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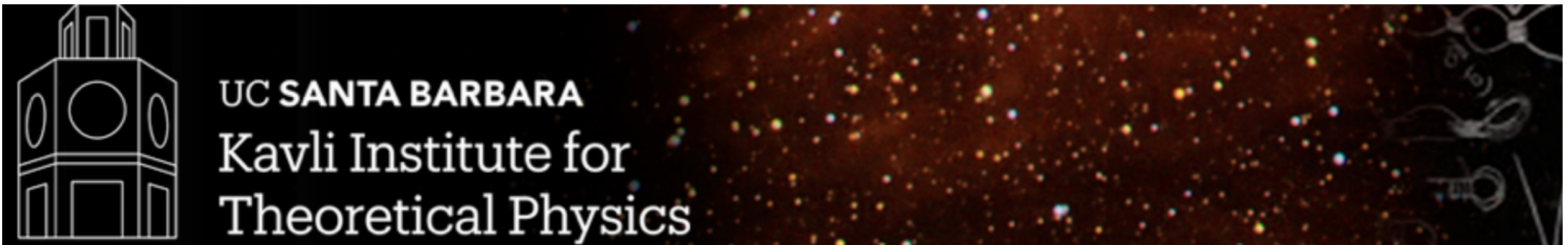
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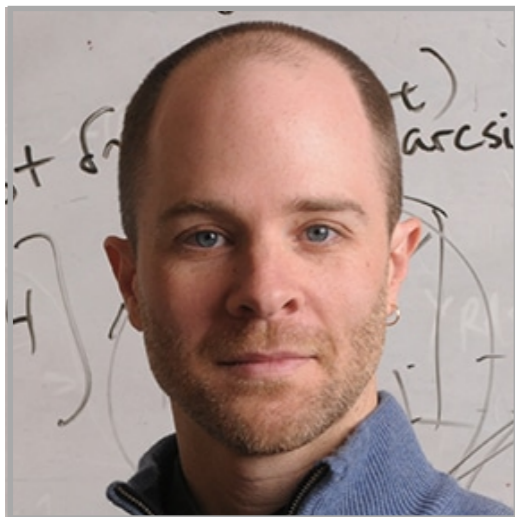




## Exploring Open Quantum Systems in Quantum Simulators

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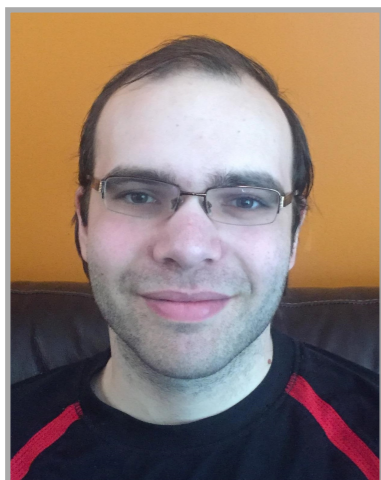
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How can we we use quantum systems to achieve a **quantum advantage?**

How can this be done **in practice?**



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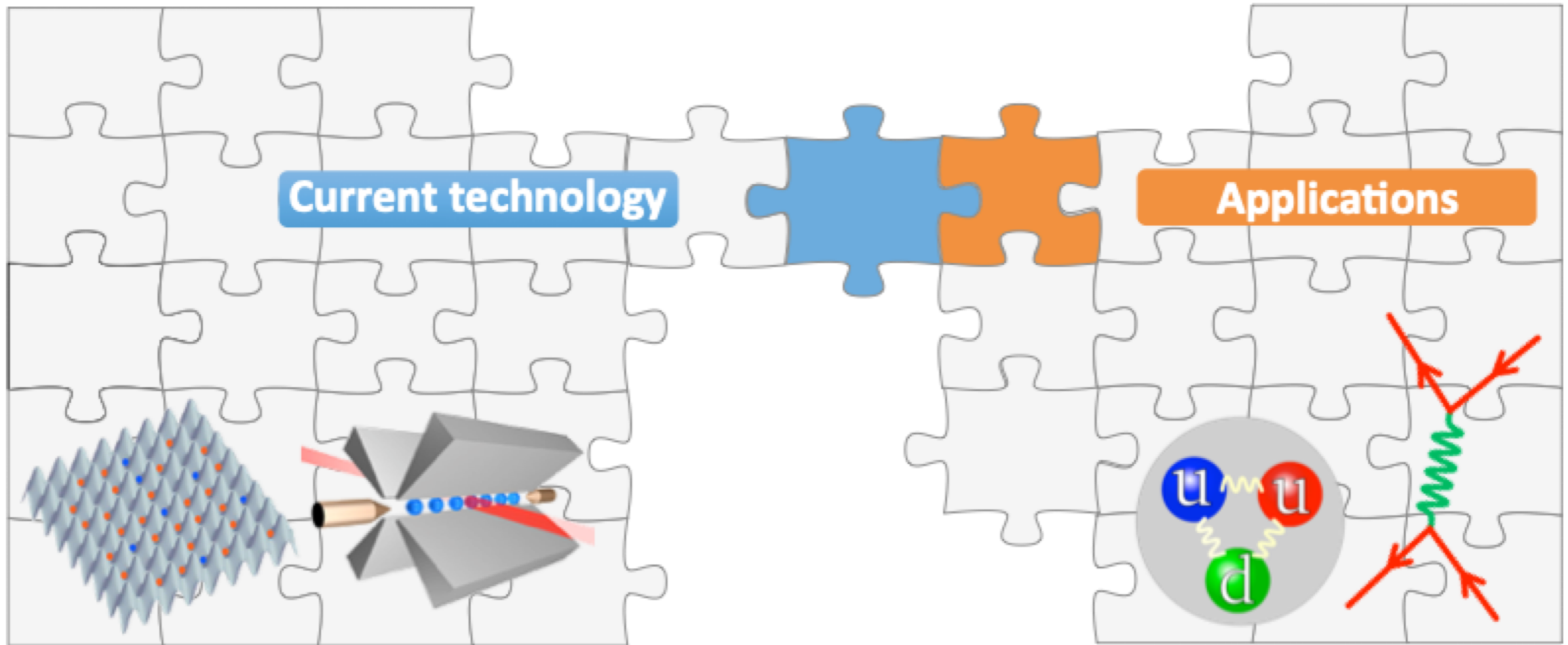
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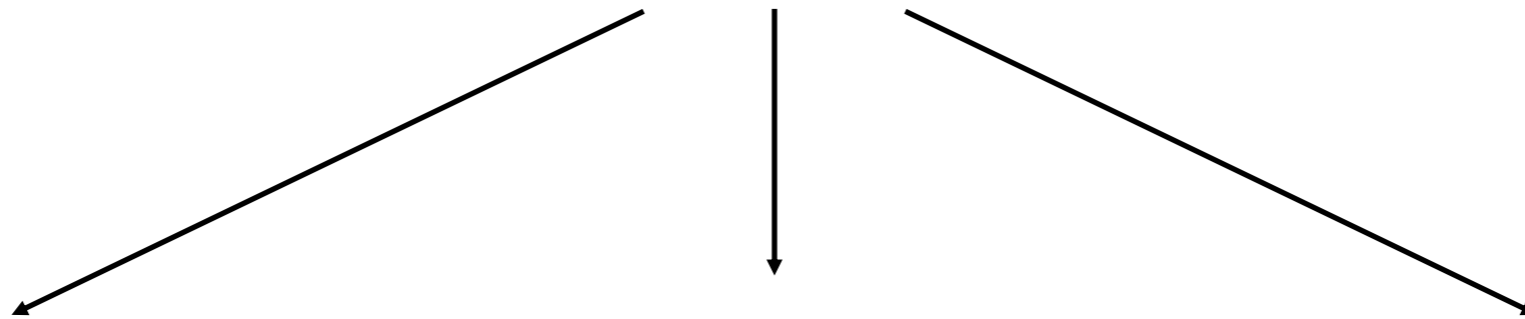
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# Quantum error correction



## Quantum computing

Fault-tolerant quantum gates

Quantum annealing

[F. Pastawski and J. Preskill, PRA 93, 052325 (2016).]

## Quantum communication

Entanglement distribution  
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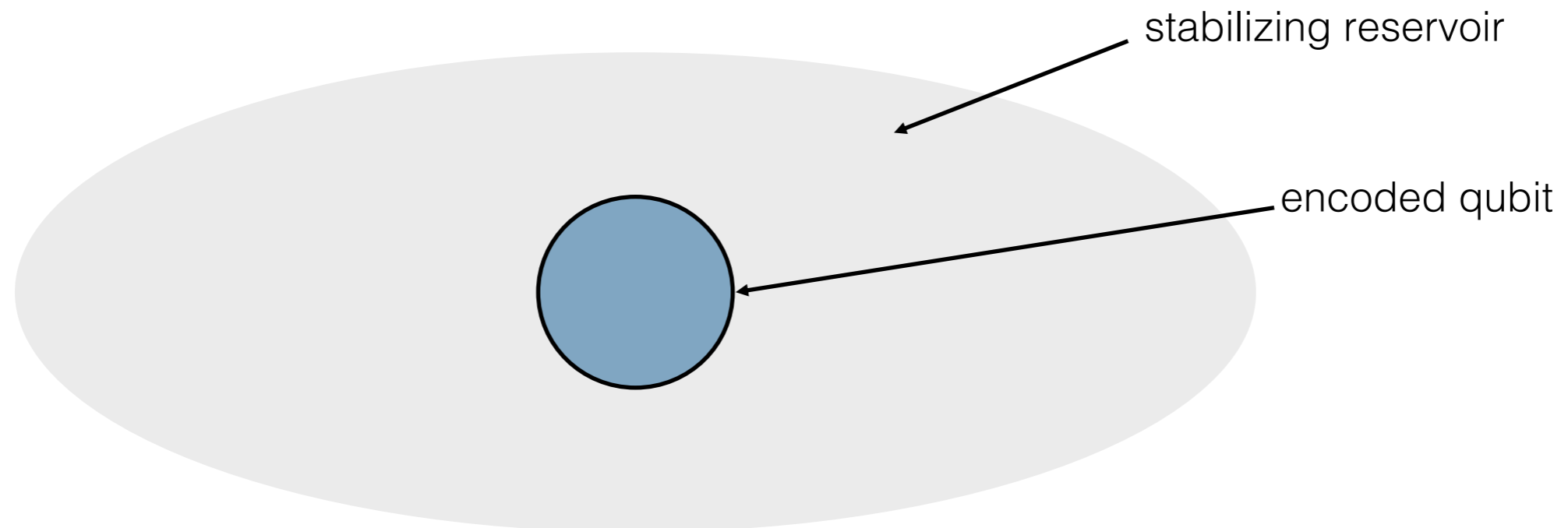


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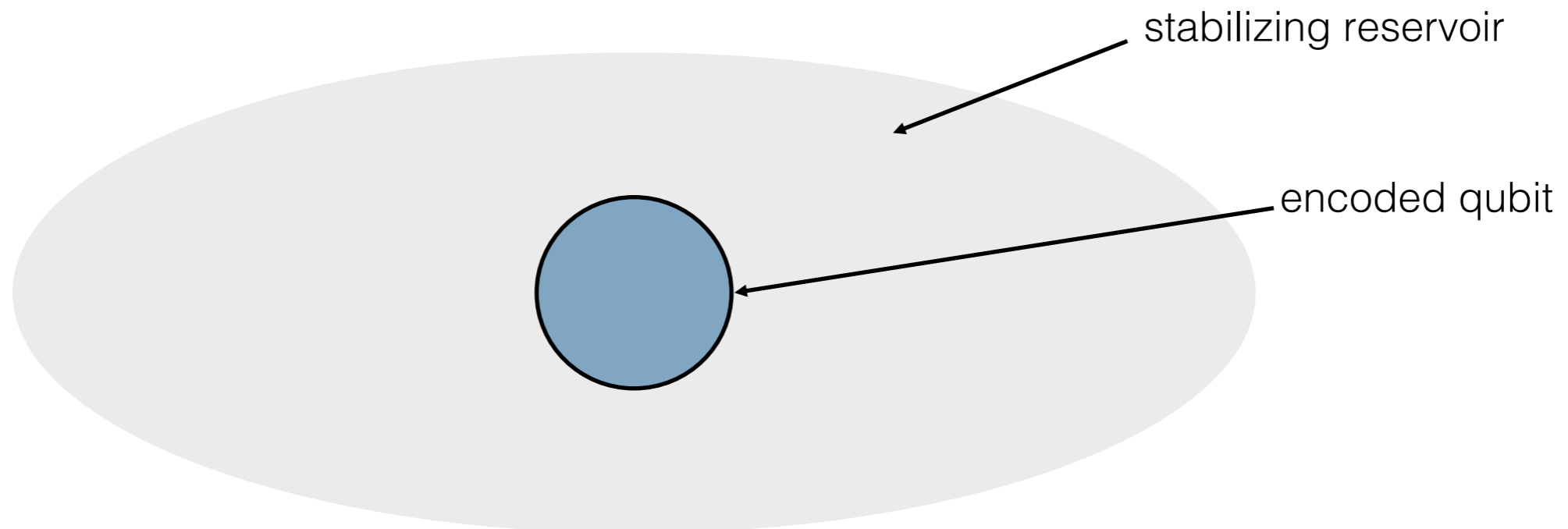
## **Here:**

Platform: trapped ions

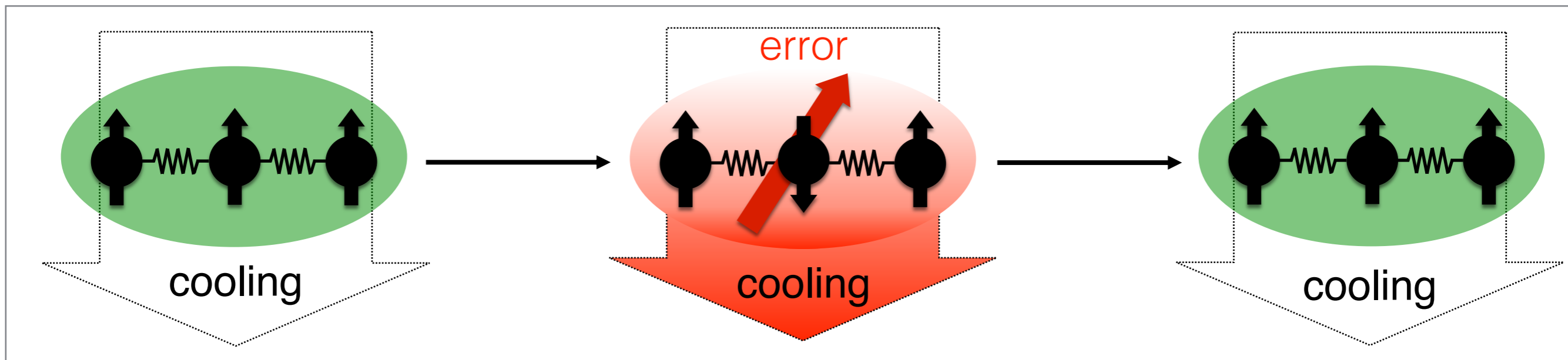
Qubit: encoded in electronic degrees of freedom

Reservoir: motional modes of the ions

3-qubit code: protection against spin flips (or phase flips).



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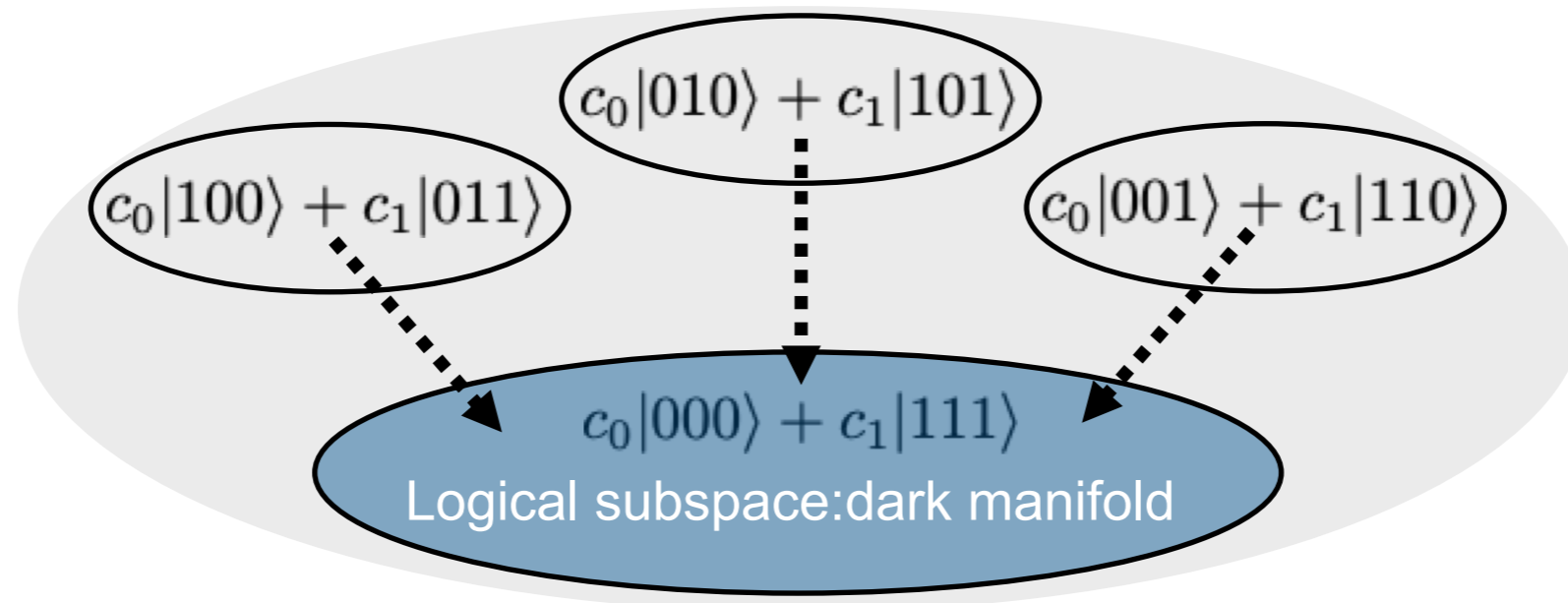
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## Here:

- Uses only always-on couplings
- Runs continuously in time
- Operates in a fully autonomous fashion based on built-in feedback mechanism



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## **Our application: Improve high-precision sensing**

Quantum error correction → improved effective coherence times → improved sensitivity

 Towards self-stabilising quantum information processing

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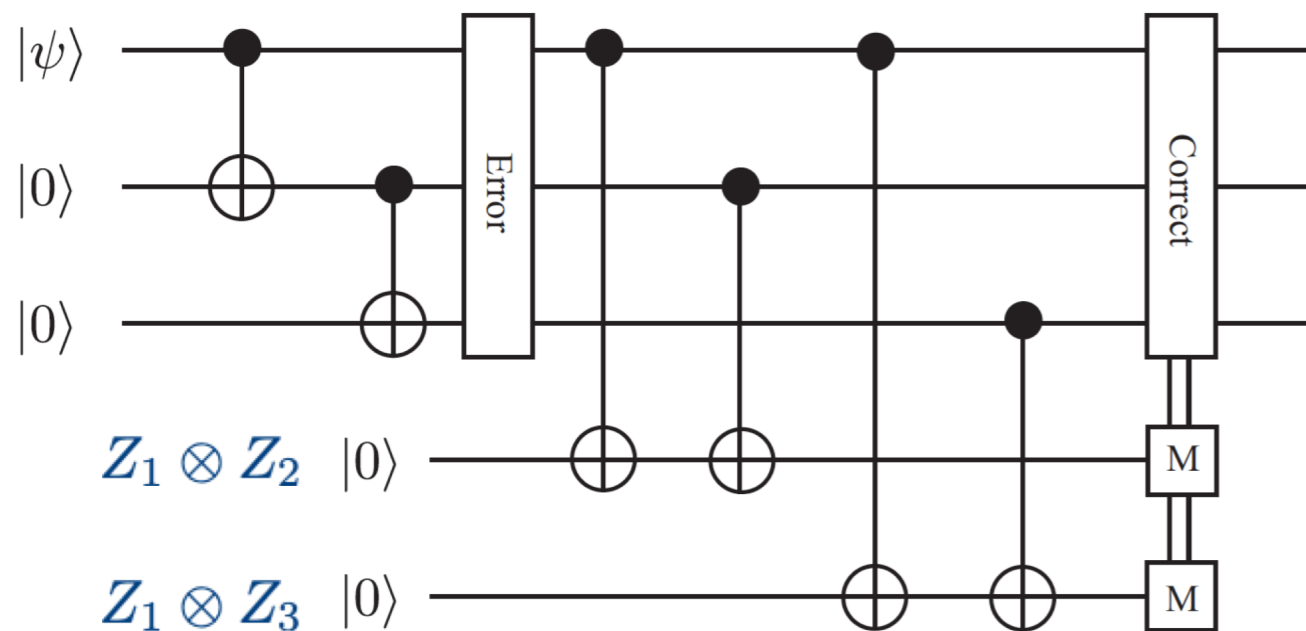
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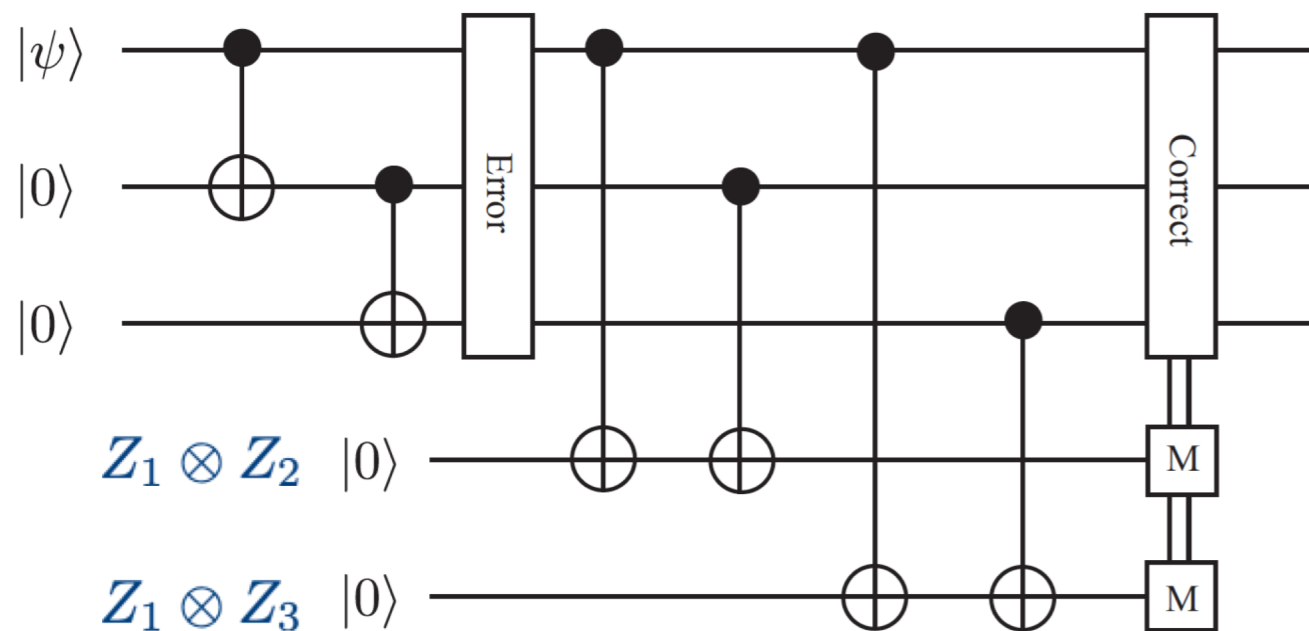
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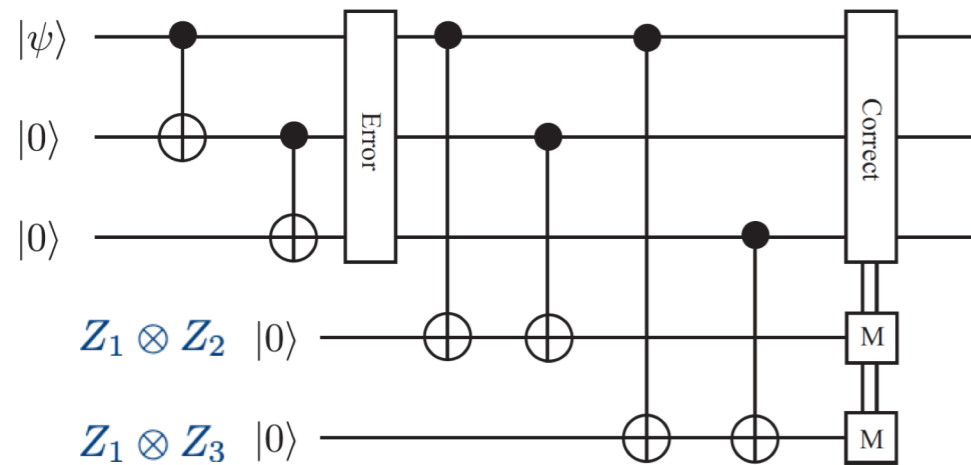
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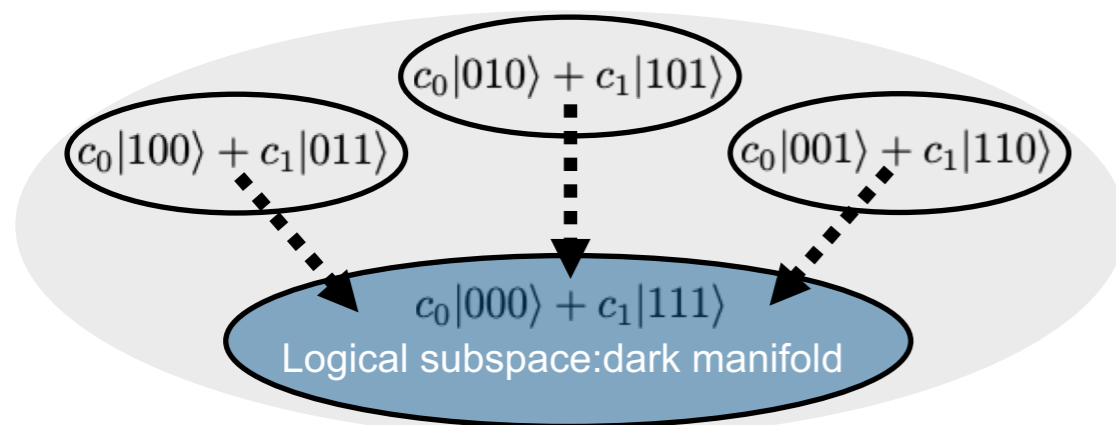
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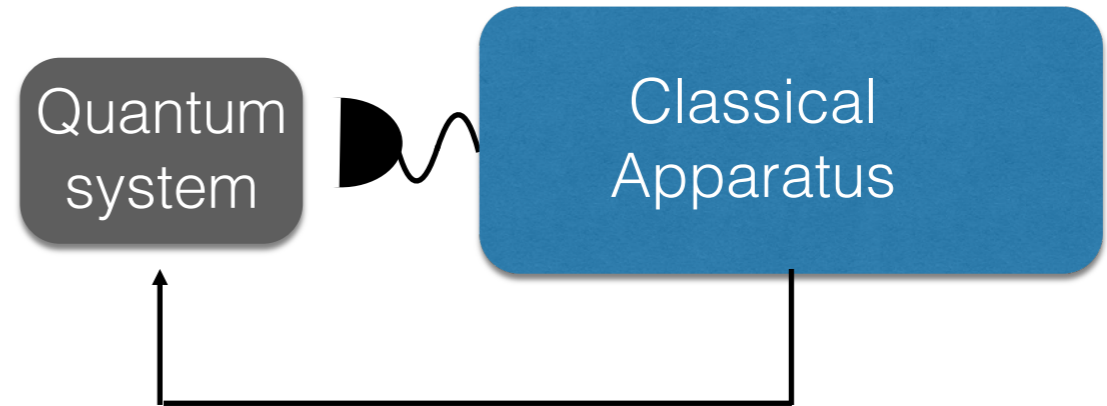
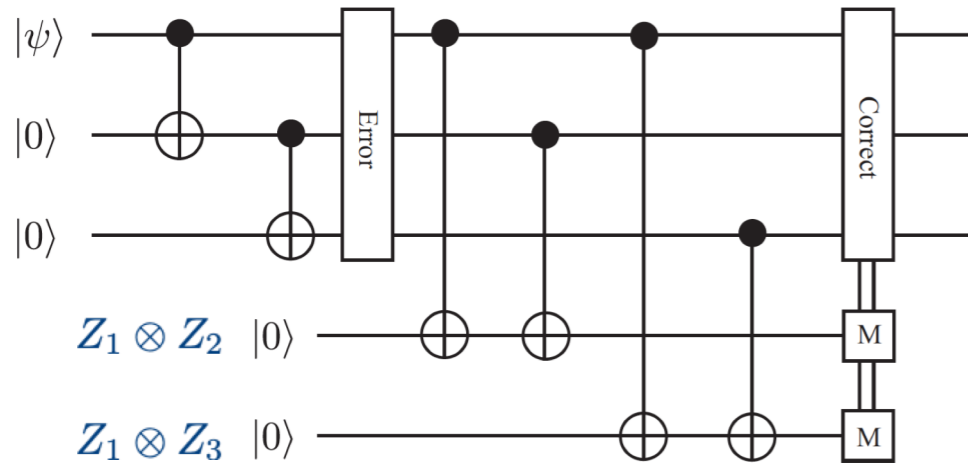


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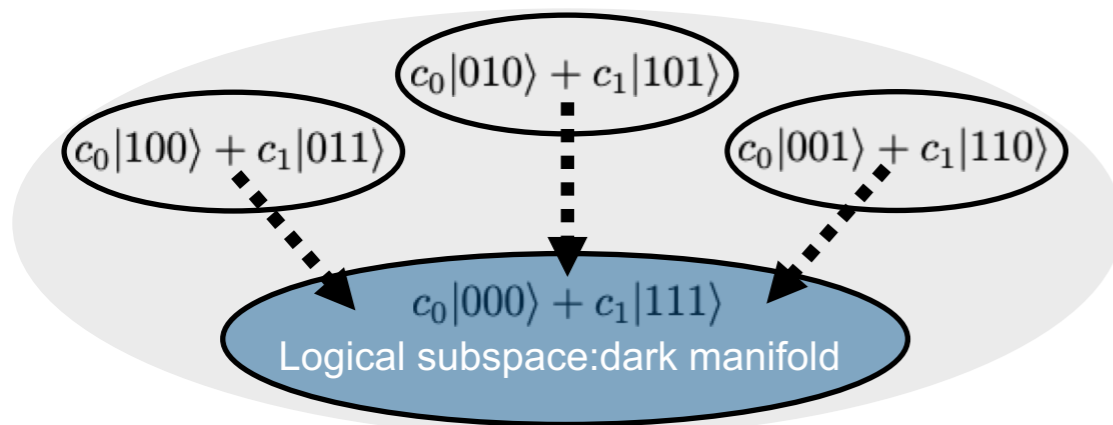


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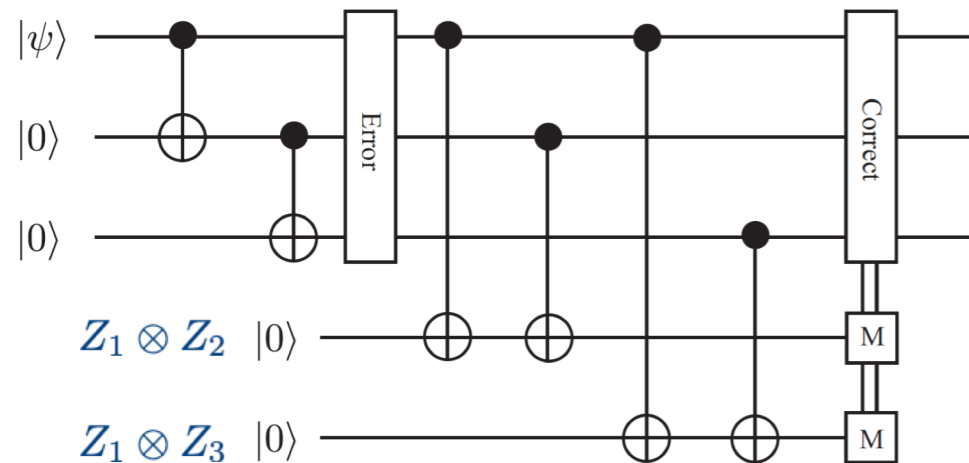
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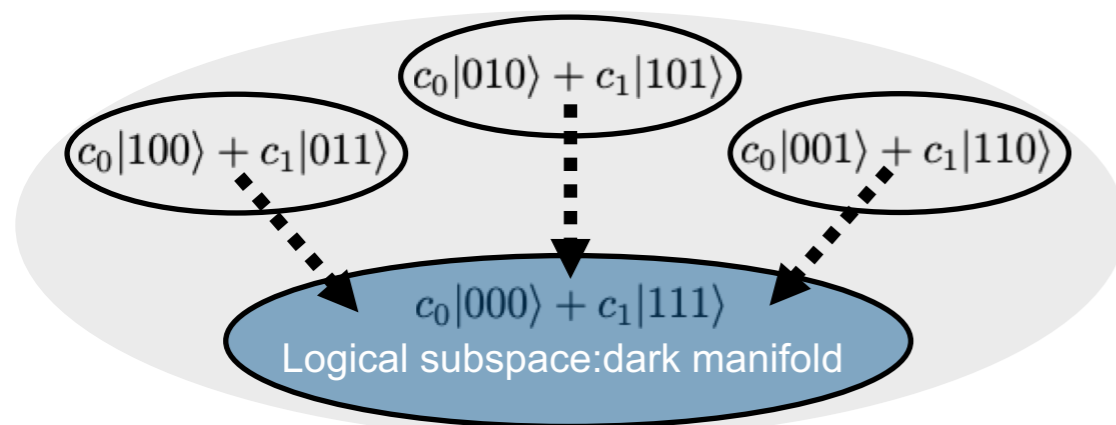
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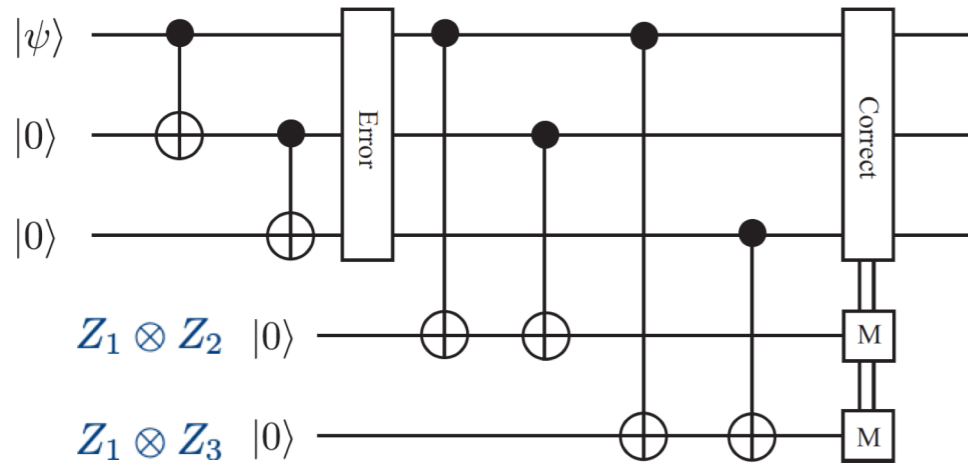
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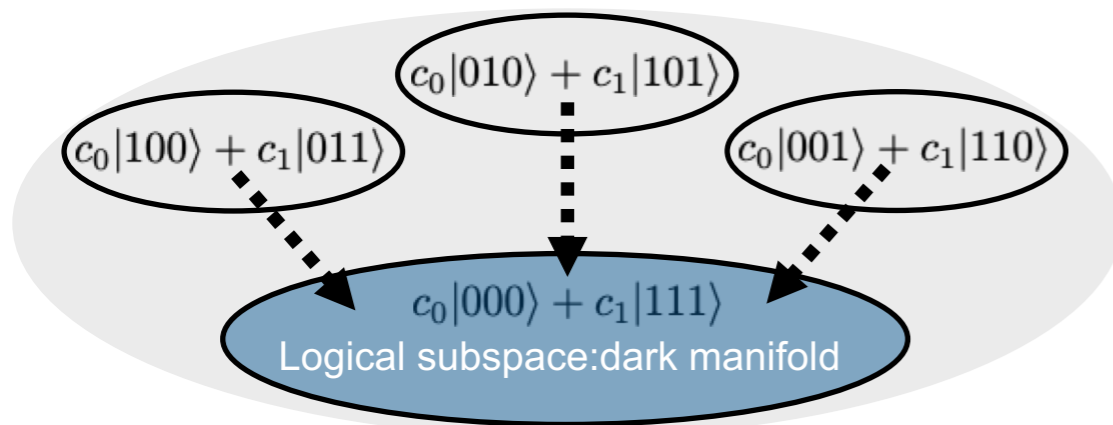
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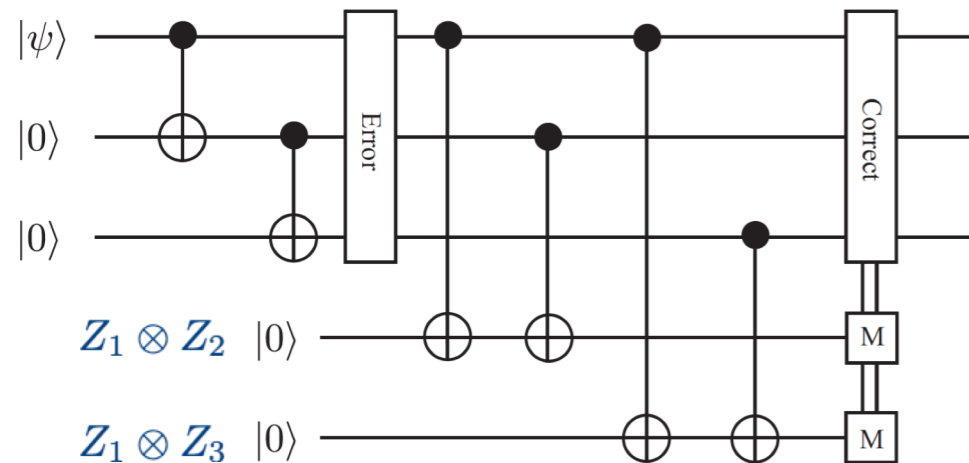


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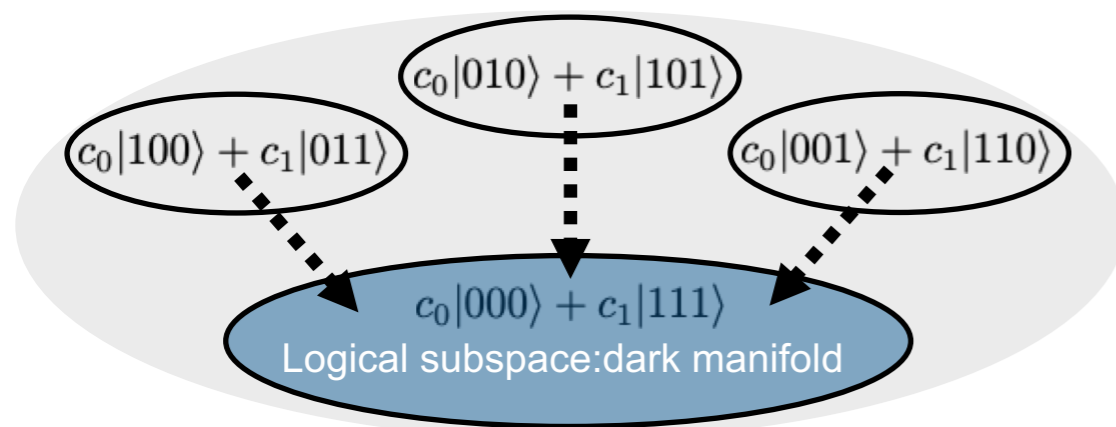


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## New paradigm: self-correcting quantum systems

Couple a quantum system to a quantum reservoir that automatically corrects for errors

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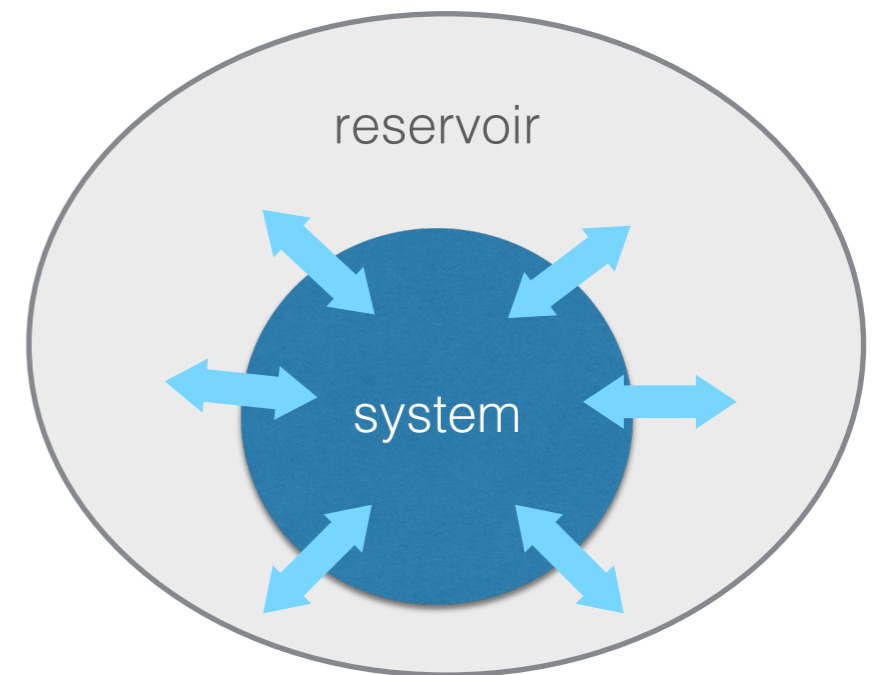
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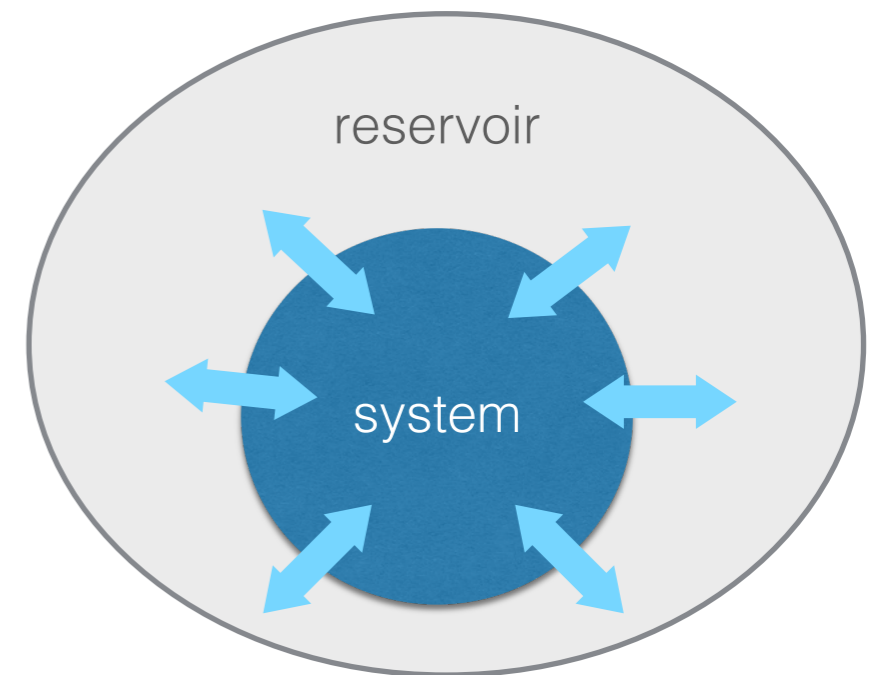
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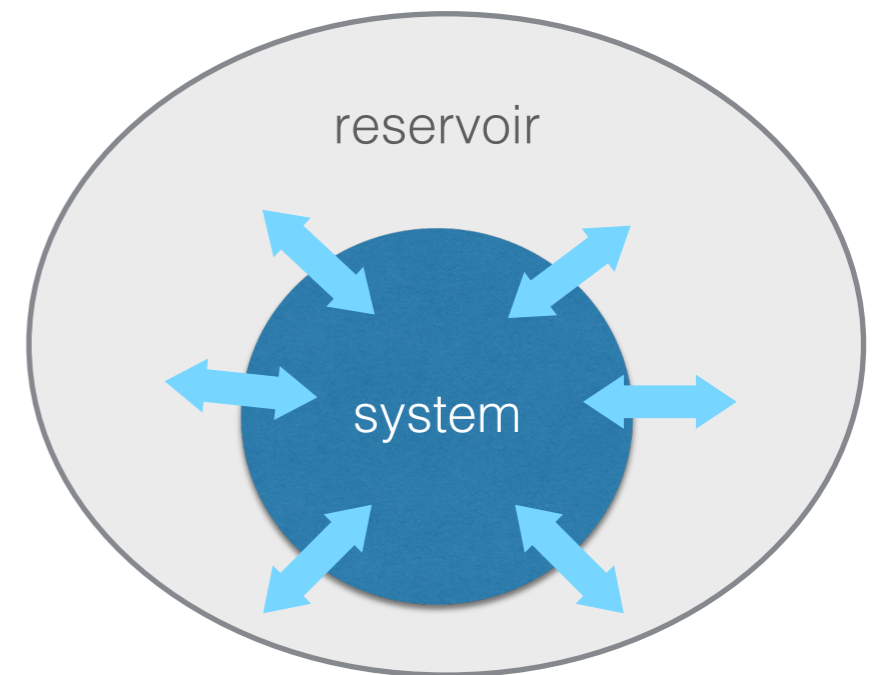
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## Next step:

Dissipative processing of an unknown quantum state: preserve coherences  
i.e. stabilize a whole manifold (not a single state)

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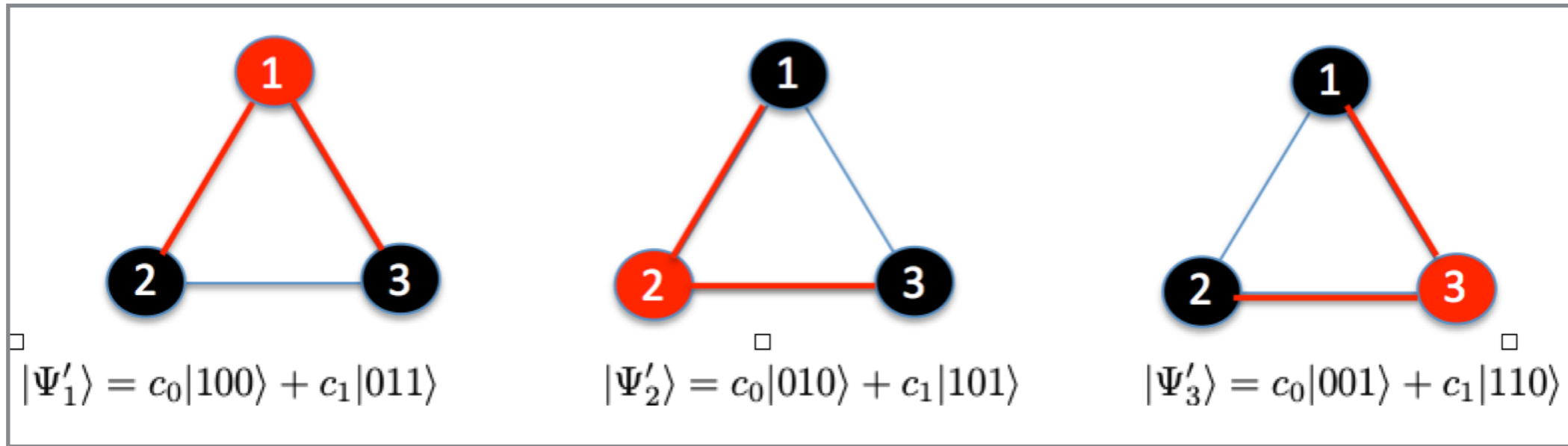
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Master equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\rho) &= \sum_k \mathcal{D}[L_k](\rho) \\ &= \sum_k L_k^\dagger \rho L_k - \frac{1}{2} \left( L_k^\dagger L_k \rho + \rho L_k^\dagger L_k \right)\end{aligned}$$

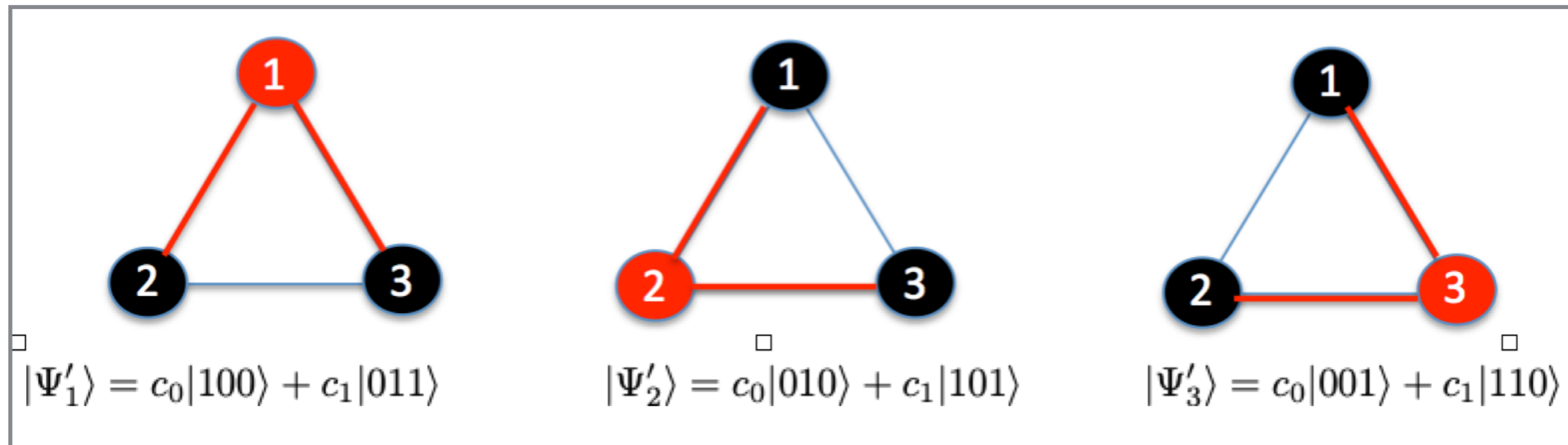
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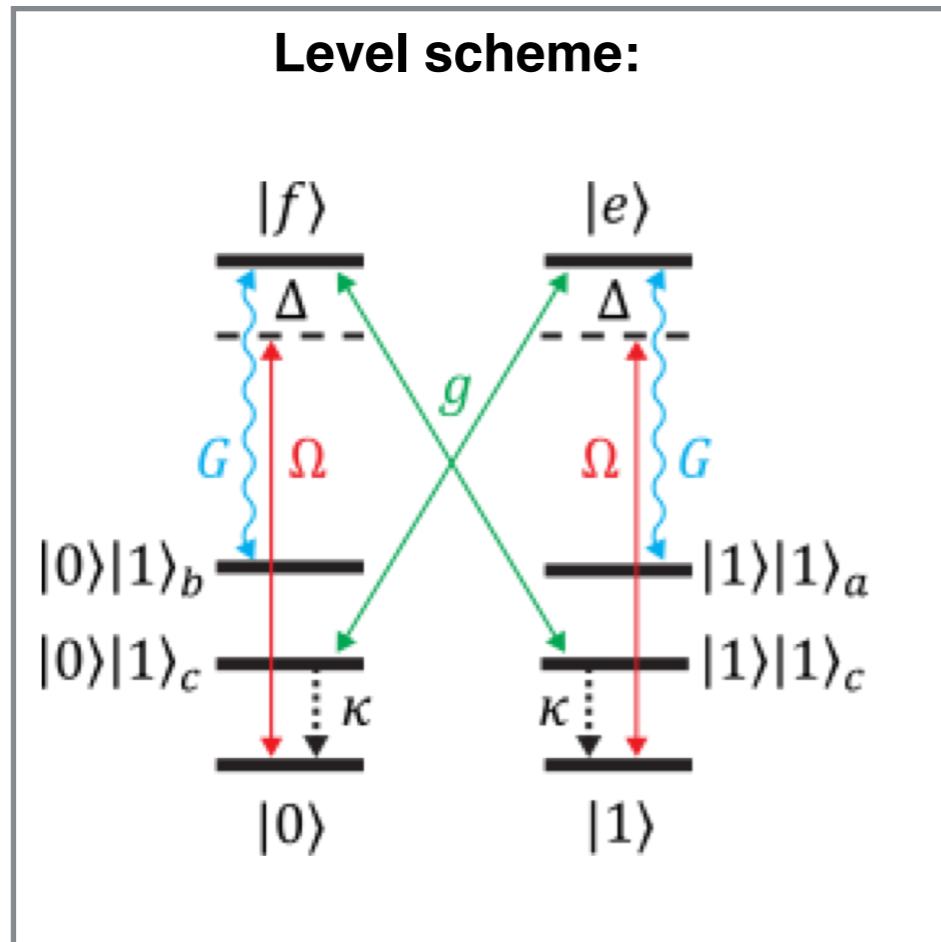
**Conditional Lindblad operators:**

$$L_{\text{CORR}}^{X_1} = \sqrt{\Gamma_{\text{CORR}}} X_1 \frac{\mathbb{1} - Z_1 Z_3}{2} \frac{\mathbb{1} - Z_1 Z_2}{2}$$

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**Interactions:**

$$H_{\text{drive}} = \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N (|e\rangle_j \langle 1| + |f\rangle_j \langle 0|) + H.c.$$

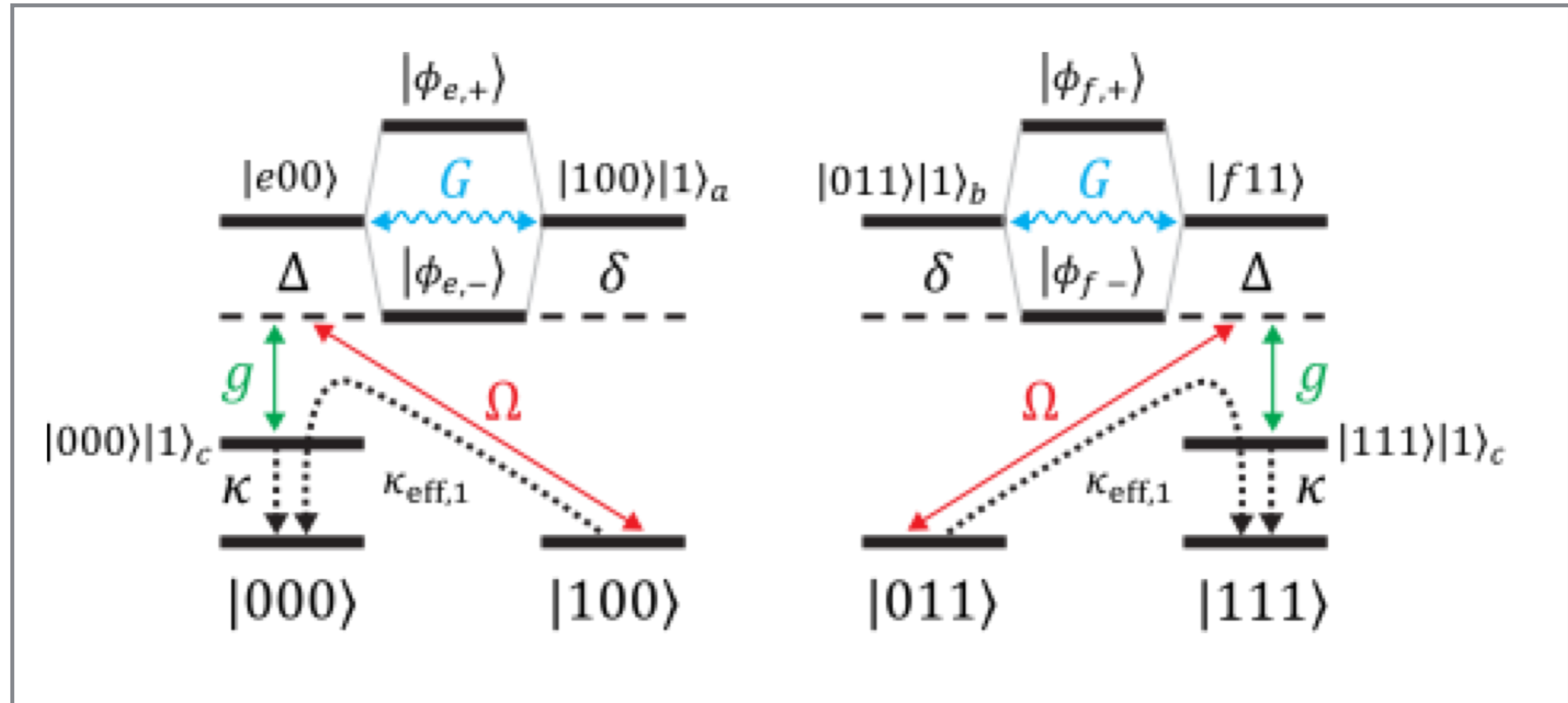
$$H_{\text{osc}} = G (a^\dagger |1\rangle \langle e| + b^\dagger |0\rangle \langle f|) + H.c.$$

$$H_{\text{anc}} = g \sum_{j=1}^N c_j^\dagger (|0\rangle_j \langle e| + |1\rangle_j \langle f|) + H.c.,$$

Motional modes  $a, b$  'Interrogation' modes (perform majority vote)

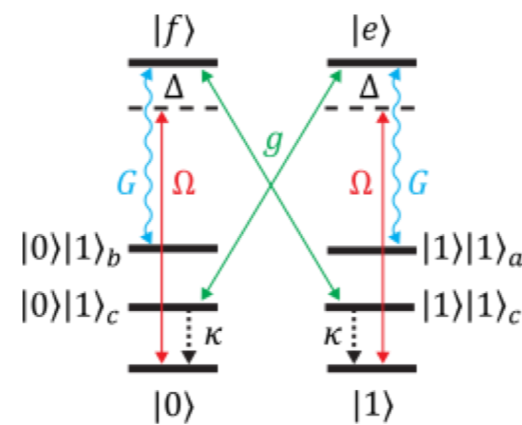
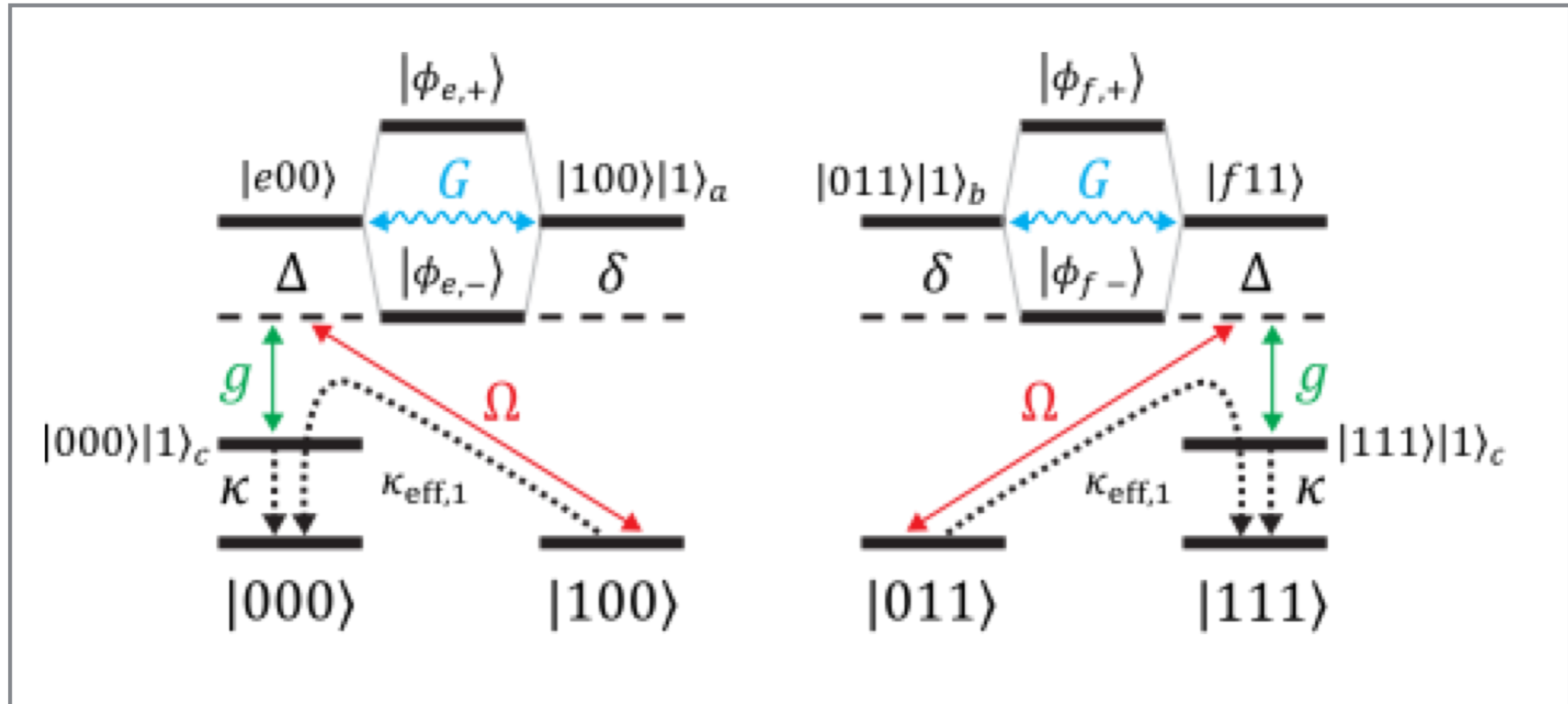
Motional modes  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  : 'Cooling' modes

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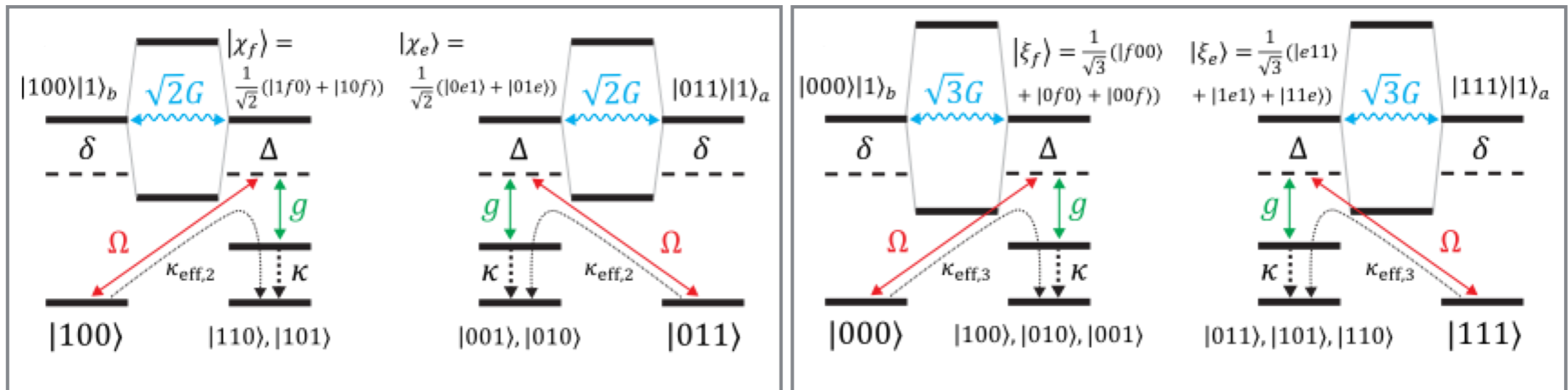
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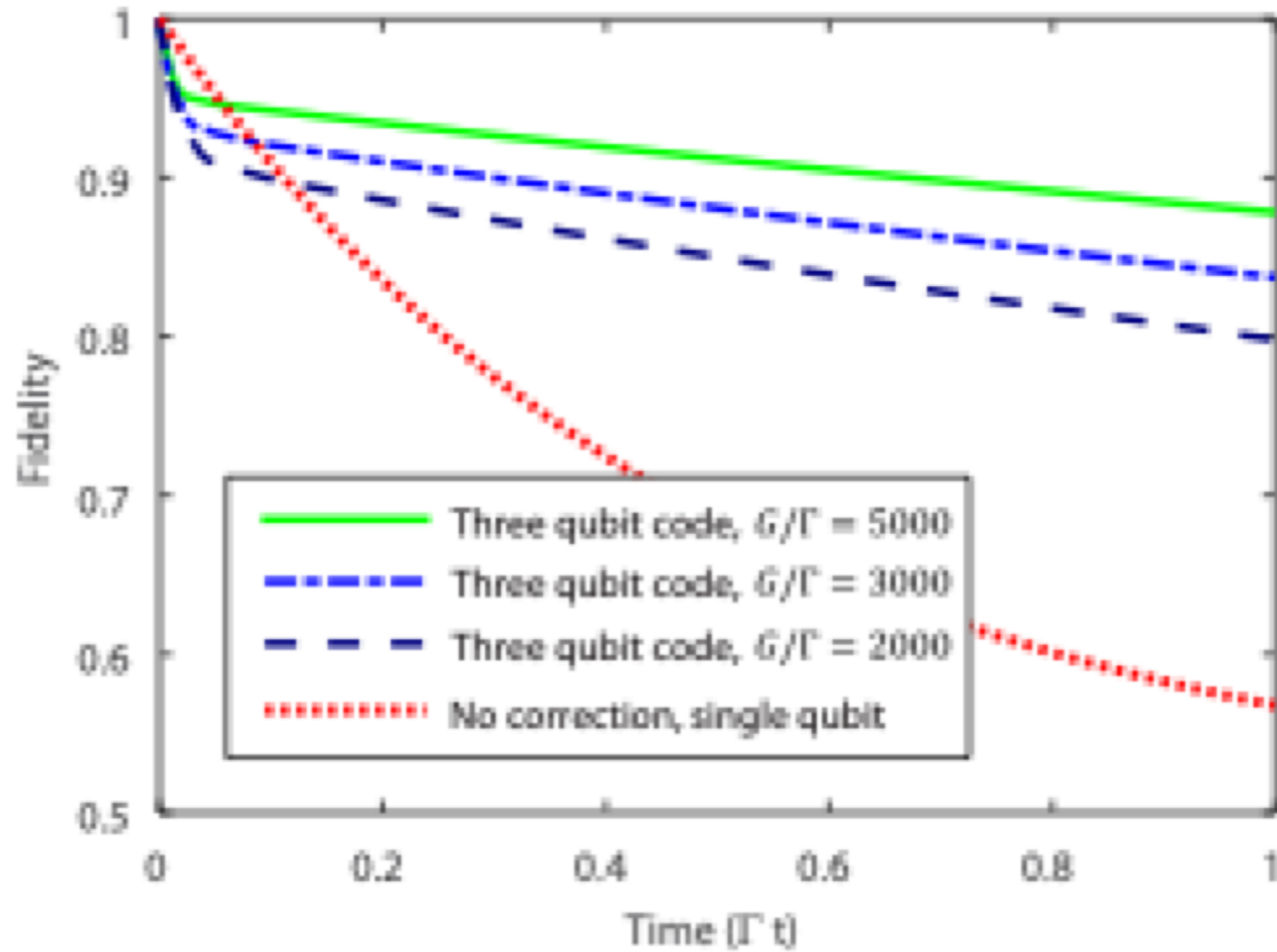
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Undesired processes (suppressed)



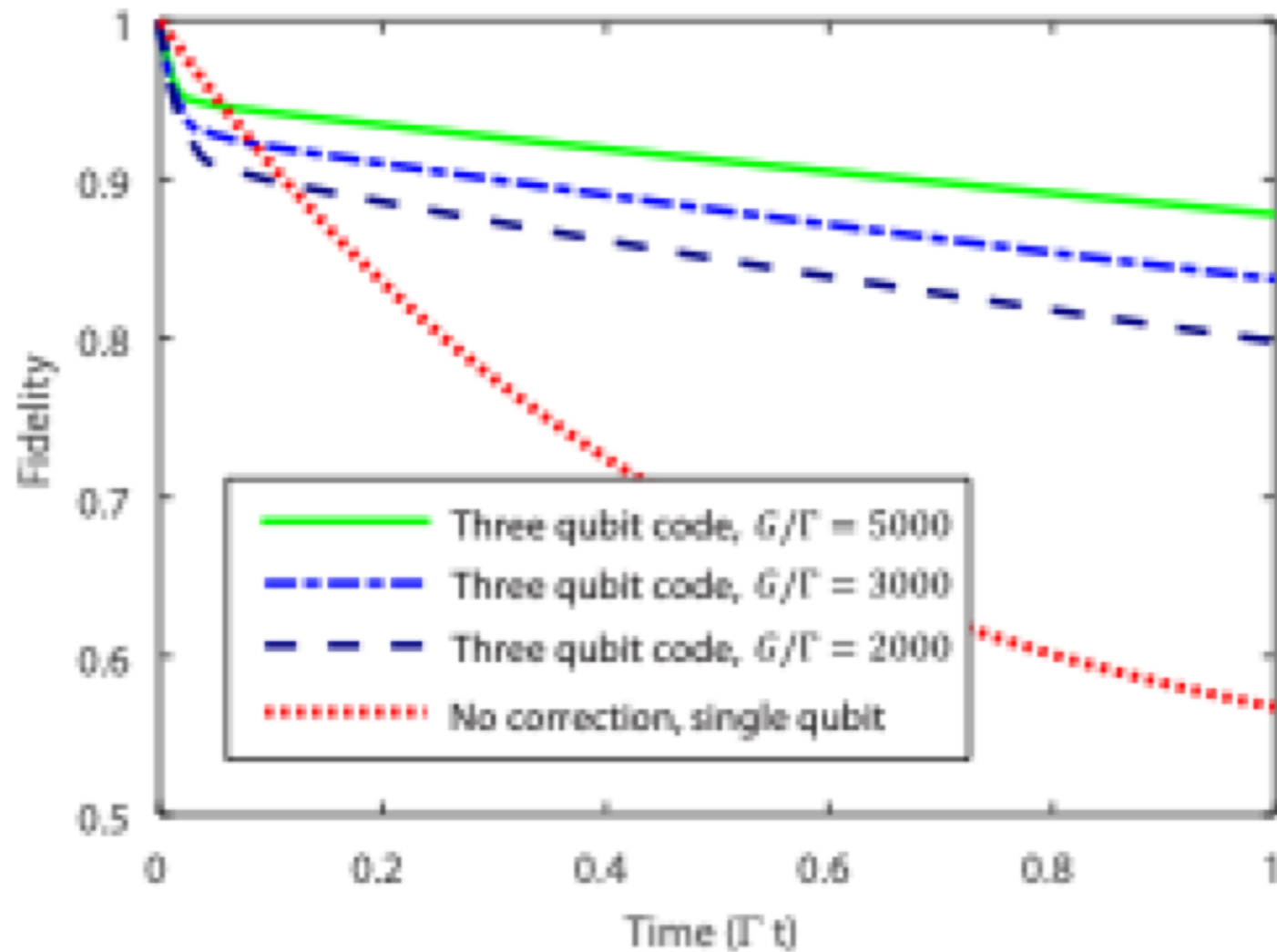
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Analysis in terms of experimental imperfections:  
The effect of dephasing is moderate for  $\Gamma_{\text{deph}} < \Gamma/50$

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## Quantum error correction for quantum sensing:

Precision  $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_{\text{coh}}}}$   $\longrightarrow$  enhancing  $T_{\text{coh}}$  is a key goal

Improve effective coherence times through error correction

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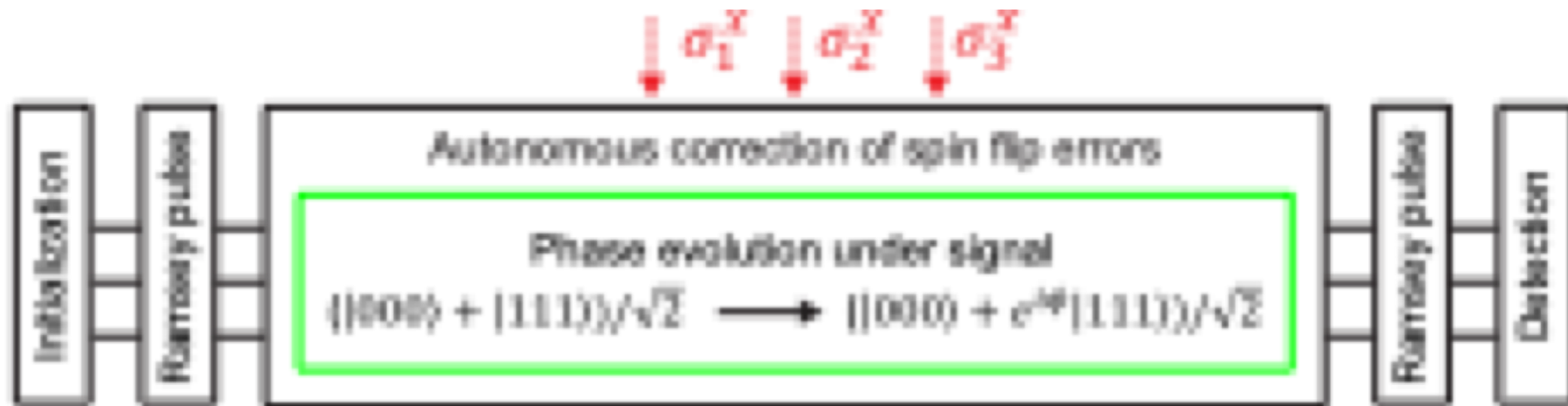
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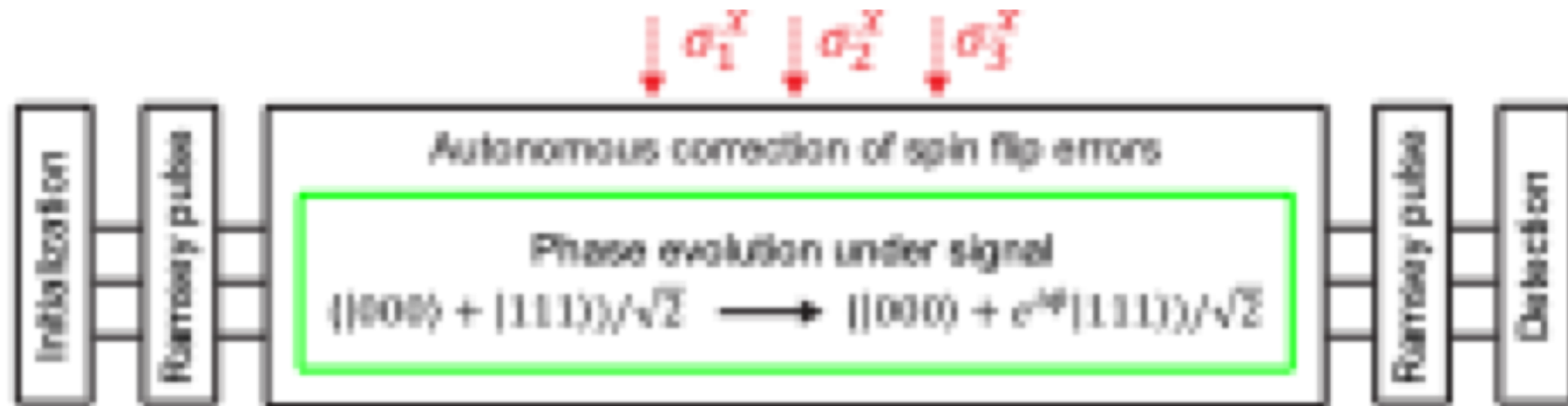
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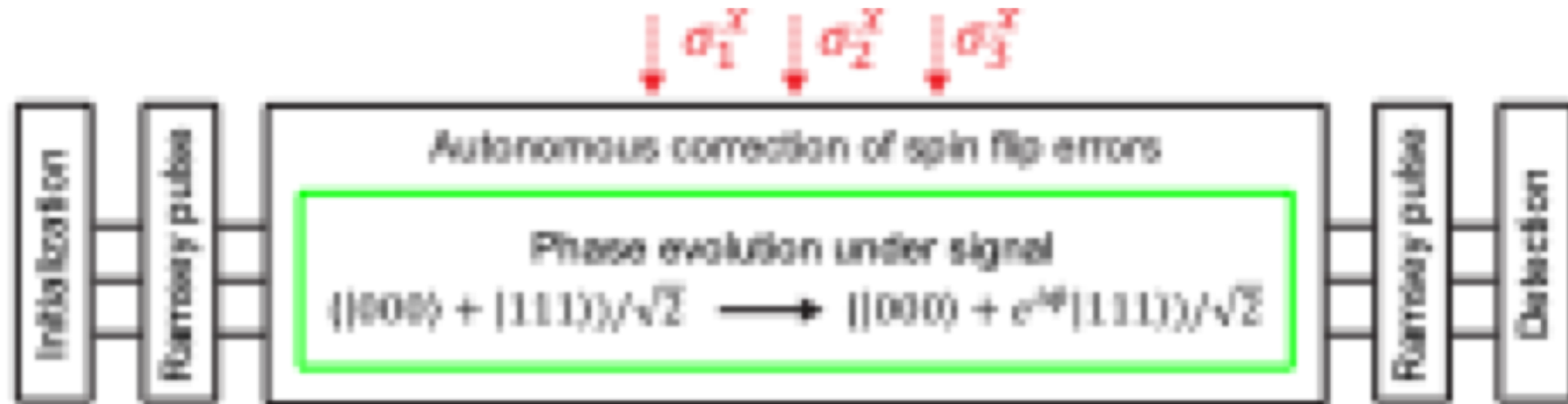
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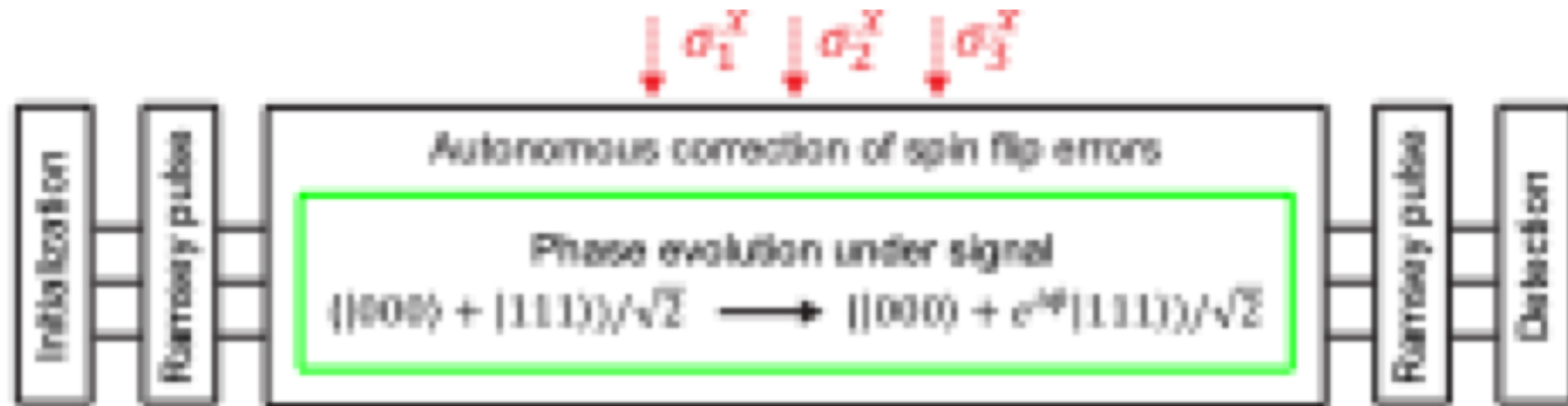
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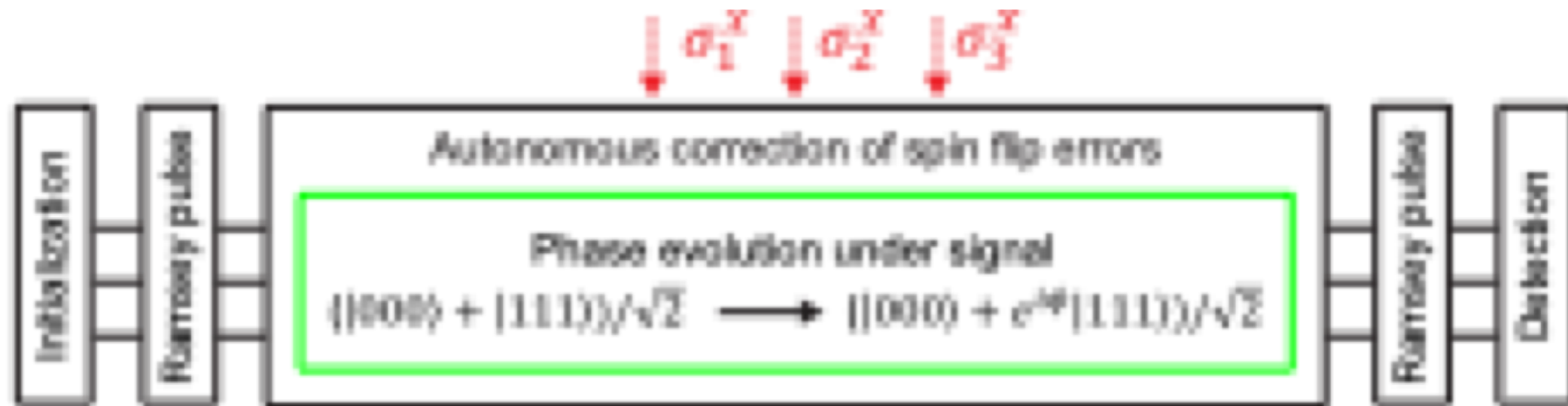
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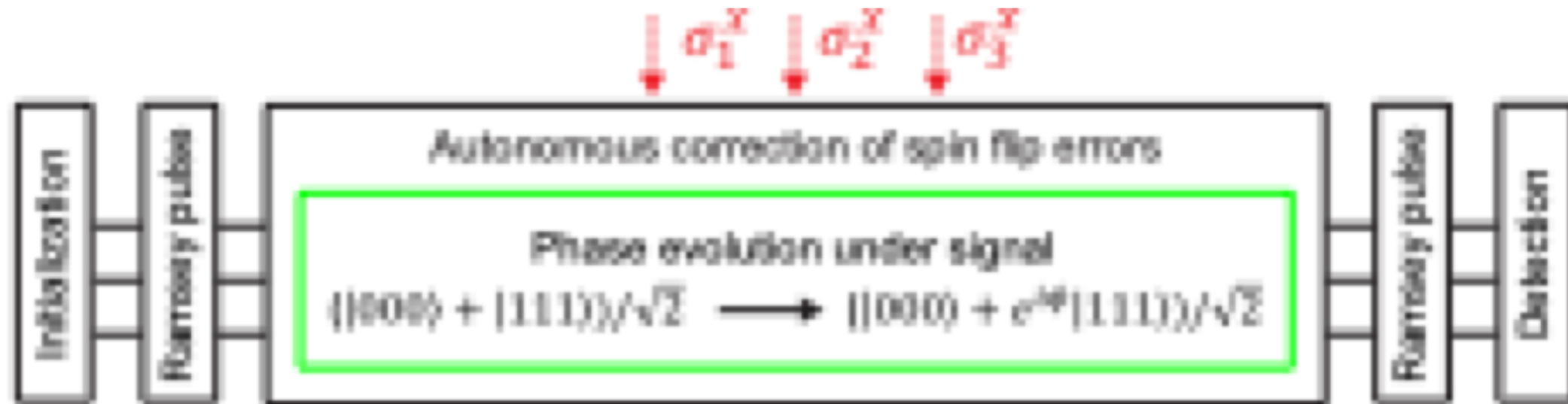
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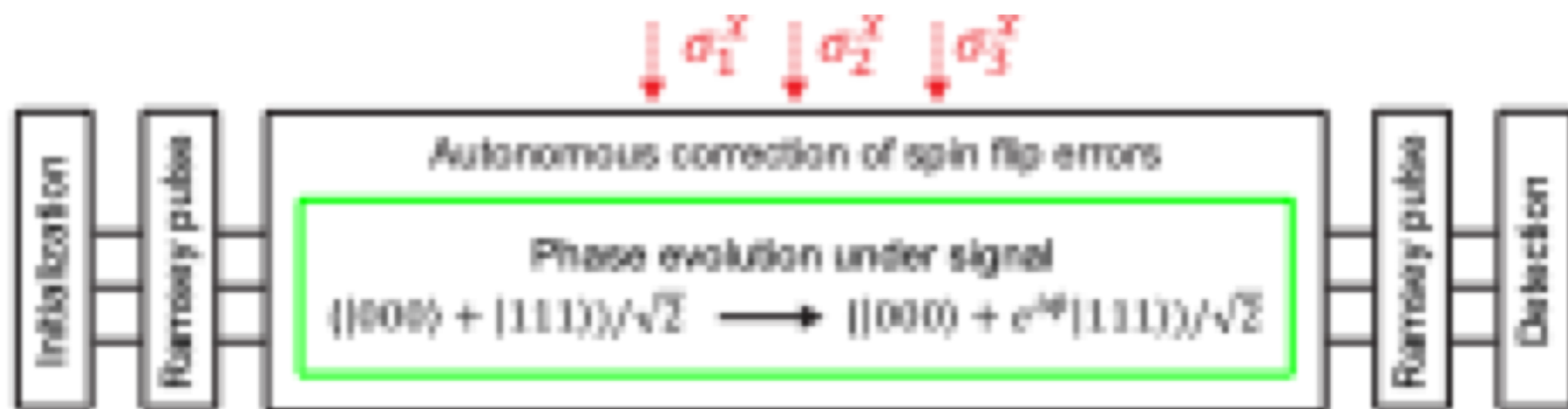
## Precision:

$$|\delta\omega_0| = \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\tau_R}\sqrt{T}},$$

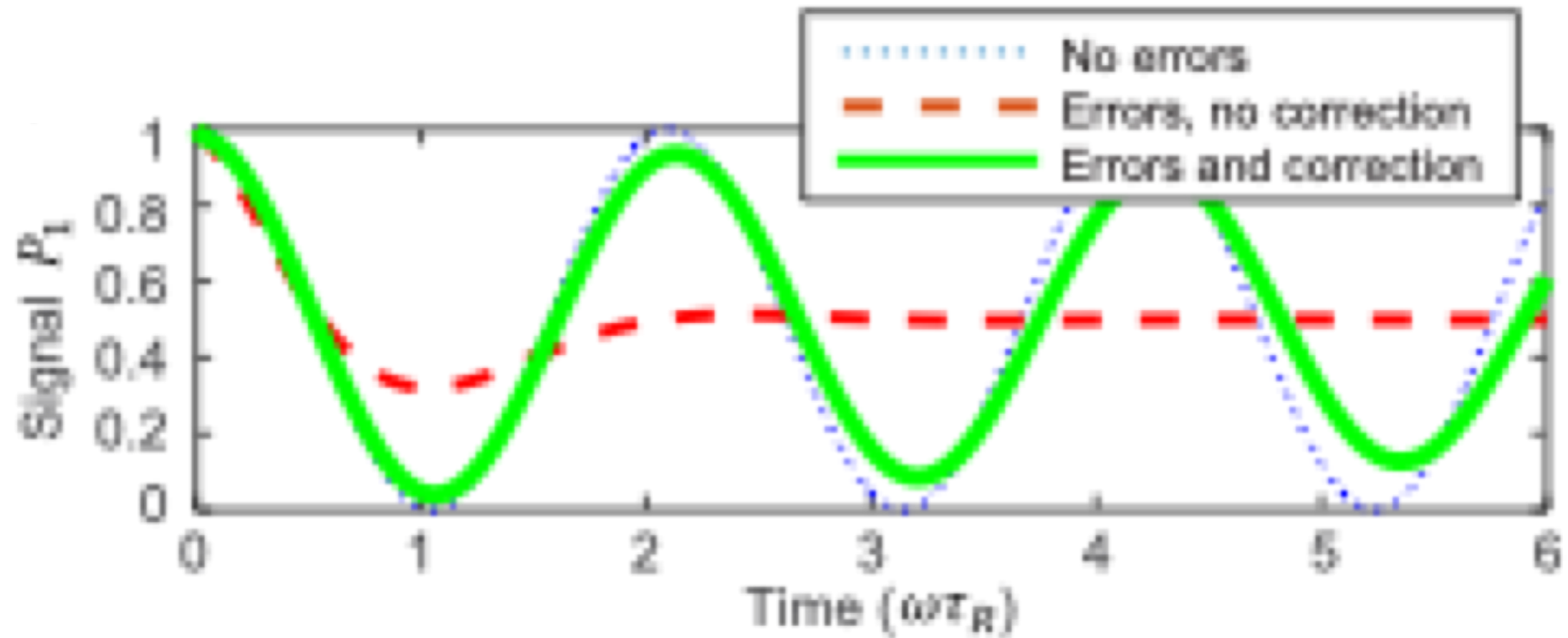
$$T = m\tau_R$$

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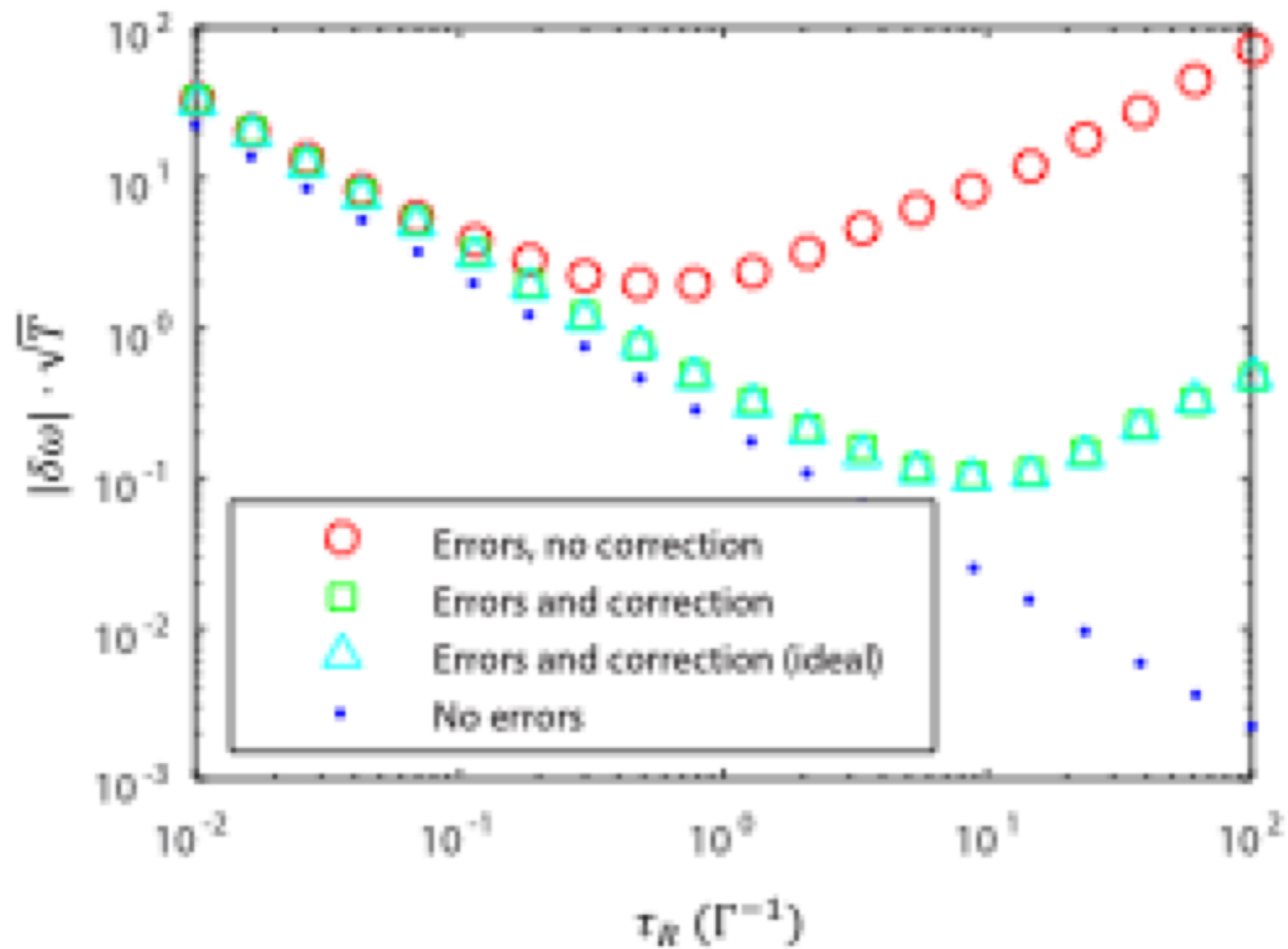


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- transversal codes, topological quantum error correction?
- quantum error correction of loss errors (e.g. for applications in quantum networks)?

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- Could variational algorithms provide a viable route to design dissipative maps?
- Could machine learning be useful to engineer dissipative maps?

Could dissipative methods be used for

- robust and experimentally feasible quantum simulations of lattice gauge theories?
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(\*) e.g. for:

- dissipative quantum simulations
- dissipative annealing, i.e. for classical optimization problems (Tamascelli and others...)
- dissipative quantum algorithms (Susana Huelga & Martin Plenio: arXiv:1903.05443)
- dissipative preparation of complex quantum many-body states (e.g. J. Simon, P. Zoller, M. Lukin...)
- etc...

**Thank you very much  
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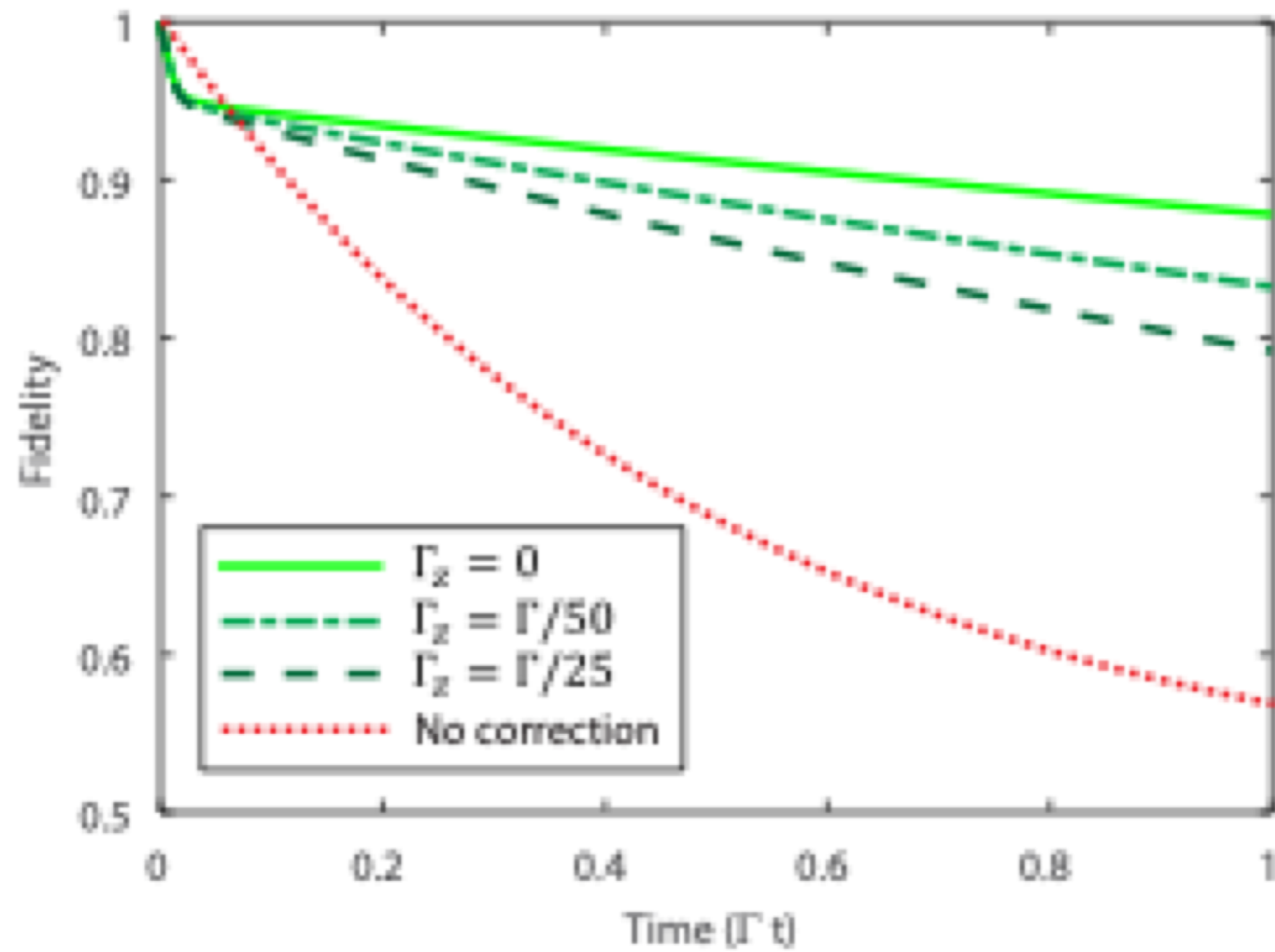
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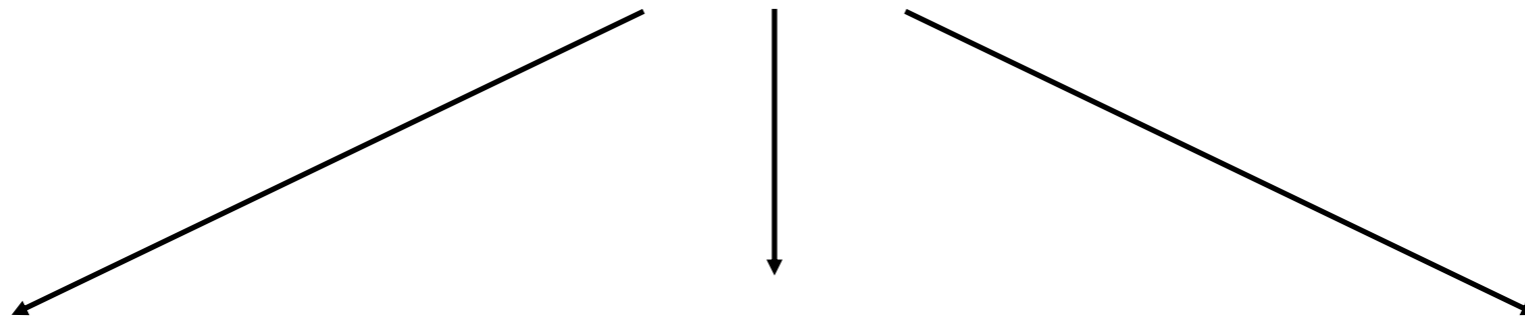
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# Quantum error correction



## Quantum computing

Fault-tolerant quantum gates

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[F. Pastawski and J. Preskill, PRA 93, 052325 (2016).]

## Quantum communication

Entanglement distribution  
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