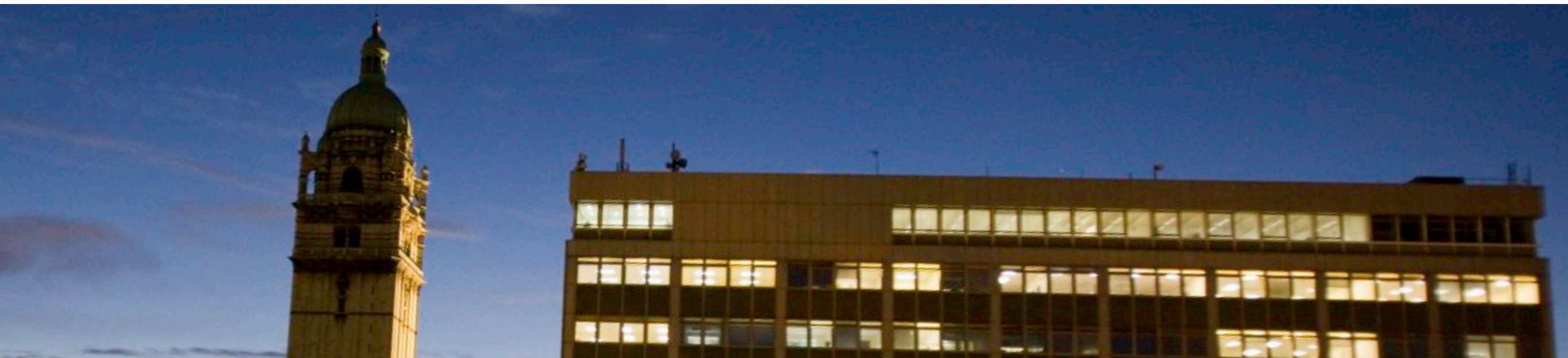


# Post-quantum cryptography in the pre-quantum era



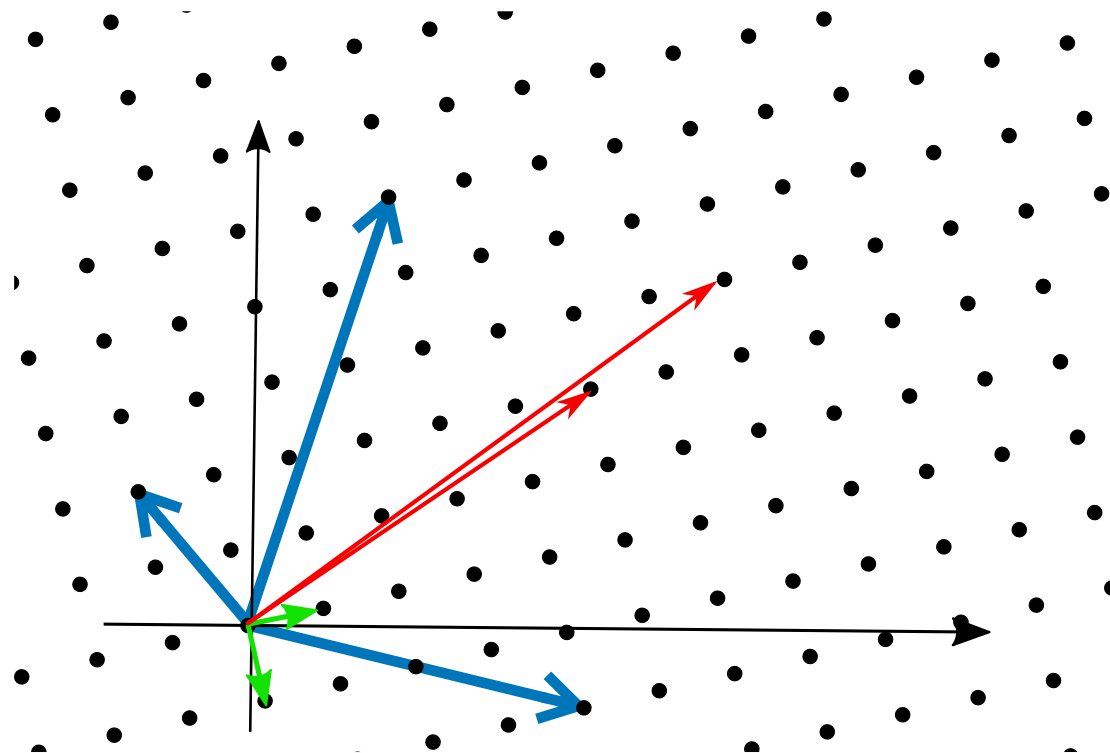
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# Cryptography

prime factor decomposition

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{easy}} \\ 3 \times 5 = 15 \\ \xleftarrow{\text{hard}} \end{array}$$

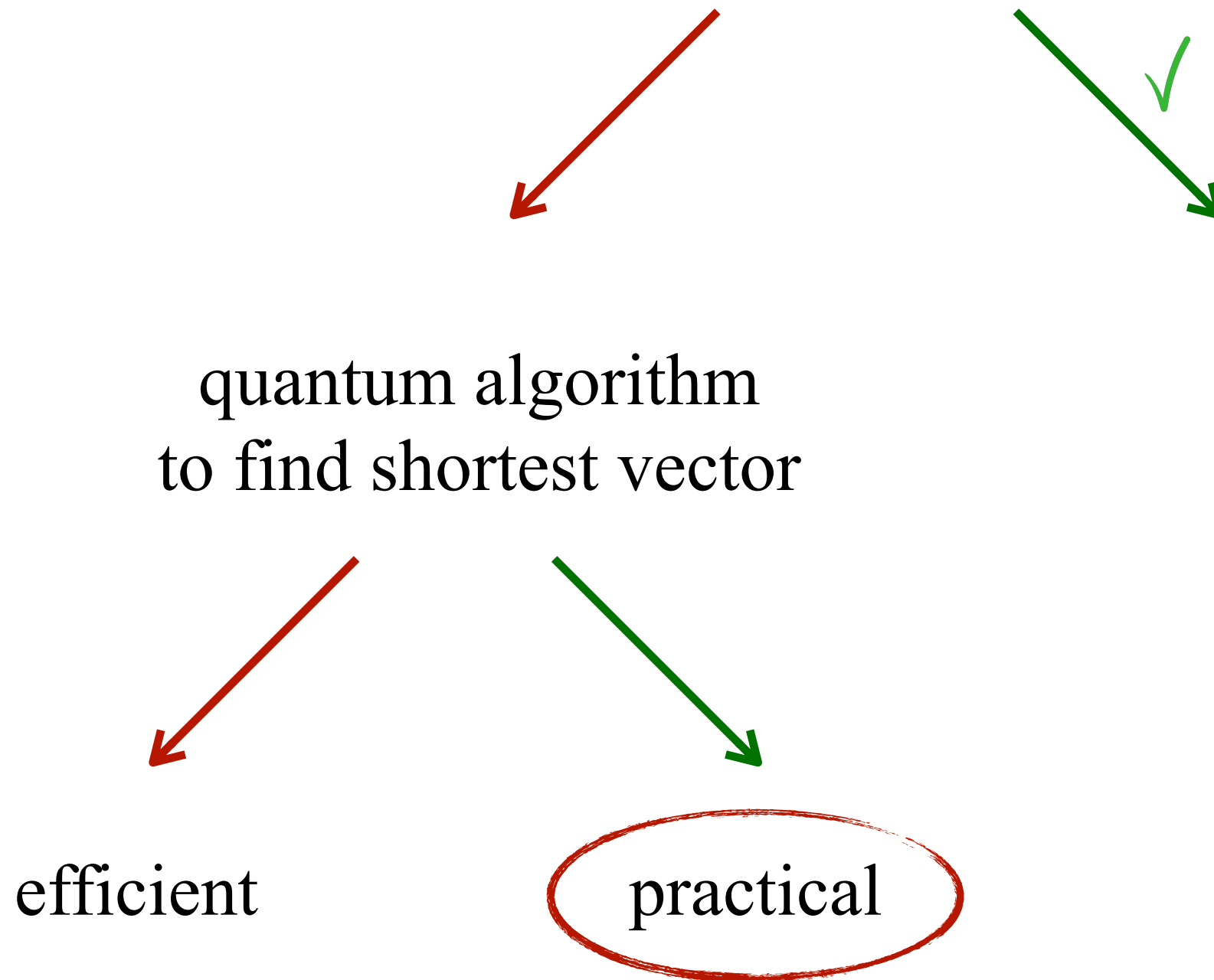
lattices



shortest vector problem SVP

Is it really save?

Is lattice-based cryptography save against quantum attacks?



# Quantum mechanics

$$i|\dot{\Psi}\rangle = H|\Psi\rangle$$

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = U(t, t_0)|\Psi(t_0)\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_j \Psi_j |\phi_j\rangle$$

probability to obtain  $|\phi_j\rangle$

measurement in basis  $\{|\phi_j\rangle\}$

$$p_j = |\langle\phi_j|\Psi\rangle|^2 = |\Psi_j|^2$$

probability to obtain  $|\chi_j\rangle$

measurement in basis  $\{|\chi_j\rangle\}$

$$q_j = |\langle\chi_j|\Psi\rangle|^2$$



# Quantum mechanics

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{jk\dots} \Psi_{jk\dots} |\Phi_j\rangle \otimes |\Phi_k\rangle \otimes \dots$$

exponential scaling

independent measurements

# Quantum mechanics

$$H|\Psi_j\rangle = \lambda_j|\Psi_j\rangle$$

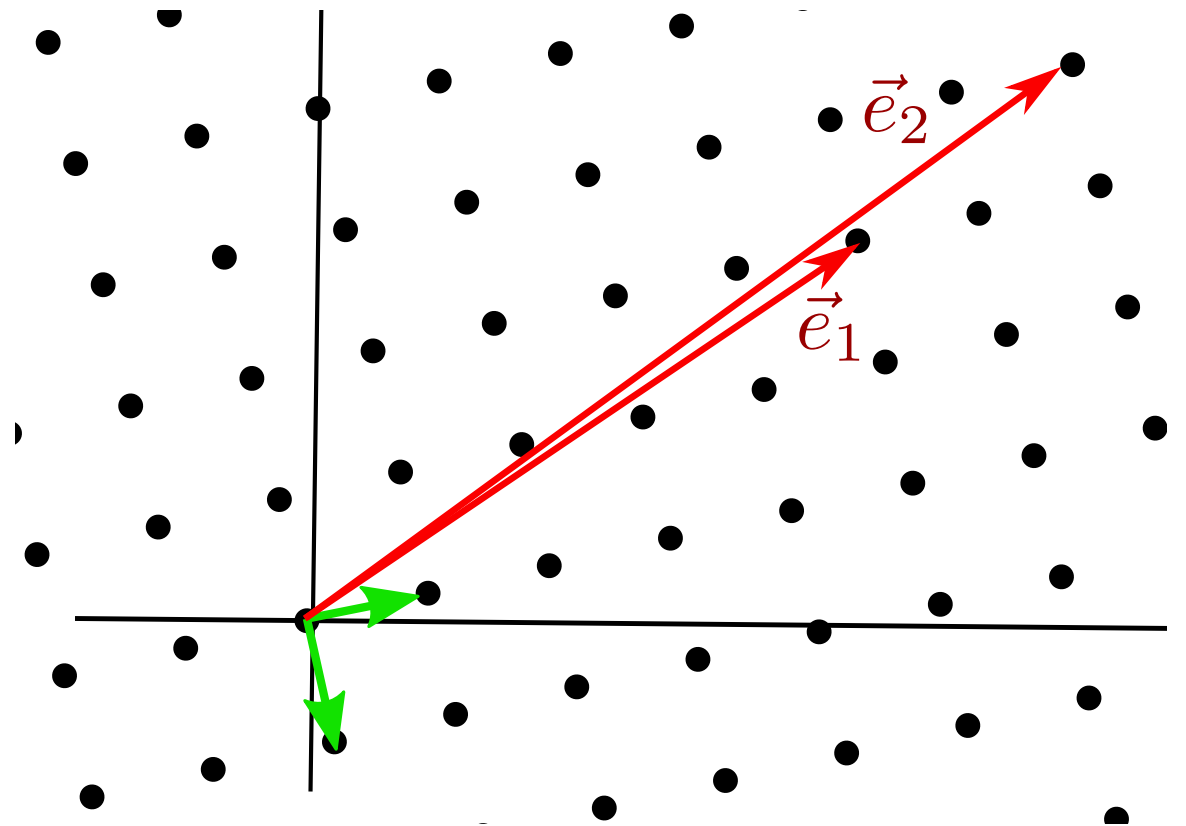
eigenstates

problem Hamiltonian :

an eigenstate contains the full information  
on the solution of the problem

# problem Hamiltonian

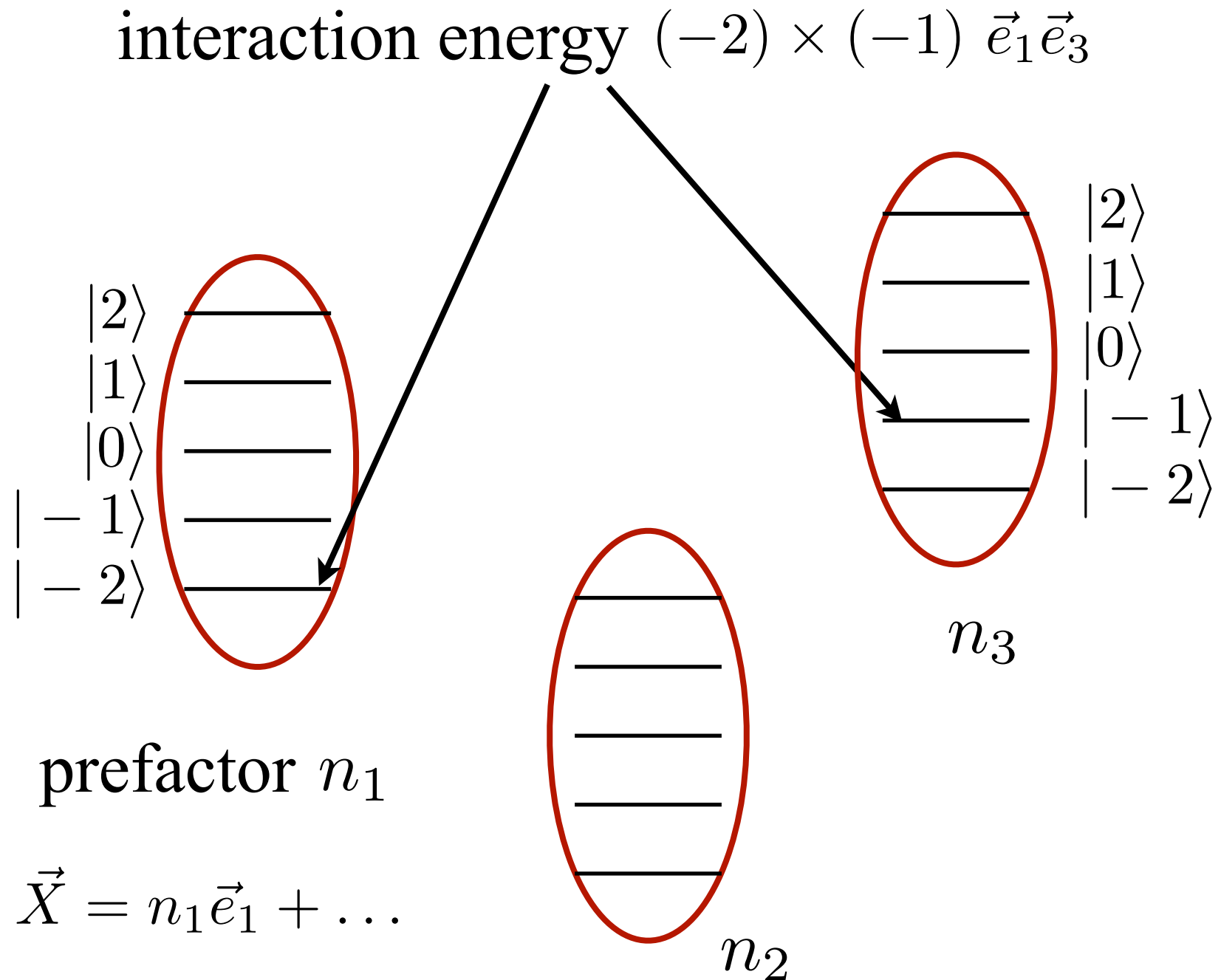
lattice basis vectors  $\vec{e}_i$



general lattice vector  $\vec{X} = \sum_i n_i \vec{e}_i$

length of lattice vector  $|\vec{X}|^2 = \sum_{ij} n_i n_j \vec{e}_i \vec{e}_j$

# problem Hamiltonian

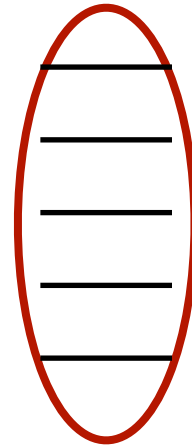




# problem Hamiltonian

linear dispersion

$$Q = \sum_j j |j\rangle \langle j|$$



properties  
of the lattice

problem Hamiltonian

$$H_p = \sum_{ij} Q_i Q_j \vec{e}_i \vec{e}_j$$

with eigen-energies

$$\omega_{\vec{n}} = \sum_{ij} n_i n_j \vec{e}_i \vec{e}_j$$

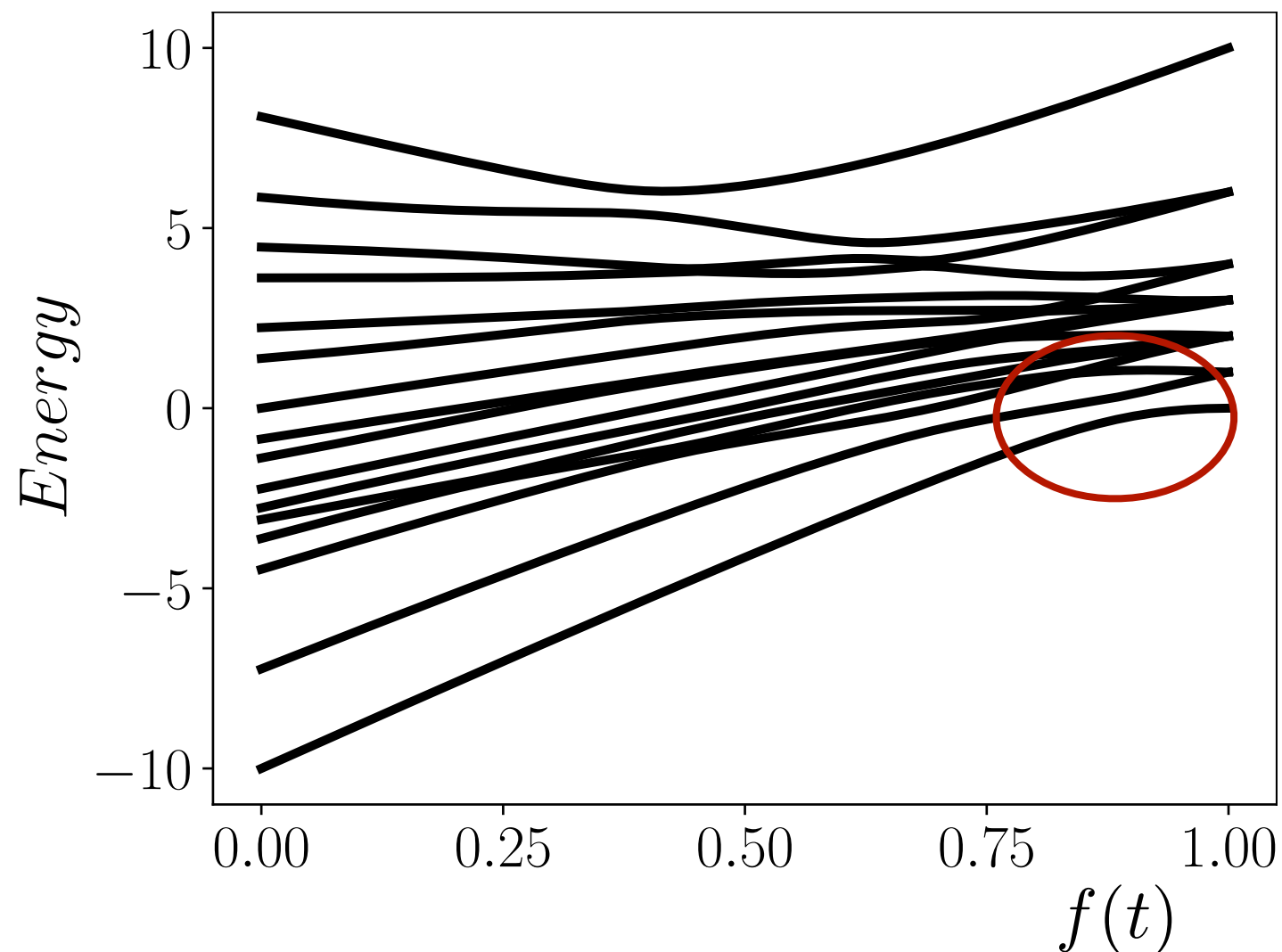
find first excited state, or some low-energy state

# Adiabatic Quantum Computation

complicated problem Hamiltonian  $H_p$

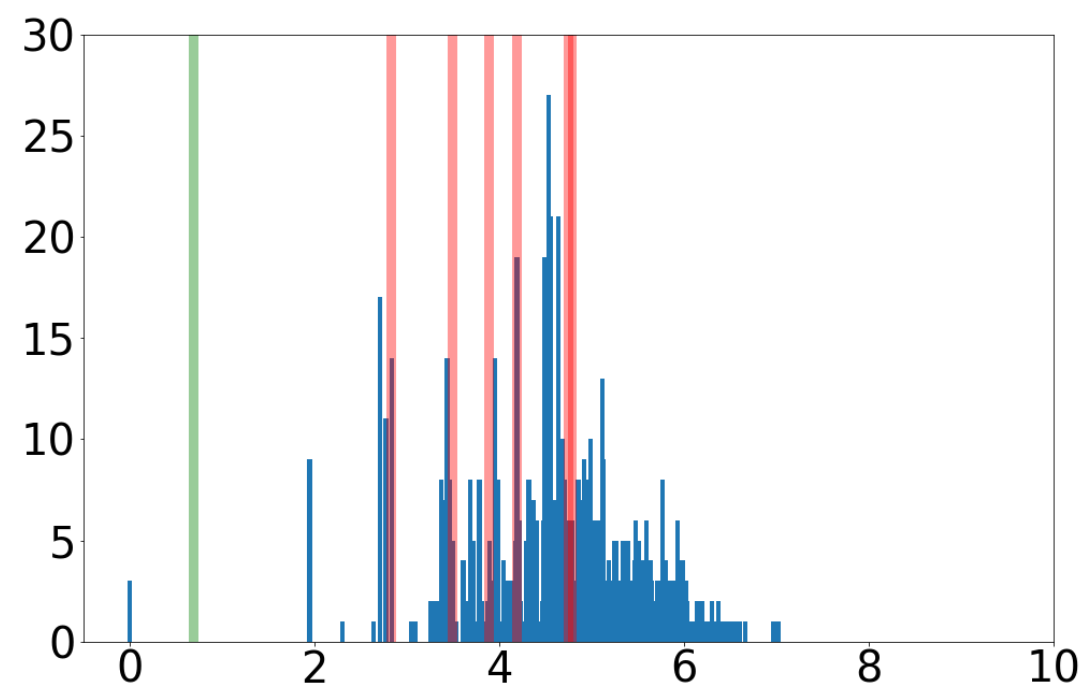
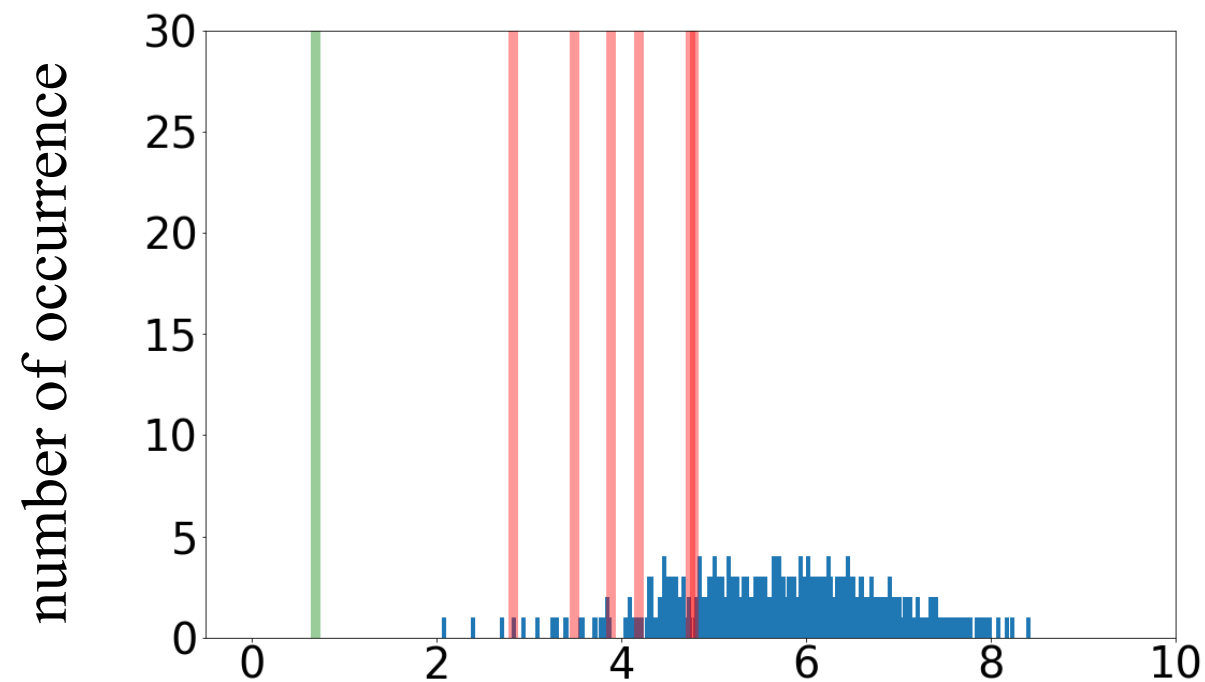
simple driver Hamiltonian  $H_d$

adiabatic dynamics  $H(t) = (1 - f(t))H_d + f(t)H_p$



# Adiabatic Quantum Computation

occurrences in 900 runs



vector length (log scale)



# AQC and QAOA

adiabatic dynamics  $H(t) = (1 - f(t))H_d + f(t)H_p$

discretise  $f(t)$

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = \exp(-i((1 - f_1)H_d + f_1H_p)T) |\Psi_0\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = \exp(-i((1 - f_2)H_d + f_2H_p)T) |\Psi_1\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_3\rangle = \dots$$

ignore non-commutativity (short times)

$$\exp(-i((1 - f_j)H_d + f_jH_p)T) \simeq \exp(-i(1 - f_j)H_dT) \exp(-if_jH_pT)$$

# AQC and QAOA

$$\dots \exp(-i(1-f_2)H_d T) \exp(-if_2 H_p T) \exp(-i(1-f_1)H_d T) \exp(-if_1 H_p T)$$

replace by  $\exp(-i\beta H_d) \exp(-i\gamma H_p)$

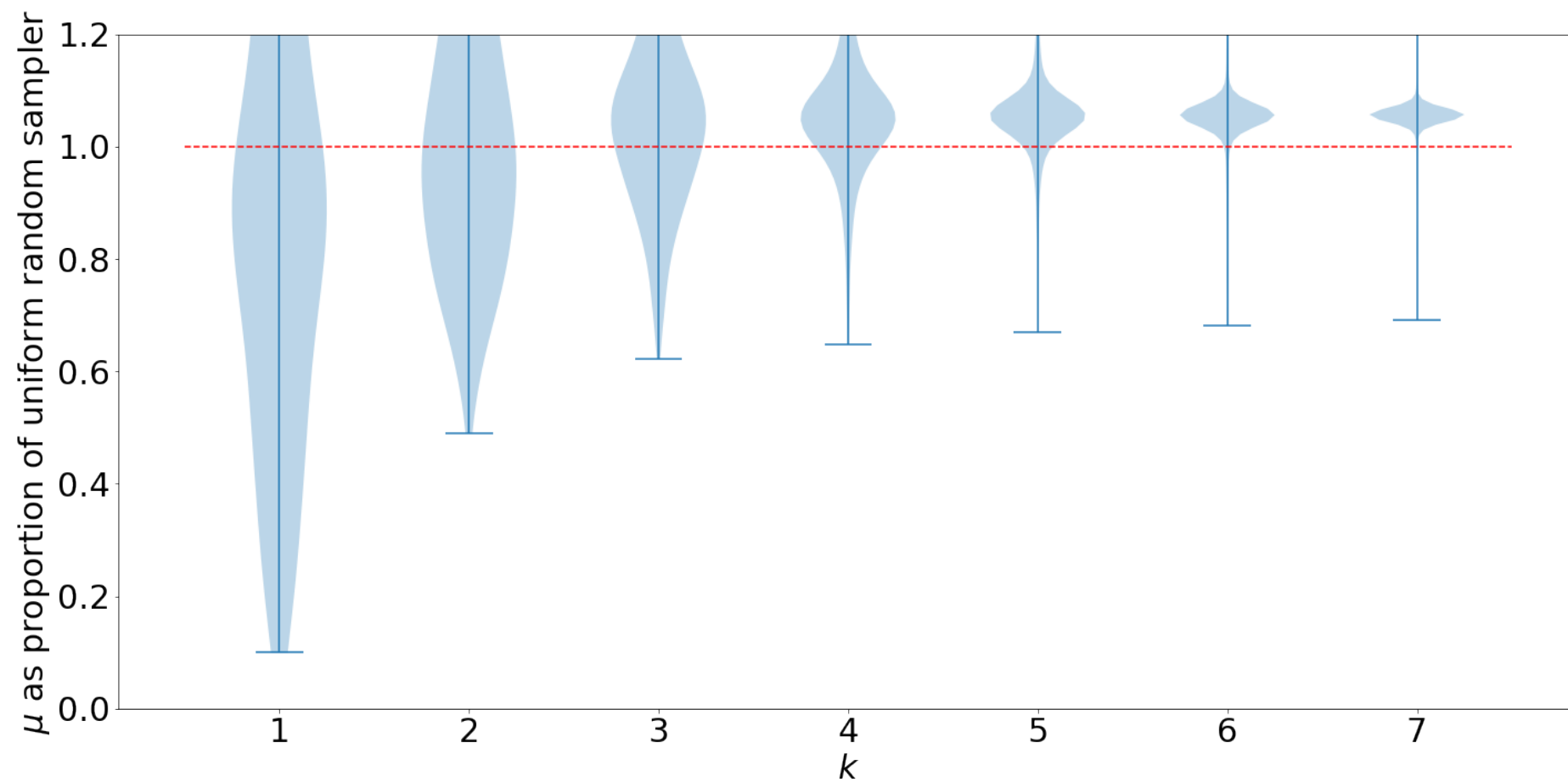
potentially really bad approximation

very few gates

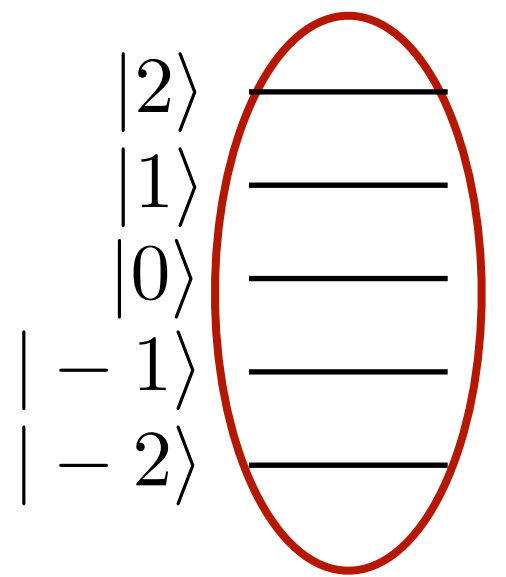


# sampling

$$|\Psi_\gamma\rangle = \exp\left(-i\frac{\pi}{4}H_dT\right) \exp(-i\gamma H_pT) |\Psi_0\rangle$$



size of each subsystem (log-scale)



# energy expectation

expectation value of problem Hamiltonian  $\mu_\gamma = \langle \Psi_\gamma | H_p | \Psi_\gamma \rangle$

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \underbrace{\exp(i\gamma H_p) \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{4} H_d\right) H_p \exp\left(-i\frac{\pi}{4} H_d\right) \exp(-i\gamma H_p)}_{\text{feasible}} | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

difficult to construct

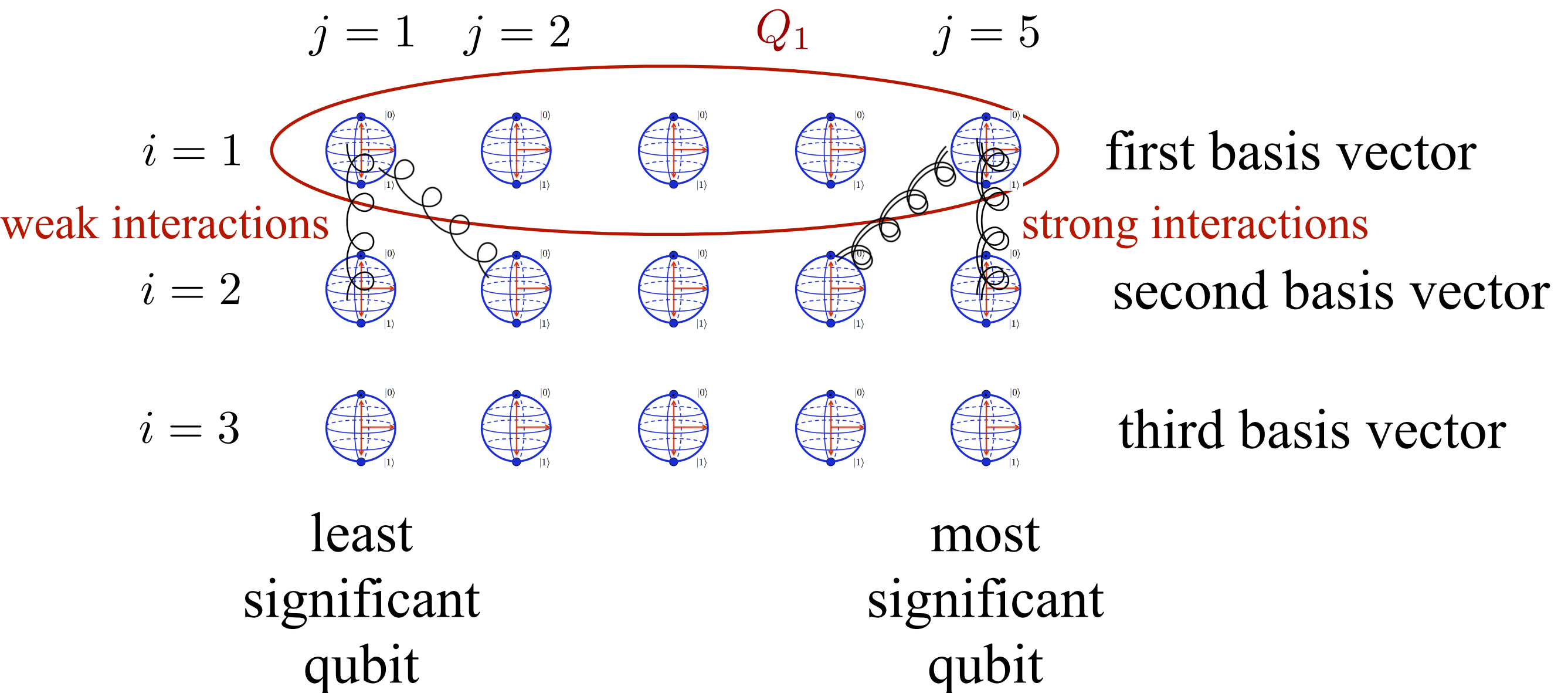
# SVP Hamiltonian

problem Hamiltonian

$$H_p = \sum_{ij} Q_i Q_j \vec{e}_i \vec{e}_j$$

coupling operator

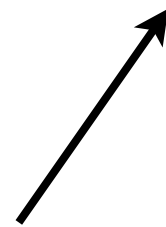
$$Q_i = \sum_j 2^{j-1} Z_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}$$



# energy expectation

$$\langle \Psi_0 | \exp(i\gamma H_p) \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{4} H_d\right) H_p \exp\left(-i\frac{\pi}{4} H_d\right) \exp(-i\gamma H_p) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{ij} F_{ij}$$



all pairs of qubits



only significant qubits

all qubits

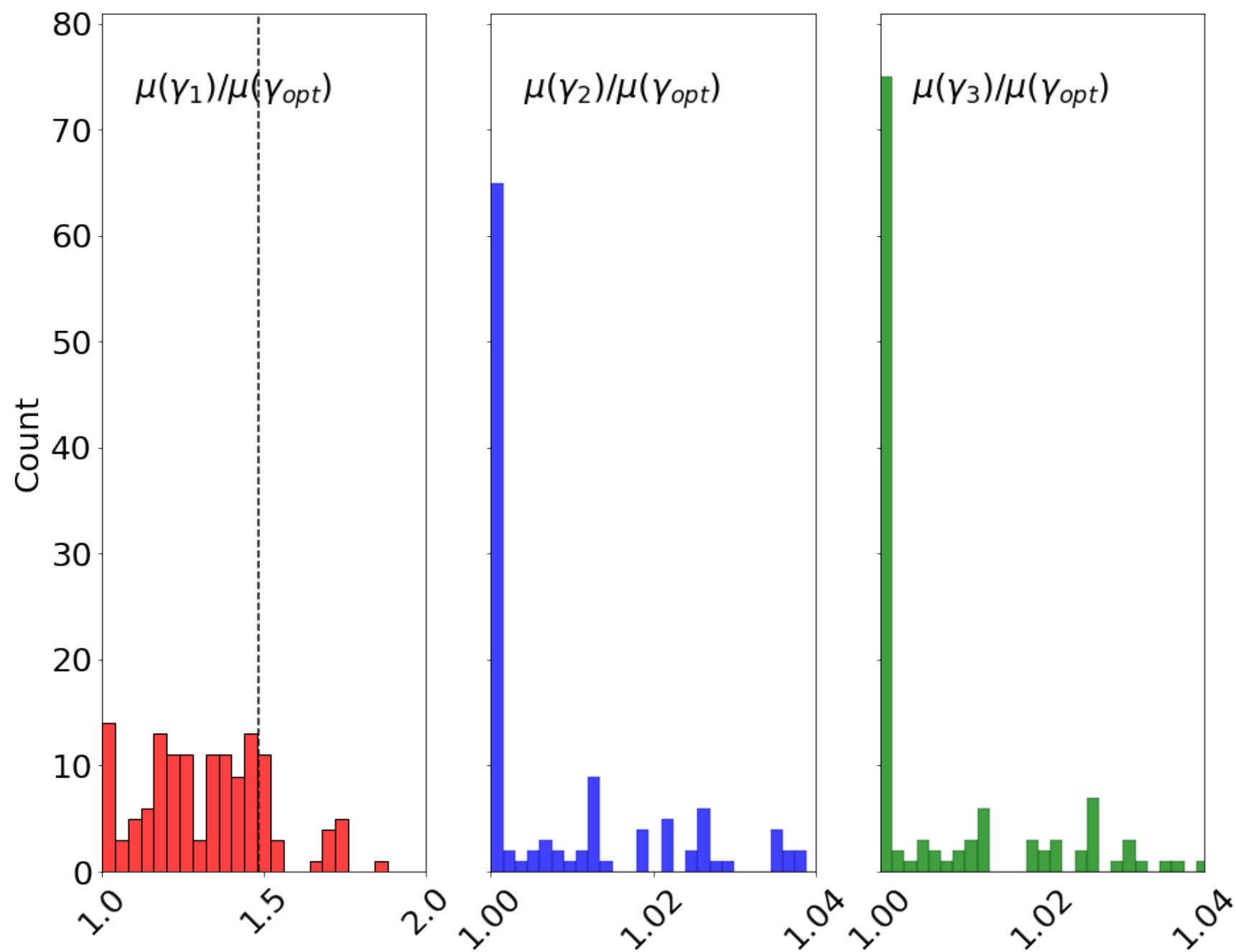


# energy expectation (simulated)

two most significant qubits

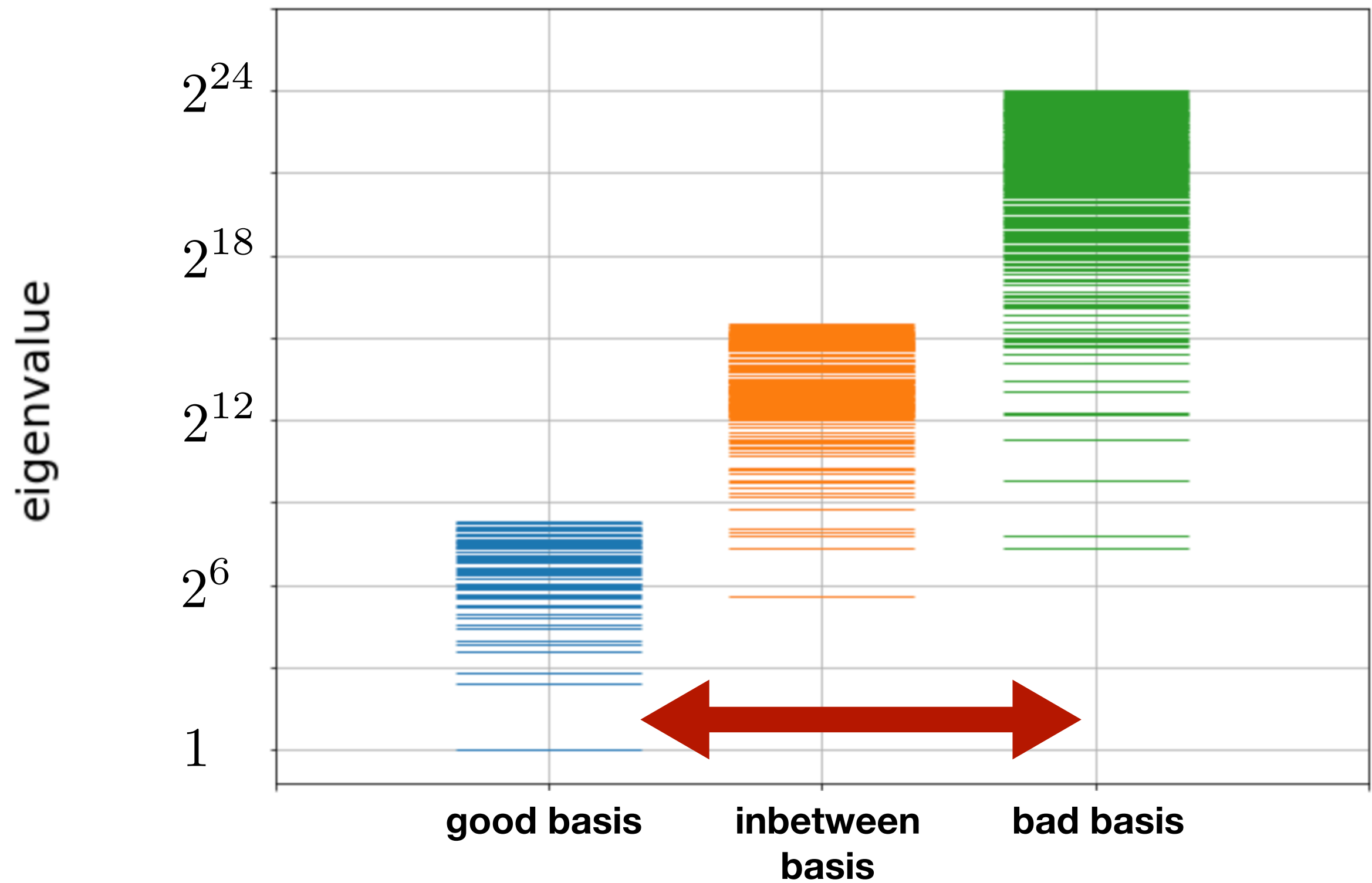
most significant qubits

three most significant qubits

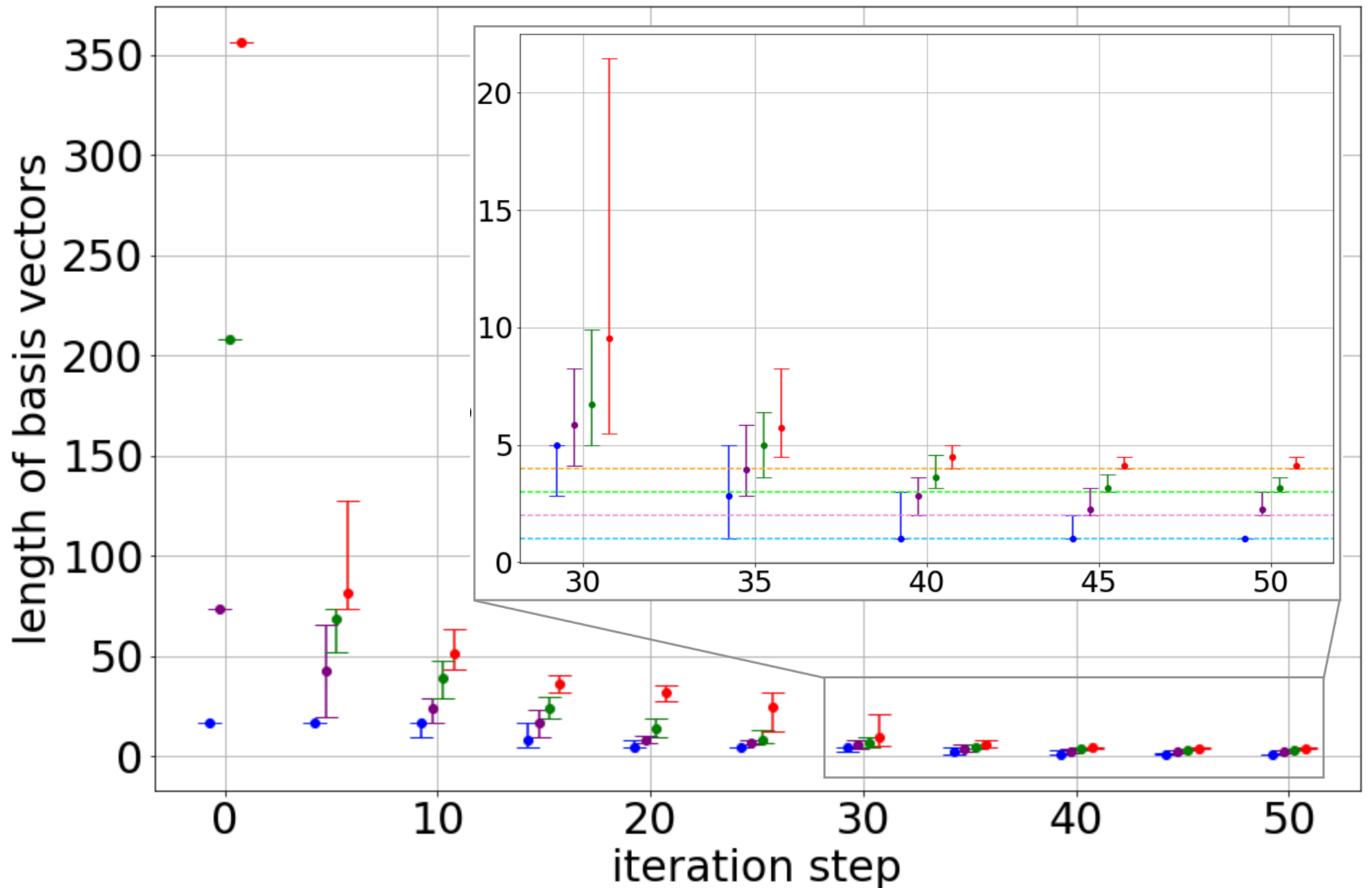




# truncation errors



# hybrid algorithm



# outlook & conclusions

perspective for quantum SVP

combination of classical and quantum elements

optimisation

sampling

problem Hamiltonian



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