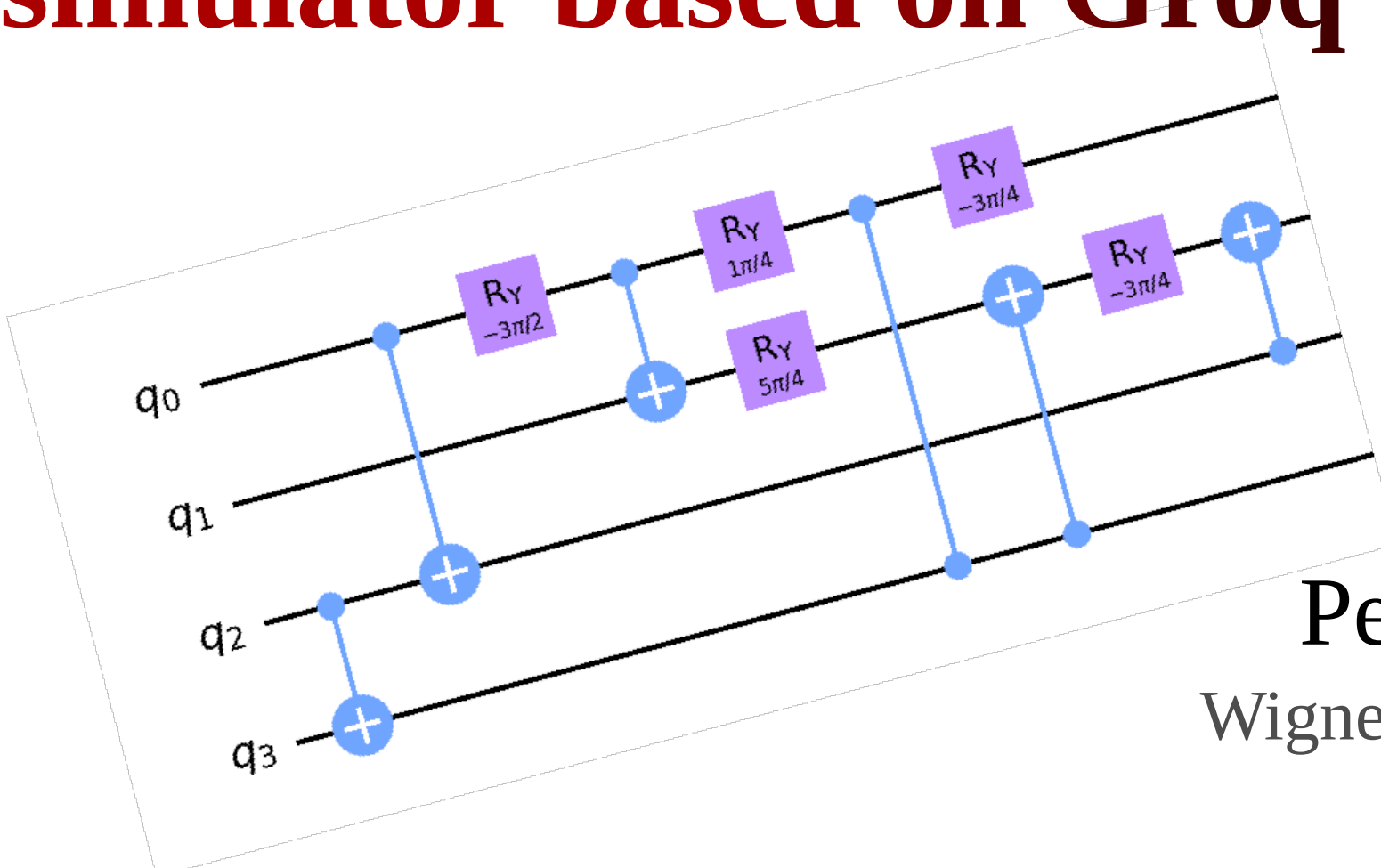


# Building a quantum computer simulator based on Groq chips



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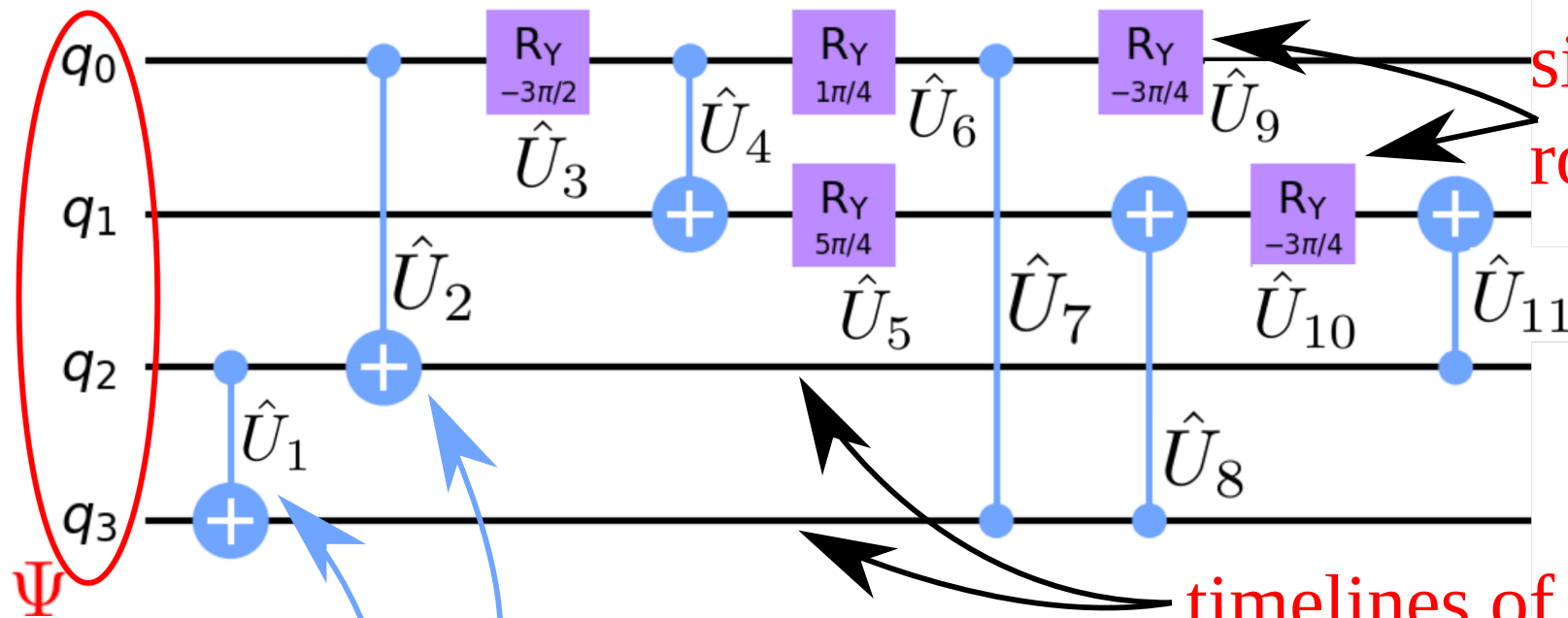
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# Qubit based architecture

quantum program (unitary)

$$\hat{U} = \hat{U}_{11} \cdot \hat{U}_{10} \cdot \hat{U}_9 \cdot \hat{U}_8 \cdot \hat{U}_7 \cdot \hat{U}_6 \cdot \hat{U}_5 \cdot \hat{U}_4 \cdot \hat{U}_3 \cdot \hat{U}_2 \cdot \hat{U}_1$$



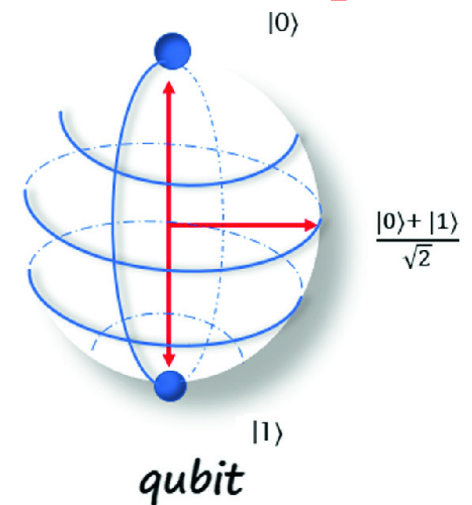
single qubit rotations

timelines of the qubits

controlled not gates



bit



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# Software toolkits to train parametric quantum circuits

## Gate decomposition utilities:

- Quantum Fast Approximate Synthesis Tool (QFAST)
- BQSket: QSearch + LEAP

(Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)



## QML utilities:



T|ket>: A Retargetable Compiler for NISQ Devices

(Cambridge Quantum Computing Ltd., University of Strathclyde)



Qulacs: a fast and versatile quantum circuit simulator for research purposes

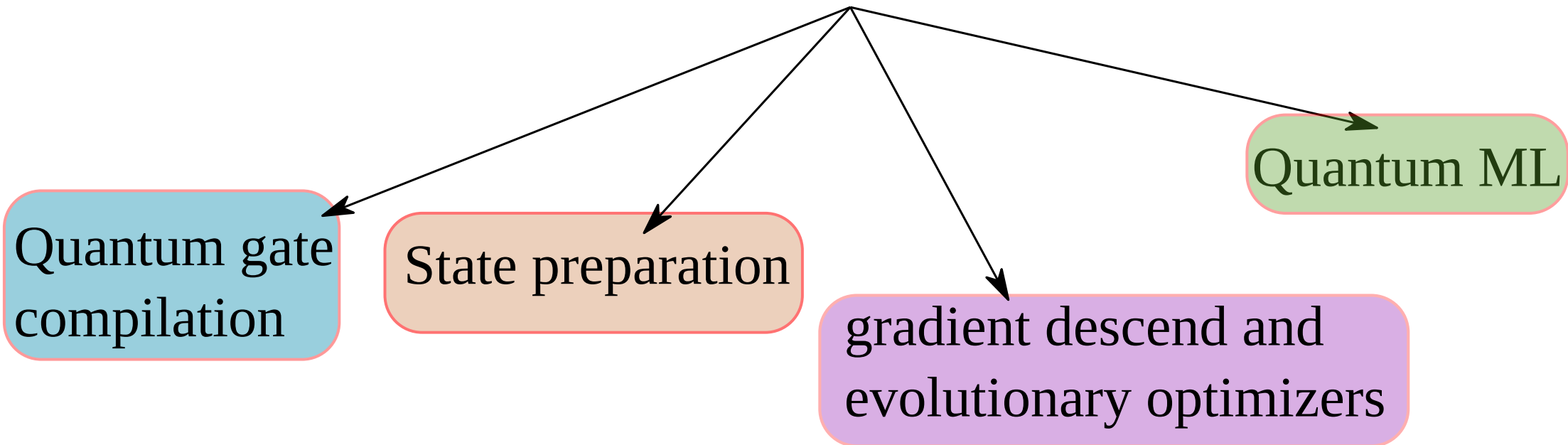
(QunaSys, Osaka University, NTT, and Fujitsu)



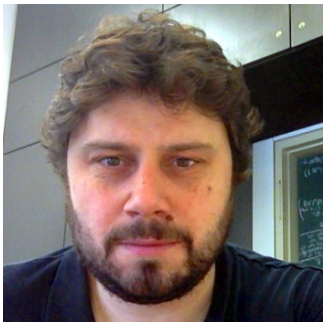
a framework for quantum simulation with hardware acceleration

# SQUANDER: toolkit to train quantum circuits

- SQUANDER: **S**equential **Q**uantum Gate **D**ecomposer



 **GitHub** <https://github.com/rakytap/sequential-quantum-gate-decomposer>



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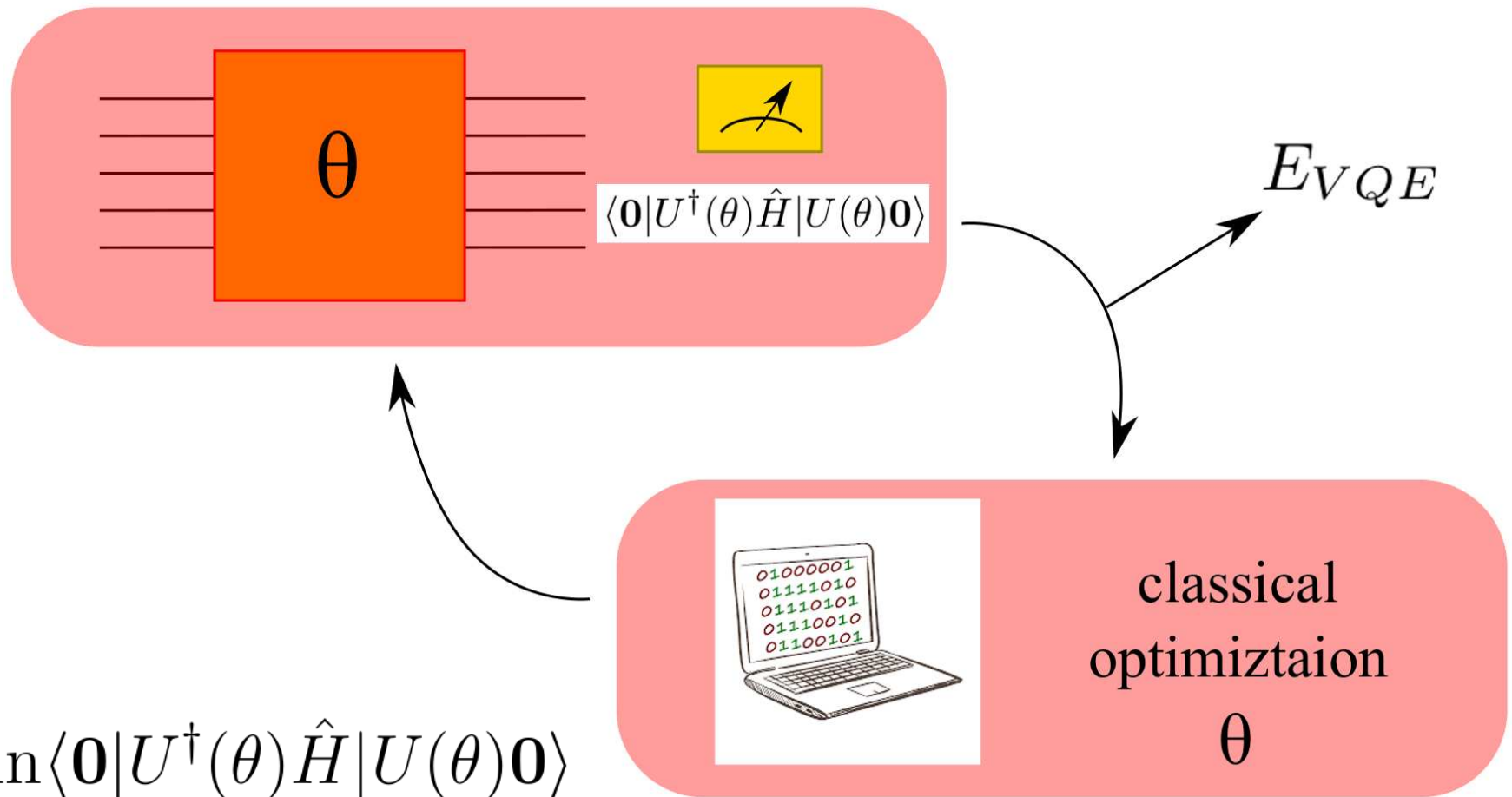
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# Variational quantum eigensolver



$$E_{VQE} = \min_{\theta} \langle \mathbf{0} | U^\dagger(\theta) \hat{H} | U(\theta) \mathbf{0} \rangle$$

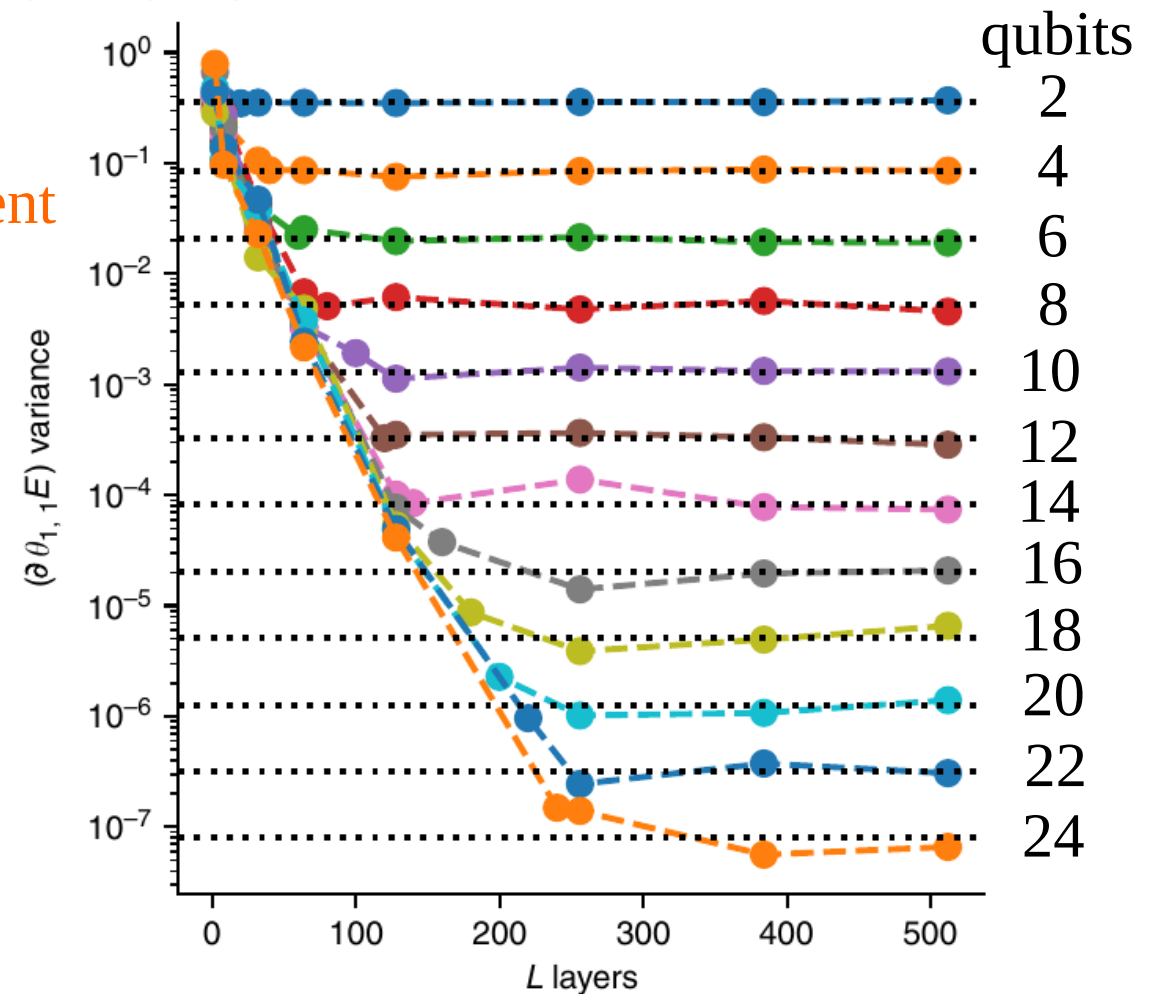
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{P}} w_{\alpha} \hat{P}_{\alpha}$$

# Barren plateaus in quantum neural network training landscapes

Jarrod R. McClean<sup>1</sup>, Sergio Boixo <sup>1</sup>, Vadim N. Smelyanskiy<sup>1</sup>, Ryan Babbush<sup>1</sup> & Hartmut Neven<sup>1</sup>

The variance of the cost function gradient  
(and consequently its typical value)  
vanishes exponentially  
in the qubit number  $N$

$$\text{Var}[\partial_{i,l} E(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{2^{2N}}\right)$$



# Barren plateau & entanglement entropy

controlling entanglement  
to mitigate BP?

## Second Rényi entropy

$$S_2 = -\ln \text{Tr} \rho_A^2$$

subsystem

## Entanglement-Induced Barren Plateaus

Carlos Ortiz Marrero, Mária Kieferová,  
and Nathan Wiebe

PRX Quantum 2, 040316

## Entanglement devised barren plateau mitigation

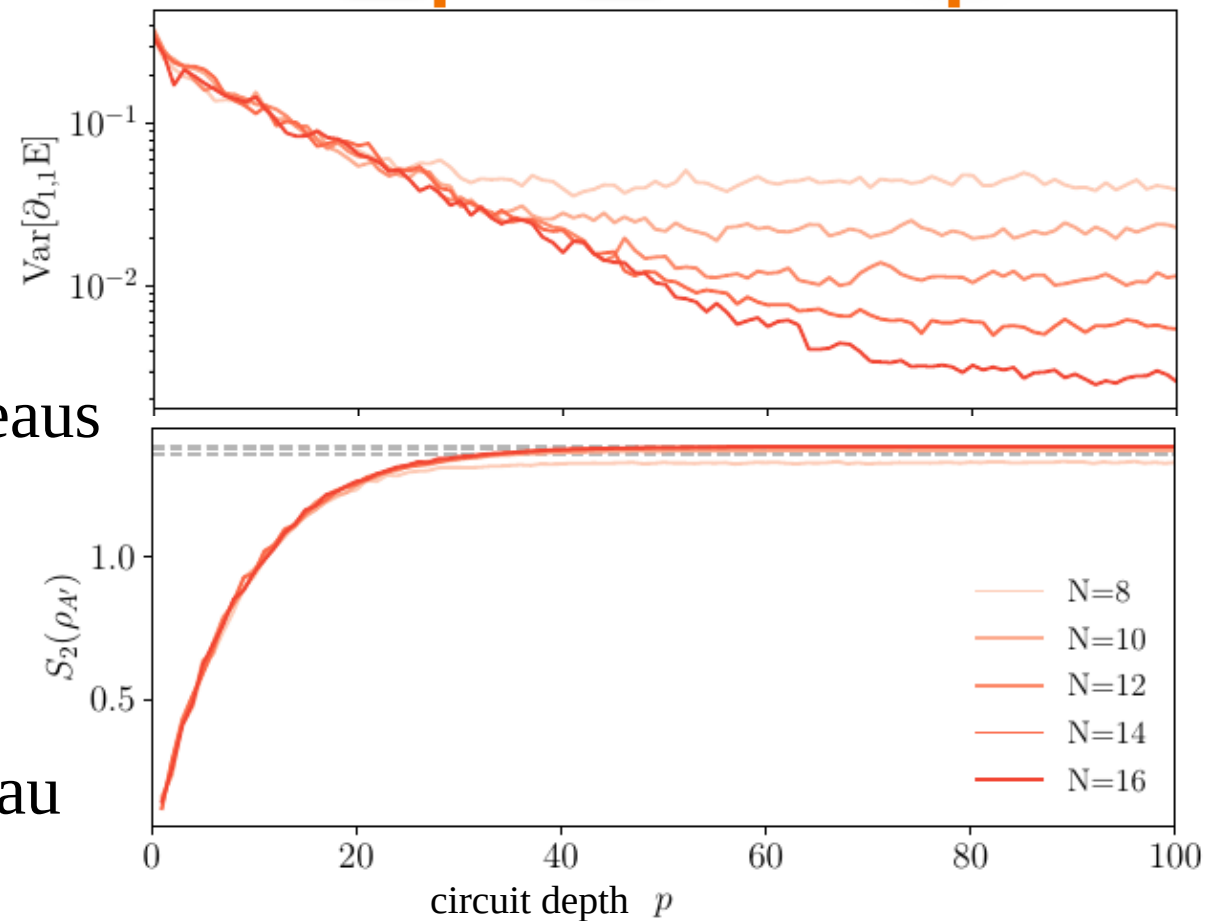
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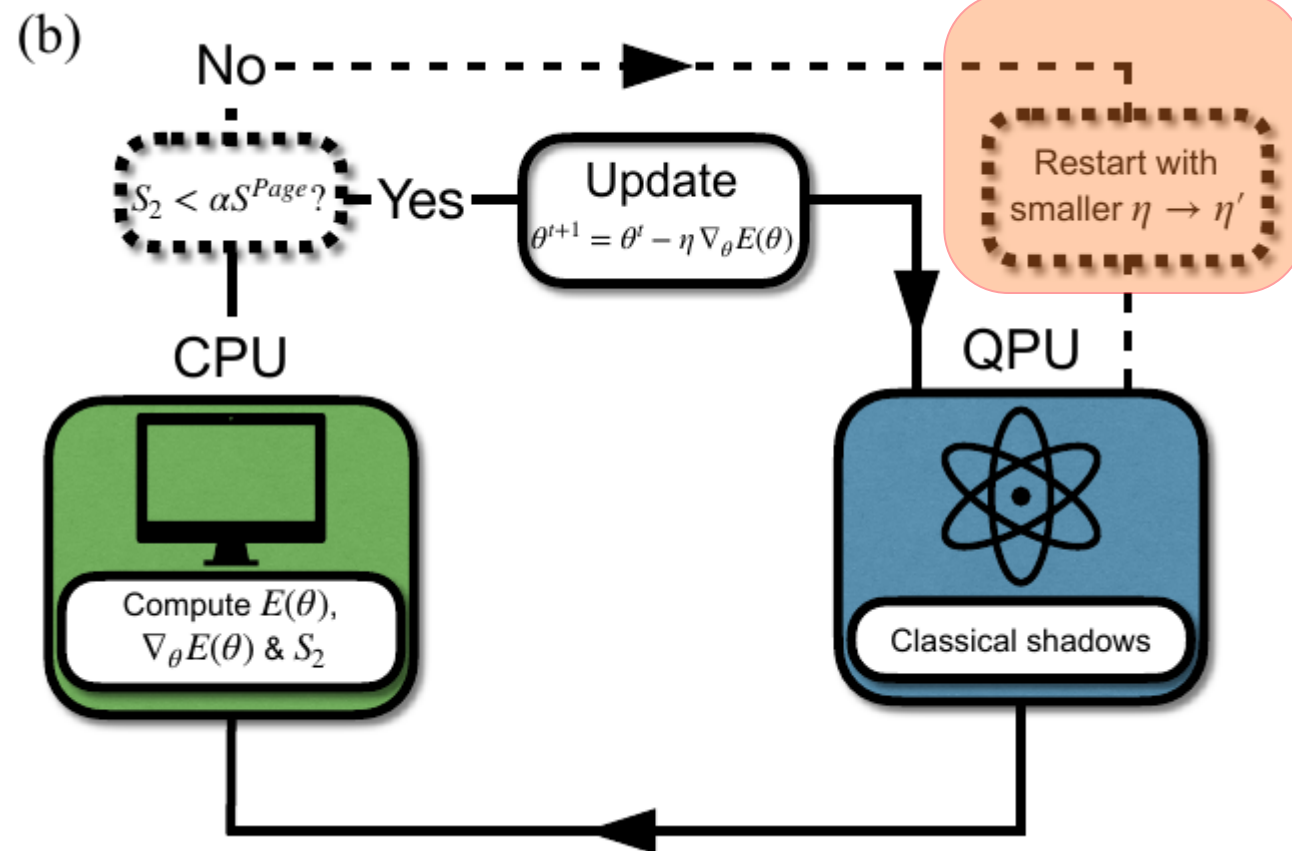
- **monitor the entropy and control the learning rate**

$$\theta^{t+1} = \theta^t - \eta \nabla_{\theta} E(\theta),$$

Decreasing the learning rate!!

- parameter initialization to low entangling gates  
Quantum 3, 214 (2019),  
PRX Quantum 3, 010313 (2022)
- use local cost functions  
Nature Communications 12, 1791 (2021)
- use matrix product states  
PRX Quantum 3, 010313
- layer-by-layer optimization  
Quantum Mach. Intell. 3, 5 (2021)

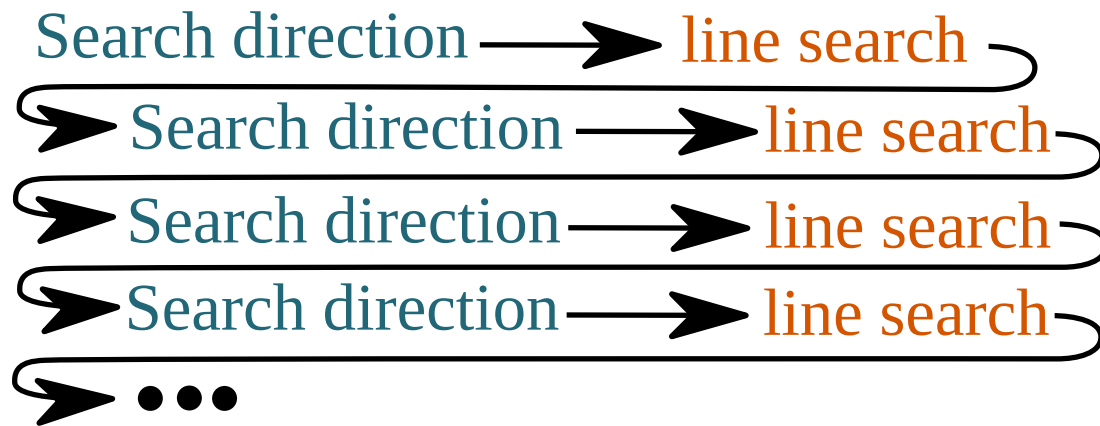
limiting the expressiveness of the circuit



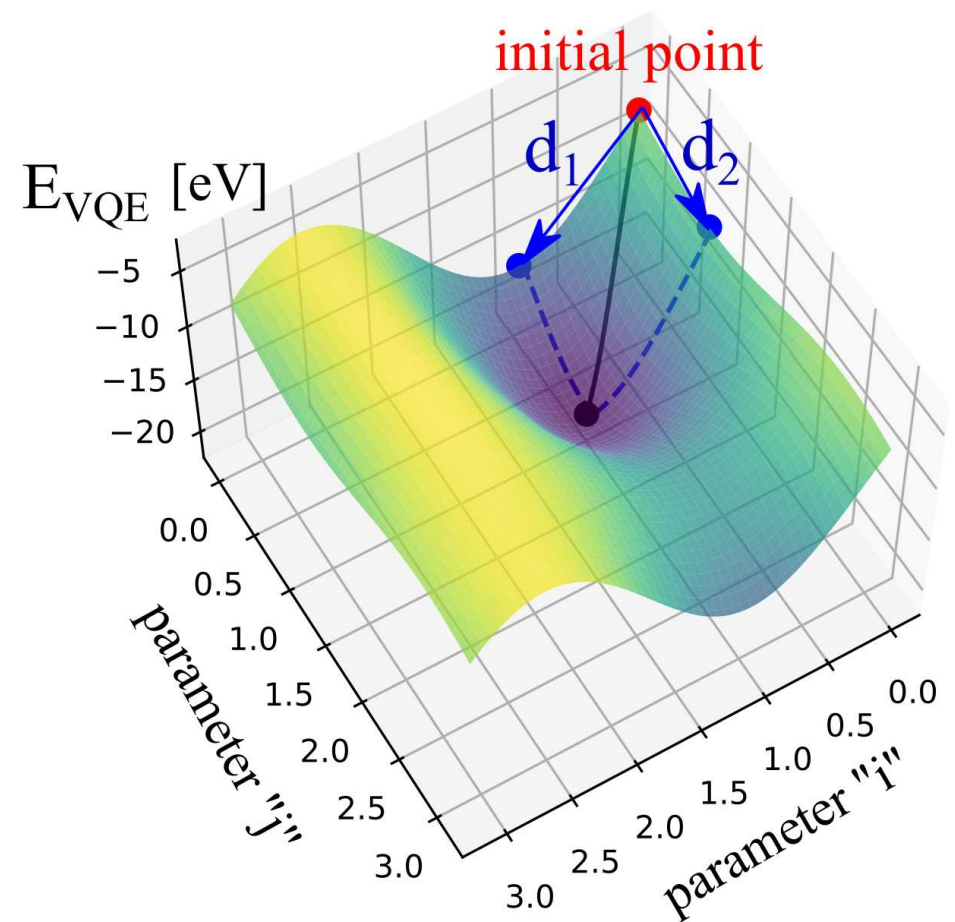


~~Decrease the learning rate~~  
Increase

- Perform line search along a well defined direction



- How to determine search direction?
- What is the range of the line search?
- layer-by-layer optimization



# Parameter dependence

gate containing parameter  $p_i$ :  $U_p$

$$|\Psi\rangle = U_1 \cdot U_2 \cdot U_3 \dots \underbrace{(A \cdot \cos(p_i) + B \cdot \sin(p_i) + C)}_{\text{matrices}} \dots U_{K-2} \cdot U_{K-1} \cdot U_K |0\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos(p_i)|a\rangle + \sin(p_i)|b\rangle + |c\rangle$$

scalars

$$E = \langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle = \kappa \cdot \sin(2p_i + \xi) + \gamma \cdot \sin(p_i + \phi) + C$$

knowing the constants, the line search becomes efficient

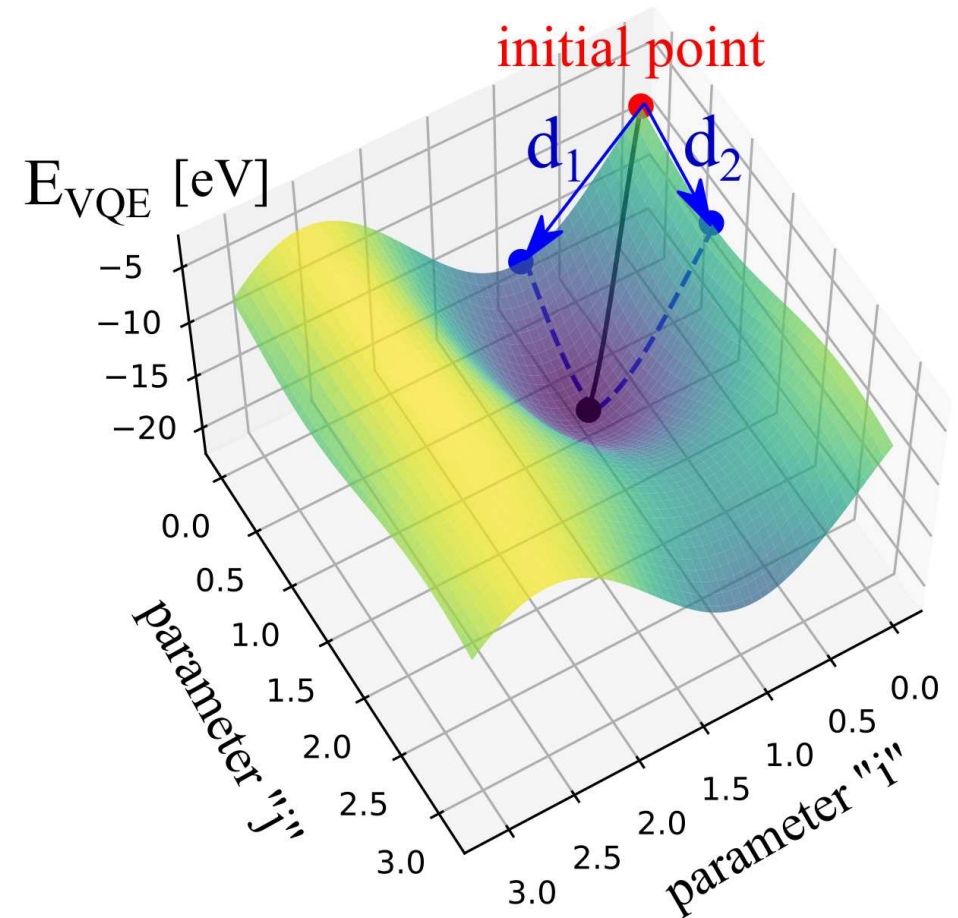
# Gradient free search direction

$$E_{VQE} = \kappa \cdot \sin(2\theta_i + \xi) + C$$

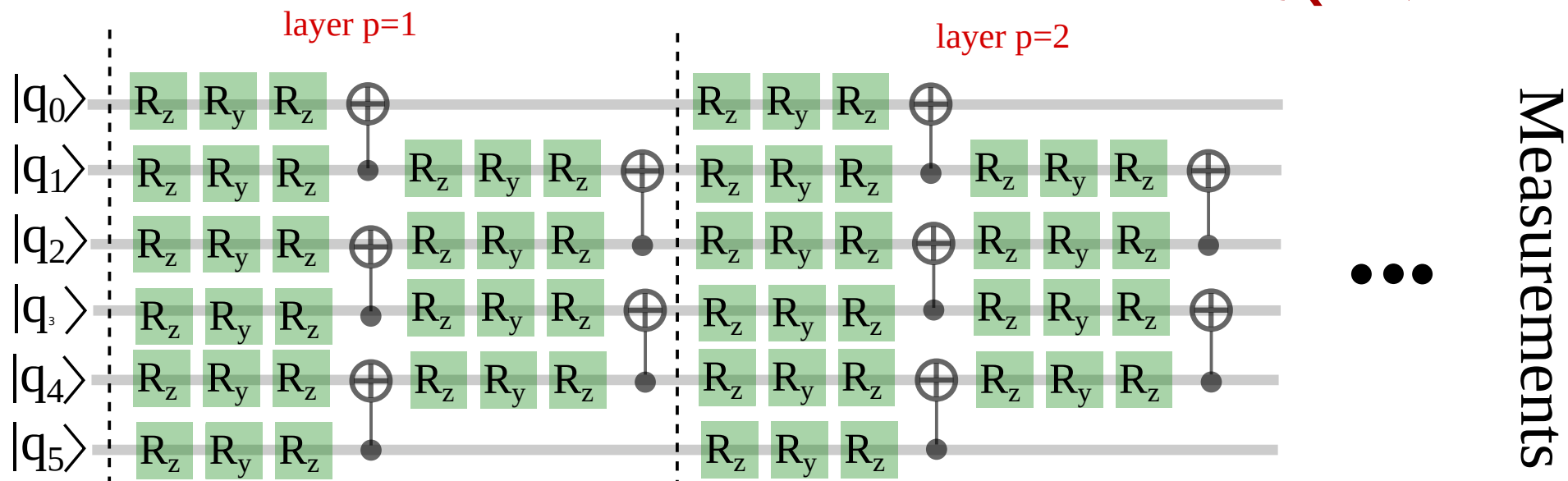
- randomly select a subset  $\Lambda$  of the parameters
- determine the parameter-wise minimum  $\theta_i^*$
- we define the search direction

$$d_i = \begin{cases} \theta_i^* - \theta_i & \text{if } i \in \Lambda \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- decreasing values in  $E_{VQE}$  are **automatically** associated with moderate entanglement entropy.
- There are **no additional hyper-parameters** in the algorithm



# The studied VQE problem



## Heisenberg XXX model

$$\hat{H}_{XXX} = \sum_{i,j \in V_G} J (\hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_j^z + \hat{\sigma}_i^y \hat{\sigma}_j^y + \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\sigma}_j^x) + h_z \sum_N \hat{\sigma}_i^z$$

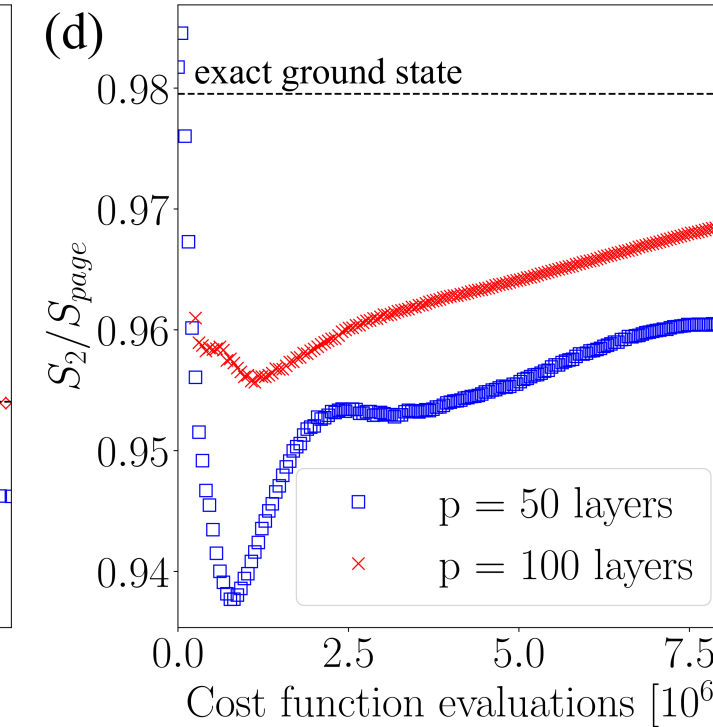
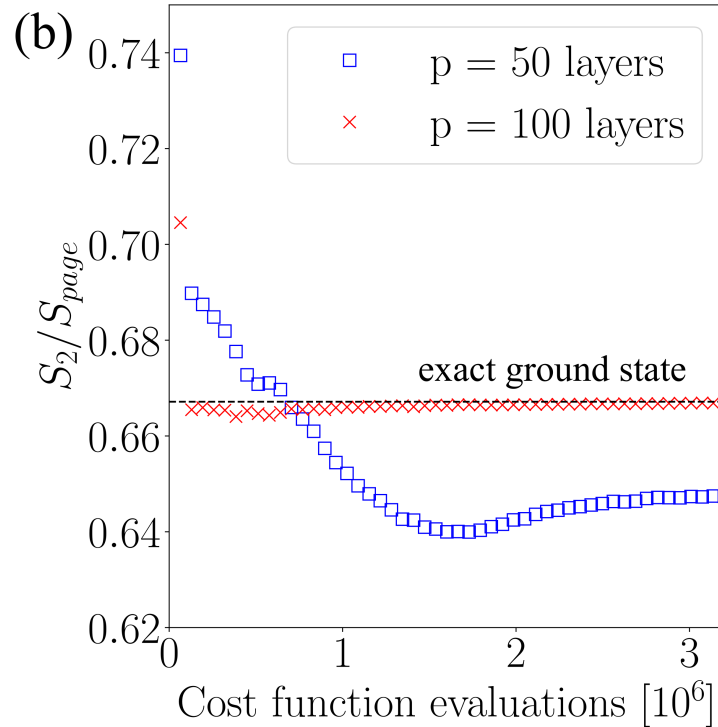
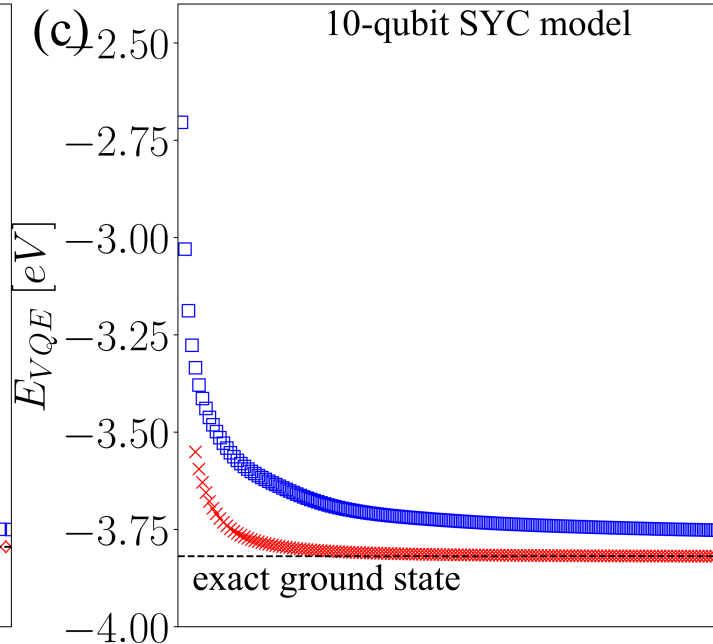
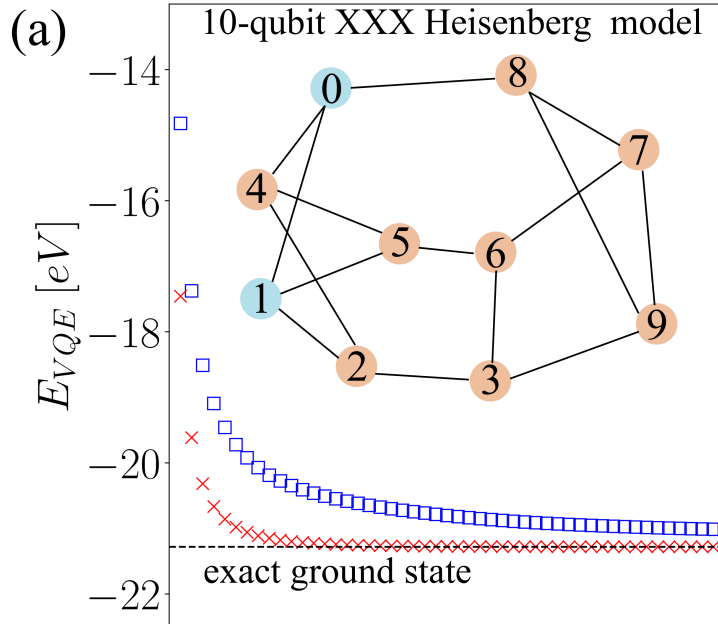
## Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model describing Majorana fermions

$$\hat{H}_{SYK} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k < l \leq 2N} J_{i,j,k,l} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l$$

$$\{\chi_i, \chi_j\} = \delta_{i,j}$$

$J_{i,j,k,l}$  is taken from a Gaussian distribution

# 10-qubit system VQE

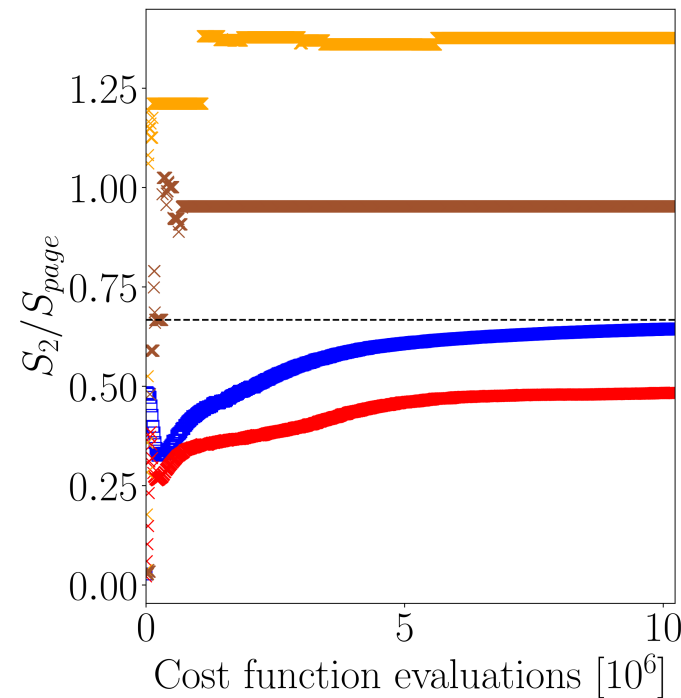
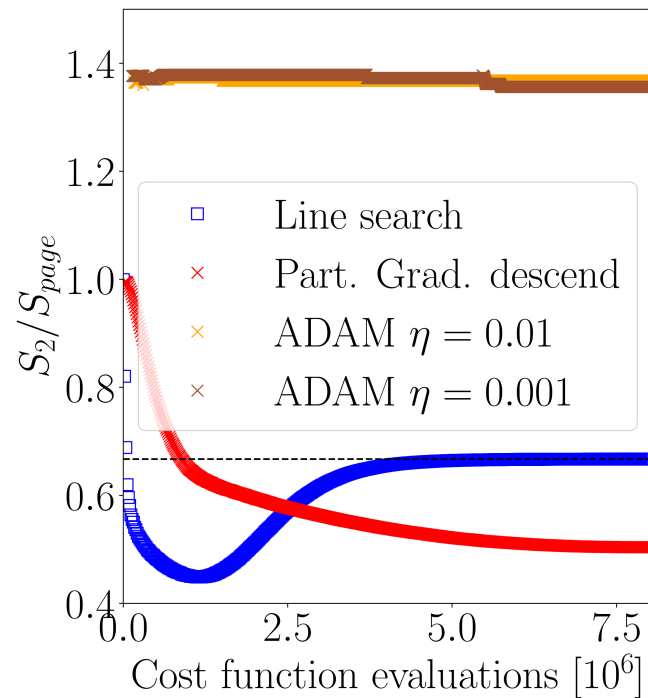
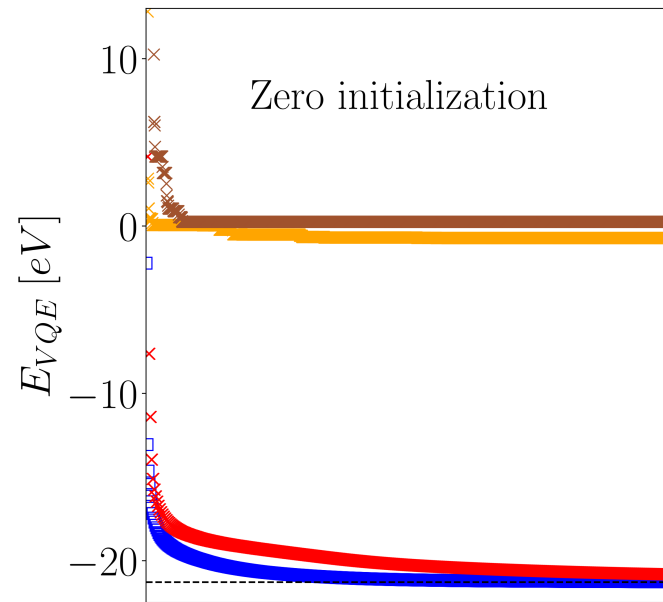
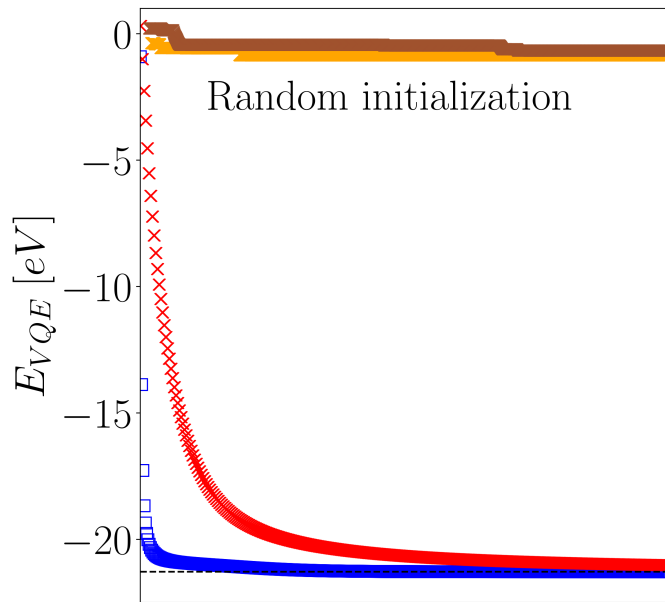


**10-qubit wave-function:**  
2046 free parameters

**circuit with 50-layers:**  
2700 free parameters

**circuit with 100 layers:**  
5400 free parameters

# 10-qubit system VQE

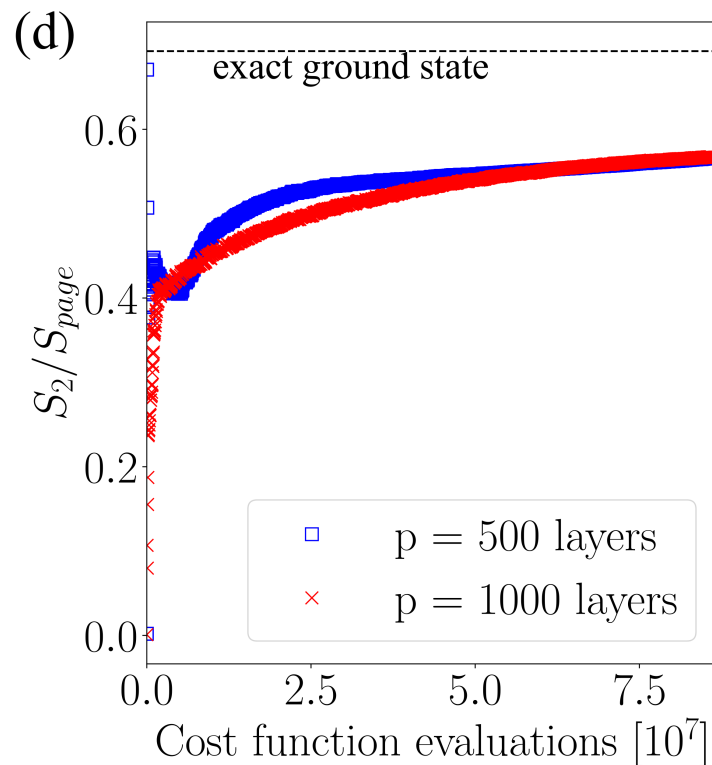
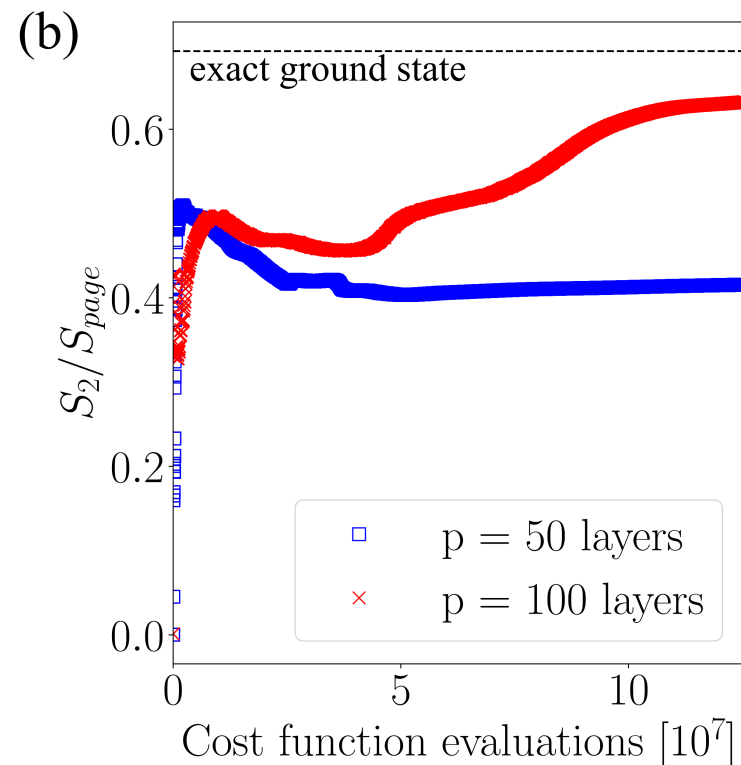
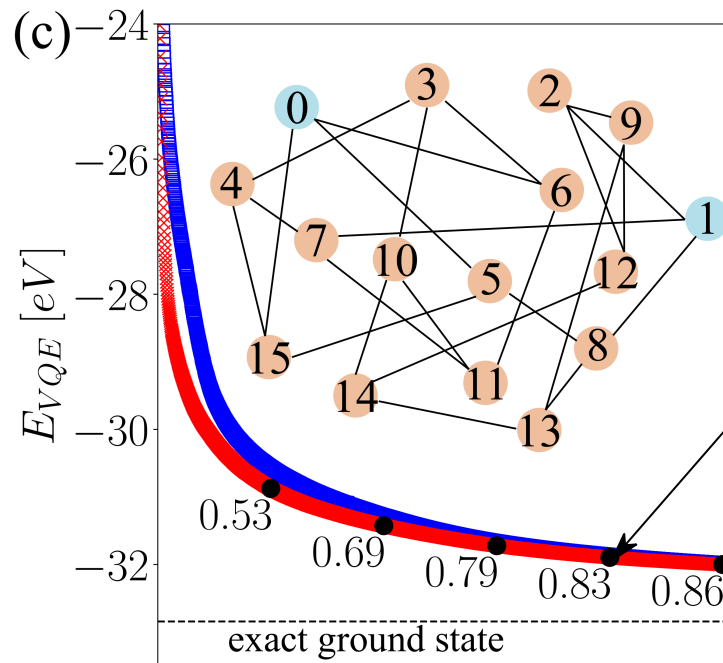
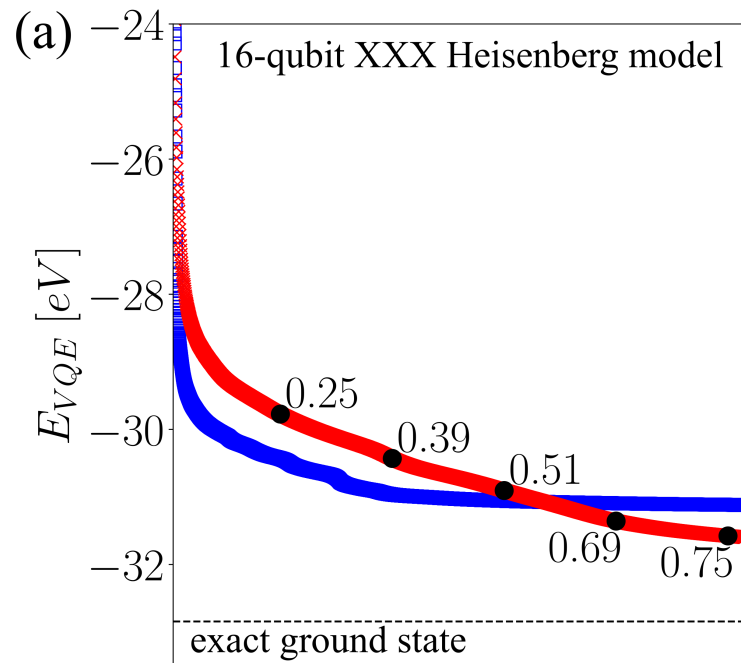


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# 16-qubit system VQE



$$M = |\langle \Psi_0 | \Psi(\theta) \rangle|^2$$

**16-qubit wave-function:**  
131070 free parameters

**circuit with 100-layers:**  
9000 free parameters

**circuit with 500-layers:**  
45000 free parameters

**circuit with 1000-layers:**  
90000 free parameters



# Further numerical improvements to scale up VQE experiments

- More efficient circuit ansatz adopted to
  - the coupling structure of the underlying model
  - the interaction types in the physical system
- Introducing noise into the model
- Using accelerators to evaluate the cost function



GPU

or



FPGA

or



AI data-flow chip



# GPU QC simulation benchmark

qsim runtime comparison (noiseless random circuit)

● GPU: A100 ● CPU: C2-standard-60



## Google Quantum AI

[https://quantumai.google/qsim/choose\\_hw](https://quantumai.google/qsim/choose_hw)



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# Performance benchmark for Groq LPU

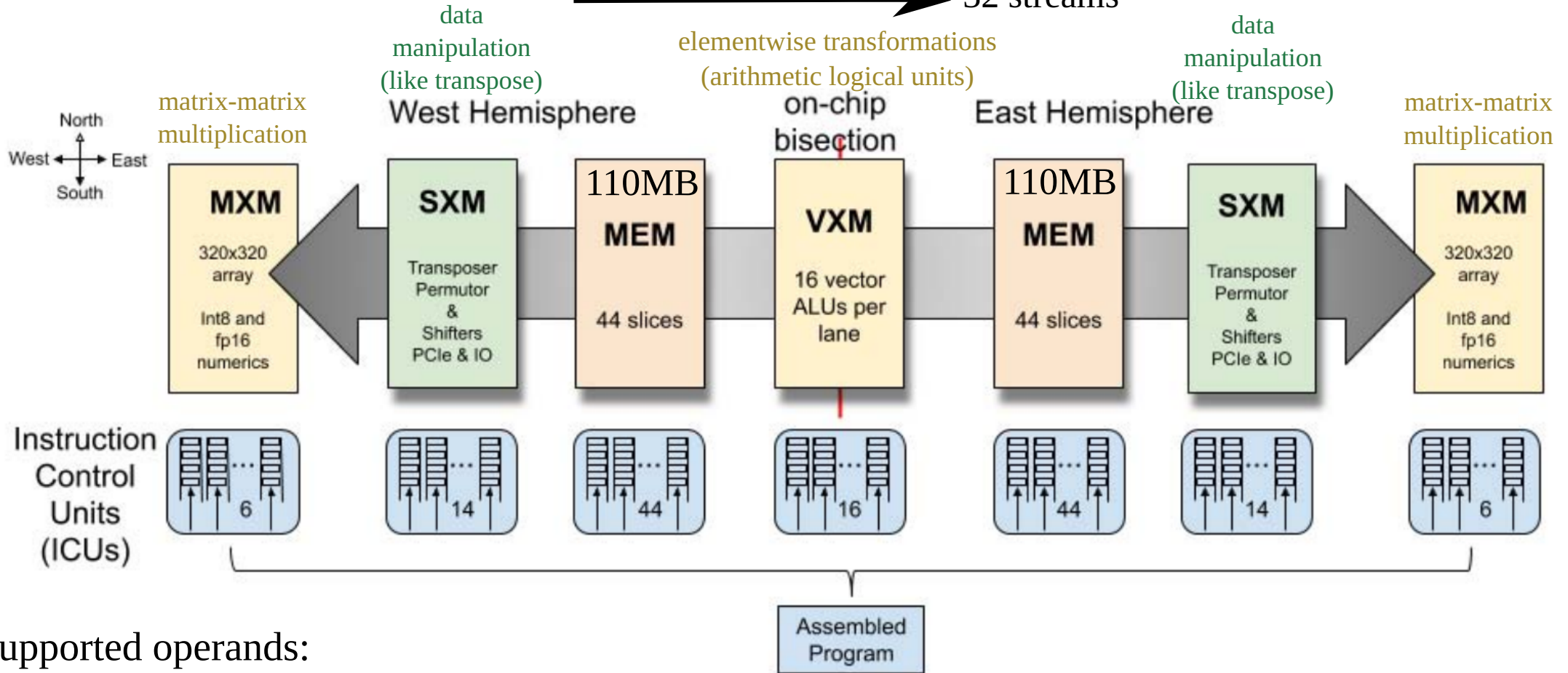
qubits	16		18		20	
performance <input type="checkbox"/>	time	LPU speedup	time	LPU speedup	time	LPU speedup
gate count in the circuit	3601		4591		5701	
LPU implementation (estimate)	1.7 ms		8.2 ms		39 ms	
Qulacs	94 ms	55x	175 ms	21x	574 ms	14.7x
Qiskit	5784 ms	3402x	7354 ms	897x	9656 ms	247x
Squander	97 ms	57x	198 ms	24x	628 ms	16.1x

# Think Fast: A Tensor Streaming Processor (TSP) for Accelerating Deep Learning Workloads

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each stream carries **320 vectorized bytes**  
over 320 lanes

32 streams ← streams of data across the chip → 32 streams



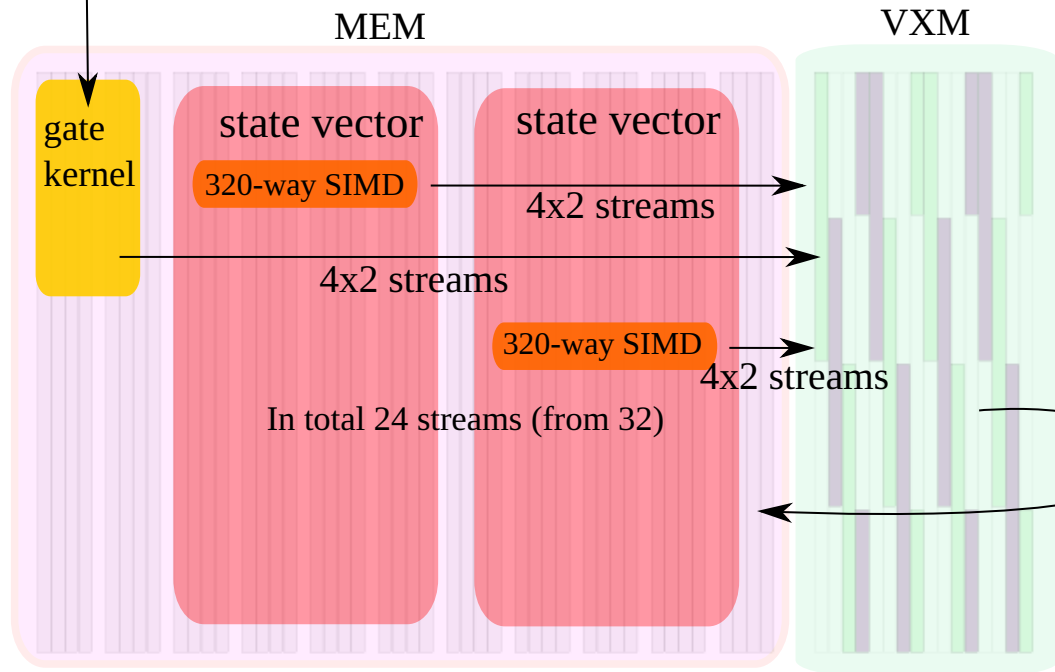
supported operands:

VXM: int8, int16, int32, uint8, uint16, uint32, float16, float32, bool8, bool16, bool32

MXM: int8 x int8 → int32, float16 x float16 → float32

# Concept of Groq QC simulator

CPU, FPGA

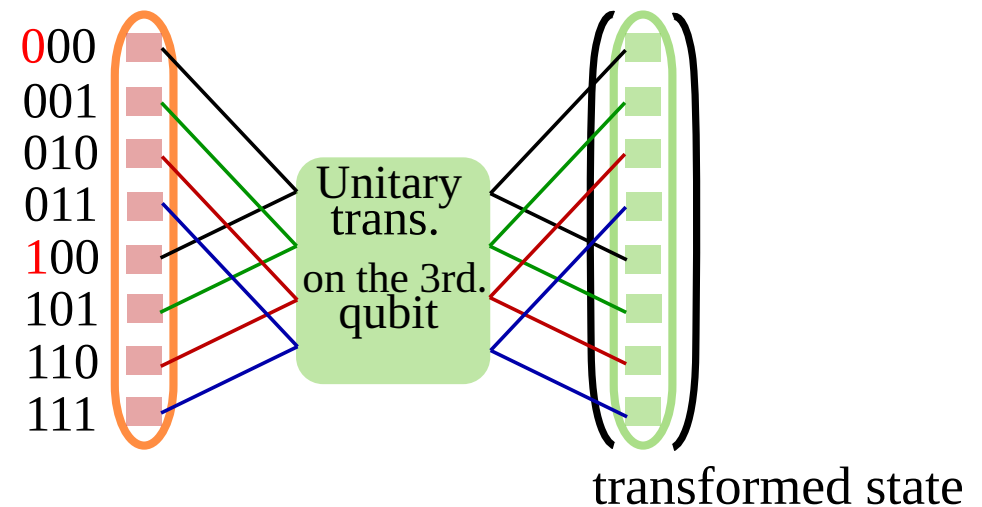


$$C_\alpha = U_{\alpha,0}C_0 + U_{\alpha,1}C_1$$

- 8x 32-bit float multiplications
- 6x 32-bit float additions
- in total: 14 ALU units (from 16)

Save the transformed state back into the original position

unitary transformation:



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