
Analog quantum error correction with encoding a qubit into an oscillator

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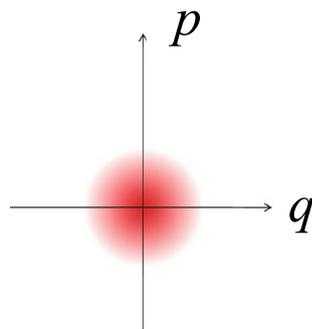
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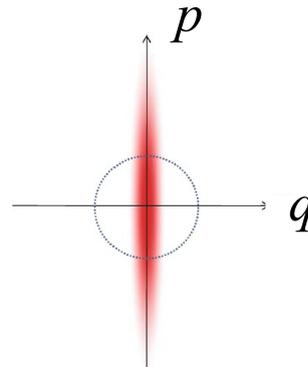
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squeezing



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Increase of the squeezing level
improves measurement accuracy
in q quadrature

q (p) : real (imaginary) part of optical field amplitude

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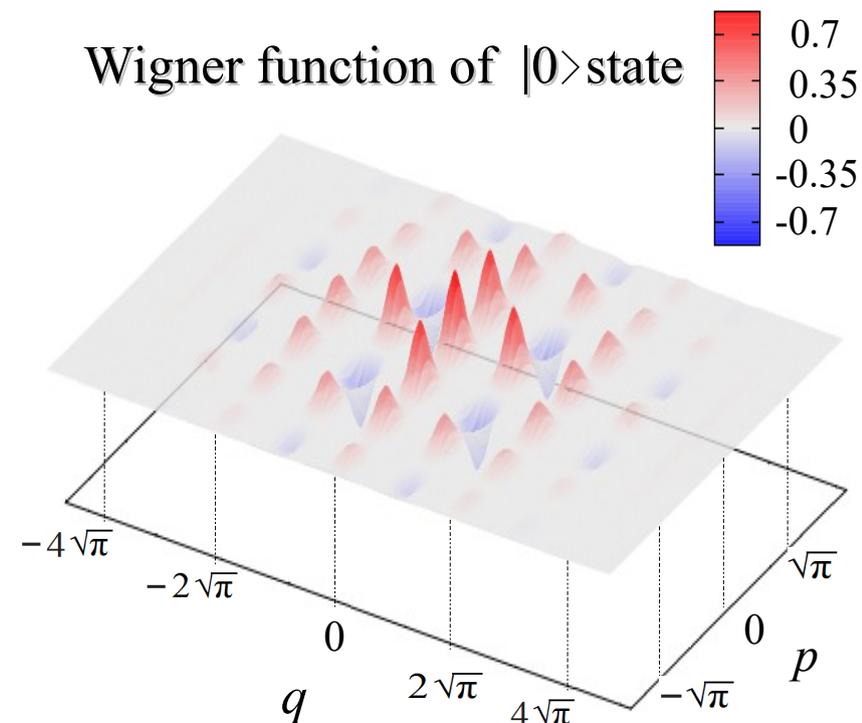
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δ^2 : variance of the GKP qubit

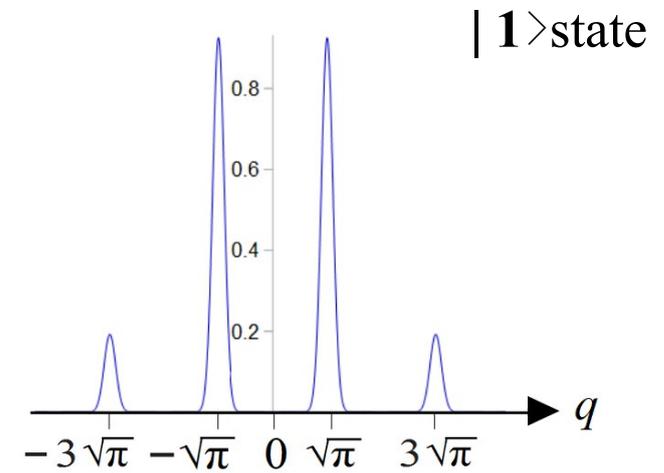
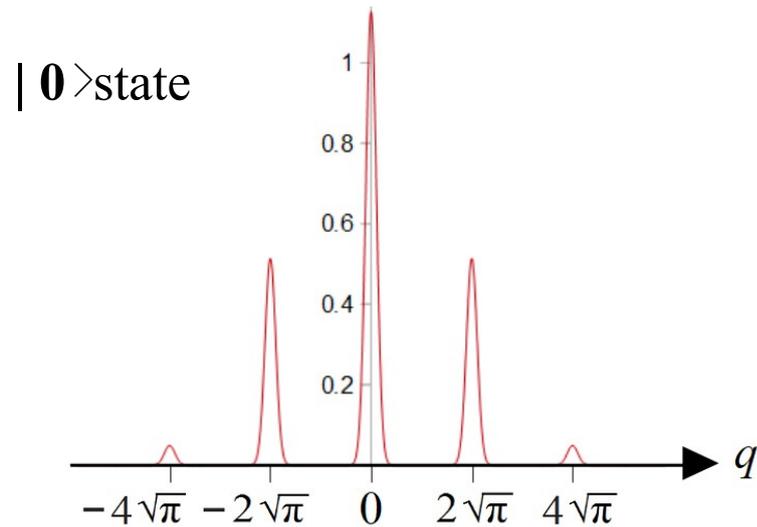


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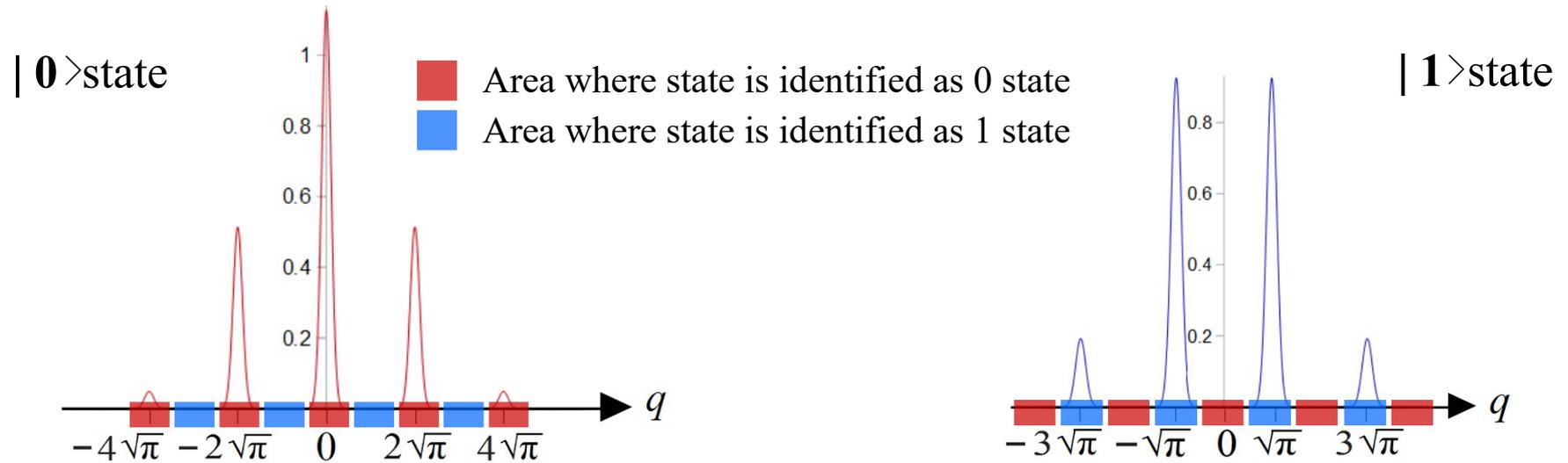
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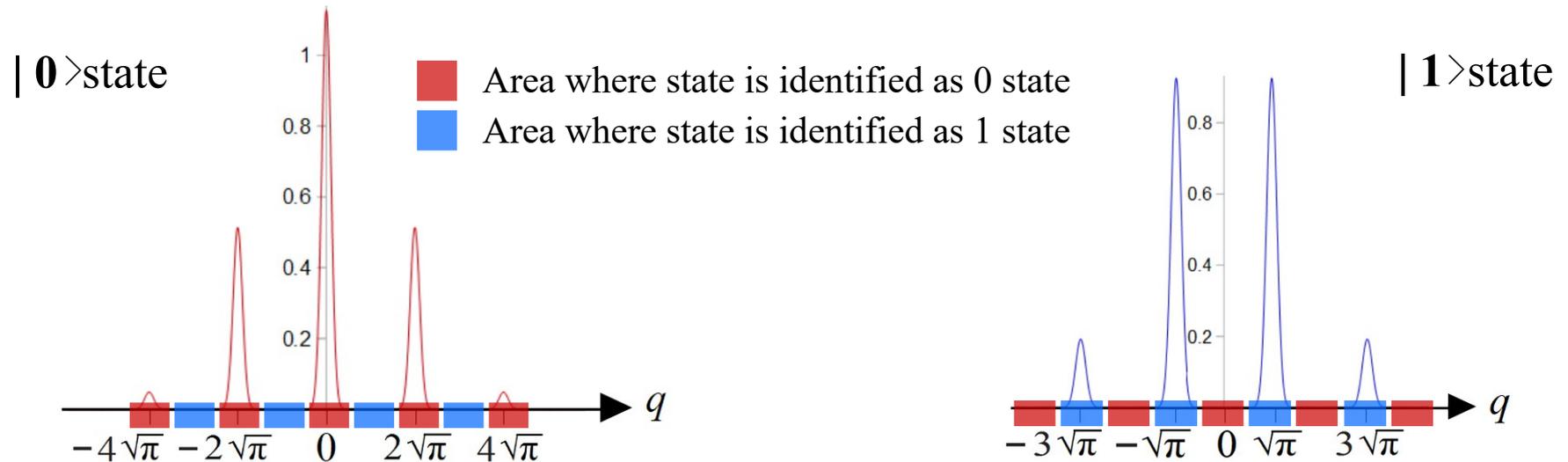
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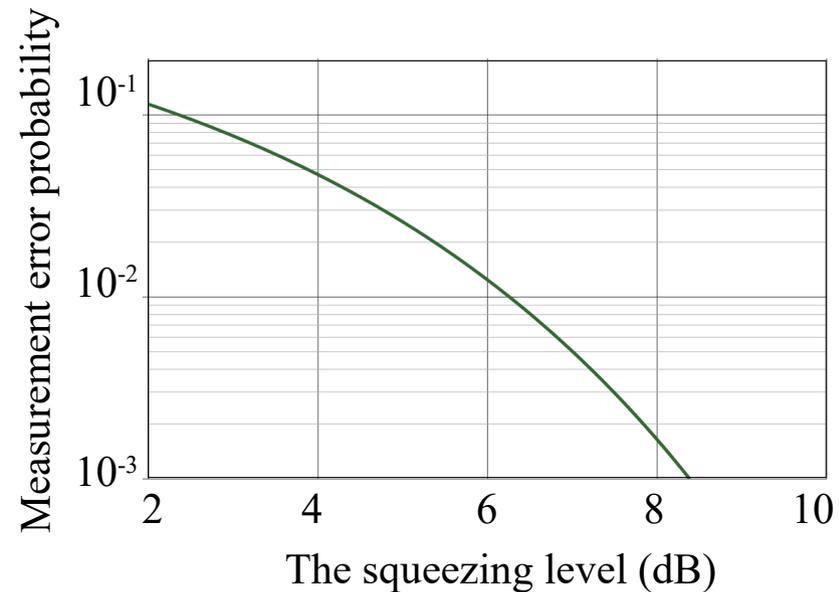
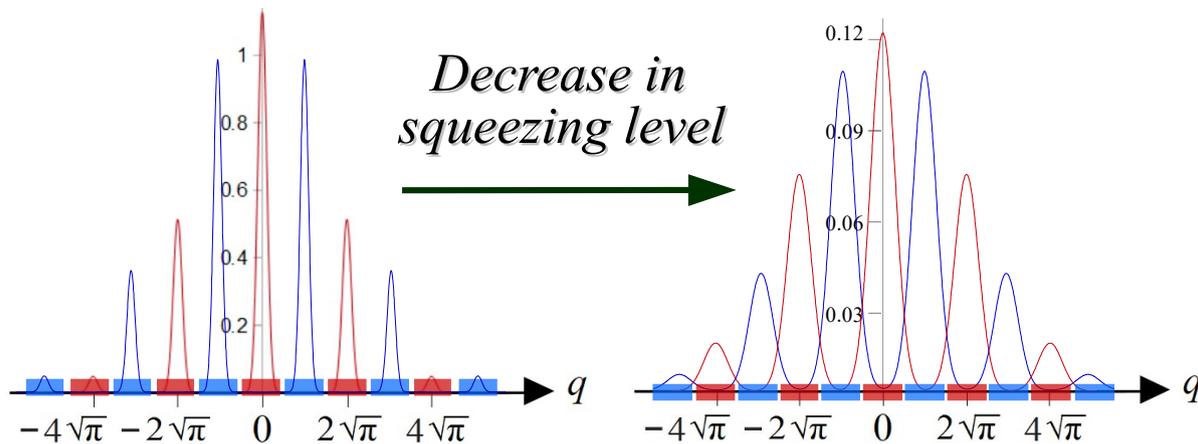
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Measurement error

The more the squeezing level decreases, the larger measurement error probability becomes



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Proposal

- ▶ To reduce the required squeezing level, we have focused on **analog information** contained in the GKP qubit
- ▶ We propose a **maximum-likelihood** method which harnesses the analog information and improves QEC performance

Main results [9]

- ▶ The **first** proposal to achieve the hashing bound for the quantum capacity of the Gaussian quantum channel
- ▶ The required squeezing level can be reduced by ~ 1 dB

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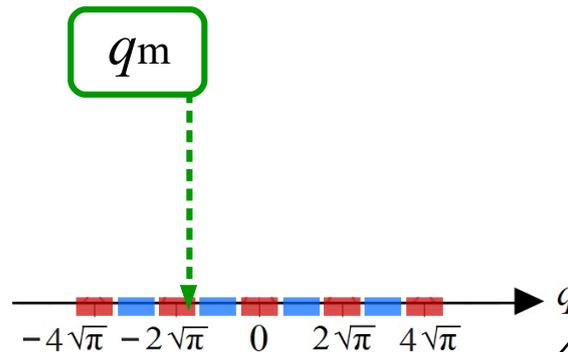
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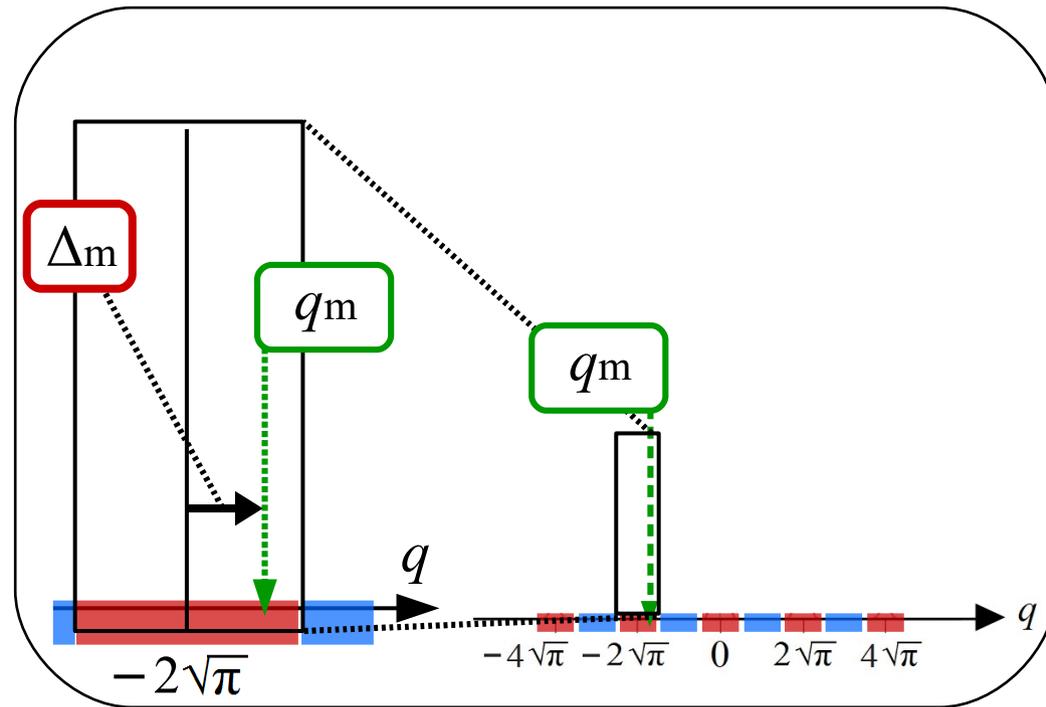
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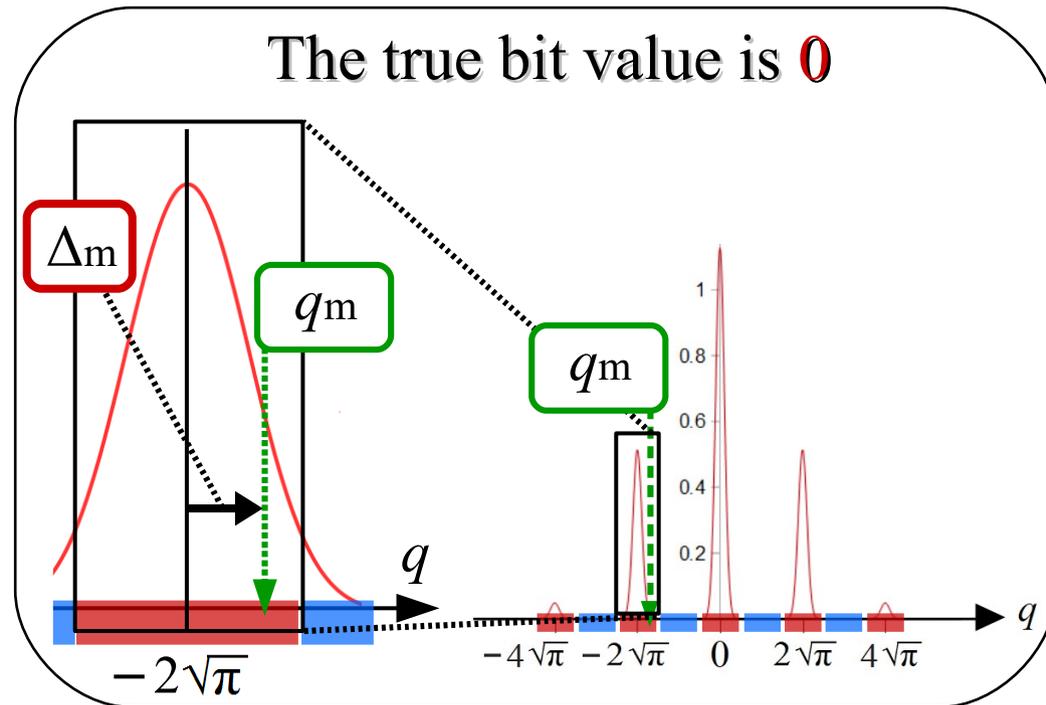
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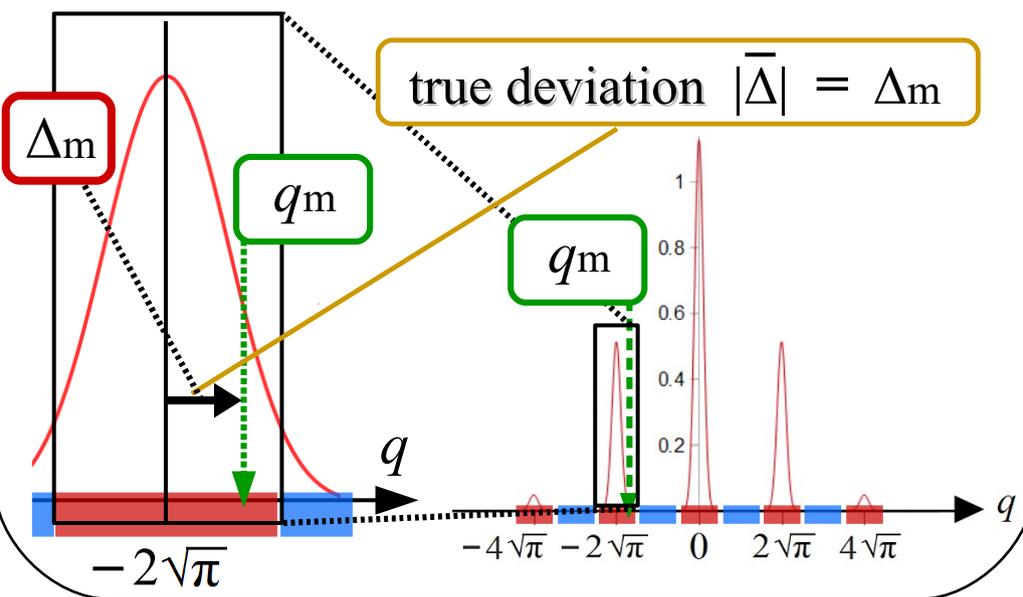
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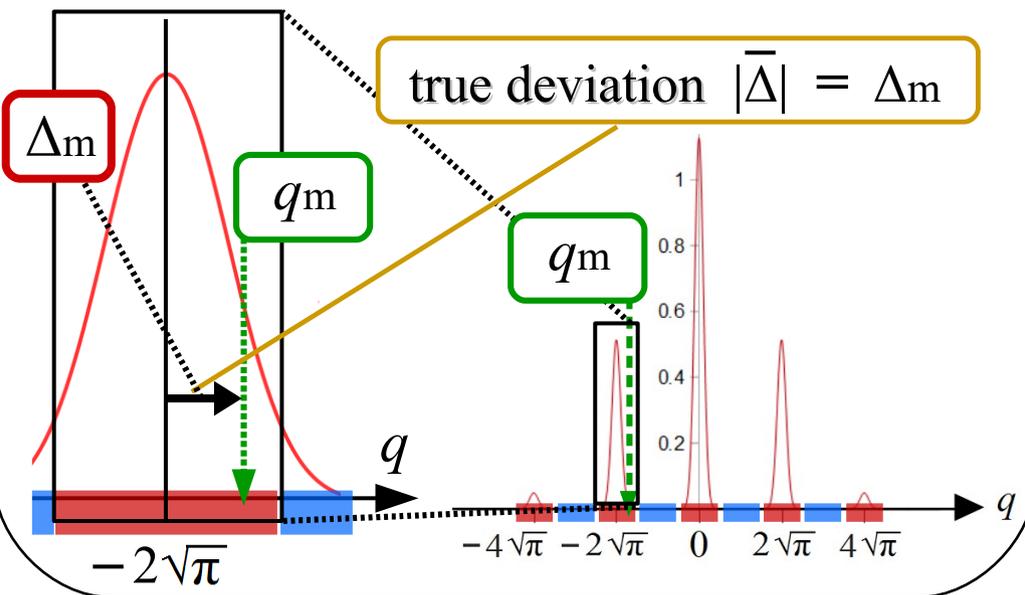
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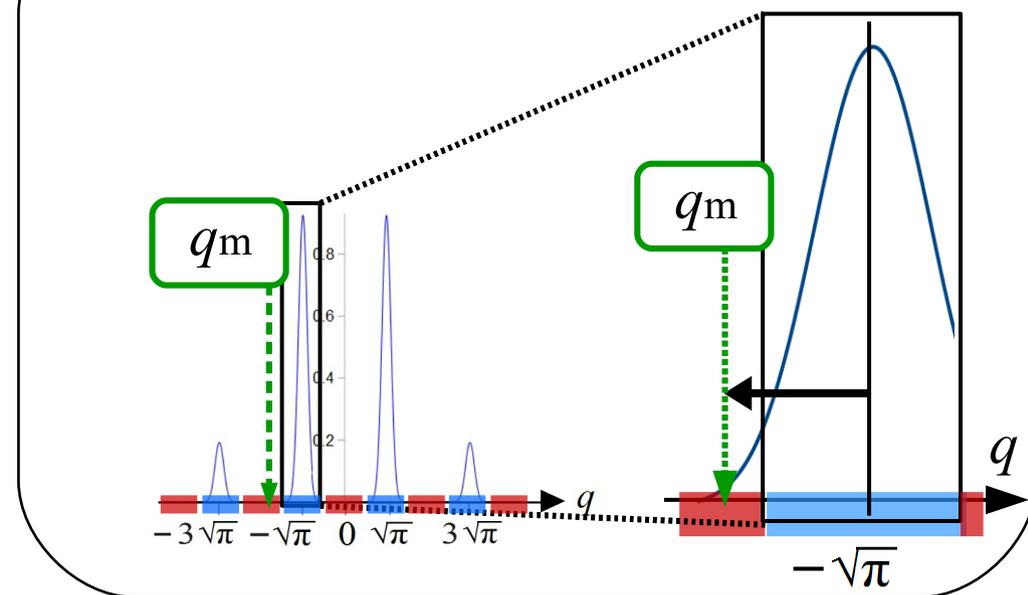
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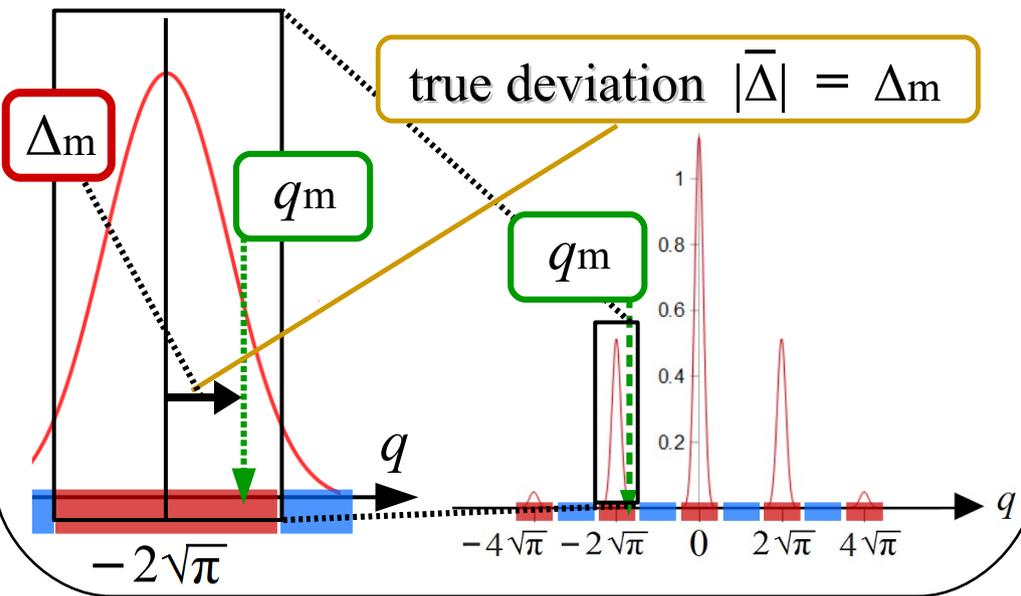
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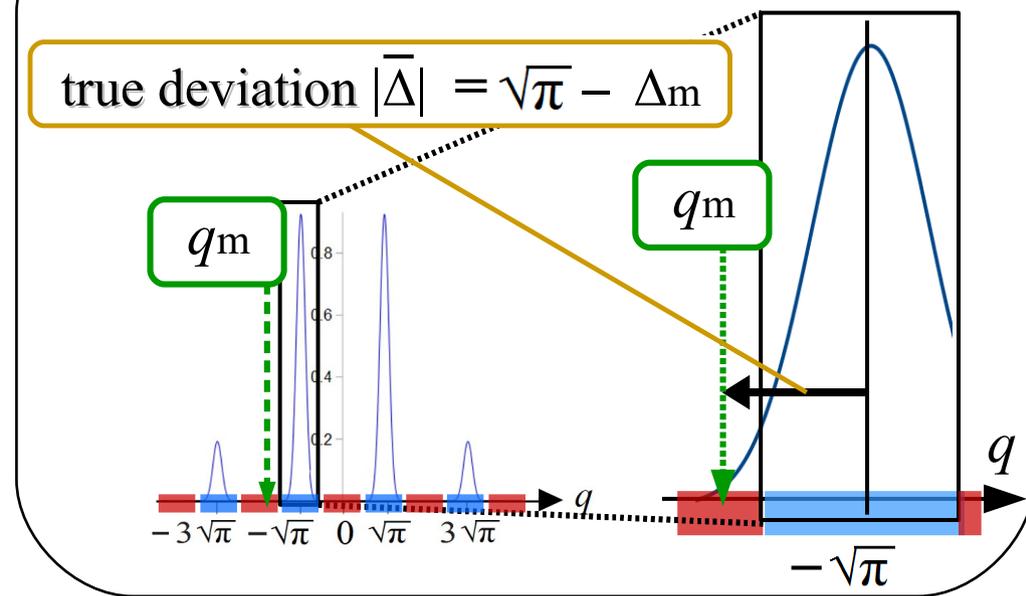
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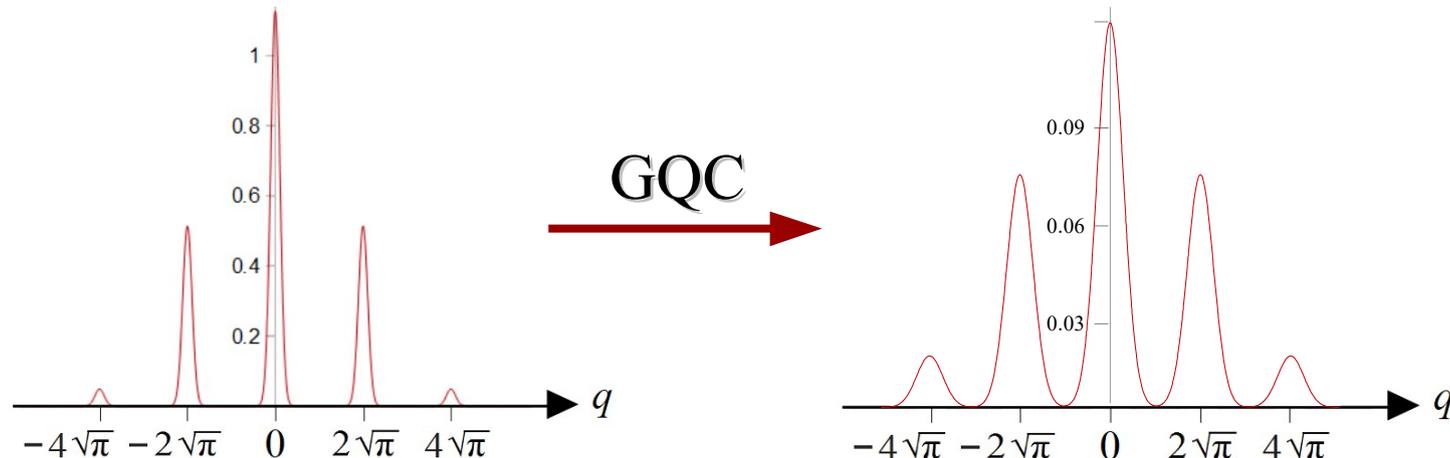
The Gaussian quantum channel (GQC) leads to a **displacement** in the quadrature by a complex Gaussian random variable [5]

Described by superoperator ζ acting on density operator ρ as

$$\rho \rightarrow \zeta(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi\xi^2} \int d^2\alpha e^{-|\alpha|^2/\xi^2} D(\alpha)\rho D(\alpha)^\dagger$$

$D(\alpha)$ is a displacement operator in the phase space

The GQC conserves the position of the Gaussian peak, but increases the variance by ξ^2



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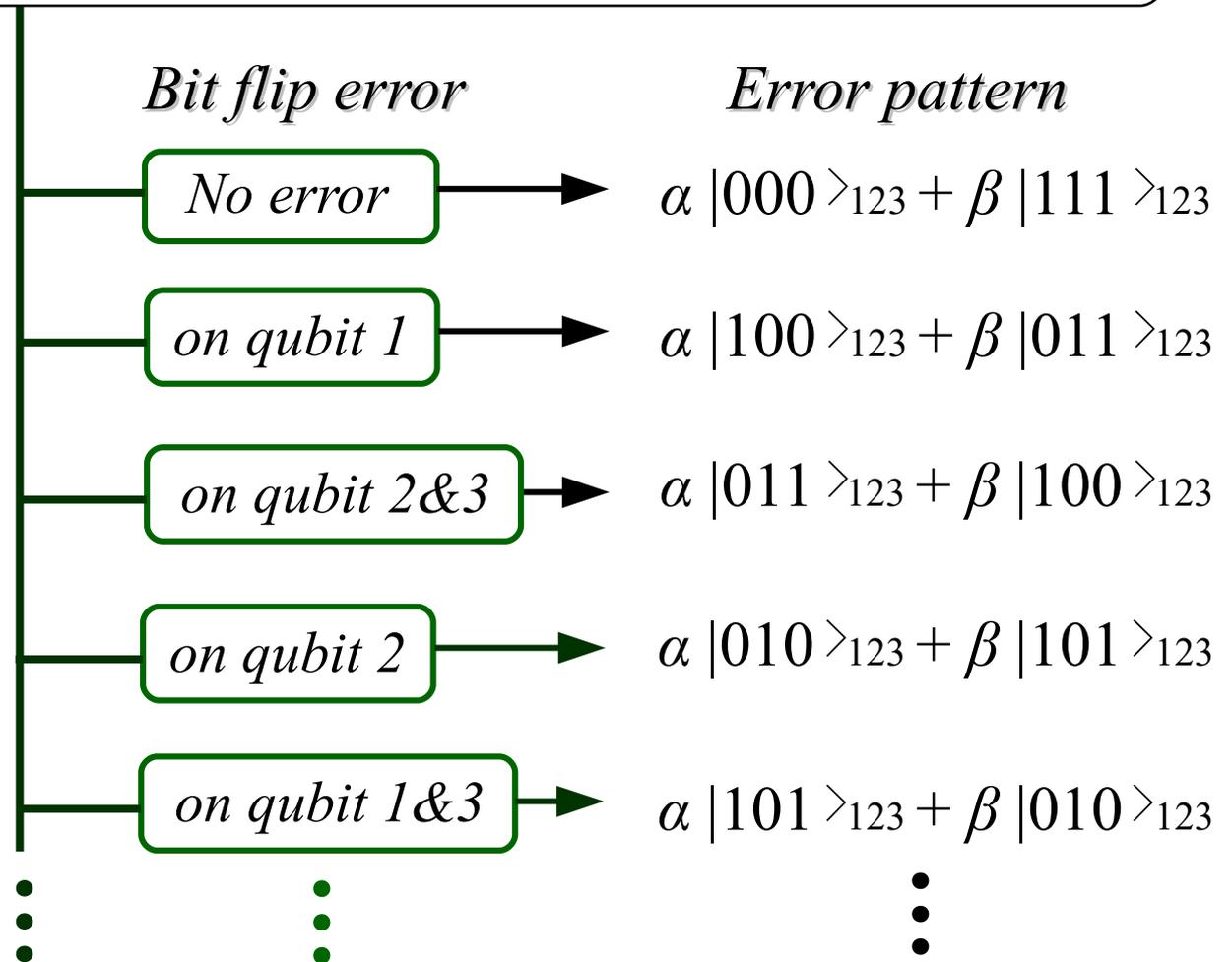
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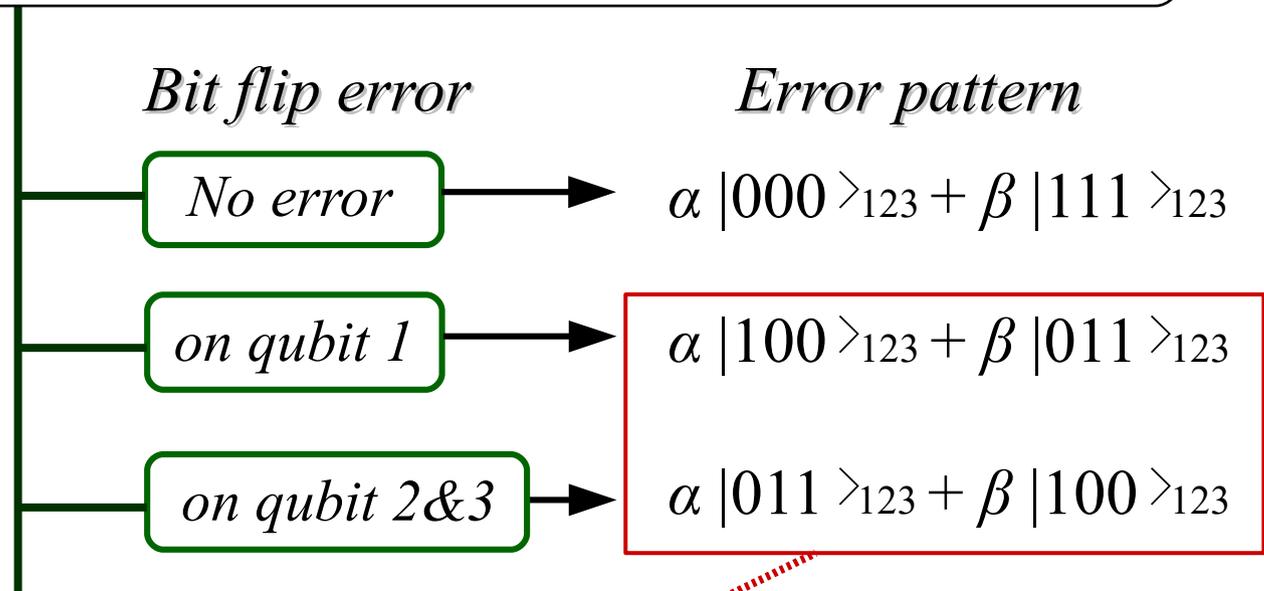
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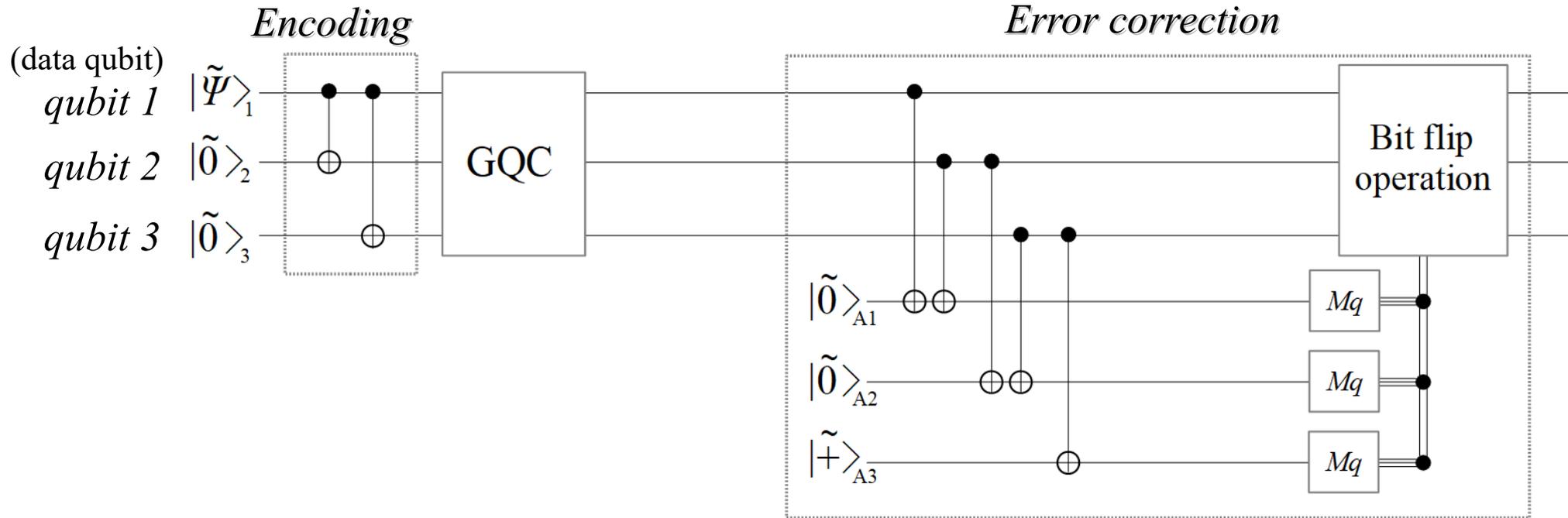
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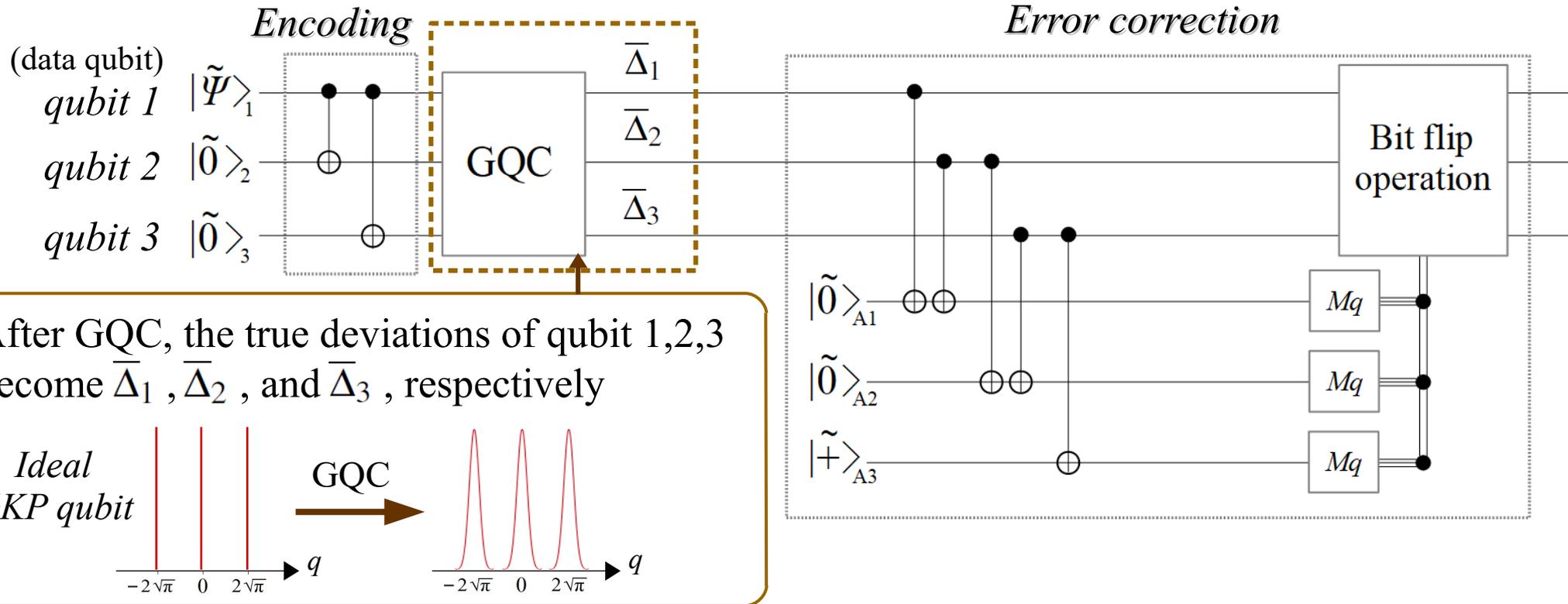
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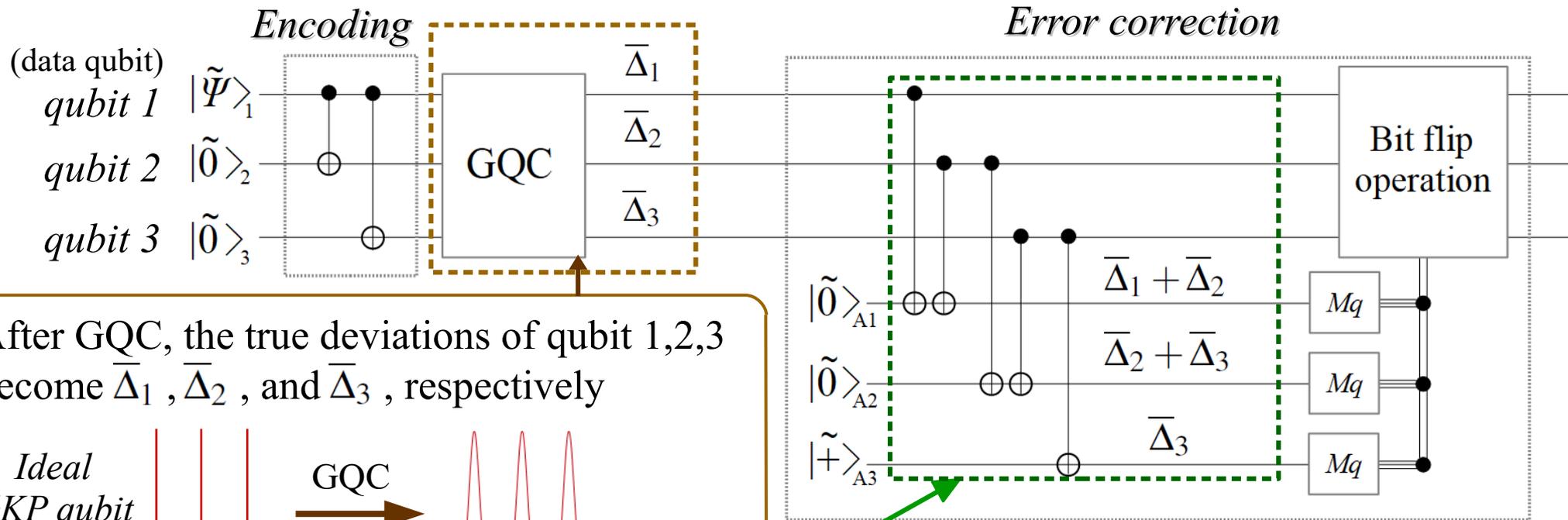
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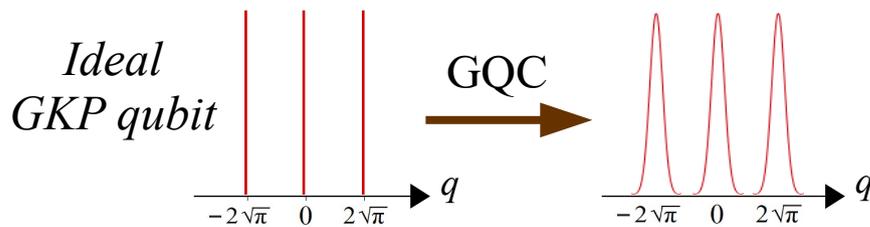


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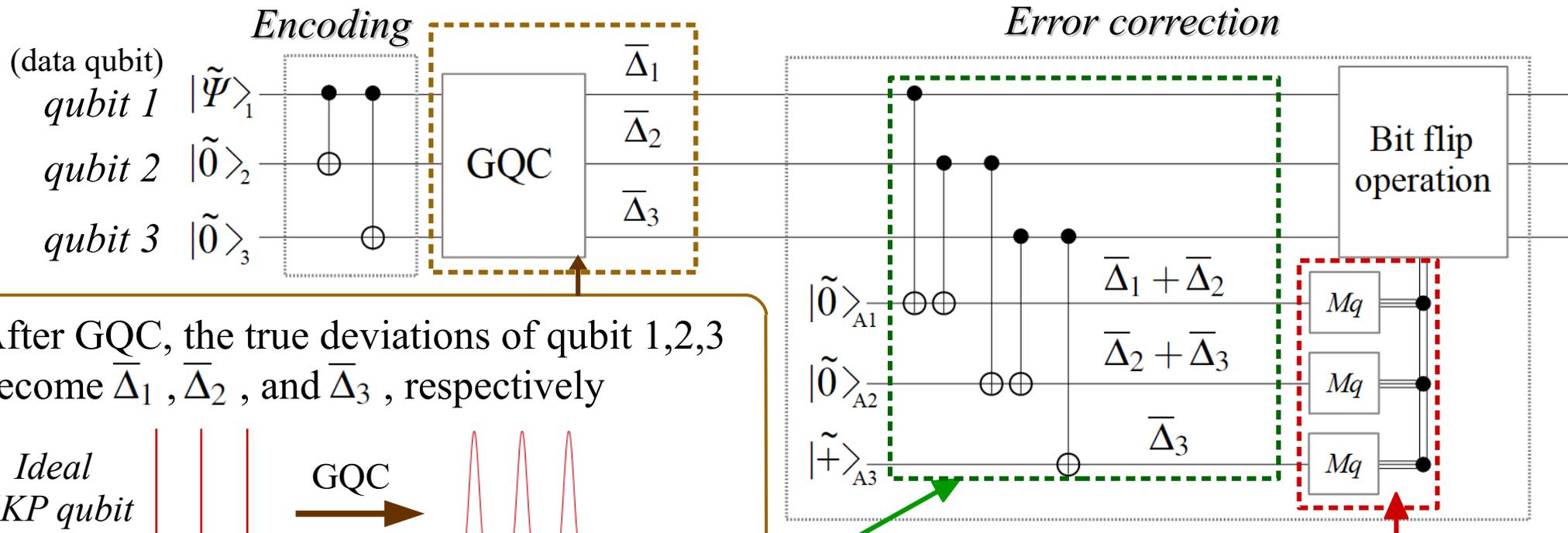
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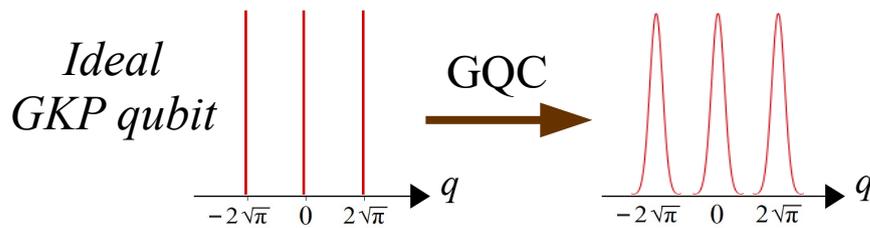
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we obtain the $\bar{\Delta}_i$ ($i=1,2,3$) correctly

Ex.) Double errors on qubit 2 and 3

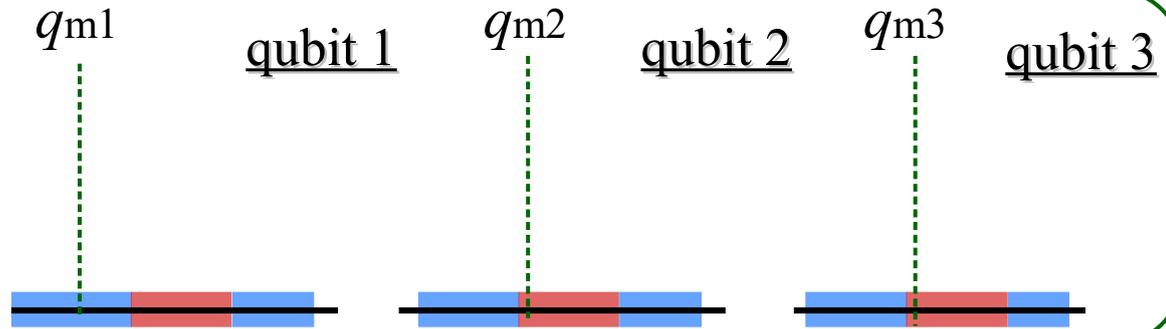
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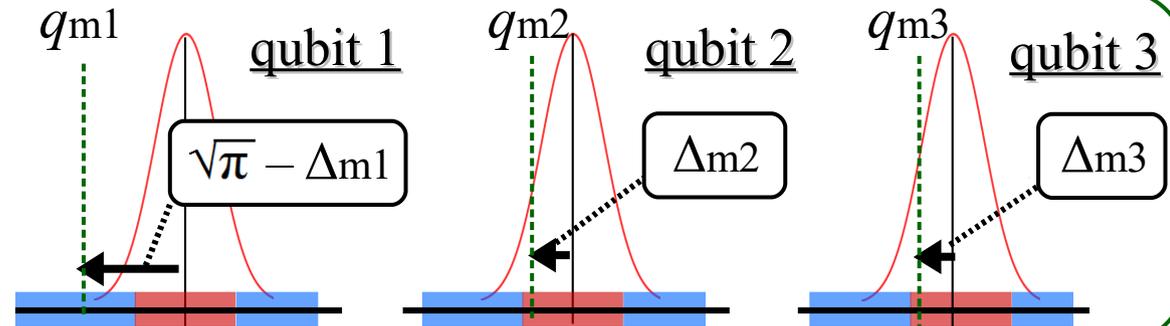
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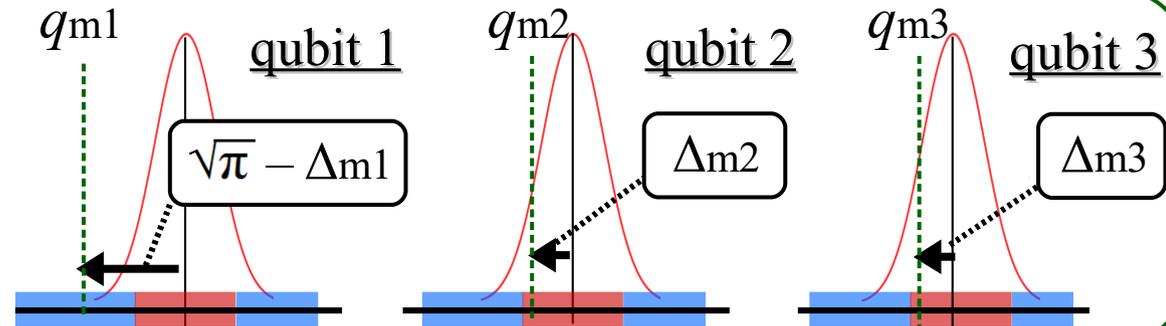
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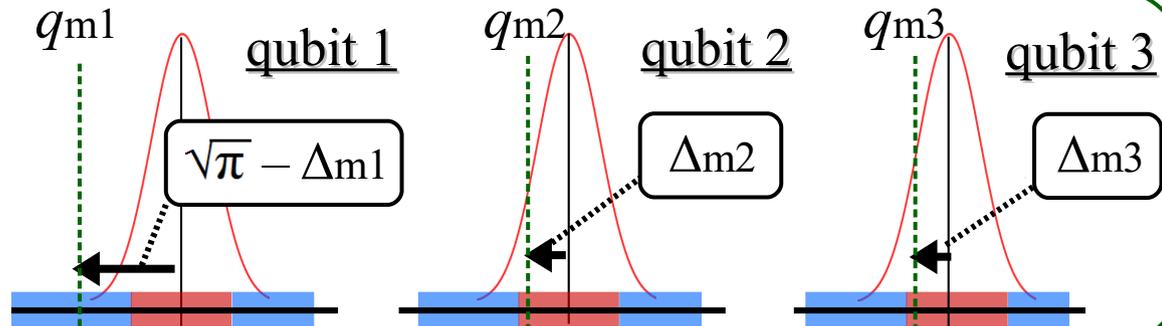
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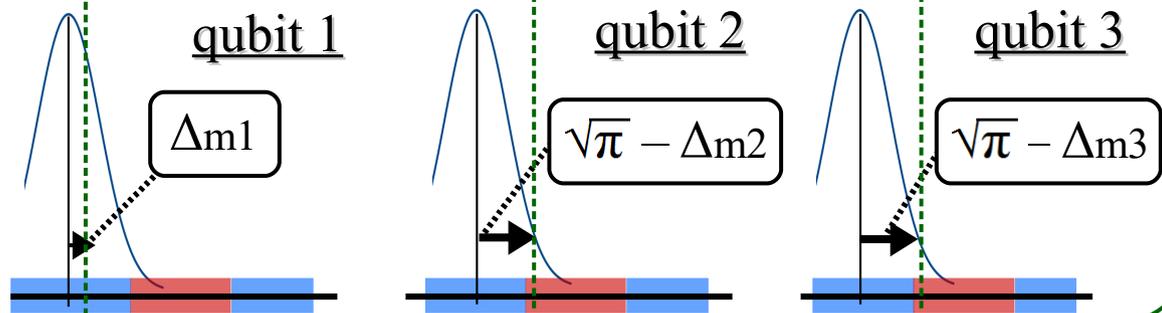
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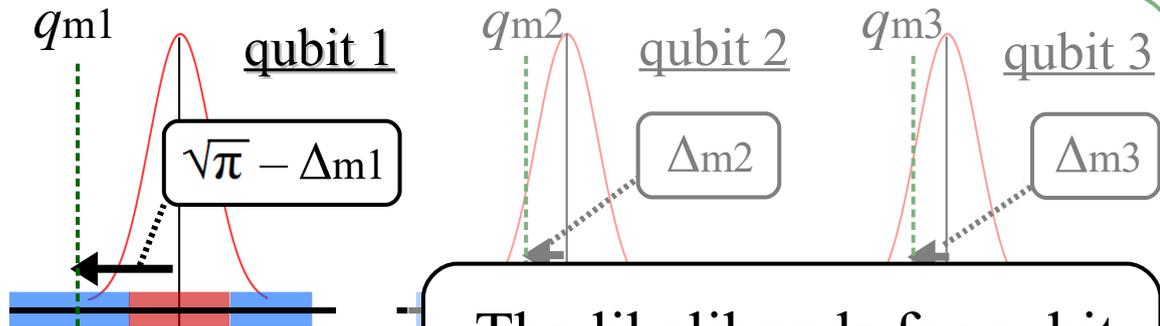
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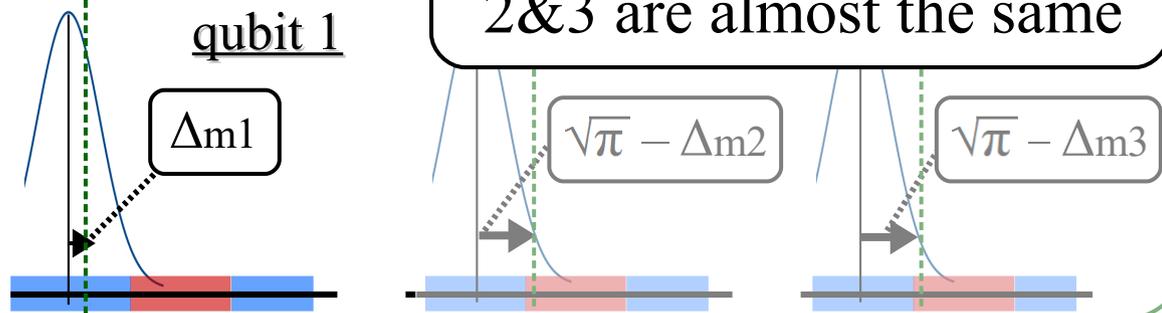
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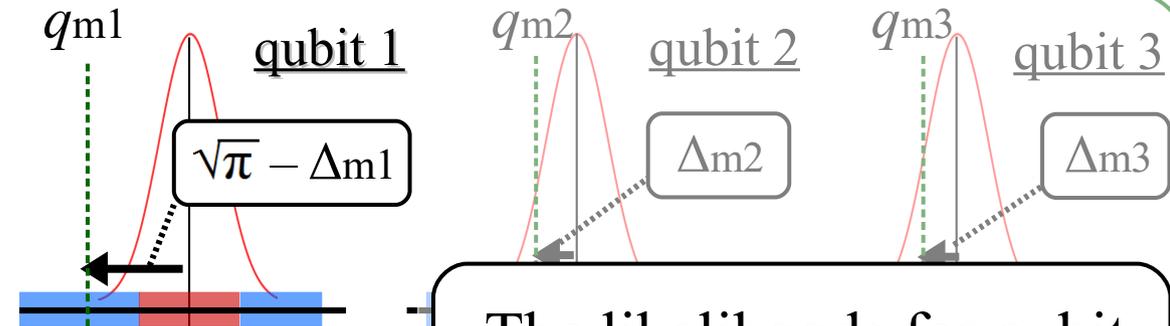
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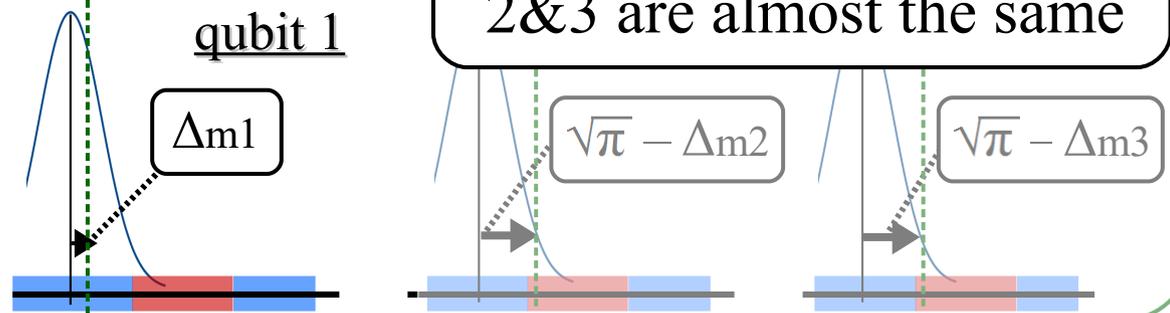
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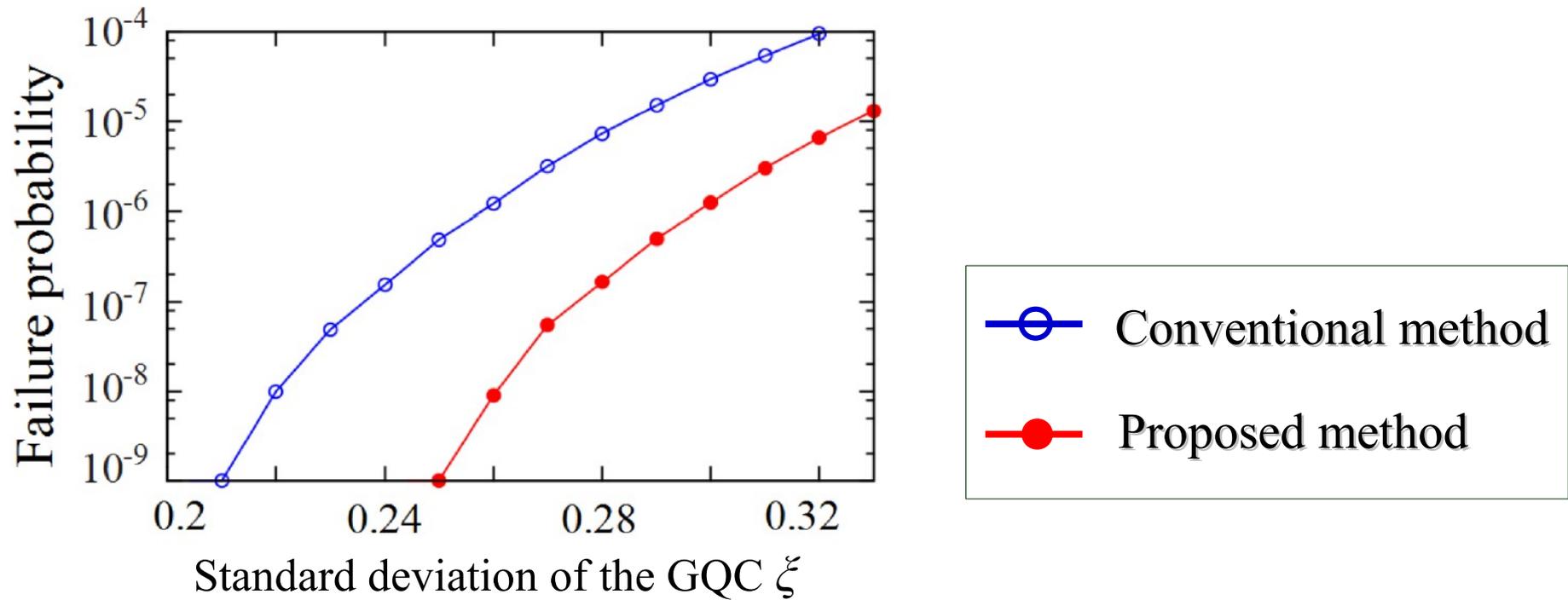


The likelihoods for qubit 2&3 are almost the same

By comparing the likelihoods for the error patterns, we can correct the double-error one

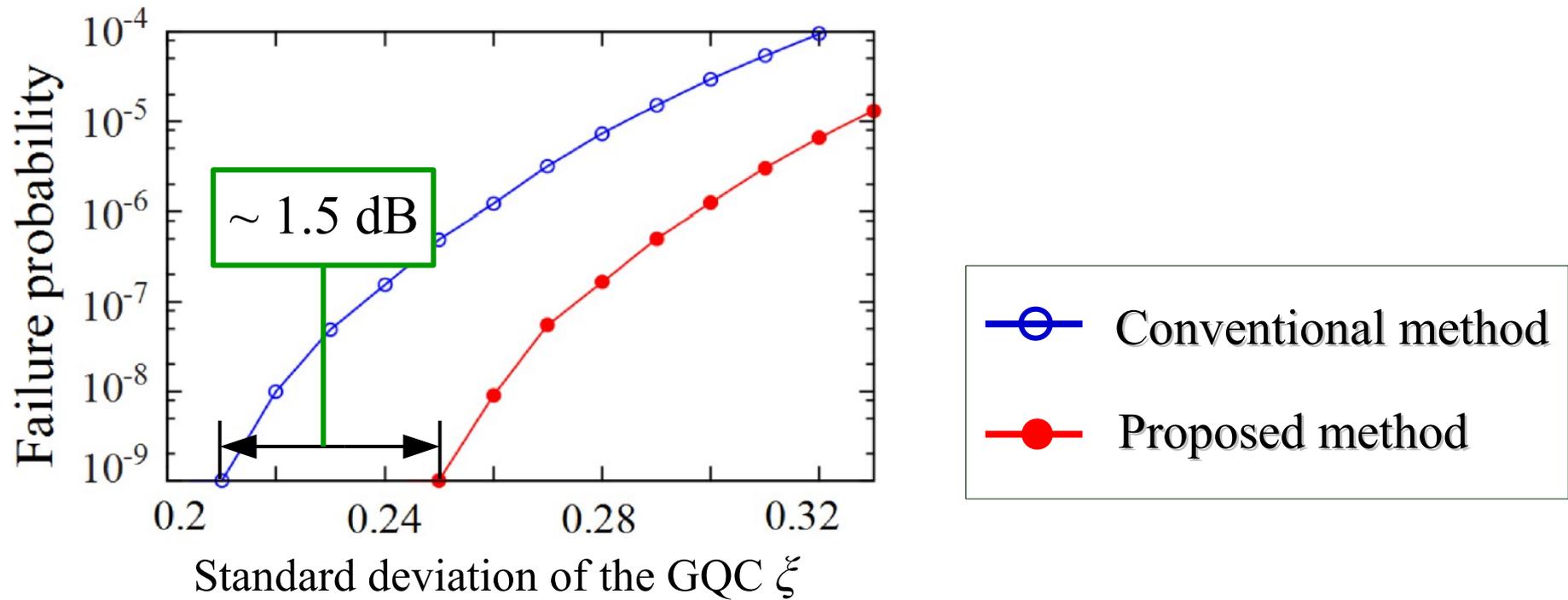
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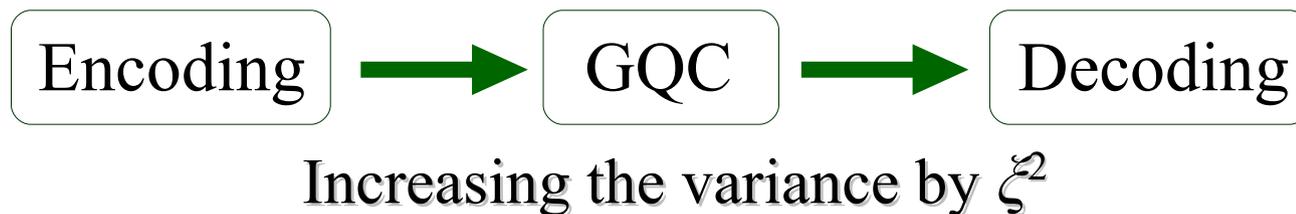
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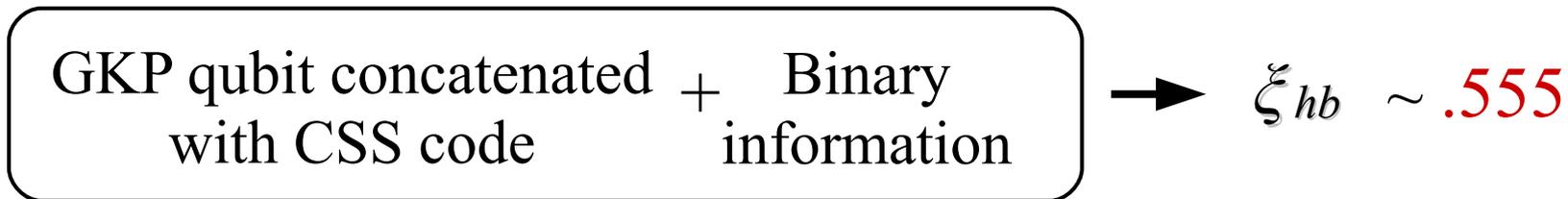
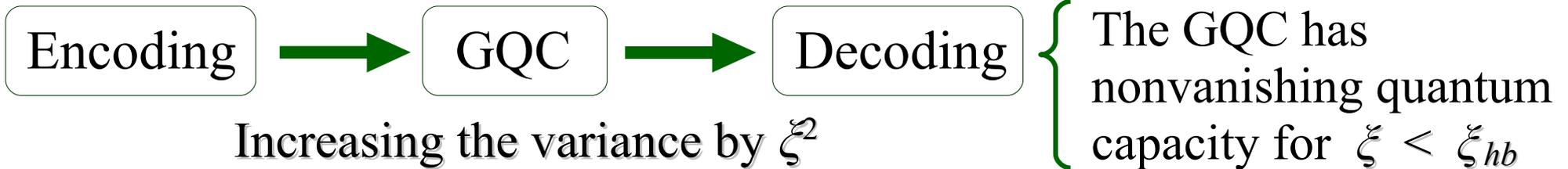
The hashing bound is the **maximum value** of the condition that yields the non-zero quantum capacity



- ▶ The GQC has nonvanishing quantum capacity for $\xi < \xi_{hb}$

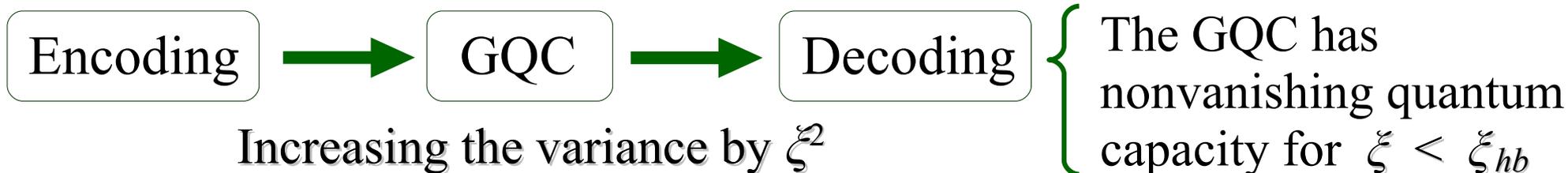
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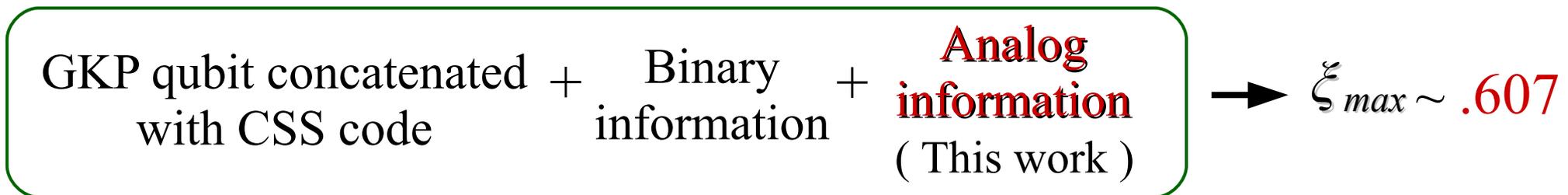
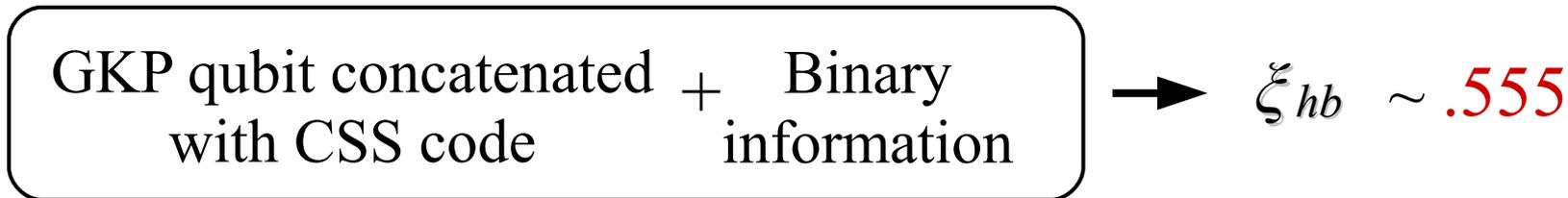
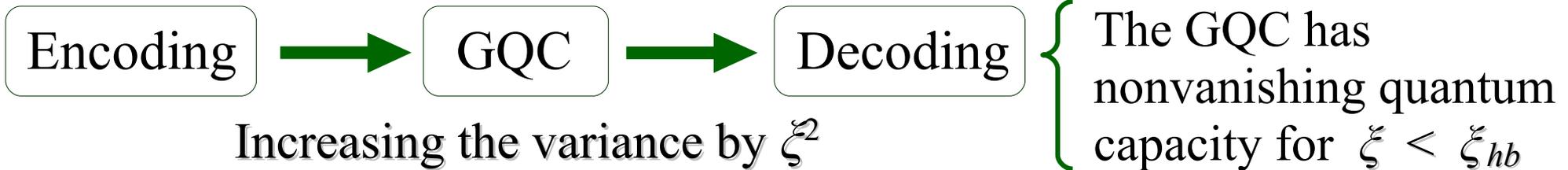
GKP qubit concatenated with CSS code + Binary information $\longrightarrow \xi_{hb} \sim .555$

Optimal method (*Open problem*) $\longrightarrow \xi_{max} \sim .607$

► $\sim .607$ has been conjectured as the lower bound of quantum capacity for the GQC

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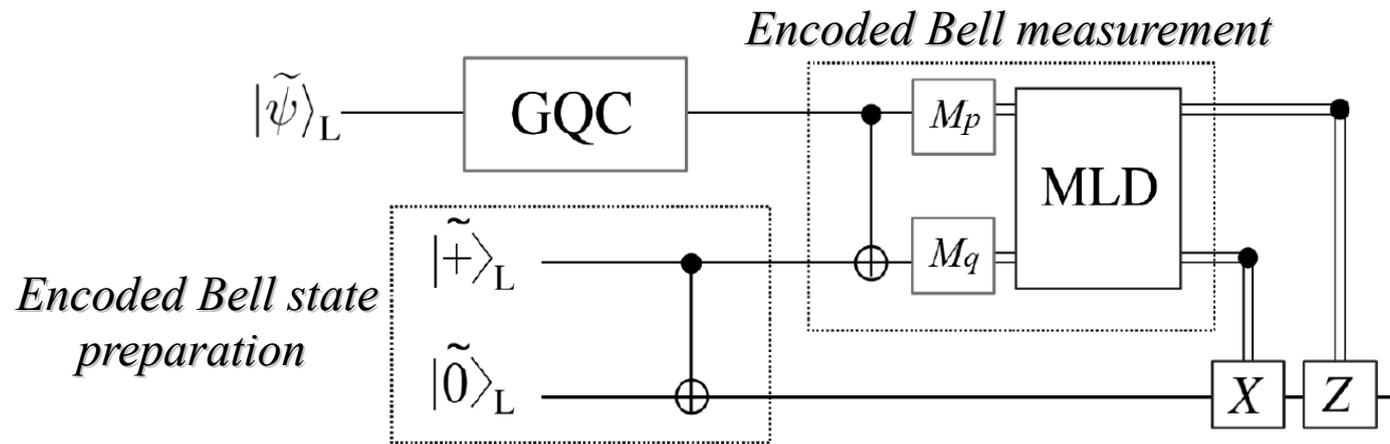
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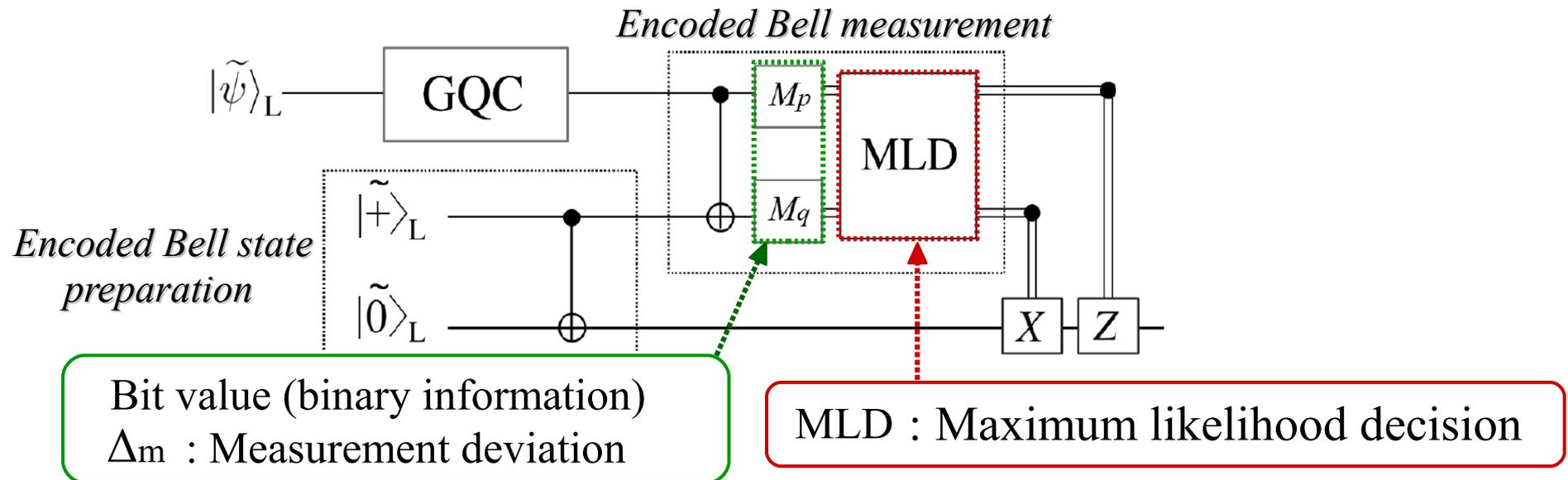
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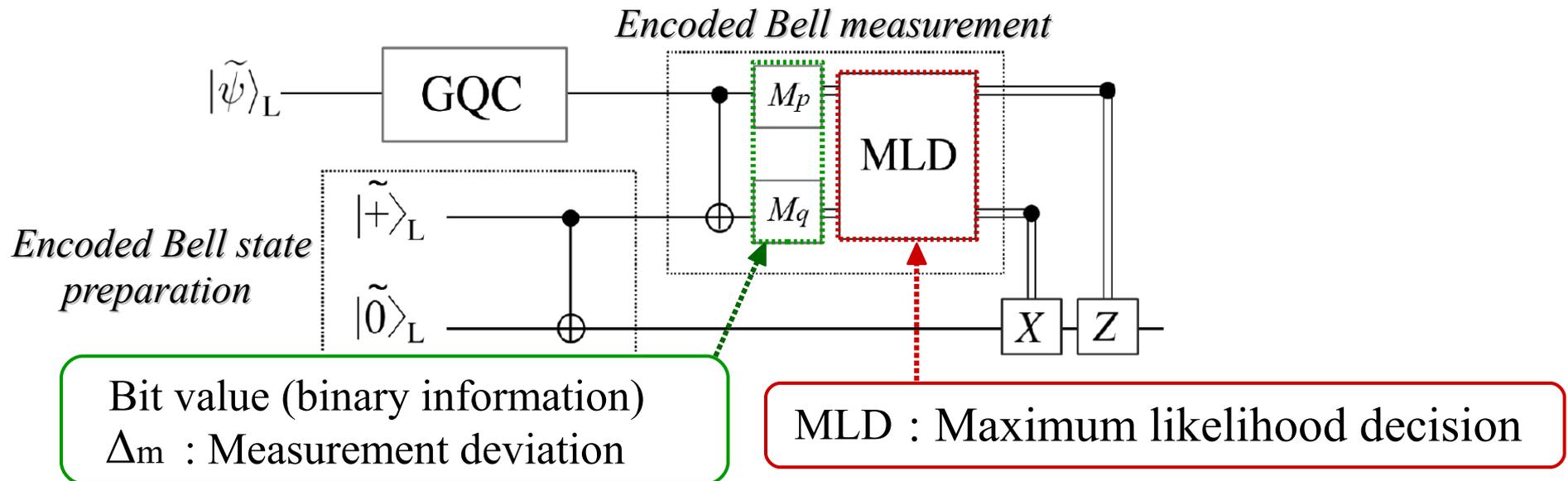
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$$f(\Delta_m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\xi^2}} e^{-\Delta_m^2/(2\xi^2)}$$

Likelihood for **incorrect** bit value

$$1 - p$$

$$f(\sqrt{\pi} - |\Delta_m|)$$

ξ^2 : Noise level of GQC

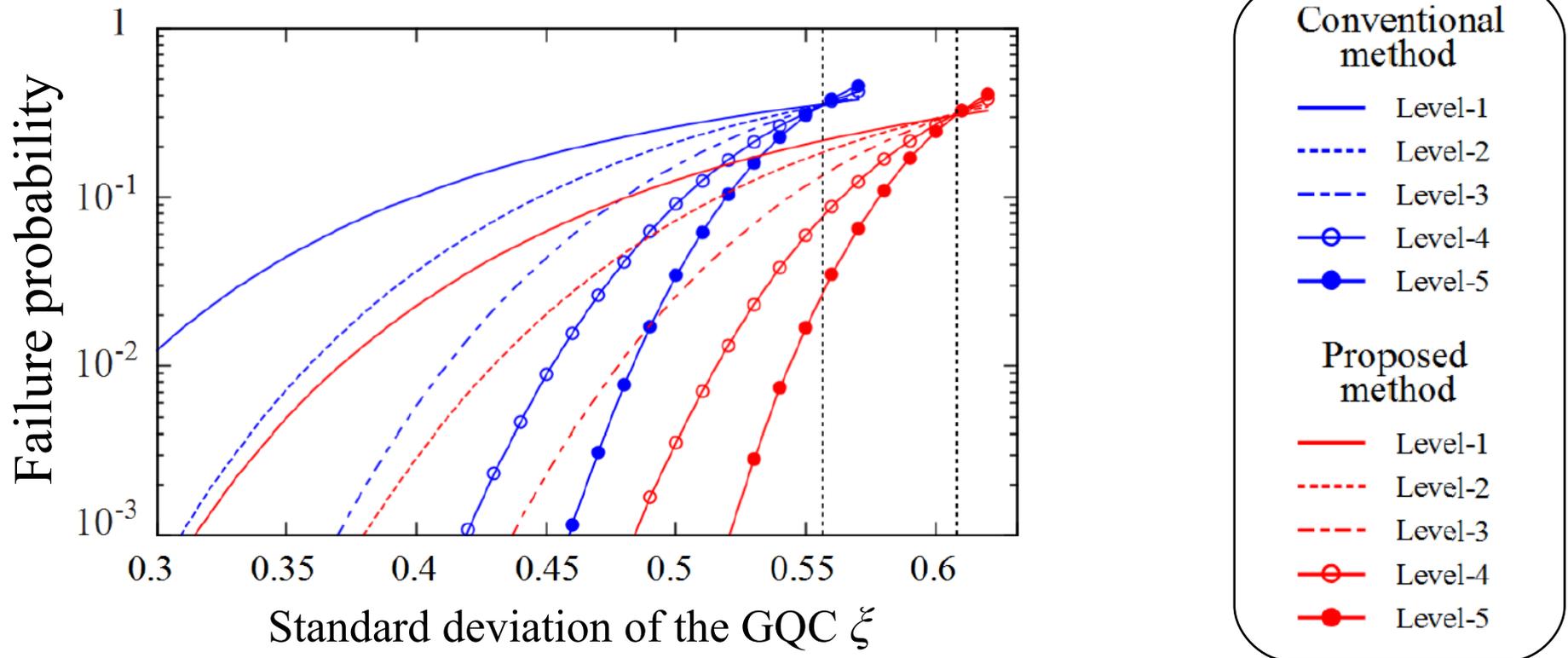
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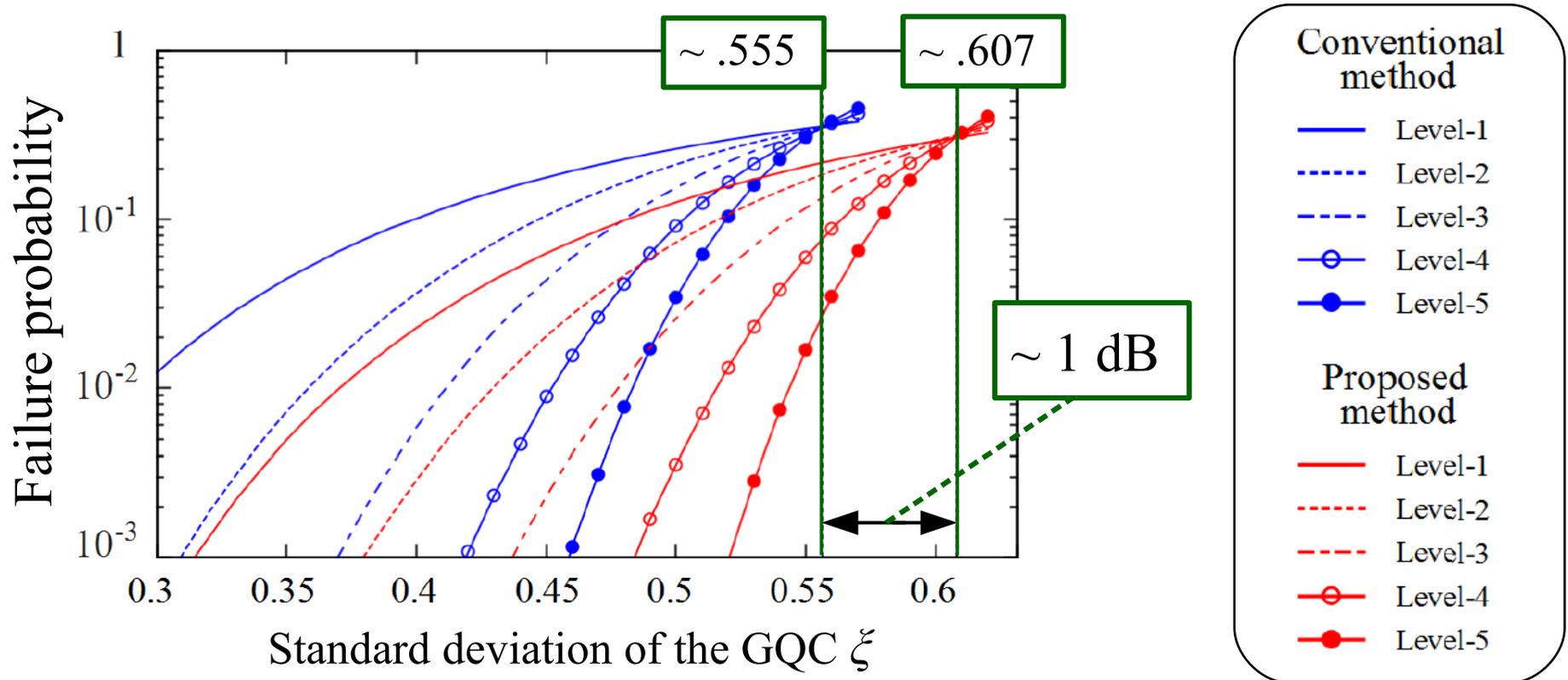
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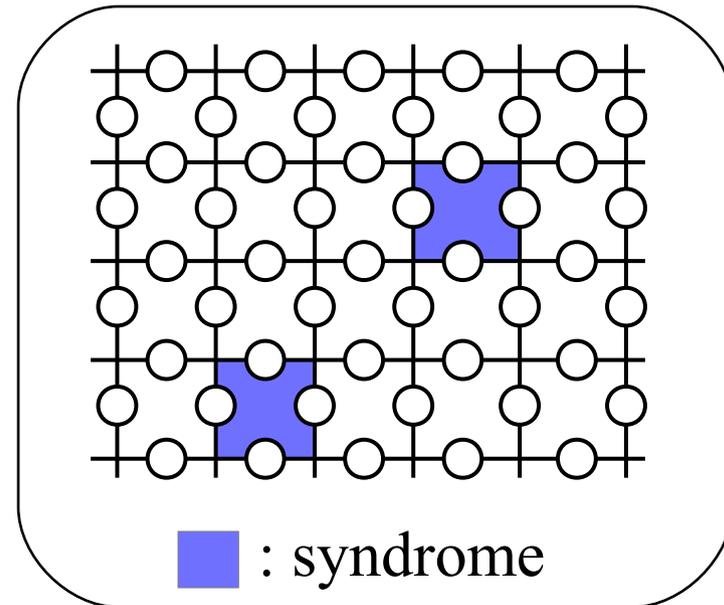
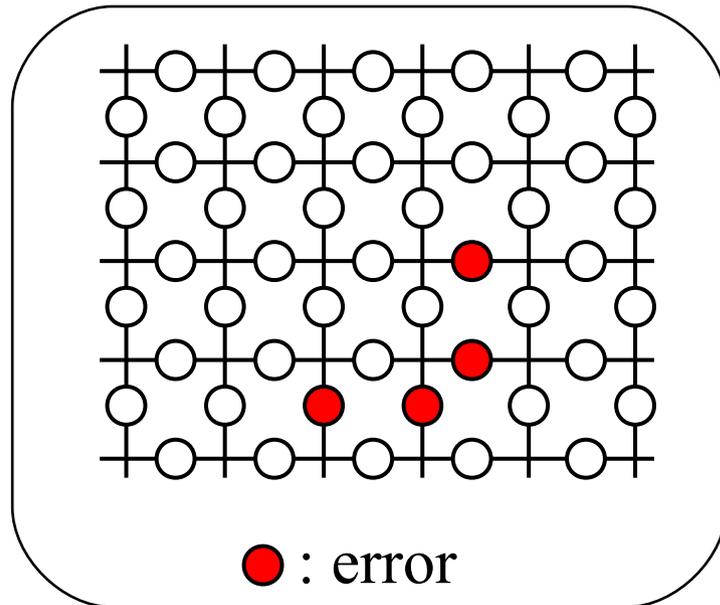
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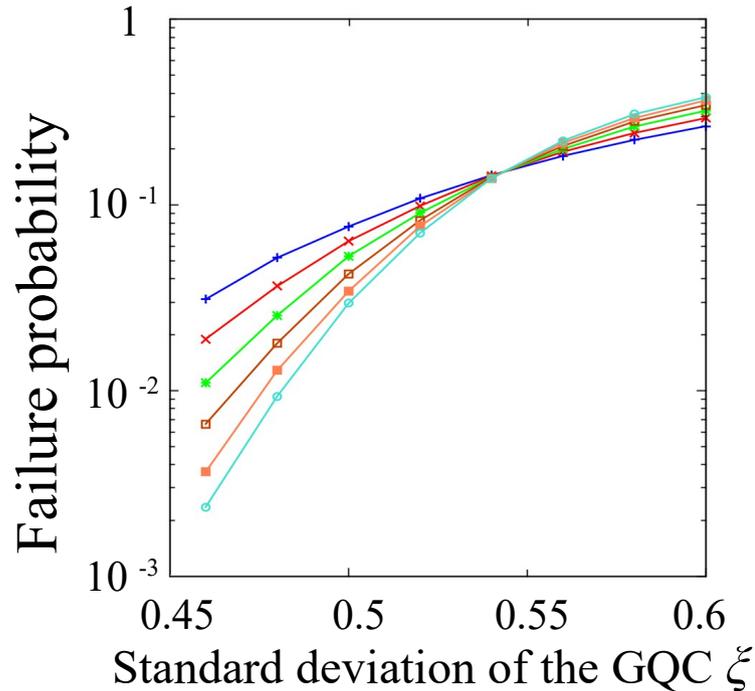


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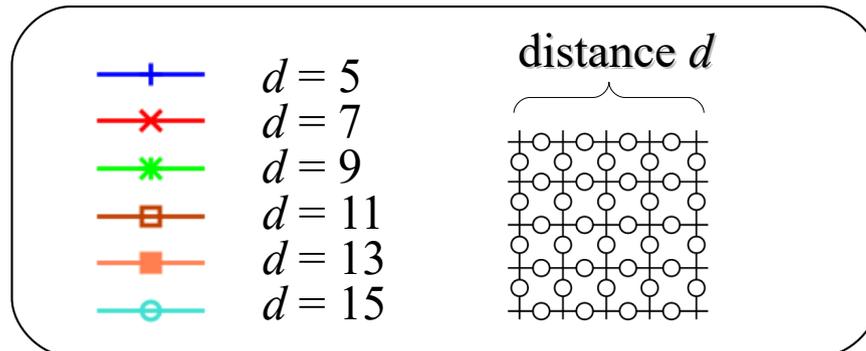
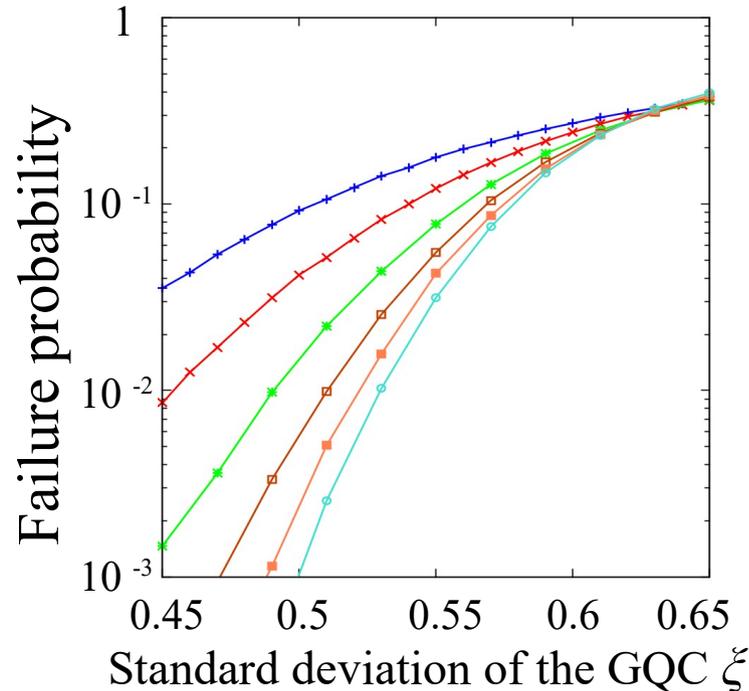
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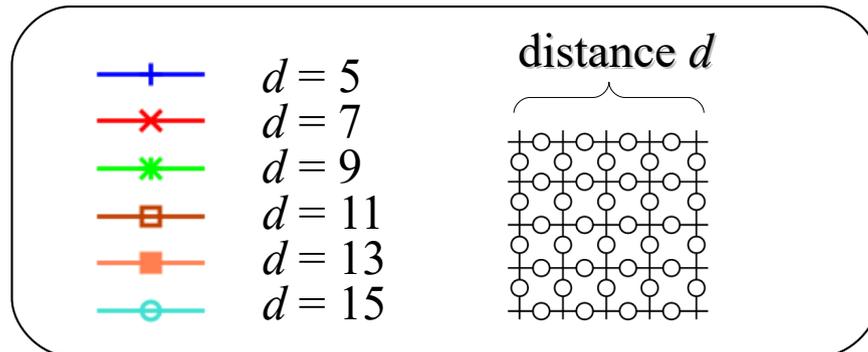
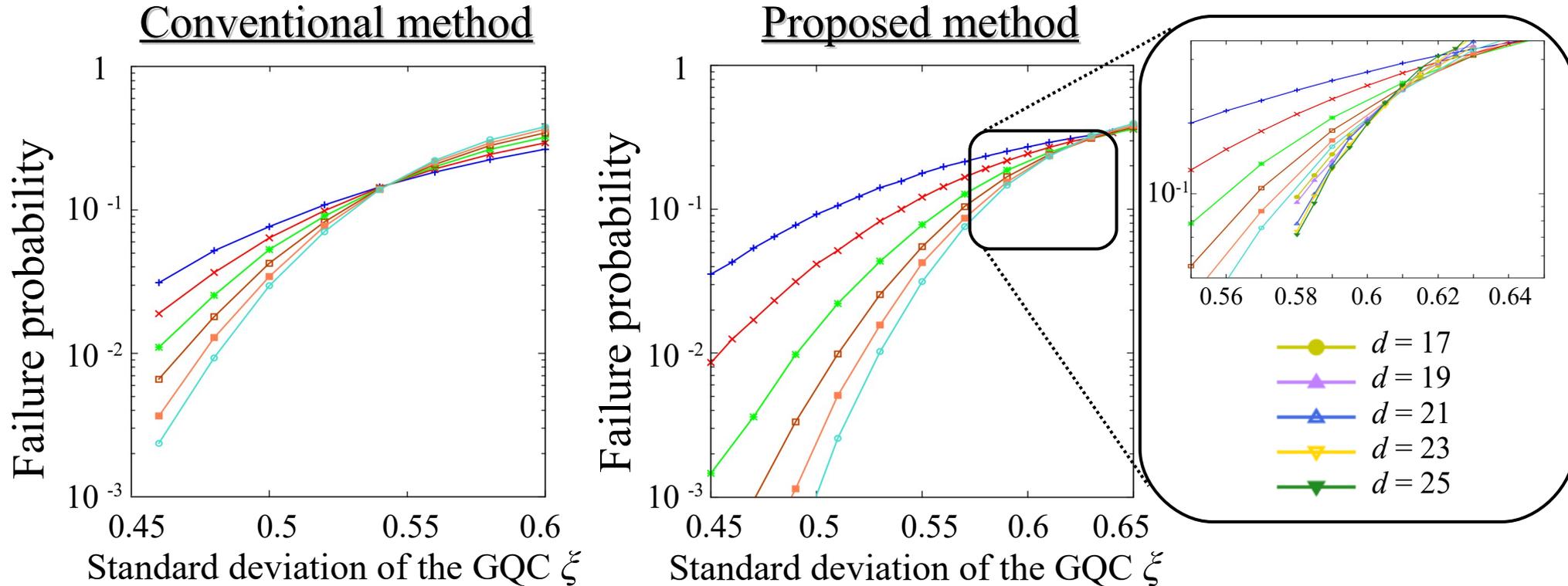
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Thank you for your attention !
