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Quantum Computing for Computer Scientists

The gate quantum computation model

Why learn quantum computing?

- Quantum supremacy expected this year
  - Microsoft, Google, Intel, IBM all investing in quantum computer development
- Several exciting applications already known
  - Efficiently factor large composite numbers, breaking RSA encryption (Shor's algorithm, 1994)
  - Search an unordered list in $O(\sqrt{n})$ time (Grover's algorithm, 1996)
  - Believed exponential speedup in simulating quantum mechanical systems
- Intellectually interesting – quantum mechanics is outside your intuition!
  - Get a small glimpse of what you don't know you don't know

Learning objectives

- Representing computation with basic linear algebra (vectors and matrices)
- Qbits, superposition, and quantum logic gates
- The simplest problem where a quantum computer beats a classical computer
- Bonus topics: quantum entanglement and teleportation

Representing classical bits as a vector

One bit with the value 0, also written as $|0\rangle$ (Dirac vector notation)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

One bit with the value 1, also written as $|1\rangle$

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Review: matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by + cz \\ dx + ey + fz \\ gx + hy + iz \end{pmatrix}$$

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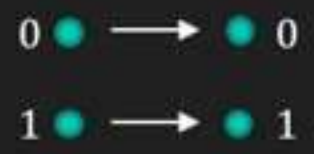
Identity	$f(x) = x$		$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & 1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & 1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix}$
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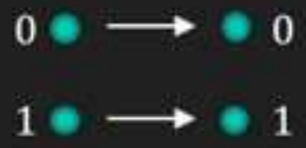
Identity	$f(x) = x$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
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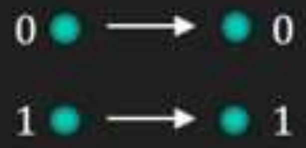
Identity	$f(x) = x$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
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Review: tensor product of vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ x_1 \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 y_0 \\ x_0 y_1 \\ x_1 y_0 \\ x_1 y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Representing multiple cbits

$$|00\rangle = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\0\\0\end{pmatrix} \qquad |01\rangle = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\\0\\0\end{pmatrix}$$

$$|10\rangle = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\0\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} \qquad |11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\0\\0\\1\end{pmatrix}$$

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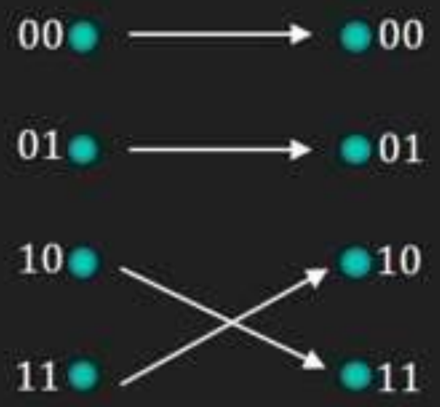
- We call this tensored representation the **product state**
- We can **factor** the product state back into the **individual state** representation
- The product state of n bits is a vector of size 2^n

Operations on multiple cbits: CNOT

- Operates on pairs of bits, one of which is the "control" bit and the other the "target" bit
- If the control bit is 1, then the target bit is flipped
- If the control bit is 0, then the target bit is unchanged
- The control bit is always unchanged
- With most-significant bit as control and least-significant bit as target, action is as follows:



$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Operations on multiple cbits: CNOT

$$C|10\rangle = C\left(\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix}\otimes\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix}1&0&0&0\\0&1&0&0\\0&0&0&1\\0&0&1&0\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}0\\0\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\0\\0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix}\otimes\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\end{pmatrix} = |11\rangle$$

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Recap

- We represent classical bits in vector form as $\binom{1}{0}$ for 0 and $\binom{0}{1}$ for 1
- Operations on bits are represented by matrix multiplication on bit vectors
- Quantum computers only use reversible operations
- Multi-bit states are written as the tensor product of single-bit vectors
- The CNOT gate is a fundamental building block of reversible computing

Qbits and superposition

- Surprise! We've actually been using qbits all along!
- The cbit vectors we've been using are just special cases of qbit vectors
- A qbit is represented by $\binom{a}{b}$ where a and b are Complex numbers and $||a||^2 + ||b||^2 = 1$
  - The cbit vectors $\binom{1}{0}$ and $\binom{0}{1}$ fit within this definition
  - Don't worry! For this presentation, we'll only use familiar Real numbers.
- Example qbit values:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Qbits and superposition

- How can a qbit to have a value which is not 0 or 1? This is called superposition.
- Superposition means the qbit is both 0 and 1 and the same time
- When we **measure** the qbit, it **collapses** to an actual value of 0 or 1
  - We usually do this at the end of a quantum computation to get the result
- If a qbit has value $\binom{a}{b}$ then it collapses to 0 with probability $\|a\|^2$ and 1 with probability $\|b\|^2$
  - For example, qbit $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ has a $\left\|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ chance of collapsing to 0 or 1 (coin flip)
  - The qbit $\binom{1}{0}$ has a 100% chance of collapsing to 0, and $\binom{0}{1}$ has a 100% chance of collapsing to 1

Qbits and superposition

- Multiple qbits are similarly represented by the tensor product $\binom{a}{b} \otimes \binom{c}{d} = \begin{pmatrix} ac \\ ad \\ bc \\ bd \end{pmatrix}$
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- Matrix operators model the effect of some device which manipulates qbit spin/polarization without measuring and collapsing it

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The Hadamard gate

- The Hadamard gate also takes a qbit in exactly-equal superposition, and transforms it into a 0- or 1-bit! (This should be unsurprising – remember operations are their own inverse!)

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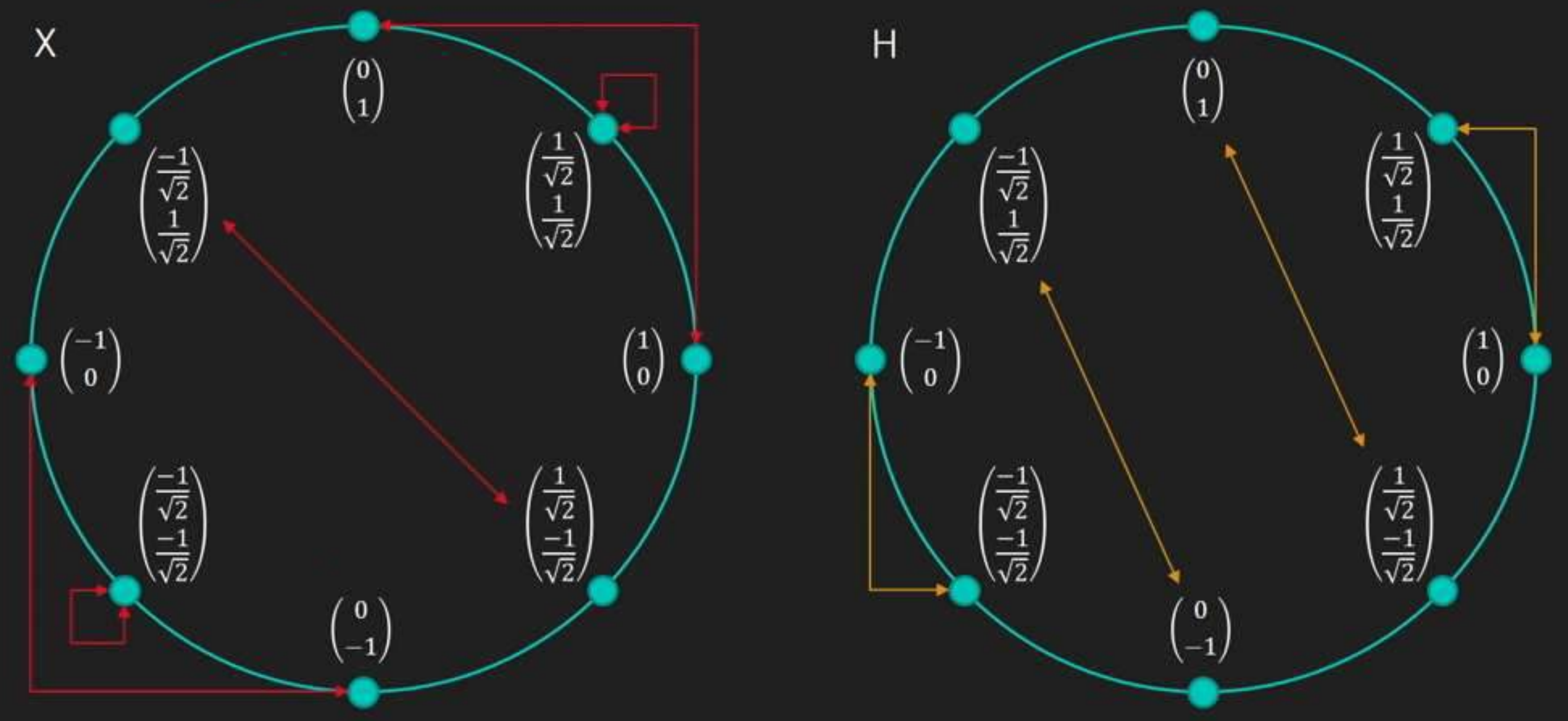
- We can transition out of superposition without measurement!
- We can thus structure quantum computation deterministically instead of probabilistically

The unit circle state machine



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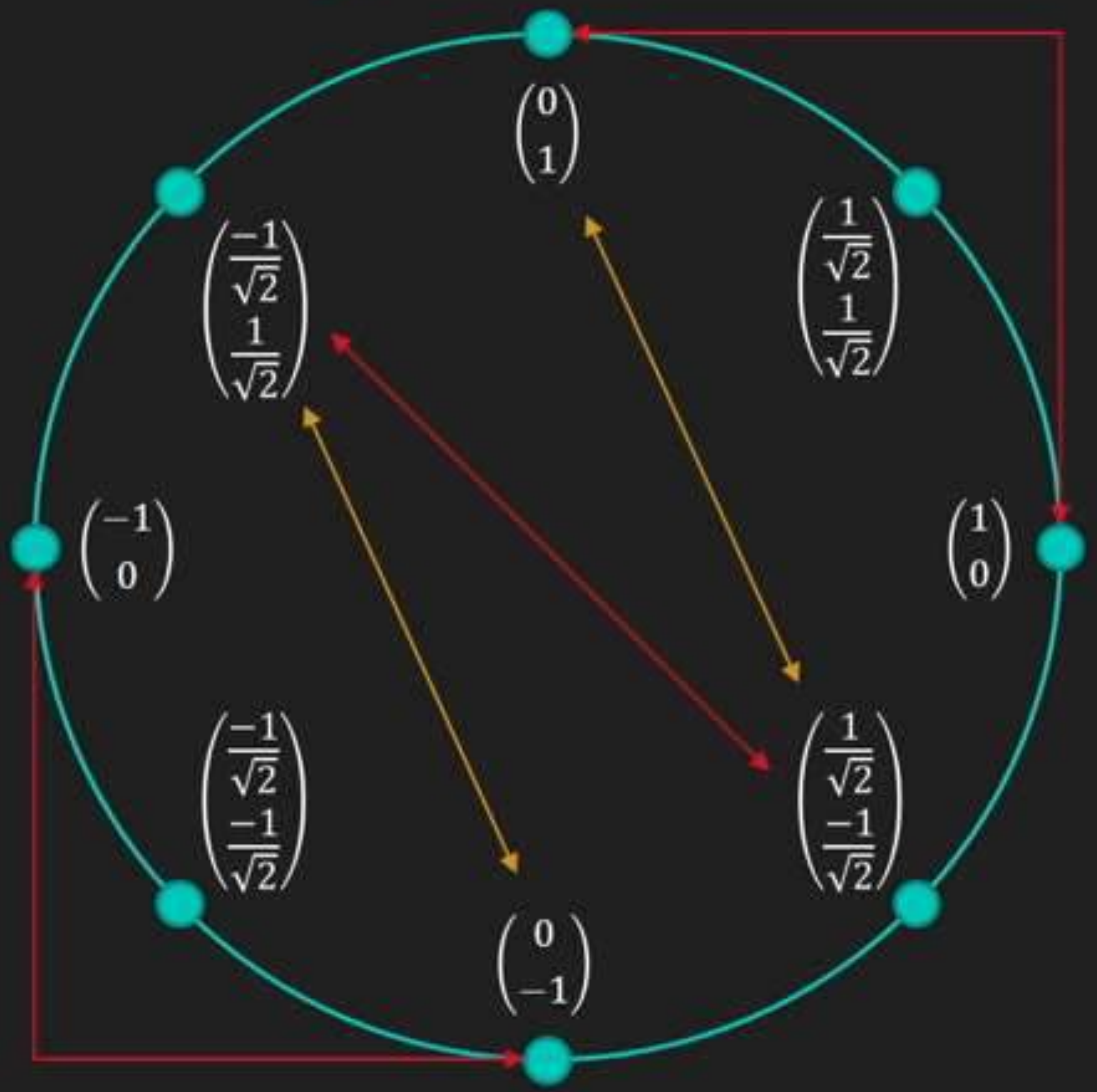

Recap

- Cbits are just a special case of qbits, which are 2-vectors of Complex numbers
- Qbits can be in superposition, and are probabilistically collapsed to cbits by measurement
- Multi-qbit systems are tensor products of single-qbit systems, like with cbits
- Matrices represent operations on qbits, same as with cbits
- The Hadamard gate takes 0- and 1-bits to equal superposition, and back
- We can think of qbits and their operations as forming a state machine on the unit circle
  - Actually the unit sphere if we use complex numbers

The Deutsch oracle

- Imagine someone gives you a black box containing a function on one bit
  - Recall! What are the four possible functions on one bit?
- You don't know which function is inside the box, but can try inputs and see outputs
- How many queries would it take to determine the function on a classical computer?
- How many on a quantum computer?

The Deutsch oracle

- What if you want to check whether the unknown function is constant, or variable?
  - Constant-0 & constant-1 are constant, identity & negation are variable
- How many queries would it take on a classical computer?
- How many on a quantum computer?

The Deutsch oracle

- How can it be done in a single query!?
- We can do it with the magic of superposition!
- First, we have to define what each of the four functions look like on a quantum computer
  - We have an immediate problem with the constant functions

The Deutsch oracle

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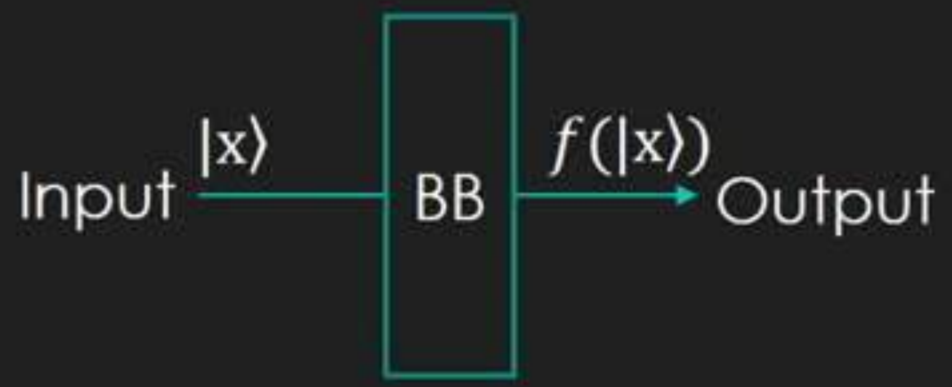

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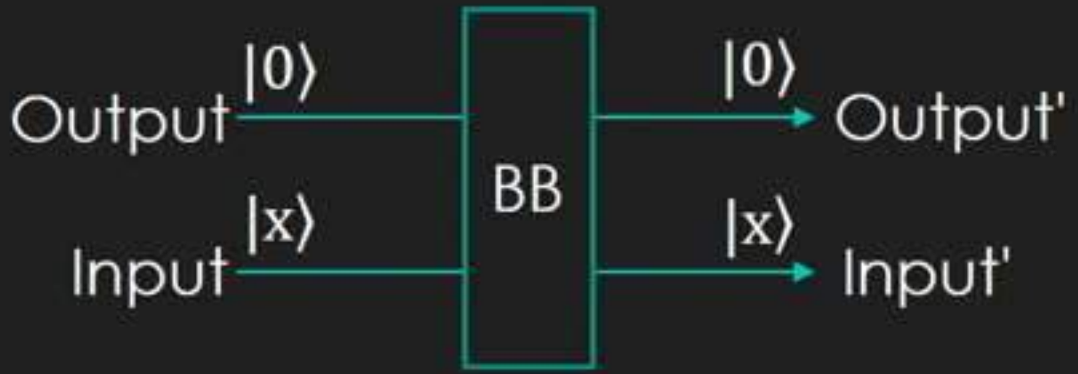
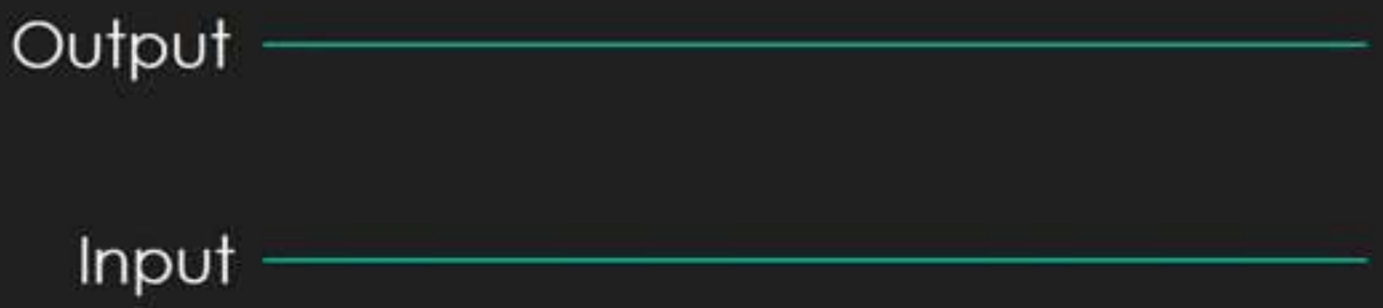
The Deutsch oracle: constant-0





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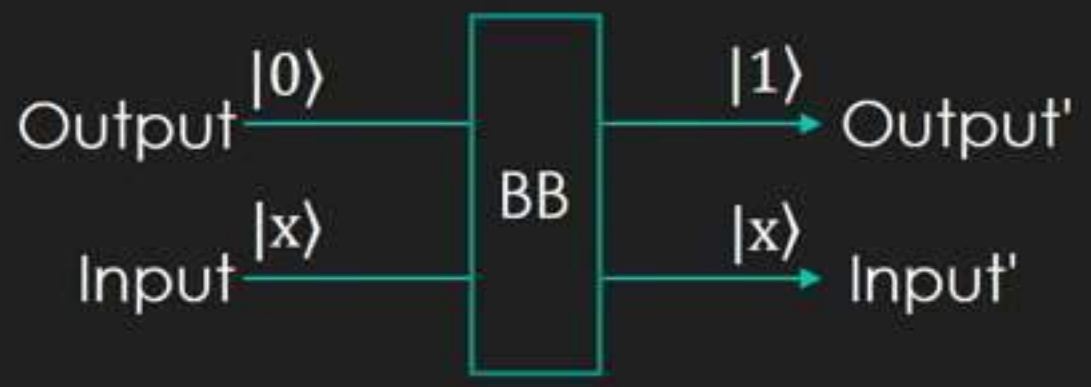

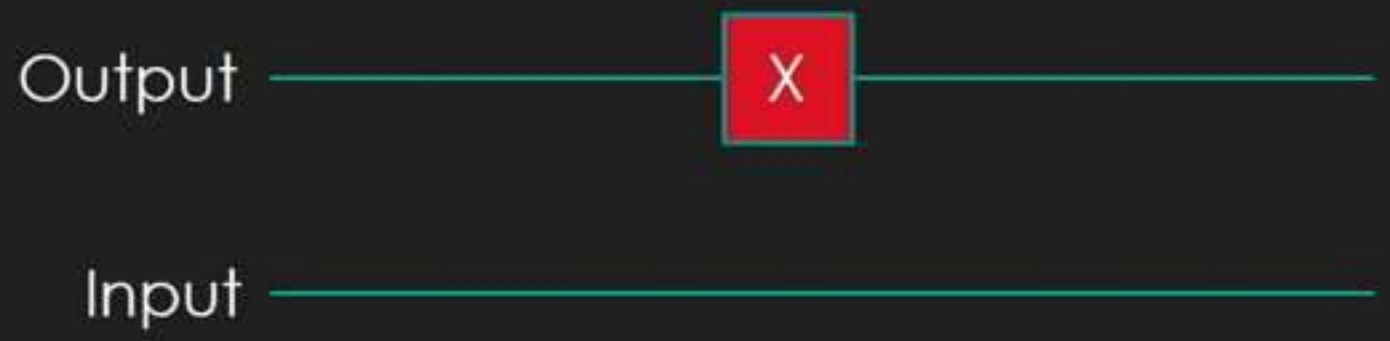

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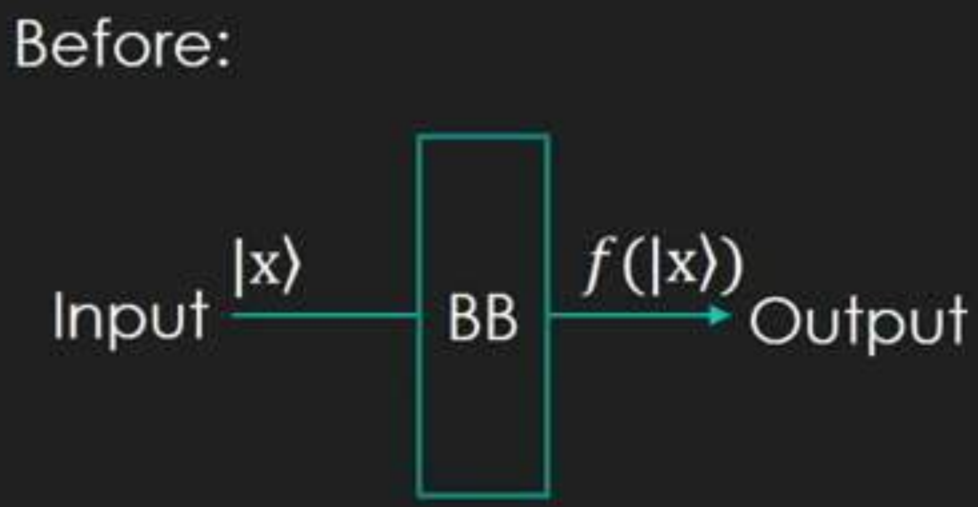

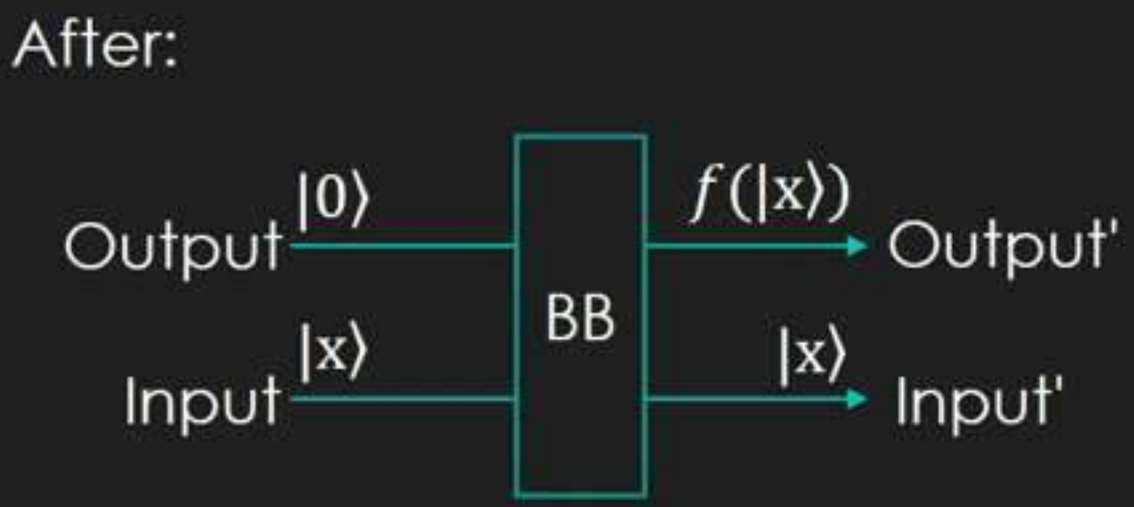

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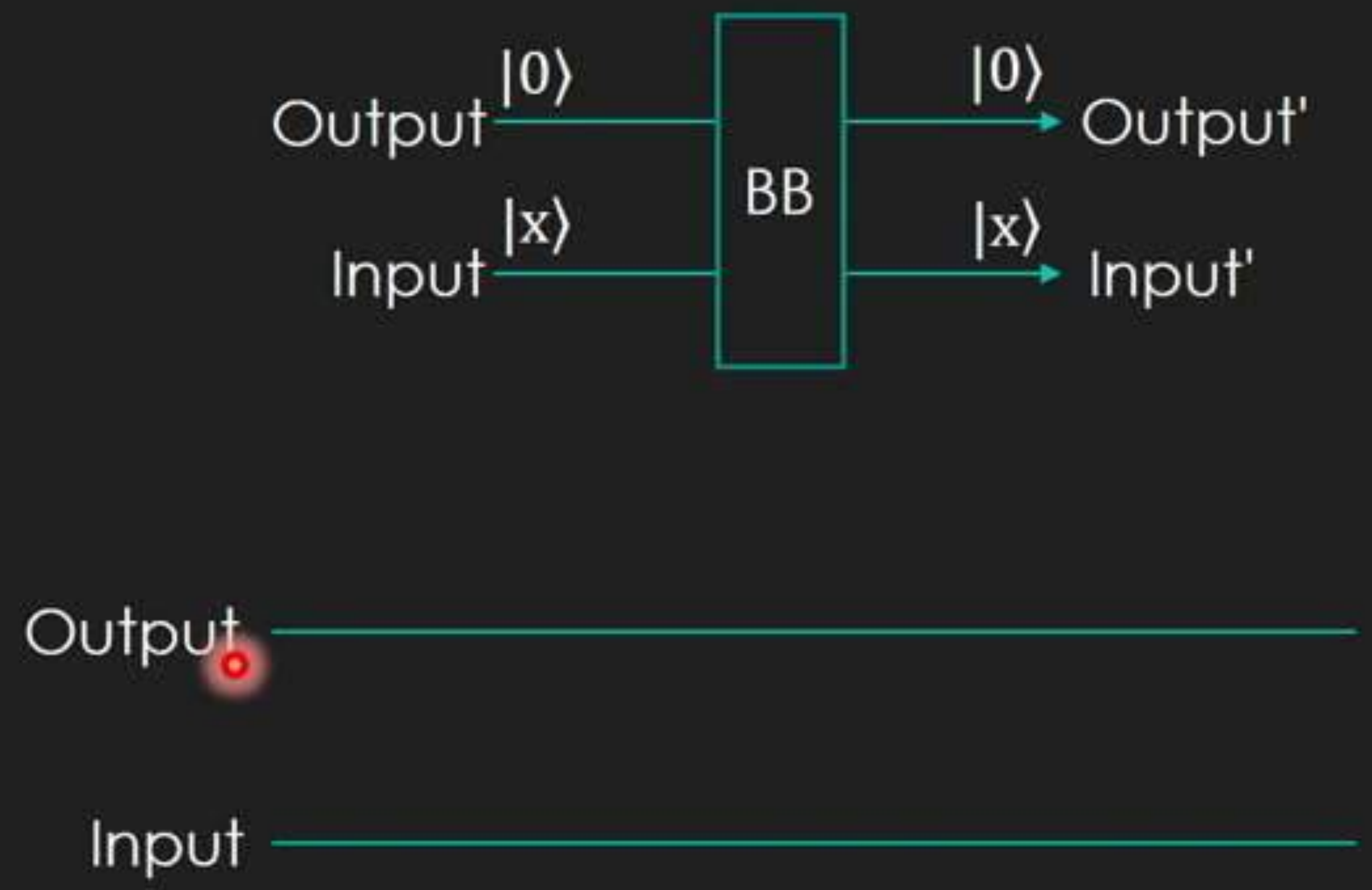

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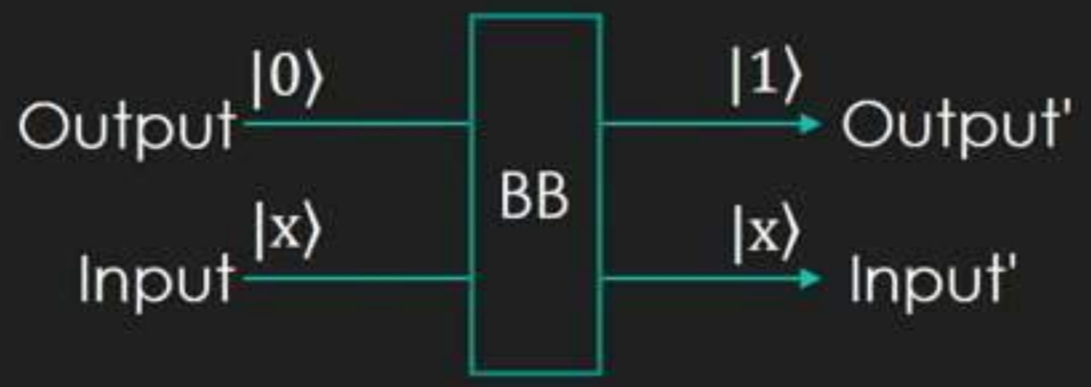
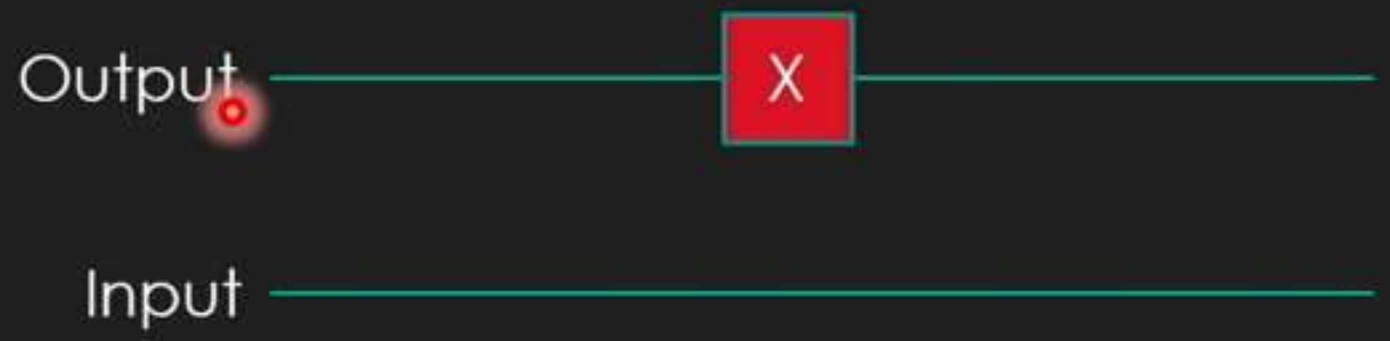
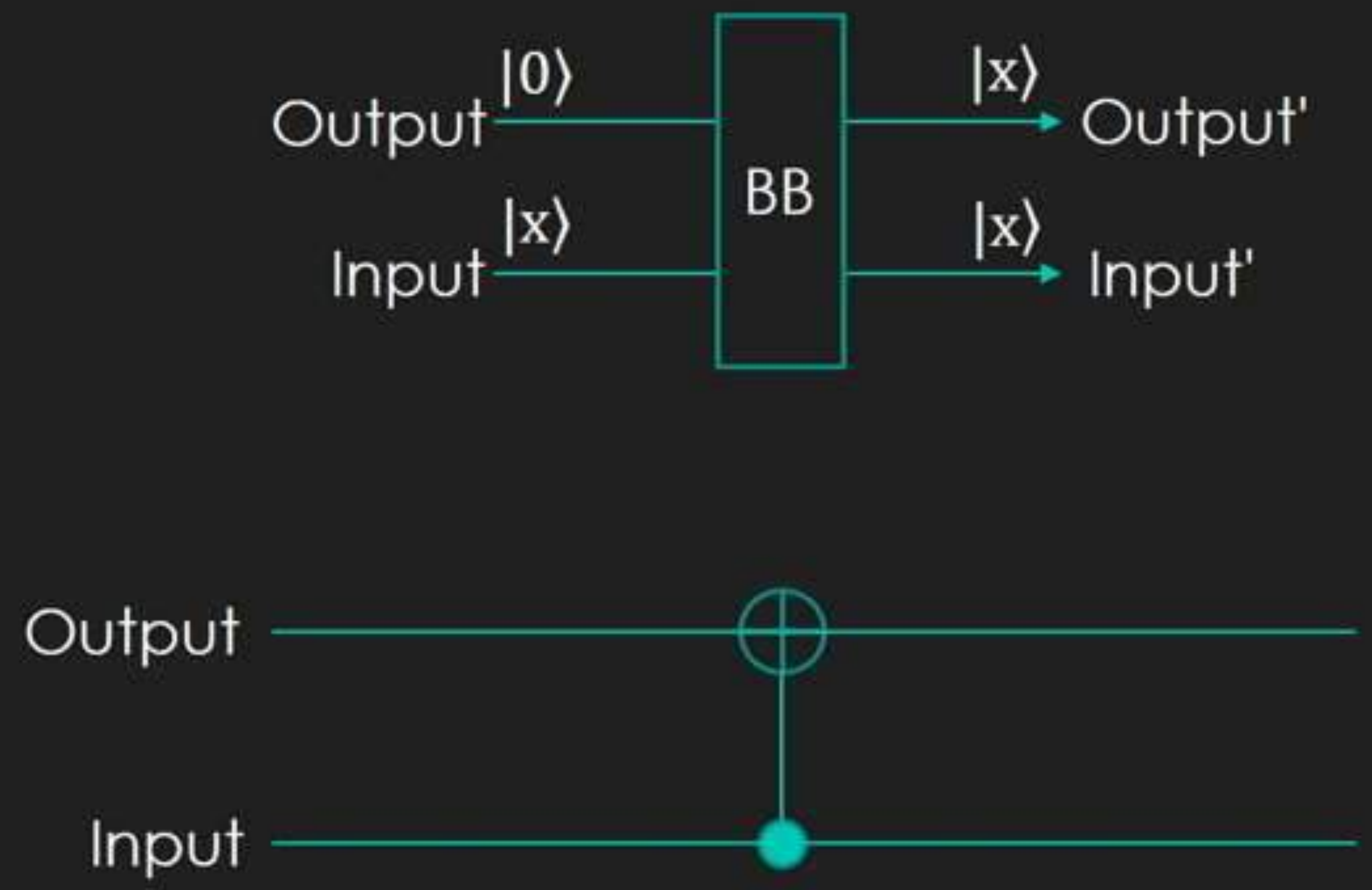
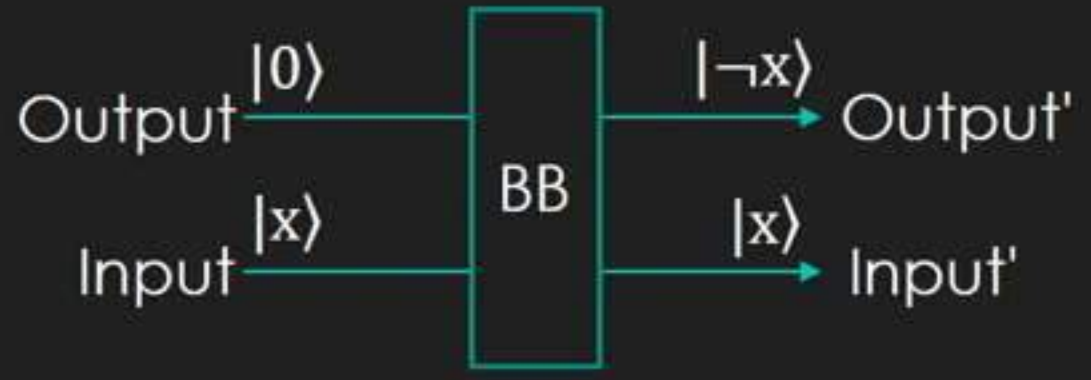




The Deutsch oracle: identity

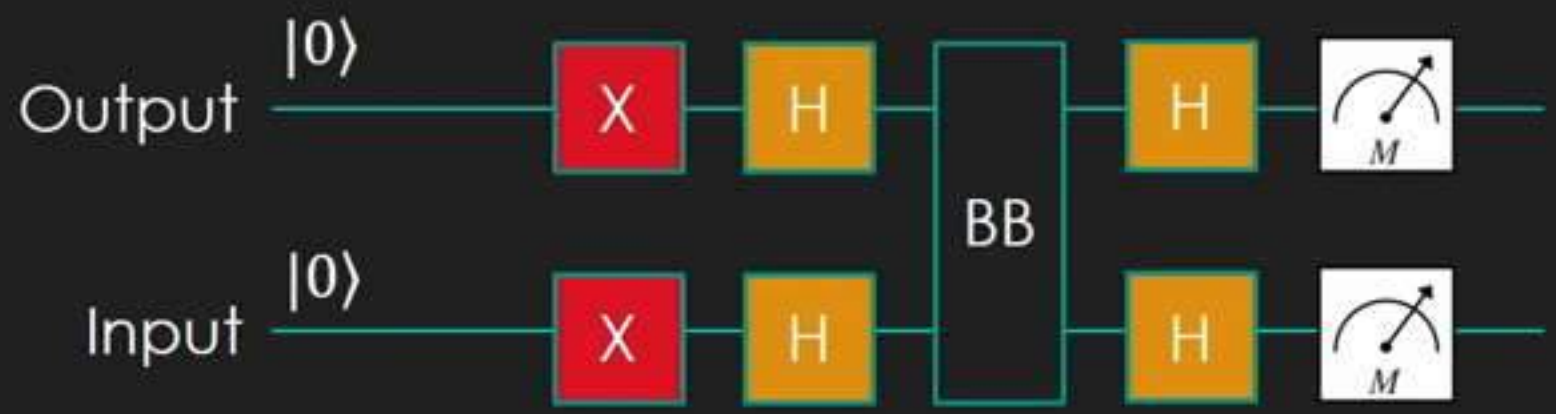


The Deutsch oracle: negation



The Deutsch oracle

- How do we solve it on a quantum computer in one query?



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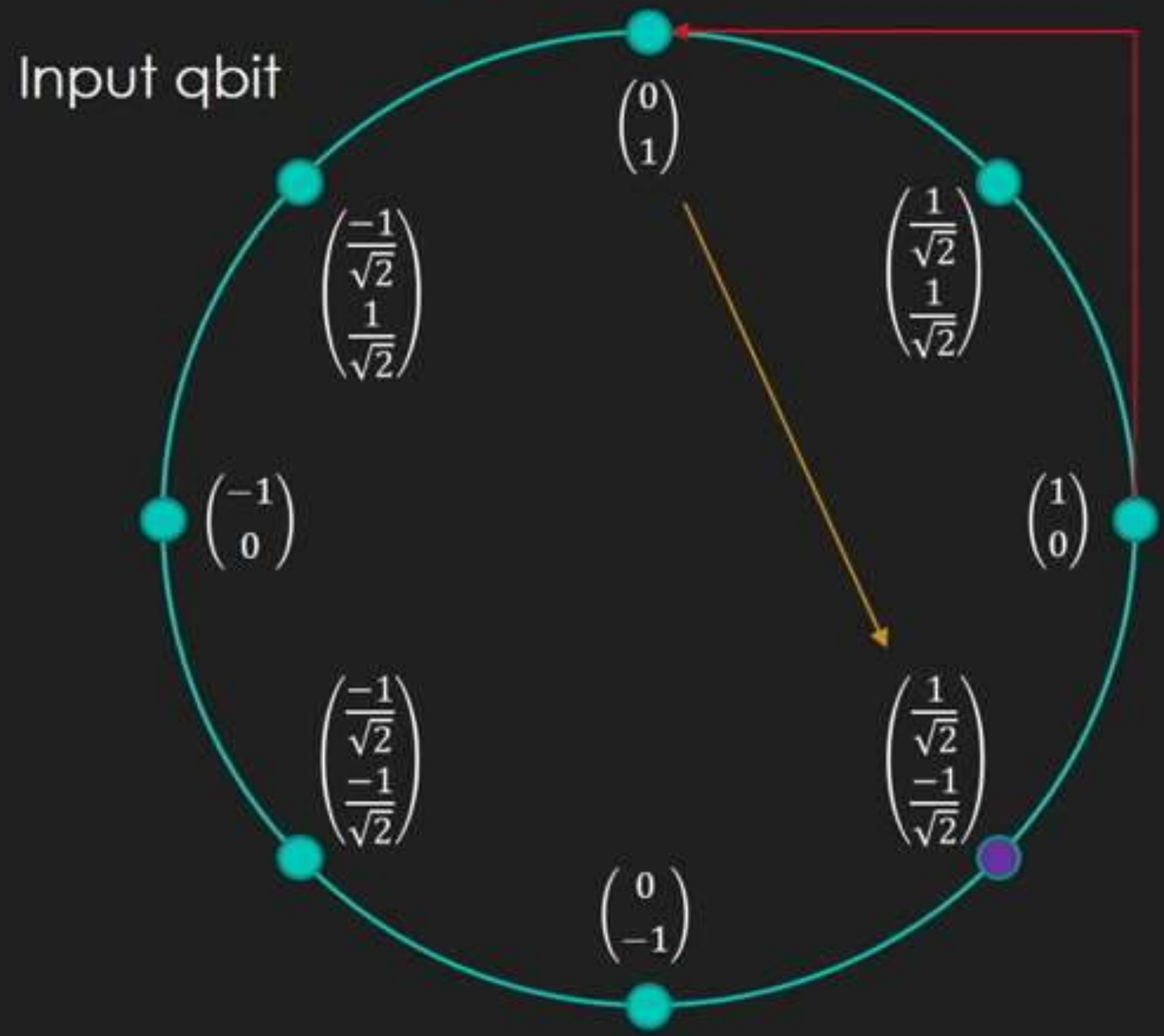
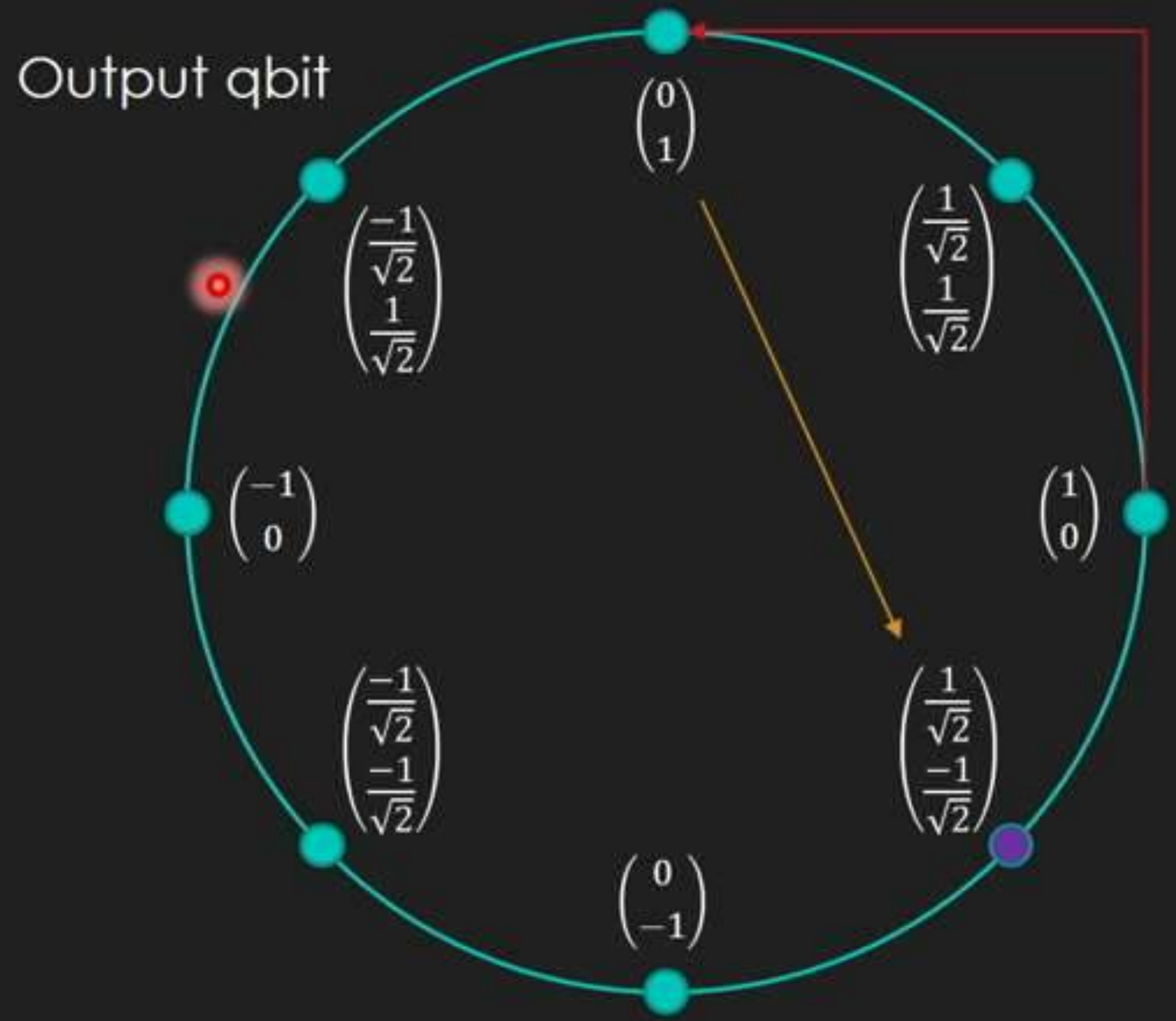
The Deutsch oracle: preprocessing





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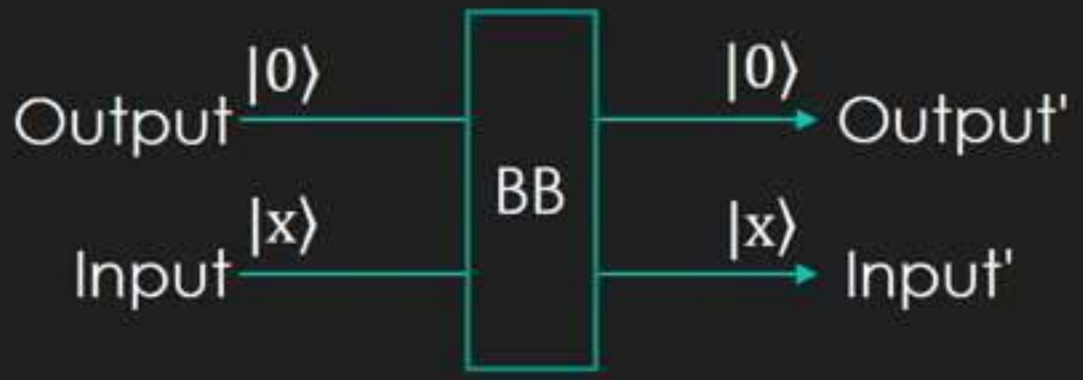

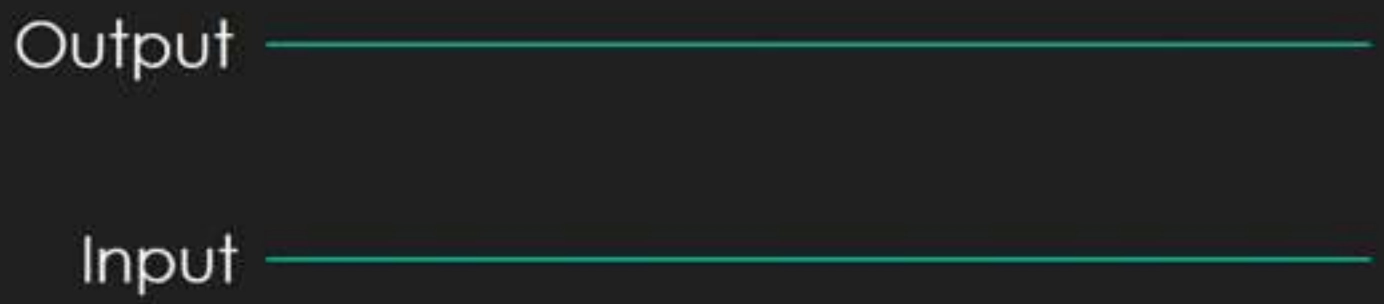

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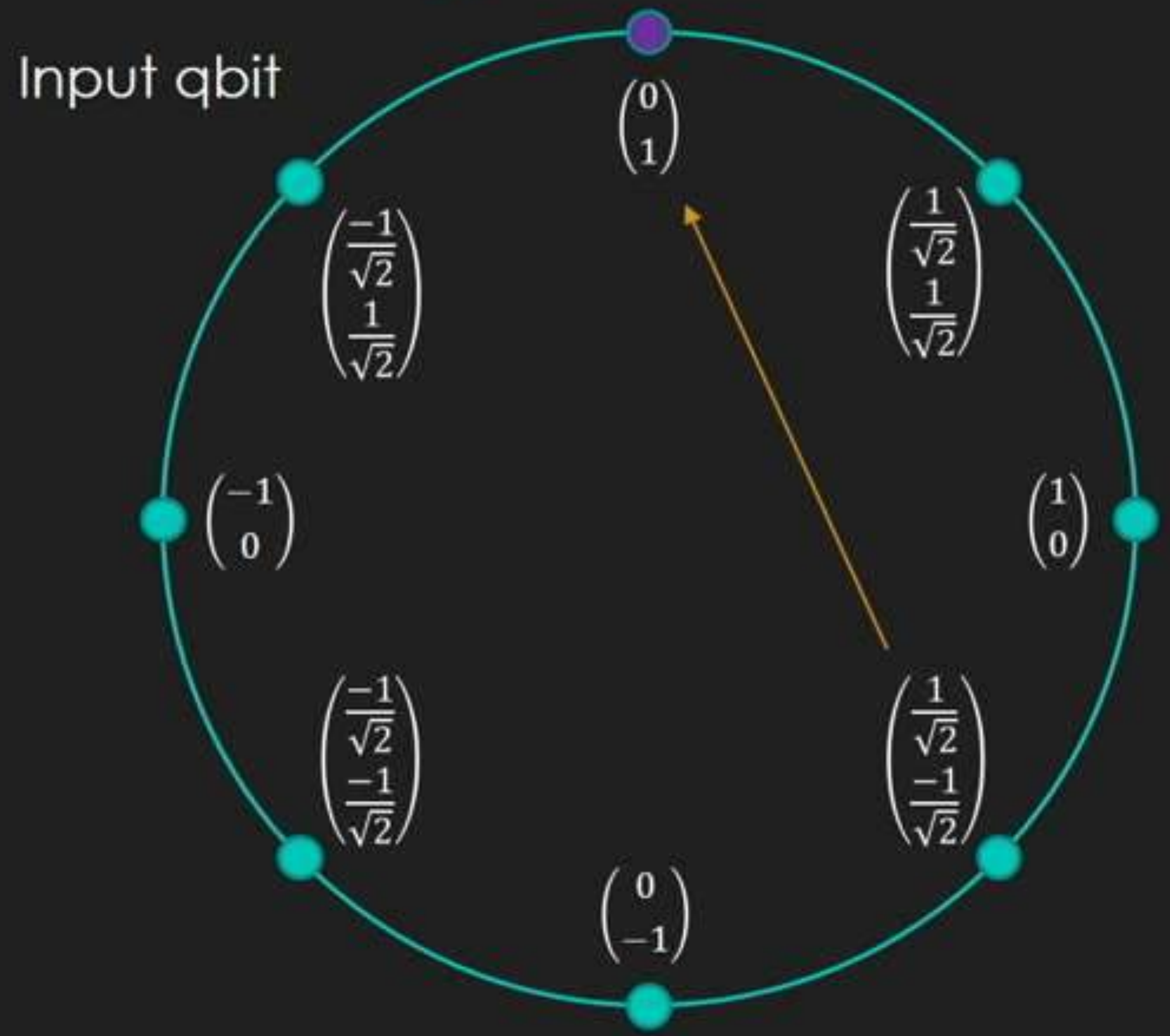

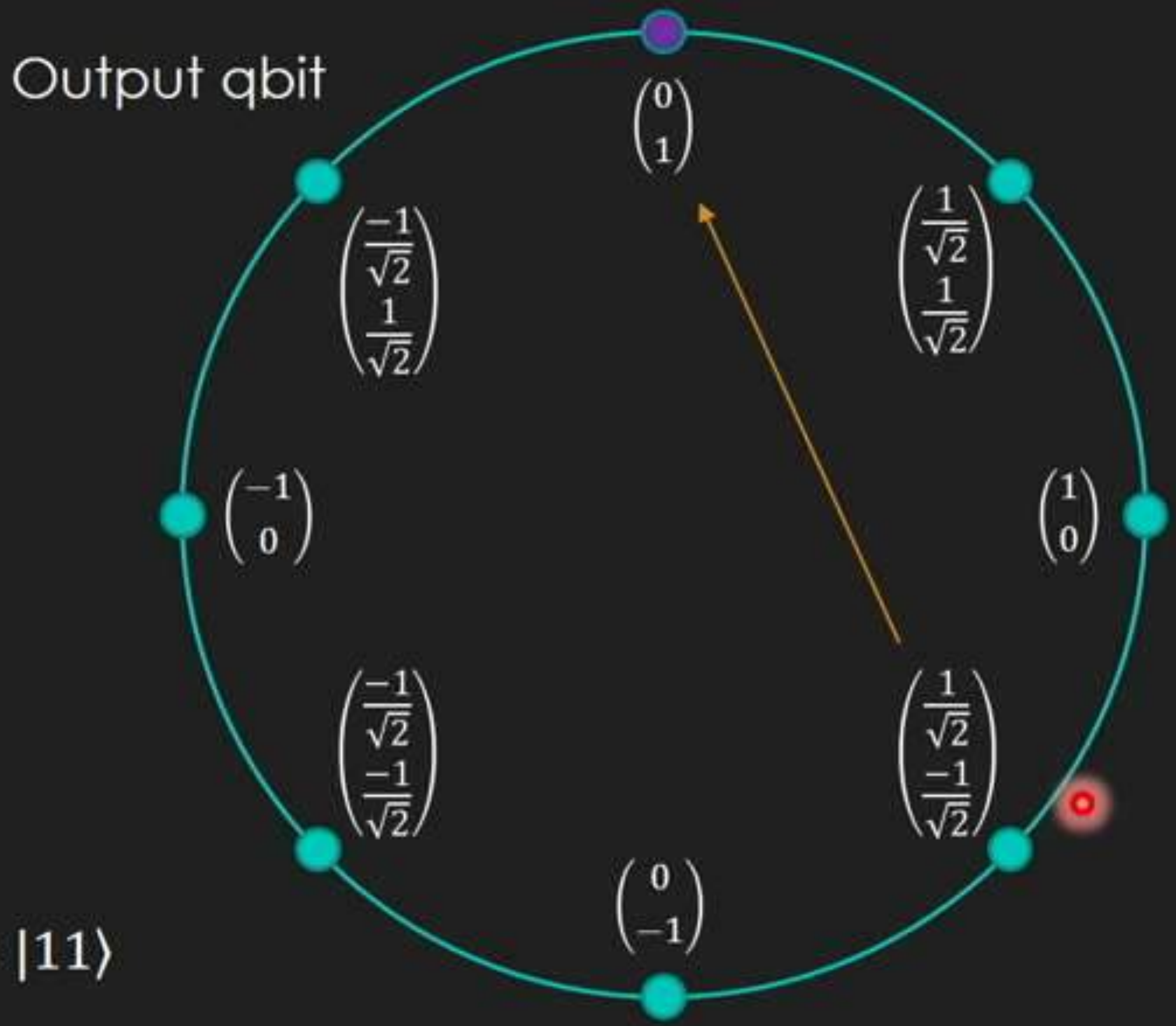

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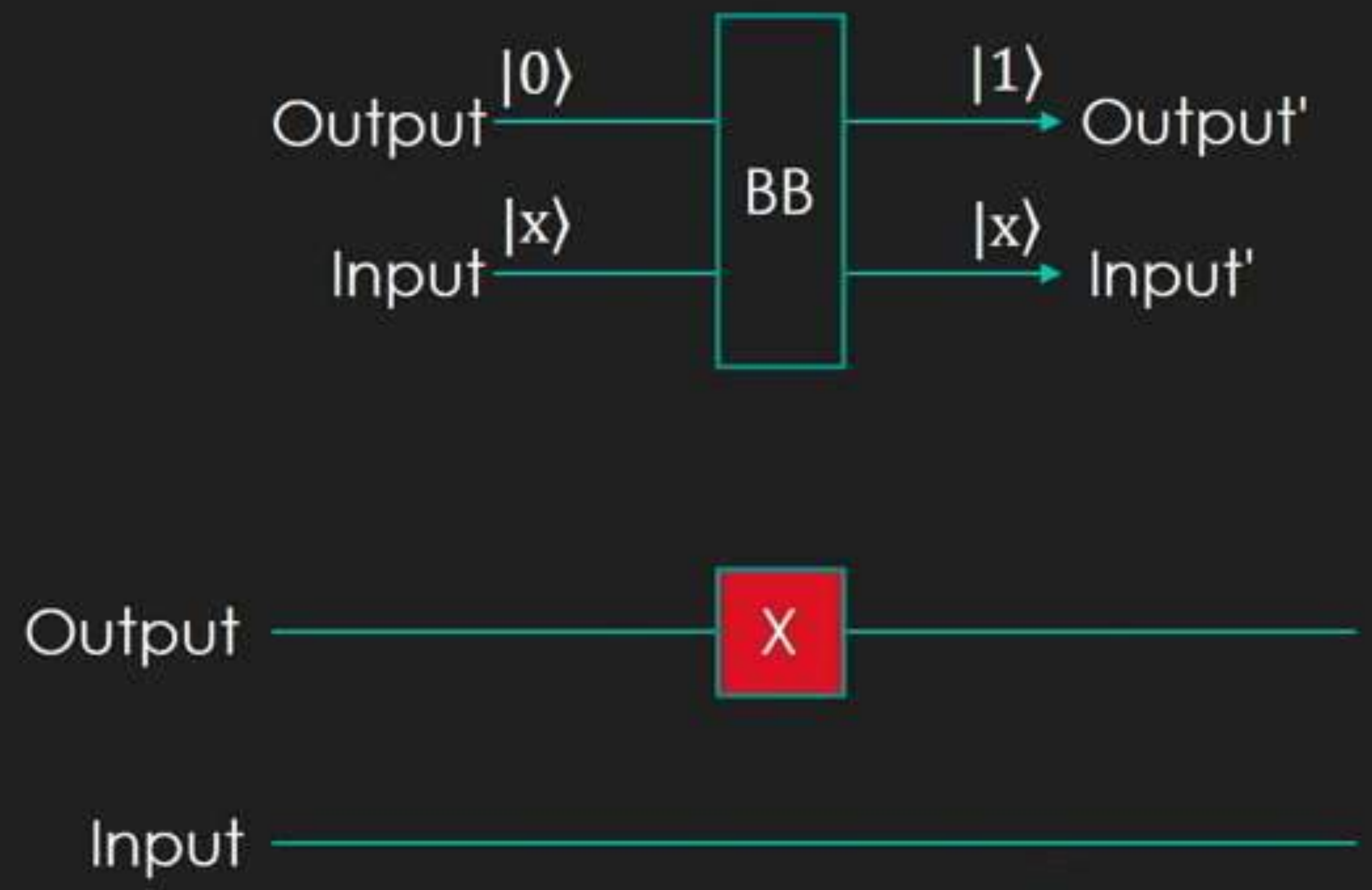

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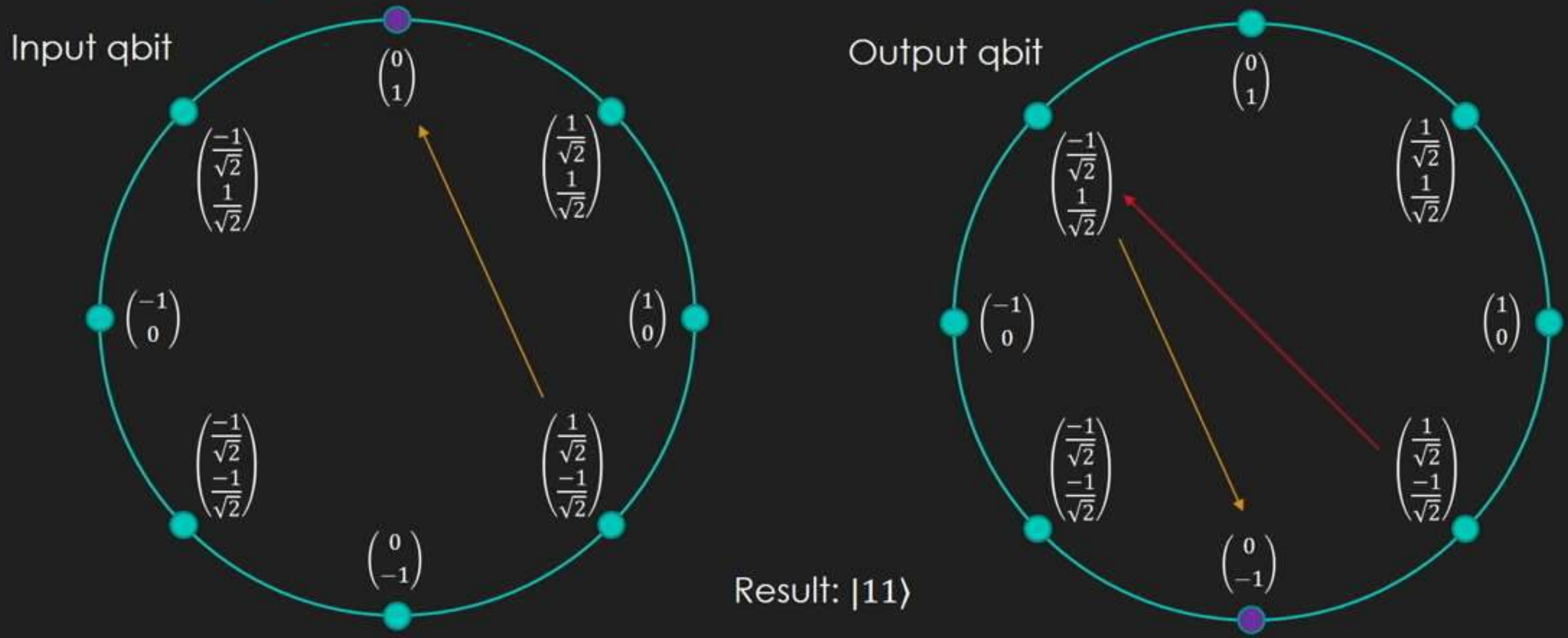

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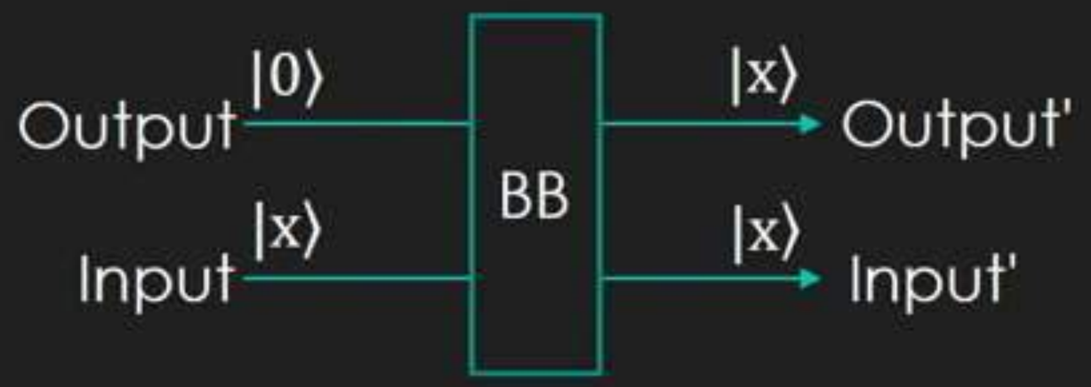

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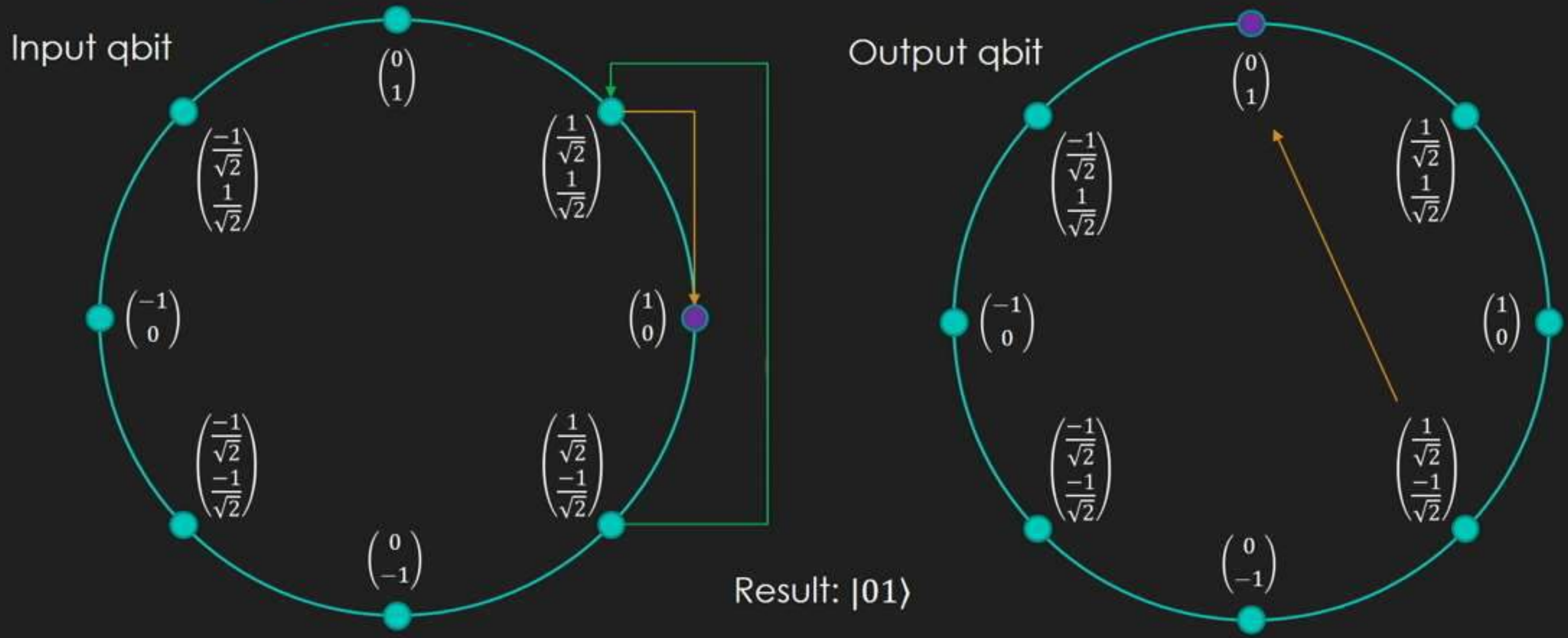

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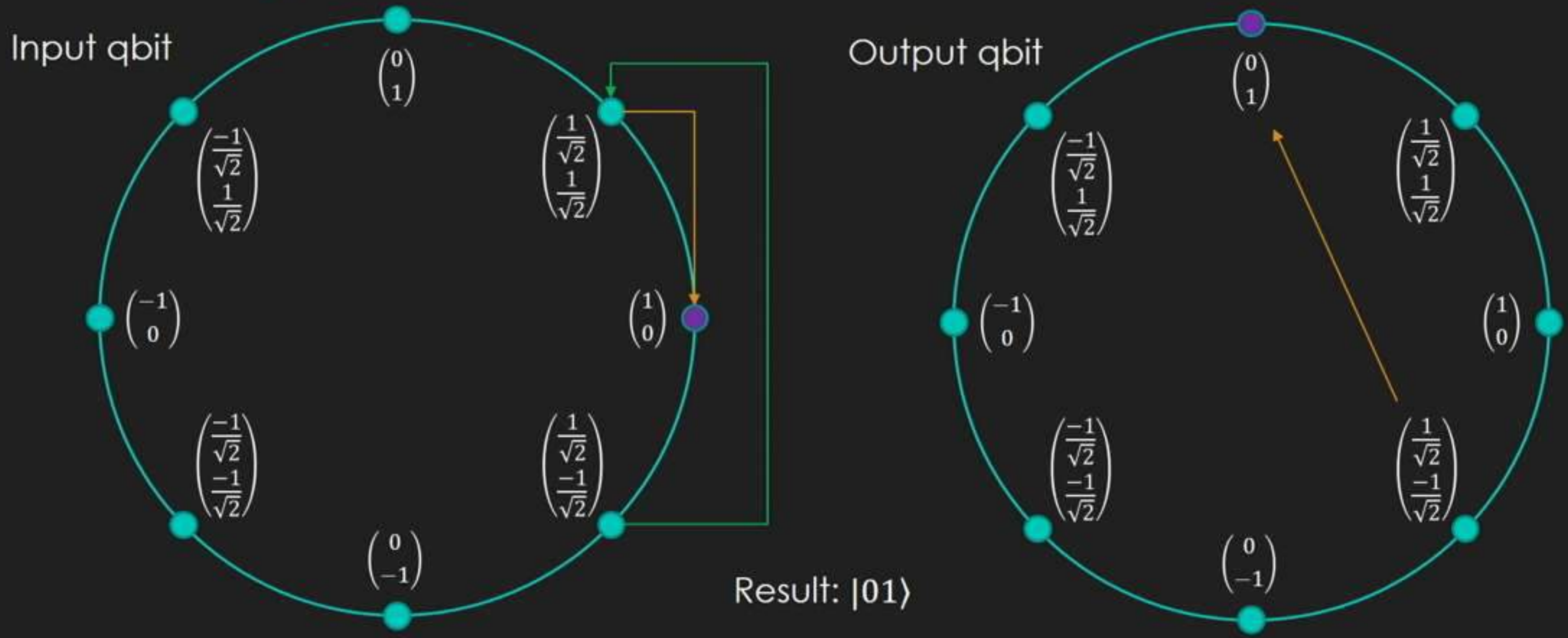

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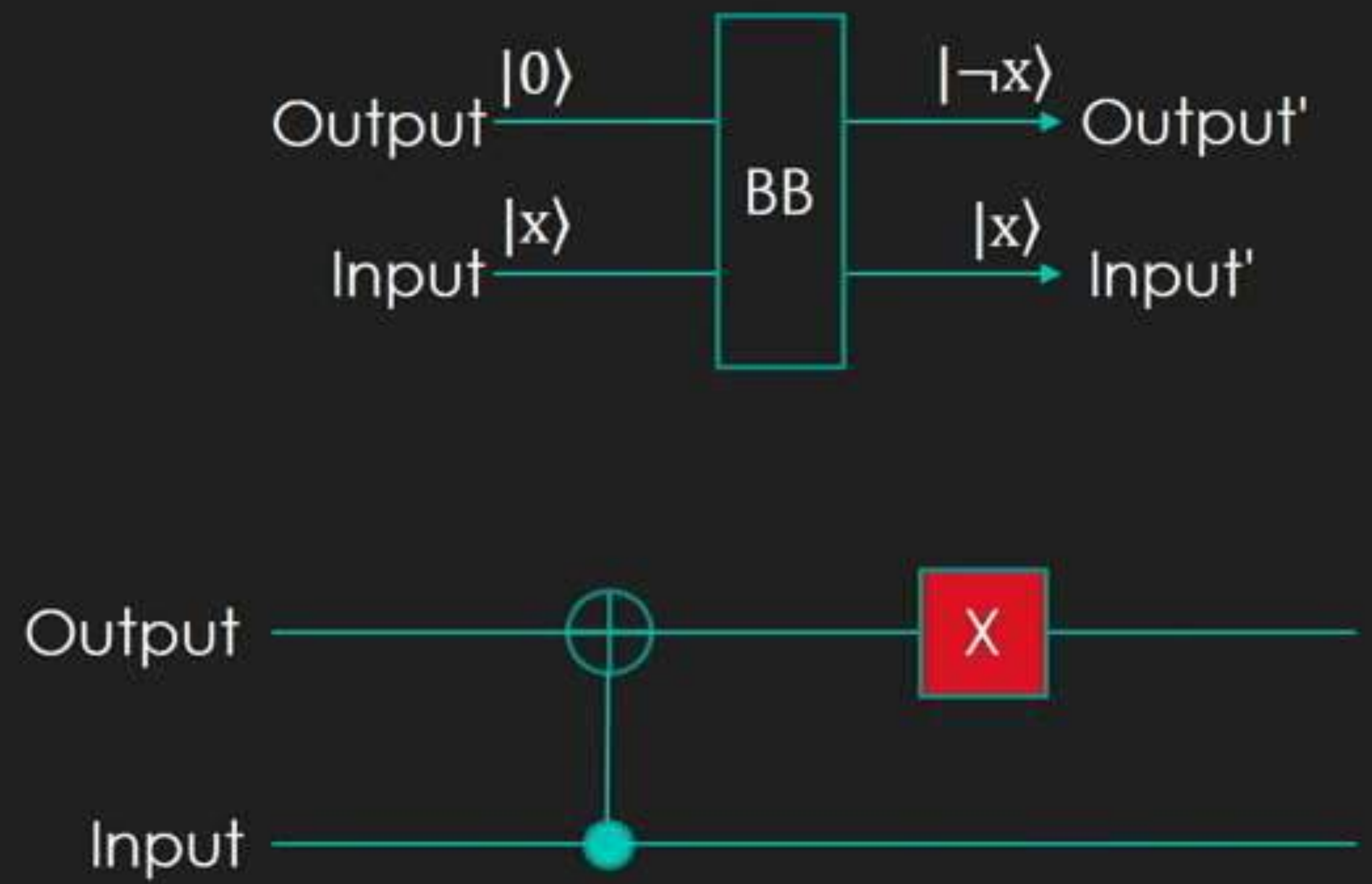

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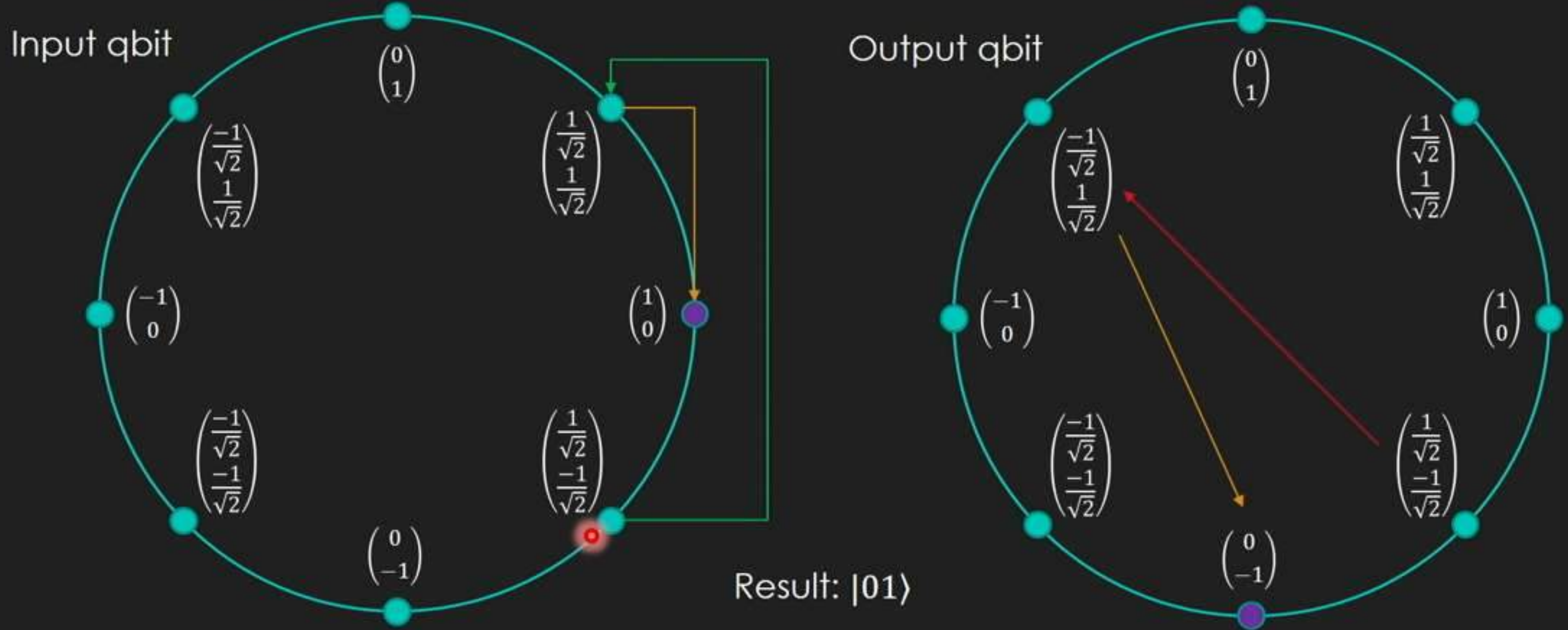

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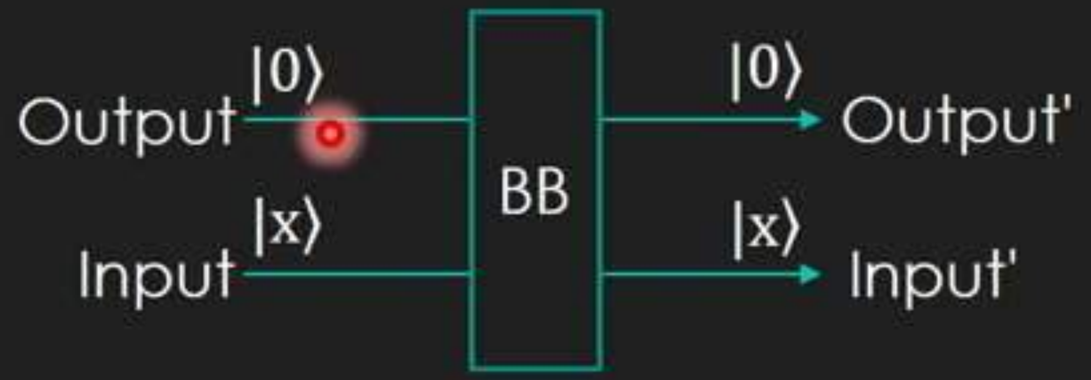

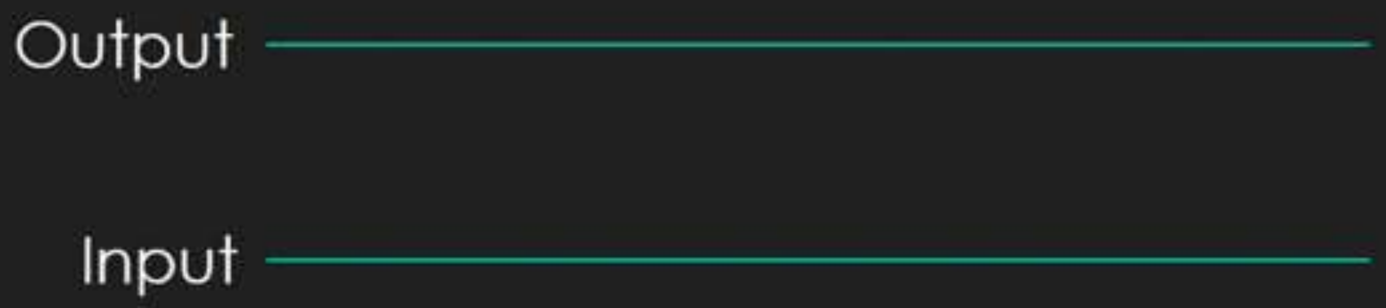

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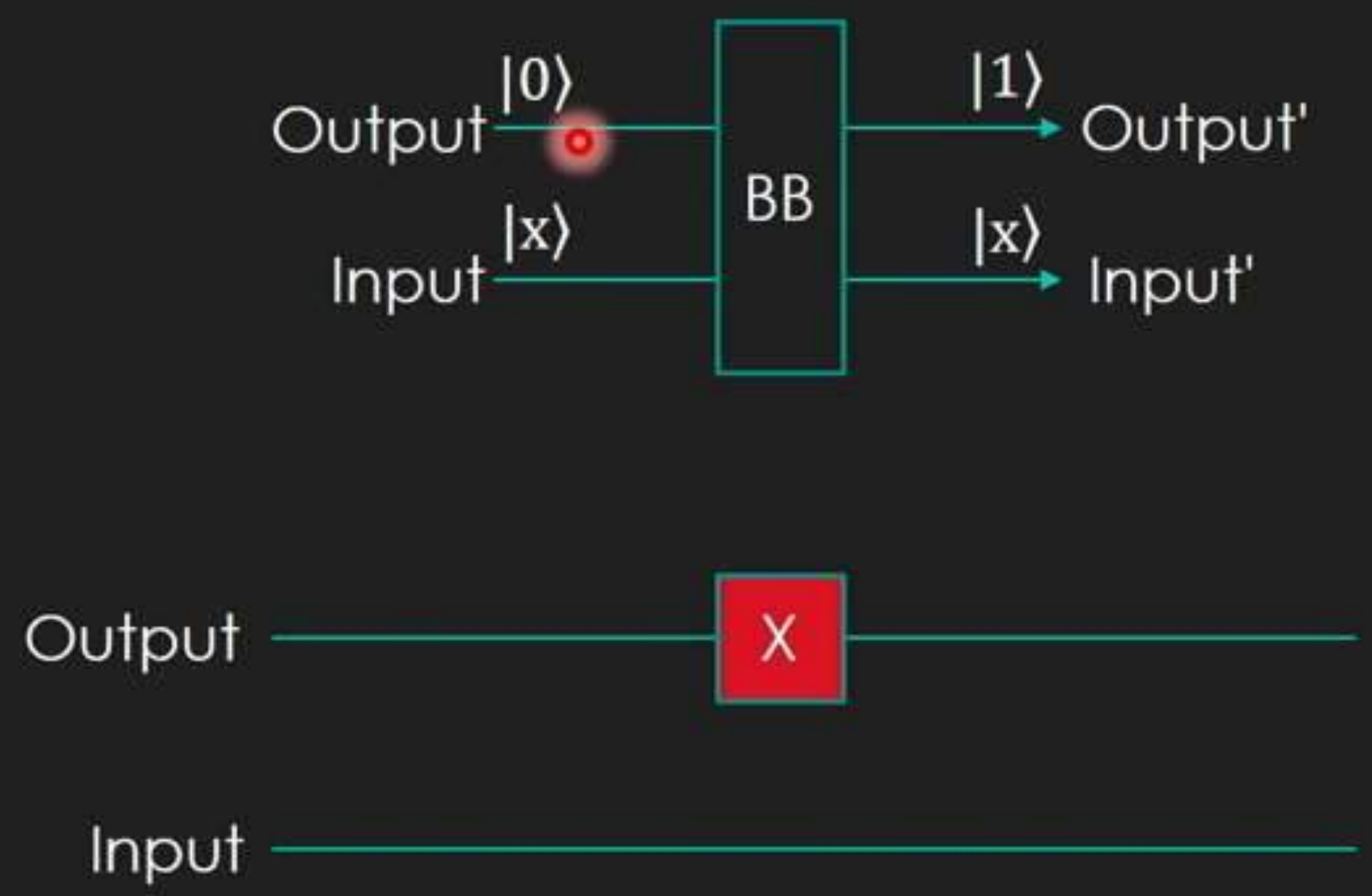

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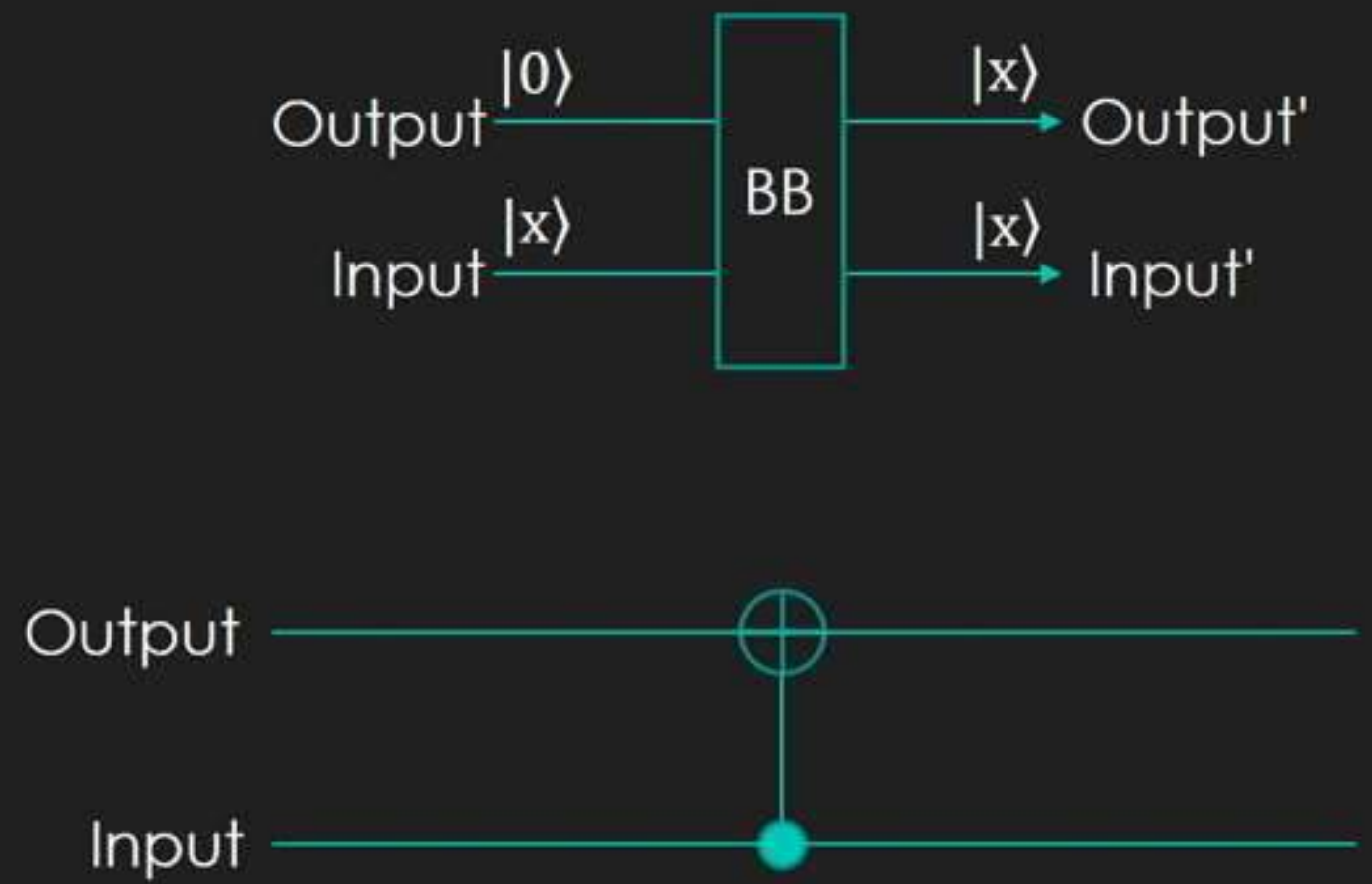

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Full recap

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- We learned about qbits, superposition, and the Hadamard gate
- We learned the Deutsch Oracle problem, where quantum outperforms classical

Bonus topics

- Quantum entanglement
- Quantum teleportation

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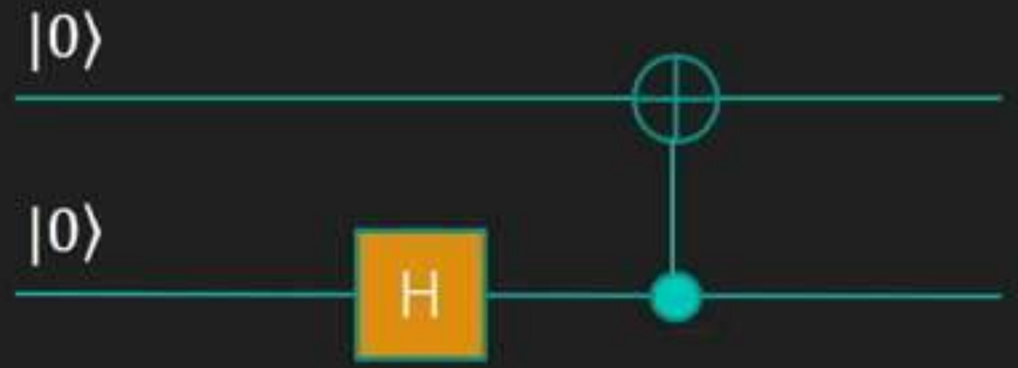

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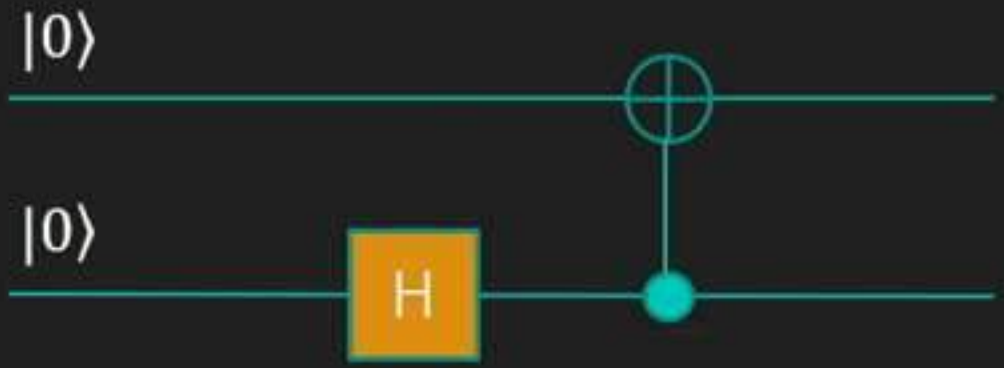

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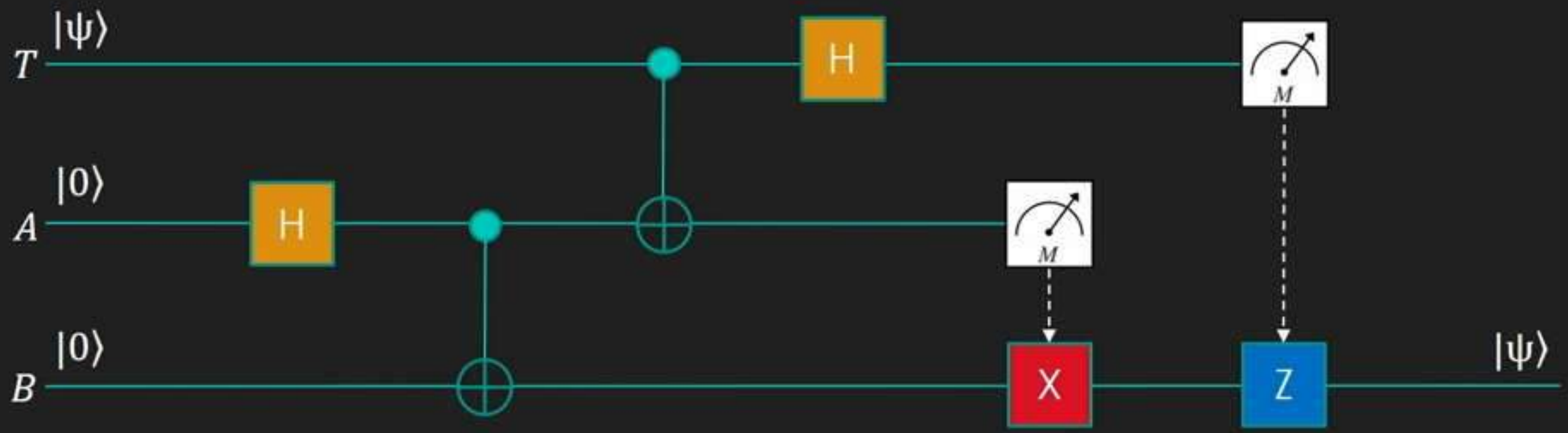
Entanglement

- What's going on here? The qbits seem to be coordinating in some way
  - Measuring one qbit also collapses the other in a correlated state
- This coordination happens even across vast stretches of space
- The coordination even happens faster than the speed of light! It is instantaneous.
  - A 2013 experiment measured particles within 0.01% of the travel time of light between them
- Surely the qbits "decided" at the time of entanglement what they would do?
  - No! This is called "hidden variable" theory and was disproved by John Bell in 1964
- This does indeed break locality through faster-than-light coordination
  - However – and this is the critical part – *no information can be communicated*

Teleportation

- **Quantum teleportation** is the process by which the state of an arbitrary qbit is transferred from one location to another by way of two other entangled qbits
- You can transfer qbit states (cut & paste) but you cannot clone them (copy & paste)
  - This is called the **No-cloning theorem**
- The teleportation is not faster-than-light, because some classical information must be sent

Teleportation



$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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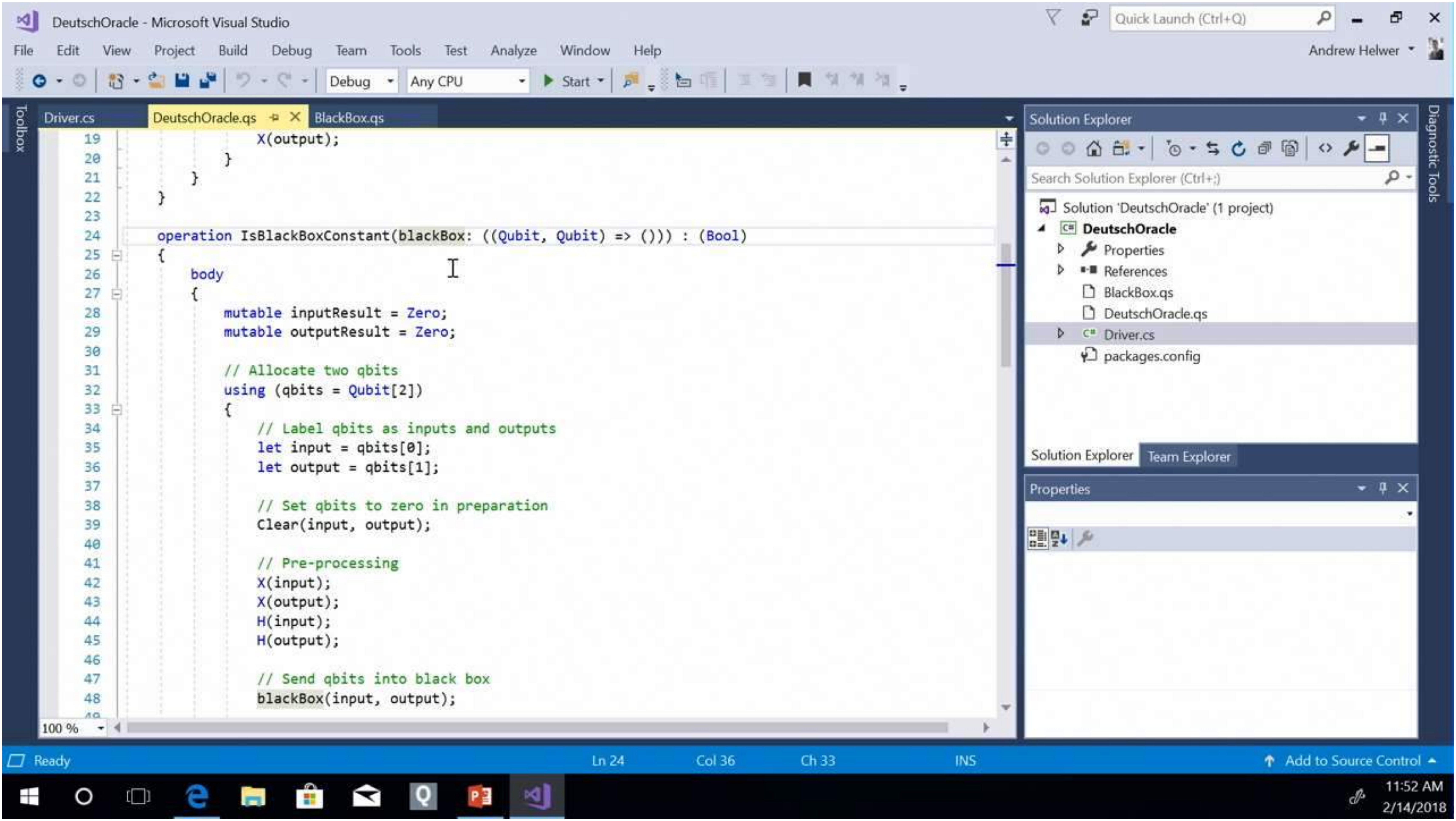
Further reading

- Recommended textbook: *Quantum Computing for Computer Scientists*
  - Others have recommended *Quantum Computing: A Gentle Introduction*
  - For those with heavier math backgrounds, *Quantum Computer Science: An Introduction*
- The Microsoft Quantum Development Kit docs are nice [link]
  - The development kit contains a quantum computer simulator!
  - Exercise: implement the Deutsch Oracle tester in Q#
- Some skepticism about physically-realizable quantum computers [link]
  - Noise might increase exponentially with the number of physical qbits

Appendices

- Single-bit operations on multi-bit states
- Quantum teleportation math



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mutable inputResult = Zero;
mutable outputResult = Zero;
// Allocate two qbits
using (qbits = Qubit[2])
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// Label qbits as inputs and outputs
let input = qbits[0];
let output = qbits[1];
// Set qbits to zero in preparation
Clear(input, output);
// Pre-processing
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// Send qbits into black box
blackBox(input, output);
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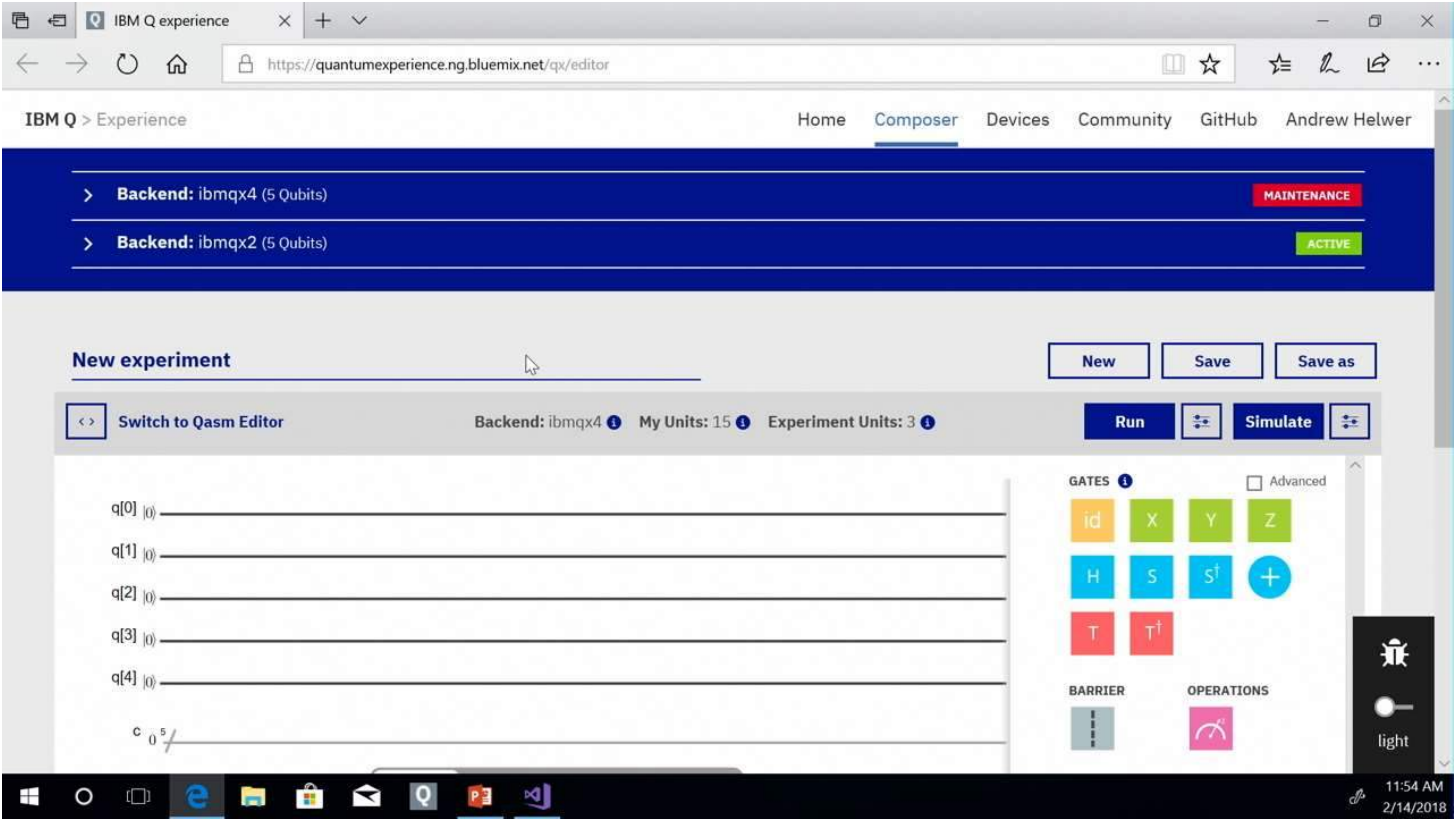
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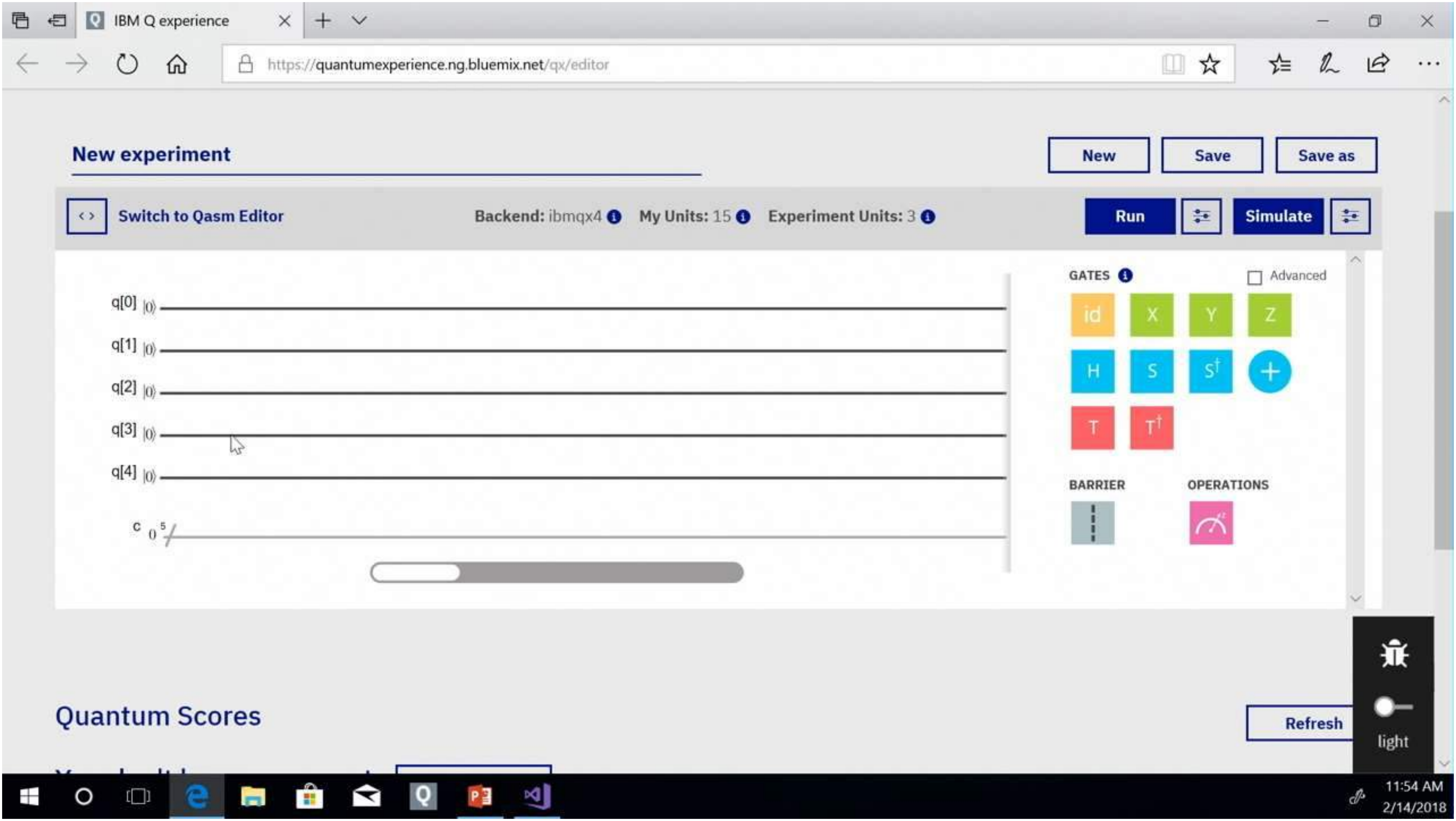
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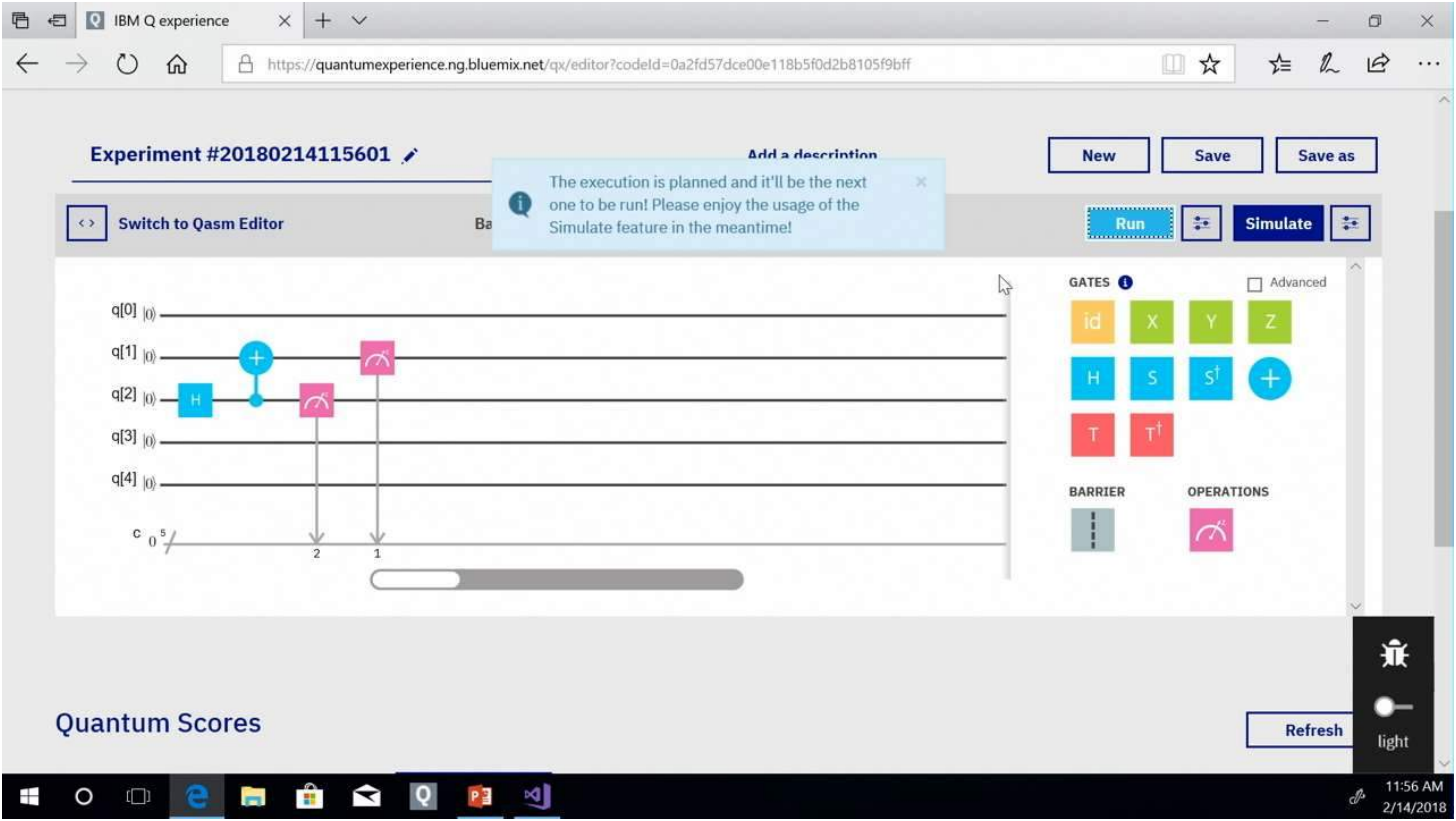
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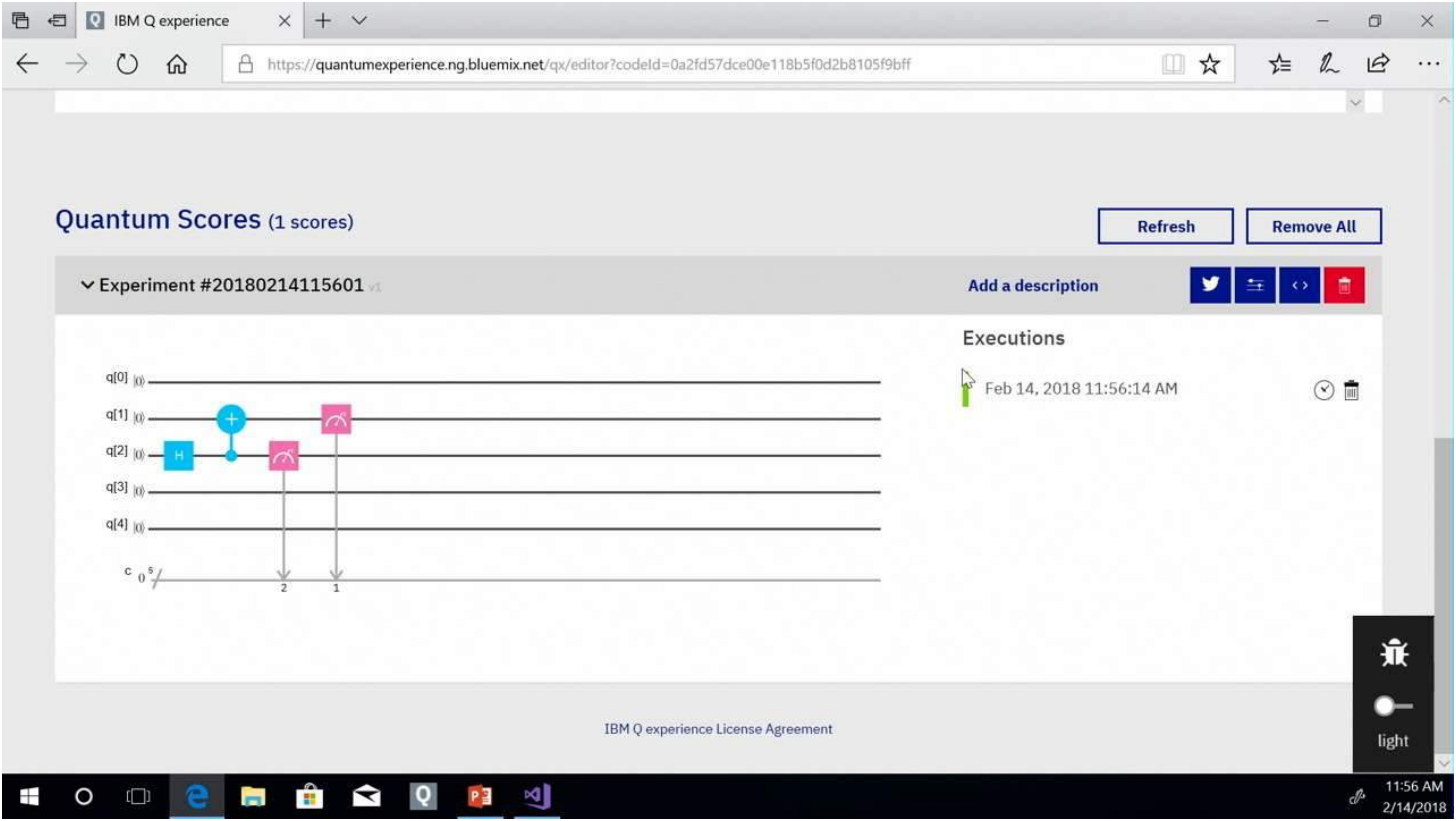
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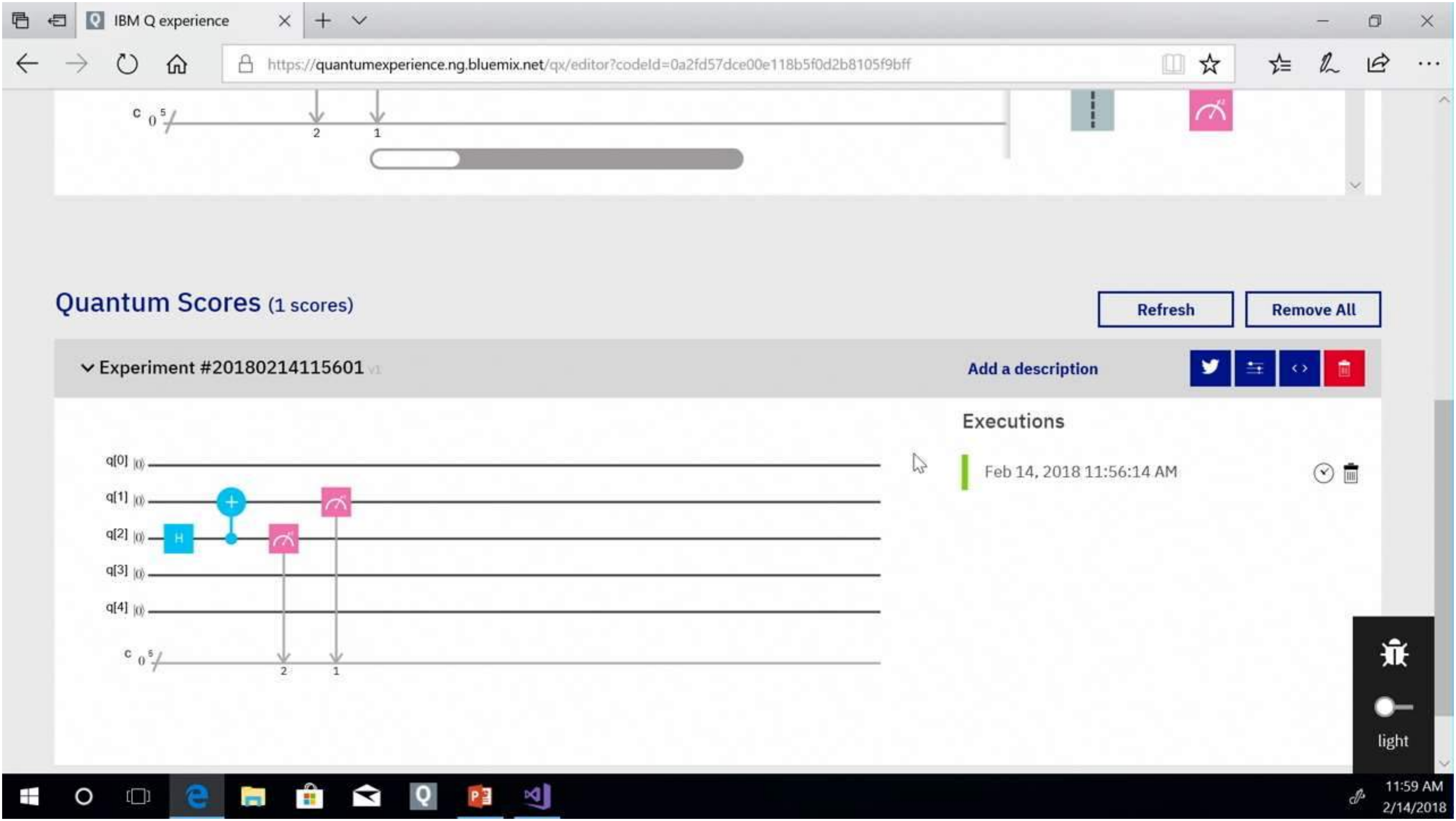
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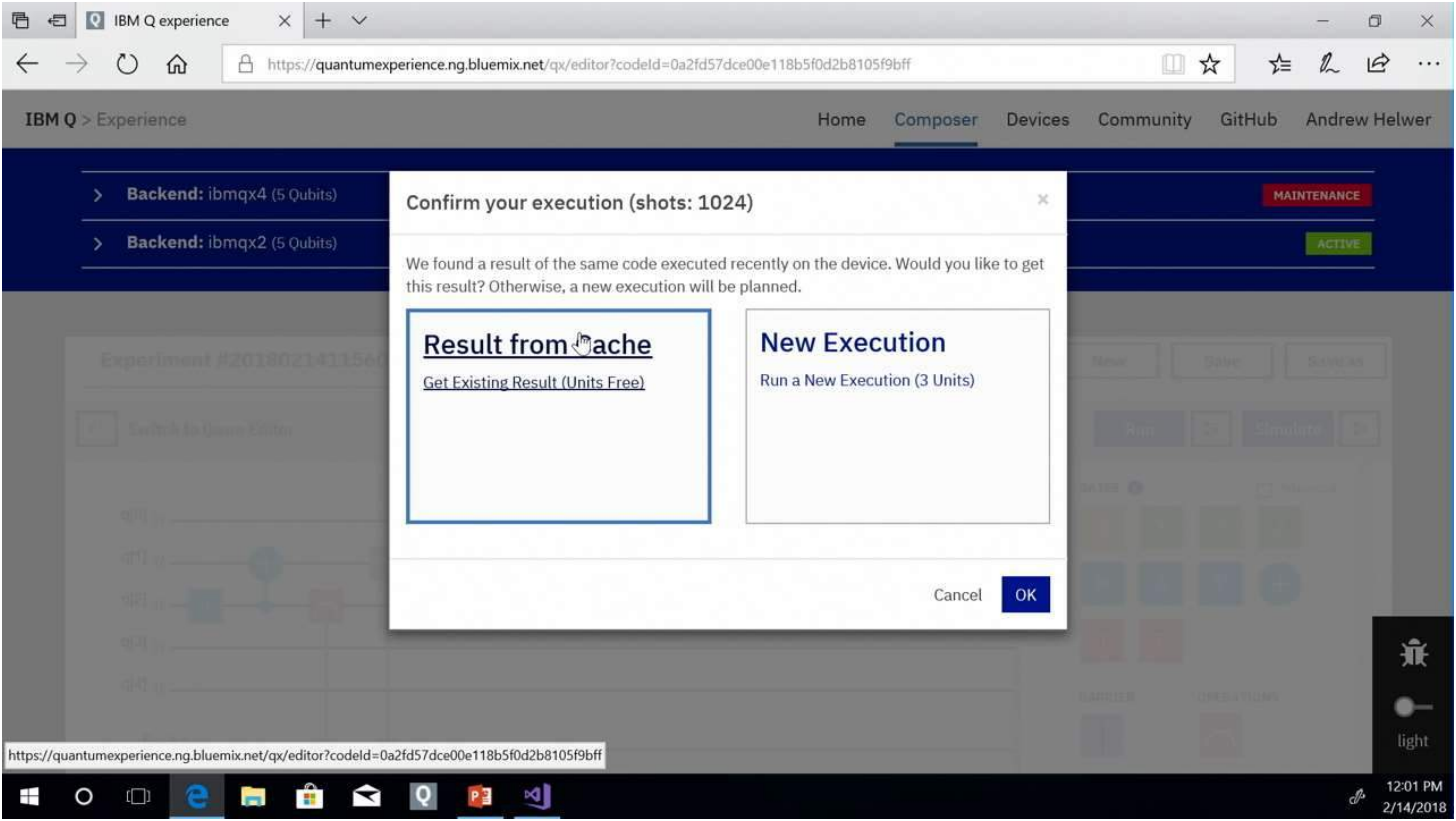
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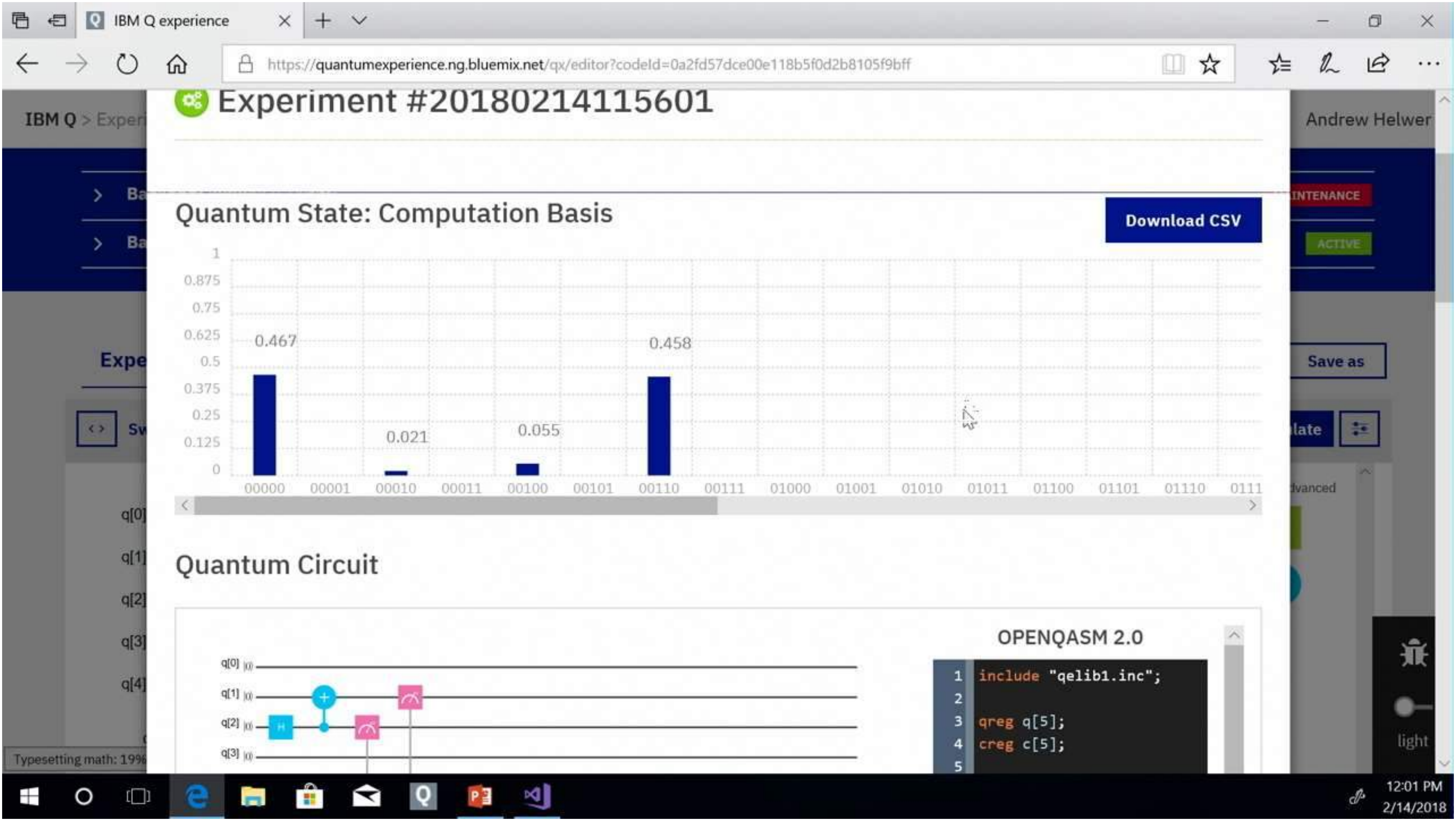
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