

Quantum Controlled Measurement via Program Transformation

(work-in-progress)

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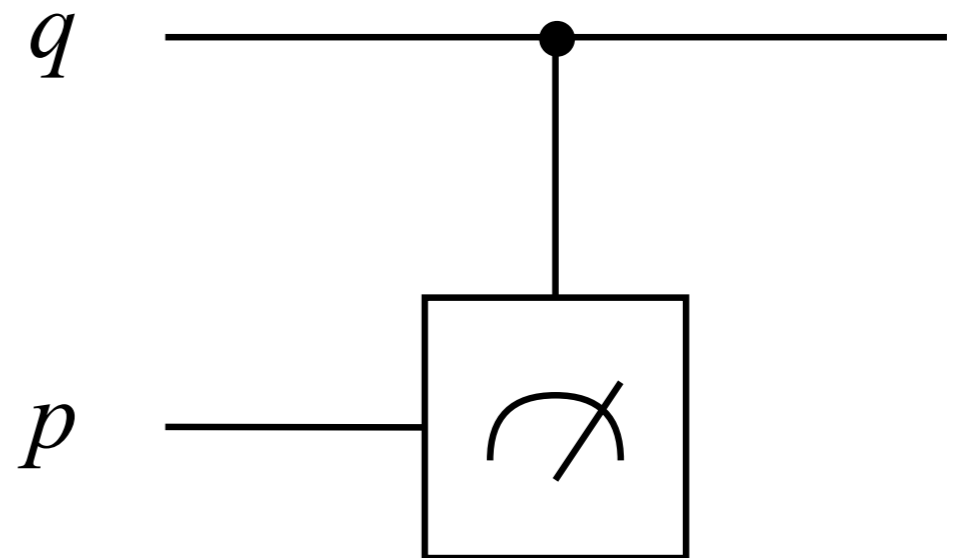
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This talk

- About the semantics of programs like

```
// p, q: qbit  
qif q {  
  p ← meas(p)  
} else {  
  nope  
}
```



Motivating Example

Quantum SWITCH

```
qif  $x$  {  $EF(y)$  } else {  $FE(y)$  }
```

E, F : quantum channel

cannot be written in most of the languages.

```
qif  $q$  {  $U(p)$  } else { ..
```

Only unitaries



Problem: semantics for quantum controlled channel is **ill-defined** in general.

Previous Work and Question

QuGCL [Ying 16] has “qif” & measurement (without limitation)



lacks physical implementation



some ambiguities in semantics

Q. Can we define a clearer semantics with simple physical implementation for such programs?

```
qif  $q$  {  
     $p \leftarrow \text{meas}(p)$   
} else {  
    nope  
}
```

Contribution

Proposal: Program Transformation Technique

- A program with measurement inside “qif”



- A program without them.

Result: A simple physical implementation

Application: Quantum-controlled while loop

Outline

- Program transformation
- Comparison: Equality of semantics
- Application: Quantum controlled while loop

Program Transformation

Language & Example

Types

$T ::= \text{qbit} \mid \text{bool}$

linearly used

Example

(Rough Idea)

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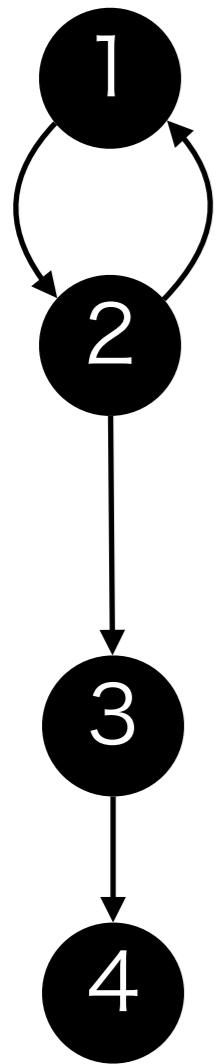
(Well formed)

```
qif  $q$  {  
   $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$   
  if  $b$  {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |1\rangle$   
  } else {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |0\rangle$   
  }  
} else {  
   $p_1 \leftarrow p_0$   
}
```



Program Transformation

Algorithm Flow



Deferring measurements (inside of “qif”)

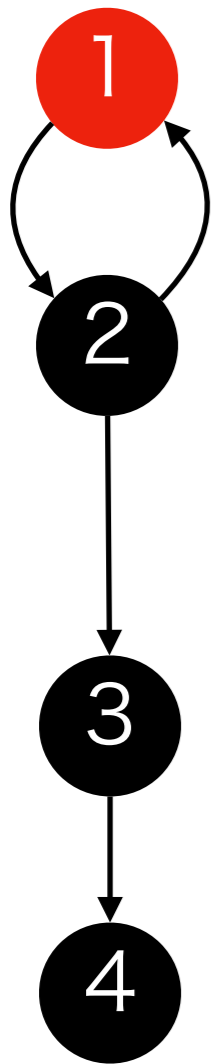
Deferring measurements (outside of “qif”)

Introduction of dummy value

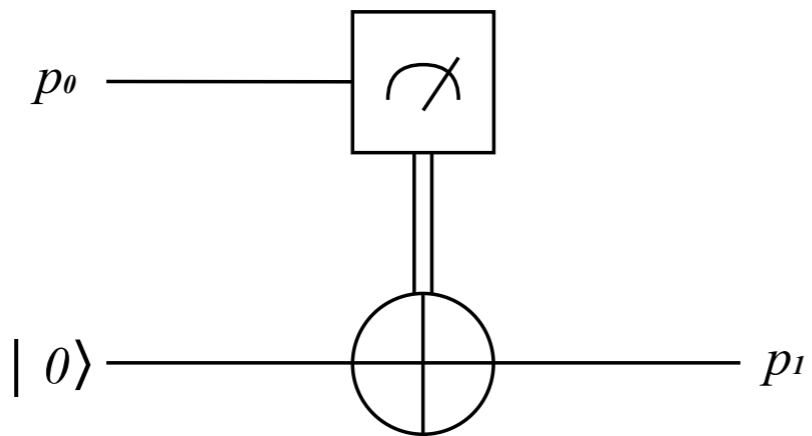
Arrangement

Program Transformation

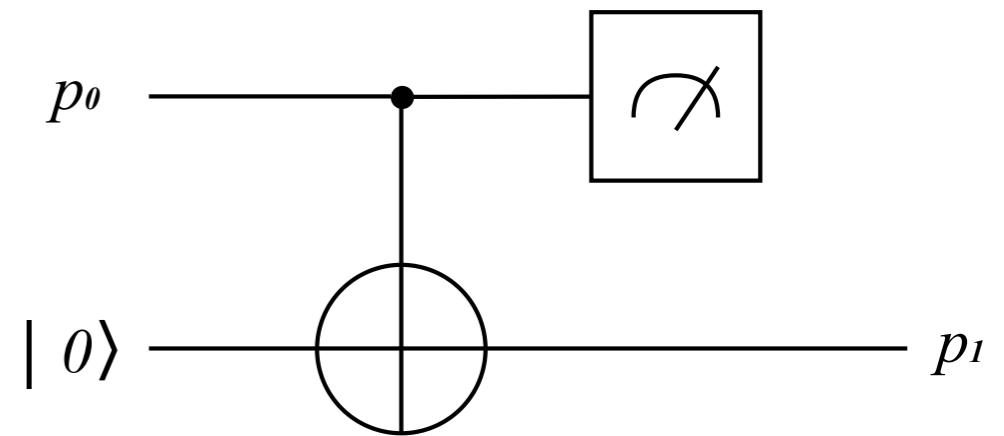
1. Deferring measurements (inside of “qif”)



```
qif q {  
  b ← meas(p0)  
  if b {  
    p1 ← |1⟩  
  } else {  
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  }  
} else {  
  p1 ← p0  
}
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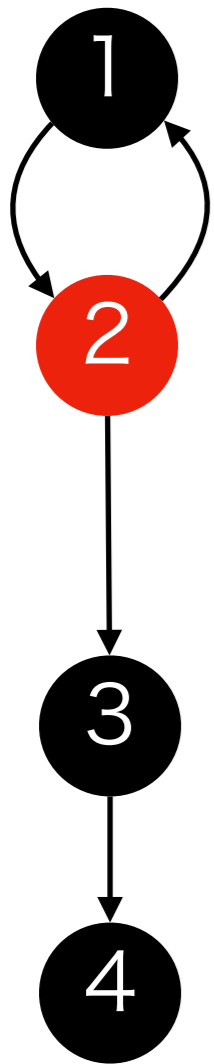


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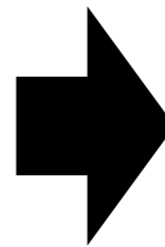


Program Transformation

2. Deferring measurements (outside of “qif”)



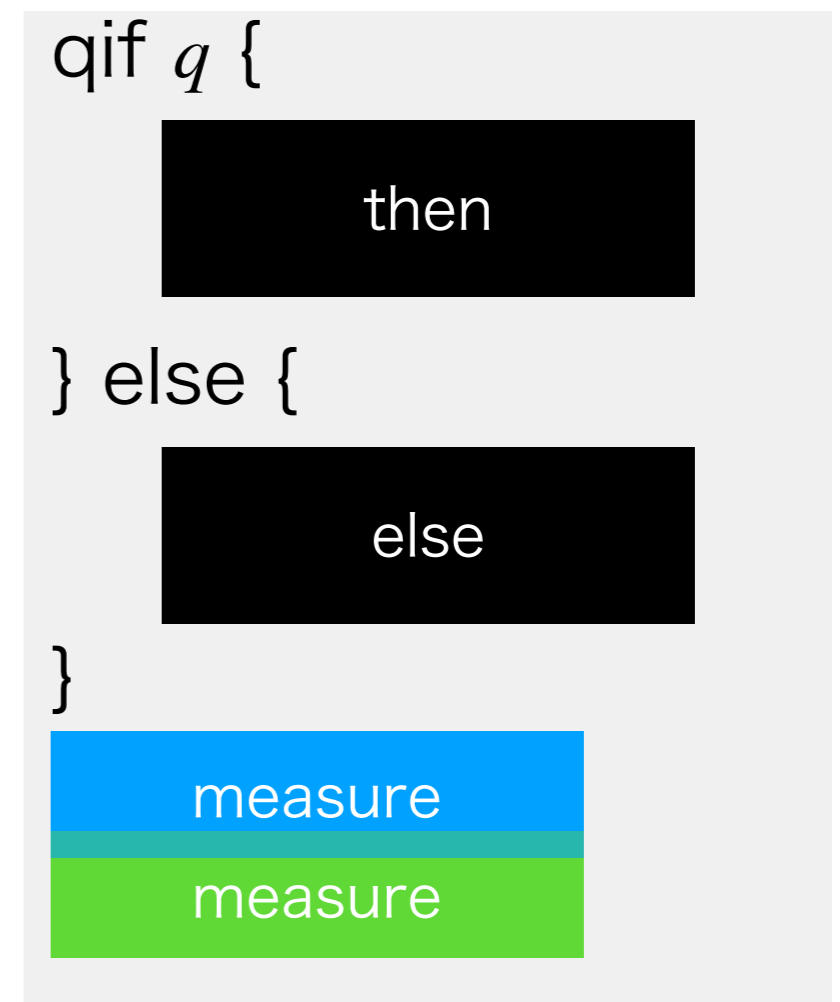
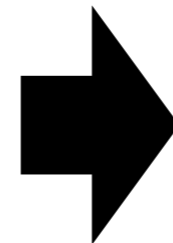
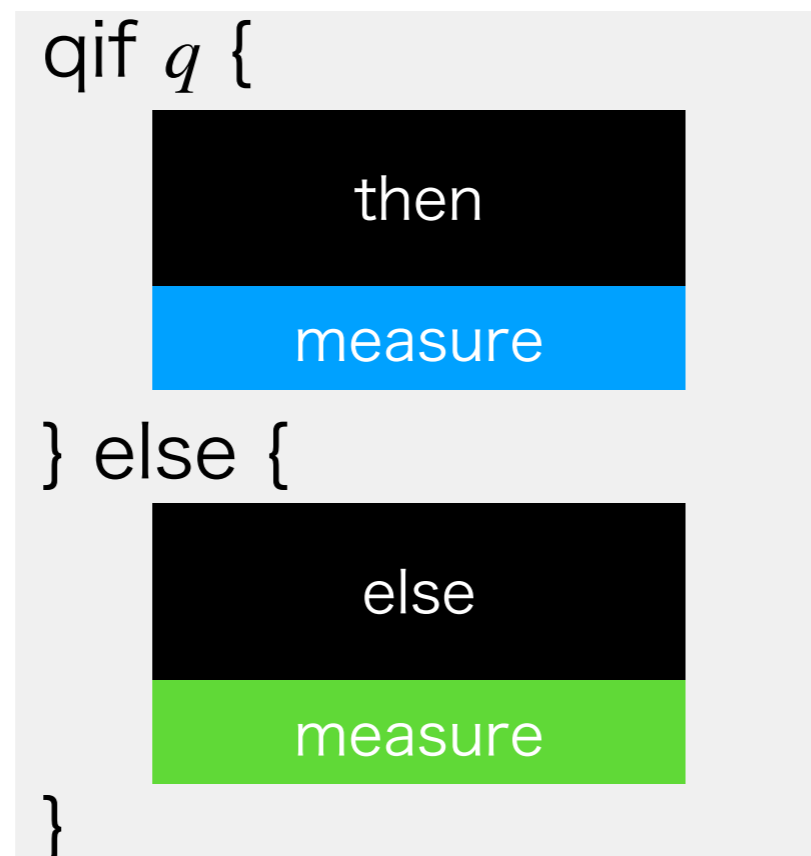
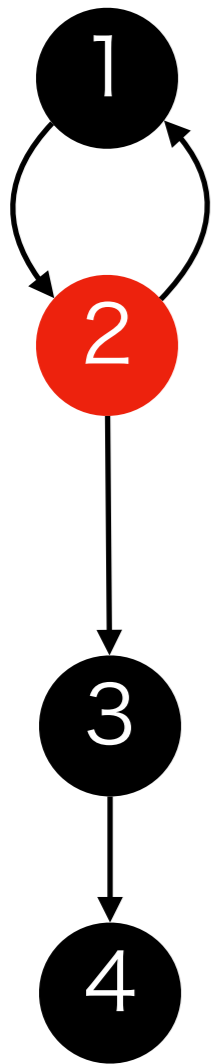
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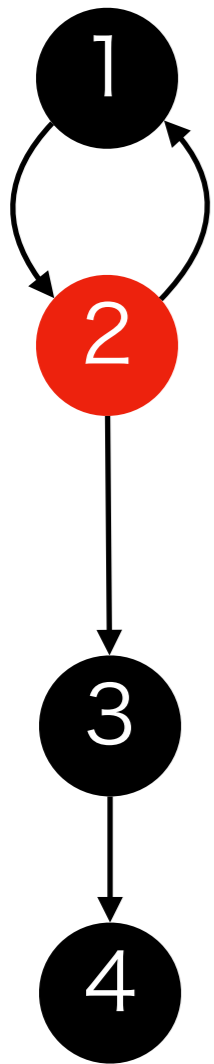
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Type Mismatch (violate the linearity)

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  qif p0 {  
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  } else {  
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  }  
} else {  
  p1 ← p0  
}  
b ← meas(p0)
```



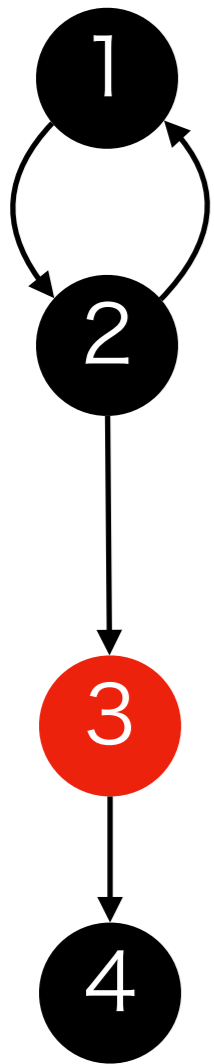
p_0 alive



p_0 consumed

Program Transformation

3. Introduction of dummy value



```
qif  $q$  {  
  qif  $p_0$  {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |1\rangle$   
  } else {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |0\rangle$   
  }  
} else {  
   $p_1 \leftarrow p_0$   
}  
  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
```

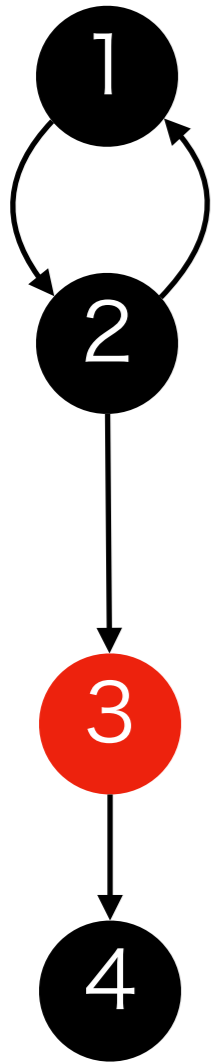
p_0 : consumed

p_0 : used again

```
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  qif  $p_0$  {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |1\rangle$   
  } else {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |0\rangle$   
  }  
} else {  
   $p_1 \leftarrow p_0$   
   $p_0 \leftarrow \text{dummy}$   
}  
  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
```

Program Transformation

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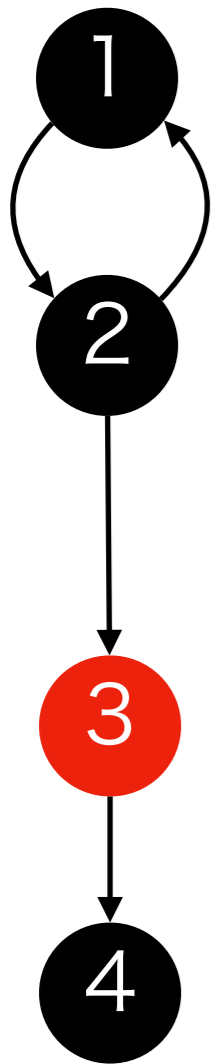
p_0 : consumed

Choose
 $|0\rangle$

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  }  
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}  
  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
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  } else {  
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  }  
} else {  
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}  
  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
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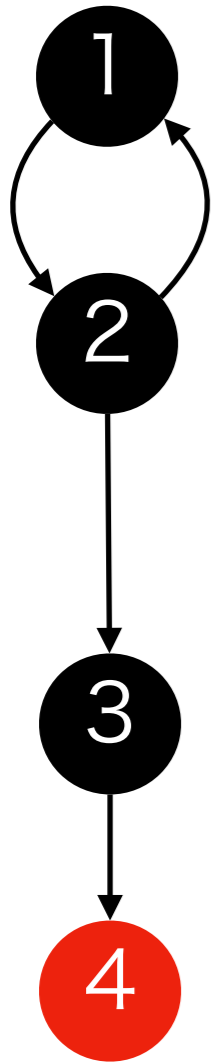
p_0 : consumed

Choose
 $|+\rangle$

```
qif  $q$  {  
  qif  $p_0$  {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |1\rangle$   
  } else {  
     $p_1 \leftarrow |0\rangle$   
  }  
} else {  
   $p_1 \leftarrow p_0$   
   $p_0 \leftarrow |+\rangle$   
}  
  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
```

Program Transformation

4. Arrangement



```
qif  $q$  {  
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  }  
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   $p_0 \leftarrow |+\rangle$   
}  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
```



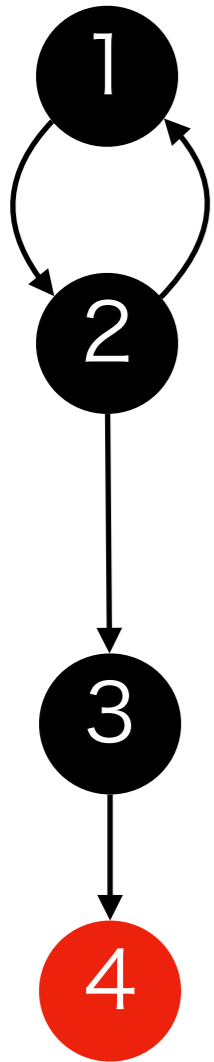
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Measurement

Program Transformation

4. Arrangement



```
 $p_1 \leftarrow |+\rangle$   
qif  $q$  {  
   $p_1 \leftarrow \text{CH}(p_1)$   
   $p_0, p_1 \leftarrow \text{CNot}(p_0, p_1)$   
} else {  
   $p_0, p_1 \leftarrow \text{swap}(p_0, p_1)$   
}  
 $b \leftarrow \text{meas}(p_0)$ 
```

}

Initial State

}

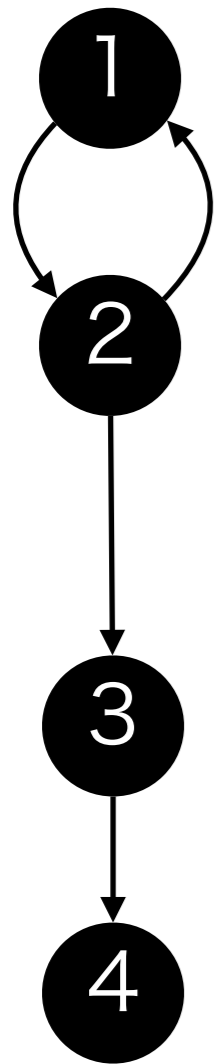
Controlled
Unitary

}

Measurement

Program Transformation

Algorithm Flow



Deferring measurements (inside of “qif”)

Deferring measurements (outside of “qif”)

Introduction of dummy value

Arrangement

Outline

- Program transformation
- Comparison: Equality of semantics
- Application: Quantum controlled while loop

Equality of semantics

Quantum switch

Theorem

Our semantics via program transformation defines the correct semantics on Quantum SWITCH.

Equality of semantics

Comparison with Ying's semantics for QuGCL

Ying defined two semantics for QuGCL.

1. Original semantics
2. General semantics determined for each parameter
(includes 1. as an instance)

Theorem

In the simplest example we studied above,

“the choice of dummy value”

= “parameter for general semantics of QuGCL”.

Equality of semantics

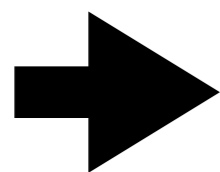
Comparison with Abbott et al. 20

[Abbott et al. 20]

To define a quantum controlled channel, we need not only the Kraus decomposition of channels, but additional information of “initial states of environment”.

Observation

The “initial states of environment” is closely related to our “dummy value”.



Found **non-trivial connection** between
[Ying 16] and [Abbott et al. 20]

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Quantum controlled while loop

Background

```
//  $d$  : Data,  $q$  : qbit  
qwhile  $q$  {  
   $(d, q) \leftarrow M(d)$   
}
```

	Semantics	Physical implementation	Measurement in M
Bădescu et al. 15	No		
Ying et al. 14	Yes (Fock space)	No	Yes
Sabry et al. 18	Yes (List of qubits)	Yes	No

Quantum controlled while loop

Question

- [Sabry et al. 18] Semantics with list of qubits

✓ Has implementation ✗ M has to be unitary

Q. Can we remove this limitation by moving measurements outside of “qwhile”?

A. Yes!

Quantum-while with measurement



Sabry et al.'s language

= Quantum-recursion + list of qubit

Quantum controlled while loop

Program Transformation

Source program

```
//  $d$  : Data,  $q$  : qbit  
qwhile  $q$  {  
     $(d, q) \leftarrow M(d)$   
}
```

First step: Apply the program transformation to M

$M \quad \mapsto$

$q \leftarrow 0\rangle$	}	Initial state
$a \leftarrow 0\dots 0\rangle$		
$(d, q, a) \leftarrow \bar{M}(d, q, a)$	}	Unitary
meas(a)	}	Meas.

\bar{M} : unitary part of M

Quantum controlled while loop

Program Transformation

Source program


```
//  $d$  : Data,  $q$  : qbit  
qwhile  $q$  {  
     $(d, q) \leftarrow M(d)$   
}
```

First step: Apply the program transformation to M

M

\mapsto

```
 $q_i \leftarrow |0\rangle$   
 $a_i \leftarrow |0\dots 0\rangle$   
 $(d, q_i, a_i) \leftarrow \bar{M}(d, q_i, a_i)$   
meas( $a_i$ )
```

 Prepare “list of q s and a s”,
and apply \bar{M} at the i -th iteration

Quantum controlled while loop

Program Transformation

Second step: rewrite qwhile

Idea:

lq : list of *q*

la : list of *a*

helper
function

```
// d : Data, q : qbit, lq : [qbit], la : [qbit],  
fun W(d, q, lq, la) {  
  qif q {  
    if let (q' :: lq', a' :: la') = (lq, la) {  
      (d, q', a') ←  $\bar{M}$ (d, q', a')  
      (d, lq', la') ← W(d, q', lq', la')  
    }  
  }  
  (d, q :: lq', a' :: la')  
}
```

← new_q = lq.next()

← Apply \bar{M}

← Recursion

main
part

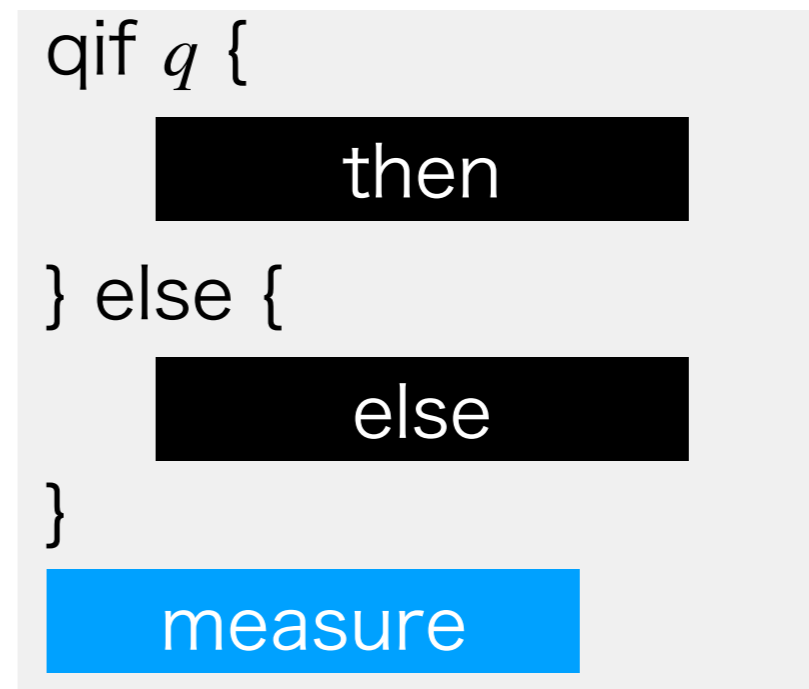
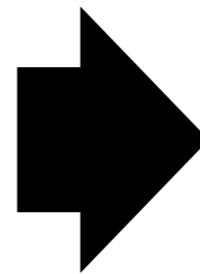
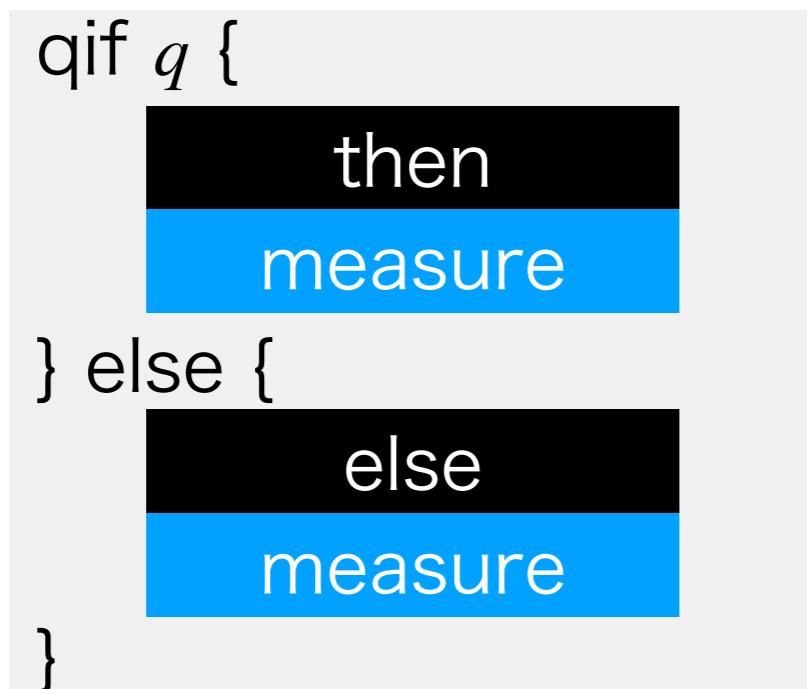
```
(d, lq, la) ← W(d, q, |0...0⟩, |0...0⟩)  
meas(la)
```

Conclusion

- We propose a program transformation technique which moves measurement out of “qif” statement.
 - Physical implementable semantics.
 - Found non-trivial connection between Ying’s work and Abbott et al’s work.
 - This technique is also applicable to “qwhile”.

Future Work

- In some cases, we do not need to introduce dummy value.
(e.g. Quantum SWITCH)



- And in some cases, quantum control on CPTP maps is well-defined [Abbott et al. 20].
(e.g. Quantum SWITCH)

(when “then” and “else” branches uses the same combination of CPTP maps)