

# Demystifying Quantum Power Flow: Is It Fast?

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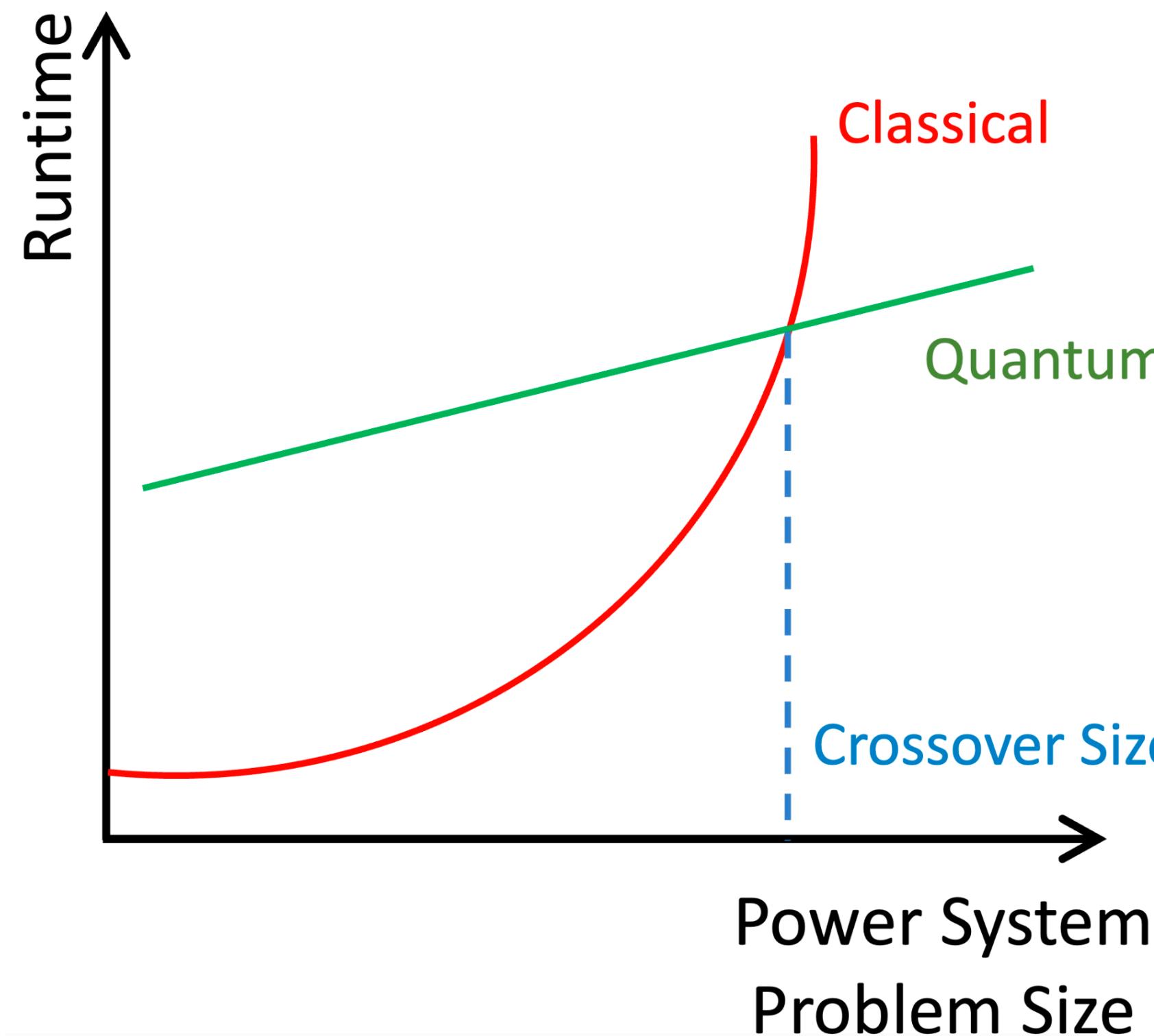
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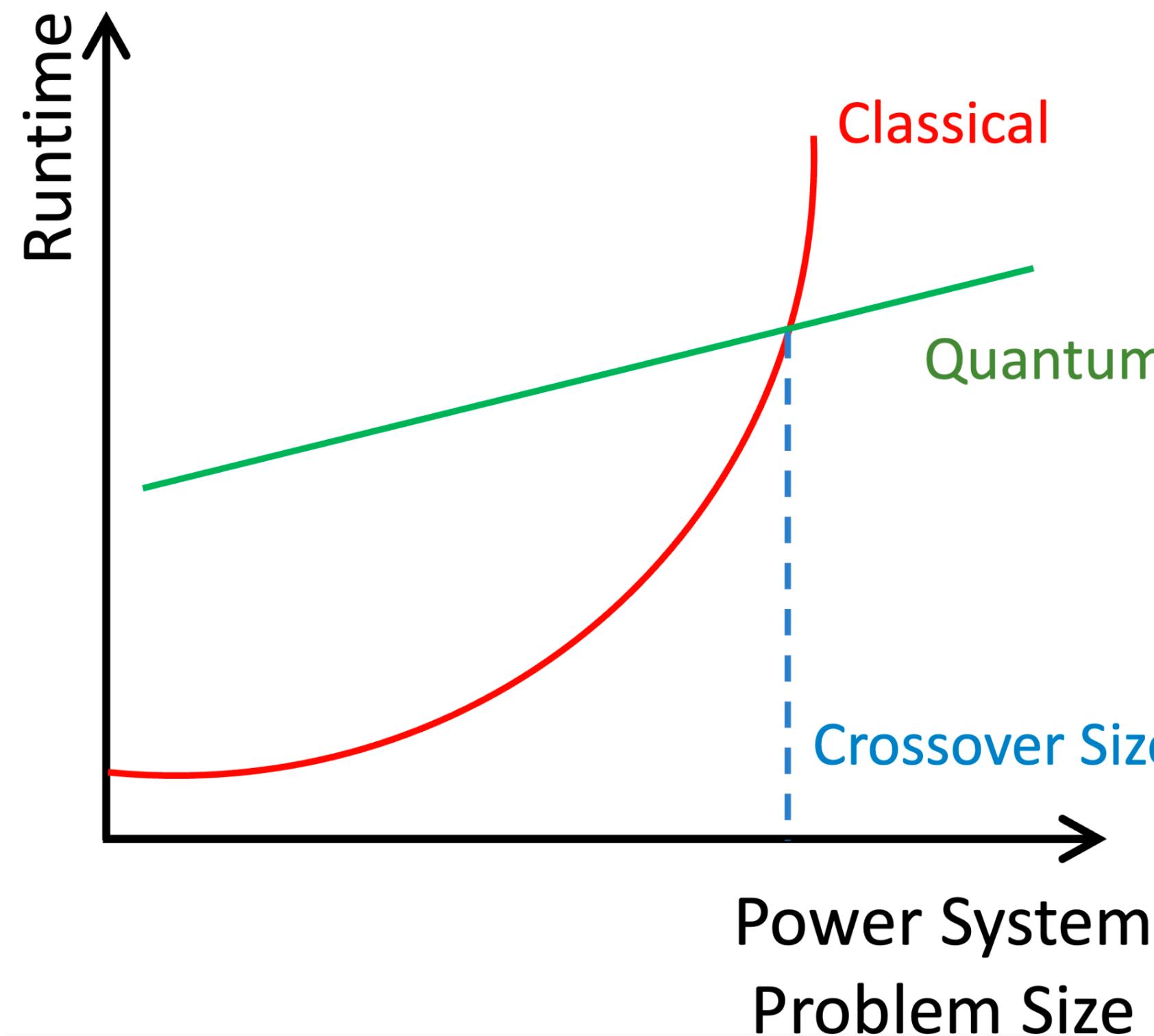
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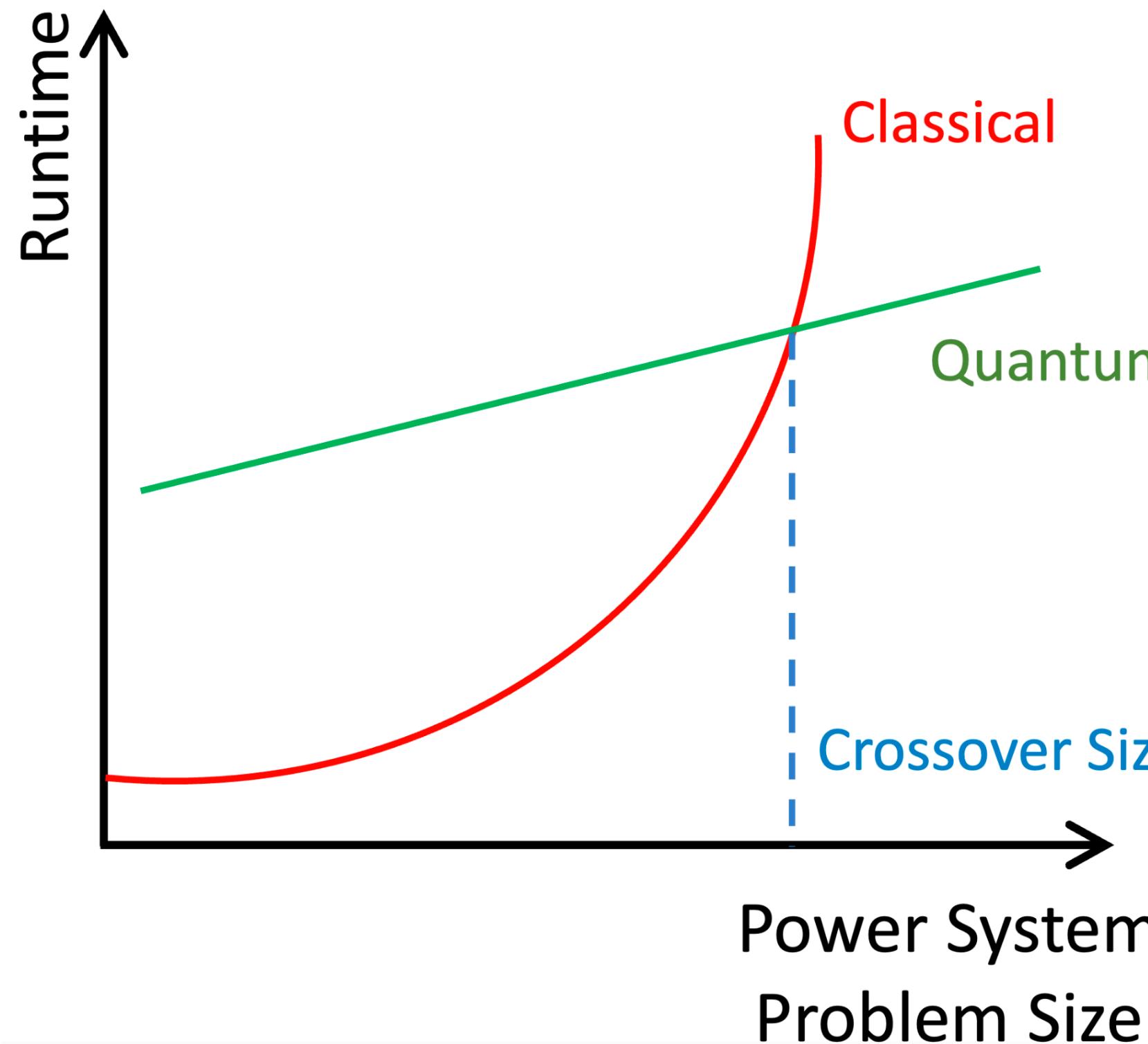
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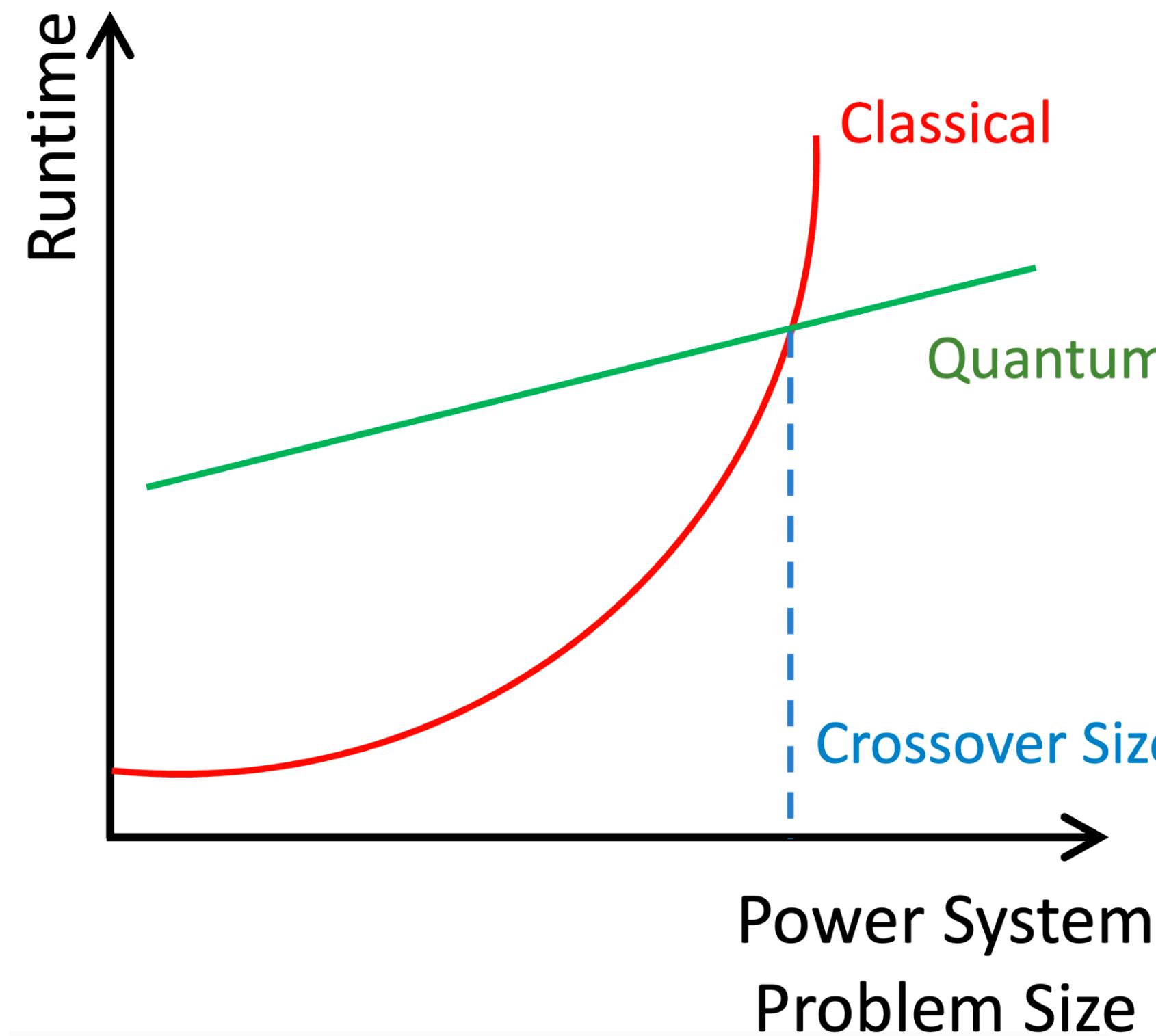


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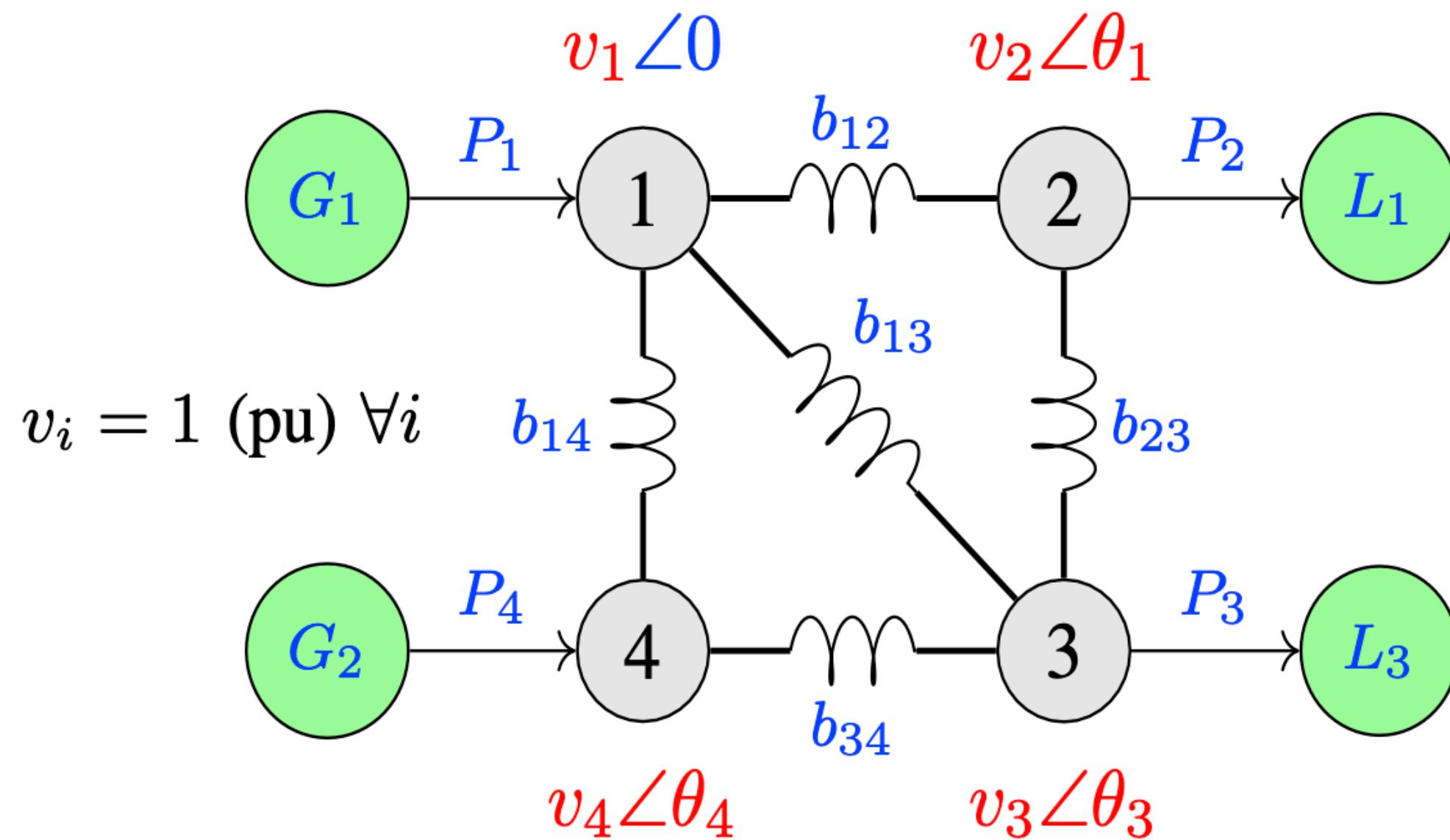
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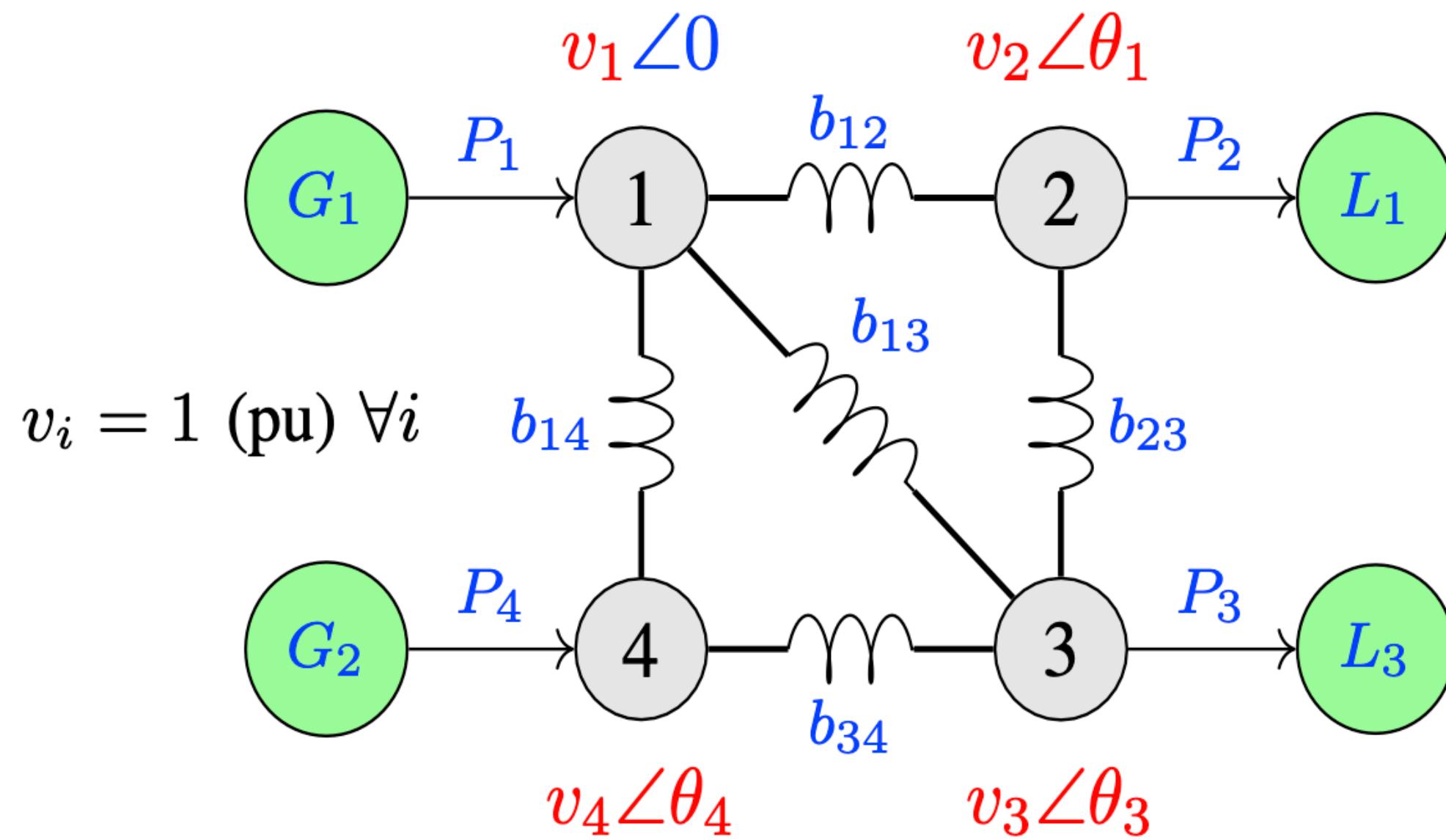
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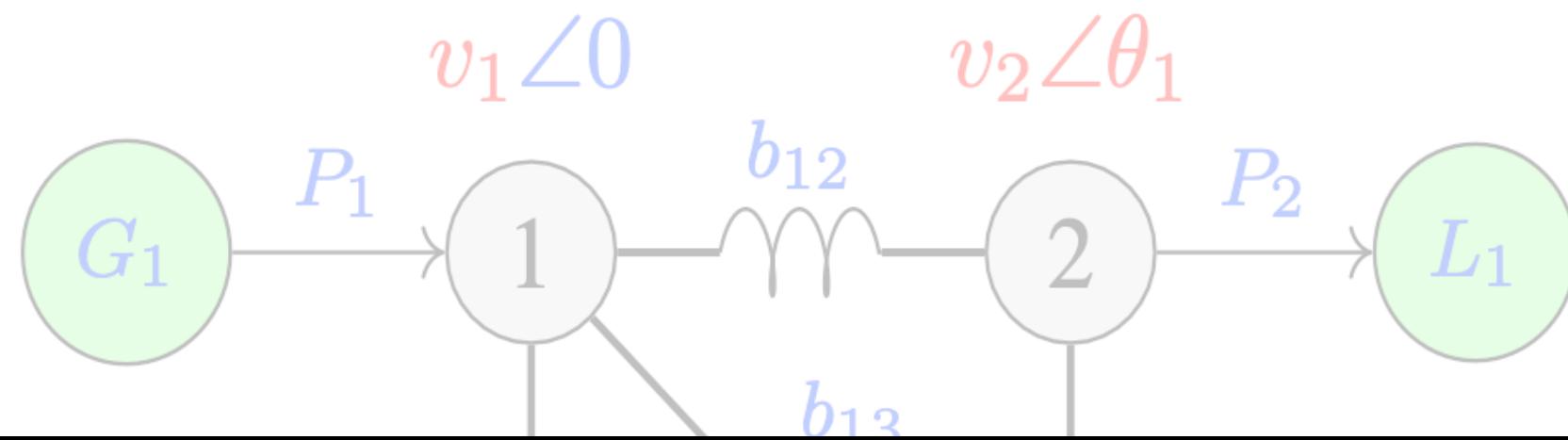
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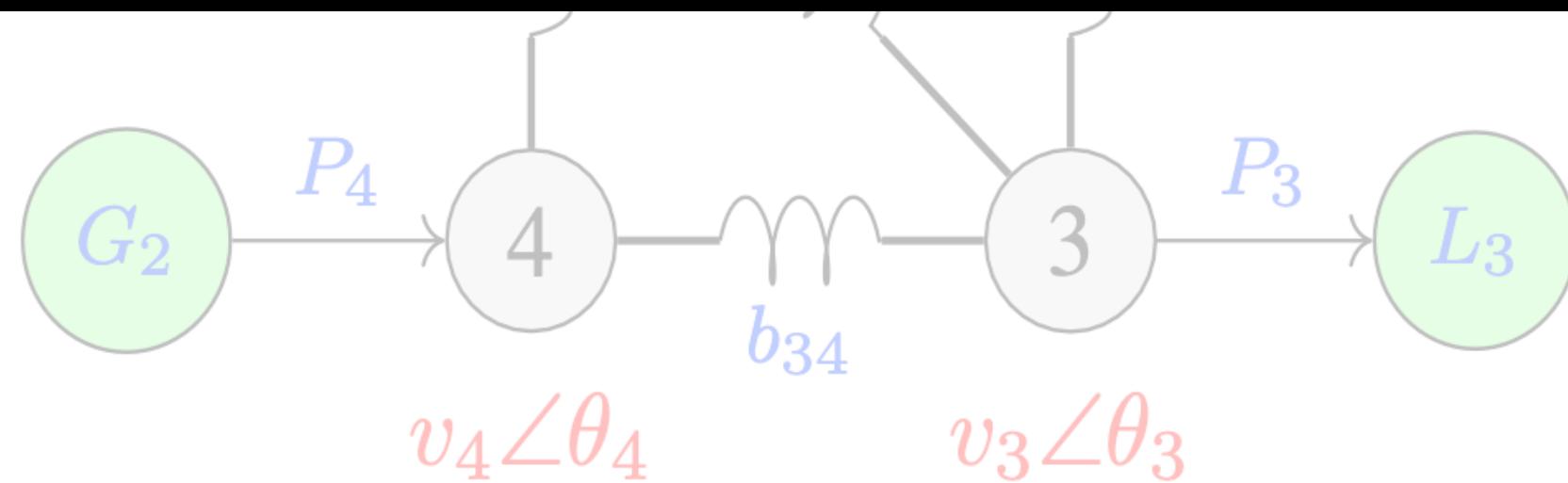
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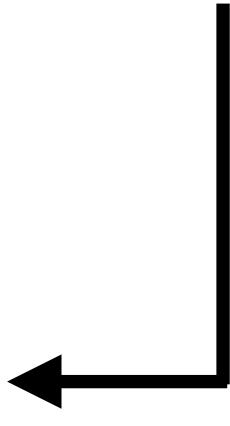
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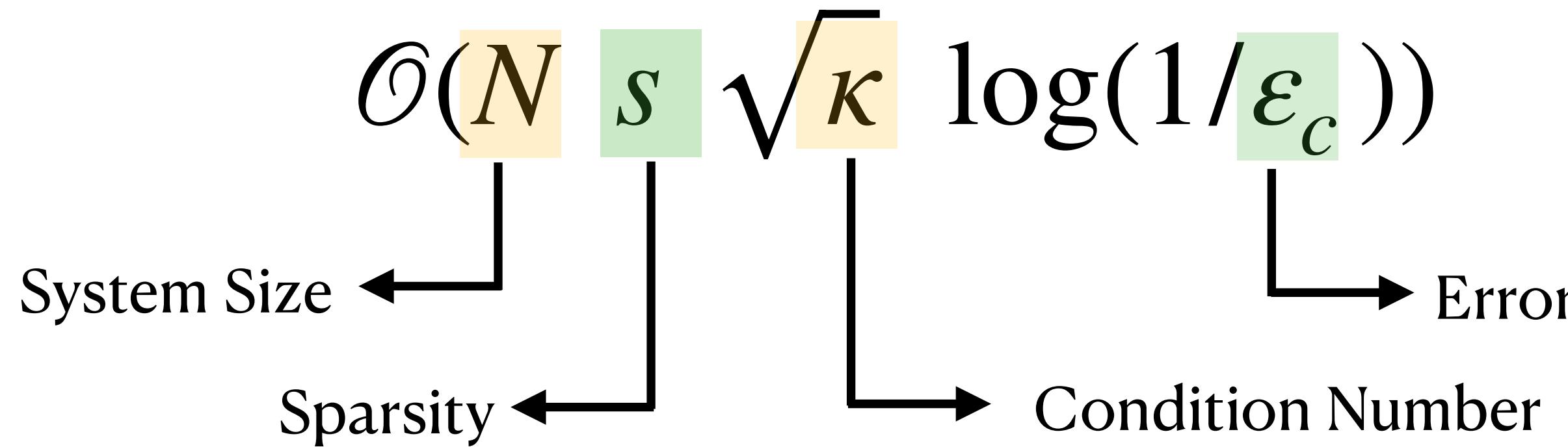
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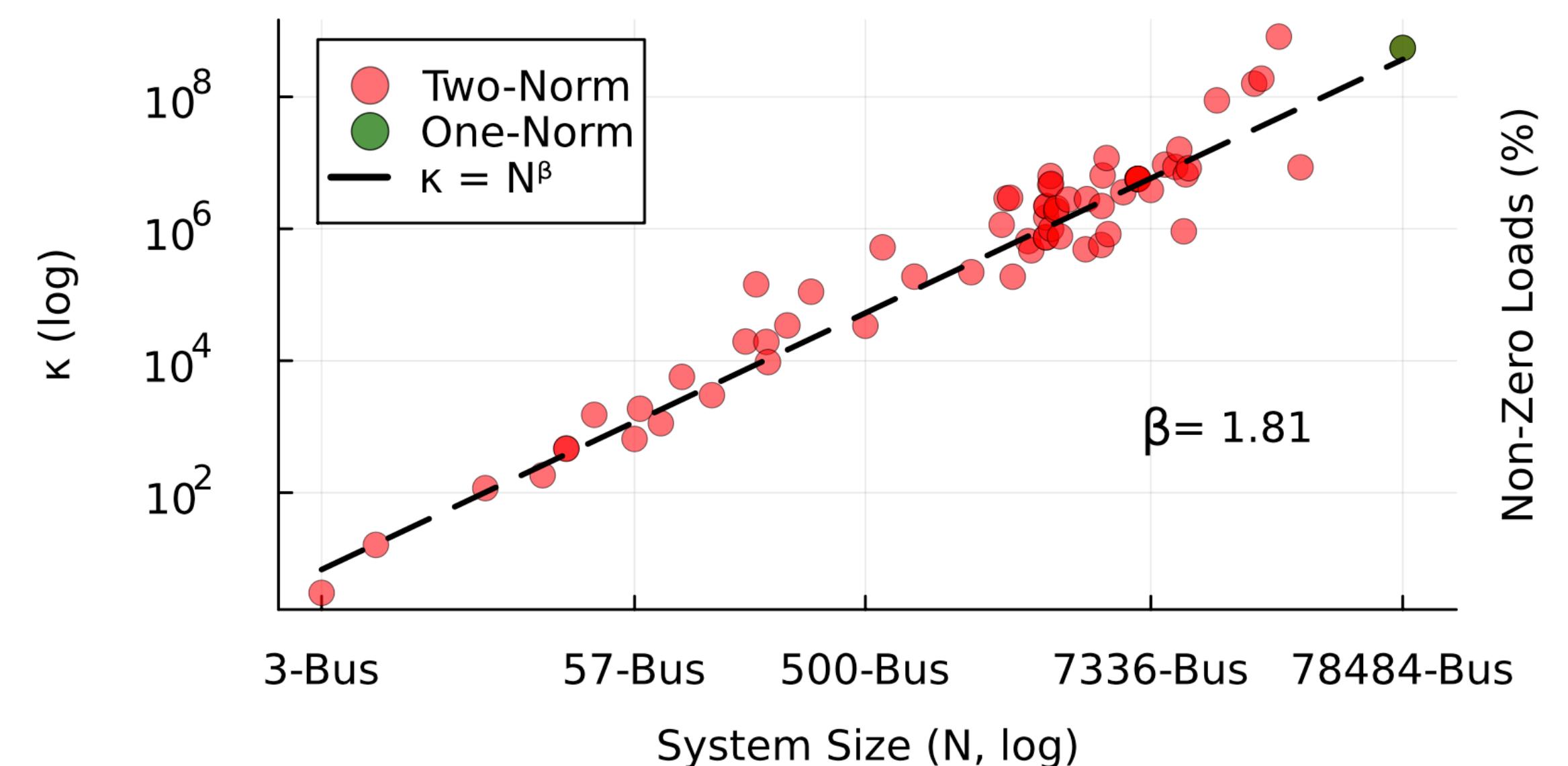
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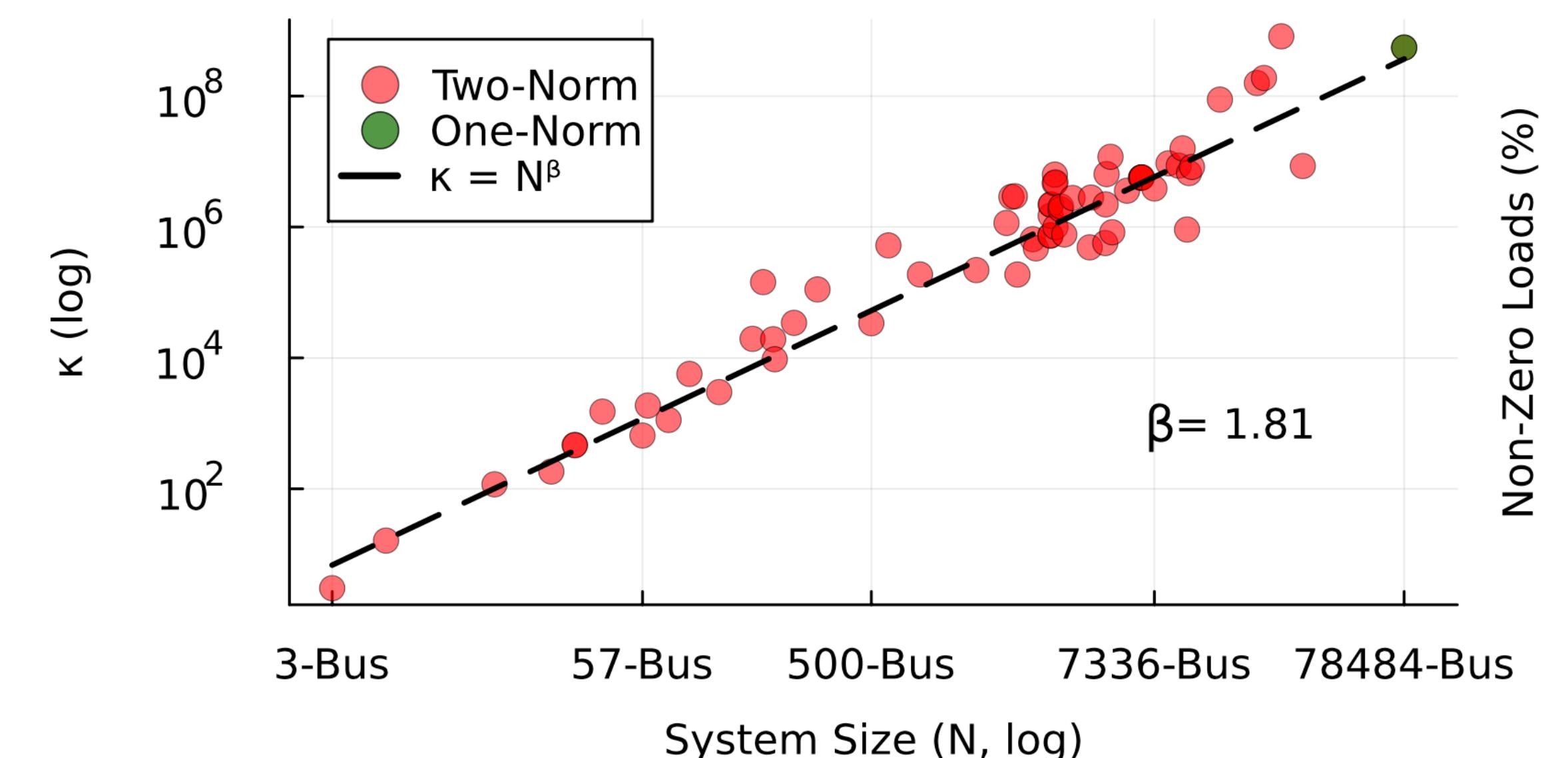
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Algorithms that manage condition number will be better for this application.



## **Point #1:**

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**Our Favorite Problem** might not have so **Favorable Parameters**

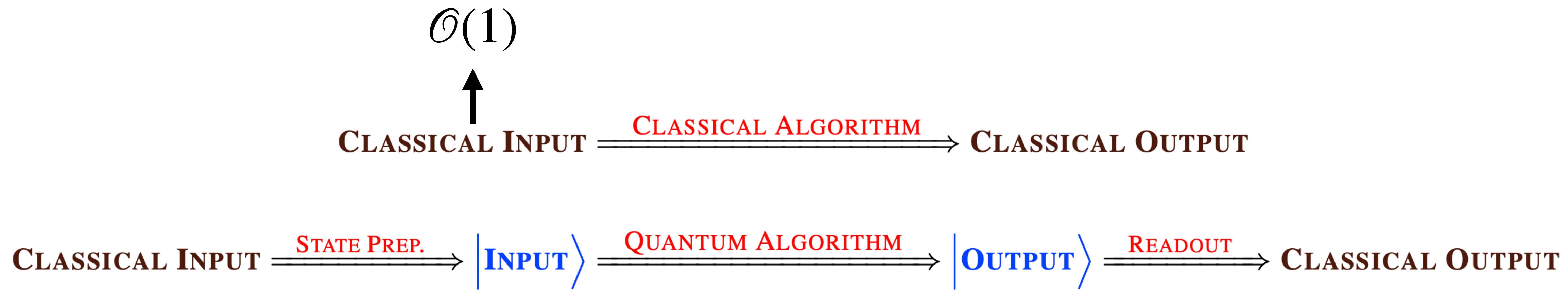
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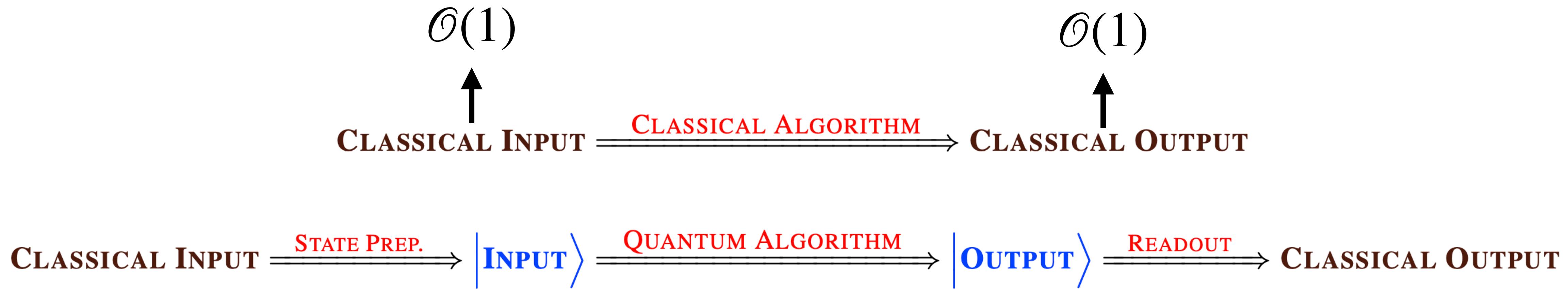
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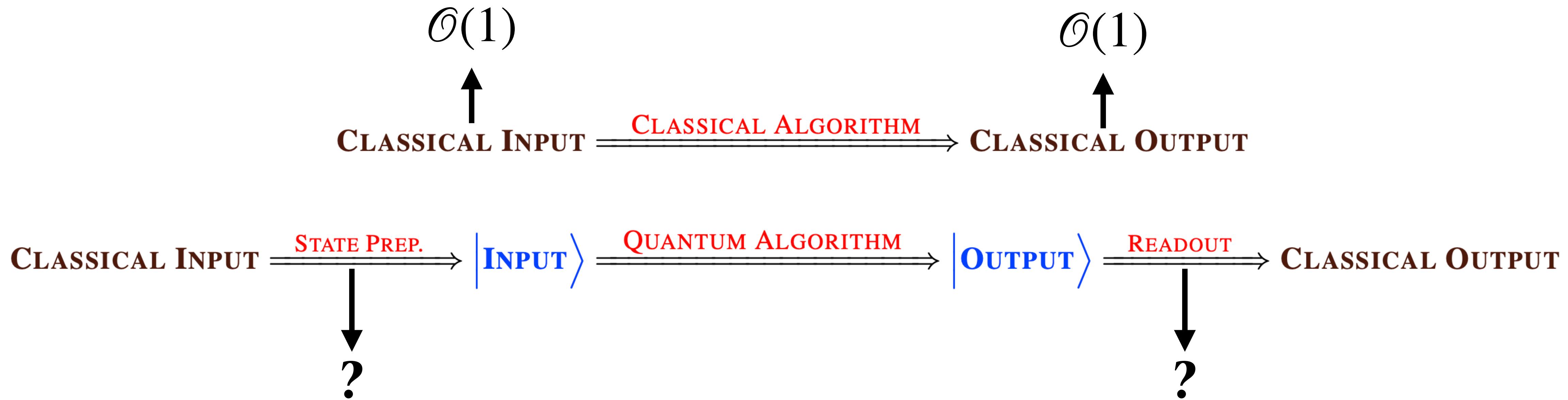
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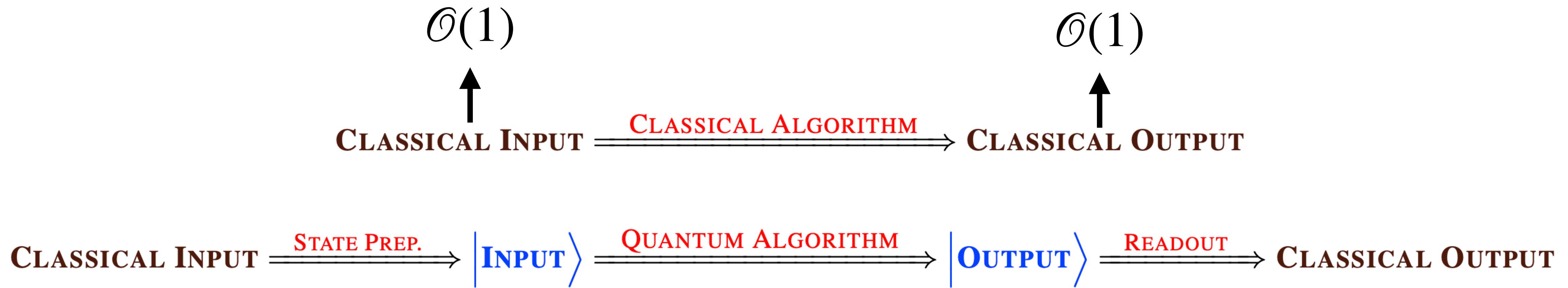
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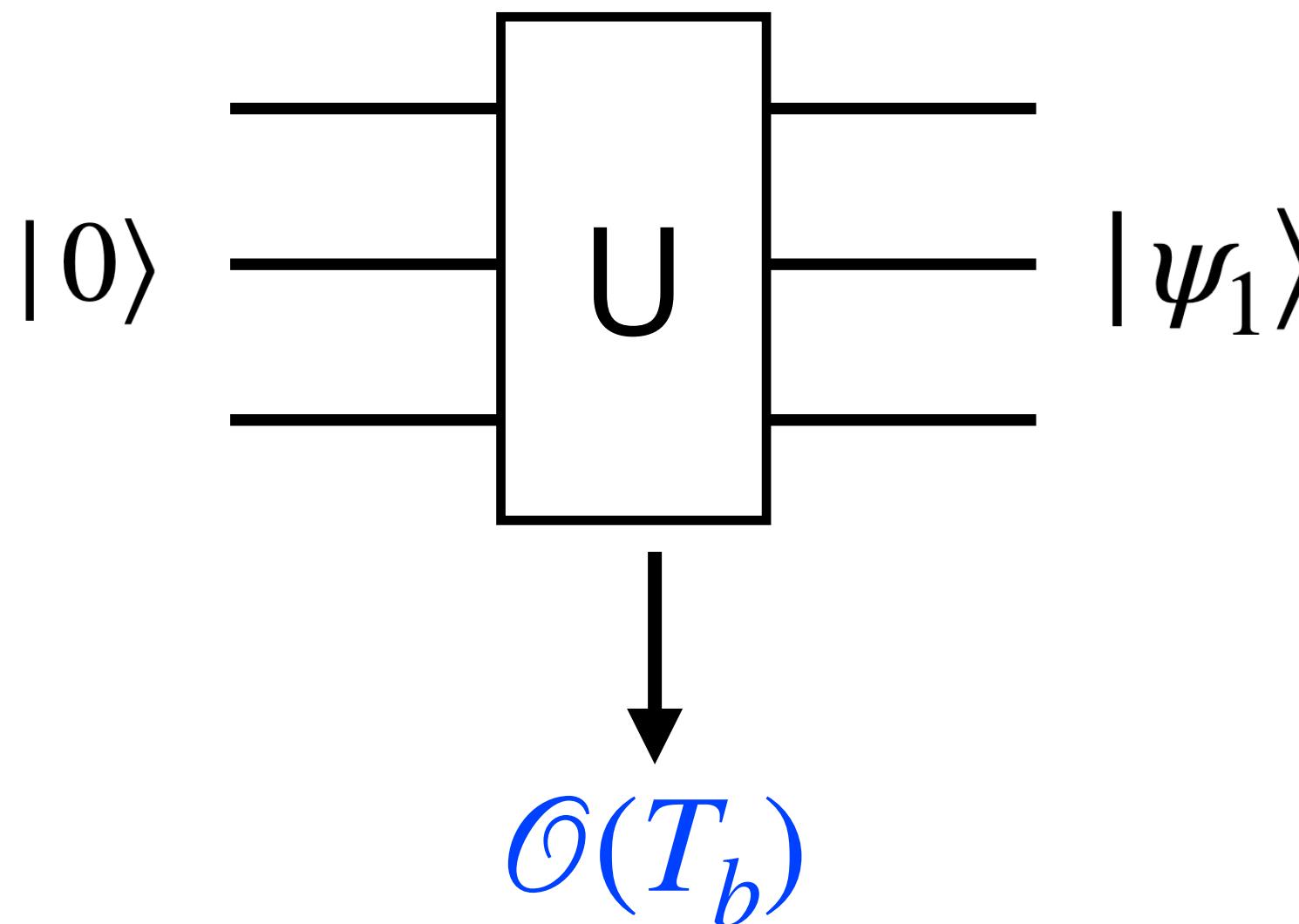
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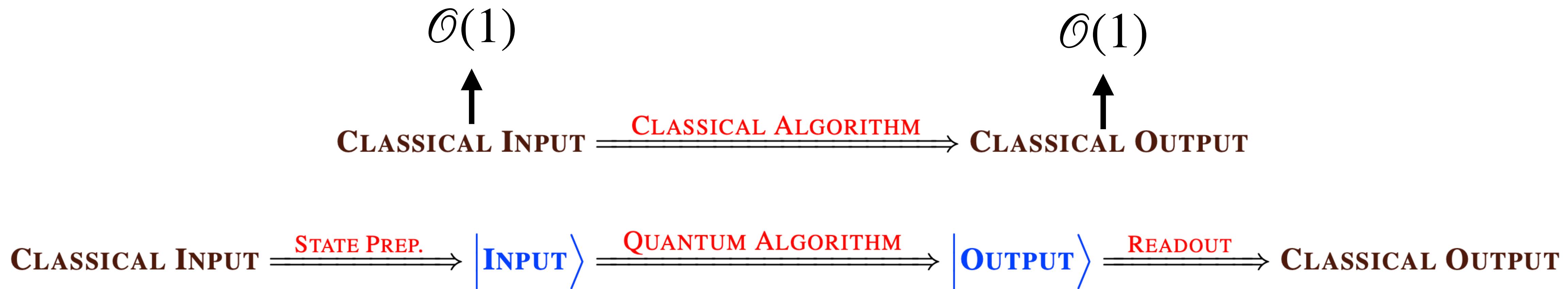
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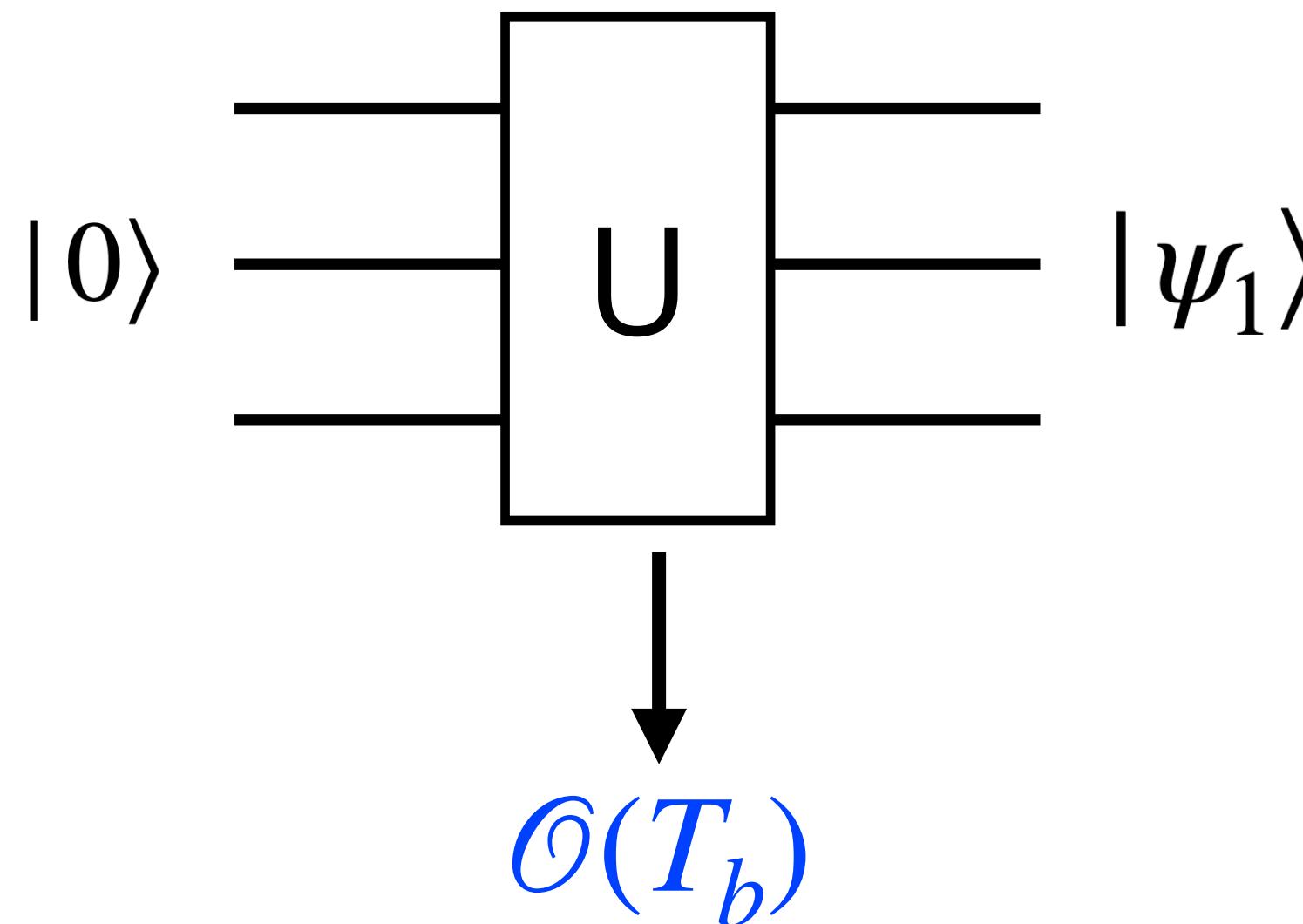
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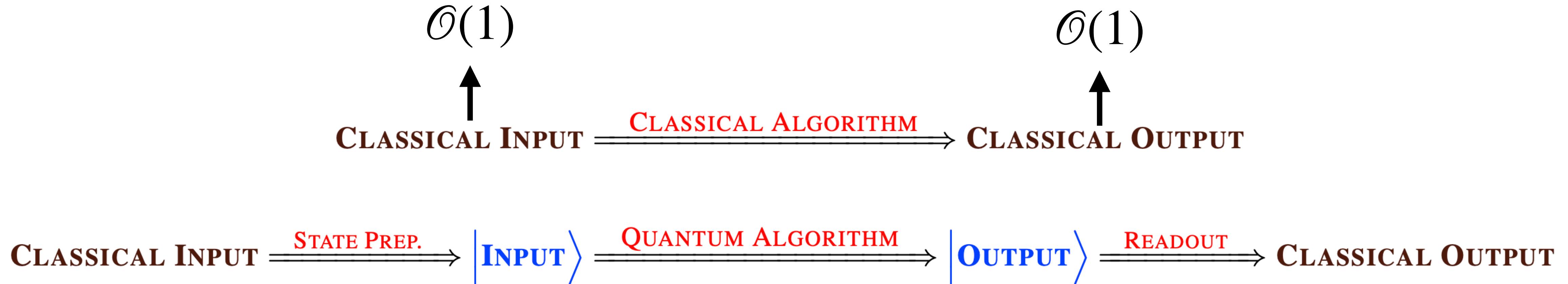
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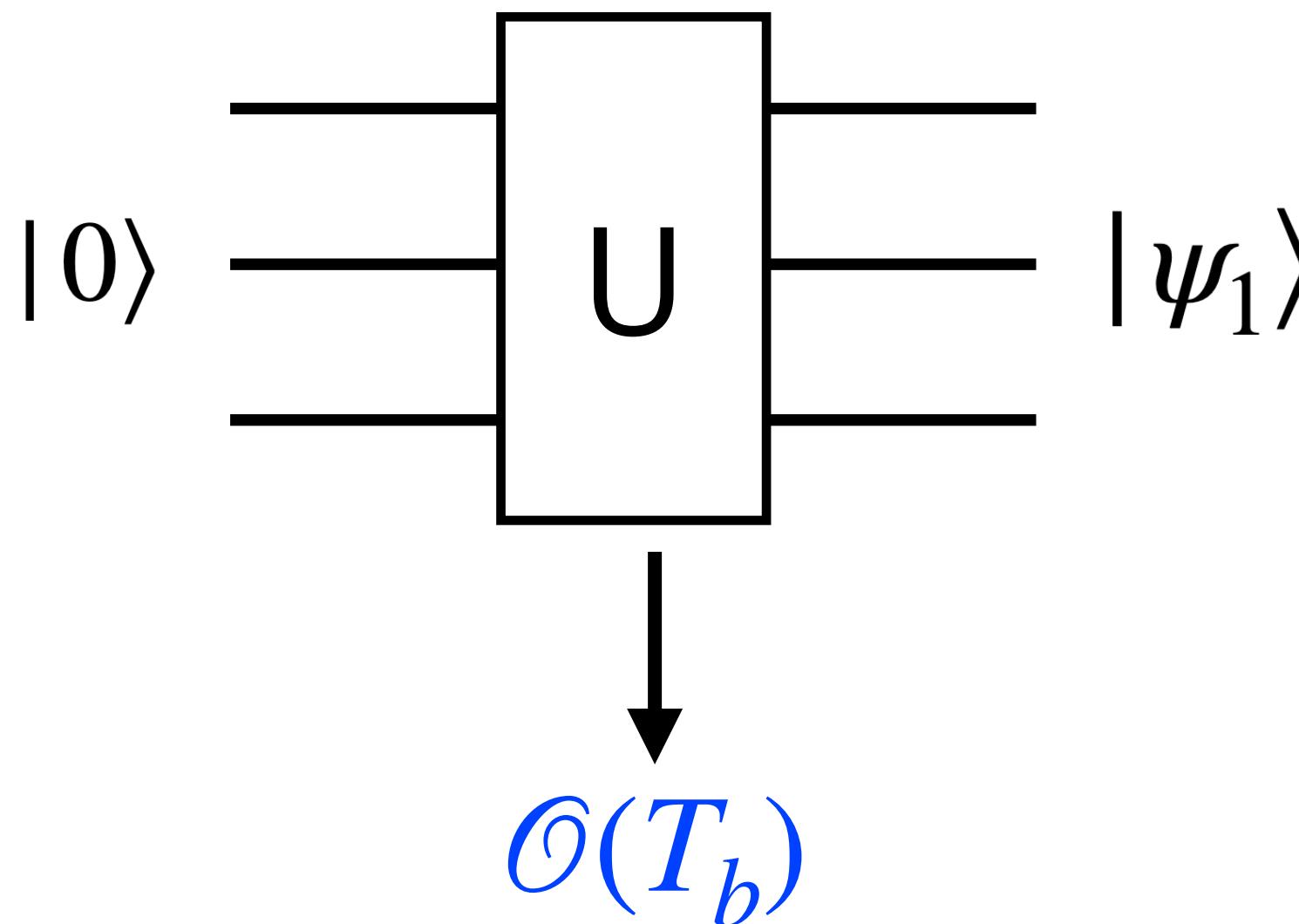
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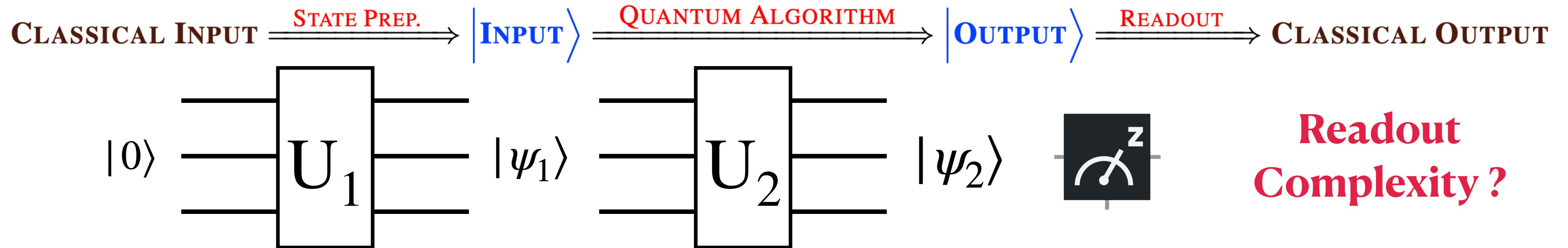
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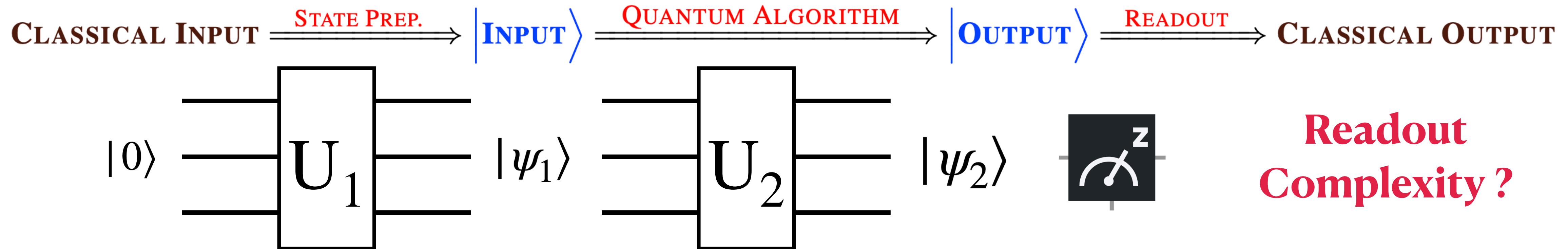
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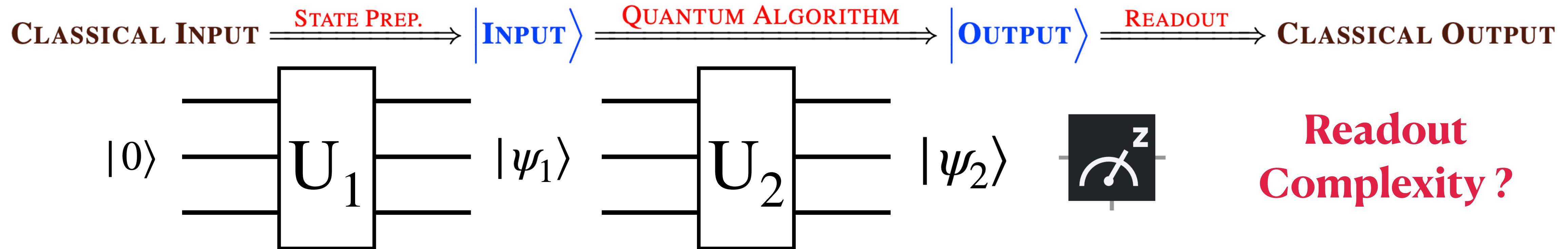
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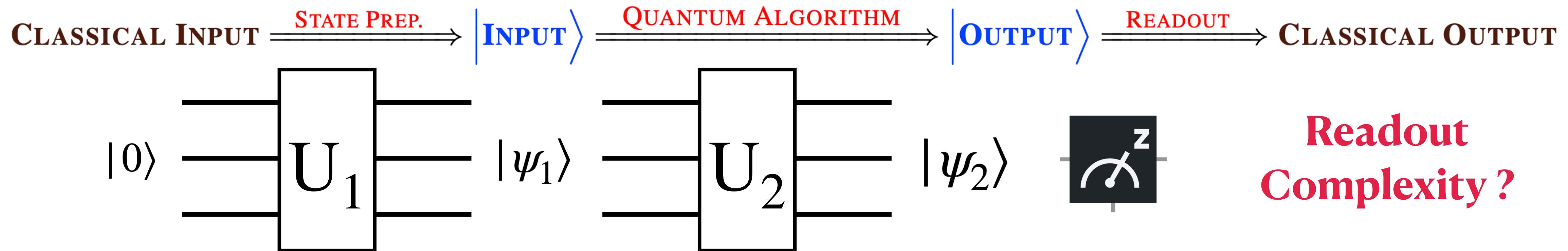
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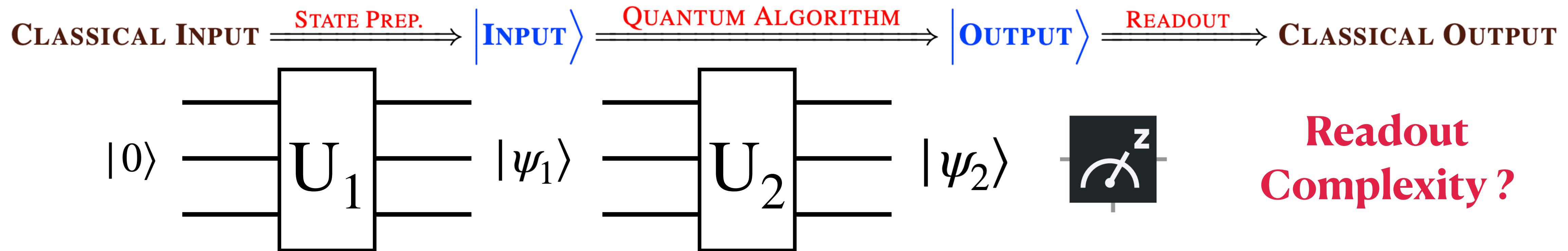
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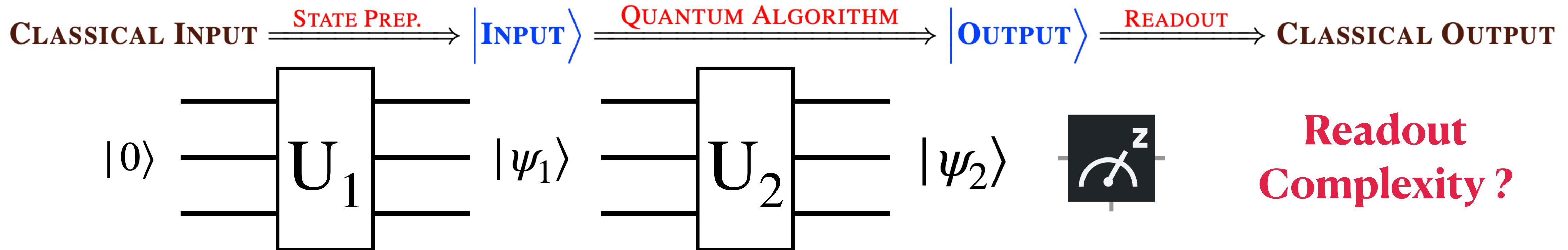
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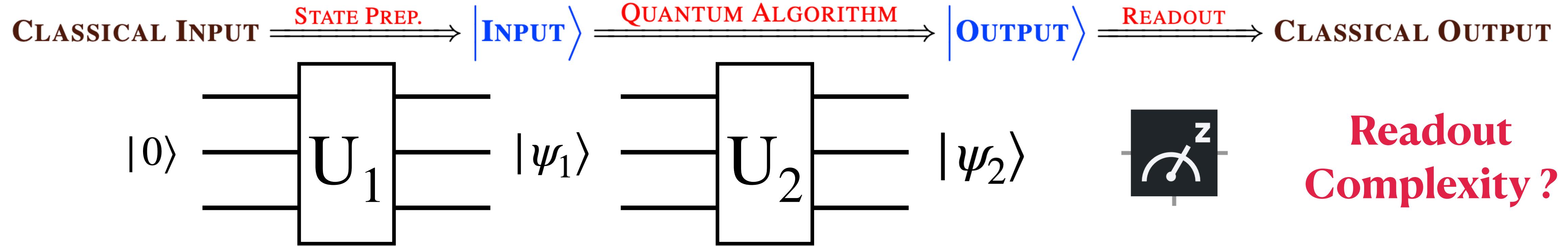
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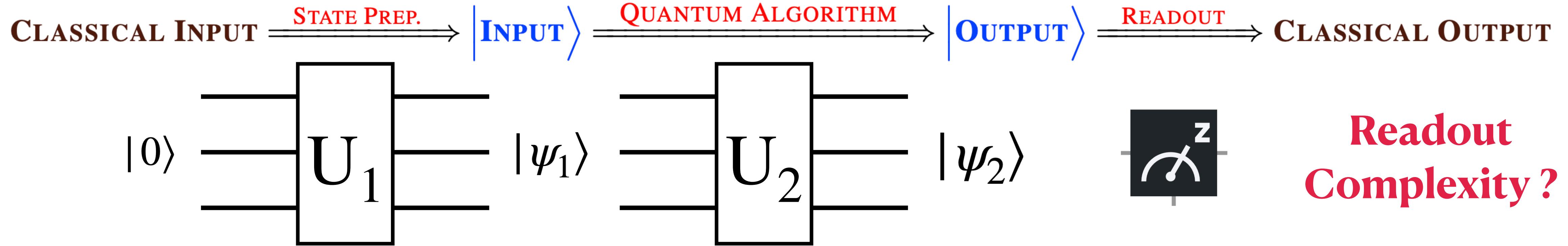
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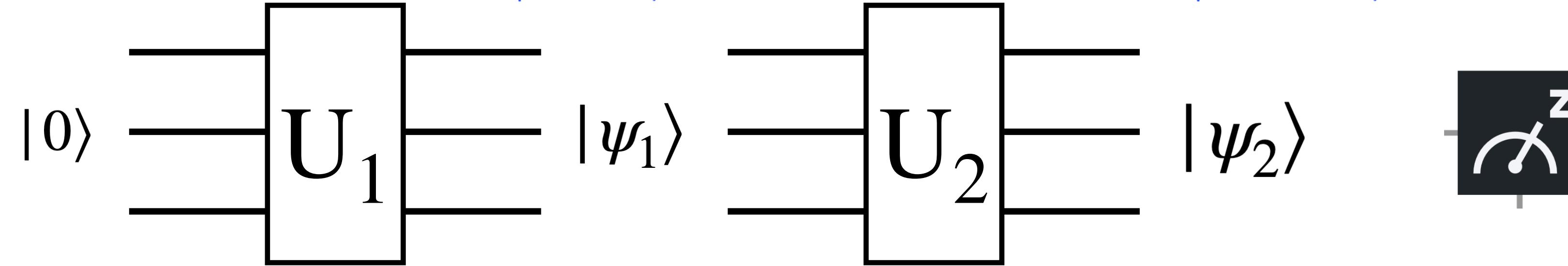


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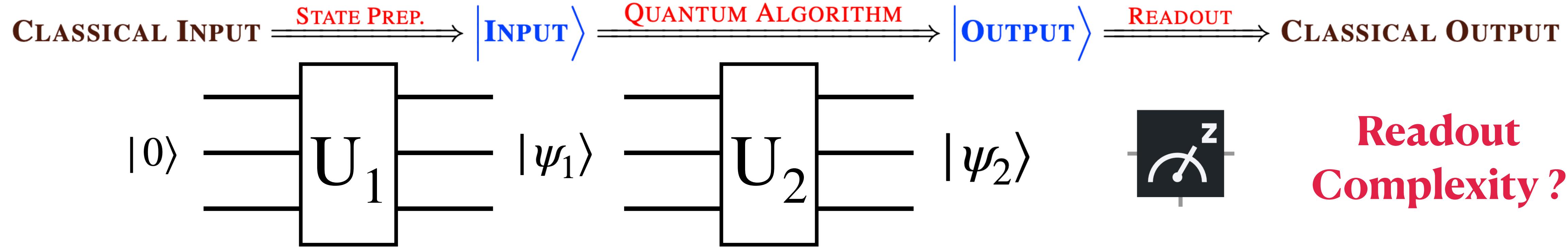


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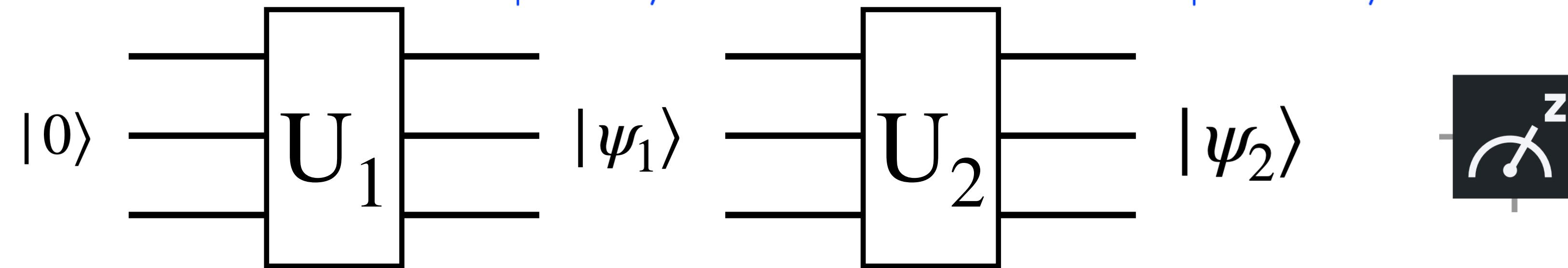
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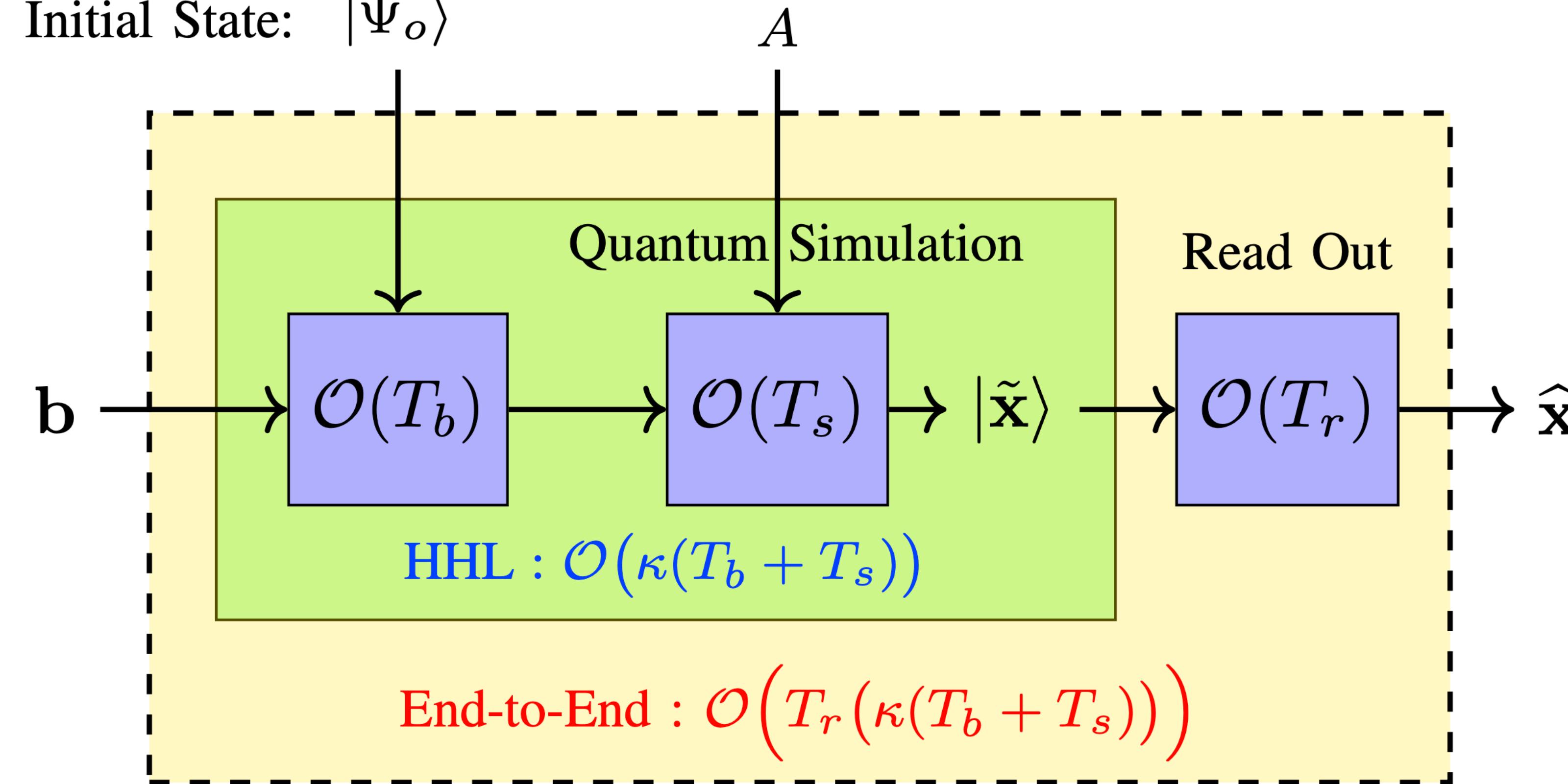
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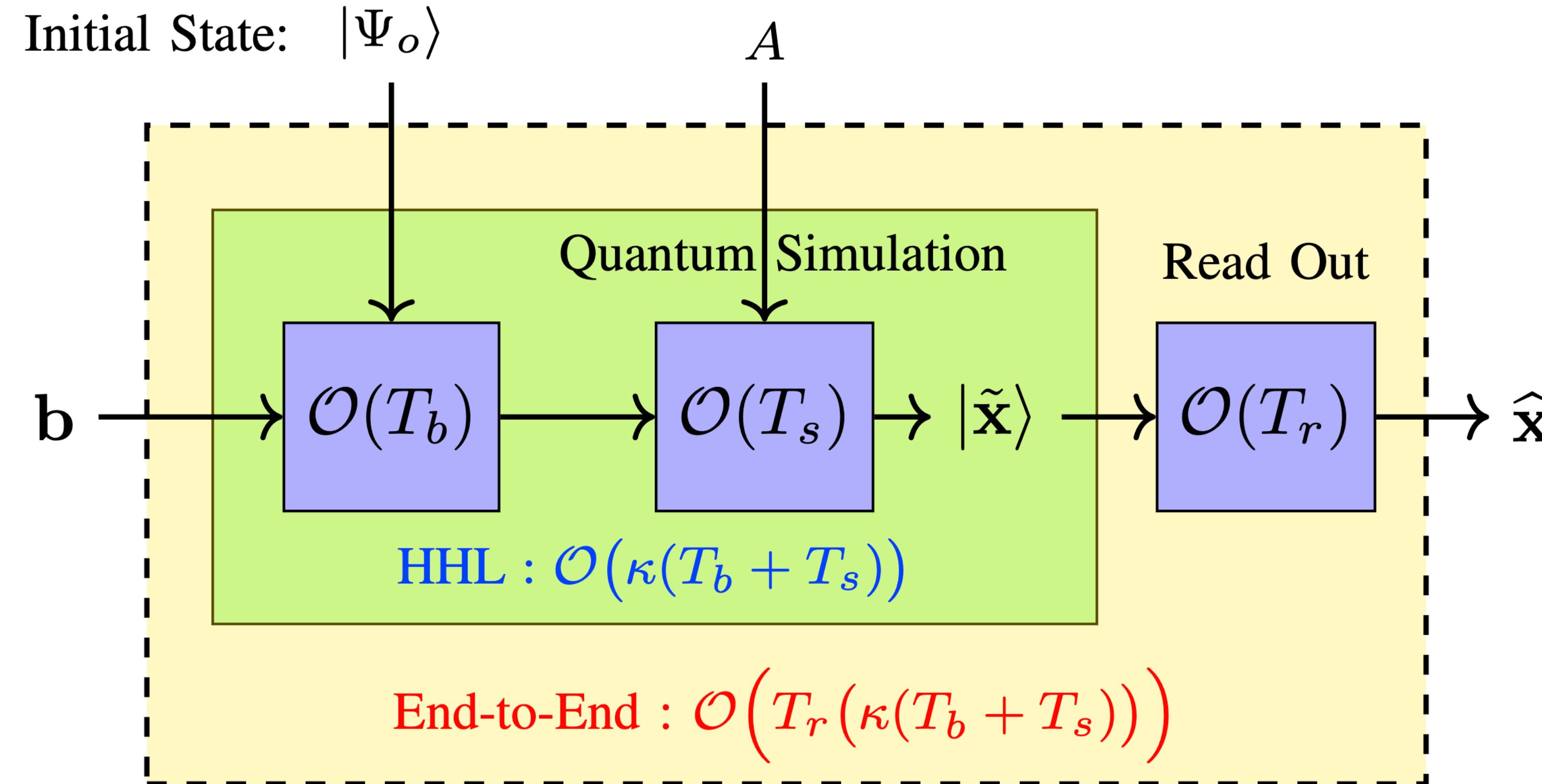
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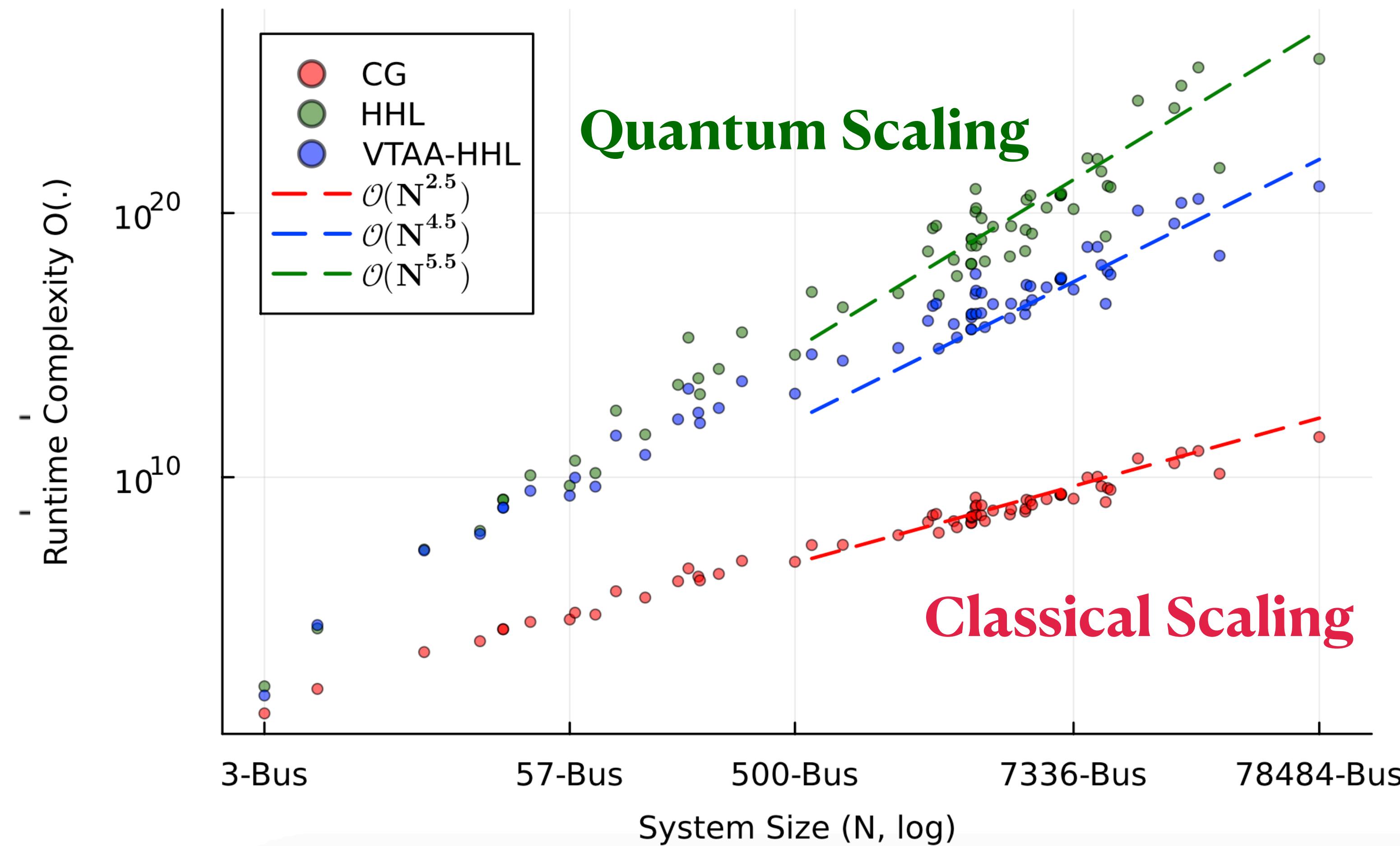
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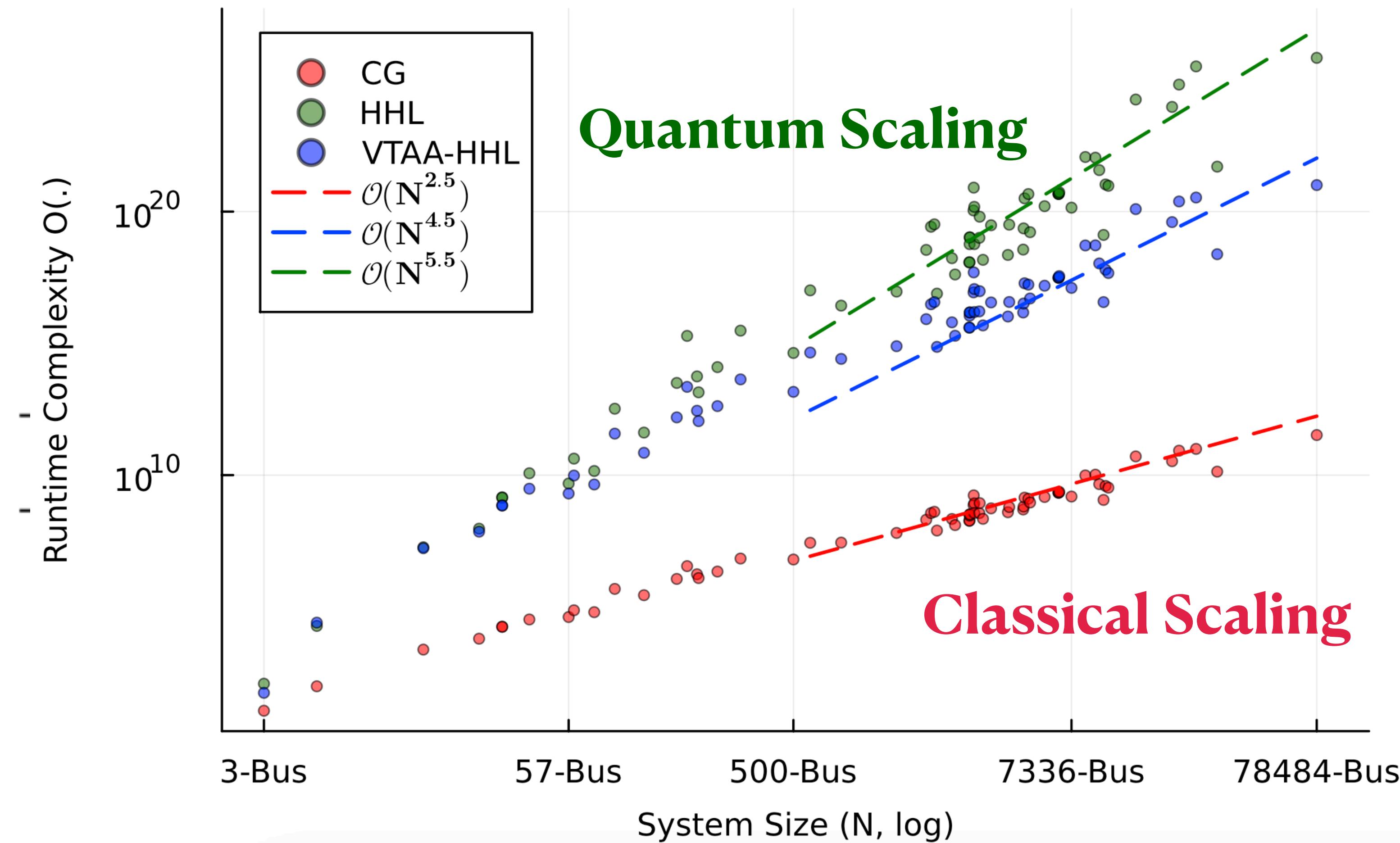
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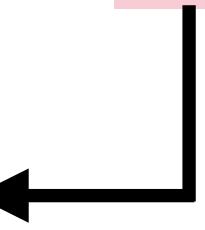
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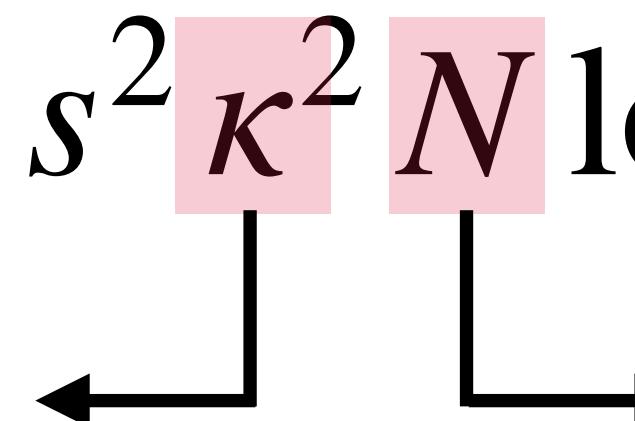
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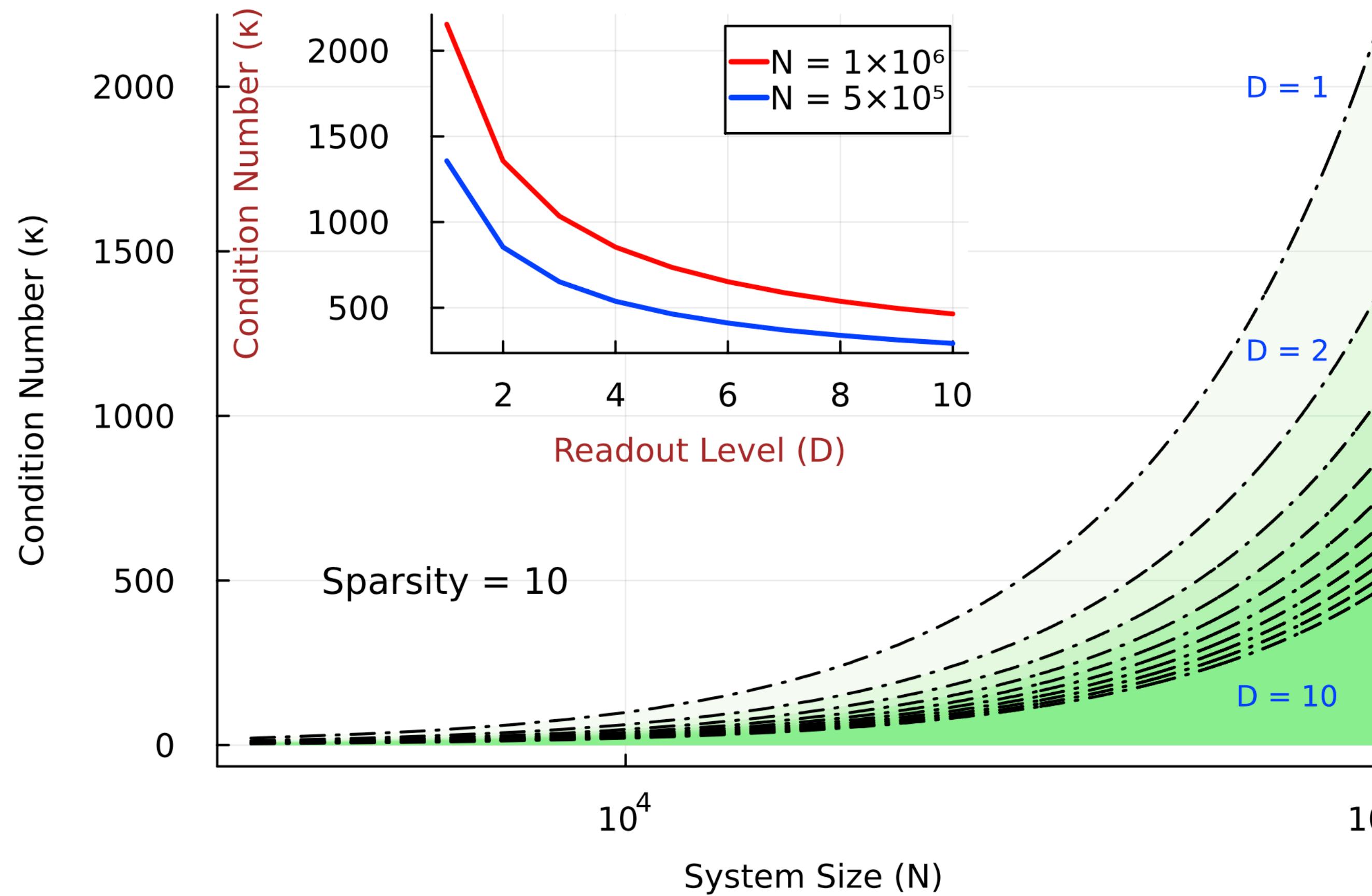
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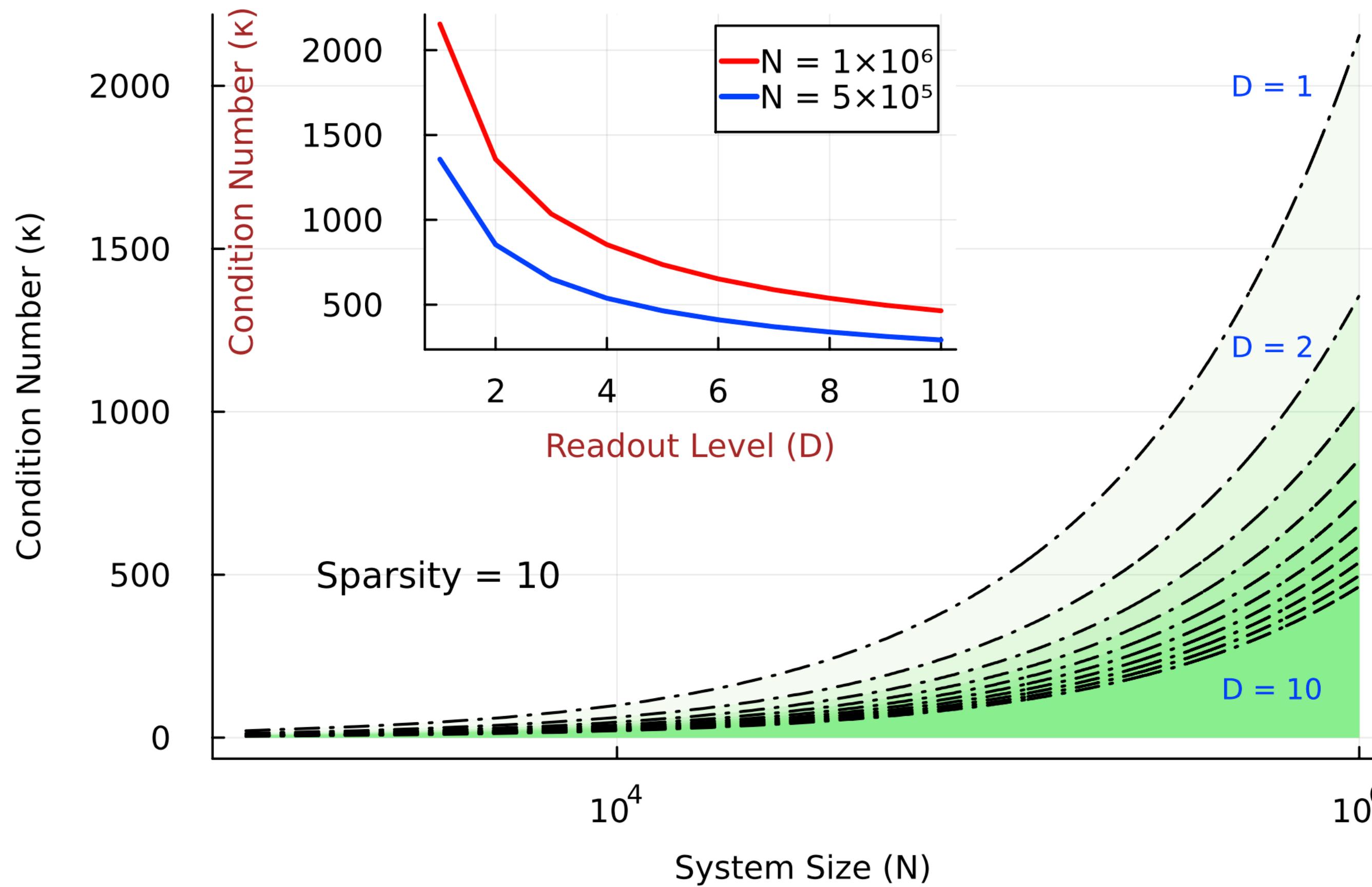
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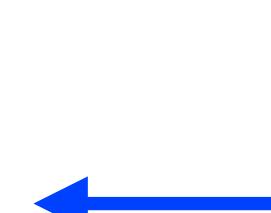
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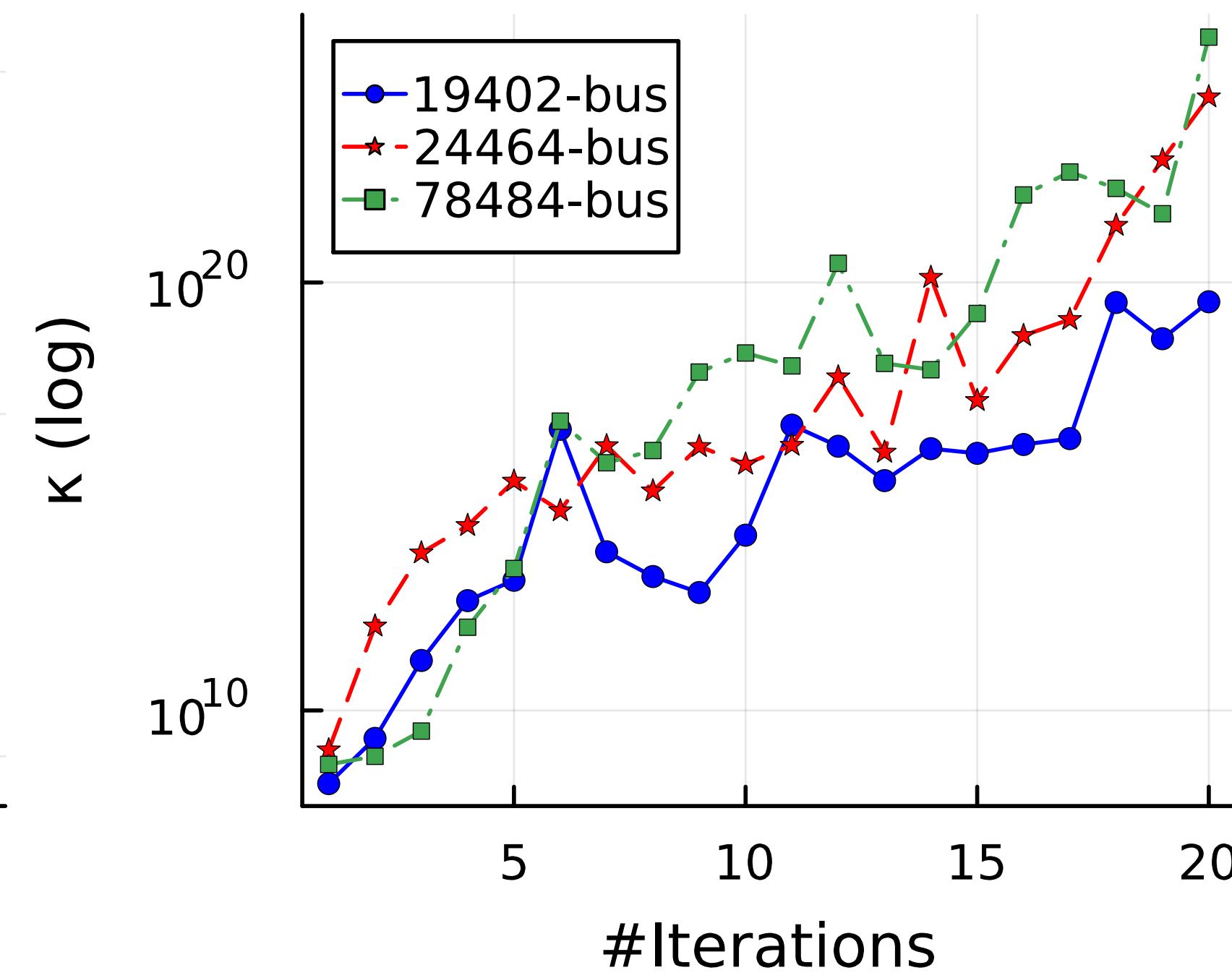
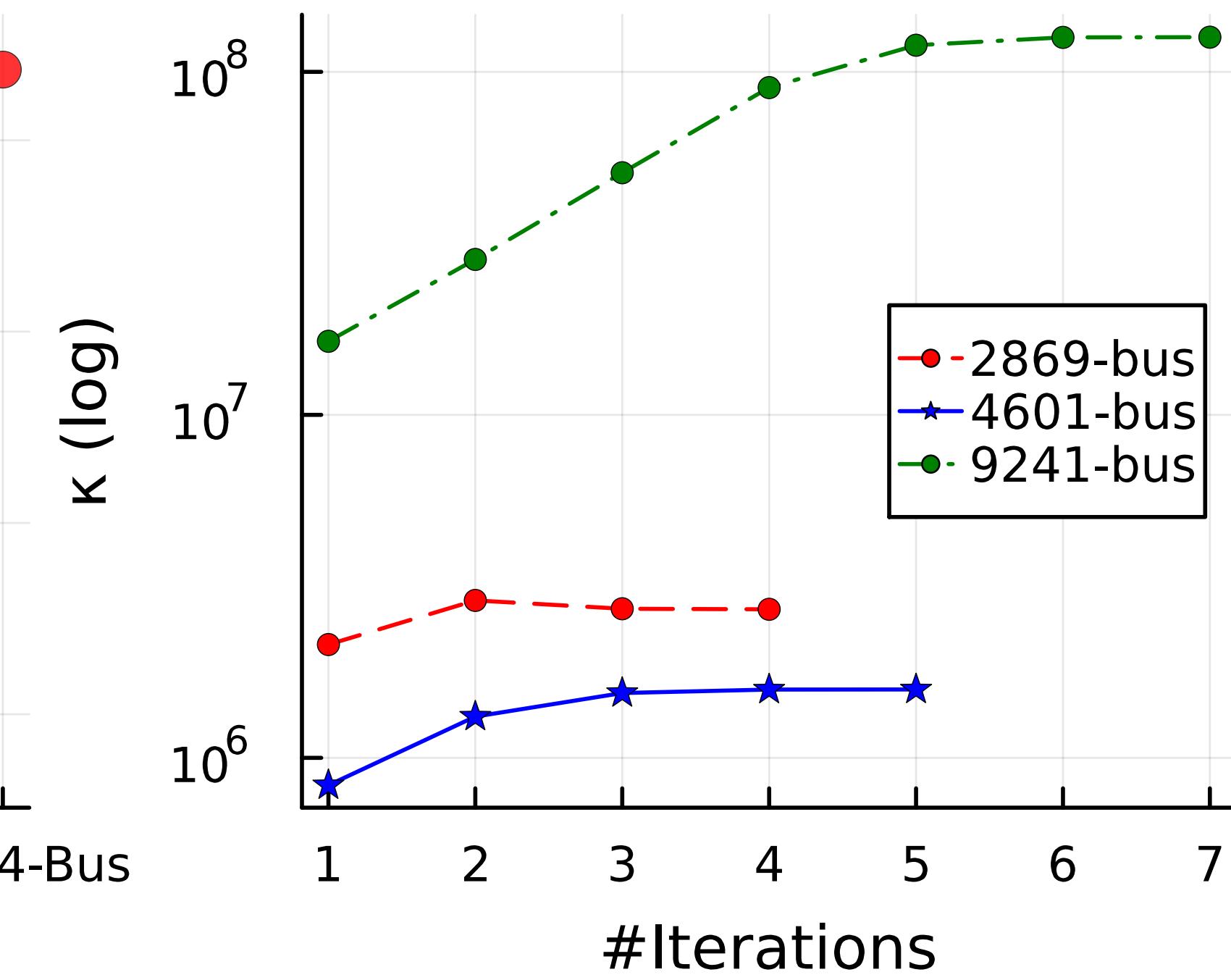
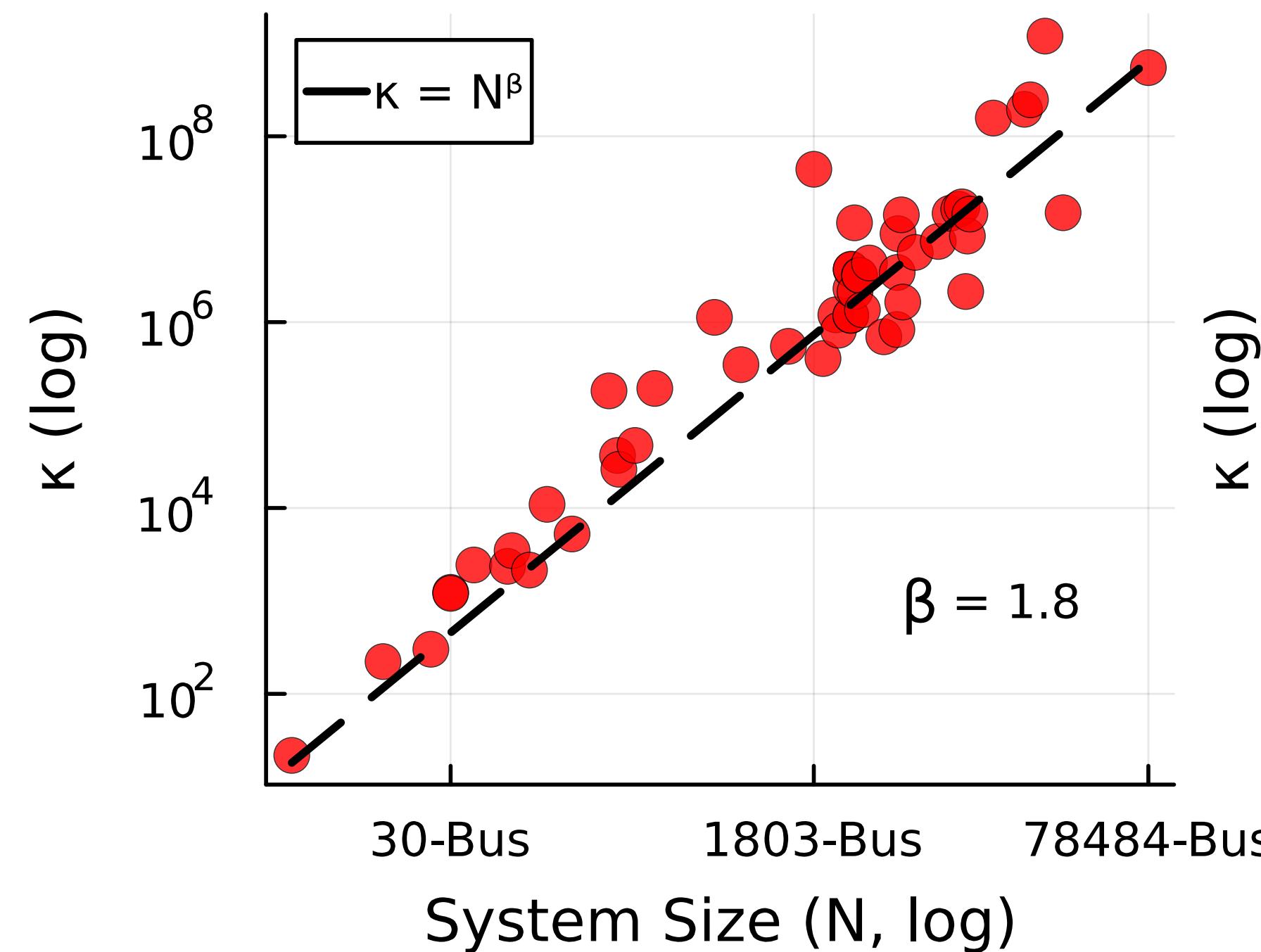
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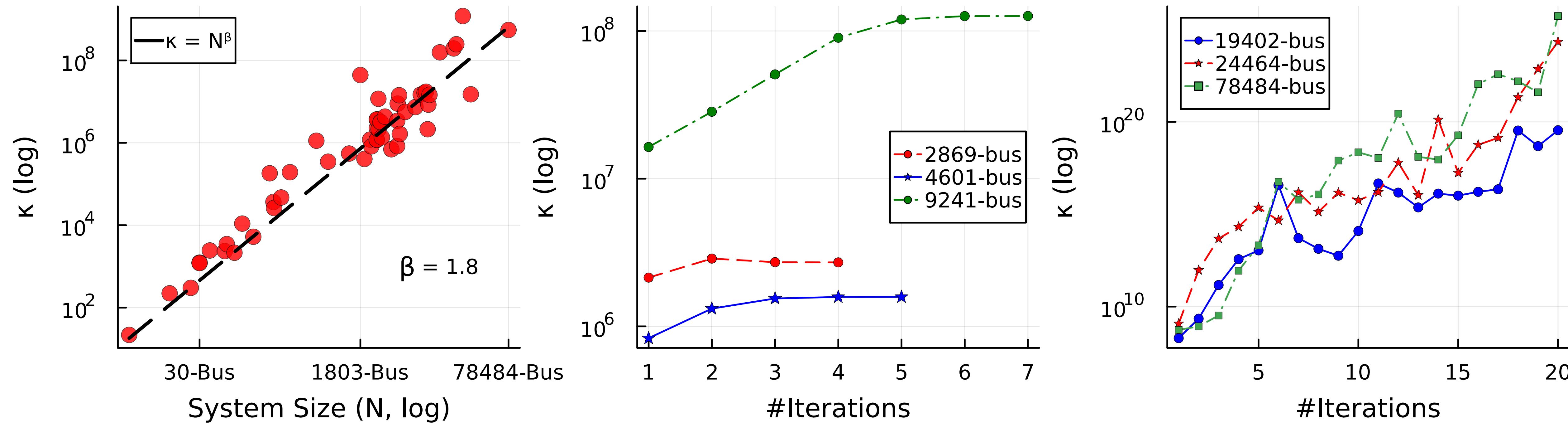
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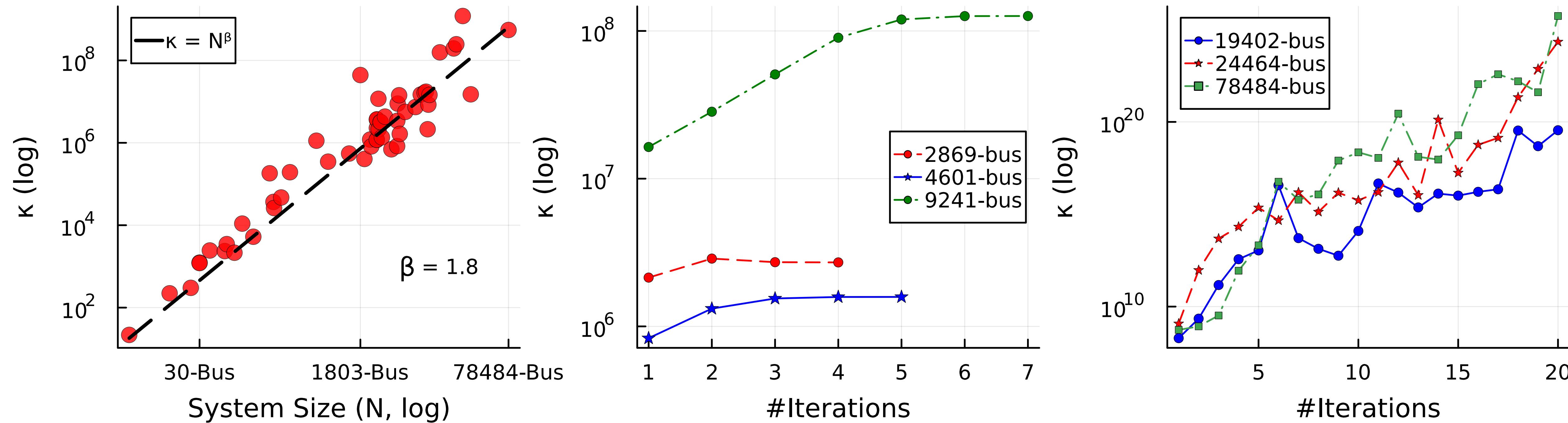


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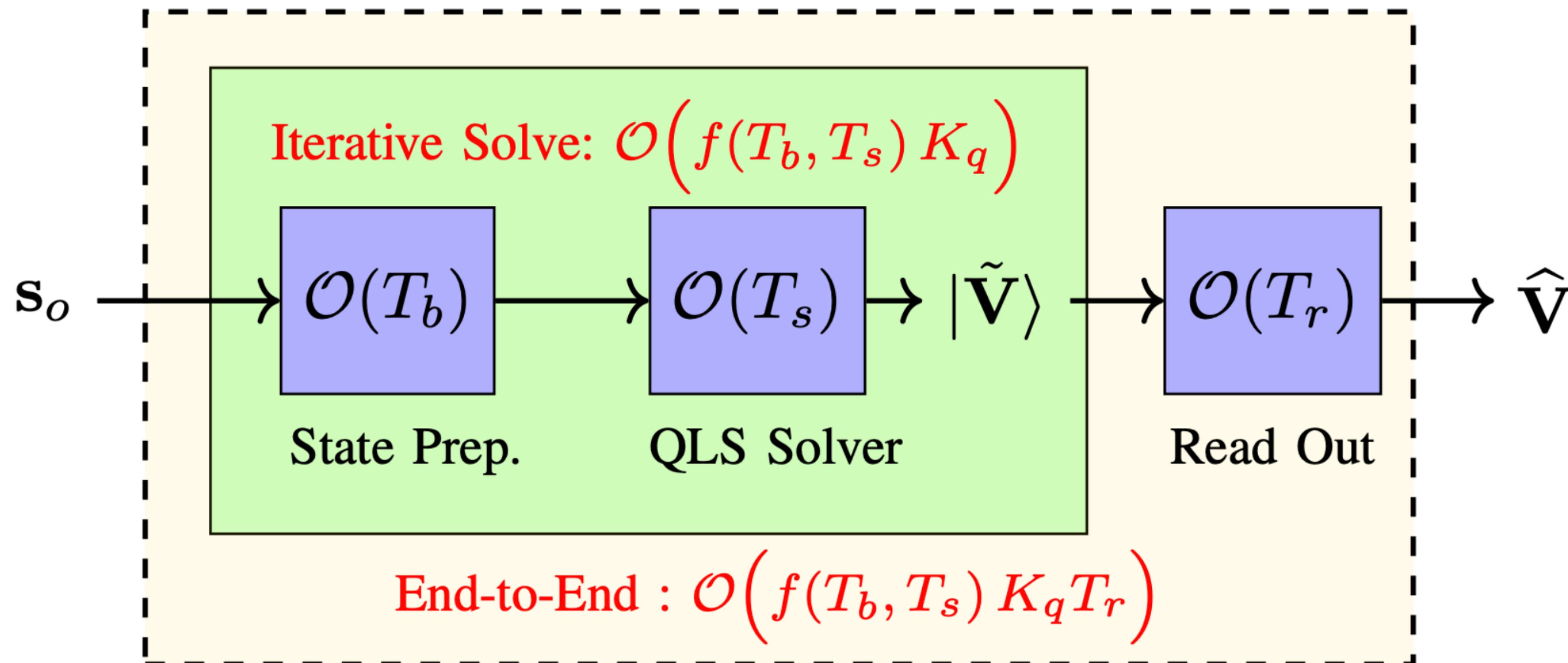


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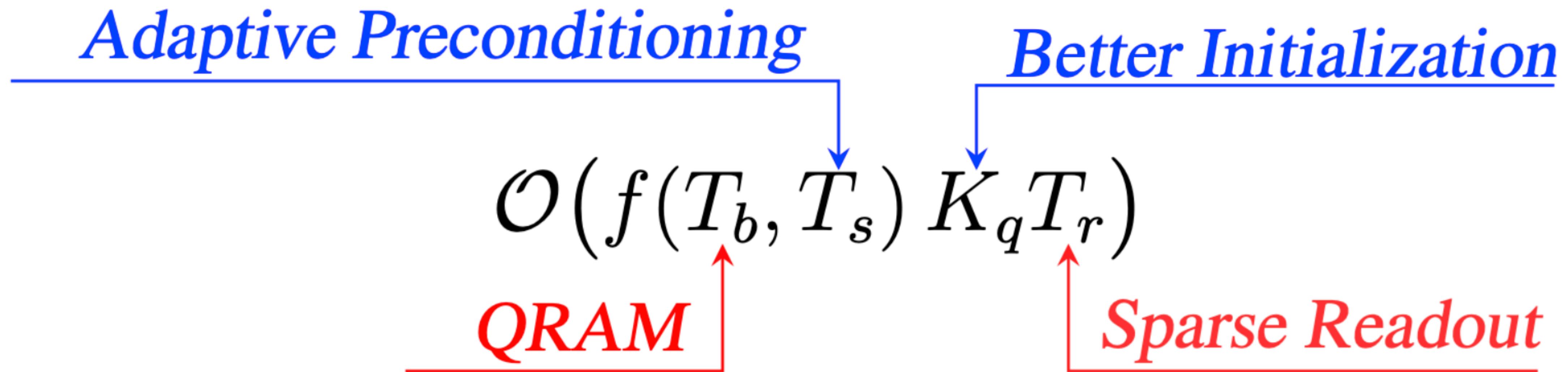
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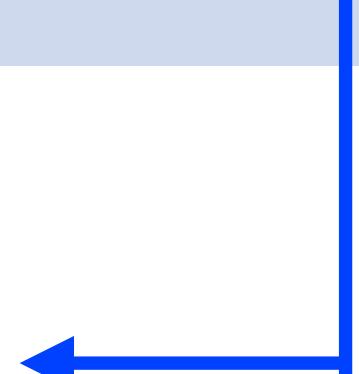
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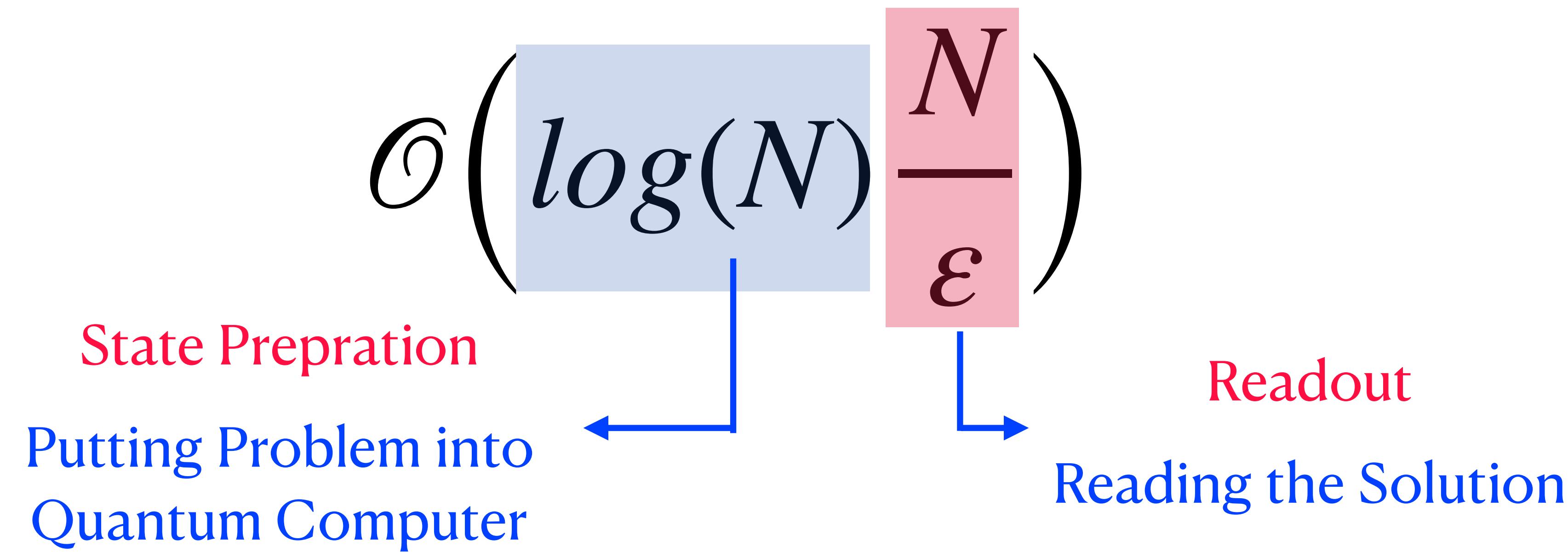
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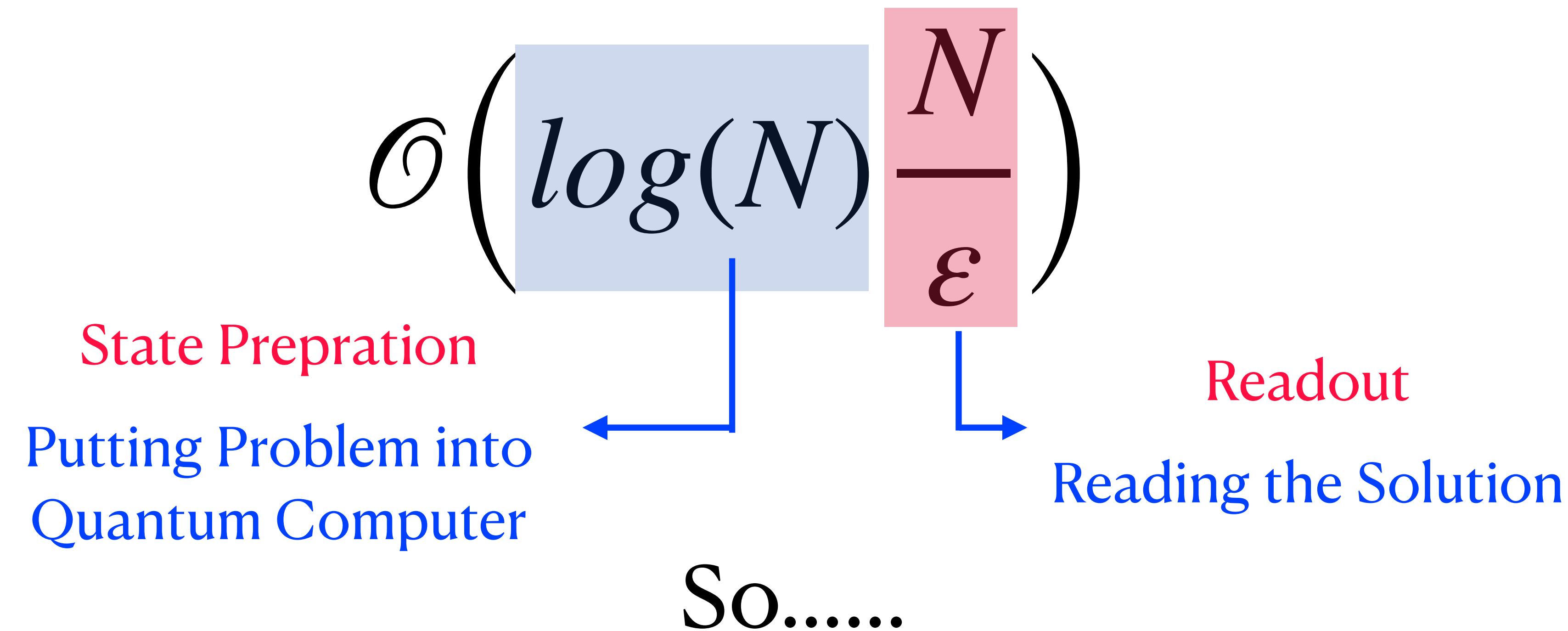
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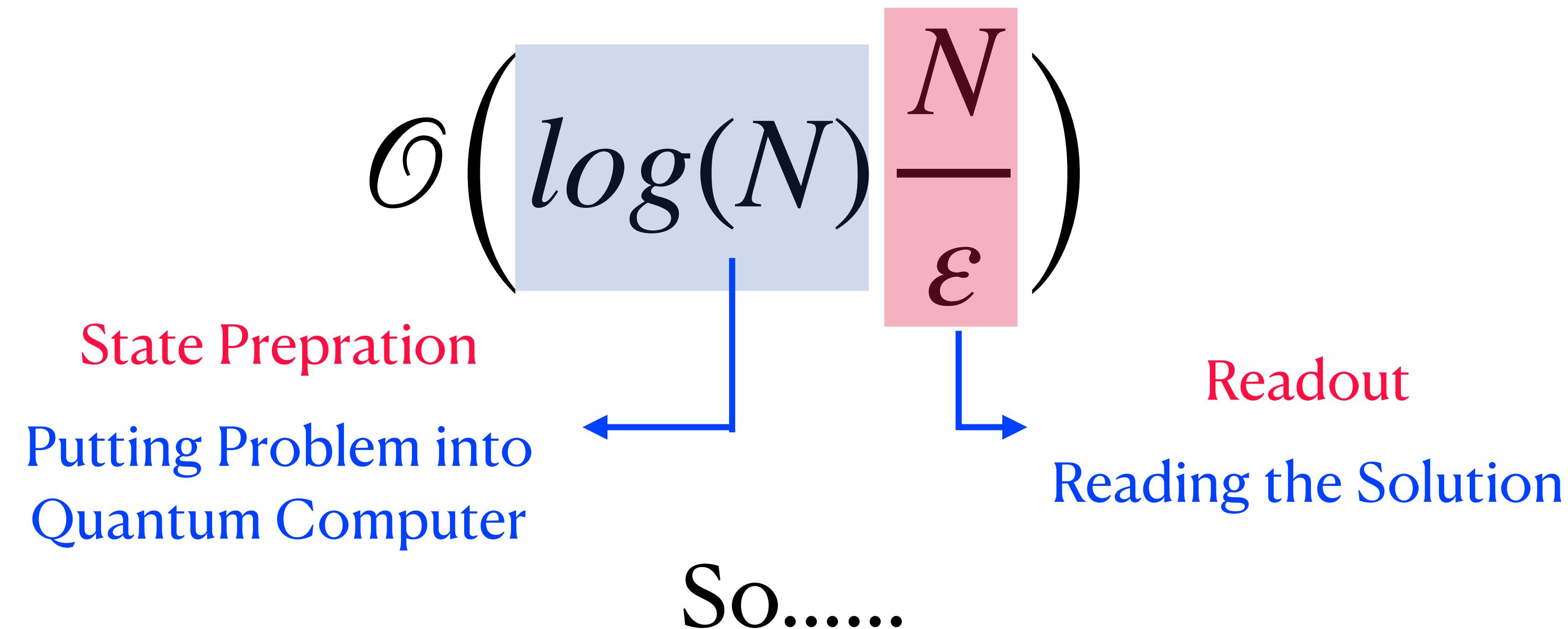
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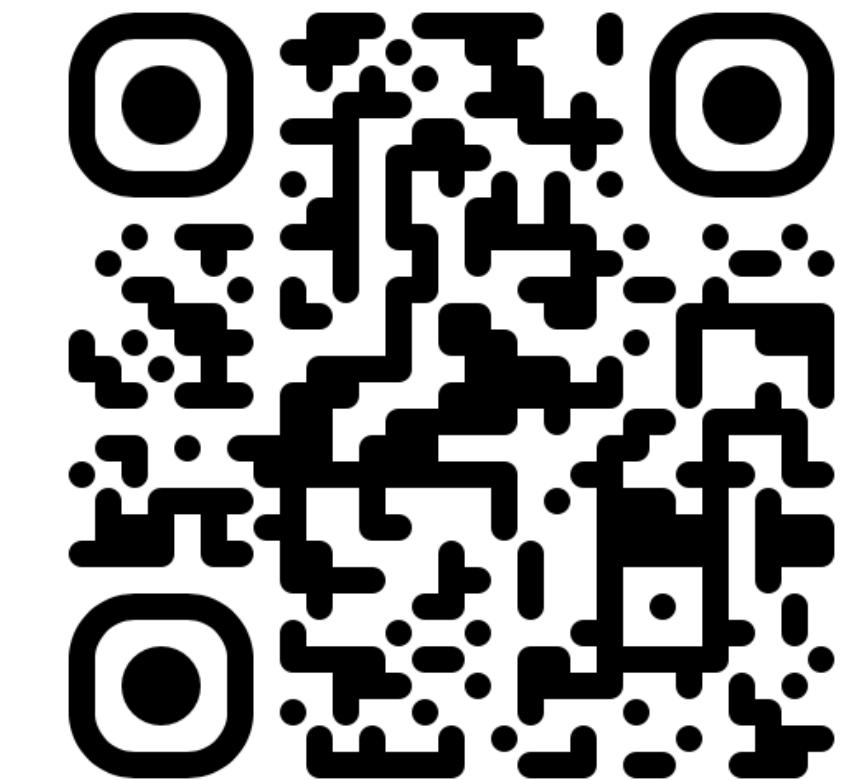
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