

Transmon-based quantum computers from a many-body perspective

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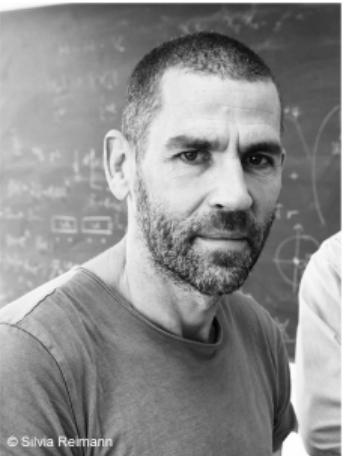


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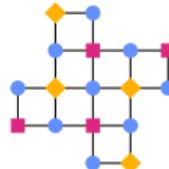
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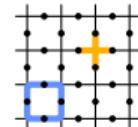
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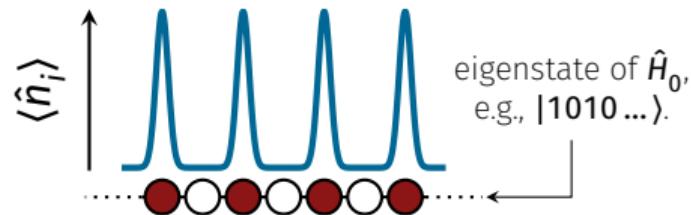
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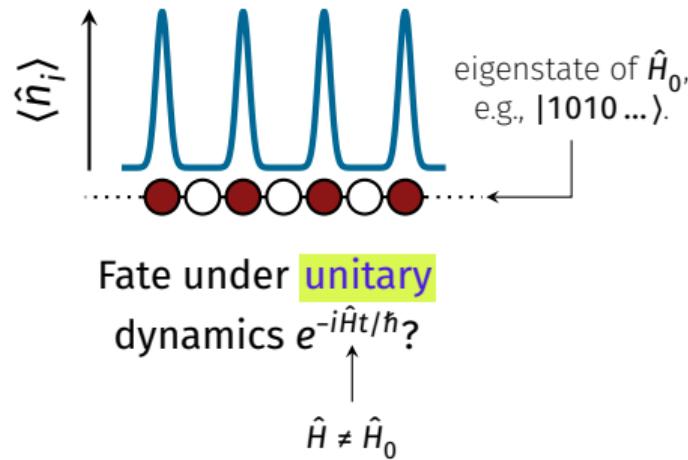


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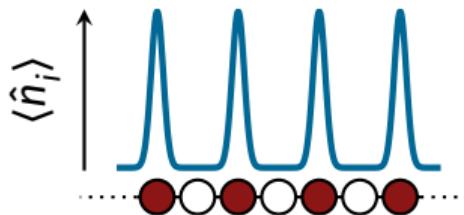
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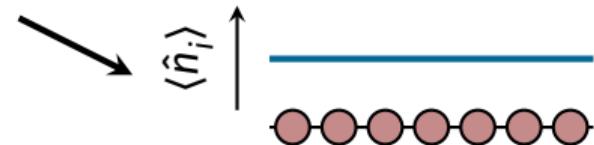


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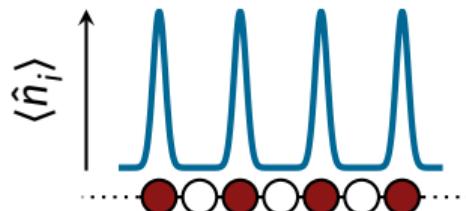
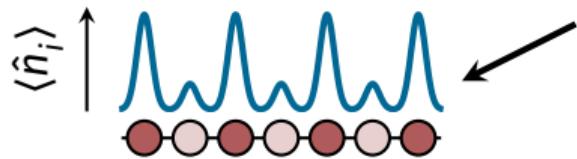
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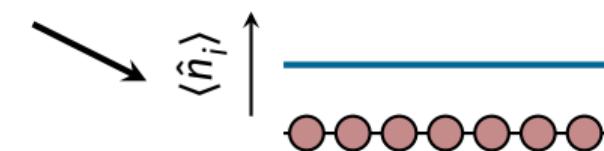
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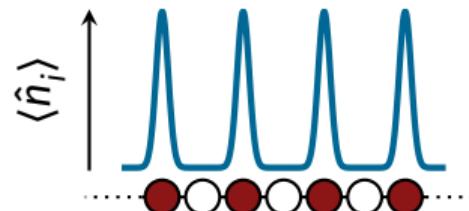
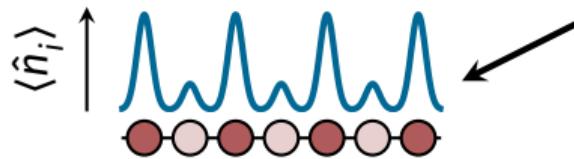


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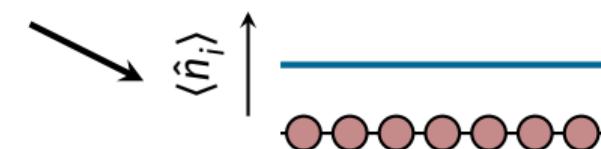
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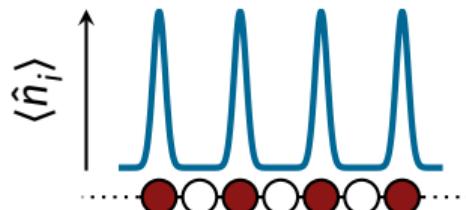
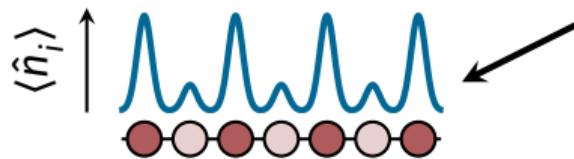


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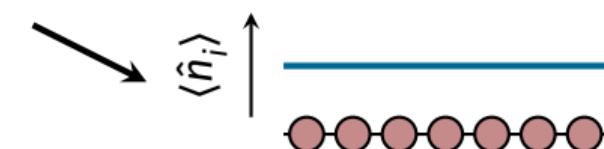
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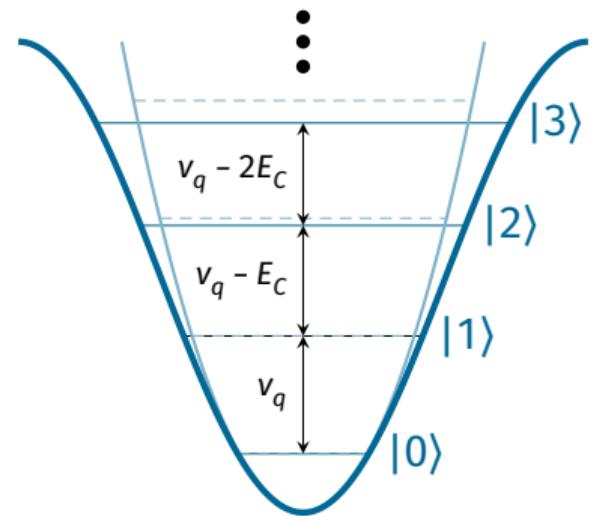
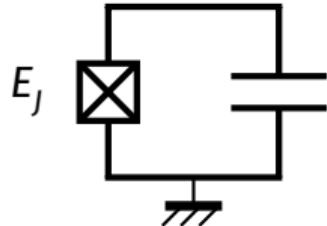
Potential quantum computer.

A quantum computer's nemesis.

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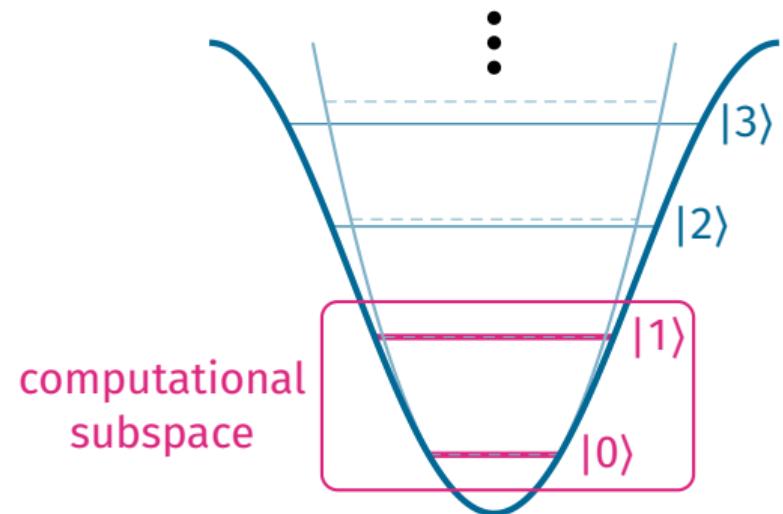
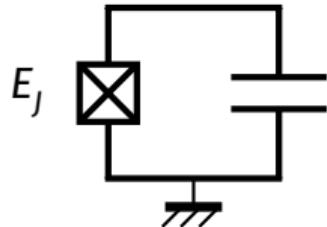
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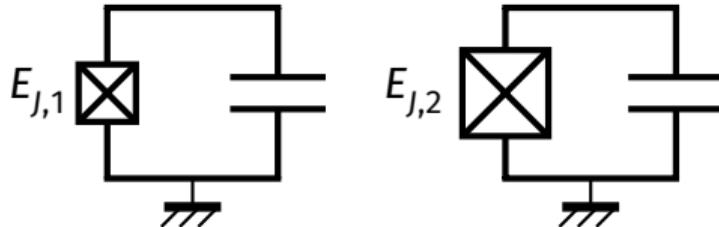
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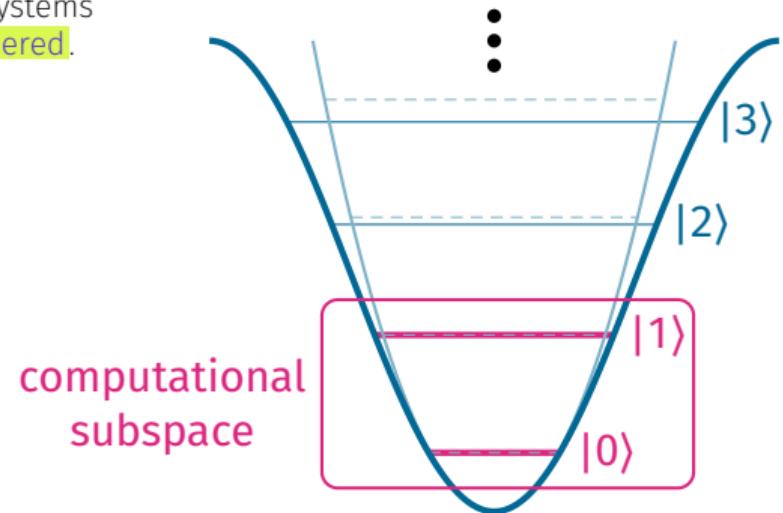
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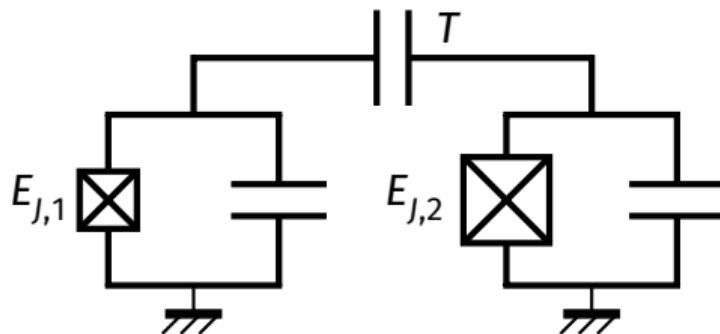
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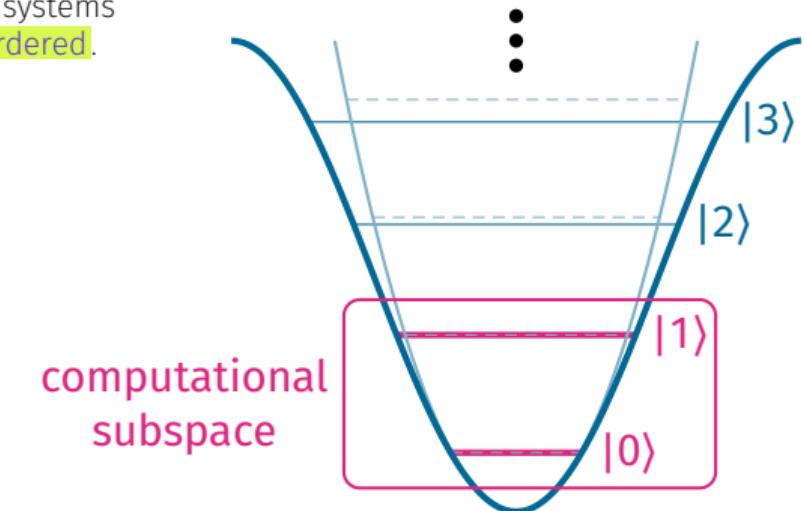
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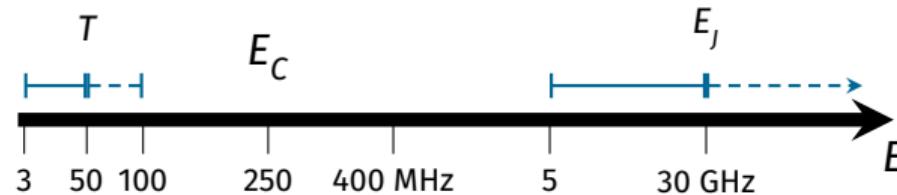


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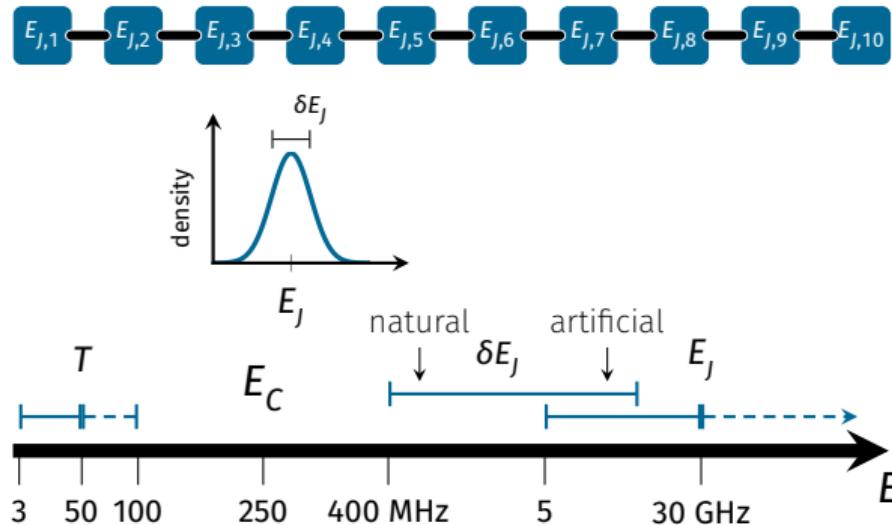
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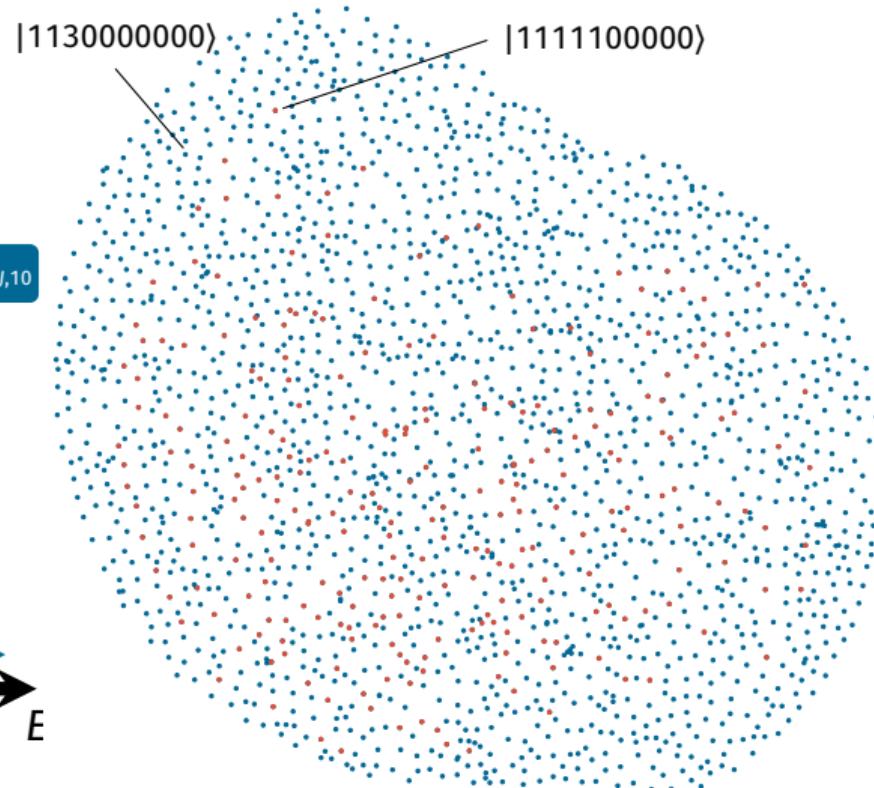
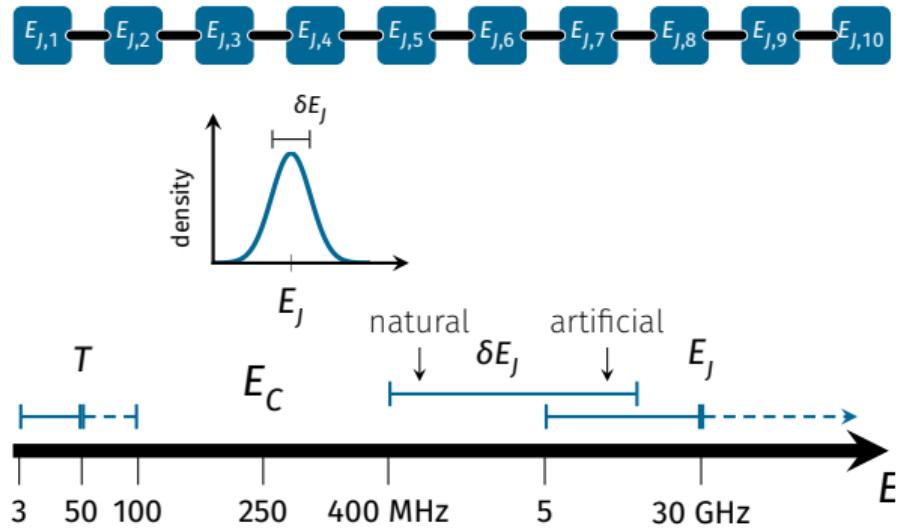
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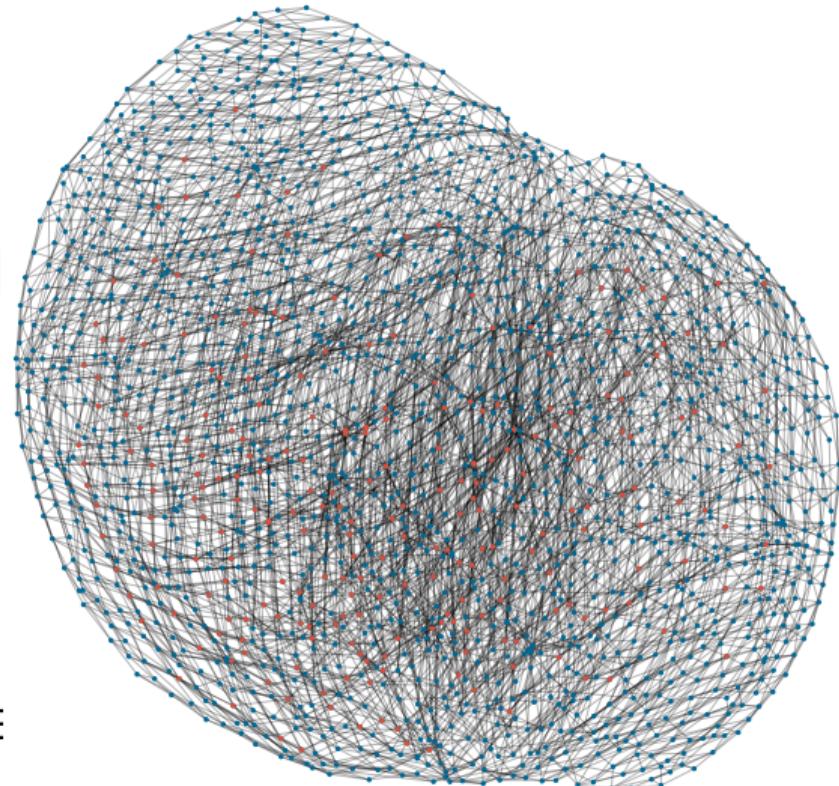
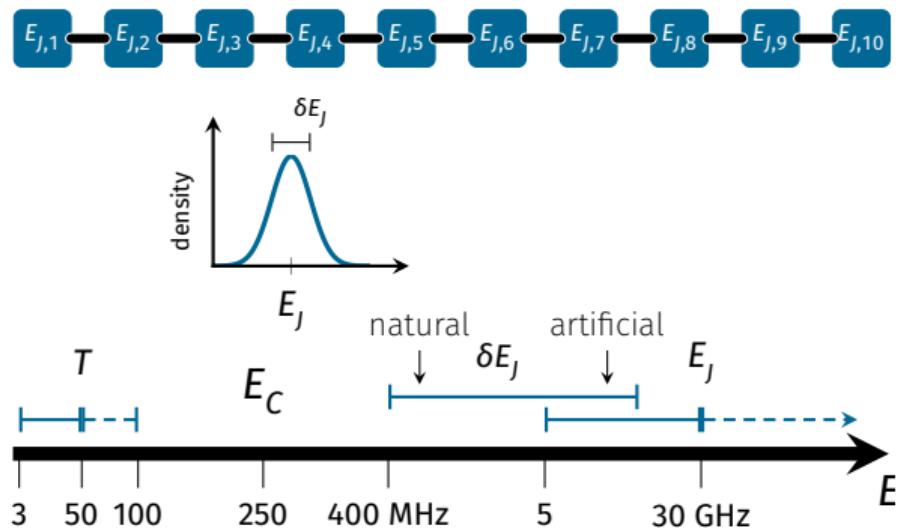
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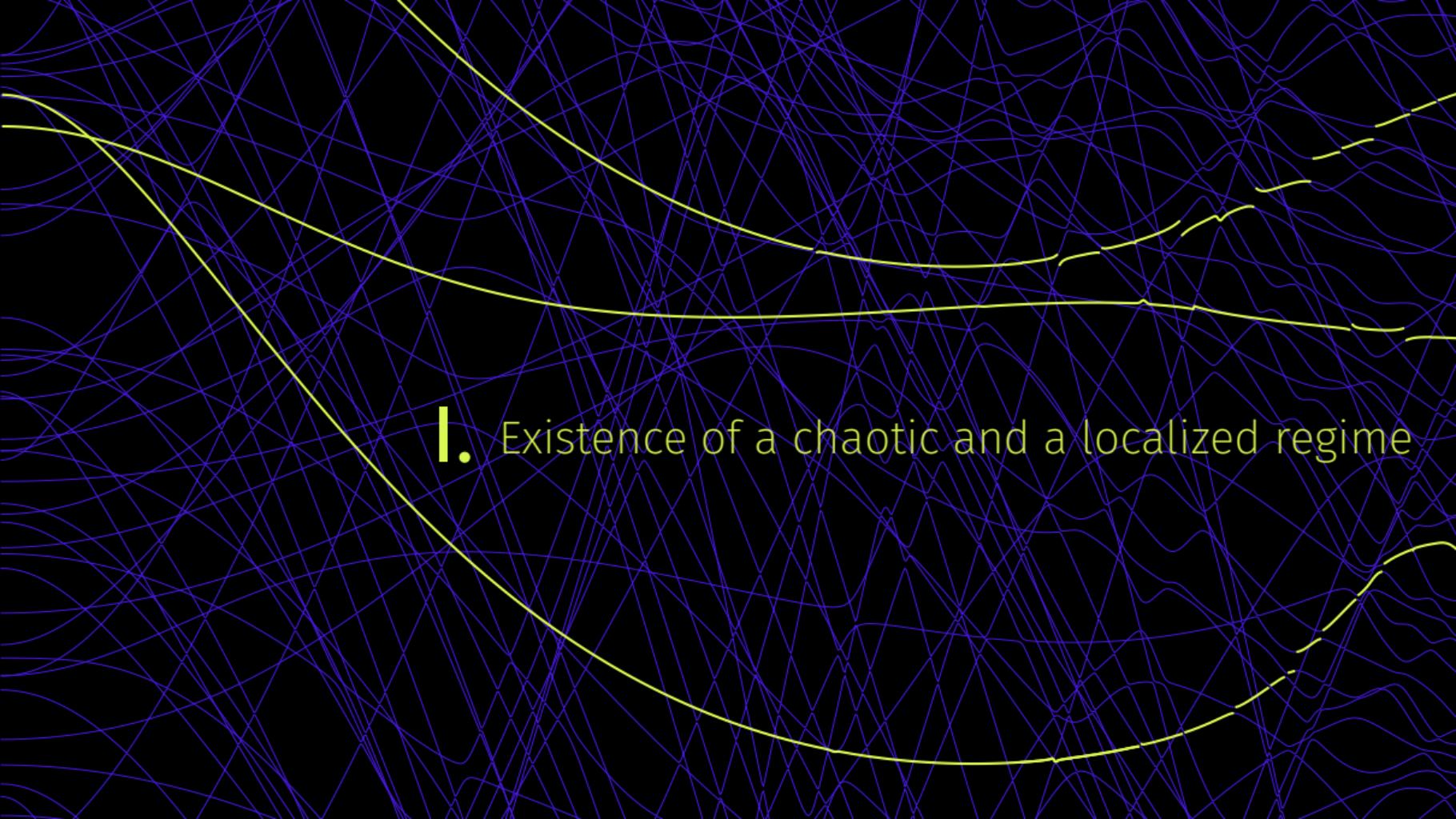
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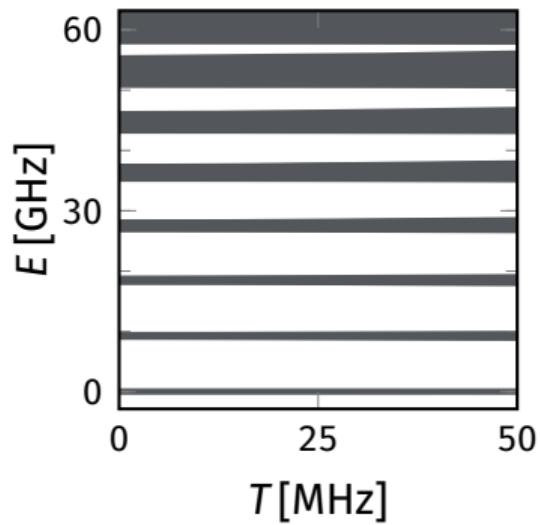
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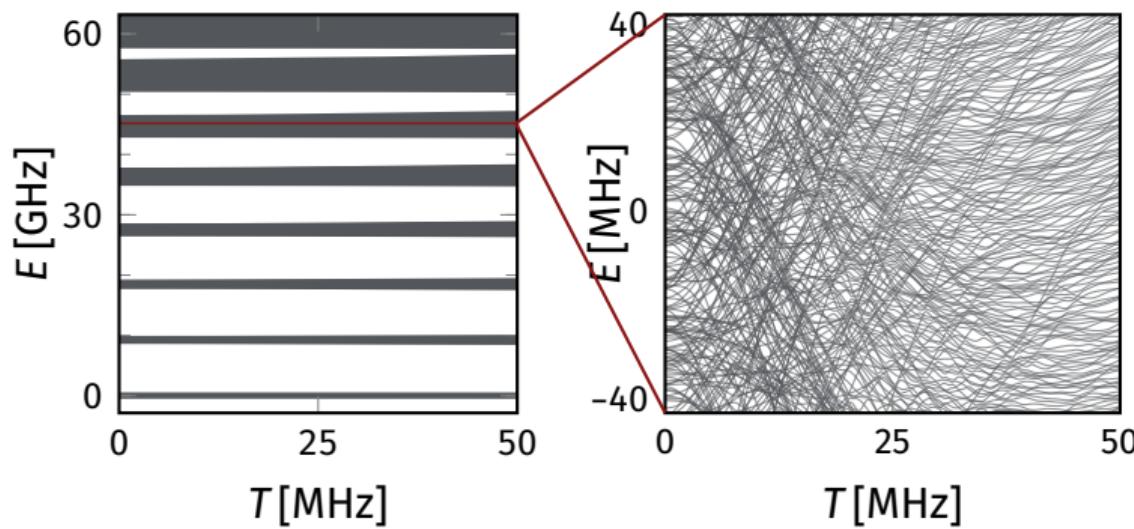
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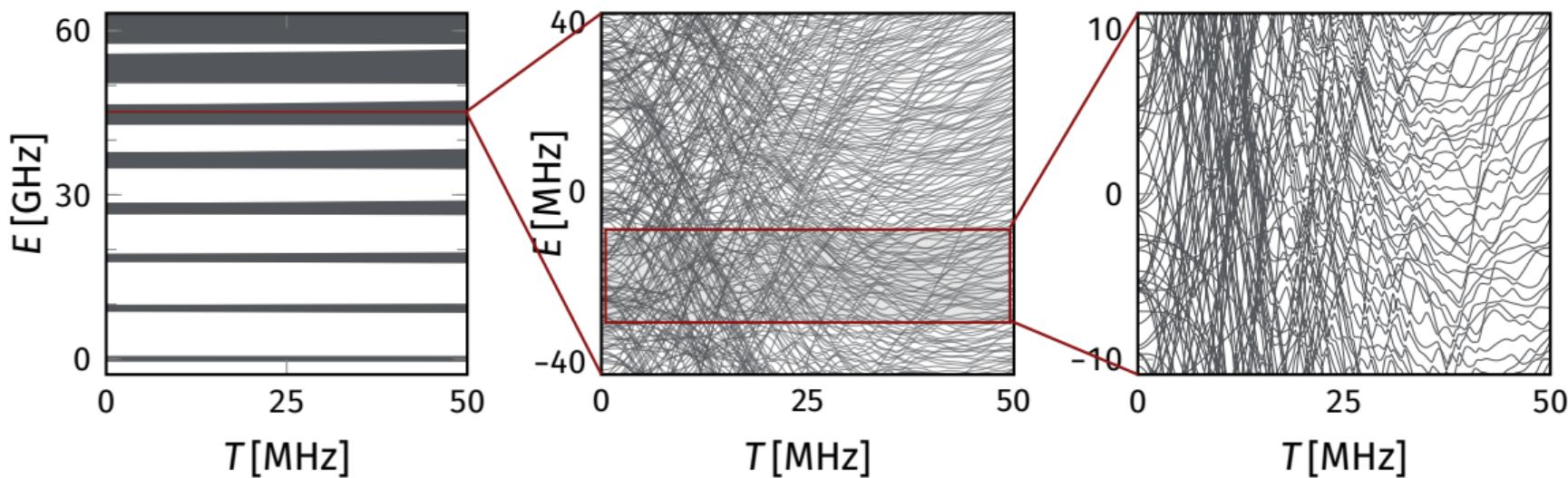
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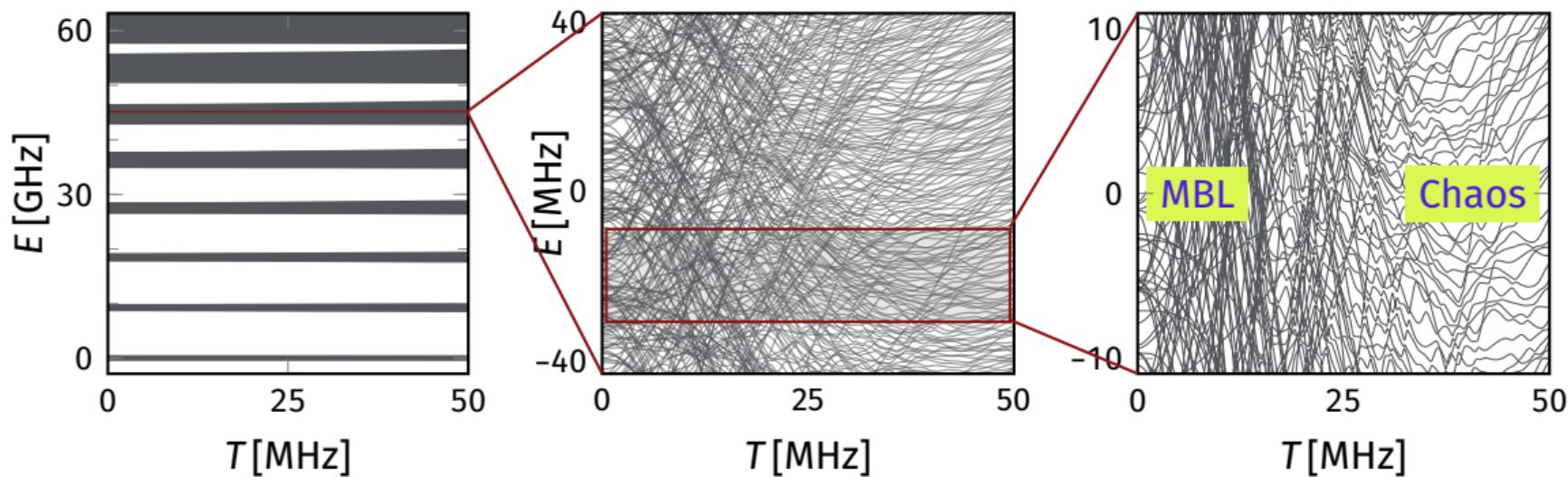
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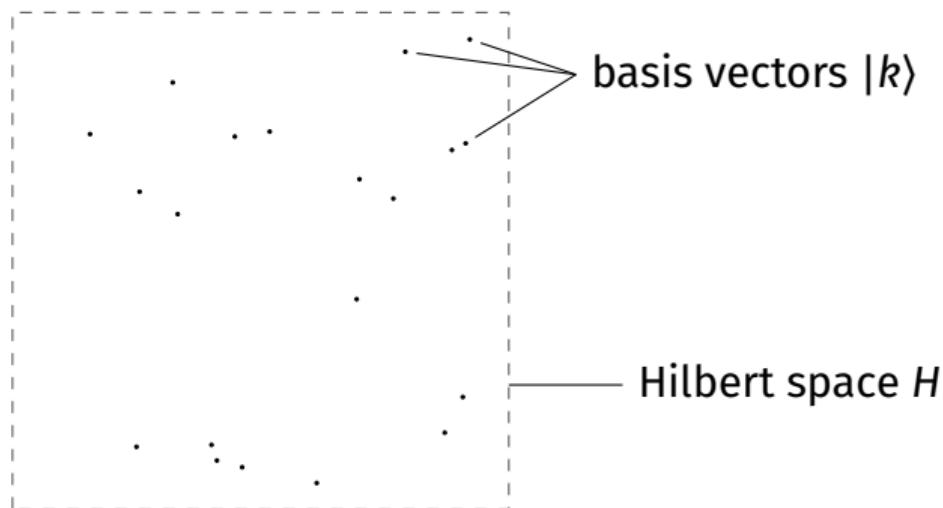


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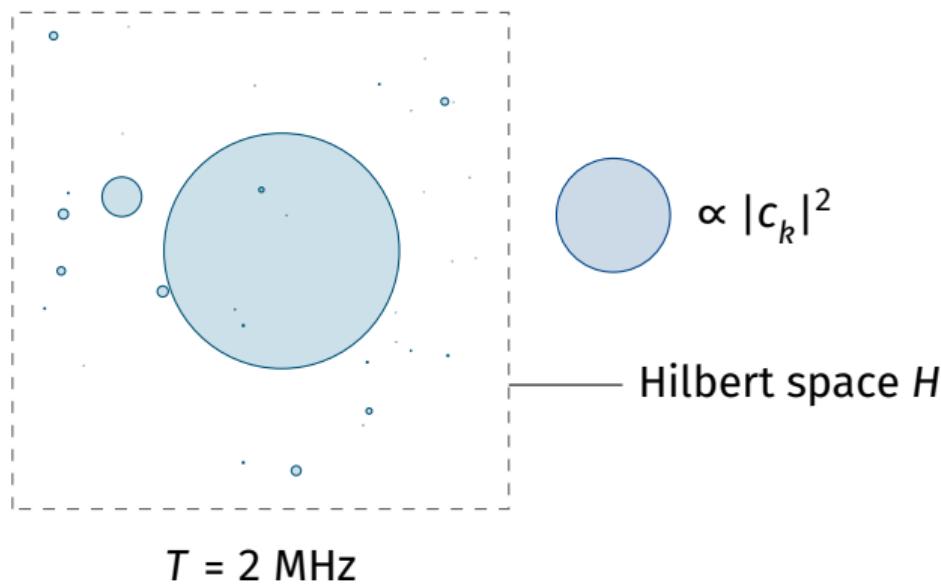
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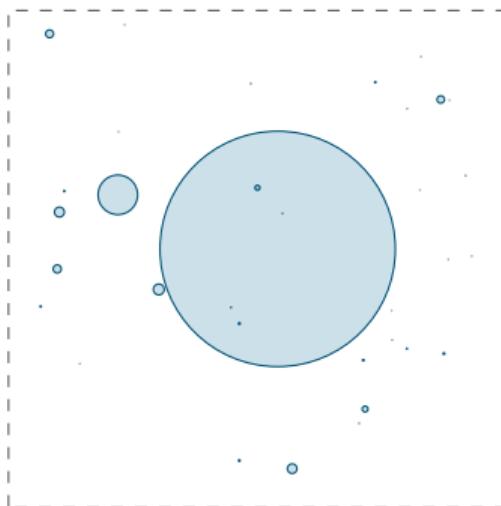
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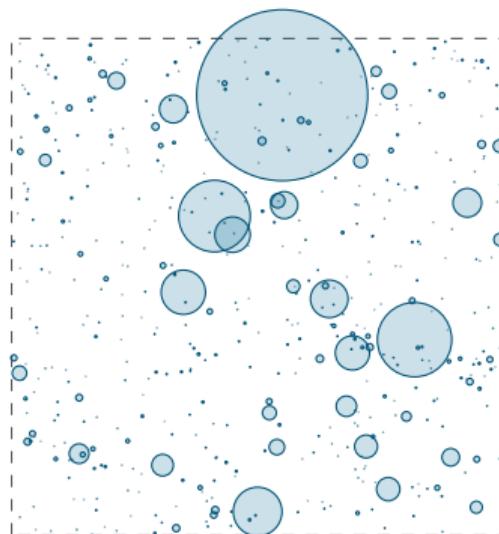


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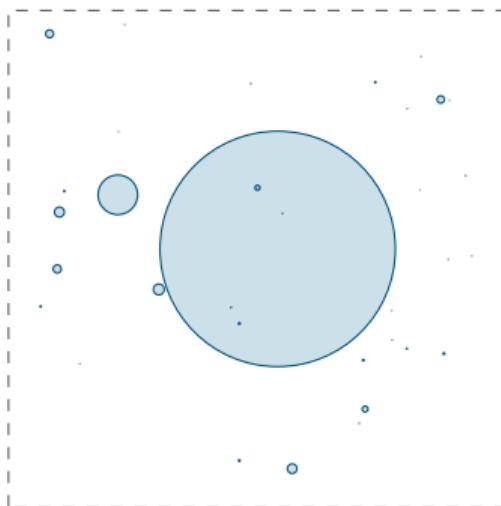
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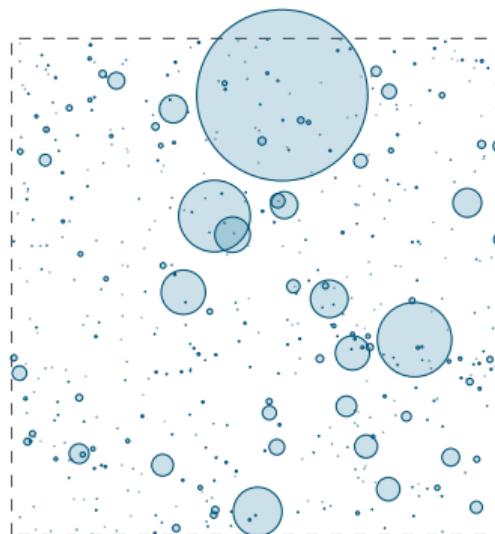
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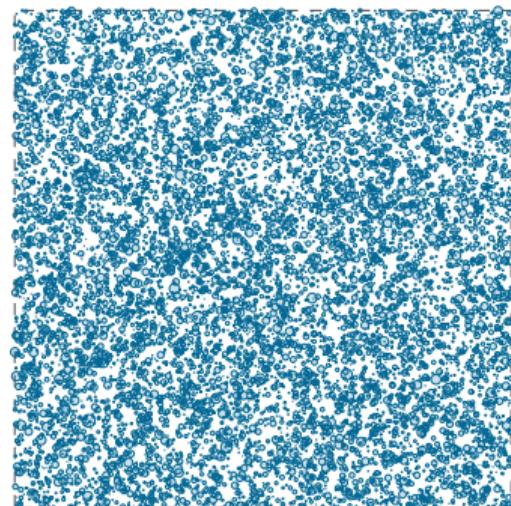
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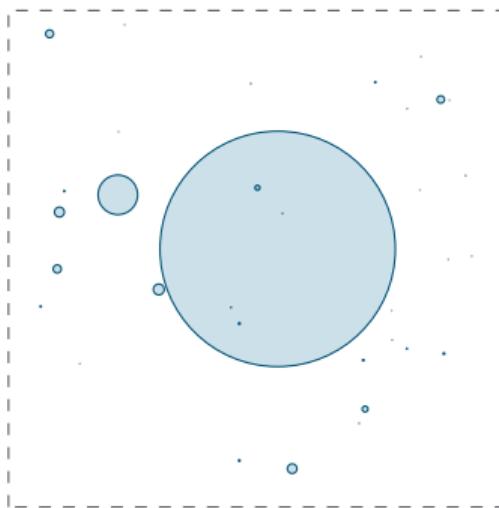
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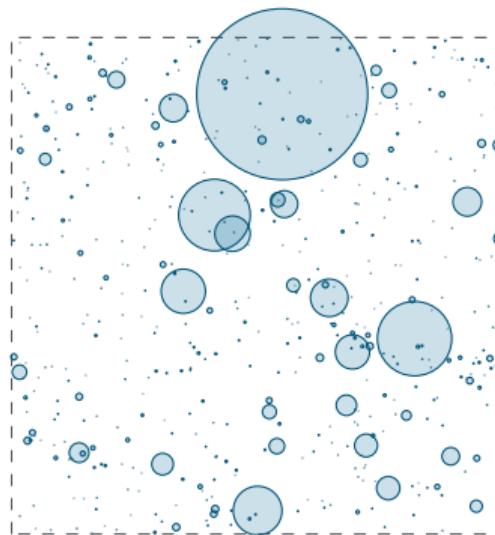
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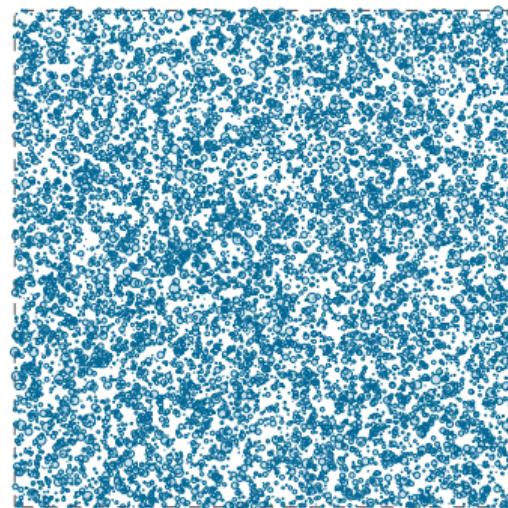
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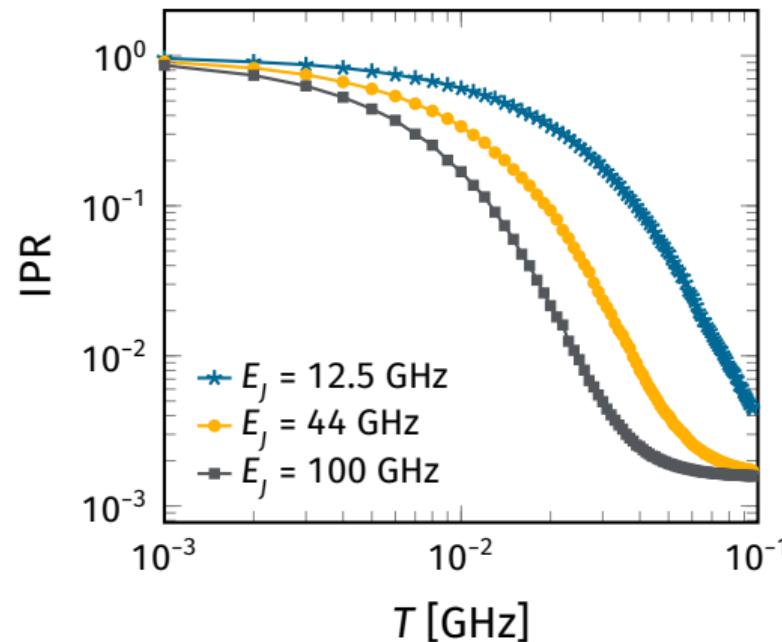
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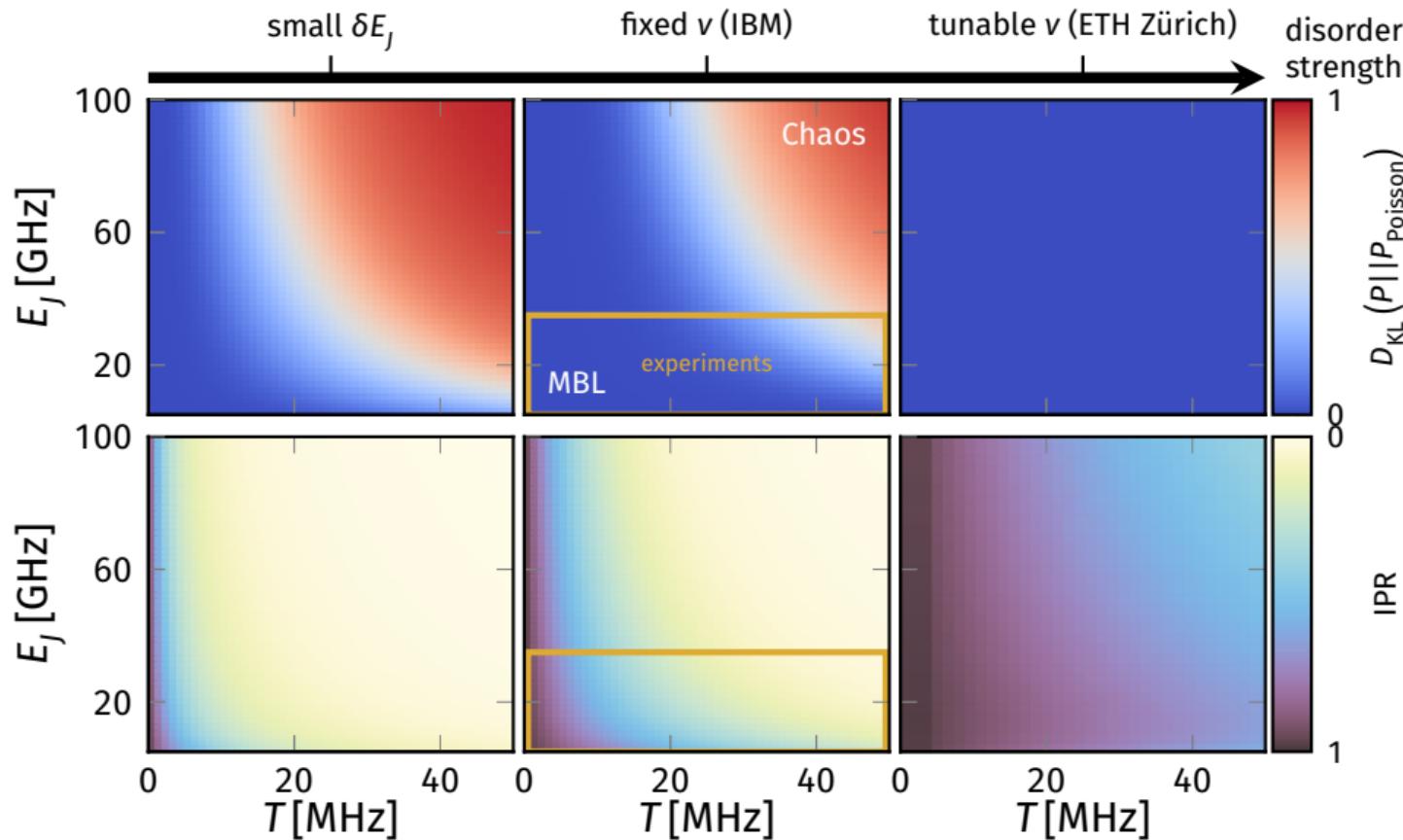
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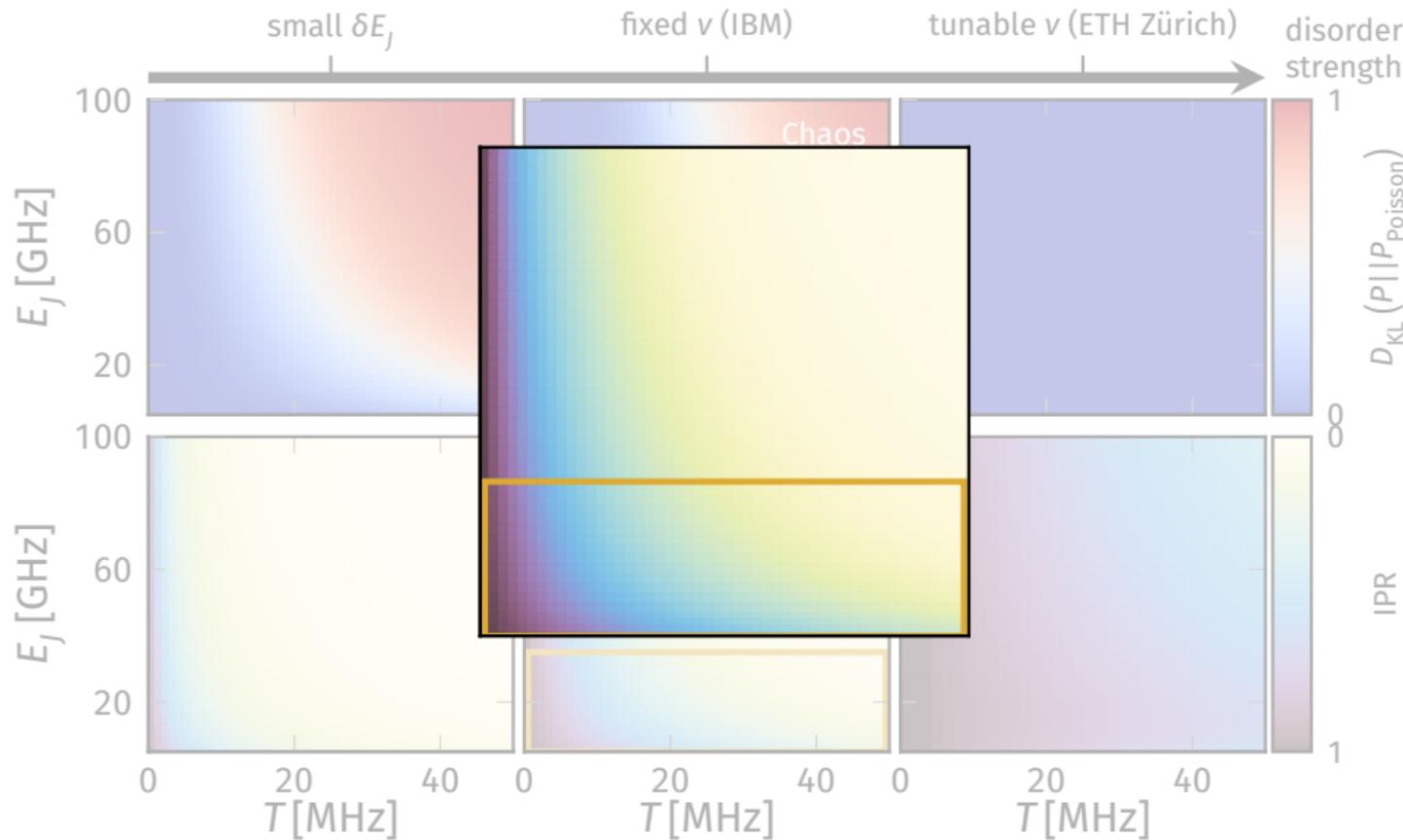
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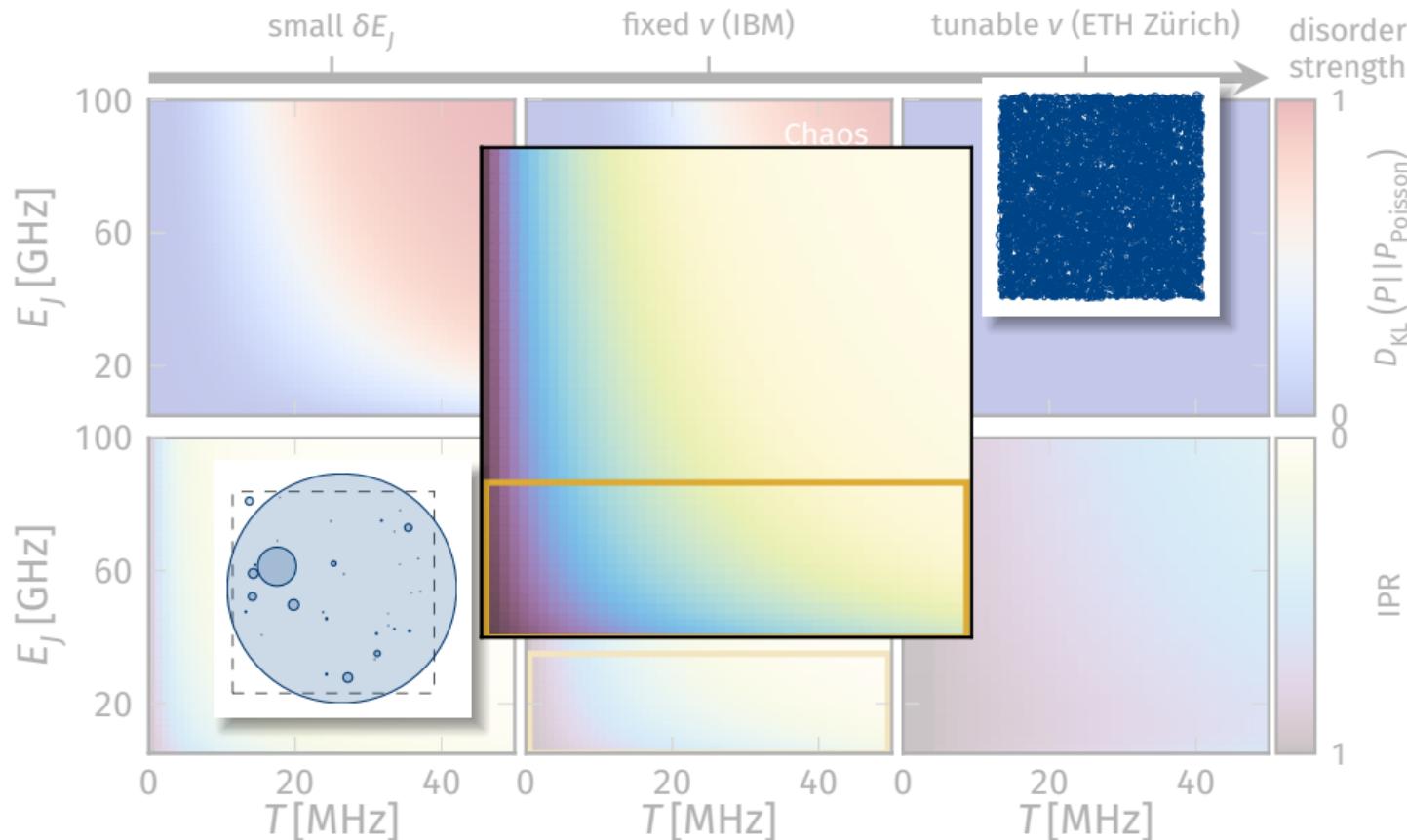
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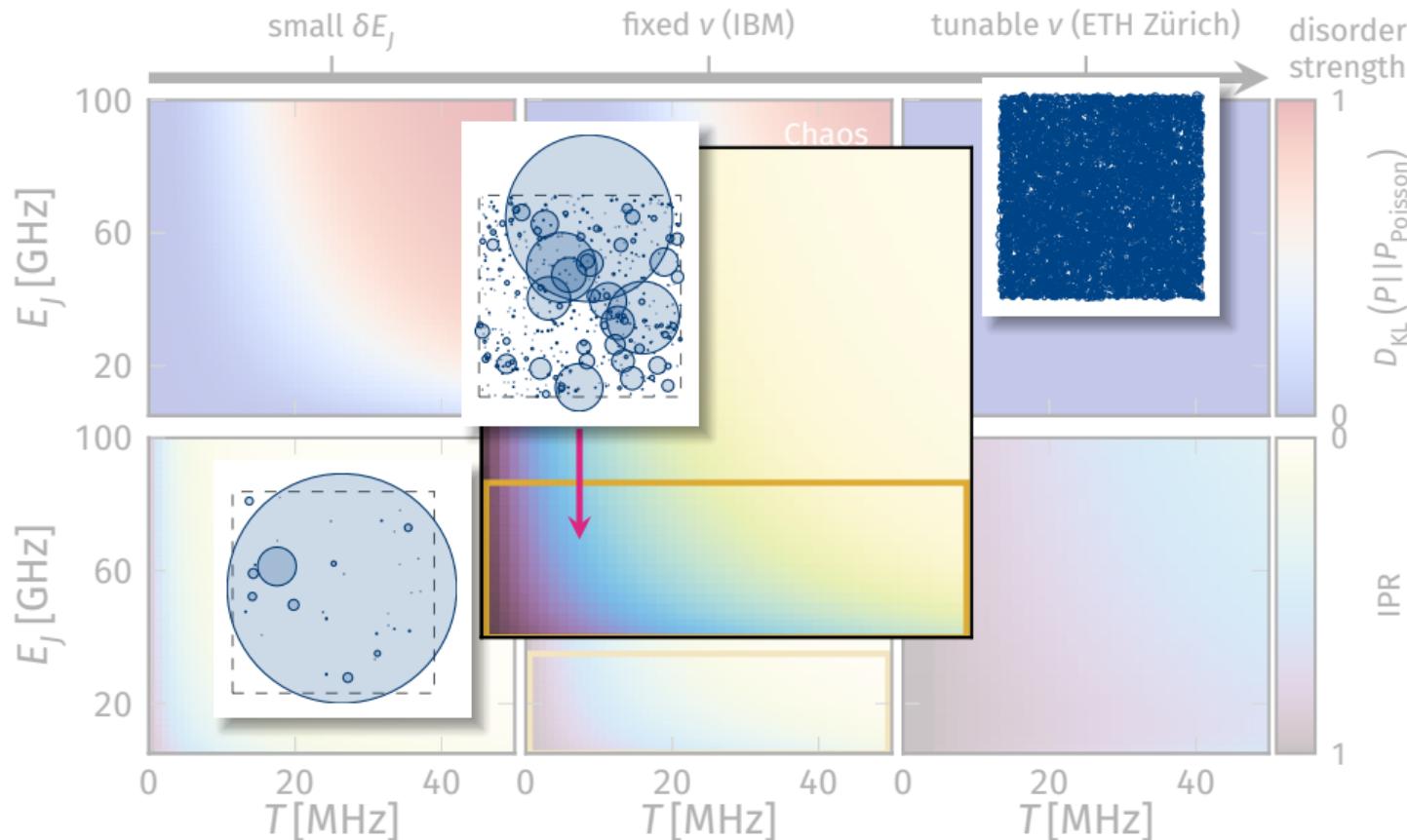
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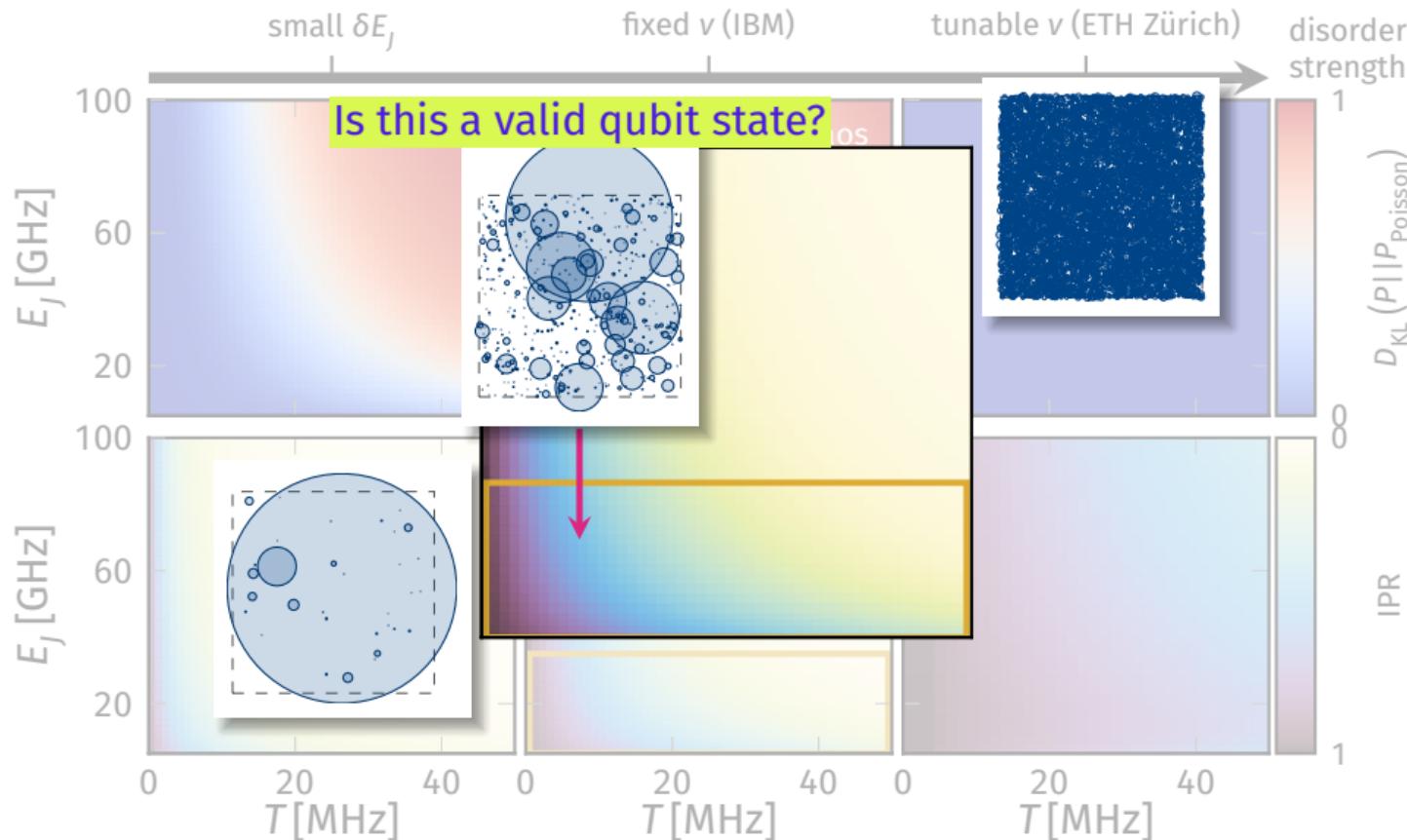
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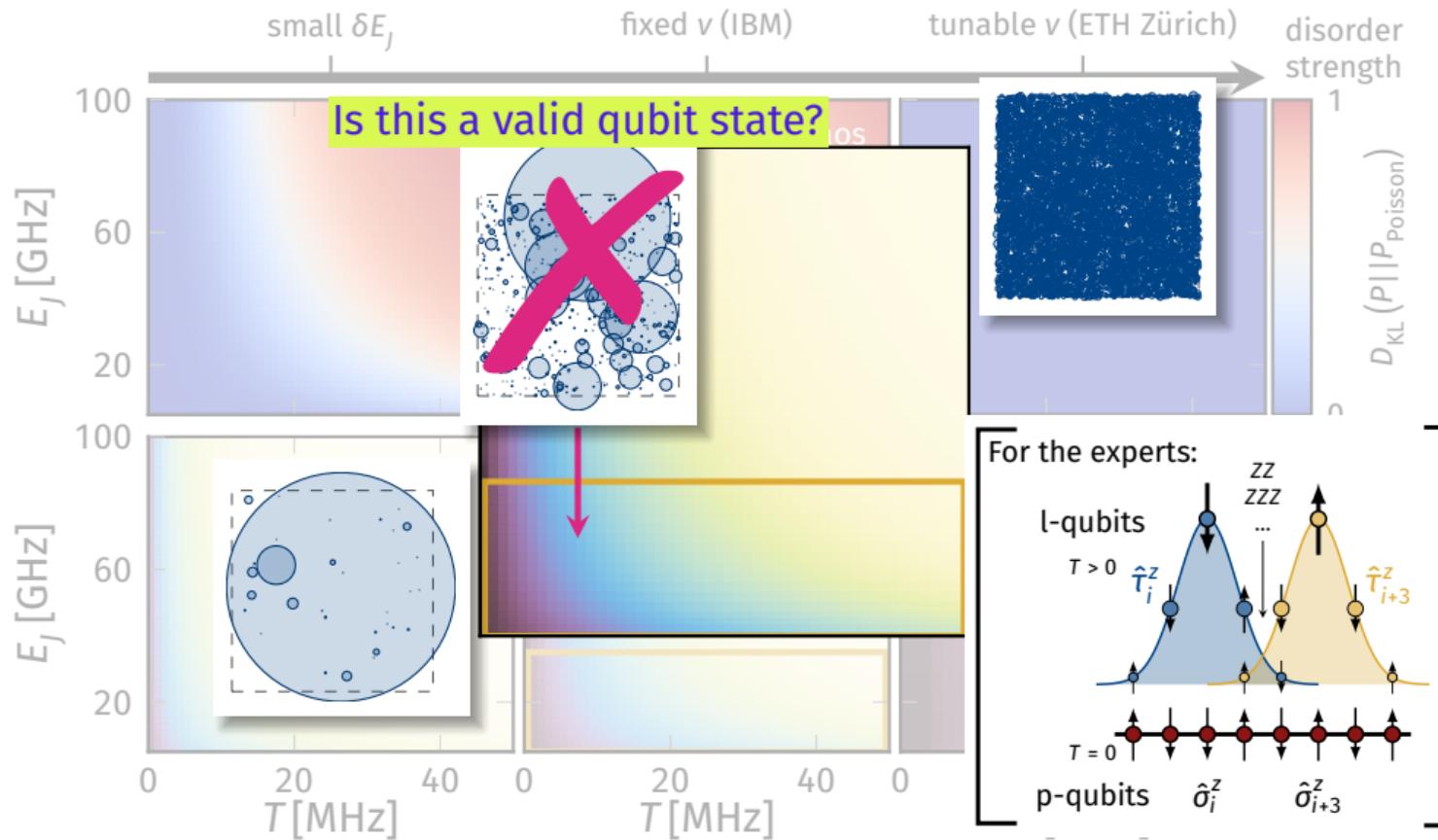
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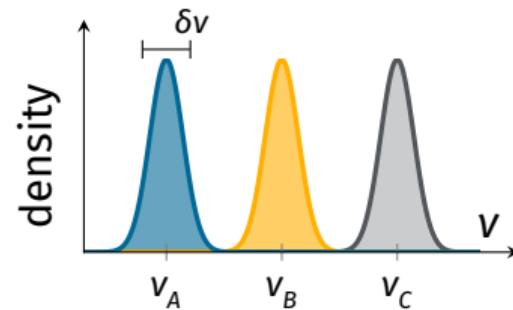
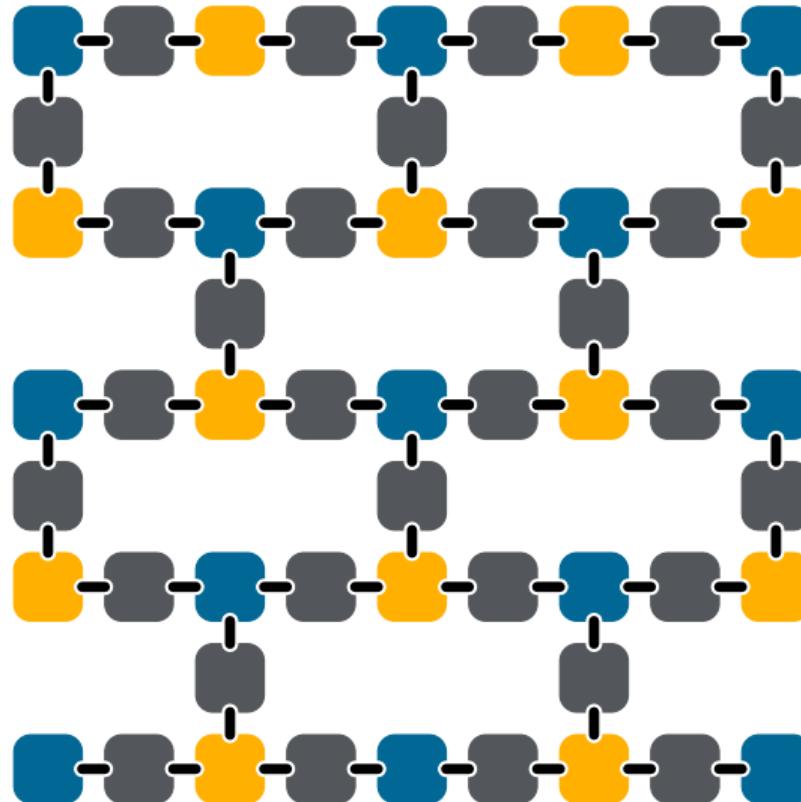
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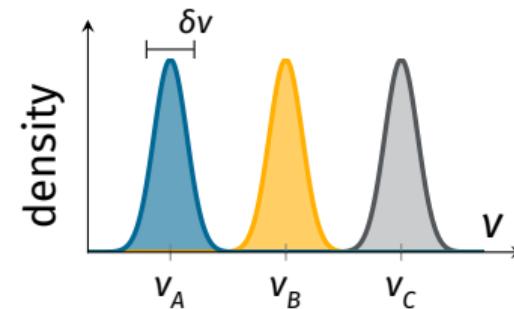
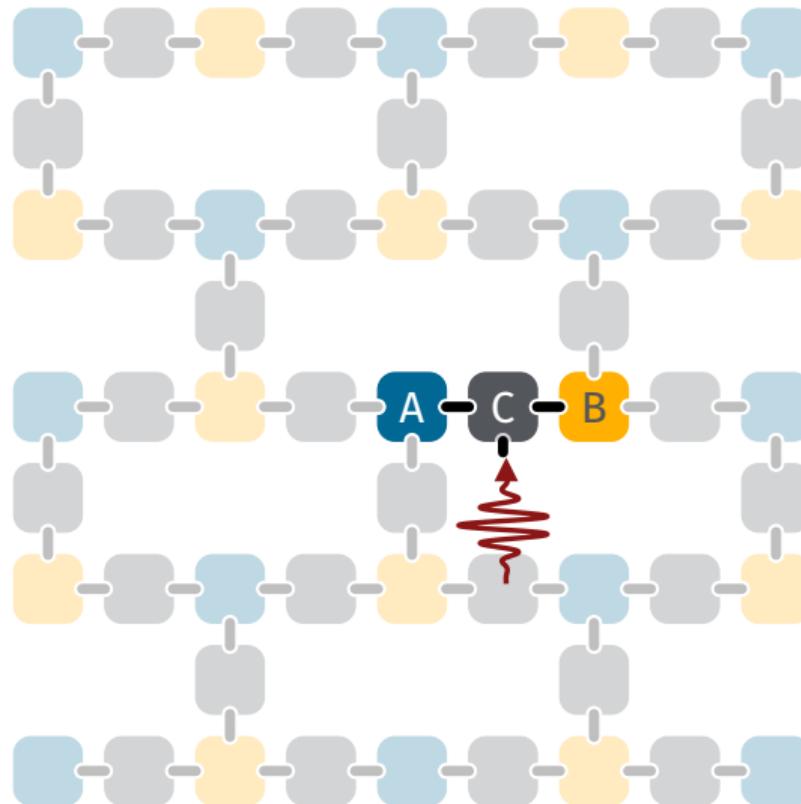


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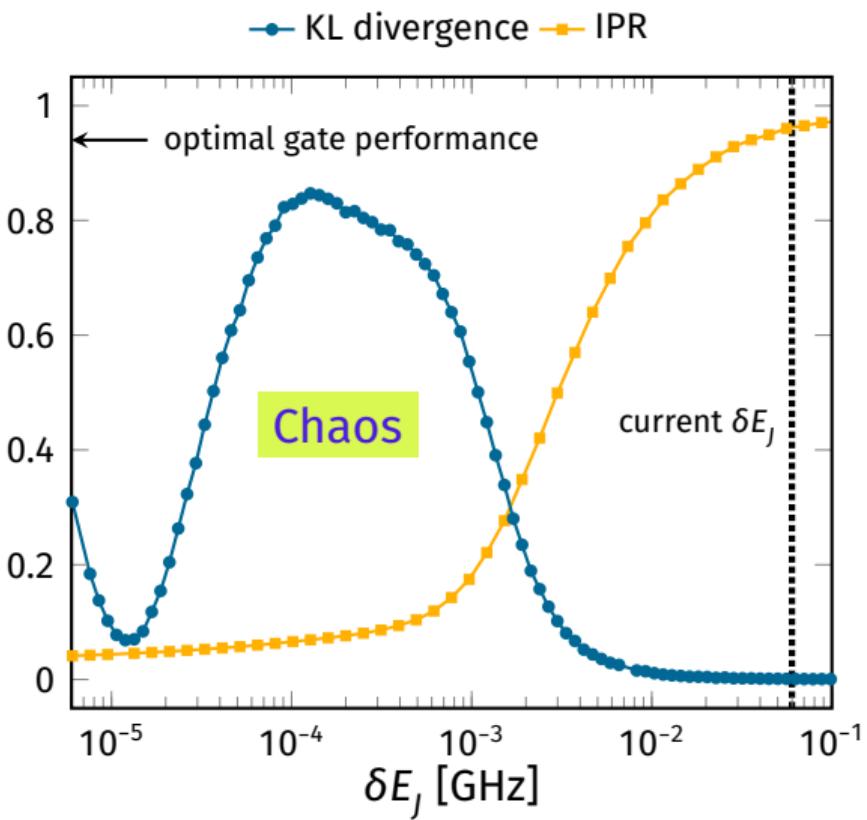
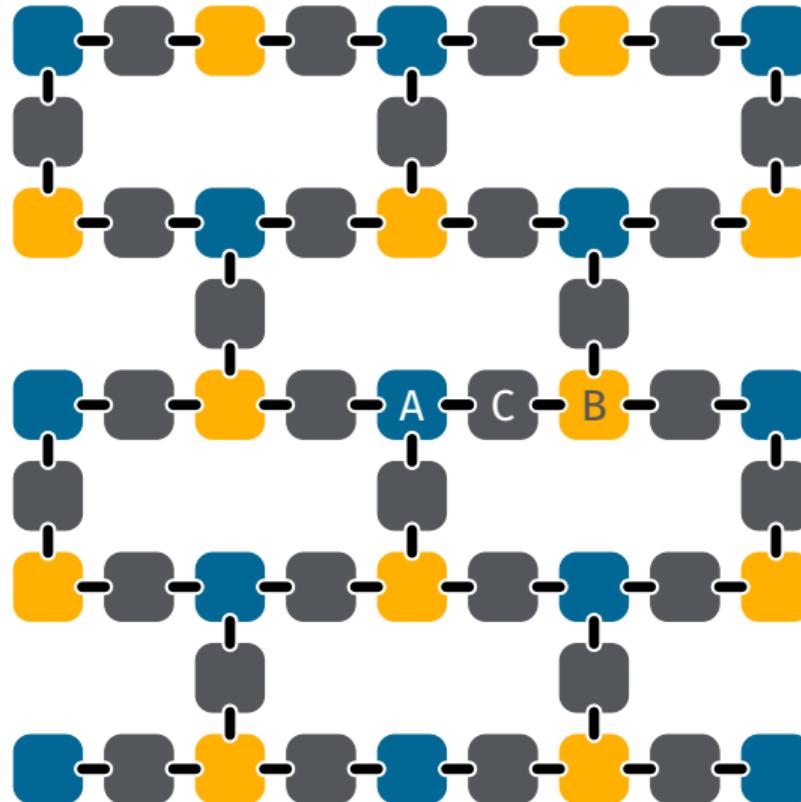
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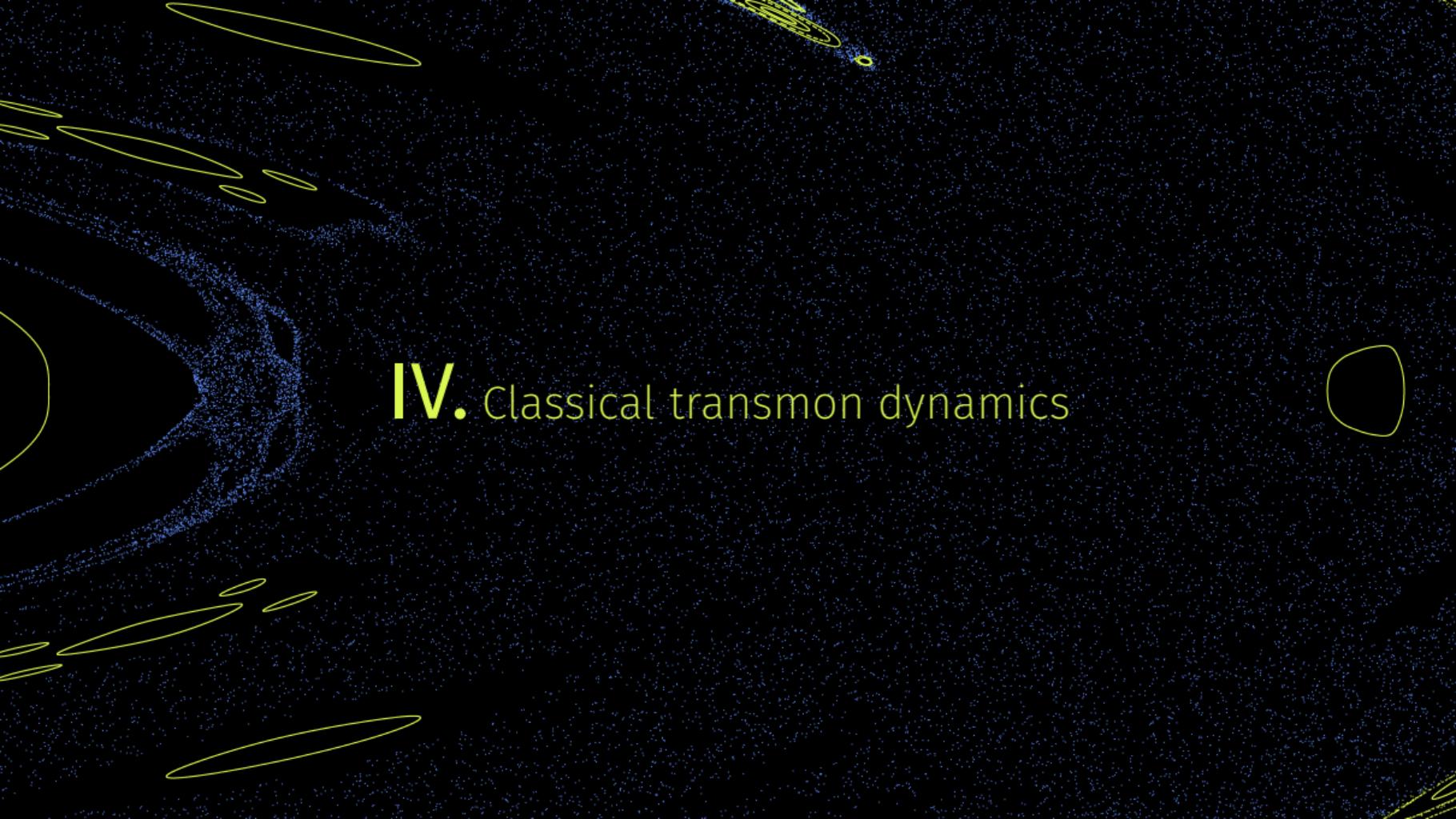


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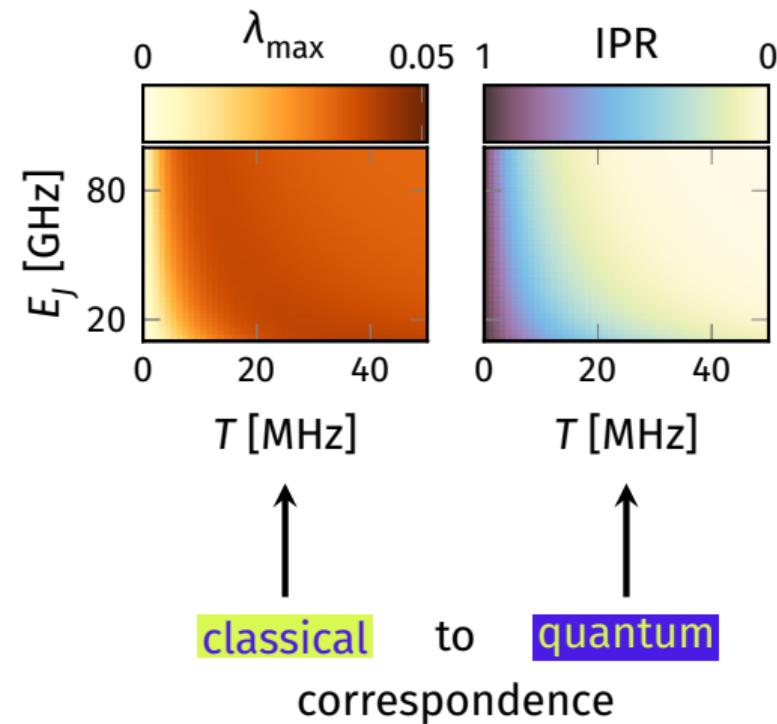
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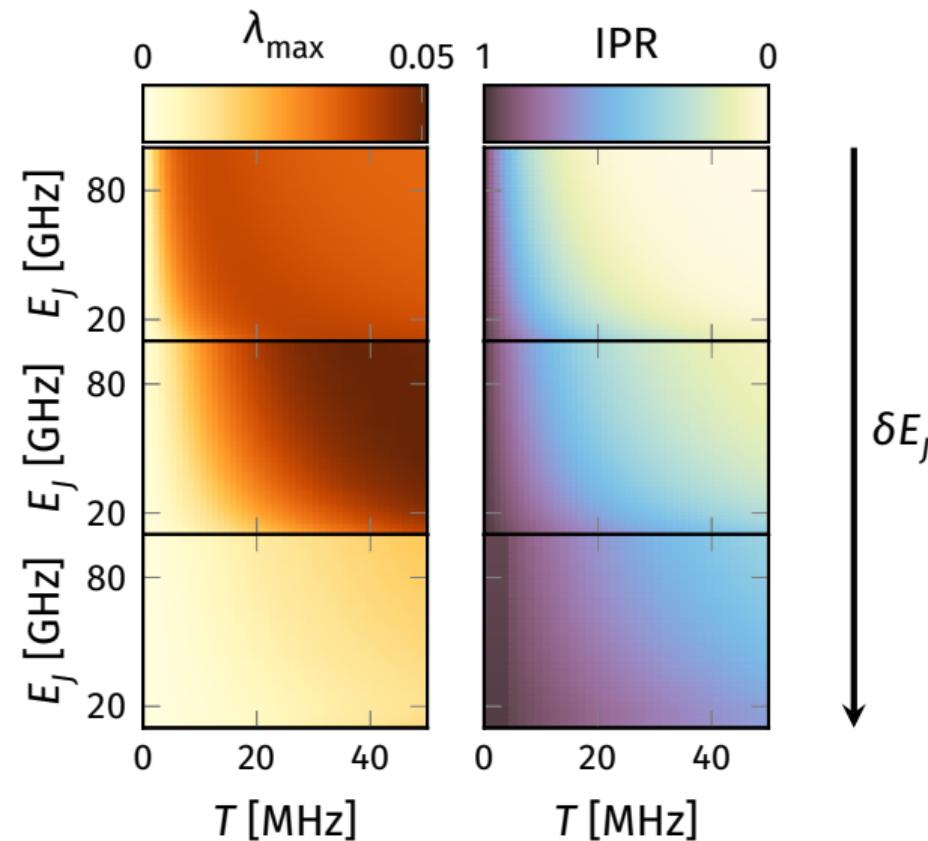


IV. Classical transmon dynamics

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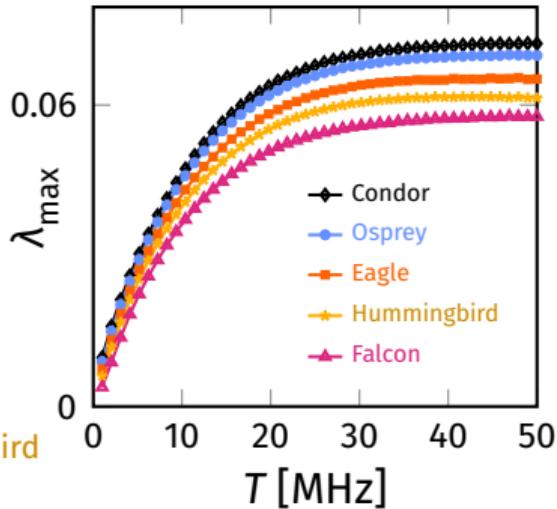
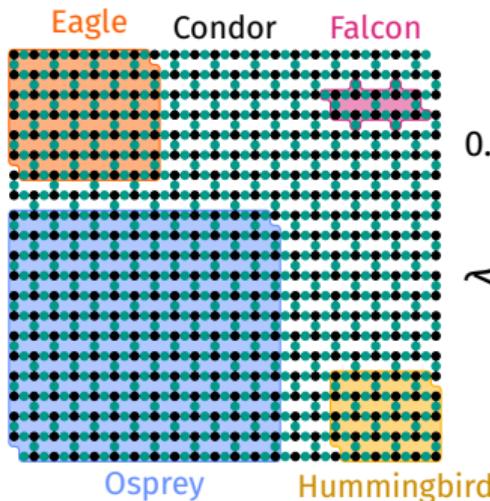
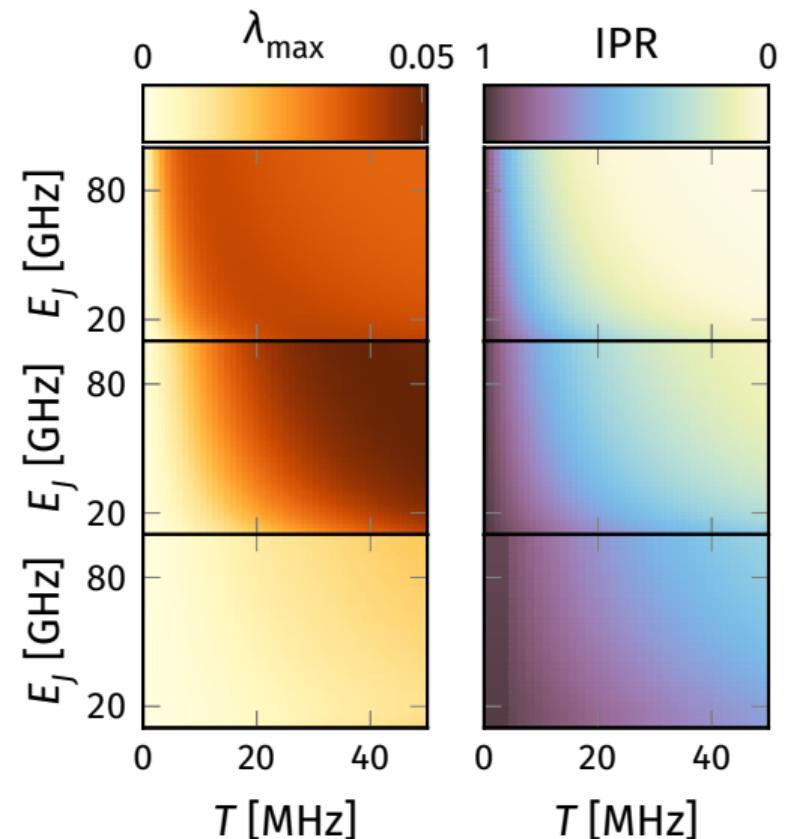
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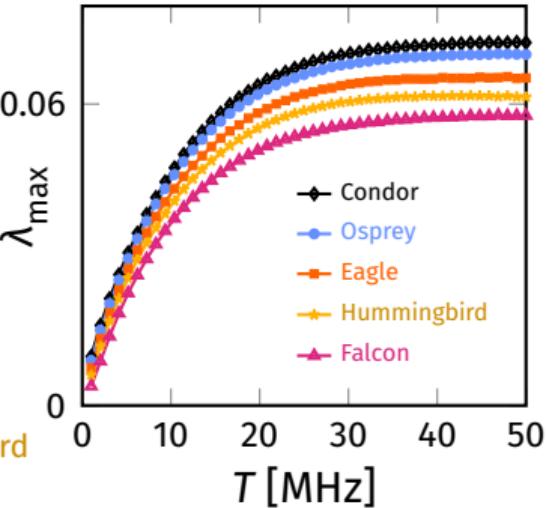
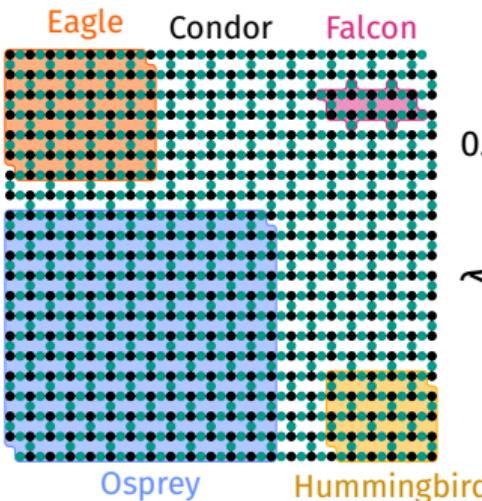
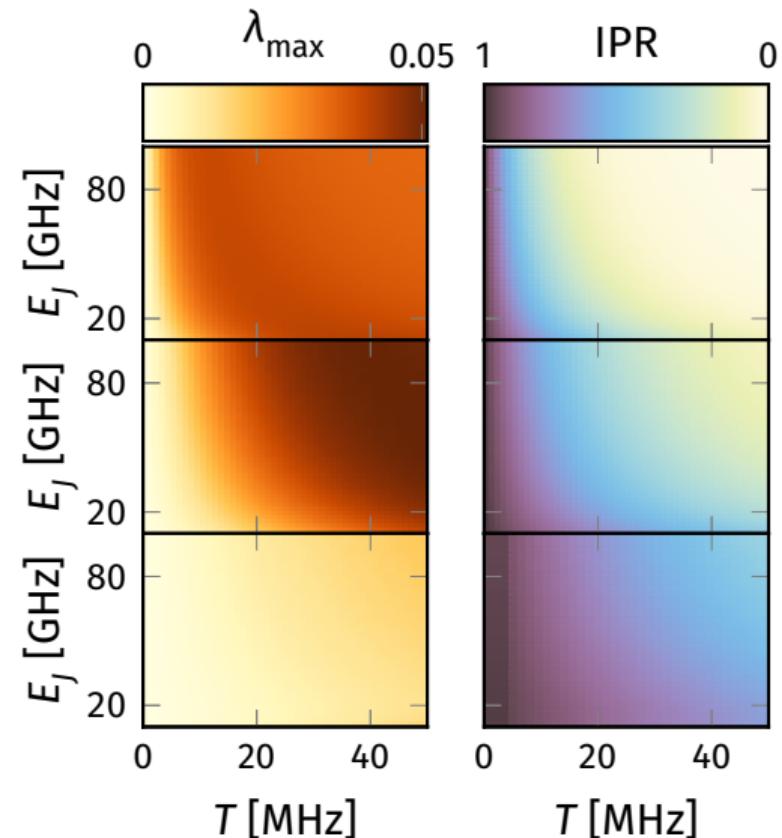
δE_J

A vertical black arrow points downwards, labeled δE_J , indicating a change in energy level.

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Can **classical** analysis optimize parameters
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SUMMARY

- Qubits need disorder → protection vs. operation dilemma.

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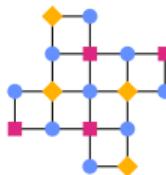
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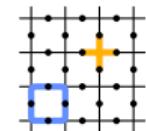
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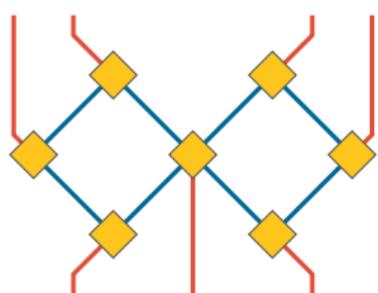
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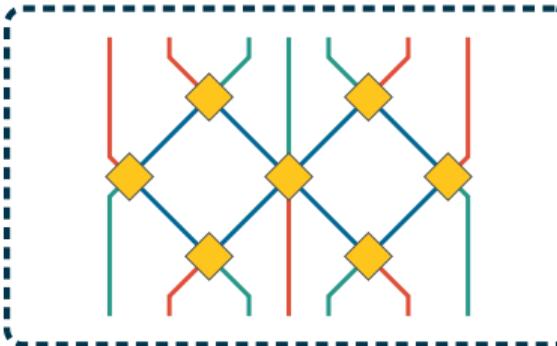
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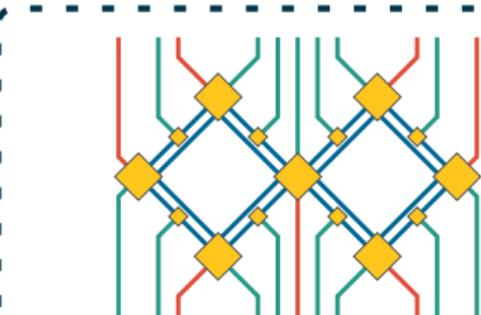
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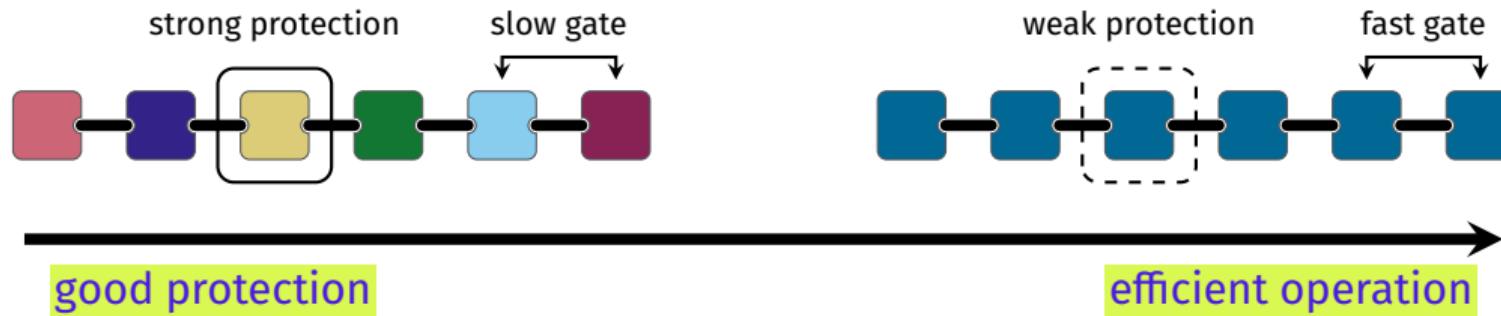
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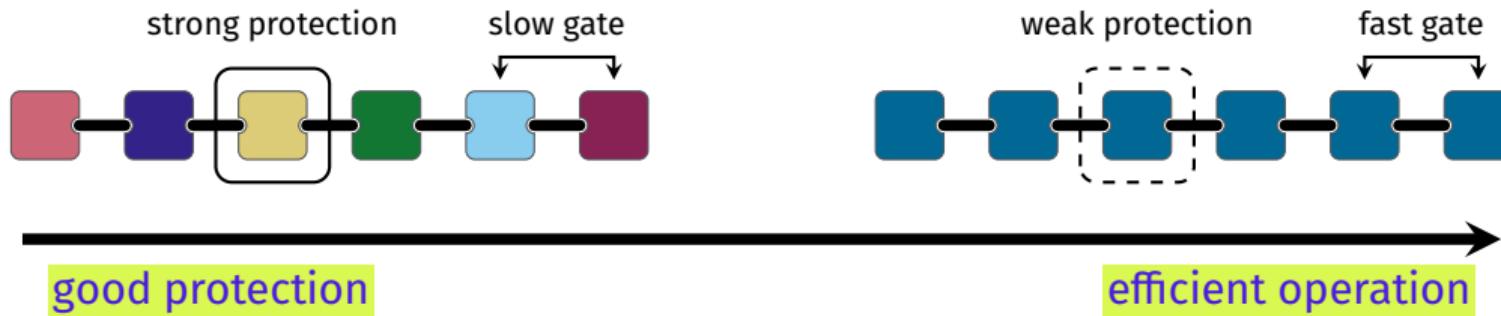
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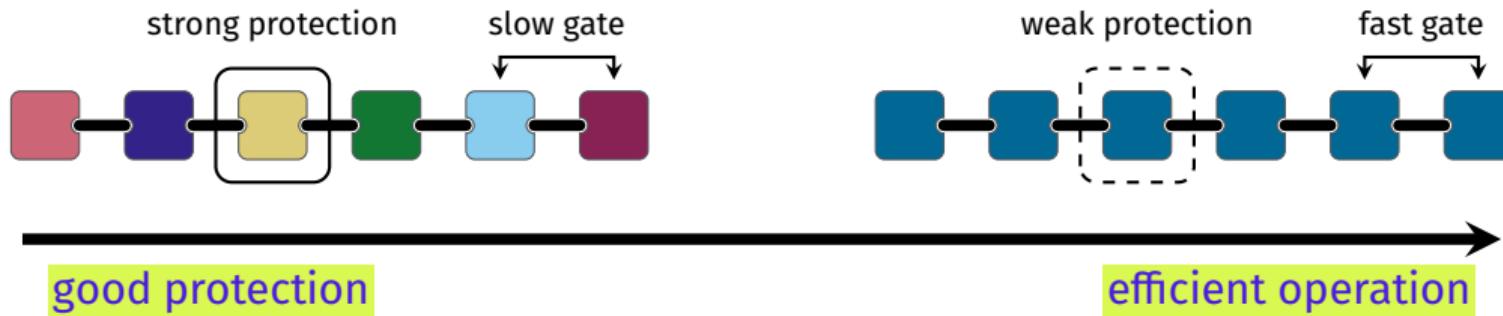
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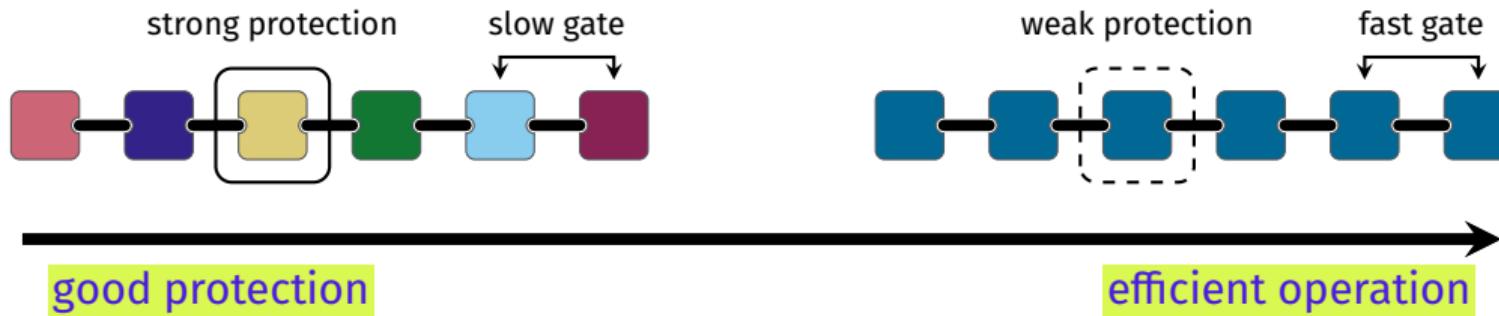
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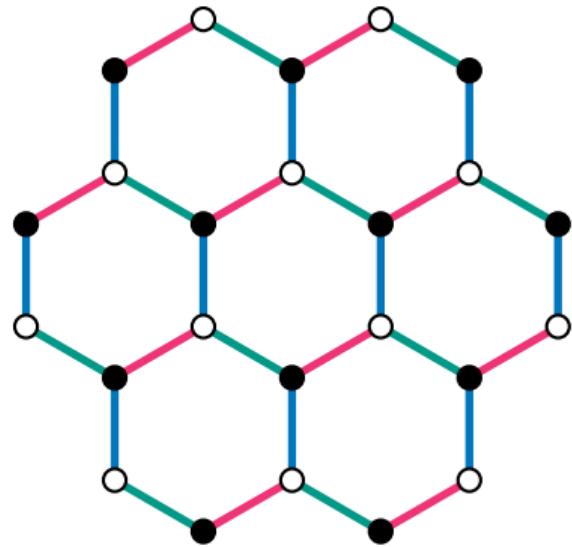
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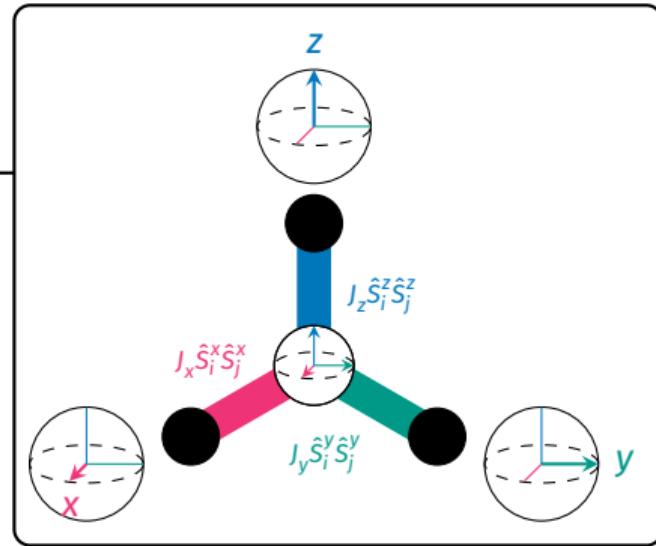
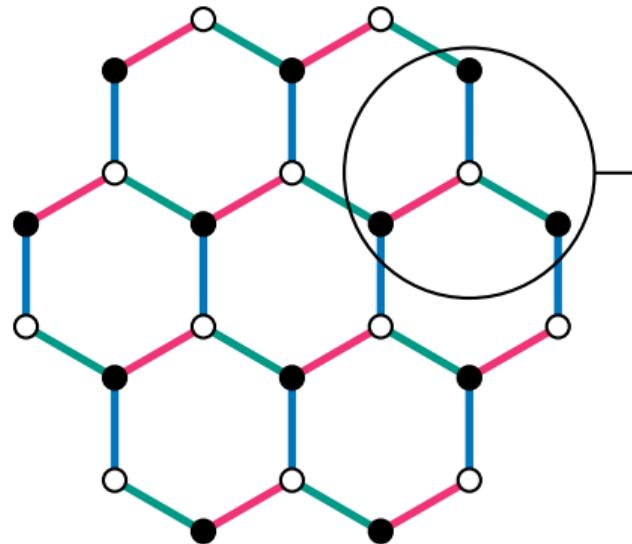
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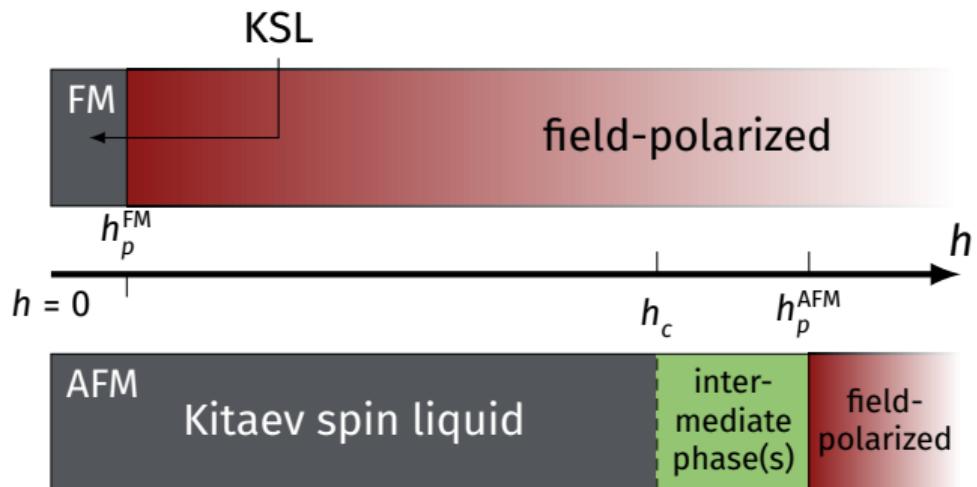
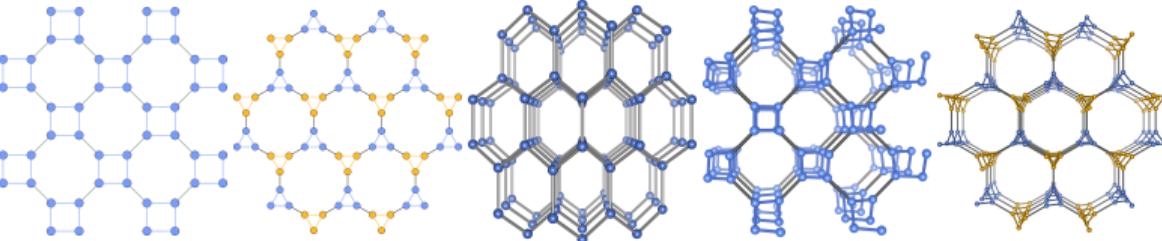
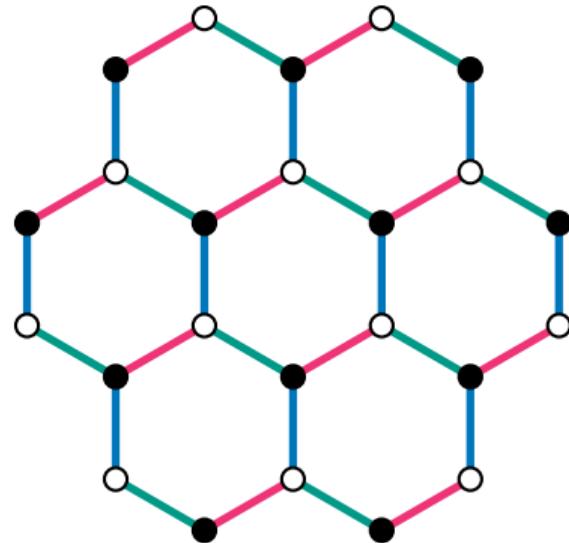
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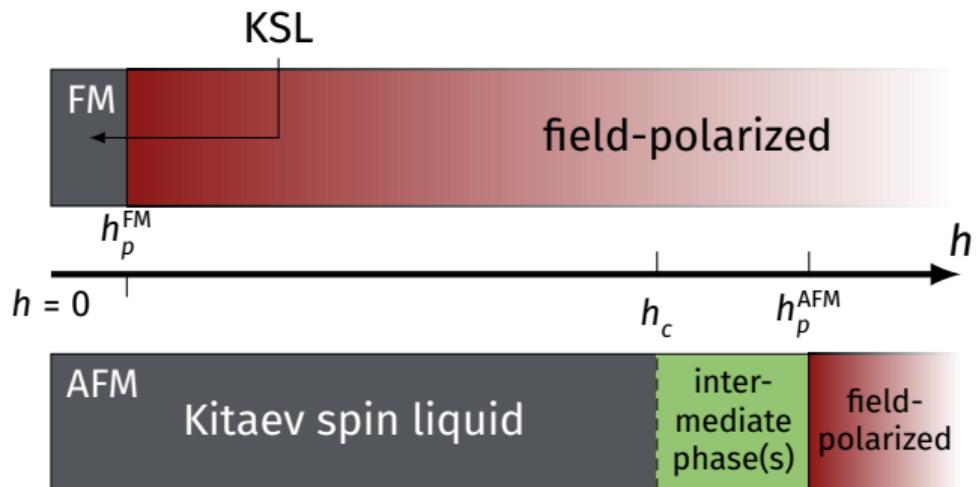
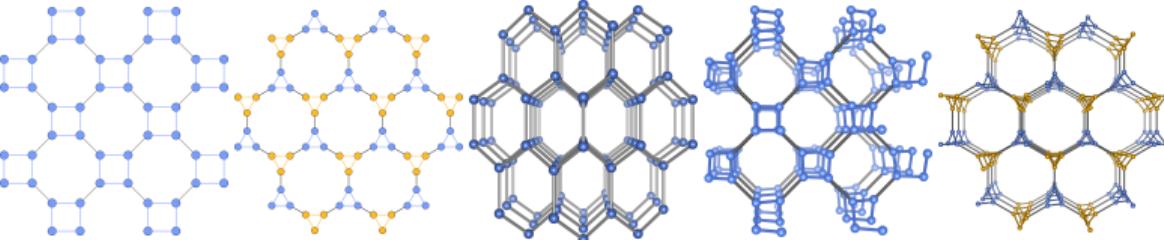
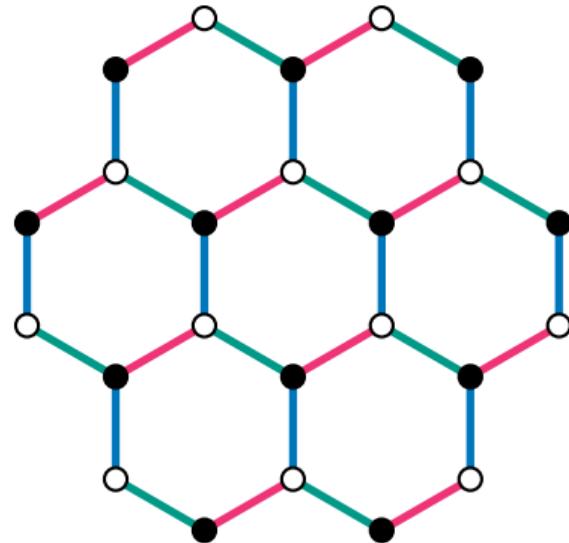
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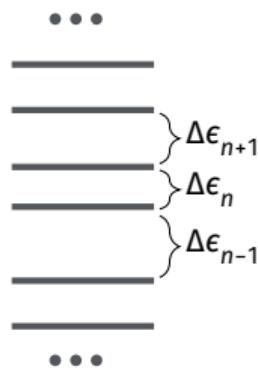
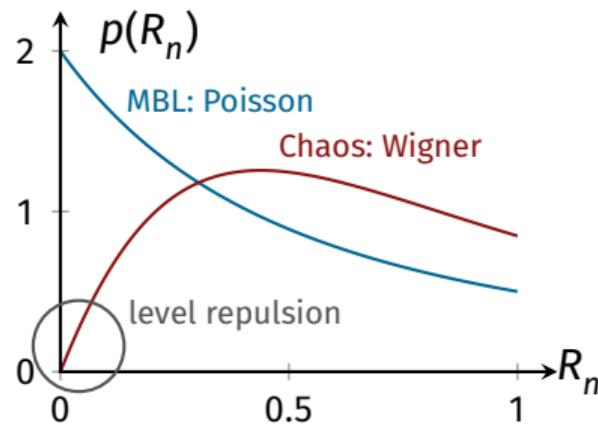
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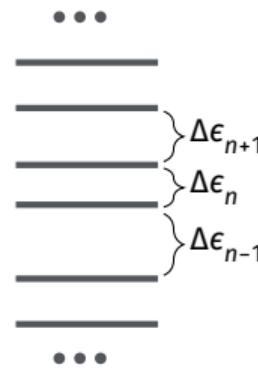
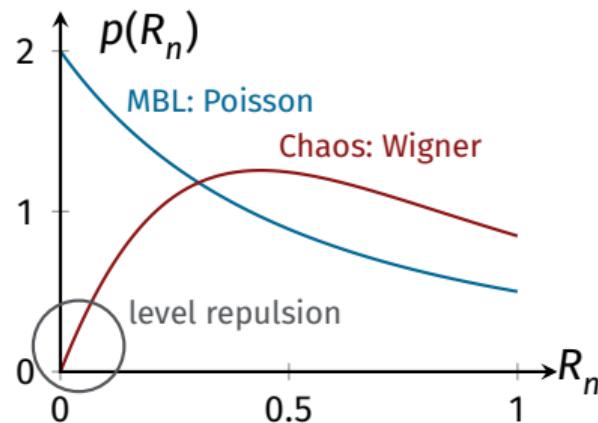


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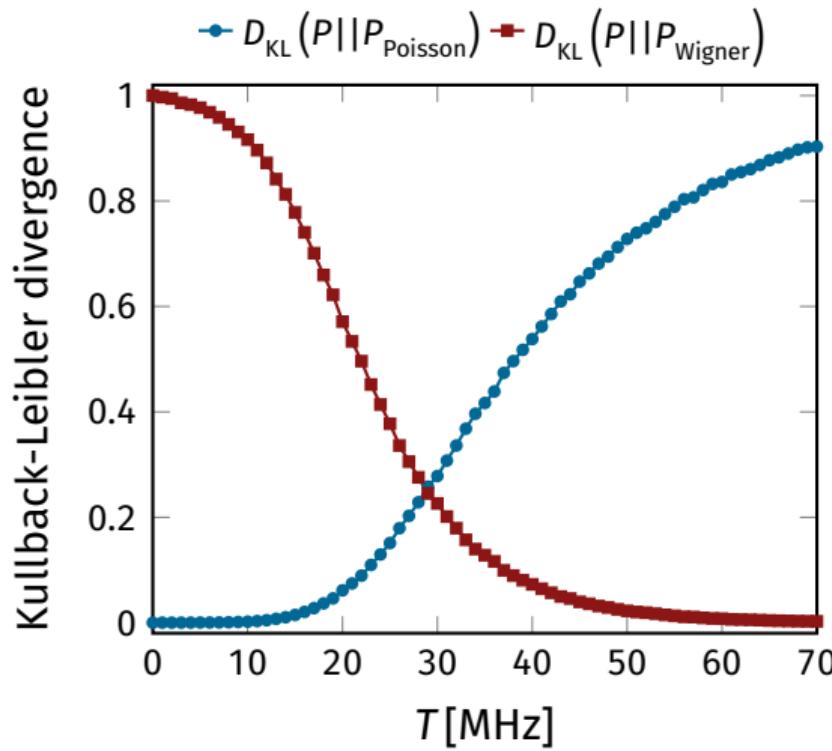
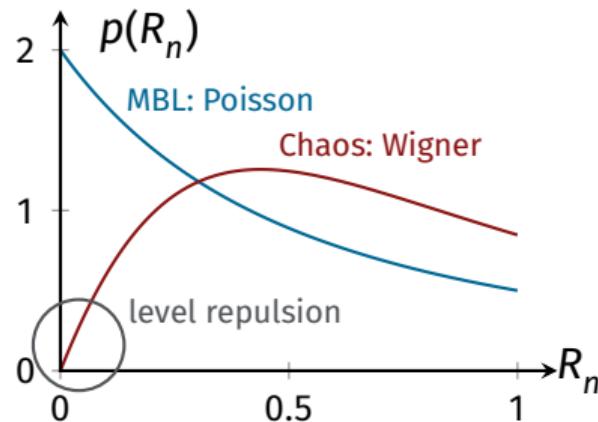


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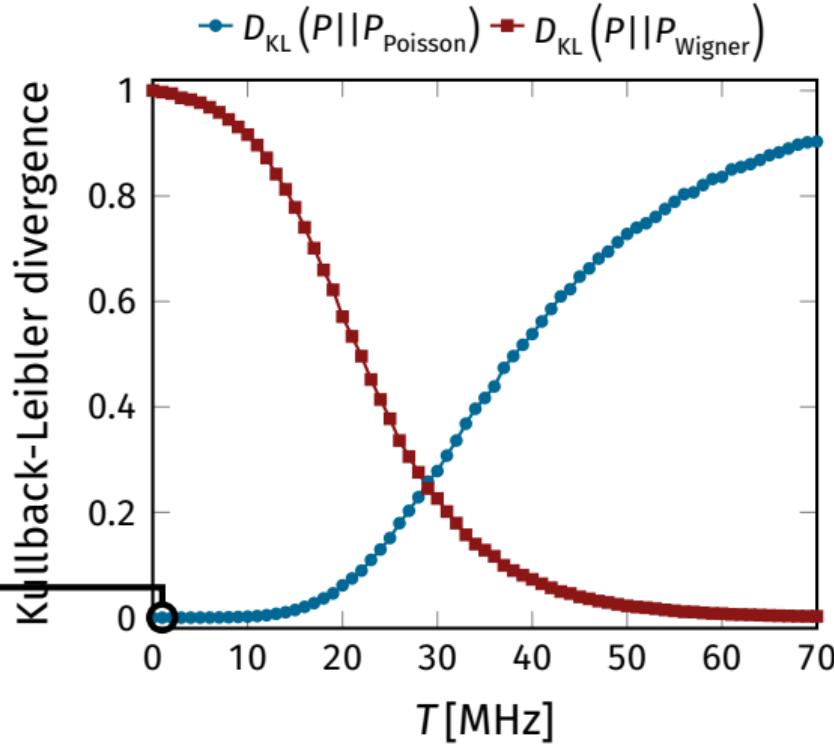
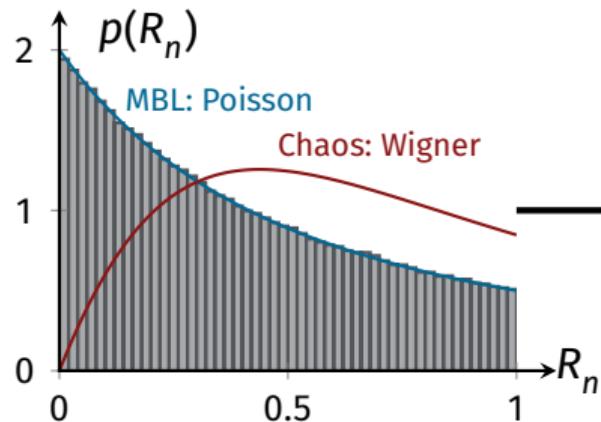


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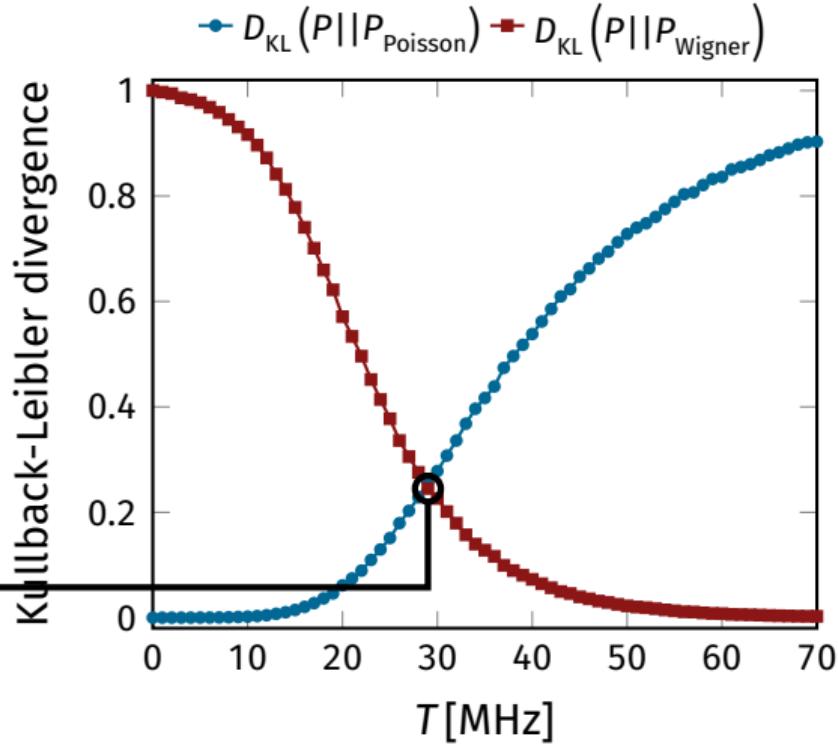
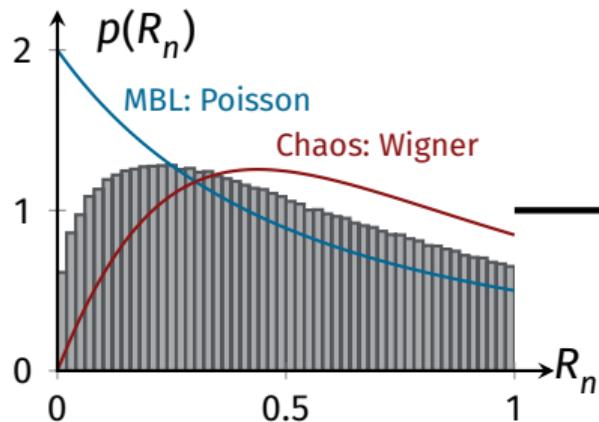


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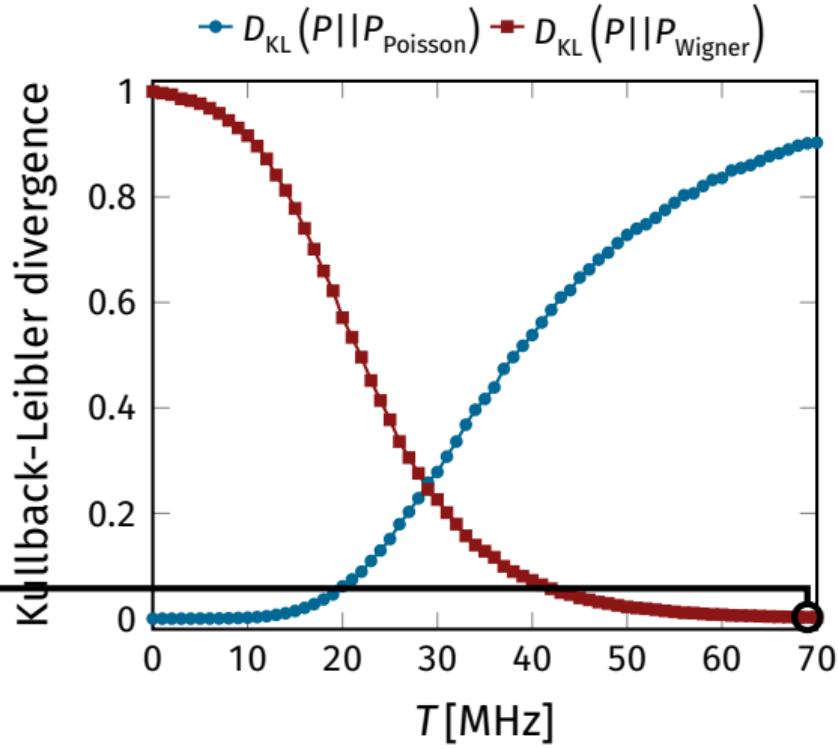
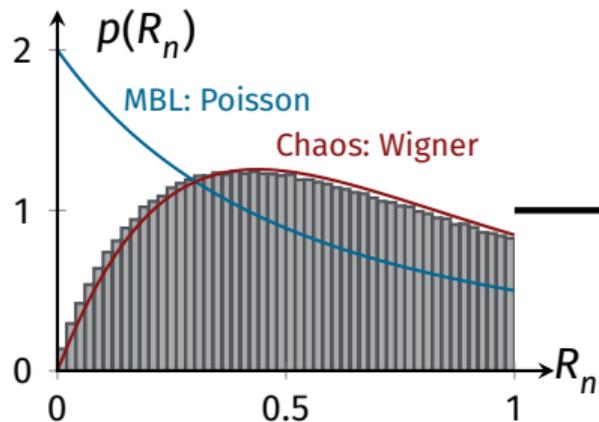


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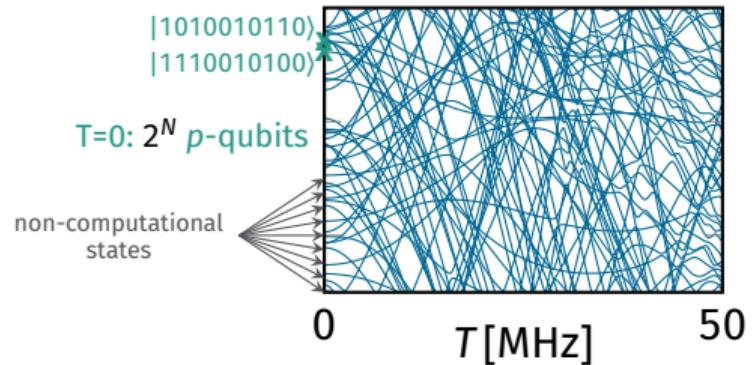
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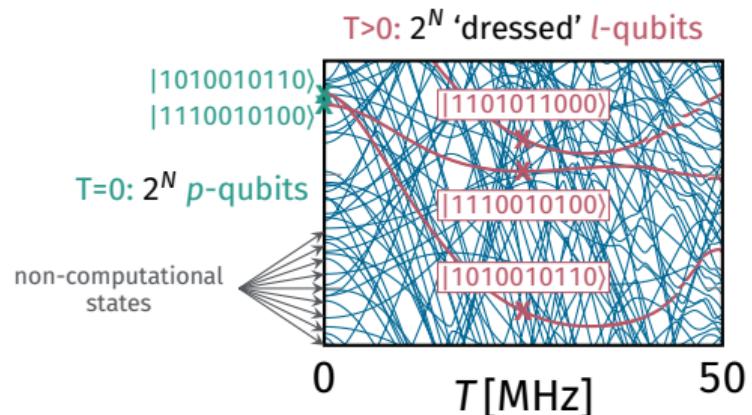
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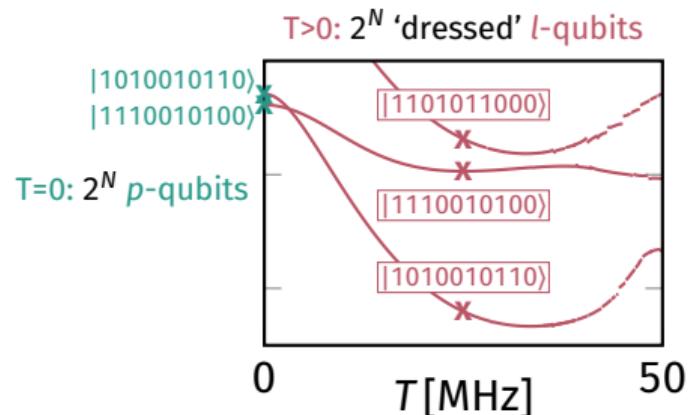
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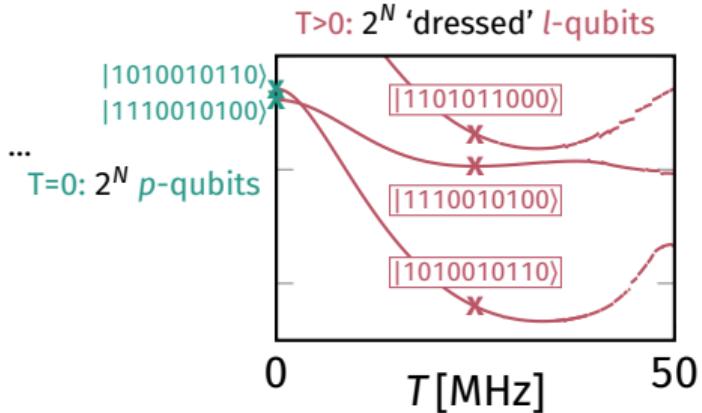
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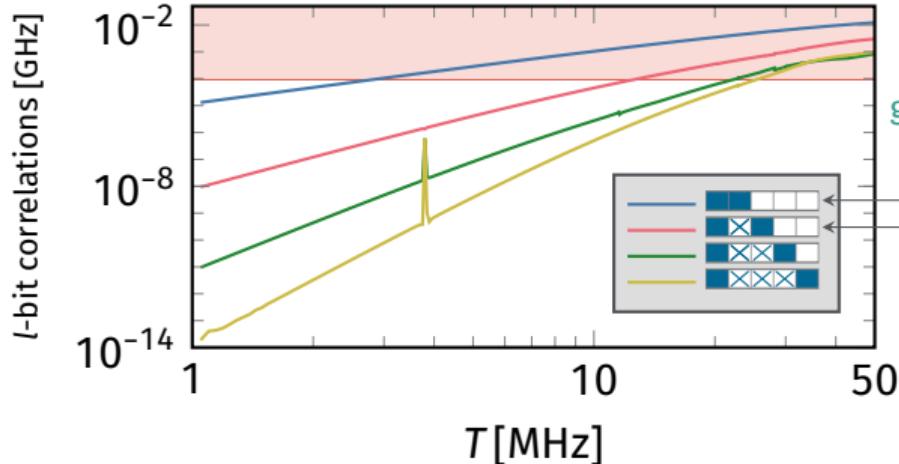
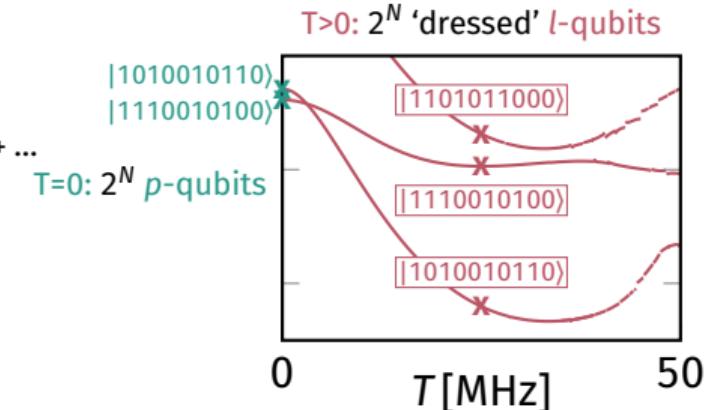
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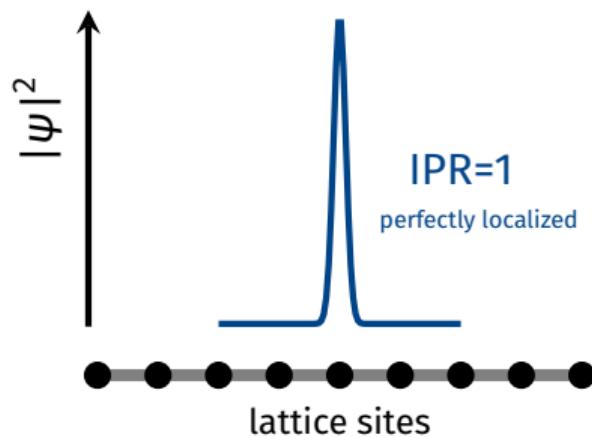
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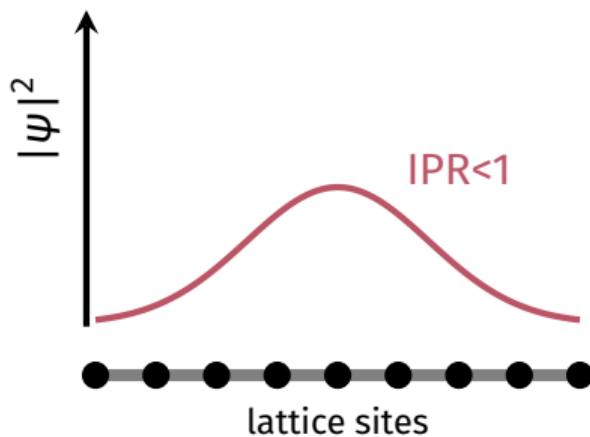
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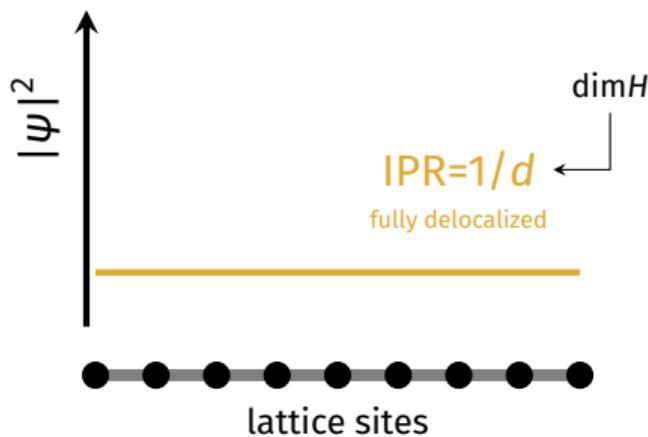
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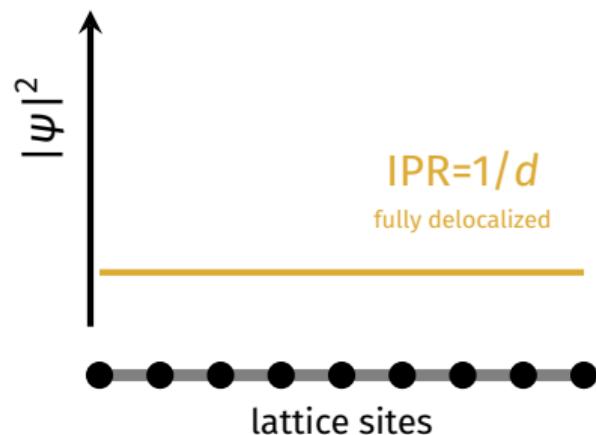
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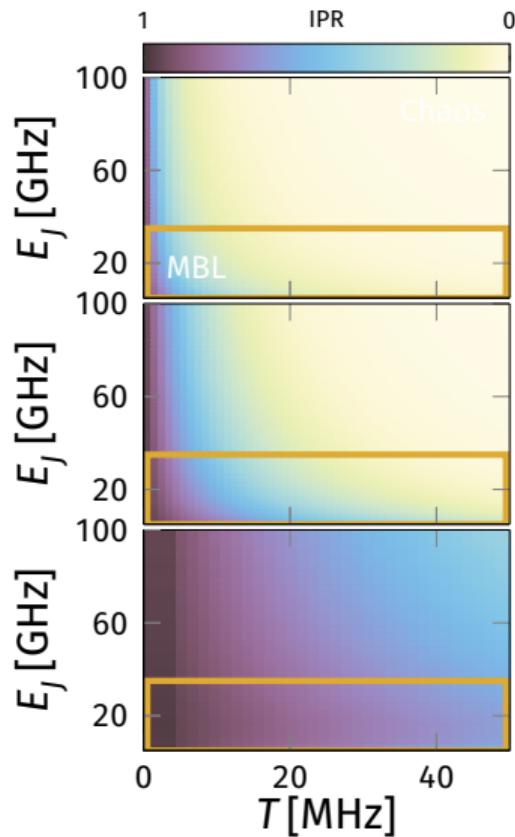
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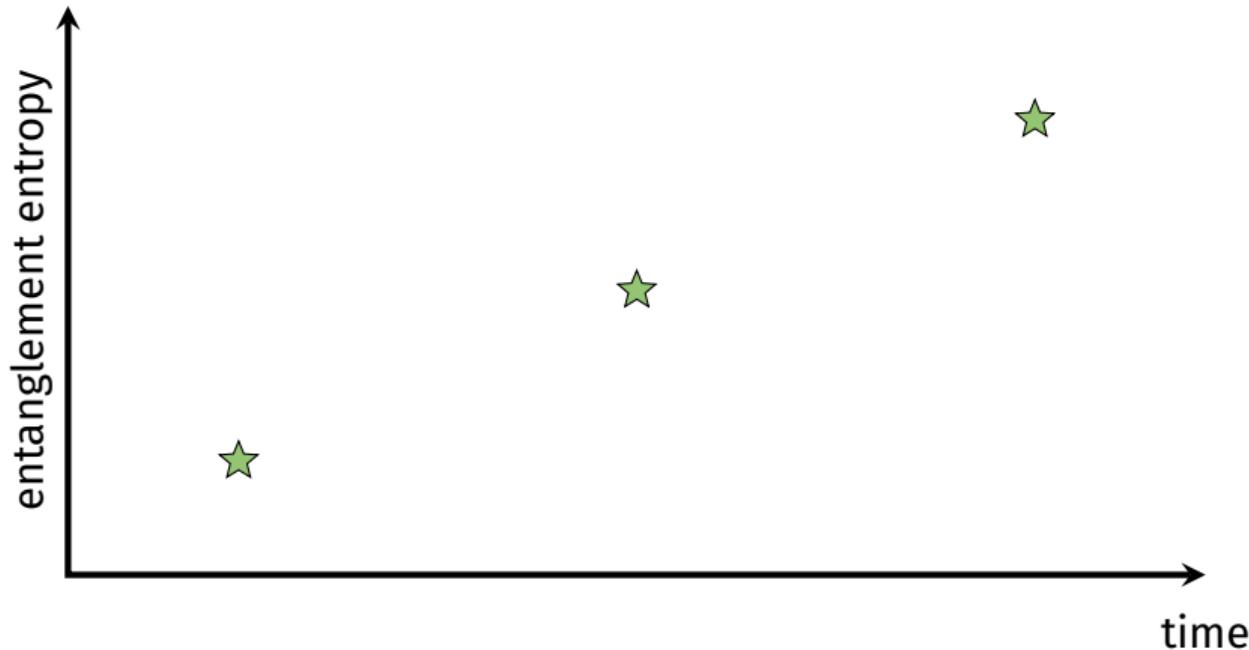
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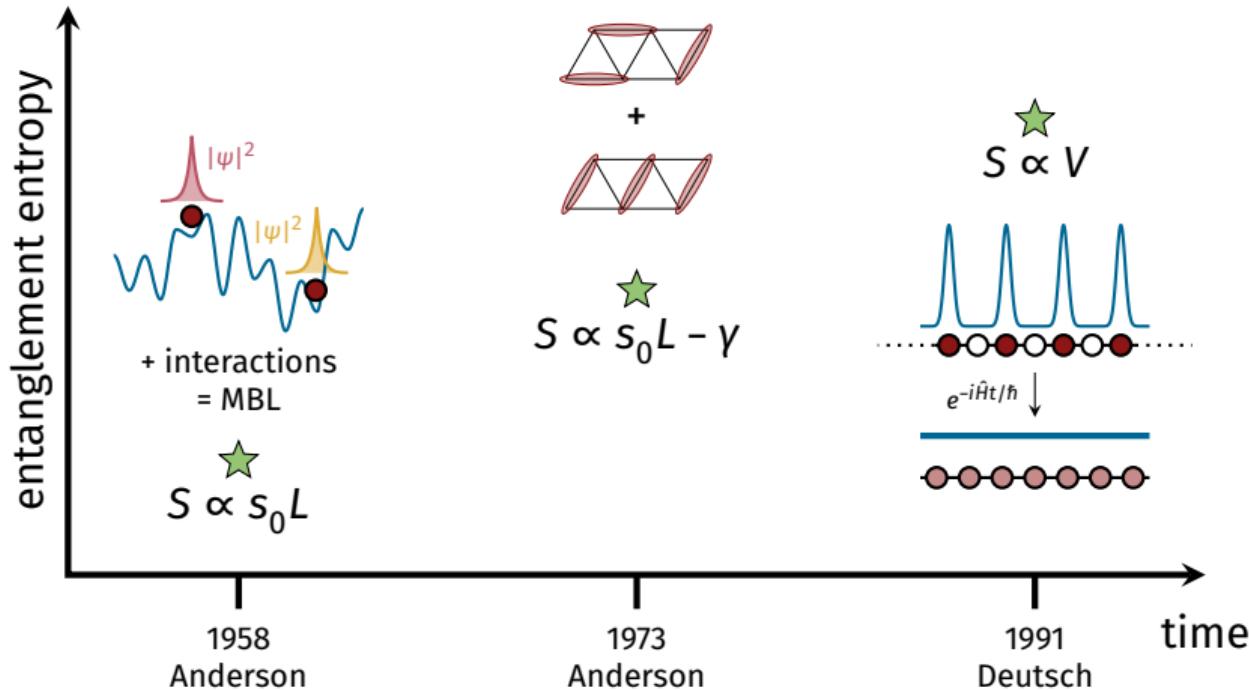
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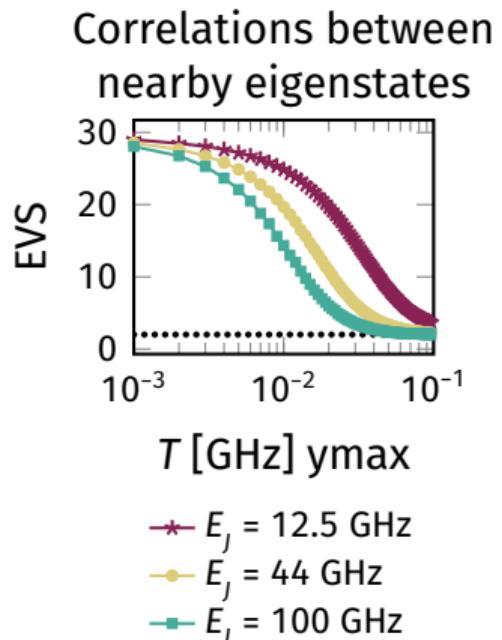
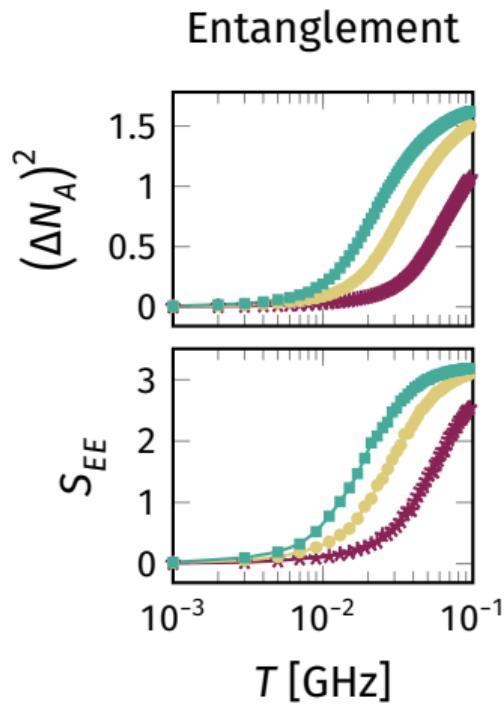
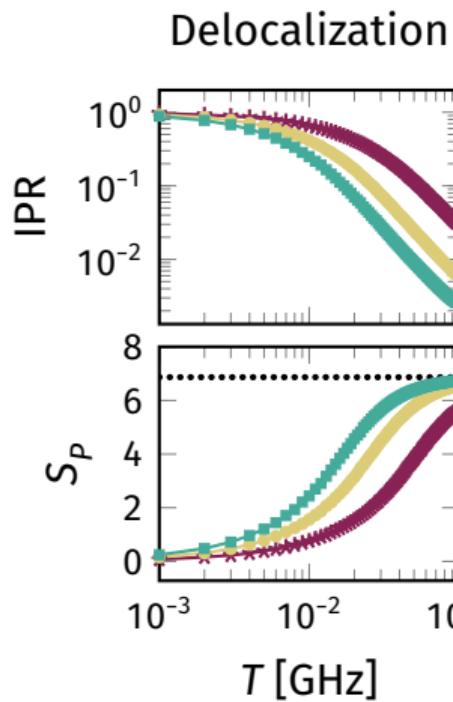
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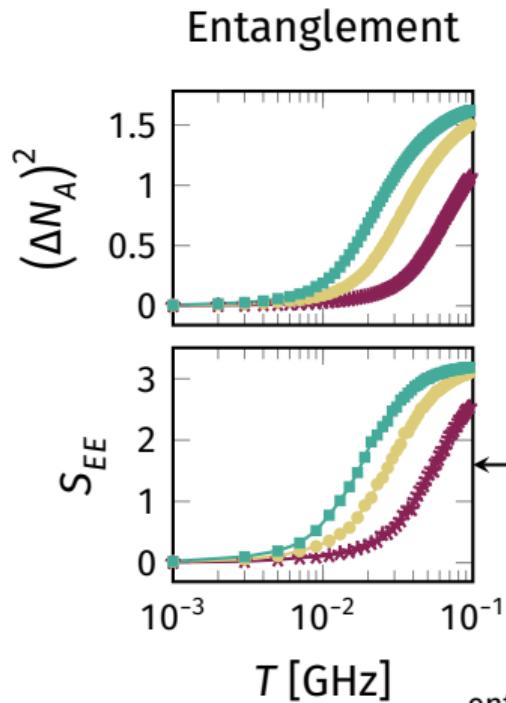
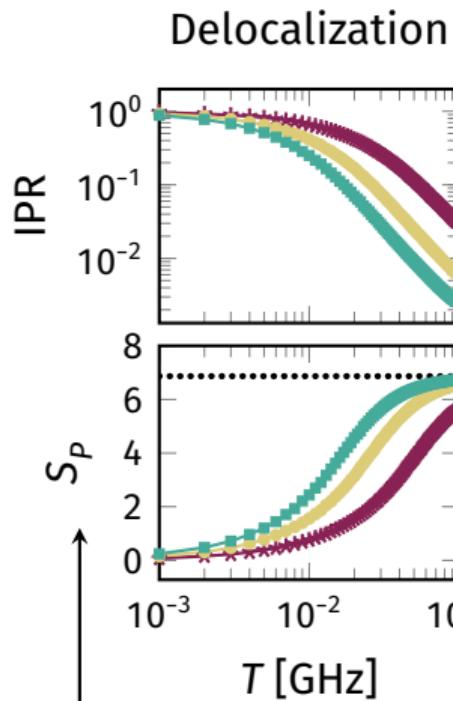
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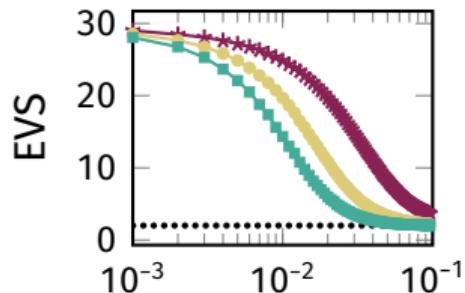
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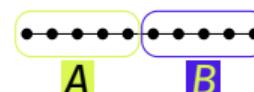
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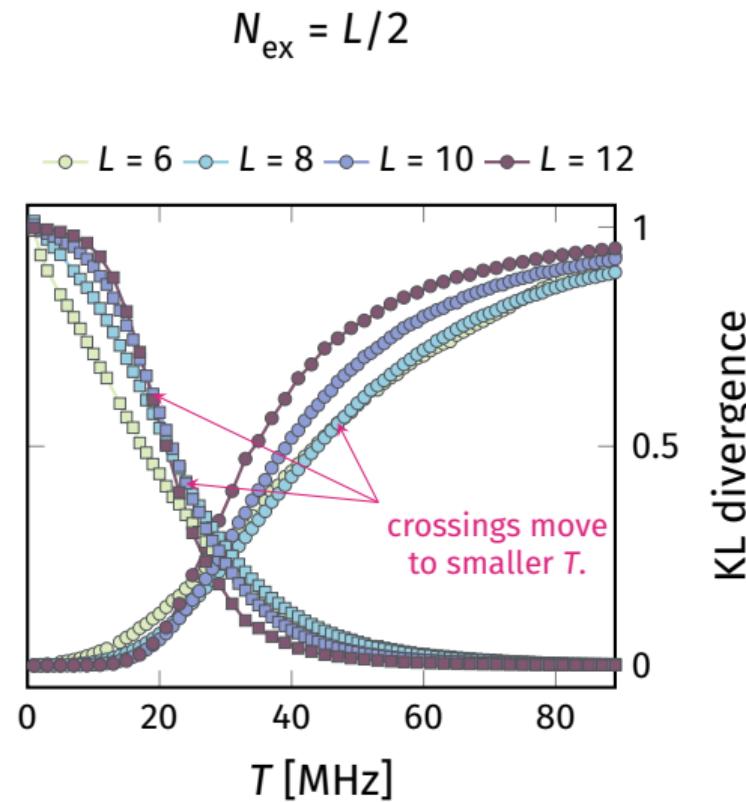
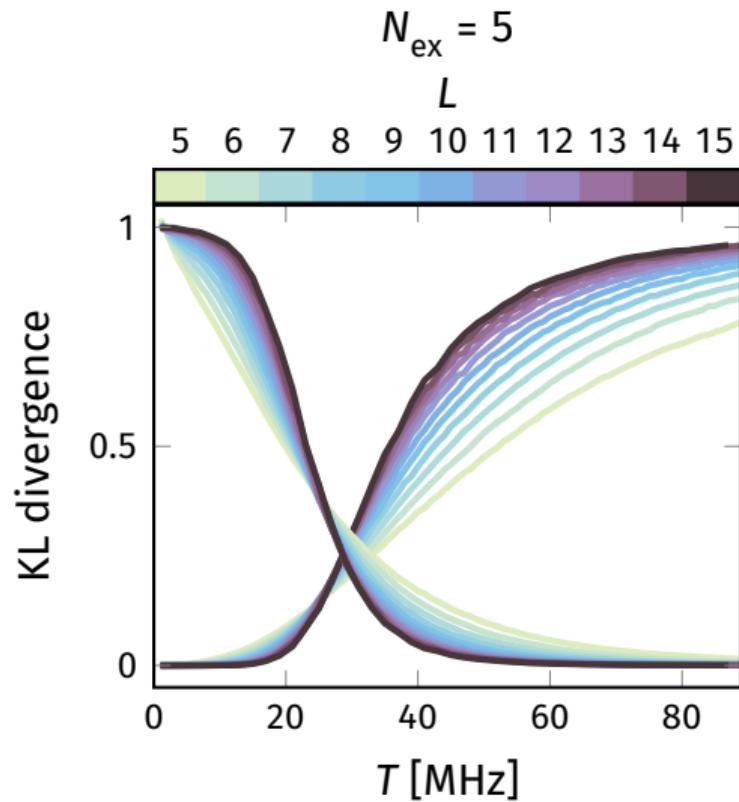
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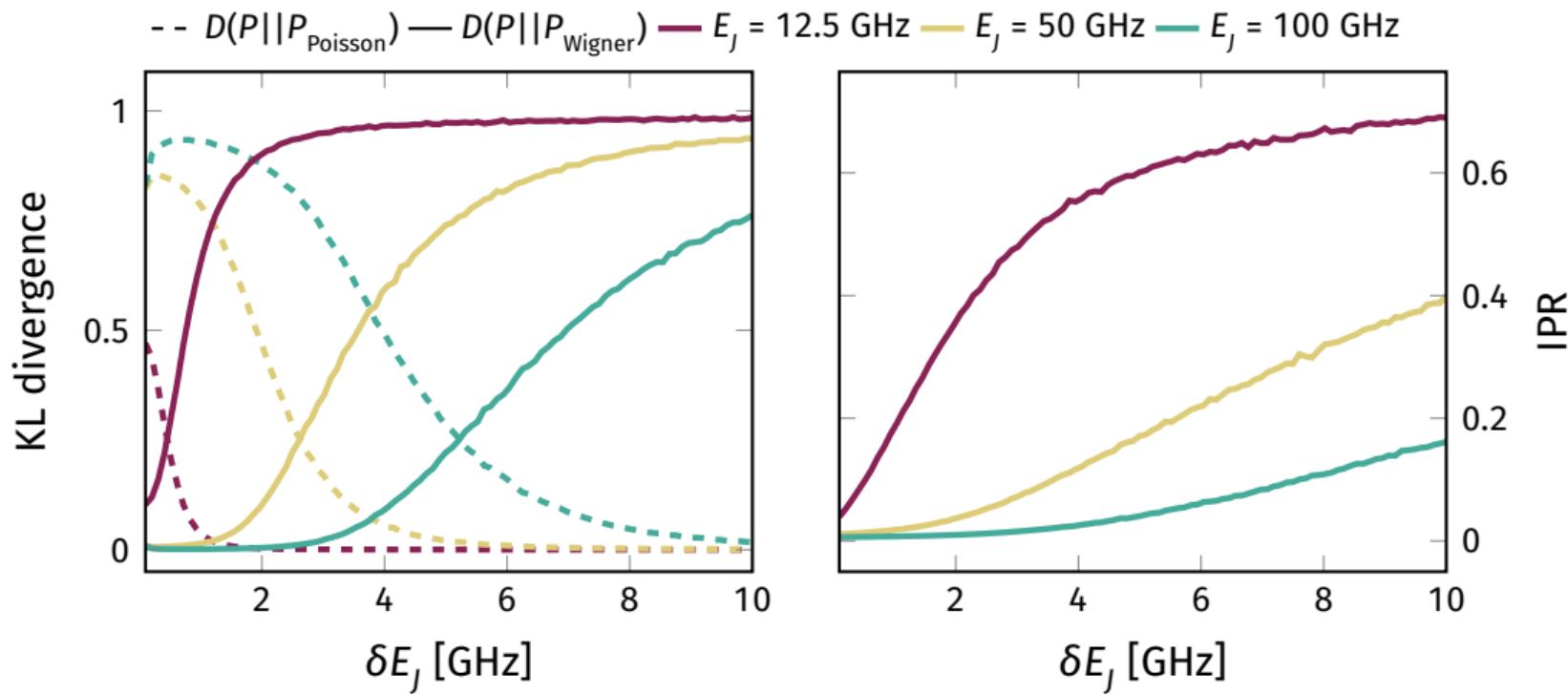
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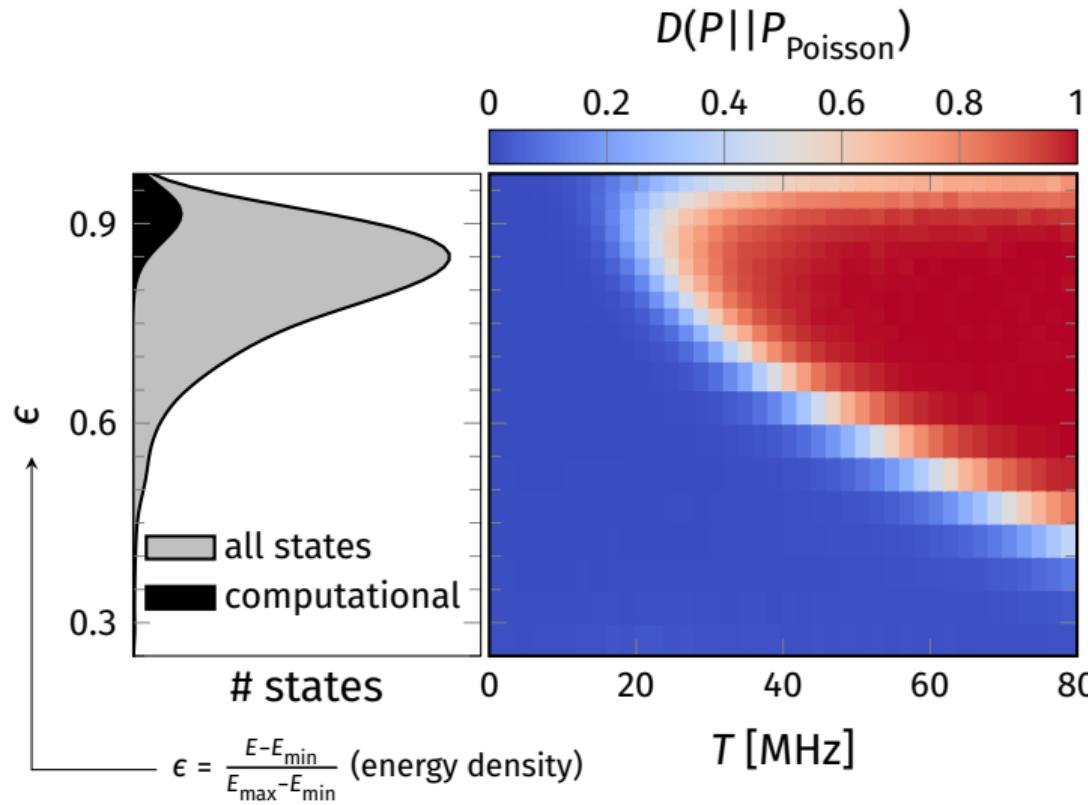
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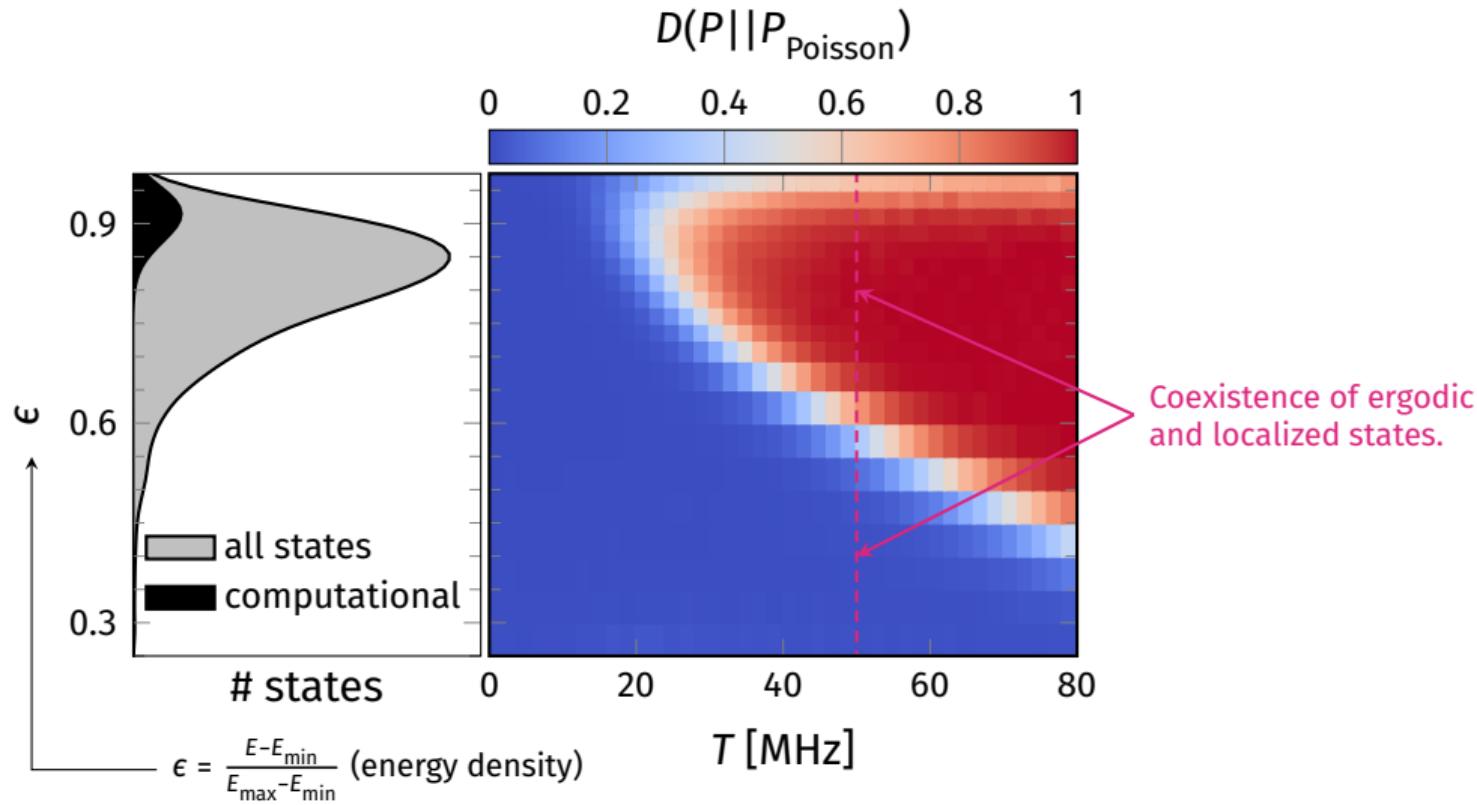
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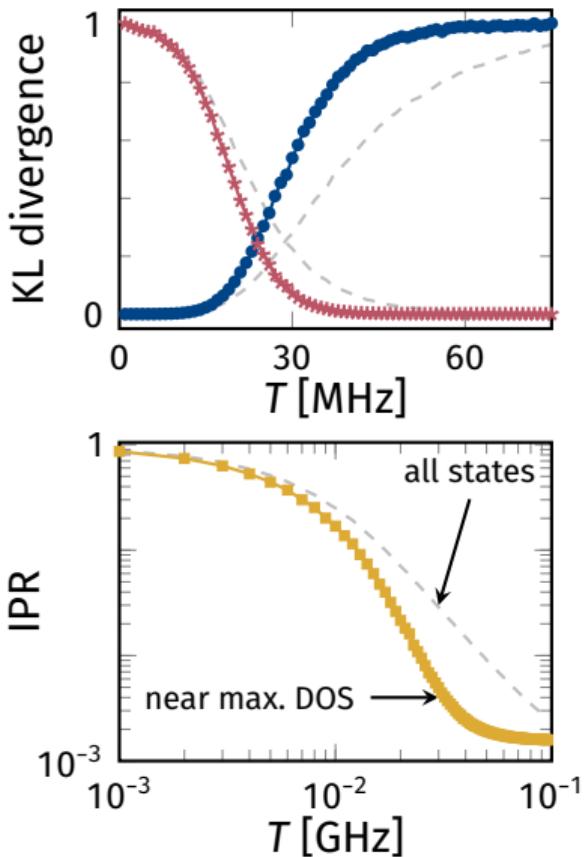
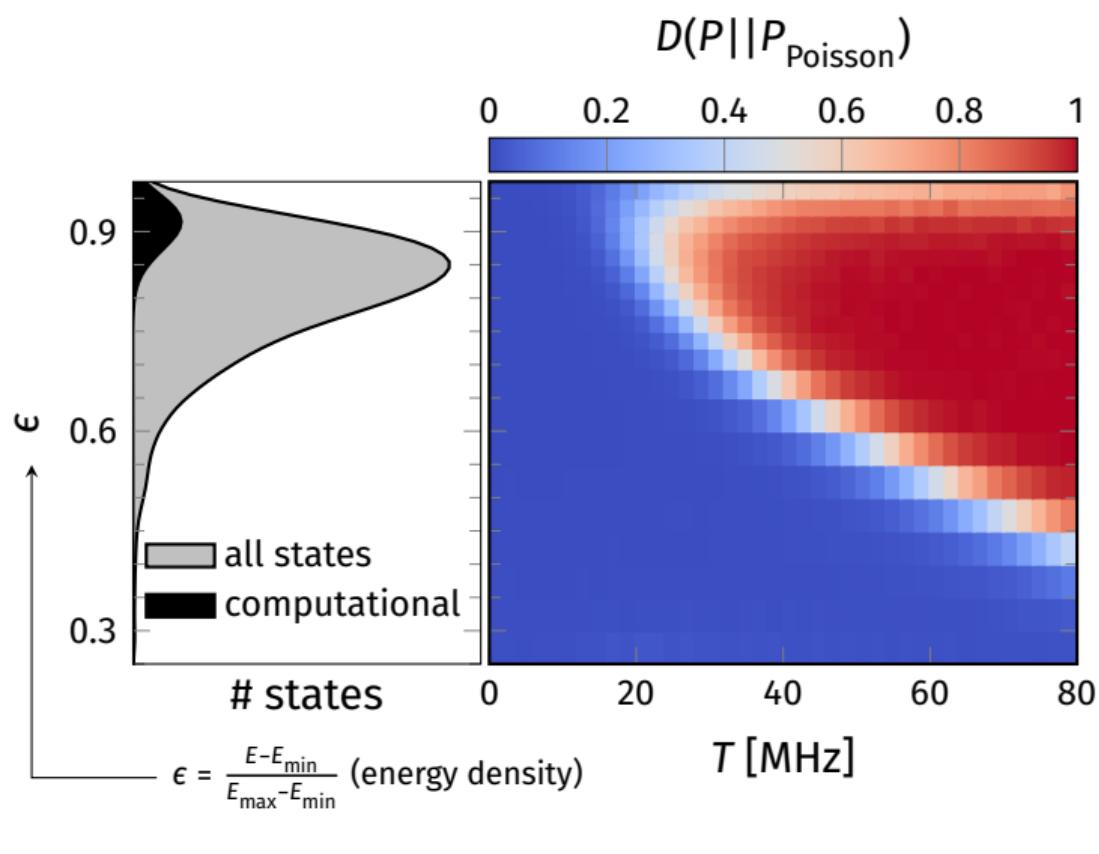
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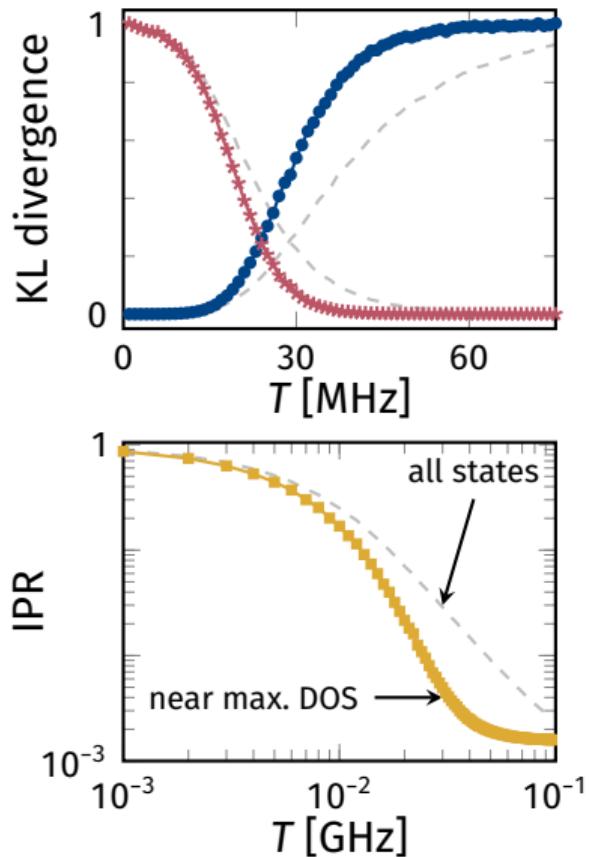
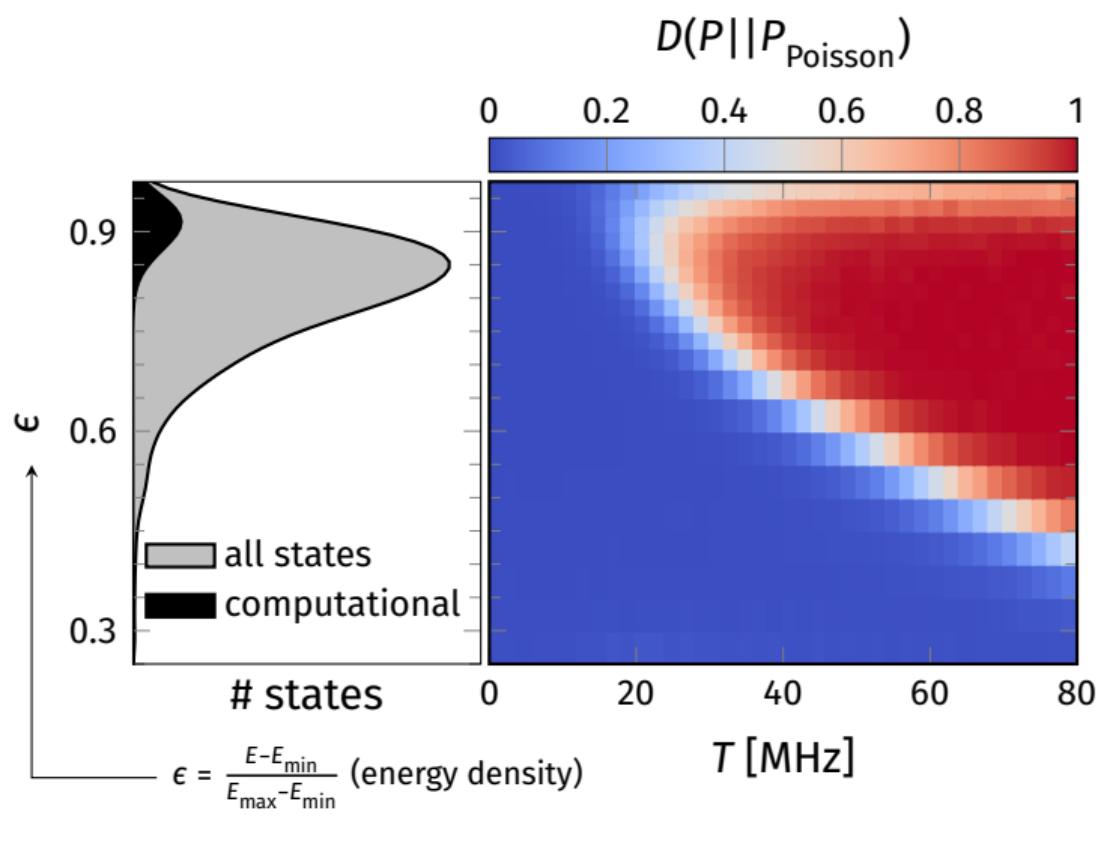
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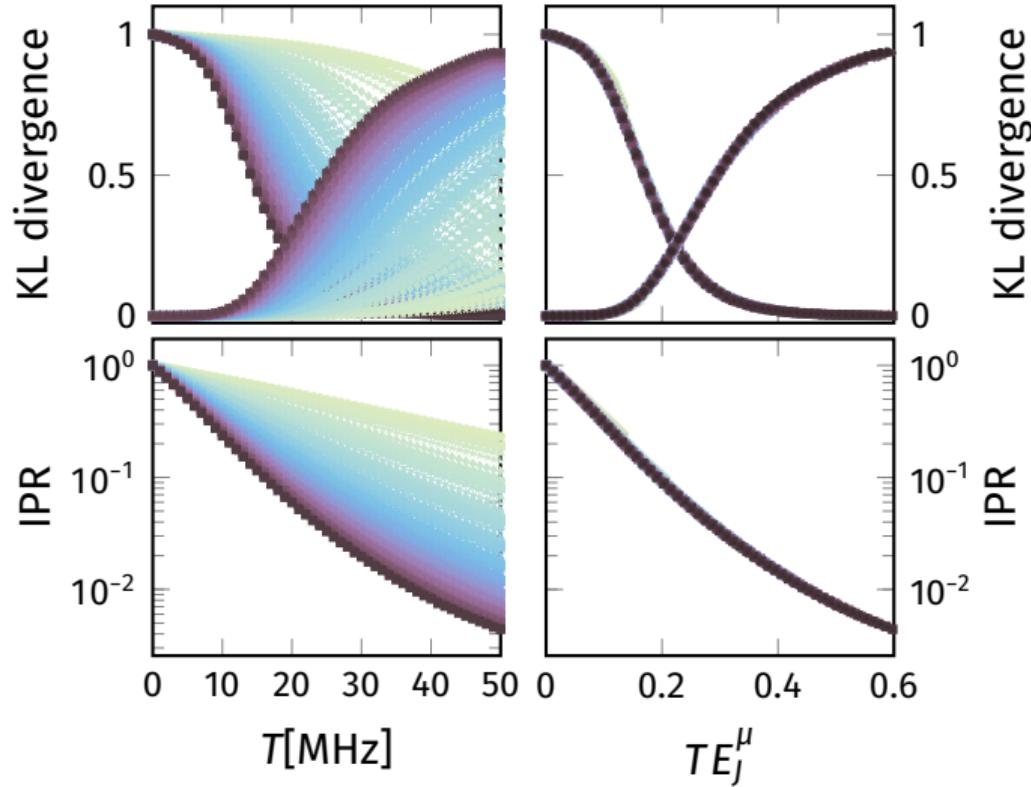


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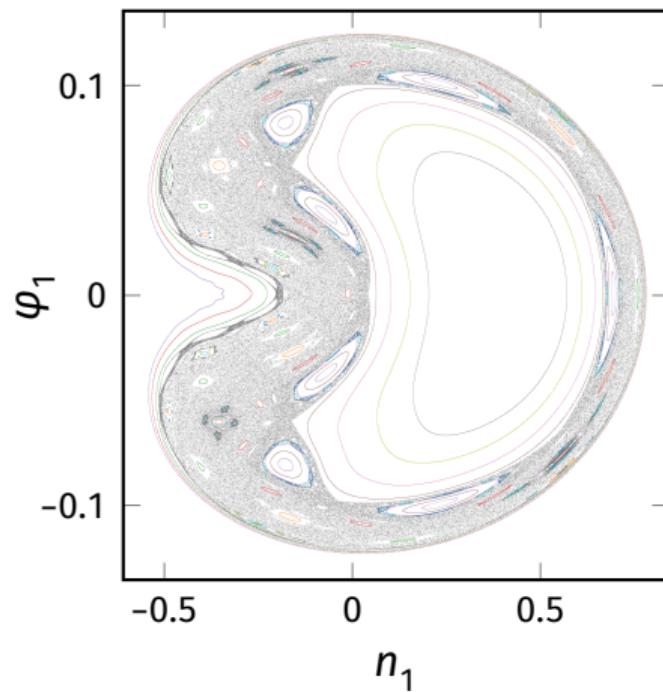
DATA COLLAPSE

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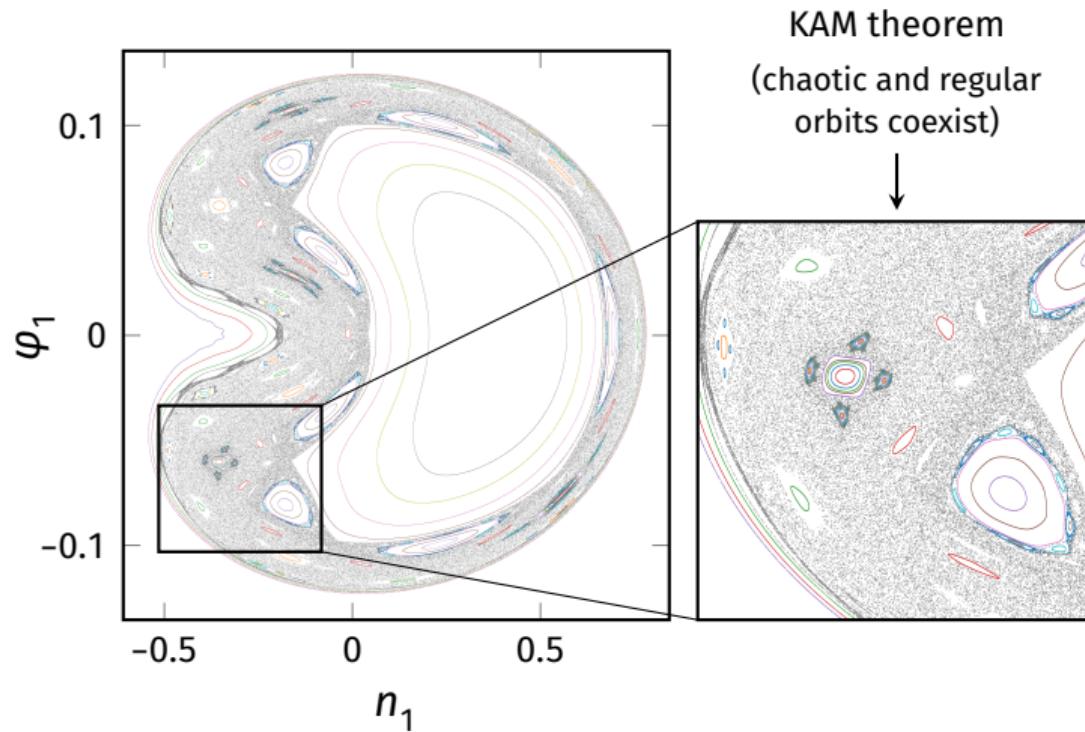
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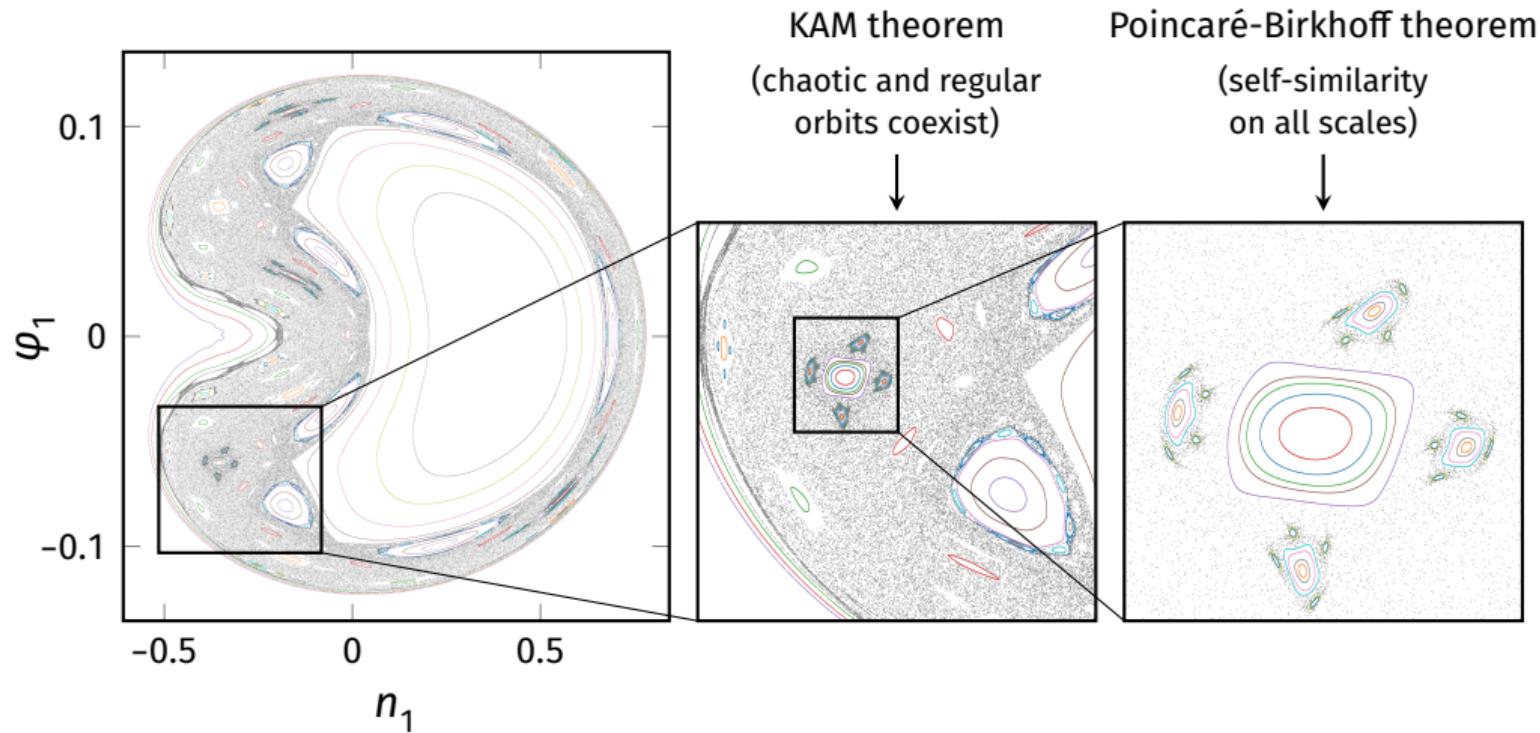
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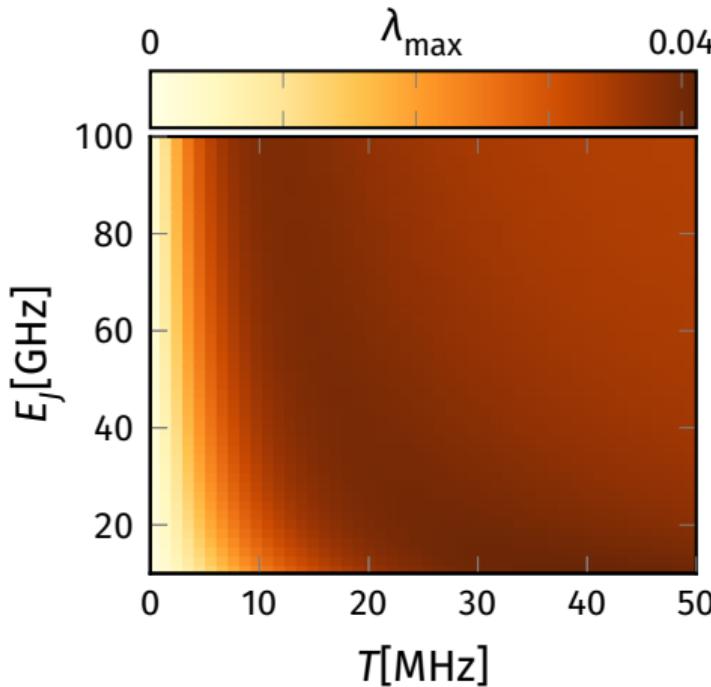
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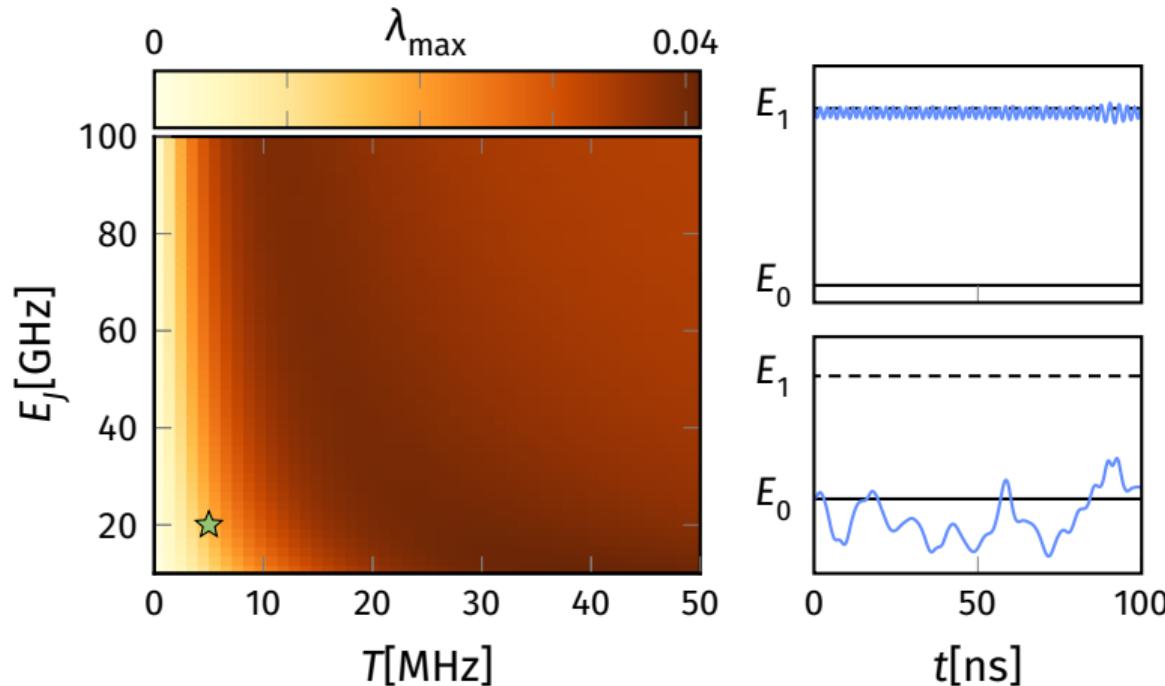
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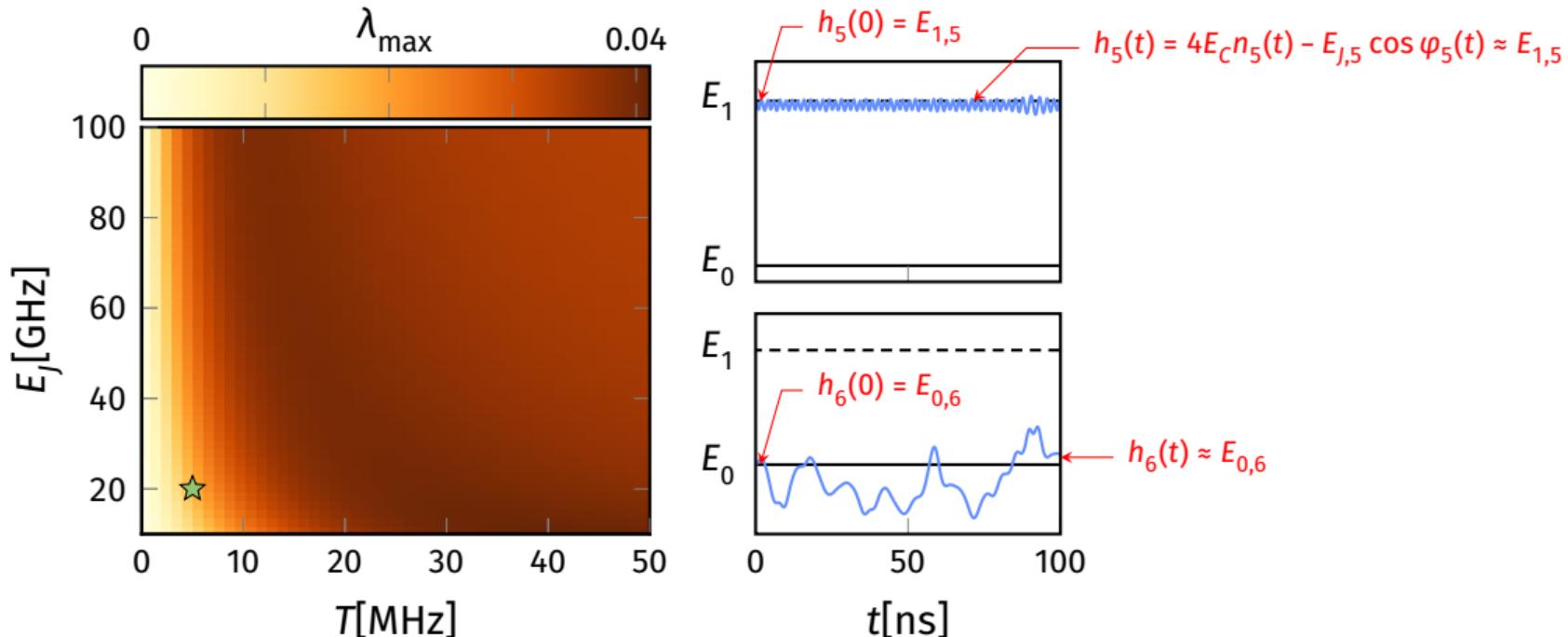
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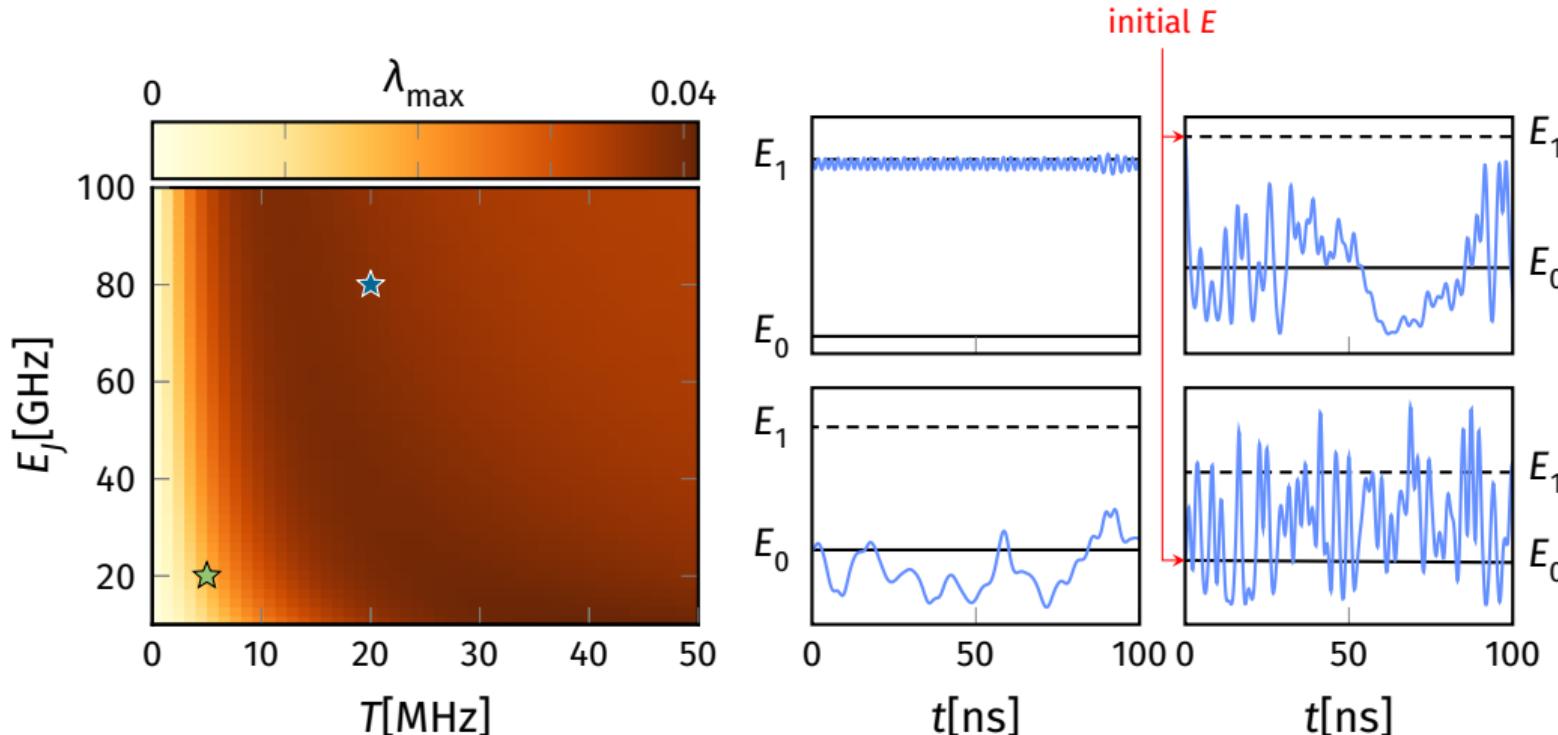
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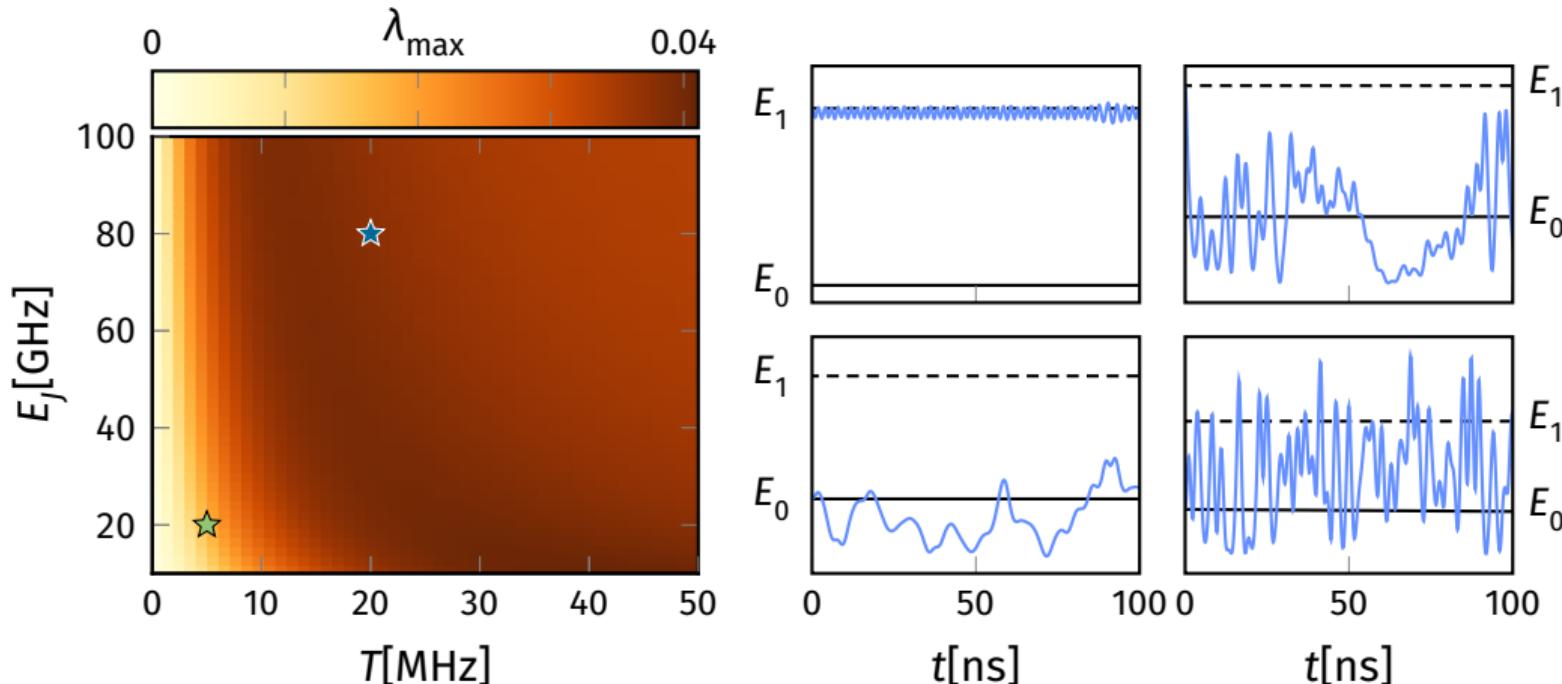
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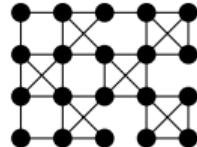
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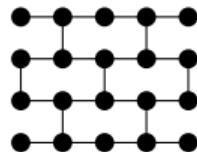


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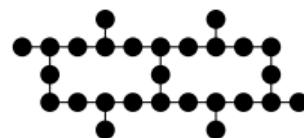
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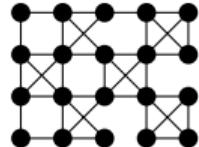
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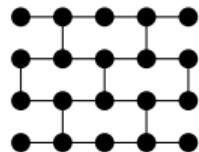


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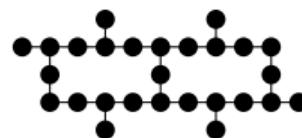
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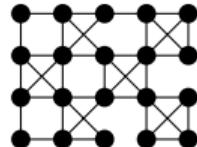
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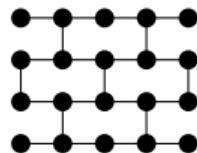


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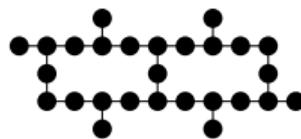
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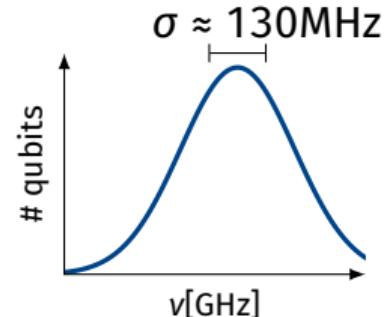
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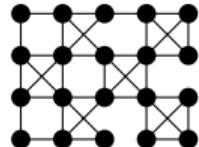
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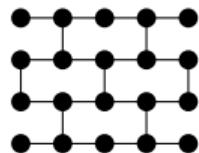


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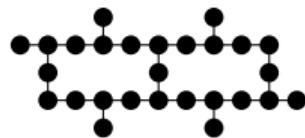
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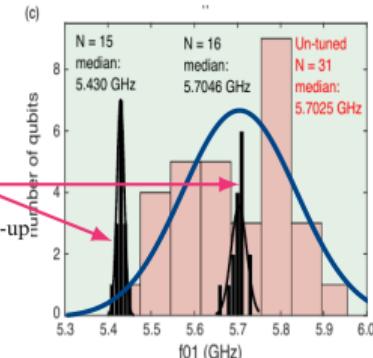
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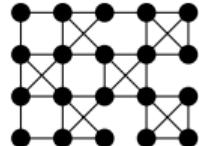
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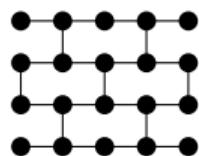


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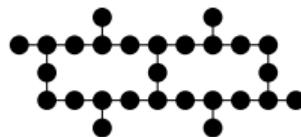


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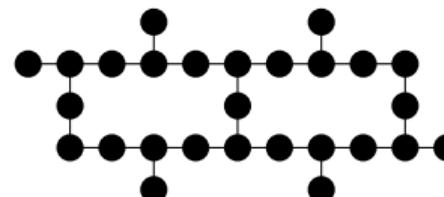
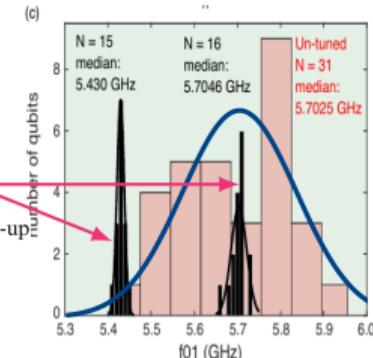
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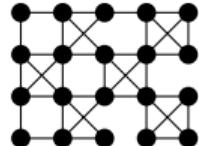
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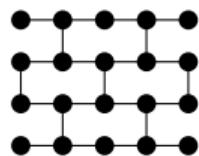


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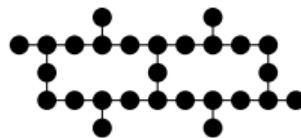


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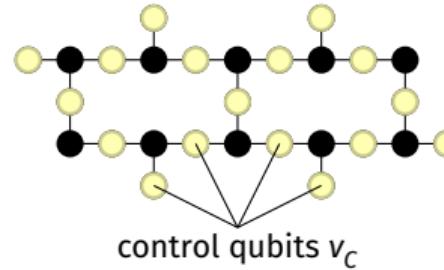
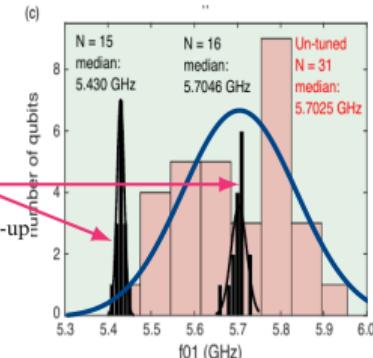
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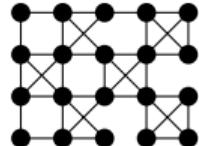
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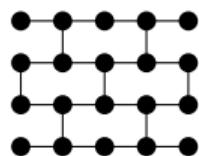


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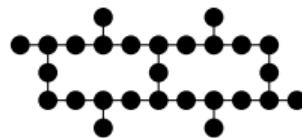


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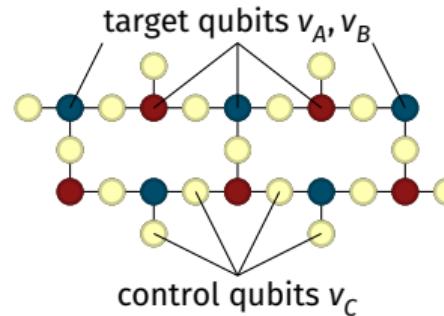
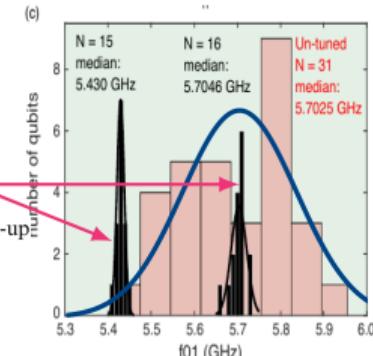
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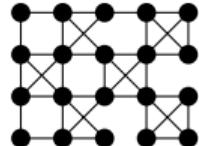
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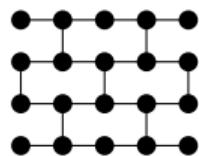


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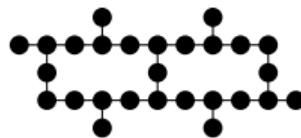


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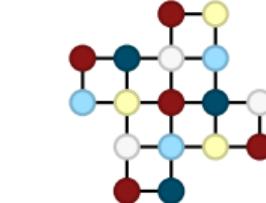
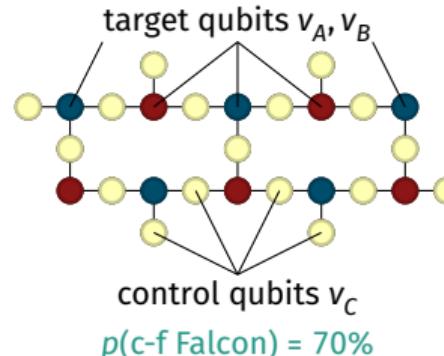
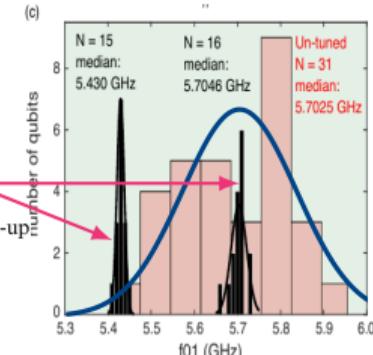
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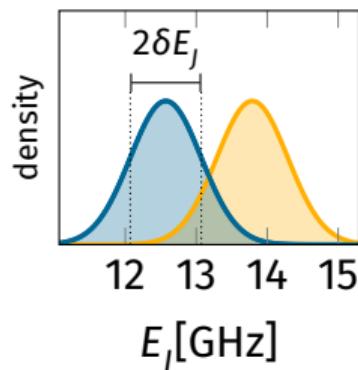
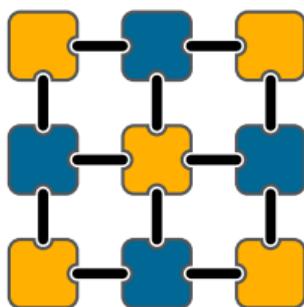
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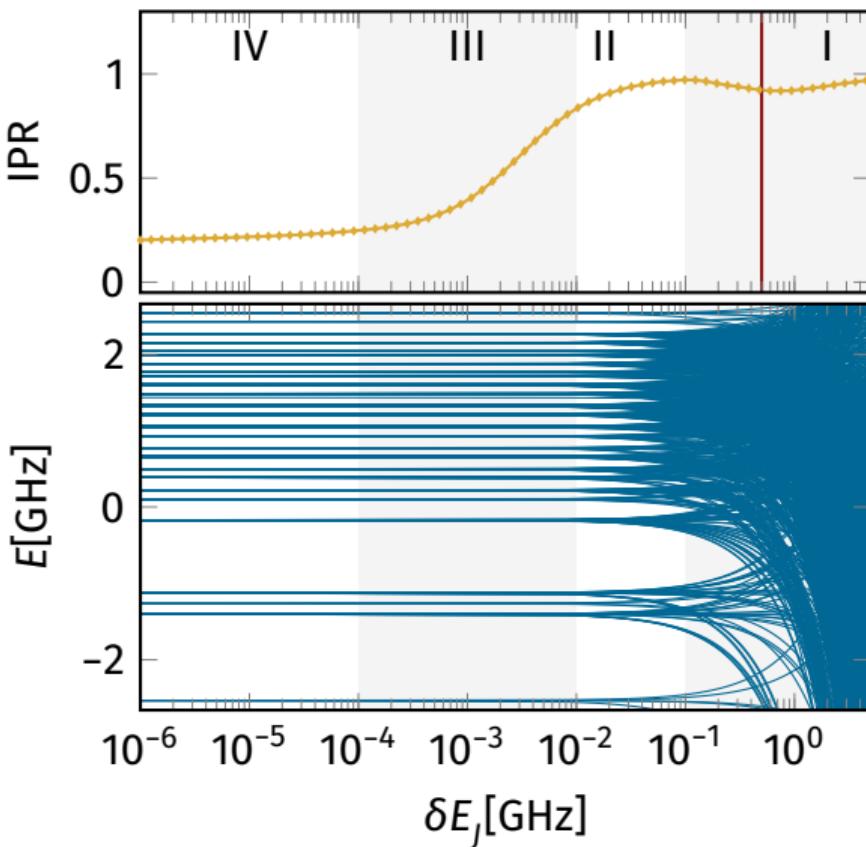
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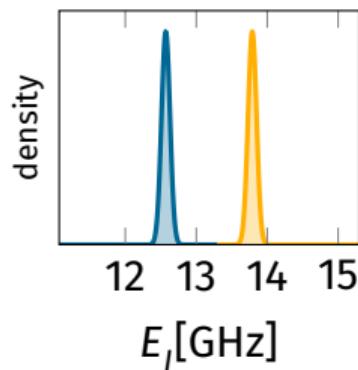
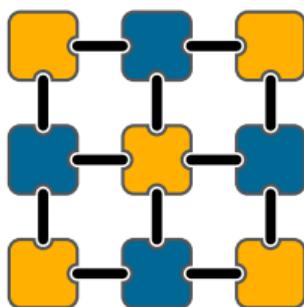
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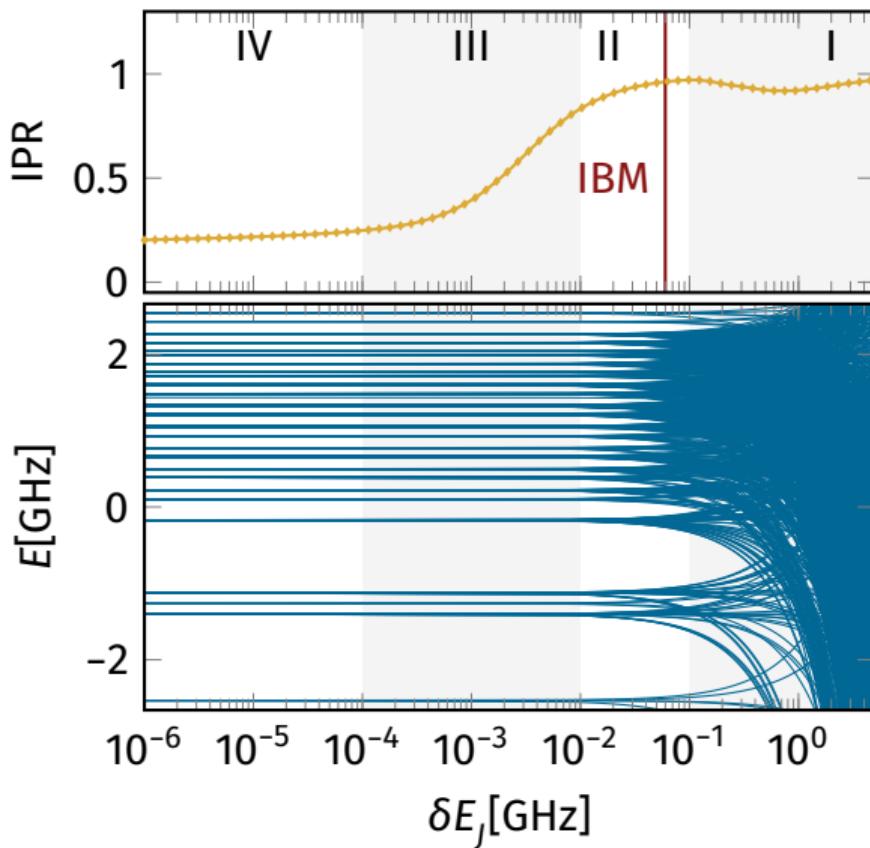
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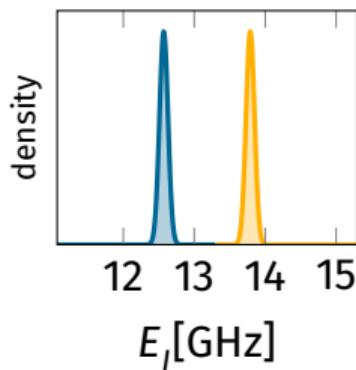
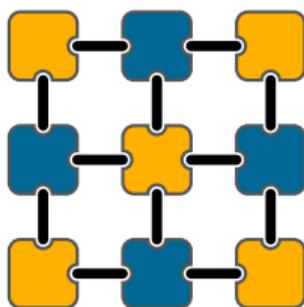
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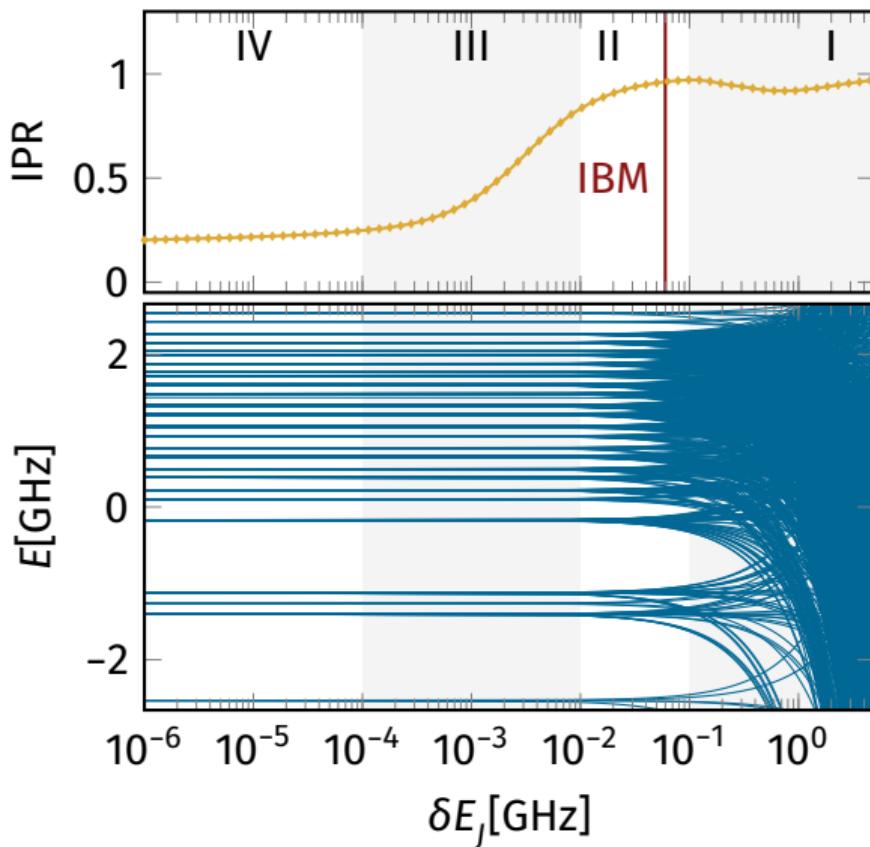
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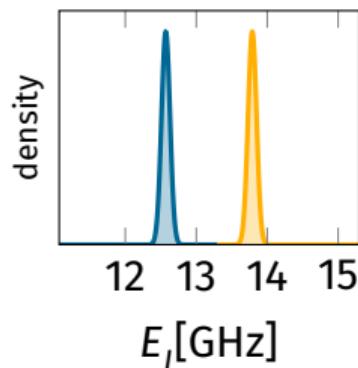
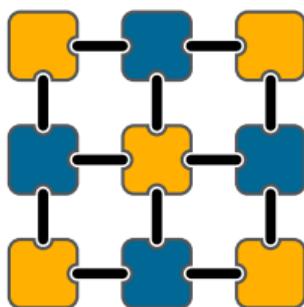
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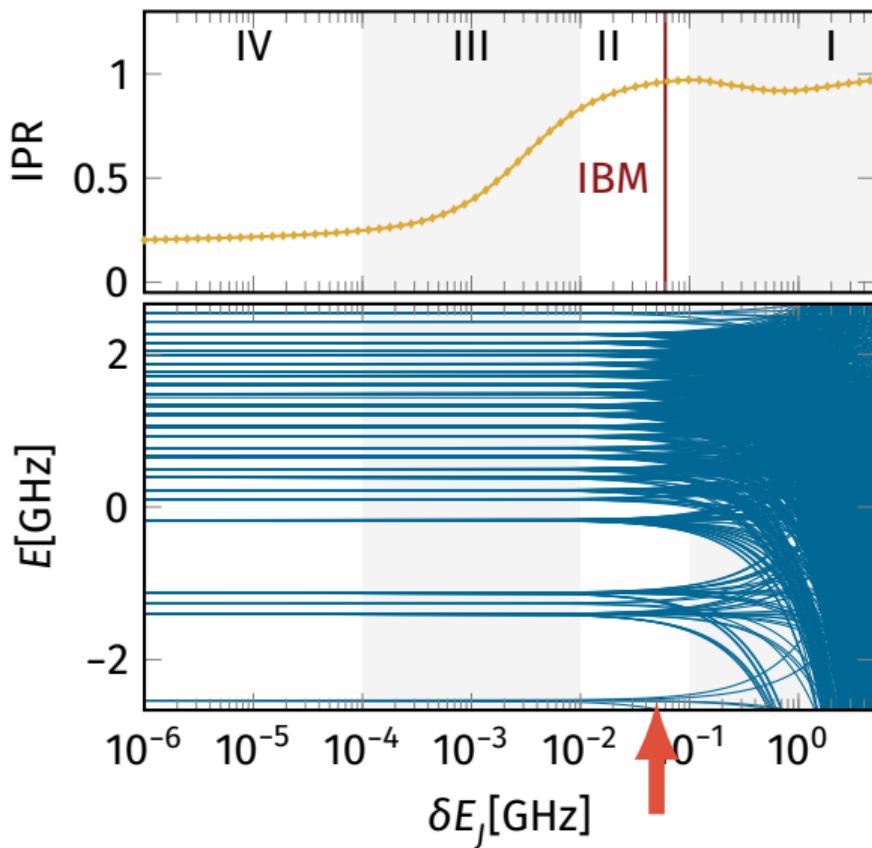
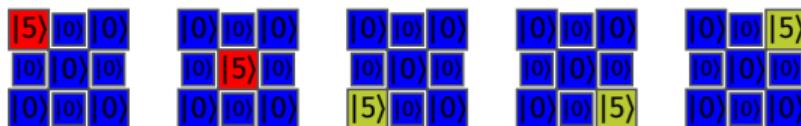
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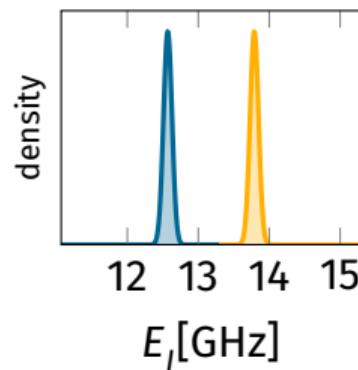
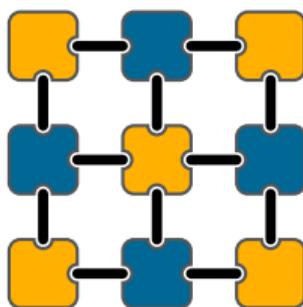
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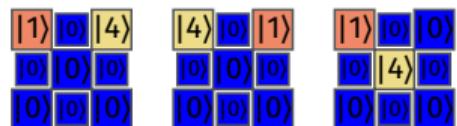
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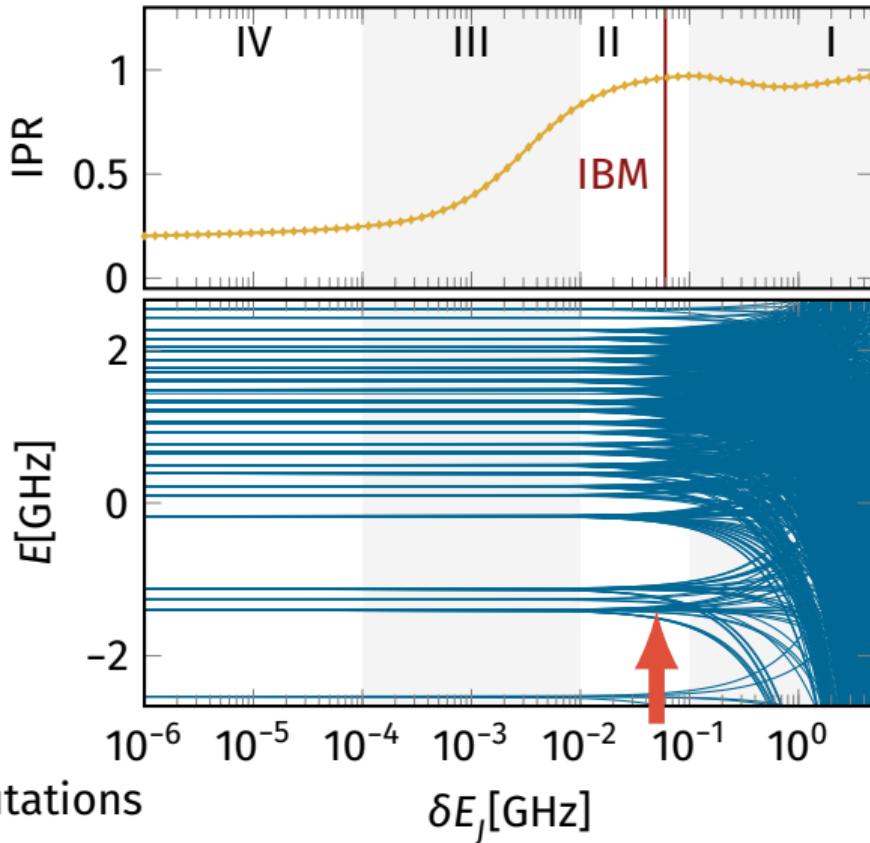
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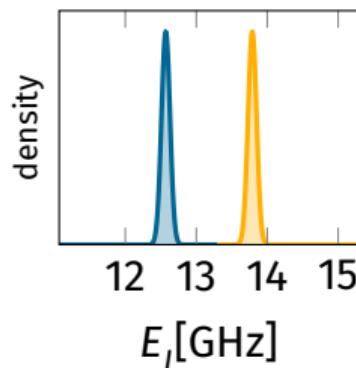
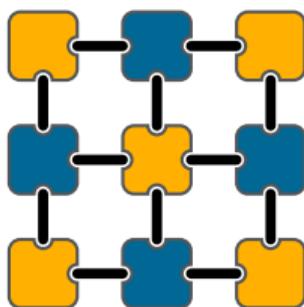
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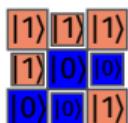
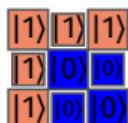
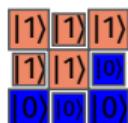
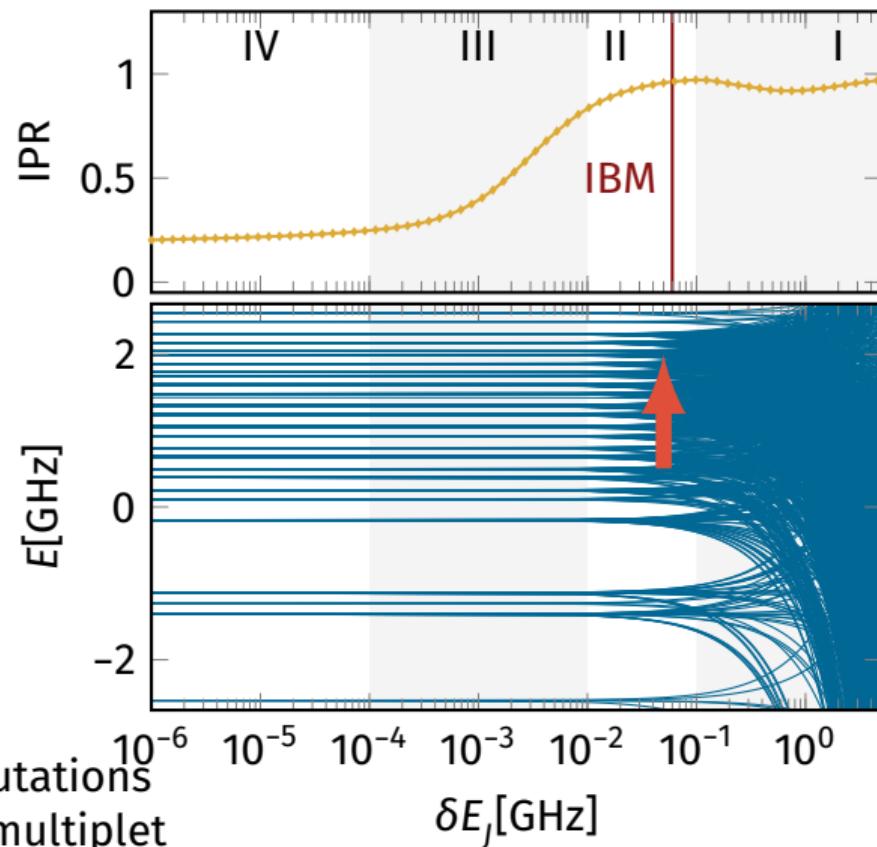
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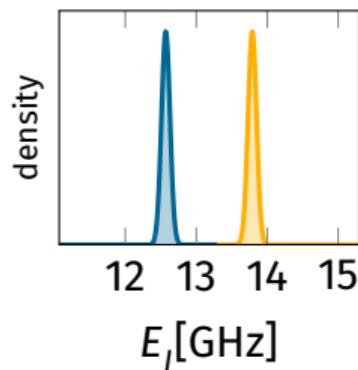
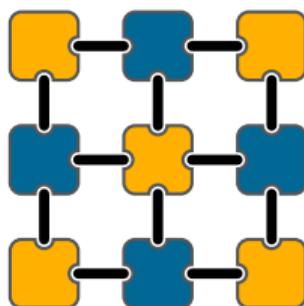


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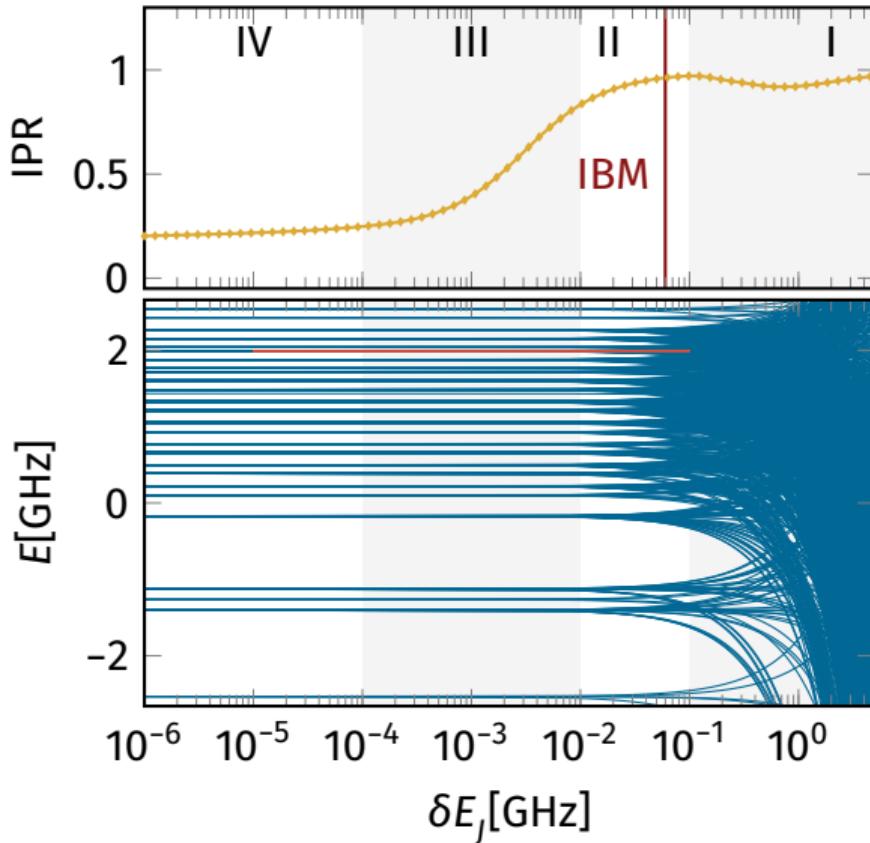


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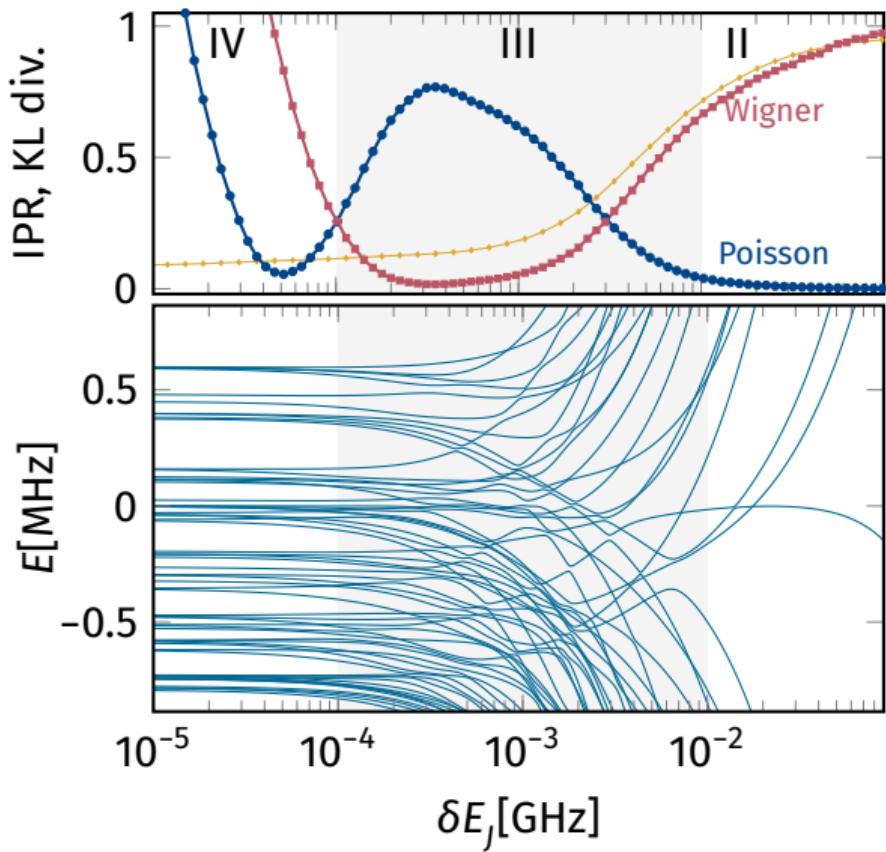


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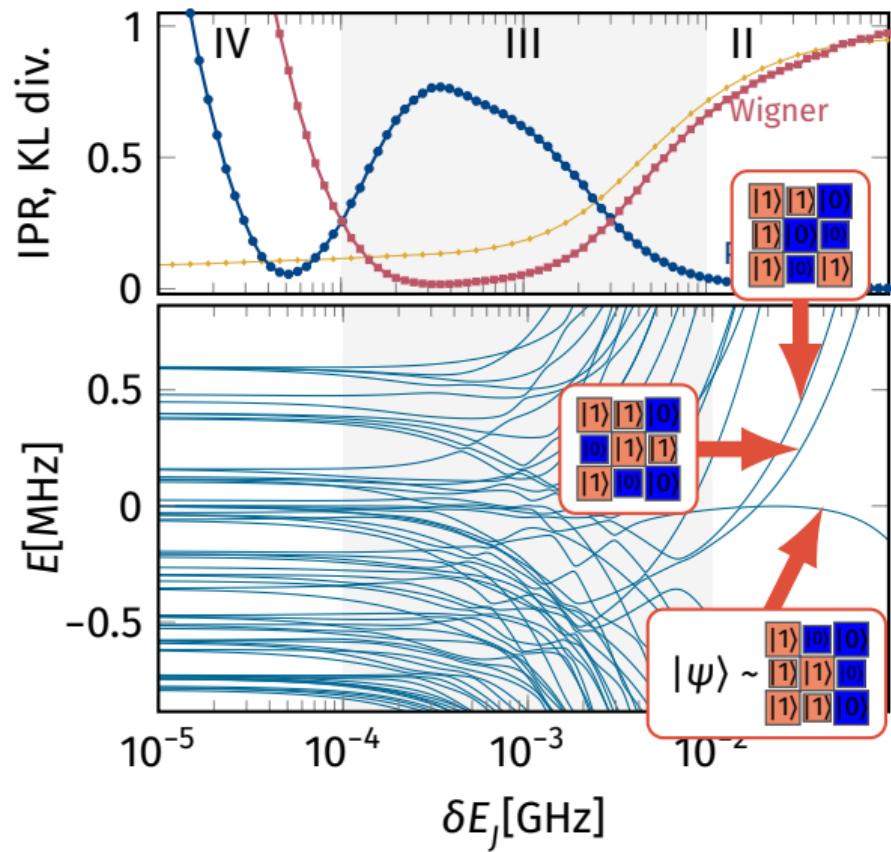
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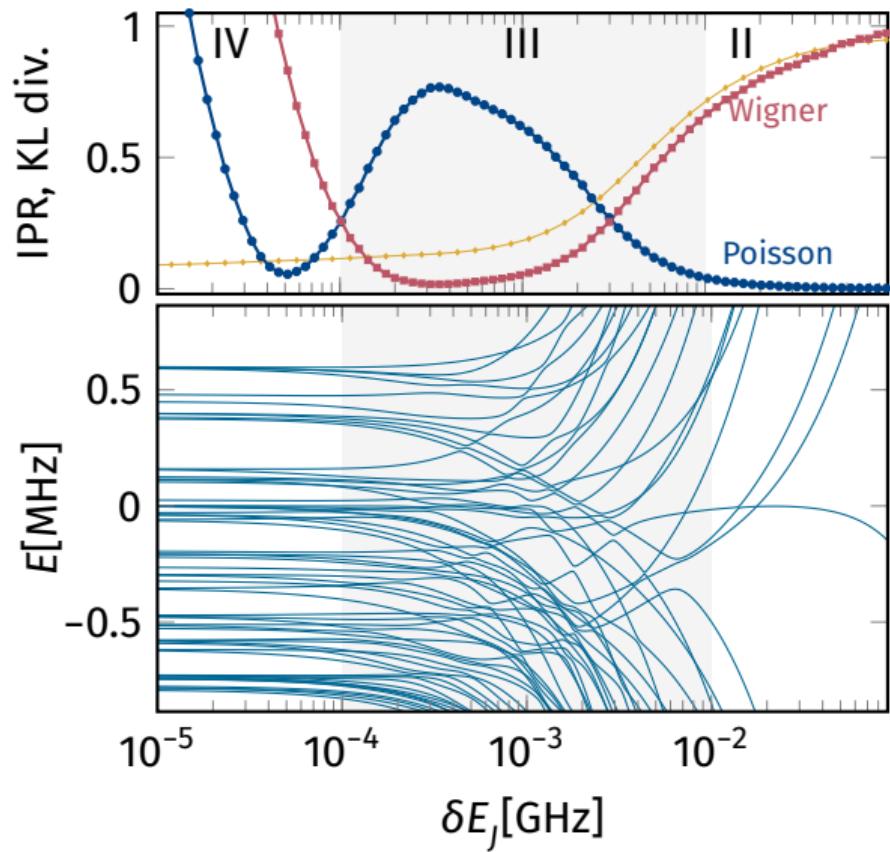
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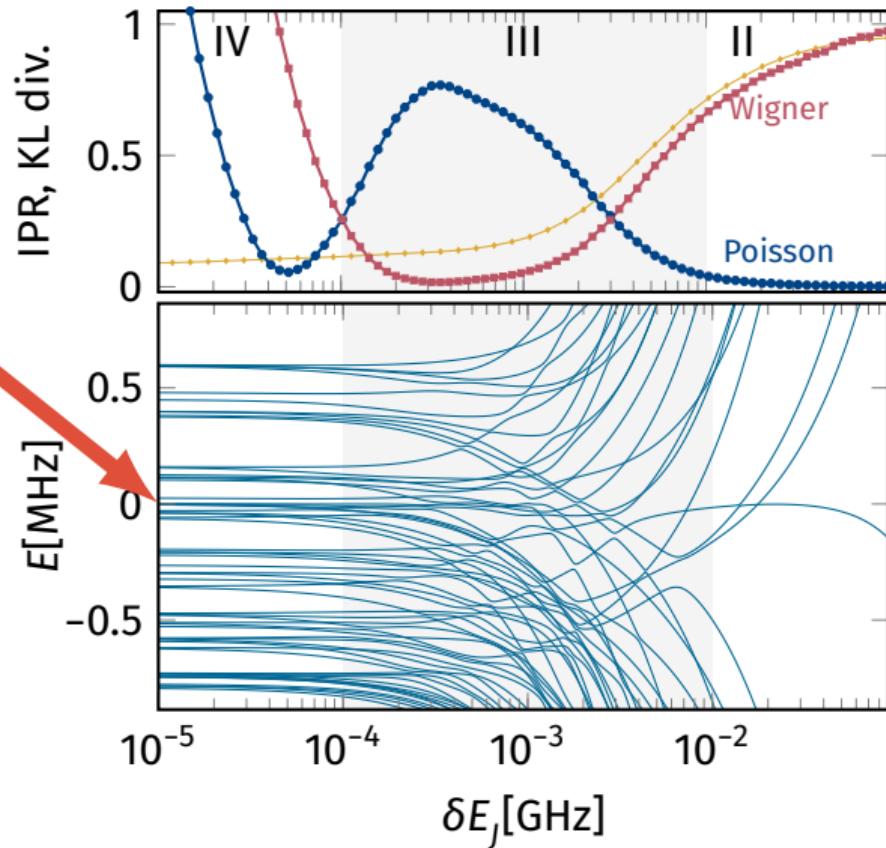
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