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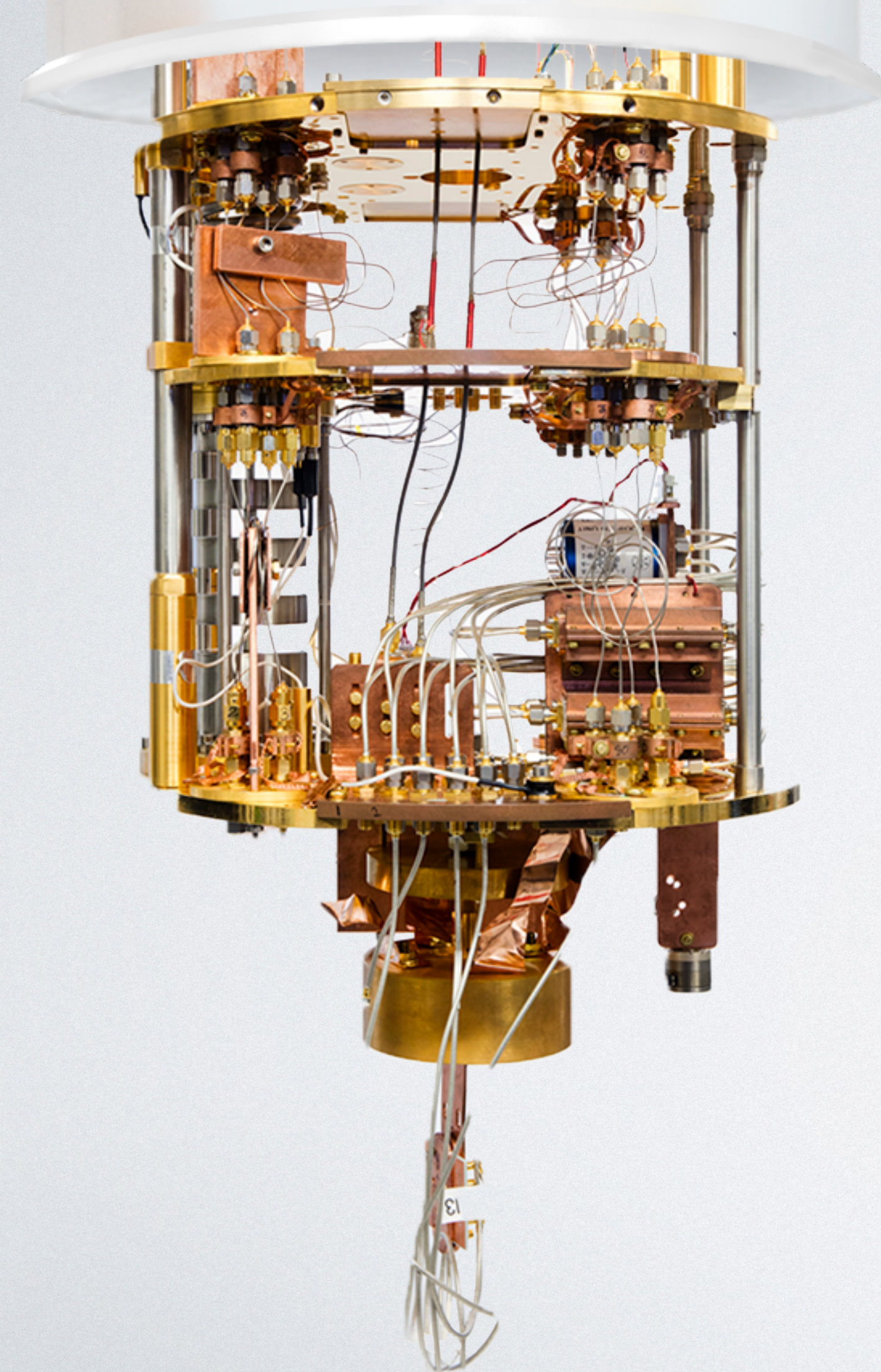


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**Quantum computing approaches for  
simulating parton showers in high  
energy collisions**

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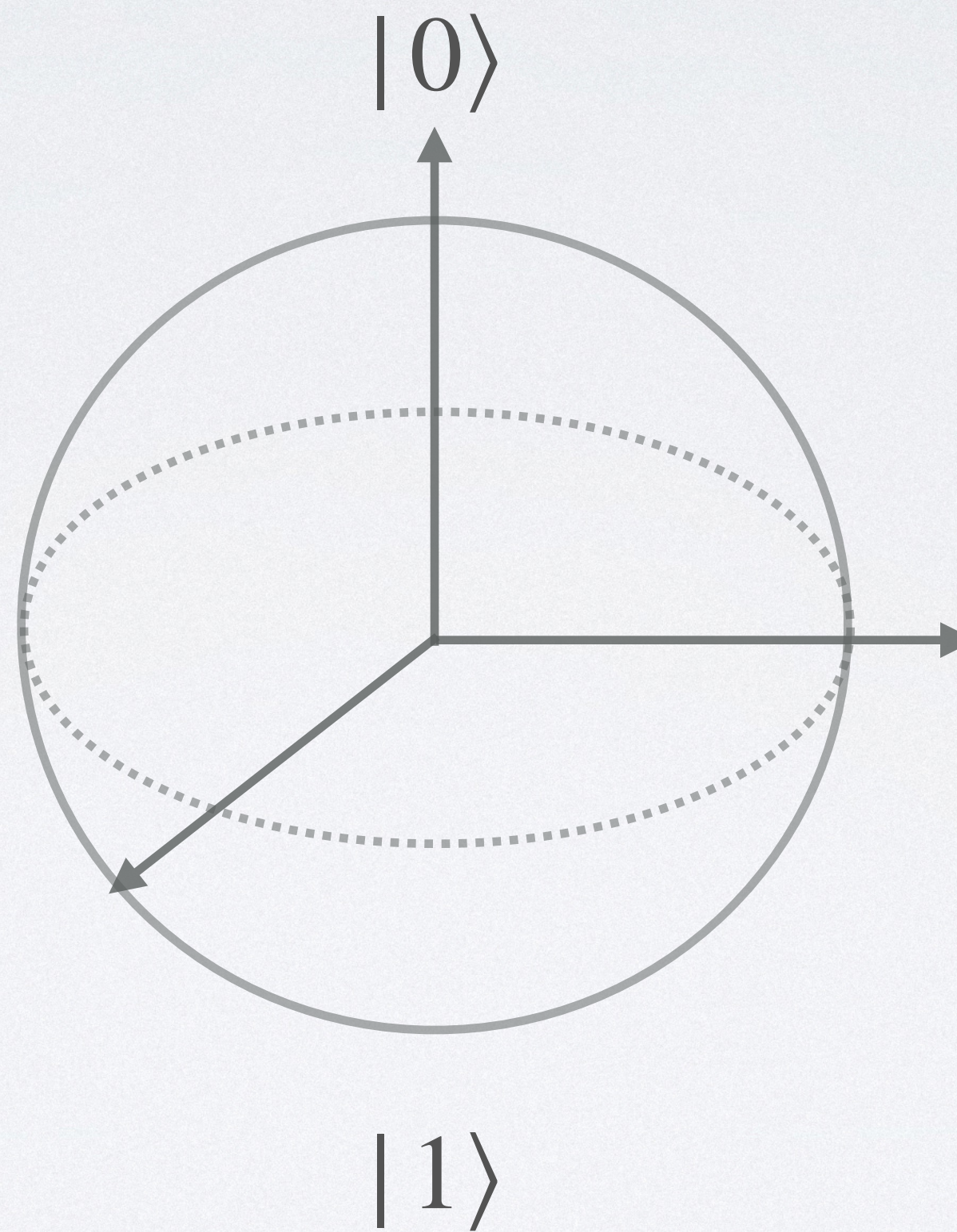
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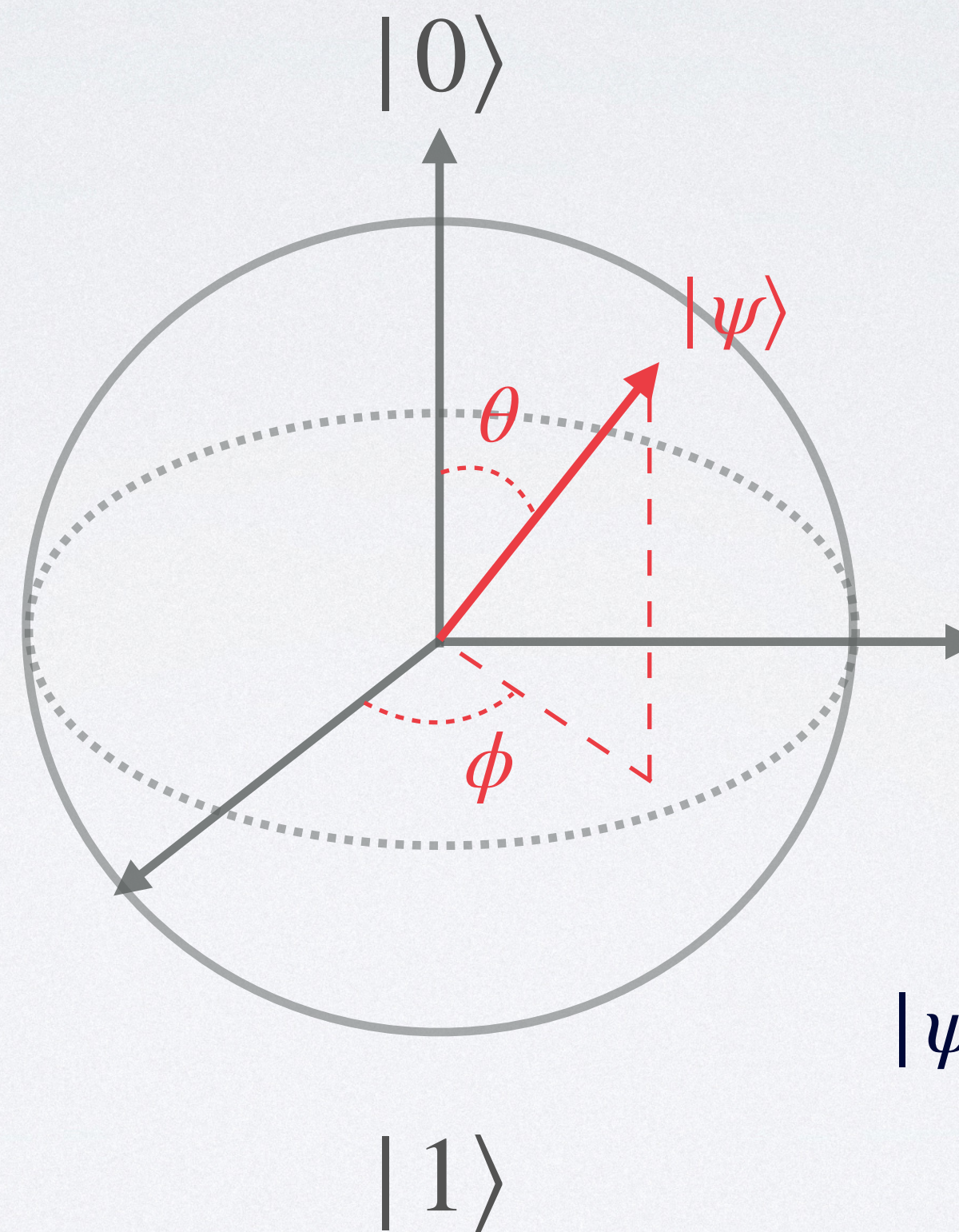
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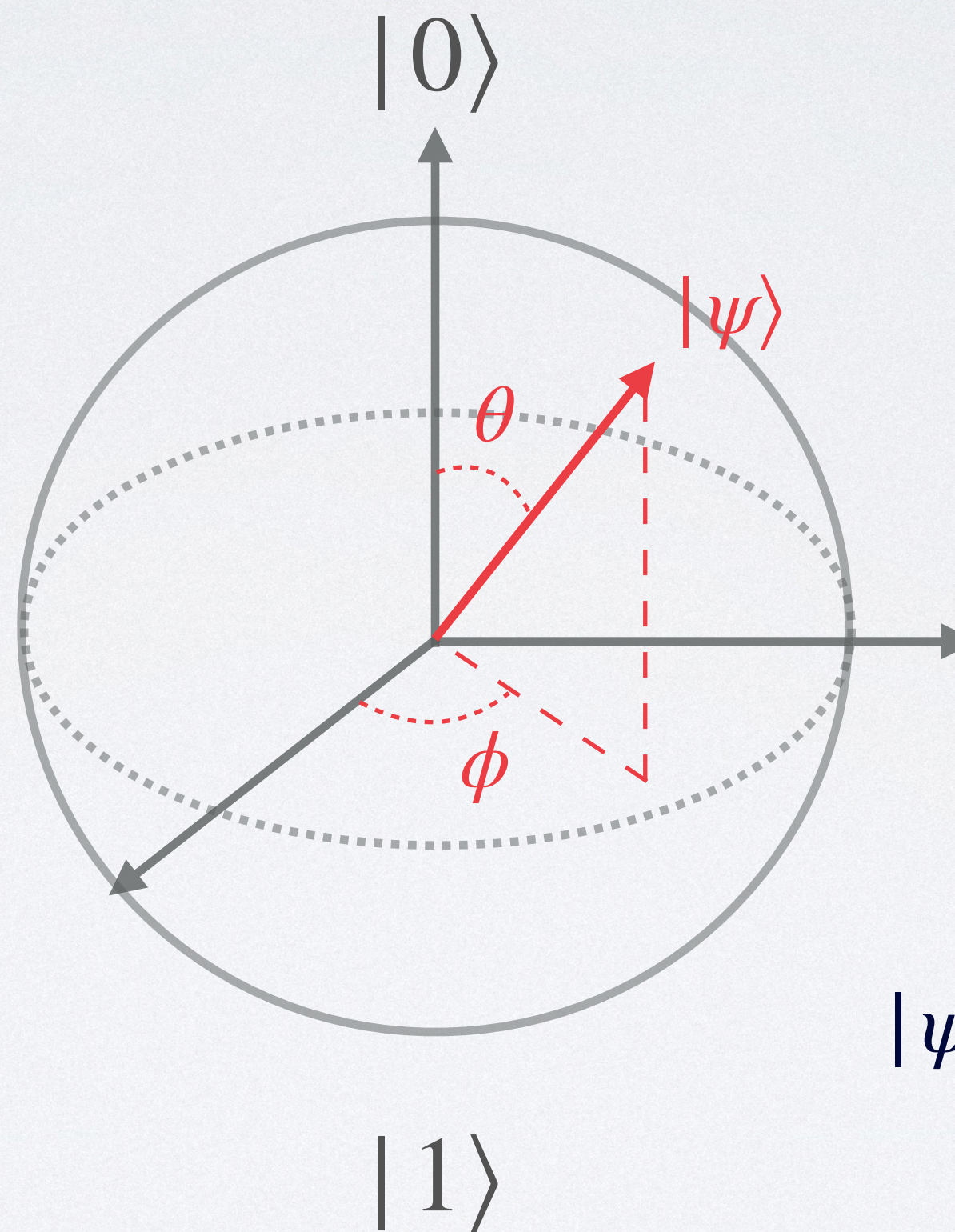


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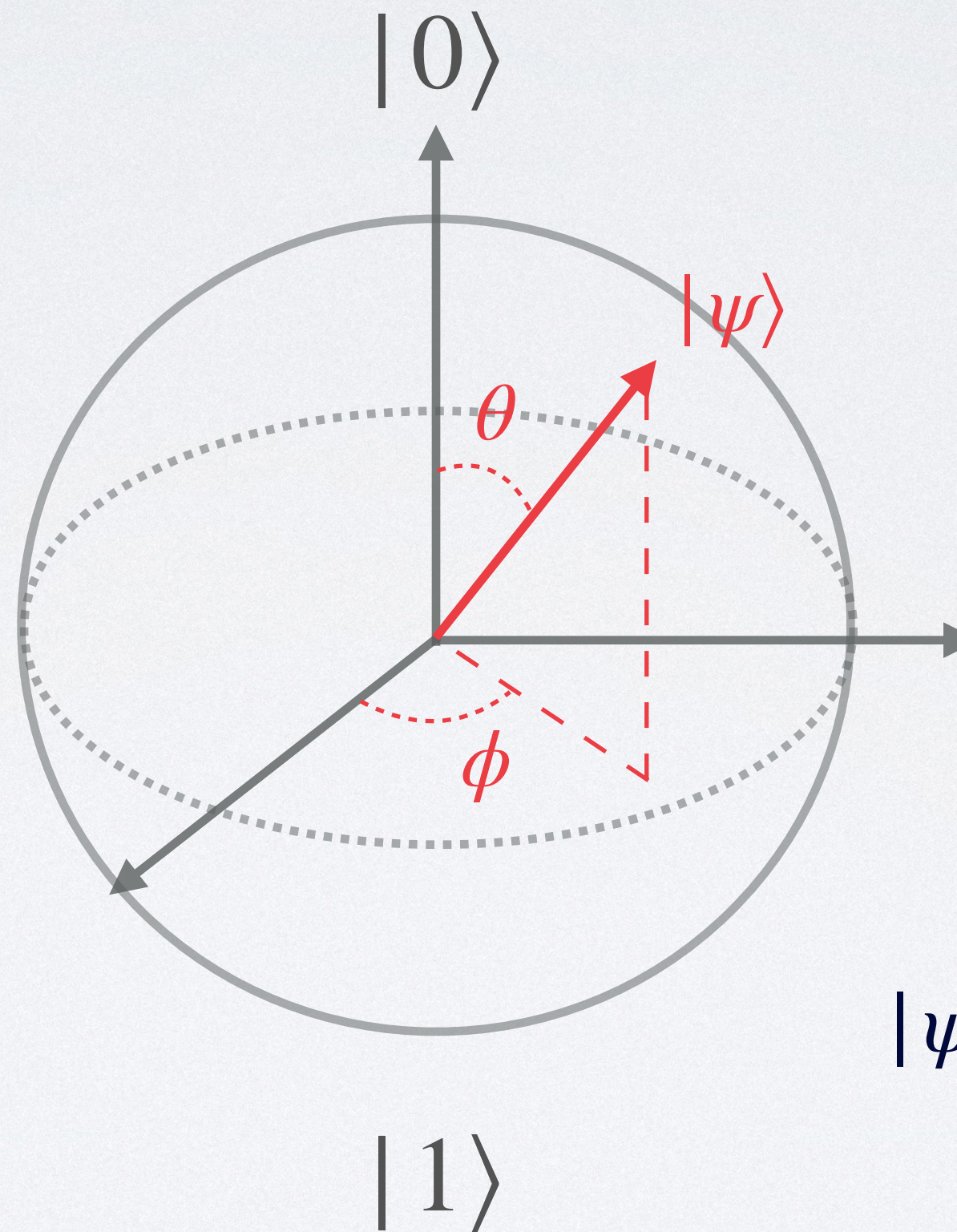


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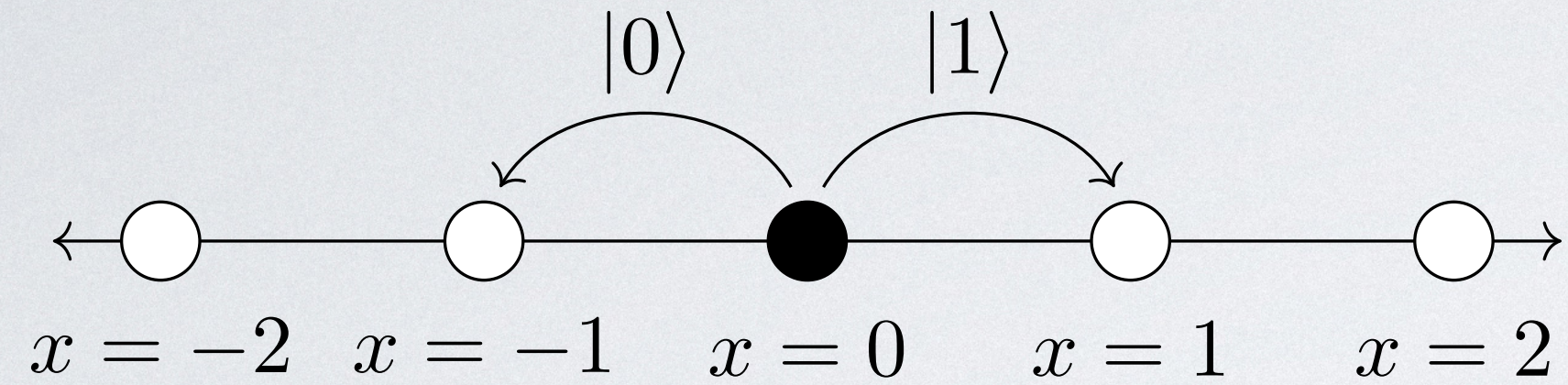
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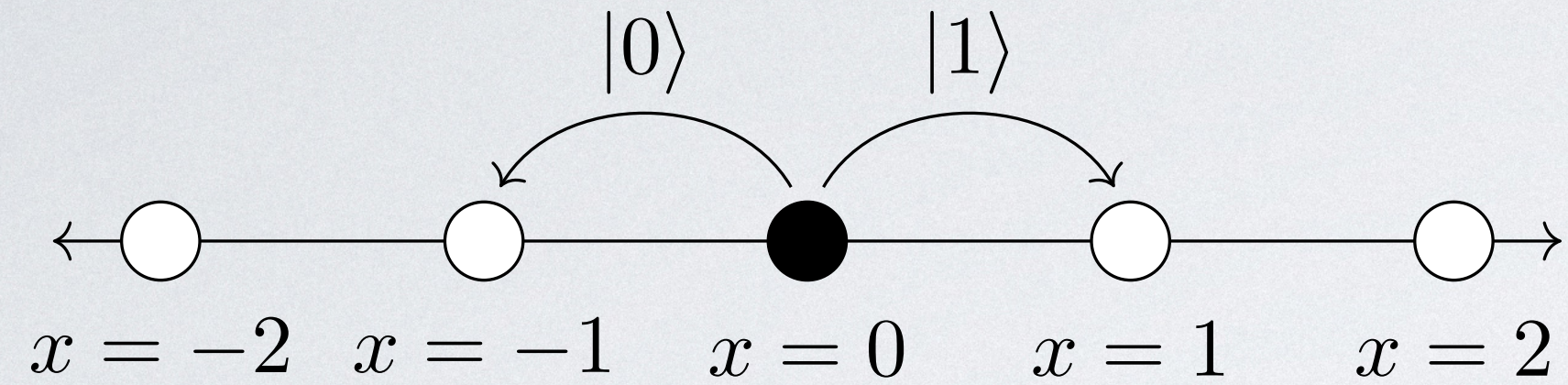
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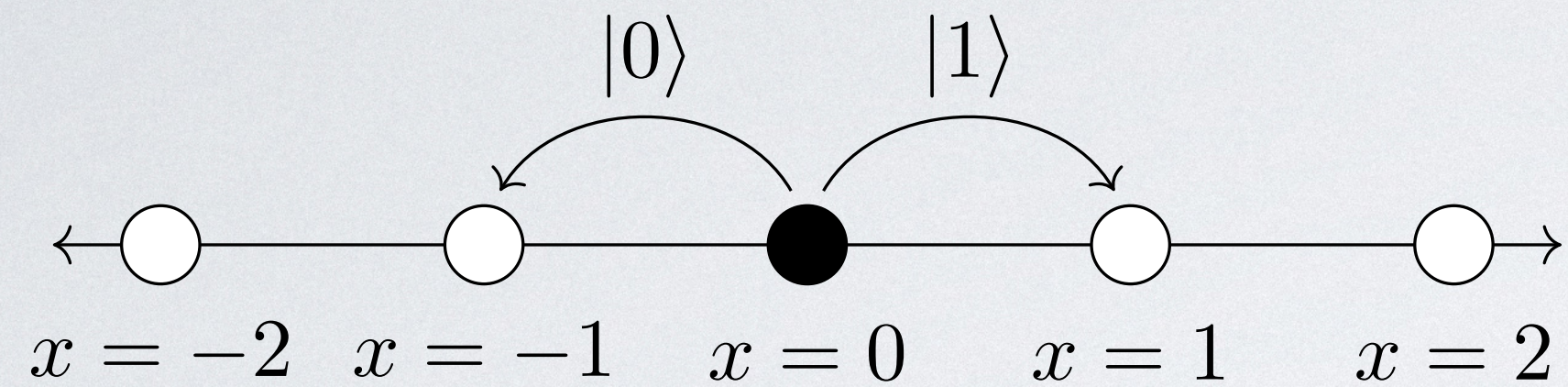
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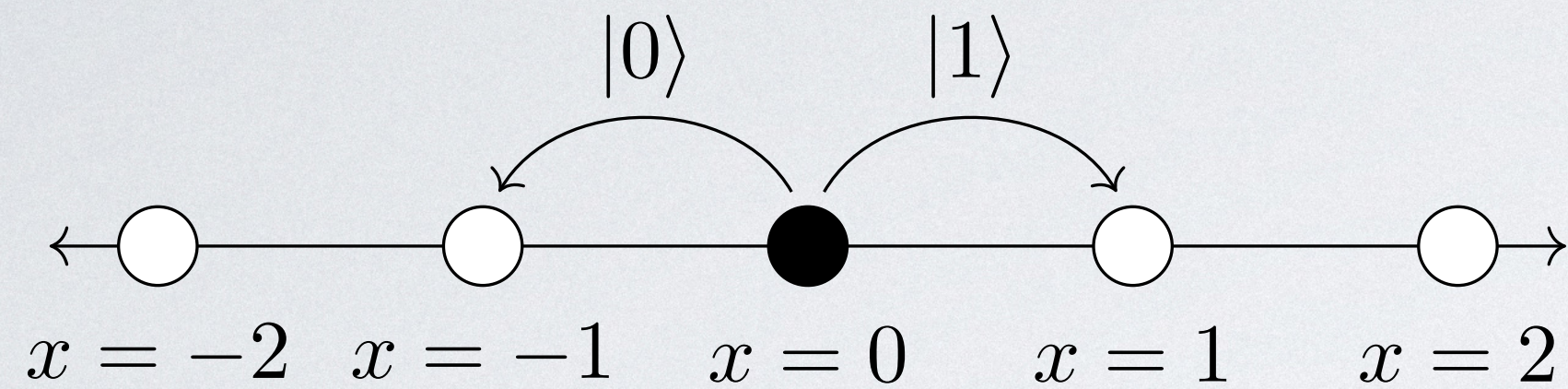


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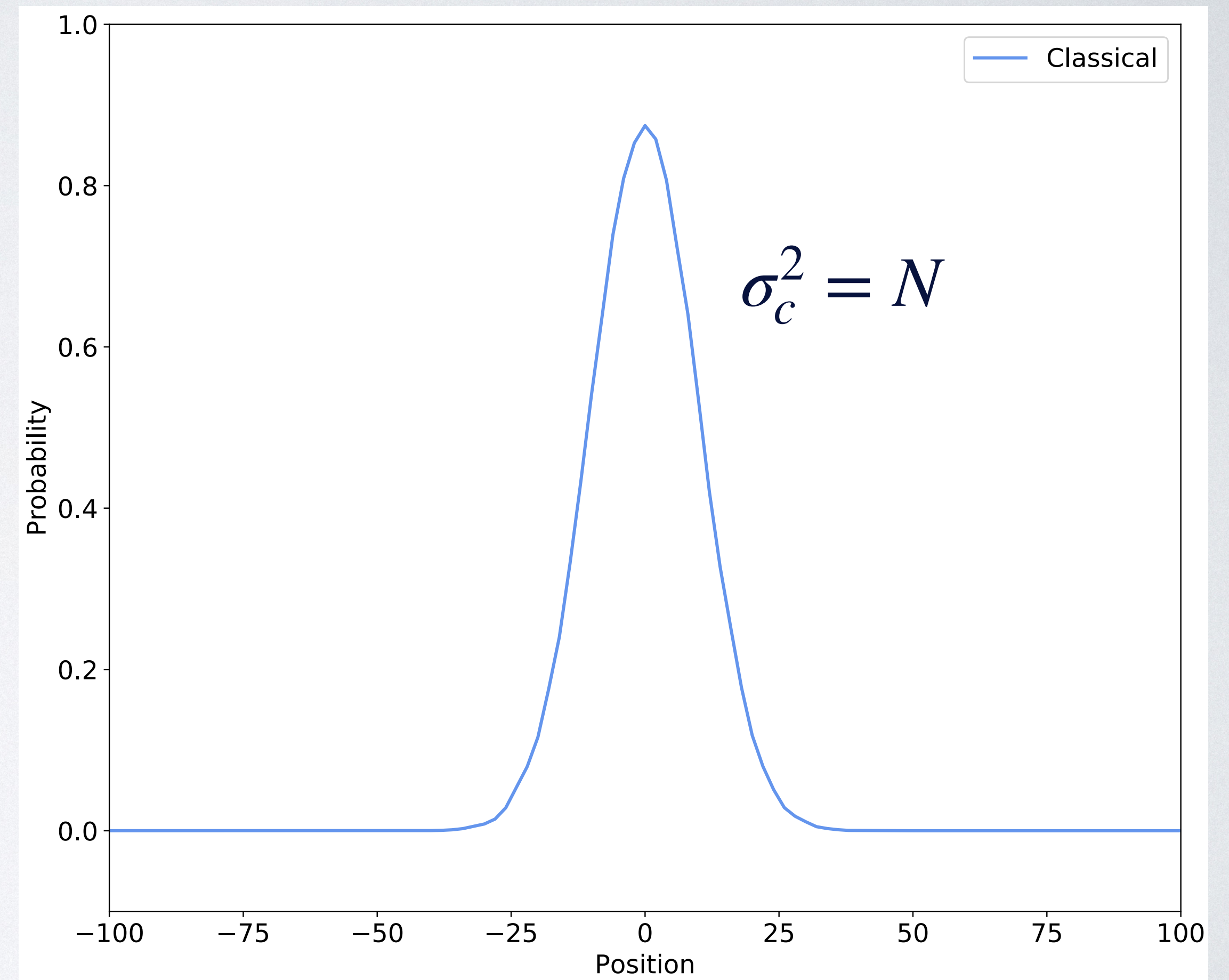
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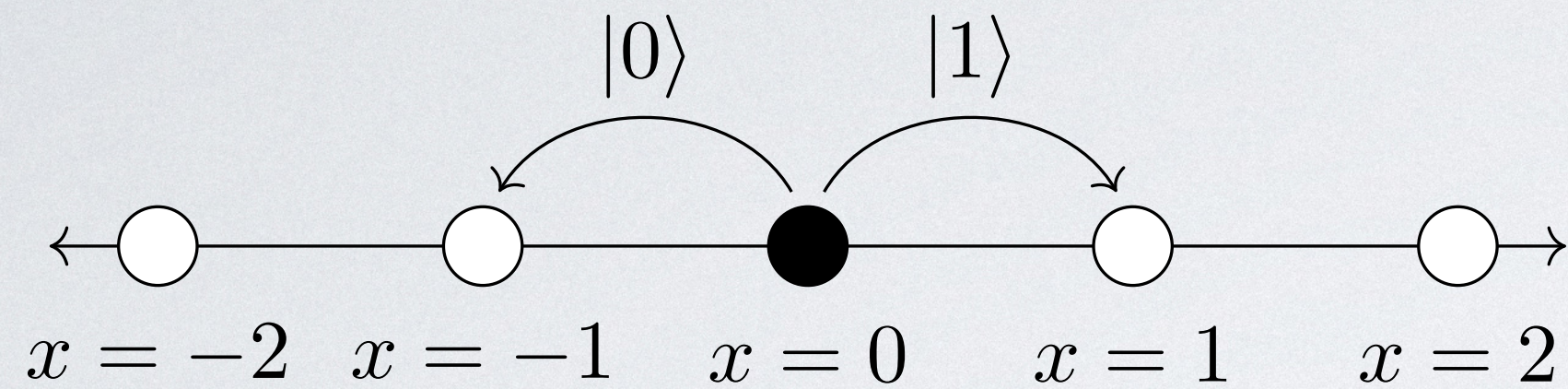
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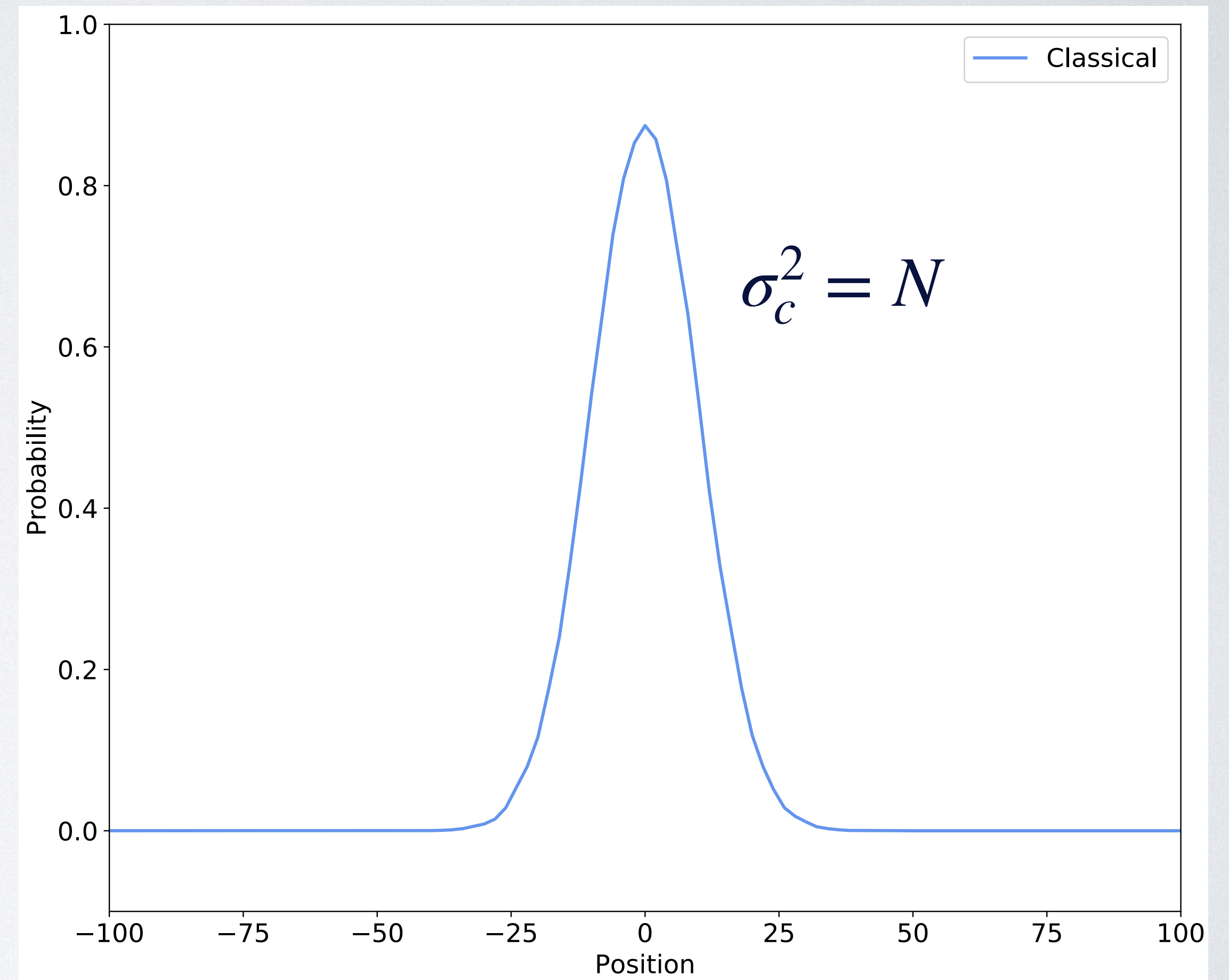
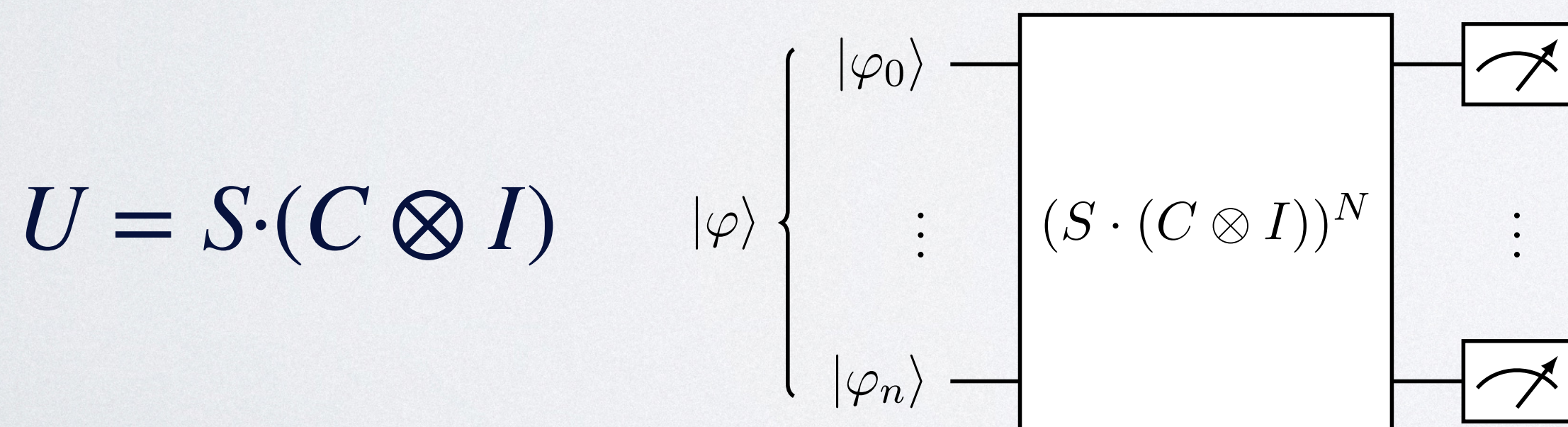


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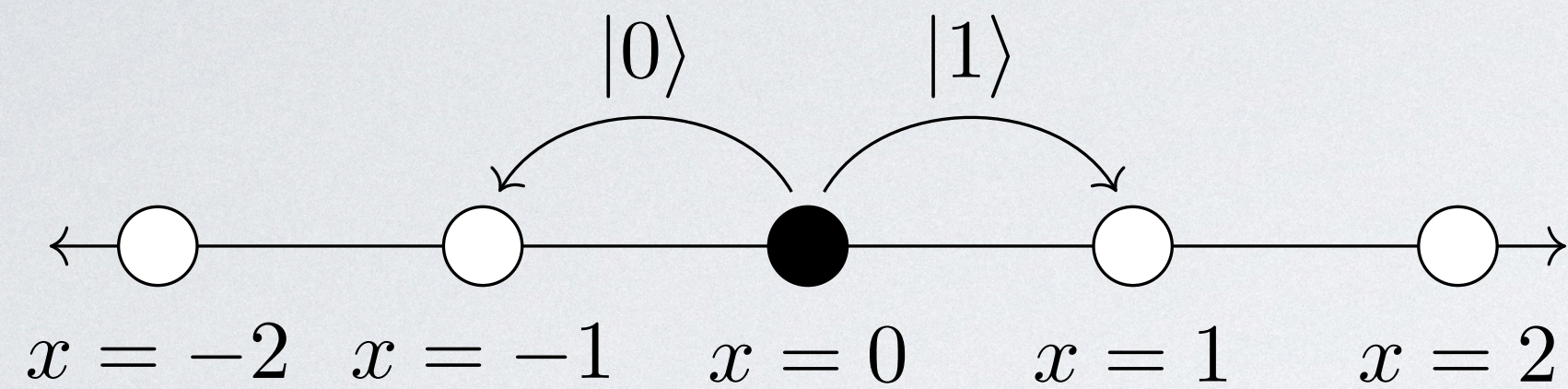


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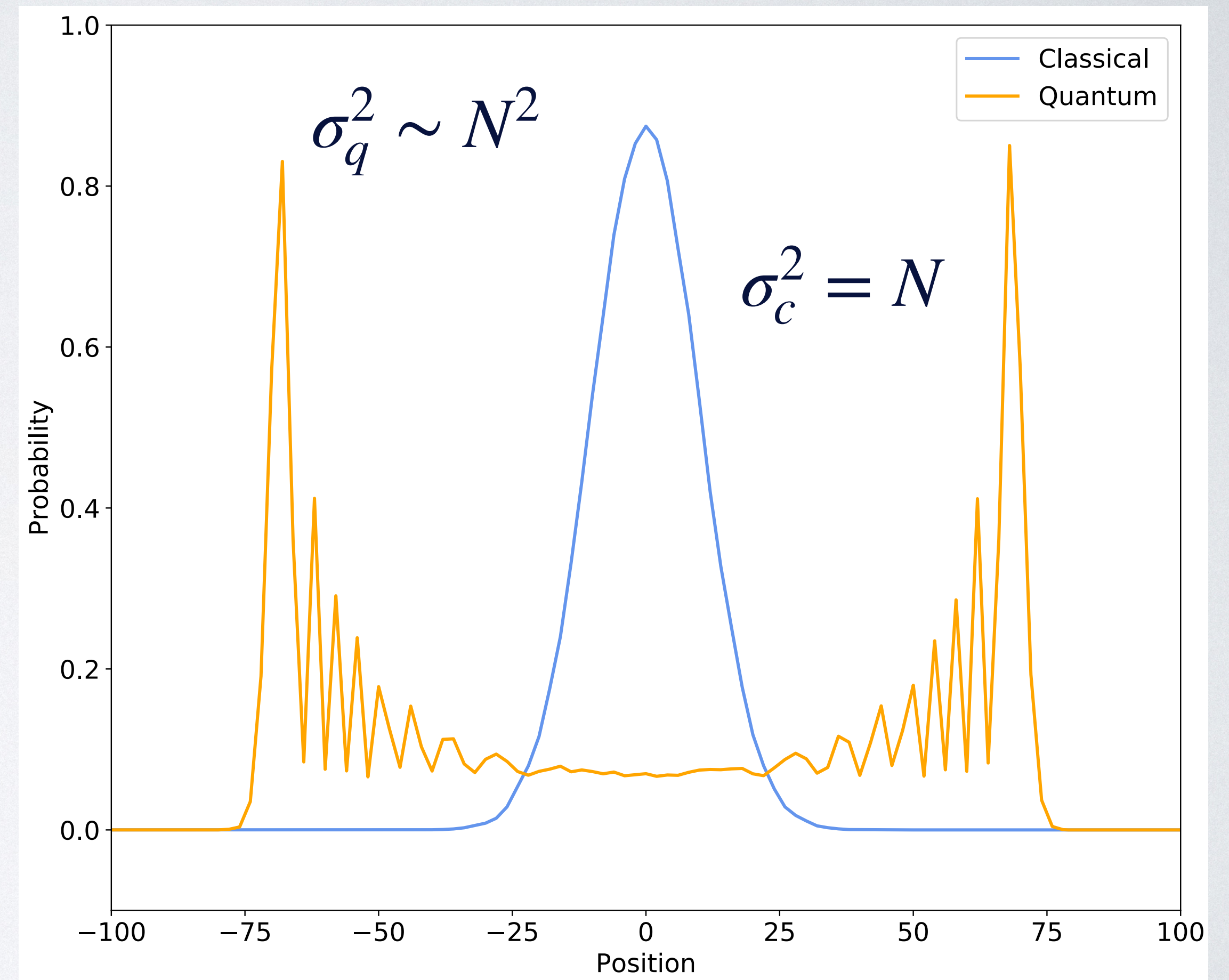
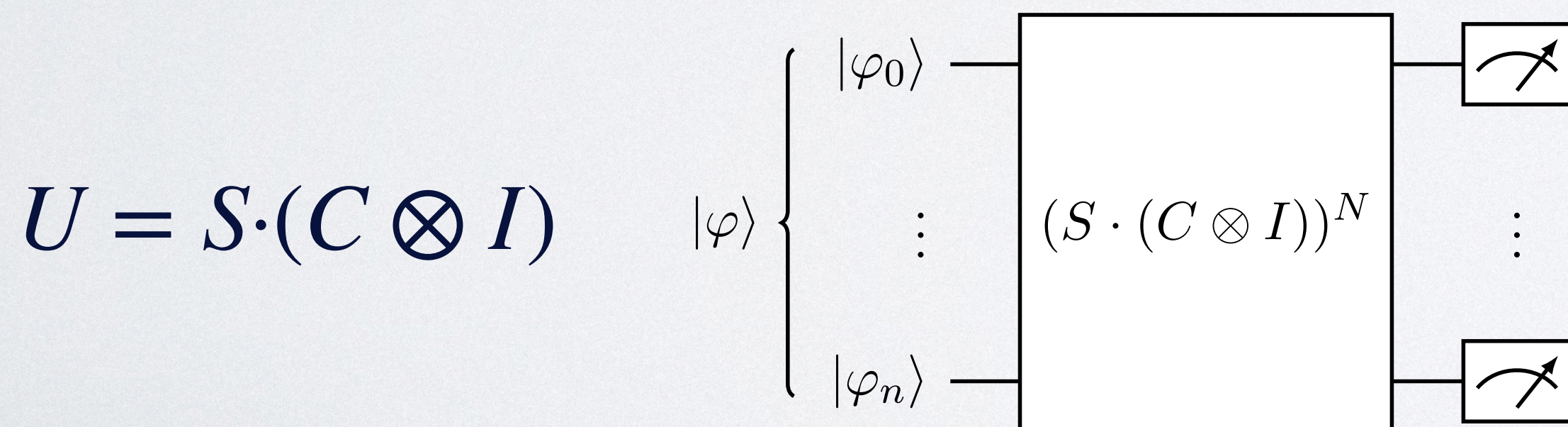


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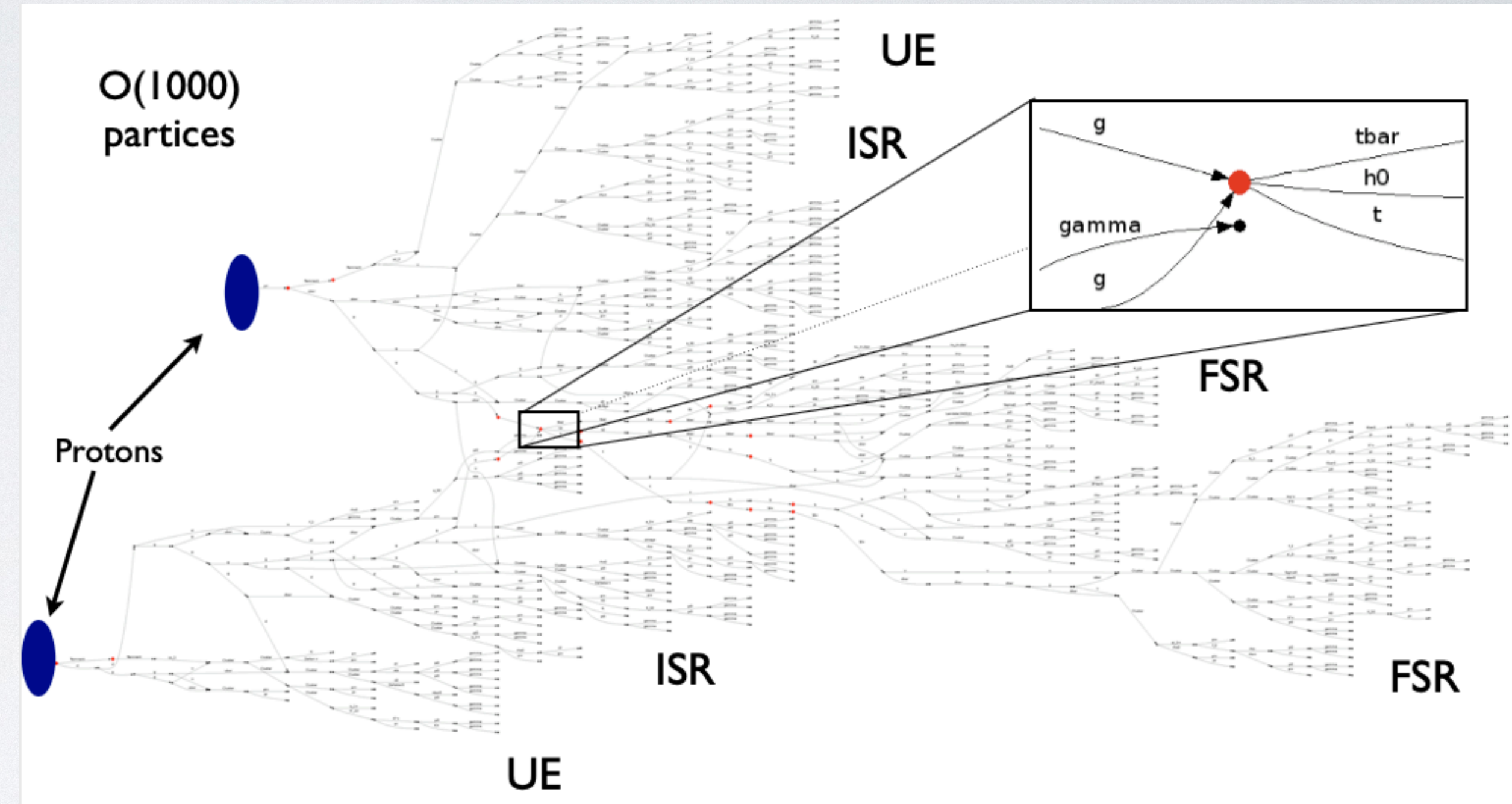
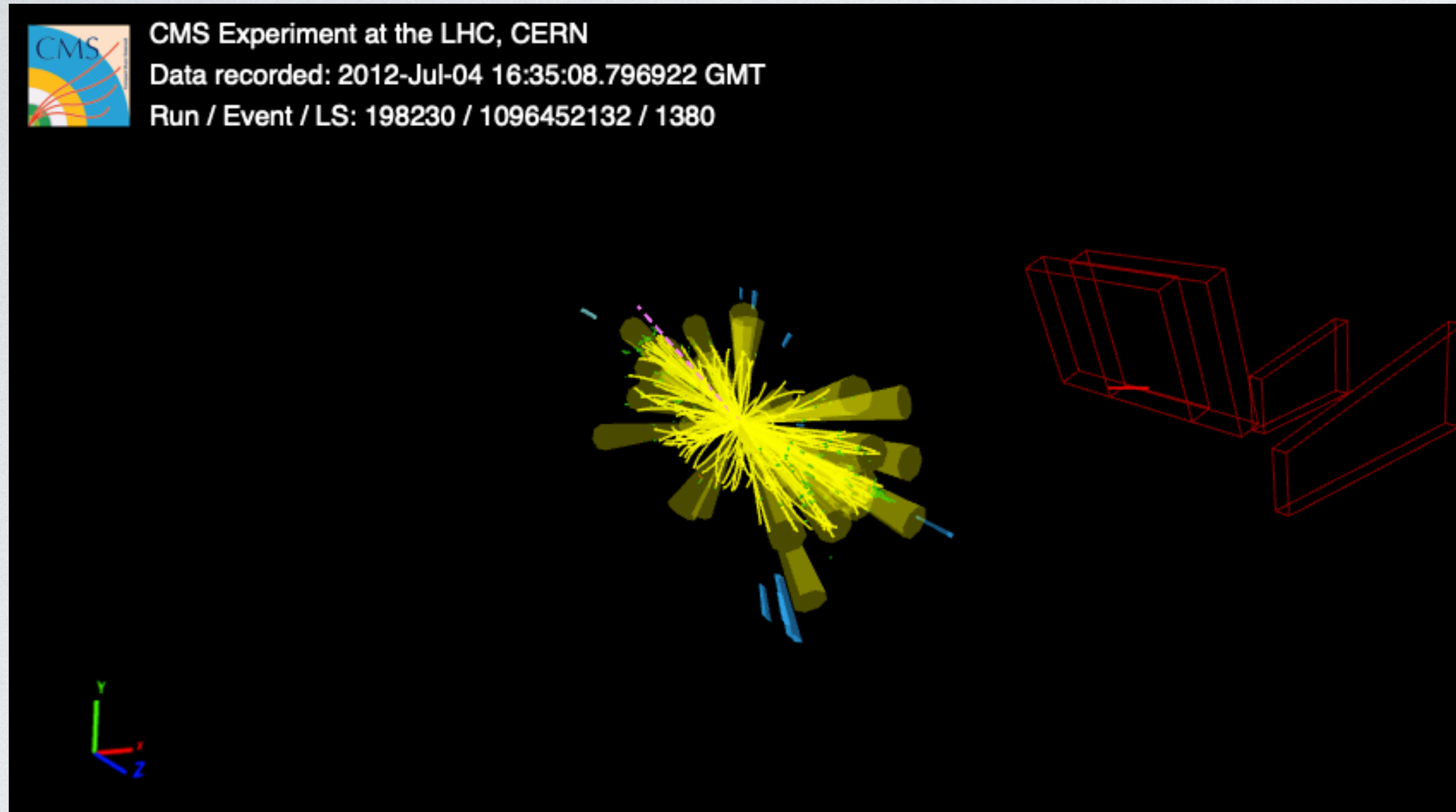


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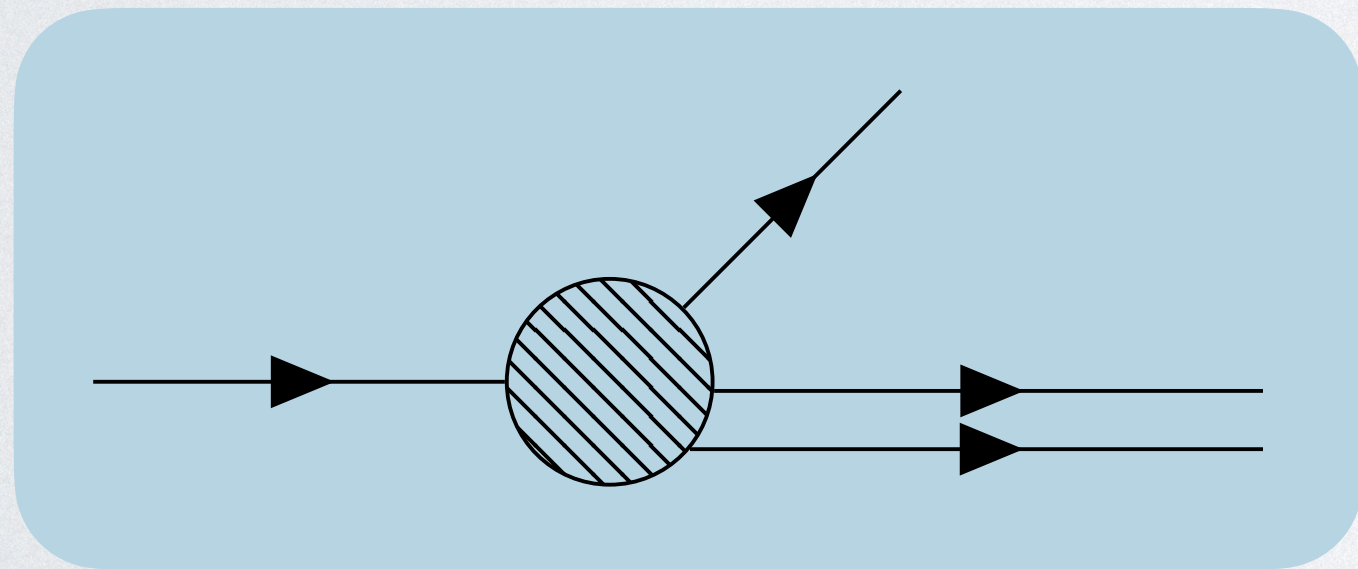
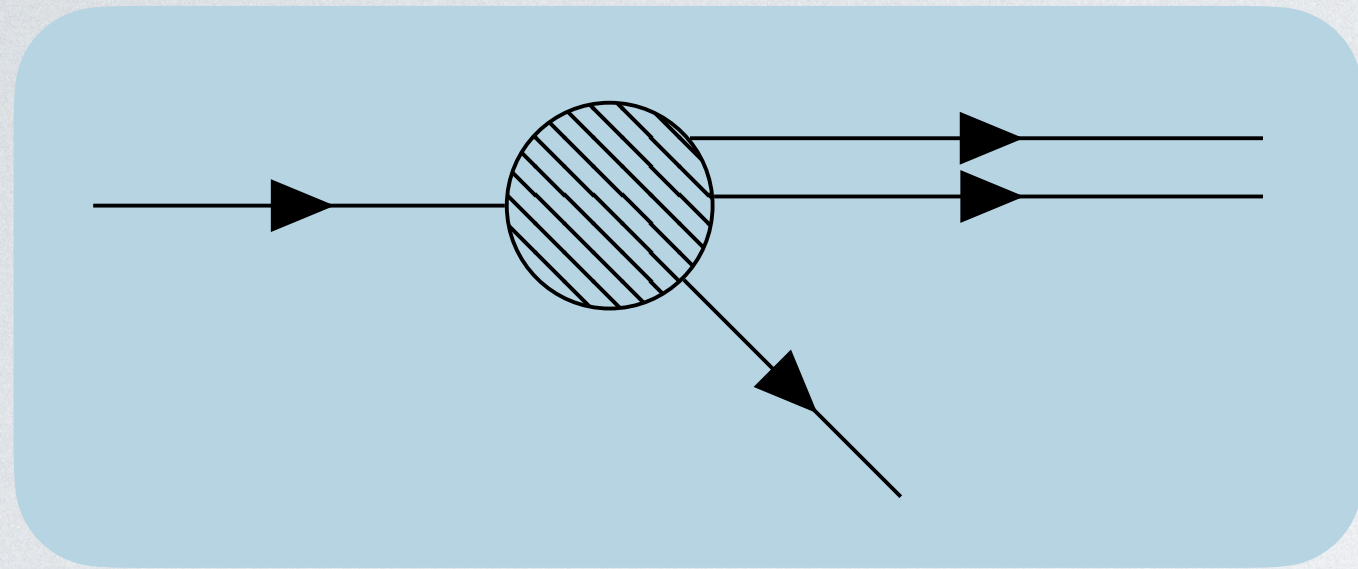


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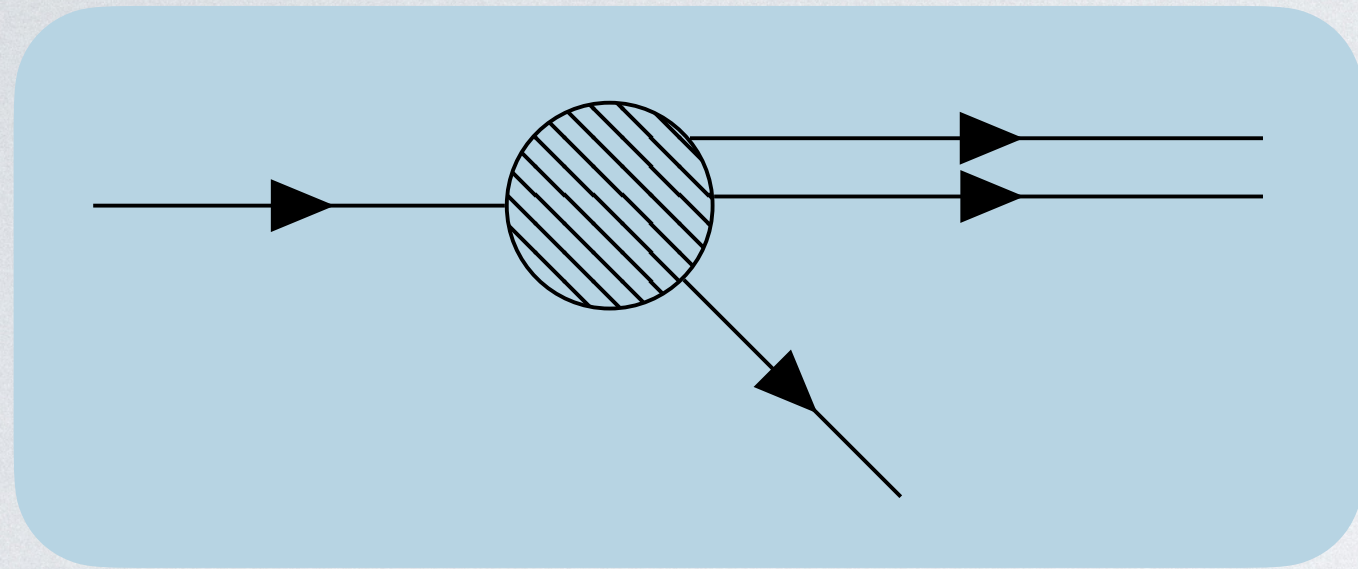
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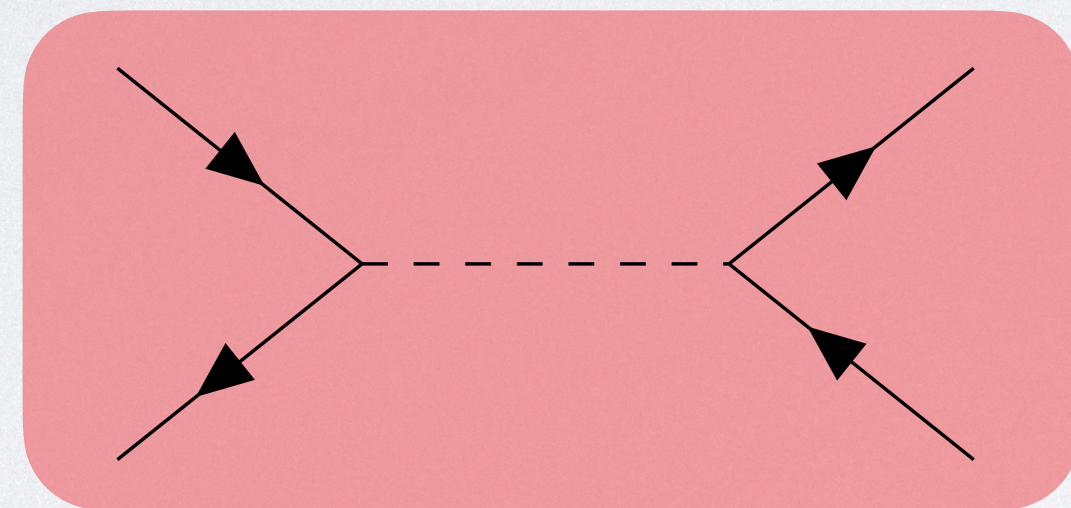
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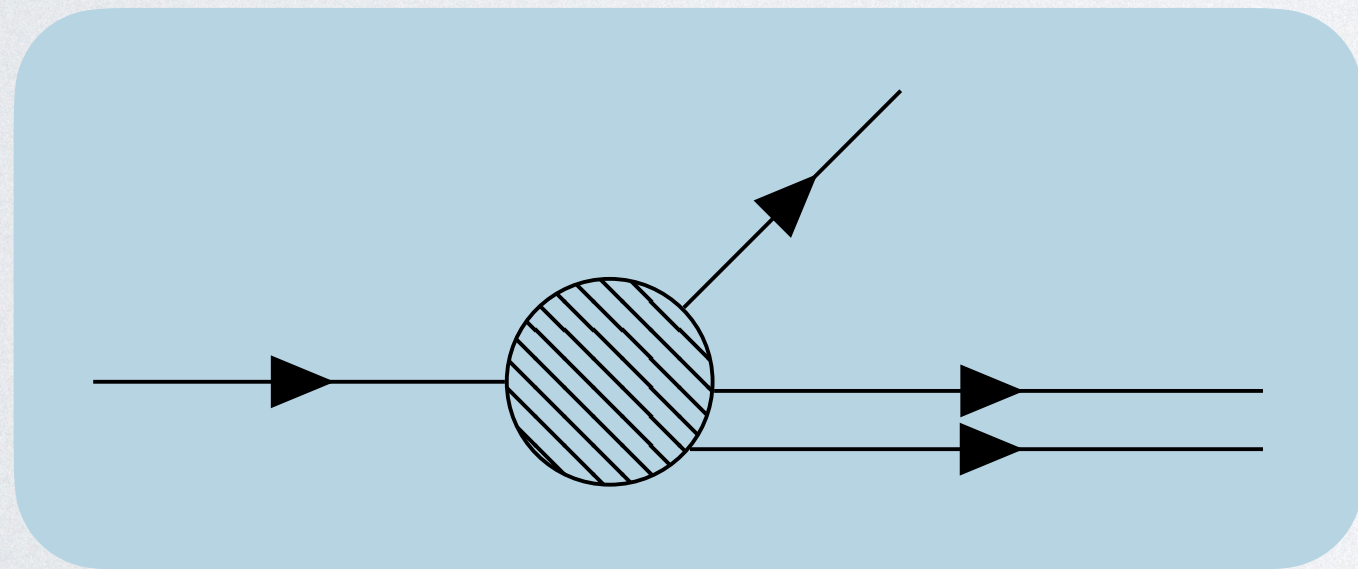
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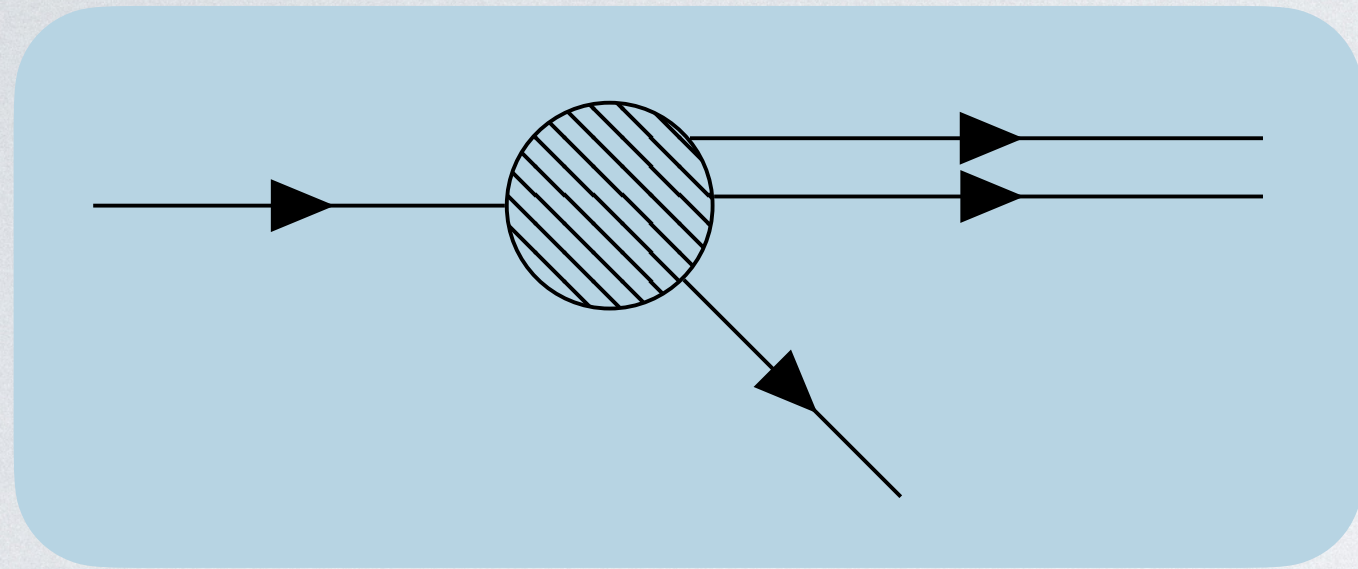
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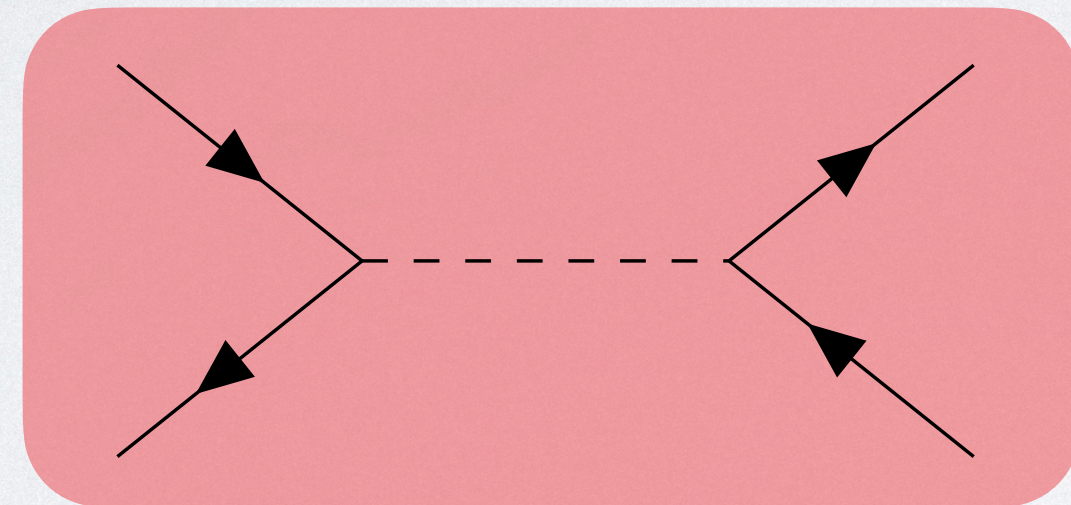
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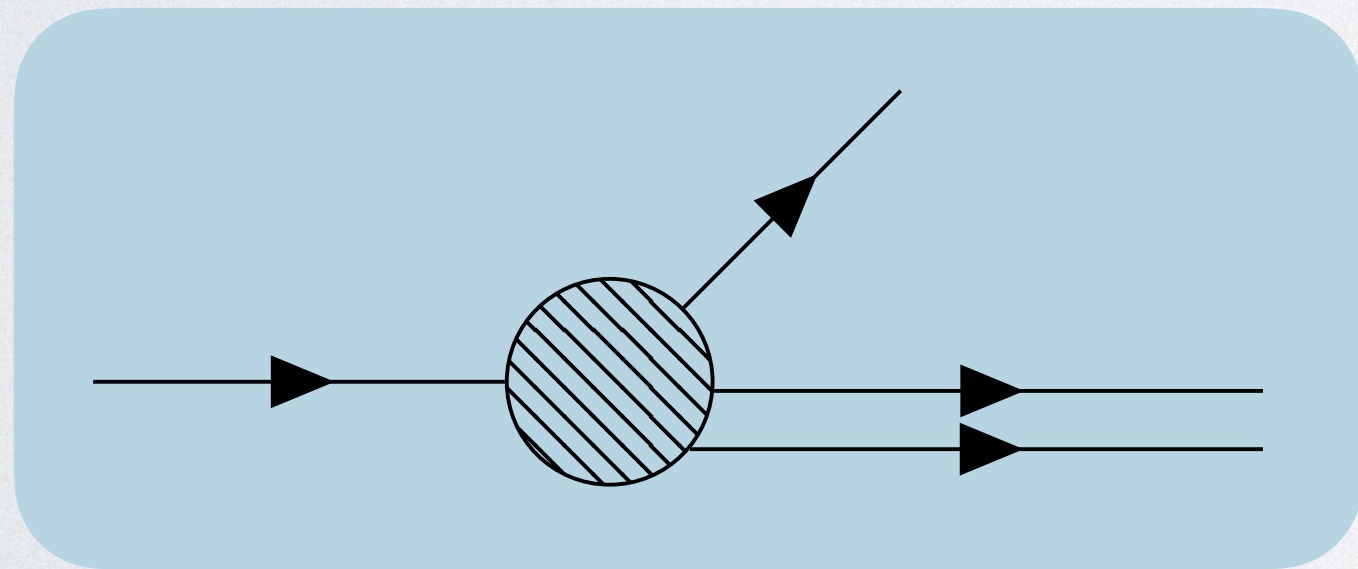
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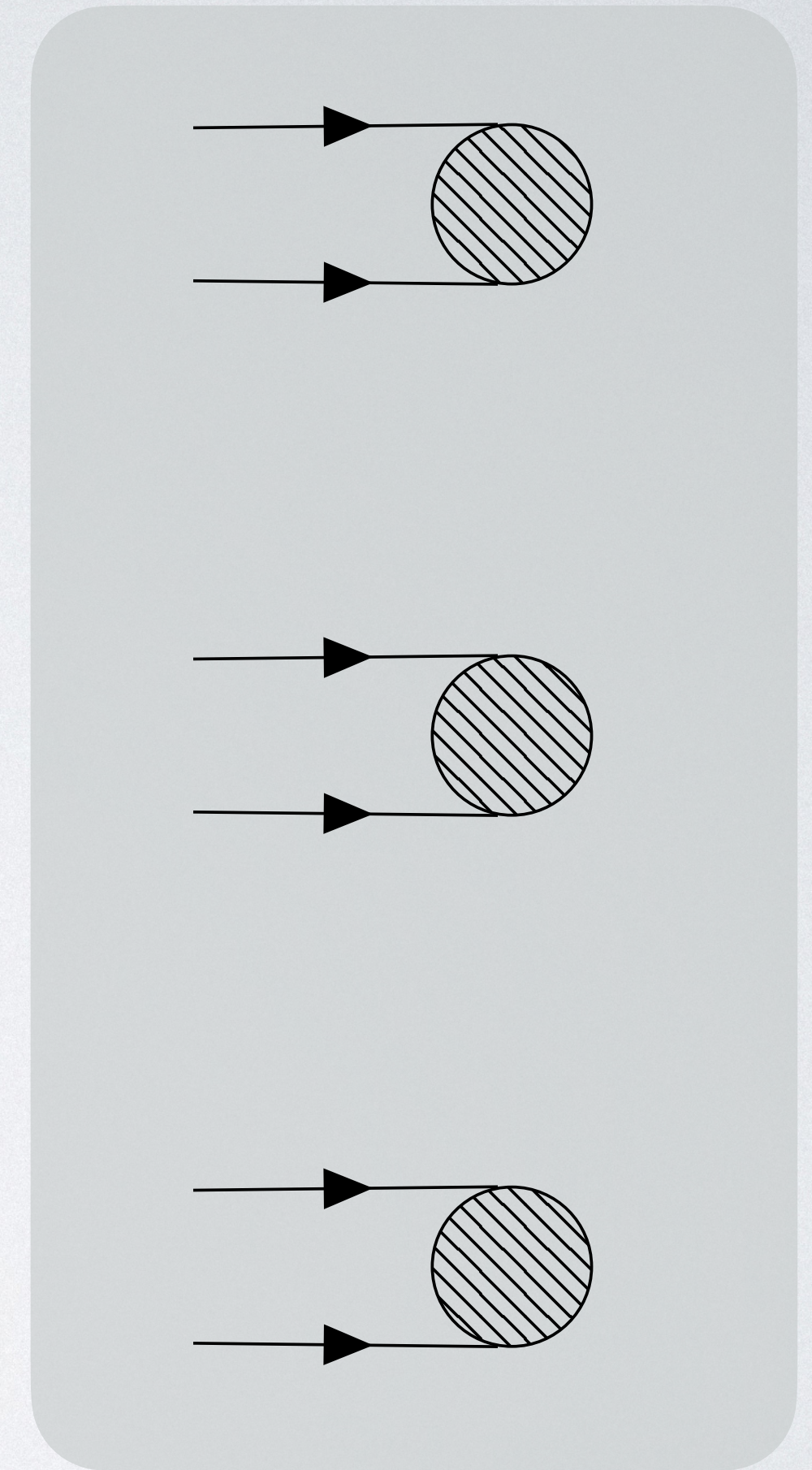


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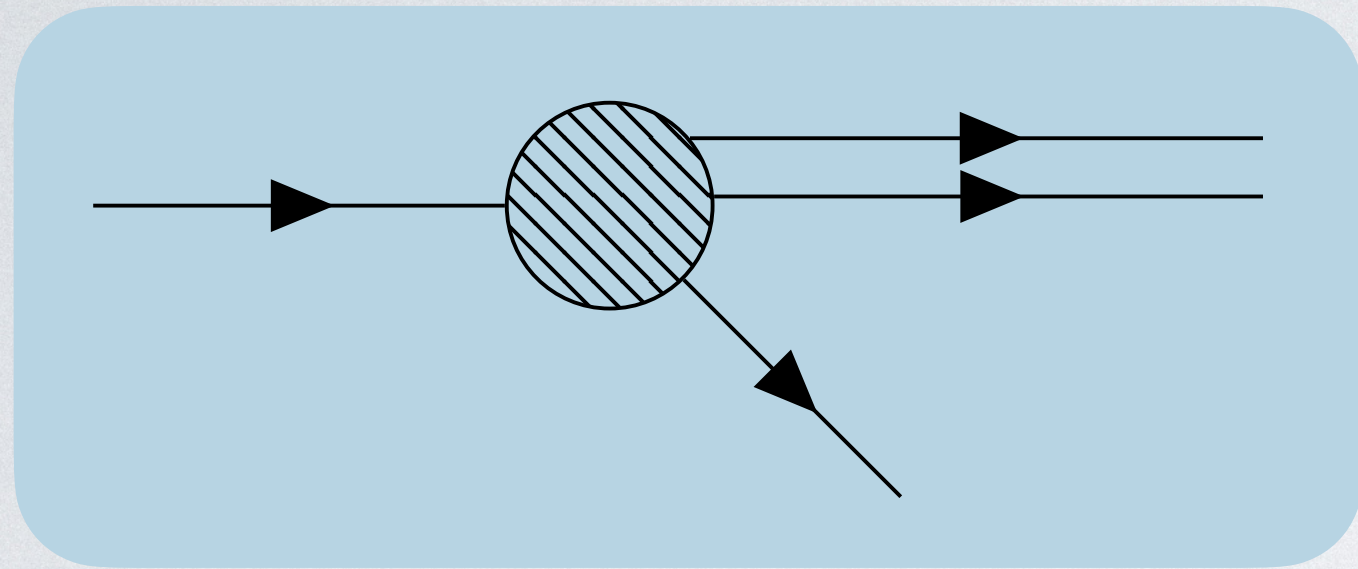
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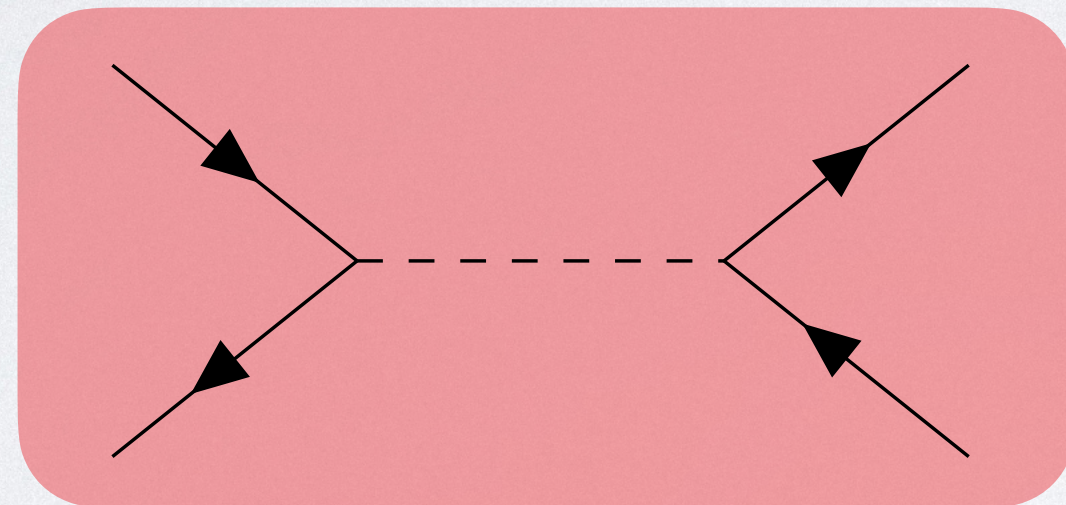


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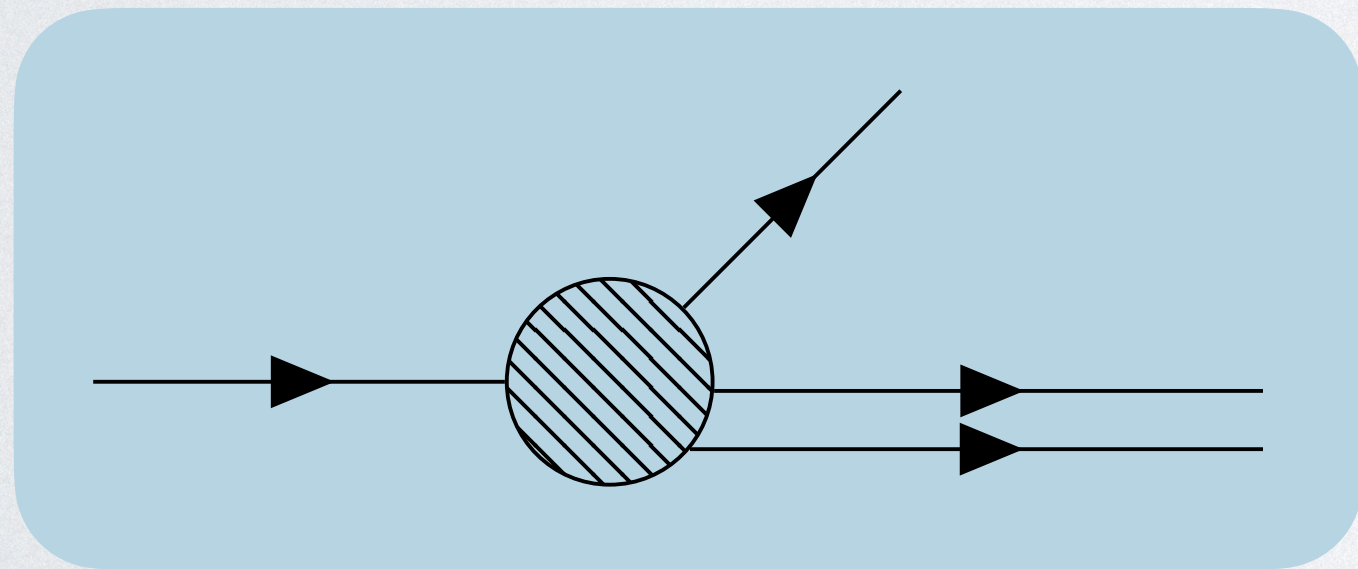
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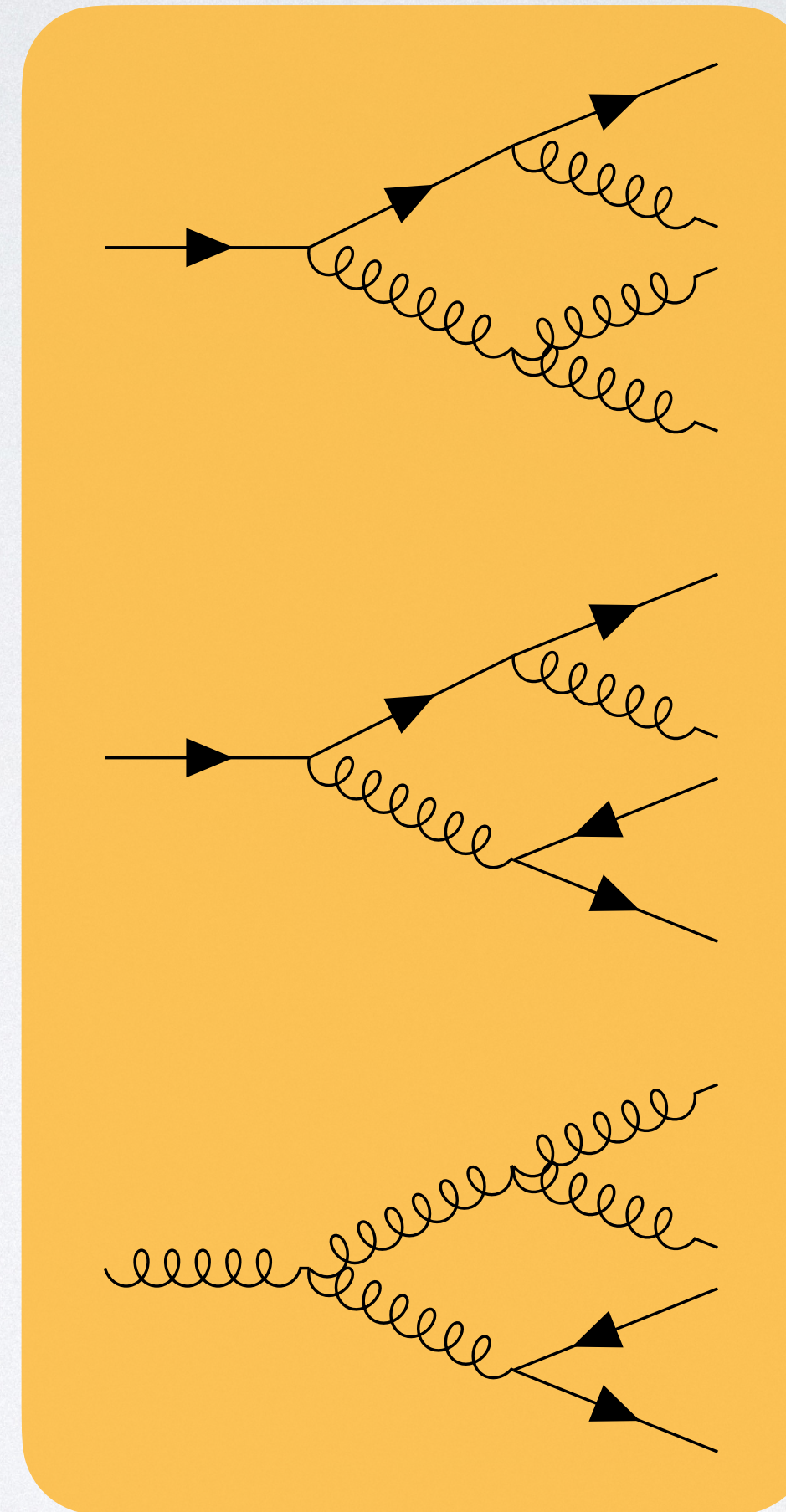
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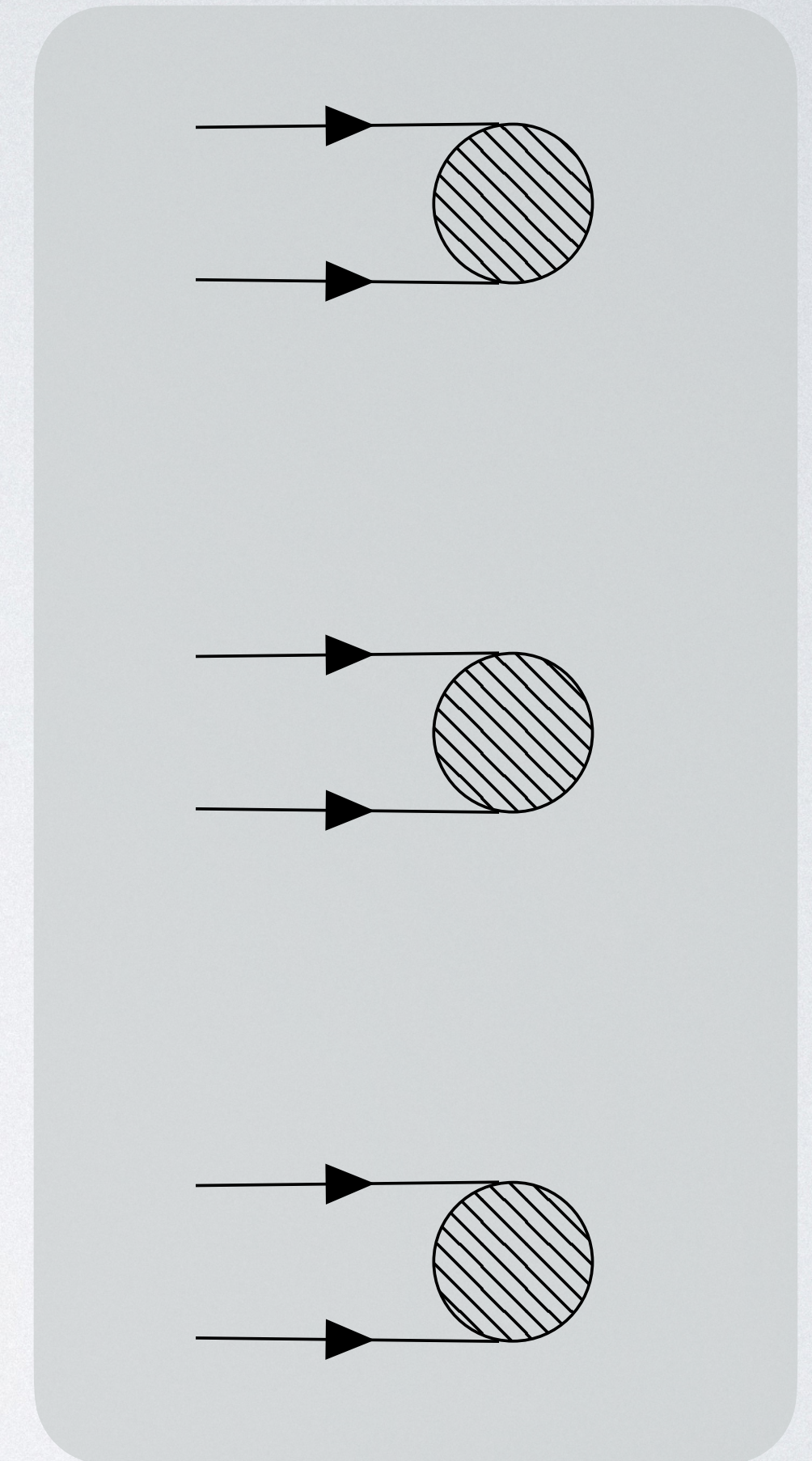
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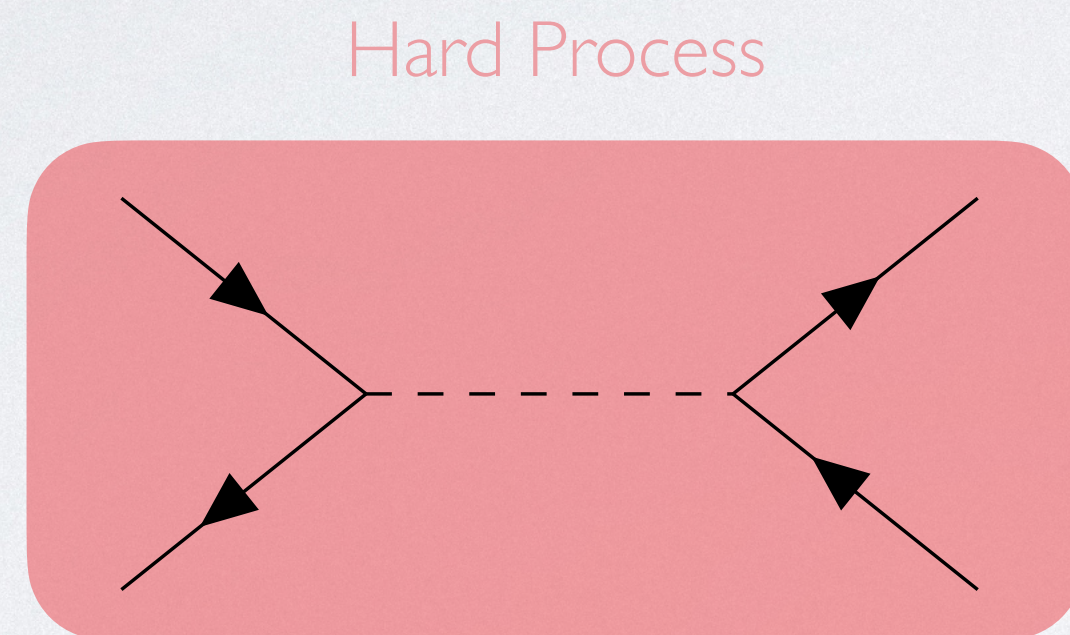


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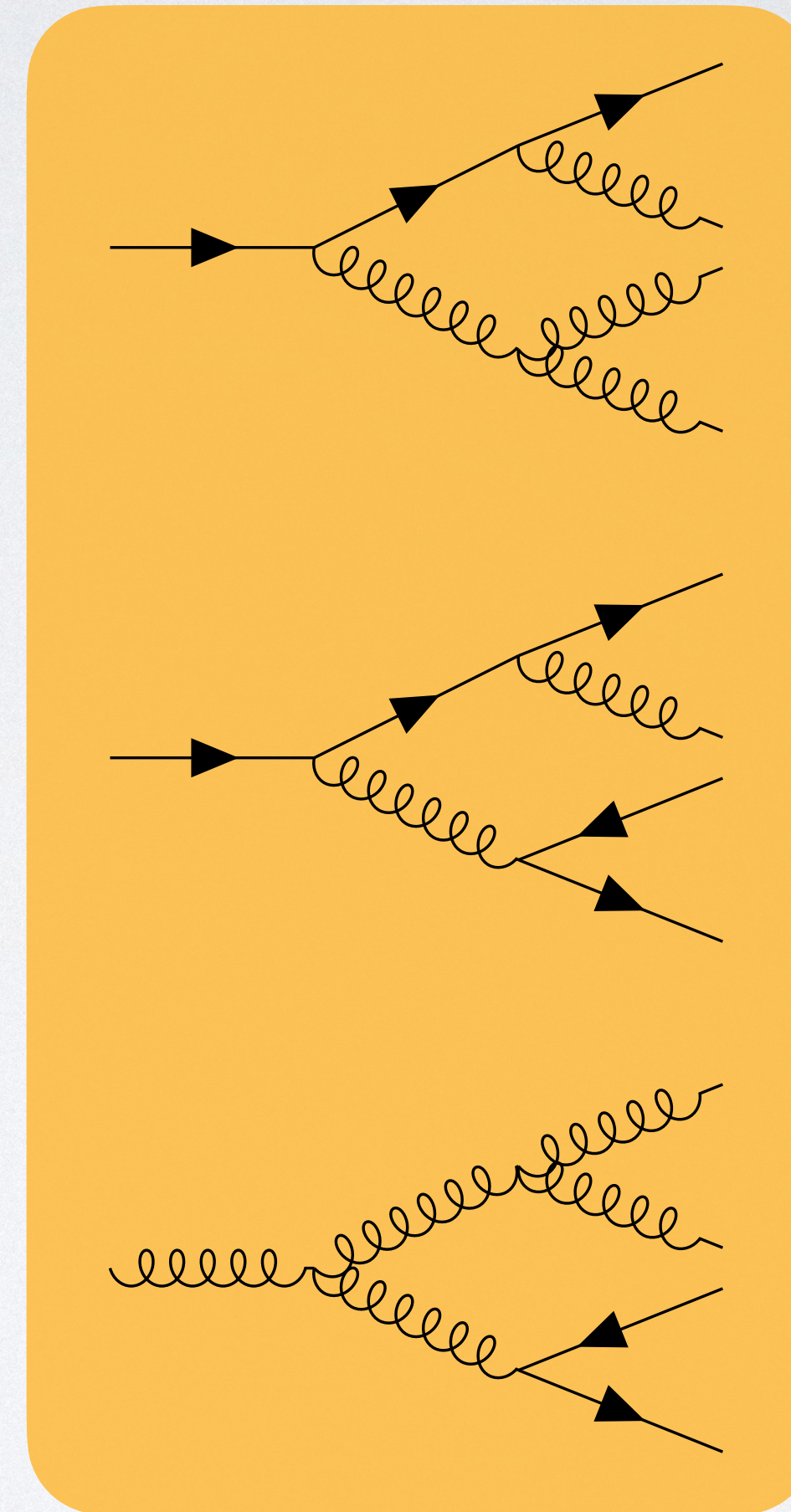
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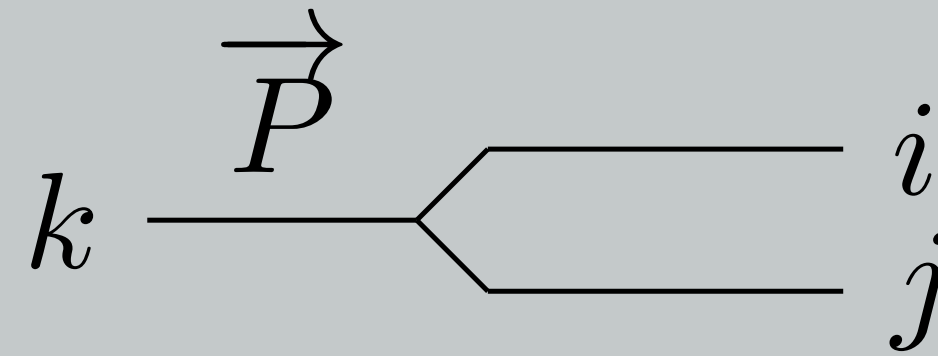
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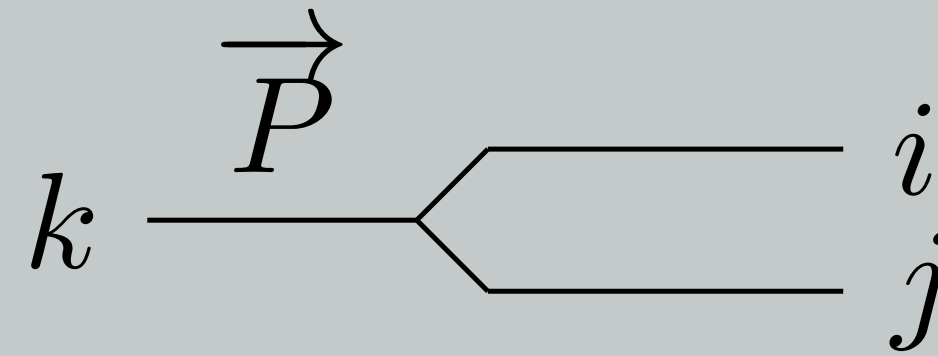


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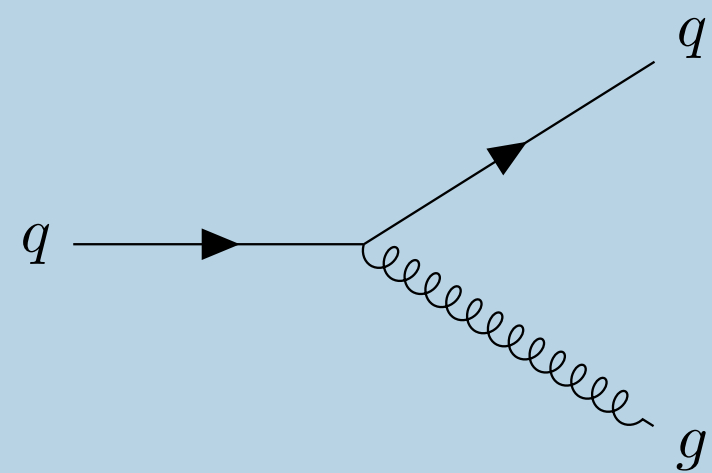
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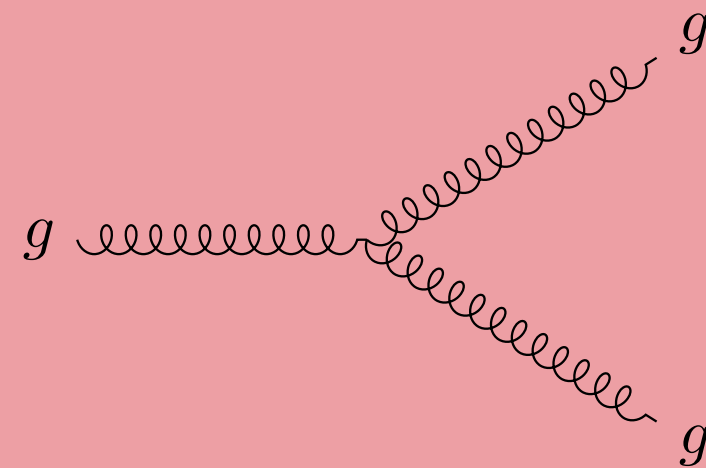


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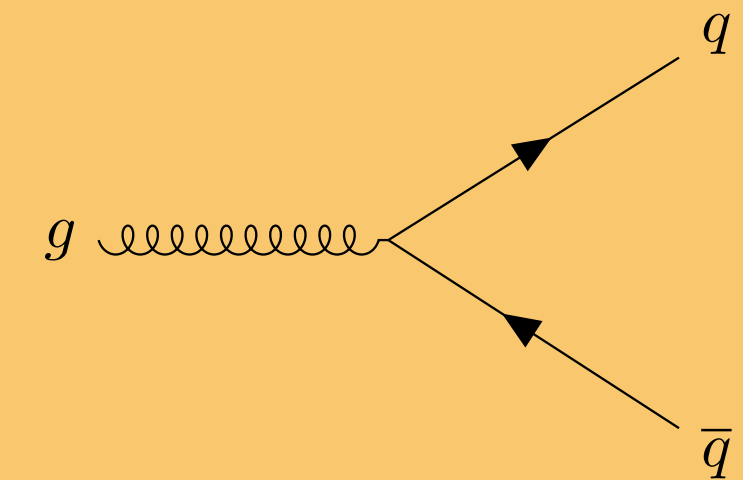
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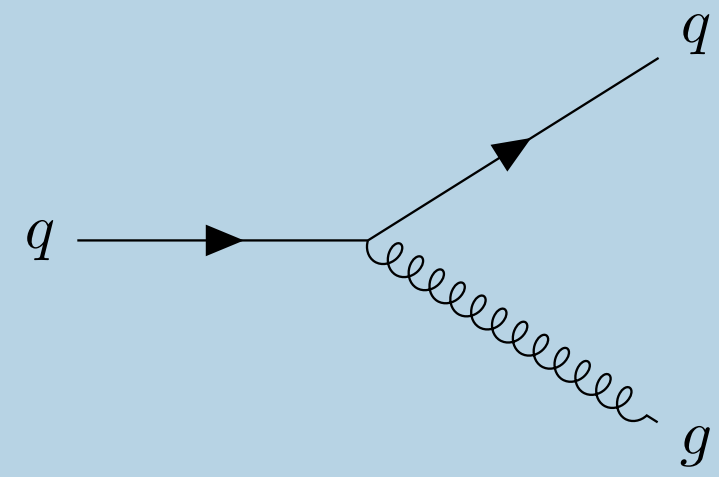


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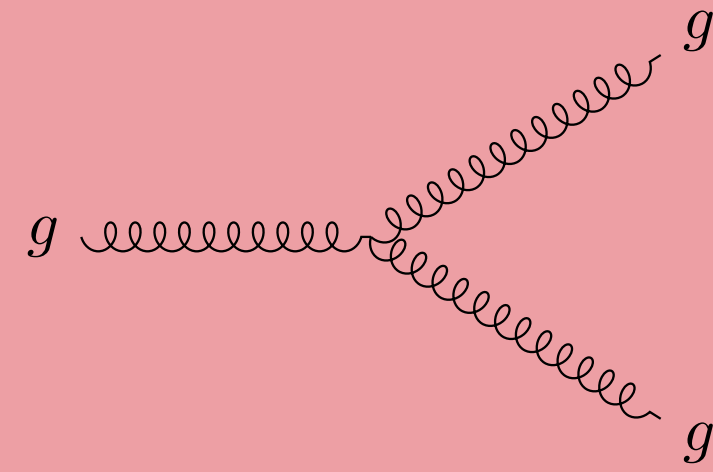


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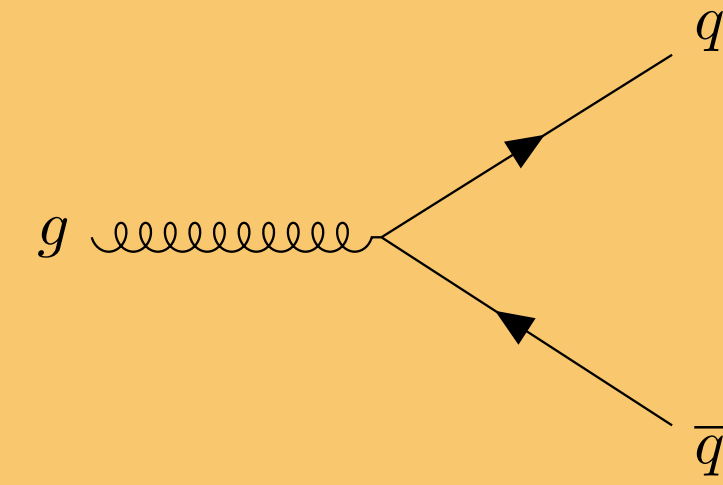
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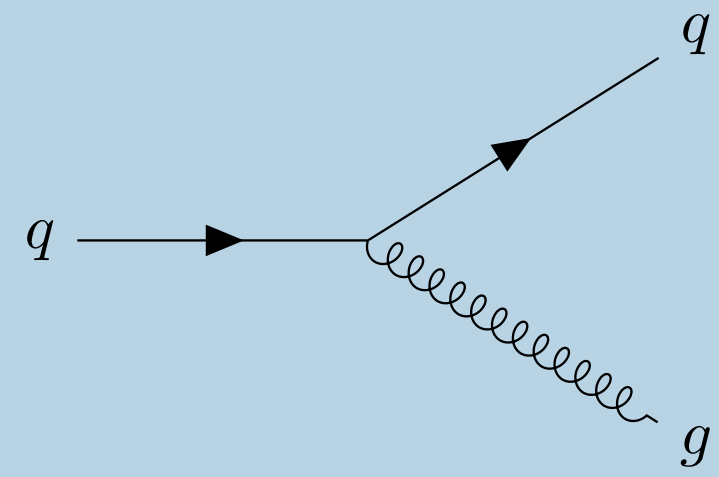


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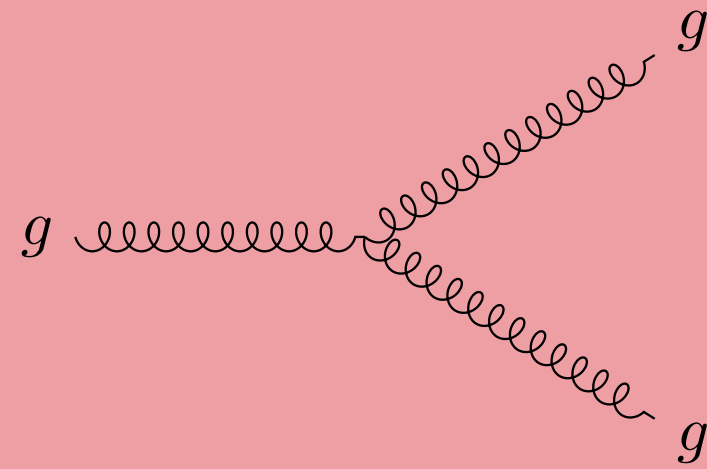


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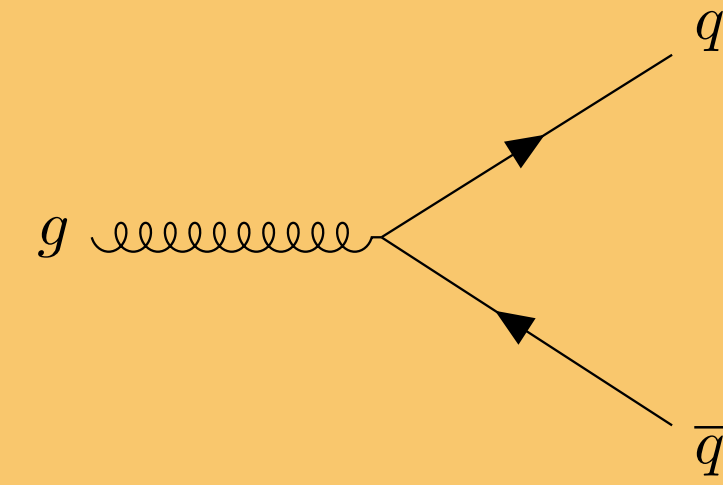
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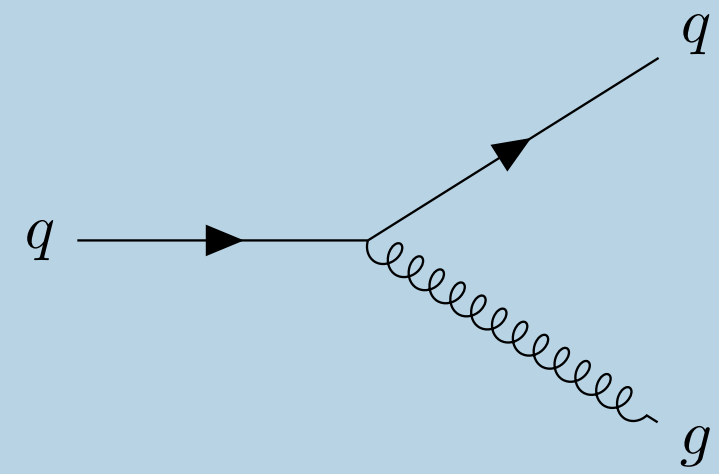
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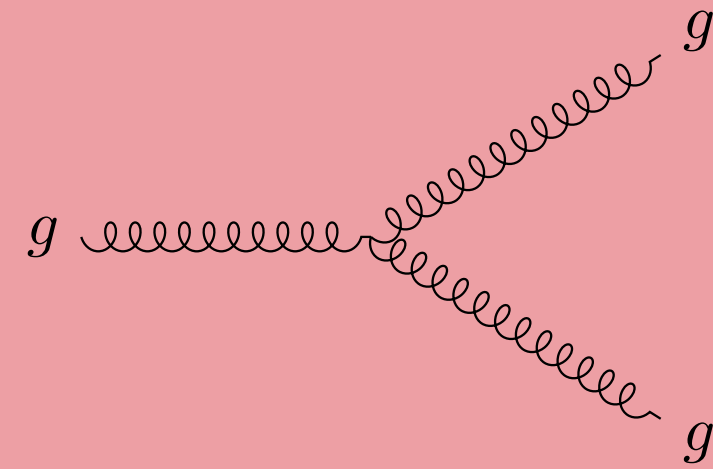
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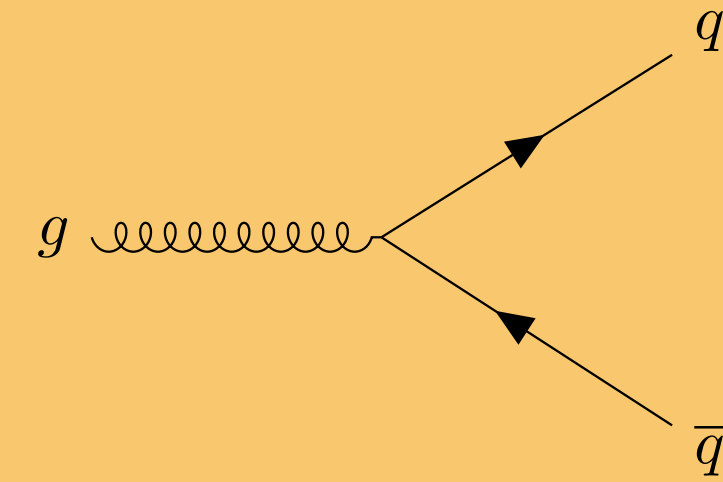
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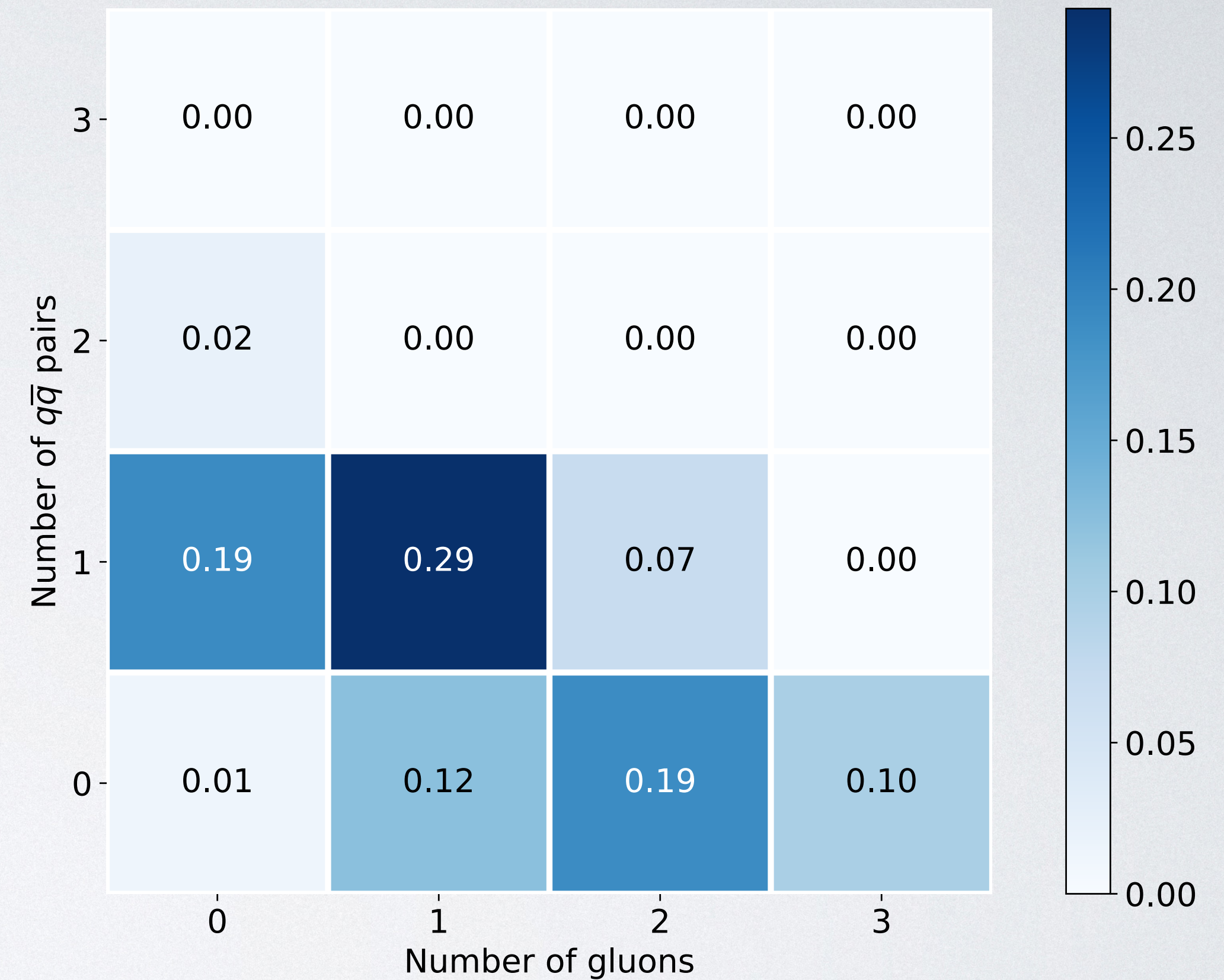
- Combine Sudakov and splitting functions to get splitting probability for  $k \rightarrow ij$  in a single shower step:

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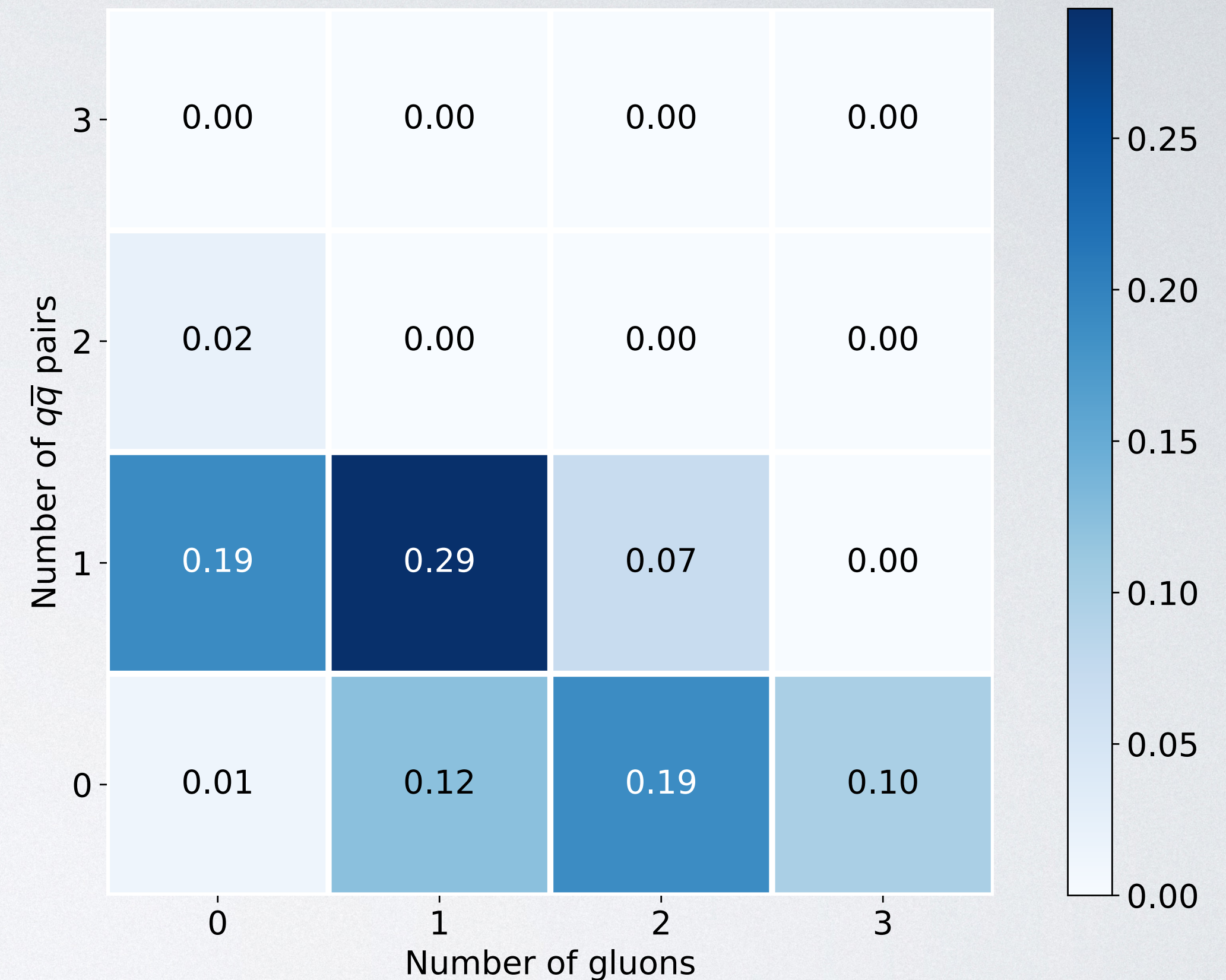
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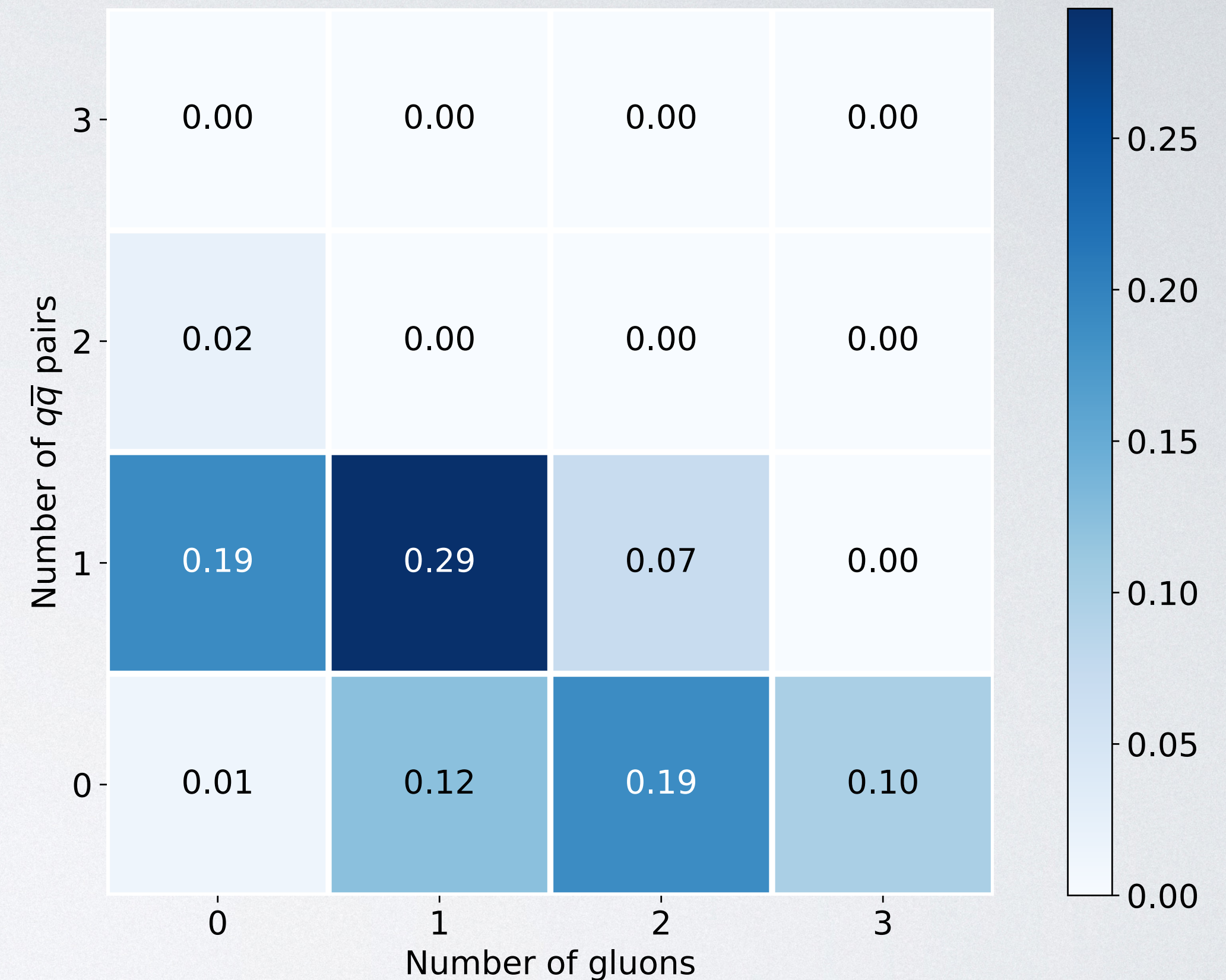




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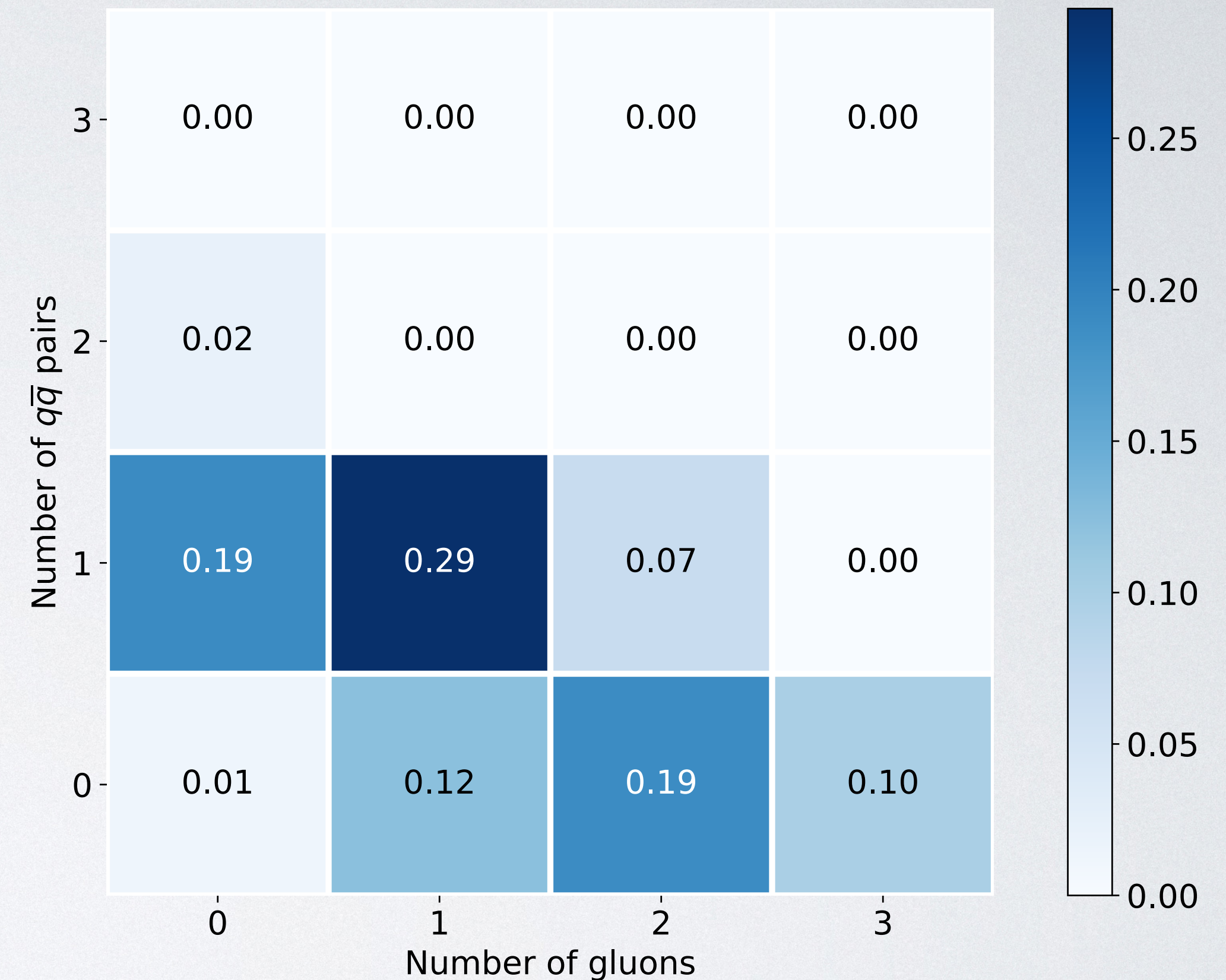
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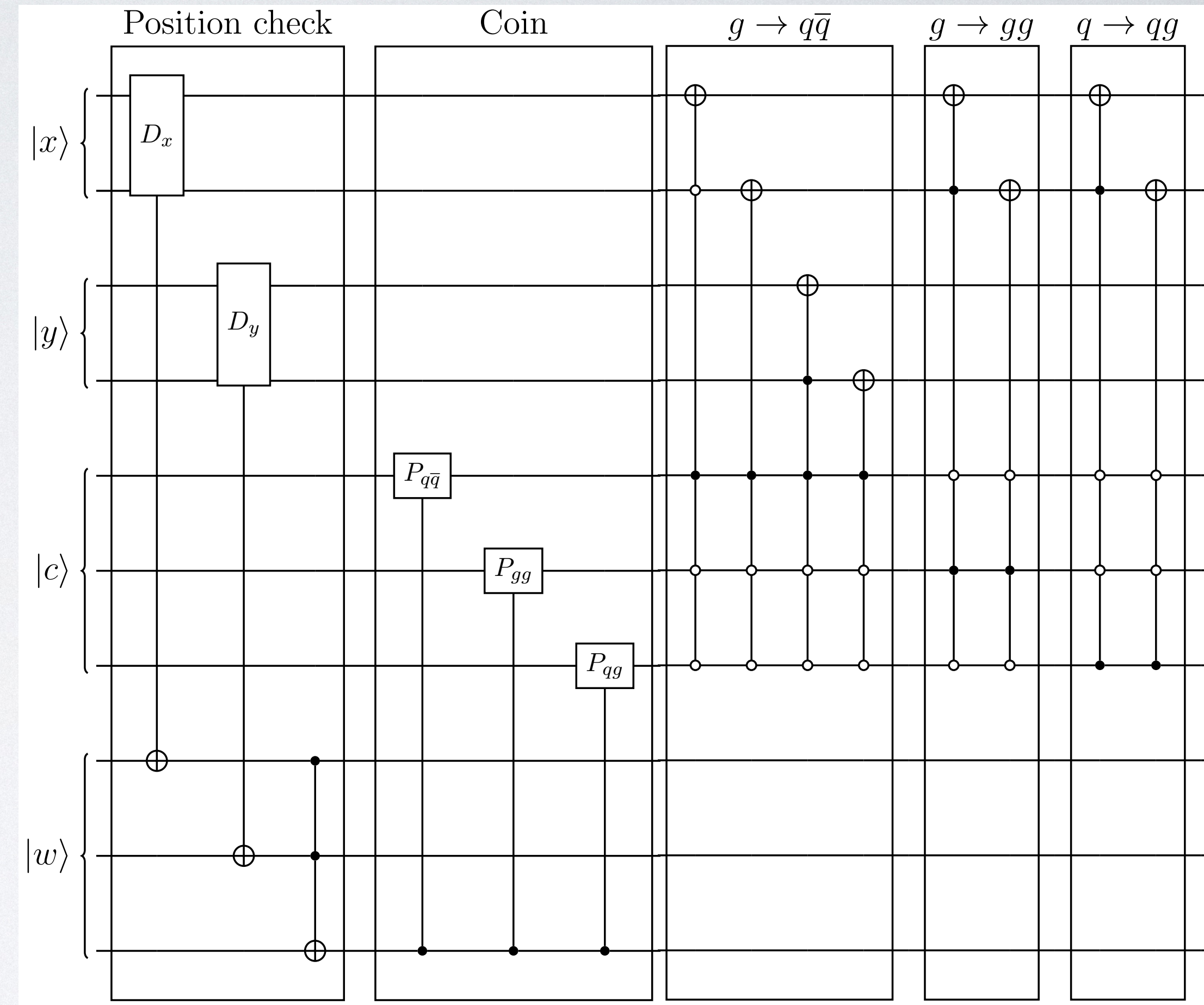
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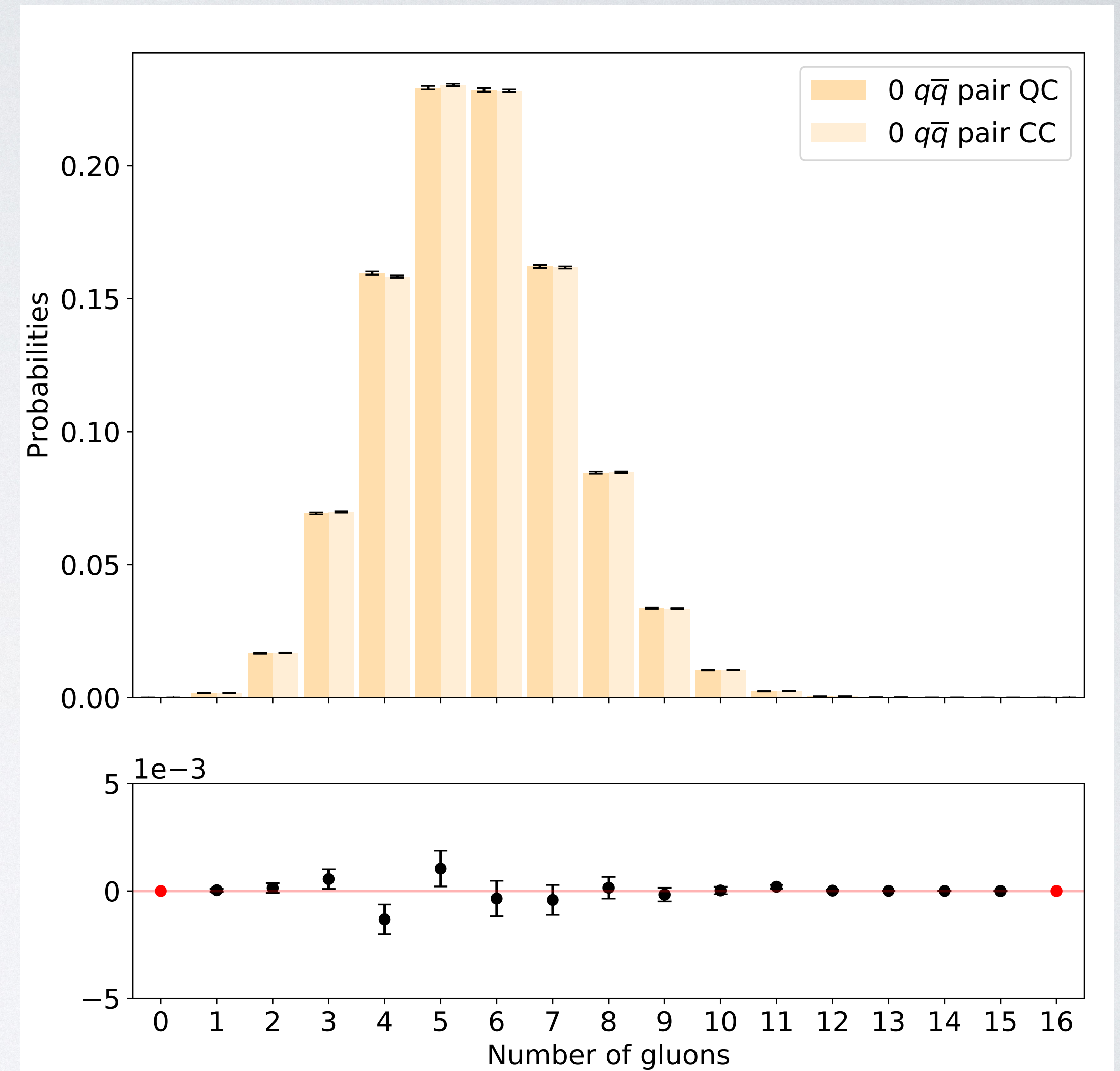


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|                | Previous algorithm    | QW                  |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Qubits         | 31                    | 16                  |
| Steps          | 2                     | 31                  |
| Scaling, $n_q$ | $\frac{3N(N+1)^*}{2}$ | $2 \log_2(N+1) + 6$ |

\*Scaling of a single register, not full circuit!

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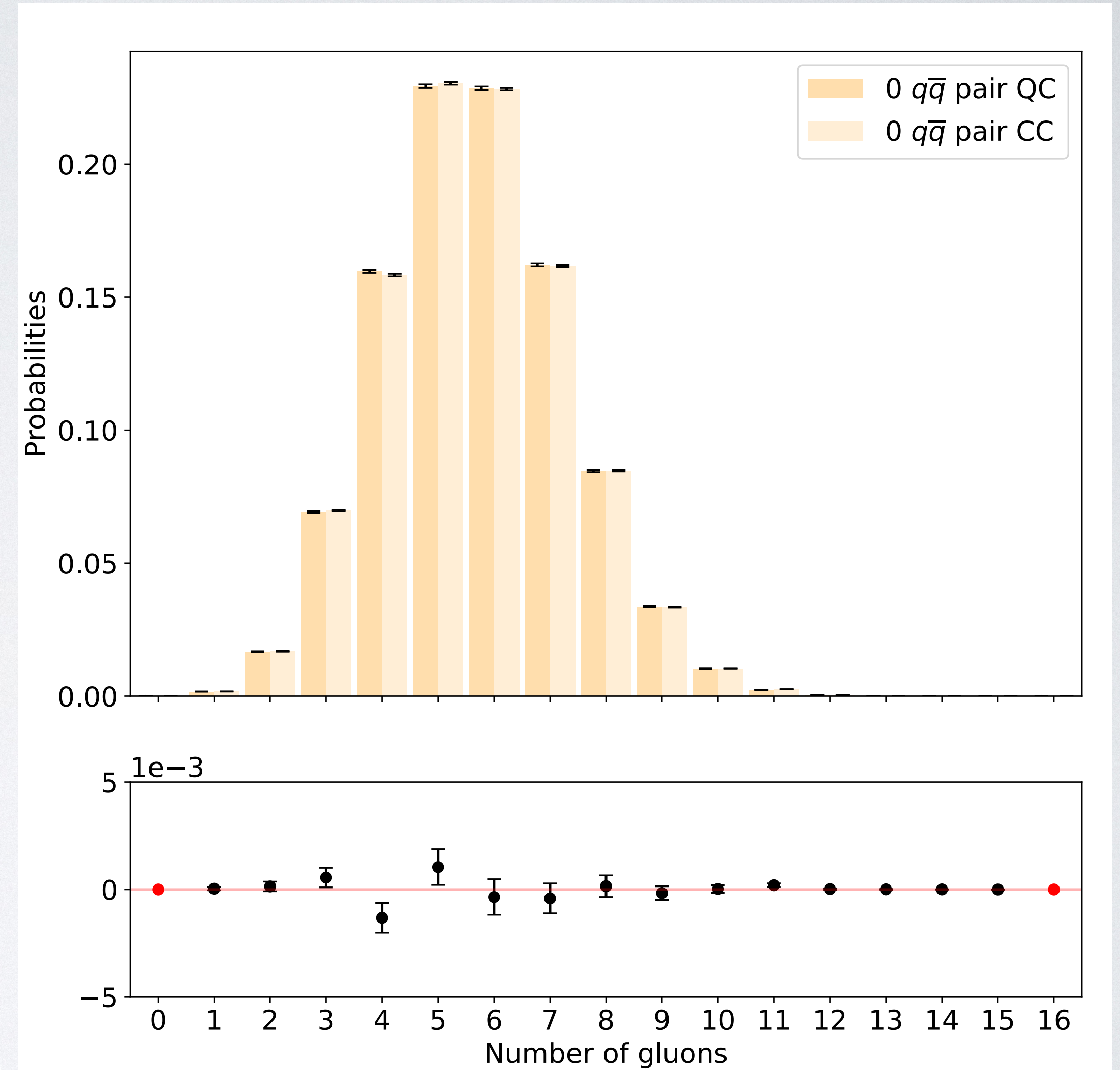
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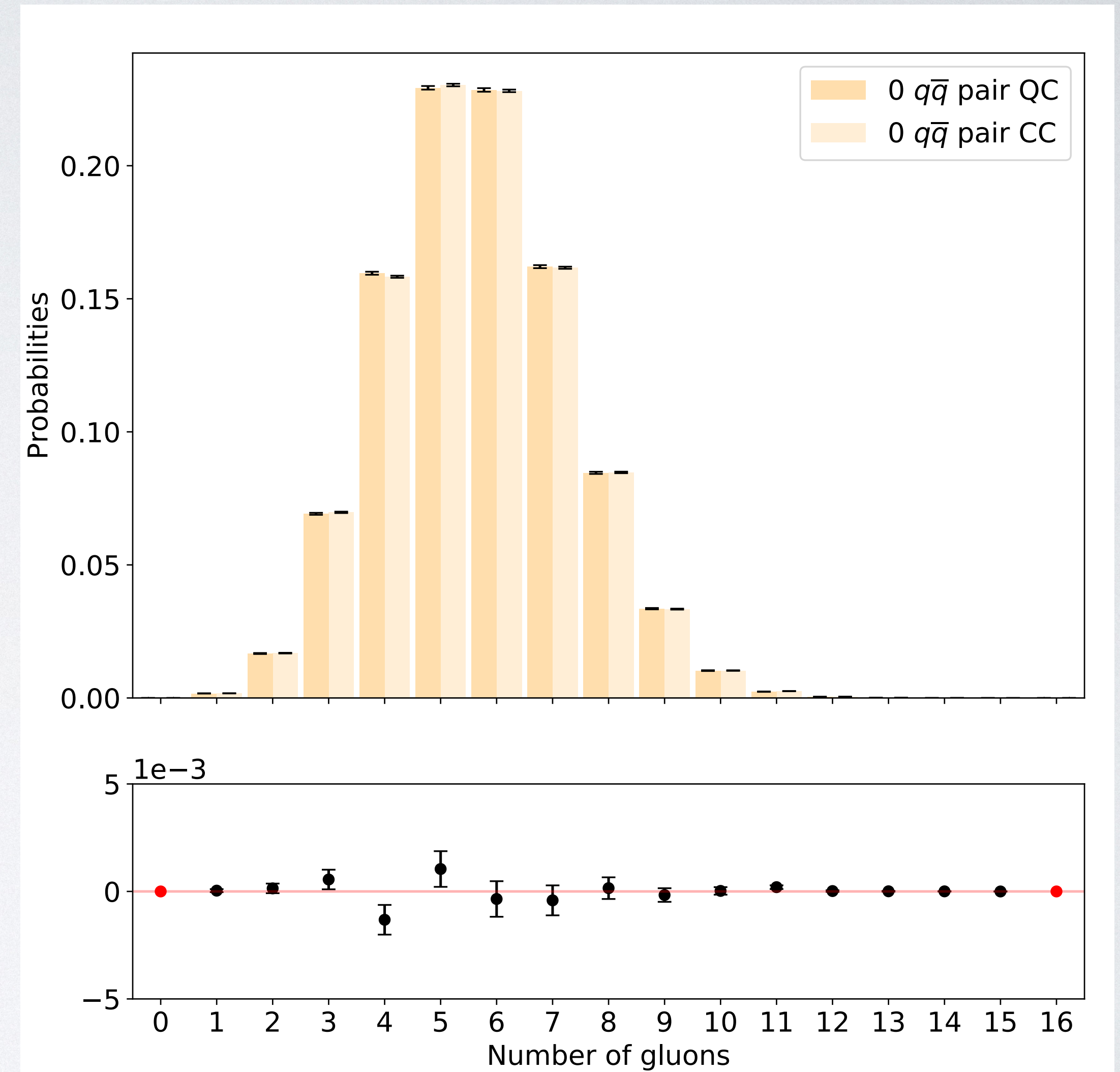
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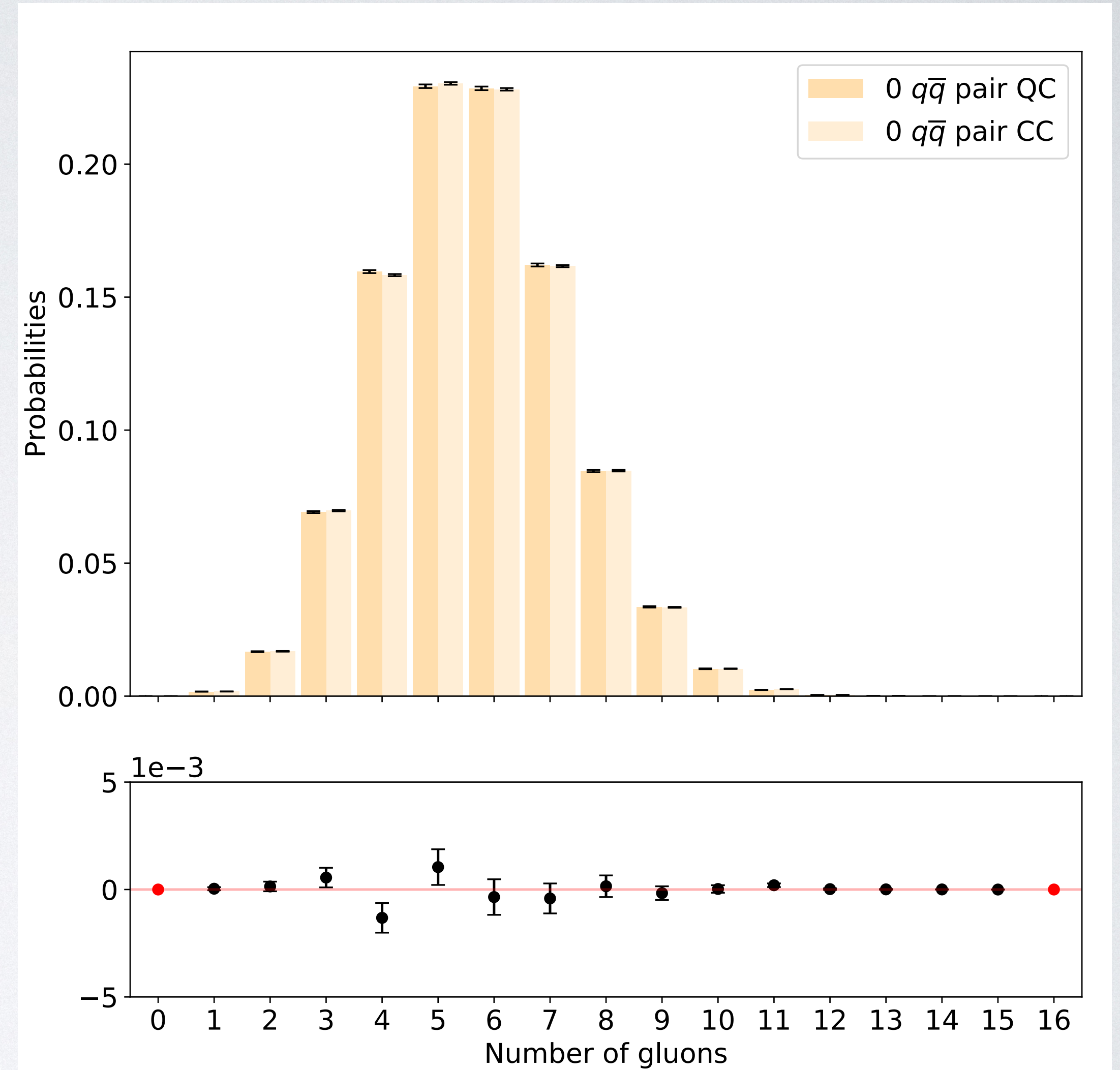
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# Summary and Looking to the Future

- Present a dedicated quantum algorithm for the simulation of parton showers in high energy collisions:
  - All shower histories calculated in full superposition constructing a final wavefunction containing all possible histories. Measurement projects out a physical quantity.
  - Reframing in the Quantum Walk framework vastly improves the efficiency of the quantum parton shower algorithm and offers a quadratic speed up compared to MCMC sampling
- **Looking to the future:** the introduction of kinematics to the algorithm will be a large step forward in the realism of the algorithm, with the potential of comparison to real data



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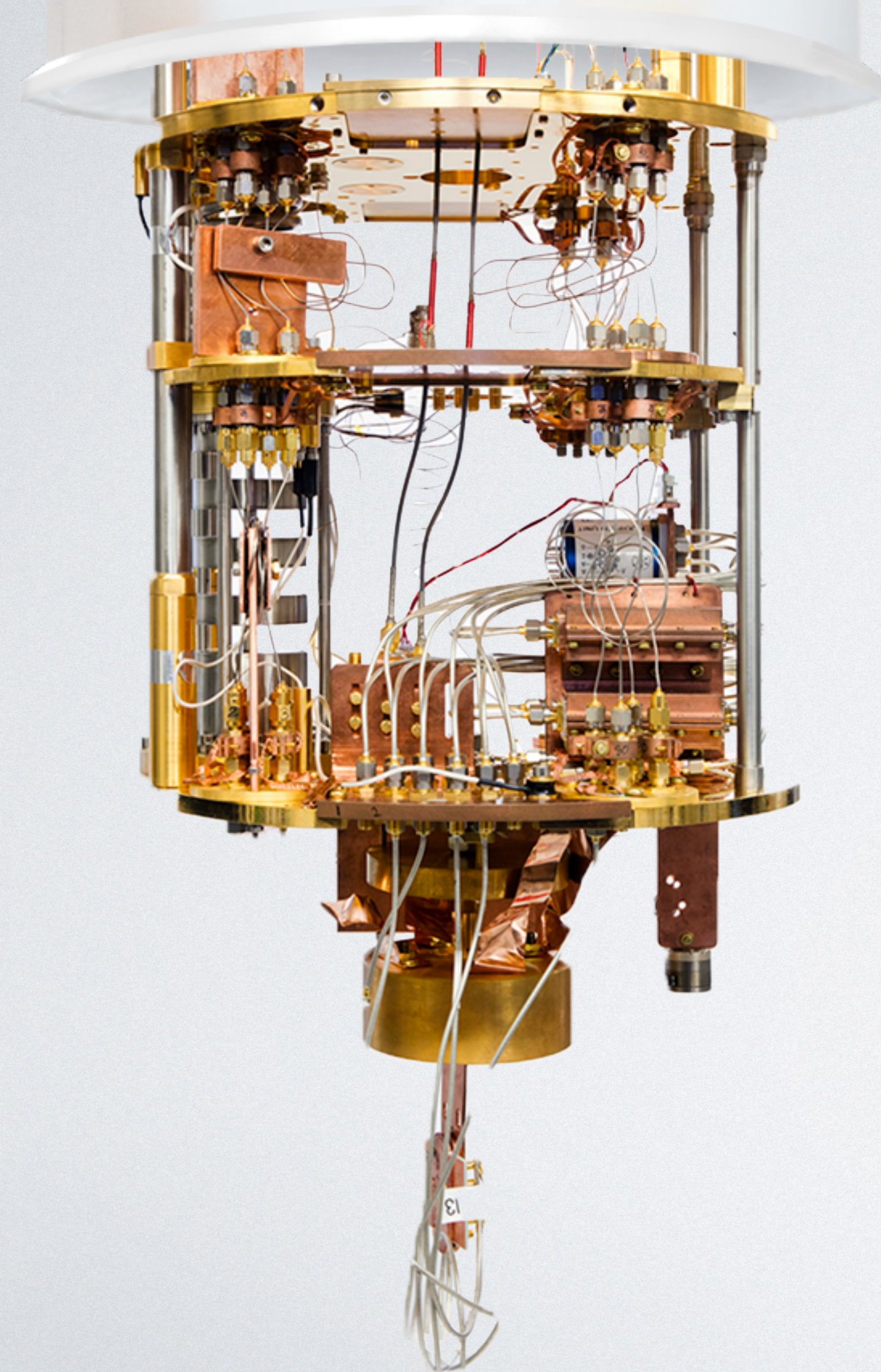
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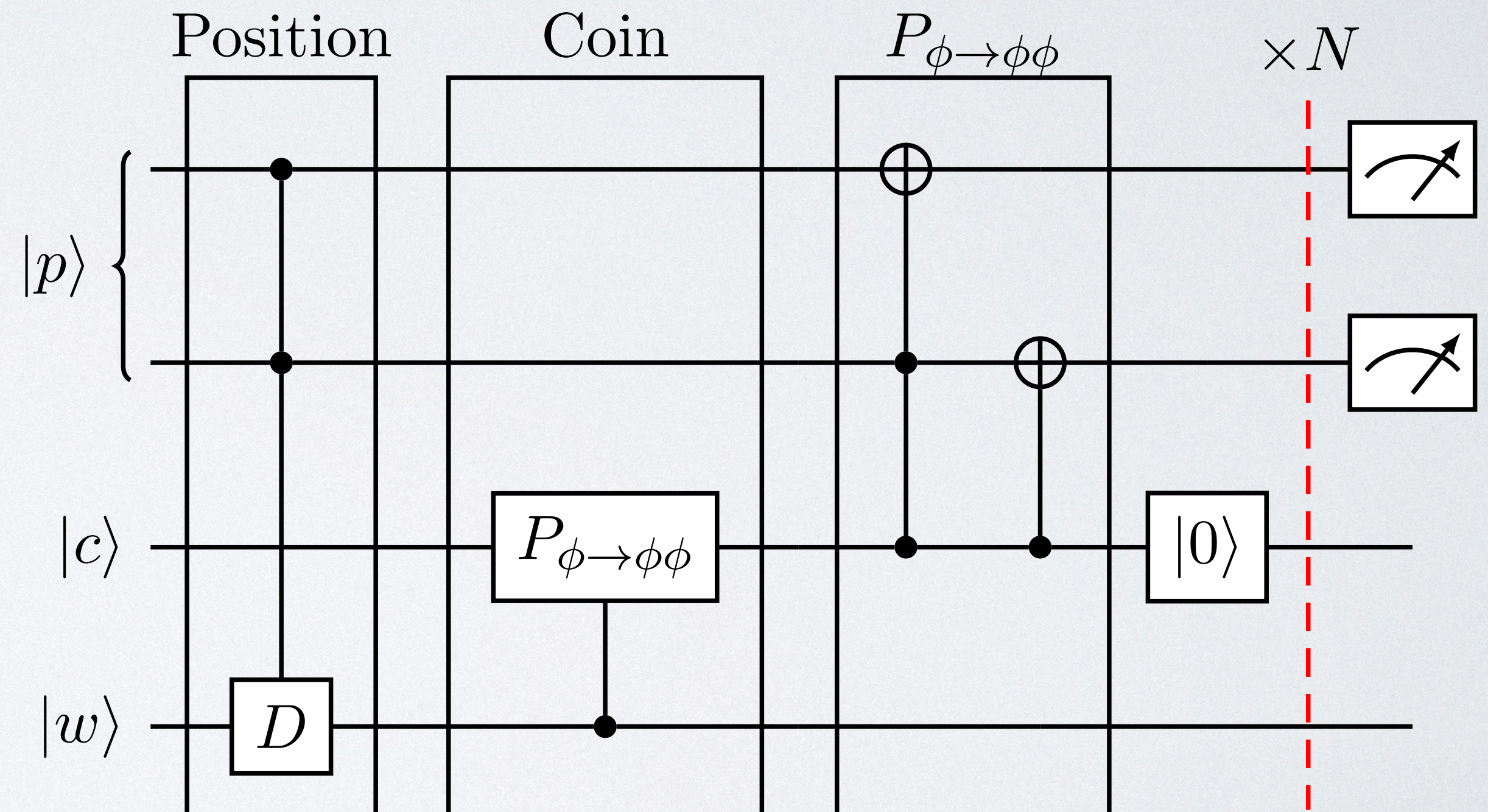
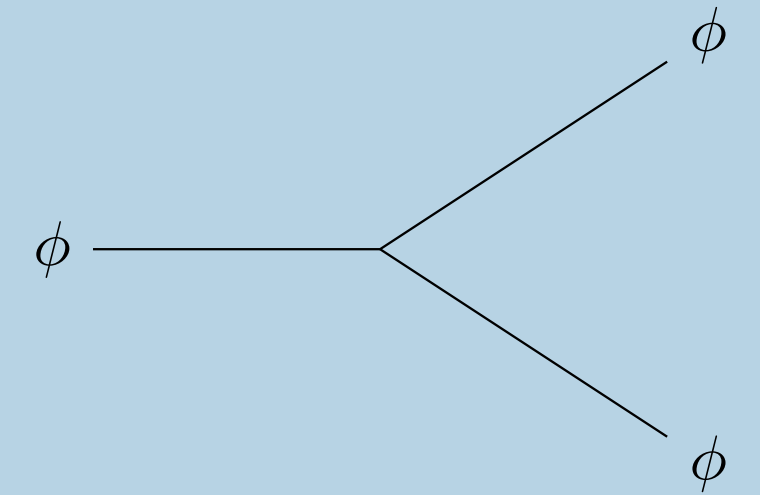
- Consider a simple shower with a single particle type  $\phi$

- $\mathcal{H}_c$ : Here we alter the coin operation to reflect the splitting probability  $P_{\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi}$

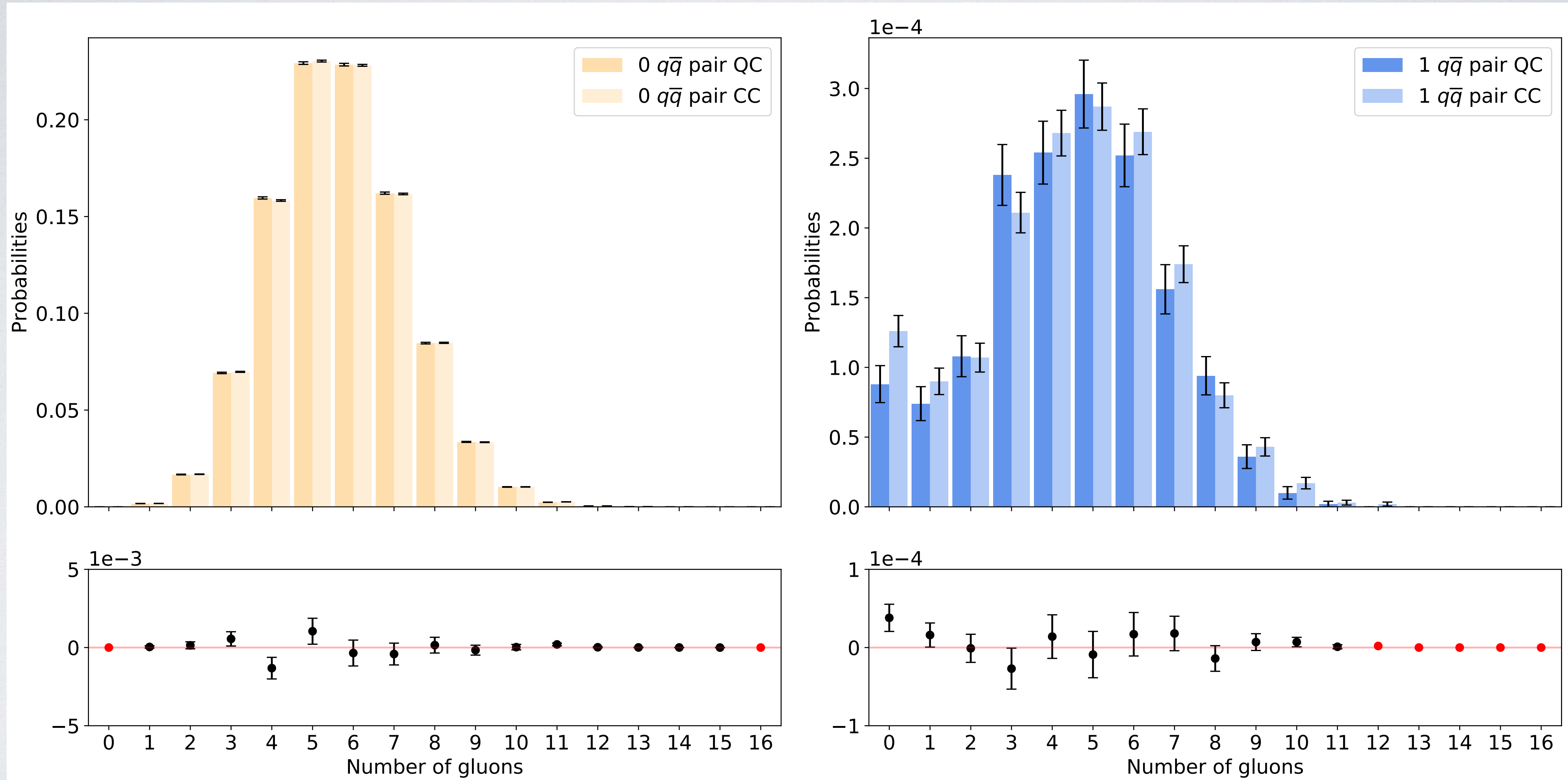
- $\mathcal{H}_p$ : The walker position space now reflects the number of  $\phi$  particles present in the shower

- The shift operation only increases the position of the walker, as only  $\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi$  splittings

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi : P_{\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi}$$



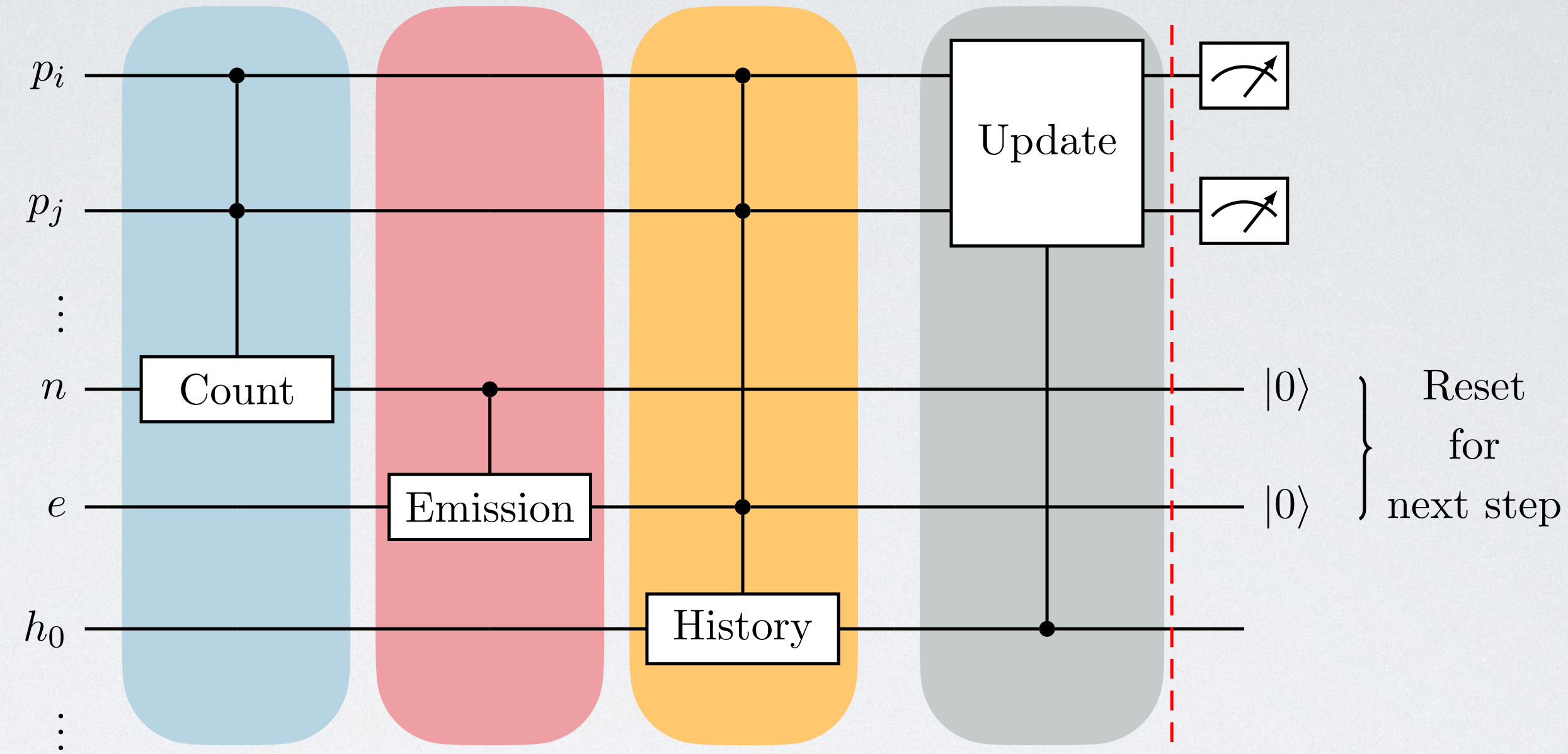
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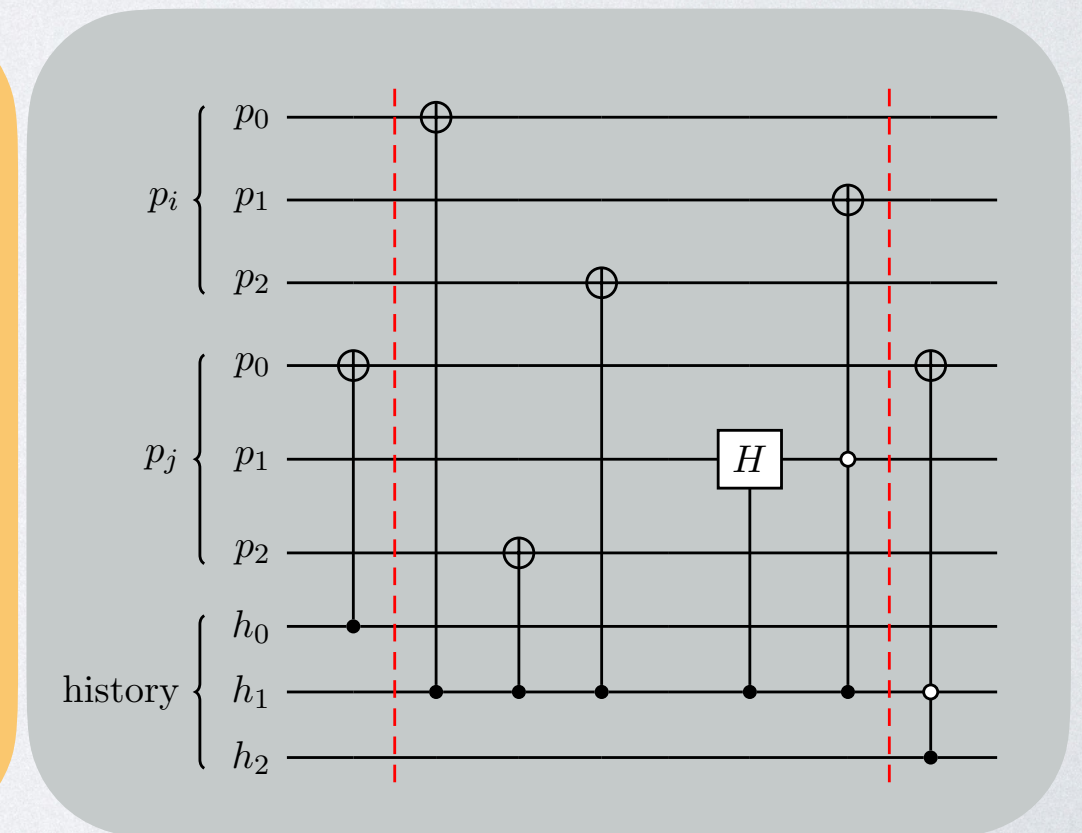
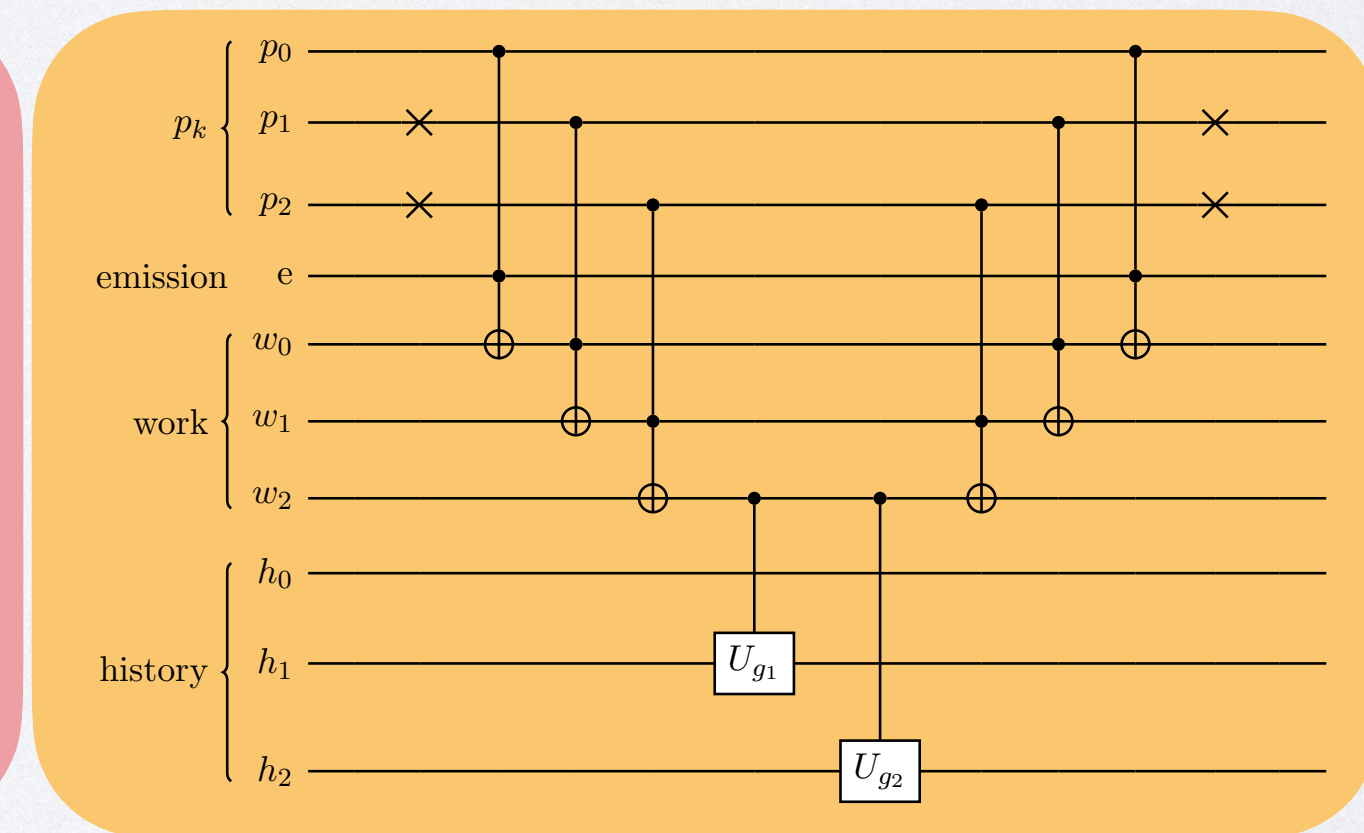
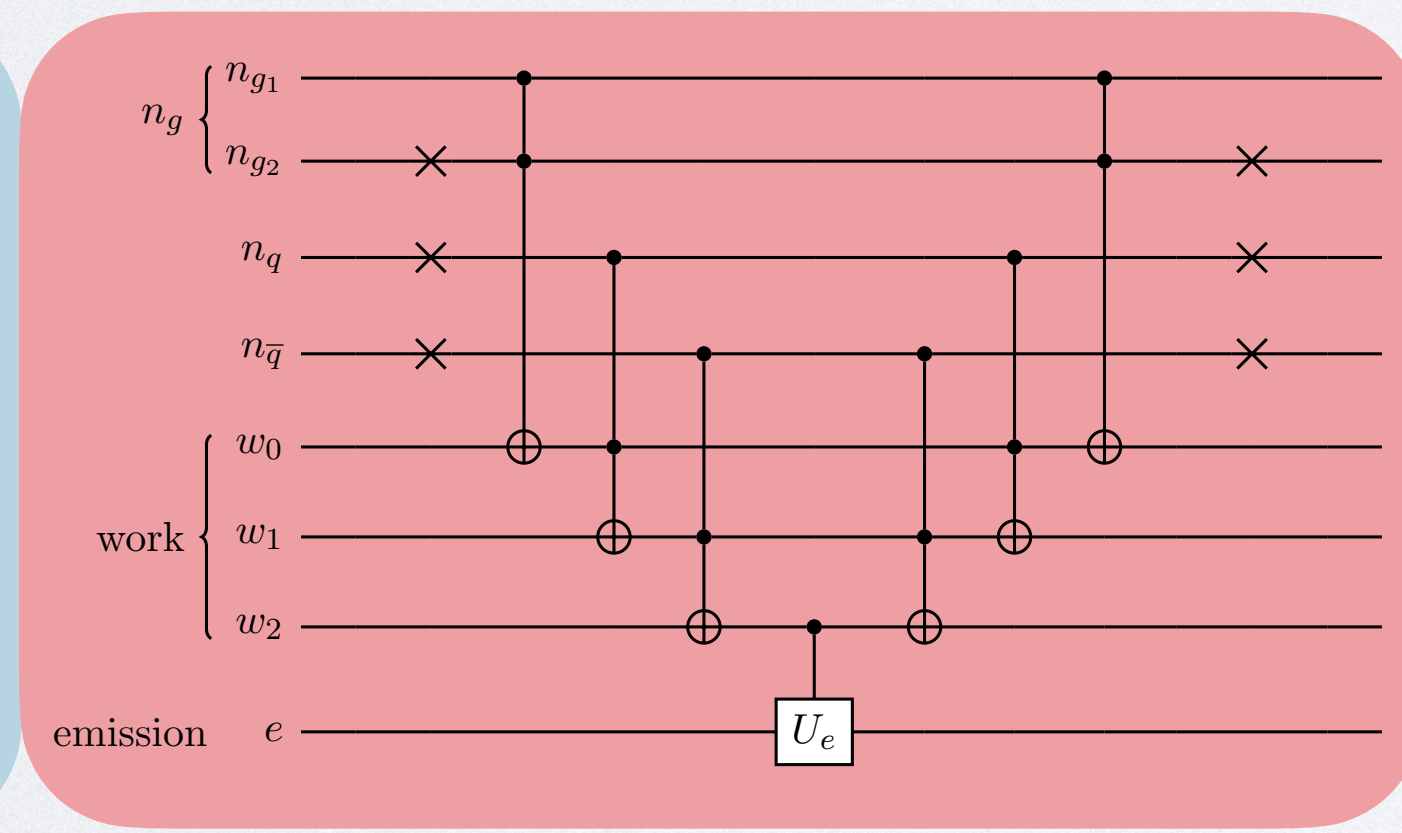
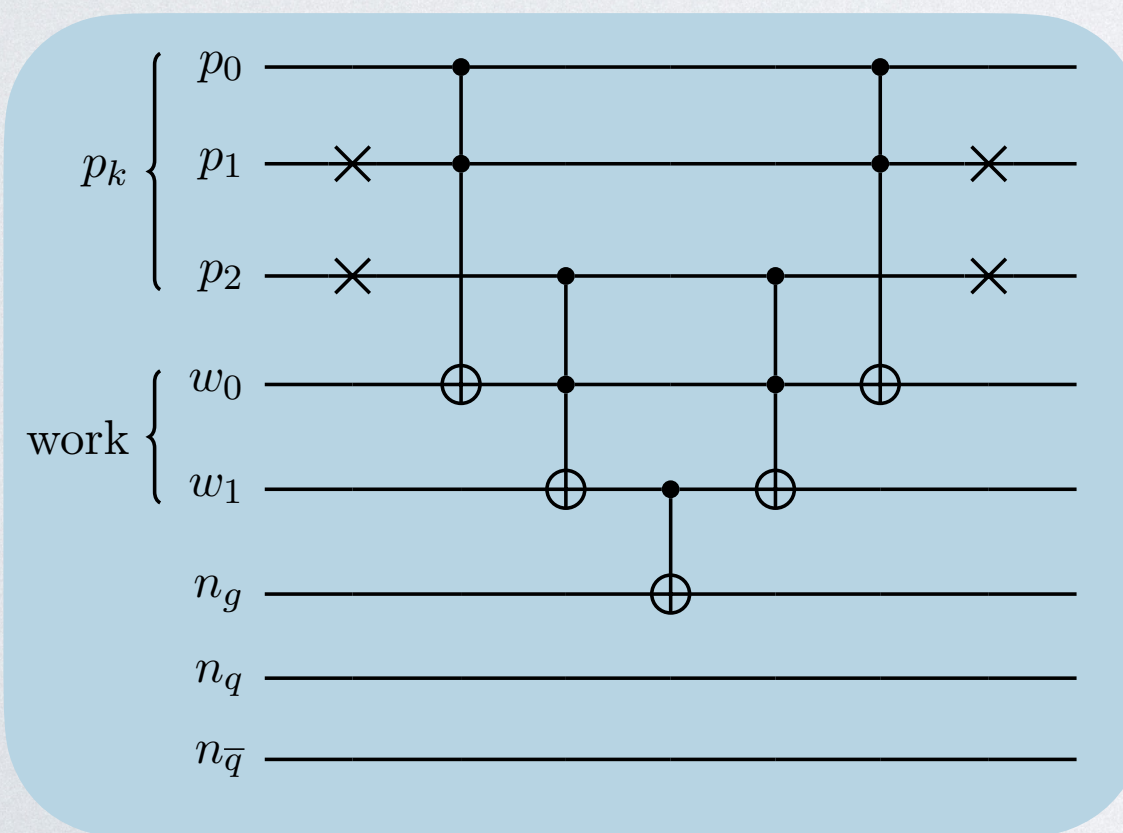
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# Markov Chain parton shower implementation

Previous algorithm:



Builds on [Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 062001 \(2021\)](#)



# Measurement

- Measurement of an arbitrary qubit system,  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ , is represented by the projection onto the  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  state, defining the projection operators  $P_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$  and  $P_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$ .
- The probability of measuring the  $|0\rangle$  state:

$$\text{Prob}(|0\rangle) = \text{Tr}(P_0 |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = \langle\psi|P_0|\psi\rangle = |\alpha|^2$$

- Qubits are measured in this Projection-Valued Measurement regime and so the final state of the qubit is altered by the measurement. If the qubit is measured in the  $|0\rangle$  state, then the final qubit state is:

$$|\psi\rangle \leftarrow \frac{P_0 |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi|P_0|\psi\rangle}} = |0\rangle$$

# Looking to the Future of Quantum Computers

- We are on the brink of a 'quantum revolution' - IBM on track to exceed 1000 qubits by 2023

- Quantum Walks have long been conjectured to give a quadratic speed up in the mixing time of Markov Chains

- Quadratic speed up has been proven for several quantum MCMC algorithms

