



TorchQuantum Tutorial

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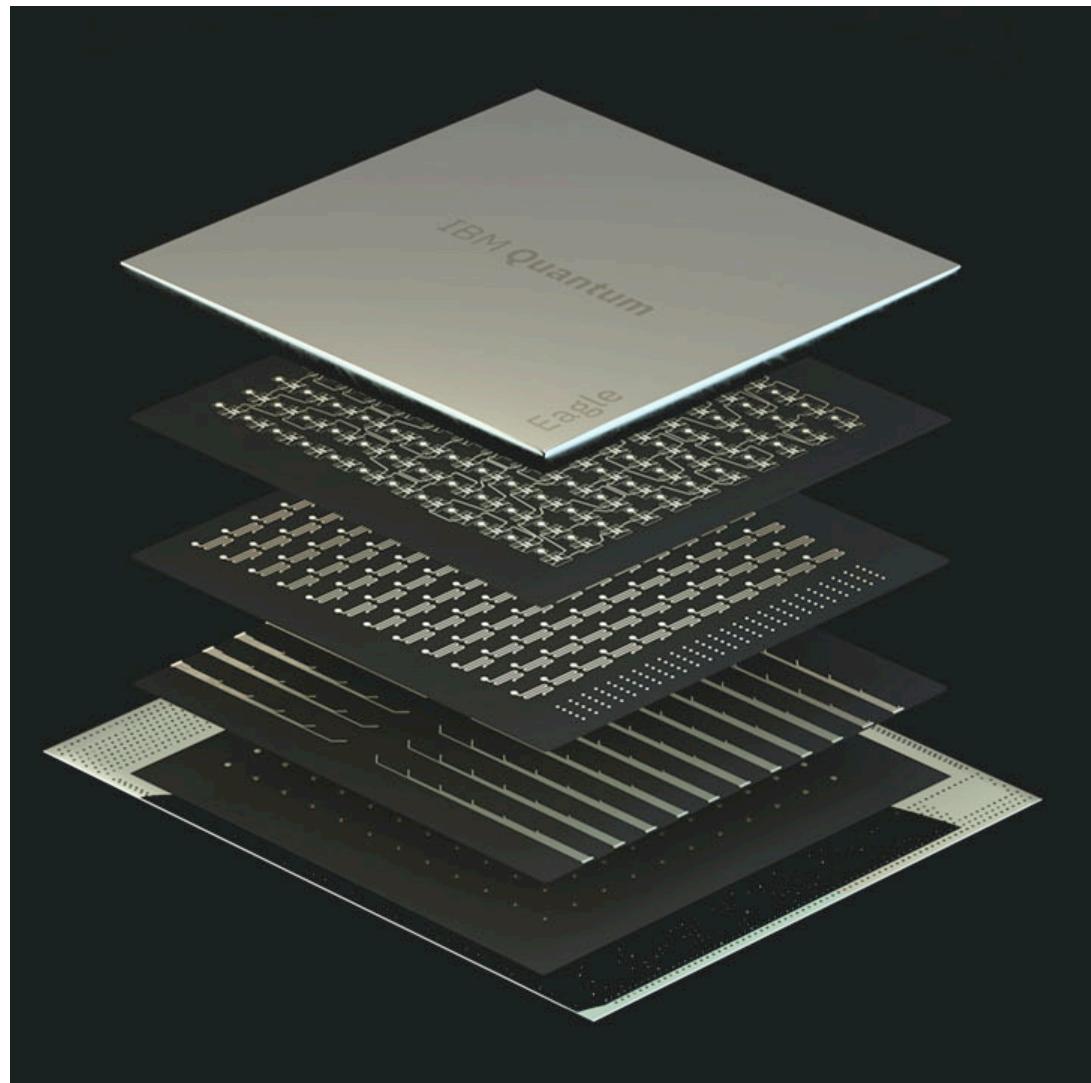
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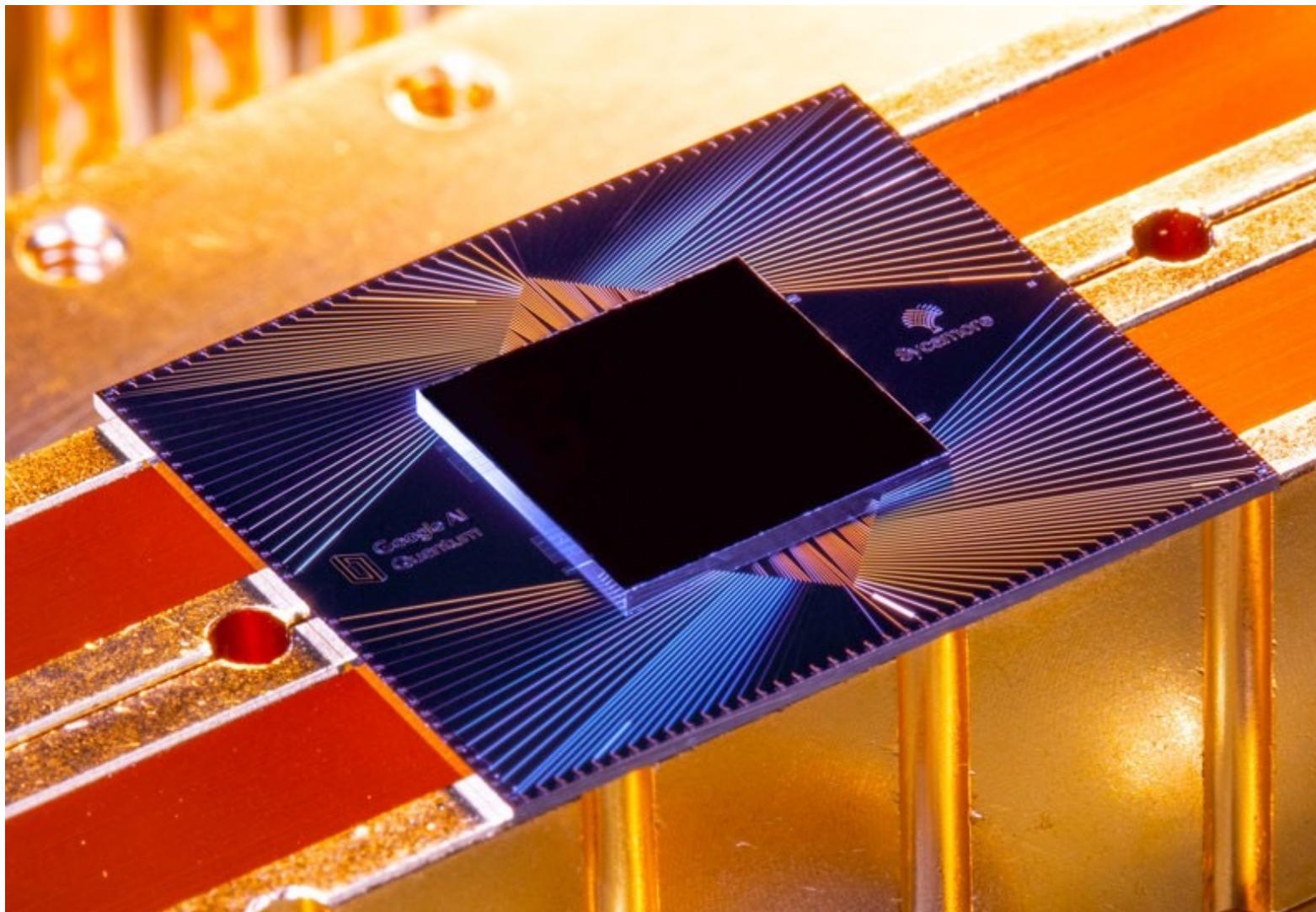
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Quantum Computing

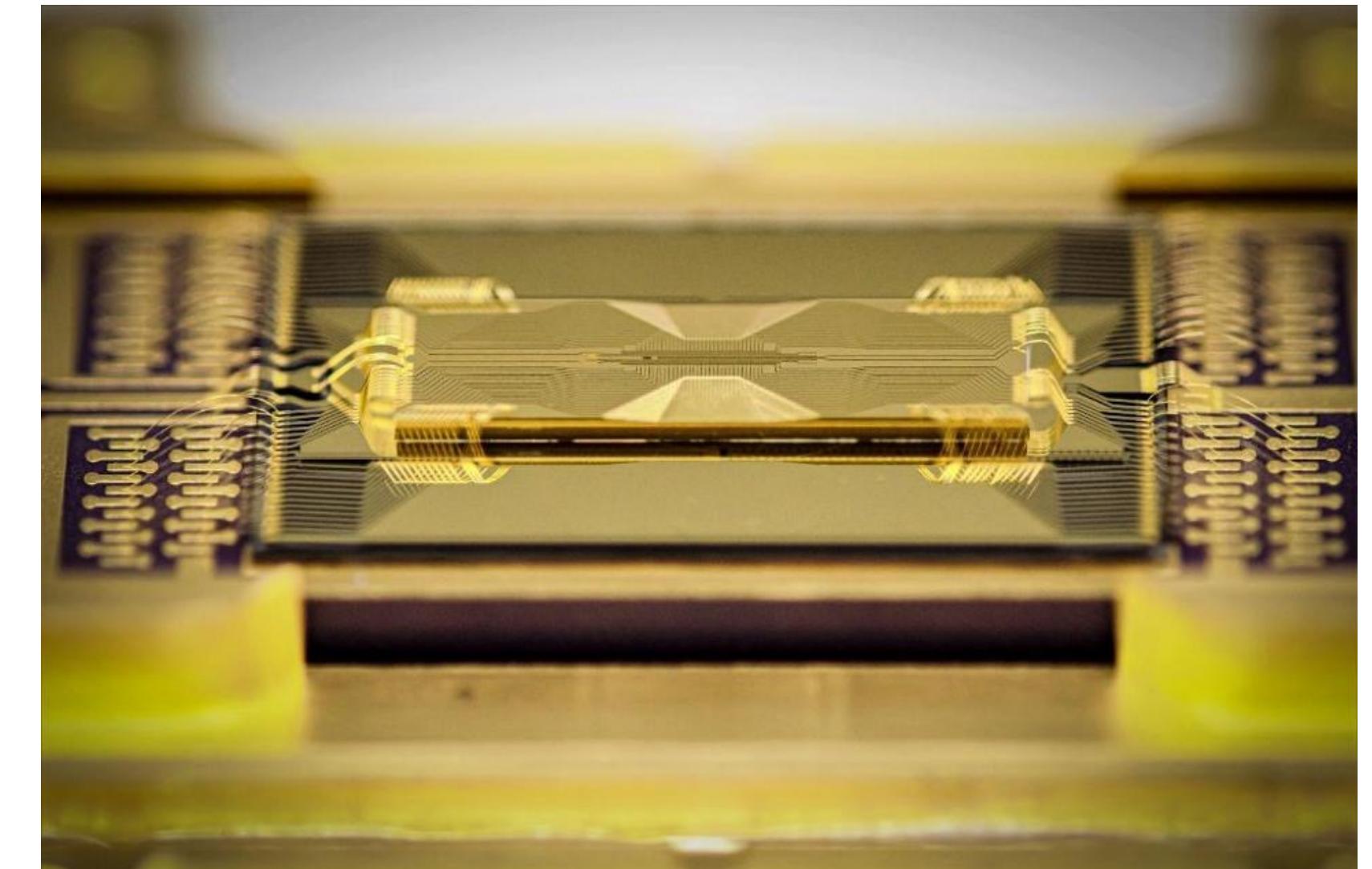
- Fast progress of quantum devices
- Different technologies
 - Superconducting, trapped ion, neutral atom, photonics, etc.



IBM
127 Qubit



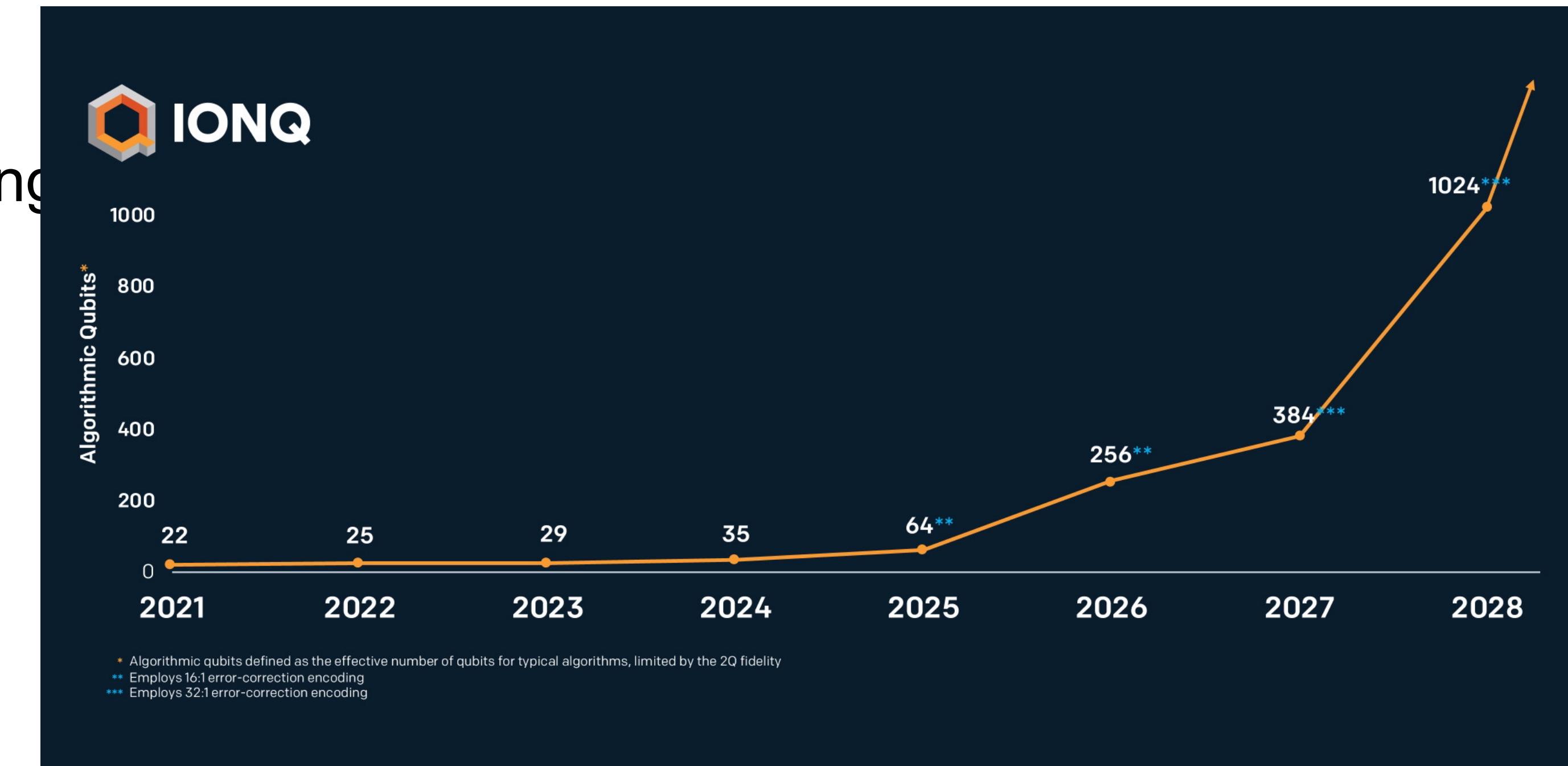
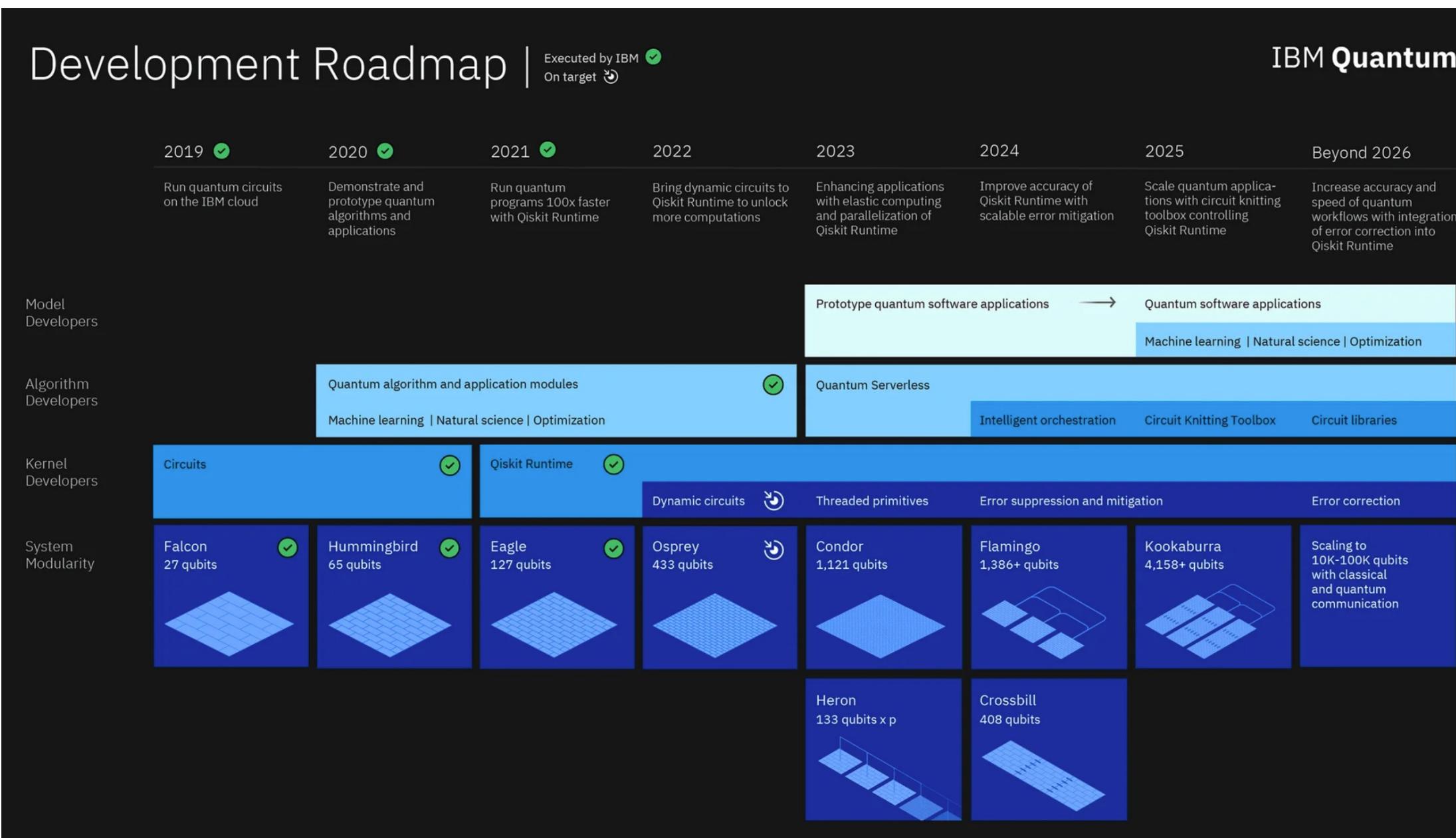
Google
53 Qubits



IonQ
32+ Qubits

Quantum Computing

- The number of qubits increases exponentially over time
- The computing power increases exponentially with the number of qubits
- => “doubly exponential” rate

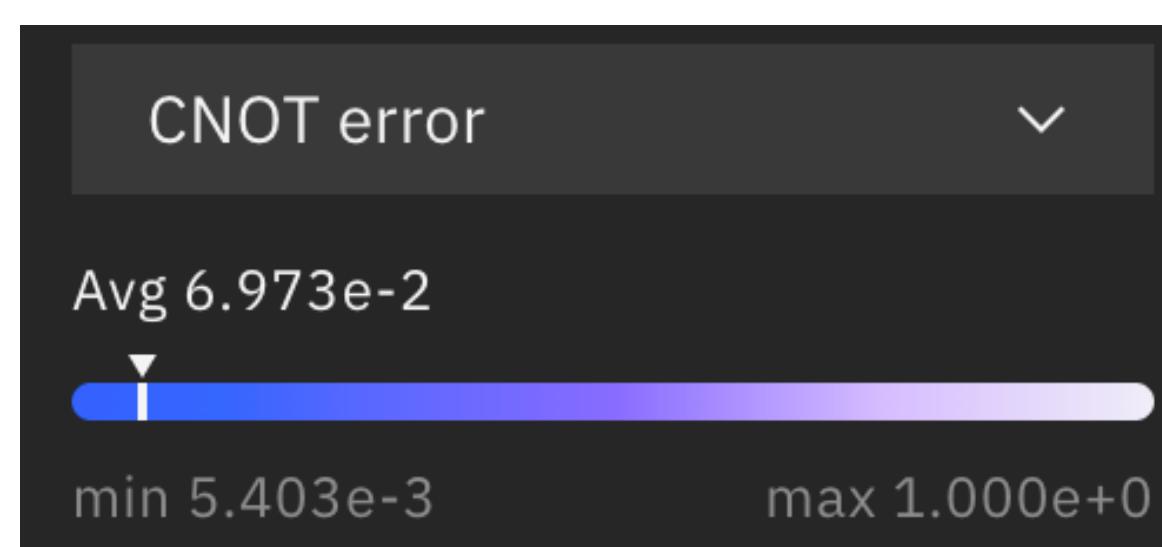
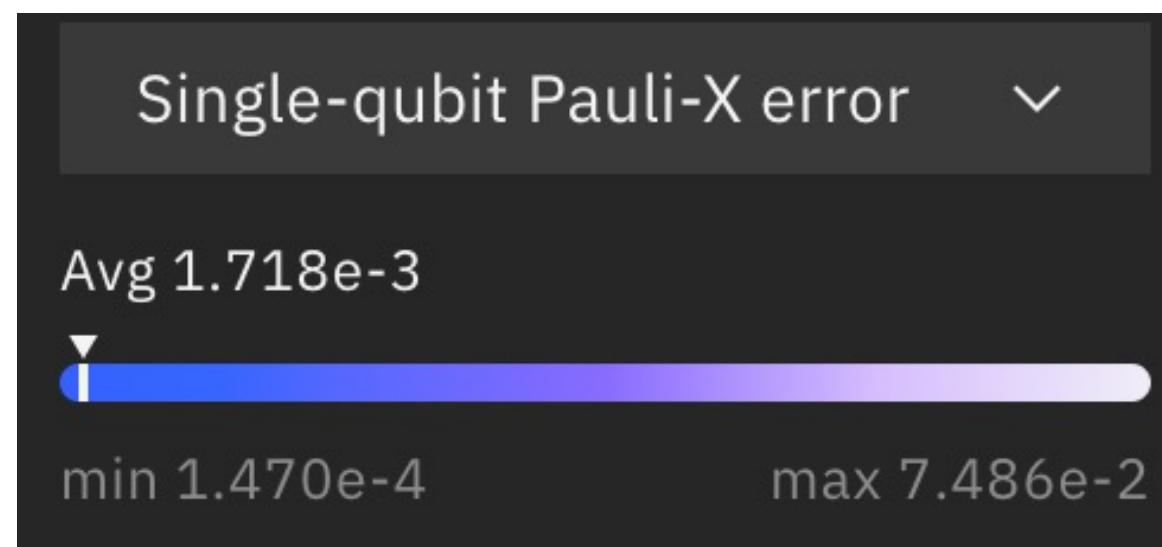


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IonQ Roadmap

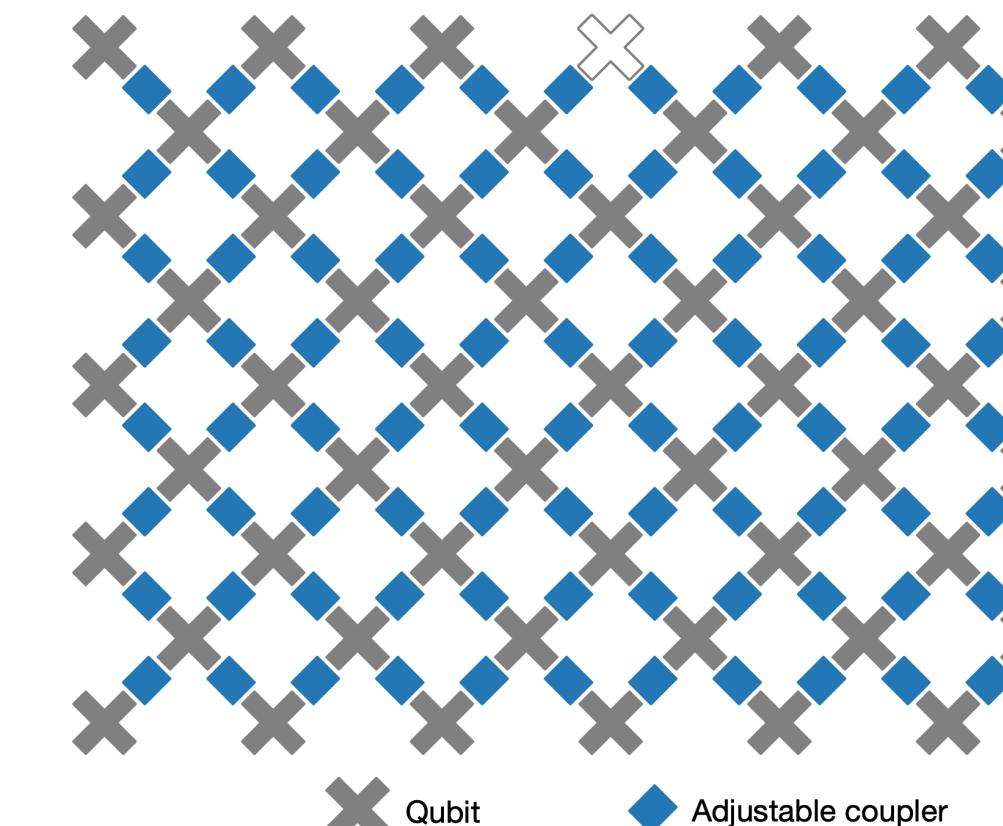
Quantum Computing in NISQ Era

- Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ)
 - **Noisy:** qubits are sensitive to environment; quantum gates are unreliable
 - **Limited number of qubits:** tens to hundreds of qubits
 - **Limited connectivity:** no all-to-all connections



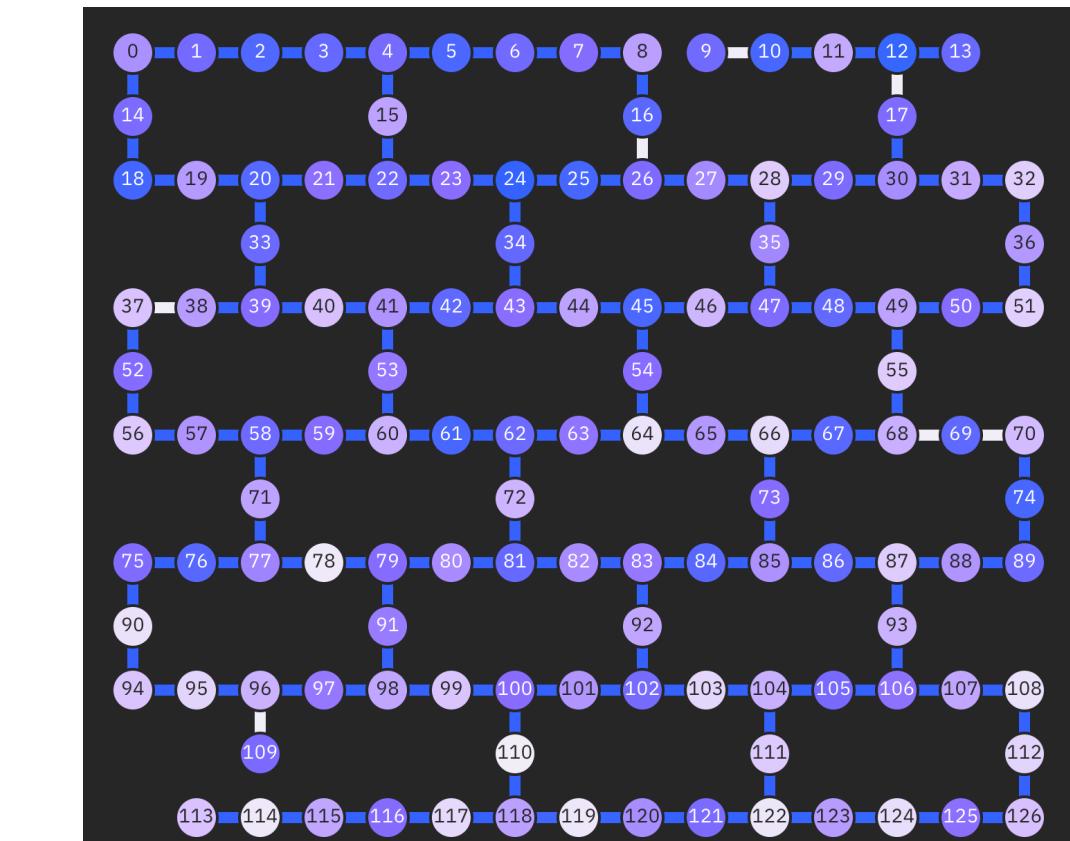
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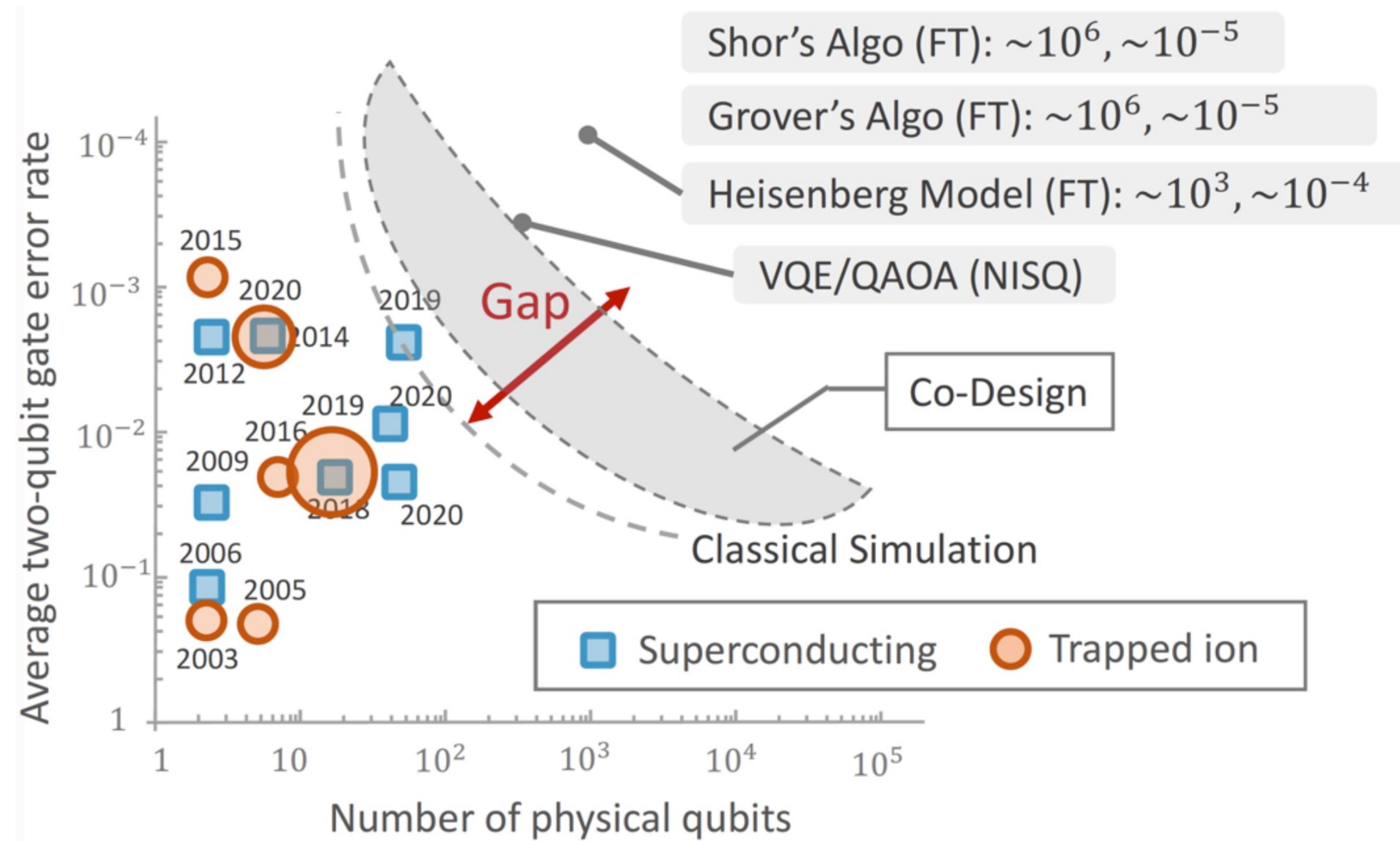


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A Large Gap between Powerful Quantum Algorithms and Current Devices

- Close the gap with **machine learning and hardware-aware algorithm design**



Good Infrastructure is Critical

- To enable ML-assisted hardware-aware quantum algorithm design
- Need a simulation framework on classical computer
 - Fast
 - PyTorch native
 - Portable
 - Scalable
 - Analyze circuit **behavior**
 - Study **noise** impact
 - Develop **ML model** for quantum optimization

TorchQuantum Library

- A fast library for classical simulation of quantum circuit in **PyTorch**
 - Automatic **gradient** computation for training parameterized quantum circuit
 - **GPU-accelerated** tensor processing with batch mode support
 - **Dynamic computation graph** for easy debugging
 - Easy construction of **hybrid classical and quantum** neural networks
 - **Gate** level and **pulse** level simulation support
 - **Converters** to other frameworks such as IBM Qiskit
 - And so on...

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1.1 Quantum Basics

1.2 TQ Operations 

1.3 TQ for State Prep 

1.4 TQ for VQE 

1.5 TQ for QNN 

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2.2 QuantumNAT: Noise Injection and Quantization 

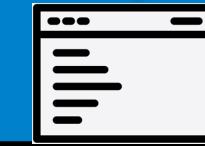
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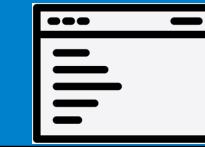
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Quantum Bit

- Quantum Bit (Qubit)

- Statevector: contains 2^n complex numbers for n qubit system
- The square sum of magnitude of 2^n numbers are 1

- 1 qubit:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{C}$$
$$|a_0|^2 + |a_1|^2 = 1$$

- 2 qubits:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{C}$$
$$|a_0|^2 + |a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 + |a_3|^2 = 1$$

Quantum Bit

- Classical bits represented in statevector

- Classical 0:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Classical 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- An arbitrary quantum states:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} = a_0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Quantum Gates

- Qubit gates: operations on one qubit or multiple qubits
- The qubit gates can be represented with matrix format with dimension $2^n \times 2^n$
- All gate matrices are unitary matrices: the conjugate transpose is the same as its inverse
- Single qubit gates:

- Not (X) gate:

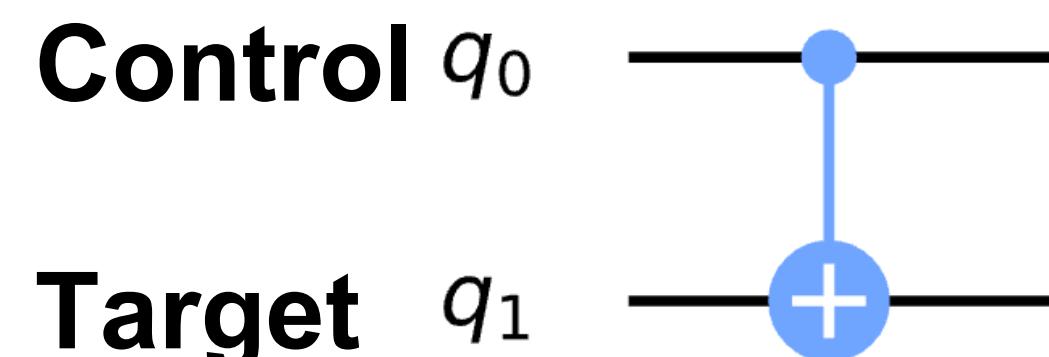
$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Parameterized gate: Rotation X (RX) with parameter theta

$$RX(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Quantum Gates

- 2-qubit gates:
 - Controlled Not (CNOT) gate:



$$CNOT = \begin{array}{c|cccc} & \text{Input} & 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ \hline & \text{Output} & [1 & 0 & 0 & 0] \\ 00 & [0 & 1 & 0 & 0] \\ 01 & [0 & 0 & 0 & 1] \\ 10 & [0 & 0 & 1 & 0] \\ 11 & \end{array}$$

- Controlled Rotation X (CRX) gate

$$CRX(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Quantum Gates

- Applying a gate to qubits is performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
 - Apply an X gate to classical state 0, we get 1

$$X \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Apply an CNOT gate to state 10, we get 11

$$CNOT \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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TQ for Statevector simulation

- Performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
 - The tq.QuantumDevice stores the statevectors
 - `q_dev = tq.QuantumDevice(n_wires=5)`
 - Two ways of applying quantum gates: method 1:
 - `import torchquantum.functional as tqf`
 - `tqf.h(q_dev, wires=1)`

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 - Two ways of applying quantum gates: method 2:
 - `h_gate = tq.H()`
 - `h_gate(q_dev, wires=3)`

TQ for Statevector simulation

- Performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
 - The tq.QuantumState class can also store the statevectors
 - `q_state = tq.QuantumState(n_wires=5)`
 - Three ways of applying quantum gates
 - `import torchquantum.functional as tqf`
 - `tqf.h(q_state, wires=1)`
 - `h_gate = tq.H()`
 - `h_gate(q_state)`
 - `q_state.h()`
 - `q_state.rx(wires=1, params=0.2 * np.pi)`

TQ for Statevector simulation

- Performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
- The implementation of statevector and quantum gates are using the native data structure in PyTorch

```
_state = torch.zeros(2 ** self.n_wires, dtype=C_DTYPE)
_state[0] = 1 + 0j

'cnot': torch.tensor([[1, 0, 0, 0],
                      [0, 1, 0, 0],
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```

Dynamic computation graph

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 - `q_state = tq.QuantumState(n_wires=5)`
 - `q_state.h(wires=1)`
 - `print(q_state)`
 - `q_state.sx(wires=3)`
 - `print(q_state)`

Batch Mode Tensorized Processing

- Performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
 - The tq.QuantumState class can also store the statevectors
 - `q_state = tq.QuantumState(n_wires=5, bsz=64)`

GPU Support

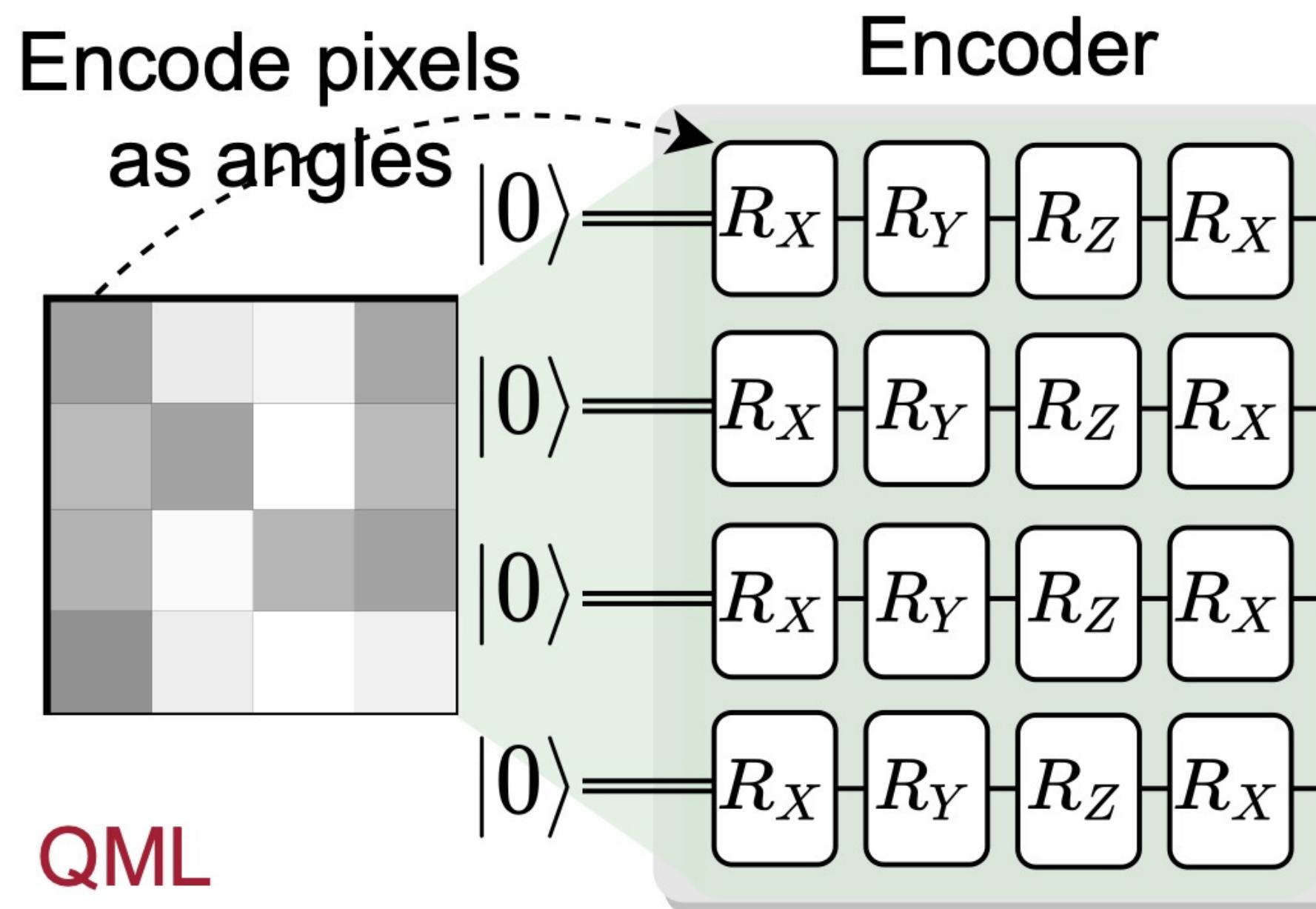
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 - The tq.QuantumState class can also store the statevectors
 - `q_state = tq.QuantumState(n_wires=5, bsz=64)`
 - `q_state.to(torch.device('cuda'))`
 - Leverage the fast GPU support

Automatic Gradient Computation

- Performing matrix-vector multiplication between the gate matrix and statevector
 - The tq.QuantumState class can also store the statevectors
 - `q_state = tq.QuantumState(n_wires=2)`
 - `target_quantum_state = torch.tensor([0, 0, 0, 1])`
 - `loss = 1 - (q_state.get_states_1d()[0] @ target_quantum_state).abs()`
 - `loss.backward()`

Encoding Classical Data to Quantum various encoder support

- `tq.AmplitudeEncoder()` encodes the classical values to the amplitude of quantum statevector
- `tq.PhaseEncoder()` encodes the classical values using the rotation gates



Construct a Circuit Class

- Construct a class for circuit model
- `tq.QuantumModule` class
- In the `__init__` function, create all the gates that will be used
- In the `forward` function, specify how the gates will be used in the circuit

```
• Class q_model(tq.QuantumModule)
  def __init__():
    self.n_wires = 2
    self.rx_0 = tq.RX(has_params=True, trainable=True)
    self.ry_0 = tq.RY(has_params=True, trainable=True)
  def forward(q_dev):
    self.rx_0(q_dev)
    self.ry_0(q_dev)
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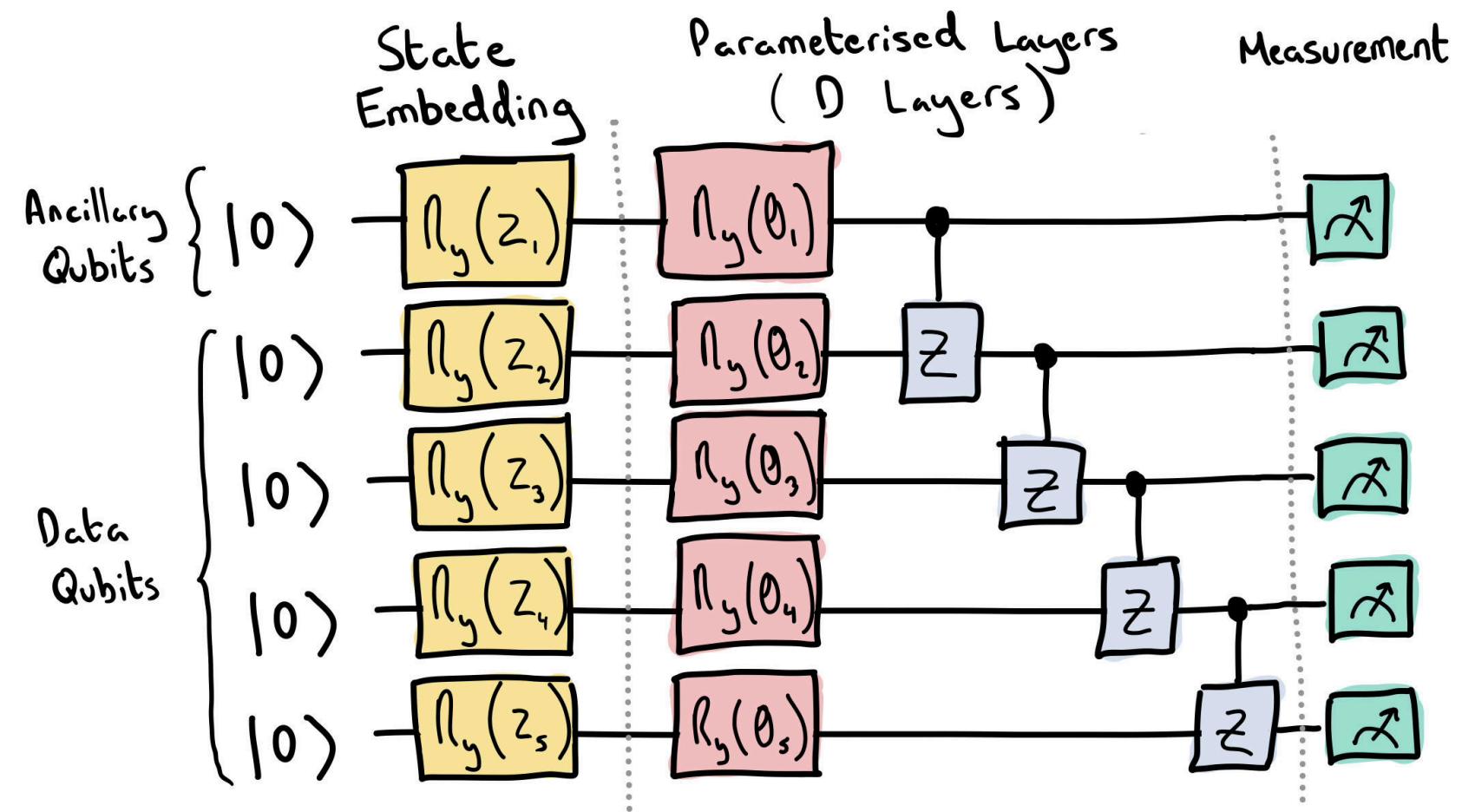
Conversion tq model to other frameworks

- Convert the tq.QuantumModule to other frameworks such as Qiskit
- ```
from torchquantum.plugins.qiskit_plugin import tq2qiskit
```
- ```
circ = tq2qiskit(q_dev, q_model)
```
- ```
circ.draw('mpl')
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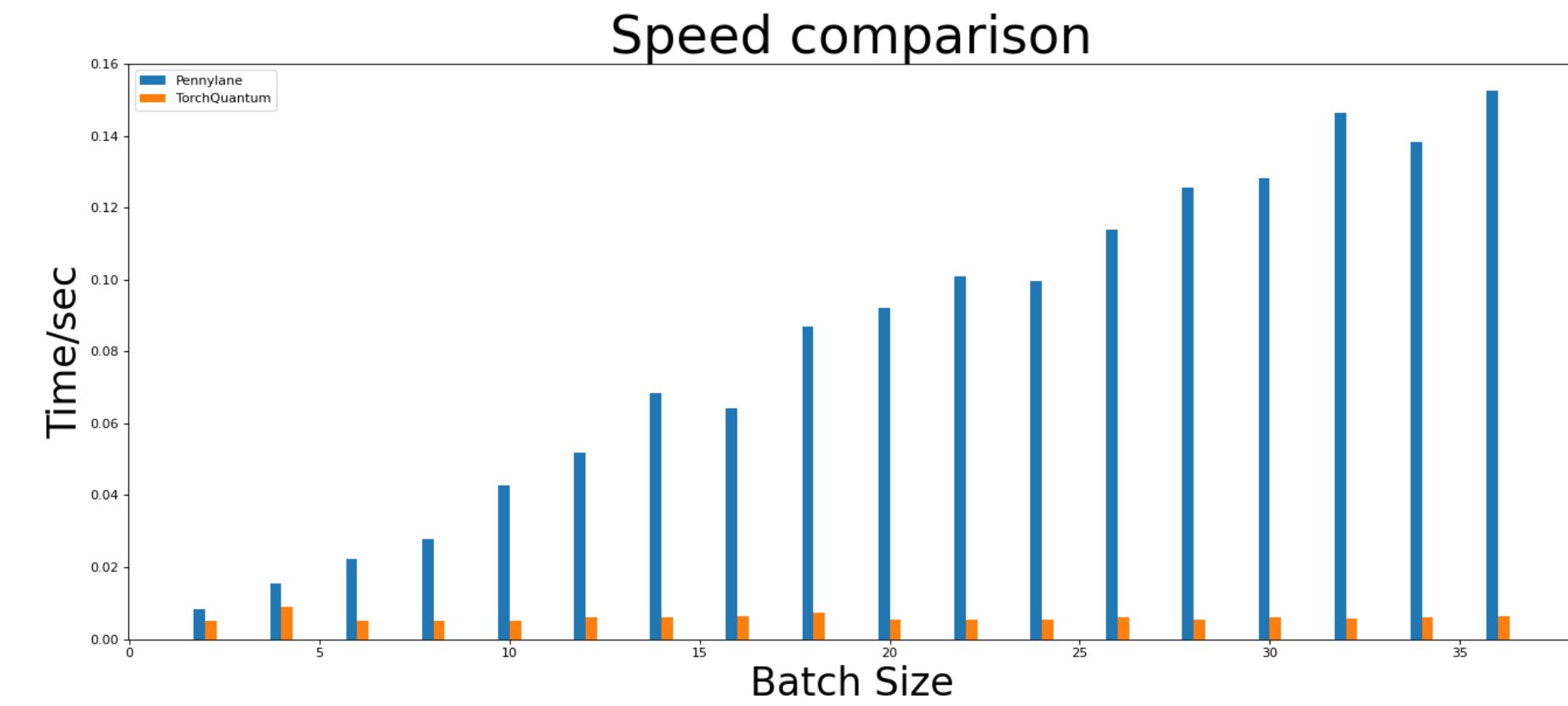
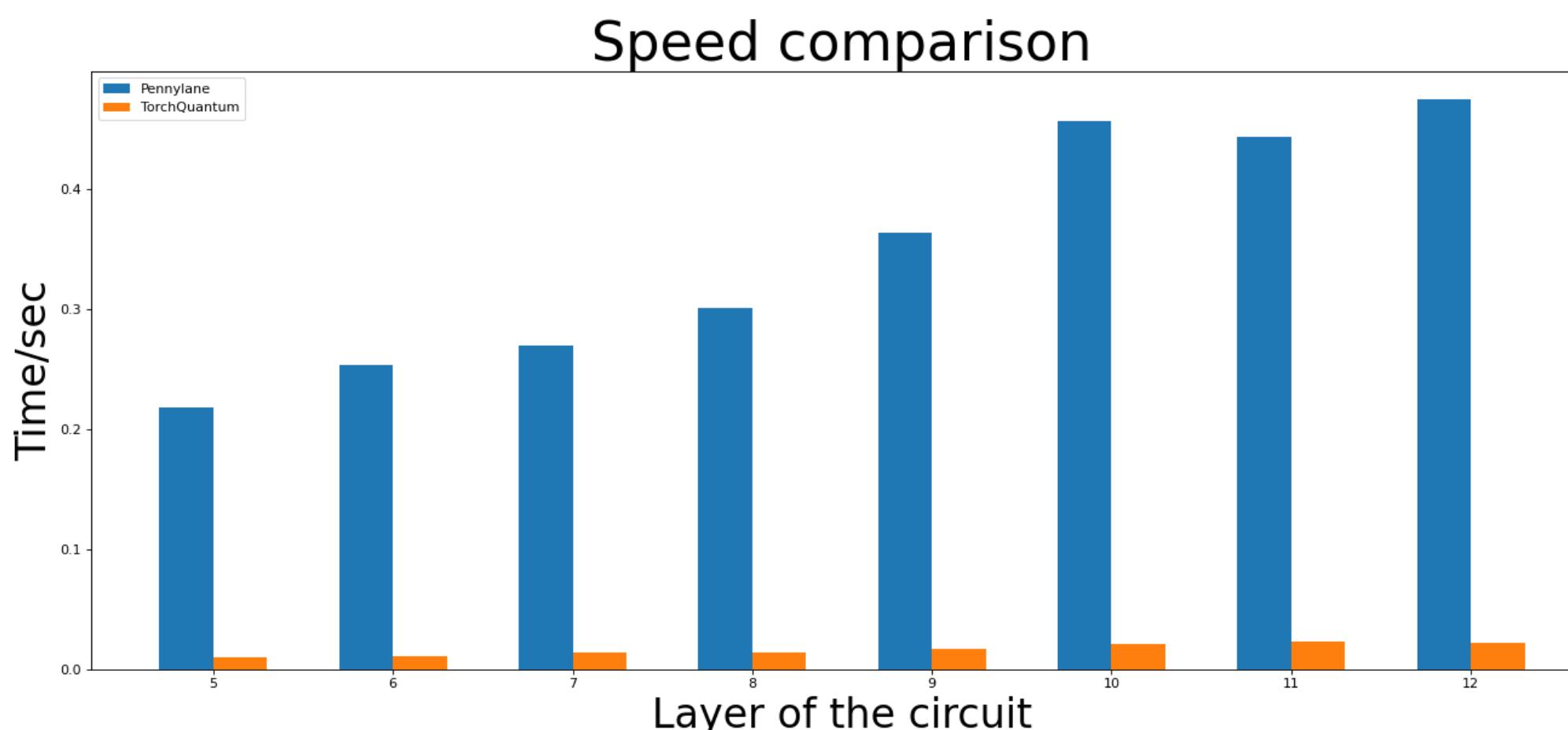
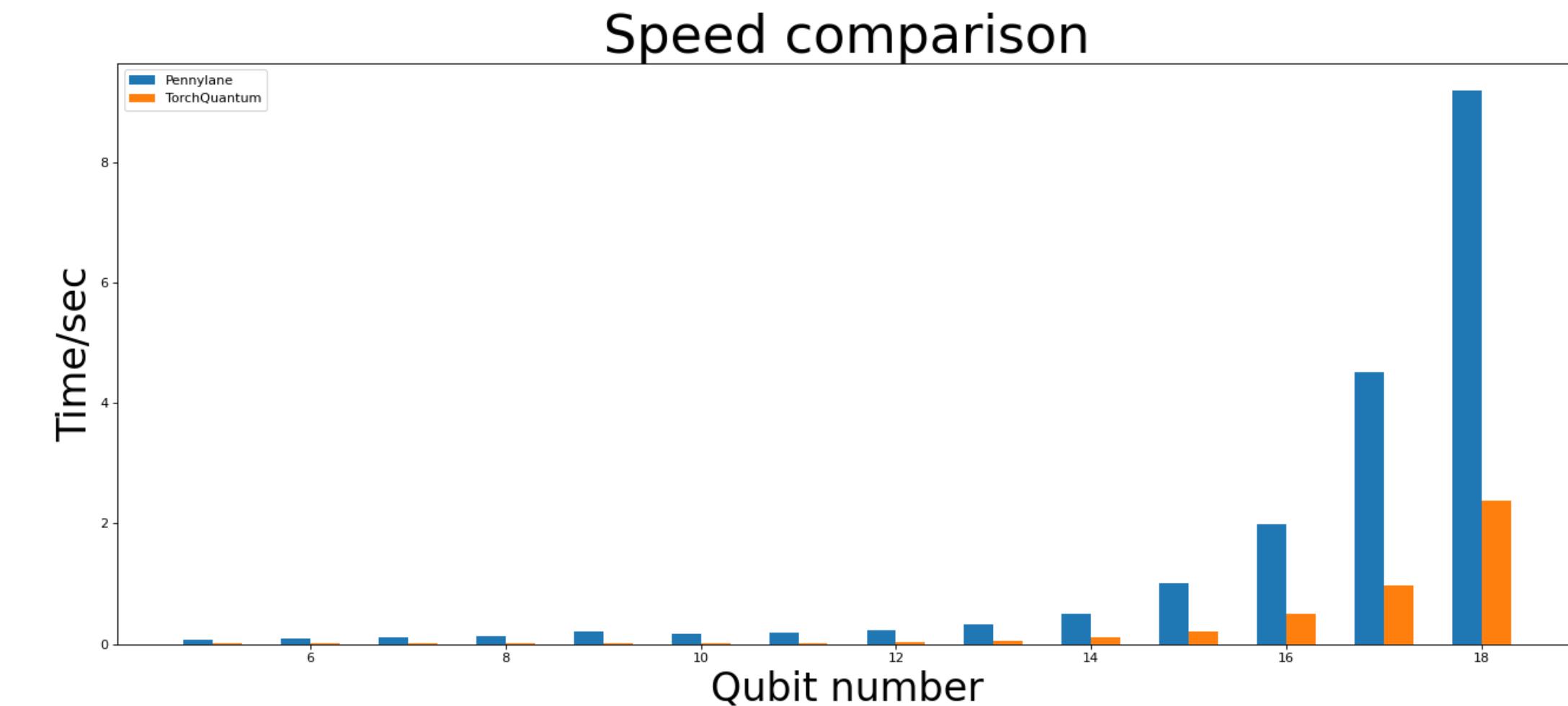
# Easy Deployment on Real Quantum Machines

- Convert the tq.QuantumModule to other frameworks such as Qiskit
- `from torchquantum.plugins.qiskit_plugin import tq2qiskit`
- `from torchquantum.plugins.qiskit_processor import QiskitProcessor`
- `processor = QiskitProcessor(use_real_qc=False, max_jobs=1)`
- `circ = tq2qiskit(q_dev, model)`
- `circ.measure_all()`
- `res = processor.process_ready_circs(q_dev, [circ])`

# Compare the Speed of TQ and PennyLane

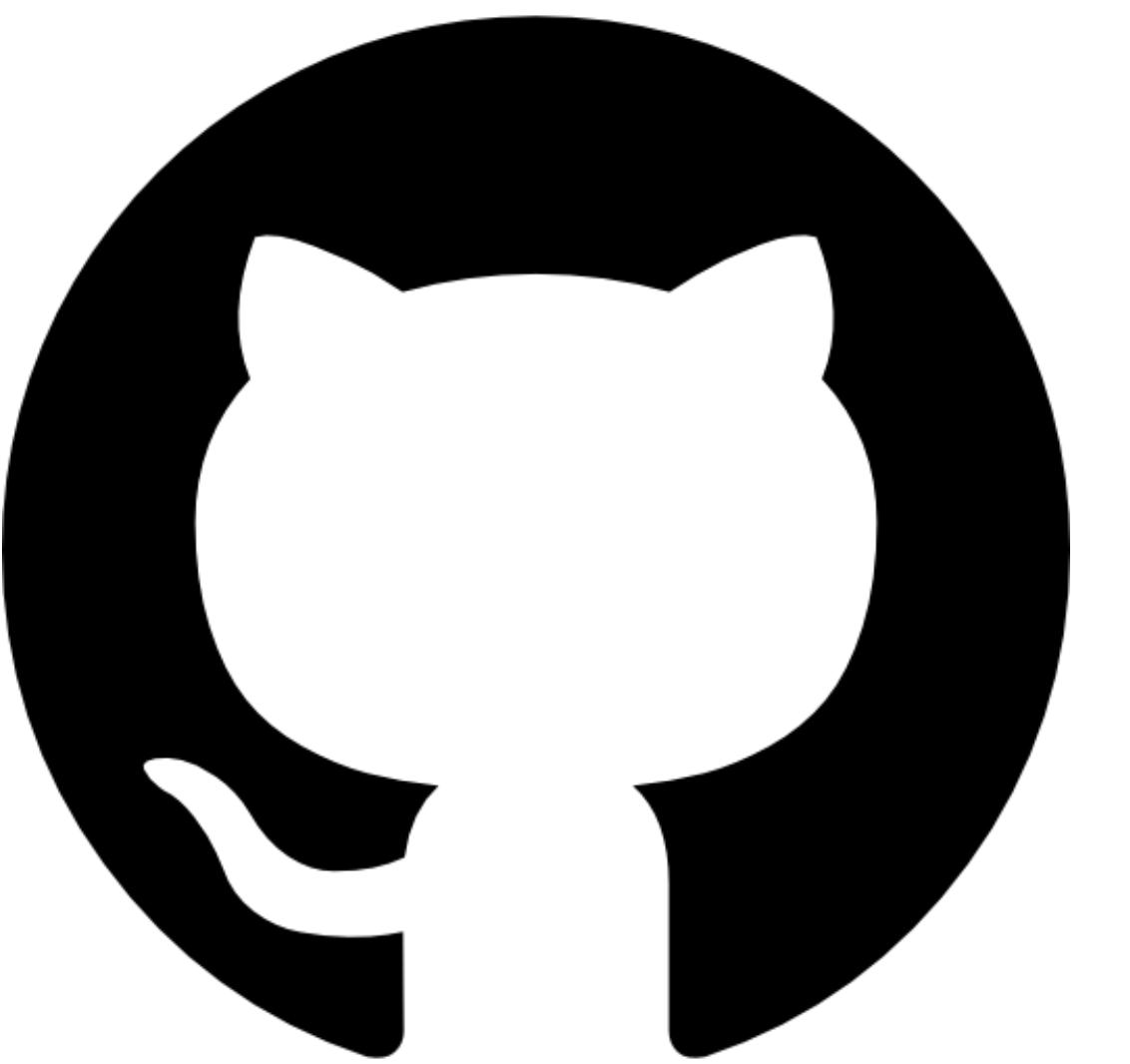


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## 1.2 TorchQuantum Operations



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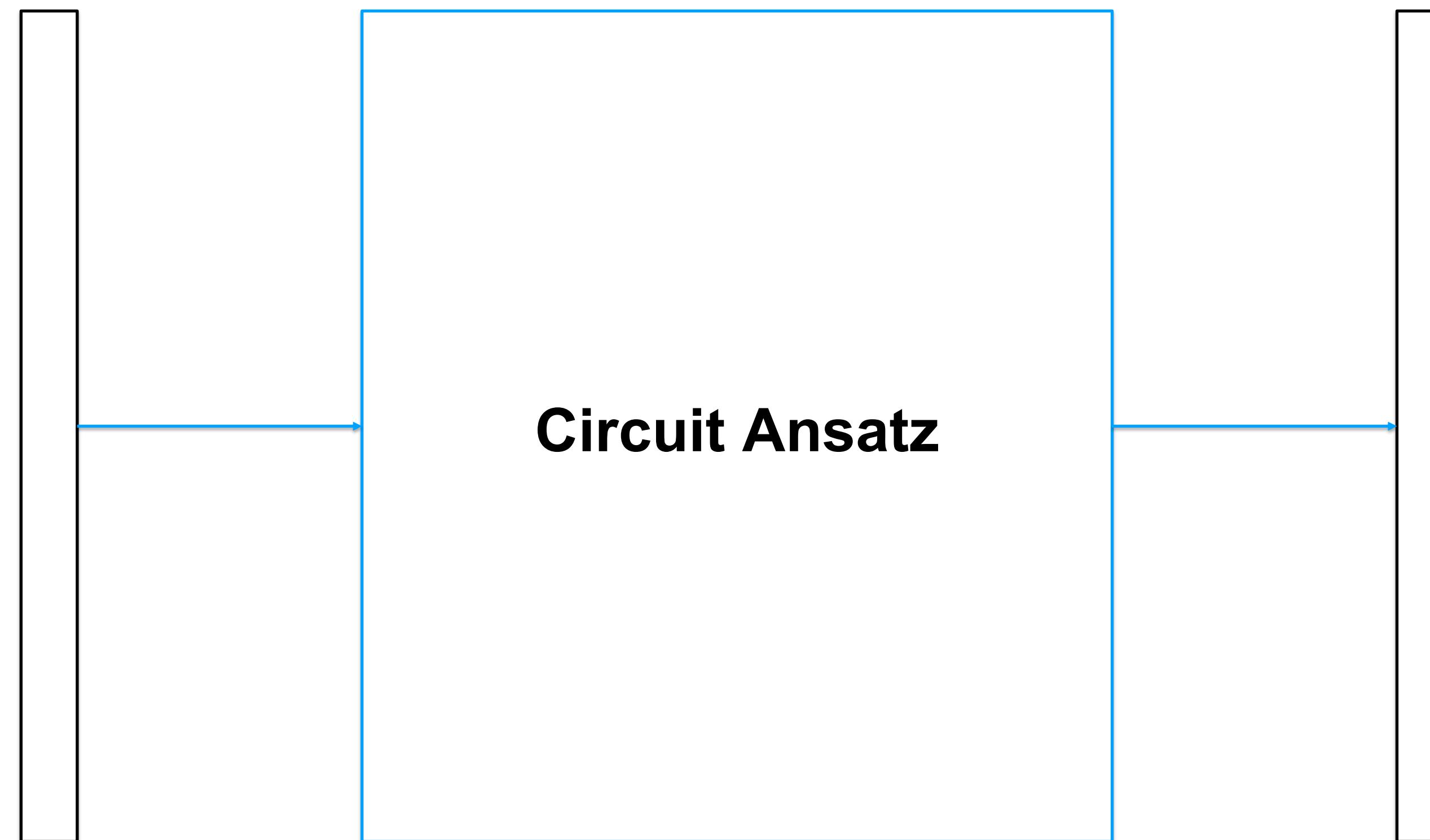
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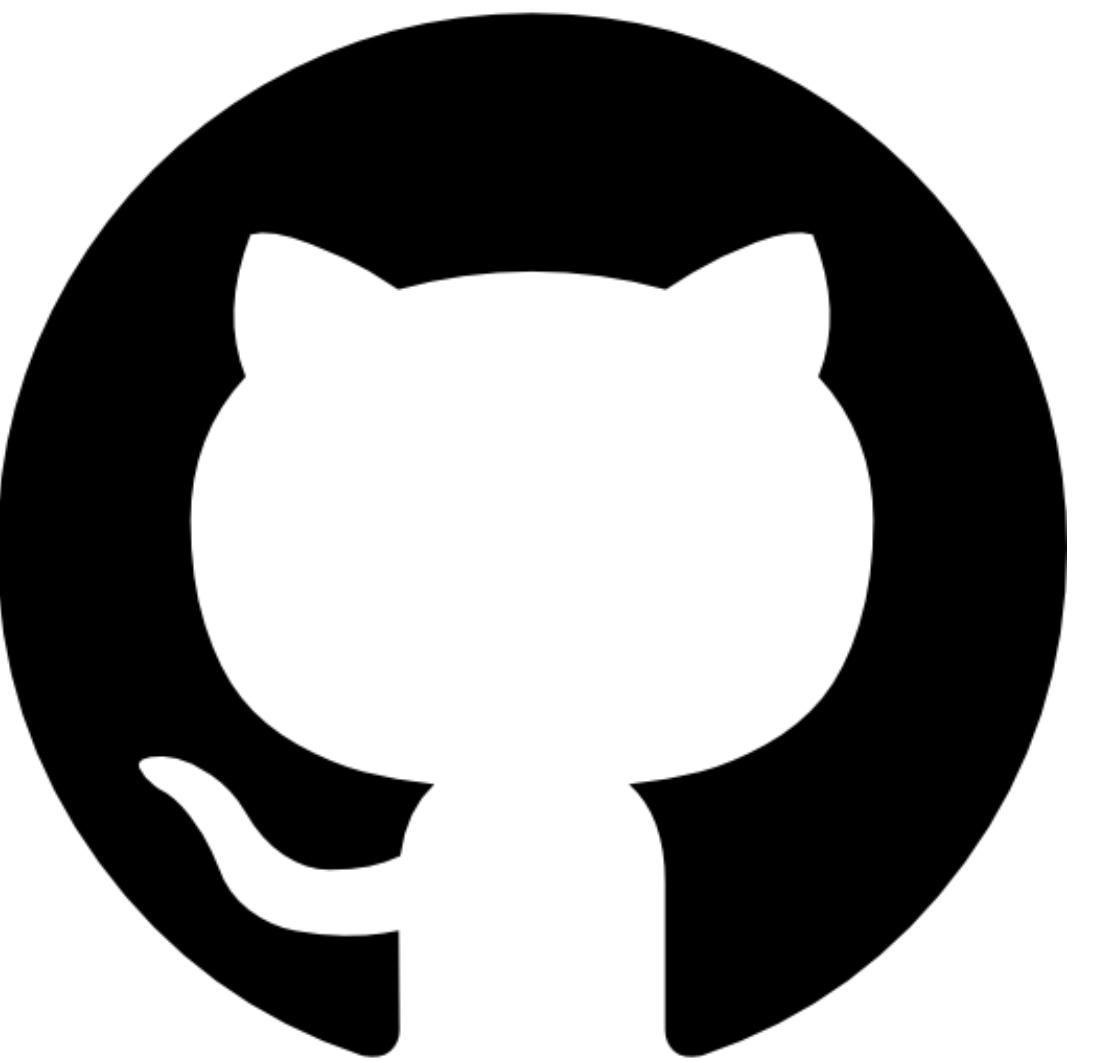
# State Preparation with Parameterized Circuit

- Use parameterized circuit to prepare initial quantum states



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## 1.3 TQ for State Preparation



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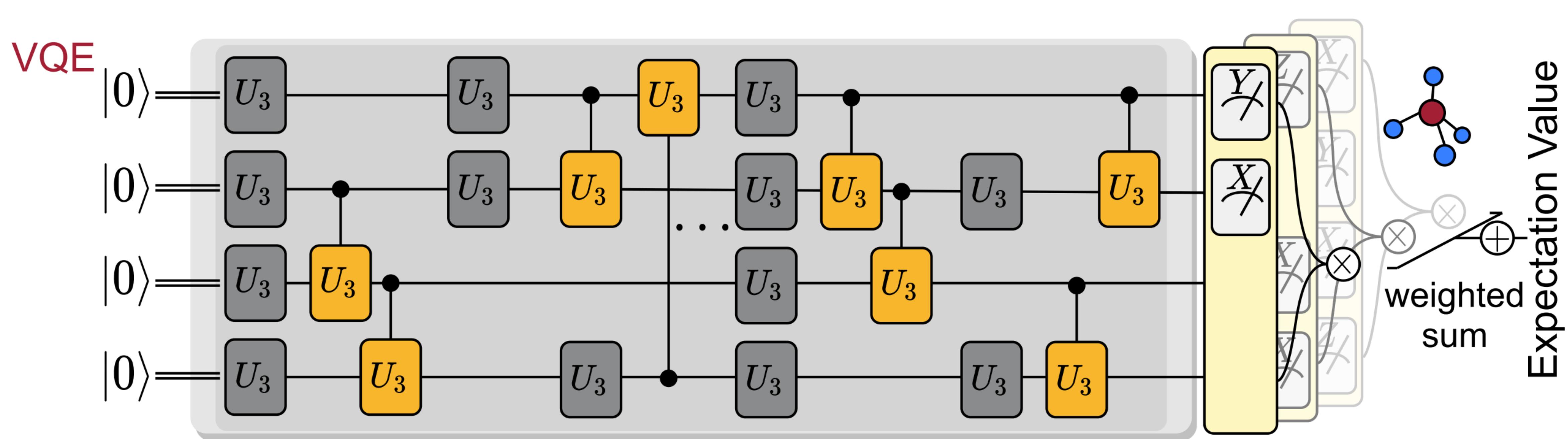
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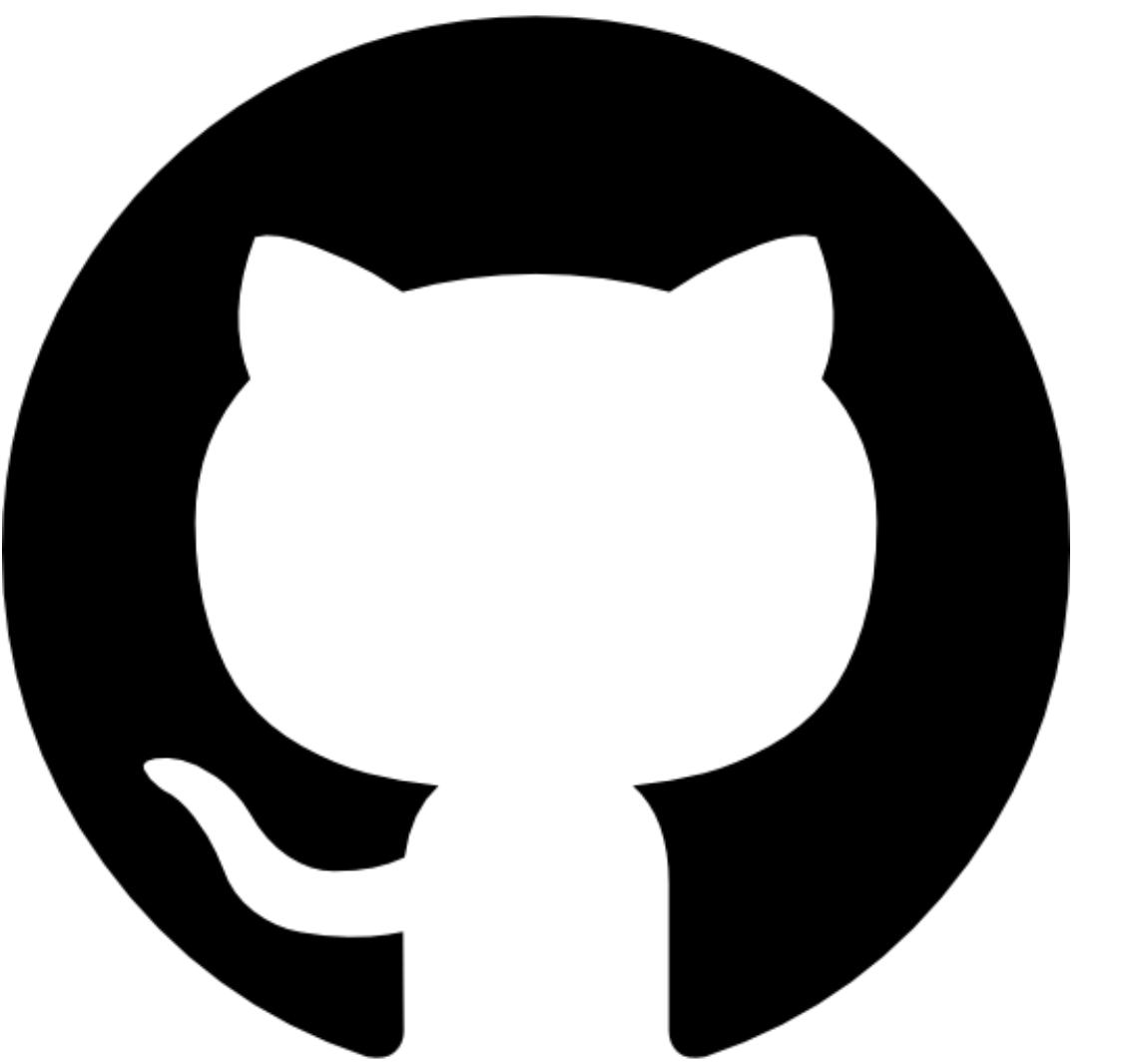
# Variational Quantum Eigensolver

- VQE: Finds the ground state energy of molecule Hamiltonian



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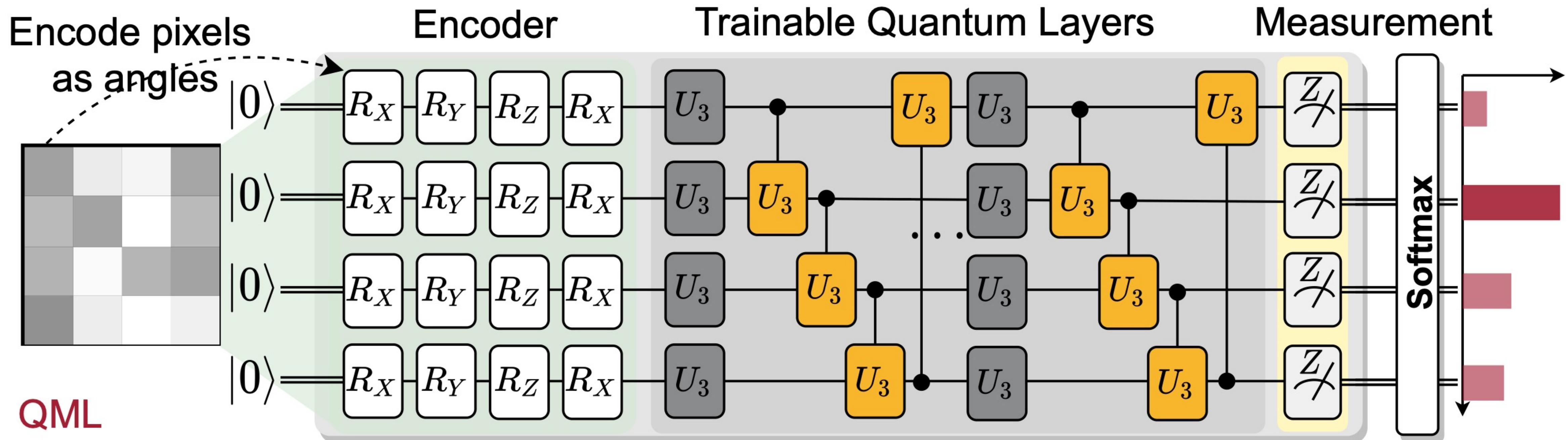
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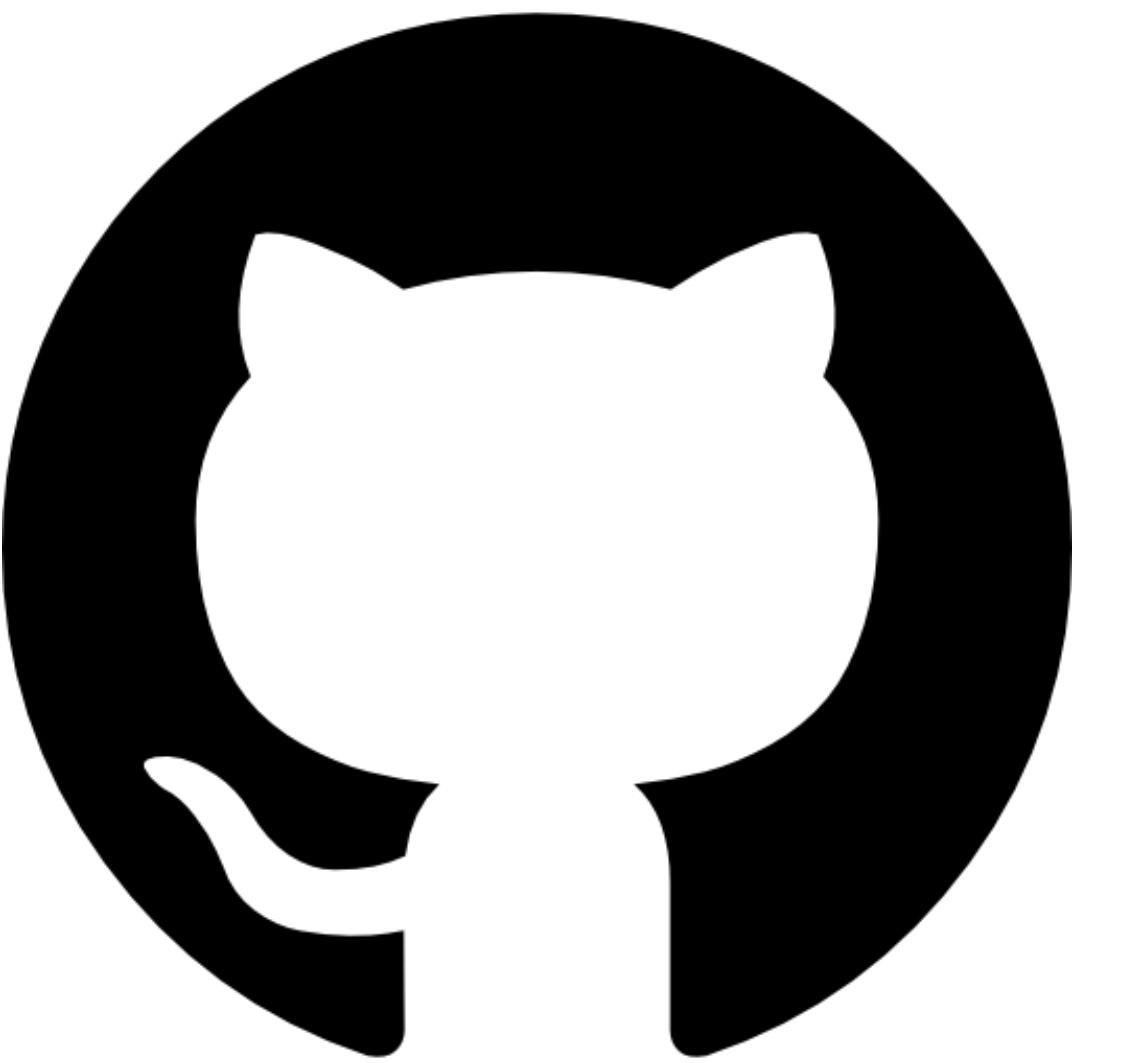
# Quantum Neural Networks for MNIST Classification

- Encode the classical values using phase encoding
- Then trainable quantum layers
- Finally measurement layers



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## 1.5 TQ for QNN



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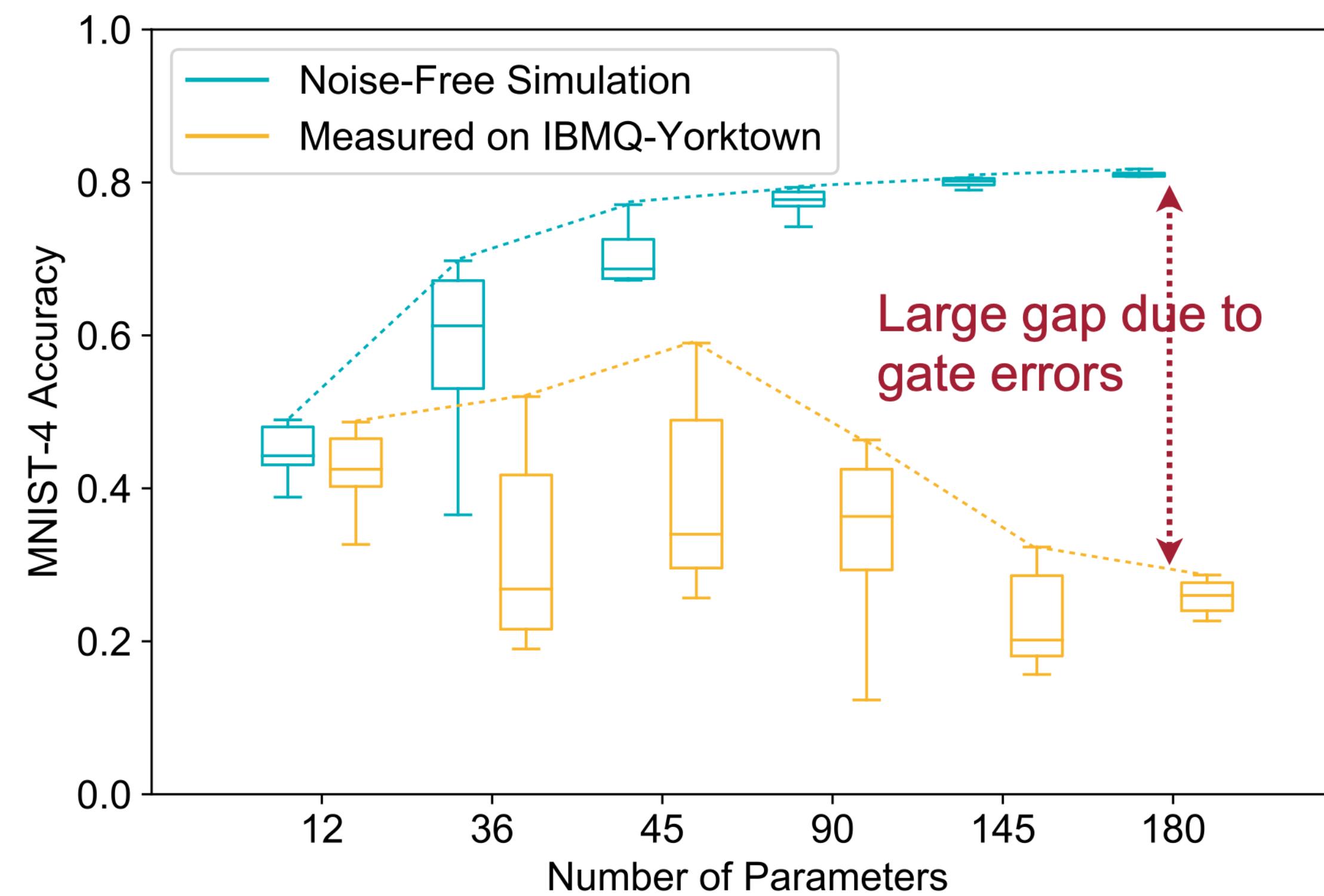
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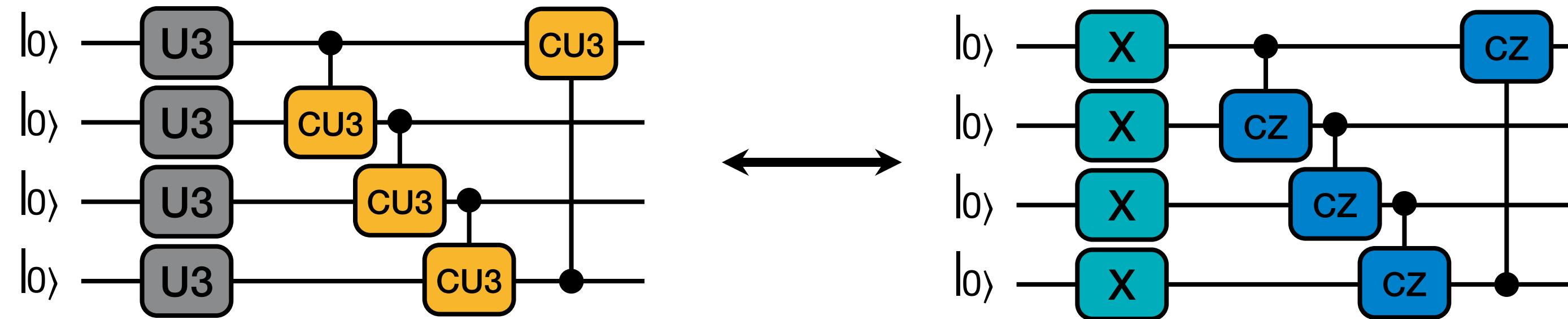
- Noise **degrades** PQC reliability
- More parameters increase the noise-free accuracy but degrade the measured accuracy
- Therefore, circuit architecture is critical



# Challenges of PQC — Large Design Space

- Large design space for circuit architecture

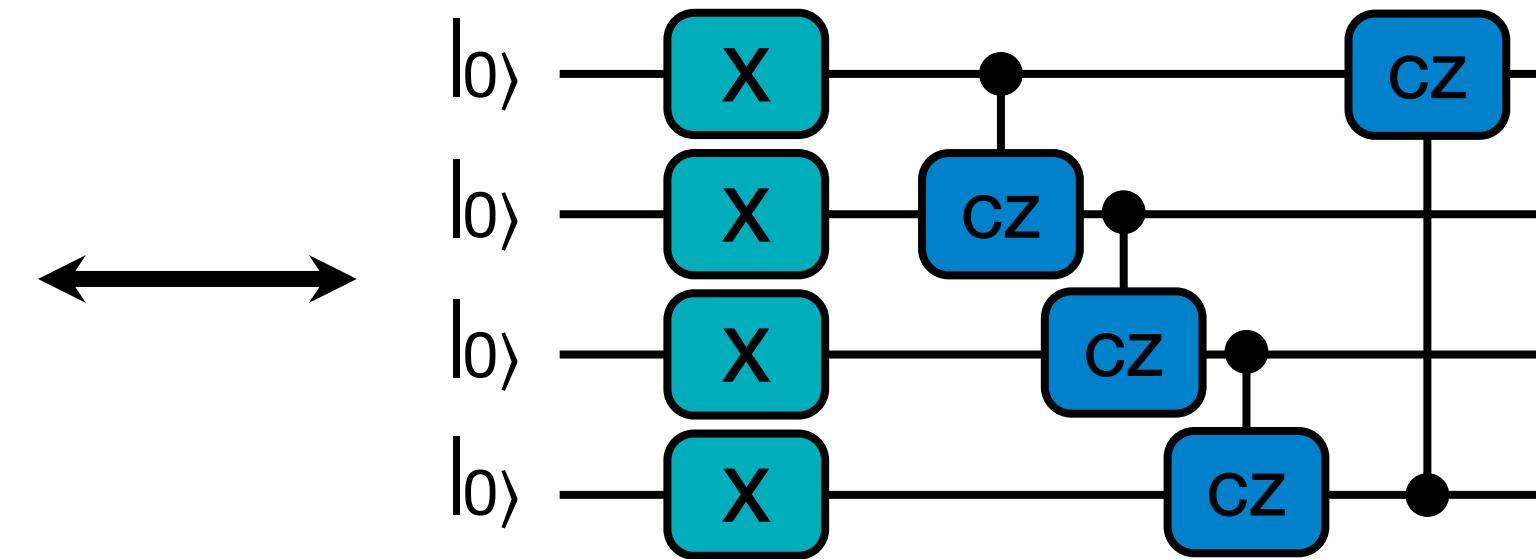
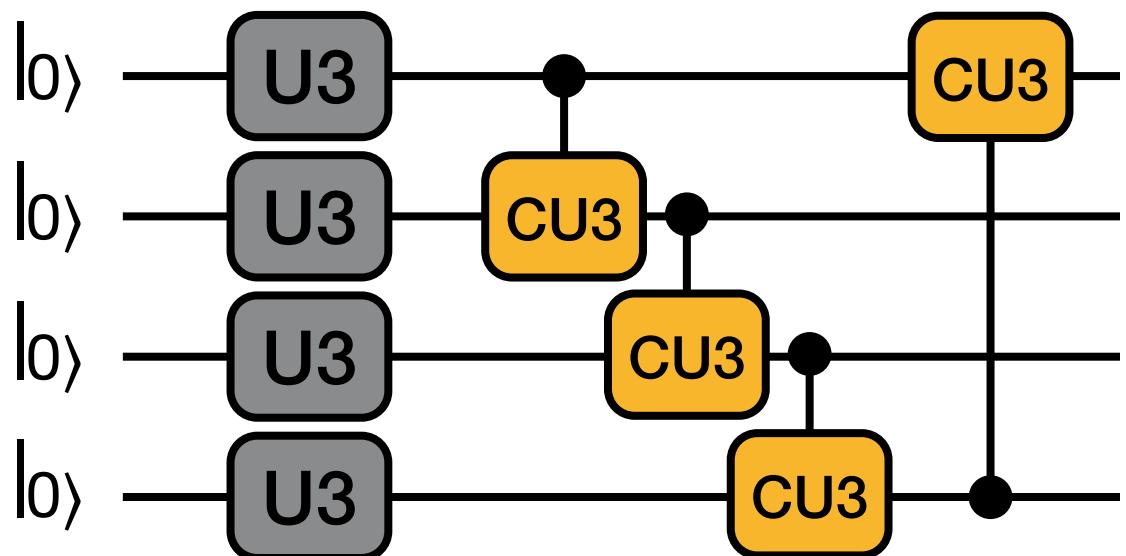
- Type of gates



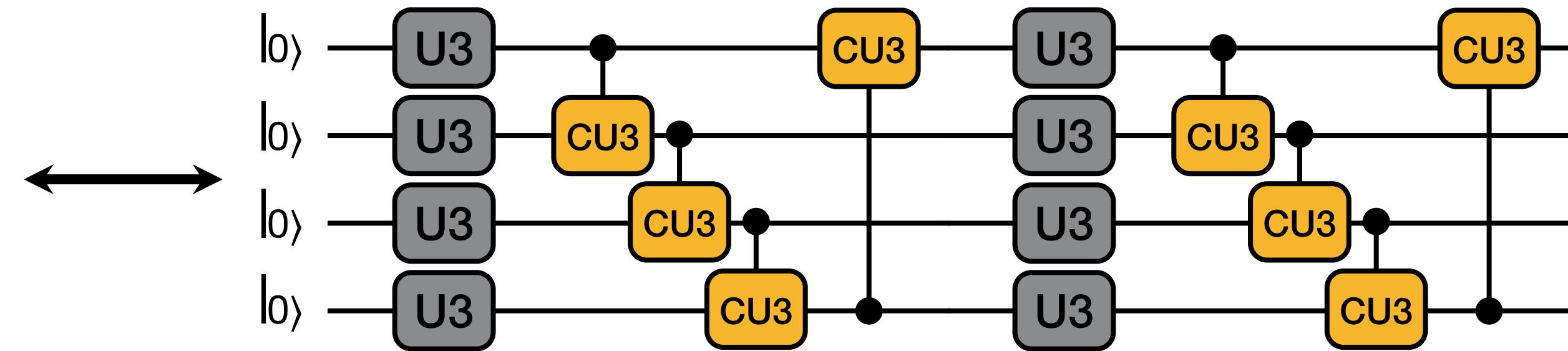
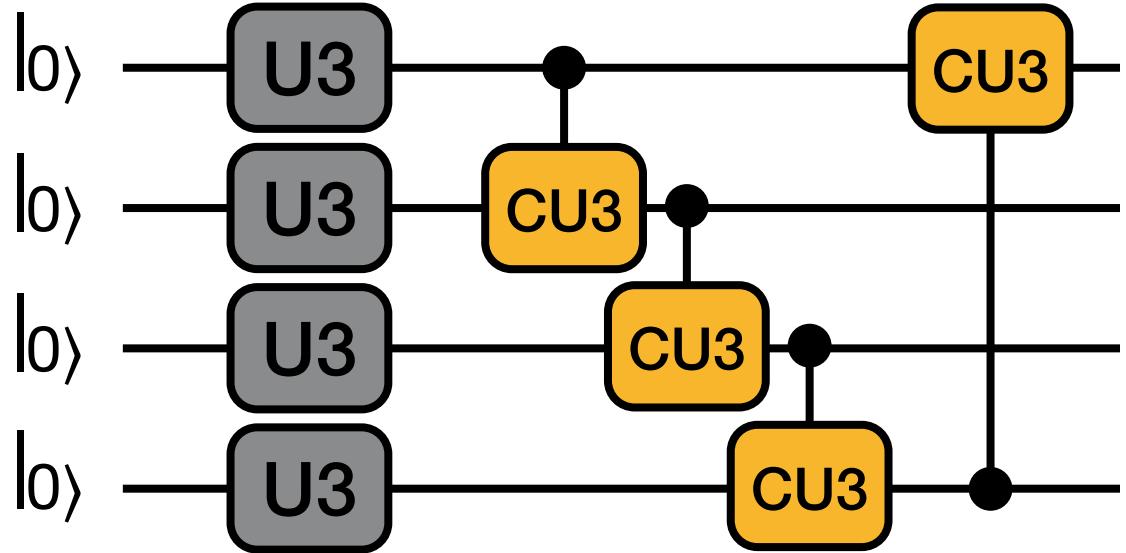
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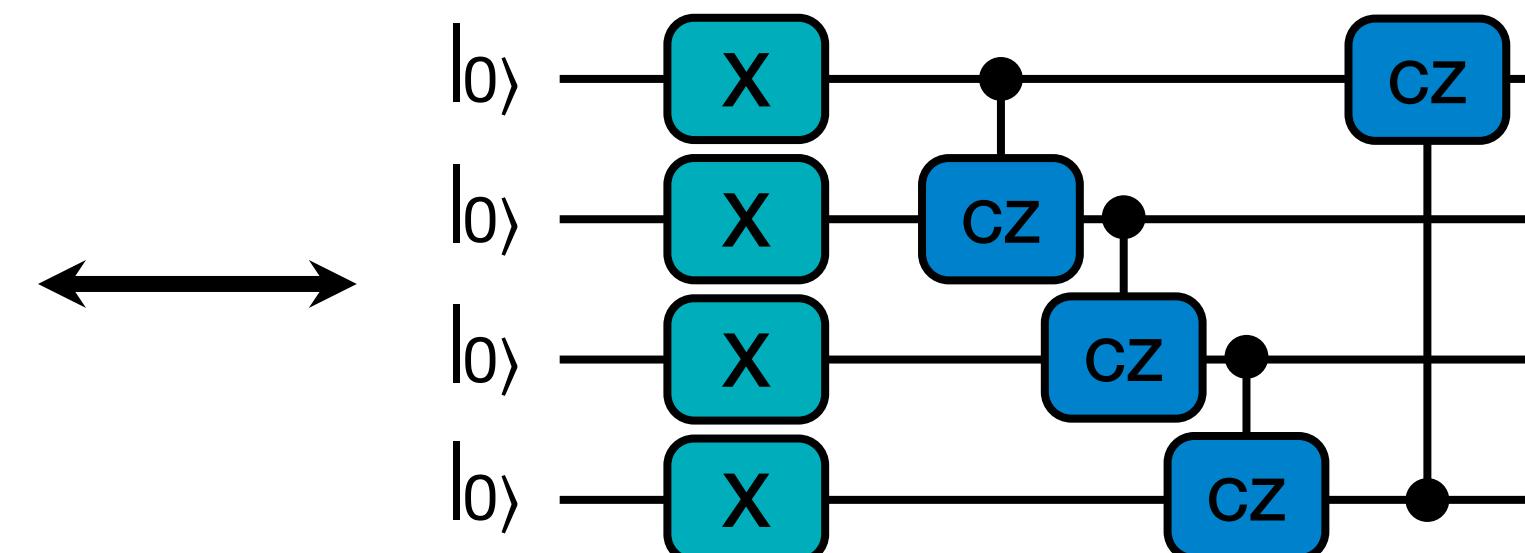
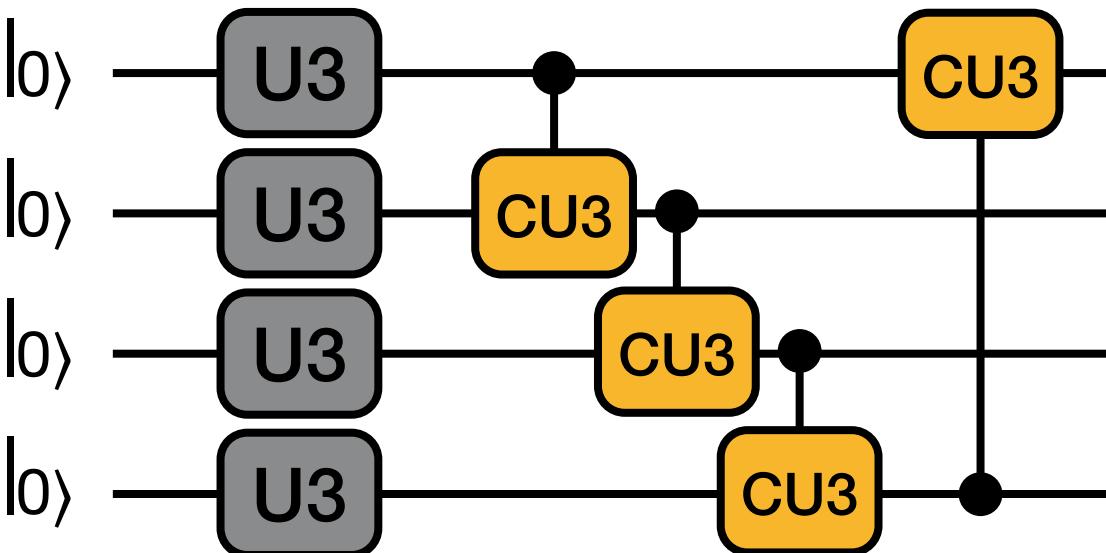
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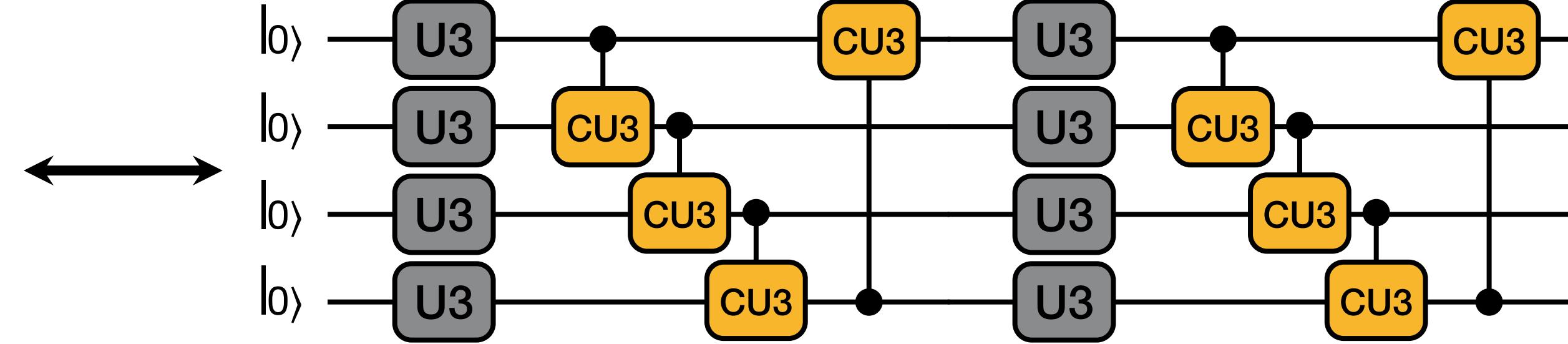
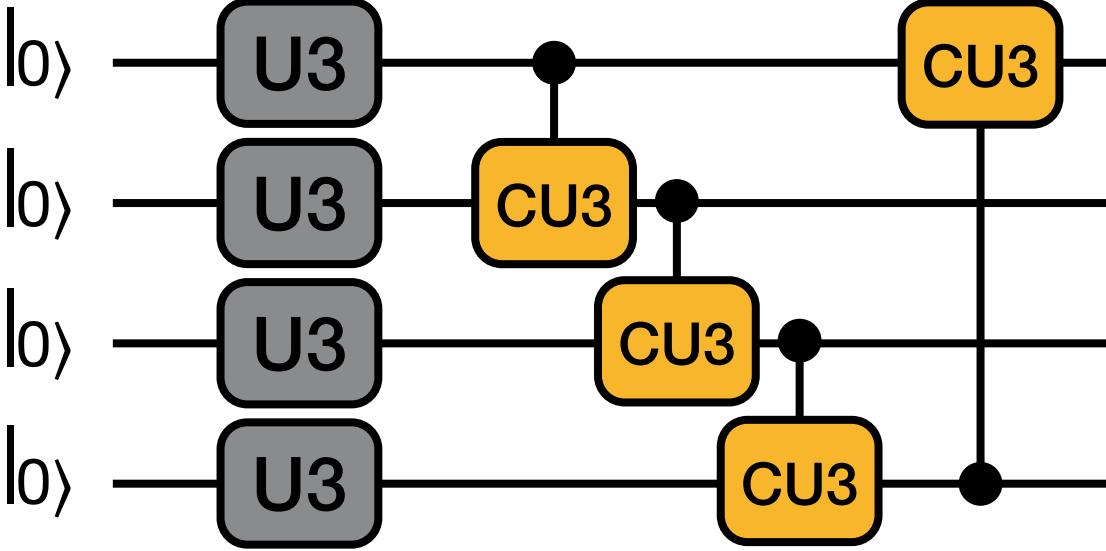
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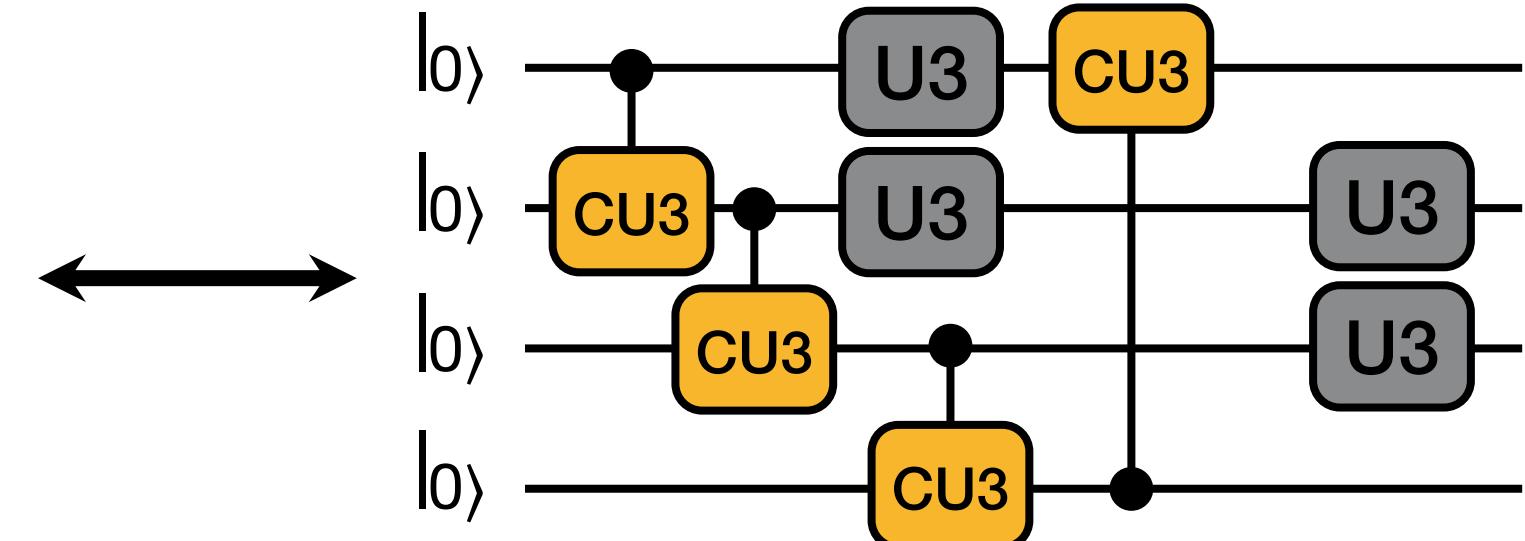
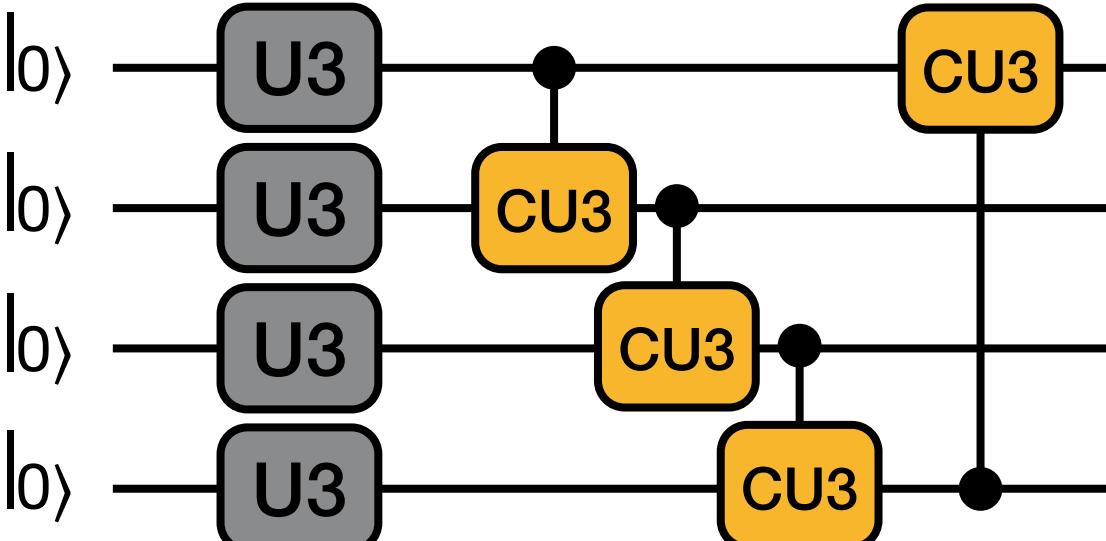
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- Number of gates



- Position of gates



# Goal of QuantumNAS

Automatically & efficiently search for noise-robust quantum circuit

Train one “SuperCircuit”,  
providing parameters to  
many “SubCircuits”

Solve the challenge of large  
design space

- 
- (1) Quantum noise feedback in the search loop
  - (2) Co-search the circuit architecture and qubit mapping

Solve the challenge of large  
quantum noise

# QuantumNAS

- SuperCircuit Construction and Training
- Noise-Adaptive Evolutionary Co-Search of SubCircuit and Qubit Mapping
- Train the Searched SubCircuit
- Iterative Quantum Gate Pruning

# QuantumNAS

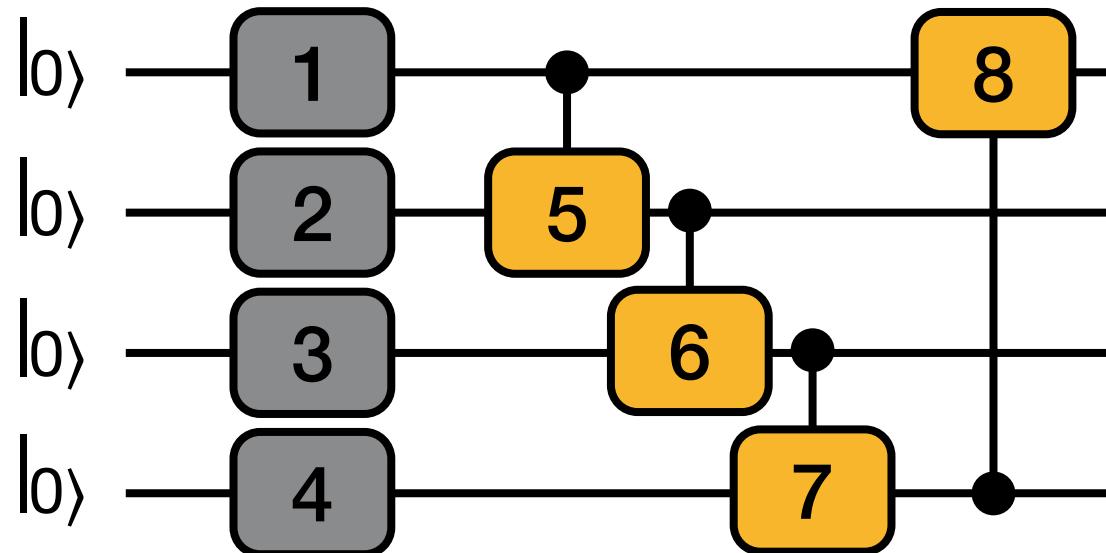
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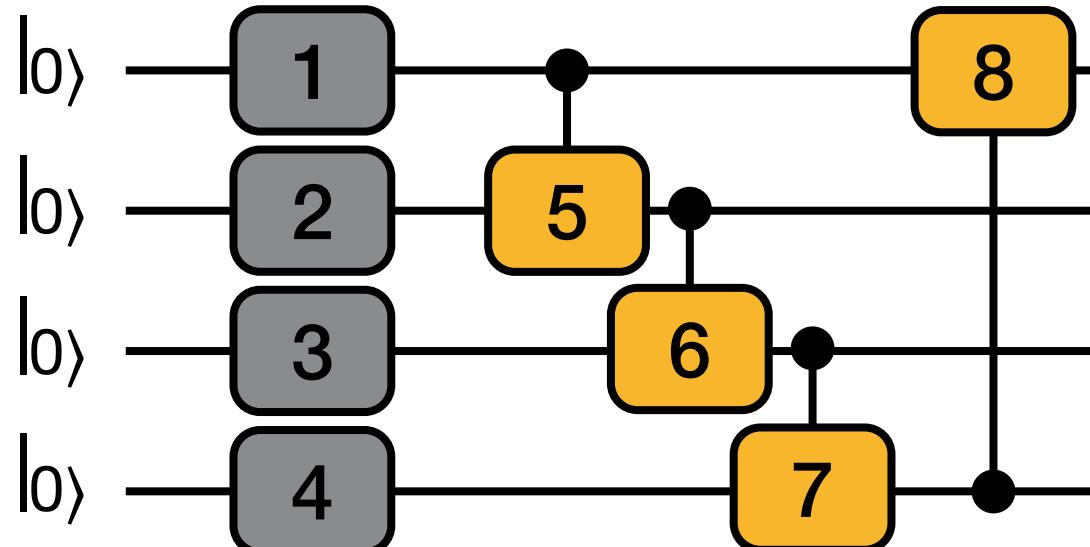
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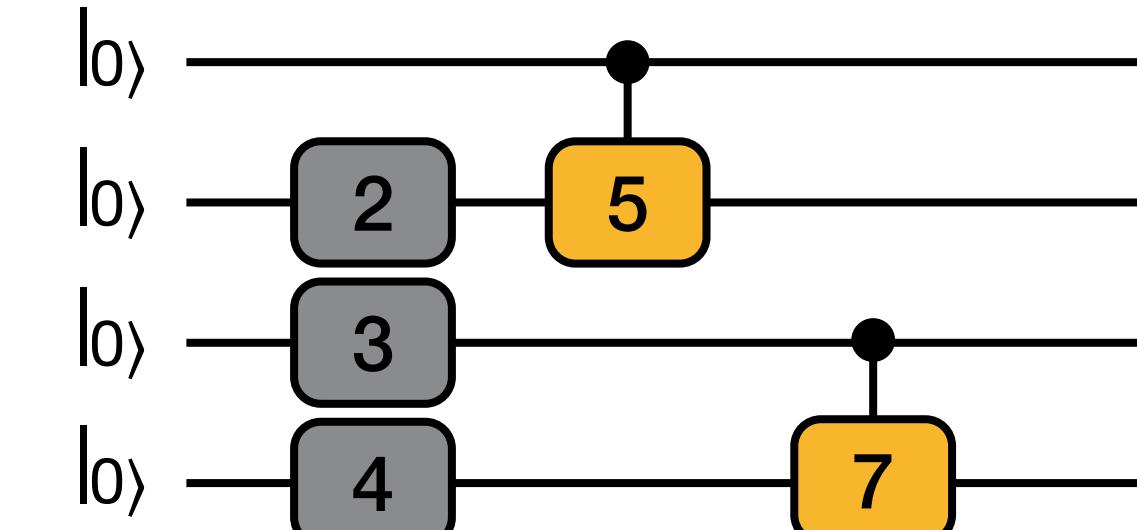
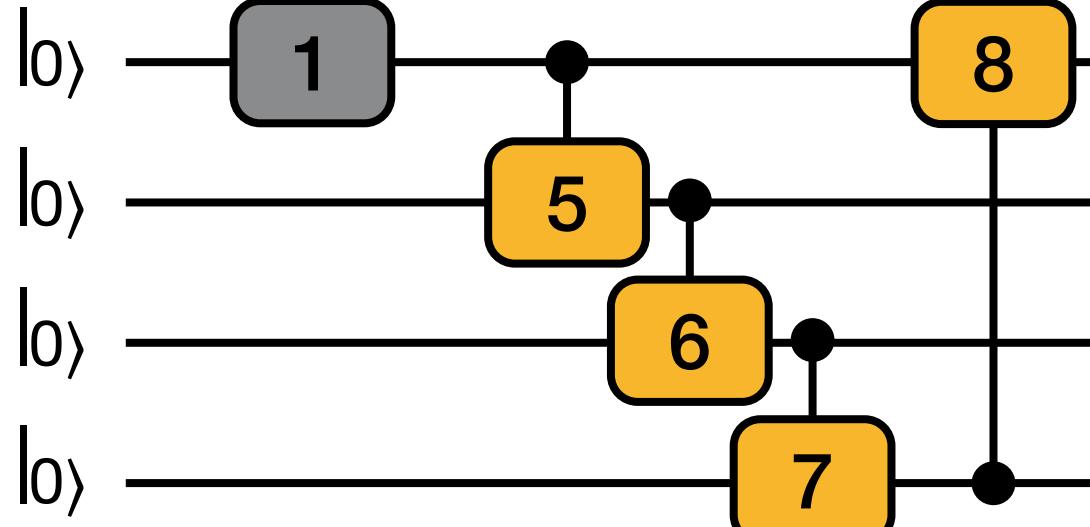
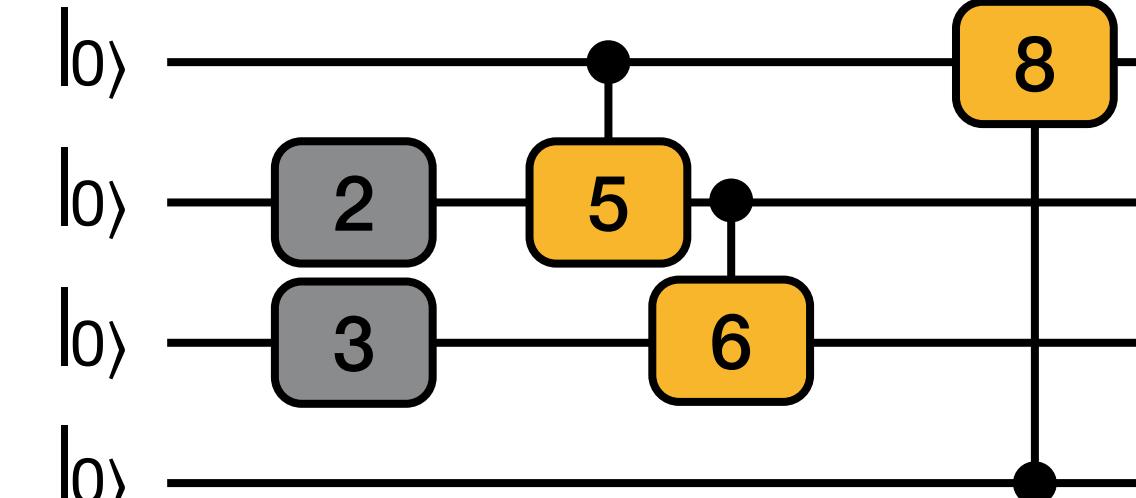


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# SuperCircuit Construction

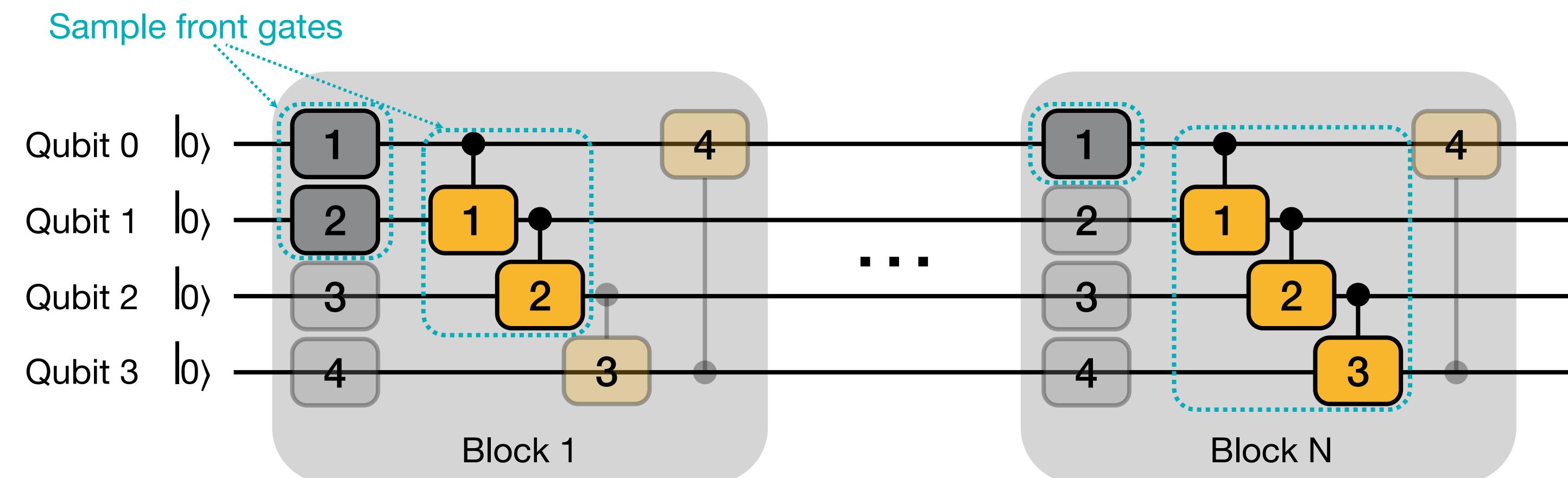
- Why use a SuperCircuit?
  - Enables **efficient** search of architecture candidates without training each
  - SubCircuit inherits parameters from SuperCircuit
  - With **inherited** parameters, we find some good SubCircuits, we find that they are **also good SubCircuits** with parameters **trained from-scratch** individually

# SuperCircuit Training

- In one SuperCircuit Training step:
  - Sample a gate subset of SuperCircuit (a SubCircuit)
    - Front Sampling and Restricted Sampling
  - Only use the subset to perform the task and updates the parameters in the subset
  - Parameter updates are cumulative across steps

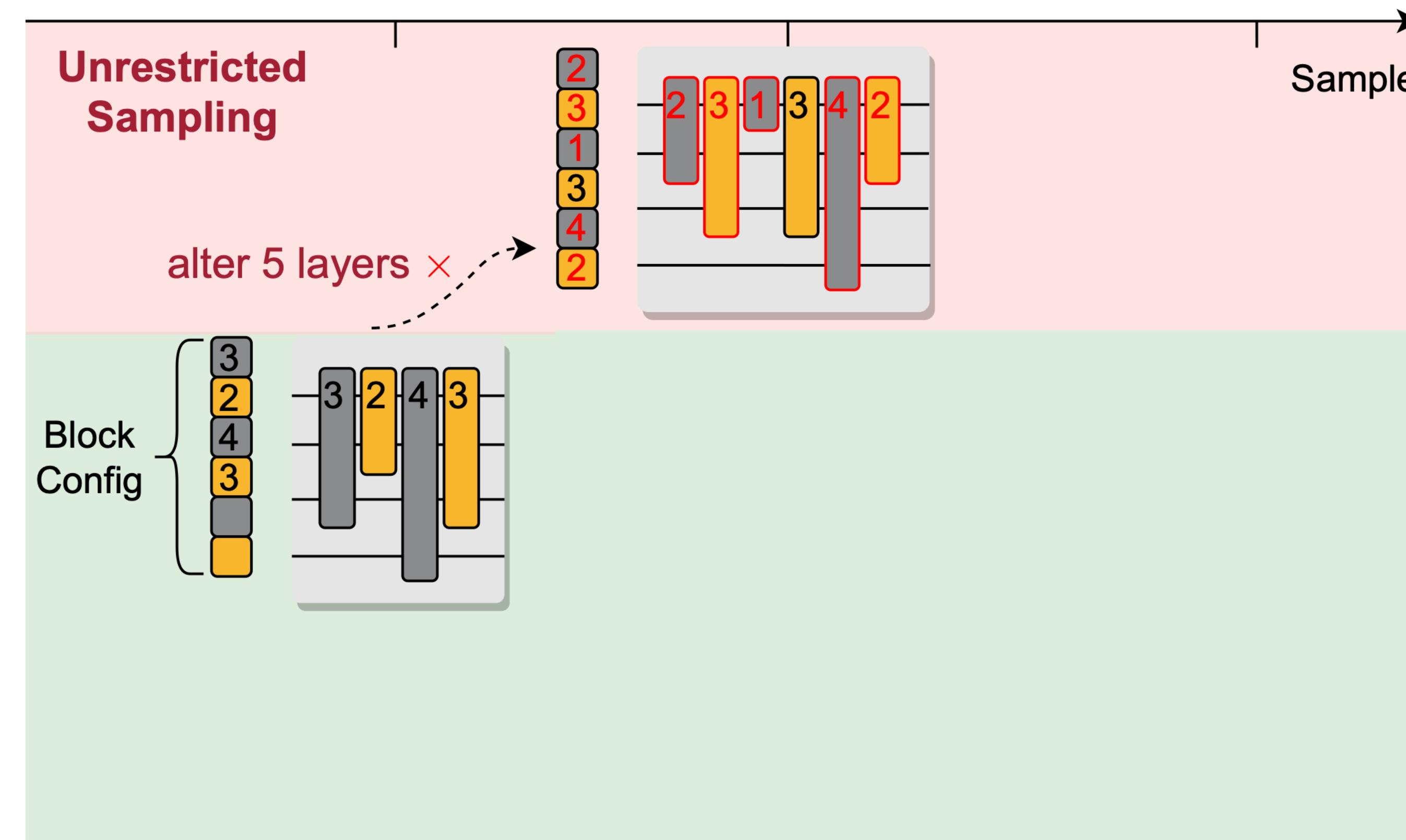
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  - Front sampling: Only the **front** several blocks and **front** several gates can be sampled to make SuperCircuit training more stable



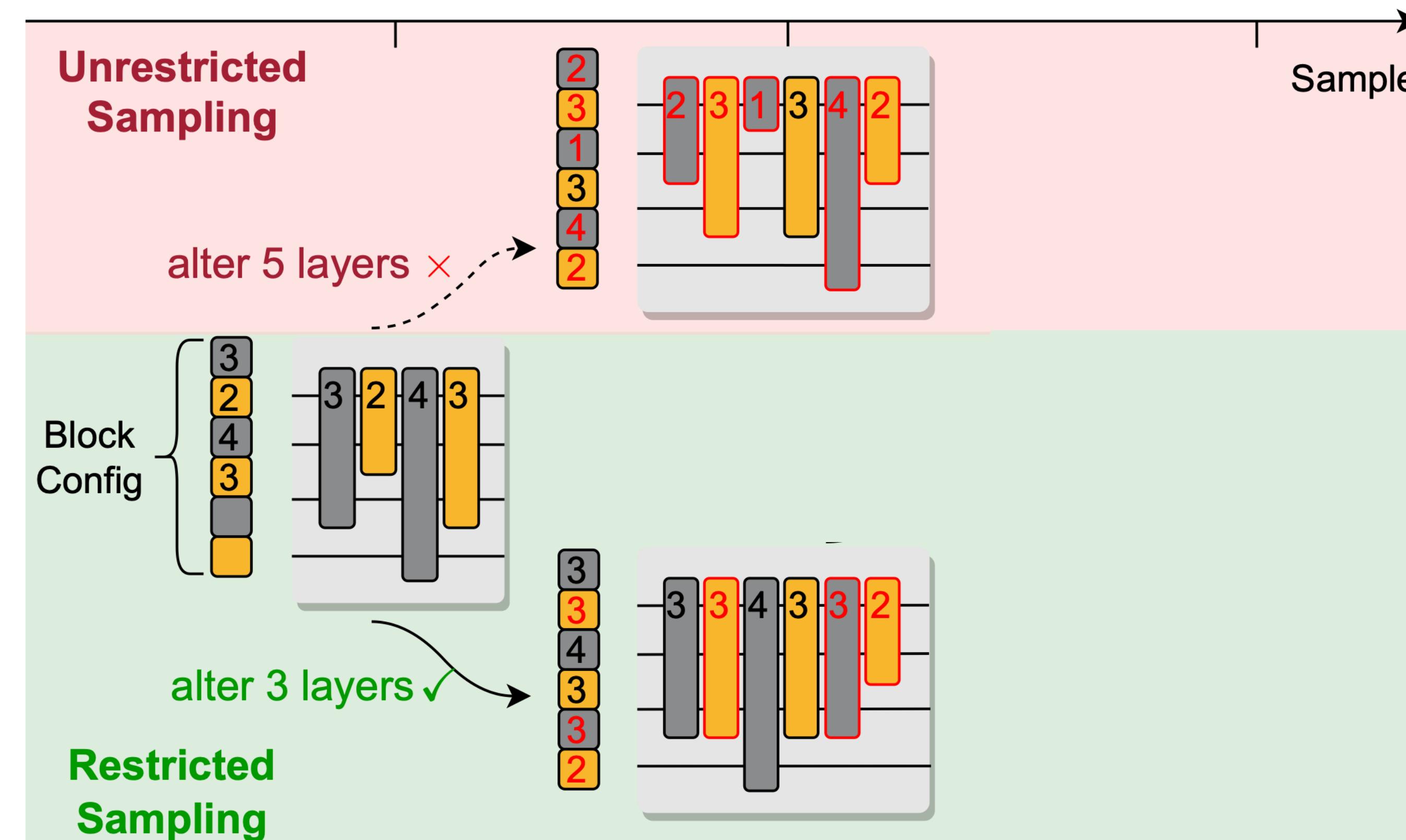
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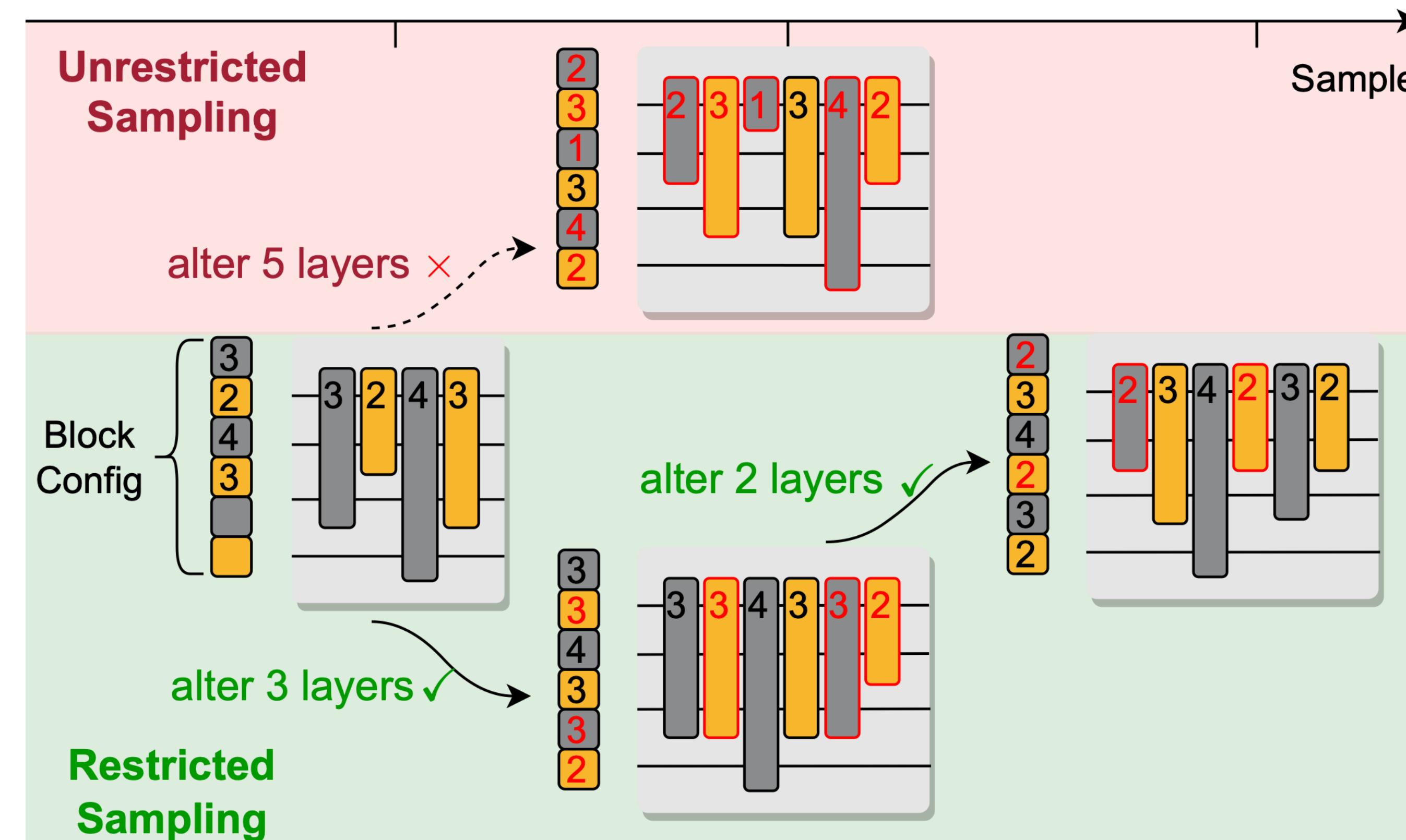
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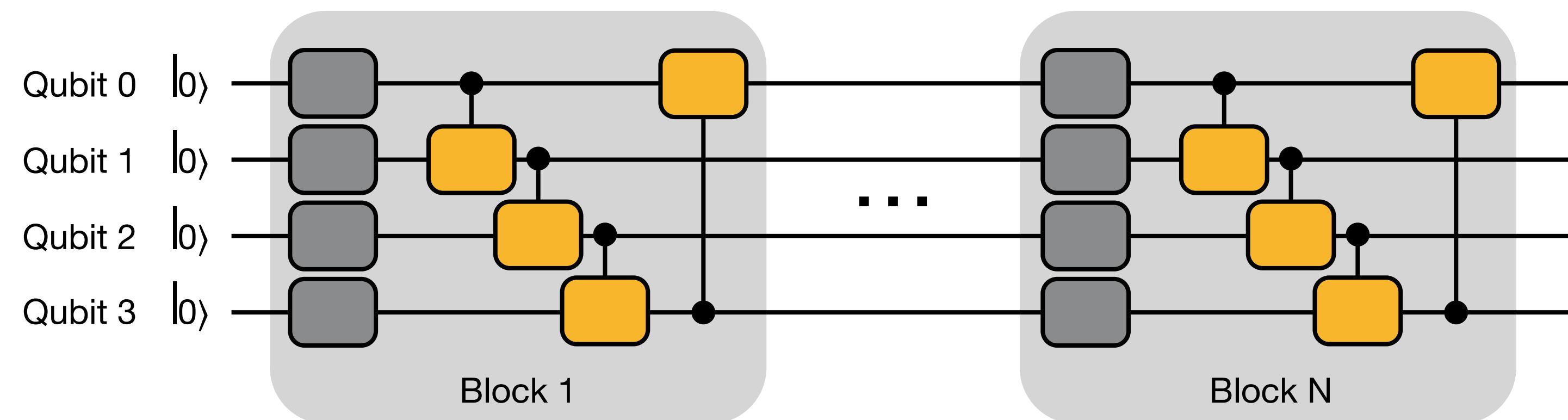
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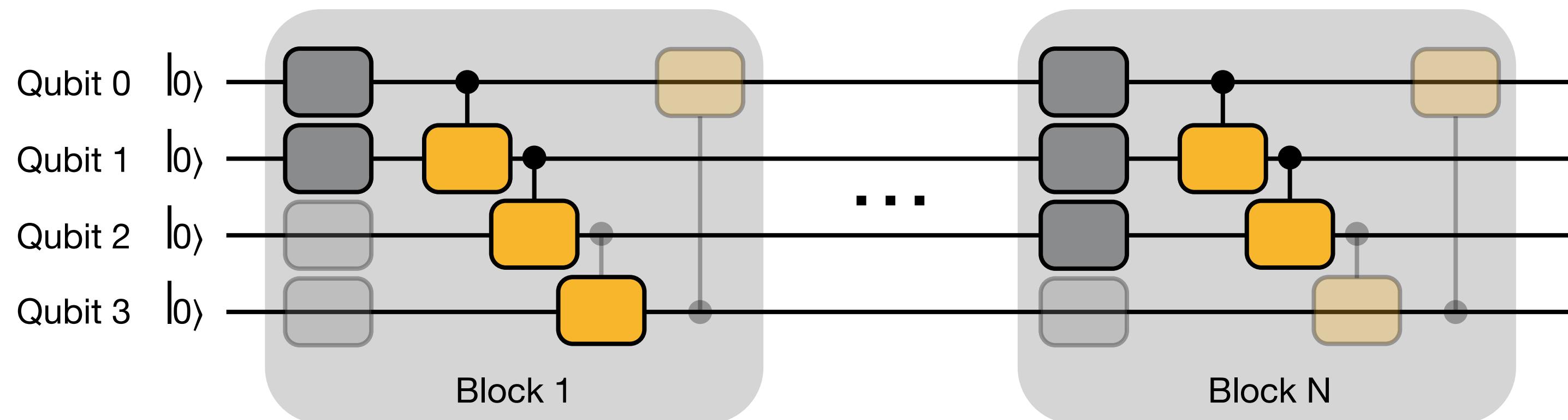
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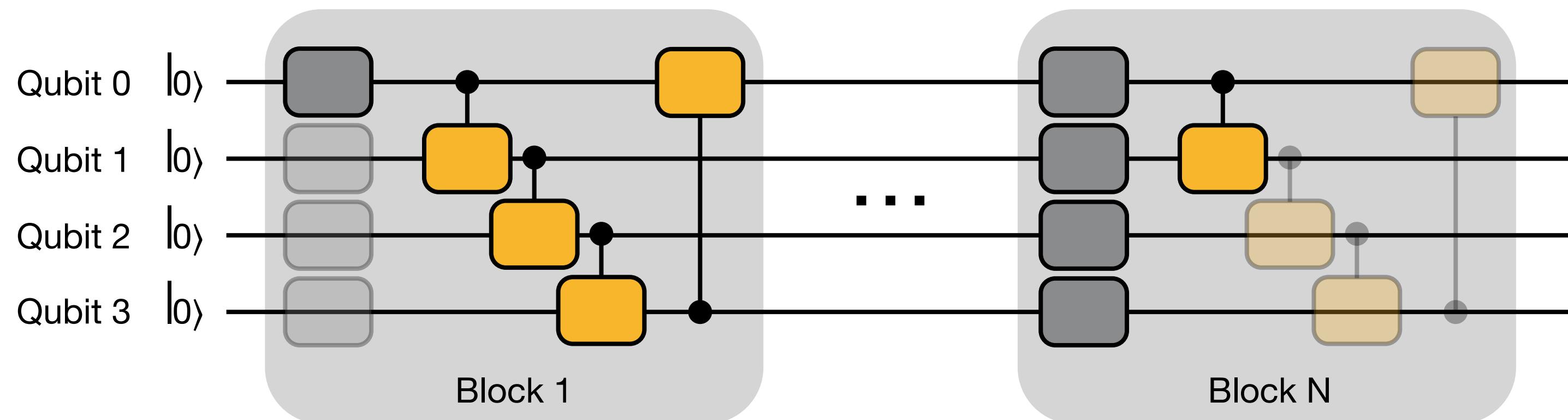
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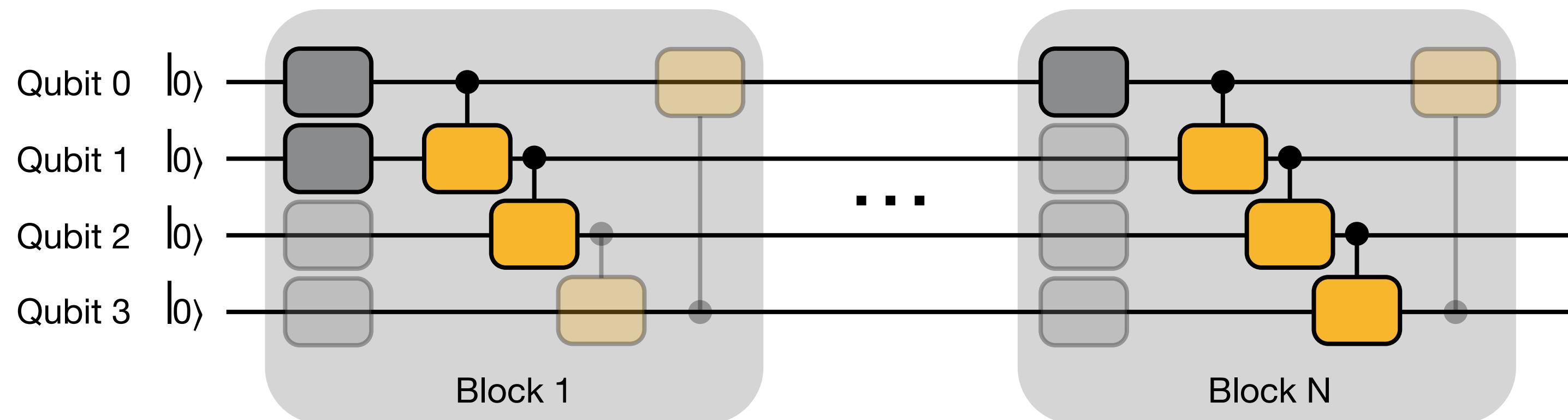
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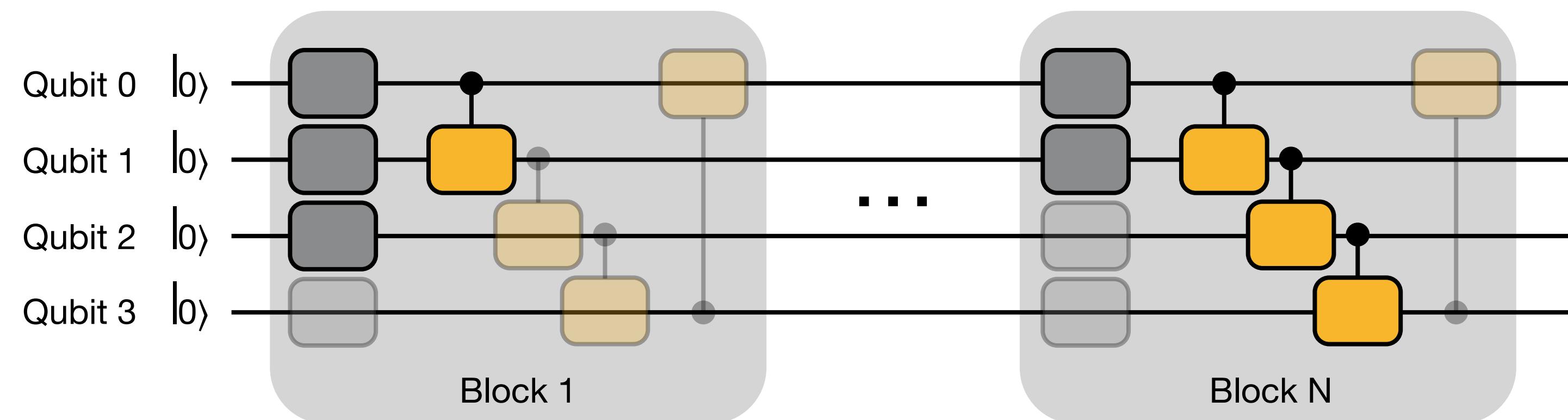
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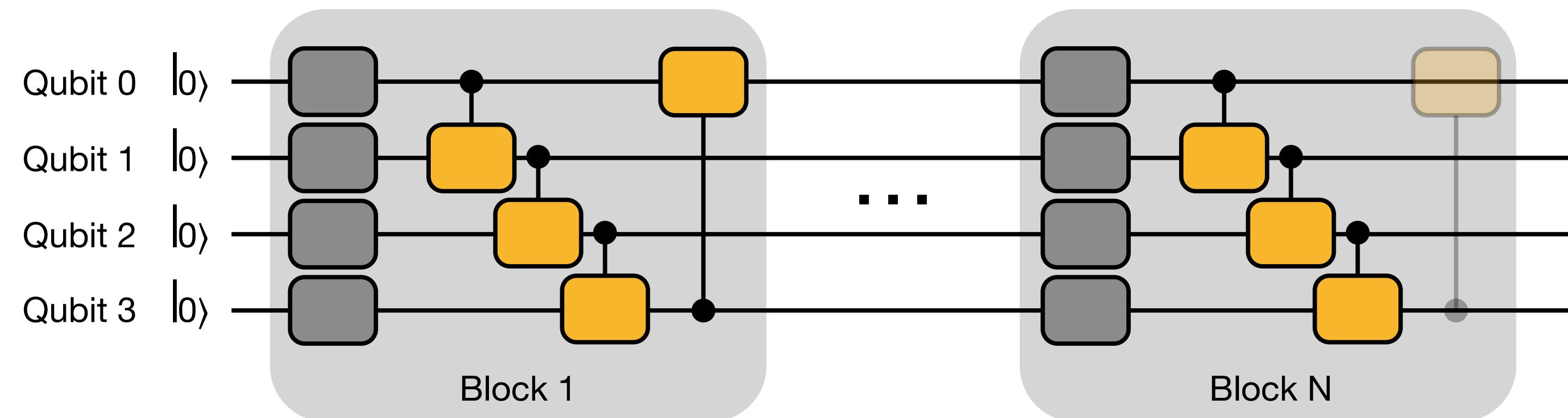
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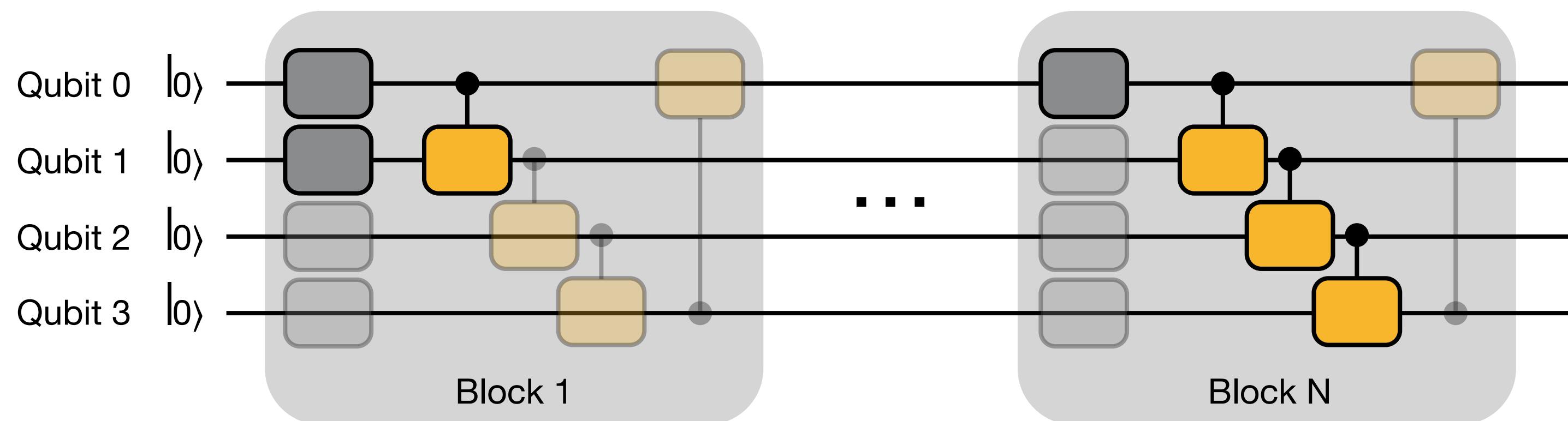
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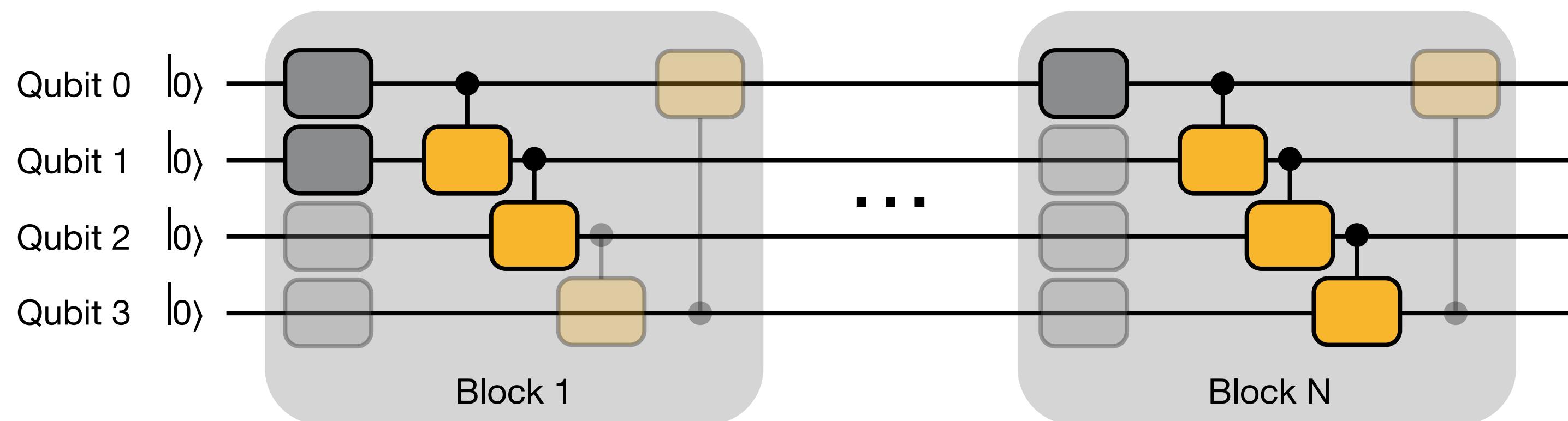
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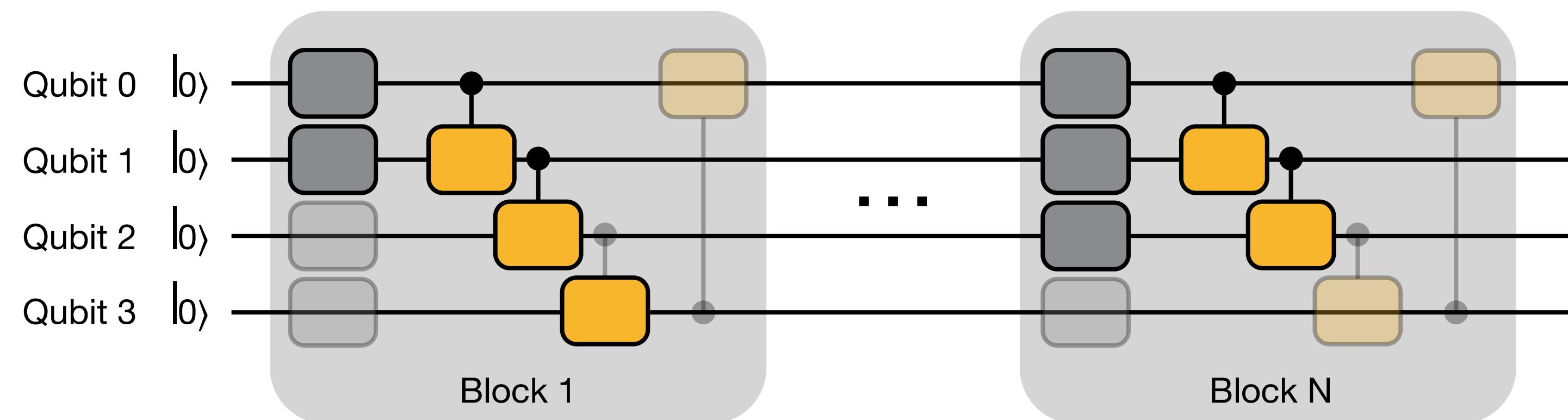
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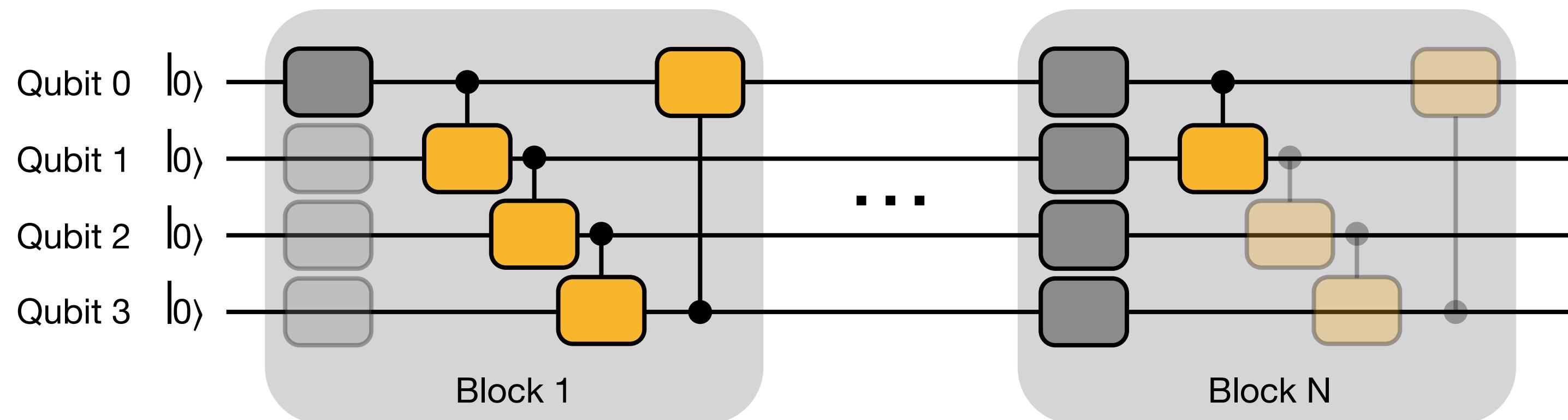
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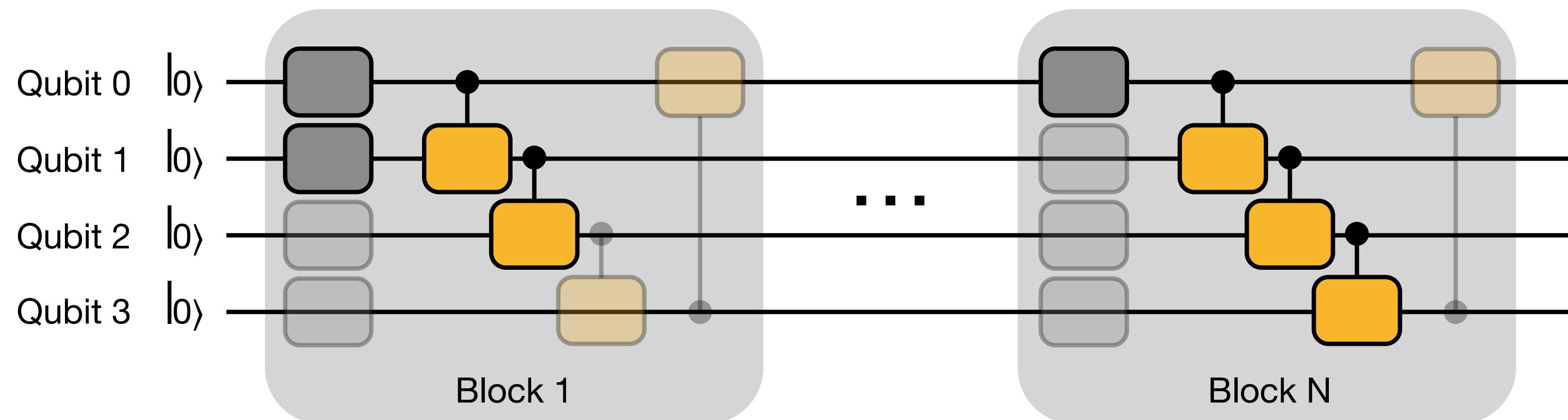
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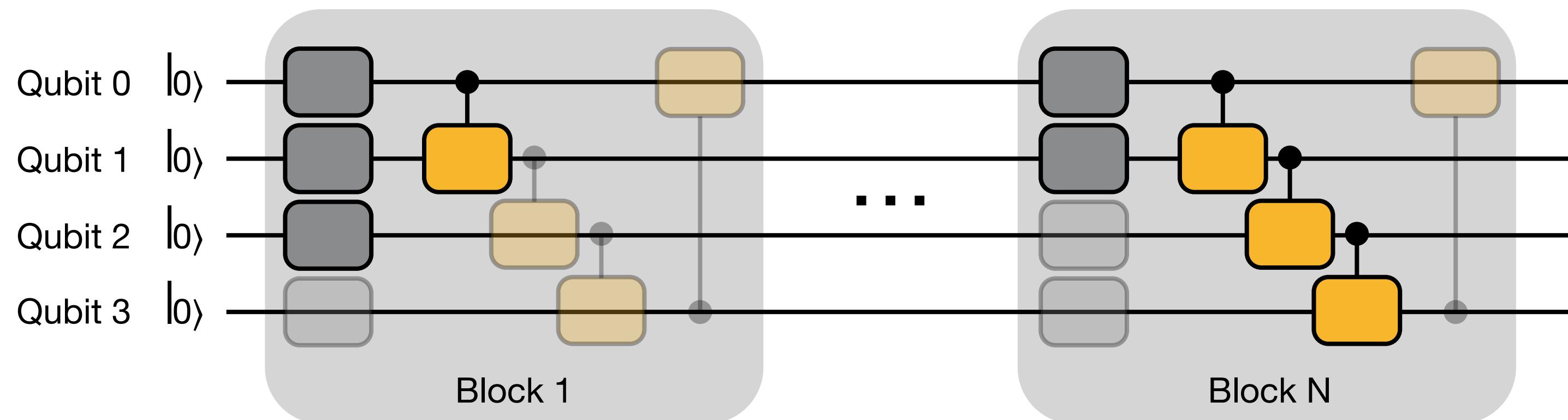
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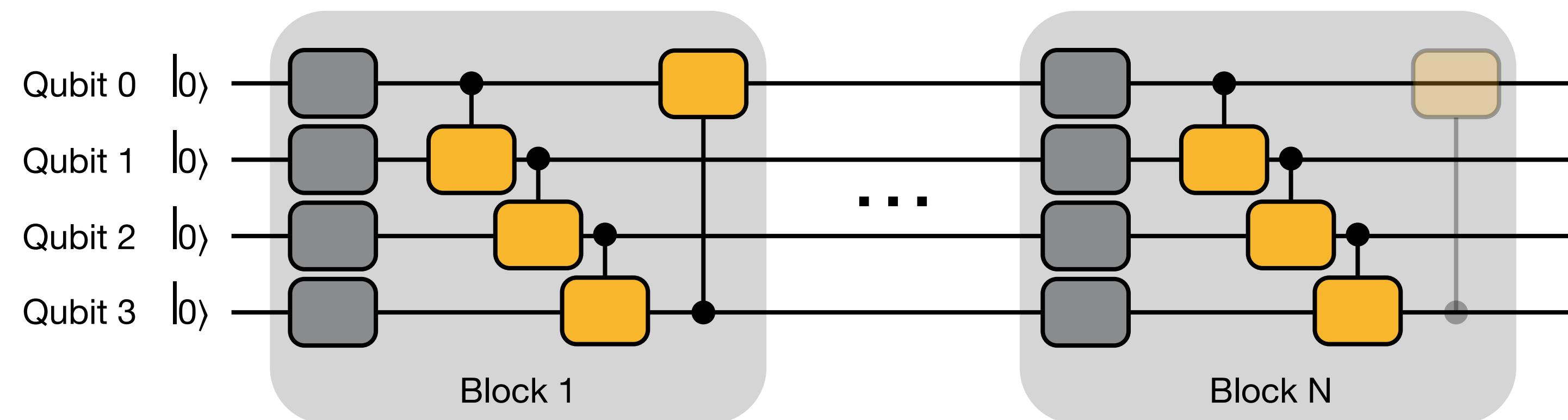
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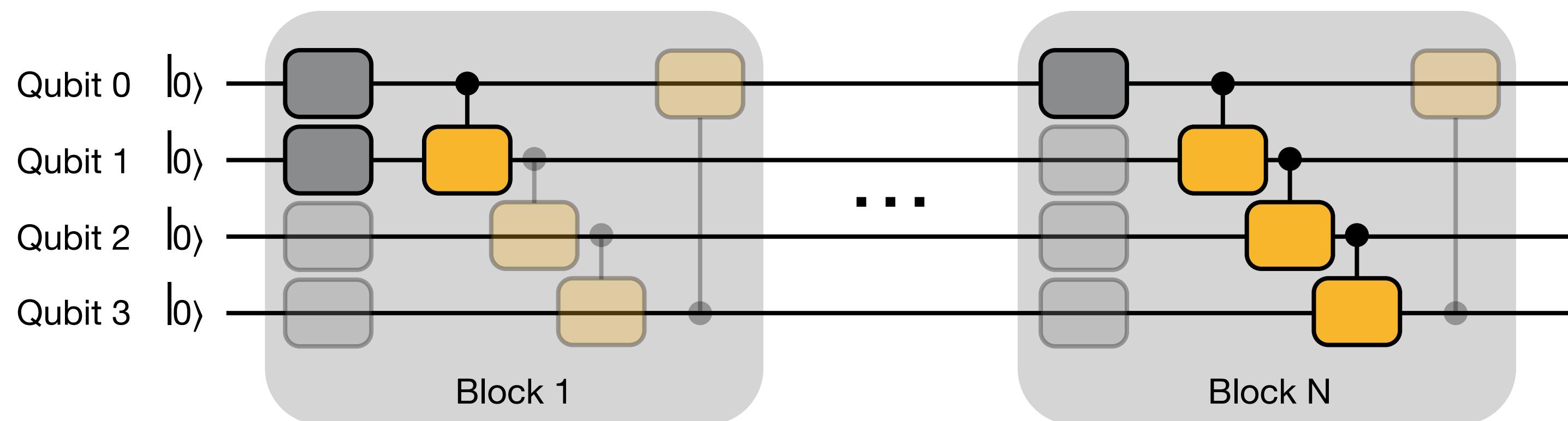
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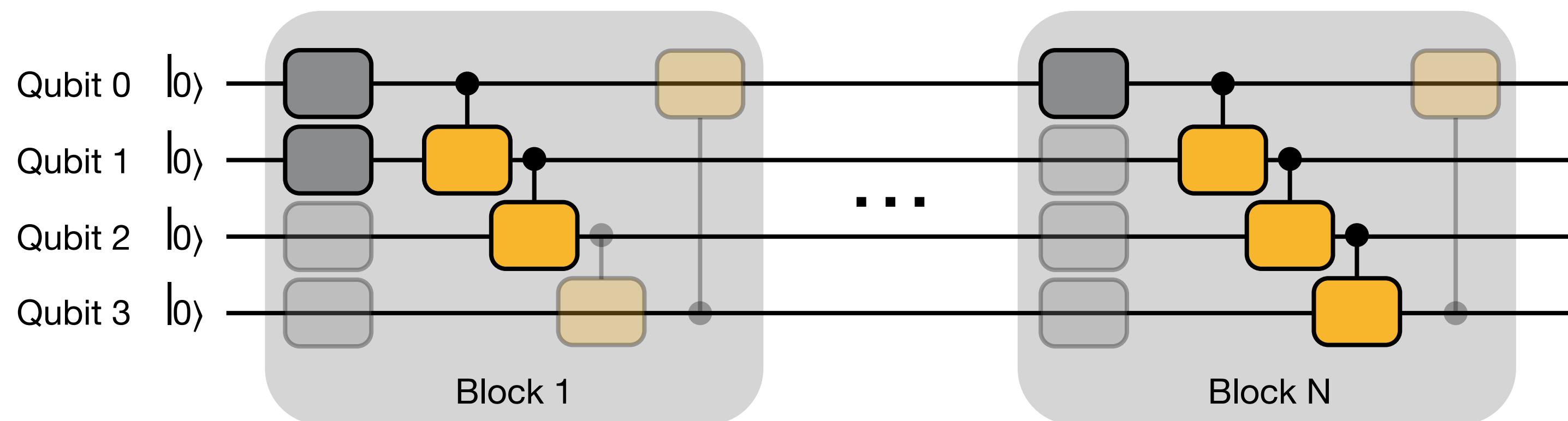
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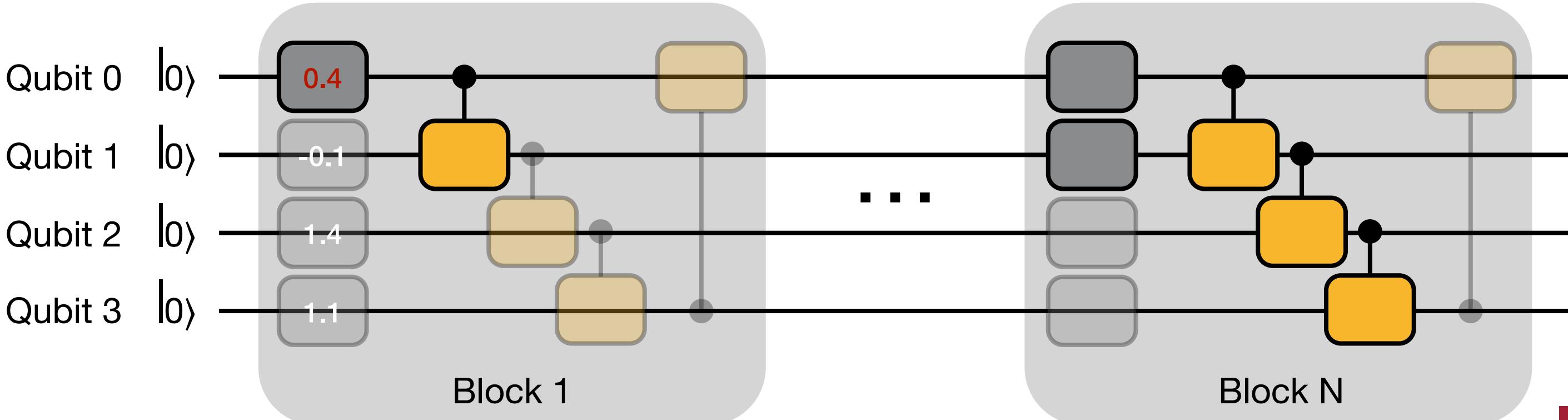
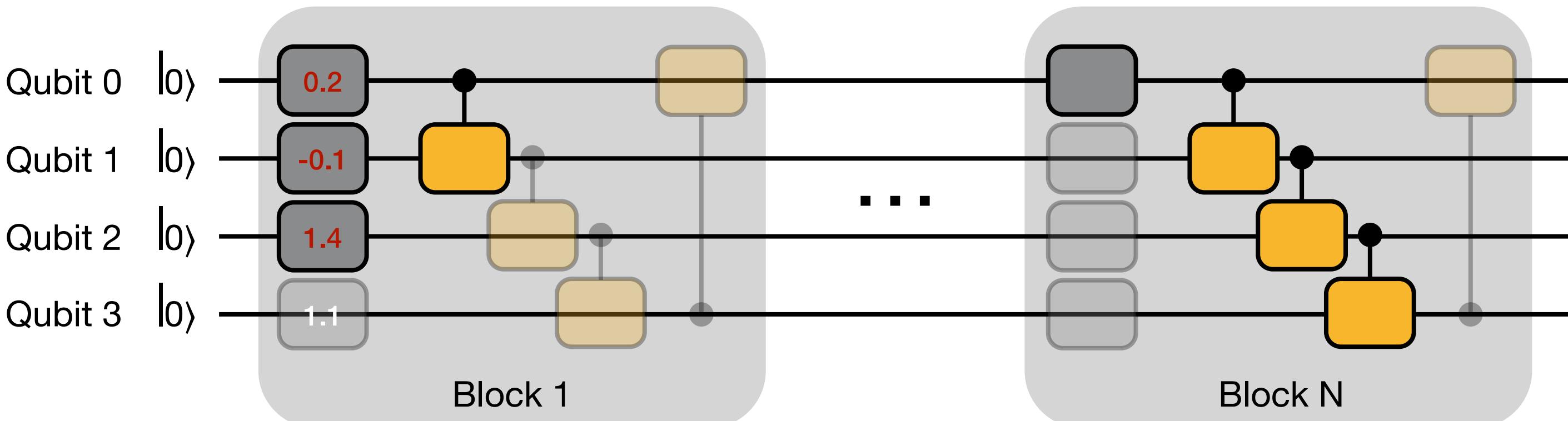
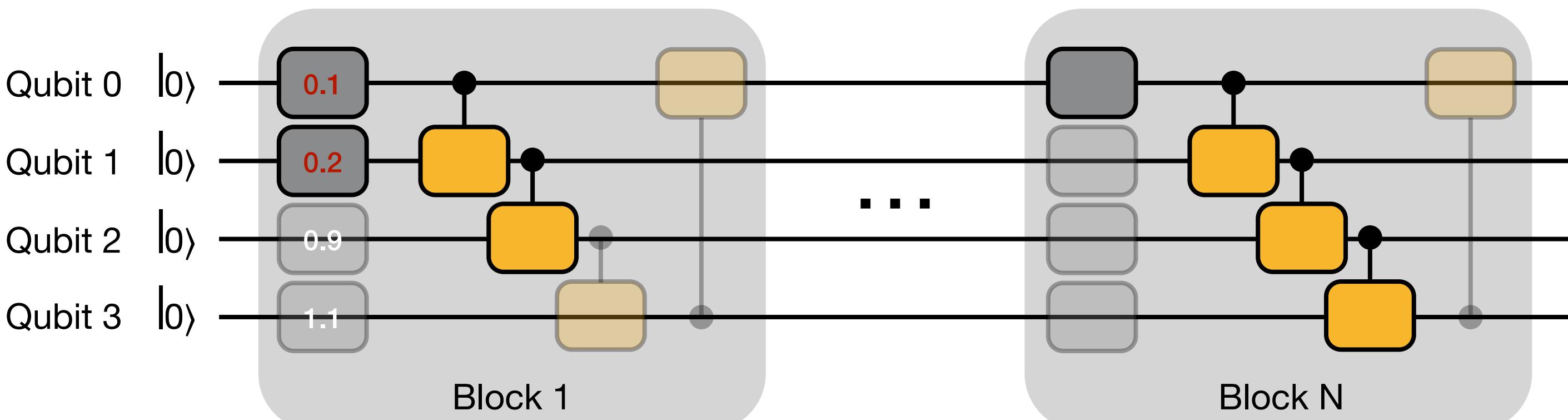


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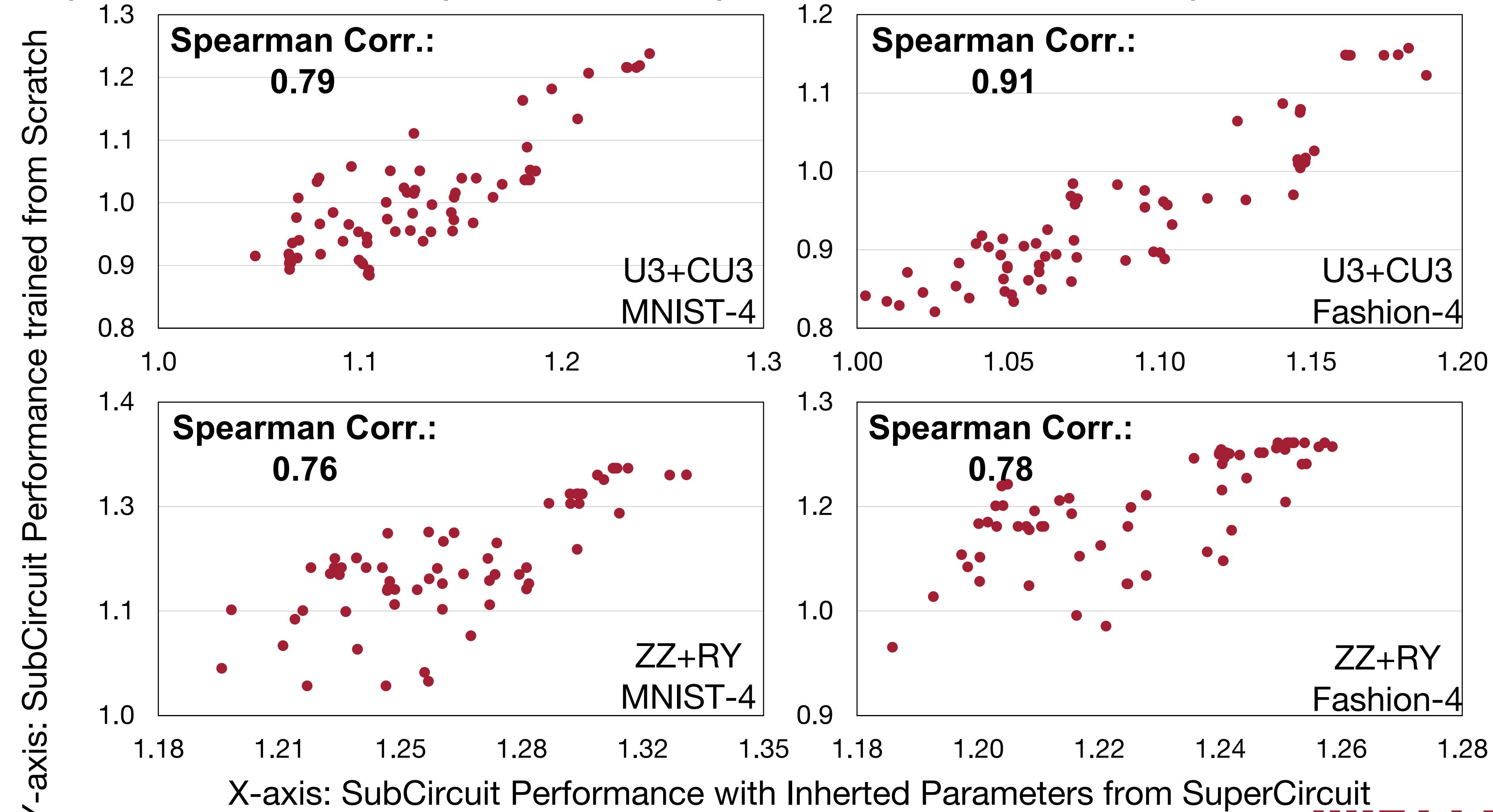


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# How Reliable is the SuperCircuit?

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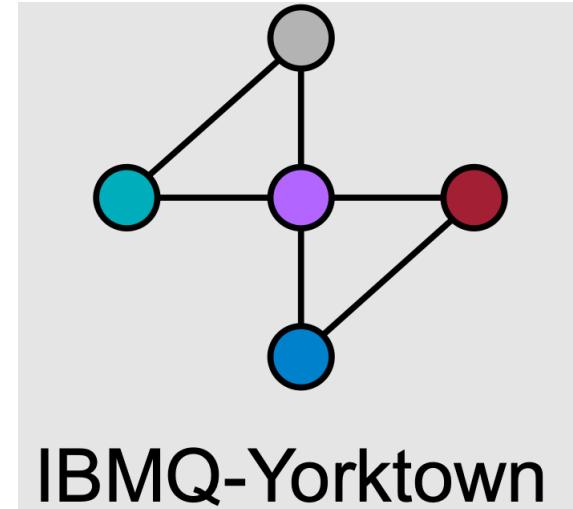


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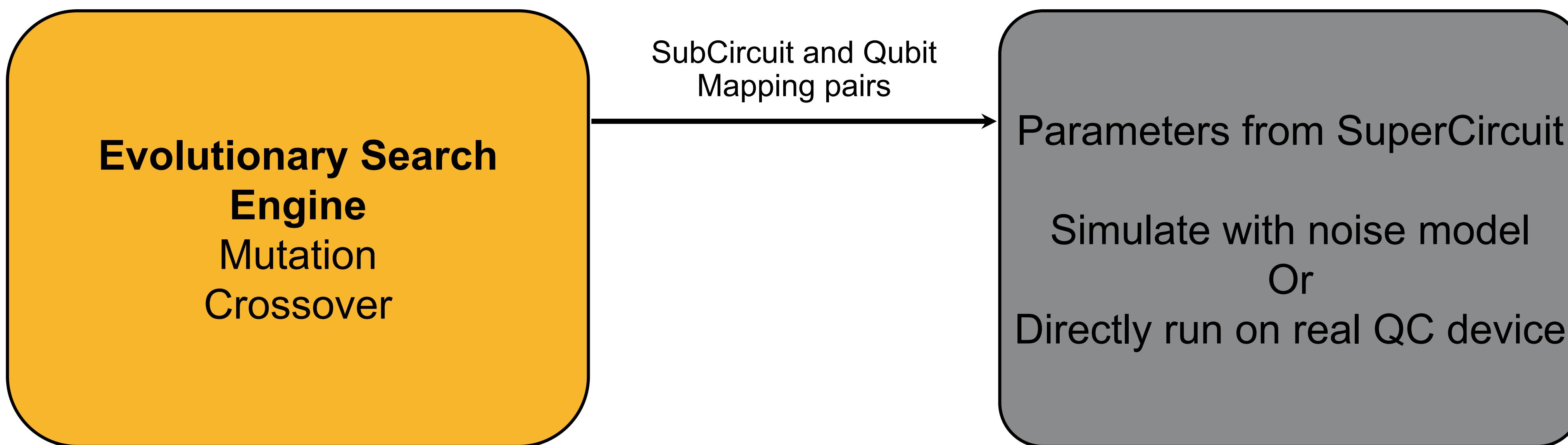
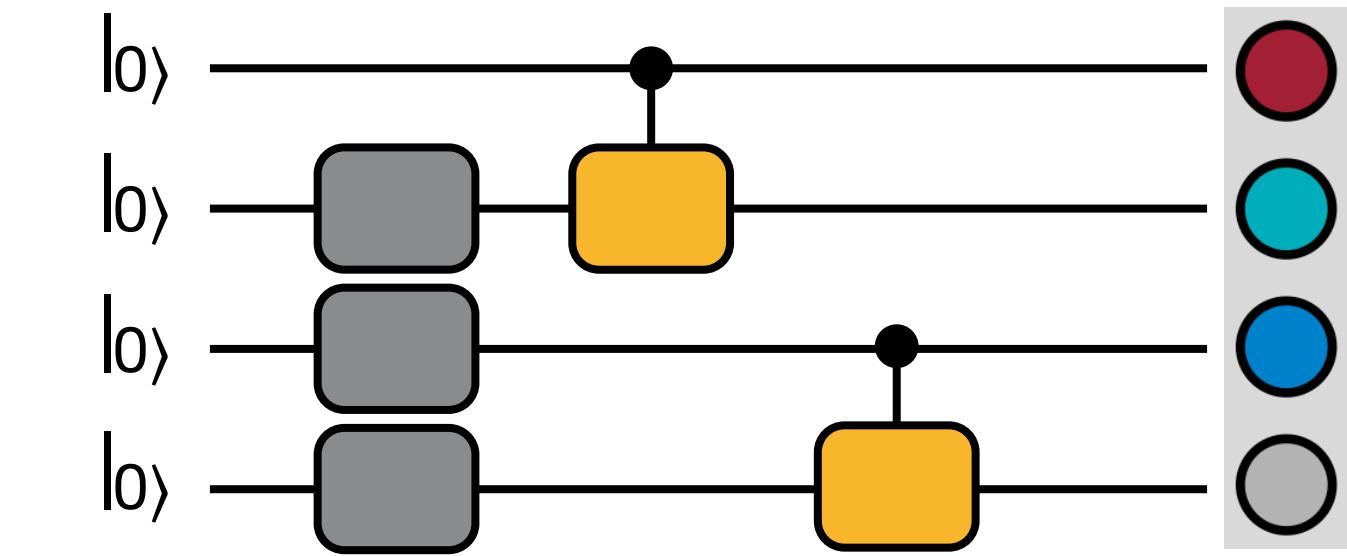
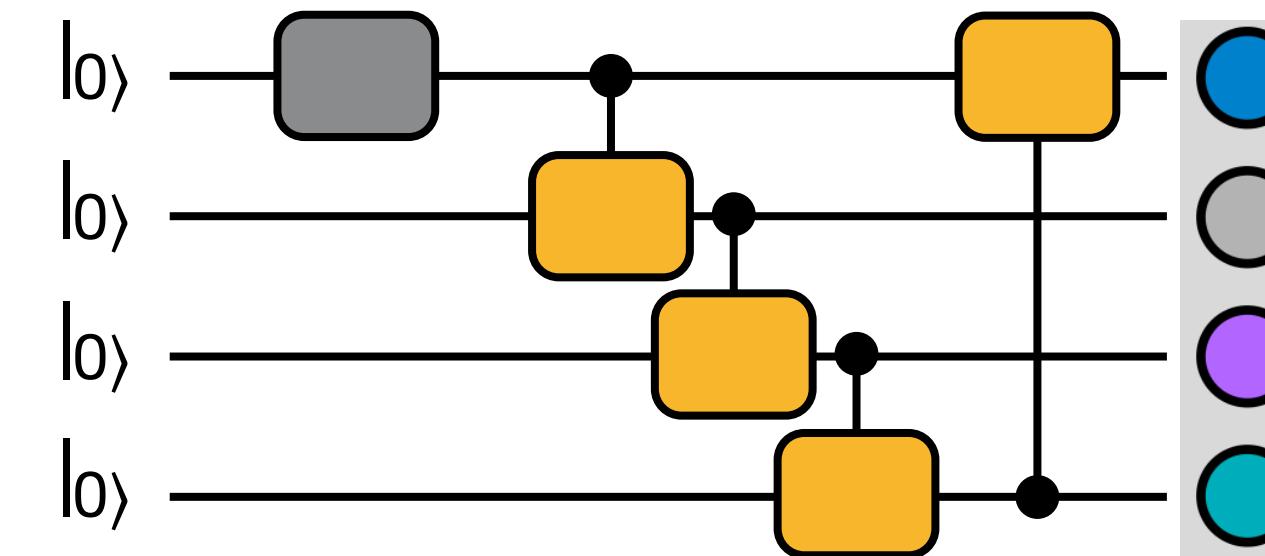
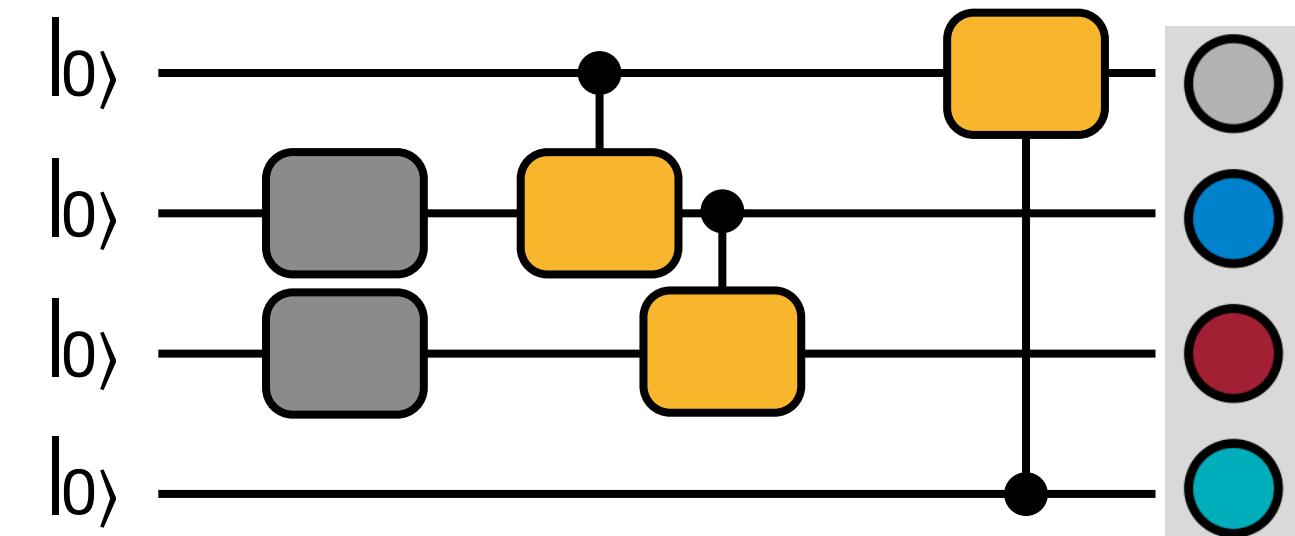
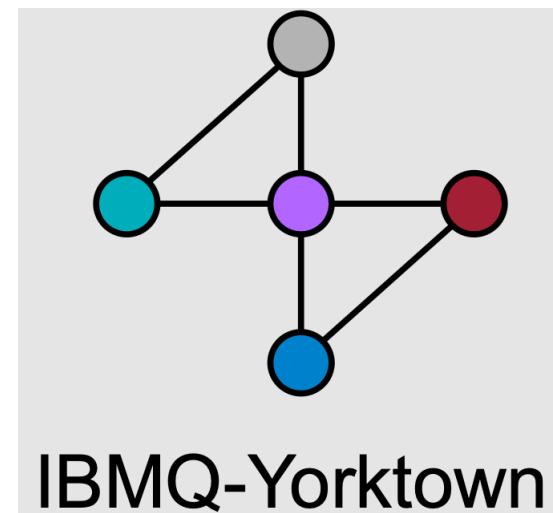
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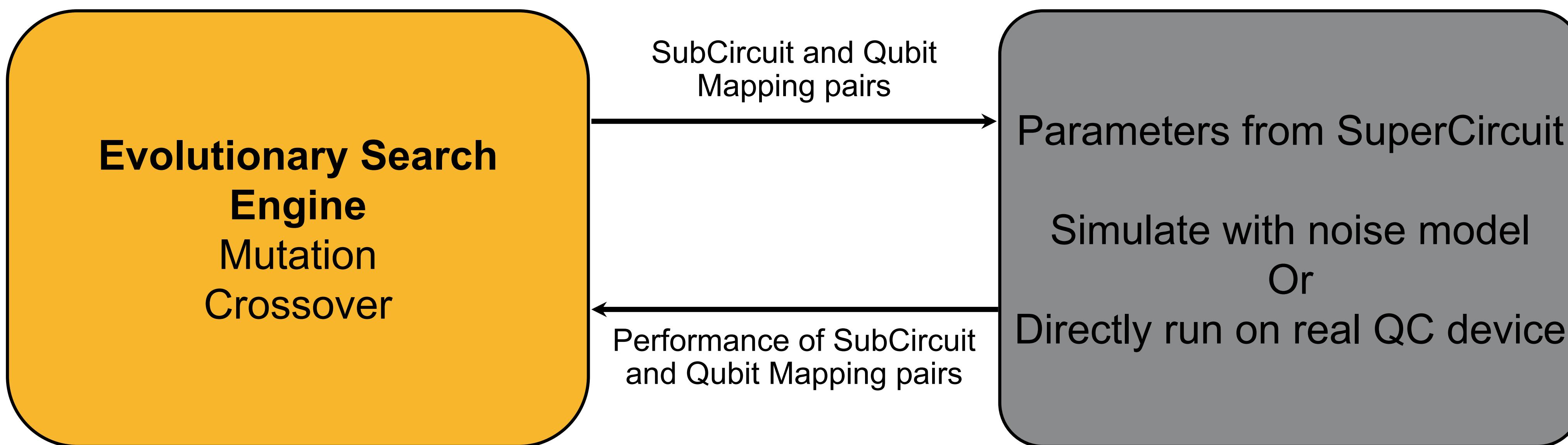
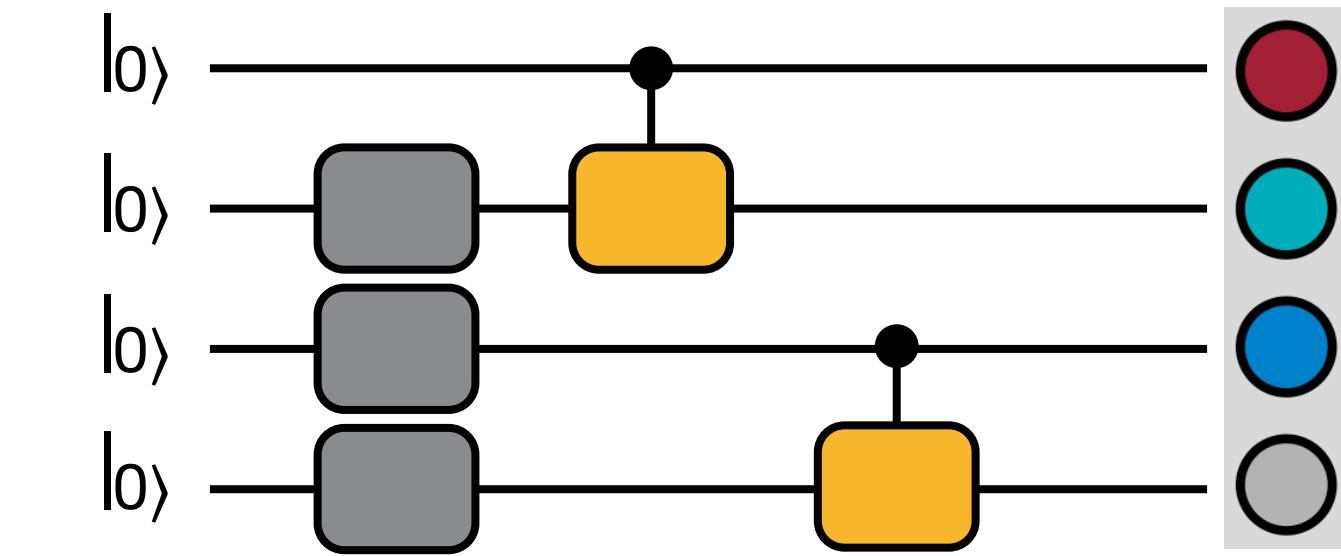
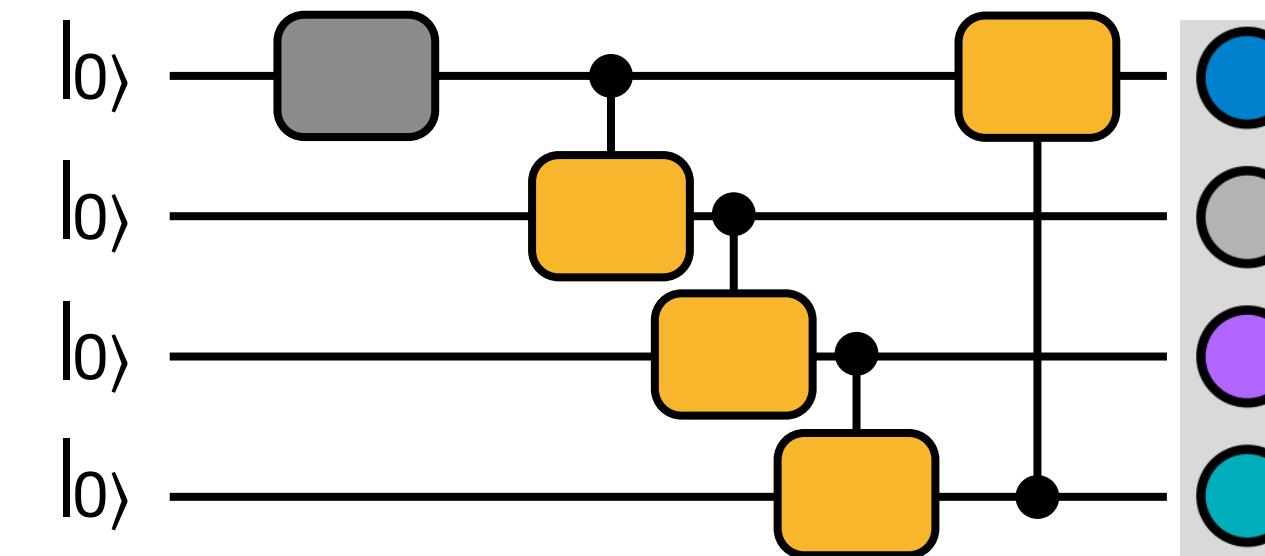
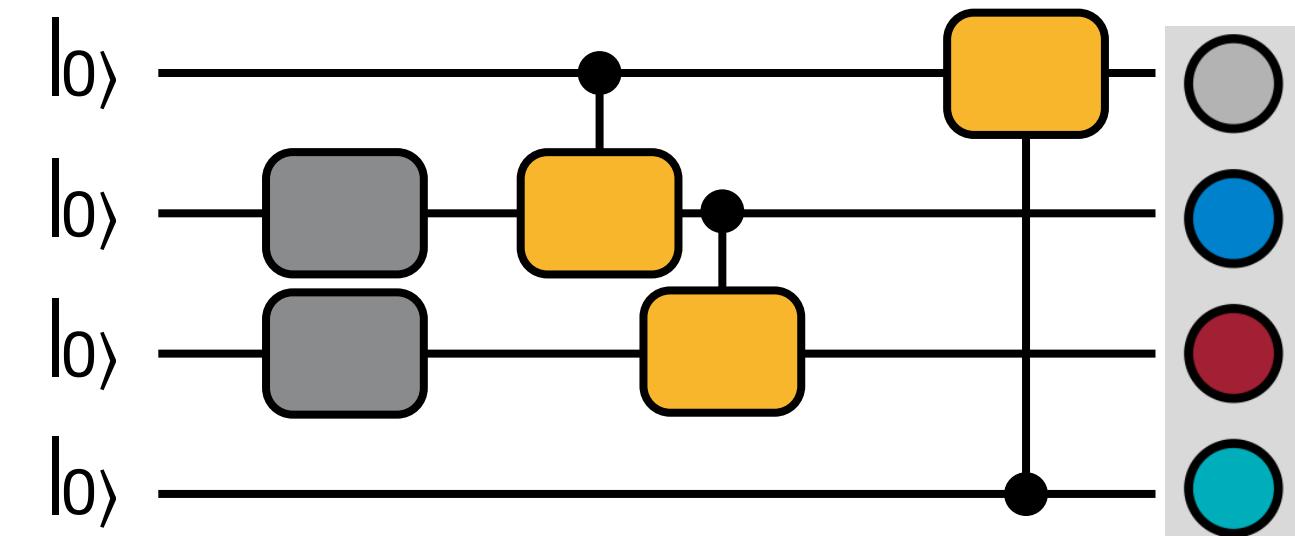
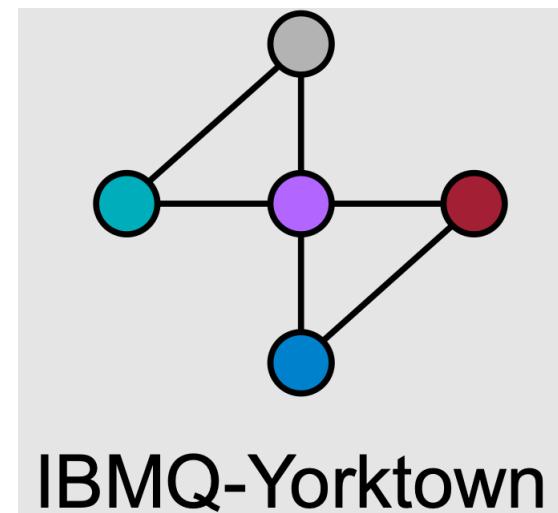
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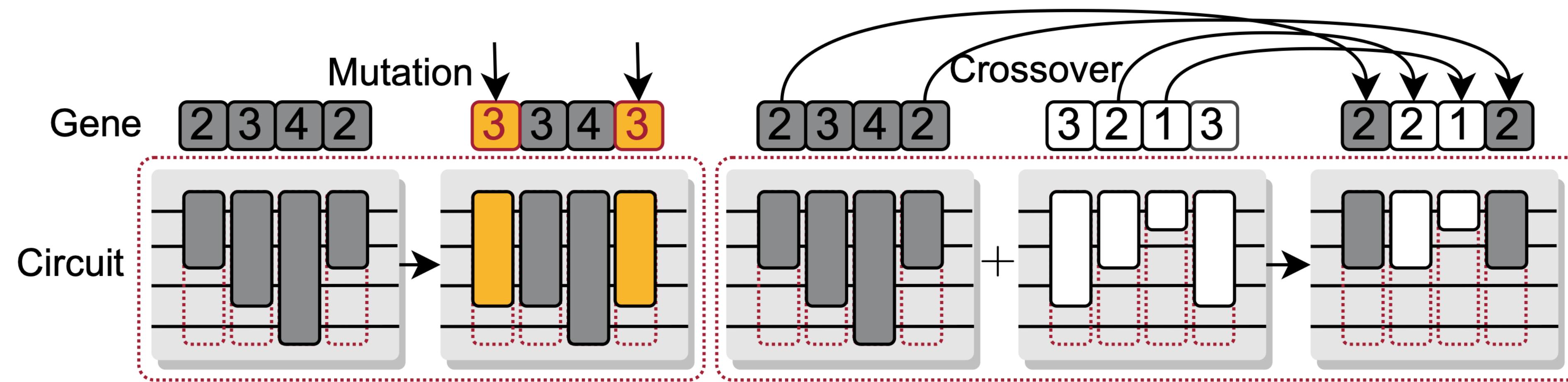
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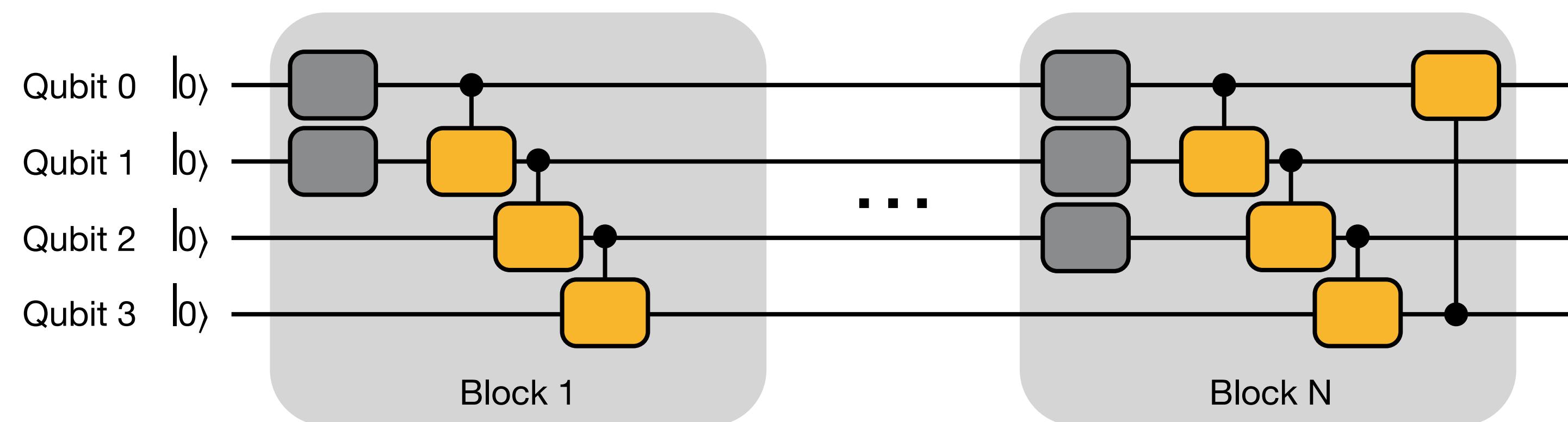
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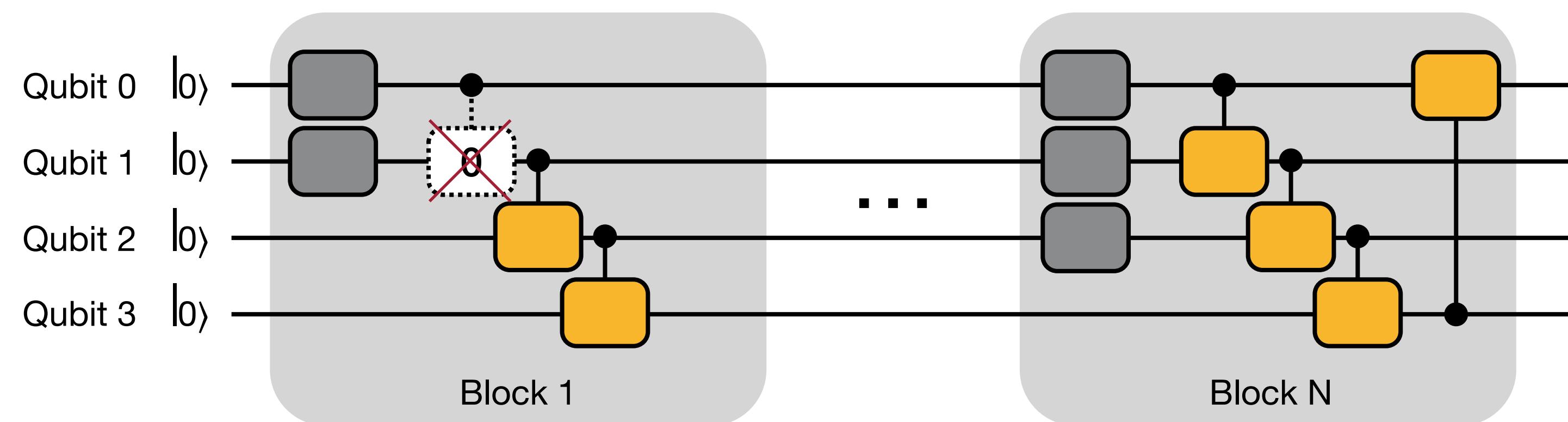
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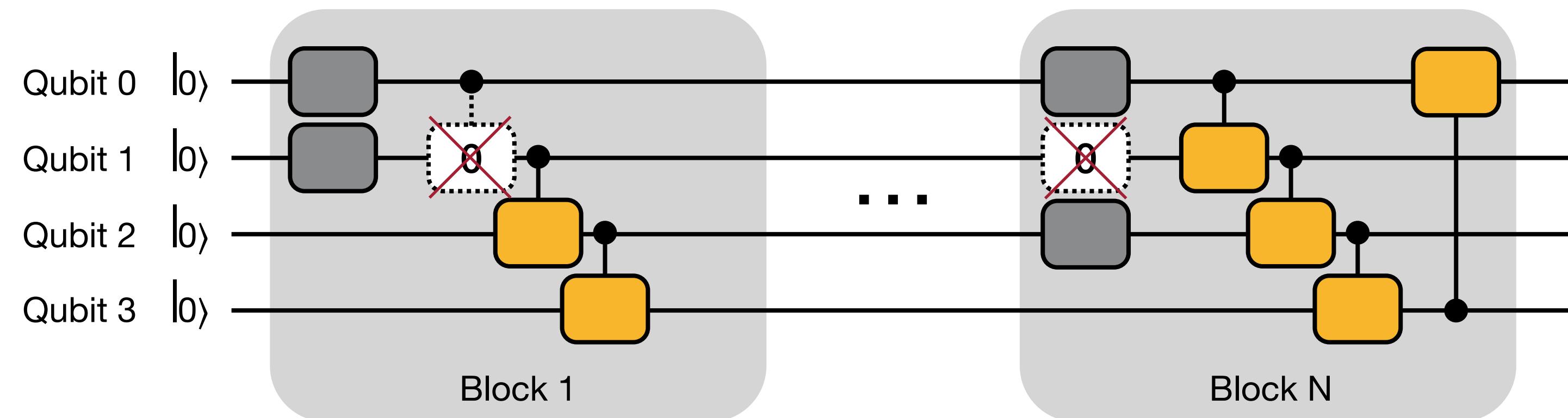
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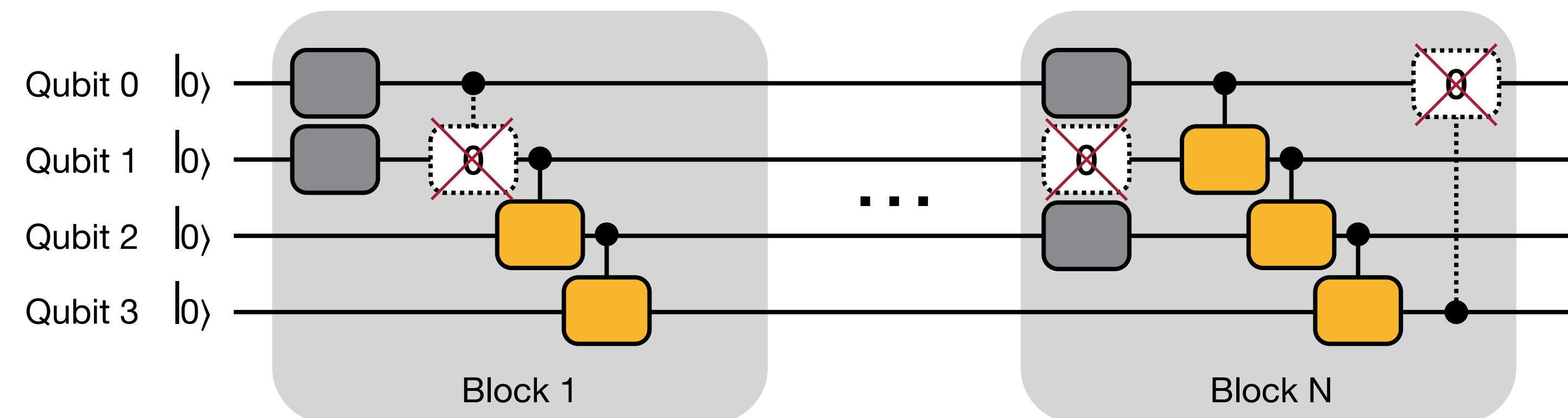
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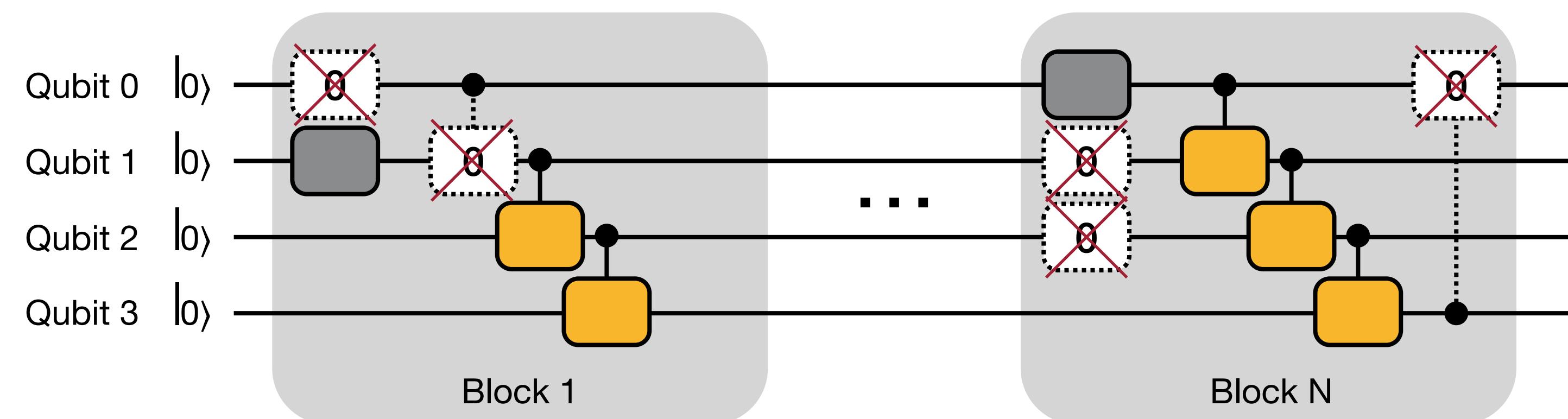
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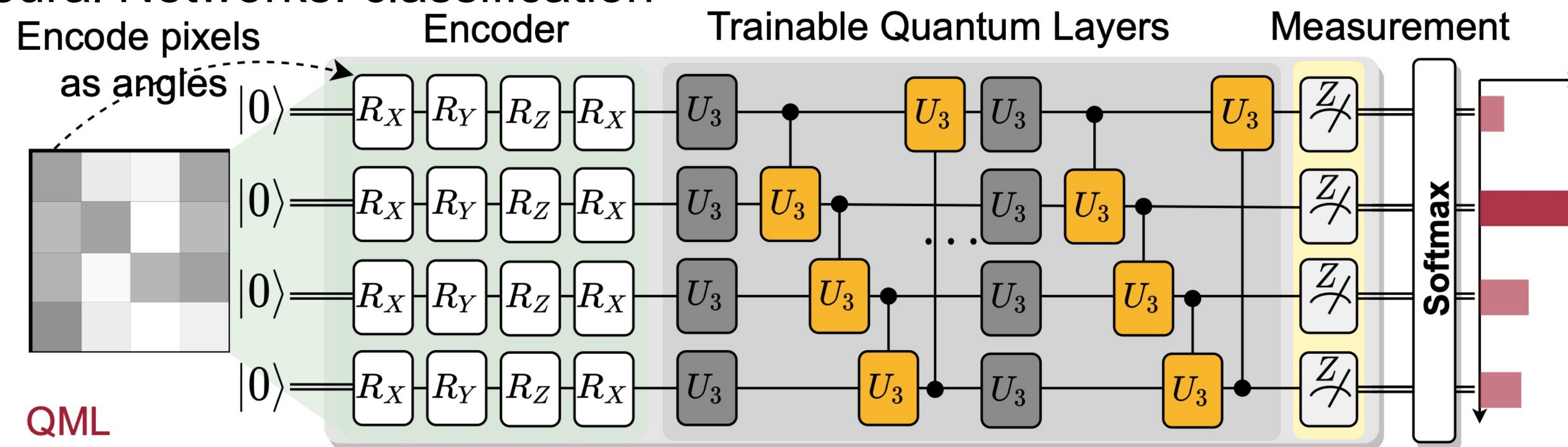


# Evaluation Setups: Benchmarks and Devices

- Benchmarks
  - QML classification tasks: MNIST 10-class, 4-class, 2-class, Fashion 4-class, 2-class, Vowel 4-class
  - VQE task molecules: H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, LiH, CH<sub>4</sub>, BeH<sub>2</sub>
- Quantum Devices
  - IBMQ
  - #Qubits: 5 to 65
  - Quantum Volume: 8 to 128

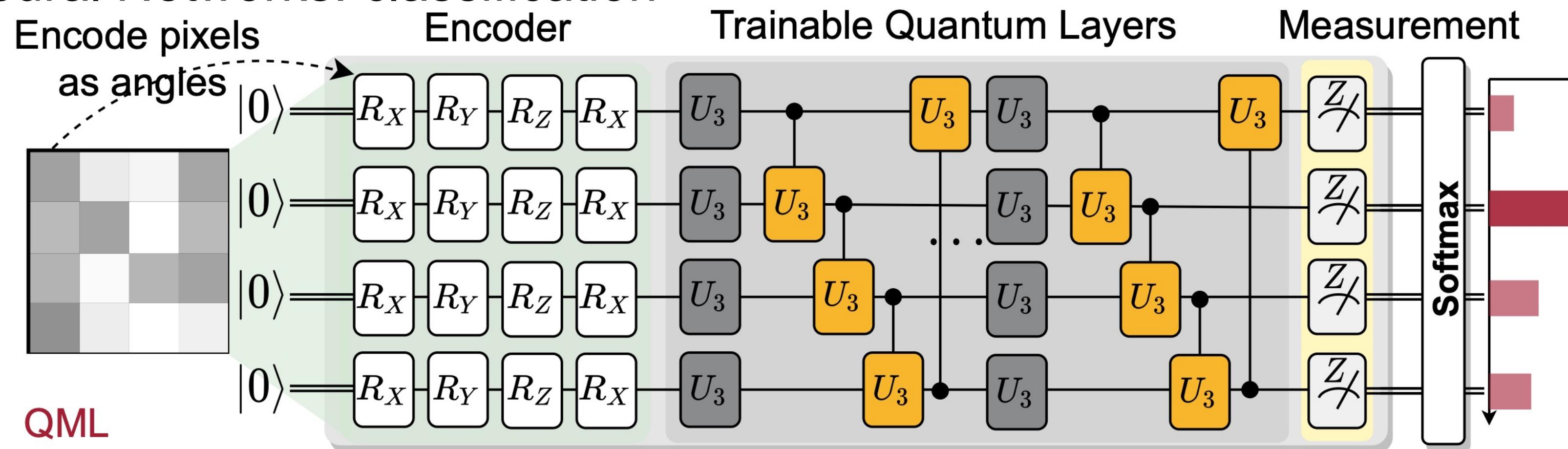
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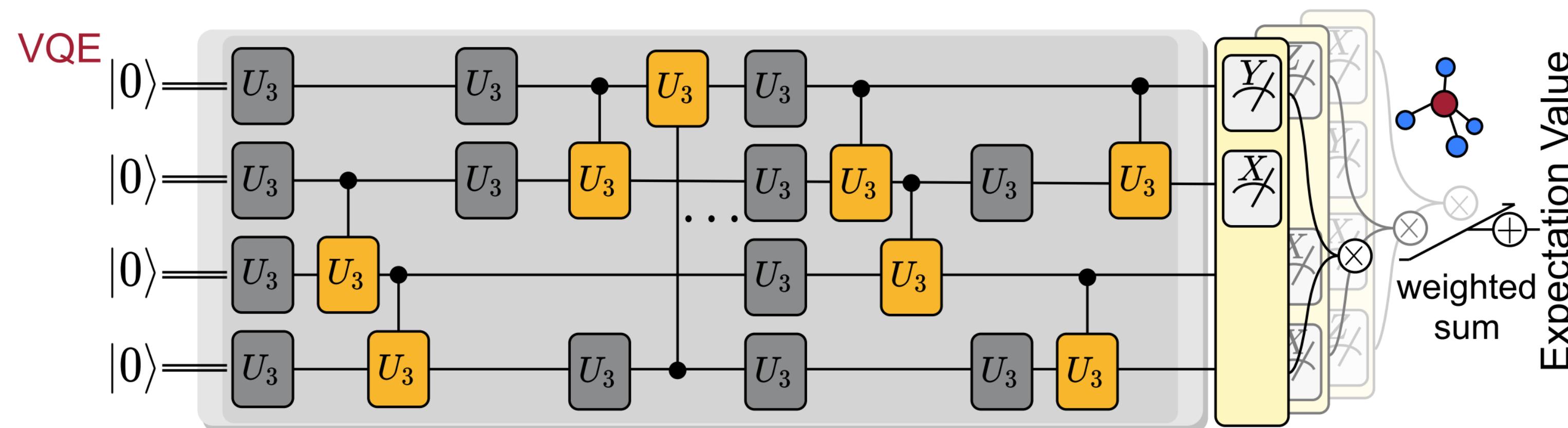


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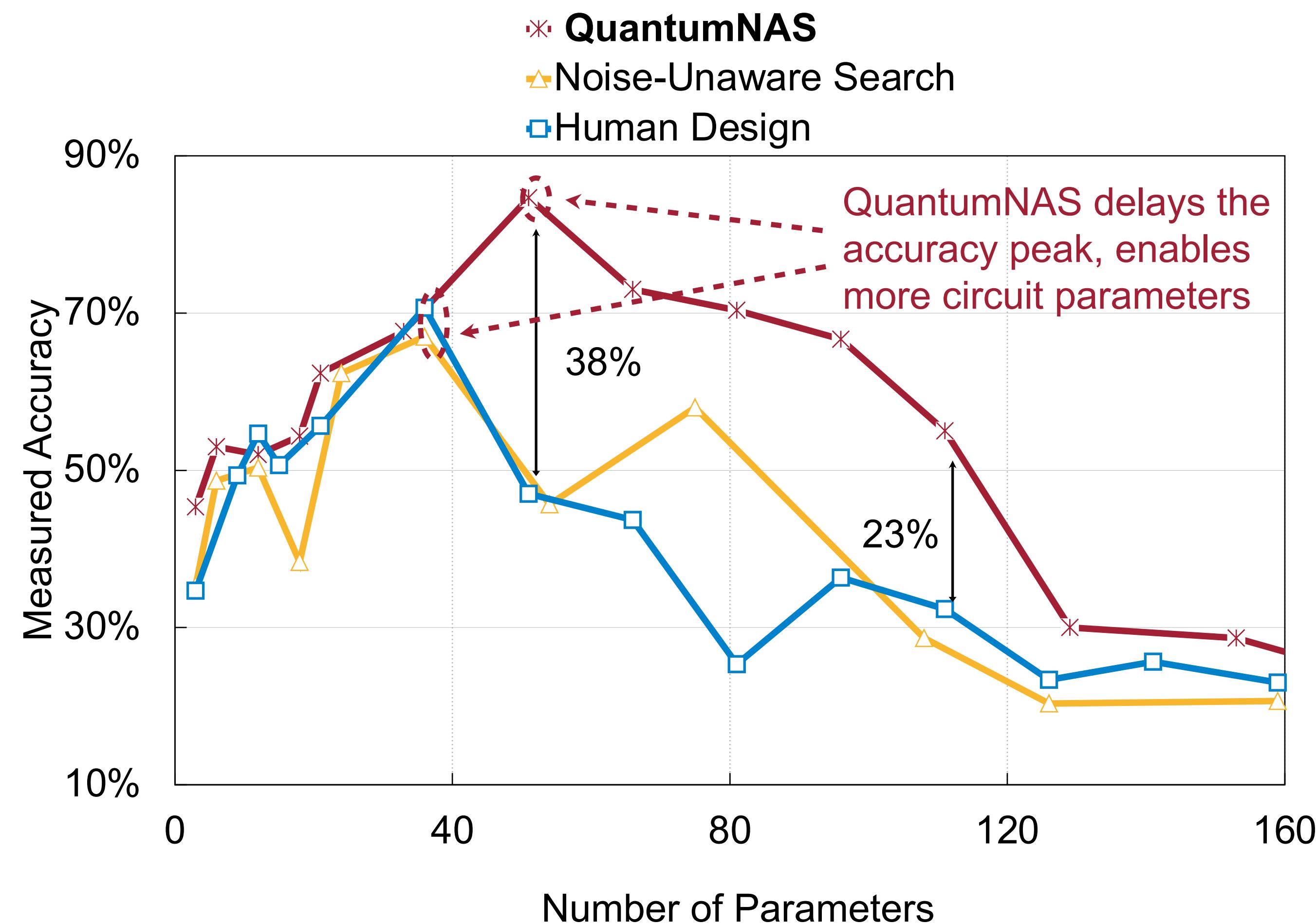


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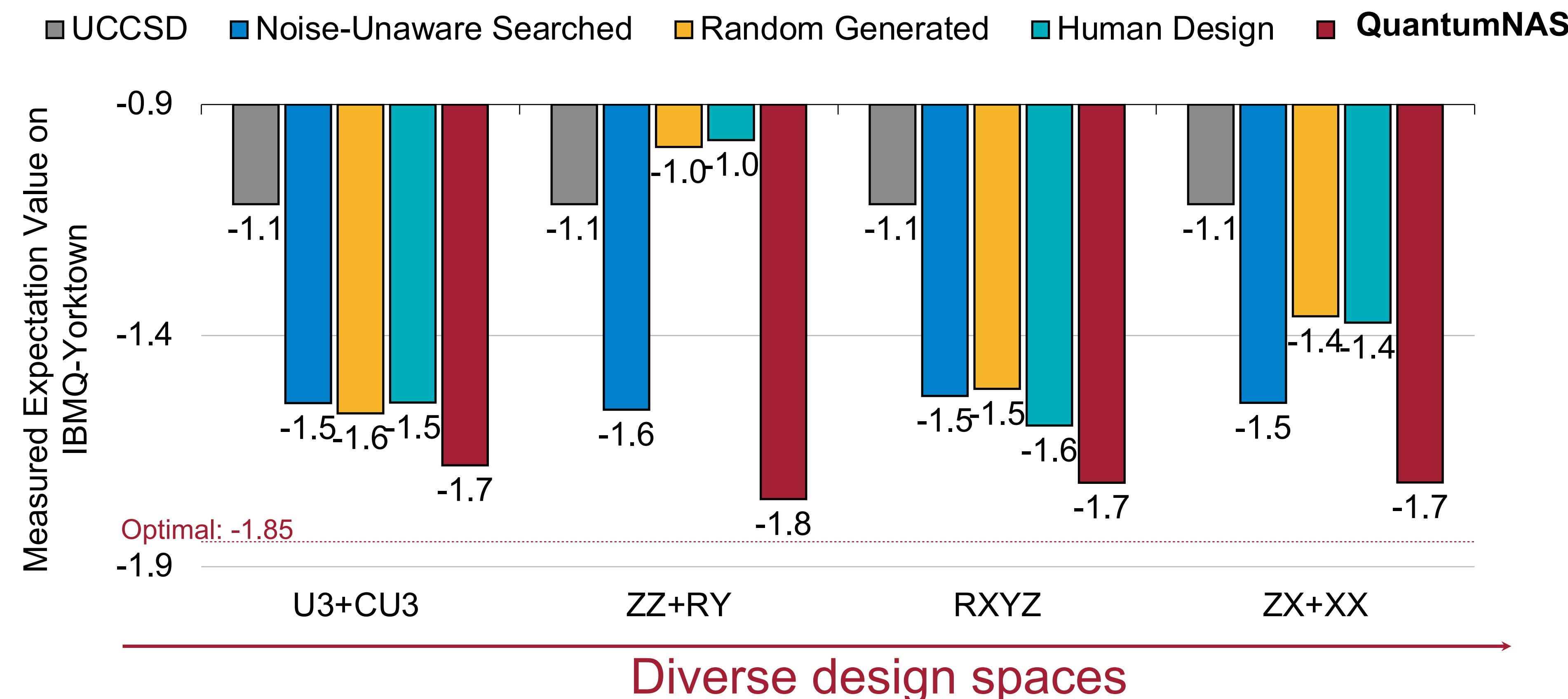
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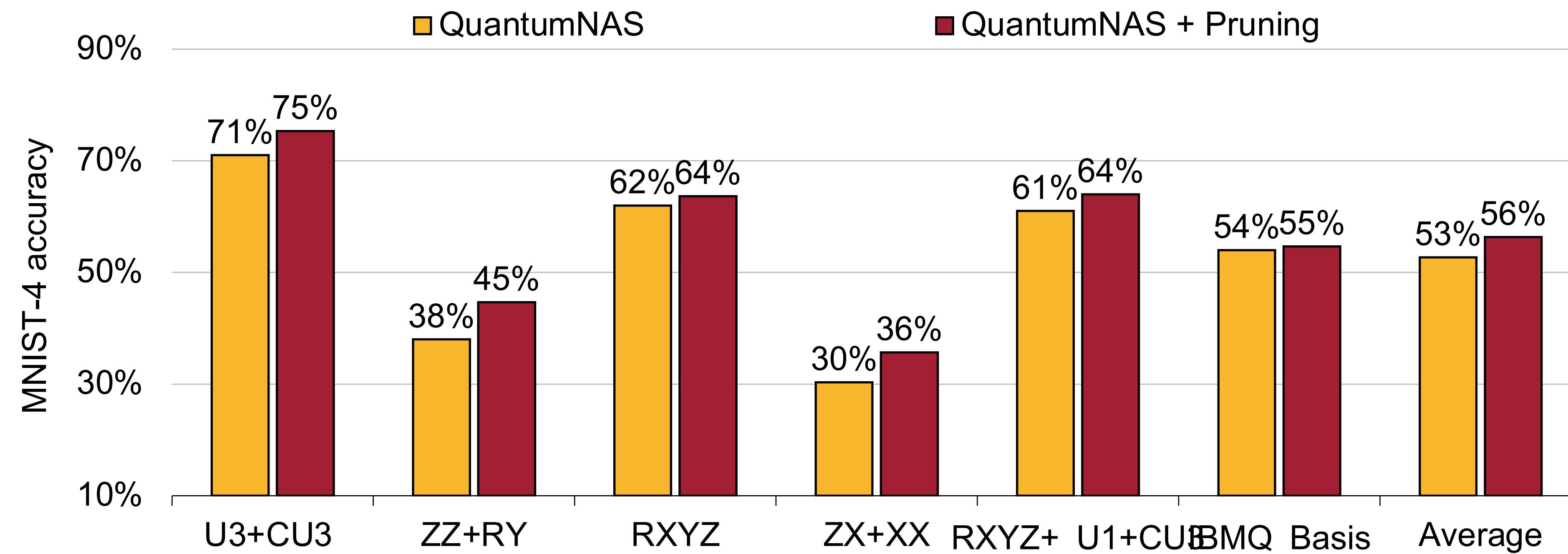
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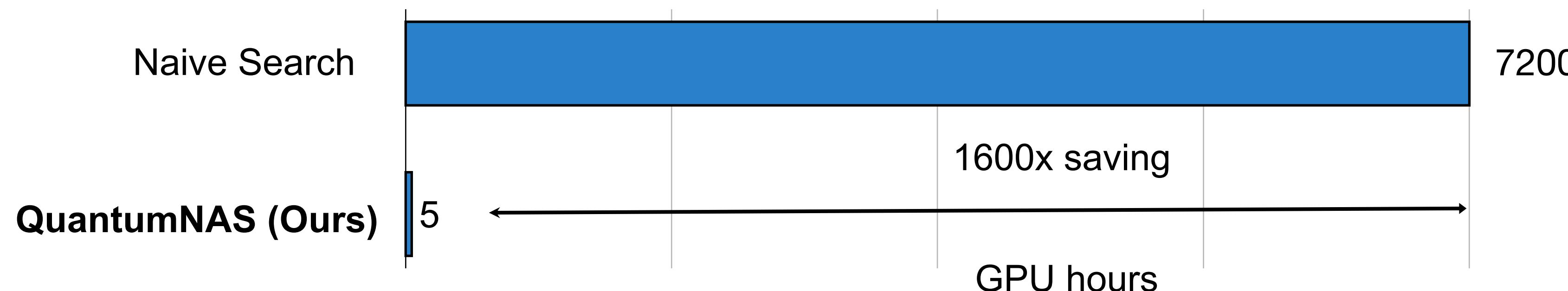
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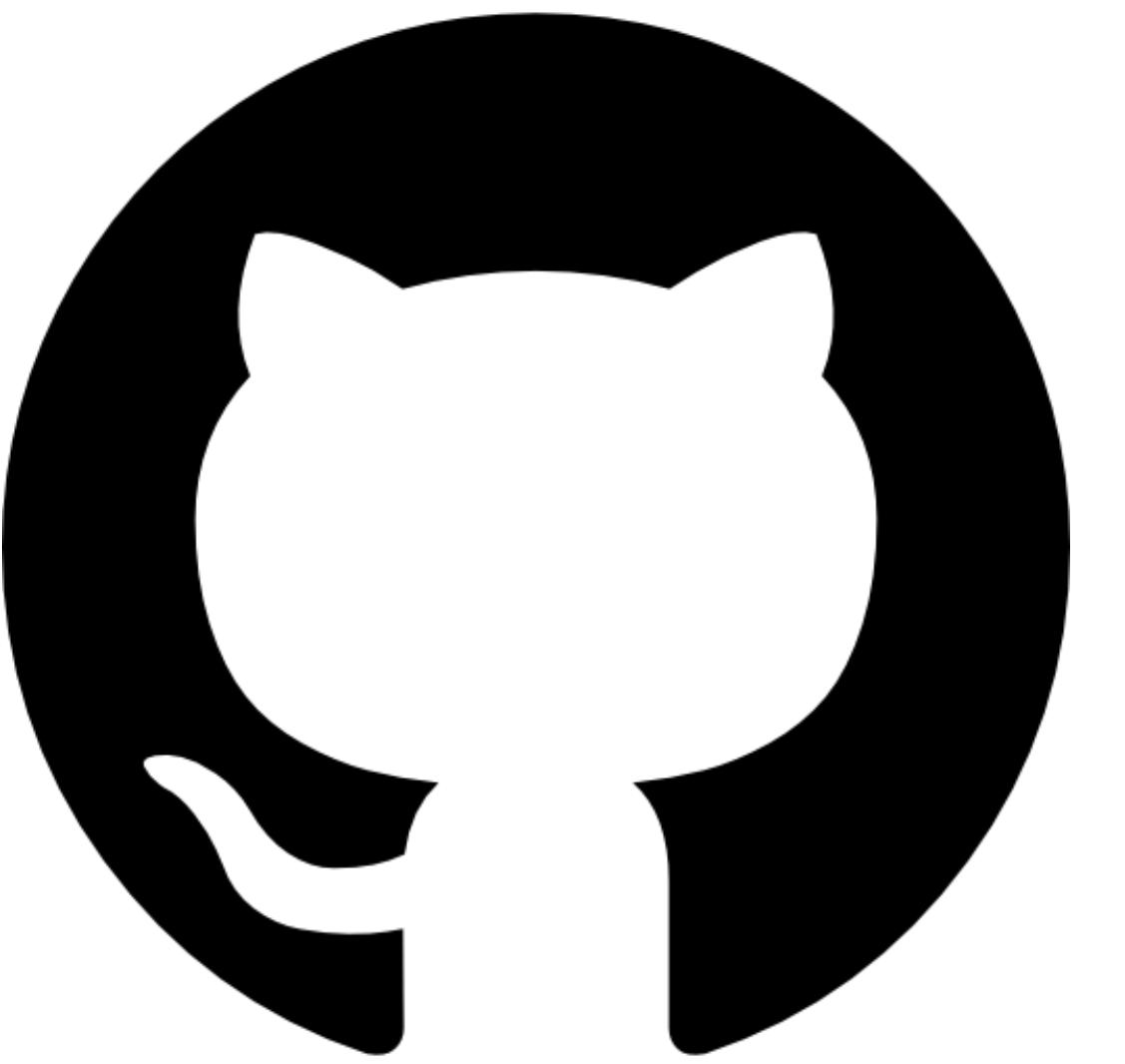
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# Hands-On Section

## 2.1 QuantumNAS



# TorchQuantum Tutorial Outline

## Section 1

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1.2 TQ operations

1.3 TQ for State Prep

1.4 TQ for VQE

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## Section 2

### Use TorchQuantum on Gate level

2.1 QuantumNAS: Ansatz Search and Gate Pruning

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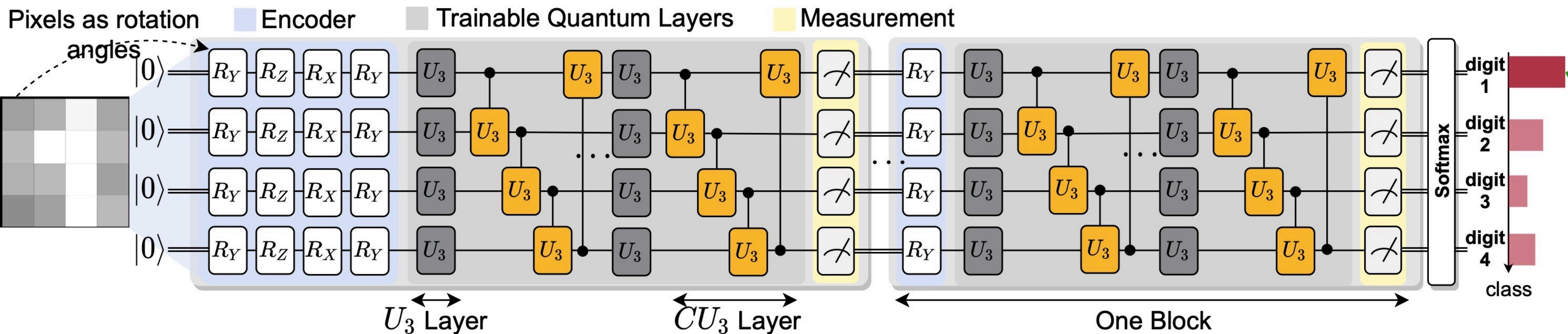
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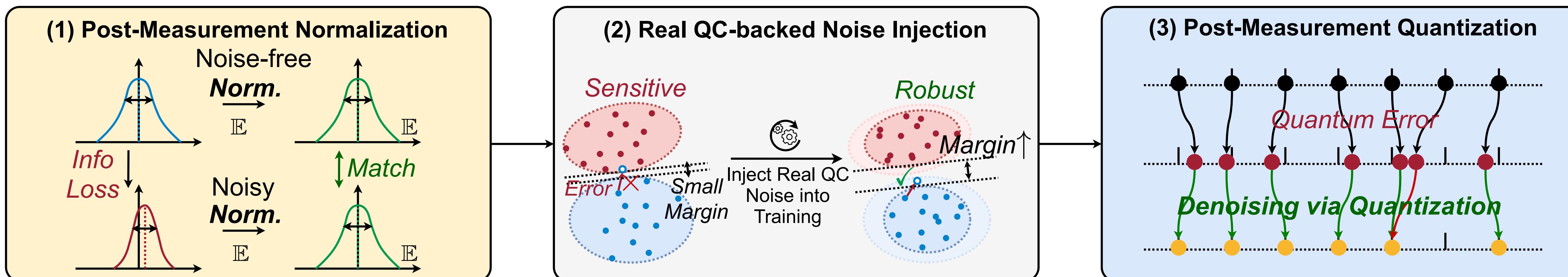
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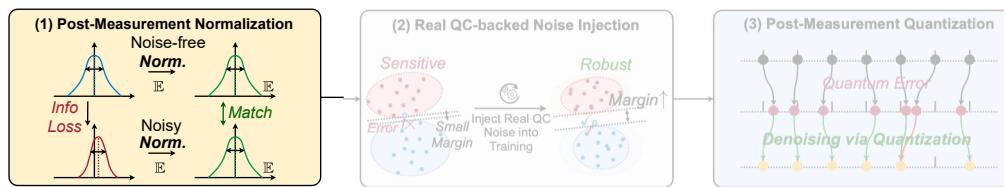


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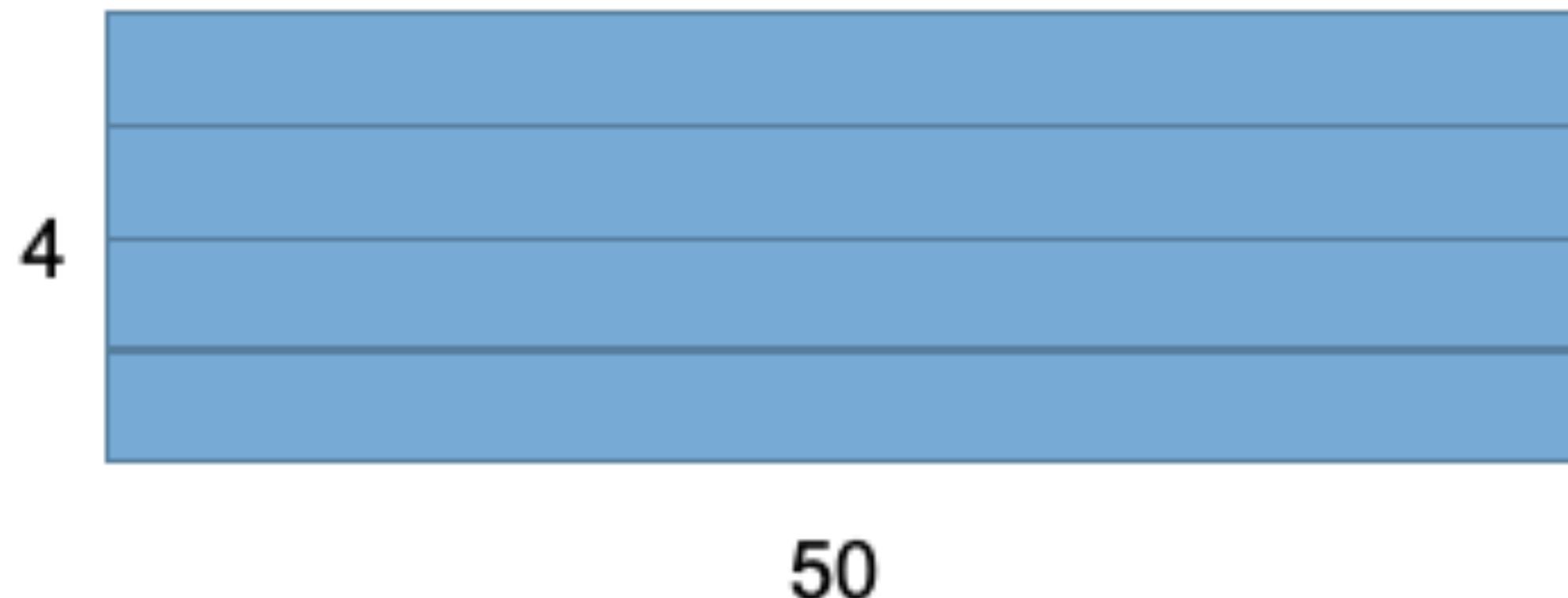
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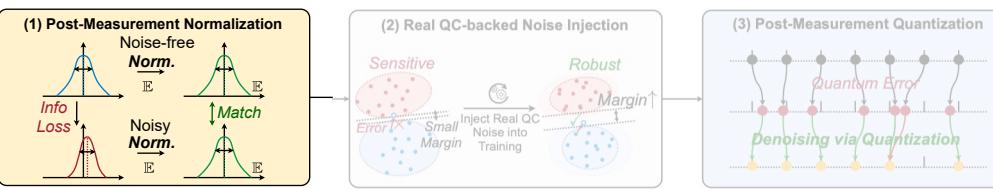
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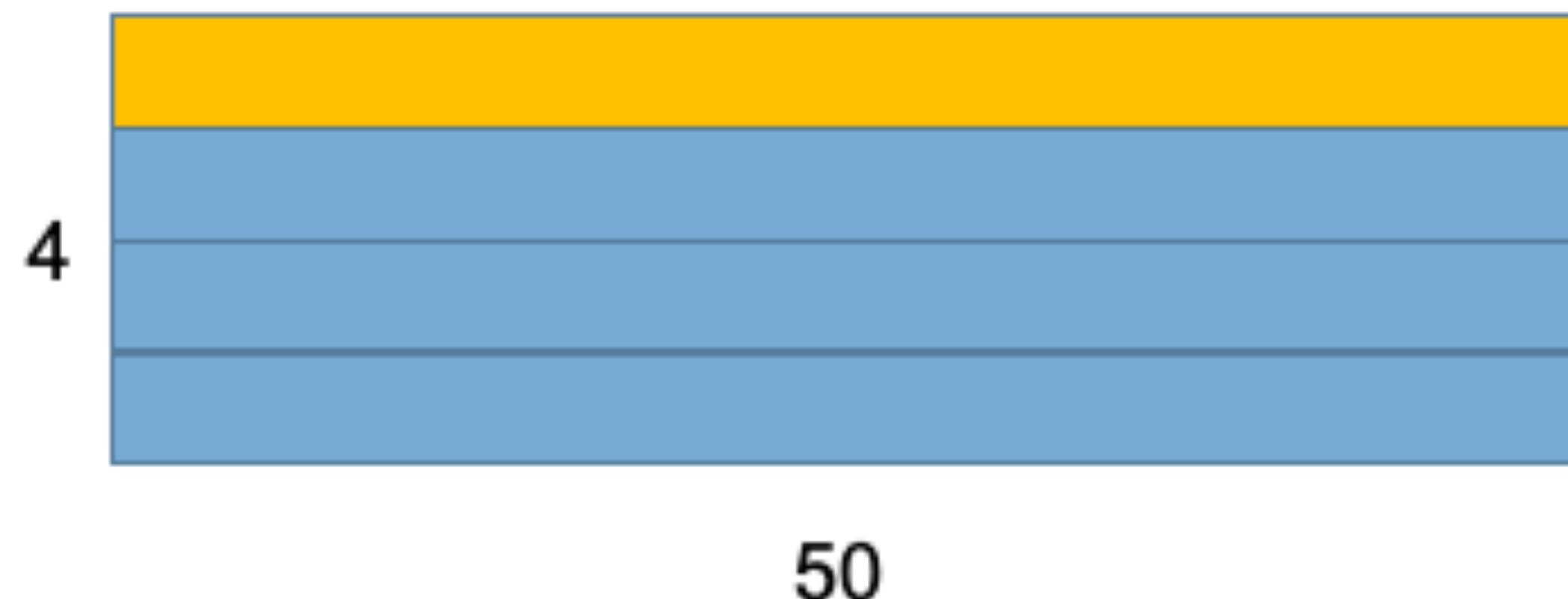
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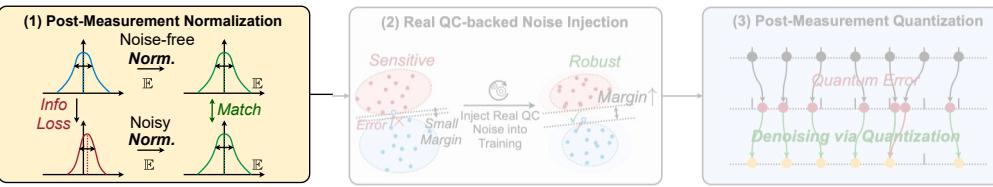
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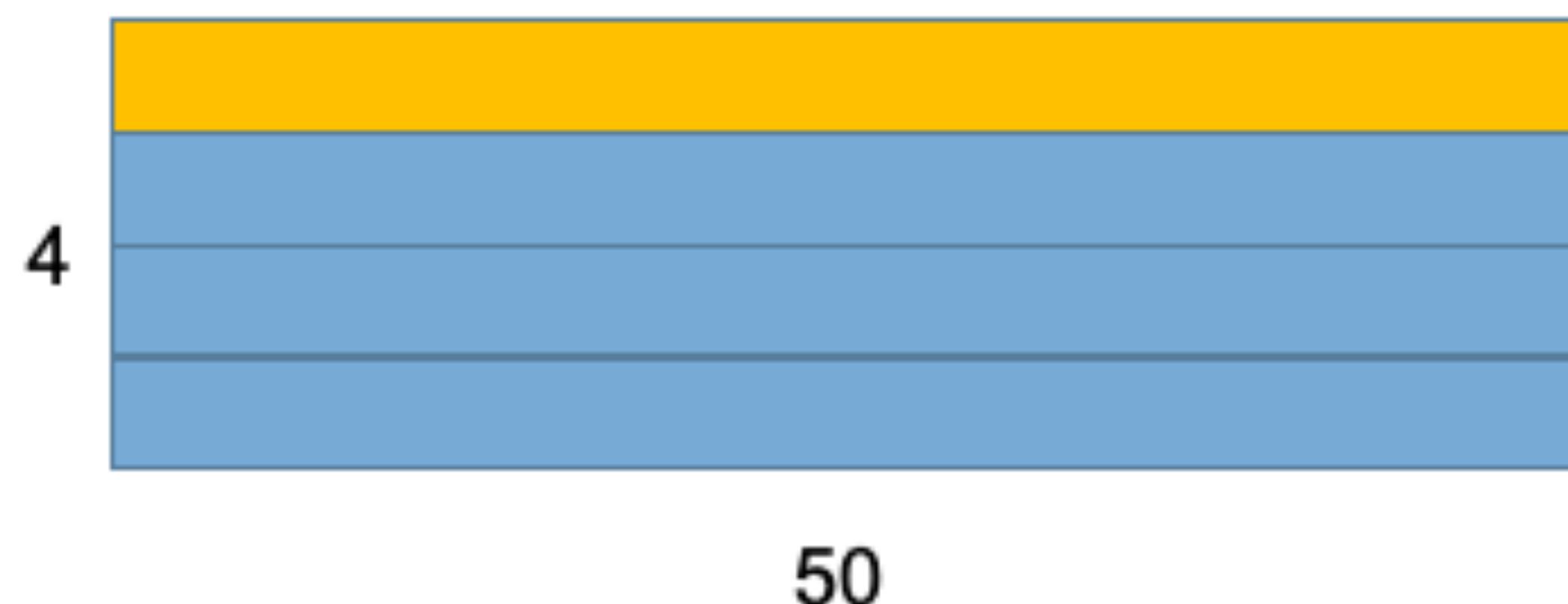
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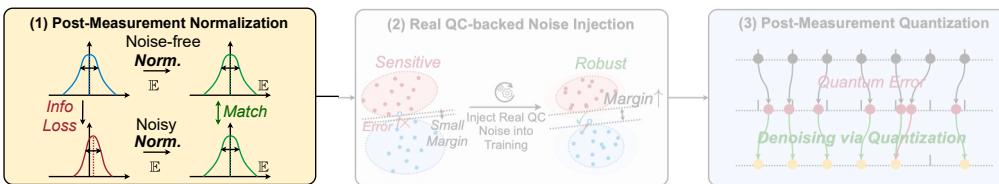
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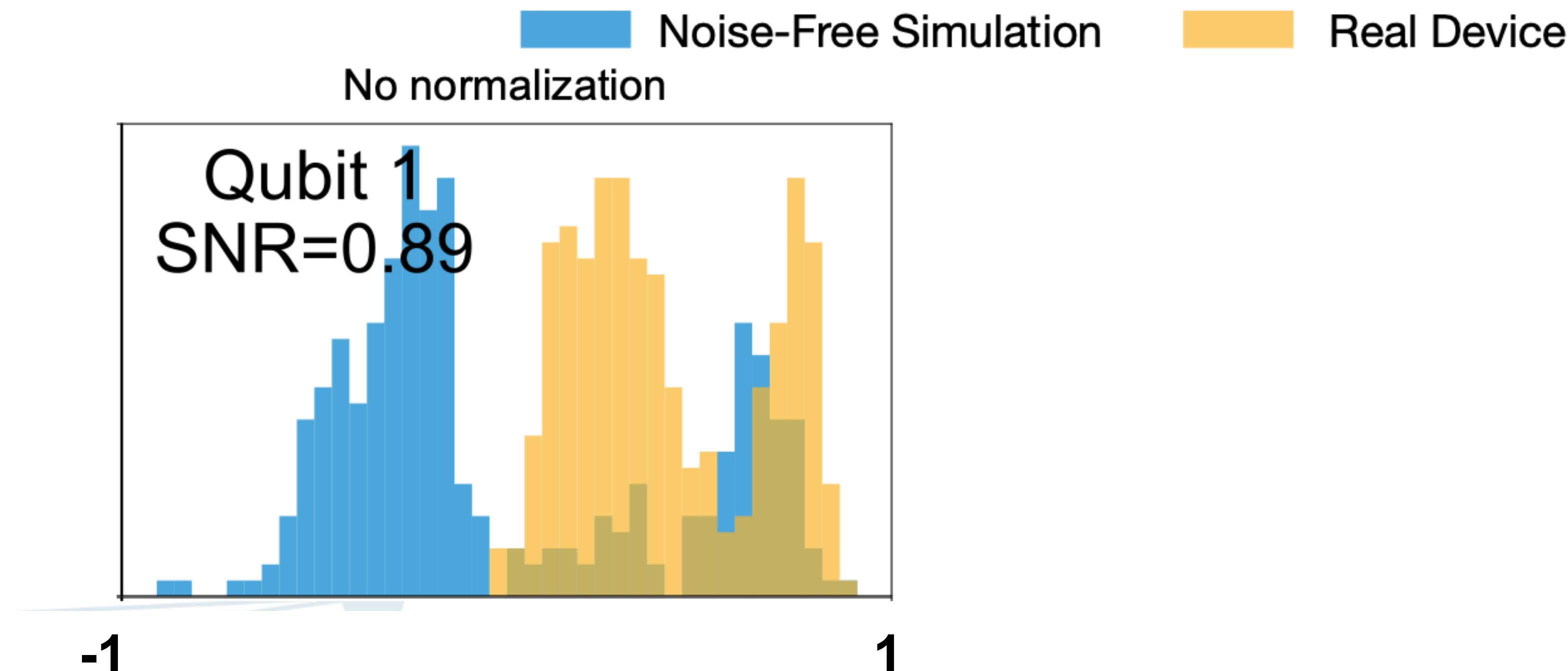
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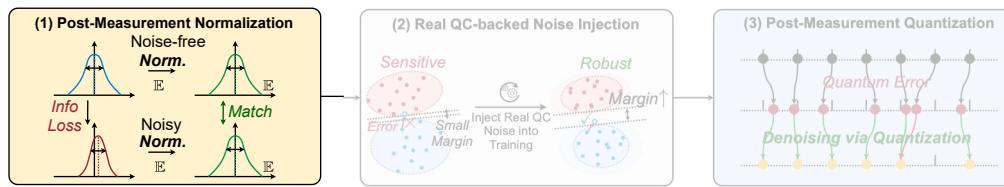
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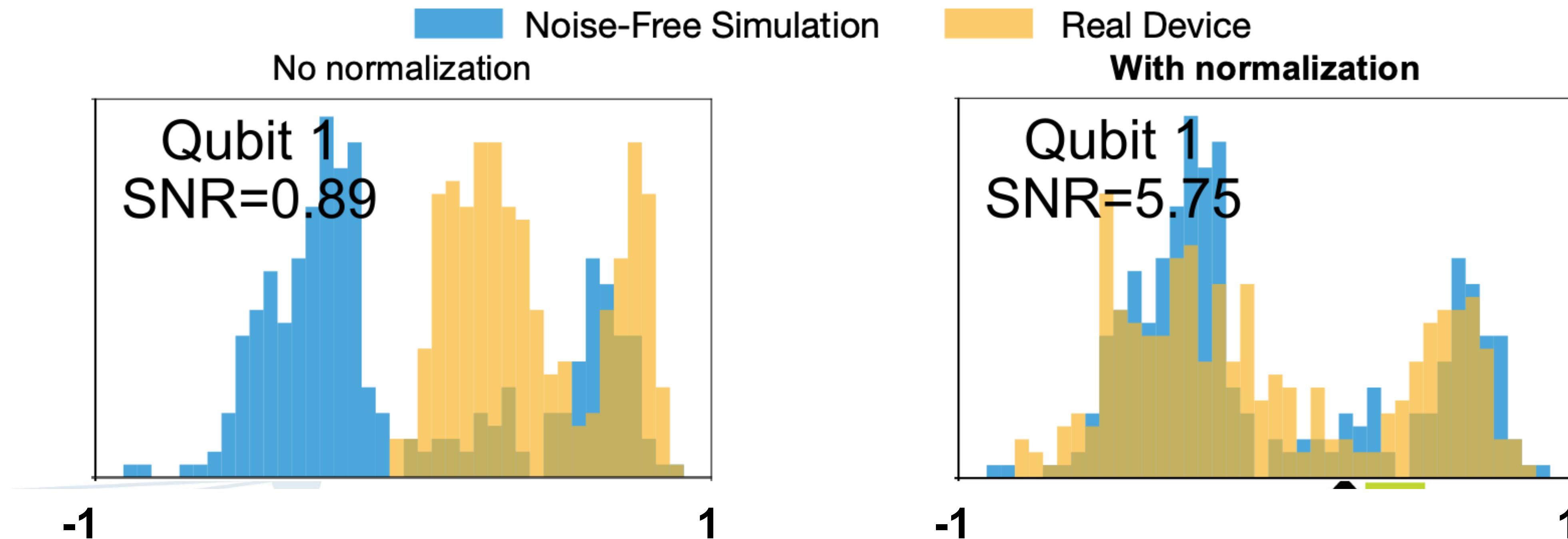
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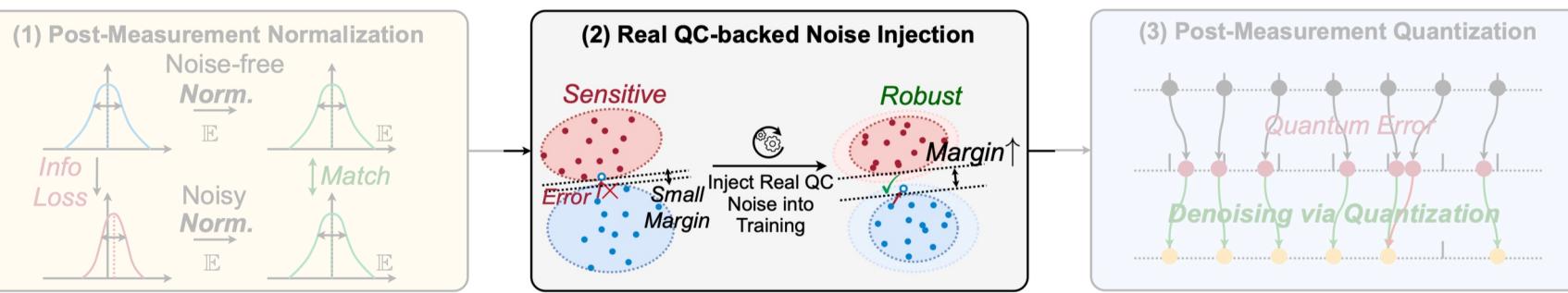
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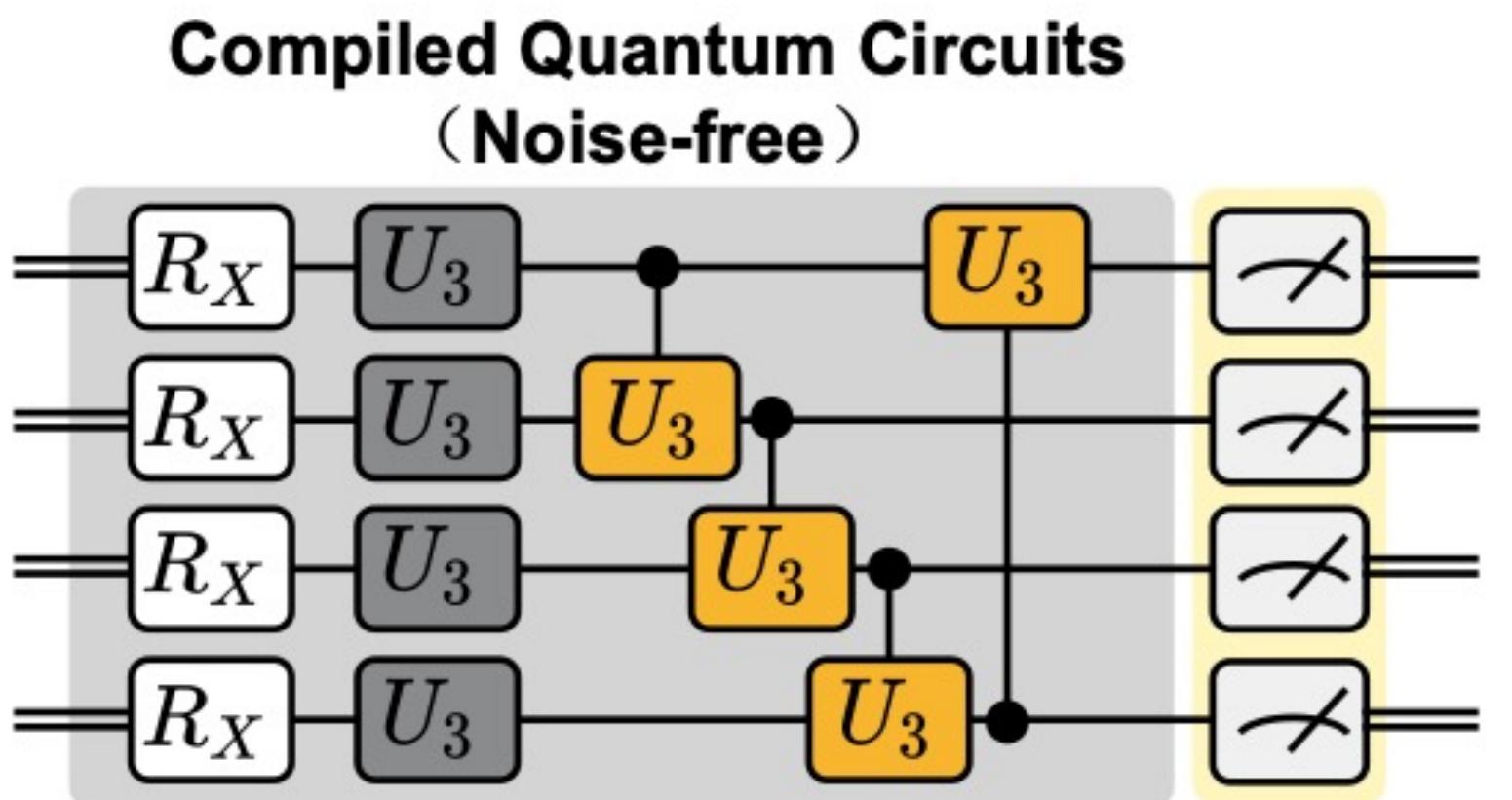
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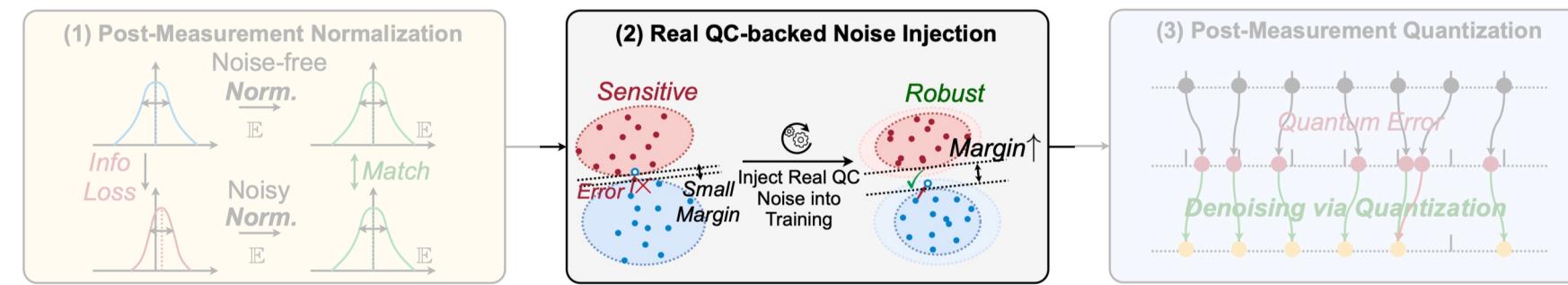
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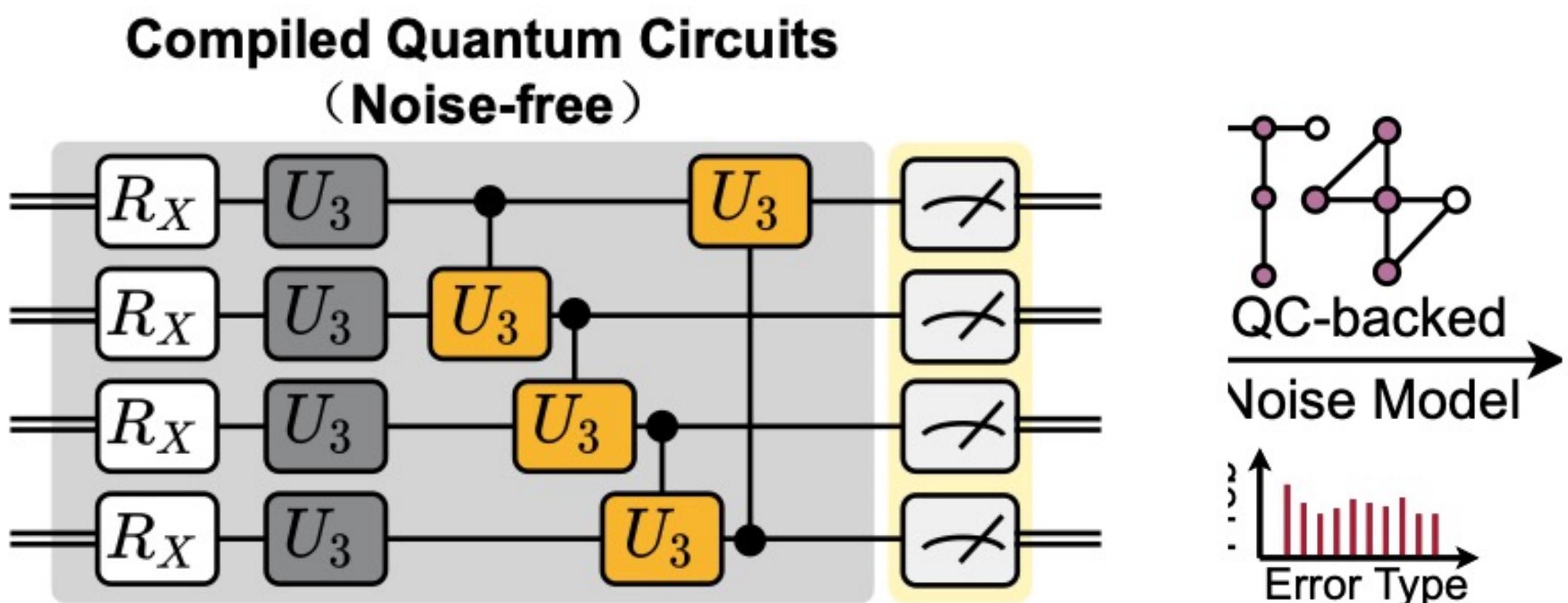
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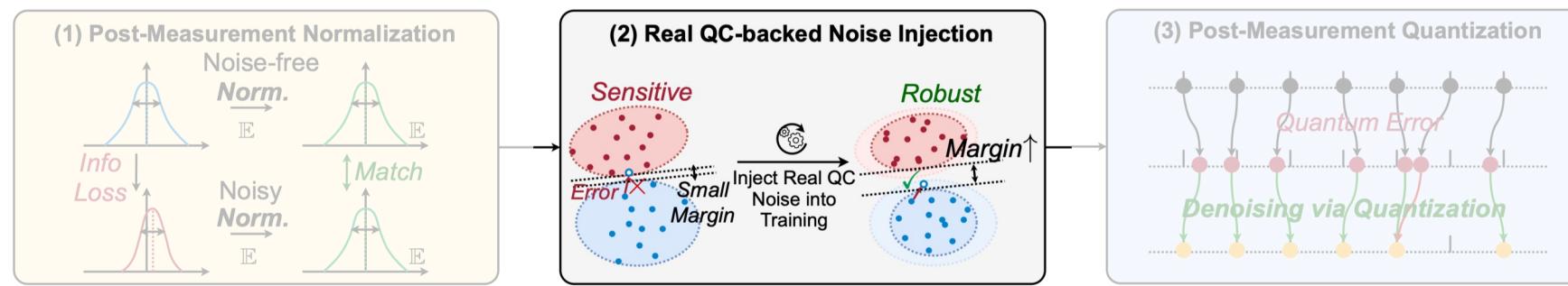


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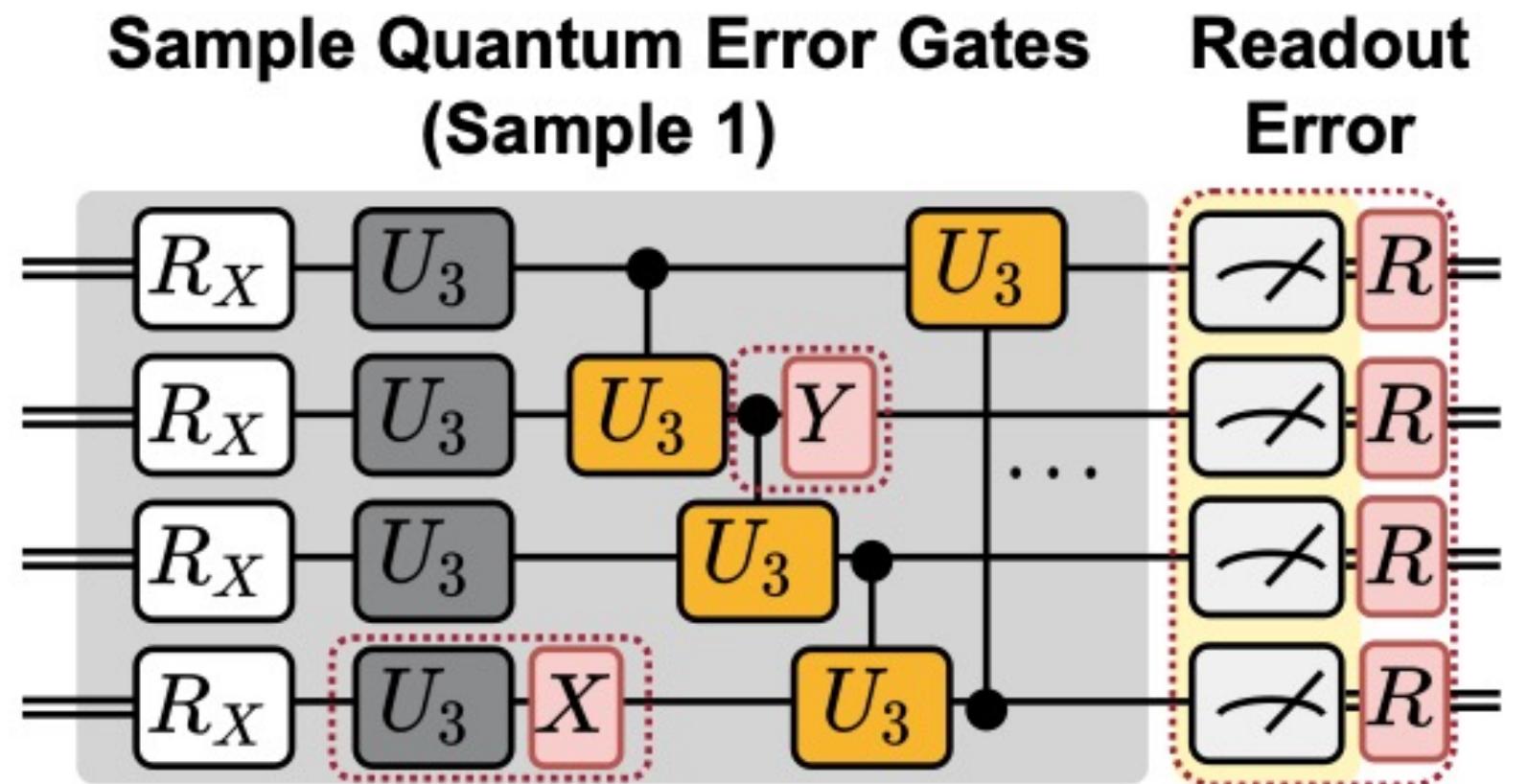
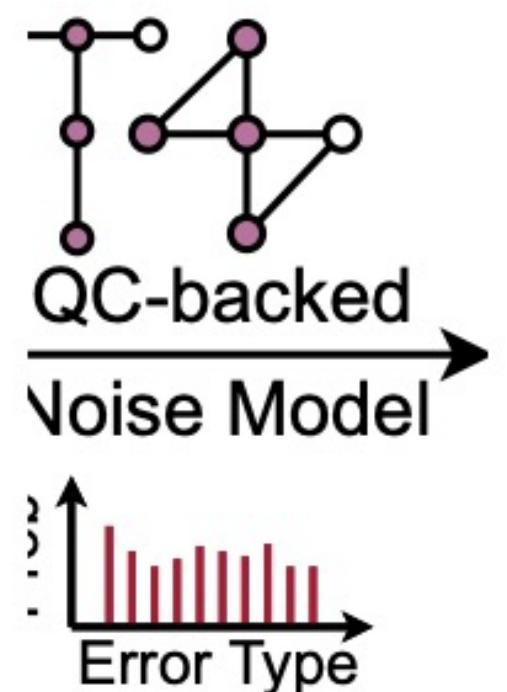
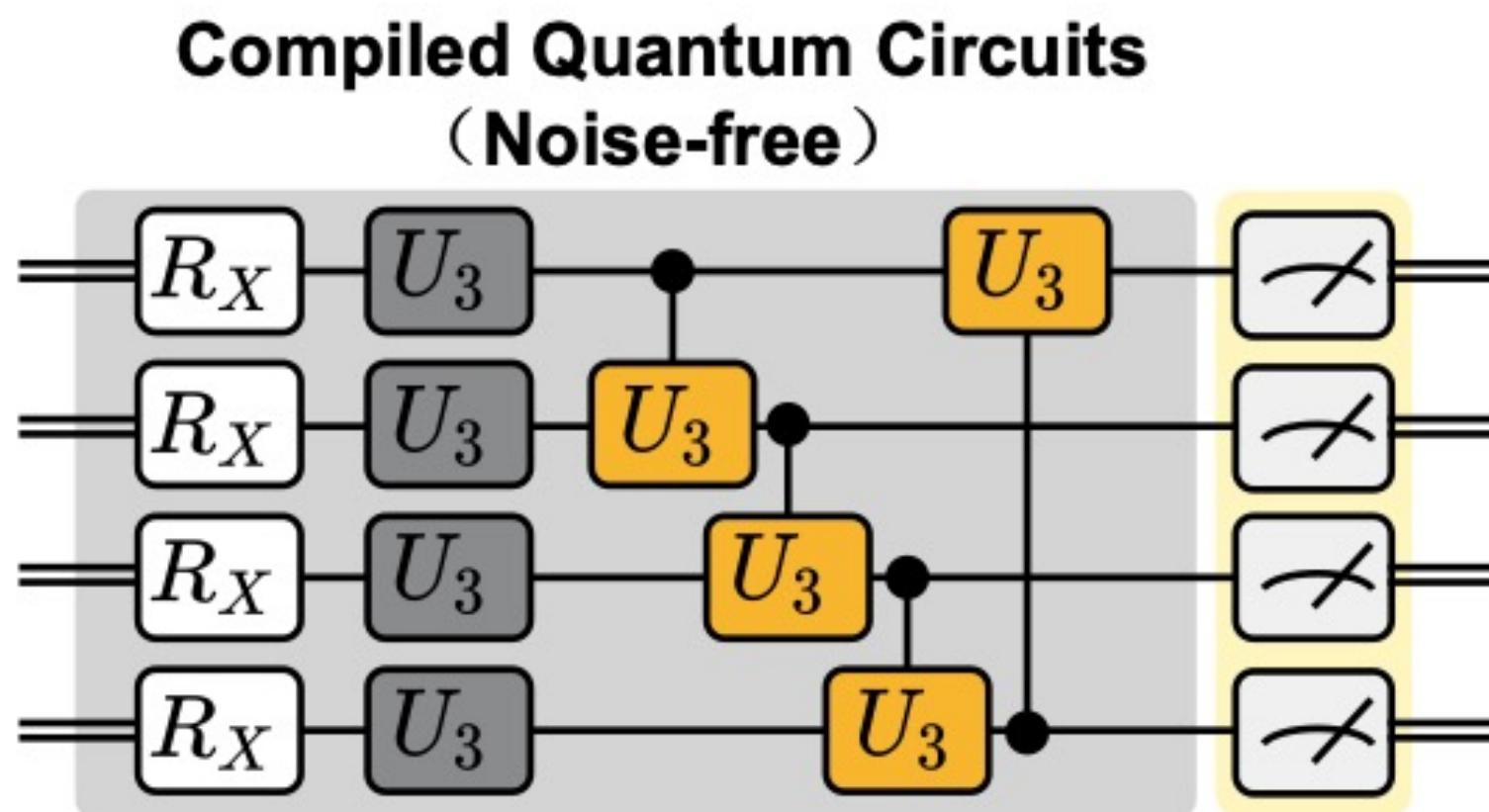
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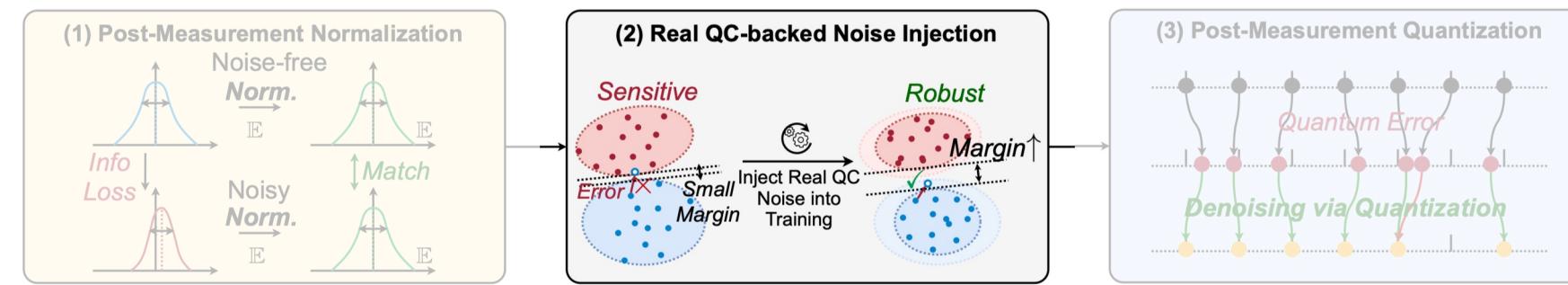


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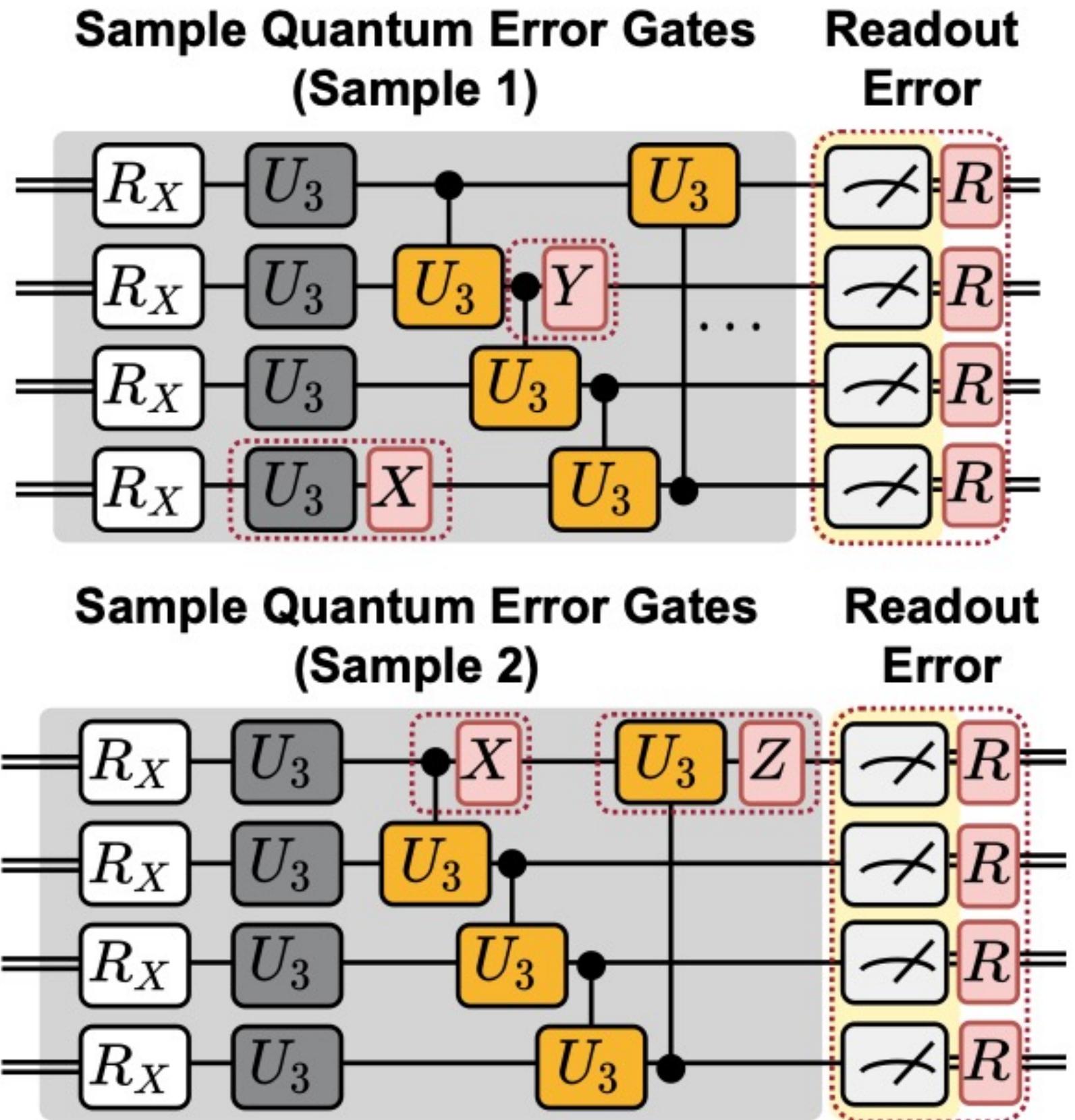
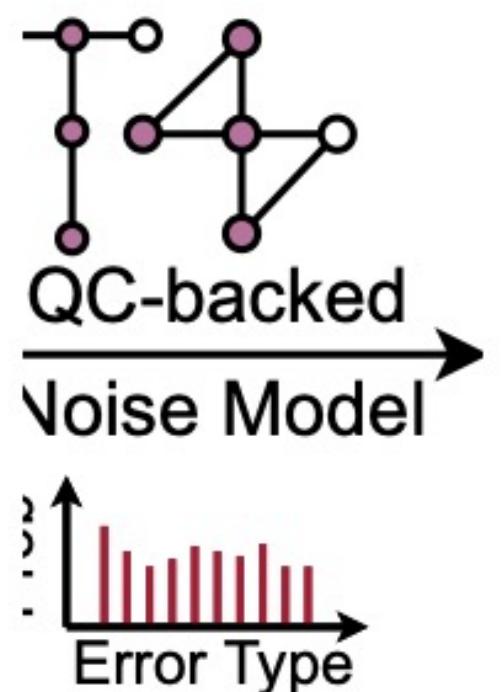
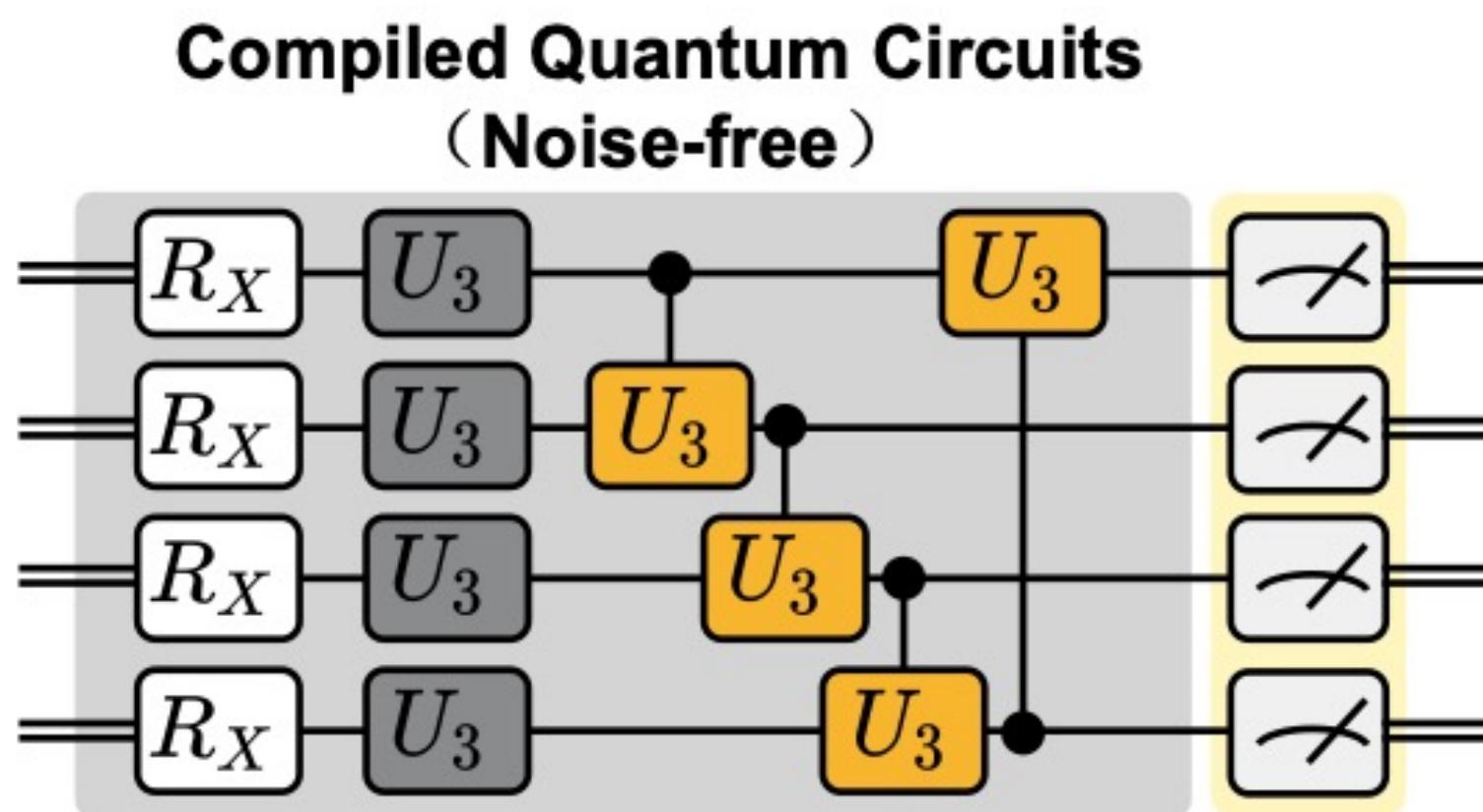
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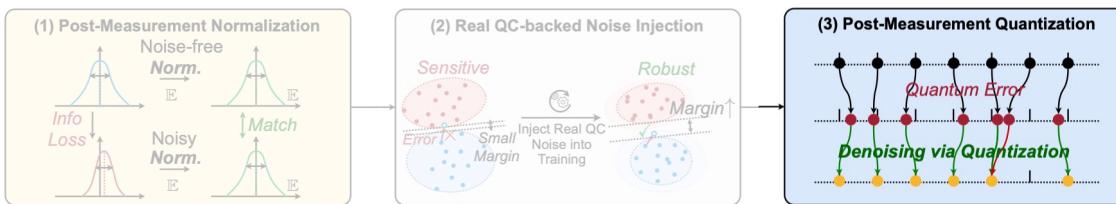


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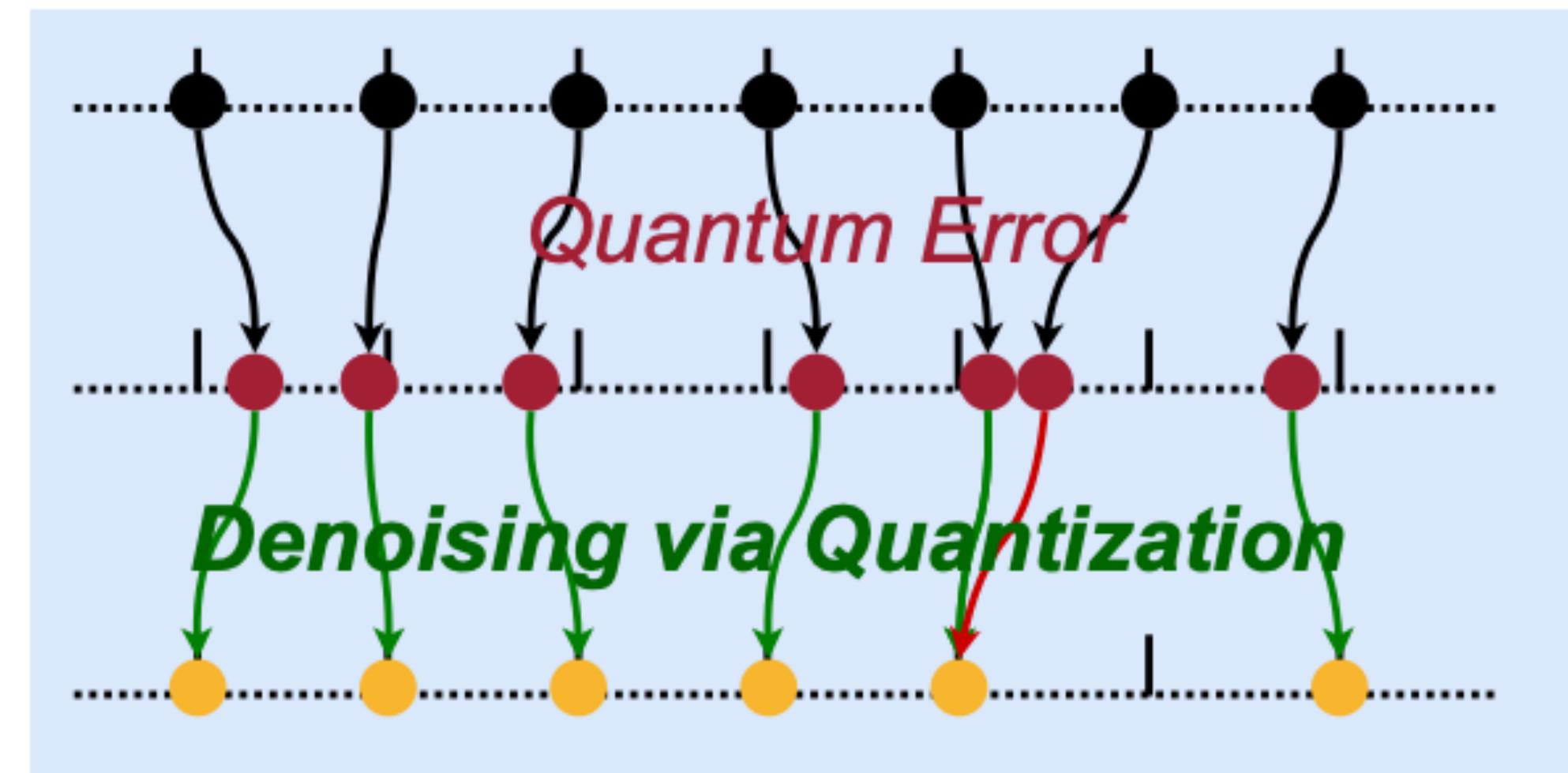
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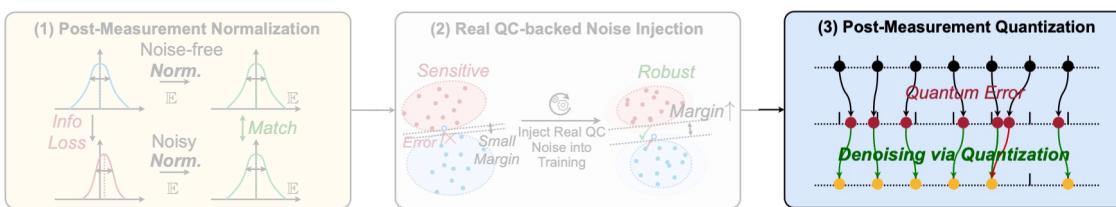
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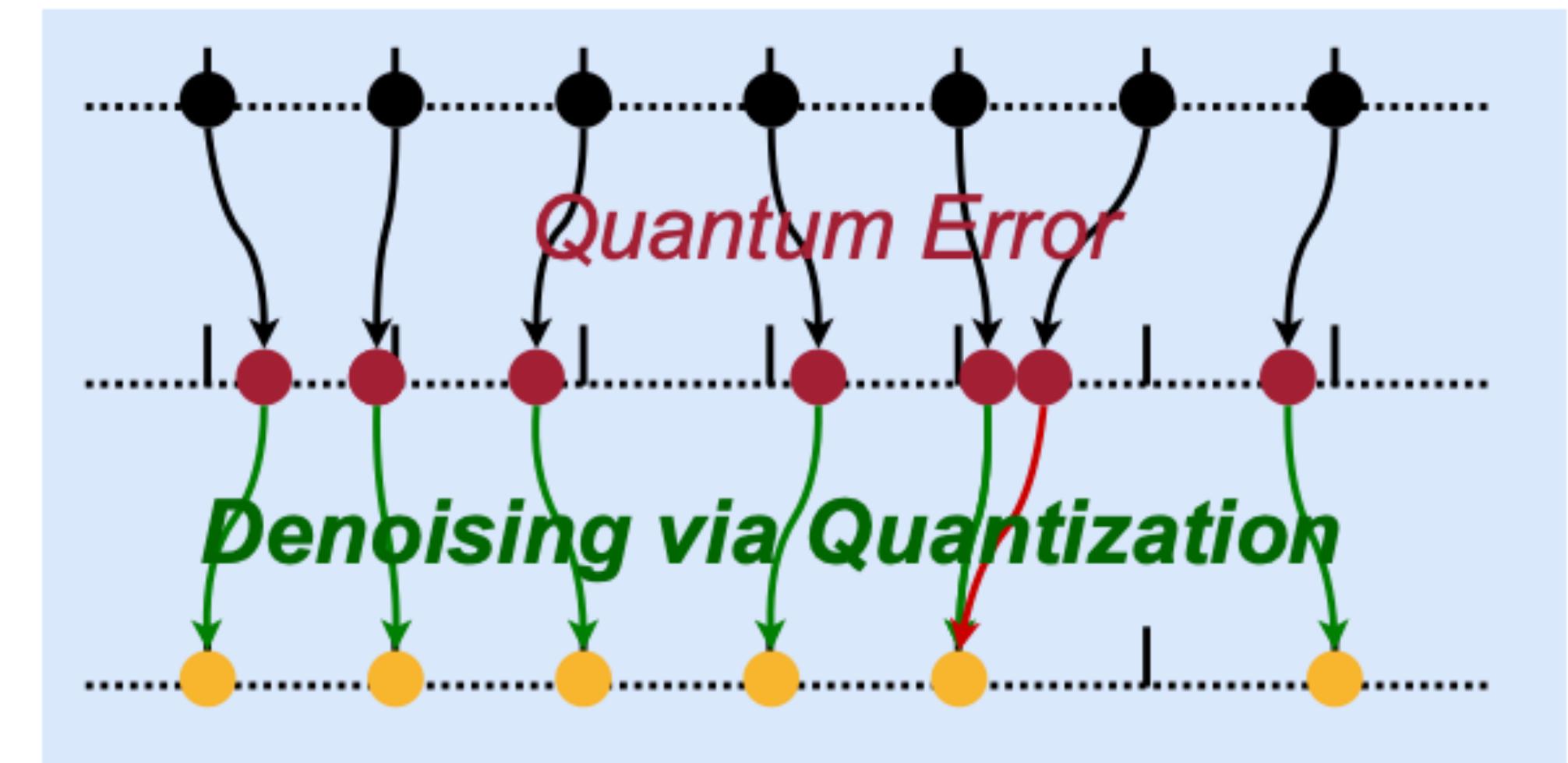
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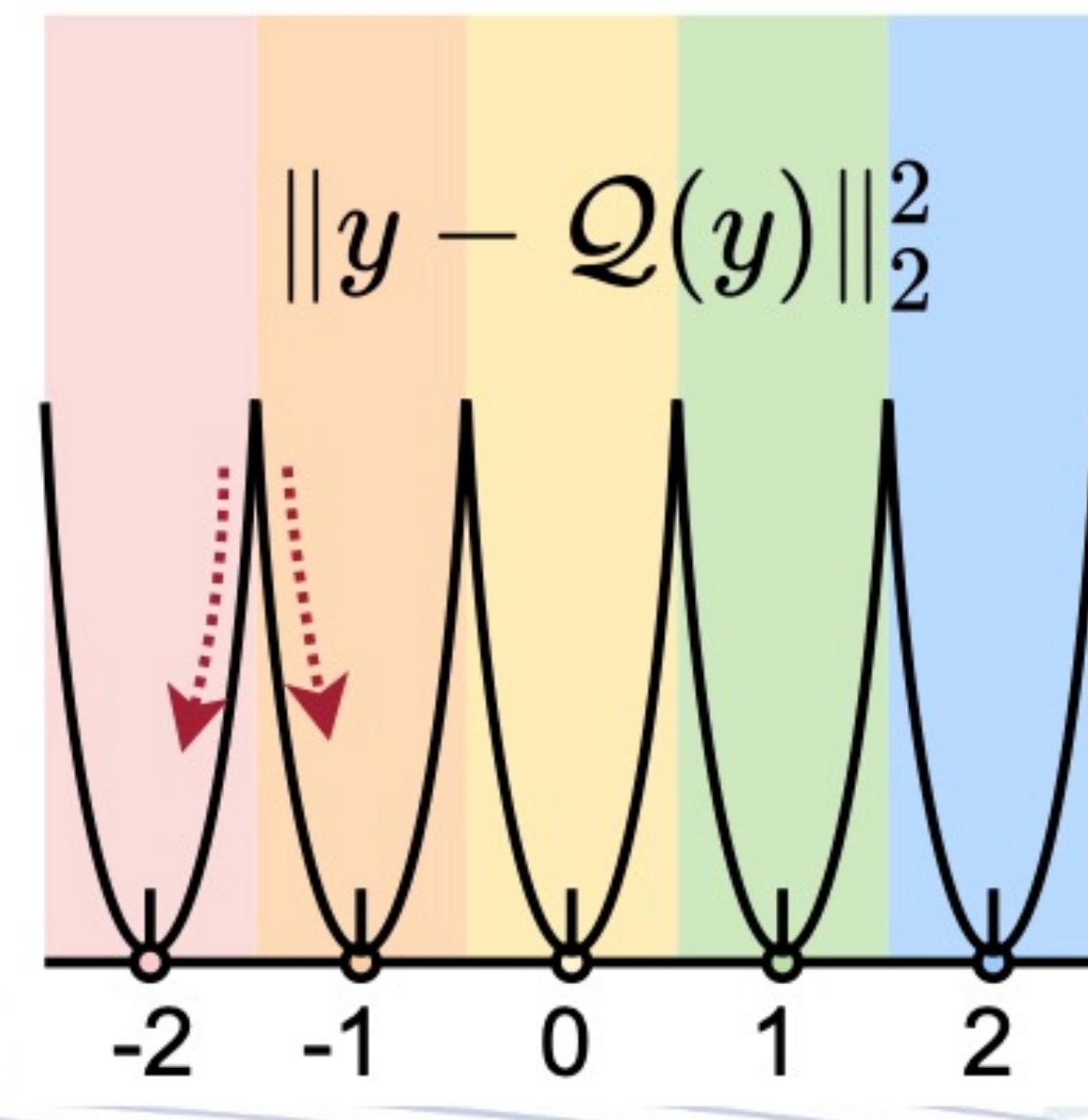
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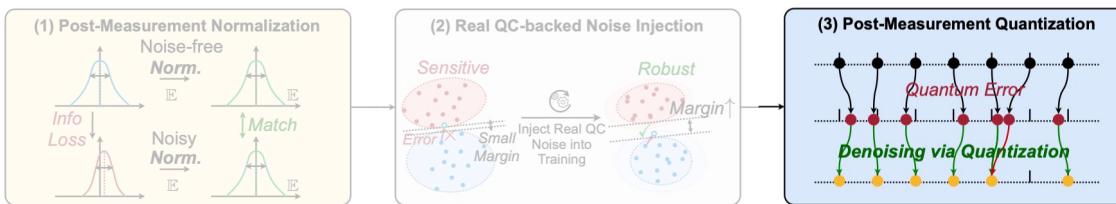


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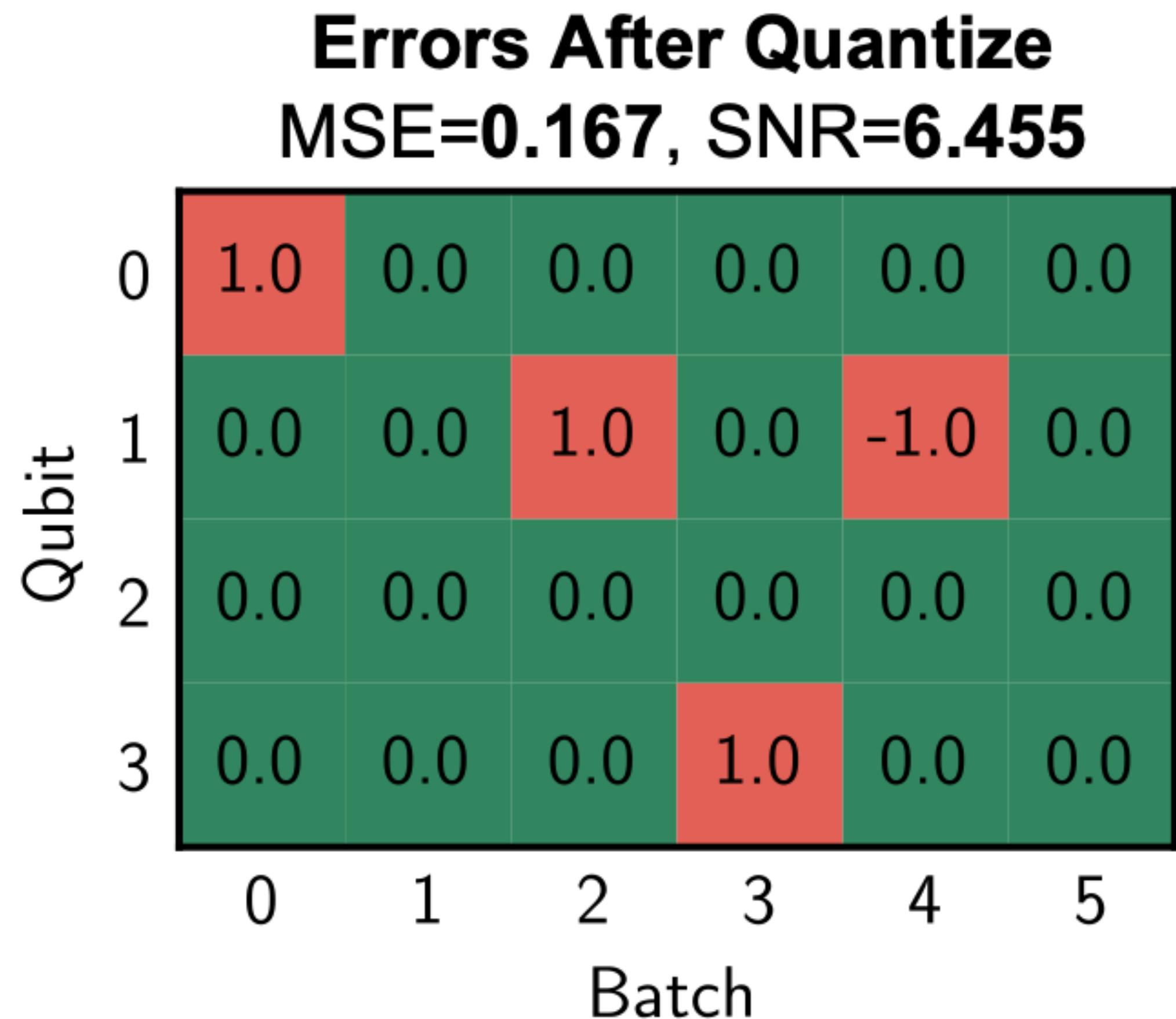
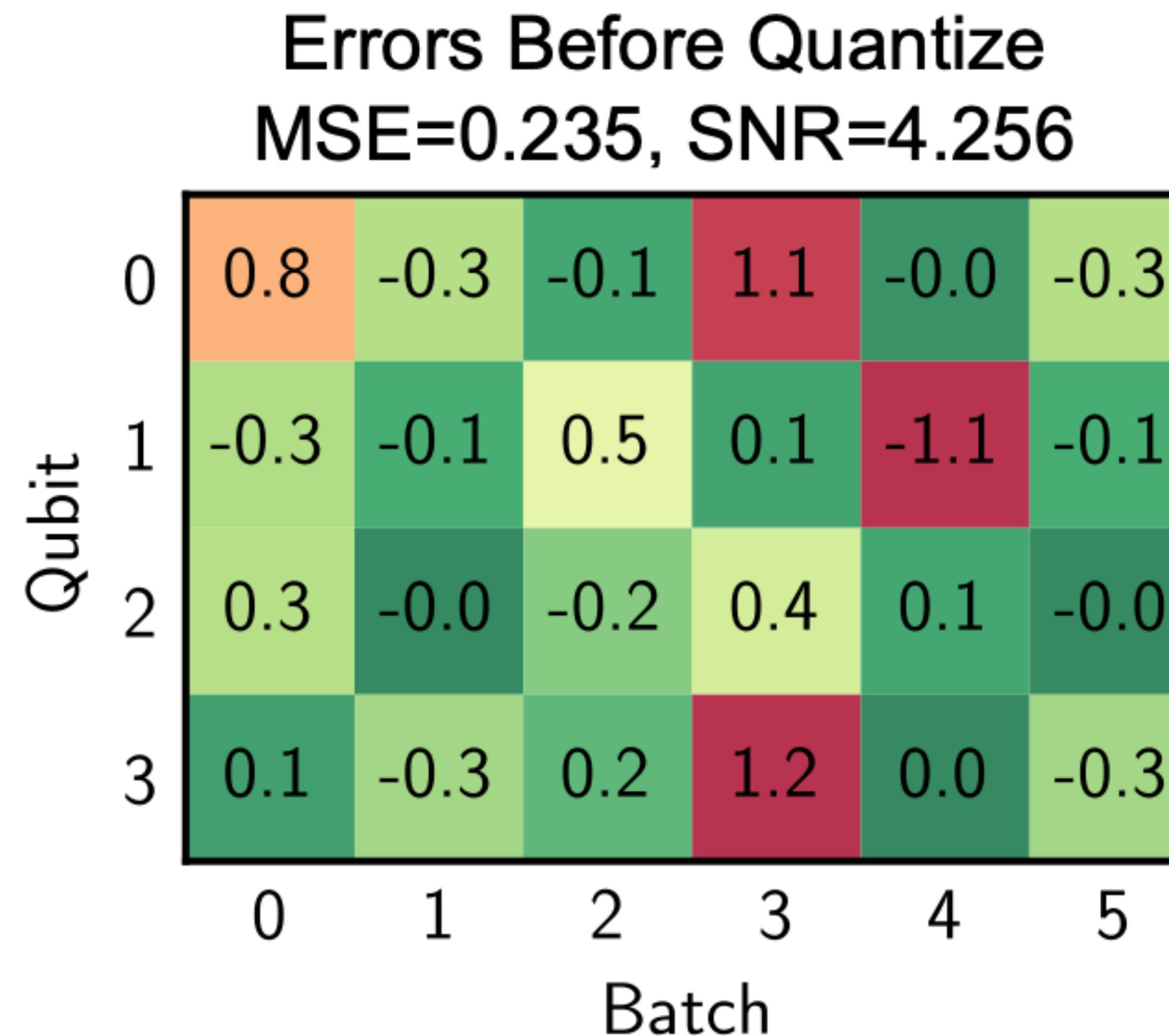


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- Quantization reduces errors and improves SNR



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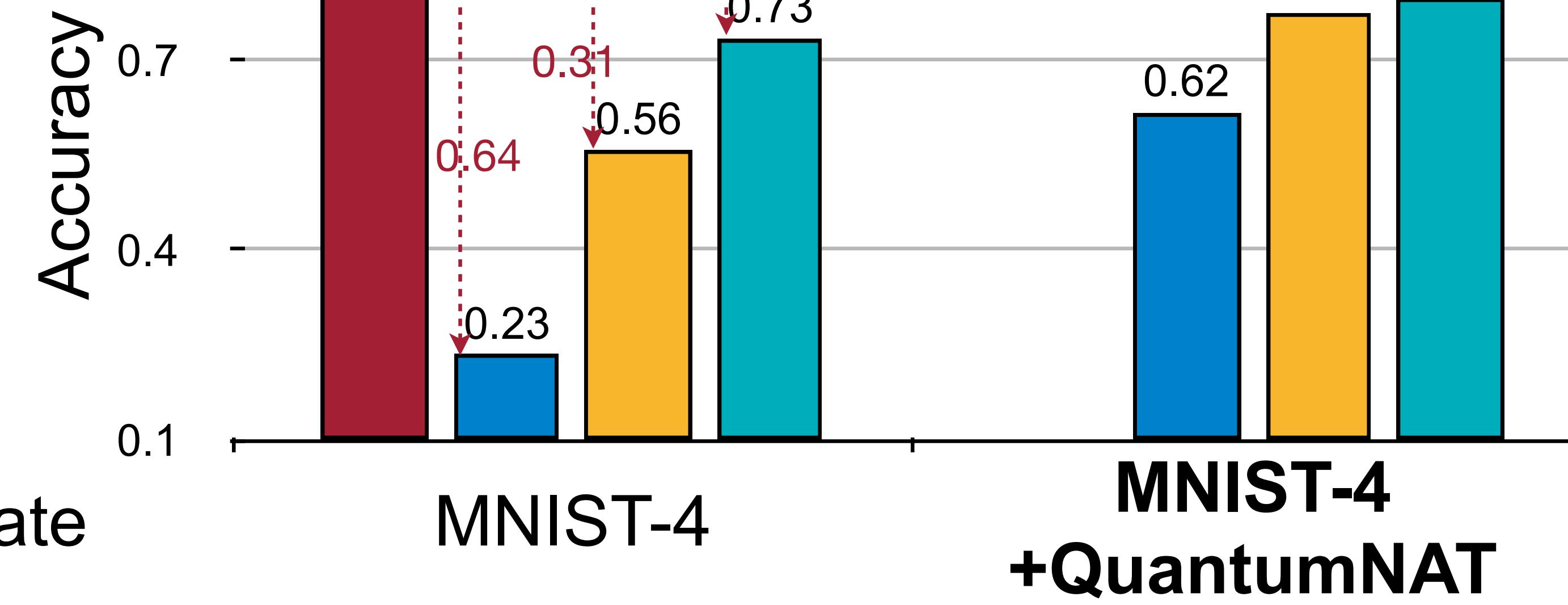
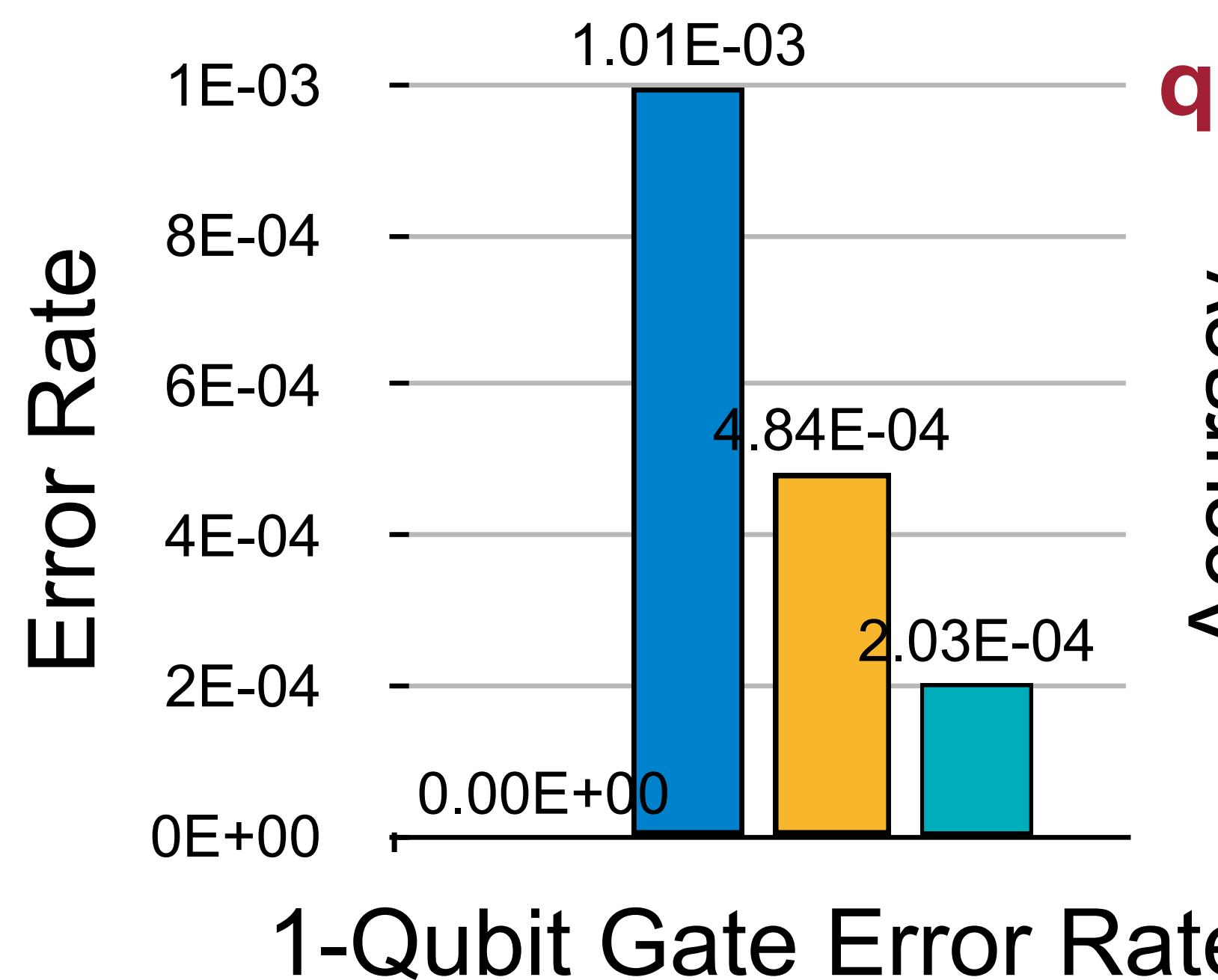
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- QuantumNAT significantly improves real measurement accuracy

Noise-Free Simulation    IBMQ-Yorktown    Lima    Santiago

Severe accuracy drop because of  
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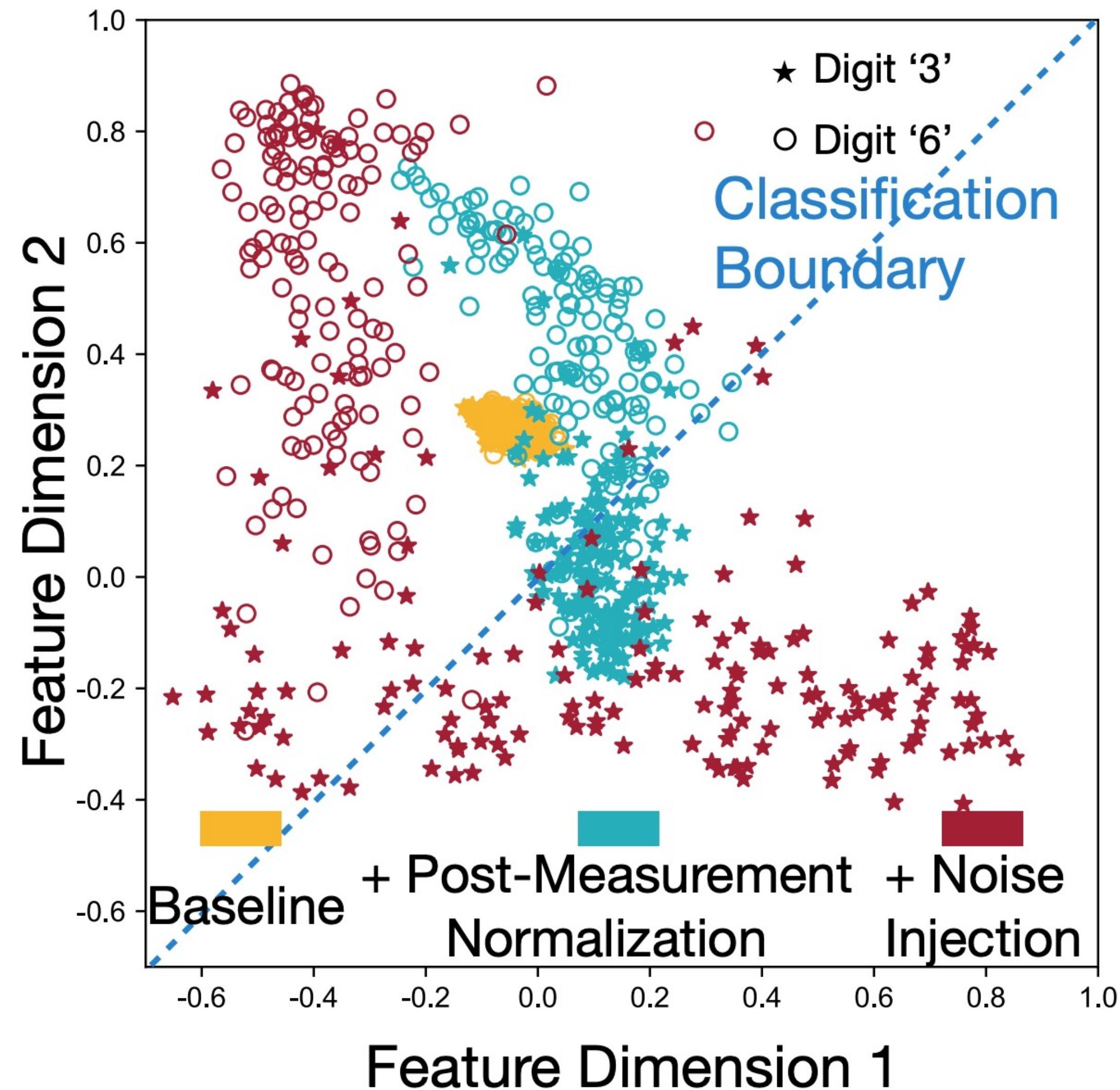
# Consistent Improvements on Various Benchmarks

- On IBMQ santiago

| Method           | MNIST-4     | FMNIST-4    | Vowel-4     | MNIST-2     | FMNIST-2    | Cifar-2     |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Baseline         | 0.30        | 0.32        | 0.28        | 0.84        | 0.78        | 0.51        |
| + Normalization  | 0.41        | 0.61        | 0.29        | 0.87        | 0.68        | 0.56        |
| +Noise Injection | 0.61        | 0.70        | 0.44        | 0.93        | 0.86        | 0.57        |
| + Quantization   | <b>0.68</b> | <b>0.75</b> | <b>0.48</b> | <b>0.94</b> | <b>0.88</b> | <b>0.59</b> |

# Visualization

- QuantumNAT stretches the distribution of features
  - MNIST-2 classification task

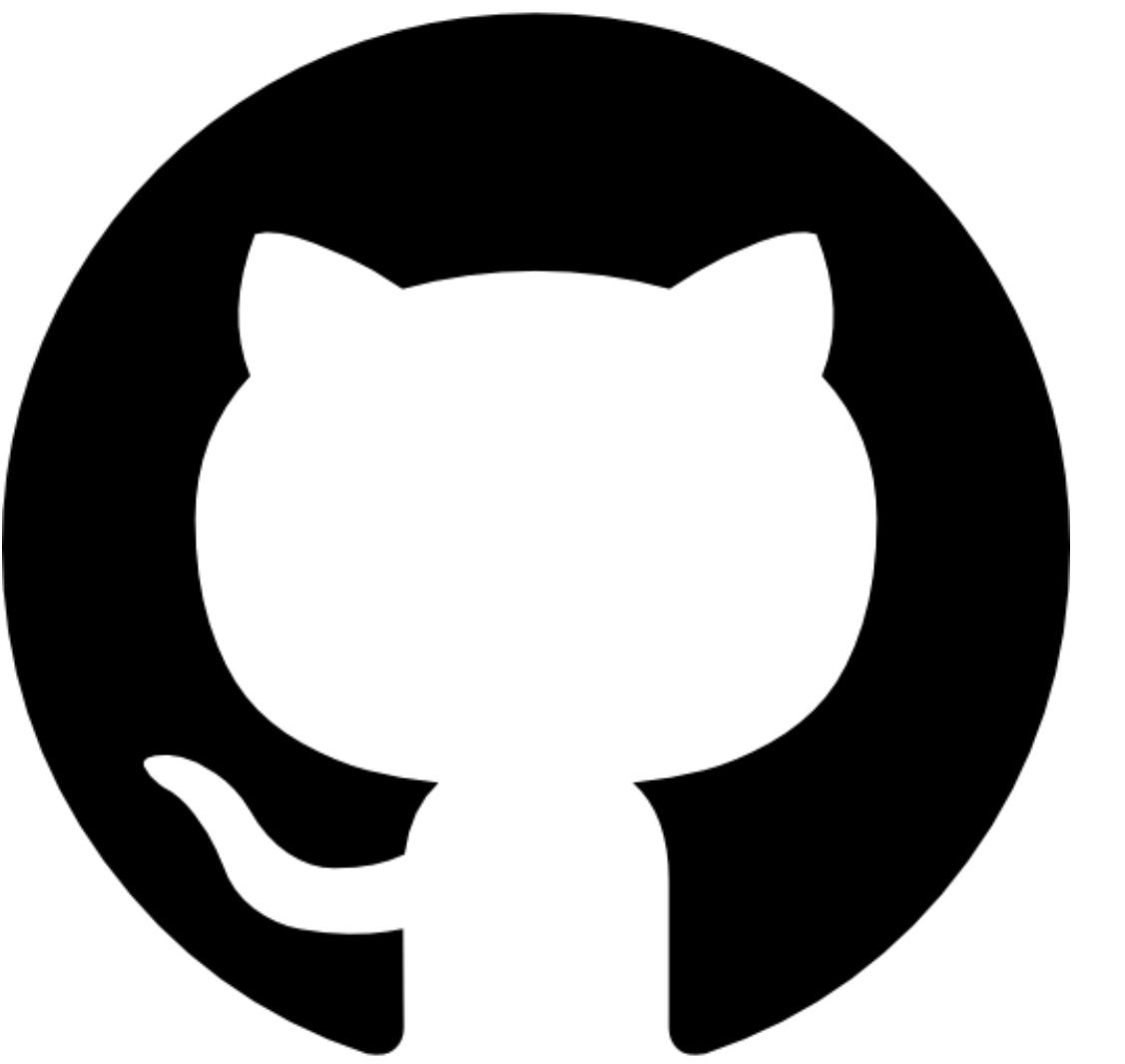


# Noise Model in TQ

- noise\_model\_tq = tq.NoiseModelTQ(
  - noise\_model\_name='ibmq\_quito',
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  - add\_thermal=True
- )

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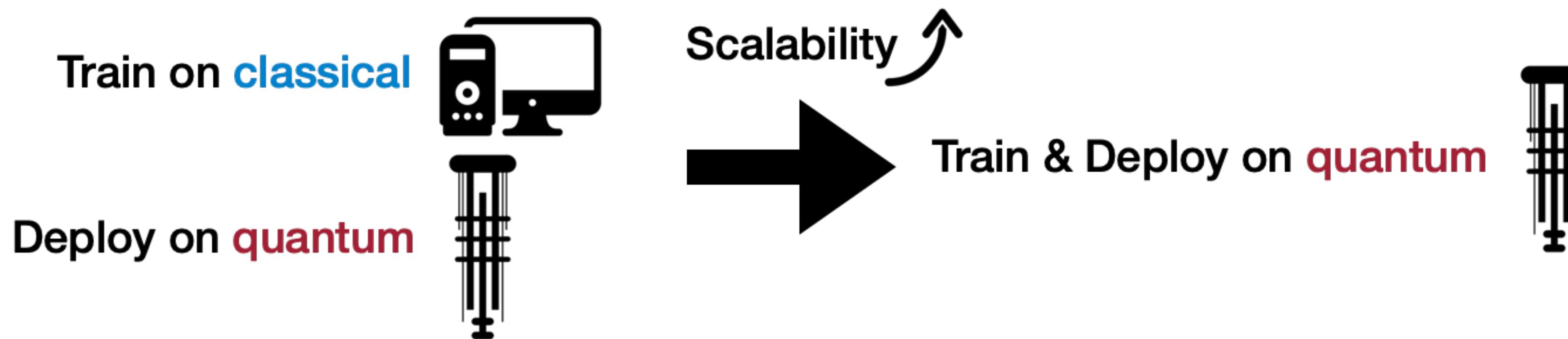
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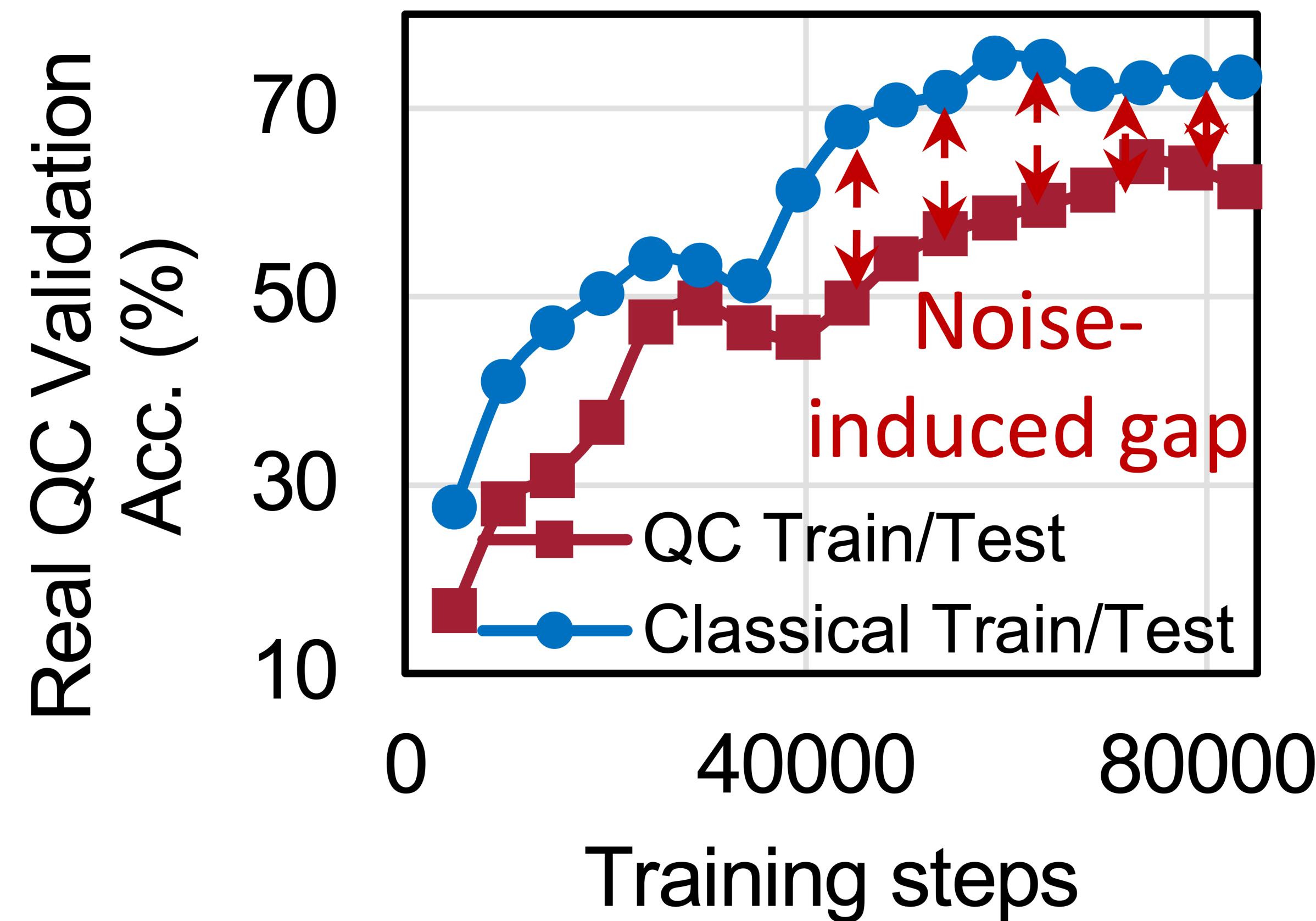
# QOC for High Scalability

- How to further improve the scalability of PQC training?
- Train the parameters directly on real quantum machine



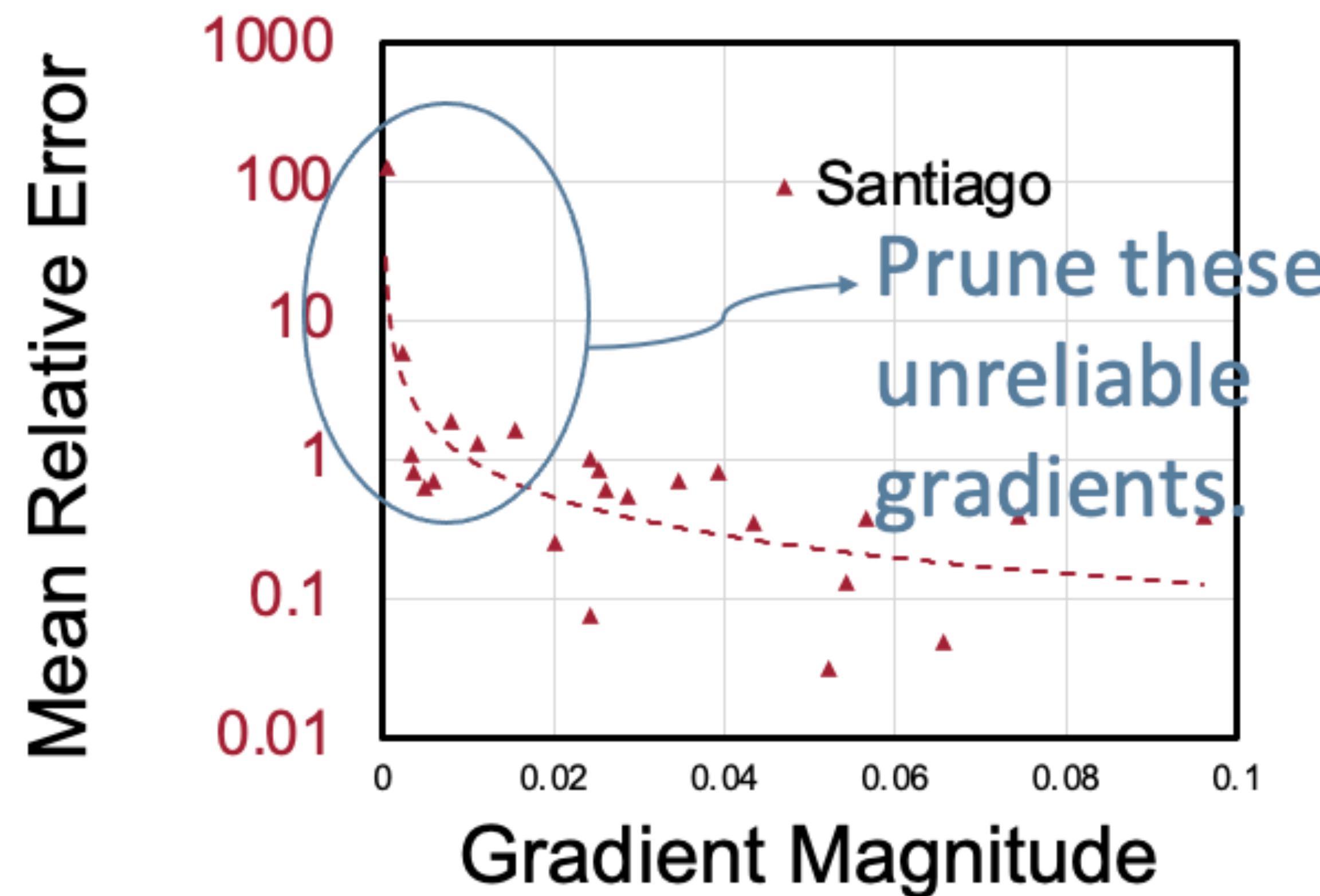
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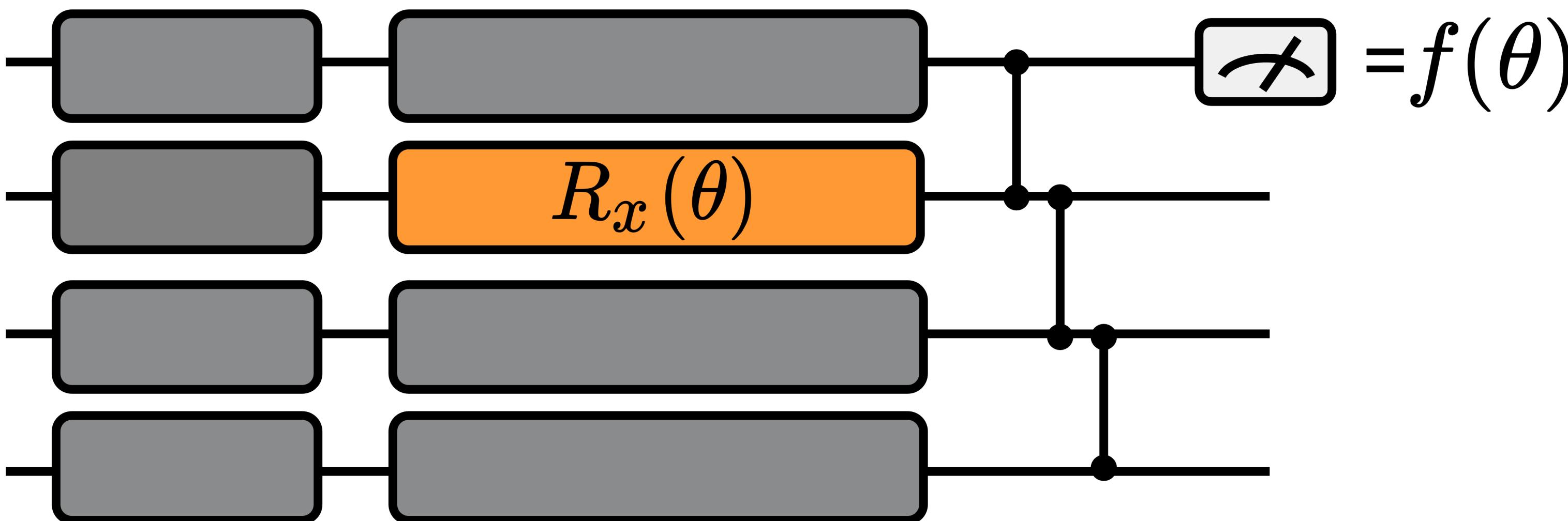
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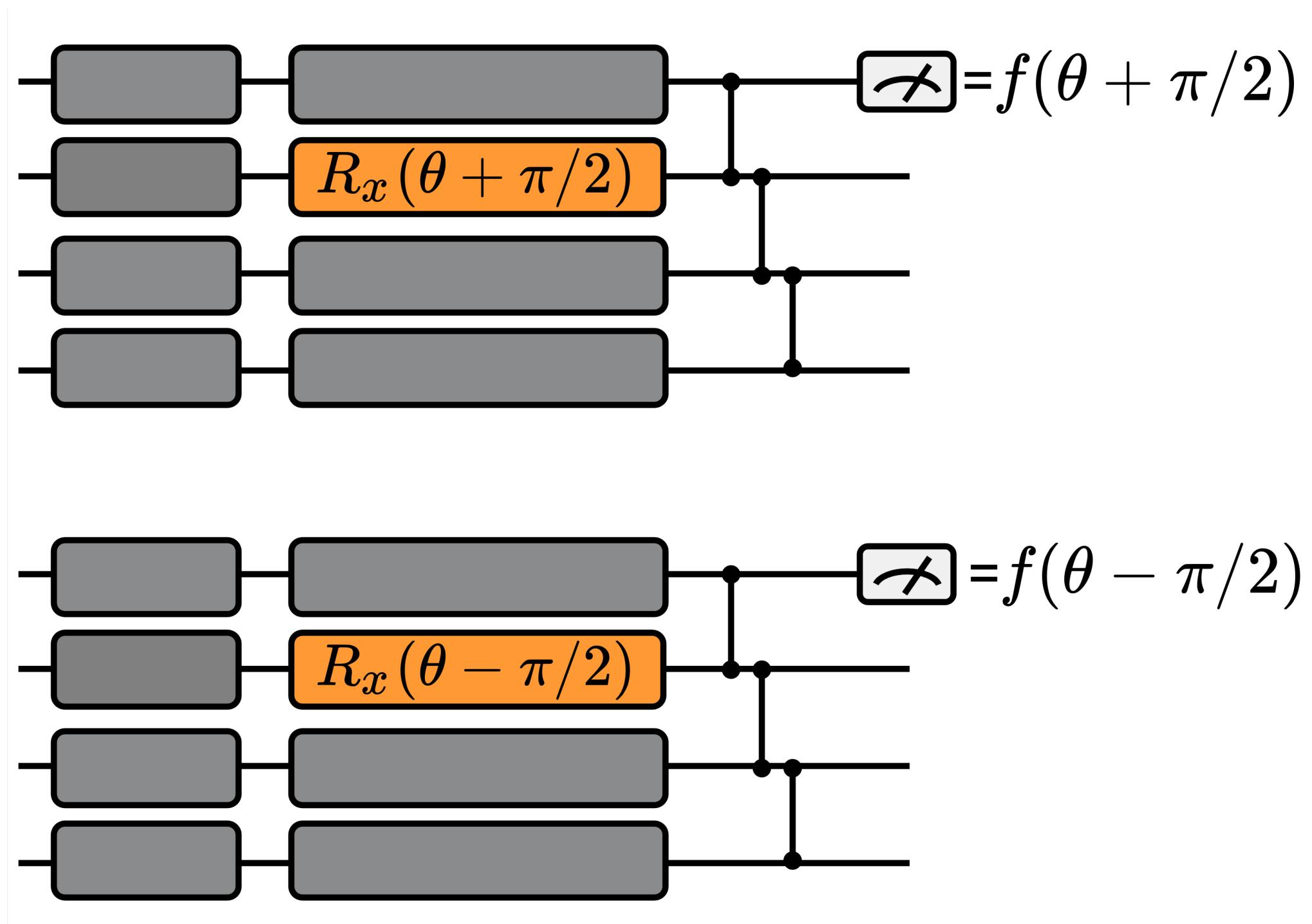


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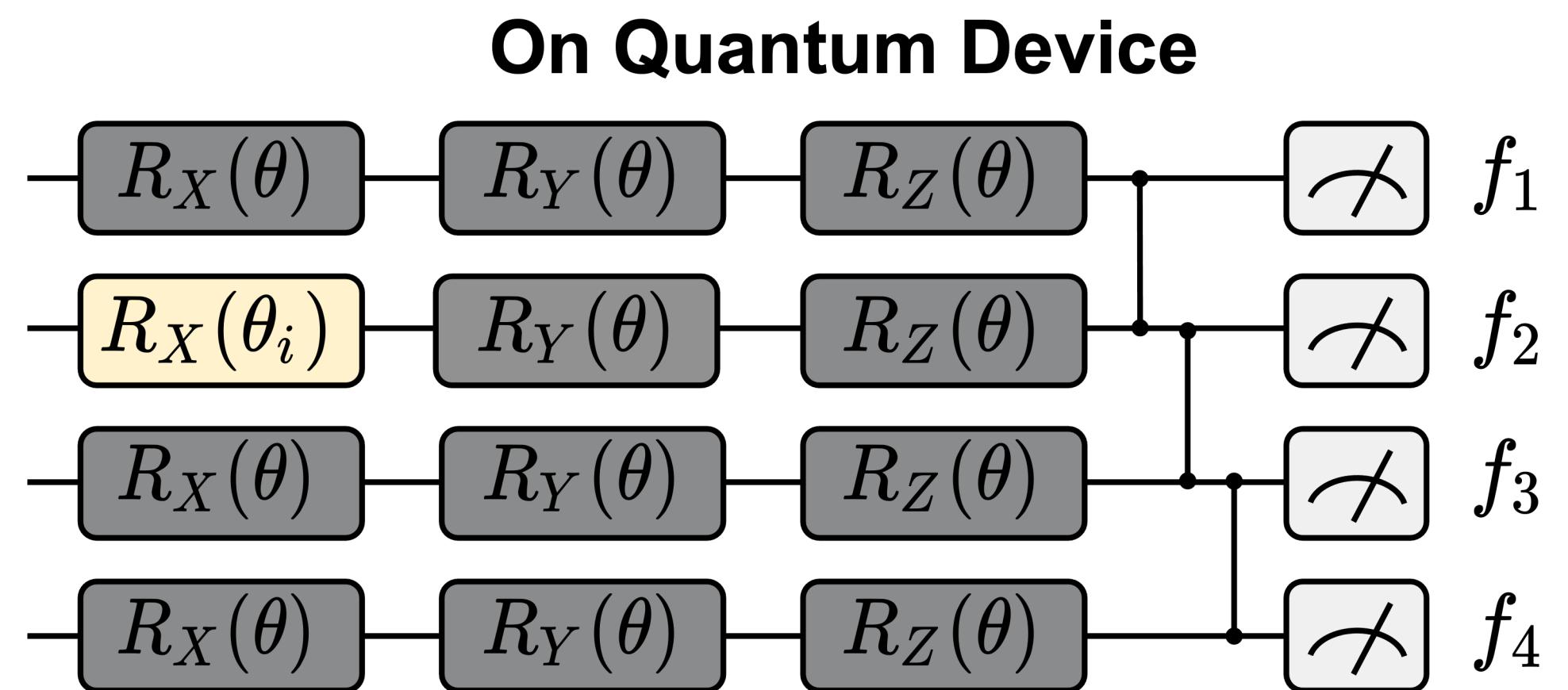
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- This formula is valid to all rotation gates
  - RZ, RY, RX, RXX, RZZ
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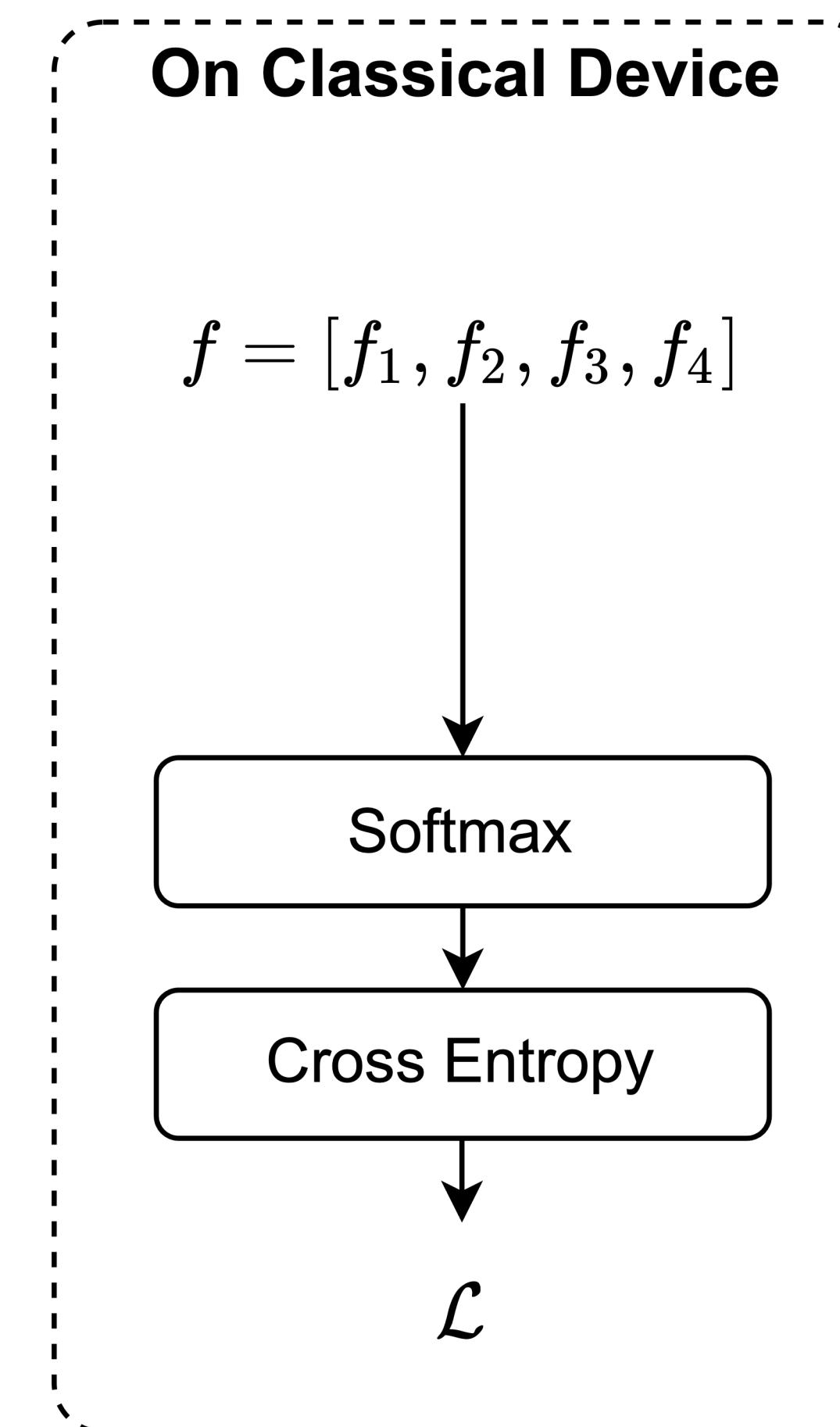
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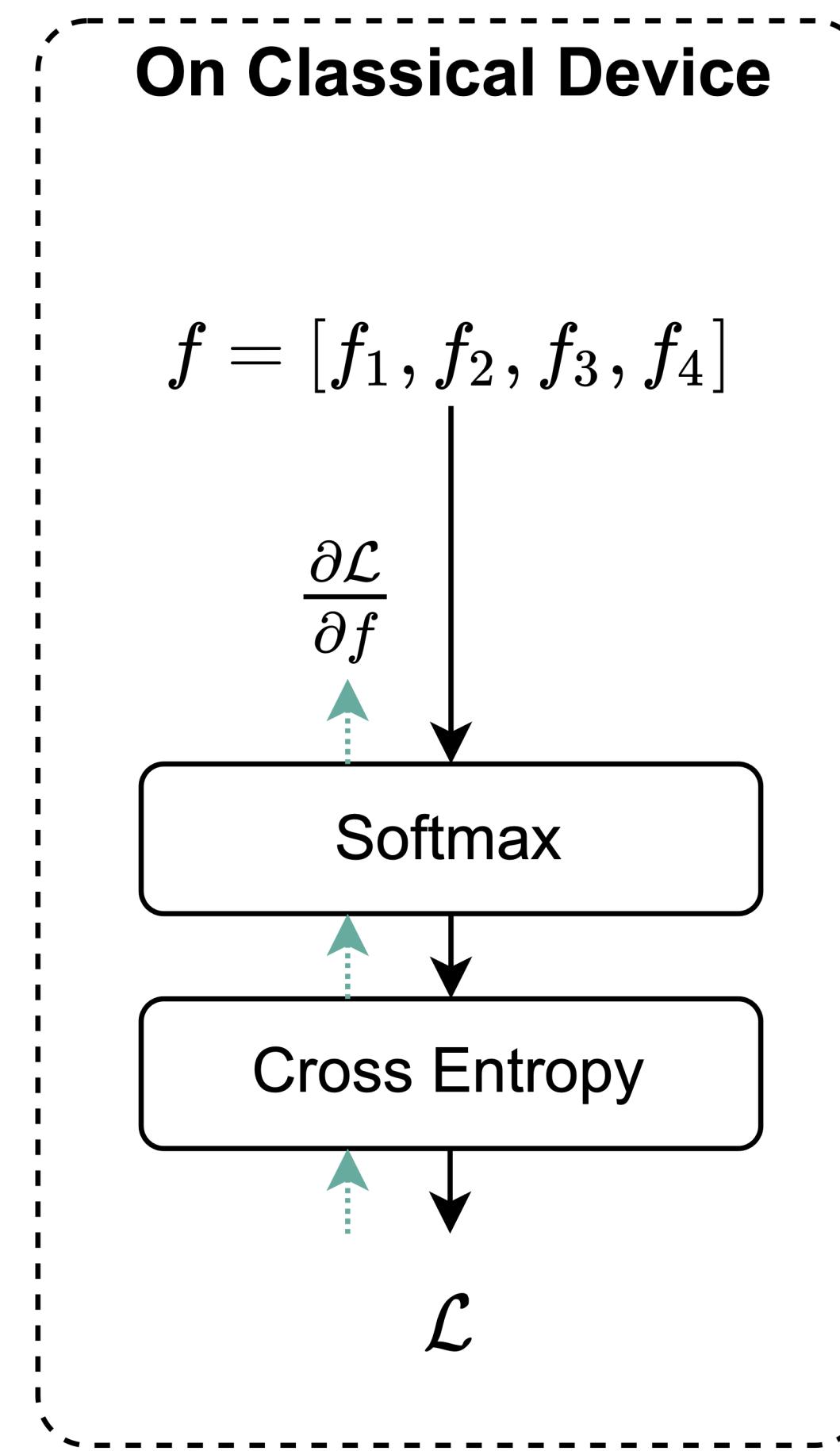
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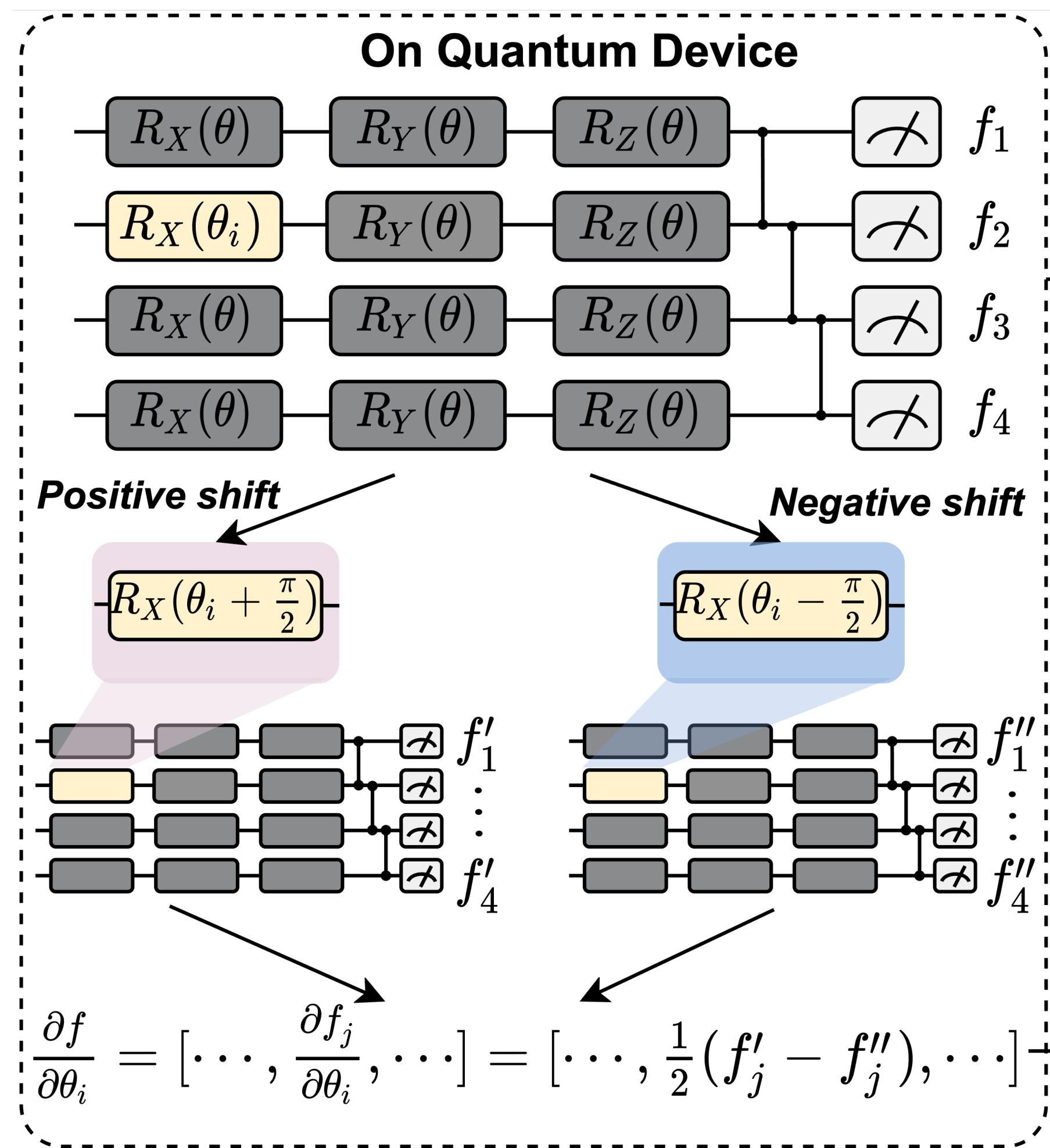
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- Step 3: Backpropagation to calculate  $\frac{\partial Loss}{\partial f(\theta)}$



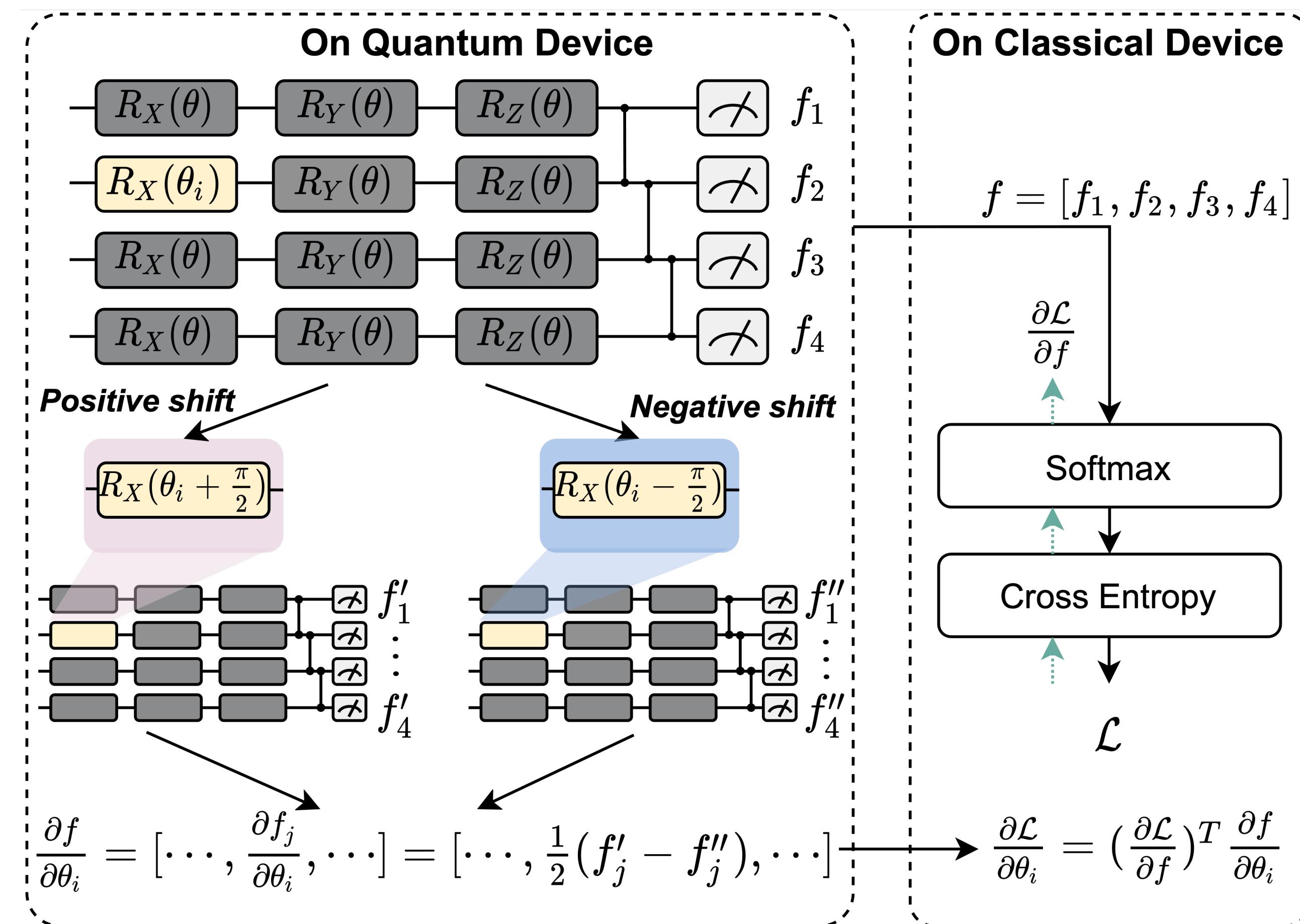
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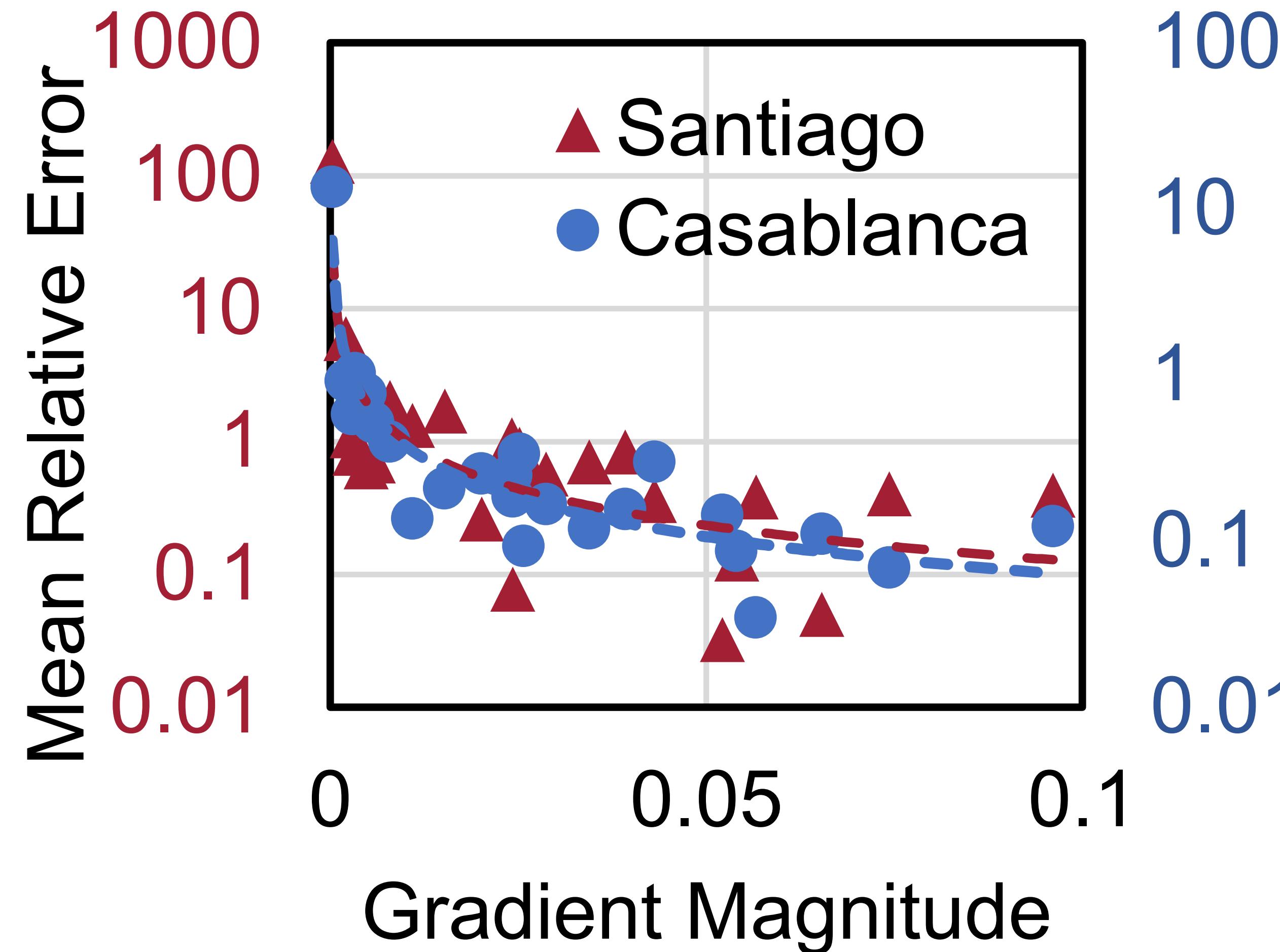
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- Step 5: By Chain Rule:  $\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial f(\theta)} \frac{\partial f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial \theta_i}$ , sum over 4 passes (4 qubits)
- Only **forward** on quantum device



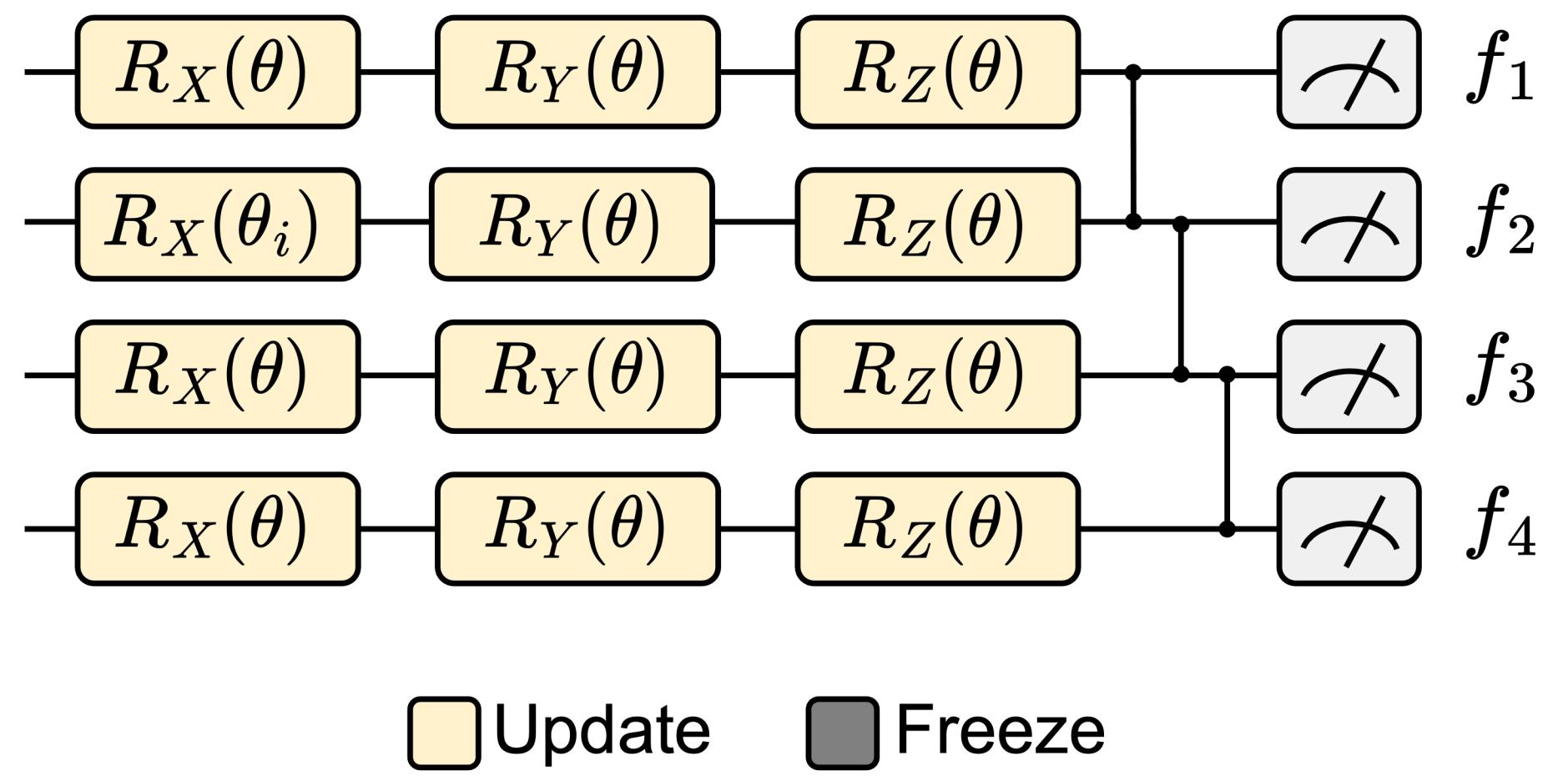
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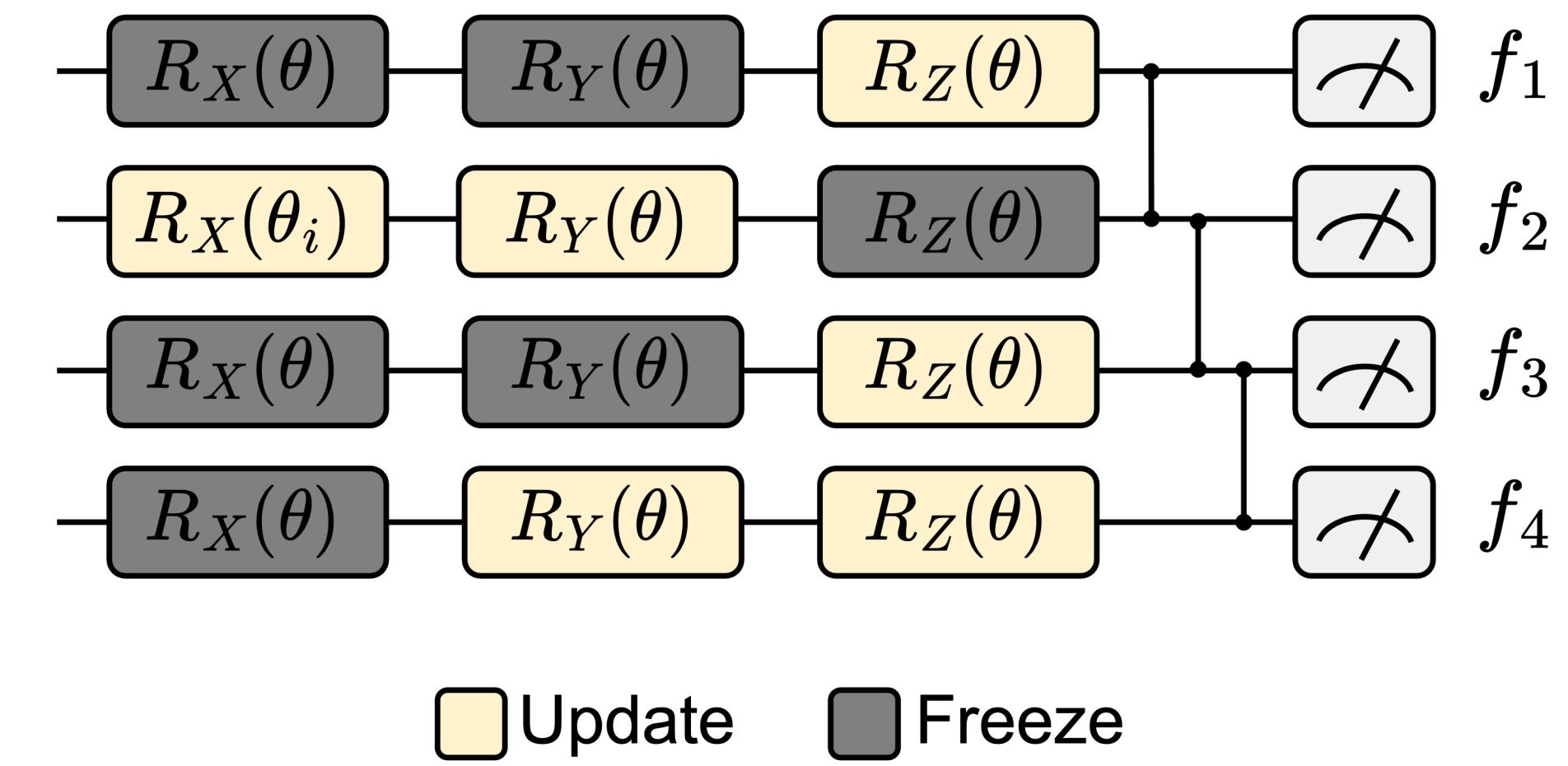
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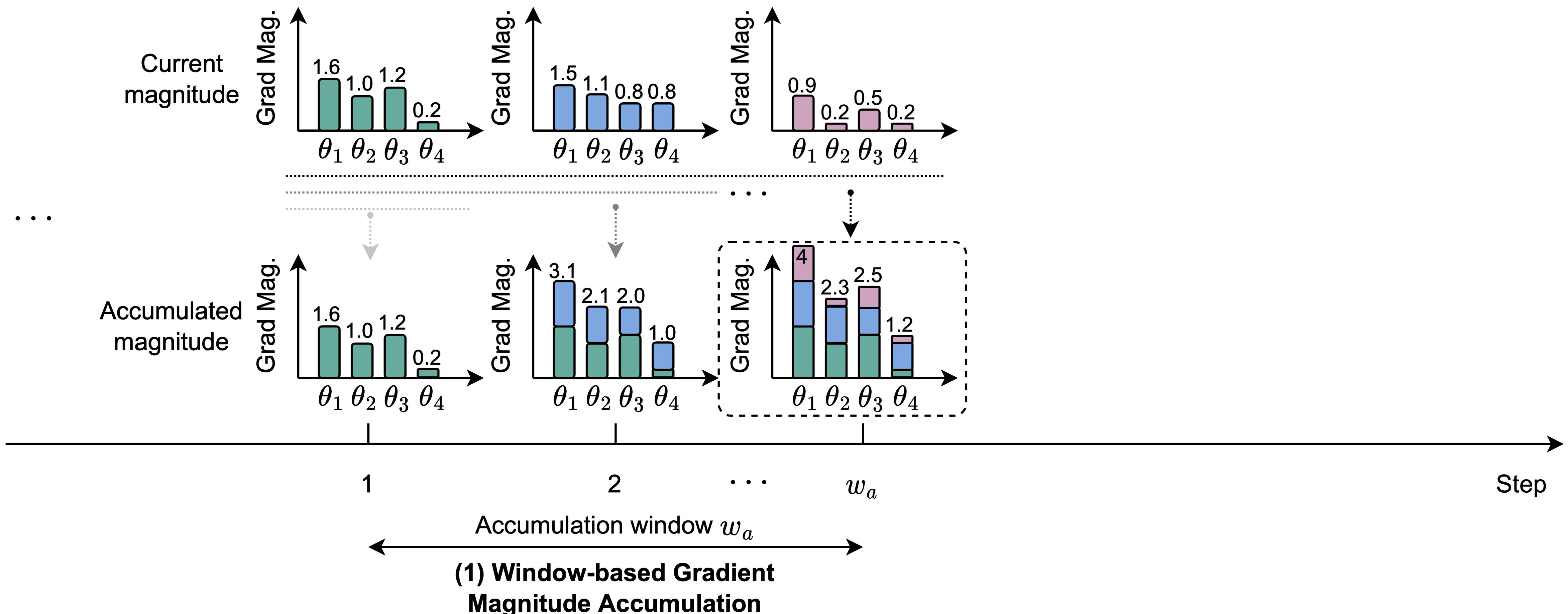
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**After pruning**



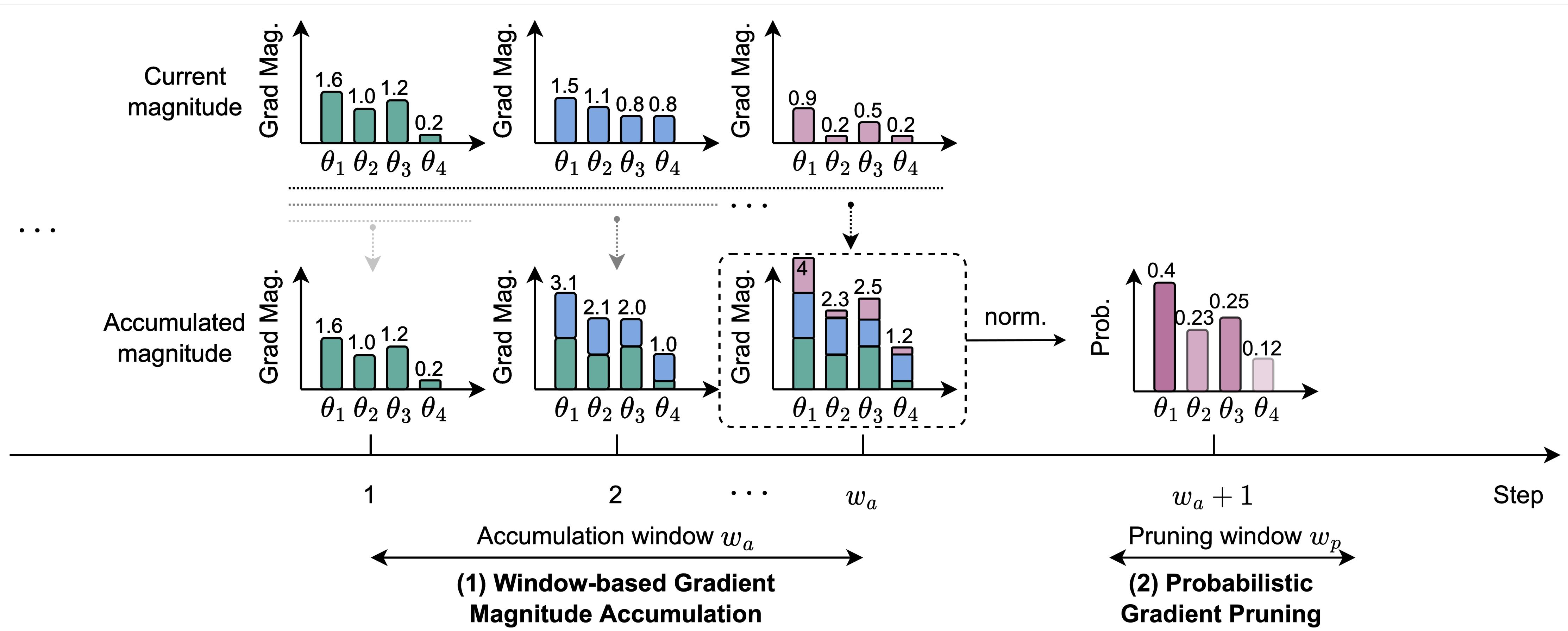
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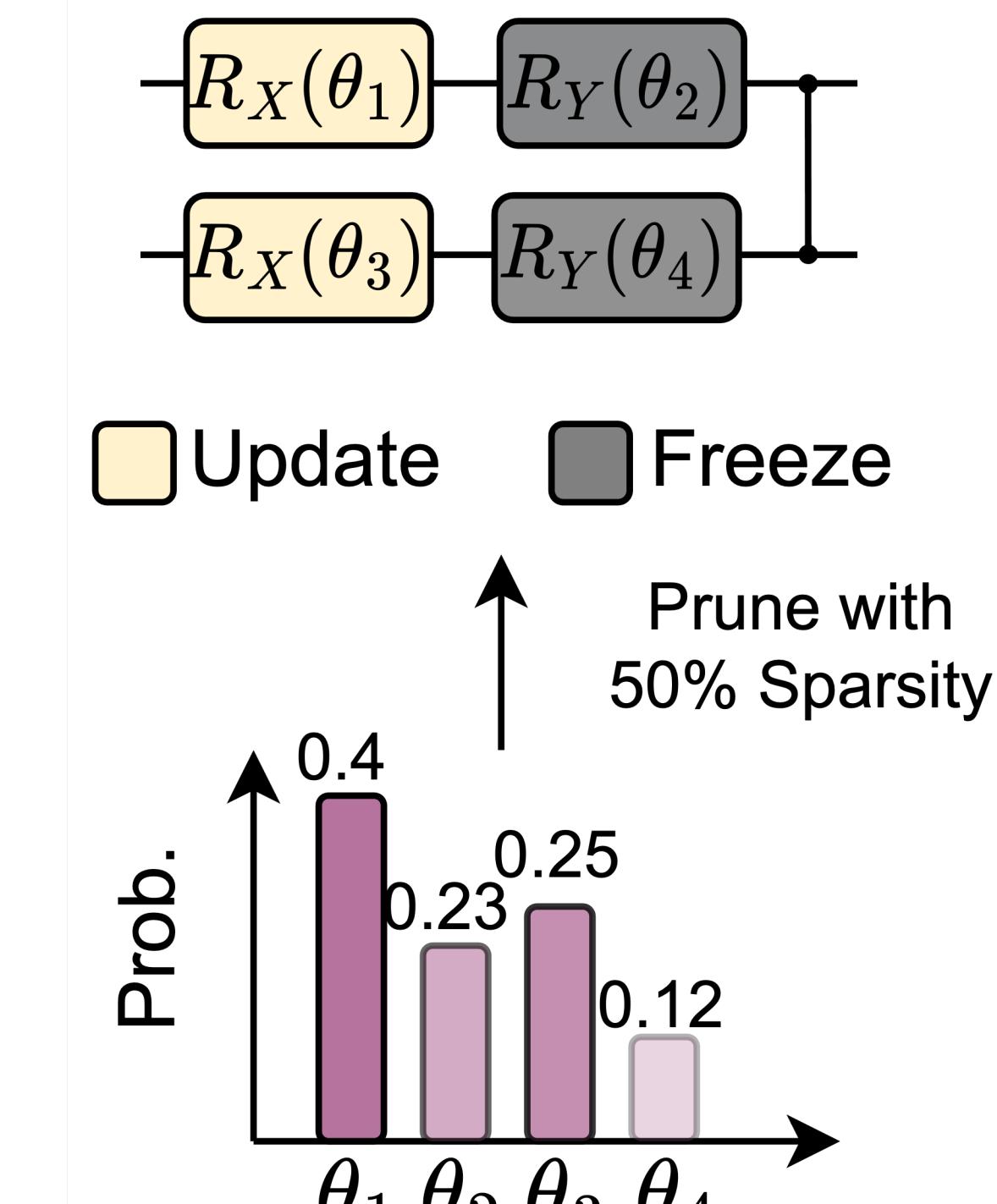
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- Normalize the accumulated gradient magnitude to a probability distribution



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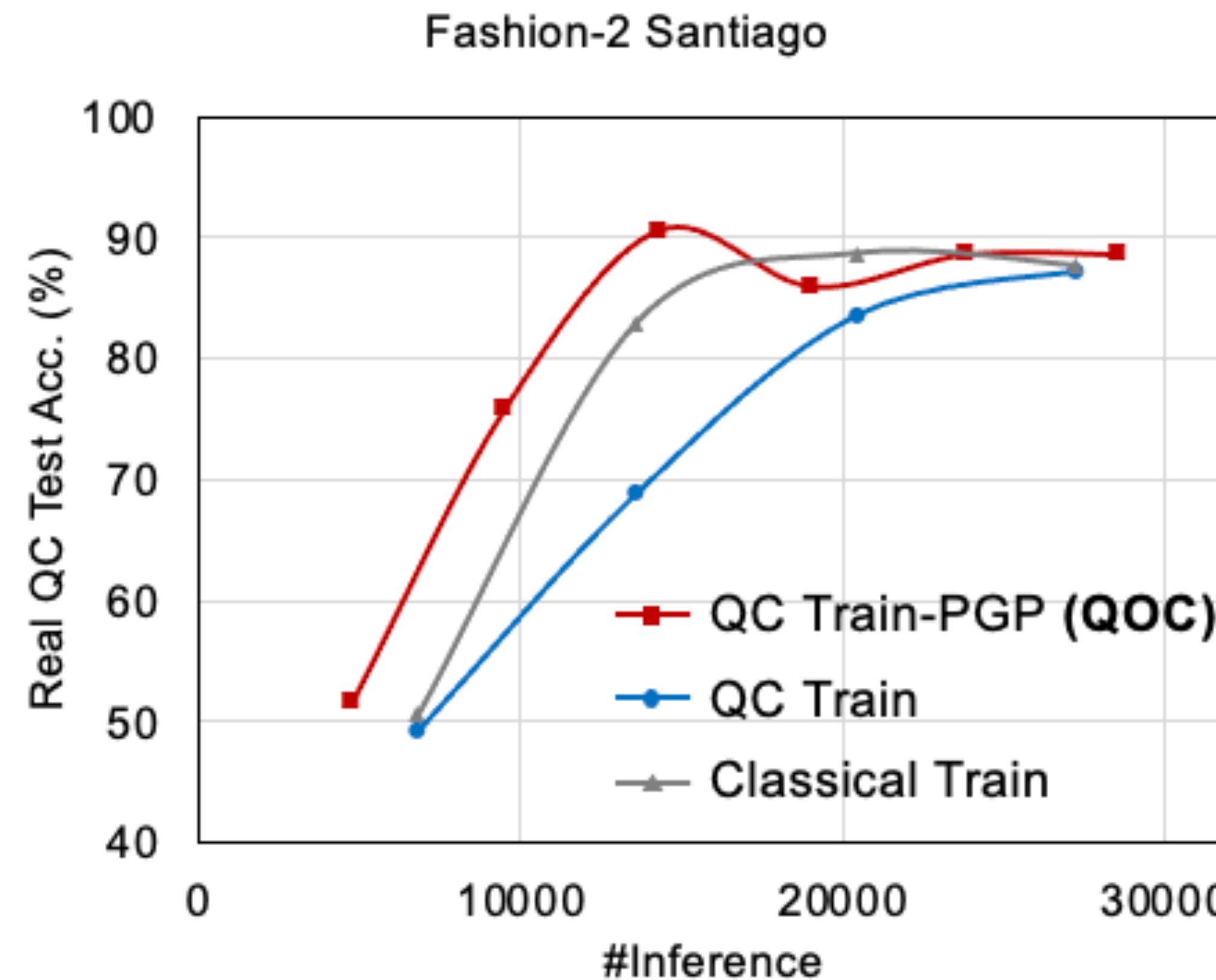
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- QOC achieved similar results to classical simulation

| Method              | Acc.  | MNIST-4     | MNIST-2     | Fashion-4   | Fashion-2   | Vowel-4     |
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|                     |       | Jarkata     | Jarkata     | Manila      | Santiago    | Lima        |
| Classical-Train     | Simu. | 0.61        | 0.88        | 0.73        | 0.89        | 0.37        |
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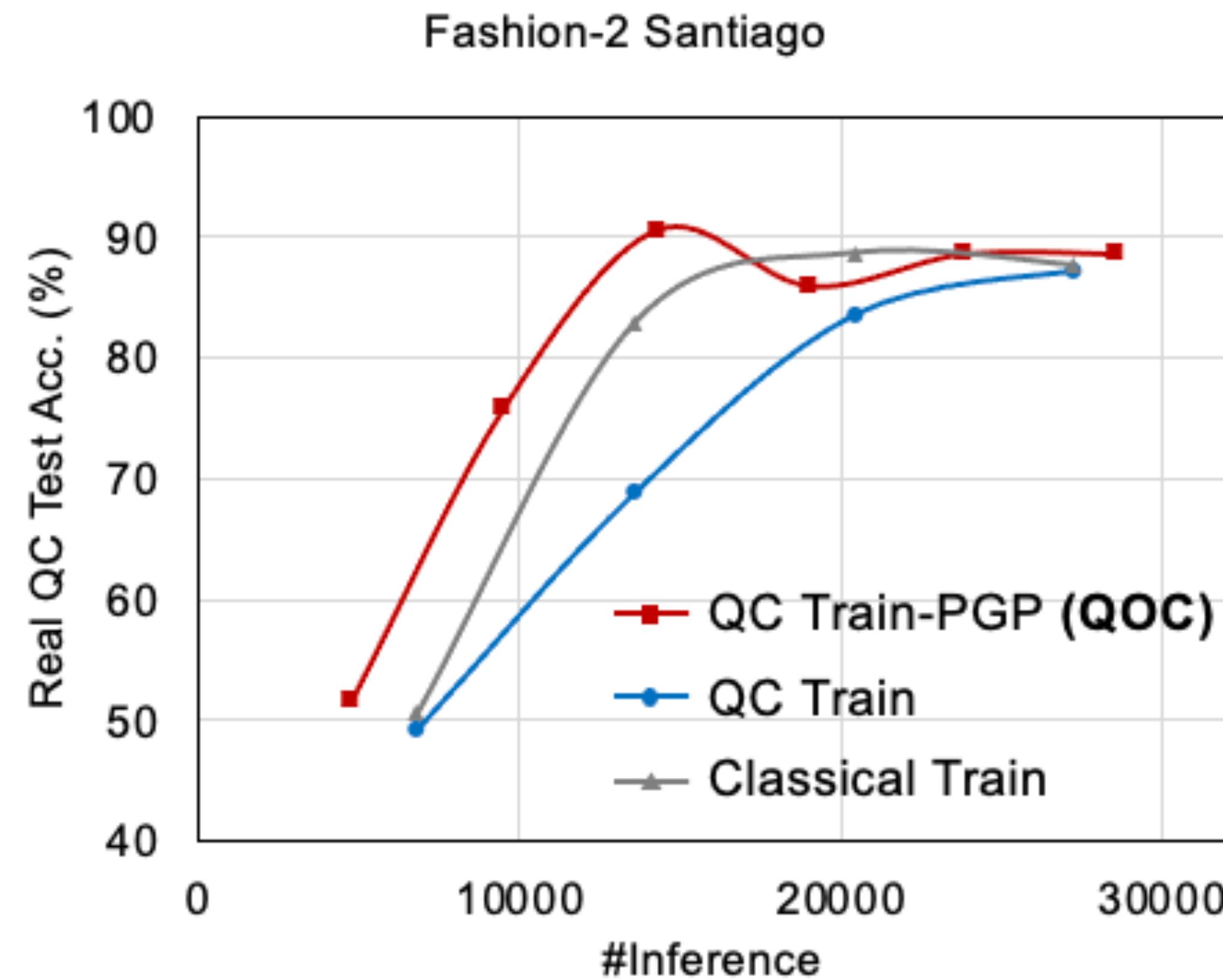
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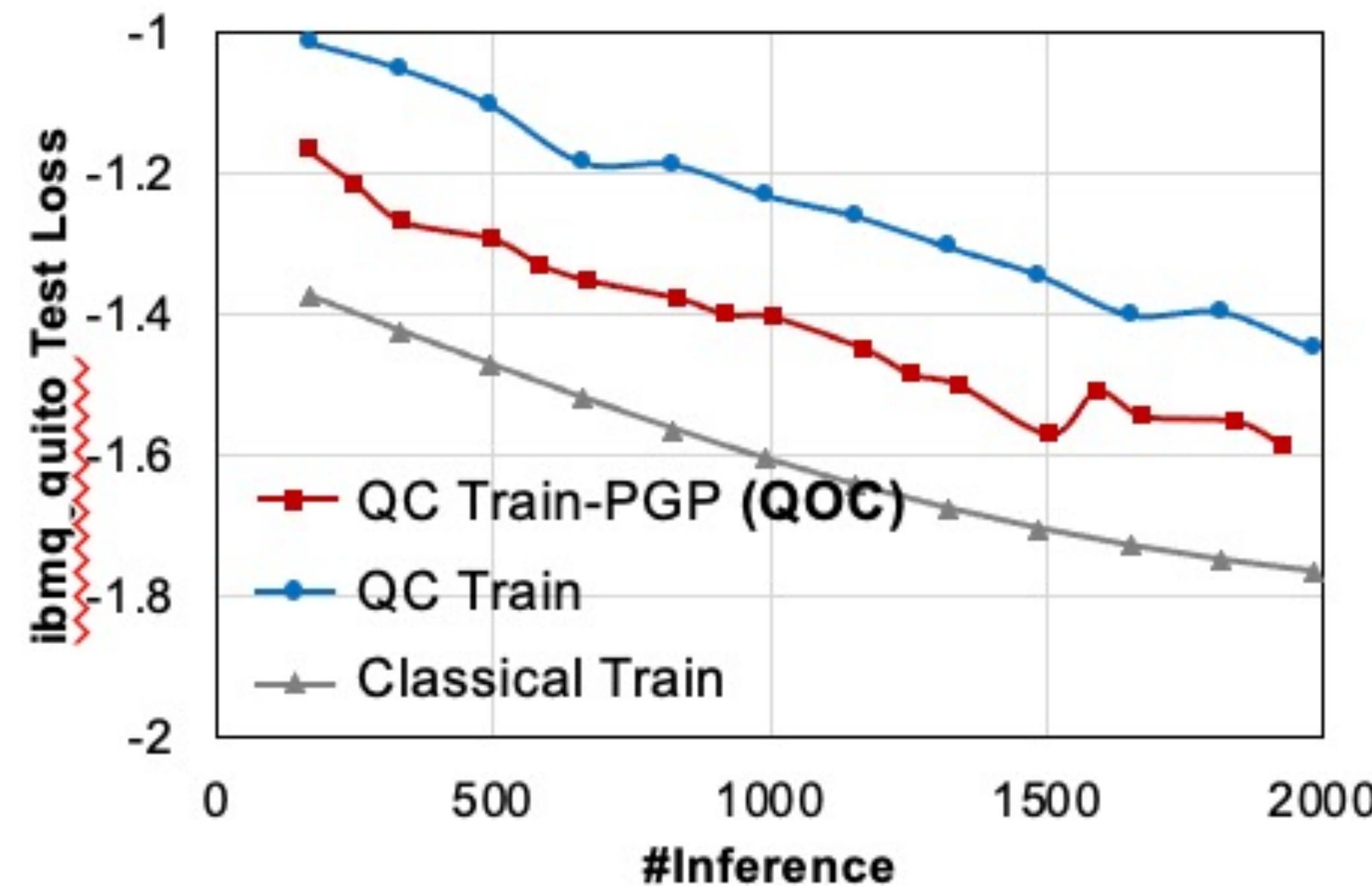
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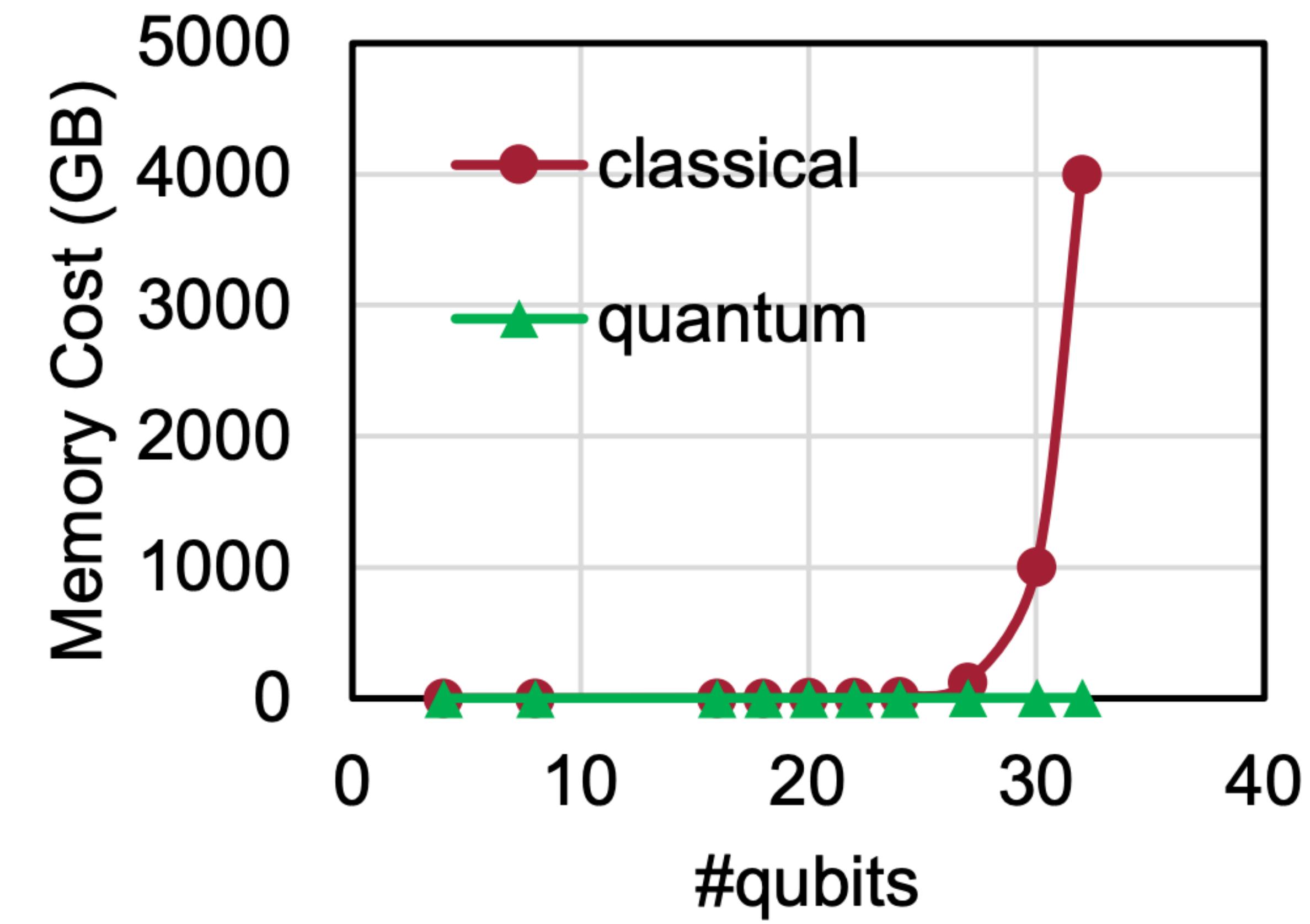
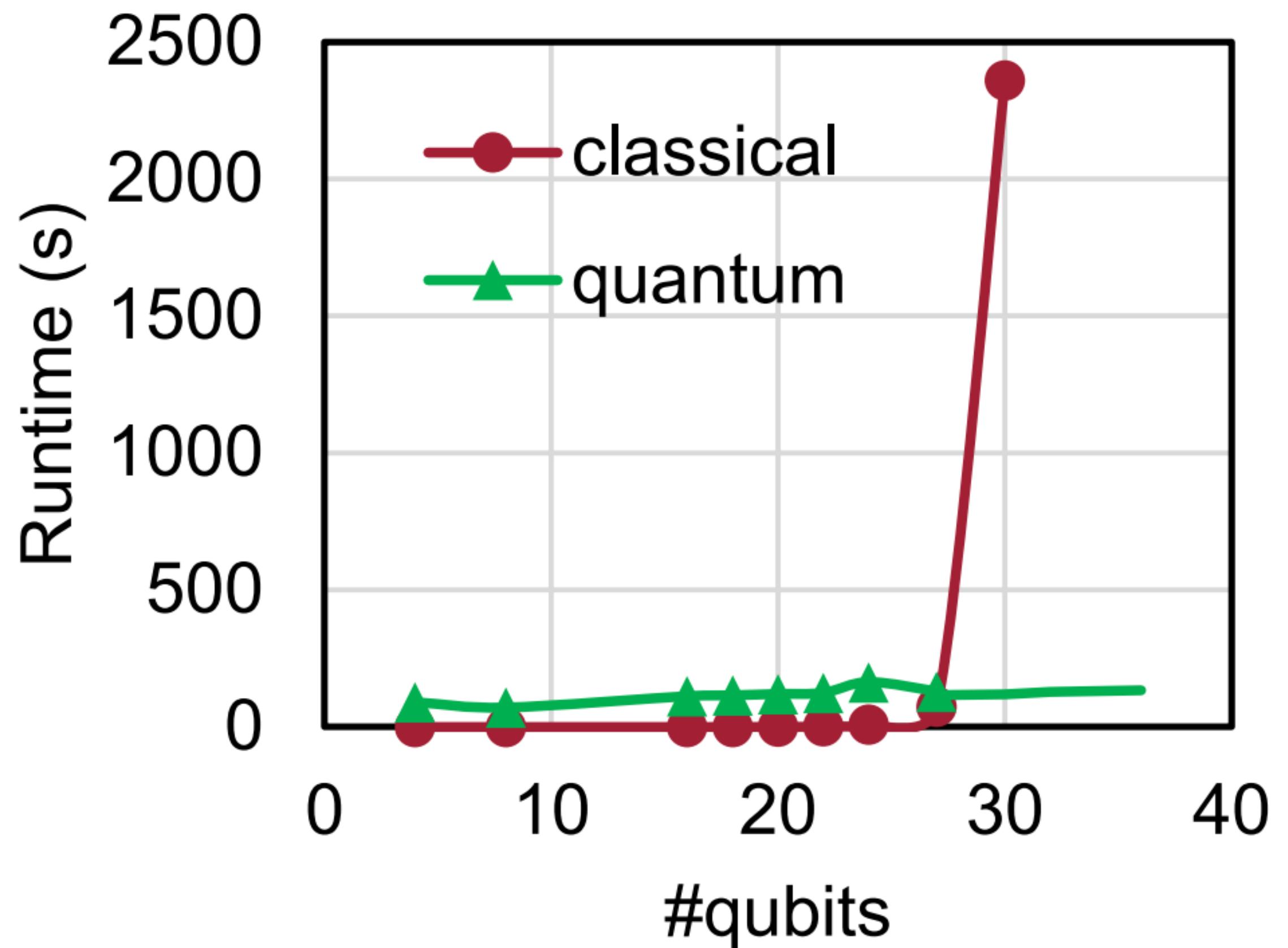
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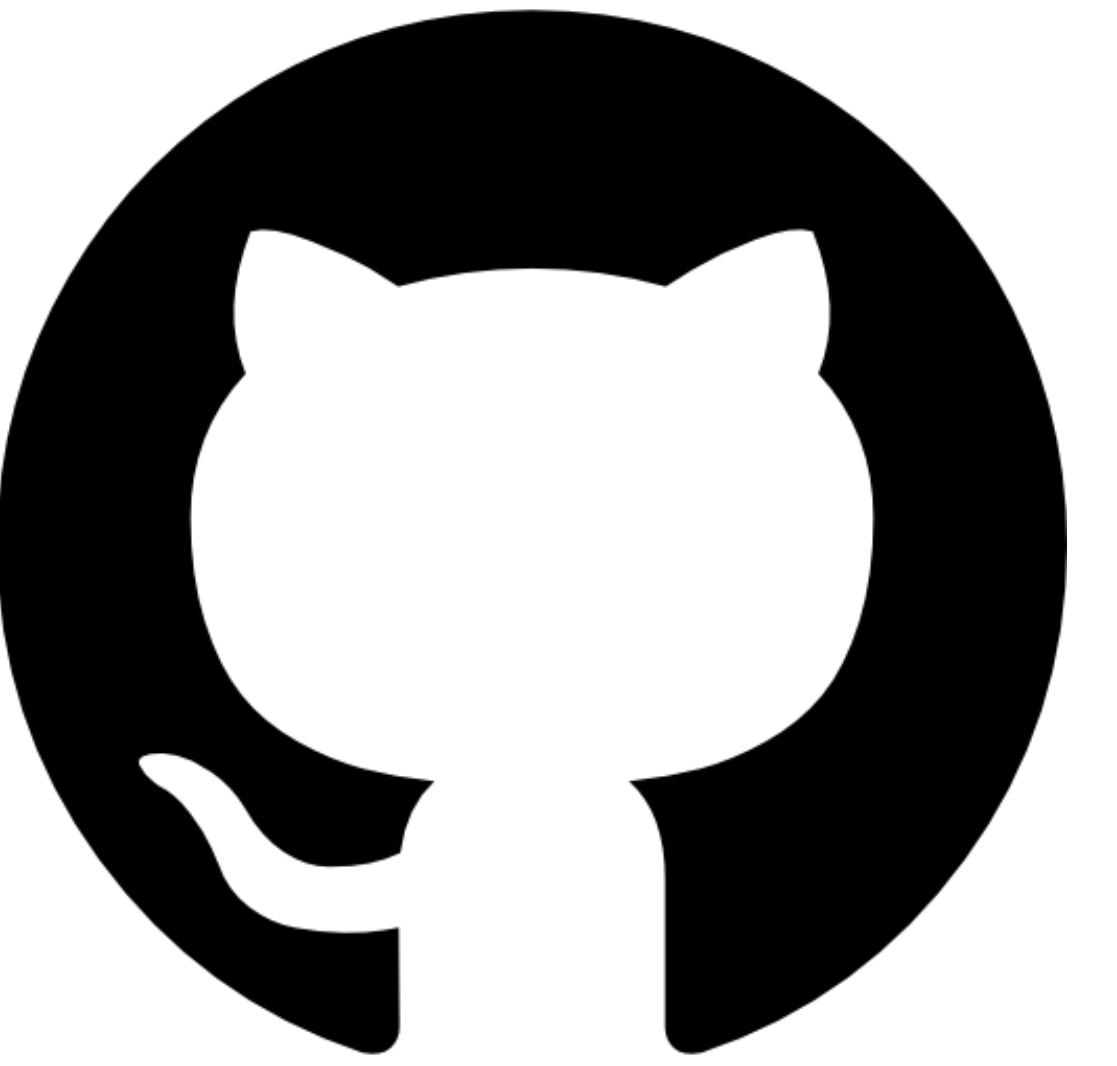
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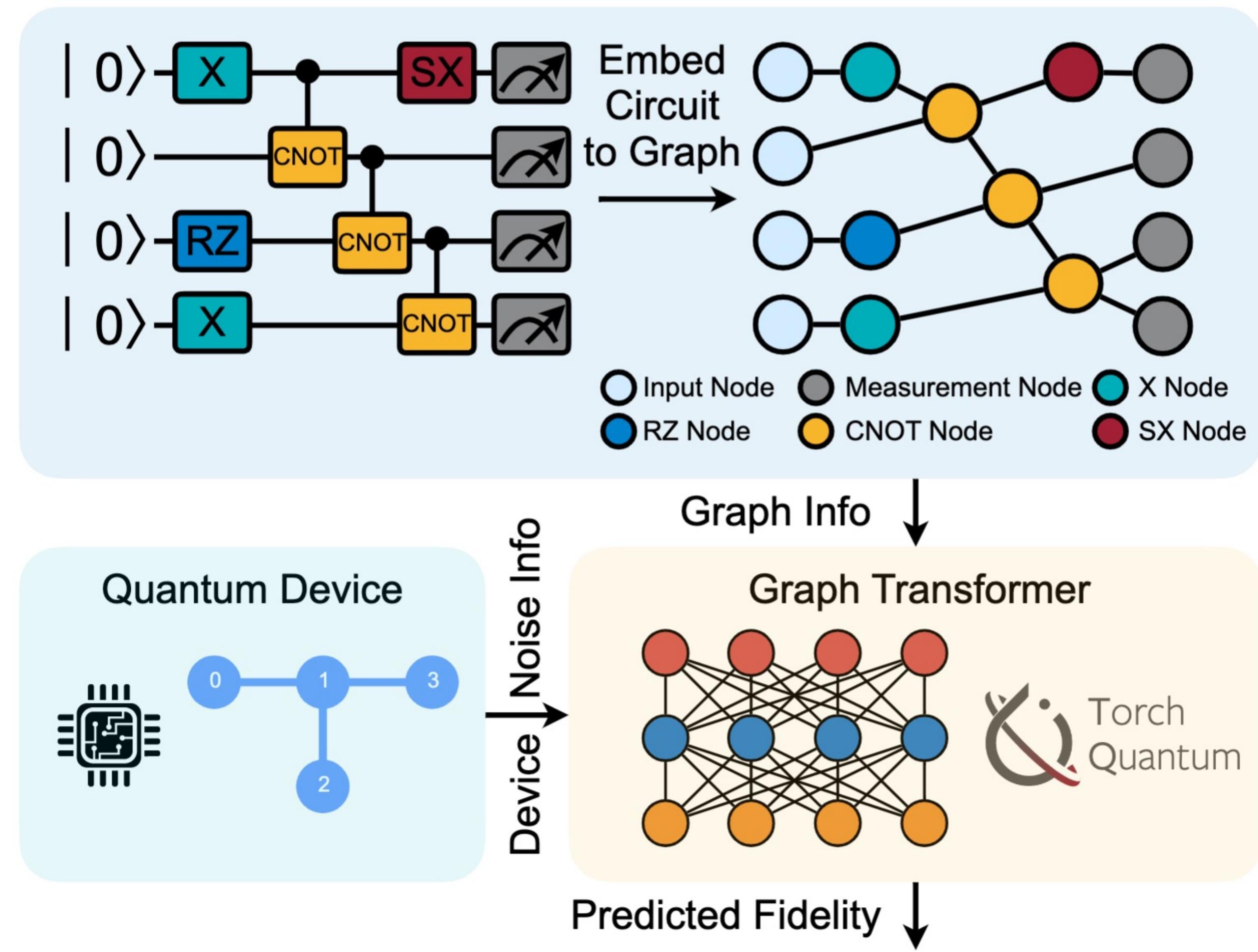
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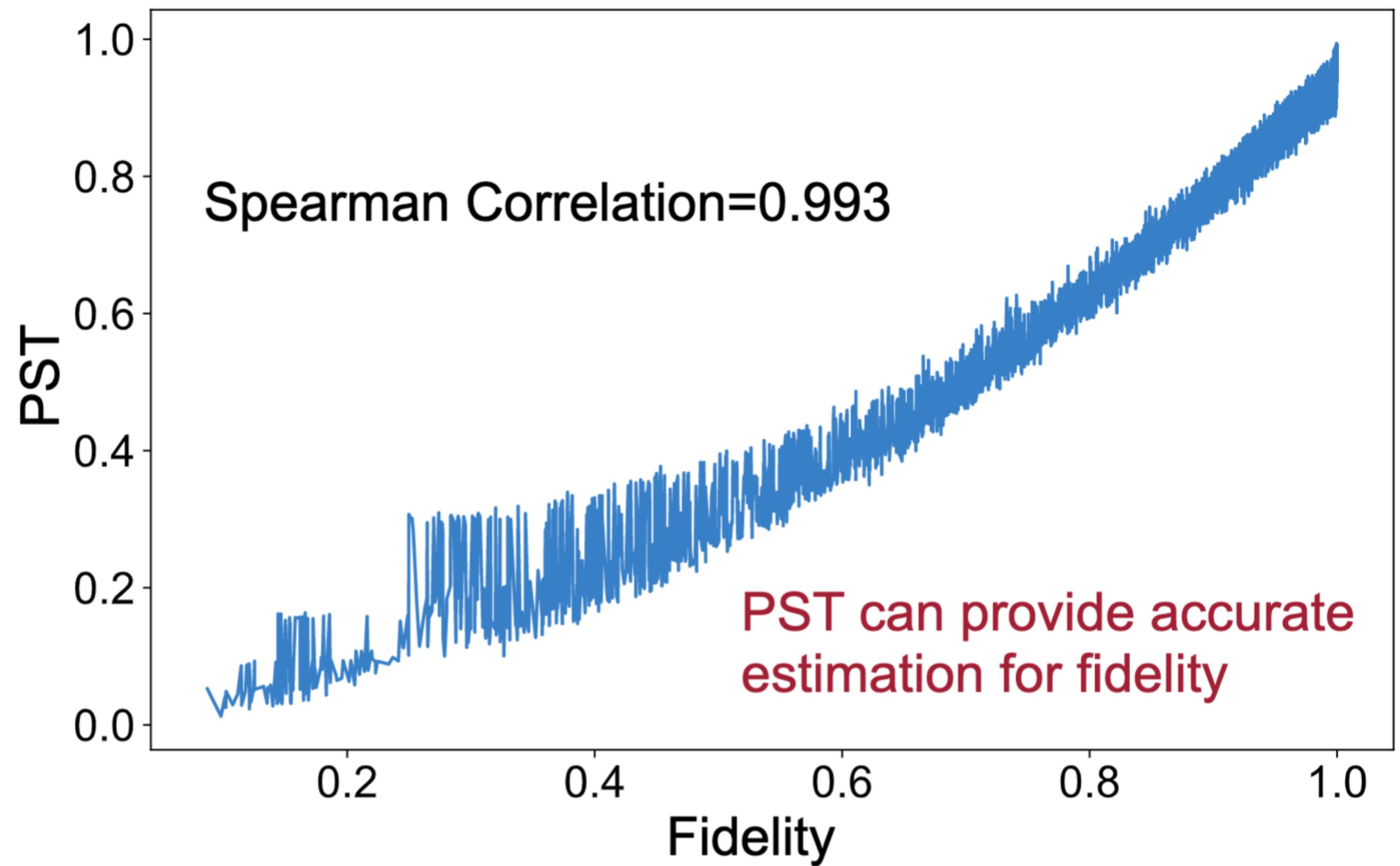
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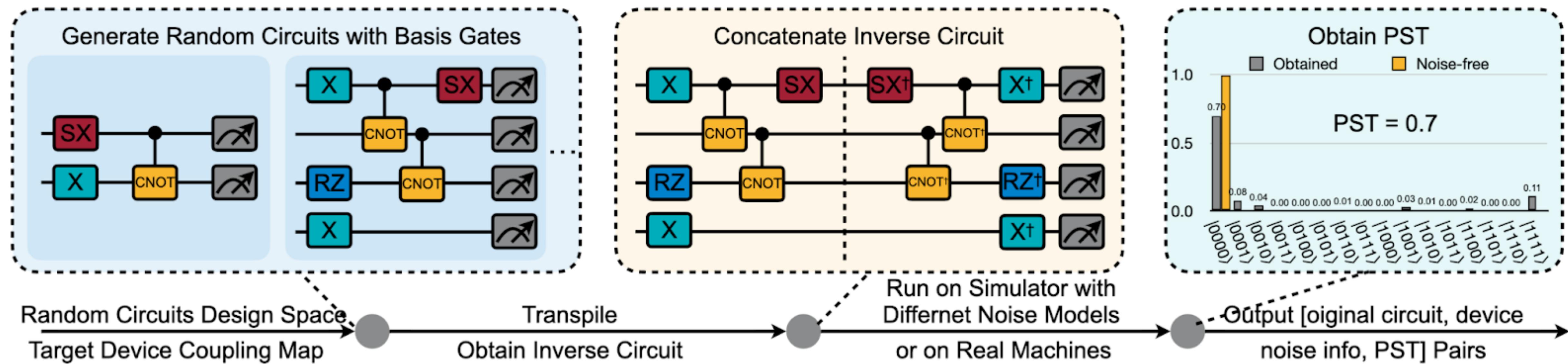
- Use PST as the metrics

$$PST = \frac{\#Trials \text{ with output same as initial state}}{\#Total trials}$$



# Dataset collection

- Collect dataset on real machine / noisy simulator

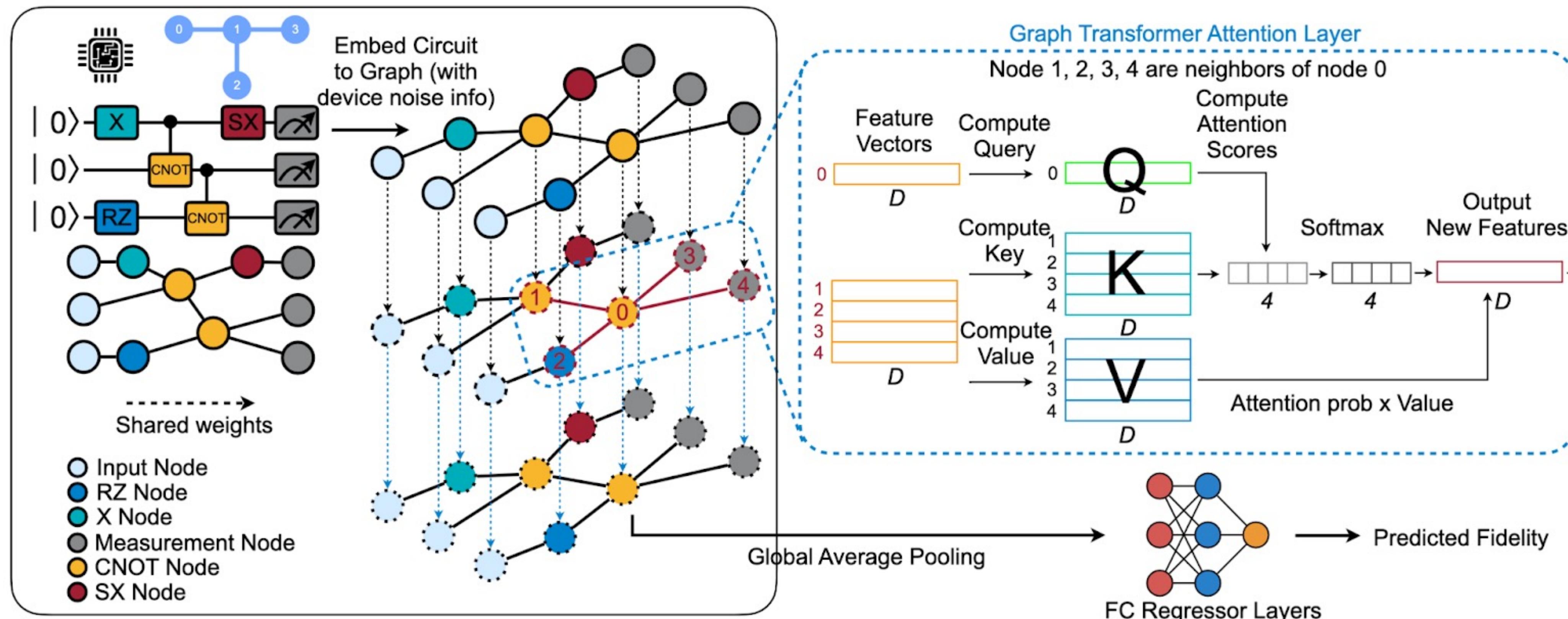


# Features on each node

|                      |                            |                       |                        |                    |                        |                        |               |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
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| One-Hot<br>Node Type | One-Hot<br>Gate Qubit      | First Qubit<br>T1, T2 | Second Qubit<br>T1, T2 | Gate Error<br>Rate | Readout<br>Error 0 - 1 | Readout<br>Error 1 - 0 | Gate<br>Index |

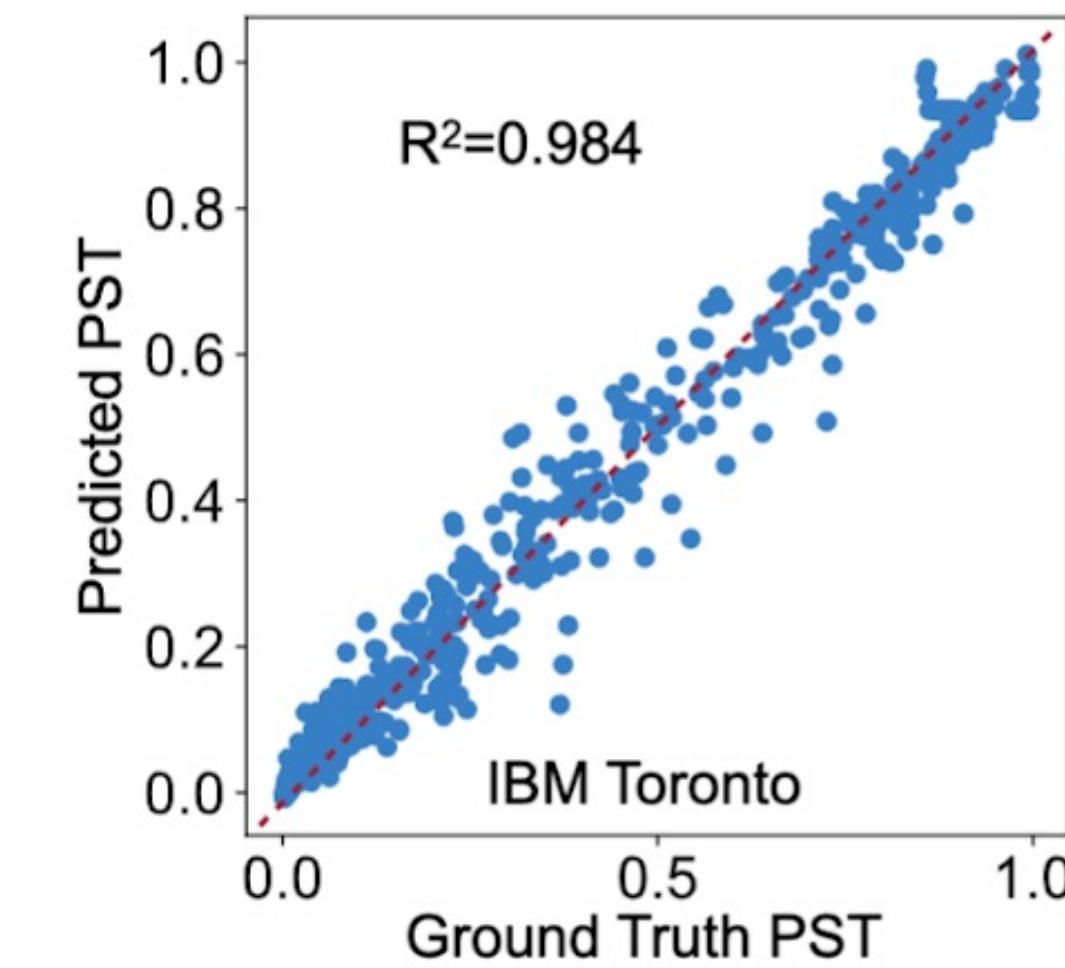
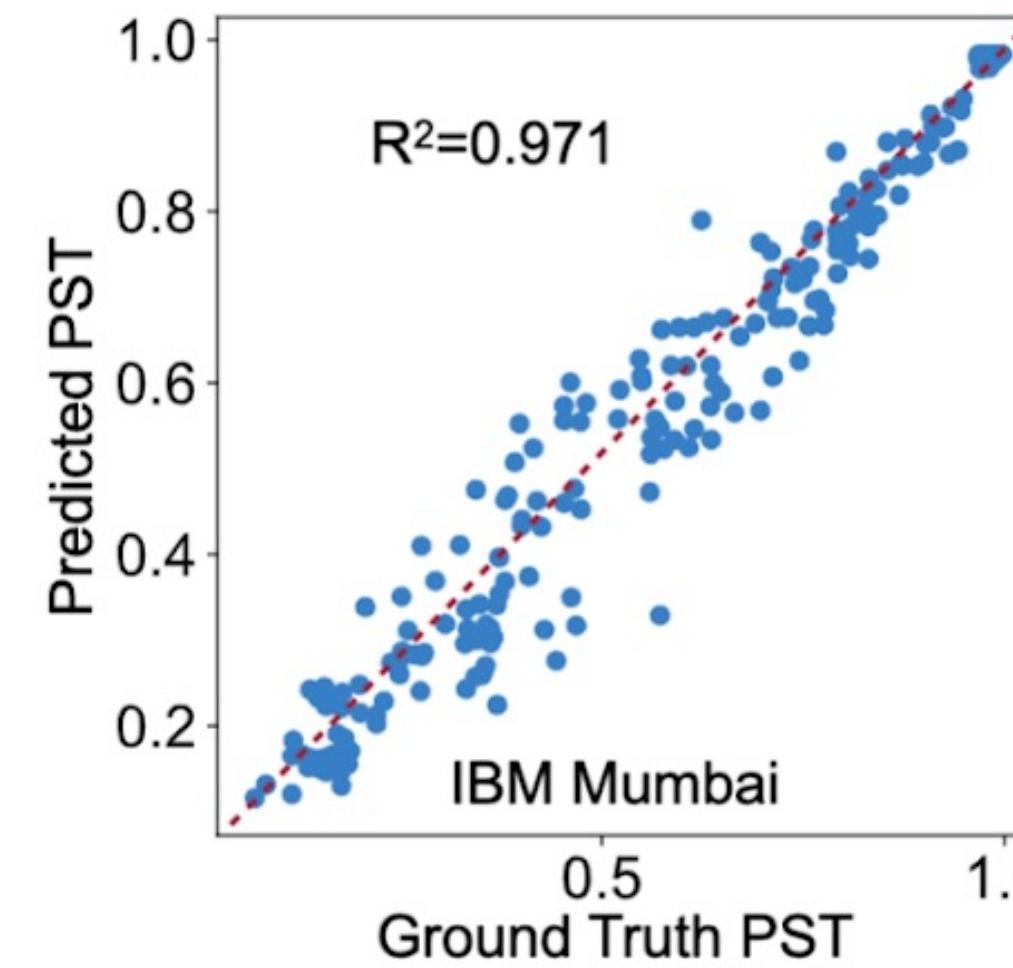
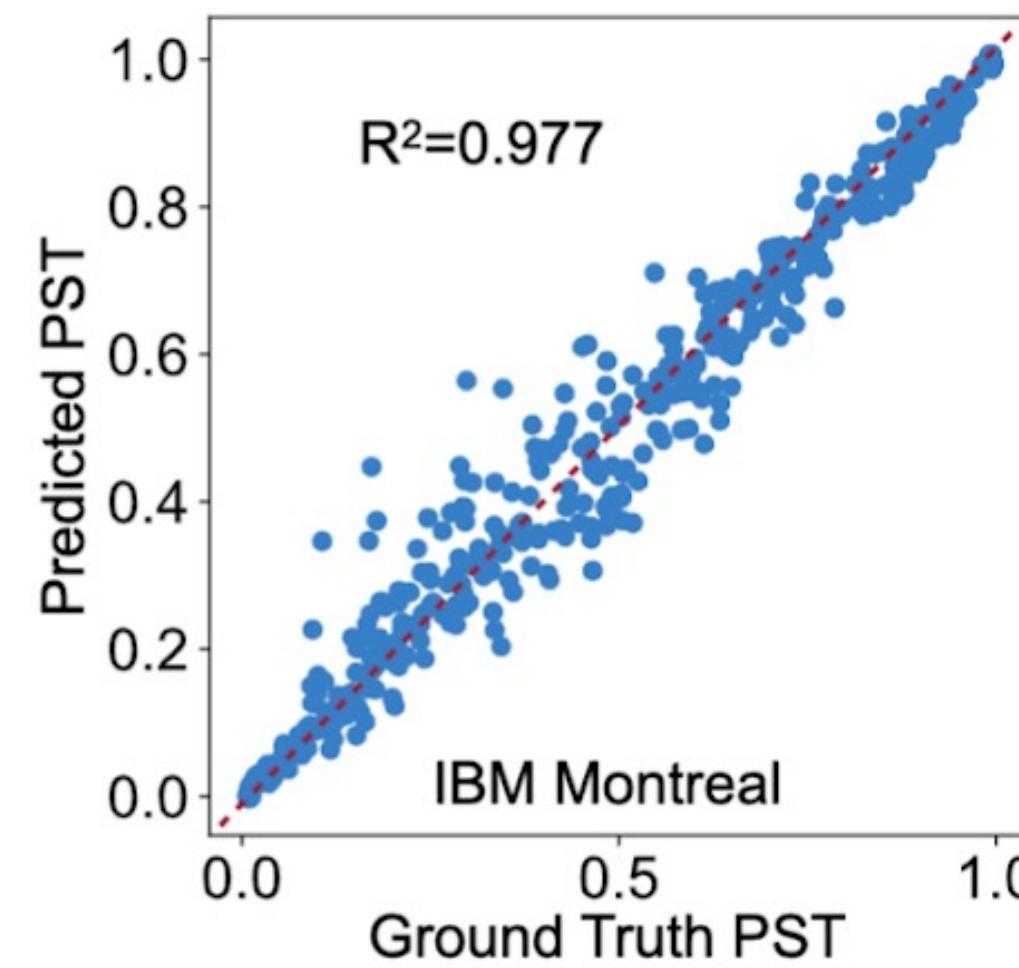
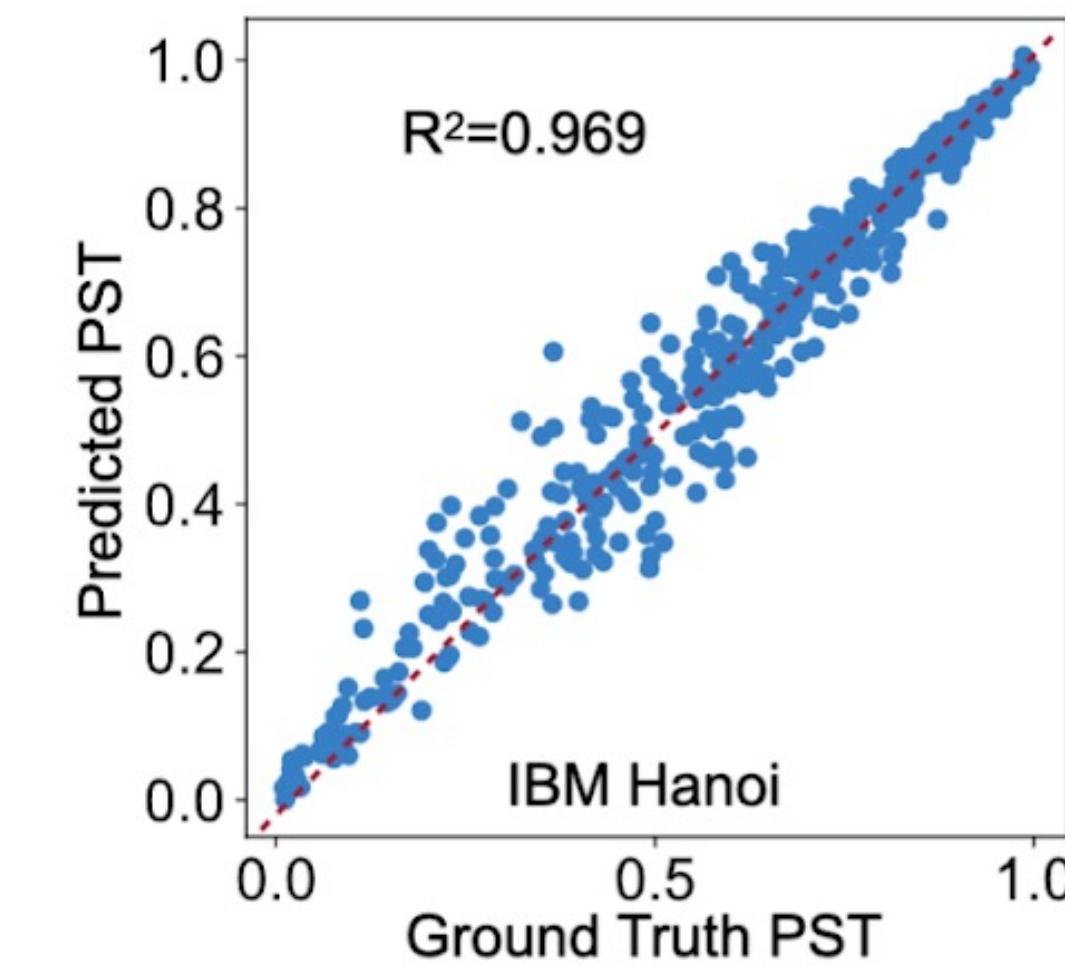
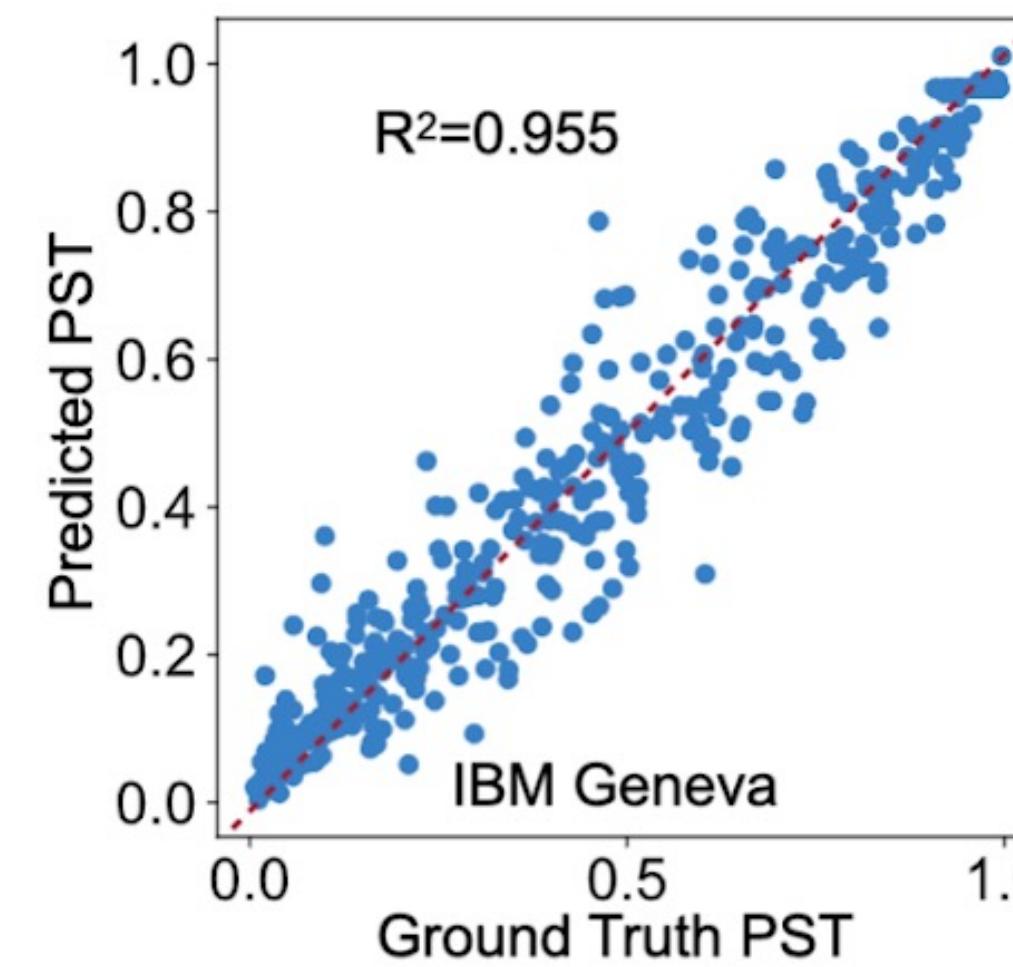
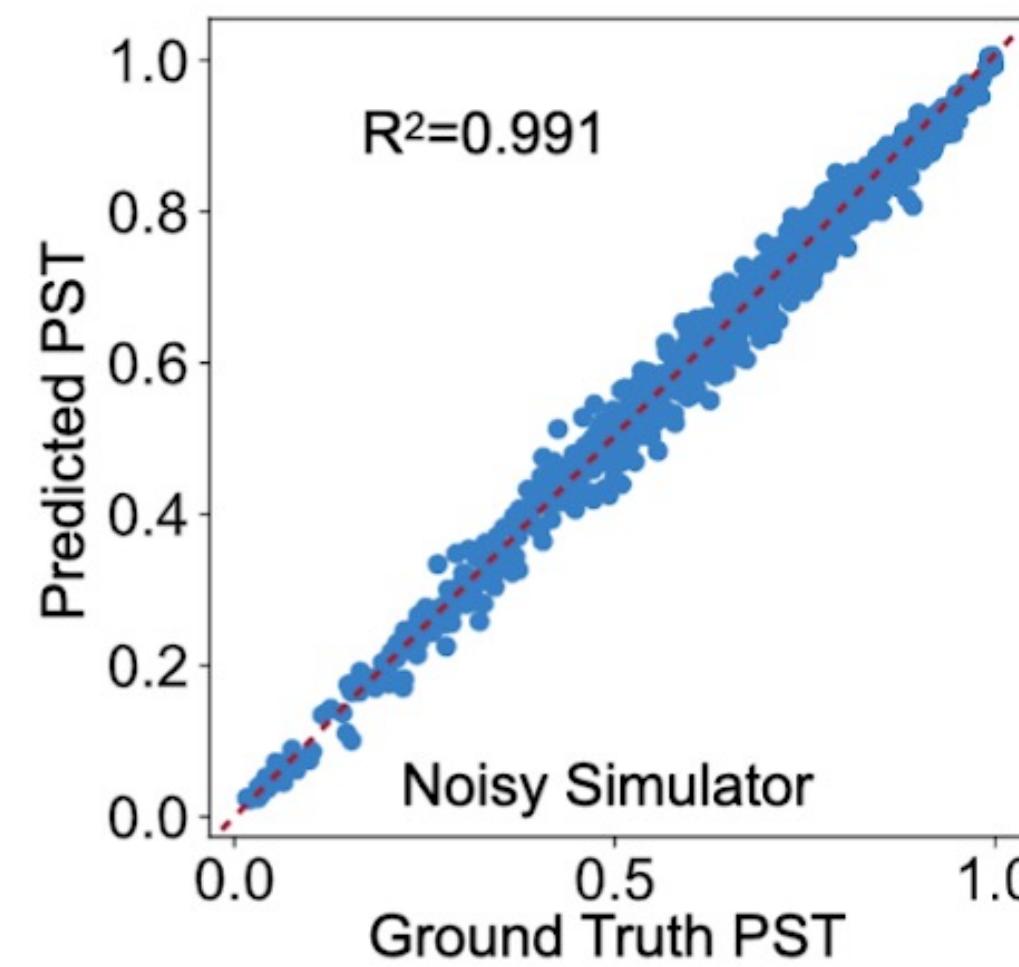
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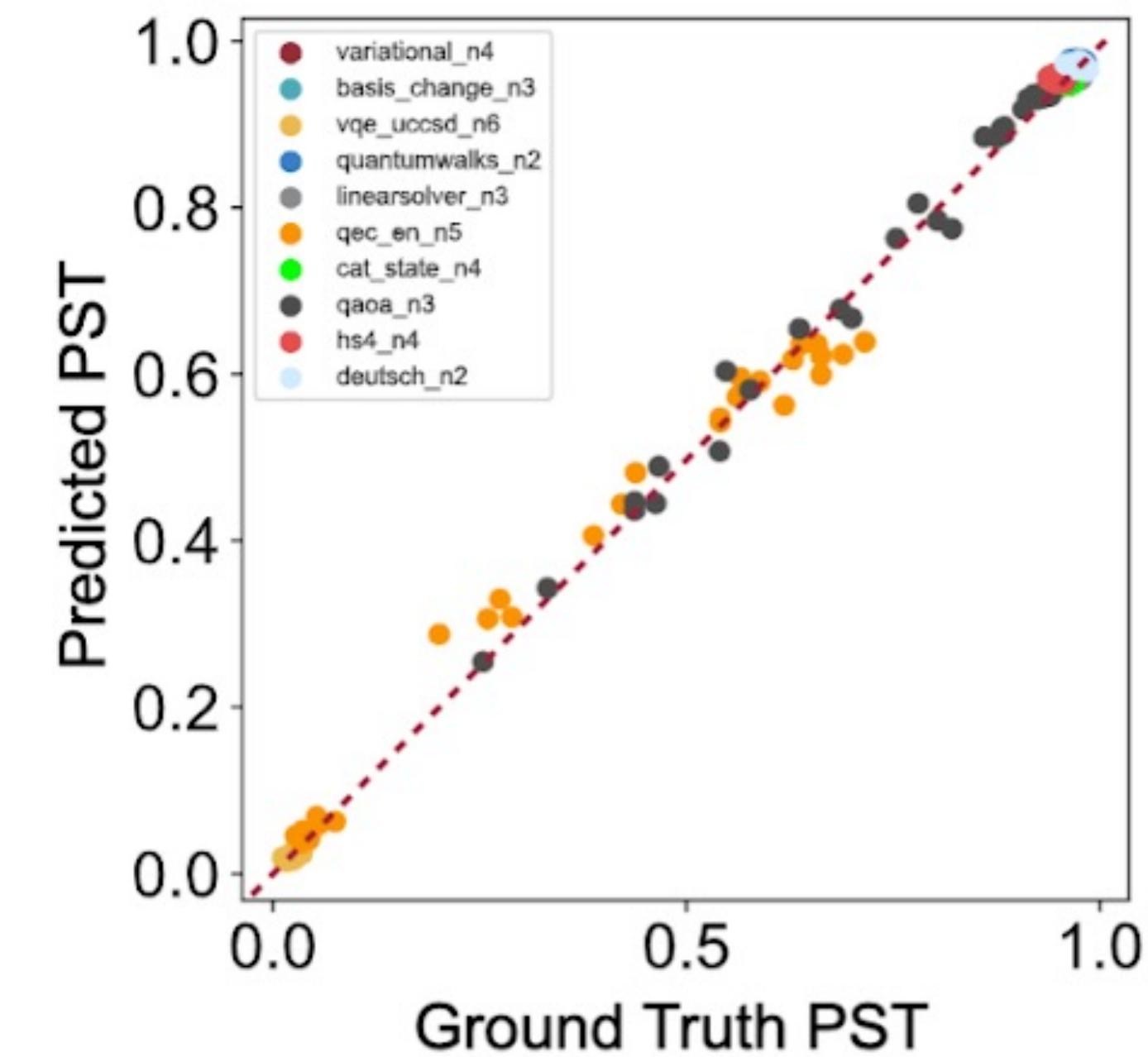
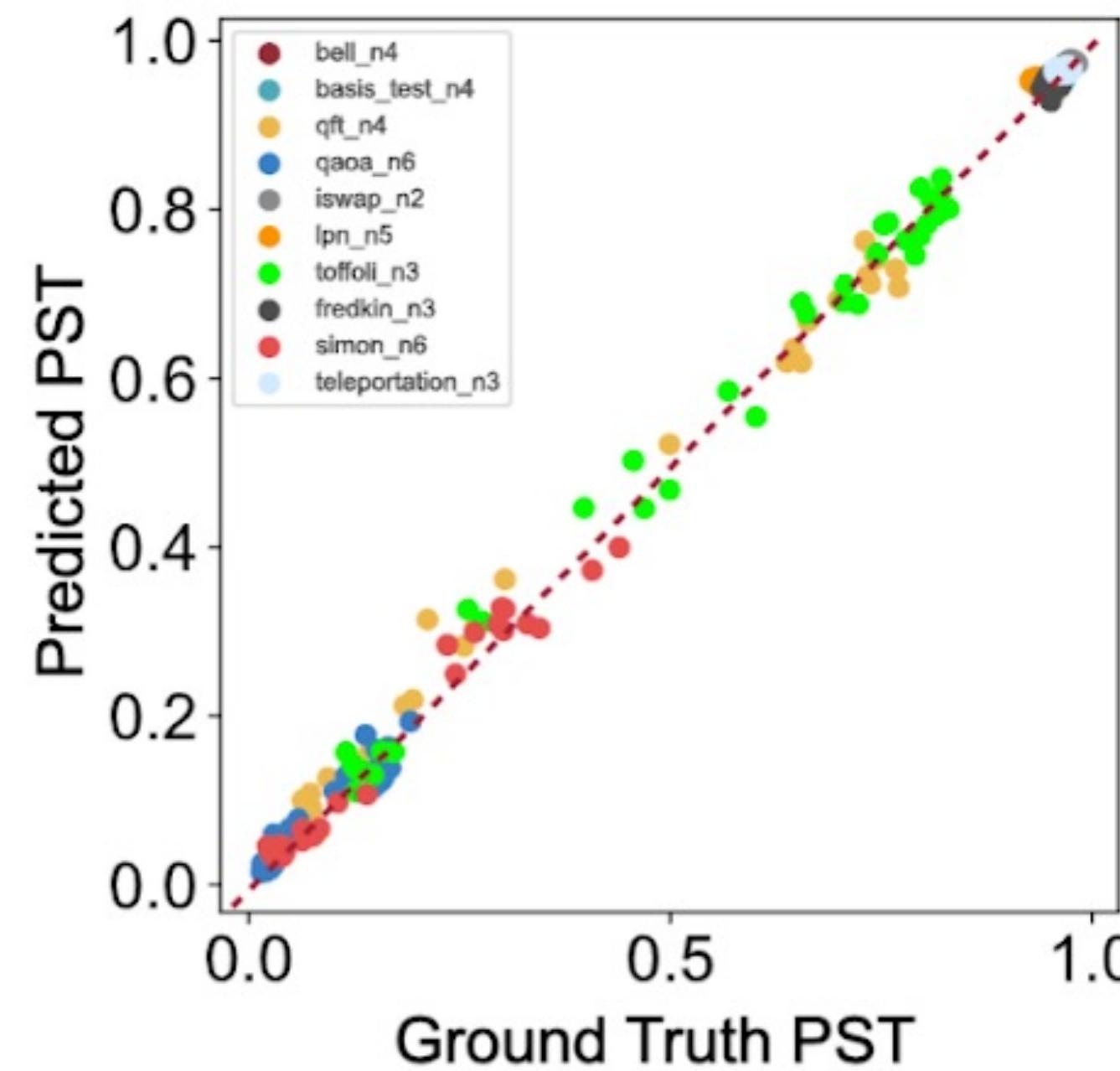
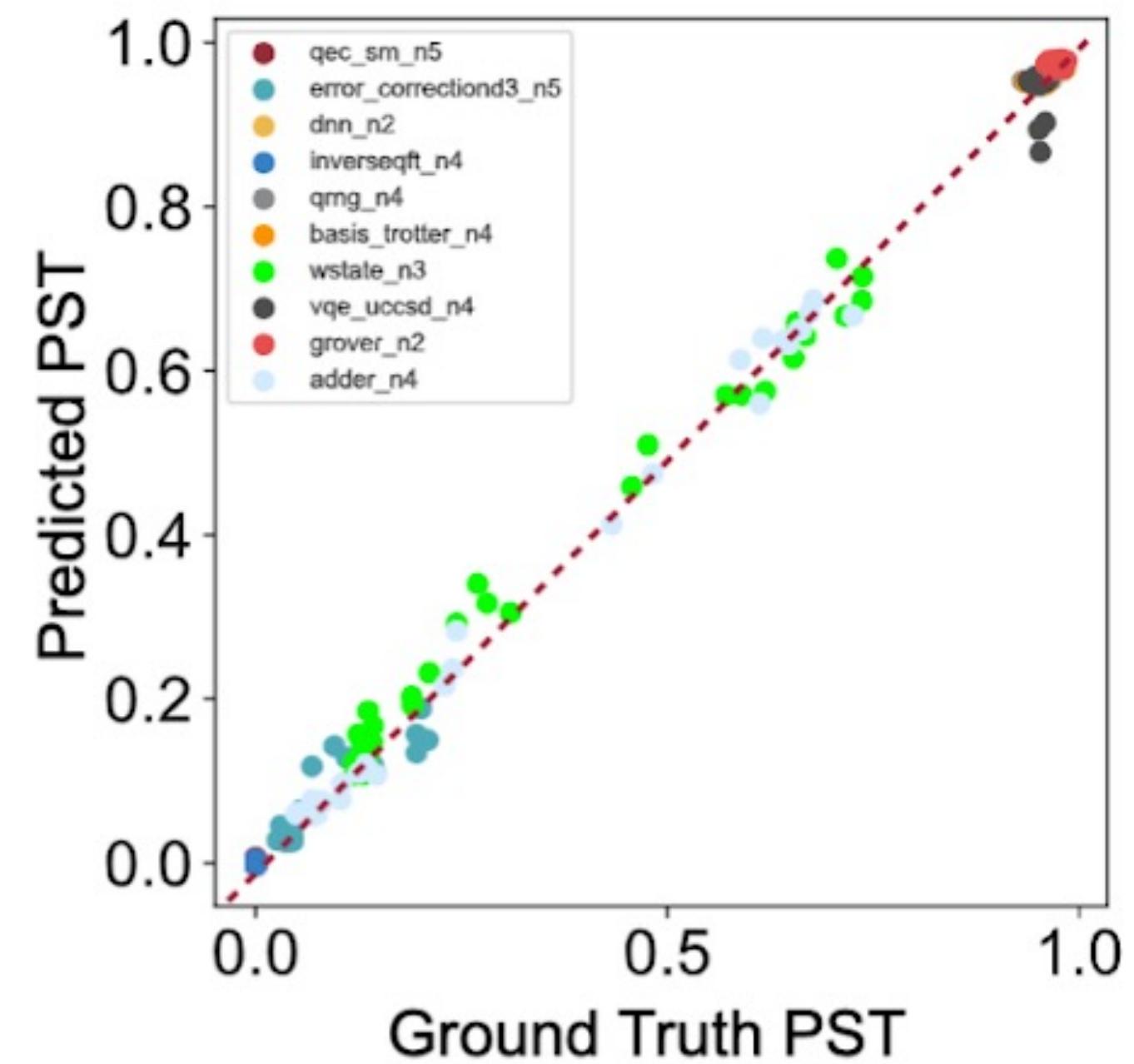
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- Circuits from quantum algorithms



# More info

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# How to Compress a Quantum Neural Network?

## Quantum Neural Network Compression

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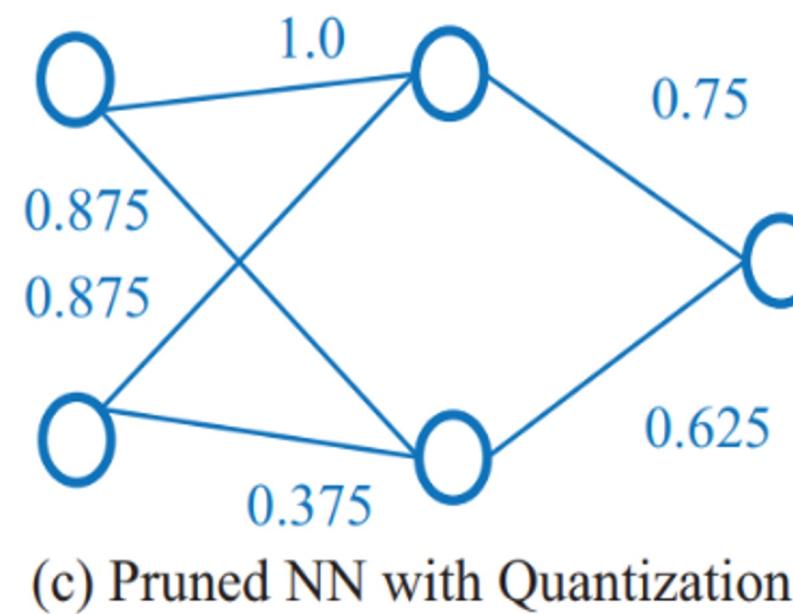
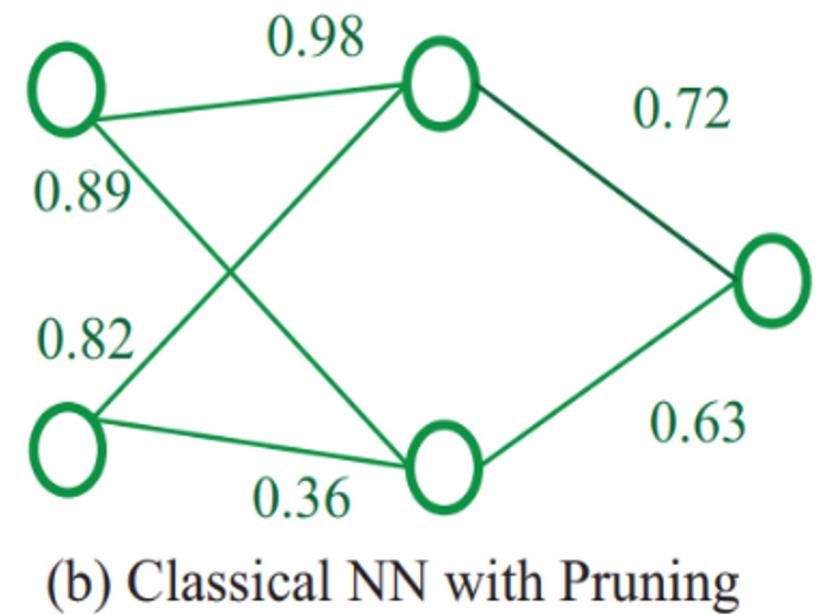
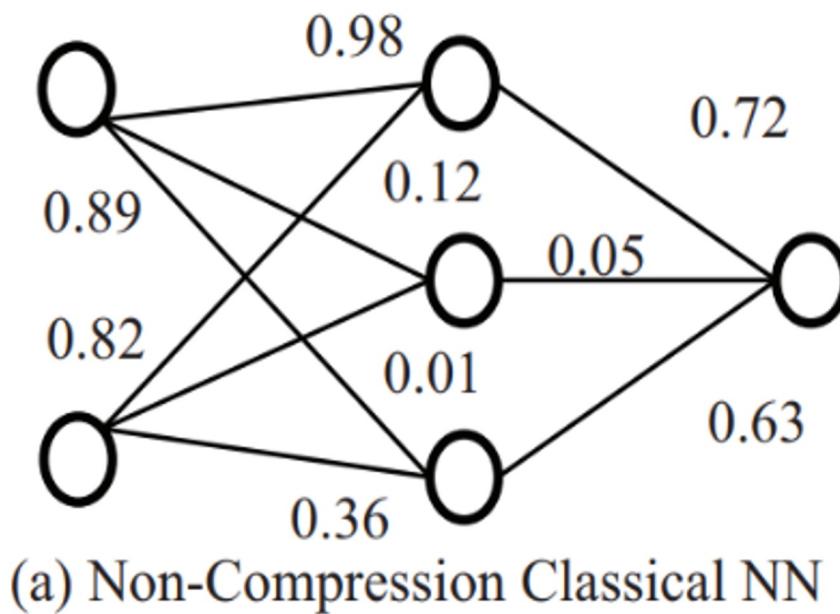
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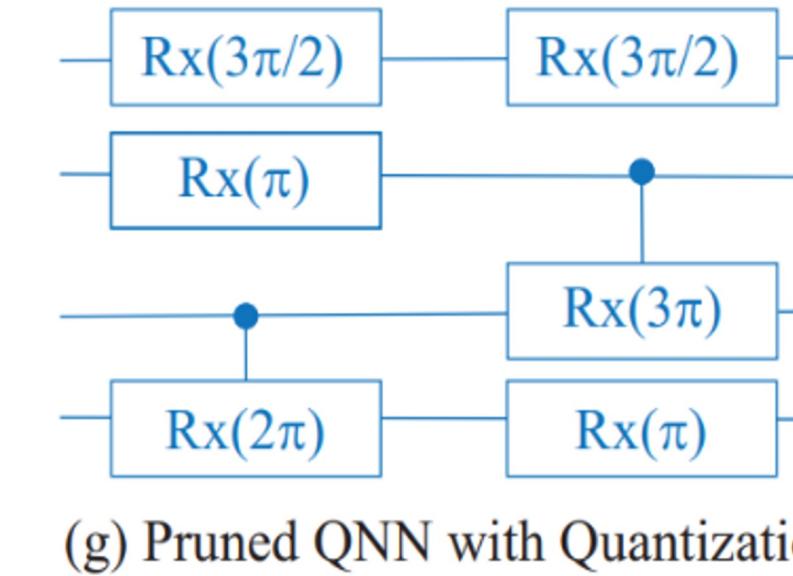
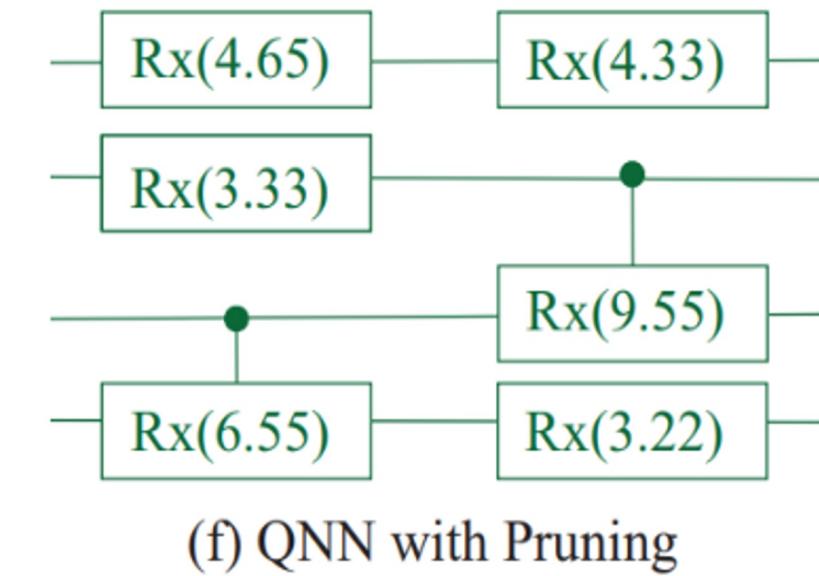
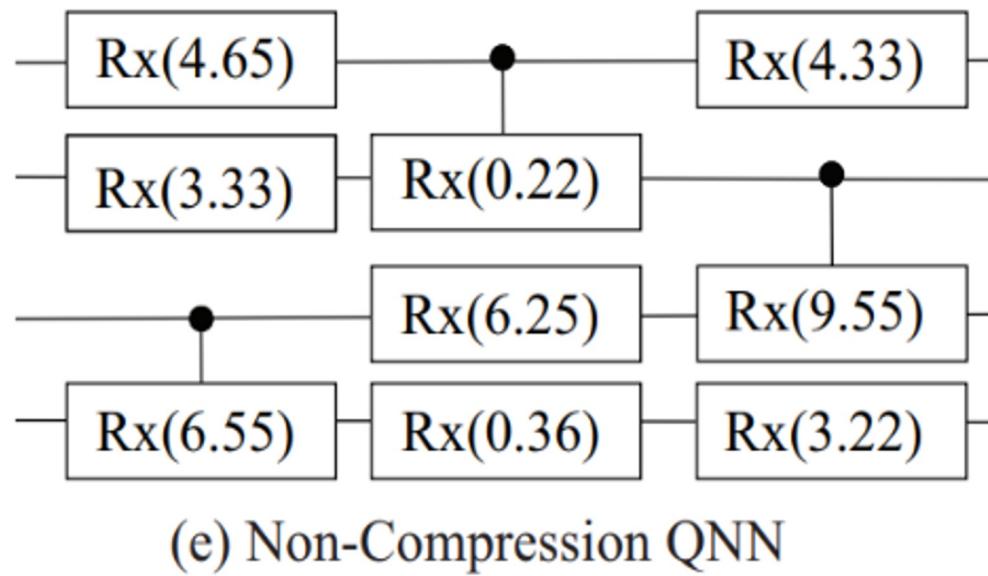
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# Motivation and Background

- Pruning and Quantization in Classical ML



- Pruning and Quantization in Quantum ML



- **Pruning:** Not only 0 can be pruned, but also  $2\pi$ ,  $4\pi$ , etc.
- **Quantization:** Different quantization level may have different cost

# Motivation and Background

- Quantum Neural Network Compression Should be Compilation Aware

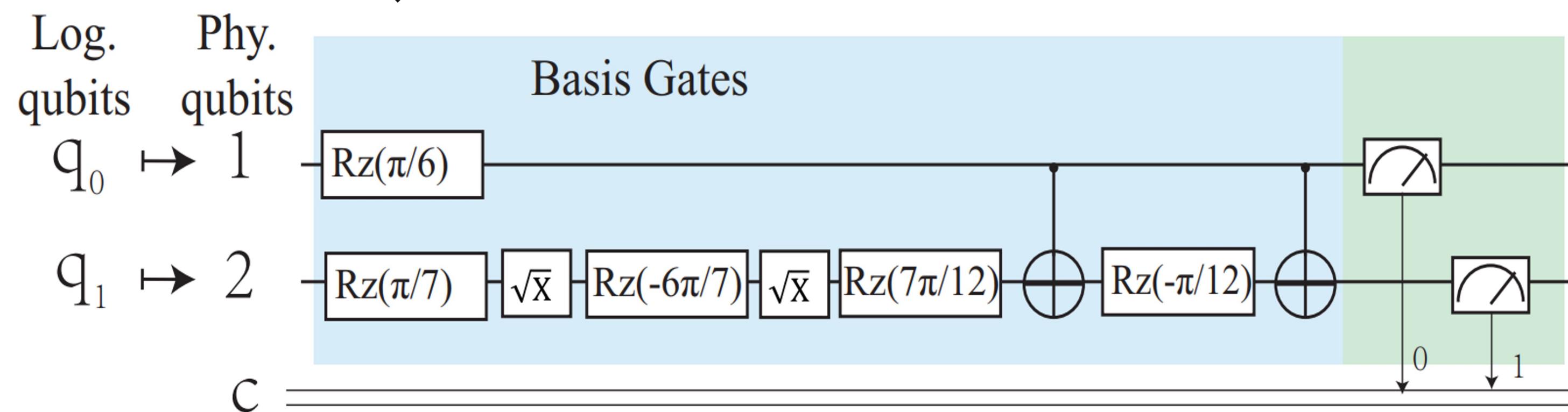
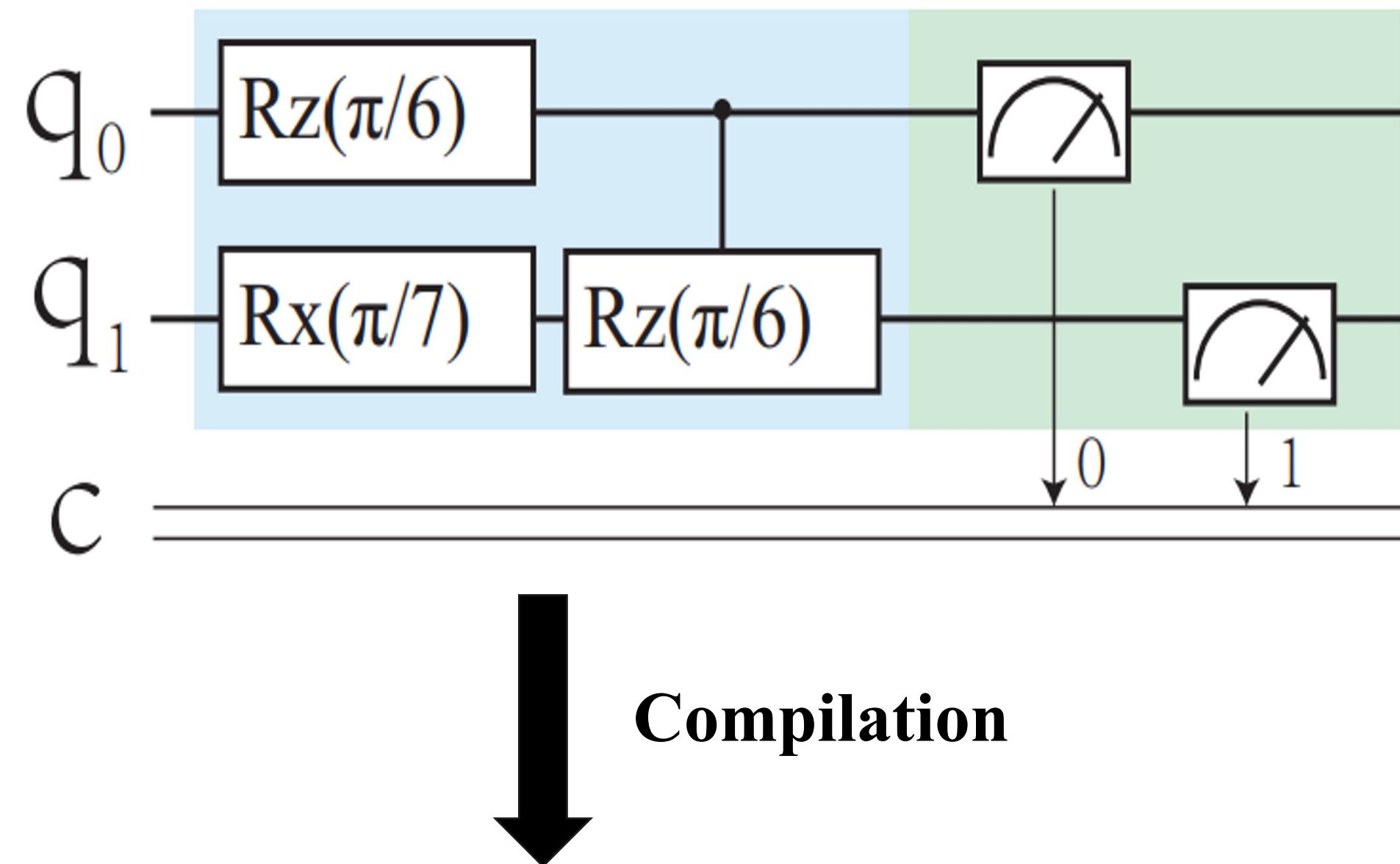


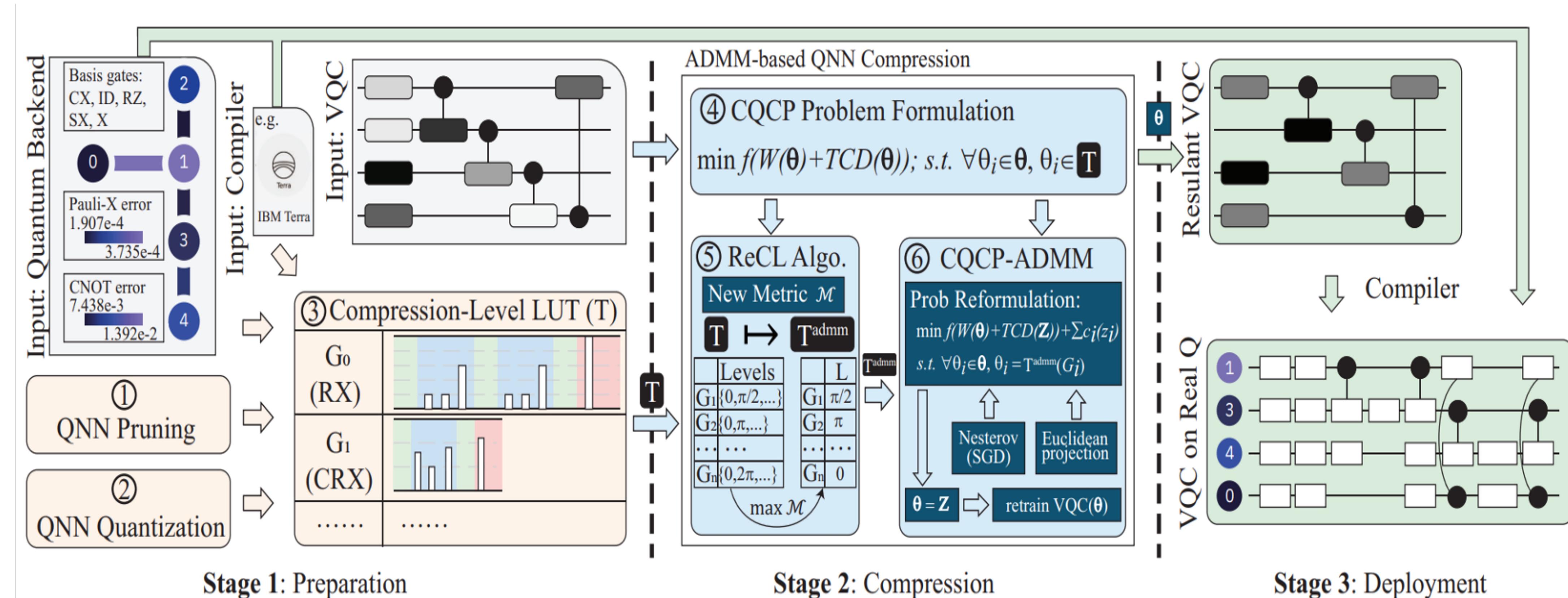
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|------|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| RX   | 0 | 1     | 0      | 1      | 0      | 1       | 3        | 1        | 3        | 5      |
| RY   | 0 | 2     | 0      | 2      | 0      | 3       | 3        | 3        | 3        | 4      |
| CRX  | 0 | 8     | 5      | 9      | 0      | 11      | 11       | 11       | 11       | 11     |
| CRY  | 0 | 8     | 6      | 8      | 0      | 10      | 10       | 10       | 10       | 10     |

# CompVQC

- General Overview

Three stages: 1. Preparation; 2. Compression; 3. Deployment

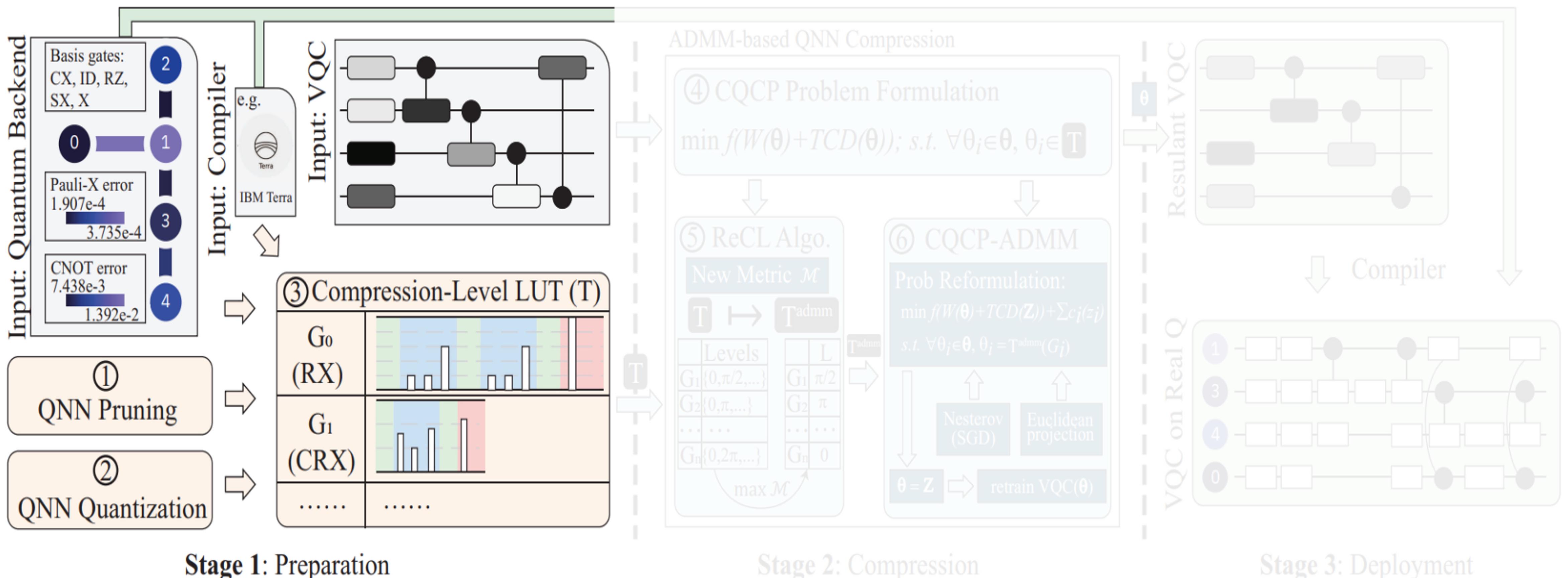


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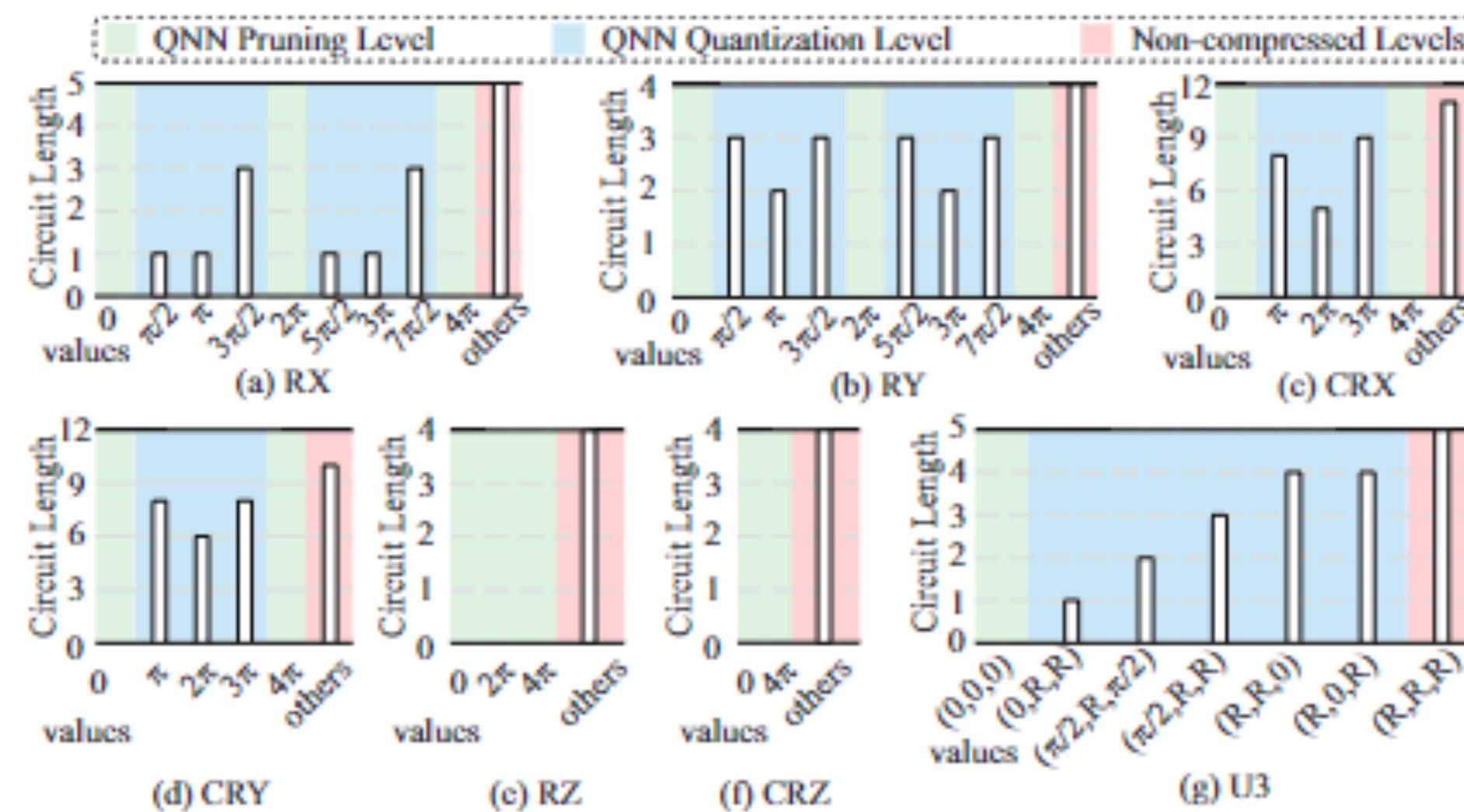


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- LUT Construction and Training a Quantum Model

- **Compression-Level Lookup Table (LUT)**

A combination of pruning/quantization level called as “compression level”.



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- **VQC Pre-Training**

A VQC model is pre-trained for compression and the training process is implemented with **Torch Quantum**.

# Hands-On Tutorial (1) : LUT Construction

- **Input**

- Fixing points list
- Logical Gates List to be used
- Quantum Backend

- **Do**

- Get the compiler for the backend
- Get the compiled circuit length of each Logical Gate at each special fixing points

```
#Input
test_fixing_points = [math.pi*4, math.pi*2, math.pi, math.pi*3, math.pi/2,
 math.pi/2*5, math.pi/2*7, math.pi/2*3, math.pi/6]
logical_gates = ['rx', 'ry', 'rz', 'crx', 'cry', 'crz']
backend = FakeValencia()

#api
df = LUT_construction(test_fixing_points, logical_gates, backend)
```

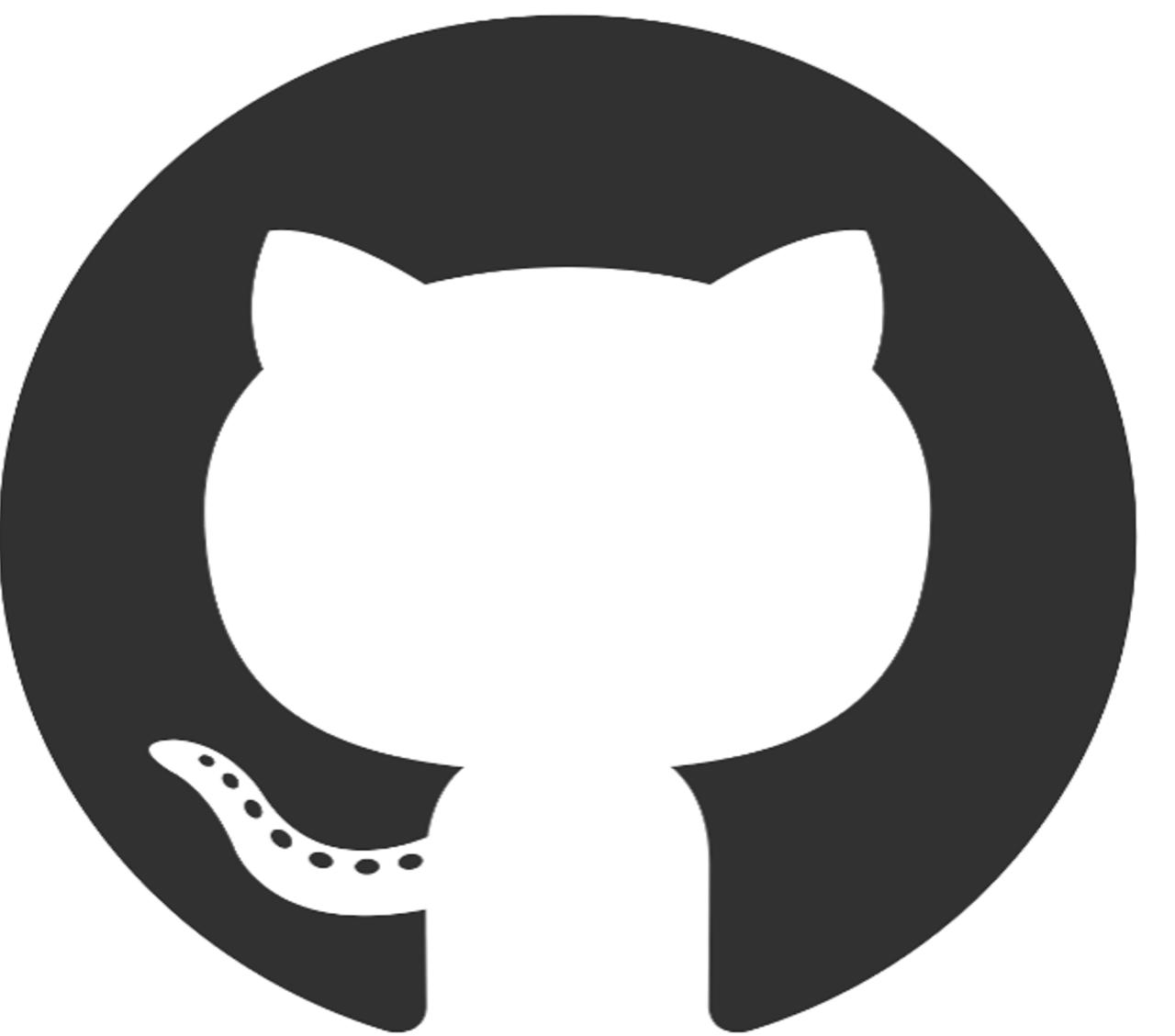
- **Output**

- Compression-Level Lookup Table (LUT)

| fixing_points | rx | ry | rz | crx | cry | crz |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 12.57         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 6.28          | 0  | 0  | 0  | 5   | 6   | 4   |
| 3.14          | 1  | 2  | 1  | 8   | 8   | 4   |
| 9.42          | 1  | 2  | 1  | 9   | 8   | 4   |
| 1.57          | 1  | 3  | 1  | 11  | 10  | 4   |
| 7.85          | 1  | 3  | 1  | 11  | 10  | 4   |
| 11.00         | 3  | 3  | 1  | 11  | 10  | 4   |
| 4.71          | 3  | 3  | 1  | 11  | 10  | 4   |
| 0.52          | 5  | 4  | 1  | 11  | 10  | 4   |

# Hands-On Tutorial (1)

## *LUT Construction*



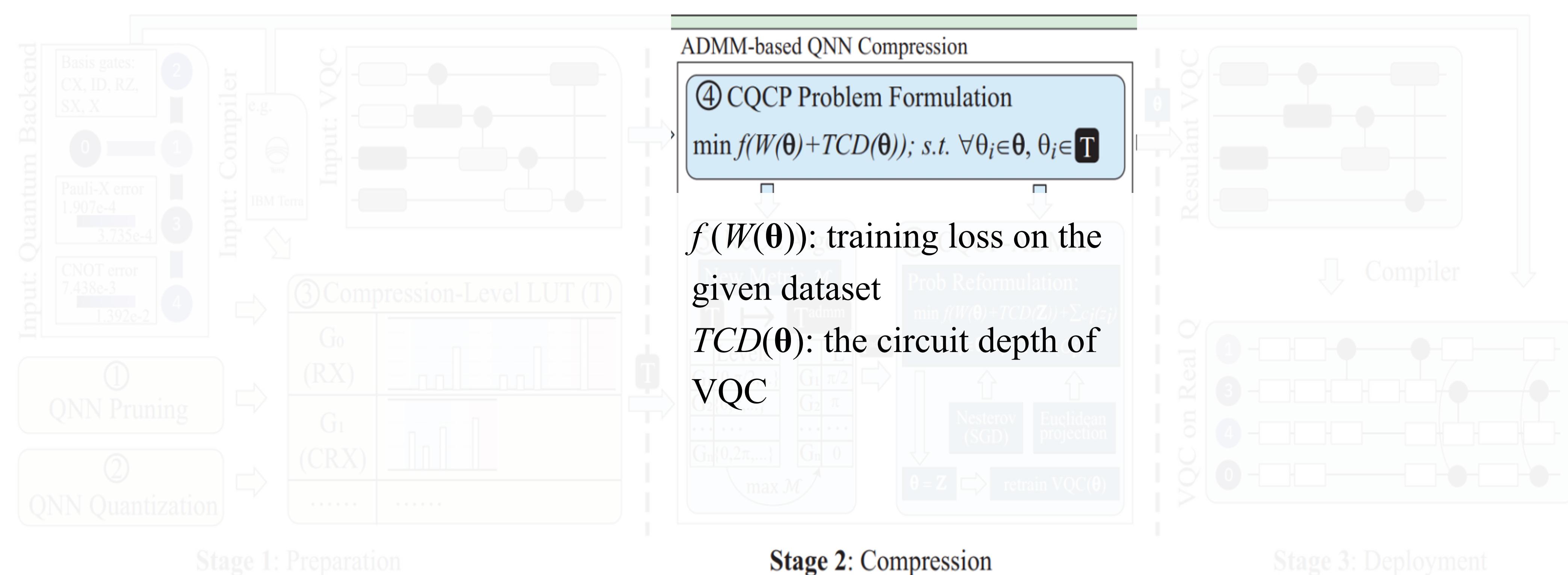
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- Problem Definition

Given VQC  $W(\theta)$ , LUT  $T$ , quantum compiler  $C$ , the problem is to determine trainable parameters  $\theta$ , such that:



# CompVQC

- Reconstruction LUT for ADMM

Process is conducted by traversing all quantum gates in VQC and **select the compression target with highest metric.**

A heuristic metric for the choice

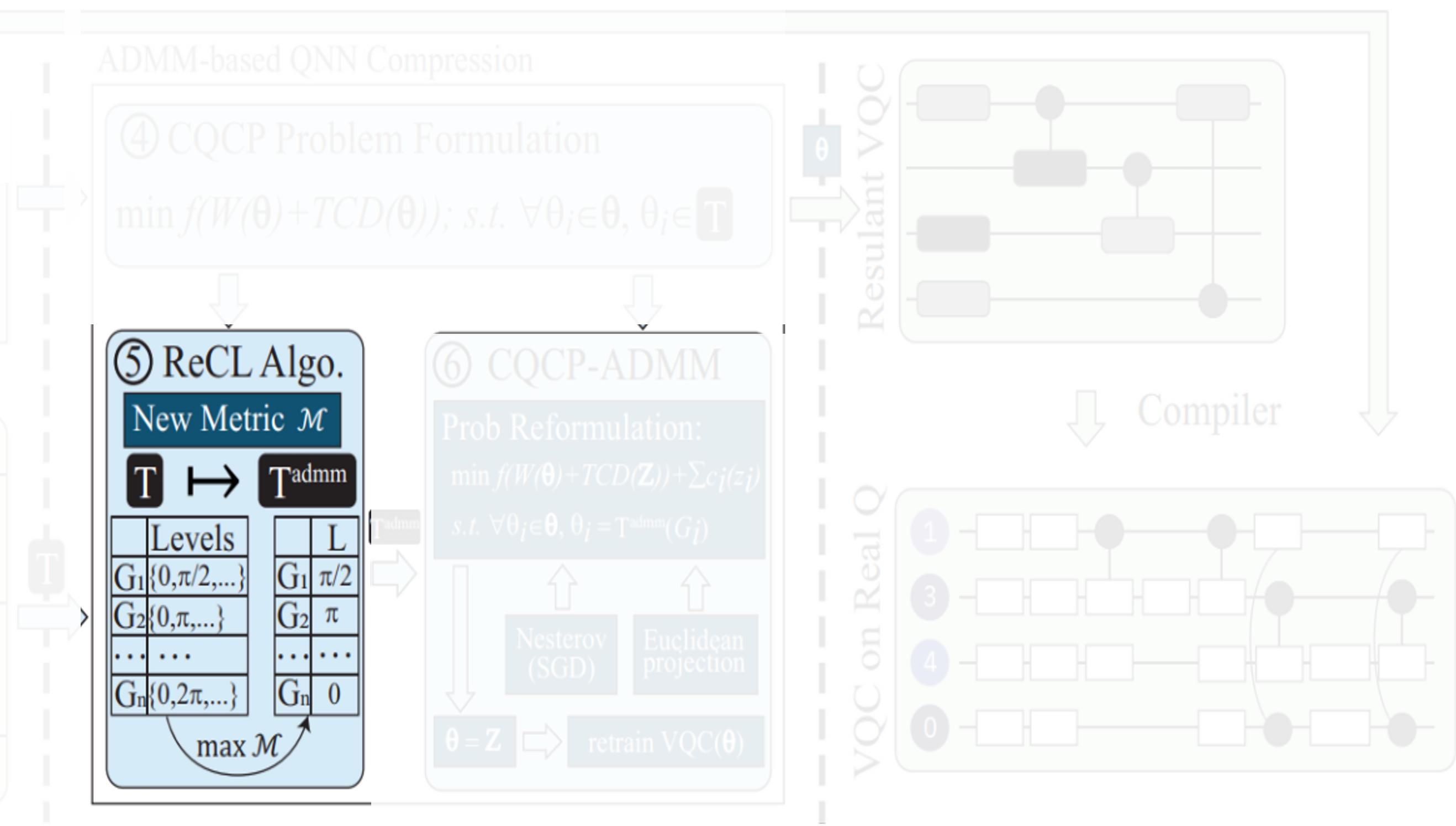
$$\mathcal{M}(\theta, G_i(\gamma_{i,k})) = acc(W(\theta^{i,k})) \cdot \tau(\theta^{i,k}, \theta)$$

$$\tau(\theta^{i,k}, \theta) = \frac{TCD(\theta)}{TCD(\theta^{i,k})}$$

$acc(W(\theta^{i,k}))$ : the accuracy of the VQC under new parameters

$TCD(\theta)$ : the inverse of the compression ratio by changing parameters from  $\theta$  to  $\theta^{i,k}$

Stage 1: Preparation



# Hands-On Tutorial (2) : Reconstruct LUT for ADMM

- **Input**

- A trained model
- Original LUT
- The metrics function of accuracy and length

```
#input
model = torch.load('model.pth')
lut = pd.read_csv('lut.csv')
def metrics_func(acc, depth):
 return acc+1.0/depth
backend = FakeValencia()
```

- **For each parameter, Do**

- Replace it with points at compression level in original LUT while fixing other parameters
- Calculate the metrics of each new model
- Select the point with the highest metric as the compression level for ADMM

```
#api
new_lut = LUT_reconstruction(model, lut, backend, metrics_func)
```

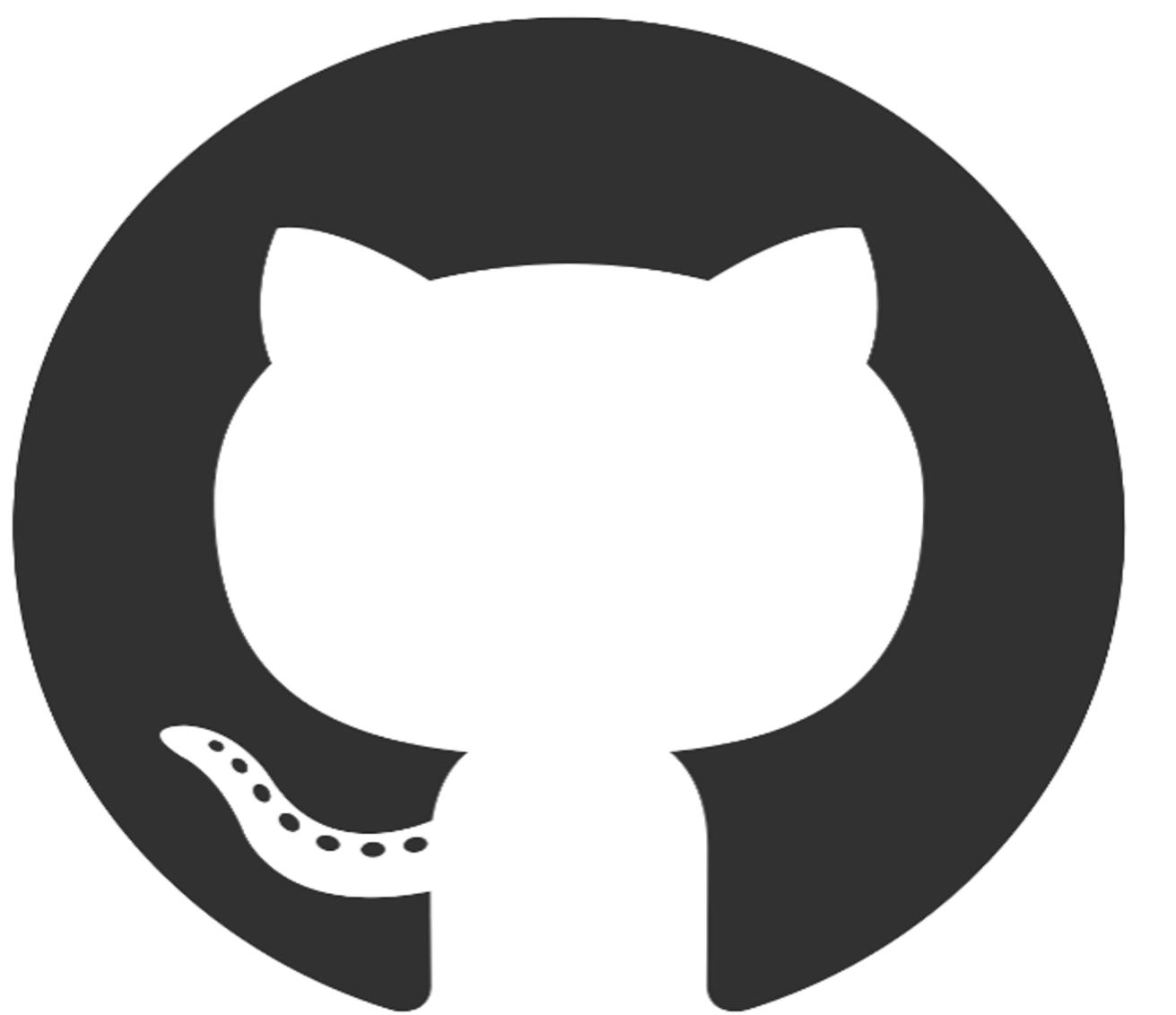
- **Output**

- A new LUT for ADMM

```
[1.57 6.28 11. 6.28 4.71 1.57 3.14 9.42 6.28 12.57 12.57 9.42
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```

# Hands-On Tutorial (2)

## *Reconstruct LUT for ADMM*



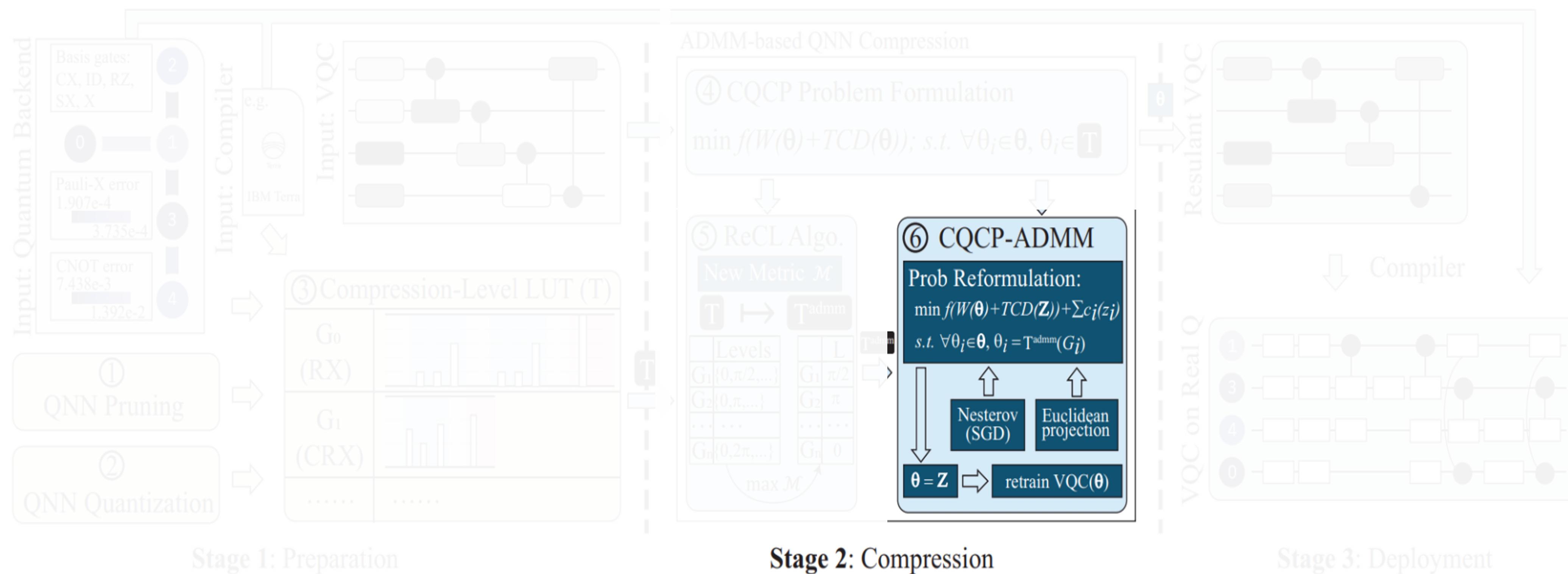
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- Compression based on ADMM

Each parameter can either be compressed to the target value in  $T^{\text{admm}}$  or not compressed.



# CompVQC

- Compression based on ADMM

Given reconstructed compression-level LUT  $T^{admm}$ , the CQCP is formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{\theta_i\}} \quad & f(W(\theta)) + TCD(Z) + \sum_{\forall z_i \in Z} c_i(z_i), \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \forall \theta_i \in \theta, \quad \theta_i = T^{admm}(G_i). \end{aligned}$$

$Z$ : a set of auxiliary variables for subproblem decomposition and  $z_i \in \mathbf{Z}$  is corresponding to  $\theta_i \in \theta$

$f(W(\theta)) + TCD(Z)$  : the objective function in the original CQCP problem(previously seen).

$$c_i(z_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_i \in T^{s,r}(G_i), T^{s,r} = T^{admm} \odot mask^r \\ +\infty & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$c_i(z_i)$ : An indicator function to serve as a penalty term

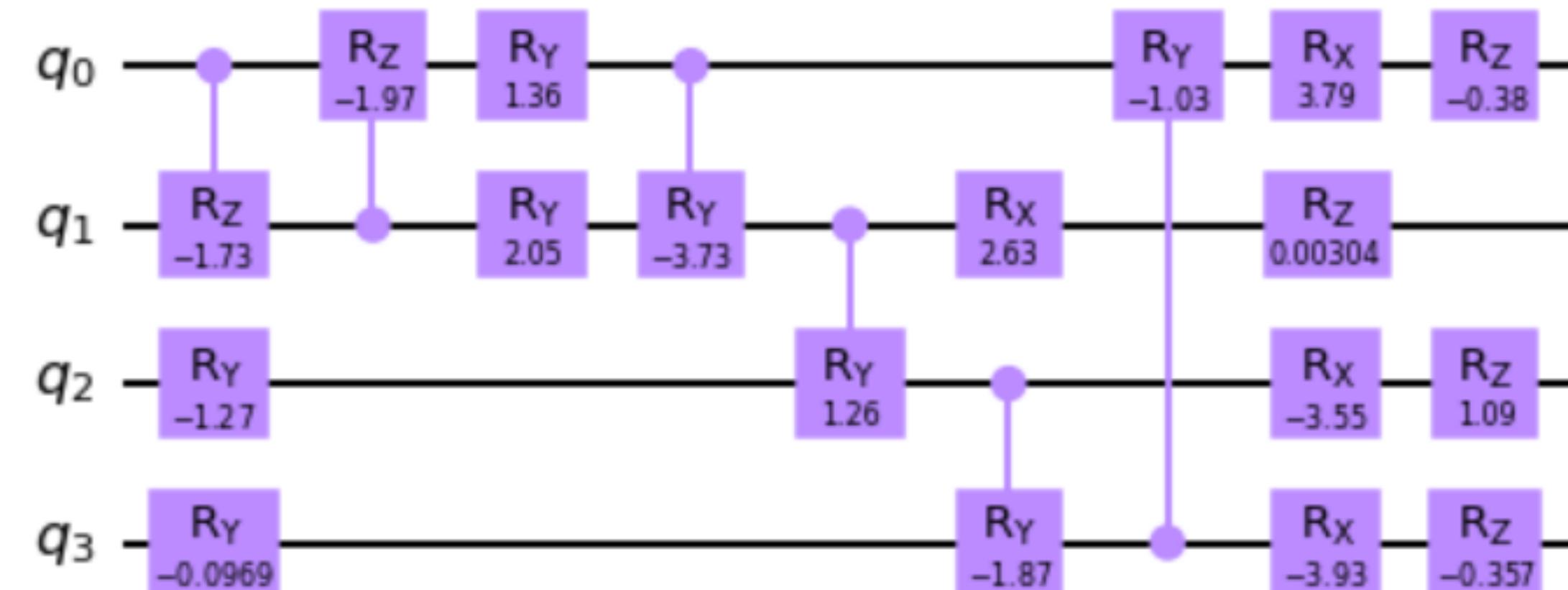
$mask^r$ : variable to indicate whether the parameters will be compressed at iteration  $r$ .

# Hands-On Tutorial (3) : Compression based on ADMM

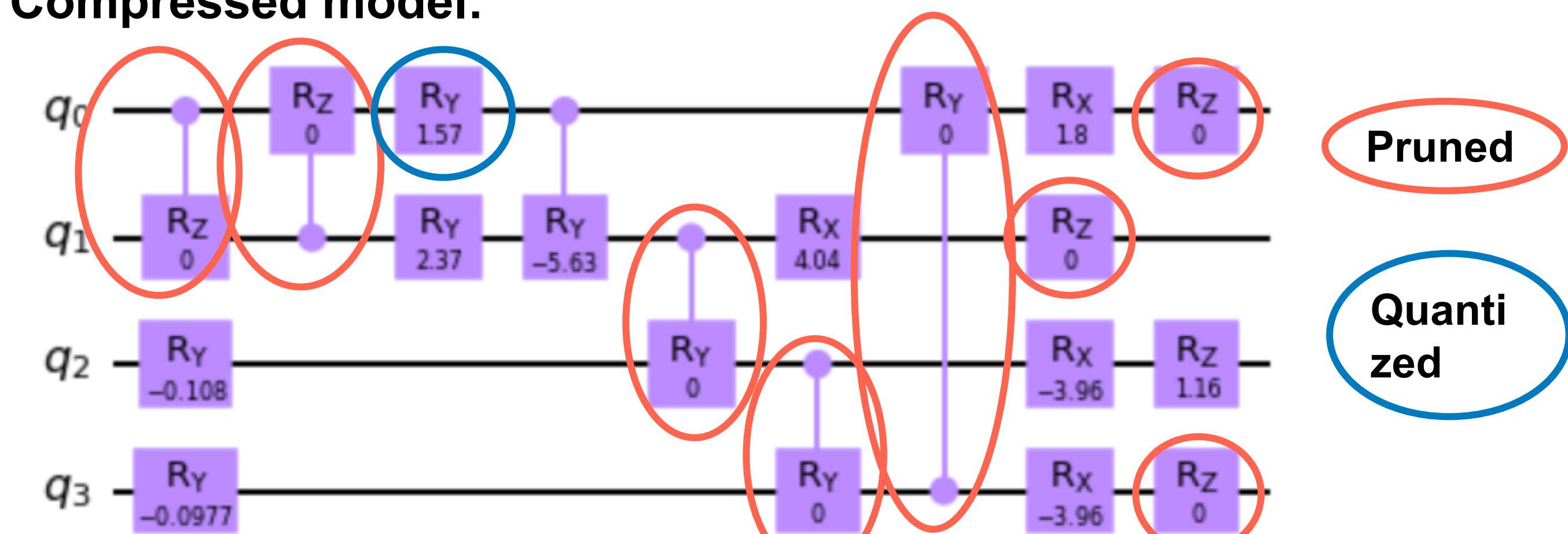
- **Input**
  - A trained model
  - A new LUT for ADMM
- **Do**
  - Compress a model with ADMM
  - Fine-tune the compressed model
- **Output**
  - A compressed model

|                | Circuit Length | Accuracy |
|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Original model | 51             | 95.6%    |
| Compressed     | 21             | 96.60%   |

- **Original model:**

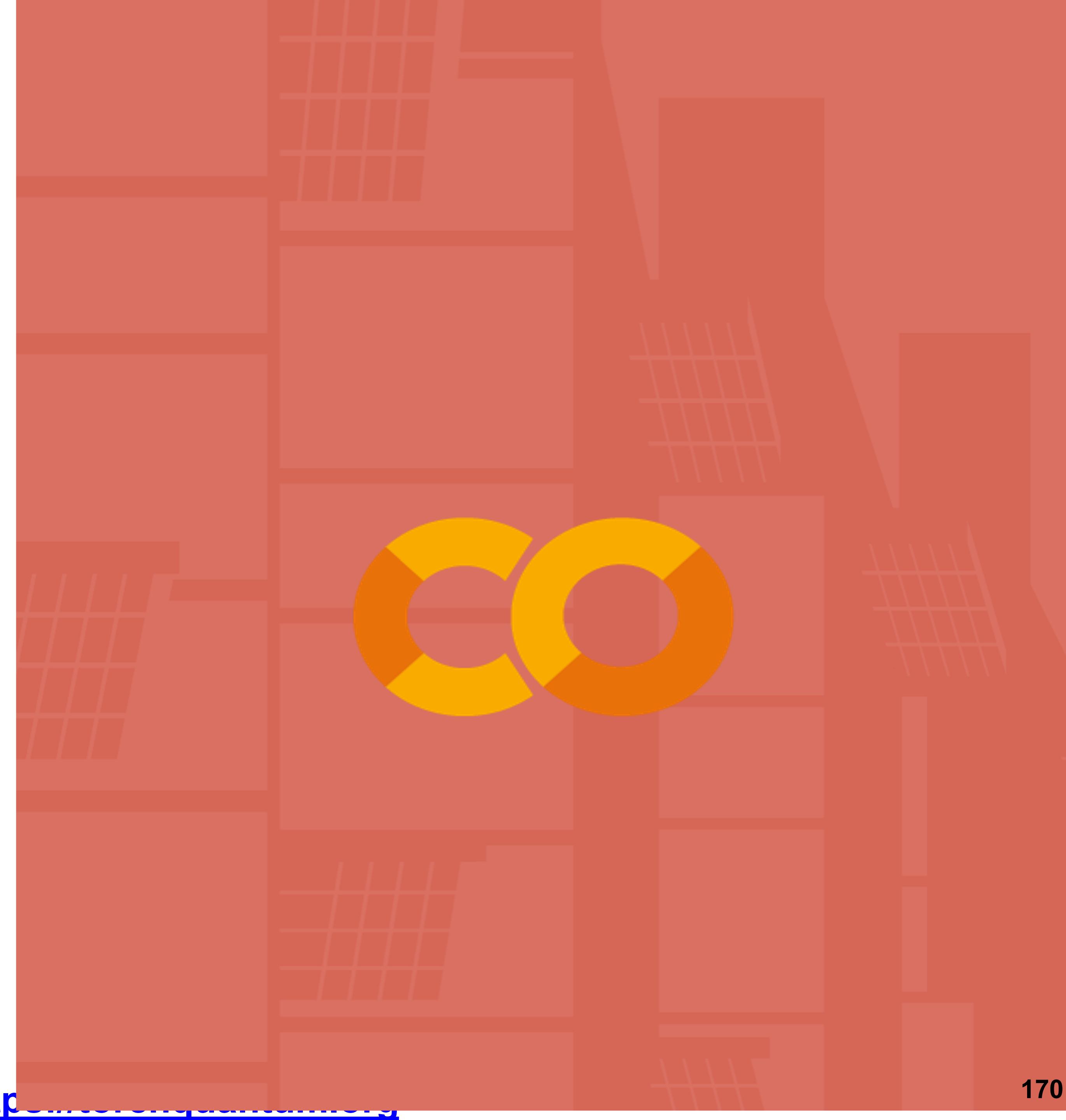
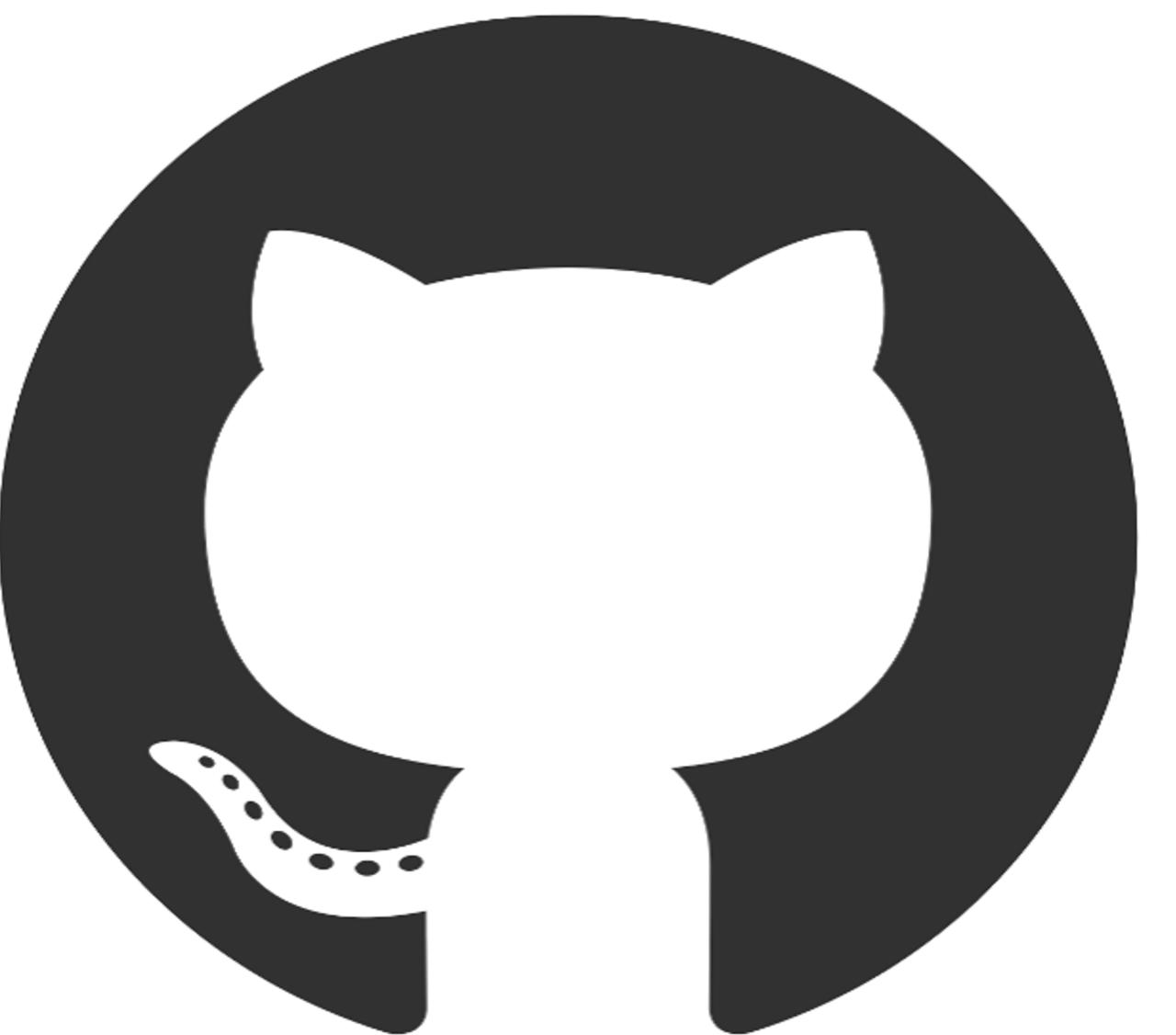


- **Compressed model:**



# Hands-On Tutorial (3)

## *Compression based on ADMM*

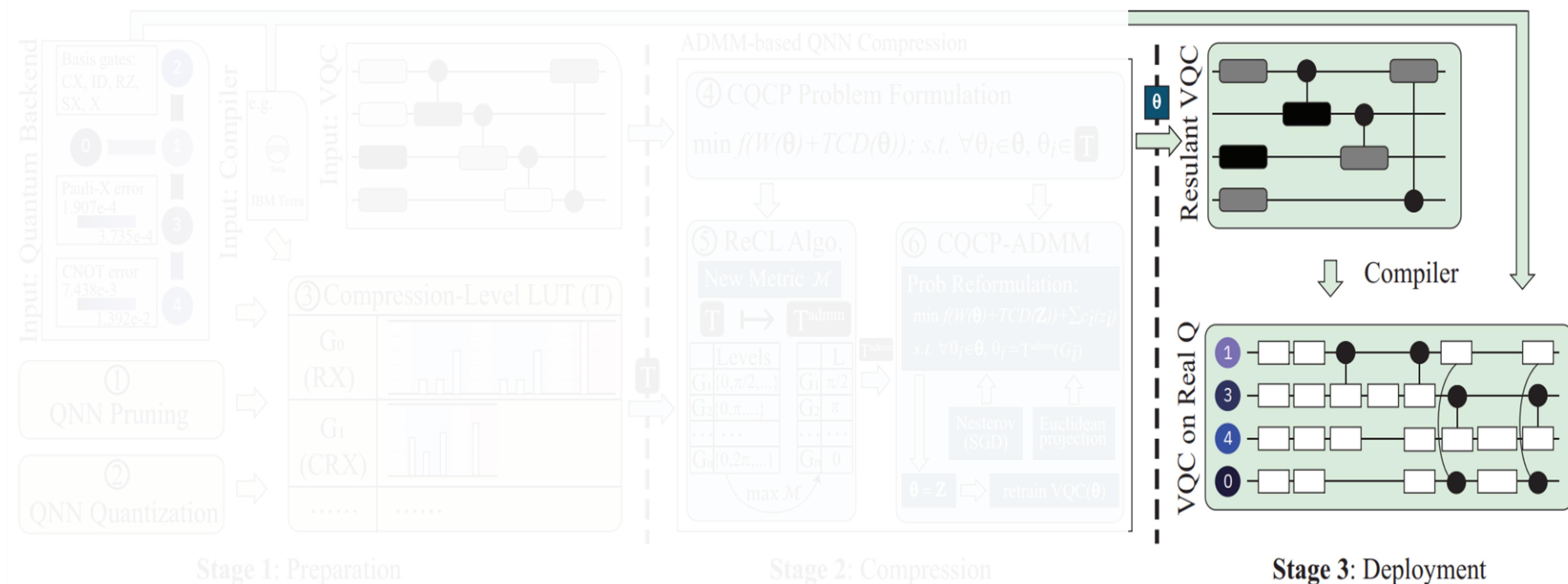


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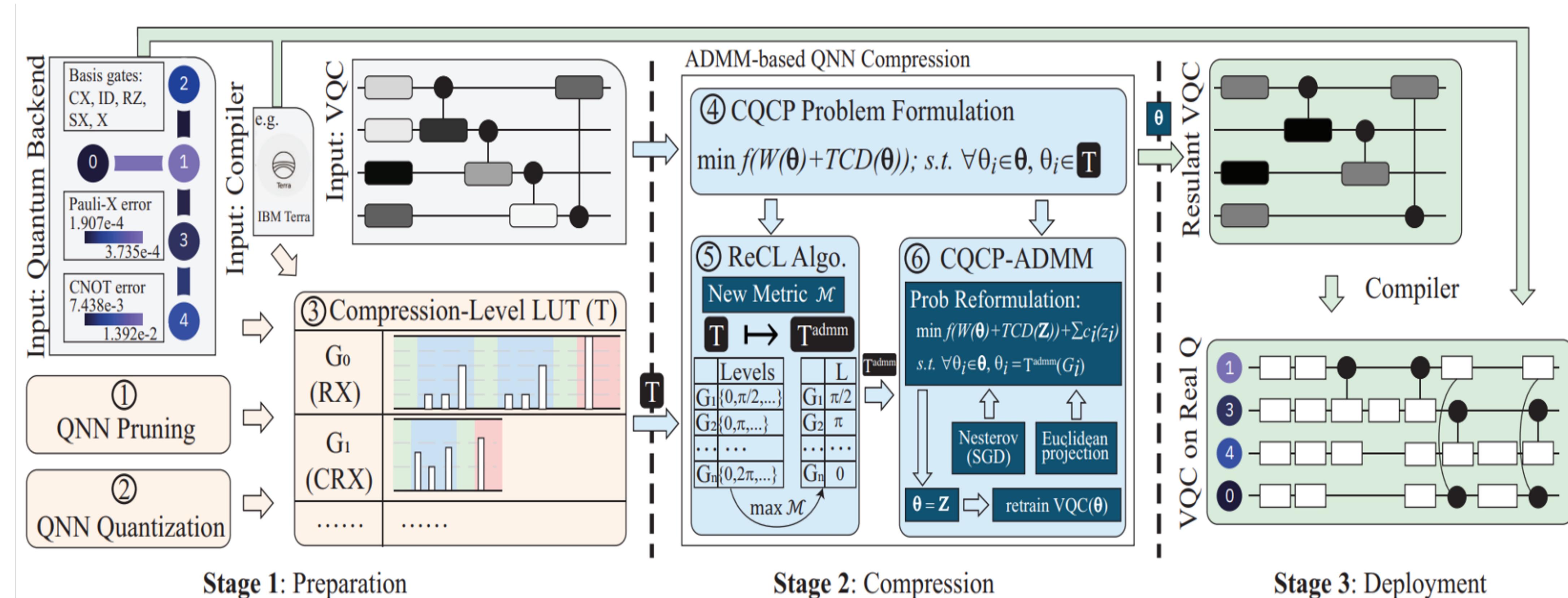
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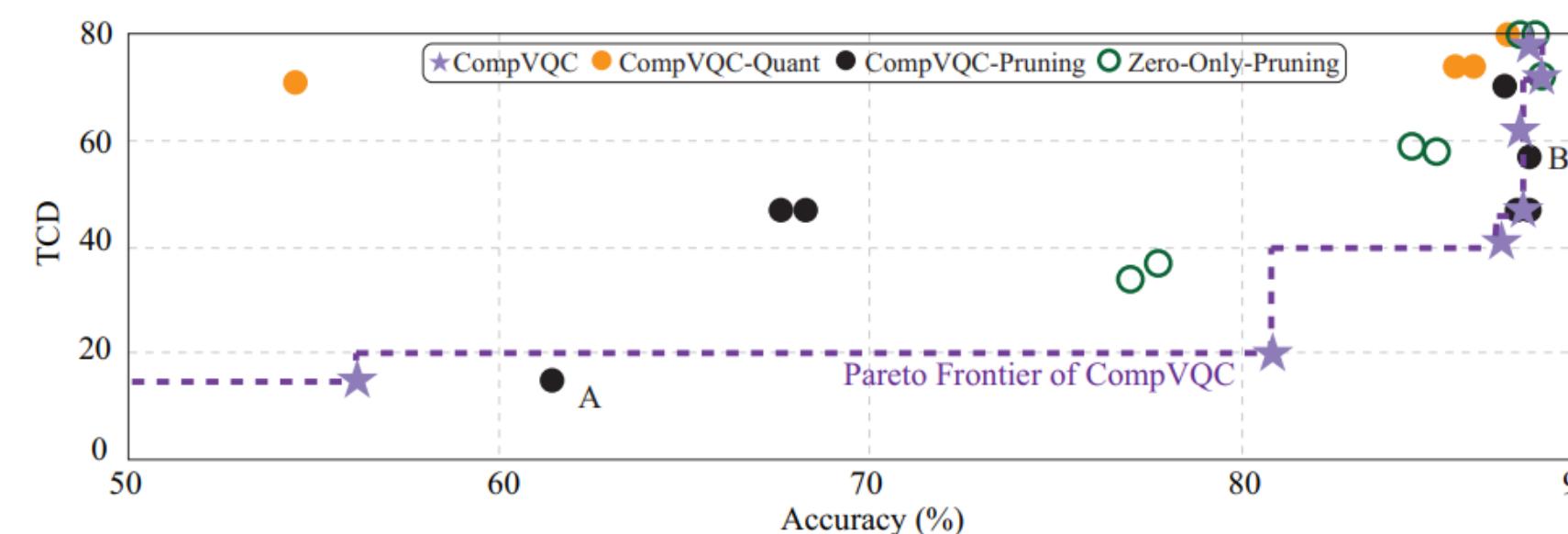
# Experimental Results

- Simulation Results on ML Dataset

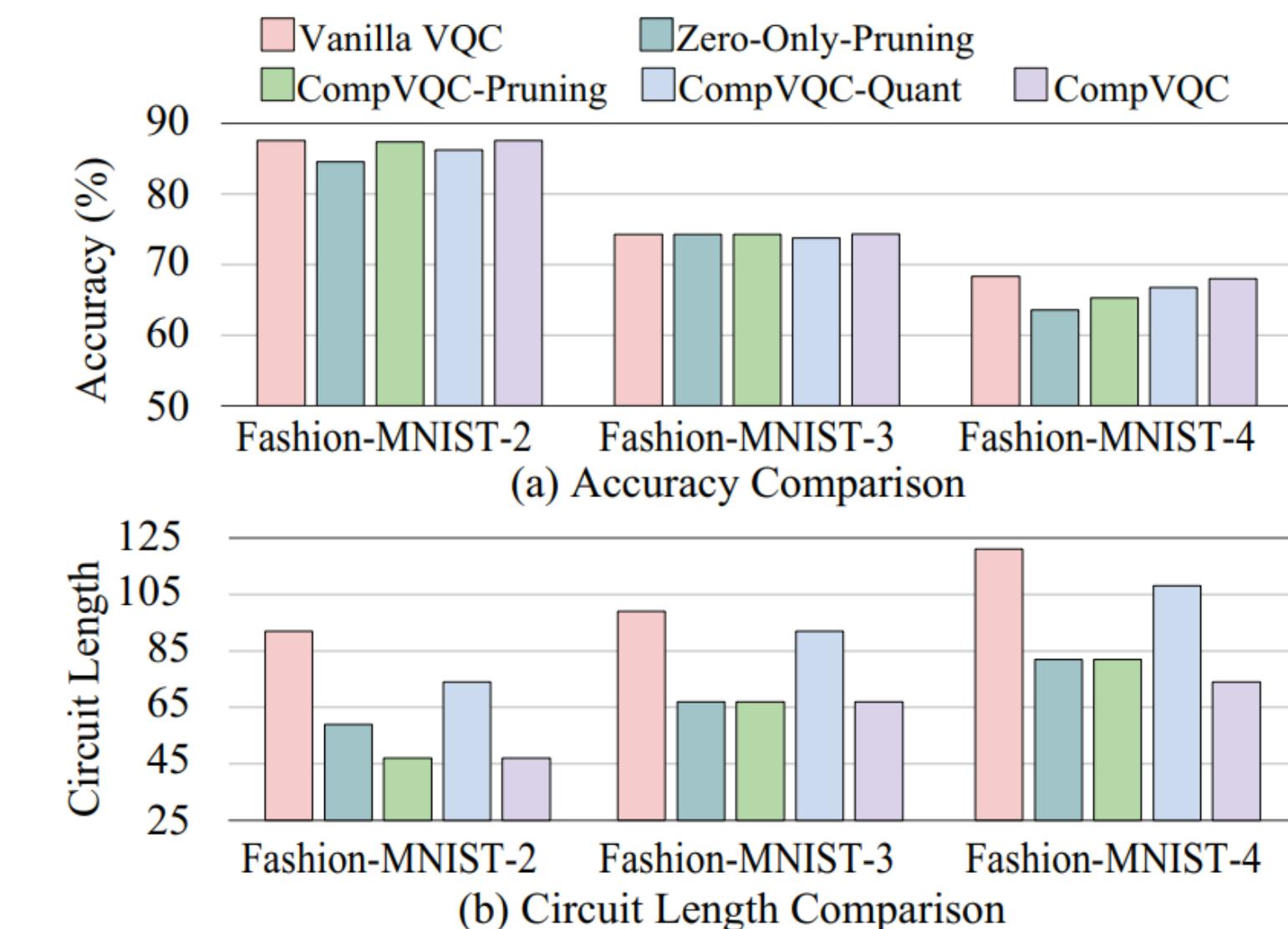
CompVQC can maintain high accuracy with **<1% accuracy loss**. And the reduction of circuit length is up to **2.5X**.

**Table 2: Comparison among different methods on the accuracy performance and the TCD of the VQC**

| Compression Method | MNIST-2               |                  | Fashion-MNIST-2       |                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|                    | Acc. (vs. Baseline)   | TCD (Speedup)    | Acc. (vs. Baseline)   | TCD (Speedup)    |
| Vanilla VQC        | 82.74%(0)             | 121(0)           | 87.58%(0)             | 92(0)            |
| Zero-Only-Pruning  | 80.58%(-2.16%)        | 70(1.73×)        | 86.92%(-0.67%)        | 63(1.46×)        |
| CompVQC-Pruning    | 81.83%(-0.91%)        | 74(1.64 ×)       | 87.41%(-0.17%)        | 47(1.96×)        |
| CompVQC-Quant      | 80.99%(-1.75%)        | 108(1.10×)       | 86.25%(-1.33%)        | 74(1.24×)        |
| CompVQC            | <b>81.83%(-0.91%)</b> | <b>47(2.57×)</b> | <b>87.58%(-0.00%)</b> | <b>47(1.96×)</b> |



**Figure 5: Main results: The Accuracy-Circuit Depth Tradeoff on Fashion-MNIST2**



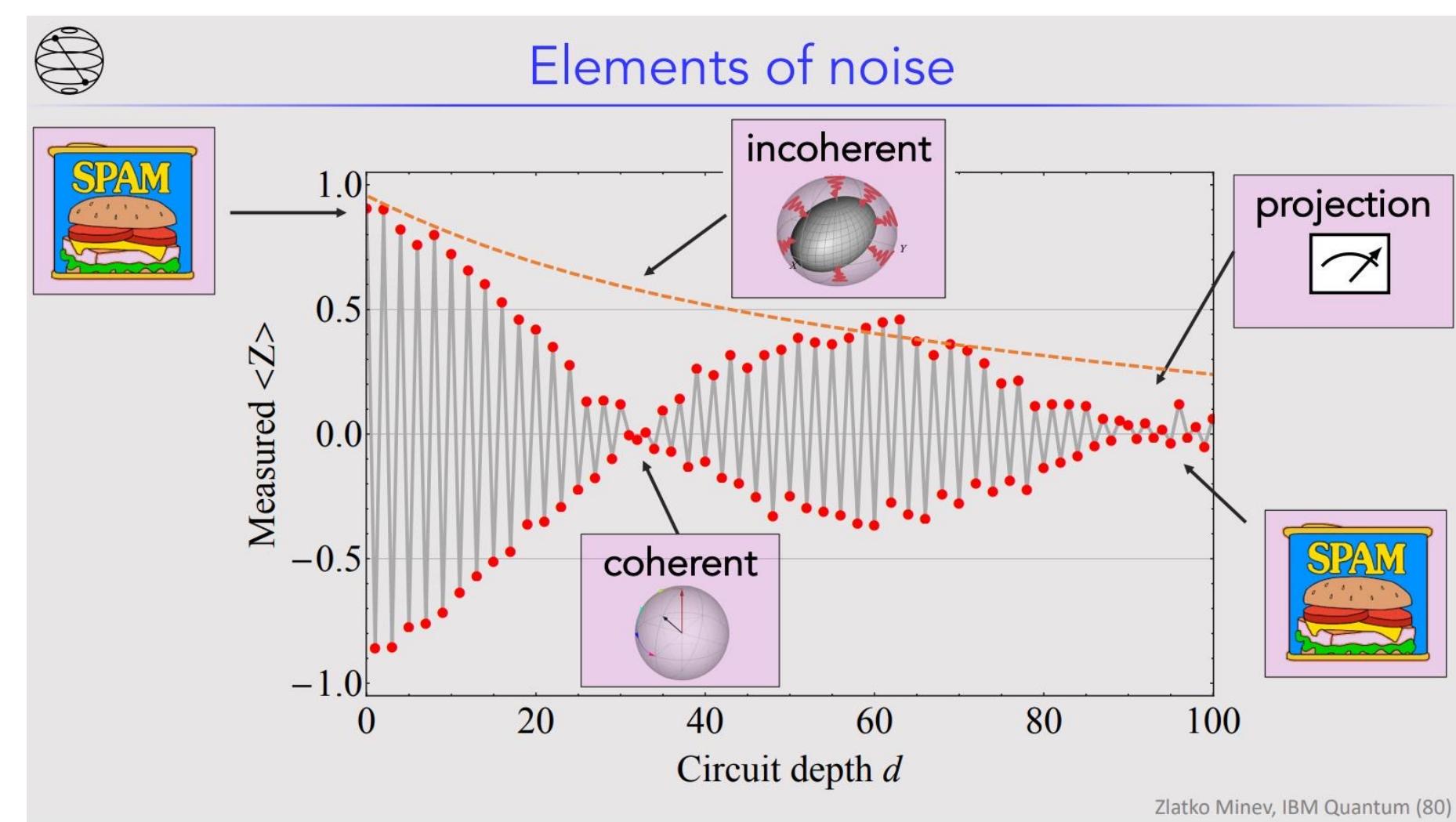
**Figure 6: Main Results: CompVQC Scalability on Fashion-MNIST with 2-4 class**

# Experimental Results

- Results on Multiple IBM Quantum Computers

CompVQC can reduce circuit length by 2x while the accuracy is also higher in a noisy environment

| Datasets            | Syn-Dataset-4          |                  | Syn-Dataset-16         |                  |           |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Compression Method  | Acc.<br>(vs. Baseline) | TCD<br>(Speedup) | Acc.<br>(vs. Baseline) | TCD<br>(Speedup) |           |
| Qiskit Aer          | Vanilla VQC            | 94%(0)           | 23(0)                  | 96%(0)           | 51(0)     |
|                     | Comp-VQC               | 99%(5%)          | 11(2.09×)              | 98%(2%)          | 23(2.22×) |
| IBM Q               | Vanilla VQC            | 79%(-15%)        | 23(1.00×)              | 86%(-10%)        | 51(1.00×) |
|                     | CompVQC                | 99%(5%)          | 11(2.09×)              | 98%(2%)          | 23(2.22×) |
| Acc.(vs. Baseline)  | ibm_lagos              | ibm_perth        | ibm_jakarta            |                  |           |
| Vanilla VQC(TCD=23) | 79%(0)                 | 86%(0)           | 92%(0)                 |                  |           |
| CompVQC(TCD=11)     | 99%(20%)               | 98%(12%)         | 100%(8%)               |                  |           |



Circuit compression can make the QNN model more robust to the noise

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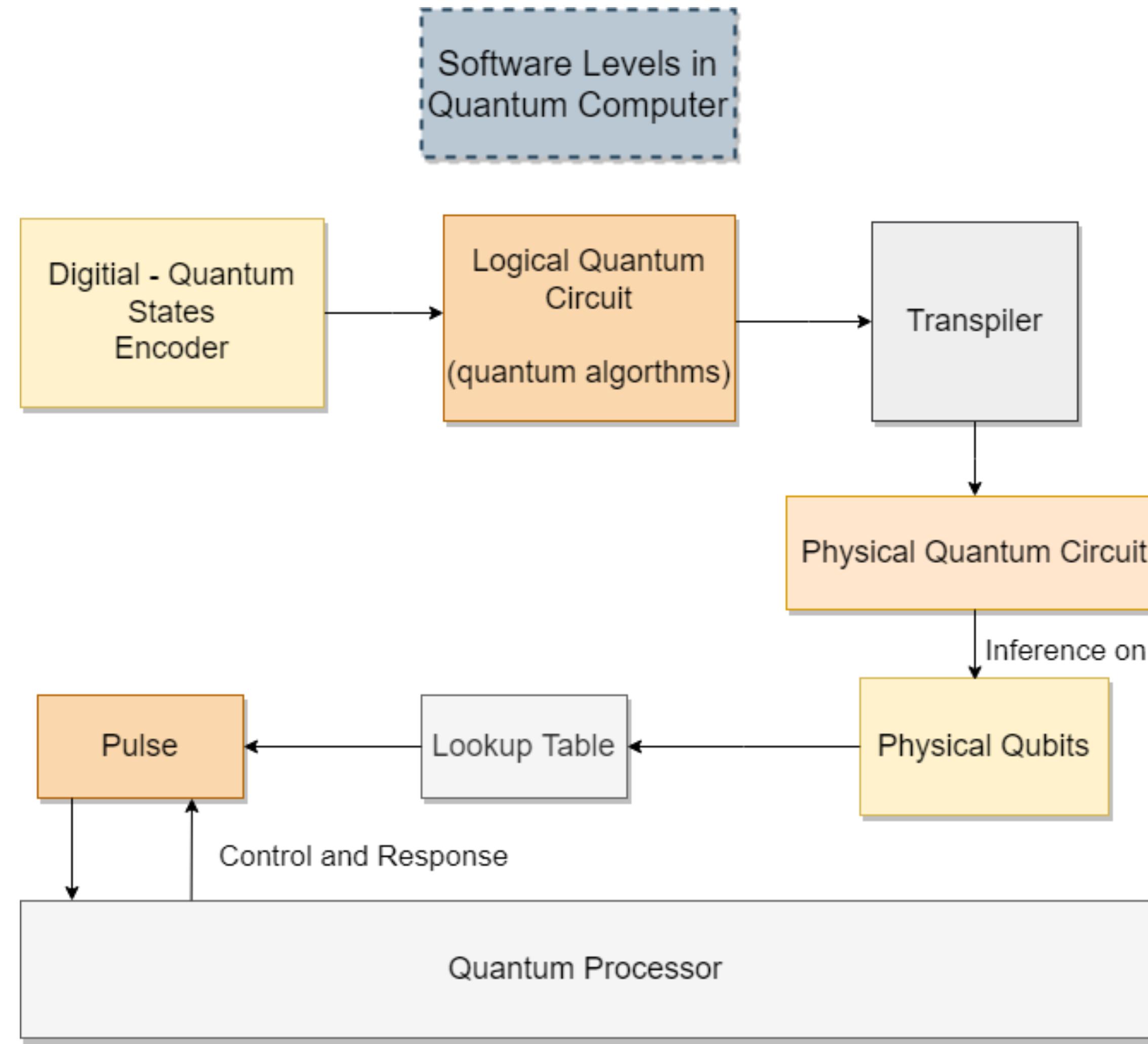
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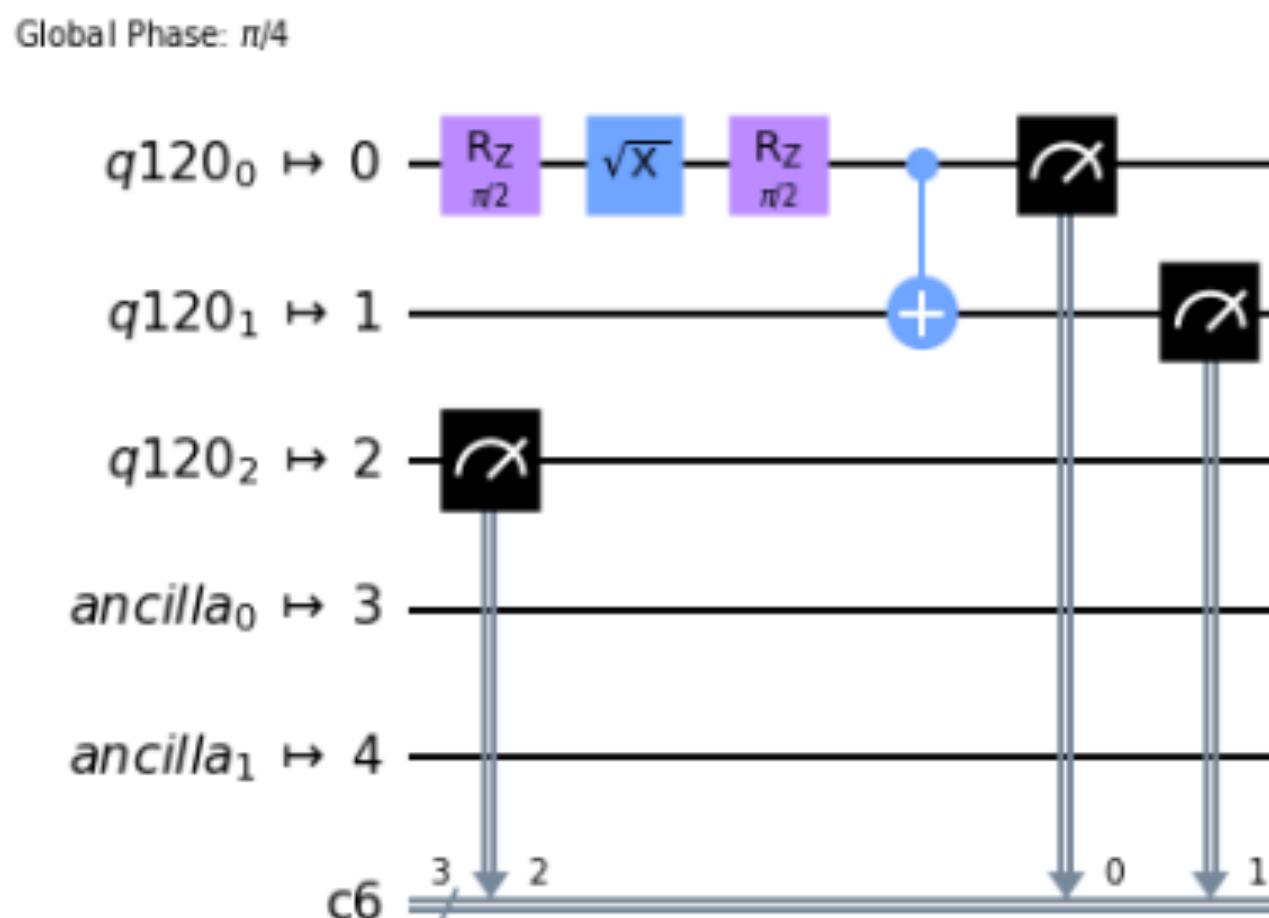
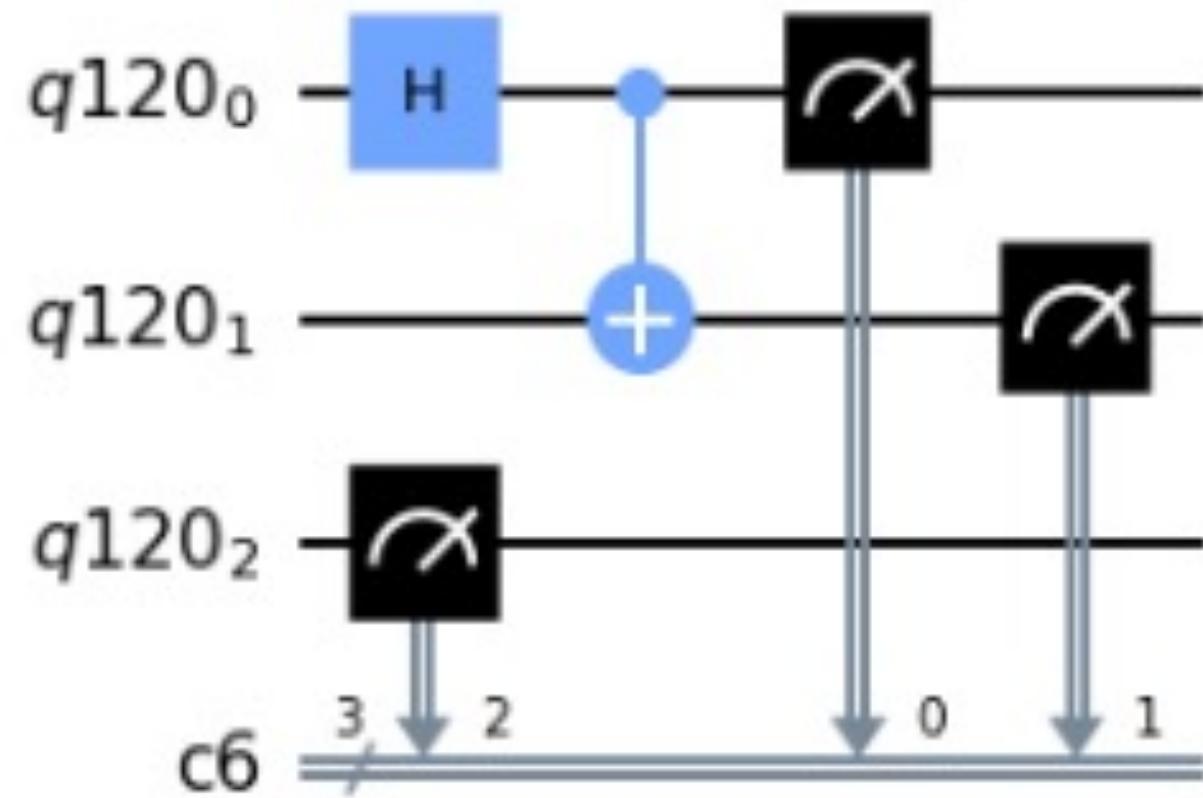
# Brief Overview of Workflow

- When we want to execute a quantum program on a quantum computer, we need to compile it first:



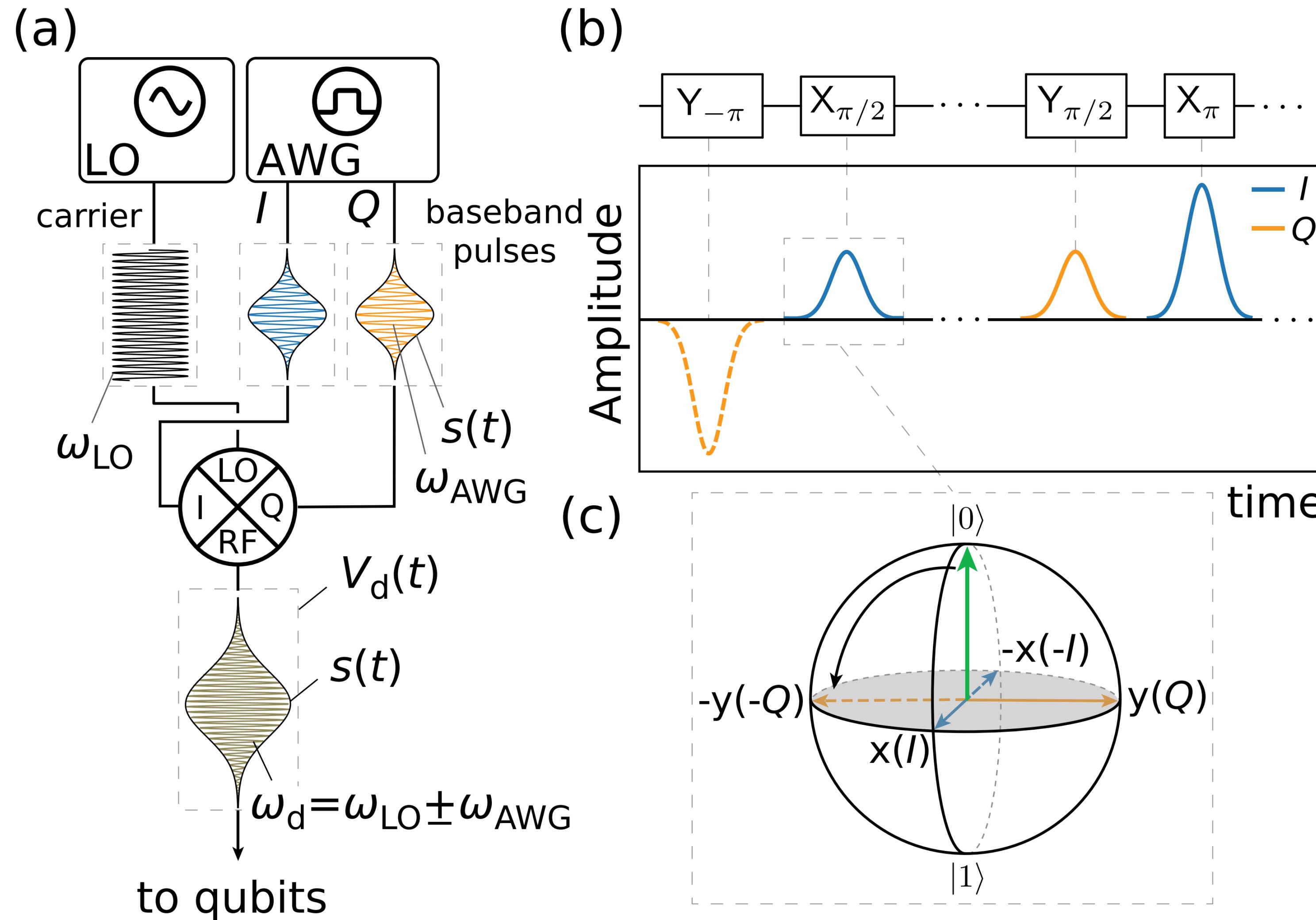
# Pulse-Based and Gate-Based

- Gate- and Pulse-level are two different abstraction layers.



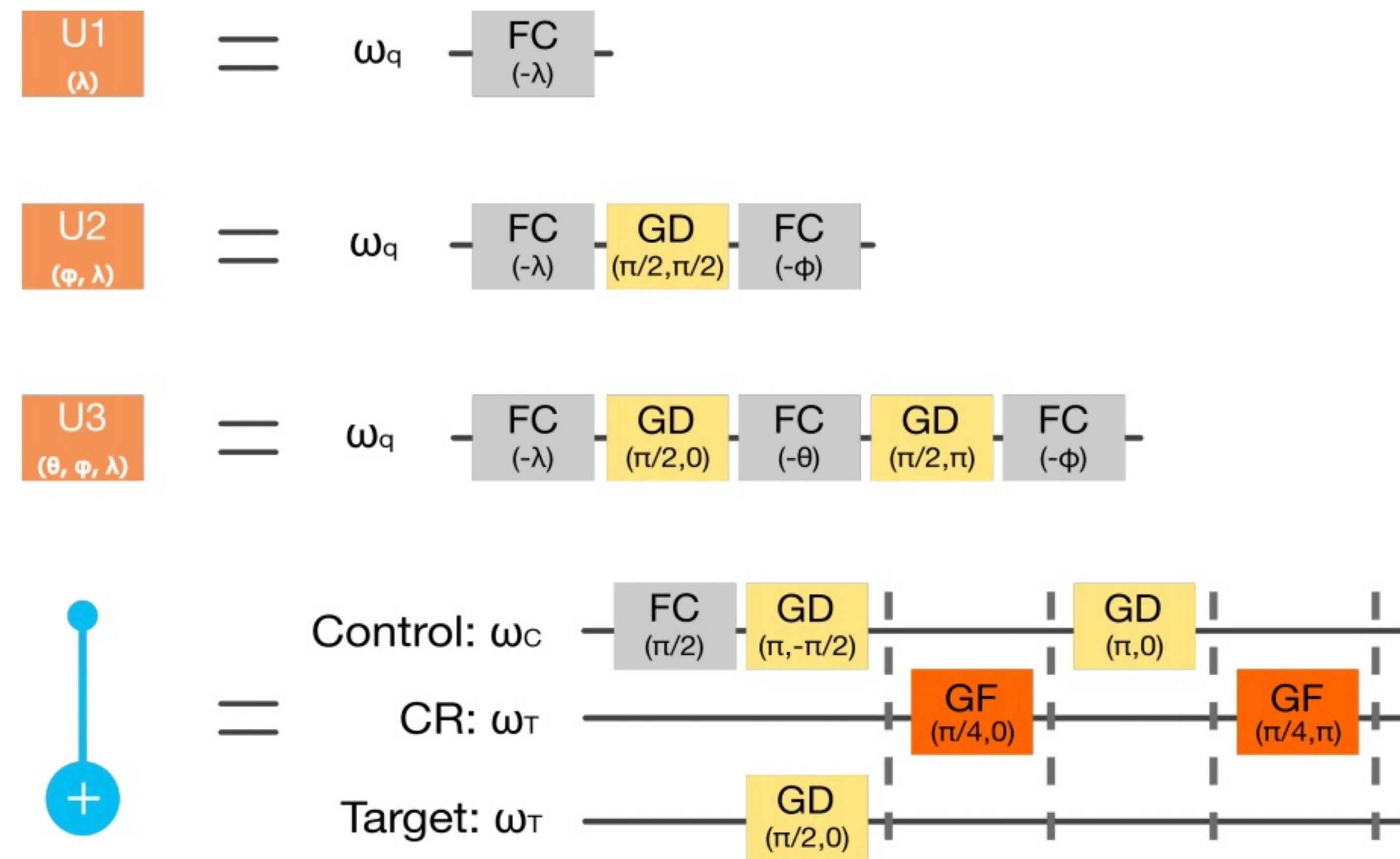
# Pulse-Based and Gate-Based

- The microwave is used to control the quantum bits.



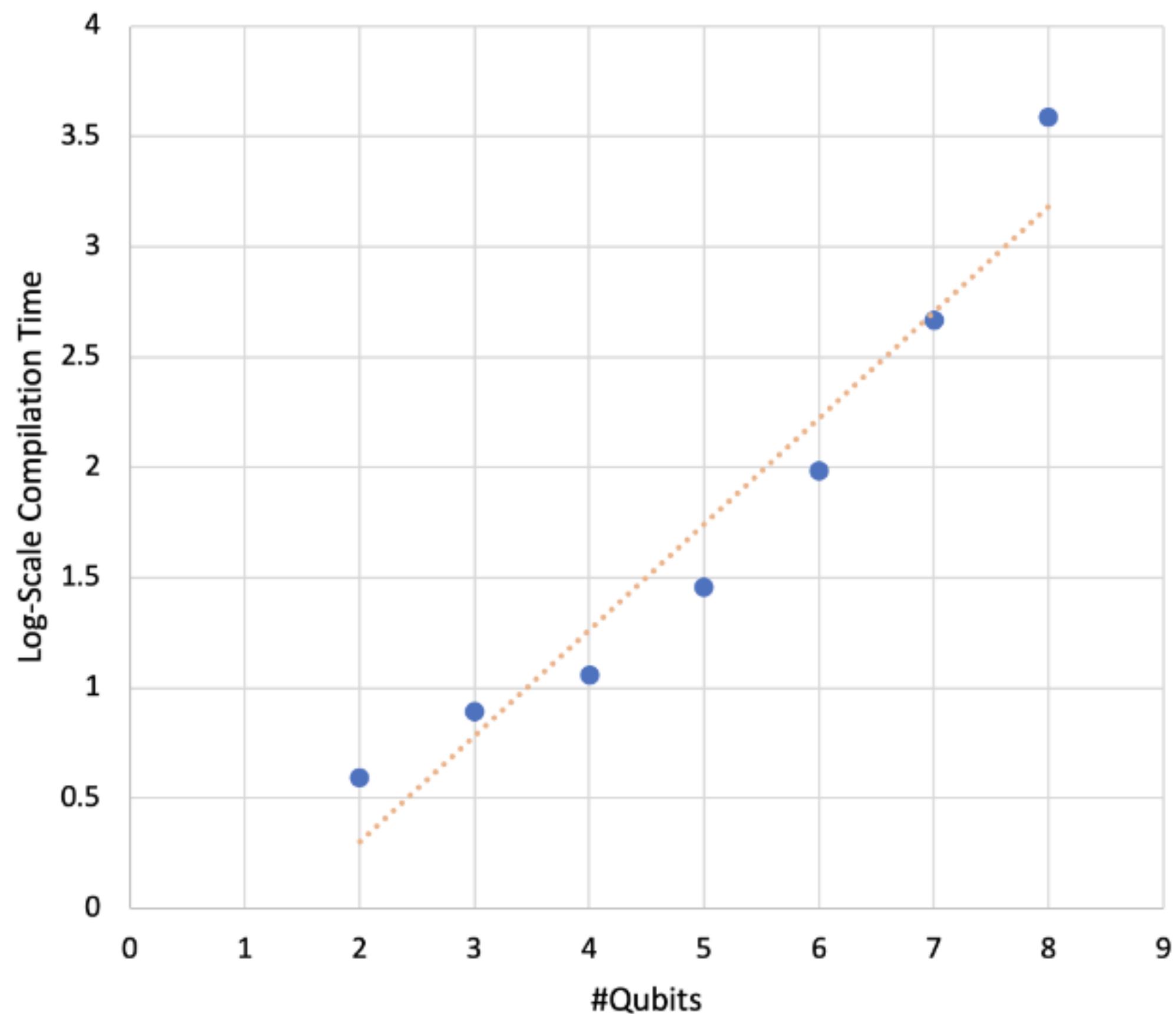
# Gate-based Compilation

- Each gate corresponds to a pulse. One-by-one concatenation of all pulses realize the function of many gates.



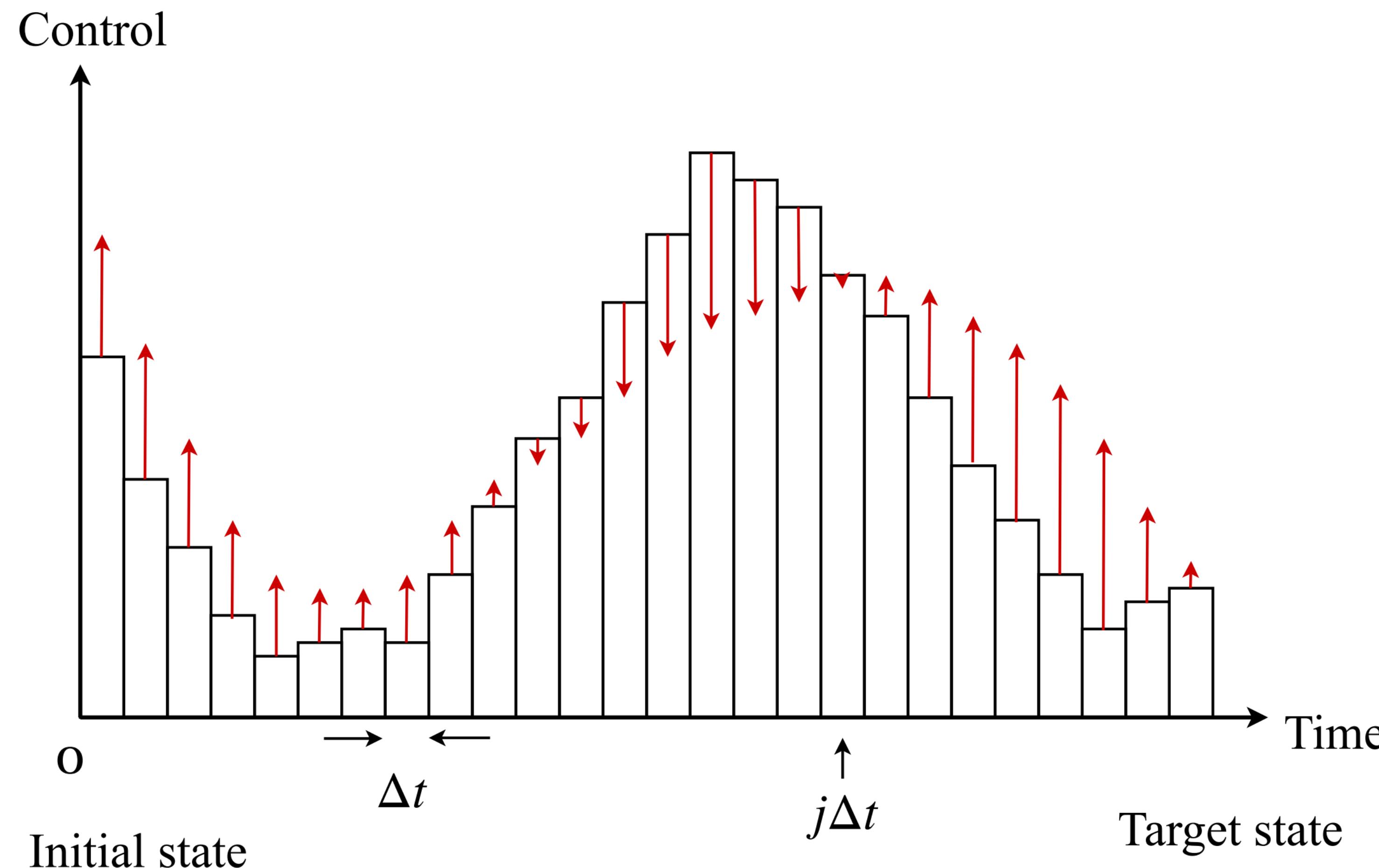
# Quantum Optimal Control(QOC)

- QOC is commonly used to generate pulses (from target unitary matrices to pulses)
- QOC is computationally expensive



# Quantum Optimal Control (QOC)

- As shown in the figure, the control pulse is divided into multiple time slots. The amplitude of each time slot will be adjusted through optimization.



# Accqoc: Group-based Pre-compilation

- Instead of dealing with single gate, we generate pulses from groups of gates.

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## Algorithm 1 Bit Dividing

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**Require:** qasm files, bit constraint(bc)

**Ensure:** large-groups

```
1: Initialize large-groups
2: for qasm in all qasm files do
3: DAG = ToDAG(qasm)
4: for node in DAG.topological-order: do
5: if node can be grouped with both predecessor then
6: Merge the groups the two predecessors are in
7: else if node can be grouped with one predecessor
then
8: Group the node with the predecessor
9: Update large-groups
10: else if node can be group with no predecessor then
11: Put the node in a new group
12: Update large-groups
13: end if
14: end for
15: end for
16: return large-groups
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## Algorithm 2 Layer Dividing

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**Require:** large-groups, layer constraint(lc)

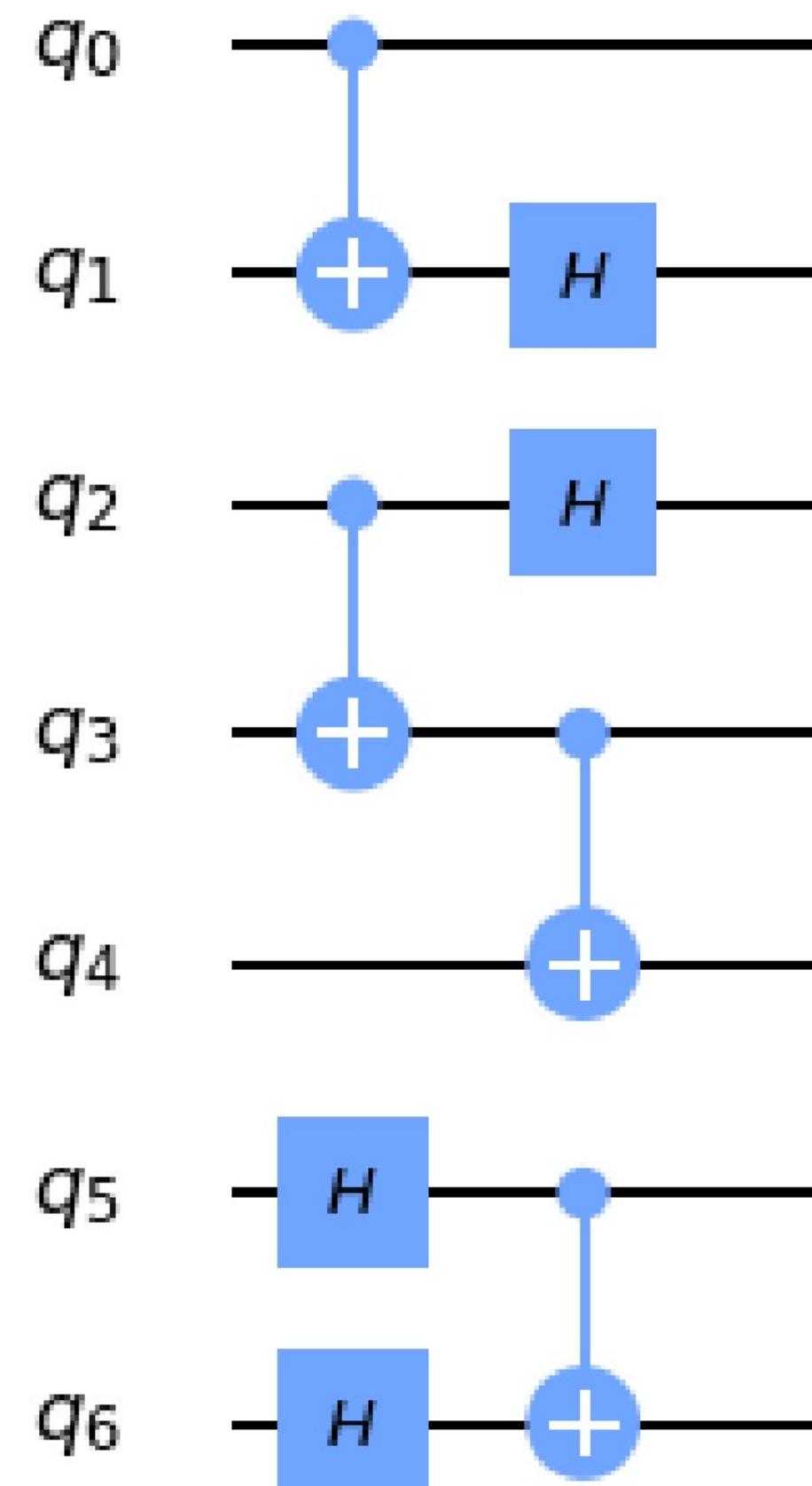
**Ensure:** group list

```
1: Initialize group-list
2: for node in DAG.topological-order: do
3: Depth[node] = max(Depth[node's predecessor(s)]) + 1
4: end for
5: for subgroup in large-groups: do
6: startDepth = depth of shallowest node
7: layer = 0
8: Initialize temp-group
9: for node in subgroup: do
10: diff = depth[node] - start
11: if diff mod lc ≤ layer then
12: Append node to temp-group
13: else
14: Append temp-group to group-list
15: Clear temp-group
16: Append node to temp-group
17: layer += 1
18: end if
19: end for
20: end for
21: return group-list
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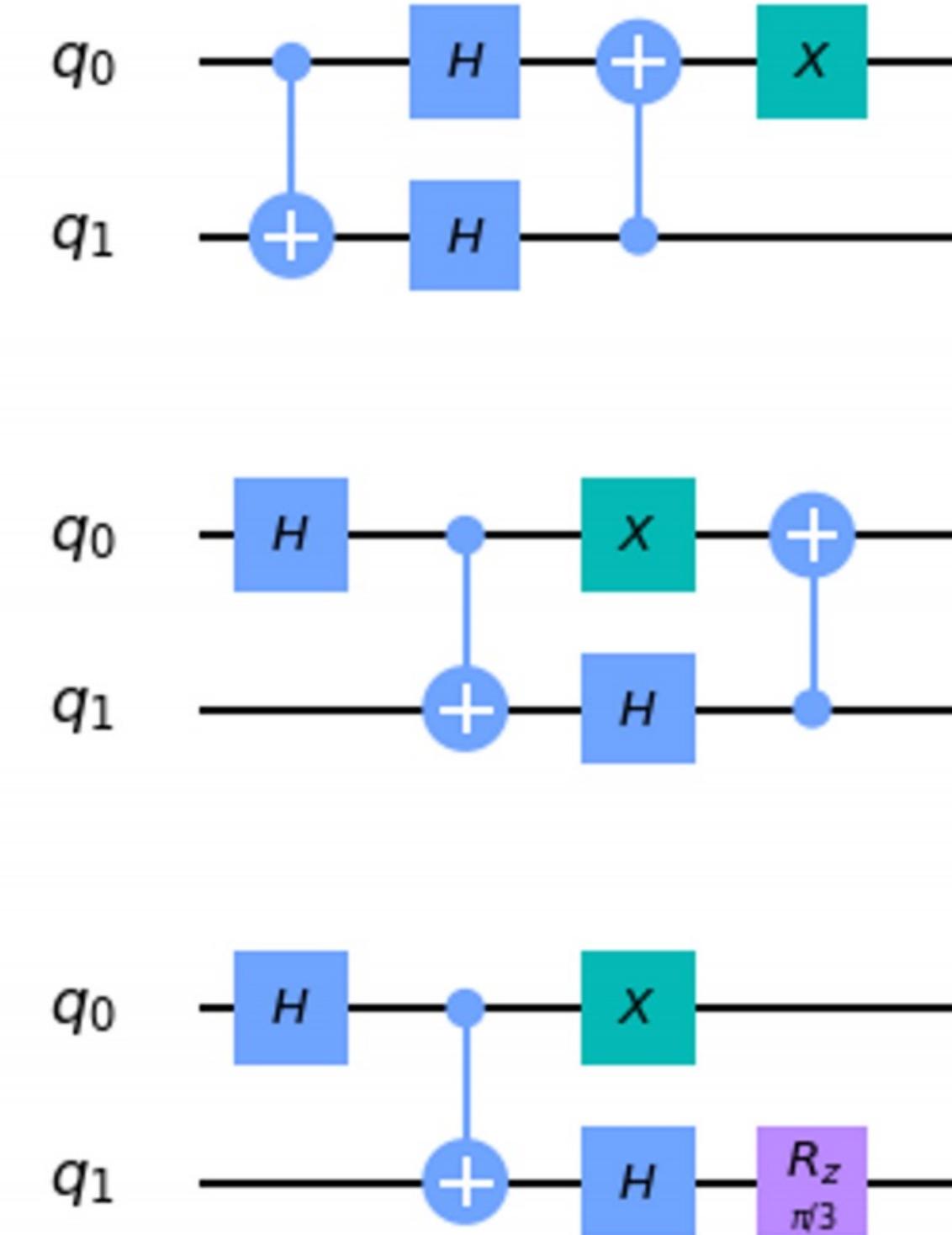
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# Accqoc: Group-based Pre-compilation

- We limit the size of the groups that QOC takes. (Key Insight)



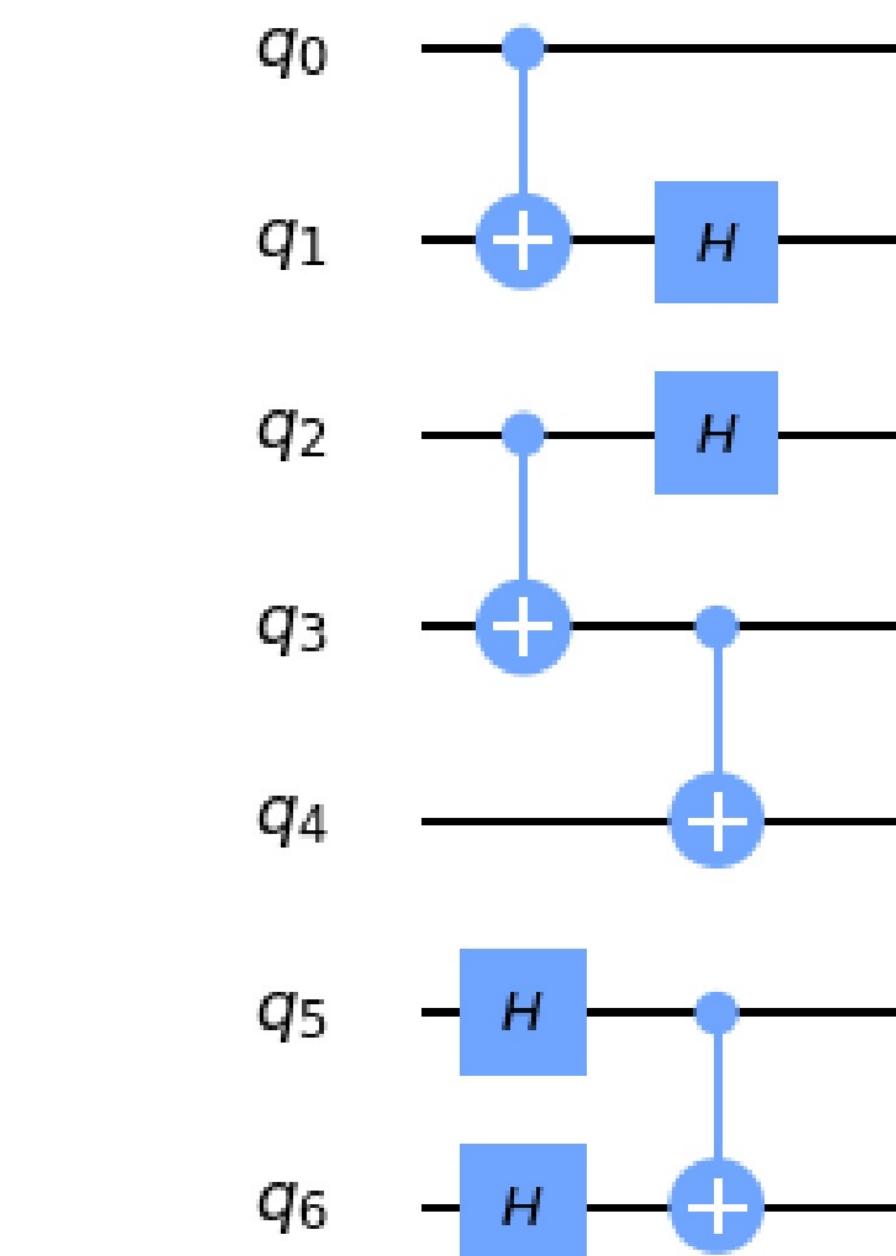
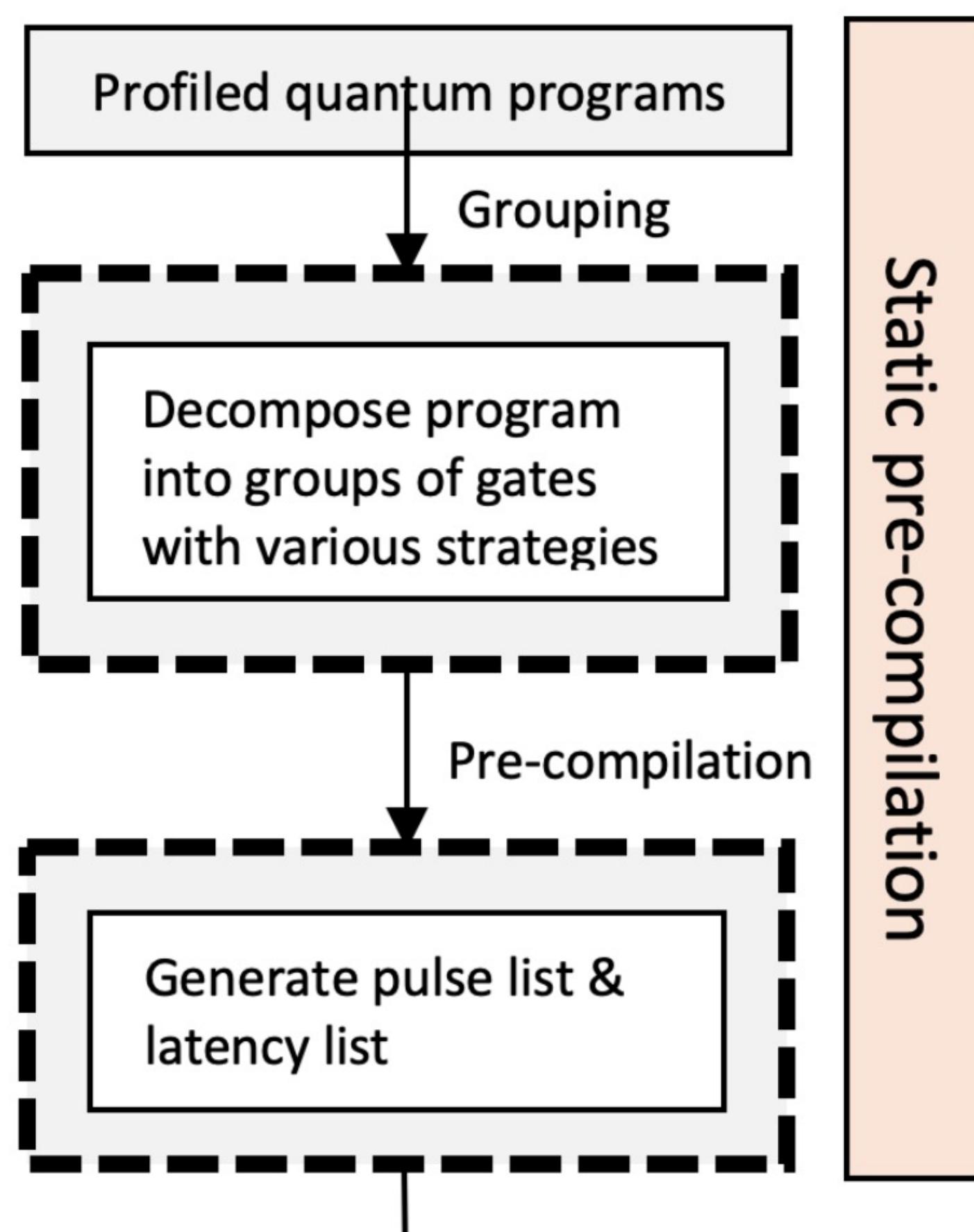
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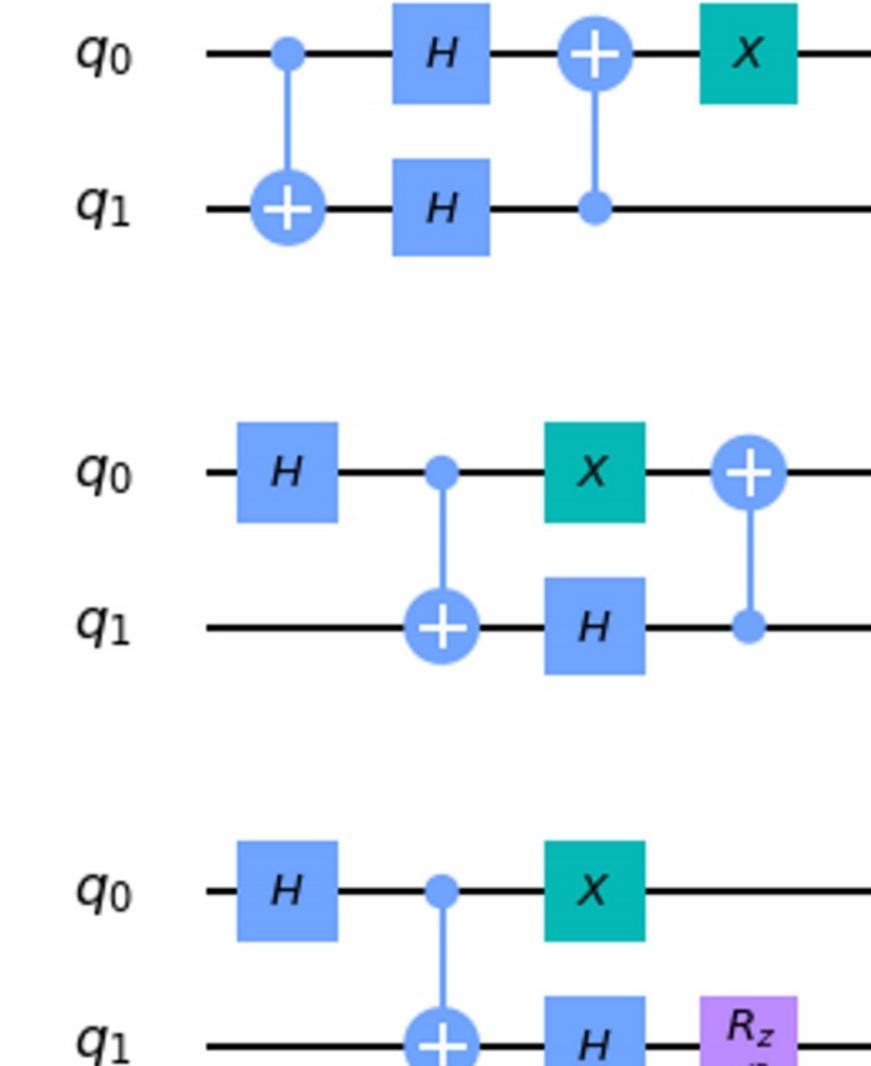
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# Build the Library

- Pulses of these groups will be generated through QOC. And we get a library that stores group-pulse pairs.



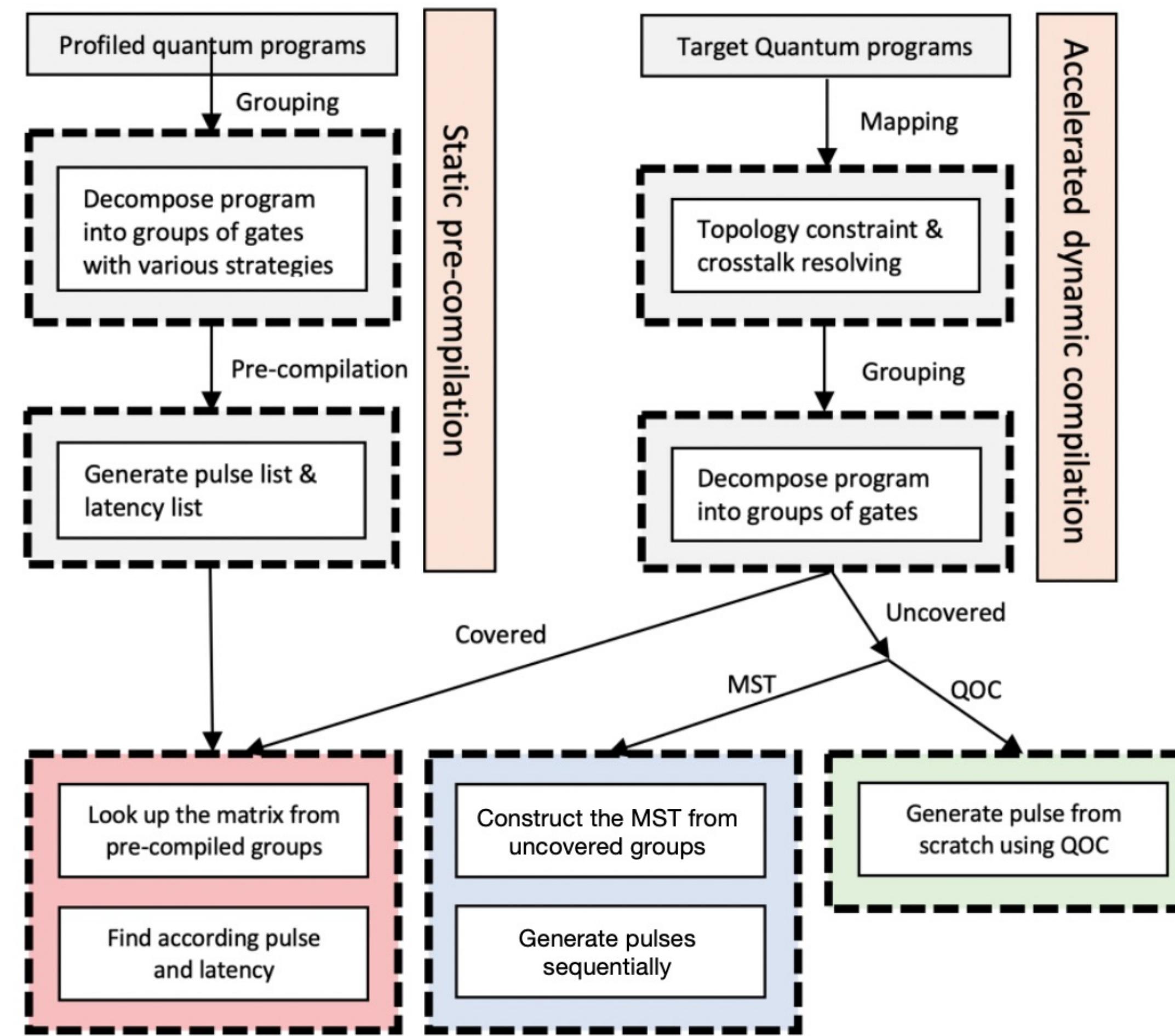
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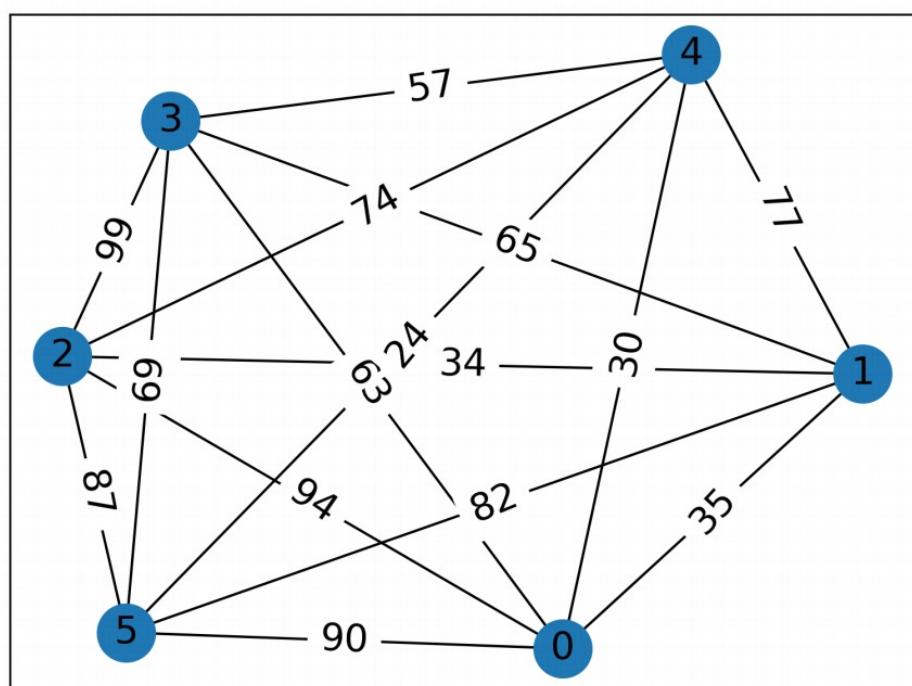
# Utilize the Library

- For groups that are covered by library, the pulse could be directly looked up.
- For uncovered groups, we could generate the pulses using pulses of very similar groups

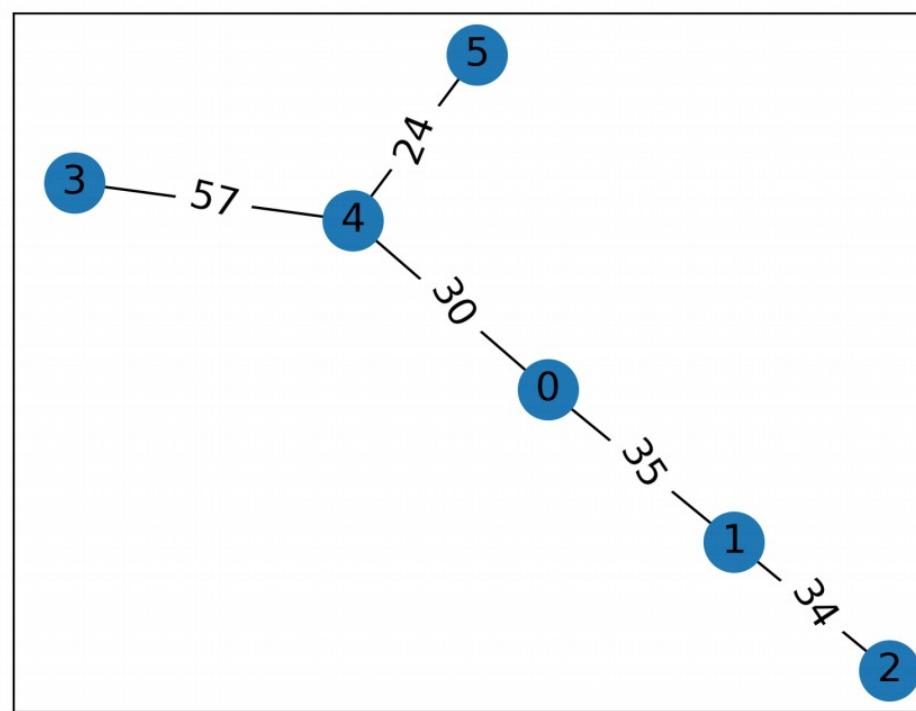


# Use MST to Accelerate QOC

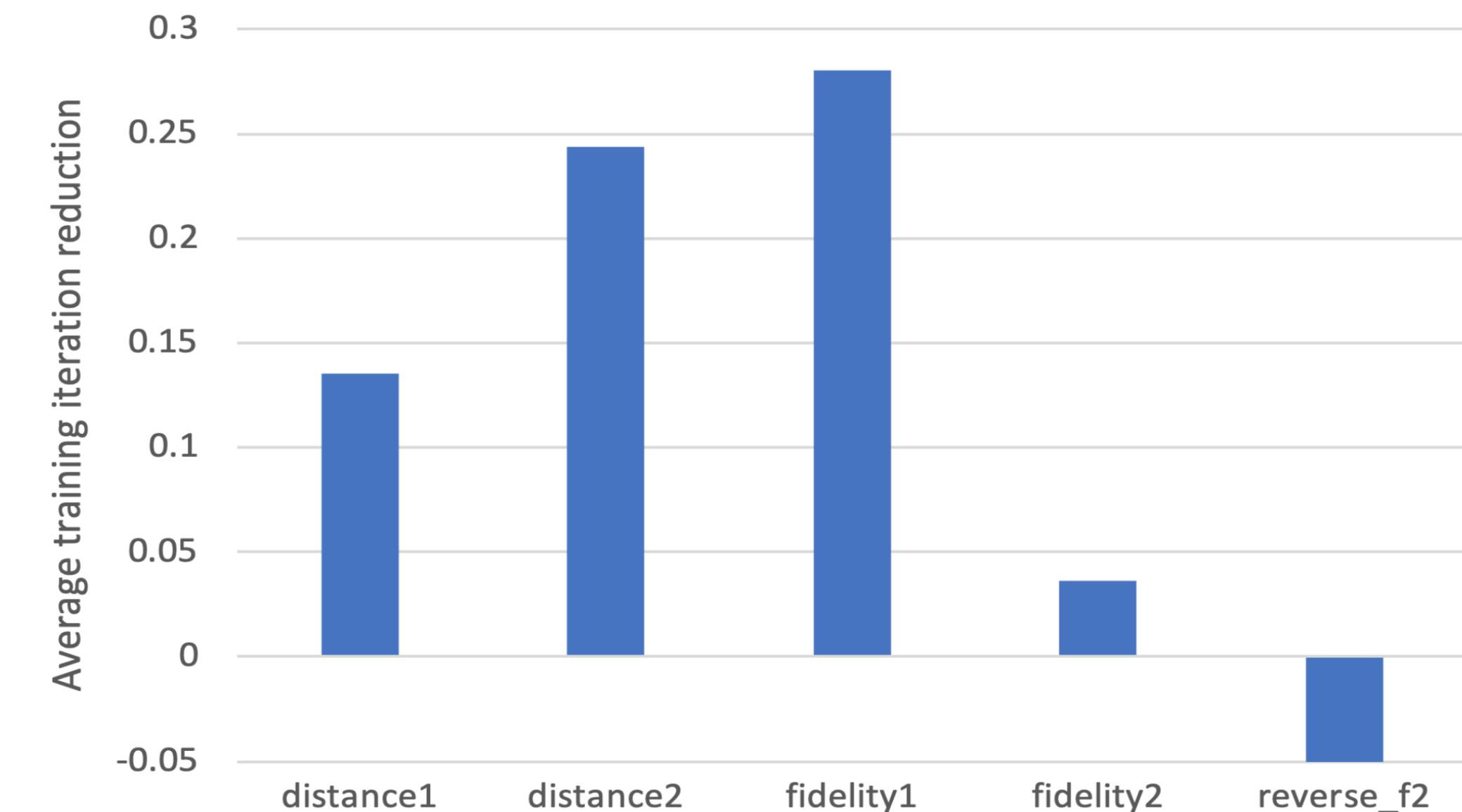
- We need to define similarity and find the corresponding Minimum spanning tree.



(a) A 6-node SG



(b) Minimum spanning tree

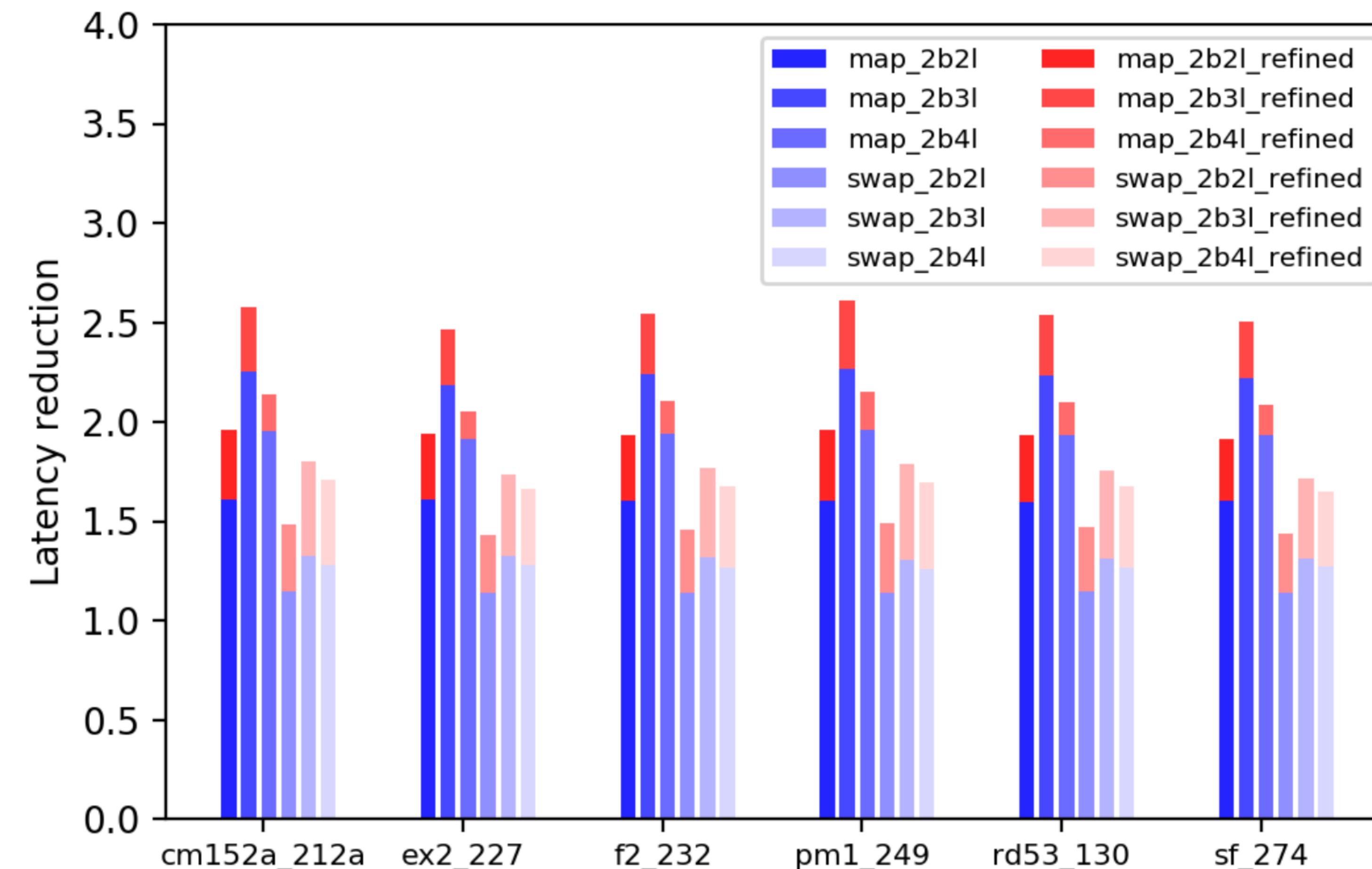


$$d_1(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij} - b_{ij}| \quad d_2(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{ij} - b_{ij})^2}$$
$$d_3(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \text{Tr}(A^*B) \quad d_4(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = F(A, B) = \left( \text{tr} \sqrt{\sqrt{AB}\sqrt{A}} \right)^2$$

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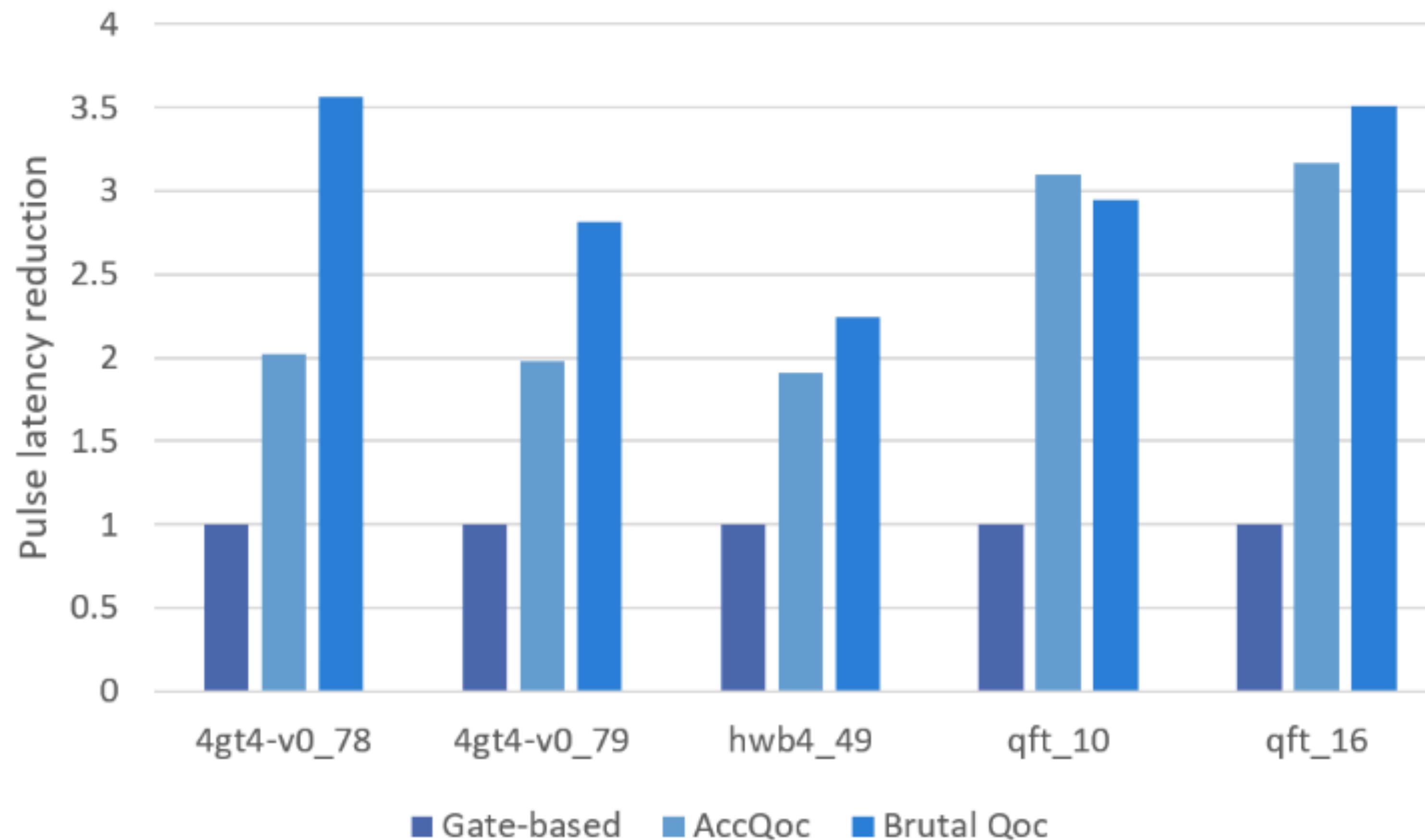
# Latency Reduction over Gate-based

- This figure shows the latency reduction compared with gate-based compilation. We show that the latency is reduced for various grouping strategy.



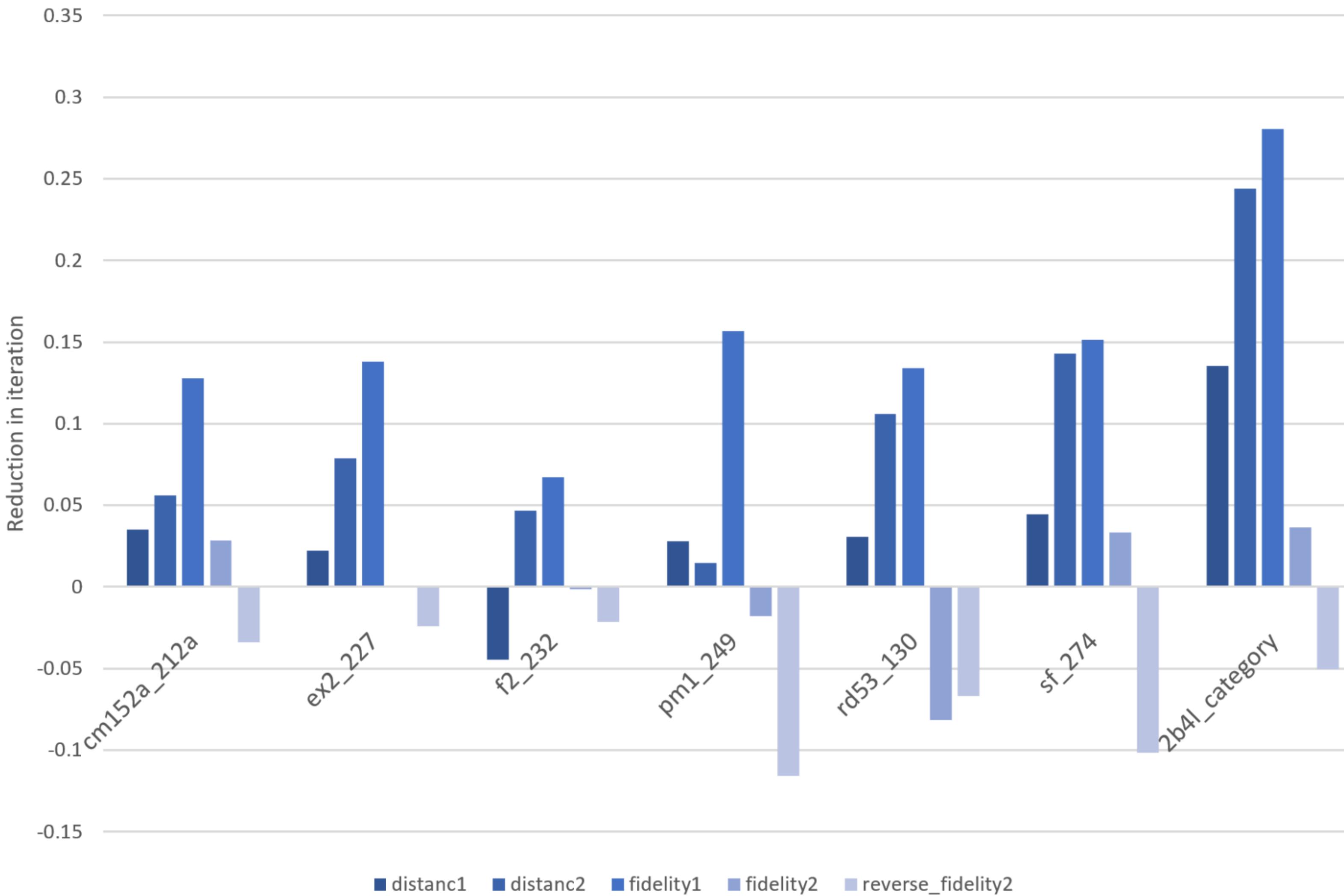
# Latency Reduction V.S. Brute-force

- This figure shows the latency reduction compared with brute-force compilation. Brute-force QOC means that we give QOC a very large group of gates to reach maximum latency reduction.



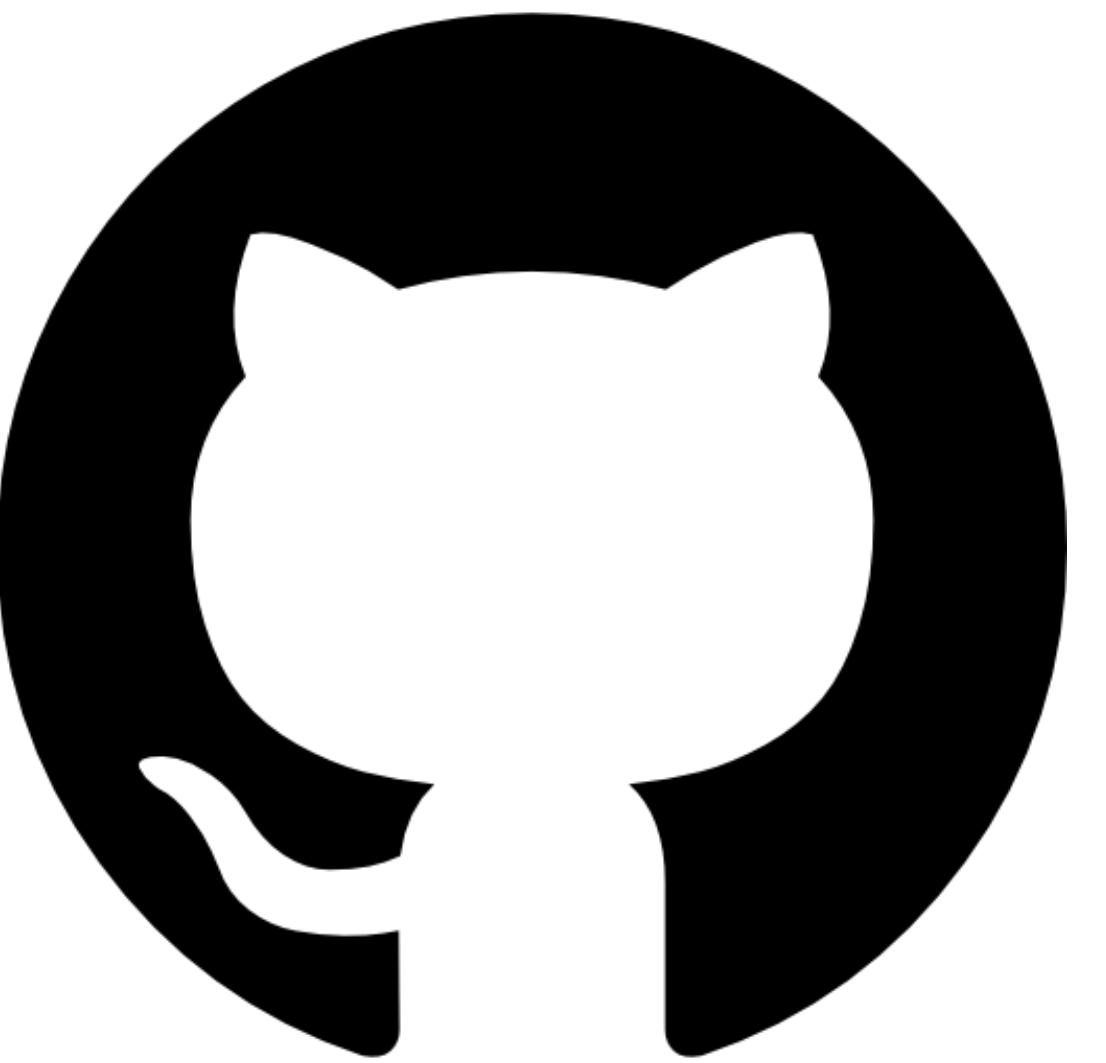
# Reduction of Training Iteration

- We see reduction of training iteration when we adopt the idea of similarity.



# Hands-On Section

## 3.1 Quantum Optimal Control



# TorchQuantum Tutorial Outline

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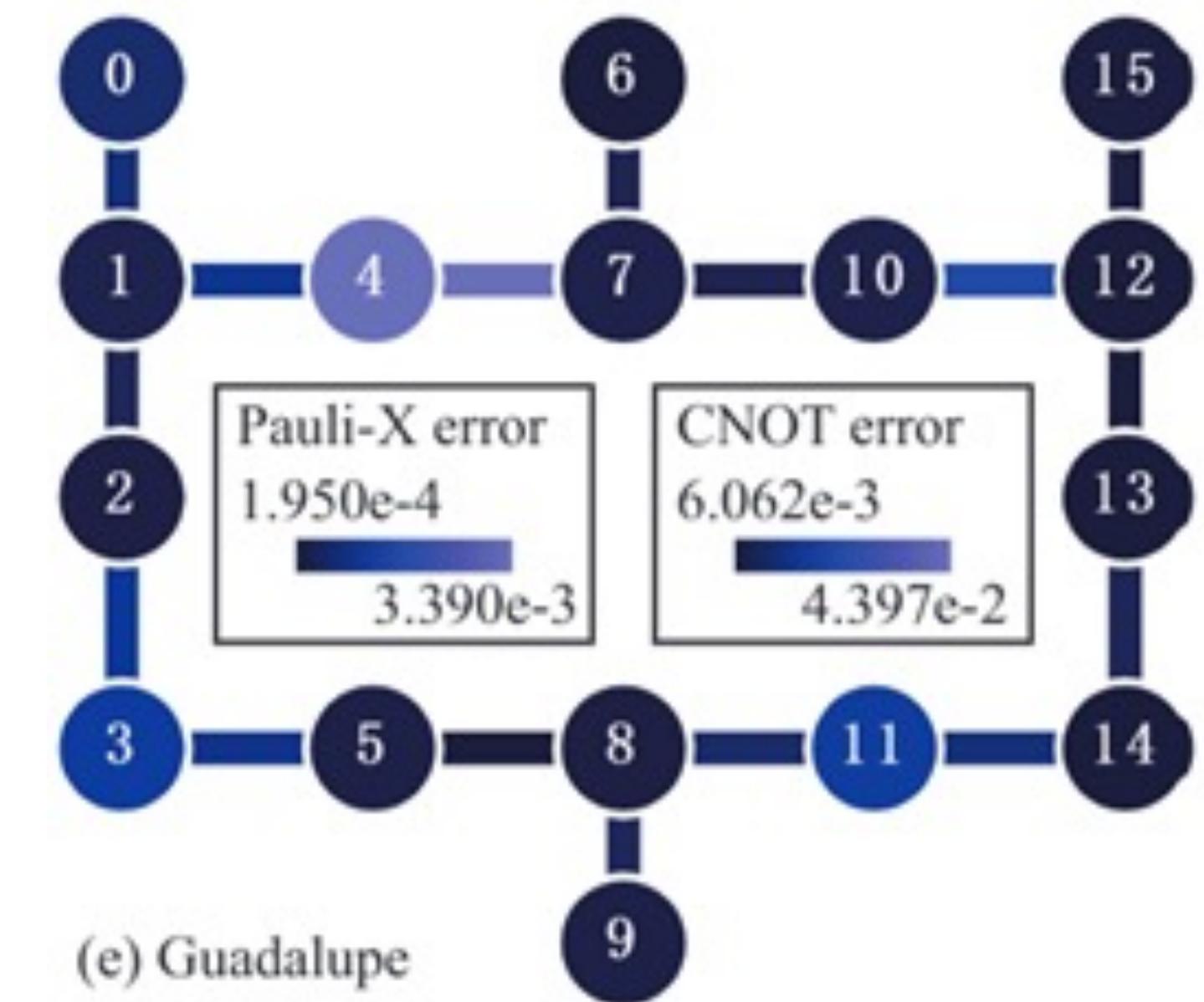
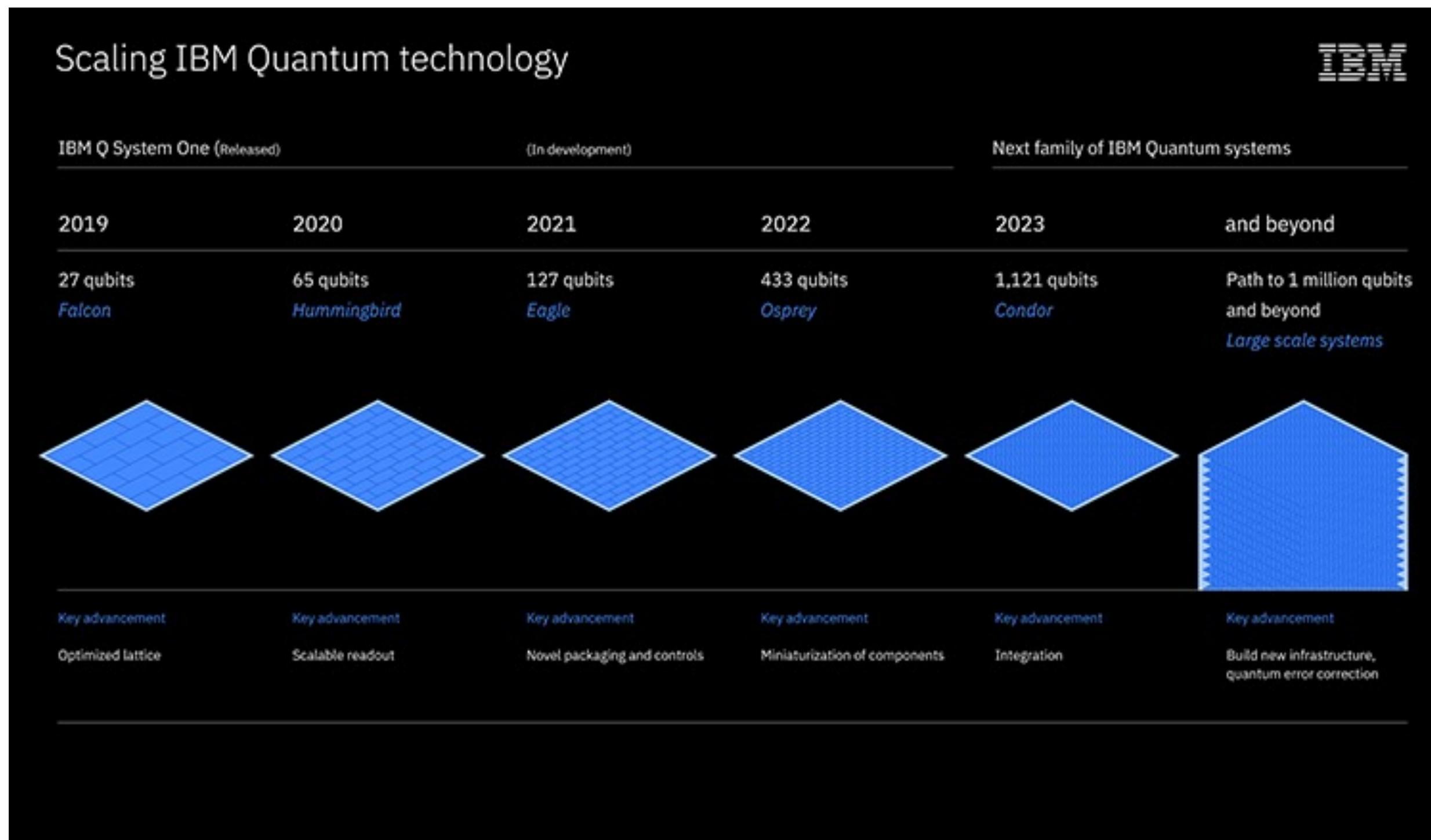
### Use TorchQuantum on Pulse level

3.1 Quantum Optimal Control 

3.2 Variational Pulse Learning 

# Variational Quantum Pulse Learning (VQP)

- Coherence time is limited in NISQ machines, which means we cannot perform a huge quantum circuit with enough depth and width in NISQ machines.
- Noise and compilation overhead seriously affect the performance of a quantum program.

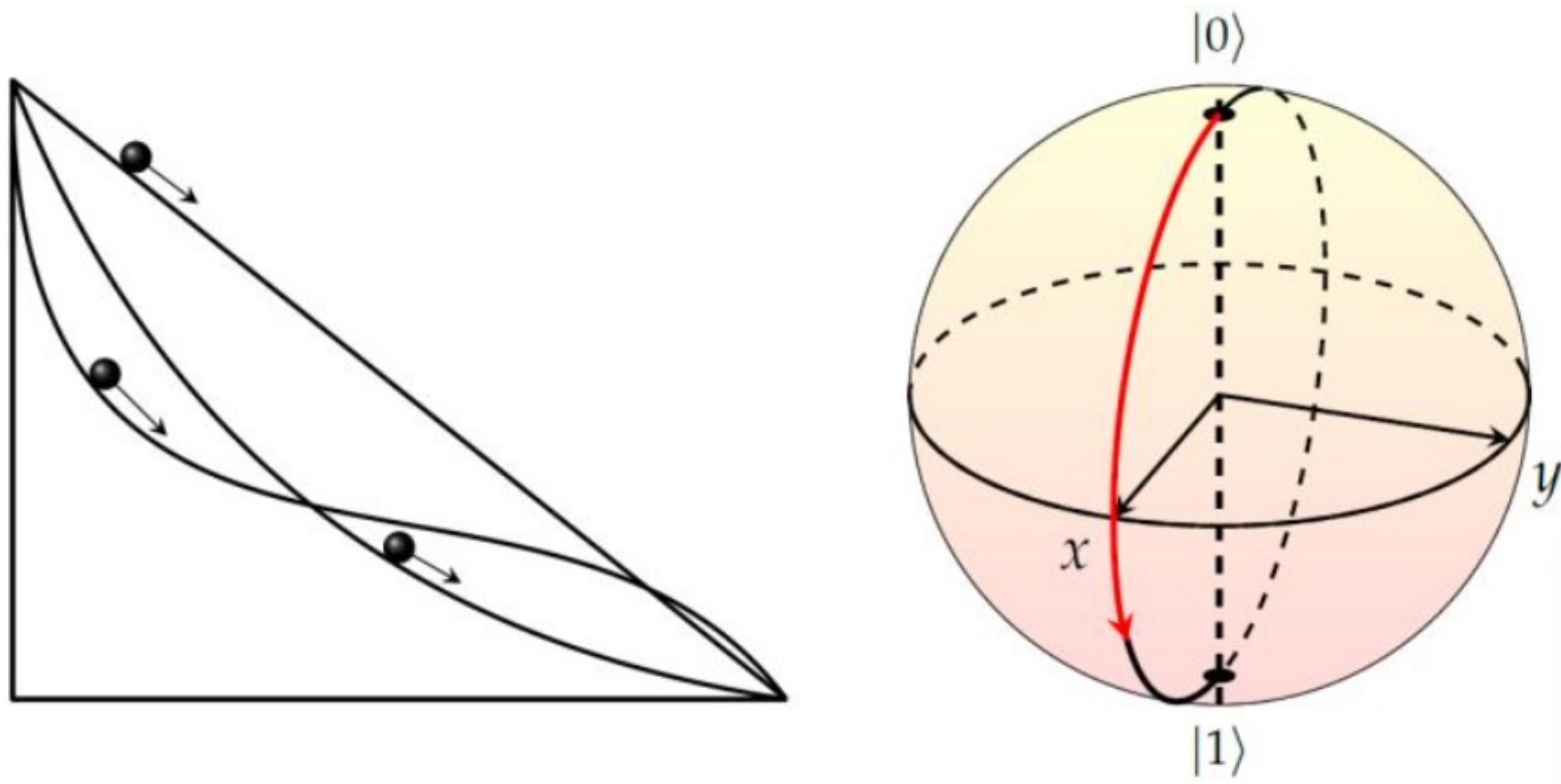


Error rate on a bit in CMOS Device  
error rate is about  $10^{-15}$

But error rate on a quantum bit  
reaches  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-2}$

# Motivation and Challenges

- QOC is limited to few qubits since it is computationally expensive.
- Most works demonstrate QOC on quantum simulators, however, it is hard to be evaluated on NISQ machines.



# Attempt on Quantum Neural Network

- Can we find an intermediate-level approach between the gate level operations and quantum optimal control?
- Can we achieve benefits by doing so?

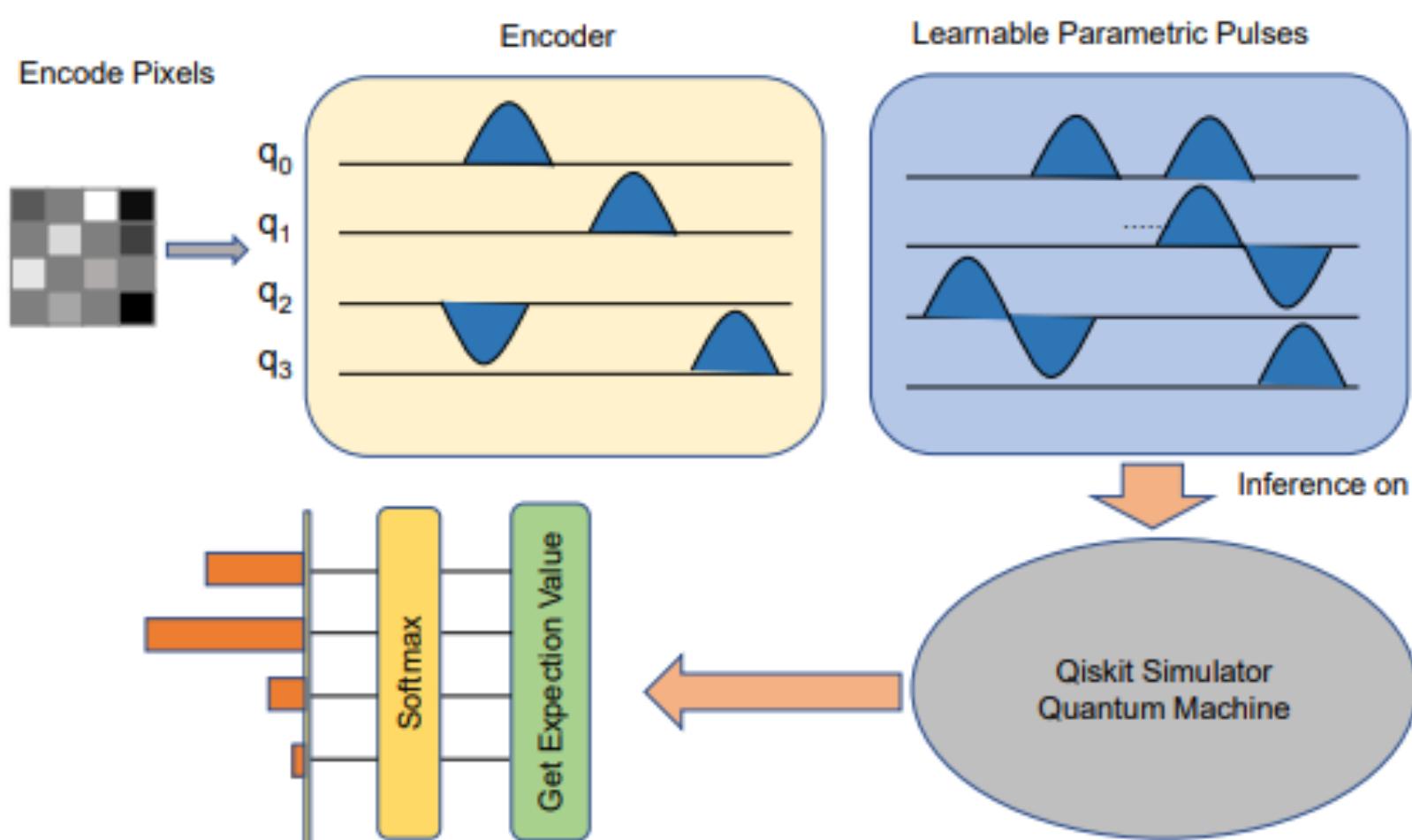


Fig. 1: Conceptual illustration of VQP for QML tasks.

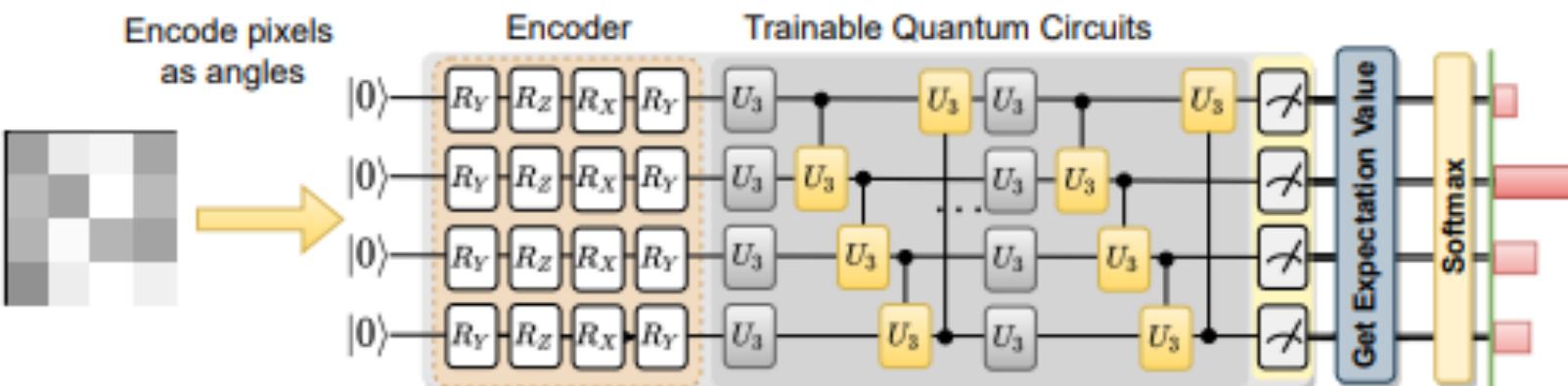
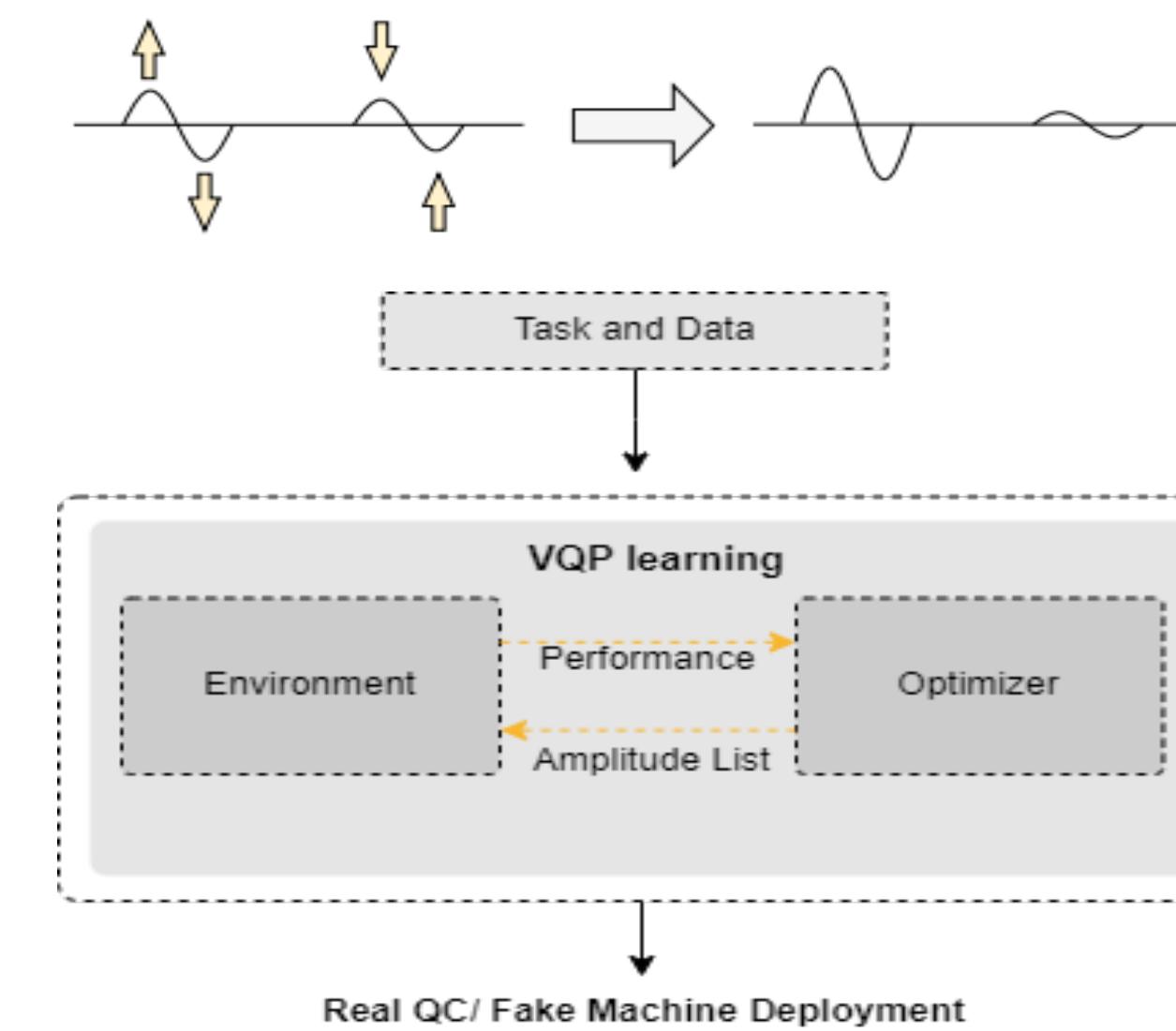
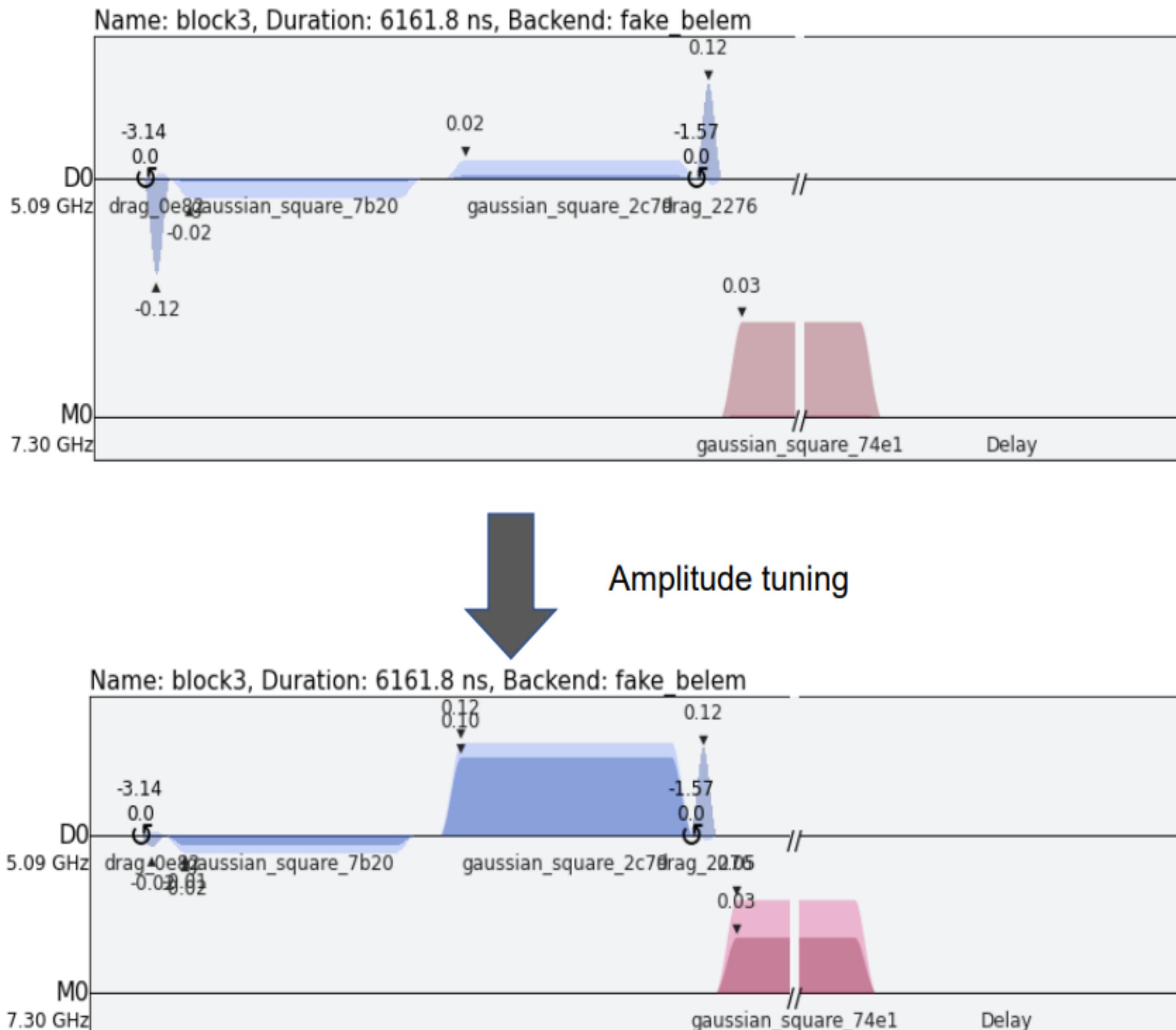


Fig. 2: An example QNN that uses VQC for QML tasks.



# Why Variational Quantum Pulse Learning ?

- VQC with more gates has similar performance in terms of accuracy



$$H = \sum_{i=0}^1 (U_i(t) + D_i(t))\sigma_i^X + \sum_{i=0}^1 2\pi\nu_i(1 - \sigma_i^Z)/2 \quad (1)$$

$$+ \omega_B a_B a_B^\dagger + \sum_{i=0}^1 g_i \sigma_i^X (a_B + a_B^\dagger)$$

$$D_i(t) = \text{Re}(d_i(t)e^{i w_{d_i} t})$$

$$U_i(t) = \text{Re}[u_i(t)e^{i(w_{d_i} - w_{d_j})t}] \quad (2)$$

| Model      | # of Gates | Accuracy    |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| VQC_base   | 9          | 0.62        |
| <b>VQP</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>0.71</b> |
| VQC*       | 12         | 0.68        |

# Optimization Framework

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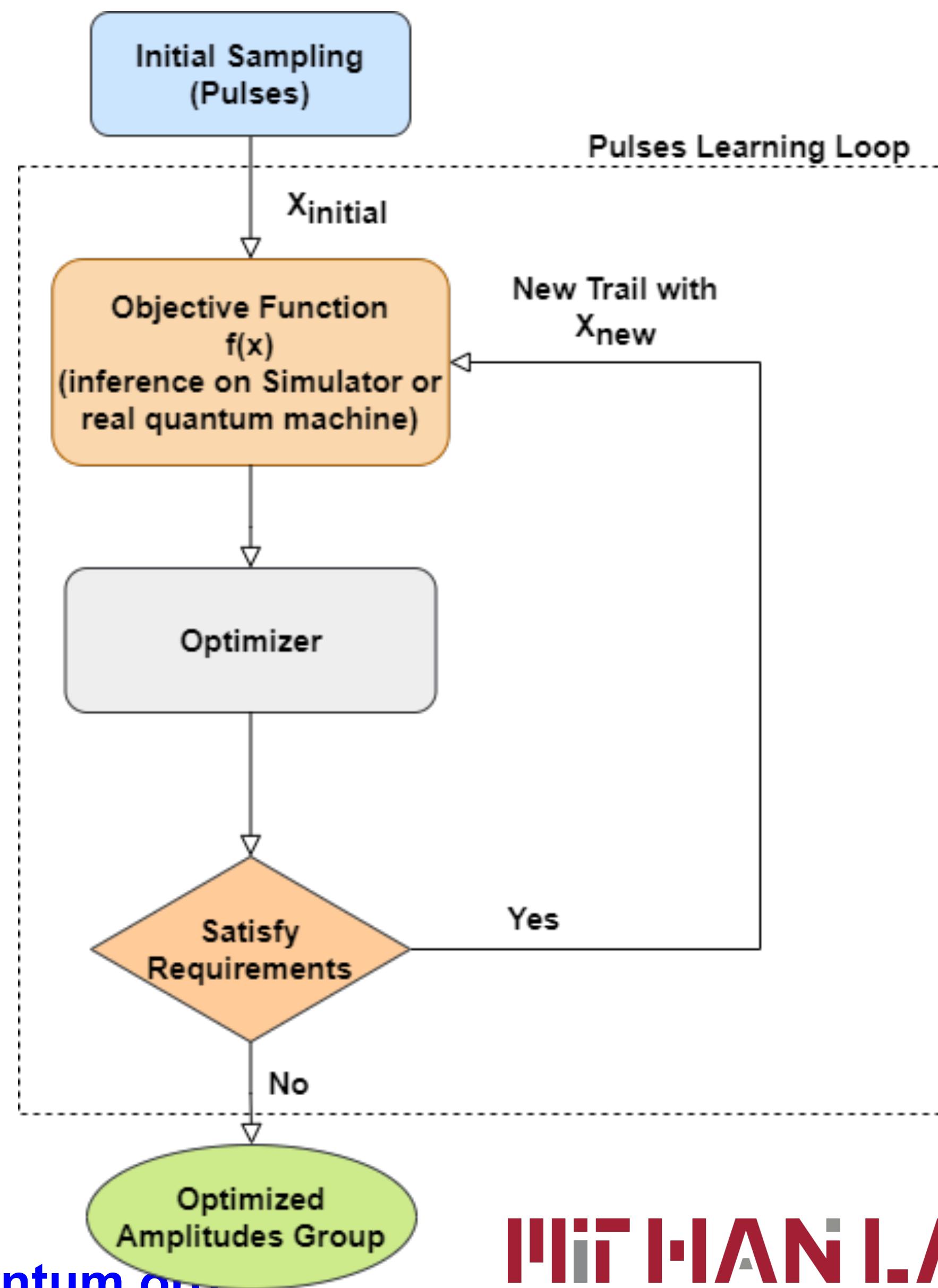
**Algorithm 1:** Variational Pulse BO Learning

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**Data:**  $\rho, \chi, M, D$   
//  $\rho$  is the amplitude list,  $\chi$  is the search bound,  $D$  consists of  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ ,  $M$  is the Gaussian Process Regression model.

```
D ← InitPulses(ρ, χ);
for i ← |D| to N_total do
 // iterative optimization
 p(y|x, D) ← FitModel(M, D);
 // Acquisition function actively searches for the
 // next optimized amplitudes.
 xi ← argminx ∈ χ S(x, p(y|x, D));
 // Calculate corresponding error rate by processing
 // in quantum machine.
 yi ← f(xi);
 D ← D ∪ (xi, yi);
end
```

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# Experiment Result

| Model                         | Accuracy                |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                               | Noise simulator (Belem) | ibmq_jakarta |
| VQC learning 20               | 0.57                    | 0.58         |
| <b>VQP learning 20</b>        | <b>0.6</b>              | <b>0.69</b>  |
| VQC learning 100              | 0.61                    | 0.59         |
| <b>VQP learning 100</b>       | <b>0.63</b>             | <b>0.64</b>  |
| VQC learning MNIST 20         | 0.6                     | 0.56         |
| <b>VQP learning MNIST 20</b>  | <b>0.66</b>             | <b>0.62</b>  |
| VQC learning MNIST 100        | 0.57                    | 0.62         |
| <b>VQP learning MNIST 100</b> | <b>0.61</b>             | <b>0.71</b>  |

Achieves higher accuracy under same condition

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VQC with more gates has similar performance in terms of accuracy

# Benefits Observed from VQP

| Form of CX gate   | Noise simulator<br>(Quito) | Time Duration              |                              |  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                   |                            | Noise simulator<br>(Belem) | Noise simulator<br>(Jakarta) |  |
| CRX( $\pi$ ) gate | 26832.0dt                  | 32016.0dt                  | 26832.0dt                    |  |
| CX gate           | 25136.0dt                  | 27728.0dt                  | 25136.0dt                    |  |

**Advantage in specific gate**

| Model                 | # of Gate | Time Duration    |                         |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                       |           | ibmq_jakarta     | Noise simulator (Belem) |
| <b>VQP</b>            | <b>9</b>  | <b>40816.0dt</b> | <b>45168.0dt</b>        |
| VQC*                  | 12        | 58896.0dt        | 58768.0dt               |
| <b>VQP_transpiled</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>32368.0dt</b> | <b>32816.0dt</b>        |
| VQC*_transpiled       | 17        | 53008.0dt        | 46192.0dt               |

**Advantage in general circuit**

# Challenge for Pulse Learning

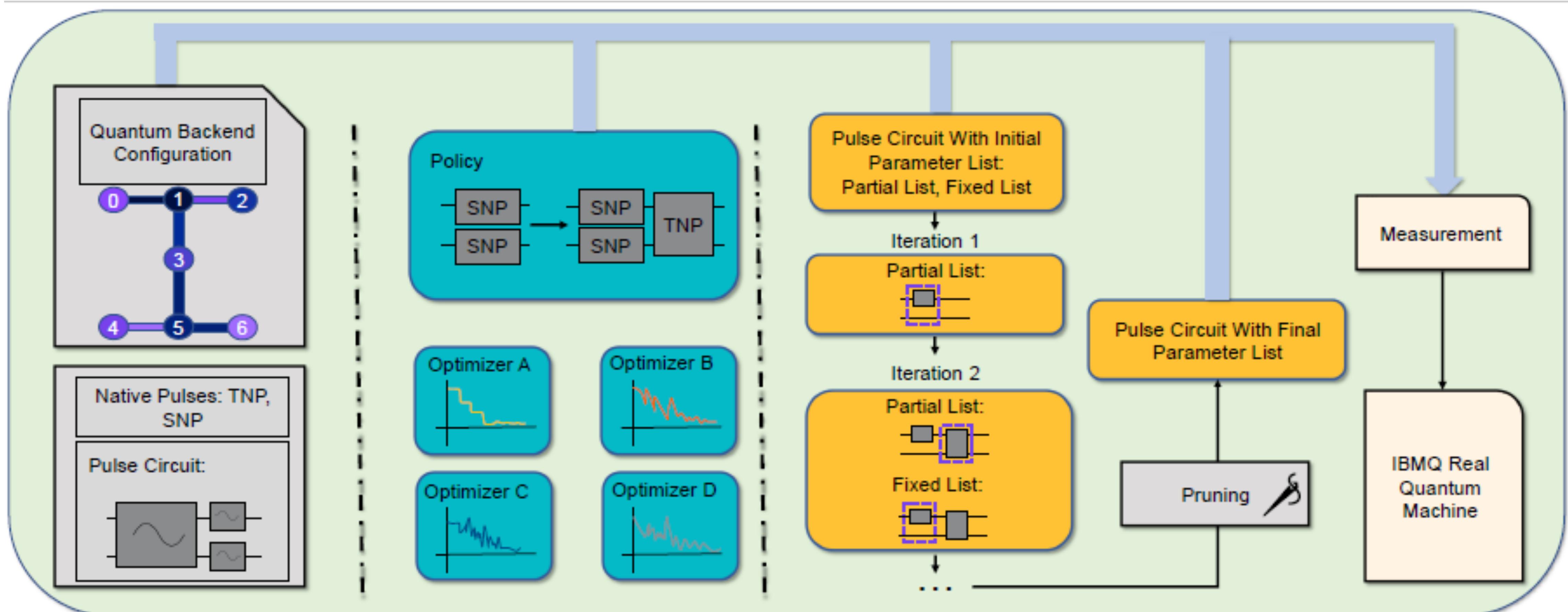
- Non-gradient-based optimizer has randomness when parameter in high dimensional space.
- Qiskit pulse simulator is not efficient, e.g., need around 3 mins to finish a 9-gate circuit.

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| Model              | # of Gates | Accuracy    |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>VQP</b>         | <b>9</b>   | <b>0.71</b> |
| VQC with gradient  | 9          | 0.73        |
| VQC* with gradient | 12         | 0.77        |

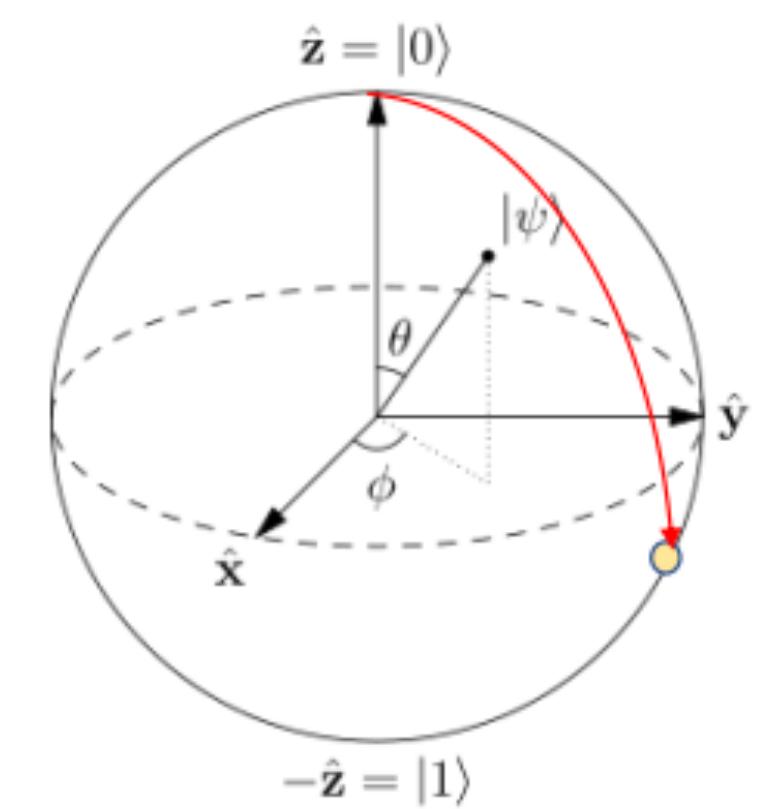
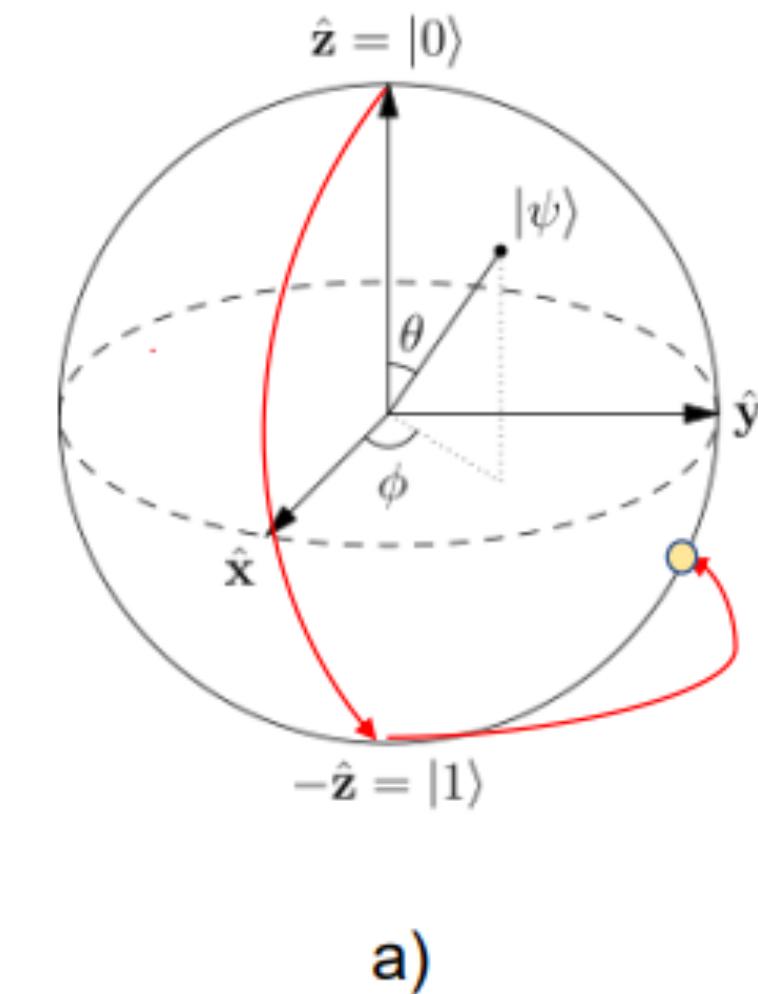
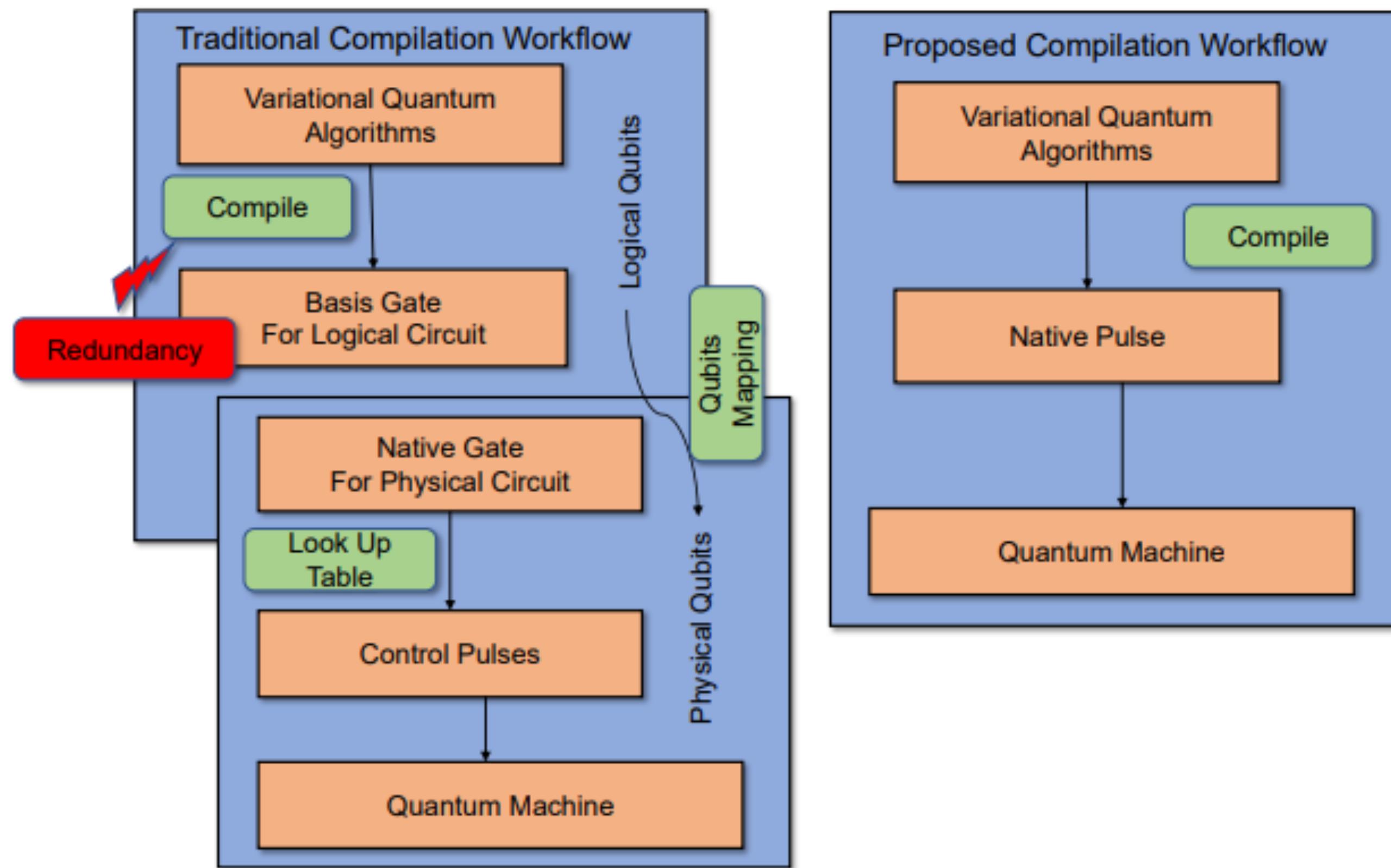
# Pulse Ansatz on VQAs

- Can we find a hardware efficient ansatz at the pulse level?
- What is a good pulse ansatz?



# Benefits of Pulse Ansatz

- Source of Advantages:
- Enable flexible and efficient compilation workflow on pulse-level.

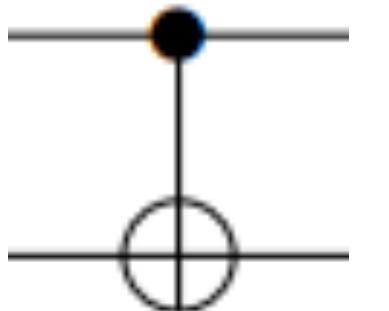


# Benefits of Pulse Ansatz

- Source of Advantages:
- Two-qubit pulse is tunable, whereas two-qubit gates have few flexibility.

COMPARISON OF TRAINABILITY FOR DIFFERENT PULSE CIRCUITS AND GATE CIRCUITS ON IBMQ\_JAKARTA.

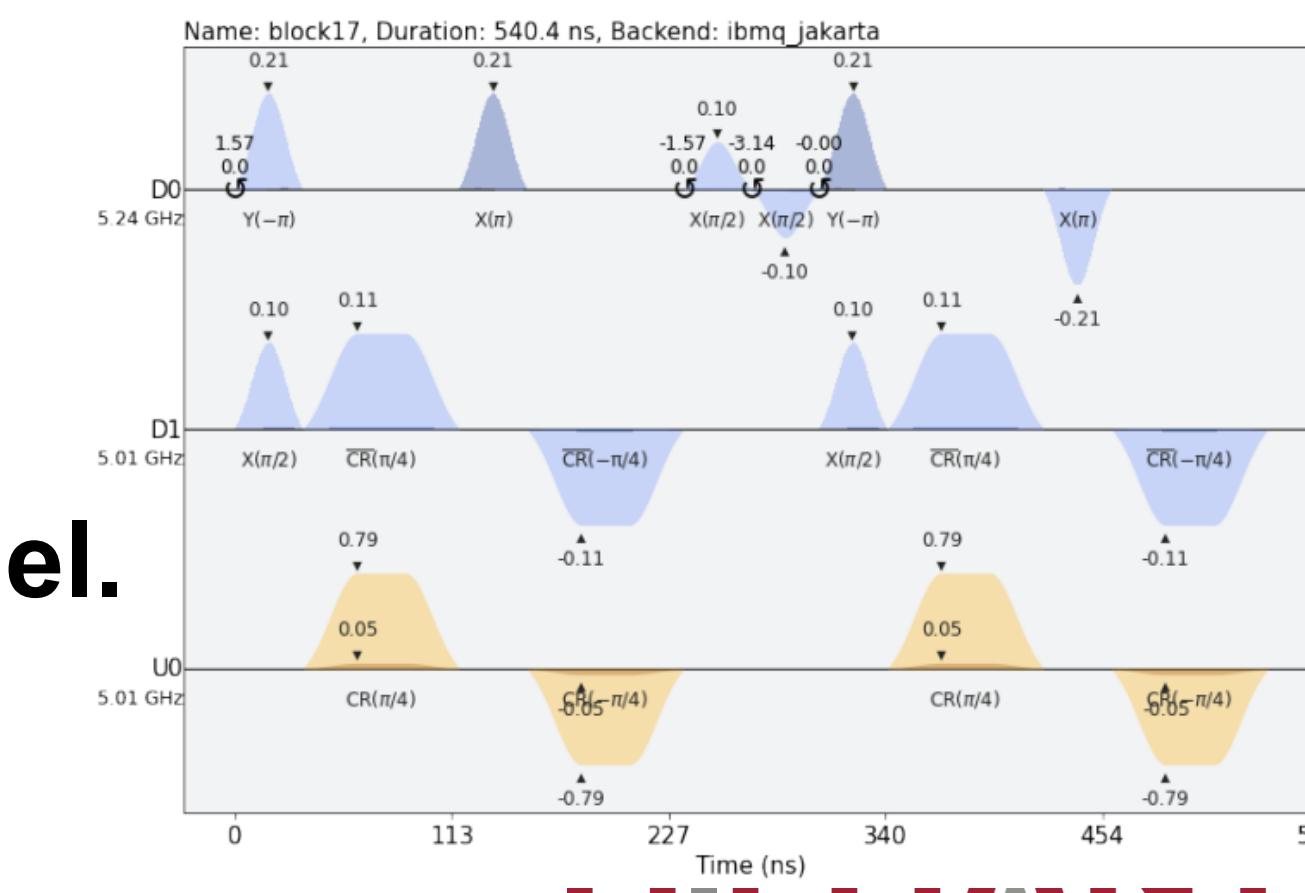
| Operations      | Circuit Level | Molecule Bond Length | Reference Energy | VQE ( $H_2$ ) Result | Duration(on ibmq_jakarta) |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| SNP             | Pulse Circuit | 0.1Å                 | 2.710H           | 4.380H               | 71.1ns                    |
| TNP             | Pulse Circuit | 0.1Å                 | 2.710H           | 2.927H               | 163.6ns                   |
| SNP             | Pulse Circuit | 0.75Å                | -1.137H          | -0.549H              | 71.1ns                    |
| TNP             | Pulse Circuit | 0.75Å                | -1.137H          | -1.032H              | 163.6ns                   |
| TNP + SNP       | Pulse Circuit | 0.75Å                | -1.137H          | -1.036H              | 234.7ns                   |
| Two Gate Ansatz | Gate Circuit  | 0.75Å                | -1.137H          | -0.534H              | 341.3ns                   |



✗ Nothing can do with two qubits gate

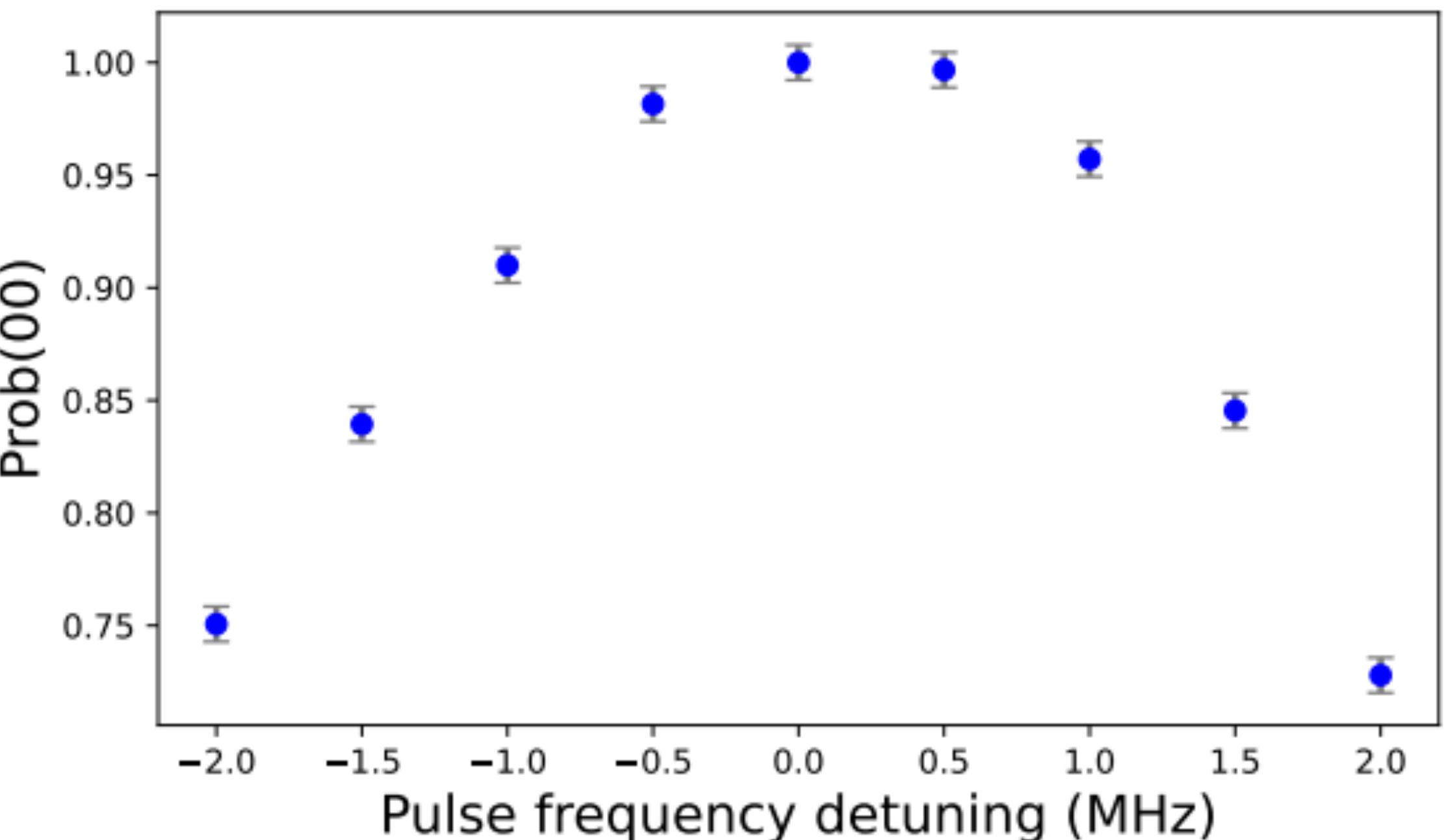
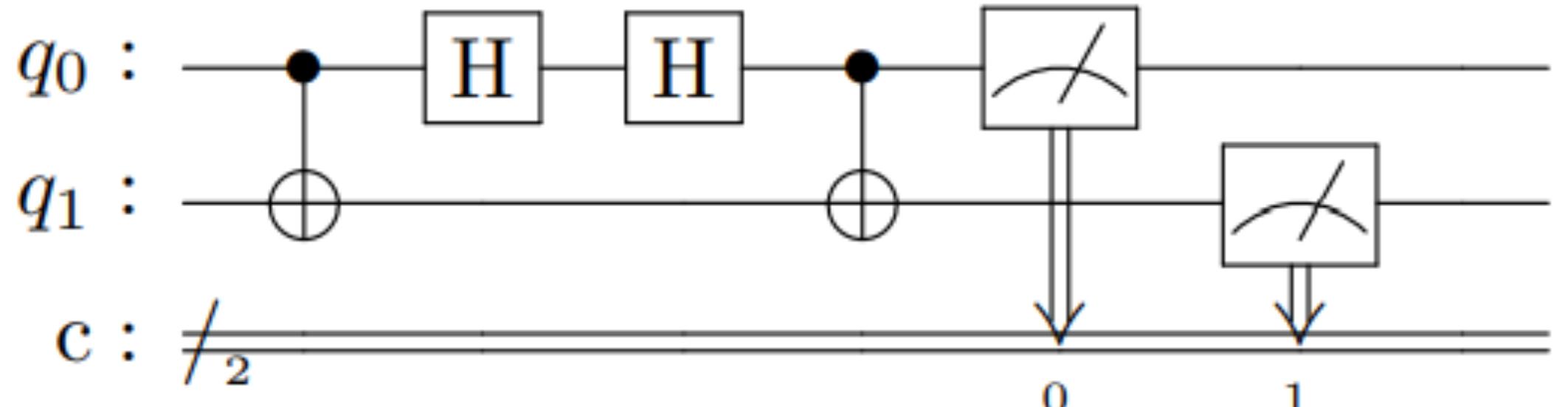


✓ Parameters are tunable on control channel.



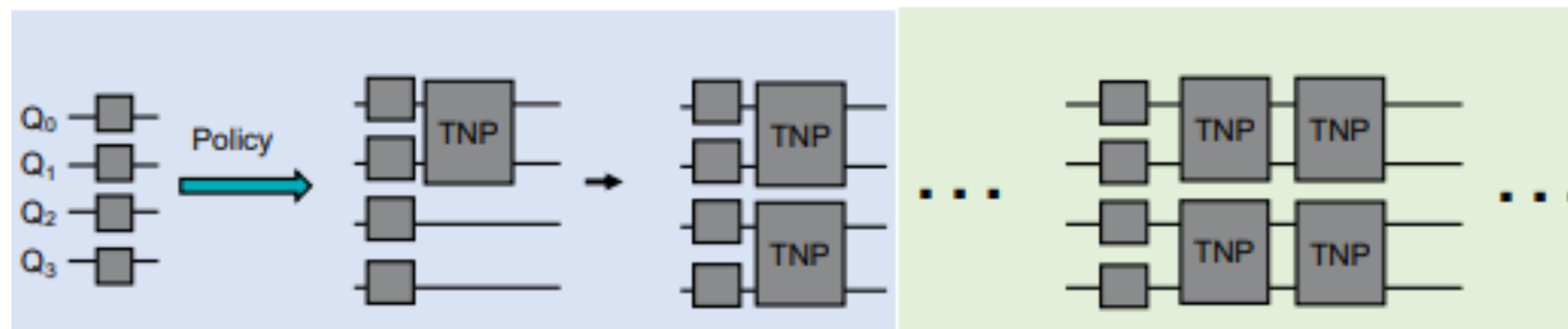
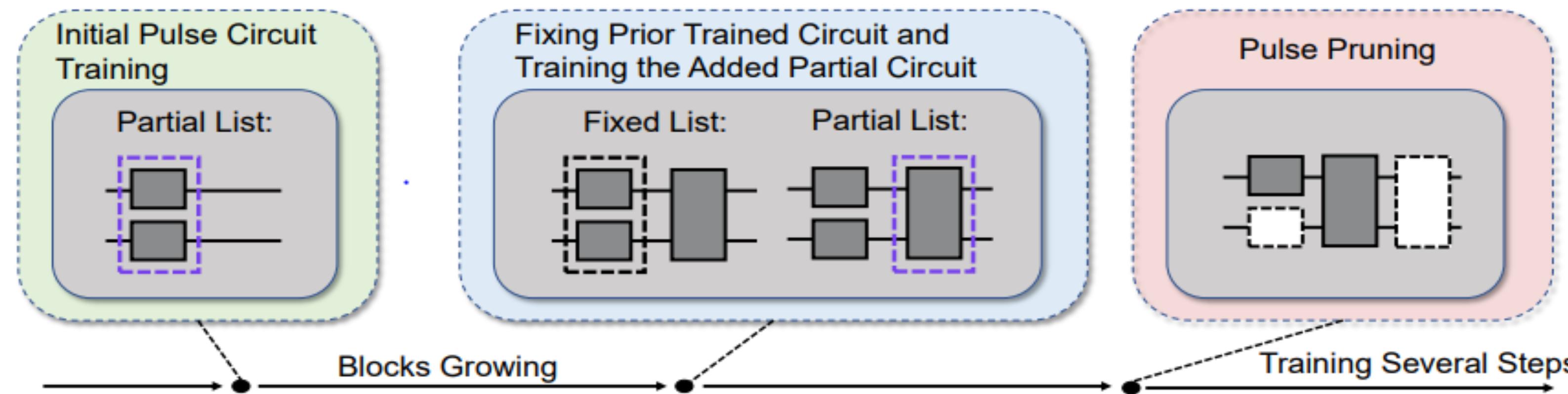
# Benefits of Pulse Ansatz

- Source of Advantages:
- Capability to tune frequency on pulse-level



# Framework and Evaluation

- Progressive learning fix the problem that non gradient optimizer cannot hold high dimensional parameters, and progressive approaching to target point is also fit the quantum speed limit (QSL) theory.



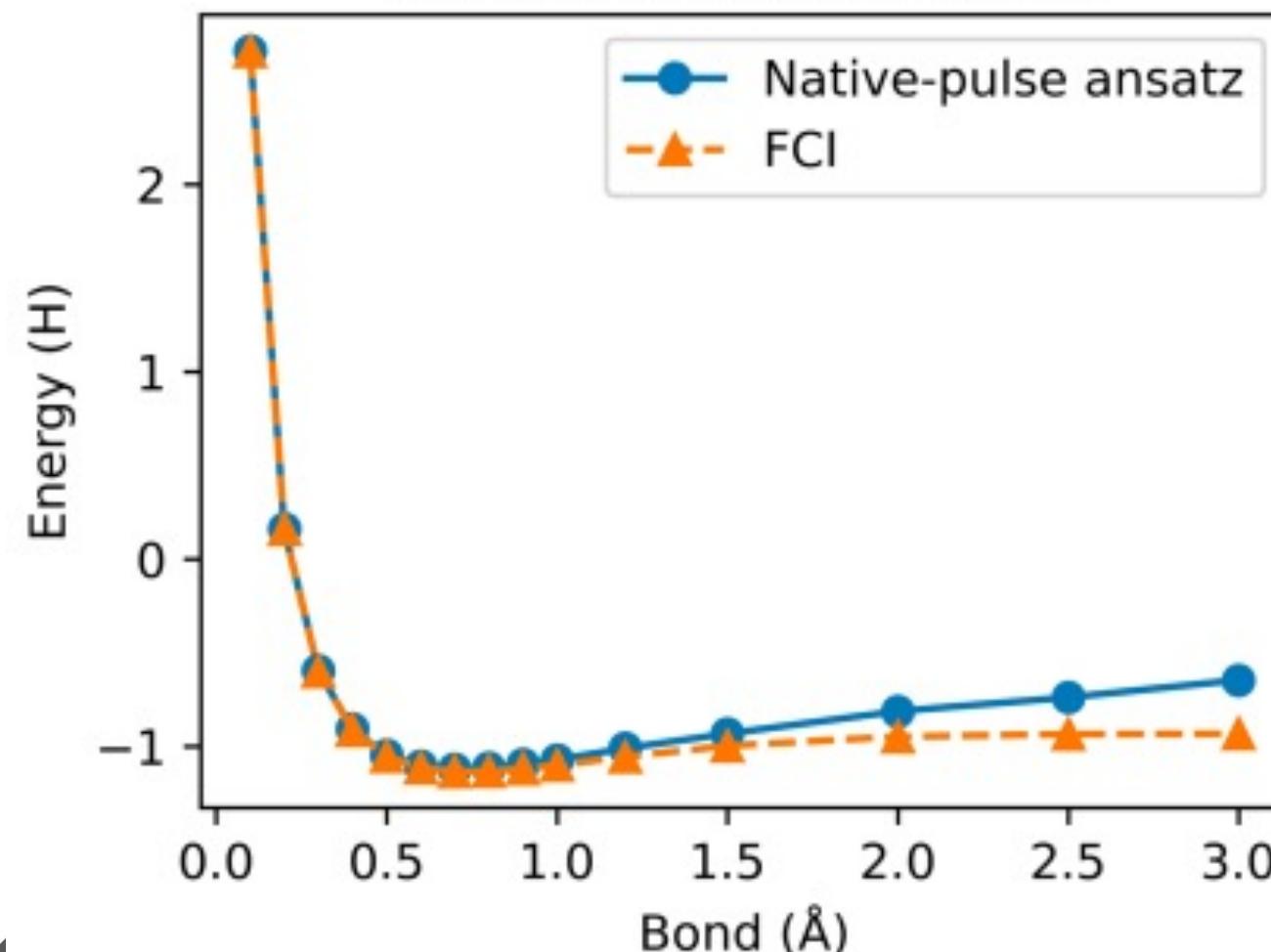
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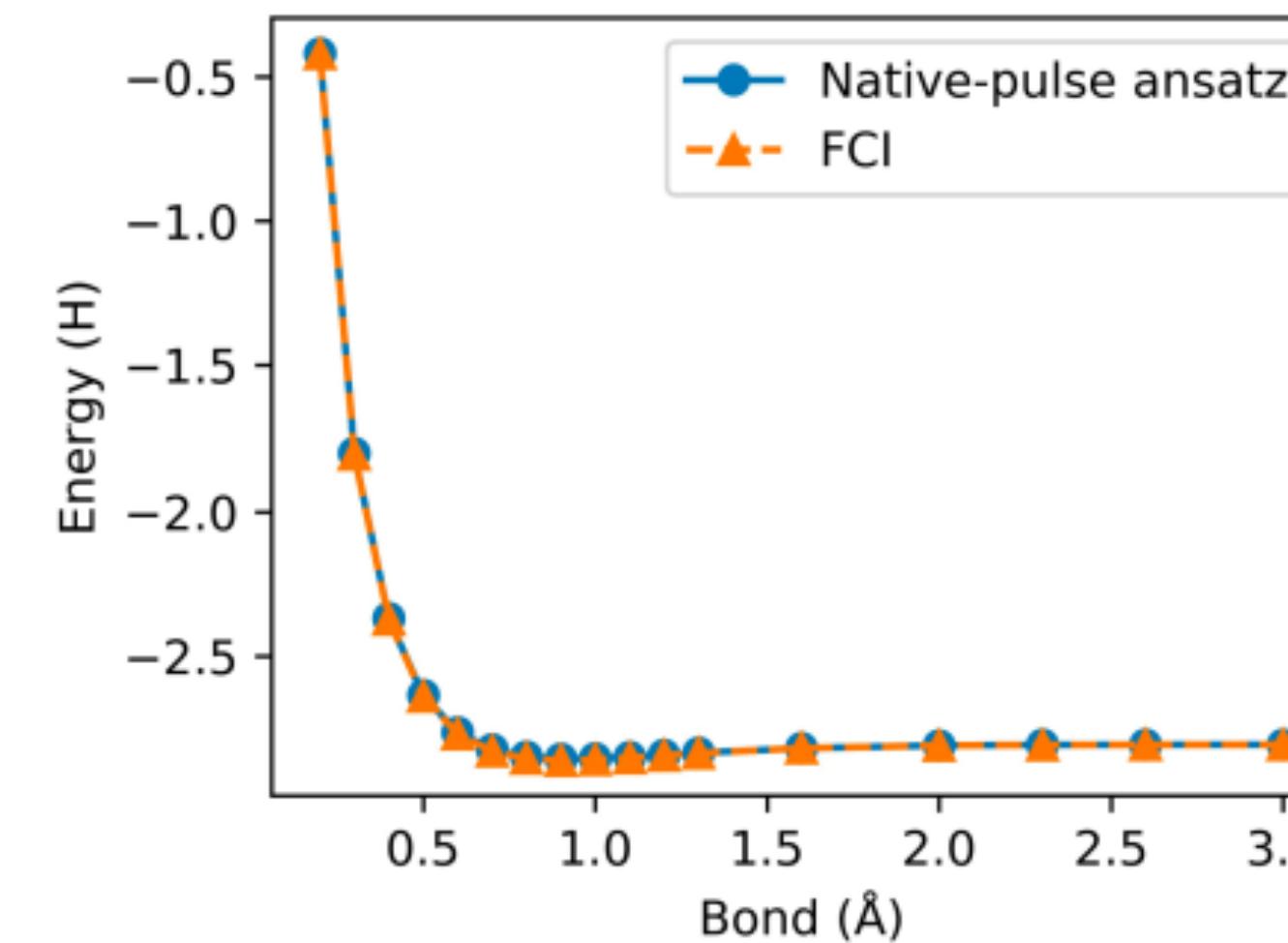
COMPARISON OF DURATION, PULSE COUNTS, AND ESTIMATED ENERGY OF GATE ANSATZES AND THE NATIVE-PULSE ANSATZ GENERATED BY PAN ON NISQ MACHINES.

| Model                    | Ansatz Level | Qubits | Duration | Single-Qubit Pulse Count | Multi-Qubit Pulse Count | Molecule | Energy | Reference Energy |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Random Generated Ansatz  | Gate Ansatz  | 2      | 682.7ns  | 16                       | 2                       | $H_2$    | -0.853 | -1.137           |
| RealAmplitude Ansatz [2] | Gate Ansatz  | 2      | 376.9ns  | 12                       | 1                       | $H_2$    | -0.974 | -1.137           |
| QuantumNAS [75]          | Gate Ansatz  | 2      | 682.7ns  | 16                       | 2                       | $H_2$    | -1.033 | -1.137           |
| PAN                      | Pulse Ansatz | 2      | 71.1ns   | 3                        | 0                       | $H_2$    | -1.100 | -1.137           |
| RealAmplitude Ansatz     | Gate Ansatz  | 2      | 753.8ns  | 24                       | 2                       | $HeH+$   | -2.691 | -2.863           |
| PAN                      | Pulse Ansatz | 2      | 199.1ns  | 1                        | 1                       | $HeH+$   | -2.866 | -2.863           |
| QuantumNAS               | Gate Ansatz  | 6      | 7296.0ns | 40                       | 12                      | $LiH$    | -6.914 | -7.882           |
| PAN                      | Pulse Ansatz | 4      | 199.1ns  | 4                        | 2                       | $LiH$    | -7.590 | -7.882           |

Simulation results for  $H_2$



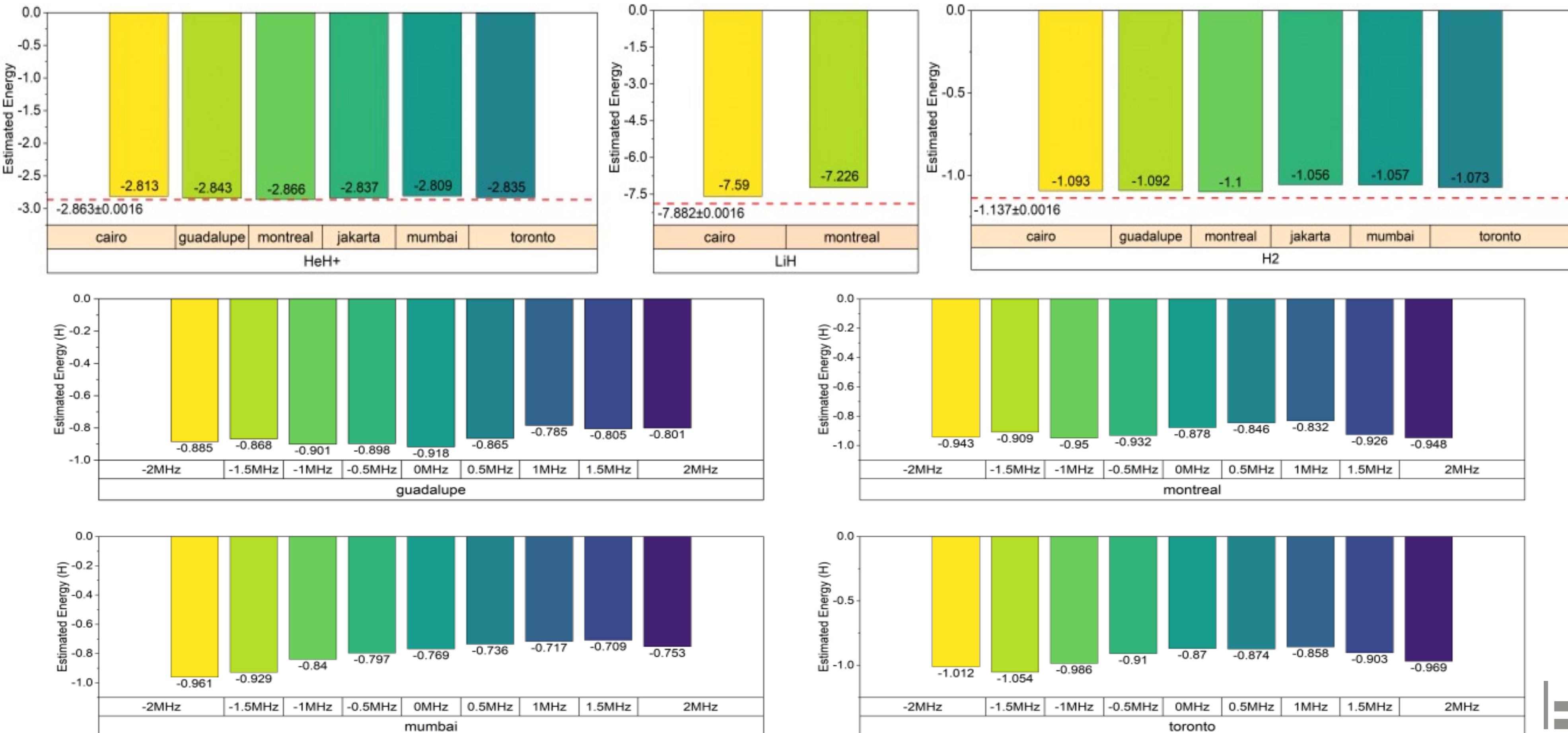
Simulation results for  $HeH^+$



**97.3% reduction in ansatz duration compared to QuantumNAS.**  
**Reduce duration by 73.6% compared to RealAmplitude Ansatz while maintaining ansatz performance.**

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- **HeH<sup>+</sup>**: average accuracy **99.336%**, with **99.895%** being the highest achievable accuracy. The absolute difference in energy is **0.003H**, close to the requirement of computational chemistry error (**0.0016H**) with only a toy model.

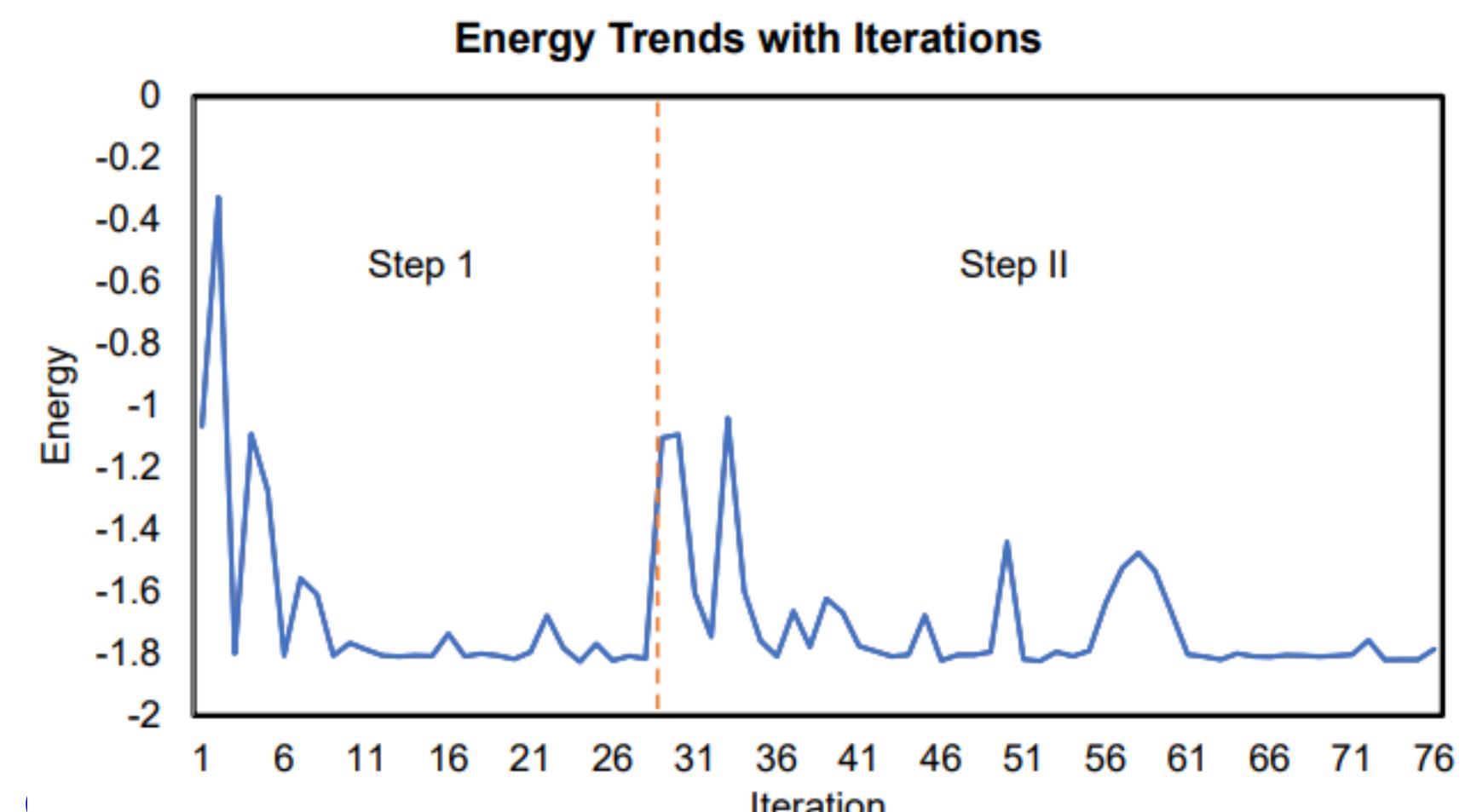


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- Verify the effectiveness of progressive learning scheme.

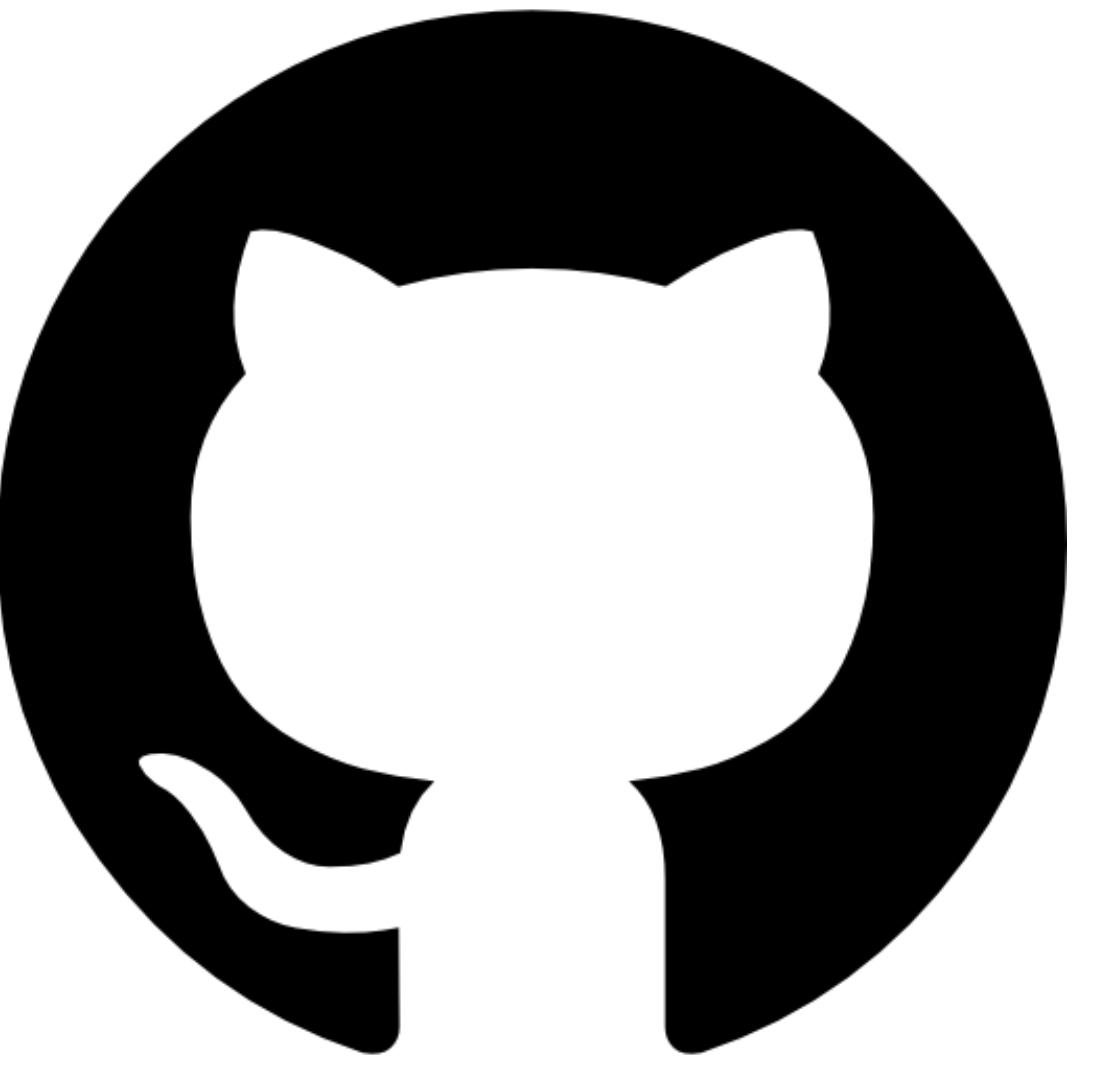
RESULTS OF ESTIMATED ENERGY FOR MOLECULES IN DIFFERENT STEPS

|         | Model                | Cairo           | Montreal        | Toronto         | NISQ machine Avg | Simulator       | FCI    |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|
| $H_2$   | Step I               | -1.093 (3.870%) | -1.087 (4.398%) | -1.073 (5.629%) | -1.084 (4.661%)  | -1.121 (1.407%) | -1.137 |
|         | Step II              | -1.107 (2.639%) | -1.110 (2.375%) | -1.073 (5.629%) | -1.097 (3.518%)  | -1.123 (1.231%) | -1.137 |
|         | Inaccuracy Reduction | 31.83%          | 46.00%          | 0.000%          | 24.52%           | 12.51%          | -      |
| $HeH^+$ | Step I               | -2.813 (1.746%) | -2.845 (0.663%) | -2.820 (1.485%) | -2.826 (1.292%)  | -2.855 (0.279%) | -2.863 |
|         | Step II              | -2.833 (1.047%) | -2.866 (0.105%) | -2.834 (1.013%) | -2.844 (0.664%)  | -2.856 (0.244%) | -2.863 |
|         | Inaccuracy Reduction | 40.03%          | 84.16%          | 31.78%          | 48.61%           | 12.54%          | -      |



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# Thank you for listening!



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