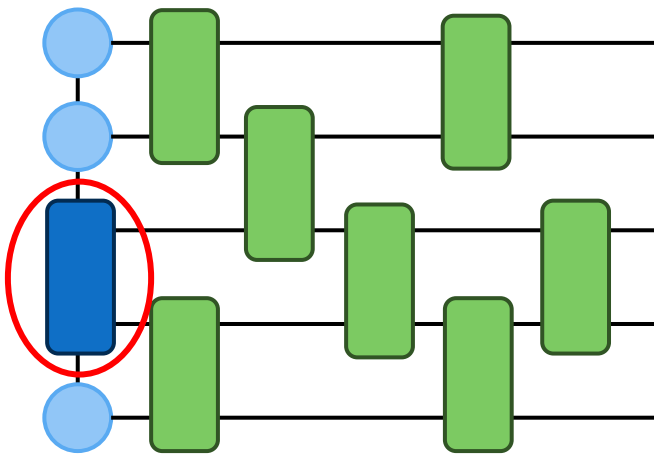
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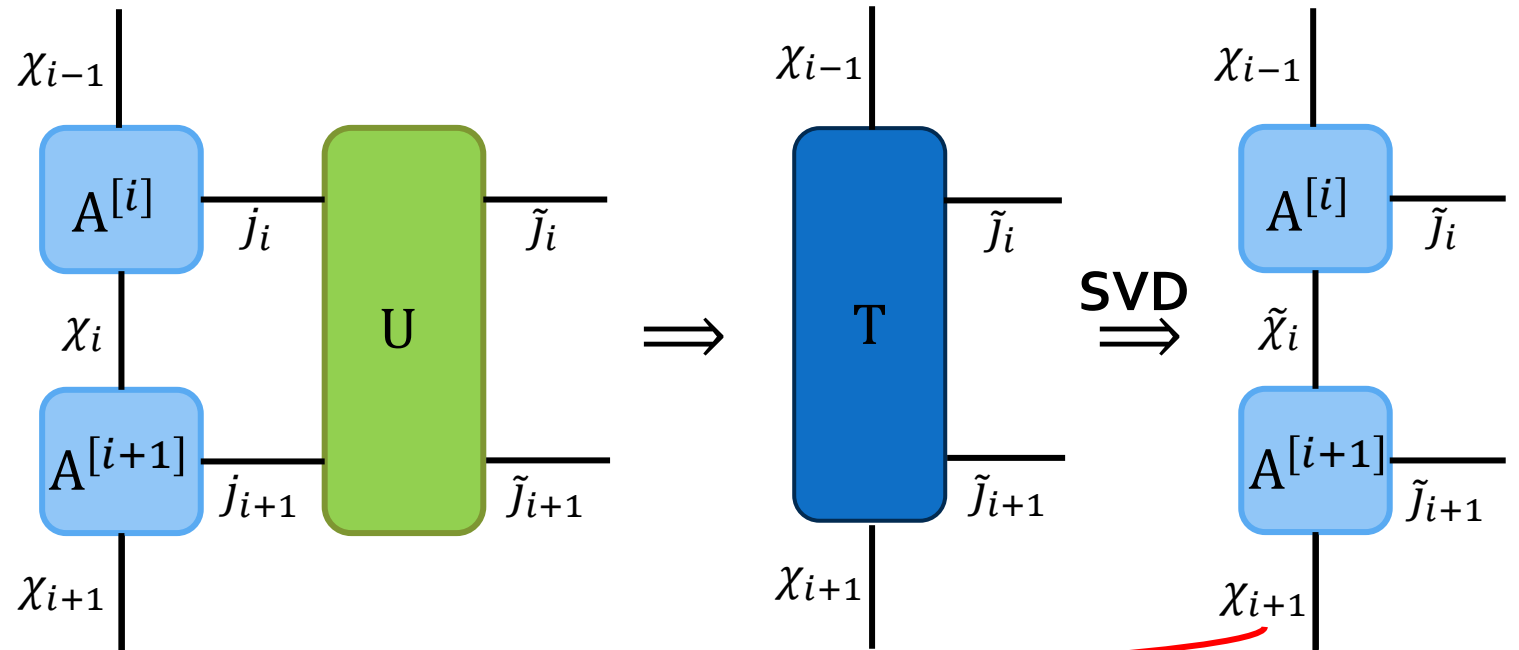
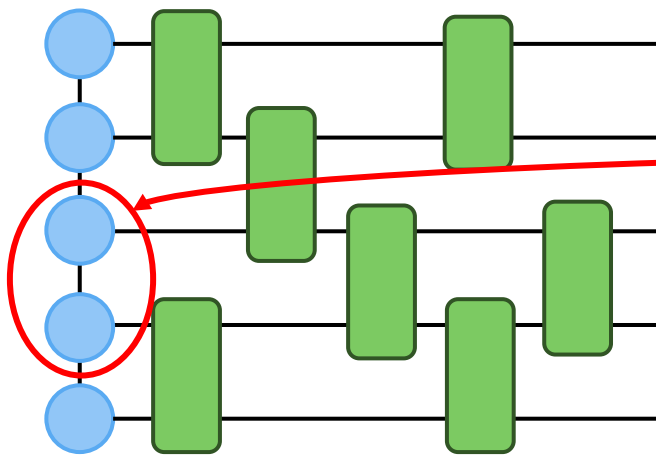
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# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- **SVD** of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n} \Rightarrow$  factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$  into the product of 3 matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^\dagger$$

such that:

1.  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  unitary
2.  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  unitary
3.  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \geq \mathbf{0}$  *diagonal* in the computational basis:

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_{\min(m,n)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } \sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$$

*singular values* of  $\mathbf{A}$