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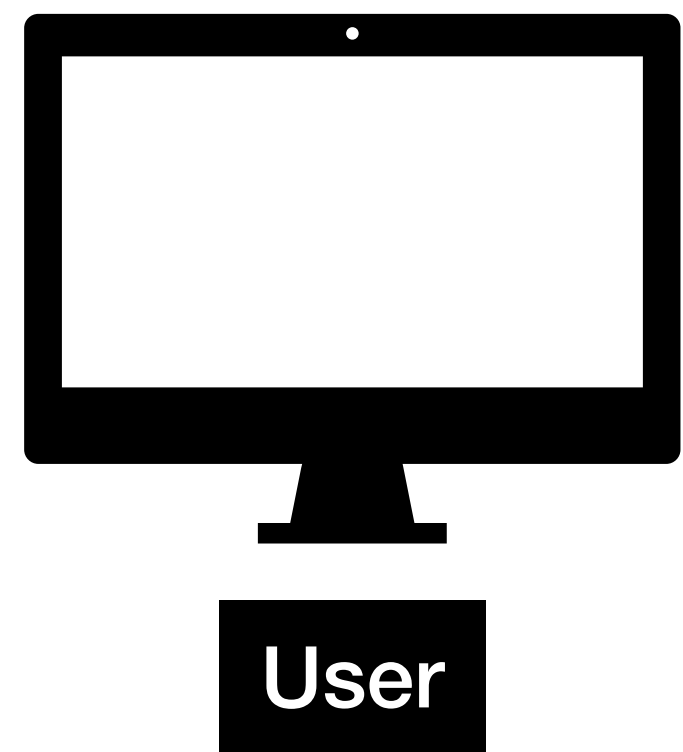
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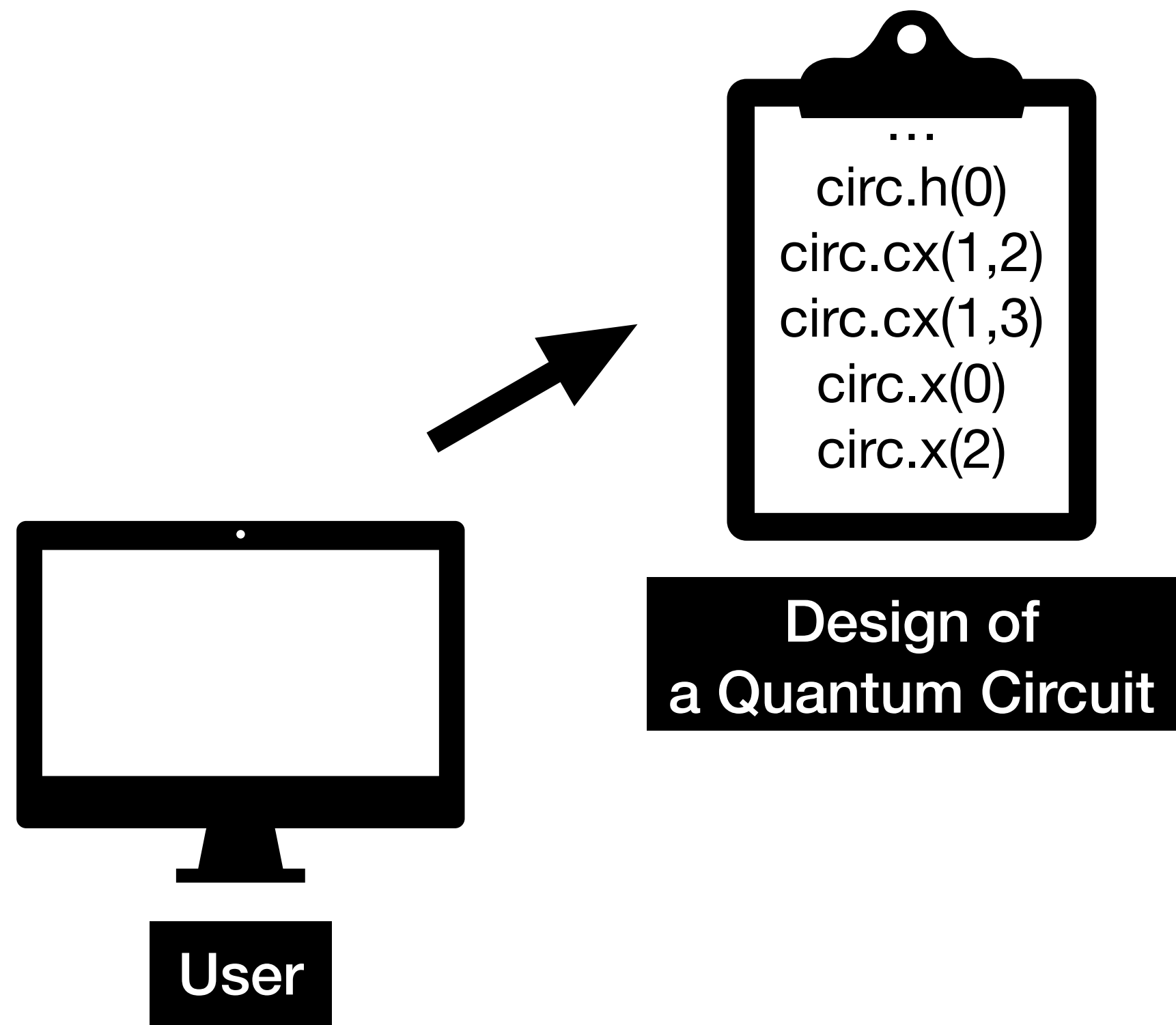
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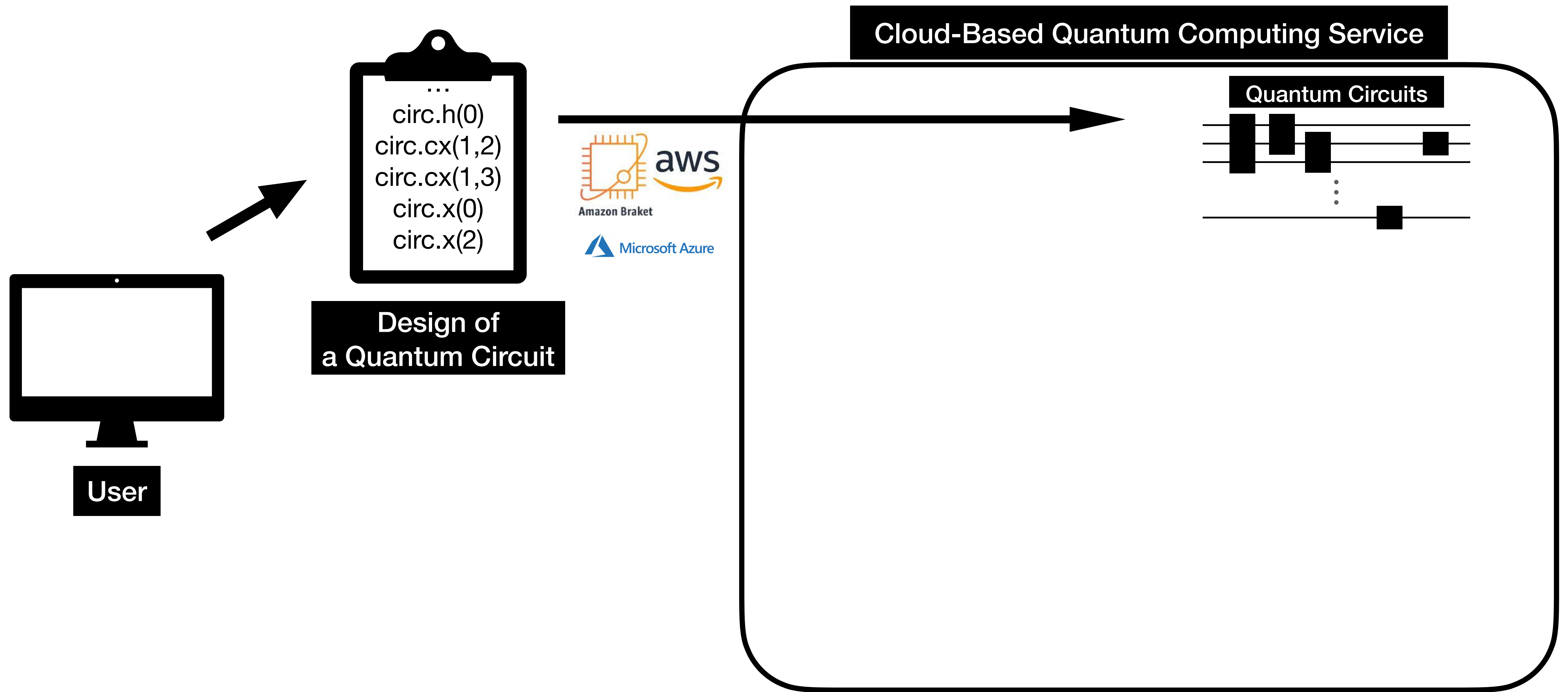
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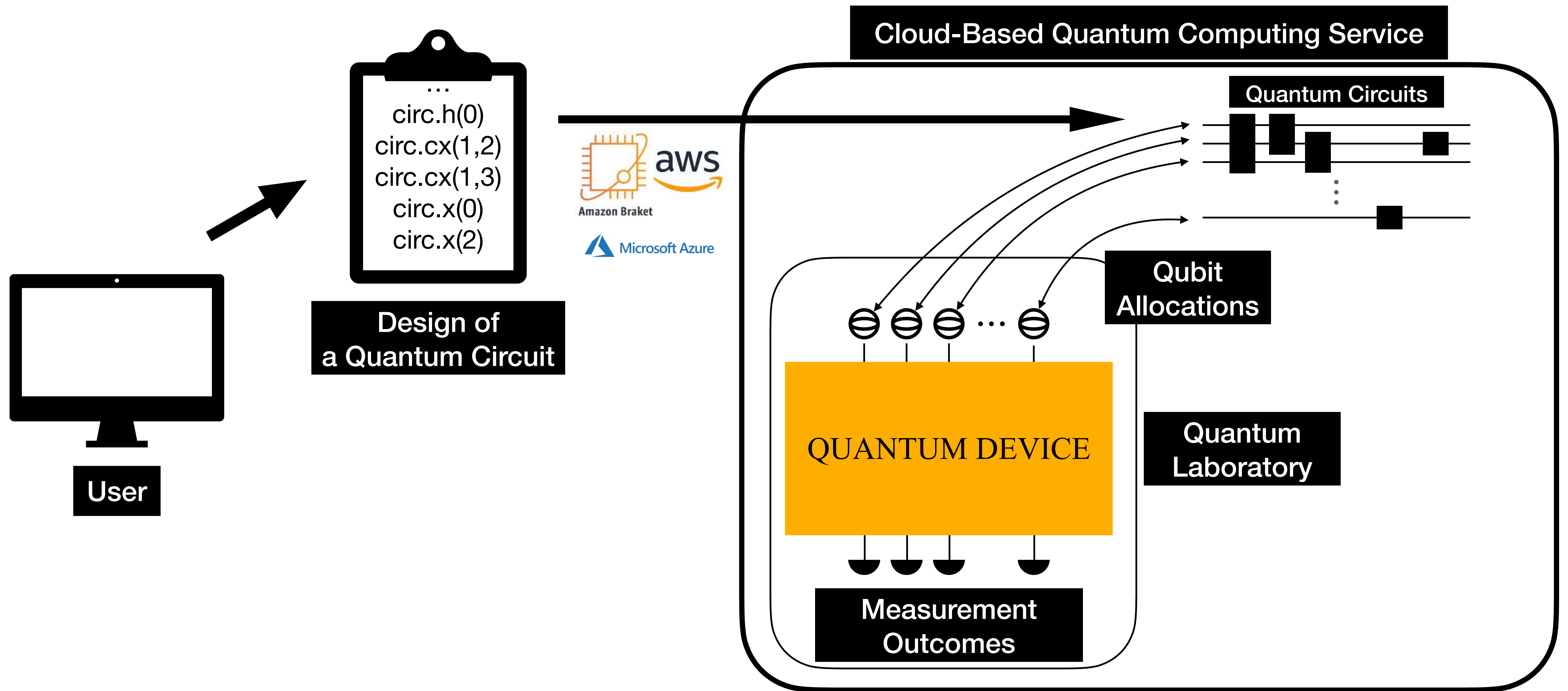
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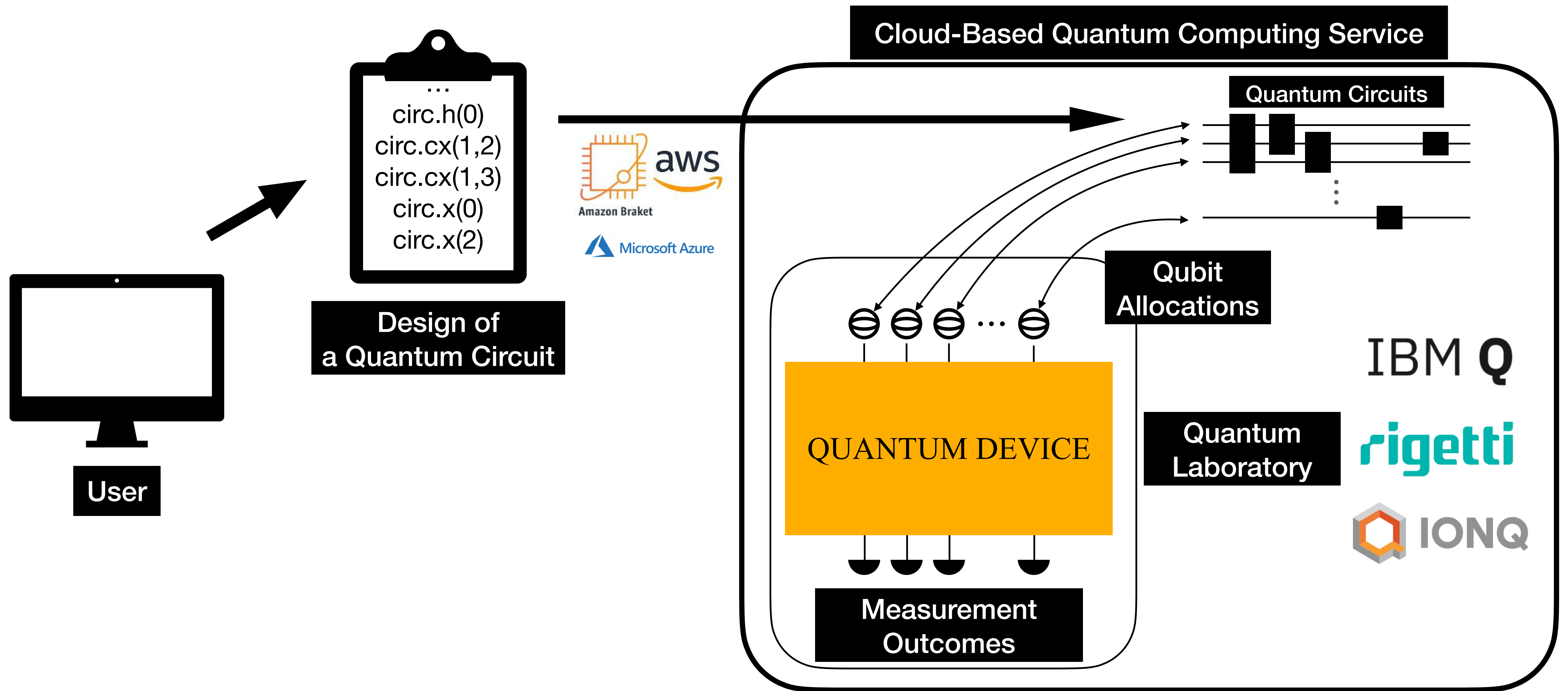
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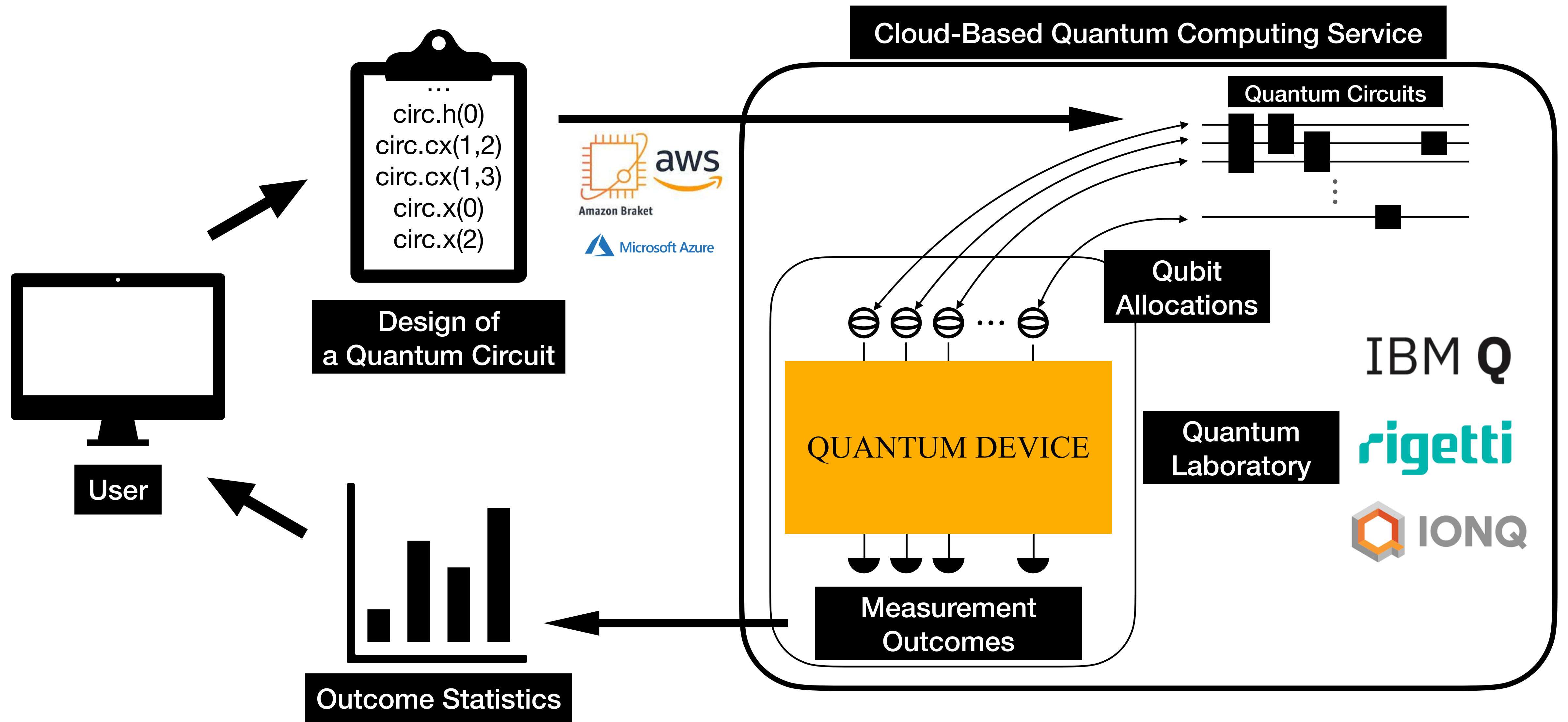
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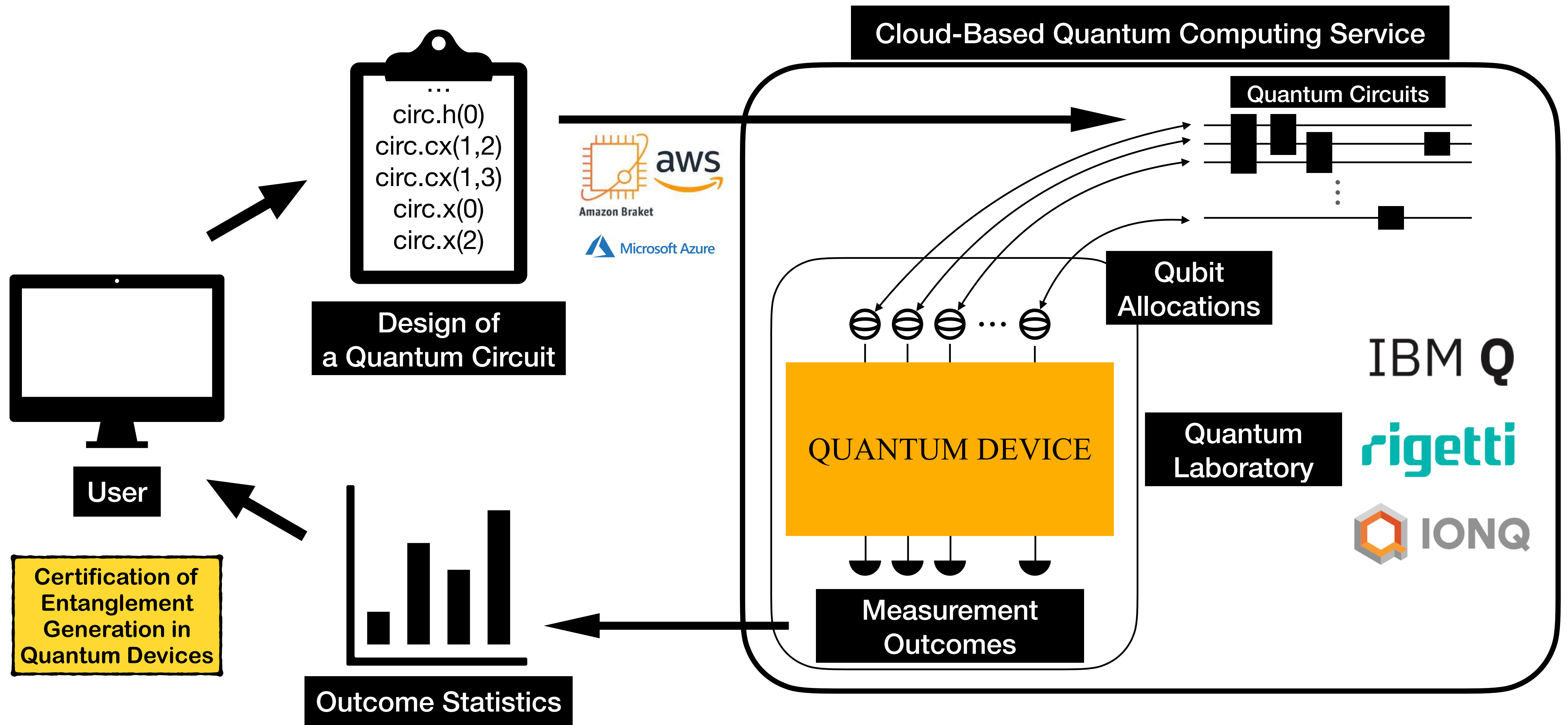
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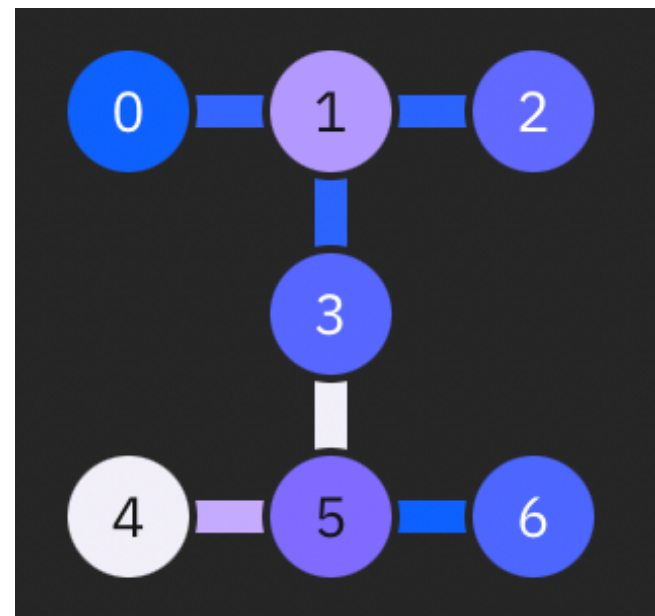
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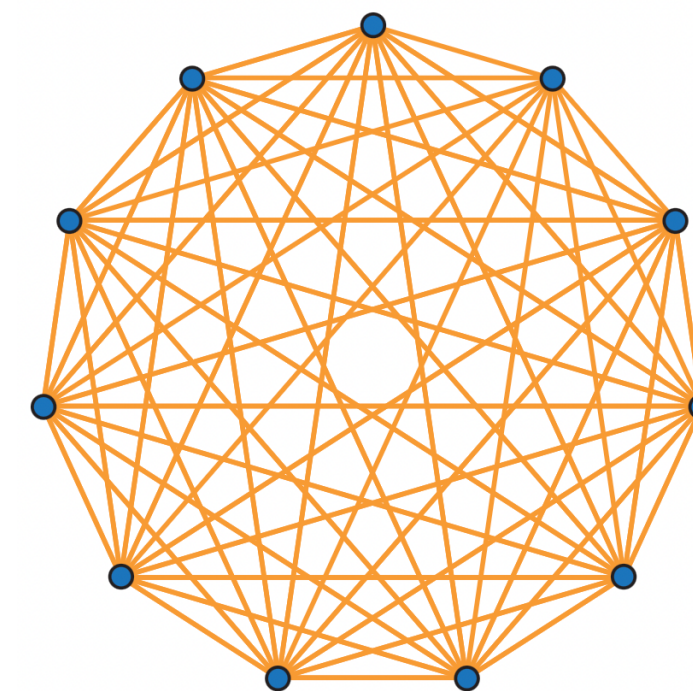
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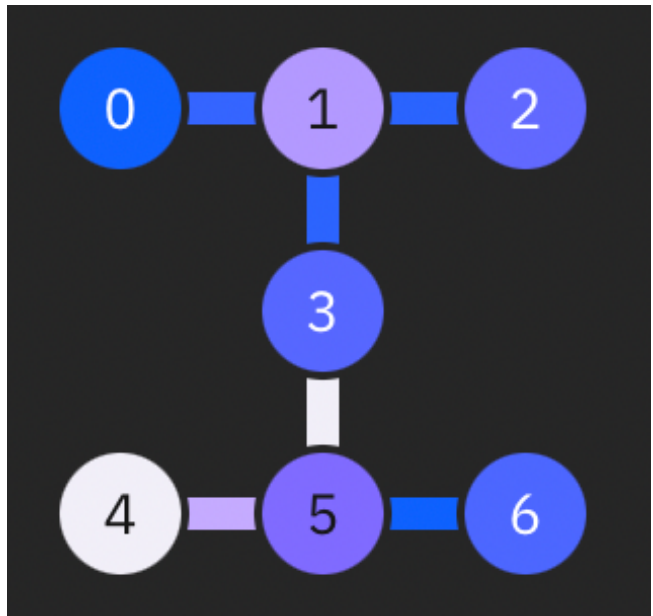
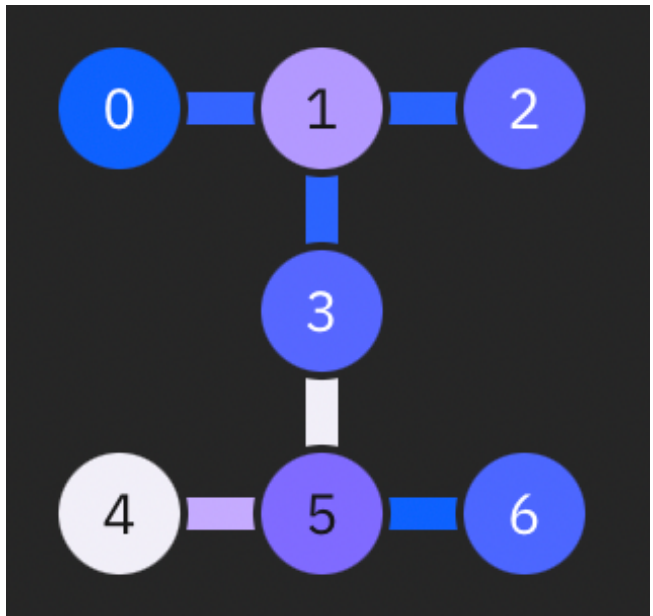
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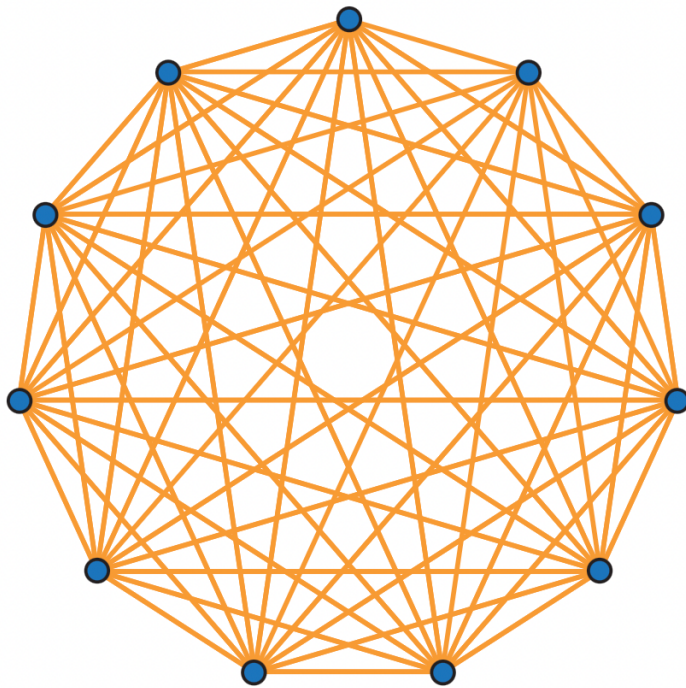
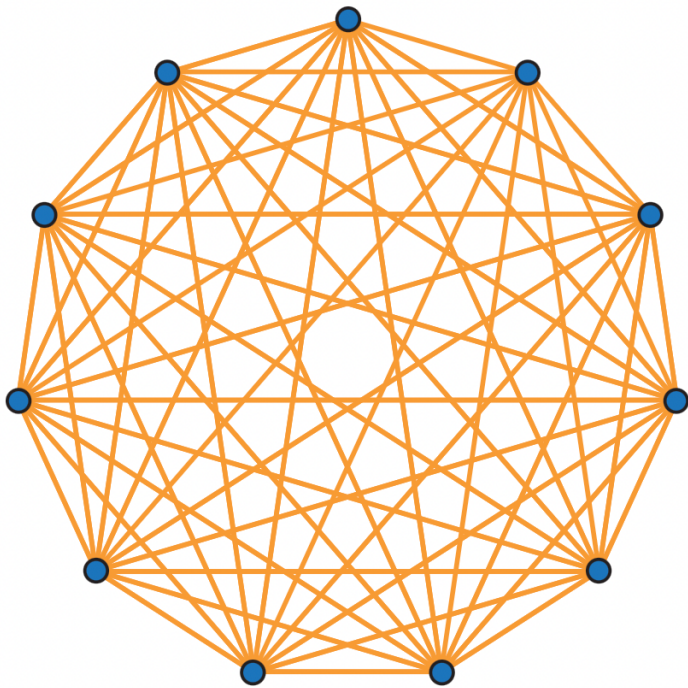
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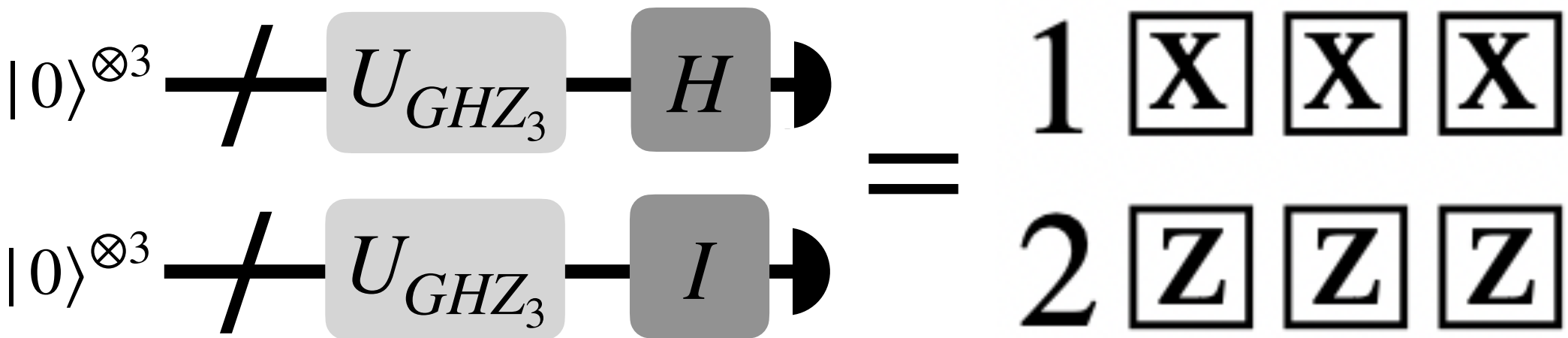


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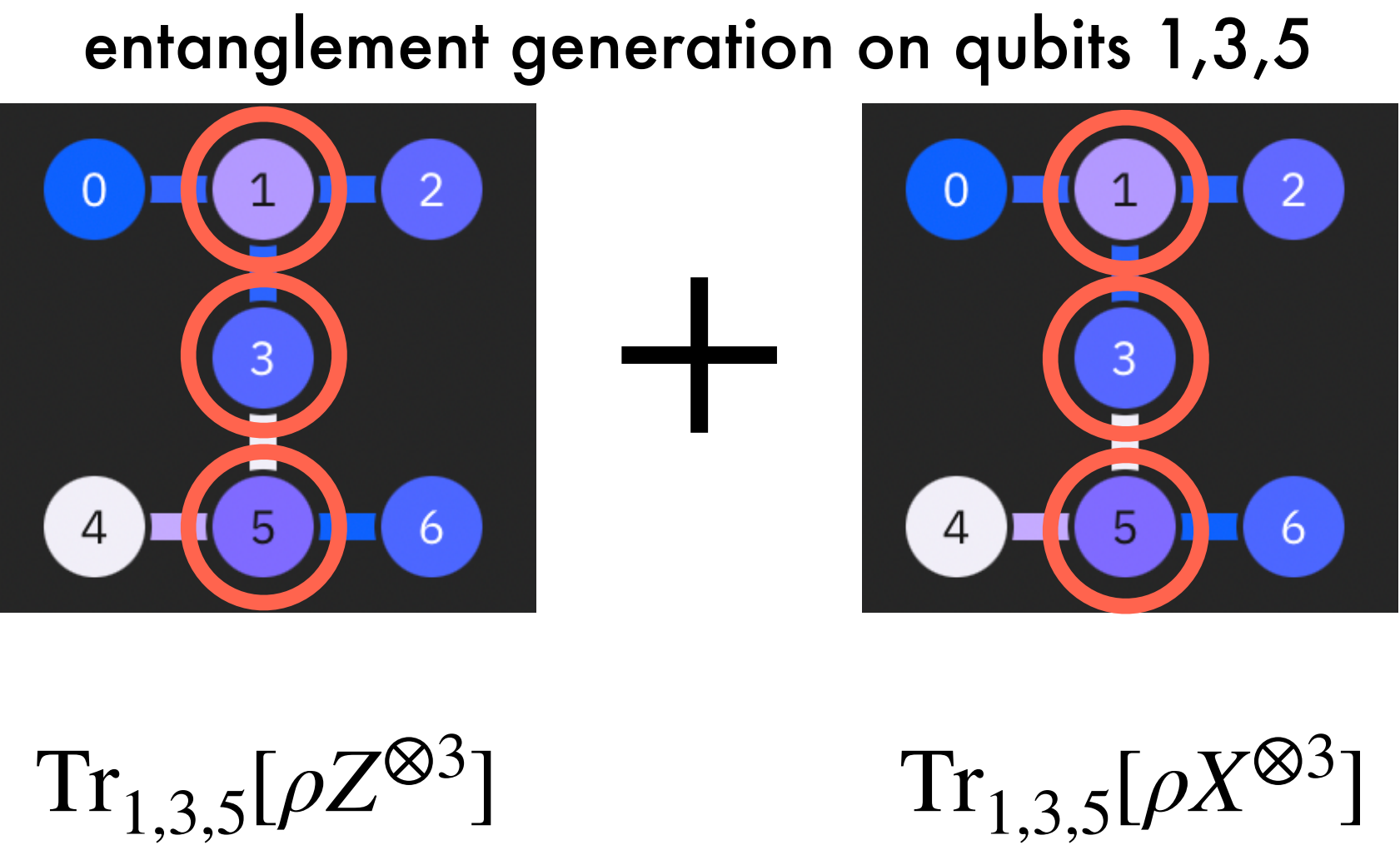
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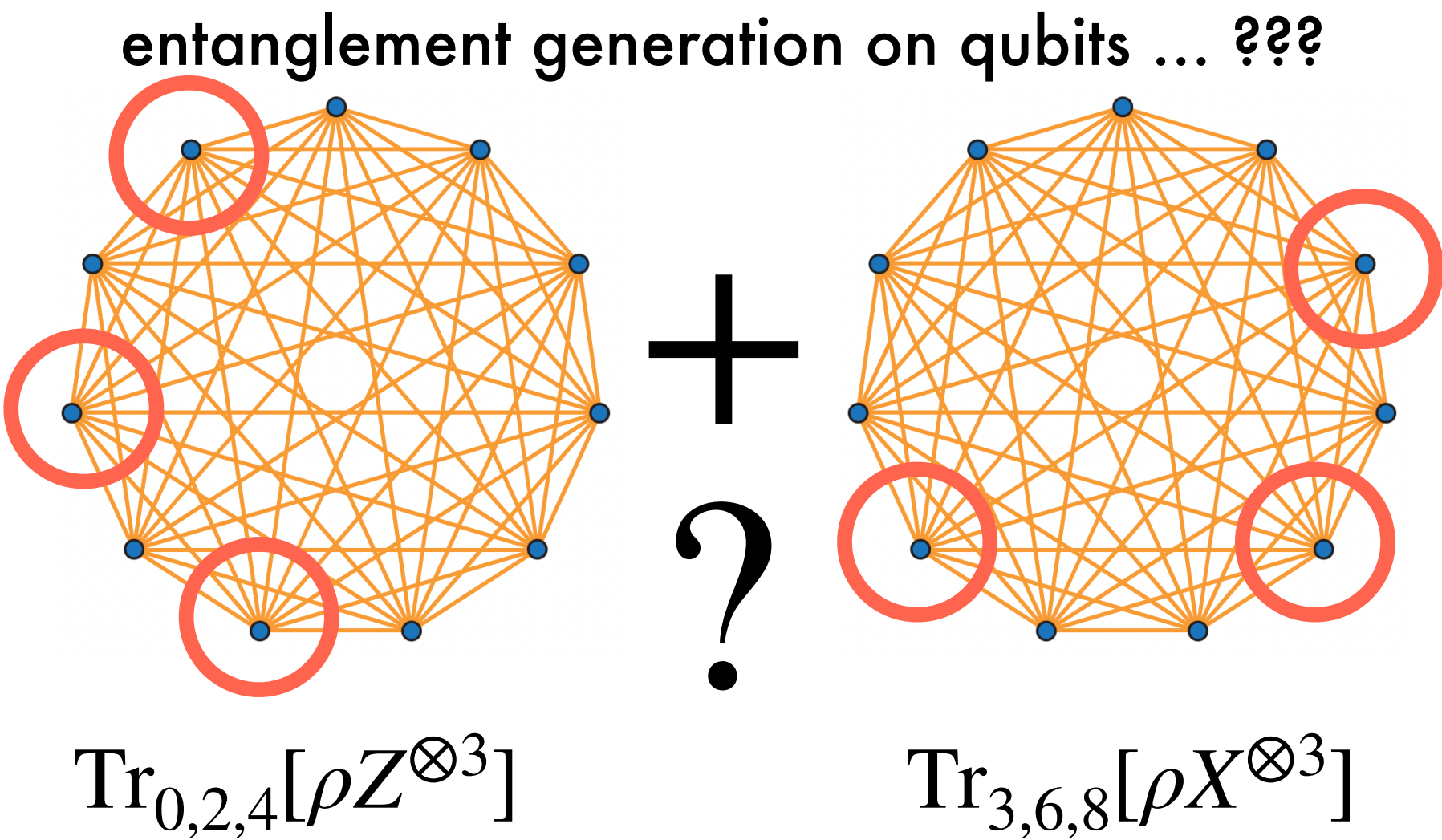
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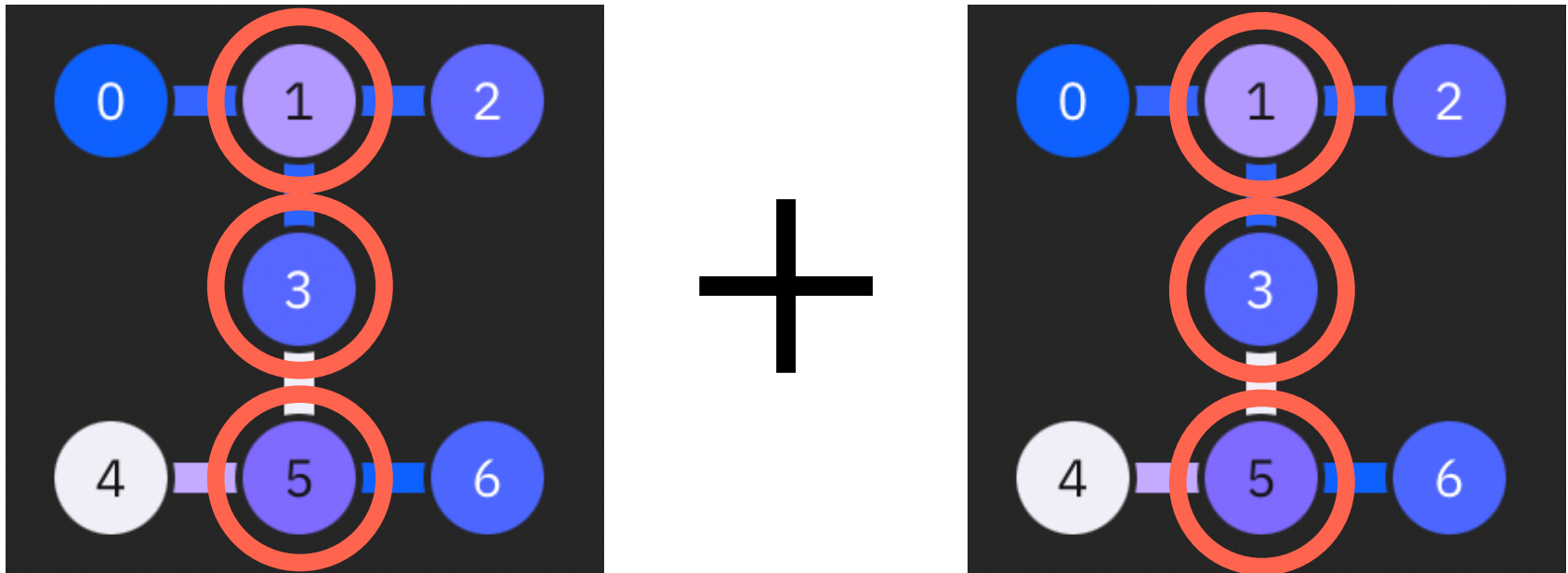
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entanglement generation on qubits 1,3,5



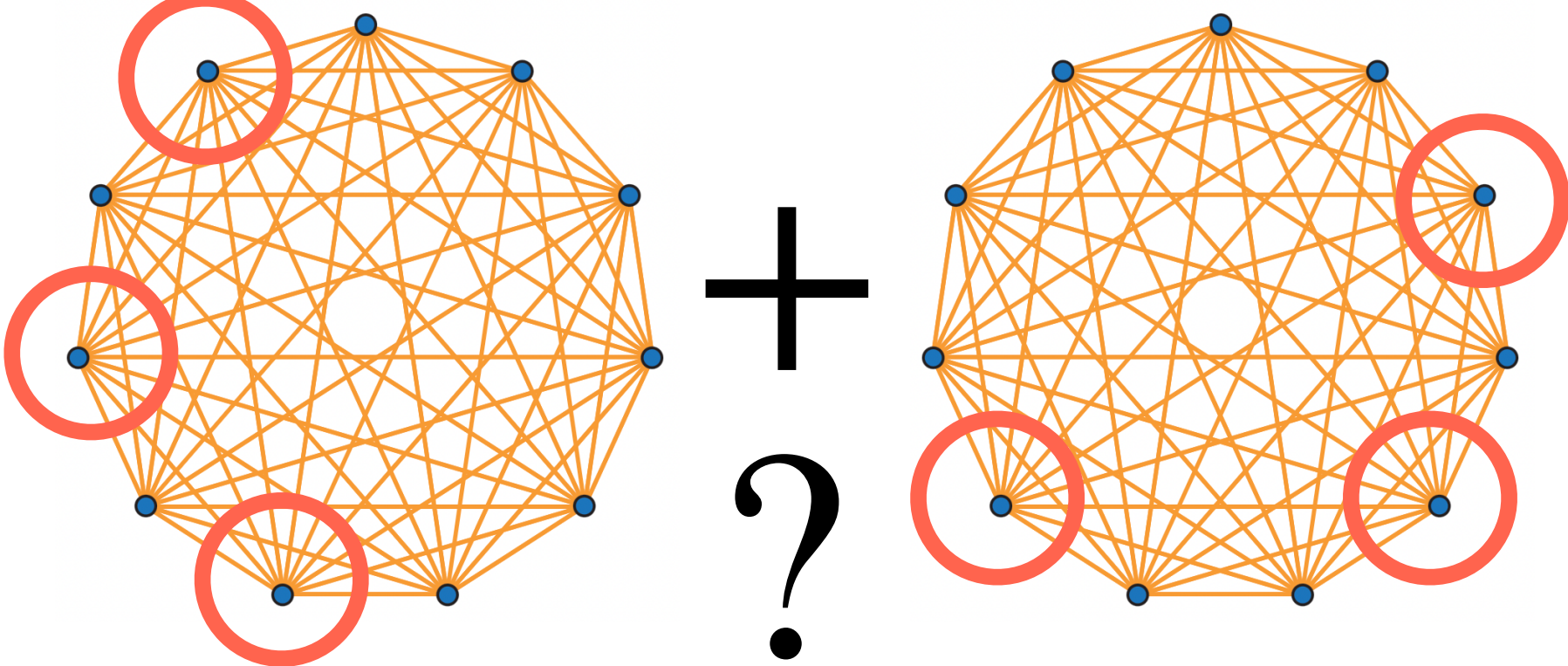
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entanglement generation on qubits ... ???



$$\text{Tr}_{0,2,4}[\rho Z^{\otimes 3}]$$

$$\text{Tr}_{3,6,8}[\rho X^{\otimes 3}]$$

Without trust in qubit allocation, entanglement certification should be carried out at one shot

Main Idea: Entanglement Witnessing Circuit (EWC)

In cloud-based quantum computing services,

- Is it possible that the EV is measured in a single measurement ?

Yes, with EWC Framework

- How to compose such a quantum circuit performing the one-shot measurement?

Theoretical framework: Structural Physical Approximation (SPA)

State Purification

- Does the size of such a circuit scale reasonably with # of qubits?

Scale issue: # of fundamental gates required to compose a general #-qubit unitary

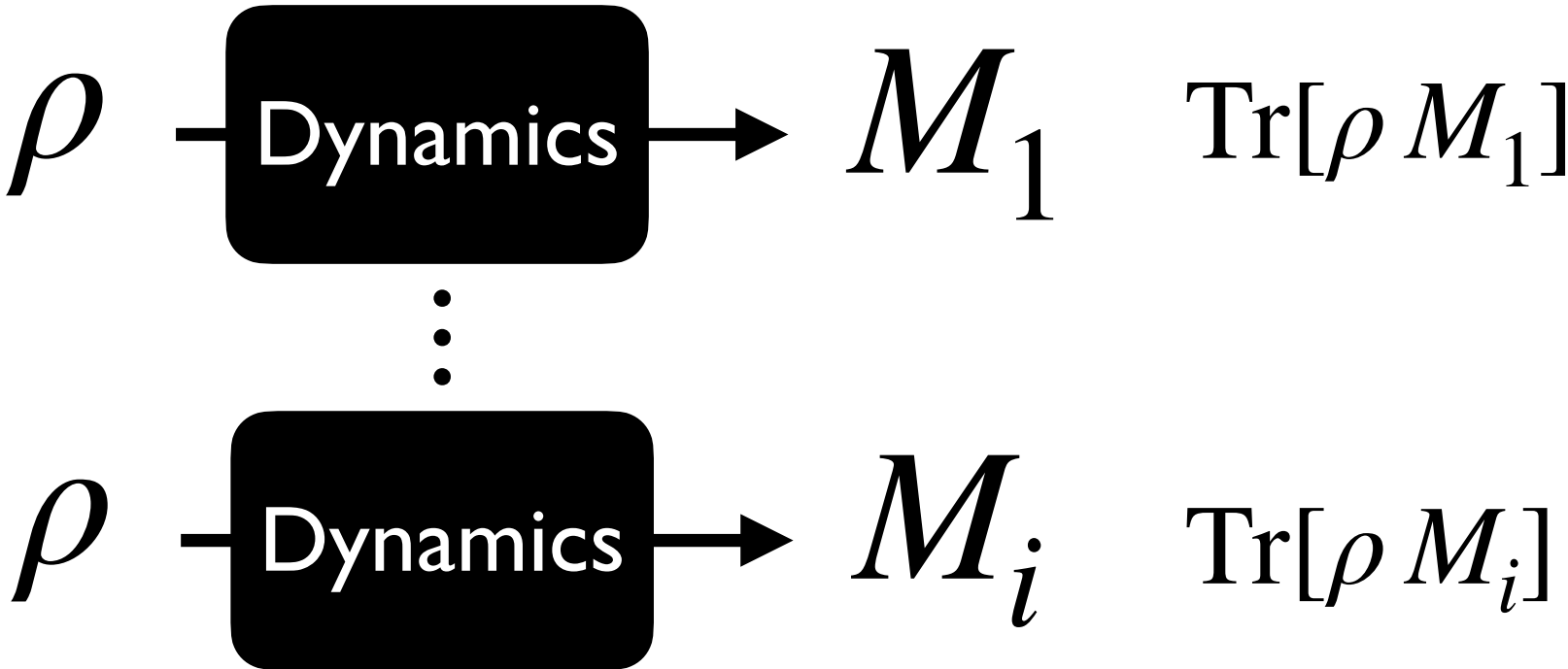
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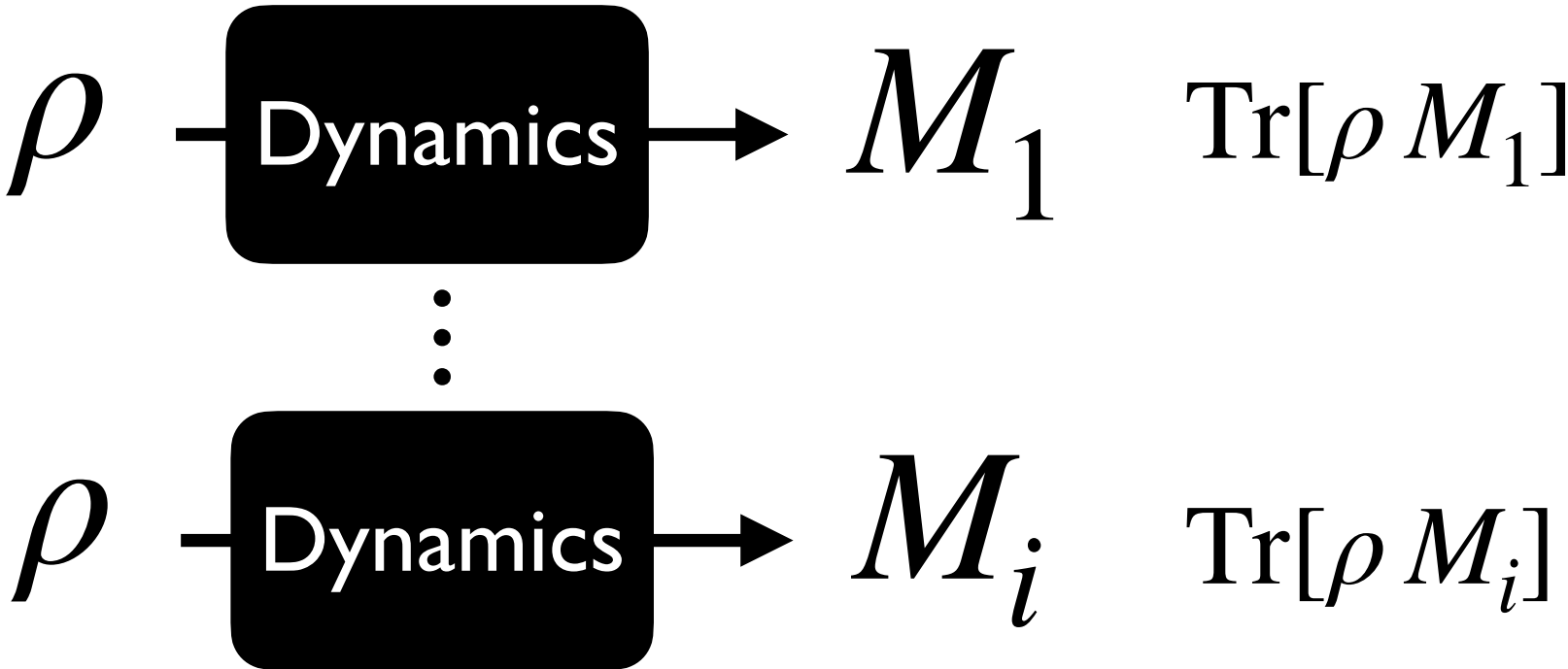
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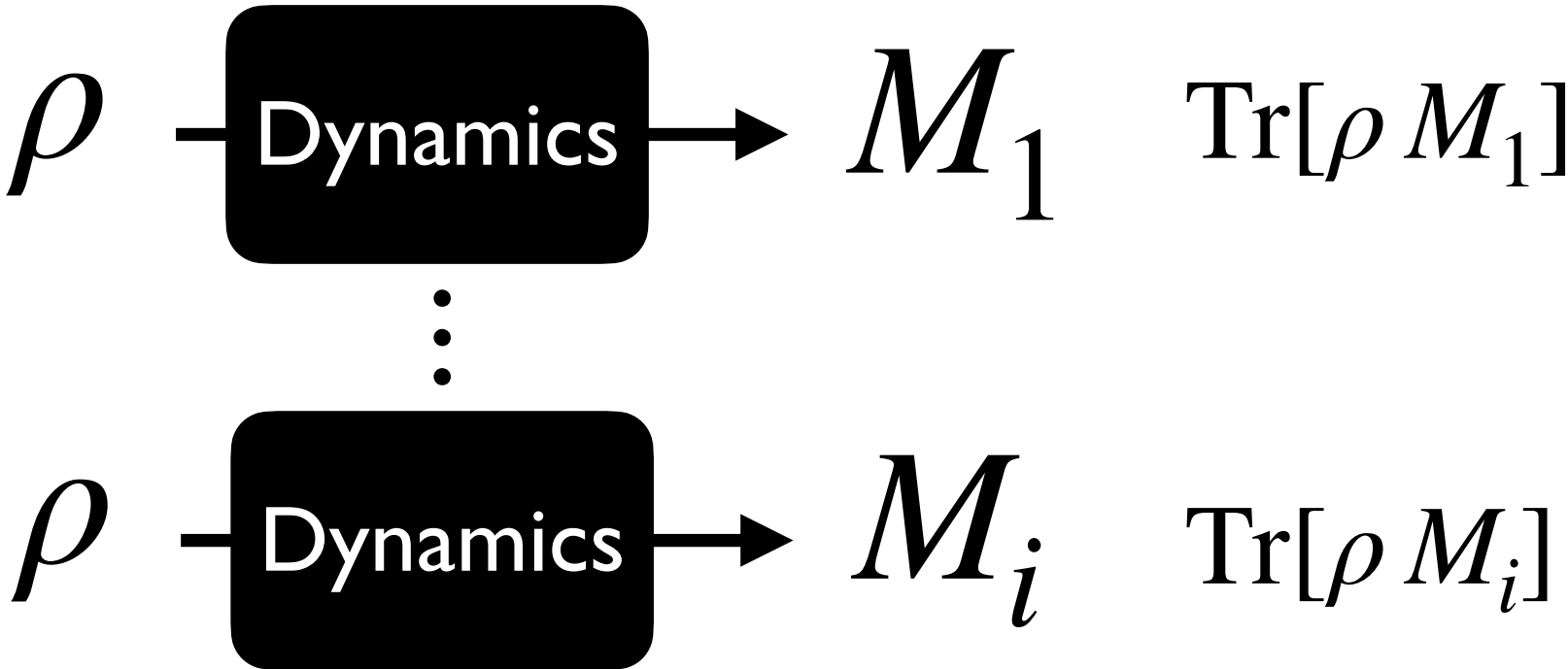
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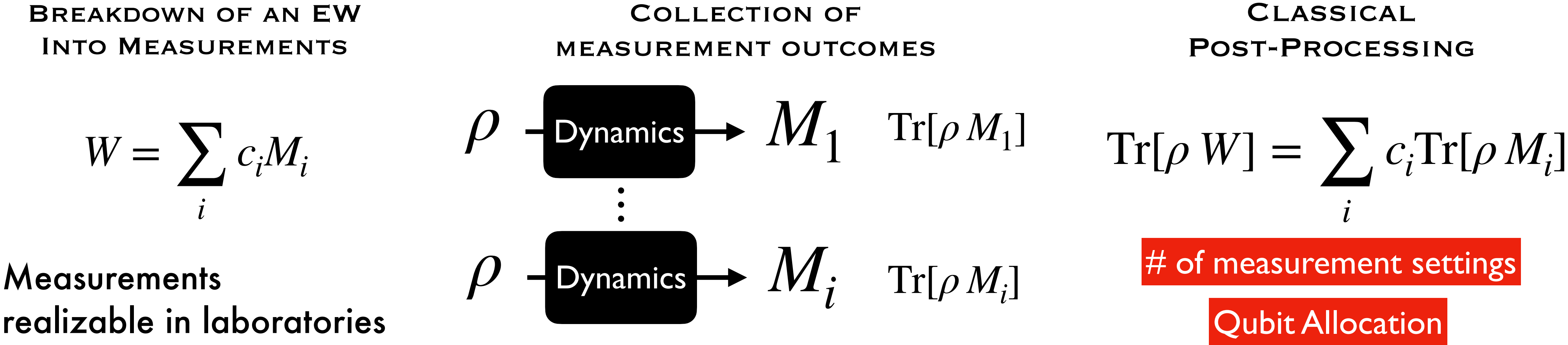
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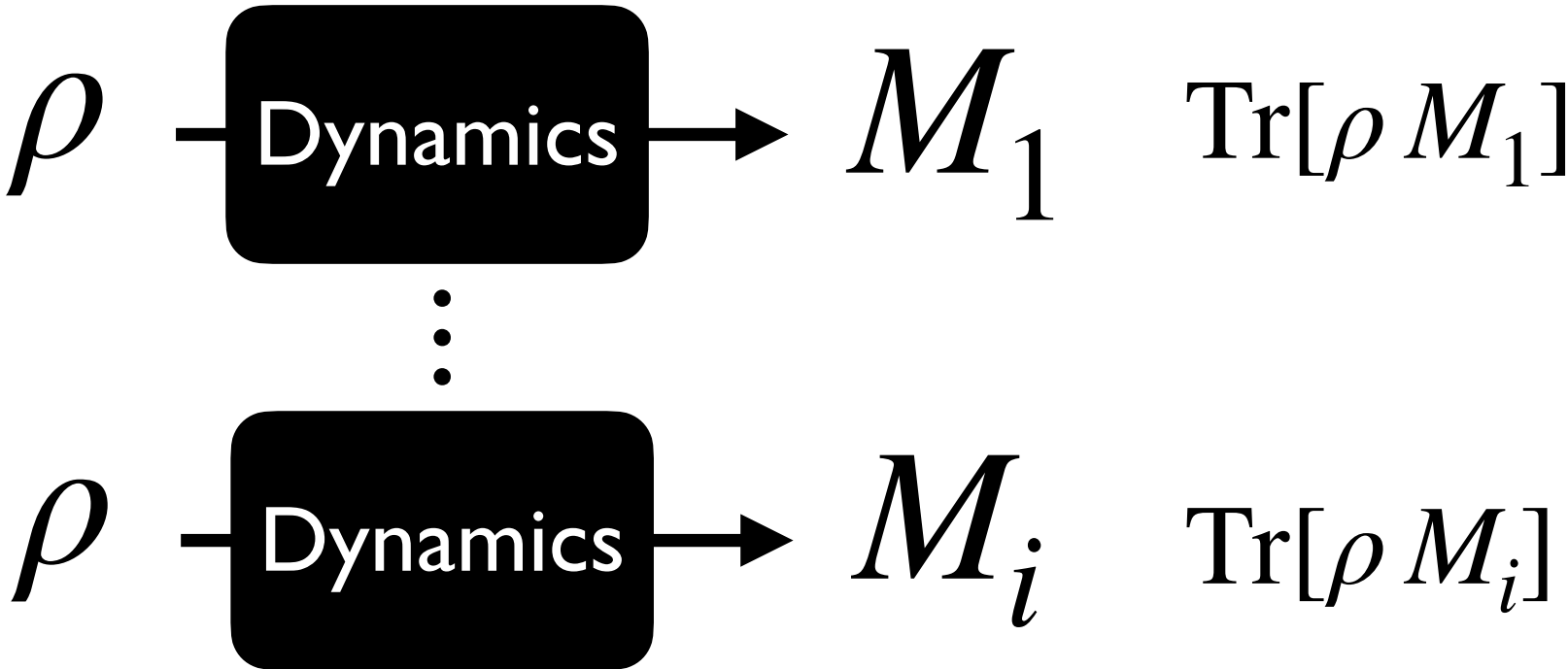
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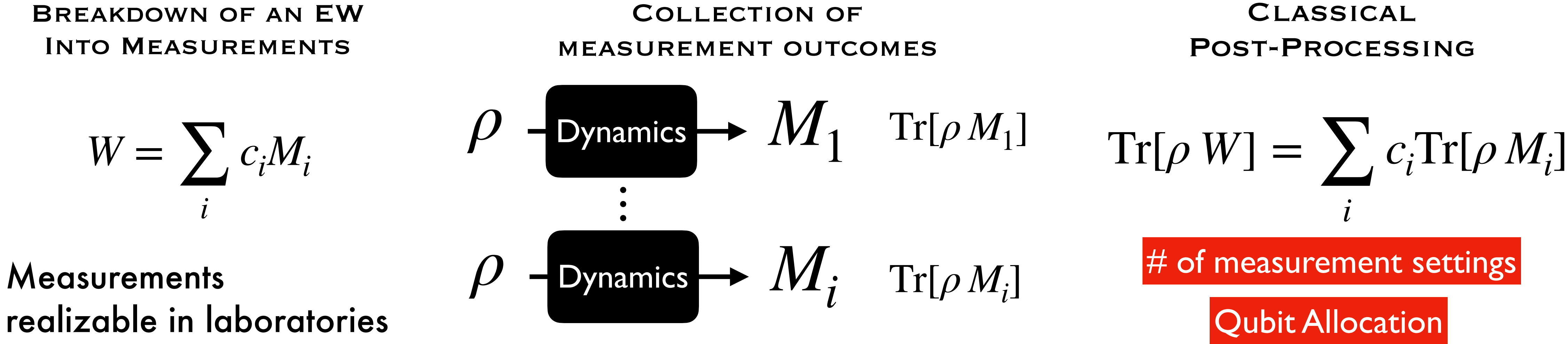
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3. Design of a **quantum circuit** realizing the purified observable $|W\rangle$

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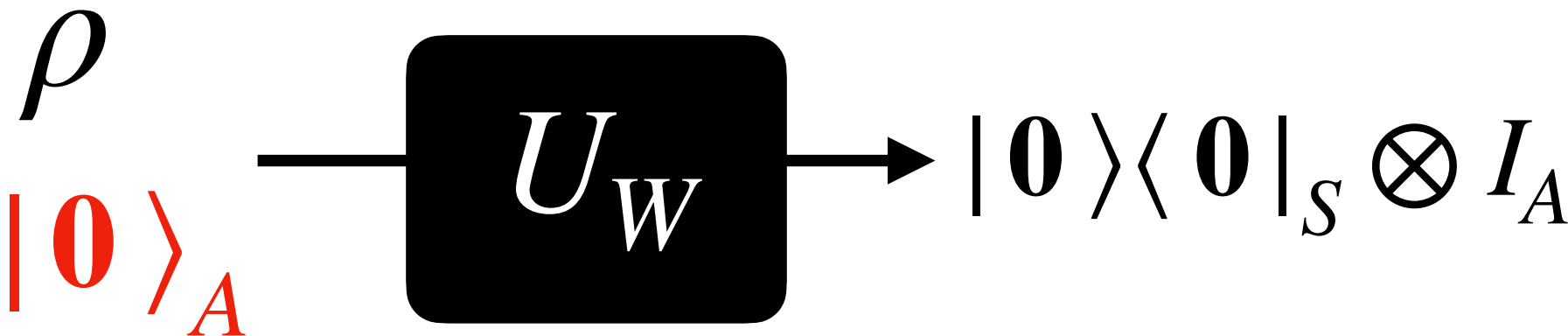


EWC Framework

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QUANTUM CIRCUIT OF
PURIFIED EW

- EW Estimation in **One Attempt!**
- Lesser Quantum Resources in Measurements
- Immune to Qubit Allocation Issues in Quantum Computing Services

Quantum State

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SPAed Entanglement Witness

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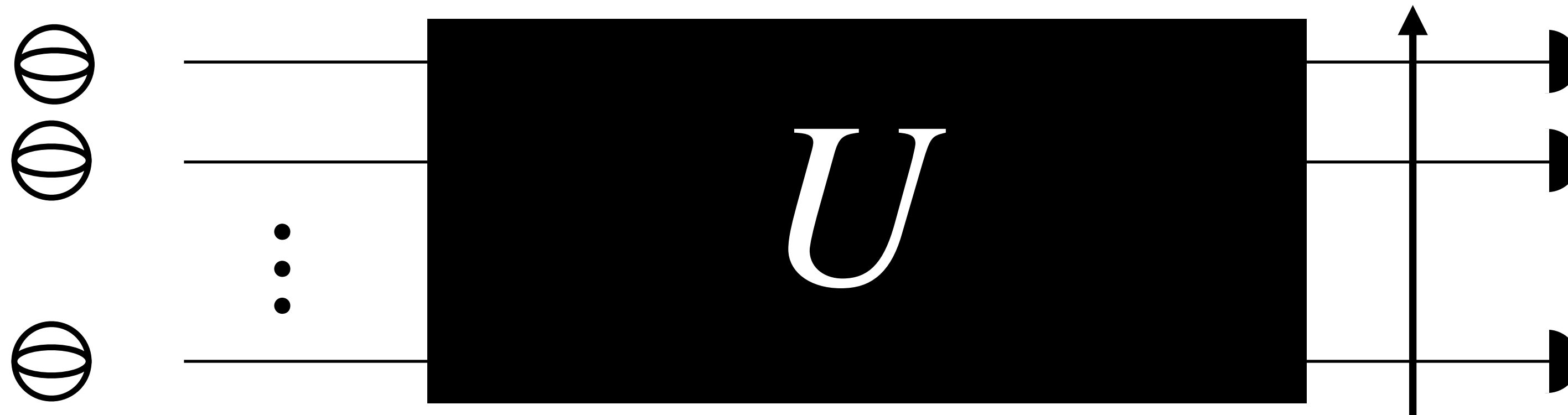
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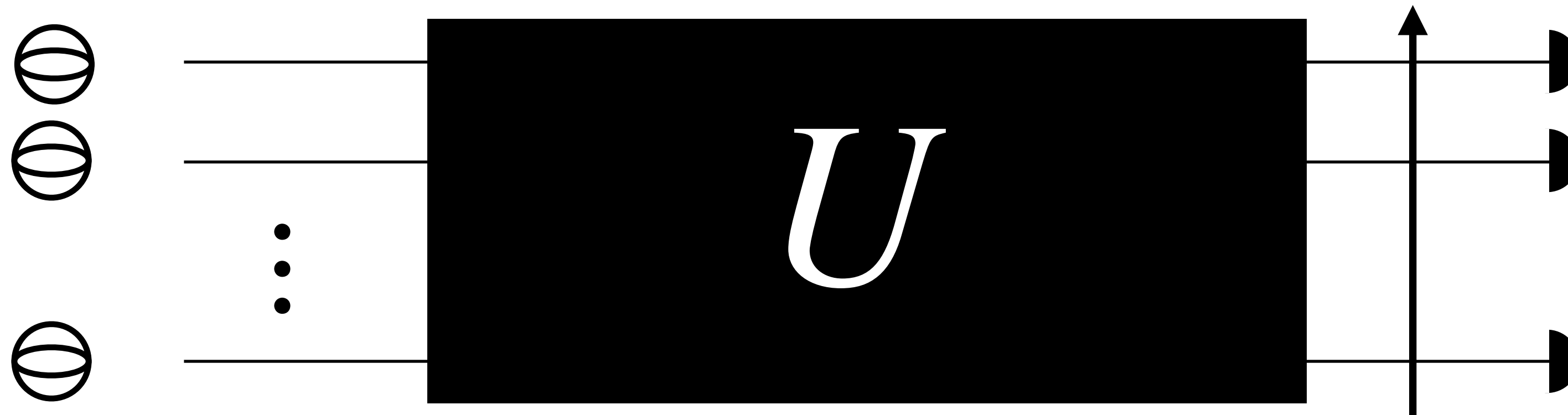
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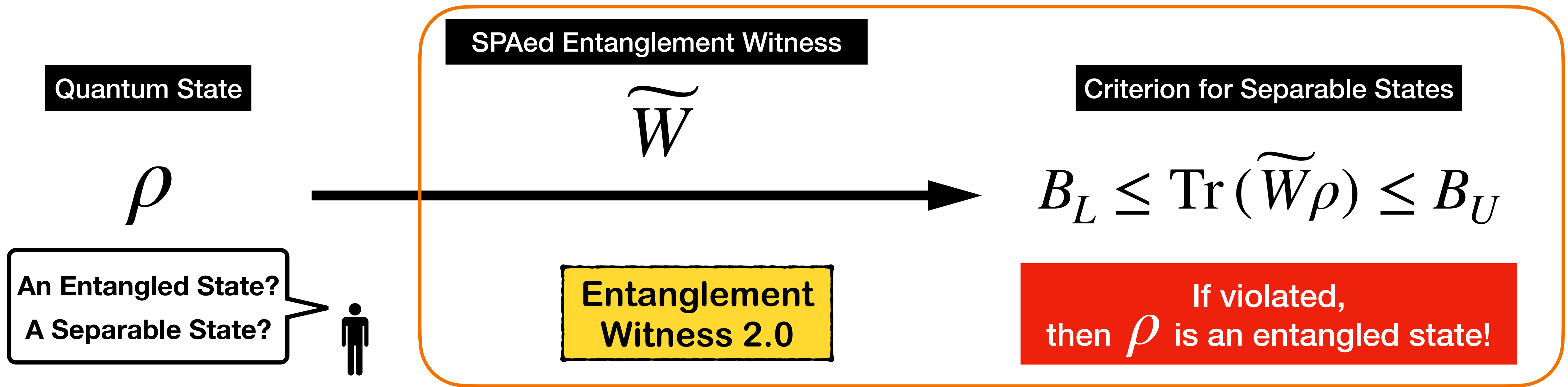
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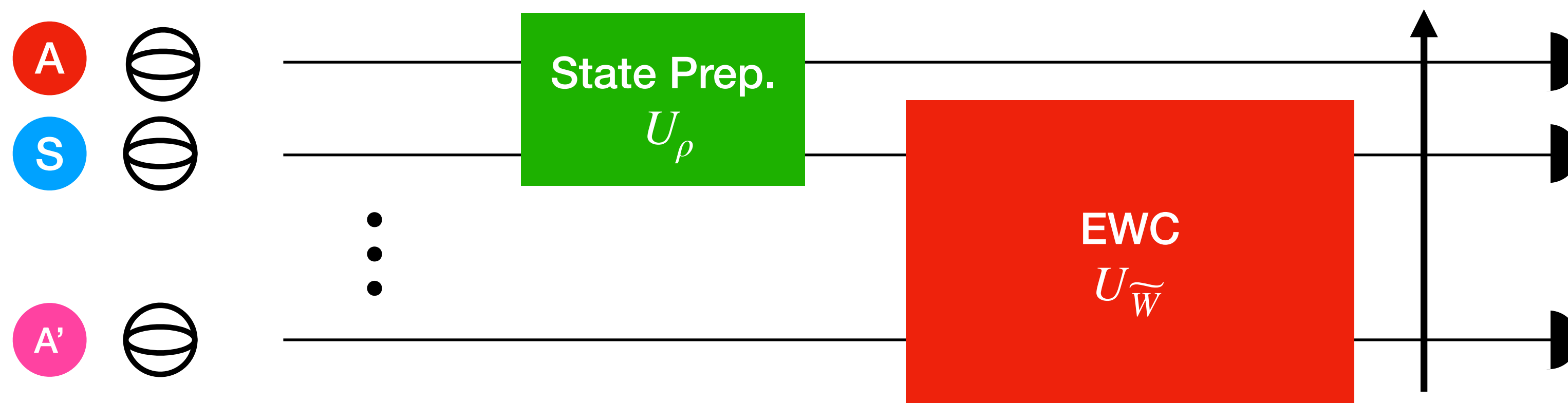
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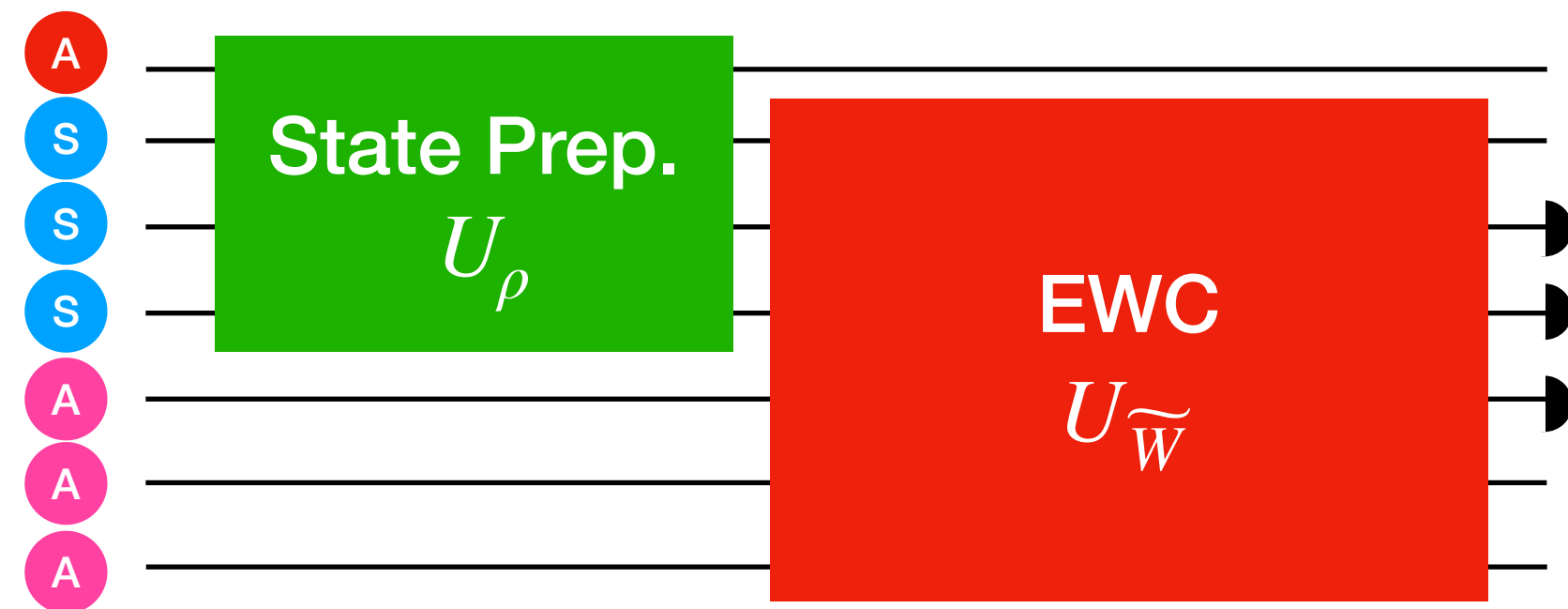
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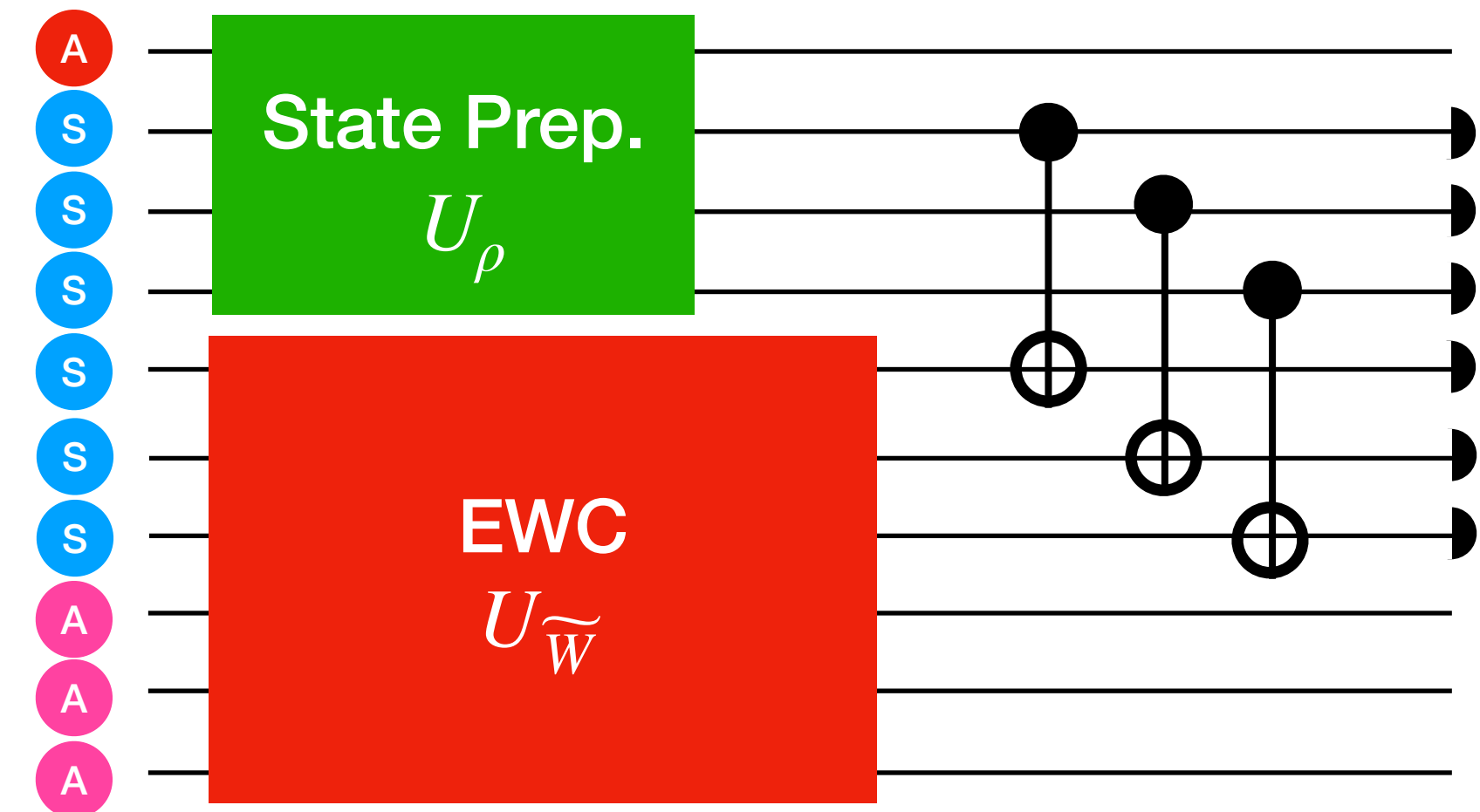


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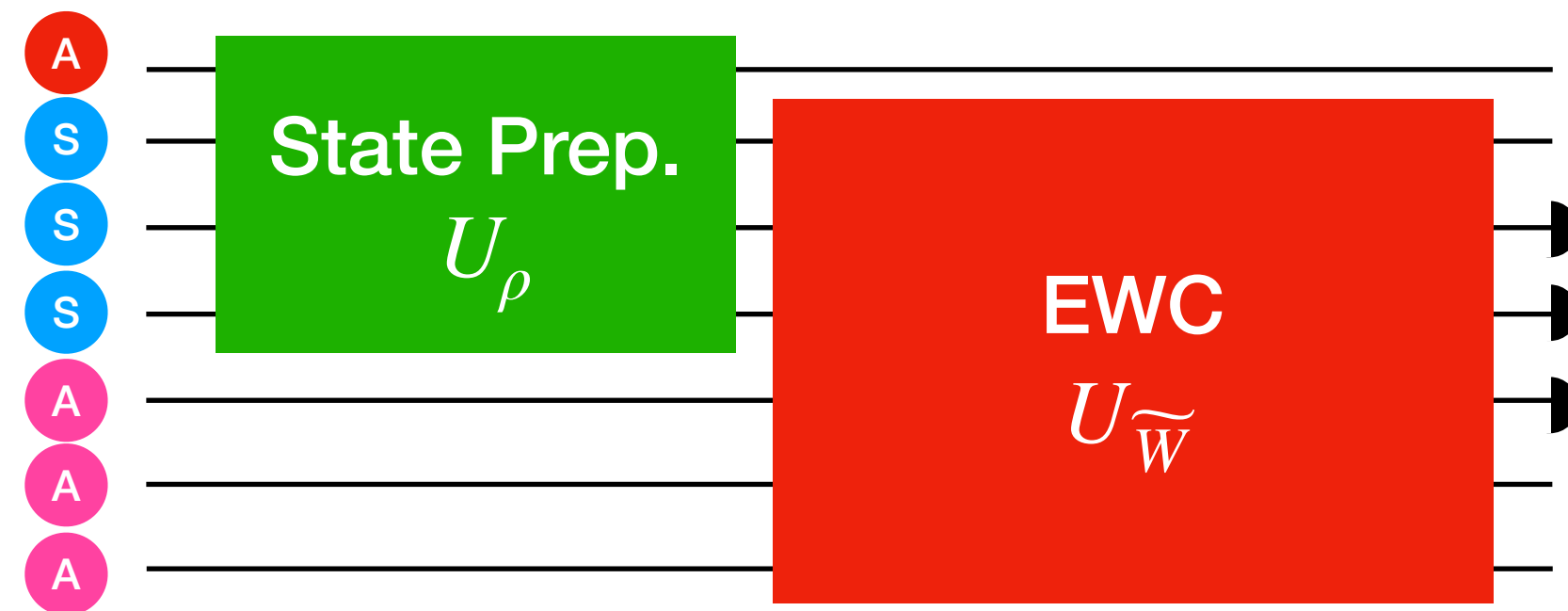
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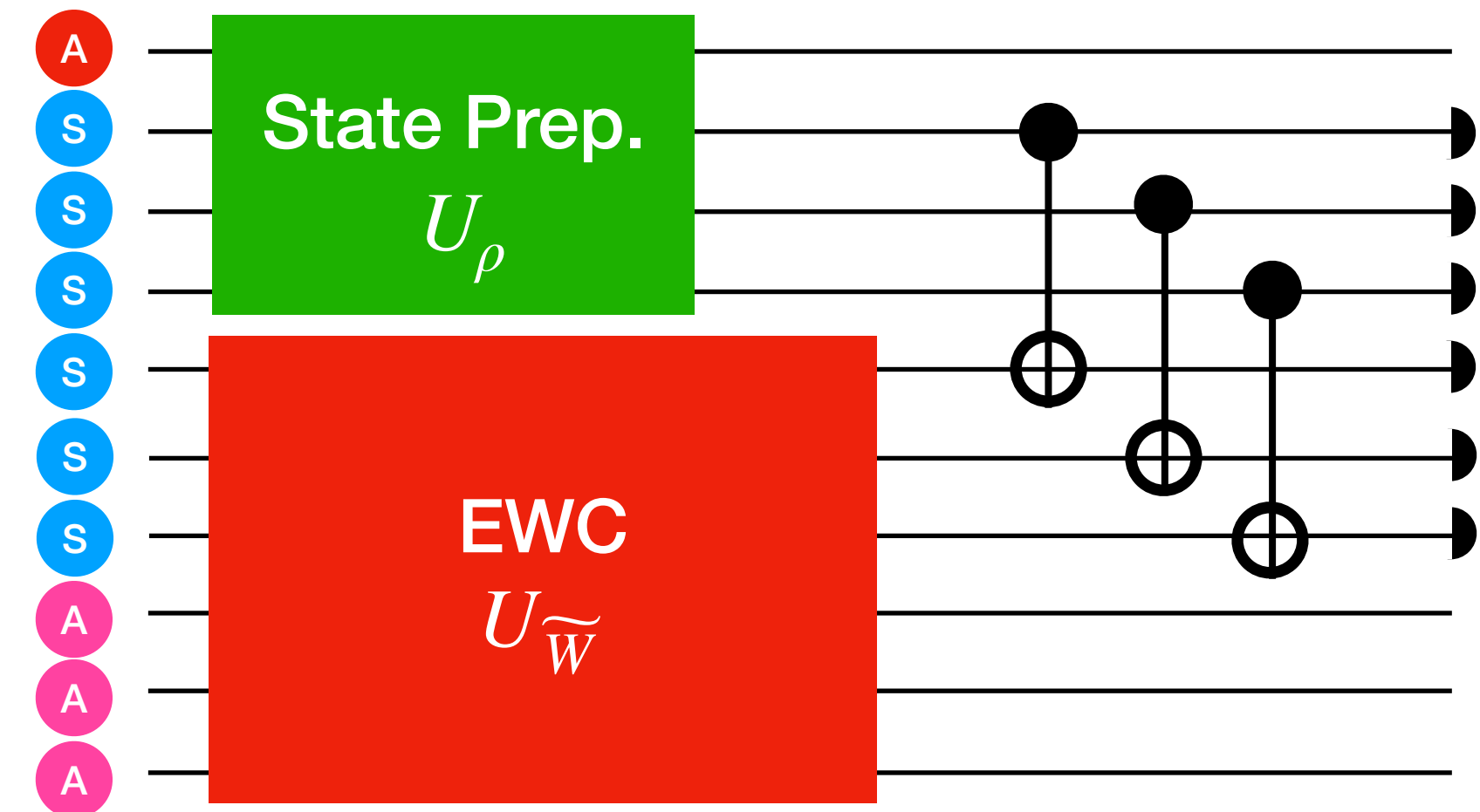
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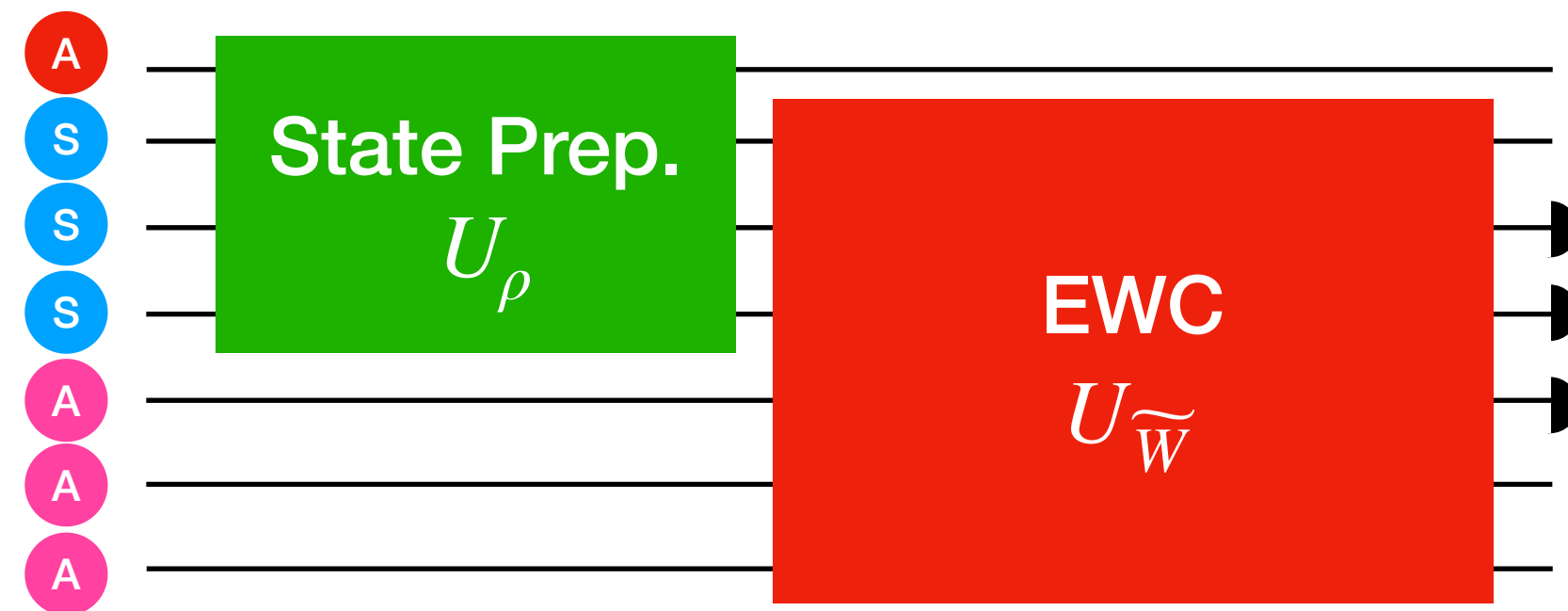
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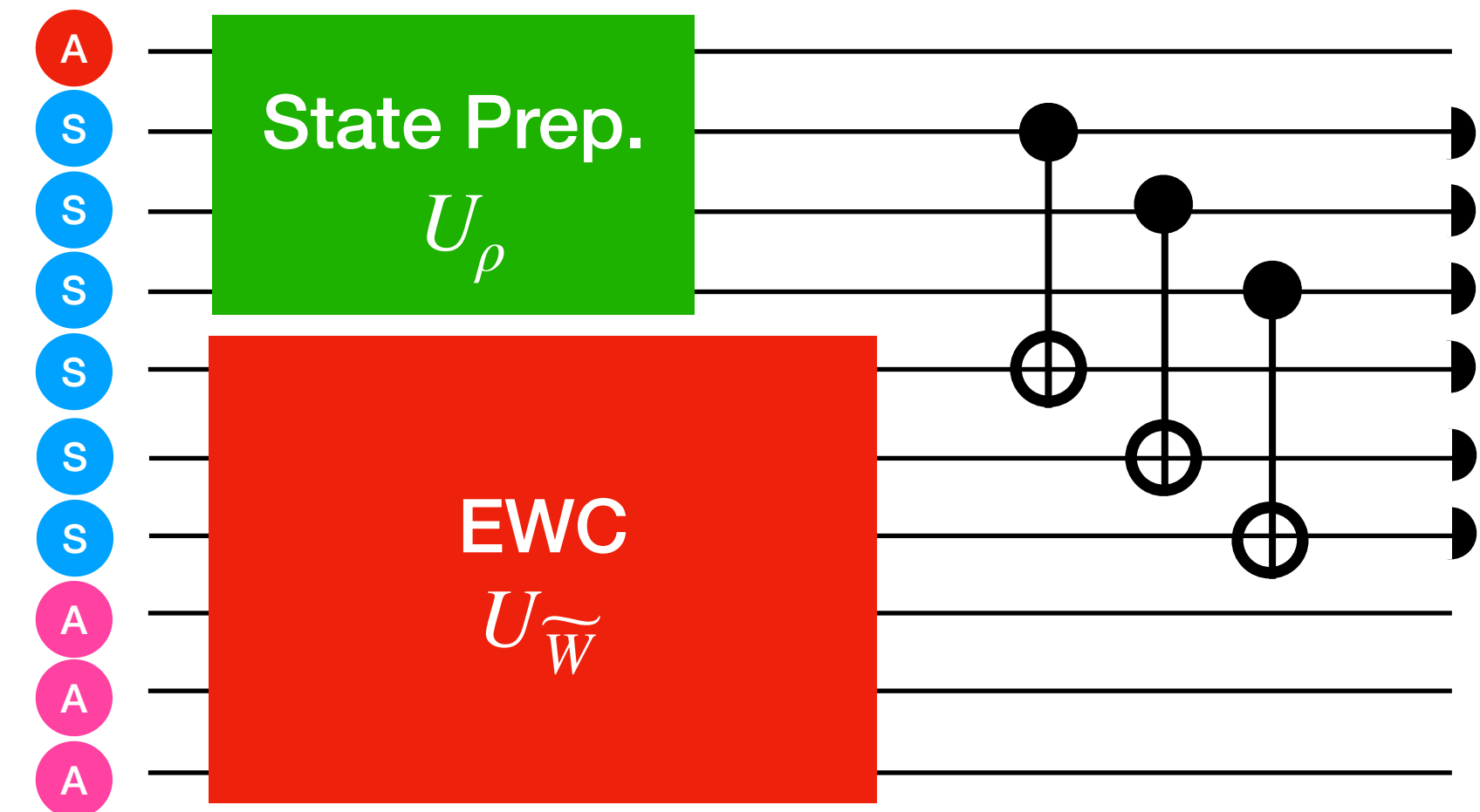
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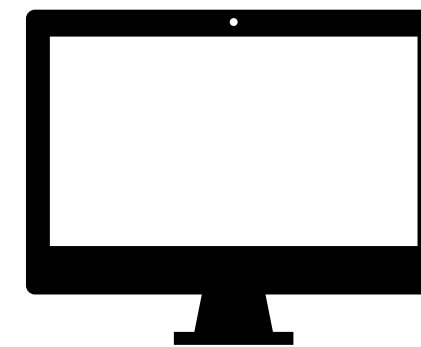
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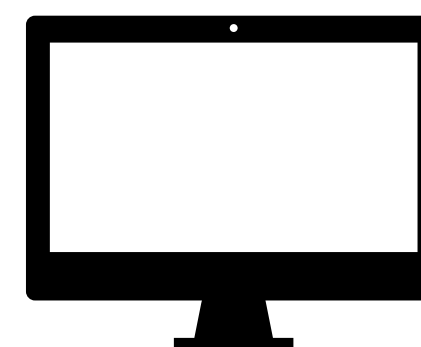
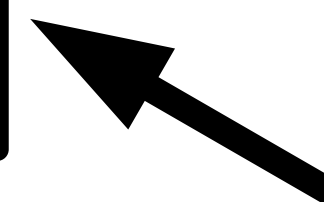
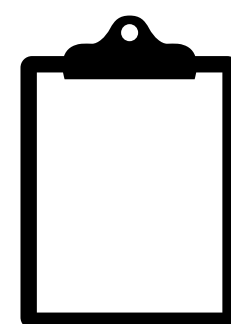
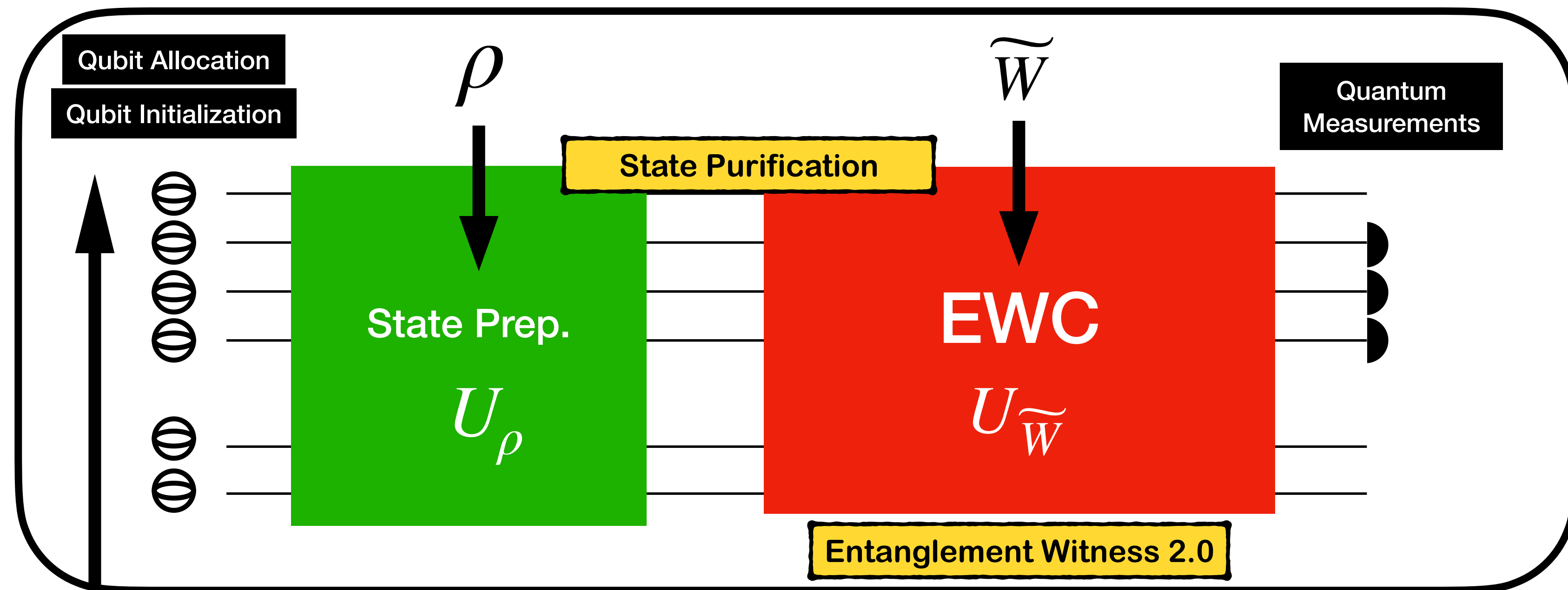
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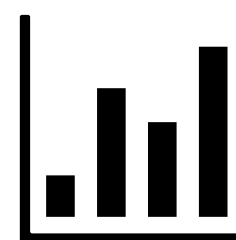
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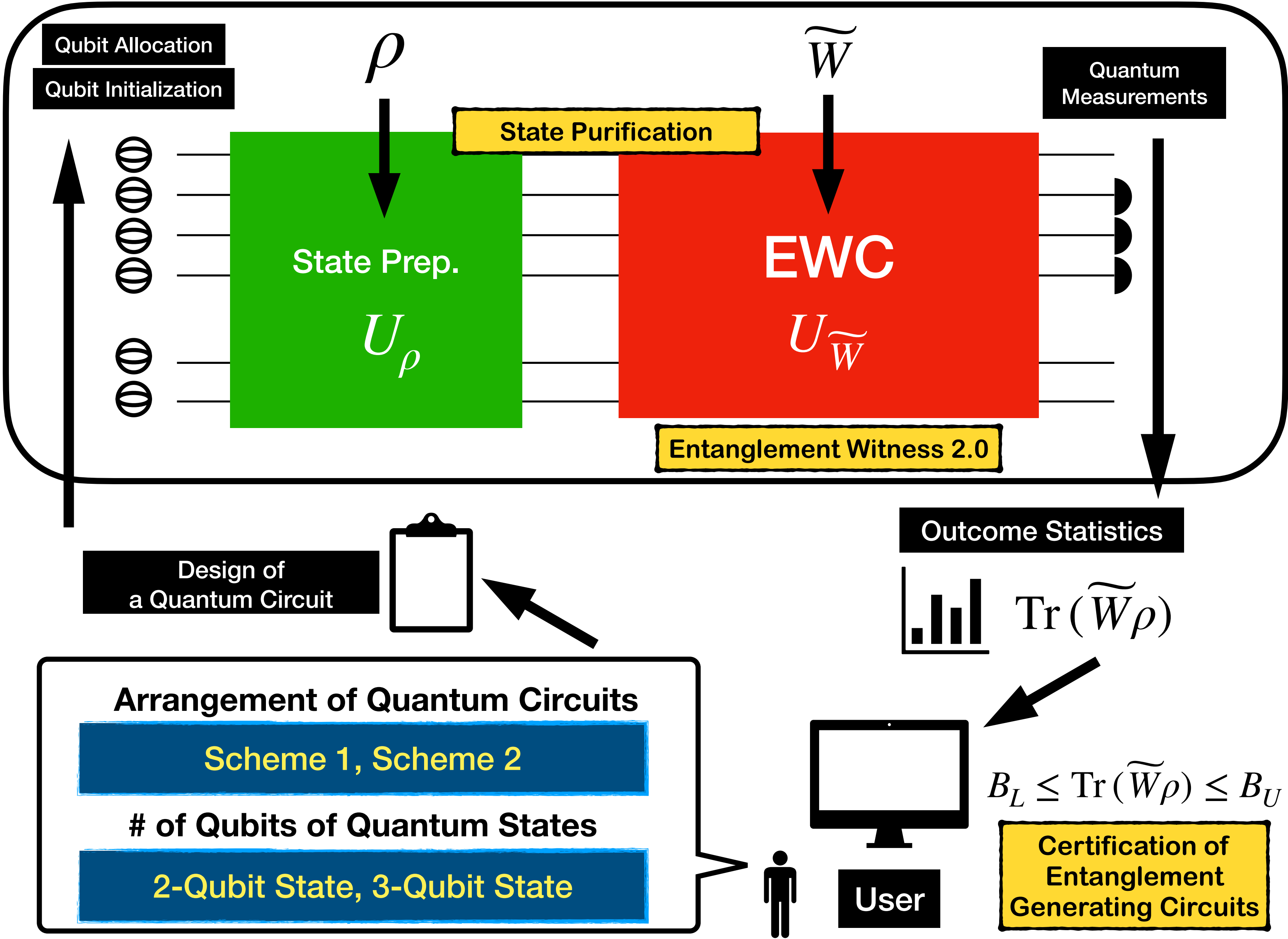
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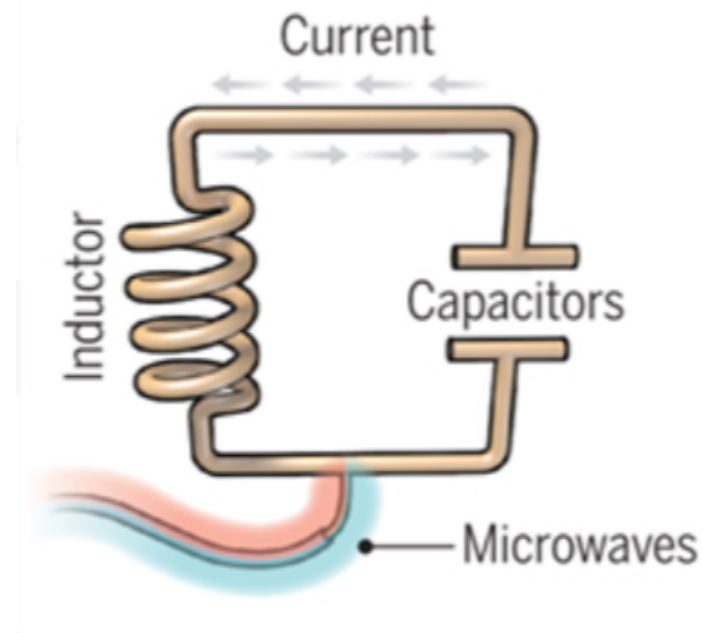
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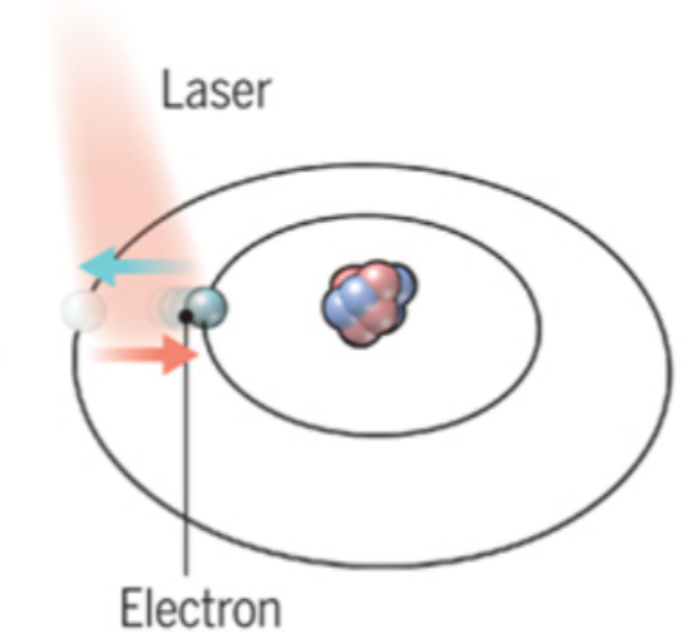
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Company support
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IonQ



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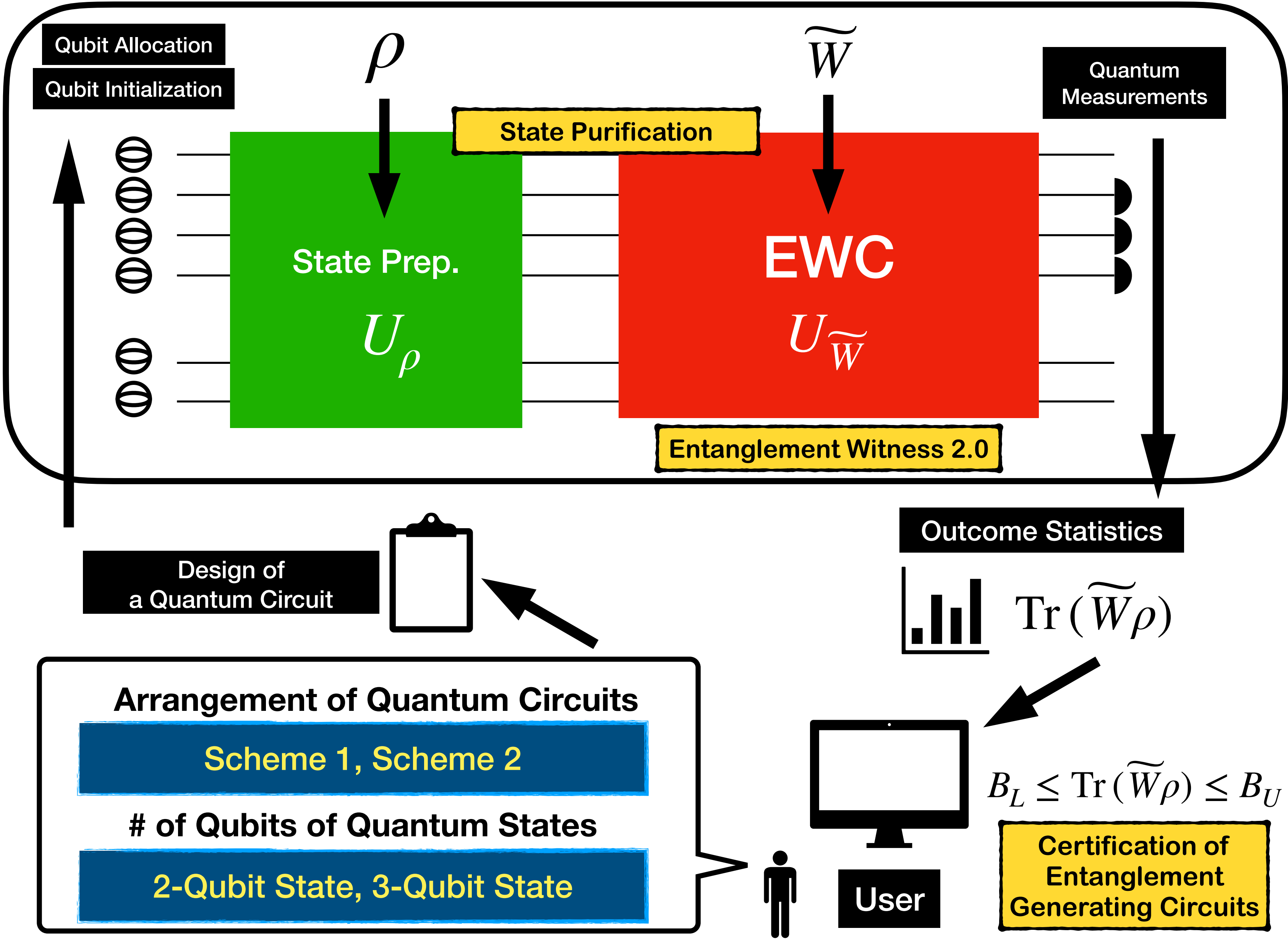
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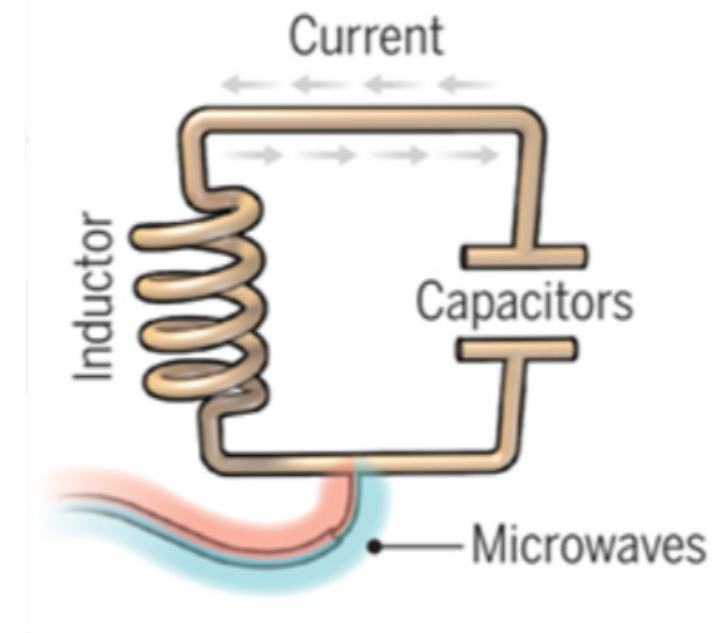
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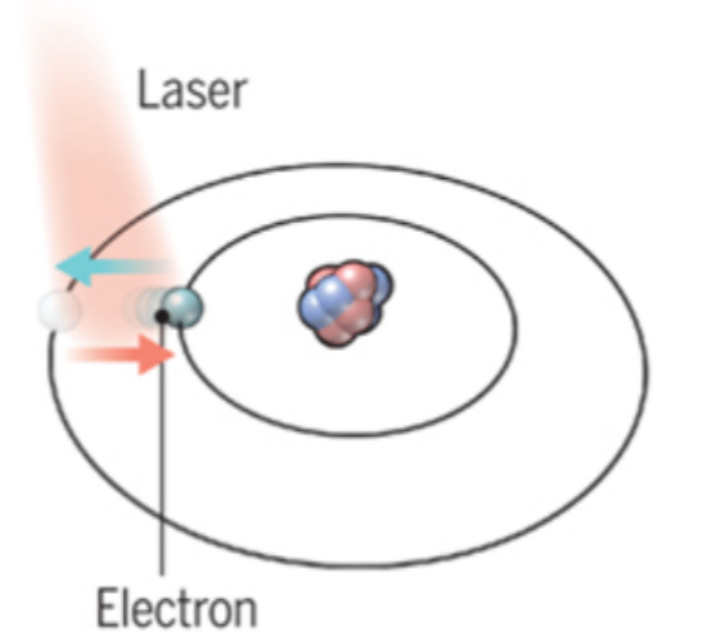
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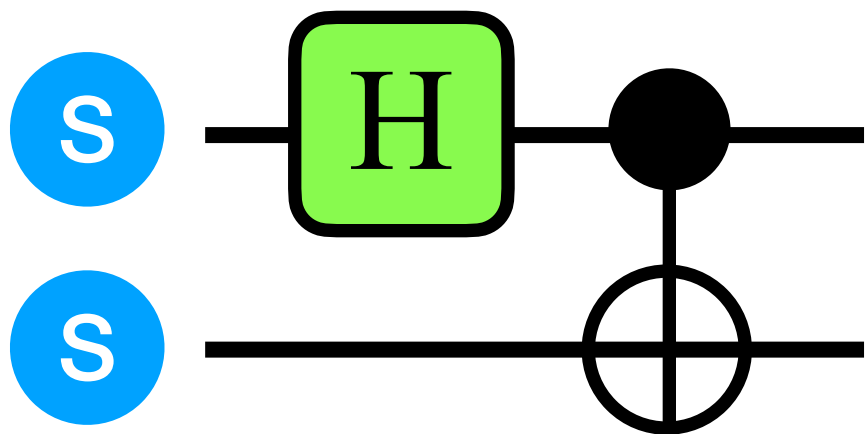
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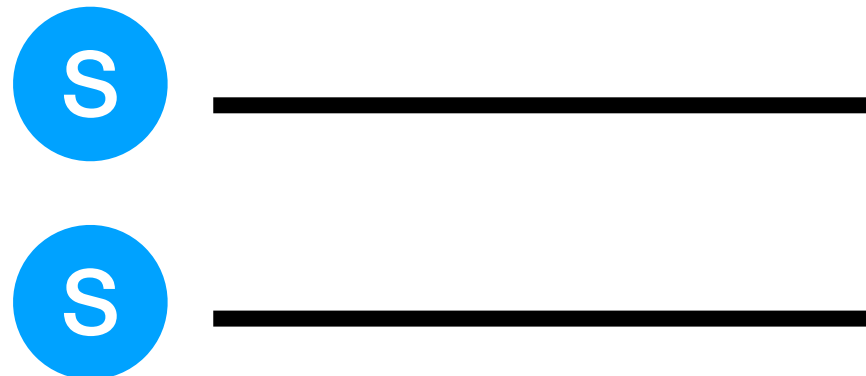
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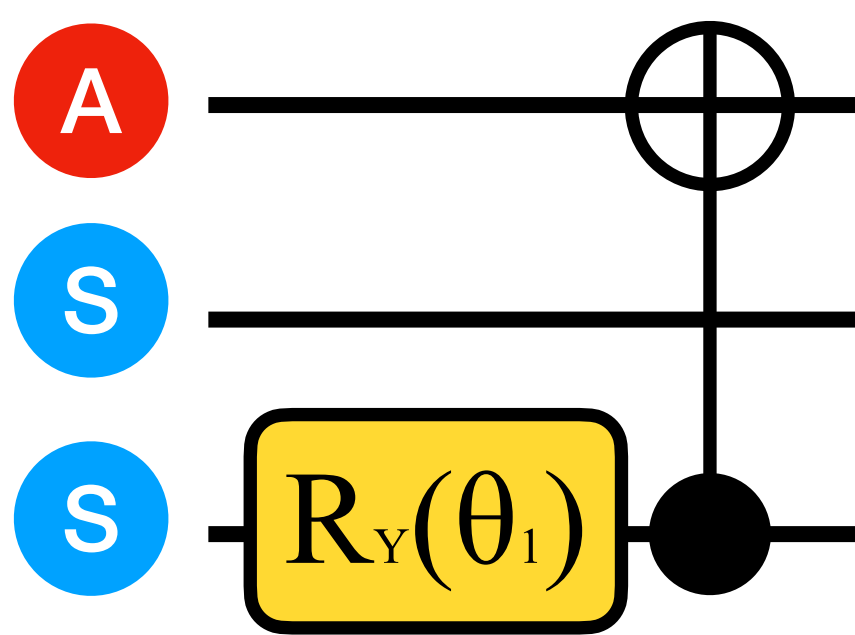


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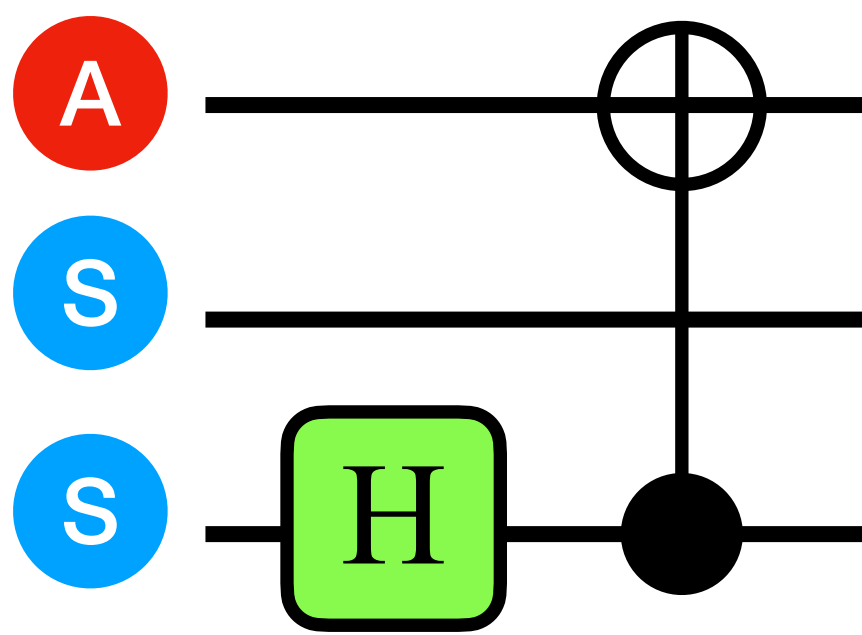


$$|00\rangle \langle 00|$$

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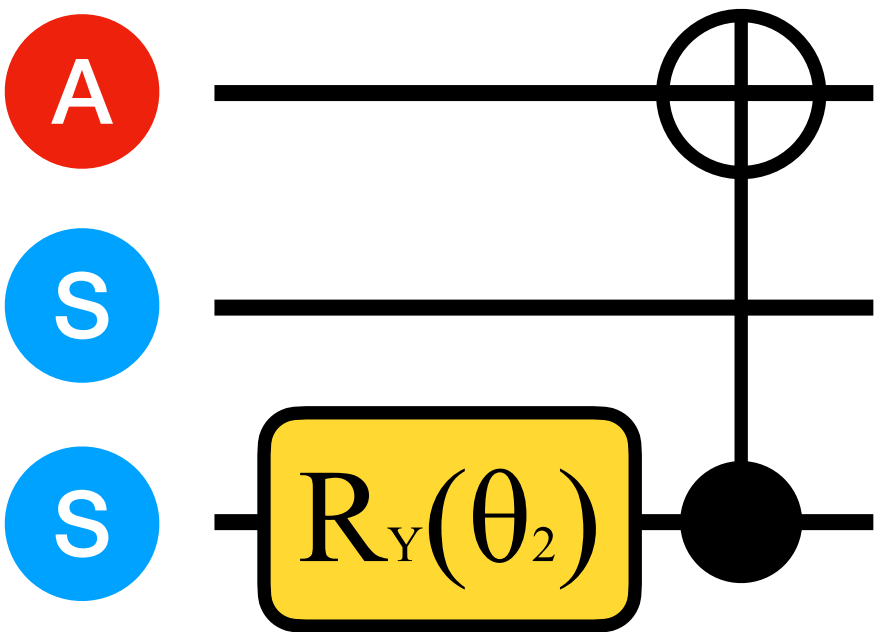


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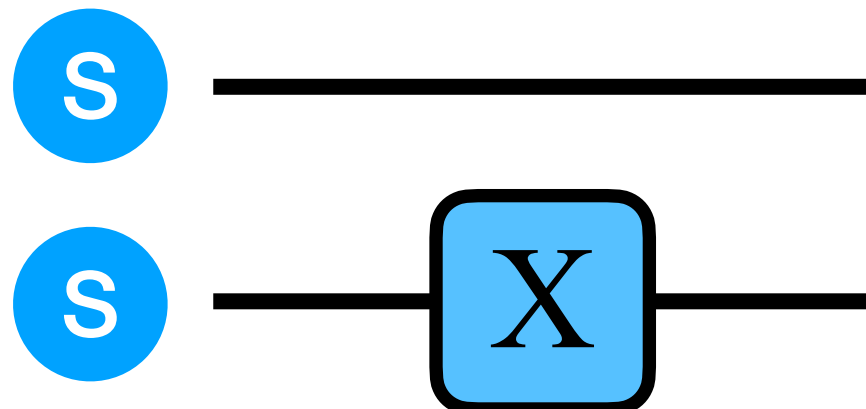
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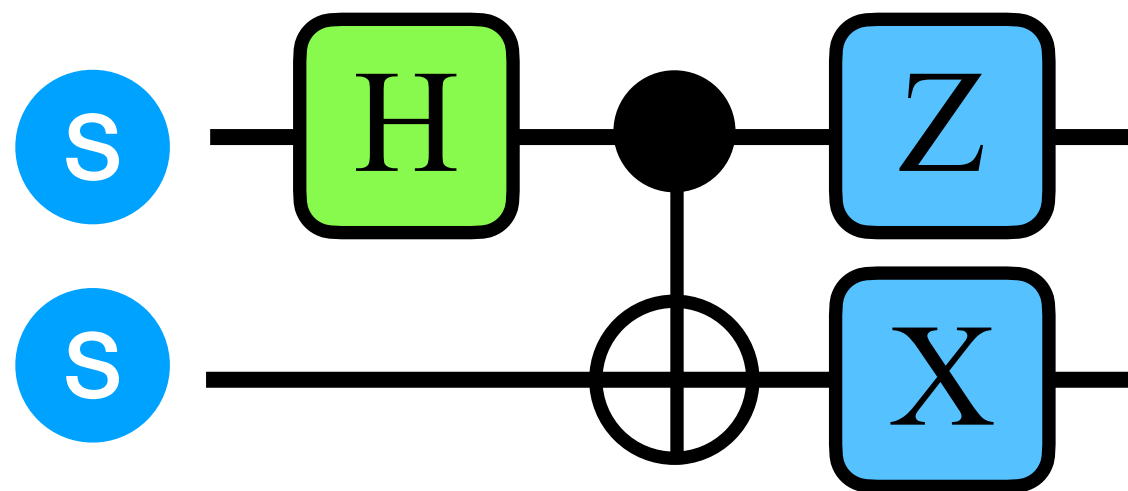
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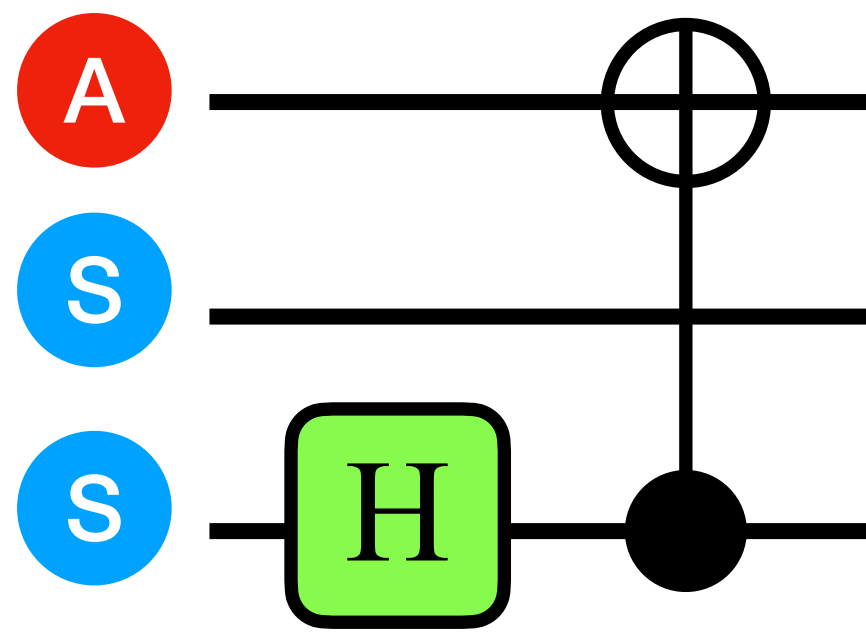
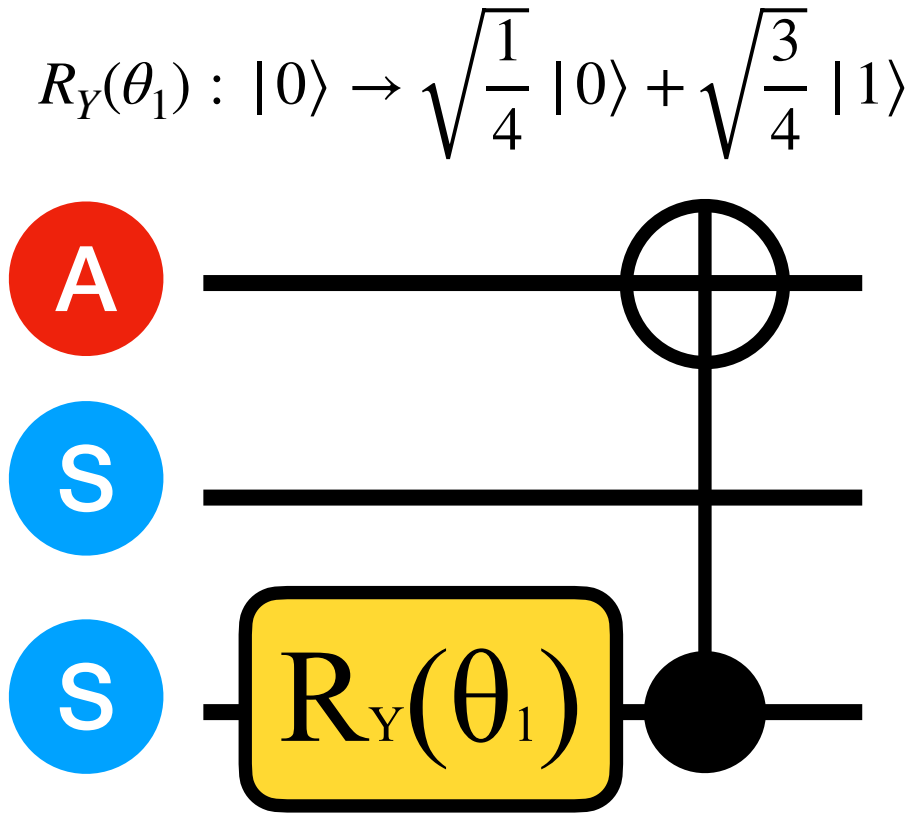
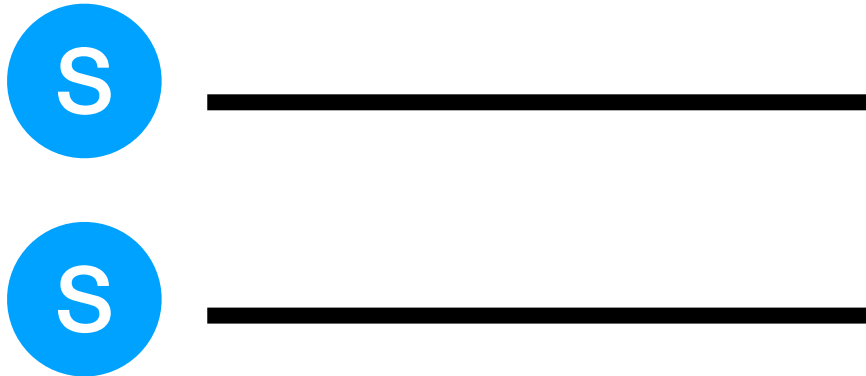
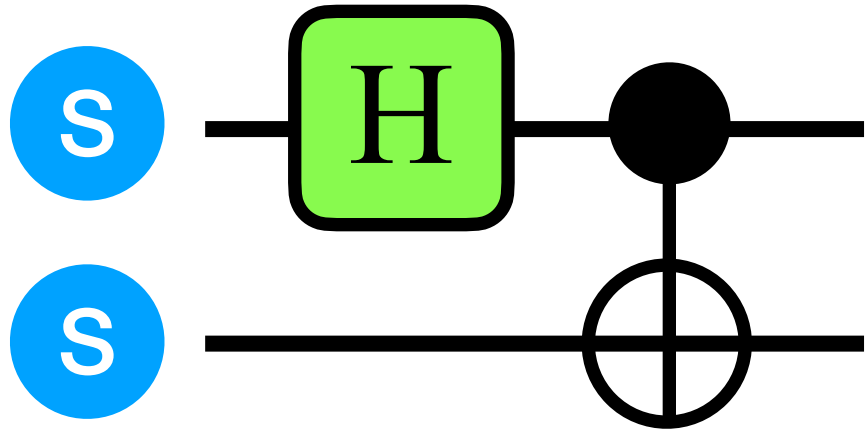
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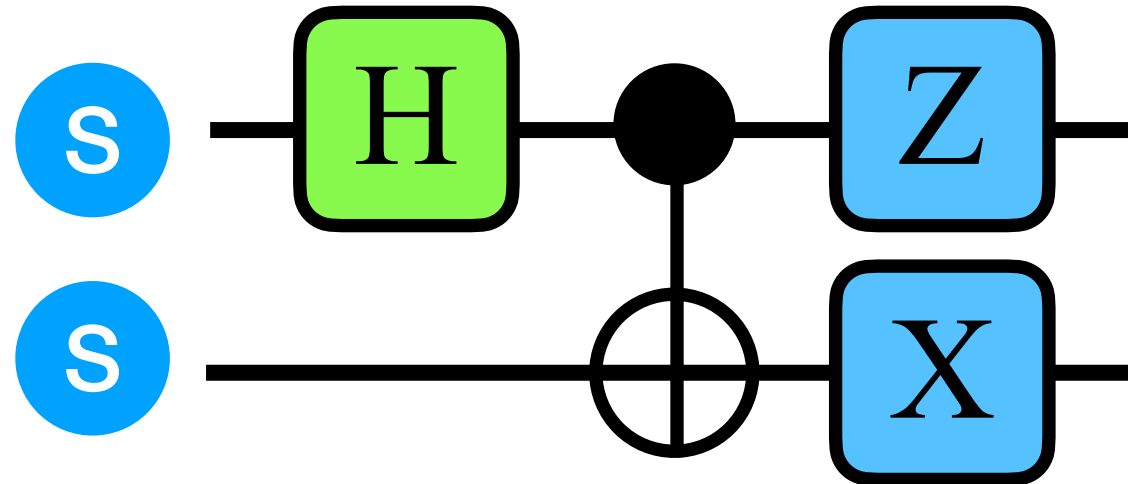
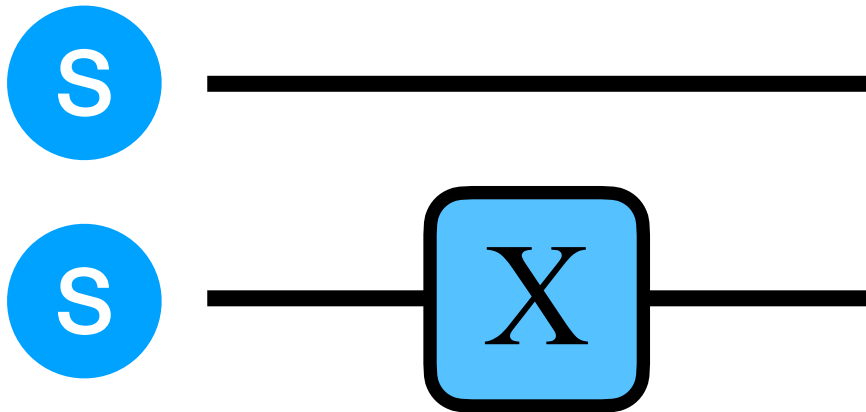
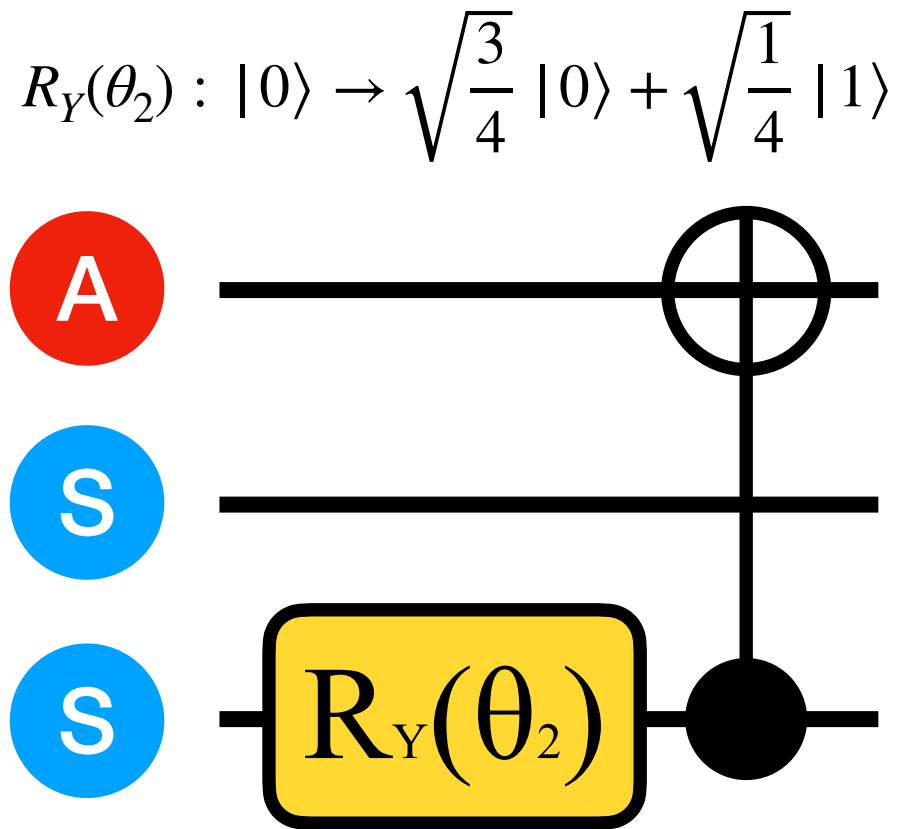
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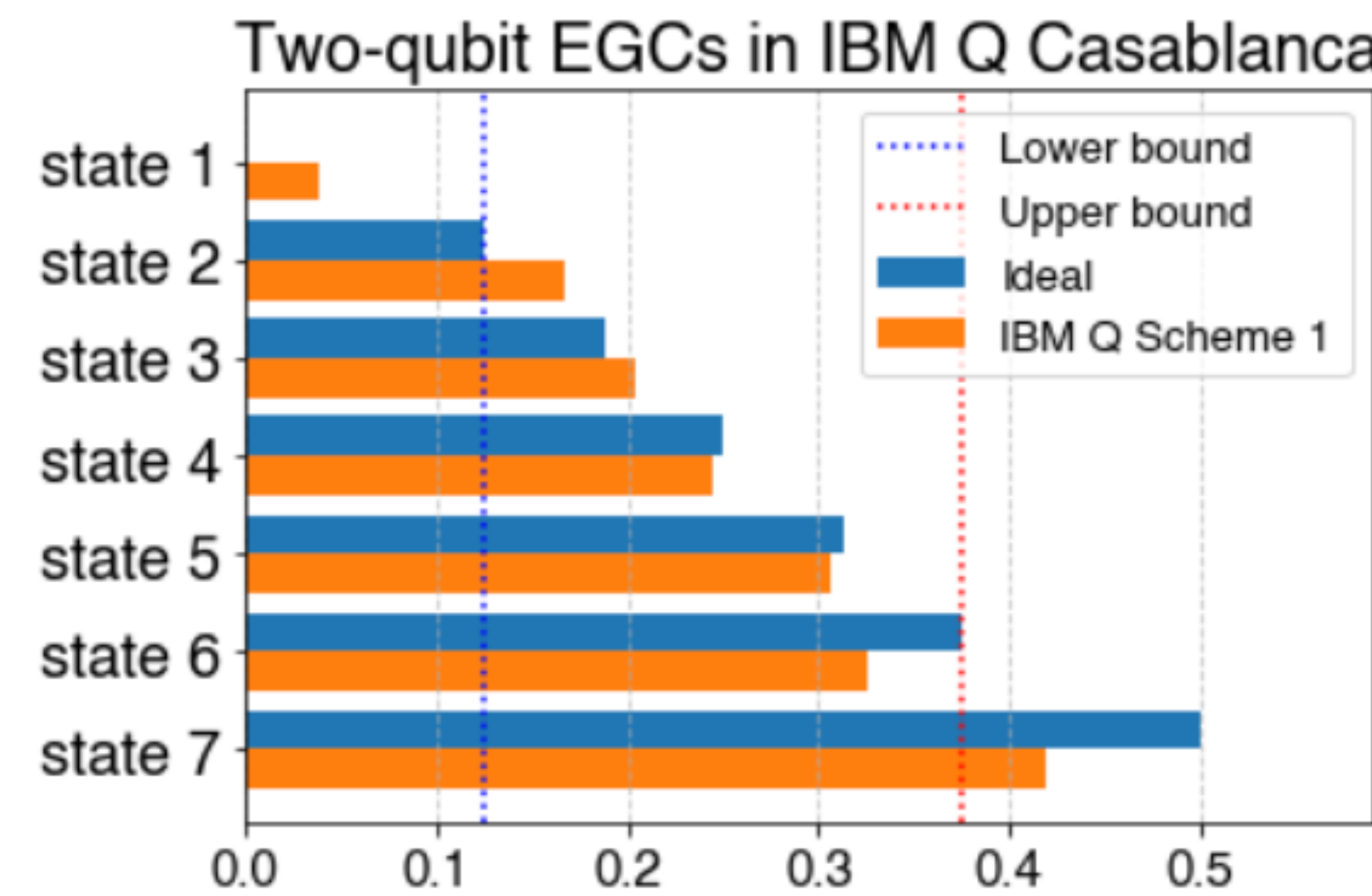
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2-qubit demonstration in IBM Q Casablanca



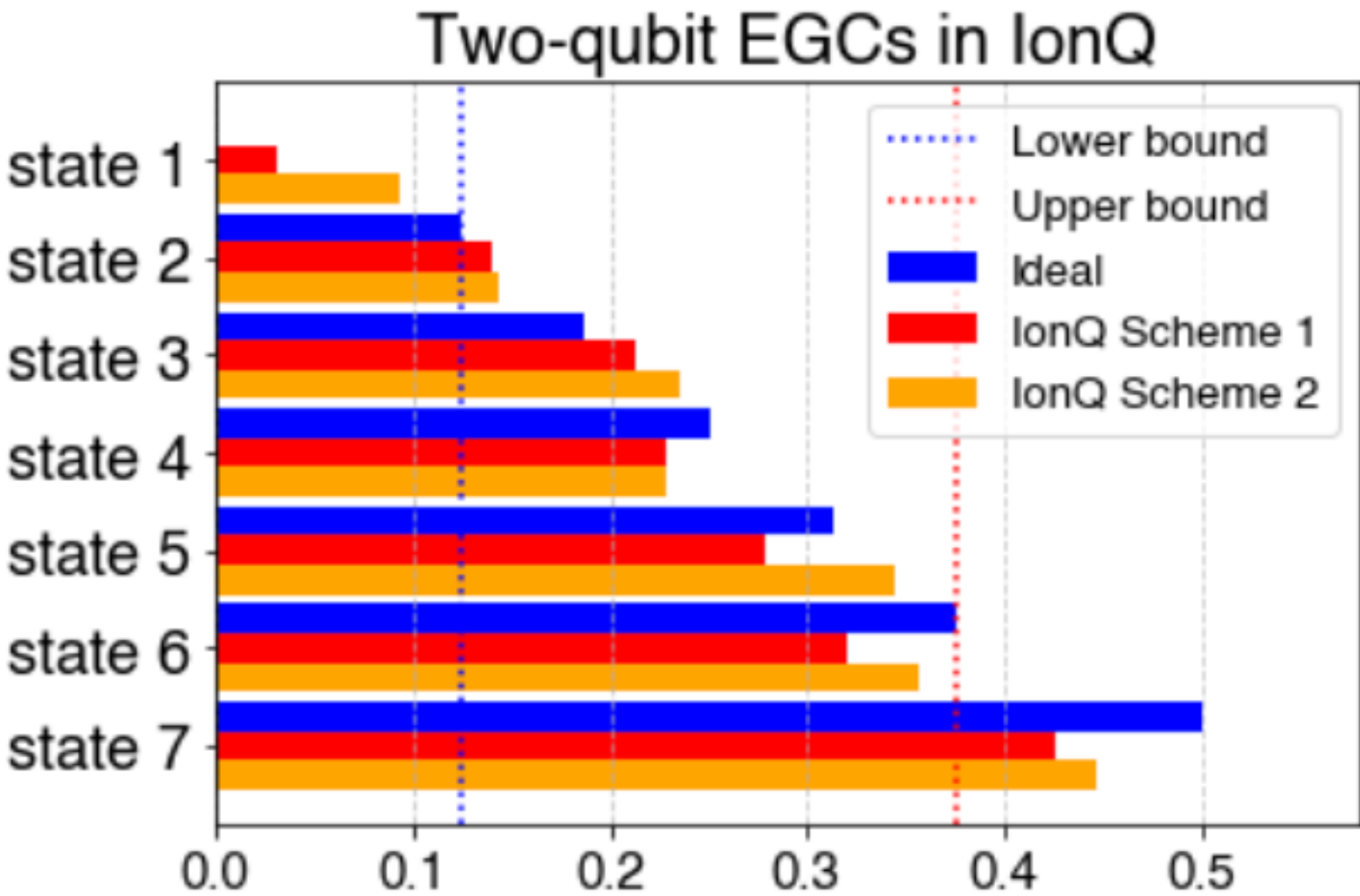
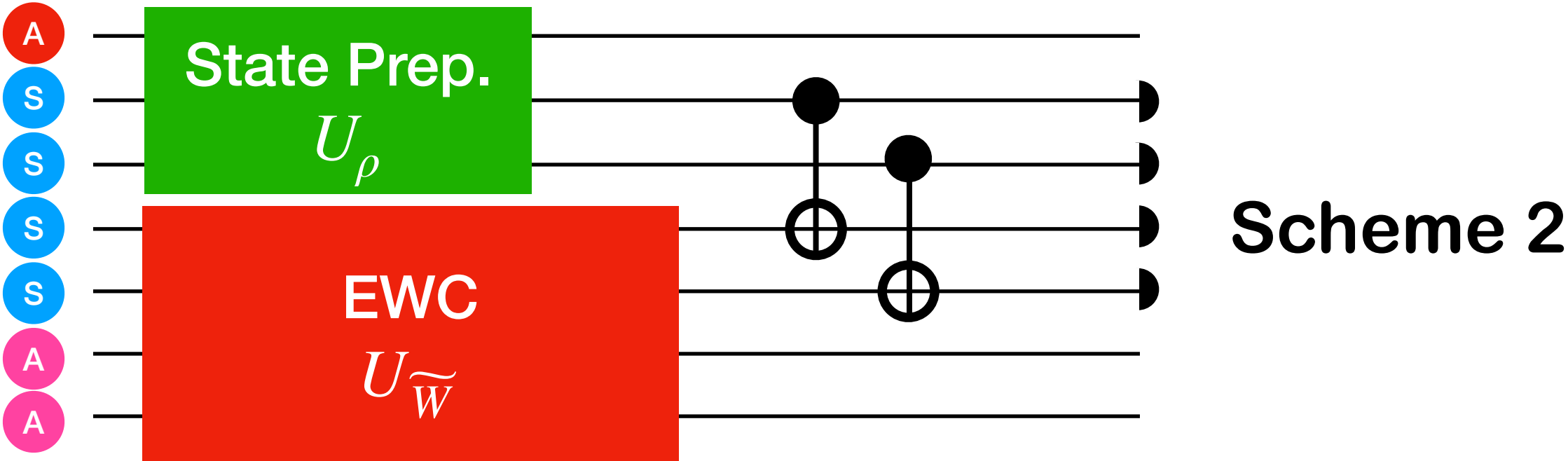
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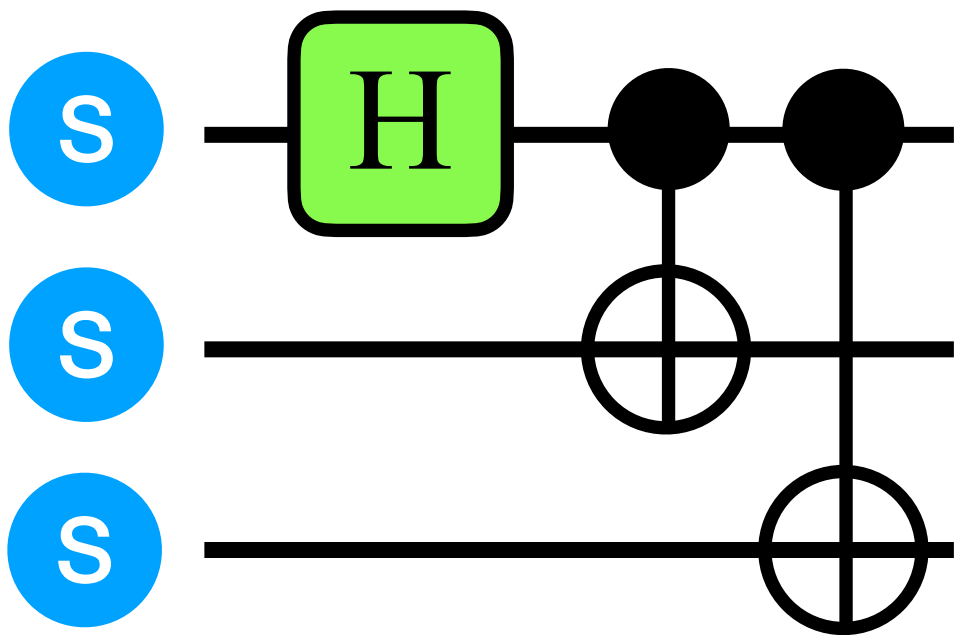
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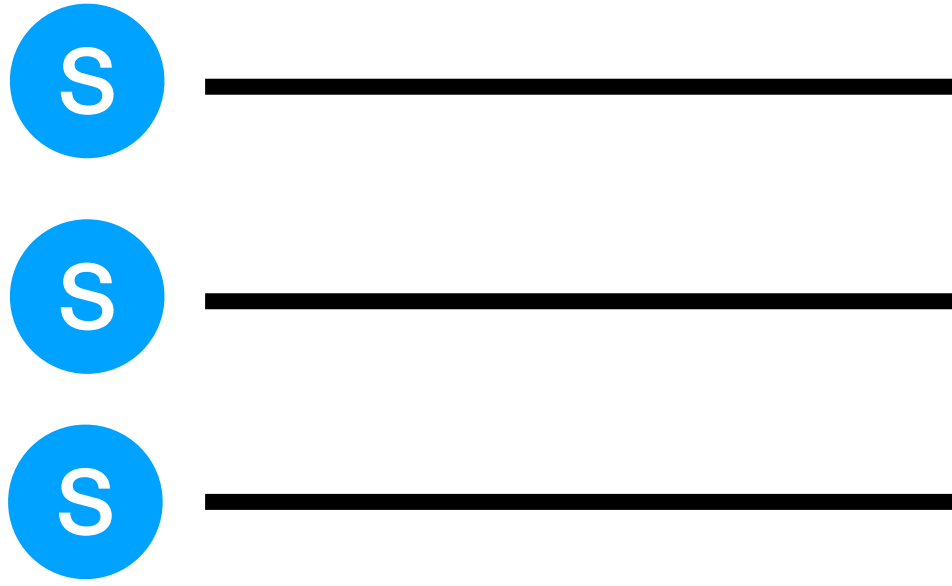
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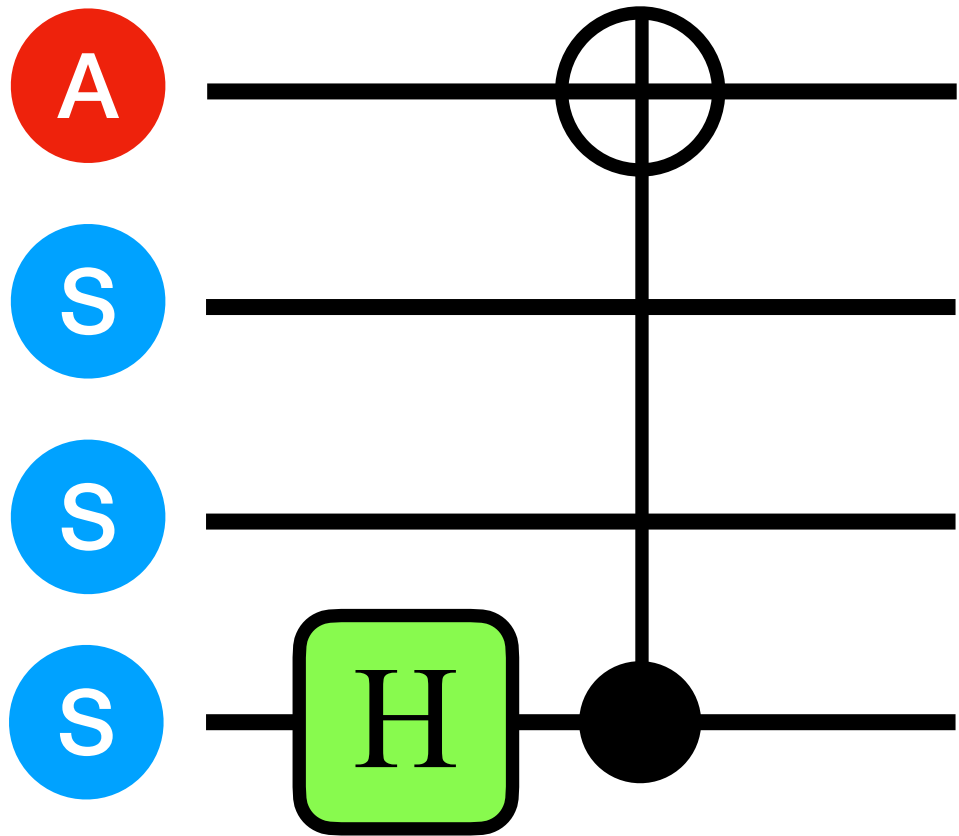
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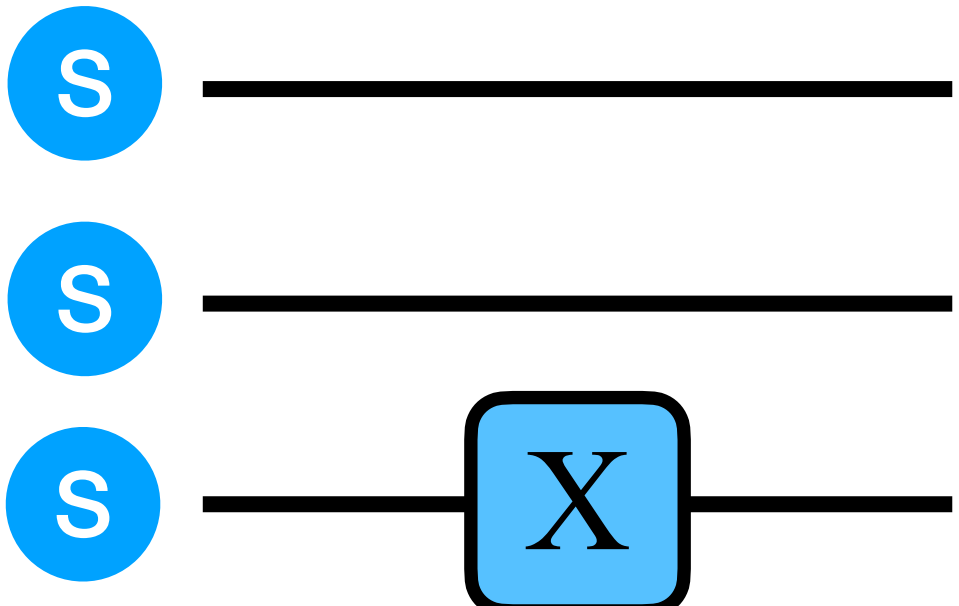
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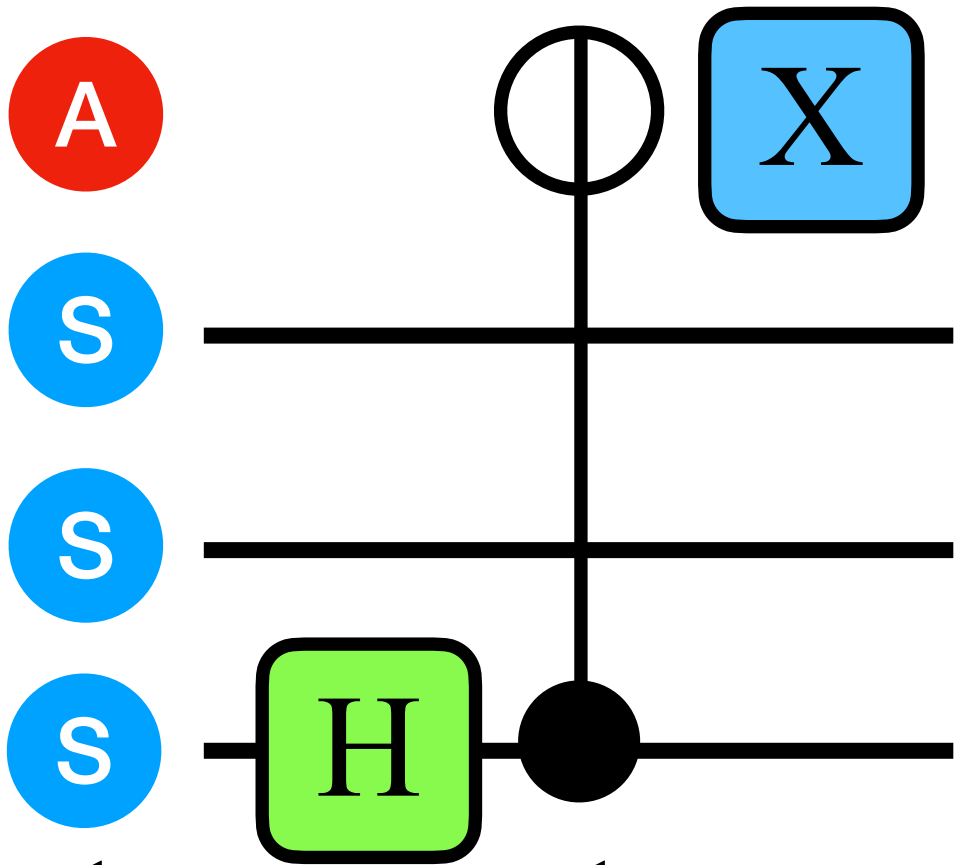
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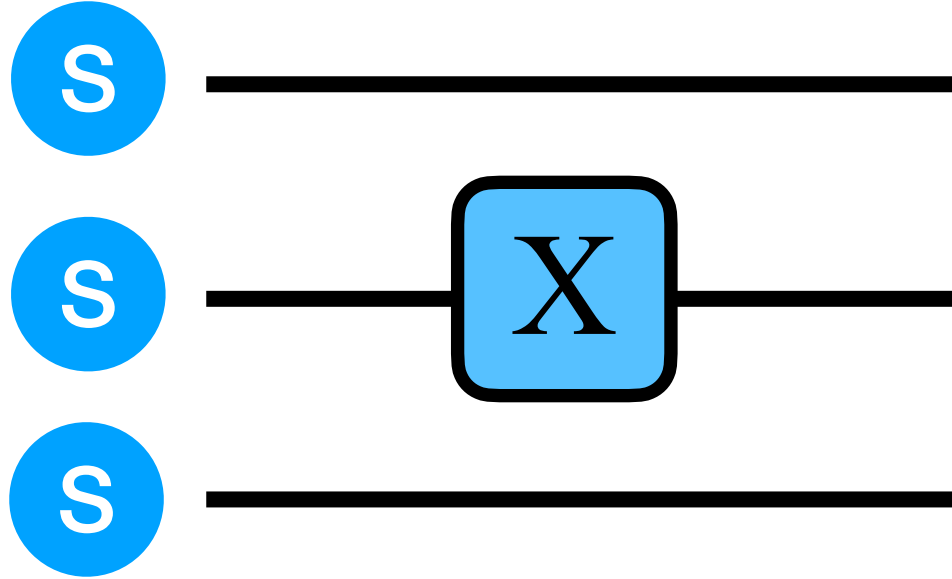
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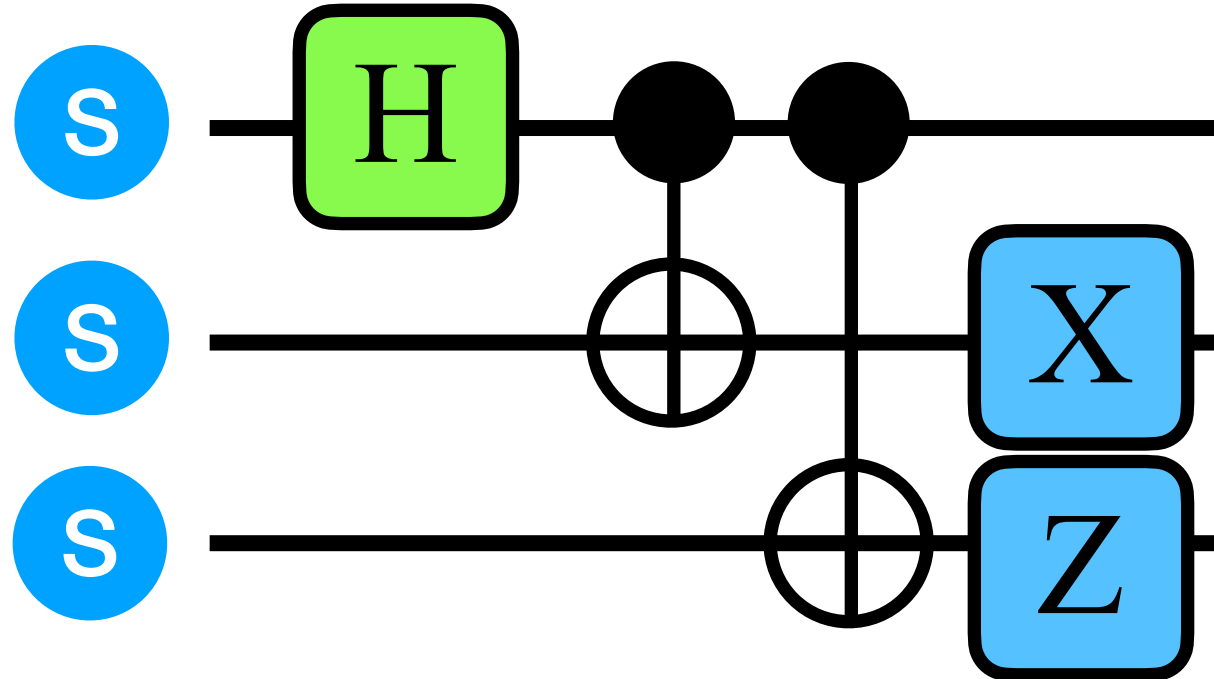
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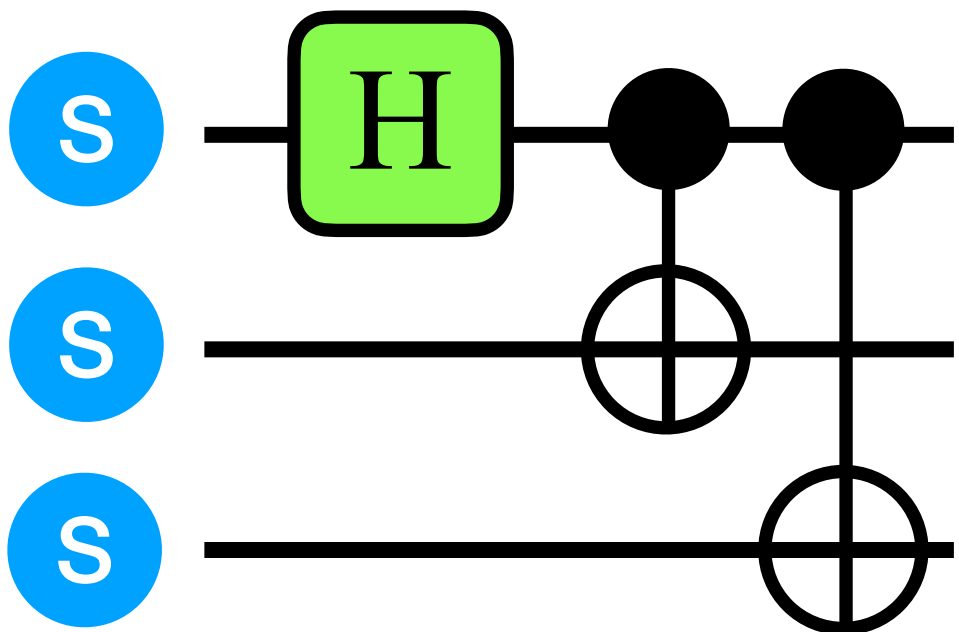


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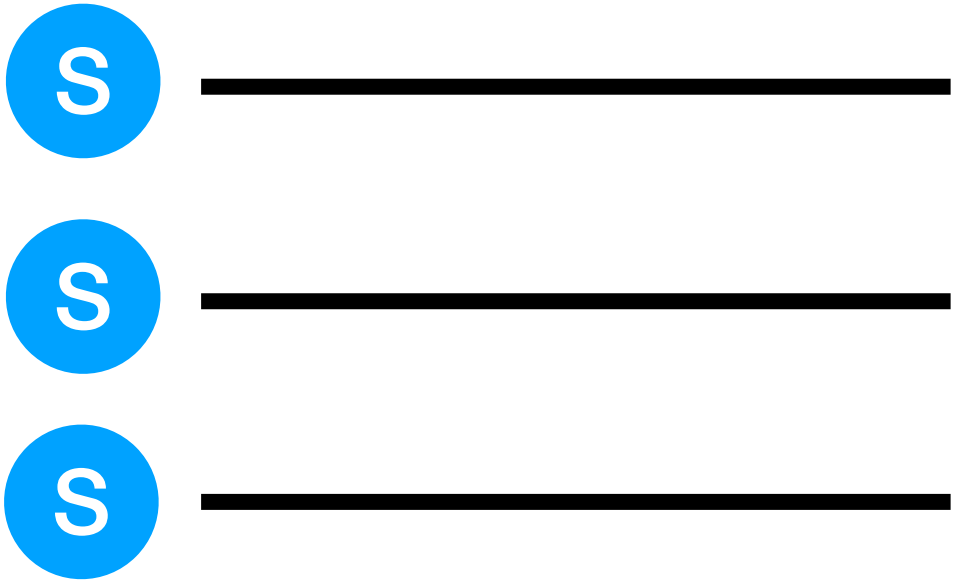
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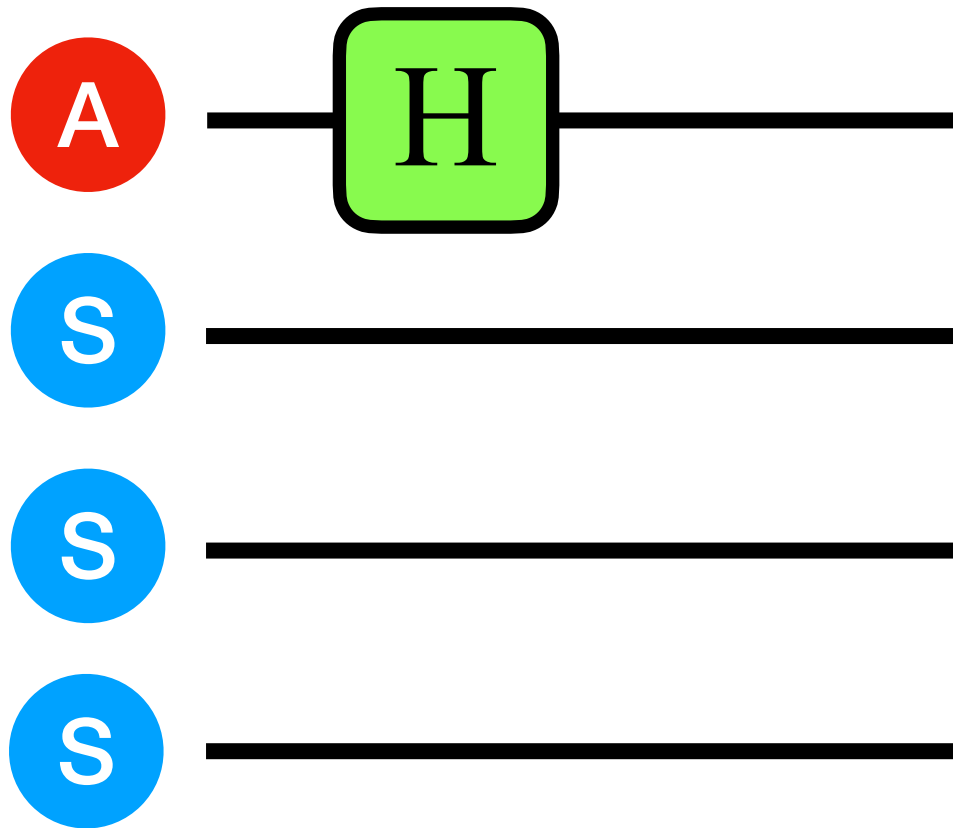
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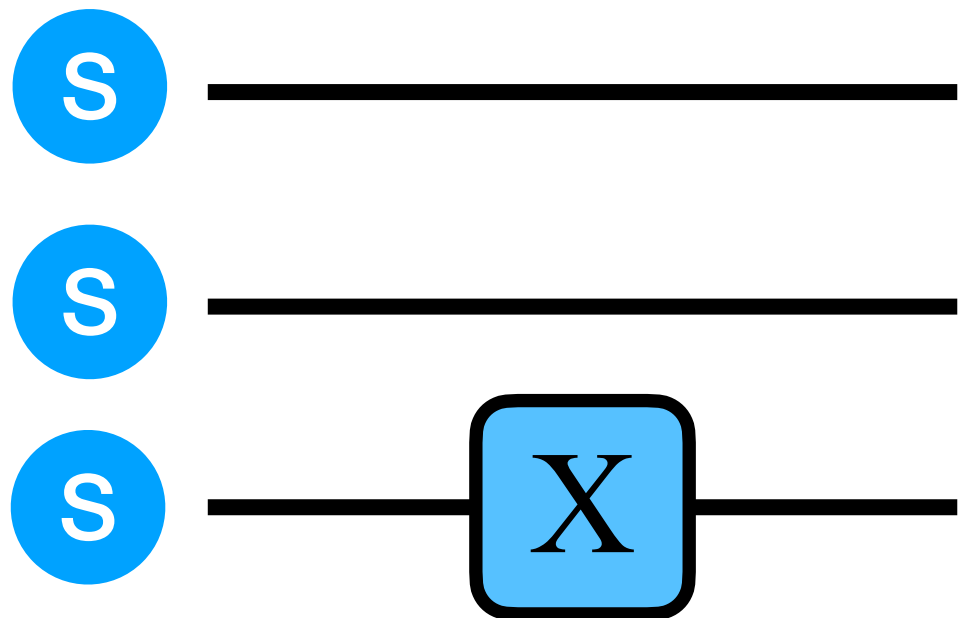
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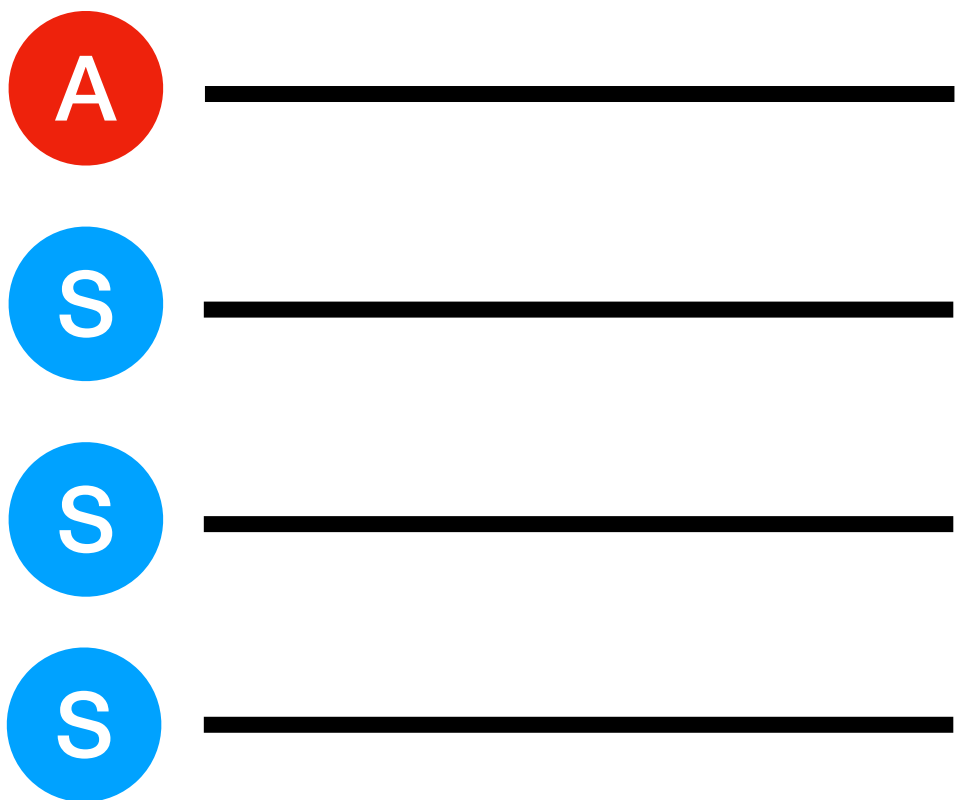


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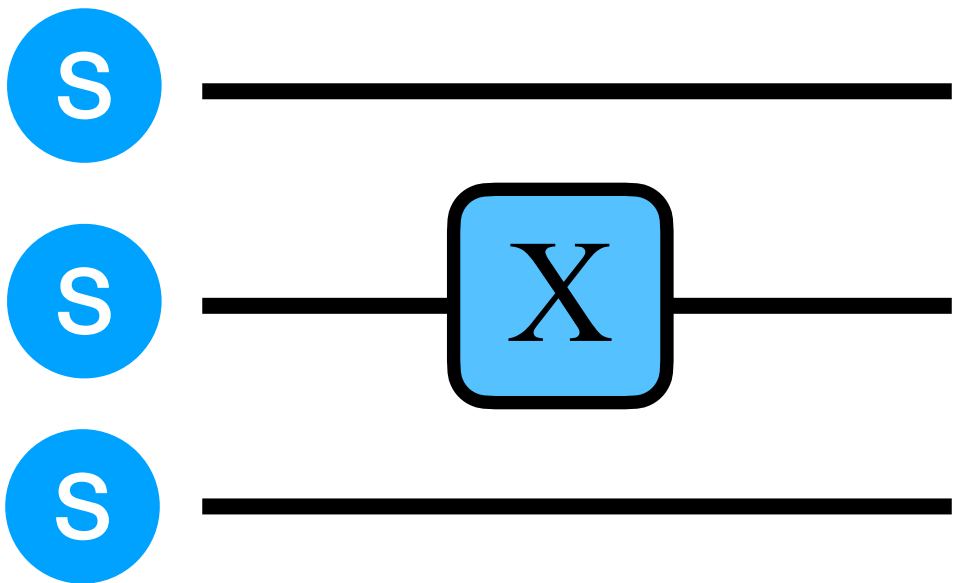


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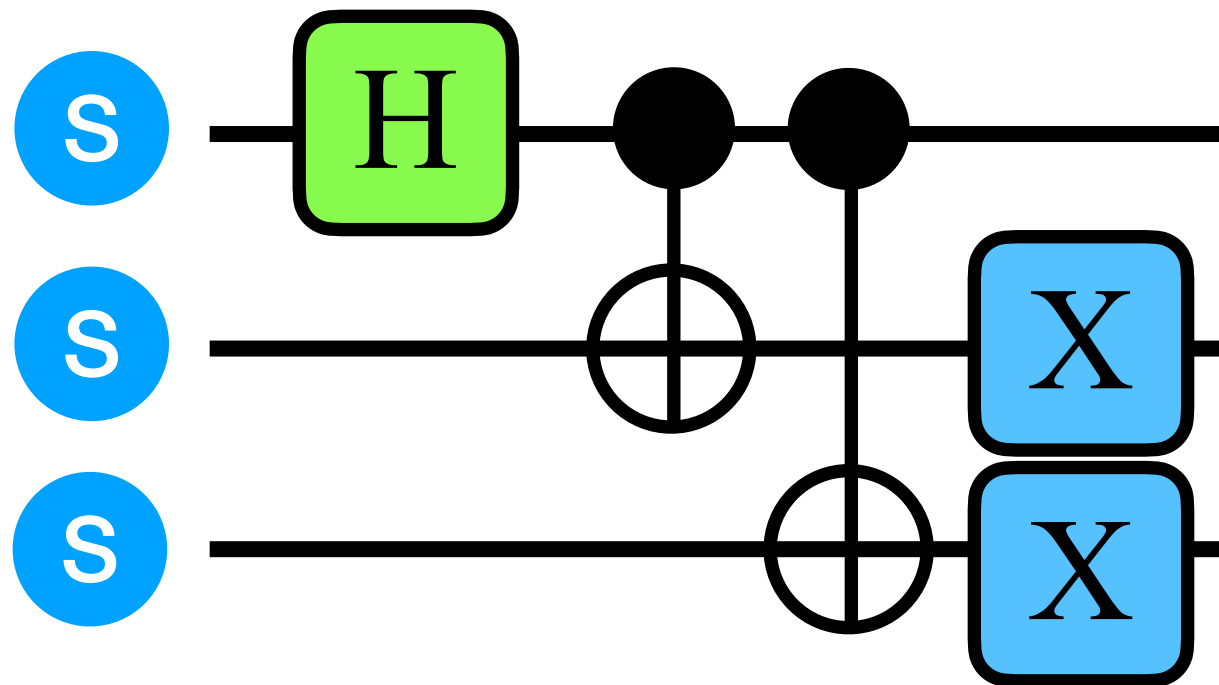
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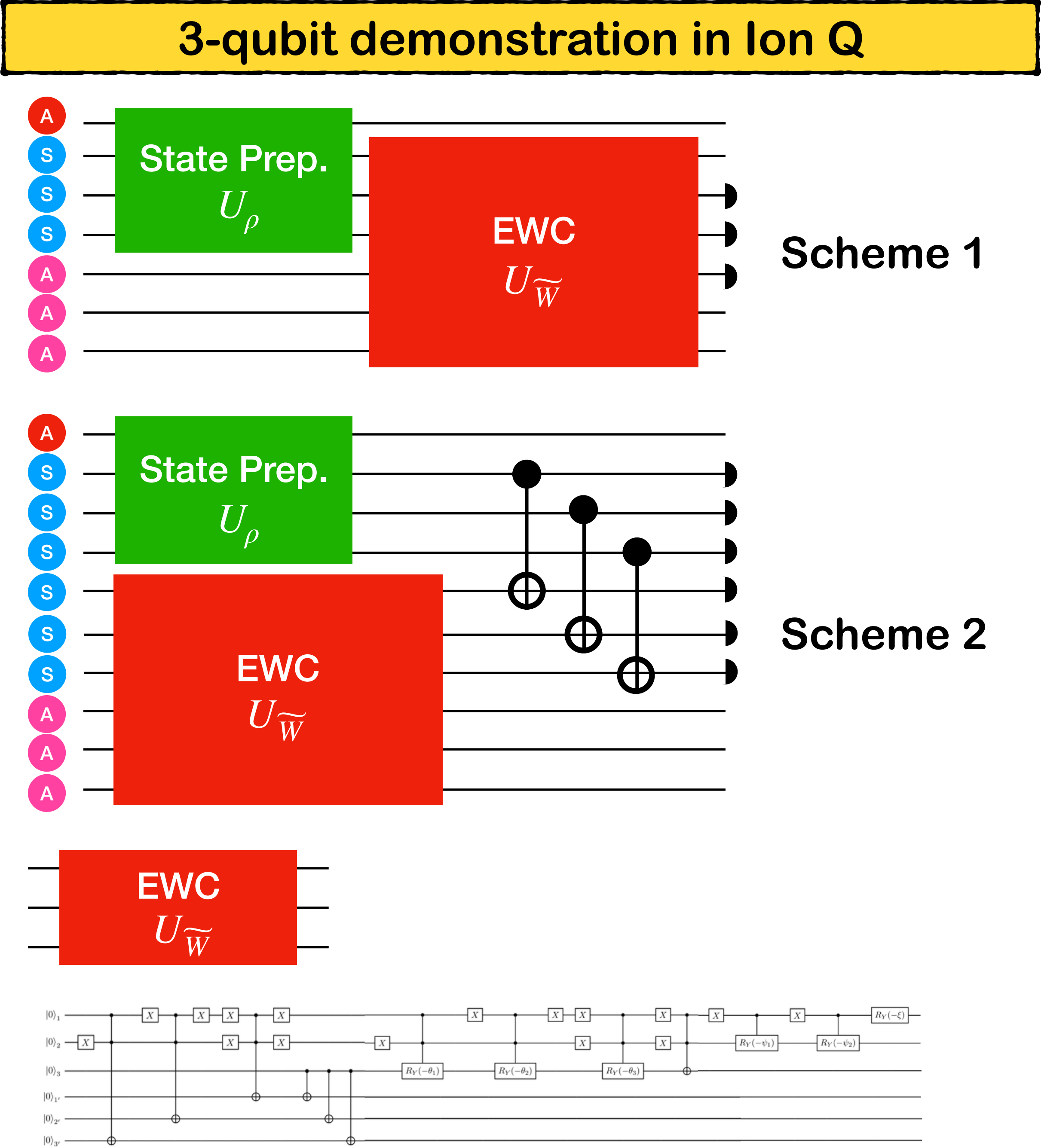
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State 6	$ 010\rangle\langle 010 $	0.2083
State 7	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (010\rangle - 101\rangle)$	0.2500



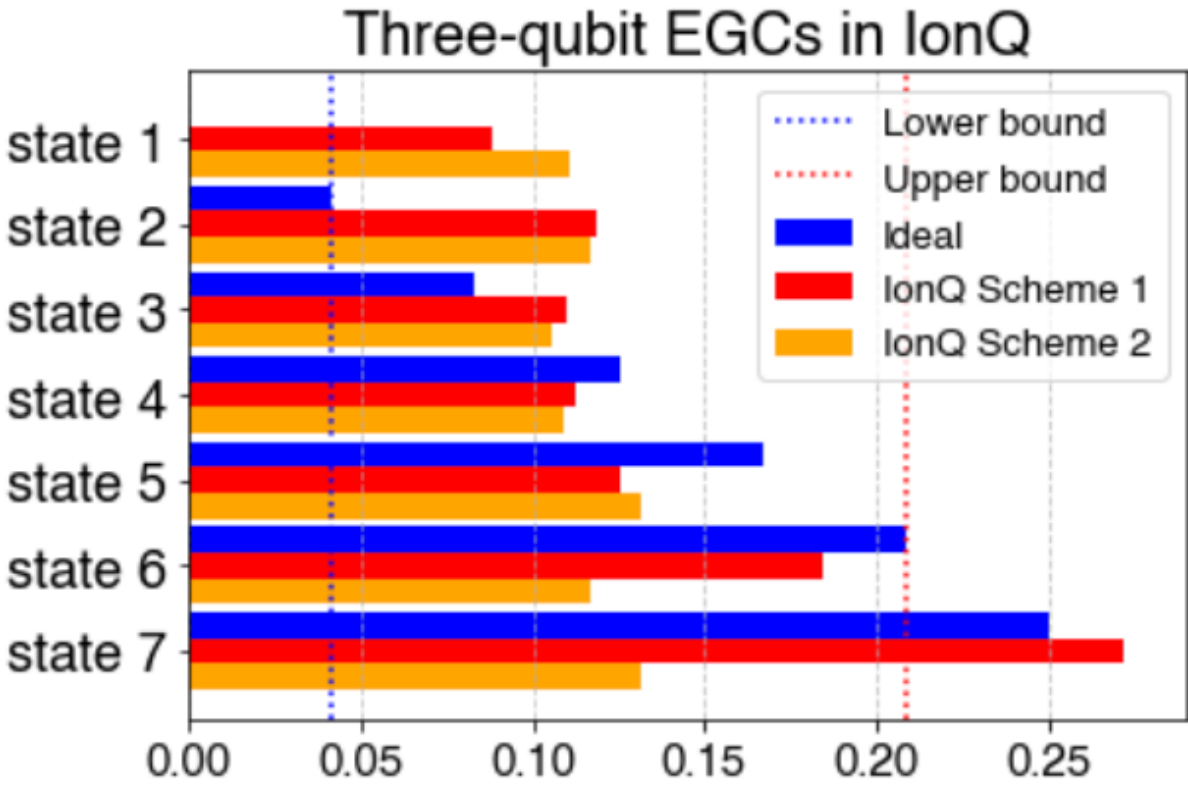
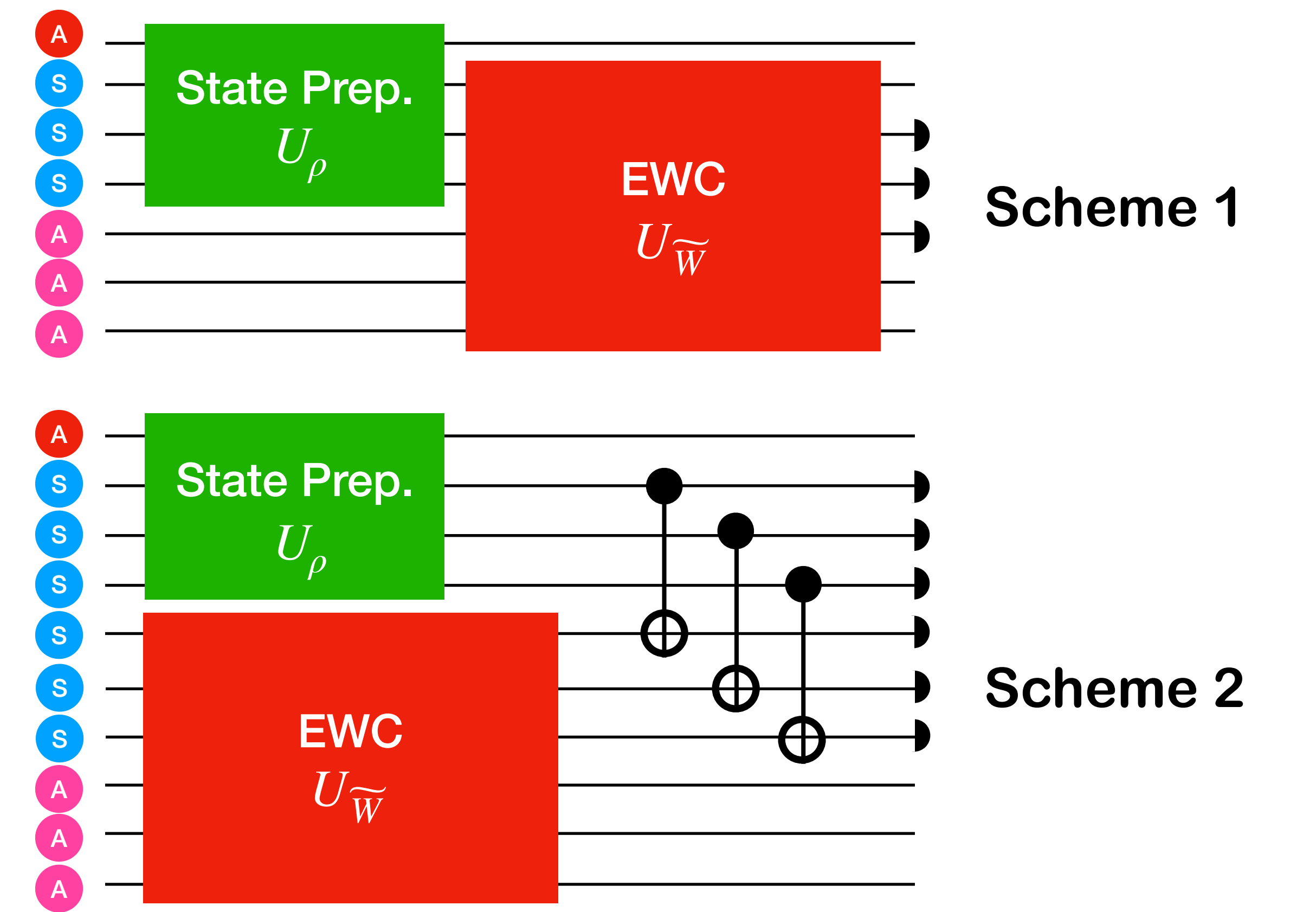
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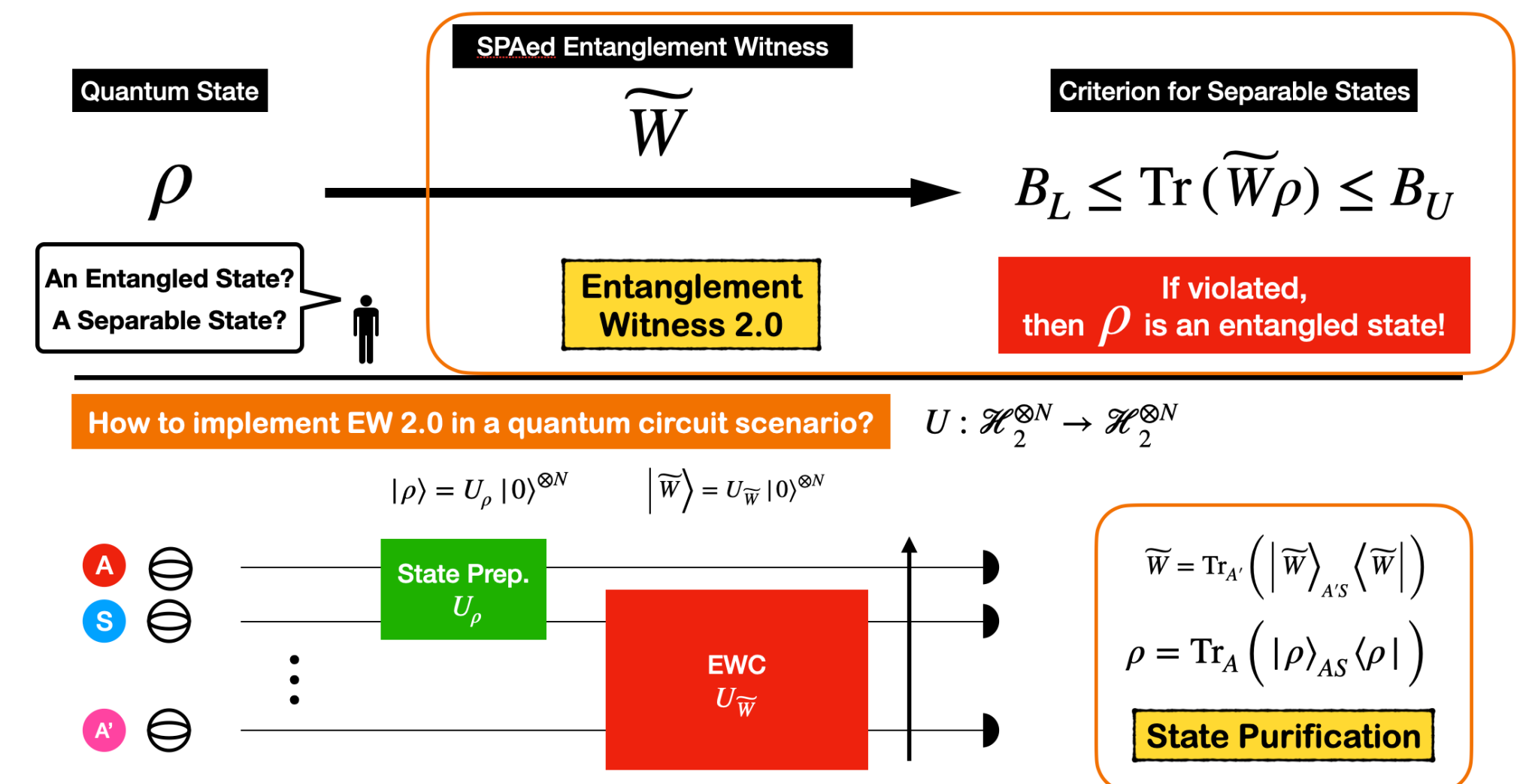
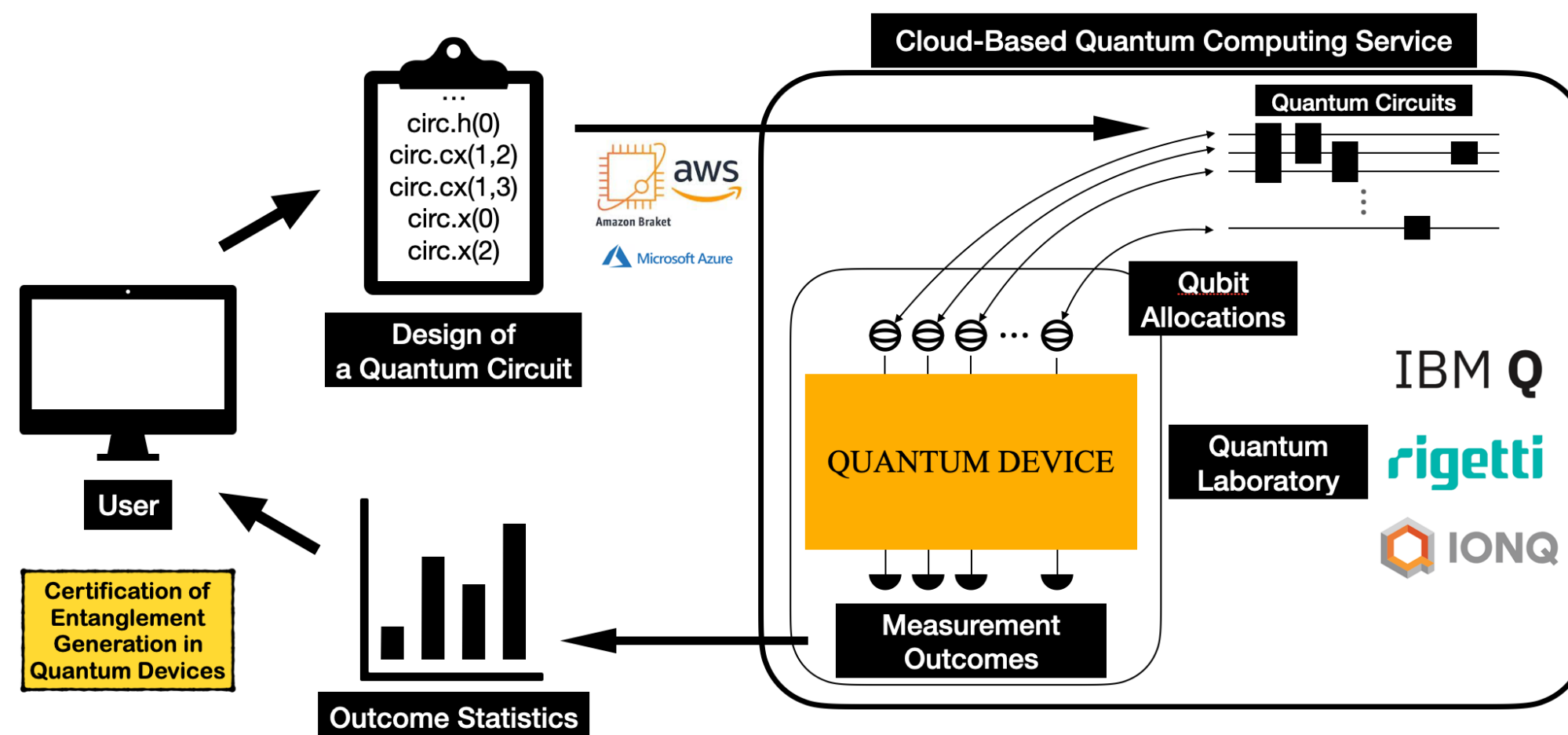
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3-qubit demonstration in Ion Q

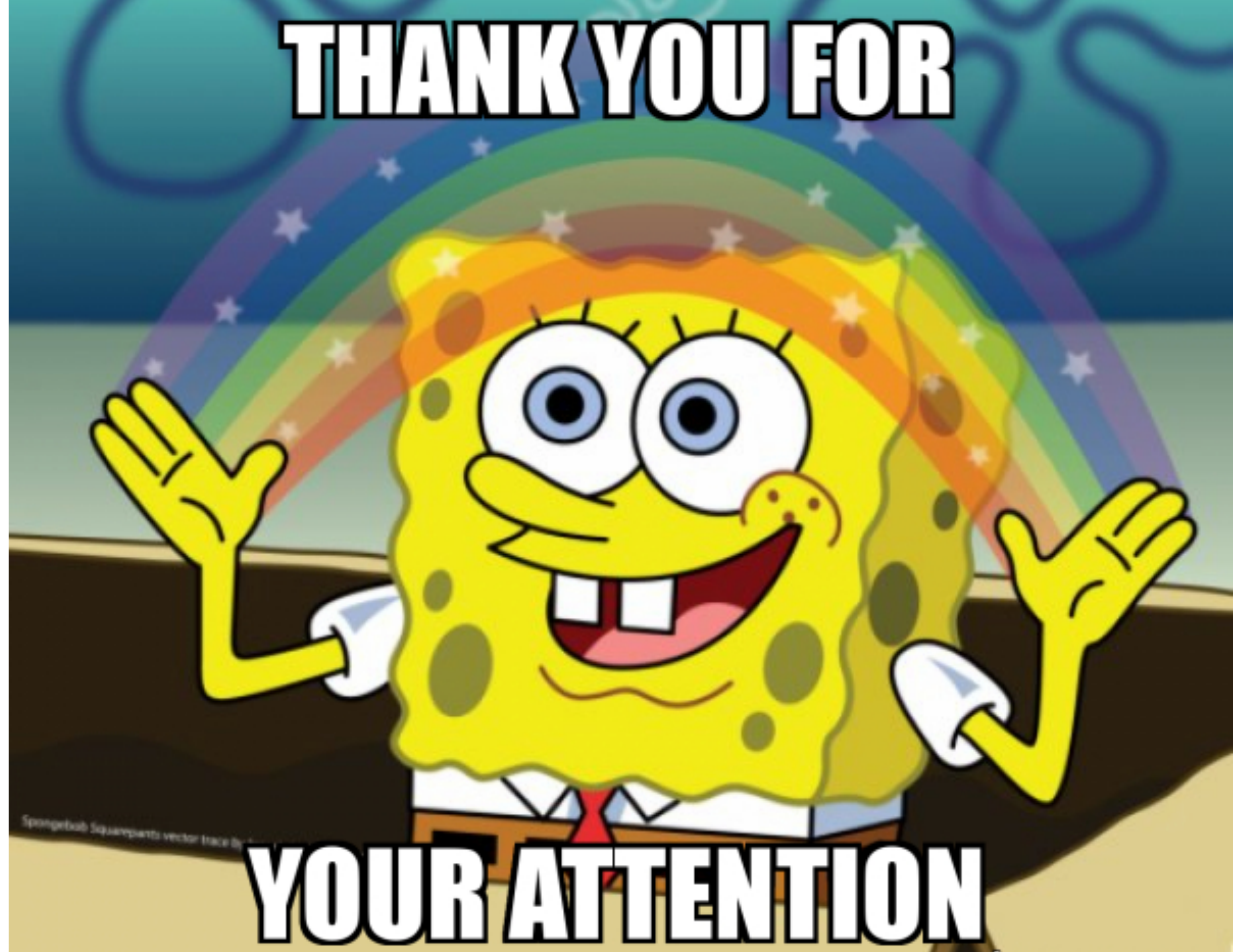


Conclusions

- We have established the framework of certifying entanglement generation in a cloud-based quantum computing service **without the assumption of trusting qubit allocations.**
- The entanglement certification circuits are constructed by transferring **the framework of EW 2.0 to a quantum circuit model via SPA to EWs.**
- We have used the circuit architecture to **certify entanglement generation in IBM Q and IonQ services.**
- Our results **can be generally used to certify entanglement generation in a cloud quantum computing service.**



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