

Introduction to PycQED


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PycQED is a python platform to control QC experiments

What is PycQED?

- Open source (MIT) Python platform for quantum computing experiments
- Build on top of  QCoDeS
- Integration of OpenQL compiler
- Contains all basic functionality (instrument control, waveform management, data storage, live visualization, library of standard experiments + analysis)
- Widely used and tested
 - Transmons & spin qubits
 - TU Delft, ETH Zurich, UTSydney,



QCoDeS: <https://qcodes.github.io/Qcodes/>

OpenQL: <https://github.com/QE-Lab/OpenQL>



Providing the tools to control QC experiments

Design goals of PycQED

1. Extensible
 - Code is modular and reusable
 - Open source (MIT license)
2. Easy to use
 - Minimal number of concepts
 - Big library of standard experiments
3. Automatable
 - Closed loop between experiment and analysis (single language)
 - Minimal barrier between user and programmer (minimal user interface)

A minimal set of concepts

Core concepts

1. Parameter
2. Instrument
3. Measurement Control
4. Data storage & Analysis

An instrument is a container for parameters

Instrument & parameter

Parameter

- Represents a state variable of the system
- Can be gettable and/or settable
- Contains metadata such as units and labels

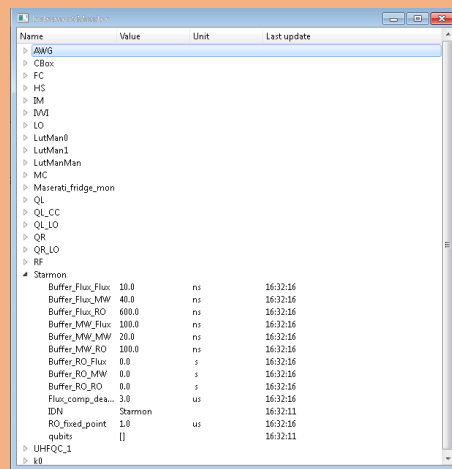
Instrument

- Container for parameters
- Provides standardized interface
- Provides logging of parameters (snapshot)
- Can correspond to physical hardware but can be more general

Example: Rhode & Schwarz Microwave source

```
1 from qcodes import VisaInstrument, validators as vals
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4 class RohdeSchwarz_SGS100A(VisaInstrument):
5     """
6     This is the qcodes driver for the
7     """
8     def __init__(self, name, address,
9                 *args, **kwargs):
10         super().__init__(name, address,
11                         *args, **kwargs)
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13         self.add_parameter(name='frequency',
14                             label='Frequency',
15                             units='Hz',
16                             get_cmd='FREQ?',
17                             set_cmd='FREQ',
18                             vals=vals.Range(0, 10000000000))
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PycQED provides an instrument monitor



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LutMan0			
LutMan1			
LutManMan			
MC			
Maserati_fridge_mon			
QL			
QL_CC			
QL_LO			
QR			
QR_LO			
RF			
Stammon			
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Buffer_Flux_RO	600.0	ns	16:32:16
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Buffer_MW_MW	20.0	ns	16:32:16
Buffer_MW_RO	100.0	ns	16:32:16
Buffer_RO_Flux	0.0	s	16:32:16
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RO_fixed_point	1.0	us	16:32:16
qubits	[]		16:32:11
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Note: Instruments and parameters are implemented using QCoDeS classes. However, the notion of Instruments is generalized in PycQED.



All experiments share a similar structure

Measurement Control

Every experiment consists of:

1. Some parameter(s) is/are varied
2. Some parameter(s) is/are measured
3. Data is saved and analysed

Example: Heterodyne spectroscopy experiment

PycQED syntax


```
1 MC.set_sweep_function(source.frequency)
2 MC.set_sweep_points(np.linspace(start, stop, steps))
3 MC.set_detector_function(HeterodyneDetector())
4 MC.run(name='Heterodyne')
5 ma.MeasurementAnalysis()
```

Measurement Control

- Enforces structure
- Standardizes data storage
- Provides live plotting
- Supports “advanced” experiments
 - Software controlled
 - Hardware controlled
 - 1D/2D/nD
 - Adaptive loop

Demo 1: The Measurement Control

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Tutorial 1. The Measurement Control

This tutorial covers basic usage of PycQED focusing on running basic experiments using `MeasurementControl`. The `MeasurementControl` is the main `Instrument` in charge of running any experiment. It takes care of saving the data in a standardized format as well as live plotting of the data during the experiment. PycQED makes a distinction between soft(ware) controlled measurements and hard(ware) controlled measurements.

In a soft measurement `MeasurementControl` is in charge of the measurement loop and consecutively sets and gets datapoints. A soft measurement can be 1D, 2D or higher dimensional and also supports adaptive measurements in which the datapoints are determined during the measurement loop.

Experiments are stored together with metadata

Data storage

- Every experiment has it's own folder
- Timestamp is used as a unique ID
- Data files contain
 - Dataset (arrays and metadata)
 - Snapshot of all instruments
 - Analysis results (optional)
- Dataformat implemented in HDF5
 - Easy read and write functions
 - Helpers to find files and extract specific parameters

Example: Folder structure of data directory

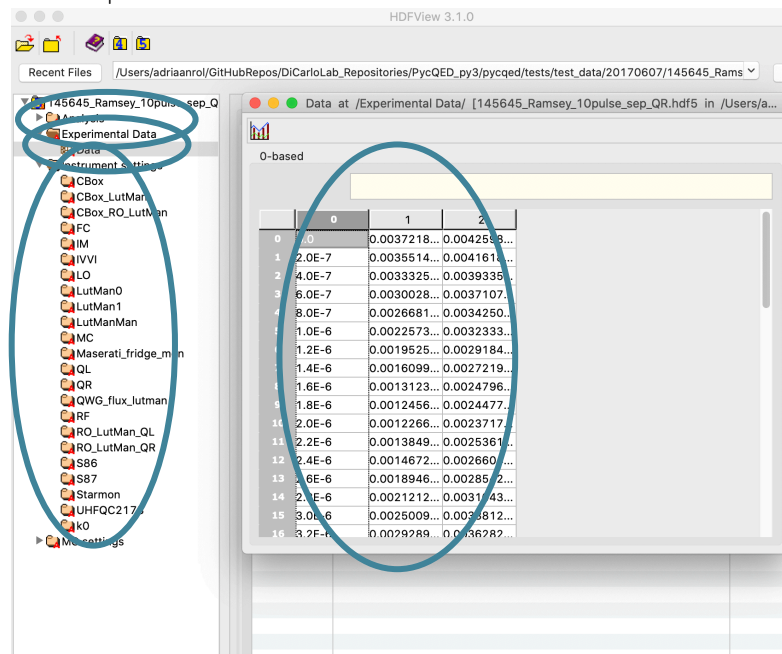
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161456_AliXY_QR	17 Nov 2019 at 17:29	
210448_T1_QR	17 Nov 2019 at 17:29	
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Example: Structure of individual data file

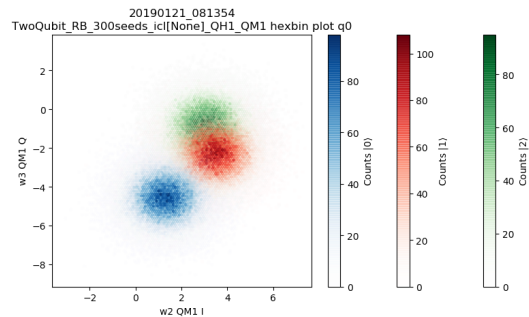
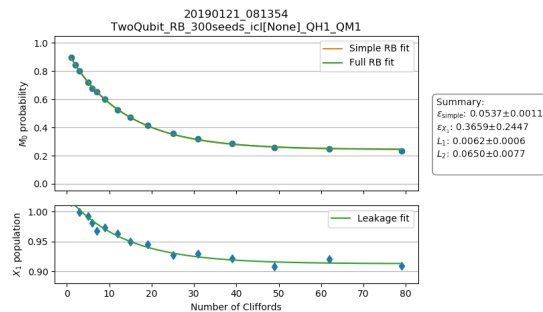


PycQED contains a large library of standard analyses

Analysis

- Share common structure
- Helpers for finding and extracting data
- Fitting using the Imfit library
- Standard figures for each analysis

Example: Analysis for two-qubit randomized benchmarking with leakage modification

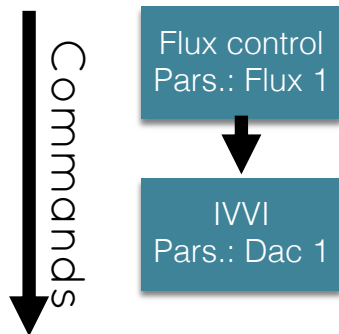


Meta instruments allow layers of abstraction and modularity

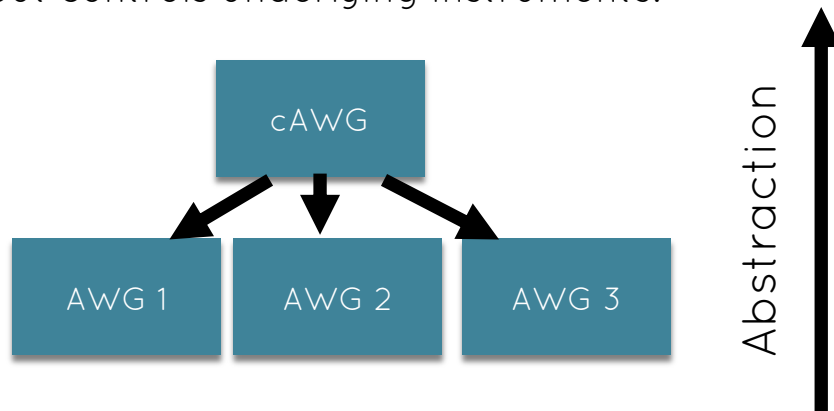
Meta instruments

A **meta-instrument** can contain other instruments but acts like a regular instrument

Example 1: Flux control
Converts flux to dac-voltages using a calibrated correction matrix



Example 2: Composite AWG
Acts as a single multi-channel AWG but controls underlying instruments.

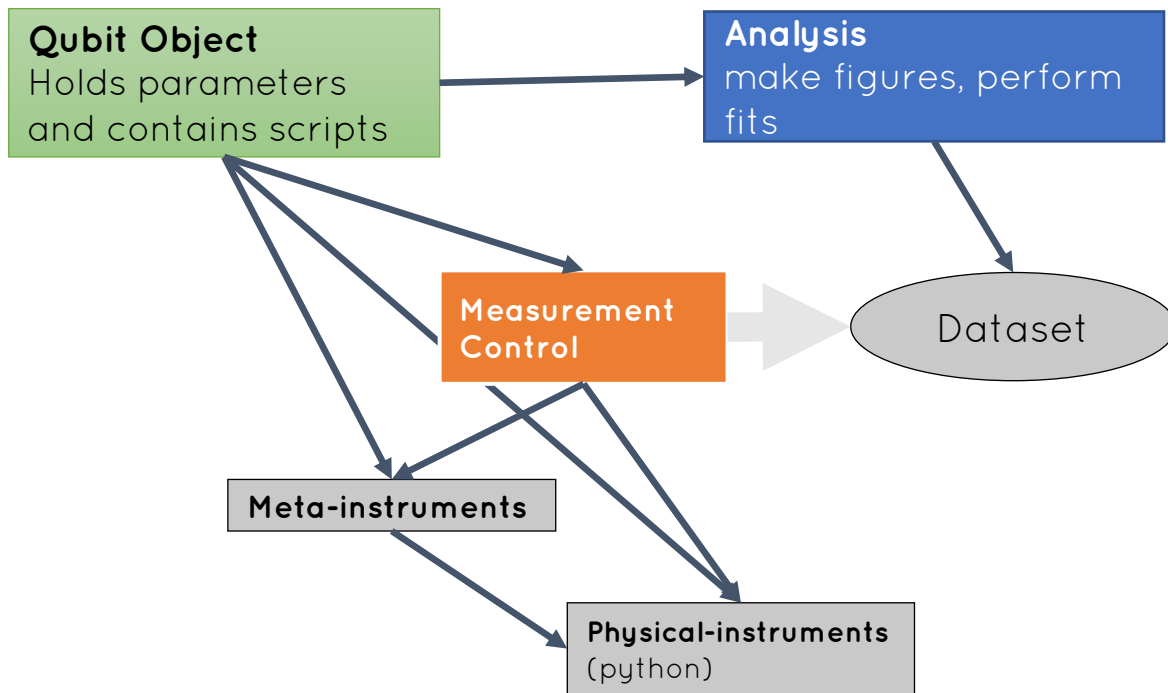


The Qubit object is an instrument that contains experiments

Qubit object


Typical script

1. Prepare by setting parameters
2. Execute Loop
3. Analyze dataset



Demo 2: Controlling a Transmock setup

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Tutorial 2. Controlling a Transmock setup

This tutorial covers a "real" usage example using the Transmock. We will go over all the aspects relevant in controlling an experiment using the mock transmon.

The steps we will cover are

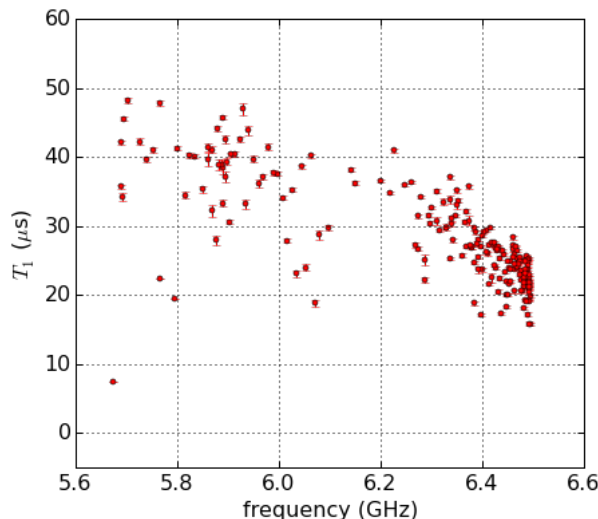
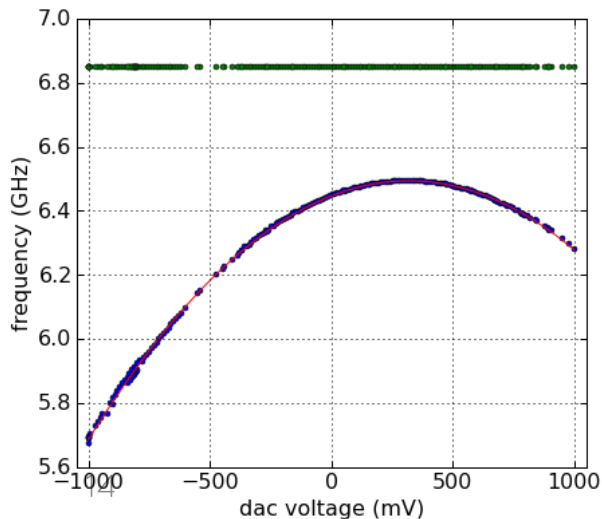
1. Initializing the setup
2. The device and qubit objects

Nested loops using a python for loop

Standard loop:

$T_1/T_2/T_2^*$ as a function
of flux

```
currents=np.linspace(0.0021,0.003,10)
for current in currents:
    fluxcurrent.FBL_QM1(current)
    qubit.msmt_suffix='current {}'.format(current)
    qubit.find_frequency(freqs=np.arange(5.55e9,5.69e9,1e6))
    qubit.measure_T1(times=np.arange(0,60e-6,1.0e-6))
    qubit.measure_ramsey(times=np.arange(0.02e-6,5e-6,0.06e-6))
    qubit.measure_echo(times=np.arange(0.04e-6,30e-6,0.48e-6))
```

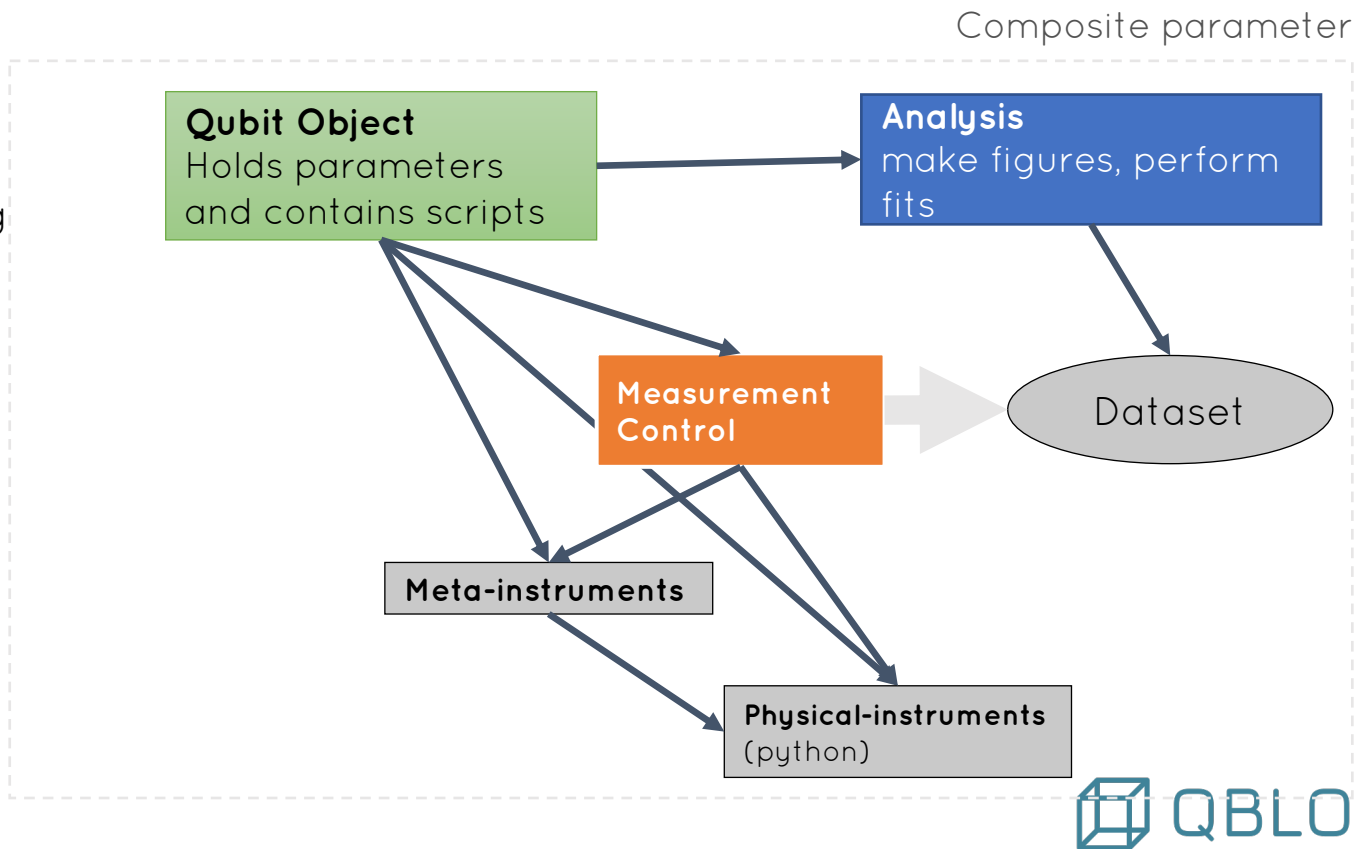


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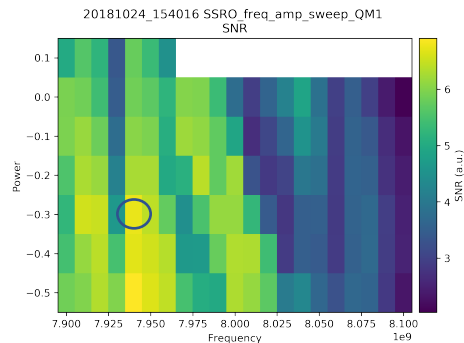
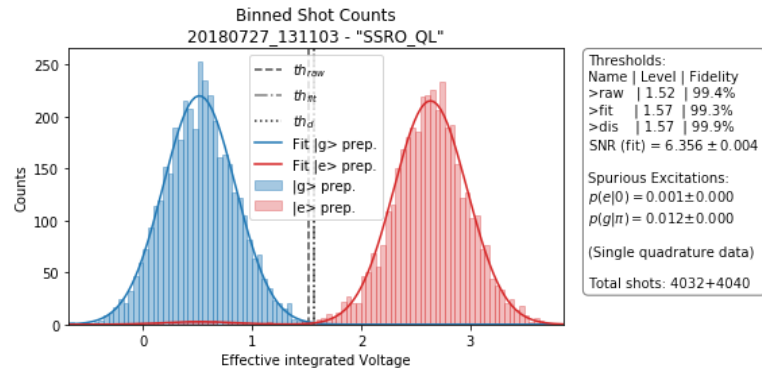


Nested loops using PycQED

Function detector

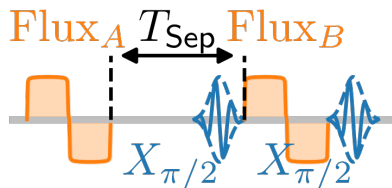
Perform Single-Shot readout as a function of TWPA bias

```
d = det.FunctionDetector(  
    self.measure_ssro,  
    msmt_kw={  
        'nr_shots': nr_shots,  
        'analyze': True, 'SNR_detector': True,  
        'cal_residual_excitation': True,  
        'prepare': False,  
        'disable_metadata': True  
    },  
    result_keys=['SNR', 'F_d', 'F_a']  
)  
nested_MC.set_sweep_function(pump_source.frequency)  
nested_MC.set_sweep_points(freqs)  
nested_MC.set_detector_function(d)  
nested_MC.set_sweep_function_2D(pump_source.power)  
nested_MC.set_sweep_points_2D(powers)  
label = 'SSRO_freq_amp_sweep' + self.msmt_suffix  
nested_MC.run(label, mode='2D')
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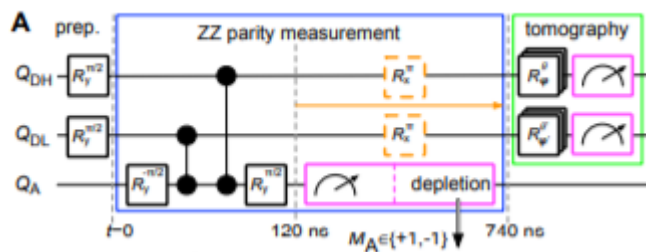


Device object – multiple qubits

- 2Q gate tuning



- 2Q Randomized Benchmarking
- 3Q Parity measurements



Multi-qubit Analysis
make figures, perform fits

Device Object
Holds parameters
and contains scripts

Qubit Object
Holds parameters
and contains scripts

Calibrations can be automated using autodepgraph

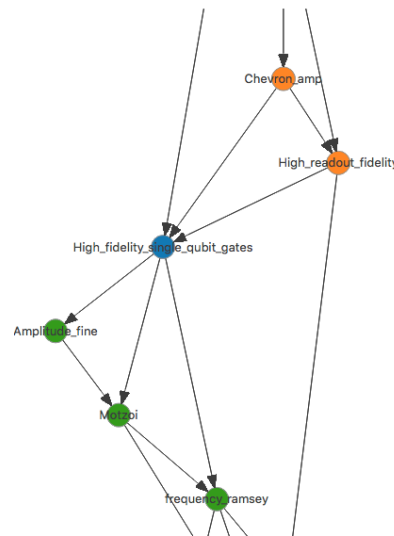
Automated calibration

AutoDepGraph build passing codacy A coverage 92%

<https://github.com/AdriaanRol/AutoDepGraph>

Features

- Node logic
- Framework + loading and storing of graphs
- Live monitor of graph
- Built for use with PycQED



Autodepgraph: <https://github.com/AdriaanRol/AutoDepGraph>

Inspired by Kelly et al. ArXiv 1803.03226



Sequencing

CC-based

Qubit object

```
def measure_T1(self, times=None, MC=None,
               analyze=True, close_fig=True, update=True,
               prepare_for_timedomain=True):
    # docstring from parent class
    # N.B. this is a good example for a generic timedomain
    # the CCL transmon.
    if MC is None:
        MC = self.instr MC.get_instr()
```

OpenQL API (python)

```
p = oqh.create_program('T1', platf_cfg)

for i, time in enumerate(times[:-4]):
    k = oqh.create_kernel('T1_{}'.format(i), p)
    k.prepz(qubit_idx)
    wait_nanoseconds = int(round(time/1e-9))
    k.gate('rx180', [qubit_idx])
    k.gate("wait", [qubit_idx], wait_nanoseconds)
    k.measure(qubit_idx)
    p.add_kernel(k)
```

eQASM

```
k_T1_0:
1  prepz s0
  qwait 9999
1  cw_01 s0
1  measz s0
  qwait 15

k_T1_1:
1  prepz s0
  qwait 9999
1  cw_01 s0
2  measz s0
  qwait 15
```

Qubit Object

Holds parameters
and contains scripts

Compiler

Creates eQASM file

Physical-instrument:

Central Controller

Waveform management

Lookup table managers

```
default_mw_lutmap = {
  0 : {"name" : "I" , "theta" : 0 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ge"},
  1 : {"name" : "rX180" , "theta" : 180 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ge"},
  2 : {"name" : "rY180" , "theta" : 180 , "phi" : 90 , "type" : "ge"},
  3 : {"name" : "rX90" , "theta" : 90 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ge"},
  4 : {"name" : "rY90" , "theta" : 90 , "phi" : 90 , "type" : "ge"},
  5 : {"name" : "rXm90" , "theta" : -90 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ge"},
  6 : {"name" : "rYm90" , "theta" : -90 , "phi" : 90 , "type" : "ge"},
  7 : {"name" : "rPhi90" , "theta" : 90 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ge"},
  8 : {"name" : "spec" , "type" : "spec"},
  9 : {"name" : "rX12" , "theta" : 180 , "phi" : 0 , "type" : "ef"},
  10 : {"name" : "square" , "type" : "square"},
}
```

```
def _add_waveform_parameters(self):
    # defined here so that the VSM based LutMan can overwrite this
    self.wf_func = wf.mod_gauss
    self.spec_func = wf.block_pulse

    self._add_channel_params()
    self.add_parameter('cfg_sideband_mode',
                       vals=vals.Enum('real-time', 'static'),
                       initial_value='static',
                       parameter_class=ManualParameter)
    self.add_parameter('mw_amp180', unit='frac', vals=vals.Numbers(-1, 1),
                       parameter_class=ManualParameter,
                       initial_value=0.1)
    self.add_parameter('mw_amp90_scale',
                       vals=vals.Numbers(-1, 1),
                       parameter_class=ManualParameter,
                       initial_value=0.5)
    self.add_parameter('mw_motzoi', vals=vals.Numbers(-2, 2),
                       parameter_class=ManualParameter,
                       initial_value=0.0)
    self.add_parameter('mw_gauss_width',
                       vals=vals.Numbers(min_value=1e-9, unit='s',
                                           parameter_class=ManualParameter,
                                           initial_value=4e-9)
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Lookup table manager

Abstraction of one or more
physical instruments

Physical-instruments

QWG/Pulsar/HDAWG

Pro's/cons

- ✓ Minimal user interface
- ✓ Open source (MIT license)
- ✓ Large libraries of:
 - Experiments
 - Analyses
 - Instrument drivers
- ✓ operable from command line or Jupyter Notebook

- ✗ Minimal user interface
- ✗ Contains dead code
- ✗ No centralized maintenance
- ✗ Limited documentation