

Implementation of quantum measurements using classical resources and only a single ancillary qubit

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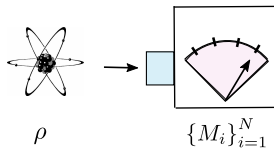
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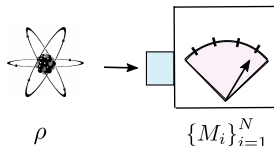
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Applications

- Quantum communication, e.g., quantum state discrimination¹
- Quantum metrology²
- Quantum tomography³
- Quantum computation, e.g. hidden subgroup problem⁴

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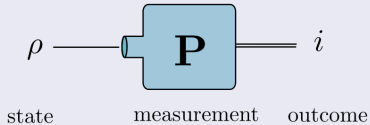
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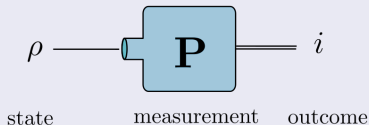
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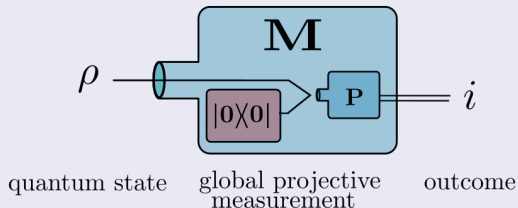
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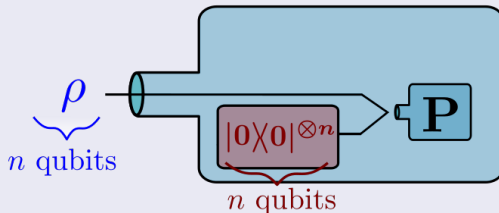
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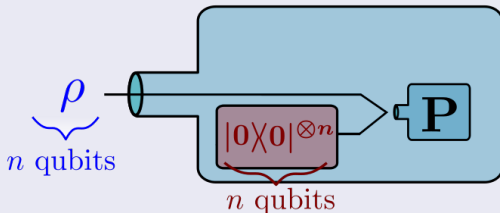
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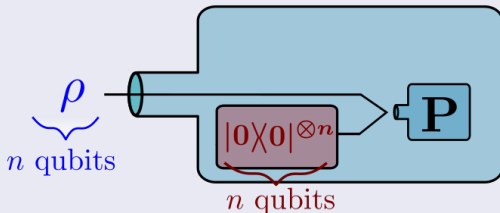


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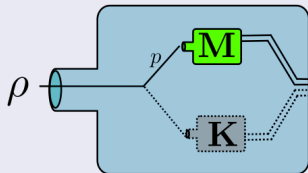
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Find ways to implement general POVM with fewer quantum resources (ancillary qubits)

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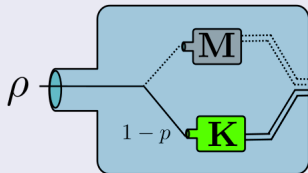
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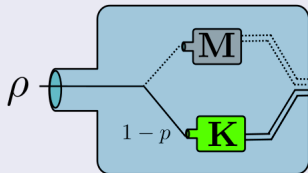
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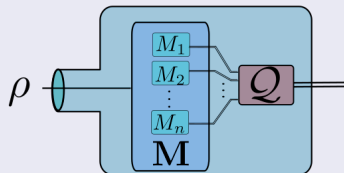
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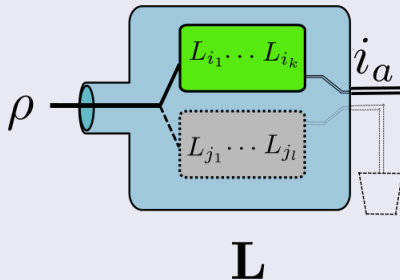
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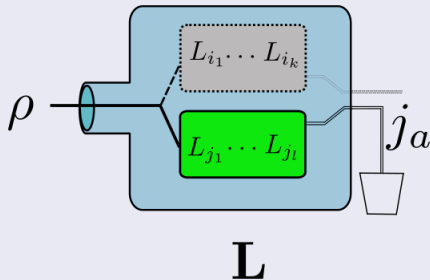
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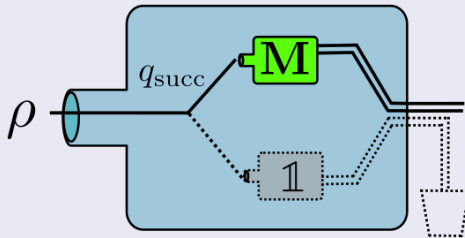
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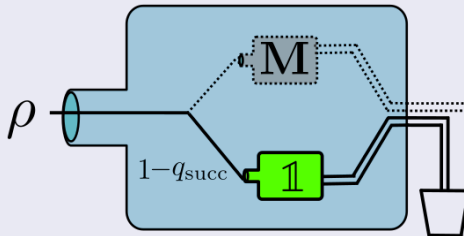
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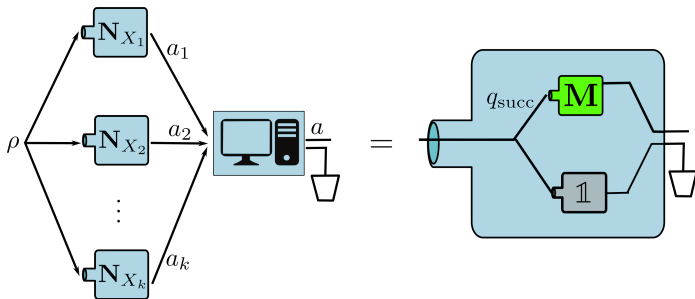
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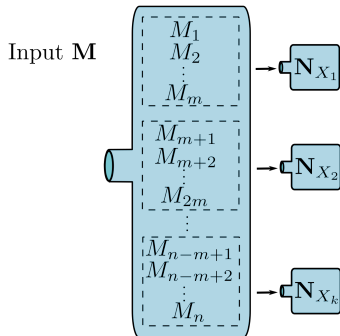


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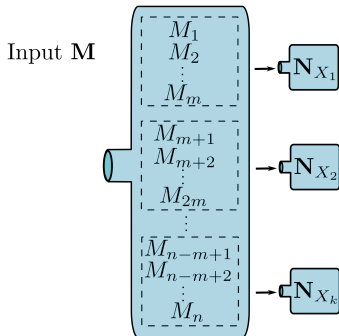


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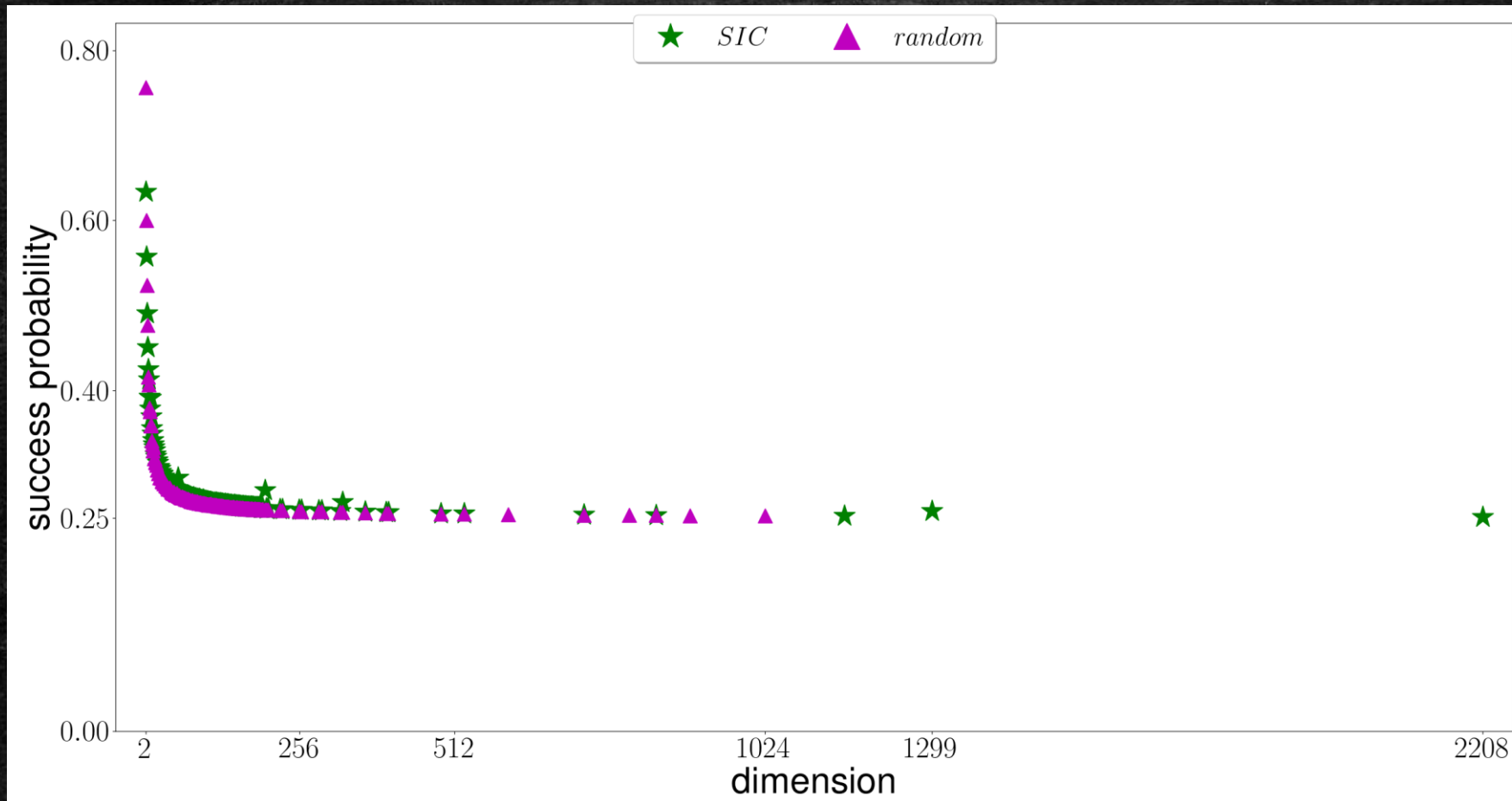
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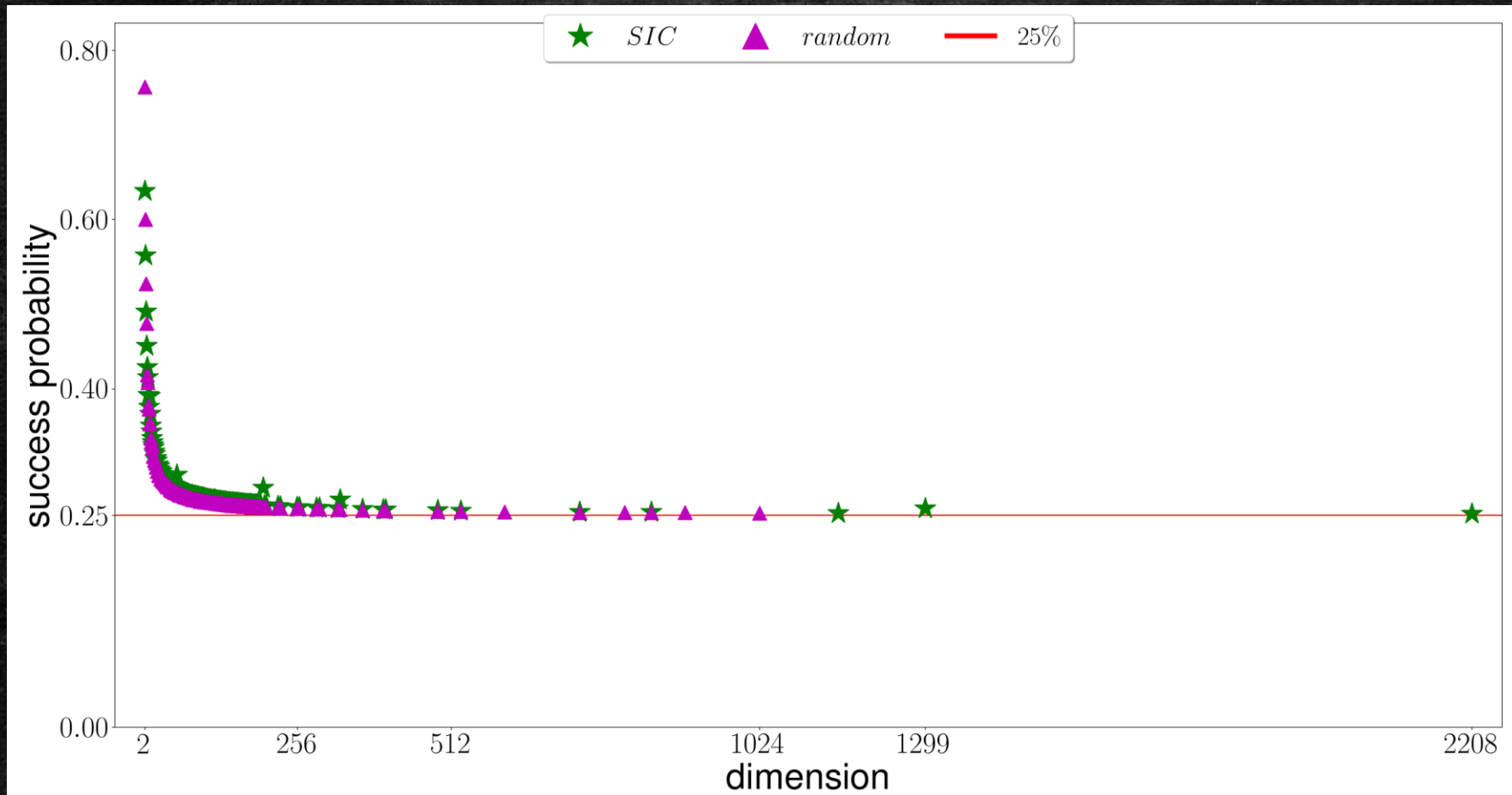
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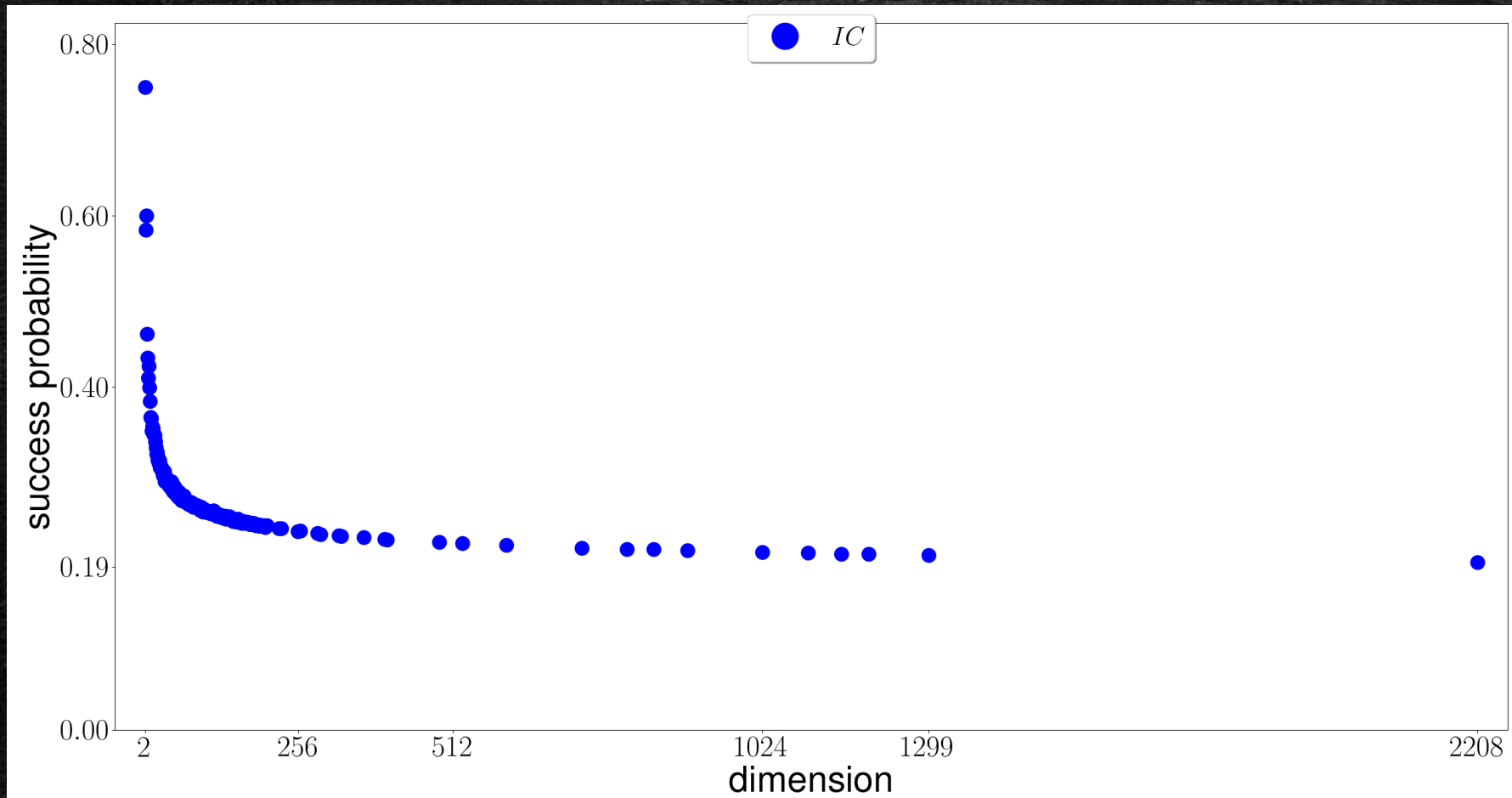
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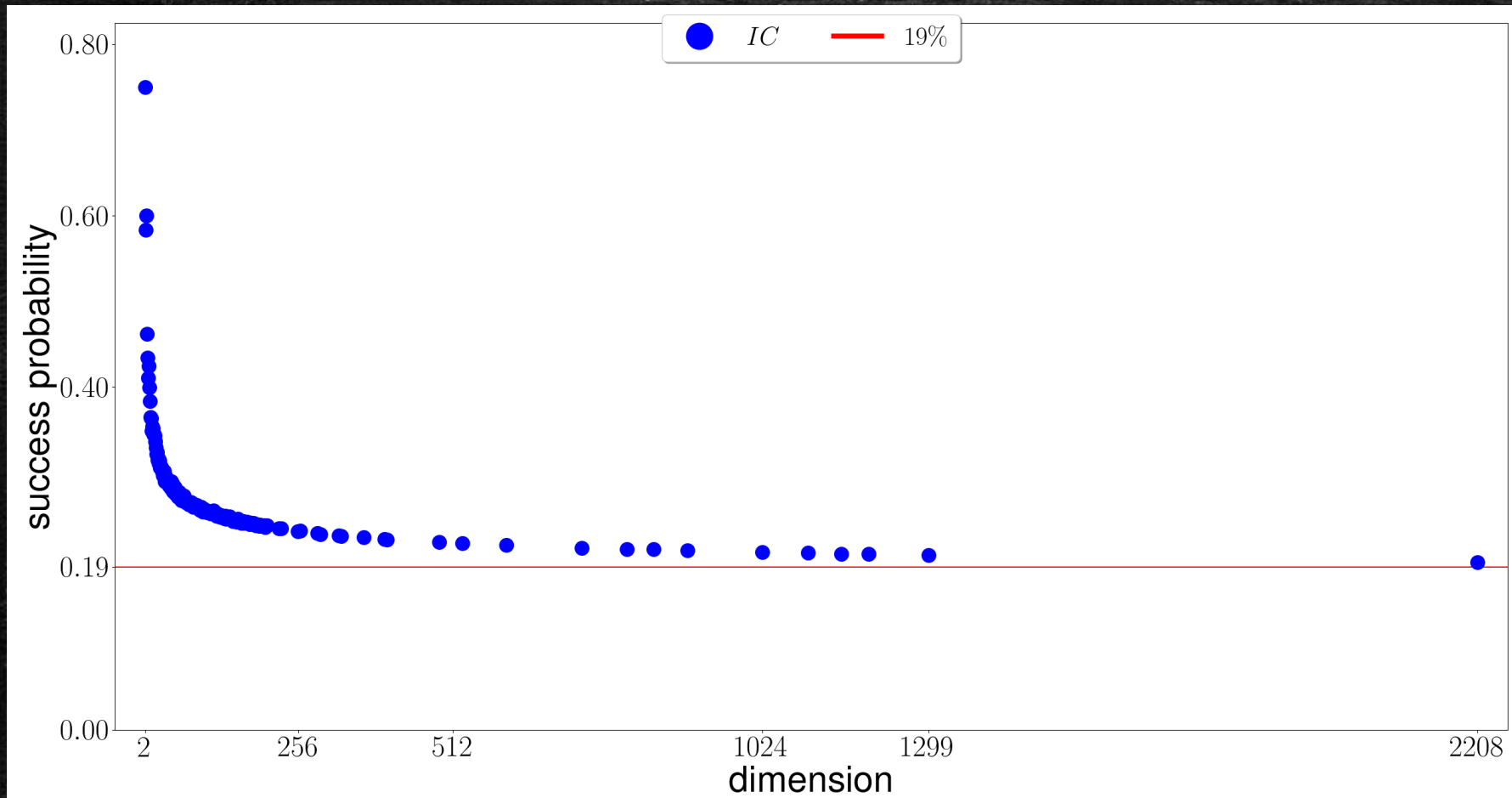
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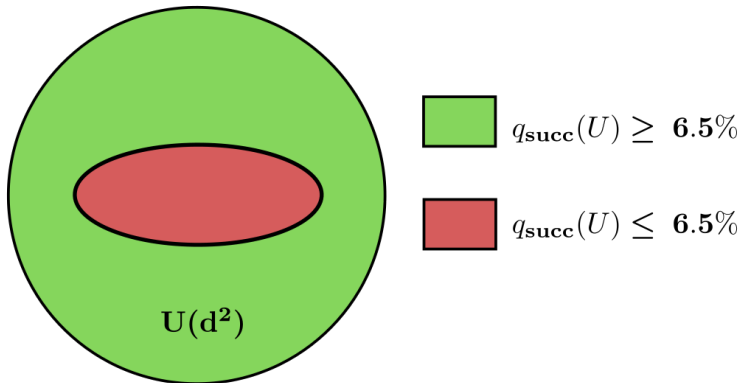
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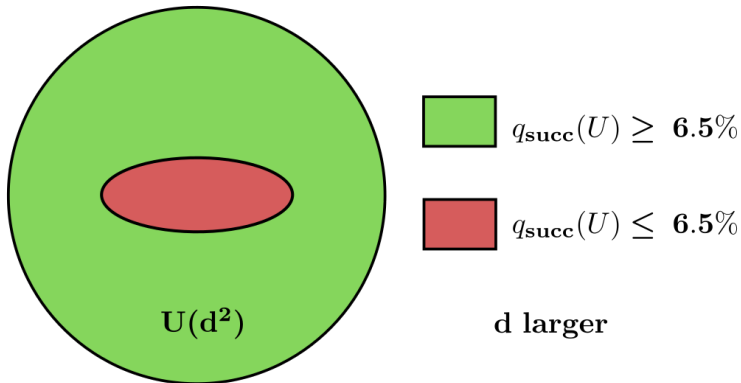
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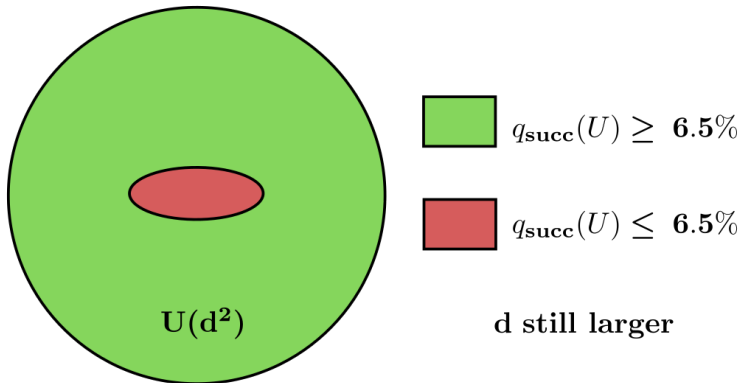
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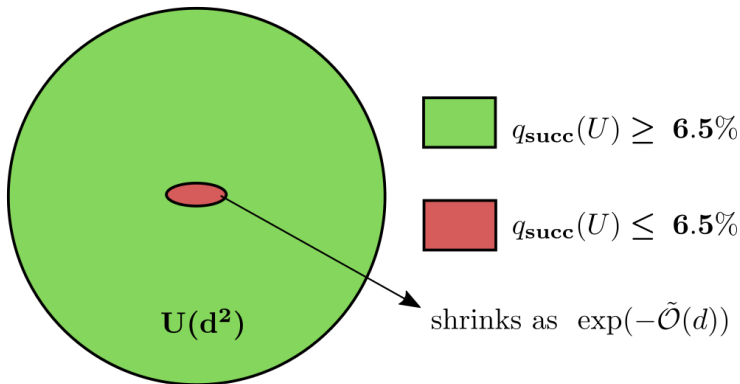
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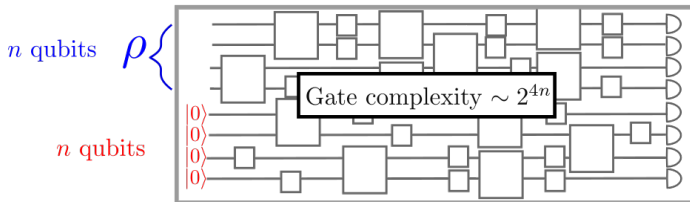
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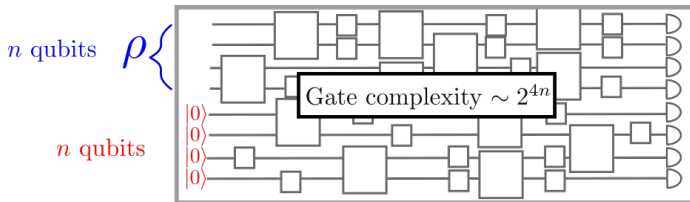
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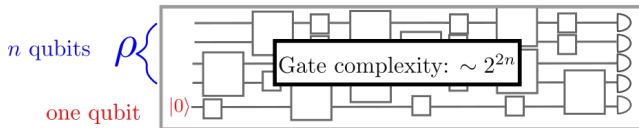
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