

The affordances of quantum art

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Agenda

Art and quantum computing introduction
(10 minutes)

Physics primer with Paul Kassebaum
(35 minutes)

Project tutorial with Russell Huffman
(35 minutes)

Q&A
(10 minutes)

Every technology and every artistic medium has a set of affordances that make them unique.



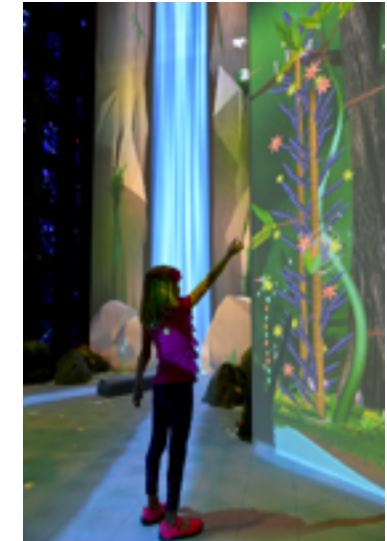
Watercolor by Cézanne



Woodcut by Dürer



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Interactive installation
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We are at the beginning of a new technology with new creative opportunities.



We have the
opportunity to
define a new
medium.

What are the creative affordances of quantum computing?

1

Superposition

2

Entanglement

3

Interference

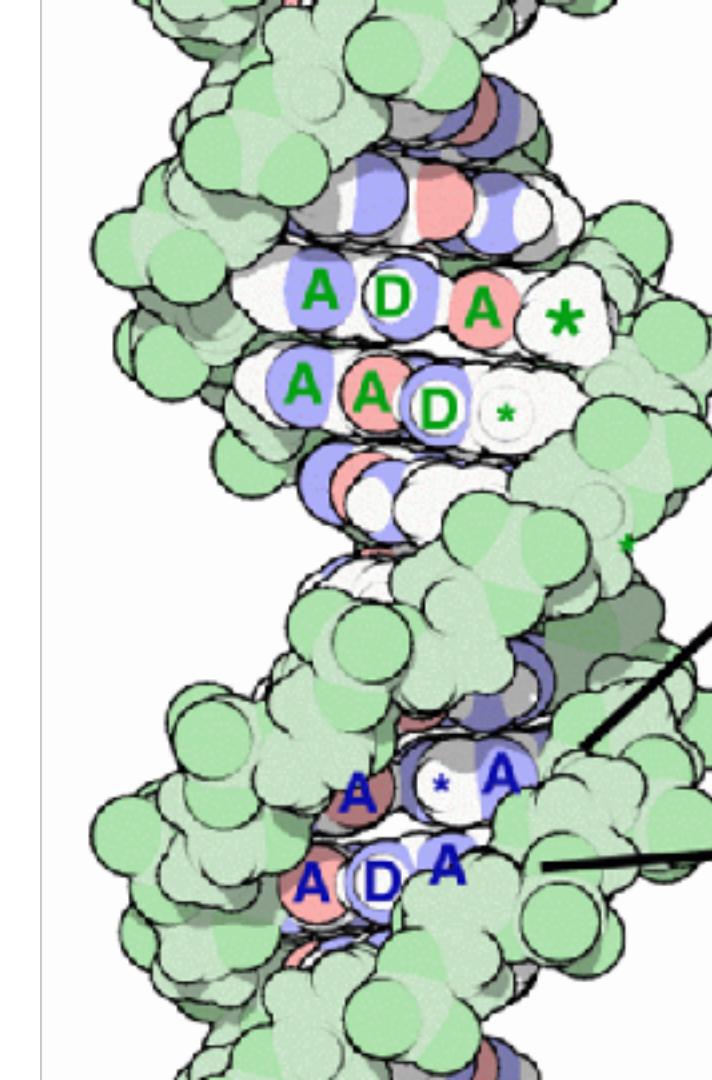
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Intro to quantum computing for artists

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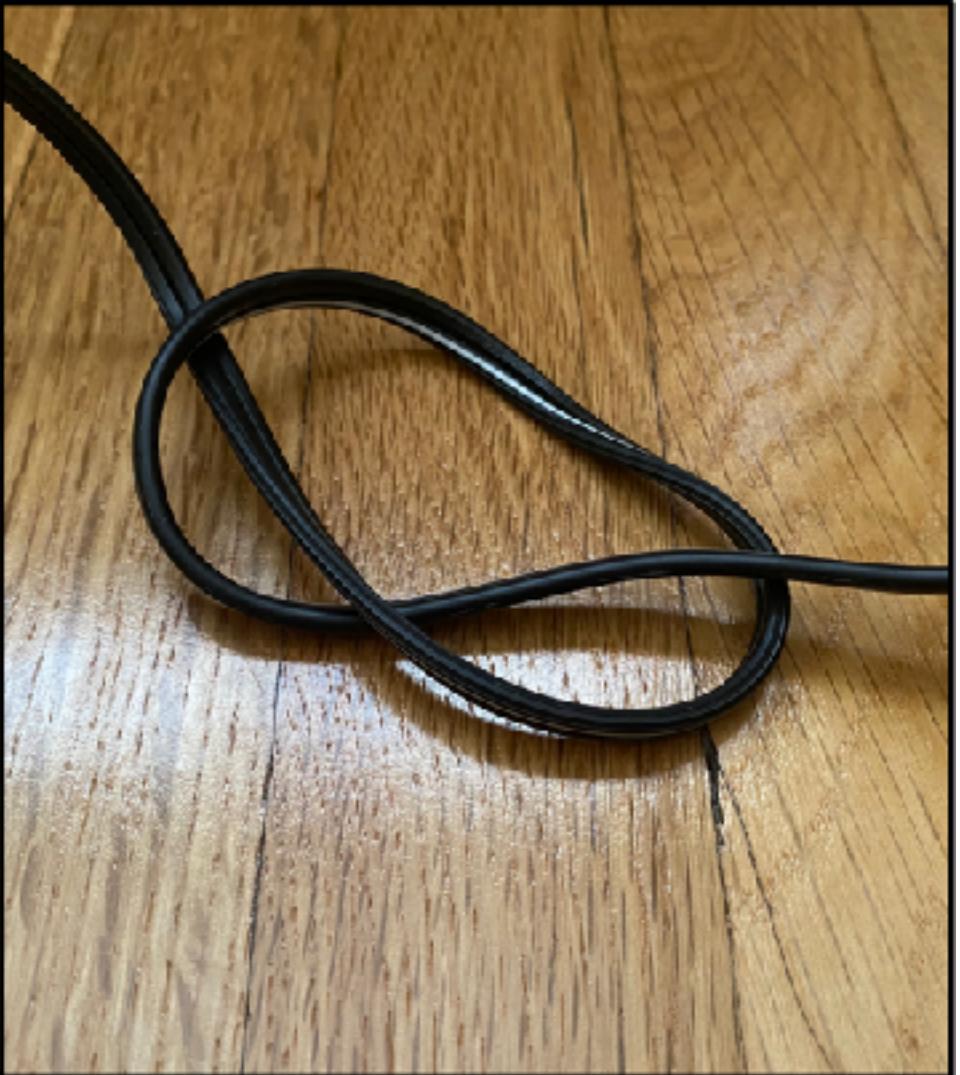
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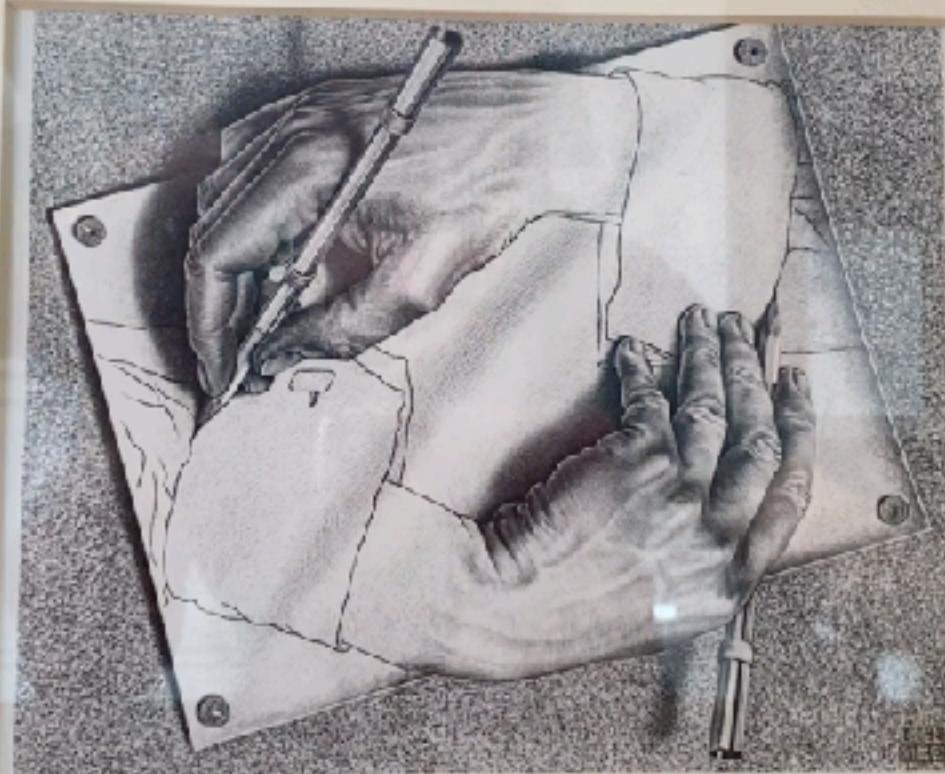


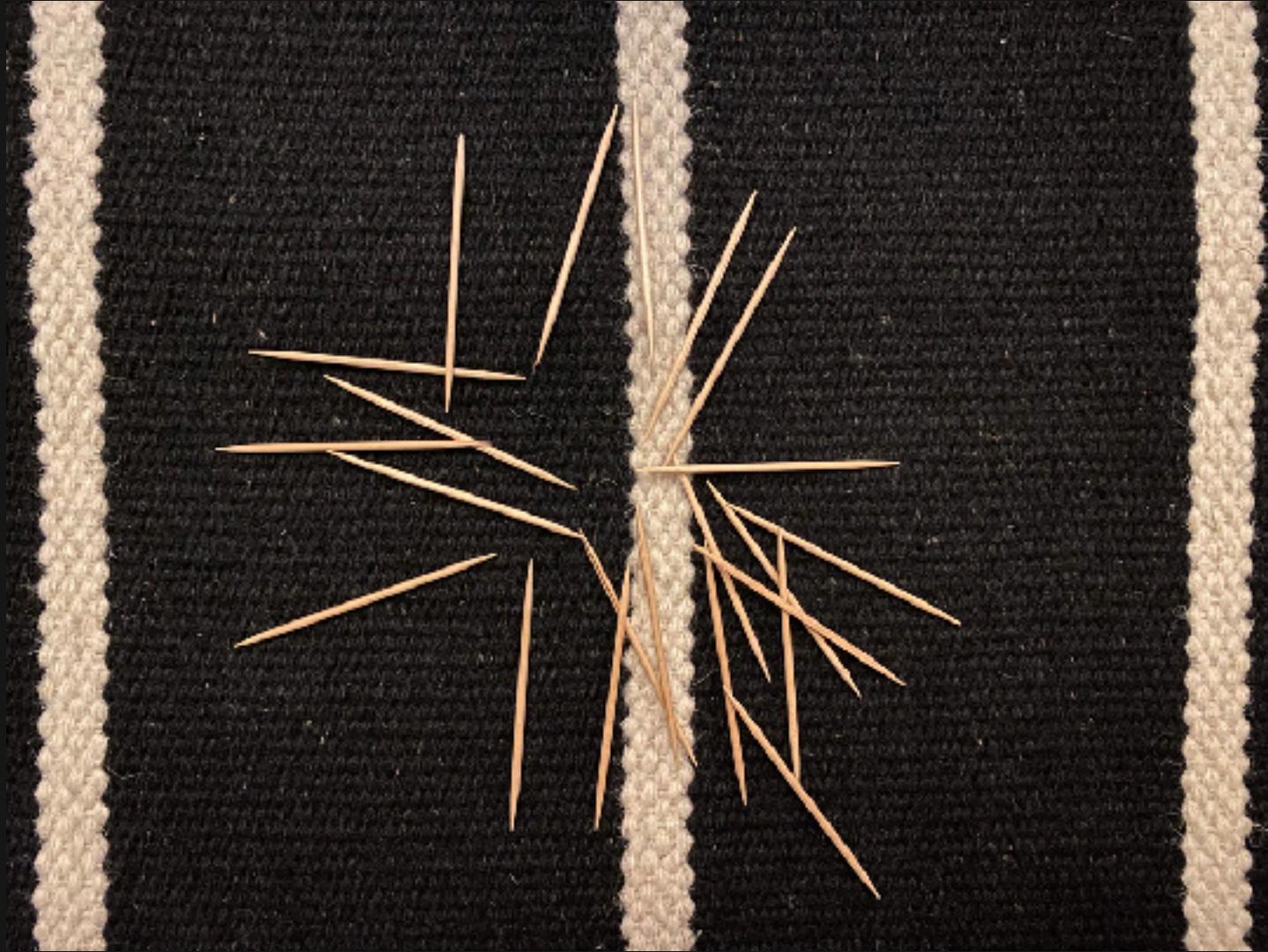


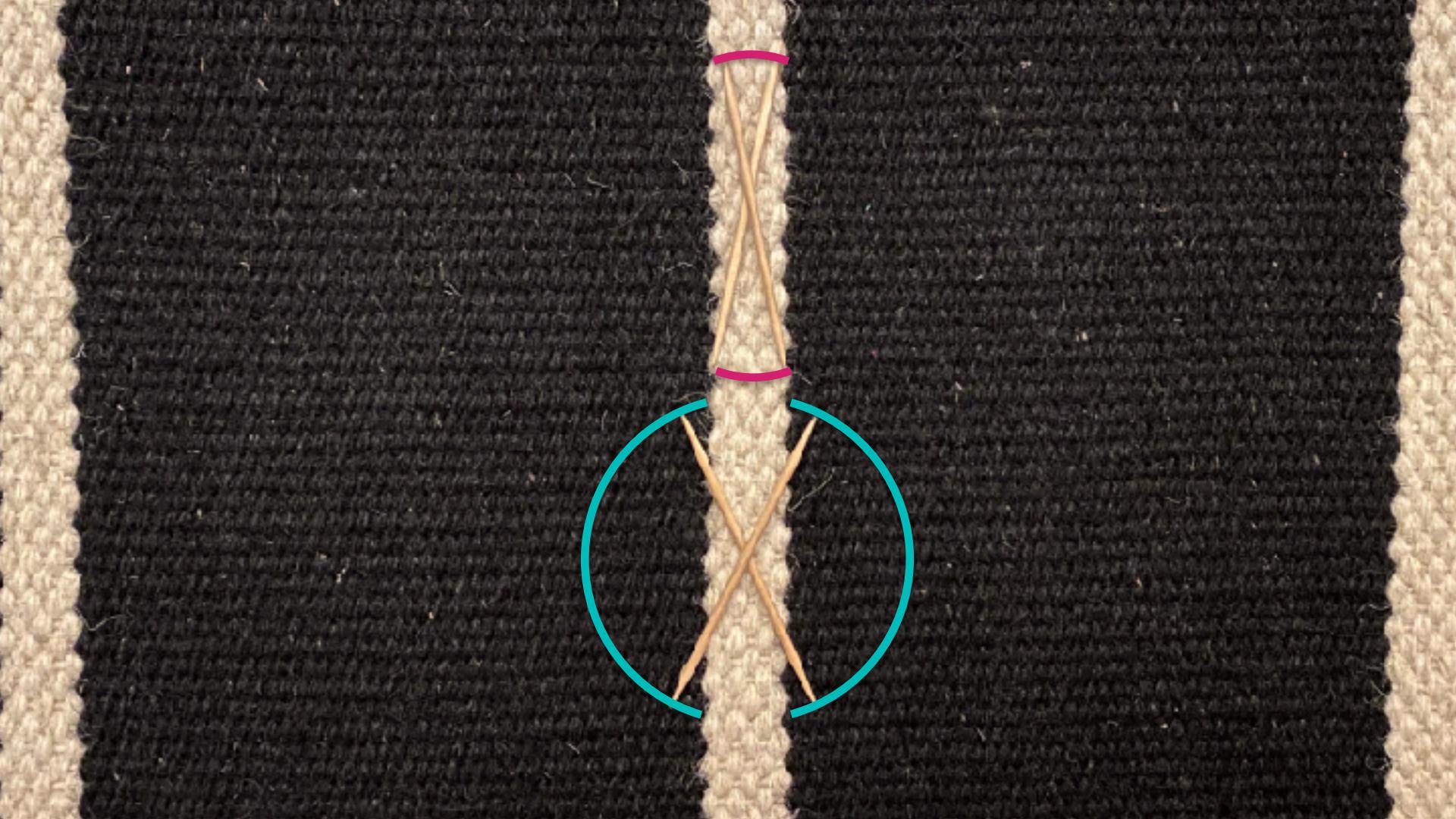














Properties of quantum information

1. Not all information attributes of a quantum information medium are distinguishable.
2. Undetectability of sharpness
3. Quantum information cannot be cloned
4. Pairs of observables not simultaneously preparable or measurable
5. Unpredictability of deterministic processes
6. Irreducible perturbation of one observable caused by measuring another
7. Consistency of consecutive measurements of a non-sharp observable
8. Quantization
9. Coherence and locally inaccessible information

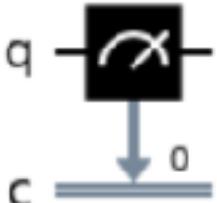


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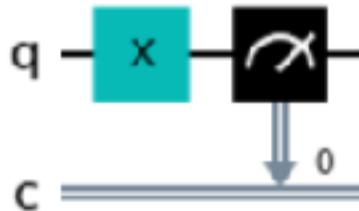
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2 qc.measure(0,0)
3 qc.draw()
```



```
1 sim = AerSimulator()
2 sim.run(qc).result().get_counts()
```

```
{'0': 1024}
```

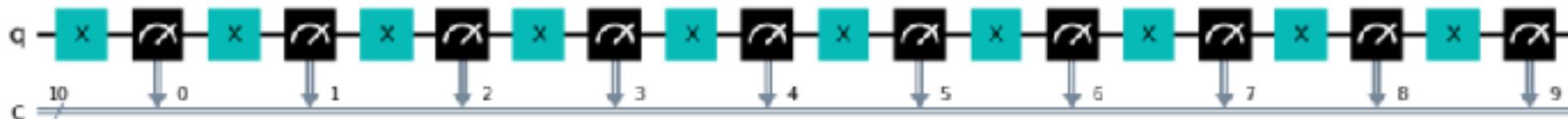
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2 qc.x(0)
3 qc.measure(0,0)
4 qc.draw()
```



```
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```

```
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```

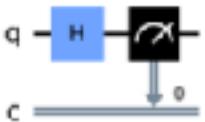
```
1 num_bits = 10
2 qc = QuantumCircuit(1,num_bits)
3 for c in range(num_bits):
4     qc.x(0)
5     qc.measure(0,c)
6 qc.draw()
```



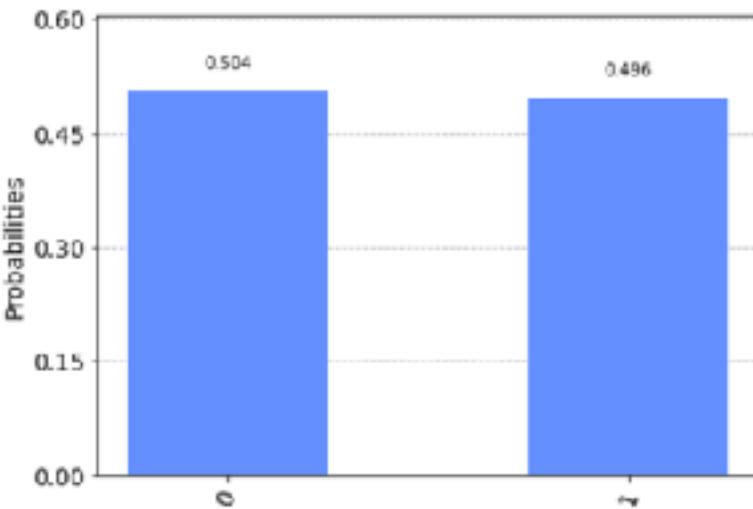
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```
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```

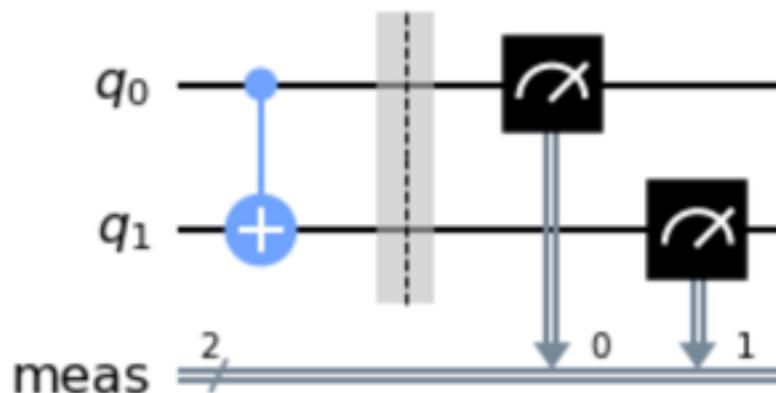
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3 qc.measure(0,0)
4 qc.draw()
```



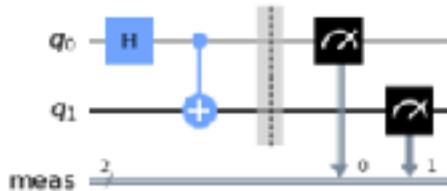
```
1 counts = sim.run(qc,shots=2048).result().get_counts()
2 plot_histogram(counts)
```



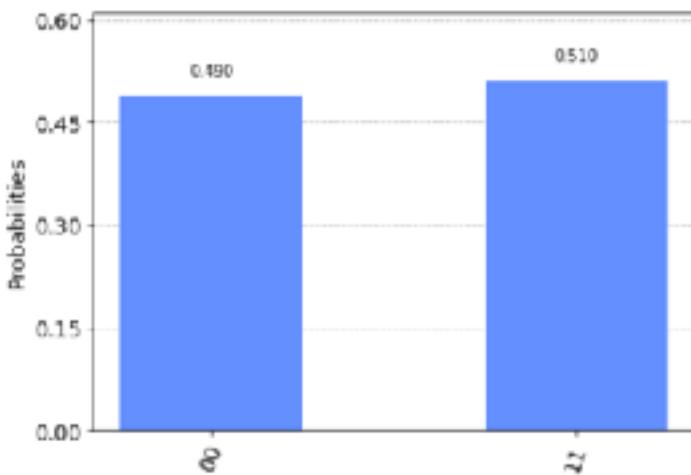
```
1 qc = QuantumCircuit(2)
2 qc.cx(0,1)
3 qc.measure_all()
4 qc.draw()
```



```
1 qc = QuantumCircuit(2)
2 qc.h(0)
3 qc.cx(0,1)
4 qc.measure_all()
5 qc.draw()
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Quantum computing art tutorial

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Tutorial overview

This tutorial will walk through creating a quantum art composition with the workflow I use. This (rather specific) workflow may or may not be the right workflow for everyone, but hopefully it will serve as a good starting place and foundation.

1

Simulate a quantum circuit (Processing + MicroQiskit)

2

Draw something with it (Processing)

3

Switch to real hardware (Qiskit)

4

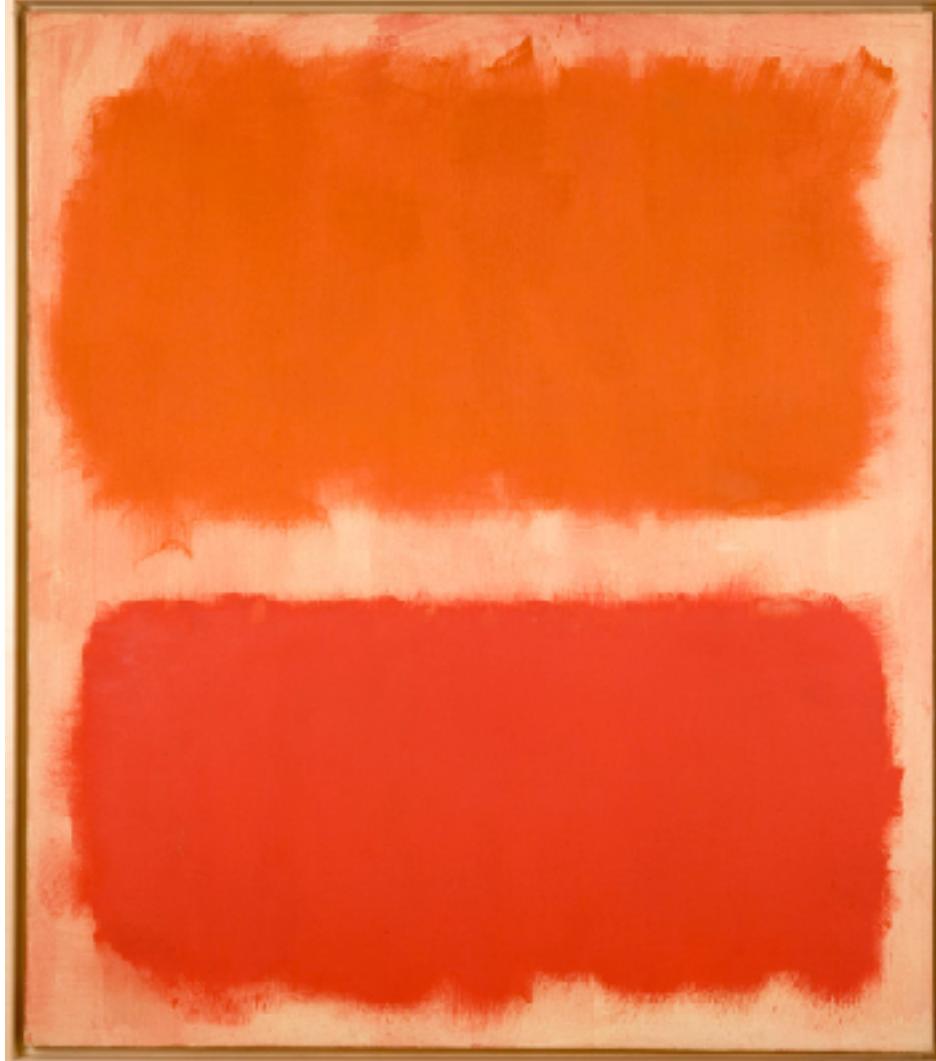
Export composition (Processing)

My inspiration

Rothko worked with fundamental shapes, but was willing to let them be imperfect. To me, this makes for a great starting place for making art with a quantum computer.

Quantum computing itself is in its infancy. I want to create art that uses quantum fundamentals despite the imperfections of the technology.

"No. 22 (REDS)" by Mark Rothko Courtesy the Donald B. Marron Family Collection, Acquavella Galleries, Gagosian and PaceGallery



Rothko inspired quantum art

Idea: Create a simple artwork with simple rules drawing inspiration from Rothko

The quantum algorithm

One of the simplest quantum circuits that shows superposition and entanglement, called “The Bell State”.

Interpreting the data into art

The value from the Bell uses 2 qubits with 2 possible outputs, which are used to draw the composition.

Rendered image of composition on campus



Data interpretation can be a creative act, which opens up the doors for us creative types to work in highly technical fields like quantum computing.

Why Processing?

Pros:

1. Large community
2. Very widely supported
3. Thorough documentation
4. Can export to SVG

Cons:

1. Requires programming knowledge
2. Not a lot of boilerplate help

Other options:

Blender

Unity

Touch Designer

P5.js

Why Qiskit?

Pros:

1. Large active community
2. cloud and local support
3. Thorough documentation and educational material
4. Connects to real quantum systems

Cons:

1. none (duh)

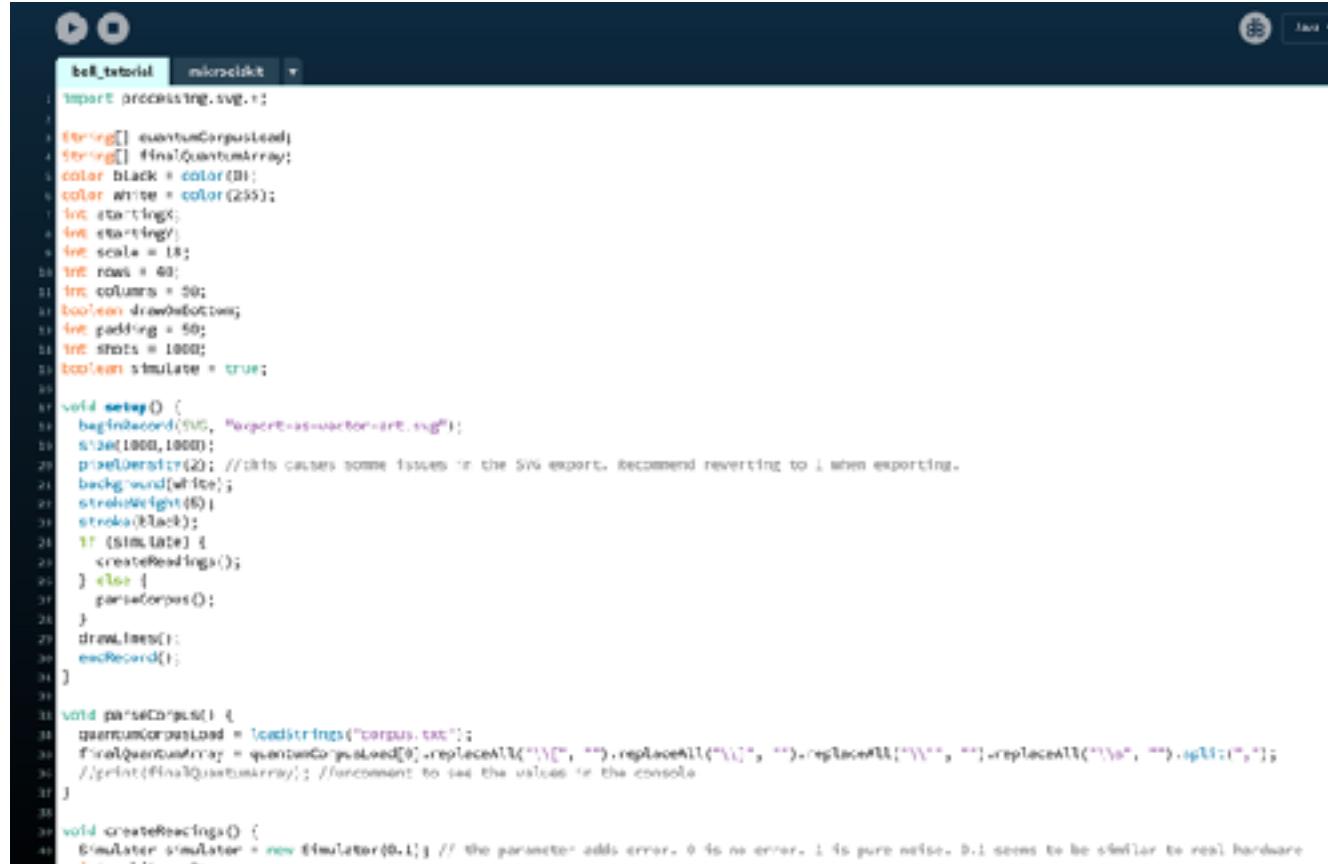
1. Open Processing.
 1. Go either the “starter_project” or “bell_tutorial” folder
 2. Open the .pde (processing) file of the same name
2. Create the bell circuit
 1. Simulate the circuit
 2. Store it’s data to use in the composition
3. Draw the composition with the data
 1. loop through all the shots from the quantum data
 2. For each shot, store the first and second values separately
 1. Determine the location of line: Use the first value to determine if it should draw on the top or bottom of the composition
 2. Determine the direction of line: Use the second value to determine if it should draw a horizontal or vertical line
 3. draw the line, based on the location and direction
4. Preview the composition
5. Switch from simulated data to real data
6. Export the composition

Open processing

Go to the “bell_tutorial” folder

Open the .pde (processing) file of the same name.

You will see a pre-populated project file. I encourage everyone go to <https://processing.org/> to learn more about Processing overall.



```

bell_tutorial microbitk
import processing.svg.*;

String[] quantumCorpusLoad;
String[] finalQuantumArray;
color black = color(0);
color white = color(255);
int startingX;
int startingY;
int scale = 18;
int rows = 40;
int columns = 50;
boolean drawWithBottom;
int padding = 50;
int shots = 1000;
boolean simulate = true;

void setup() {
    beginRecord(SVG, "Report-as-a-vector-art.svg");
    size(1000, 1000);
    pixelDensity(20); //this causes some issues in the SVG export, recommend reverting to 1 when exporting.
    background(white);
    strokeWeight(8);
    stroke(black);
    if (simulate) {
        createReadings();
    } else {
        gameCorpus();
    }
    drawImage();
    endRecord();
}

void parseCorpus() {
    quantumCorpusLoad = loadStrings("corpus.txt");
    finalQuantumArray = quantumCorpusLoad[0].replaceAll("\\{", "").replaceAll("\\}", "").replaceAll("\\\\", "\\").replaceAll("\\\\n", "\n").replaceAll("\\\\t", "\t");
    //println(finalQuantumArray); //uncomment to see the values in the console
}

void createReadings() {
    Simulator simulator = new Simulator(0.1); // the parameter adds error. 0 is no error, 1 is pure noise. 0.1 seems to be similar to real hardware
}

```

Create the bell circuit

Scroll down to `createReadings()`. This function is used to call the microqiskit functionality. The syntax is meant to mimic standard qiskit syntax.

In the section “add circuit here”, there are two lines of code to represent the hadamard gate and the cnot gate.

```

void createReadings() {
    Simulator simulator = new Simulator(0.1); // the parameter adds error. 0 is no error, 1 is pure noise, 0.1 seems to be similar to real hardware
    int qubits = 2;

    QuantumCircuit phiPlus = new QuantumCircuit(qubits, qubits); //the first parameter is number of quantum registers (qubits). the second is classical

    // -----
    //add circuit here
    phiPlus.h(0);
    phiPlus.cx(0, 1);

    // -----
    //measure entire circuit
    for (int i = 0; i < qubits; i++) {
        phiPlus.measure(i, i); //measure all the qubits
    }

    //drop everything into the same array as real hardware data
    List<String> measurements = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = 0; i < qubits; i++) {
        Map<String, Integer> counts = (Map)simulator.simulate(phiPlus, 1, "counts");
        String finalKey = counts.keySet().iterator().next();
        measurements.add(finalKey);
    }
    final QuantumArray = measurements.toArray(new String[0]);
    //println(QuantumArray);
}

```

Measure the circuit

All quantum circuits must be measured to be useful. The measurement operation should be the same for every circuit.

```
void createMeasurements() {
    Simulator simulator = new Simulator(0.1); // the parameter adds error. 0 is no error, 1 is pure noise, 0.1 seems to be similar to real hardware
    int qubits = 2;

    QuantumCircuit phiPlus = new QuantumCircuit(qubits, qubits); //the first parameter is number of quantum registers (qubits). the second is classical

    // -----
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    }

    //drop everything into the same array as real hardware data
    List<String> measurements = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = 0; i < qubits; i++) {
        Map<String, Integer> counts = (Map)simulator.simulate(phiPlus, 1, "counts");
        String firstKey = counts.keySet().iterator().next();
        measurements.add(firstKey);
    }
    //final QuantumArray = measurements.toByteArray(new String[0]);
    //System.out.println(trialQuantumArray);
}
```

Simulate the circuit

The following code is used to run the circuit using MicroQiskit.

```
void createMeasurements() {
    simulator = new Simulator(0.1); // the parameter adds error. 0 is no error, 1 is pure noise, 0.1 seems to be similar to real hardware
    int qubits = 2;

    QuantumCircuit phiPlus = new QuantumCircuit(qubits, qubits); //the first parameter is number of quantum registers (qubits). the second is classical

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    //

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        String firstKey = counts.keySet().iterator().next();
        measurements.add(firstKey);
    }
    final QuantumArray = measurements.toArray(new String[0]);
    //println(tiraQuantumArray);
}
```

Store circuit data in an array

all the of the data from the quantum circuit is finally stored in `finalQuantumArray`, which we will use throughout the rest of the tutorial

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    //measure entire circuit
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        phiPlus.measure(i, i); //measure all the qubits
    }

    //drop everything into the same array as real hardware data
    List<String> measurements = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = 0; i < qubits; i++) {
        Map<String, Integer> counts = (Map<String, Integer>) simulator.simulate(phiPlus, 1, "counts");
        String firstKey = counts.keySet().iterator().next();
        measurements.add(firstKey);
    }
    finalQuantumArray = measurements.toArray(new String[0]);
    //printIn(finalQuantumArray);
}
```

Loop through data

The entire content of the function is contained in a for loop the length of the quantum data array.

We will be going through every entry in that array drawing a line to the canvas based on each entry.

```
void drawLines() {
    for (int i = 0; i < finalQuantumArray.length; i++) {

        //store 0 and 1 as characters
        int binary0='0';
        char b0 = (char)binary0;
        int binary1='1';
        char b1 = (char)binary1;

        // get the first qubit character
        char qb0 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(0);
        // get the second qubit character
        char qb1 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(1);

        //decide which canvas to draw the line on
        if (qb0 == b0) {
            drawOnBottom = false;
        } else {
            drawOnBottom = true;
        }

        //draw either a horizontal or vertical line
        if (qb1 == b0) {
            drawHorizontalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        } else {
            drawVerticalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        }
    }
}
```

For each shot, store the first and second values separately

Before we can do anything with the data, we need to store each value independently so that we can take actions on them independently.

```
void drawLines() {
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        } else {
            drawOnBottom = true;
        }

        //draw either a horizontal or vertical line
        if (qb1 == b0) {
            drawHorizontalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        } else {
            drawVerticalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        }
    }
}
```

Determine the location of line

If the left qubit's value is measured as 0, draw it on the top half of the composition. If the left qubit's value is measured as 1, draw it on the bottom half of the composition.

For now, this value is just stored in a boolean called `drawOnBottom`, which can either be true or false

```

void drawLines() {
    for (int i = 0; i < finalQuantumArray.length; i++) {

        //store 0 and 1 as characters
        int binary0='0';
        char b0 = (char)binary0;
        int binary1='1';
        char b1 = (char)binary1;

        // get the first qubit character
        char qb0 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(0);
        // get the second qubit character
        char qb1 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(1);

        //decide which canvas to draw the line on
        if (qb0 == b0) {
            drawOnBottom = false;
        } else {
            drawOnBottom = true;
        }

        //draw either a horizontal or vertical line
        if (qb1 == b0) {
            drawHorizontalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        } else {
            drawVerticalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        }
    }
}

```

Determine the direction of line

If the right qubit's value is measured as 0, draw a horizontal line. If the right qubit's value is measured as 1, draw a horizontal line.

Instead of storing this value in a boolean like the prior step, we will go ahead and call a function to draw the line, which we will create in the next step.

```
void drawLines() {
    for (int i = 0; i < finalQuantumArray.length; i++) {

        //store 0 and 1 as characters
        int binary0='0';
        char b0 = (char)binary0;
        int binary1='1';
        char b1 = (char)binary1;

        // get the first qubit character
        char qb0 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(0);
        // get the second qubit character
        char qb1 = finalQuantumArray[i].charAt(1);

        //decide which canvas to draw the line on
        if (qb0 == b0) {
            drawOnBottom = false;
        } else {
            drawOnBottom = true;
        }

        //draw either a horizontal or vertical line
        if (qb1 == b0) {
            drawHorizontalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        } else {
            drawVerticalLine(i, drawOnBottom);
        }
    }
}
```

Draw a horizontal line

Drawing a line in processing is a matter of specifying a starting location with x and y coordinates, and an ending location with x and y coordinates. Once provided, Processing will draw the line between the coordinates.

```
void drawHorizontalLine(int i, boolean drawBottom) {  
  
    double ycoordinate = Math.floor(i/(columns));  
    double xcoordinate = i - (ycoordinate*columns);  
  
    startingX = (int) xcoordinate * scale + (scale/5) + padding; //start 20 percent in so each line is nice  
    startingY = (int) ycoordinate * scale + (scale/2); //start 50% in  
  
    startingY += scale/4 * 10 + padding; //adding a gap from the top  
  
    if (drawBottom) {  
        startingY += rows * scale / 2; //start halfway down  
        startingY += scale/2 * 10; //adding a gap between the two  
    }  
  
    line(startingX,startingY, startingX + scale - (scale/(5/2)), startingY); //make the length 20 percent  
}
```

Draw a horizontal line

Each line should be drawn next to the previous line, unless it is the last item in the row, in which case it should be rendered on the next line down.

The global variable `columns` at the top of the page file is used here.

```
void drawHorizontalLine(int i, boolean drawBottom) {  
    double ycoordinate = Math.floor(i/(columns));  
    double xcoordinate = i - (ycoordinate*columns);  
  
    startingX = (int) xcoordinate * scale + (scale/5) + padding; //start 20 percent in so each line is nice  
    startingY = (int) ycoordinate * scale + (scale/2); //start 50% in  
  
    startingY += scale/4 * 10 + padding; //adding a gap from the top  
  
    if (drawBottom) {  
        startingY += rows * scale / 2; //start halfway down  
        startingY += scale/2 * 10; //adding a gap between the two  
    }  
  
    line(startingX,startingY, startingX + scale - (scale/(5/2)), startingY); //make the length 20 percent  
}
```

Draw a horizontal line

The function then looks at the drawBottom parameter to determine if the line should be drawn halfway down the page or not.

```
void drawHorizontalLine(int i, boolean drawBottom) {  
  
    double ycoordinate = Math.floor(i/(columns));  
    double xcoordinate = i - (ycoordinate*columns);  
  
    startingX = (int) xcoordinate * scale + (scale/5) + padding; //start 20 percent in so each line is nice  
    startingY = (int) ycoordinate * scale + (scale/2); //start 50% in  
  
    startingY += scale/4 * 10 + padding; //adding a gap from the top  
  
    if (drawBottom) {  
        startingY += rows * scale / 2; //start halfway down  
        startingY += scale/2 * 10; //adding a gap between the two  
    }  
  
    line(startingX,startingY, startingX + scale - (scale/(5/2)), startingY); //make the length 20 percent  
}
```

Draw a horizontal line

Finally, once all the positioning is correct, the function draws the horizontal line.

Note: There are lots of small mathematical tweaks to the position of the line in this function. These aren't a part of the core algorithm itself, but part of the artistry of determining the balance, spacing, and overall affect of the composition.

```
void drawHorizontalLine(int i, boolean drawBottom) {  
  
    double ycoordinate = Math.floor(i/(columns));  
    double xcoordinate = i - (ycoordinate*columns);  
  
    startingX = (int) xcoordinate * scale + (scale/5) + padding; //start 20 percent in so each line is nice  
    startingY = (int) ycoordinate * scale + (scale/2); //start 50% in  
  
    startingY += scale/4 * 10 + padding; //adding a gap from the top  
  
    if (drawBottom) {  
        startingY += rows * scale / 2; //start halfway down  
        startingY += scale/2 * 10; //adding a gap between the two  
    }  
  
    line(startingX,startingY, startingX + scale - (scale/(5/2)), startingY); //make the length 20 percent  
}
```

Draw a vertical line

The vertical line function is fundamentally the same as the horizontal line, except that it draws the line vertically instead of horizontally.

The only changes necessary are flipping the values on the starting and ending coordinates in comparison to the horizontal line function.

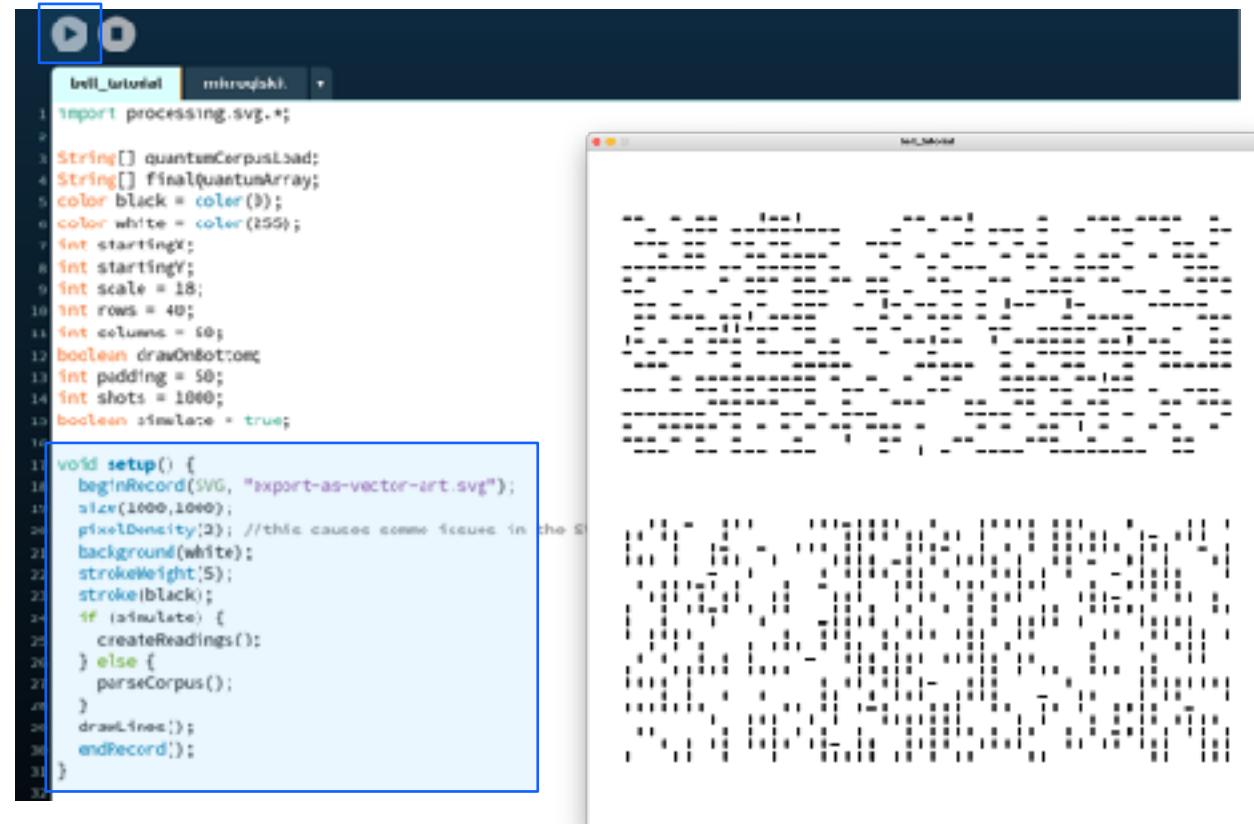
```
void drawVerticalLine(int i, boolean drawBottom) {  
    double ycoordinate = Math.floor(i/(columns));  
    double xcoordinate = 1 - (ycoordinate*columns);  
  
    startingX = (int) xcoordinate * scale + (scale/2) - padding; //make the length 20 percent short, while  
    startingY = (int) ycoordinate * scale + (scale/5);  
  
    startingY += scale/4 * 18 + padding; //adding a gap from the top  
  
    if (drawBottom) {  
        startingY += rows * scale / 2; //start halfway down  
        startingY += scale/2 * 18; //adding a gap between the two  
    }  
  
    line(startingX,startingY, startingX, startingY + scale - (scale/(5/2))); //make the length 20 percent  
}
```

Preview the composition

With all the code in place, we can now preview the composition by clicking the “play” button in the top right corner of the interface.

Everything in the `setup()` function gets run when the play button is pressed.

A separate window will open with the composition



```
1 import processing.svg.*;
2
3 String[] quantumCorpusLoad;
4 String[] finalQuantumArray;
5 color black = color(0);
6 color white = color(255);
7 int startingX;
8 int startingY;
9 int scale = 18;
10 int rows = 40;
11 int columns = 60;
12 boolean drawOnBottom;
13 int padding = 50;
14 int shots = 1000;
15 boolean simulate = true;
16
17 void setup() {
18     beginRecord(SVG, "export-as-vector-art.svg");
19     size(1000,1000);
20     pixelDensity(2); //this causes some issues in the background(white);
21     strokeWeight(5);
22     stroke(black);
23     if (simulate) {
24         createReadings();
25     } else {
26         parseCorpus();
27     }
28     drawLines();
29     endRecord();
30 }
```

Switch to real quantum data

Open the Jupyter Notebook titled “Bell tutorial.ipynb”. This can be worked on locally or via Quantum Lab via
<https://lab.quantum-computing.ibm.com>

If working from Quantum Lab, all the necessary imports should be provided automatically. Otherwise, add them.

```
[10]: import numpy as np

# Importing standard Qiskit libraries
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, transpile, Aer, IBMQ, execute
from qiskit.tools.jupyter import *
from qiskit.visualization import *
from ibm_quantum_widgets import *
from qiskit.providers.ibmq import QasmSimulator

# Loading your IBM Quantum account(s)
provider = IBMQ.load_account()
```

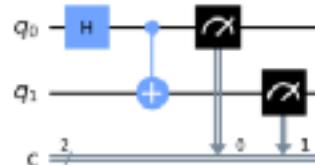
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```
[11]: circuit = QuantumCircuit(2, 2)

circuit.h(0)
circuit.cx(0, 1)
circuit.measure([0,1], [0,1])

circuit.draw()
```

[11]:



Switch to real quantum data

Recreate the same circuit that was originally created in Processing with MicroQiskit.

As shown here, the circuit uses 2 qubits, applies a hadamard gate to the first, and a cnot connecting the first to the second qubit.

The qubits are then measured and the circuit is drawn. (Drawing the circuit is optional)

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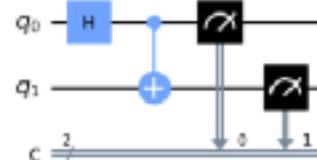
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Switch to real quantum data

Select a quantum system to run the circuit on. You should have several to pick from, which are listed under the “systems” tab under “quantum services”

<https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/services?services=systems>

```
[13]: # Pick a device to run on
backend = provider.get_backend('ibmq_hogoda')
# backend = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')

# Execute the circuit on the backend
job = execute(circuit, backend, shots=1000, memory=True)

# Get results from the job
result = job.result()

# Get individual shots
memory = result.get_memory()

# Need an array to store all the results into
outputArray = []

# Convert results to int and drop into array
for x in range(0, 1000):
    outputArray.append(memory[x])

print(outputArray)
```

```
[14]: #capture cap --no-stdout
print(outputArray)
```

```
[15]: with open('corpus.txt', 'w') as f:
    f.write(cap.stdout)
```

Execute the job and see individual shots

We will be using the individual shots from the quantum system. By default, we see an aggregate of the results. To see the individual shots, we will be accessing the memory from the results.

```
[13]: # Pick a device to run on
backend = provider.get_backend('ibmq_bogota')
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Store the data

We will next store all of the data from the results in a simple array that can be easily imported into Processing.

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Export the data

Run these two code cells to export the data as a text file. If working in Quantum Lab, the .txt file will listed to the left among the other files.

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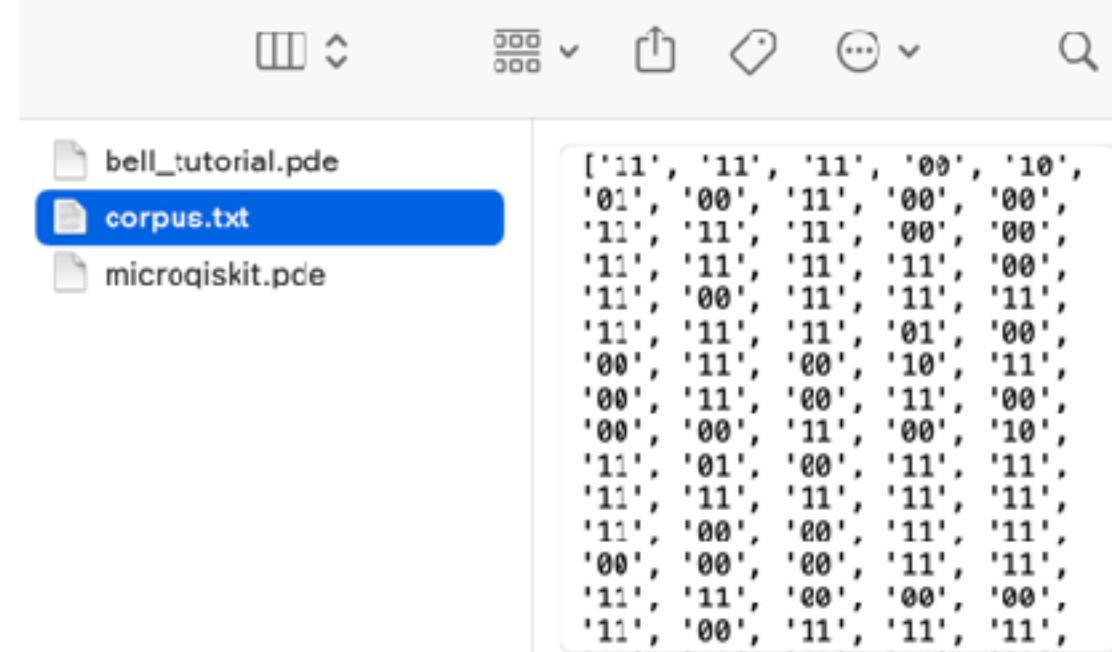
print(outputArray)
```

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[ ] #capture cap --no-stdout
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[ ] with open('corpus.txt', 'w') as f:
    f.write(cap.stdout)
```

Import data into Processing

Add the “corpus.txt” file to the Processing project root file. It should be next to the “bell_tutorial.pde” file and the “microqiskit.pde” file.



corpus.txt

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Information

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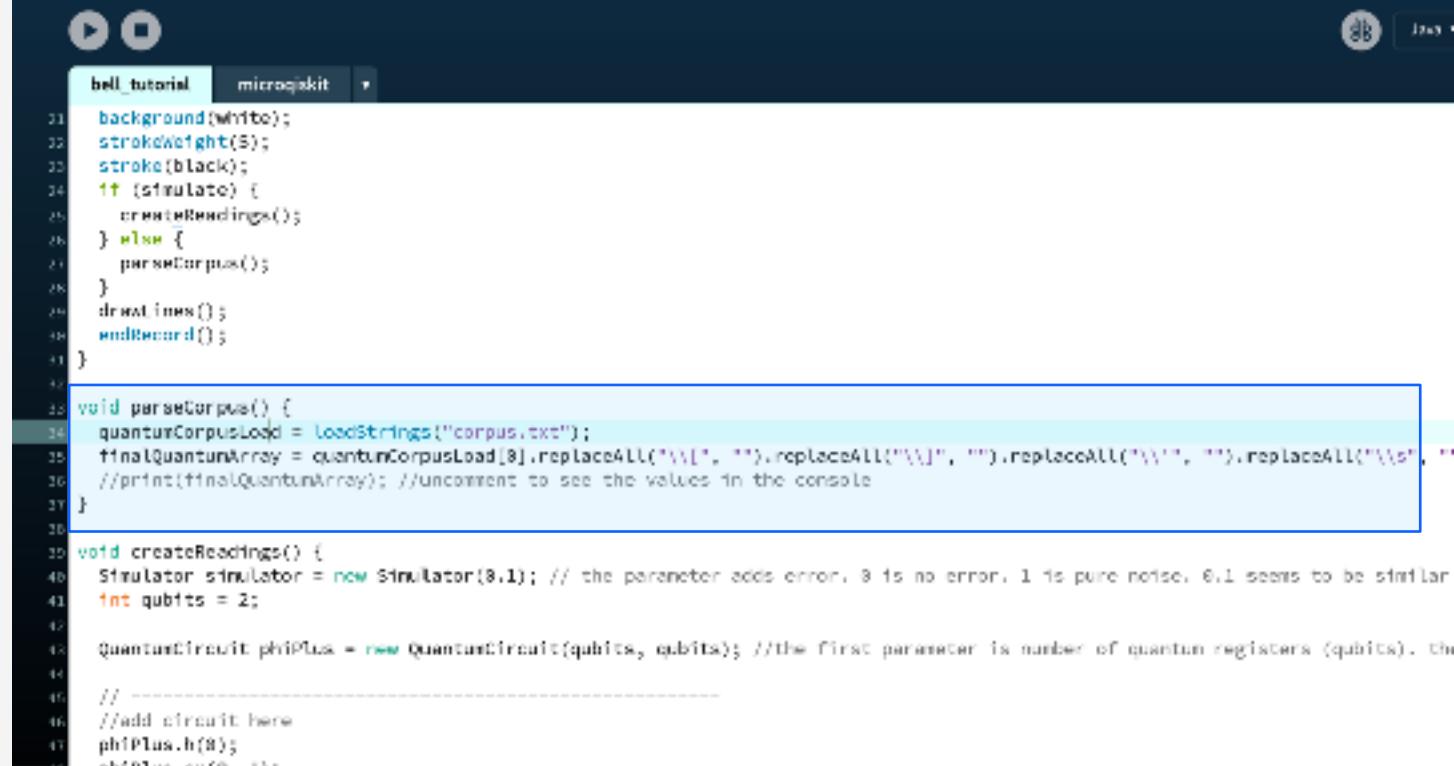


More...

Reference the new text file in processing

The text file is loaded into the Processing sketch via the `parseCorpus()` function.

The text file is loaded with `quantumCorpusLoad` and parsed into it's final location `finalQuantumArray`



```
bell_tutorial microjskit ▾
background(white);
strokeWeight(5);
stroke(black);
if (simulate) {
    createReadings();
} else {
    parseCorpus();
}
drawLines();
endRecord();
}

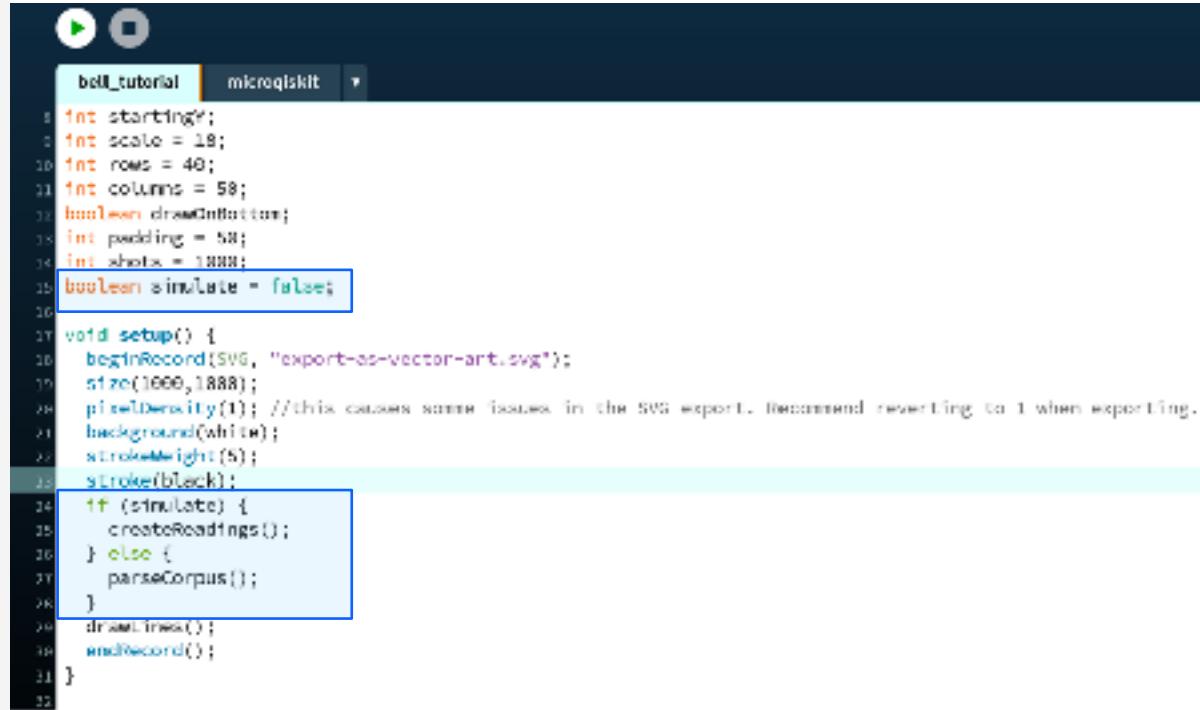
void parseCorpus() {
    quantumCorpusLoad = loadStrings("corpus.txt");
    finalQuantumArray = quantumCorpusLoad[0].replaceAll("\\\\t", "").replaceAll("\\\\n", "").replaceAll("\\\\r", "").replaceAll("\\\\s", "");
    //println(finalQuantumArray); //uncomment to see the values in the console
}

void createReadings() {
    Simulator simulator = new Simulator(8.1); // the parameter adds error. 8 is no error, 1 is pure noise, 8.1 seems to be similar
    int qubits = 2;

    QuantumCircuit phiPlus = new QuantumCircuit(qubits, qubits); //the first parameter is number of quantum registers (qubits). the second is number of classical bits (qubits)
    // ...
    //add circuit here
    phiPlus.h(0);
    phiPlus.meter(0, 0);
}
```

Switch from simulator to real data

Switch the boolean called `simulate` from true to false. This will tell our sketch to create the composition with the real quantum data instead of the simulated data.



The screenshot shows the microqiskit IDE interface with the tab "bell_tutorial" selected. The code editor displays the following code:

```
bell_tutorial | microqiskit ▾

1 int starting();
2 int scale = 18;
3 int rows = 40;
4 int columns = 58;
5 boolean drawOnButton;
6 int padding = 58;
7 int shots = 1000;
8 boolean simulate = false;

9 void setup() {
10    beginRecord(SVG, "export-as-vector-art.svg");
11    size(1000,1888);
12    pixelDensity(1); //this causes some issues in the SVG export. Recommend reverting to 1 when exporting.
13    background(white);
14    strokeWeight(5);
15    stroke(black);
16    if (simulate) {
17      createReadings();
18    } else {
19      parseCorpus();
20    }
21    drawTrees();
22    endRecord();
23 }
```

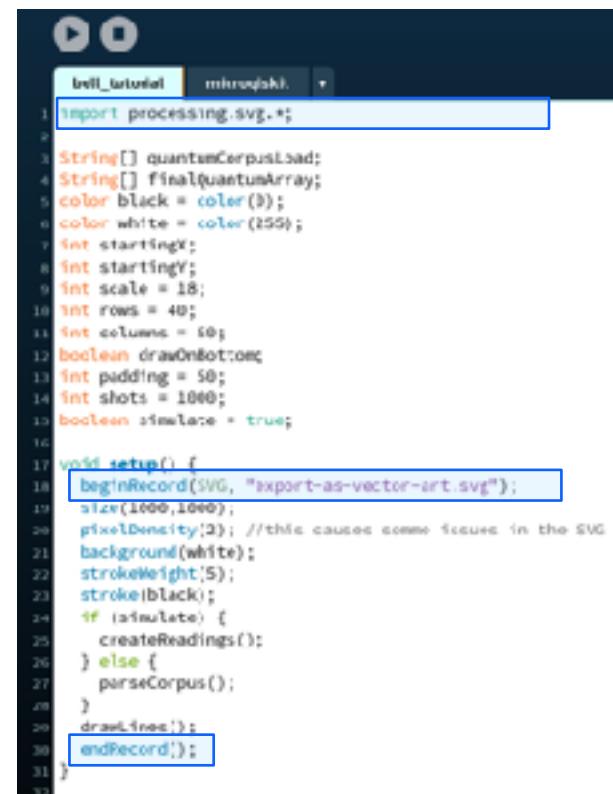
The line `boolean simulate = false;` and the conditional block `if (simulate) { createReadings(); } else { parseCorpus(); }` are highlighted with a blue rectangular selection box.

Export the composition

In most cases we will want to be able to work with the final composition for the purposes of printing, sharing, etc.

This is done in processing by importing the svg exporting capability and calling it in the `setup()` function.

An SVG will be saved in the project root folder with the name given to it in the `beginRecord()` function.



The screenshot shows the Processing IDE interface. The code editor window contains the following PDE code:

```

1 import processing.svg.*;
2
3 String[] quantumCorpusLoad;
4 String[] finalQuantumArray;
5 color black = color(0);
6 color white = color(255);
7 int startingX;
8 int startingY;
9 int scale = 18;
10 int rows = 40;
11 int columns = 50;
12 boolean drawOnBottom;
13 int padding = 50;
14 int shots = 1000;
15 boolean simulate = true;
16
17 void setup() {
18     beginRecord(SVG, "export-as-vector-art.svg");
19     size(1000,1000);
20     pixelDensity(2); //this causes some issues in the SVG so
21     background(white);
22     strokeWeight(5);
23     stroke(black);
24     if (simulate) {
25         createReadings();
26     } else {
27         parseCorpus();
28     }
29     drawLines();
30 }
31 endRecord();
32

```

The code editor has syntax highlighting and line numbers. The file browser on the right shows files: `bell_tutorial.pde`, `corpus.txt`, `export-as-vector-art.svg` (selected), and `microciskit.pde`. To the right of the browser is a preview window showing a grid pattern of black and white squares. Below the preview is a file details panel:

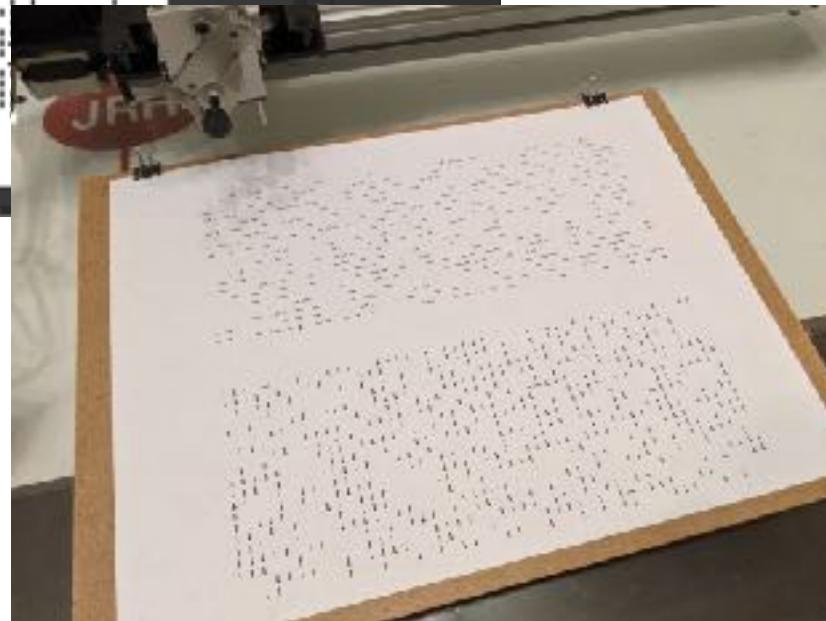
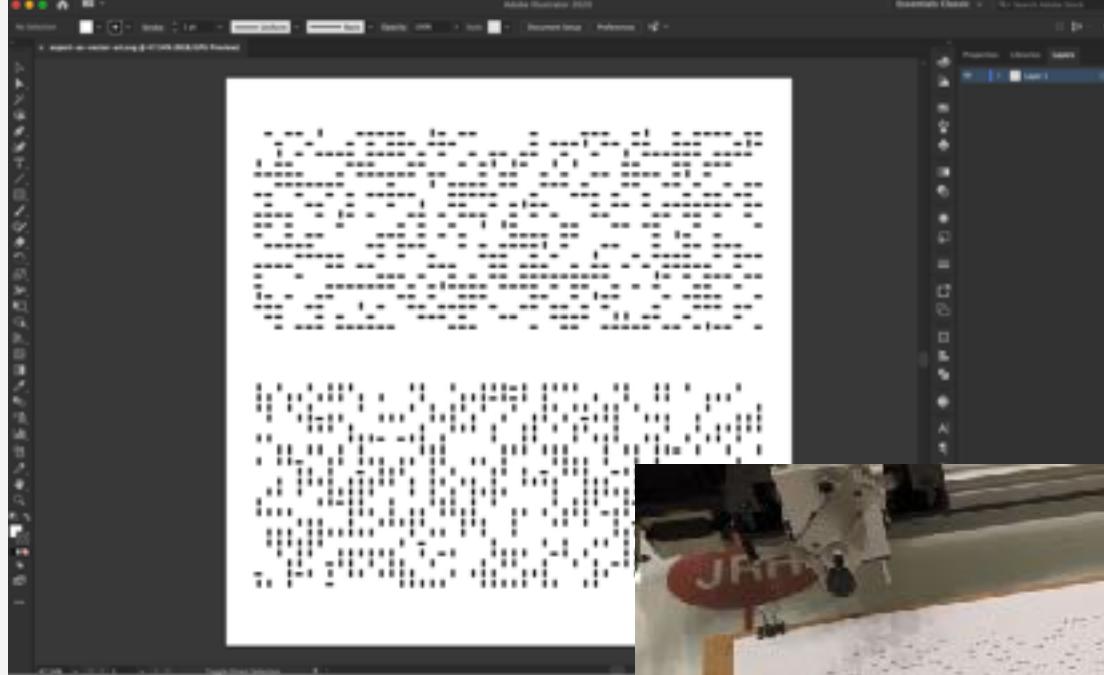
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Buttons at the bottom include **Create PDF** and **More...**

Open in design software

The exported SVG can then be open and manipulated in any design software that can be edit vector graphics, such as Adobe Illustrator or Inkscape.

I recommend Adobe Illustrator for preparing the composition and I recommend Inkscape for pen plotting. Ultimately, it is up to you what you want to do with your generative quantum art composition.



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Conclusion

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Why make art with a quantum computer?

Any new technology has the capacity for creative expression and has unique affordances that enable new types of art.

We are here today to explore and discover how those affordances can be expressed creatively.

What does “quantum” look like?

Show and tell

Rothko inspired composition #1

A composition using data from the bell state circuit to create a piece inspired by Rothko's Color Field works.

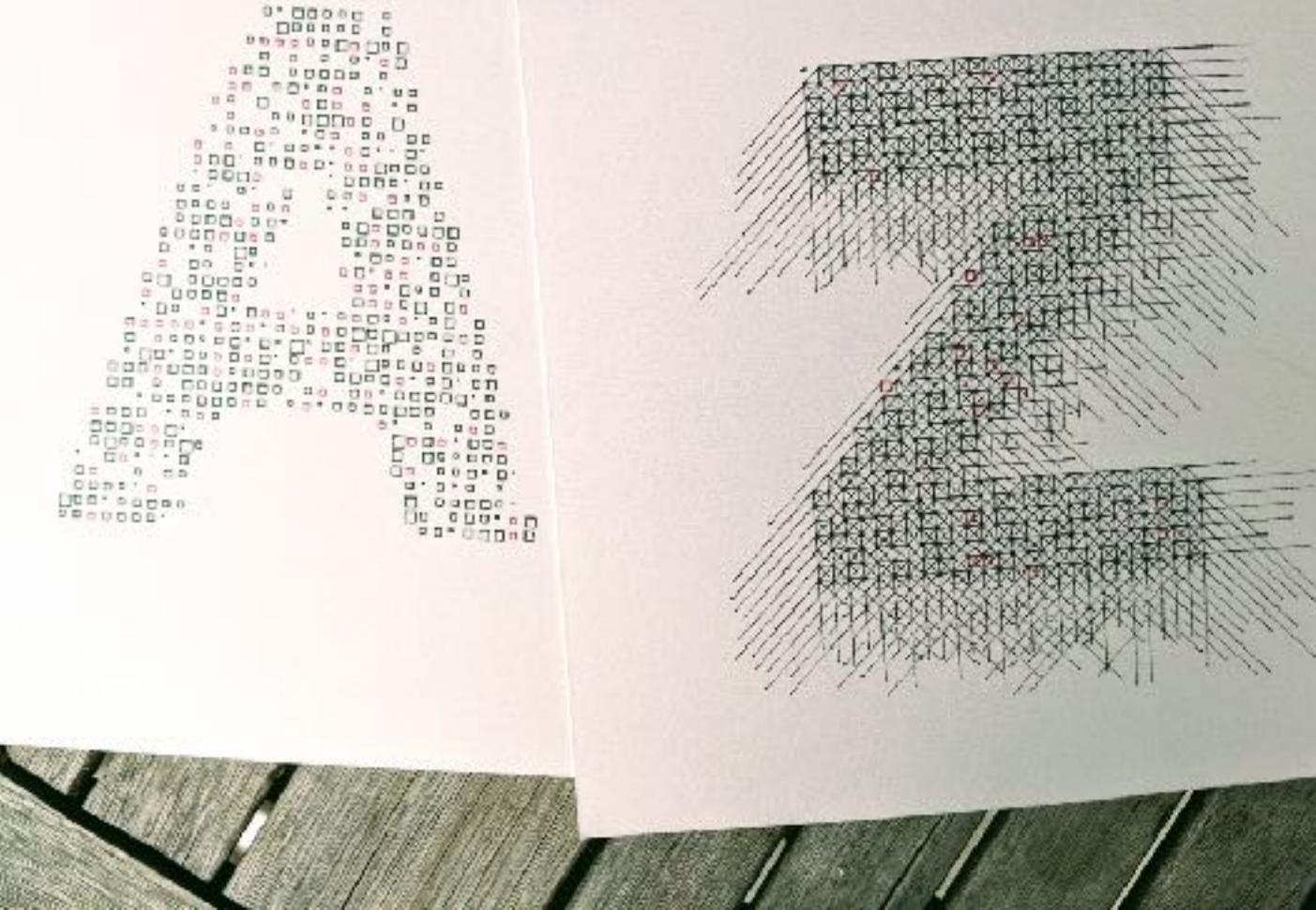
Rendered image of composition on campus



Show and tell

Quantum Alphabet

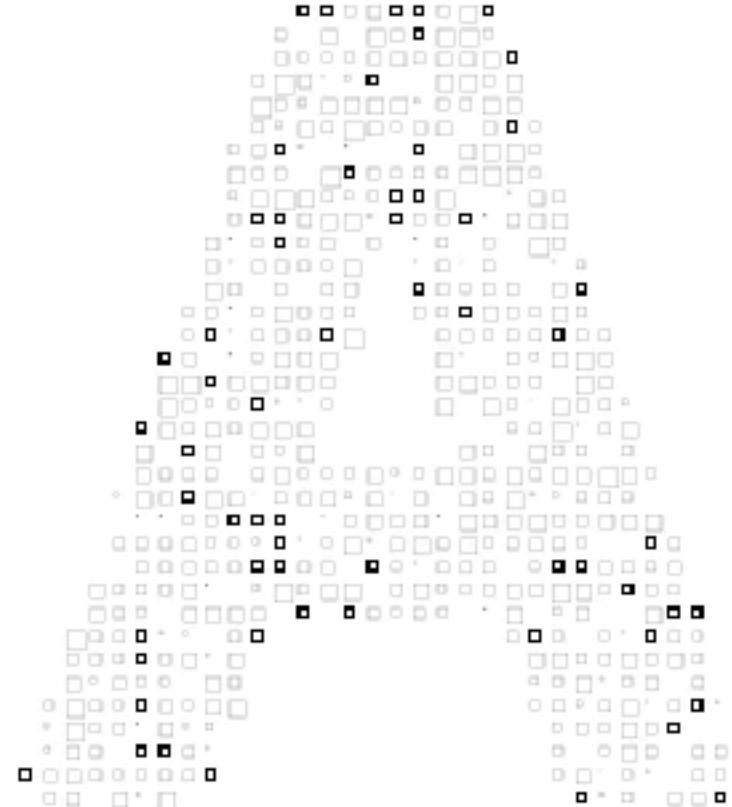
A typographic series using the Bernstein Vazirani Algorithm to store a letter's data as a quantum state, which is used to render the final composition.



Show and tell

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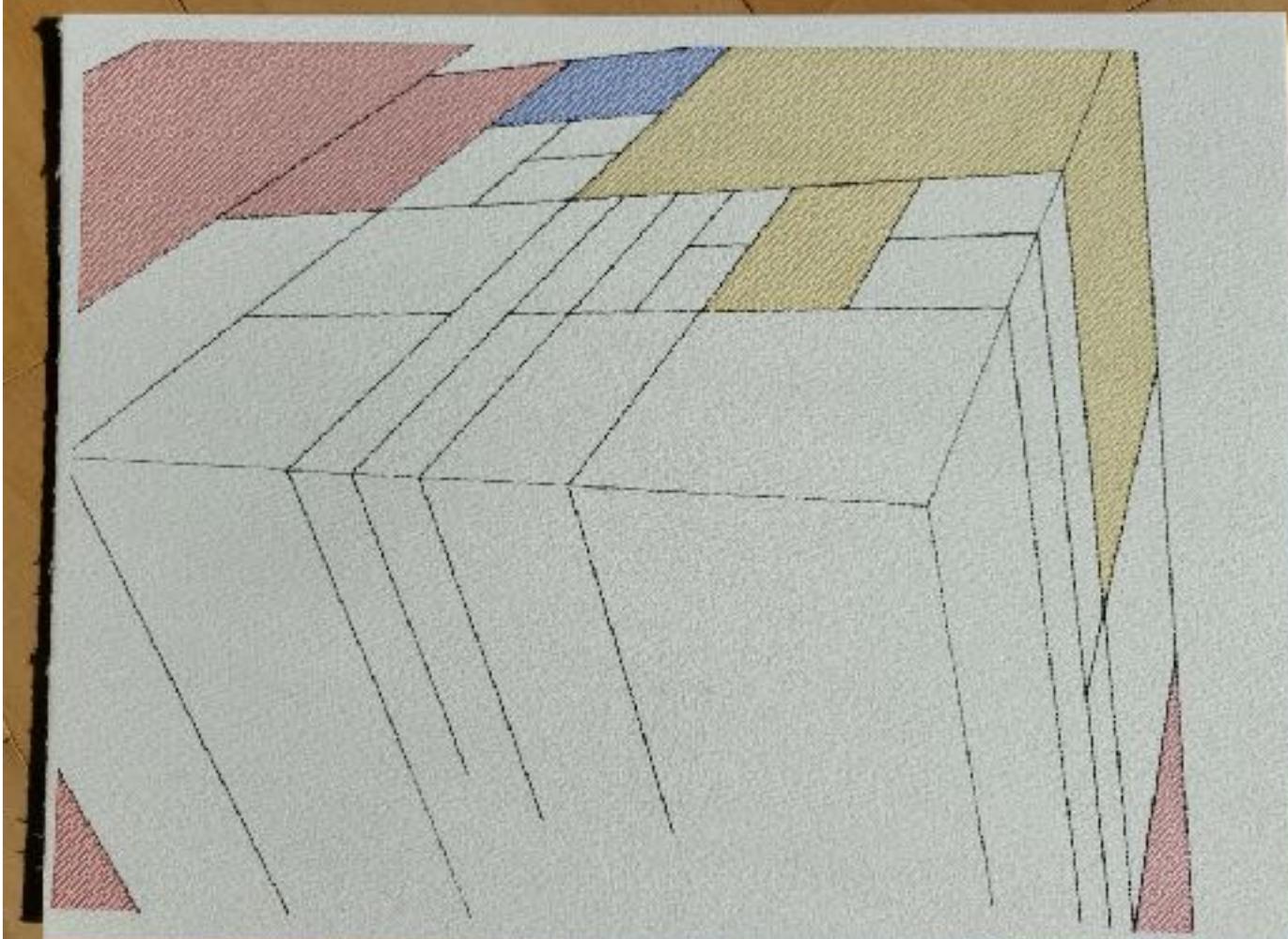
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Mondrian's Cube

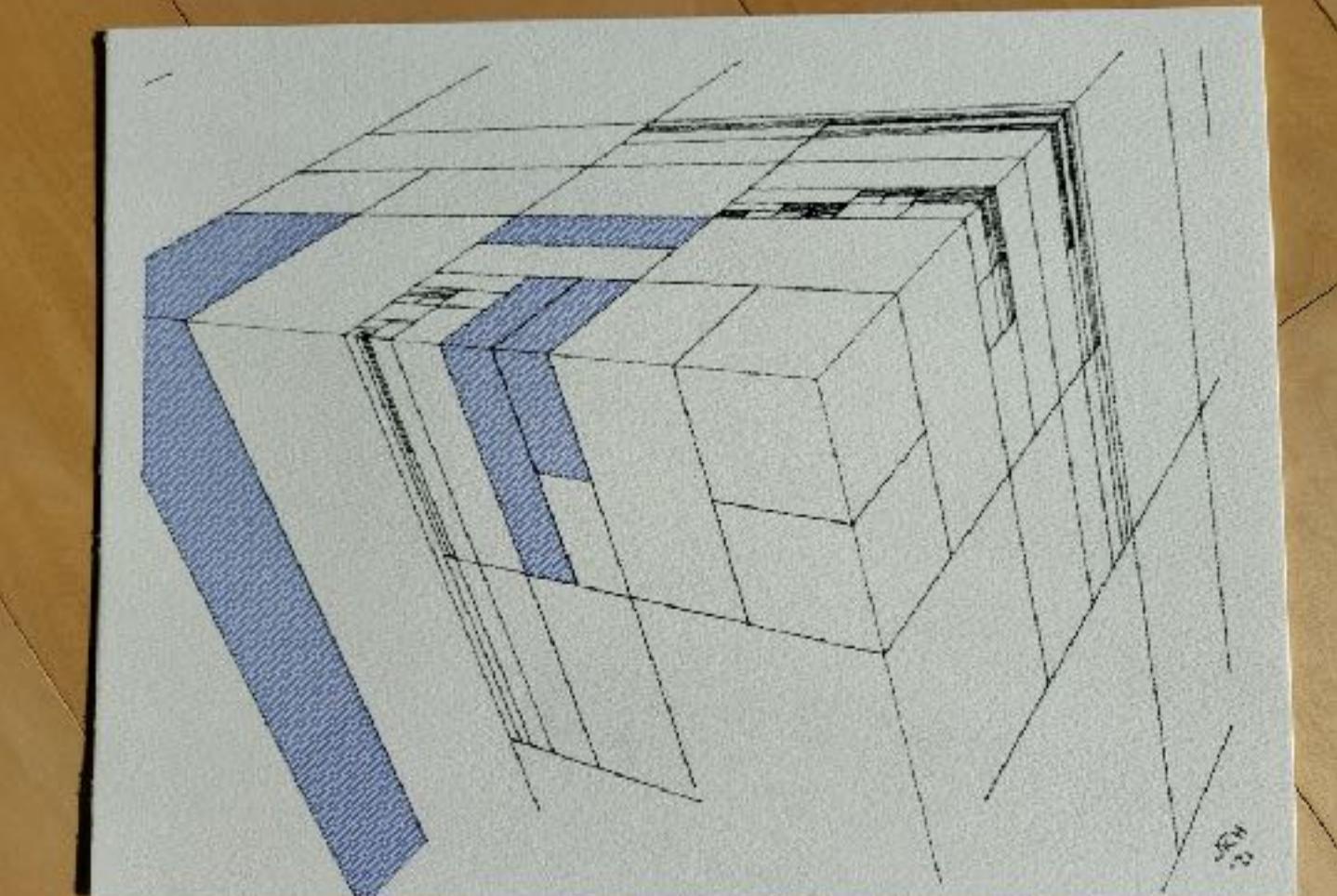
A series inspired by Piet Mondrian's style and philosophy towards abstraction that uses the quantum GHZ state.



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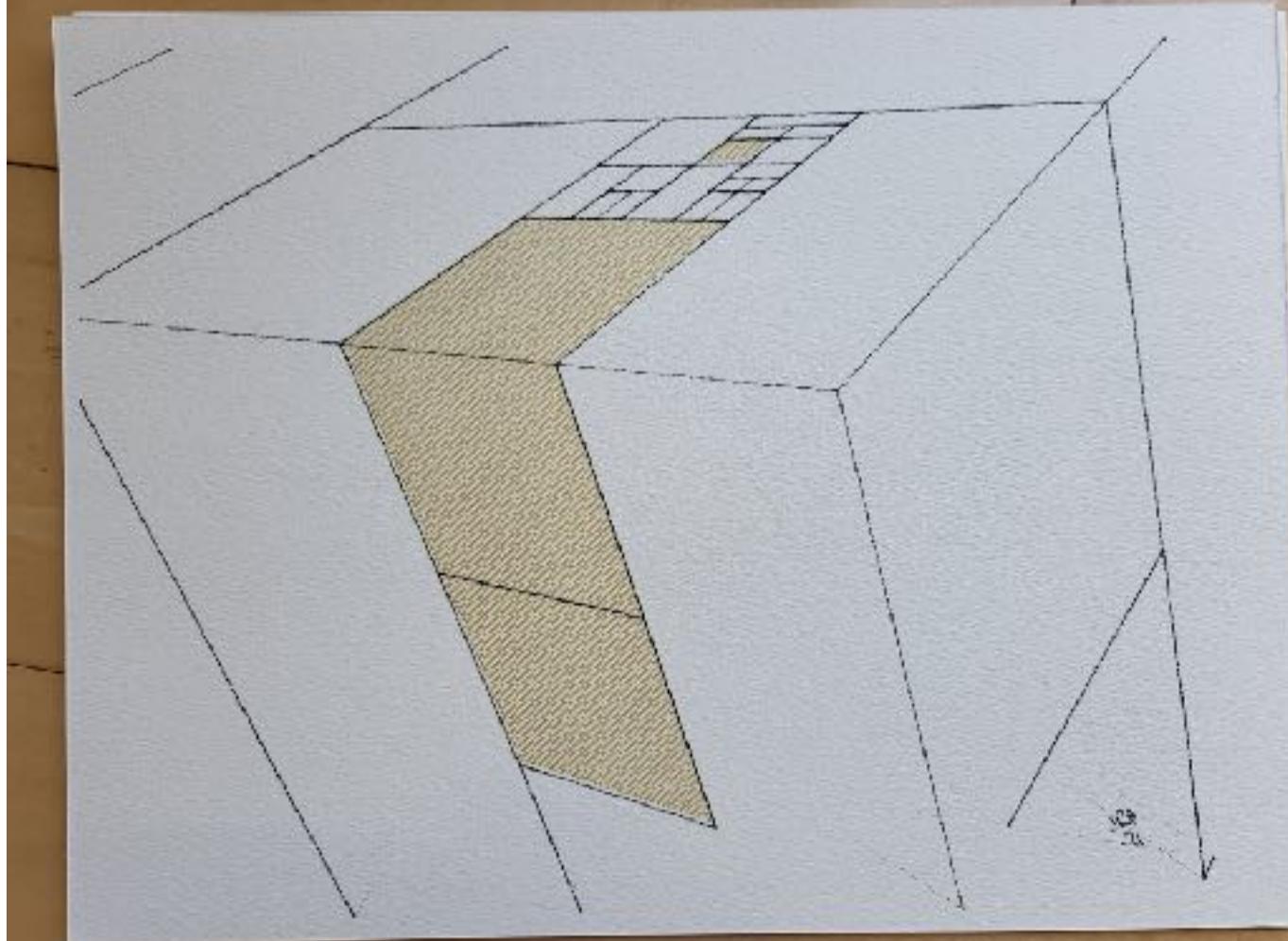
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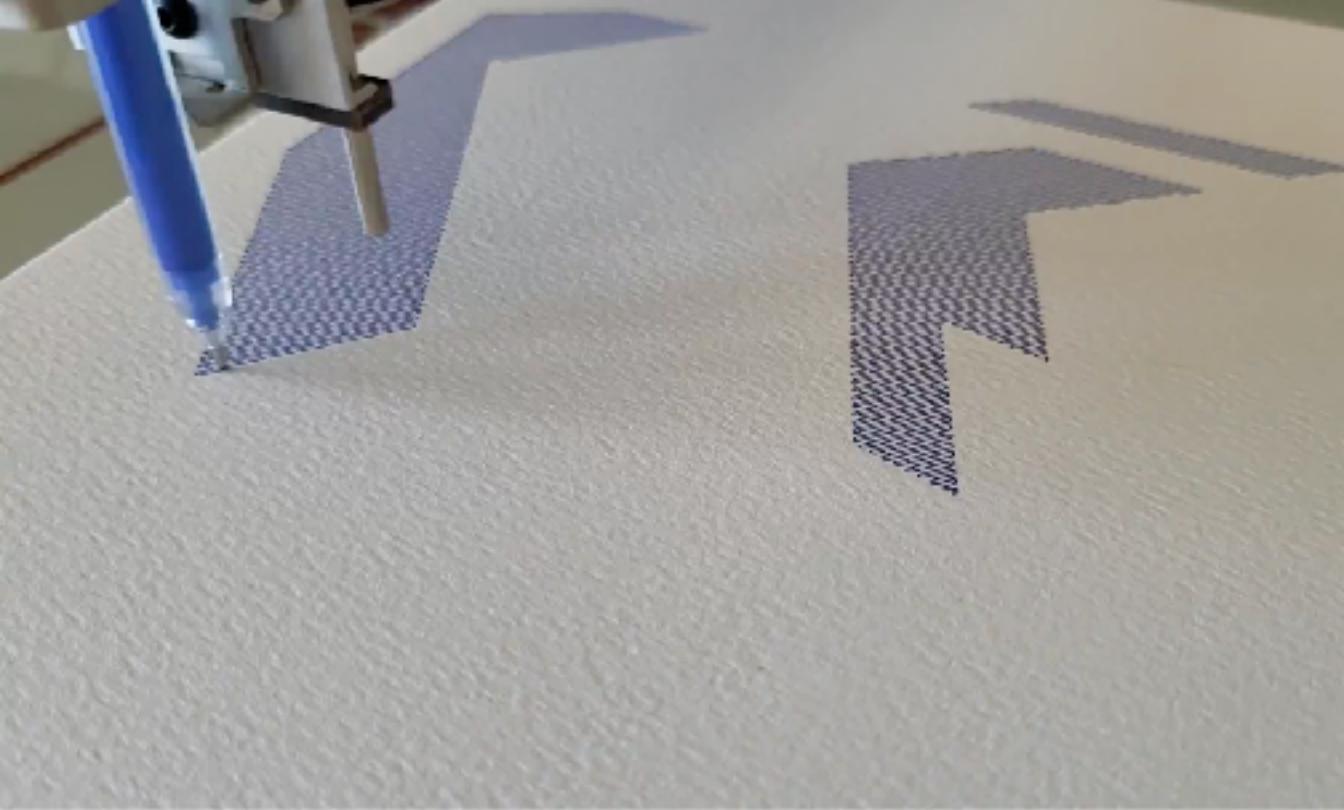
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Your challenge this weekend

Create an artwork that uses quantum computing

The art should

1. Reference at least 1 quantum computing concept
(such as superposition)
2. Have a meaningful connection between a concept
in quantum computing and your artwork
3. Use a real quantum system (not a simulator)

Do your best, have fun, try this new technology, and
be creative.

Properties of quantum information

1. Not all information attributes of a quantum information medium are distinguishable.
2. Undetectability of sharpness
3. Quantum information cannot be cloned
4. Pairs of observables not simultaneously preparable or measurable
5. Unpredictability of deterministic processes
6. Irreducible perturbation of one observable caused by measuring another
7. Consistency of consecutive measurements of a non-sharp observable
8. Quantization
9. Coherence and locally inaccessible information

Resources

Using Qiskit on the cloud

<https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/>

Install Qiskit locally (optional)

<https://qiskit.org/>

Install processing

<https://processing.org/>

Learn quantum computing

<https://qiskit.org/textbook-beta/>

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