

# Improved Look-ahead Approaches for Nearest Neighbor Synthesis of 1D Quantum Circuits

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**Abstract**—In the present era of computation, quantum computing may offer a new direction as it allows to solve certain problems significantly faster than classical solutions. But it also has been found that there are several constraints in performing a successful realization of quantum circuits. One such constraint is the nearest neighbor (NN) criterion which states that qubits which interact with each other have to be adjacent. Motivated by this objective, in this work we propose a linear qubit placement technique that effectively rearranges the qubits and transforms quantum circuits to improved NN-based designs by inserting SWAPs. Furthermore, for placing these SWAPs in appropriate positions, we implemented a look-ahead strategy that considers the effect of the rest of the gates and computes a corresponding impact value which guides the insertion of the SWAP gates. To this extent, we consider three different strategies to evaluate the corresponding “look-ahead effects” and their influence on existing gates. At the end of this work, we have evaluated the developed methodology over a wide range of benchmarks and compared the results with existing related works. In this comparison, we have seen that the proposed technique outperforms the related works and provides substantial reductions in SWAP overhead.

Keywords— Quantum Circuit, quantum gate, Nearest Neighbour(NN), SWAP gate.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Quantum computing has emerged as an advanced computing platform, which, unlike classical circuits that follow the principle of classical mechanics, is driven by the principles of quantum mechanics. This enables such circuits to solve certain problems significantly faster. For example, quantum circuits have shown its capacity in solving some of the most complex problems like prime factorization in RSA cryptosystems [1], discrete logarithm problems [1], or database search [2] much faster than classical solutions.

More importantly, the concept of quantum circuits is not limited to the theoretical domain only, but in the recent years, technologies like ion-trap [3], quantum dots [4], nuclear magnetic resonance [5], or superconducting qubits [6] have successfully shown their ability to realize such circuits. However, here several technological constraints arise which have to be considered. One such restriction comes in form of the Nearest Neighbour (NN) [7] criteria which demands the qubits in a circuit to be adjacent.

As many quantum circuit implementing technologies demand NN complaint designs, it becomes necessary to develop algorithms that can transform quantum circuits to NN based designs. In general, the simplest way of performing such transformations is by embedding SWAP gates in between non-adjacent qubits [7]. However, here it is of the essence to keep the number of inserted SWAP gates small in order to reduce the overhead and, there with, the cost of the design.

More importantly, it is seen that in most of the NN related works this parameter has emerged as main metric to evaluate the efficiency of the design scheme. Since a couple of years, several investigations are reported on the efficient design strategies for NN circuits. More precisely, the problem has been addressed in the work [7], which rearranges the original qubit positions using various strategies. Further to improve the design structure, a circuit transformation technique has been introduced in [8], where the authors have converted the design problem into an intermediate task assignment problem and then administered a meta-heuristic based search technique to obtain the equivalent NN-based design. In [9], the authors have demonstrated a synthesis method based on mapping of the entire circuit on a lattice structure. For making more efficient realization, a graph-partitioning approach has been considered in [10], where optimized NN based designs have been formed by reducing SWAP gate count significantly. Despite of applying a global reordering strategy for gate rearrangements [20, 21], an exact design solution based on a local scheme is introduced in [11] and this approach has showed promising results for small benchmark circuits. In [12], the authors introduced a local reordering strategy that employs a look-ahead scheme to obtain an improved design structure. Again, for large scale synthesis of NN circuits, a heuristic based look-ahead scheme has been presented in [13]. Albeit, all the works that we have stated so far are on linear representation of NN circuits, nowadays investigations have also been conducted on 2D [18, 19], 3D [22] and even multidimensional architectures [14]. However, in this work, we focus on 1D architectures. For this, we introduce a heuristic look-ahead design methodology consisting of three distinct cost estimation models to obtain a linear NN based representations. Although the notion of look-ahead scheme has already been discussed in the earlier works, the way it has been implemented there differs from the one used here which

have shown significant improvements over the reported works.

In the next section (Section II), we have discussed on the fundamentals of Quantum circuit and nearest neighbor representation. Problem formulation and motivation of the work is summarized in Section III. The proposed methodology with examples is stated in Section IV. Section V contains the experimental results with the reported works. Finally, the concluding remarks appear in Section VI.

## II. BACKGROUND

Quantum gates perform operations by modifying the states of qubits rather than its value. A qubit can exist in the basis states of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ , which are same as that of 0 and 1 in classical computing. Besides these basis states, it can also occur in states which can be expressed as a linear superposition of the basis states represented by the state vector  $|\Psi\rangle$  as:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad (1)$$

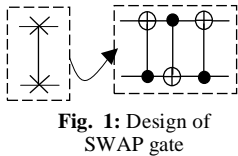
where the notations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the complex numbers that specify the probability amplitudes of the basis states and hold the condition  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$ . However, this state vector cannot be detected directly as measurement causes the vector to degenerate into one of the basis states of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  with probabilities  $\alpha^2$  and  $\beta^2$  respectively.

The states of the qubit can be manipulated by executing quantum gates whose operations are described through unitary matrices. To this extent, quantum operations on an n-qubit system can be realized by multiplying various  $2^n \times 2^n$  unitary matrices.

Schematic representation of some of the most commonly used quantum gates (both 1-qubit and 2-qubits) have been summarized in chart 1.

**Chart 1:** Well known quantum gates and their schematic representations

| Gates | Notation | Gates          | Notation |
|-------|----------|----------------|----------|
| NOT   |          | Controlled -V  |          |
| CNOT  |          | Controlled -V† |          |
| V     |          |                |          |
| V†    |          |                |          |



**Fig. 1:** Design of SWAP gate

In general, the transformation operations of 2-qubit quantum gates viz. CNOT, Controlled-V, Controlled-V<sup>+</sup> can be described by the following matrix representation

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

where the variables a, b, c, d denotes the generic values which varies with different 2-qubit quantum gate operations. To compact the representation further, such generic values can be combined in a separate matrix form as shown below

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

The notation ( $U$ ) defined in the above matrix represents the operations performed by two qubit quantum gates and

henceforth we used this notation in the rest of the work.

**Definition 1.** A circuit designed with a cascade of quantum gates over a set of control and target lines is known as quantum circuit.

The cost of a quantum circuit is basically determined by four parameters – quantum cost [15], T-count, T-depth [16] and NN cost. As in our technique, we have considered the fourth cost metric only, here we are discussing on that metric and its related terms.

**Definition 2:** The nearest neighbor cost of a two-qubit gate  $g(c,t)$  with control input on line  $c$  and target input on line  $t$  can be determined by computing the difference between the lines  $c$  and  $t$ .

Mathematically, this difference value can be expressed as follows:

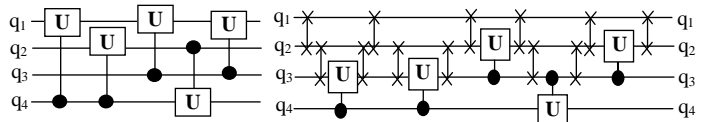
$$NNC_g = |c - t| - 1 \quad (2)$$

For 1-qubit gate like NOT, the NN cost is 0. The overall NN cost of a circuit ( $NNC_C$ ) is considered as the cumulative sum of NN cost contributed by each gate ( $g$ ) in the circuit. This relation can be expressed as follows:

$$NNC_C = \sum_g NNC_g \quad (3)$$

If in a circuit  $\sum_g NNC_g$  becomes 0, then the circuit can be declared as an NN compliant circuit. But if the circuit does not satisfy the NN criteria then a special kind of gate namely SWAP gate (the structure of the gate is given in Fig. 1) is inserted in-between non-adjacent qubits to make them adjacent.

For clear understanding, let us consider a circuit as given in Fig. 2(a). The given design has a NN cost of 6 as qubits in all the four gates are non-adjacent. So, to make them adjacent, 12 SWAP gates have been embedded in specific positions and the equivalent NN compliant representation is finally obtained in Fig. 2(b).



**Fig. 2(a):** Input circuit with NN Cost 6

**Fig. 2(b):** NN equivalent design corresponding to Fig. 2(a)

## III. MOTIVATION AND PROBLEM FORMULATION

Basically, nearest neighbor designs can be obtained by following either of the two reordering strategies – global [7,8,10,11,20,21] and local [6,7,11,12,13,22]. As local reordering strategy implements less SWAP gate count, we considered this design approach in our work. Despite its advantages, there occur some issues regarding appropriate placement of SWAP gates which have been discussed in [12] and thereby addressed by incorporating look-ahead policy.

In this work, we have modified the implementation process of the look-ahead policy from the earlier works [12-13] and thereby introduced an improved version of it. Here, in this paper three different look-ahead strategies have been considered that estimates the effect of SWAP gate insertion before non-adjacent gates by formulating the look-ahead estimation models generically based on the number of gates to be evaluated. However, the previous look-ahead works have

considered direct and straight-forward approaches where the cost estimation has been made by evaluating a specified number of gates for nearest neighbor synthesis of quantum circuits.

As permutation of qubits has an impact over SWAP gate optimization, so to determine the best possible option for moving the non-adjacent qubits of any gate for NN based design has been discussed next.

#### IV. PROPOSED METHOD

To determine the best possible option for moving the interacting qubits of any non-adjacent gate, here we have presented a heuristic design based on look-ahead strategy to estimate the impact for any option over the remaining gates of the circuit. In the design process, we evaluate all the possible options of any non-adjacent gate by estimating the impact in terms of SWAP gate count on the remaining gates. Based on this estimated impact, the best possible option is chosen. For this purpose, we compute the following cost metric:

$$T.C: F.C + V.C \quad (4)$$

where  $T.C$ ,  $F.C$ ,  $V.C$  denotes total cost, fixed cost and variable cost. However, fixed cost can further be expressed as follows.

$$F.C: G_R * C_R \quad (5)$$

where  $G_R$  and  $C_R$  represent the remaining gates and implementation cost of the respective gates (here, we have considered each quantum gate to be of unit cost). The variable cost ( $V.C$ ) used in (4) is expressed below.

$$V.C: \sum c_i * n_i / G_R = c_1 * n_1 / G_R + c_2 * n_2 / G_R + \dots + c_m * n_m / G_R \quad (6)$$

where the notations  $c_i$ ,  $n_i$ , indicates the nearest neighbor costs and number of  $G_R$  gates that possesses the corresponding cost  $c_i$ .

The above variable cost expression indicates the computation of nearest neighbor cost of the following gates that can be expressed further in terms of contribution factor,  $r$  as follows.

$$V.C: c_1 * r_1 + c_2 * r_2 + \dots + c_m * r_m = \sum_{i=1}^m (c_i * r_i) \quad (7)$$

where  $r_i$  is represented as  $r_i = n_i / G_R$

The symbol  $G_R$  (remaining gates) used in all the previous mathematical expressions can be obtained for any gate  $g_i$  of a given circuit as follows.

$$G_R = (N - g_i) \bmod N \quad (8)$$

where the notation  $N$  denotes the total gate count of a given circuit.

As the fixed cost ( $F.C$ ) does not have any influence over nearest neighbor optimization, so we haven't considered it in our design policy. Therefore, only variable cost estimation determines how to insert SWAP gates in appropriate positions. Consequently, the mathematical expression shown in (4) can be rewritten as follows:

$$T.C \approx V.C \quad (9)$$

Henceforth, variable cost has been considered equivalent to that of total cost. In our design methodology, we have implemented three different schemes concerning on how we should observe (look-ahead) the following gates to determine the suitable option for SWAP gate implementation is described next.

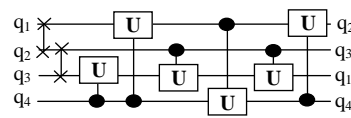
**A. Collective Look-ahead Policy:** The basic purpose of this scheme is to observe the target/control qubit positions of all the gates following any non-adjacent gate viz.  $g_i$  in a collective manner. As per this strategy, we choose that qubit order that results in a least possible variable cost over the remaining gates of a given circuit. In other words, we scan each gate  $g(c,t)$  of a given circuit  $C$  to determine whether its control ( $c$ )/target ( $t$ ) qubits are placed adjacent or not. If its inputs are not placed adjacent ( $NNC(g(c,t)) > 0$ ), then we evaluate all possible rearrangements of the qubits by estimating the impact over the remaining gates, which can transform the gate  $g(c,t)$  into an NN-compliant one otherwise we proceed to next gate. Repeat this procedure until the last gate has been processed.

To elaborate it in more detail, we have described the entire algorithm formally as follows:

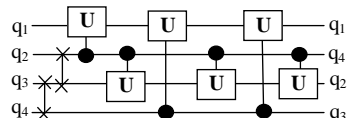
- 1) Consider the initial ordering of qubits as  $\mathcal{I}$  of a given circuit  $C$ .
- 2) For each gate  $g_i(c,t) \in C$ , if ( $NNC(g_i(c,t)) > 0$ ) then
  - a) Determine the all possible permutations ( $p_i$ ) of qubits that can make the corresponding gate adjacent ( $NNC(g_i(c,t)) = 0$ ) and record them on a set  $\mathcal{P}$  (denoted as permutation set).
  - b) For each  $p_i \in \mathcal{P}$ 
    - i) Compute variable cost ( $V.C$ ) for all  $G_R$  gates of  $C$ .
    - c) Identify  $p_{min}$  that leads to a smallest overall cost (variable cost),  $V.C_{min}$  obtained in the previous step for a given circuit.
    - d) Insert SWAP gates before  $g_i(c,t)$  such that the permutation  $p_{min}$  has been established.
- 3) Return NN-compliant circuit,  $C_{NNC}$  for given circuit  $C$ .

The permutation  $p_{min}$  obtained by following this scheme may not be unique i.e. many such permutations ( $p_{min}$ ) can be found that leads to identical smallest cost (variable) value. In such scenario, we resolve the conflict by randomly choosing any one of those permutations.

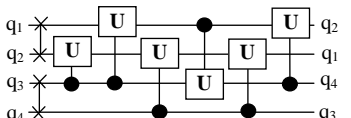
**Example 1:** For the circuit shown in Fig. 2(a) with initial qubit ordering  $\mathcal{I} = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$  where the first gate  $g_1(4, 1)$  has control/target inputs at lines 4 and 1 respectively. It does not hold the nearest neighbor criteria as  $NNC(g_1) = 2 > 0$ . Hence, a permutation that can make  $g_1$  NN-complaint needs to be determined. There are three possible options in which SWAP gates can be added to make it adjacent viz.  $p_1 = \{q_2, q_3, q_1, q_4\}$ ,  $p_2 = \{q_1, q_4, q_2, q_3\}$  and  $p_3 = \{q_2, q_1, q_4, q_3\}$  by evaluating the impact on the remaining gates ( $G_R = (6 - 1) \bmod 6 = 5$ ) of the circuit as depicted in Fig. 3(a), 3(b), 3(c). Following permutation  $p_1$  leads to a variable cost of 1.2 ( $V.C = 2 * 3/5 + 0 * 2/5 = 1.2$ ) whereas  $p_2, p_3$  results in a variable cost of 0.8 ( $V.C = 2 * 2/5 + 0 * 3/5 = 0.8$ ) and 1 ( $V.C = 1 * 5/5 = 1$ ) respectively. As  $p_2$  is having a less impact compared to other permutations thereby it has been chosen for implementation. Literally, SWAP gates are added accordingly so as to establish the permutation order  $p_2$  and the process repeats till the end of the circuit. The corresponding NN-compliant circuit has been represented in Fig. 4.



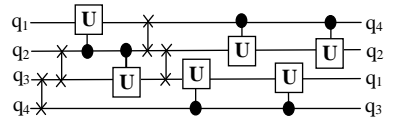
**Fig. 3(a):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_1$  permutation ( $V.C = 1.2$ )



**Fig. 3(b):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_2$  permutation ( $V.C = 0.8$ )



**Fig. 3(c):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_3$  permutation ( $V.C = 1$ )



**Fig. 4:** NN based design of Fig. 2(a) by following collective look-ahead policy (using  $p_2$ )

**B. Bounded Windowing Policy:** It is considered as an alternative look-ahead policy that estimates the impact on a limited number of gates rather than over all the following gates collectively. To have a restricted view over the following gates, the concept of window size has been applied under this scheme. More specifically, instead of considering all the following gates only a certain number of gates as dictated by the window size are considered to choose a suitable permuted order of qubits. The number of gates needed to observe is determined by employing the following heuristic window size estimation as follows:

$$G_{size} = \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil \quad (10)$$

The above expression determines the circuit window size ( $G_{size}$ ) based on the total number of gates ( $N$ ) of any given circuit. In order to arrange the qubits in a specific order, variable cost over  $G_{size}$  gates is estimated, which is obtained by replacing  $G_R$  with  $G_{size}$  in equation (6) as expressed below.

$$V.C.: \sum c_i * n_i / G_{size} = c_1 * n_1 / G_{size} + c_2 * n_2 / G_{size} + \dots + c_m * n_m / G_{size} \quad (11)$$

Similar to equation 7, the above expression can be represented further by replacing  $n_i / G_{size}$  with contribution factor  $r_i$ .

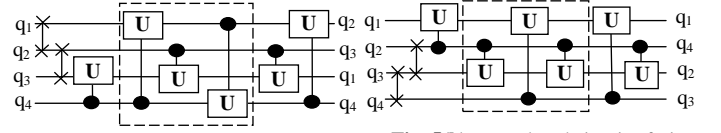
The prime motivation behind using this and the following look-ahead scheme is to prevent the impacts of gates appearing much late in the circuit to affect the decision on how to move the non-adjacent qubits of any gate. However, such an approach may turn out to be more beneficial for large benchmark circuits.

Furthermore, a formal specification of the corresponding approach has been provided for better understanding as follows:

- 1) Consider the initial ordering of qubits as  $\mathcal{I}$  of a given circuit  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- 2) For each gate  $g_i(c,t) \in \mathcal{C}$ , if  $(NNC(g_i(c,t)) > 0)$  then
  - a) Determine all possible permutations ( $p_i$ ) of qubits that can make the corresponding gate adjacent ( $NNC(g_i(c,t)) = 0$ ) and store them on a set  $\mathcal{P}$  (denoted as permutation set).
  - b) For each  $p_i \in \mathcal{P}$ 
    - i) Estimate  $G_{size}$  of circuit  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $N$  gates.
    - ii) Compute variable cost ( $V.C$ ) for only  $G_{size}$  gates of  $\mathcal{C}$ .
  - c) Identify  $p_{min}$  that leads to a smallest cost (variable cost) value,  $V.C_{min}$  obtained in the previous step for a given circuit.
  - d) Insert SWAP gates before  $g_i(c,t)$  in such a way that the permutation  $p_{min}$  is established.
- 3) Return NN-compliant circuit,  $\mathcal{C}_{NNC}$  for given circuit  $\mathcal{C}$ .

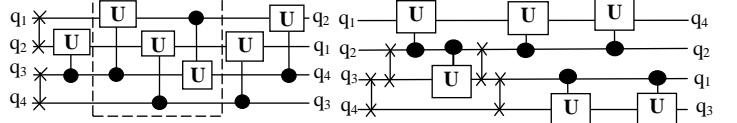
**Example 2:** Consider again the circuit shown in Fig. 2(a) and the look-ahead scheme discussed in Section B has been applied to assess all the possible options for moving the qubits of gate  $g_1(4, 1)$  into adjacent positions. Instead of evaluating all the remaining gates ( $G_R$ ), only for a certain number of gates the variable cost ( $V.C$ ) has been estimated as  $G_{size} = \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{6} \rceil = 3$  (using equation 10) of the corresponding circuit. Similar to example 1, there are three options ( $p_1, p_2, p_3$ ) in which the first gate can be made NN-complaint but this time the costs (using eq. 11) has been computed by considering only the next 3 gates to choose the one for SWAP gate implementation as depicted in Fig. 5(a), Fig. 5(b) and Fig. 5(c) (where dashed rectangle represents the circuit window). As the option  $p_2$  holds least variable cost thereby it has been chosen for implementation and the process continues

for the rest of the gates which ultimately leads to an NN based design as shown in Fig. 6.



**Fig. 5(a):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_1$  permutation ( $V.C = 1.33$ )

**Fig. 5(b):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_2$  permutation ( $V.C = 0.66$ )



**Fig. 5(c):** Reordered circuit of Fig. 2(a) with  $p_3$  permutation ( $V.C = 1$ )

**Fig. 6:** NN based design of Fig. 1(a) by following bounded windowing policy (using  $p_2$ )

**C. Dynamic Windowing Policy:** Unlike, the previous windowing scheme (introduced in Section B), here a different windowing concept has been considered in which the window size differs for each non-adjacent gate  $g$  ( $NNC(g) > 0$ ) of the given circuit. Basically, nearest neighbor cost of a current processing gate (say  $g_c$ ) is considered as the essential driving factor that determines the dynamic nature of the window size. In other words, the change (increase/decrease) in size of the circuit window directly varies with the change (increase/decrease) in nearest neighbor cost of gate  $g_c$ , which in turn alters with the exactly previous non-adjacent gate  $g_p$  but while adapting this strategy, we have to set the initial window size of the circuit to previously computed window value i.e.  $G_{size}$  (used in Section B). Mathematically, this windowing policy can be expressed as follows:

$$W_{\infty} C \quad (12)$$

$$W = K \cdot C \quad (13)$$

$$W/C = K \quad (14)$$

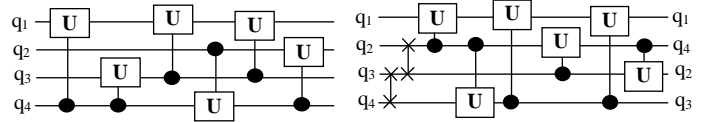
$$W_c/C_c = K \quad (15)$$

$$W_p/C_p = K \quad (16)$$

Replacing the constant  $K$  from Eq. (16) into Eq. (15) derives the following mathematical relation.

$$W_c/C_c = W_p/C_p \quad (17)$$

$$W_c = \lceil W_p/C_p * C_c \rceil \quad (18)$$



**Fig. 7(a):** original circuit with  $NNC=6$

**Fig. 7(b):** Reordered circuit with option  $p_1$  ( $V.C = 1$ )

The expression written in Eq. 18 derives the window size of the current gate  $g_c$ . The notations  $W_c, W_p, C_c, C_p$  represents the window sizes and nearest neighbor costs of the current and previous non-adjacent gates viz.  $g_c, g_p$  respectively.

In this algorithm, we have considered nearest neighbor cost as the pivotal element to determine the window size dynamically. The change (increase/decrease) in nearest neighbor cost proportionally affects the number of possible qubit permutations needed to obtain a NN-compliant gate. Such a relationship between cost and permutation in turn influence the search space for determining the best possible option in which SWAP gates can be inserted. Consequently, we have adjusted the window size according to the change in nearest

neighbor costs of gates of the given circuit. Suppose, if the nearest neighbor cost of a gate  $g_c$  increases/decreases with respect to the previous one  $g_p$  then we would define the window size of  $g_c$  by adjusting the window value of  $g_p$  proportionally with the change in cost value of  $g_c$  otherwise the previous window value of  $g_p$  is set for gate  $g_c$ .

To apprehend the idea more clearly, we have explained it with the help of an illustrative example as discussed next.

**Example 3:** Consider the circuit shown in Fig. 7(a) having overall nearest neighbor cost of 7. The first gate  $g_1$  has cost of 2, so it needs to be made NN-compliant by evaluating all the possible permutation order. There are three options viz.  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  available to make  $g_1$  adjacent by inserting SWAP gates as represented in Fig. 7(b) - 7(d). To evaluate these options, the variable costs have been estimated over the initial circuit window set as  $G_{size}$  (same as the one used in bounded policy). Hence, the costs has been computed over the next 3 gates ( $G_{size} = \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{6} \rceil = 3$ ) and option  $p_3$  has been implemented due to least cost. By examining the resulting circuit obtained after establishing  $p_3$  shown in Fig. 7(d), find that gate  $g_3$  has a cost of 1. To make this gate NN-compliant, there are two possible permutations viz.  $p_1 = \{q_2, q_4, q_1, q_3\}, p_2 = \{q_2, q_1, q_3, q_4\}$  that are evaluated by observing the number of gates obtained using equation 18 which is 2 ( $W_3 = W_1/C_1 * C_3 = \lceil \frac{3}{2} * 1 \rceil = 2$ ). Unlike  $g_1$ , now the impact over the next two gates of  $g_3$  i.e  $g_4$  and  $g_5$  has been considered. In this manner the procedure continues till the last gate has been processed and finally the resultant NN-compliant circuit is obtained in Fig. 8.

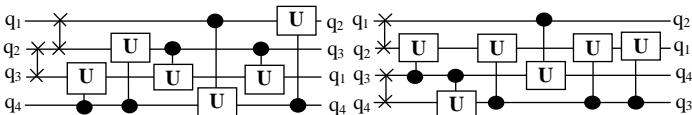


Fig. 7(c): Reordered circuit with option  $p_2$  ( $V.C=1$ )

Fig. 7(d): Reordered circuit with option  $p_3$  ( $V.C=0.66$ )

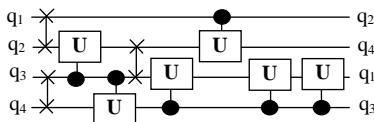


Fig. 8: NN-compliant circuit of Fig. 8(a) after using dynamic window scheme

#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, the experimental results from our design methodology have been summarized. The scheme has been implemented in C and executed on a machine with Intel core i5 processor with 3.30 GHZ clock and 4GB RAM.

The performance evaluation of our methodology has been carried out over various benchmark suites [17] and all the computed results have summarized in Table1 and Table2.

From the experimental evaluations, it can be observed that our design methodology provides significant improvements over SWAP gate count against the related works results. Overall, an average improvement of about 19.54% (35% in the best case) over [13], 24.27% (64.86% in the best case) over [7] and 5.54%, 25% (12.5% and 42.10% in the best case) over [12] has been registered (from Table 1). On the other hand, our design approach also turns out to be feasible for large sized benchmarks as summarized in Table 2. An exception to be

mentioned that in Table2, the results from *bounded* and *dynamic* technique are same and it might be due to the fact that the benchmarks considered there are our defined ones which follow a symmetrical pattern while the employed heuristics and applied strategies are quite different in all the three schemes.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

In this work, a look-ahead based design methodology has been developed to transform quantum circuits to their equivalent nearest neighbor structures. Transforming the quantum circuits to NN structures was not only our sole objective, but how to minimize the SWAP usages in the circuits also was under consideration. In order to explore the possible ways to reduce this parameter further, we have shown three different look-ahead policies (*Collective*, *Bounded* and *Dynamic*) and all the design techniques have been successfully tested over different benchmark circuits. While comparing with state-of-art NN techniques, this scheme has shown significant improvement in SWAP overhead. Future work will now focus on investigating the proposed policies for optimizing quantum circuits for further physical realizations such as IBM QX Architectures [23].

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**Table 2:** Results from large size benchmarks

| Benchmarks | No. of qubits | Gate Count | Method 1 (collective) SWAPs | Method 2 (bounded) SWAPs | Method 3 (dynamic) SWAPs |
|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| add17_218  | 17            | 42         | 24                          | 24                       | 24                       |
| add18_218  | 18            | 42         | 27                          | 23                       | 23                       |
| add19_218  | 19            | 48         | 32                          | 28                       | 28                       |
| add20_218  | 20            | 50         | 33                          | 29                       | 29                       |
| add21_218  | 21            | 50         | 32                          | 28                       | 28                       |
| rdom_22    | 22            | 55         | 19                          | 19                       | 19                       |
| add23_218  | 23            | 58         | 38                          | 34                       | 34                       |
| rdom_24    | 24            | 47         | 44                          | 44                       | 44                       |
| add8_172   | 25            | 64         | 42                          | 38                       | 38                       |
| rdom_27    | 27            | 53         | 26                          | 26                       | 26                       |
| add29_218  | 29            | 74         | 48                          | 44                       | 44                       |
| rdom_30    | 30            | 59         | 29                          | 30                       | 30                       |
| rdom_33    | 33            | 65         | 32                          | 33                       | 33                       |
| add16_174  | 49            | 128        | 82                          | 78                       | 78                       |

**Table 1:** Comparison with state-of-the-art NN techniques

| Benchmark names | No. of qubits | Gate count | Method 1 (collective) SWAPs | Method 2 (bounded) SWAPs | Method 3 (dynamic) SWAPs | Best result | Prev. work [13] | Prev. work [7] | Prev. work [12] | Prev. work [12] | % improvement over |       |       |       |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 |               |            |                             |                          |                          |             |                 |                |                 |                 | [13]               | [7]   | [12]  | [12]  |
| 4gt4-v0_80      | 6             | 44         | 32                          | 34                       | 35                       | 32          | 36              | 36             | -               | -               | 11.11              | 11.11 | -     | -     |
| 4gt10-v1_81     | 5             | 36         | 25                          | 22                       | 22                       | 22          | 32              | 29             | 24              | 38              | 31.25              | 24.13 | 8.33  | 42.10 |
| 4mod5-v1_23     | 5             | 24         | 15                          | 15                       | 15                       | 15          | 15              | 18             | -               | -               | 0.0                | 16.66 | -     | -     |
| 4gt11_84        | 5             | 7          | 4                           | 4                        | 4                        | 4           | 5               | 5              | -               | -               | 20                 | 20    | -     | -     |
| rd32-v0_67      | 4             | 8          | 4                           | 4                        | 4                        | 4           | -               | 4              | -               | -               | -                  | 0.0   | -     | -     |
| 3_17_13         | 3             | 14         | 6                           | 6                        | 6                        | 6           | 6               | 5              | 6               | 6               | 0.0                | -20   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| 4gt13-v1_93     | 5             | 17         | 10                          | 9                        | 9                        | 9           | 10              | 10             | -               | -               | 10                 | 10    | -     | -     |
| 4_49_17         | 4             | 32         | 15                          | 15                       | 15                       | 15          | 19              | 16             | -               | -               | 21.05              | 6.25  | -     | -     |
| hwb4_52         | 4             | 23         | 13                          | 9                        | 9                        | 9           | 10              | 14             | -               | -               | 10                 | 35.71 | -     | -     |
| 4gt5_75         | 5             | 22         | 19                          | 16                       | 13                       | 13          | 20              | 20             | -               | -               | 35                 | 35    | -     | -     |
| alu-v4_36       | 5             | 32         | 21                          | 16                       | 19                       | 16          | 22              | 20             | -               | -               | 27.27              | 20    | -     | -     |
| aj-e11_165      | 5             | 60         | 33                          | 33                       | 33                       | 33          | 35              | 43             | 33              | 42              | 5.71               | 23.25 | 0.0   | 21.42 |
| 4gt12-v1_89     | 6             | 53         | 33                          | 33                       | 33                       | 33          | 37              | 35             | -               | -               | 10.81              | 5.71  | -     | -     |
| 4mod7-v0_95     | 5             | 40         | 24                          | 26                       | 22                       | 22          | -               | 30             | -               | -               | -                  | 26.66 | -     | -     |
| mod5adder_128   | 6             | 87         | 65                          | 53                       | 55                       | 53          | 65              | 79             | 46              | 85              | 18.46              | 32.91 | 15.21 | 37.64 |
| rd53_135        | 7             | 78         | 75                          | 68                       | 66                       | 66          | 82              | 96             | 66              | 85              | 19.51              | 31.25 | 0.0   | 22.35 |
| ham7_104        | 7             | 87         | 72                          | 70                       | 63                       | 63          | 83              | 86             | 72              | 84              | 24.09              | 26.74 | 12.5  | 25    |
| mod8-10_177     | 6             | 109        | 77                          | 71                       | 77                       | 71          | 77              | 77             | -               | -               | 7.79               | 7.79  | -     | -     |
| hwb5_55         | 5             | 109        | 66                          | 68                       | 64                       | 64          | 75              | 86             | 66              | 101             | 14.66              | 25.58 | 3.03  | 36.63 |
| hwb6_58         | 6             | 146        | 111                         | 105                      | 98                       | 98          | 127             | 140            | 111             | 146             | 22.83              | 30    | 11.71 | 32.87 |
| rd73_140        | 10            | 76         | 64                          | 44                       | 55                       | 44          | 63              | 61             | -               | -               | 30.15              | 27.86 | -     | -     |
| QFT7            | 7             | 21         | 24                          | 18                       | 28                       | 18          | -               | 18             | 18              | 23              | -                  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 21.73 |
| QFT8            | 8             | 28         | 31                          | 31                       | 34                       | 31          | -               | 41             | 31              | 33              | -                  | 24.39 | 0.0   | 6.06  |
| QFT9            | 9             | 36         | 49                          | 43                       | 50                       | 43          | -               | 66             | 49              | 53              | -                  | 34.84 | 12.24 | 18.86 |
| QFT10           | 10            | 45         | 64                          | 60                       | 67                       | 60          | -               | 96             | 64              | 67              | -                  | 37.5  | 6.25  | 10.44 |
| 0410184_169     | 14            | 90         | 39                          | 39                       | 39                       | 39          | -               | 111            | -               | -               | -                  | 64.86 | -     | -     |
| rd84_142        | 15            | 112        | 112                         | 76                       | 95                       | 76          | 112             | 148            | -               | -               | 32.14              | 48.64 | -     | -     |