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QuantumNAS: Noise-aware search and training for robust quantum circuits

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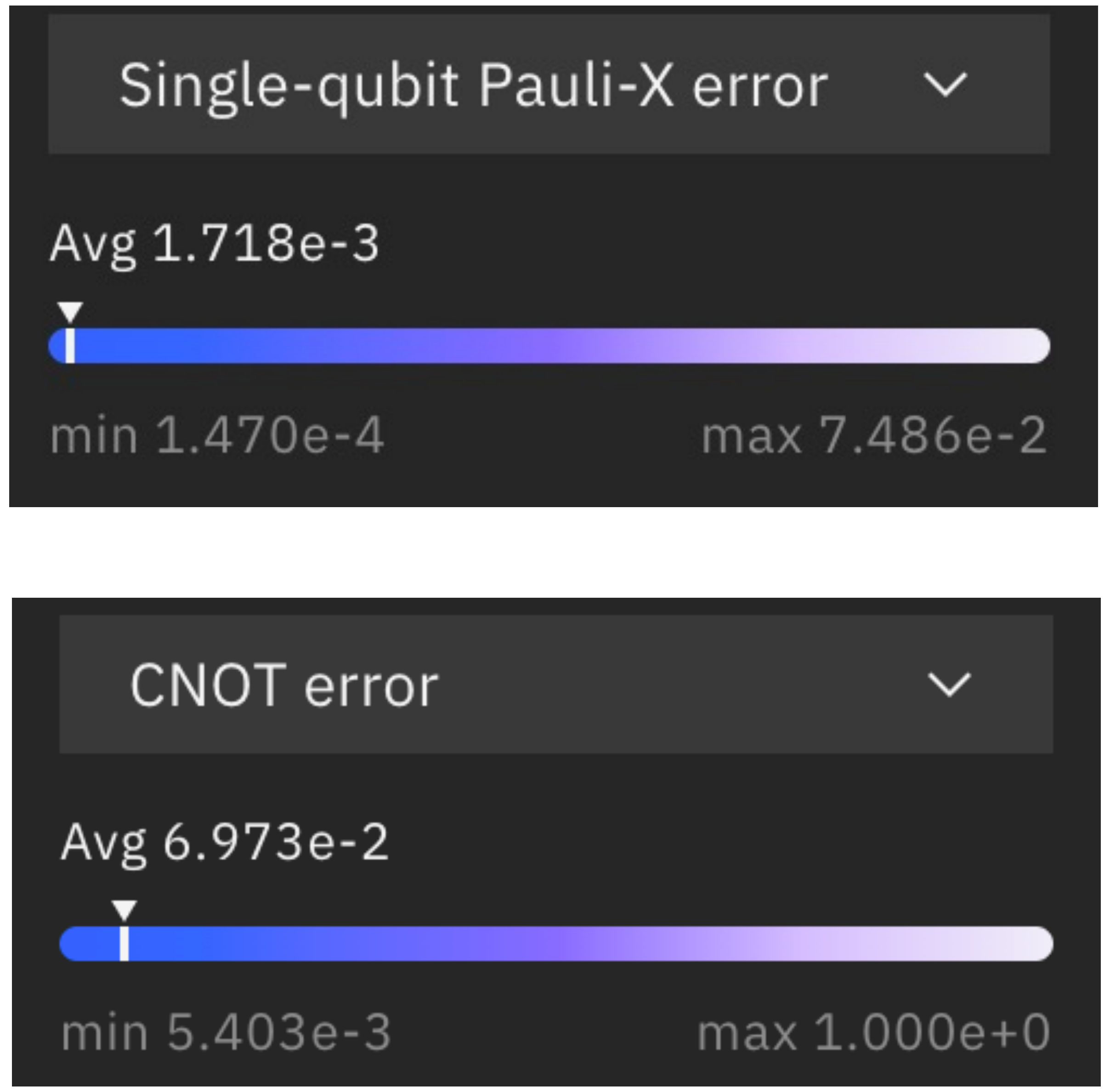
Outline

- Background
- QuantumNAS
- TorchQuantum Library
- Conclusion

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



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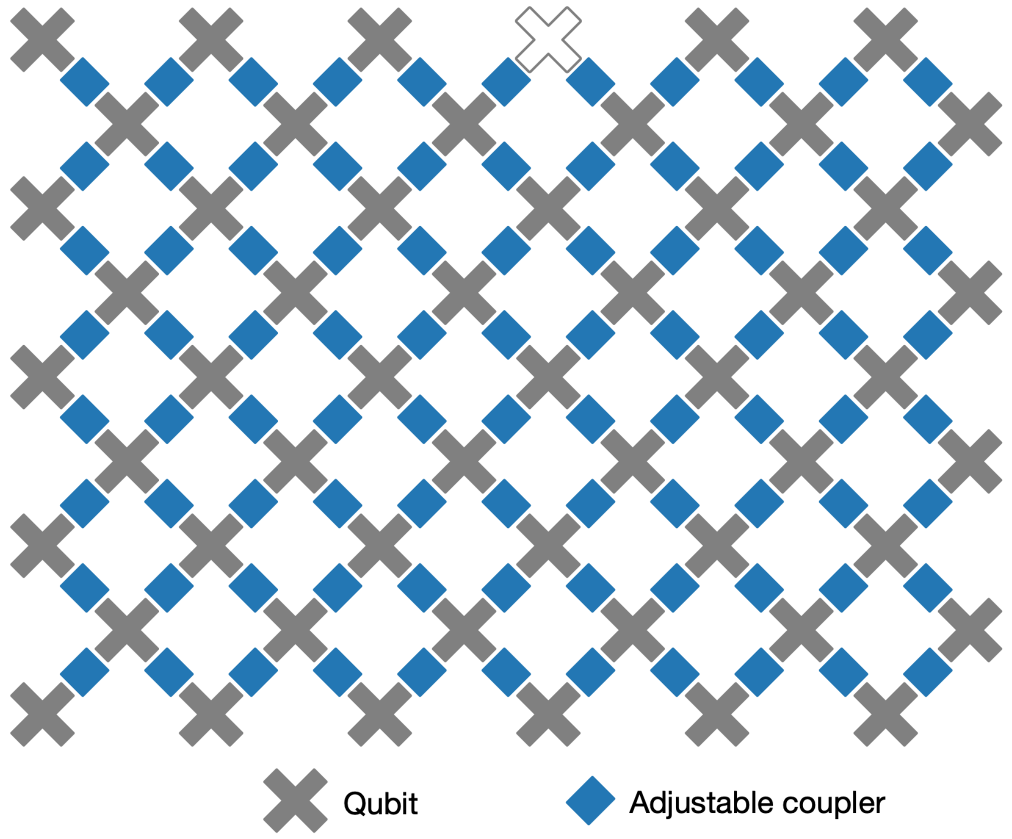

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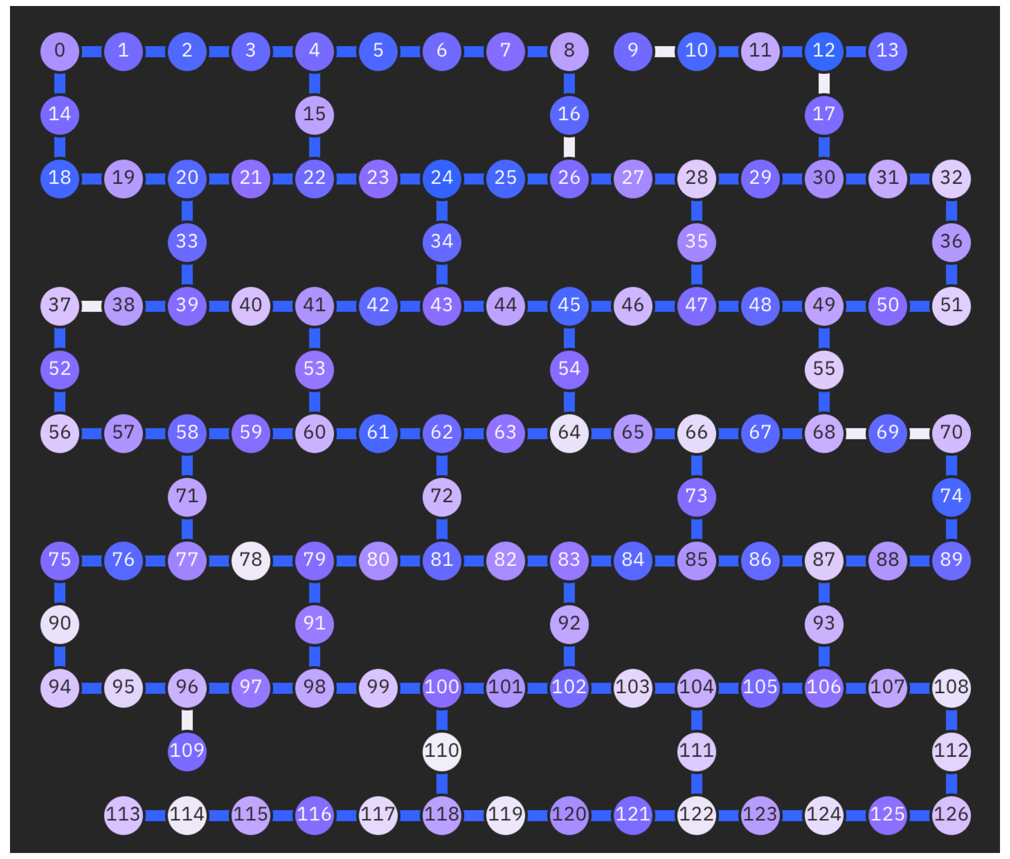

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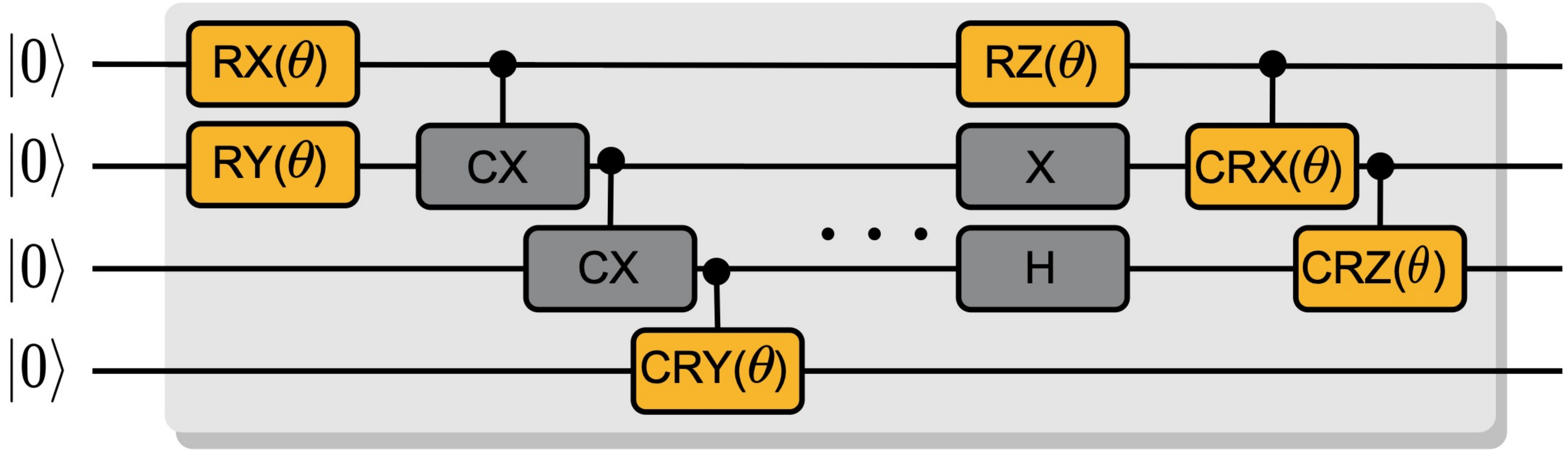
Parameterized Quantum Circuits

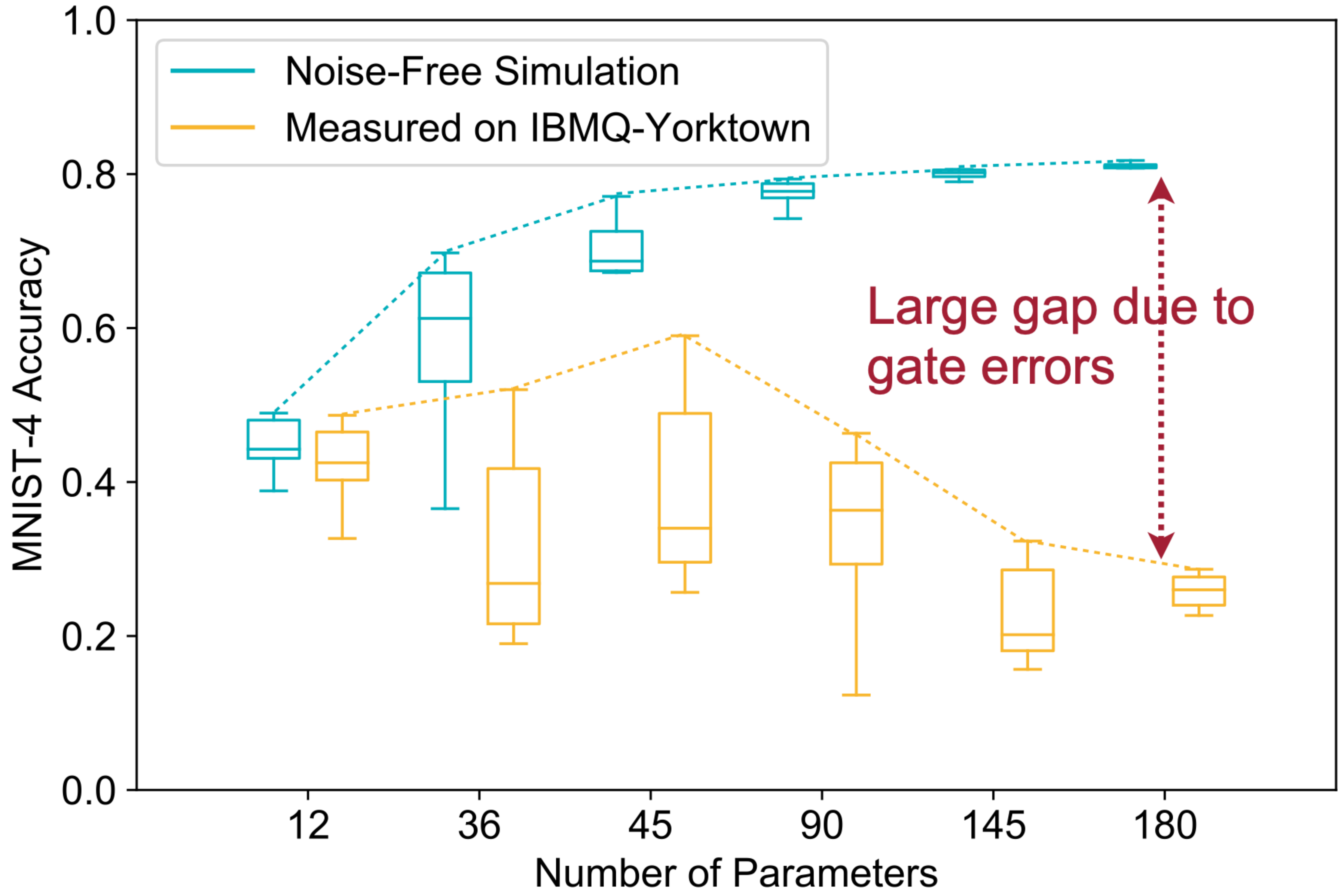
- Parameterized Quantum Circuits (PQC)
- Quantum circuit with fixed gates and parameterized gates



- PQCs are commonly used in **hybrid classical-quantum models** and show promises to achieve quantum advantage
  - Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)
  - Quantum Neural Networks (QNN)
  - Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)

Challenges of PQC — Noise

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



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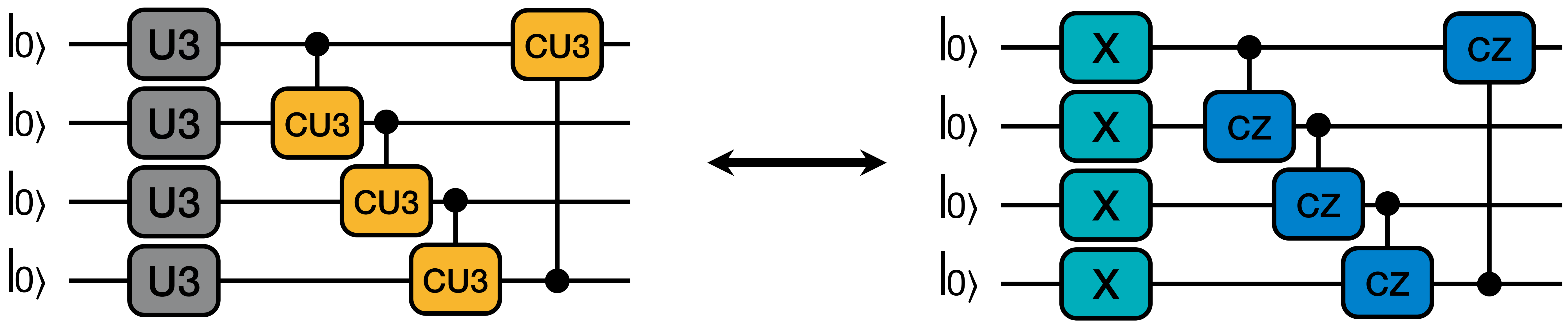

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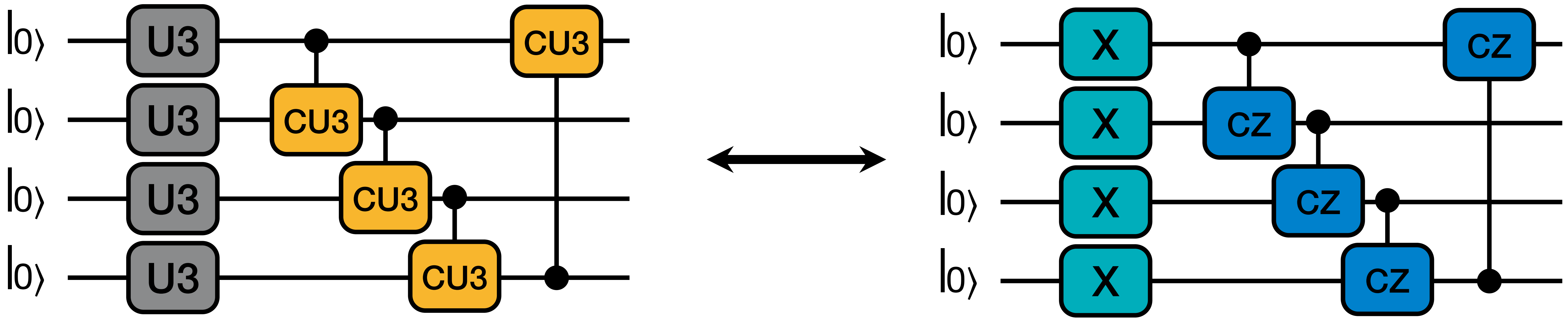

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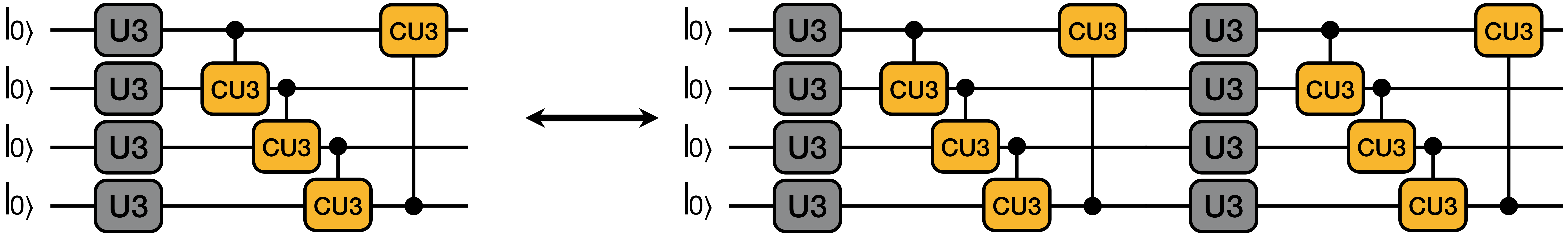

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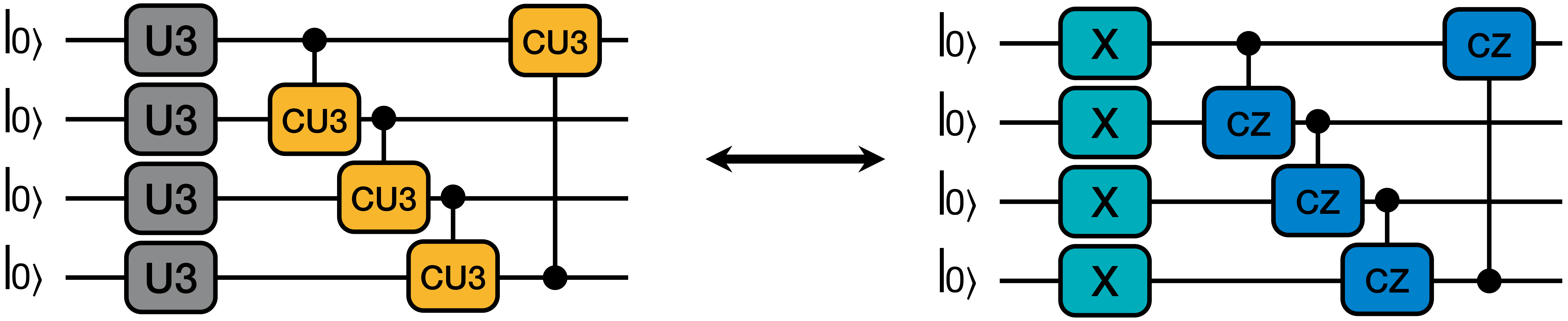

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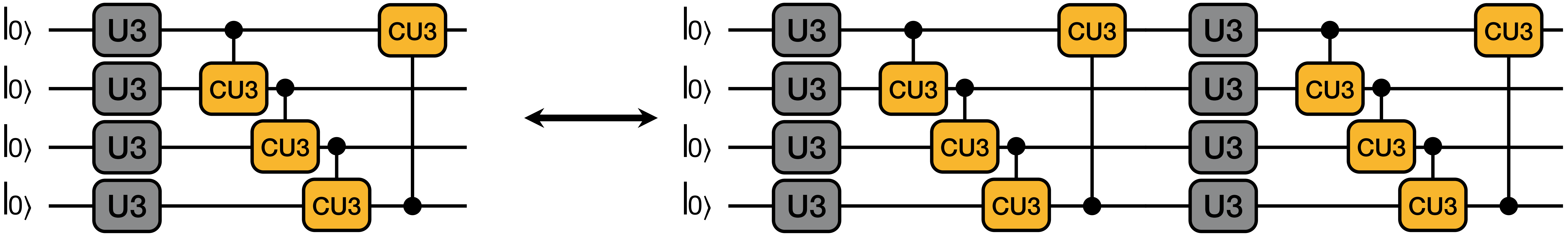
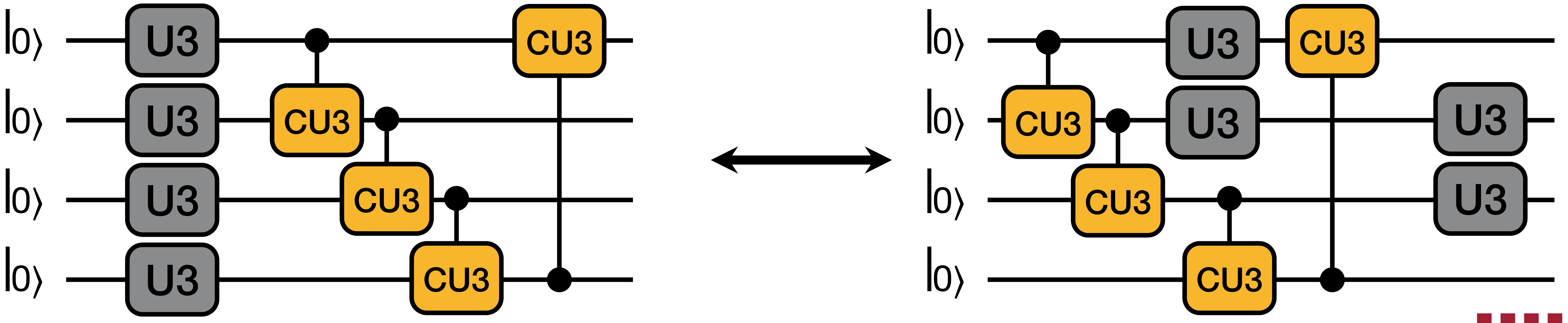


  - Position of gates



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

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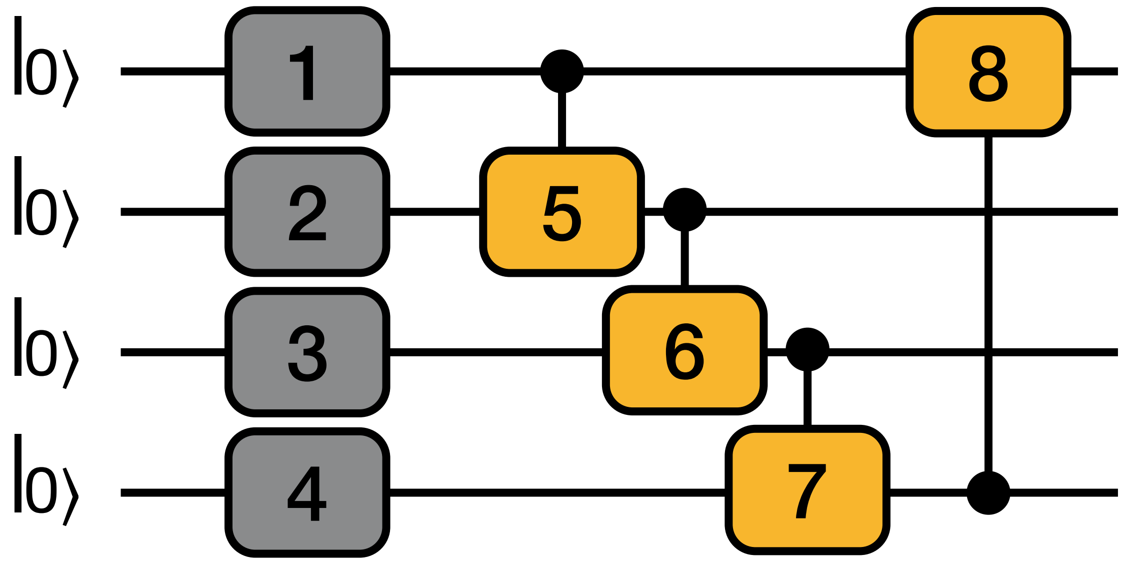

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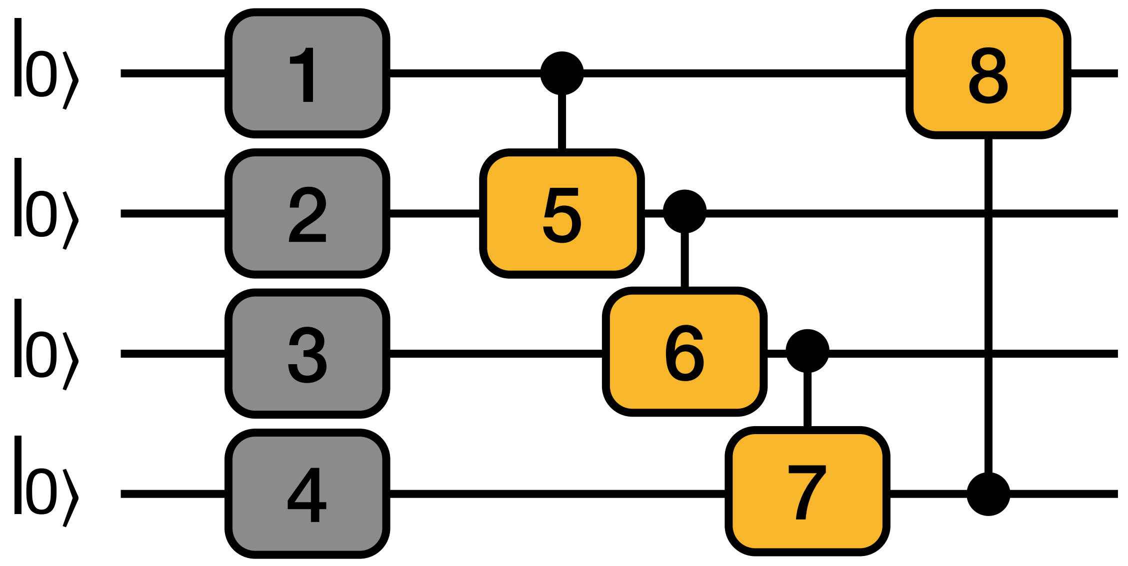
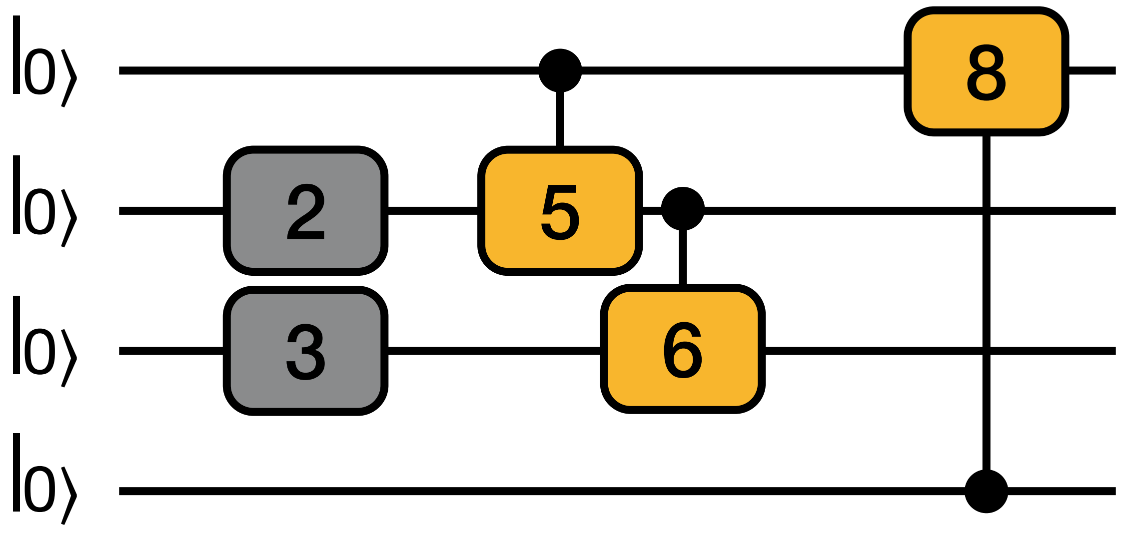
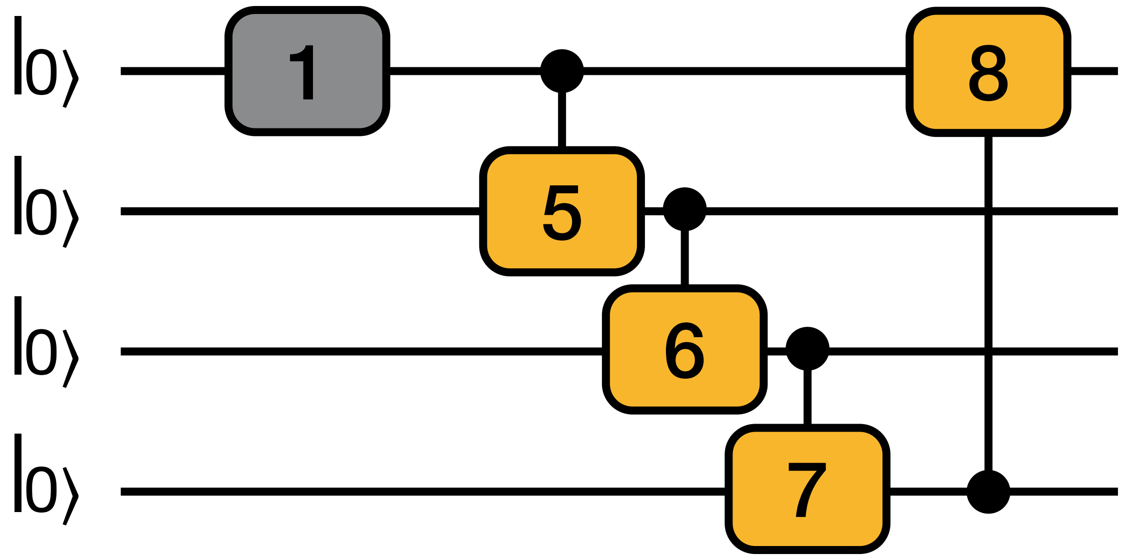
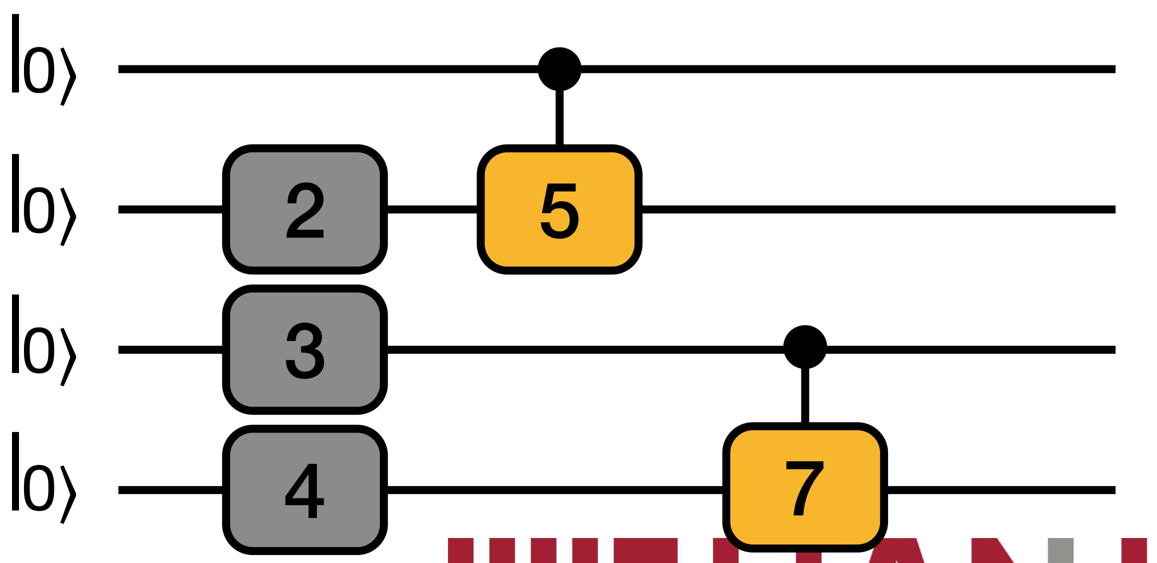


- Each candidate circuit in the design space (called SubCircuit) is a **subset** of the SuperCircuit







SuperCircuit Construction

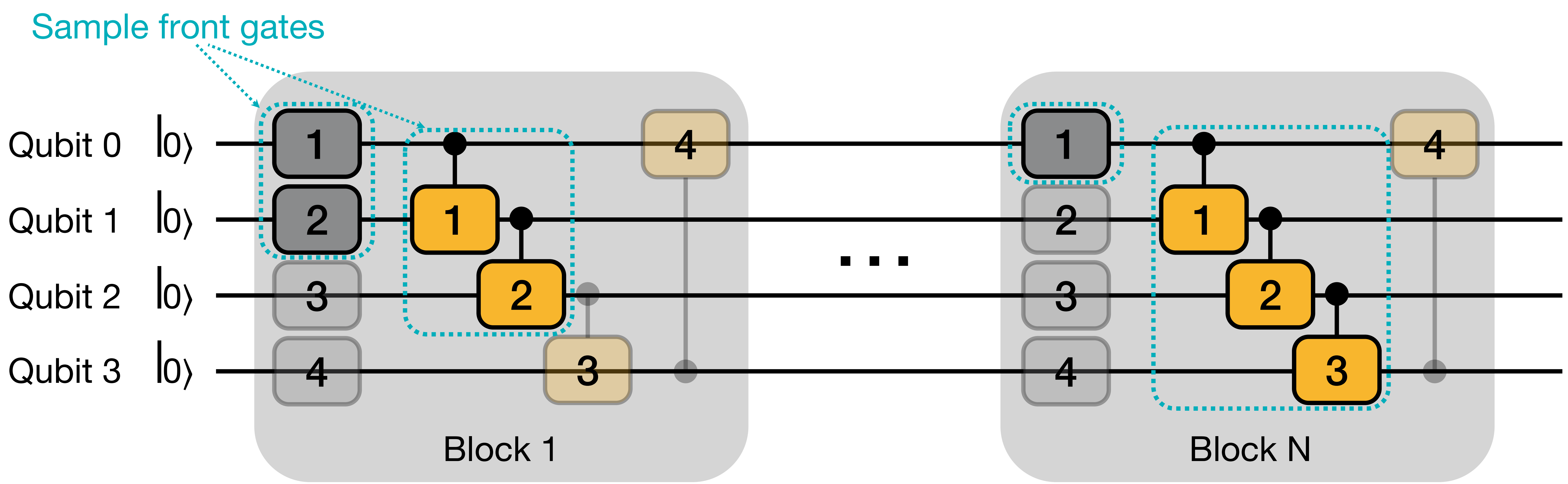
- Why use a SuperCircuit?
  - Enables **efficient** search of architecture candidates without training each
  - SubCircuit inherits parameters from SuperCircuit
  - With **inherited** parameters, we find some good SubCircuits, we find that they are also good SubCircuits with parameters **trained from-scratch**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

Front Sampling

- During sampling, we first sample total number of blocks, then sample gates within each block
  - Front sampling: Only the **front** several blocks and **front** several gates can be sampled to make SuperCircuit training more stable



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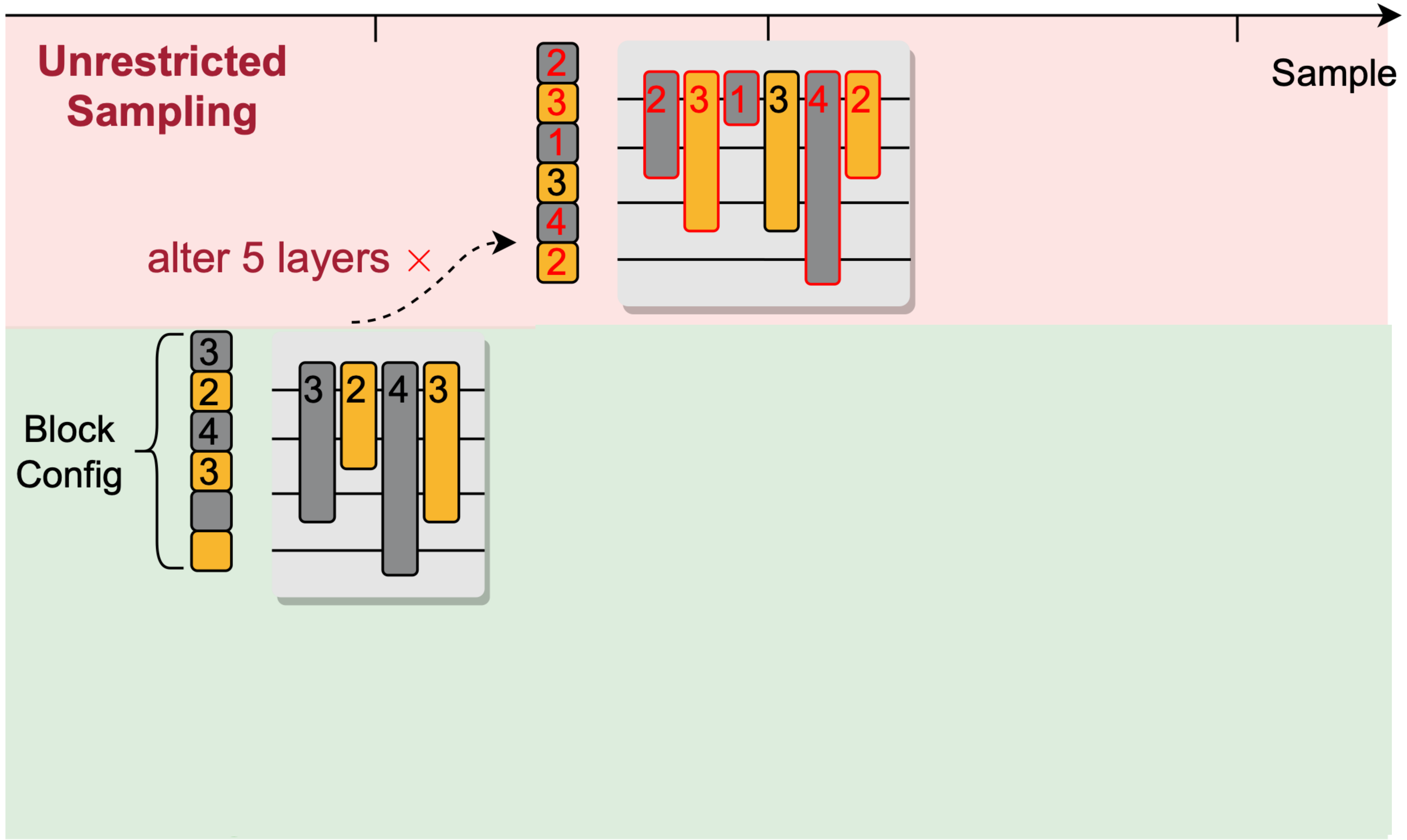

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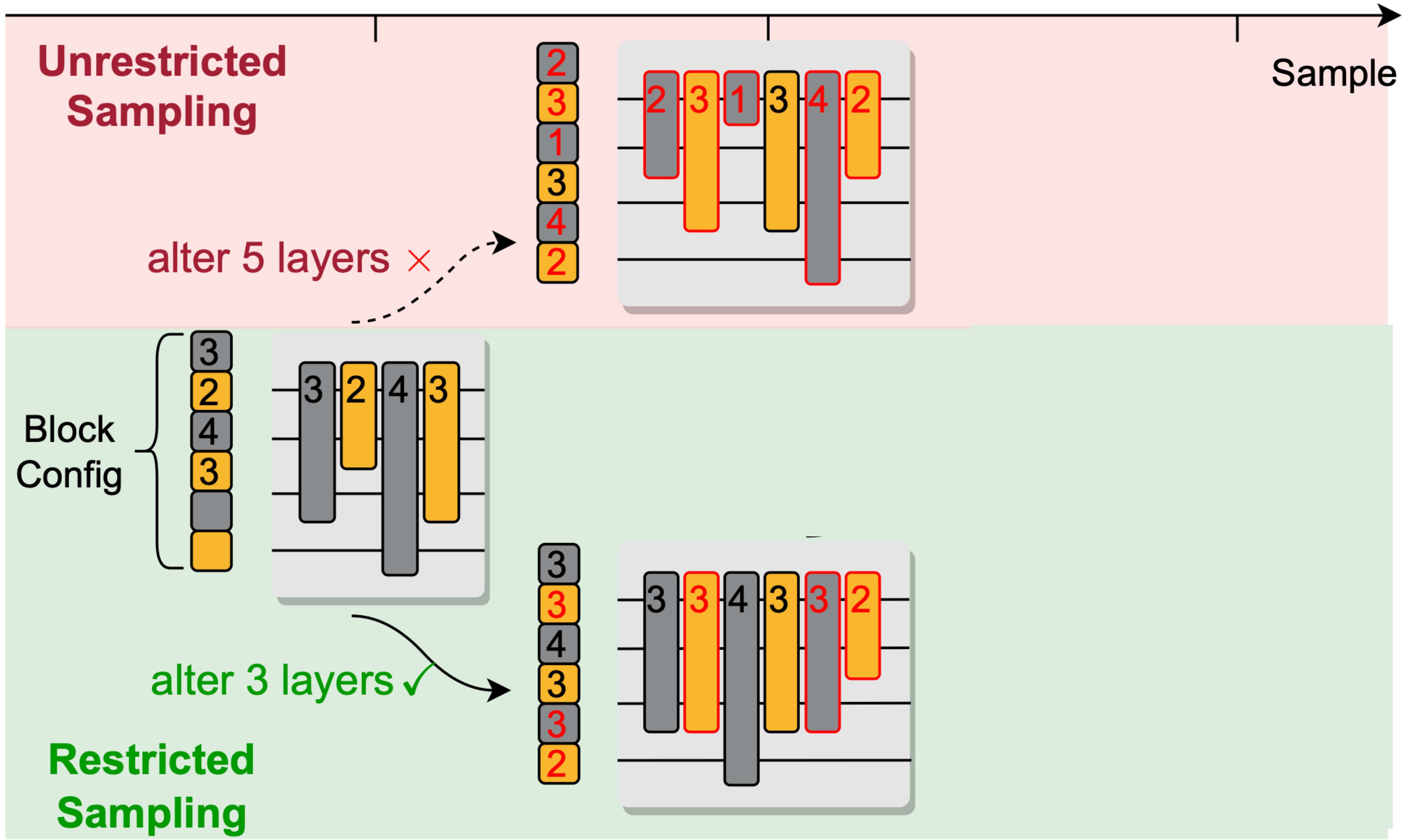

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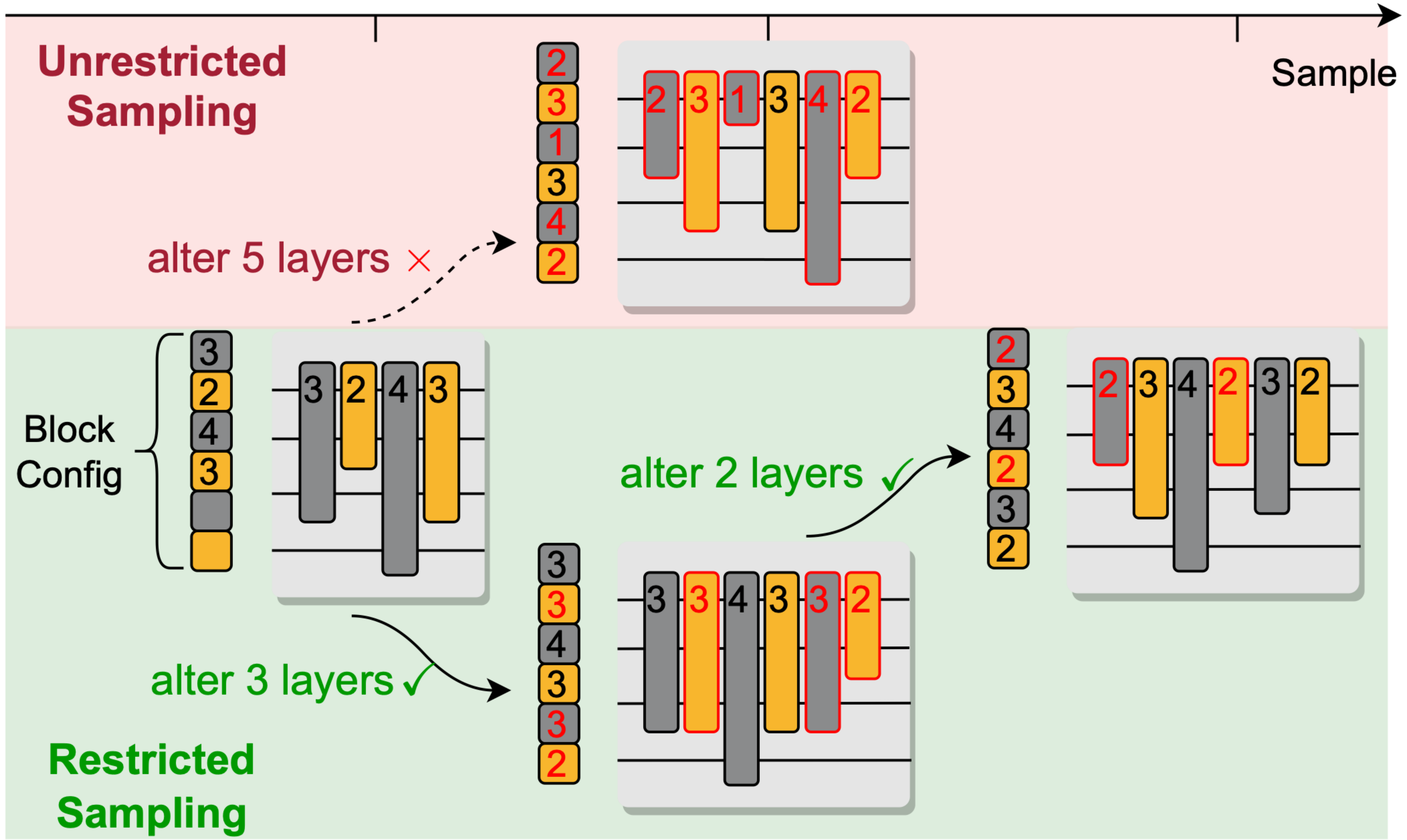

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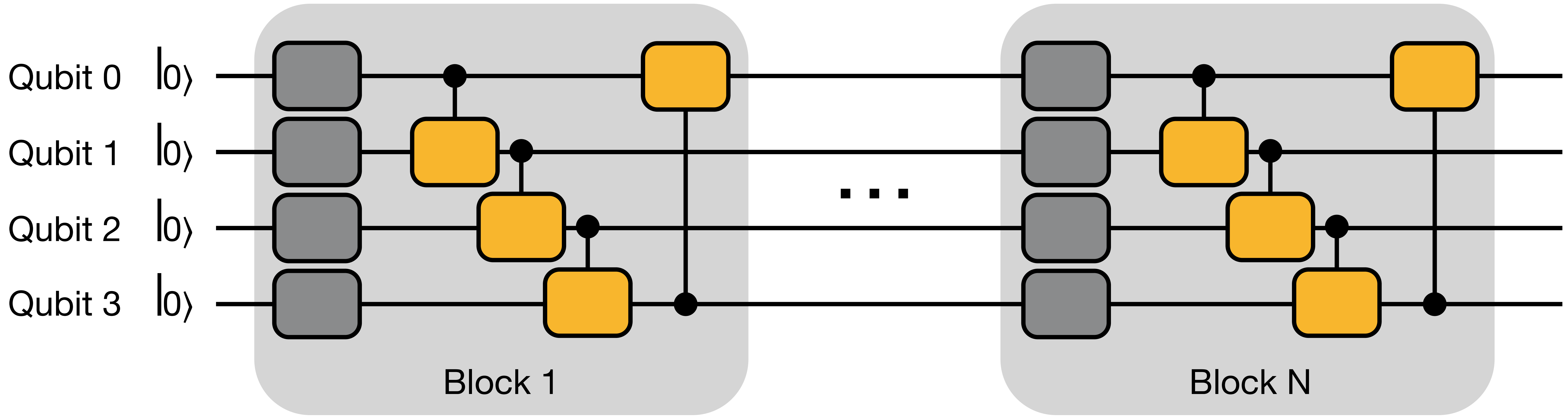

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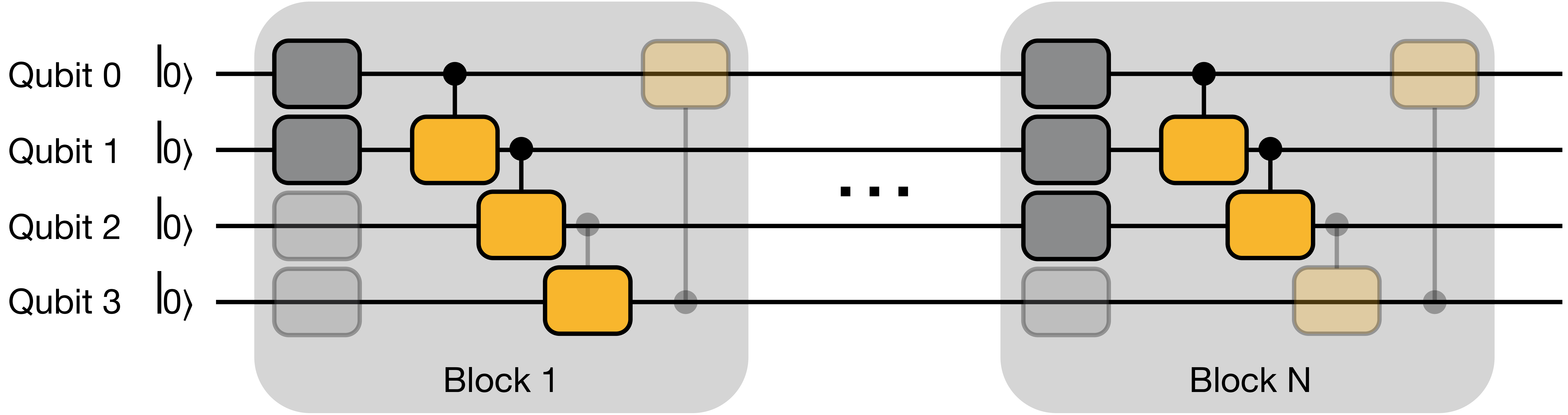

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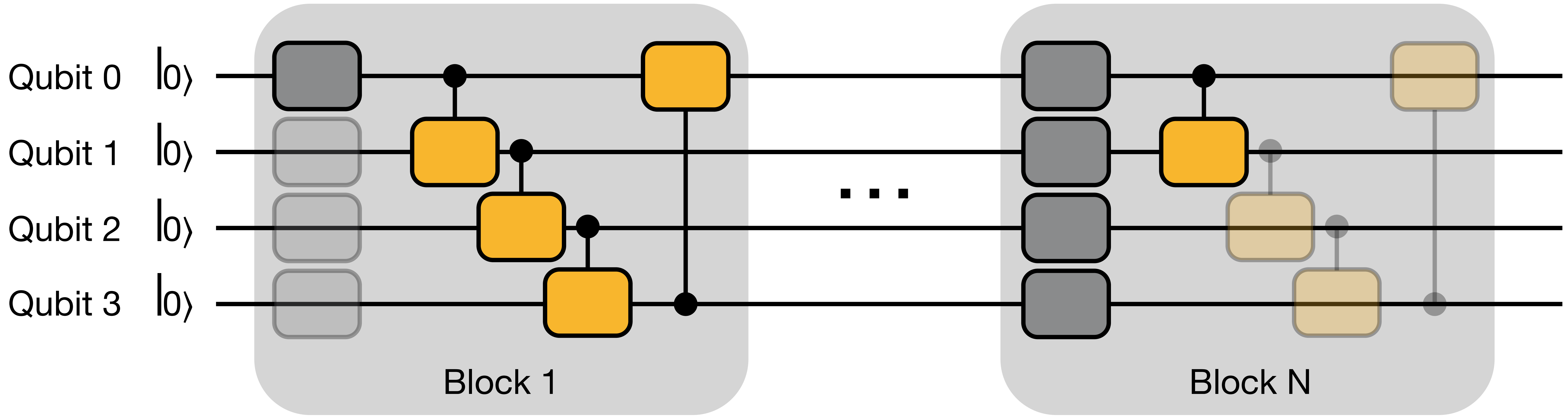

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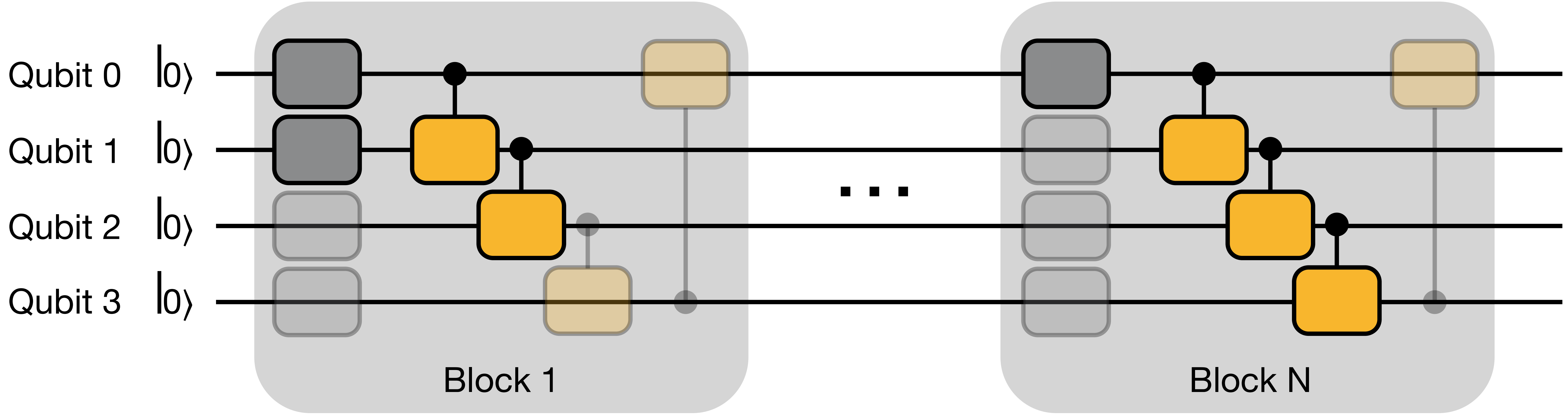

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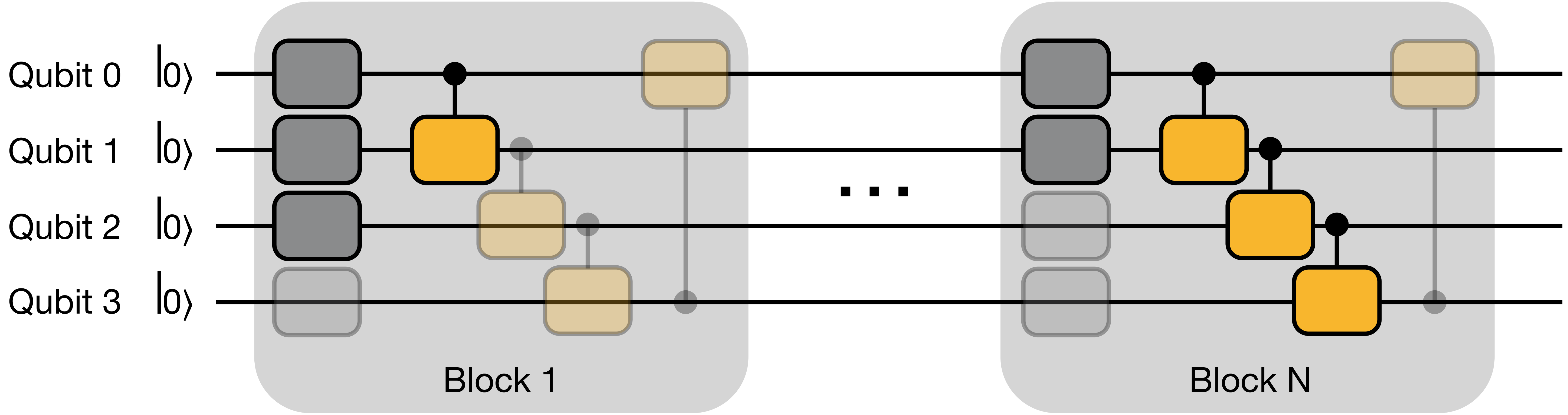

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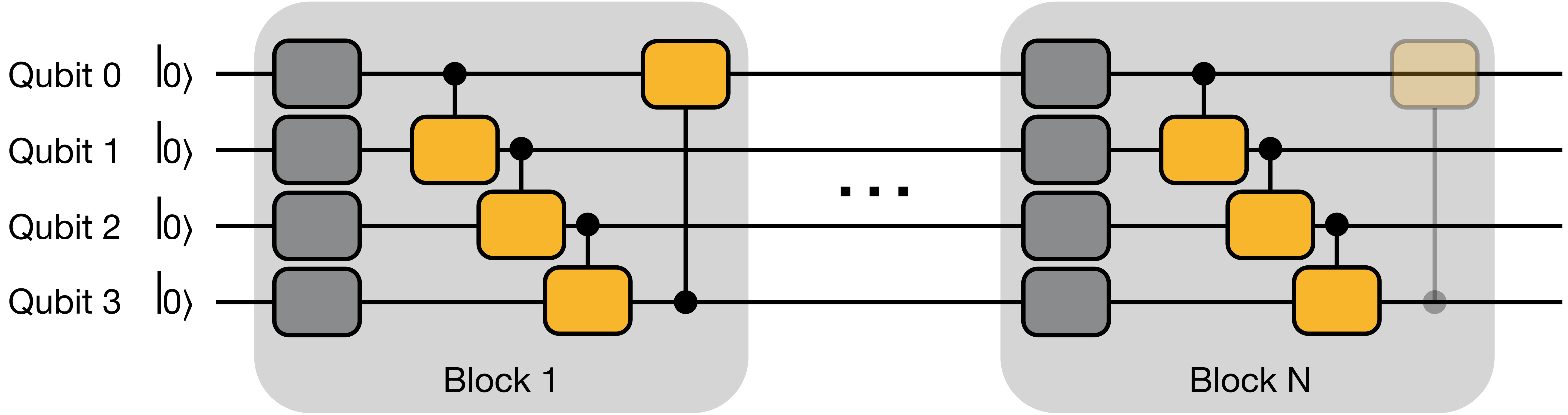

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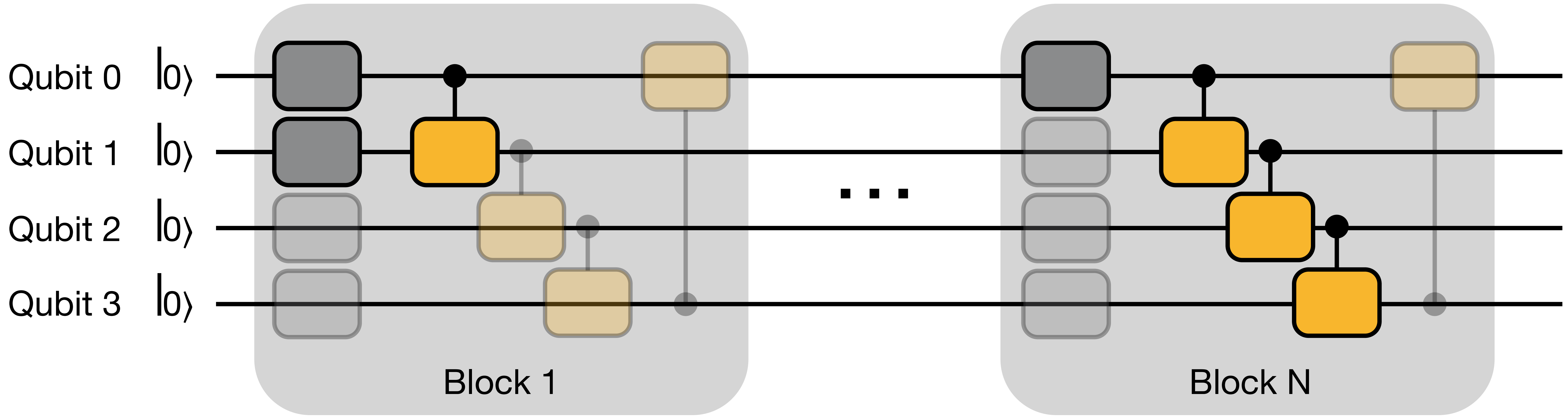

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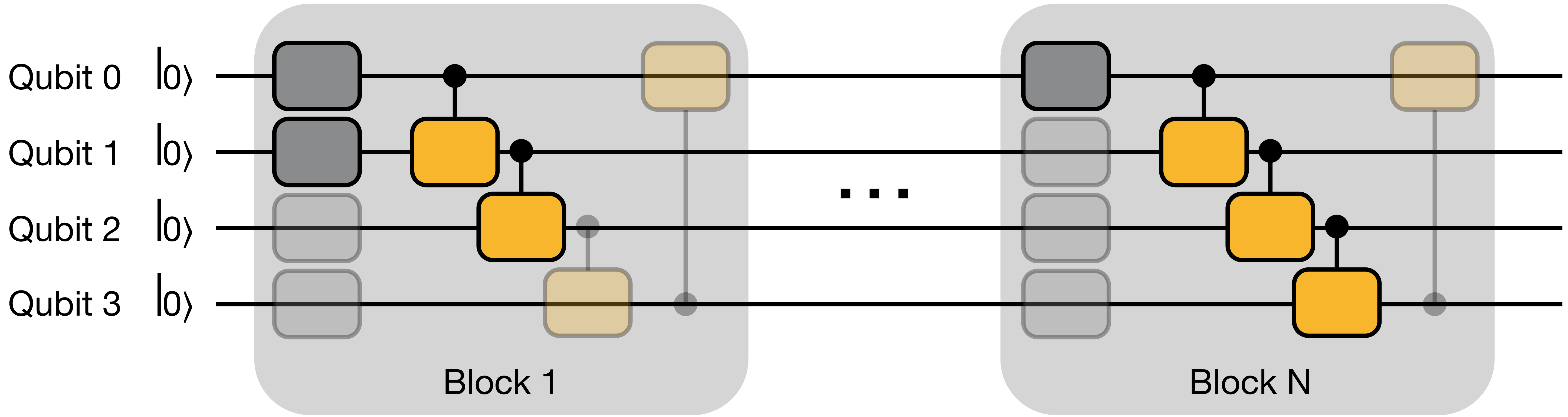

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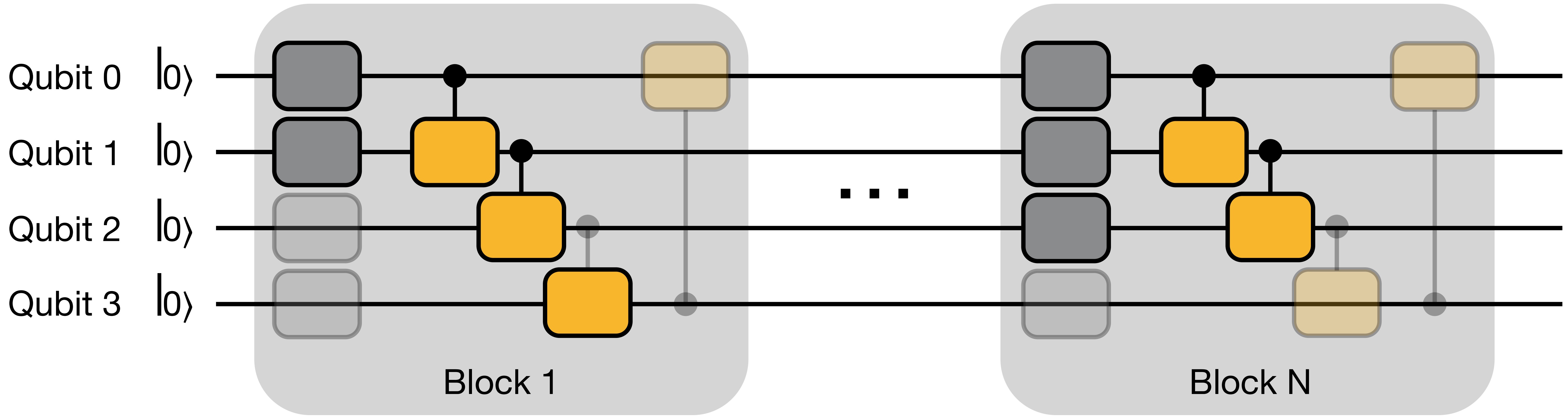

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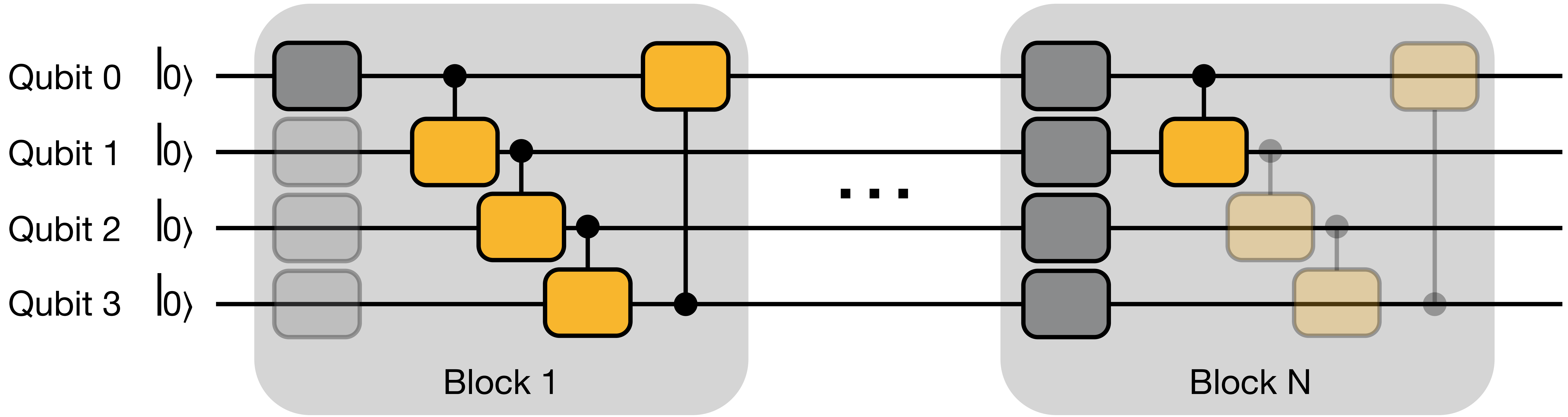

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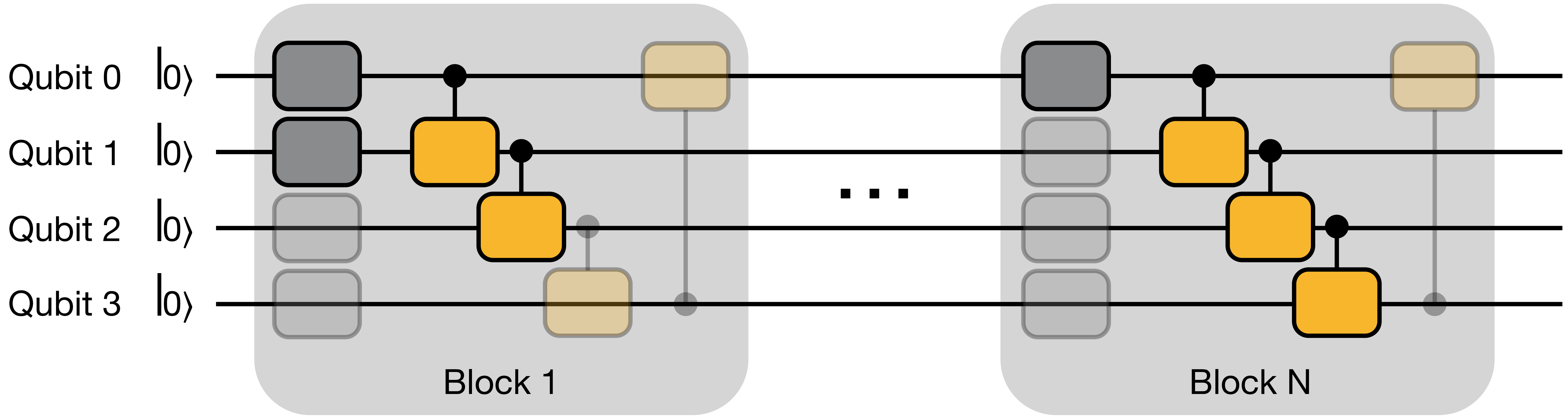

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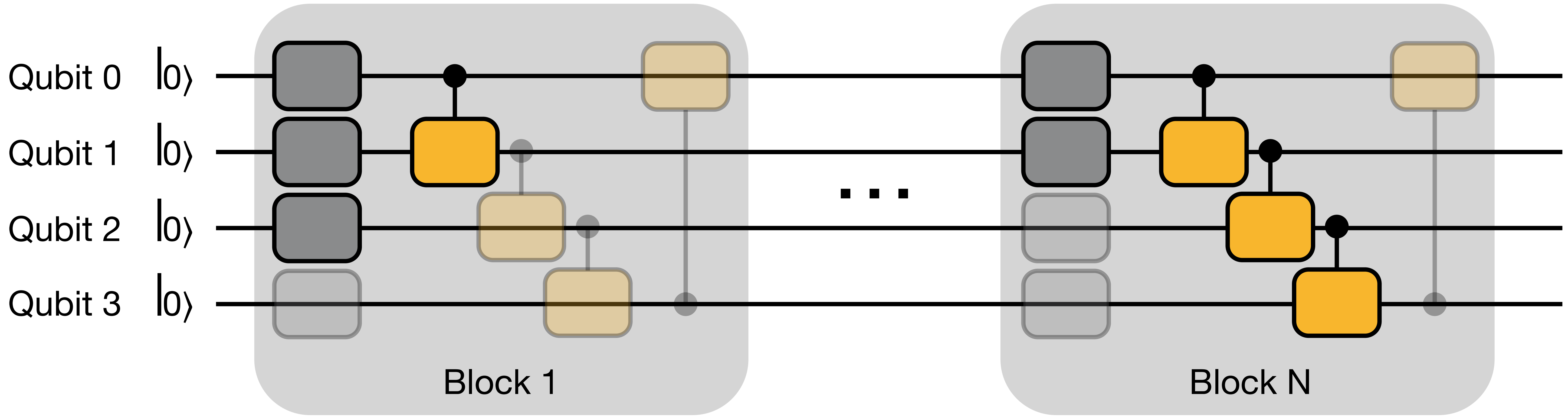

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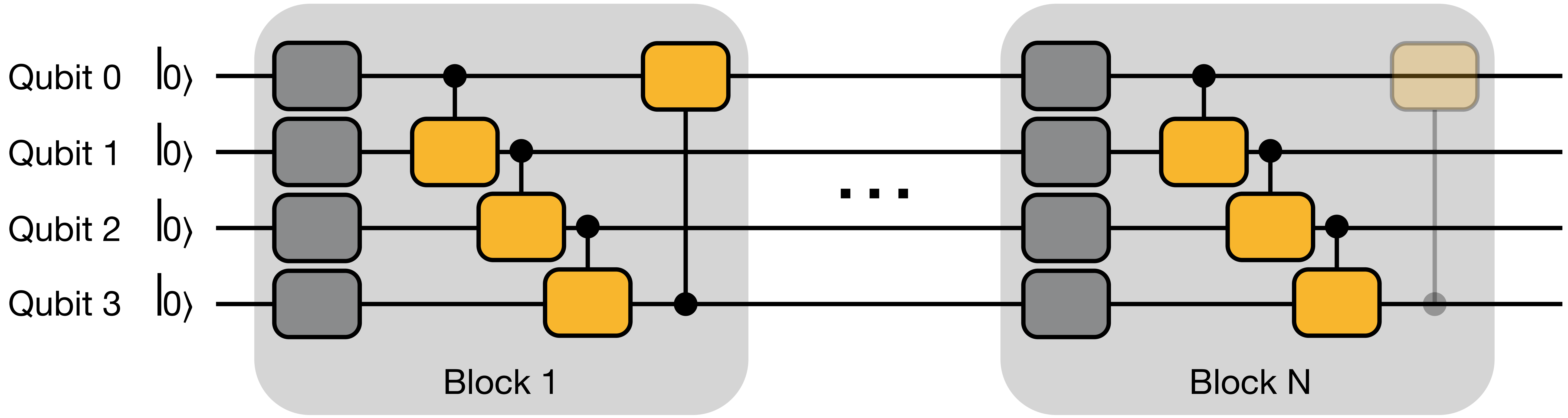

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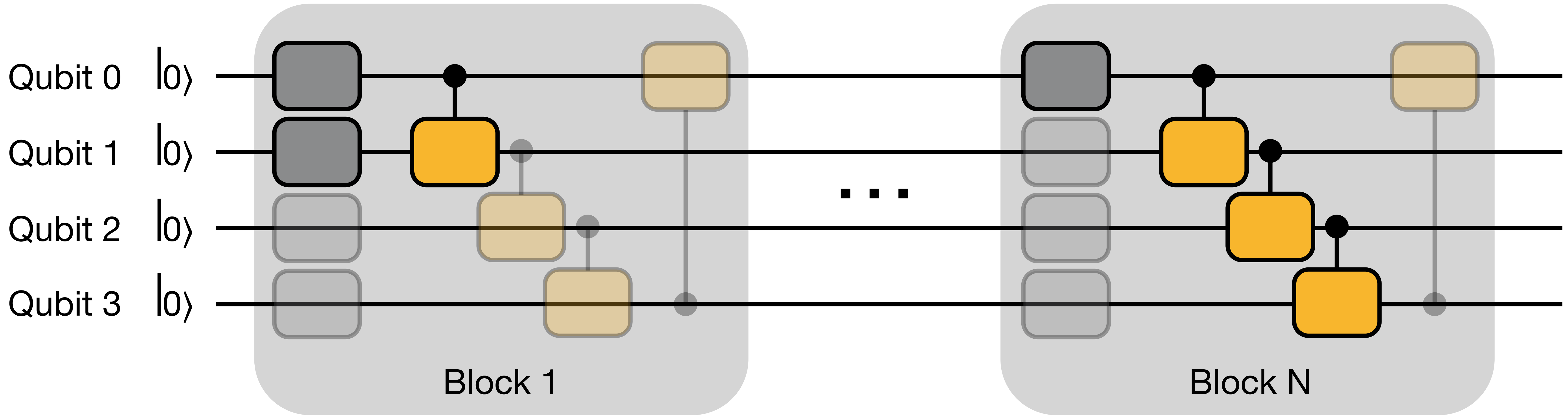

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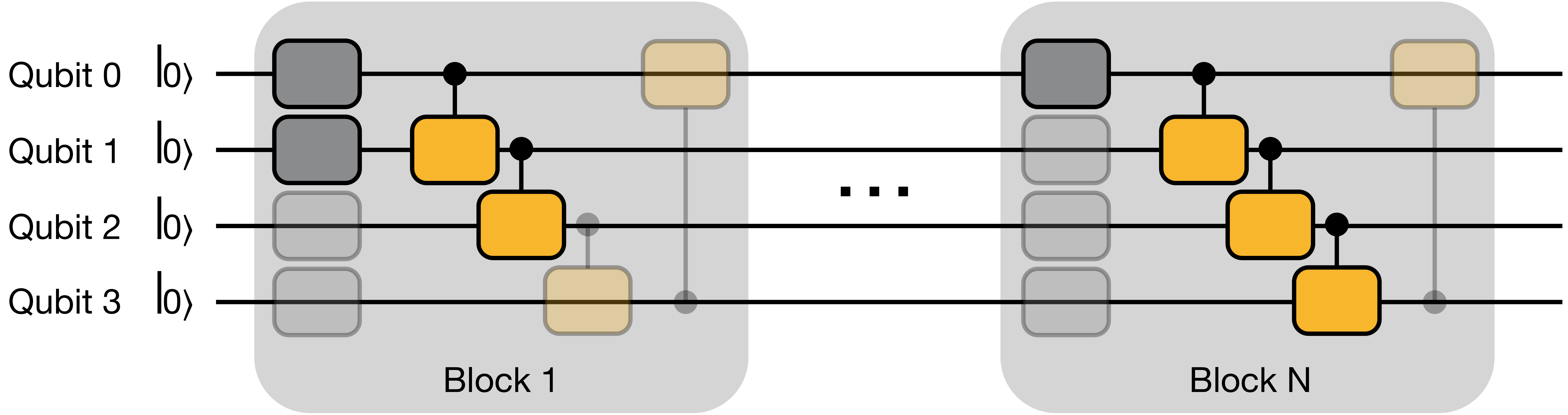

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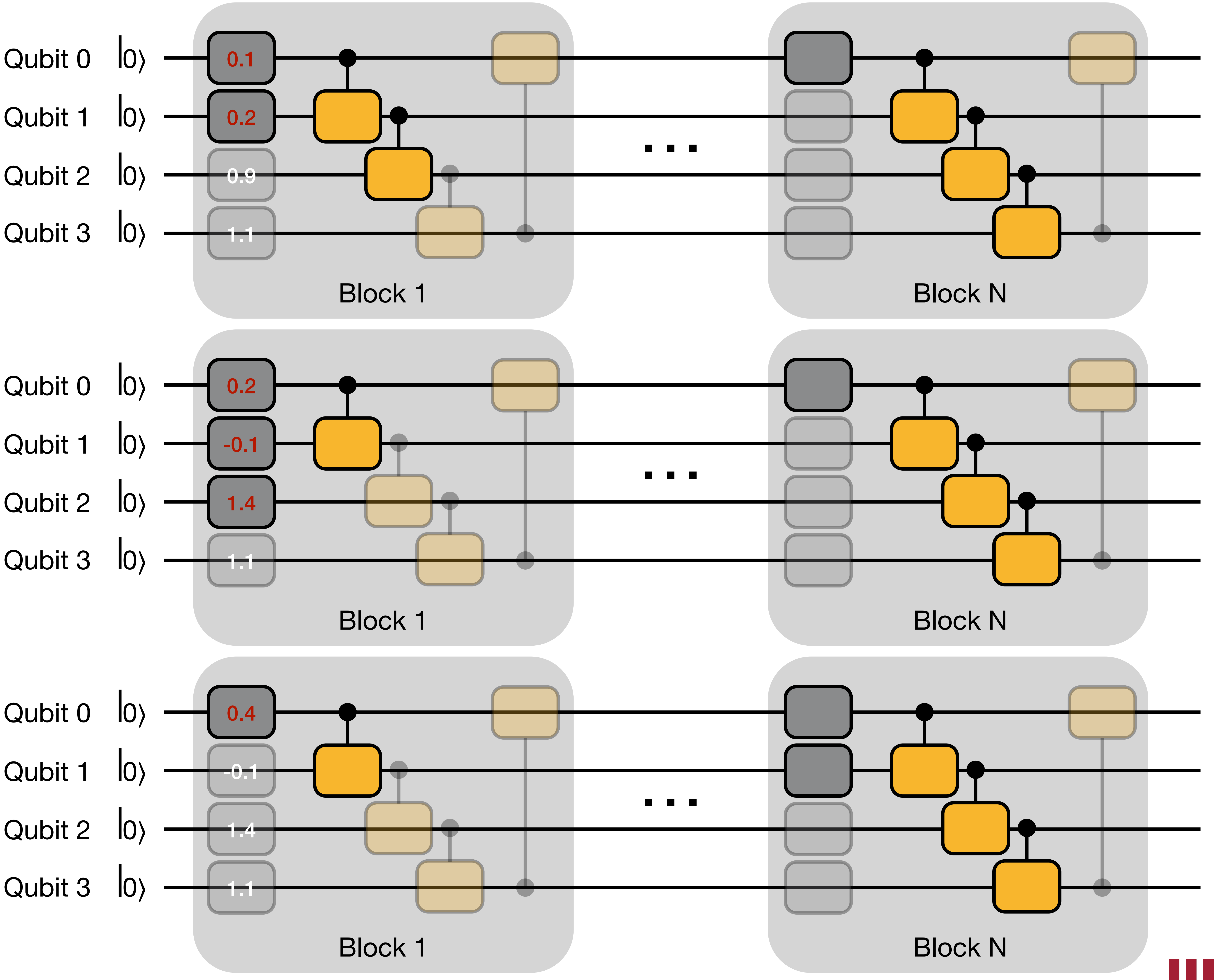
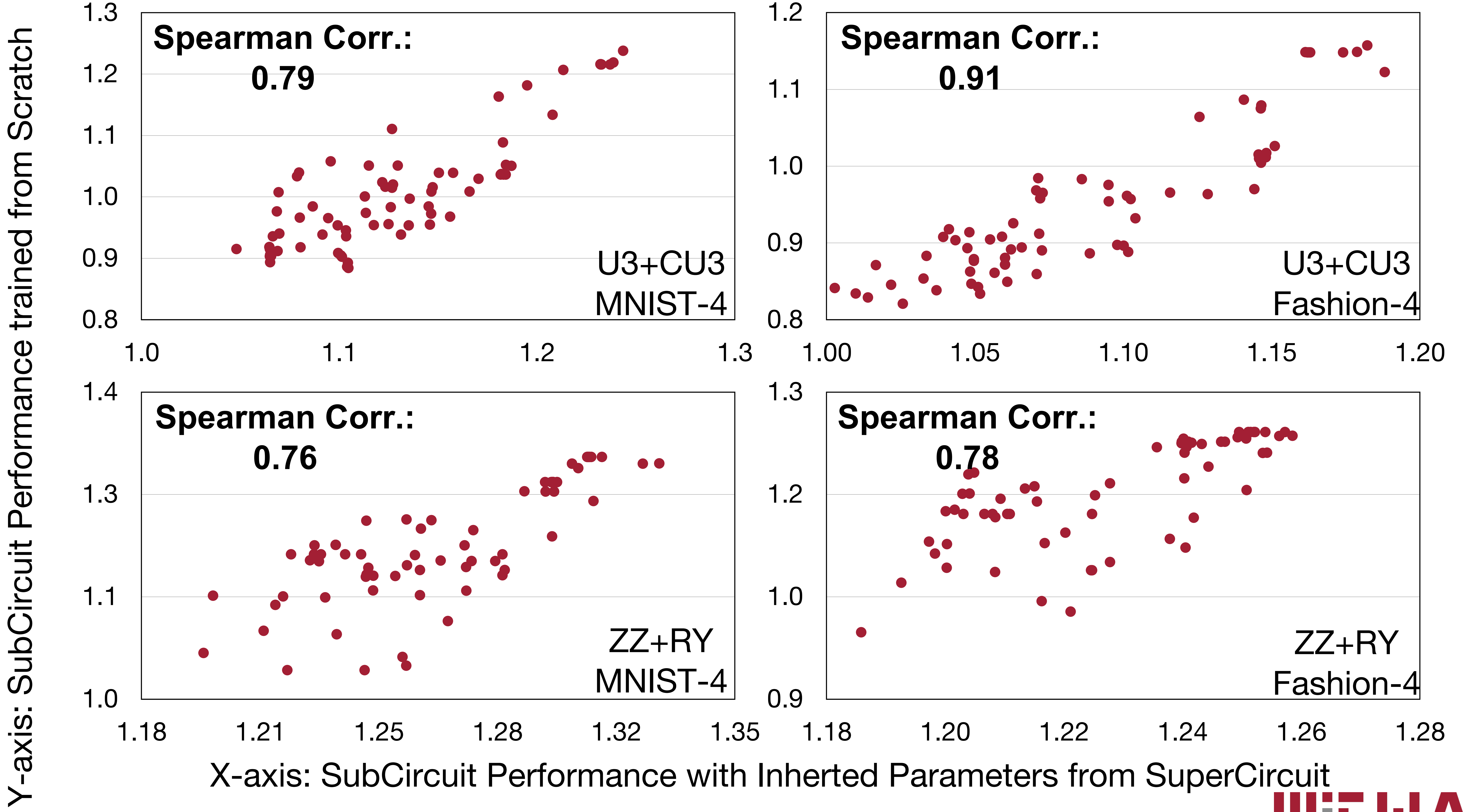


How Reliable is the SuperCircuit?

- Inherited parameters from SuperCircuit can provide accurate relative performance



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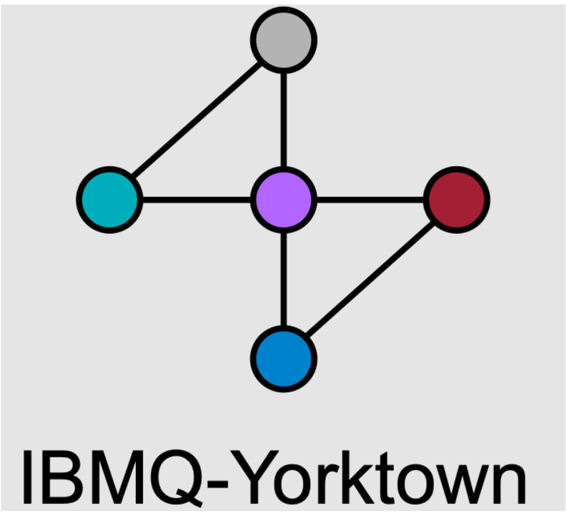

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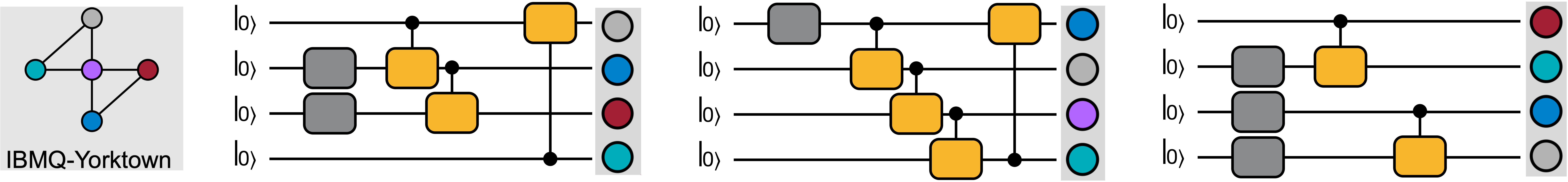

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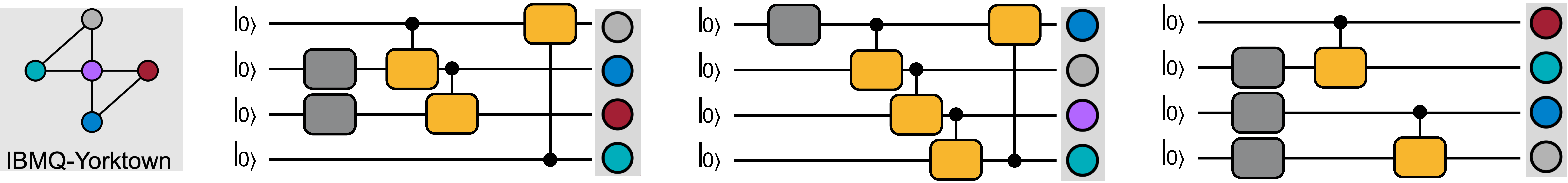

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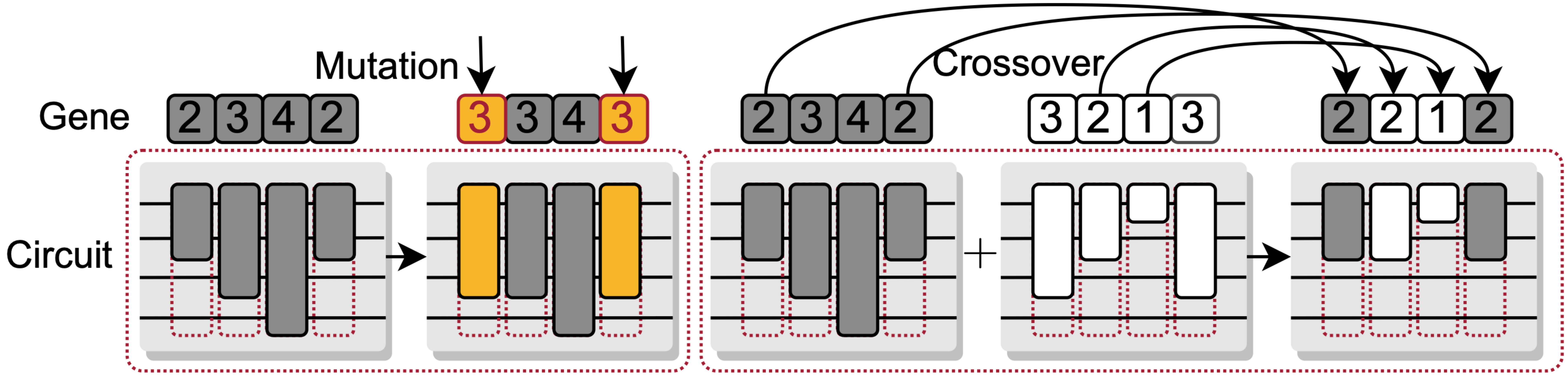

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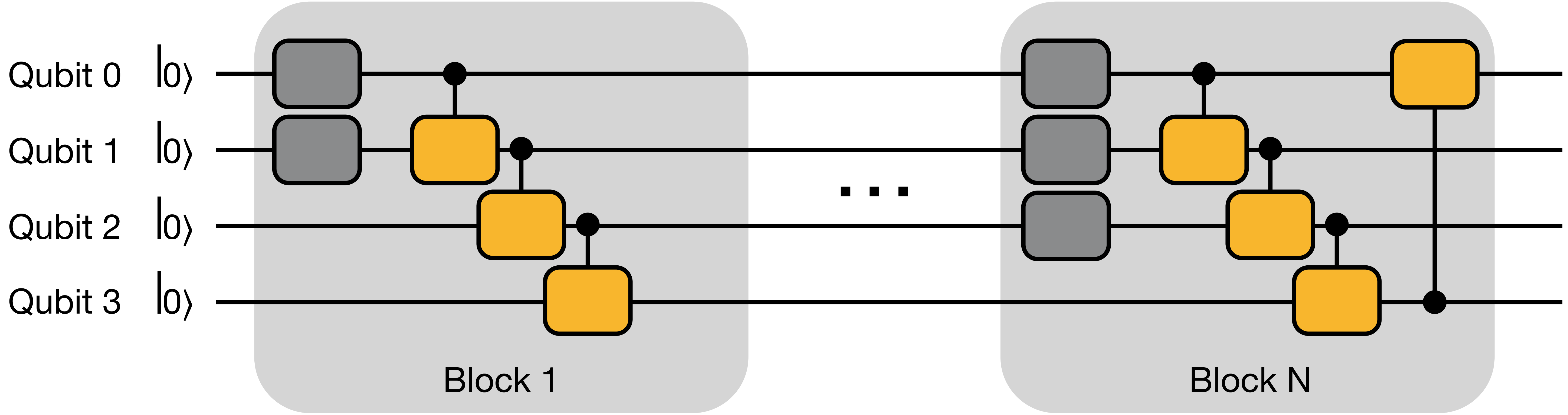

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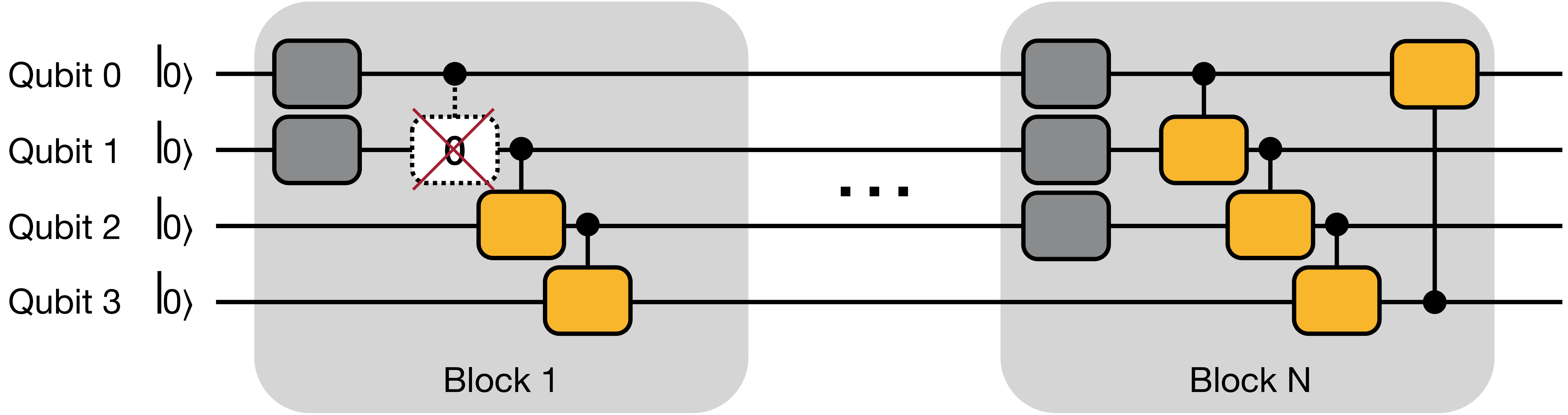

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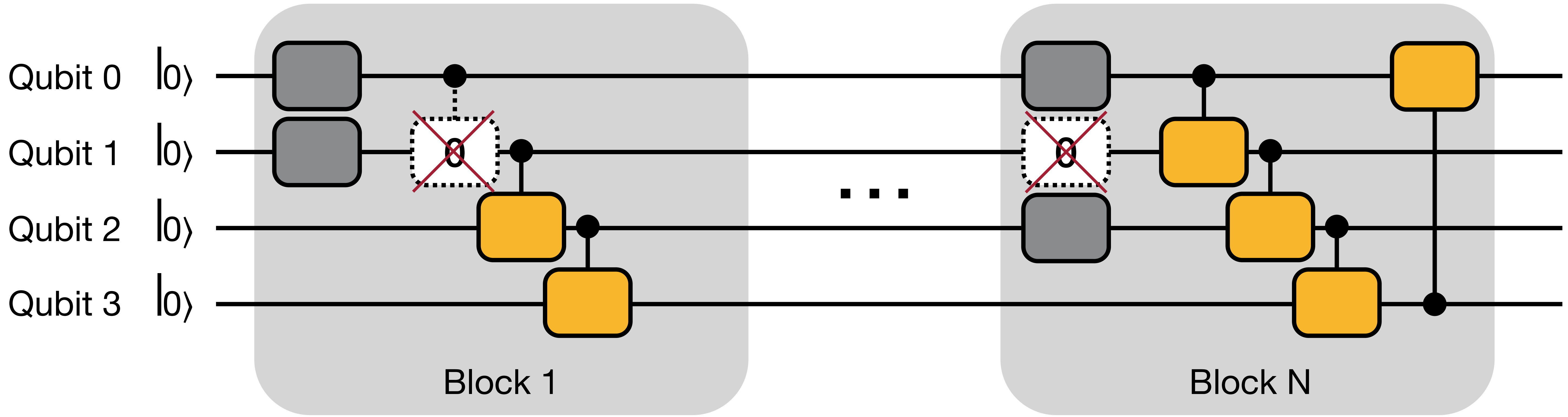

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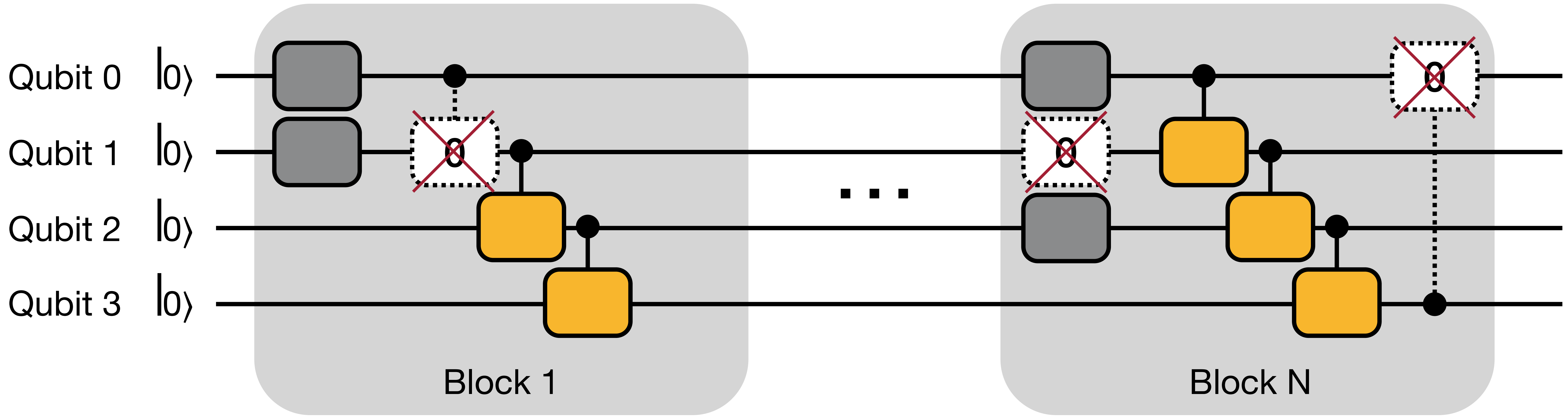

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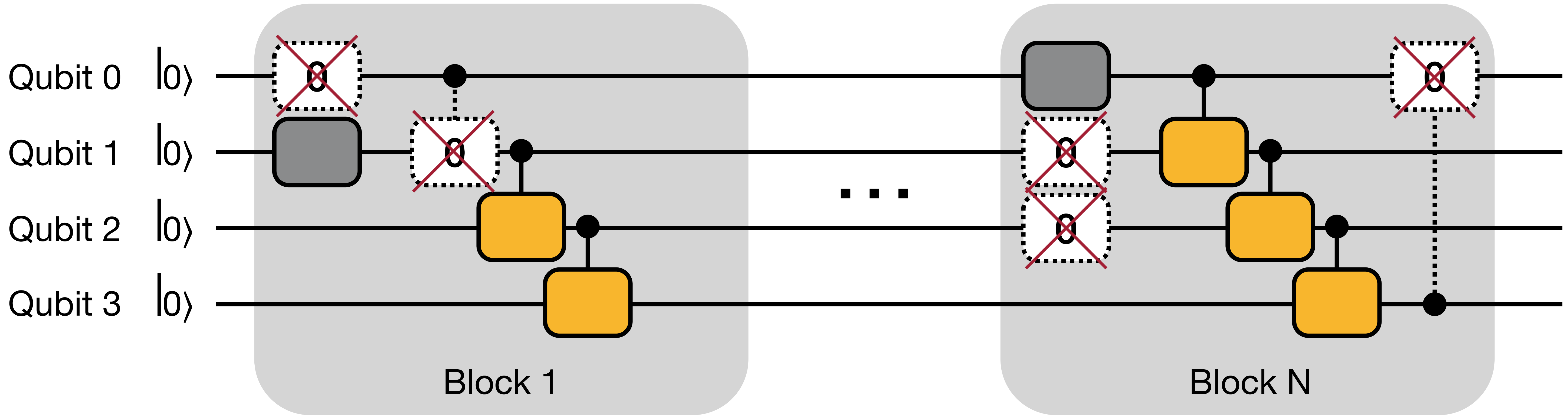

Evaluation Setups: Benchmarks and Devices

- Benchmarks
  - QML classification tasks: MNIST 10-class, 4-class, 2-class, Fashion 4-class, 2-class, Vowel 4-class
  - VQE task molecules: H2, H2O, LiH, CH4, BeH2
- Quantum Devices
  - IBMQ
  - #Qubits: 5 to 65
  - Quantum Volume: 8 to 128

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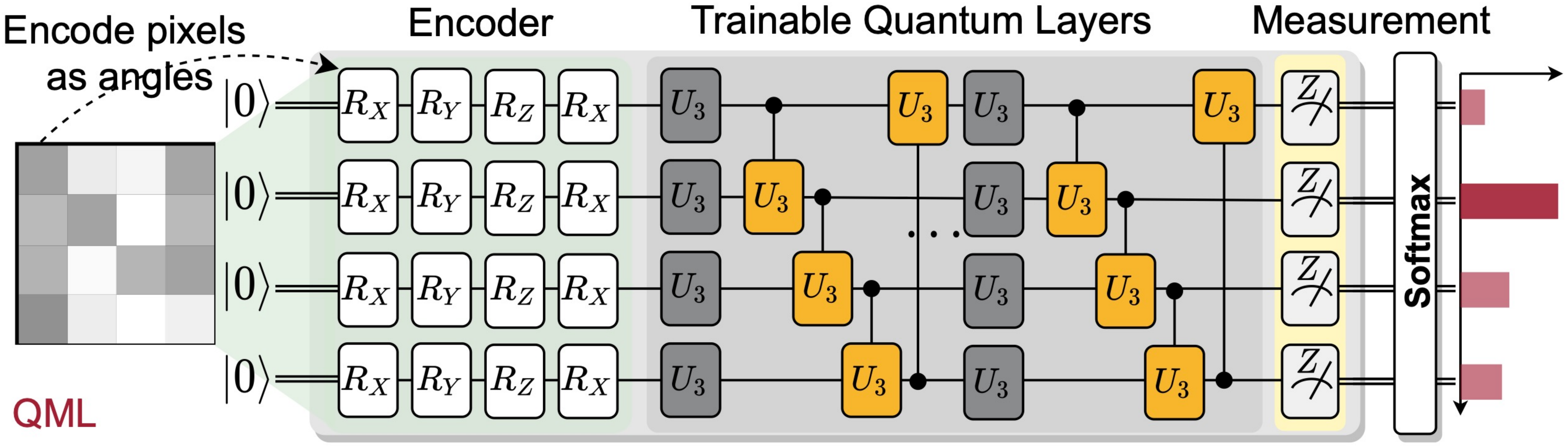

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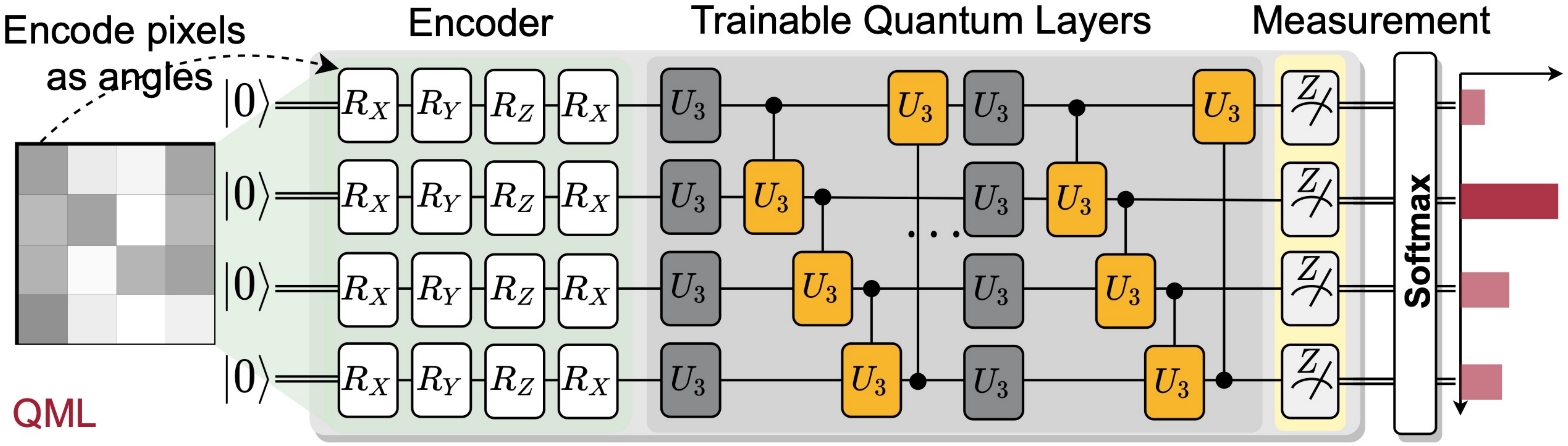
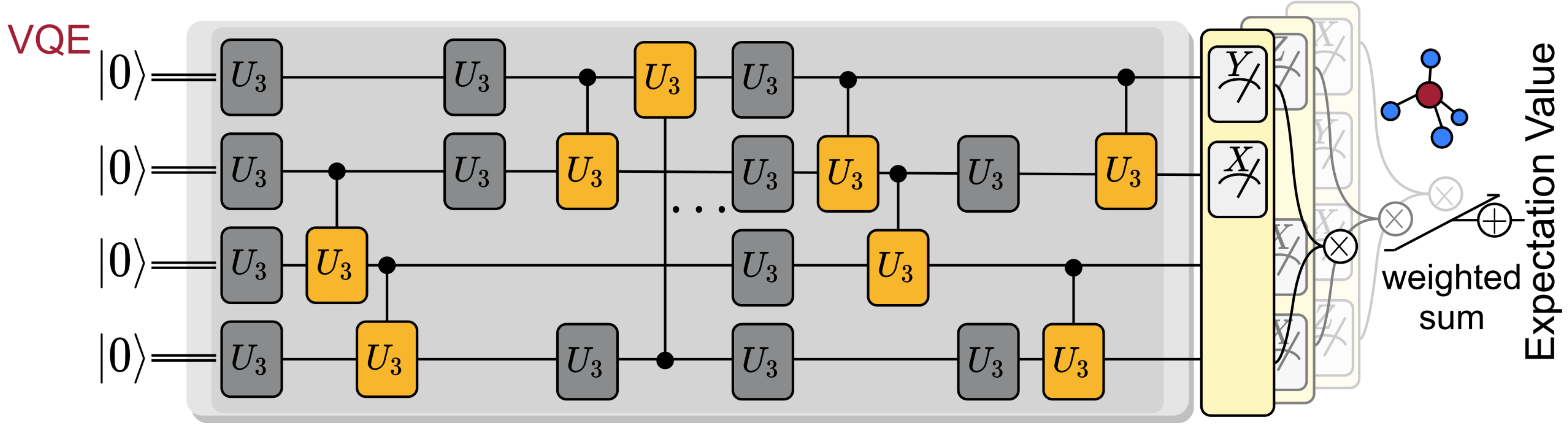
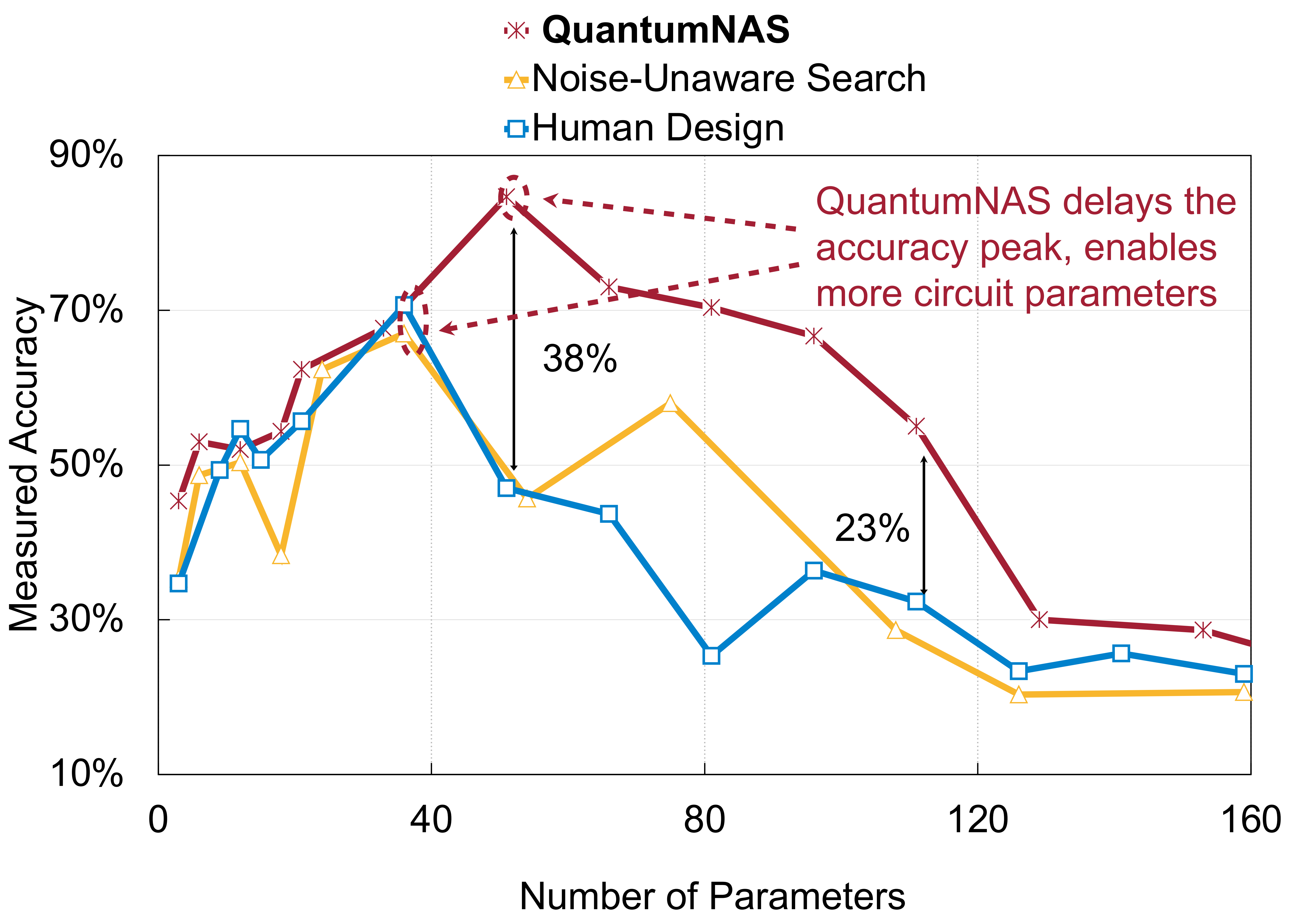


- Variational Quantum Eigensolver: finds the ground state energy of molecule Hamiltonian



QML Results

- 4-classification: MNIST-4 U3+CU3 on IBMQ-Yorktown



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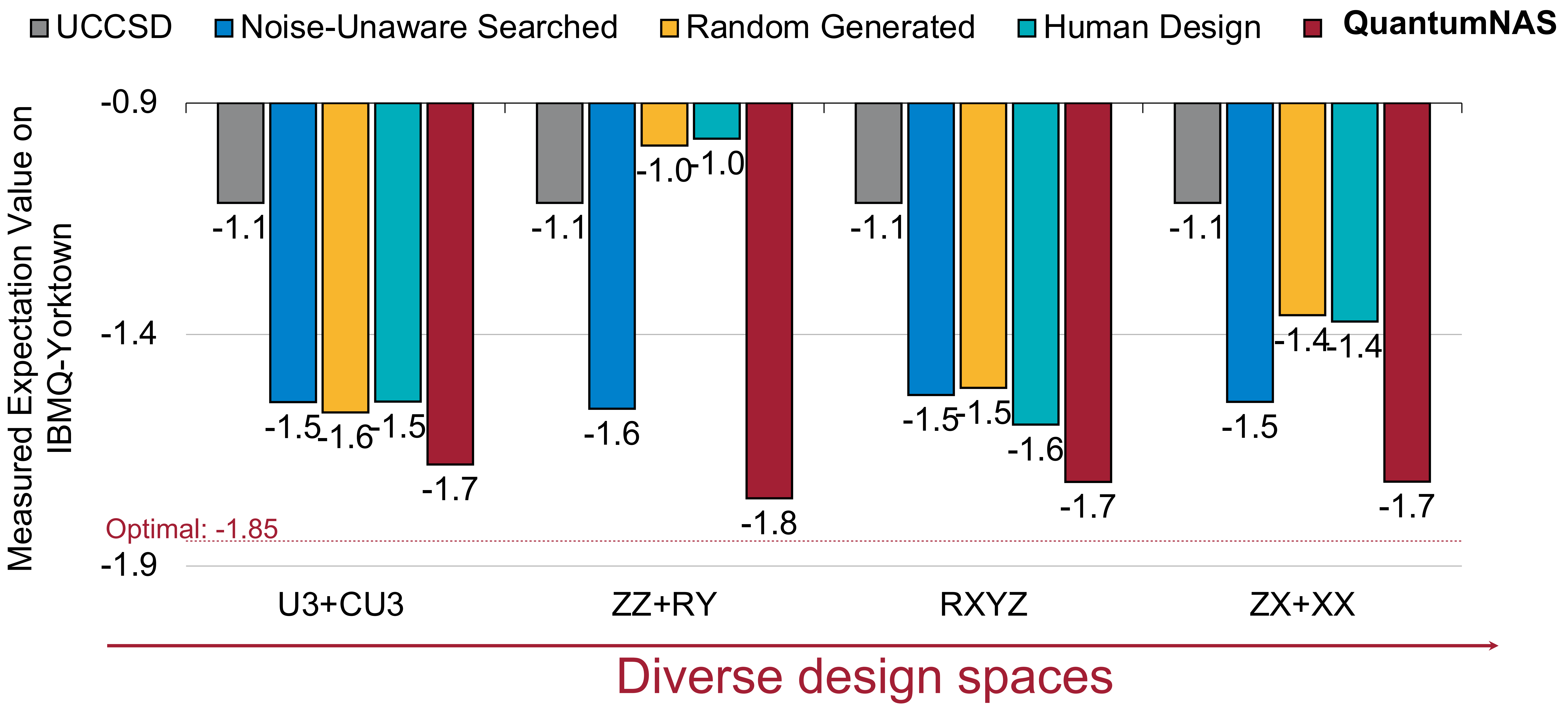
Consistent Improvements on Diverse Design Spaces

- H2 in different design spaces on IBMQ-Yorktown



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Scalable to Large #Qubits

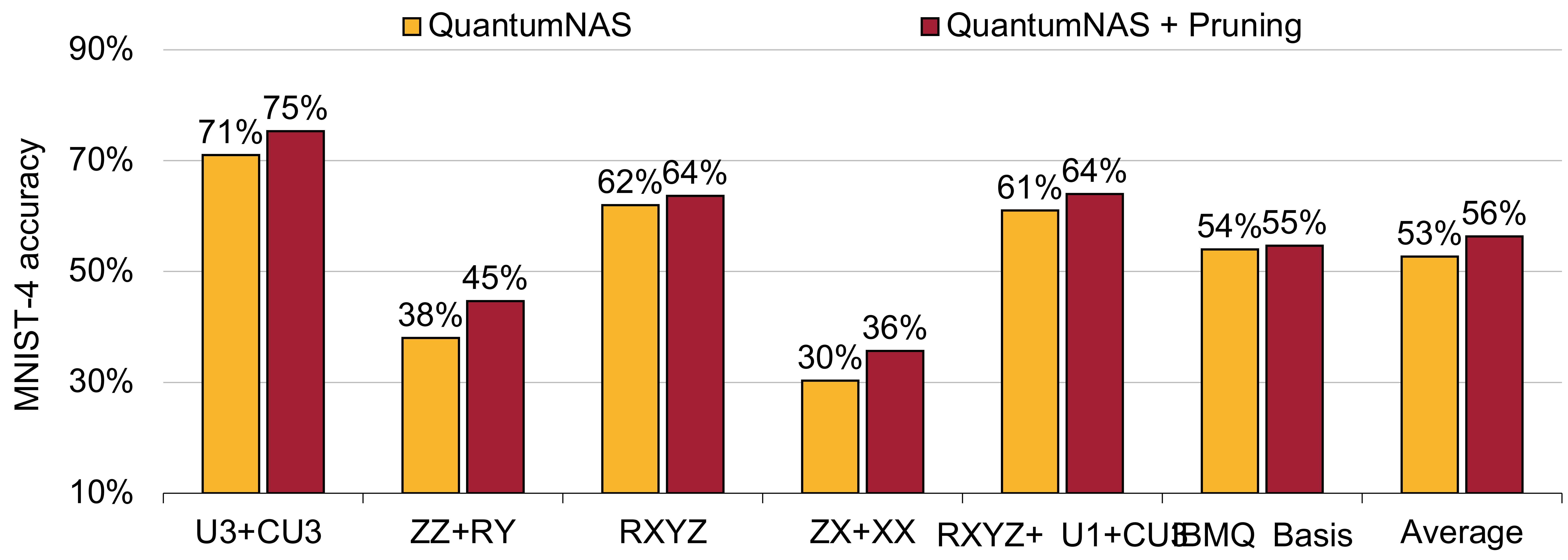
- On large devices
- MNIST-10 accuracy

More Qubits

Method	Noise-Unaware Searched	Random	Human	**QuantumNAS**
Melbourne (15Q, 8QV, use 15Q)	11%	10%	15%	**32%**
Guadalupe (16Q, 32QV, use 16Q)	14%	12%	10%	**15%**
Montreal (27Q, 128QV, use 21Q)	13%	7%	14%	**16%**
Manhattan (65Q, 32QV, use 21Q)	11%	11%	15%	**18%**

Effective of Quantum Gate Pruning

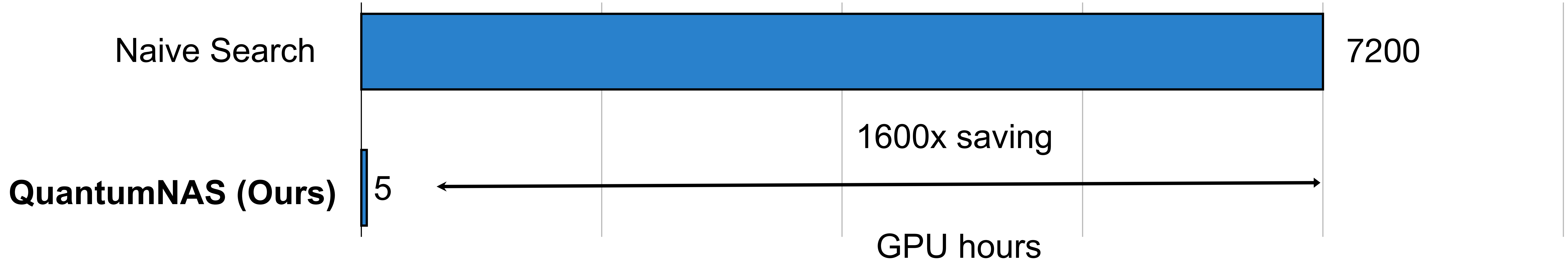
- For MNIST-4, Quantum gate pruning improves accuracy by 3% on average



Time Cost

- On 1 Nvidia Titan RTX 2080 ti GPU

#qubits \ Step	SuperCircuit Training	Noise-Adaptive Co-search	SubCircuit Training	Deployment on Real QC
4 Qubits	0.5h	3h	0.5h	0.5h
15 Qubits	5h	5h	5h	1h
21 Qubits	20h	10h	15h	1h



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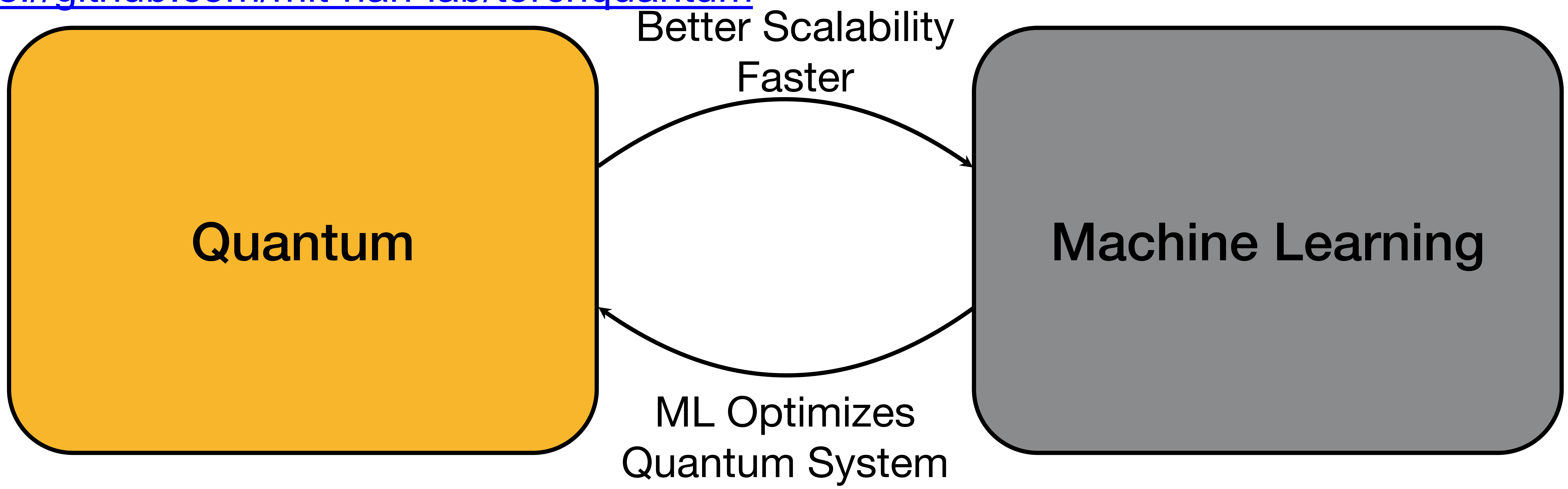

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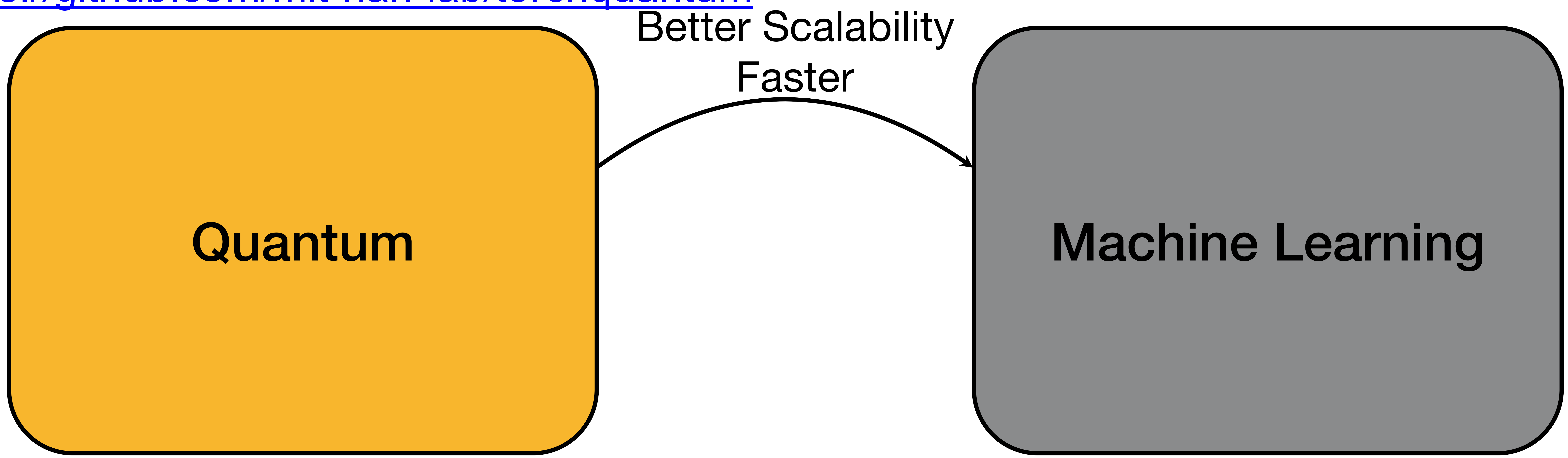

- Quantum for Machine learning
  - Quantum neural networks
  - Quantum kernel methods

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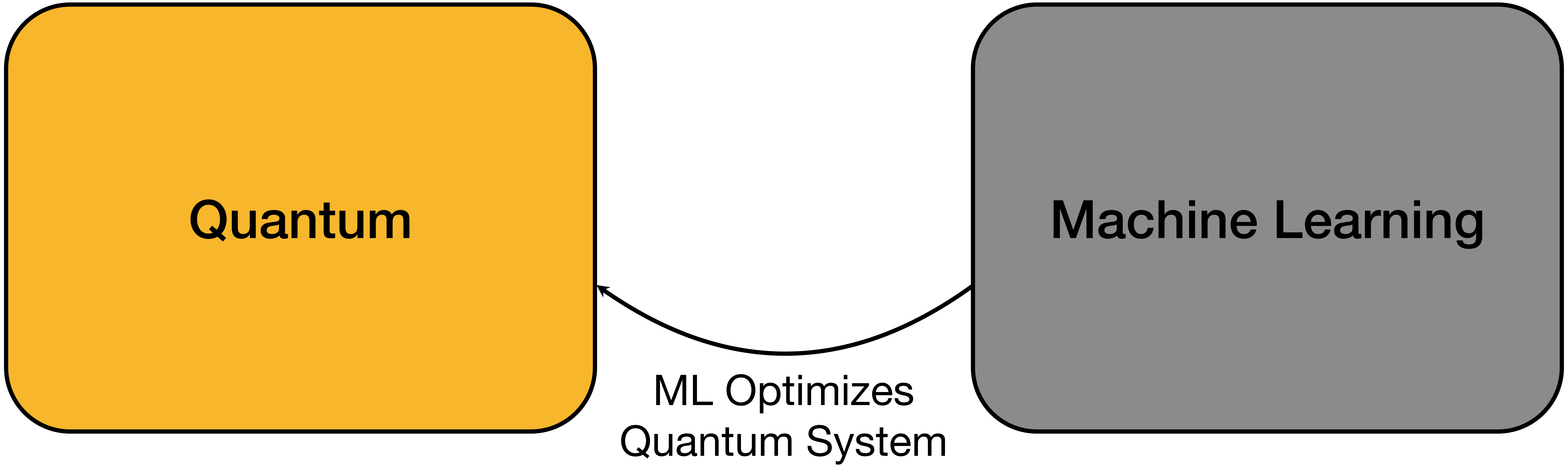


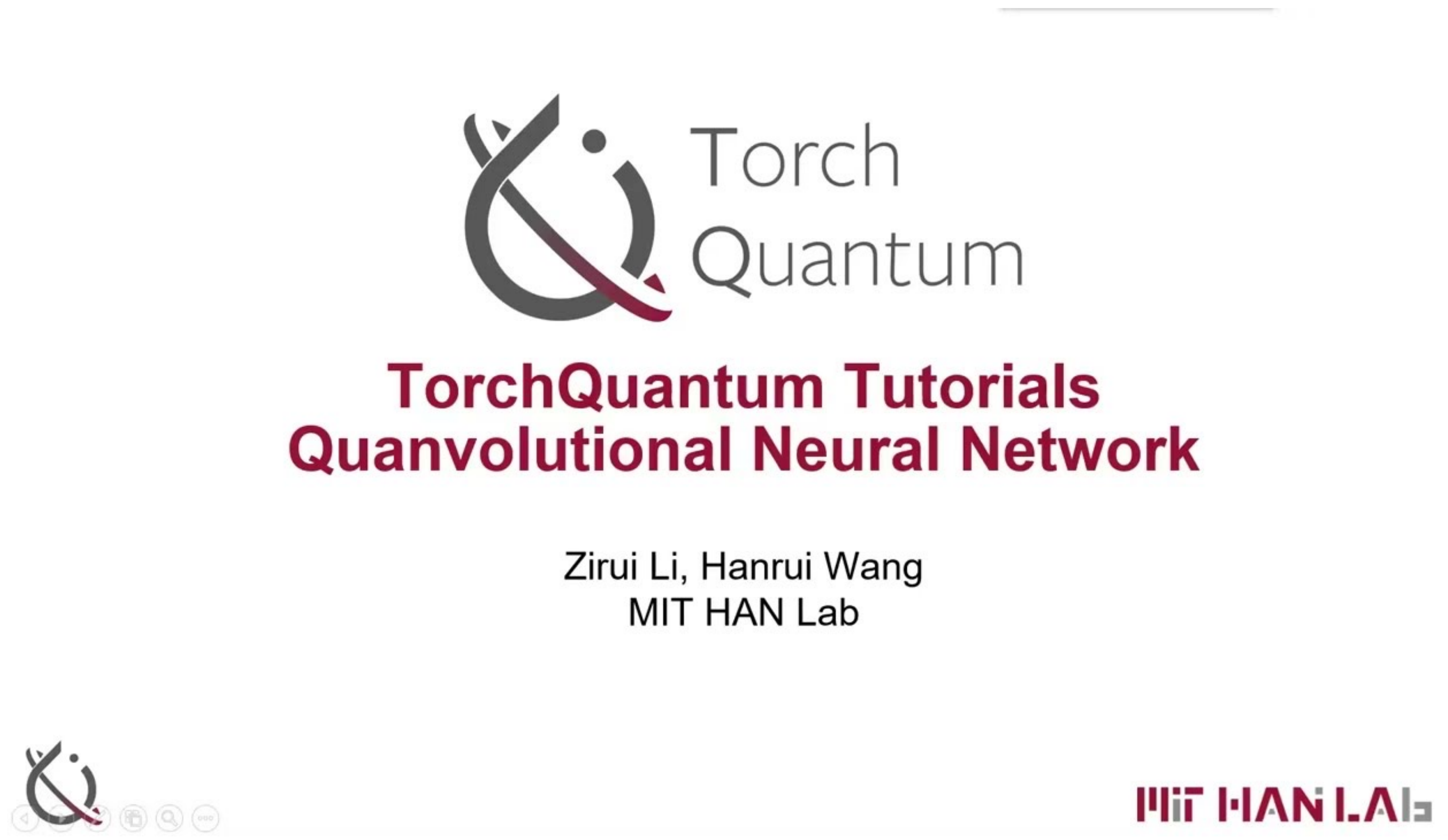
- Machine Learning for Quantum
  - ML for quantum compilation (qubit mapping, unitary synthesis)
  - …

TorchQuantum

- Features
  - Easy construction of **parameterized quantum circuits** such as Quantum Neural Networks in PyTorch
  - Support **batch mode inference and training** on GPU/CPU, supports highly-parallelized training
  - Support **easy deployment** on real quantum devices such as IBMQ
  - Provide tutorials, videos and example projects of QML and using ML to optimize quantum computer system problems
- Will be on QCE (Quantum Computing Engineering) tutorials

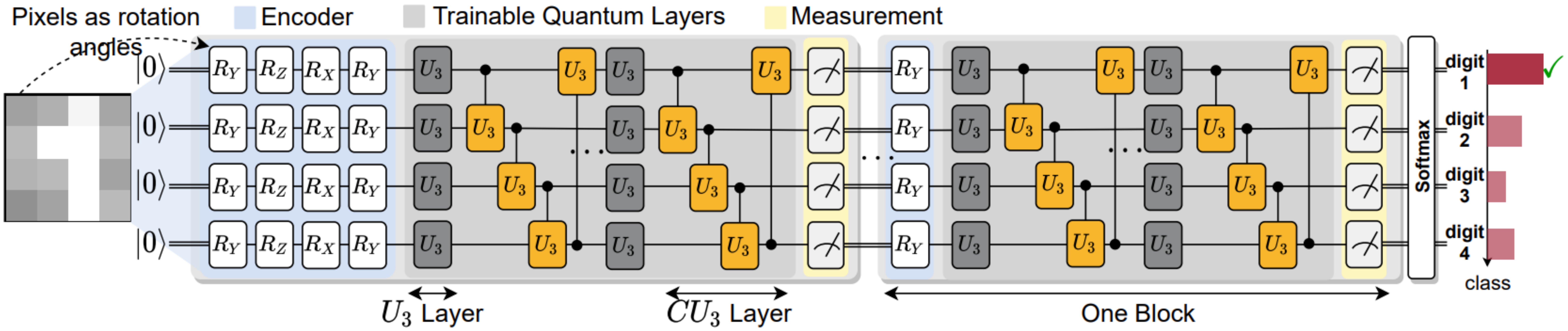
Examples and tutorials

- Tutorial Colab and videos



QuantumNAT

- **QuantumNAS: find the circuit architecture robust to noise**
- **QuantumNAT: further make the parameter robust to noise**



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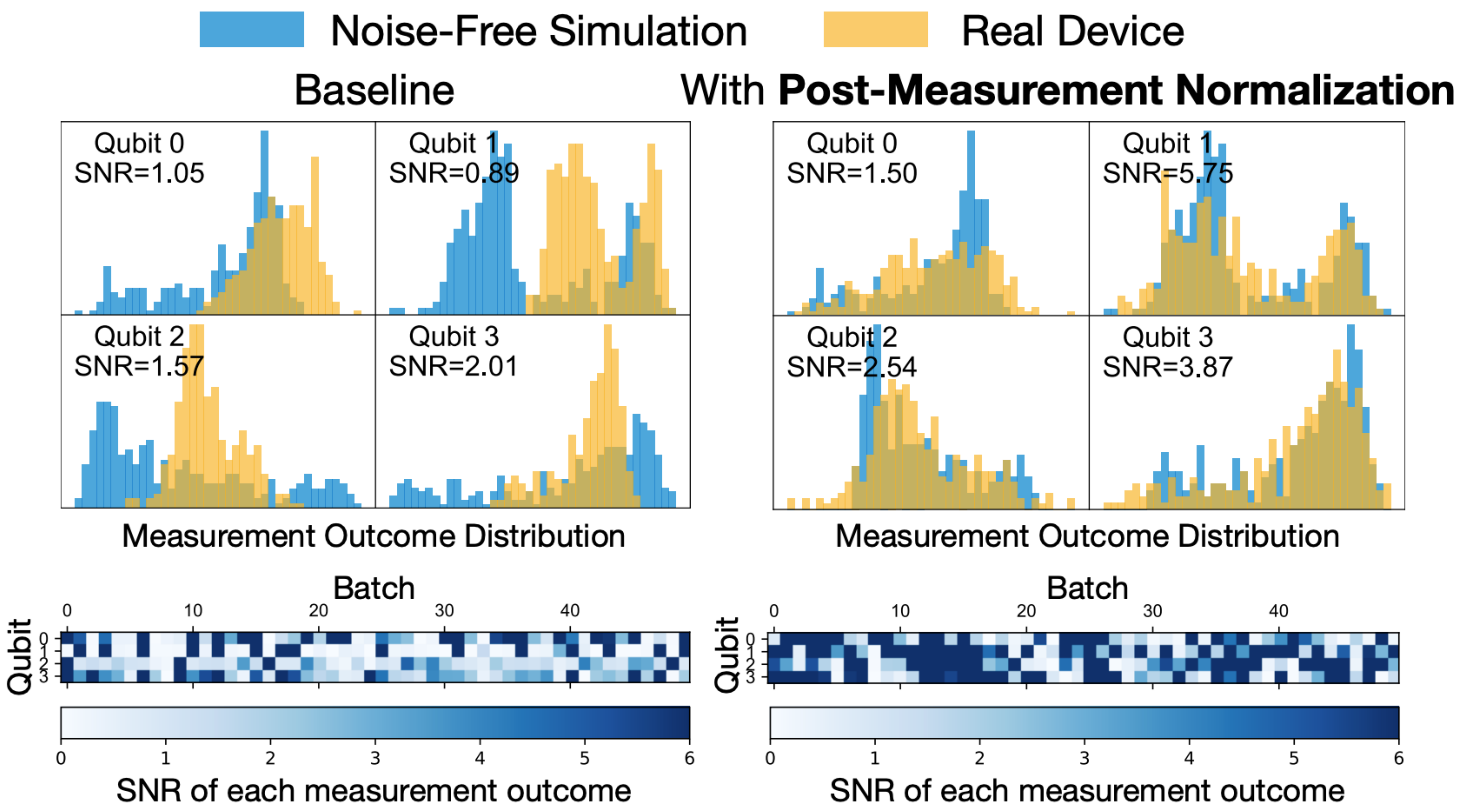
Post-Measurement Normalization

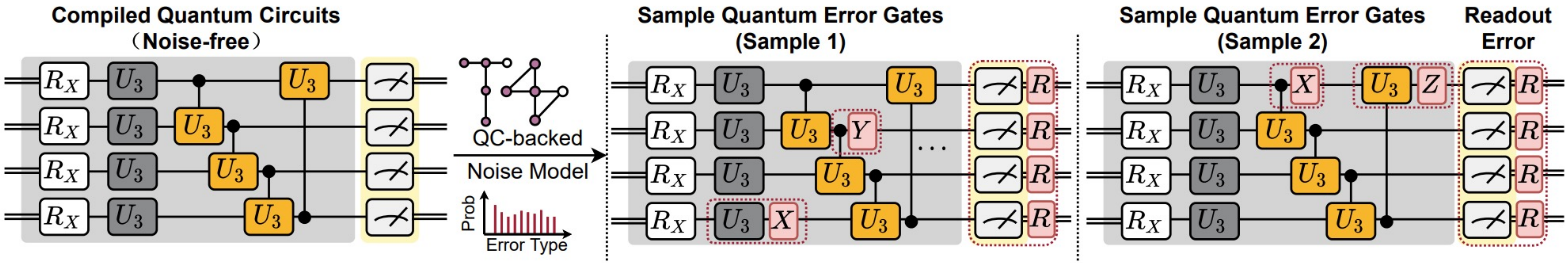
- **Normalize the measurement outcomes on the batch dimension**



2nd block output of a 3-block model, IBMQ-Quito

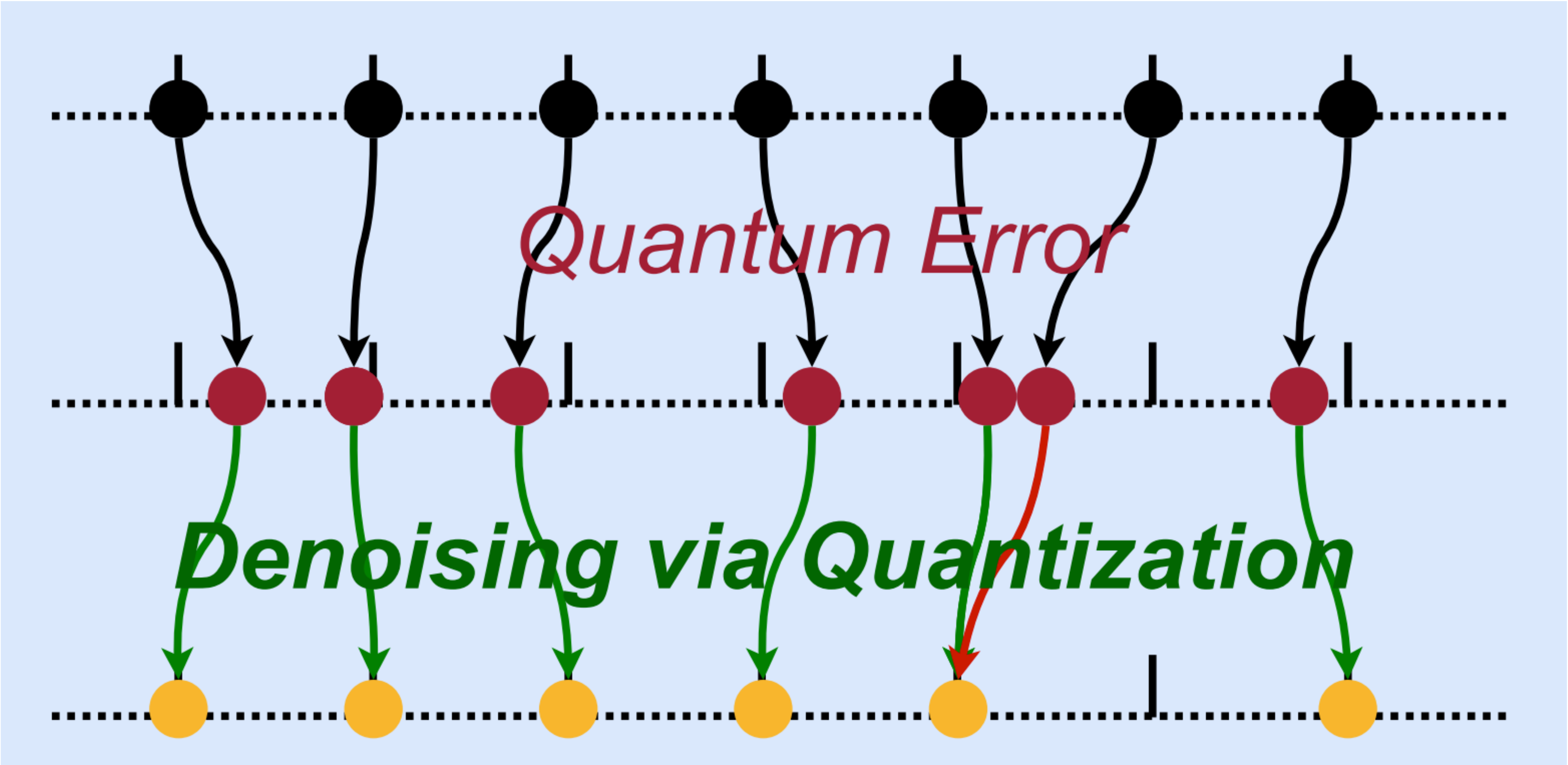
Noise Injection

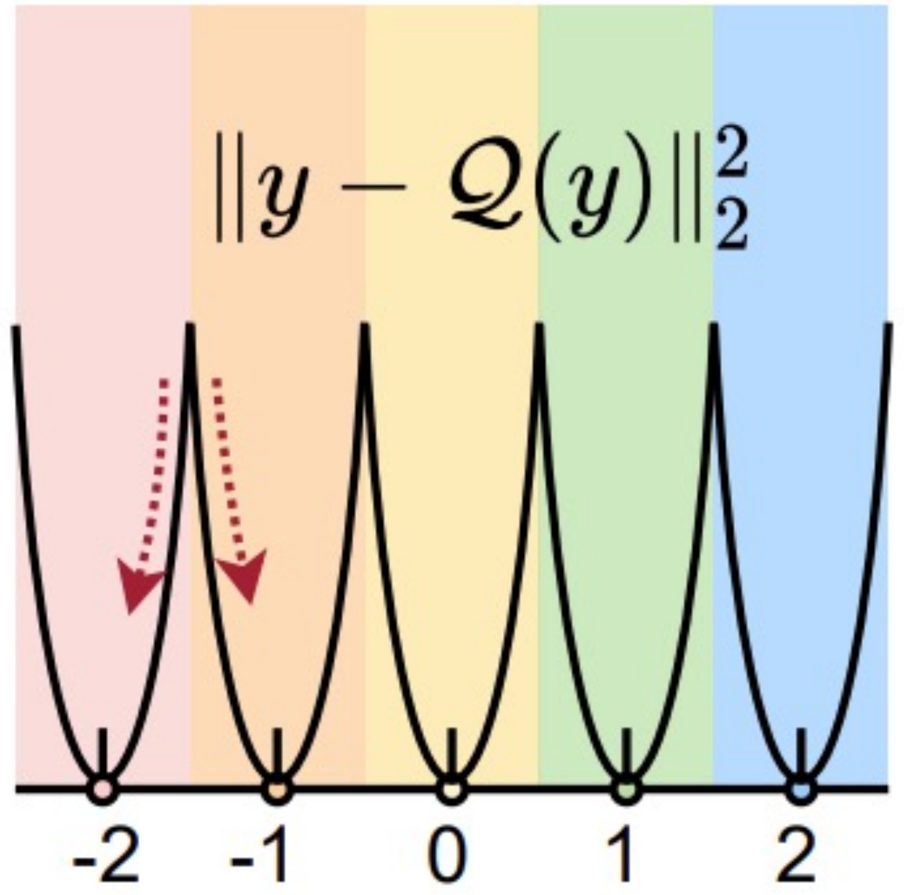
- **Insert noise gate during training, according to the noise model**
- **For each step, sample new positions for noise gates**



Post-Measurement Quantization

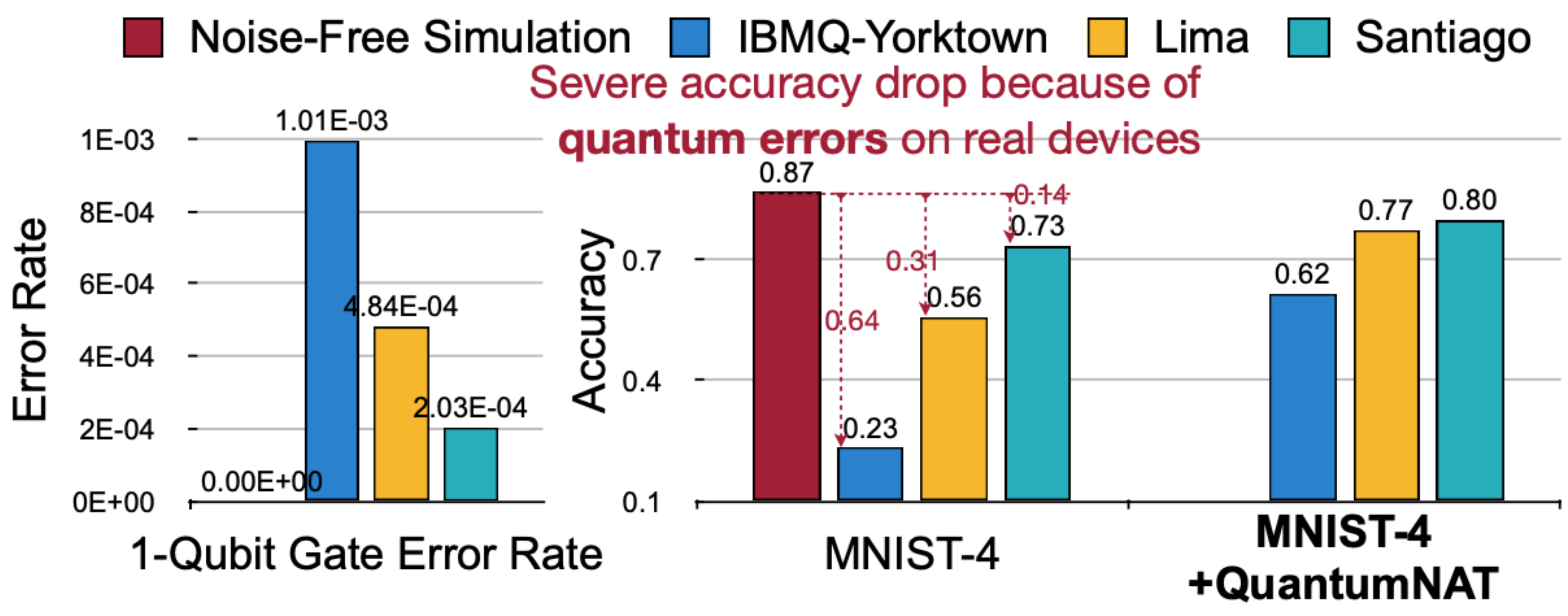
- **Quantization provides denoising effects**
- **Quadratic penalty loss to encourage measurement outcomes close to quantization centroids**

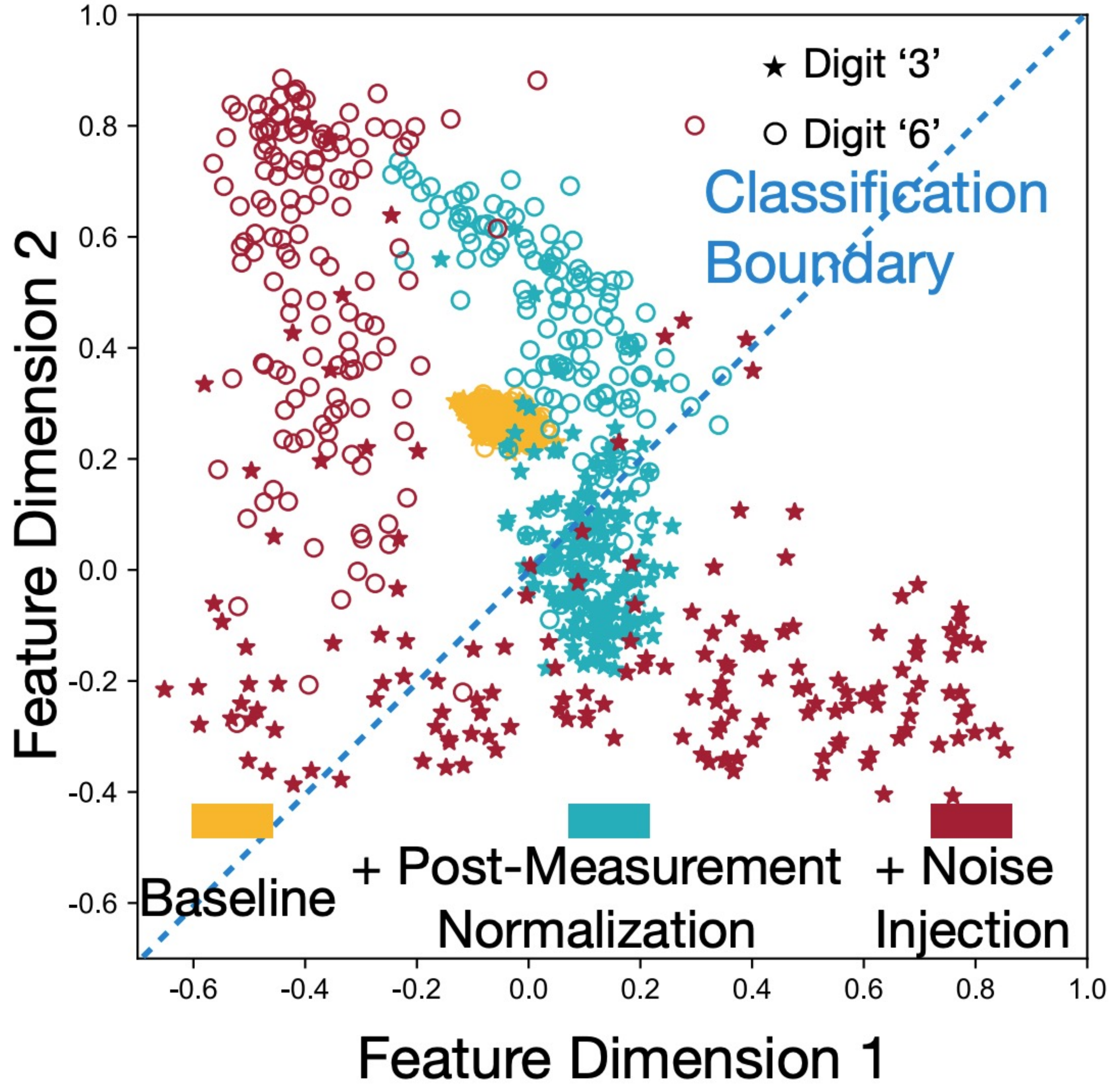




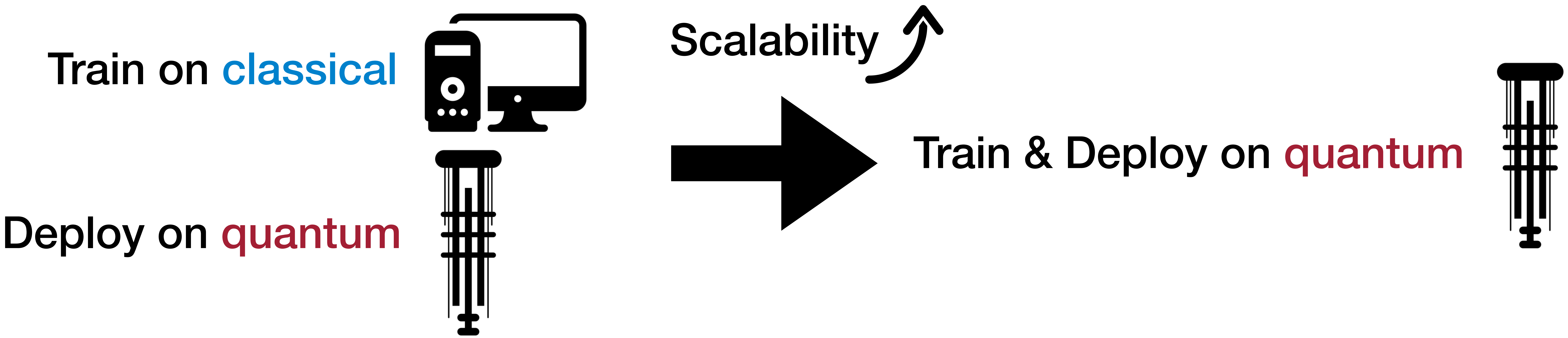
Evaluation

- **On classification tasks with QNN**





QOC (Quantum On-Chip Training)



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Thank you for listening!

- Take home
  - **TorchQuantum:** fast open-source **library** for quantum ML system
  - **QuantumNAS & QuantumNAT:** framework to search for **noise-robust** circuit architecture and train parameters
  - **QOC: train on quantum**, test on quantum

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