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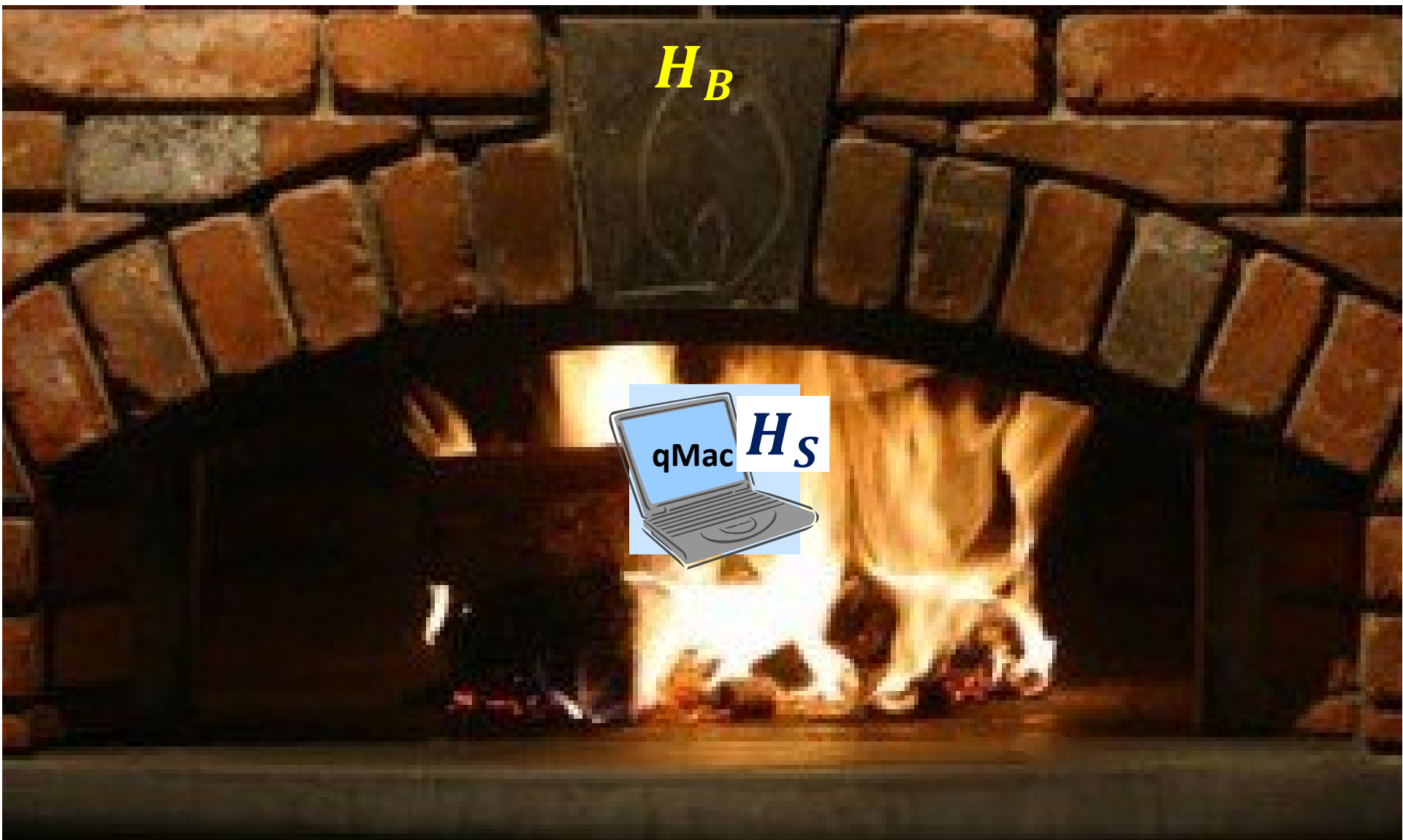
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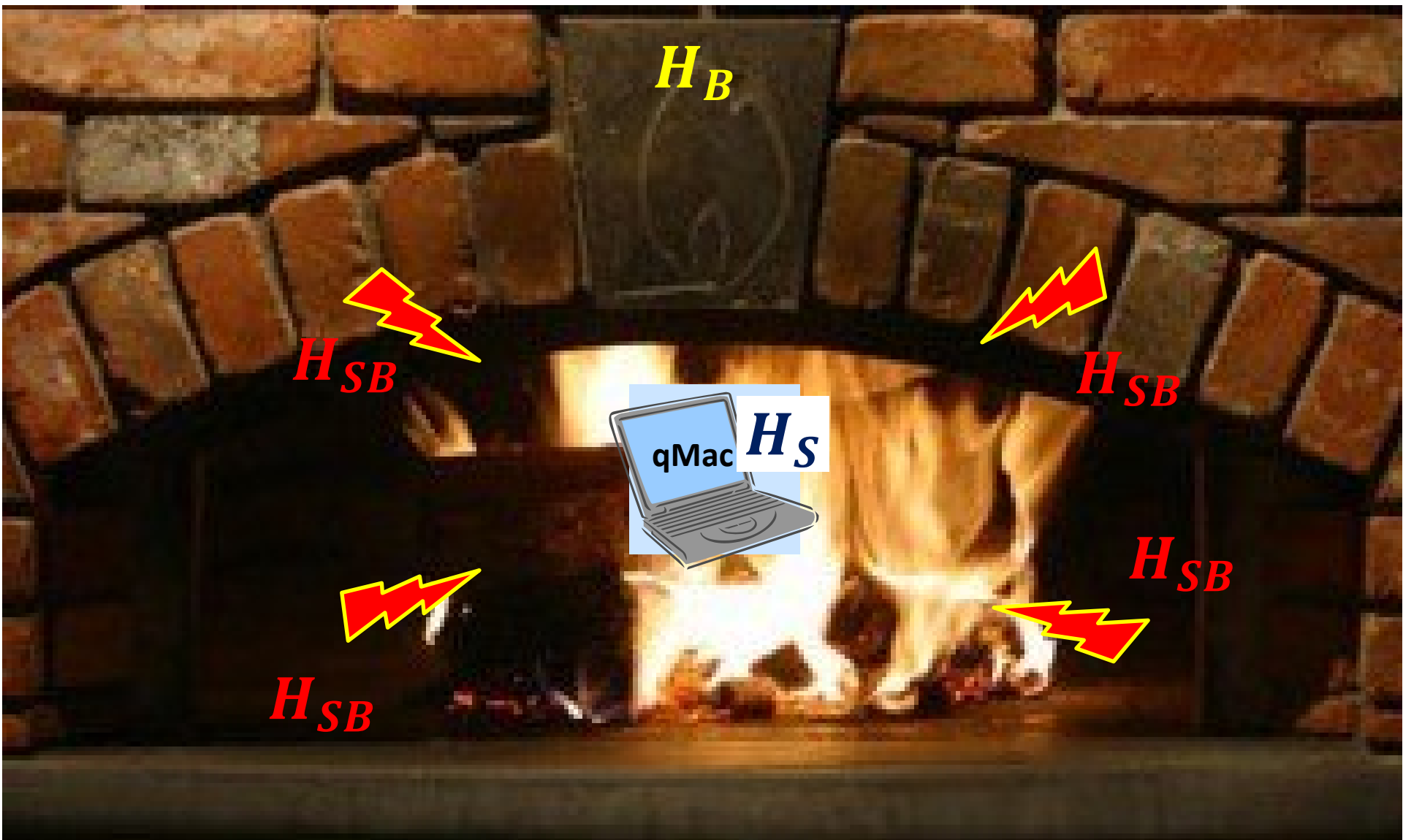
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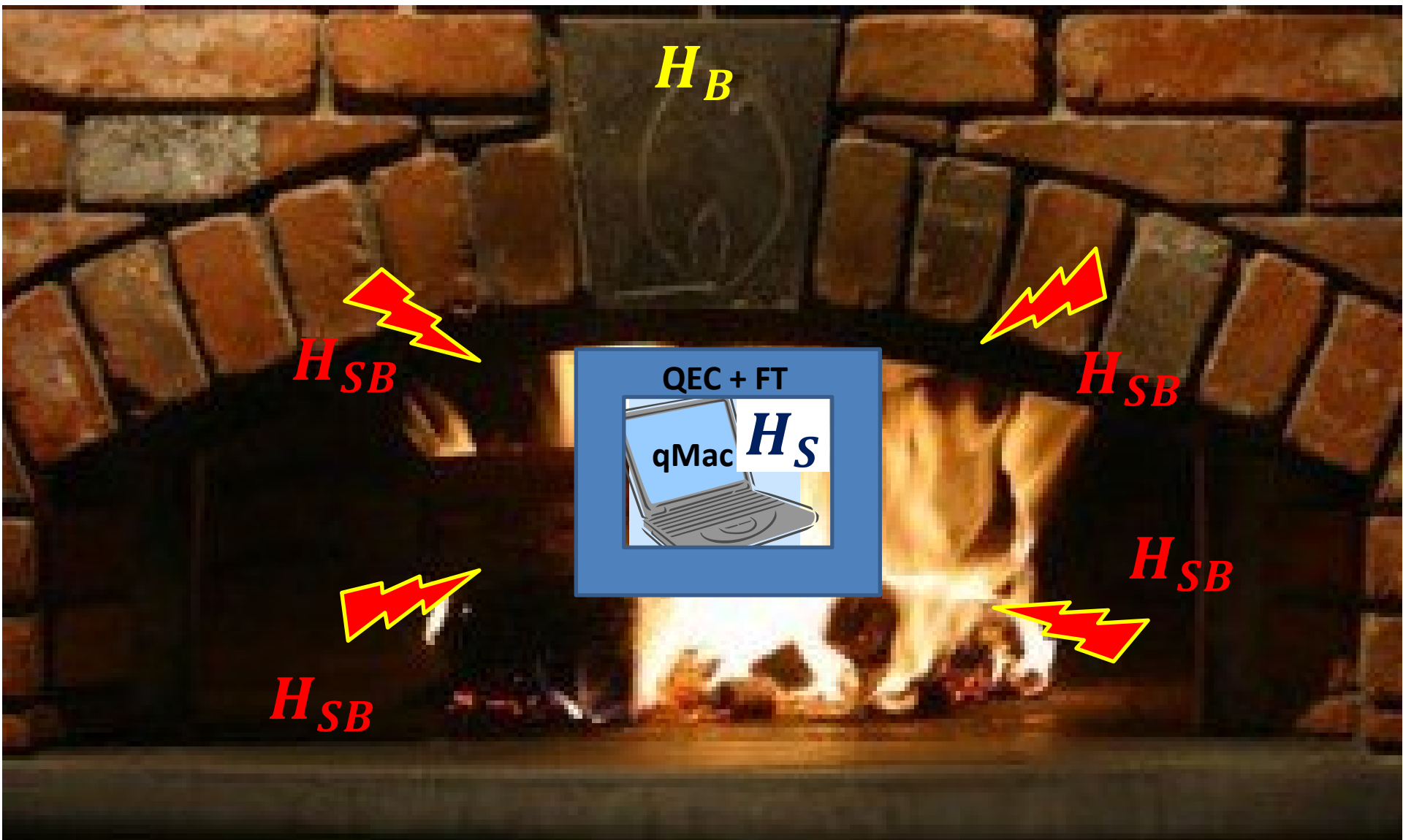
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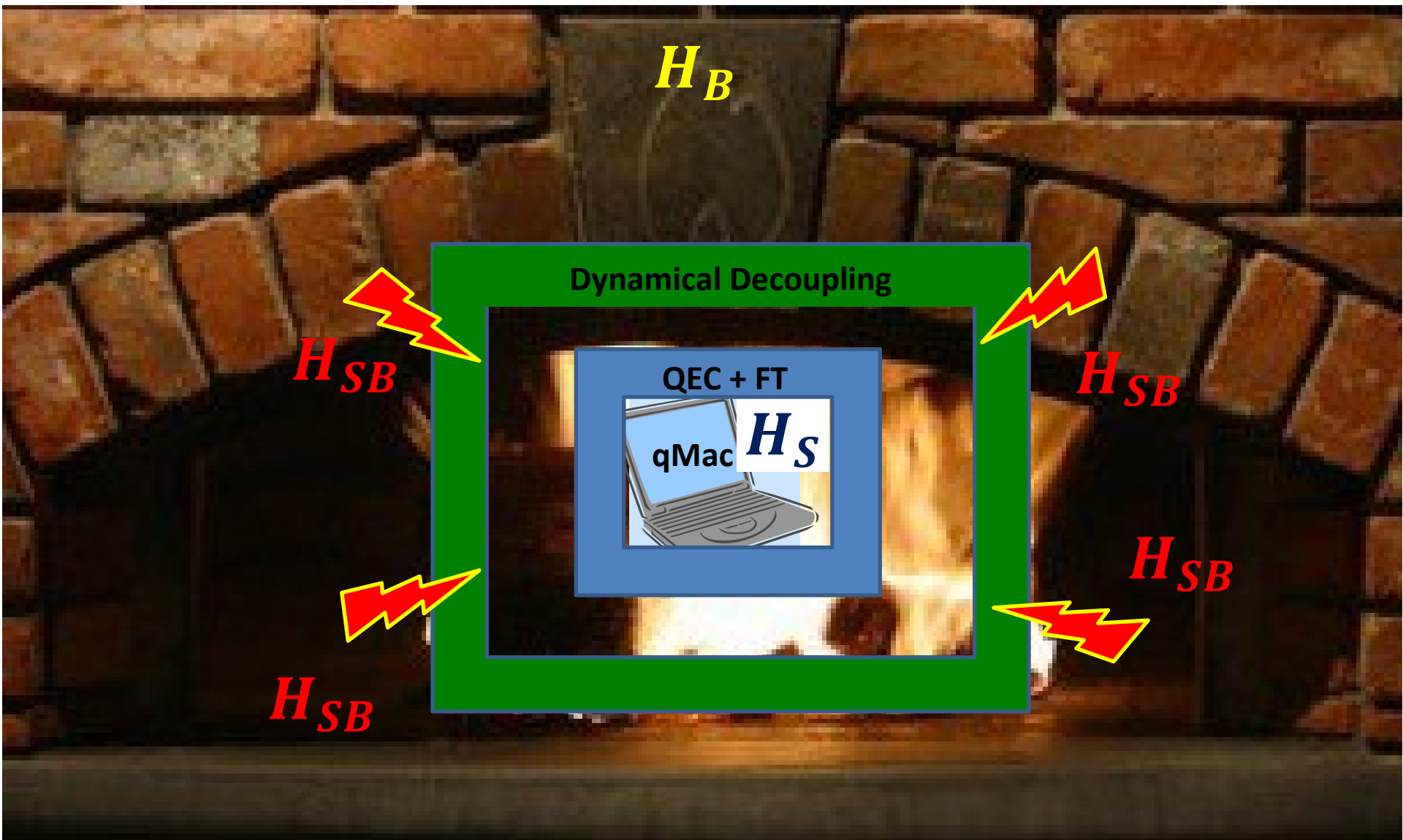
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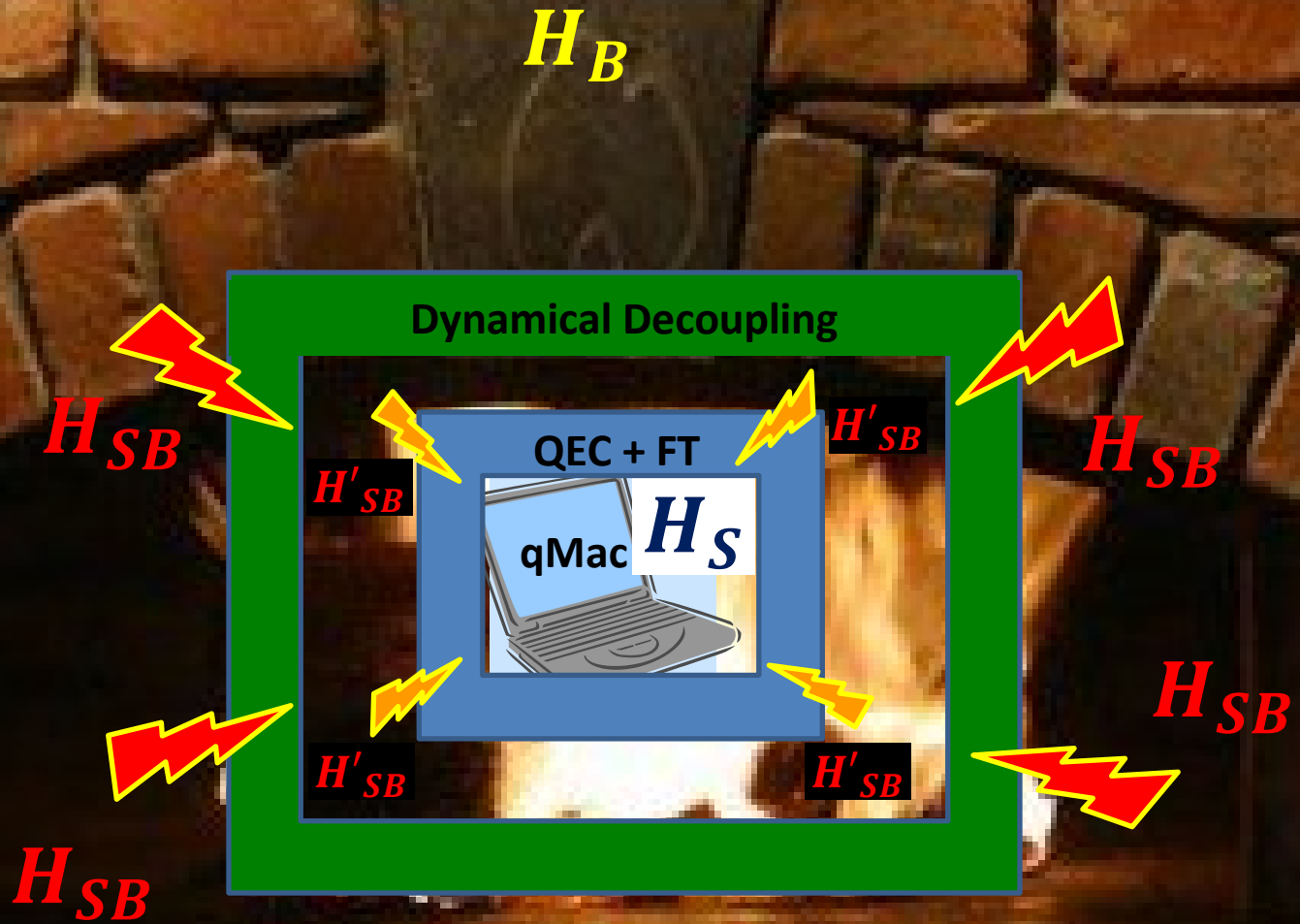
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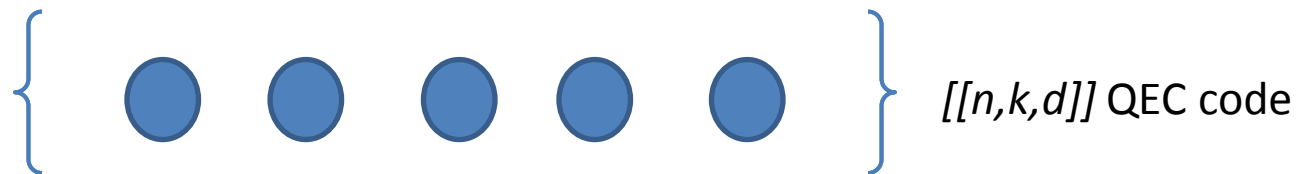
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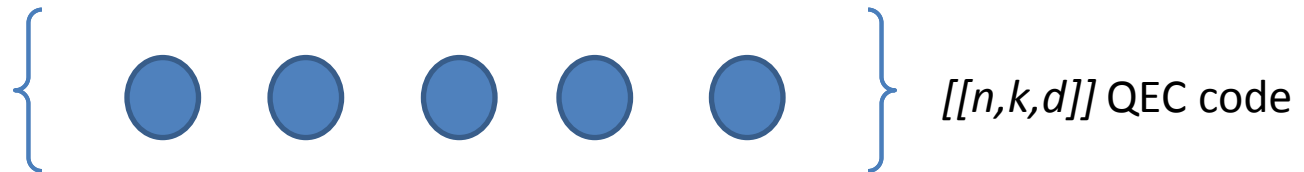


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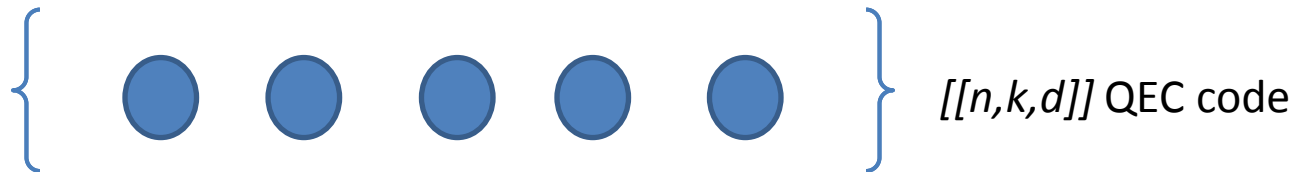
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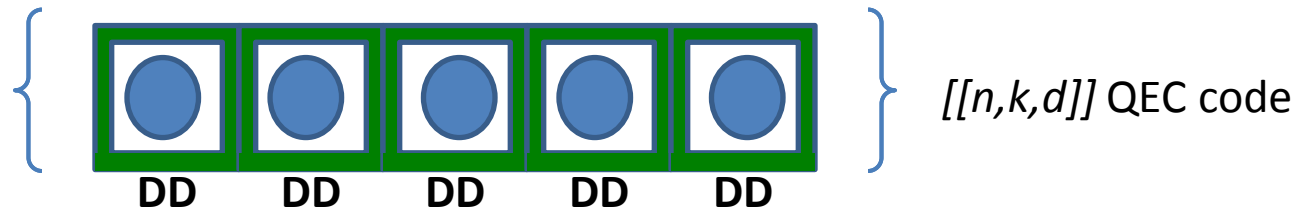
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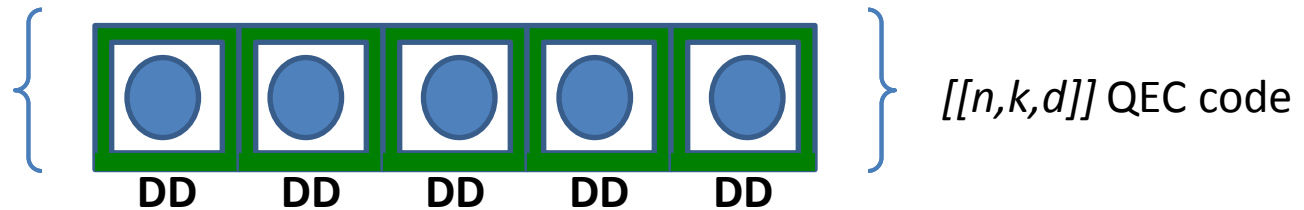
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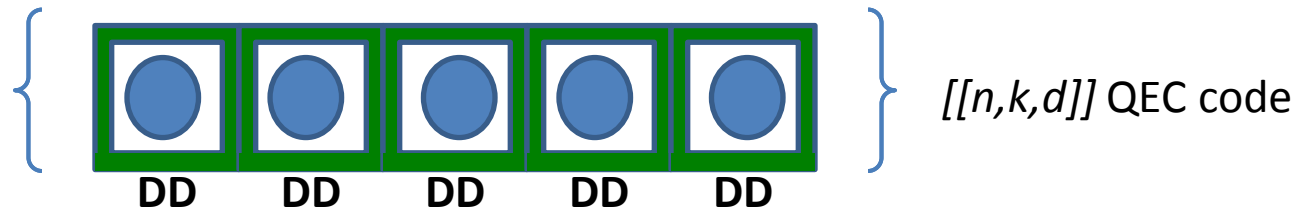
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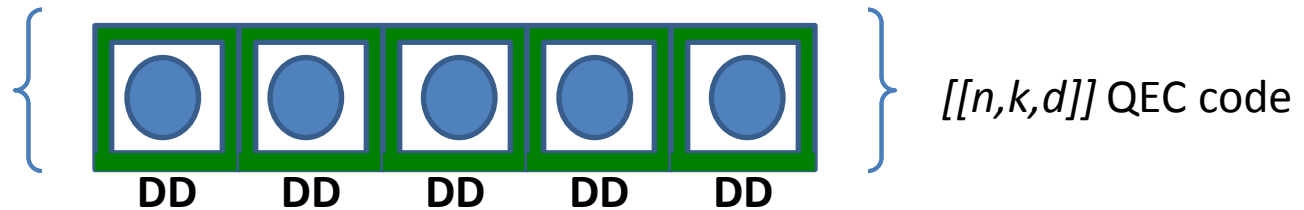
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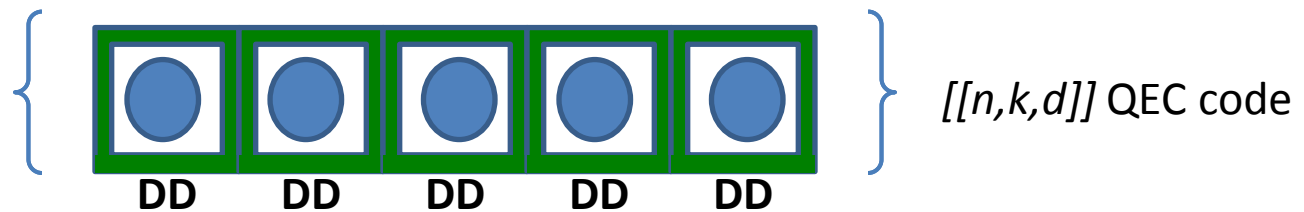
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n-qubit Pauli basis as decoupling group  $\rightarrow$  No 'local bath assumption'

- Length of sequence exponential in  $2n$
- Pulses look like errors to the code  $\rightarrow$  limits possible integration with other schemes



## Desiderata for DD +QEC:

- I. No extra locality assumptions
- II. Pulses in the code
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Concatenated Dynamical Decoupling (**CDD**)

[Khodjasteh and Lidar, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 95, 180501 (2005)]

Pulses → **<MOOS>**  
 $(2^K)^N$  pulses

Nested Uhrig Dynamical Decoupling (**NUDD**)

[Wang and Liu, *Phys. Rev. A* 83, 022306 (2011)]

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$$H_{\emptyset,eff} \propto \{S_i\}_{i=1,\dots,Q}$$

Contains no physical or logical errors ! Only harmless terms !

Even if  $H_{SB}$  is a logical error!



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- ✓ DD Pulses are bitwise / transversal in the code

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e.g.  $[[n^2, 1, n]]$  Bacon Shor code:

Stabilizer generators:  $2(n-1)$

Logical generators: 2

	SXDD	Full decoupling
D(MOOS)	$2n$	$2n^2$
NUDD	$(N+1)^{2n}$	$(N+1)^{2n^2}$
CDD	$2^{2nN}$	$2^{2n^2N}$



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$H_{SB}$

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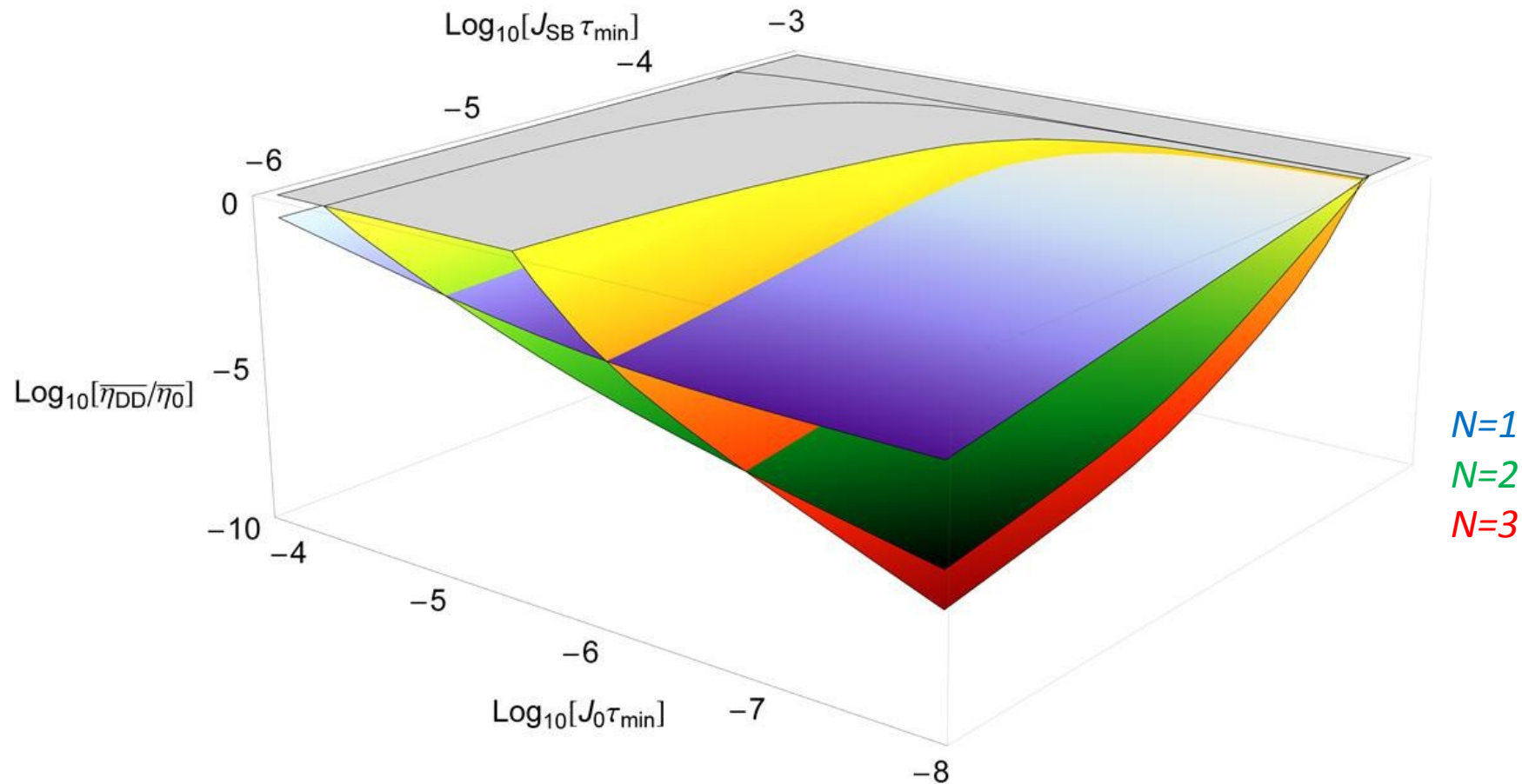
How to compute  $\|H_{SB,eff} O(T^{N+1})\|$  ?? → NLP results (Eqs. 152-164)

Recursive relations for  $\|H_{SB,eff}(q)\|$  and  $\|H_{\emptyset,eff}(q)\|$  at every degree of concatenation  $q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|H_{SB,eff}(q)\| &\leq R^{q(q+3)/2} (\bar{c} \|H_{SB} + H_B\| \tau_0)^{q-1} \|H_{SB}\| \\ T(q) &= R^q \tau_{min}\end{aligned}$$

where  $R = 2^{D(MOOS)}$  and  $\bar{c} \sim 1$

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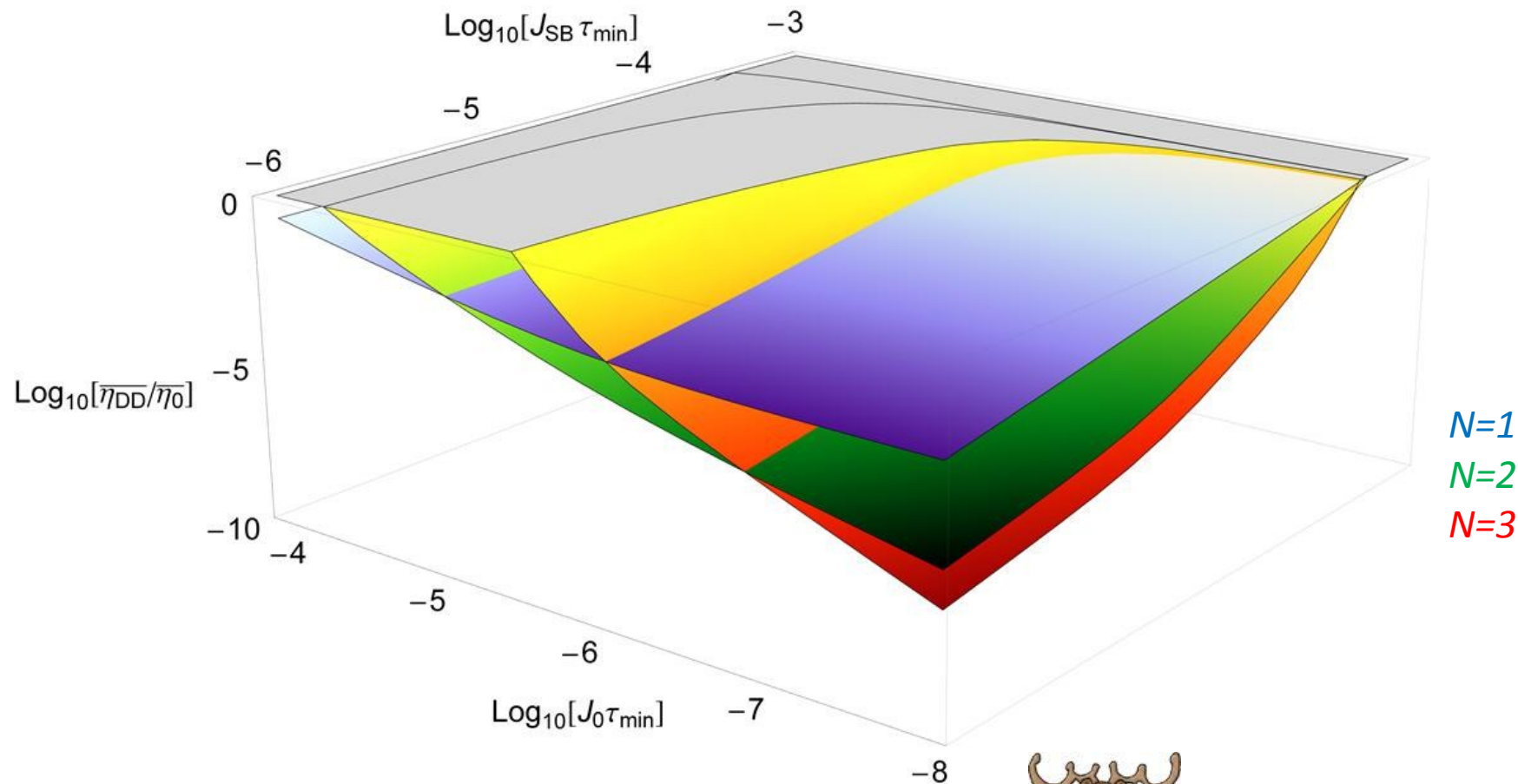


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[[9,1,3]] – BS code:  $\tau_{\min} = 1$  ;  $D(MOOS) = 4 + 2$

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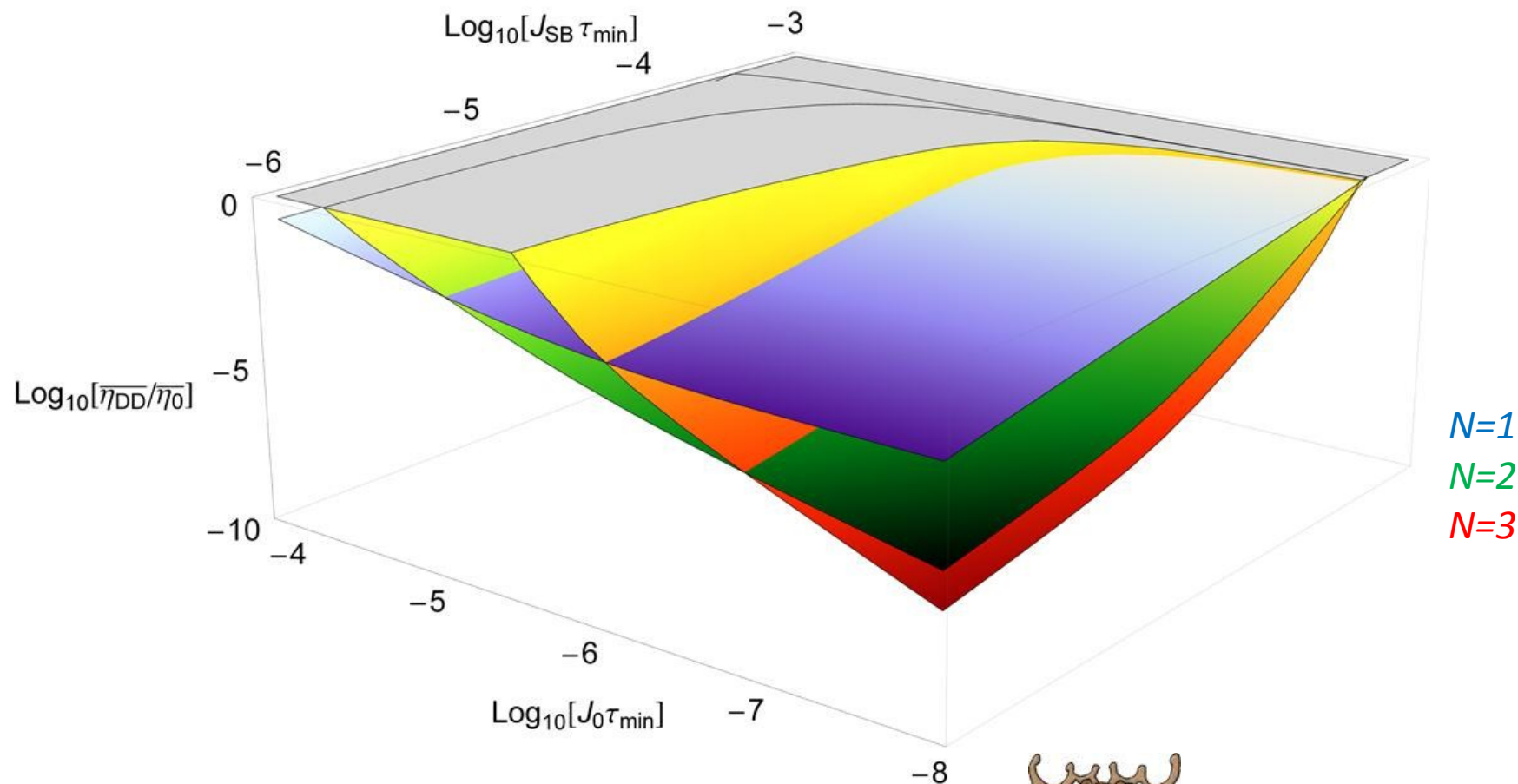


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# Beyond $H_S = 0$

- ✓ DD-based methods for fidelity enhanced gates can be directly ported:
  - Dynamically protected gates: works for both CDD and NUDD  
Append SXDD sequence to a gate.  
*[NLP, PRA 84, 012305(2011)]*
  - (Concatenated) Dynamically corrected gates: based on CDD  
Eulerian cycle on the Caley graph of DD group

*[Khodjasteh and Viola, PRL 102, 080501 (2009)]*

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