

# Characterising integrated linear optical circuits via PhaseLift

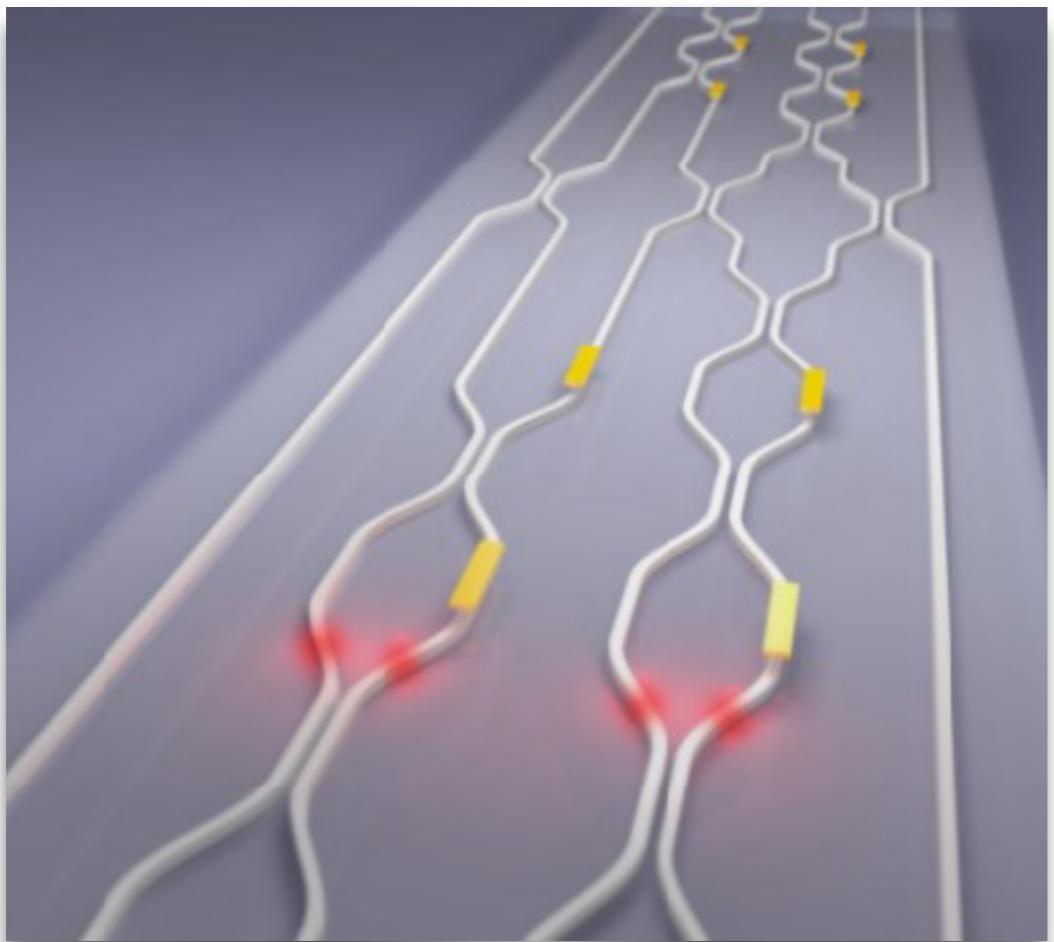
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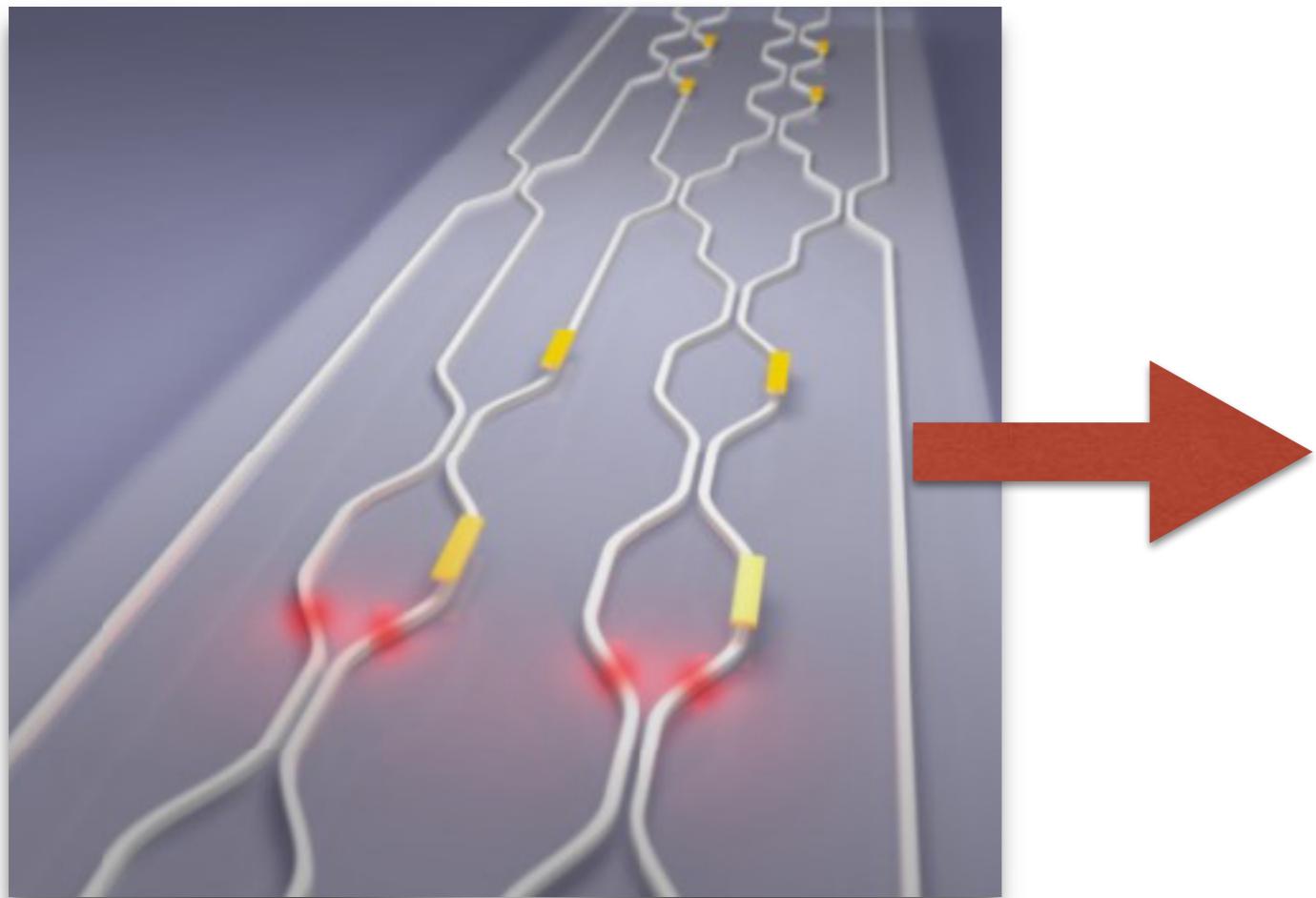
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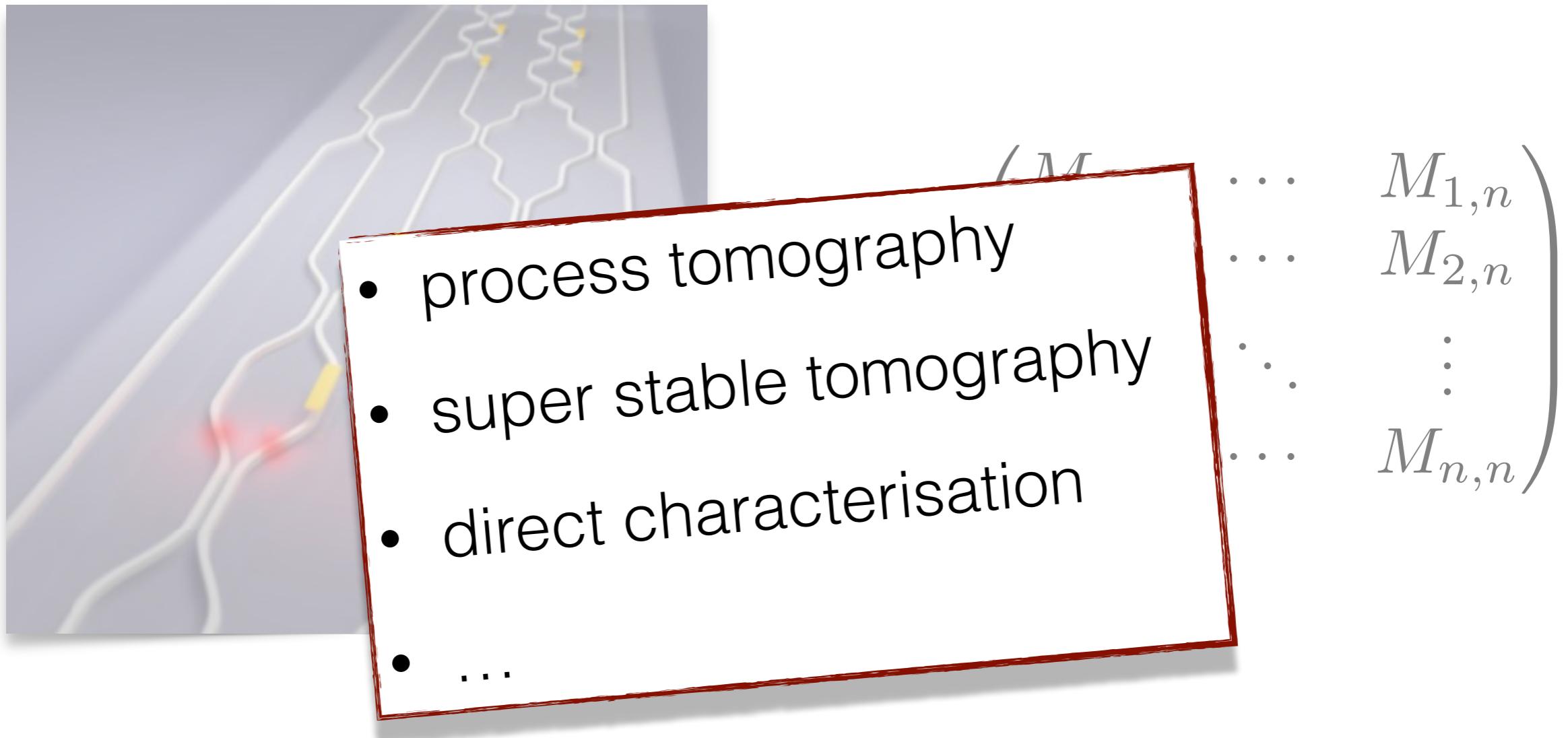


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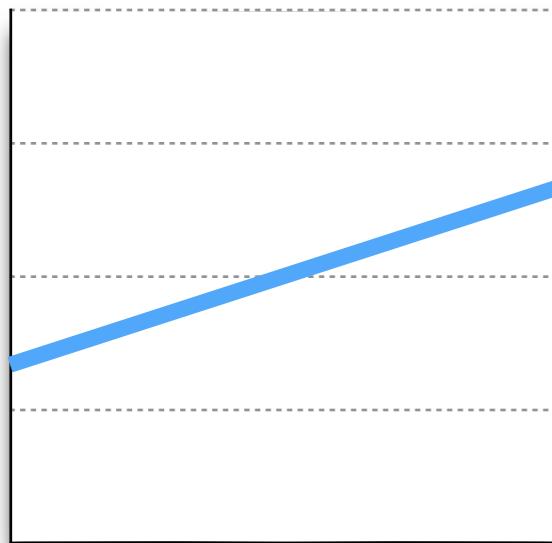
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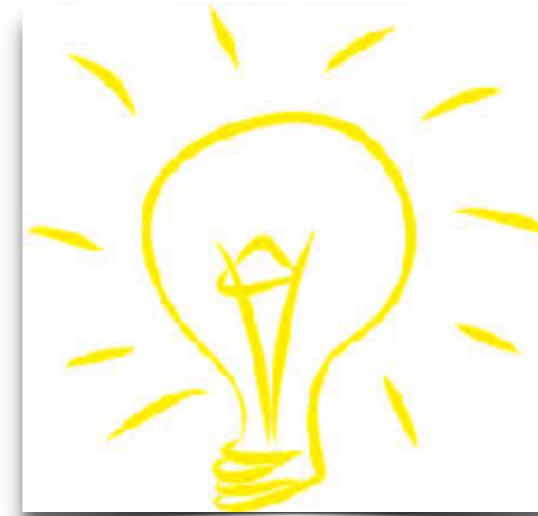
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# Outline

- What is PhaseLift?
- Characterisation via PhaseLift
- Numerical & experimental results
- Improved sampling scheme
- Conclusions & outlook

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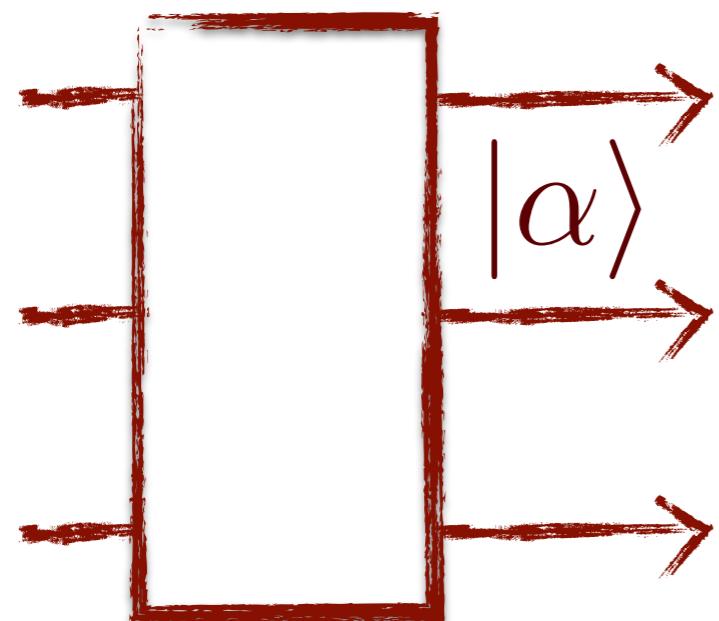
$$Z^\# = \sum_i \lambda_i |x_i\rangle\langle x_i| \quad (\lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^\# := \sqrt{\lambda_1} x_1$$

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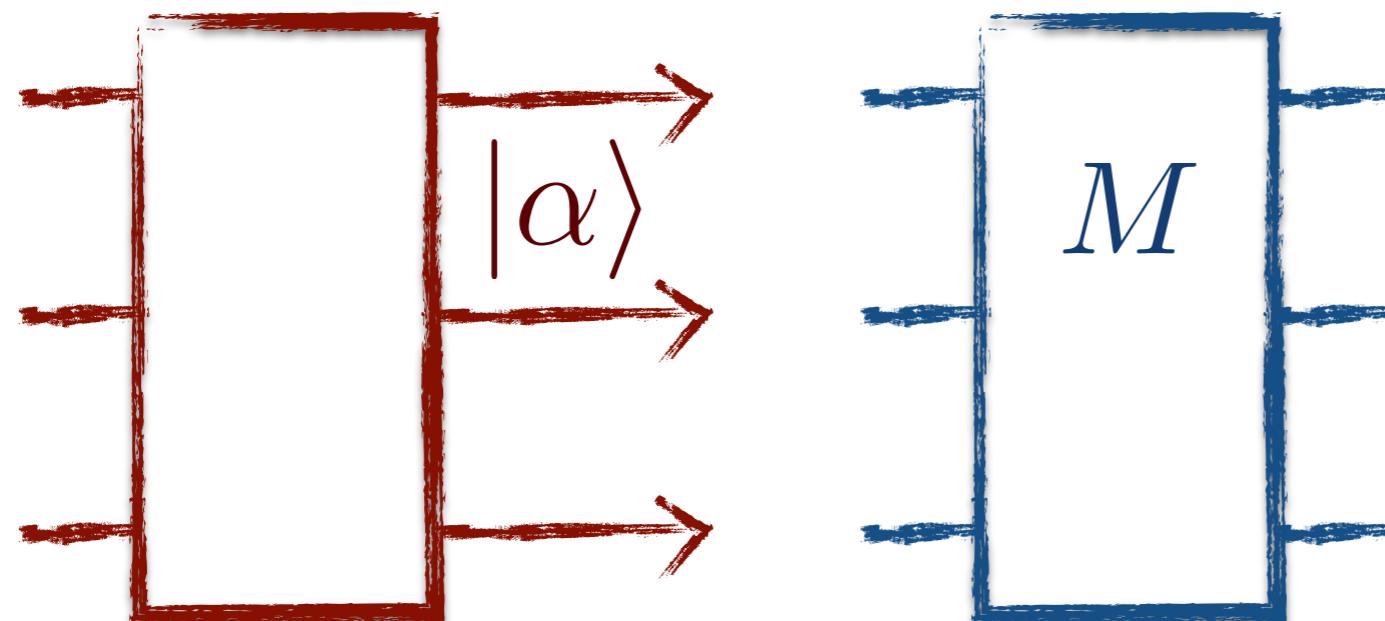
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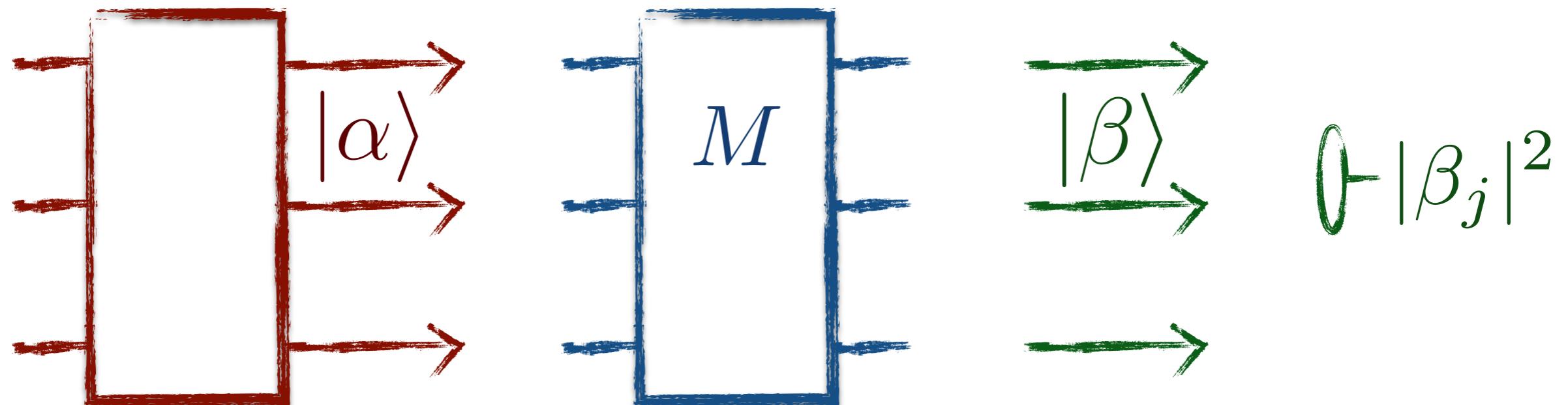


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Intensity Meas.



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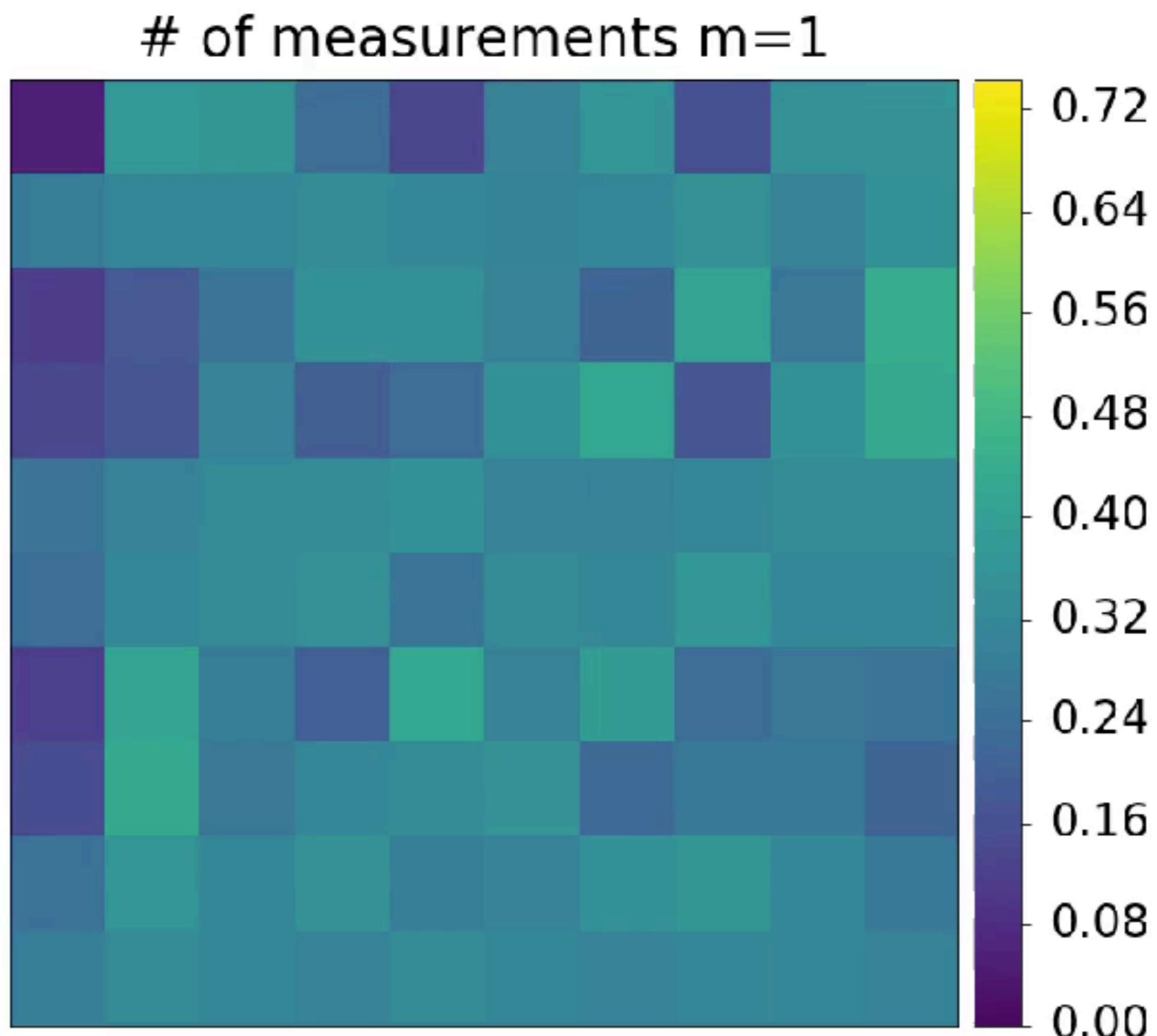
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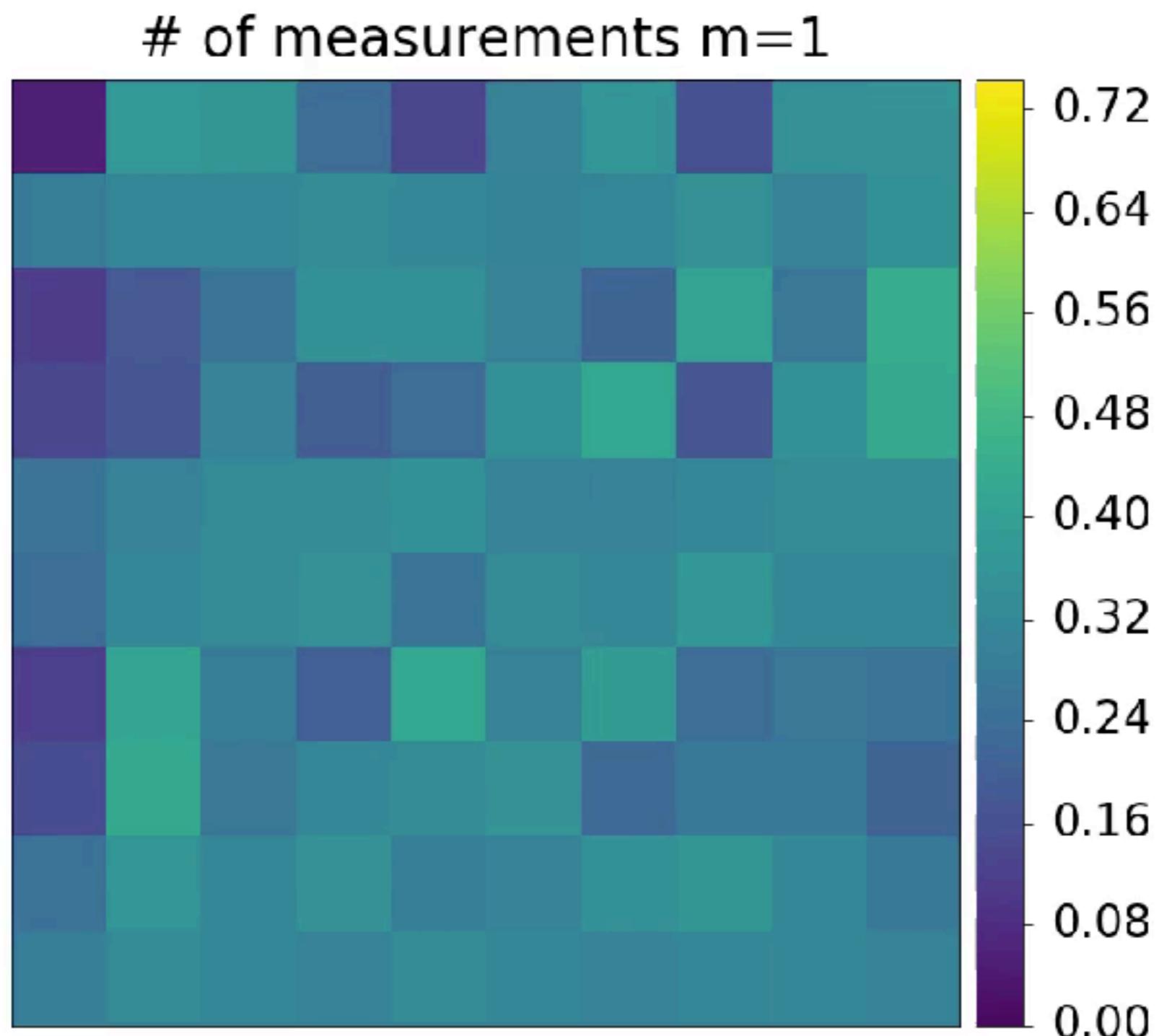
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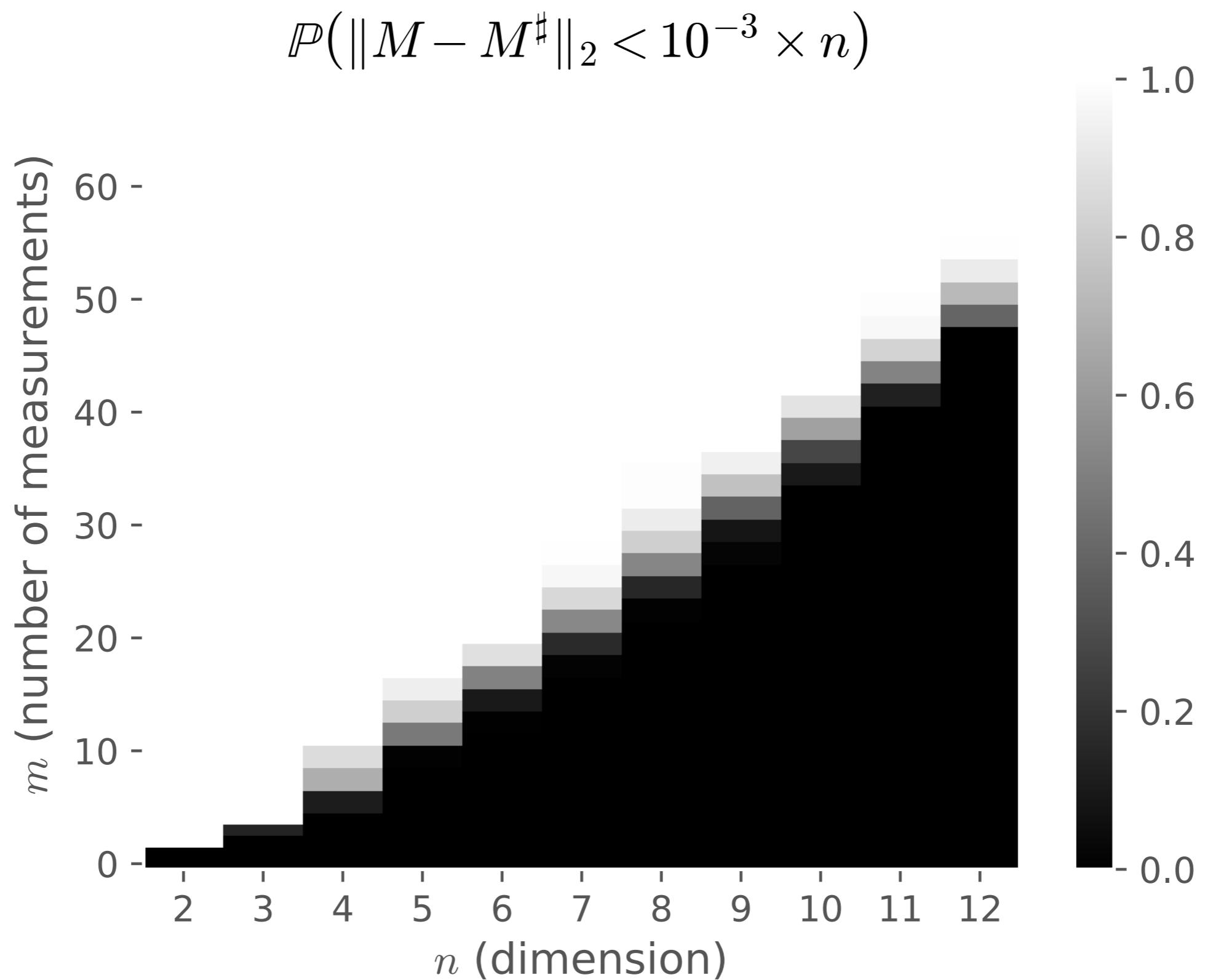
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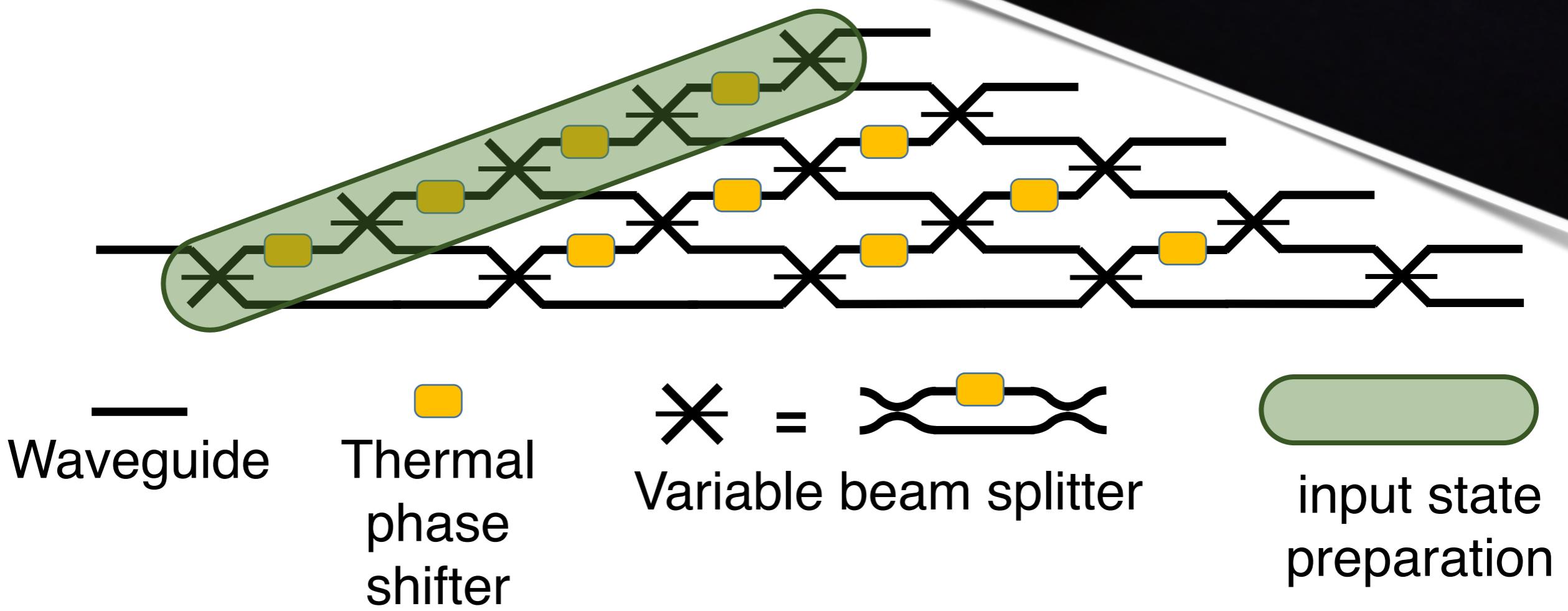
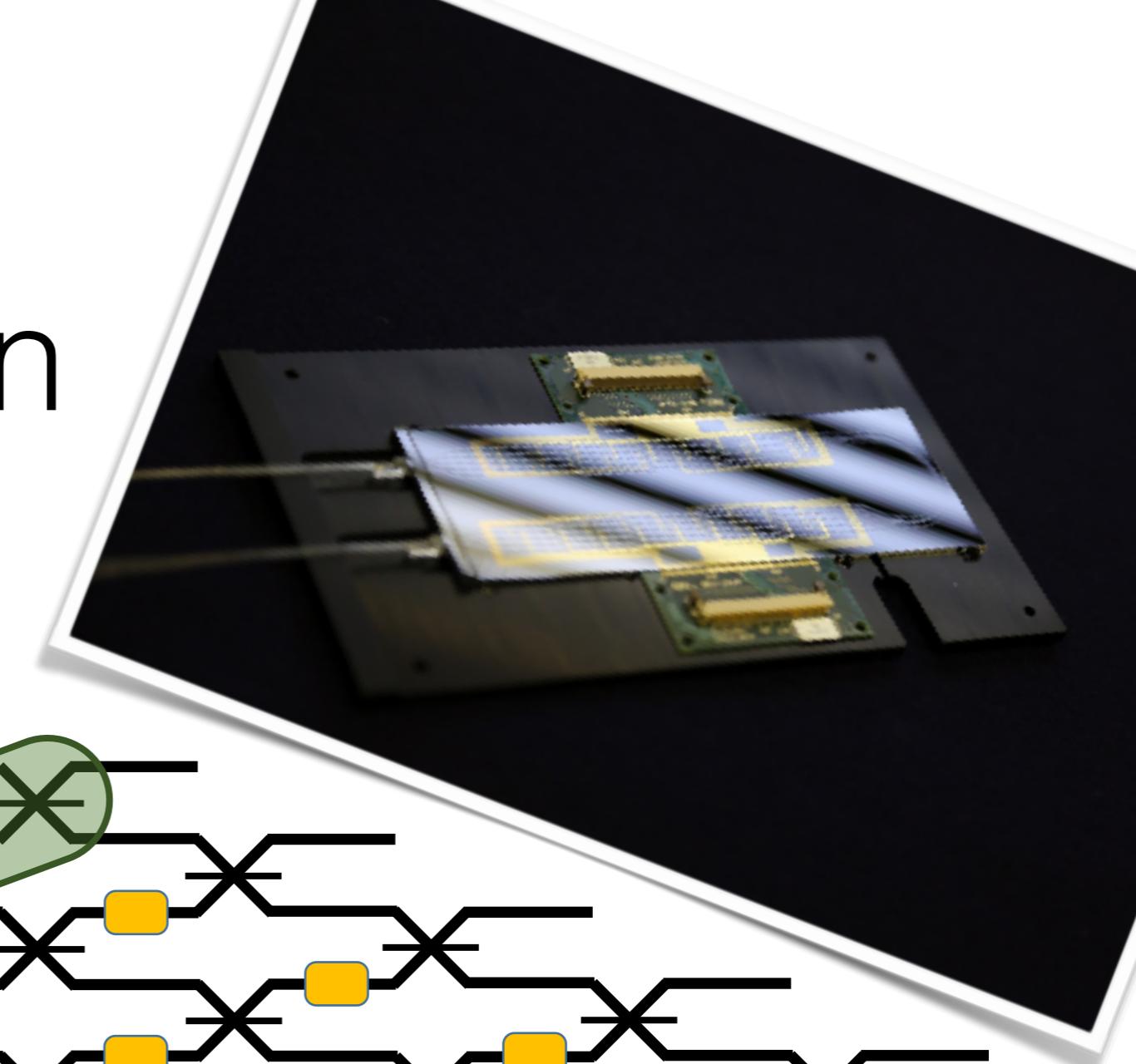
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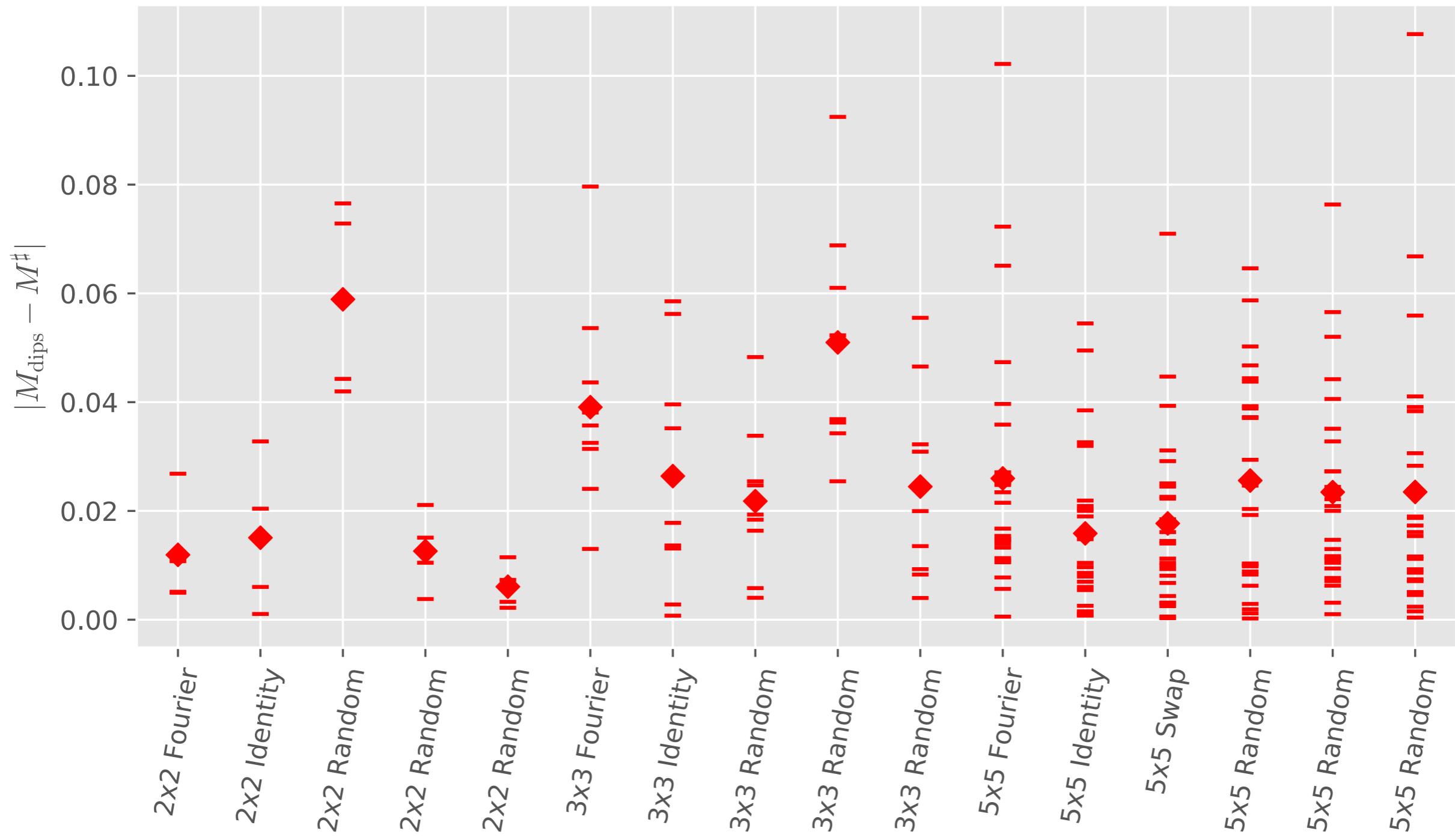
# Experimental Implementation



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# Experimental Results



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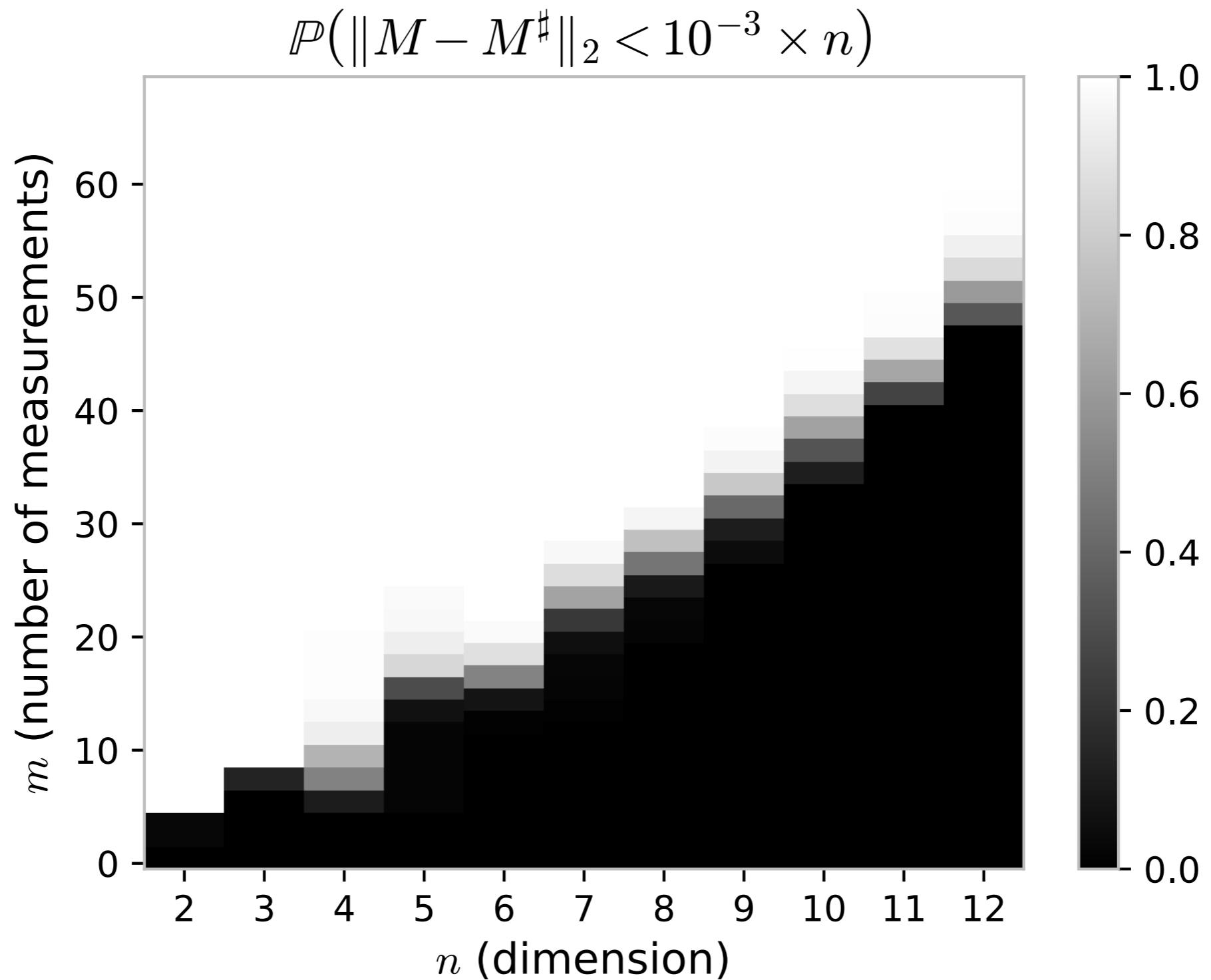
$$\alpha_j^{(k)} \sim \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob. } 1 - p \\ +1 & \text{with prob. } p/4 \\ +i & \text{with prob. } p/4 \\ -i & \text{with prob. } p/4 \\ -1 & \text{with prob. } p/4 \end{cases}$$

such that  $\|\alpha^{(k)}\|_2 = 1$

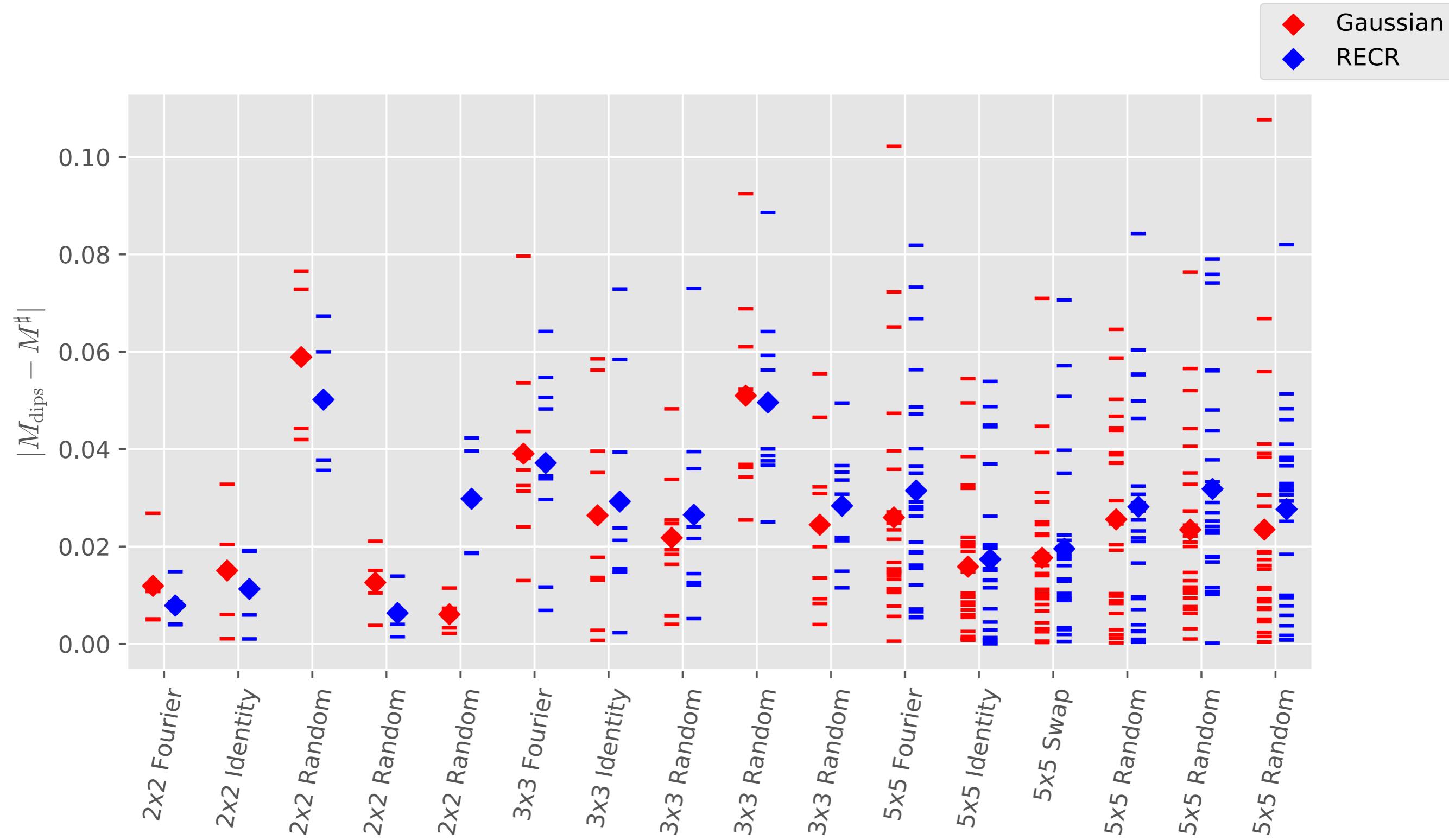
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# Numerical Result (RECR)



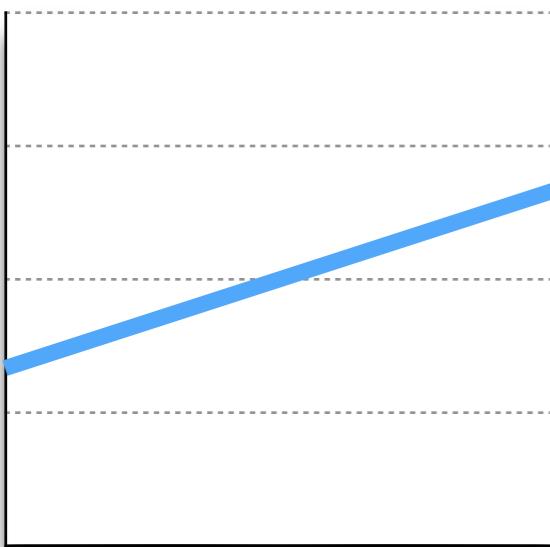
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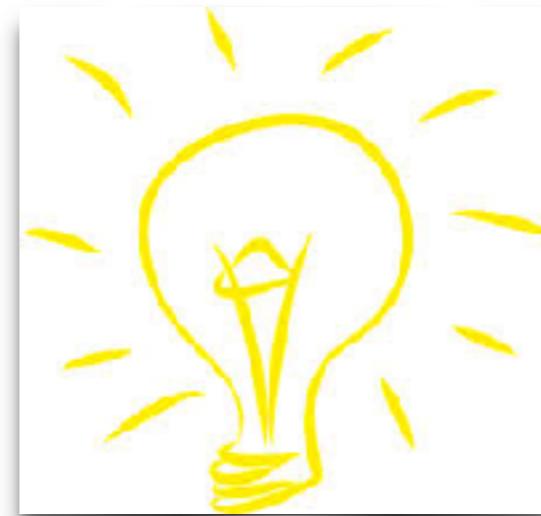
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$b_i$        $c$

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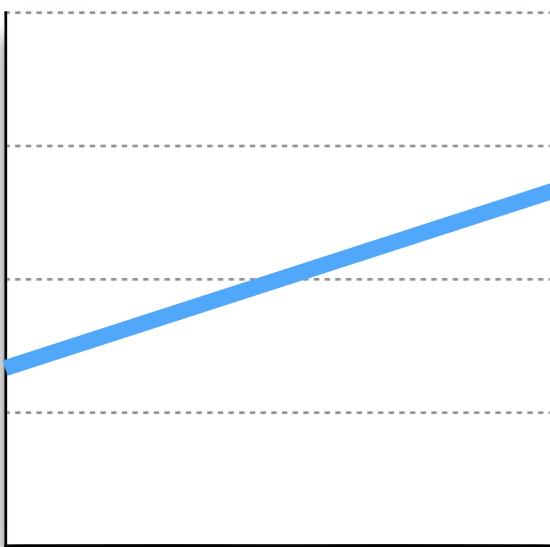


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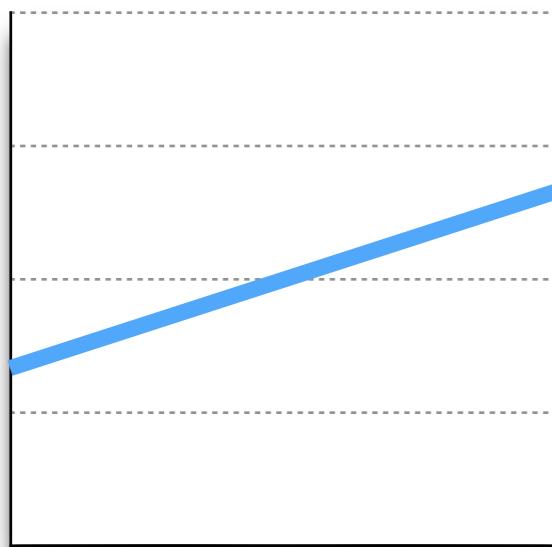


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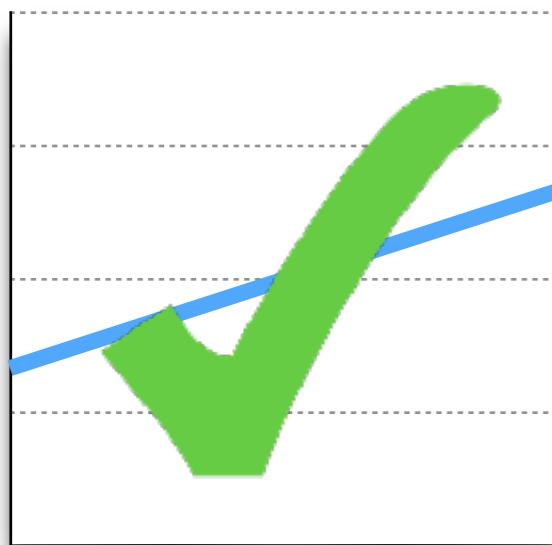


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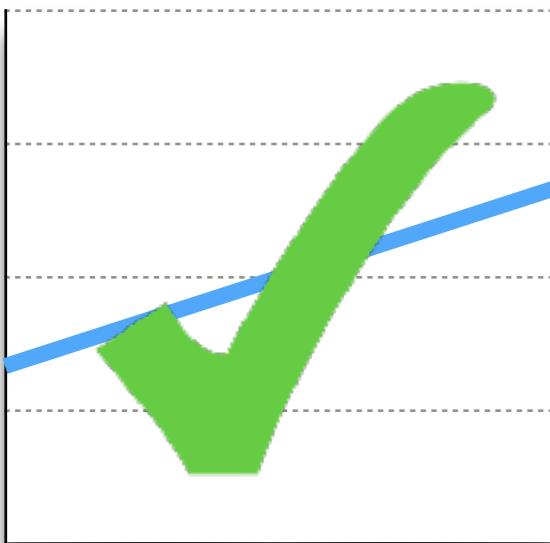


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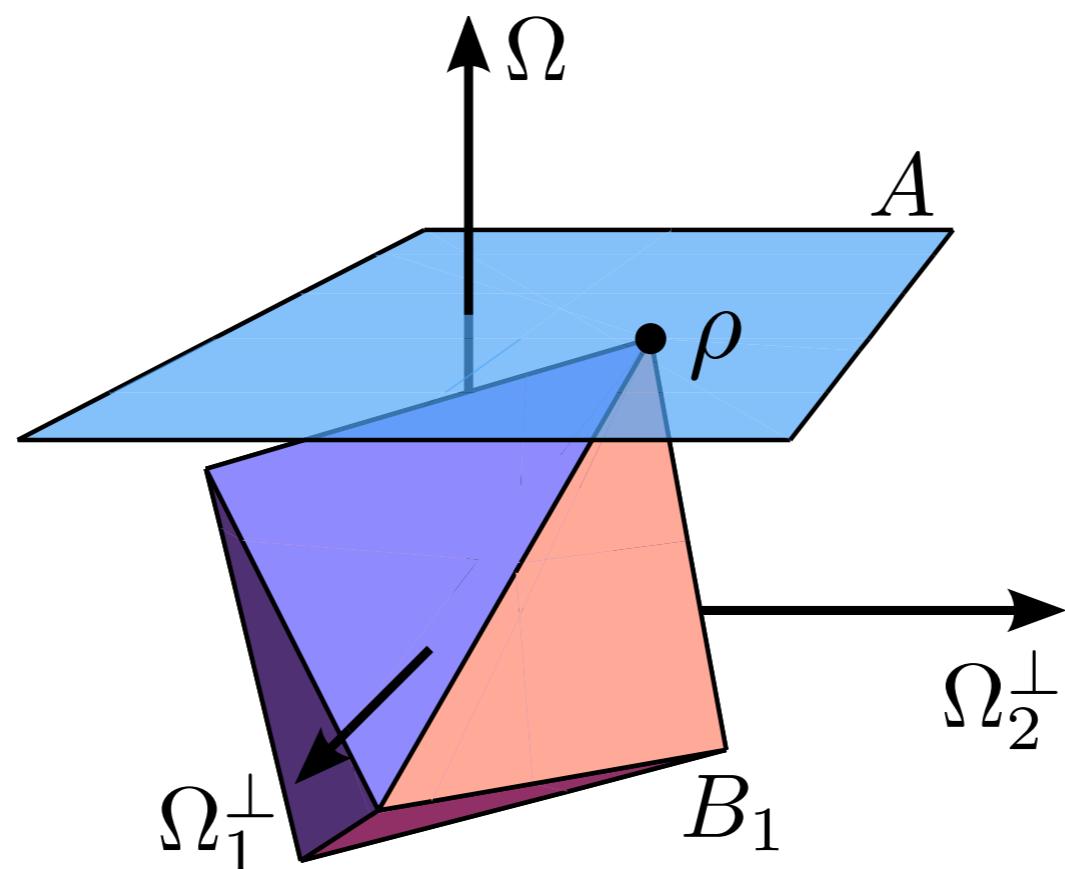
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# Outlook & Open Questions

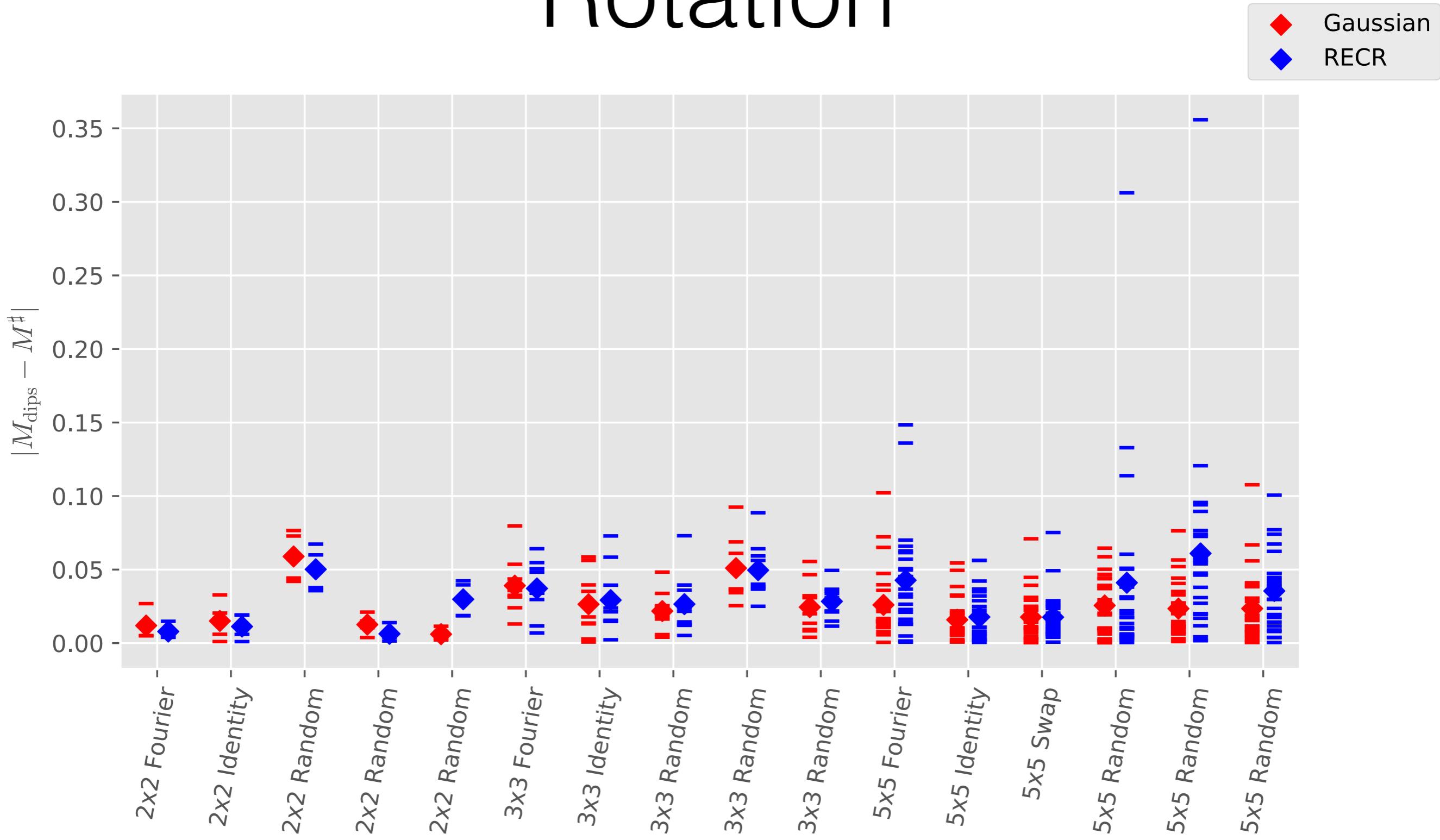
- How does PL compare to other benchmarking techniques?
- Exploit benefits of RECR sampling scheme
- Characterisation beyond the single-mode approximation
- Adaption of more efficient algorithms
- Build a debugging device?



$$\|A\|_p := \left( \sum_k \sigma_k(A)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$



# Experimental Result without Rotation



# Noisy Measurements

$$y_k = |\langle x, a_k \rangle|^2 + \epsilon_k \quad \text{with } |\epsilon_k| < \eta$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{Z \in \mathbb{H}^n}{\text{minimize}} && \sum_{k=1}^m |\text{tr} (|a_k\rangle\langle a_k| Z) - y_k| \\ & \text{subject to} && Z \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \min_{\phi} \|x^\# - e^{i\phi}x\|_2 \leq C \frac{\eta}{m}$$