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# Layout Synthesis for Near-Term Quantum Computing

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# Outline

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- Background: quantum bits and gates, the layout synthesis problem in quantum computing (LSQC)
- QUEKO (Quantum Mapping Examples with Known Optimal) [TC21b]: benchmarks for measuring optimality of LSQC solvers
- OLSQ (Optimal Layout Synthesis for Quantum Computing) [TC20, TC21a]: formulation and implementation for optimal LSQC
- OLSQ-RAA (OLSQ for reconfigurable atom arrays) [TC22]: extending LSQC formulation to a programmable architecture

# Background

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QUANTUM BITS, GATES, AND LAYOUT SYNTHESIS

# Background: Quantum Bits, i.e., Qubits

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- A (classical) bit is either 0 or 1.
- A quantum bit, i.e., qubit, is a vector in complex-valued linear space  $\text{span}(\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\})$  where  $|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis.
- A linear space contains also the linear combination of basis states, i.e.,  $\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$
- $n$  bits form a bit-string of length  $n$ .
- $n$ -qubit basis states are exactly like the bit-strings:  $|00 \dots 0\rangle, \dots, |11 \dots 1\rangle$ .
- $n$ -qubit state is a vector in  $\text{span}(\{|00 \dots 0\rangle, \dots, |11 \dots 1\rangle\})$ .
- A quantum algorithm produces a state of interest  $|\psi\rangle$  from  $|00 \dots 0\rangle$ .
- Measuring  $|\psi\rangle$  yields a basis state  $|x\rangle$  with probability  $|C_x|^2$ .

# Background: Quantum Gates

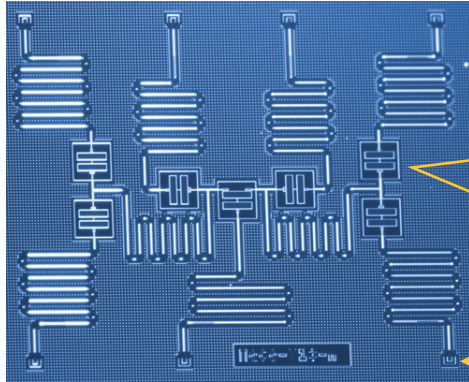
## SINGLE-QUBIT GATES

- ‘Bit-flip’ gate  $X$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ , i.e.,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ‘Phase-flip’ gate  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Phase-shift gate  $R_\phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - $Z \equiv R_\pi$ ,  $P \equiv R_{\pi/2}$ ,  $T \equiv R_{\pi/4}$
- Hadamard gate  $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

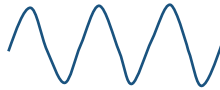
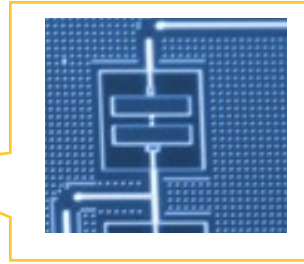
## (ENTANGLING) MULTI-QUBIT GATES

- Controlled-not gate  $CNOT$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \delta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$
- $CNOT$  or  $CX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

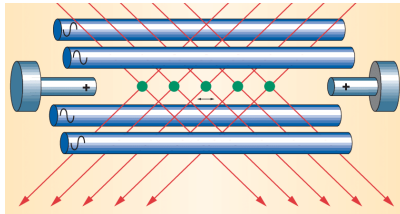
# Background: Quantum Processors



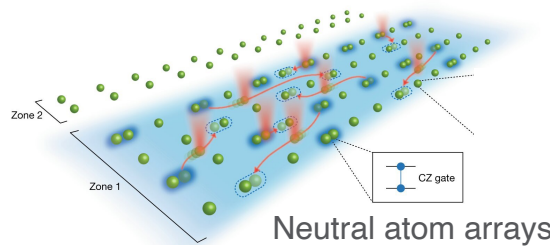
A superconducting QPU by IBM



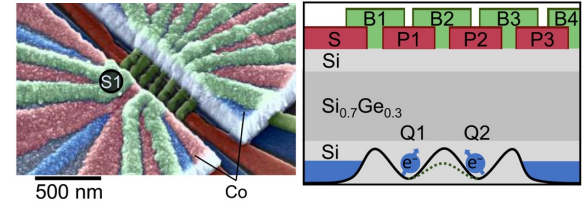
- Quantum registers are physical entities much like classical registers.
- Define two states of a quantum register to be  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ .
- Quantum gates are implemented by signals to the components on QPUs.
- Entangling two-qubit gates requires 'coupling' between the two qubits.



Trapped ions

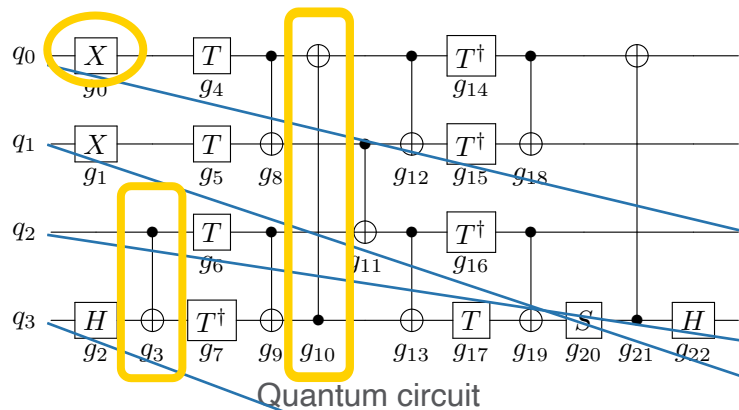


Neutral atom arrays



Silicon spin qubits

# Background: Layout Synthesis (LSQC)



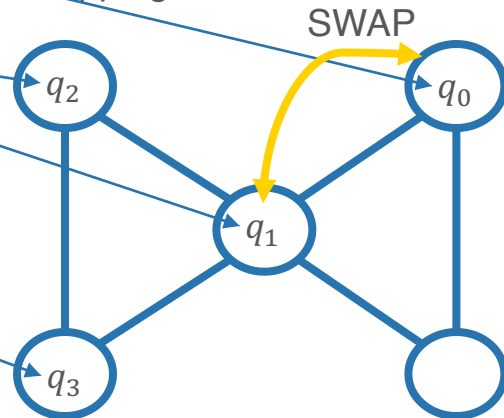
# Input quantum program

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x q[0];
x q[1];
h q[3];
cx q[2], q[3];
t q[0];
...
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CX on a pair of adjacent qubits, OK.

CX on a pair of non-adjacent qubits!

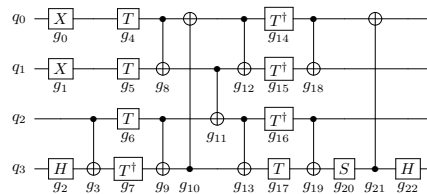
Insert additional SWAP gate to change the mapping



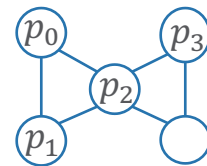
Coupling Graph: vertices are quantum registers, edges means connection for entangling two-qubit gates like CX

# Background: Definition of LSQC

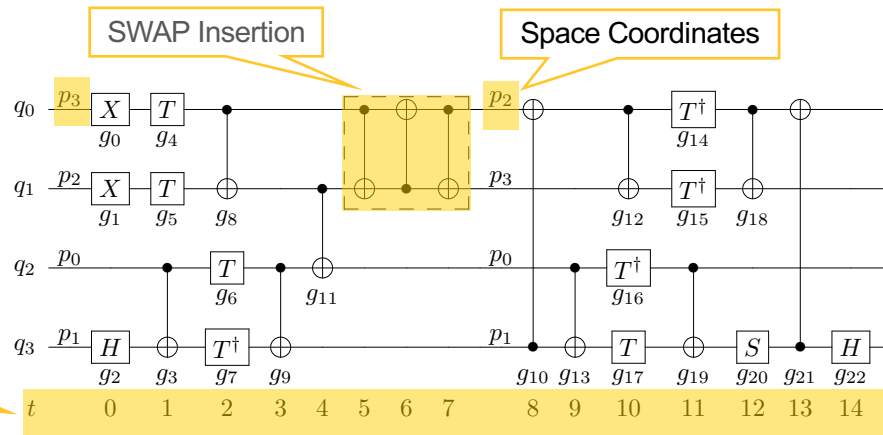
- Input: quantum circuit/program, coupling graph
- Output: spacetime coordinates of all gates, including inserted SWAPs
- Objectives: depth, additional SWAP count, fidelity, ...
- Constraints:
  - Execute all gates
  - Respect dependencies
  - SWAPs are valid



Quantum Circuit



Coupling Graph





# QUEKO

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## BENCHMARKS FOR MEASURING LSQC OPTIMALITY

# QUEKO: Previous Works on LSQC

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- Layer-by-layer:
  - [MFM08], [ZPW18]: lookahead search guided by heuristic cost function
  - [SSP14]: optimize the ‘total distance’
- Gate-by-gate:
  - [SSC18]: heuristic search for min #SWAPs
  - [WBZ19]: optimize #SWAPs
- Use dependency:
  - [MLM19]: optimize fidelity upper bound
  - [LDX19]: bi-directional search with cost function concerning both #SWAPs and depth
- Industry tools: Quilc, Qiskit, tket [CDD19], Cirq, ...

**Are they good enough?**

# QUEKO: Construction

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QUEKO: depth and gate count  
optimal benchmarks tailored to  
arbitrary devices for LSQC

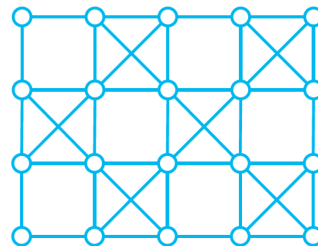
- Input: coupling graph, target depth, gate density
- Backbone construction: grow a dependency chain
- Sprinkling: match the gate density profile
- Scrambling: challenge the LSQC tools
- Output: OpenQASM file

# Evaluating Existing LSQC Tools with QUEKO

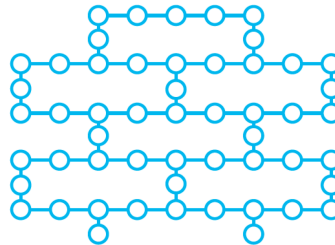
- Devices: Google Sycamore, Rigetti Aspen-4, IBM Q Tokyo, and IBM Q Rochester
- Circuits: QUEKO benchmarks
  - Depth:
    - 5-45 as near-term feasible,
    - 100-900 as scalability study
  - Gate density: profile of Toffoli gate and quantum supremacy experiment [AAB19]
- Tools:
  - Cirq (Google)
  - Qiskit (IBM)
  - tket> (Quantinuum)
  - [ZPW18]



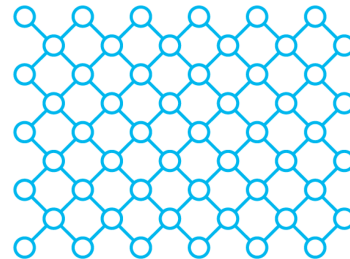
(b) Rigetti's Aspen-4 device graph



(c) IBM's Tokyo device graph



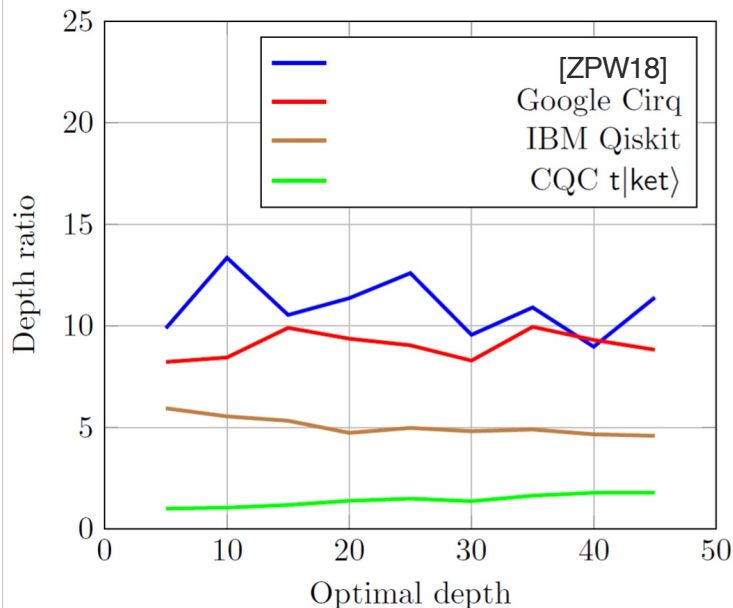
(d) IBM's Rochester device graph



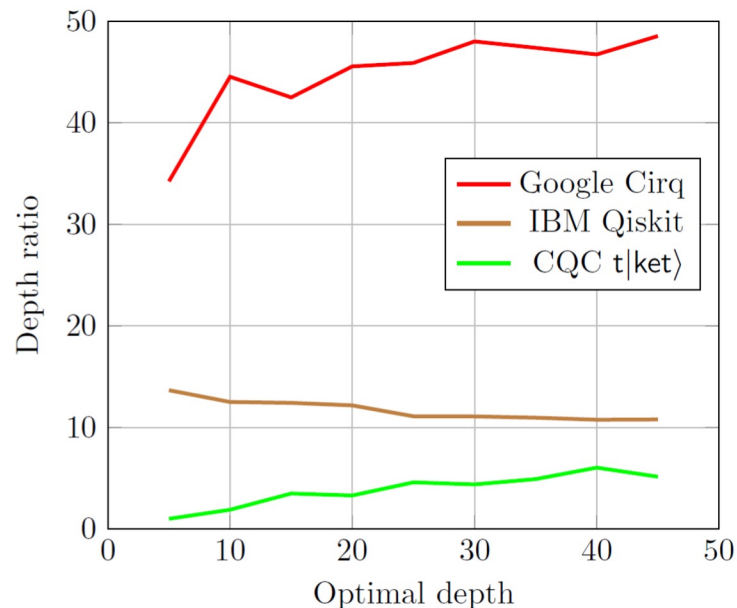
(e) Google's Sycamore device graph

# QUEKO: Near-Term Feasible Cases

Optimality Gaps of Several Layout Synthesis Tools Revealed by  $B_{NTF}$  QUEKO Benchmarks



Toffoli gate density  
Rigetti Aspen-4 Device

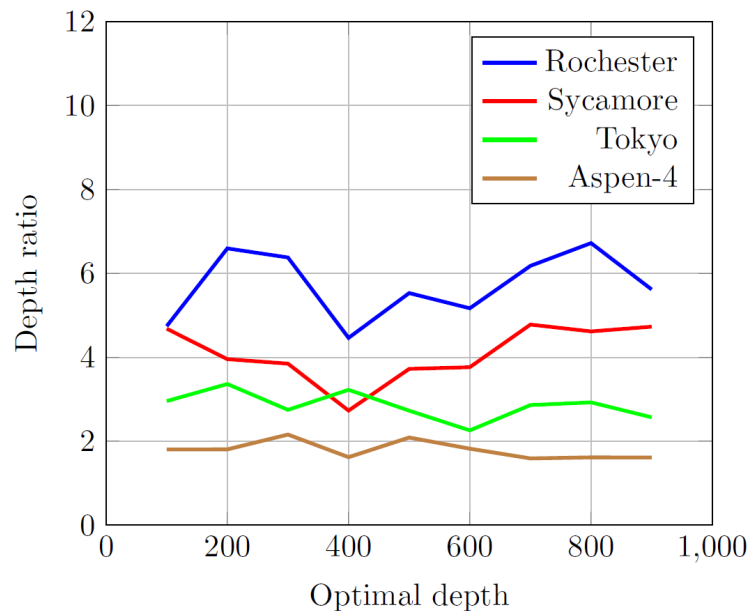


Quantum supremacy experiment gate density  
Google Sycamore device

Depth ratio: depth achieved / optimal depth, consistently  $>1.5x$

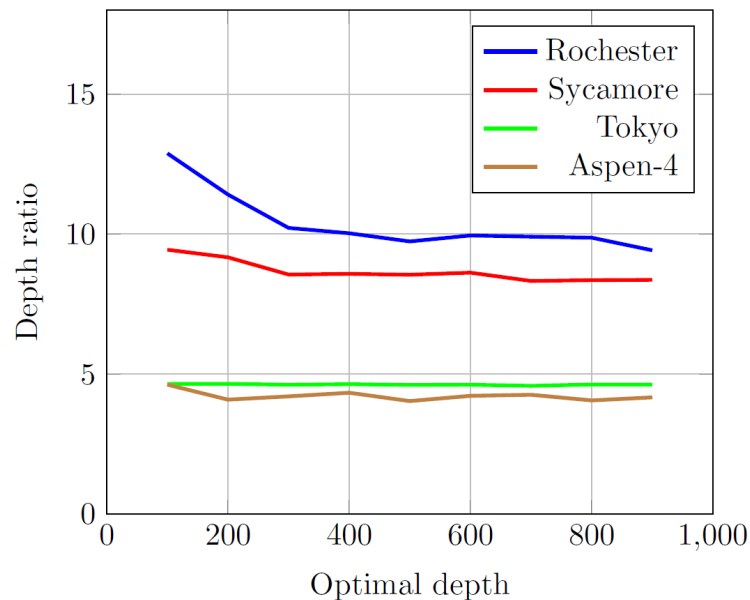
# QUEKO: Results in Scalability Study

Optimality Gaps of Two Layout Synthesis Tools Revealed by  $B_{SS}$  QUEKO Benchmarks



CQC  $t|ket\rangle$  Performance

>1.8x



IBM Qiskit Performance

~4.8x

# OLSQ

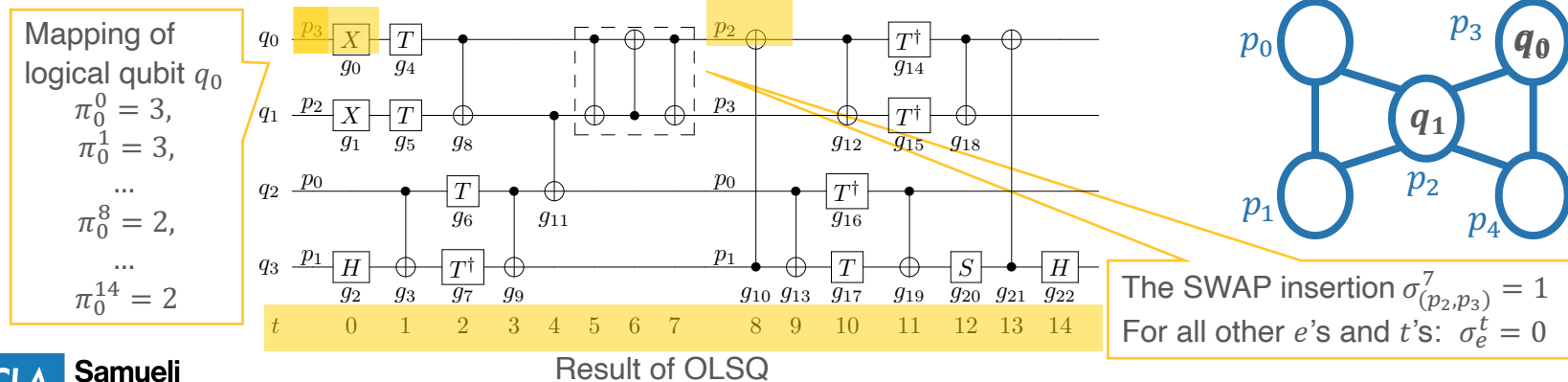
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## FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR OPTIMAL LSQC

# OLSQ: Variables

## Variables in OLSQ

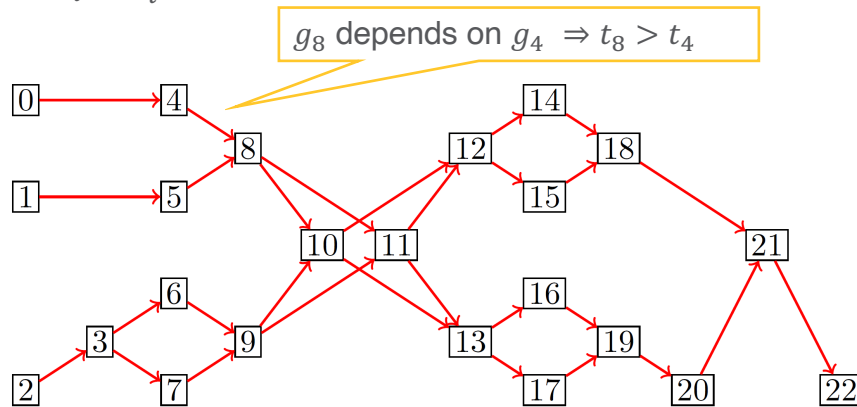
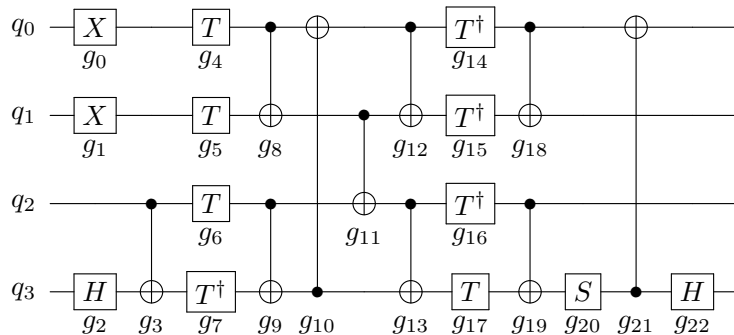
- Spacetime Coordinates  $(x_l, t_l)$  for every gate  $g_l$ 
  - If  $g_l$  is a single-qubit gate,  $x_l$  is a physical qubit; if  $g_l$  is a two-qubit gate,  $x_l$  is an edge
- Mapping  $\pi_q^t$ : at time  $t$ , logical qubit  $q$  is mapped to the quantum register  $\pi_q^t$
- Use of SWAP  $\sigma_e^t$ :  $\sigma_e^t = 1$  iff. there is a SWAP on edge  $e$  and its last time step is  $t$
- More efficient encoding than [WBZ19]:  $N^{MT}$  ( $N$  quantum registers,  $M$  qubits,  $T$  time steps)





# OLSQ: Constraints

- Validity
  - Valid space coordinates: if  $g_l$  is a single-qubit gate,  $x_l \in P$  ; if a two-qubit gate,  $x_l \in E$  (all edges in G)
  - ...
- Injective mapping:  $\forall t, q, q' \quad q' \neq q \Rightarrow \pi_q^t \neq \pi_{q'}^t$
- Dependencies: if  $g_l$  depends on  $g_{l'}$ , then  $t_l > t_{l'}$

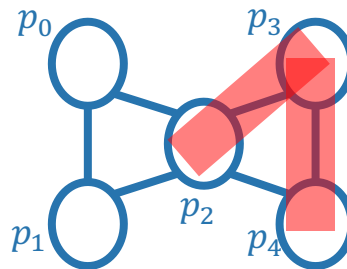


# OLSQ: Constraints

Mapping transformed by SWAPs

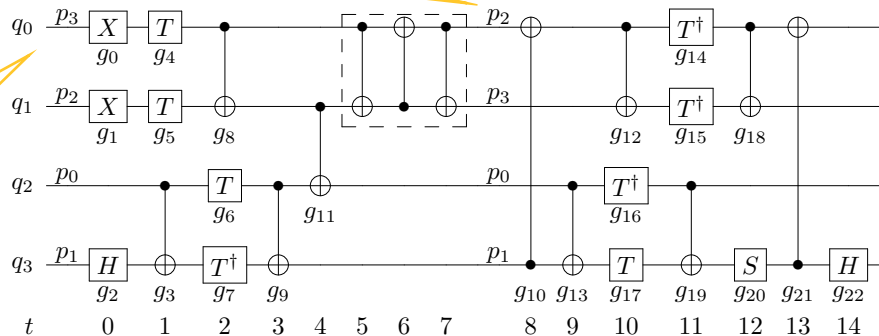
- $\left[ (\pi_0^0 = p_3) \wedge \left( \sum_{e: p_3 \in e} \sigma_e^0 = 0 \right) \right] \Rightarrow (\pi_0^1 = p_3)$
- $\left[ (\pi_0^7 = p_3) \wedge (\sigma_{(p_2, p_3)}^7 = 1) \right] \Rightarrow (\pi_0^8 = p_2)$

There is a SWAP on  $(p_2, p_3)$  finishing at time 7.  
Mapping of  $q_0$  changes at time 8.



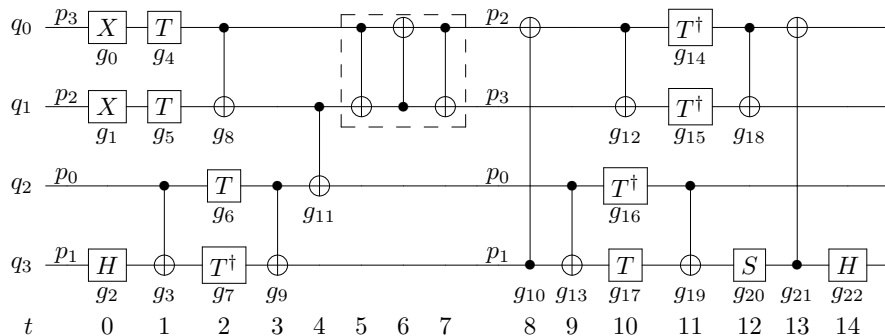
There are no SWAPs ending at time 0 on any edge connecting  $p_3$ .

Mapping of  $q_0$  at time 1 is the same with that at time 0.



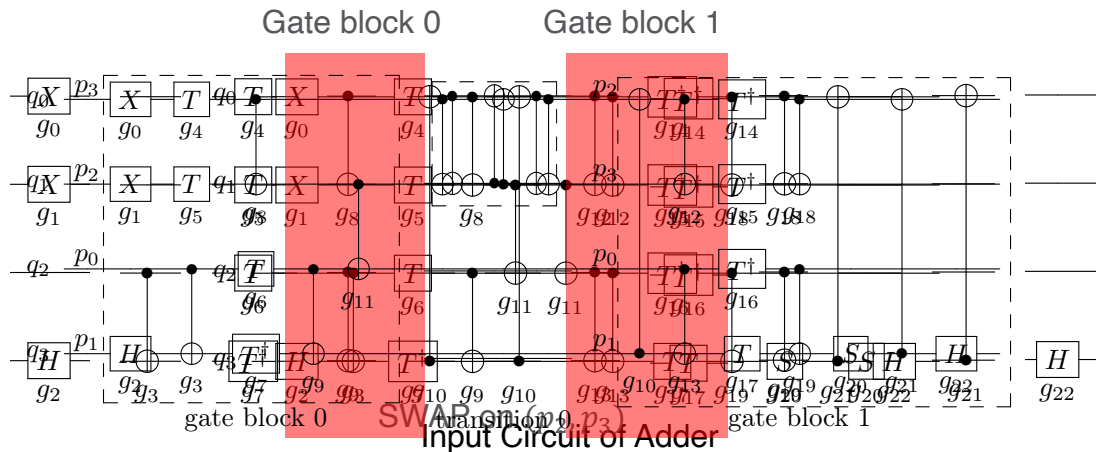
# OLSQ: Objectives

- Depth =  $\max t_l$
- #SWAP =  $\sum \sigma_e^t$ , or/and
- Fidelity =  $\prod_q f_m(\pi_q^T) \cdot \prod_{l_1} f_1(x_{l_1}) \cdot \prod_{l_2} f_2(x_{l_2}) \cdot \prod_{e,t} f_S(e)^{\sigma_e^t}$ 
  - $f_m$ ,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , and  $f_S$  are measurement, single-qubit gate, two-qubit gate, and SWAP fidelity.
  - $\pi_q^T$  is the final mapping.  $l_1$  goes over all single-qubit gates;  $l_2$  goes over all two-qubit gates.



# Transition-Based (TB-) OLSQ

- Motivation: many mapping variables are redundant in the lack of SWAPs.
- Solution: gate blocks + transitions.
- Variables: mapping, spacetime, SWAP *for each block* instead for each time step
  - 2 blocks versus 14 time steps
- After SWAP insertion, we can use ASAP (as soon as possible) scheduling



# TB-OLSQ: Summary of Constraints

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Constraints	TB-OLSQ Revision
Validity	Change bounds to #blocks
Injective Mapping	No change
Dependency	Change $>$ to $\geq$
Mapping constrains Spacetime Coordinates	No change
No Overlap with Other SWAPs	No change
No Overlap with Original Gates	Not required anymore
Mapping transformed by SWAPs	No change

# TB-OLSQ: Evaluations

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Comparison with OLSQ >400x speedup (geomean)

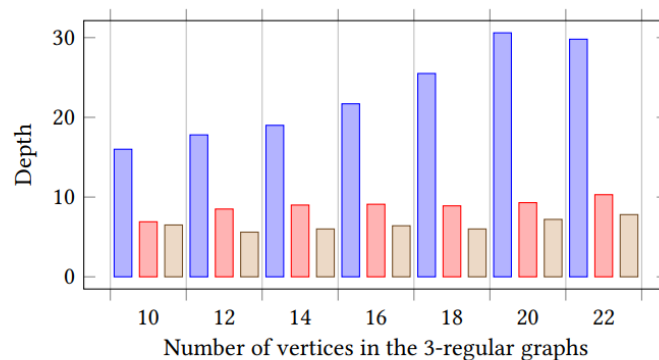
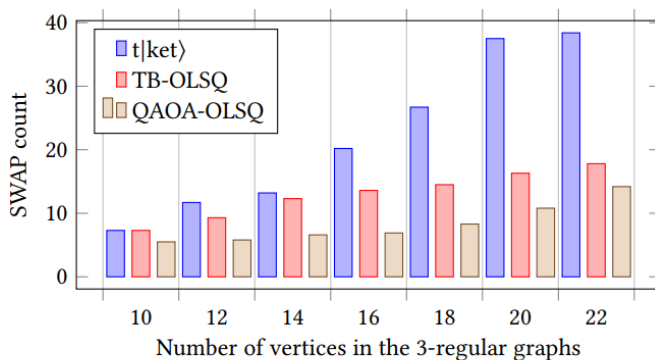
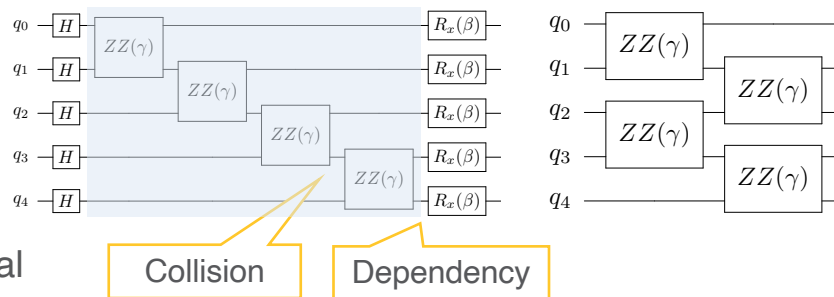
Benchmarks	TB-OLSQ optimizing SWAP vs. tket> [CDD19]	TB-OLSQ optimizing fidelity vs. TriQ [MLM19]
Small circuits to verify optimality	(reduction geomean) 76%	1.07X
Larger arithmetic circuits	57%	1.02X
QUEKO circuits	100%	2.10X

# OLSQ on QAOA: TB + Commutation

- QAOA [FGG14] a promising application

- ZZ-phase = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\gamma} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\gamma} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\gamma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

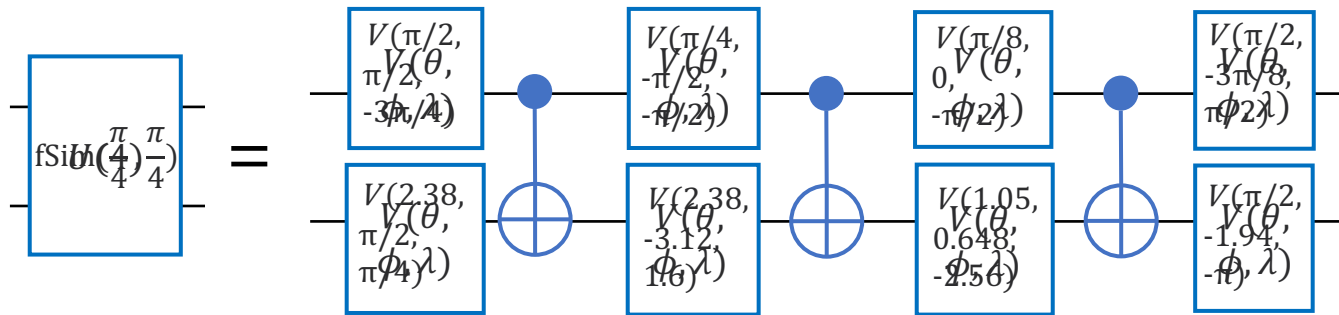
- Commutable, i.e.,  $AB=BA$ , since diagonal



Result: 70% depth reduction, 54% SWAP reduction compared to t|ket>.

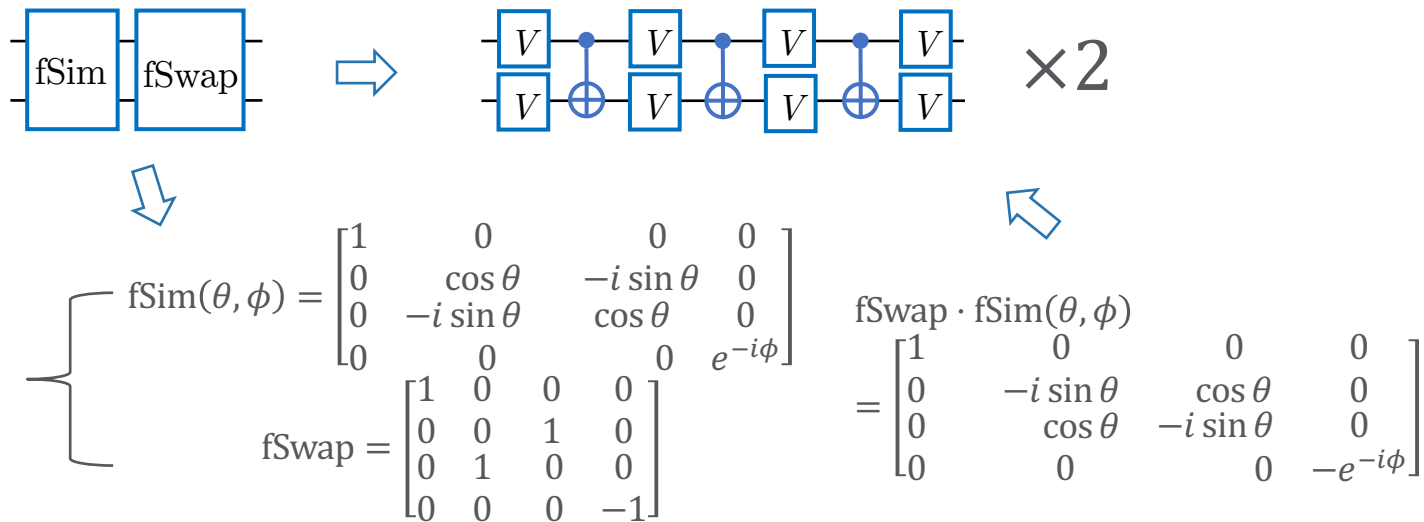
# OLSQ-GA: Programmable Two-Qubit Gate

- A programmable single-qubit gate can be configured to be any matrix in  $U(2)$
- A programmable two-qubit gate can be configured to any matrix in  $U(4)$
- KAK Decomposition [VW04]: any  $U(4)$  to 3 CNOT's and some  $U(2)$
- Many quantum programs expressed with  $U(4)$  gates: fSim( $\theta, \phi$ ) in chemistry simulation [KMW18], QAOA, and quantum convolutional neural networks [CCL19]





# OLSQ-GA: Gate Absorption

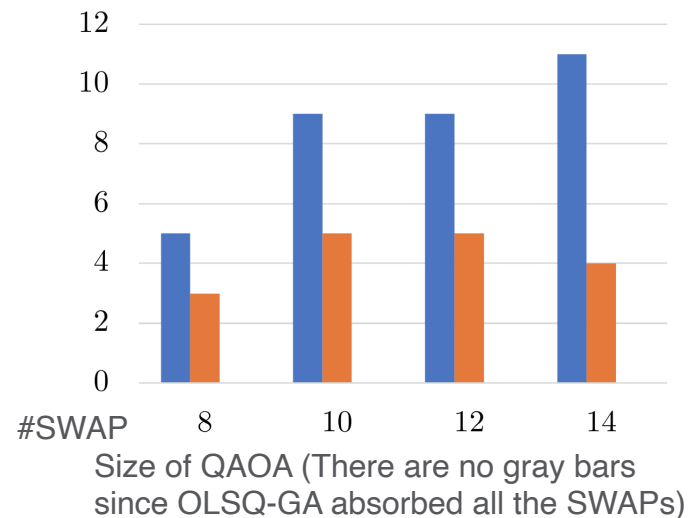
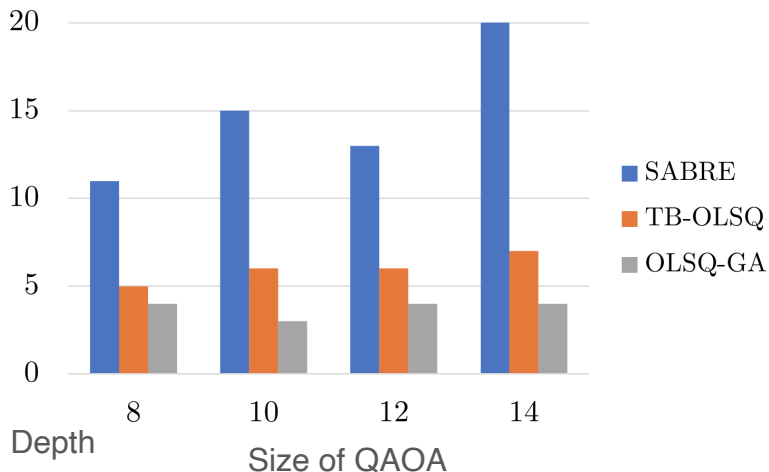


Formulation:

- Use of absorbed SWAP  $\alpha_e^t = 1$  iff. there is an absorbed SWAP on edge  $e$  at time  $t$
- Mapping transformed by both absorbed and explicit SWAPs  $\alpha_e^t$  and  $\sigma_e^t$

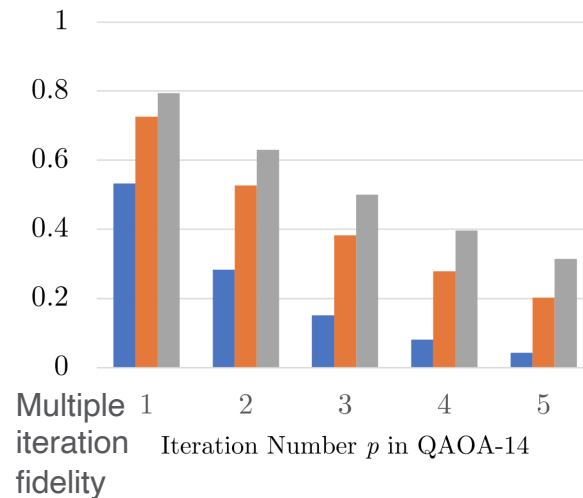
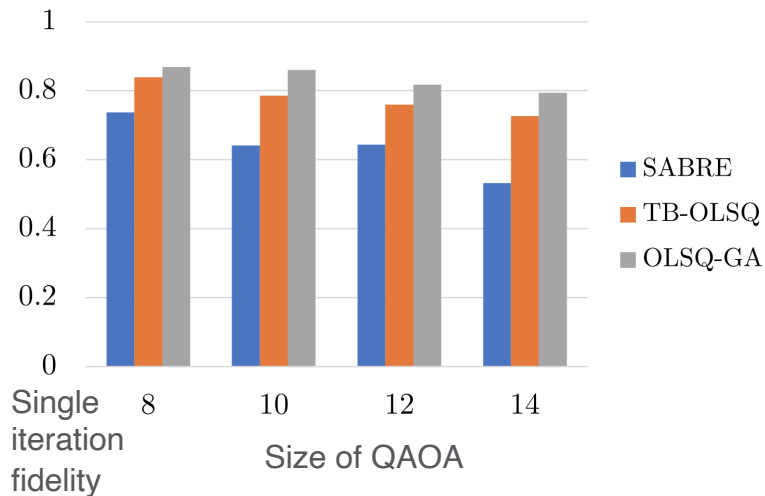
# OLSQ-GA: Evaluation on SWAPs and Depth

- Similar QAOA instances of size 8 to 14 like in leading QAOA experiments [HSN21]
- SABRE [LDX19]: leading heuristic mapper, recently adopted in Qiskit
- OLSQ-GA (considers commutation) reduced depth up to 80%, absorbed all the SWAPs



# OLSQ-GA: Evaluation on Fidelity

- OLSQ-GA improves fidelity by up to 49% for 1 iteration, 636% for 5 iterations.



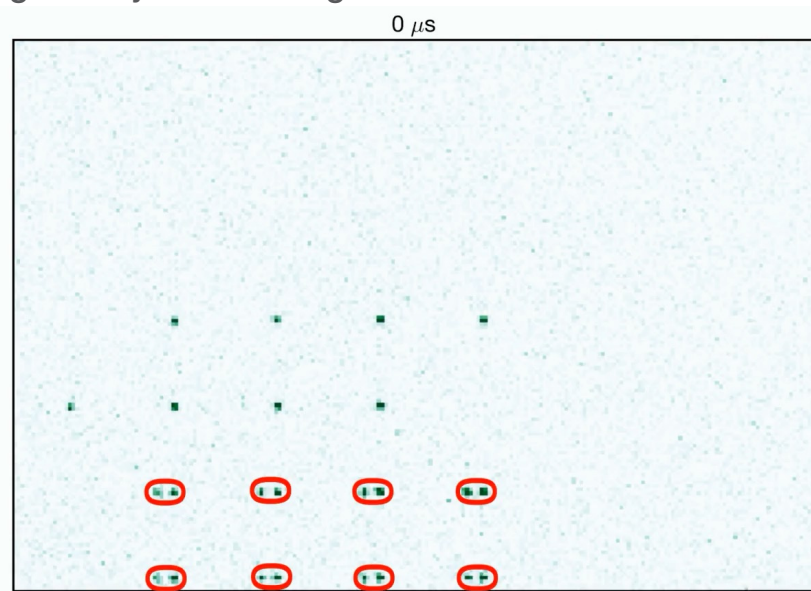
# OLSQ-RAA

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LSQC FOR RECONFIGURABLE ATOM ARRAYS

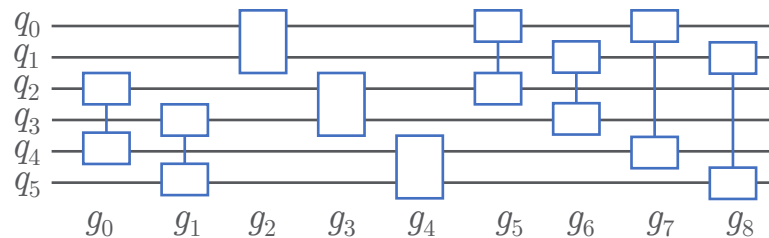
# OLSQ-RAA: Reconfigurable Architectures

- Neutral atom arrays [BLS22]: 1) many quantum registers (>200 possible), 2) reconfigurability
- When atoms (qubits) are close, two-qubit gates by illuminating with laser
- AOD traps are mobile
- SLM traps are stationary
- How can we execute any program?

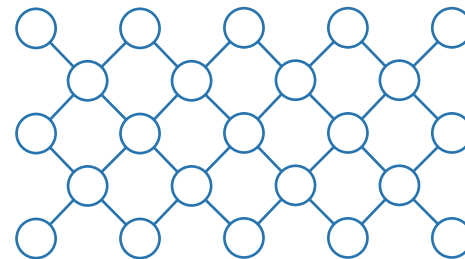


# OLSQ-RAA: Example

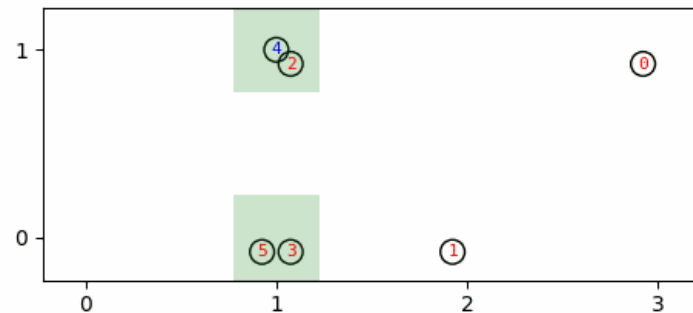
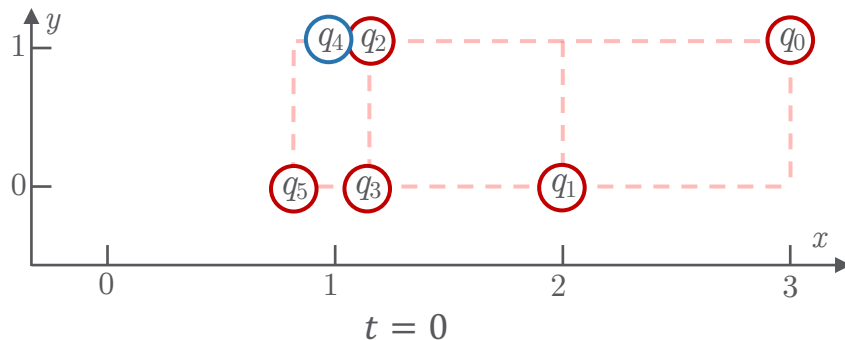
Compiling a QAOA program:



3 SWAPs  
on a fixed  
architecture

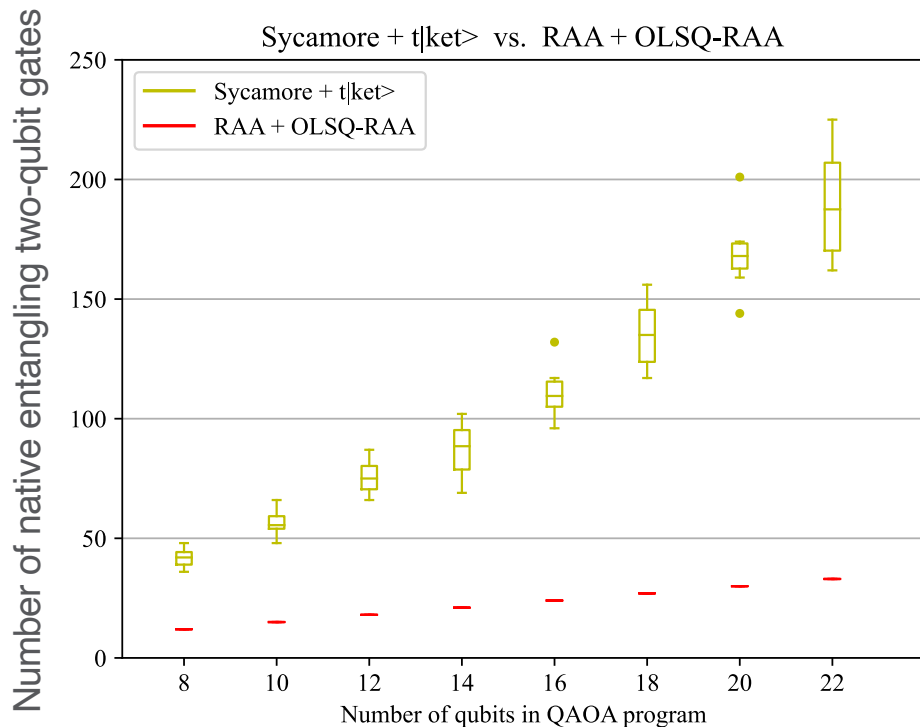


(Part of) Google Sycamore



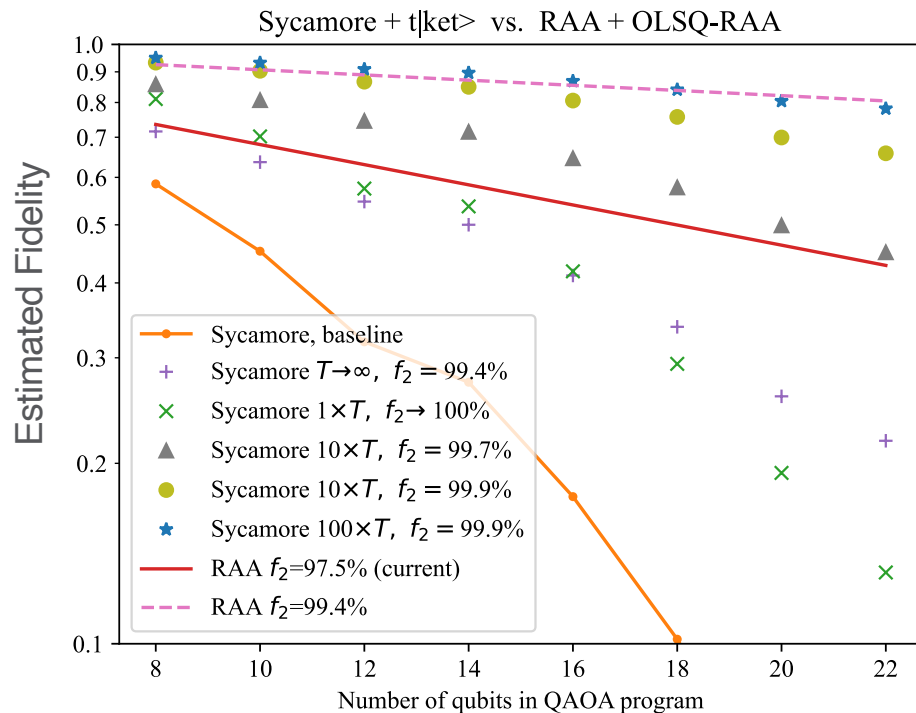
0 SWAP on RAA

# OLSQ-RAA: Evaluations on Number of Gates



- Sycamore + tket represents the previous leading experiment [HSN21].
- For RAA, all the ‘routing’ is done by array movements.
- 5.72x less gates for QAOA-22.

# OLSQ-RAA: Evaluation on Fidelity



- $f_2$  two-qubit gate fidelity,  $T$  coherence time
- Currently, on QAOA-22, RAA + OLSQ-RAA has 14.4x higher fidelity than Sycamore +  $t|\text{ket}\rangle$ .
- The pure effect of reconfigurability is 1.96x.
- RAA with  $f_2 = 99.4\%$  and current  $T \approx$  Sycamore +  $t|\text{ket}\rangle$  with  $f_2 = 99.9\%$  and 100x current  $T$



# Q&A

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