

Random Rotation Codes are Good Quantum Error Correcting Codes for Loss

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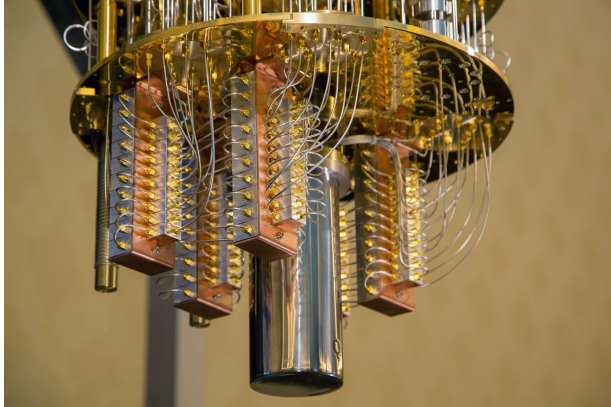


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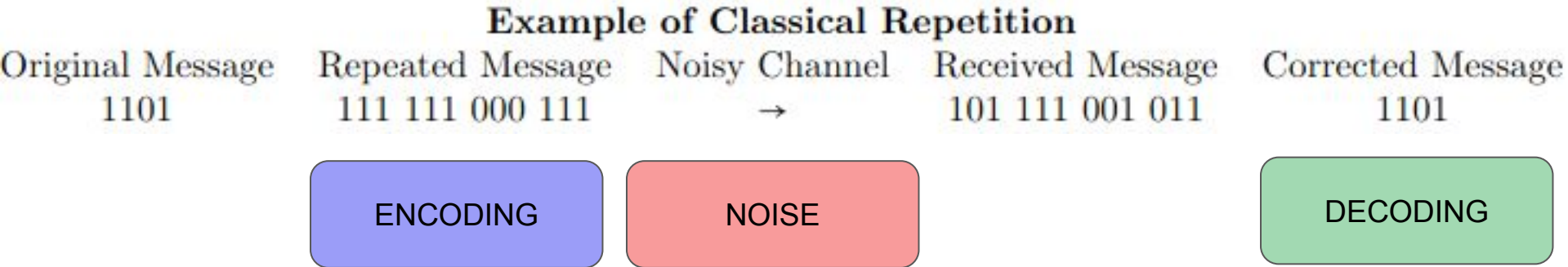
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Classical Error Correction - The Repetition Code



Quantum States & Channels

$$C : H_A \rightarrow H_B$$

A channel, C , is a function that takes any state to another state. States live in Hilbert Spaces, denoted in this formula as H_A and H_B .

Quantum Channels - Kraus Representation

$$C(\rho) = \sum_i K_i \rho K_i^\dagger$$

K_i are the Kraus Operators for channel C .

$$B_q(\rho) = q\hat{X}\rho\hat{X} + (1-q)\hat{I}\rho\hat{I} \quad \left\{ \sqrt{q}\hat{X}, \sqrt{1-q}\hat{I} \right\}$$

State Fidelity - Similarity of Two States

$$F(\rho, \sigma) = (\text{Tr} (\sqrt{\rho} \sigma \sqrt{\rho}))^2$$

F is the fidelity (similarity) of two states, ρ and σ , between 0 and 1.

Gate Fidelity - Similarity of Two Channels

$$F(O, M, \rho) = \left(\text{Tr} \left(\sqrt{\sqrt{O(\rho)} M(\rho) \sqrt{O(\rho)}} \right) \right)^2$$

O and M are operators and ρ is a state once more.

$$\overline{F}(O, M) = \frac{d + \sum_i |\text{Tr} (K_i M^\dagger)|^2}{d^2 + d}$$

d is the dimension of the states that are being considered, and the K_i are the Kraus Operators for O .

Noise Channel Fidelity

$$\overline{F}(O) = \frac{d + \sum_i |\text{Tr}(K_i)|^2}{d^2 + d}$$

Optimal Recovery

$$\mathcal{R}^*(\mathcal{E}) = \arg \max_{\mathcal{R}} \overline{F}(\mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{E})$$

\mathcal{R}^* is the optimal recovery channel to apply after a noise or error channel \mathcal{E} .

Putting It All Together: Code Fidelity

$$\overline{F}(\mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{E} \circ E)$$

E encodes information into a code, \mathcal{E} is the noise channel, and \mathcal{R} is the recovery.

Specific Code Fidelities Used

Optimal Fidelity

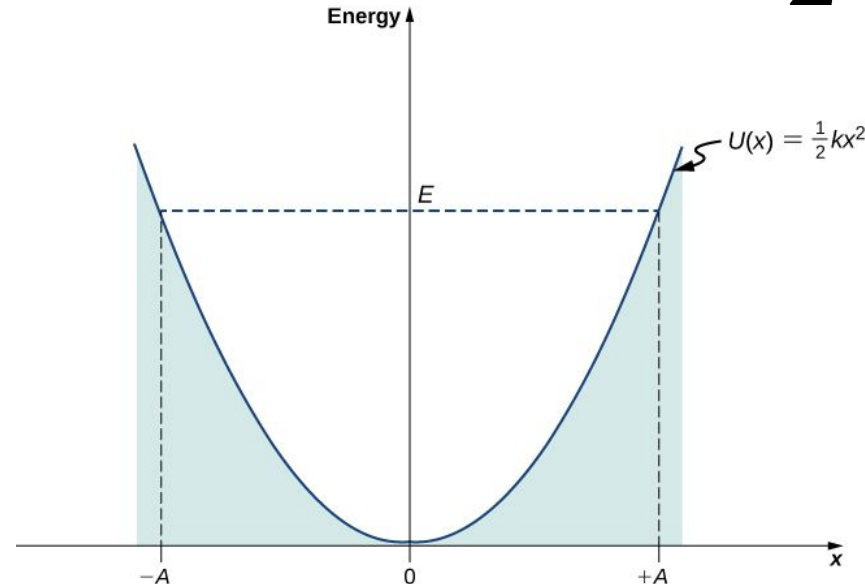
$$\overline{F}\left(\mathcal{R}^{\star}(\mathcal{E} \circ E) \circ \mathcal{E} \circ E\right)$$

No Recovery Fidelity

$$\overline{F}\left(E^{\dagger} \circ \mathcal{E} \circ E\right)$$

Classical Harmonic Oscillator - Overview

$$\mathbf{F} = -k\mathbf{x} \implies U = \frac{1}{2}k|\mathbf{x}|^2$$



Quantum Harmonic Oscillator - Overview

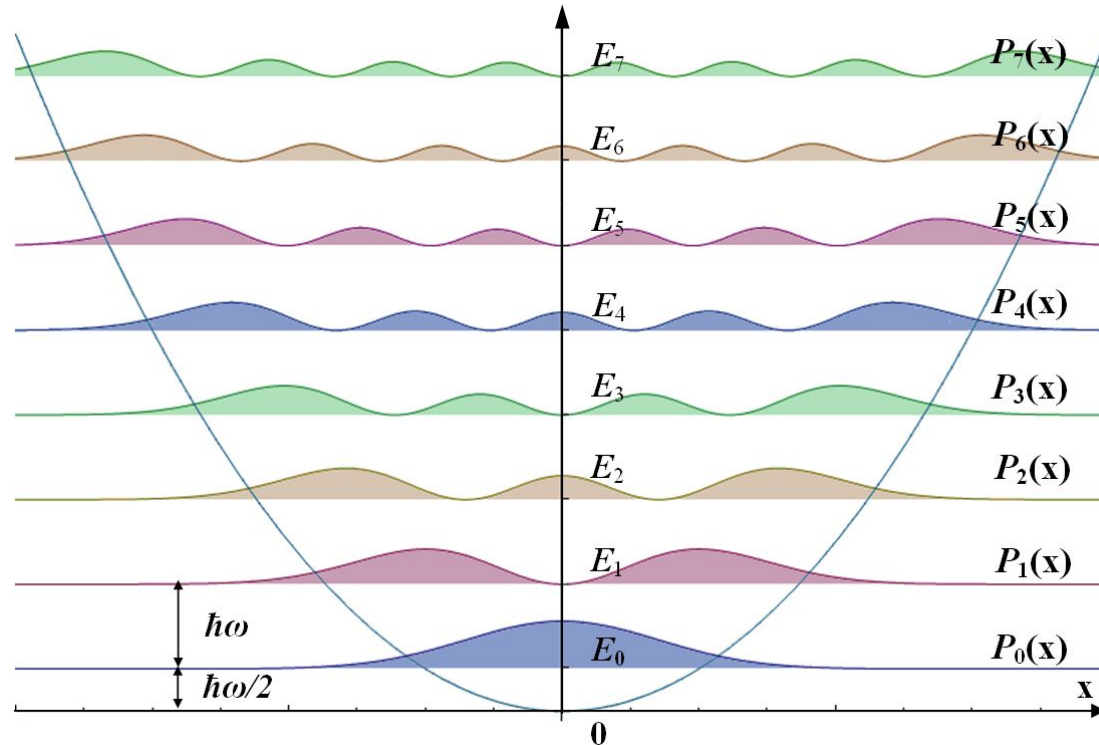
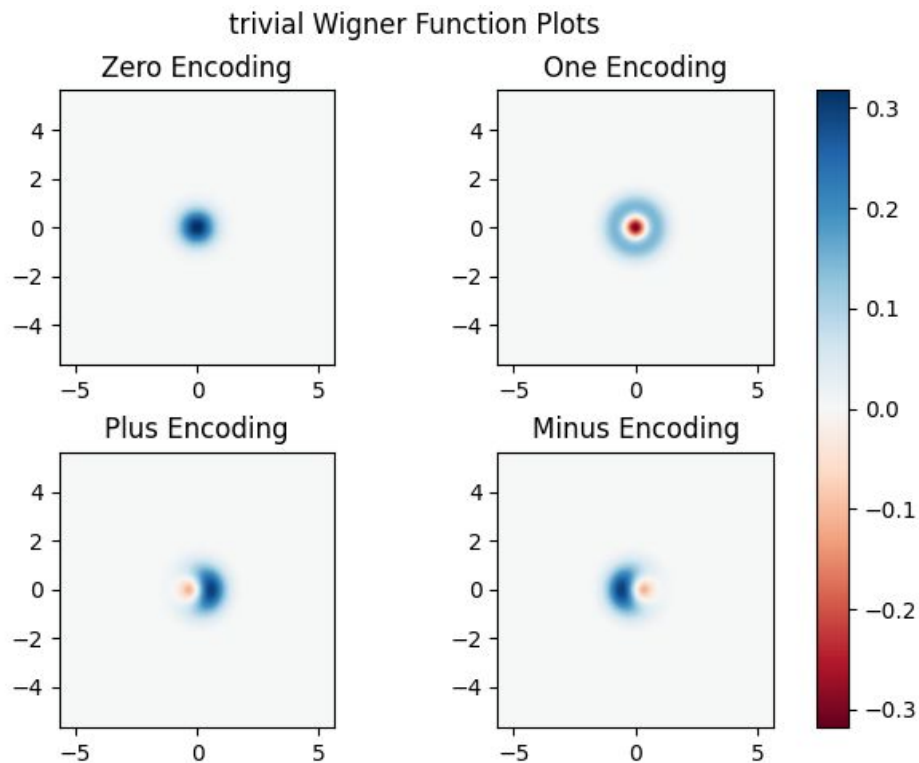
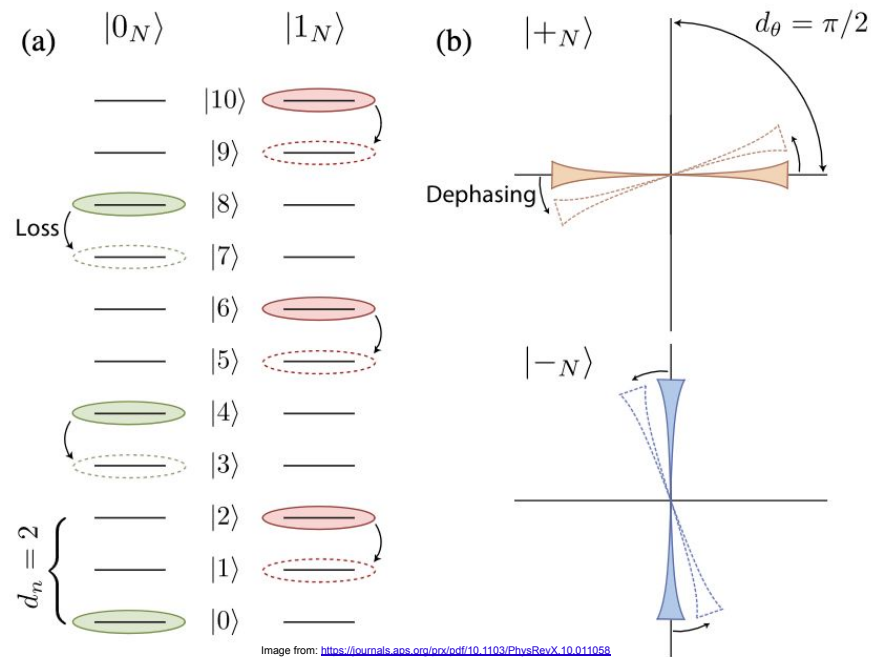


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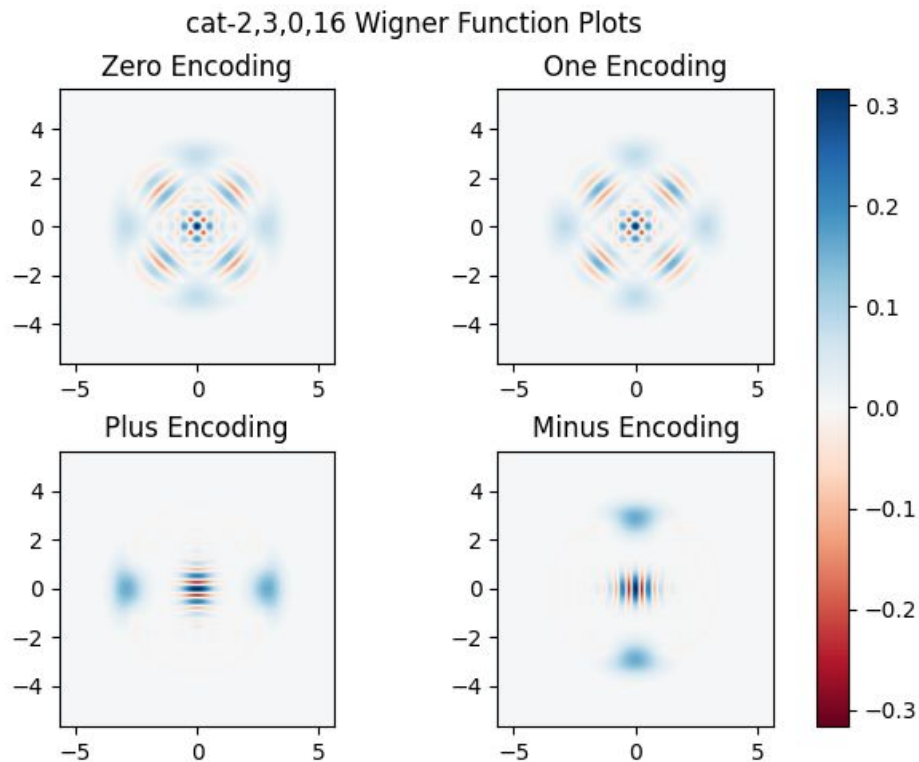


Bosonic Rotation Codes - Overview

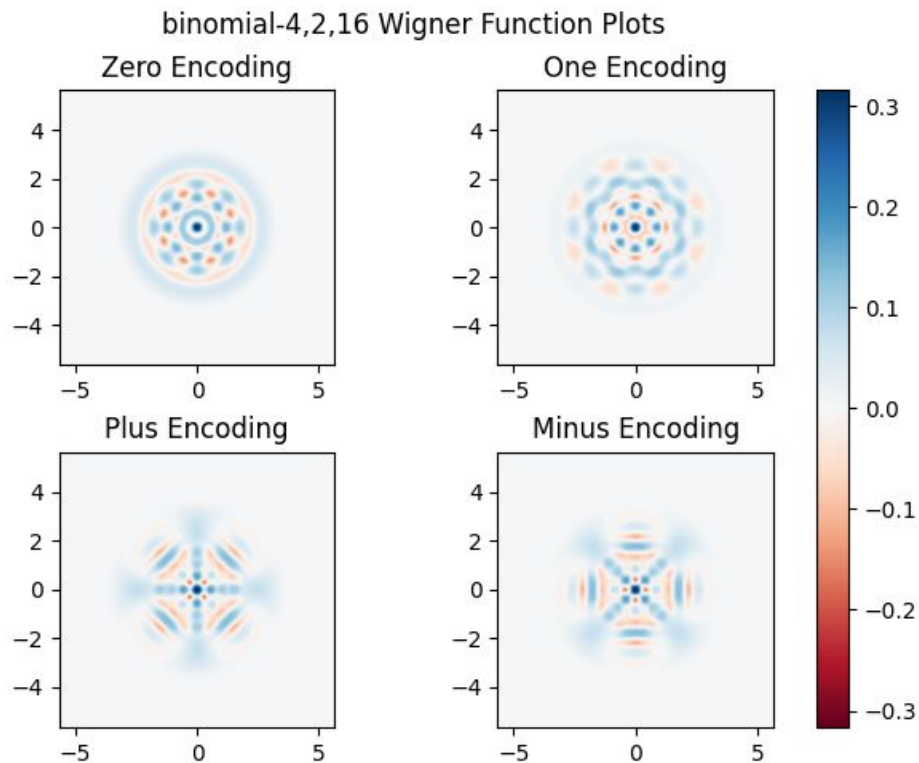


N is from hereon used to denote rotation symmetry degree. In this example, $N = 2$.

Bosonic Rotation Codes - Cat Code



Bosonic Rotation Codes - Binomial Code



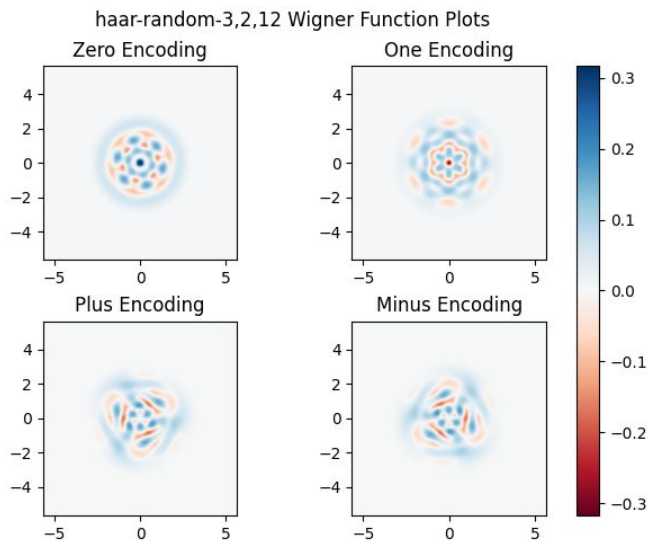
Methodology - General

- Generate random codes
- Compute their optimal fidelity and their no recovery fidelity
- Compare best random codes against binomial codes and cat codes
 - Codes are only compared if they have the same rotation symmetry degree and underwent the same loss channel

Methodology - Generation of Random Codes

$$|0_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_0} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |2iN\rangle \langle 2iN| \right) |\psi\rangle$$

$$|1_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_1} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |(2i+1)N\rangle \langle (2i+1)N| \right) |\psi\rangle$$



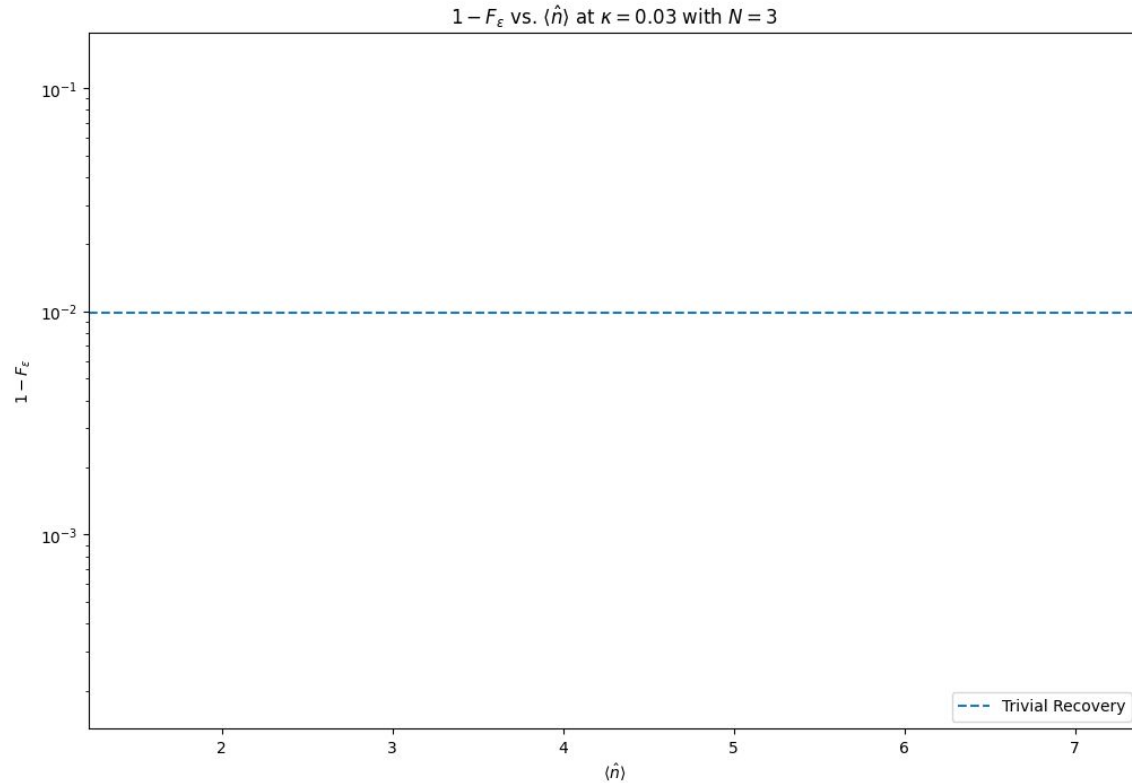
Methodology - Comparison of Codes

$$|\langle 0_b | 0_r \rangle|^2$$

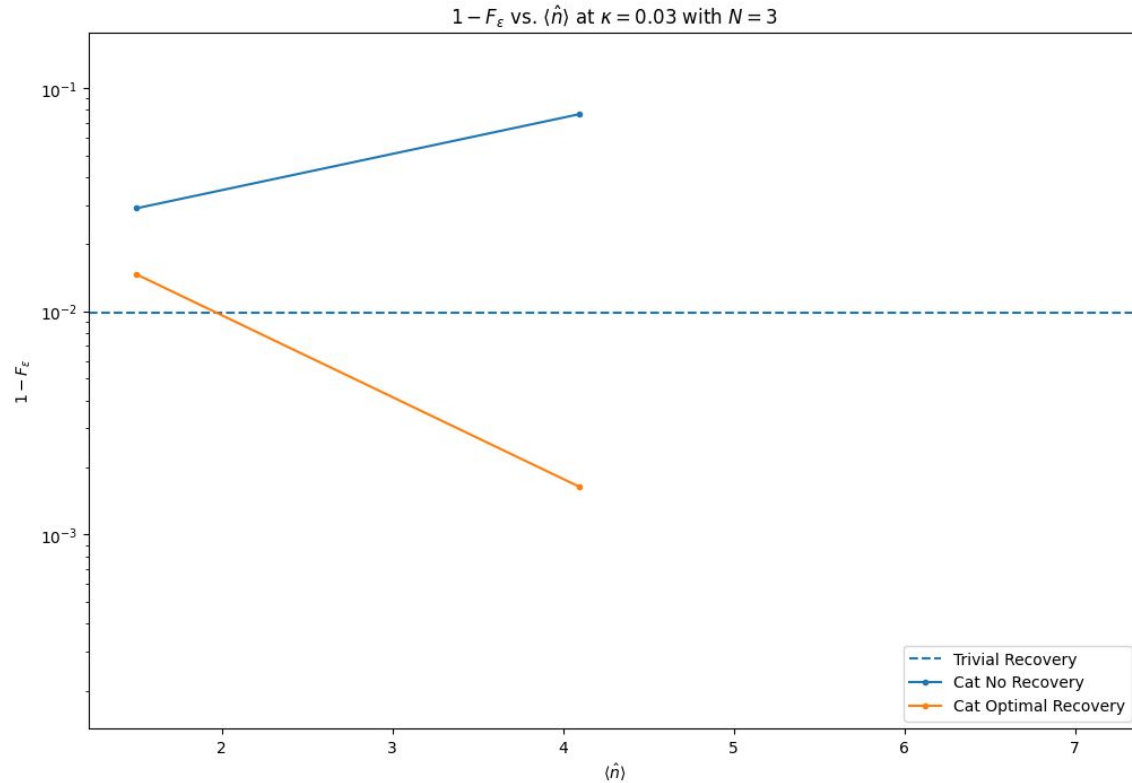
$$|\langle 1_b | 1_r \rangle|^2$$

$$|\langle +_b | +_r \rangle|^2$$

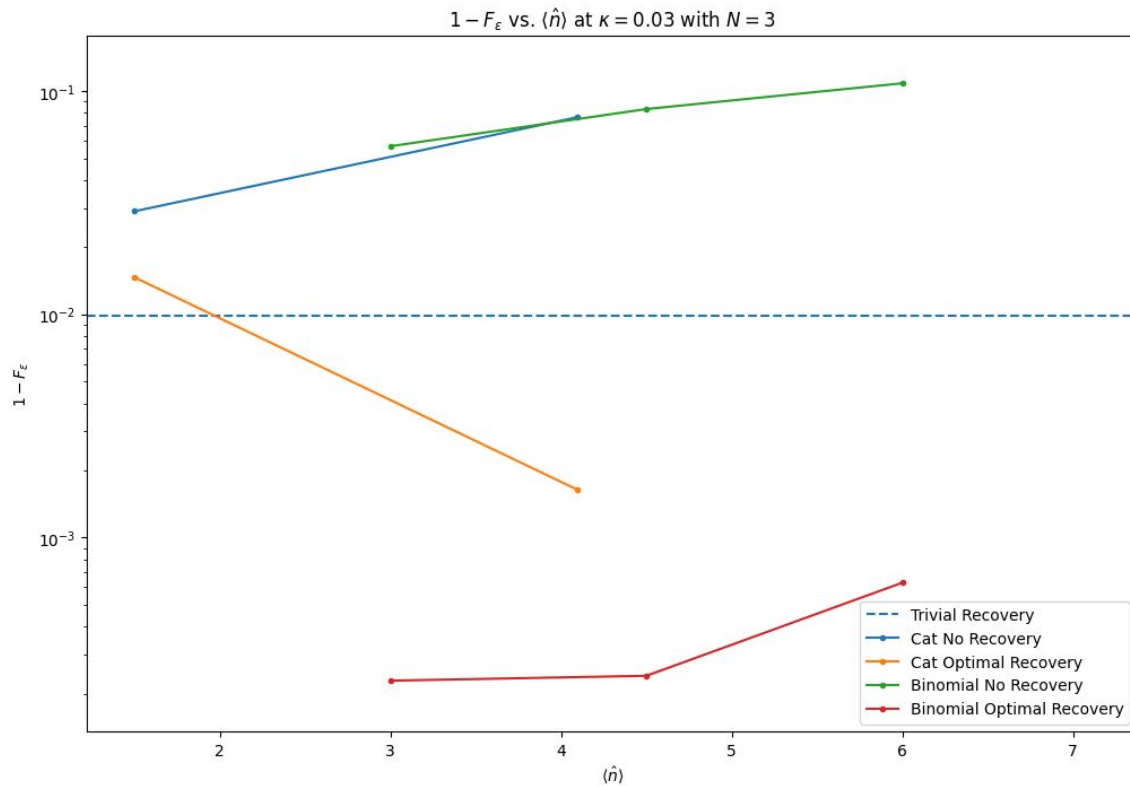
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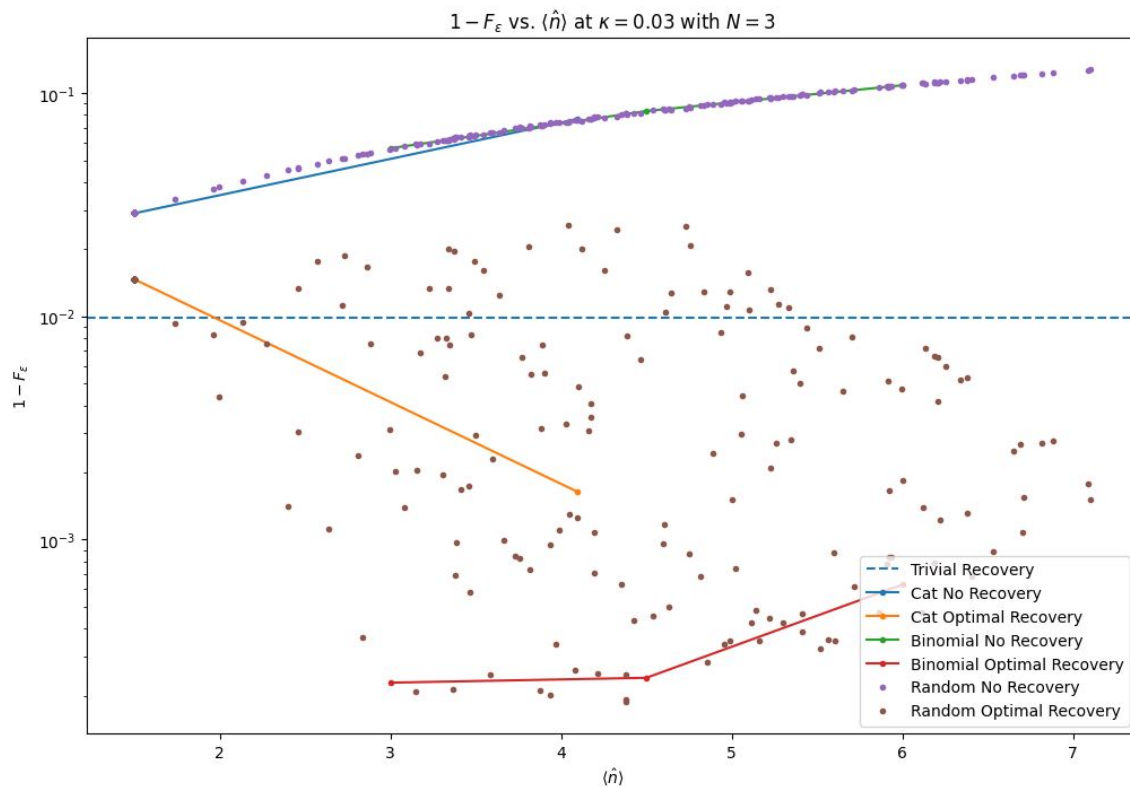
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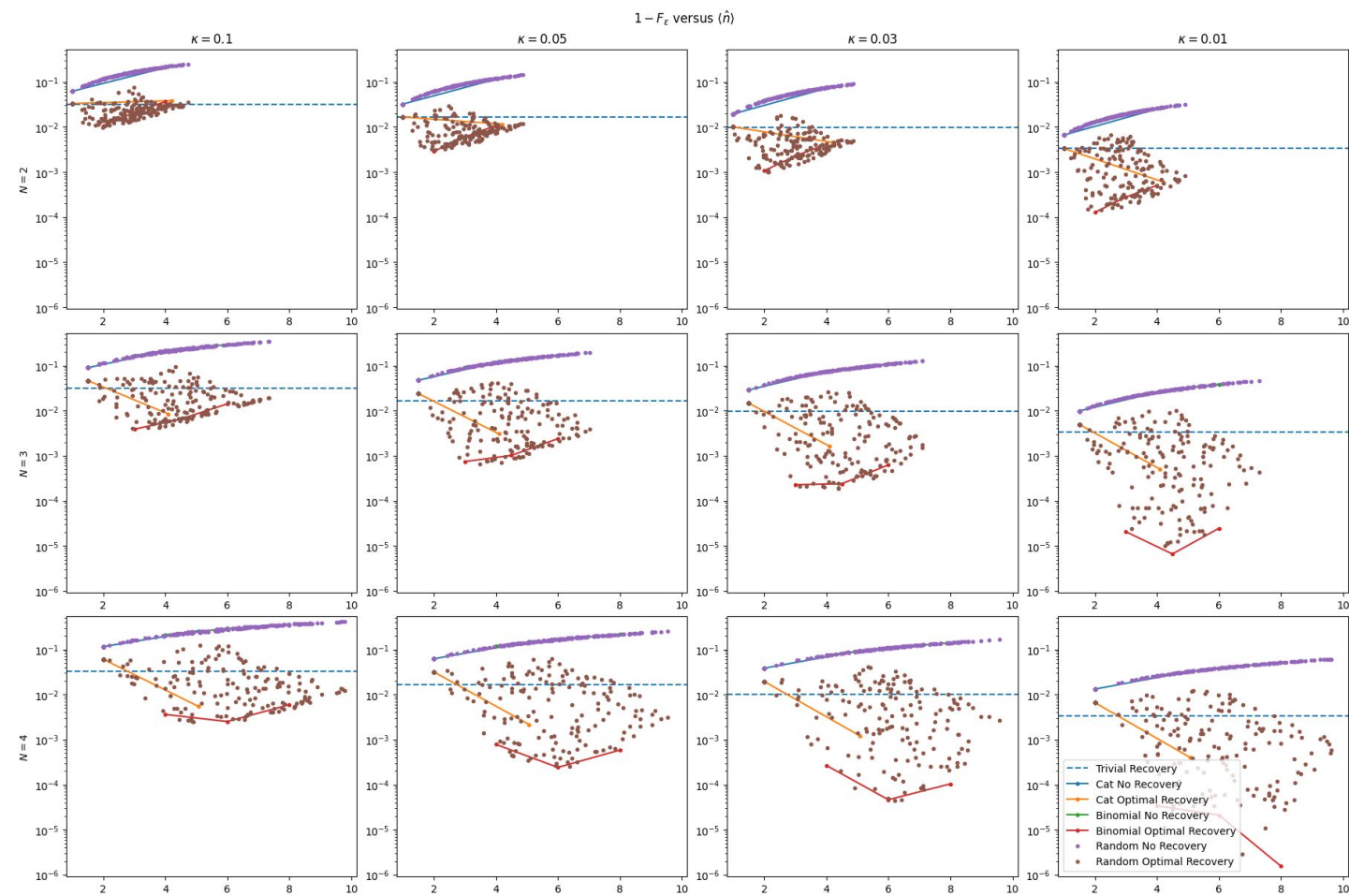
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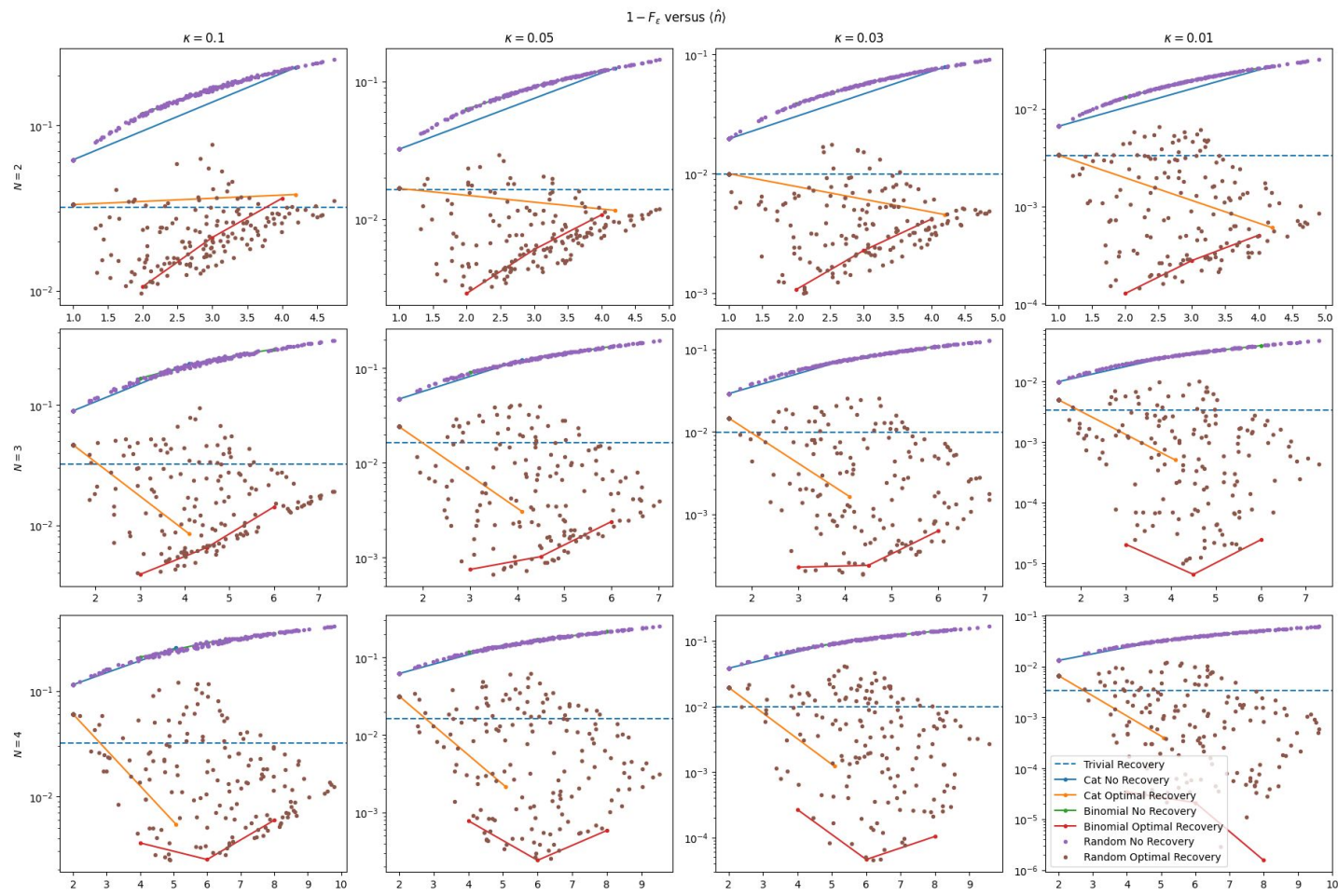
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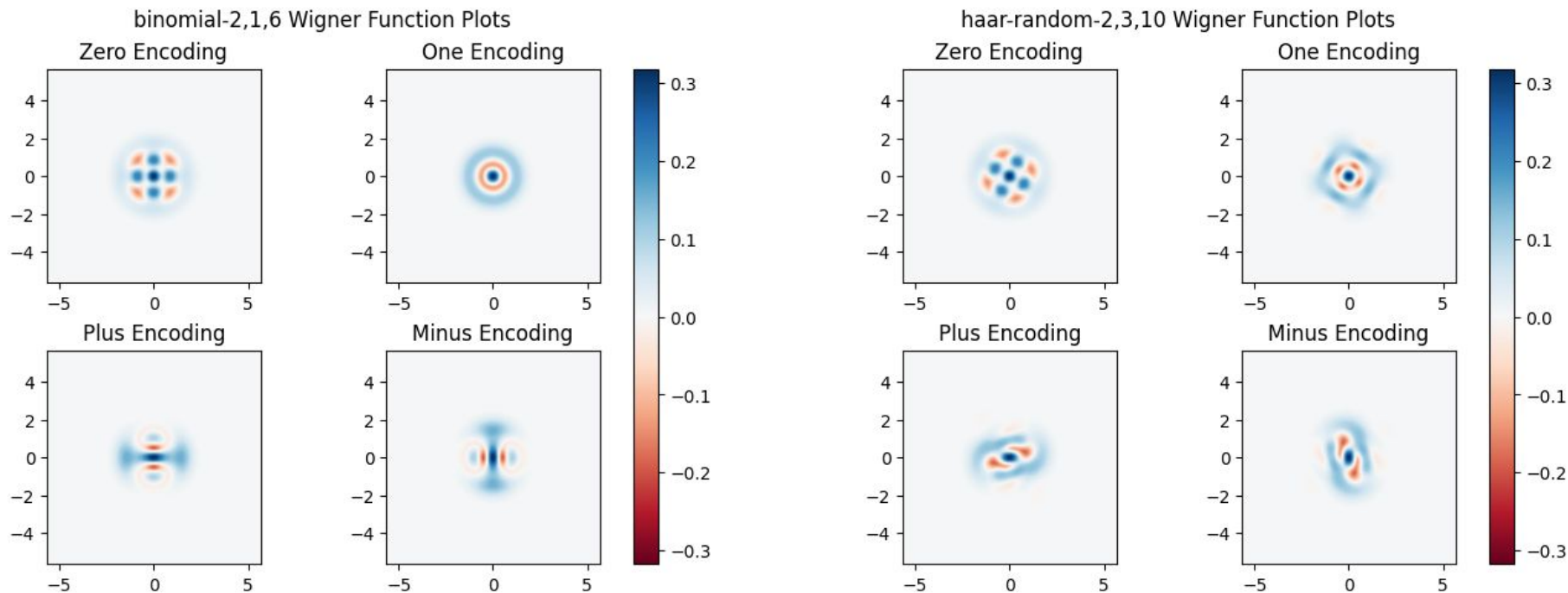
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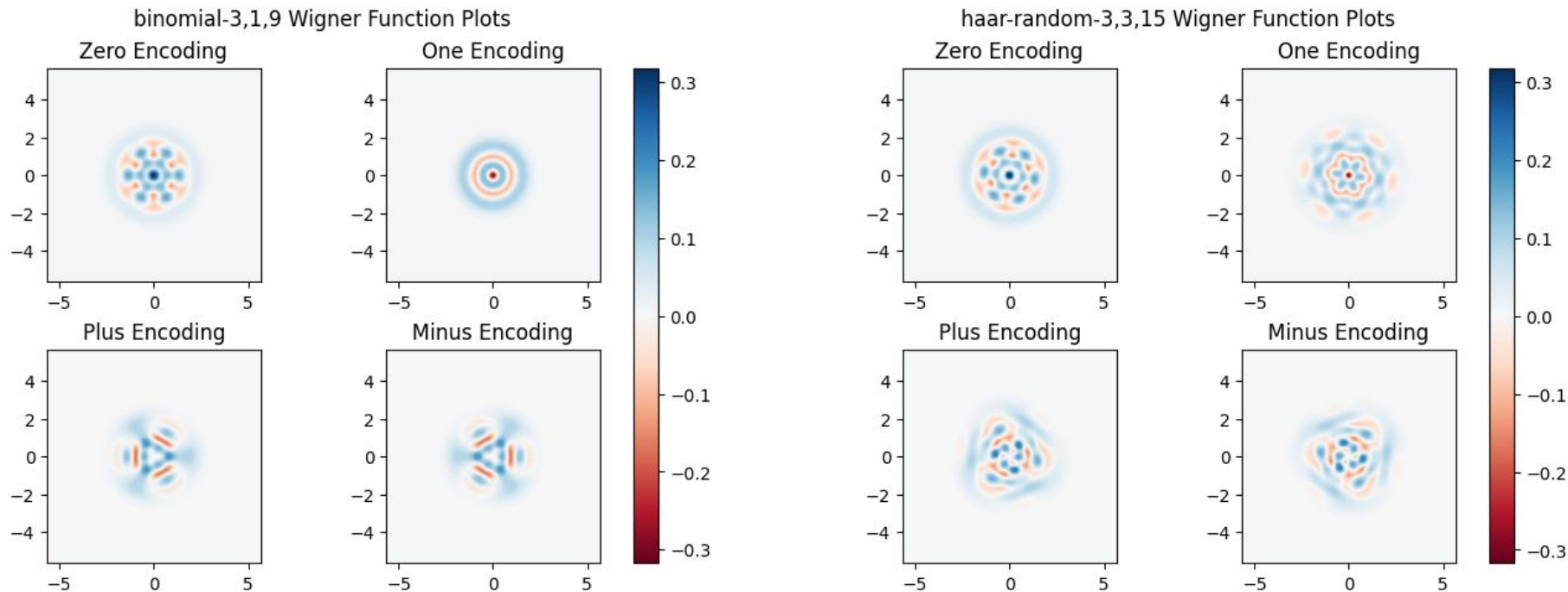


Comparison - Random Code that is Very Similar



Fidelity difference: 7.89×10^{-5} ; Dot products: 0.301, 0.948, 0.450; Under $K_{\zeta} = 0.03$

Comparison - Random Code that is Very Different



Fidelity difference: 4.19×10^{-5} ; Dot products: 0.802, 0.782, 0.020; Under $\kappa = 0.03$

Conclusion - Results Interpretation

- Some random codes beat binomial codes
 - Random codes can be better for any rotation symmetry degree, but binomial codes tend to perform better in lower loss regimes
- When random codes won, they had fidelity differences that were on the order of 10^{-5} to 10^{-4} better
- Winning random codes were generally unlike binomial codes

Further Work

- Check random codes in a setting with dephasing noise in addition to loss
- Use random codes as a benchmark to see how good a bosonic rotation code is
- Check how effective non-optimal recoveries are with random codes
- Use a genetic algorithm to select for the best QEC
- Investigate feasibility of physically implementing specific random codes

Thank You!