

# From Easy to Hard: Tackling Quantum Problems with Learned Gadgets

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## Motivation

Optimization of Quantum Circuits

- Find a quantum circuit that solves a given task
- Learn by solving a parametrized set of problems with various difficulty

## Method

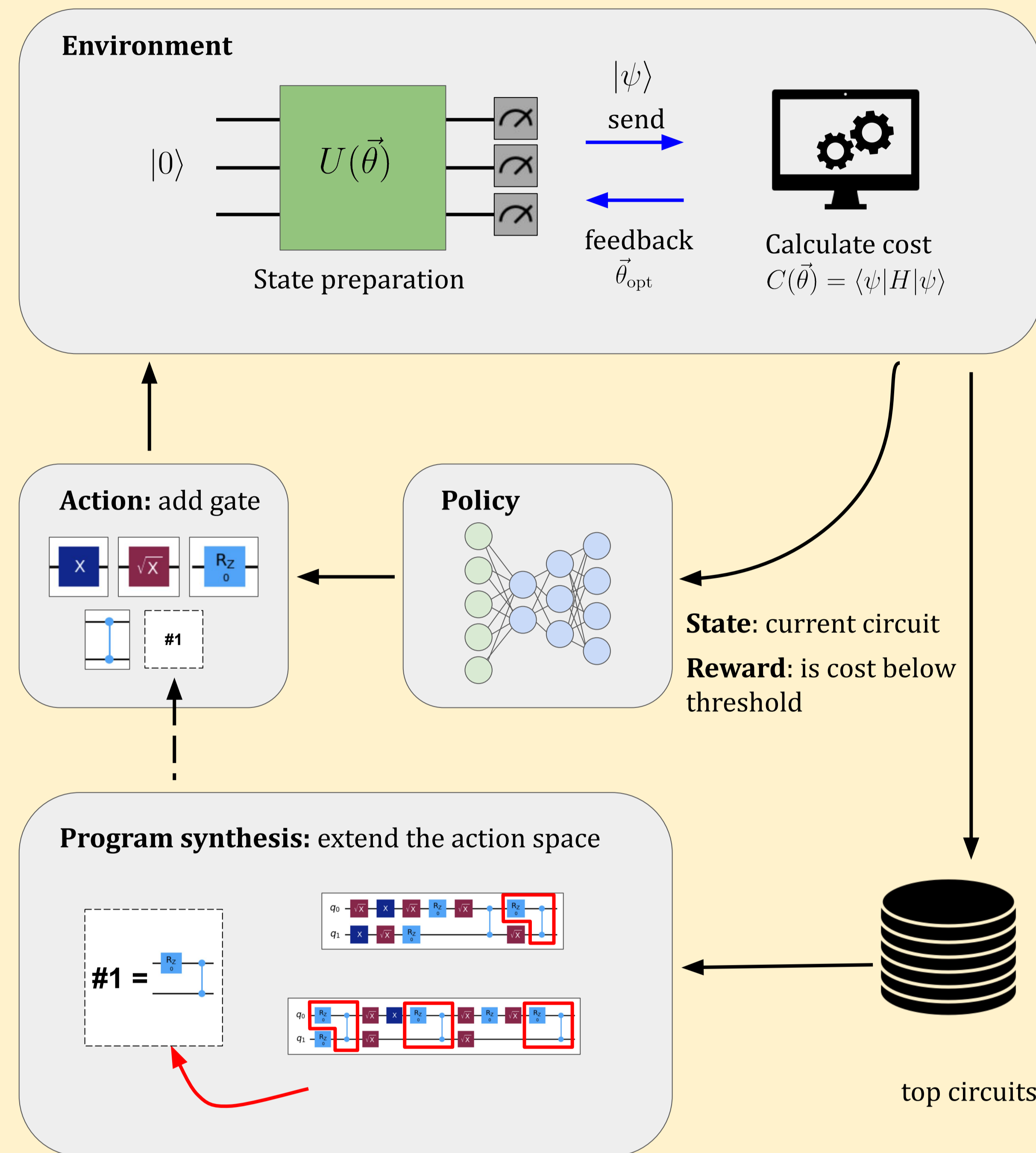
An iterative algorithm

### 1) Reinforcement learning

- Propose a circuit for state preparation
- Minimize state energy

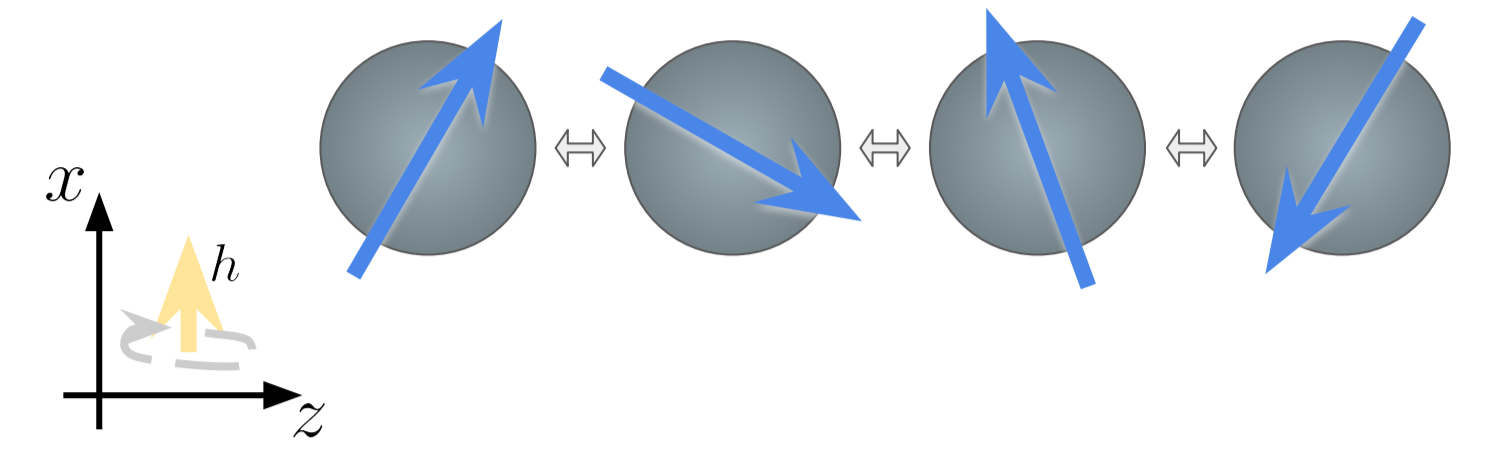
### 2) Program synthesis

- Analyze best proposed circuits
- Extract the most useful composite gate
- Expand the reinforcement learning agent's action space



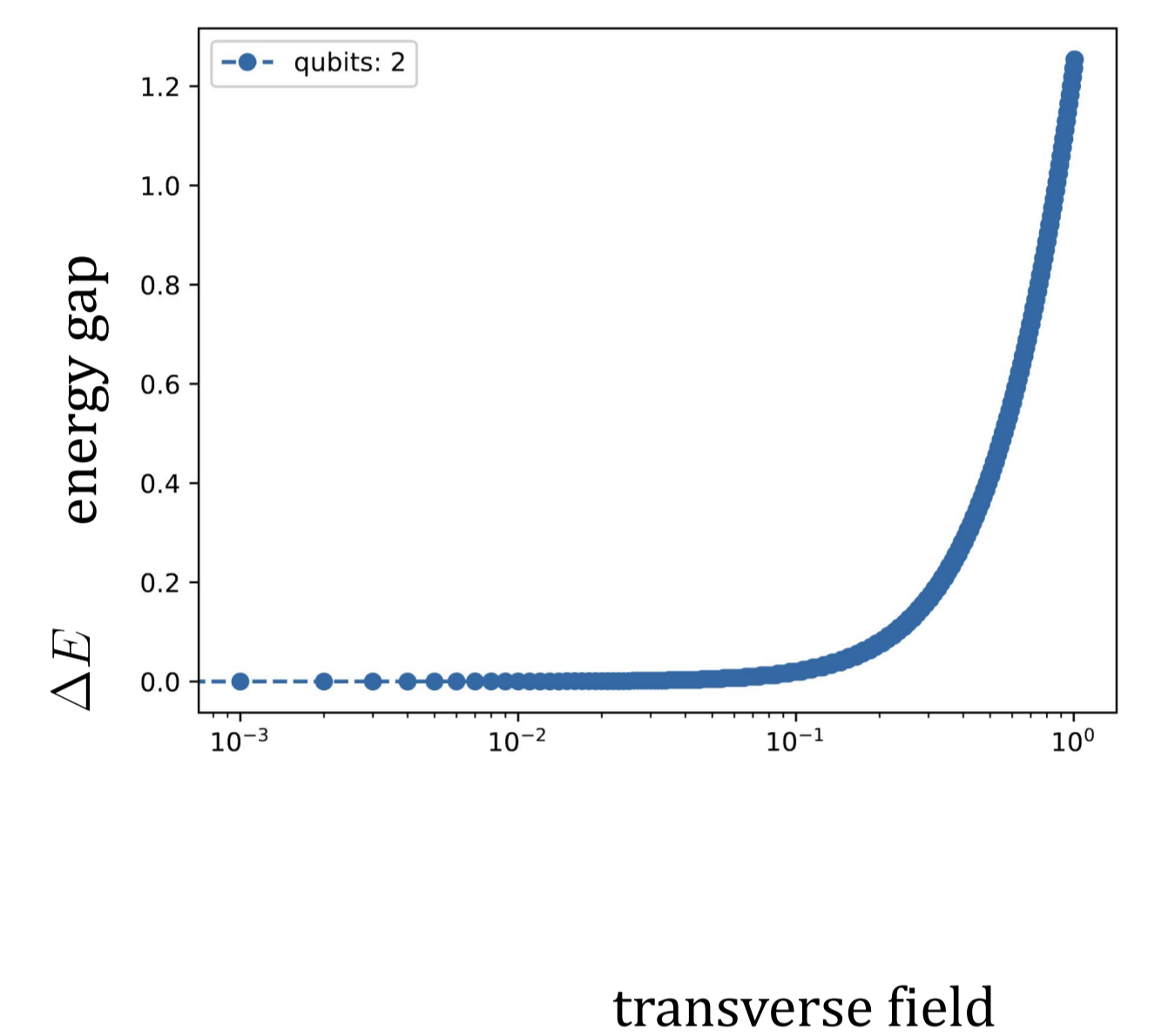
## Application

The Transverse-Field Ising Model



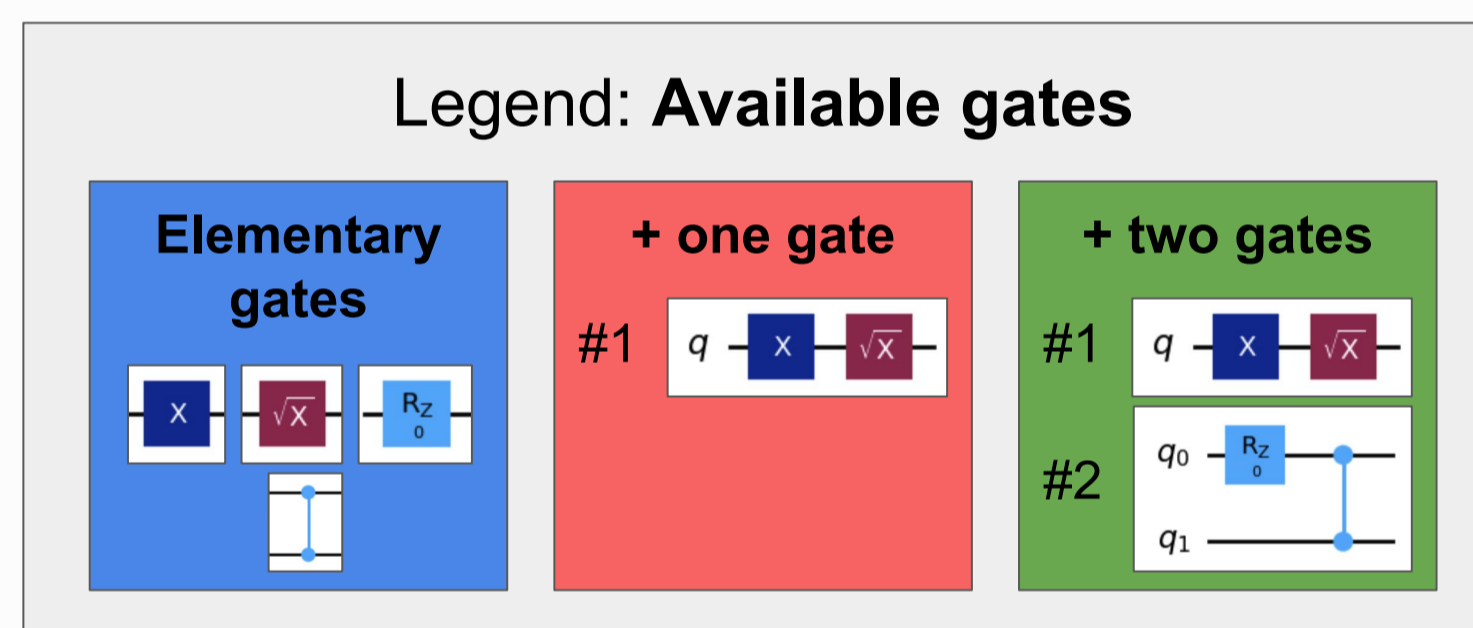
$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - h \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

**GOAL:** build a circuit that prepares the ground state of the system



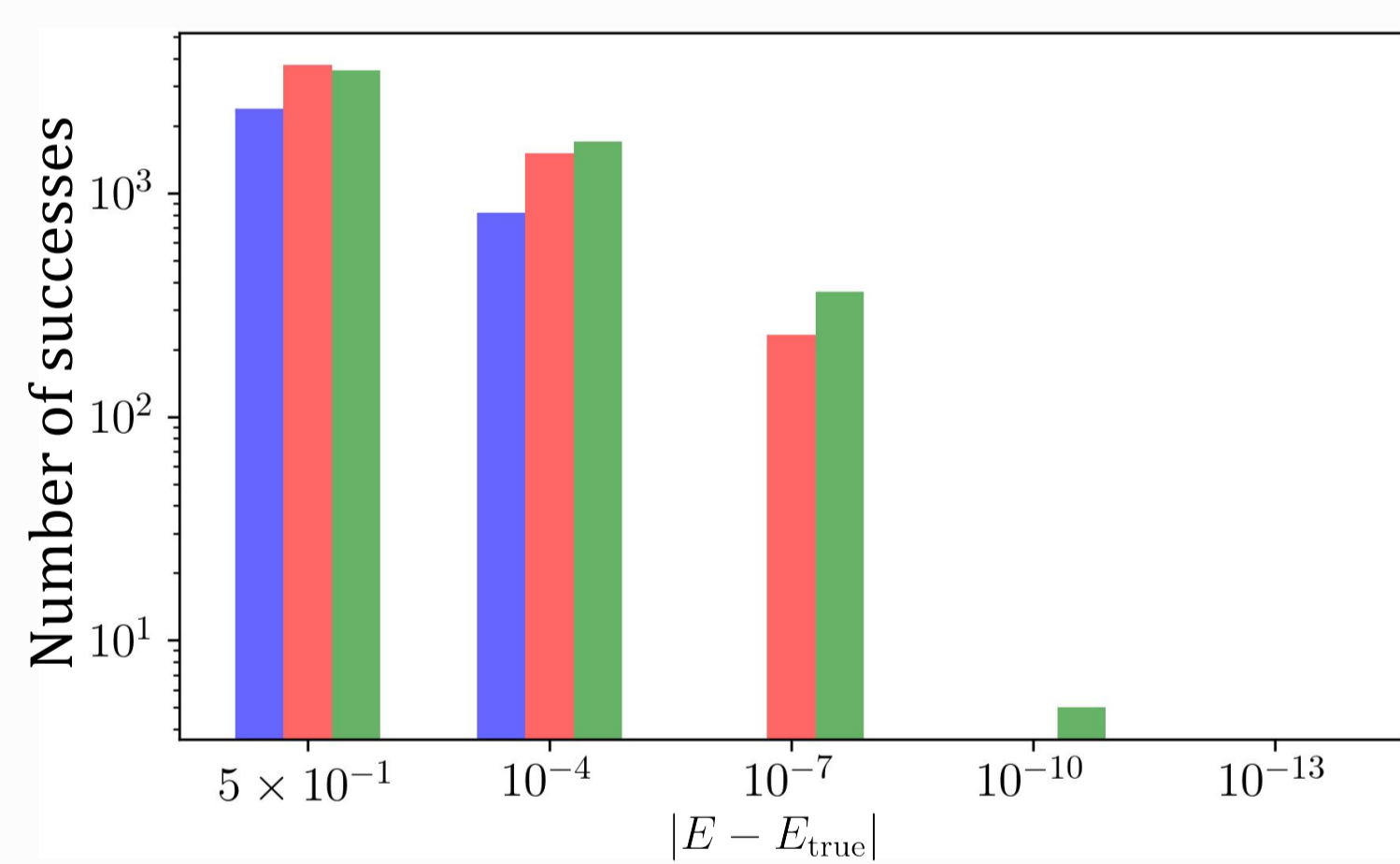
The strength of the external field tunes the difficulty of the problem

## Results

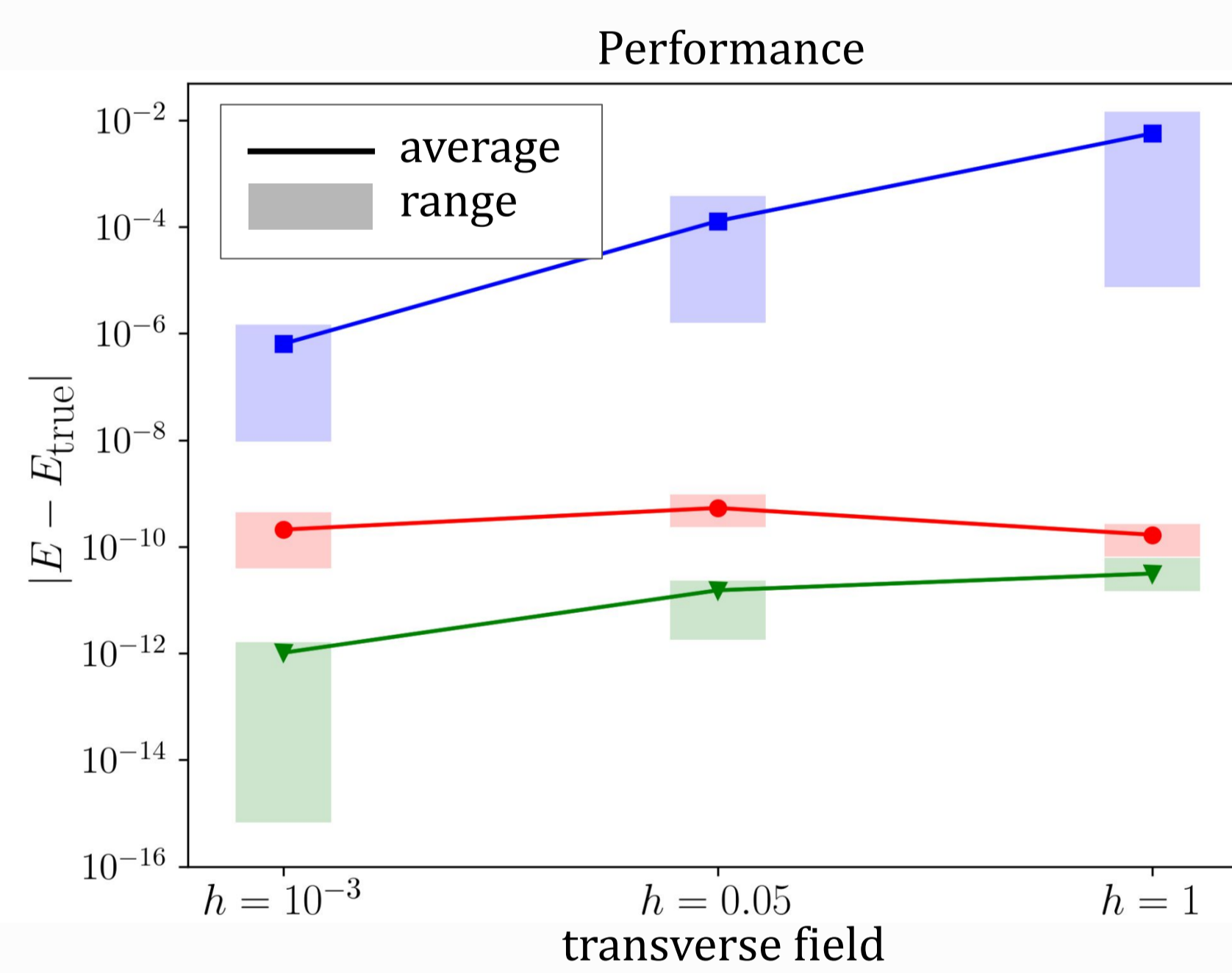
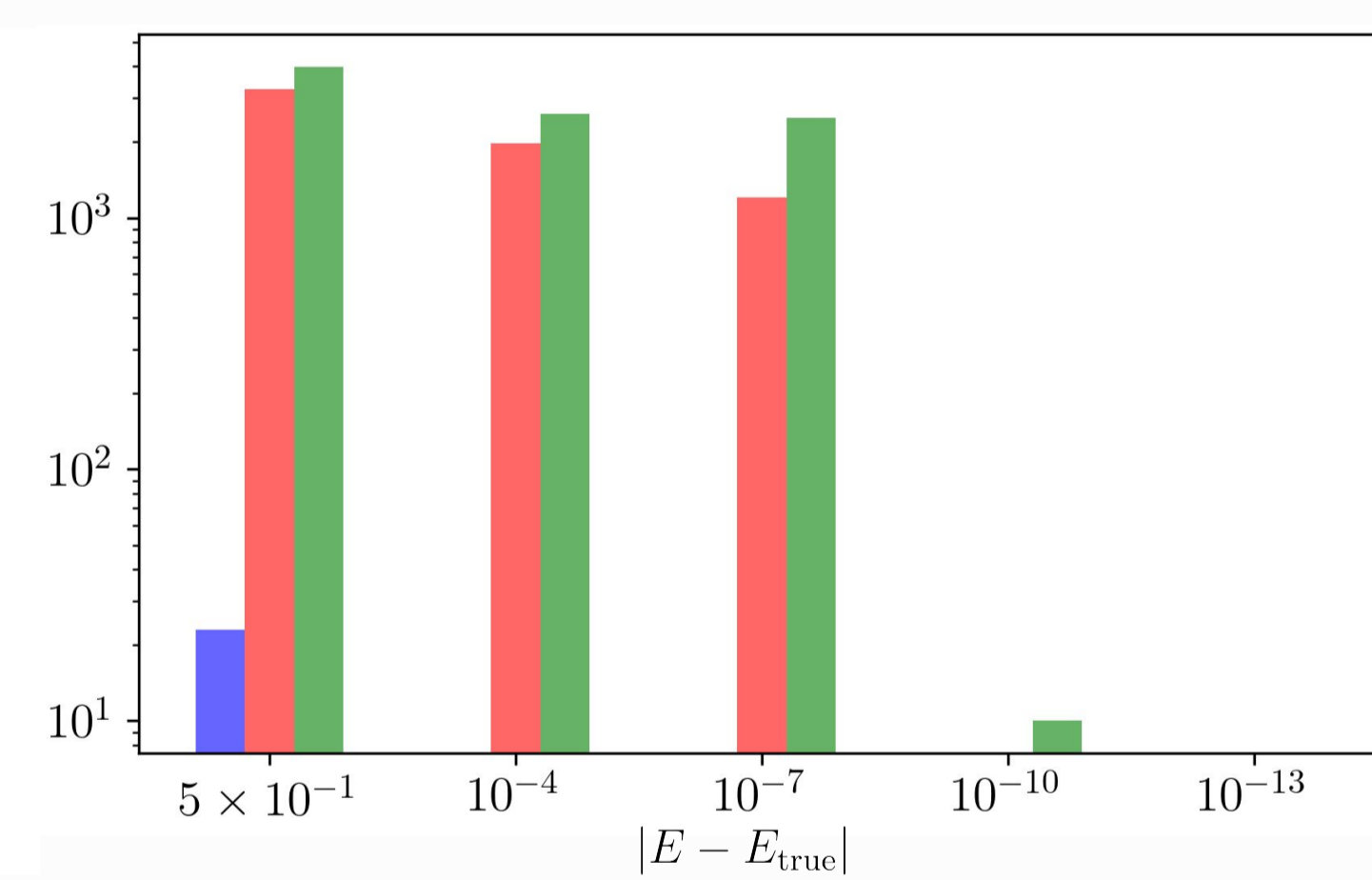


### 2 qubits

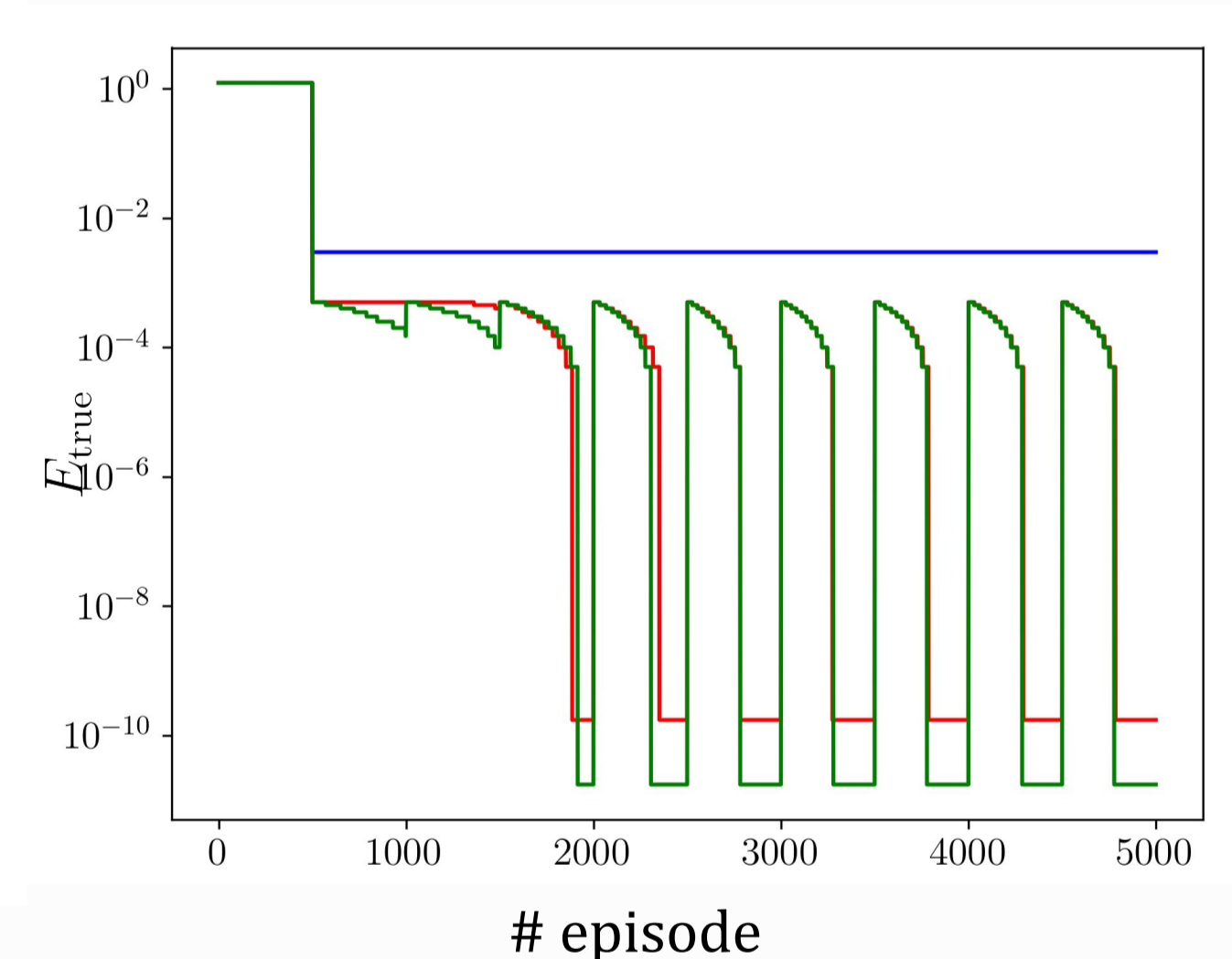
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$h = 1$

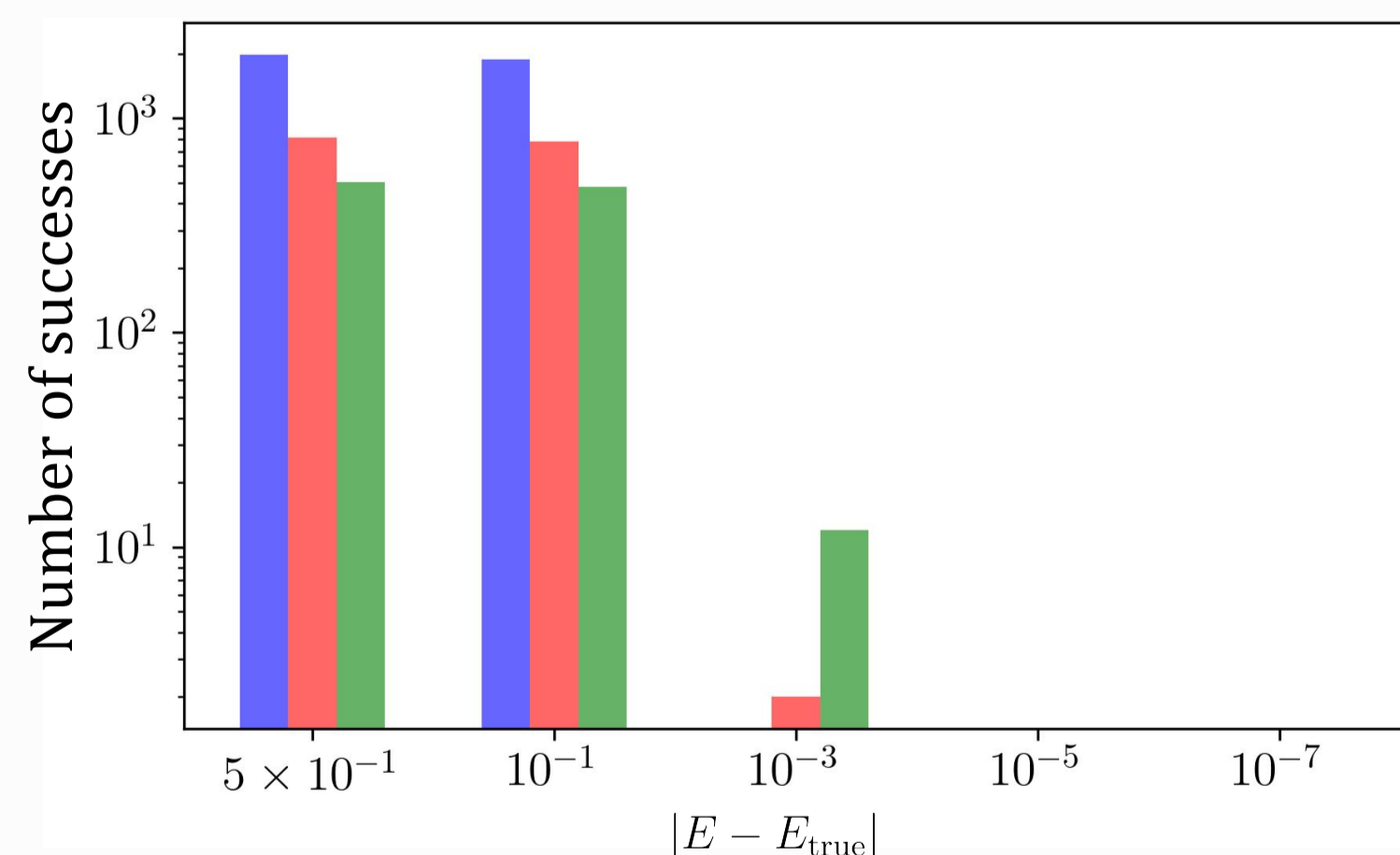


### Reward threshold

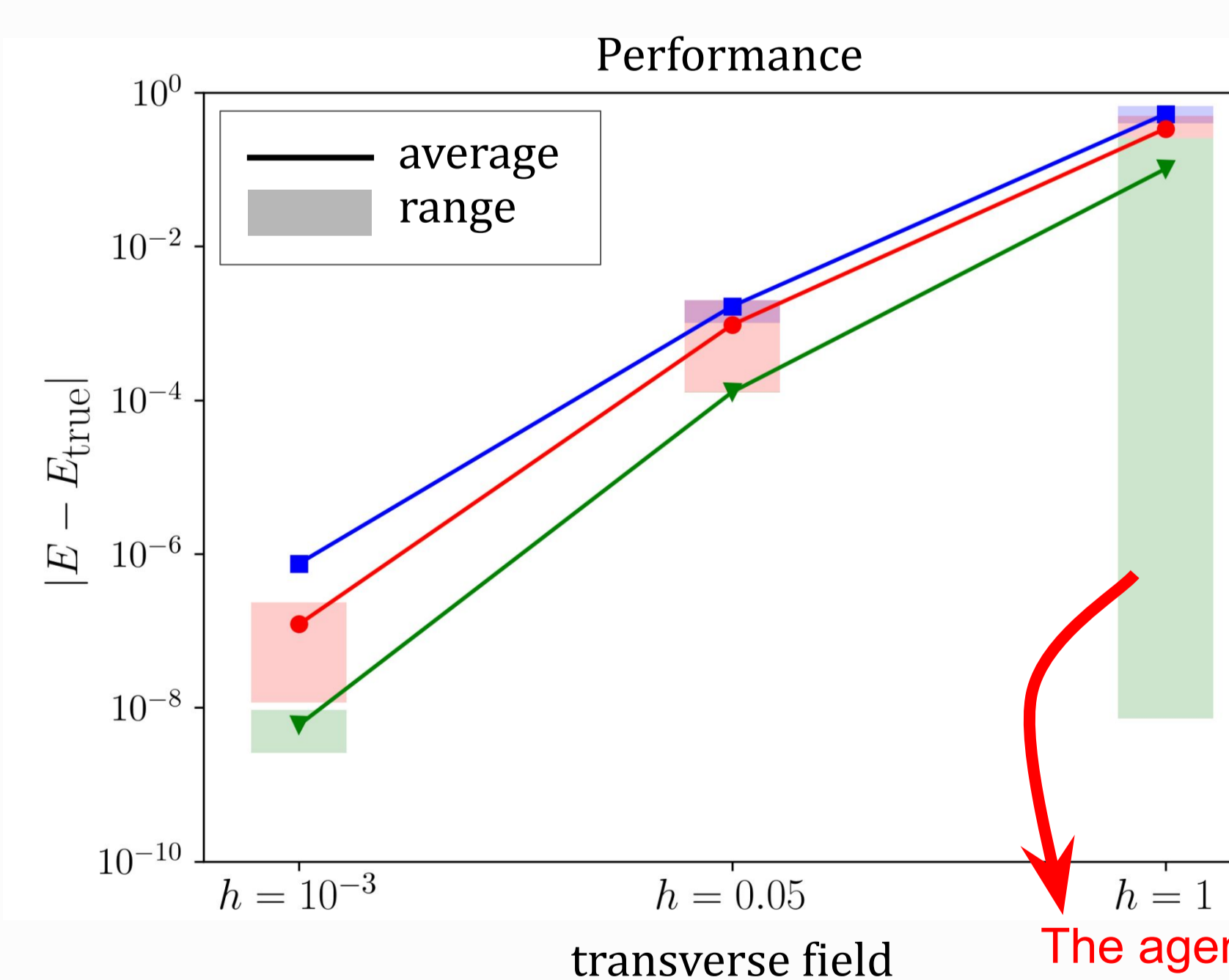
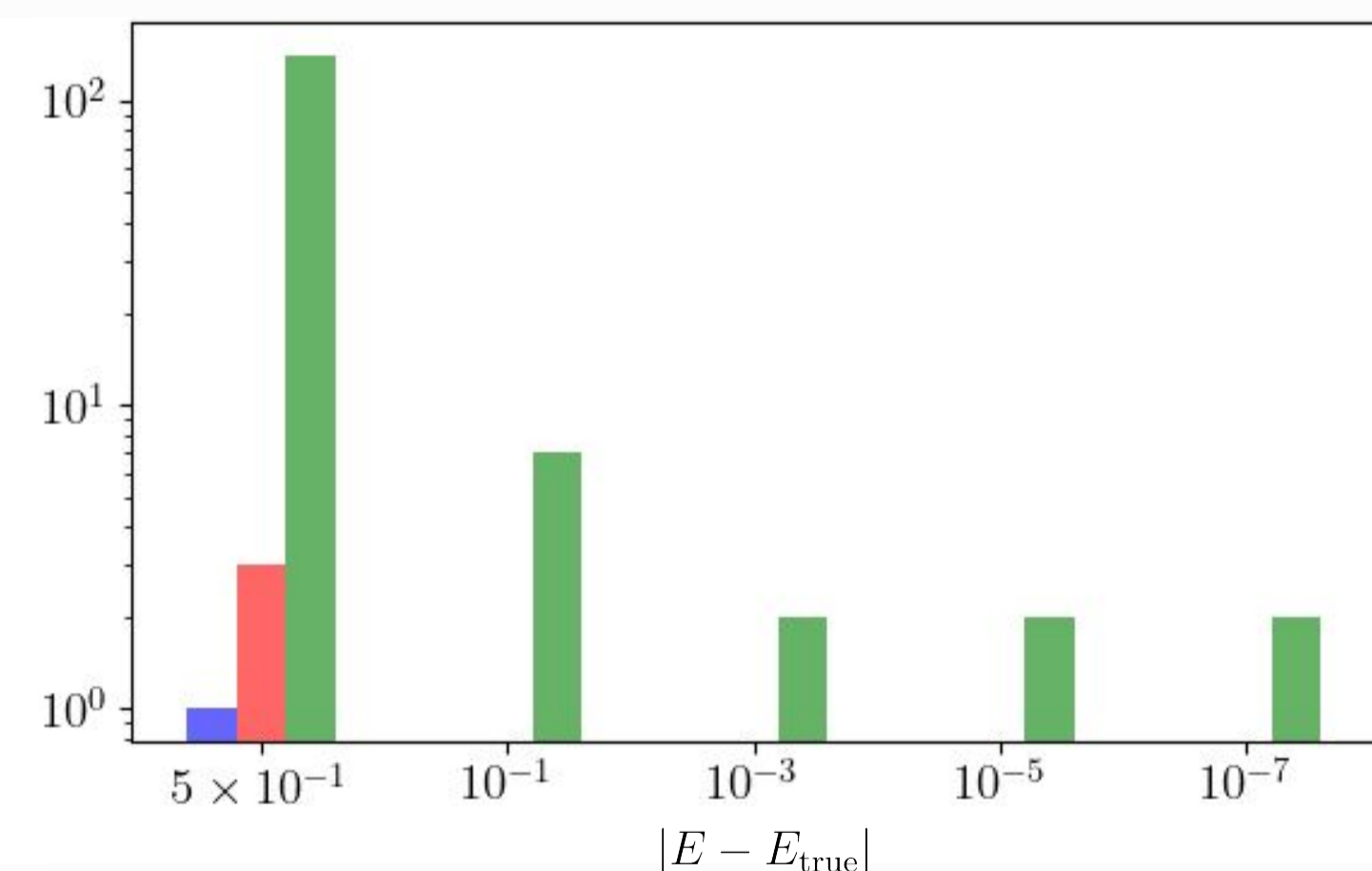


### 3 qubits

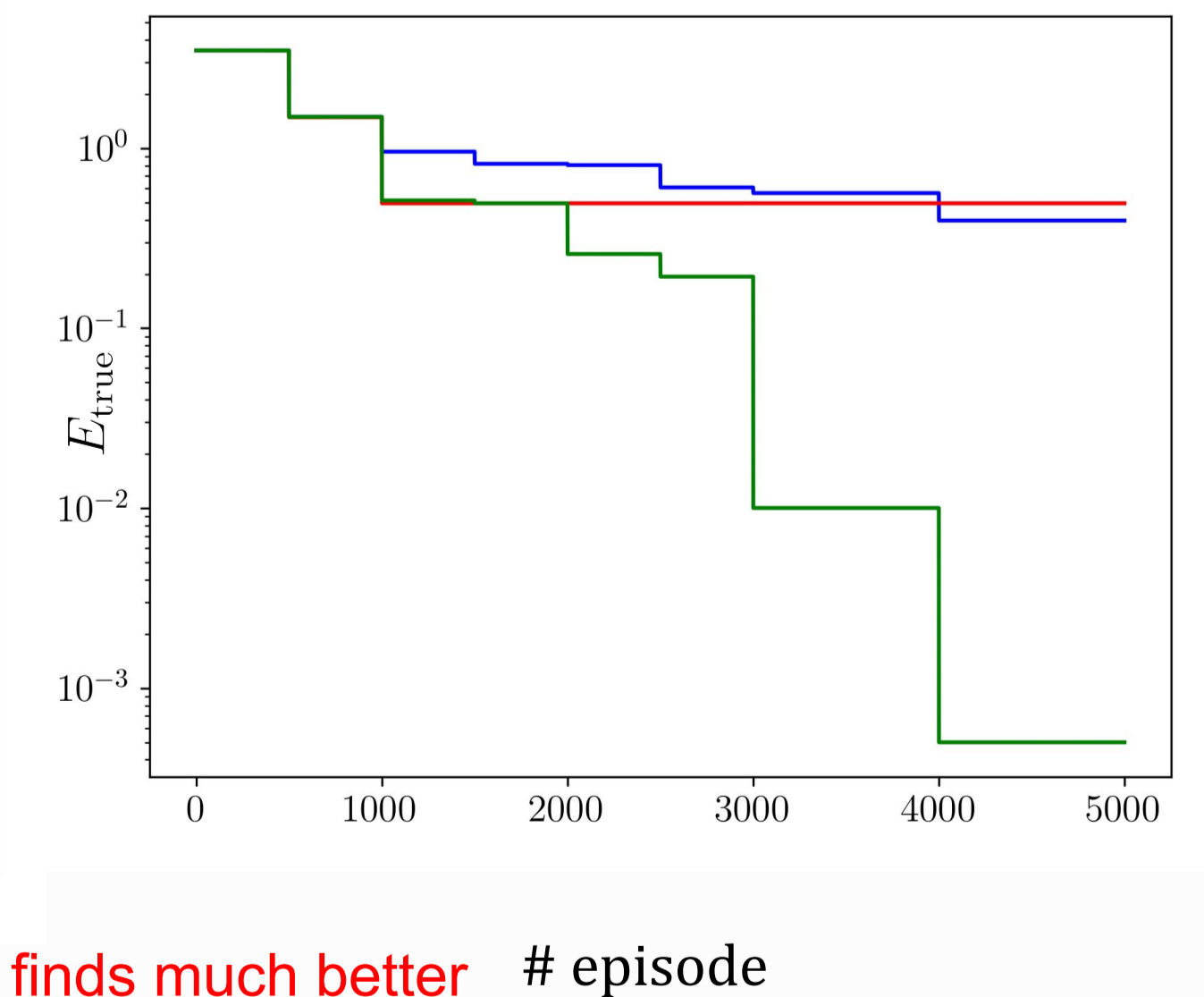
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### Reward threshold



The agent finds much better solutions when using the extended gate set!

## Outlook

- Improve reinforcement learning efficiency by extending action space
- Generalization to harder regimes and larger number of qubits
- Can be directly optimized for specific real hardware

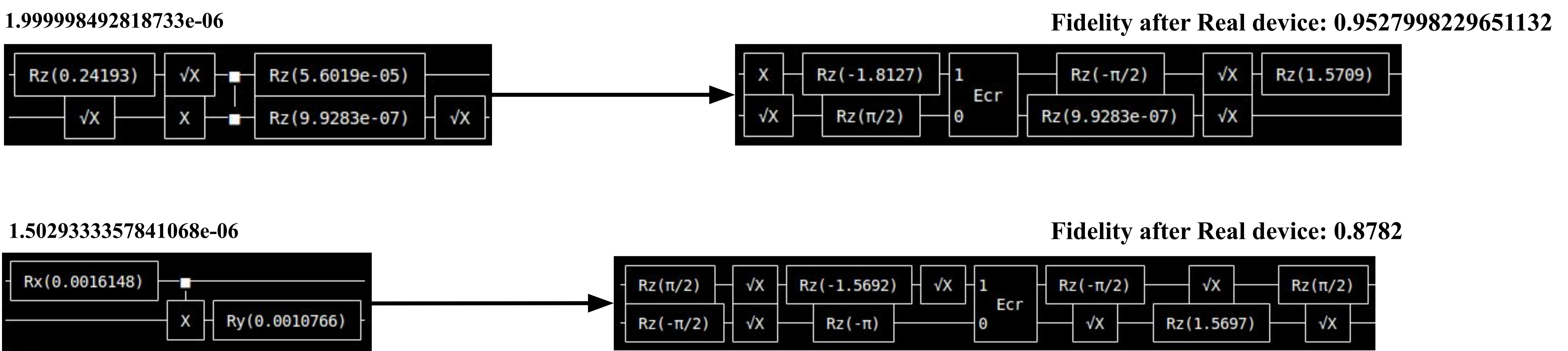
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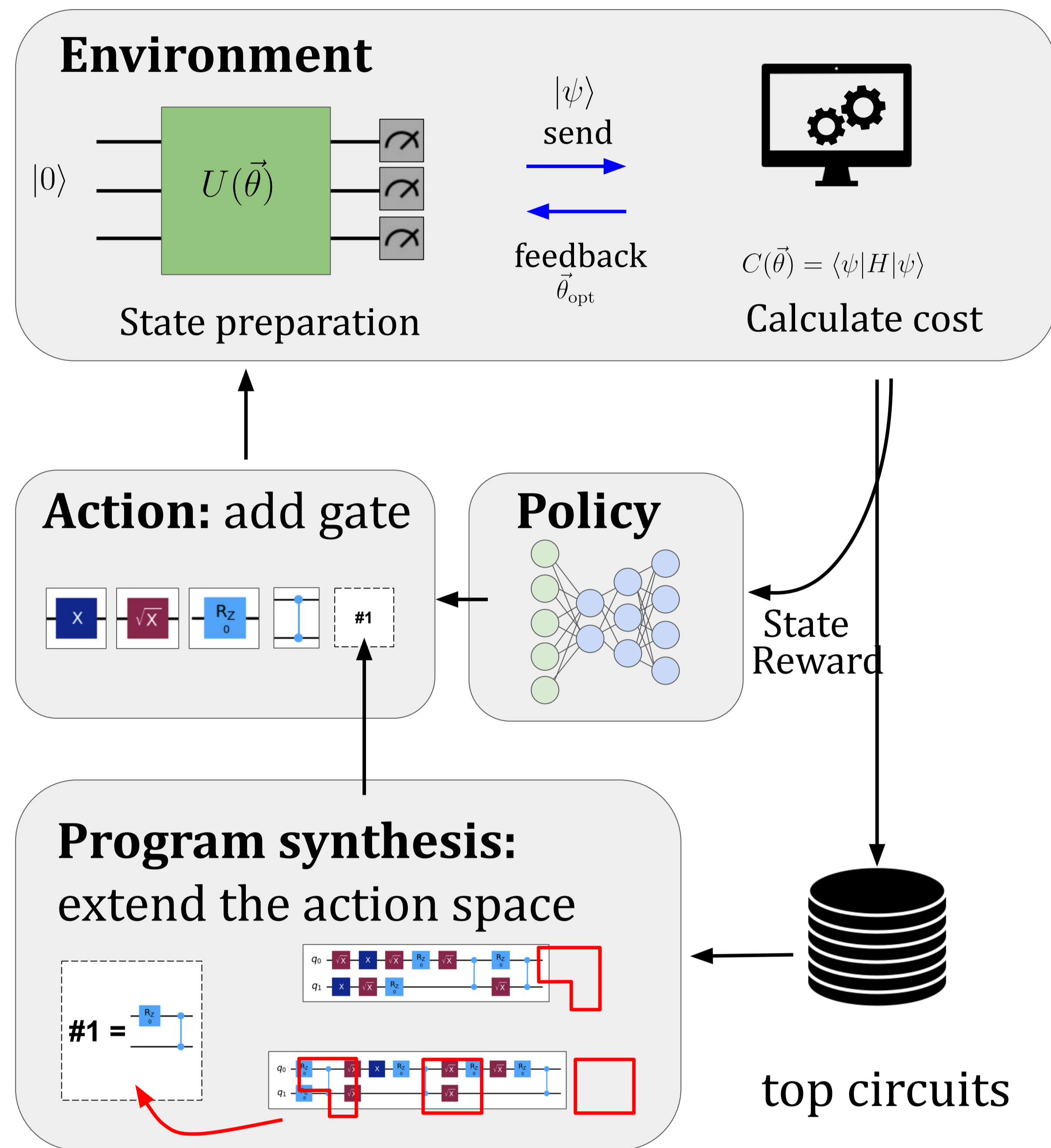
## Real device run

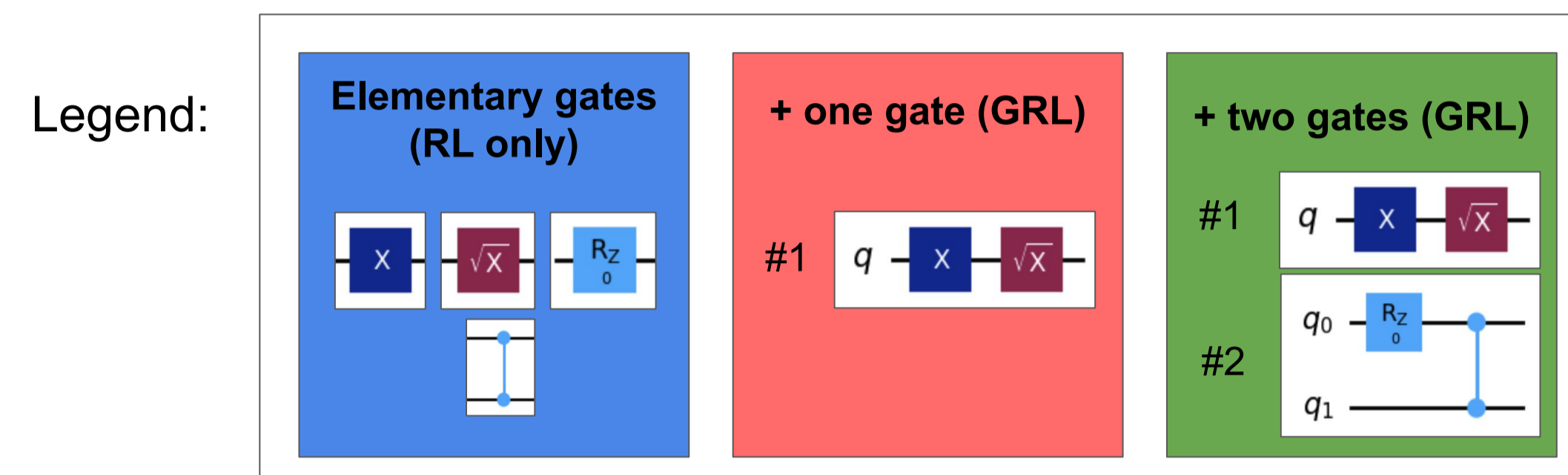


ROT VARIABLE  
REWARD

Max 20, min 10

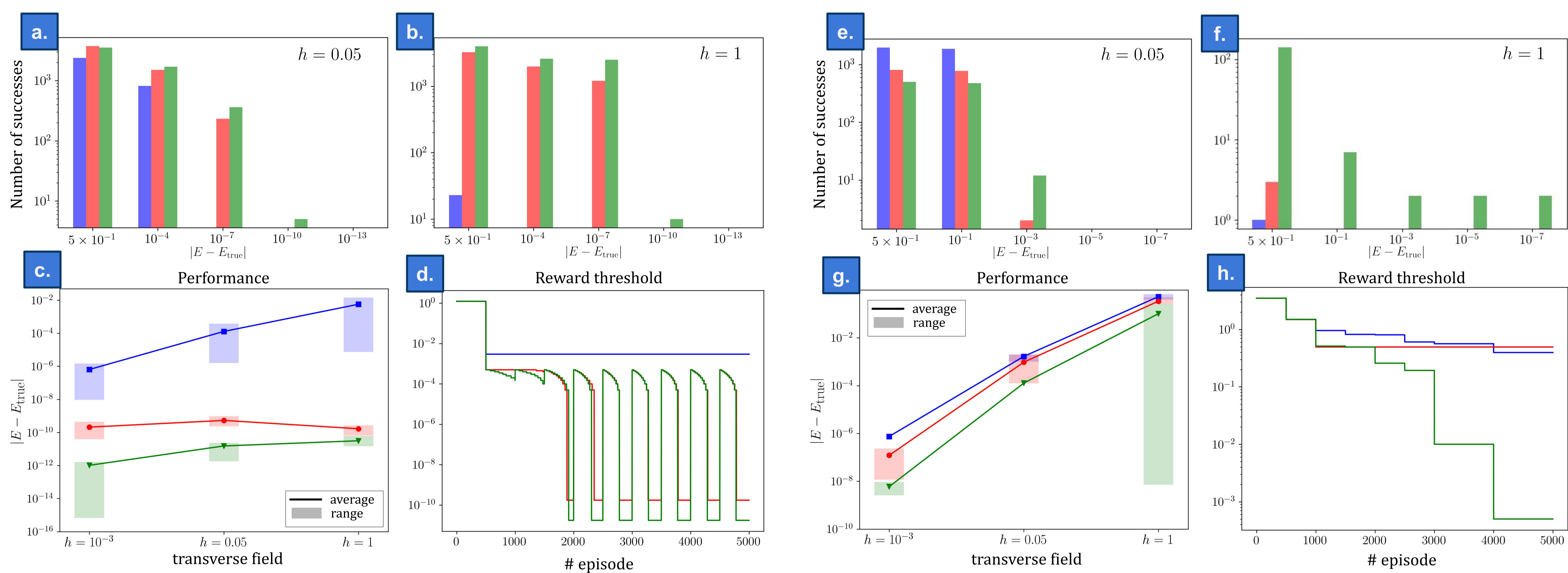
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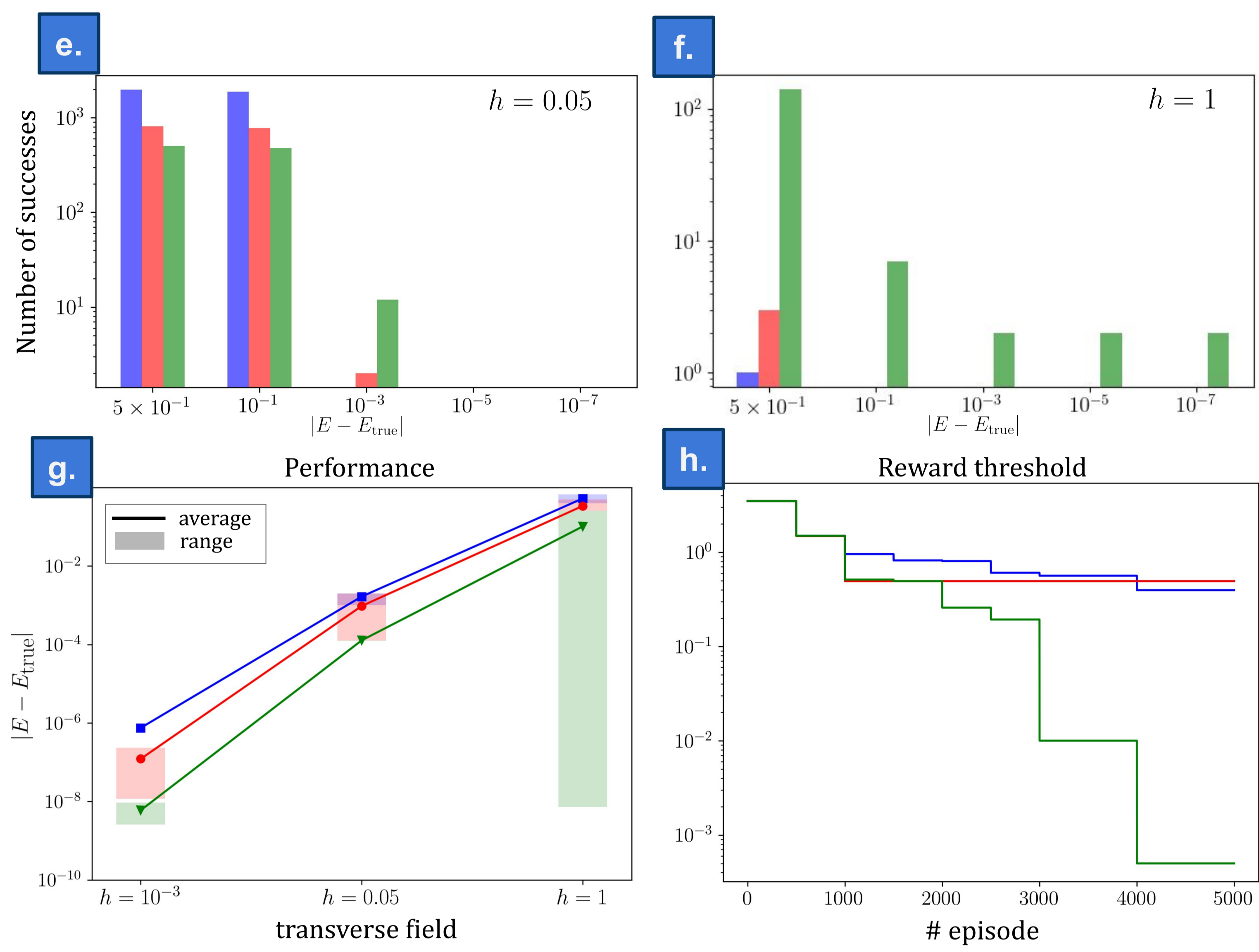


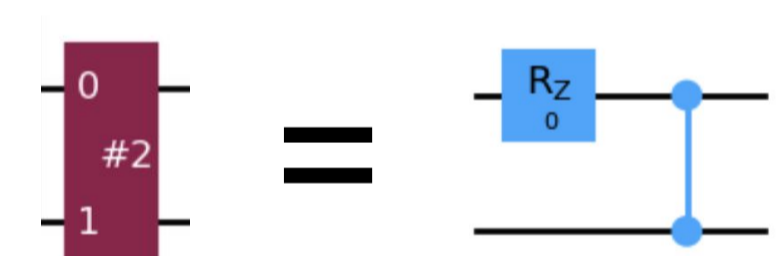
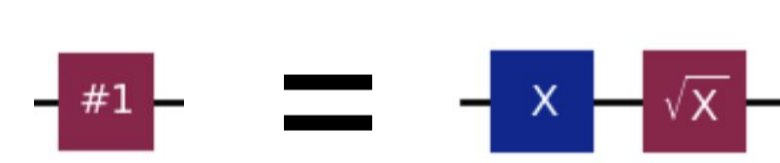


2 qubits

3 qubits







updating with

action space = {CZ, SX, X, RZ( $\theta$ )}

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