

Quantum Hamiltonian Complexity

Part III

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Output:

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or are all eigenvalues $\geq E + \Delta$?

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OR

For all $|\Phi\rangle$, $\langle \Phi | H | \Phi \rangle \geq E + \Delta$

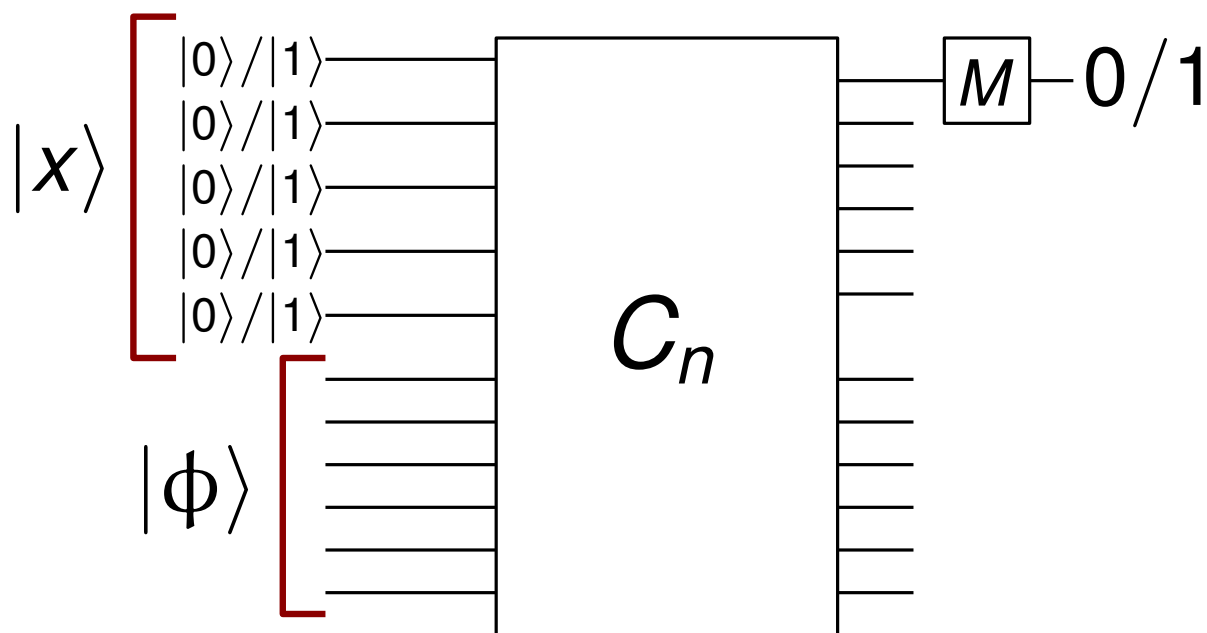
\Rightarrow

Showed a measurement
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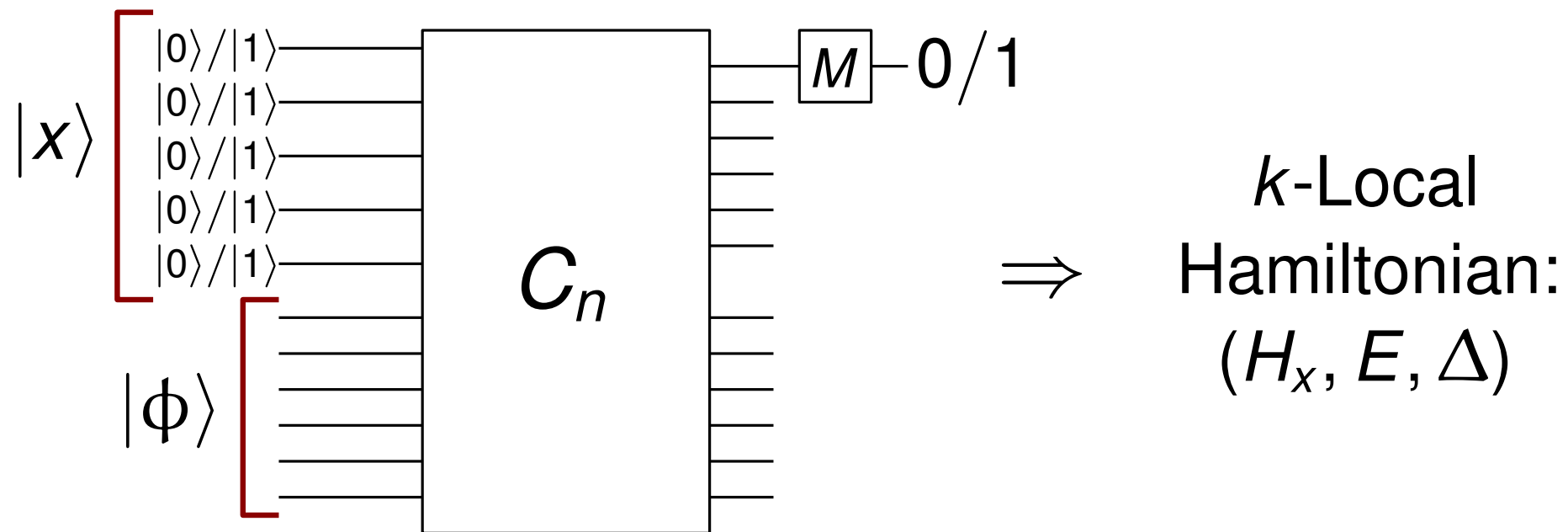


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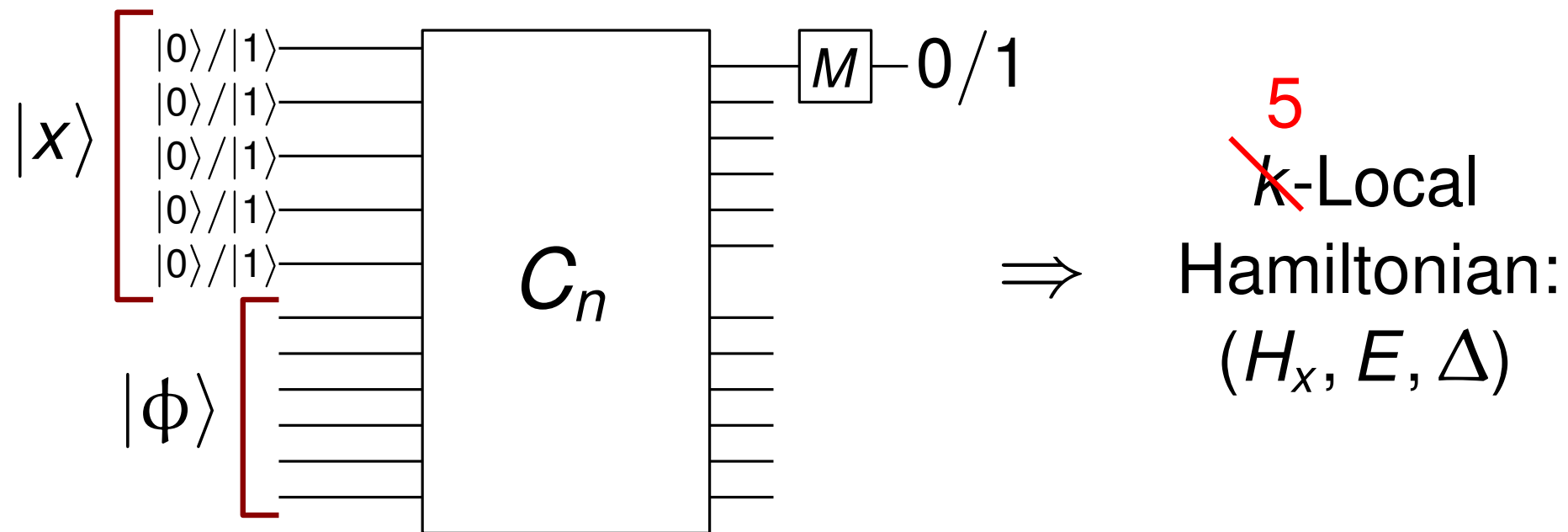
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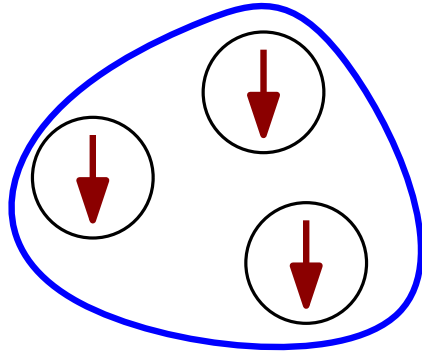
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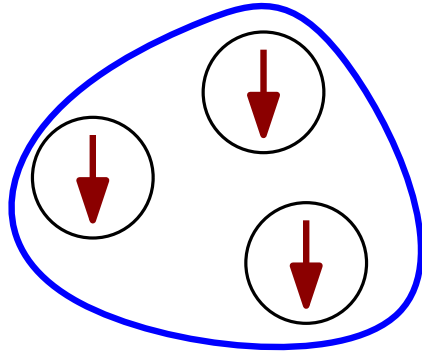


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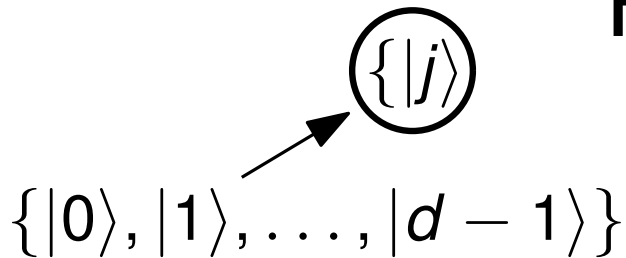


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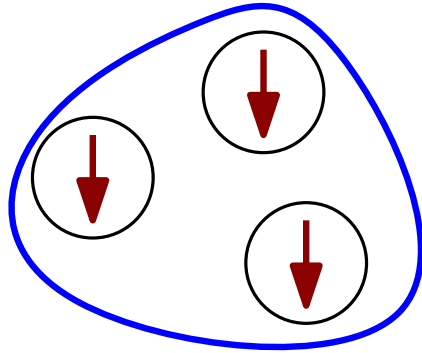
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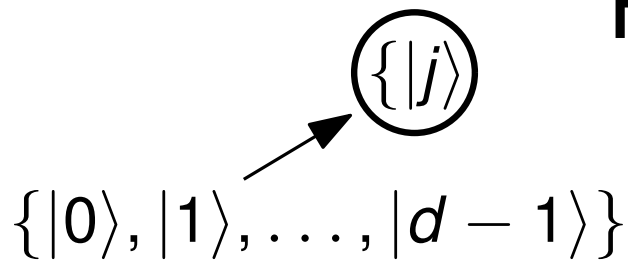


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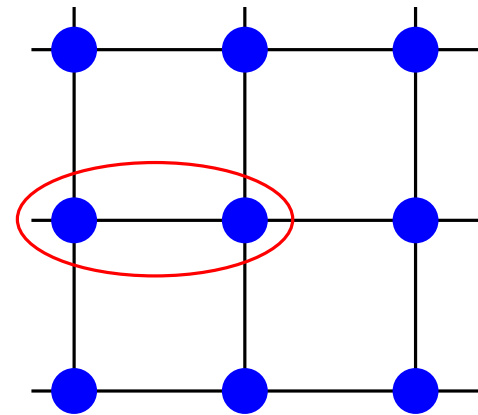
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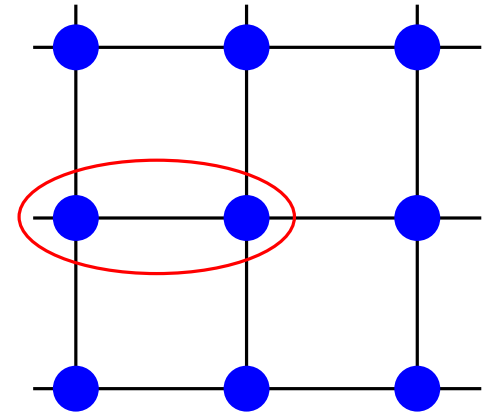
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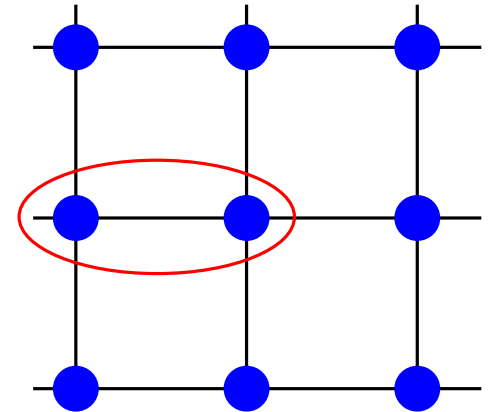


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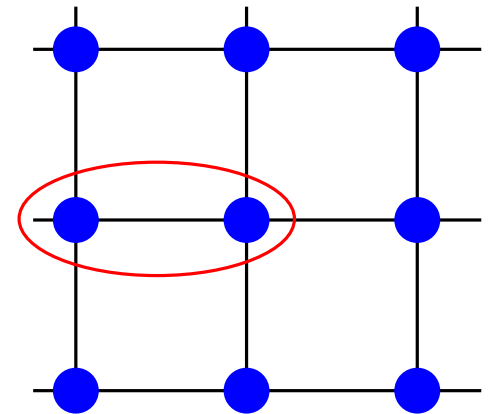
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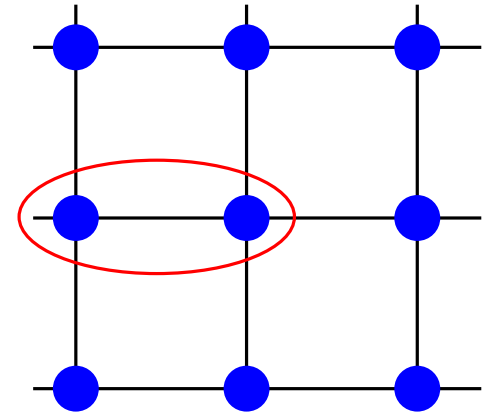
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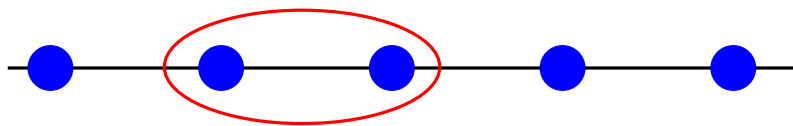
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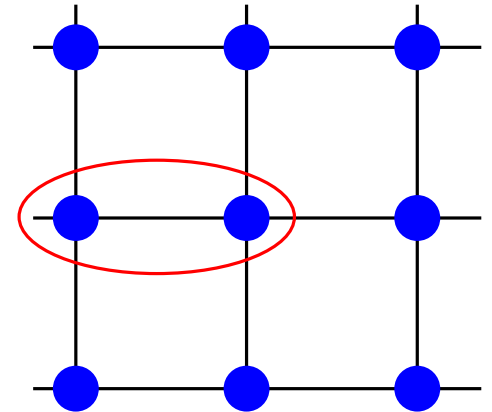
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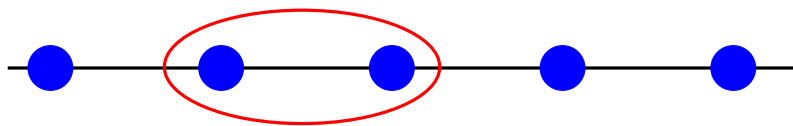
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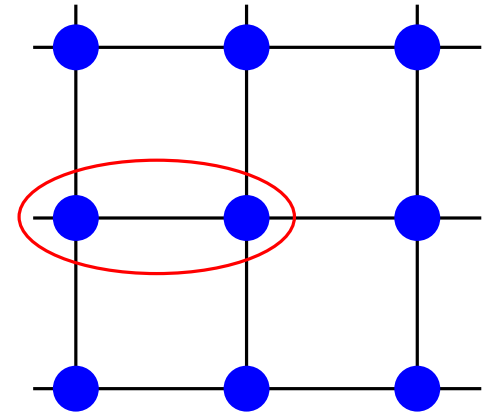
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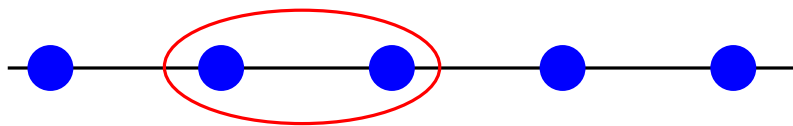
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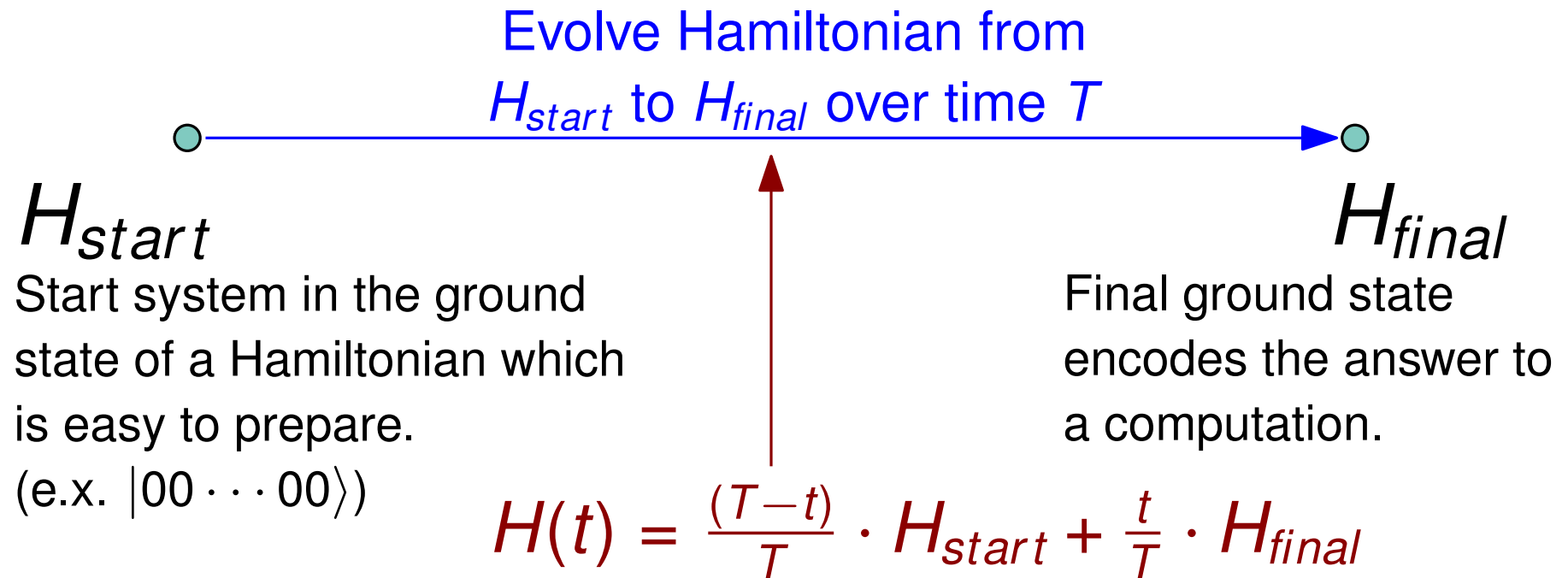
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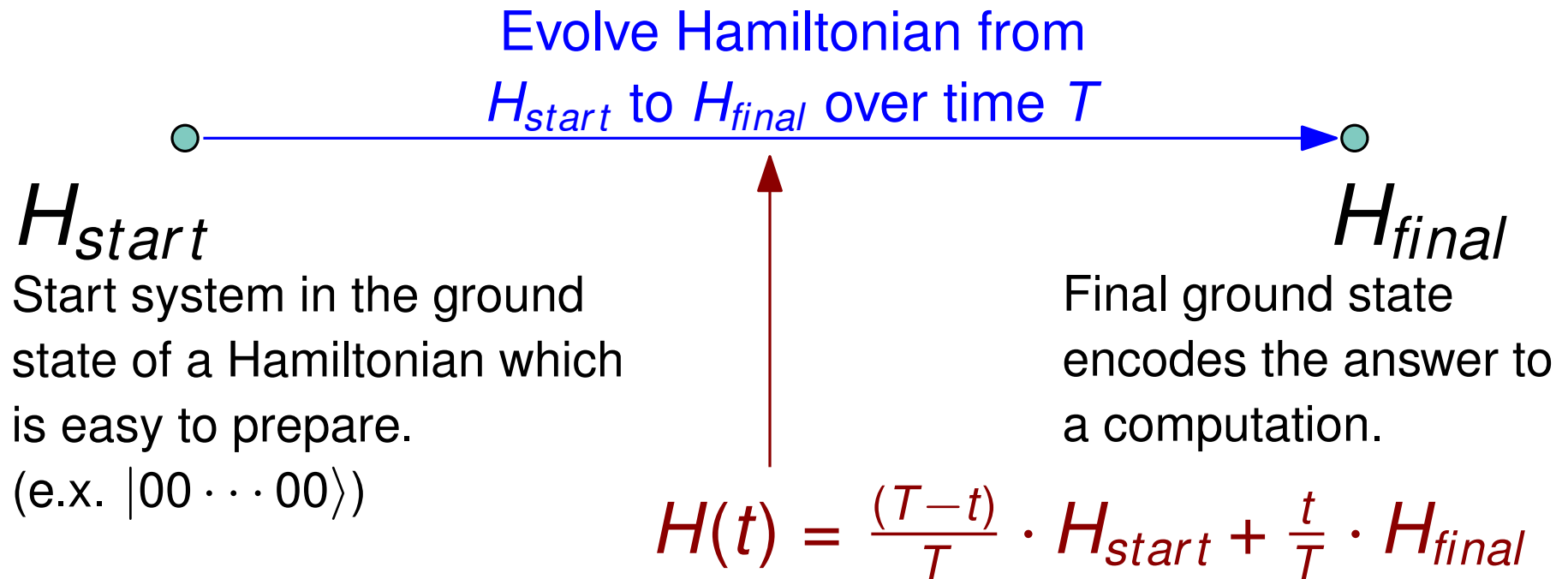
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Hamiltonian whose ground state is the computation state for Quantum Circuit C with input x .

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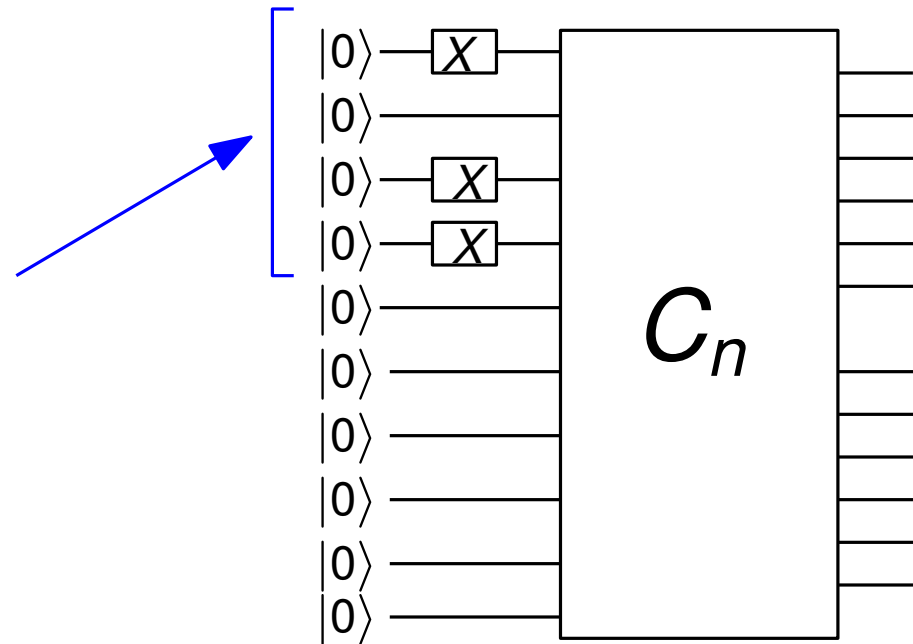
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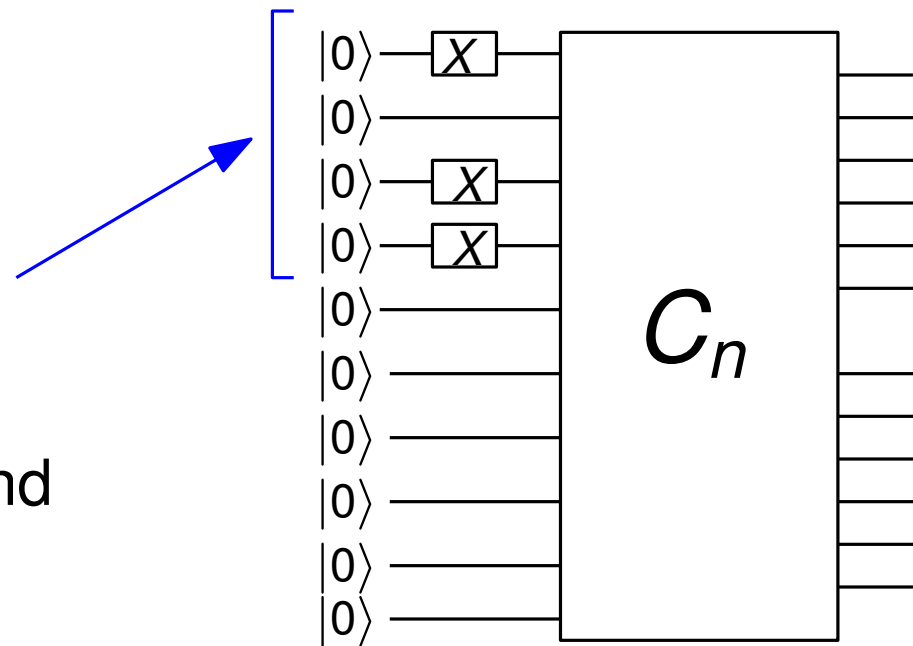
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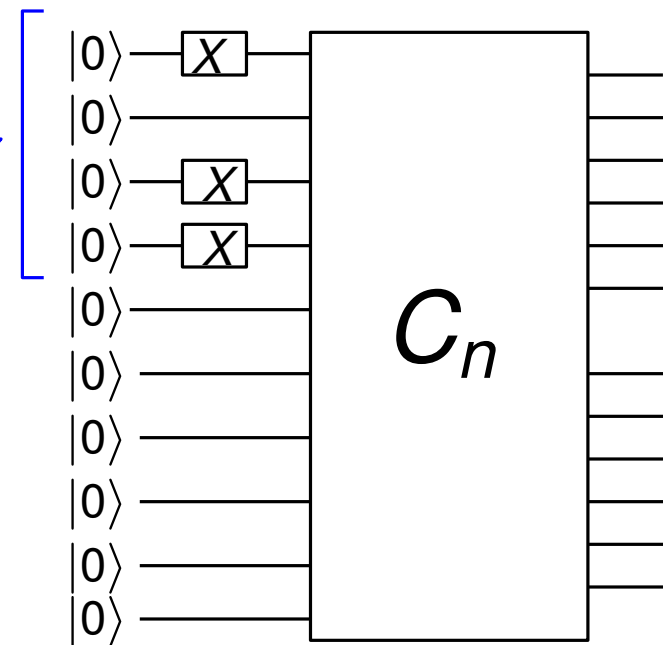
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Probability to measure the clock in state T is $\frac{1}{T+1}$

Lower Bound Spectral Gap

$$H_{start} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Spectral gap of:

$$(1 - s)H_{start} + sH_{final} \text{ for } s \in [0, 1] \text{ is } \geq \frac{1}{2(T + 1)^2}$$

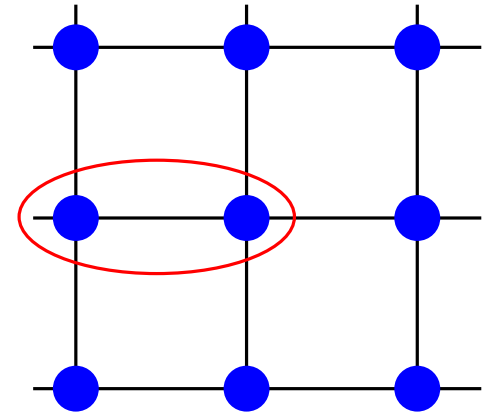
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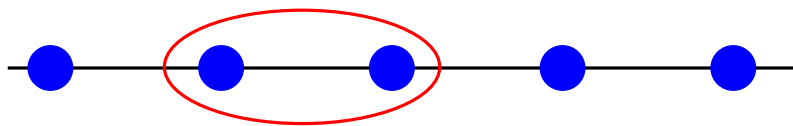
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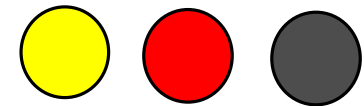
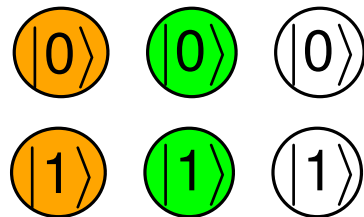
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The "Clock" is distributed throughout the entire quantum system:

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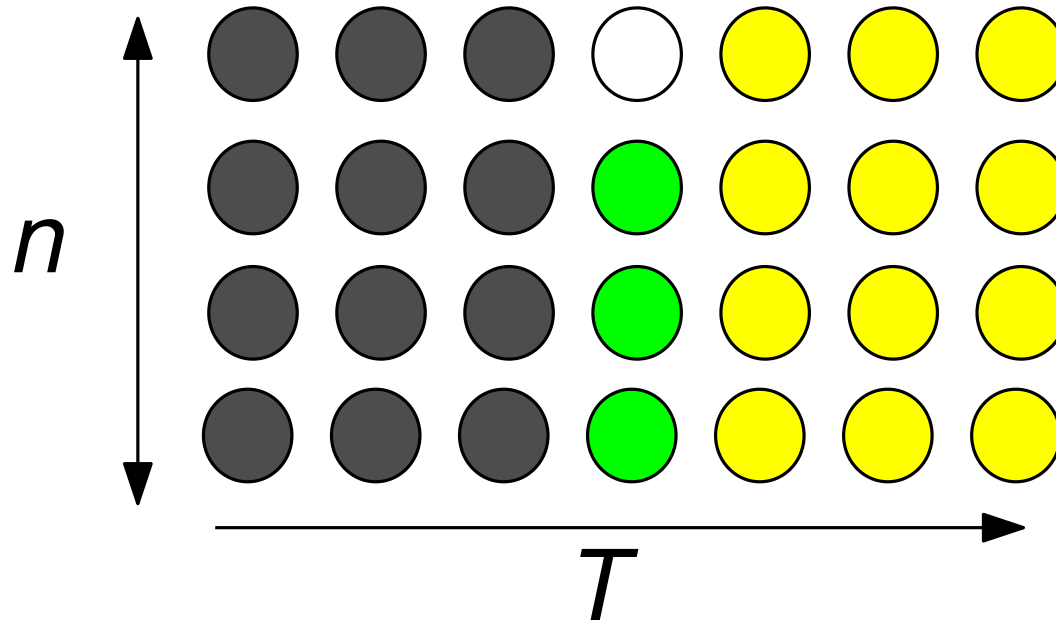
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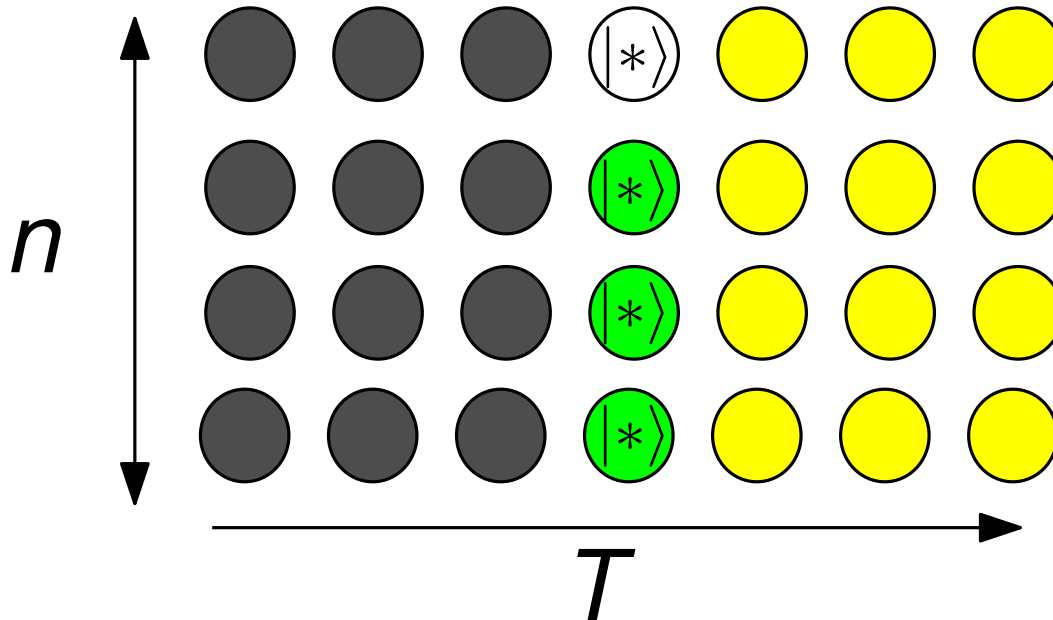
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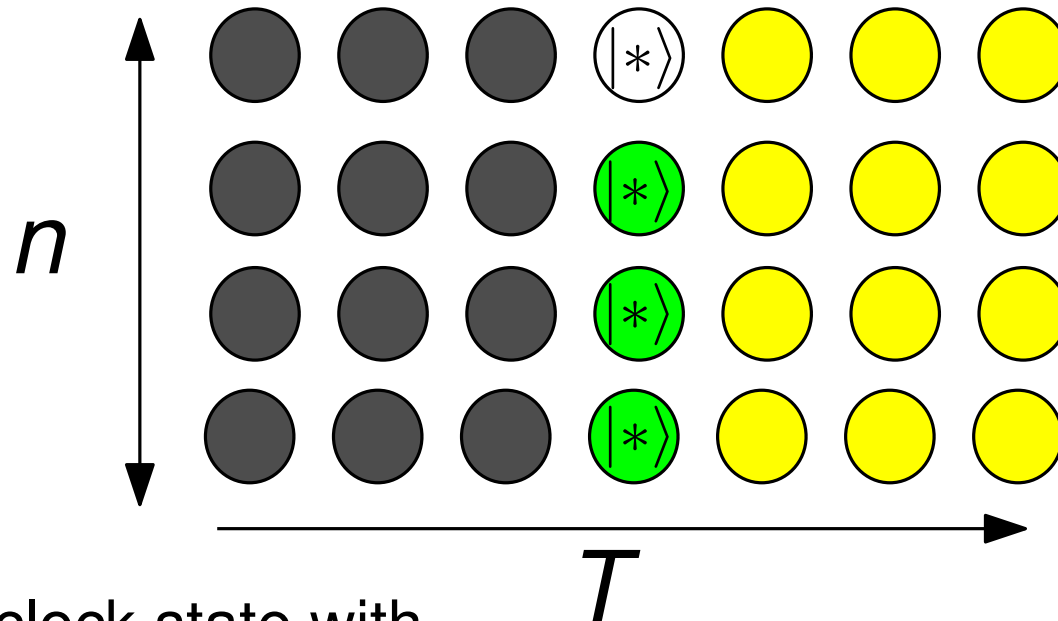
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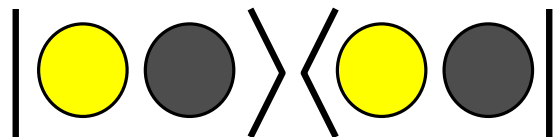


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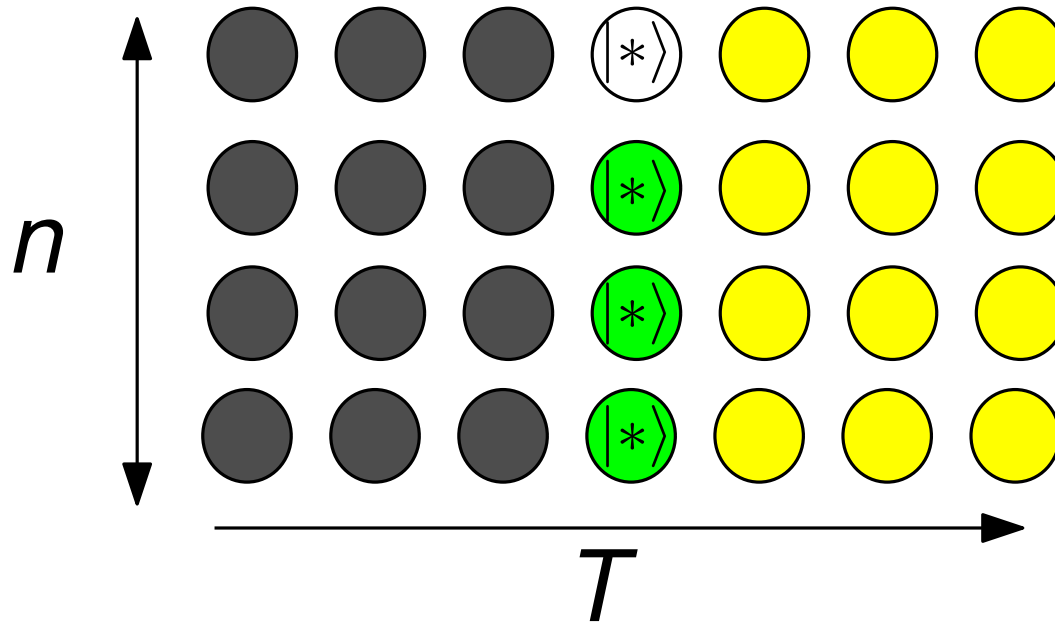


Enforce valid clock state with
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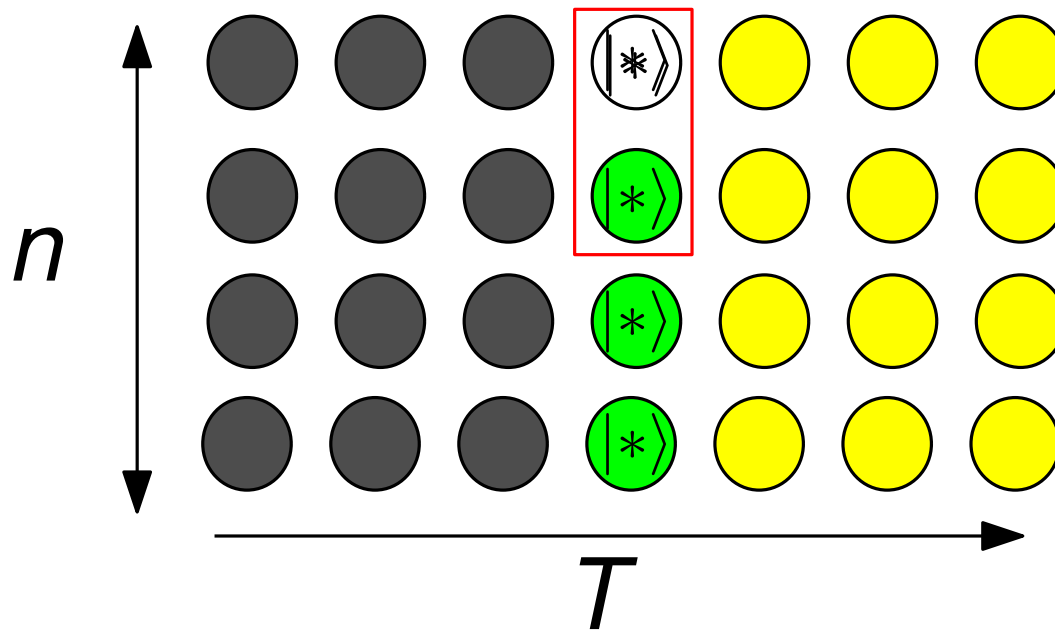
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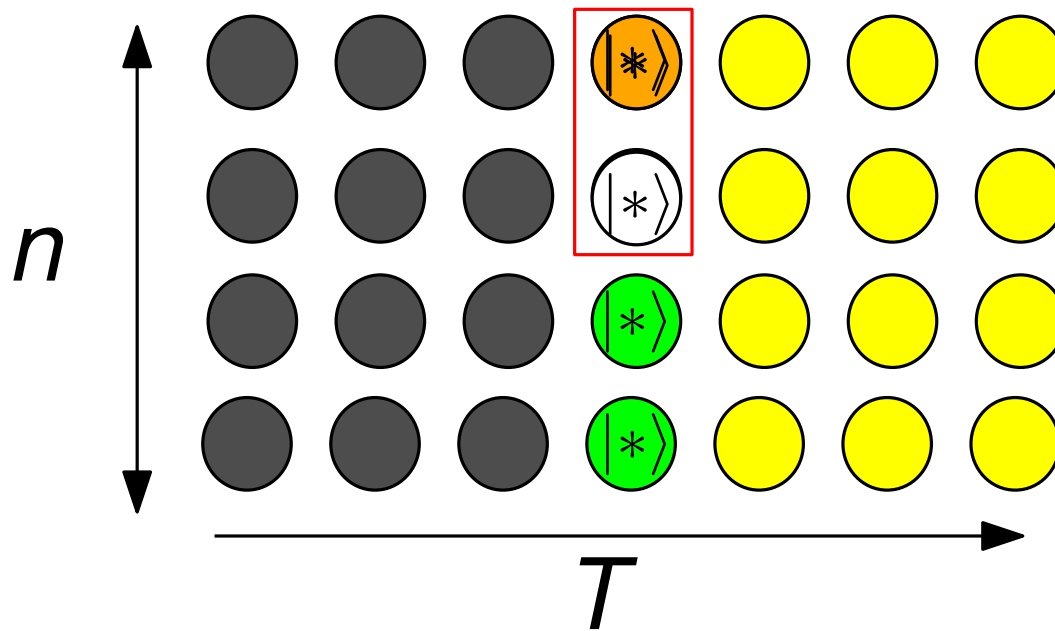
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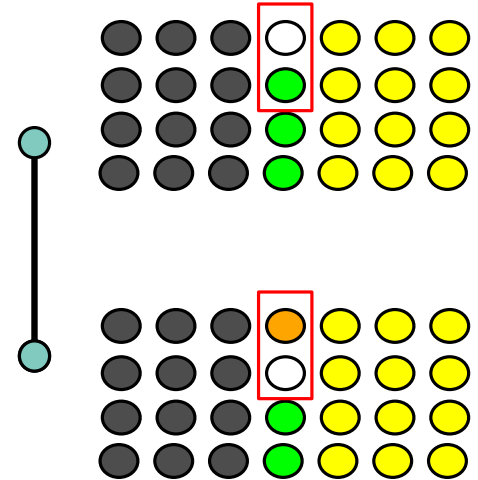
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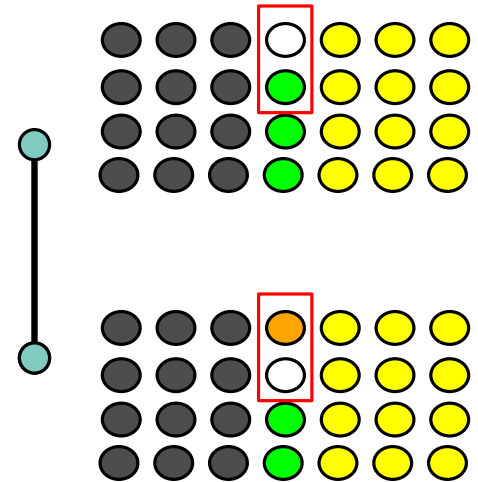


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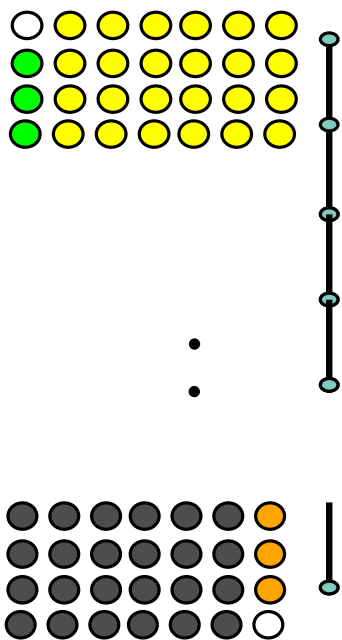
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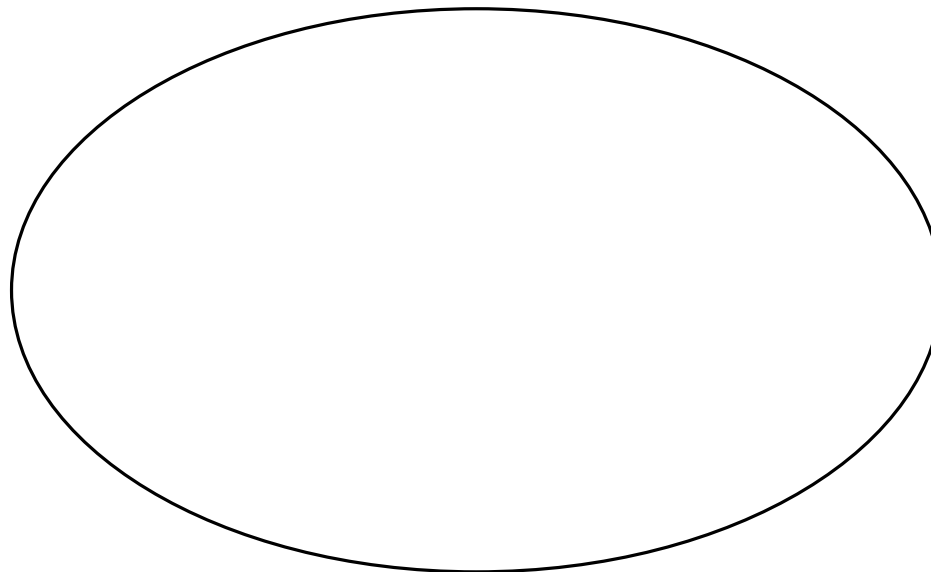
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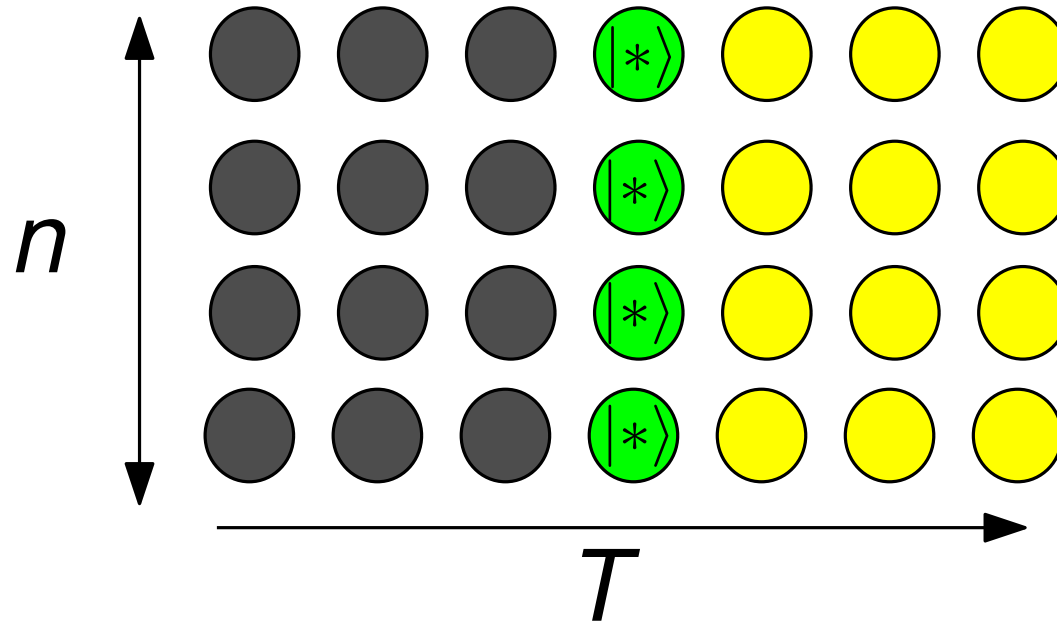
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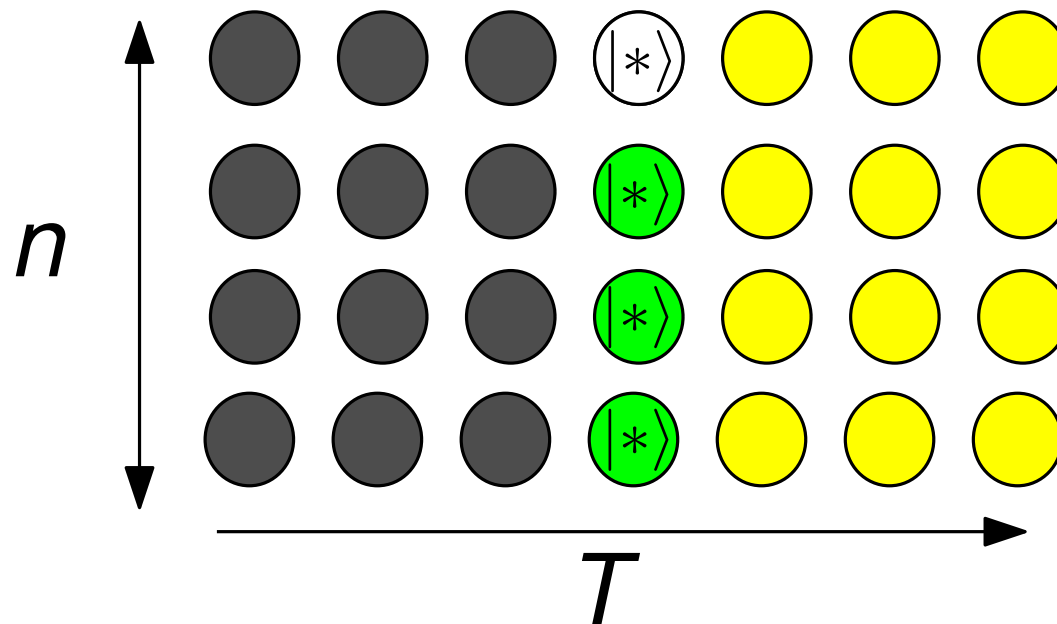
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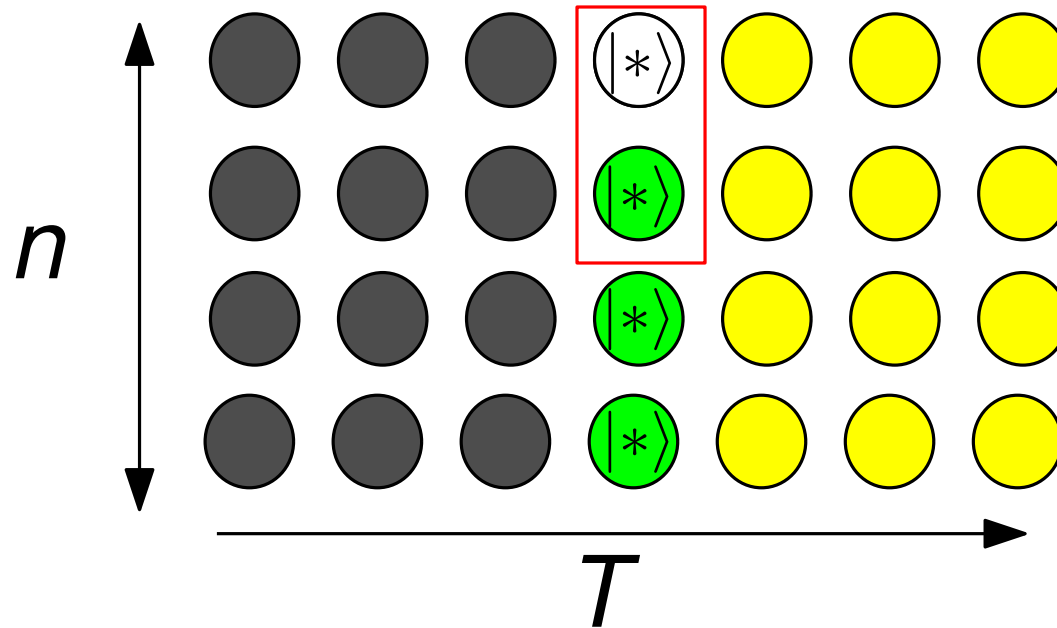
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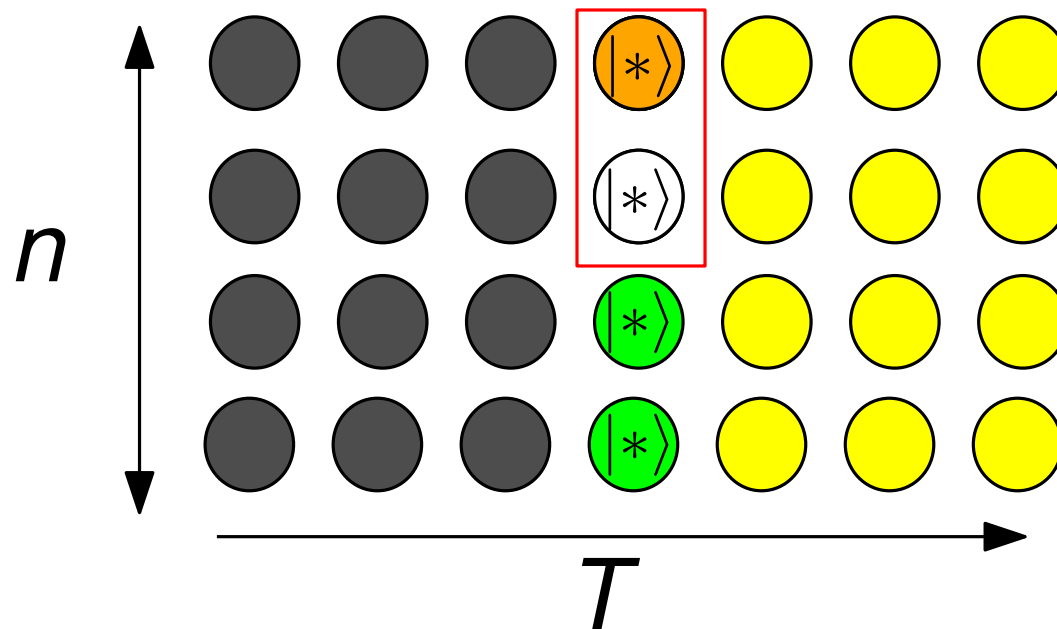
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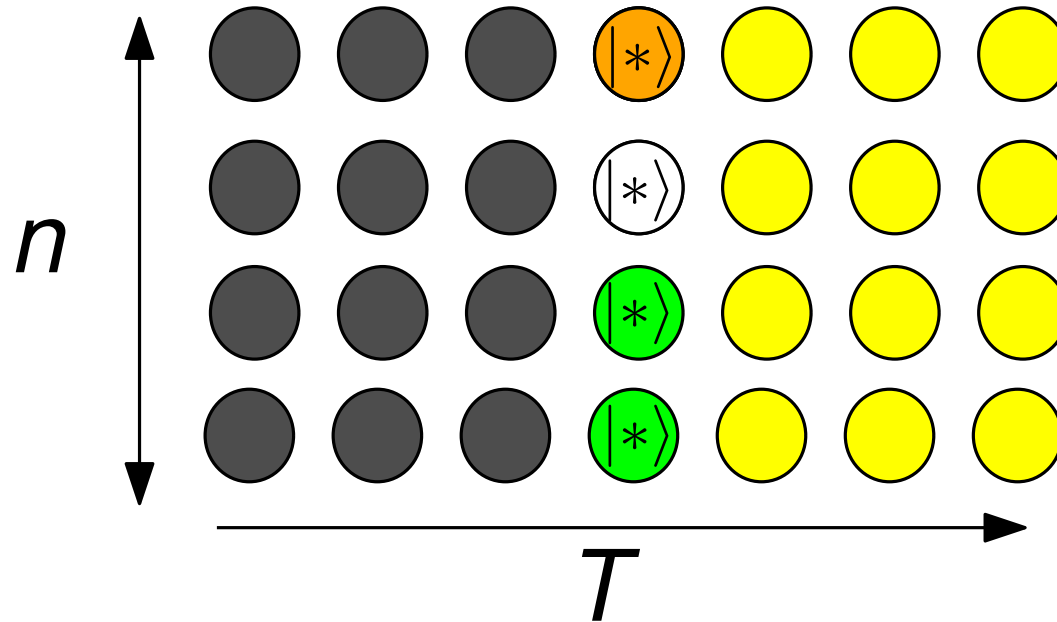
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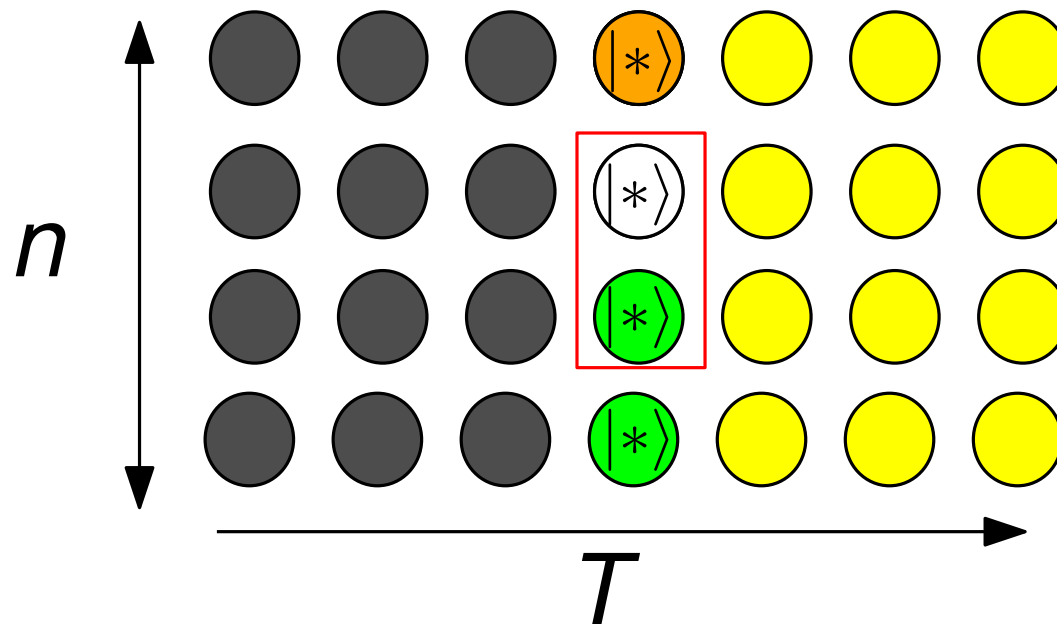
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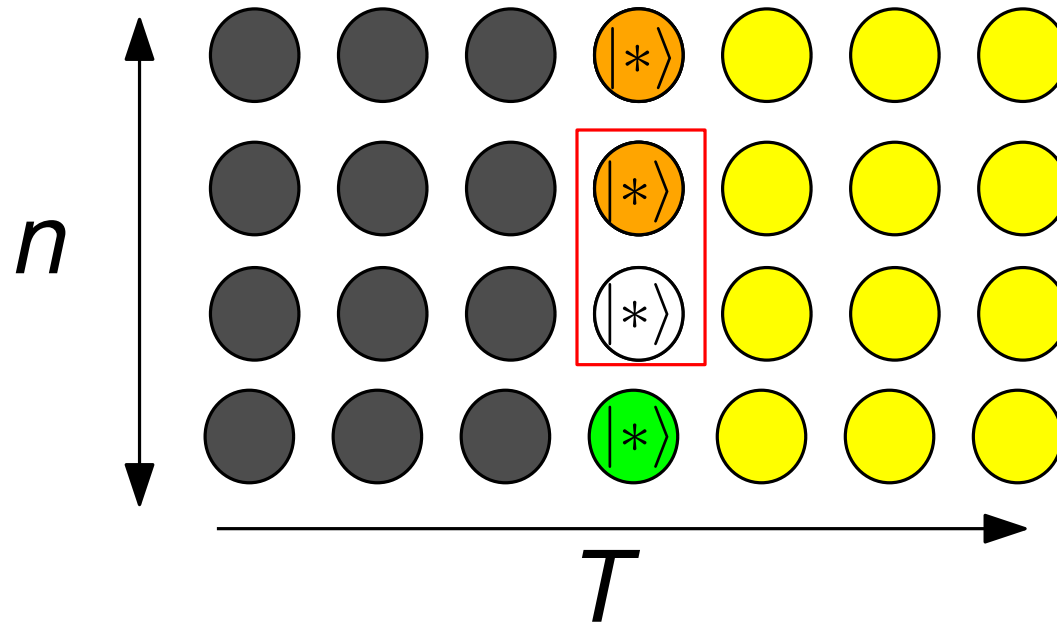
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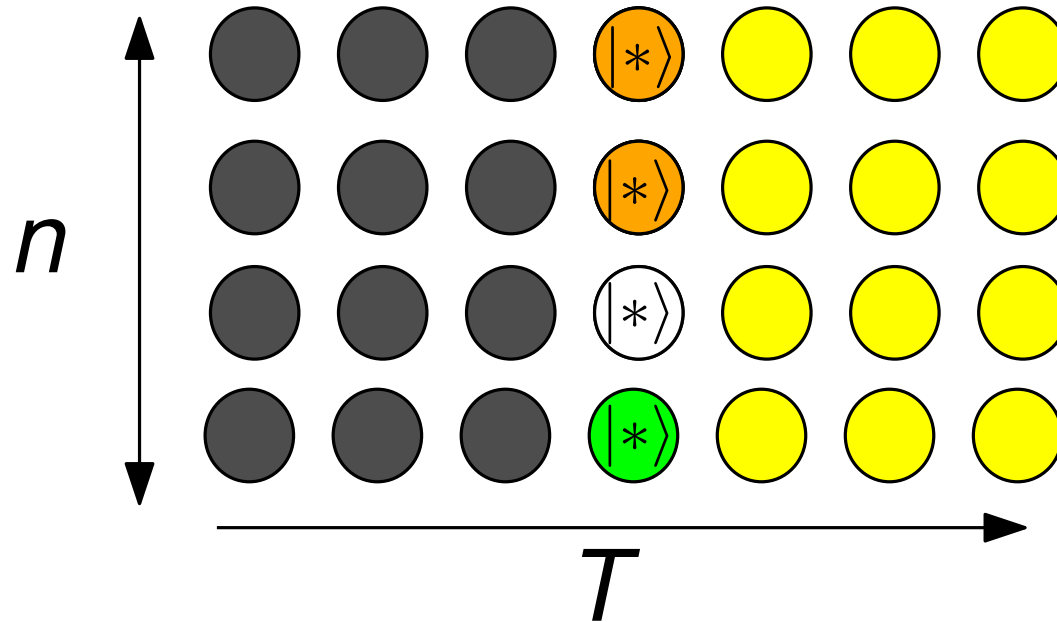
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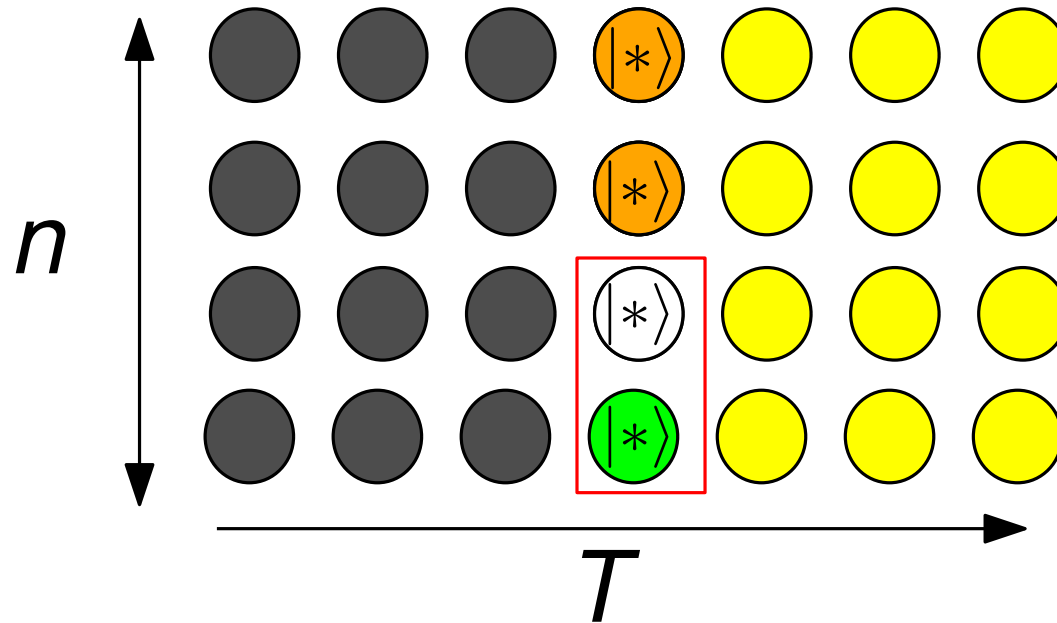
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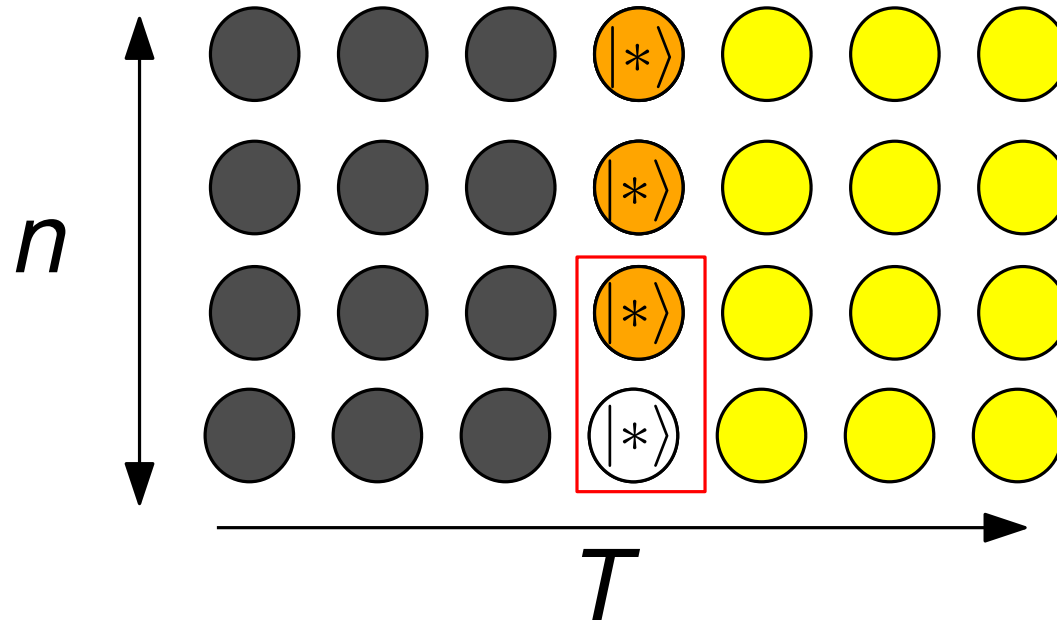
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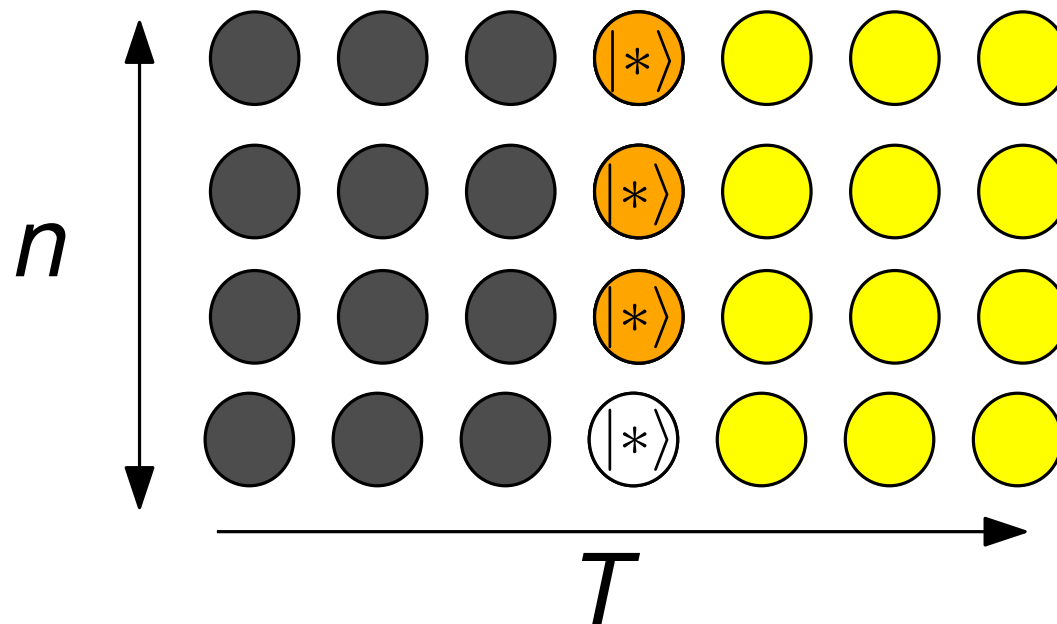
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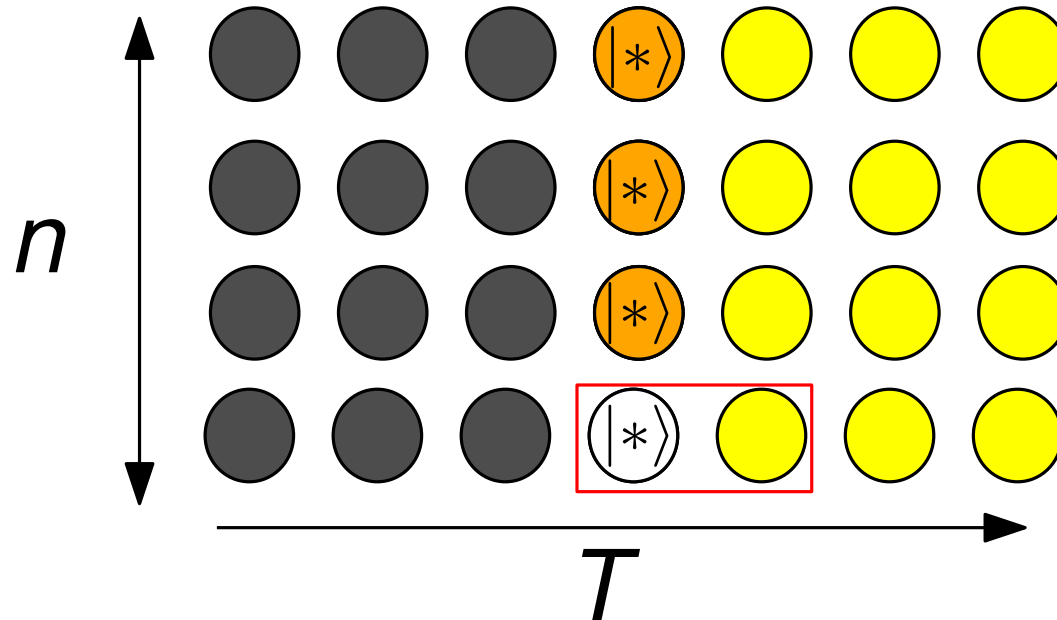
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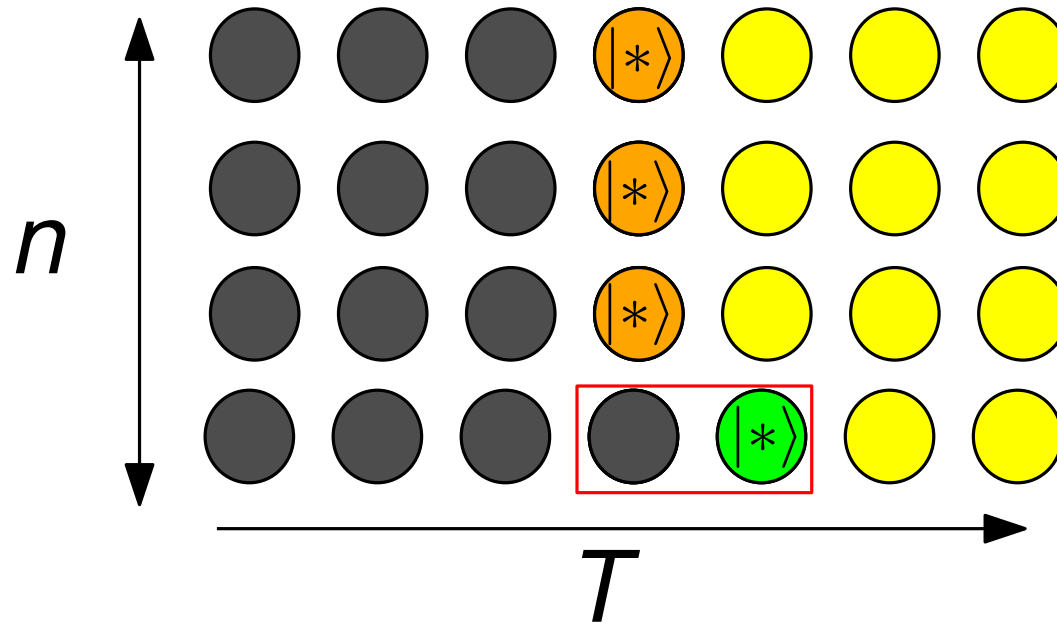
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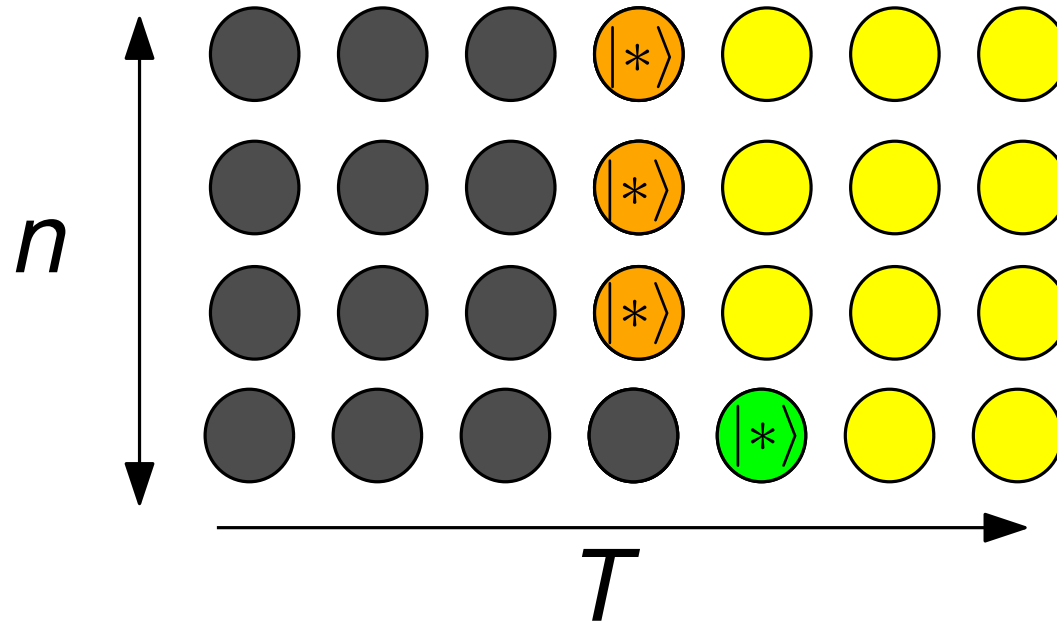
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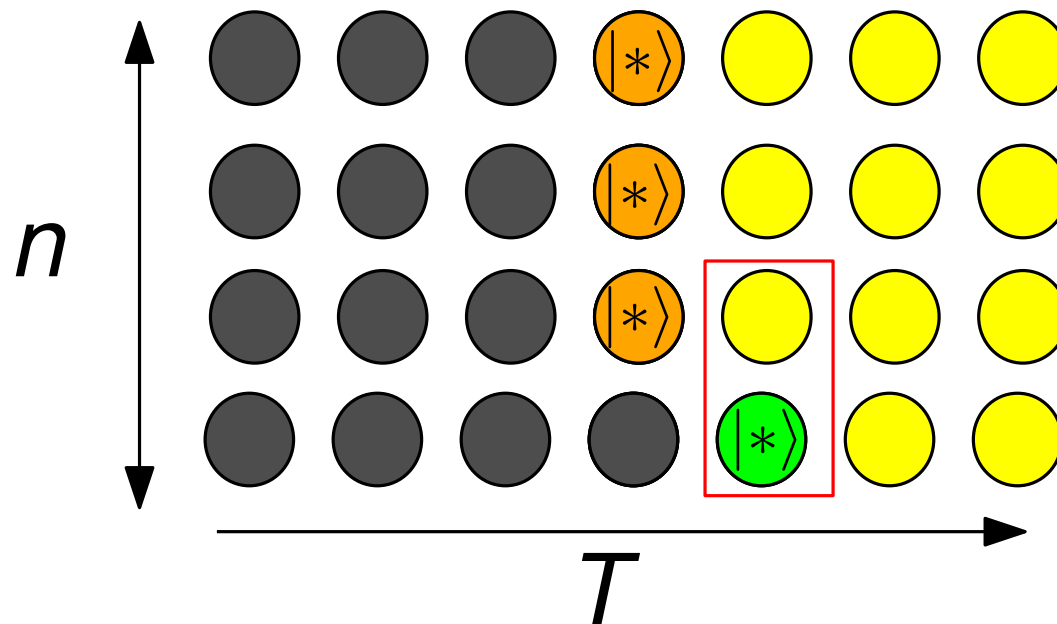
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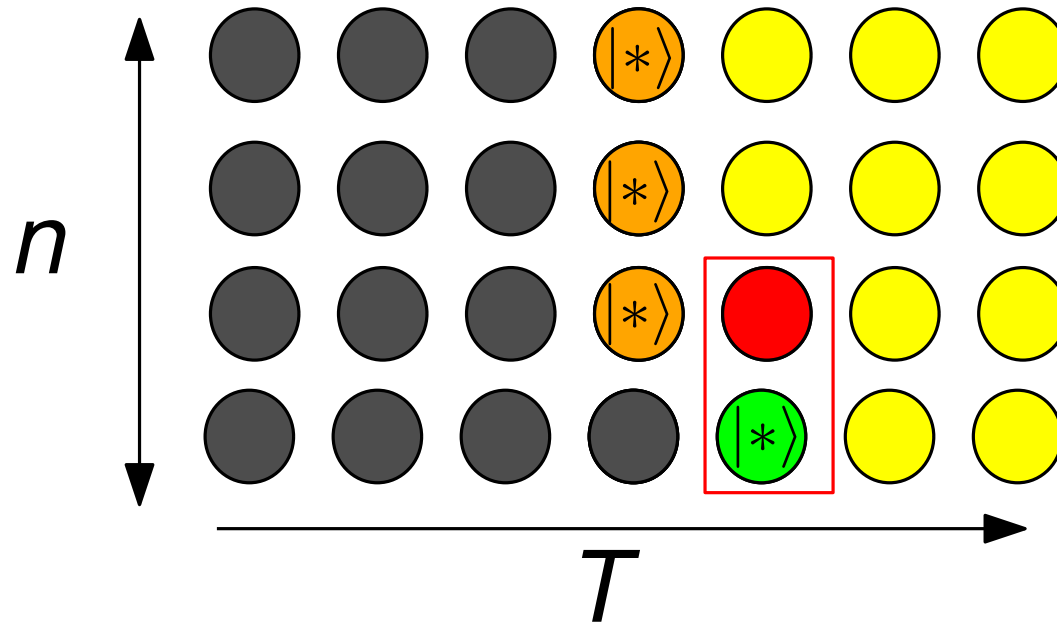
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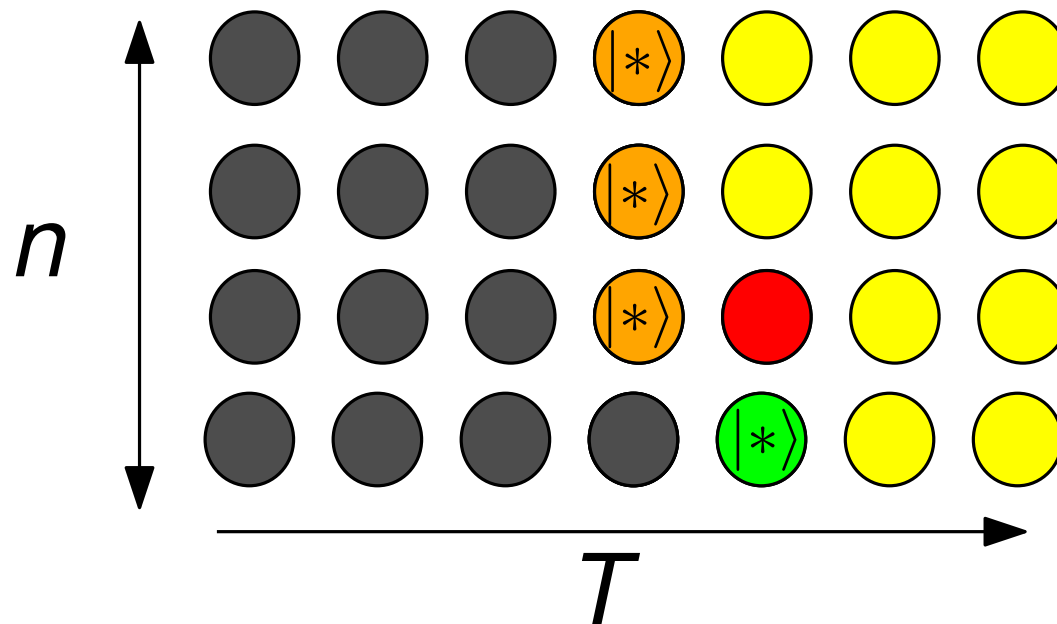
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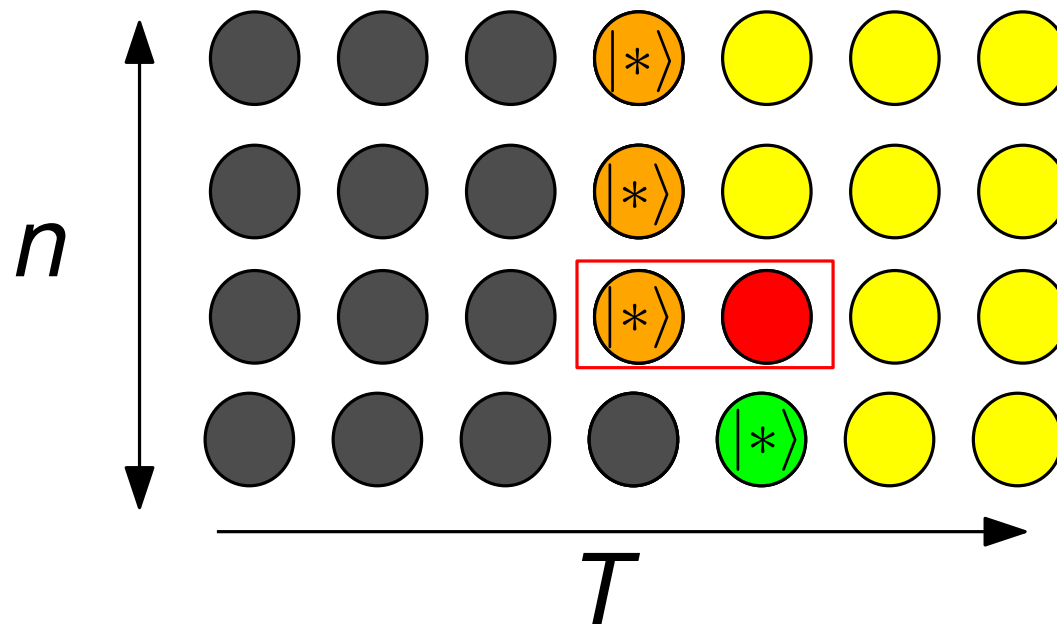
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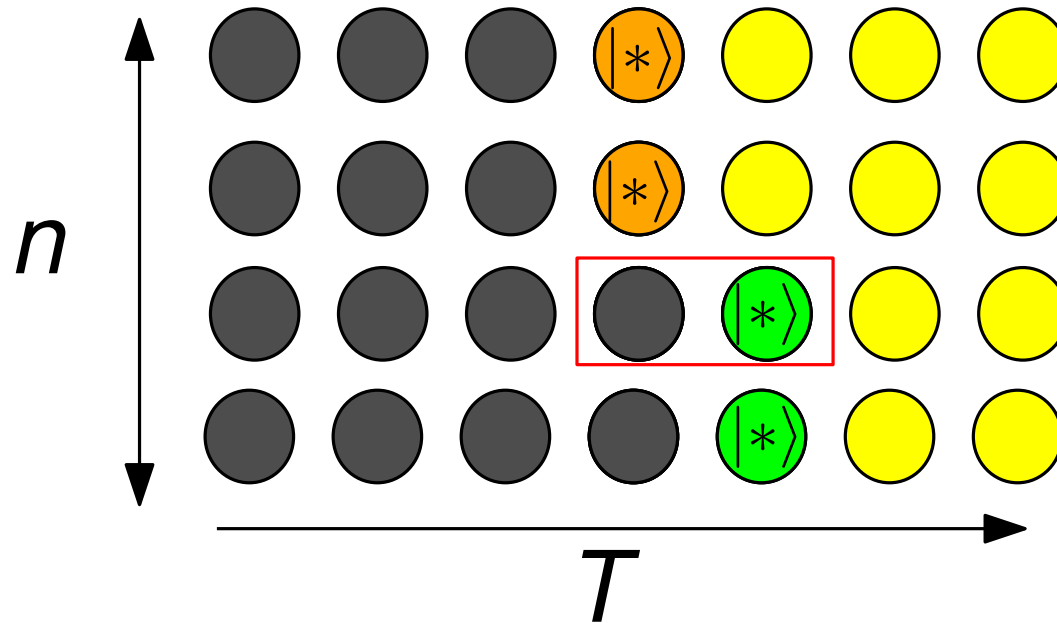
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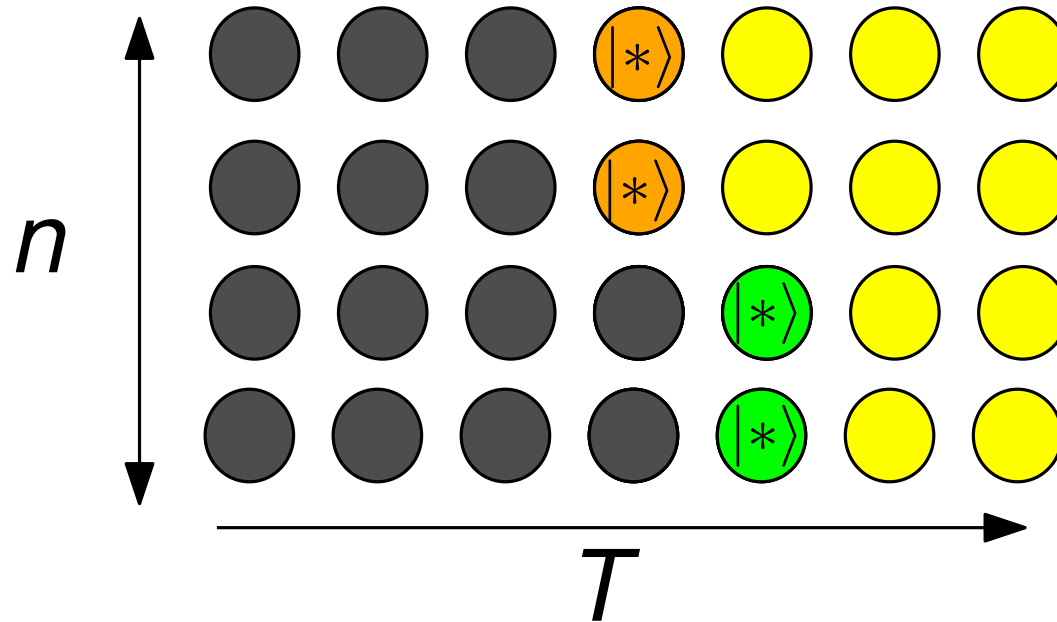
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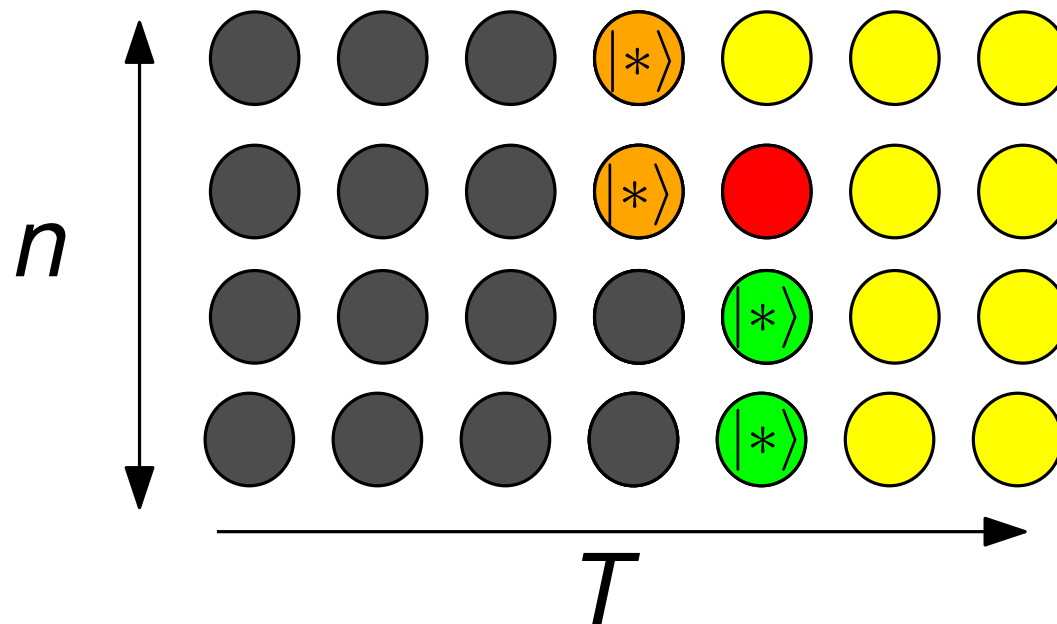
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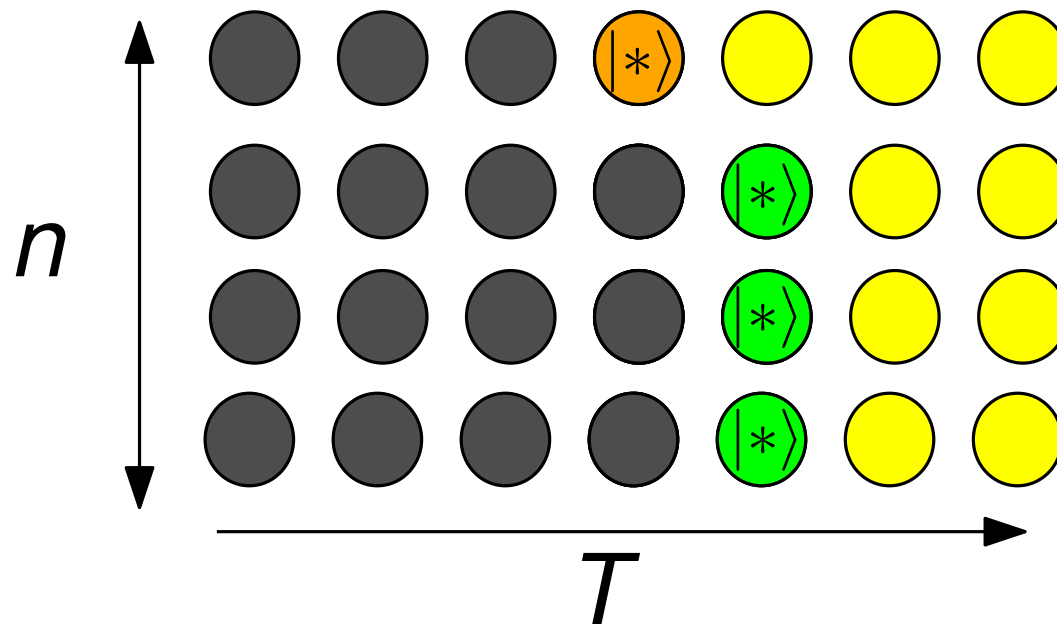
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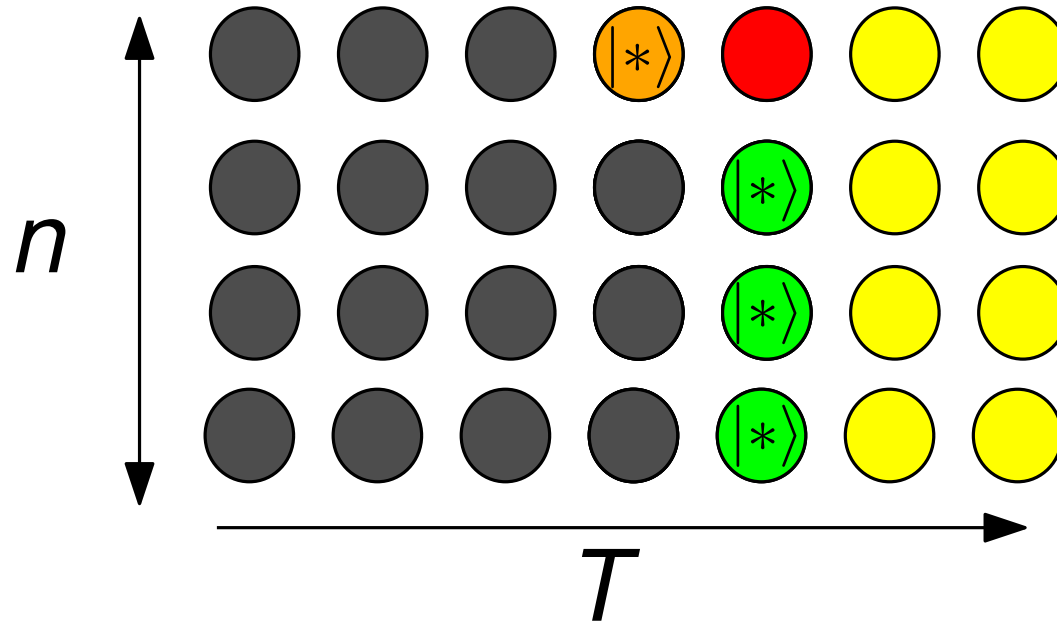
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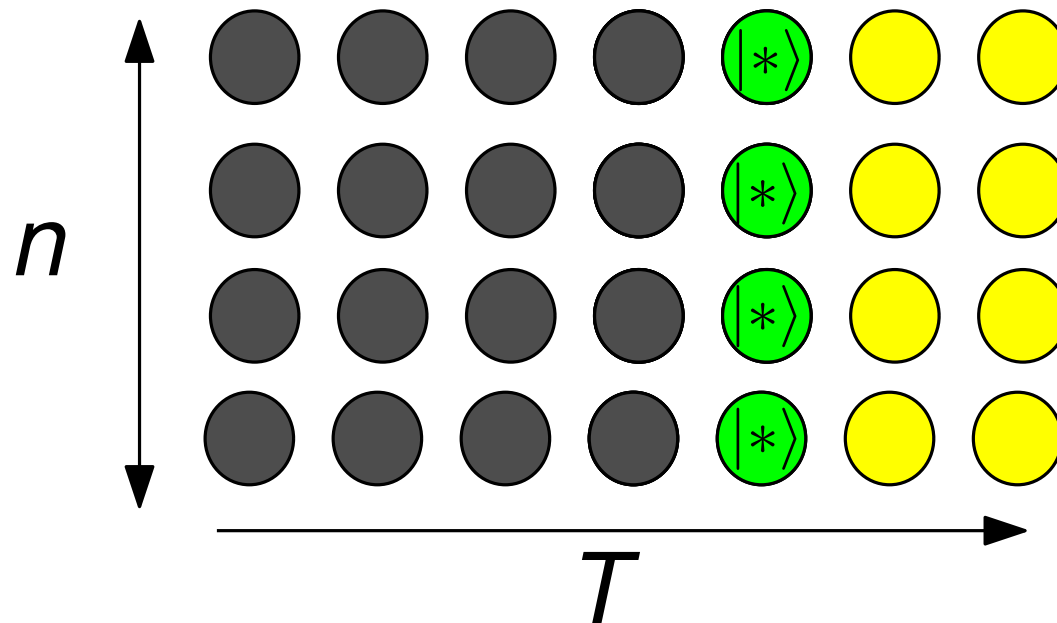
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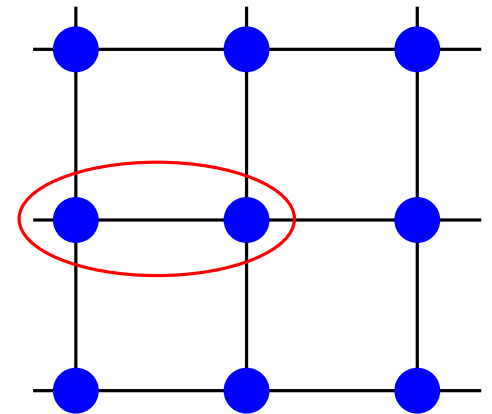
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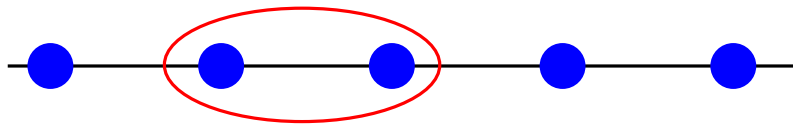
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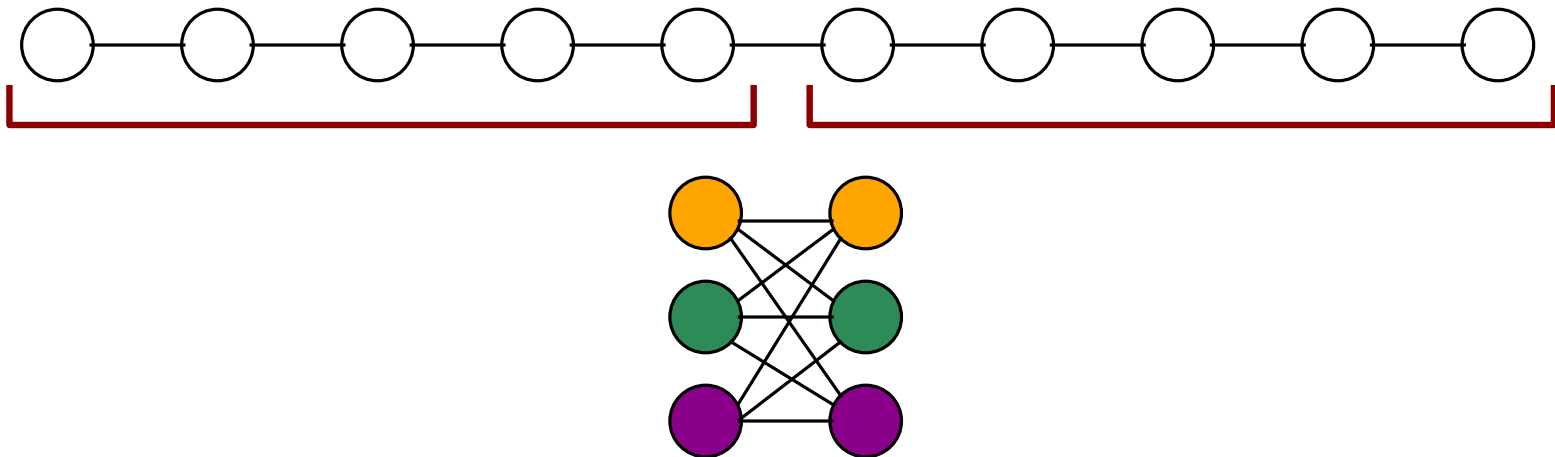
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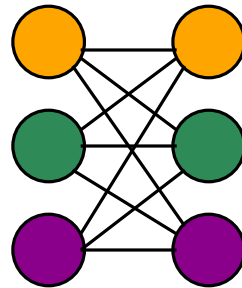
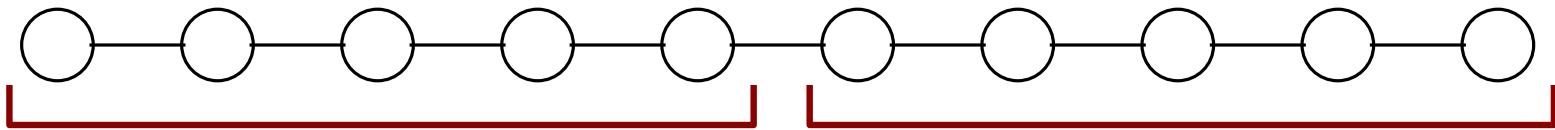
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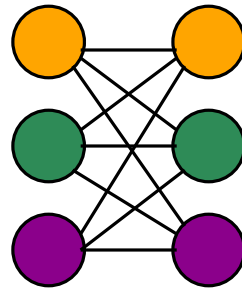
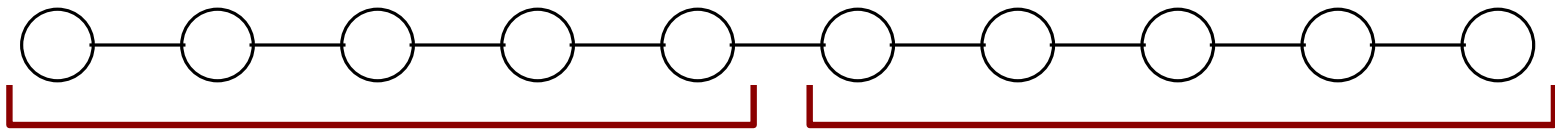
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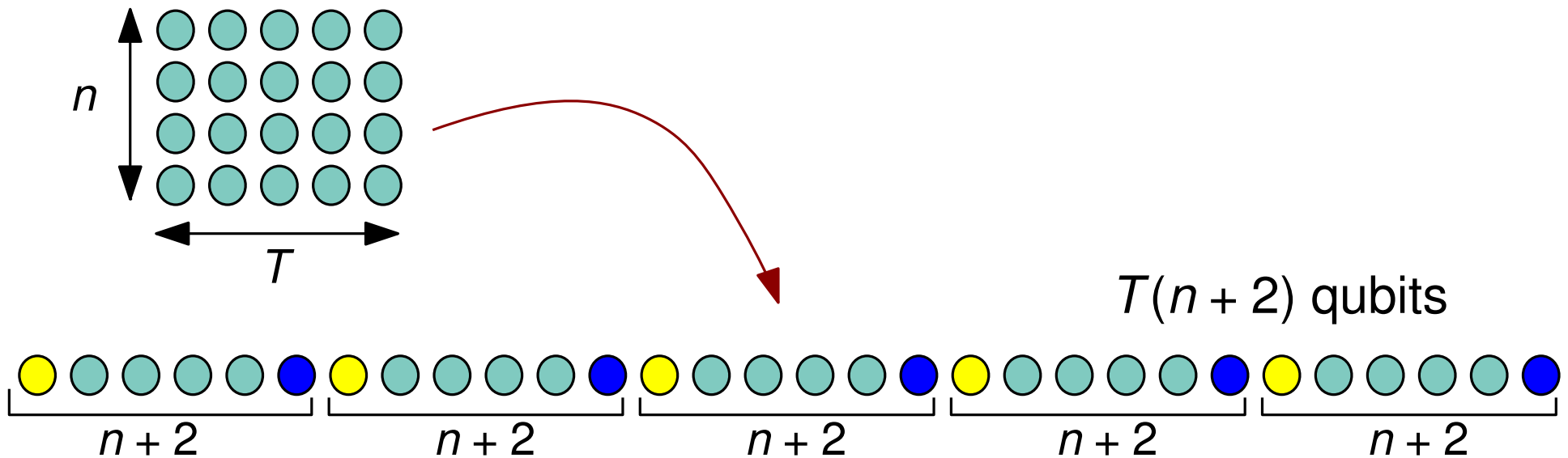
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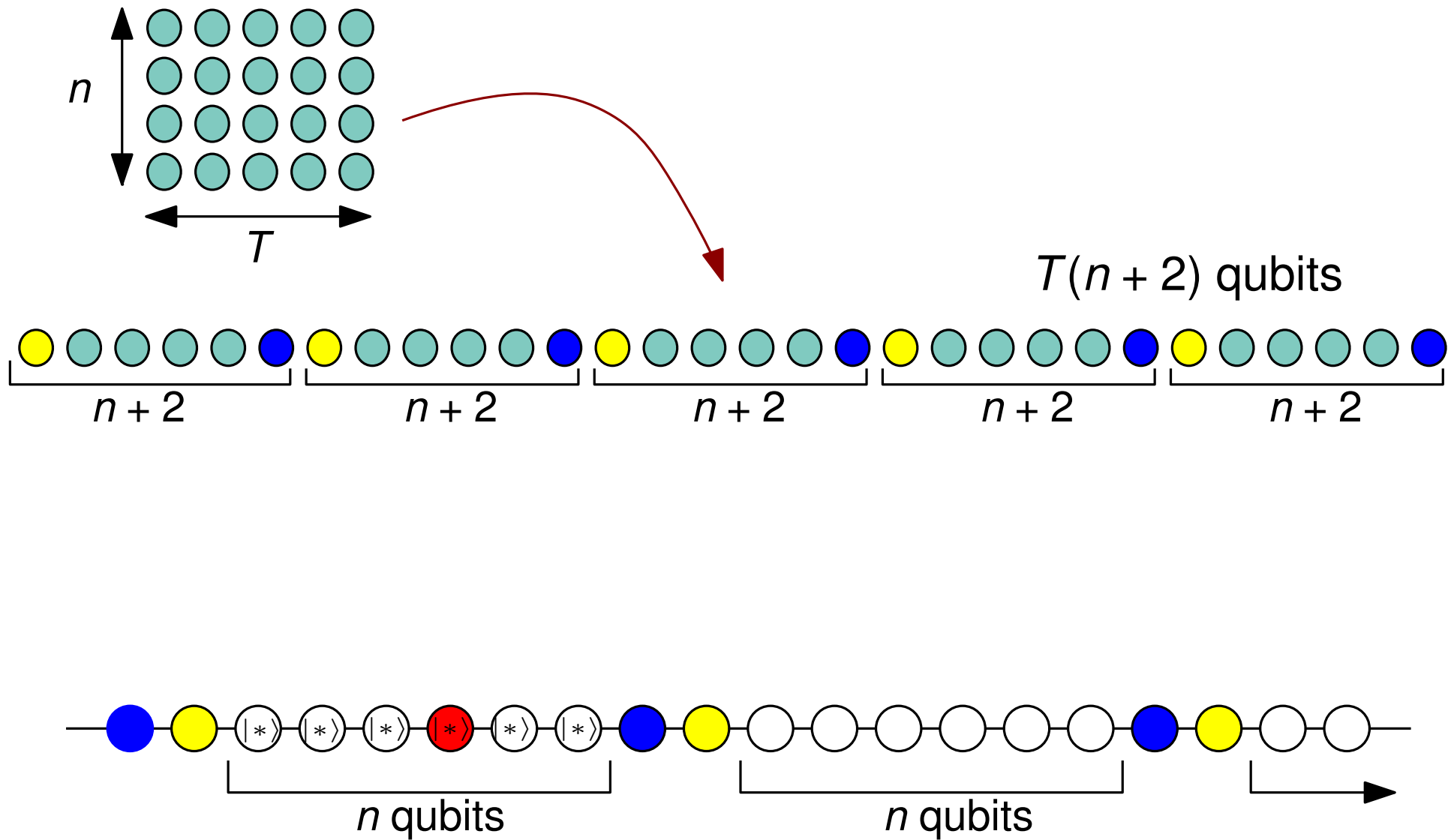
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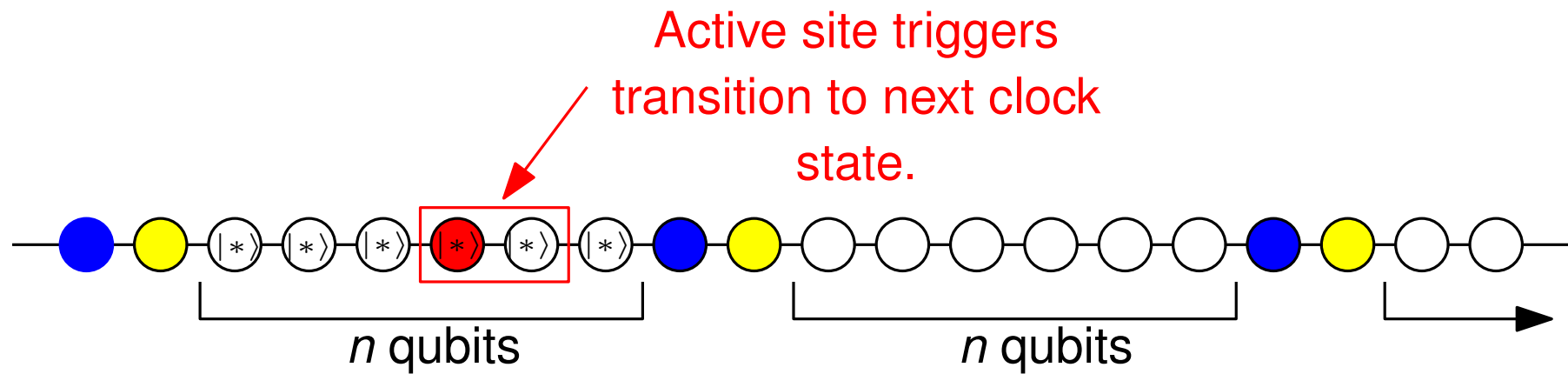
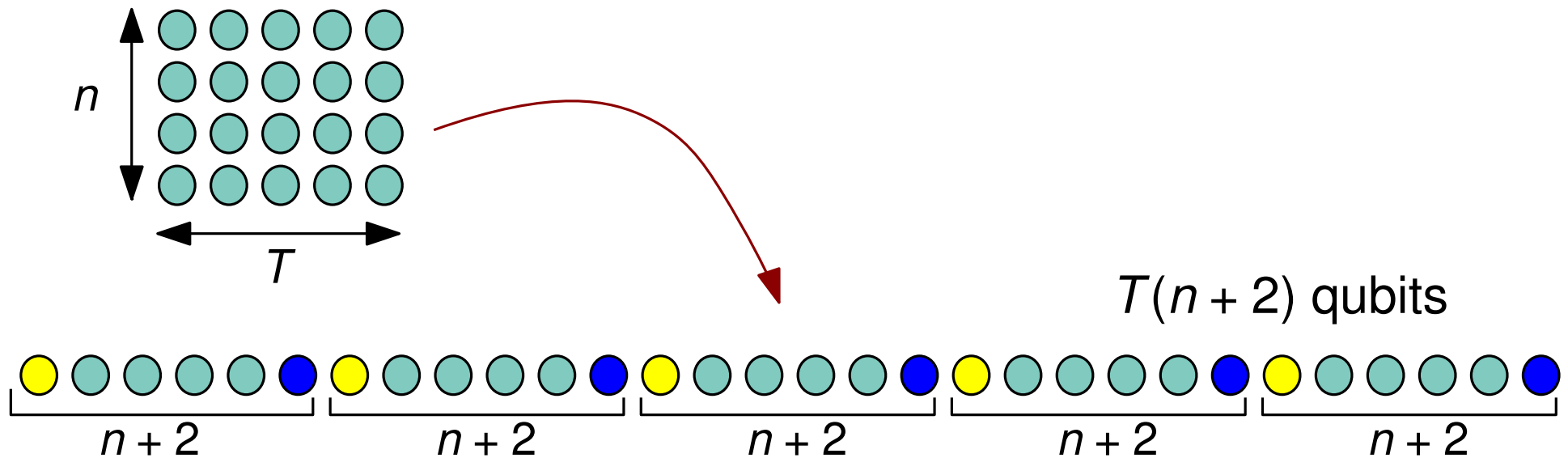
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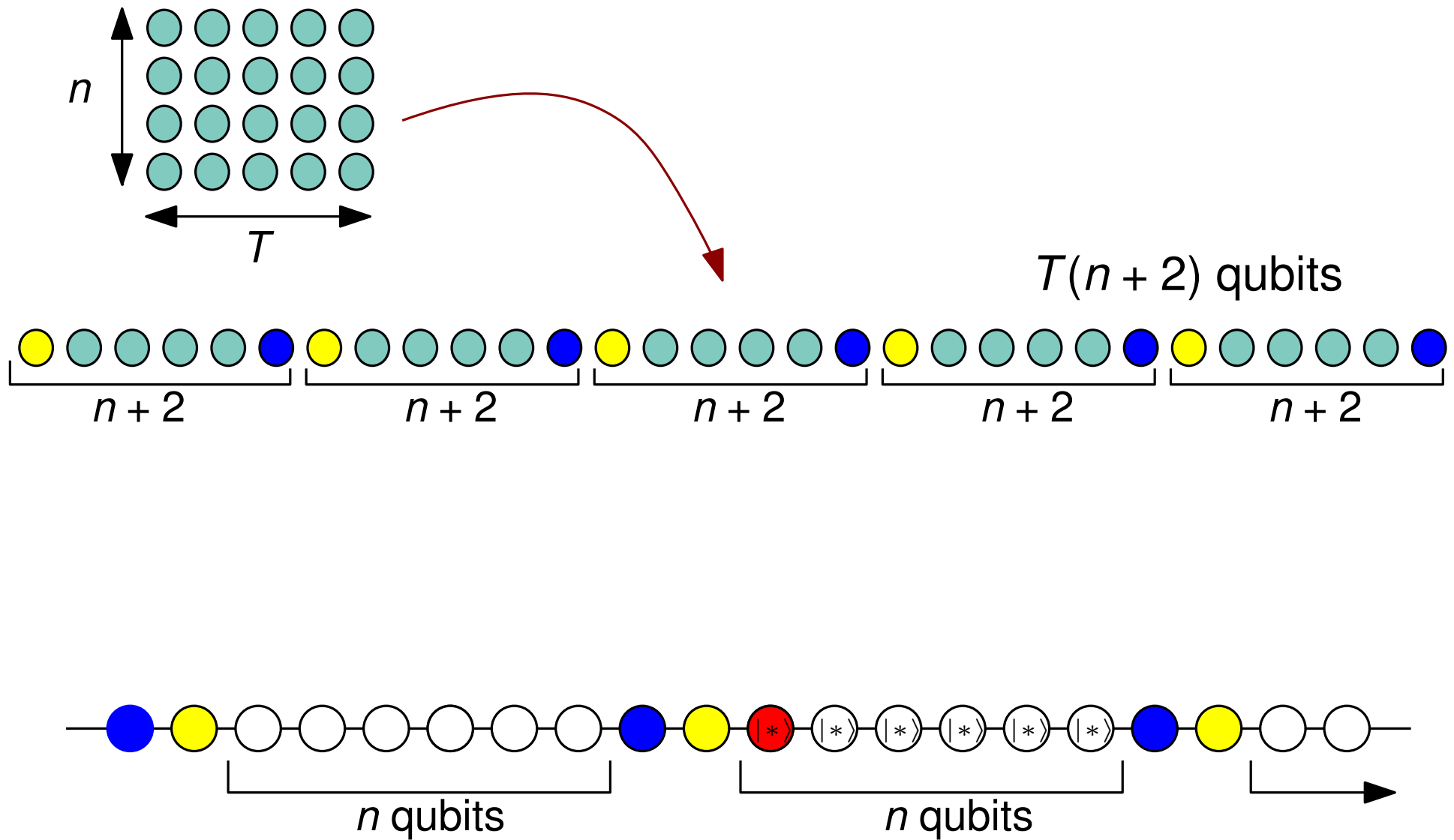
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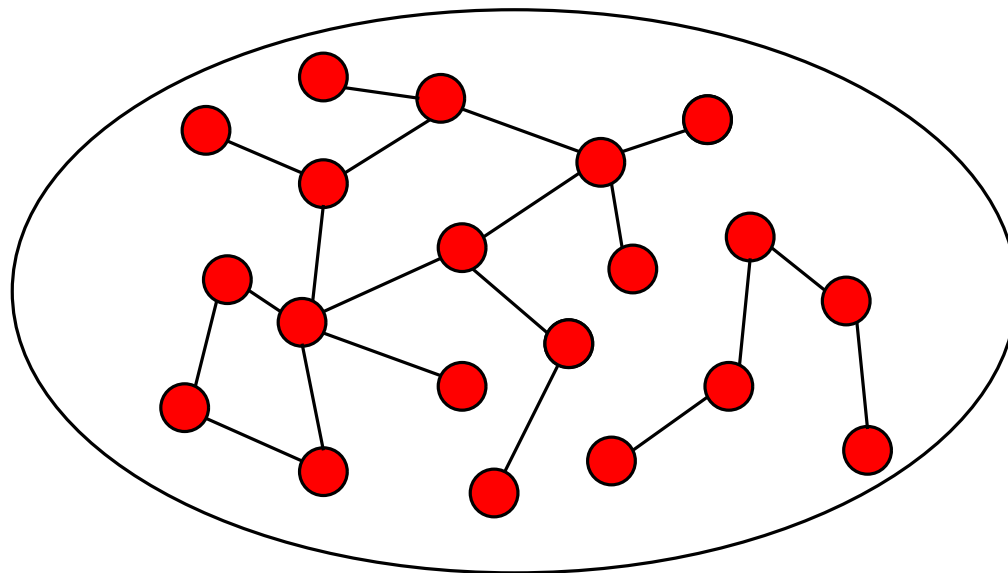
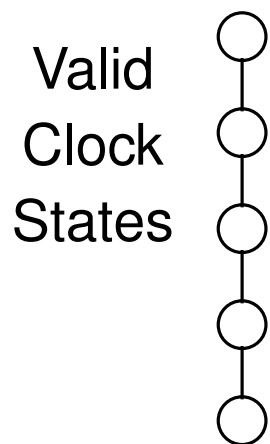
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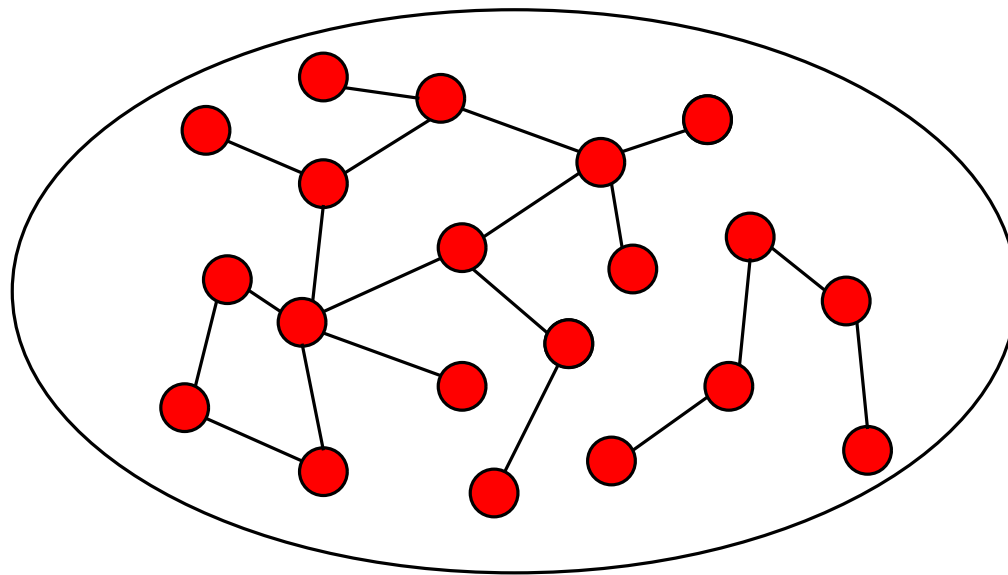
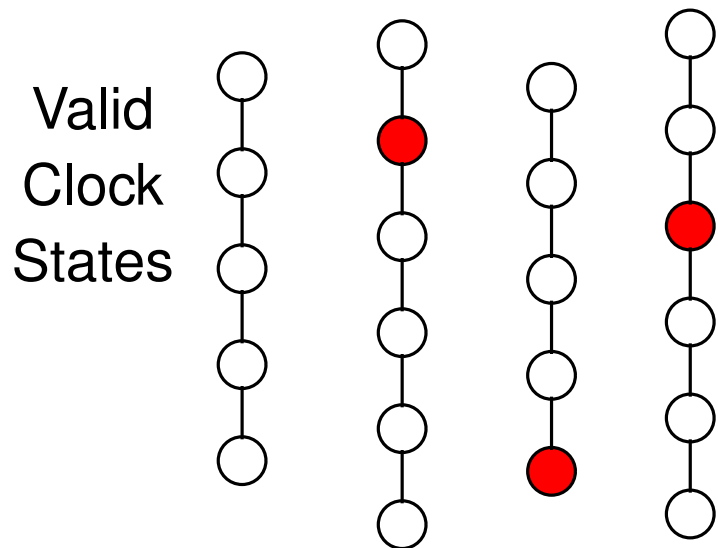
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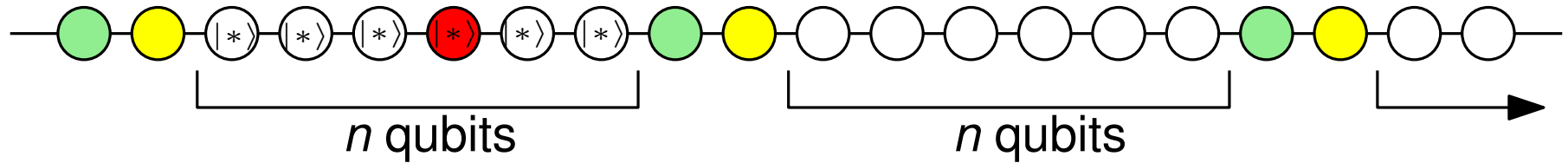


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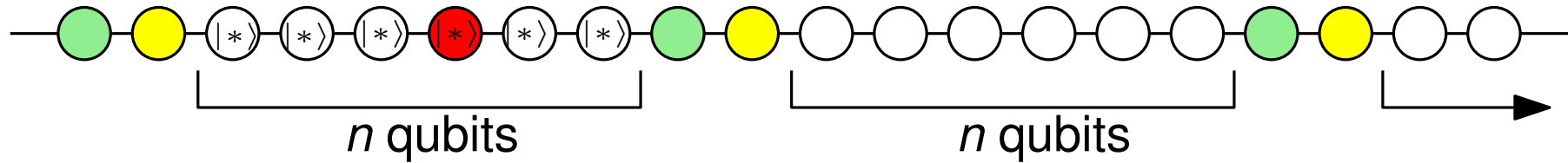
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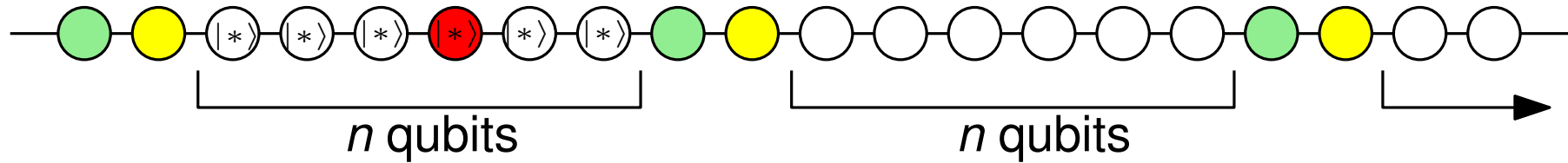
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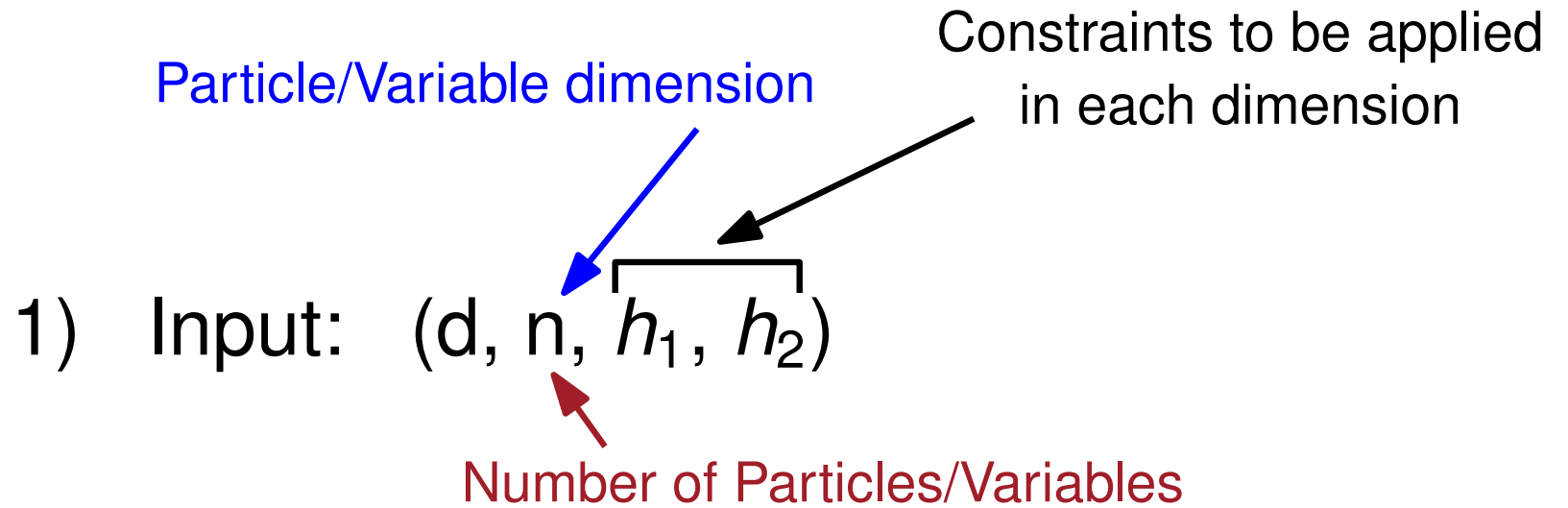
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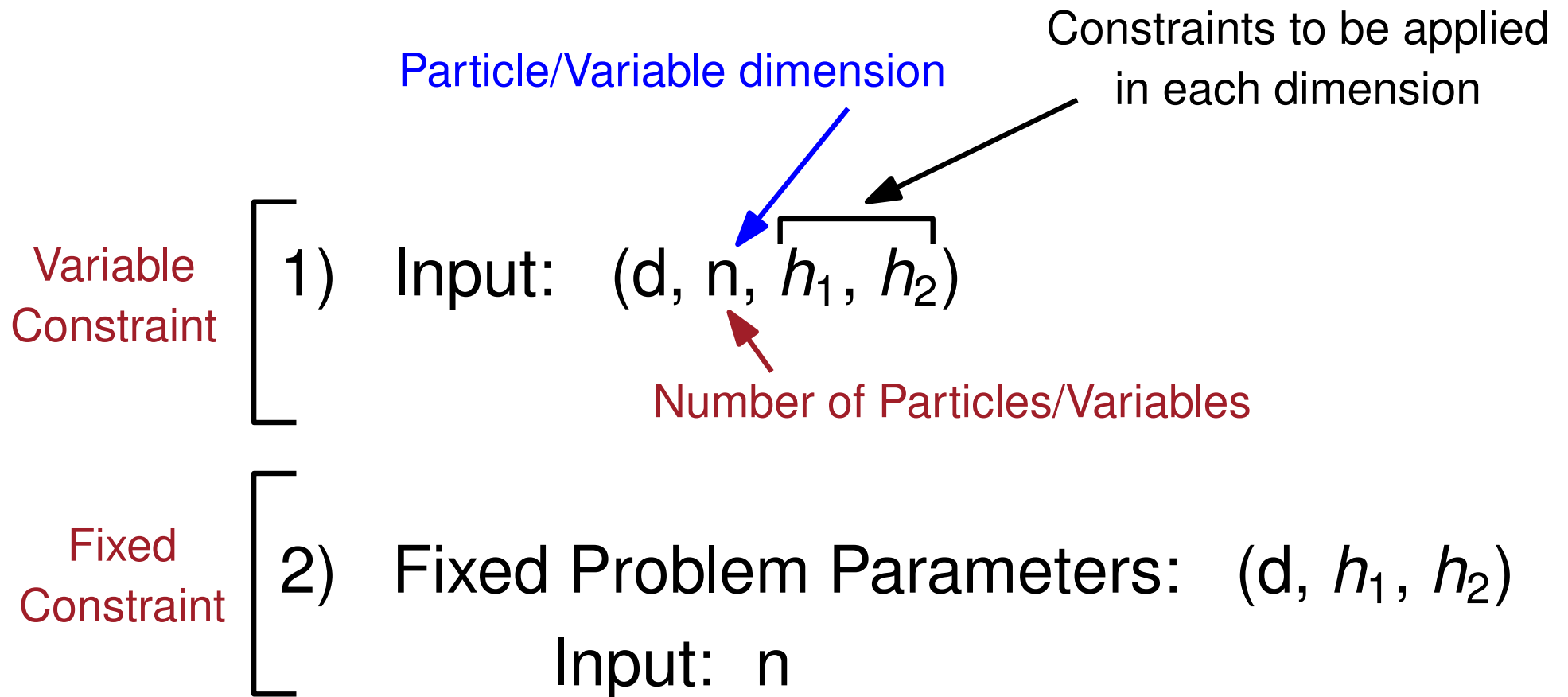
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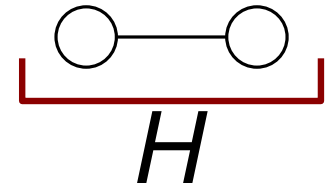
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How hard is it to find ground states of translationally invariant quantum systems?

Problem parameters:

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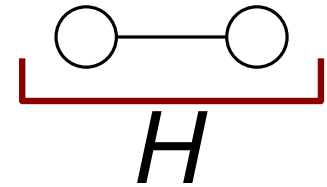
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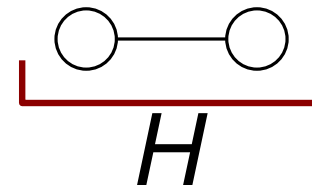
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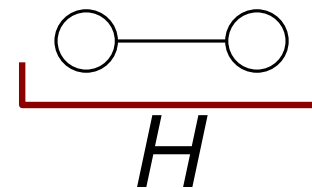
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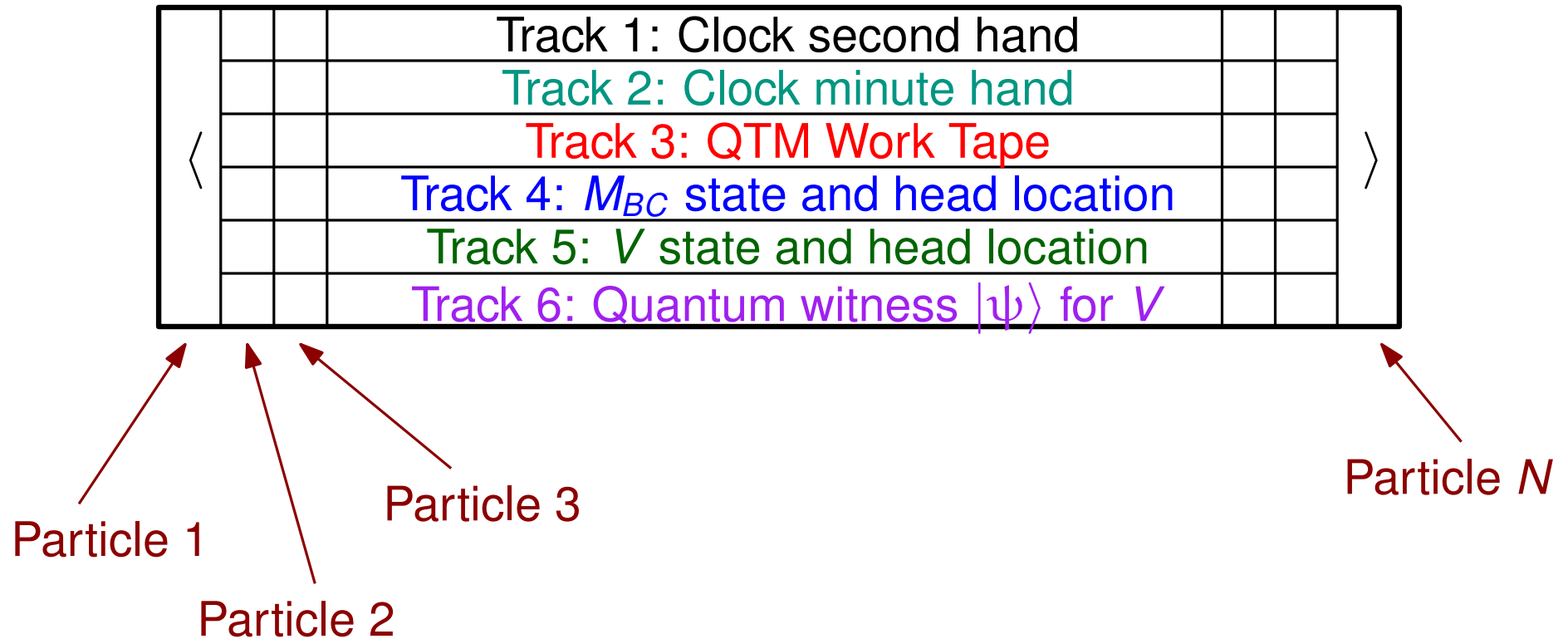
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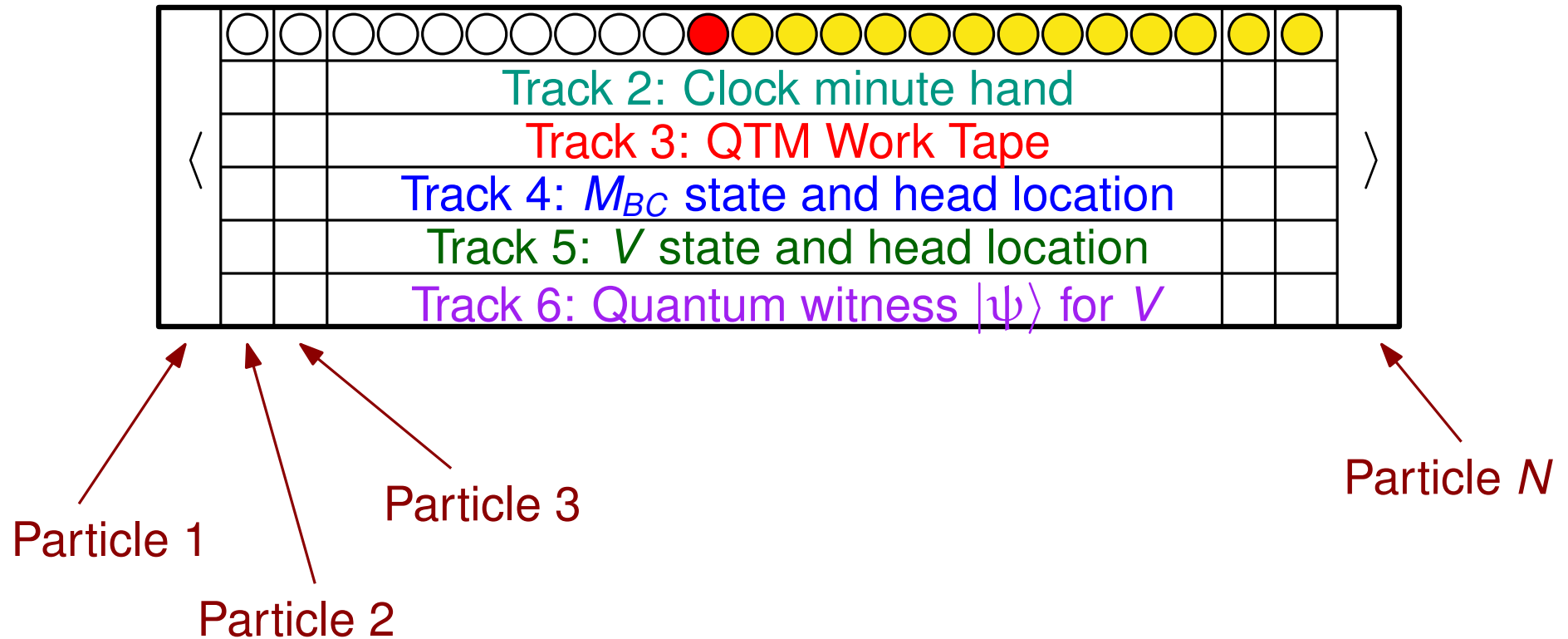


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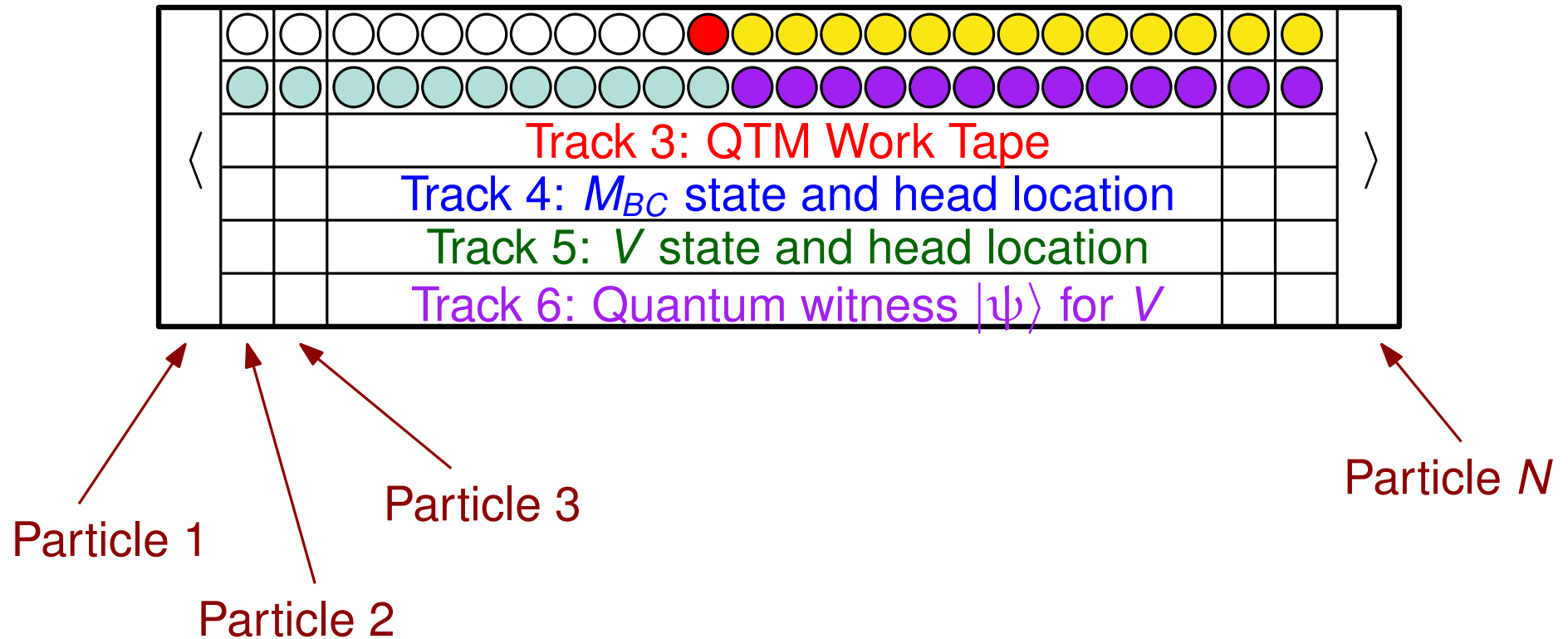


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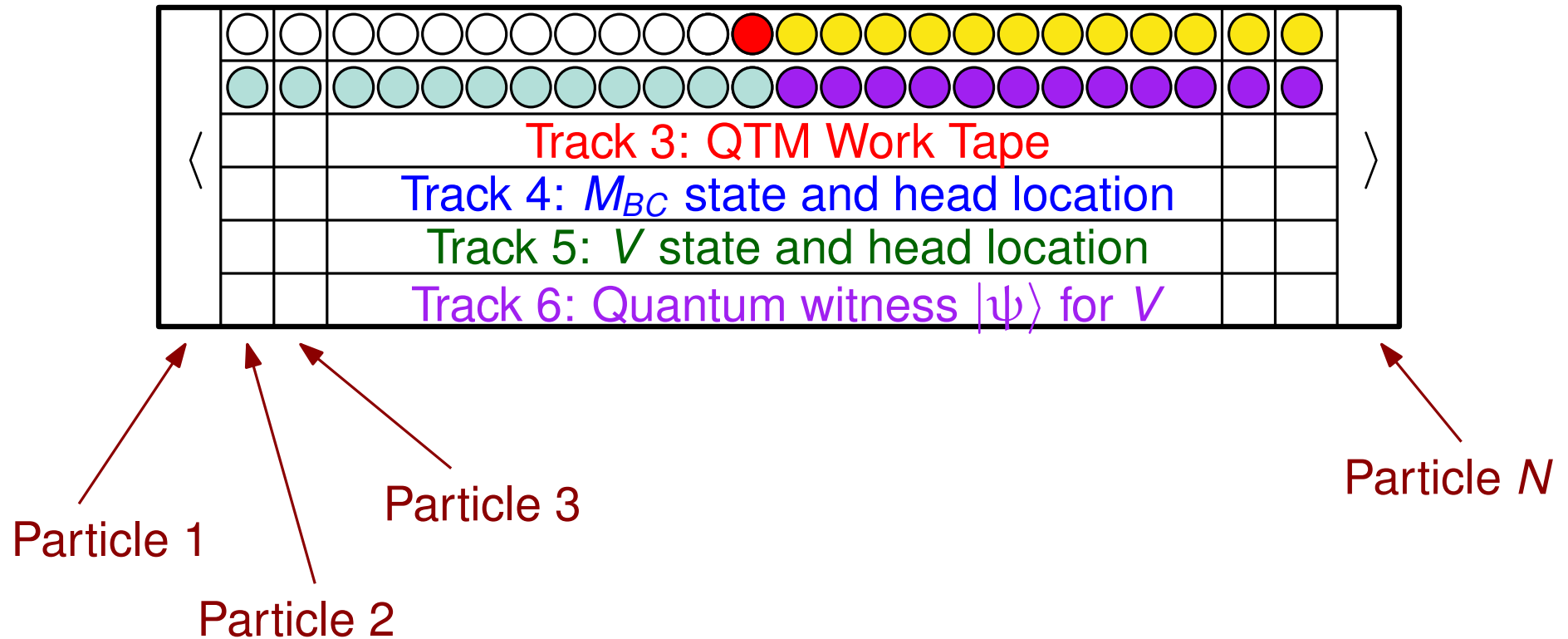


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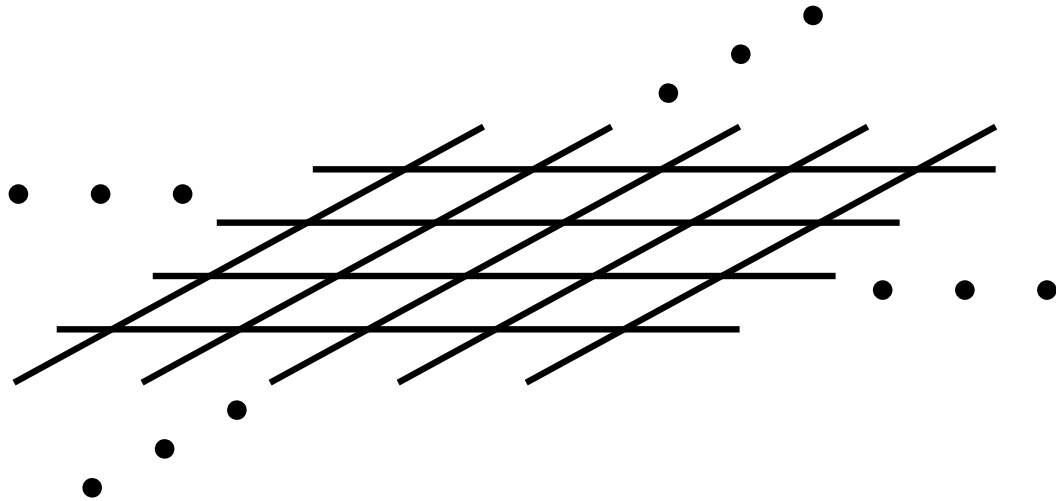


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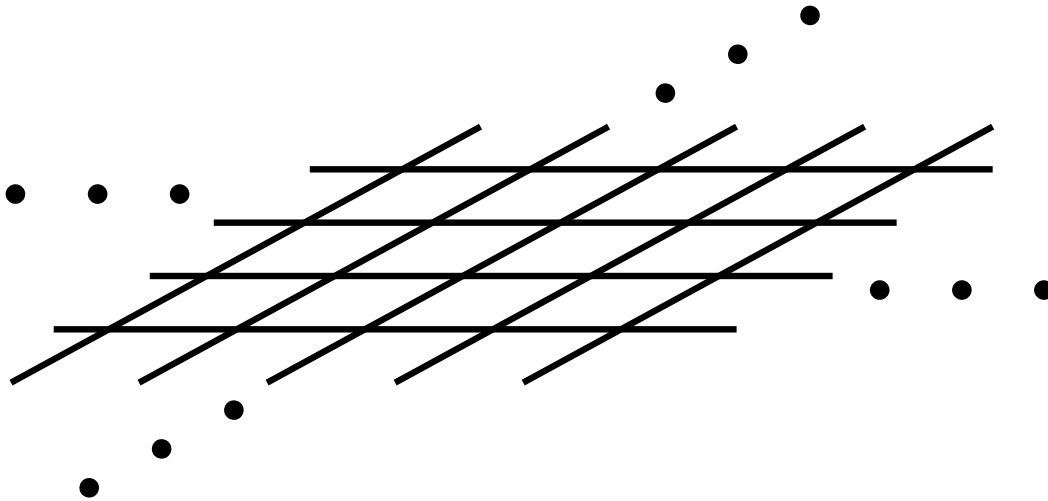
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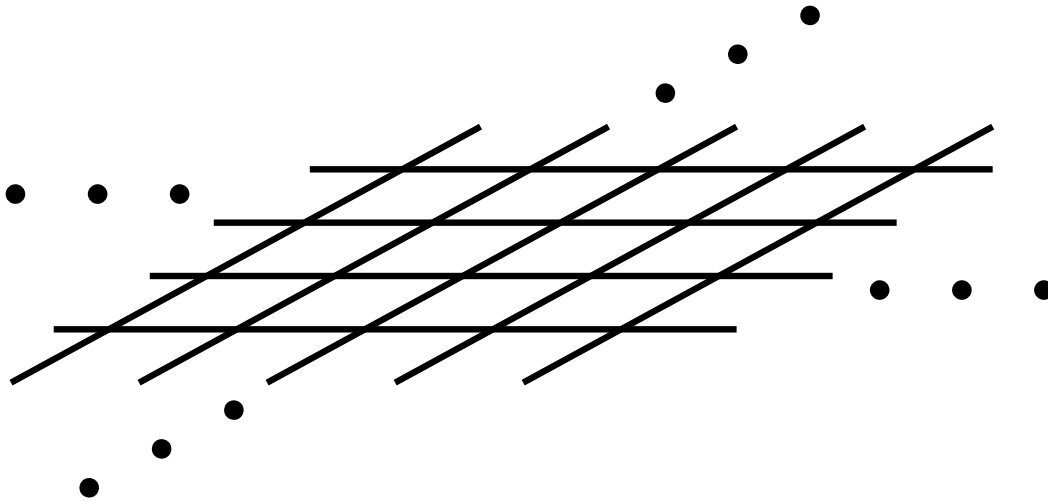


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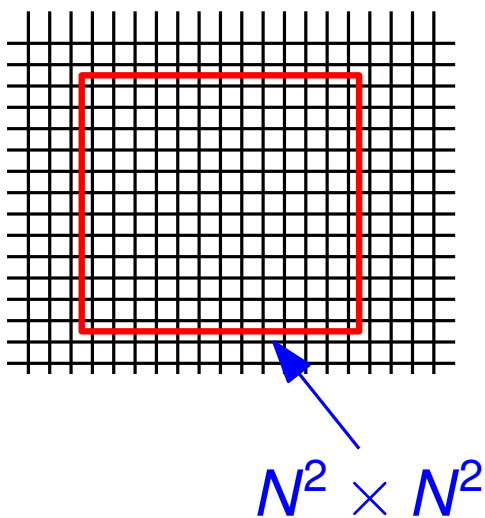
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