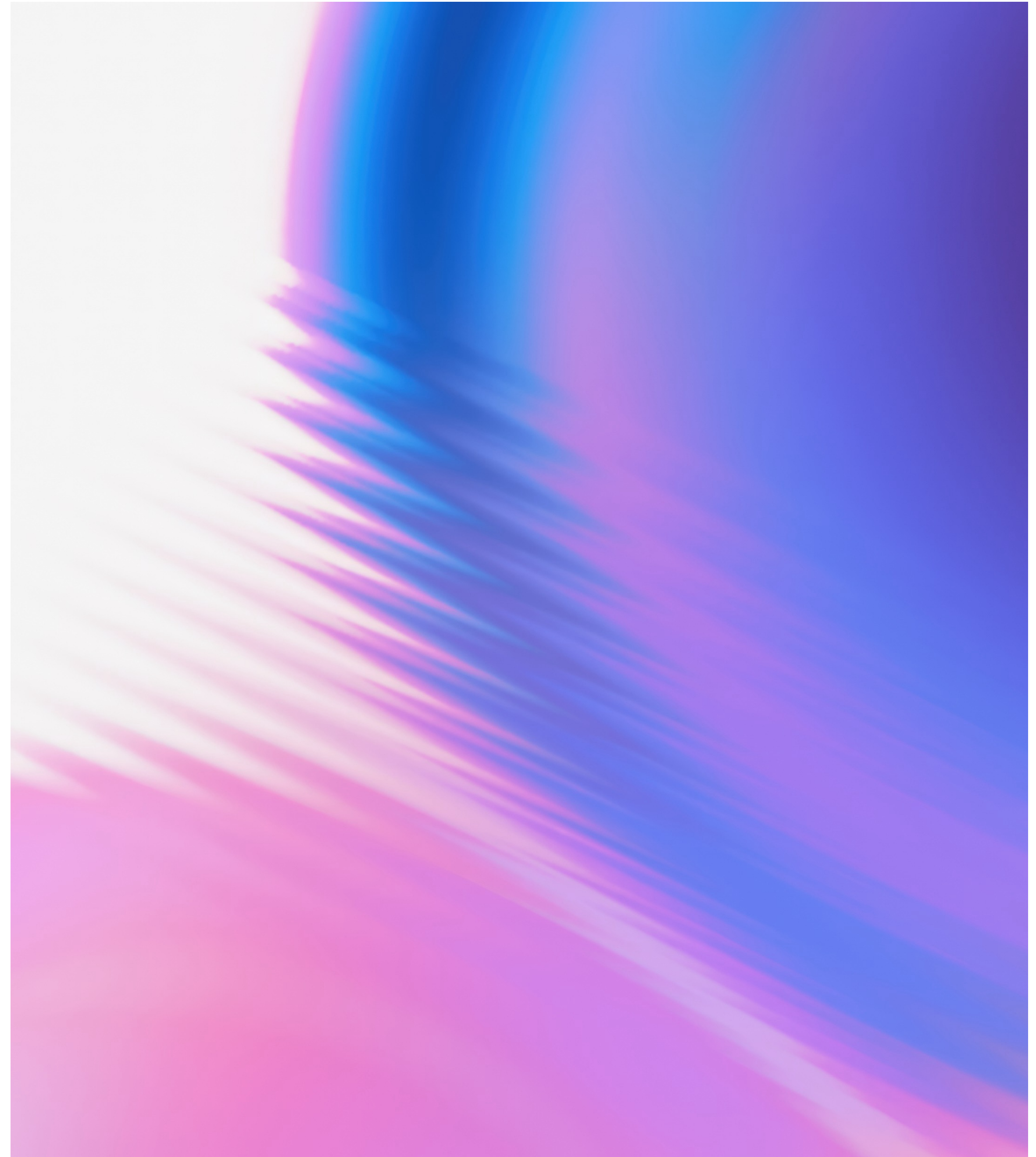
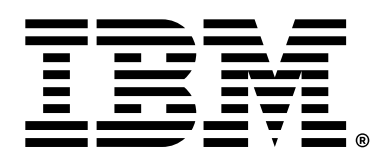


AI for Qiskit. Hackathon starter pack

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Outline

- Qiskit Code Assistant
- Qiskit-ibm-transpiler with the AI-powered transpiler passes

Qiskit Code Assistant



The Qiskit Code Assistant is a generative AI-powered coding companion built on watsonx, designed to make quantum computing more accessible and enhance the developer experience.

- Trained on Qiskit 2.x and earlier to assist with your coding tasks.
- Available as extensions for VS Code and JupyterLab.
- First introduced in 2023 as a preview; now:
 - Cloud version for IBM Quantum premium plan users.
 - Local mode for everyone via open LLMs.

More info <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/qiskit-code-assistant>
(👉 QR code)

Qiskit Code Assistant VSCode



Bring Qiskit Code Assistant into Visual Studio Code environment (VSCode):

- Use it via the cloud (recommended) or run locally.
- Perfect for coding, debugging, and exploring Qiskit.
- Run code completions using the keys **Ctrl + .**

Detailed setup instructions <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/qiskit-code-assistant-vscode>
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Qiskit Code Assistant - JupyterLab



Bring Qiskit Code Assistant into JupyterLab environment:

- Use it via the cloud (recommended) or run locally.
- Perfect for coding, debugging, and exploring Qiskit.
- Run code completions using the keys **Alt + .**

```
#Install the extension
```

```
pip install qiskit-code-assistant-jupyterlab
```

```
# Run jupyterLab
```

```
jupyter lab
```

Detailed setup instructions

<https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/qiskit-code-assistant-jupyterlab>

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Qiskit Code Assistant – Local mode

Run Locally

Prefer using your own hardware instead of the cloud?

- Follow the setup guide here:
<https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/qiskit-code-assistant-local>
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Our LLMs for Qiskit Coding are available on Hugging Face
<https://huggingface.co/Qiskit/>

Qiskit Code Assistant – Local mode



1 command automatic setup to run the Qiskit Code Assistant in local mode:

- VSCode

```
bash <(curl -fsSL  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Qiskit/qiskit-code-assistant-vscode/main/setup\_local.sh)
```

- JupyterLab

```
bash <(curl -fsSL  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Qiskit/qiskit-code-assistant-jupyterlab/main/setup\_local.sh)
```

AI-powered transpilation



The AI-powered transpiler passes are passes that work as a drop-in replacement of "traditional" Qiskit passes for some transpiling tasks. They often produce better results than existing heuristic algorithms (such as lower depth and CNOT count), but are also much faster than optimization algorithms such as Boolean satisfiability solvers.

Install them:

```
pip install 'qiskit-ibm-transpiler[ai-local-mode]'
```

More info <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/ai-transpiler-passes>

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An example of how to use them easily: Hybrid heuristic-AI circuit transpilation

```
from qiskit_ibm_transpiler import generate_ai_pass_manager
from qiskit.circuit.library import efficient_su2
from qiskit_ibm_runtime import QiskitRuntimeService

backend = QiskitRuntimeService().backend("ibm_torino")
torino_coupling_map = backend.coupling_map

su2_circuit = efficient_su2(101, entanglement="circular", reps=1)

ai_transpiler_pass_manager = generate_ai_pass_manager(
    coupling_map=torino_coupling_map,
    ai_optimization_level=3,
    optimization_level=3,
    ai_layout_mode="optimize",
)

ai_su2_transpiled_circuit = ai_transpiler_pass_manager.run(su2_circuit)]
```

More info <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/guides/ai-transpiler-passes>

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