

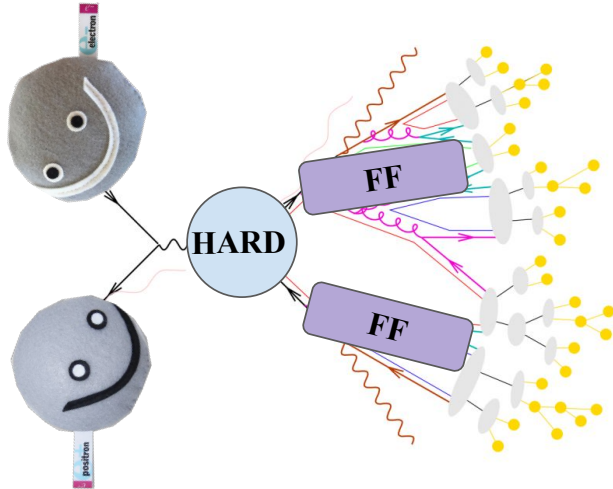
# Quantum Computing Fragmentation Functions

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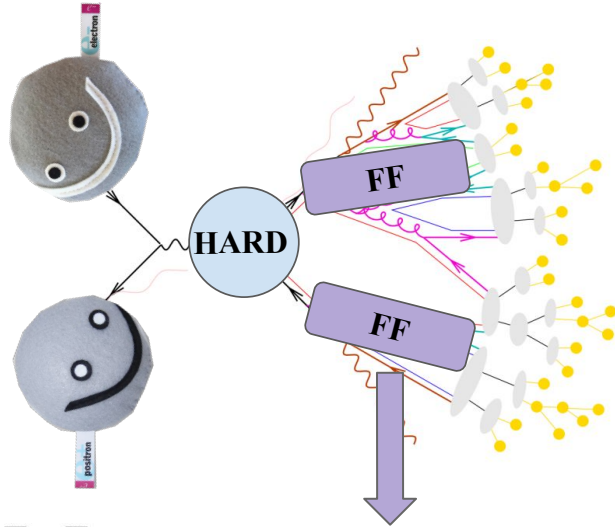
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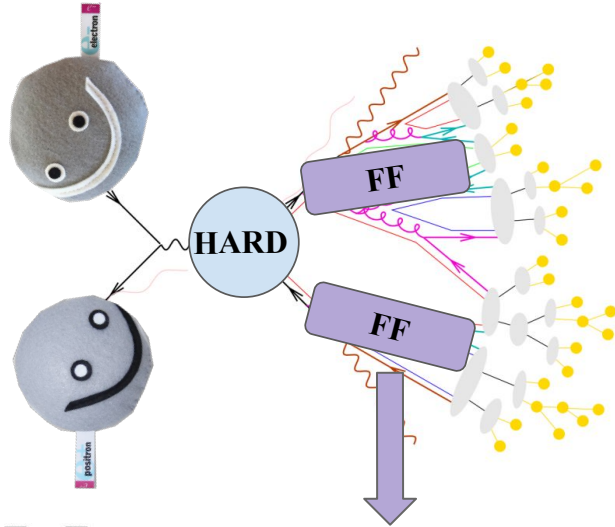


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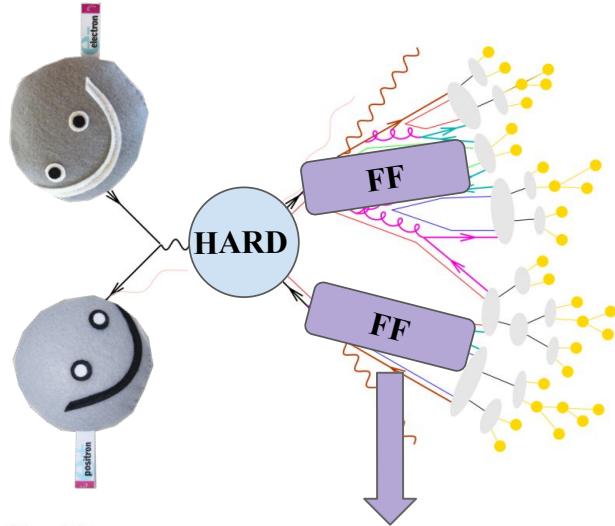
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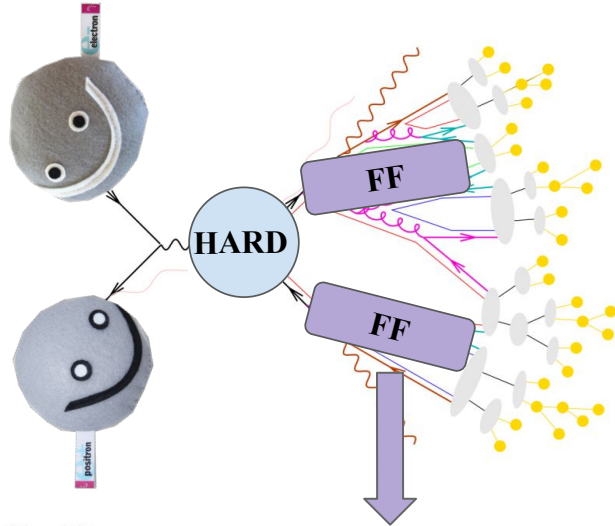
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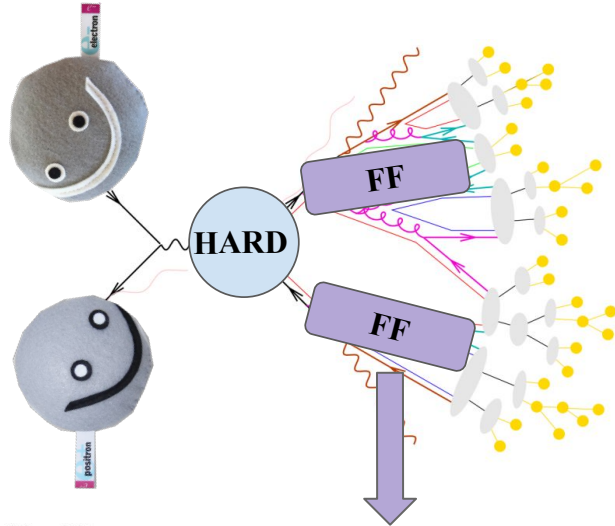
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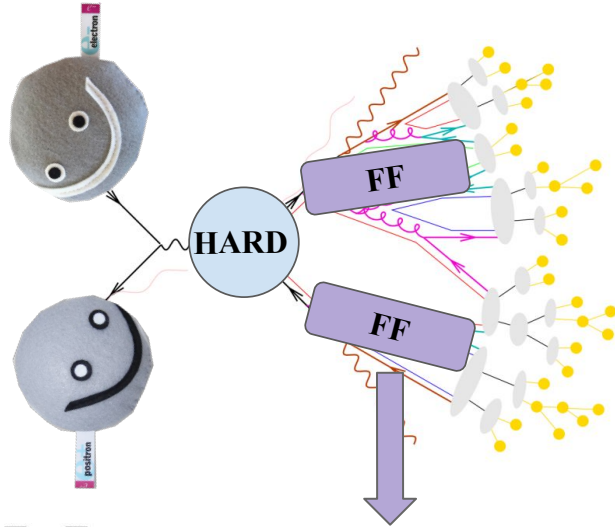
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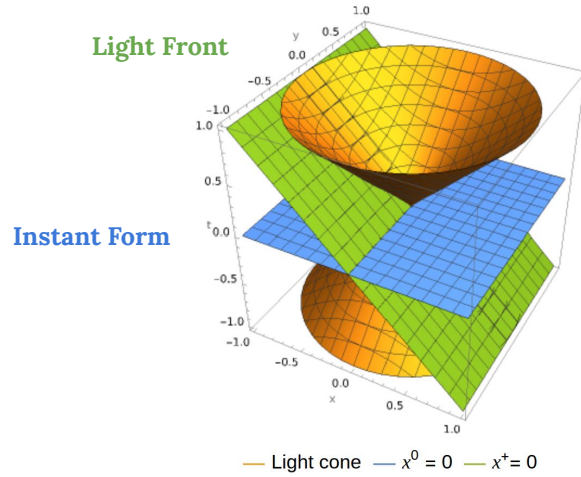
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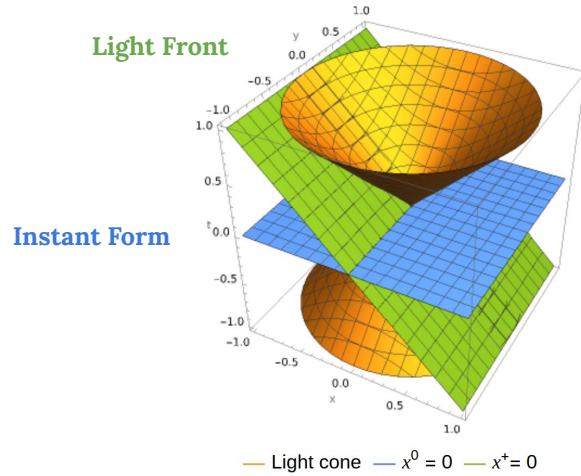
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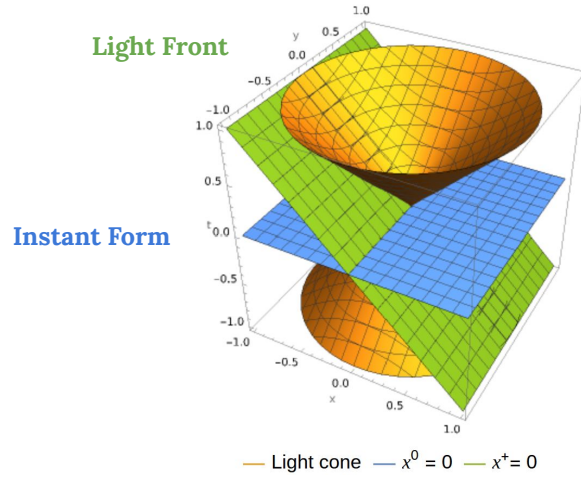
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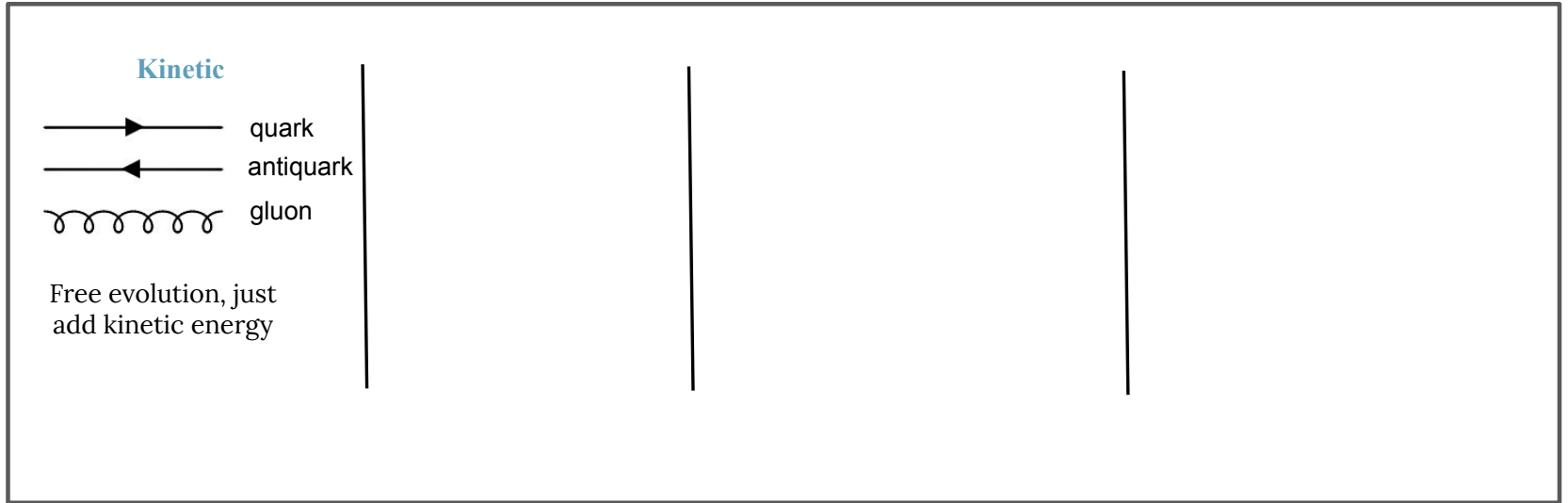
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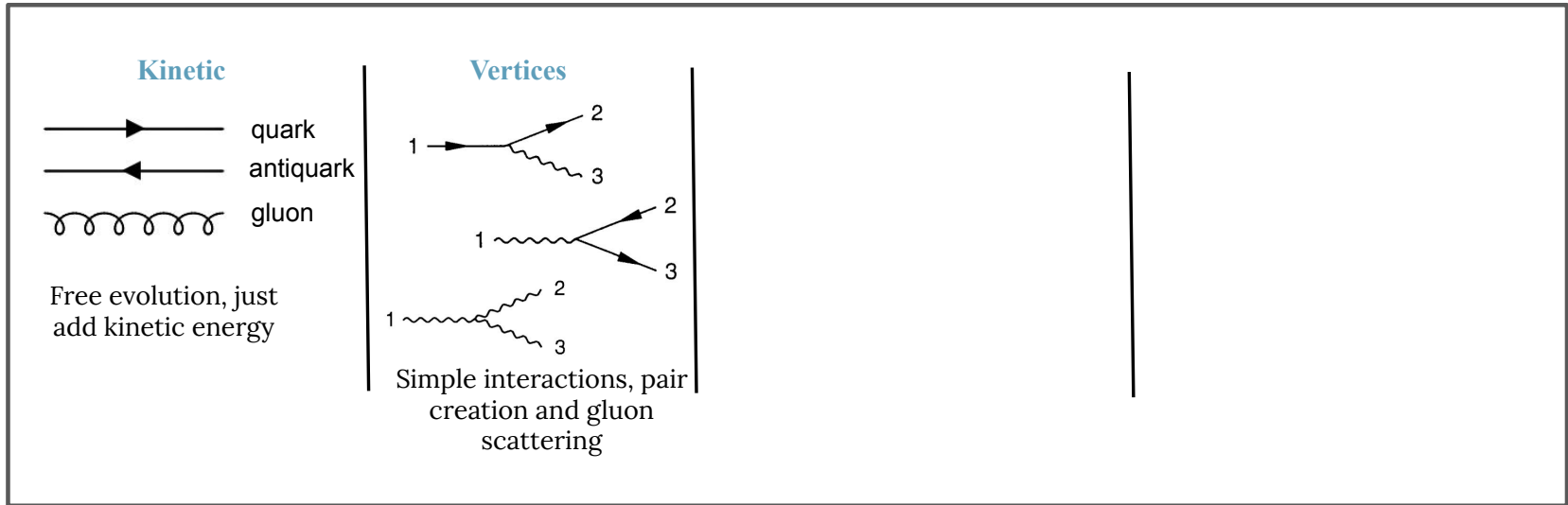
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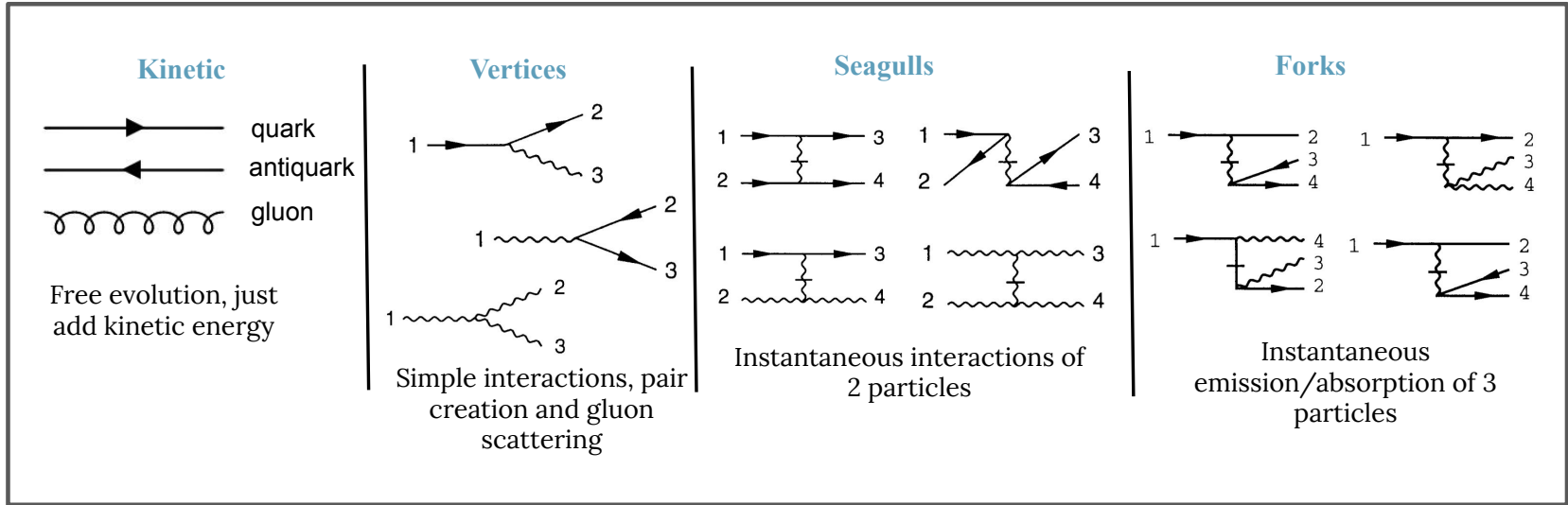
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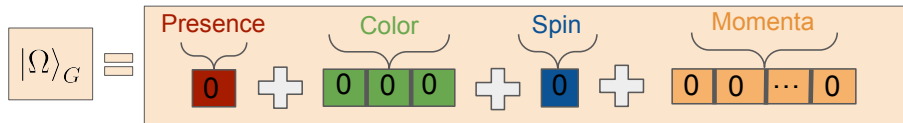
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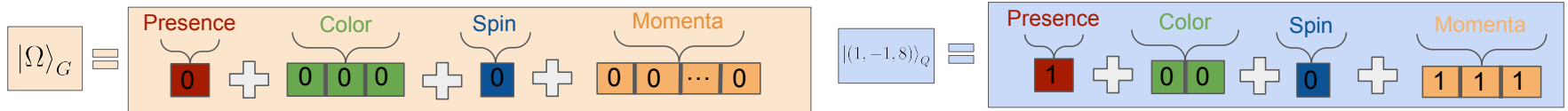
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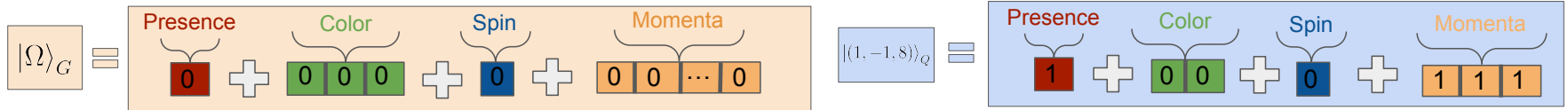
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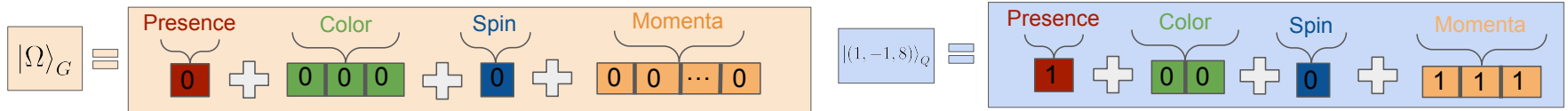
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$$|(1, \uparrow, (1, 0, 0))\rangle_G = \left( C_{10} \otimes s_{(1, \uparrow, (1, 0, 0))}^\dagger \right)_1 |\Omega\rangle_G = C_{10} |0\rangle \otimes s_1^\dagger |000\rangle \otimes s_\uparrow^\dagger |0\rangle \otimes s_{(1, 0, 0)}^\dagger |00 \dots 0\rangle \quad (9)$$

# Encoding III - Multi-particle states

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$\rho, \eta$  are particle modes, not mesons!

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3. Add (anti)symmetrizers for (fermion)bosons

$$\mathcal{S}_2 / \mathcal{A}_2 \quad 1_{\eta} \otimes 1_{\rho} \equiv \left[ 1_{\eta} \otimes 1_{\rho} \pm / - 1_{\rho} \otimes 1_{\eta} \right] / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_j = (\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{P}_{(j)(j-1)} + \cdots + \mathcal{P}_{(j)(1)}) / \sqrt{j} \quad (11) \quad \mathcal{A}_j = (\mathcal{I} - \mathcal{P}_{(j)(j-1)} - \cdots - \mathcal{P}_{(j)(1)}) / \sqrt{j} \quad (12)$$

# Encoding IV - Commutation relations revisited

## Bosons

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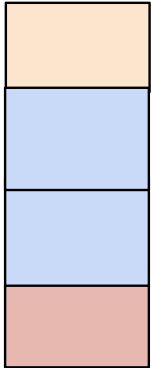
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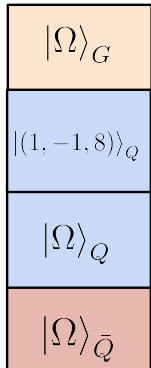
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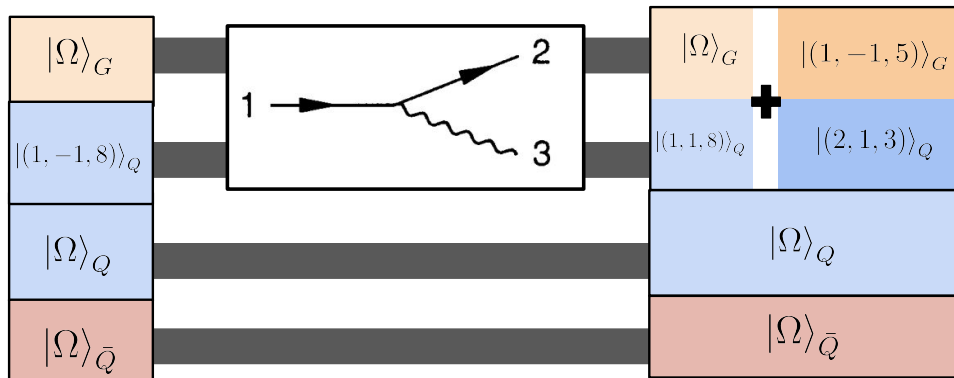
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3. Encode and exponentiate

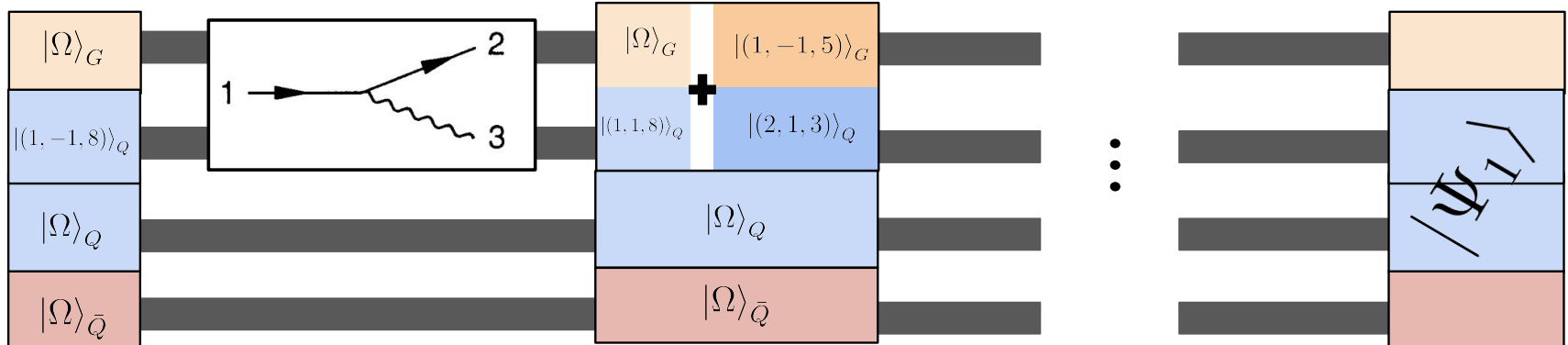
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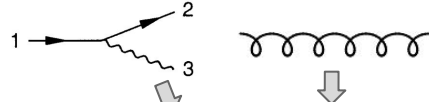
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4. Repeat for all matrix elements to evolve **1 Trotter step**

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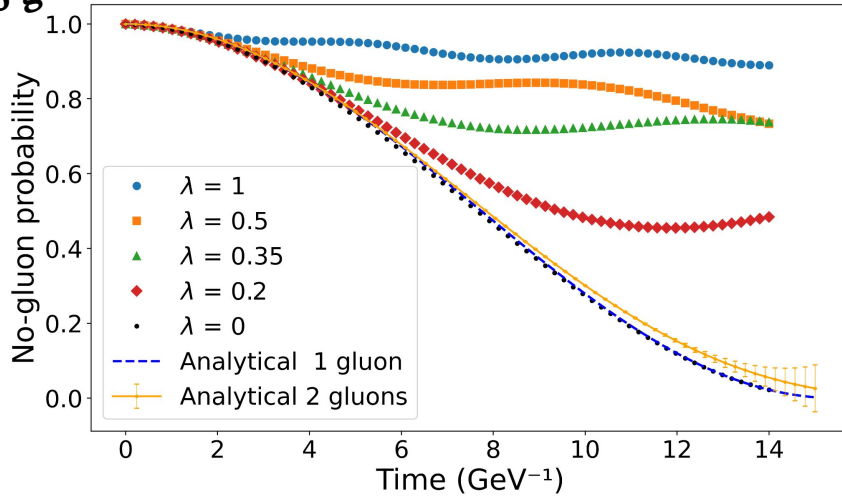
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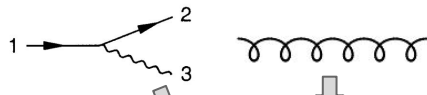
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No gluons



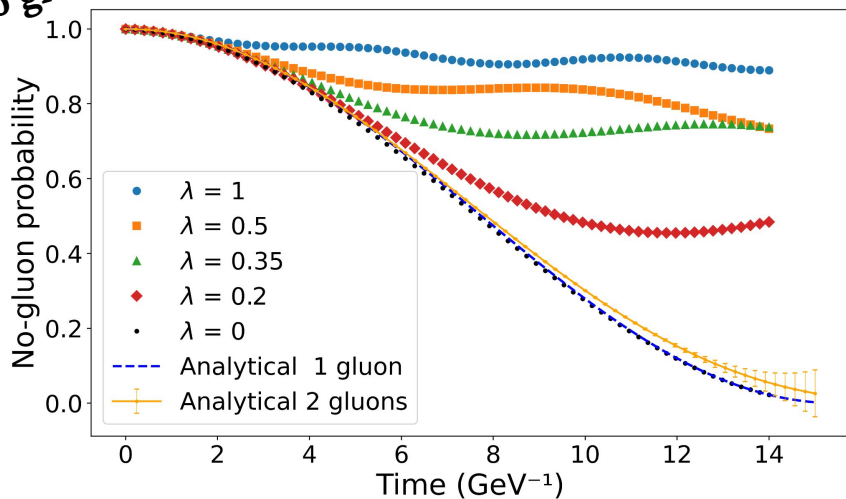
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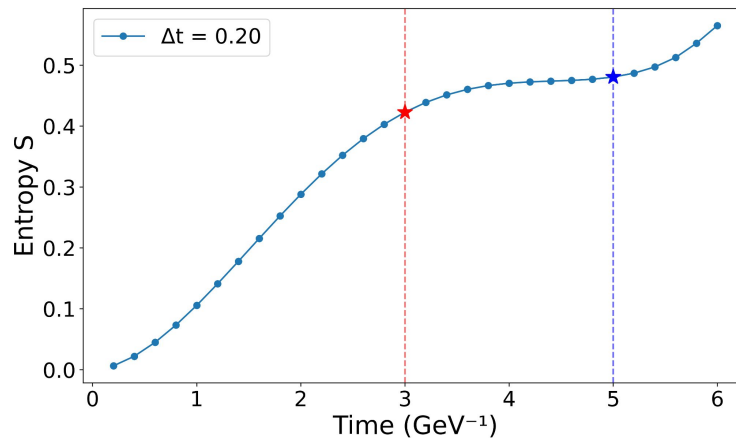
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We expect the entropy to increase monotonically:

$$S = \sum_i -p_i \log(p_i)$$



30 Trotter Steps for a total evolution time of 6 GeV<sup>-1</sup>

# Algorithm III - Measurement

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An ansatz 
$$a_{z,m}^{\dagger J/\Psi} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{\chi_0(x)}{x(z-x)}}$$

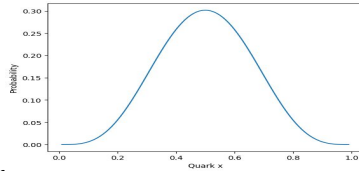
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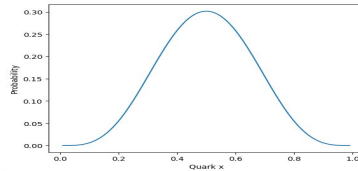
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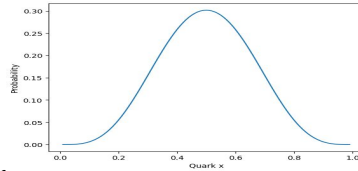
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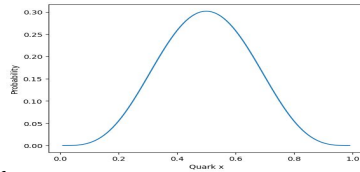
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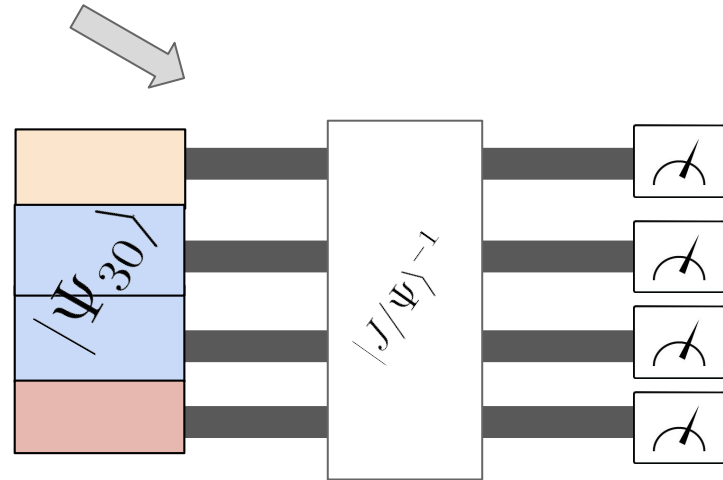
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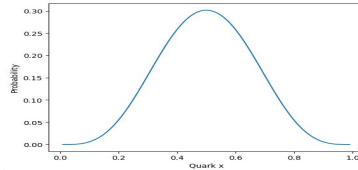
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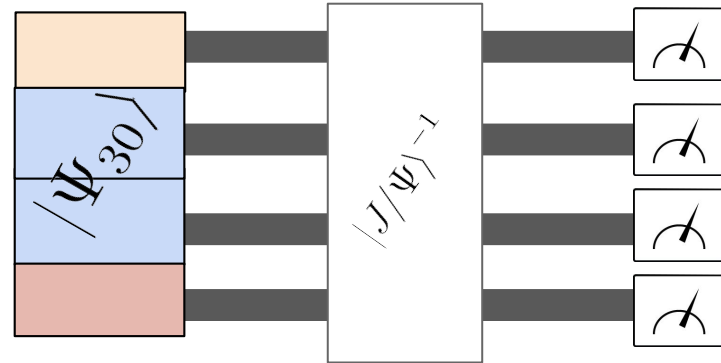
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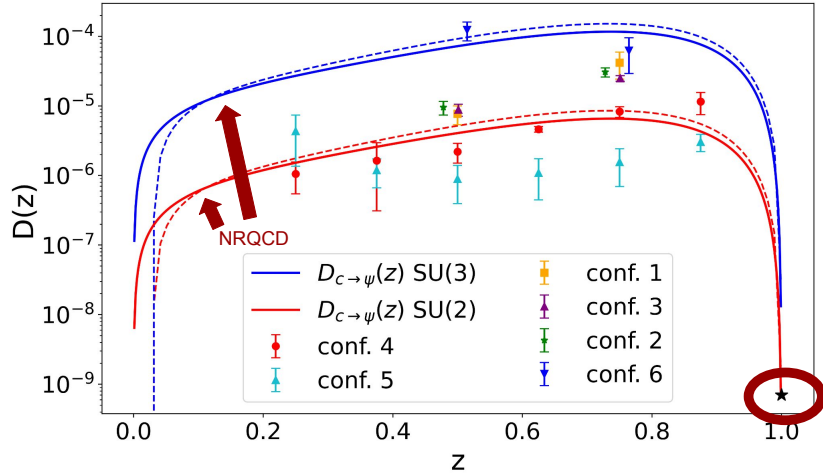
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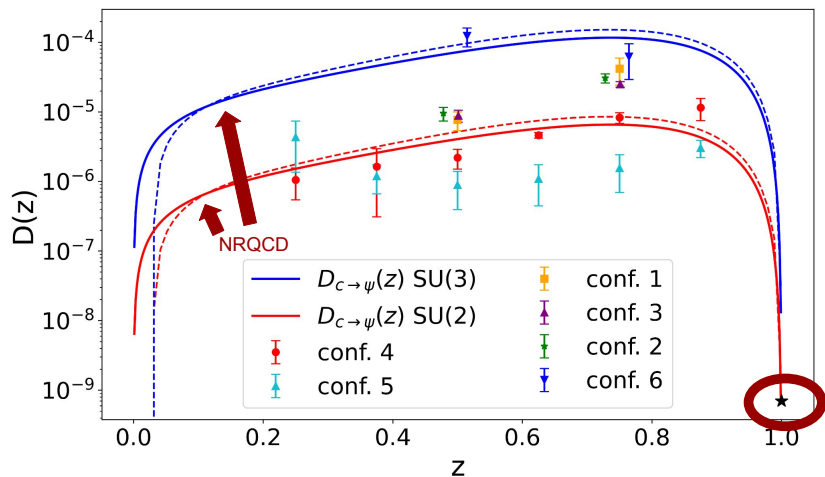
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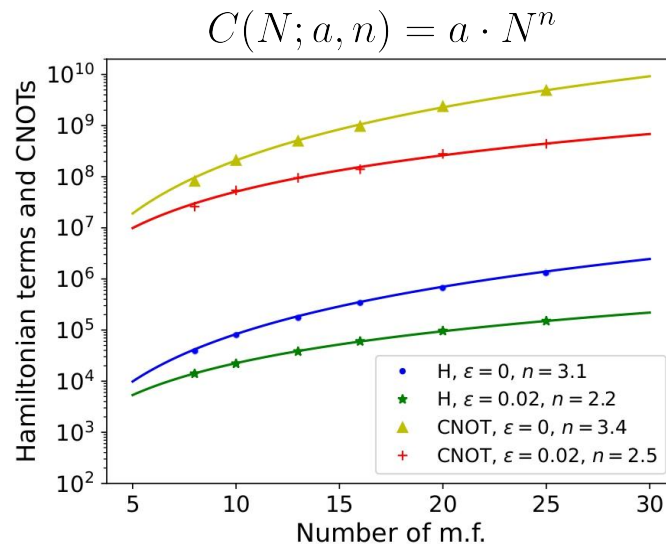
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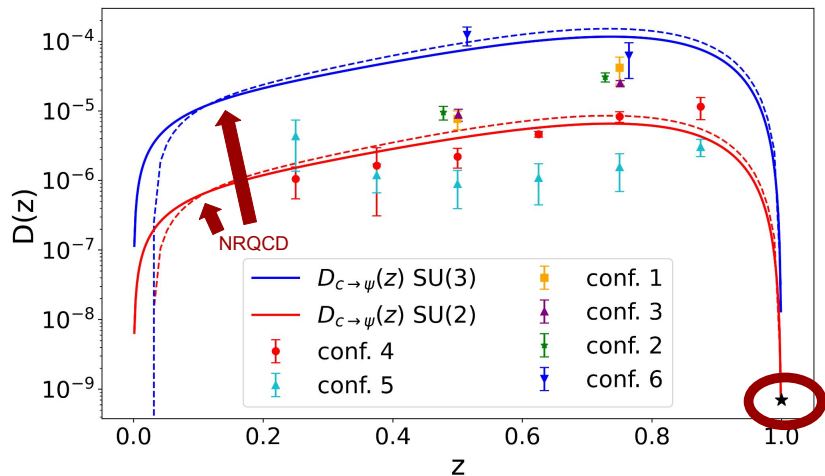


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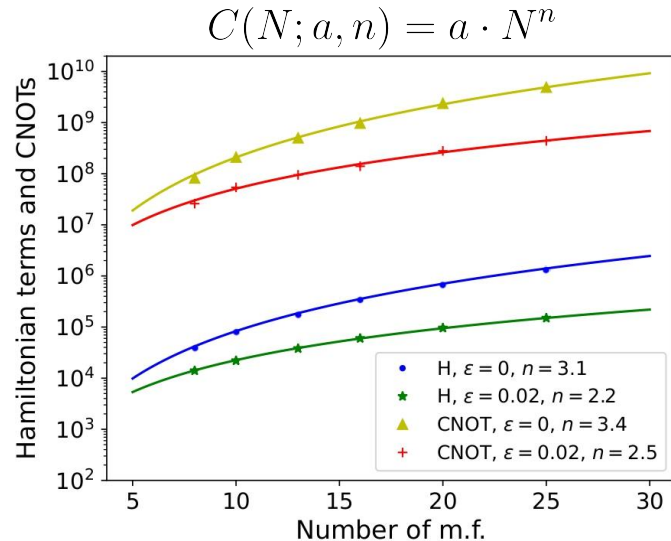


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**Thank you for your attention!**

# Quantum Computing Fragmentation Functions

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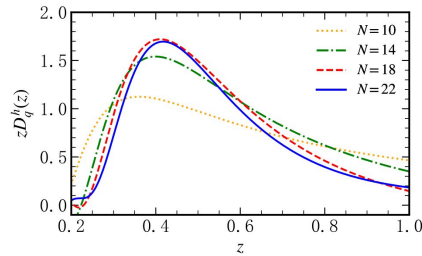


# Backup: Algorithms for quantum simulations of hadron physics

- (2011) Real-time scattering of scalar QFT efficient by the JLP algorithm

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1111.3633>

- (2024) Fragmentation has been studied with 1+1D NJL model <https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.05683>



- See <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.26293> for (our) review

## Preparations for Quantum Computing in Hadron Physics

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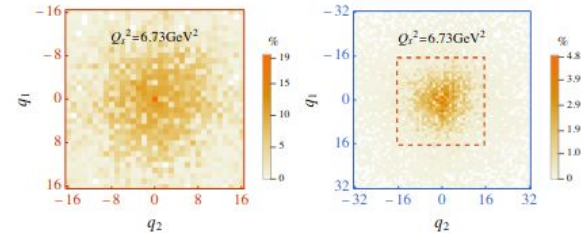
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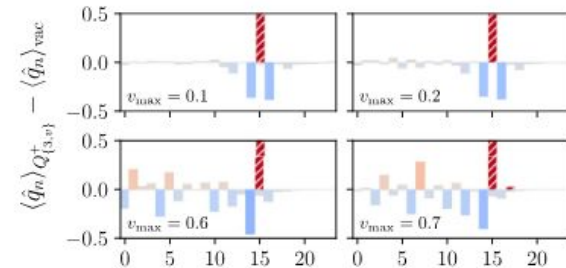
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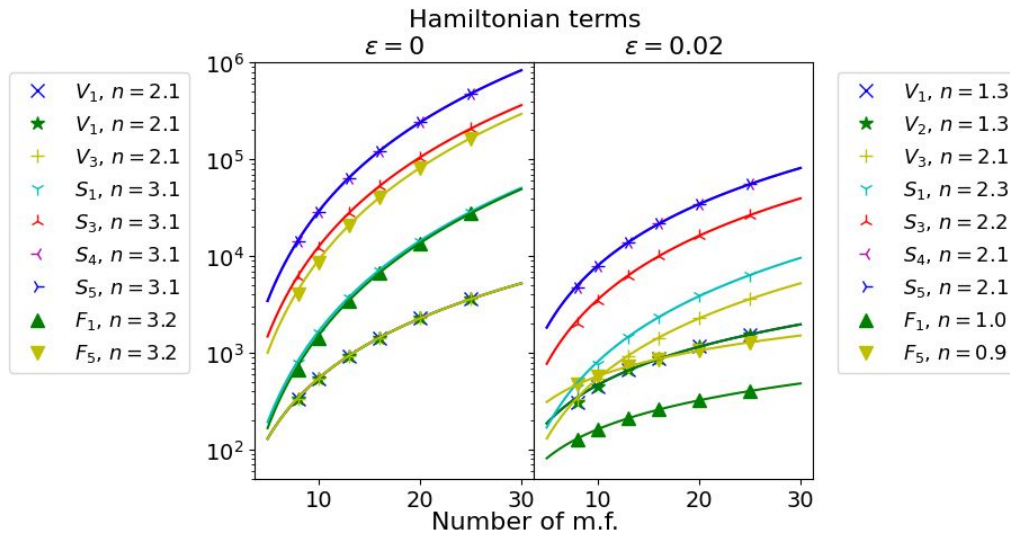
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# Backup: More about scaling



# Backup: Fragmentation at $z = 1$

