

Demystifying Quantum Power Flow: Is It Fast?

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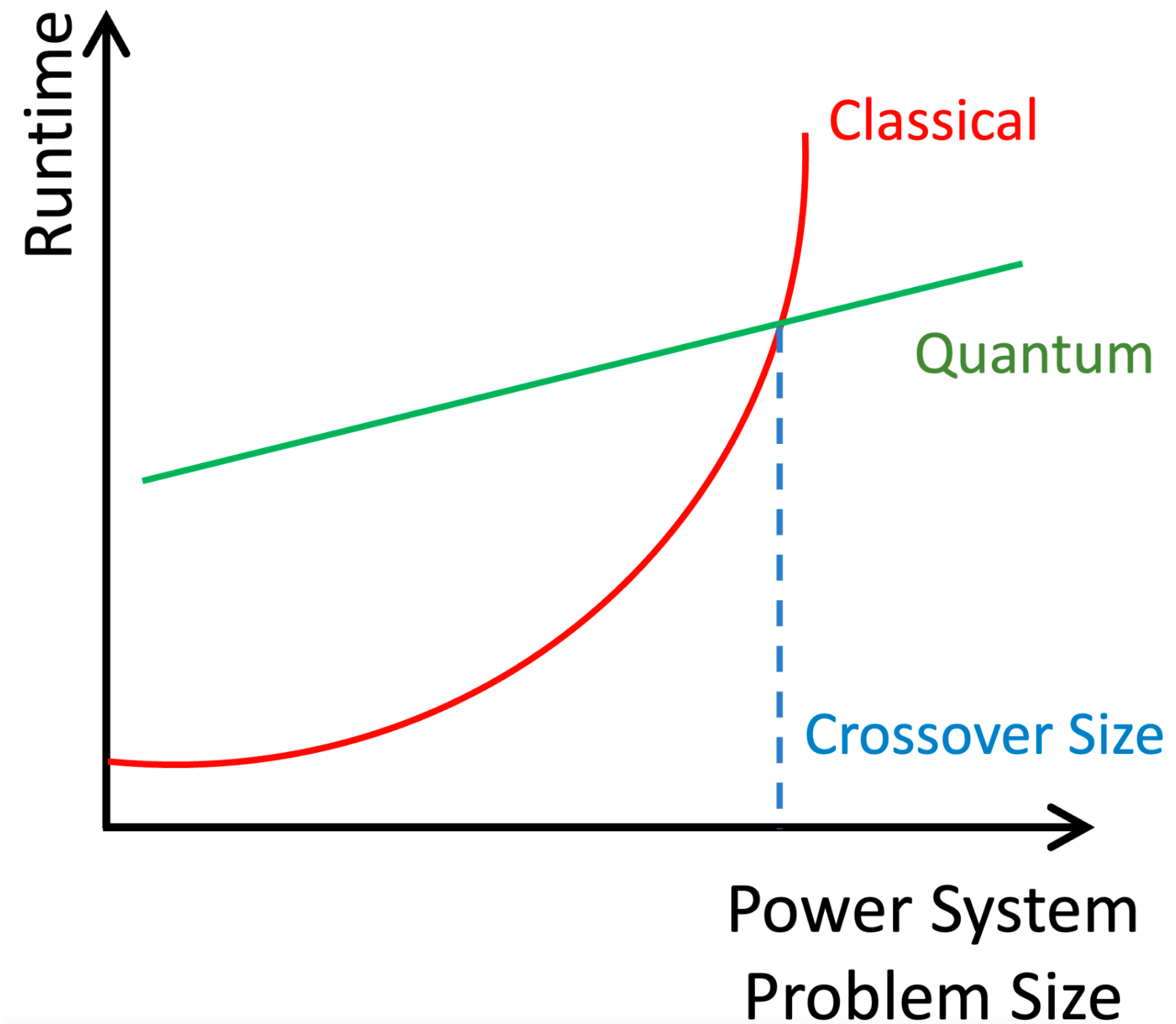
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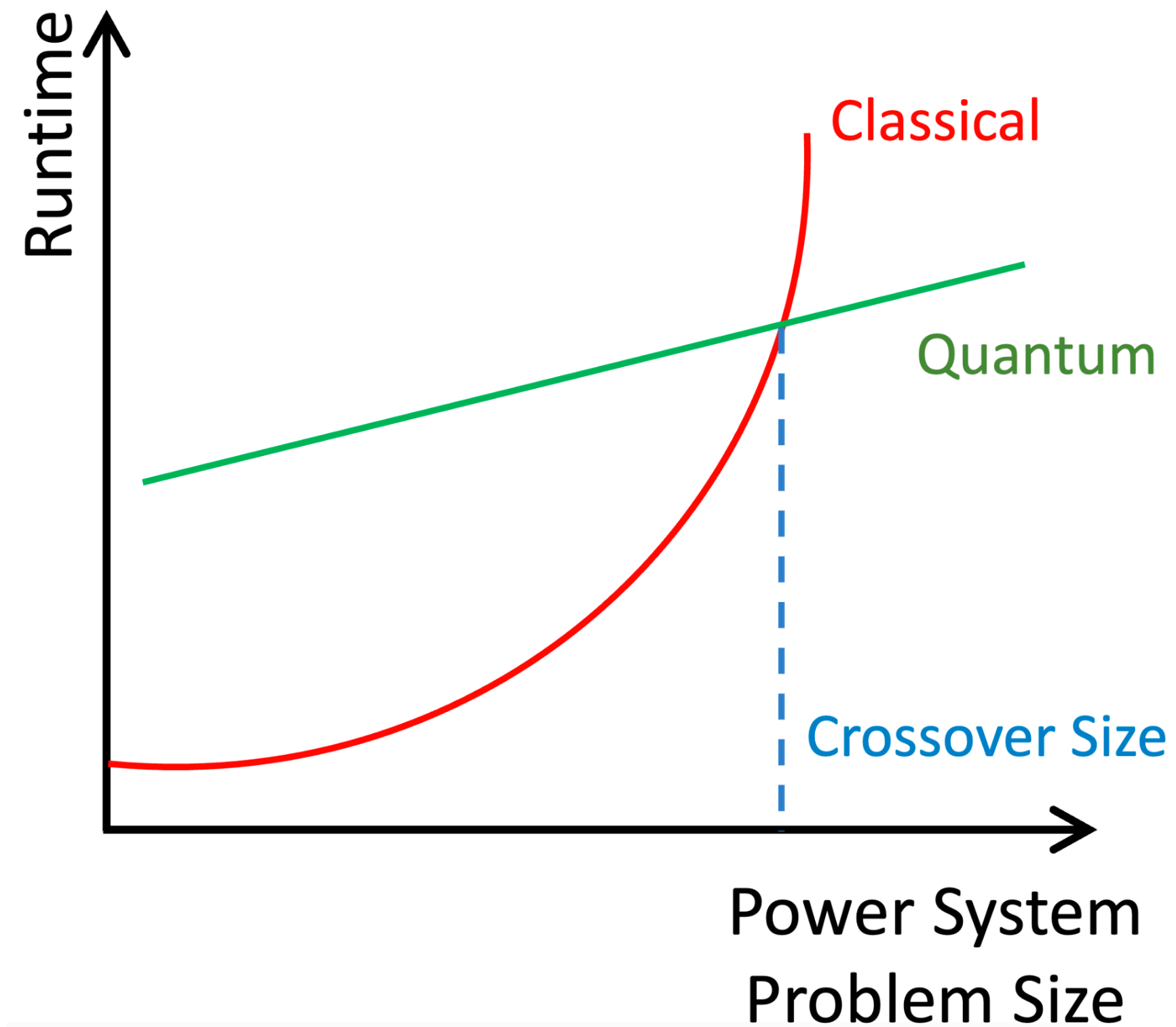
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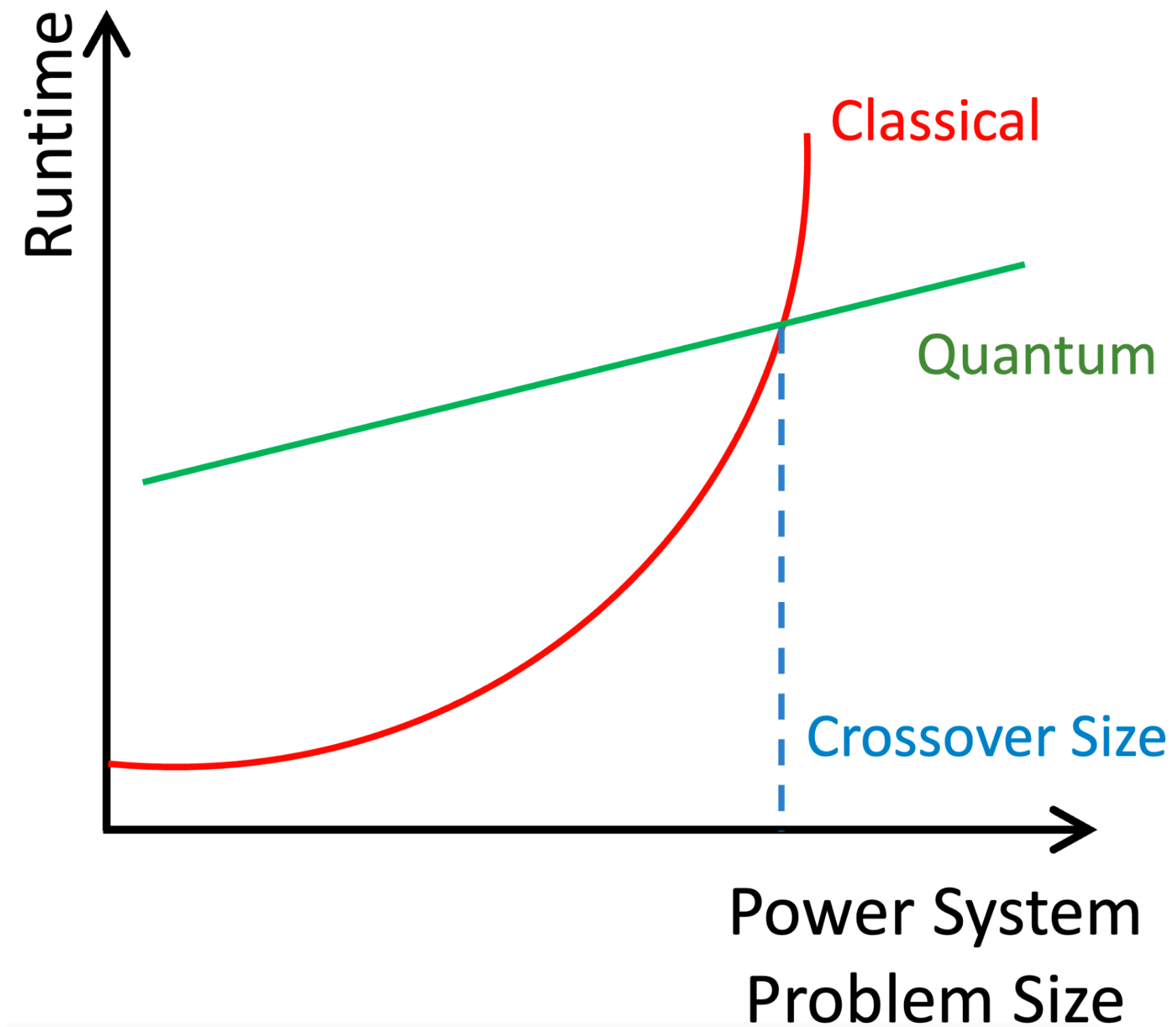
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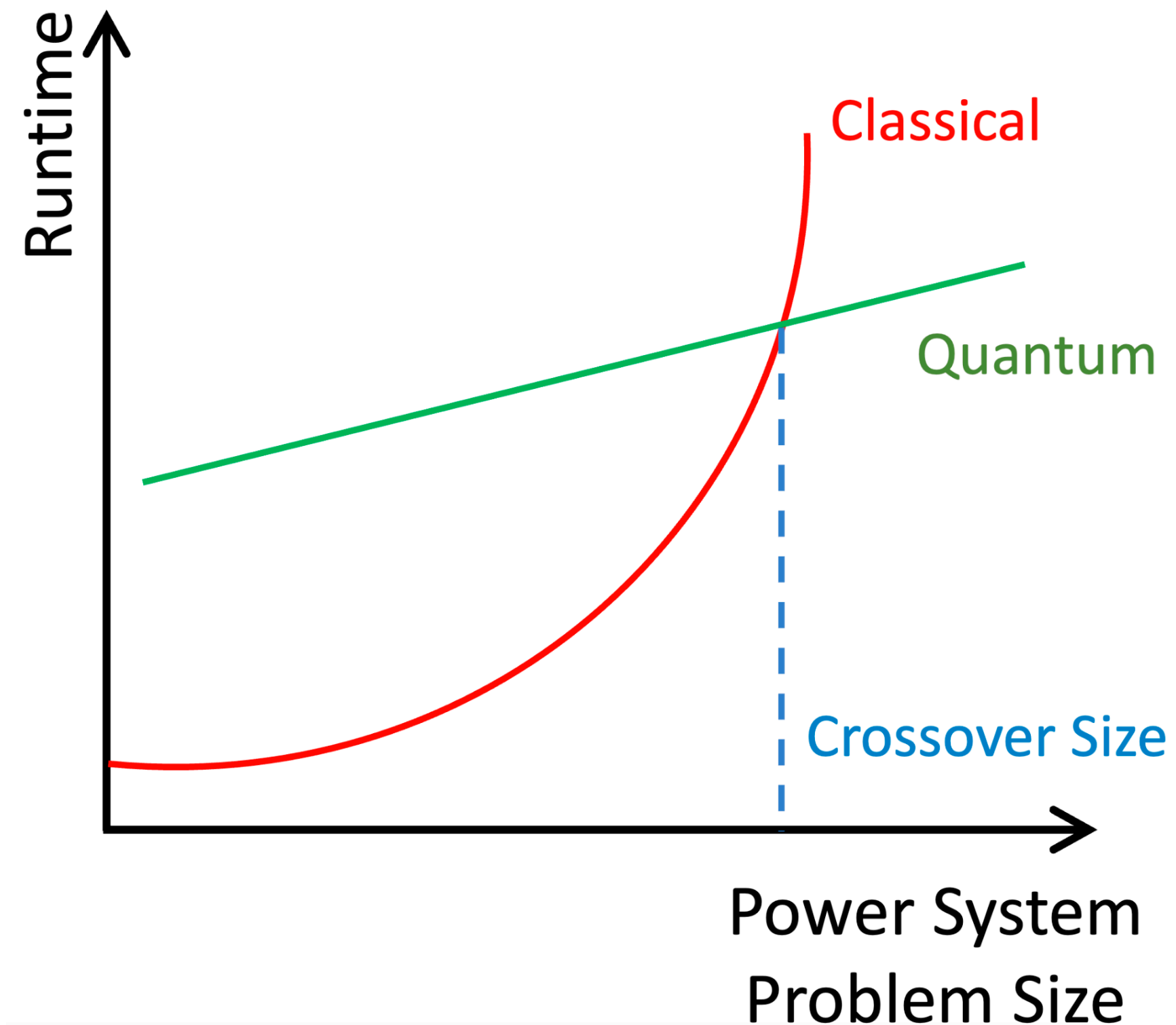


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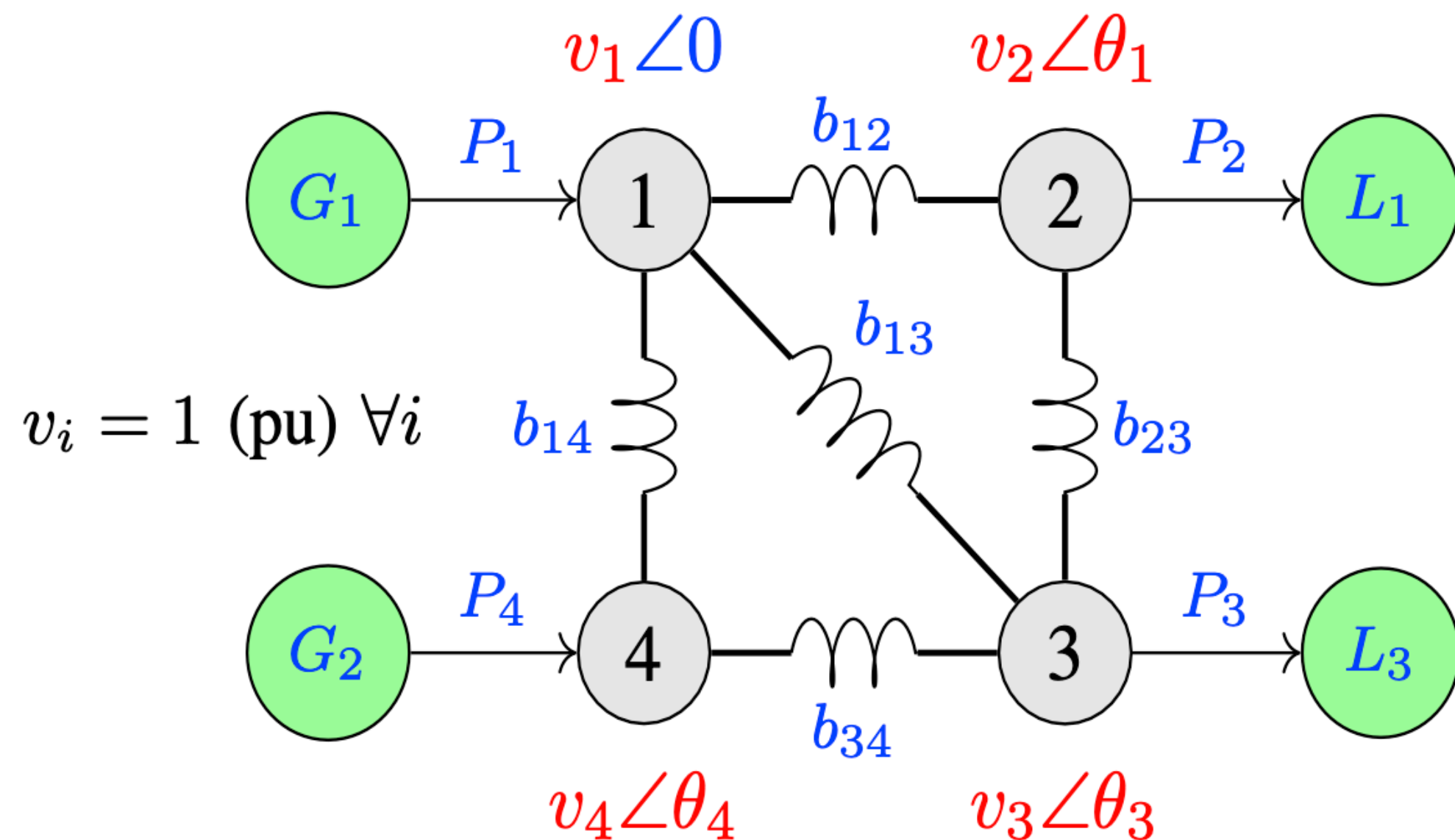
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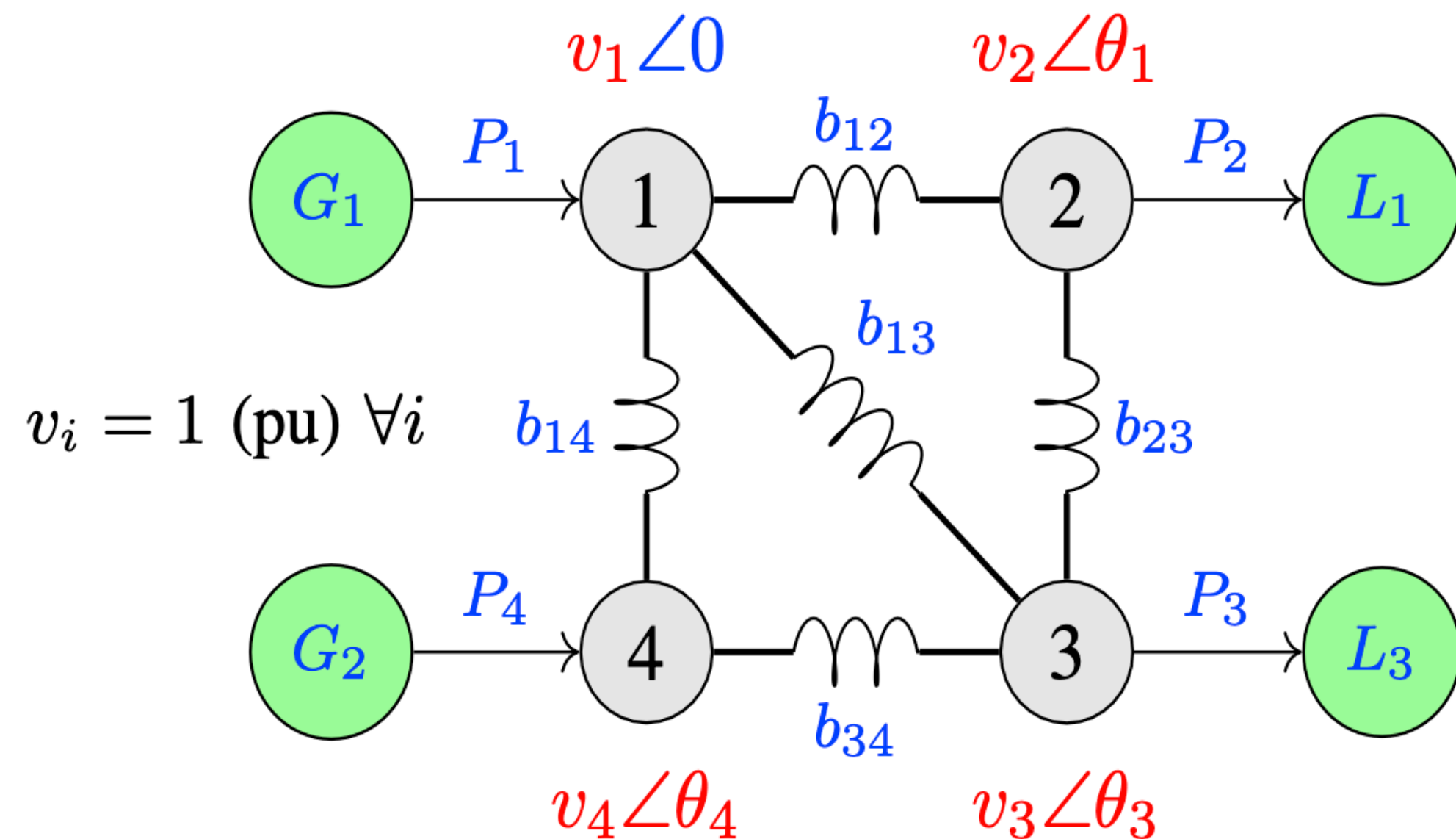
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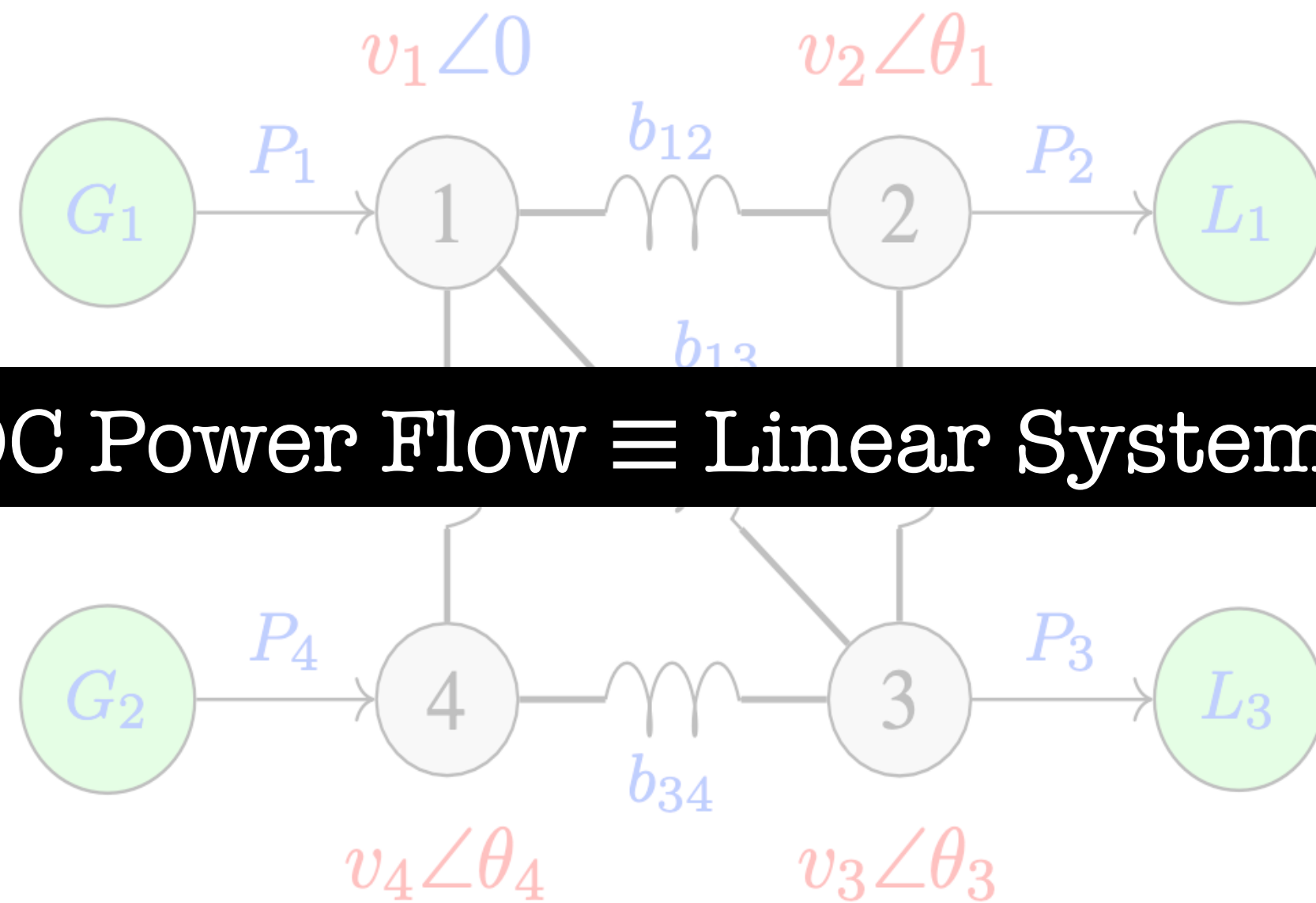
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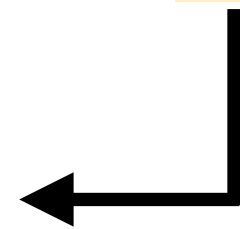
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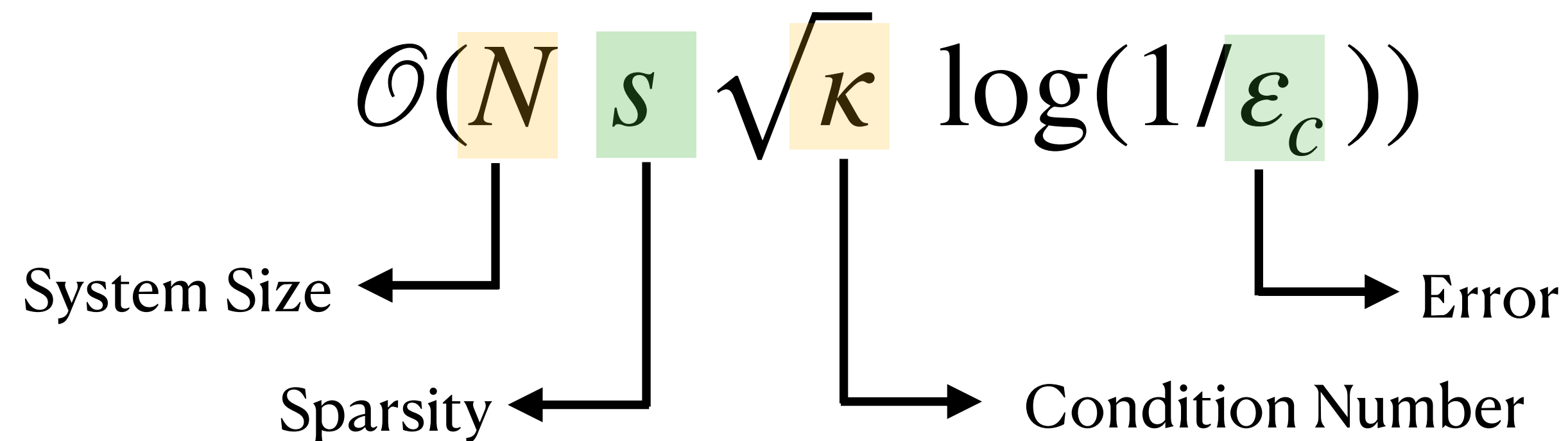
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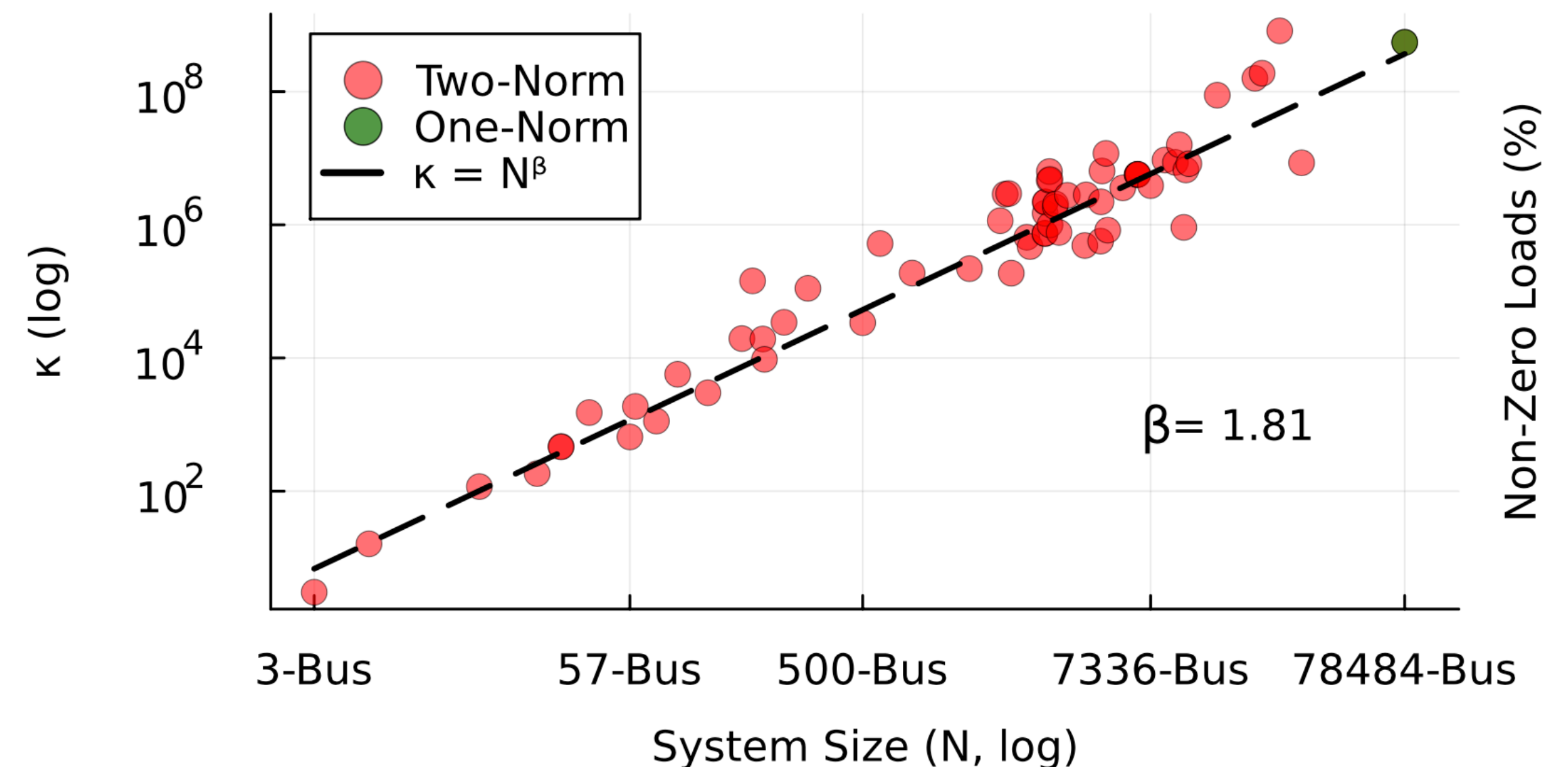
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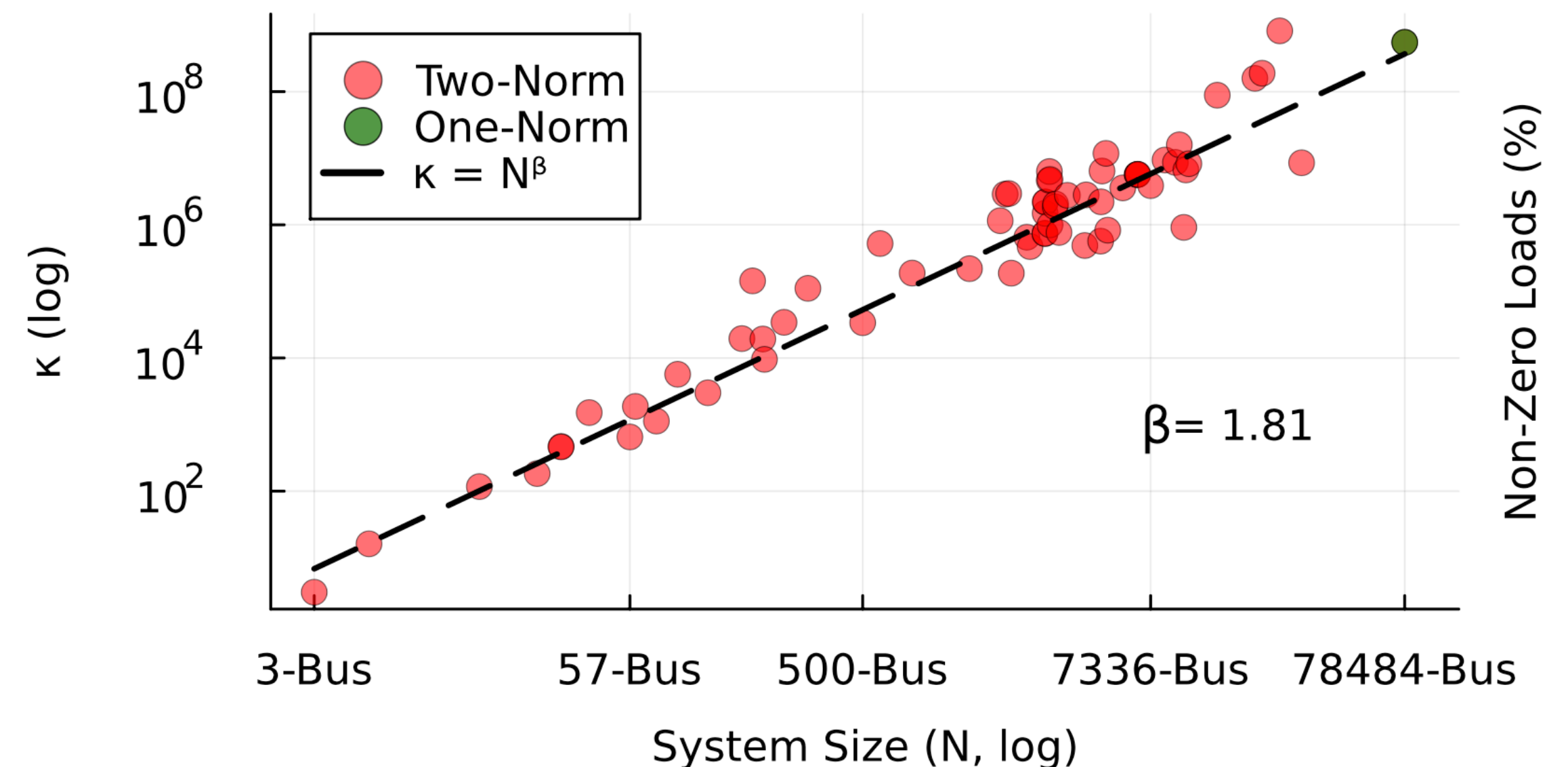
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Algorithms that manage condition number will be better for this application.



Point #1:

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Our Favorite Problem might not have so **Favorable Parameters**

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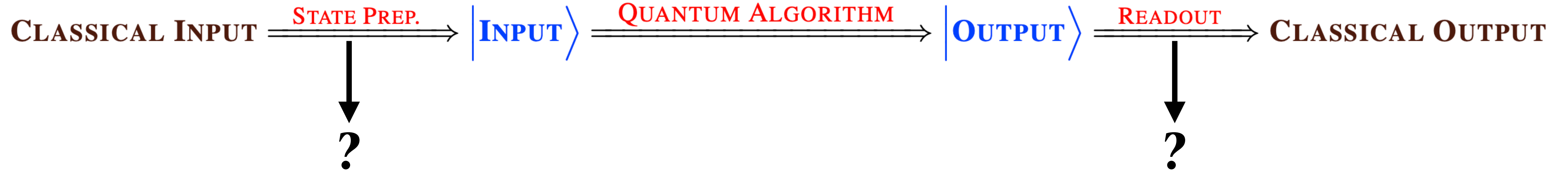
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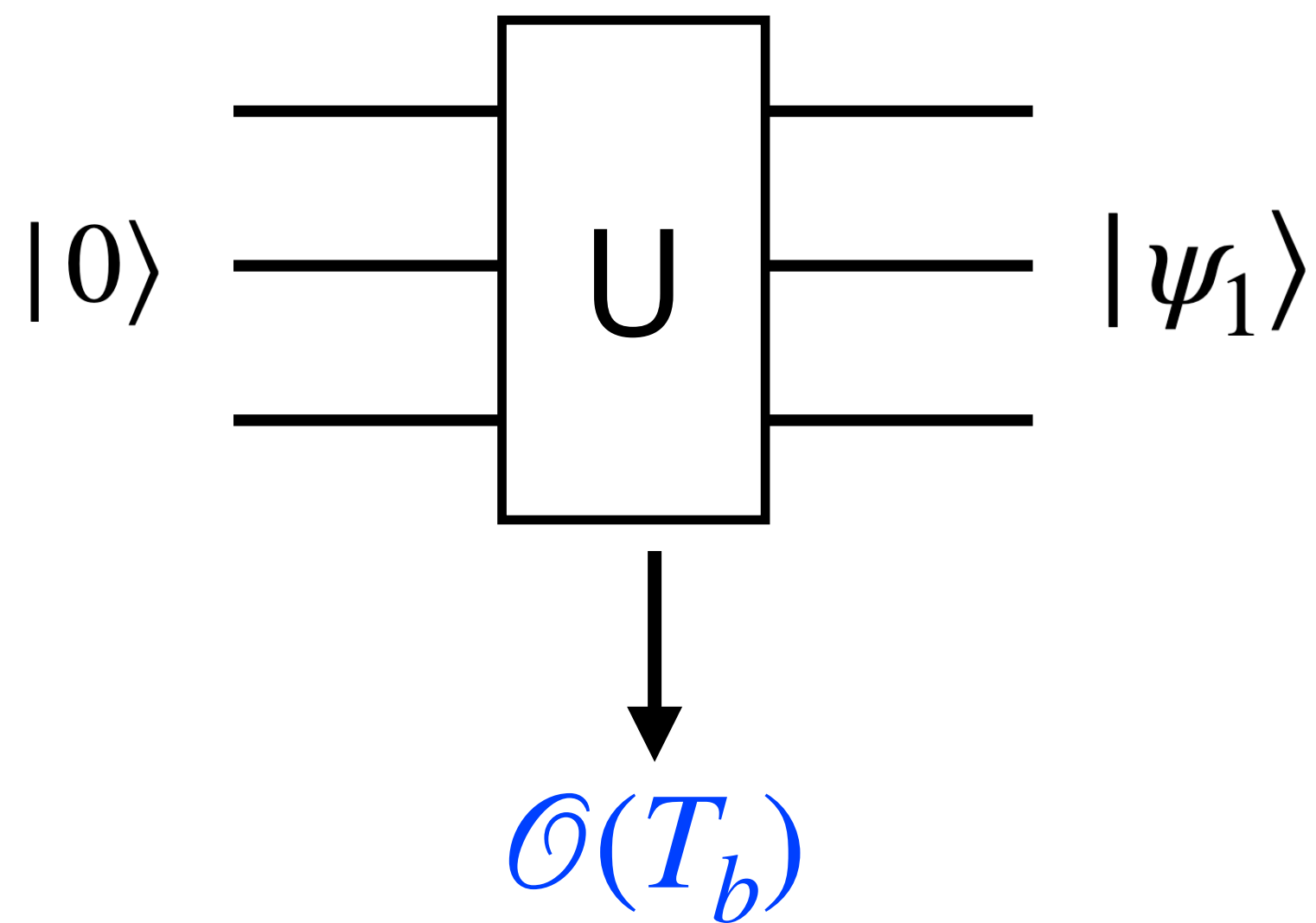
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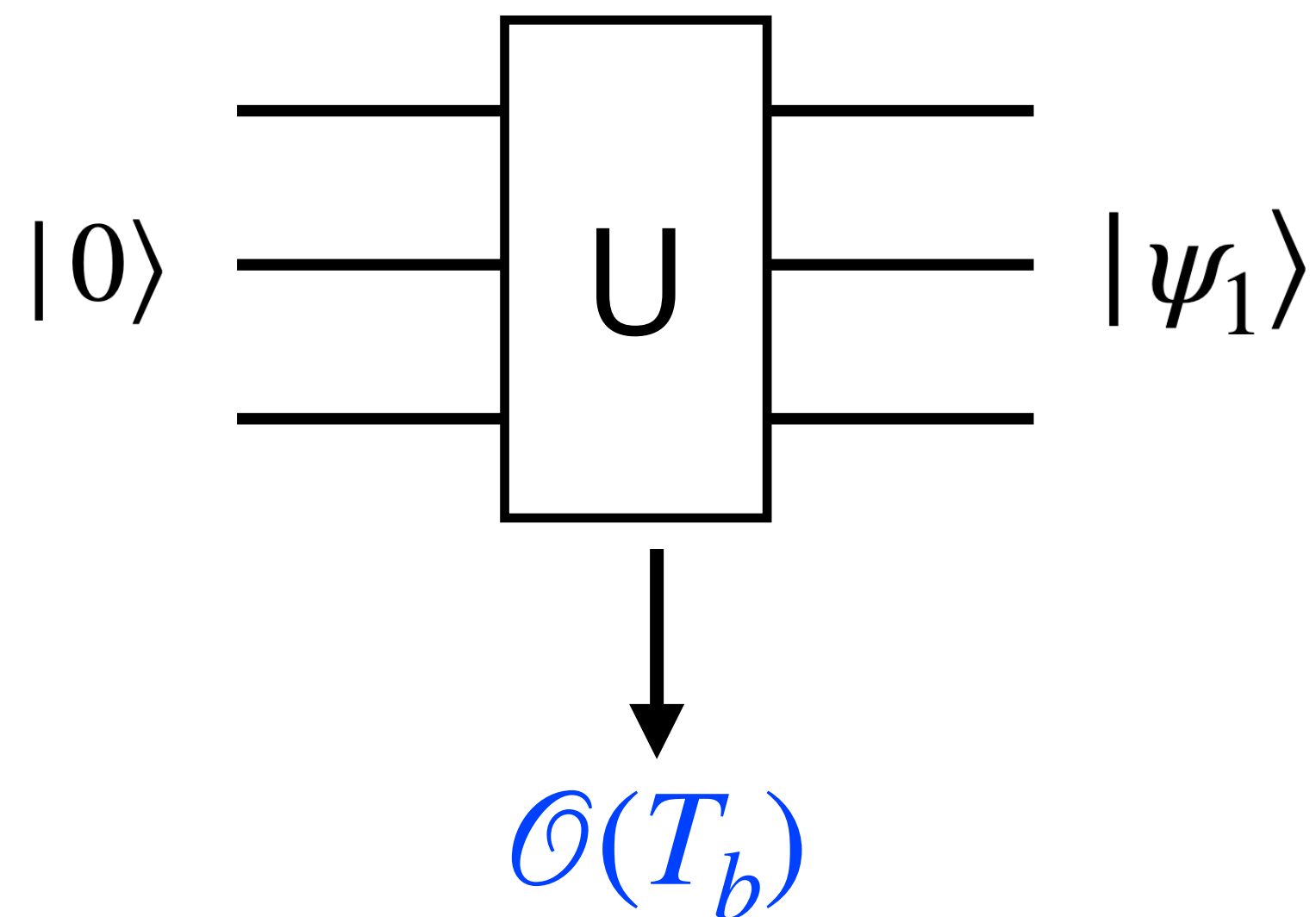
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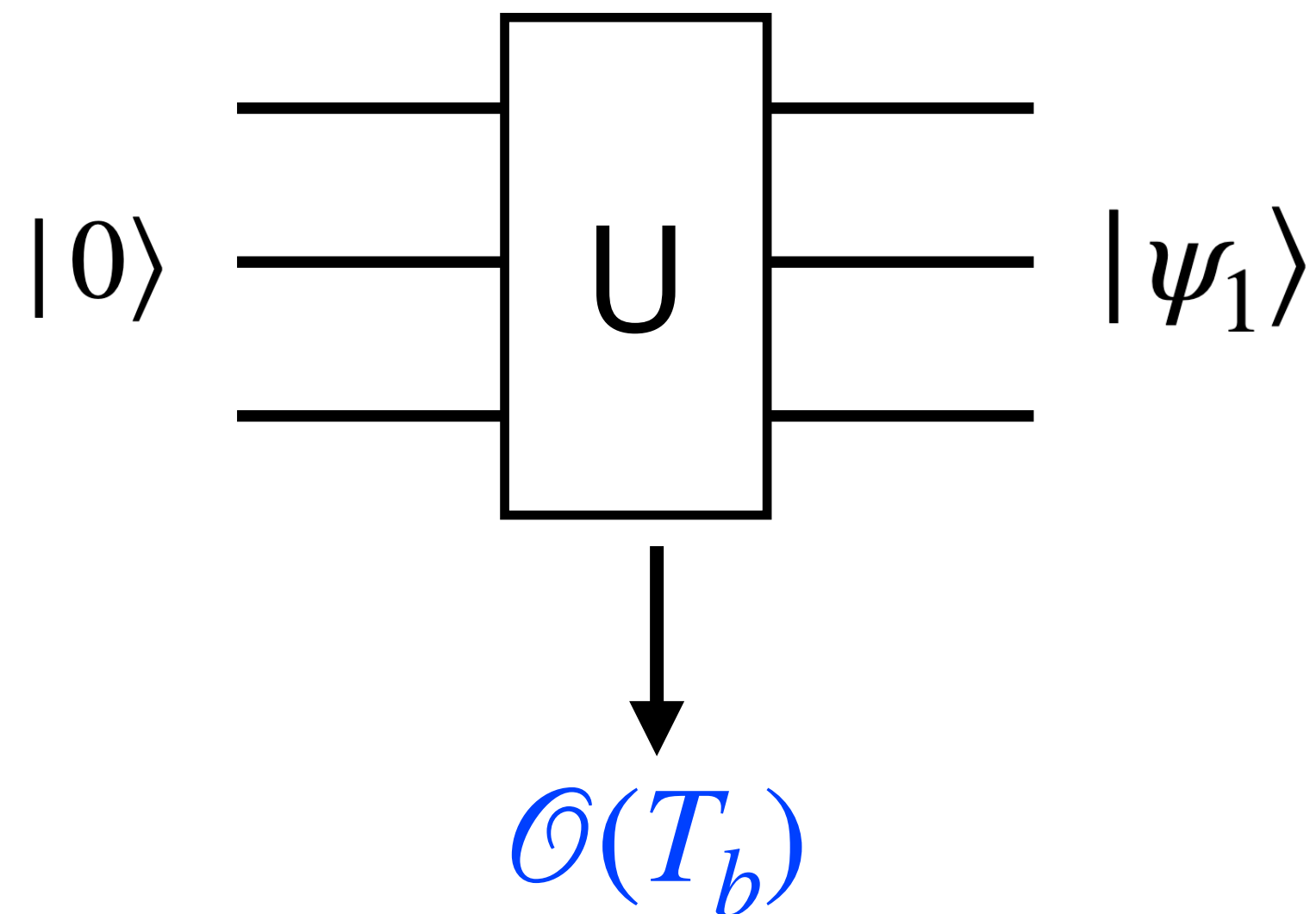
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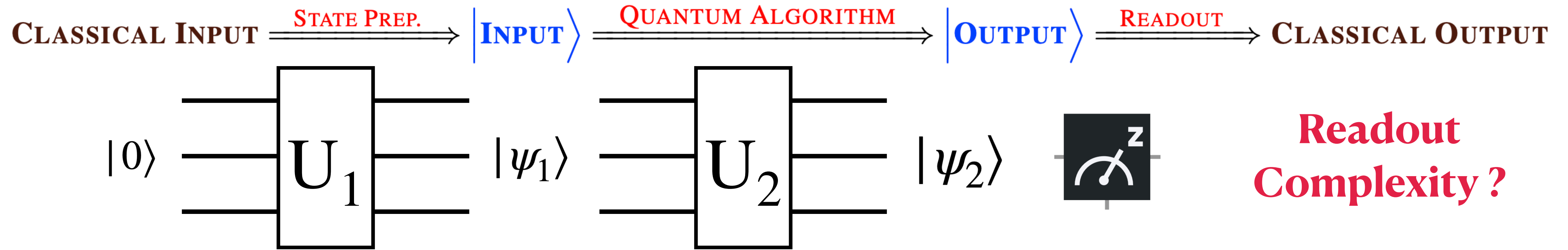
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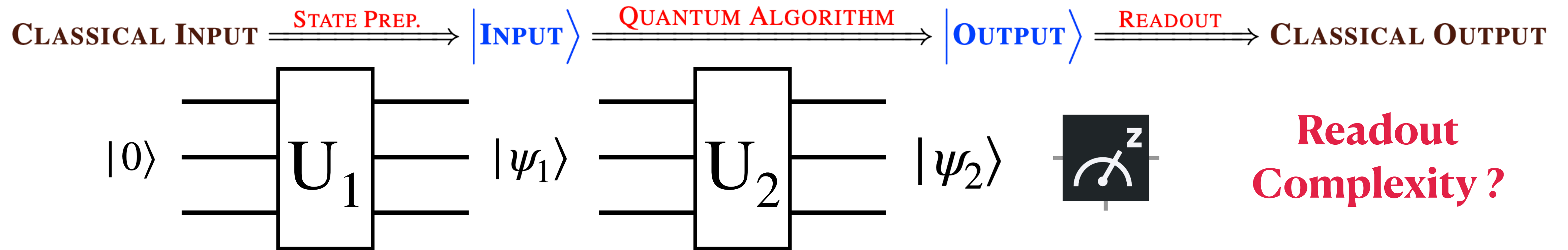
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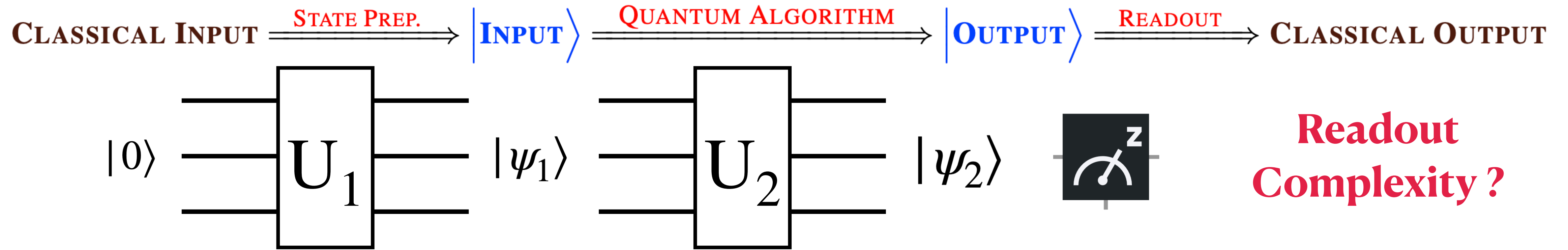


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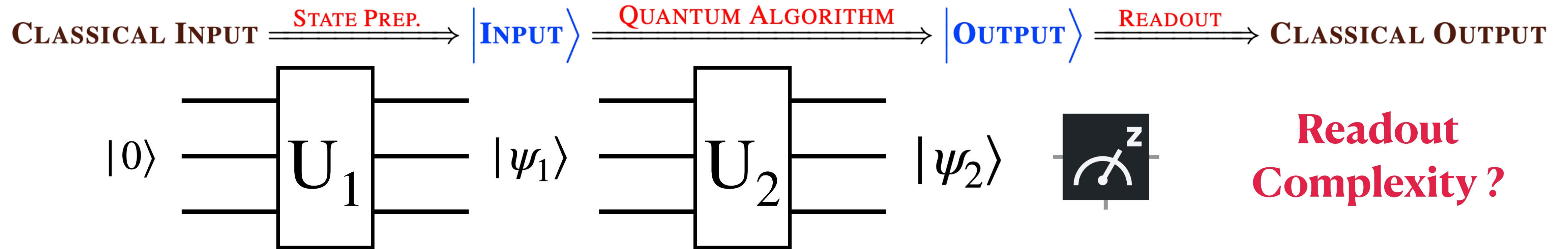
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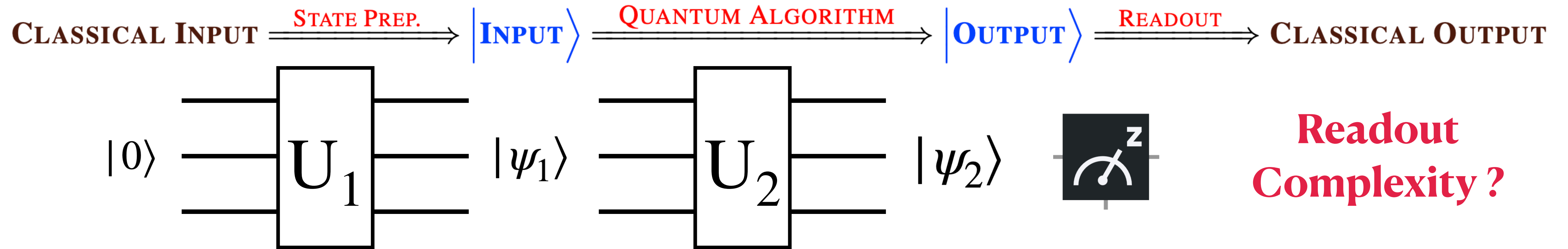


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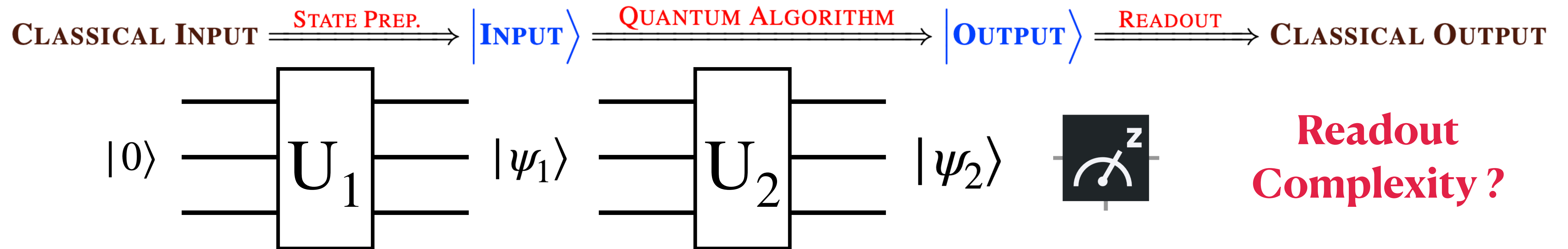
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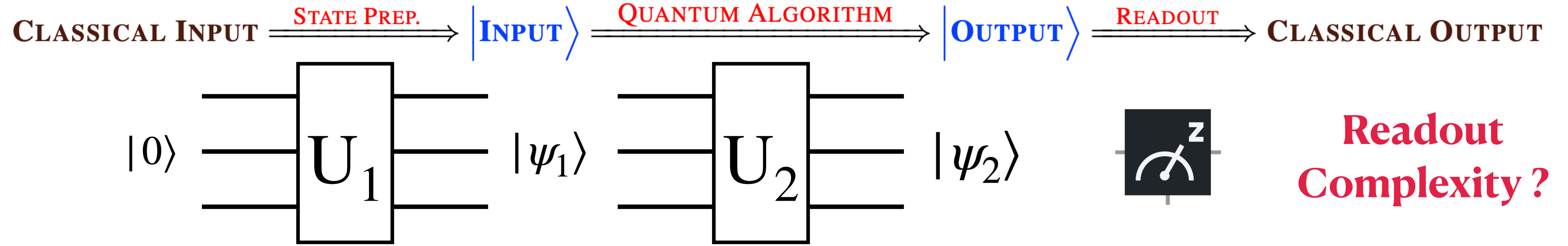
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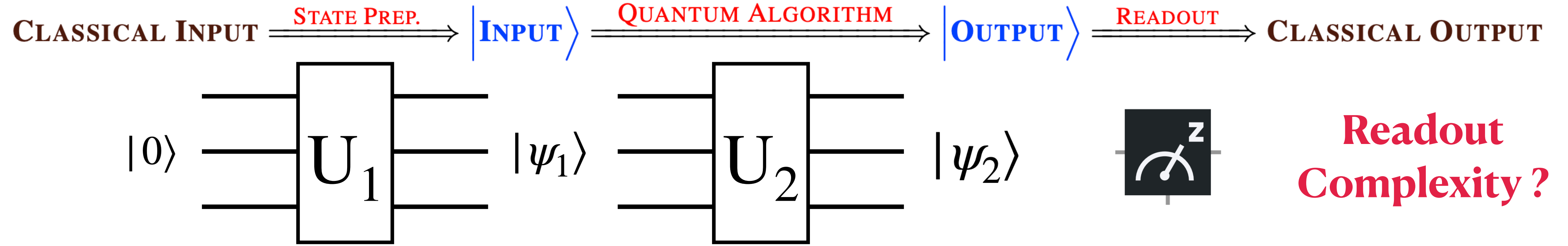
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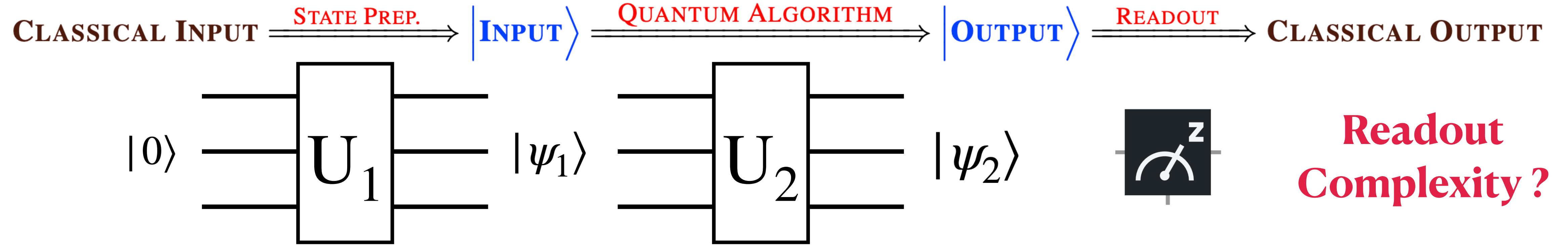
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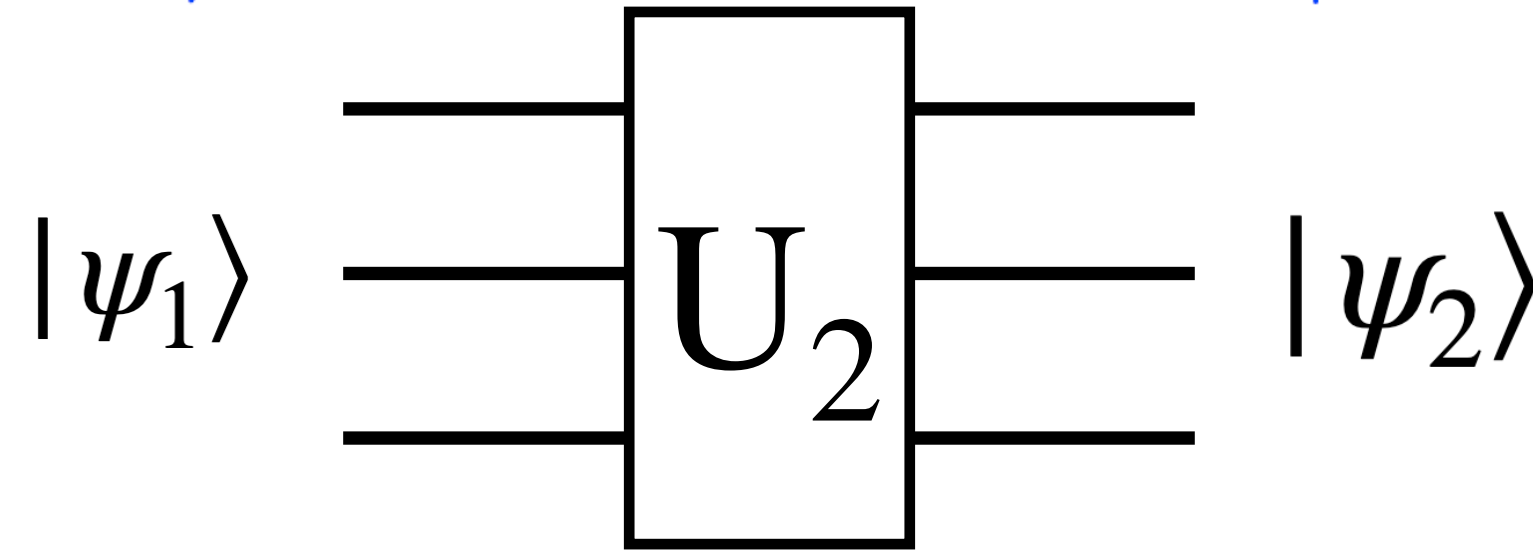
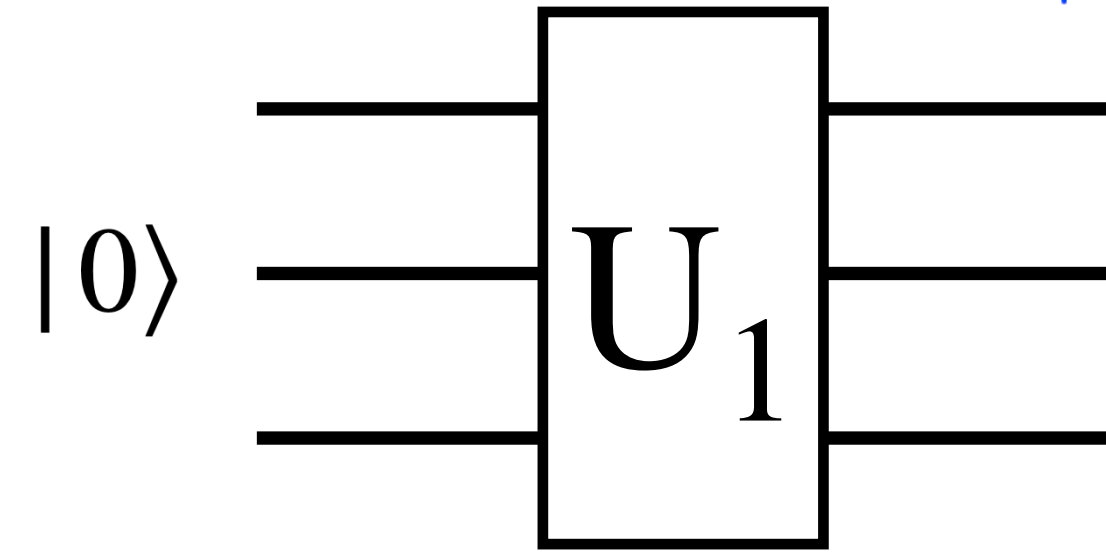
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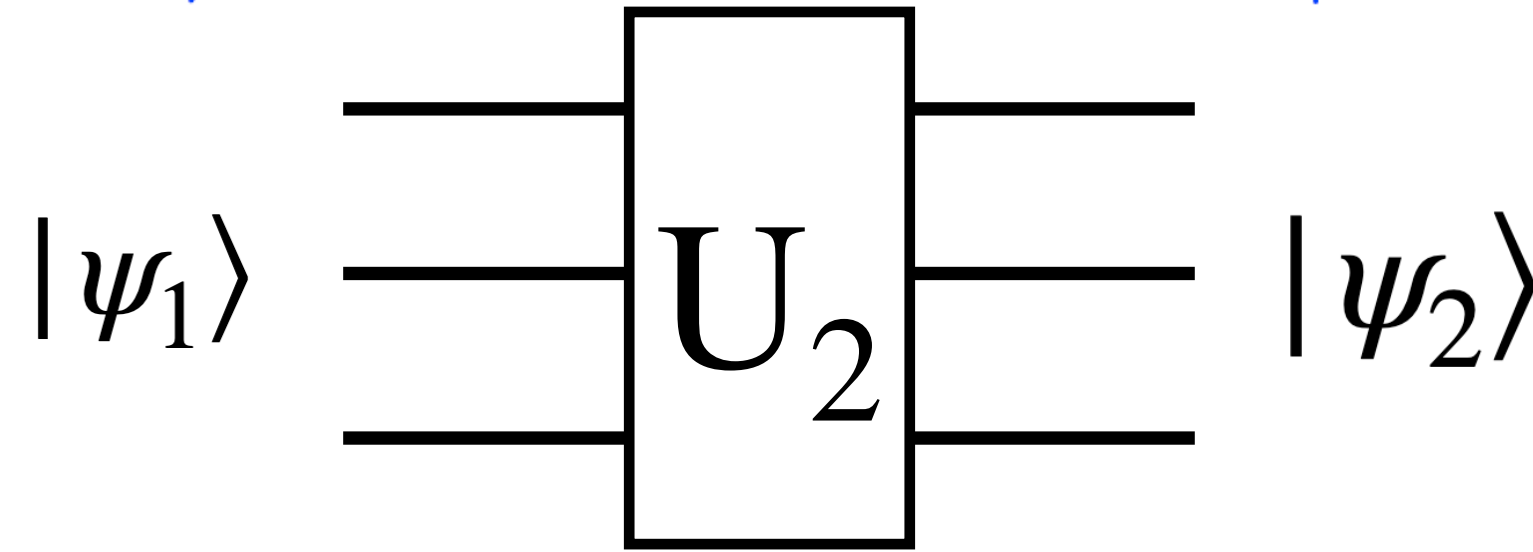
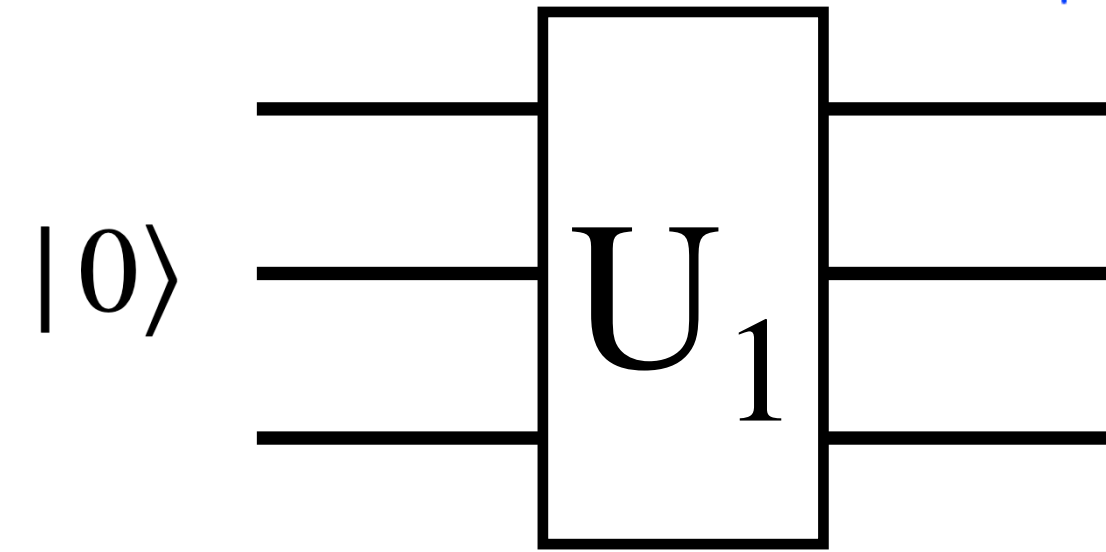
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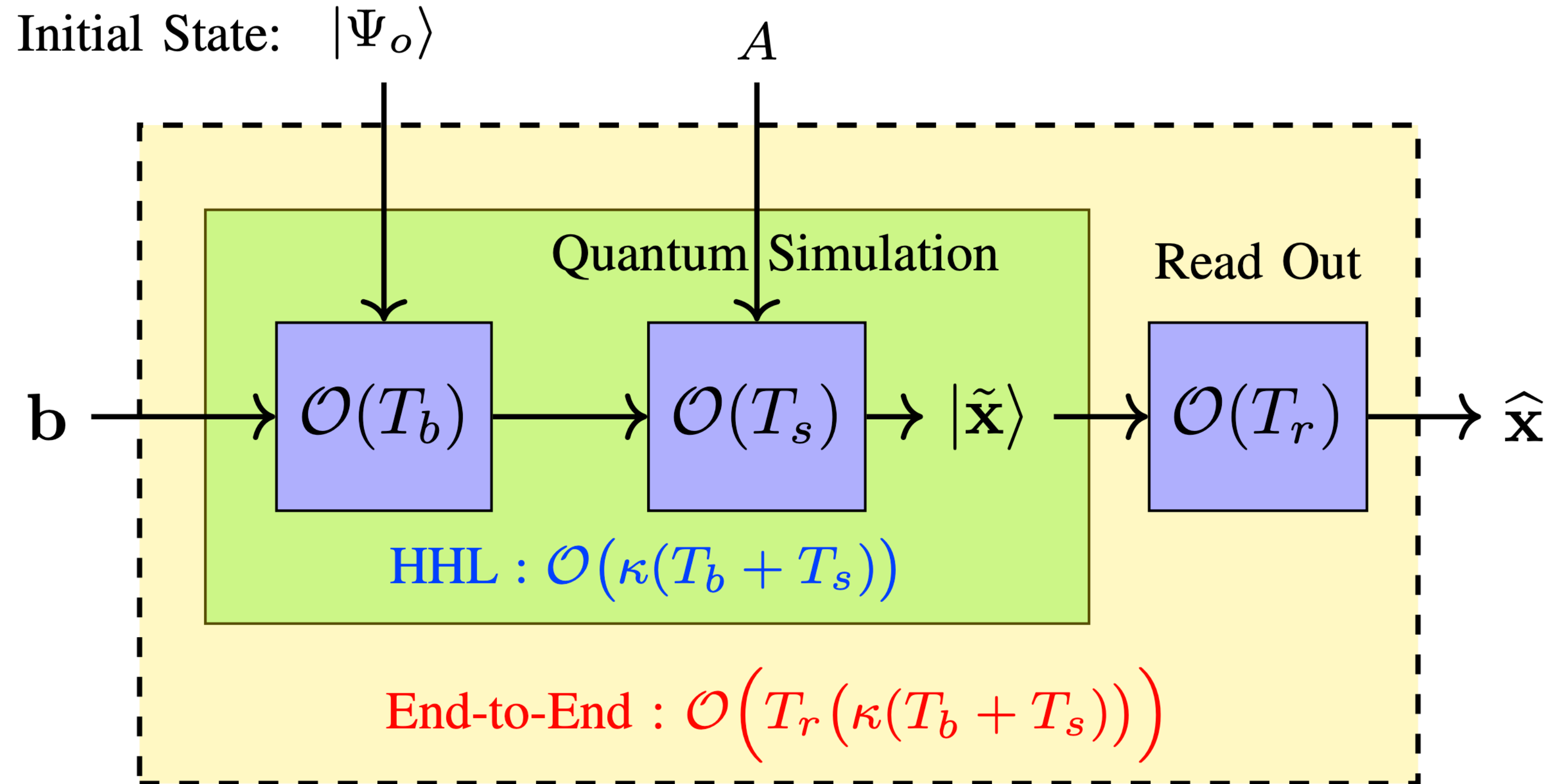
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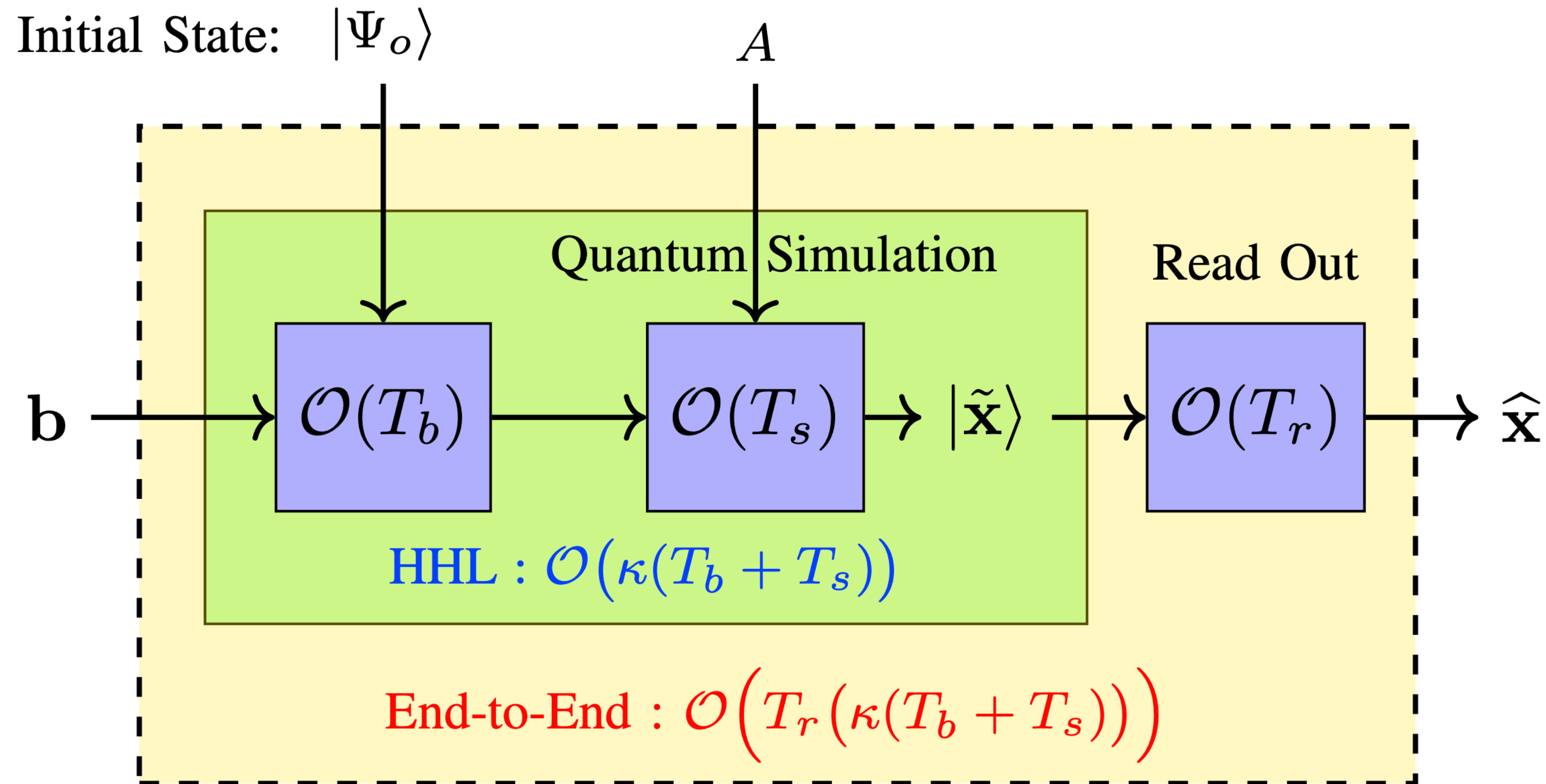
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Evaluating End-to-End Complexity of Solving Linear Power Flows using Quantum Linear System Solving Algorithms (HHL Family)

Point #2:

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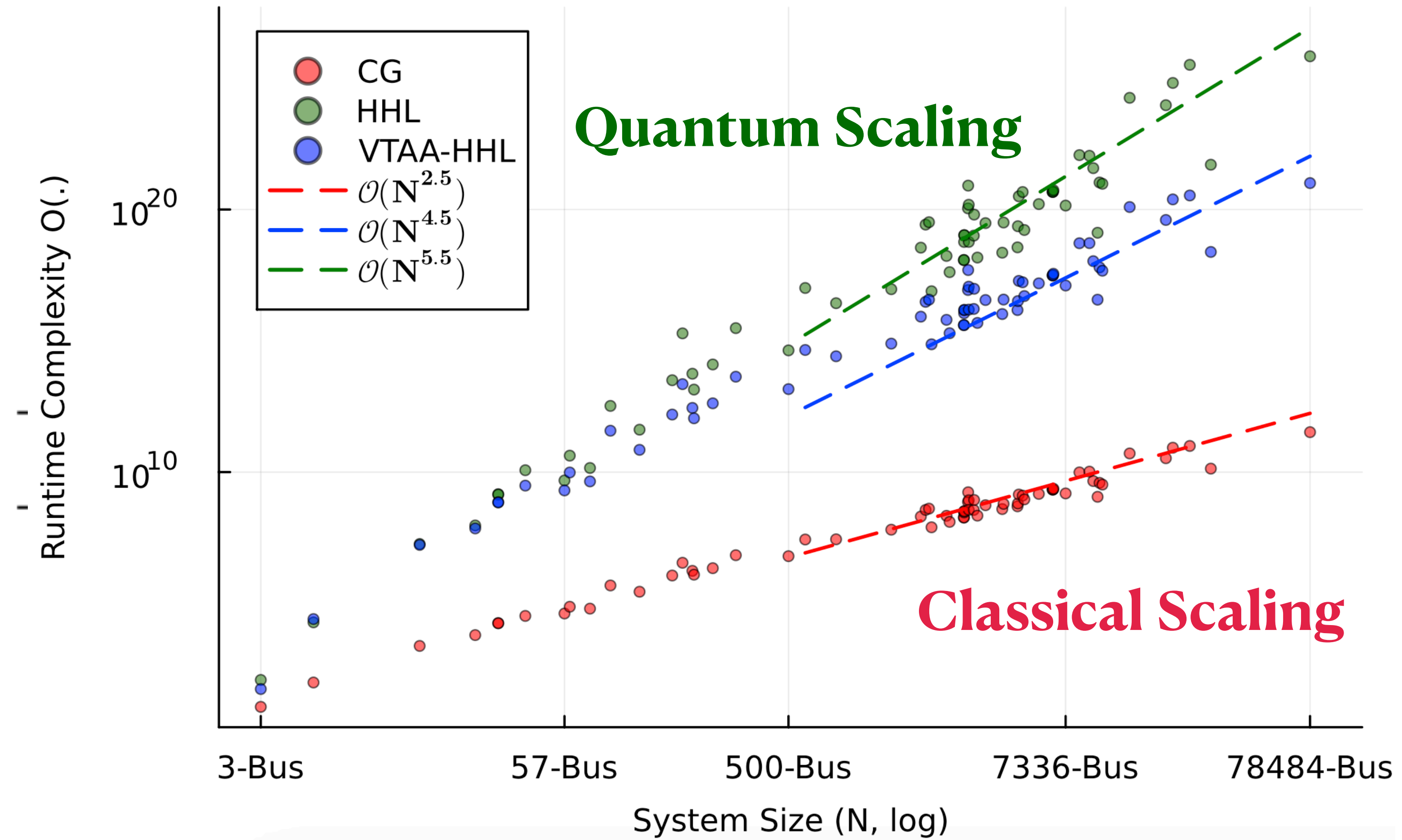
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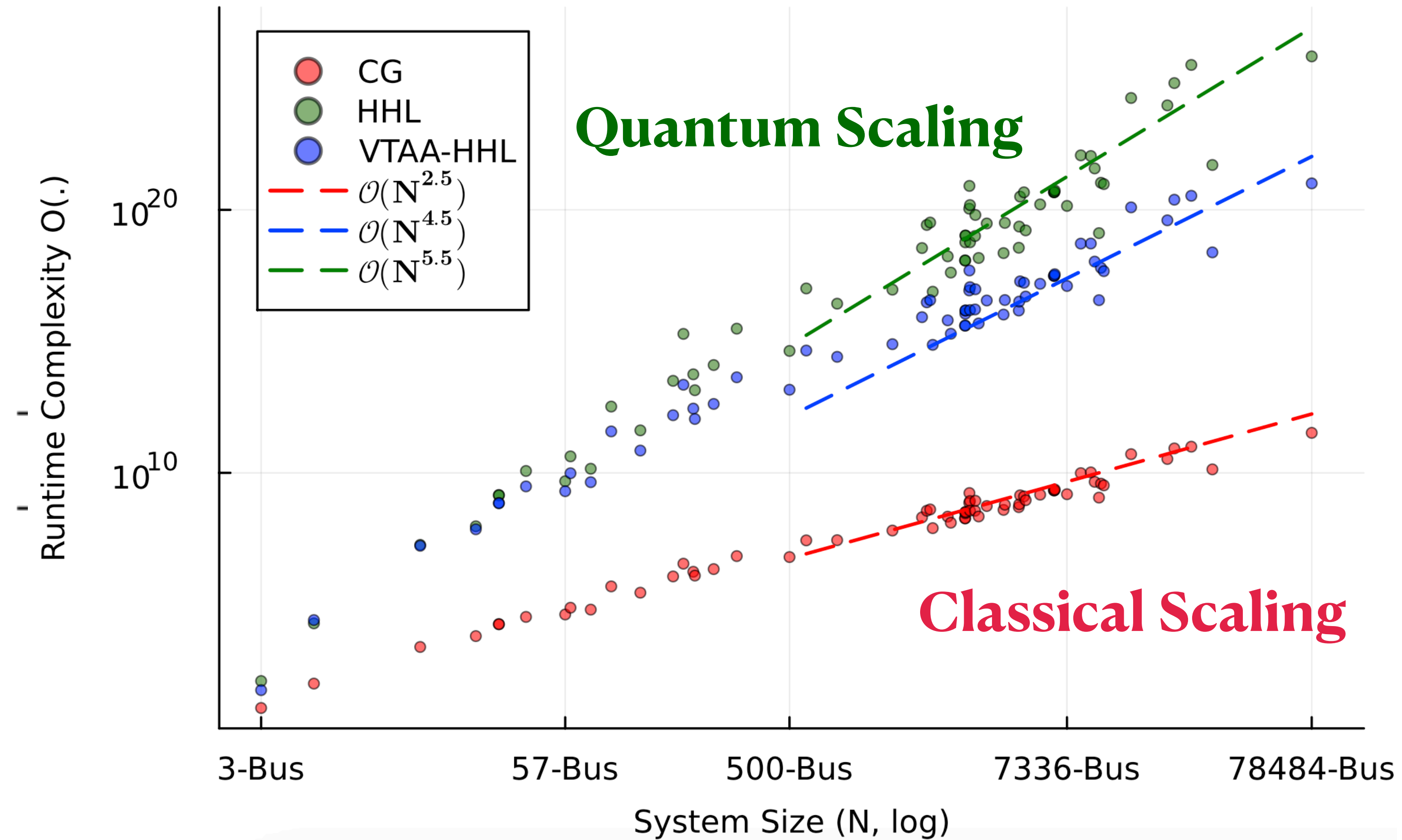
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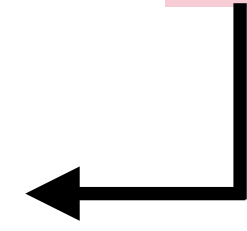
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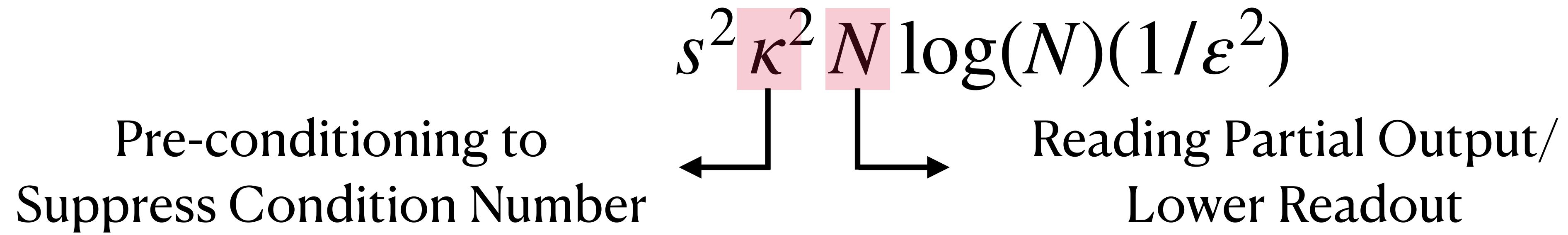
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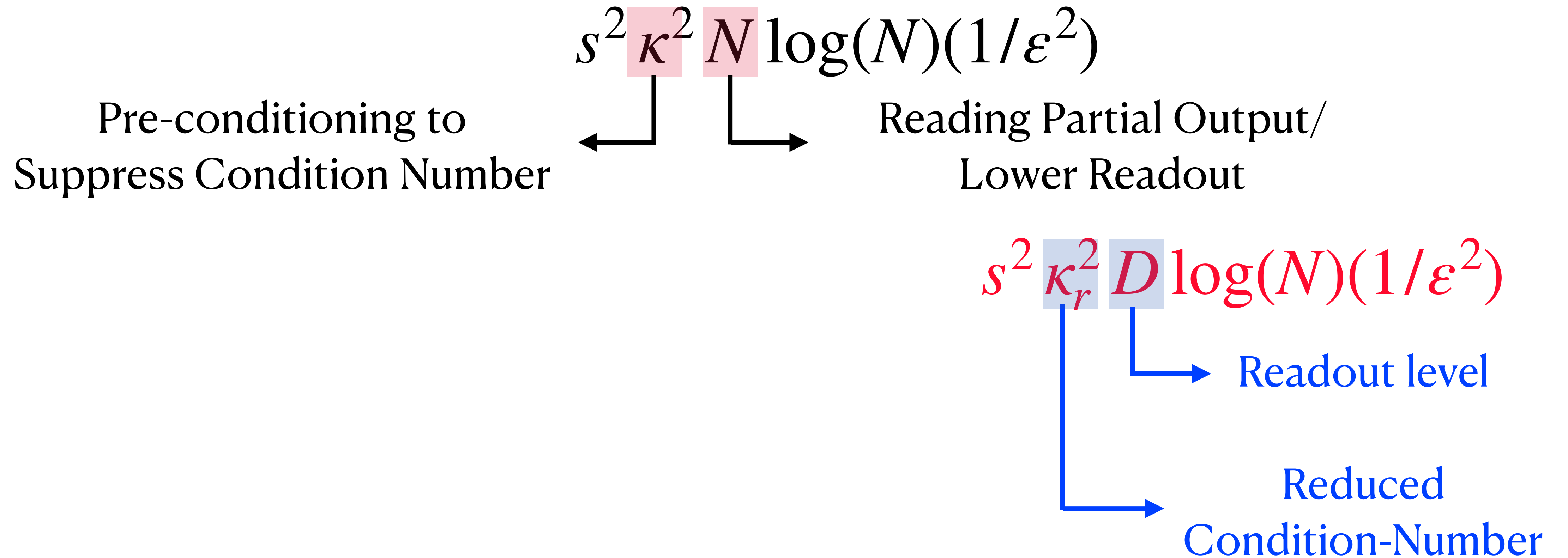
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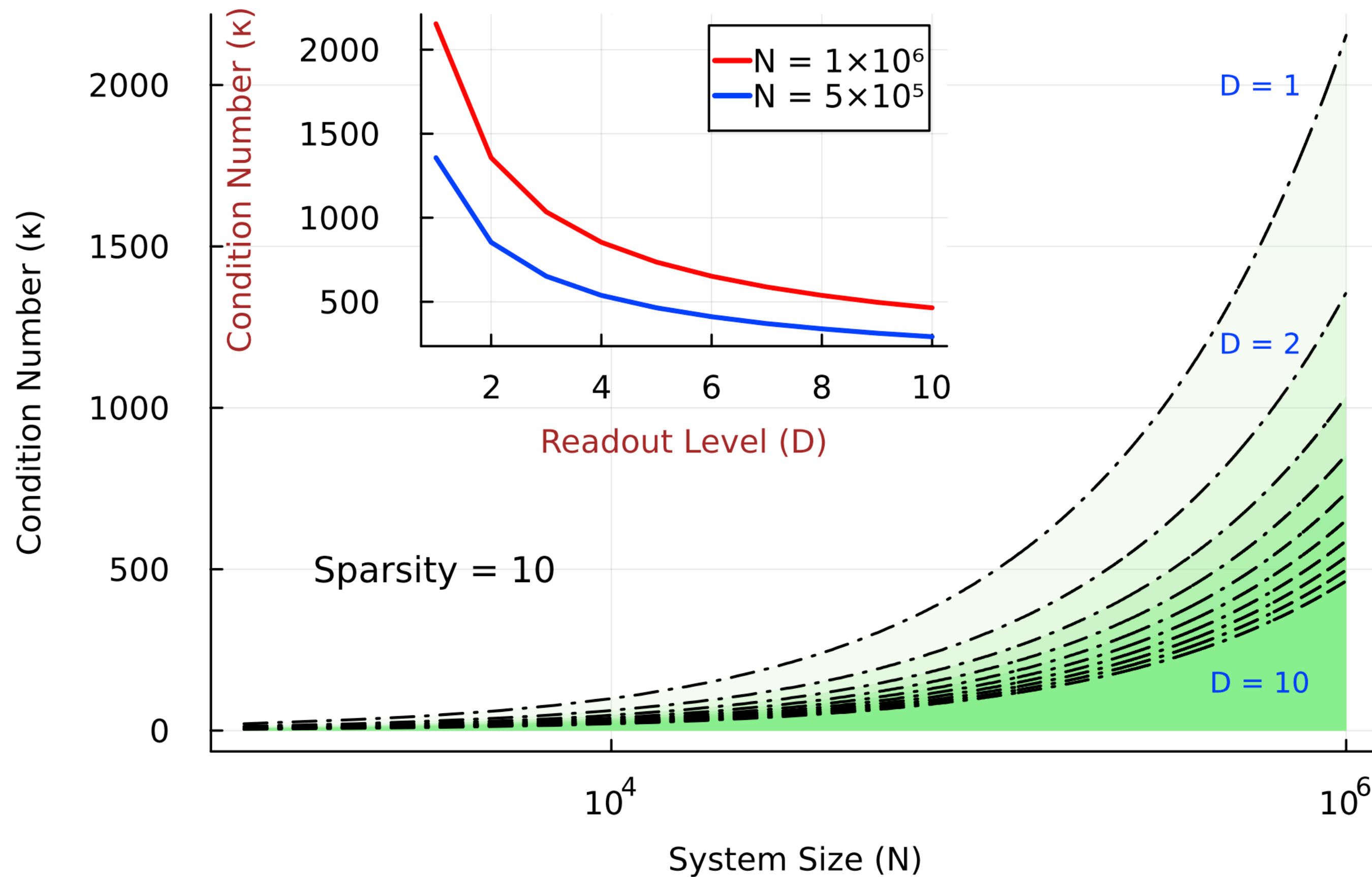


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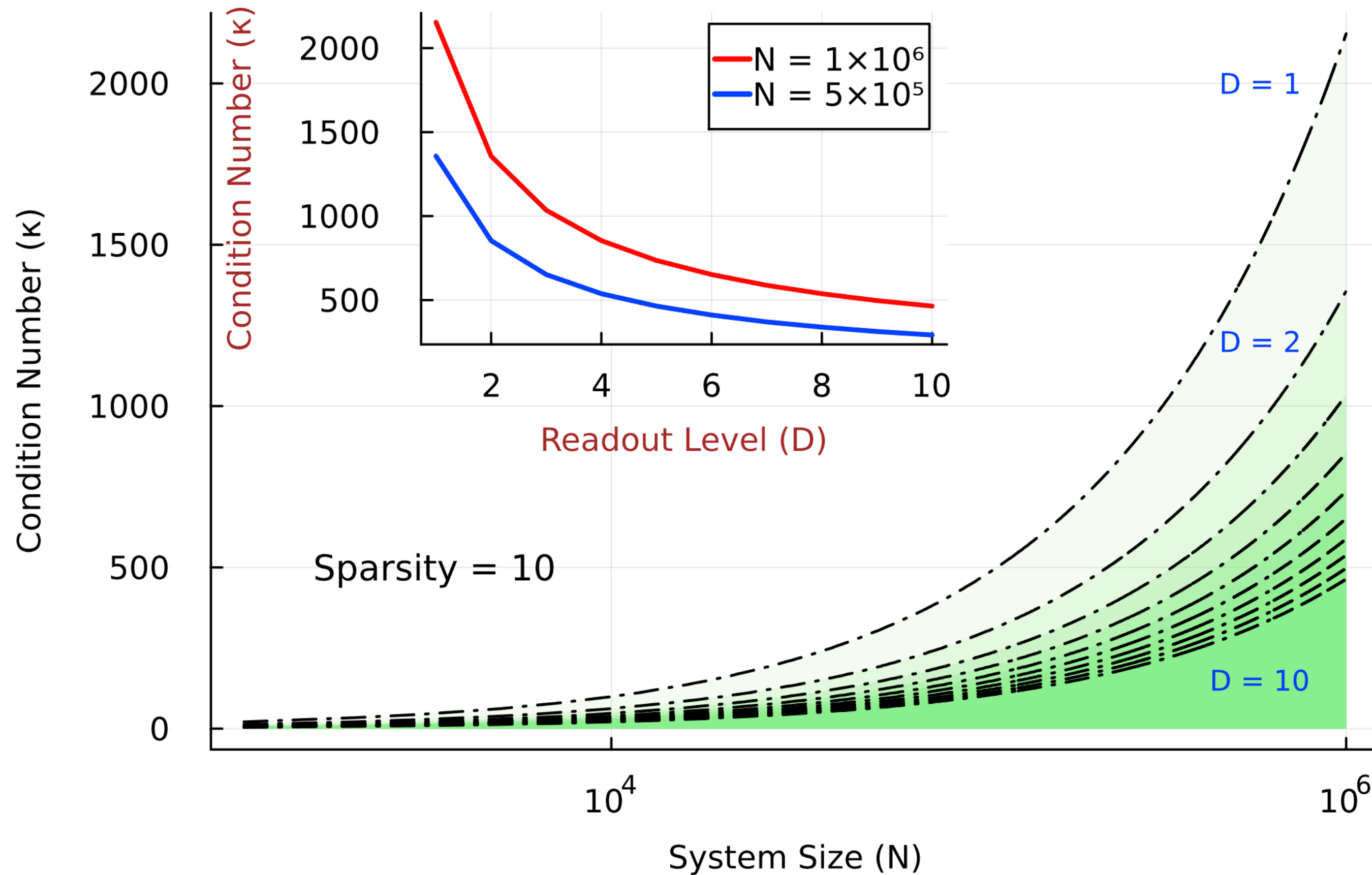
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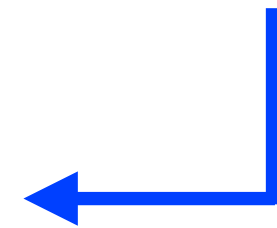
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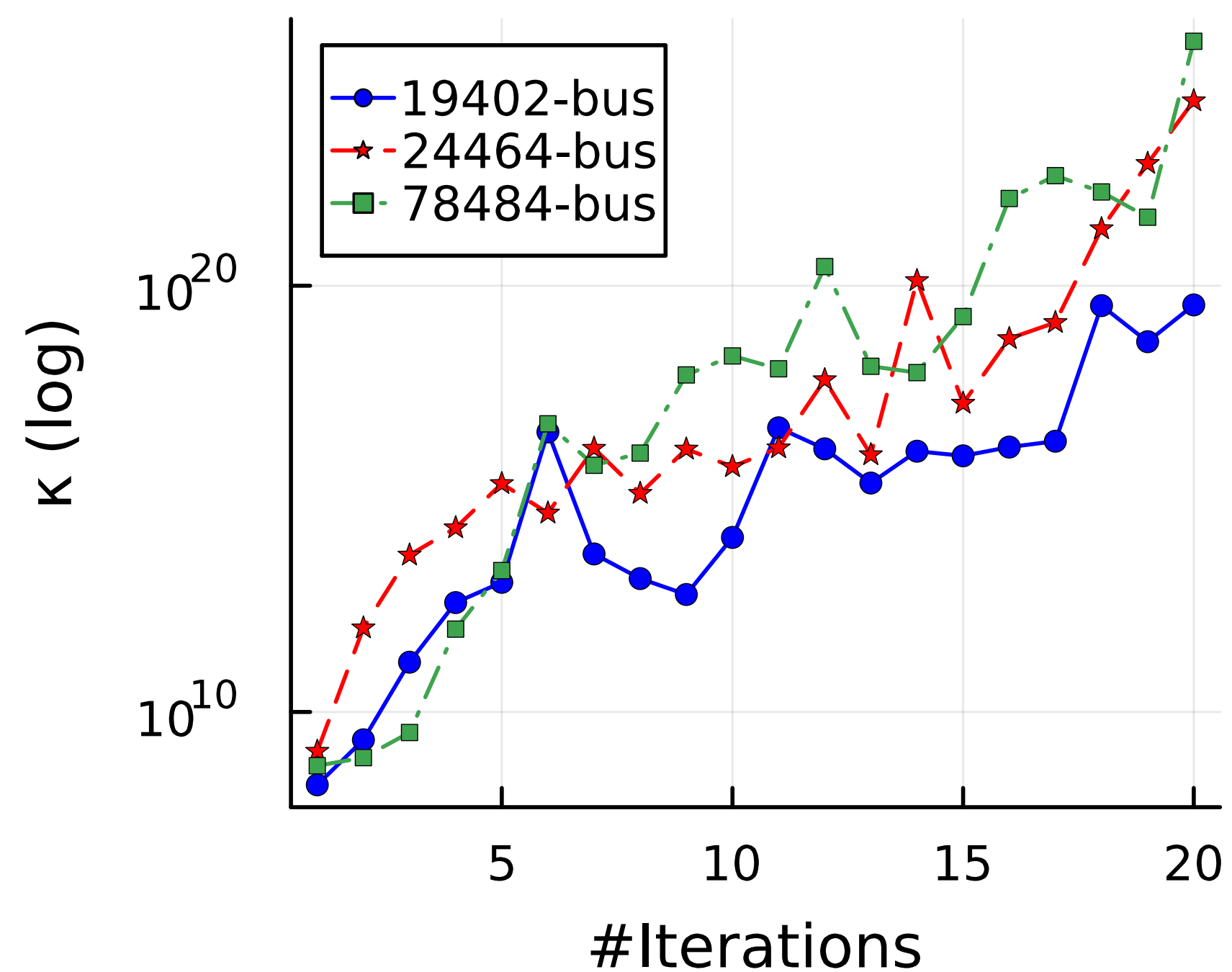
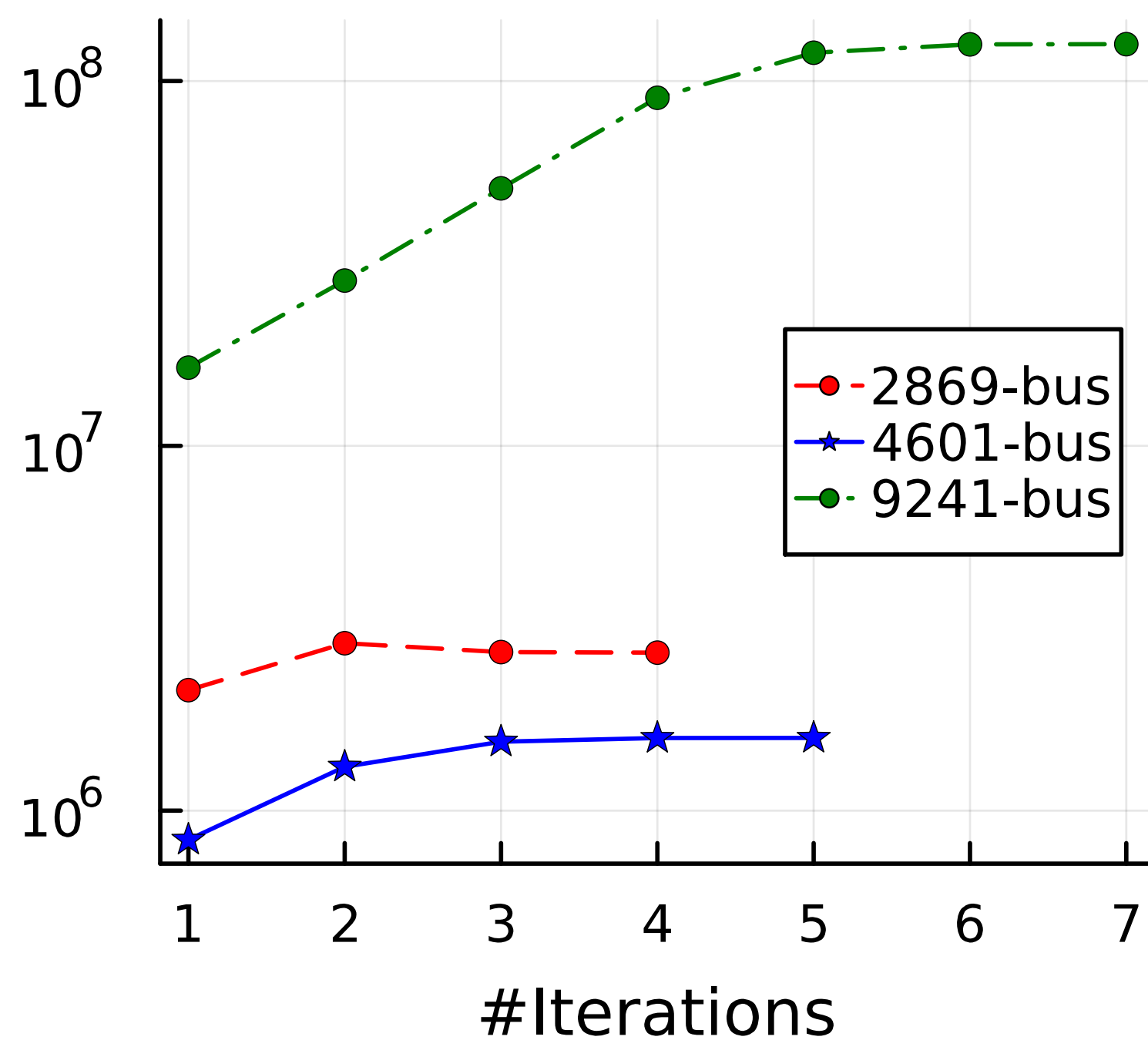
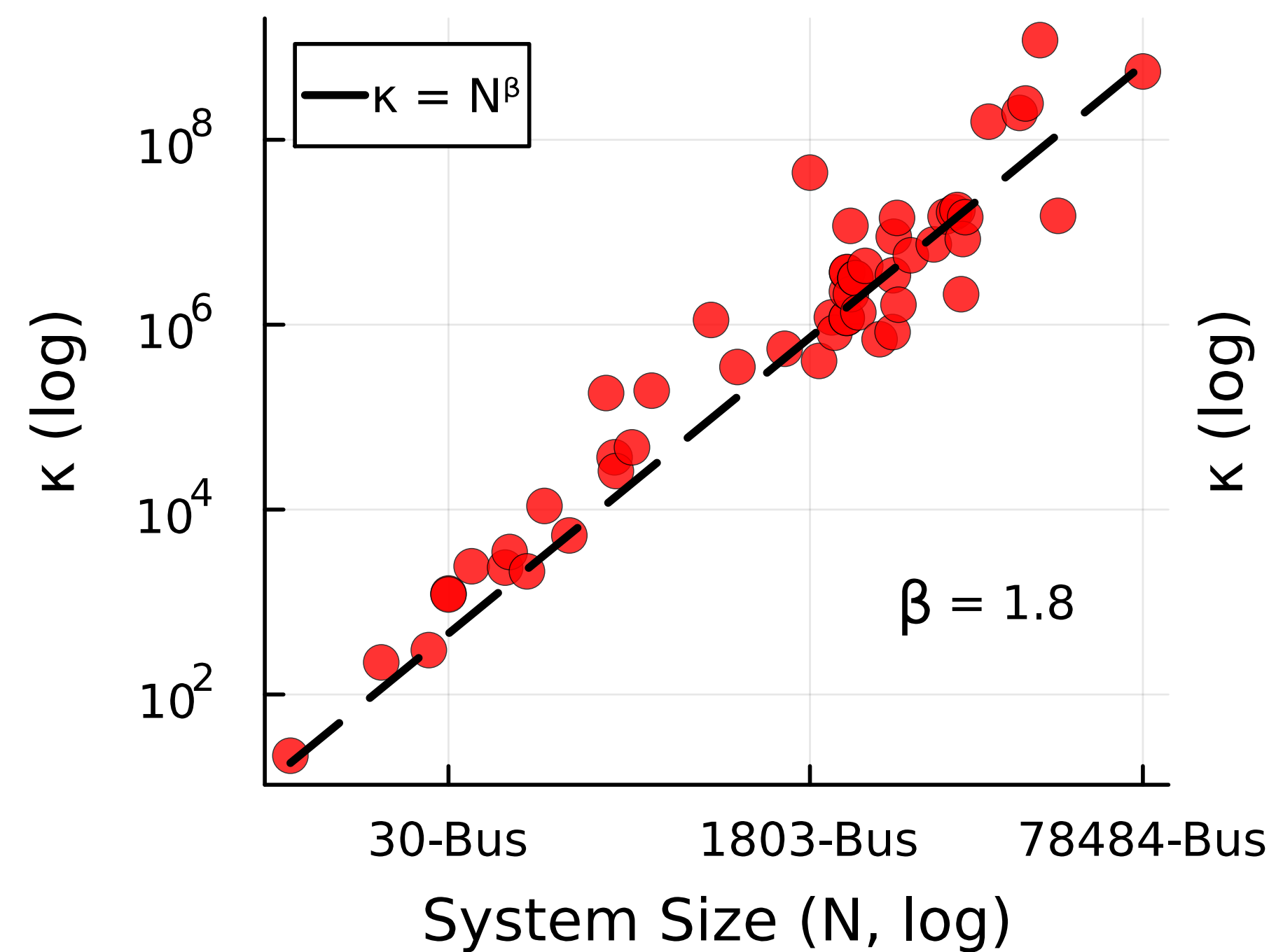
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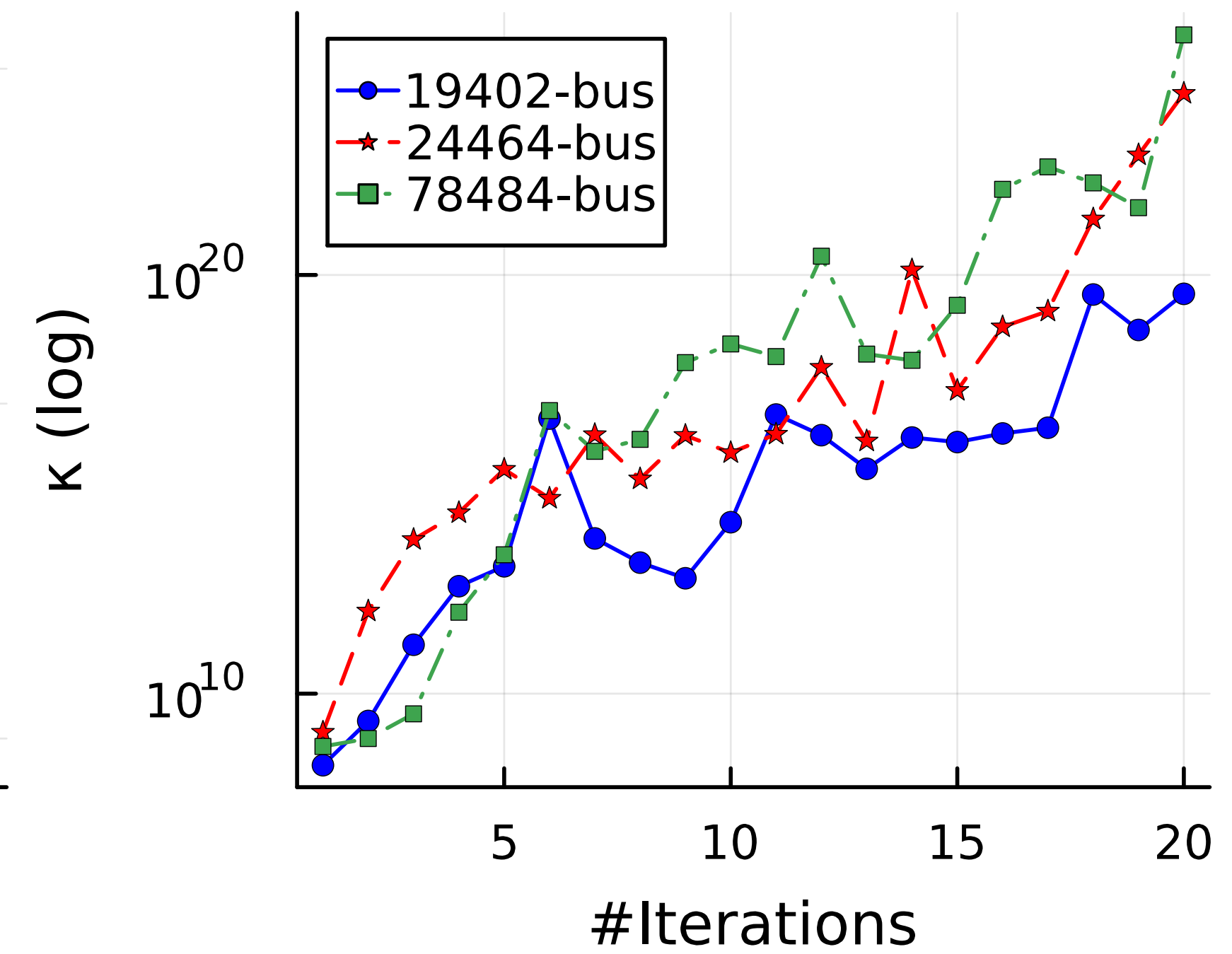
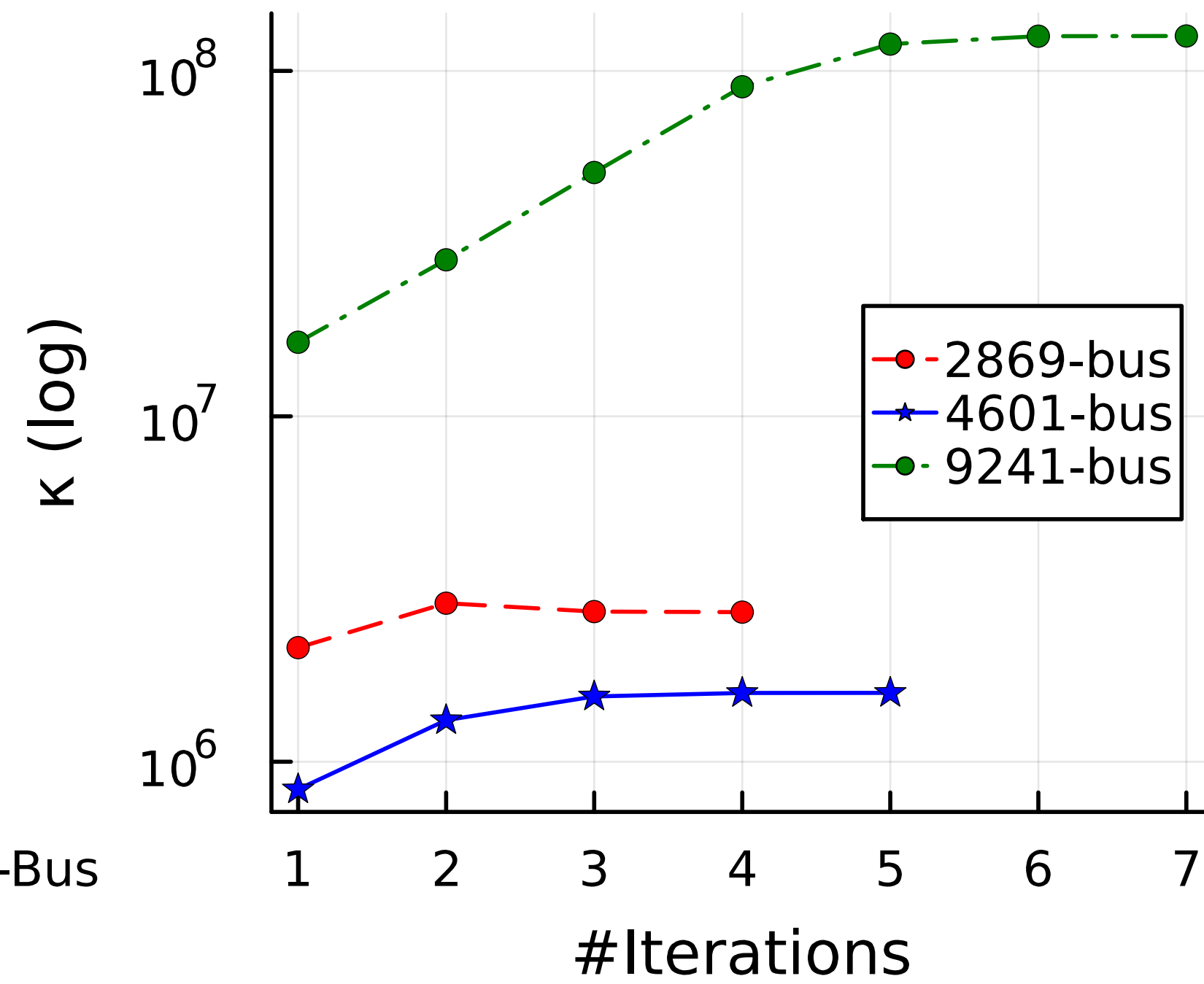
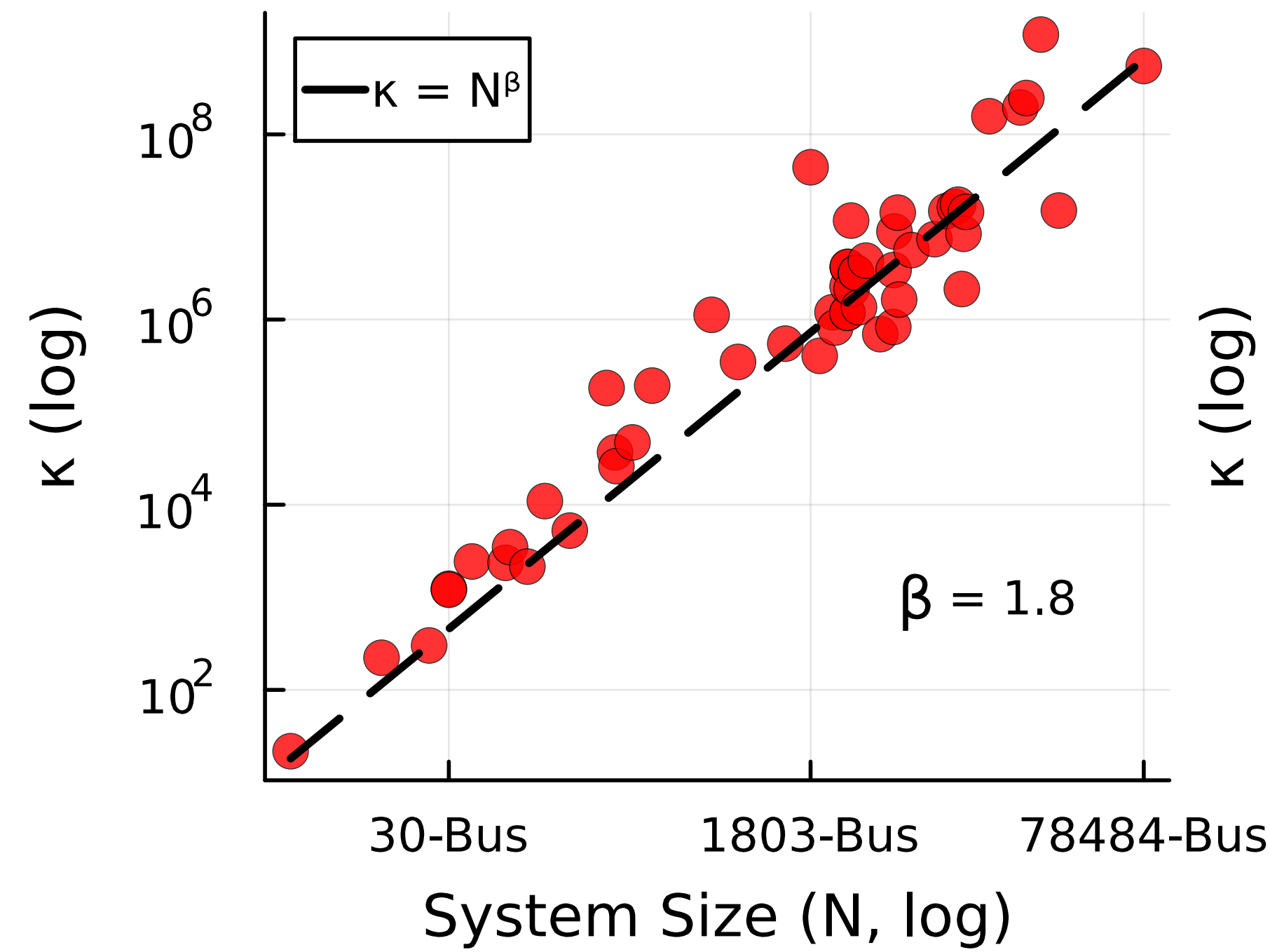
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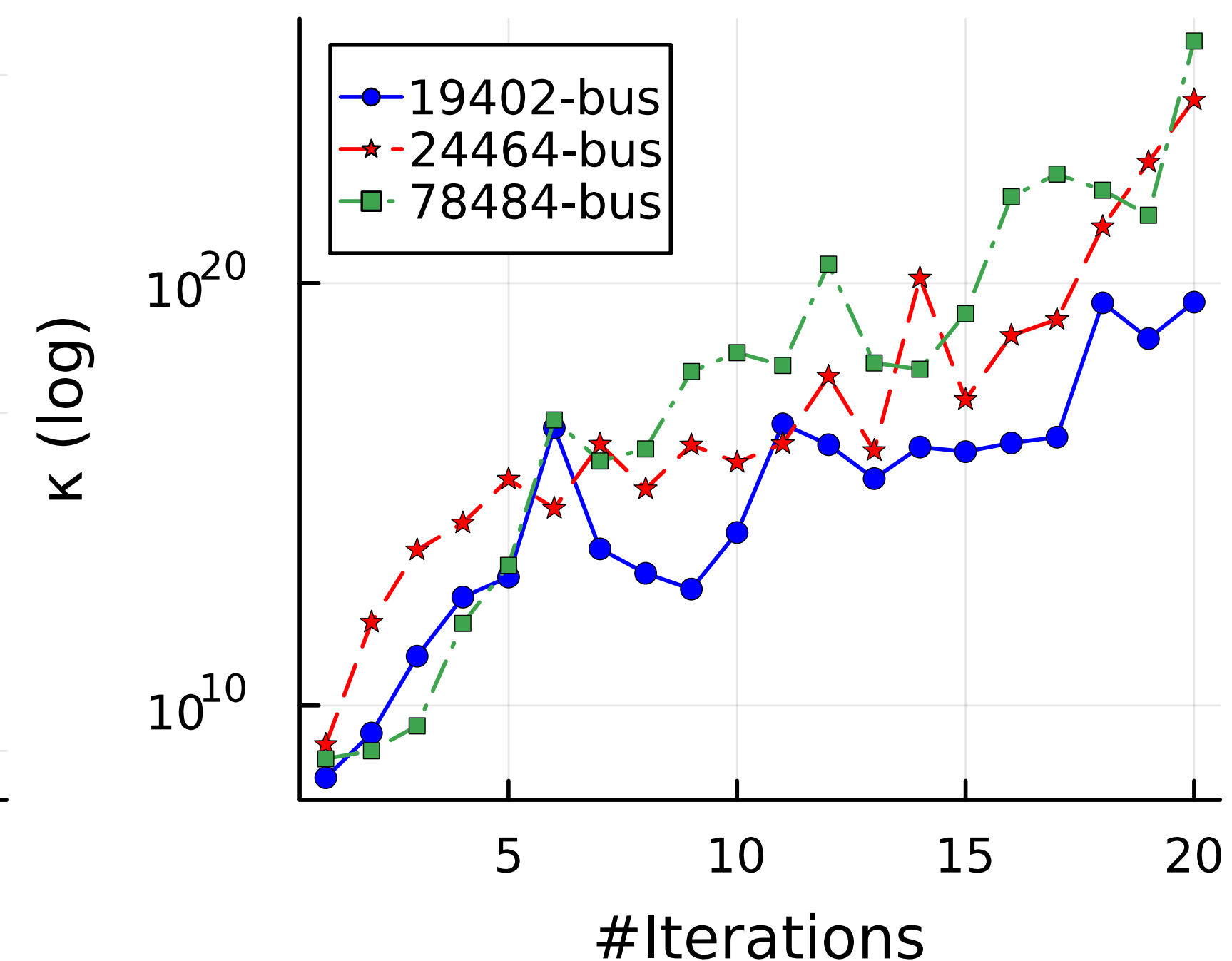
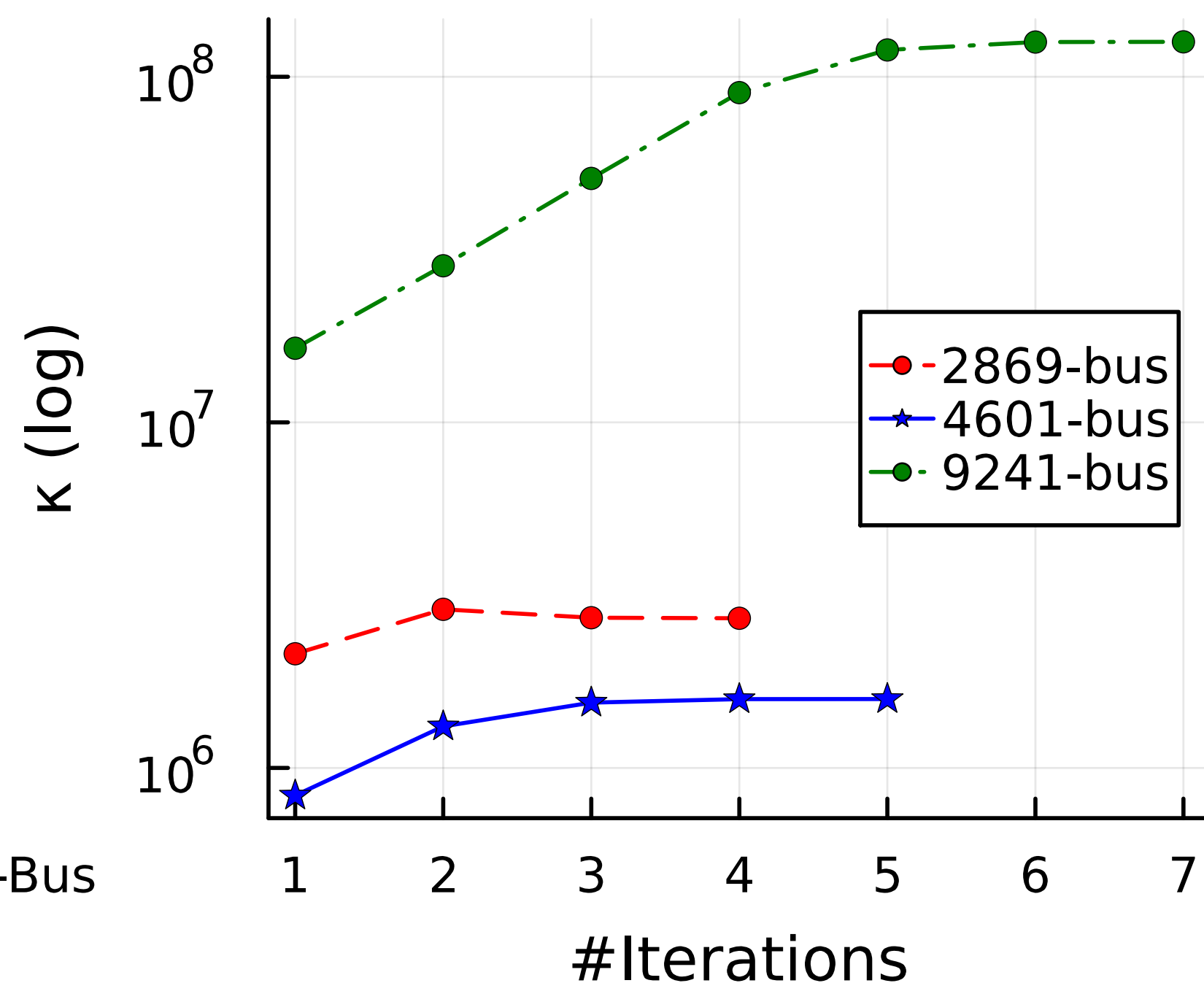
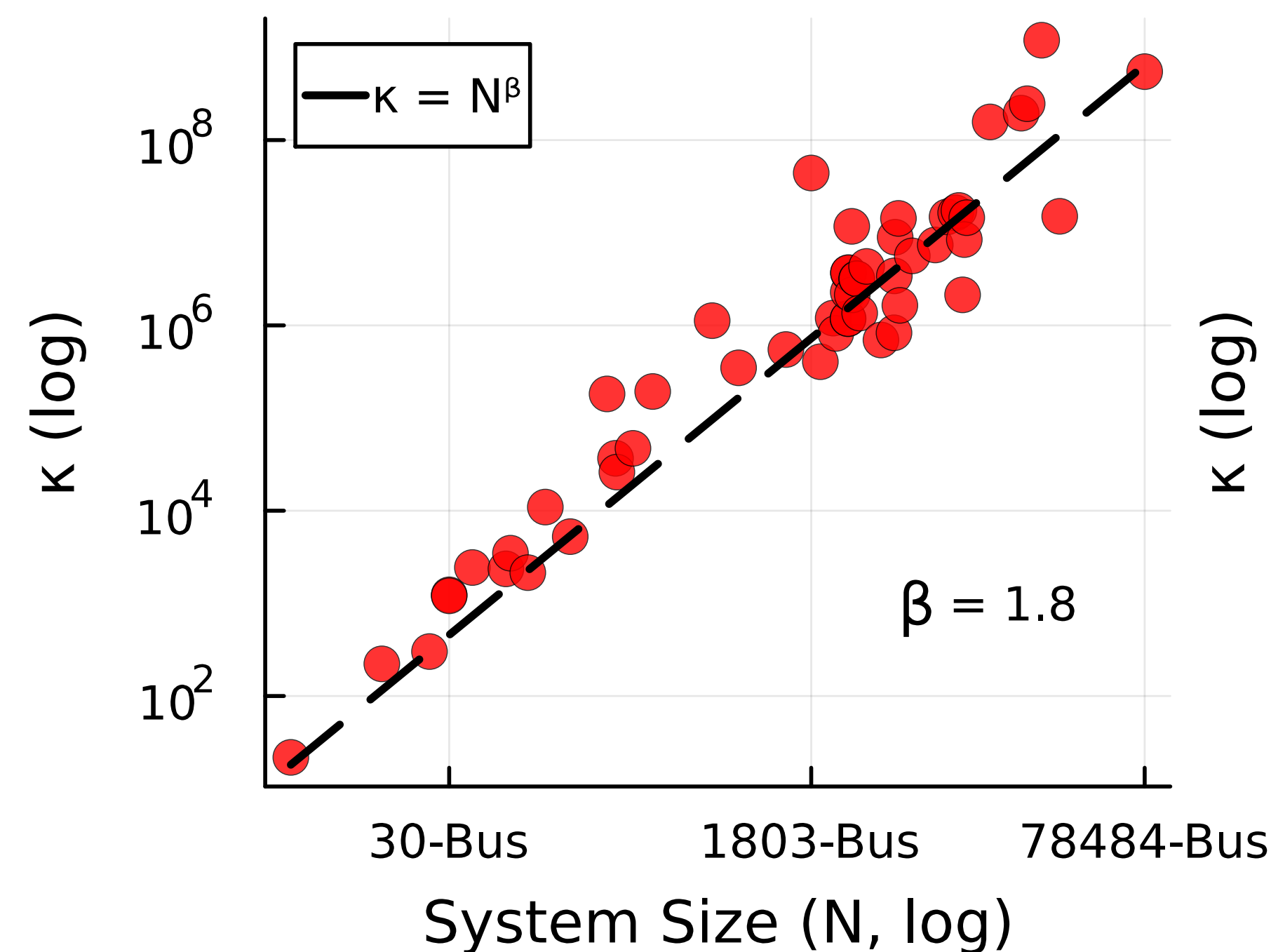


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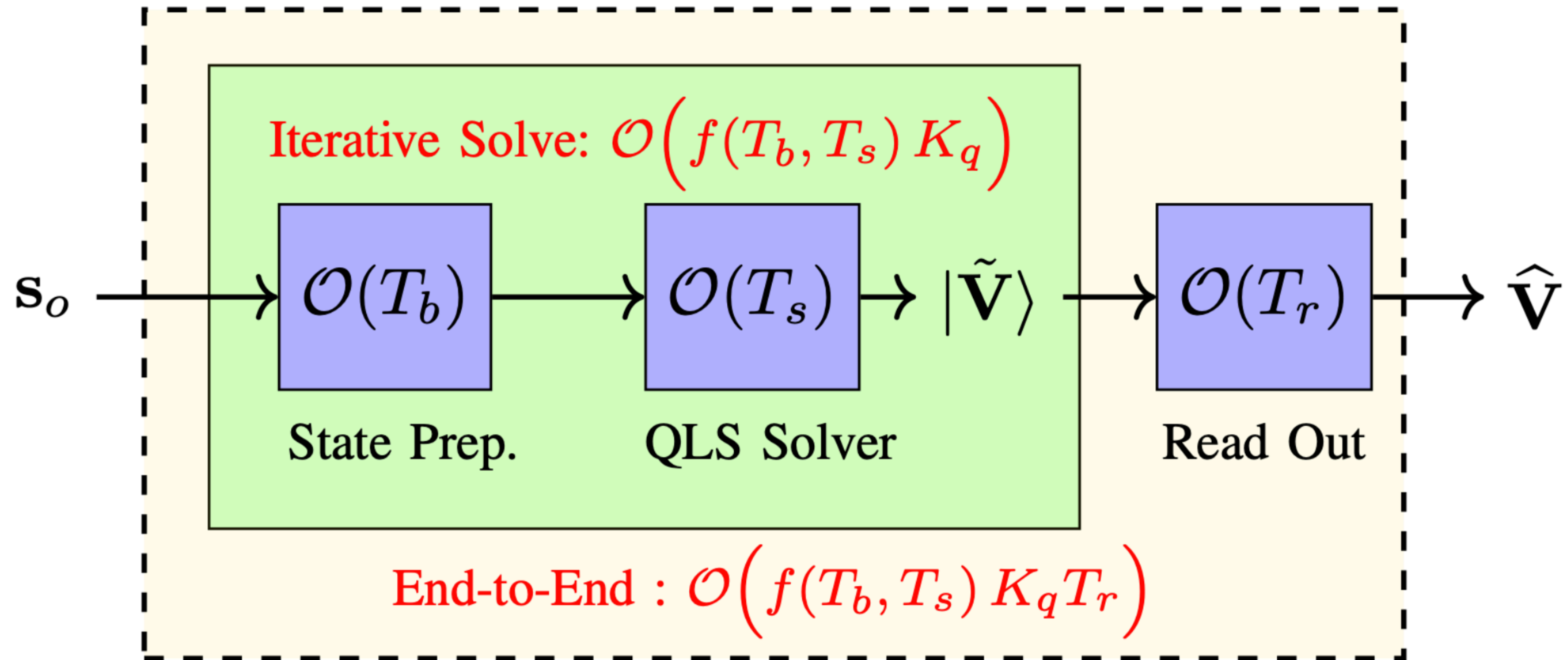


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Tamas Terlaky and his group from Lehigh University have some work on it, in the context of Interior Point Methods

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Better Initialization

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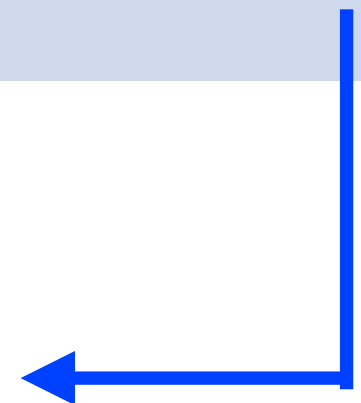
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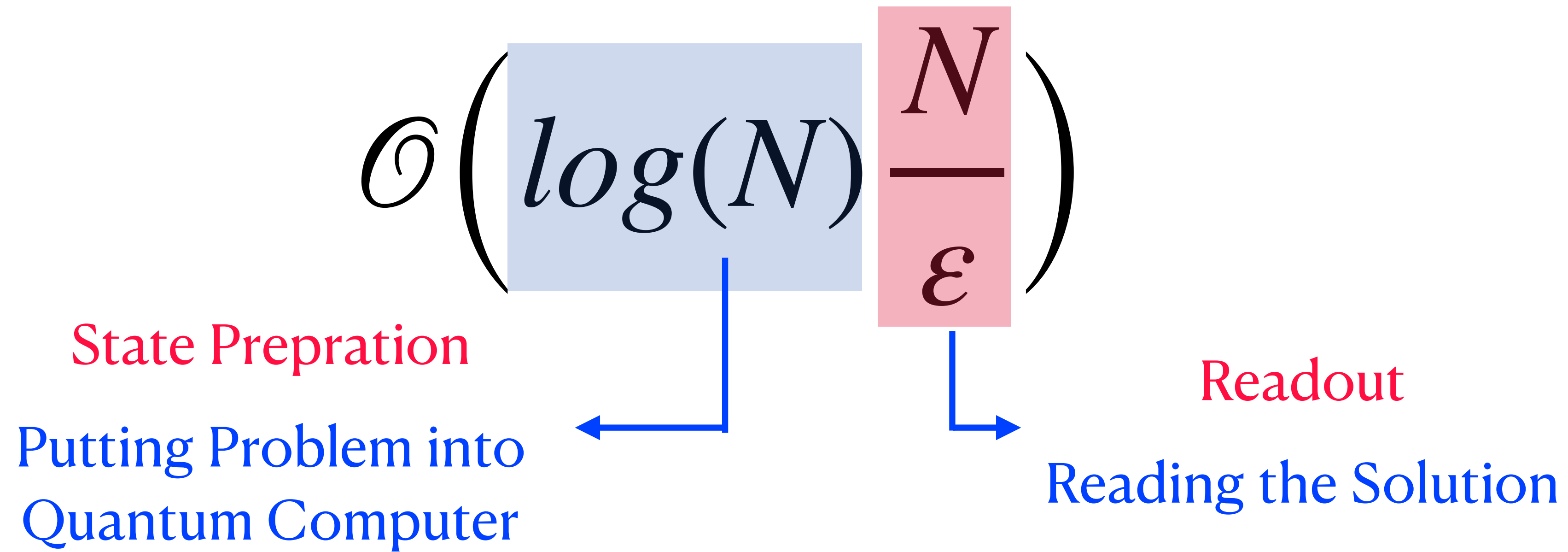
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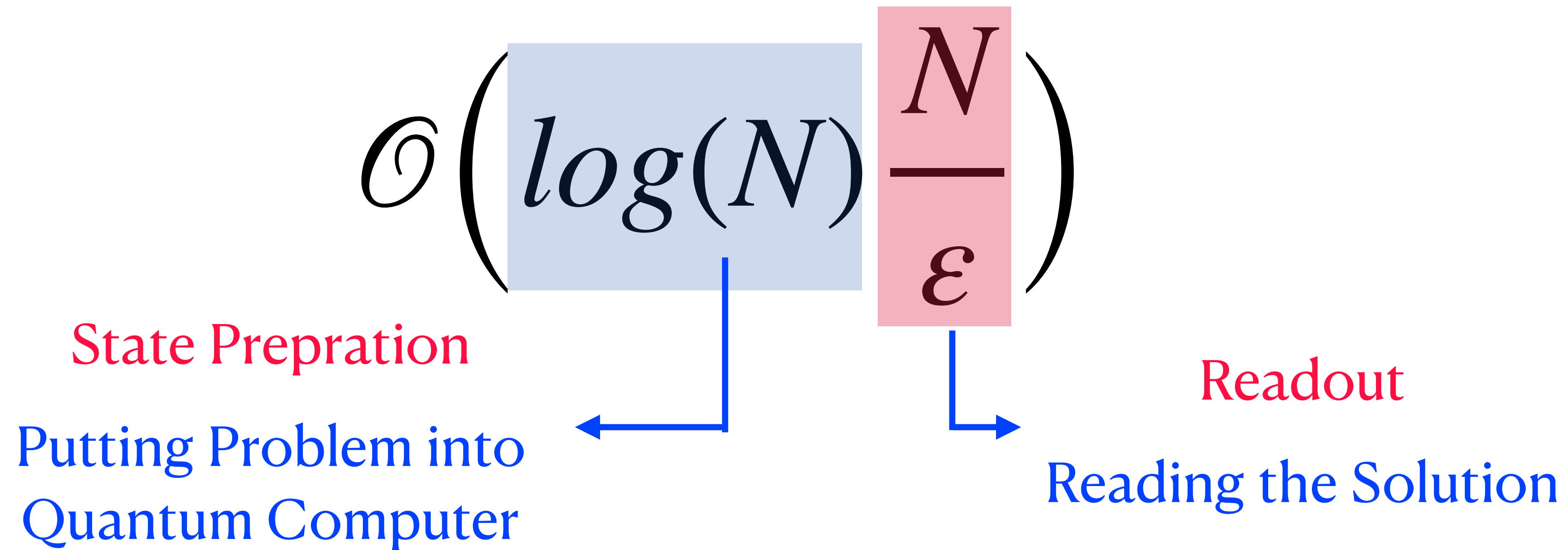
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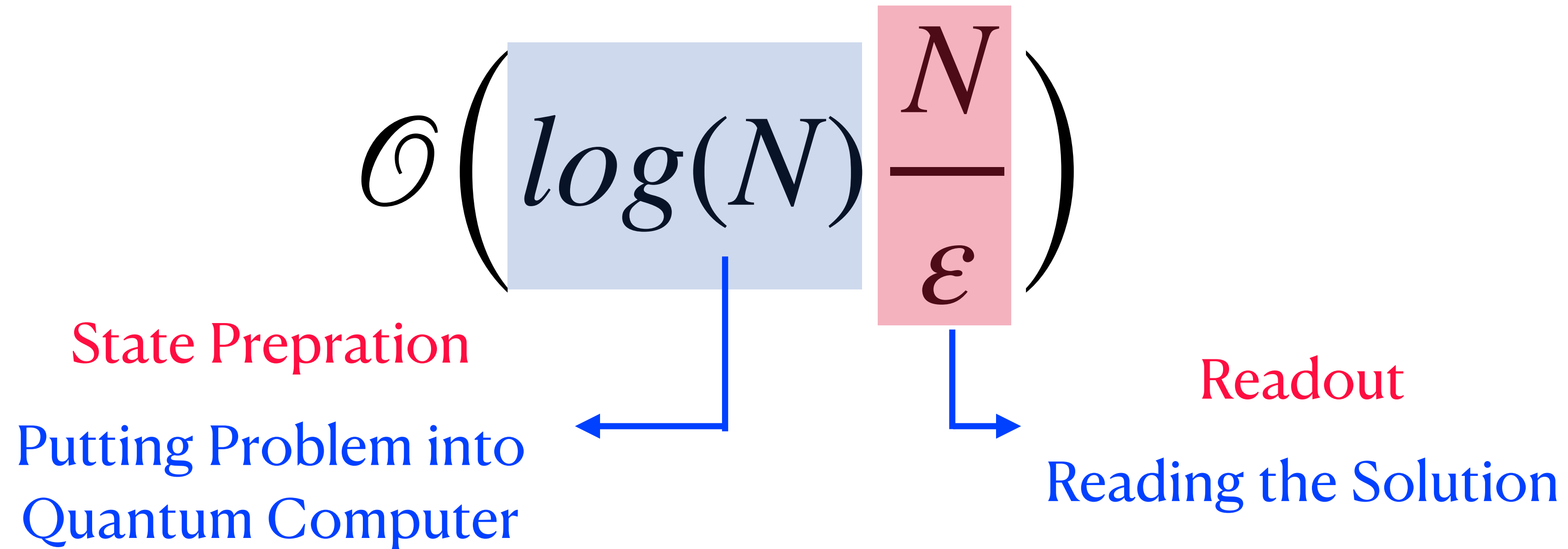


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Conclusion

End-to-End Complexity based Potential Quantum Speedup Analysis must be done for **Your Favorite Problem**....

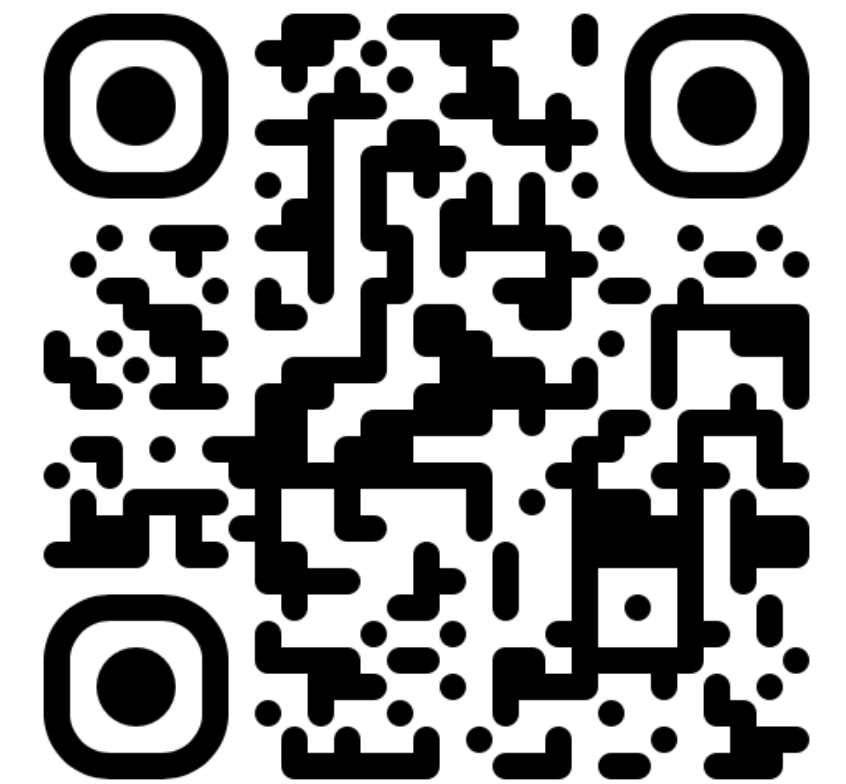
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