

# Quantum Computing with the IBM Quantum Experience with the Quantum Information Software Toolkit (QISKit)

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# Overview

## Part 1: Quantum Computing

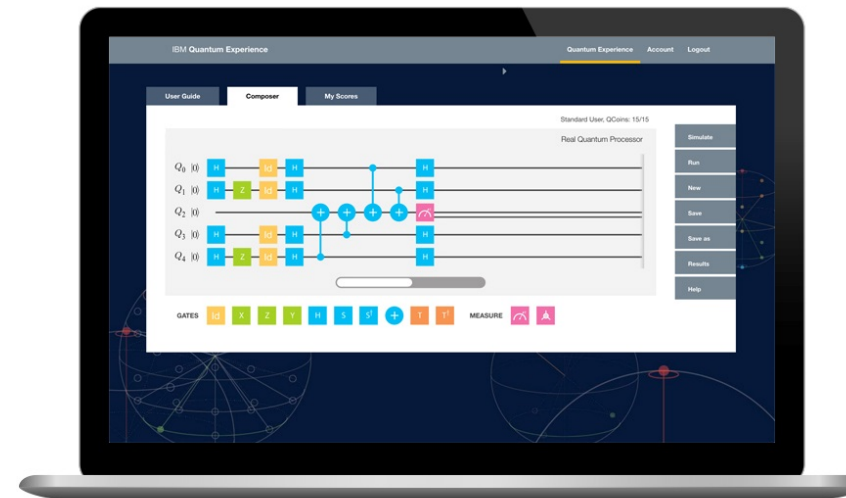
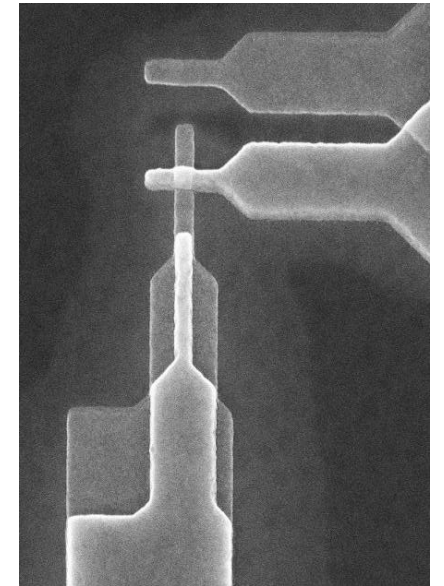
- What, why, how
- Quantum gates and circuits

## Part 2: Superconducting Qubits

- Device properties
- Control and performance

## Part 3: IBM Quantum Experience

- Website: GUI, user guides, community
- QISKit: API, SDK, Tutorials



# Quantum computing: what, why, how



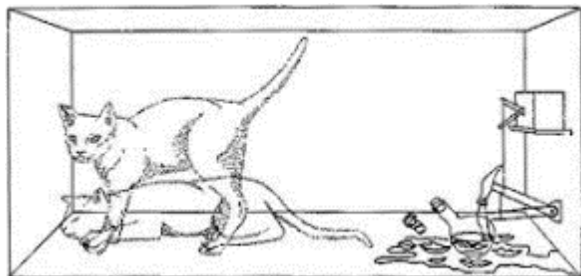
*"Nature isn't classical . . . if you want to make a simulation of nature, **you'd better make it quantum mechanical**, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because **it doesn't look so easy.**"*

*– Richard Feynman, 1981*

**1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Physics and Computation, MIT**



# Computing with Quantum Mechanics: Features



$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{| \text{cat standing} \rangle + | \text{cat lying down} \rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Superposition:** a system's state can be any linear combination of classical states  
*...until it is measured, at which point it collapses to one of the classical states*

**Example: Schrodinger's Cat**

**Entanglement:** particles in superposition can develop correlations such that measuring just one affects them all

**Example: EPR Paradox** (Einstein: "spooky action at a distance")

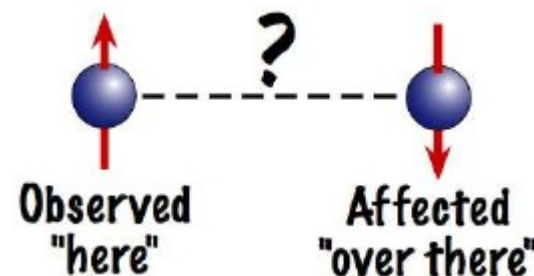
Quantum wavefunction

Normalization

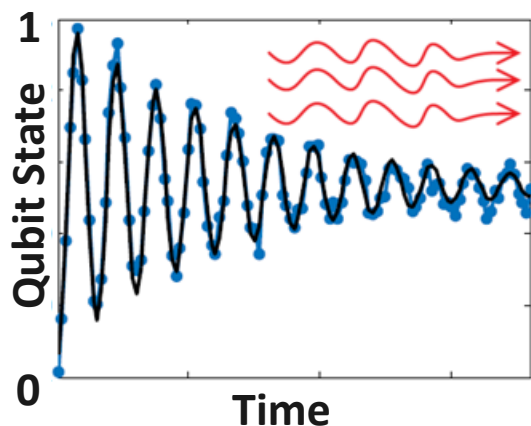
"Classical" states

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \left| \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{red} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{teal} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{red} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{teal} \end{array} \right\rangle \right)$$

Linear combination



# Computing with Quantum Mechanics: Drawbacks



**Decoherence:** a system is gradually measured by residual interaction with its environment, killing quantum behavior

**Consequence:** quantum effects observed only in well-isolated systems (so not cats... yet)

**Uncertainty principle:** measuring one variable (e.g. position) disturbs its conjugate (e.g. momentum)

**Consequence:** complete knowledge of an arbitrary quantum state is impossible.

→ “No-Cloning Theorem”





# What does a quantum bit look like?

## Classical bit

**Physical systems:** capacitor charge, transistor state, magnetic polarization, presence or absence of a punched hole, etc.

**Logical states:** just 0 and 1

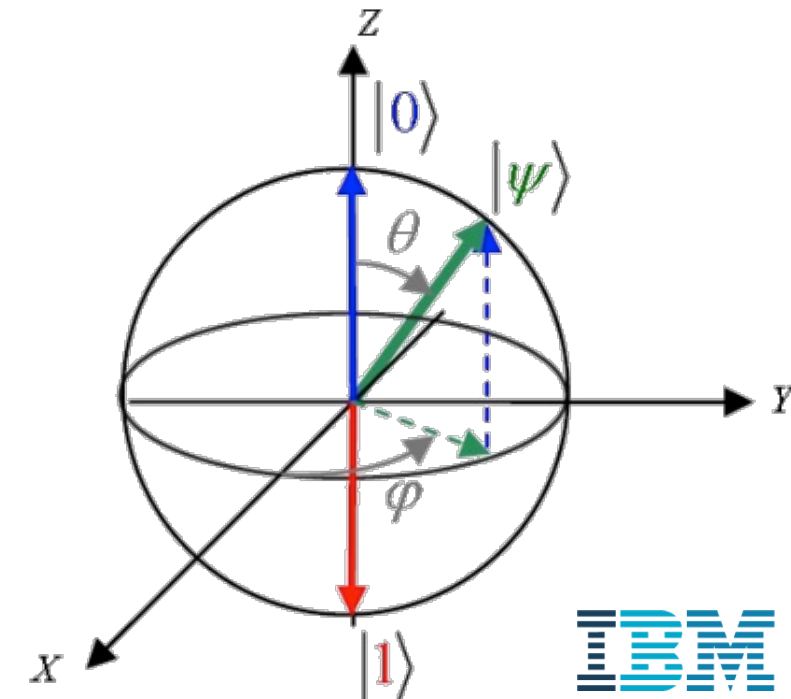
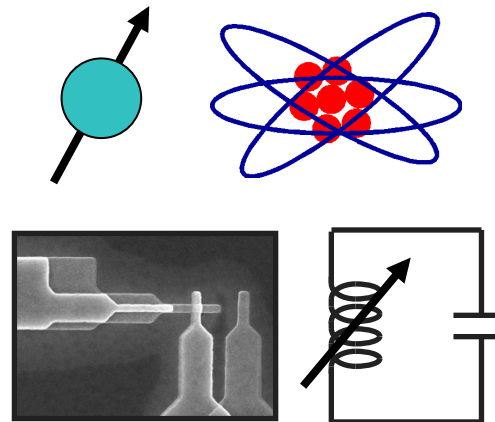
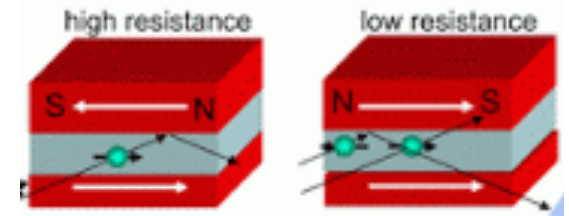
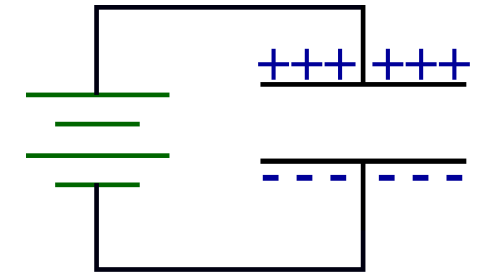
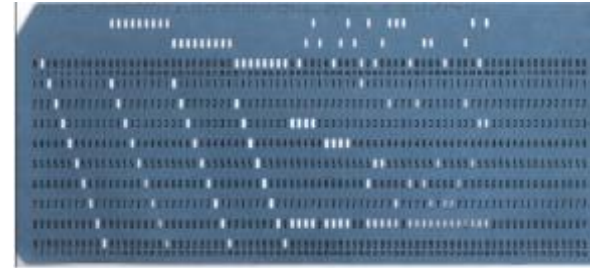
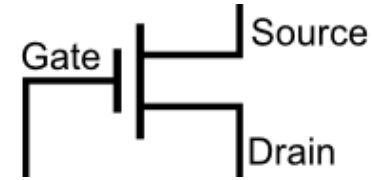
**Multi-bit effects:** none

## Quantum bit (“qubit”)

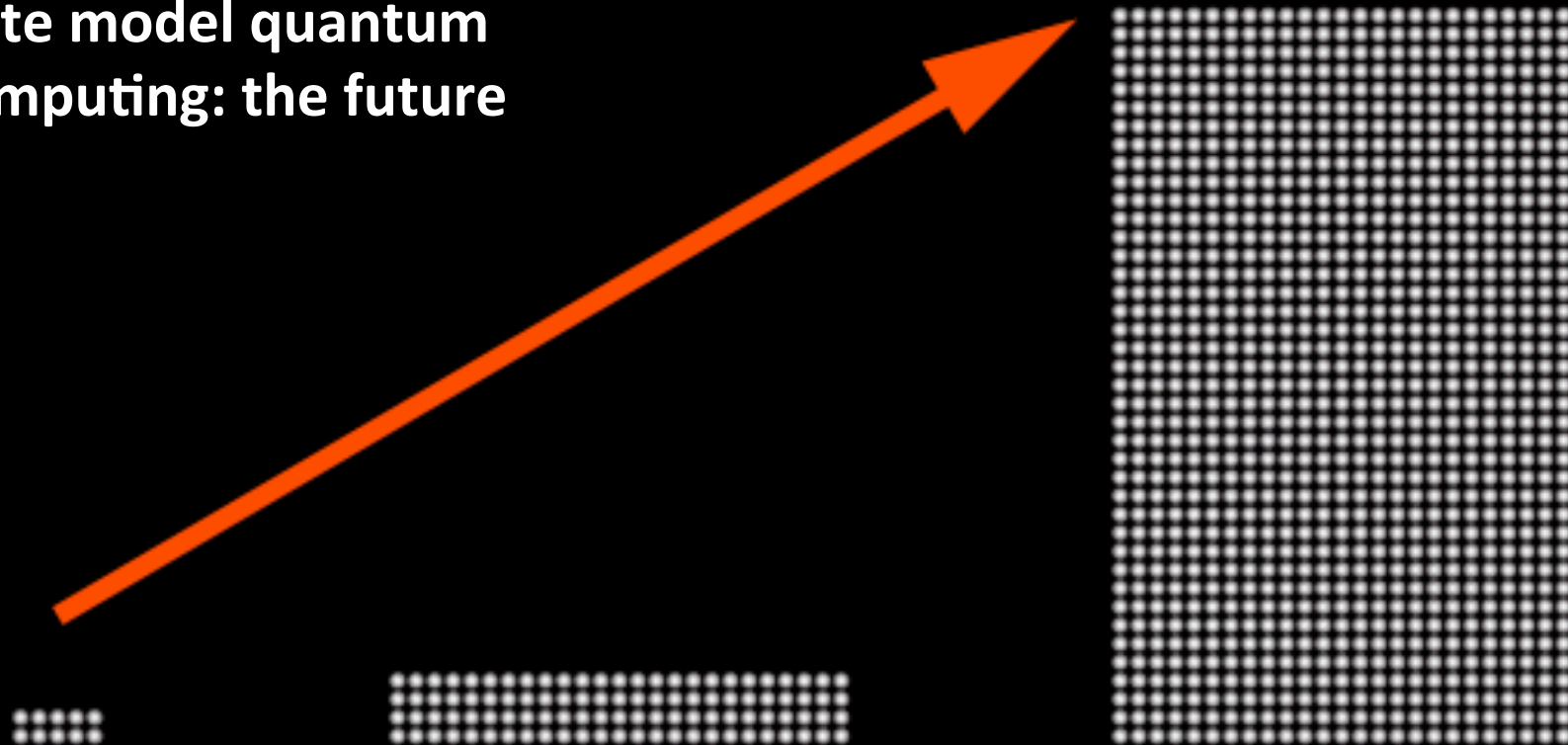
**Physical systems:** electron spins, atomic states, *superconducting circuit states*

**Logical states:**  $|0\rangle$ ,  $|1\rangle$ , *superpositions*

**Multi-qubit effects:** *entanglement*



# Gate model quantum computing: the future



Fault-Tolerant QC

**Today**  
~ 10 Qubits

**Near future:**  
50-100 qubits too big to simulate!

**Future:**  
Millions of qubits fully fault-tolerant



# How powerful is a quantum computer: *quantum volume*

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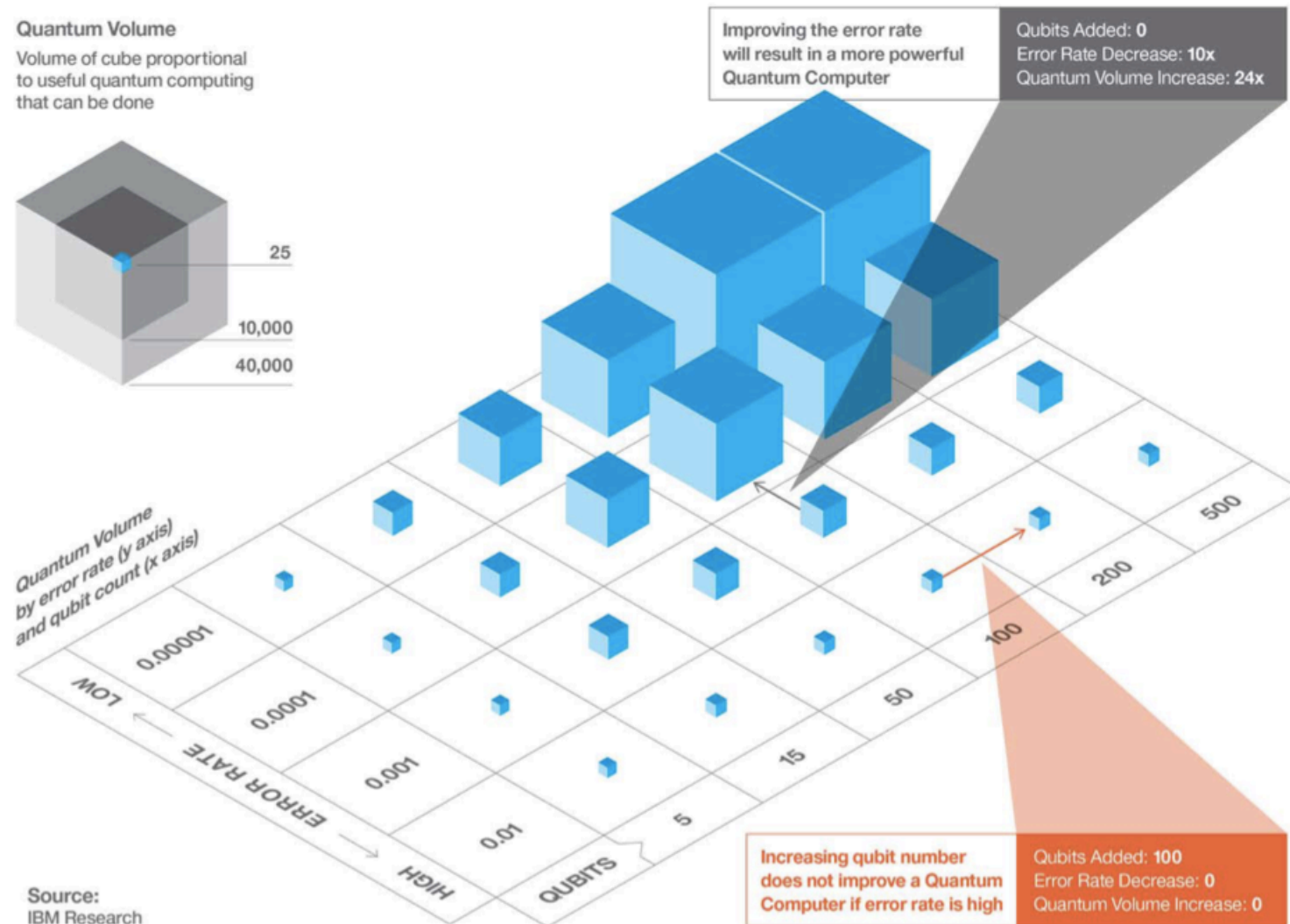
## Quantum Volume

Number of **qubits** (more is better)

**Errors** (fewer is better)

**Connectivity** (more is better)

**Gate set** (more is better)



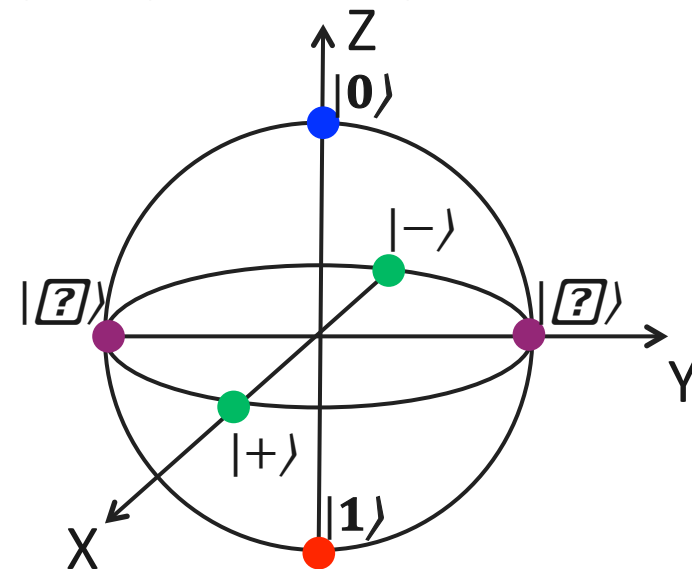
# Quantum computing: quantum operations and circuits



# Single-qubit gates

- Gates are described by one or more rotations about an axis or set of axes
  - Pauli X, Y, Z gates:
    - Rotate  $\pi$  radians about specified axis
    - X and Y gates equivalent to classical NOT
      - Transform  $|0\rangle$  to  $|1\rangle$  and vice versa
  - Clifford gates:
    - Permute states identified at right (includes Pauli gates)
  - Arbitrary gates:
    - Map any point on sphere to any other
    - Typically implemented with a small set of well-calibrated gates, e.g. **Clifford group** plus one additional gate

**Clifford group:** permutes the states  $|0\rangle$ ,  $|1\rangle$ ,  $|+\rangle$ ,  $|-\rangle$ ,  $|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\rangle$ , and  $|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i\rangle$ , identified below

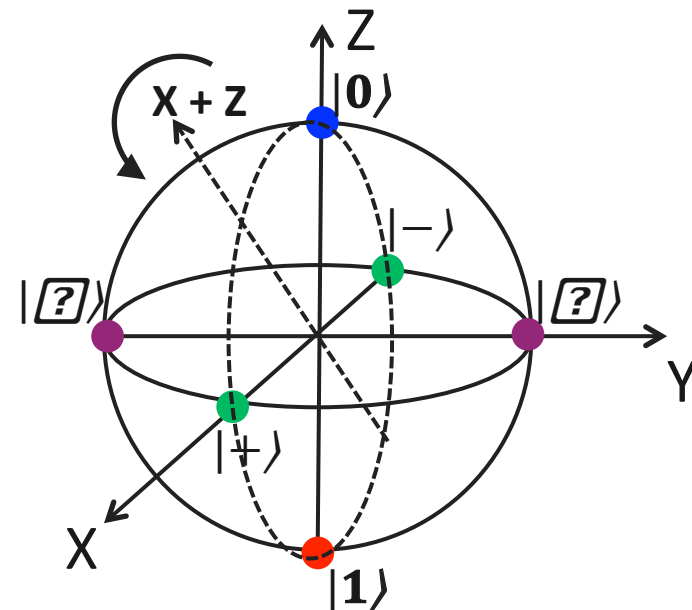


$$|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad |-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + i|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \quad |\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - i|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

# Key single-qubit gate: Hadamard ( $H$ )

- **Hadamard** gate: rotate  $180^\circ$  about  $X+Z$  axis
  - Exchanges  $Z$  and  $X$  axes
  - Takes classical states to equal-weighted superposition states and vice versa
    - $|0\rangle \rightarrow |+\rangle$        $|+\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$
    - $|1\rangle \rightarrow |-\rangle$        $|-\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$
  - Used in almost every quantum algorithm
- Performs the **quantum Fourier transform** of a single qubit
  - Classical Fourier transform: exchange conjugate variables describing a *signal* (e.g. time domain  $\rightarrow$  frequency domain)
  - Quantum Fourier transform: exchange conjugate variables describing a *state*



Matrix representation of Hadamard acting on

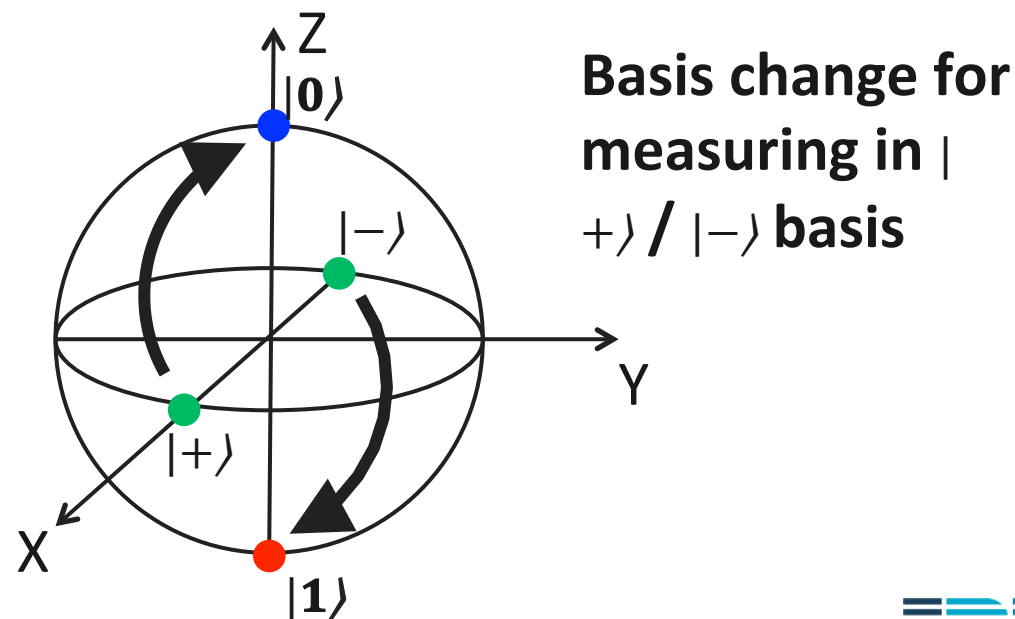
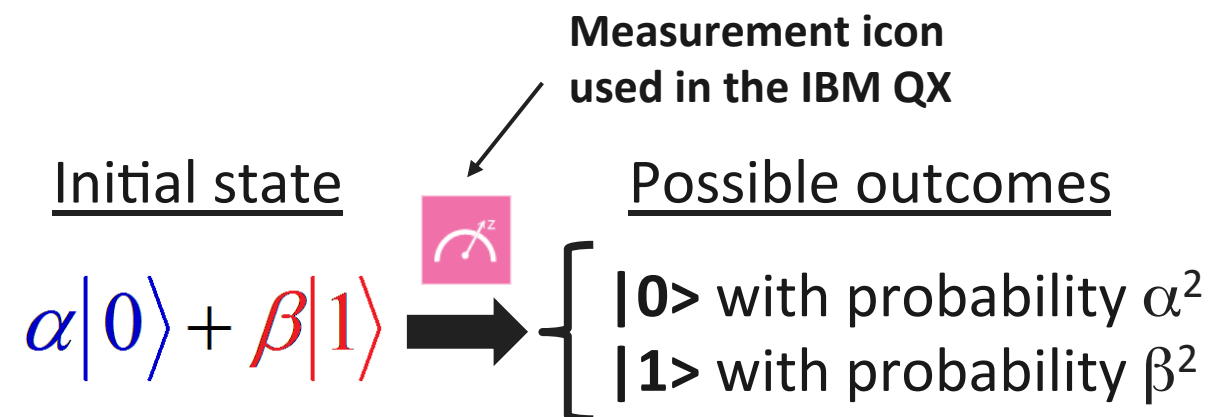
$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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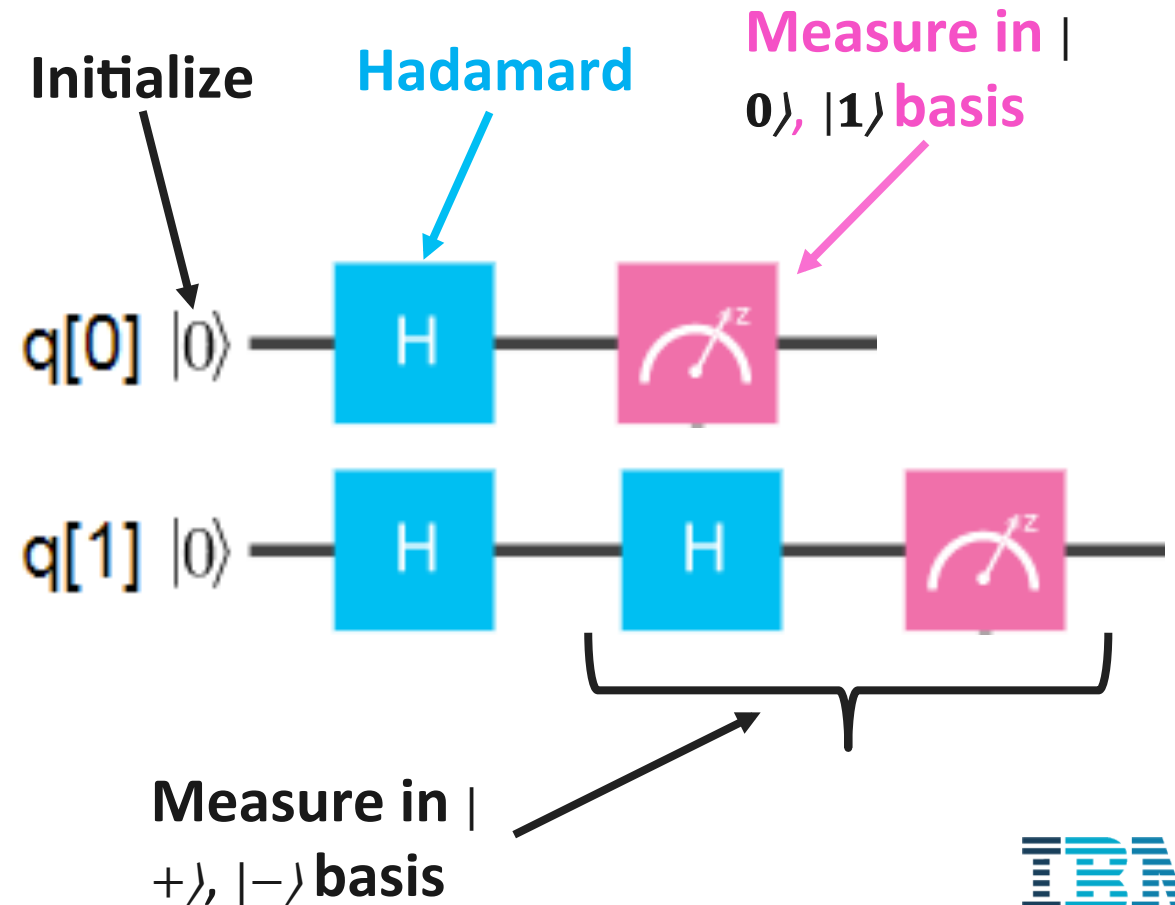
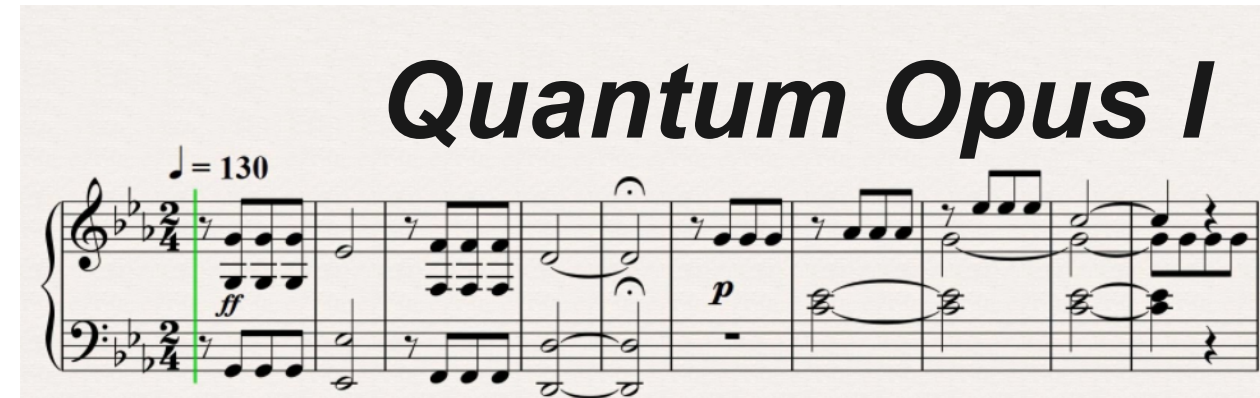
# Qubit measurements

- **Standard measurement in the computational basis:**
  - Collapses any superposition into one of the two classical states:  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$
- **Measurement in other bases:**
  - Measurement itself is only sensitive to  $|0\rangle$  vs  $|1\rangle$
  - To measure in other bases, rotate first
  - Example: to distinguish  $|+\rangle$  from  $|-\rangle$ , apply Hadamard before measuring
    - If state was  $|+\rangle$ , measure  $|0\rangle$
    - If state was  $|-\rangle$ , measure  $|1\rangle$



# A simple “quantum score”

- Visual representation of a series of operations performed on a **quantum register** (a set of qubits grouped together)
- N-qubit quantum register: qubits  $q[0] - q[N-1]$
- After measurement, results stored in *classical register* as  $c[0] - c[N-1]$
- Example quantum score on 2-qubit register:
  - Initialize both qubits in  $|0\rangle$
  - Apply Hadamard ( $H$ ) to each qubit
  - Measure  $q[0]$  in the  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  basis
  - Measure  $q[1]$  in the  $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$  basis
- Results:
  - $q[0]$  measurement gives either  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$ , each with 50% probability
  - $q[1]$  measurement always gives  $|0\rangle$ 
    - Infer that  $q[1]$  was in  $|+\rangle$  prior to 2<sup>nd</sup>  $H$

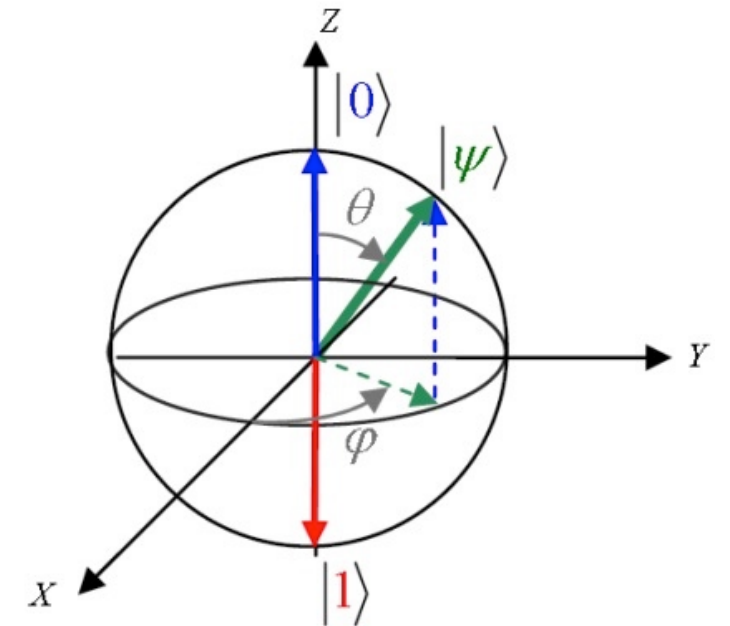


# Multi-qubit operations

- Two-qubit operations:
  - Controlled not (CNOT):
    - Classical behavior: flip target *iff* control is 1

Initial State		Final State	
Control Q	Target Q	Control Q	Target Q
$\alpha   + \beta  $		$\alpha   + \beta  $	

Entangled state!



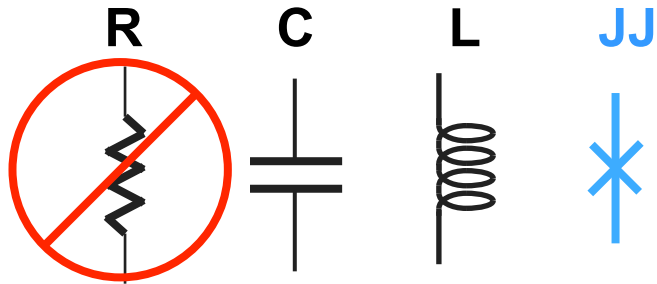
- Controlled phase (CPhase)
  - Same idea but target qubit is flipped around the  $Z$  axis (instead of  $X$ )
  - Equivalent to CNOT up to single-qubit gates



# Superconducting qubits: device properties

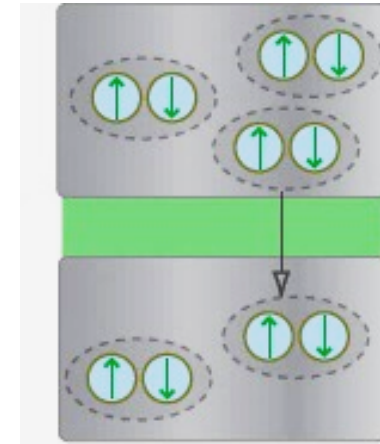
# Superconducting qubit building blocks

## Circuit element toolbox



## Josephson Junction:

- Weak link between two superconductors
  - Typically Al / AlOx / Al
- Key features:
- non-linear inductance
  - dissipationless operation

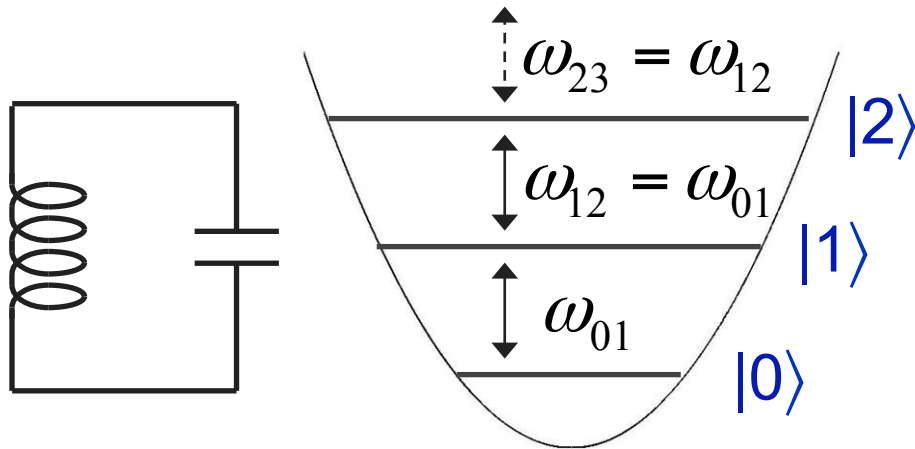


$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} V(t)$$

$$L(\delta) = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_0 \cos(\delta)}$$

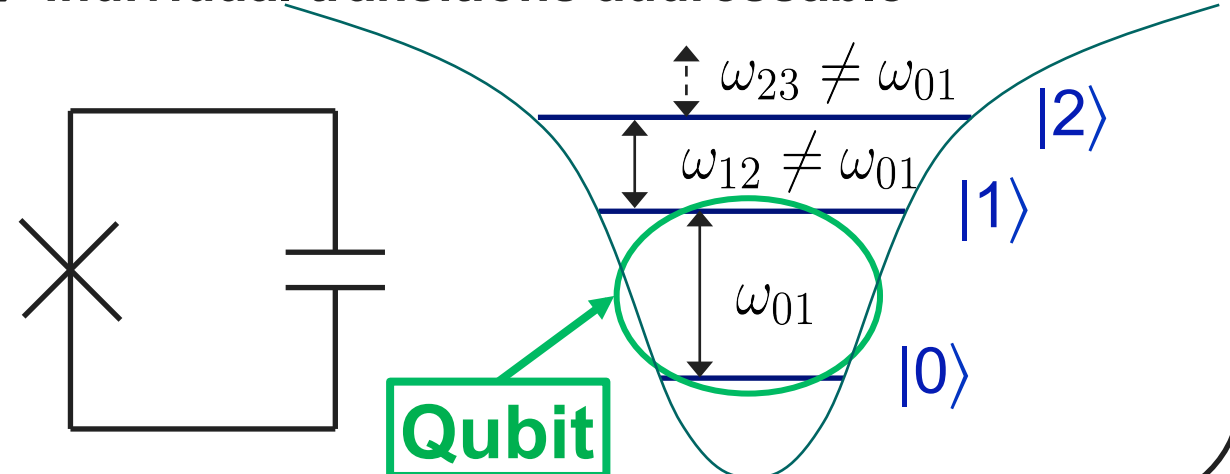
## L-C Oscillator: *harmonic*

→ can't address individual transitions



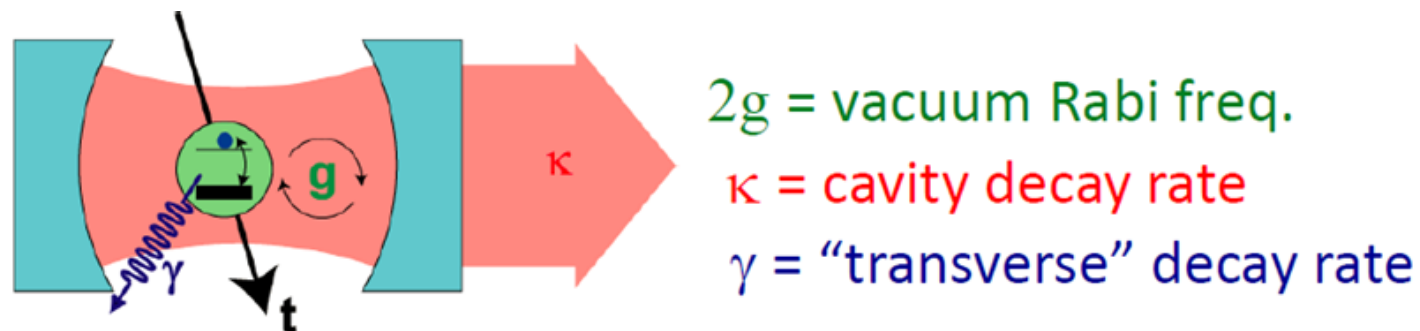
## JJ-C Oscillator: *anharmonic*

→ individual transitions addressable



# Qubit coupling via resonators: circuit QED (cQED)

- Qubit interacts with environment via a resonator
- Analogous to an atom in an optical cavity



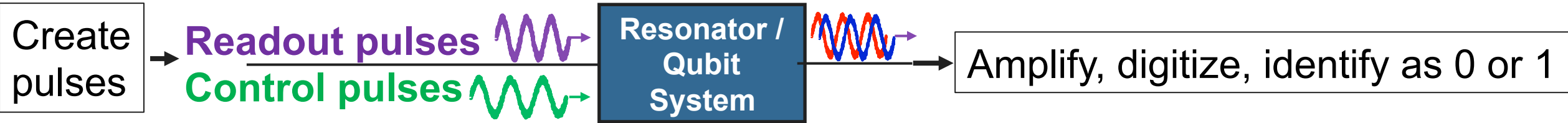
Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_r(a^\dagger a + 1/2) - \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{2}\hat{\sigma}_z - \hbar g(a^\dagger \sigma^- + \sigma^+ a) + H_\kappa + H_\gamma$$

Quantized Field      2-level system      Electric dipole Interaction      Dissipation

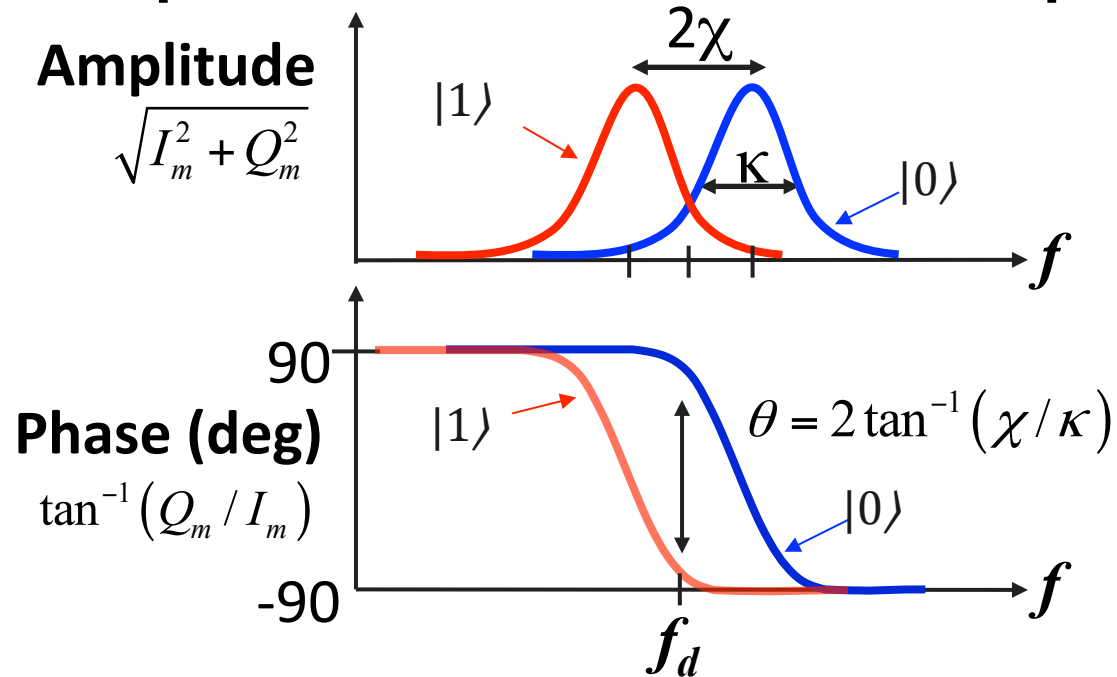
Wallraff et al., Nature 431, 162 (2004)

# Qubit Readout in cQED

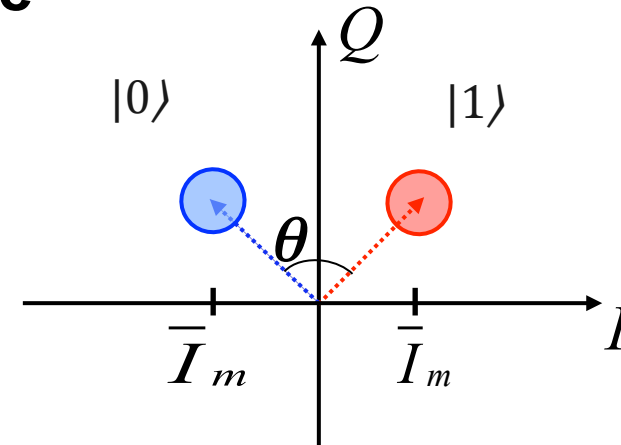


Readout freq. near  $\omega_r$ ; control freq. at  $\omega_0$

Resonator frequency depends on qubit state  
→ Infer qubit state from resonator response



$I$  = in-phase  
 $Q$  = out-of-phase



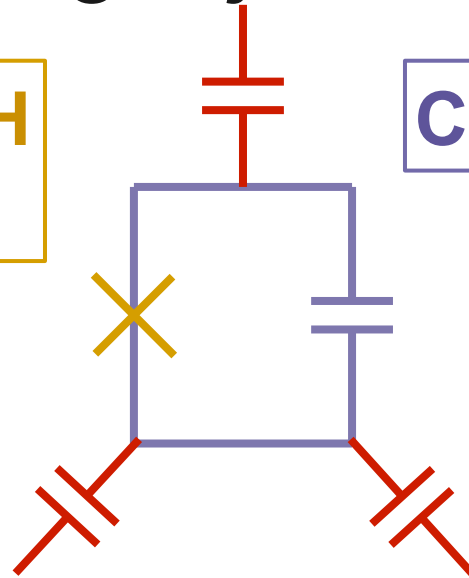
For  $2\chi = \kappa$ ,  $\theta = 90^\circ$

Gambetta et al., PRA 77, 012112 (2008)  
Jeffrey et al., PRL 112, 190504 (2014)  
Magesan et al., PRL 114, 200501 (2015)



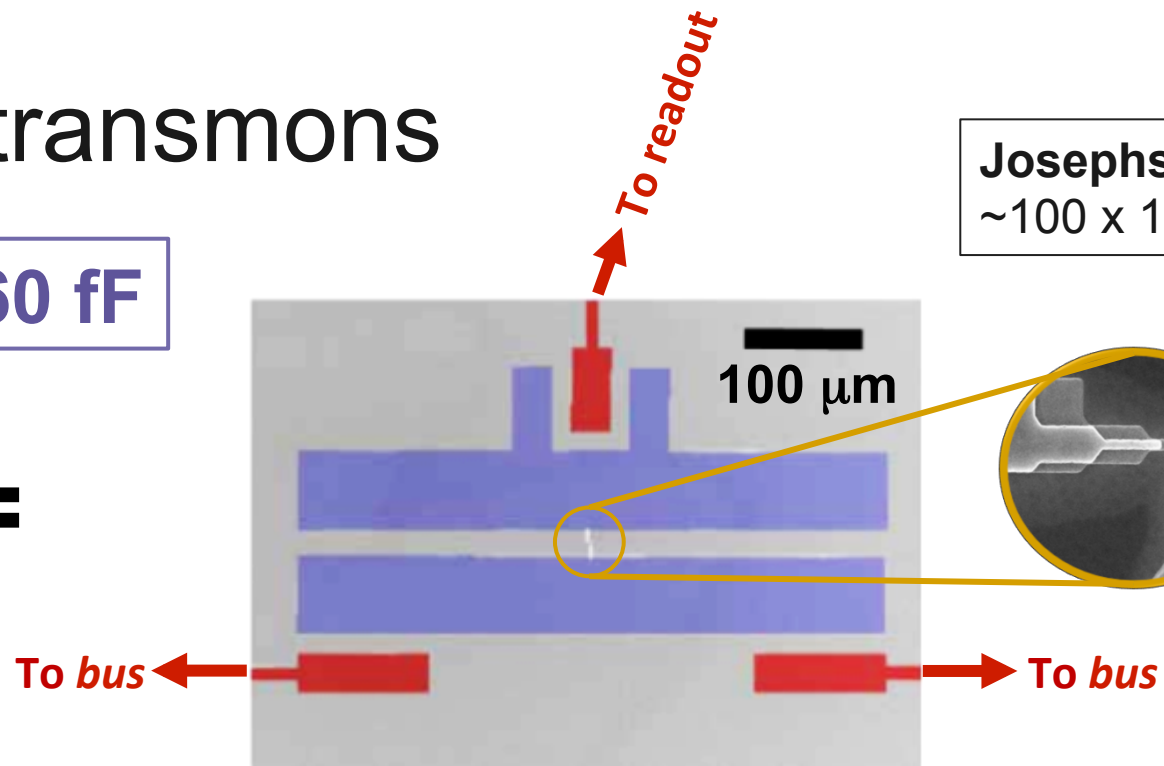
# IBM single-junction transmons

$$L_J \sim 20 \text{ nH}$$
$$C_J \sim 1 \text{ fF}$$



$$C_S \sim 60 \text{ fF}$$

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- Patterned superconducting metal (**niobium + aluminum**) on silicon
  - Qubit capacitance dominated by **shunting capacitance  $C_S$**
- Resonant frequency  $\sim 5 \text{ GHz}$   $\rightarrow$  energy splitting  $\sim 20 \text{ } \mu\text{eV}$ , or 240 mK
  - $\rightarrow$  Cool in a dilution refrigerator ( $\sim 10 \text{ mK}$ ) to reach ground state
- Interactions mediated by **capacitively coupled co-planar waveguide resonators** (circuit QED)

# Anatomy of a multi-qubit device

## Qubits:

Single-junction transmon  
Frequency  $\sim 5$  GHz  
Anharmonicity  $\sim 0.3$  GHz

## Resonators:

Co-planar waveguide  
Frequency  $\sim 6 - 7$  GHz

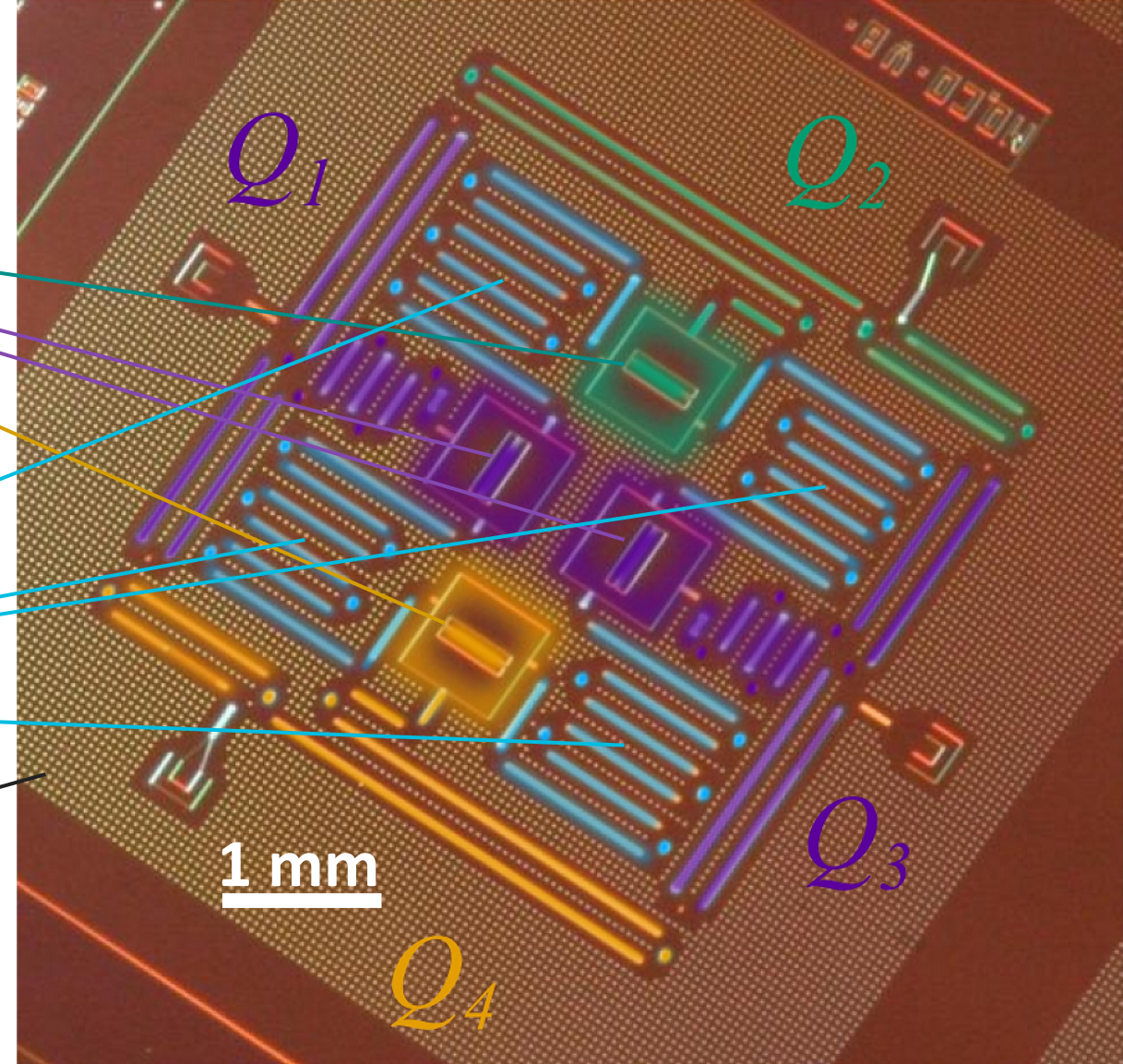
## Roles:

Individual qubit readout

**Qubit coupling ("bus")**

## Ground plane

Periodic holes prevent stray magnetic field from hurting superconductor performance



Corcoles et al., Nat. Commun. 6, 6979 (2015)

# IBM Quantum Experience







## Performing Quantum Computing Experiments in the Cloud

Simon J. Devitt

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PHYSICAL REVIEW A **94**, 012314 (2016)

## Experimental test of Mermin inequalities on a five-qubit quantum computer

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(Received 25 May 2016; published 11 July 2016)

## Experimental Comparison of Two Quantum Computing Architectures

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## Compressed quantum computation using the IBM Quantum Experience

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The notion of compressed quantum computation is employed to

## ProjectQ: An Open Source Software Framework for Quantum Computing

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(Dated: December 28, 2016)

We introduce ProjectQ, an open source software framework for quantum computing. It features a compiler framework and a simulator with emulation capabilities. We introduce our PyQ interface to provide example implementations of quantum algorithms through simulation. A back-end connecting to the IBM Quantum Experience allows users to provide back-end compilation or provide plug-in strategies.

## Quintuple: a Python 5-qubit quantum computer simulator to facilitate cloud quantum computing

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## Braiding Majoranas in a five qubit experiment

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(Dated: September 27, 2016)

the mainstream approach to quantum computing is to encode quantum information with qubits as if they were particles. Speculating that a kind of non-Abelian anyon braiding can be implemented. In this paper we discuss the code Majoranas. This is

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## Entropic uncertainty and measurement reversibility

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IBM Quantum Computer and the IBM Quantum Experience

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## A quantum teleportation experiment for undergraduate students

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information these recent years, it becomes more and more interesting to study this research topic to undergraduate students. However, theoretical learning is closely accompanied with experimental

## Homomorphic Encryption Experiments on IBM's Cloud Quantum Computing Platform

He-Liang Huang,<sup>1,2</sup> You-Wei Zhao,<sup>2,3</sup> Tan Li,<sup>1,2</sup> Feng-Guang Li,<sup>1,2</sup> Yu-Tao Du,<sup>1,2</sup> Xiang-Qun Fu,<sup>1,2</sup> Shuo Zhang,<sup>1,2</sup> Xiang Wang,<sup>1,2</sup> and Wan-Su Bao<sup>1,2,✉</sup>

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## Demonstration of *entanglement assisted invariance* on IBM's Quantum Experience

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## Leggett-Garg test of superconducting qubit addressing the clumsiness loophole

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## Quantum state reconstruction made easy: a direct method for tomography

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## Approximate Quantum Adders with Genetic Algorithms: An IBM Quantum Experience

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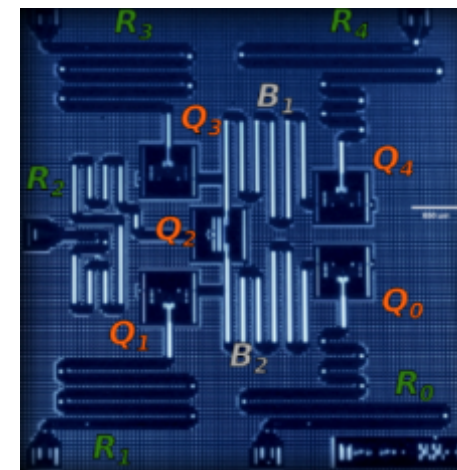
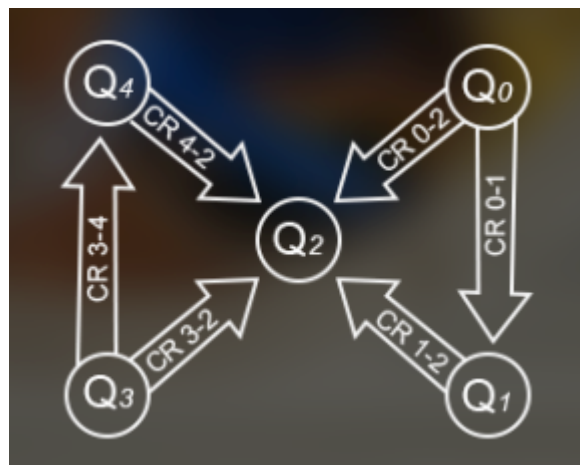
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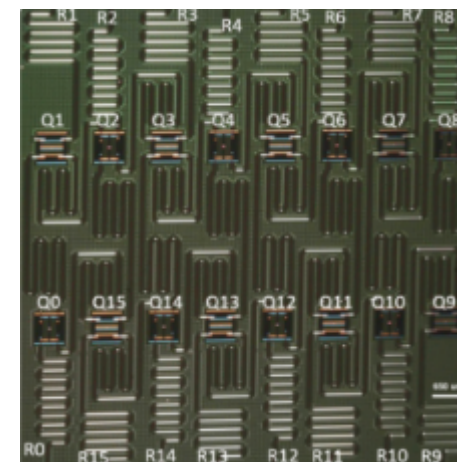
## ABSTRACT

# Real Quantum Processor: Device Details

- **5-qubit device**
  - Single-junction transmons
  - $T_1 \sim T_2 \sim 50 - 100 \mu\text{s}$
  - 1Q gate fidelities  $> 99\%$
  - 2Q gate fidelities  $> 95\%$
  - Measurement fidelities  $> 93\%$
  - Connectivity: 6 CNOTs available

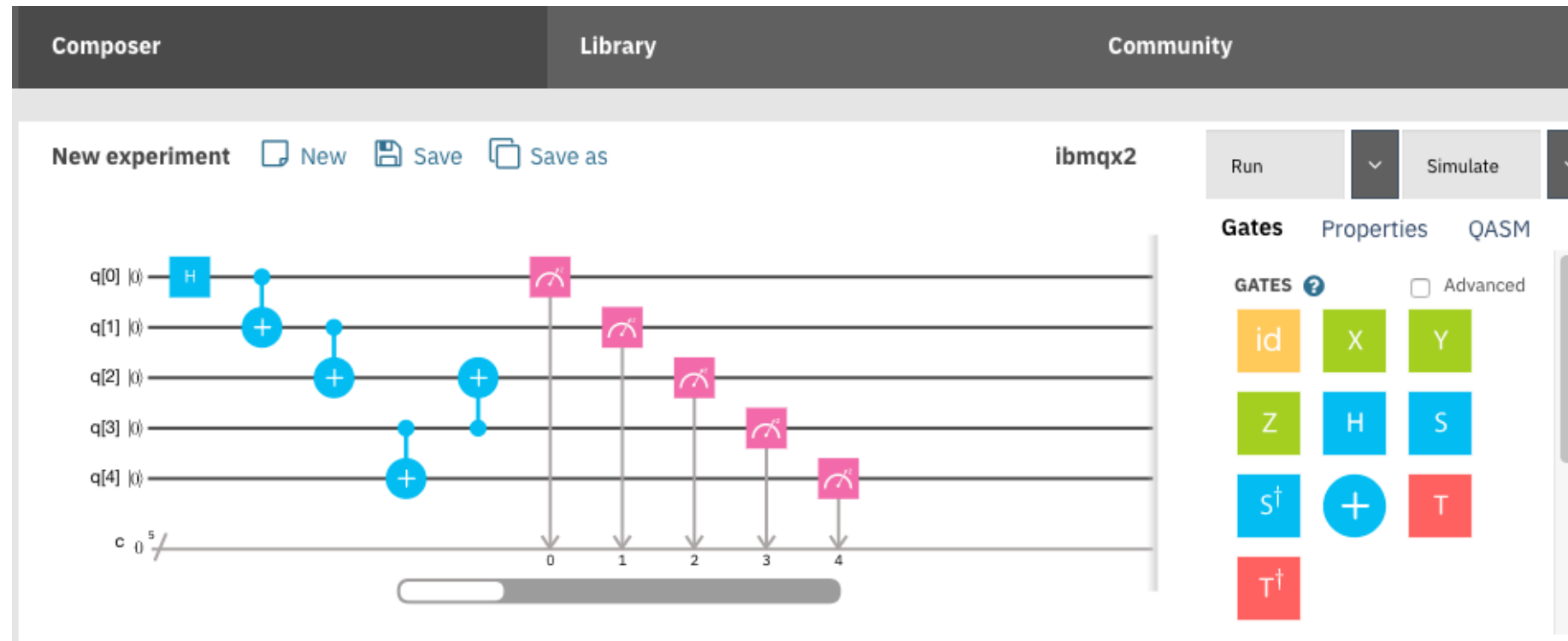


- **16-qubit device (NEW!)**
  - Access through QISKit API only



# IBM QX: Web Interface

- <https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net>
- **Graphical composer**
  - Compose quantum circuits using drag and drop interface
  - Save circuits online or as QASM text, and import later
  - Run circuits on real hardware and simulator





# IBM QX: Web Interface

- <https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net>
- Library
  - User guides for all levels (beginner, advanced, developer)
  - Run examples in composer

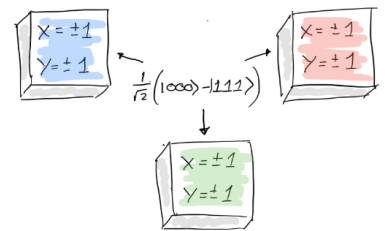
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## Multiple Qubits, Gates, and Entangled States

### GHZ States

Perhaps even stranger than Bell states are their three-qubit generalization, the *GHZ states*. An example of one of these states is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$ . The measured results should be half  $|000\rangle$  and half  $|111\rangle$ . GHZ states are named after Greenberger, Horne, and Zeilinger, who were the first to study them in 1997. GHZ states are also known as "Schrödinger cat states" or just "cat states."

In the 1990 paper by N. David Mermin, *What's wrong with these elements of reality?*, the GHZ states demonstrate an even stronger violation of local reality than Bell's inequality. Instead of a *probabilistic* violation of an inequality, the GHZ states lead to a *deterministic* violation of an equality.




Imagine you have three independent systems which we denote by a blue, red, and green box. You are asked to solve the following problem: in each box there are two questions, labeled  $X$  and  $Y$ , that have only two possible outcomes,  $+1$  or  $-1$ . You must come up with a solution to the following set of identities.

$XYX = 1$   
 $YYX = 1$   
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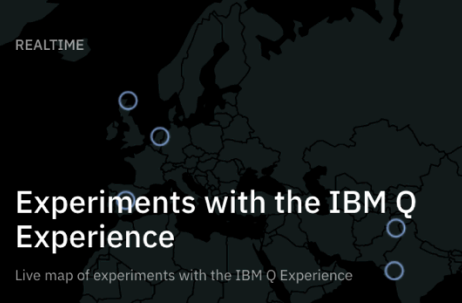
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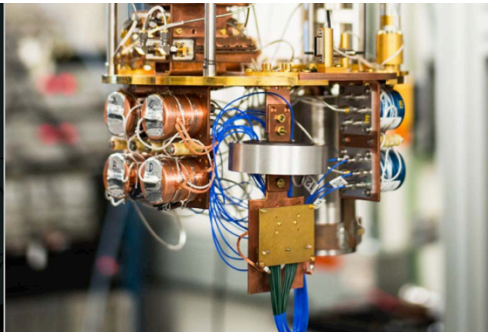
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Live map of experiments with the IBM Q Experience





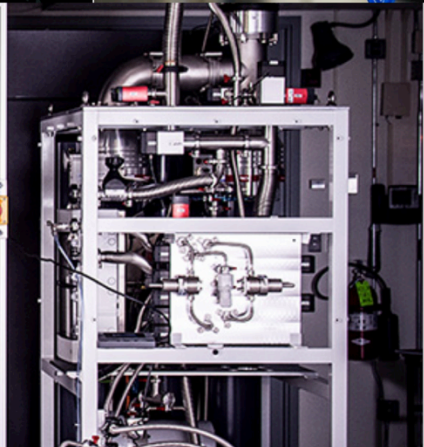

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Just starting out? This guide takes you through the basics of quantum computing




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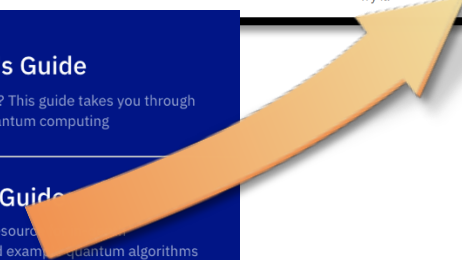




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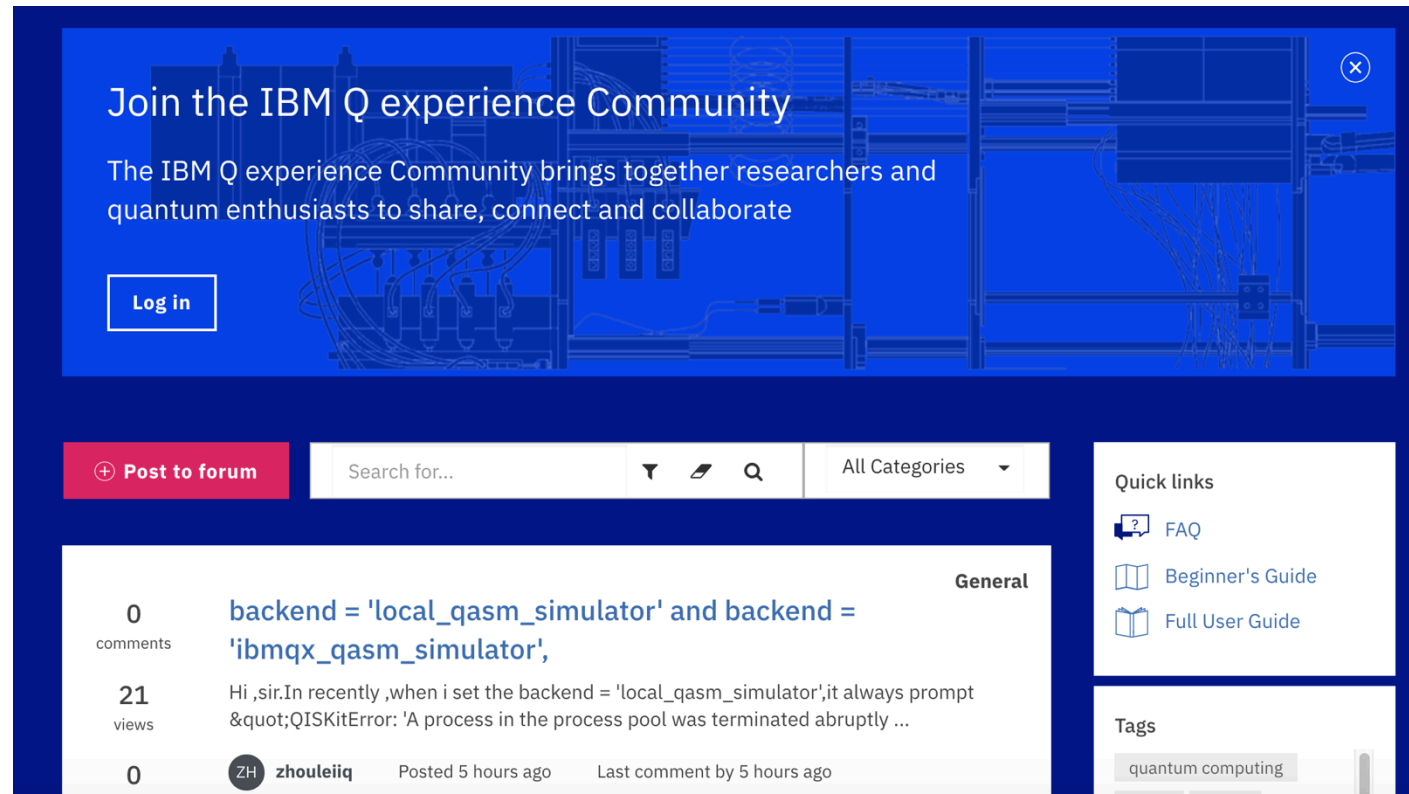
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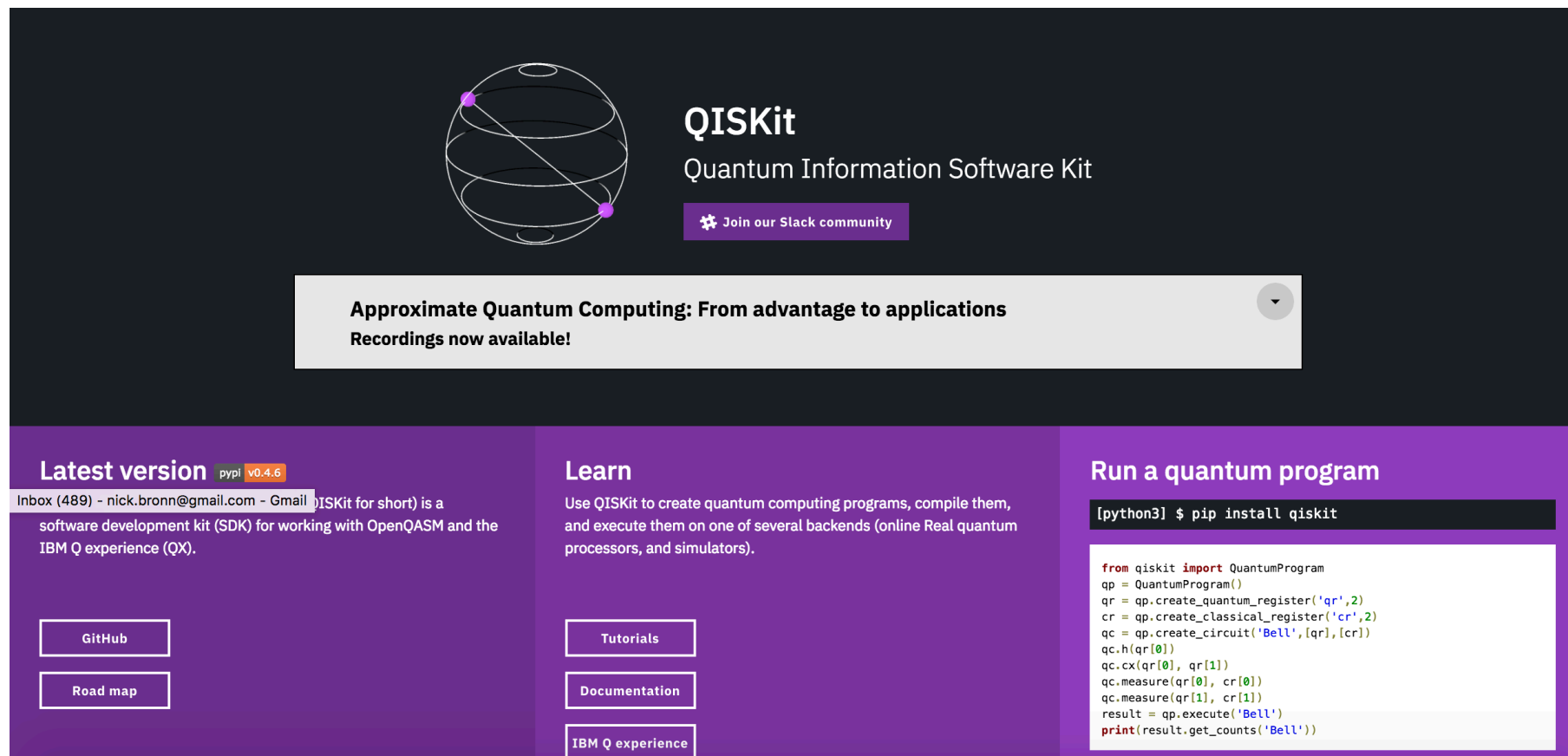
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- [www.qiskit.org](http://www.qiskit.org)
- Open source project for quantum software development tools



The screenshot shows the QISKit website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the QISKit logo (a sphere with a grid) and the text "QISKit Quantum Information Software Kit". Below the logo is a purple button that says "Join our Slack community". A white banner in the center of the header contains the text "Approximate Quantum Computing: From advantage to applications" and "Recordings now available!". Below the header, the page is divided into three main sections. The left section, titled "Latest version", shows the version "v0.4.6" and a button for "GitHub". The middle section, titled "Learn", contains a description of QISKit and buttons for "Tutorials", "Documentation", and "IBM Q experience". The right section, titled "Run a quantum program", shows a terminal window with the command "pip install qiskit" and a code block with a quantum circuit example.

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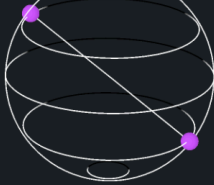
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jupyter index (autosaved) Logout

File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Help Trusted Python 3

1. Introducing the tools

In this first topic, we break down the tools in the QISKit SDK, and introduce all the different parts to make this useful. Our list of introductory notebooks:

- [Getting started with QISKit SDK](#) - how to use QISKit SDK.
- [Understanding the different backends](#) - how to get information about the connected backends.
- [Compiling and running a quantum program](#) - how to rewrite circuits to different backends.
- [Running a quantum program on IBM DSX](#) - how to run a quantum notebook directly using [IBM Data Science Experience](#) (i.e. without installing any dependencies locally!)
- Loading and Saving a Quantum Program [coming soon].
- [Visualizing a quantum state](#) - illustrates the different tools we have for visualizing a quantum state.
- [Quantum gates and linear algebra](#) - list all basic gates and their definitions

2. Exploring quantum information concepts

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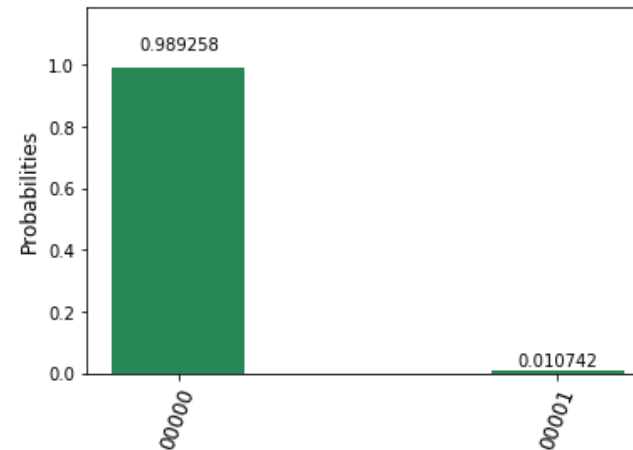
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```
In [5]: result = Q_program.execute(circuits, backend=backend, shots=shots, max_credits=3, wait=10, timeout=240, silent=False)
```

```
running on backend: ibmqx2  
status = RUNNING (10 seconds)  
status = RUNNING (20 seconds)
```

After the run has been completed, the data can be extracted from the API output and plotted.

```
In [6]: plot_histogram(result.get_counts('ground'))
```





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## Getting Started

The starting point for writing code is the QuantumProgram object. The QuantumProgram is a collection of circuits, or scores if you are coming from the Quantum Experience, quantum register objects, and classical register objects. The QuantumProgram methods can send these circuits to quantum hardware or simulator backends and collect the results for further analysis.

To compose and run a circuit on a simulator, which is distributed with this project, one can do,

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The get\_counts method outputs a dictionary of state:counts pairs;

```
{'00': 531, '11': 493}
```

# Using the Web Interface

# IBMQX: Getting started

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New Experiment

Quantum Registers

Name

q

Number of Qubits

2

+ Add Quantum Register

Classical Registers

Name

c

Number of bits

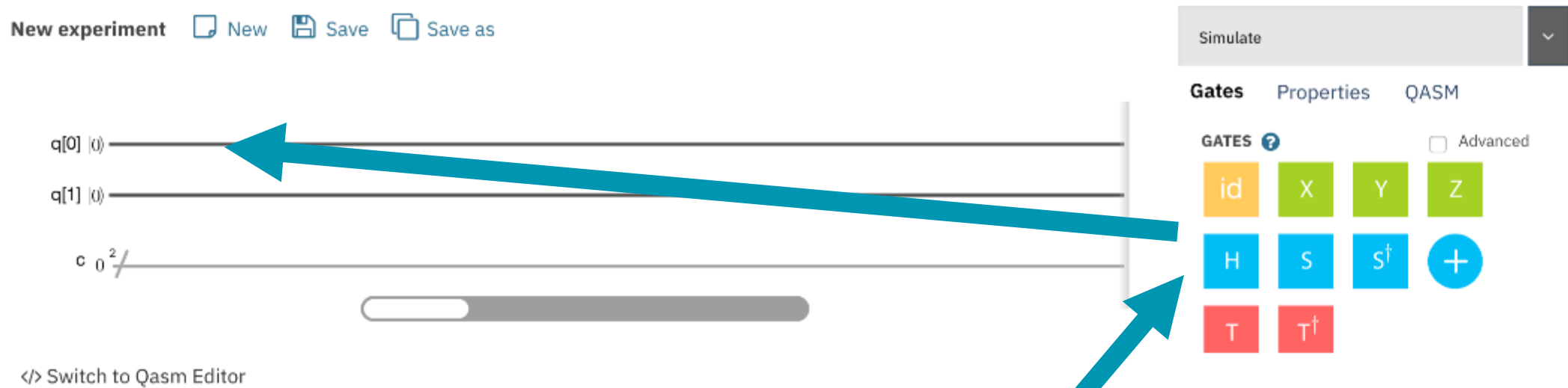
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+ Add Classical Register

Set Topology

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**Drag and drop gates onto the score**

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The screenshot displays the IBMQX Quantum Experience interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'New experiment', 'New', 'Save', and 'Save as'. The main area shows a quantum circuit for two qubits, q[0] and q[1], both initialized to  $|0\rangle$ . The circuit includes an H gate on q[0], followed by CNOT gates (blue circles with a plus sign) from q[0] to q[1] and from q[1] to q[0]. A T gate (red square) is applied to q[1]. The circuit concludes with measurement gates (pink squares with a meter symbol) on both qubits, with classical outputs labeled 0 and 1. A progress bar at the bottom indicates the simulation status. On the right, a 'Simulate' button is visible. Below it, the 'Gates' tab is active, showing a library of quantum gates: id (yellow), X (green), Y (green), Z (green), H (blue), S (blue),  $S^\dagger$  (blue),  $T$  (red),  $T^\dagger$  (red), and a CNOT gate (blue circle with a plus sign). An 'Advanced' checkbox is also present. A blue oval highlights the '</> Switch to Qasm Editor' button in the bottom left corner.

- Score is translated into OPENQASM (a Quantum Assembly Language) behind the scene



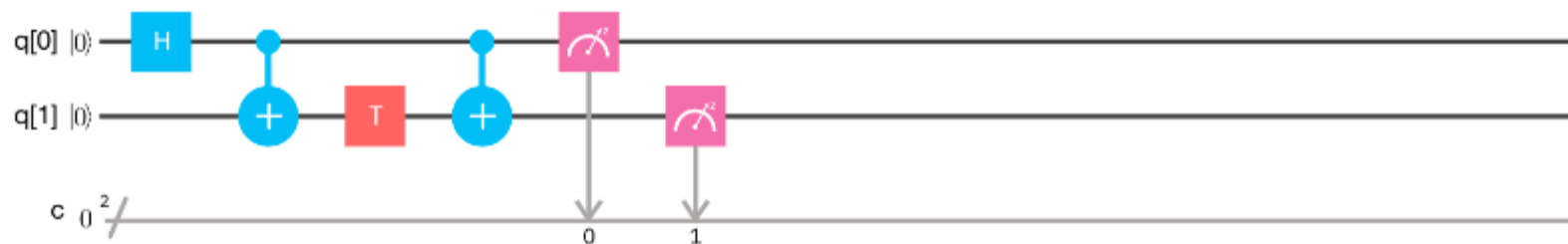
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Simulate

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```



 Import QASM

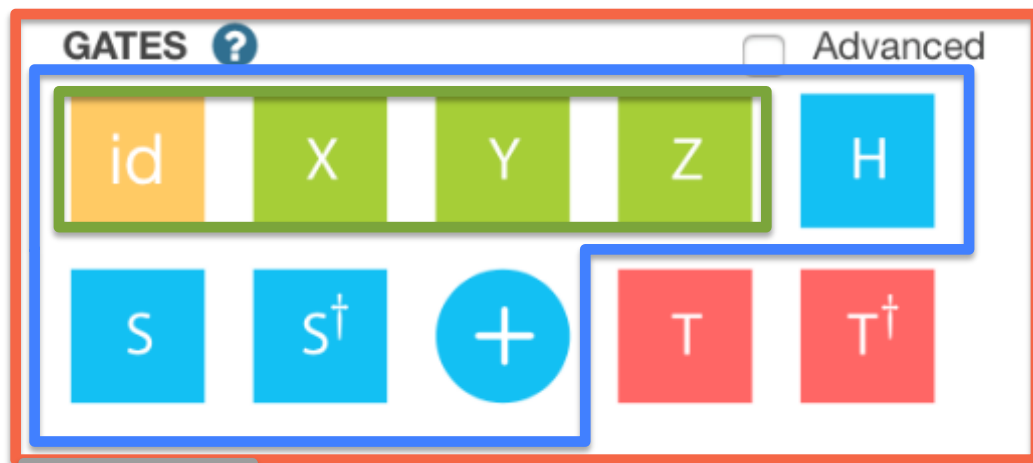
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# Basic Operation

- Universal gate set is available



Pauli gates

Clifford gates

Universal  
gate set



Barriers

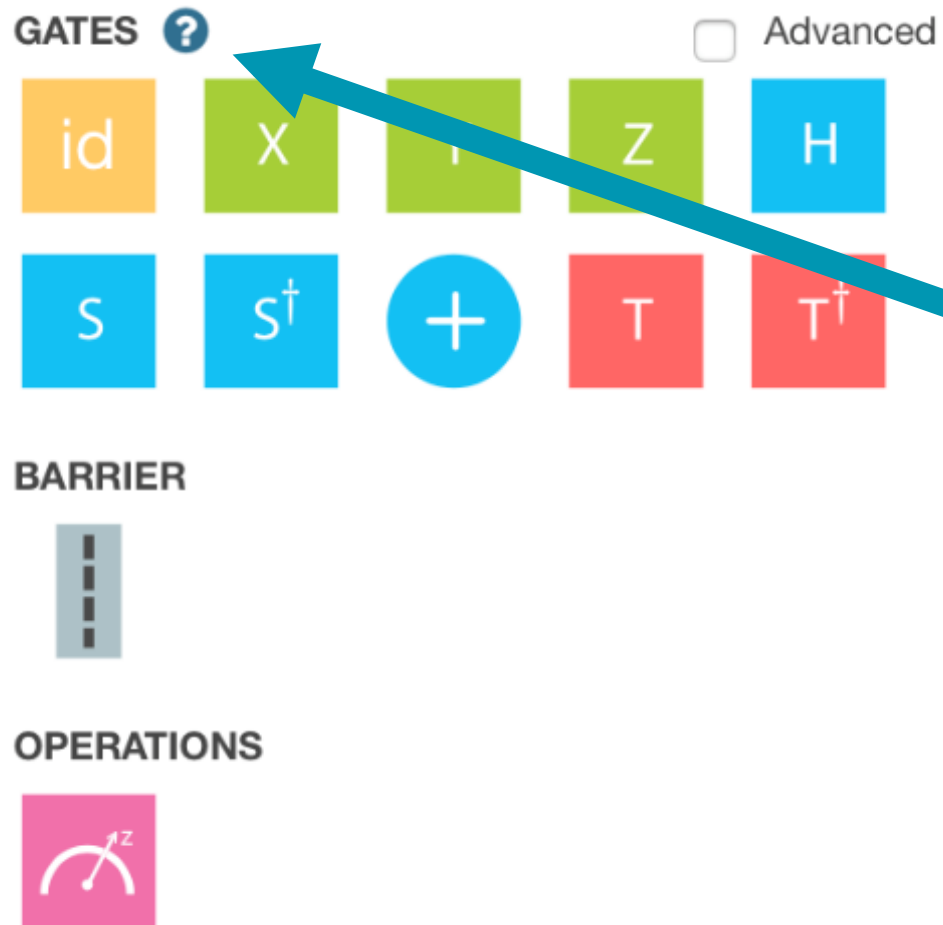
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Measurements

# Basic Operation

- Universal gate set is available



Get additional information  
about gates by clicking here

# Basic Operation

## Help



U1

The first physical gate of the Quantum Experience. It is a one parameter single-qubit phase gate with zero duration.

QASM   Matrix

```
gate u2(phi,lambda) q {  
  U(pi/2,phi,lambda) q;  
}
```

QASM   Matrix

U3

The third physical gate of the Quantum Experience.

```
[[cos(theta/2), -exp(1i*lambda)
```

QASM   Matrix

id

The identity gate performs an idle operation on the qubit for a time equal to one unit of time.

QASM   Matrix

X

The Pauli  $X$  gate is a  $\pi$ -rotation around the  $X$  axis and has the property that  $X \rightarrow X$ ,  $Z \rightarrow -Z$ . Also referred to as a bit-flip.

QASM   Matrix

Y

The Pauli  $Y$  gate is a  $\pi$ -rotation around the  $Y$  axis and has the property that  $X \rightarrow -X$ ,  $Z \rightarrow -Z$ . This is both a bit-flip and a phase-flip, and satisfies  $Y = XZ$ .

QASM   Matrix

Z

The Pauli  $Z$  gate is a  $\pi$ -rotation around the  $Z$  axis and has the property that  $X \rightarrow -X$ ,  $Z \rightarrow Z$ . Also referred to as a phase-flip.

QASM   Matrix

H

The Hadamard gate has the property that it maps  $X \rightarrow Z$ , and  $Z \rightarrow X$ . This gate is required to make superpositions.

QASM   Matrix





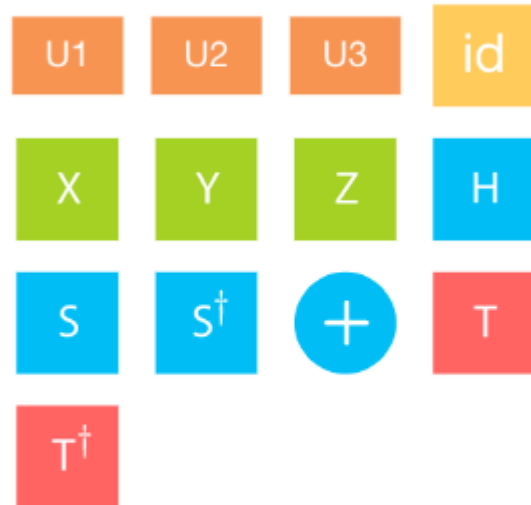
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- Advanced 2-qubit gate subroutines

Gates Properties QASM

GATES ?

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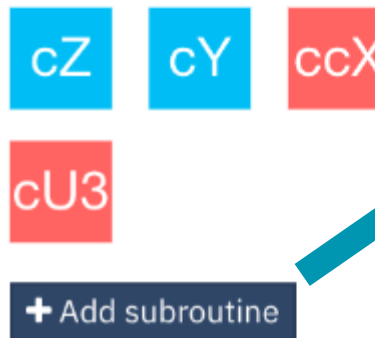
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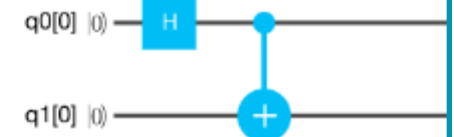


SUBROUTINE



New Subroutine

```
1 gate entU q0, q1 {  
2   h q0;  
3   cx q0, q1;}
```



Add

This gate generates a maximally entangled Bell state from the initial state

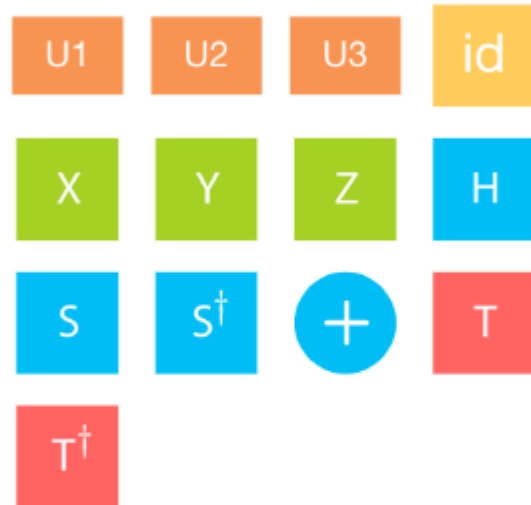
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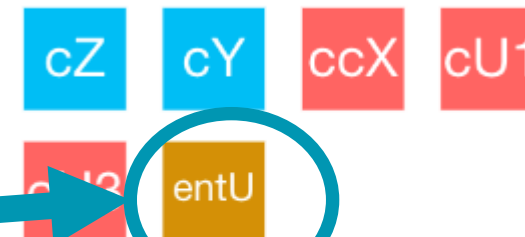


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+ Add subroutine

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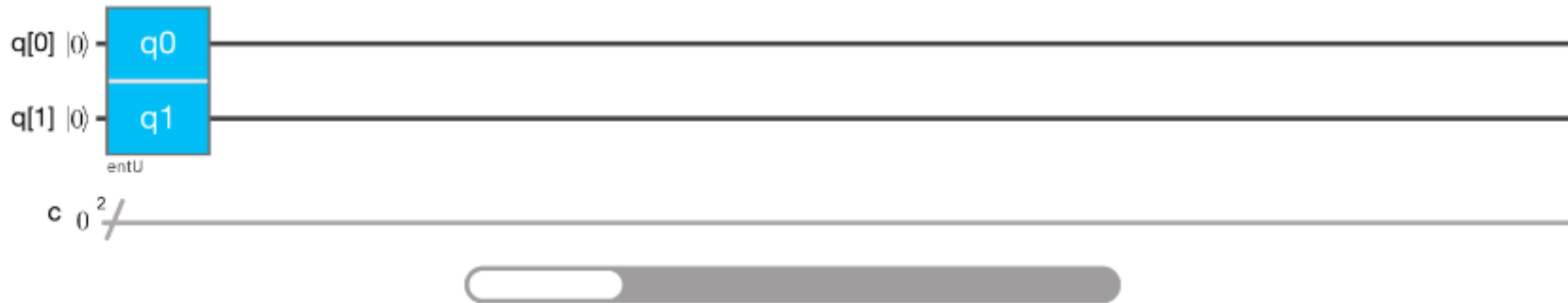


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# Generating an entangled state

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- We clear the score and drag the new subroutine onto score

New experiment  New  Save  Save as



Simulate

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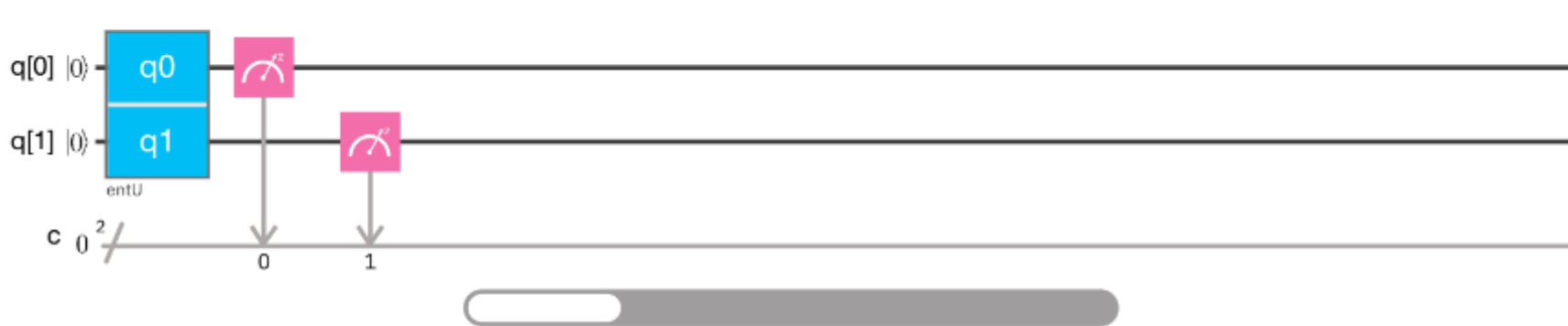
 Export QASM

```
1 include "qelib1.inc";
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3 creg c[2];
4 gate entU q0,q1 {
5   h q0;
6   cx q0,q1;
7 }
8
9 entU q[0],q[1];
10
```

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New experiment   New   Save   Save as



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# Generating an entangled state

- Now we choose the simulation or experiment parameters
- Choose number of shots

Click here to choose number of shots for simulation or experiment

New experiment  New  Save  Save as



Simulate 

Shots: 100

Seed: Random

[Edit parameters](#)

```
2 qreg q[2];
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Edit Execution Parameters of Simulation

Number of shots (between 1 and 8192)

1024

Seed

By Default the Seed is: Random

Cancel

Ok

Simulate

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Edit parameters

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- Click simulate to run simulation

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### Name your experiment

Your experiment will be saved before executing it. Please, enter a name for your experiment:

**Experiment name**

Cancel OK

Simulate

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Seed: Random  
[Edit parameters](#)

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# Experiment Results

- After running we may view the experiment results

Count data can be  
exported as CSV file



Download CSV

## Quantum State: Computation Basis



# Experiment Results

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## Quantum Circuit



Executed on: Sep 13, 2017 3:03:29 PM

Number of shots: 1024

Results date: Sep 13, 2017 3:03:29 PM

Seed: 835942009

Download All Data



# Using the QISKit SDK

# QISKit: Getting started

- Download qiskit-tutorial from <https://github.com/QISKit/qiskit-tutorial>
- Install qiskit (optionally download SDK from <https://github.com/QISKit/qiskit-sdk-py>)
- Navigate to qiskit-tutorial folder and launch Jupyter notebook

```
1. cjwood@christophers-MacBook-Pro: ~/Documents/IBM-Git/qiskit-tutorial  
→ qiskit-tutorial git:(master) X pip install qiskit; jupyter notebook
```

- Create a new Python 3 notebook and import qiskit

```
In [1]: # Import QISKit  
import qiskit  
from qiskit import QuantumProgram # basic QISKit object  
  
# Add IBMQX API token and URL. Needed for online access  
API_TOKEN = "your_quantum_experience_api_token_here"  
API_URL = 'https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net/api'
```

# Programming a Quantum Experiment

The most important part of QISKit is the **QuantumProgram** class.

- Roughly equivalent to the score on web interface
- Used to build and store quantum circuits
- Import or export QASM
- Interface with backends to run experiments (on real hardware or simulators)

## Designing an experiment

1. Create a new QuantumProgram
2. Add 1 or more quantum registers
3. Add 1 or more classical registers

```
In [2]: # Initialize a new quantum program
qp = QuantumProgram()

# Add a 2-qubit quantum register "qr"
qr = qp.create_quantum_register("qr", 2)
|
# Add a 2-bit register "cr" to record results
cr = qp.create_classical_register("cr", 2)
```

# Programming a Quantum Experiment

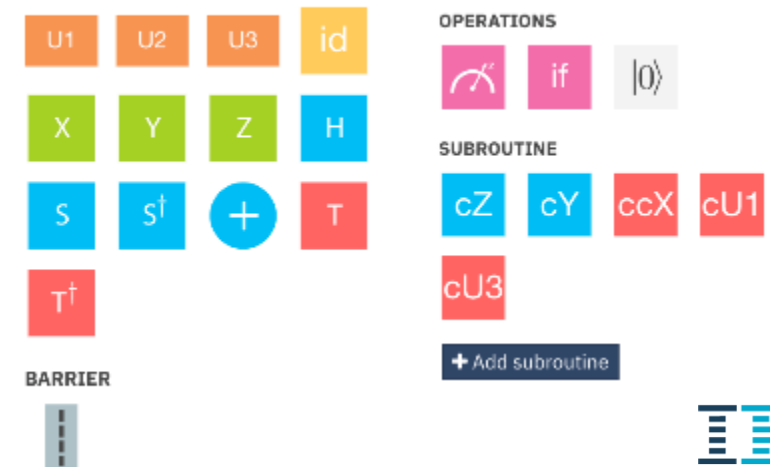
## Adding a circuit to a QuantumProgram

- Next we create a new circuit to prepare a 2-qubit entangled state:  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
- We must first create an empty circuit with a name (label). We use “*example*”
- Use circuit methods to add gates to the circuit:

```
In [3]: # Create a new empty circuit which uses these registers
circ = qp.create_circuit('example', [qr], [cr])
circ.h(qr[0]) # add Hadamard gates to qubit-0
circ.cx(qr[0], qr[1]) # CNOT between qubit-0 and qubit-1
circ.measure(qr, cr) # measure qubits
```

## Available circuit operation methods:

- Single qubit gates (*iden.*, *x*, *y*, *z*, *h*, *s*, *sdg*, *t*, *tdg*, *u1*, *u2*, *u3*)
- Two qubit gates (*cx*, *cy*, *cz*, *cu1*, *cu2*)
- Measurement, reset, and barrier (*measure*, *reset*, *barrier*)



# Programming a Quantum Experiment

- The quantum program now contains a single circuit that we may view:

```
In [4]: qp.get_circuit_names()  
Out[4]: dict_keys(['example'])
```

- We may also view the QASM for this circuit:

```
In [5]: qasm = qp.get_qasm('example')  
print(qasm)  
  
OPENQASM 2.0;  
include "qelib1.inc";  
qreg qr[2];  
creg cr[2];  
h qr[0];  
cx qr[0],qr[1];  
measure qr[0] -> cr[0];  
measure qr[1] -> cr[1];
```



# Programming a Quantum Experiment

## Executing the circuit on a simulator

- We may view available backends for running a circuit:

```
In [6]: qp.available_backends()
```

```
Out[6]: ['local_qasm_cpp_simulator', 'local_qasm_simulator', 'local_unitary_simulator']
```

- To use online backends we must set our API token and URL as follows:

```
In [7]: qp.set_api(API_TOKEN, API_URL)  
qp.available_backends()
```

```
Out[7]: ['ibmqx3',  
         'ibmqx2',  
         'ibmqx_qasm_simulator',  
         'local_qasm_cpp_simulator',  
         'local_qasm_simulator',  
         'local_unitary_simulator']
```

# Programming a Quantum Experiment

## Executing the circuit on a simulator

- We will run on the *'local\_qasm\_simulator'* which is an offline Python simulator.
- This is done using the **execute** command and returns a dictionary containing results:

```
In [7]: backend = 'local_qasm_simulator'
shots = 1024
results = qp.execute('example', backend='local_qasm_simulator', shots=1024)
data = results.get_data('example')
print(data)

{'counts': {'00': 509, '11': 515}}
```

- The results contain a list of counts.
- Counts can also be accessed directly by method: ***results.get\_counts('example')***
- **Note:** Different backends may return different types of results in the data dictionary
- **Note:** A list of many circuits can be submitted at once by the execute command

# Simulator Features

We claimed that we prepared an entangled state? How can we verify this?

- Using the simulator in QISKit we may cheat and look directly at the state:
- **To do this create new circuit to prepare the state *without measurement*:**

```
In [8]: # Create a new empty circuit which uses these registers
circ = qp.create_circuit('bell', [qr], [cr])
circ.h(qr[0]) # add Hadamard gates to qubit-0
circ.cx(qr[0], qr[1]) # CNOT between qubit-0 and qubit-1
```

- **Execute:** using shots = 1 to obtain the quantum state vector

```
In [9]: # Execute on simulator for 1 shot
backend = 'local_qasm_simulator'
shots = 1
results = qp.execute('bell', backend='local_qasm_simulator', shots=shots)
data = results.get_data('bell')
print(data)

{'quantum_state': array([ 0.70710678+0.j,  0.00000000+0.j,  0.00000000+0.j,
 0.70710678+0.j]), 'classical_state': 0, 'counts': {'00': 1}}
```

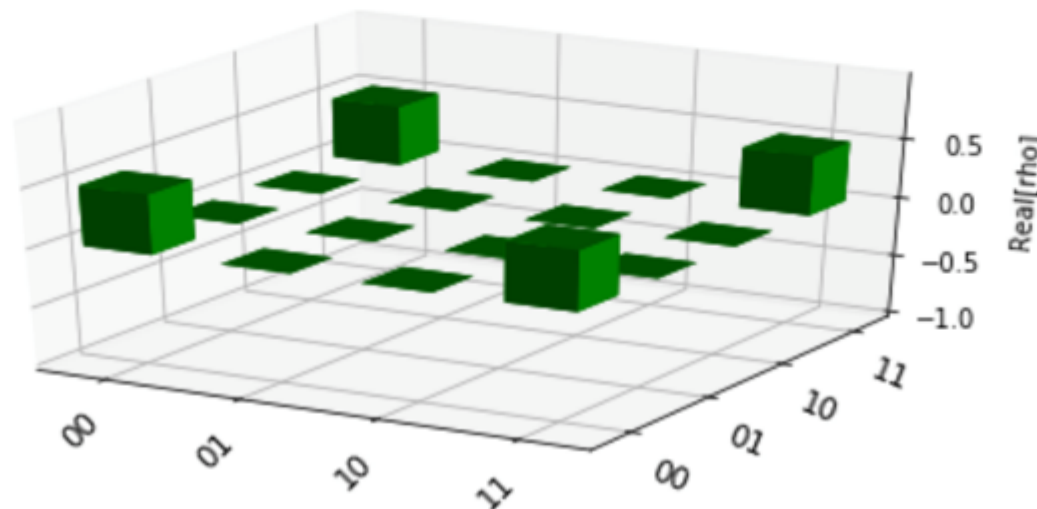
# Plotting States

## Plotting a state using the Visualization module:

- The `qiskit.tools.visualization` model contains several methods of visualizing quantum states:

```
In [10]: # Import QISKit visualization library
from qiskit.tools.visualization import plot_state
from qiskit.tools.qi.qi import outer

# Plot the density matrix of the state
rho = outer(data['quantum_state']) # convert to density matrix
plot_state(rho, method='city')
```



# Combining Circuits

How would we verify the state is entangled on a real experiment?

- We need to measure the state in different bases.
- Create a new measurement circuit

```
In [11]: measZZ = qp.create_circuit('measZZ', [qr], [cr])
         measZZ.measure(qr, cr)
         print(qp.get_qasm('measZZ'))

OPENQASM 2.0;
include "qelib1.inc";
qreg qr[2];
creg cr[2];
measure qr[0] -> cr[0];
measure qr[1] -> cr[1];
```



# Combining Circuits

How would we verify the state is entangled on a real experiment?

- We need to measure the state in different bases.
- Create a new measurement circuit
- The measurement circuit can be appended to another circuit using the **+** operator
- This new circuit can be added to the quantum program using the **add\_circuit** method

```
In [12]: qp.add_circuit('example_mZZ', circ + measZZ)
         print(qp.get_qasm('example_mZZ'))
```

```
OPENQASM 2.0;
include "qelib1.inc";
qreg qr[2];
creg cr[2];
h qr[0];
cx qr[0],qr[1];
measure qr[0] -> cr[0];
measure qr[1] -> cr[1];
```

# Combining Circuits

How would we verify the state is entangled on a real experiment?

- We need to measure the state in different bases.
- ***We can repeat this for additional measurement circuits in different bases***

```
In [13]: # Create circuit to measure both qubits in X basis
measXX = qp.create_circuit('measXX', [qr], [cr])
measXX.h(qr)
measXX.measure(qr, cr)

# Create circuit to measure both qubits in Y basis
measYY = qp.create_circuit('measYY', [qr], [cr])
measYY.h(qr)
measYY.s(qr)
measYY.measure(qr, cr)

# Add circuits to QuantumProgram
qp.add_circuit('example_mXX', circ + measXX)
qp.add_circuit('example_mYY', circ + measYY)
print(qp.get_circuit_names())

dict_keys(['example', 'bell', 'measZZ', 'example_mZZ', 'measXX', 'measY
Y', 'example_mXX', 'example_mYY'])
```

# Combining Circuits

How would we verify the state is entangled on a real experiment?

- We need to measure the state in different bases.
- ***Run these circuits on a backend and get the counts:***

```
In [14]: backend = 'local_qasm_simulator'
shots = 1024
meas_circs = ['example_mZZ', 'example_mXX', 'example_mYY']
meas_res = qp.execute(meas_circs, backend=backend, shots=shots)

for c in meas_circs:
    print('Measured counts:', c)
    print(meas_res.get_counts(c))
```

```
Measured counts: example_mZZ
{'11': 517, '00': 507}
Measured counts: example_mXX
{'11': 520, '00': 504}
Measured counts: example_mYY
{'00': 498, '11': 526}
```

# Explore QISKit

- What next?
- Explore the QISKit tutorial Jupyter notebooks. A good start are the ones in Section 2:

## 2. Exploring quantum information concepts

The next set of notebooks shows how you can explore some simple concepts of quantum information science.

- [Superposition and Entanglement](#) - how to make simple quantum states on one and two qubits, and demonstrates concepts such as quantum superpositions and entanglement.
- [Single-qubit States: Amplitude and Phase](#) - discusses more complicated single-qubit states.
- [Single-qubit Quantum Random Access Coding](#) - how superpositions of one-qubit quantum states can be used to encode two and three bits into one qubit, and how measurements can be used to decode any one bit with a success probability of more than half.
- [Two-qubit Quantum Random Access Coding](#) - how superposition and entanglement can be used to encode seven bits of information into two qubits, such that any one of seven bits can be recovered probabilistically.
- [Entanglement Revisited](#) - the CHSH inequality, and extensions for three qubits (Mermin).
- [Quantum Teleportation](#) - introduces quantum teleportation.
- [Quantum Superdense Coding](#) - introduces the concept of superdense coding.
- [Quantum Fourier Transform](#) - introduces the quantum Fourier transform.
- [Vaidman Detection Test](#) - demonstrates interaction free measurement through the Vaidman bomb detection test.