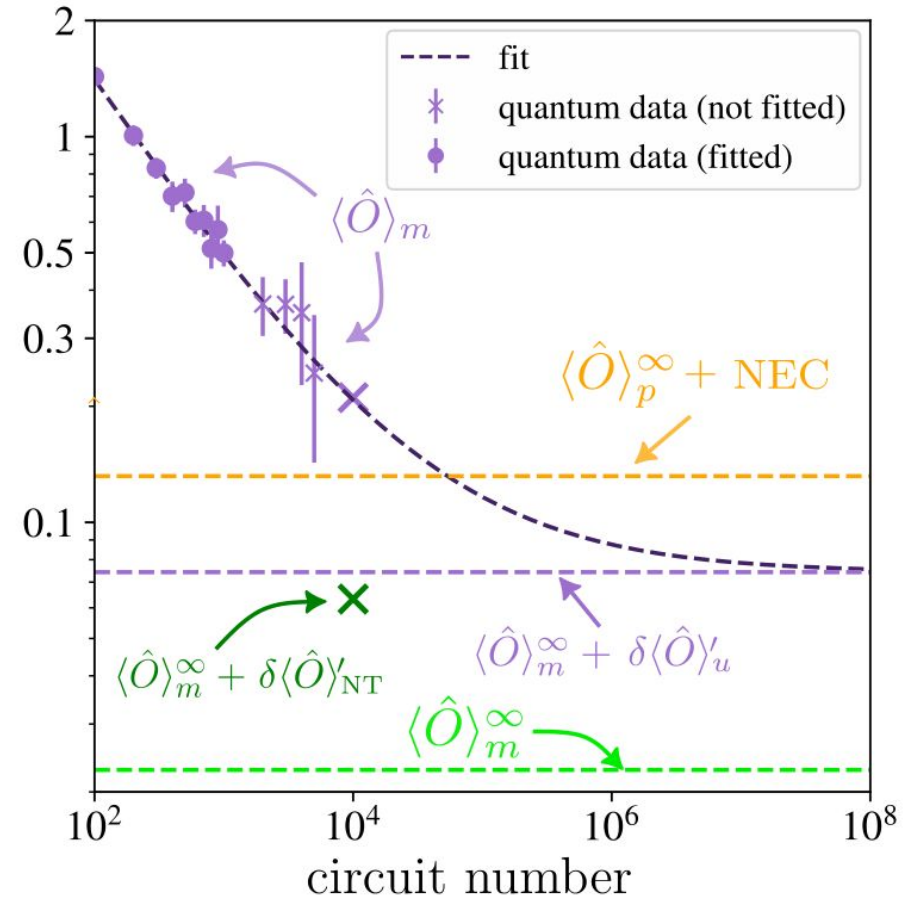
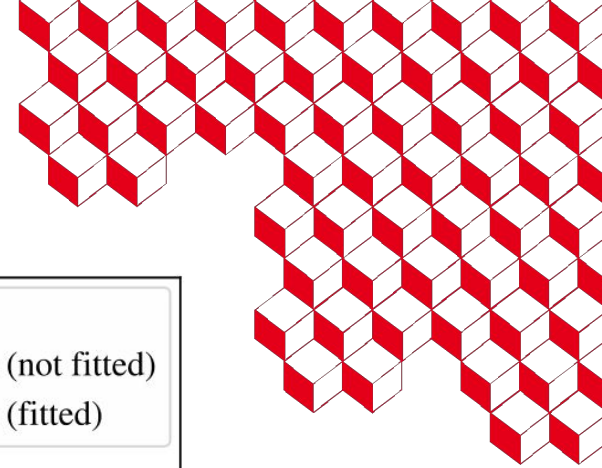




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# Error mitigation by noise tailoring

“Quantum trajectories” program  
03.02.2025, ICTS Bengaluru, India



# Trajectories in Ukrainian embroidery



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## Song “Two colors”

Red is love  
Black is sorrow



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# Noise in quantum computers is detrimental

## Mitigating crosstalk errors by randomized compiling: Simulation of the BCS model on a superconducting quantum computer

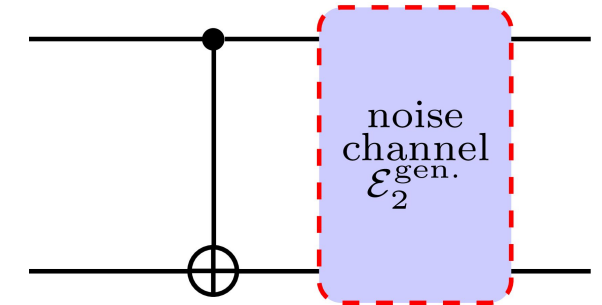
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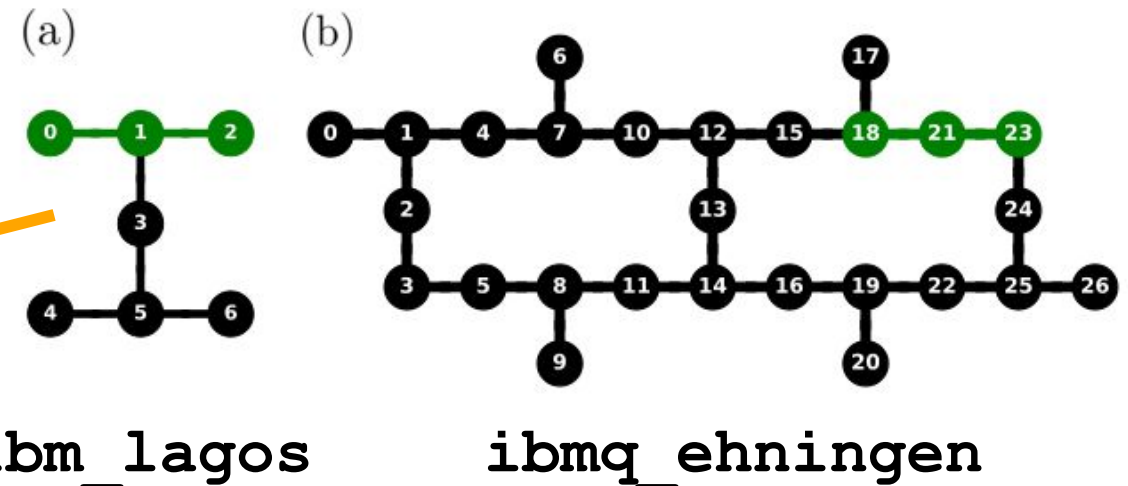
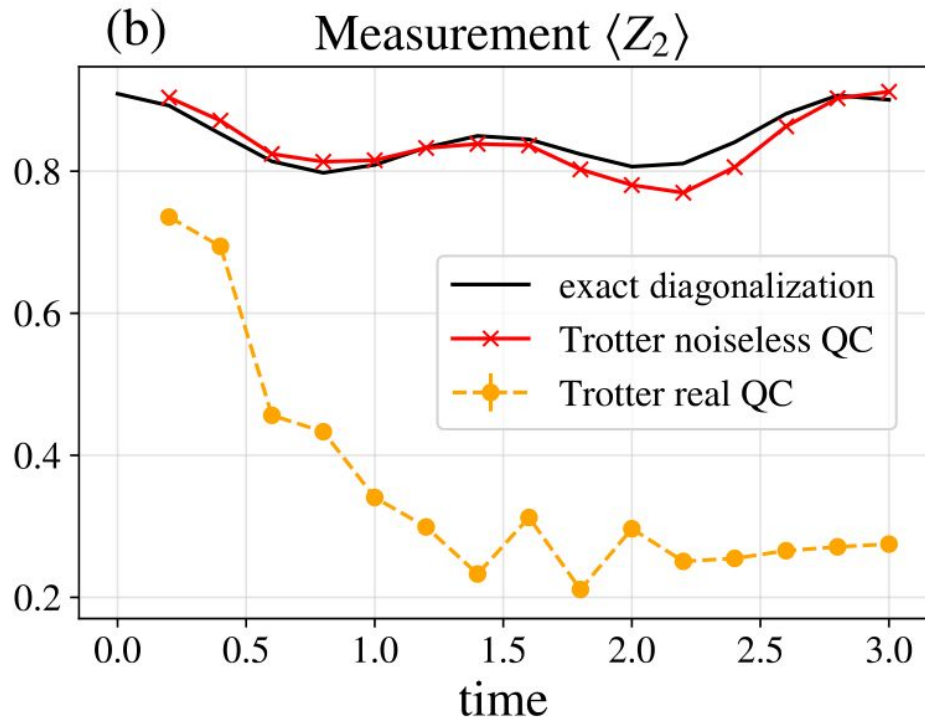
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$$\hat{H}_{\text{BCS}} = - \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} (\epsilon_j - \frac{g}{2}) \sigma_j^z - \frac{g}{2} \sum_{\substack{i,j=0 \\ i < j}}^{L-1} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)$$

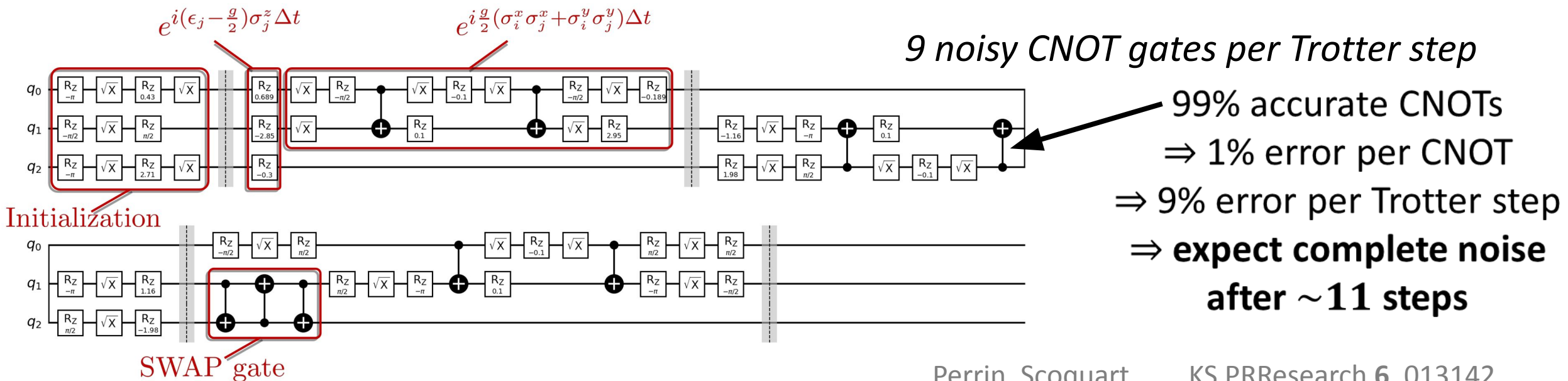


# Simulating quench dynamics in the BCS model

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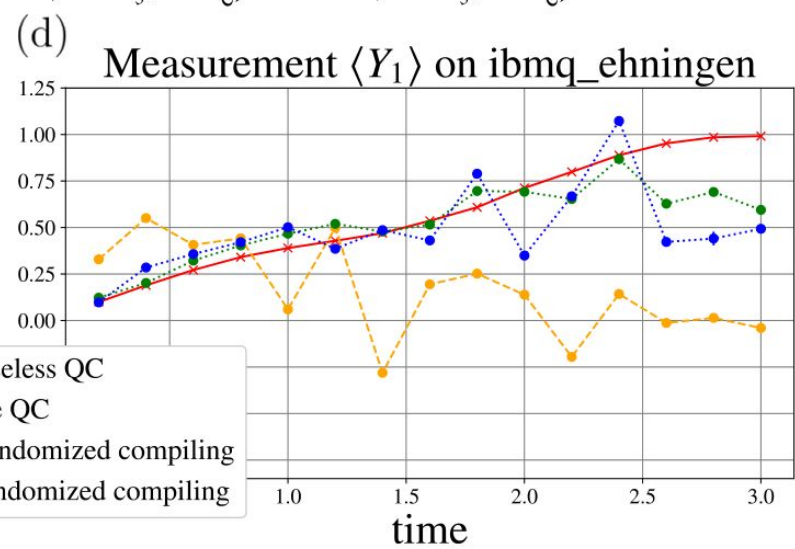
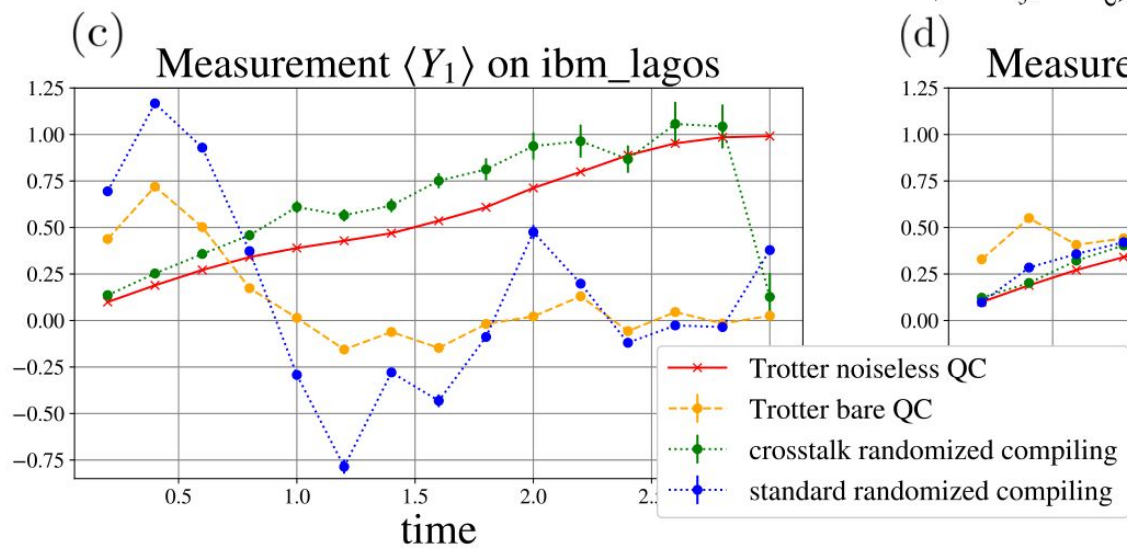
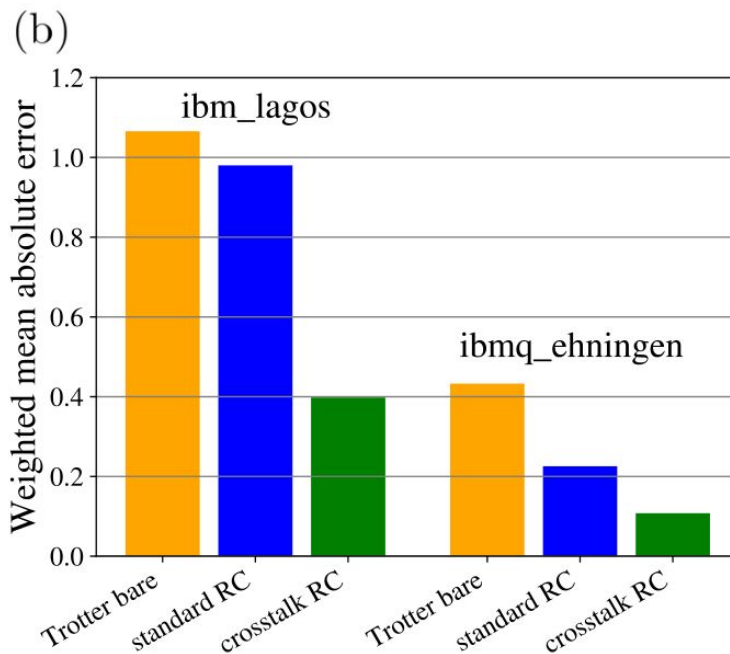
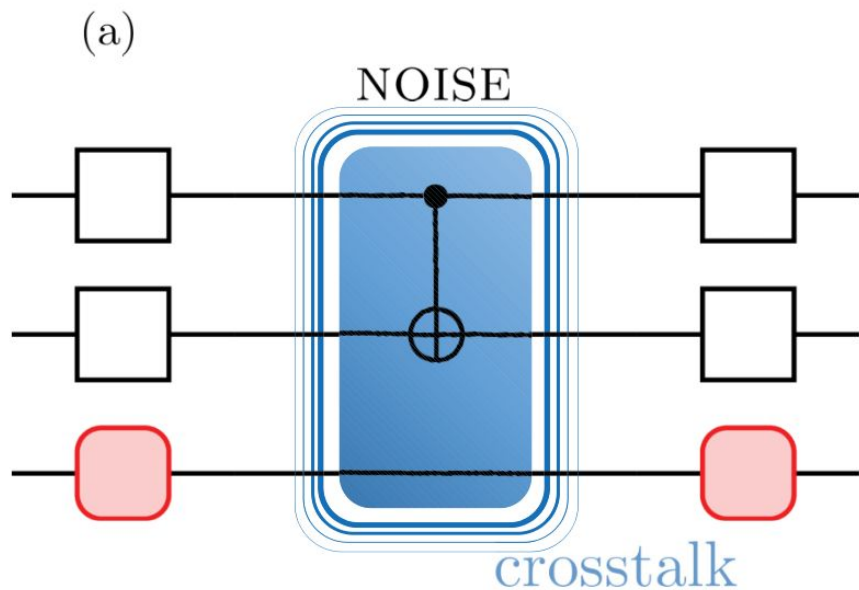
$L = 3$  qubits/Cooper pairs

$$\hat{U}_{\text{BCS}}(\Delta t) \simeq \prod_j e^{i(\epsilon_j - \frac{g}{2})\sigma_j^z \Delta t} \prod_{i < j} e^{i\frac{g}{2}(\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y) \Delta t}$$





# Mitigating the noise and seeing the crosstalk



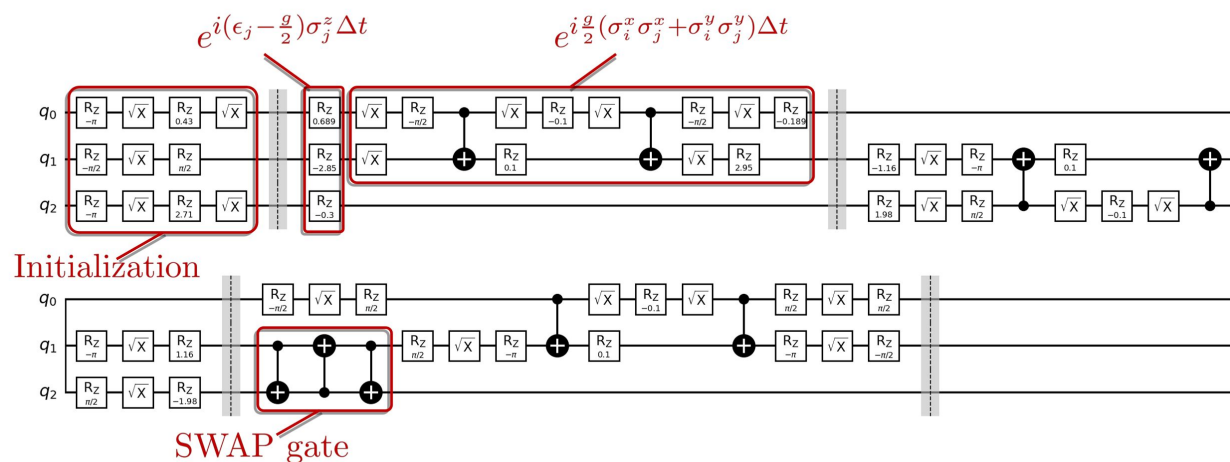
⇐ expect complete noise after ~11 steps

# Mitigation: noise estimation circuit (NEC)

**Example:** Assume  $N$ -qubit, **global** depolarizing noise:

$$\mathcal{E}_n^{\text{glob.}}(\rho) = (1 - \lambda_{\text{glob.}})\rho + \lambda_{\text{glob.}} \frac{\mathbb{I}}{2^N} \longrightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{noisy}} = (1 - \lambda_{\text{glob.}})^{n_{\text{CNOT}}} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{noiseless}}$$

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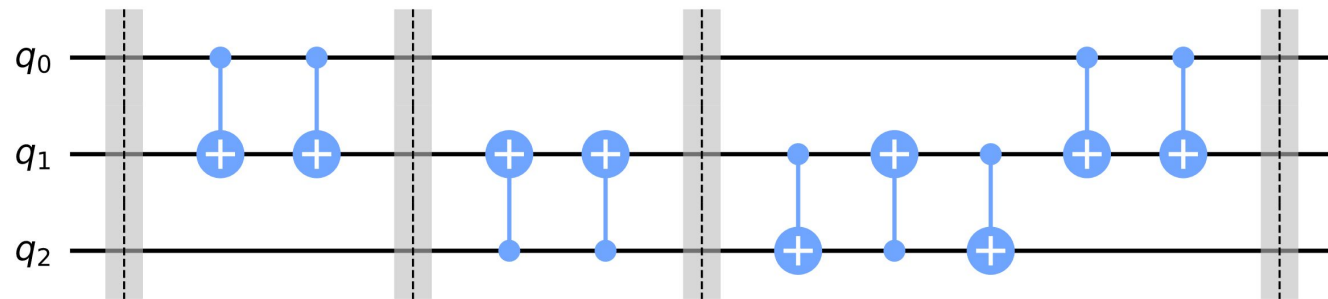


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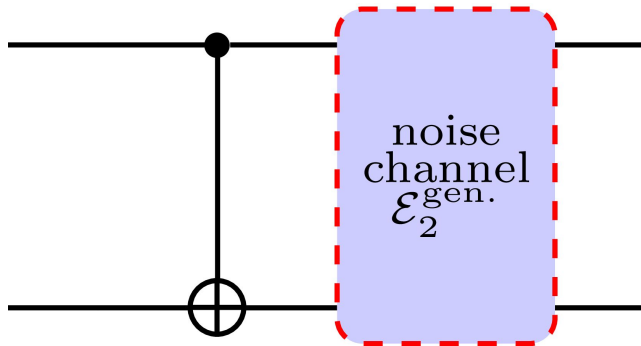
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Trotter step circuit without single qubit gates

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle_{\text{mitigated}} = \frac{\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle_{\text{measured}}}{\mathcal{F}_{\text{NEC}}} \sim \frac{\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle_{\text{measured}}}{\langle 1 \rangle_{\text{measured}}}$$

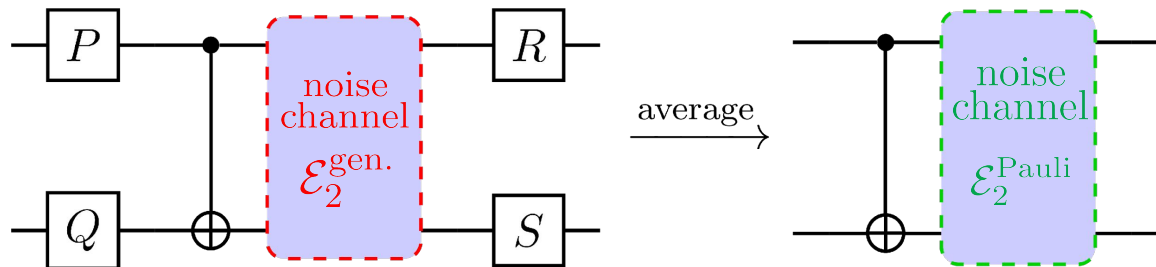
# Simplifying the noise structure: randomized compiling (RC)

- General noise:



$$\mathcal{E}_2^{\text{gen.}}(\rho) = \sum_{i,j,k,l=0}^3 p_{ijkl} (\sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j) \cdot \rho \cdot (\sigma^k \otimes \sigma^l)$$

- Randomized compiling to get Pauli noise



$$\mathcal{E}_2^{\text{Pauli}}(\rho) = \sum_{i,j=0}^3 p_{ij} (\sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j) \cdot \rho \cdot (\sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j)$$

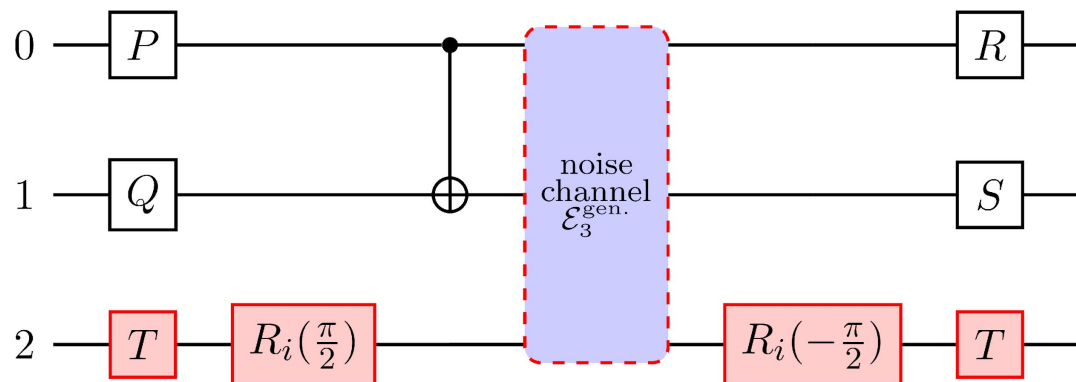
Kern et al., Eur. Phys. J. D **32**, 153 (2005)

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# Crosstalk!

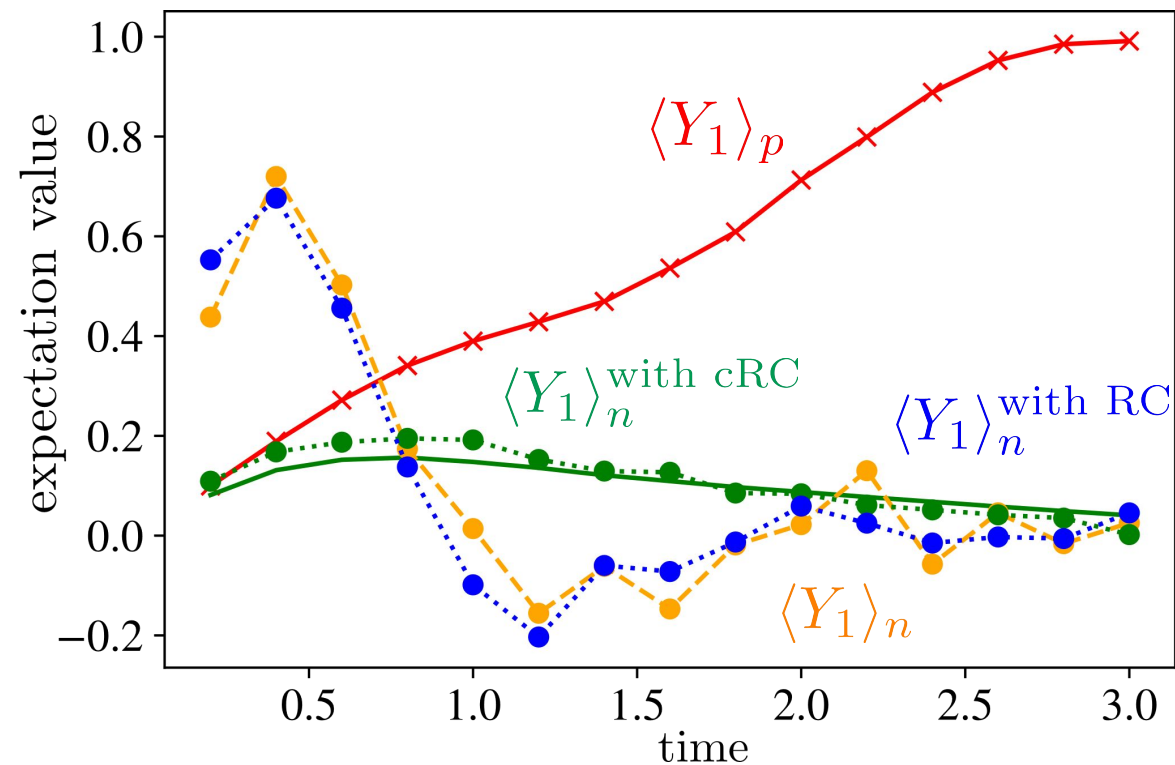


## Crosstalk RC (cRC) average

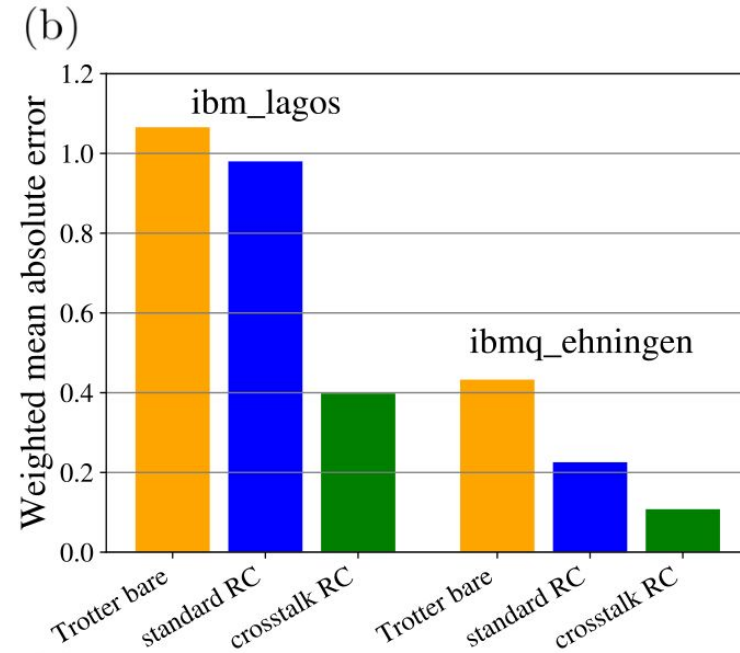
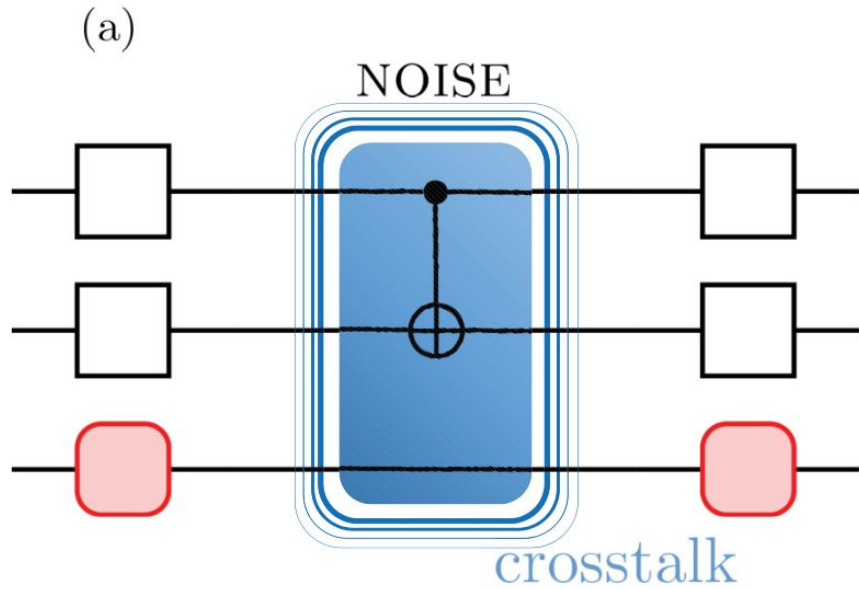
$$\mathcal{E}_1^{\text{dep.}}(\rho) = (1 - \lambda') \rho + \lambda' \frac{\mathbb{I}_2}{2}$$

Yields **depolarizing noise** on the **neighbouring qubit** !

## RC (no NEC):

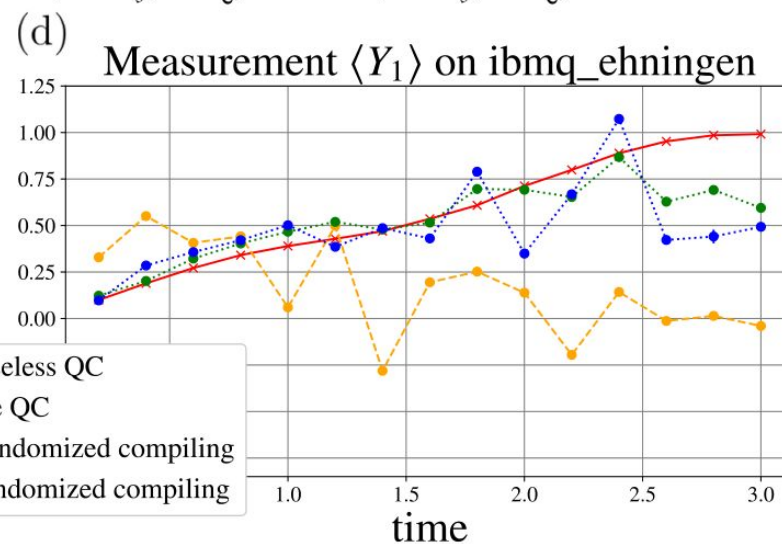
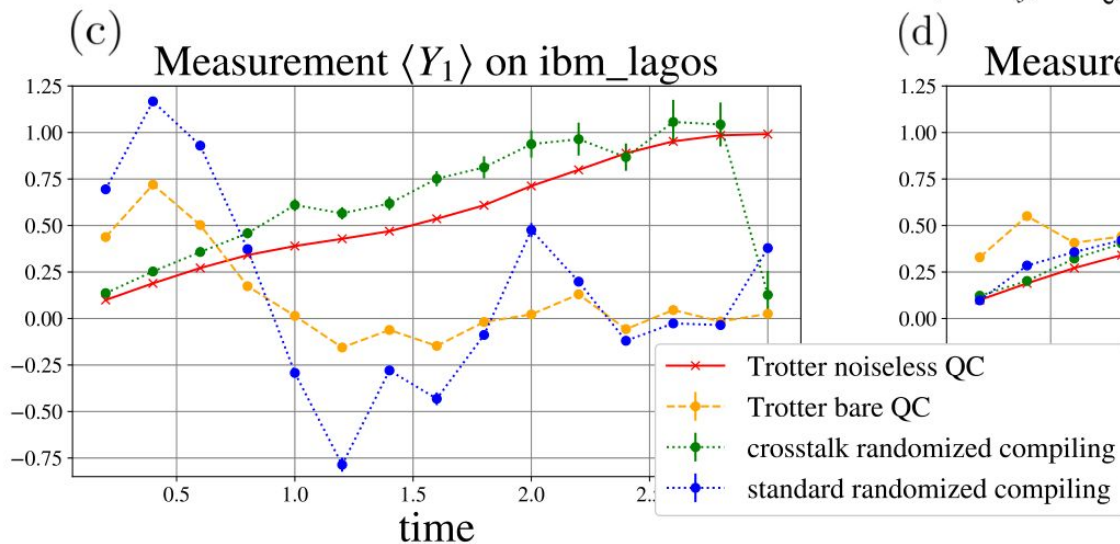


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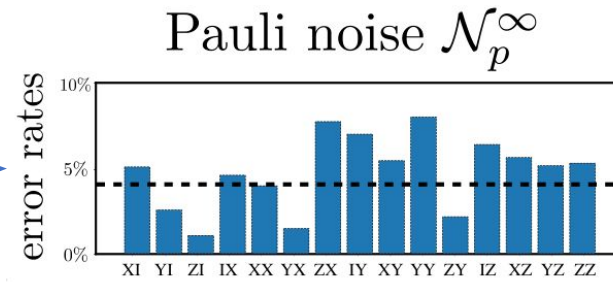
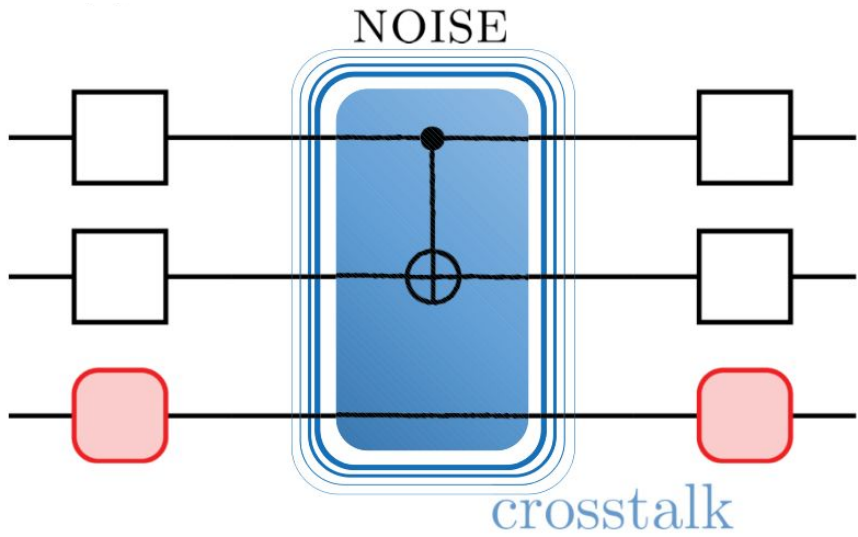
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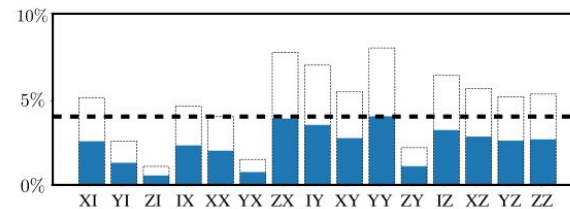


⇐ **NEC used for all curves**

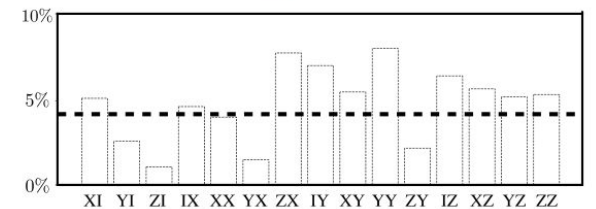
# Probabilistic error cancellation (PEC) reduction (PER)



PER

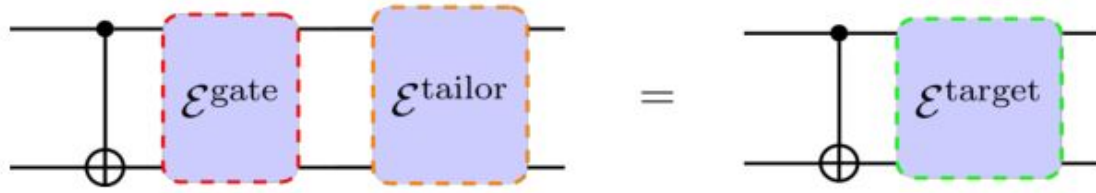


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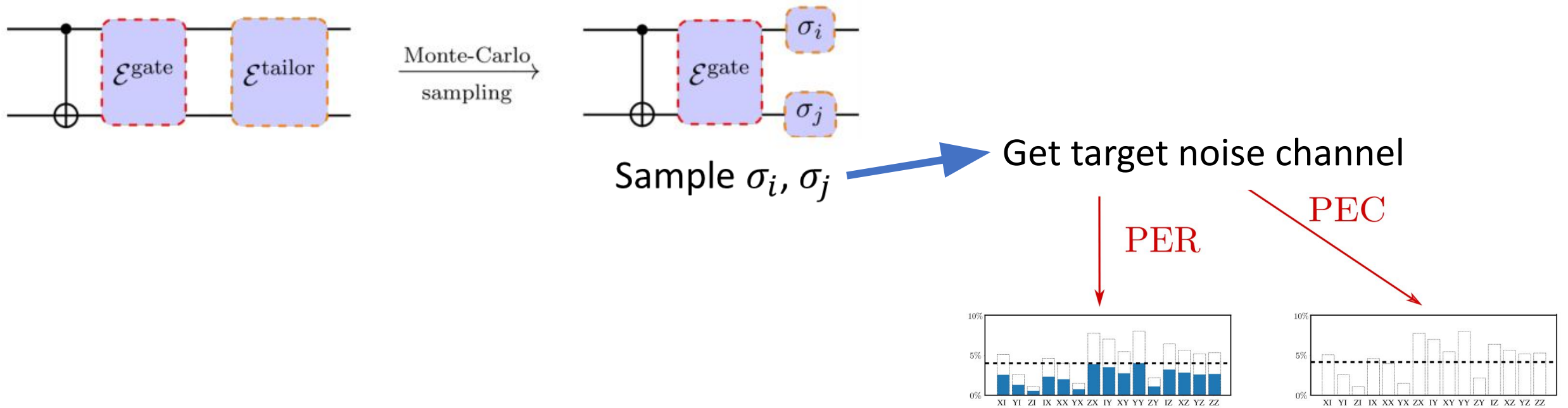


# How do PEC and PER work?

(a)



(b)



Temme, Bravyi, Gambetta, PRL 119, 180509 (2017)

Berg, Mineev, Kandala, Temme, Nature Physics 19, 1116 (2023)

# Noise channel representations

$\chi$ -matrix representation:

$$\rho \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_{a,b} \chi_{ab} P_a \rho P_b \quad \text{with } n\text{-qubit Pauli matrices } P_a \in \{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes n_{\text{qubits}}}$$

Pauli noise:  $\chi_{ab} = p_a \delta_{ab}$ ,  $\sum_a p_a = 1$

Pauli transfer-matrix (PTM) representation:

$$\rho = \rho_a P_a \quad \left( \text{or } \rho_a = \frac{1}{2^{n_{\text{qubits}}}} \text{Tr}(P_a \rho) \right)$$

$$\{\rho_a\} \rightarrow \left\{ \sum_b E_{ab} \rho_b \right\}$$

$$\text{PTM: } E_{ab} = \frac{1}{2^{n_{\text{qubits}}}} \text{Tr}(P_a \mathcal{E}(P_b))$$

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Connection

(Walsh-Hadamard transform):

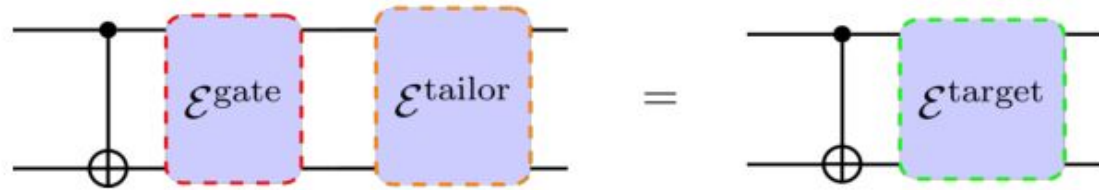
$$p_a = \frac{1}{4^{n_{\text{qubits}}}} \sum_b (-1)^{\langle P_a, P_b \rangle_{\text{sp}}} f_b$$

Symplectic inner product:

$$\langle P_a, P_b \rangle_{\text{sp}} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } P_a P_b = +P_b P_a \\ 1, & \text{if } P_a P_b = -P_b P_a \end{cases}$$



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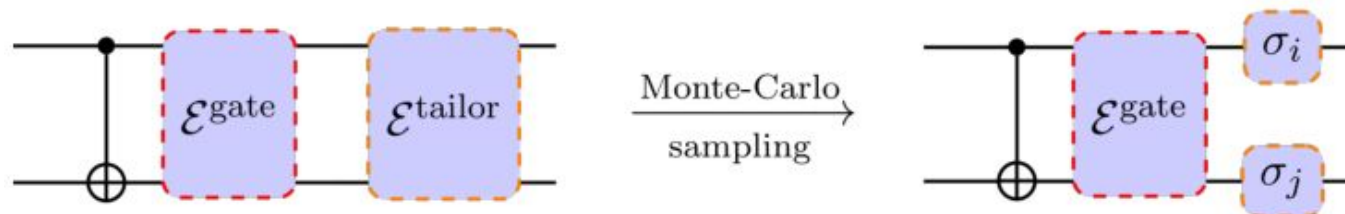


$$E^{\text{target}} = E^{\text{tailor}} \times E^{\text{gate}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{\text{tailor}} = E^{\text{target}} \times (E^{\text{gate}})^{-1} = f_a^{\text{tailor}} \delta_{ab}$$

$$p_a^{\text{tailor}} = \frac{1}{4^{n_{\text{qubits}}}} \sum_b (-1)^{\langle P_a, P_b \rangle_{\text{sp}}} f_b^{\text{tailor}}$$

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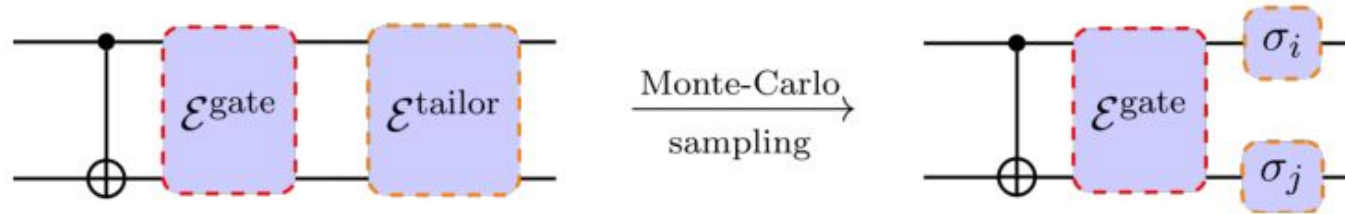


**Create trajectories by hand!**

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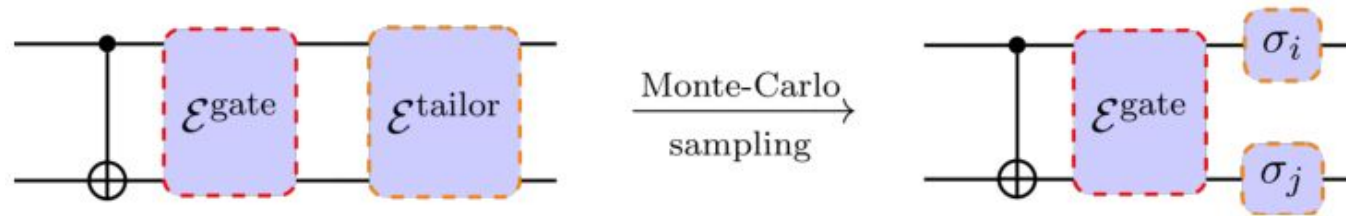


Problem:  $p_a^{\text{tailor}}$  can be negative

# How do PEC and PER work?

$$q_a^{\text{tailor}} = \frac{1}{4^{n_{\text{qubits}}}} \sum_b (-1)^{\langle P_a, P_b \rangle_{\text{sp}}} f_b^{\text{tailor}} \quad \mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_a q_a^{\text{tailor}} P_a \rho P_a$$

$$\text{Sample: } \tilde{p}_a^{\text{tailor}} = \frac{|q_a^{\text{tailor}}|}{\gamma}, \quad \gamma = \sum_a |q_a^{\text{tailor}}| > 1$$



Take the sign  $q_a^{\text{tailor}}$  into account when calculating the Monte-Carlo average

Multiply the average by  $\gamma^{n_{\text{CNOT}}}$

$\Rightarrow$  exponentially costly to keep a fixed error bar  
(sign problem)

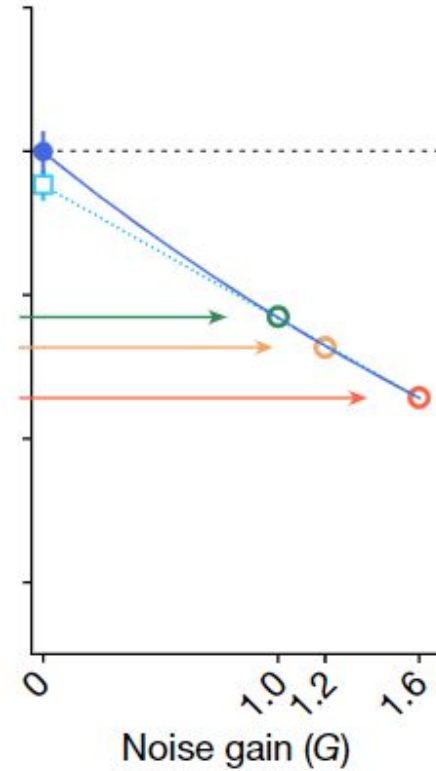
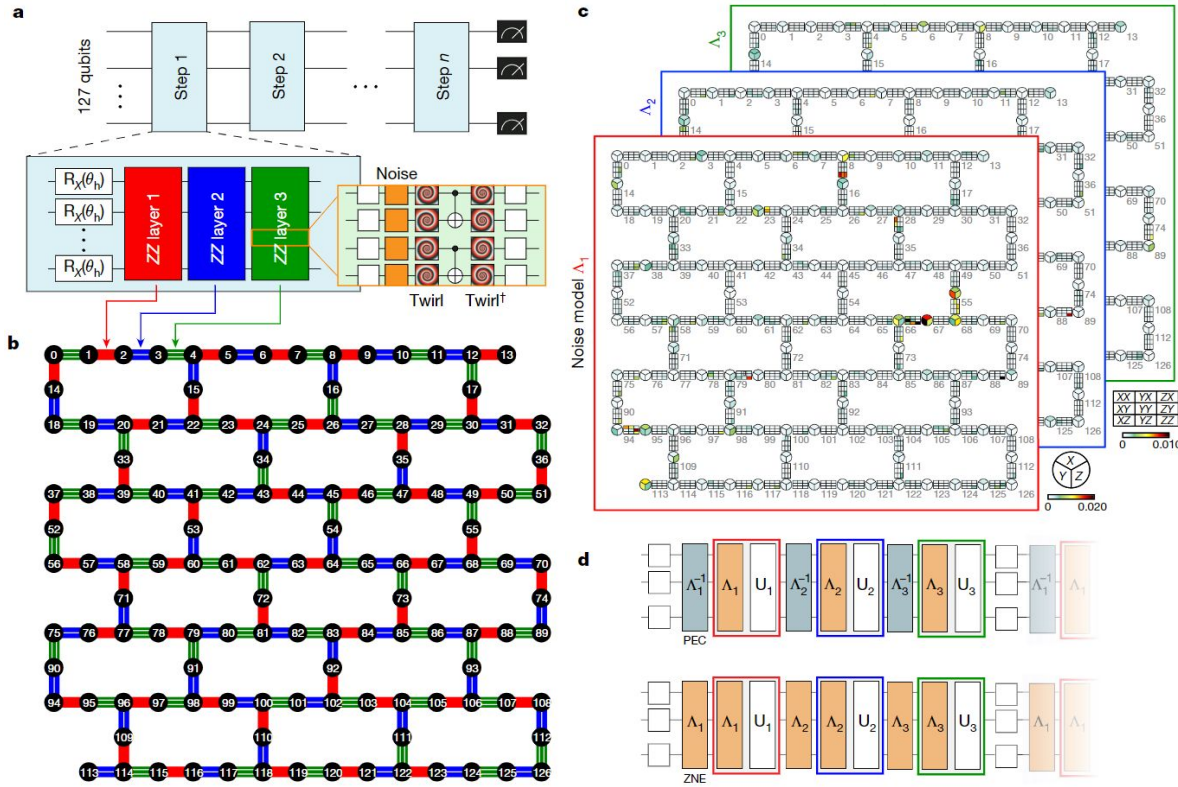
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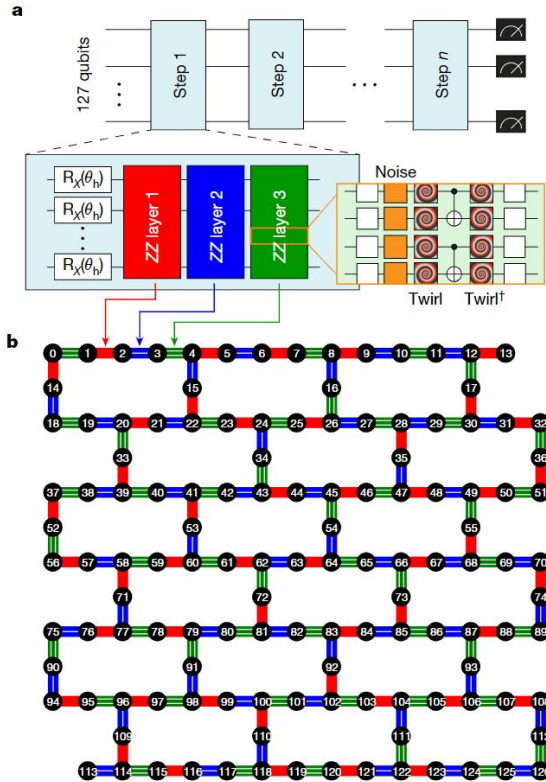
⇒ exponentially costly when reducing noise

Possible solution: increase noise (avoid quasiprobability distributions!)

E.g., IBM “quantum utility” experiment:



# Quantum utility?



## Quantum Disadvantage

Or, simulating IBM's 'quantum utility' experiment with a Commodore 64

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### Abstract

measuring expectation values of a Trotterized Ising model on their 127-qubit quantum device. Their results were unlikely to be replicable on a classical computer. In this work, we implement a classical simulation of the same experiment using a Commodore 64. Our simulation requires less than 15kB of memory and 100ms of time per data point. To accomplish this we use a variant of the sparse Pauli basis introduced by Begušić and Chan. We show that aggressive truncation combined with error mitigation (for a C64) memory cost of storing the truncated Pauli basis in SPD, matches the error-mitigated results obtained from the quantum device.

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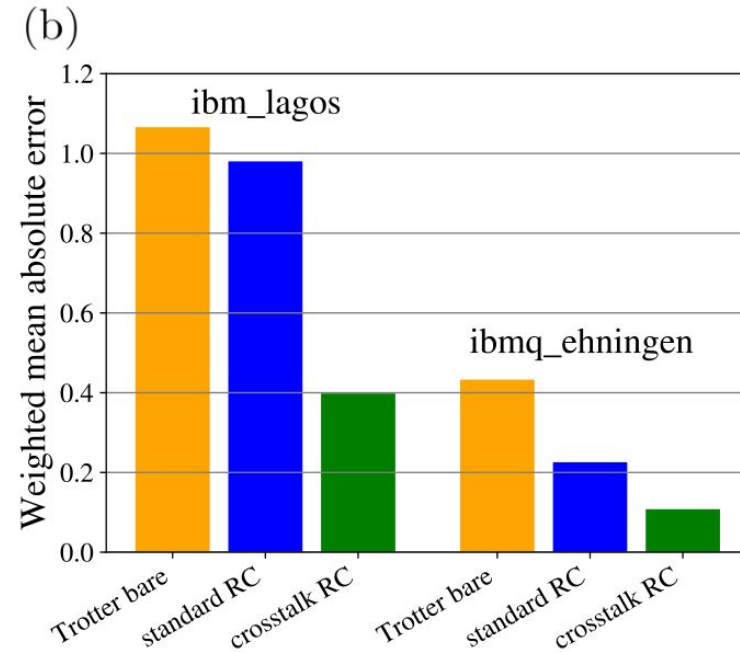
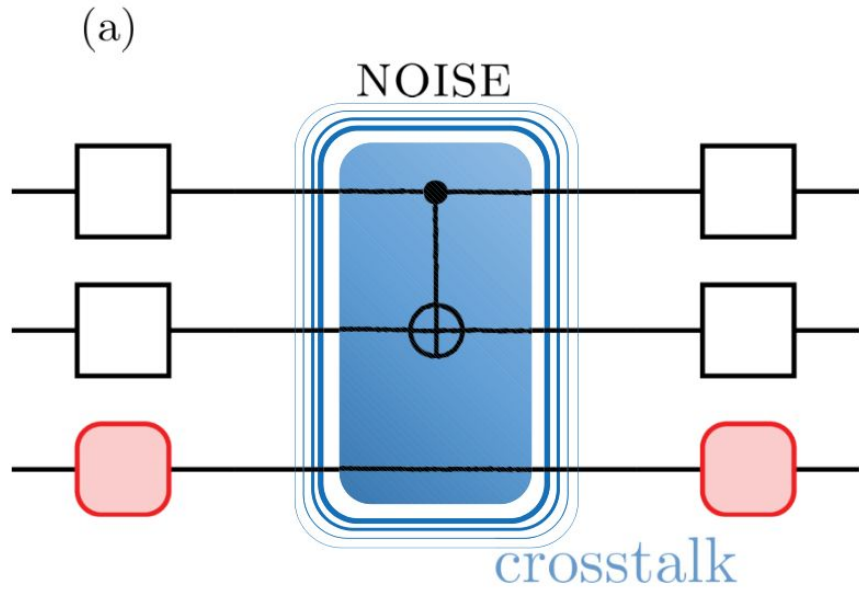


Figure 2: The experimental setup – a Commodore 64 is connected to a monitor through a composite video to HDMI converter, with the code cartridge inserted into the expansion port.

Kim et al., Nature 618, 500 (2023)

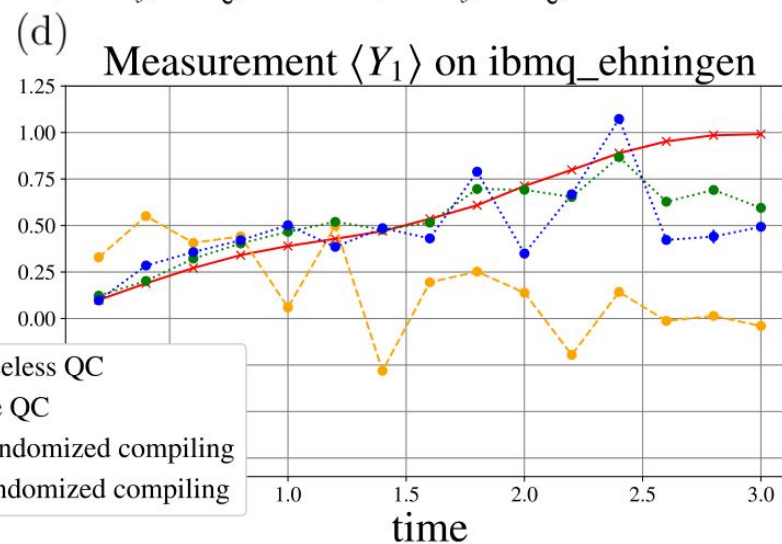
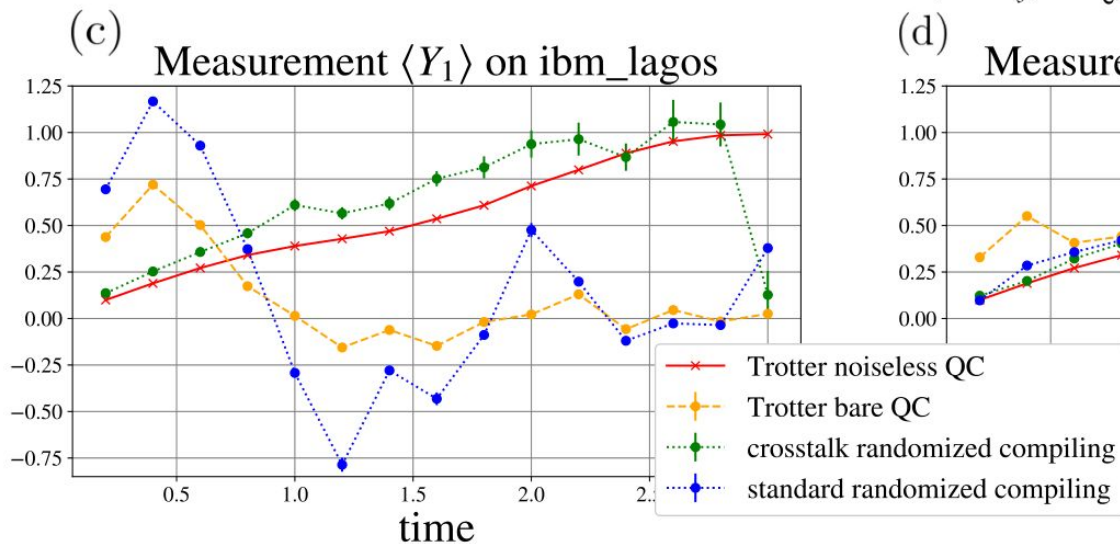


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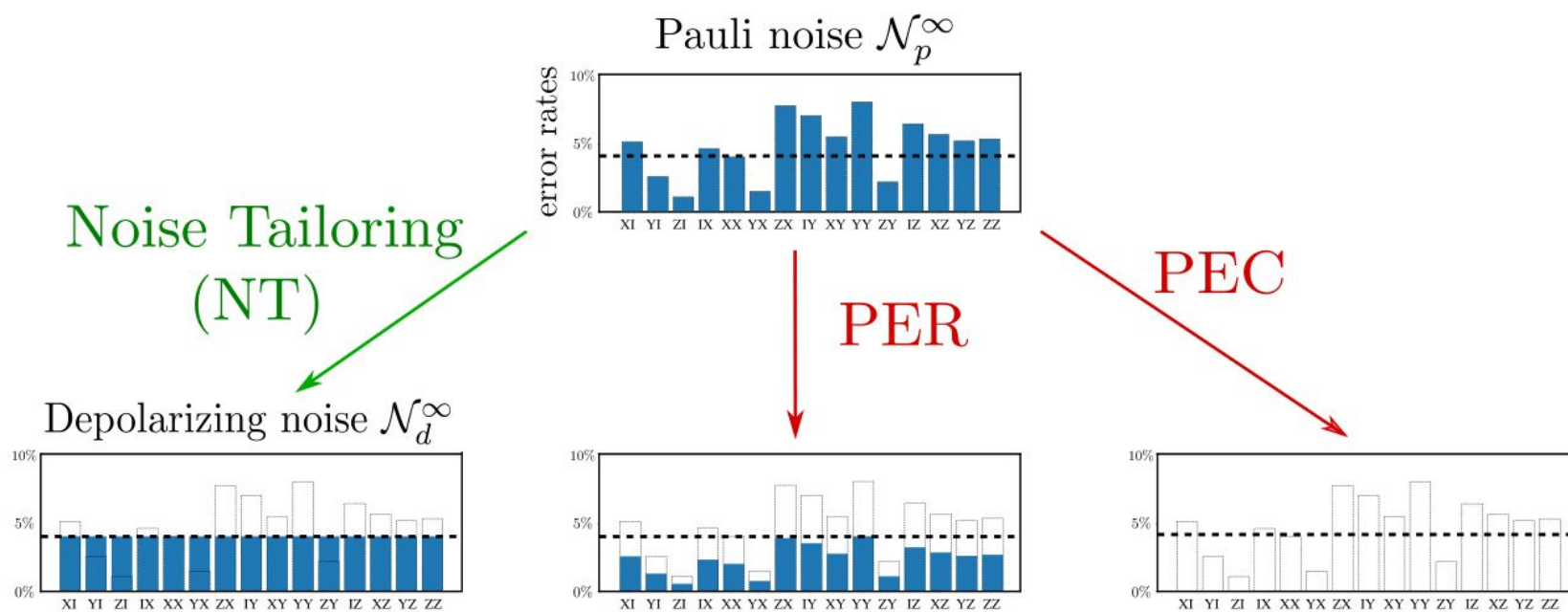


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# Why not change the noise shape?

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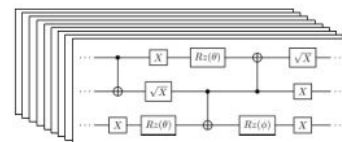
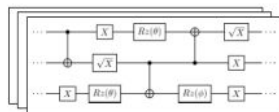


Noise Tailoring  
(NT)

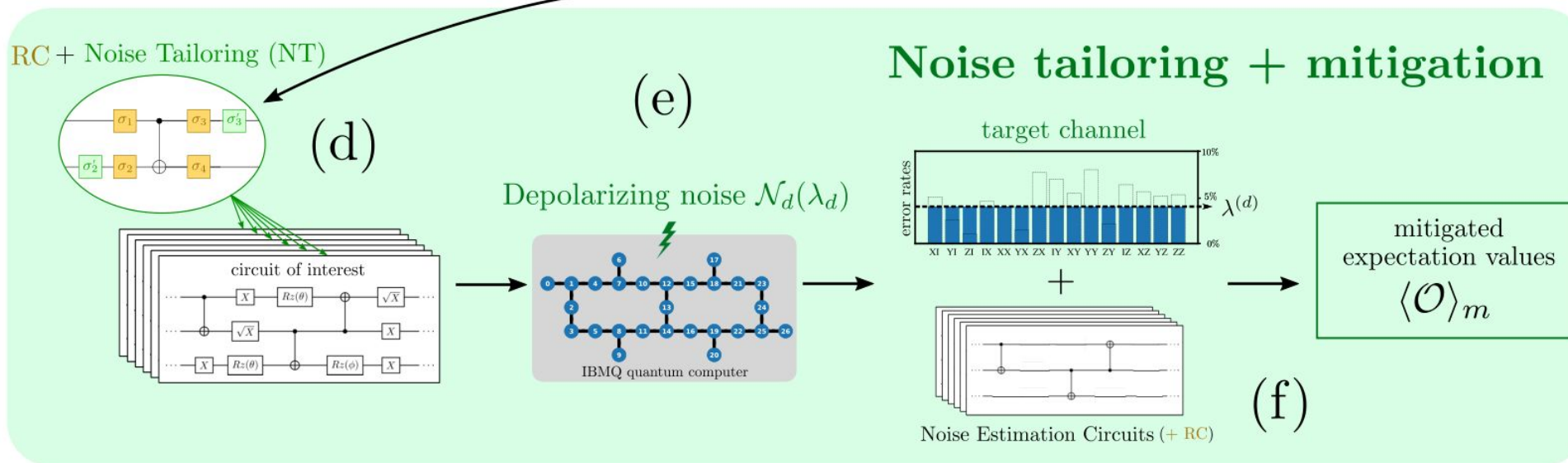
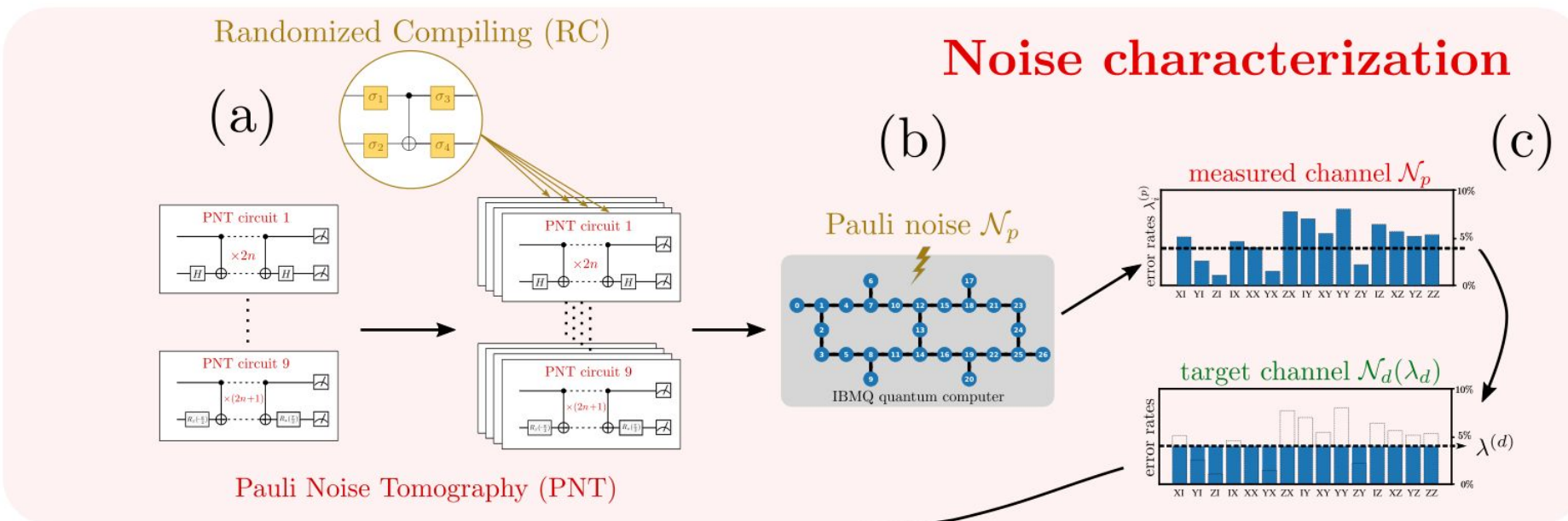
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Circuit sampling overhead

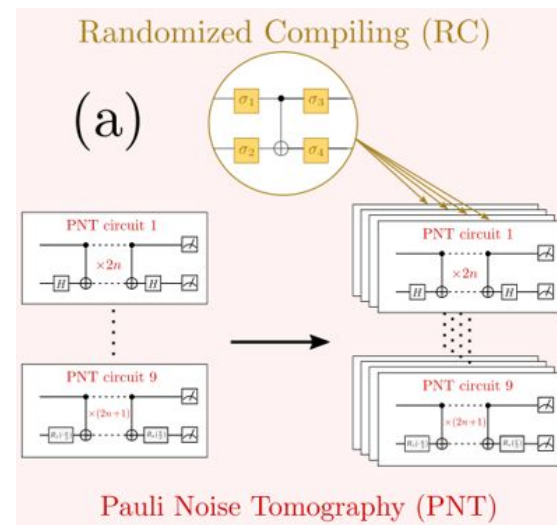


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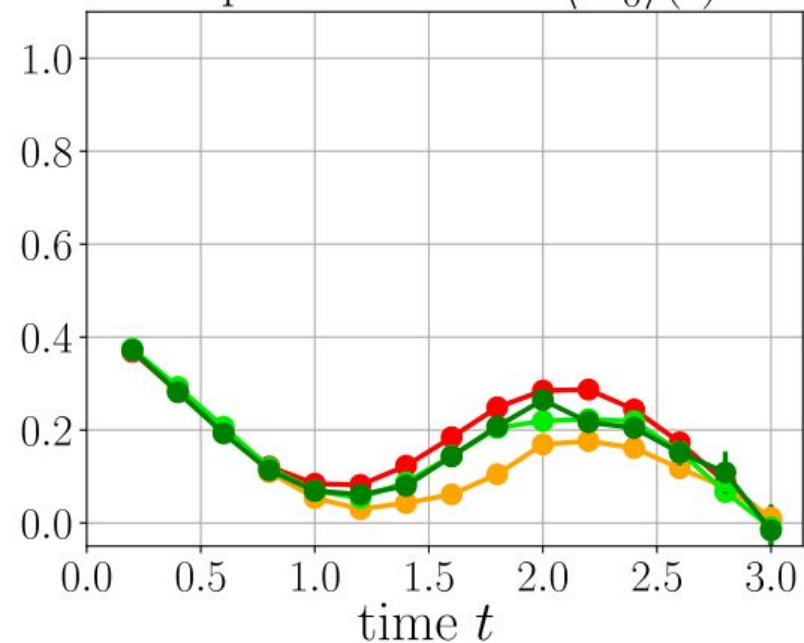


# Classical simulations of NT

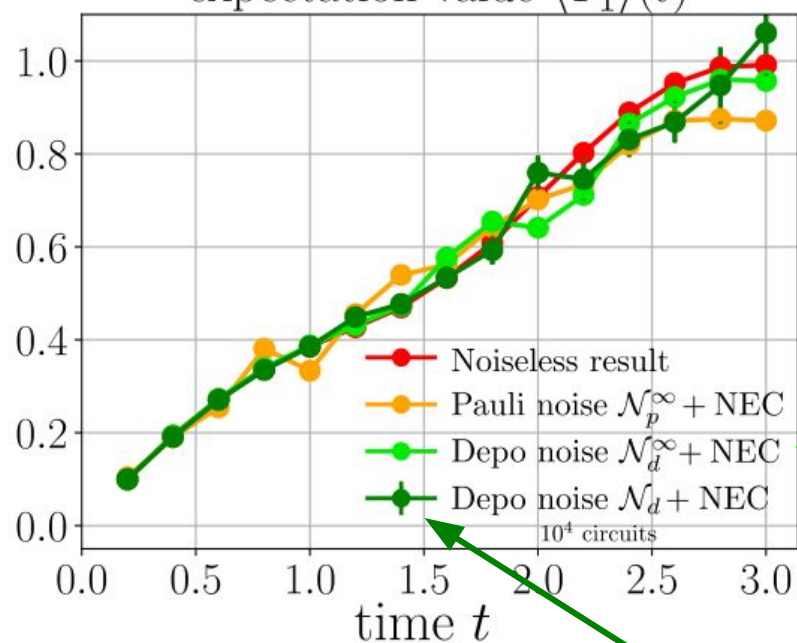
Noise extracted from actual IBM quantum computer (**ibm\_hanoi**, 27 qubits)



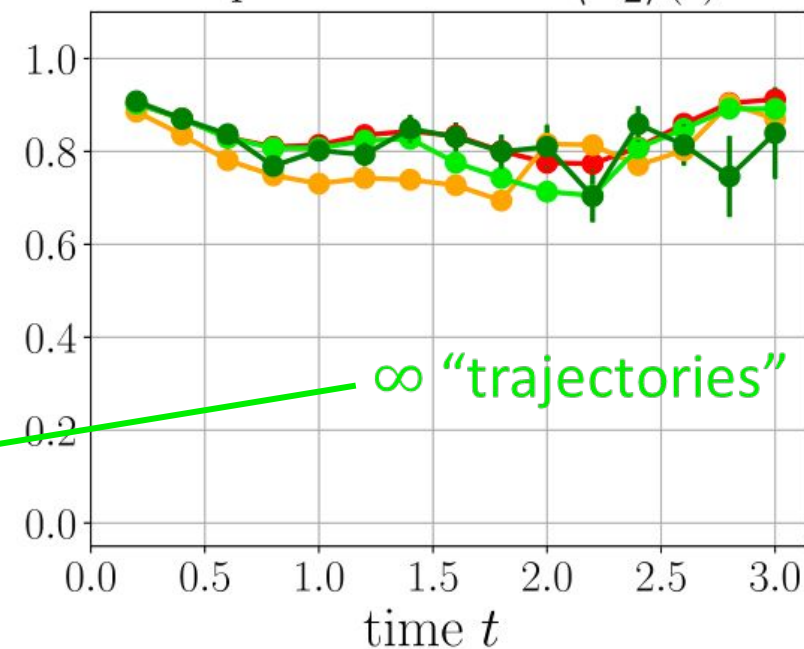
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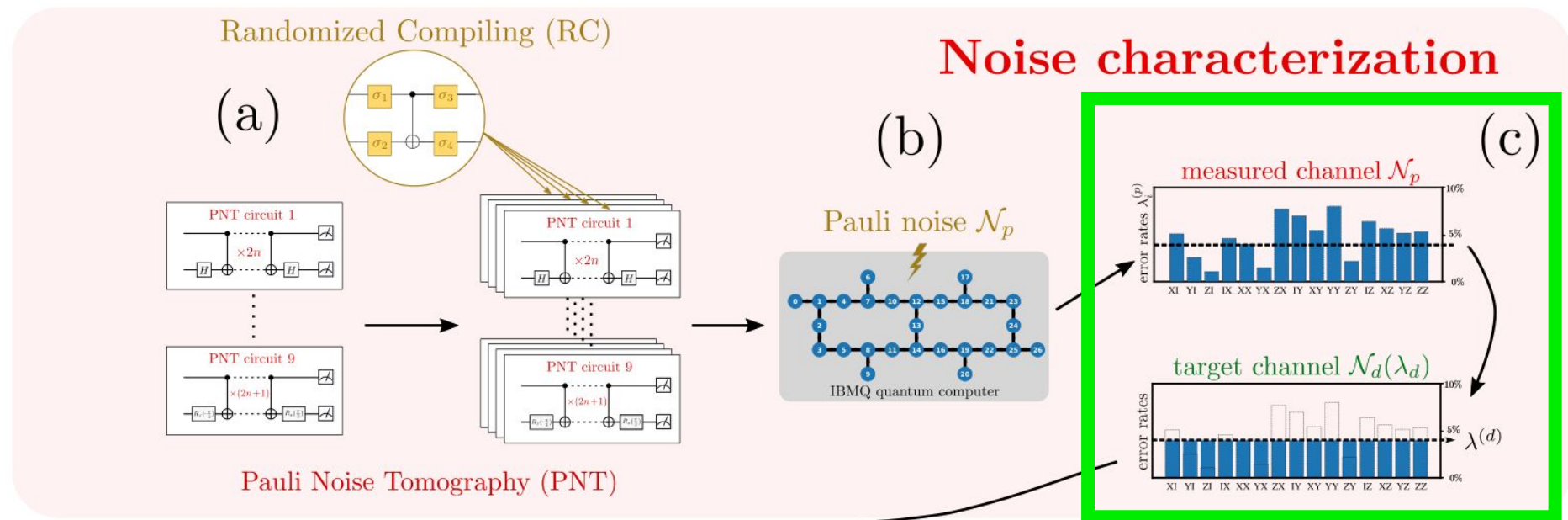
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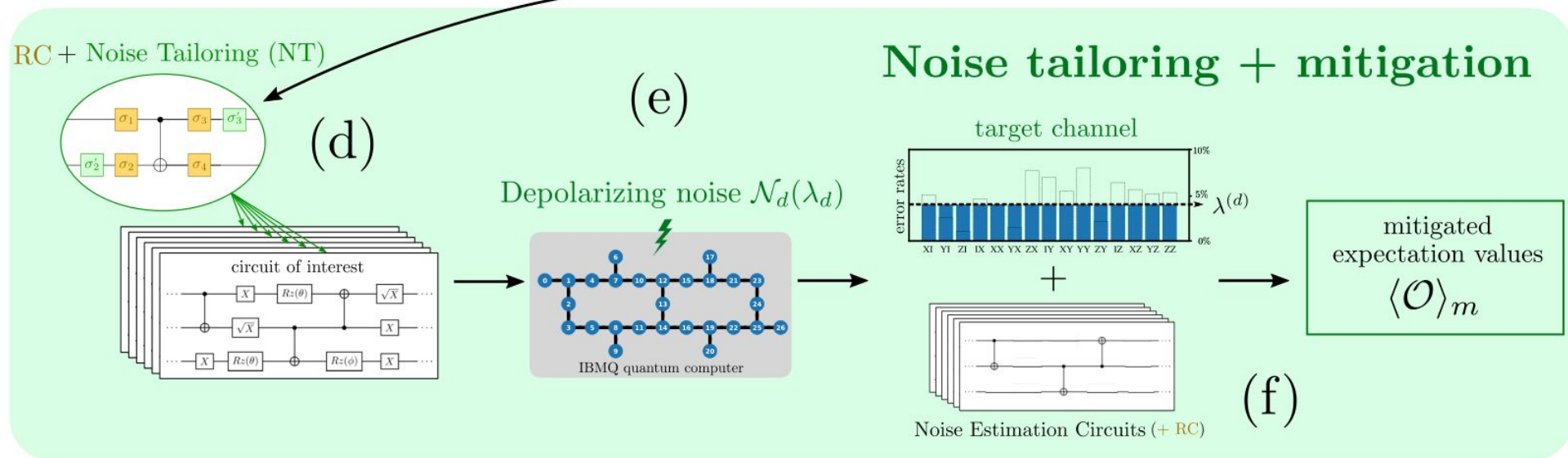
10000 "trajectories"



# Noise tailoring (NT) protocol



How to choose the target noise?





# Choosing the target noise

Our target: depolarizing noise.

$$\mathcal{N}_d^\infty(\rho) = (1 - 15\lambda_d)\rho + \lambda_d \sum_{i=1}^{15} \sigma_i^{2\text{-qubit}} \rho \sigma_i^{2\text{-qubit}}$$

Reason: NEC mitigation

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\text{mitigated}} = \frac{\langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\text{measured}}}{\mathcal{F}_{\text{NEC}}} \sim \frac{\langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\text{measured}}}{\langle 1 \rangle_{\text{measured}}}$$

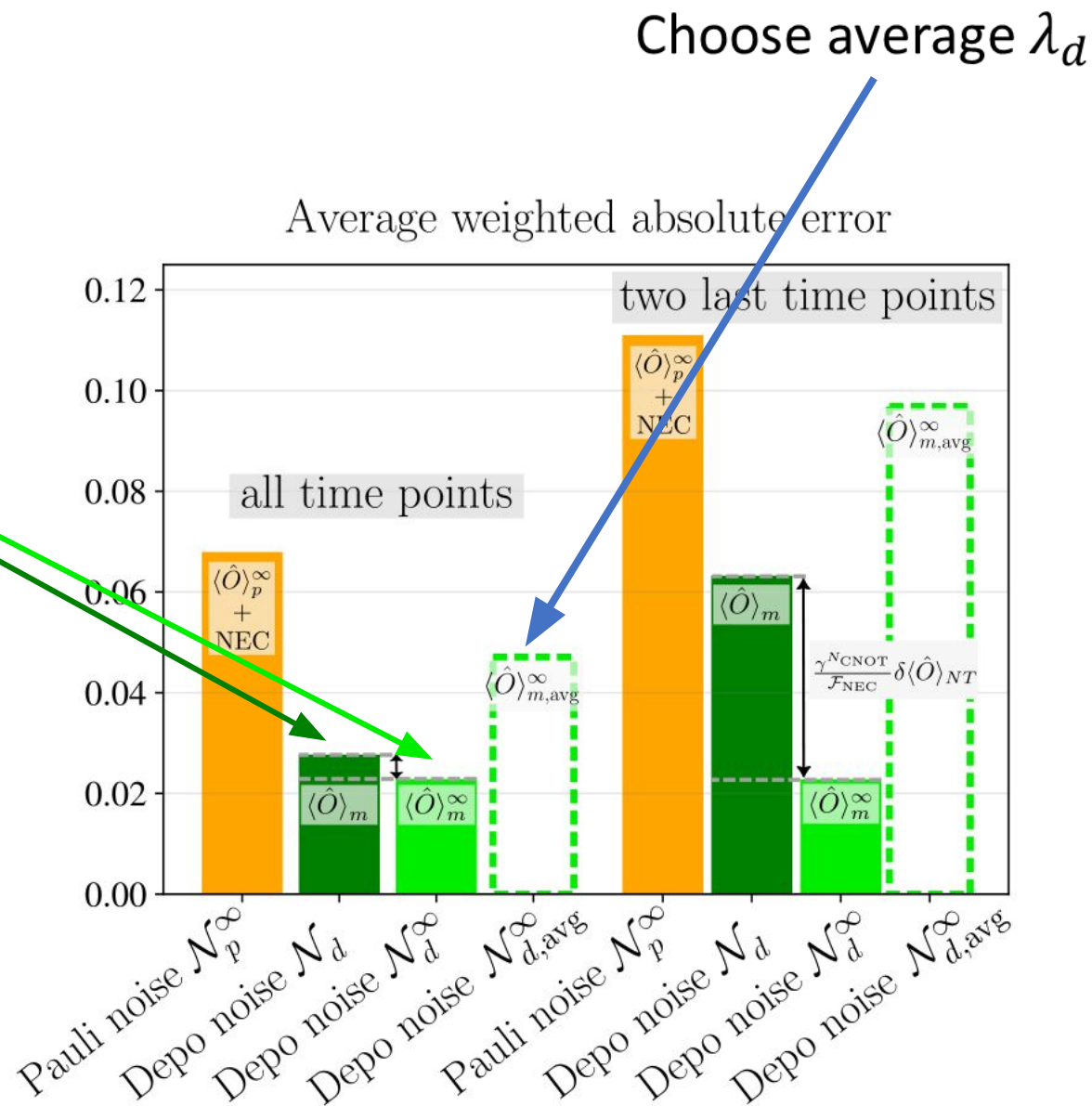
The effect of finite circuit («trajectory») sampling:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\text{mitigated}} = \langle \hat{O} \rangle_{\text{mitigated}}^\infty + \frac{\gamma^{n_{\text{CNOT}}}}{\mathcal{F}_{\text{NEC}}} [\text{Sampling errors}]$$

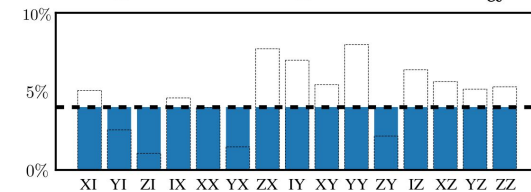
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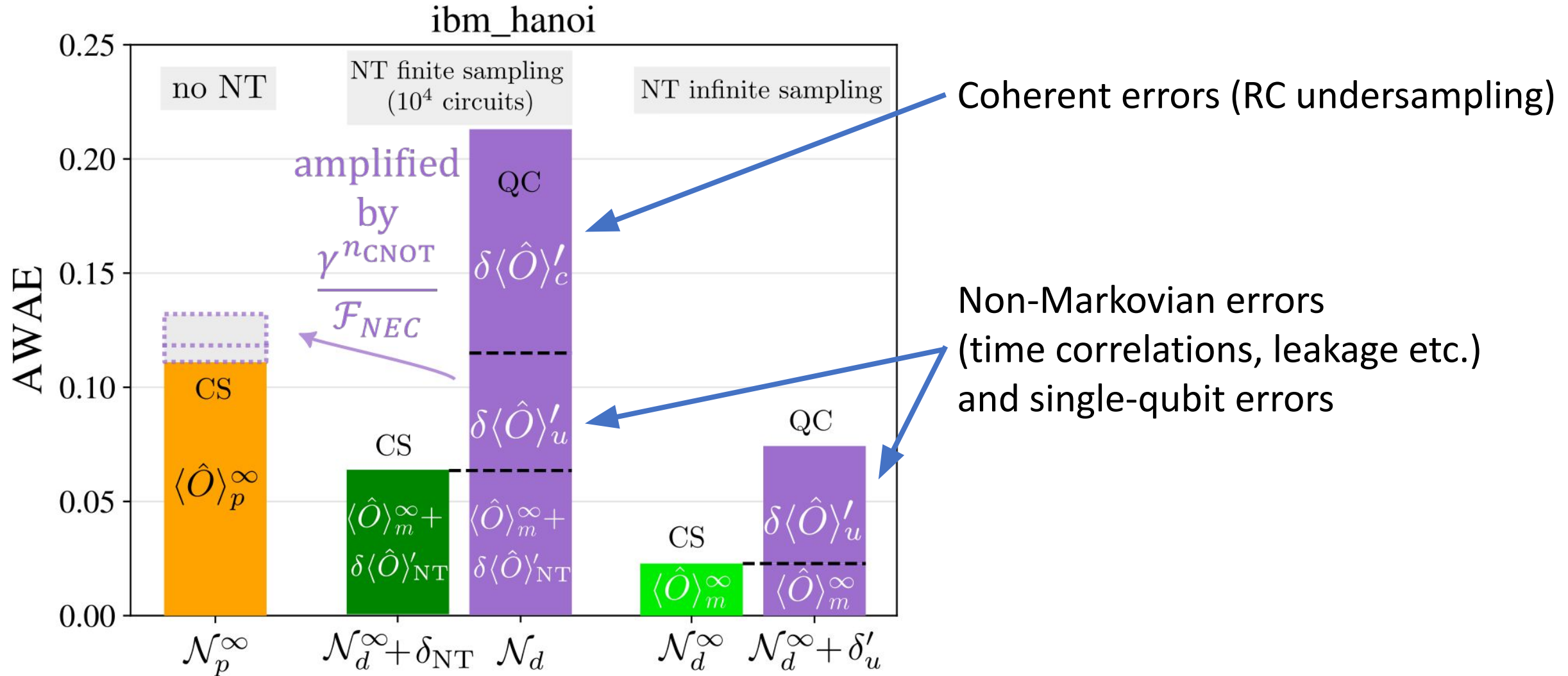
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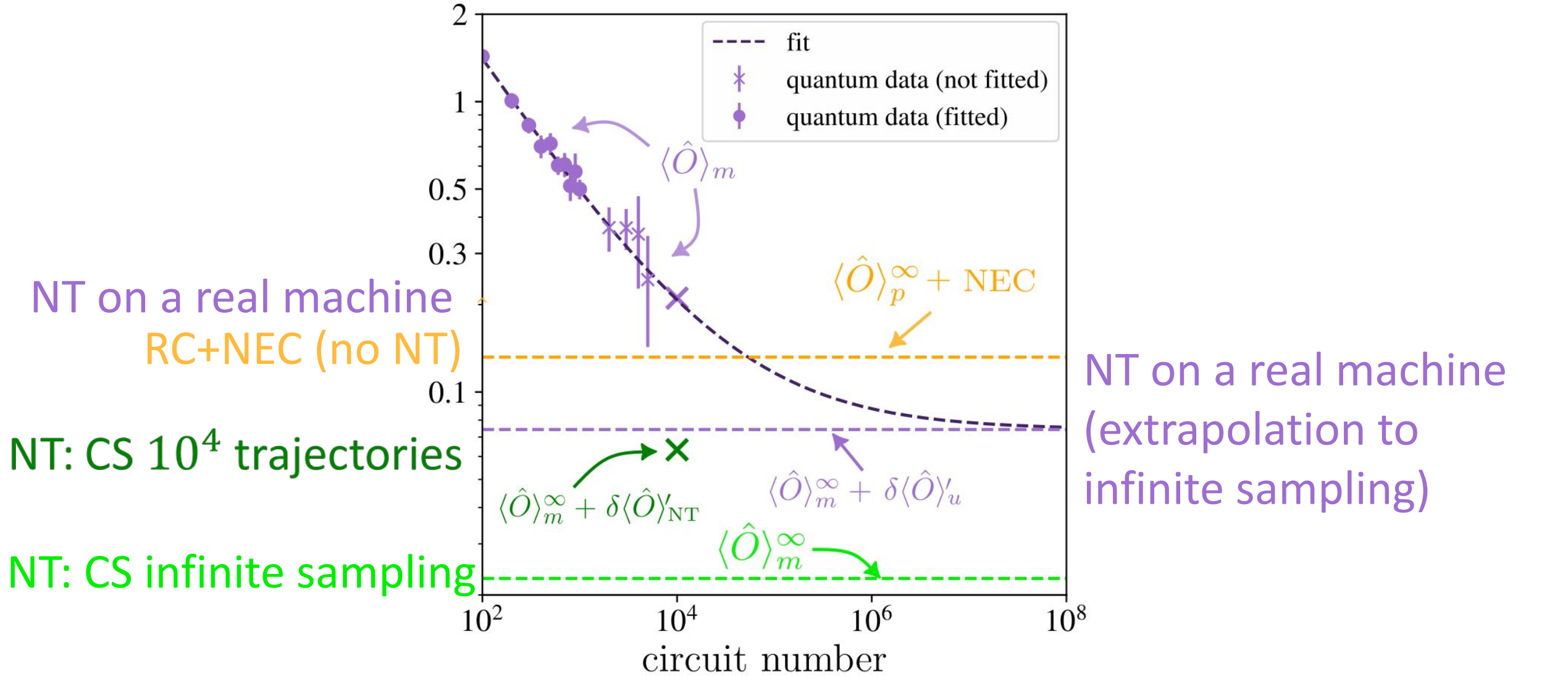
Depolarizing noise  $\mathcal{N}_d^\infty$



# NT on an actual quantum computer

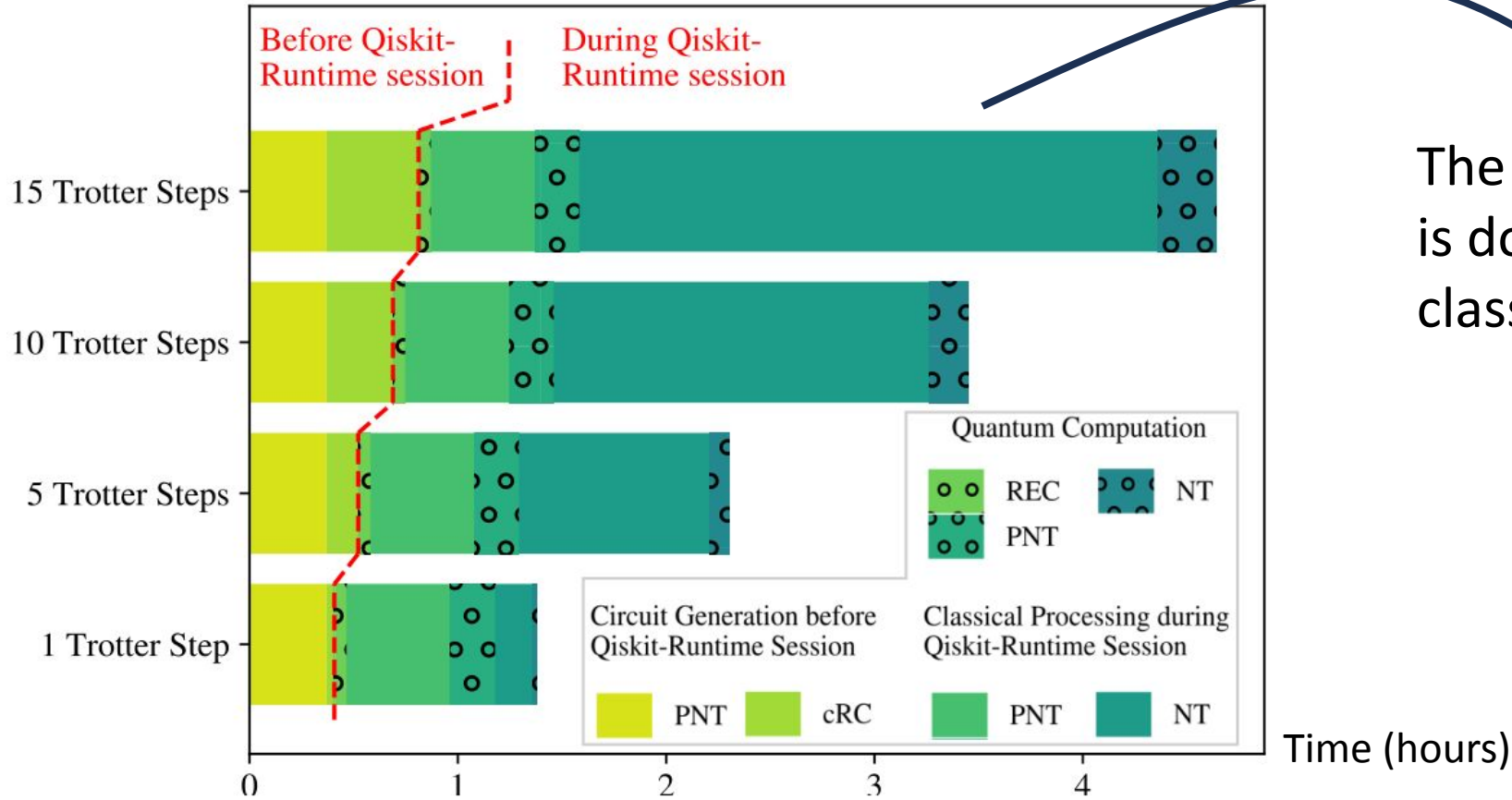


# What could we expect on an actual quantum computer?



# Cost of increasing sampling?

Time Budget for Different Numbers of Trotter Steps



The computation time is dominated by classical generation of trajectories

(Can be much improved with adjusting the way of storing circuits?)

Note: noise evolves in time: need to be fast enough



# Trajectories in Ukrainian life



Oleksandra Gulla-Sekretareva, the founder of

<https://www.hopp.bio/medicine4ukraine>

**Decision: study math before doing biology**

2018 — Bachelor's degree in math

2019–2020 — plays violin in an orchestra

does an internship in biochemistry

prepares for Master's in biology

**“Measurement”**: exam failed

fails entrance exam for Master's in biology

2021 — succeeds in the exam;

starts the Master's in biology (scheduled to finish in 2023)

**“Measurement”**: full-scale invasion by Russia

**Decision: focus on what's most important now**

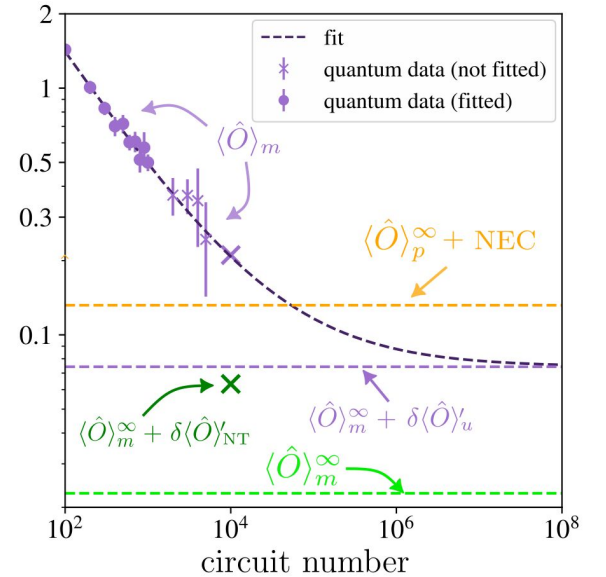
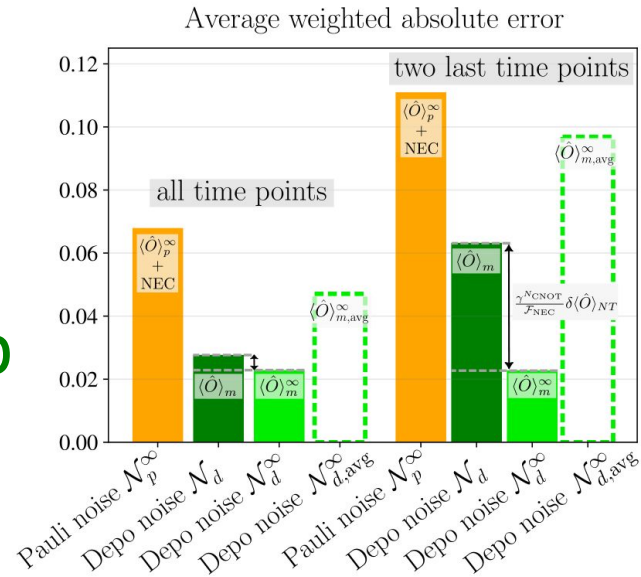
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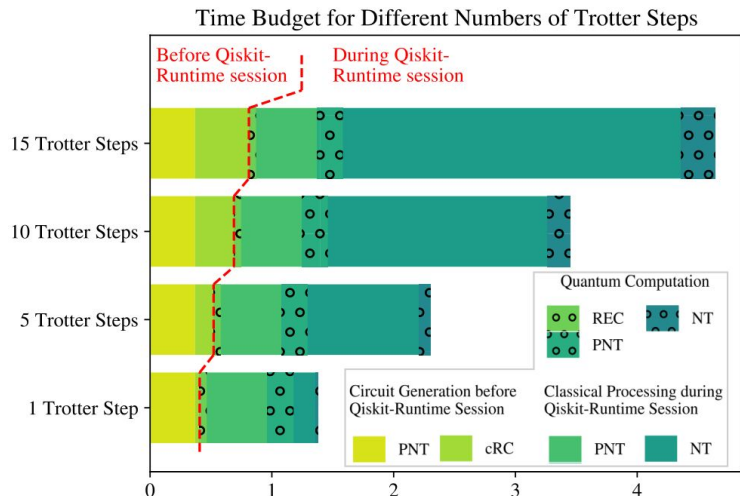
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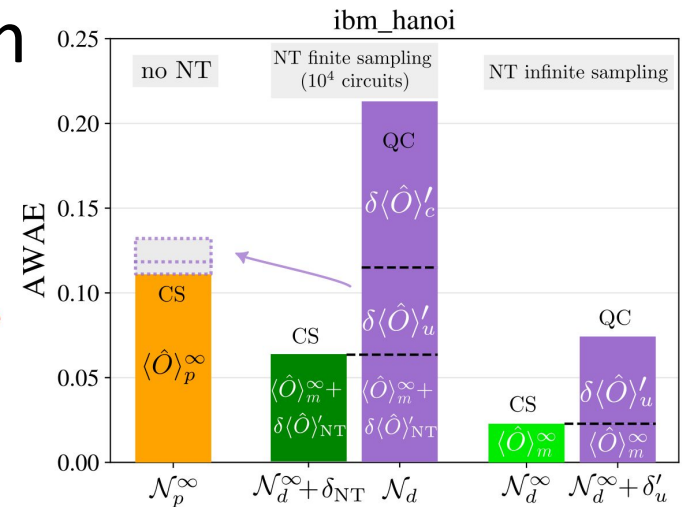
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trajectories can help  
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Application-based  
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Thank you for attention!

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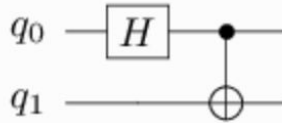
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Quantum Hello World

The following code snippet creates and simulates a simple Bell pair circuit:



Functional mode

Sequential mode

```
from qat.lang import qrount, H, CNOT

@qrount
def bell_pair():
    H(0)
    CNOT(0, 1)

result = bell_pair().run()

for sample in result:
    print(f"State {sample.state} amplitude {sample.amplitude}")
```

```
State |00> amplitude (0.7071067811865475+0j)
State |11> amplitude (0.7071067811865475+0j)
```

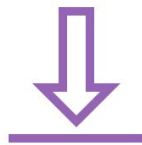
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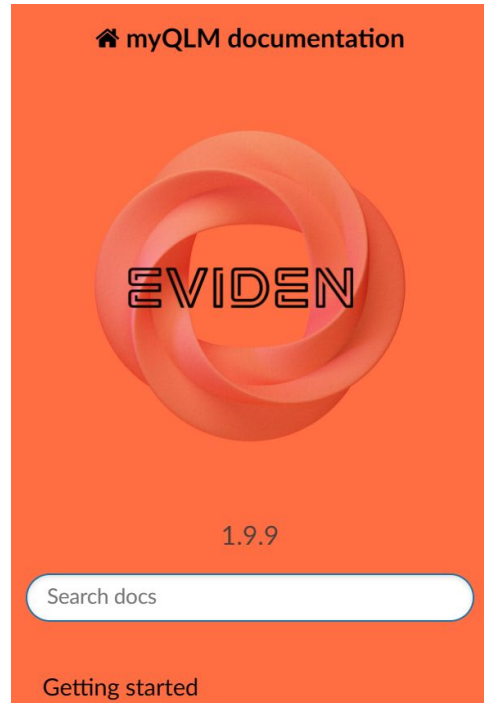
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Qaptiva (paid) — advanced simulation  
+ (in the future) access to quantum hardware



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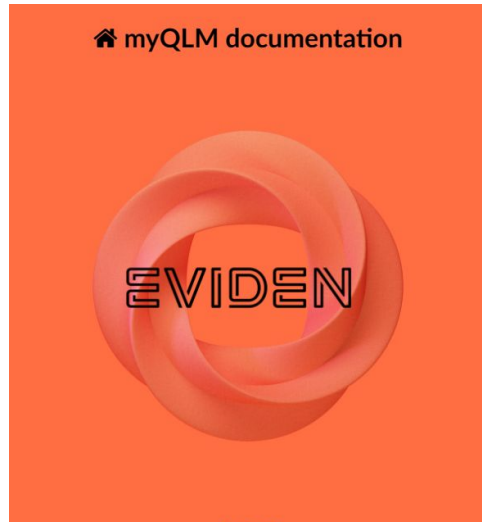
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## Interoperability

### ⚠ Warning

Interoperability packages are deprecated for Python versions 3.6 and 3.7

This package enables access to other quantum programming environments such as Qiskit, ProjectQ, PyQuil, Cirq ... This package will not automatically install dependency packages because someone who want to interface with Qiskit may not want to interface with Cirq... The desired quantum environment can be cherry-picked using the pip command:

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```
pip install myqlm-interop[qiskit_binder]
```

**myQLM = my Quantum Learning Machine**

**myQLM (free) — gate-based programming and noiseless simulation**

**Lots of examples**