

Building a Compiler for Quantum Computers

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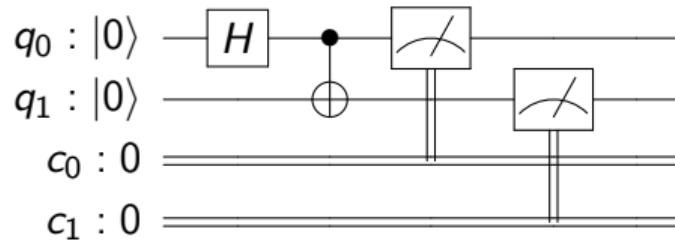
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<https://github.com/mtreinish/quantum-compilers>

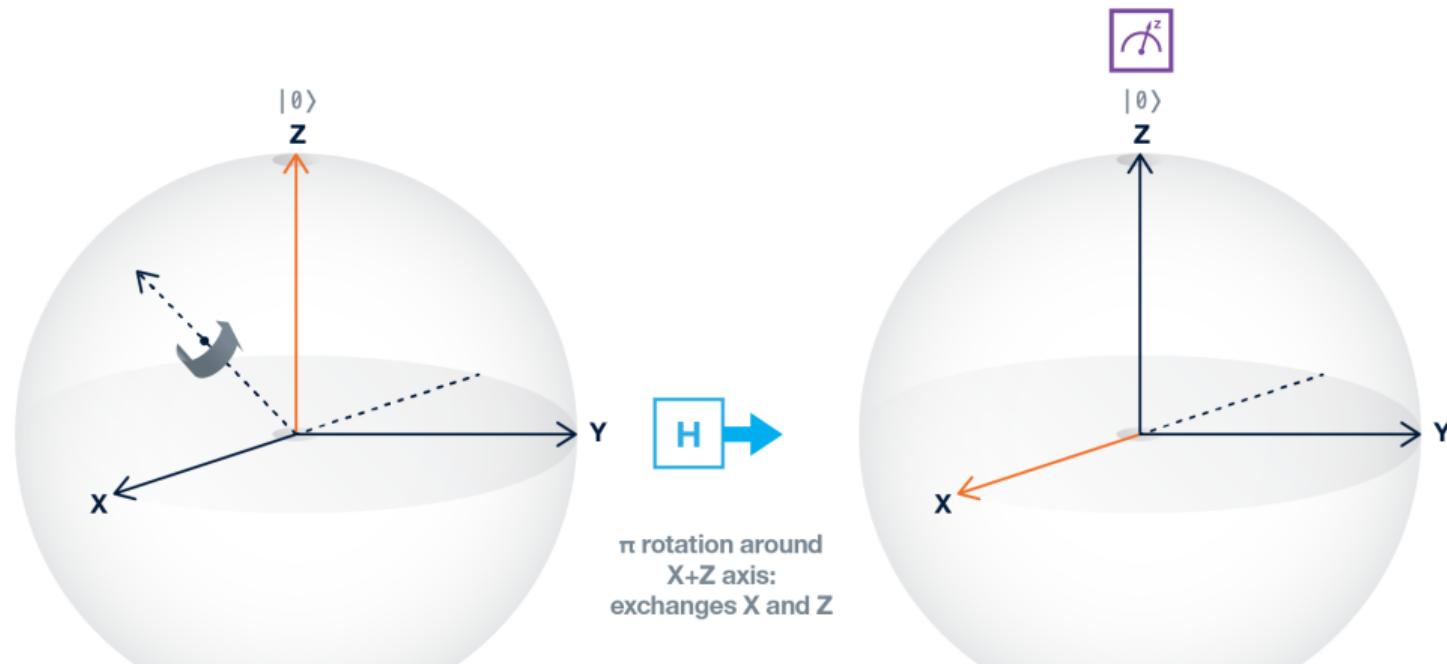
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Quantum Circuits



Quantum Gates

- ▶ Quantum gates
- ▶ Gates are reversible
- ▶ Each gate represents a unitary matrix that gets multiplied against state of qubits it operates on



OpenQASM¹²

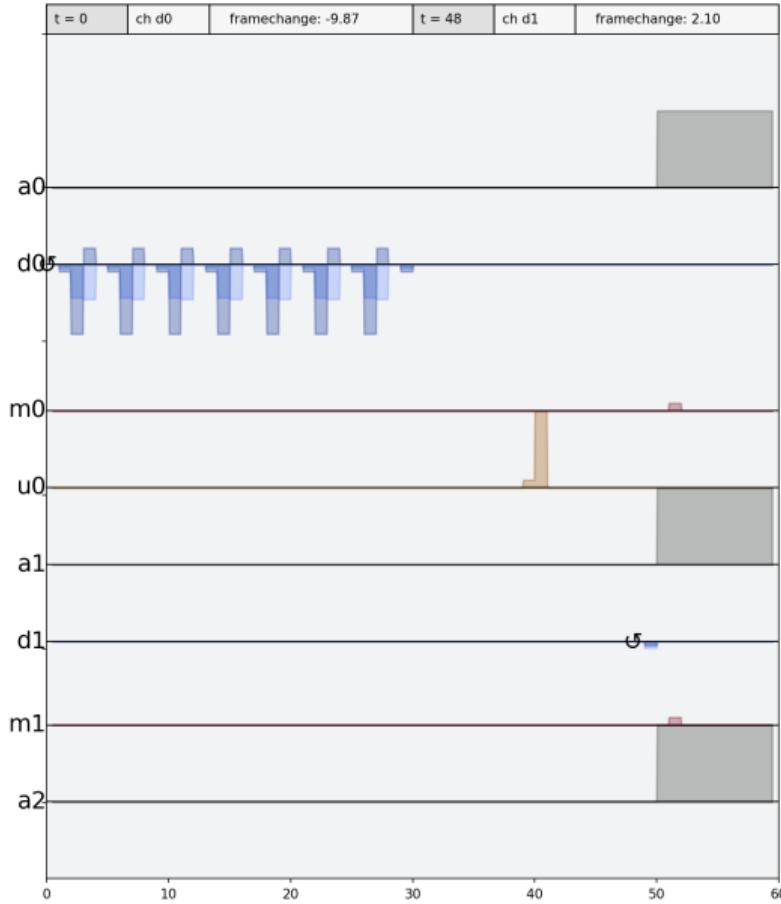
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OPENQASM 2.0;
include "qelib1.inc";
qreg q[2];
creg c[2];
h q[0];
cx q[0],q[1];
measure q[0] -> c[0];
measure q[1] -> c[1];
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- ▶ Open Quantum Assembly Language
- ▶ An option
- ▶ Mostly used as a transport layer to save circuits or share circuits

¹<https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.03429>

²<https://github.com/Qiskit/openqasm>

Pulse Level Programming

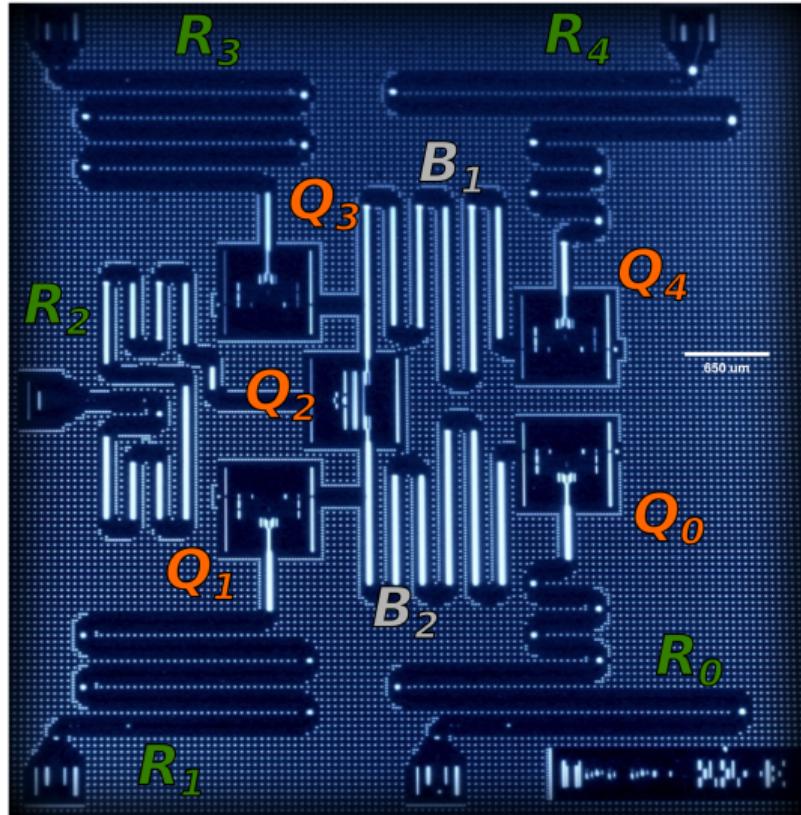


- ▶ A layer below the circuit model is to use pulses
- ▶ Each quantum gate is defined as a pulse that gets applied to the qubits
- ▶ Enables you to tweak the definition of gates
- ▶ Mostly used for physics research or hardware characterization

Qubit Connectivity

- ▶ Qubits in a device have limited connectivity
- ▶ For multi-qubit gates this means we can only run them between those qubits
- ▶ Need to use SWAP gates to move state around

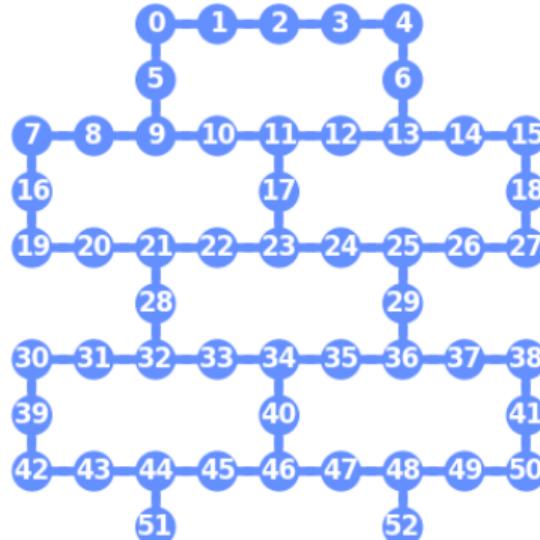
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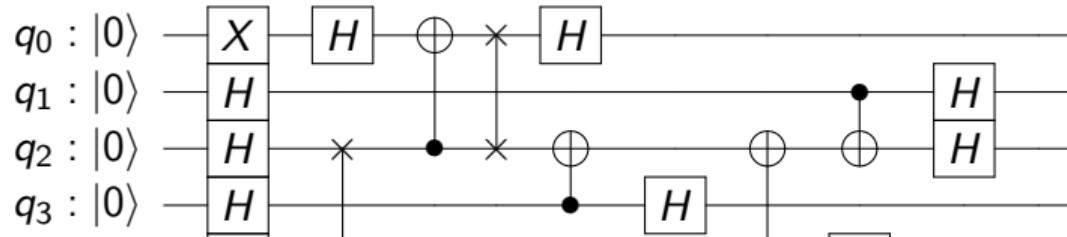
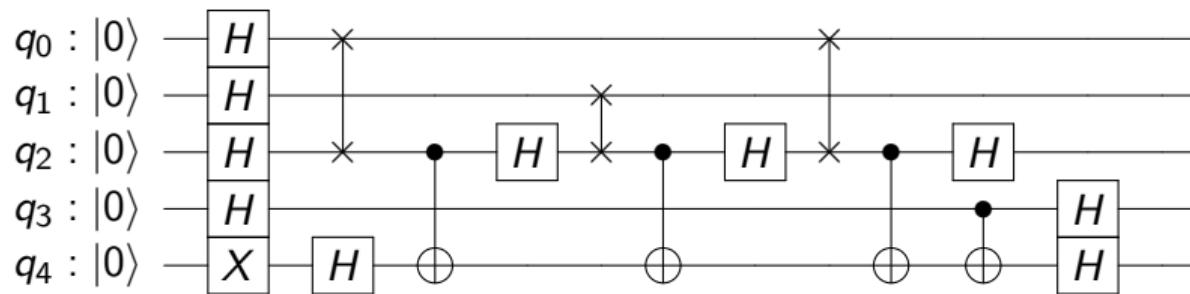
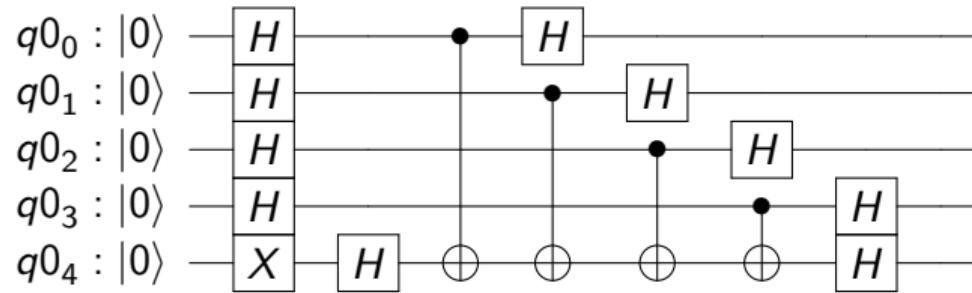
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Mapping



Basis Gates

Unrolling

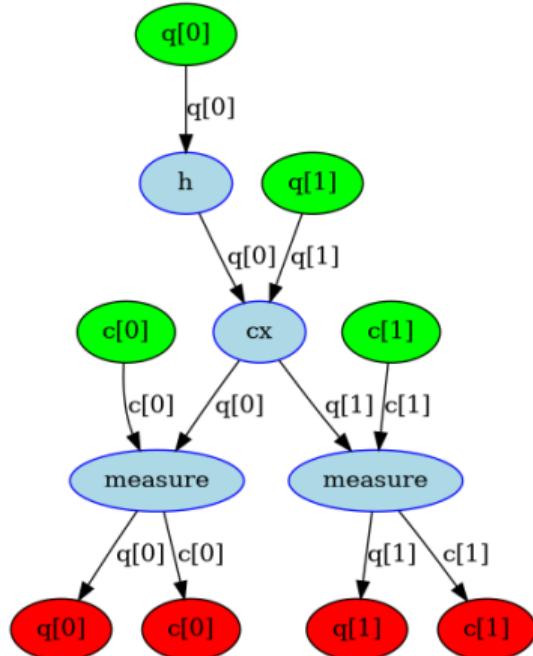
Qiskit Terra

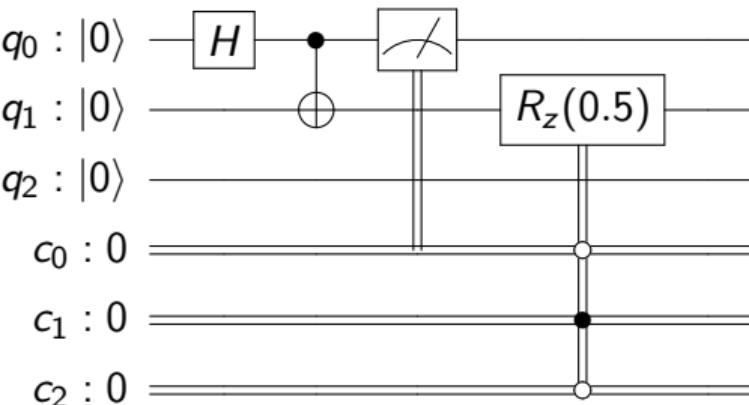
- ▶ Is the base layer for working with quantum computers provides interface to hardware and simulators
- ▶ Provides an SDK for working with quantum circuits
- ▶ Compiles circuits to run on different backends
- ▶ Designed to be backend agnostic and work with any quantum hardware or simulator
- ▶ Written in Python



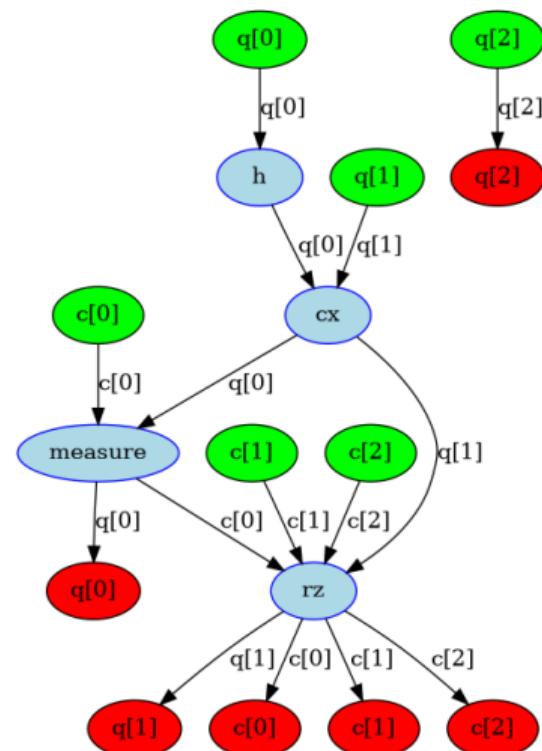
The DAG

- ▶ Compiler represents circuits as a DAG
- ▶ Each node in the DAG is an operation, an input, or an output
- ▶ Each edge indicates data flow between nodes
- ▶ Makes flow of information between operations explicit

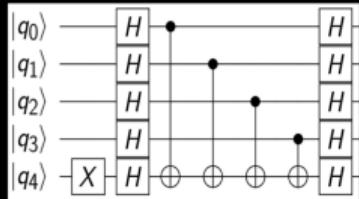




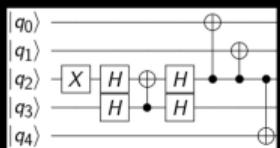
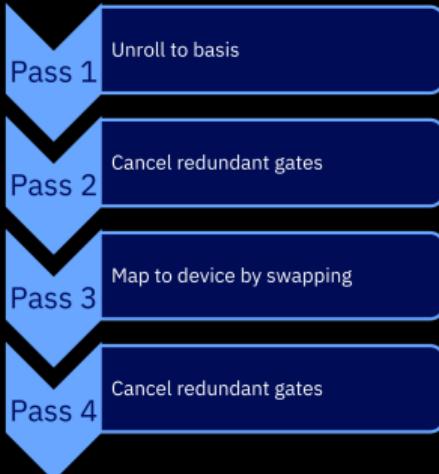
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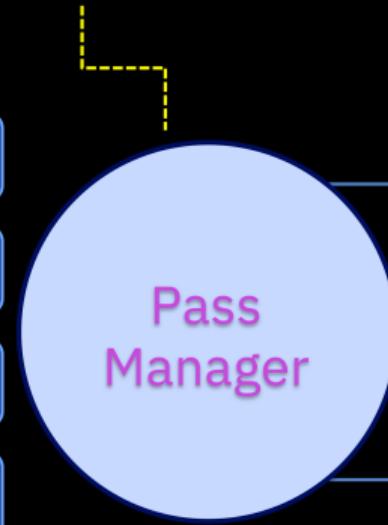
Transpiler Architecture



Each pass does one small, well-defined task.



The complexity of scheduling is solely in the pass manager, to keep passes simple



The pass manager maintains a global context about the circuit as it runs through the pipeline

Global Property Set

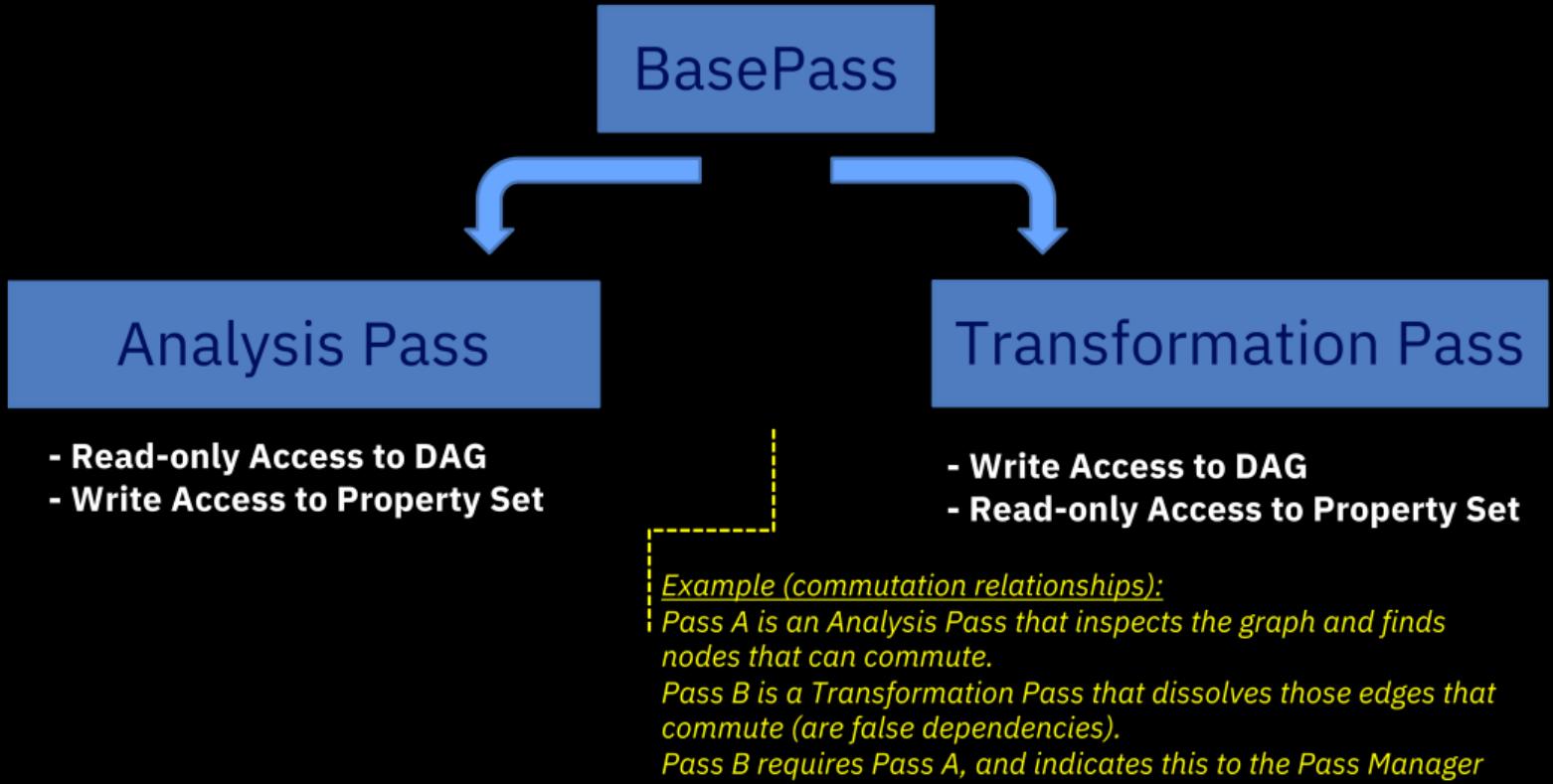
Depth

Computing Sets

Layout

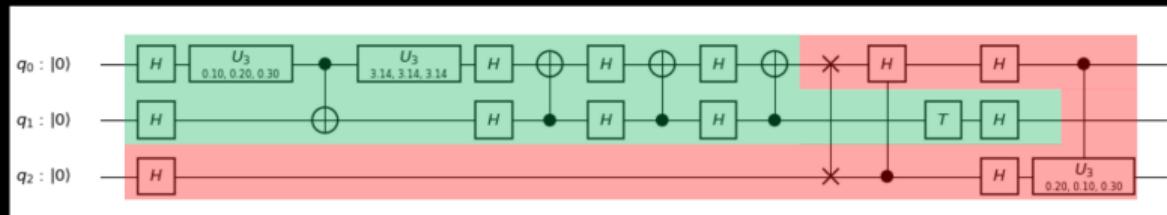
Fixed Point Condition

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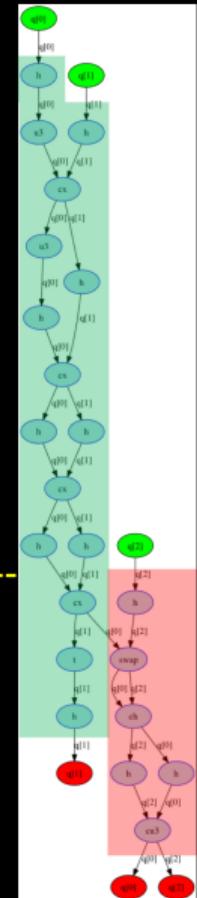
The Unroller

2-qubit Block Collection



Efficient graph traversal on the DAG.

For each CNOT, collect ancestors and predecessors until a branch.



Optimize 1Q Operations

Quantum Volume¹

¹<https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.12926>

Conclusions

- ▶ similar but different

Where to get more information

- ▶ These Slides: <https://github.com/mtreinish/quantum-compilers>
- ▶ Qiskit: <https://qiskit.org/>
- ▶ Qiskit Terra on Github: <https://github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-terra>
- ▶ IBM Q Experience: <https://quantum-computing.ibm.com>
- ▶ Tutorials on Quantum Computing and Qiskit:
<https://github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-tutorials>

BACKUP SLIDES