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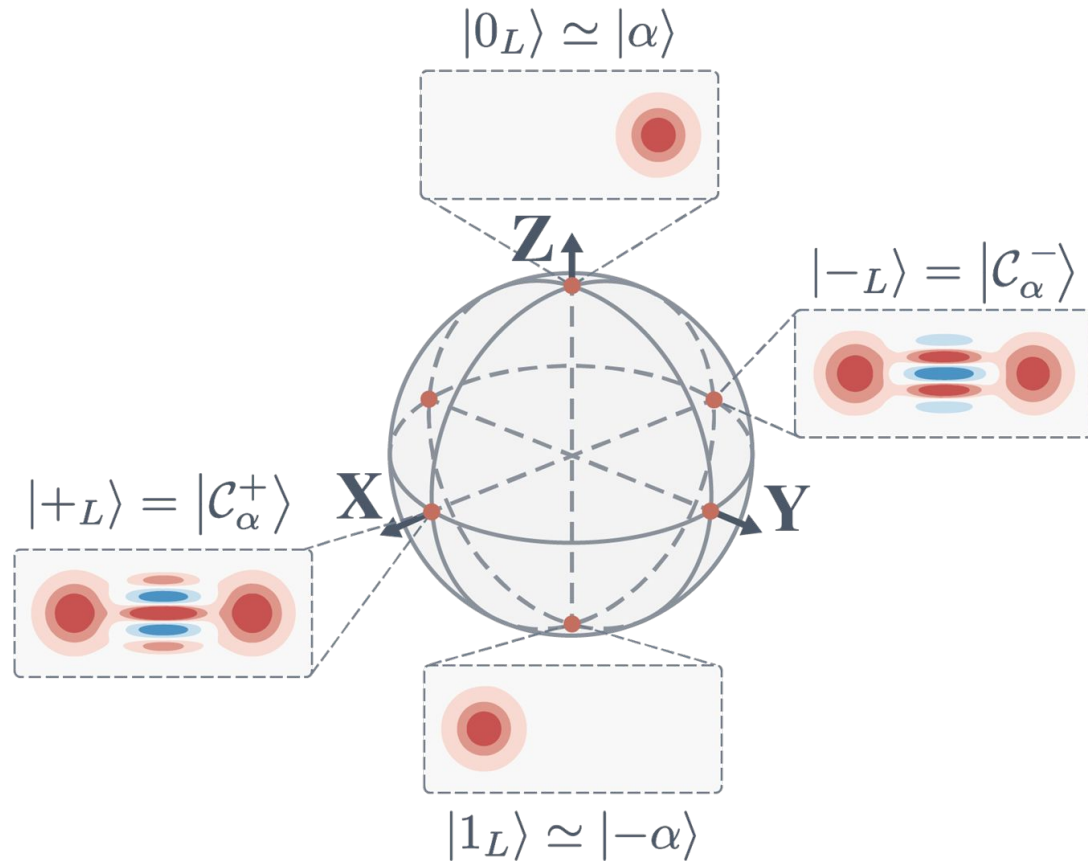
ASSESSING THE PERFORMANCE OF DISSIPATIVE CAT QUBITS

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Presentation outline



01. Introduction to Dissipative Cat Qubits

02. Benchmarking Cat Qubits

03. Key metrics of Cat Qubits in a repetition code context



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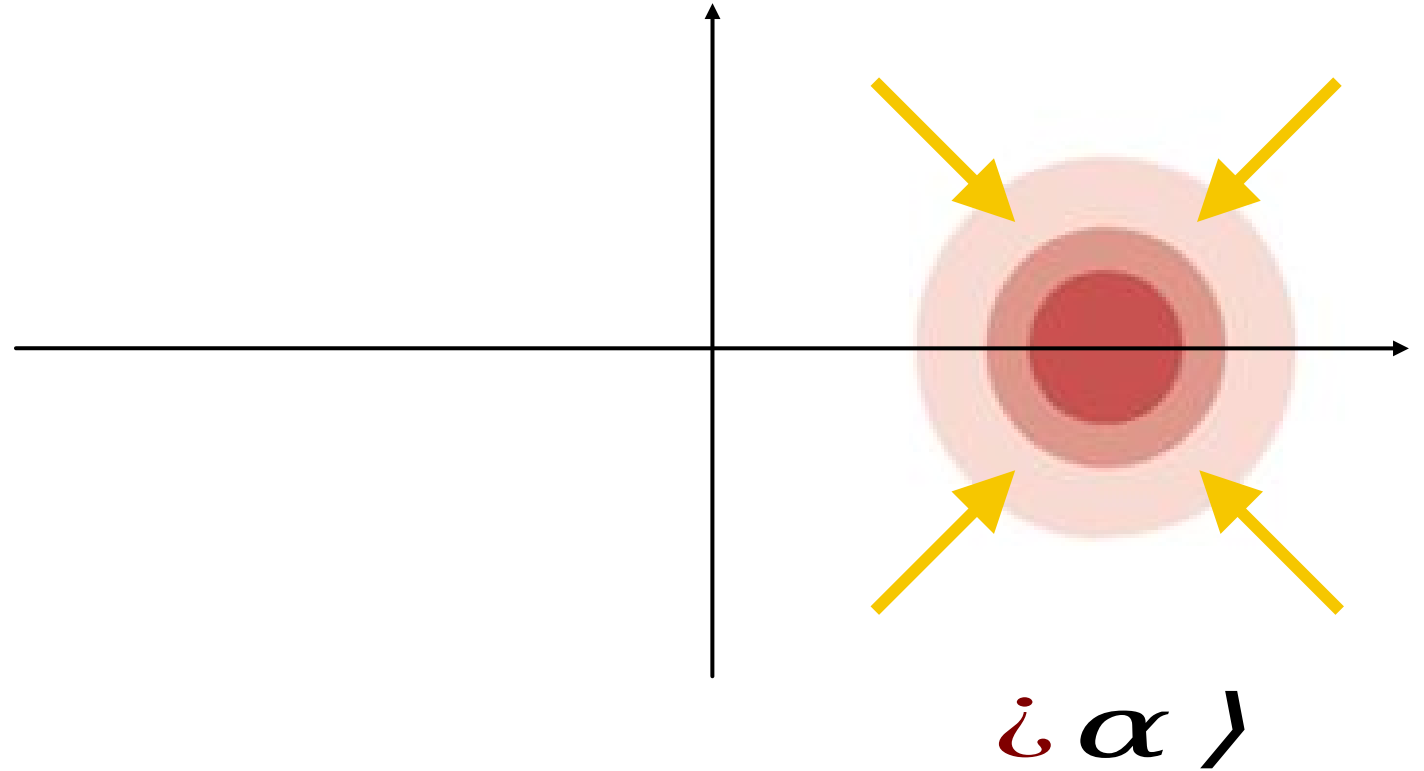
INTRODUCTION TO

DISSIPATIVE CAT QUBITS

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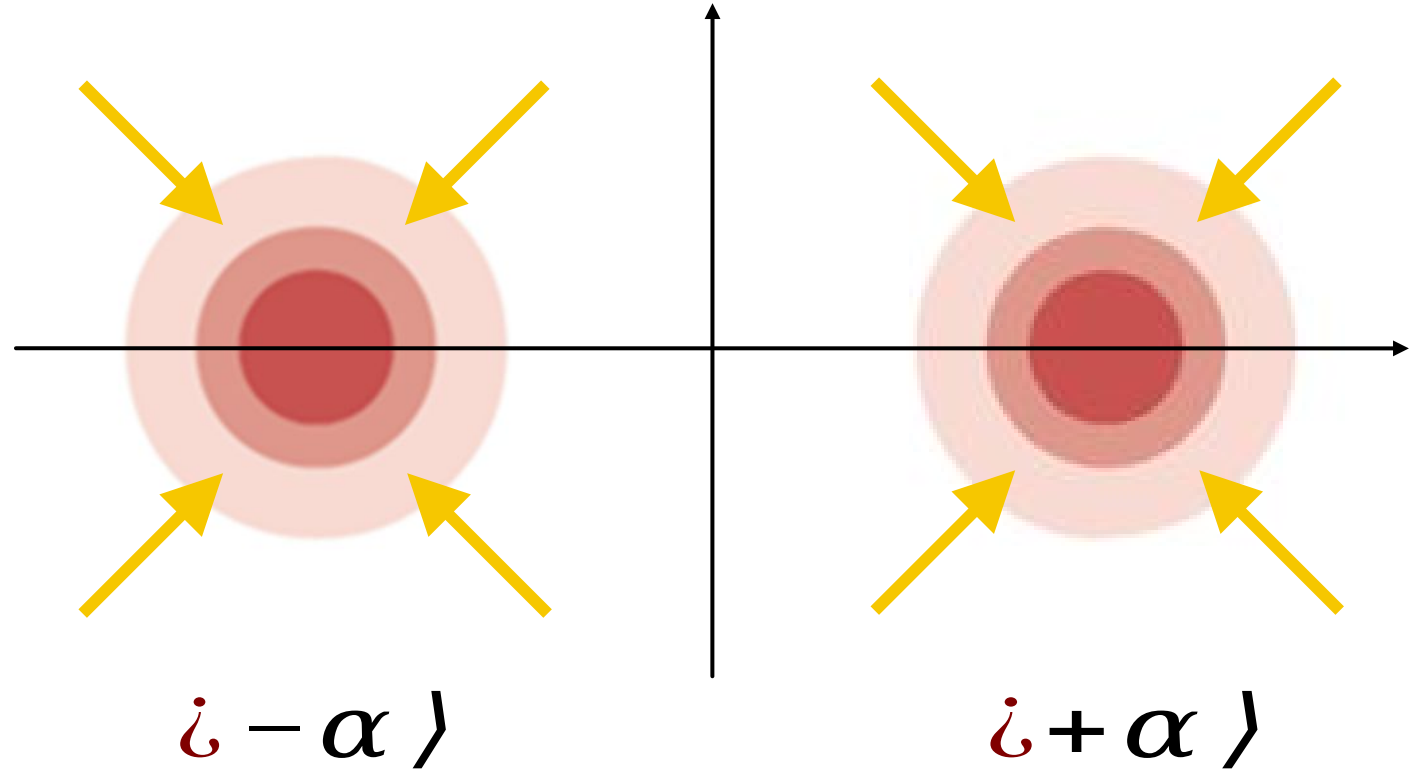
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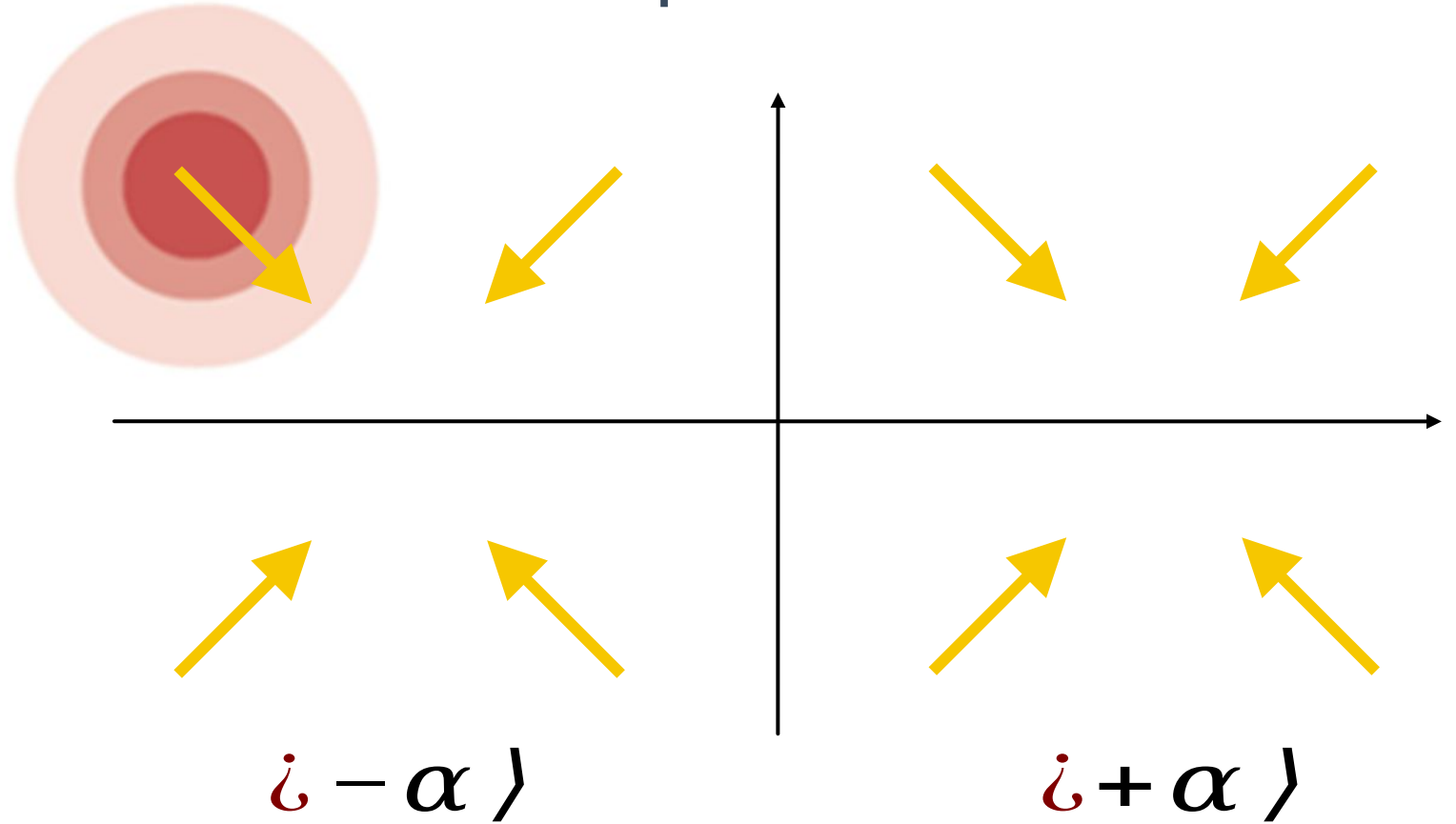
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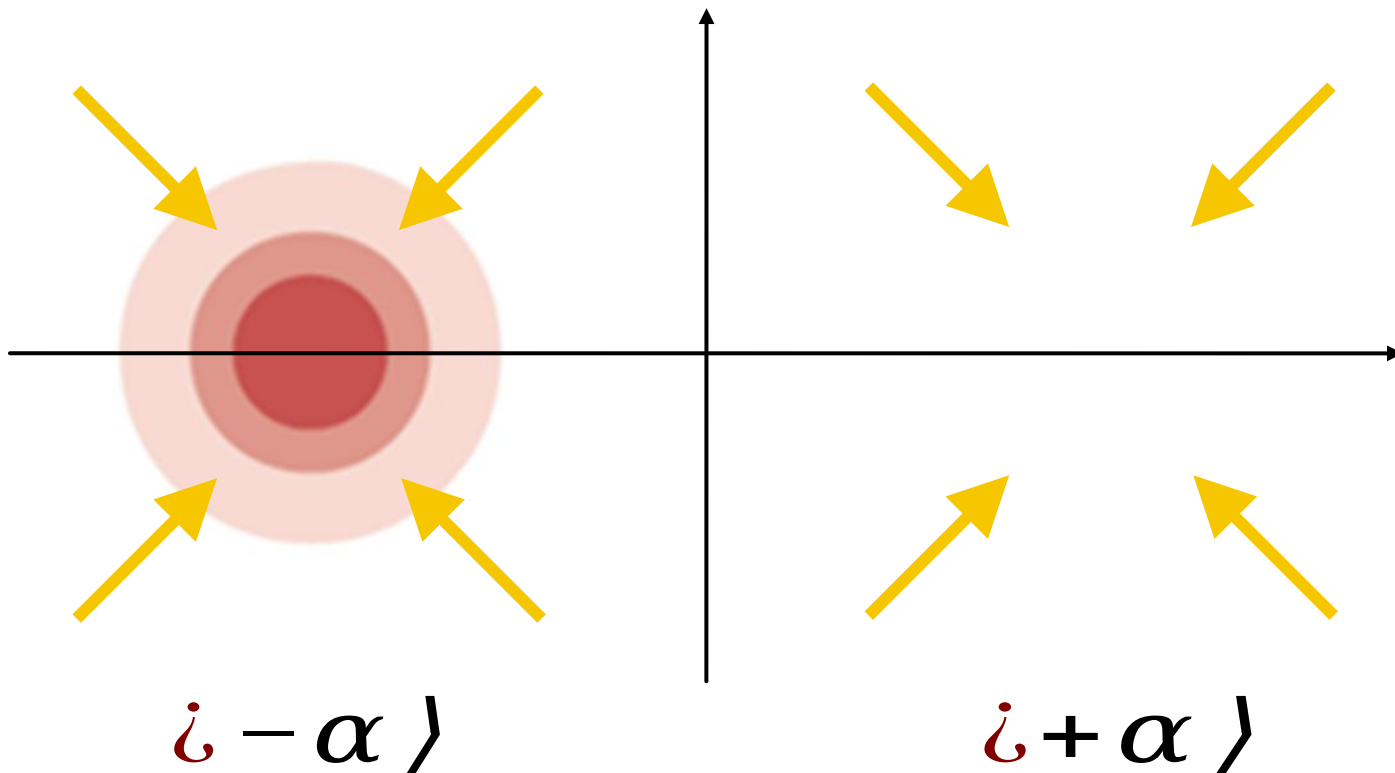
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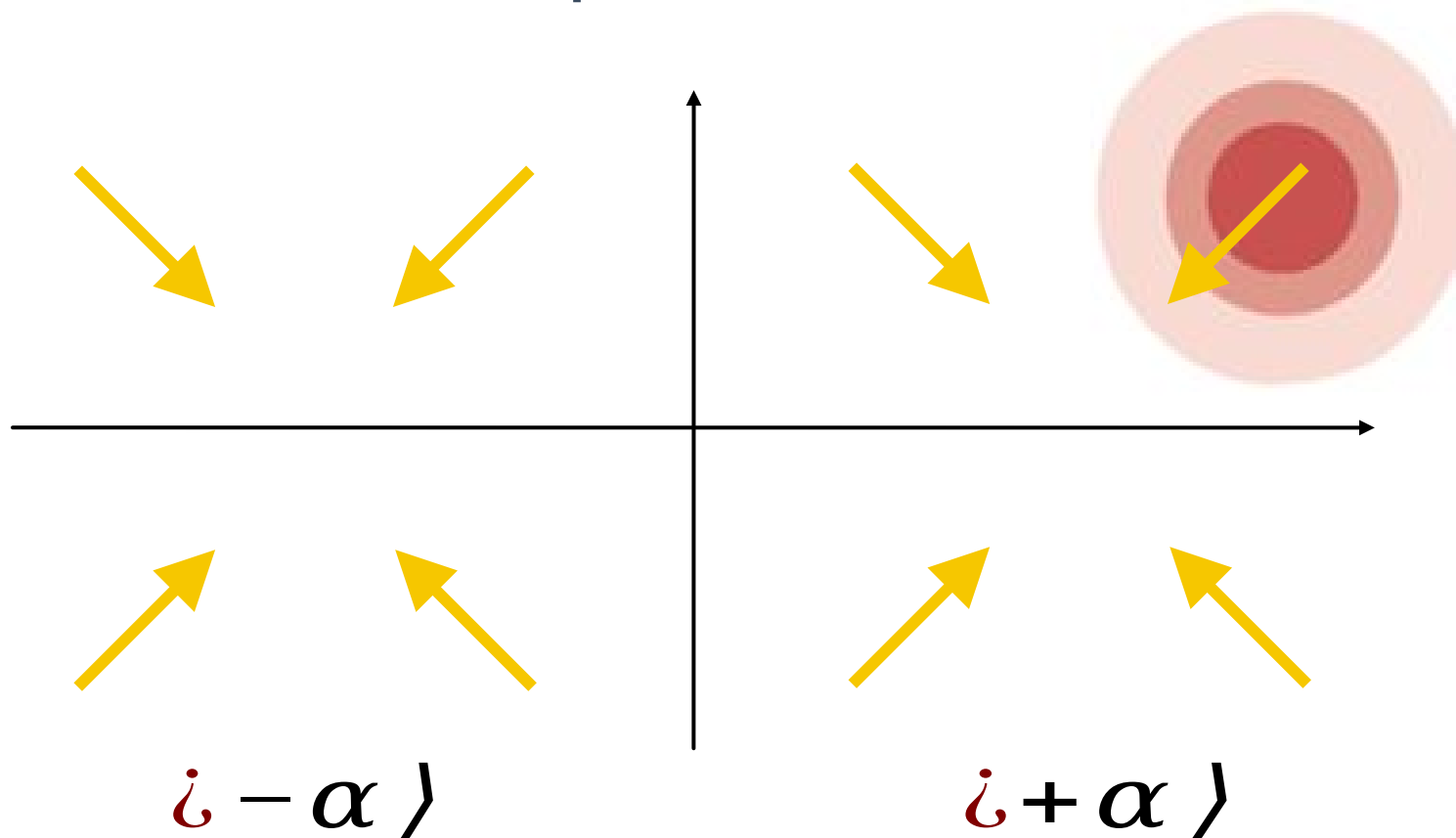
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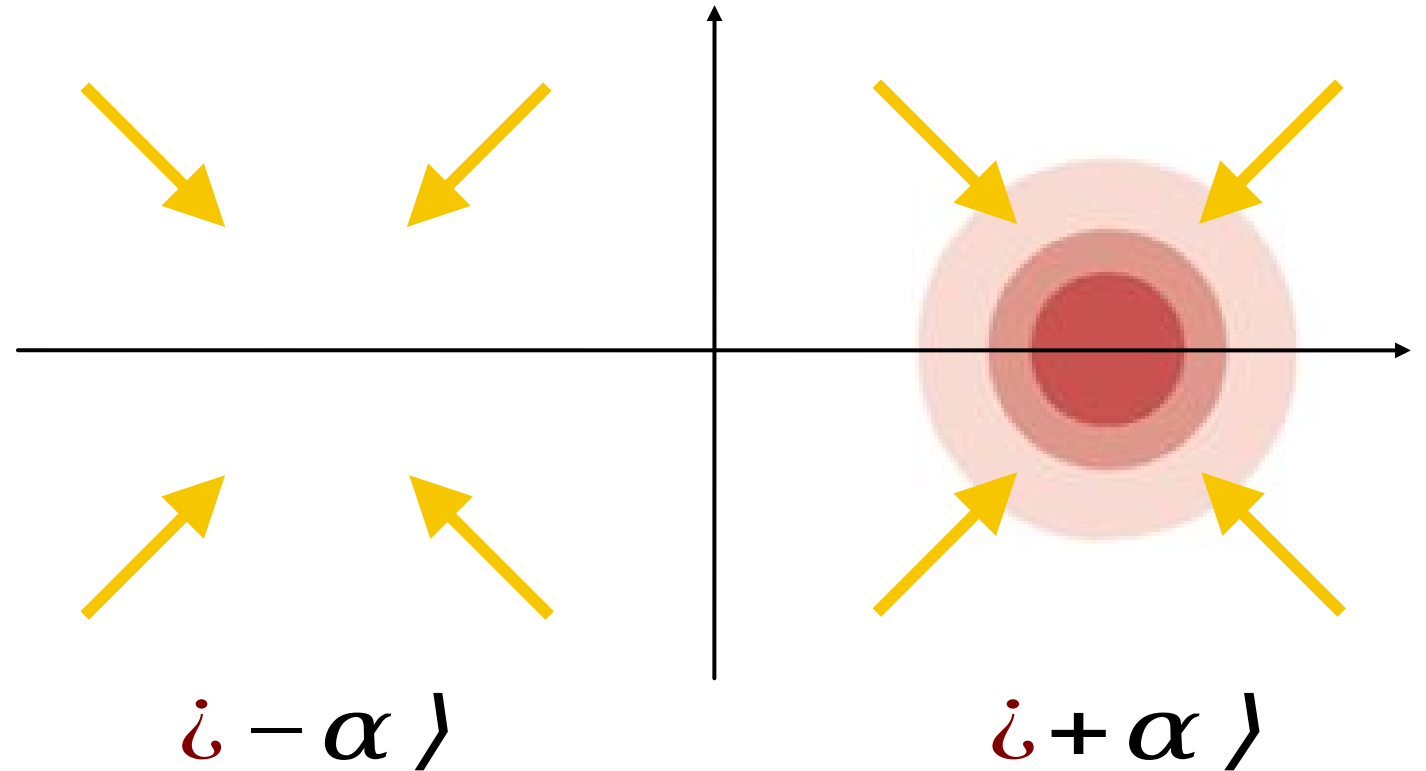
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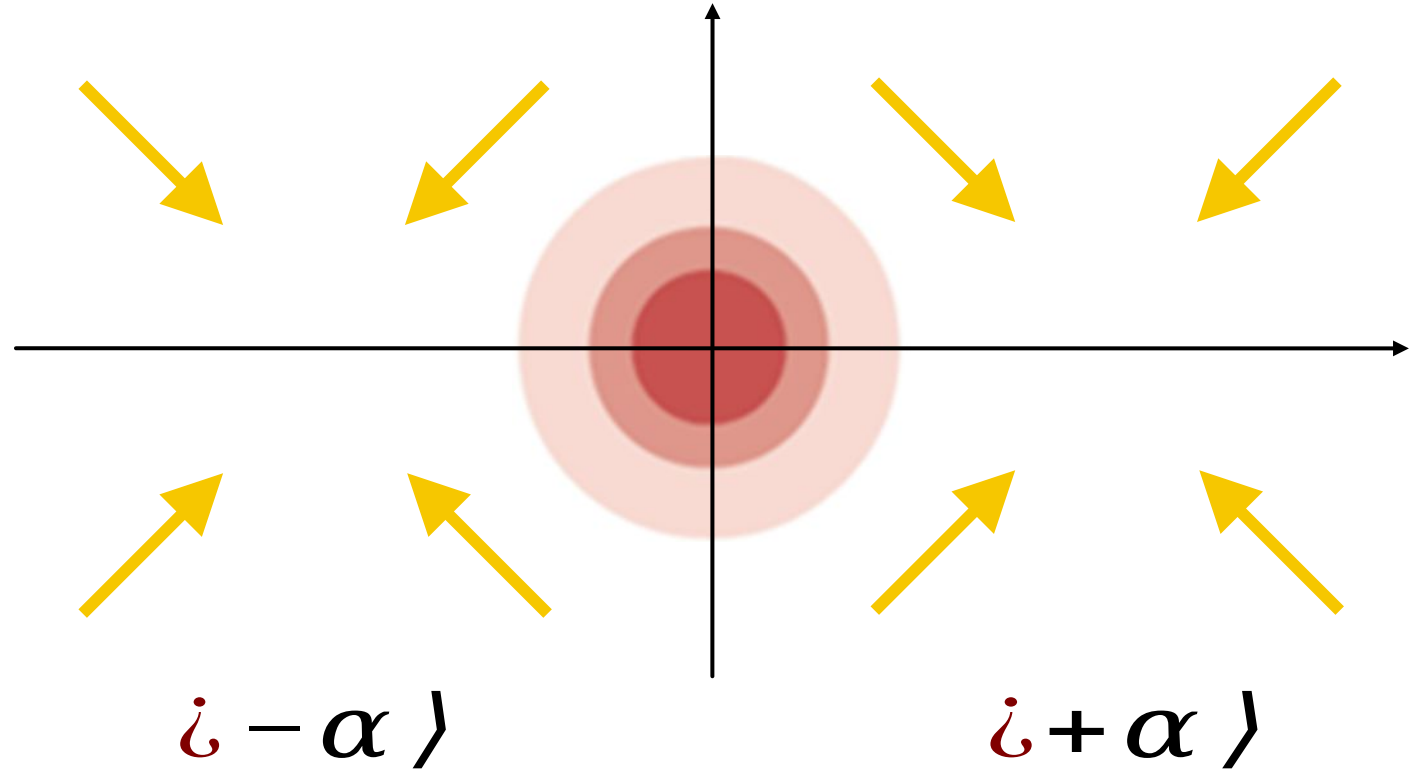
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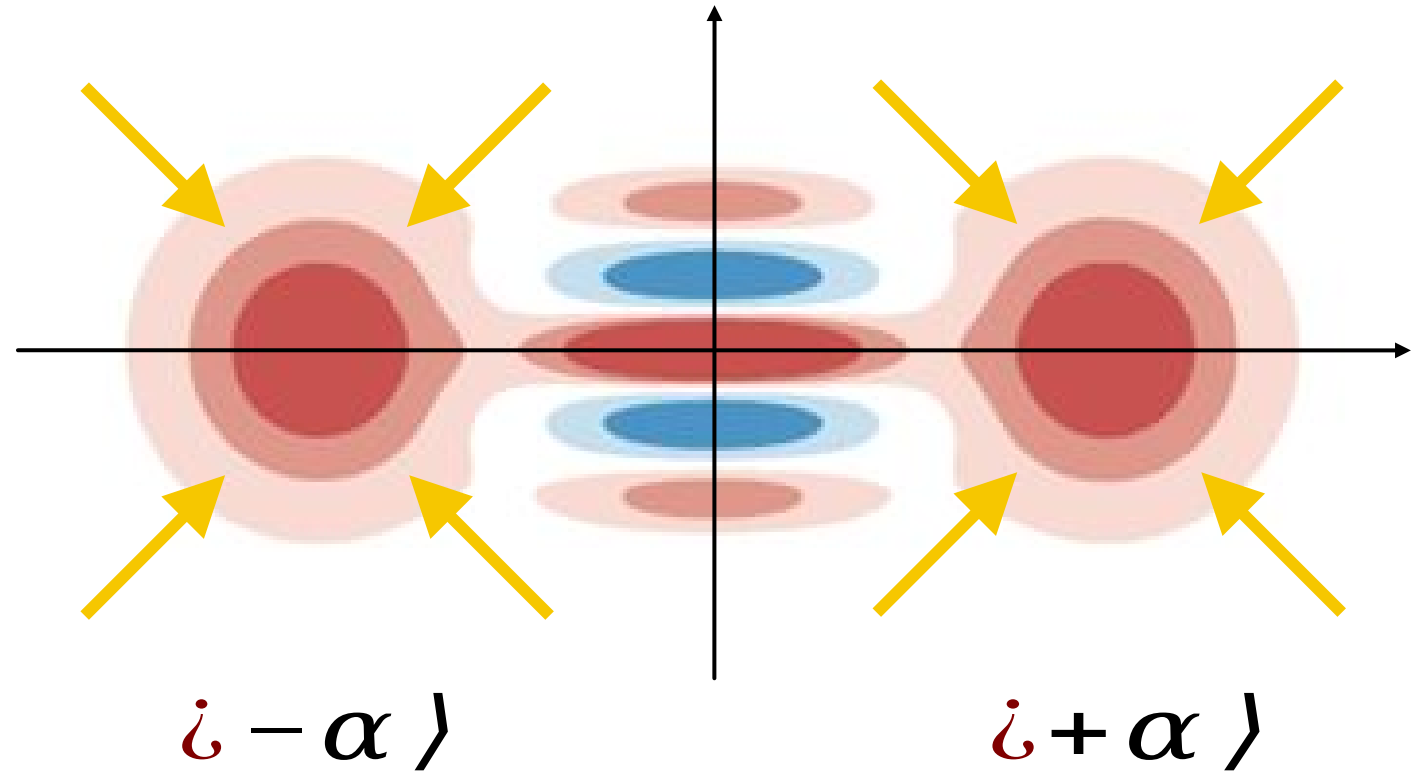
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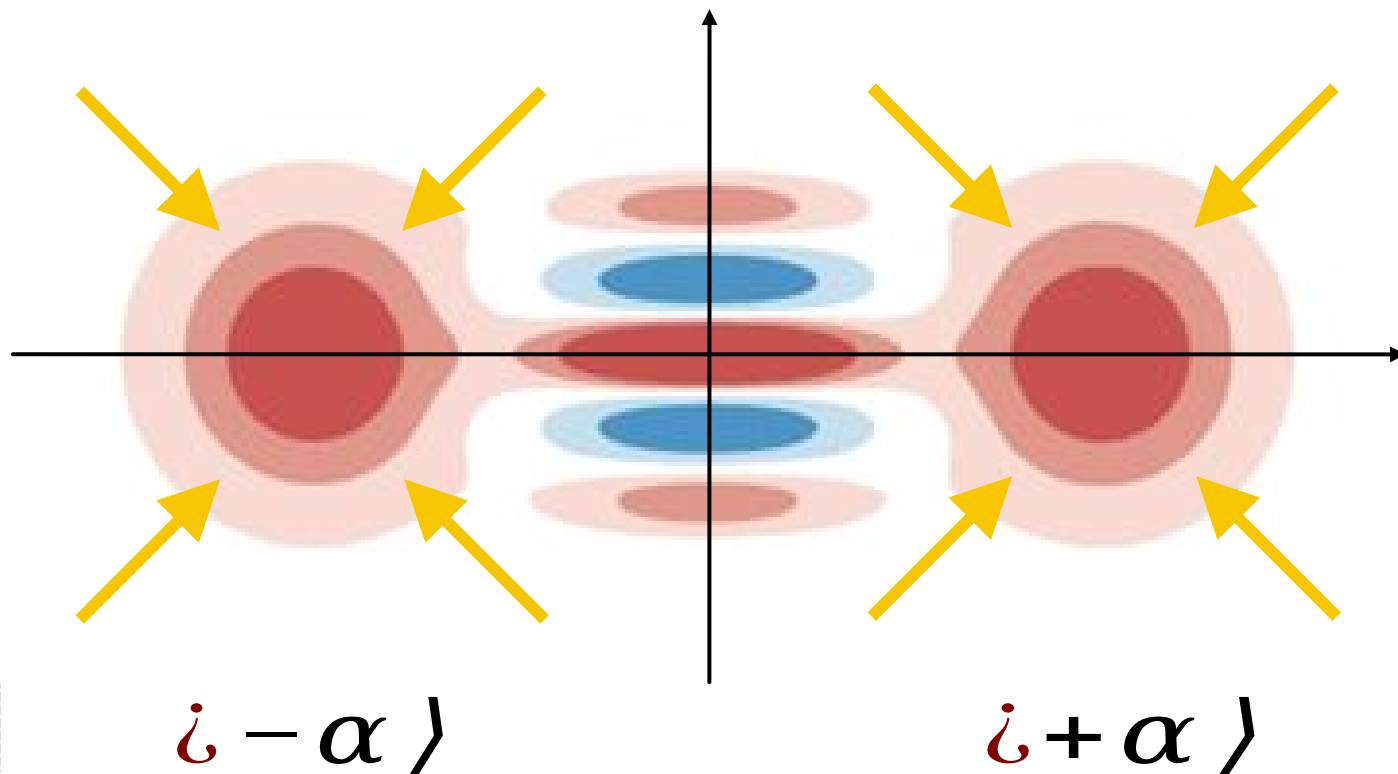
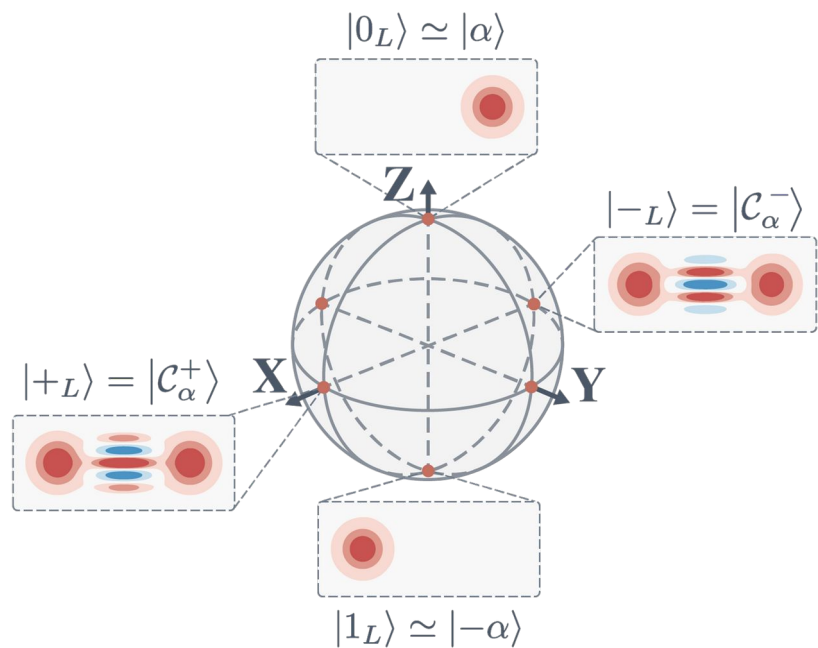
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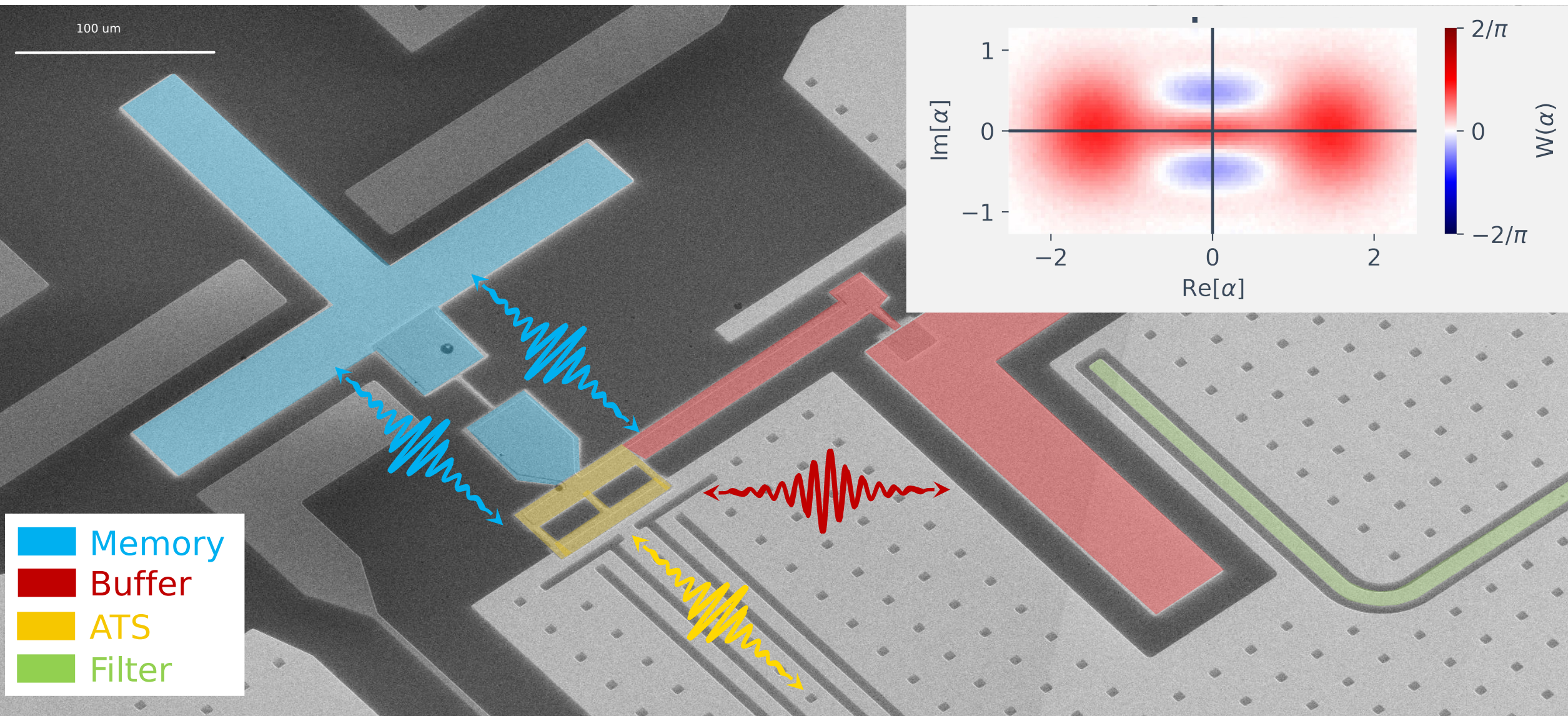
Dissipative stabilization of a cat-qubit



Stabilize the whole cat-qubit **subspace**



Experimental realization



Exponentially asymmetric noise



BIT
FLIPS

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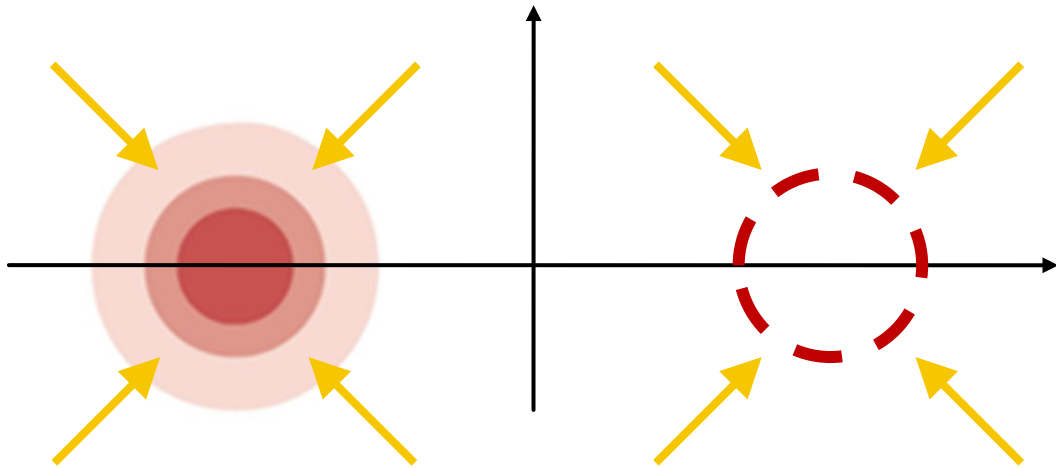


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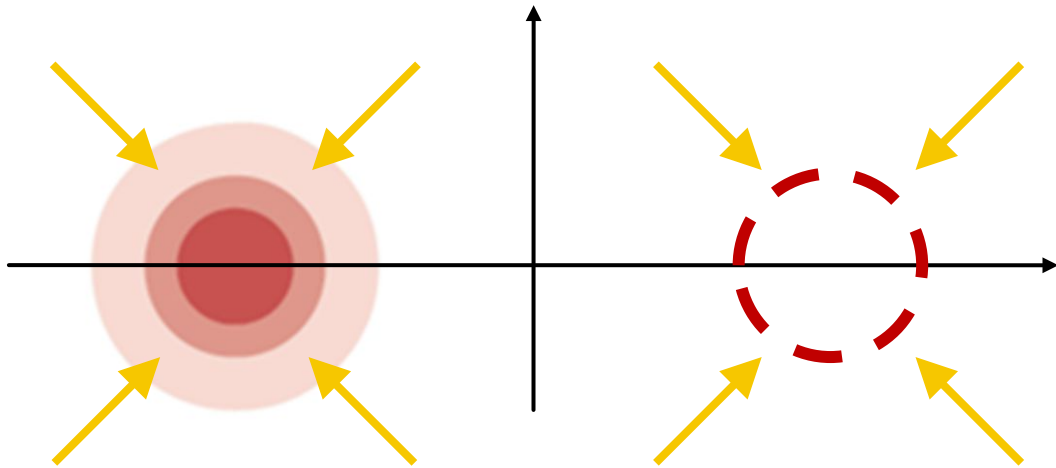
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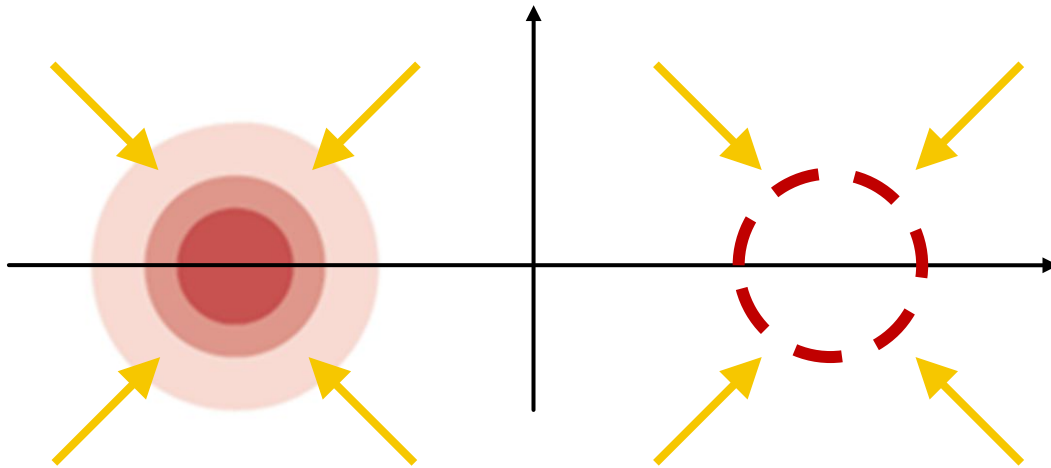
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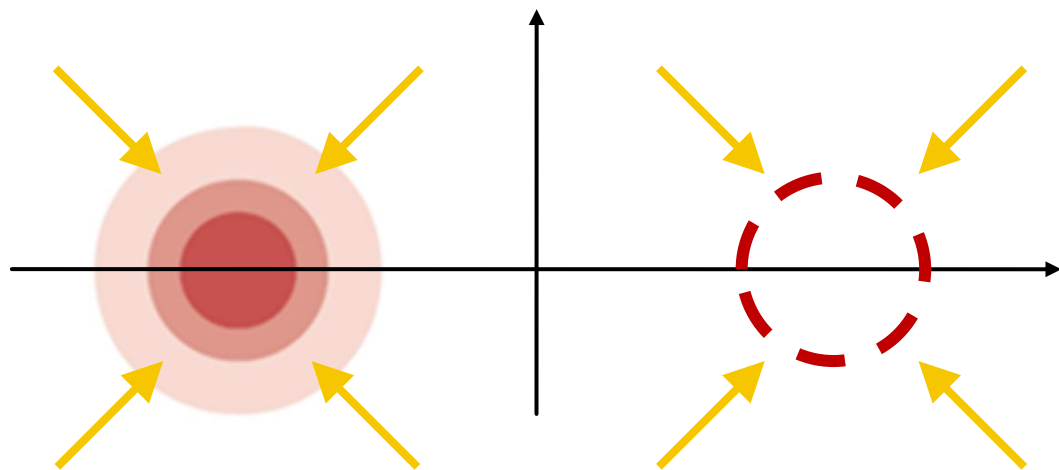
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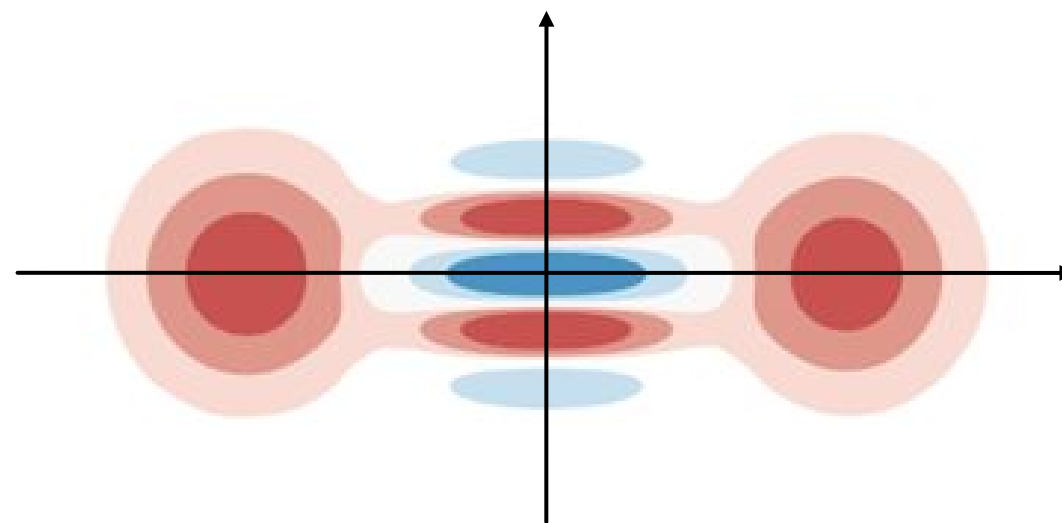
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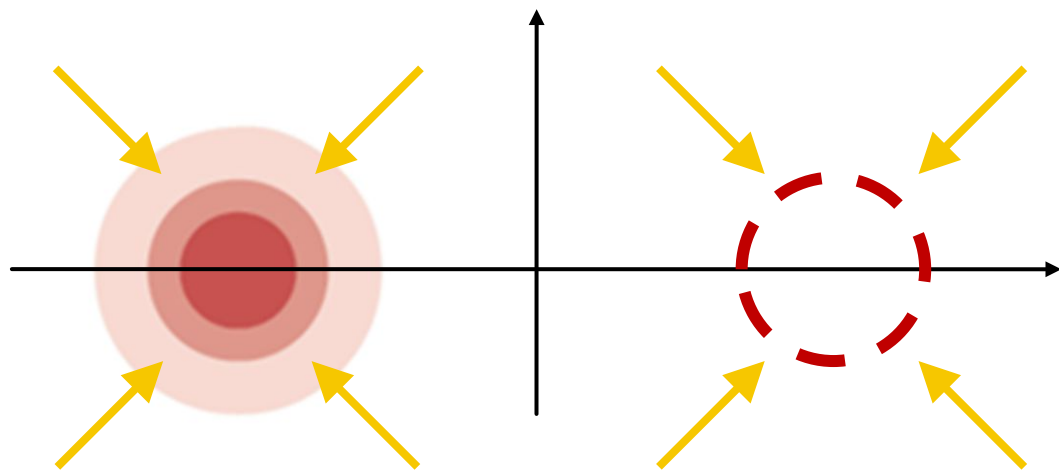
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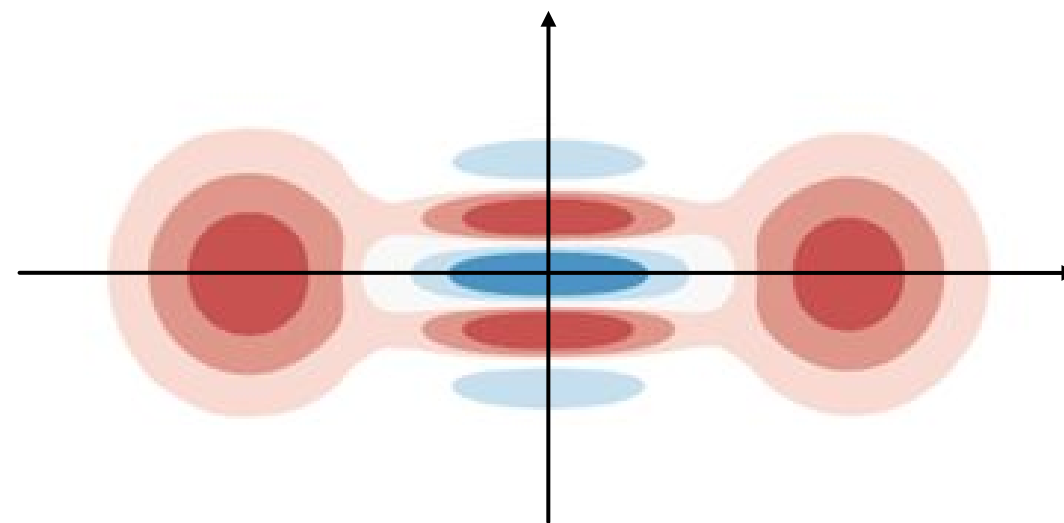
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INCREASE

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Exponentially asymmetric noise

**BIT
FLIPS**

**EXPONENTIALLY
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**Is the Cat qubit really getting
better ?**

How to quantify that ?



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BENCHMARKING CAT QUBITS

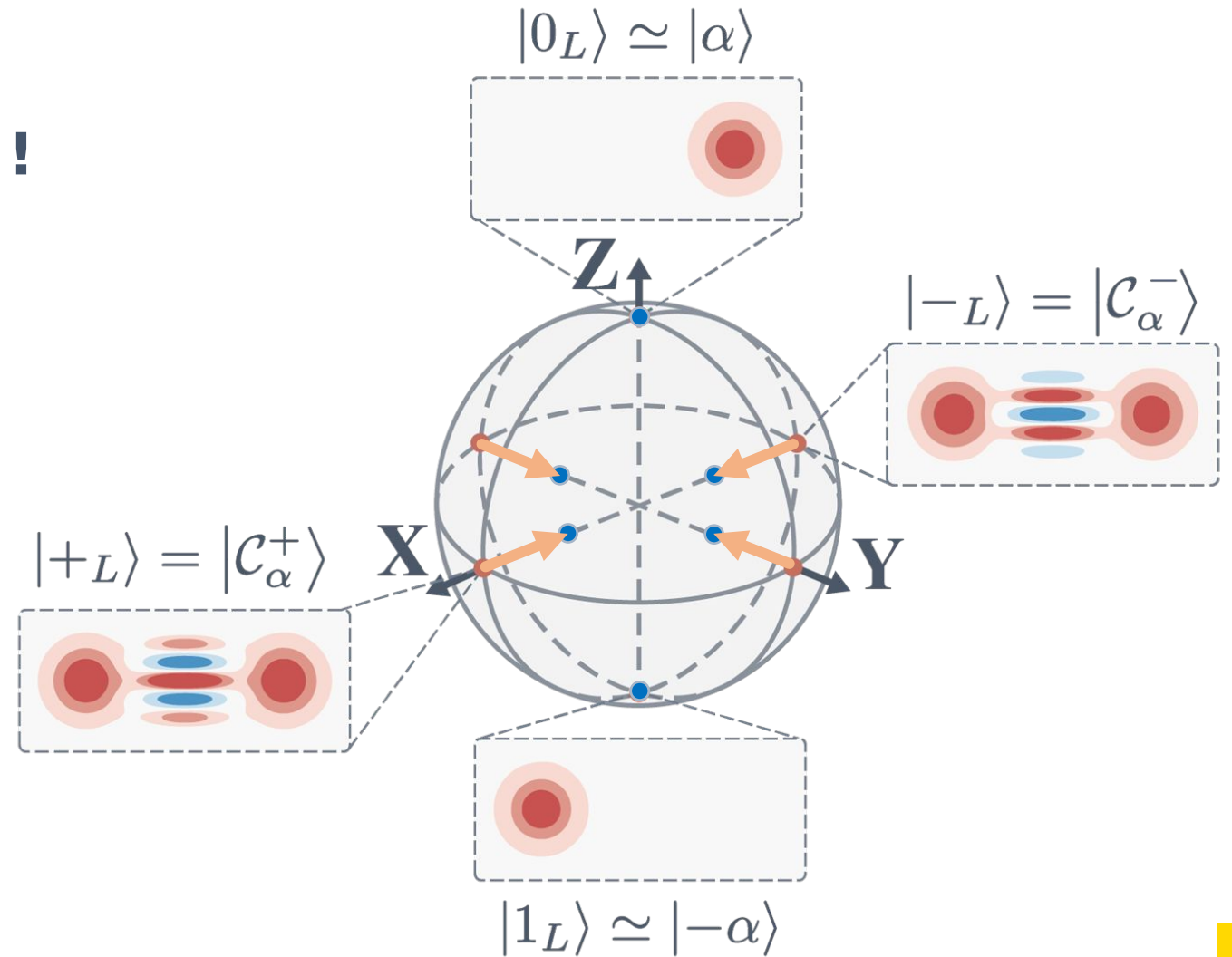


Traditional Benchmarks on Cat qubits

Randomized Benchmarking !!

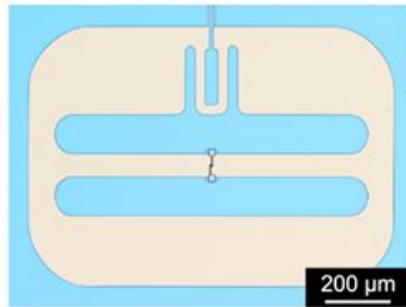
- Operation error is **averaged** over Bloch sphere
- Insensitive to noise bias
- Bigger cat \Rightarrow bigger RB noise...

... does not capture the performance of a cat qubit.



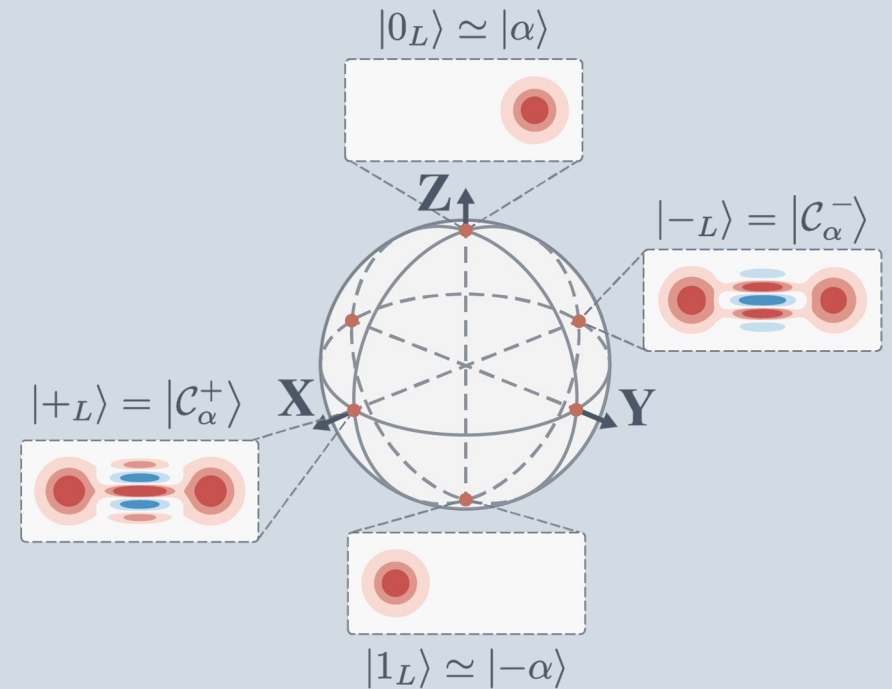
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Transmon qubit



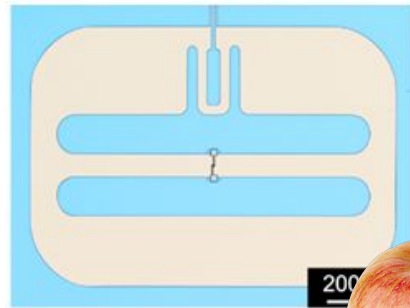
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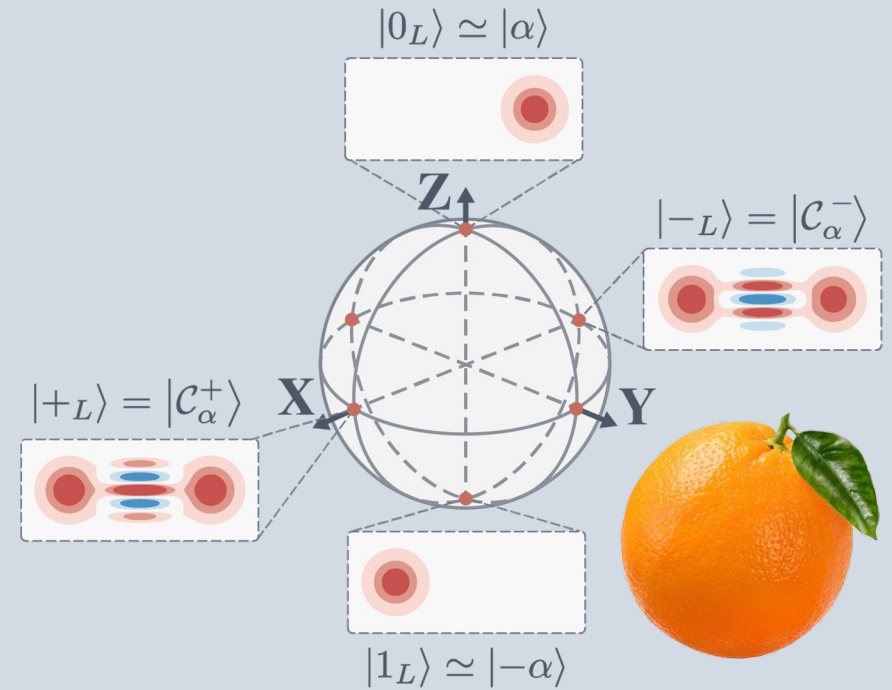
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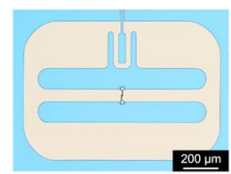
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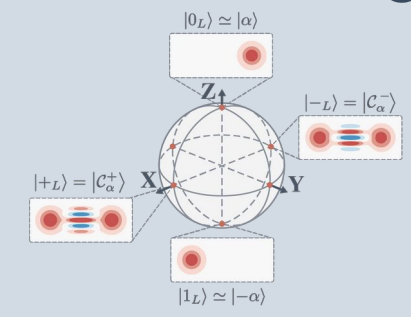


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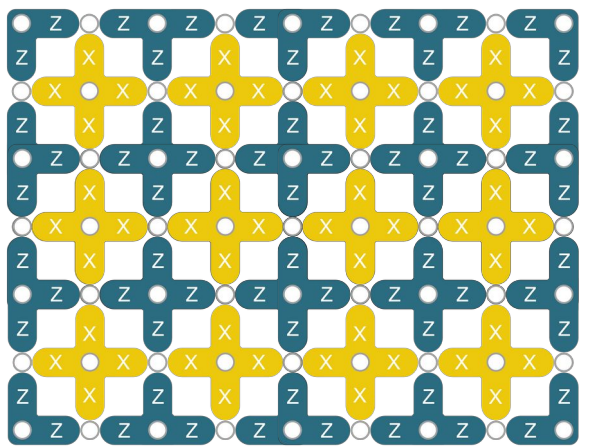
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Cat qubit



in 2D surface code



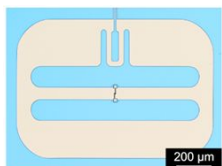
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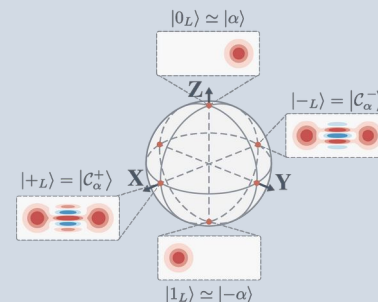
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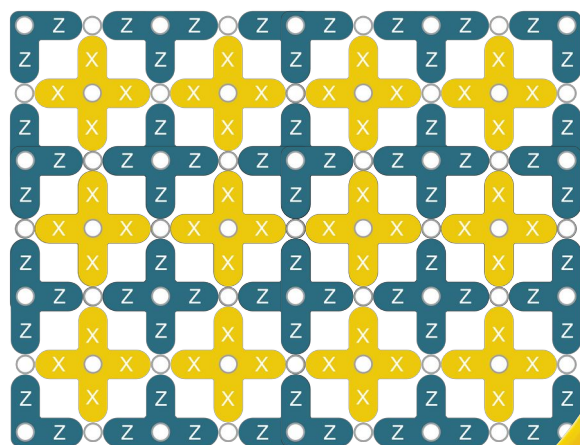
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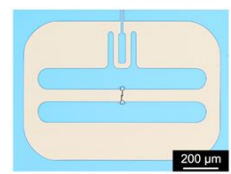


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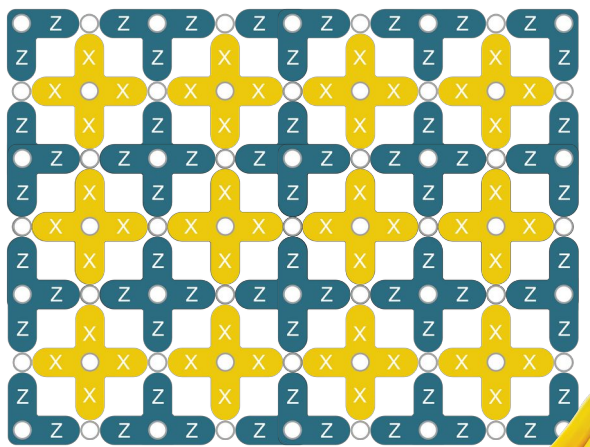
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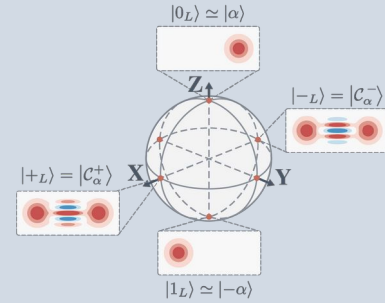
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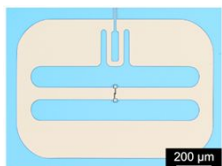


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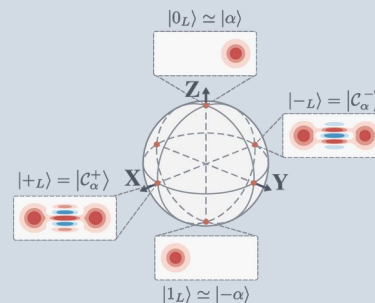
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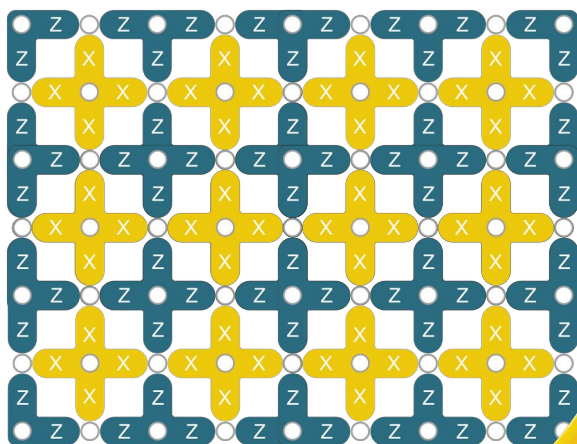


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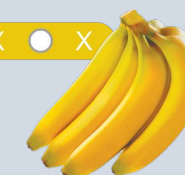


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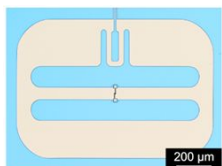


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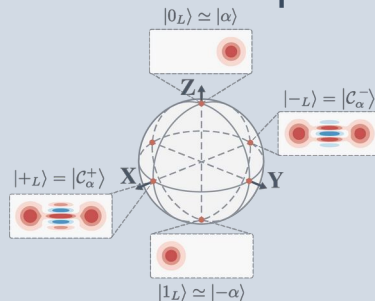
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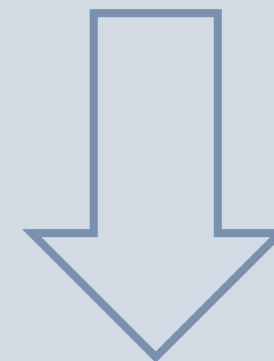
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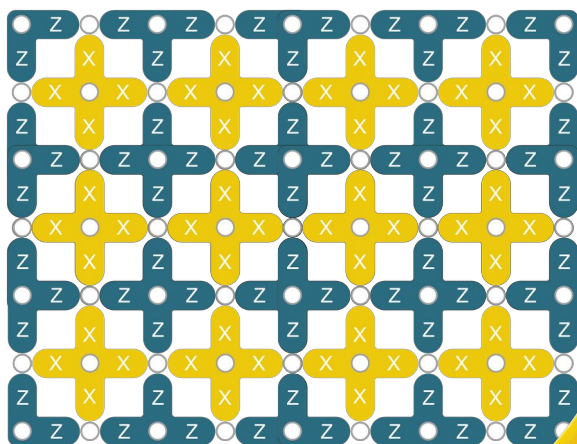


MEASURE KEY METRICS HERE

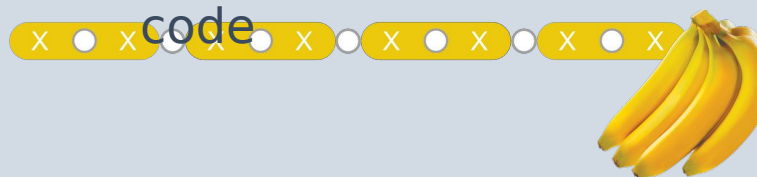


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ESTIMATE LOGICAL PERFORMANCE

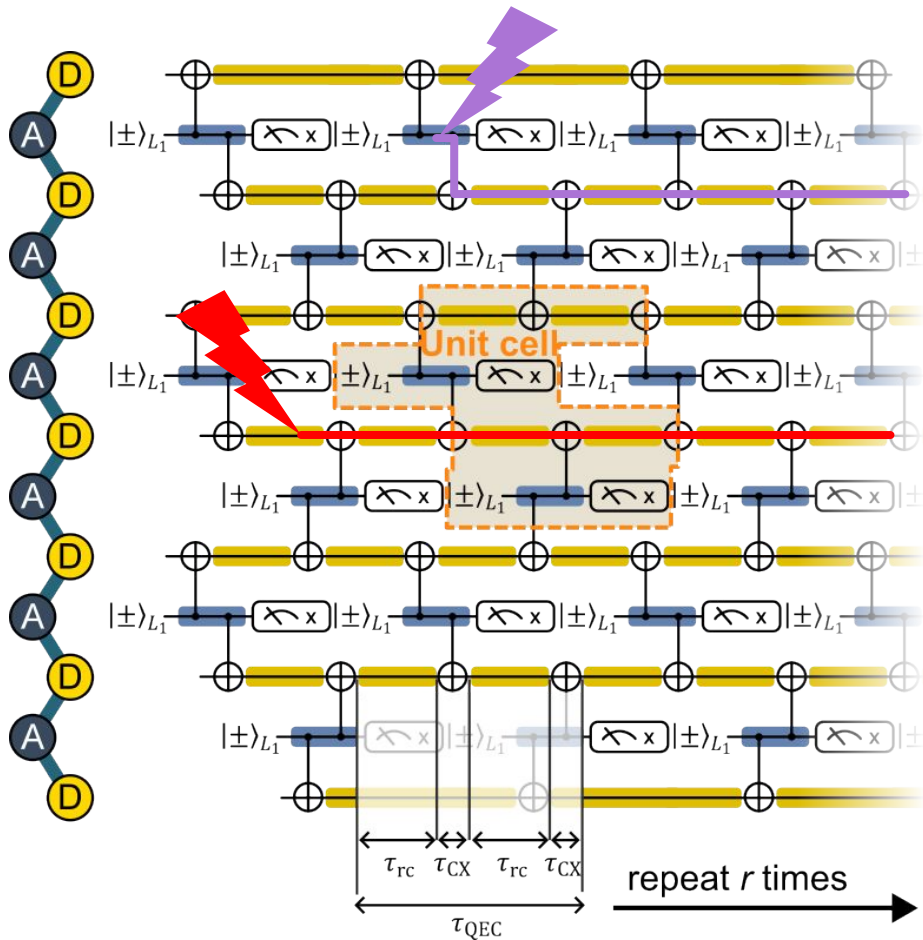


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KEY CAT QUBIT METRICS
IN REPETITION CODE
CONTEXT



How to get to logical errors



BIT FLIPS

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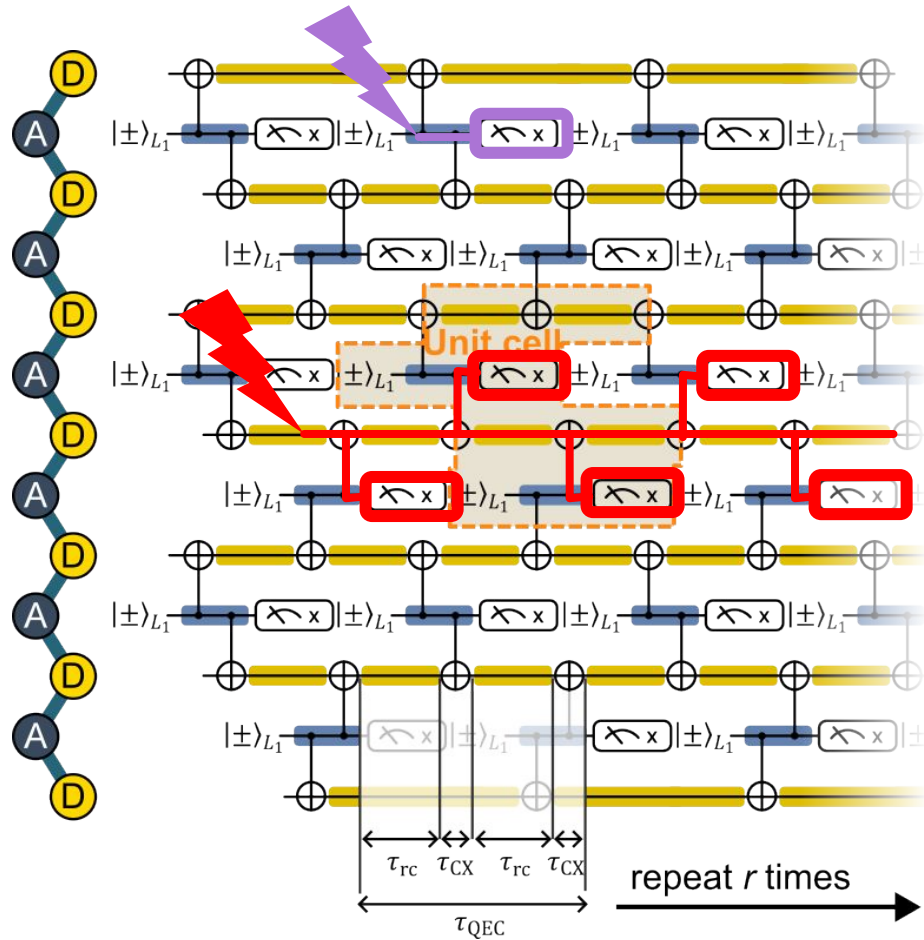
- **Data bit flip**
- **Ancilla bit flip** in between CNOTs

1 bit-flip error --> 1 logical error



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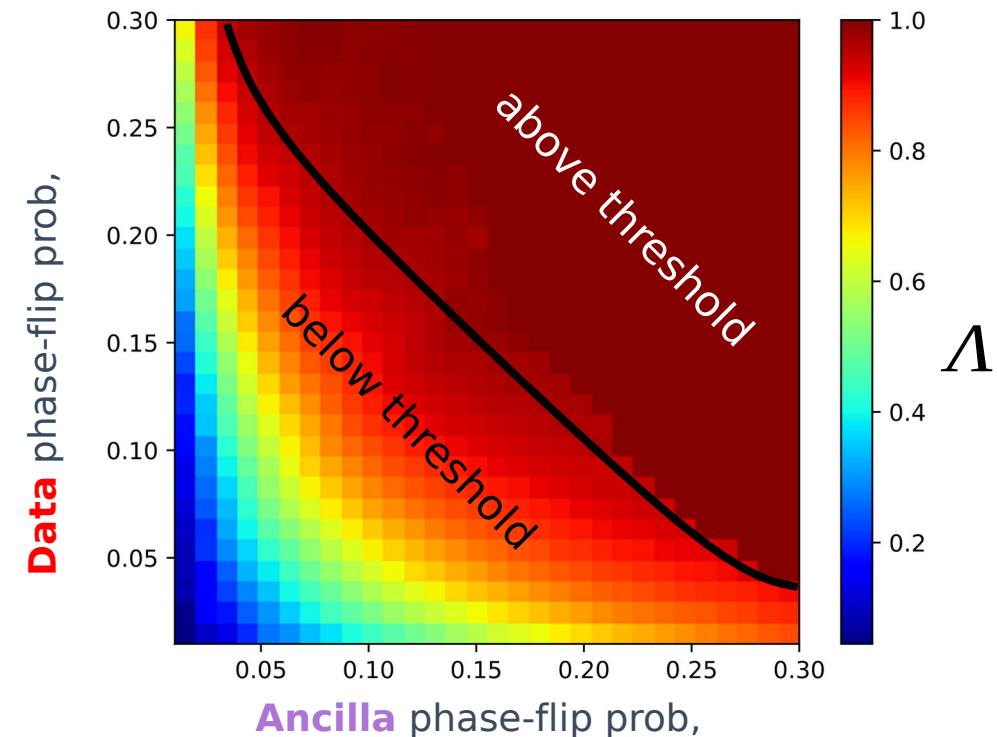
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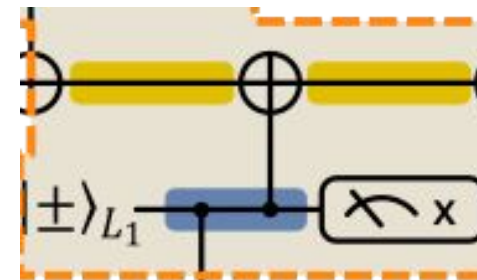
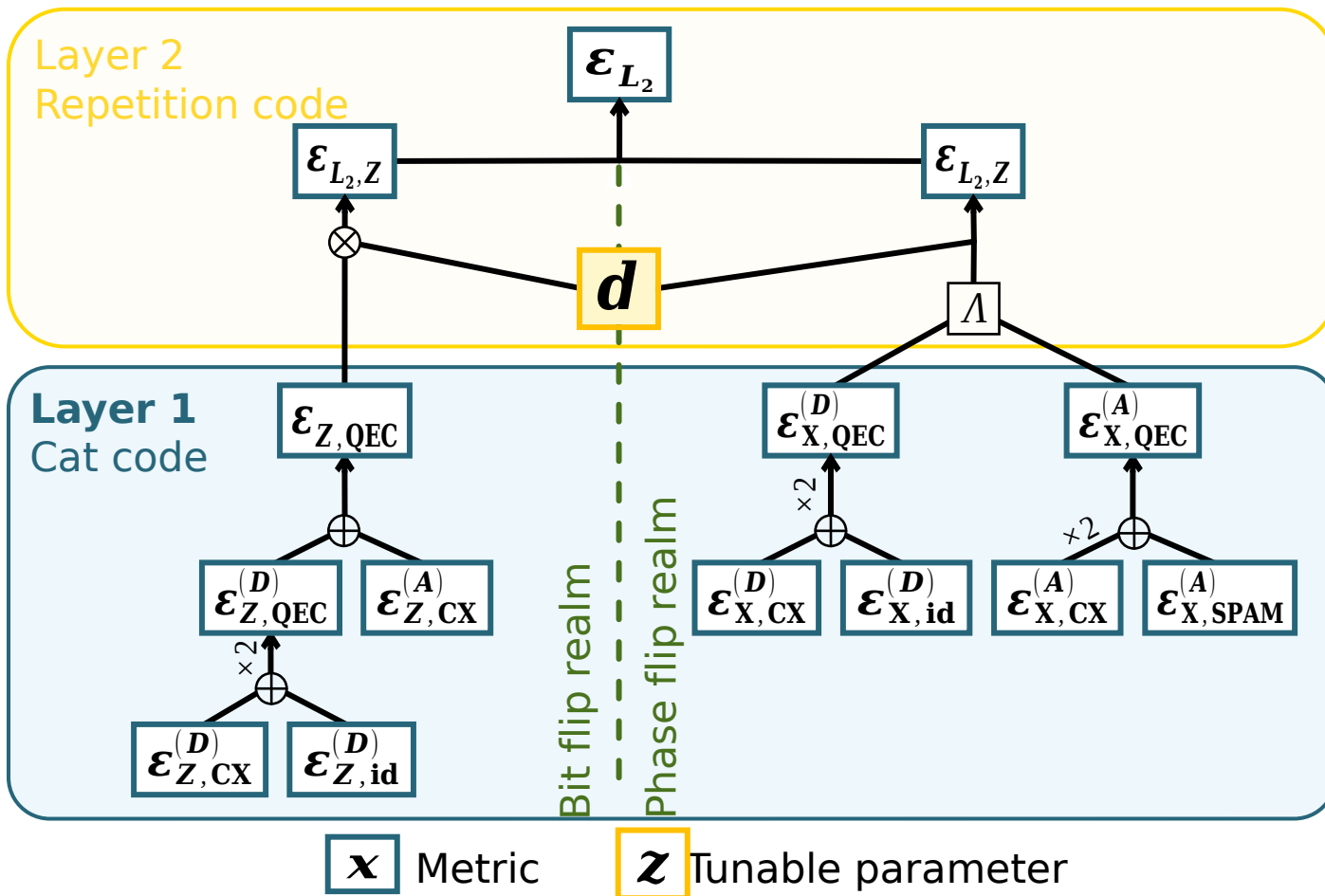
Two type of errors:

- **Data phase flip** - propagate – detectable
- **Ancilla phase flips** – do not propagate – MXX error

Results in predictable logical error

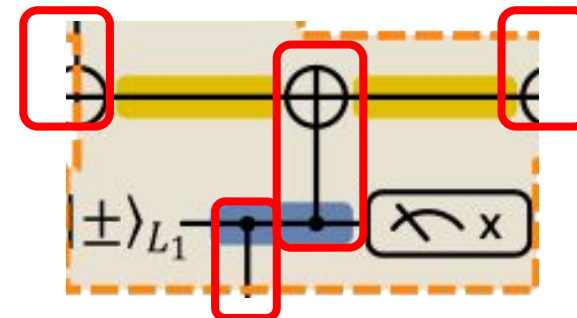
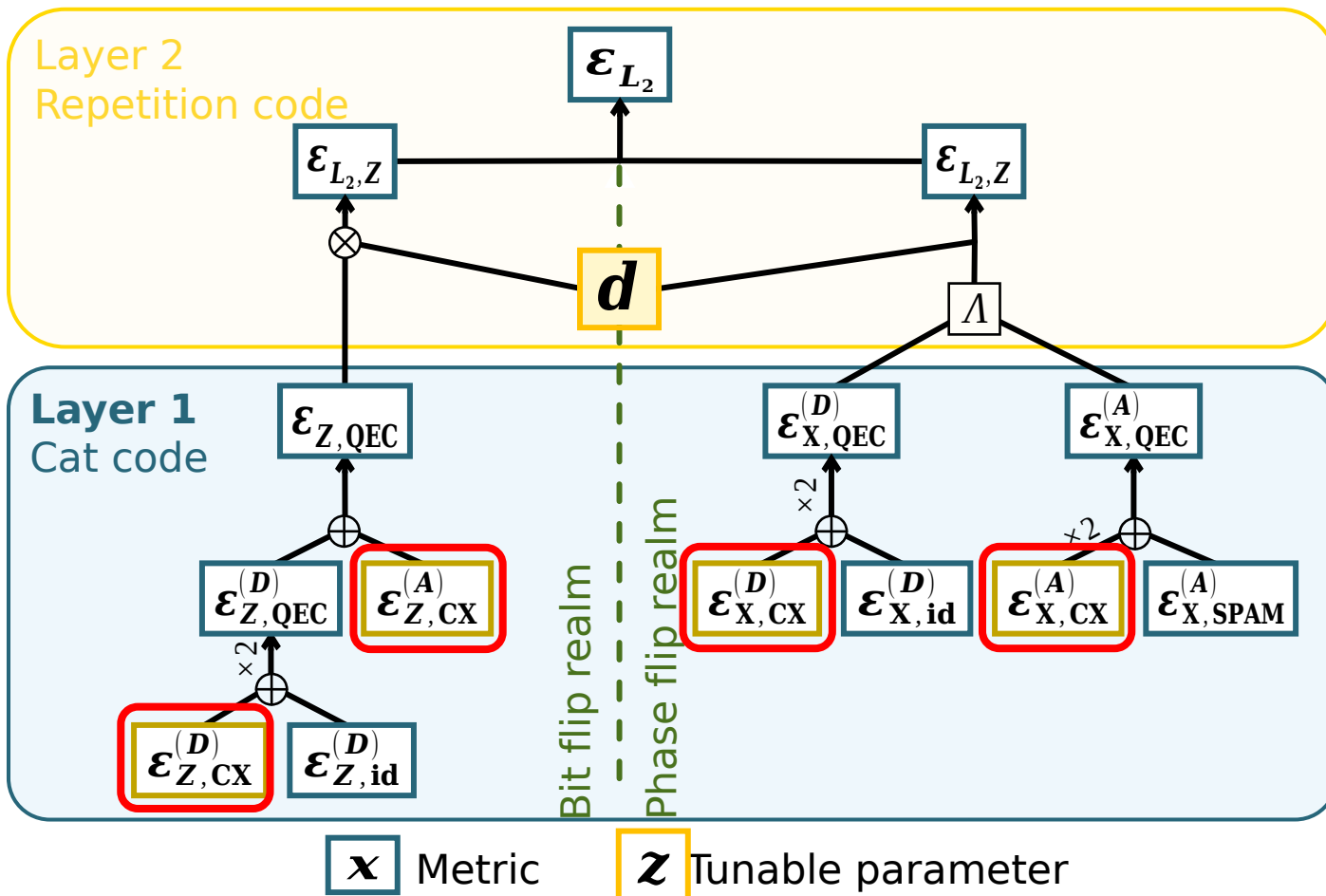


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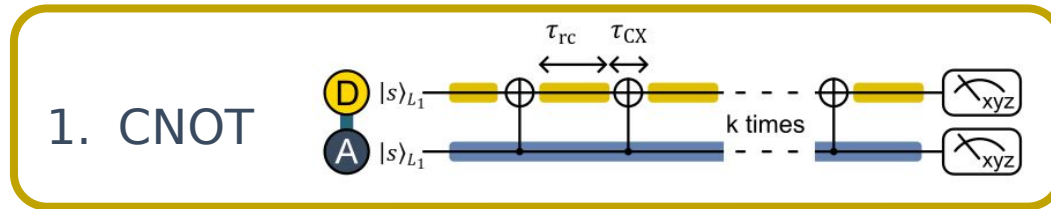


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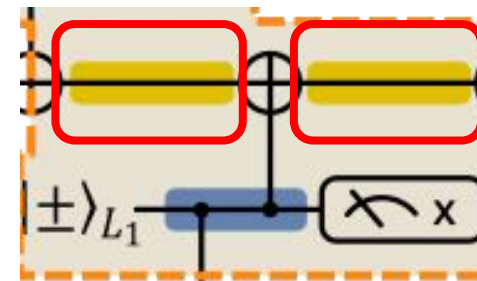
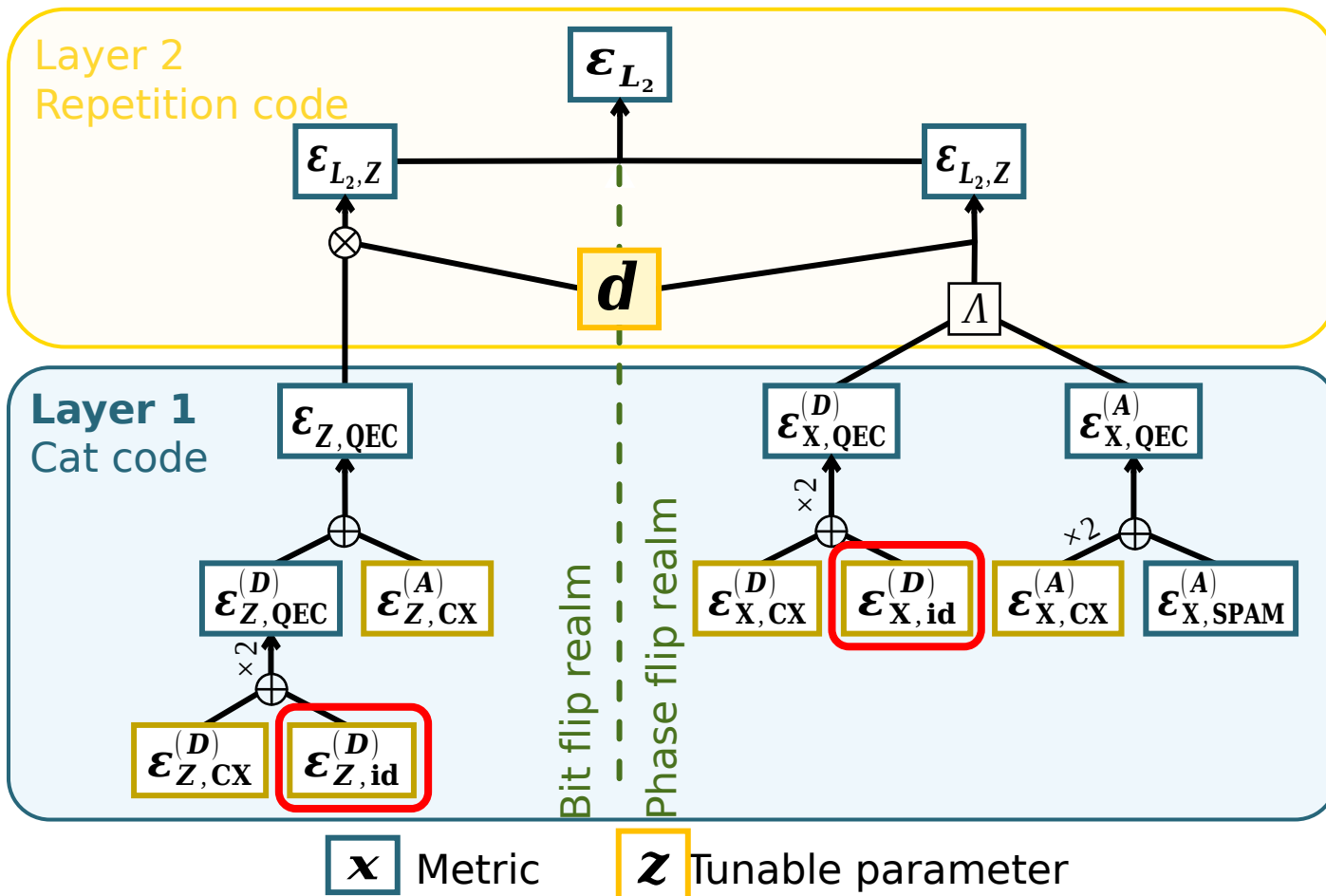
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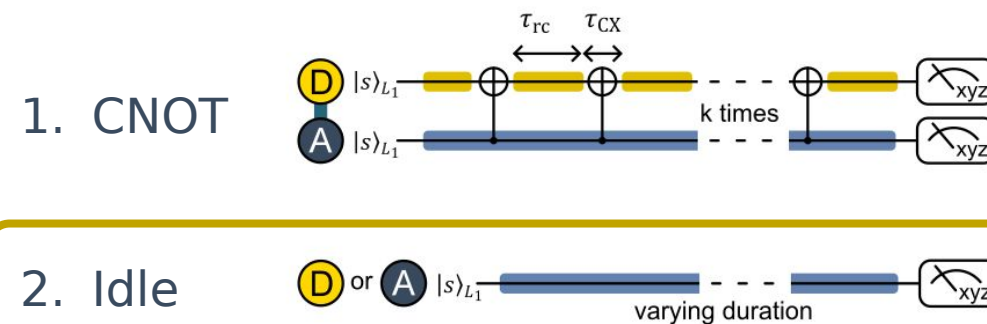
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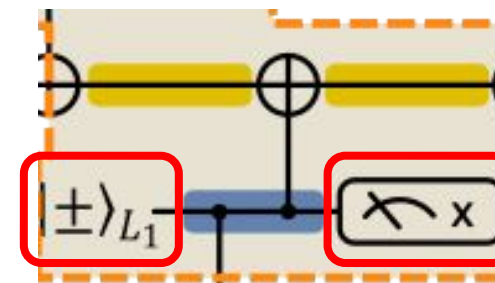
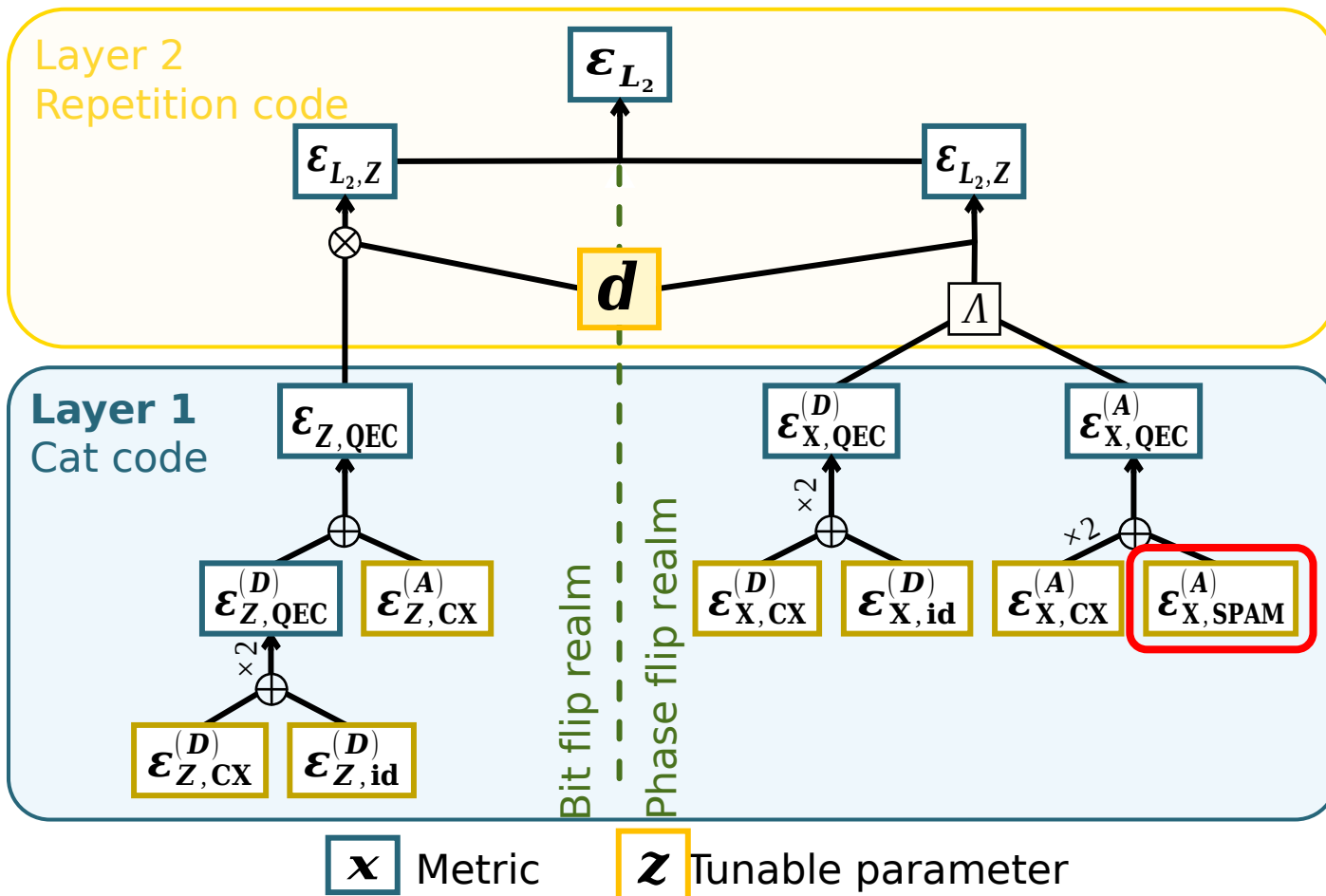
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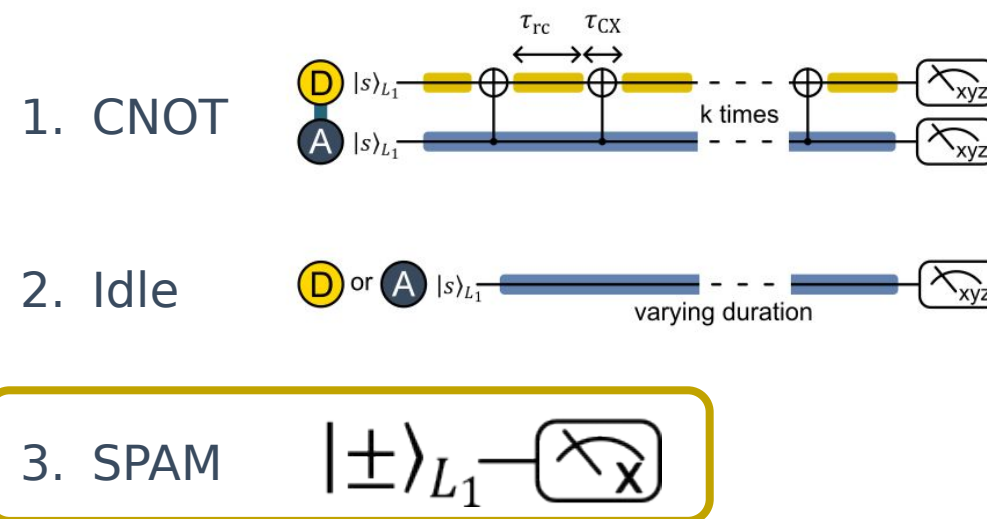
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A glimpse of experiment – CNOT phase flips

SEEMS BAD on current standard metric but just a factor 2 away from threshold, which **IS ACTUALLY GOOD**

We are here...

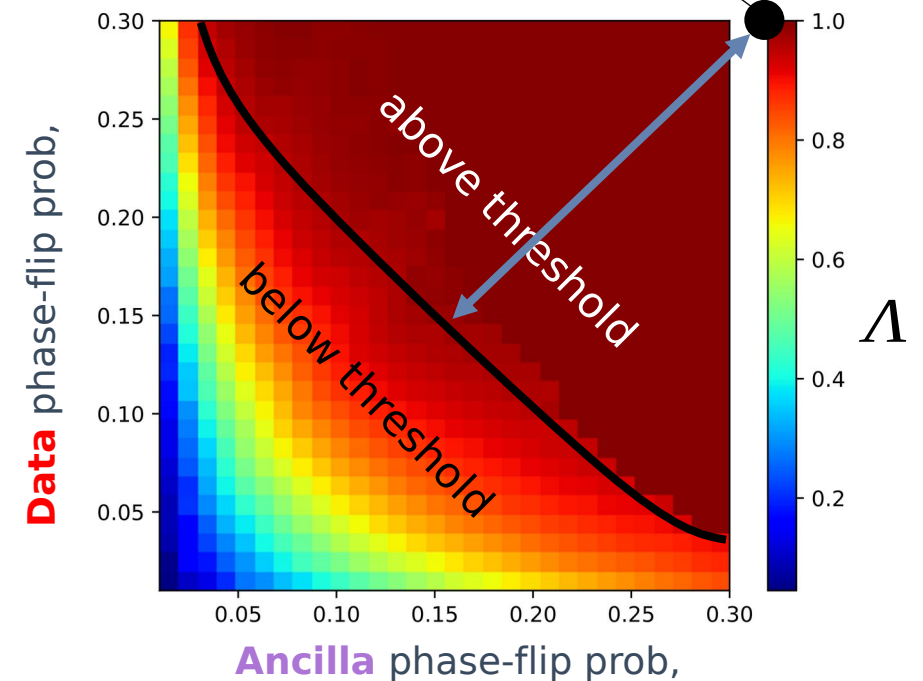
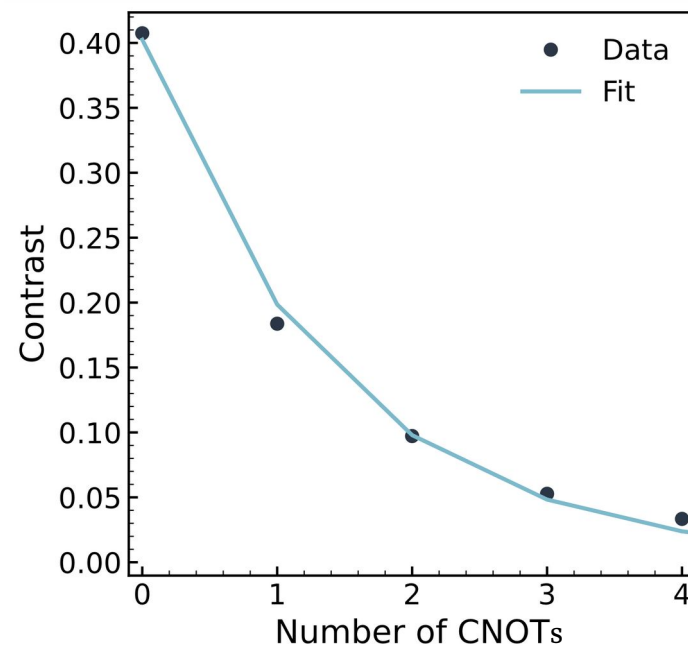
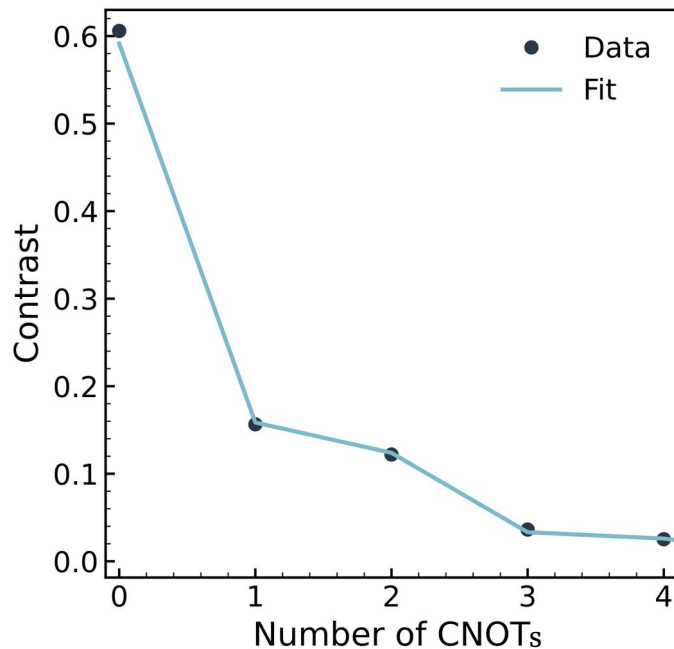
$$\epsilon_{X,CX}^A \approx \epsilon_{X,CX}^D \approx 0.15$$

$$\epsilon_{X,SPAM}^A \approx 0.2$$

$$\epsilon_{X,id}^D \approx 0.09$$

Ancilla

Data



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Cat qubits give **exponential** bit-flip suppression against a **linear** increase of phase flips.

02

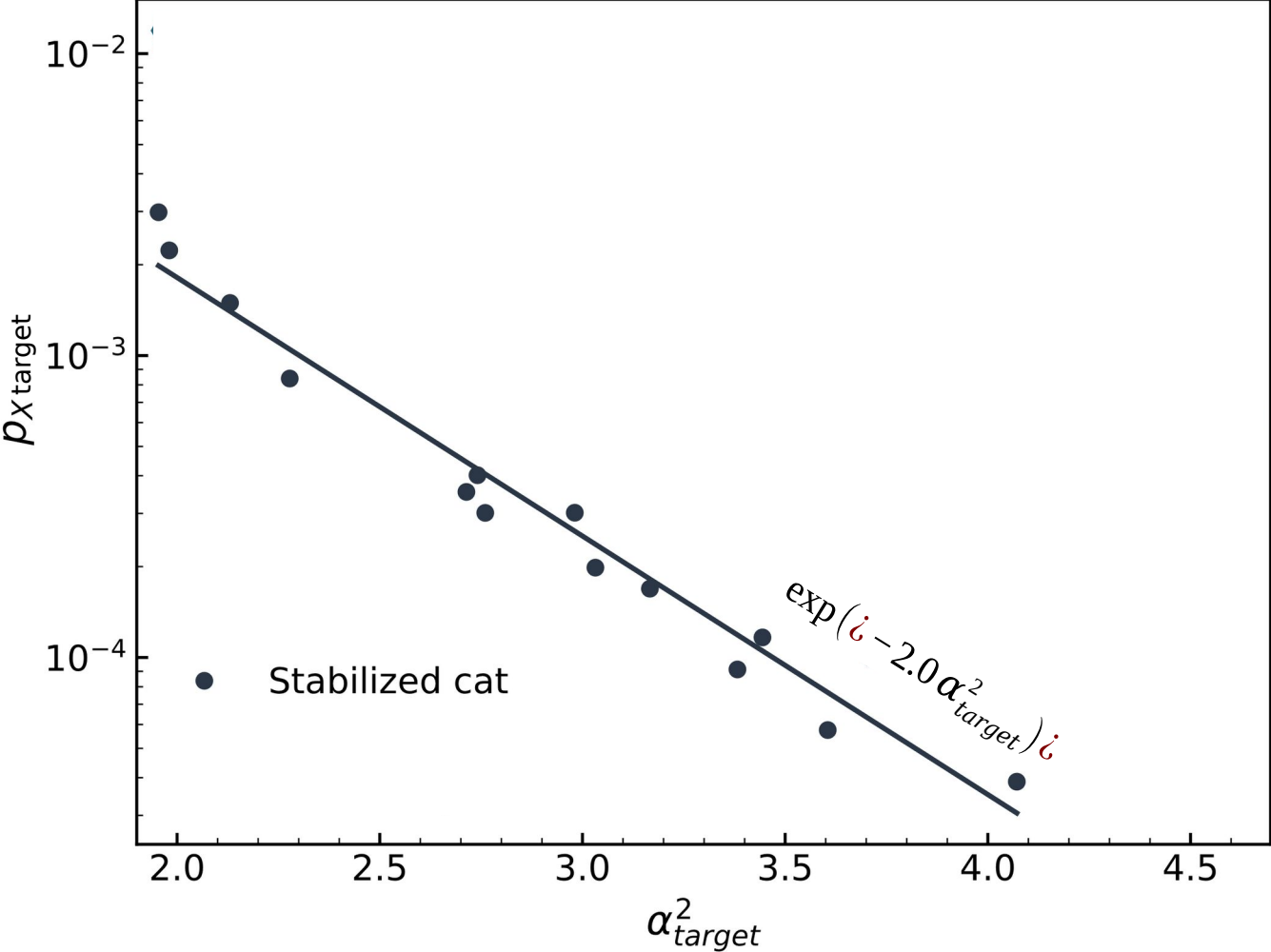
Existing benchmarks like RB lack of **relevance** - insufficient to estimate logical performance - and **universality** - not suited to cat qubits.

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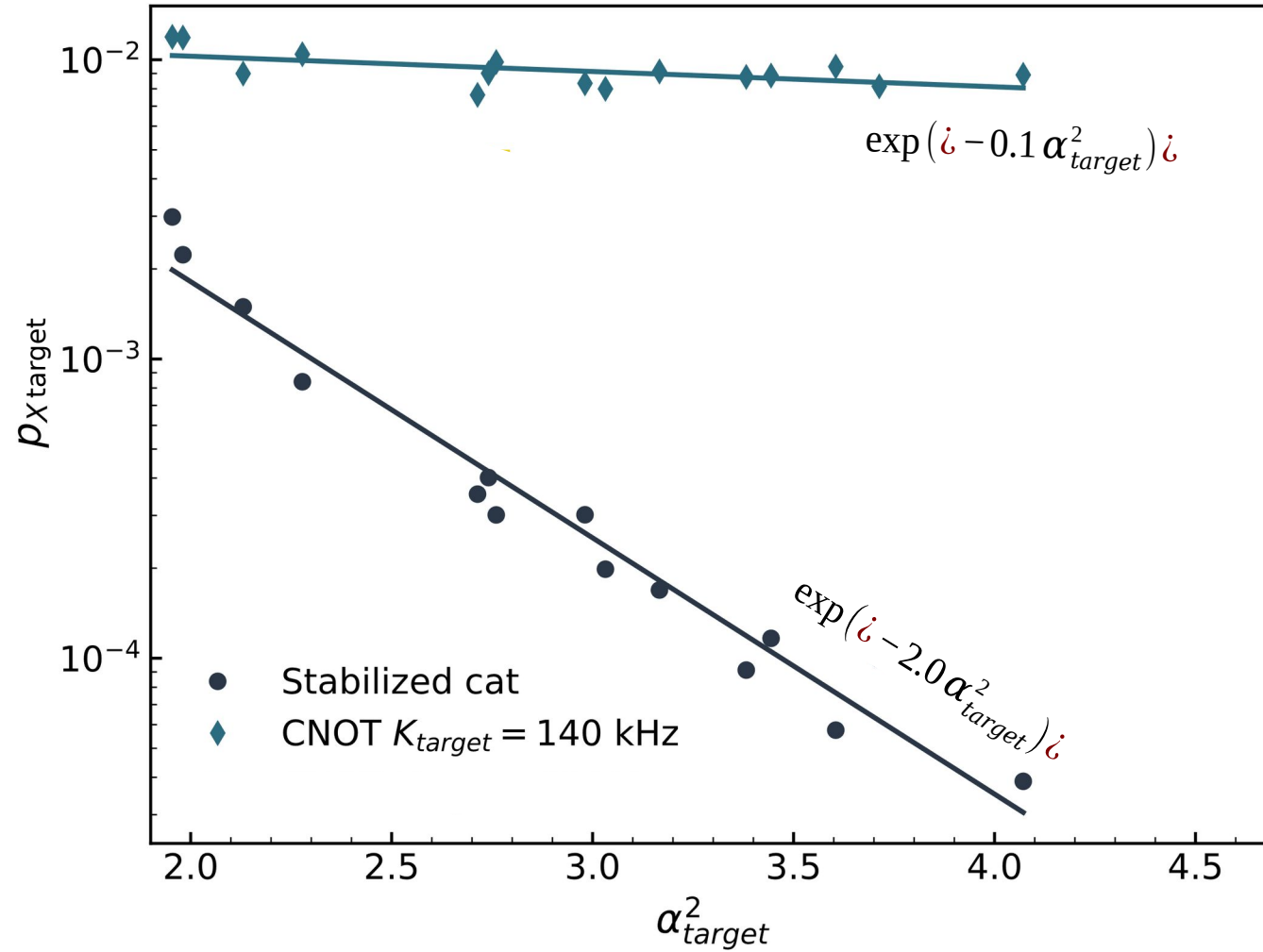
Instead, we measure the **key metrics** on cat qubits operations which allow to estimate **logical performance**, allowing **relevant and universal comparison**.



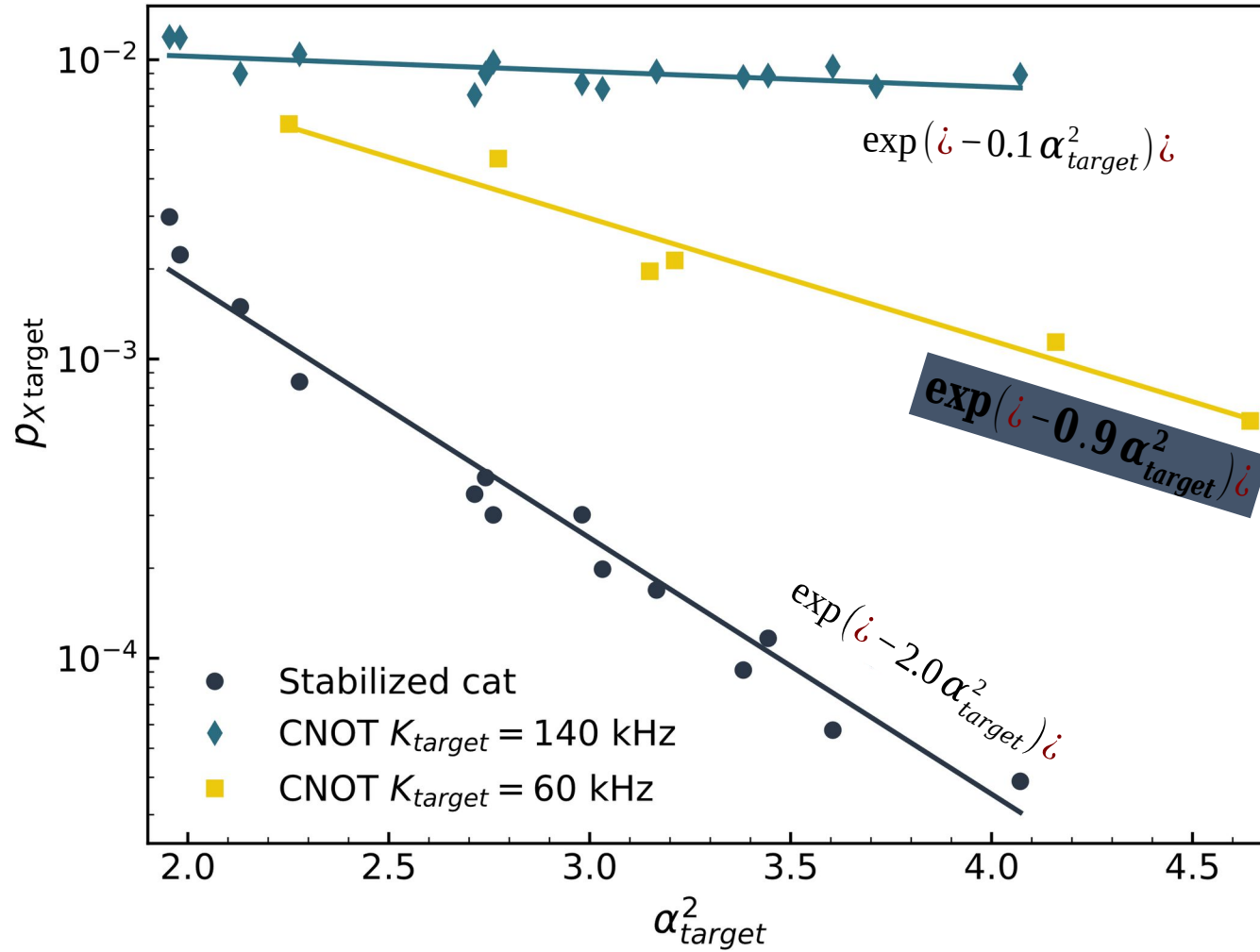
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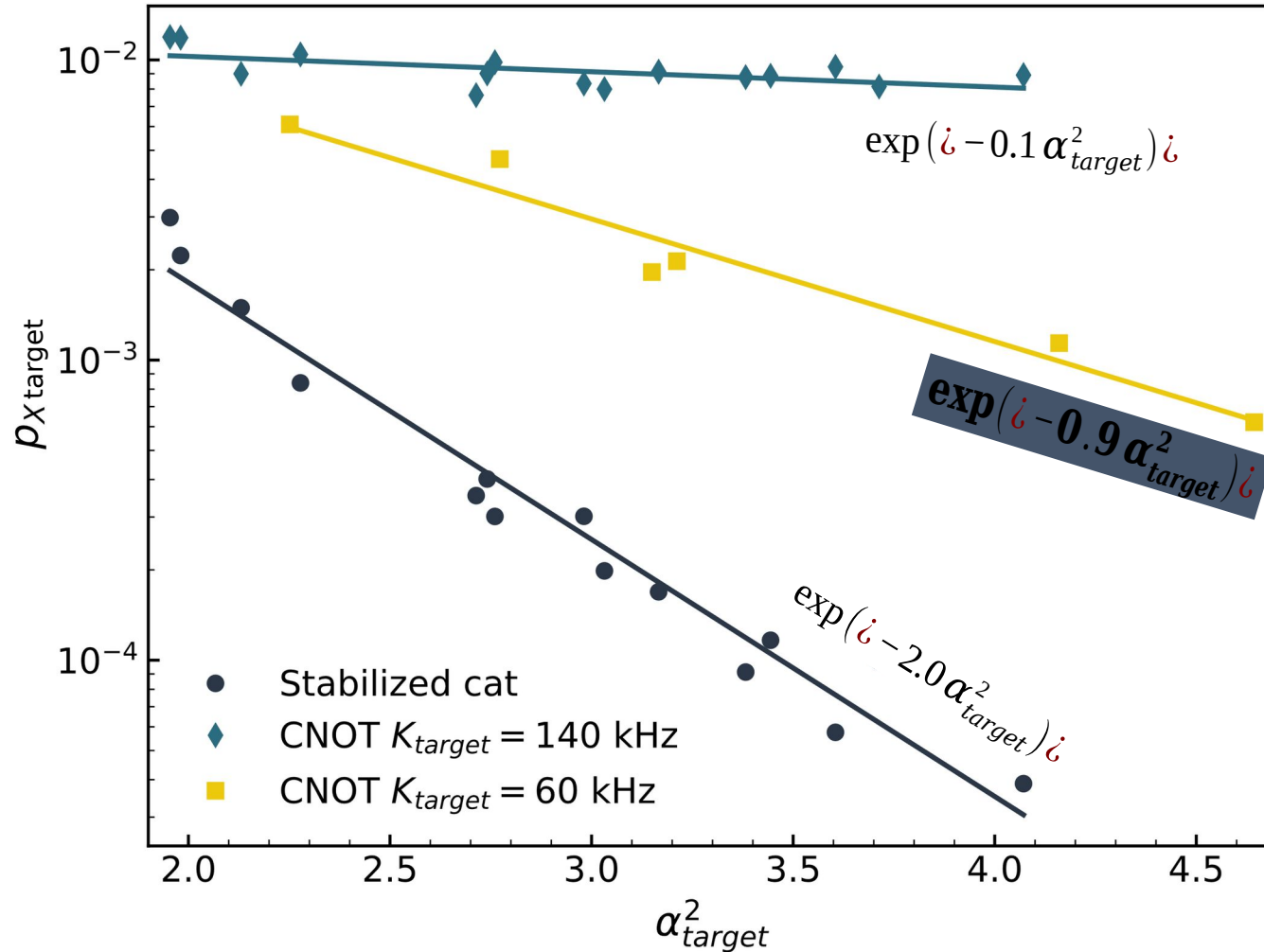
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Bit-flip scaling of the target is **limited by leakage** while the stabilization is turned off

Solutions

- Further reduce Kerr (and dephasing)
- Engineer **conditional** rotation of the two-photon dissipation on the target

Guillaud & Mirrahimi, PRX 9, 041053 (2019)