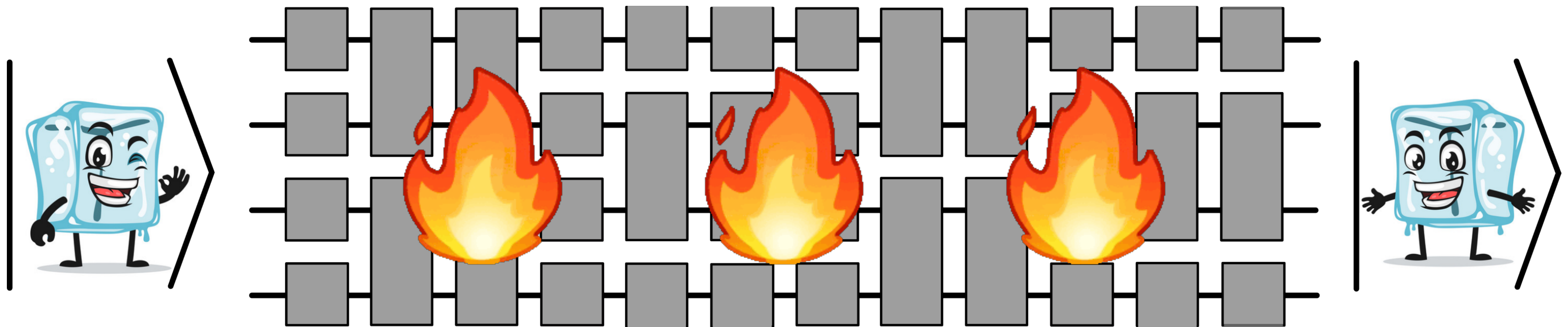


# Quantum many-body scars in dual-unitary circuits

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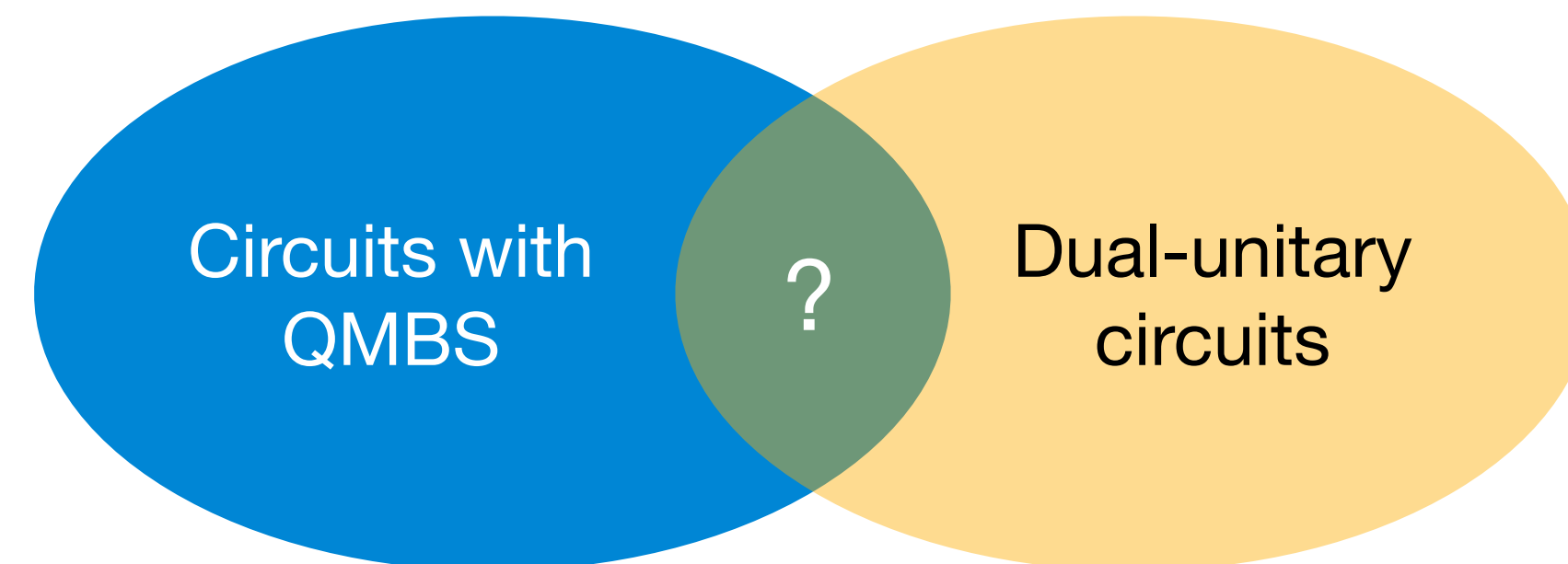
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3. Embedding QMBS in DU circuits: avoiding thermalisation for certain initial states



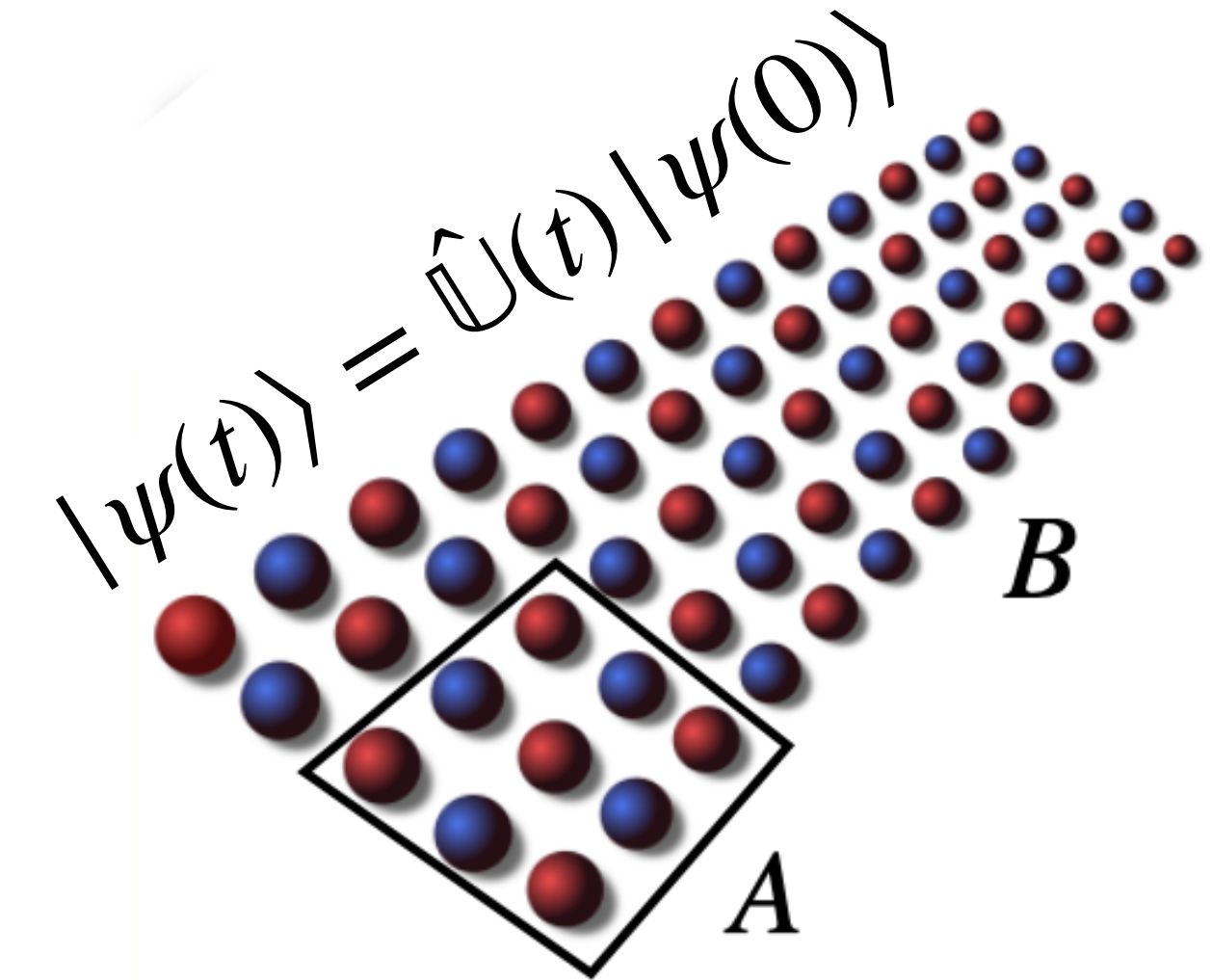
# **1. Background: Thermalisation/chaos/ETH/QMBS**

# Thermalisation of closed many-body systems

- Thermal equilibrium (according to quantum stat. mech) **versus** unitary evolution

$$\hat{U}(t) = \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}\right] \implies \hat{\rho}_{\text{thermal}} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\beta\hat{H}]$$

$$\text{Floquet } \hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}(t+T) \implies \hat{\rho}_{\text{thermal}} = \frac{1}{D} \hat{\mathbb{1}}$$



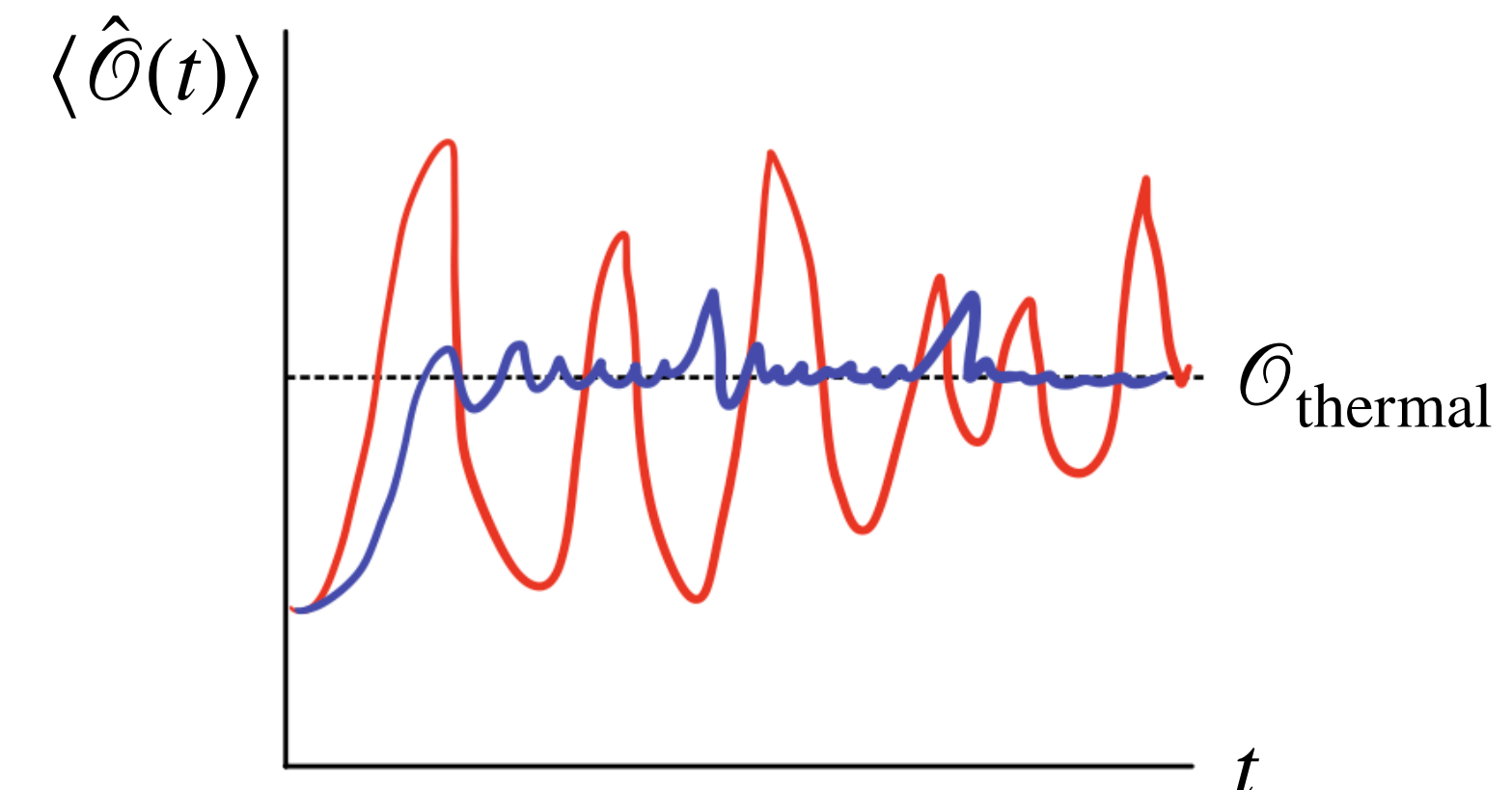
- Evolving pure state  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  will never approach a highly mixed  $\hat{\rho}_{\text{thermal}}$
- Instead, consider **thermalisation of observables**:  $\langle \mathcal{O}(t) \rangle = \langle \psi(t) | \hat{\mathcal{O}} | \psi(t) \rangle$  **versus**  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{thermal}} = \text{Tr}[\mathcal{O}\rho_{\text{thermal}}]$

- **Weak** thermalisation (ergodicity):

$$\overline{\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \langle \mathcal{O}(t) \rangle \approx \mathcal{O}_{\text{thermal}}$$

- **Strong** thermalisation:  $\langle \mathcal{O}(t) \rangle \approx \mathcal{O}_{\text{thermal}}$  for most times  $t$

- System is thermalised if all “realistic” (few-body) observables are thermalised



# Chaos and thermalisation

- Not all many-body systems thermalise, e.g., **integrable** and **many-body localised** (MBL) systems:

An extensive number of local conserved quantities prevent thermalisation:  $[\hat{U}, \hat{O}] = 0 \implies \langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle = \langle \hat{O}(0) \rangle$

- Many numerical studies show **thermalisation for chaotic** many-body systems

- Classical chaos: sensitivity to initial conditions  $|\delta r(t)| \sim e^{\lambda t} |\delta r(0)|$

Doesn't translate directly to quantum systems:

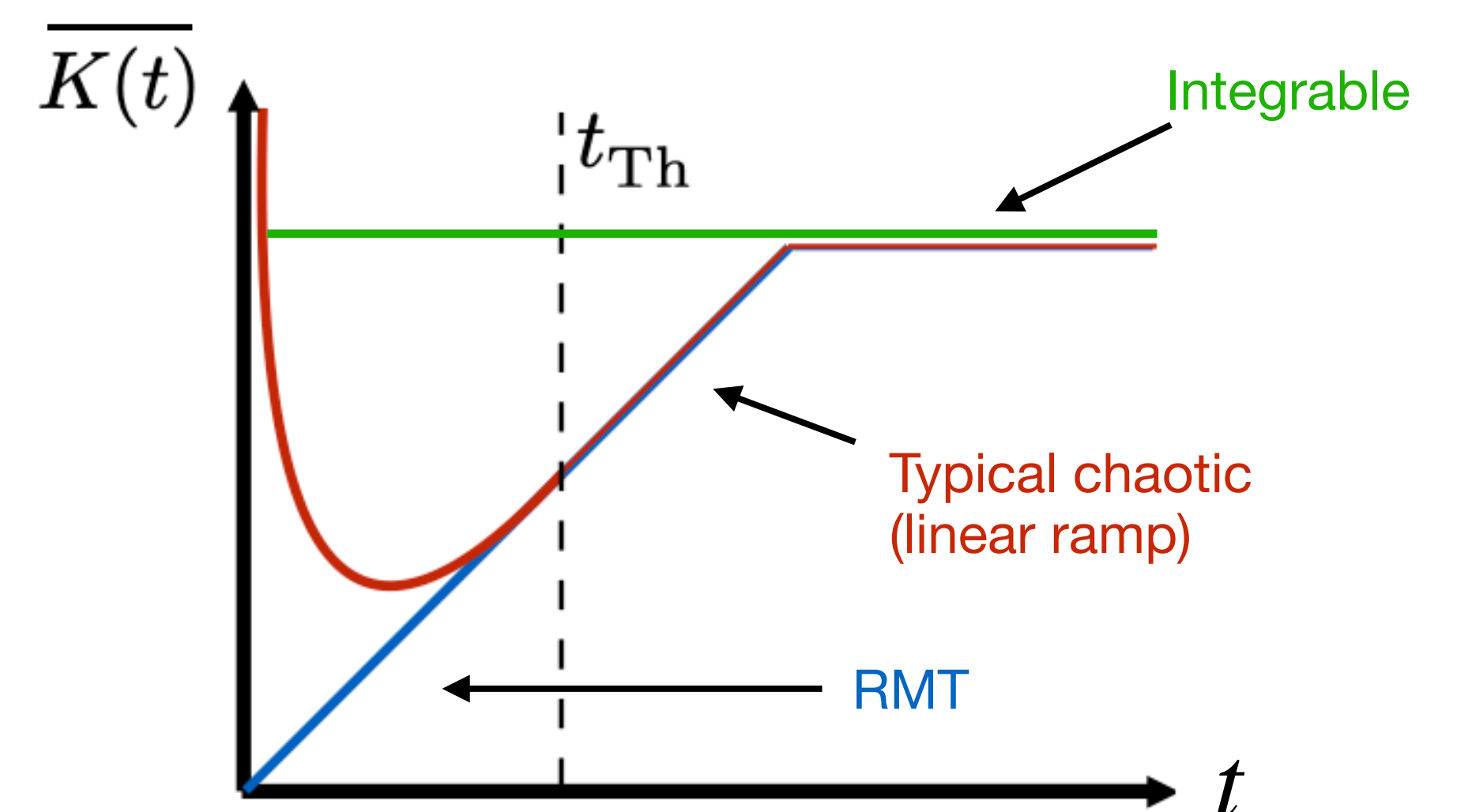
$$|\langle \psi_1(t) | \psi_2(t) \rangle| = |\langle \psi_1(0) | \psi_2(0) \rangle|$$

- What is quantum chaos?

**Random-matrix-like correlations in (quasi-) energy spectrum**

[Bohigas-Giannoni-Schmit (BGS) conjecture (1984)]

e.g., **spectral form factor**  $K(t) = |\text{Tr}[\mathbb{U}(t)]|^2$



# Qu. chaos not sufficient for thermalisation: Harvard/MIT experiment

## Probing many-body dynamics on a 51-atom quantum simulator

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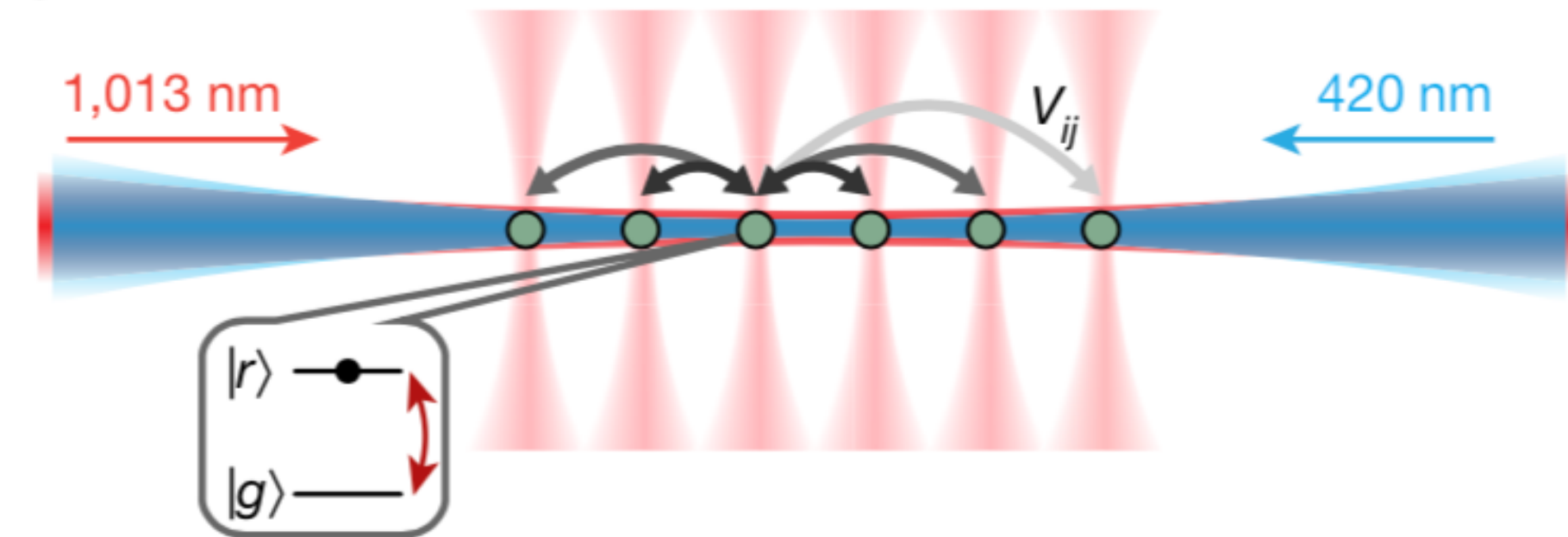
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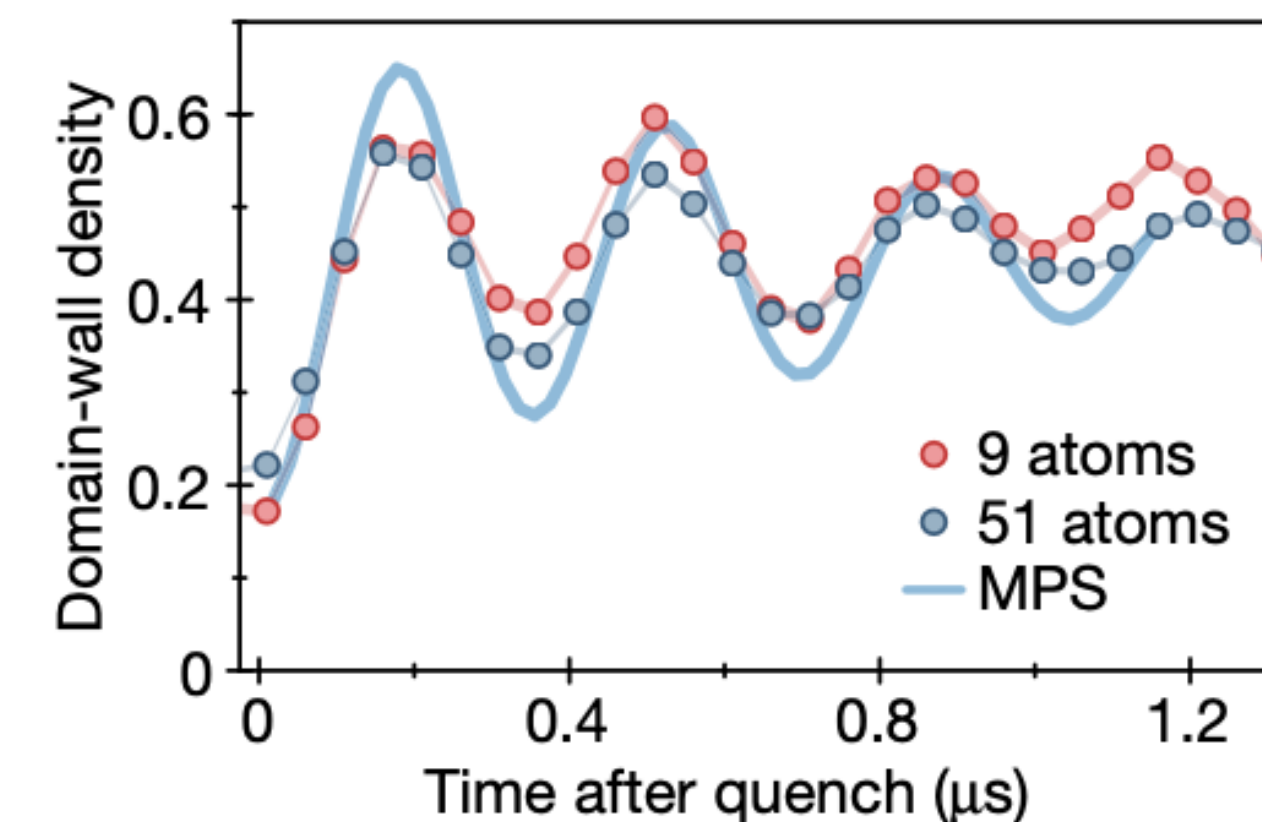
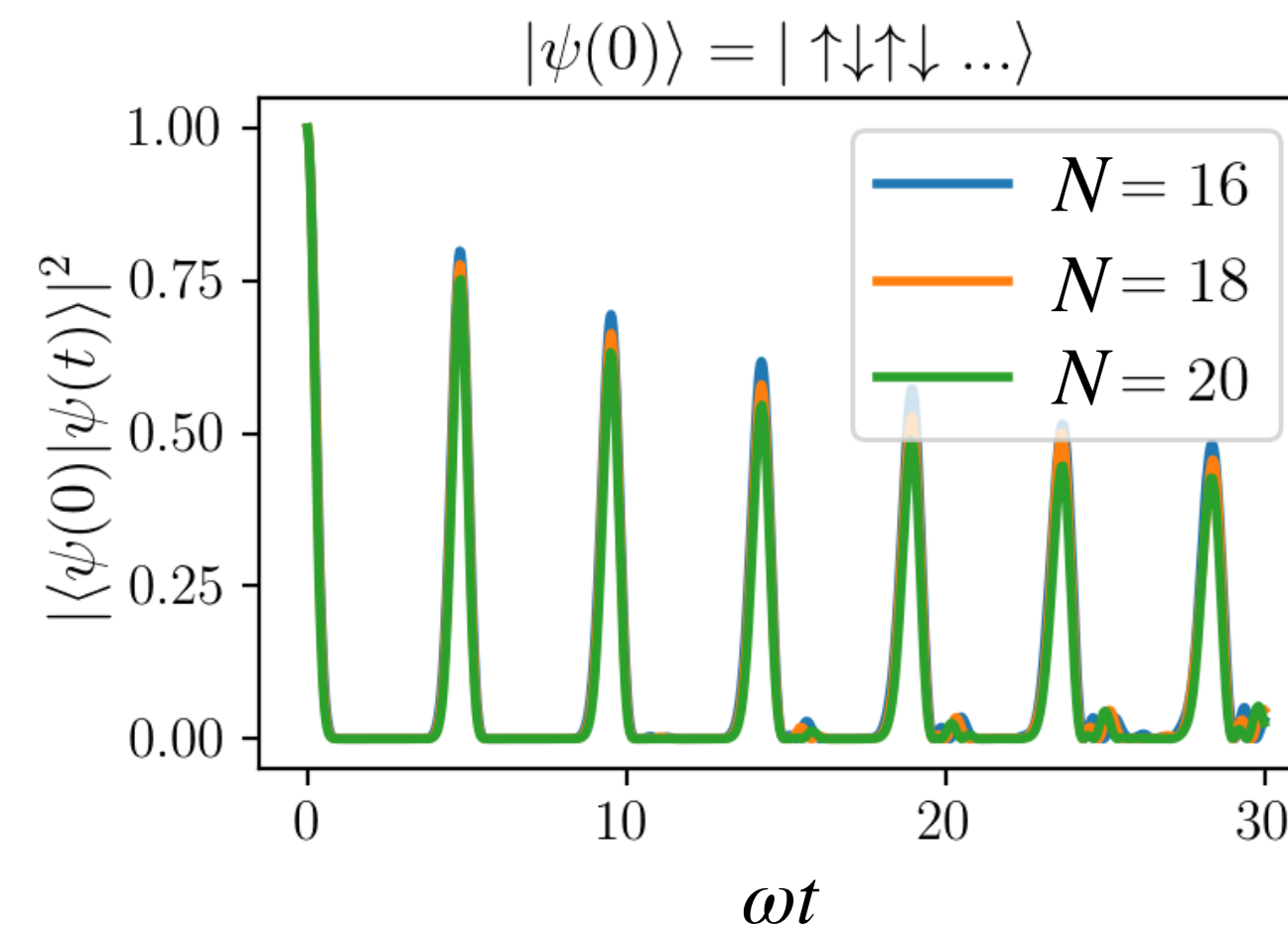
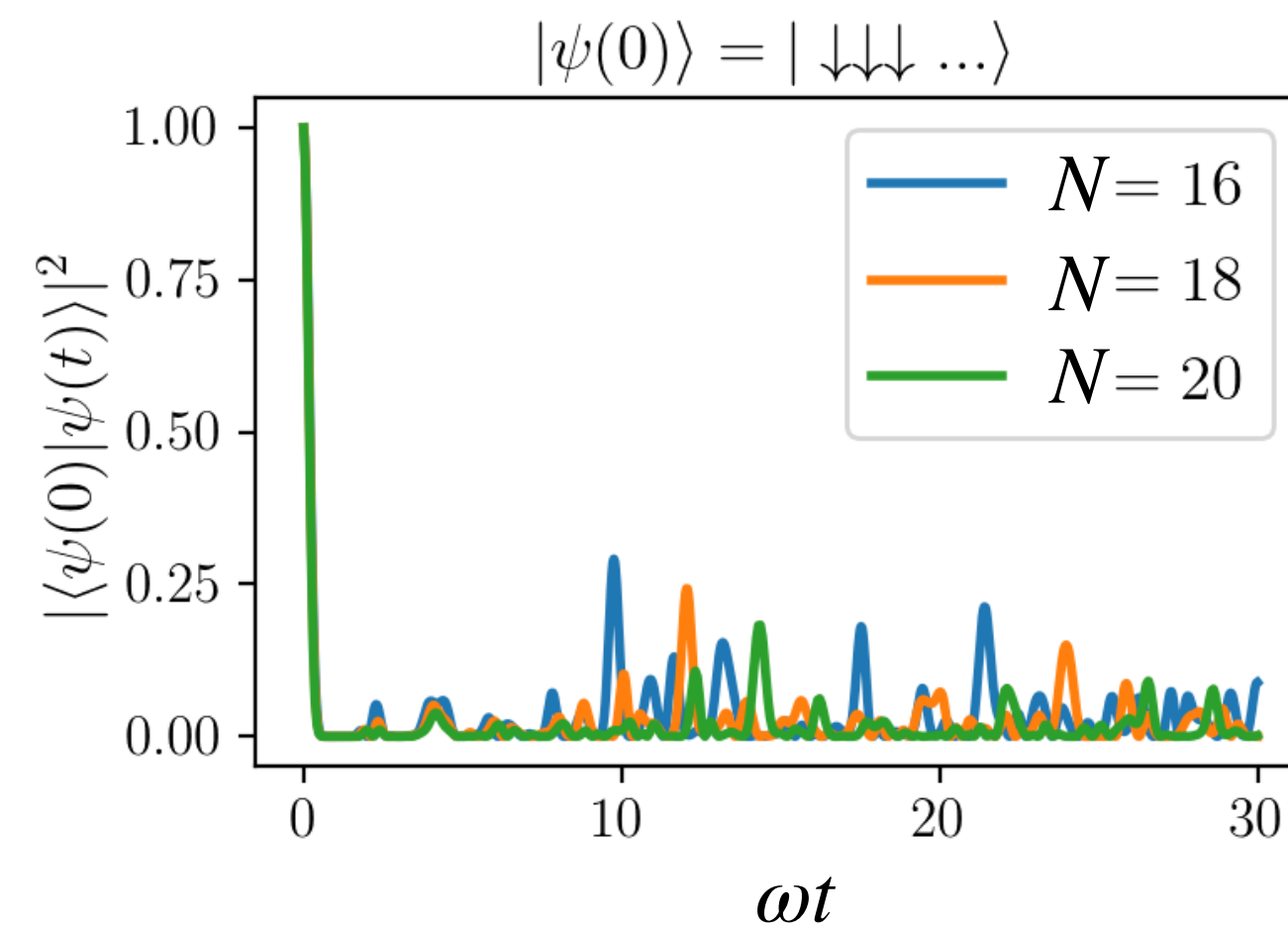
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## Weak ergodicity breaking from quantum many-body scars

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**Figure 1 | Experimental platform.** a, Individual  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms (green) are trapped using optical tweezers (vertical red beams) and arranged into defect-free arrays. Coherent interactions  $V_{ij}$  between the atoms (arrows) are enabled by exciting them (horizontal blue and red beams) to a Rydberg state with strength  $\Omega$  and detuning  $\Delta$  (inset).



# Eigenstate thermalisation hypothesis (ETH)

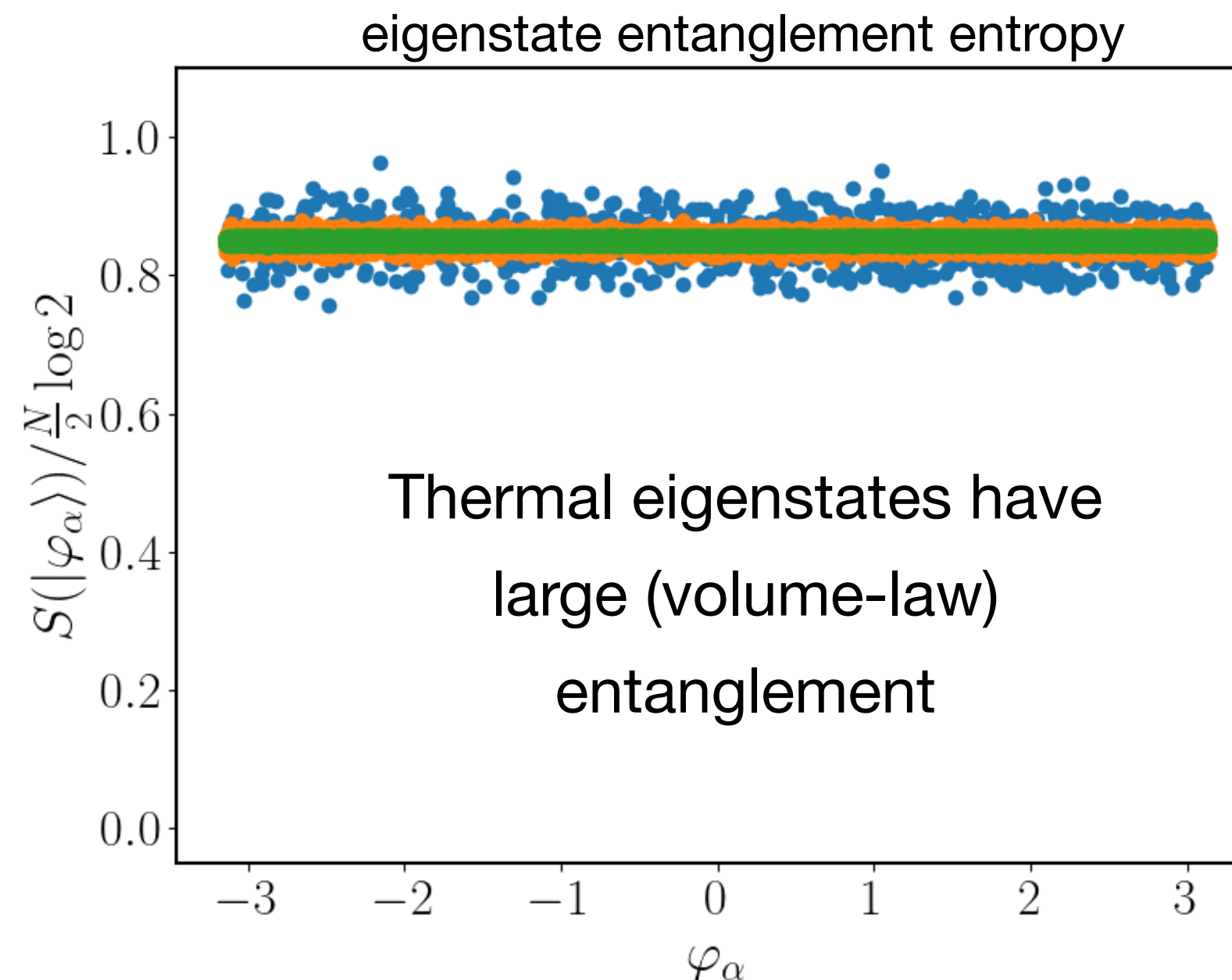
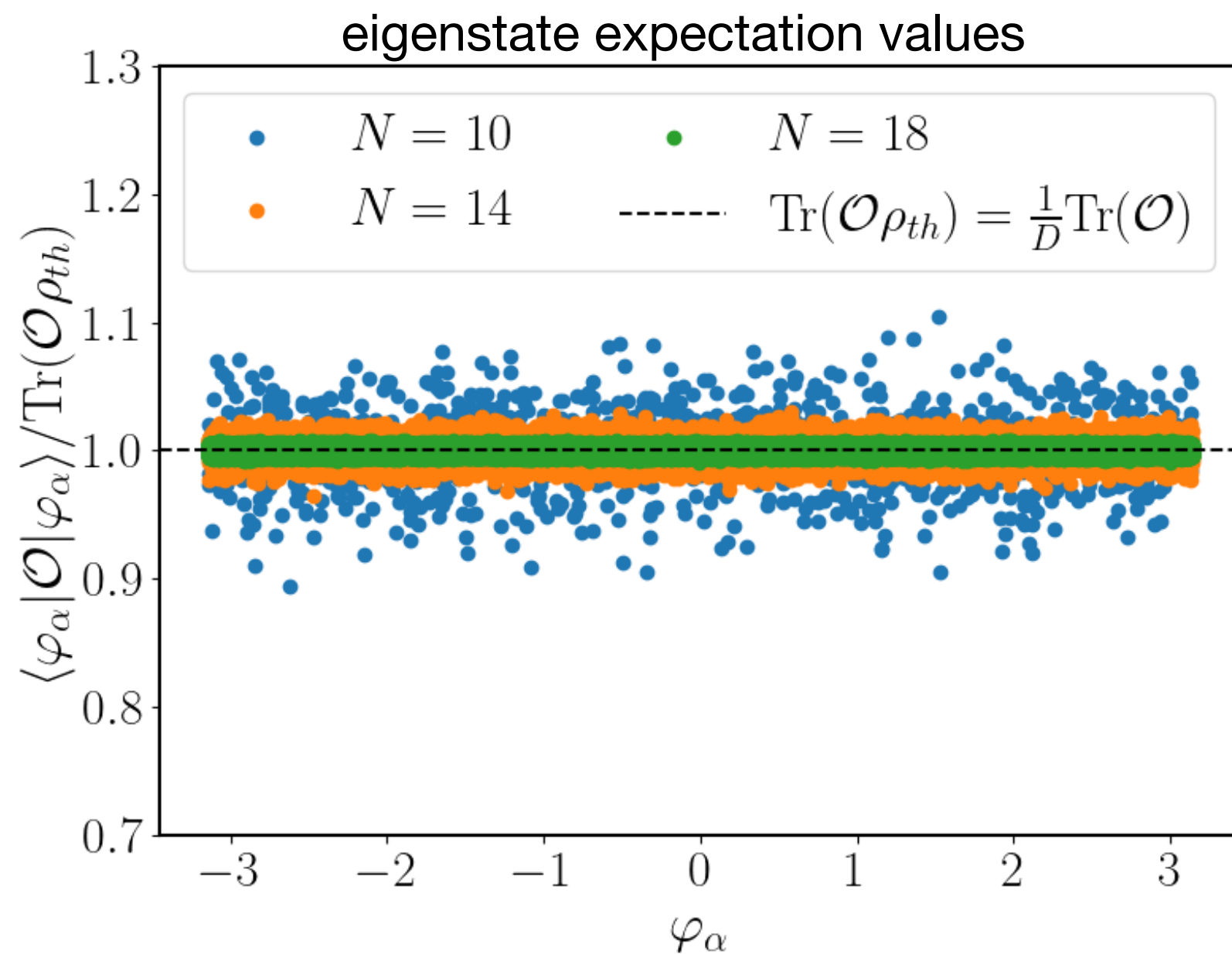
- A more precise criteria for thermalisation: the **eigenstate thermalisation hypothesis**.

For example, for a Floquet unitary  $\hat{U} = \mathcal{T} \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^T \hat{H}(\tau) d\tau \right]$  with  $\hat{U} |\varphi_\alpha\rangle = e^{i\varphi_\alpha} |\varphi_\alpha\rangle$ :

ETH ansatz: 
$$\langle \varphi_\alpha | \hat{\mathcal{O}} | \varphi_{\alpha'} \rangle = \frac{1}{D} \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathcal{O}}) \delta_{\alpha, \alpha'} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} f_{\mathcal{O}}(\varphi_\alpha - \varphi_{\alpha'}) R_{\alpha, \alpha'} \quad (\alpha = \alpha') \implies \langle \varphi_\alpha | \hat{\mathcal{O}} | \varphi_\alpha \rangle = \frac{1}{D} \text{Tr}(\hat{\mathcal{O}}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} R_{\alpha, \alpha}$$

$\mathcal{O}_{\text{thermal}} = \text{Tr}[\hat{\mathcal{O}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{thermal}}]$

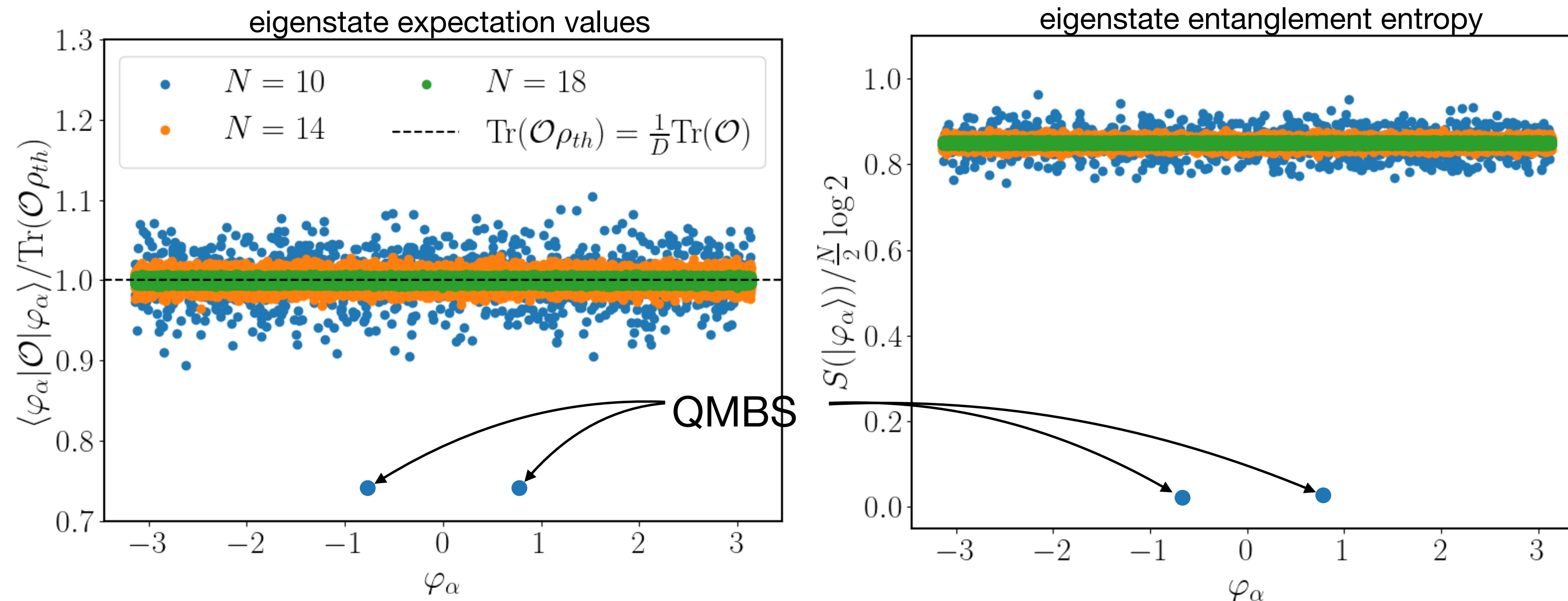
- All eigenstates are thermal (i.e., obey ETH ansatz) w.r.t.  $\hat{\mathcal{O}} \implies$  strong thermalisation of  $\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$ !



# Violations of the ETH

- Thermalisation can be avoided if there are “non-thermal” (i.e., ETH-violating) eigenstates
- Two possibilities:
  - **Strong** ETH-violation: significant fraction of eigenstates are non-thermal (e.g., integrable systems, MBL)
  - **Weak** ETH-violation: non-thermal eigenstates are rare — [quantum many-body scars \(QMBS\)](#)

Can prevent thermalisation if QMBS have large overlap with  $|\psi(0)\rangle$





## **2. Dual-unitary circuits**

# Dual unitarity

Consider a **bipartite unitary operator**  $U$ :

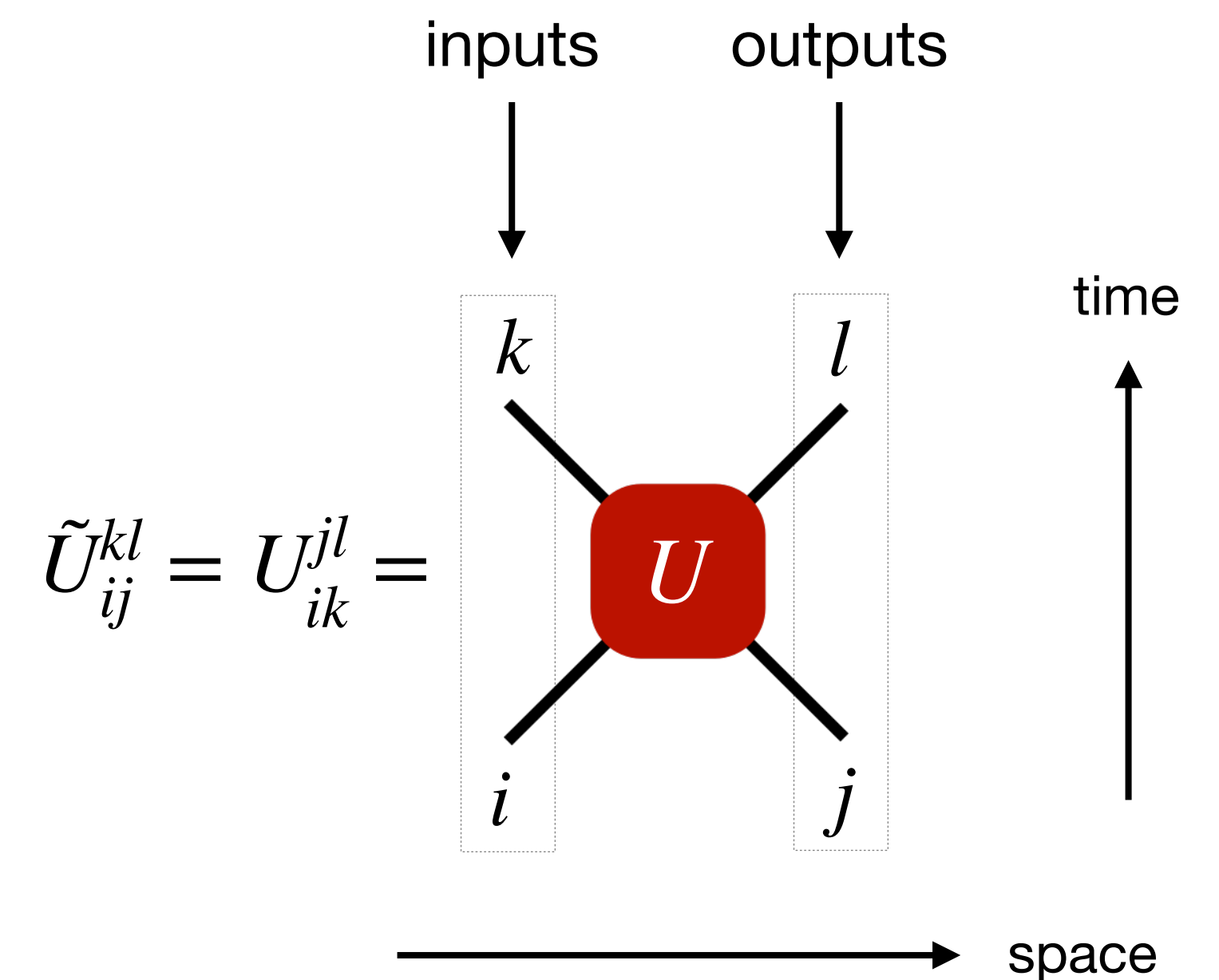
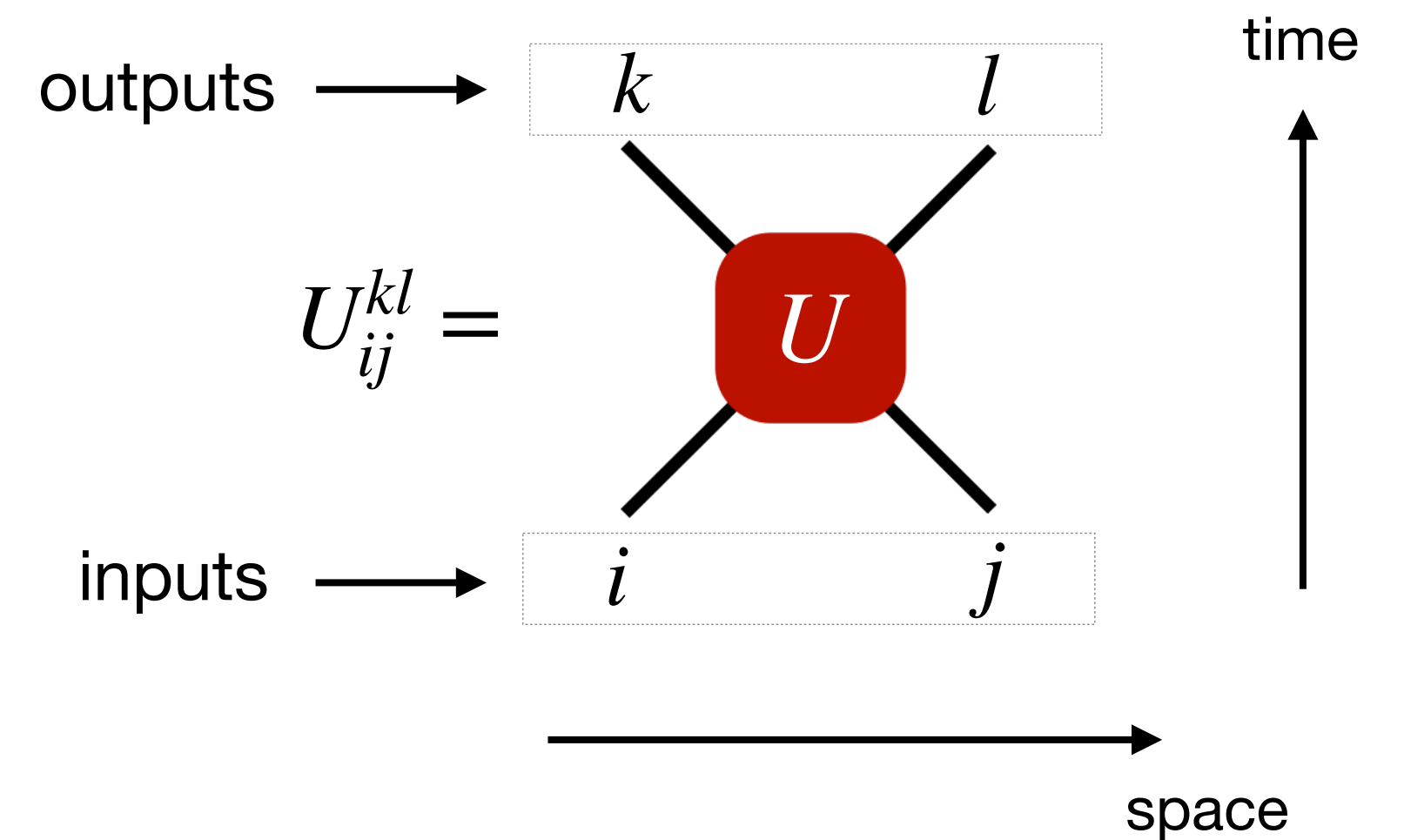
$$U : \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}, \quad \dim \mathcal{H} = d$$

$$U = \sum_{i,j,k,l} U_{ij}^{kl} |k\rangle\langle i| \otimes |l\rangle\langle j|, \quad U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = \mathbb{1}$$

Define a new “**dual**” operator  $\tilde{U}$  by a reordering of input/output indices:

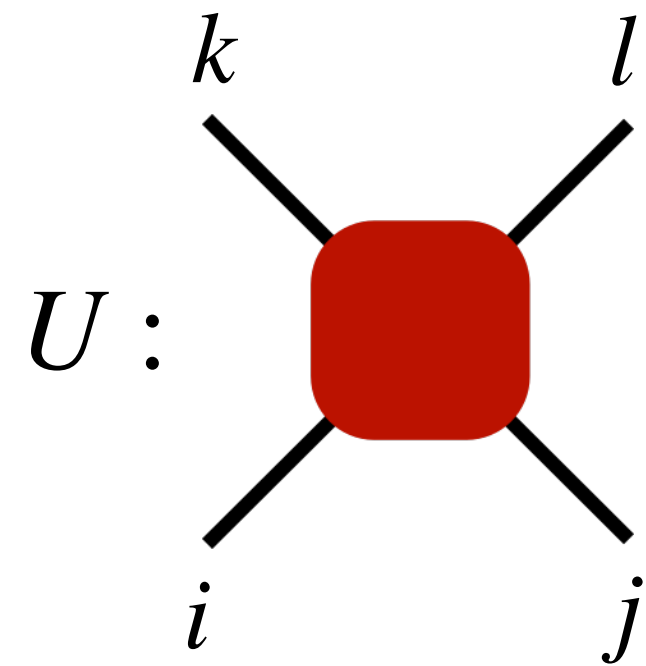
$$\tilde{U} = \sum_{i,j,k,l} U_{ij}^{kl} |j\rangle\langle i| \otimes |l\rangle\langle k| = \sum_{i,j,k,l} U_{ik}^{jl} |k\rangle\langle i| \otimes |l\rangle\langle j|$$

If  $\tilde{U}$  is unitary then  $U$  is called **dual unitary**.

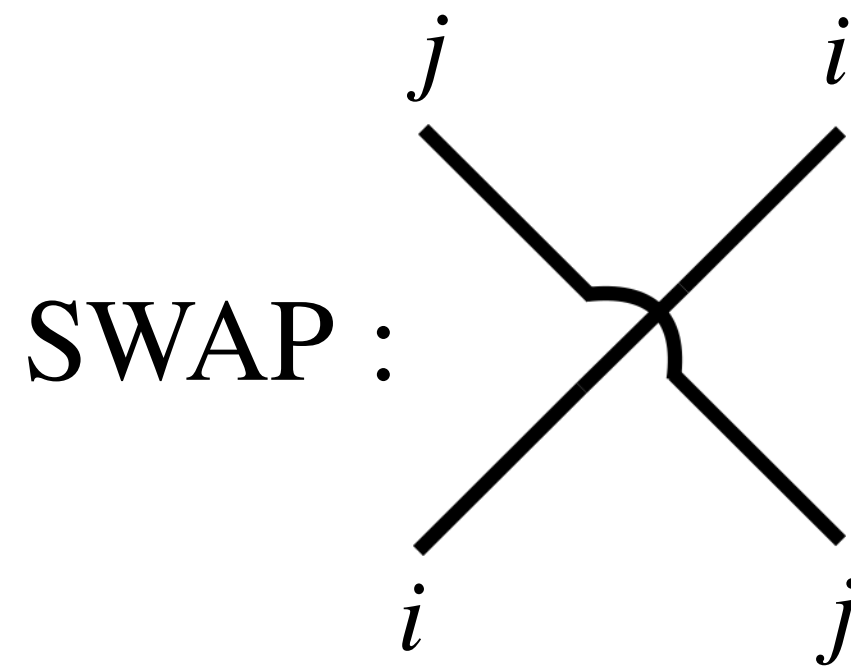


# Examples / parameterisation?

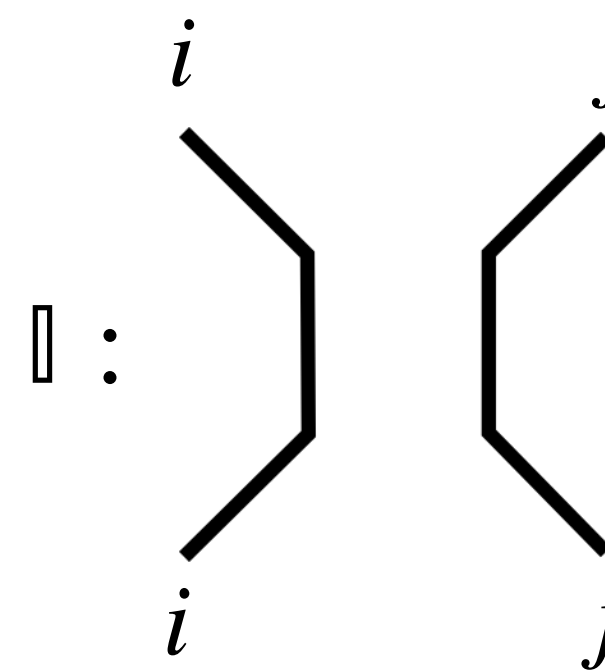
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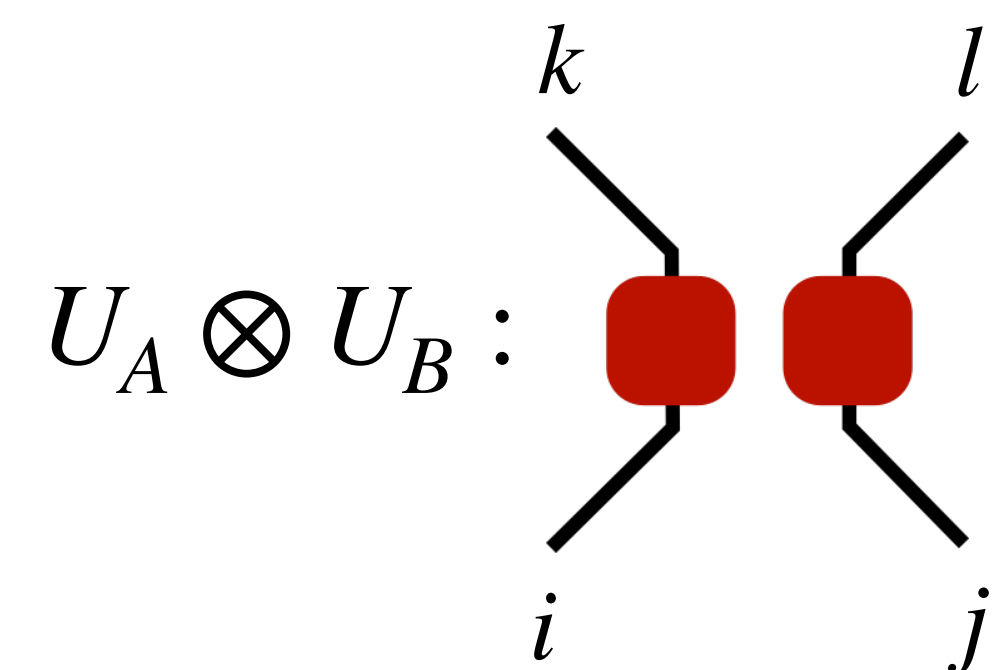
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- Fully classified for  $d = 2$ :

$$U^{DU} = e^{i\phi}(u_+ \otimes u_-)U_{XXZ}[J](v_+ \otimes v_-) \quad (14 \text{ free parameters})$$

$$U_{XXZ}[J] = \exp\left\{ -i\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^x \otimes \sigma^x + \frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^y \otimes \sigma^y + J\sigma^z \otimes \sigma^z\right) \right\} \quad u_{\pm}, v_{\pm} \in \text{SU}(2)$$

- Full parameterisation not known for  $d > 2$ , but:

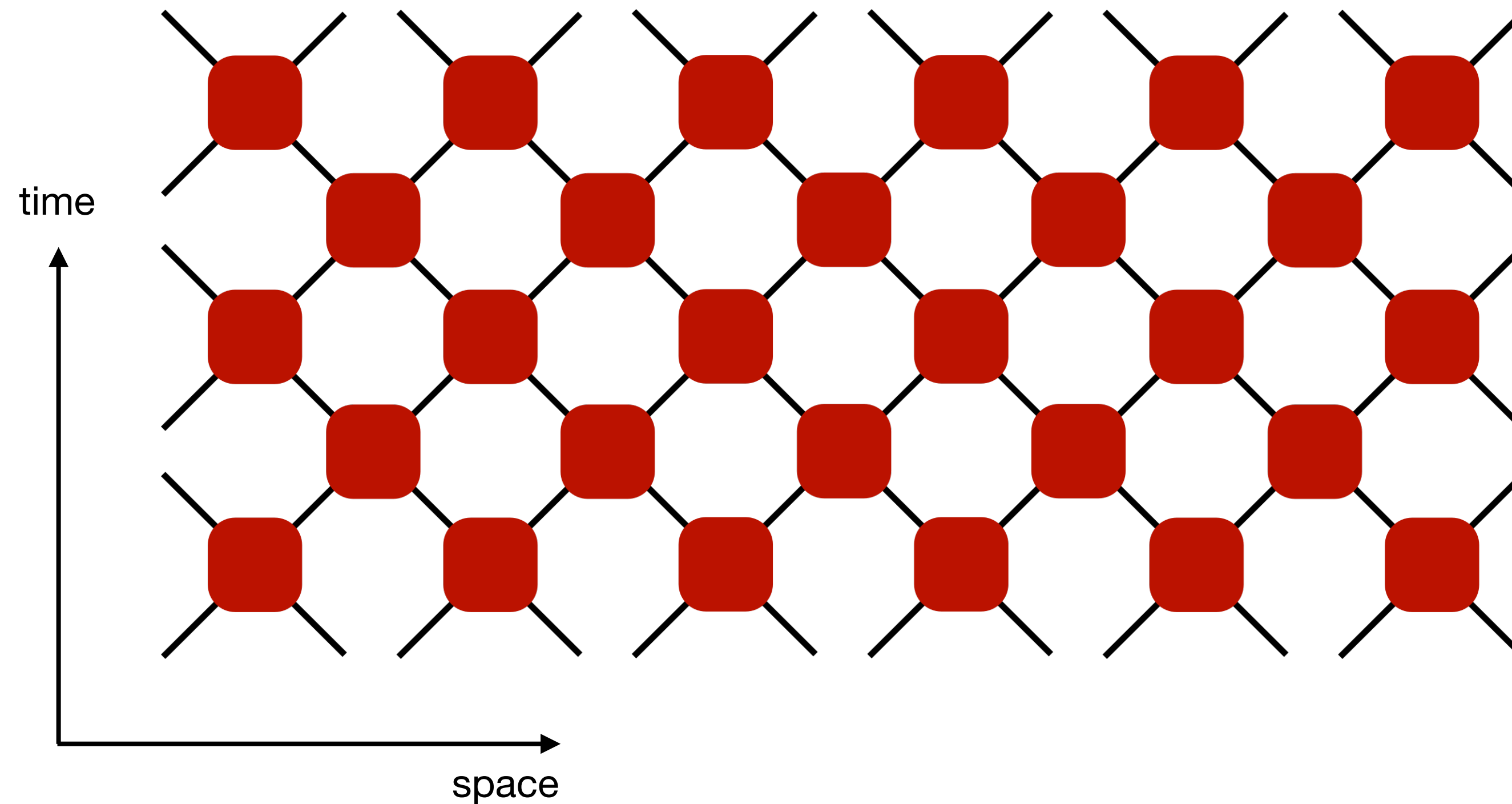
$$U^{DU} = (u_+ \otimes u_-)SV(v_+ \otimes v_-) \quad (\sim d^3 \text{ free parameters})$$

where:  $S|i\rangle|j\rangle = |j\rangle|i\rangle$

$$V = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \hat{u}^{(j)} \otimes |j\rangle\langle j| \quad u_{\pm}, v_{\pm}, \hat{u}^{(j)} \in \text{SU}(d)$$

# Dual unitary circuits

A **dual unitary circuit** is a brickwork circuit composed of dual unitary gates.



Unitary in both temporal and spatial directions.

# Exact results

Why are dual unitary circuits interesting? Exact results...

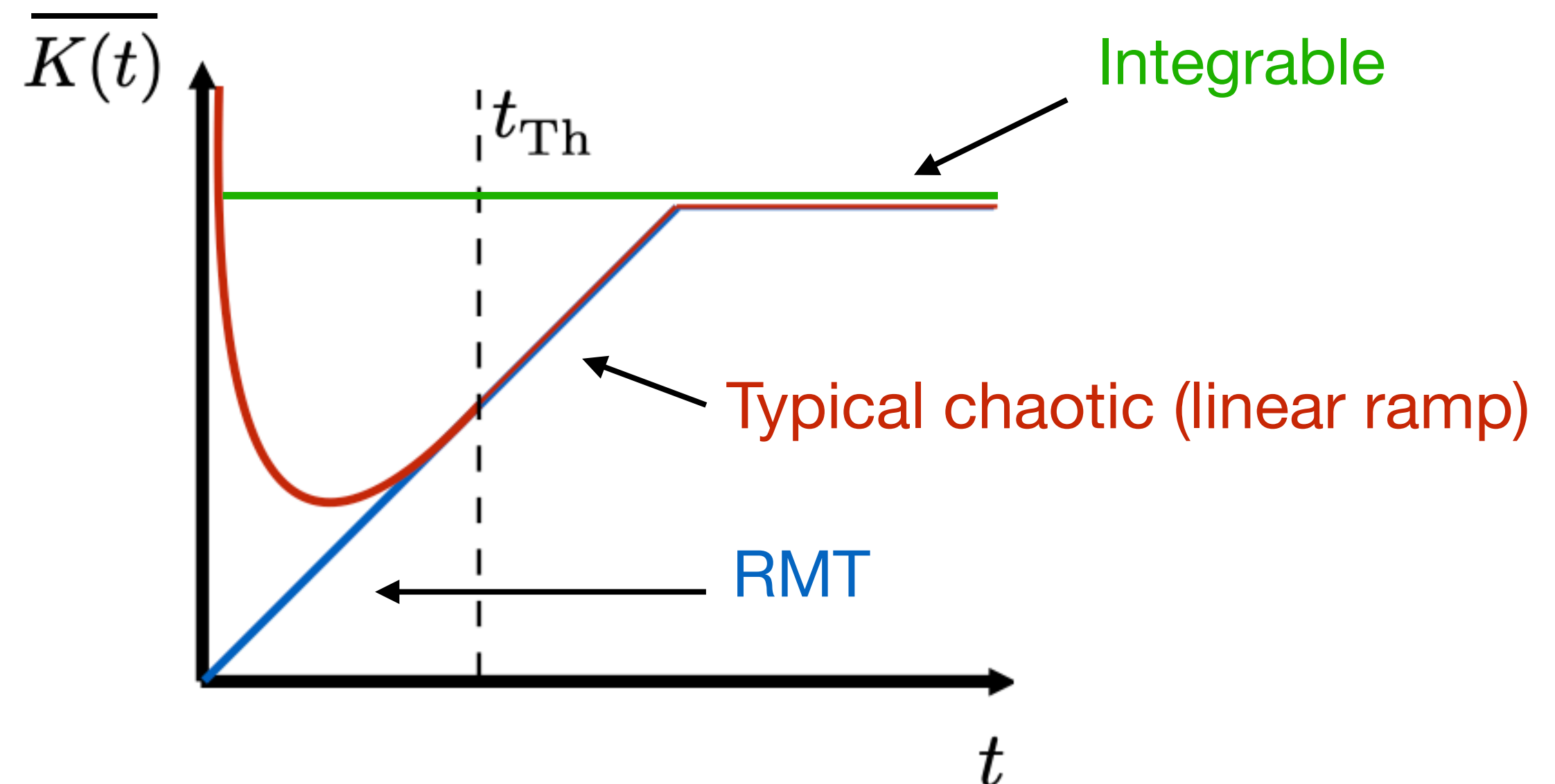
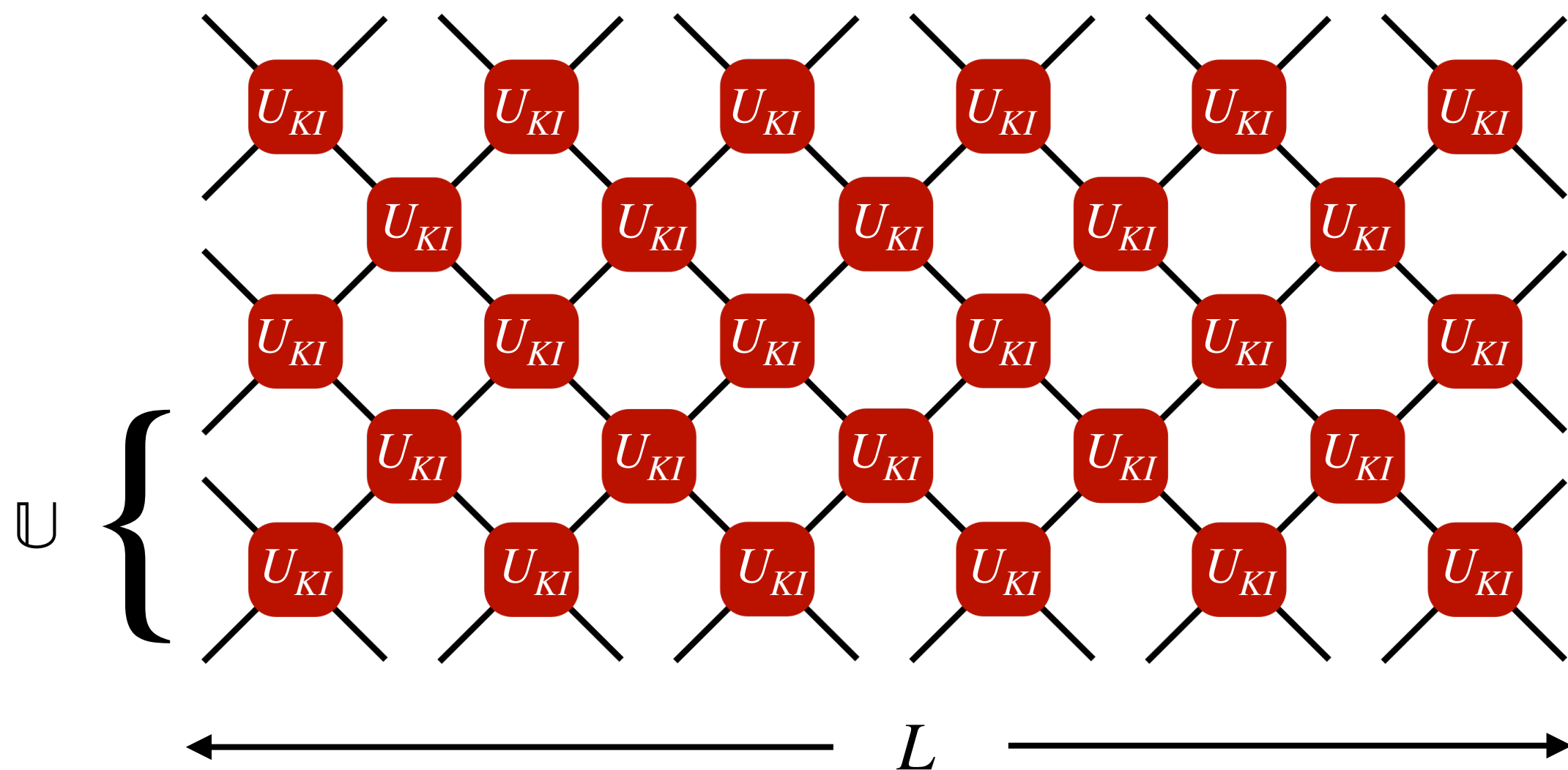
- The dual-unitary kicked Ising model is **maximally chaotic** [Bertini, Kos, Prosen, PRL (2018)]

$$U_{KI} = V(e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^x} \otimes e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^x})V, \quad V = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma^z \otimes \sigma^z} e^{-ih_1\sigma^z \otimes \mathbb{1}} e^{-ih_2\mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^z}$$

- More generally, all (non-swap)  $d = 2$  dual-unitary circuits are **maximally chaotic** [Bertini, Kos, Prosen (2021)]

( $\implies$  no MBL)

Spectral form factor:  $\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \overline{K(t)} = \begin{cases} 2t - 1, & t \leq 5 \\ 2t, & t \geq 7 \end{cases} \quad (t \text{ odd}), \quad K(t) = |\text{Tr}(U^t)|^2$



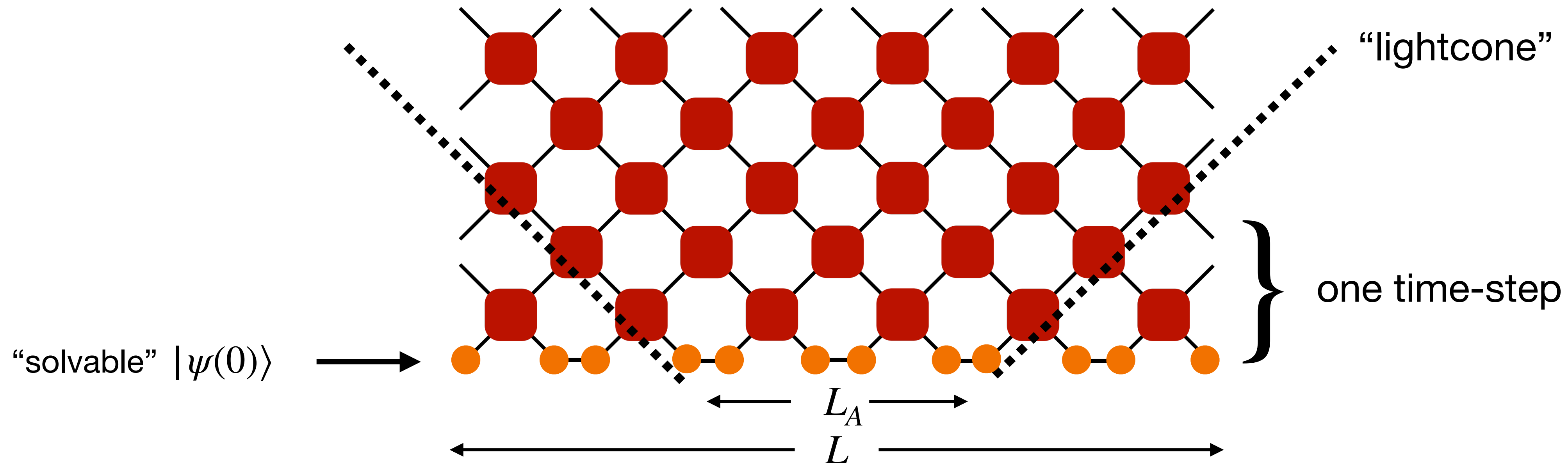
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- Dual unitary circuits  $\implies$  **fastest entanglement growth** (from certain “solvable” initial states)

[Bertini, Kos, Prosen, PRX (2019); Piroli, Bertini, Cirac, Prosen, PRB (2020)]

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} S_A^{(\alpha)}(t) = \min(2t, L_A) \log d \qquad S_A^{(\alpha)}(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \log \text{Tr}([\rho_A(t)]^\alpha)$$

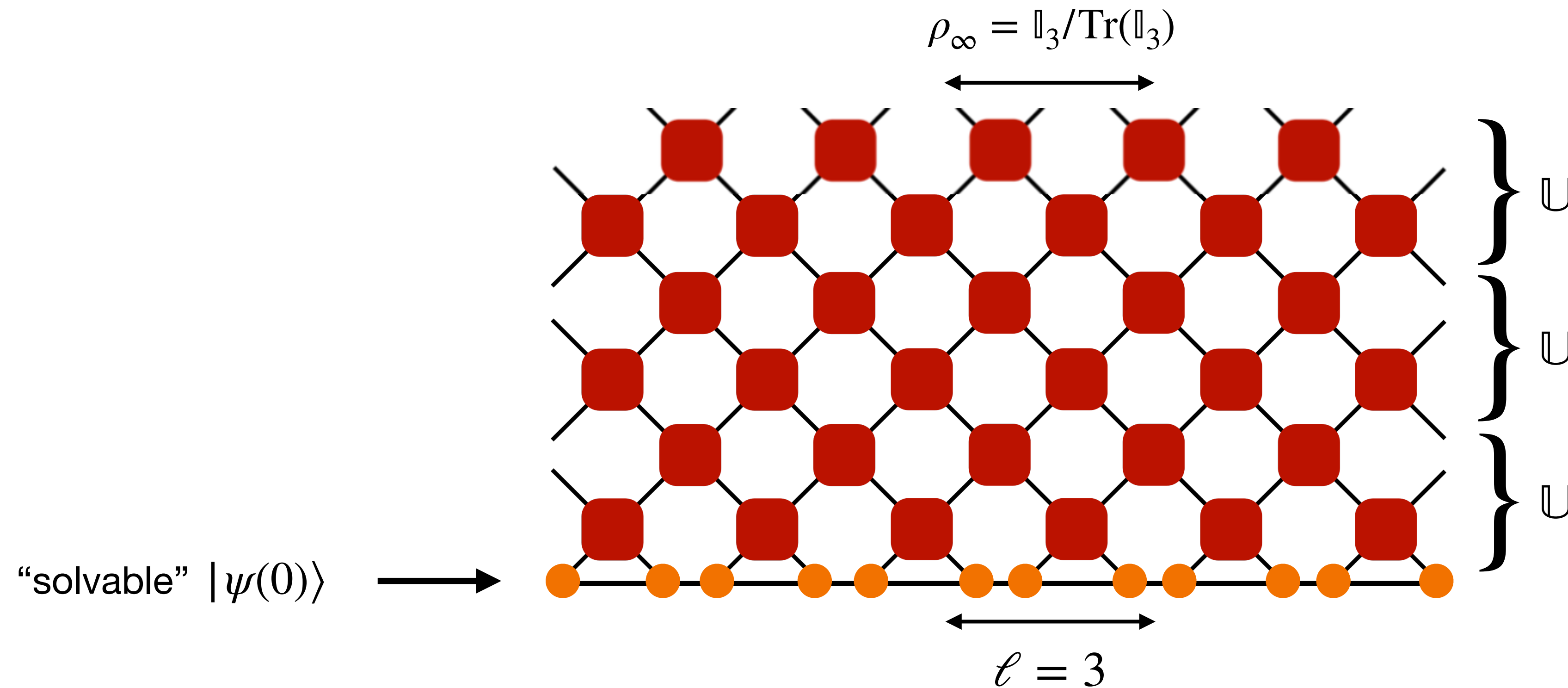
- **Fastest entanglement growth**  $\implies$  dual-unitary circuit [Zhou, Harrow (2022)]



# Exact results

- Dual unitary circuits  $\implies$  fast “thermalisation” (from “solvable” initial states)

Any subsystem of size  $\ell$  reaches the infinite-temperature state  $\rho_\infty = \mathbb{I}_\ell / \text{Tr}(\mathbb{I}_\ell)$  after a finite time  $t \propto \ell$

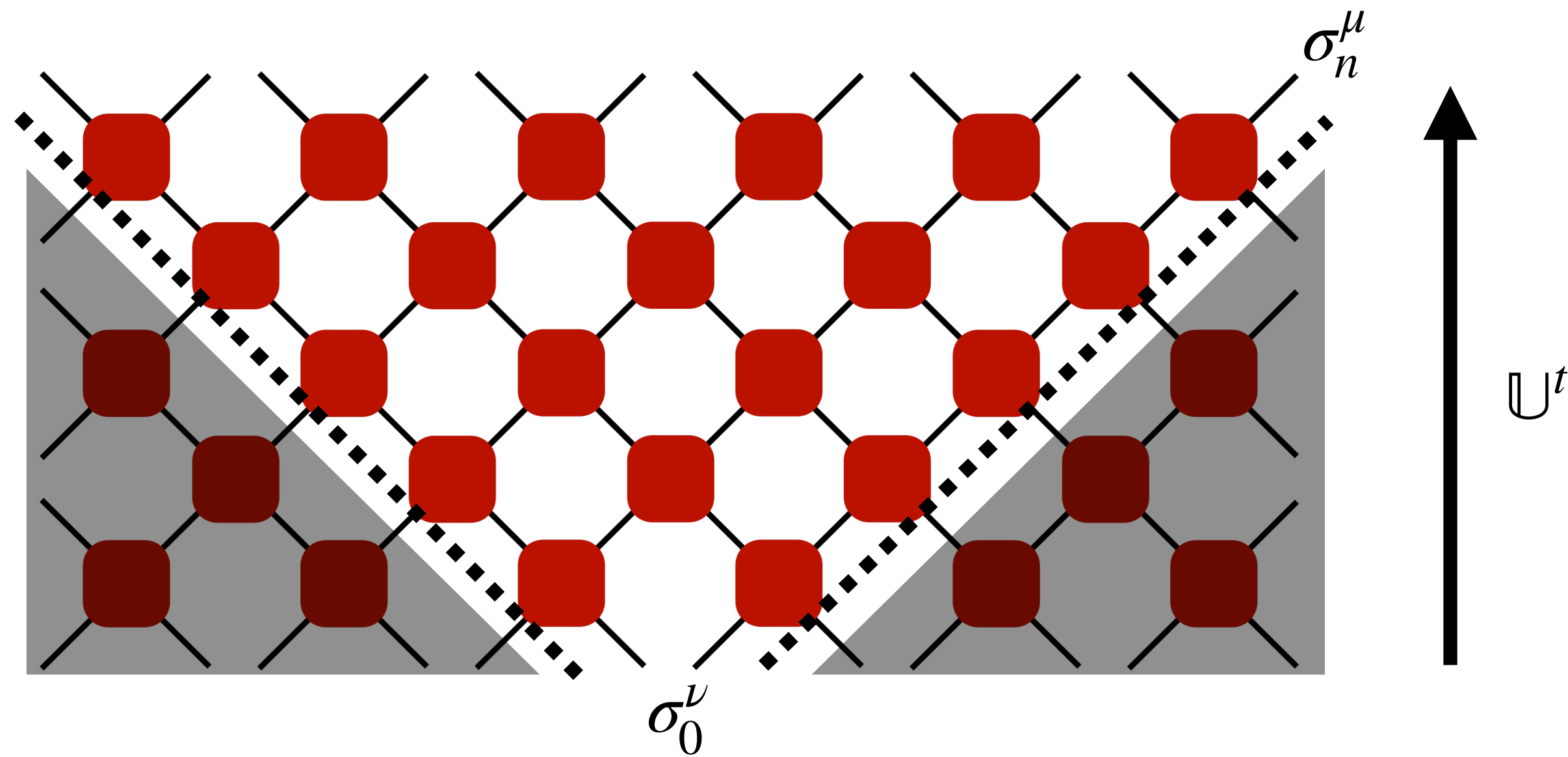


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- Dual unitary circuits  $\implies$  fastest spreading of dynamical correlations

$$C_n(t) = \frac{1}{d^L} \text{Tr}[\mathbb{U}^{-t} \sigma_n^\mu \mathbb{U}^t \sigma_0^\nu] \propto \delta_{n,\pm t} \quad [\text{Bertini, Kos, Prosen, PRL (2019)}]$$

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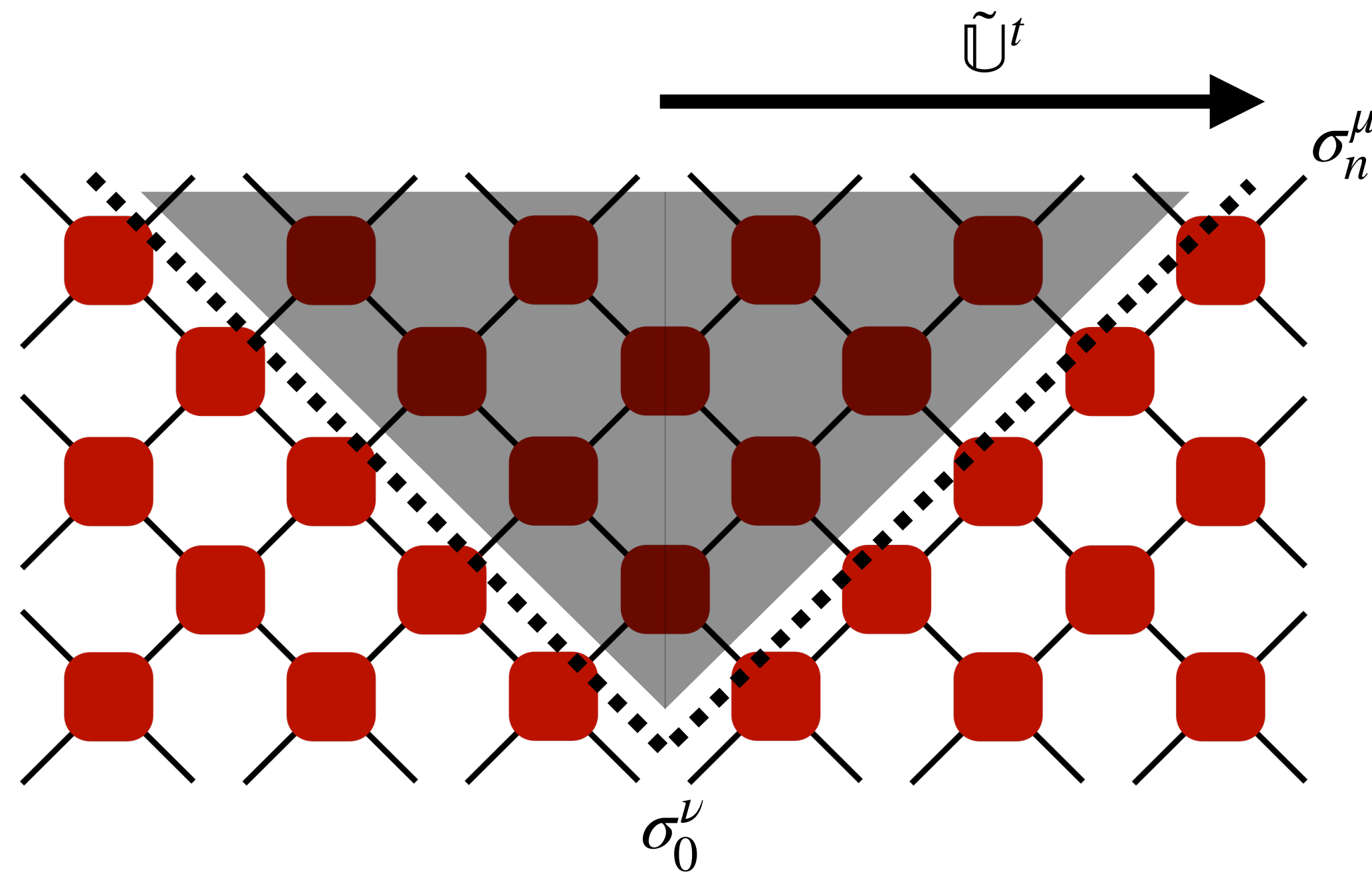


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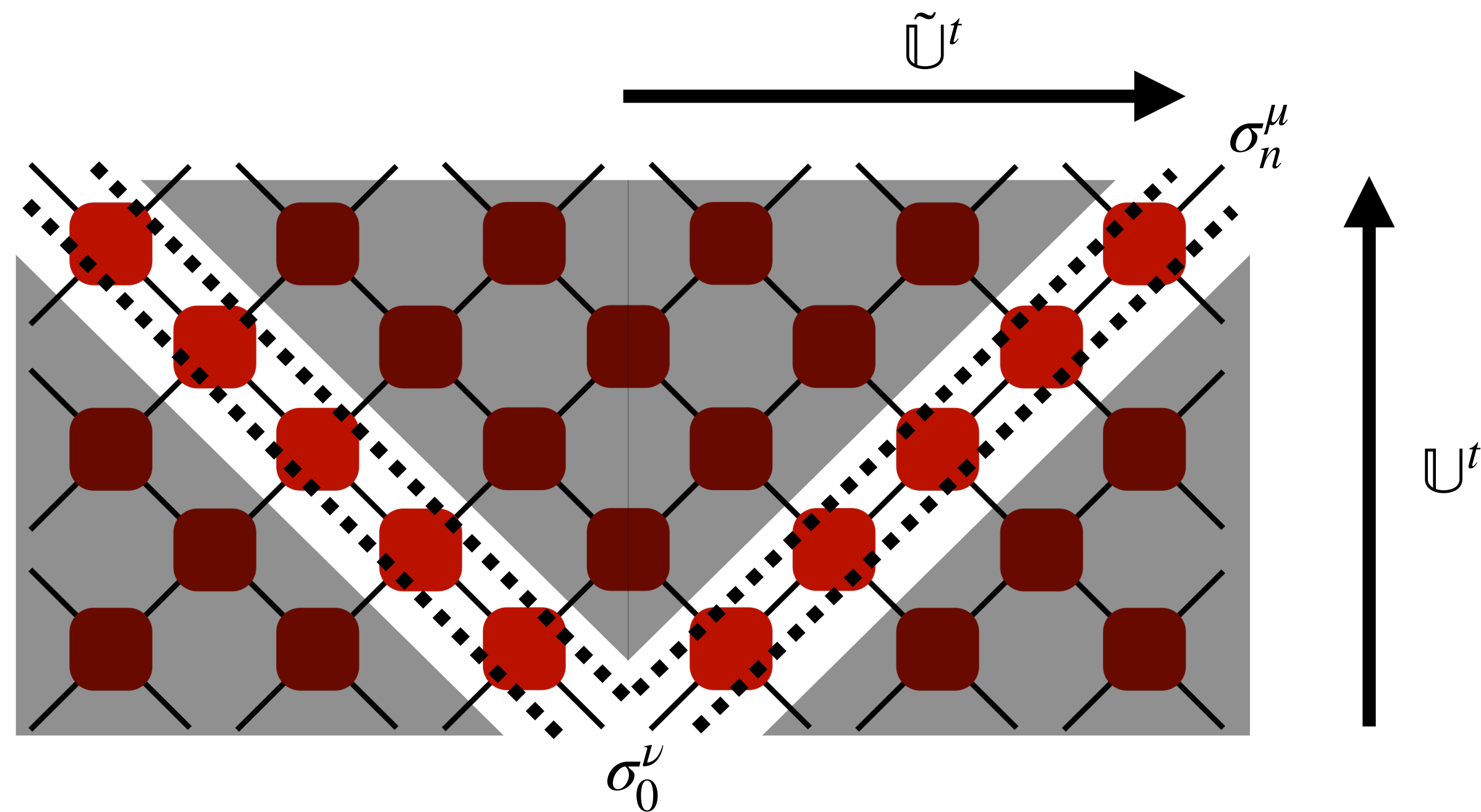


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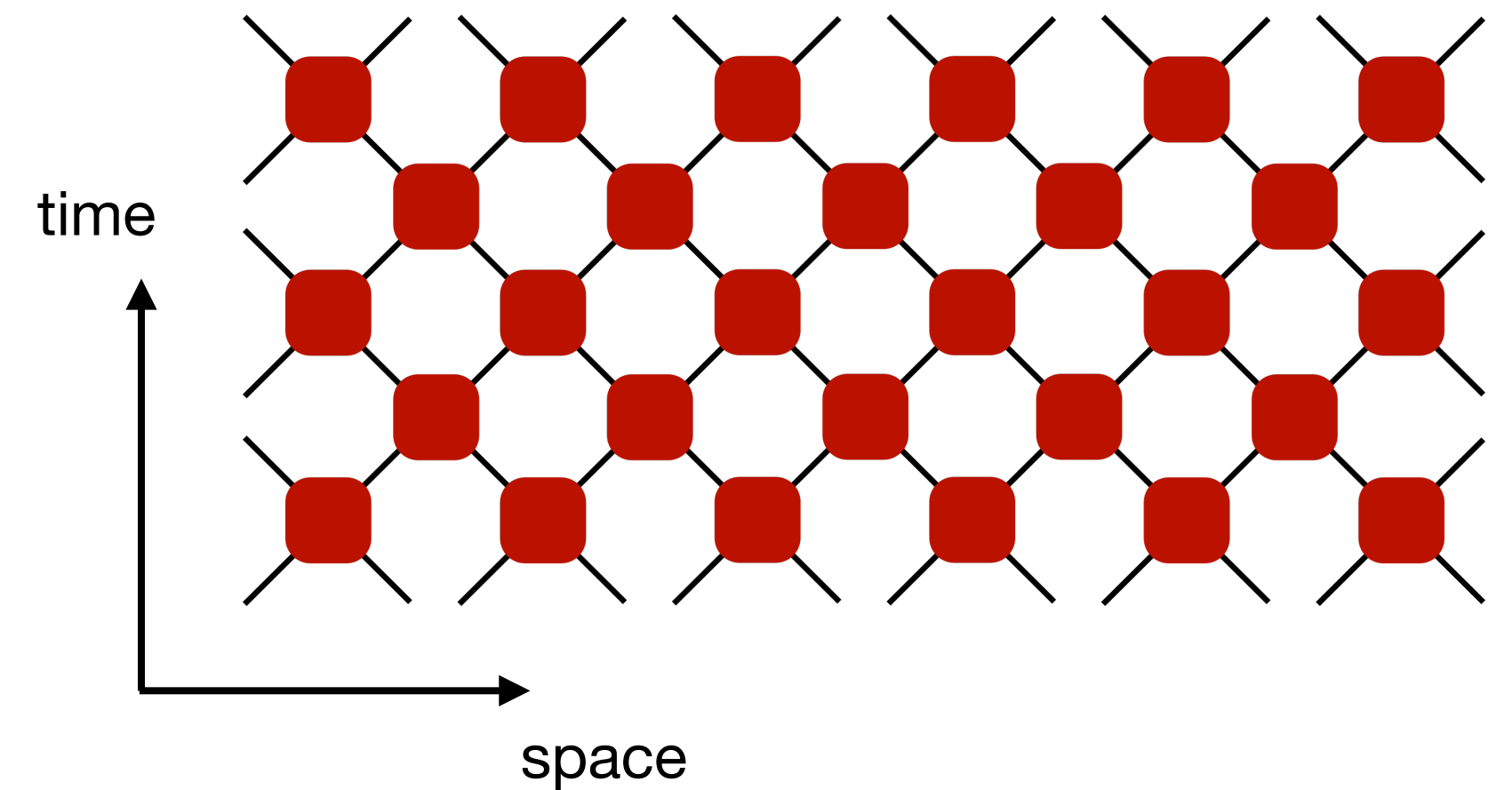
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- Exact value of  $C_n(t)$  on the lightcone also calculated  $\rightarrow$  used to group DU circuits into ergodic classes

# Recap on dual-unitary circuits...

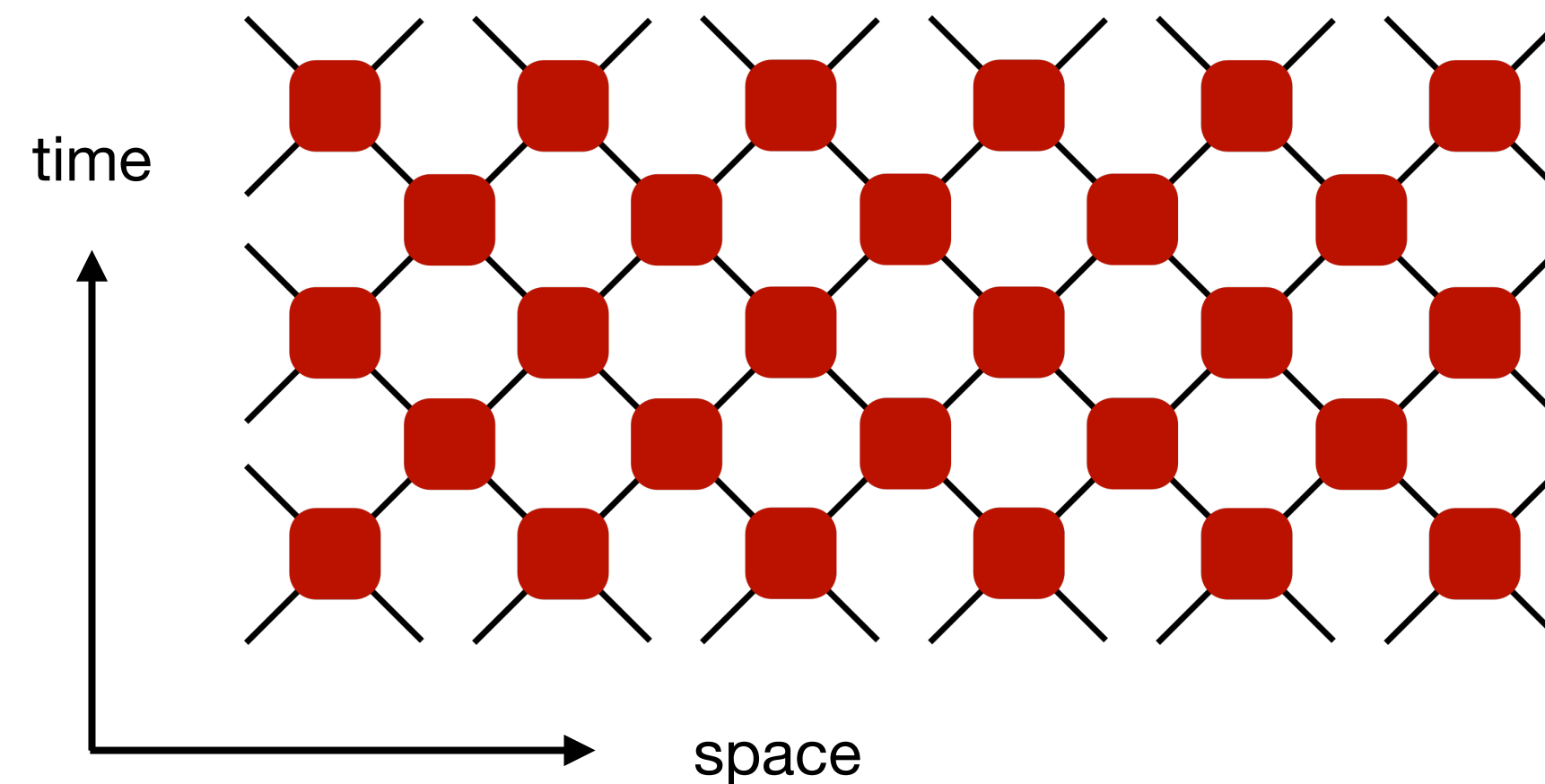
- DU circuits are unitary in both spatial and temporal directions
- This property makes it possible to do some exact calculations (despite nonintegrability), e.g.,
  - “Maximally chaotic”
  - Fast scramblers of quantum information
  - Fast entanglers (from “solvable” initial states)
  - Rapid thermalisation (from “solvable” initial states)
  - No many-body localisation (MBL) through disorder
  - Rigorous classification in terms of ergodic/mixing properties (through dynamical correlation functions)
- All exact results seem to suggest that DU circuits are **very effective thermalising systems**
- Question: **is it possible to *avoid* thermalisation in “maximally chaotic” dual unitary circuits?**
- This talk: yes, through **quantum many-body scars** (QMBS)



### **3. Embedding QMBS in DU circuits**

# QMBS in DU a circuit?

- Can we have QMBS in a DU circuit that is **provably “maximally chaotic”**?
- Setting: Circuit of  $N$  qudits (labelled  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$ ), local basis  $\{ |j\rangle \}_{j=0}^{d-1}$
- Strategy:
  1. Construct a parameterisation for dual-unitary circuits  
[will find one specified by a set of  $d \times d$  Hermitian matrices  $\{\hat{f}^\pm, \hat{g}^\pm, \hat{h}^{(j)}\}_{j=0}^{d-1}$ ]
  2. “Embed” quantum many-body scars (without breaking dual-unitarity)  
[via three conditions C1, C2, C3 on the matrices  $\{\hat{f}^\pm, \hat{g}^\pm, \hat{h}^{(j)}\}$ ]  
[construction inspired by Shiraishi & Mori, PRL, 119, 030601, (2017)]



# Dual-unitary parameterisation

- Two-qudit gates:

$$\hat{U}^{\text{DU},1} = (\hat{u}^+ \otimes \hat{u}^-) \hat{S} \hat{V} (\hat{v}^- \otimes \hat{v}^+)$$

$$\hat{U}^{\text{DU},2} = \hat{S} \hat{U}^{\text{DU},1} \hat{S}$$

[Prosen, 2021]

## Single qudit rotations

$$\hat{u}^+ \otimes \hat{u}^- = \exp\{i(\hat{f}^+ \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{f}^-)\}$$

$$\hat{v}^- \otimes \hat{v}^+ = \exp\{i(\hat{g}^- \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{g}^+)\}$$

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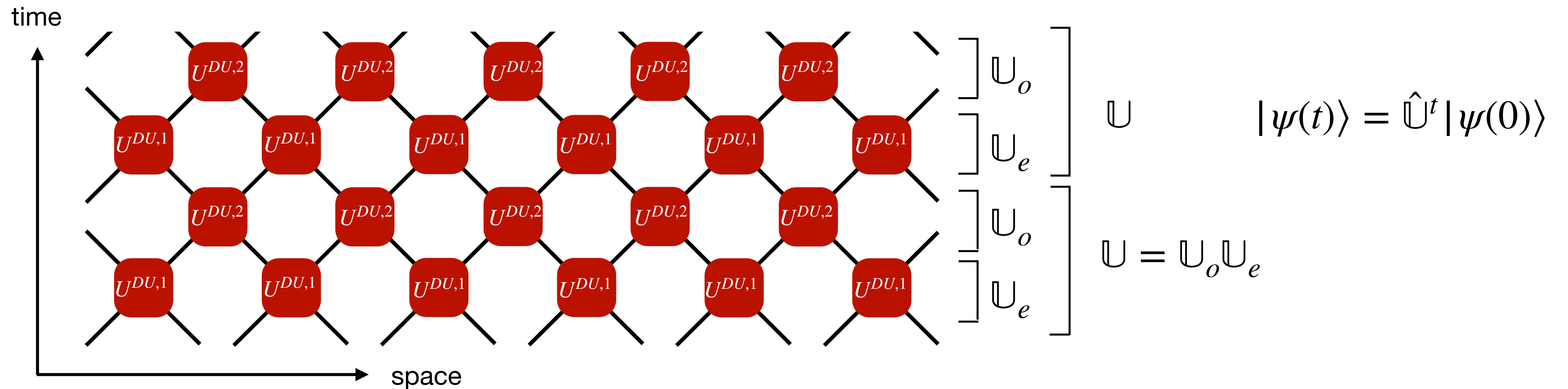
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- Circuit specified by:  $\{\hat{f}^\pm, \hat{g}^\pm, \hat{h}^{(j)}\}$

# Embedding QMBS in dual-unitary circuits

- Next...
  - Construct a set of two-qudit projectors:  $\hat{P}_{n,n+1} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$
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  - The subspace of  $\mathcal{K}$  that is invariant under layers of swap gates =

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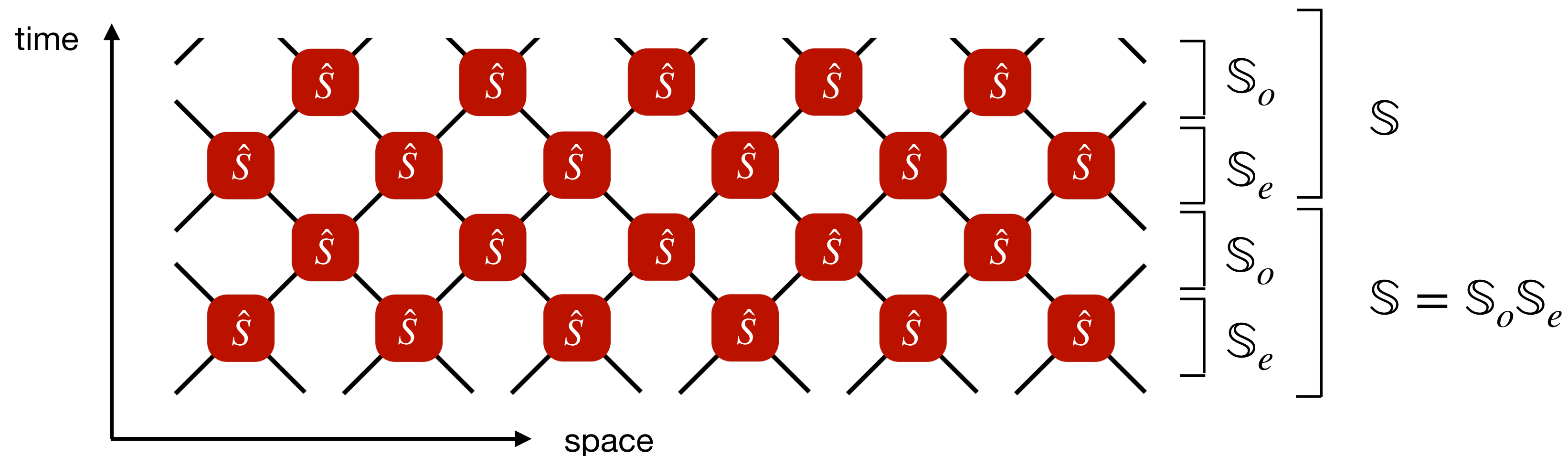


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- To embed as QMBS: impose three conditions on  $\{\hat{f}^\pm, \hat{g}^\pm, \hat{h}^{(j)}\}$ :

$$\text{C1:} \quad \hat{P}(\hat{f}^+ \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{f}^-) \hat{P} = \hat{f}^+ \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{f}^- \quad \implies \hat{u}^+ \otimes \hat{u}^- |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle, \quad |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{K}$$

$$\text{C2:} \quad \hat{P}(\hat{g}^- \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{g}^+) \hat{P} = \hat{g}^- \otimes \hat{\mathbb{I}} + \hat{\mathbb{I}} \otimes \hat{g}^+ \quad \implies \hat{v}^- \otimes \hat{v}^+ |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle, \quad |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{K}$$

$$\text{C3:} \quad \hat{P} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \hat{h}^{(j)} \otimes |j\rangle\langle j| \right) \hat{P} = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \hat{h}^{(j)} \otimes |j\rangle\langle j| \quad \implies \hat{V} |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle, \quad |\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{K}$$

- Outcome:
  - Initial states  $|\psi(0)\rangle \in \mathcal{T}$  evolve by the elementary swap circuit  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{U}^t |\psi(0)\rangle = \hat{S}^t |\psi(0)\rangle$
  - Initial states  $|\psi(0)\rangle \in \mathcal{T}^\perp$  evolve by a more complicated (chaotic) dynamics  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{U}^t |\psi(0)\rangle$

## Example A: single QMBS

- Projectors:  $\hat{P}_{n,n+1} = \hat{\mathbb{I}}_{n,n+1} - |0\rangle\langle 0|_n \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_{n+1}$
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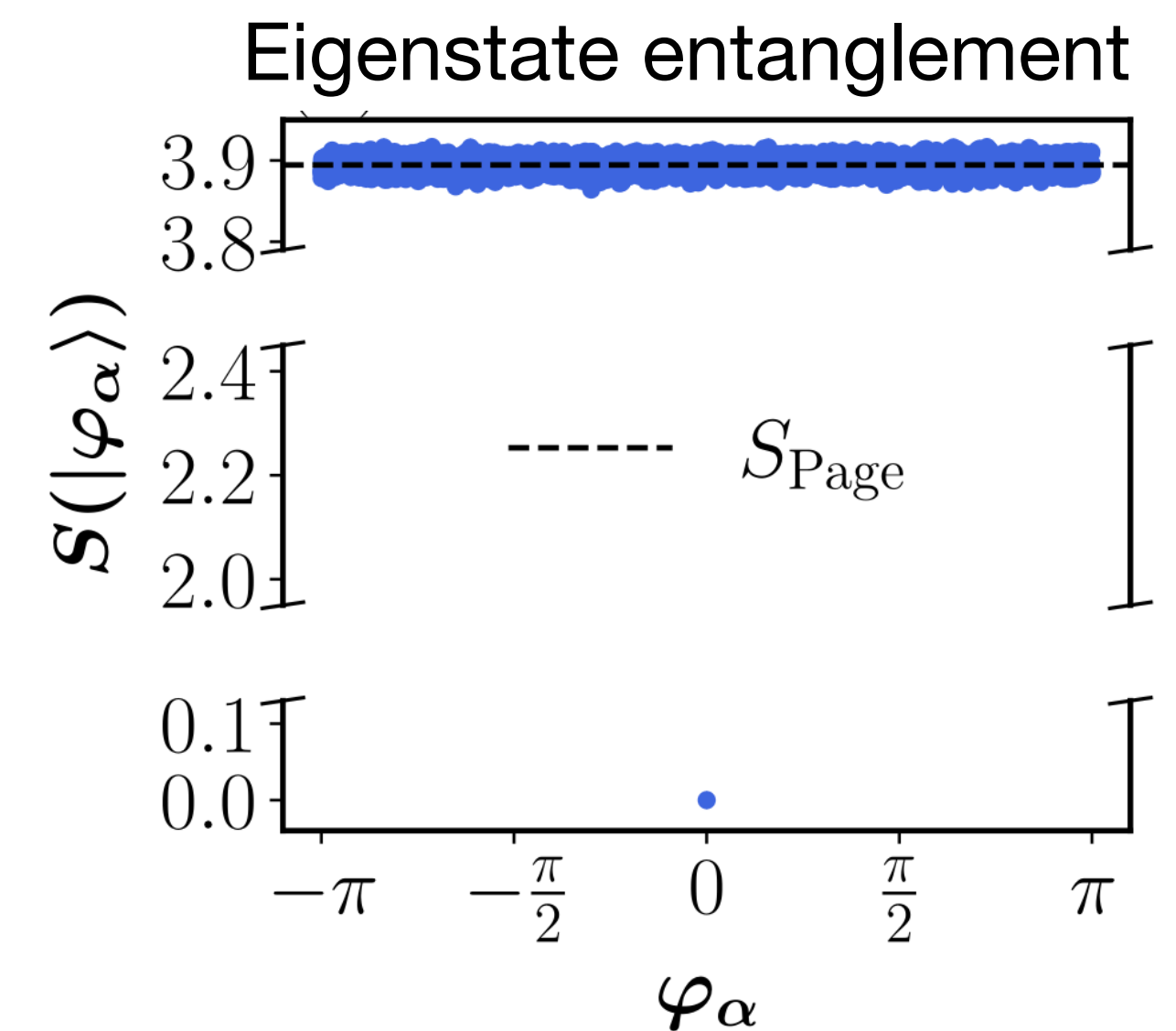
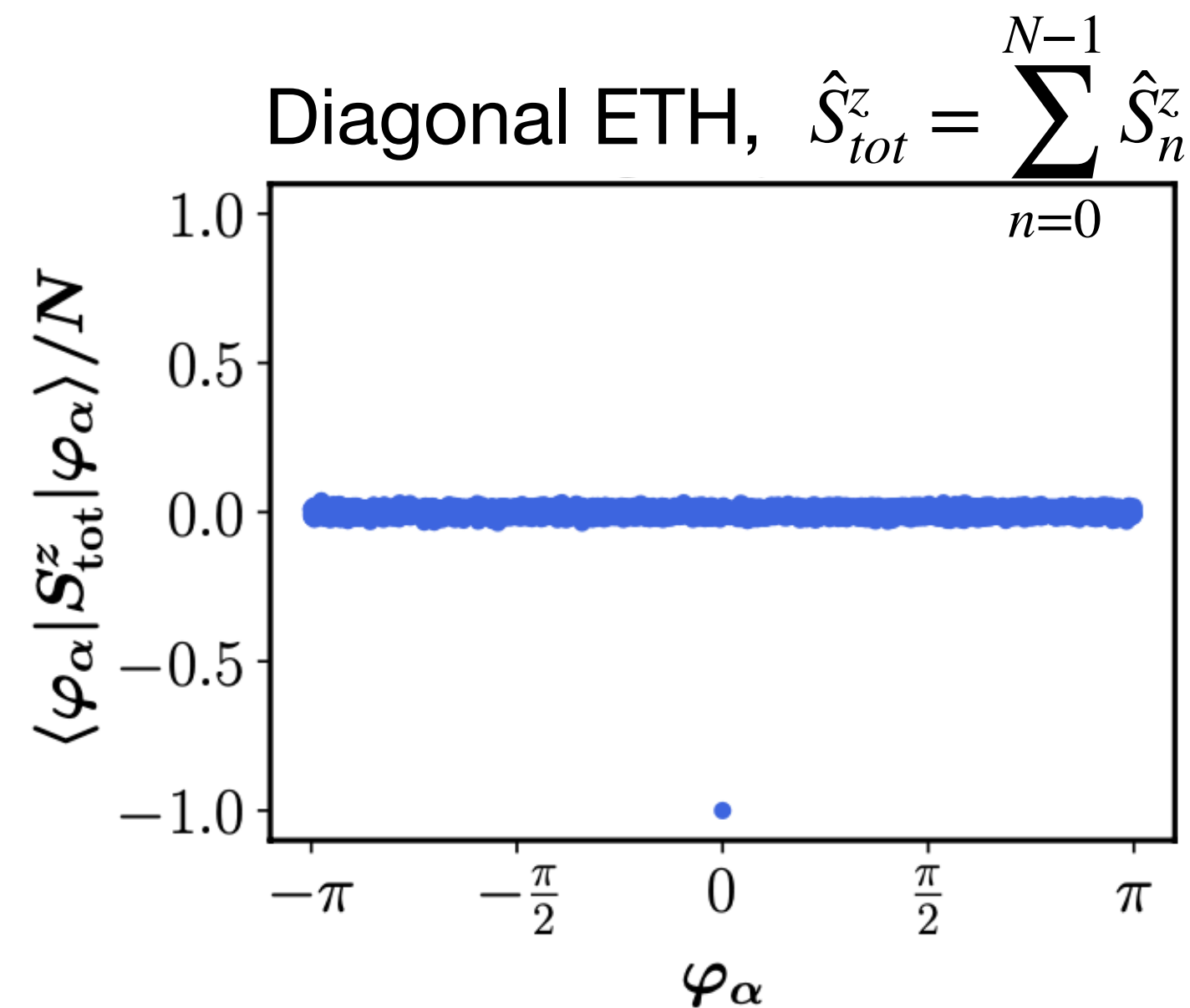
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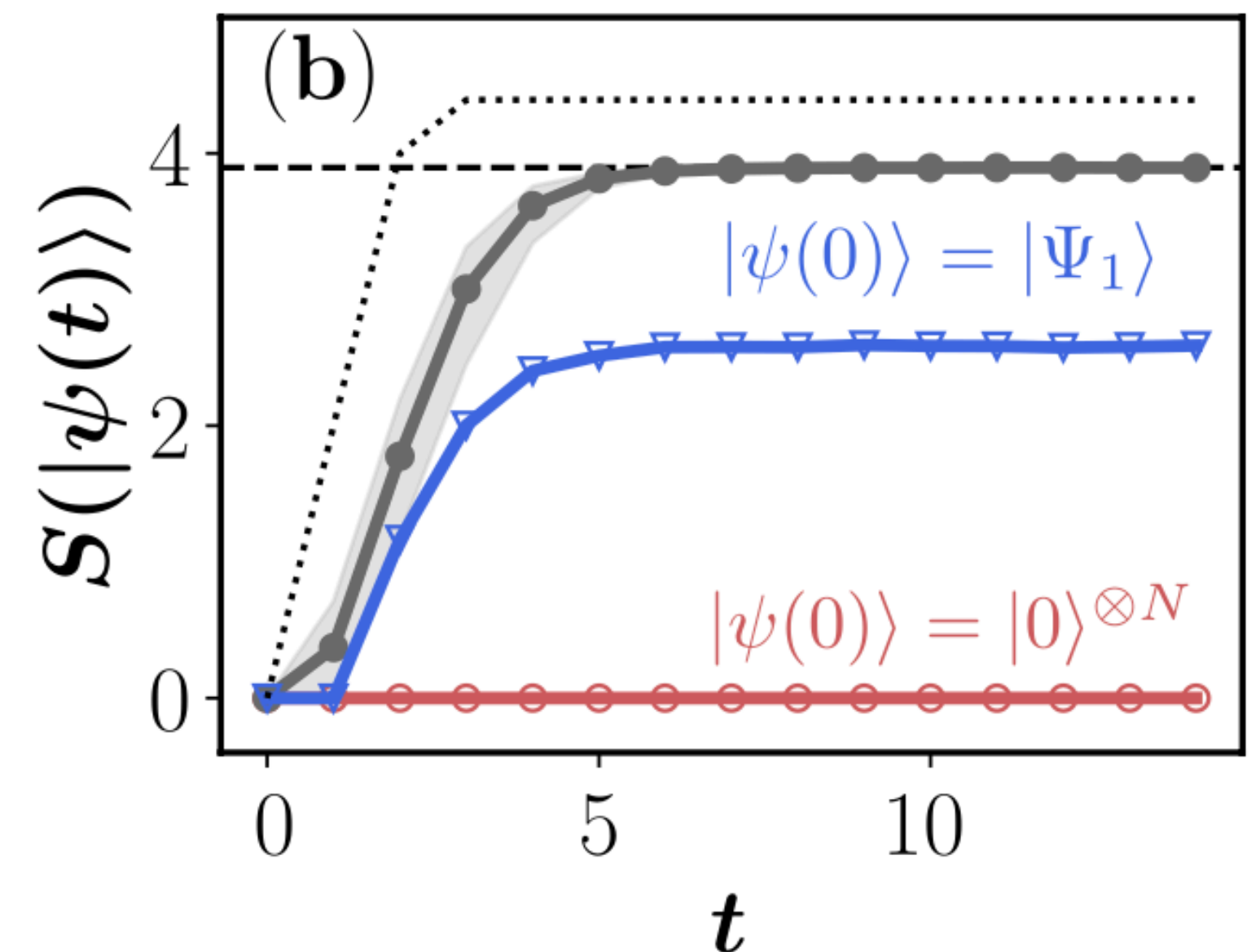
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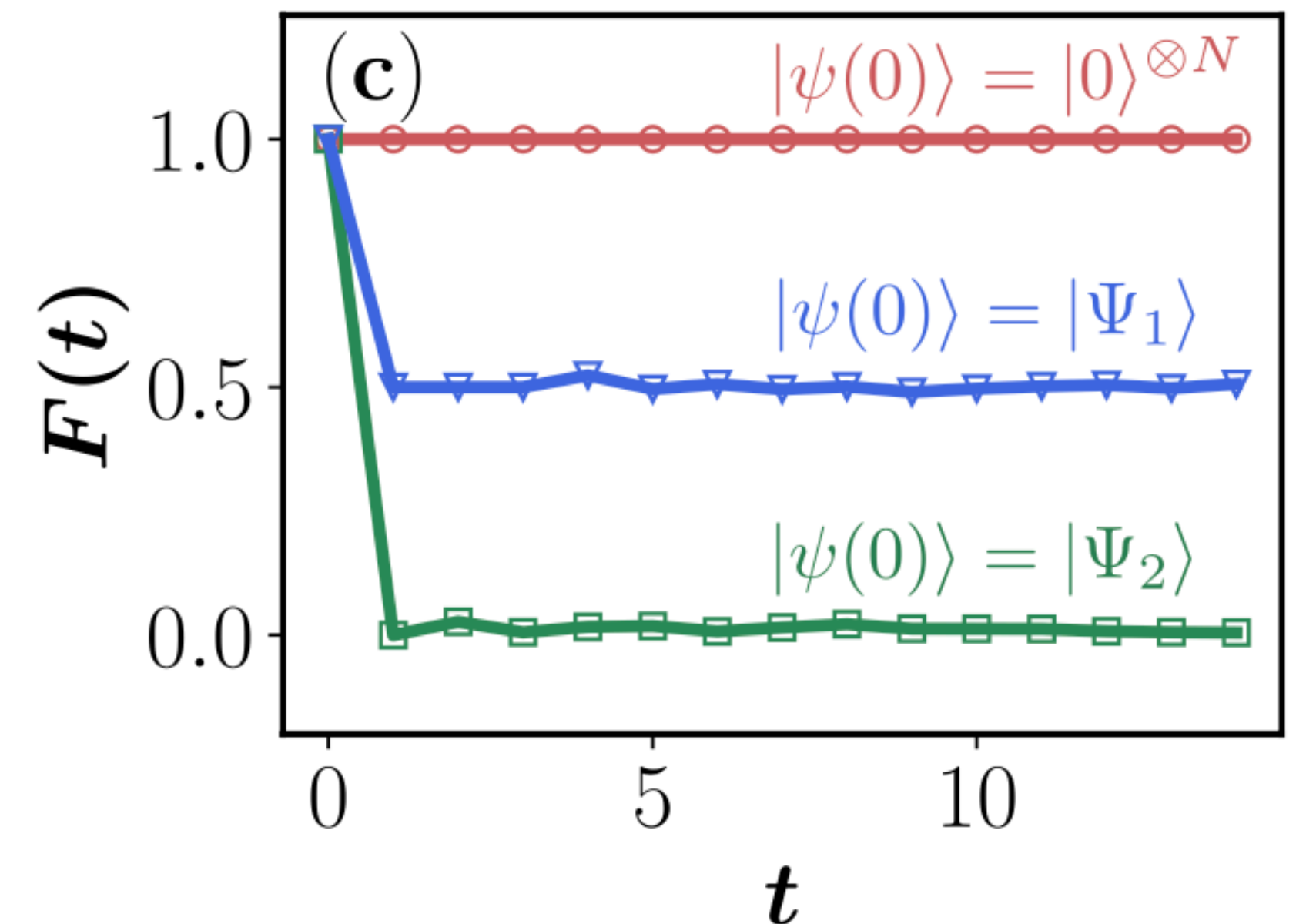
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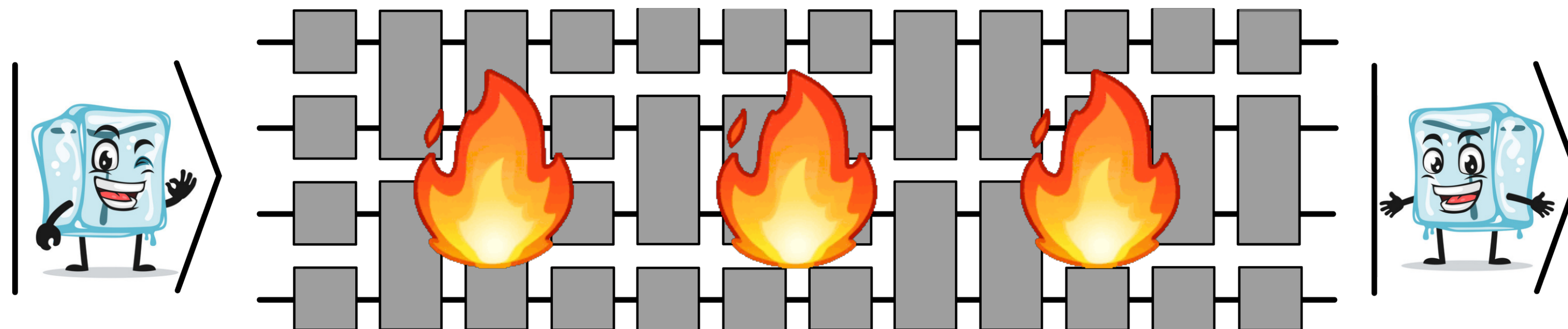
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# Summary

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  - Fast scramblers of quantum information
  - No many-body localisation (MBL) through disorder
  - Fast entanglers (from “solvable” initial states)
- *Provably* chaotic
- Despite this we can find **simple initial states that fail to thermalise** in such systems
  - Achieved by embedding **QMBS** [Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 010401 (2024)]







**Additional slides**

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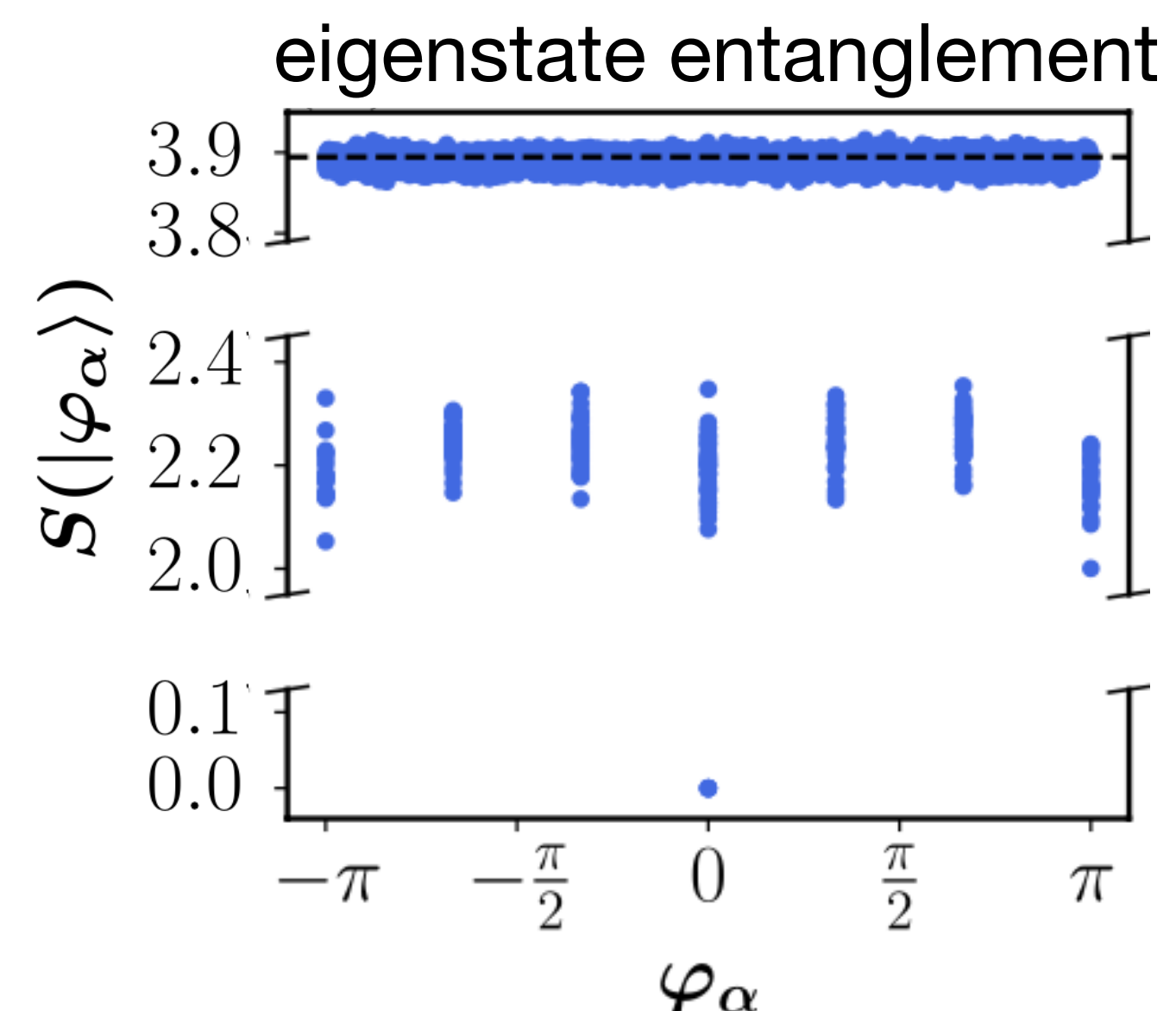
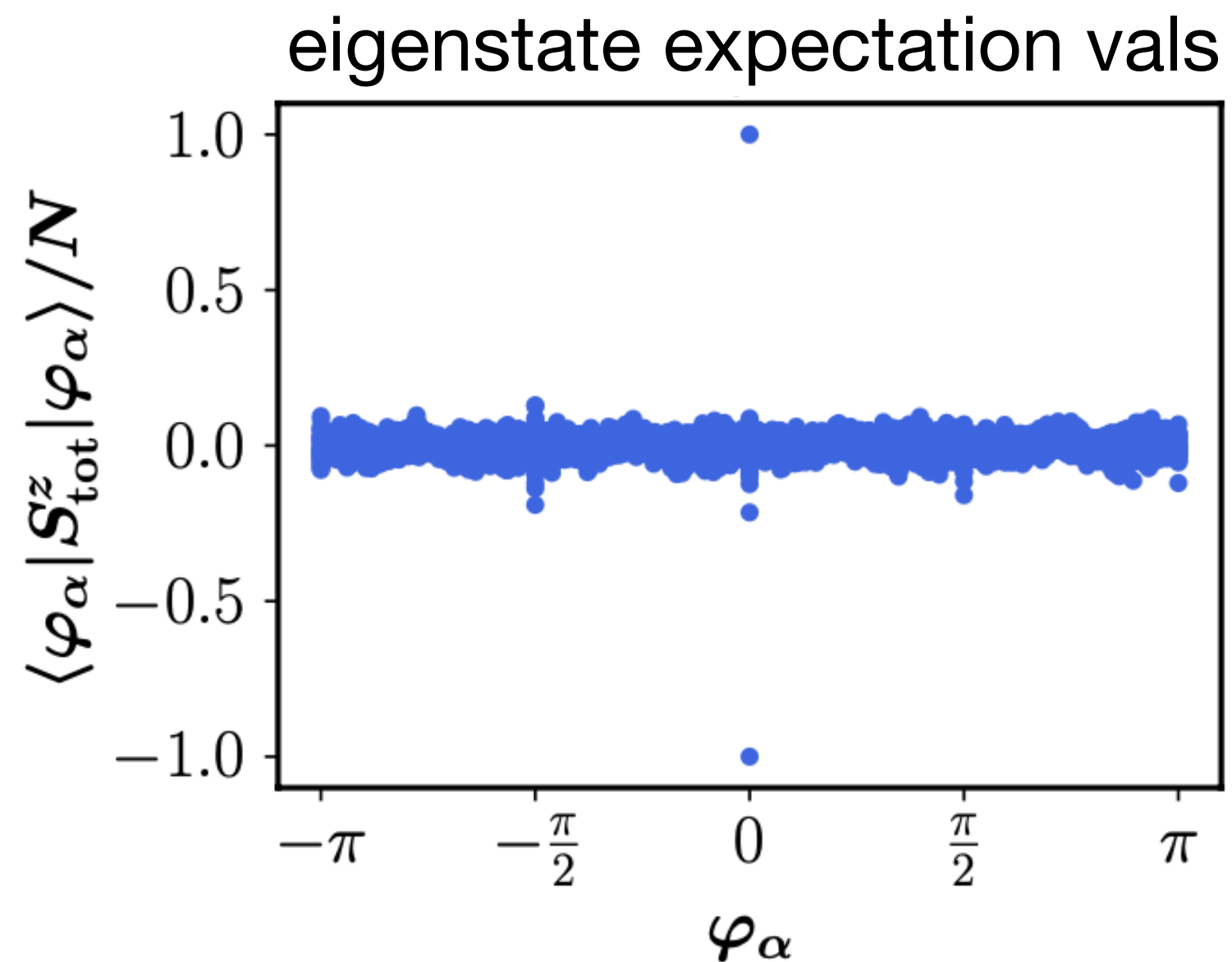
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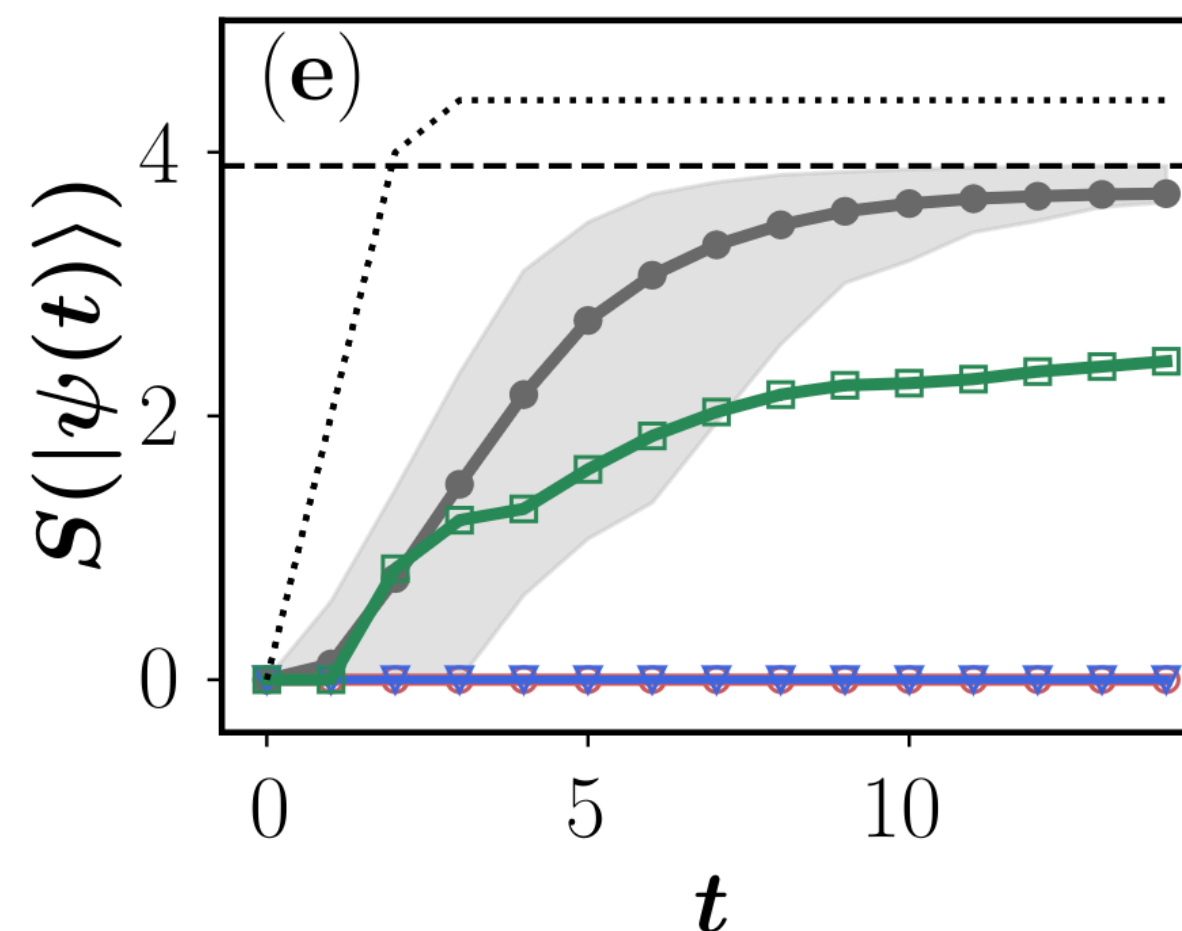
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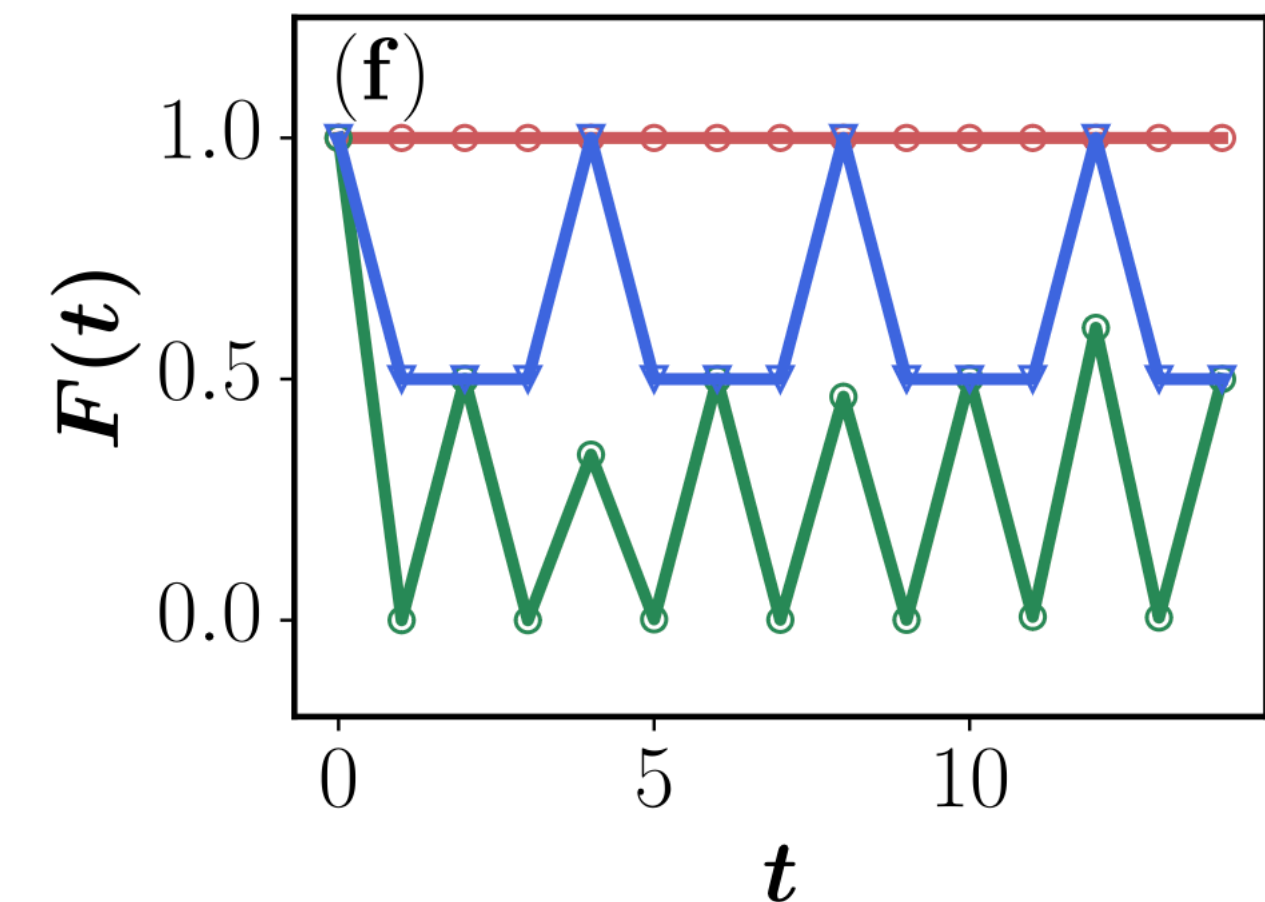
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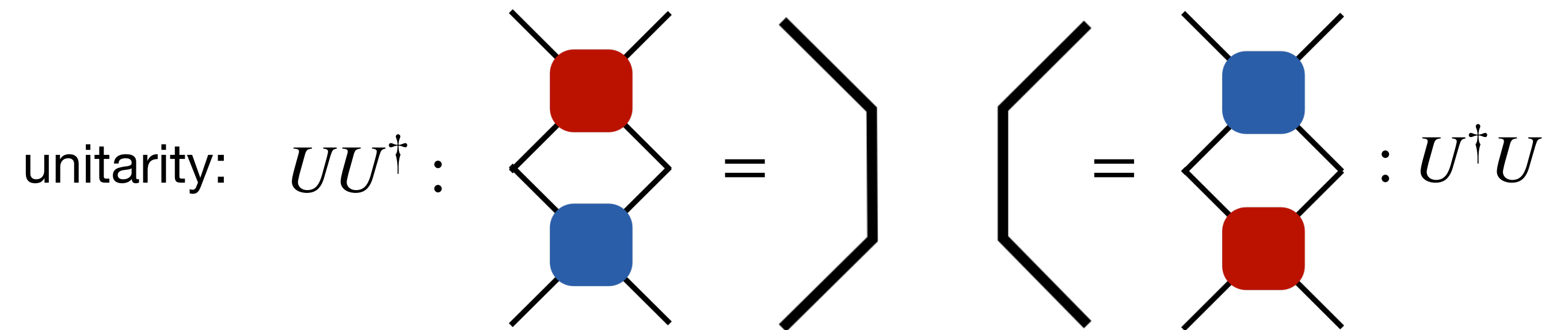
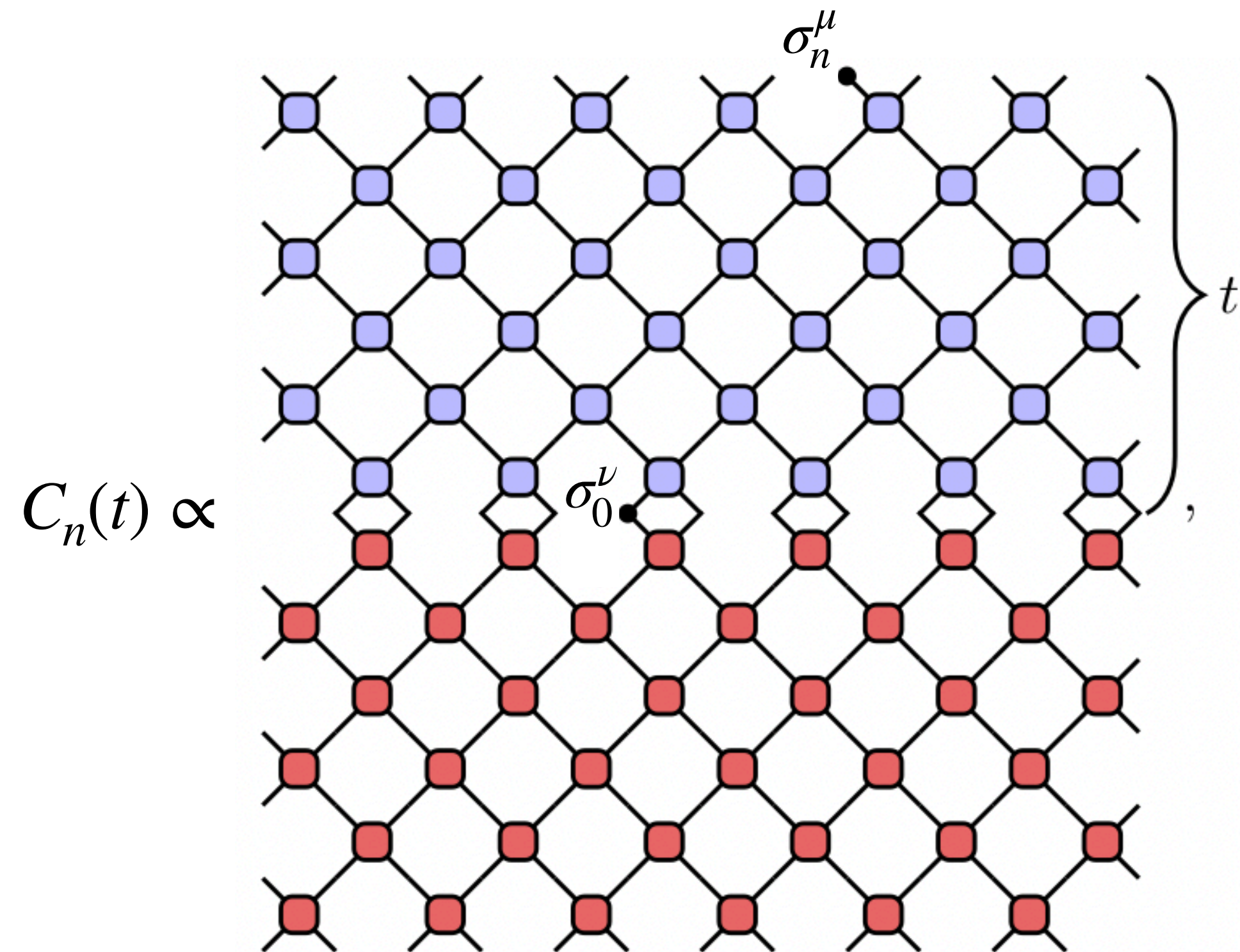
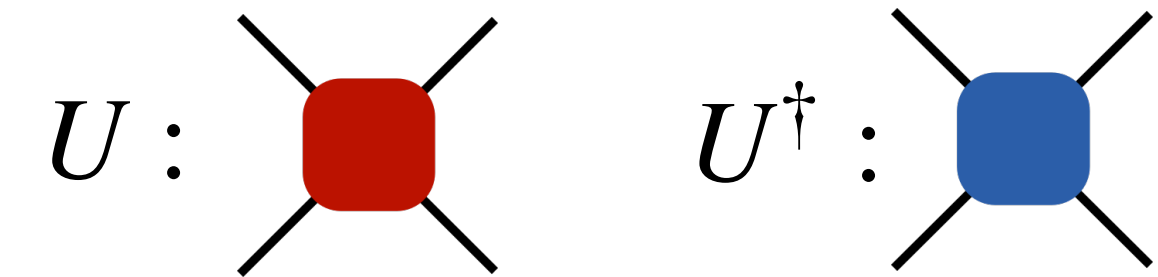


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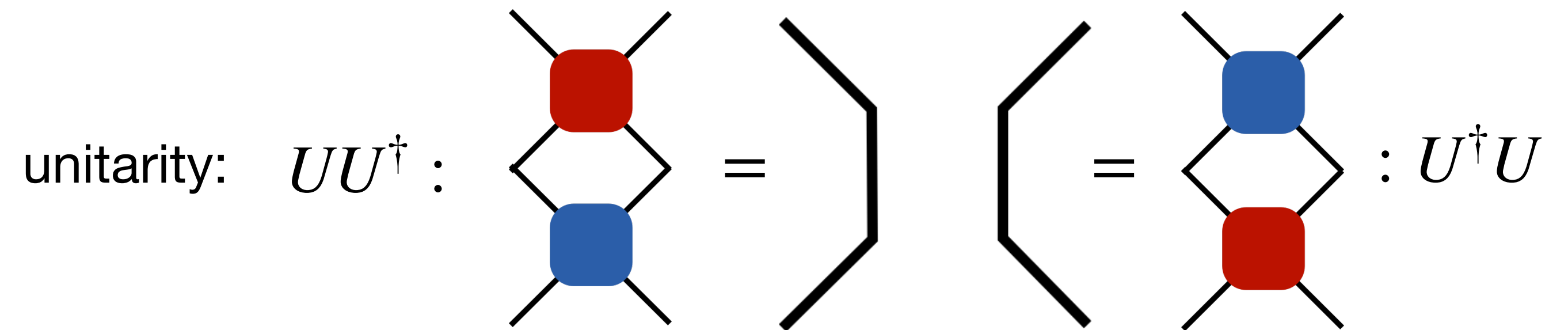
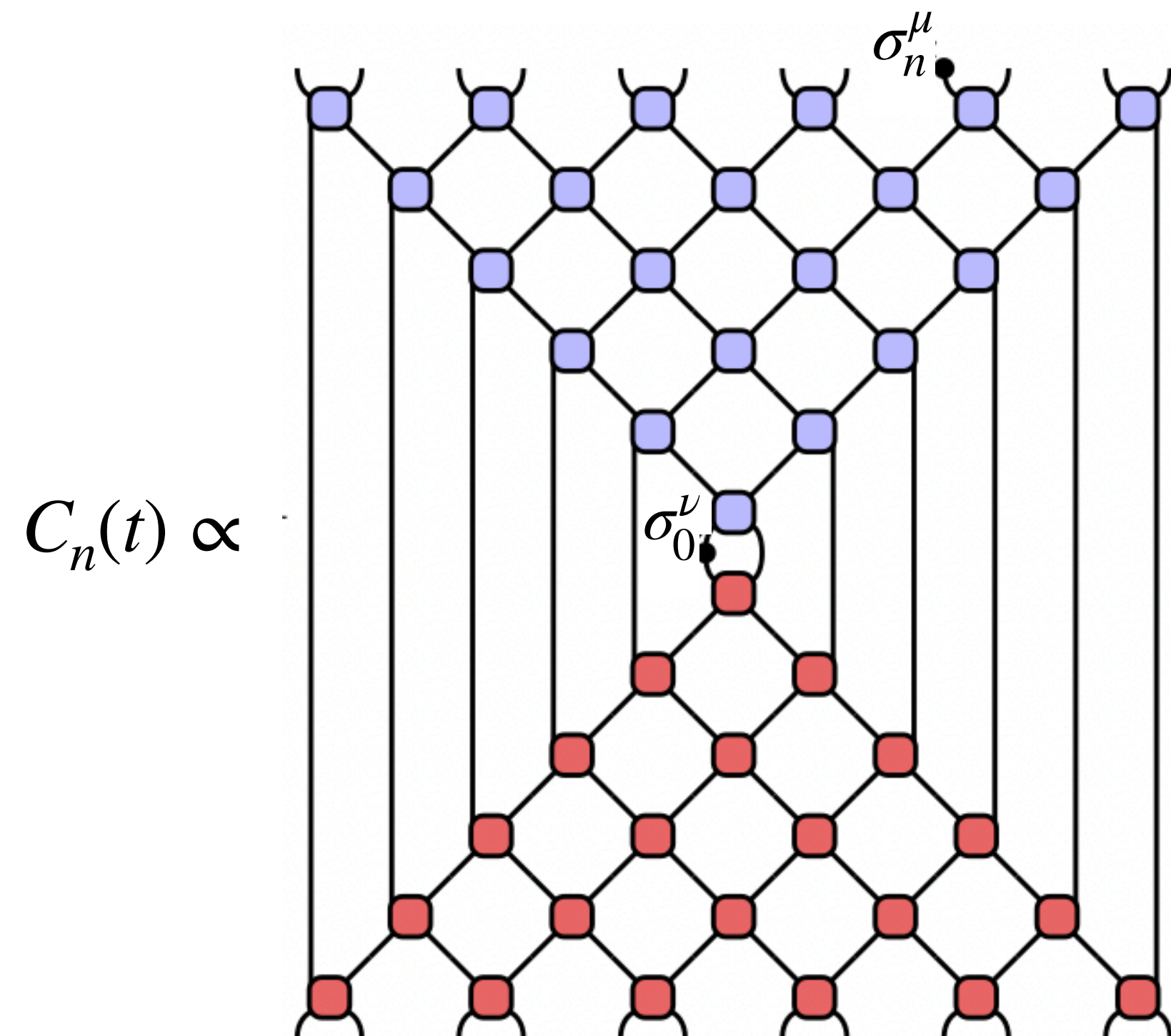
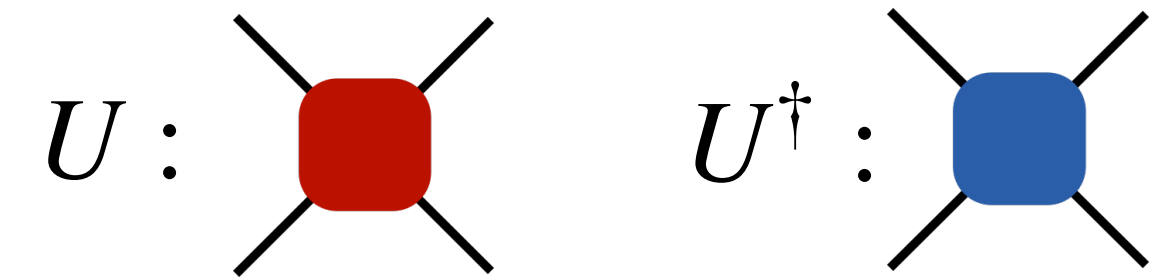


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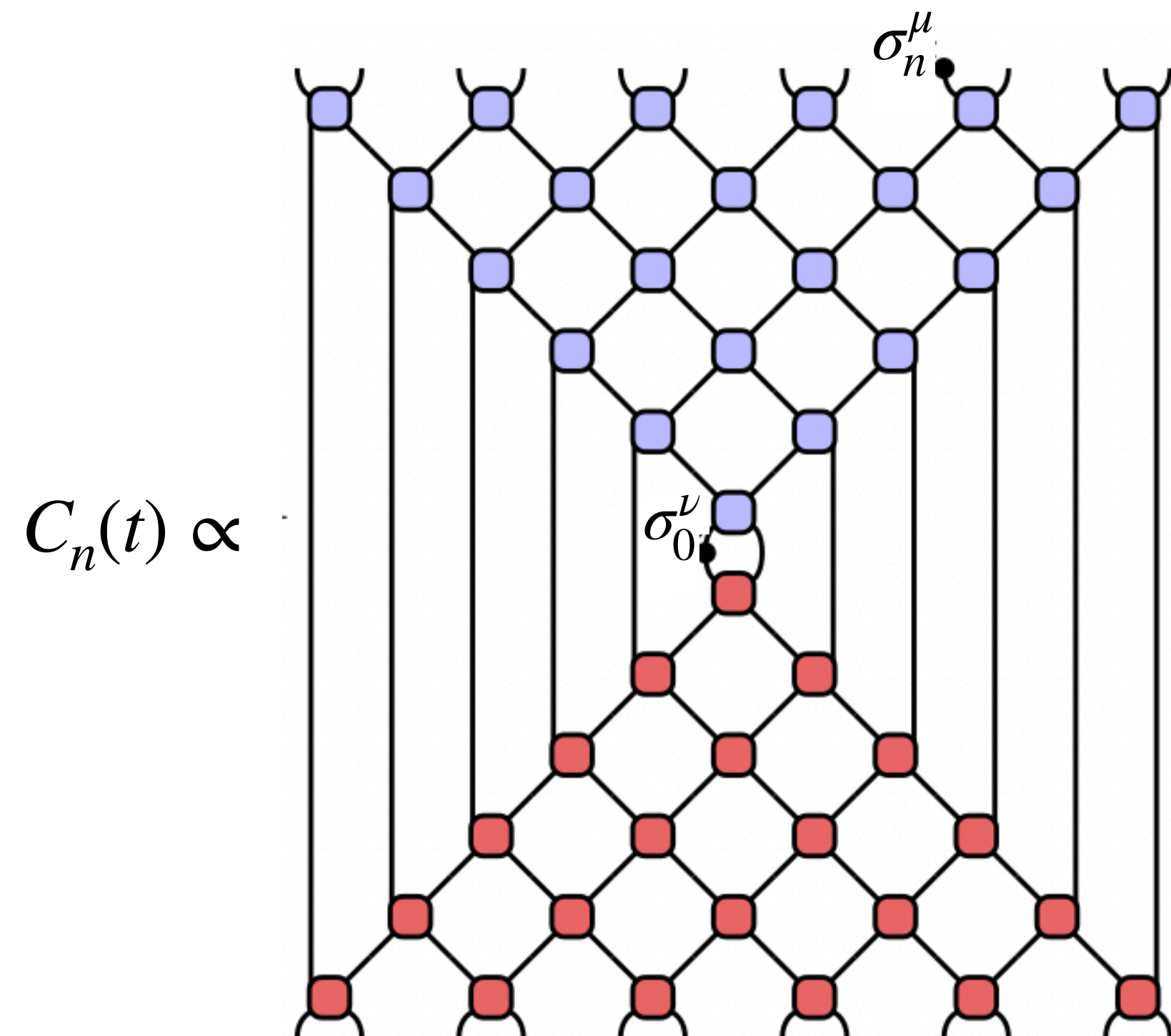


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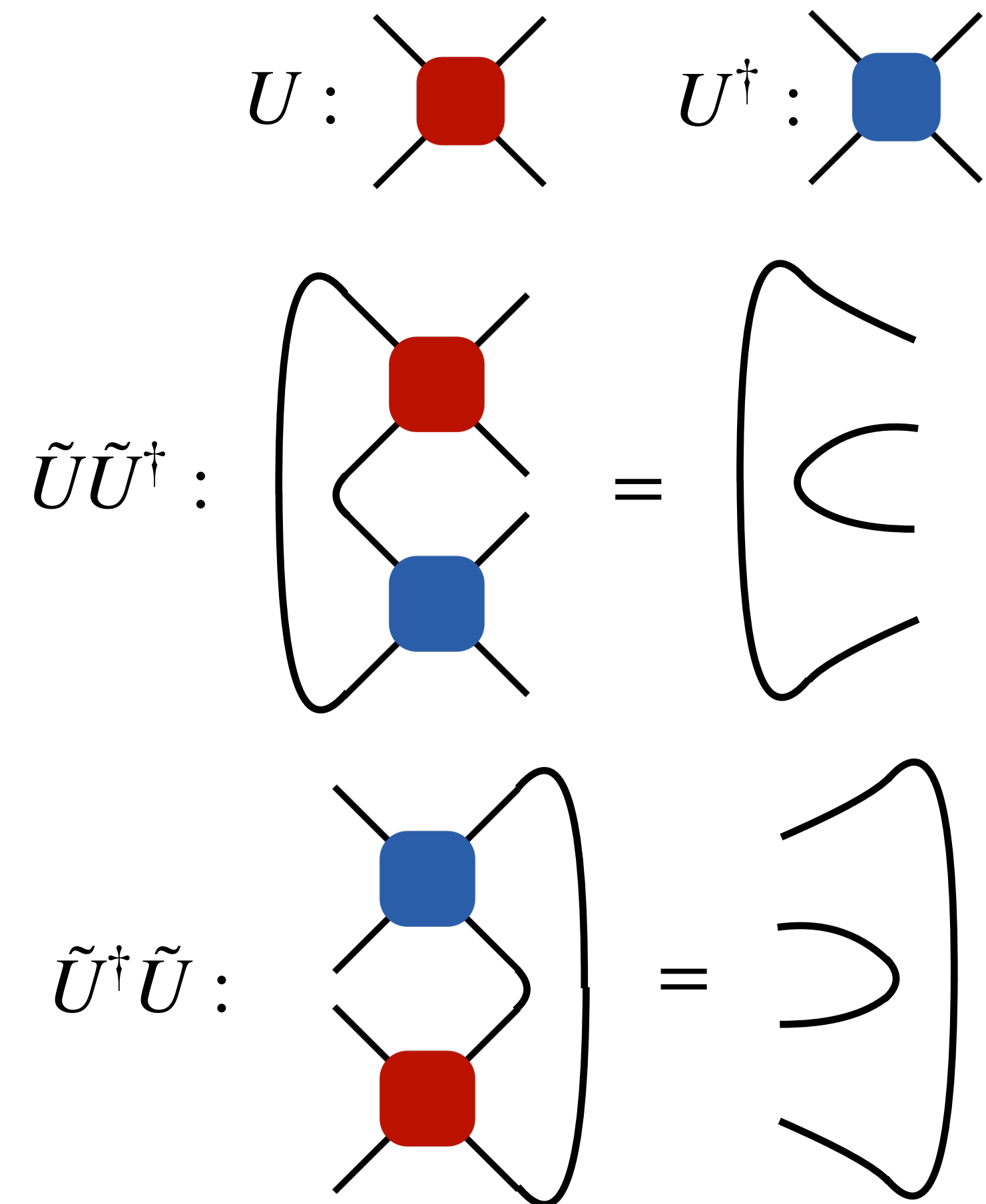
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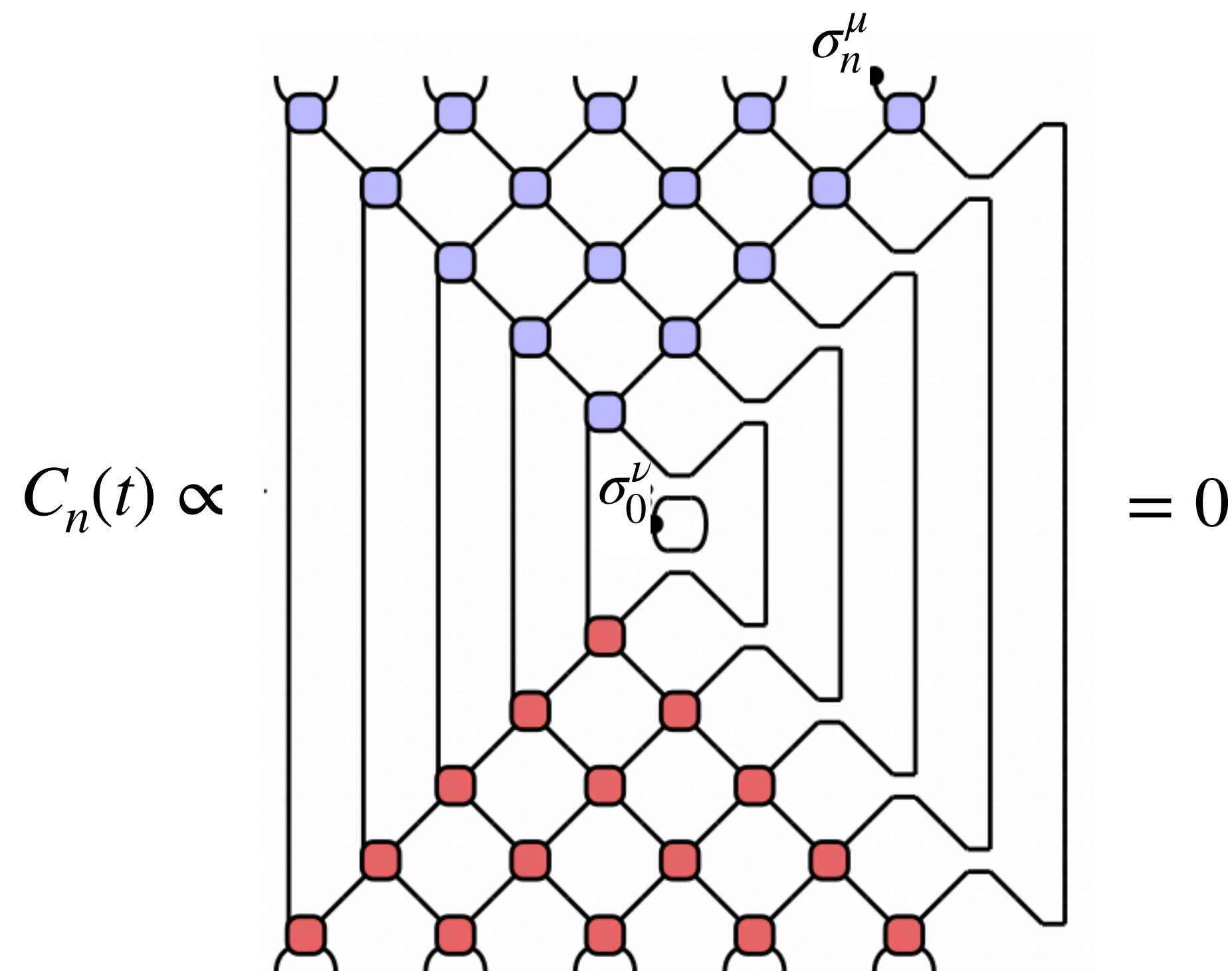


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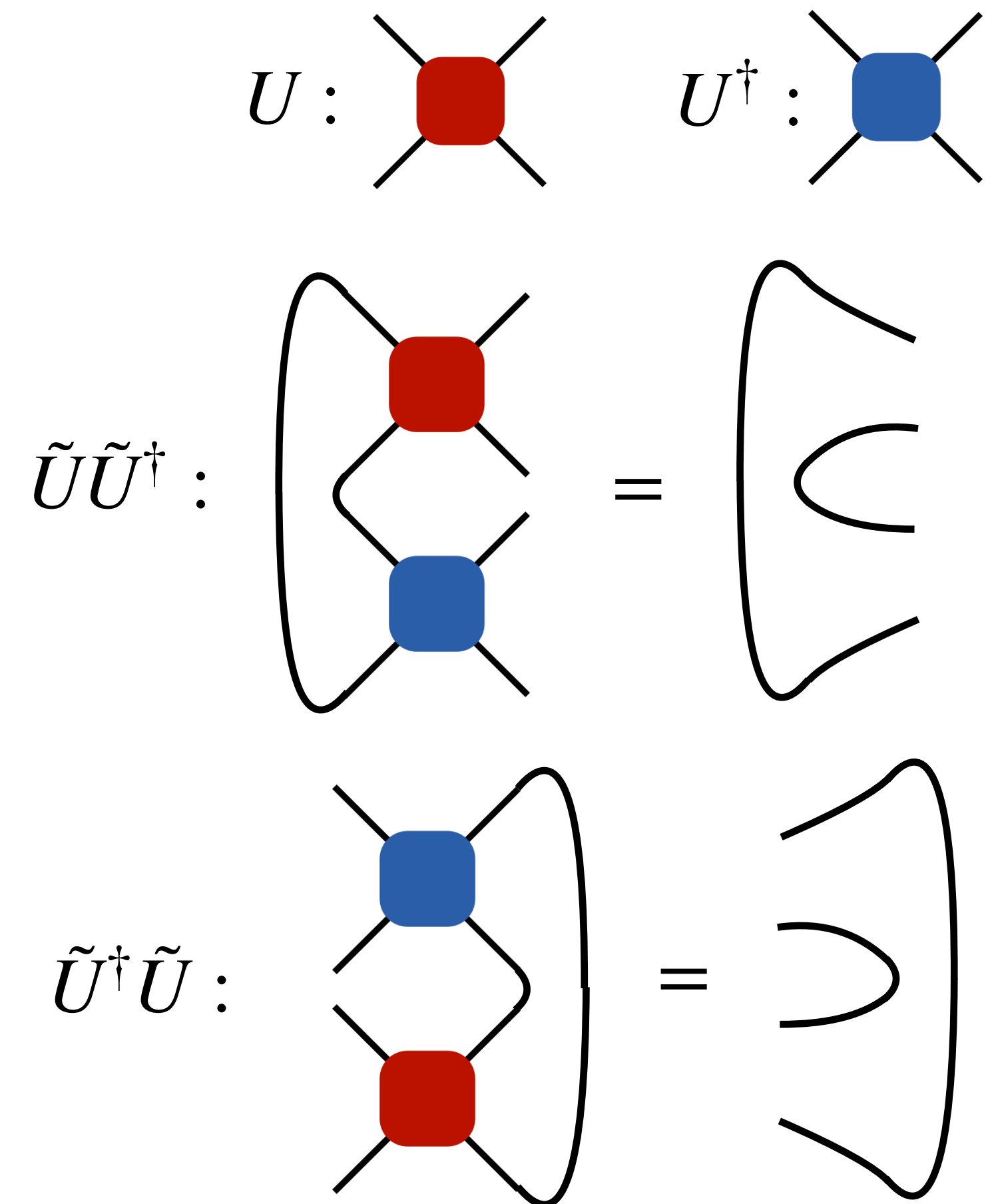
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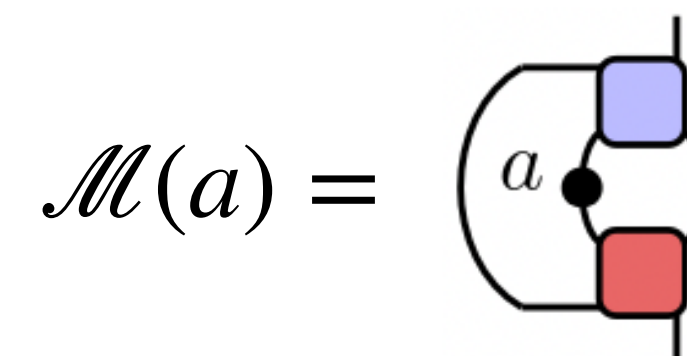
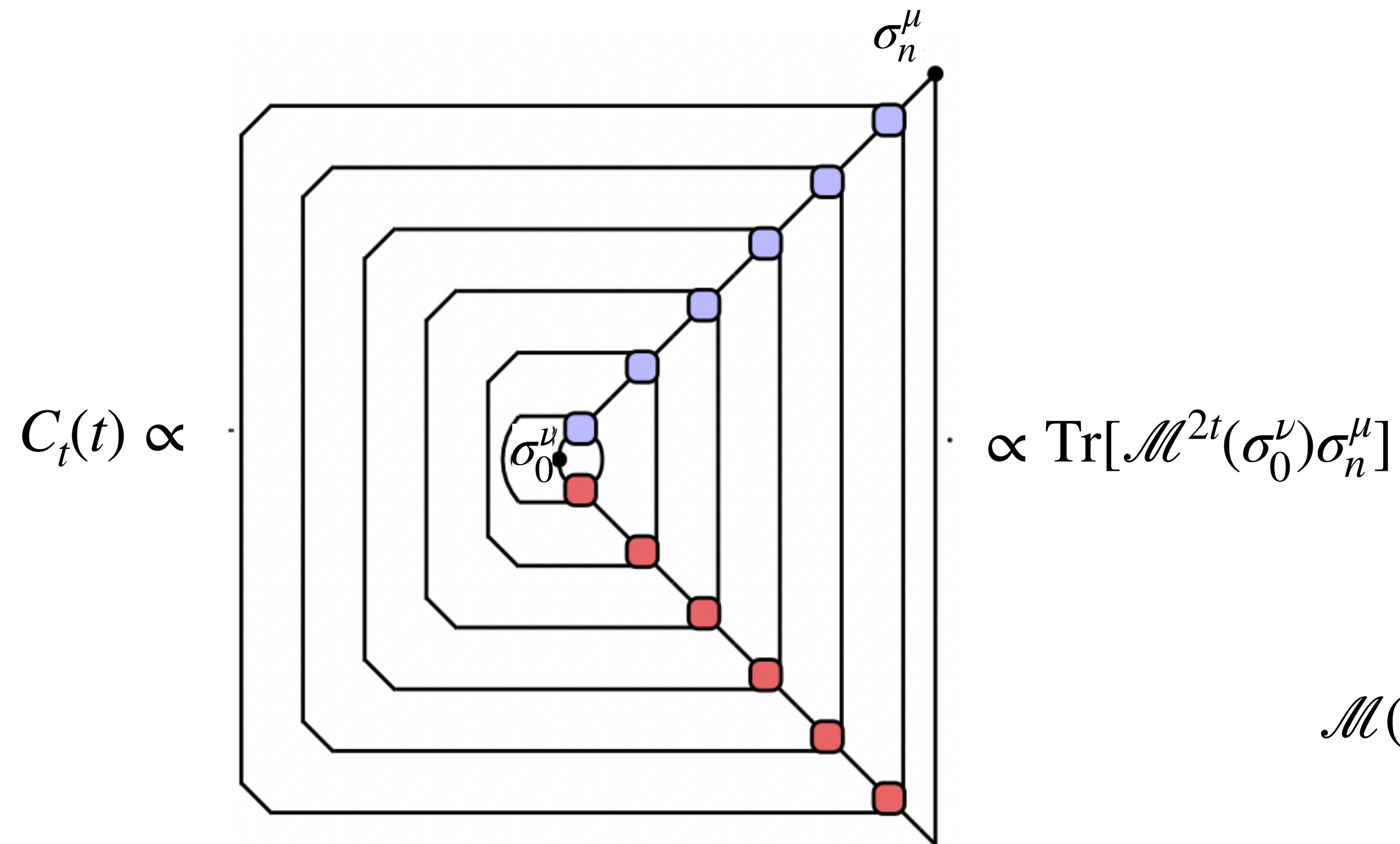


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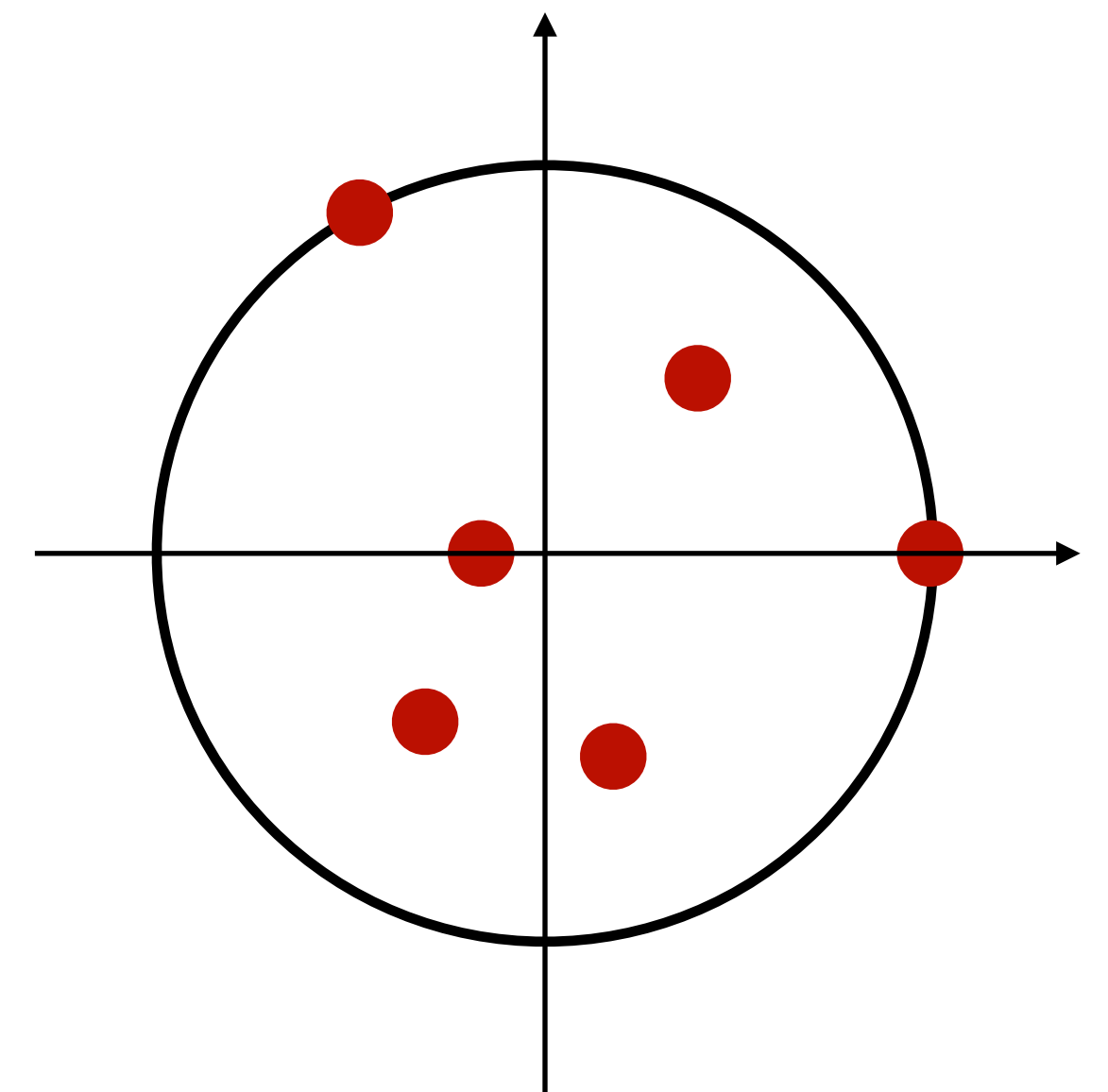
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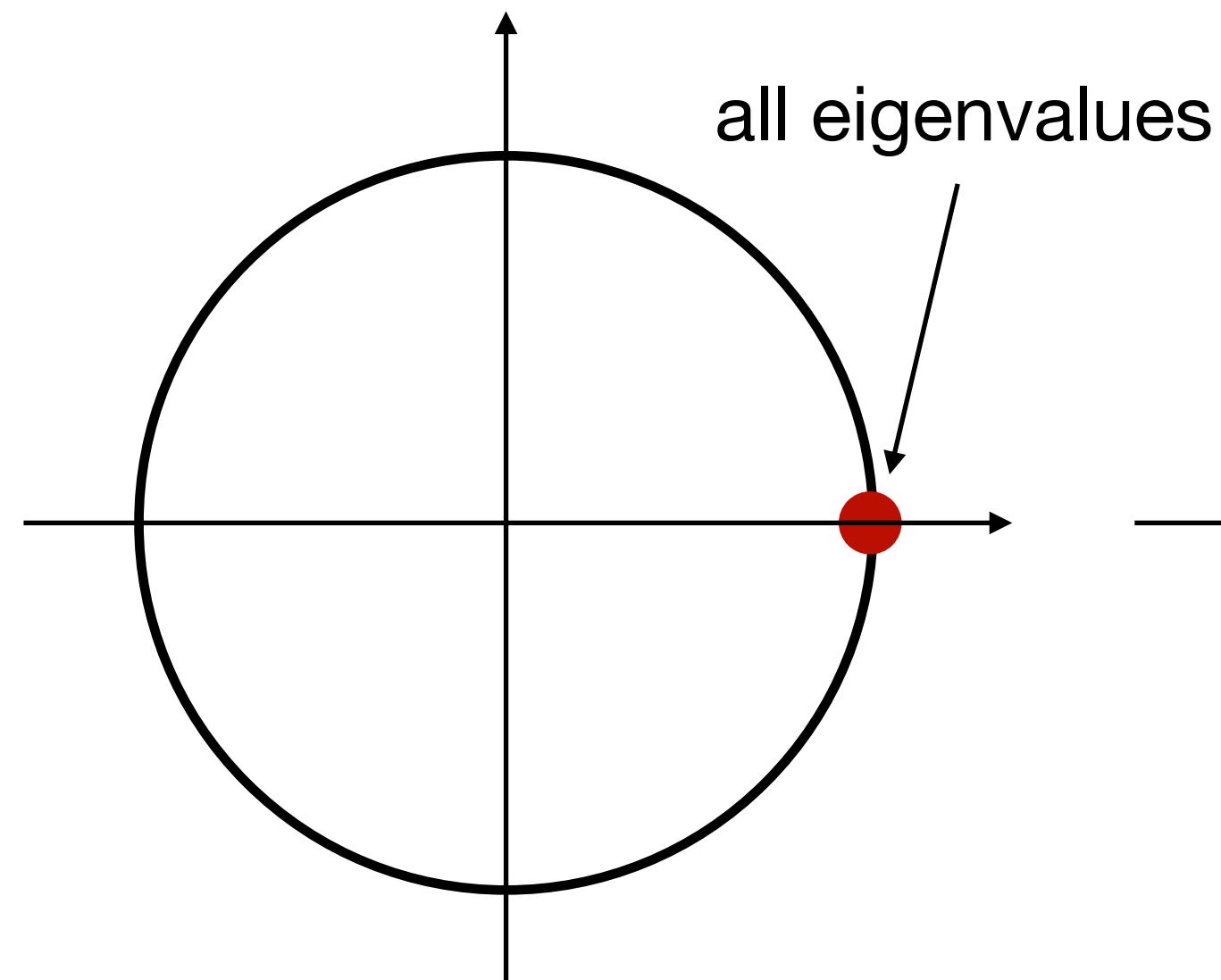
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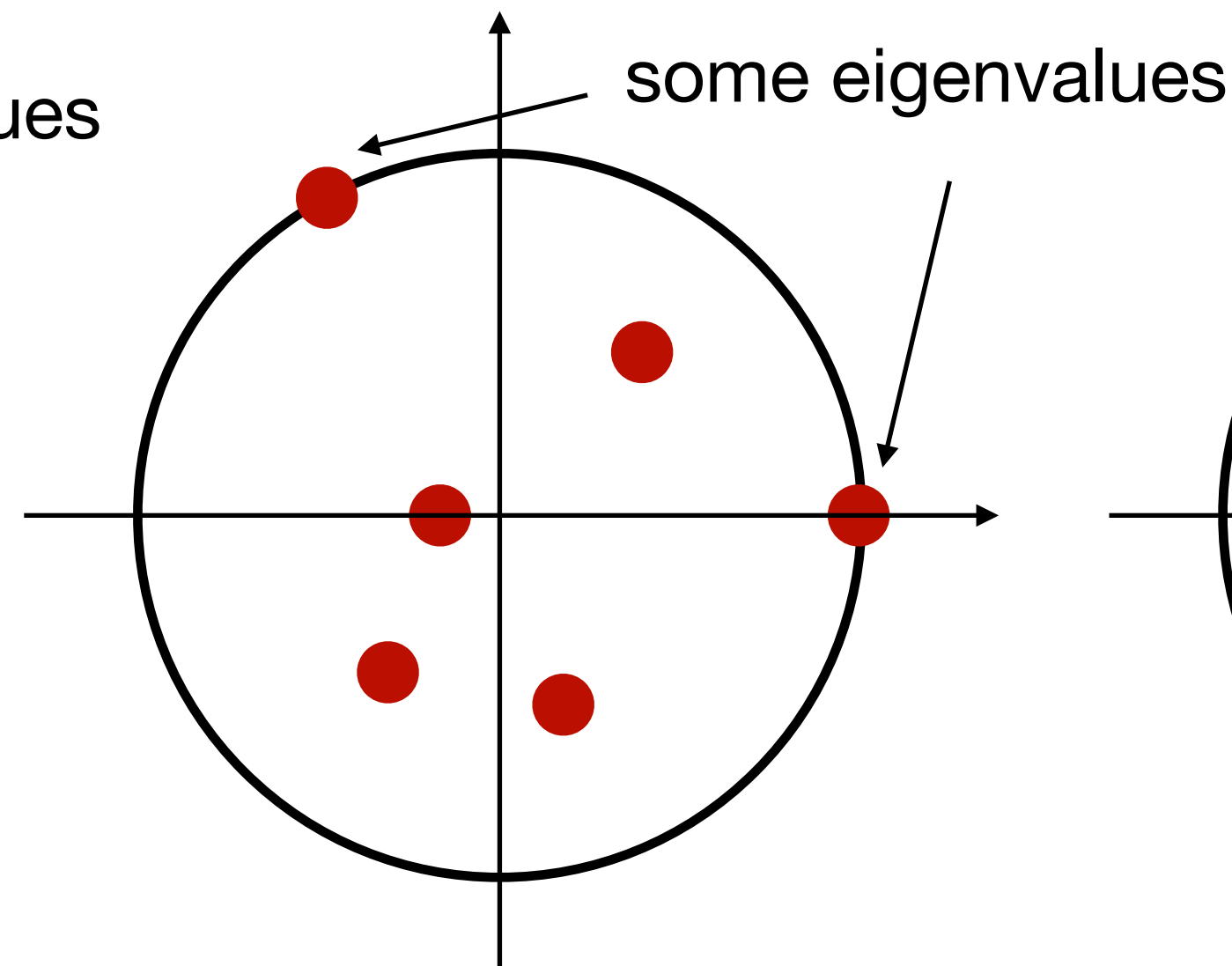
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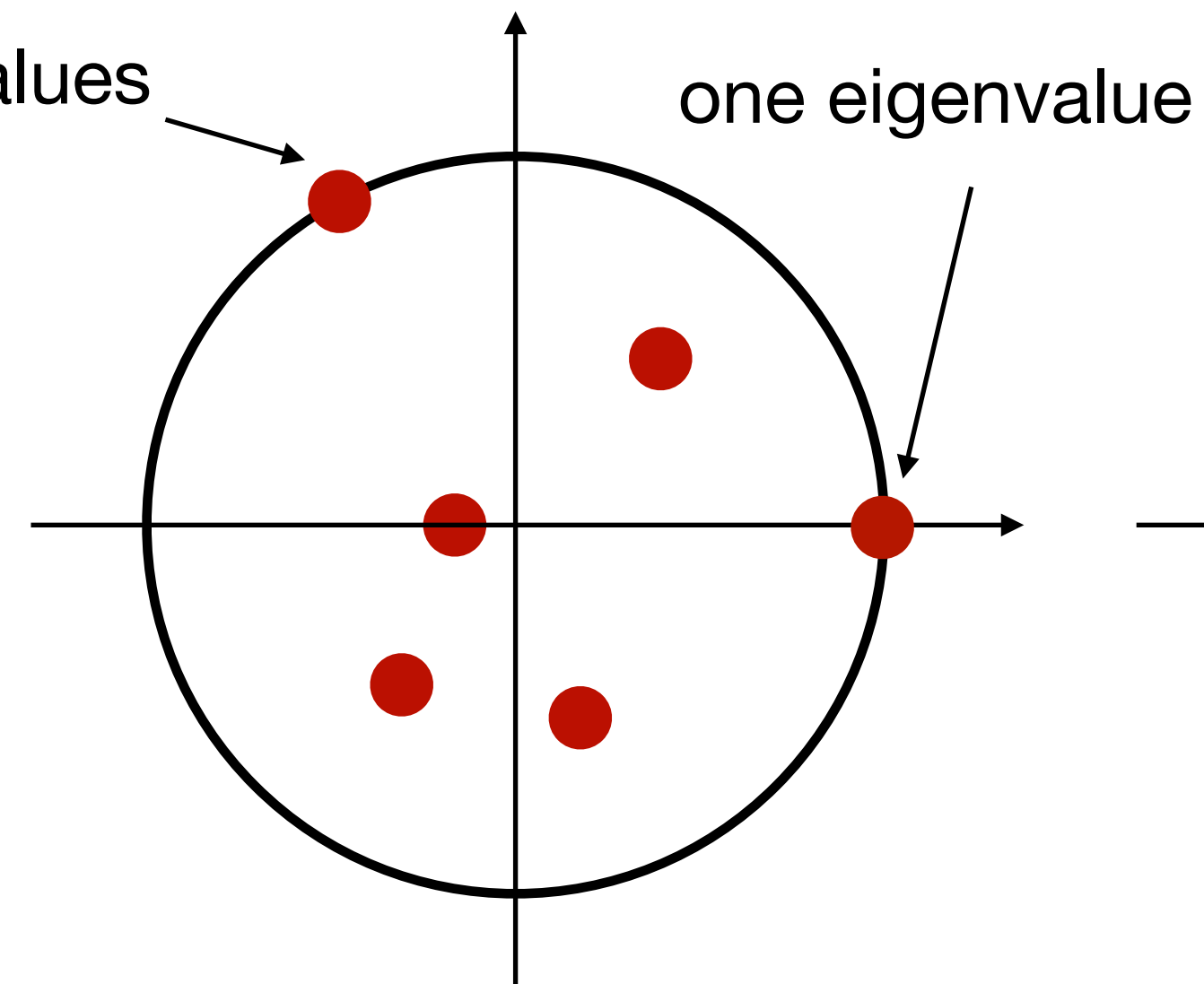
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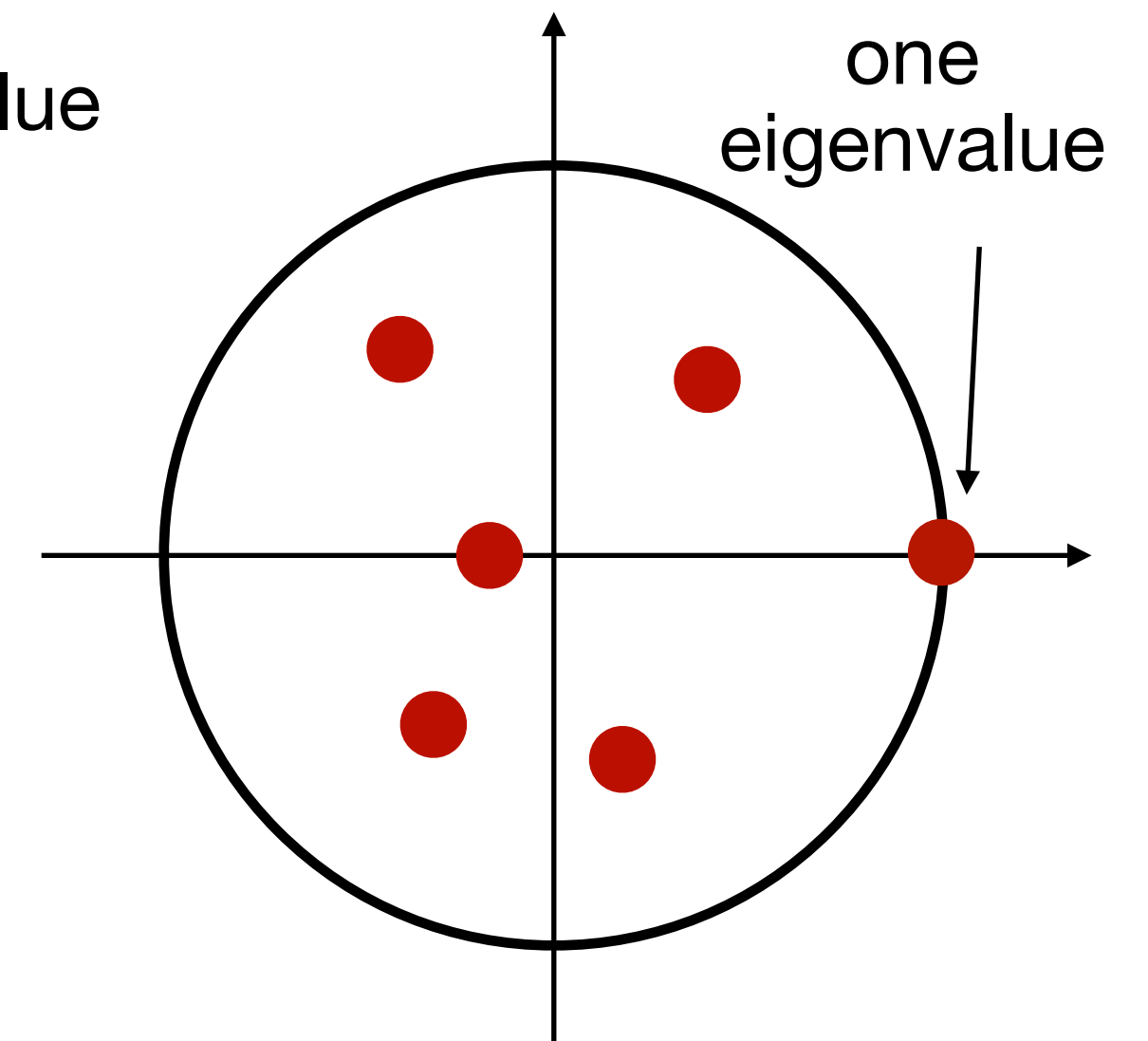
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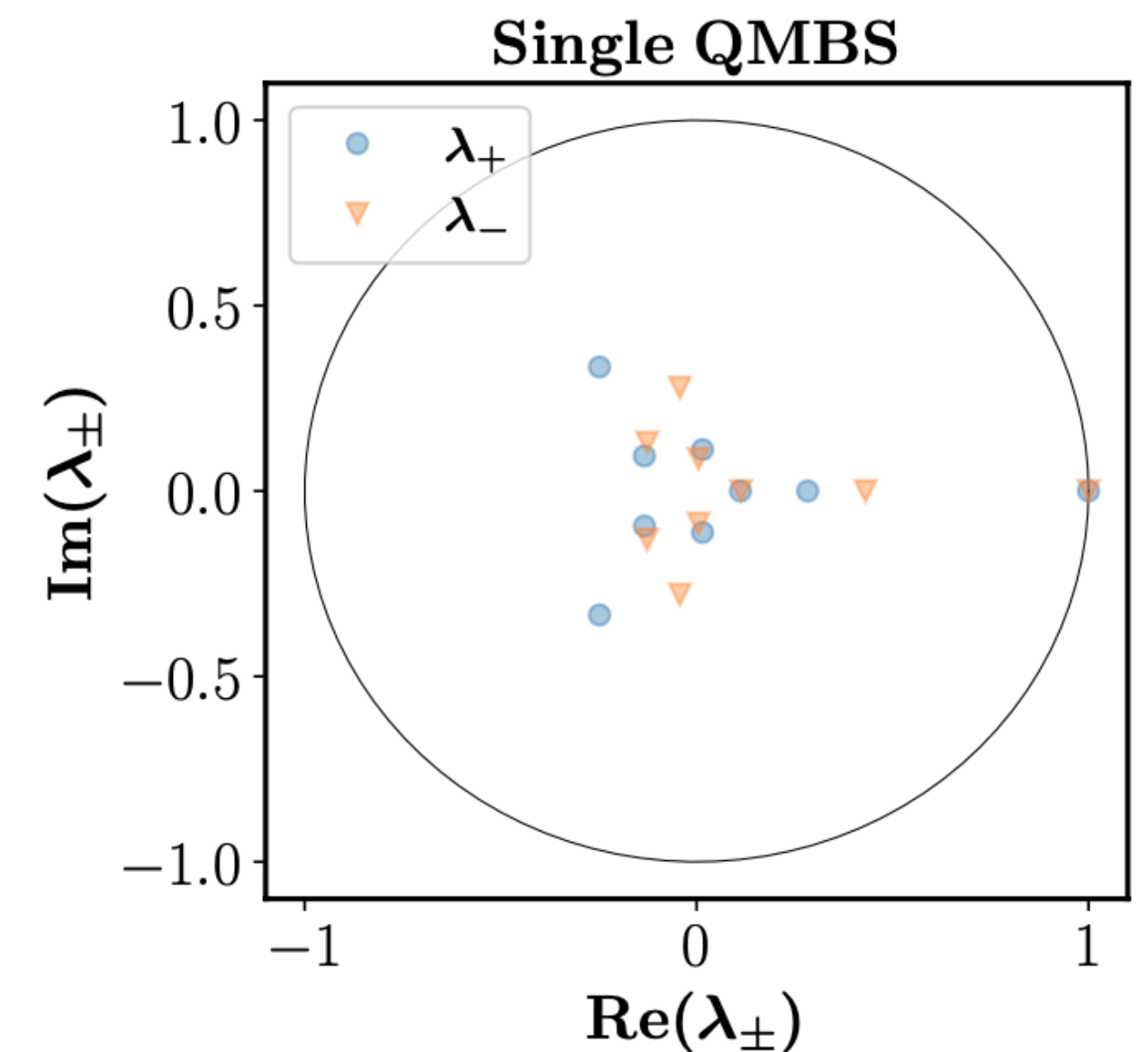
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