

Execution Control Using the Tierkreis Workflow System

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Talk Objectives

- What is Tierkreis?
- What can Tierkreis do for you?
- How do you get started?



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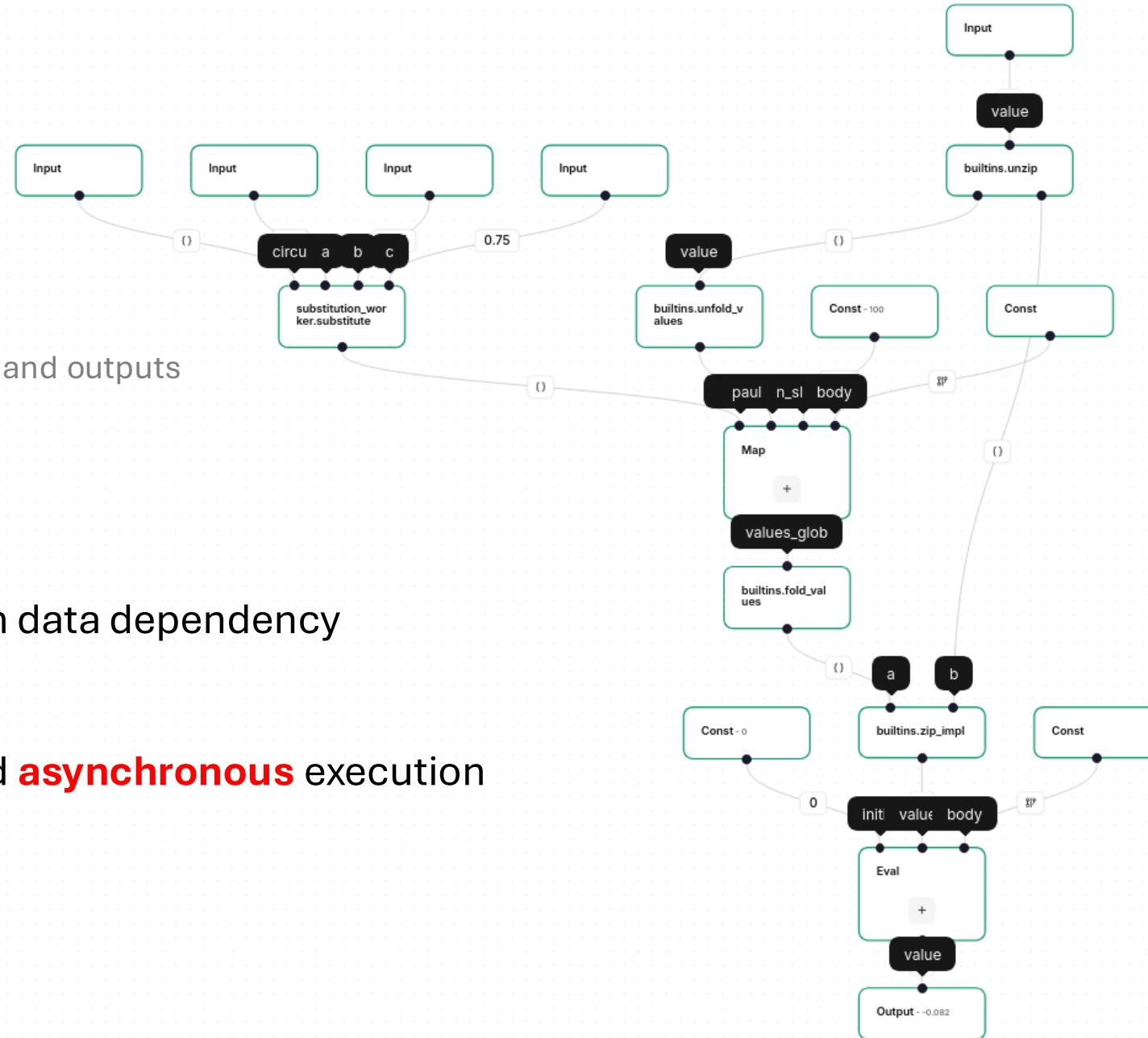
Tierkreis Concepts

Tierkreis Summary

- Workflow orchestration for hybrid workflows
- Asynchronous dataflow model
- Distributed computation
- Concurrent execution
- Adapted for HPC (Fugaku)
 - Focus on minimising HPC idle time

Program model

- Nodes are **computations**
stateless/pure functions, many inputs and outputs
 - Edges carry **data**
strong static types + data interface
 - **Partial order** of execution from data dependency
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 - Allows **parallel** scheduling and **asynchronous** execution



Workers

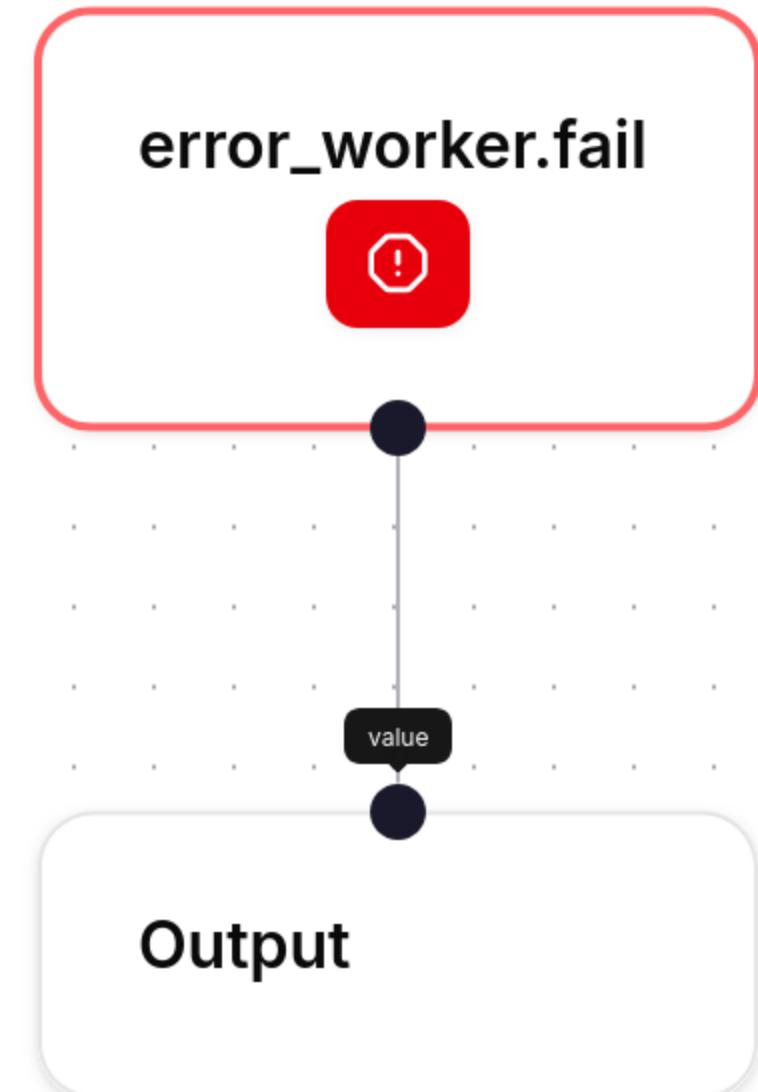
- **Implement any desired functionality**
Can be specialised to their host e.g. to exploit GPU
- **Can be invoked in a variety of contexts**
Single workers can offer many capabilities
- **Can maintain own queue / scheduler**
Or storage, or database, or compiler, or
- **Easy to wrap existing code as workers**
For python code, this is a one-line change

Checkpointing

- Intermediate values between computations are stored to disk
- Intermediate values can be inspected for debugging
- Workflows can be interrupted and restored from the checkpoints

Visualization

- Built-in web server for visualizing workflows
- Inspect workflow graphs before running
- Debug errors and examine node logs



Configurable Execution Contexts

- Execution can be configured on a per worker basis
- Python workers, shell scripts or HPC jobs can be composed into a single workflow
- Not an exhaustive list, many more things are possible!



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Example Problem

Inputs:

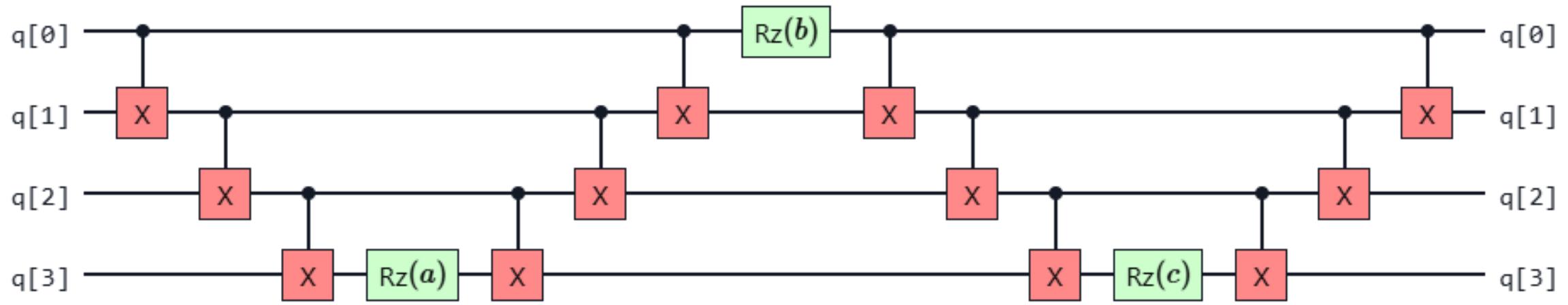
a,b,c -- floating point parameters

ansatz -- parameterised circuit

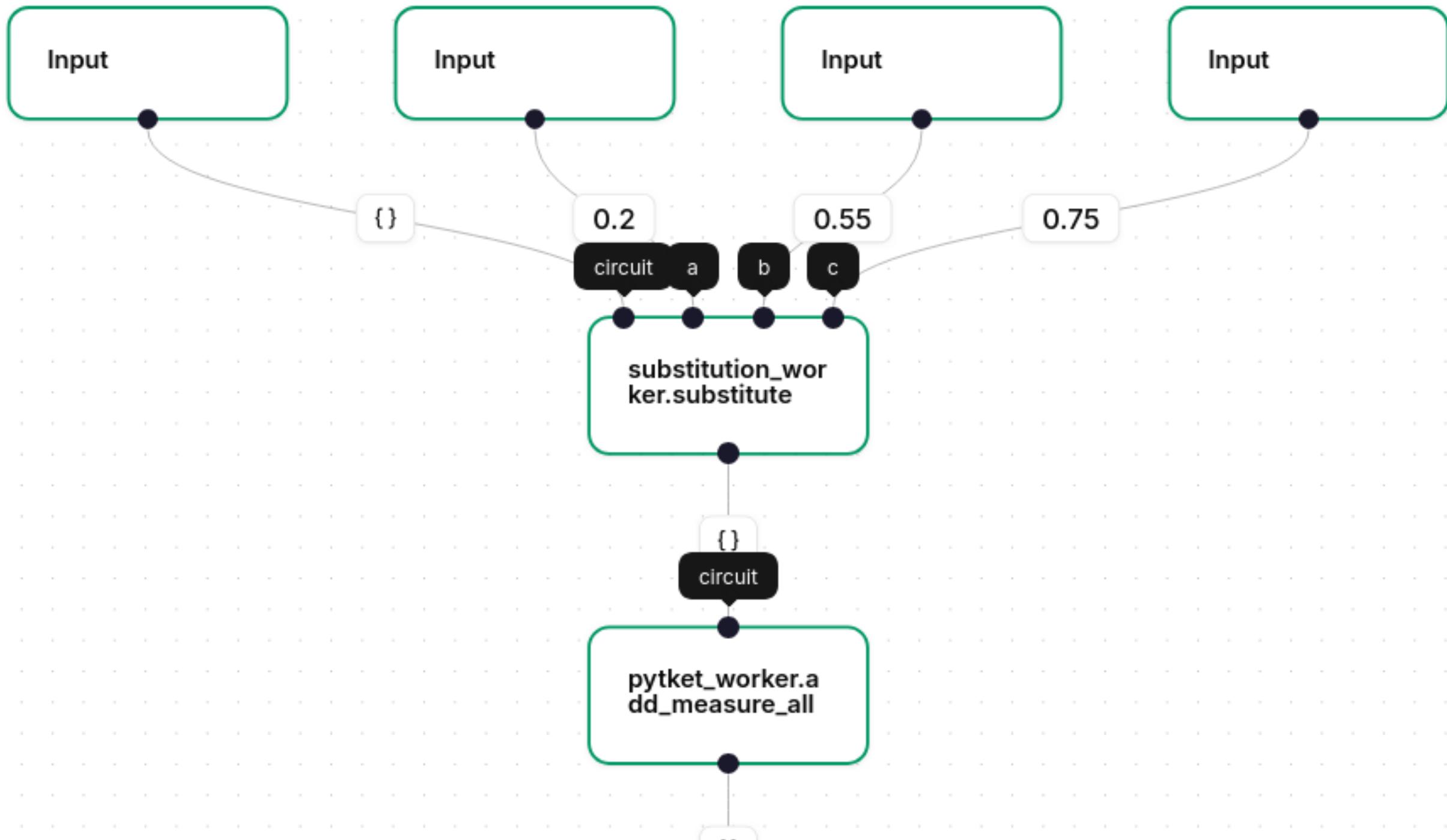
1. Substitute values of a, b, c into ansatz
2. Append measurements to all qubits of ansatz
3. Compile and optimise ansatz circuit
4. Run circuit 100 times
5. Convert counts into expectation

Output:

expectation -- average of ZZZZ observable



Parametrized Ansatz Circuit



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into ansatz

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circuit

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b

c

0.75

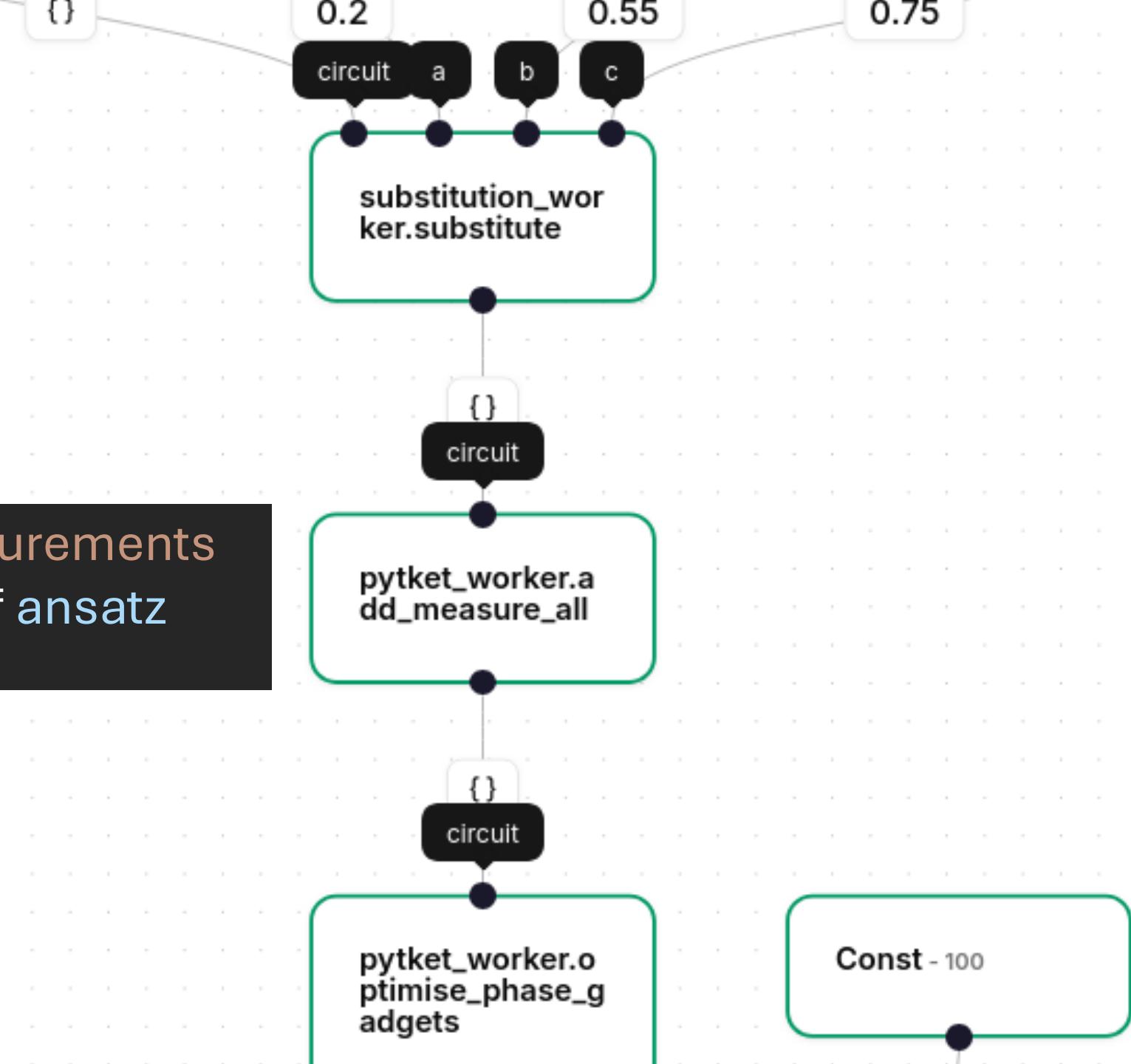
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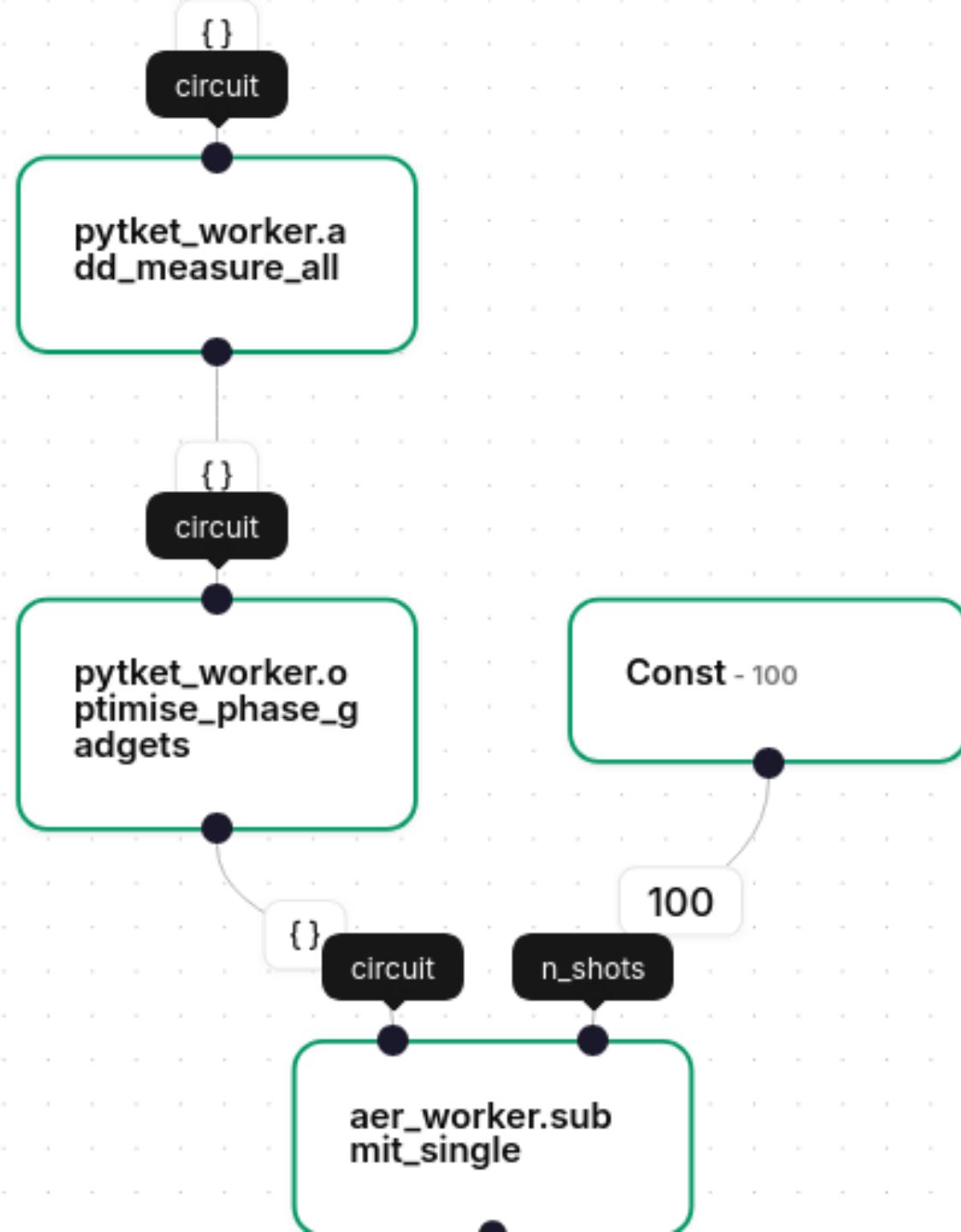
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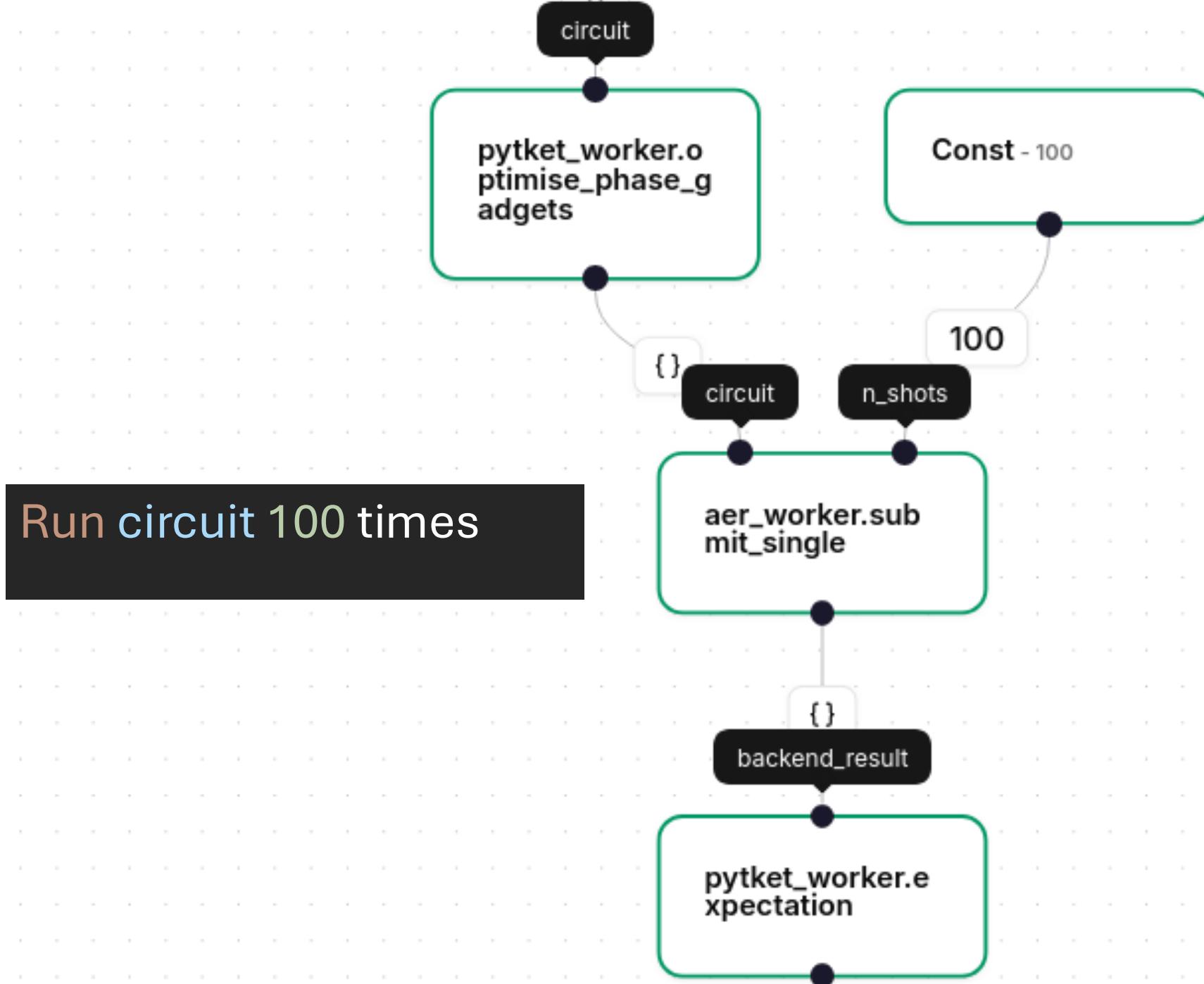
pytket_worker.a
dd_measure_all

Append measurements
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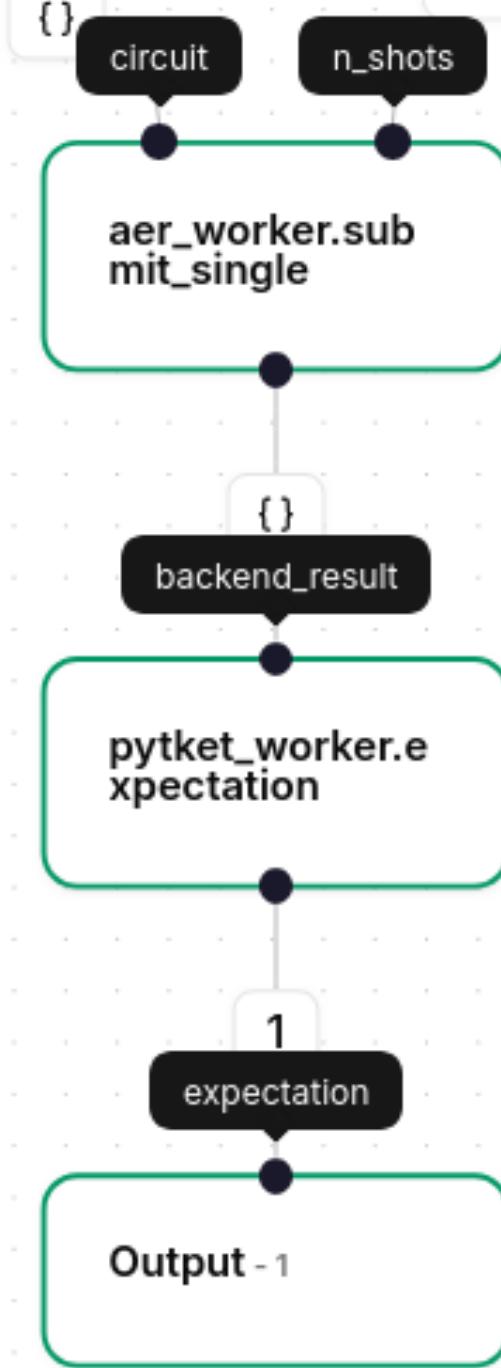


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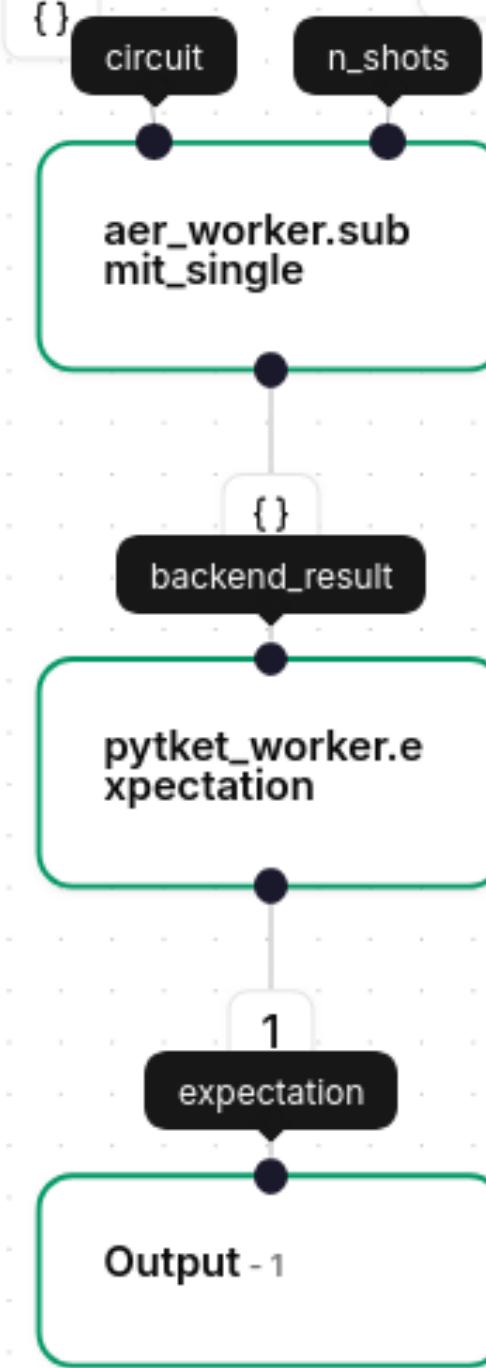




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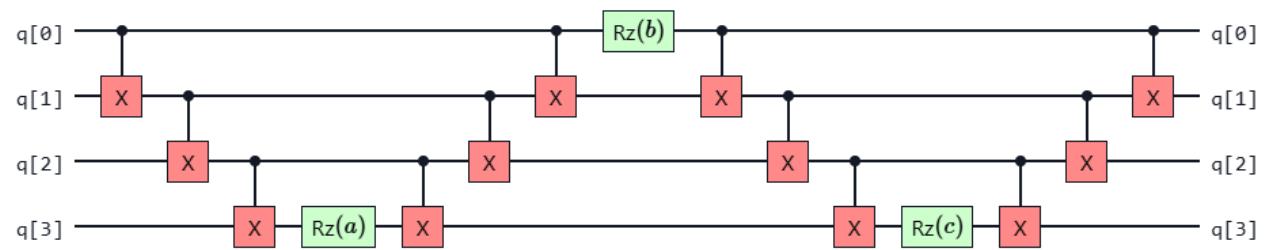
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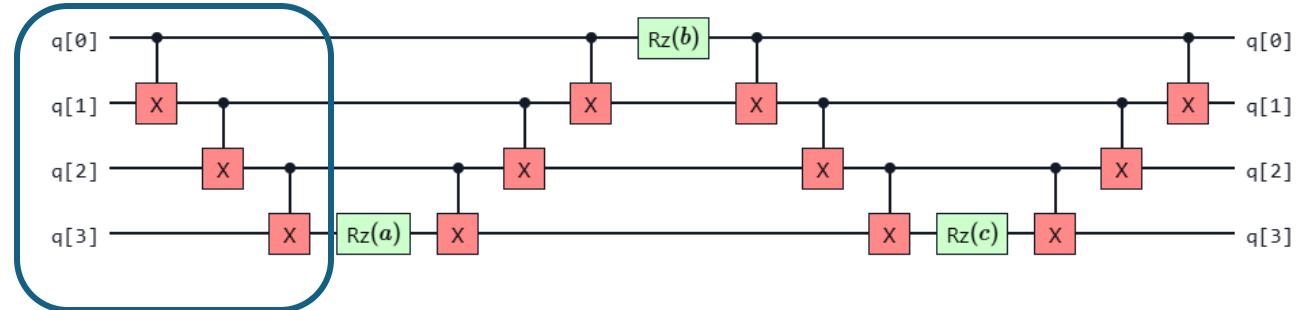
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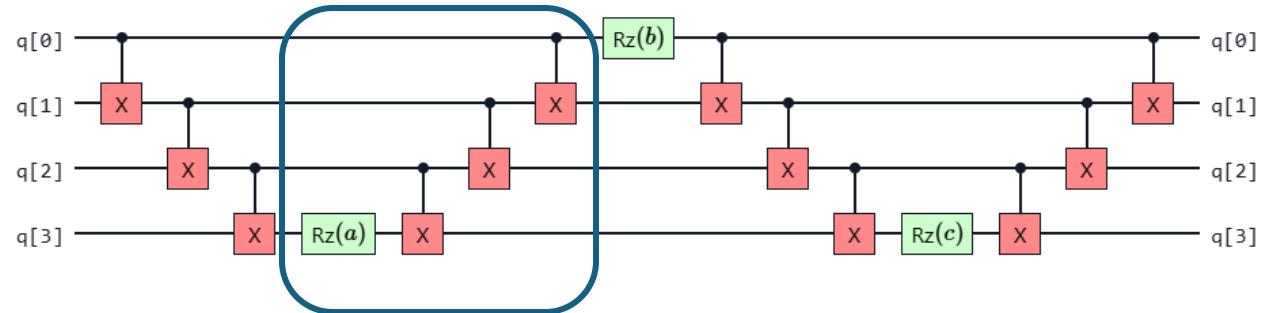
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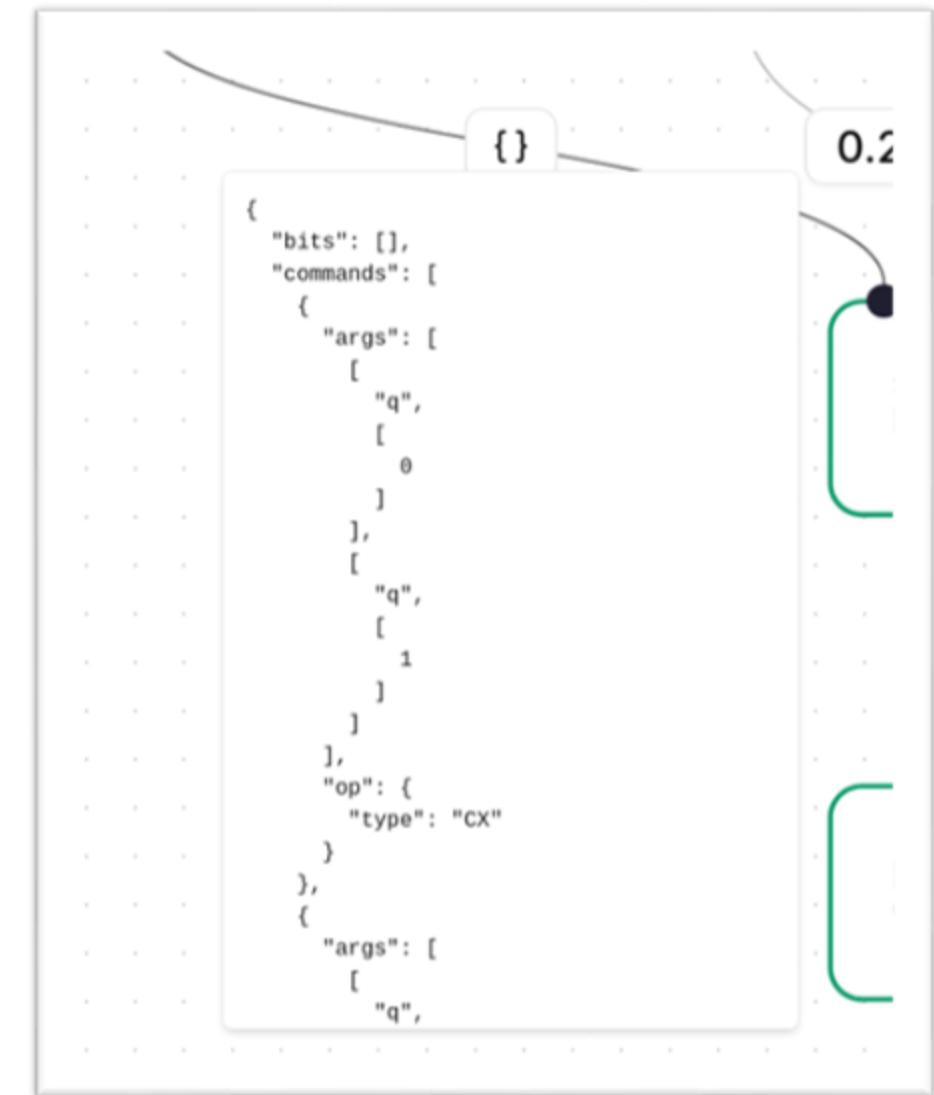
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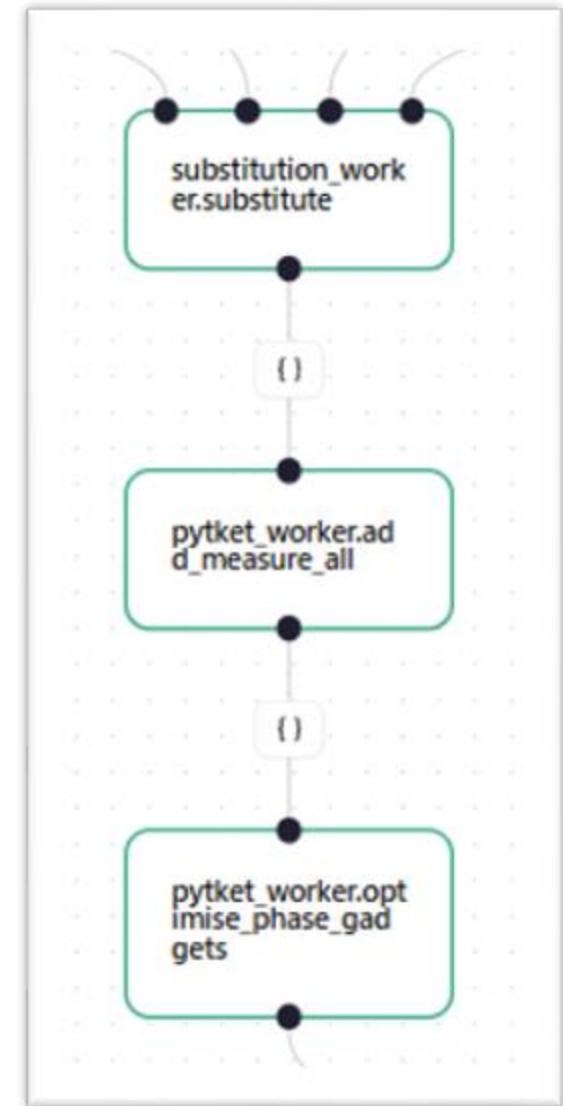
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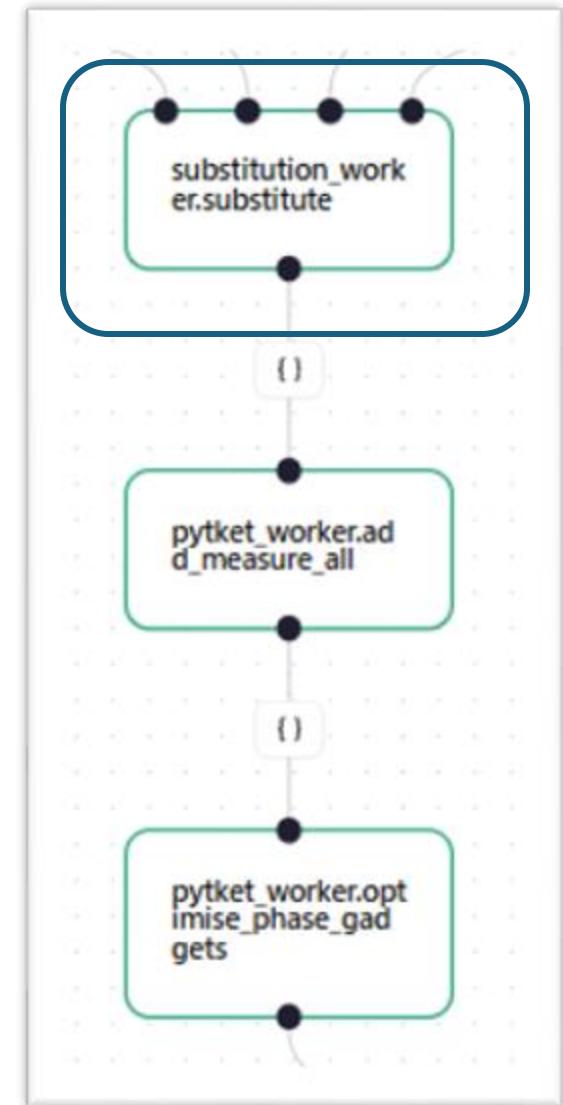
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n_shots = g.const(100)
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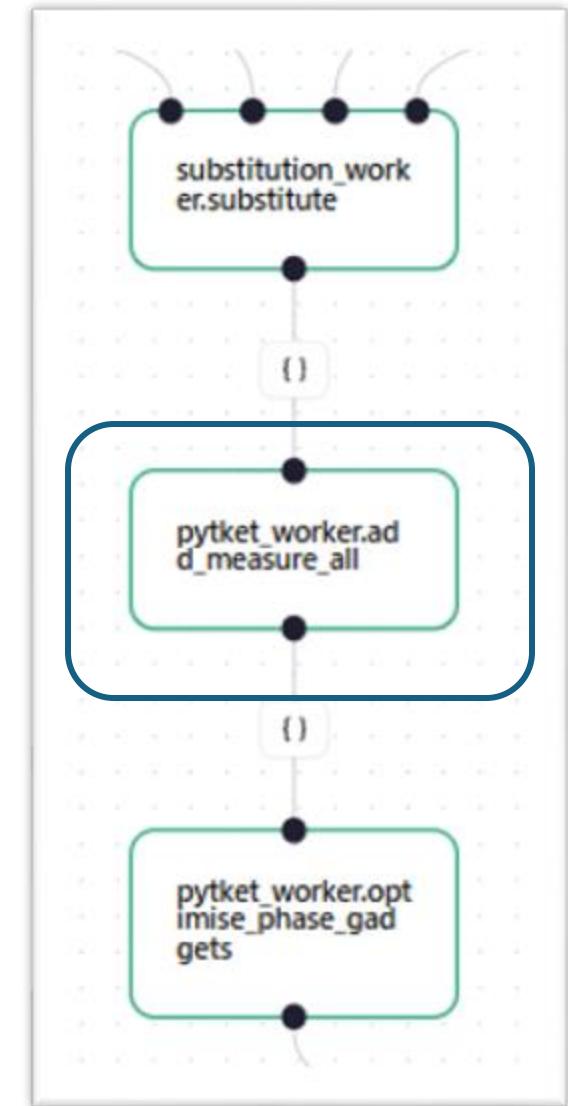
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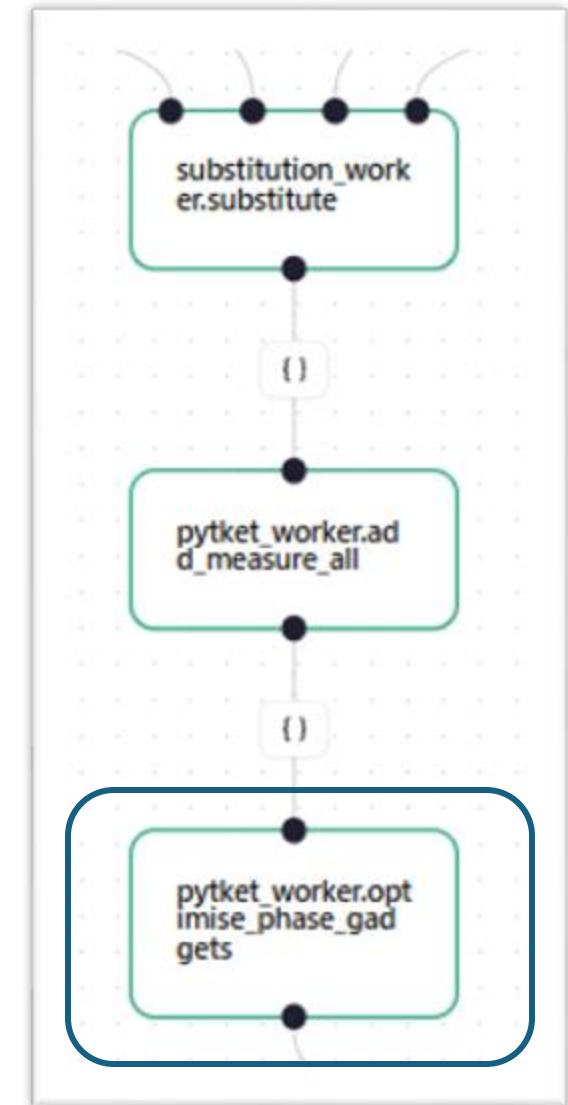
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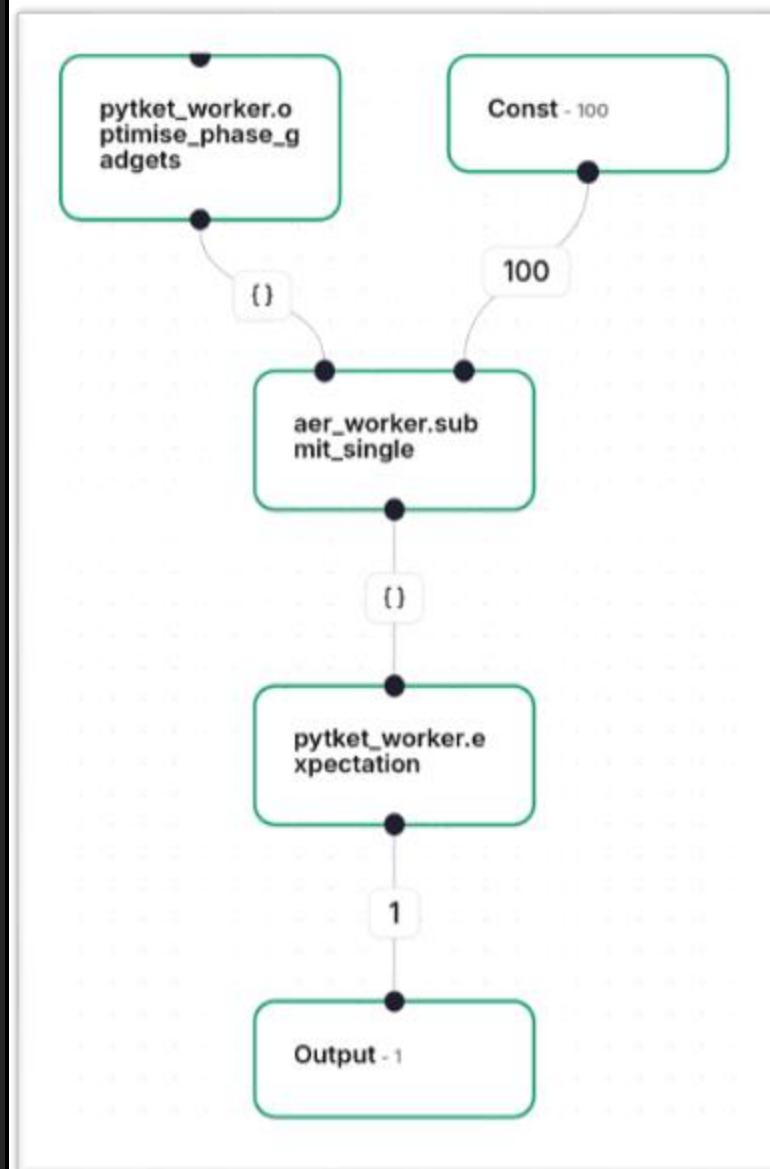
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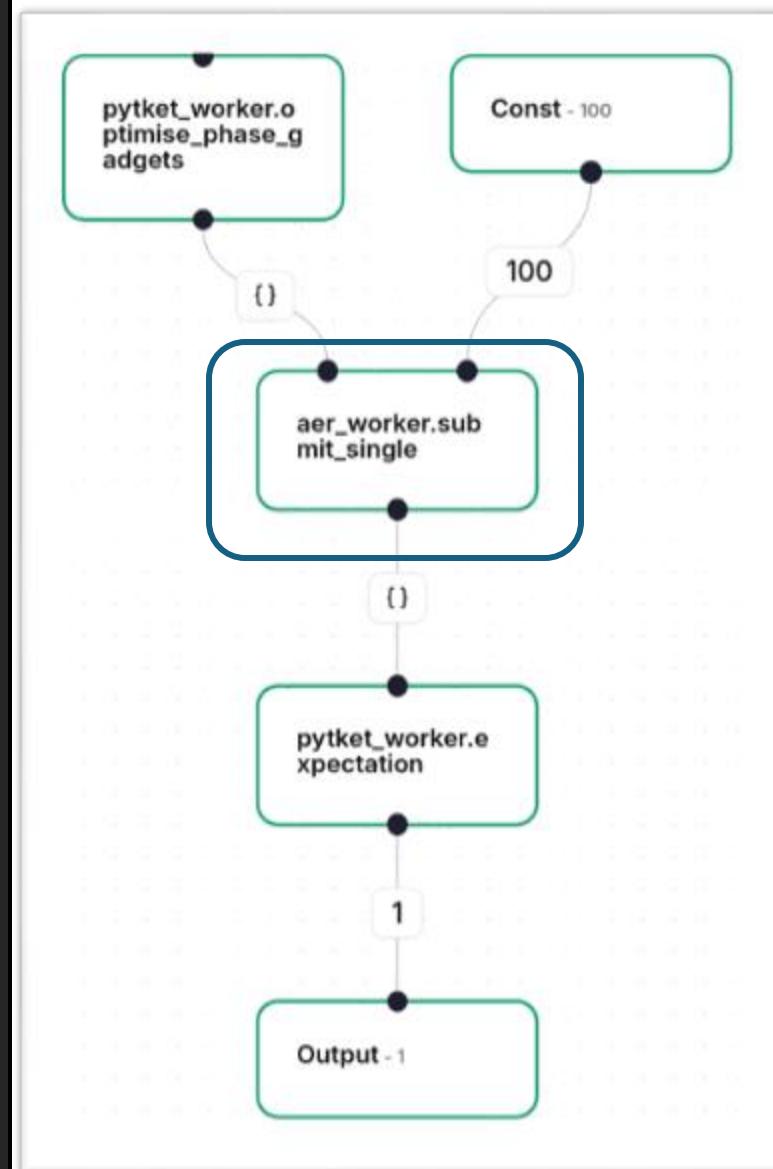


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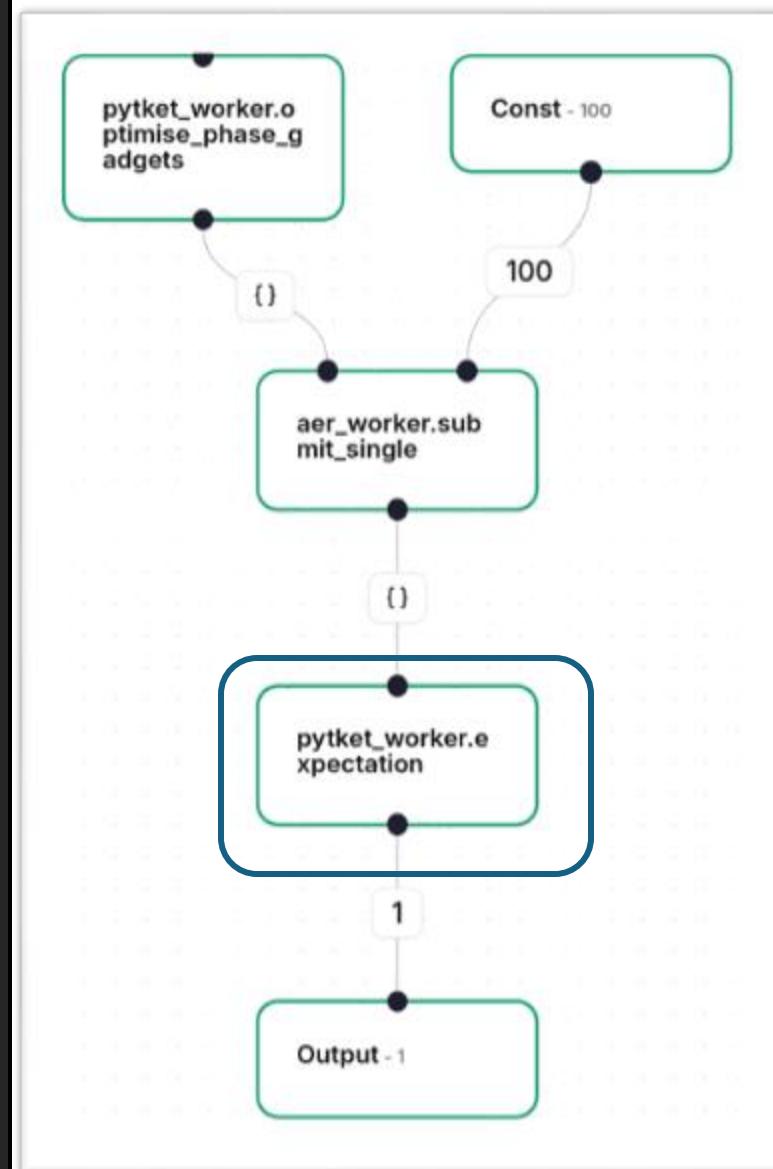
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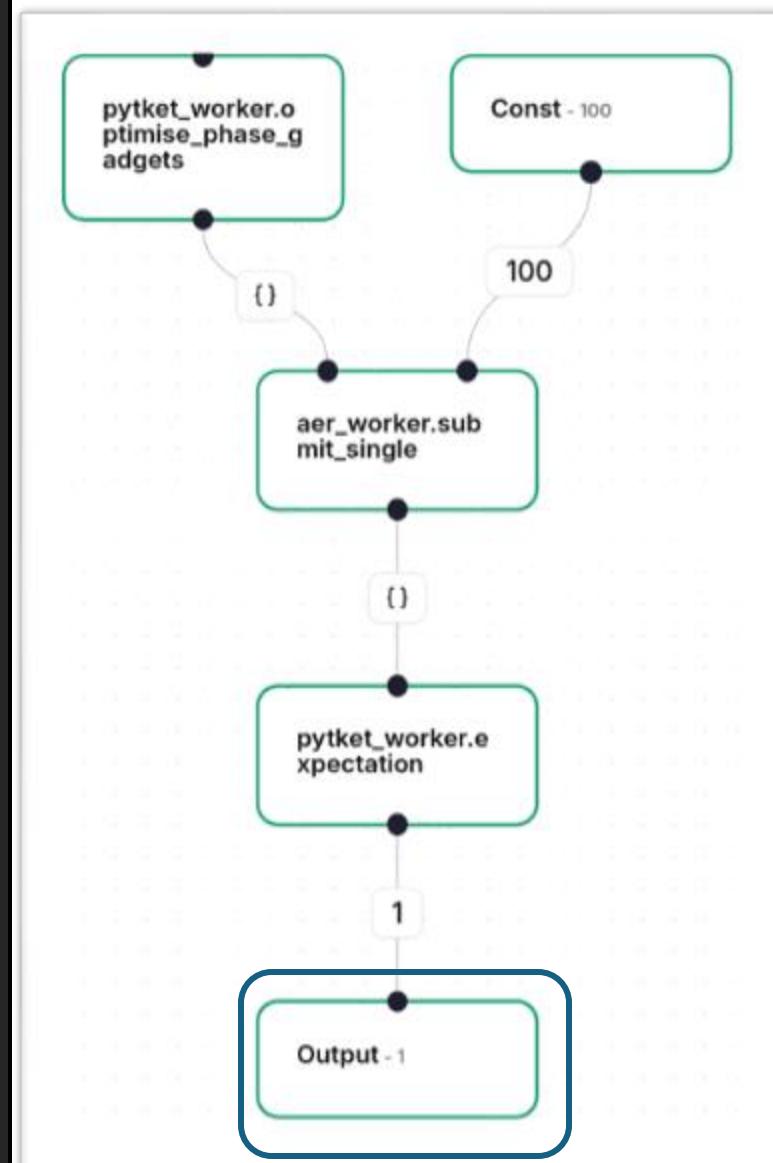
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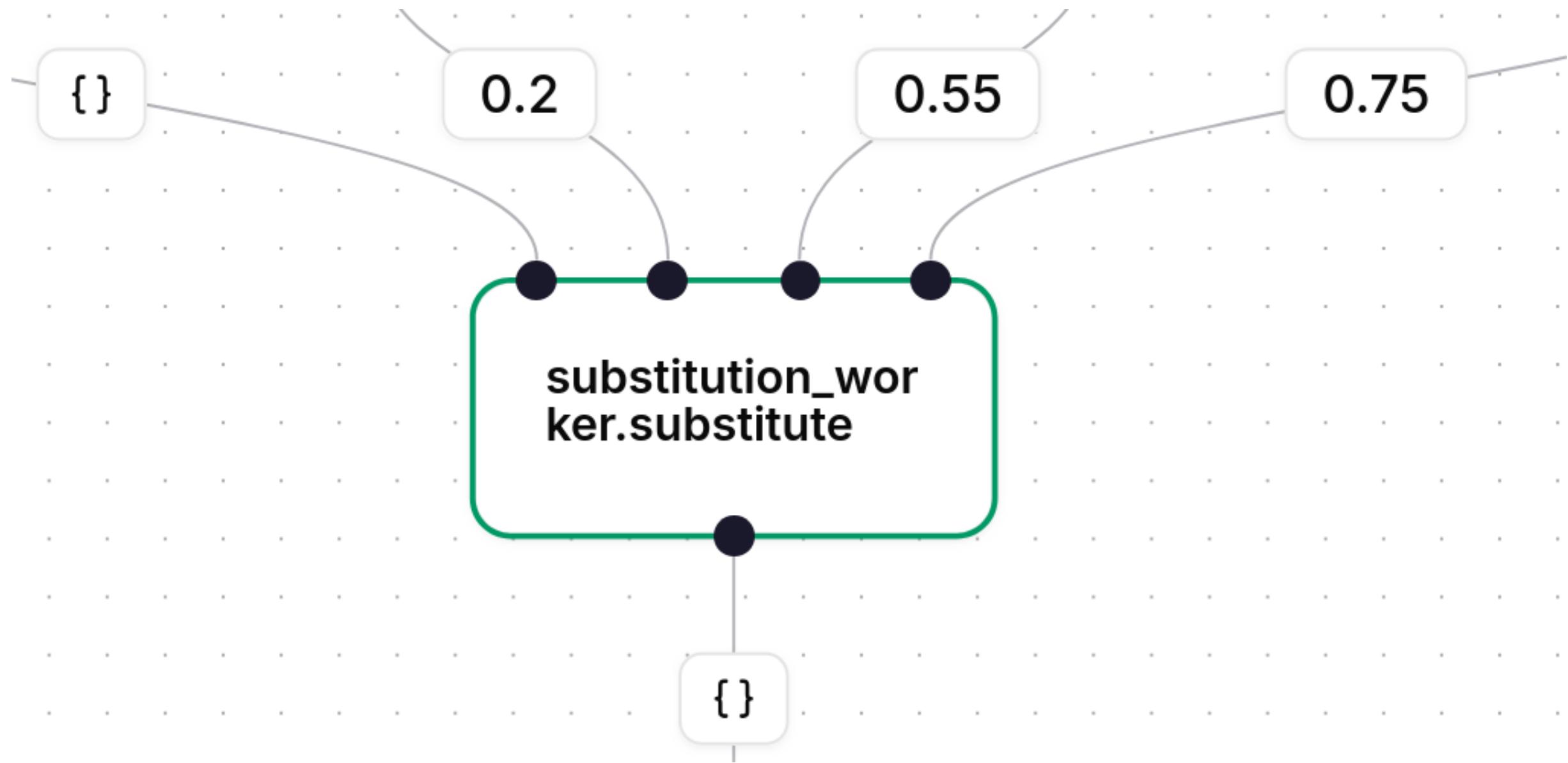
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```
python main.py --stubs-path ./stubs.py
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    a: TKR[float] # noqa: F821 # fmt: skip
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    @staticmethod
    def out() -> type[TKR[OpaqueType["pytket._tket.circuit.Circuit"]]]: # noqa: F821 # fmt: skip
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    @property
    def namespace(self) -> str:
        return "substitution_worker"
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`python workflow.py`



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Adapting Executables

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
openssl genrsa --aes128 --passout stdin 4096
```

```
shell = ShellExecutor(registry_path, storage.workflow_dir)
```

```
private_key = g.task(script("genrsa", passphrase))
```



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Untyped Workers

```
key_pair = g.data.func( # escape hatch into untyped builder
    "openssl_worker.genrsa",
    {"passphrase": passphrase.value_ref(), "numbits": g.const(4096).value_ref()},
)
private_key: TKR[bytes] = TKR(*key_pair("private_key")) # unsafe cast
public_key: TKR[bytes] = TKR(*key_pair("public_key")) # unsafe cast
```



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Running on HPC

```
spec = JobSpec(  
    job_name="tkr_symbolic_circuits",  
    account=group_name,  
    command="env UV_PROJECT_ENVIRONMENT=compute_venv uv run main.py",  
    resource=ResourceSpec(nodes=1, memory_gb=None, gpus_per_node=None),  
    walltime="00:15:00",  
    output_path=Path(logs_path),  
    error_path=Path(logs_path),  
    include_no_check_directory_flag=True,  
)  
custom_executor =  
    PJSUBExecutor(spec=spec, registry_path=registry_path, logs_path=logs_path)
```



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Parallelism

```
aes = g.map(  
    lambda x: SubgraphInputs(substituted_circuit, x, g.const(100)),  
    pauli_strings_list,  
)  
m = g.map(_subgraph(), aes)
```

100

circuit

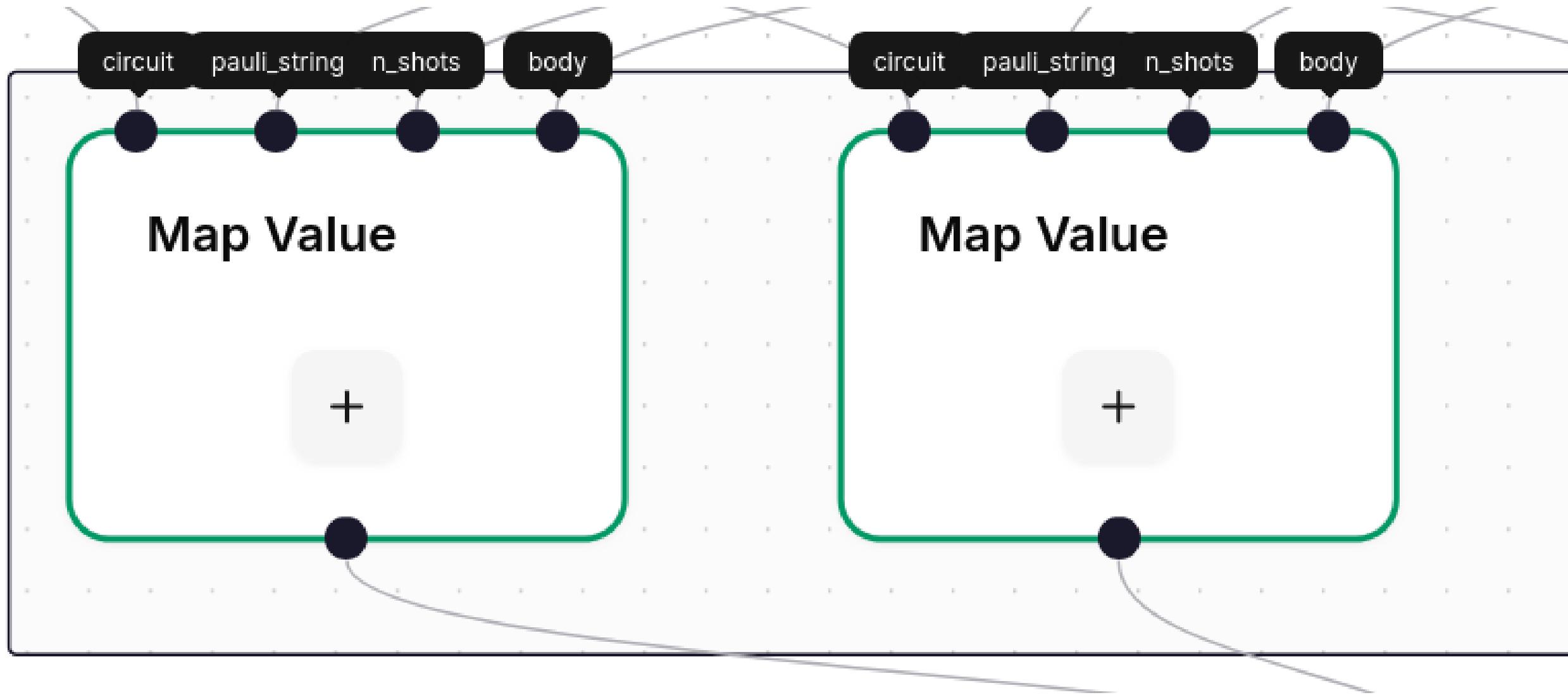
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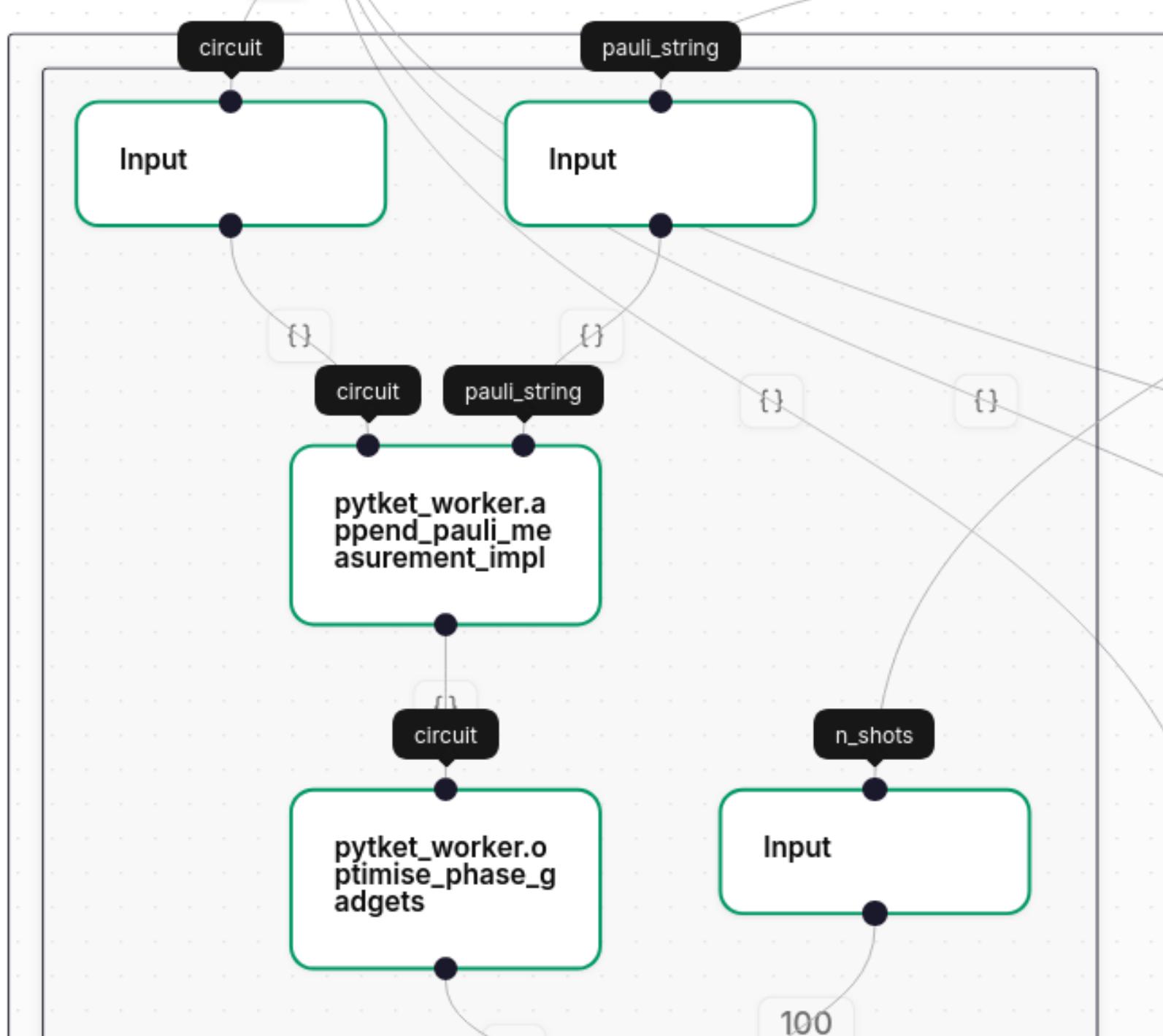
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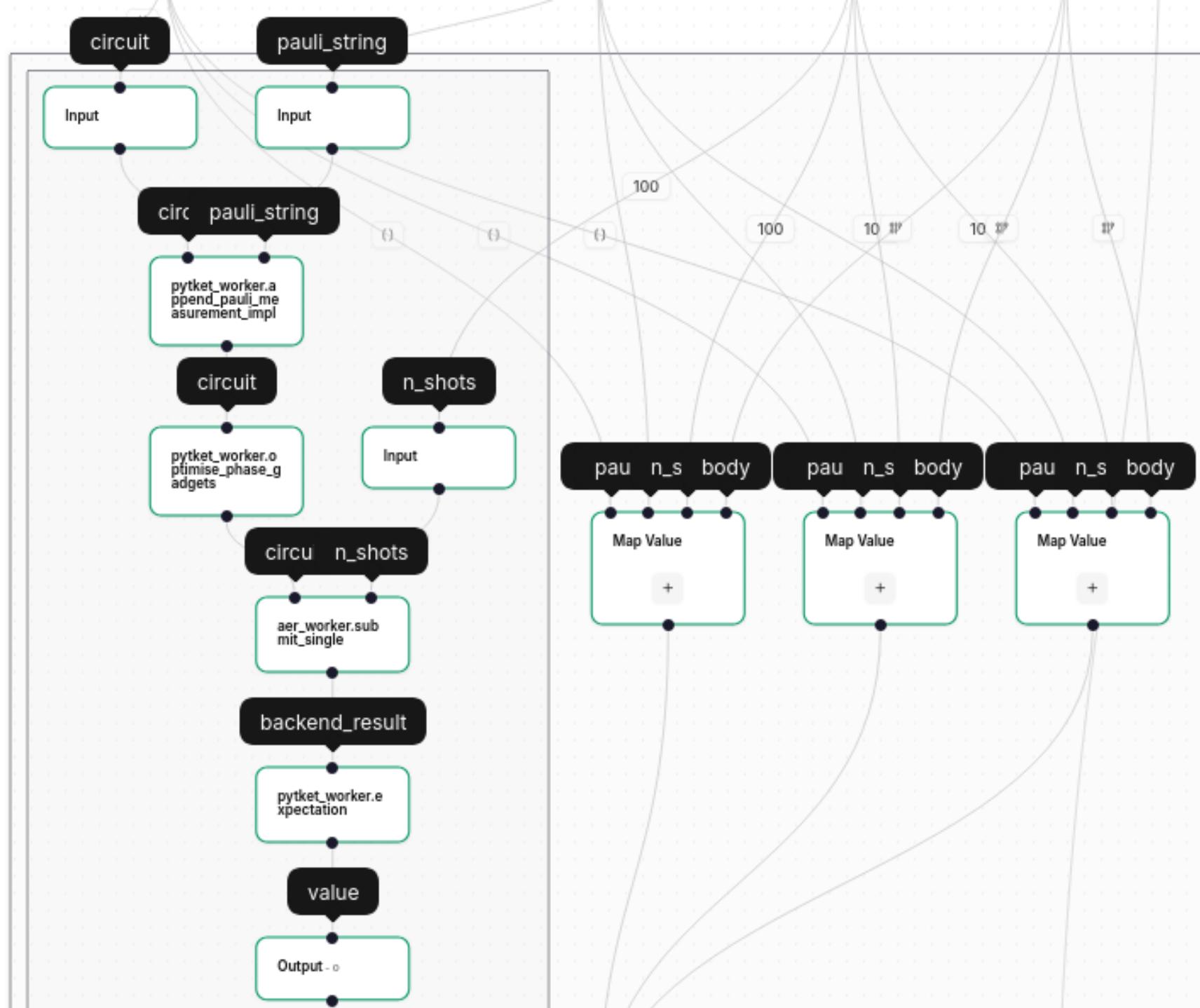
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Getting Started

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- Documentation <https://cqcl.github.io/tierkreis/>
- From pypi: pip install tierkreis
- Repository: <https://github.com/CQCL/tierkreis>