Building a Compiler for Quantum Computers

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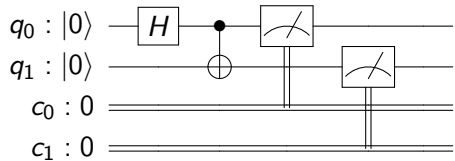
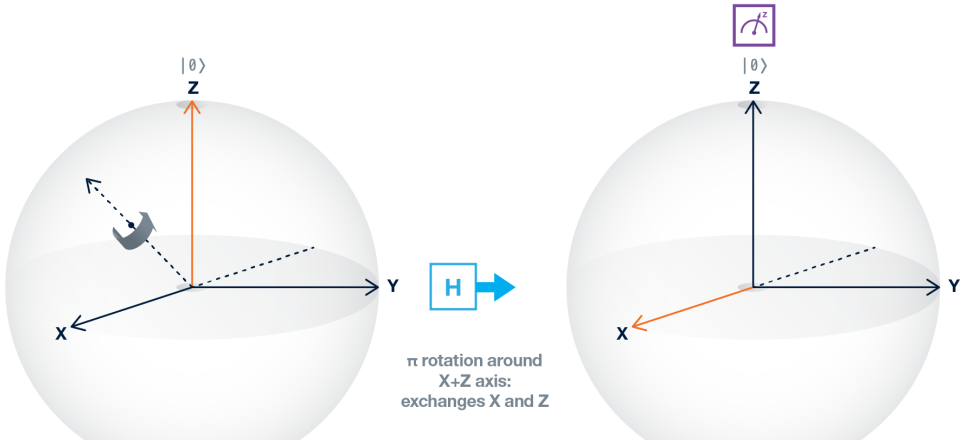
Quantum Circuits



Quantum Gates

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



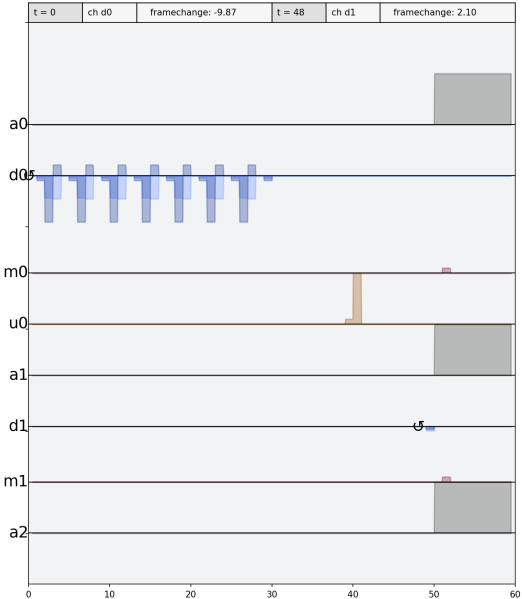
OpenQASM[1][2]

```
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];
```

- 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

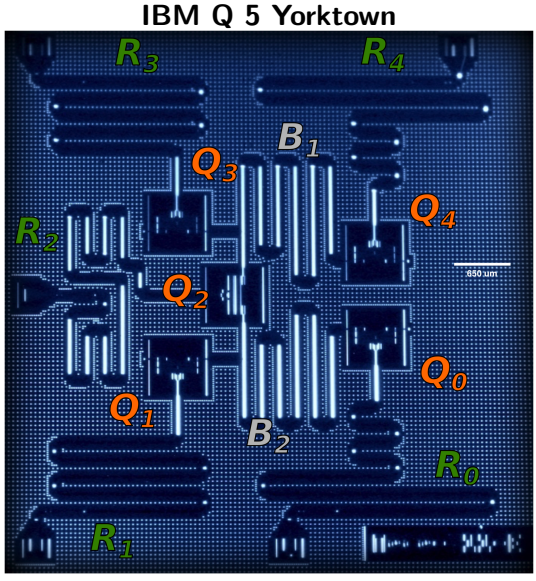
Pulse Level Programming



- 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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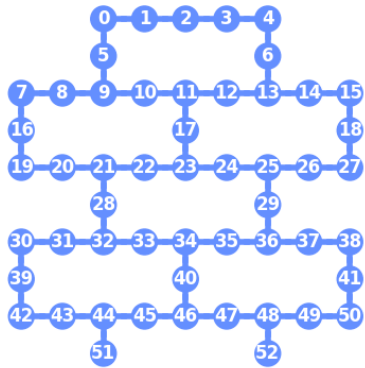
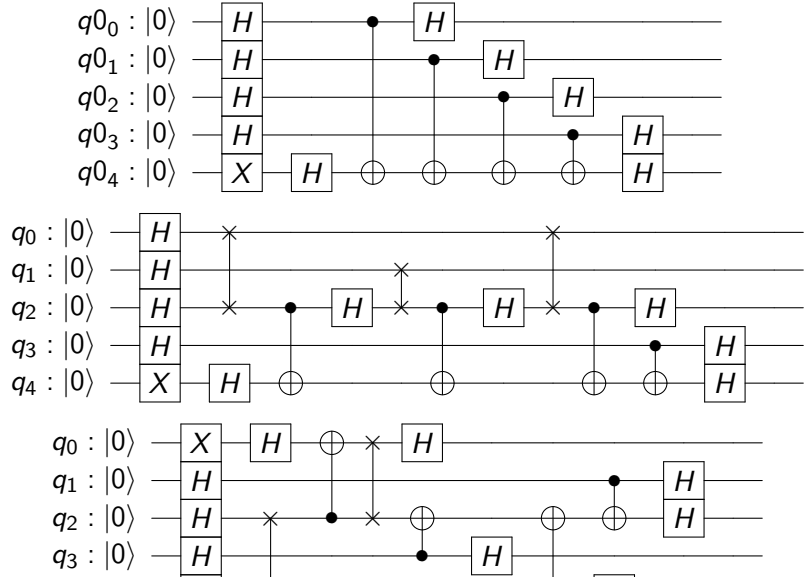
IBM Q 53 Rochester Coupling Map



Mapping


$q0_0 : |0\rangle$
$q0_1 : |0\rangle$
$q0_2 : |0\rangle$
$q0_3 : |0\rangle$
$q0_4 : |0\rangle$
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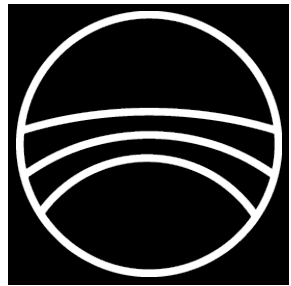
$q_2 : |0\rangle$
$q_3 : |0\rangle$

Basis Gates

Unrolling

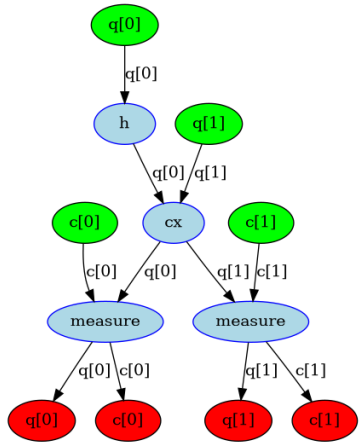
Qiskit Terra

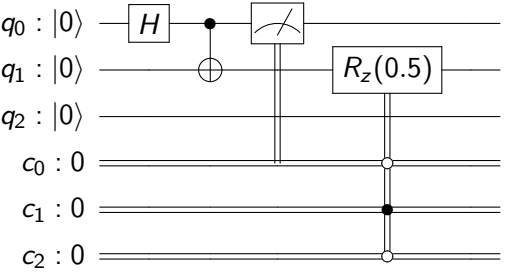
- Is the base layer for working with quantum computers provides interface to hardware and simulators
- Provides an SDK for working with quantum circuits
- Compiles circuits to run on different backends
- Designed to be backend agnostic and work with any quantum hardware or simulator
- Written in Python



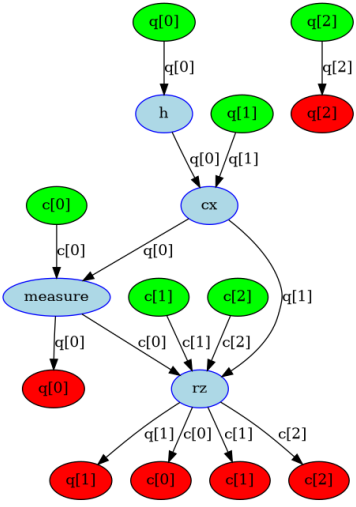
The DAG

- 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




$q_0 : |0\rangle$
$q_1 : |0\rangle$
$q_2 : |0\rangle$
$c_0 : 0$
$c_1 : 0$
$c_2 : 0$
H
$R_z(0.5)$

$\rightarrow$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q[0]
measure
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c[2]
q[1]
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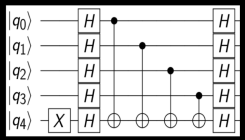
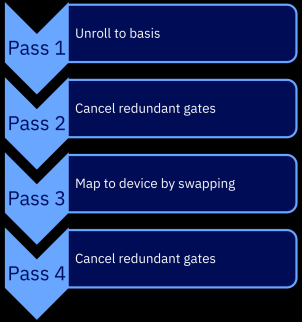
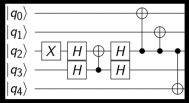
Transpiler Architecture

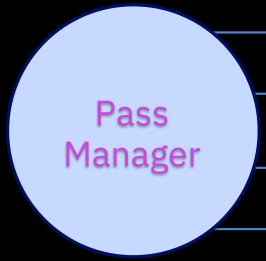


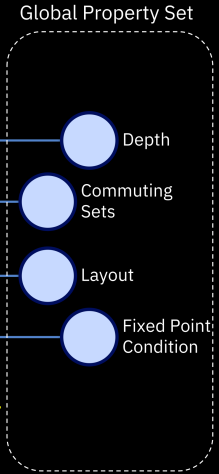
Each pass does one small, well-defined task.





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 pipleine

Types of passes

Transformation Passes

- Can alter the DAG during execution
- Read-only access to the property set
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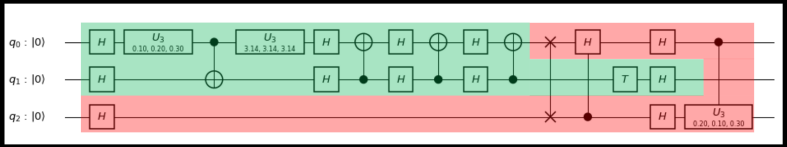
Analysis Passes

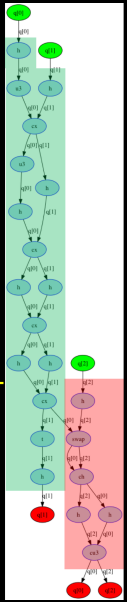
- Can alter the property set
- Read-only access to the DAG

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 Volume[1]

[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

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