

Quantum Optimal Control: Using GRAPE to Generate Optimal Pulses

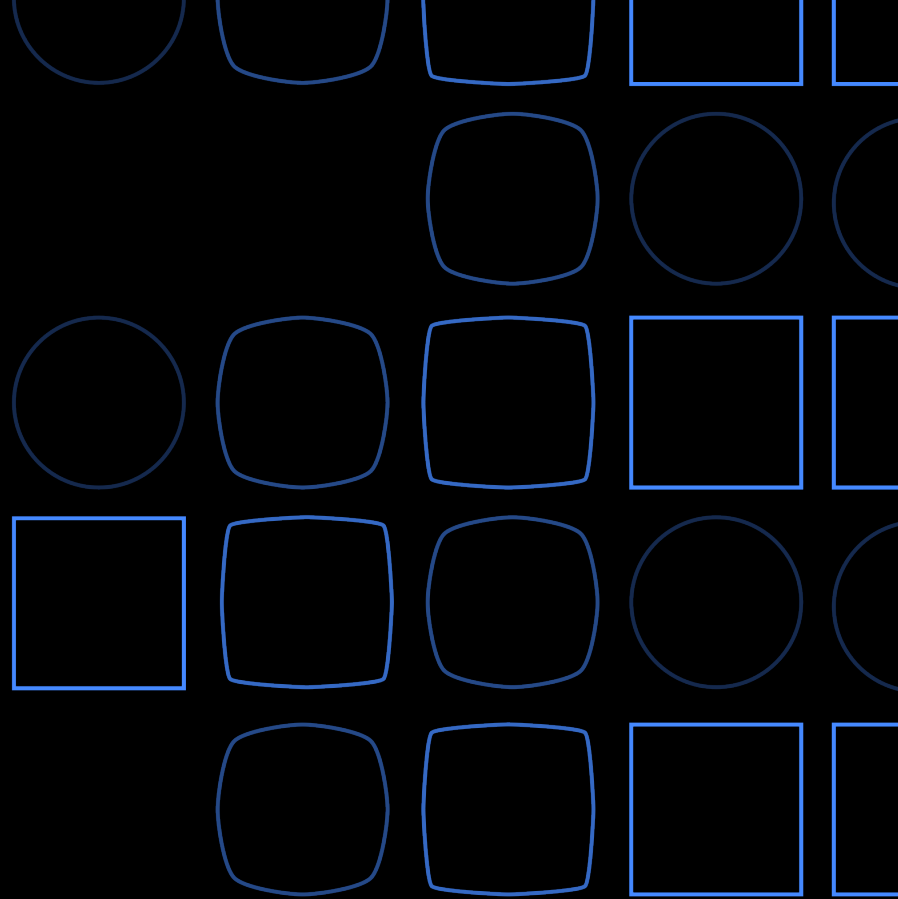
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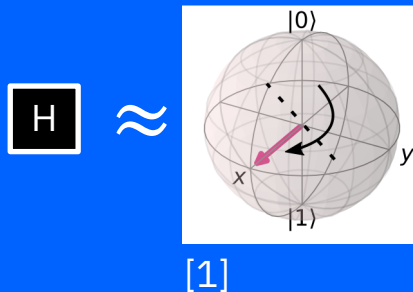
Quantum Optimal Control

Quantum Optimal Control is the process of engineering a unitary evolution as close to a target unitary in a system. Specifically we use pulse controls to evolve the unitary of a transmon.

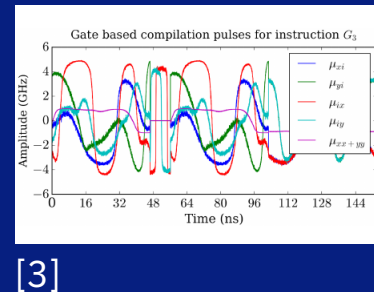
Problem

- Pulses are calibrated for a specific set of basis
- Calibrations optimize fidelities of basis gates, not circuit processes.
- Arbitrary unitaries must be compiled to basis gates

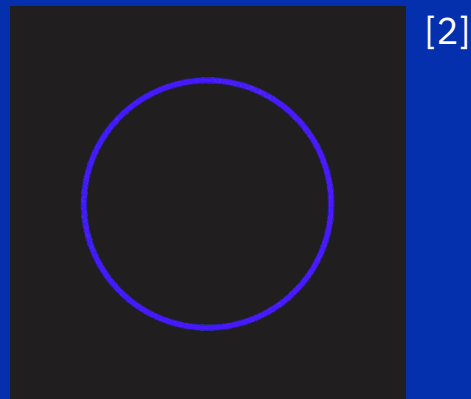
Less accurate circuits



Inefficient pulse sequences



Slower and potentially less accurate qc programs



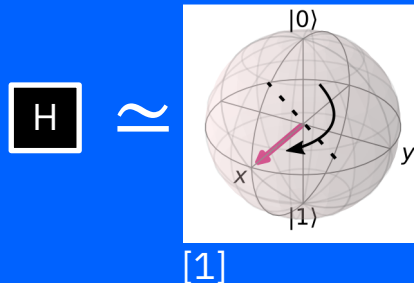
Solution

GRAPE (or other OCT)

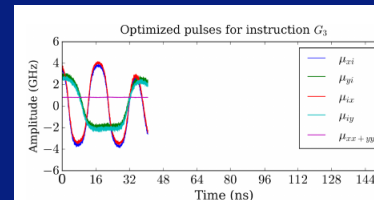
Gradient ascent pulse engineering

Imagine if we could optimize a drug for a given patient's genome as we inject the drug.

Unitary evolution-
optimized pulse
sequences

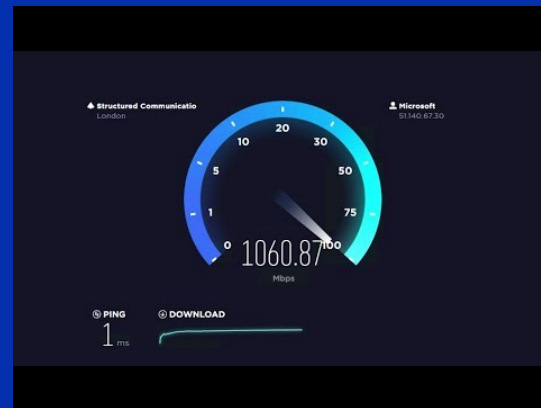


Gate aggregation



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OPTIMIZED Quantum Programs



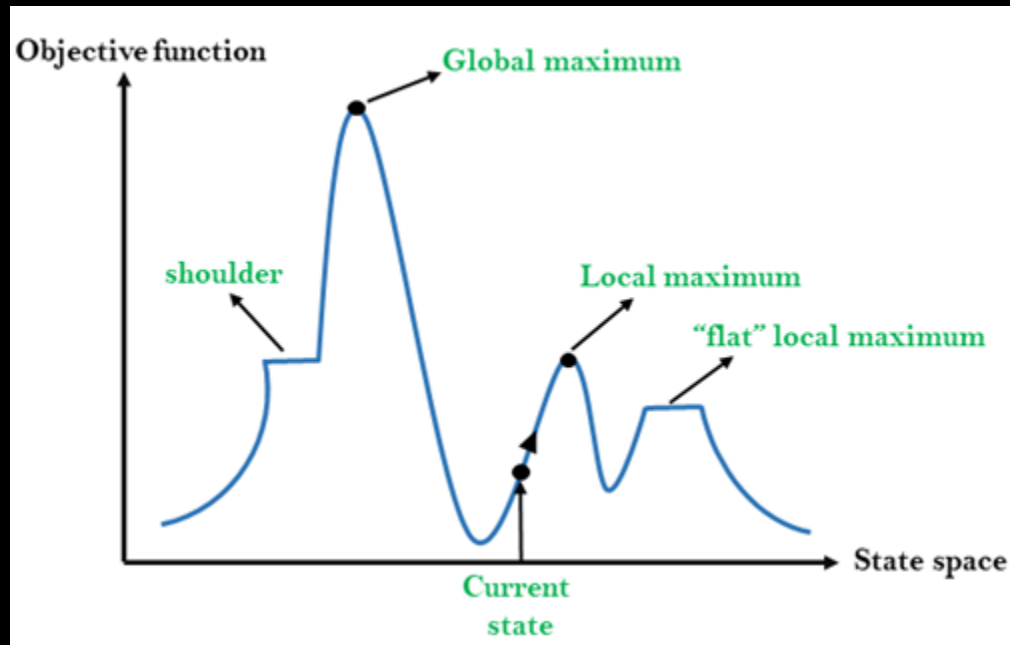
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Gradient Ascent Pulse Engineering (GRAPE)

1. Initialize pulse guesses
2. Calculate density operator fidelity with given sequence
3. Move in direction of greatest increase in fidelity

- $H(t) \approx H(t_k) = H_0 + \sum_{j=1}^N u_{jk} H_j$

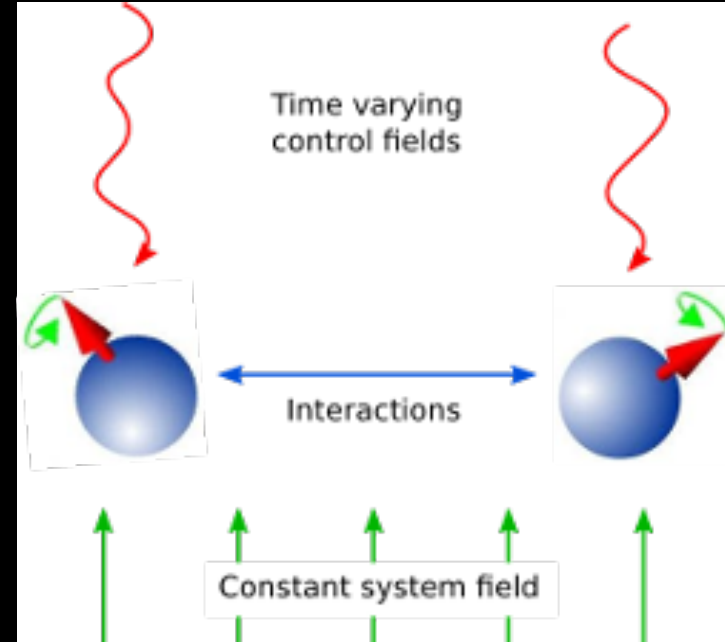
- $f_{PSU} = \frac{1}{d} \left| \text{tr} \{ X_{\text{target}}^\dagger X(T) \} \right|$



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QuTiP Grape

- Models Unitary evolution
- Control field parameters + system field
- Goal: maximize fidelity f_{PSU}
- $$f_{PSU} = \frac{1}{d} \left| \text{tr} \{ X_{\text{targ}}^\dagger X(T) \} \right|$$

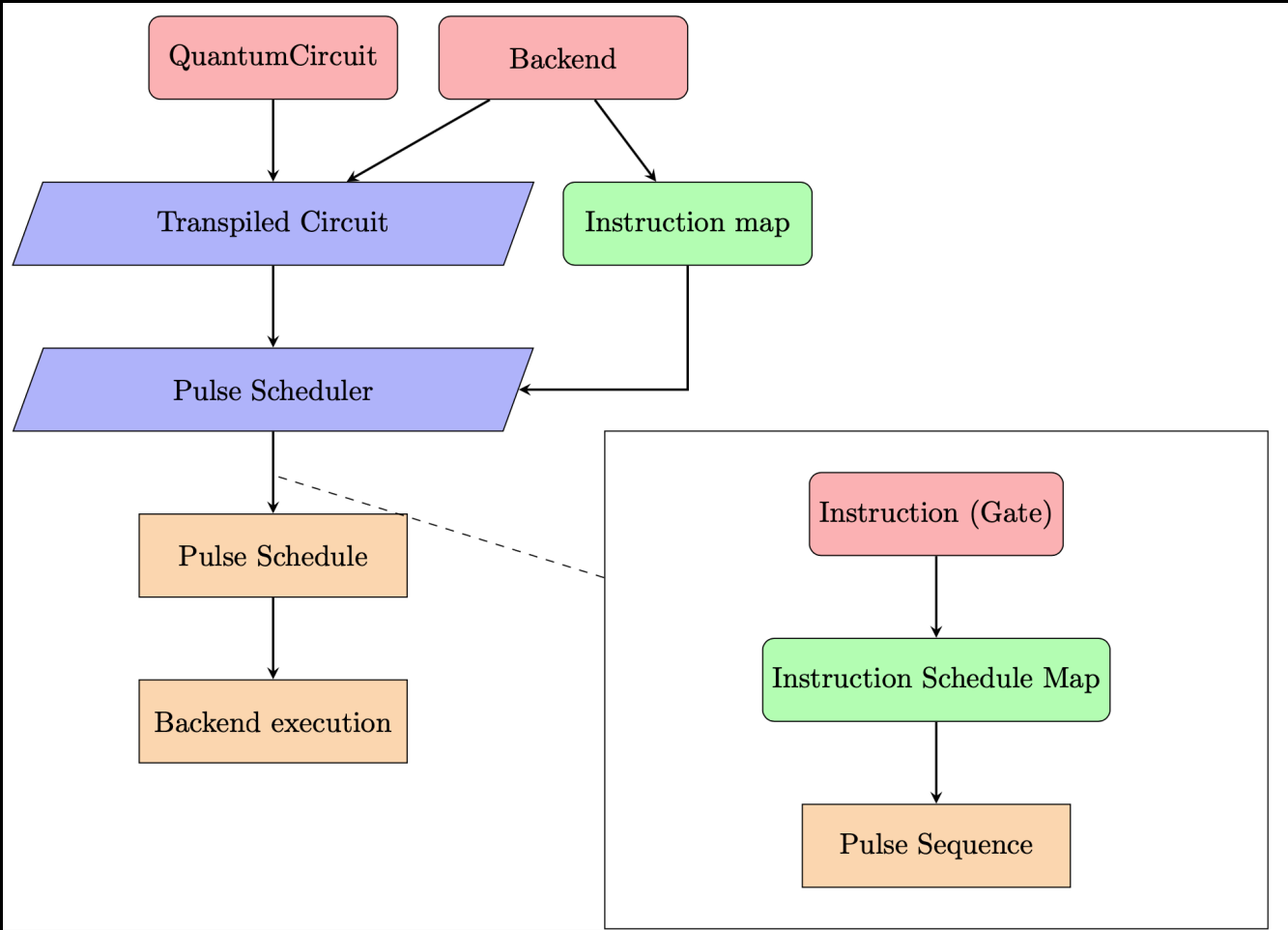


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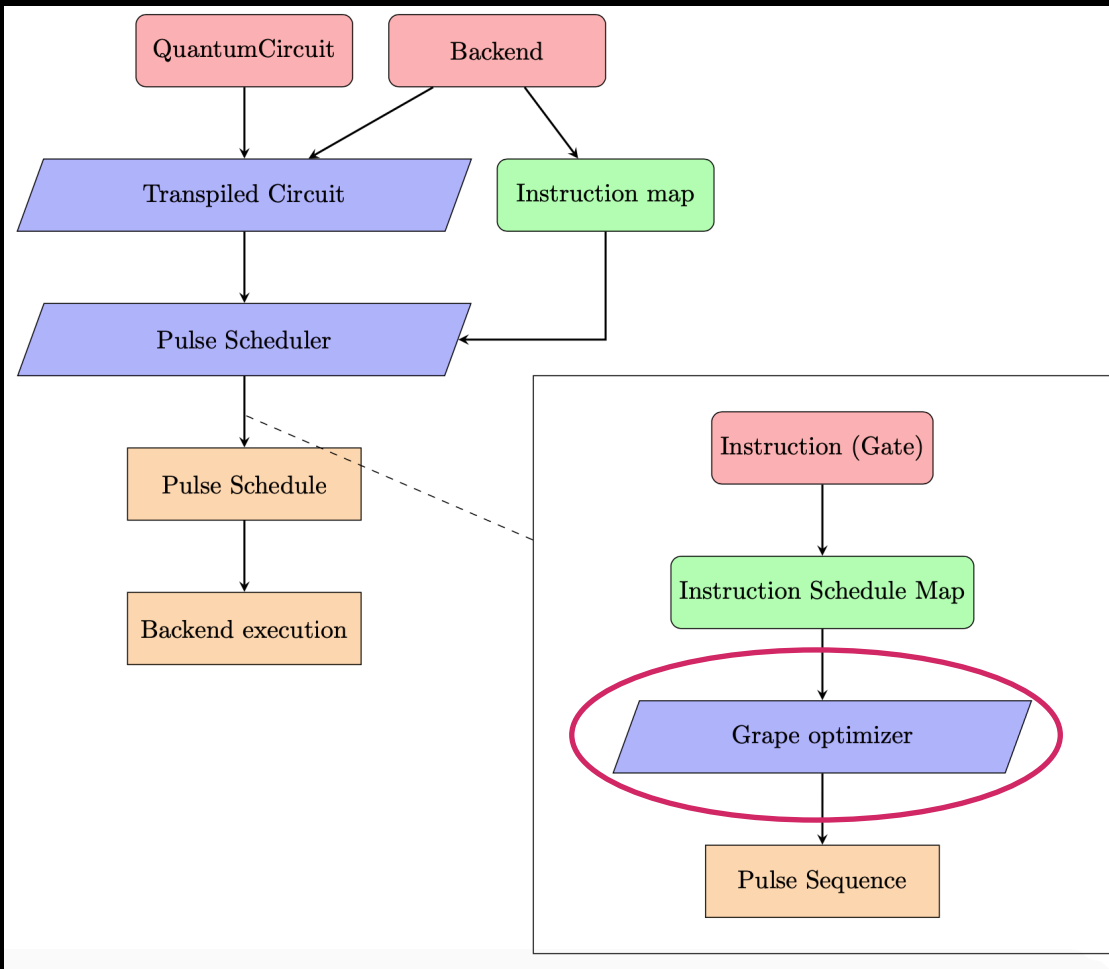
Demo

http://localhost:8892/notebooks/systems_demo_aug3.ipynb

Current Circuit Pipeline



QOC Circuit Pipeline



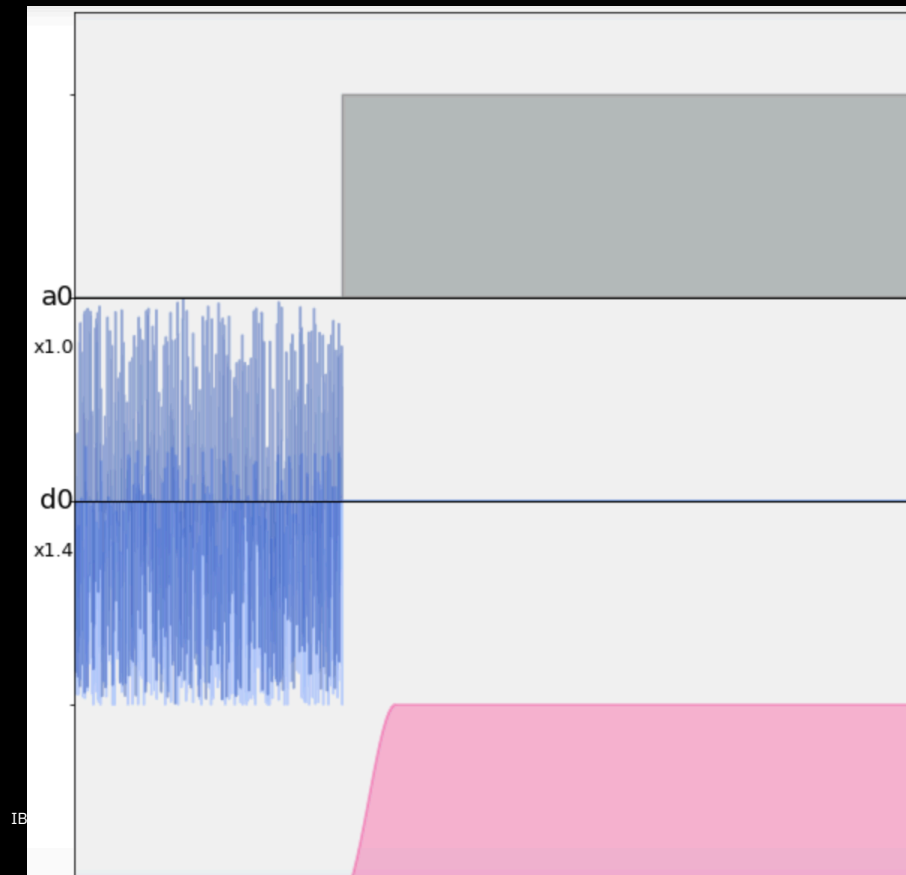
Prerun demo

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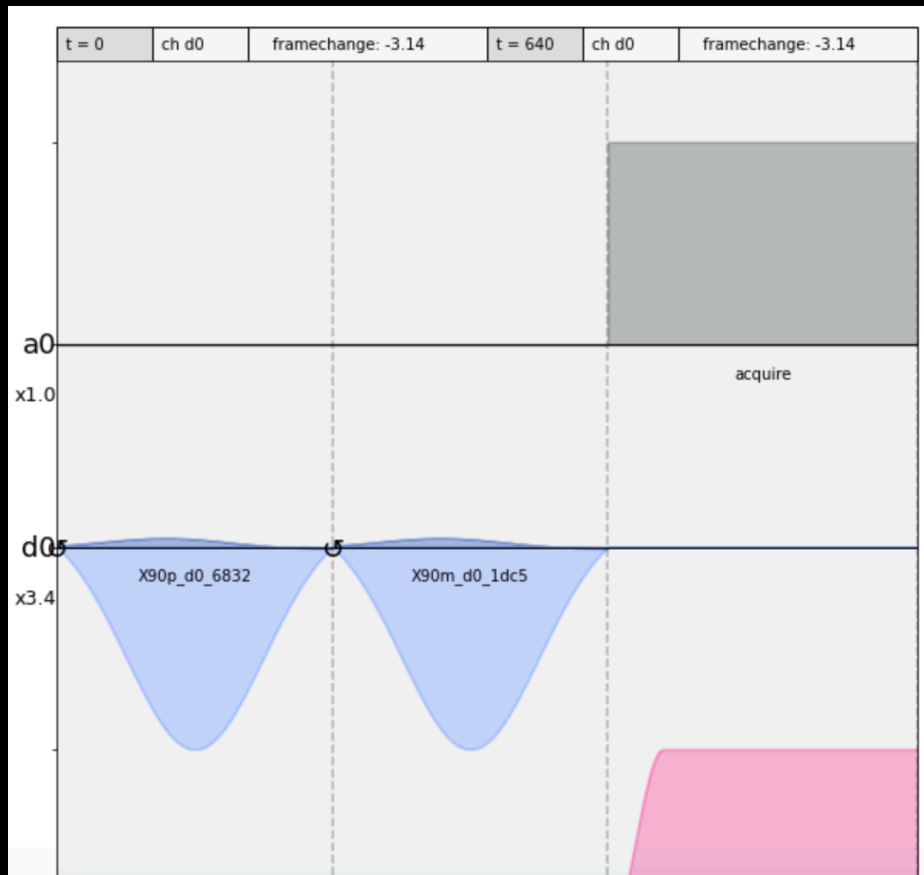
Running demo

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Grape pulse – 71ns

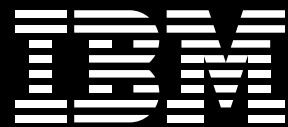


Default U3 pulse – 284ns

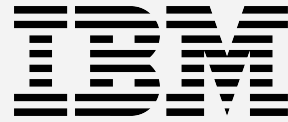


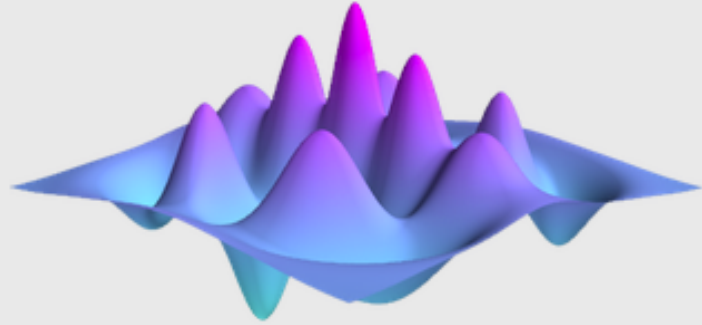
Next Steps

- Package and submit PR for single qubit QOC
- Add in gate aggregation
- Extend to n-qubit systems
- Extend to 2q gates
- Automate gate time selection
- Thoroughly study accuracy and gate time



Following slides are extras



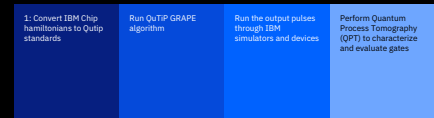
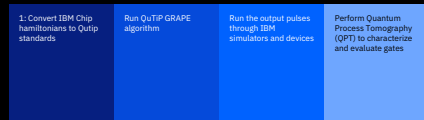


QuTiP

Quantum Toolbox in Python

- IBM Hamiltonian format differs from Qutip
- Conversion and unit conversion necessary
- Extensive Qutip API investigation
- Ultimately one of the biggest unexpected challenges of this project

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Real device testing

GRAPE π pulse: **92.7%** -- latest test (same time)

Default π pulse: **92.6%**

4096 shots

Is this bad – No

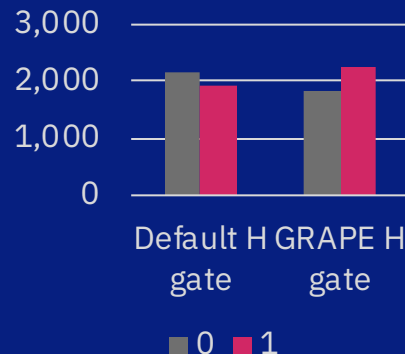
GRAPE Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{\omega(1 - \sigma_z)}{2} + \Omega_{d0}\sigma_x$$



X gates

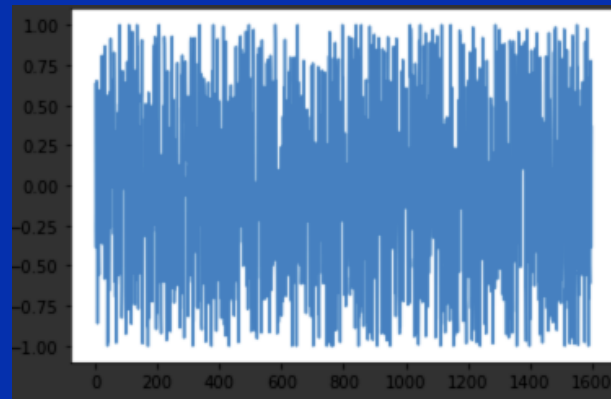
H gates



GRAPE

π Pulse

Schedule



Quantum Process Tomography

- Test response on every permutation of start basis and measurement basis

process_tomography_circuits

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process_tomography_circuits(circuit, measured_qubits, prepared_qubits=None,  
meas_labels='Pauli', meas_basis='Pauli', prep_labels='Pauli', prep_basis='Pauli') [source]
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Return a list of quantum process tomography circuits.

This performs preparation in the minimal Pauli-basis eigenstates

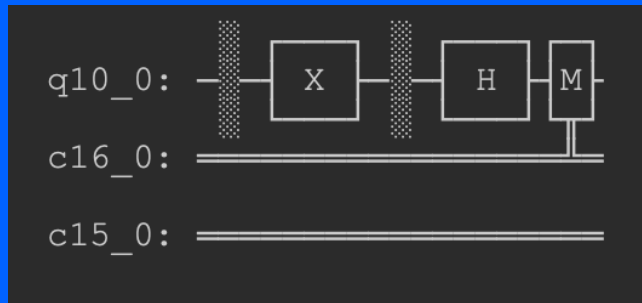
- "Z_p": $|0\rangle$
- "Z_m": $|1\rangle$
- "X_p": $|+\rangle$
- "Y_m": $|+i\rangle$

on each qubit, and measurement in the Pauli-basis X, Y, Z resulting in $4^n 3^n$ circuits for an n-qubit process tomography experiment.



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Start $|0\rangle$ > apply X gate and measure in X basis



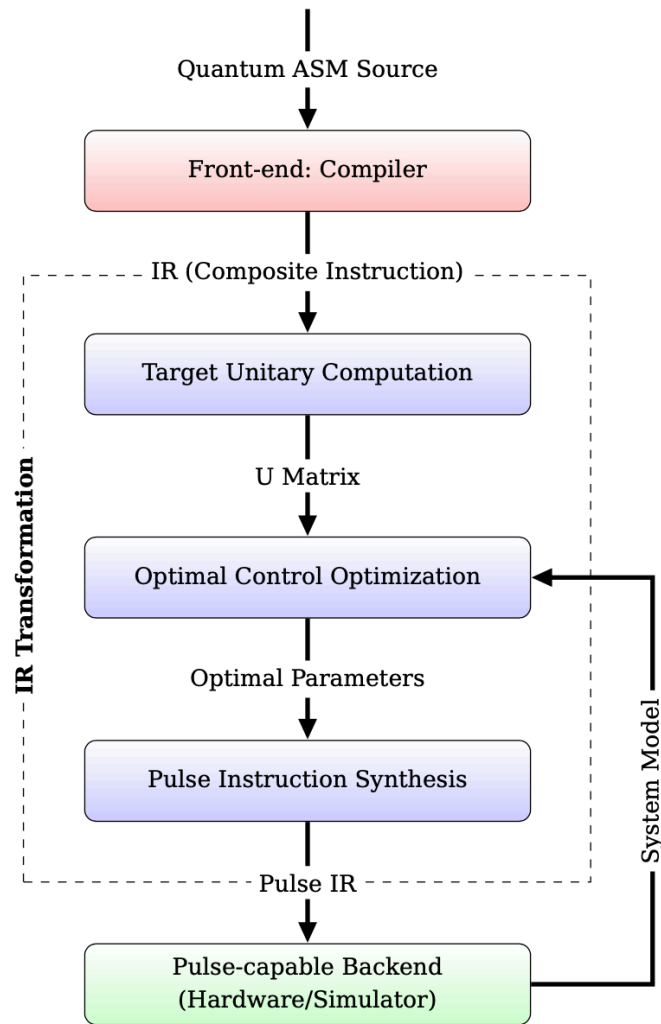
GRAPE X gate fidelity (missing process see git)

Least-Sq Fitter

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my fit fidelity (state): 0.9548905798483875  
default fit fidelity (state): 0.9674396321373899  
ideal fit fidelity (state): 0.9925334990120357  
my fit time: 0.019559383392333984
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XACC QOC pipeline [9]

- XACC example pipeline



Qiskit Pulse Pipeline

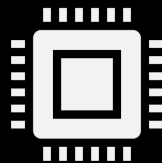
Quantum Logic Gates

Gates transpiled to
basis gates

Basis gates compiled
to pulses

Pulses run on
hardware

Qiskit Pulse Pipeline



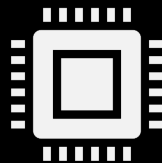
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Potential Qiskit Pulse Pipeline



Quantum Logic Gates

Gates transpiled to
basis gates

Basis gates compiled
to pulses, with some
gates compiled to
GRAPE pulses

Pulses run on
hardware

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Shi gate aggregation speedup [3]

