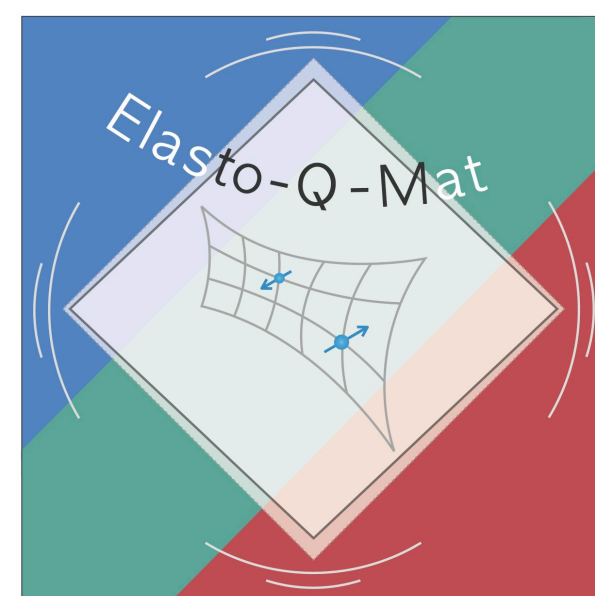


# Dynamics of coherence in measurement induced phase transitions

And its role in quantum communication



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# Measurement induced entanglement transitions

## Weak Measurements

**Volume** law entanglement

$$p_m < p_c$$

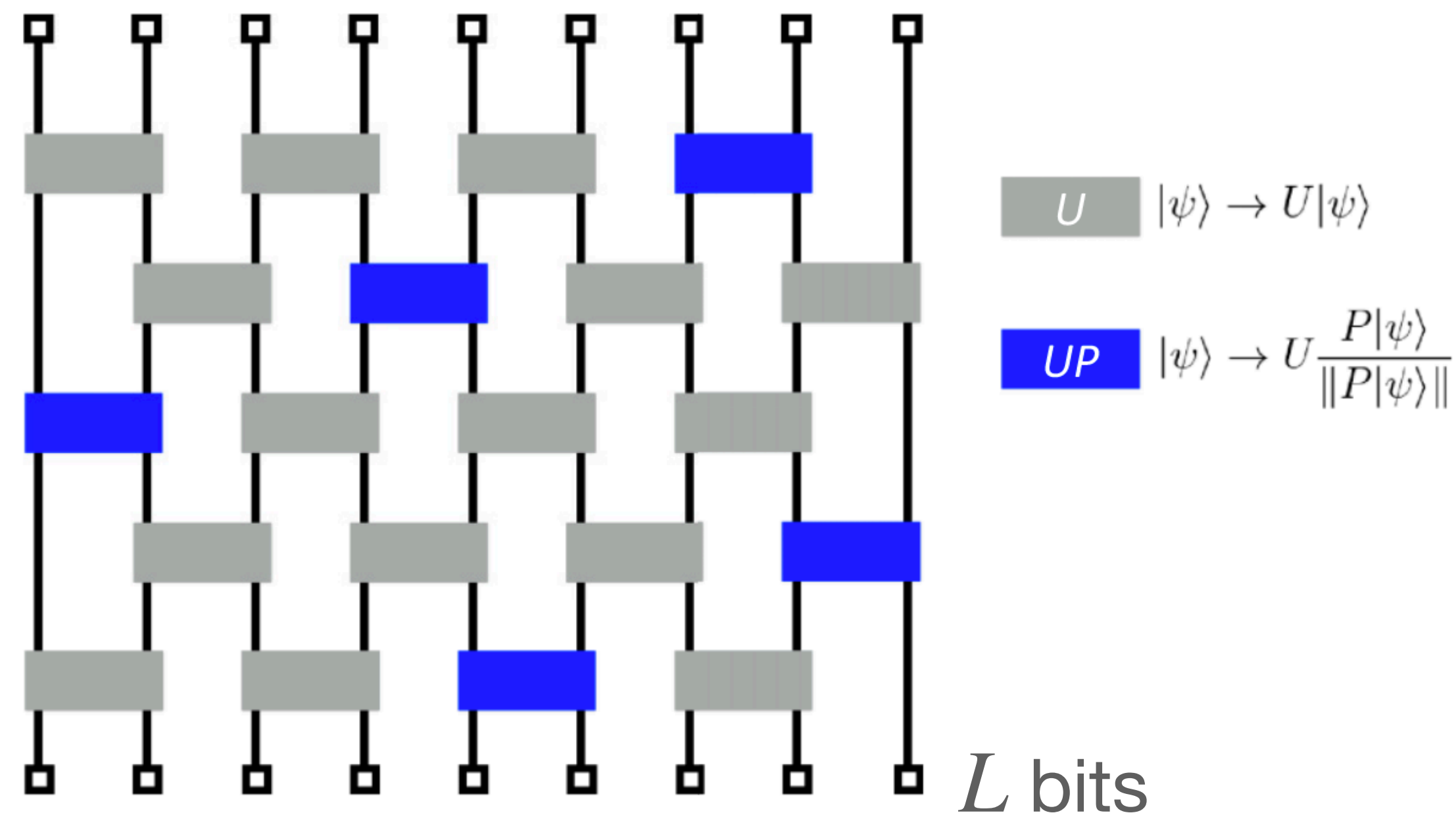
## Strong Measurements

**Area** law entanglement

$$p_m > p_c$$

### Criticality

$$p_m = p_c$$



Circuit of unitaries  
and  
measurements  
rate  $p_m$

$$\rho_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

# Measurement induced purification transition

## Weak Measurements

### Mixed State

$$p_m < p_c$$

$$S(\rho_T) = \text{Tr}[\rho_T \log \rho_T] > 0$$

## Strong Measurements

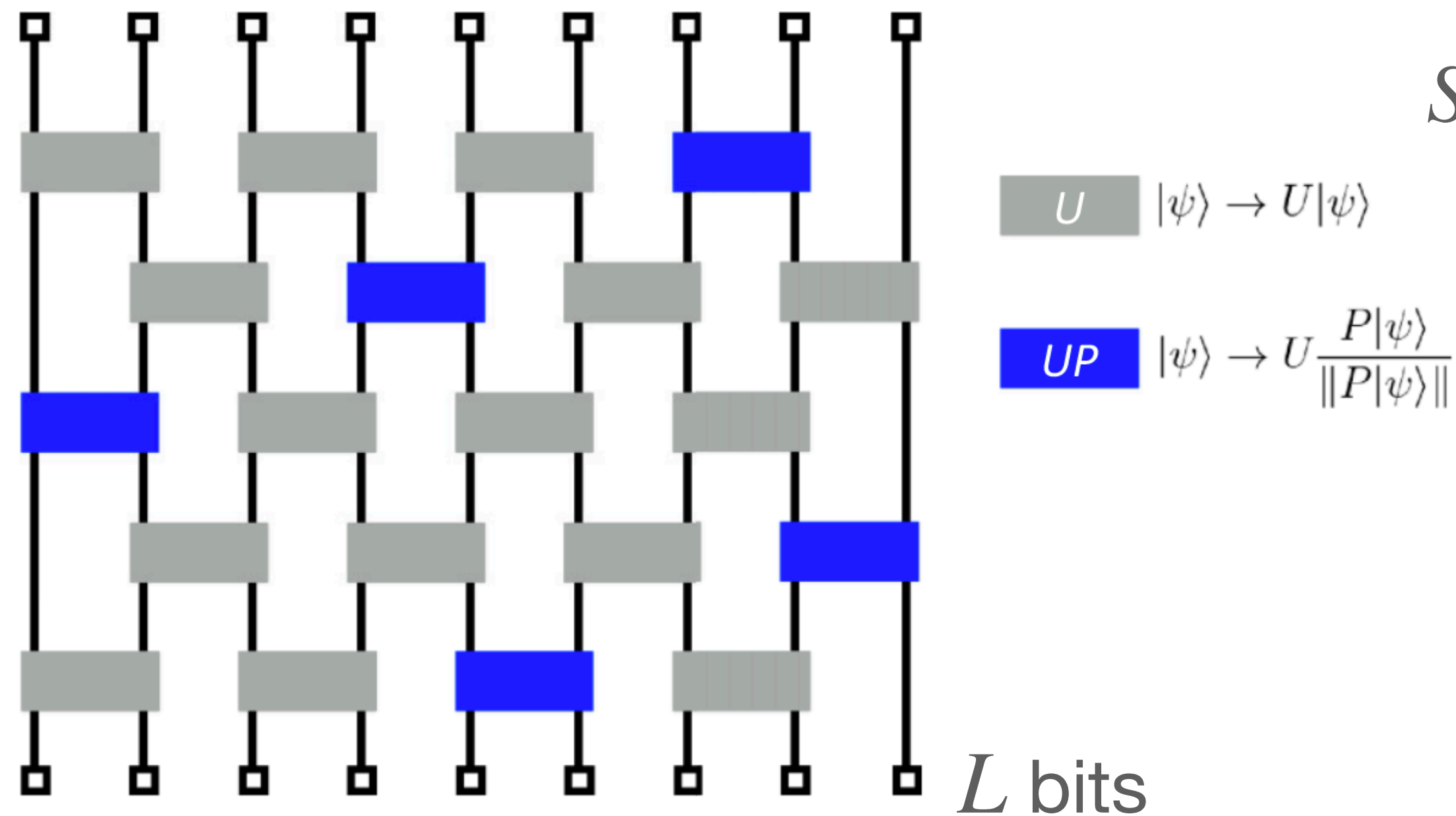
### Pure state

$$p_m > p_c$$

$$S(\rho_T) = 0$$

### Criticality

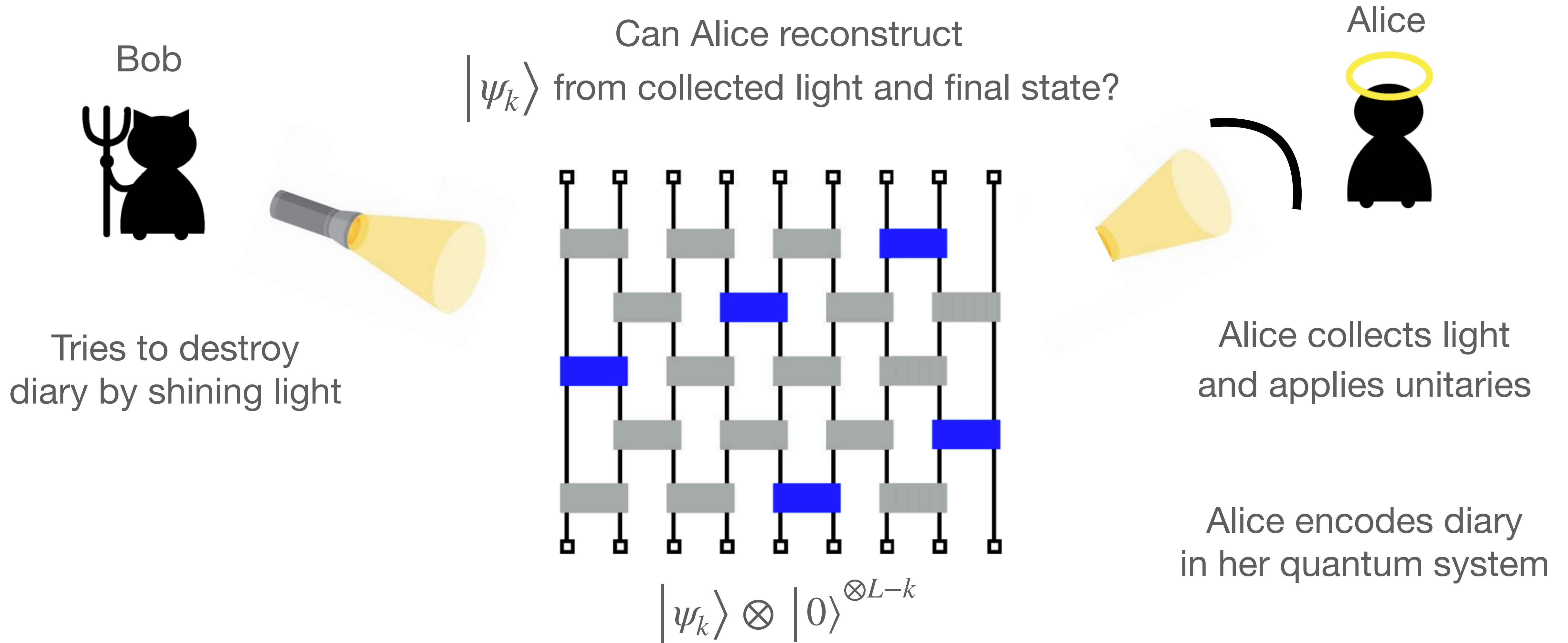
$$p_m = p_c$$



$$\rho_0 = \frac{1}{2^L}$$

# Measurement induced **memory** transition

Can Bob try to destroy Alice's state?



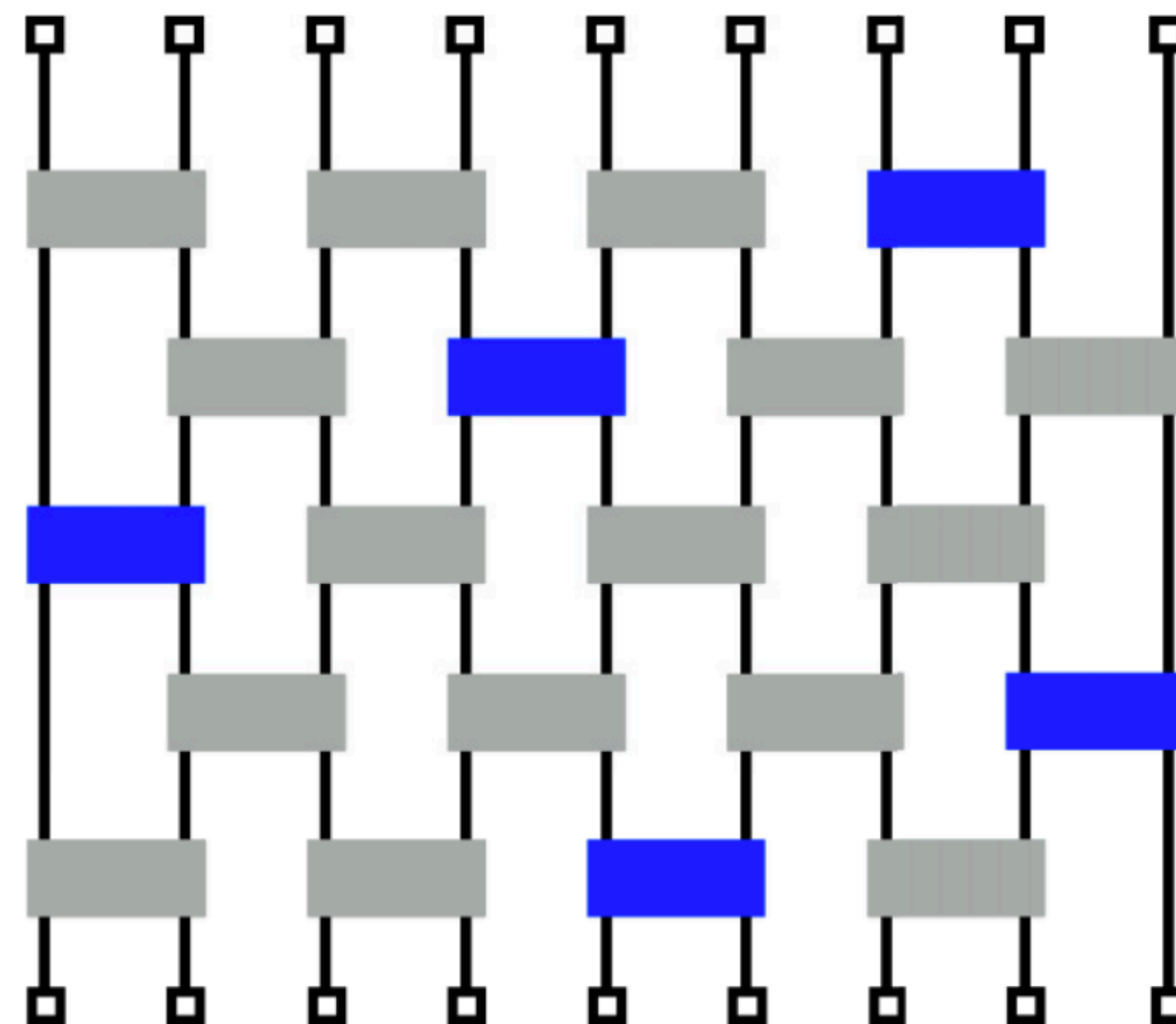
# Measurement induced **memory** transition

## Weak Measurements

Finite Channel Capacity  $C_s = S_T$

Alice **can** recover  $|\psi_k\rangle$

Diary of size  $k = C_s < L$  Qubits  
State  $|\psi_k\rangle$



$$|\psi_k\rangle \otimes |0\rangle^{\otimes L-k}$$

## Strong Measurements

Zero Channel Capacity  $C_s = 0$

Alice **can't** recover  $|\psi_k\rangle$

# What if Alice is constrained in her ability to generate coherence?

**Coherence: Quantum uncertainty in a given basis**

$$|\text{cat}\rangle = \alpha \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{cat} \\ \text{sitting} \end{array} \right\rangle + \beta \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{cat} \\ \text{lying} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

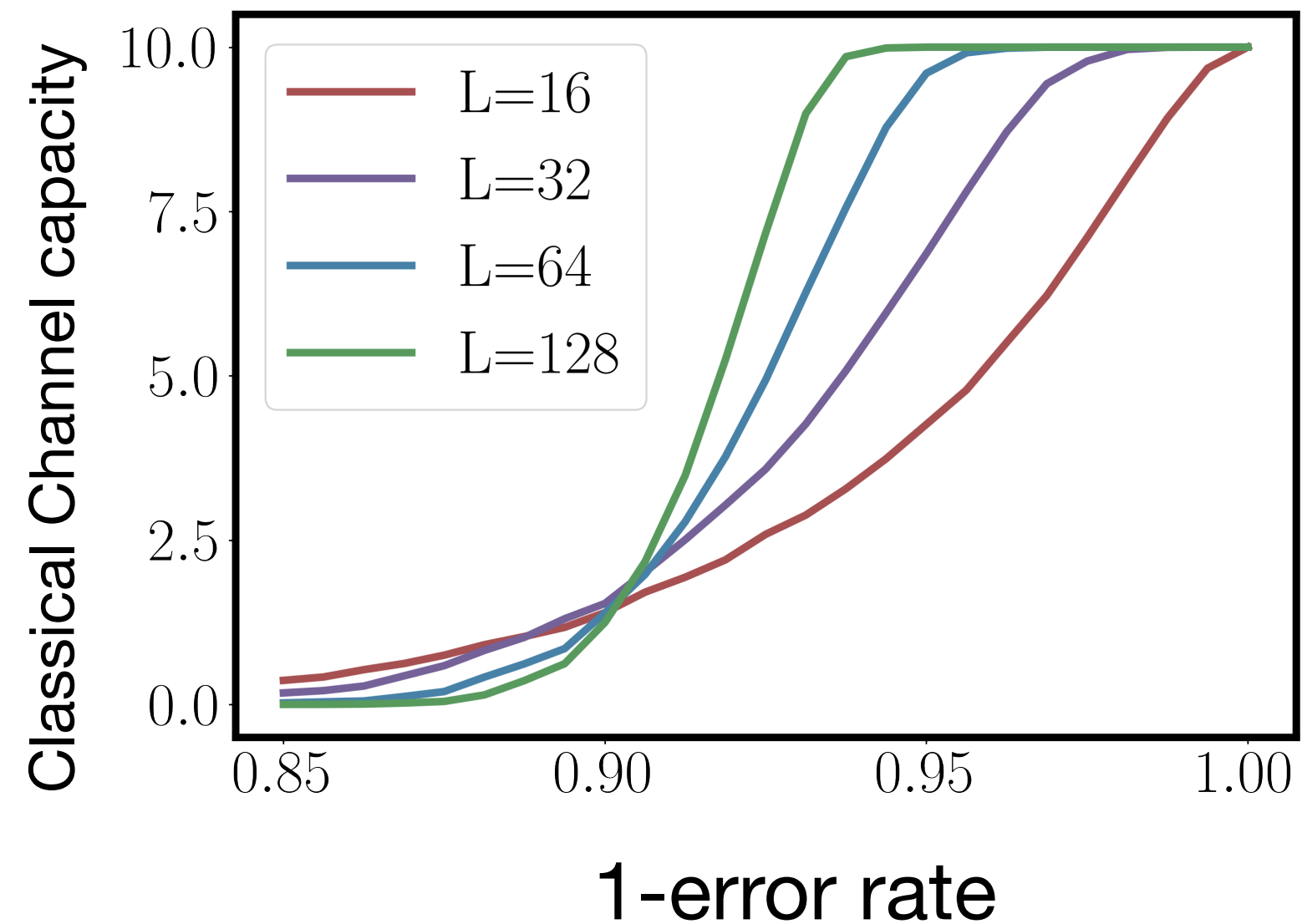


# Teaser: The utility of coherence to Alice

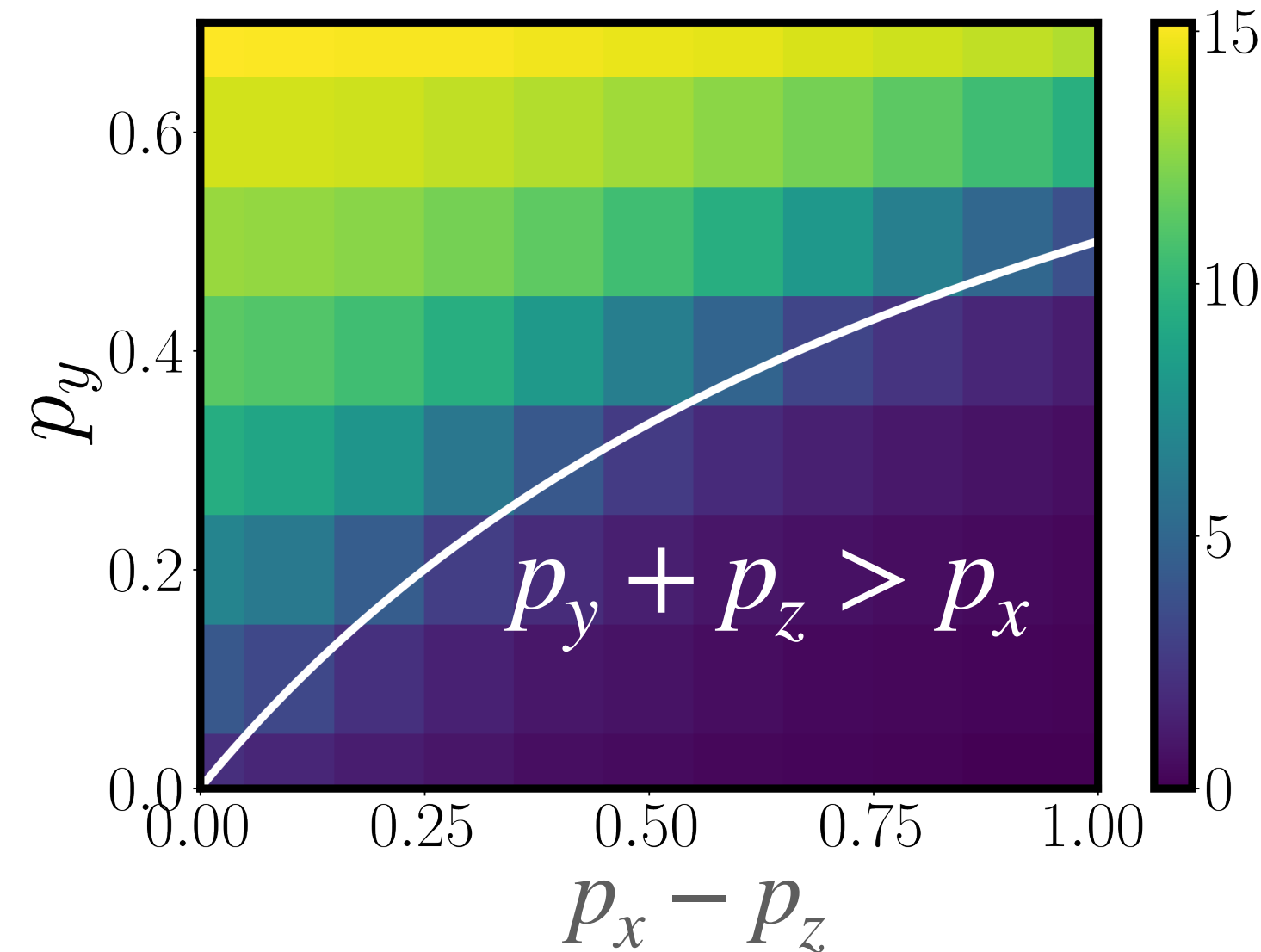
Coherence = Quantum uncertainty (entropy) of a given basis

Coherence free :

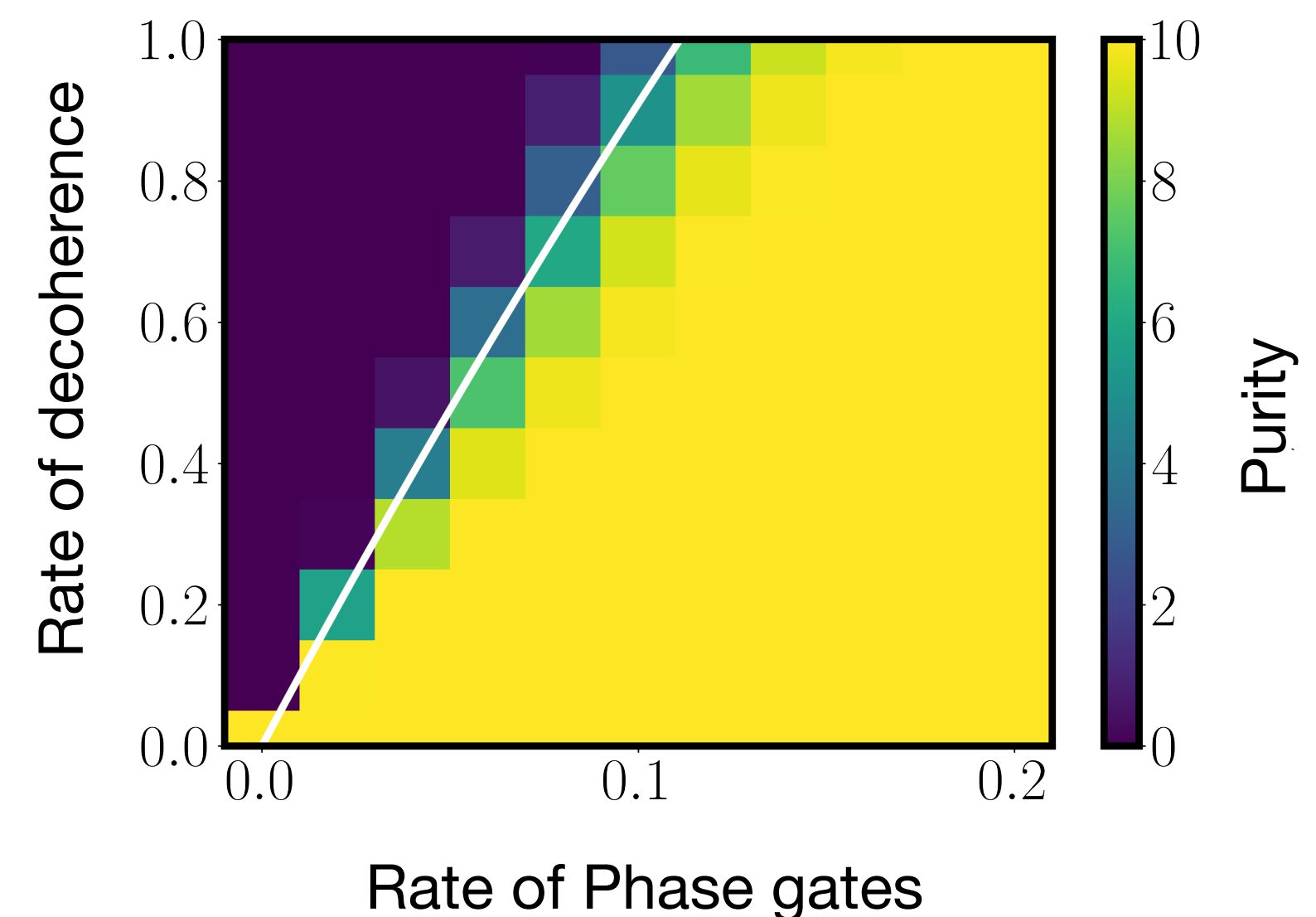
Alice protects only **classical** diary



Measurements (bob) generating coherence:  
entanglement transitions



Unitaries generating coherence:  
Alice protects **quantum** diary



We quantify coherence requirement for quantum error correction

$$d < \max_{|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{C}} C(|\psi\rangle, D)$$

# Quantum coherence

A natural perspective on “what is quantum uncertainty?”

$$|\text{cat}\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{cat} \\ \text{alive} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{cat} \\ \text{dead} \end{array} \right\rangle$$
$$\rho_c = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{v.s.} \quad \rho_q = |\text{cat}\rangle \langle \text{cat}| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}!$$

- $\rho_c$  is classically uncertain about cat vitality
- $\rho_q$  has zero classical uncertainty
  - physical state known perfectly

Basis specific!



# Relative entropy of coherence

## How to quantify quantum uncertainty of basis $D$ ?

- Projectors of basis  $D$  :  $P_d = |d\rangle\langle d|$  Answered with resource theory!<sup>1)</sup>  
Similar to relative entropy of entanglement
- Relative entropy of coherence:

$$C(\rho, D) = S\left(\sum_d P_d \rho P_d\right) - S(\rho)$$

Coherence = Entropy of diagonal elements – entropy of quantum states

= Uncertainty of basis states – uncertainty about which pure state

# Coherence

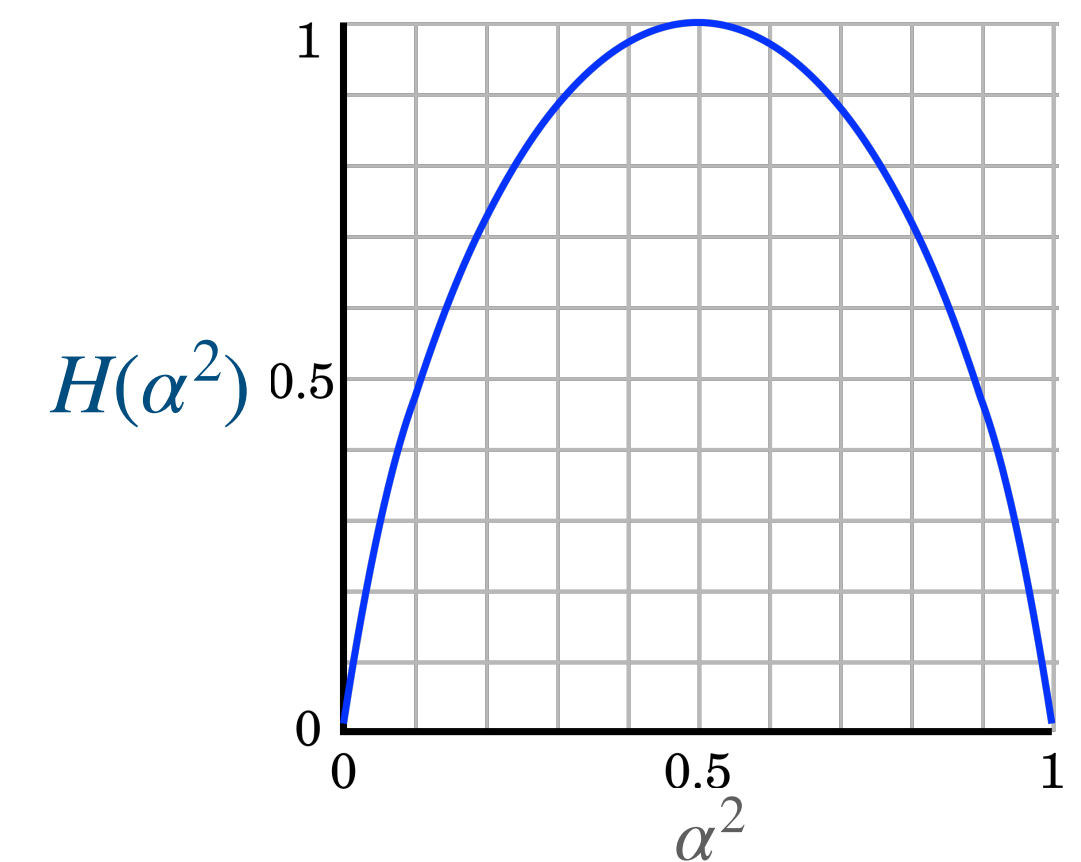
## Single bit example

$$C(\rho, D) = S\left(\sum_d P_d \rho P_d\right) - S(\rho)$$

- Example state  $\alpha |0\rangle + \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} |1\rangle$

$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 & \alpha\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} \\ \alpha\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} & 1 - \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C(\rho, X) = S\left(\sum_d P_d \rho P_d\right) = H(\alpha^2)$$



- Incoherent density matrix  $C(\rho, X) = 0$

$$\rho = \sum_d P_d \rho P_d = \rho_d = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# What is quantum coherence?

For multi qubit state state

$$C(\rho, D) = S\left(\sum_d P_d \rho P_d\right) - S(\rho)$$

- Take product state which is

- $M = L - N_x - N_z$  mixed bits

$$S(\rho) = M$$

- Eigenstate of  $X_i$  for  $i = 1 \dots N_x$

$$S\left(\sum_z P_z \rho P_z\right) = N_x + M$$

$$C_z = N_x$$

- Eigenstate of  $Z_i$  for  $i = (N_x + 1) \dots N_x + N_z + 1$

$$S\left(\sum_x P_x \rho P_x\right) = N_z + M$$

$$C_x = N_z$$

**CNOTs can't generate coherence  
in  $X$  or  $Z$  basis**

# CNOTs don't generate coherence

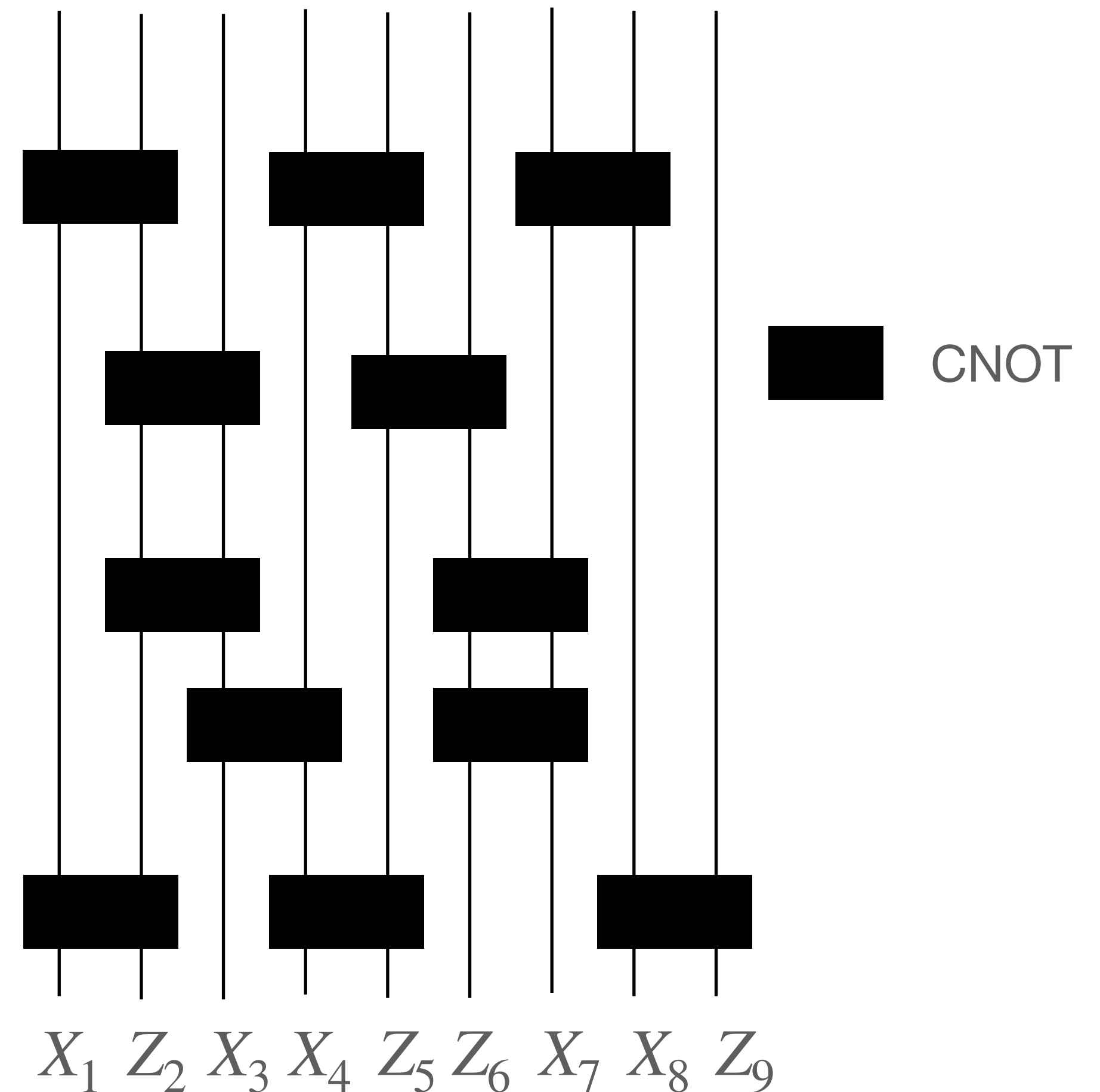
- CNOT gate:
  - $X$  basis:  $|x_1, x_2\rangle \rightarrow |x_1, x_2 \otimes x_1\rangle$
  - $Z$  basis:  $|z_1, z_2\rangle \rightarrow |z_1 \otimes z_2, z_2\rangle$
- Coherence is conserved in both bases:

$C_x$ : coherence in  $X$  basis

$$\partial_t C_x(t) = 0$$

$C_z$ : coherence in  $Z$  basis

$$\partial_t C_z(t) = 0$$

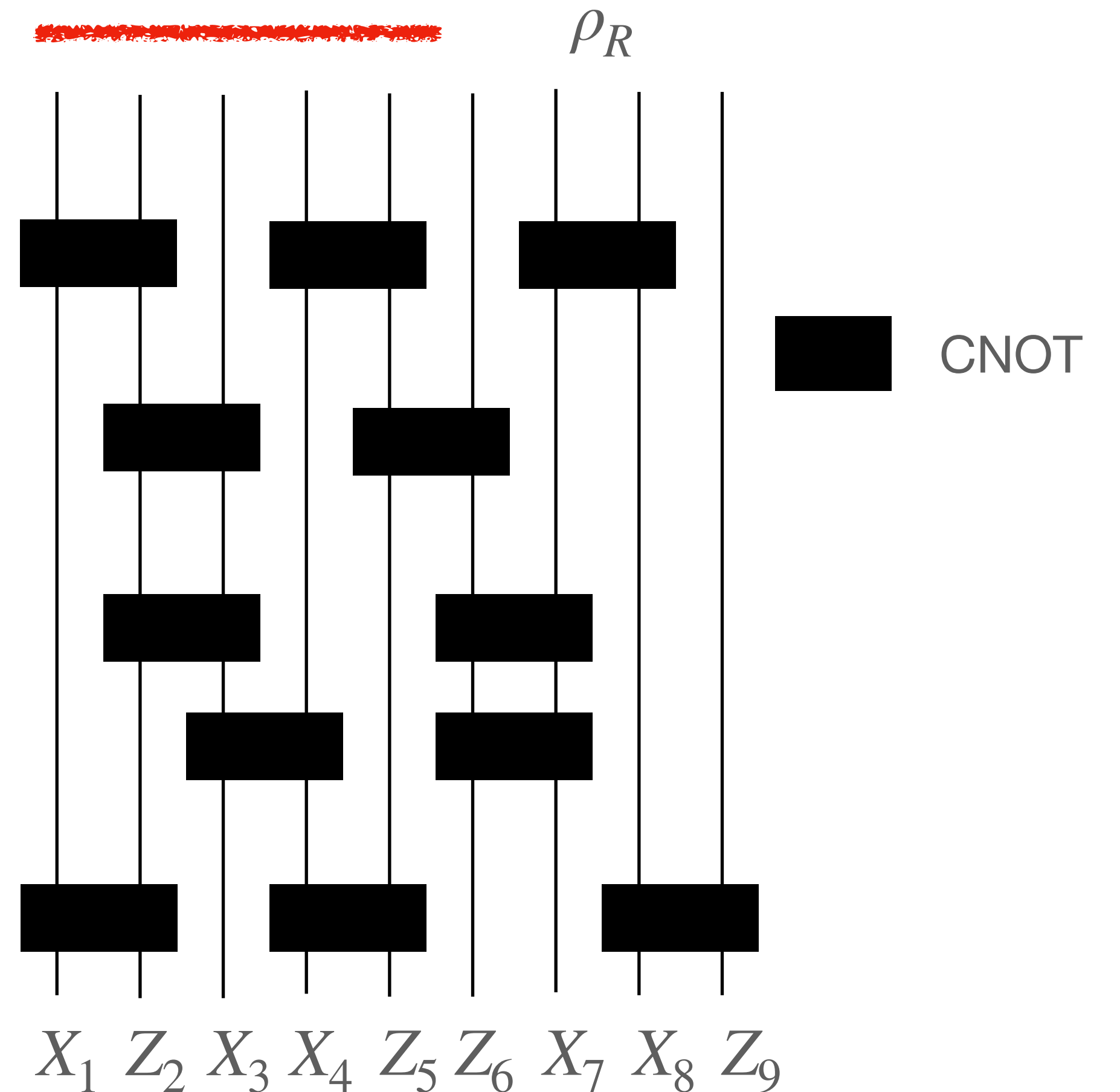
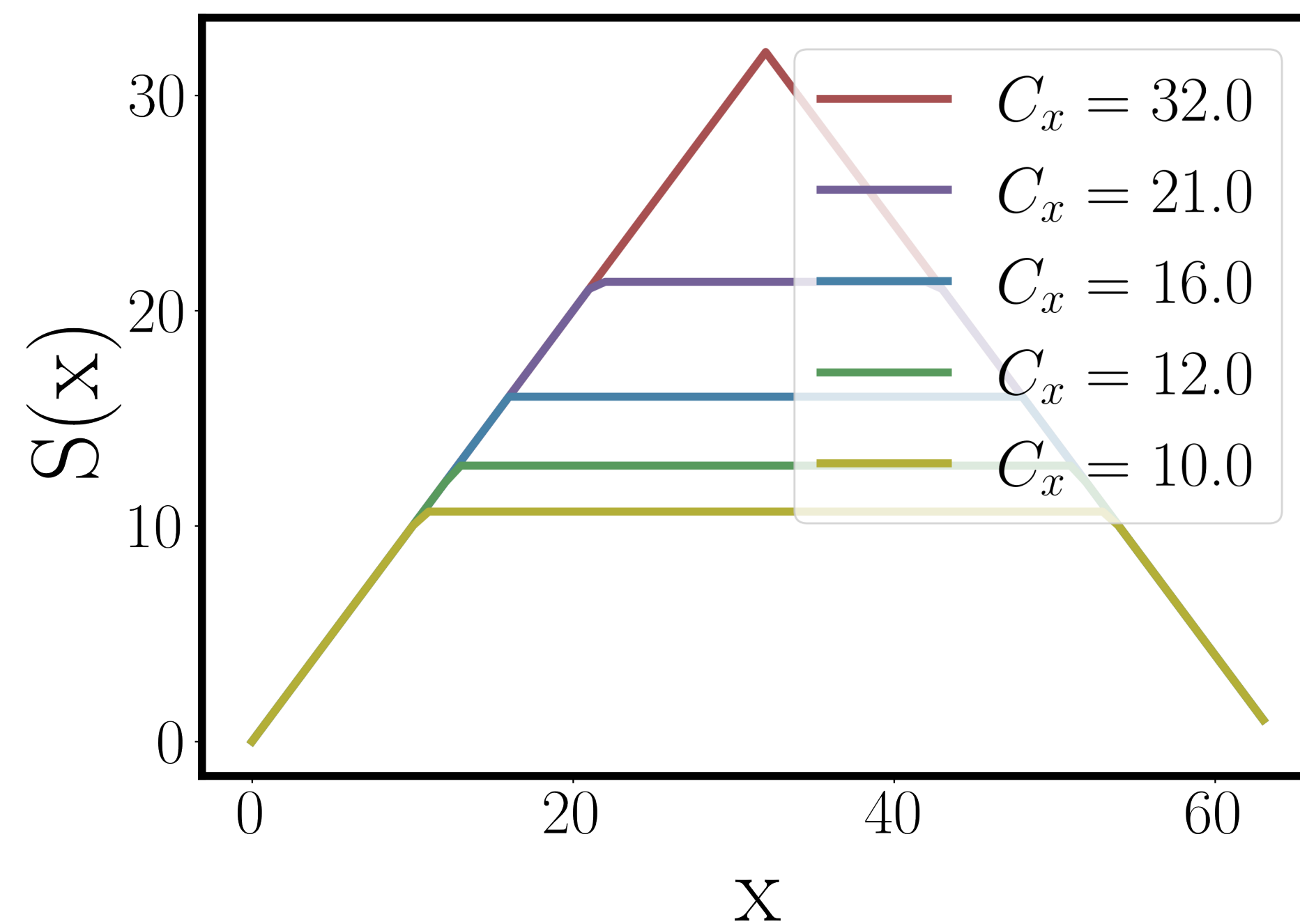


# Unitary only dynamics

Volume law v.s. area law depends on coherence!

Coherence bounds entanglement<sup>1)</sup>  
 Of full state                      between any partition of bits

$$\min(C_x, C_z) > S(\rho_R)$$



1) Straightforward to prove for pure state, similar results in *Mekala and Sen PRA (2021)*



# Coherence free circuits

# Coherence free dynamics

## Evolution in classical **computational basis** $X$

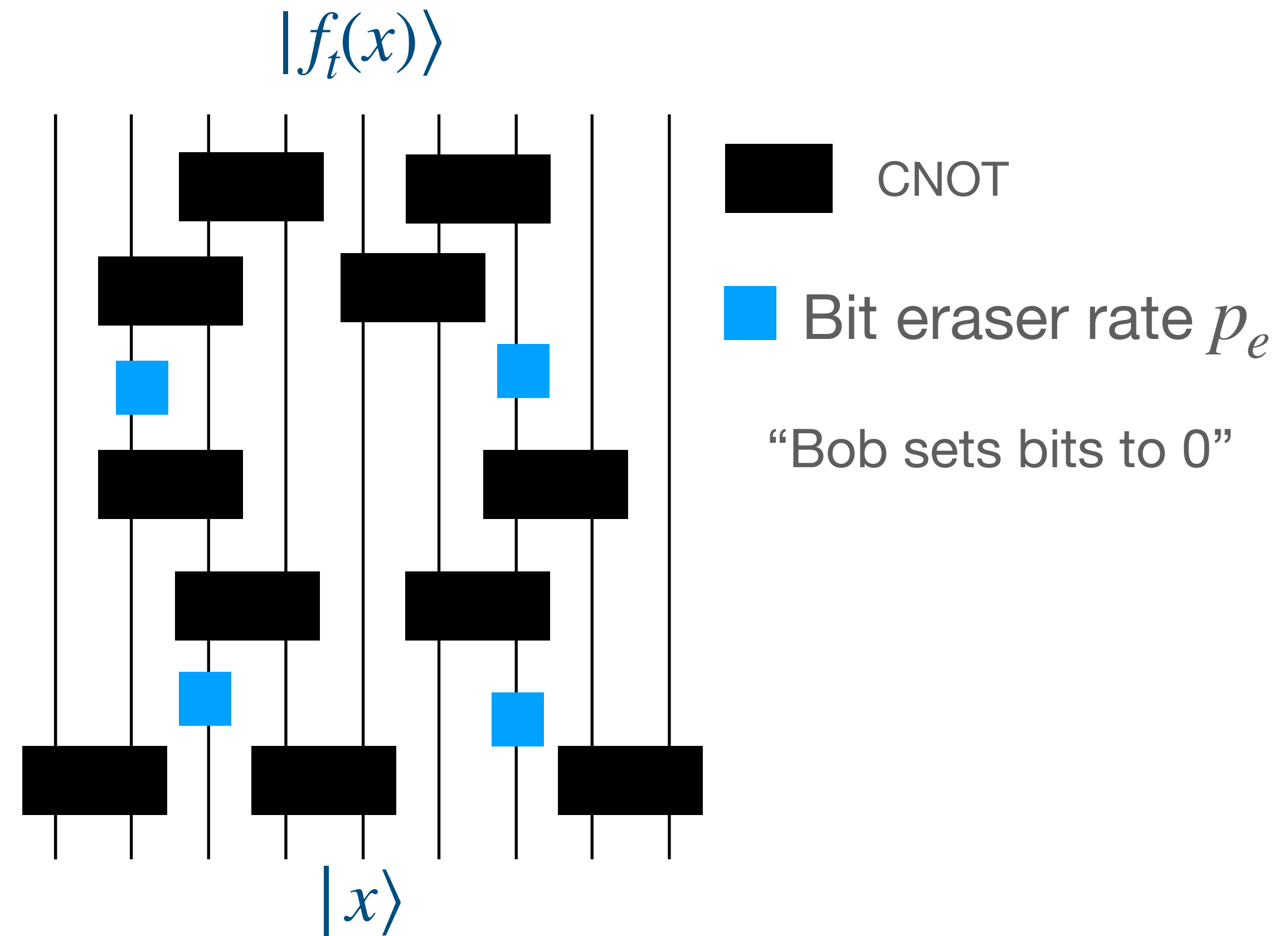
- Random CNOTs  $|x_1, x_2\rangle \rightarrow |x_1, x_2 \otimes x_1\rangle$
- Bit eraser  $|x_1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$

Circuit maps  $X$  **basis** states to  $X$  **basis** states

$$C_x(t) = 0$$

Is  $f_t(x)$  invertible?

Can Alice recover a classical diary?



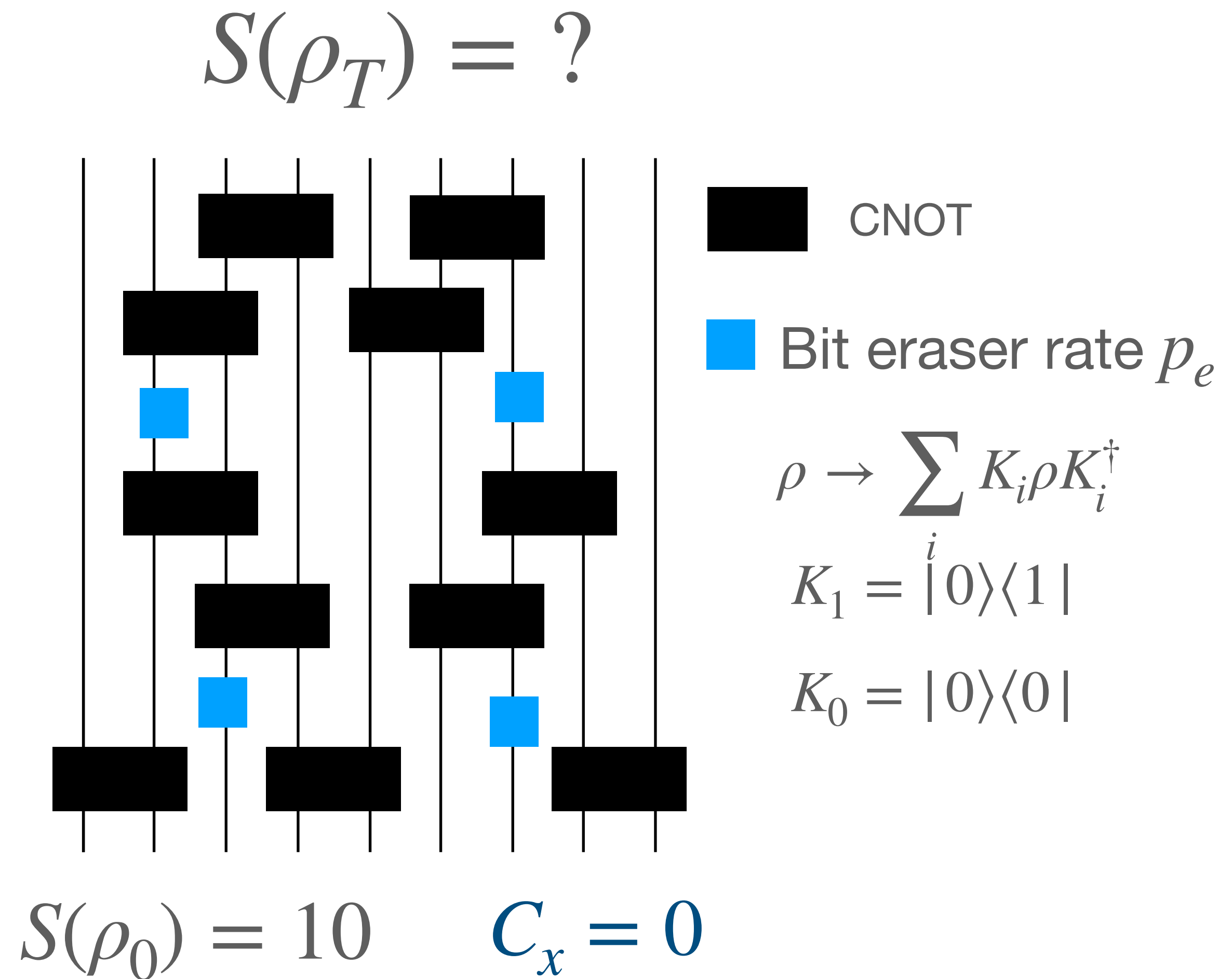
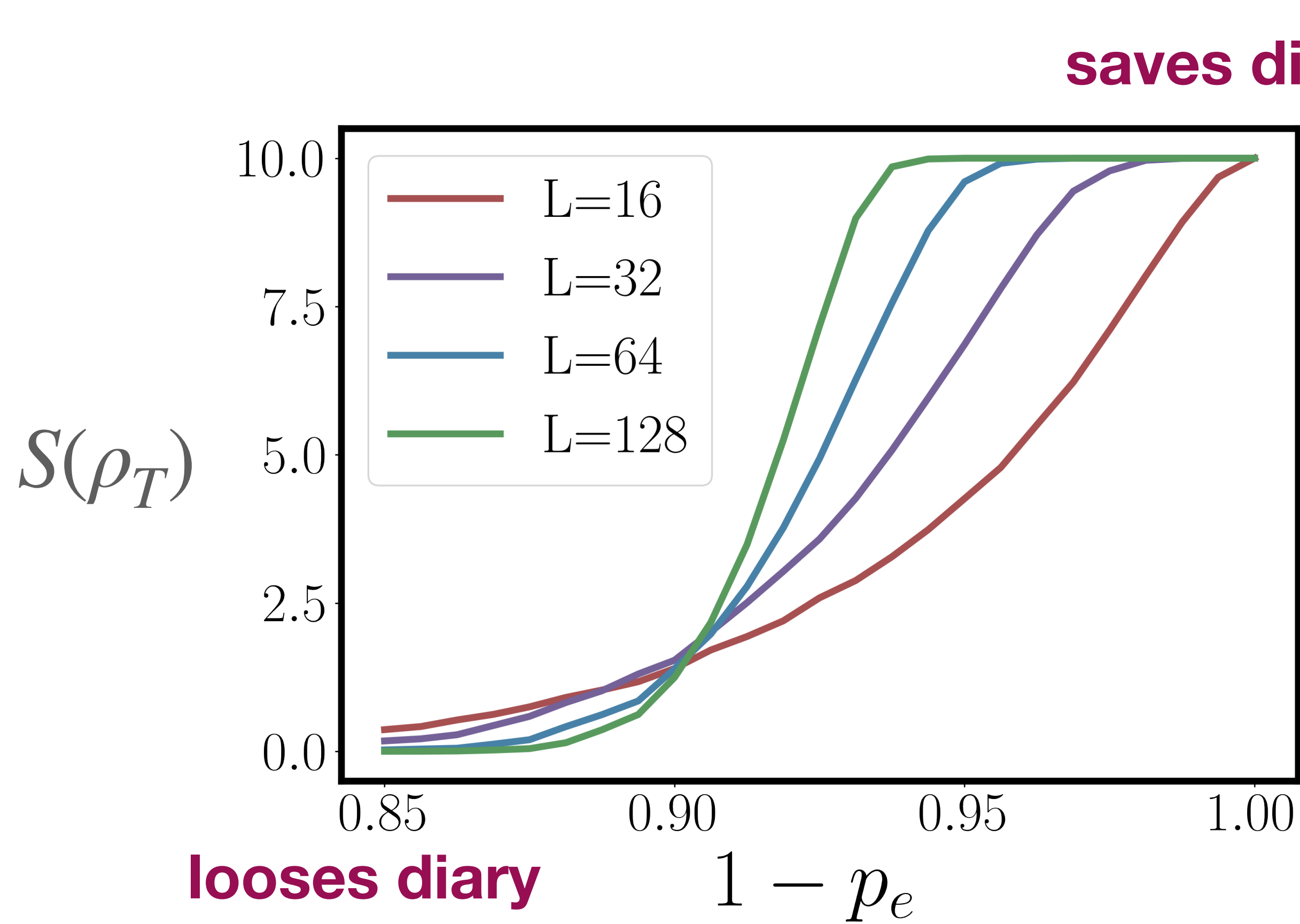
Similar:

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# Purification transition

Can Alice protect a classical diary?



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**Can this classical channel  
protect quantum info?**

# Coherence non-generating dynamics

## Same dynamics-different initial state/observable

- Encode a quantum state  $|\psi_0(x)\rangle^2 = |\mathcal{C}|^{-1/2}$

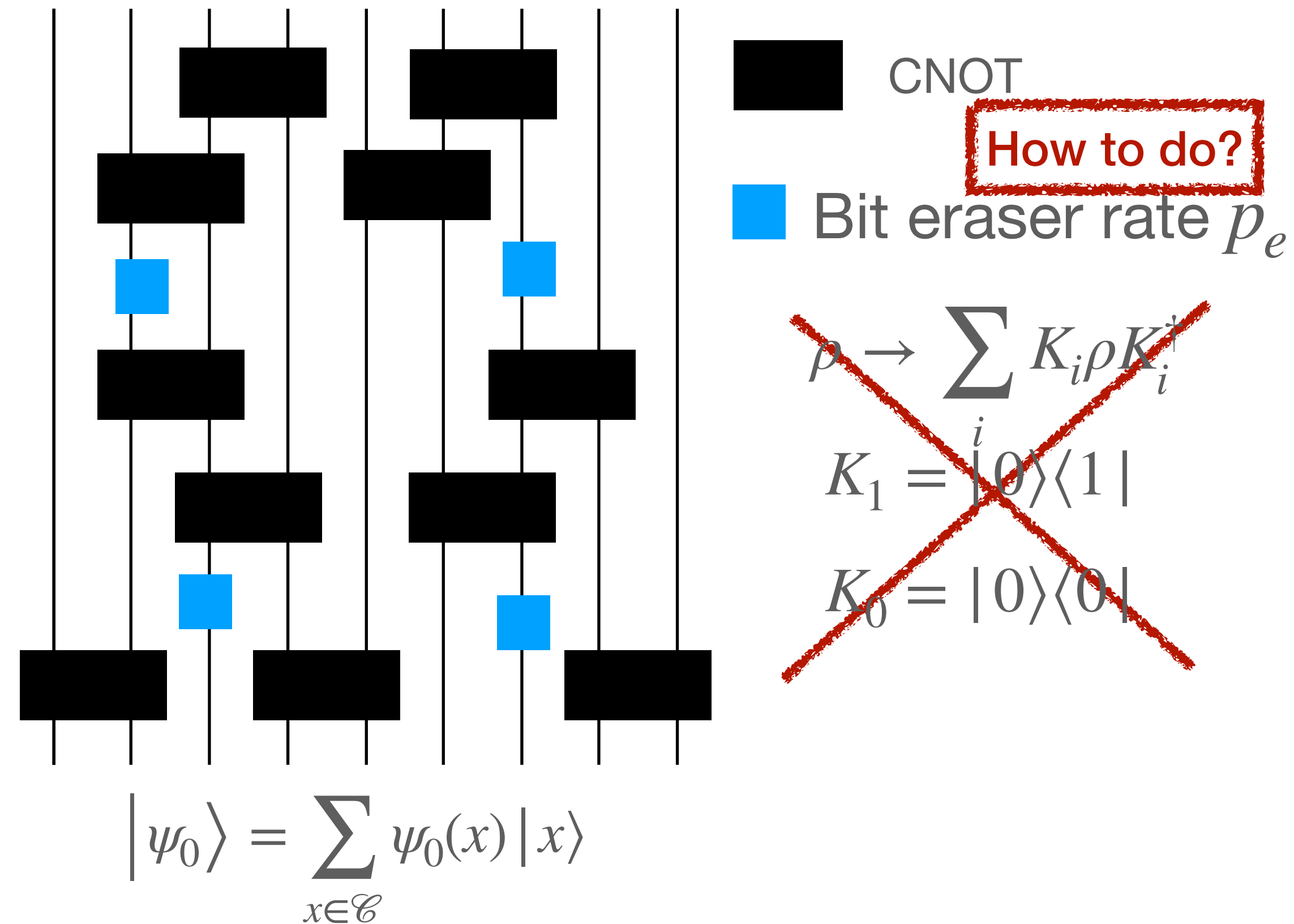
$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_0(x) |x\rangle$$

- State is coherent

$$C_x(|\psi_0\rangle) = \log(|\mathcal{C}|) = 10$$

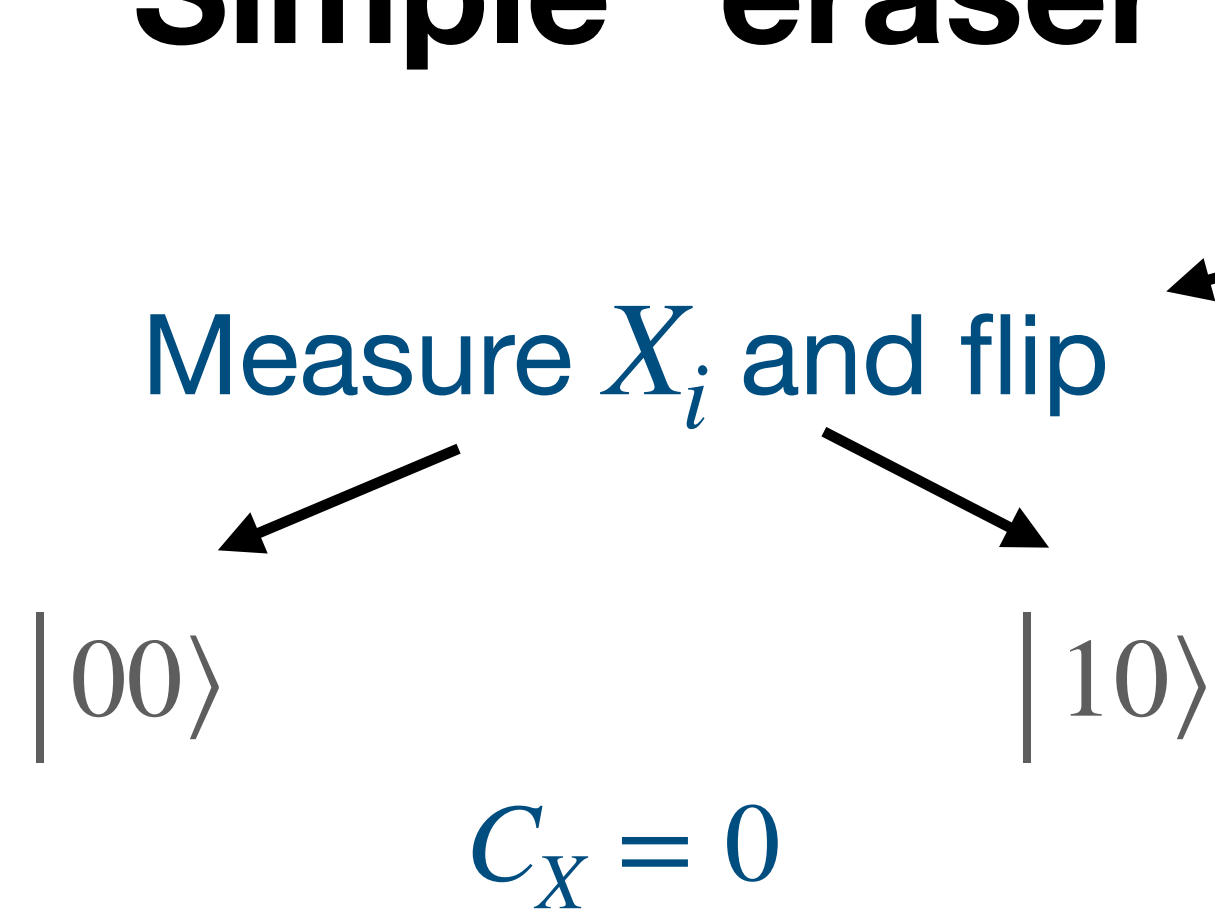
- Can Alice recover phase of  $\psi_0(x)$ ?

$$? |\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_0(x) |f_t(x)\rangle ?$$



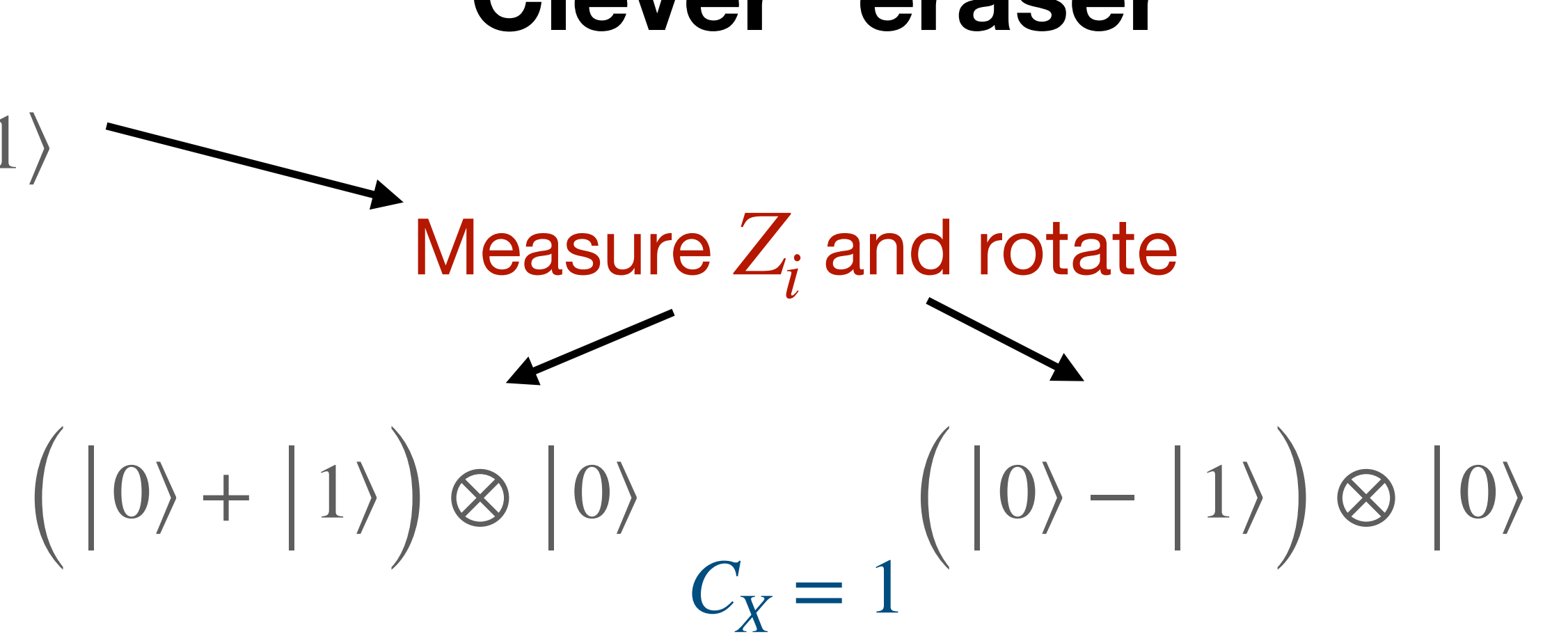
# How to implement classical bit eraser

## “Simple” eraser



**Coherence destroyed**

## “Clever” eraser



**Coherence preserved**

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_0(x) |x\rangle$$

$$|\psi_t\rangle = |f_t(x')\rangle$$

**Alice loses quantum diary**

$$|\psi_t\rangle = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_0(x) (-1)^{g(x, z_i)} |f_t(x)\rangle$$

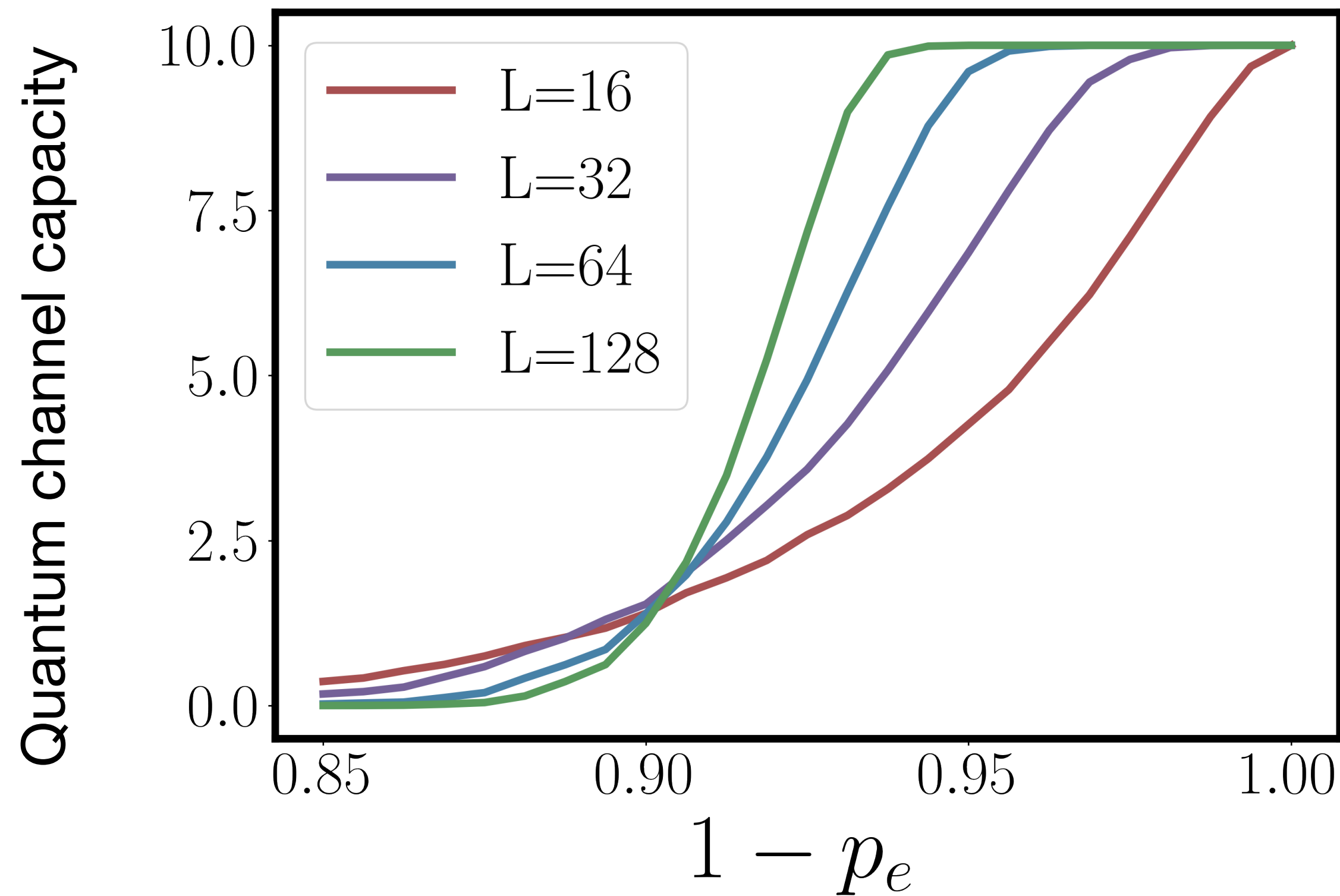
**Alice preserves quantum diary**

*if  $f_t$  reversible  
(i.e. finite classical channel capacity)*



# Transition in quantum channel capacity

Can Alice protect a quantum diary?



**Bit eraser must preserve coherence!**

**Bob must only measure  $Z$**

**How to turn a classical  
communication channel  
quantum?**

# Classical to quantum channels

## Lessons from quantum error correction codes

- Classical code:

- Can correct bit flip errors (coherence preserving errors)
- Can't correct phase flips (coherence destroying errors)

- CSS quantum stabiliser codes

- Code constructed from 2 “compatible” classical codes
- In asymptotic code performance: all stabiliser codes  $\sim$  CSS codes
- **Difficult**: producing good CSS codes

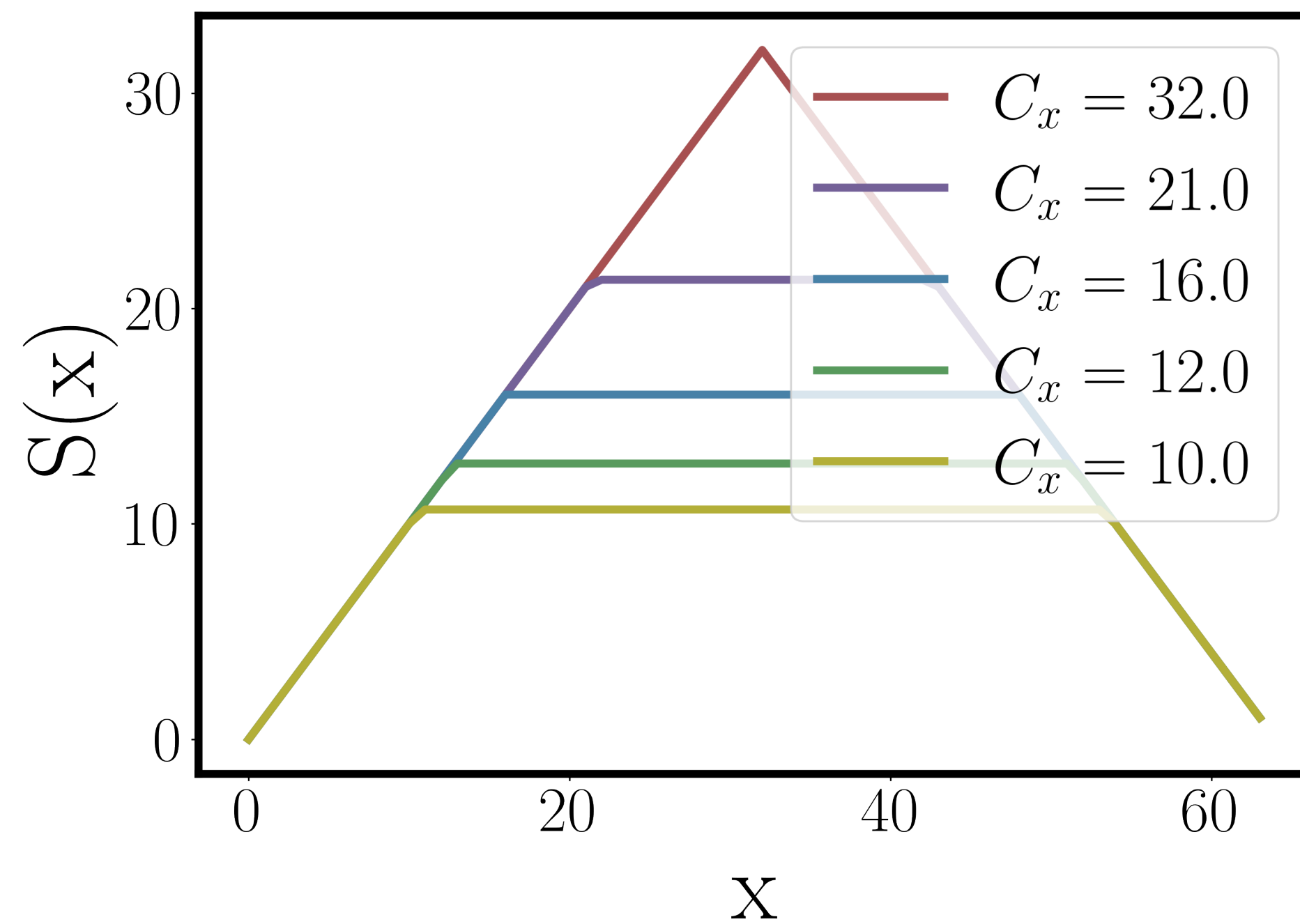
Is there something similar Alice can do to turn her classical channel quantum?

But first, we will focus on entanglement and coherence dynamics

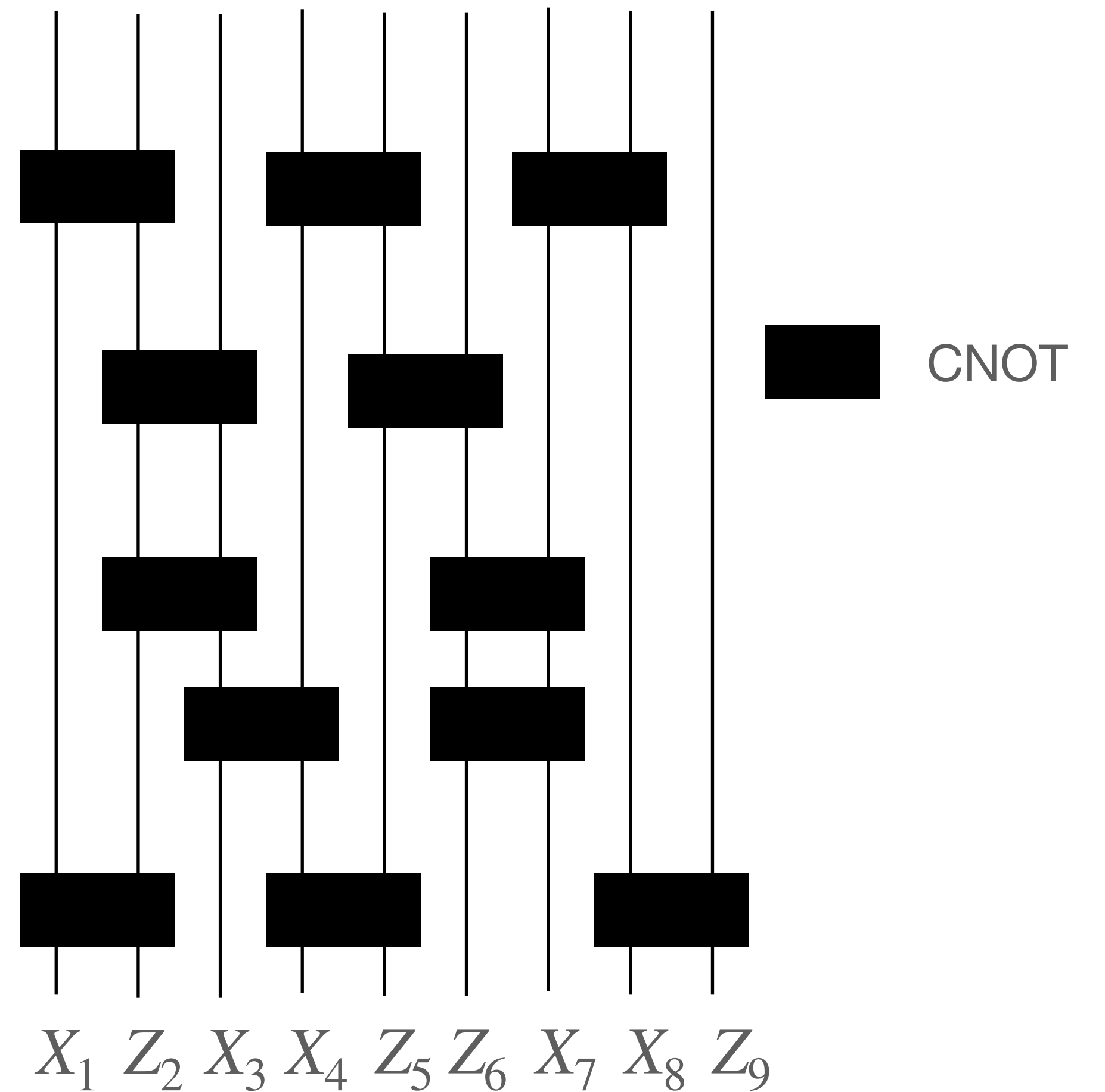
# Volume v.s. area law depends on coherence

Coherence bounds entanglement<sup>1)</sup>

$$\min(C_x, C_z) > S(\rho_r)$$



Volume law ~ Alice saves quantum diary

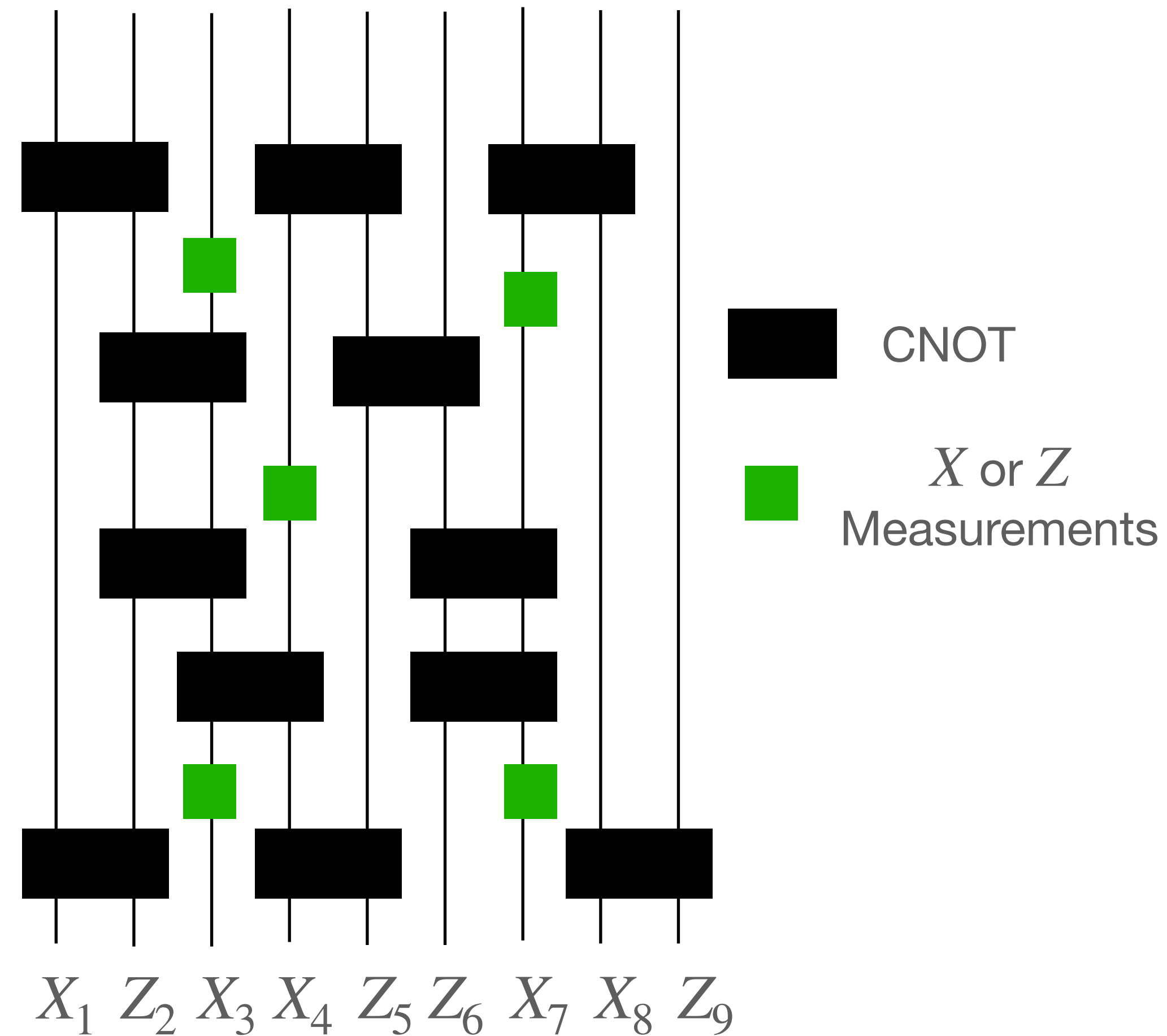


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# Measurements generate coherence dynamics

## $X$ and $Z$ measurements (errors)

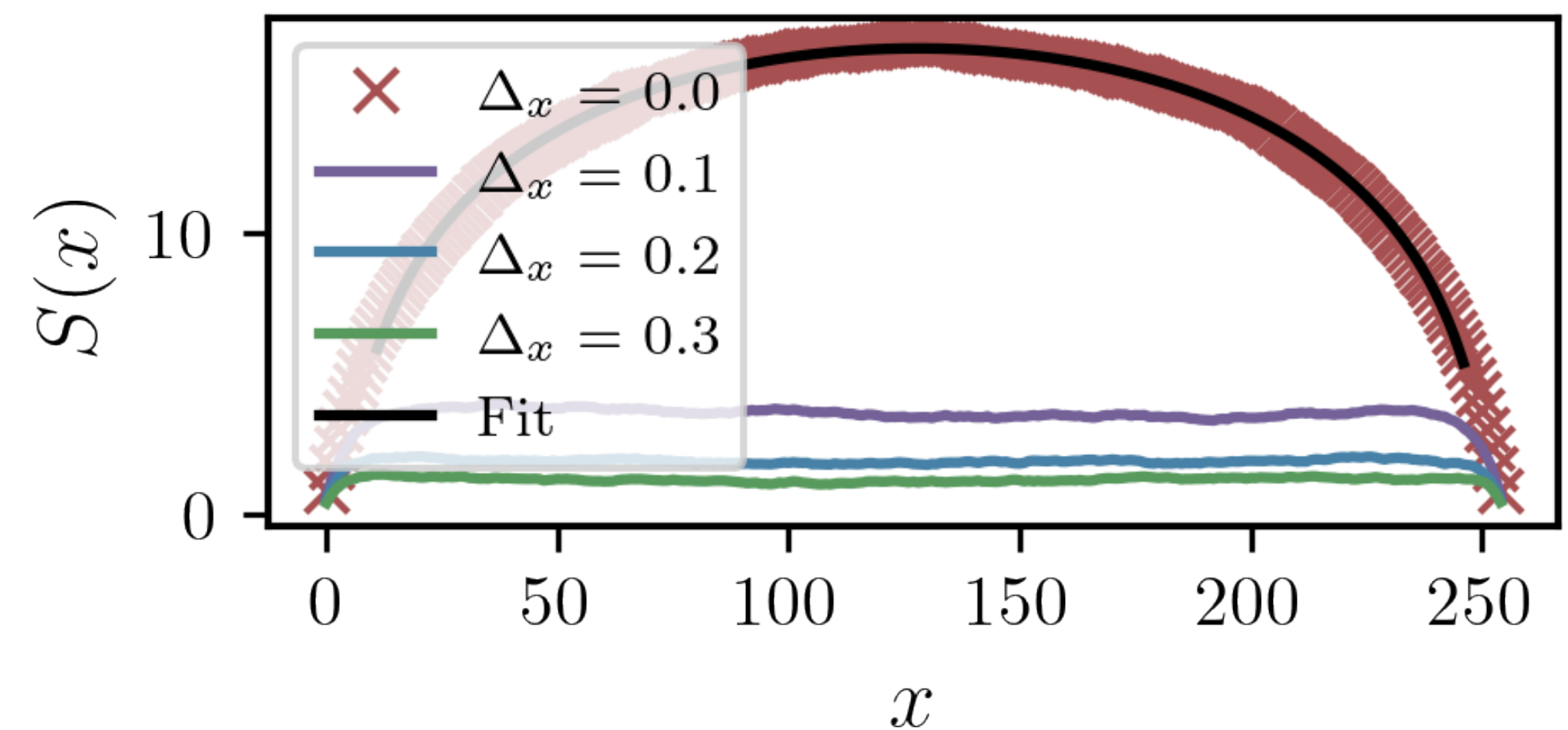
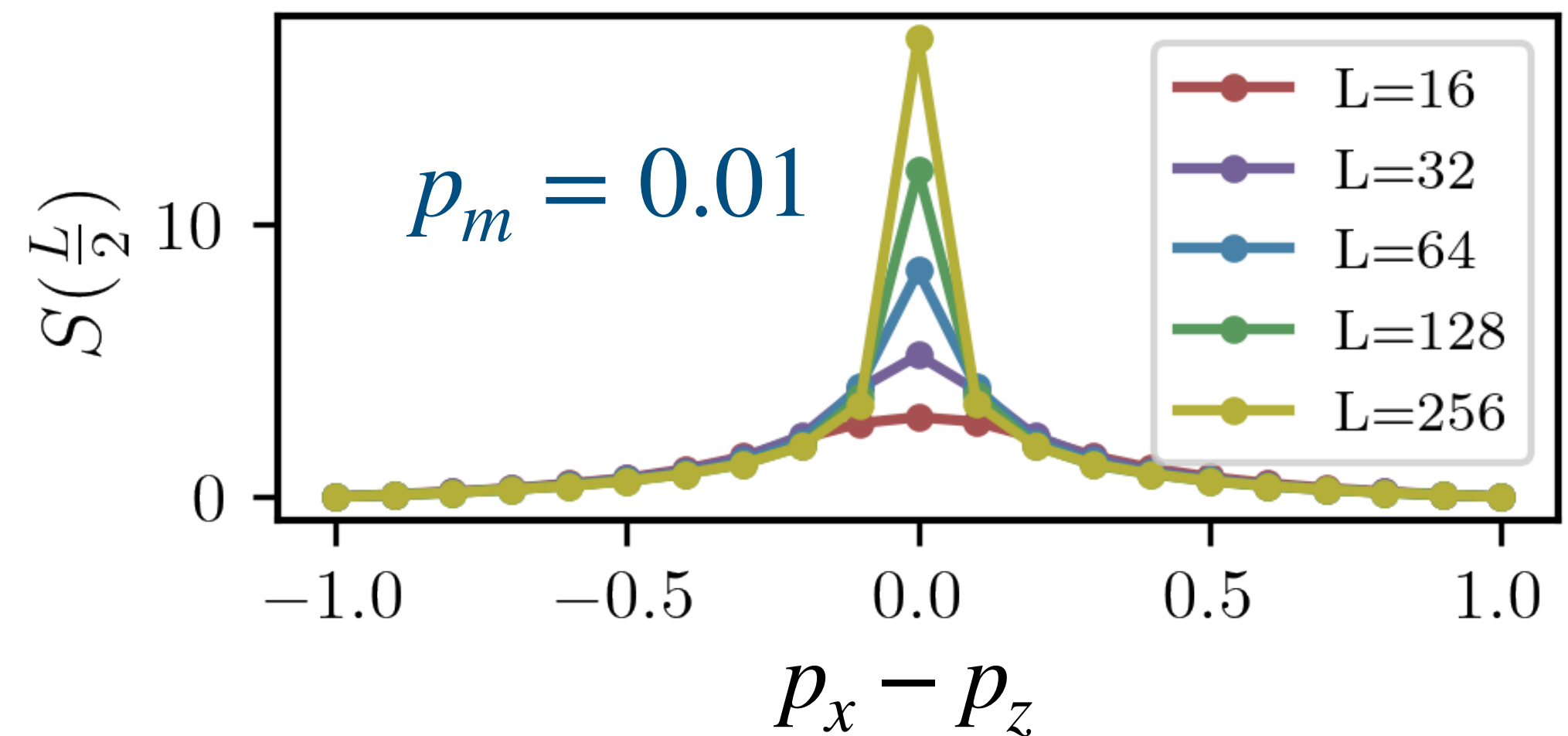
- Total rate of measurements  $p_m$
- Measure  $Z$  rate  $p_m(1 - p_x)$
- Generate  $C_x$ , destroy  $C_z$
- Measure  $X$  at rate  $p_m p_x$ :
  - Generate  $C_z$ , destroy  $C_x$
- Coherence evolves to some steady state determined by  $p_m$  and  $p_x$



# Measurements generate coherence dynamics

## $X$ and $Z$ measurements (errors)

- Total rate of measurements  $p_m$
- Measure  $Z$  rate  $p_m(1 - p_x)$
- Measure  $X$  at rate  $p_m p_x$ :
- Small  $p_m$  coherence dynamics:  
Markovian
  - $\partial_t \langle C_x \rangle \approx p_z - p_x$
  - $\min(C_x, C_z) \rightarrow 0$





# Interpretation using evolving code spaces

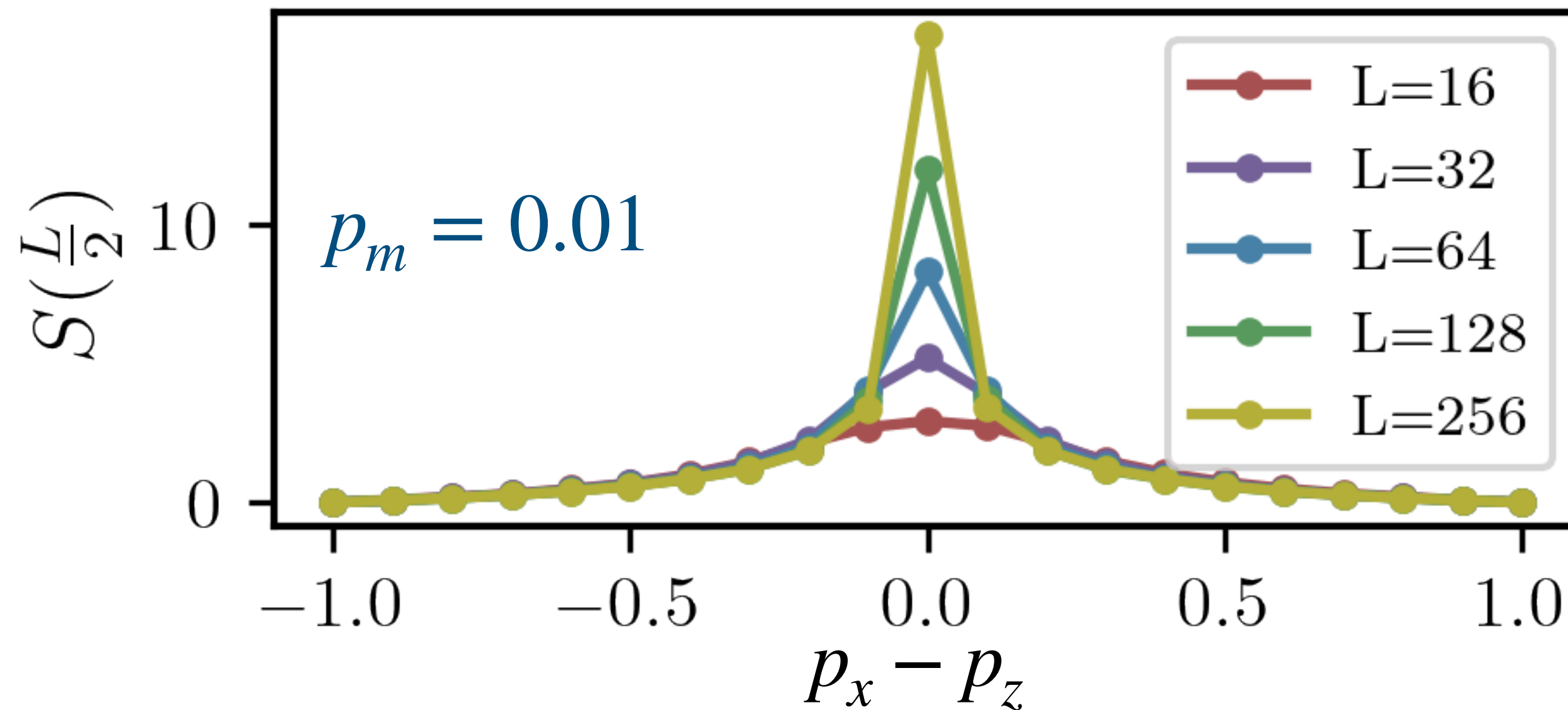
## Competing Classical Codes

Generalisation from CSS code  
won't work for Alice

$$p_z > p_x$$

$$\partial_t \langle C_z \rangle \approx p_x - p_z$$

$$\langle C_z \rangle \rightarrow 0$$



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## Classical in Z

$$k_z \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } k_x \rightarrow L$$

“can't protect bit errors”

Number of logical qubits in CSS code:

$$k = k_x + k_z - L$$

## Classical in X

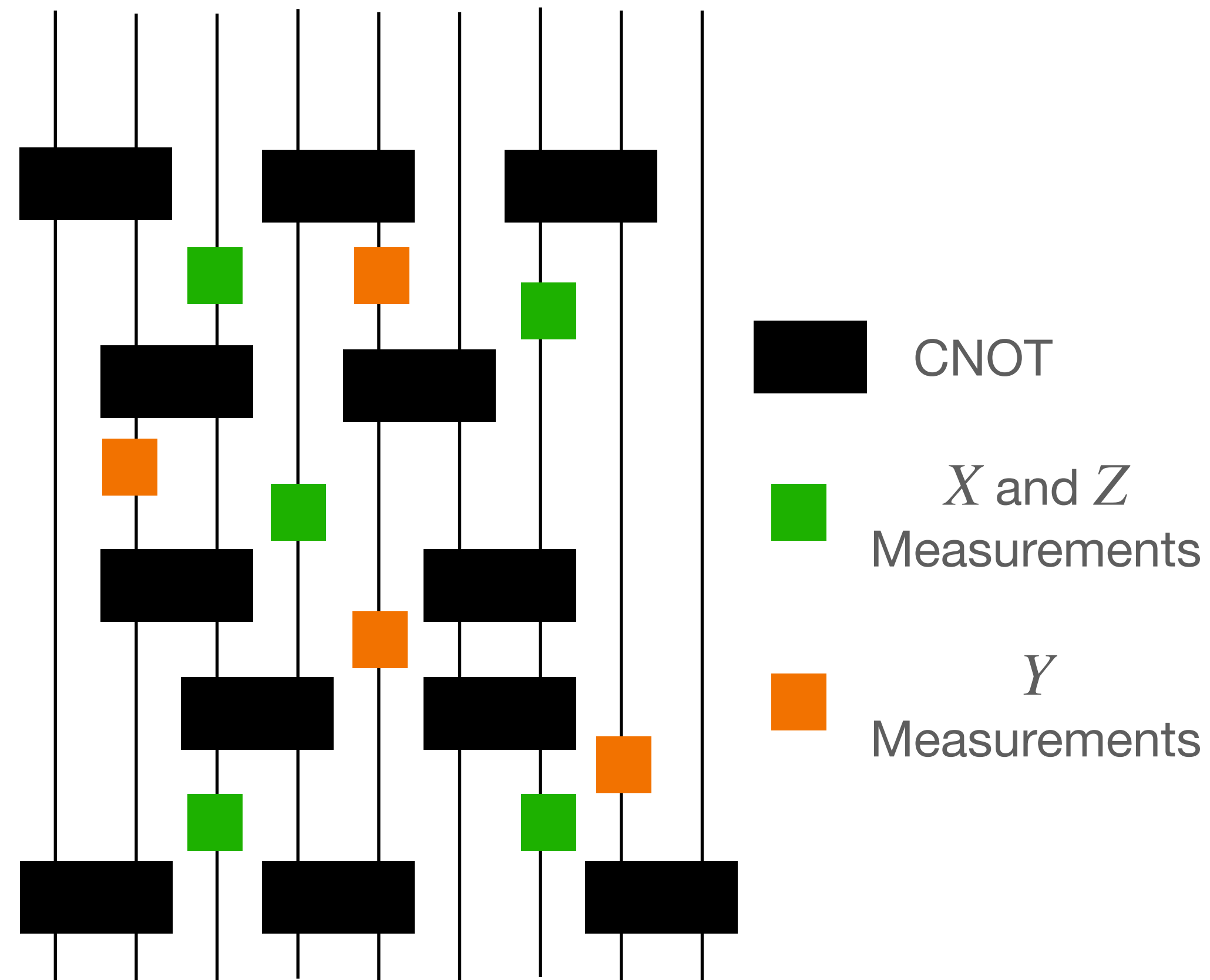
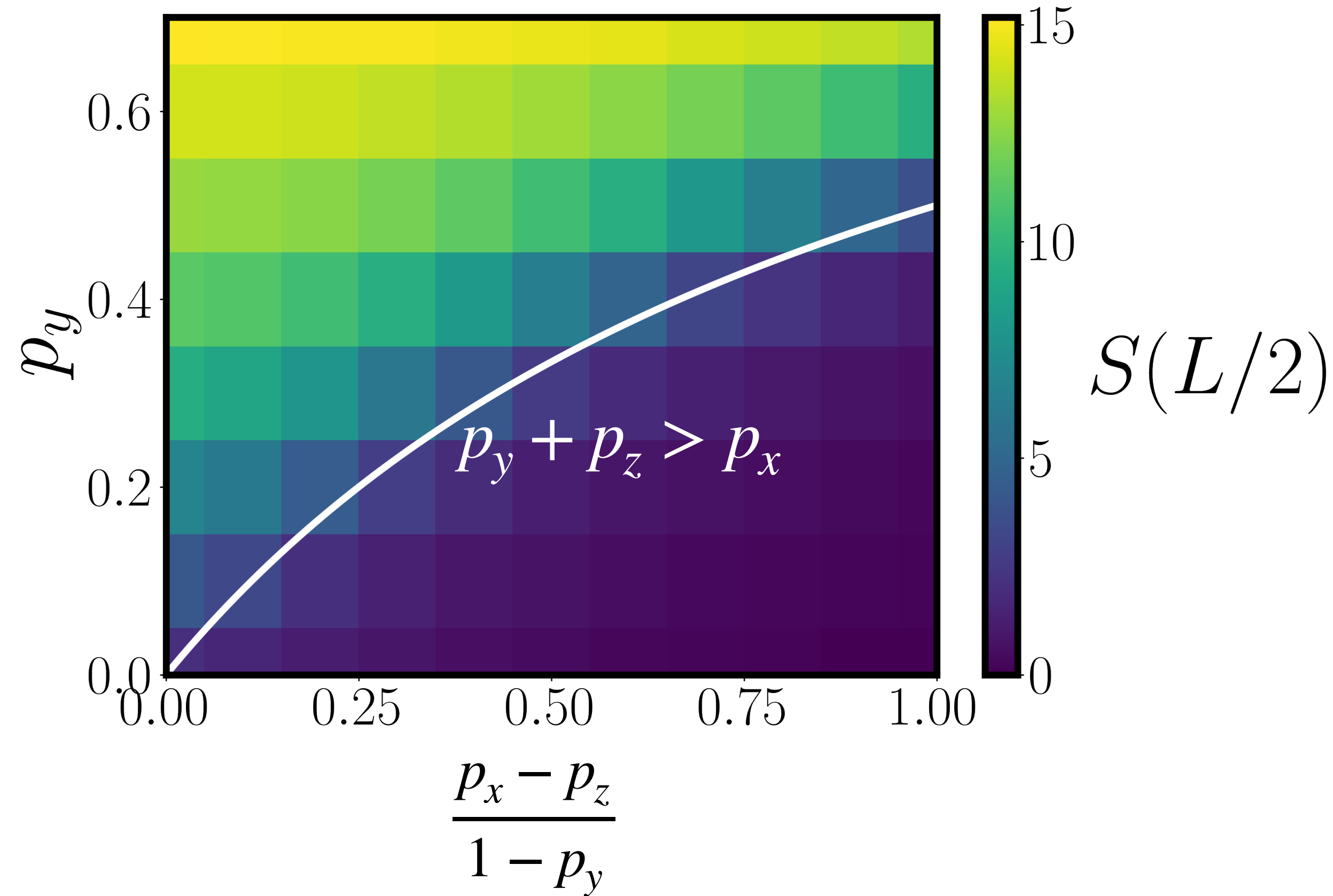
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“can't protect phase errors”

# Coherence controlled entanglement transitions

What if we add  $Y$  measurements?

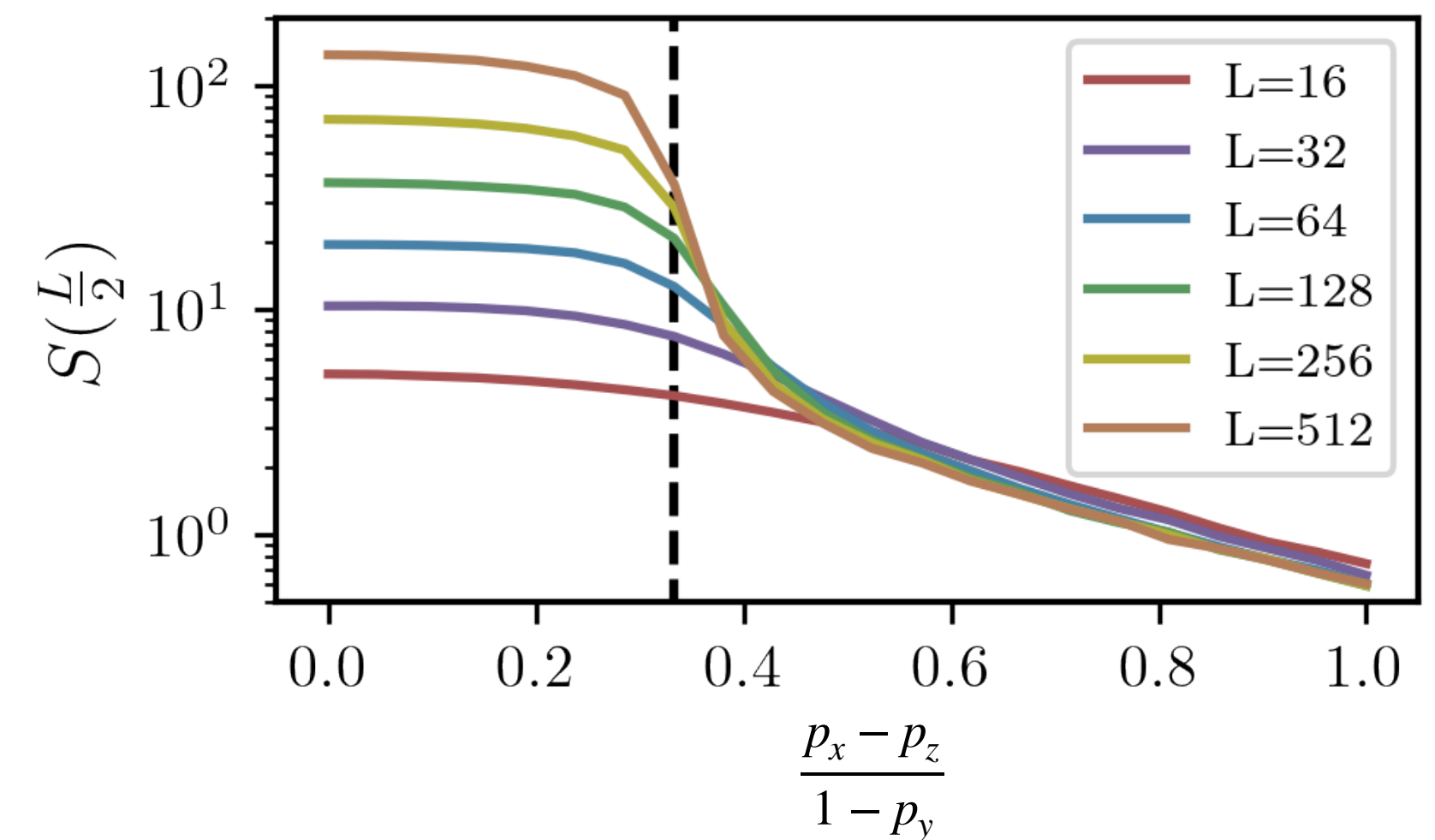
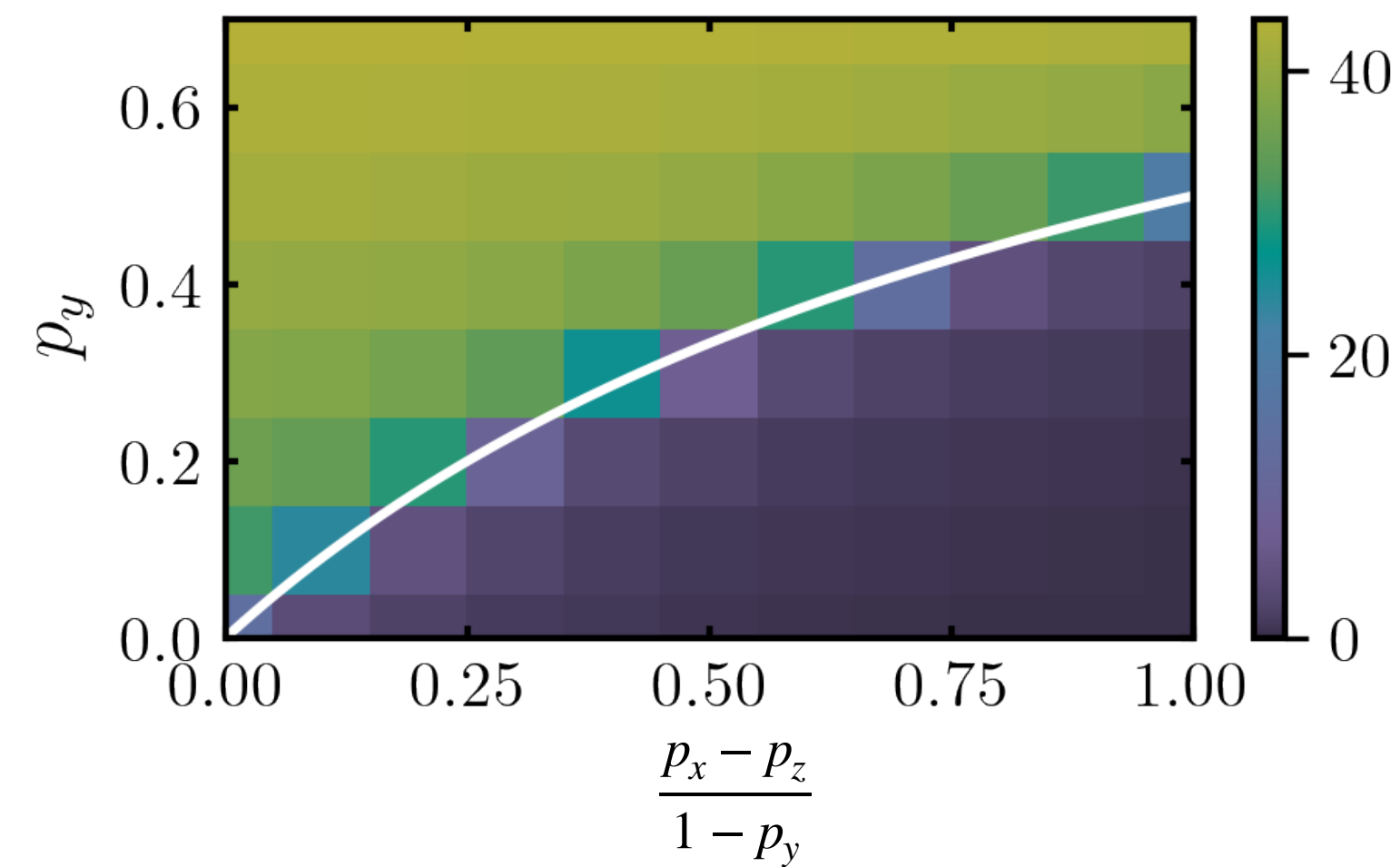
$$\partial_t \langle C_x \rangle \approx p_y + p_z - p_x > 0$$



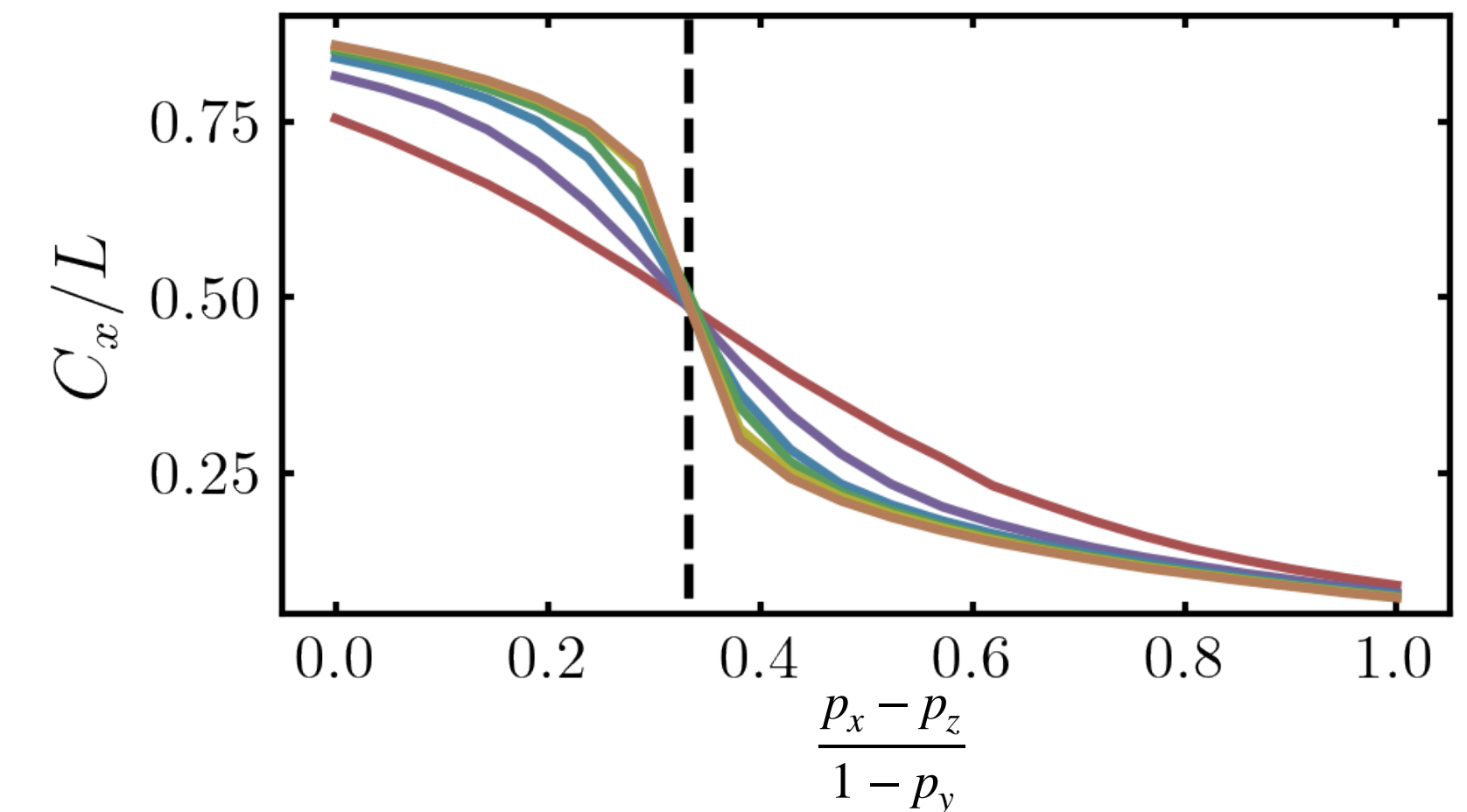
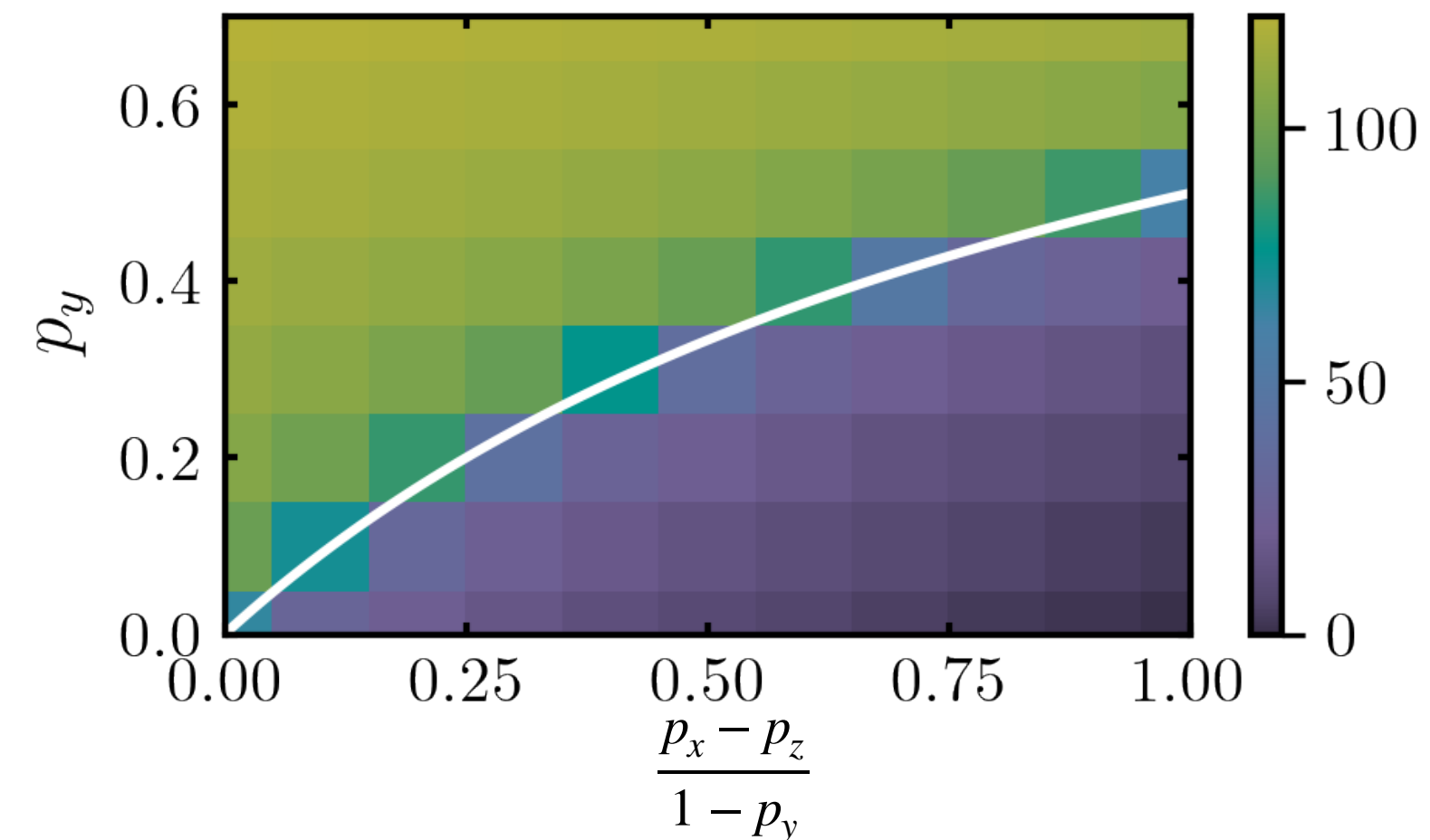
# Controlling entanglement transition with coherence

$$\partial_t \langle C_x \rangle \approx p_y + p_z - p_x > 0$$

**Entanglement:**

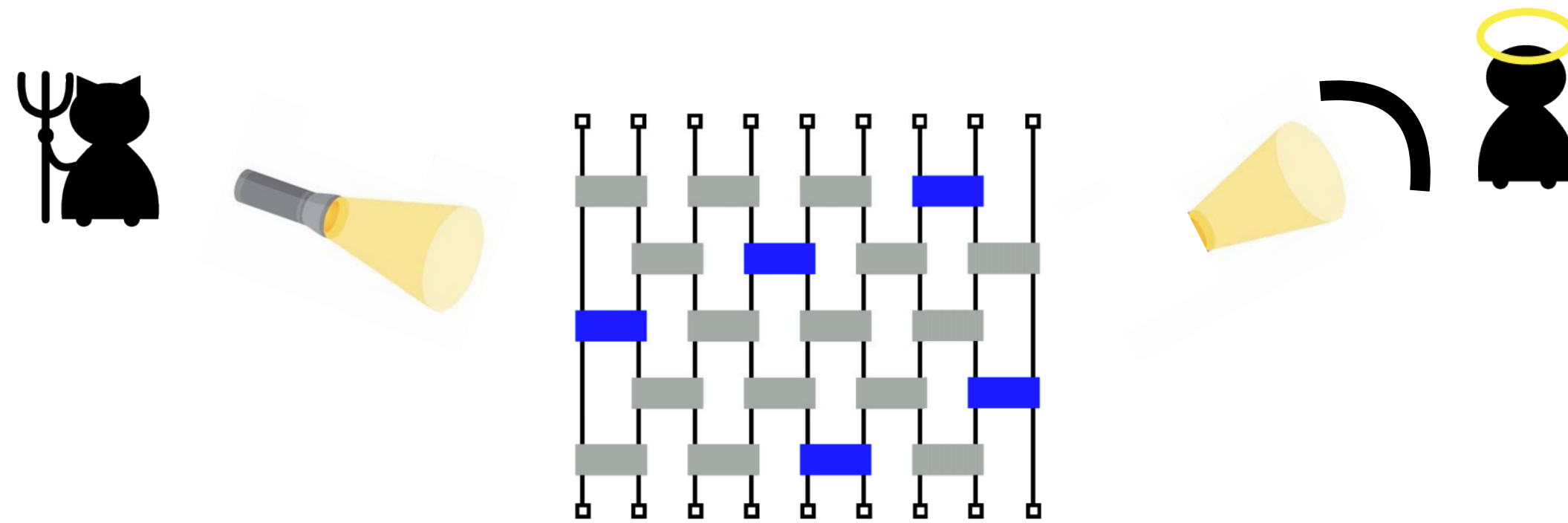


**Coherence:**



# That's entanglement, what about channel capacity?

What if Alice can only preform unitaries?

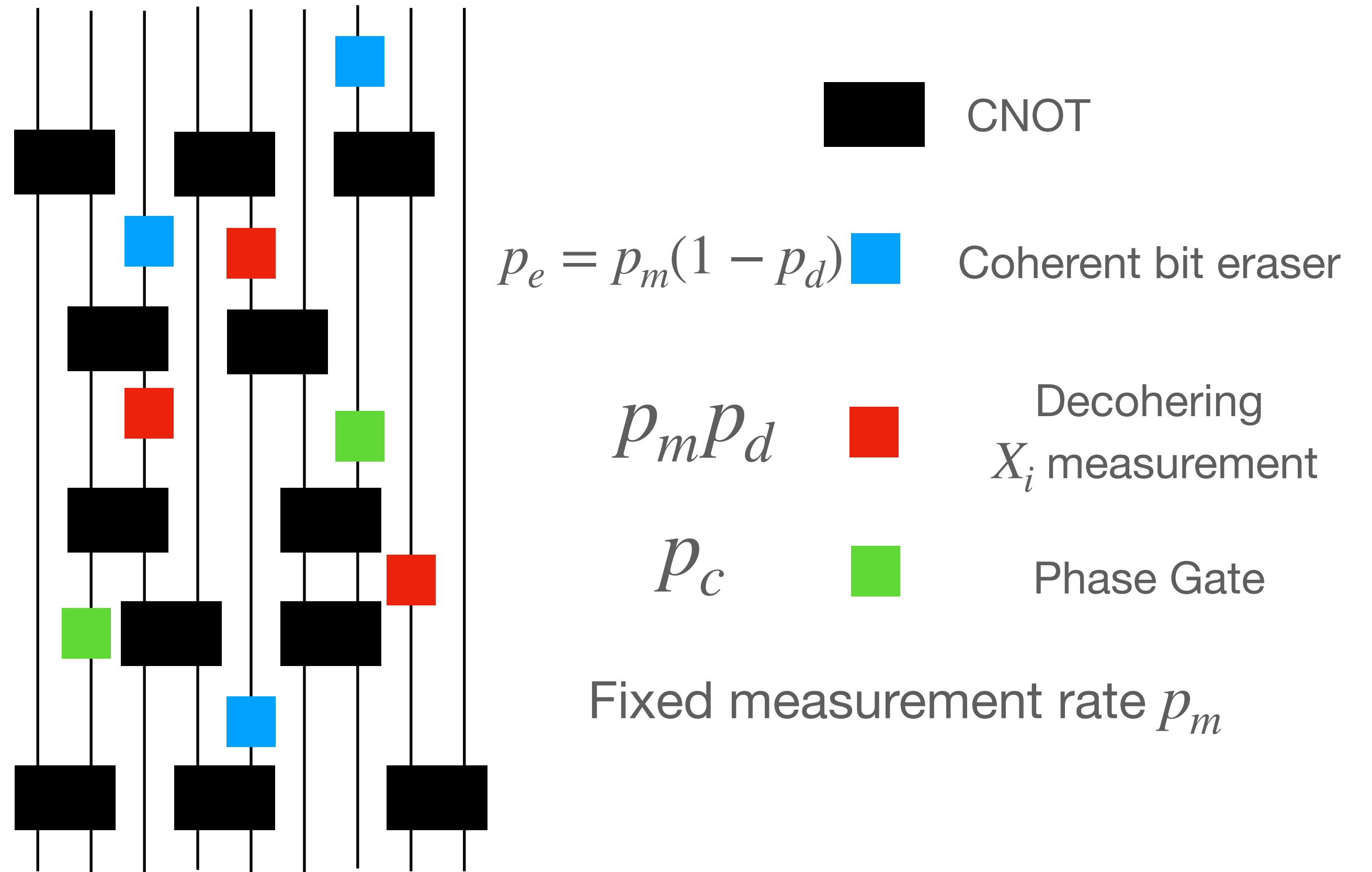
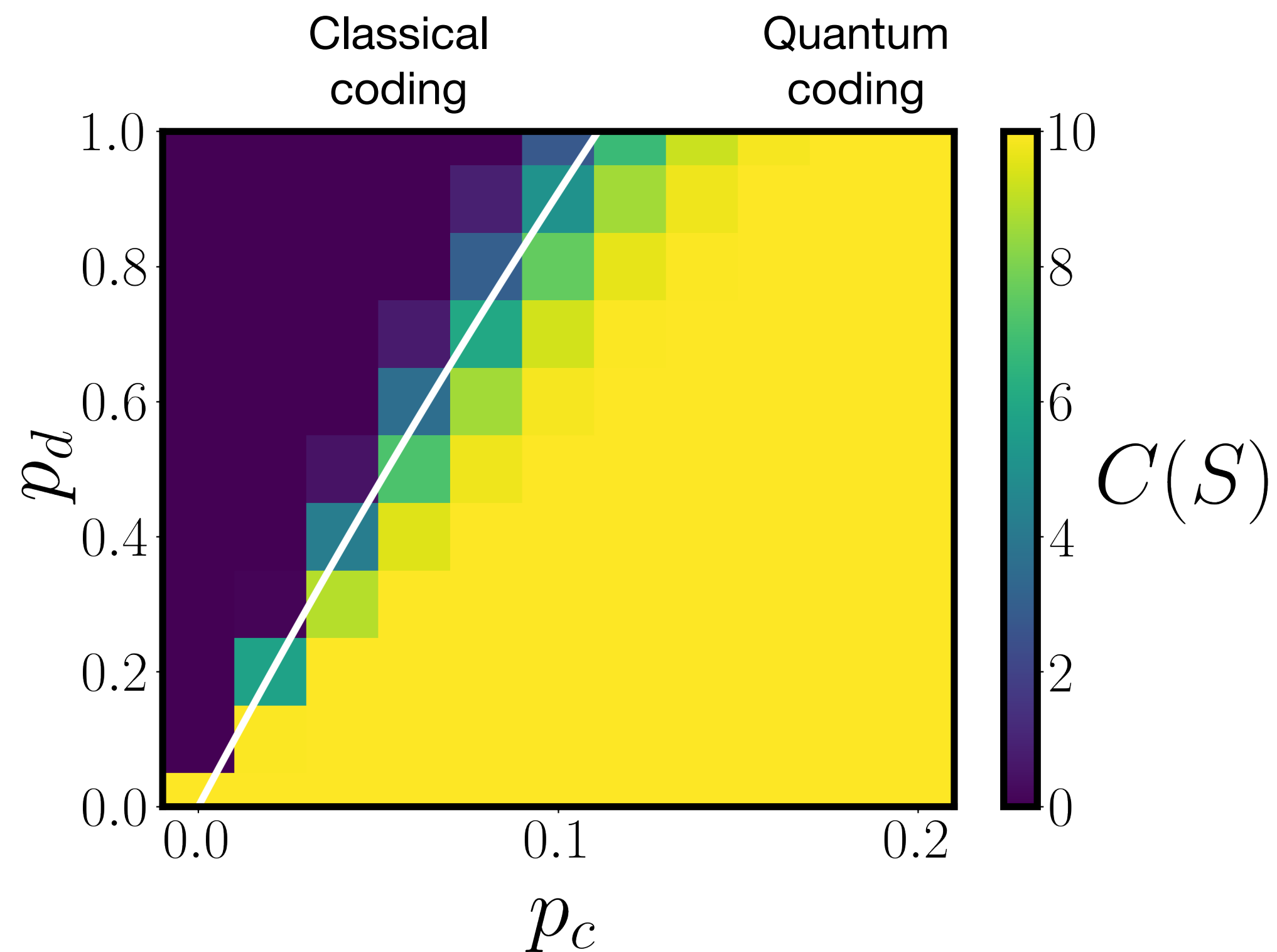


- $Y$  measurement  $\rightarrow$  volume law phase
- Possible for Alice to protect diary
- Requires Bob to be limited in light he shines (only  $Y$  measurements)
- What unitaries does Alice require to protect any light Bob could shine?
  - Phase gate  $U_i = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(Z_i+1)}$
  - Generically increases  $C_x$

# How to protect Alice's quantum diary?

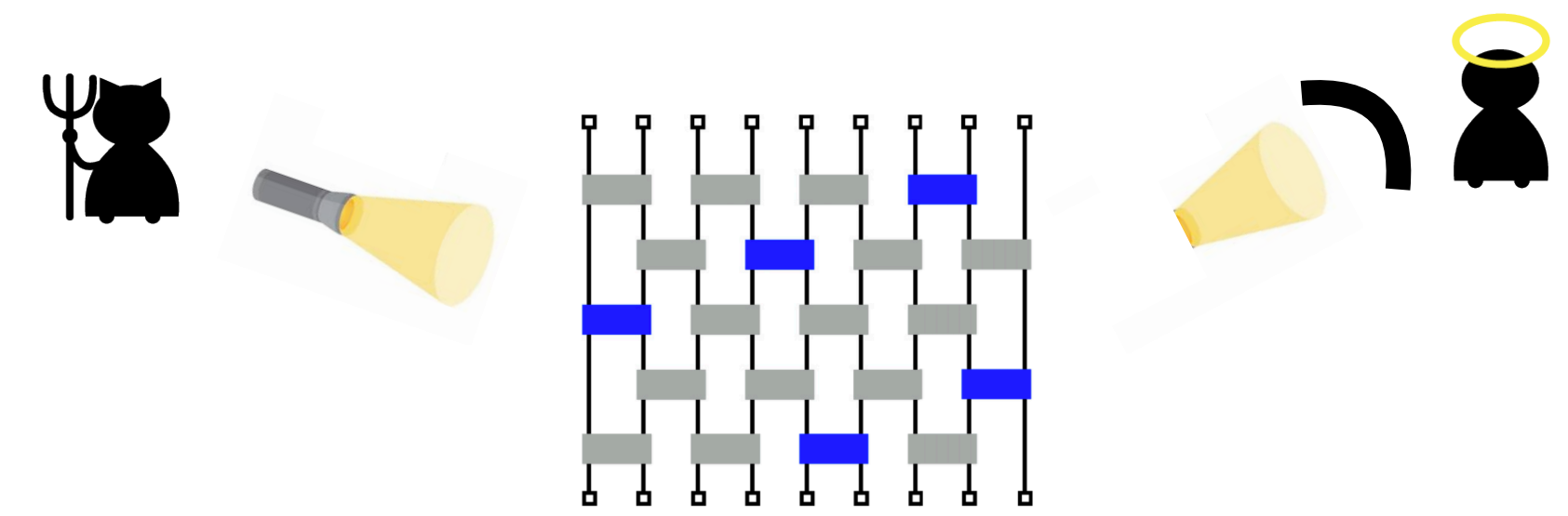
## Coherence generating element

- Phase gate  $U_i = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(Z_i+1)}$

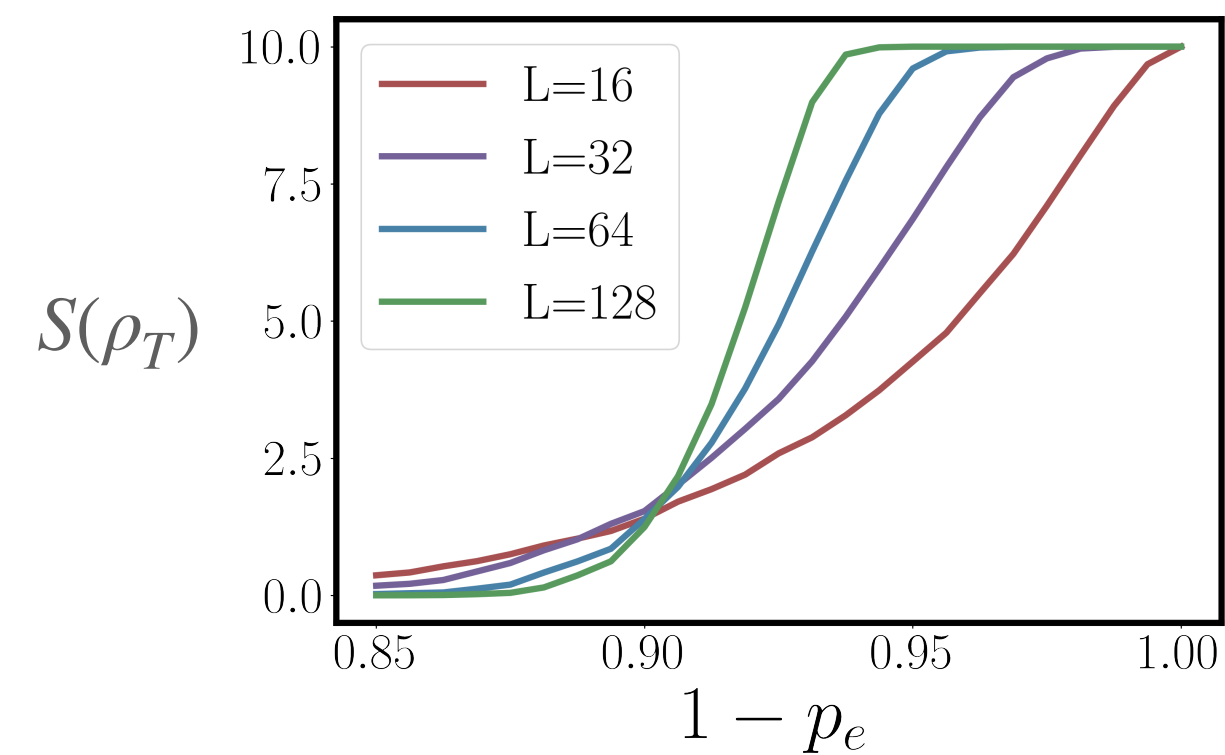


# Protecting Alices diaries

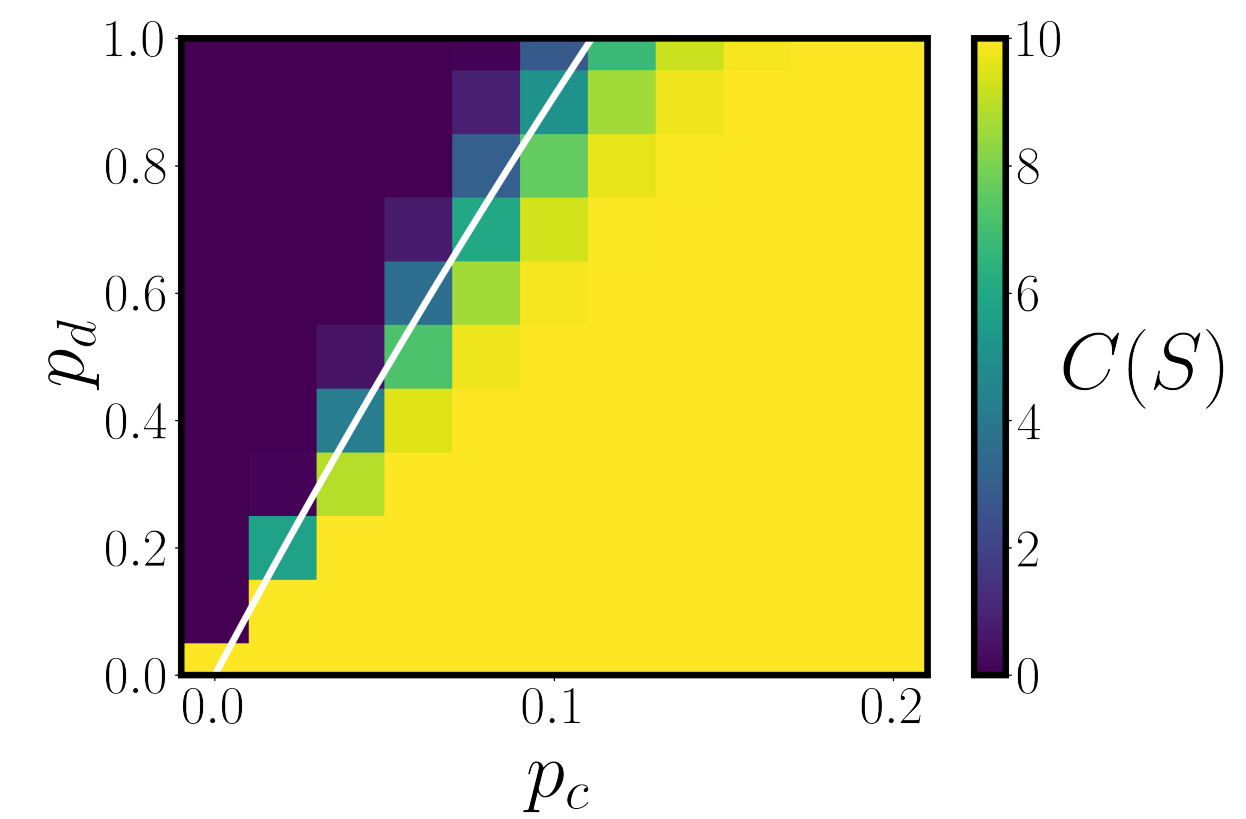
## The role of coherence



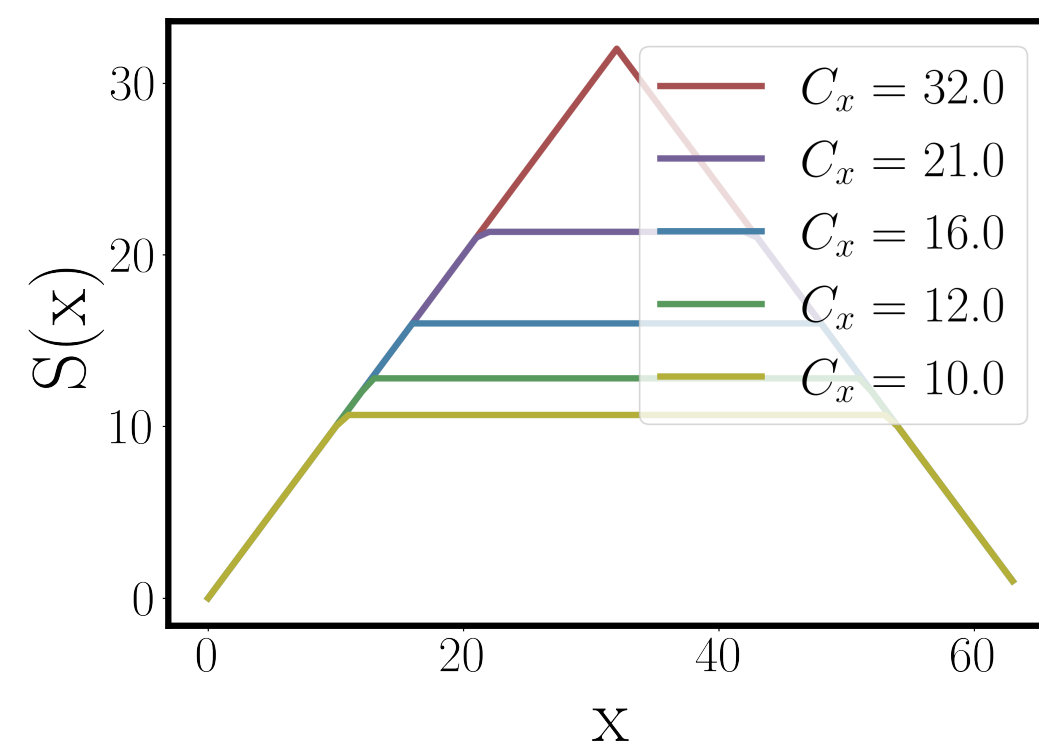
**Coherence free circuits -  
Alice protects classical diary**



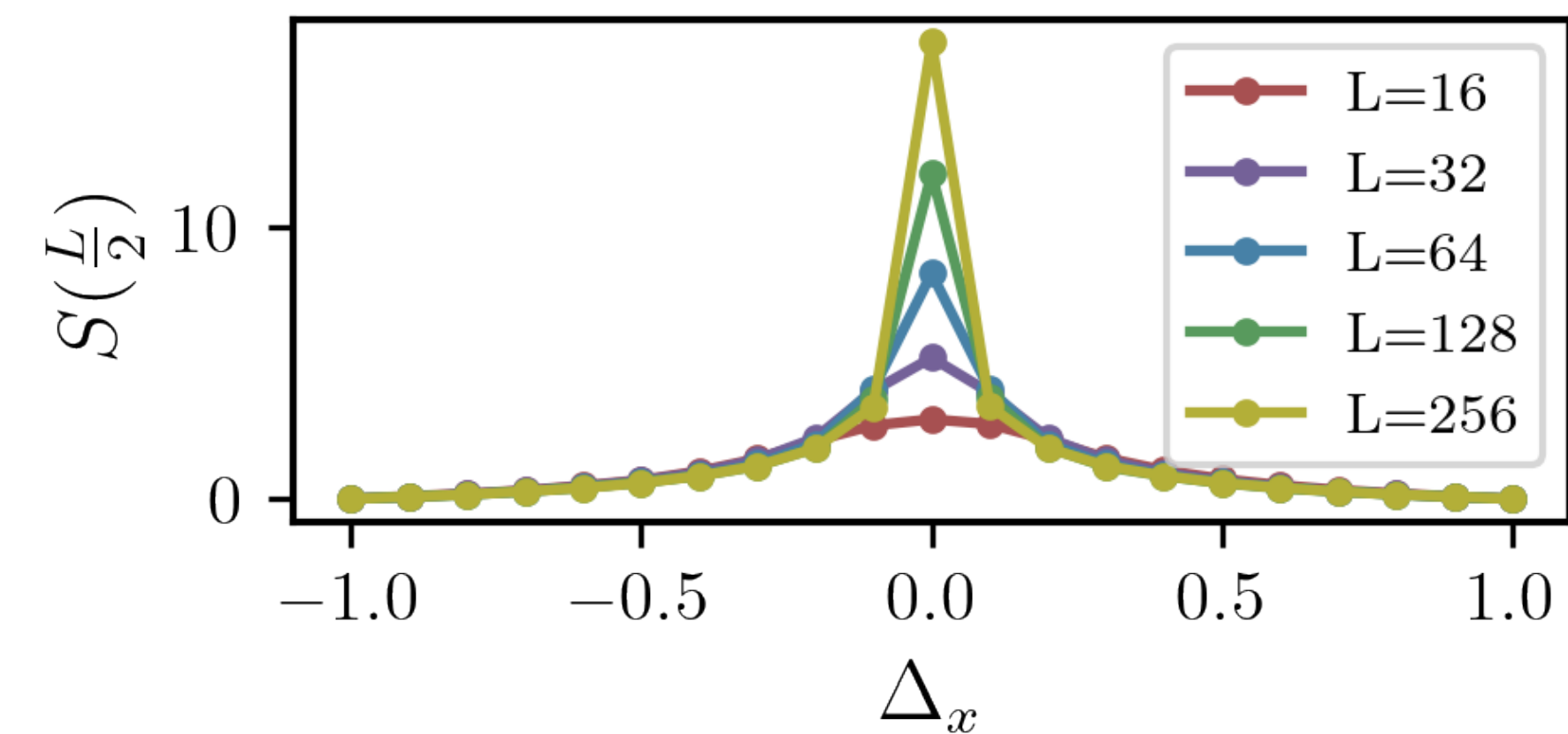
**Alice must dynamically  
regenerate coherence**



**Coherence bounds entanglement**



**Alice can't use CSS code approach**





# Coherence requirements for error correction

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## Code distance bound by coherence

- $[n, k, d]$  stabiliser code

- Take any single qubit subspace of the code  $|\psi\rangle = \psi_1 |c_1\rangle + \psi_2 |c_2\rangle$

- Coherence in any local Pauli basis  $D$  bounds code distance:

$$d < \max_{\psi_1, \psi_2} C(|\psi\rangle, D)$$

- Applied to CSS code

$$\max_{\psi_1, \psi_2} C(|\psi\rangle, X) = \max C_x = L - k_z + 1 > d$$

**Classical Singleton bound code space defined by  $H^z$**

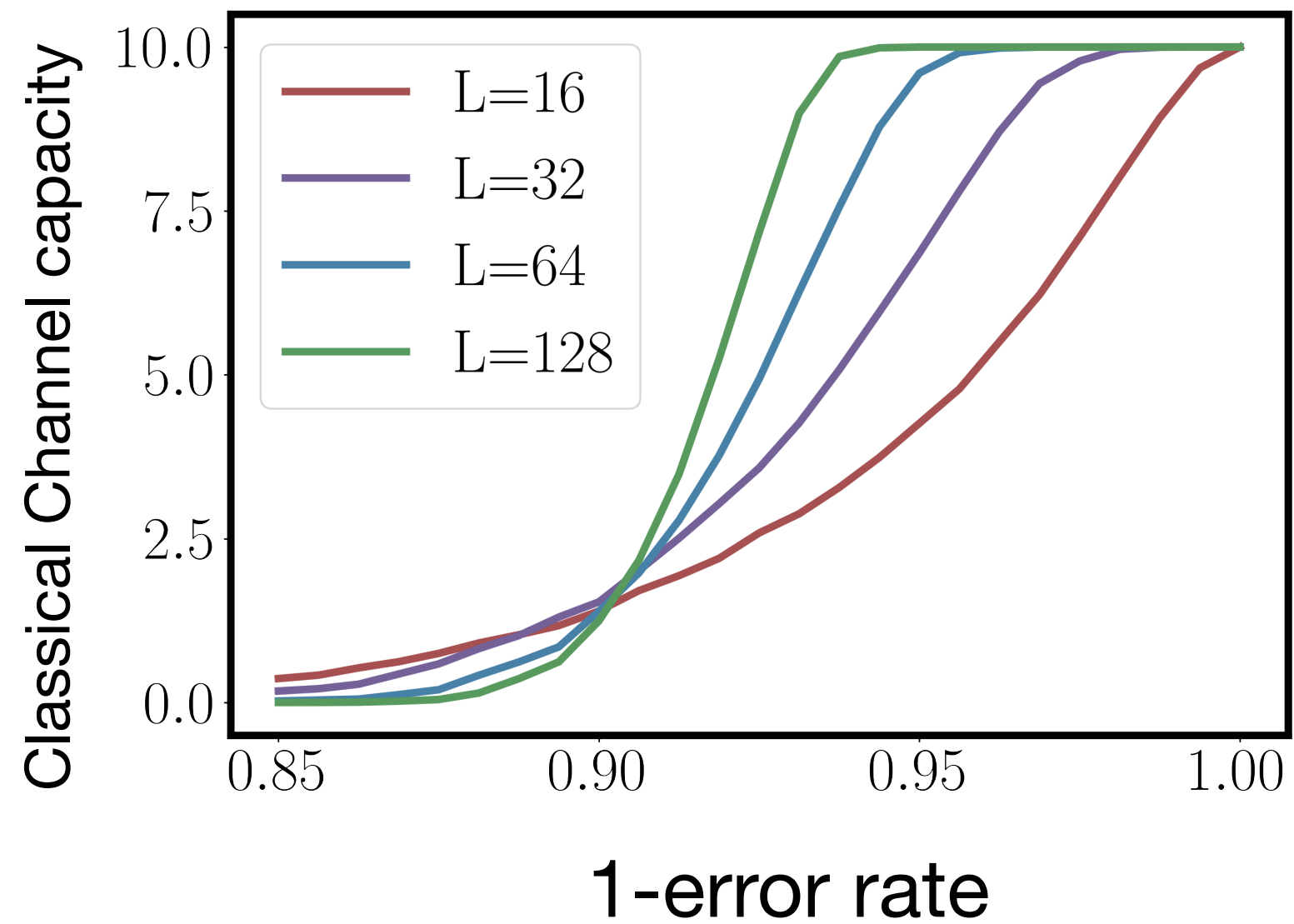
- Similar for  $C_z$ :  $L - k_x + 1 > d$

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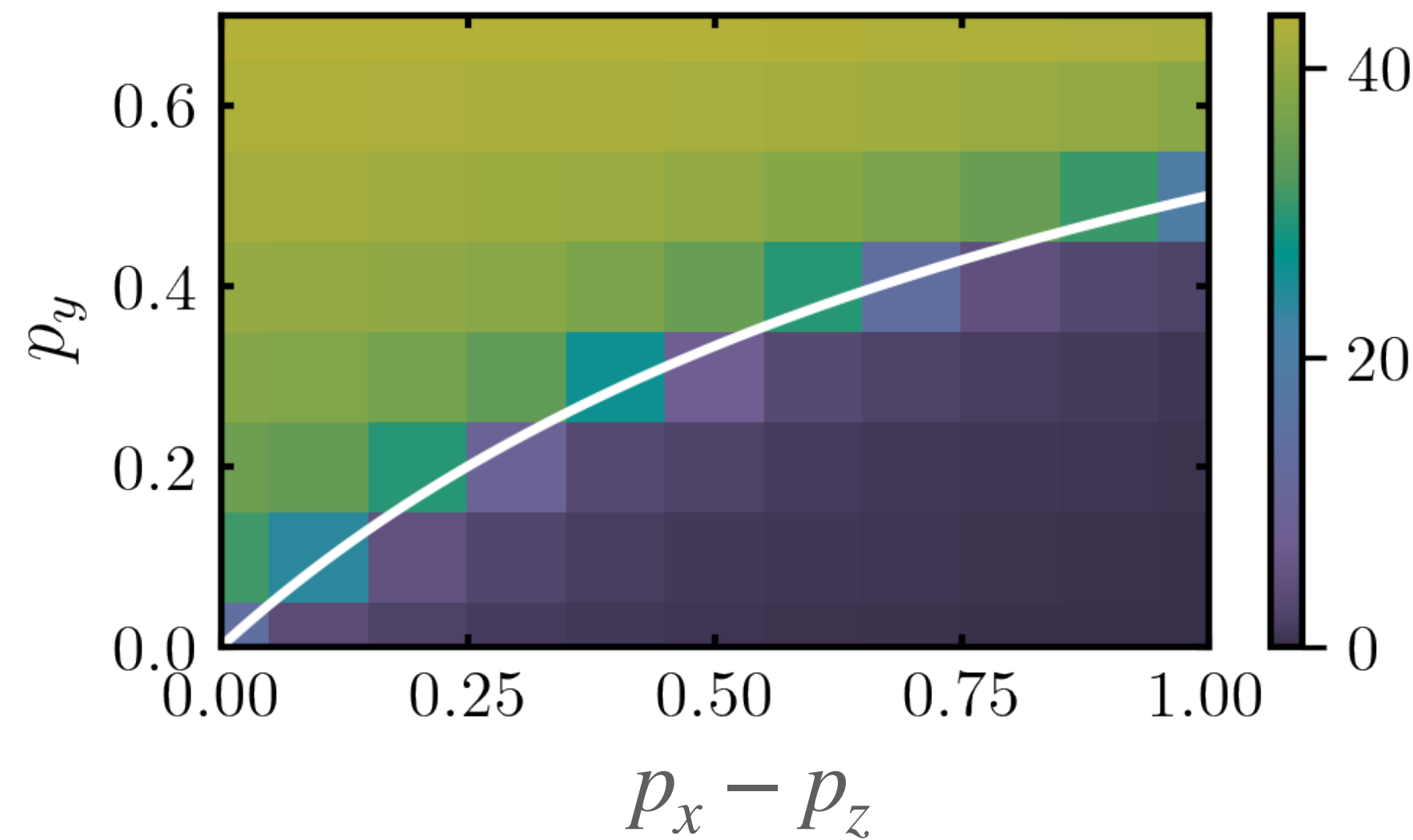
## Conclusions

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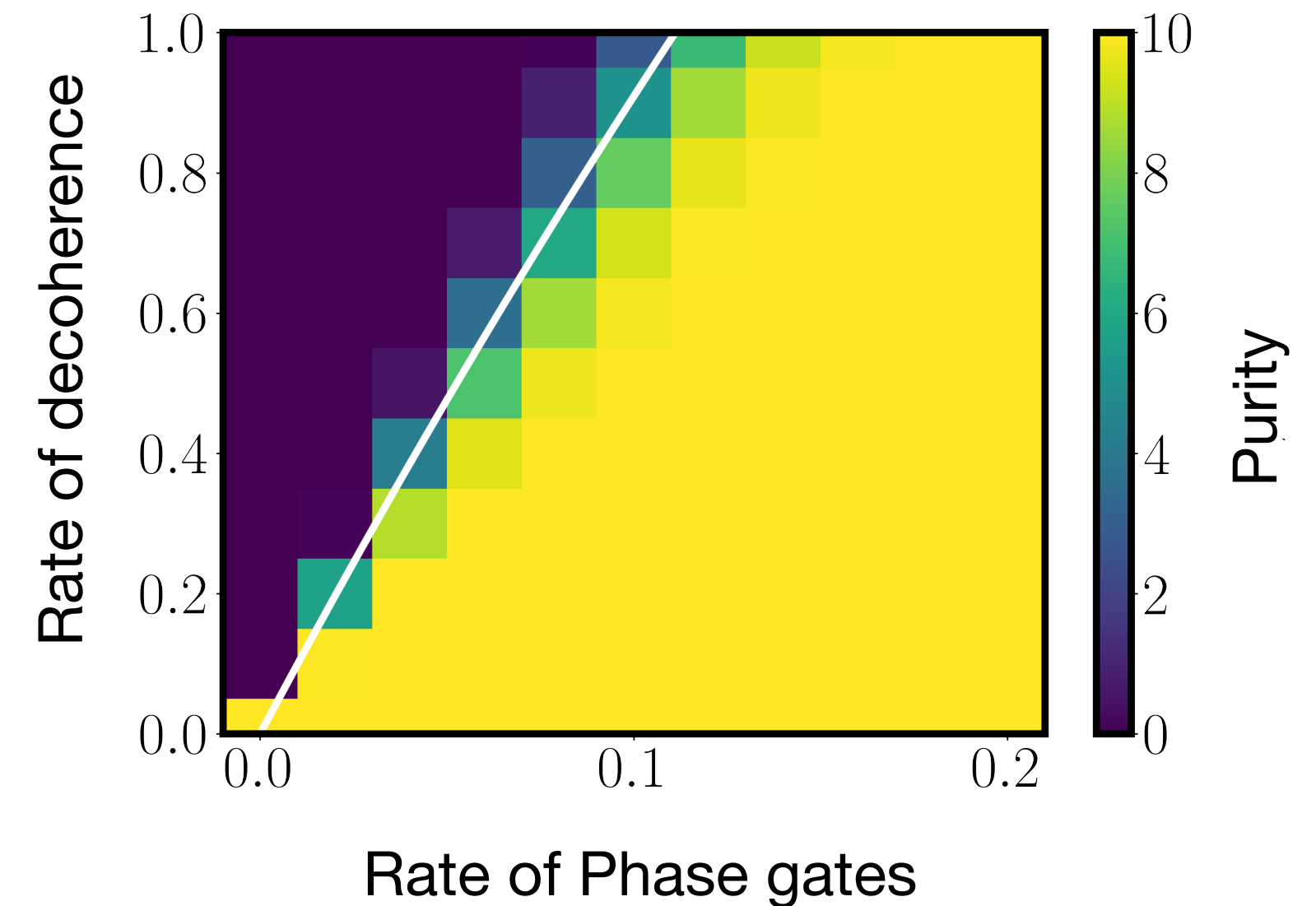
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**Measurements** (bob) **generating coherence:**  
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**Unitaries** generating coherence:  
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