**QuantoTrace: Quantum Error Correction as a Service**

**ABSTRACT**

Quantum computing holds tremendous potential in various fields, yet it faces substantial challenges such as decoding and system noise, which can significantly hinder its effectiveness. A critical component in realising the full potential of quantum computing is the development and implementation of efficient quantum error correction techniques. These techniques are pivotal to maintaining quantum coherence and achieving operational precision in quantum systems. In our comprehensive study, we have delved into various quantum error correction methods, with a particular focus on their practical application and implementation. Our innovative approach integrates aspects of software engineering, such as the software as a service (SaaS) model, into the realm of quantum computing. We introduce QuantoTrace, a cloud-based platform that facilitates error correction as a service (ECaaS). This service is designed to detect, analyse, and rectify errors in quantum systems, thereby enhancing their reliability and operational efficiency. QuantoTrace primarily implements bit-flip error-correcting techniques and is compatible with diverse quantum technologies. Our experimental analysis utilised both 3-qubit and 5-qubit quantum circuit models to demonstrate the efficacy of quantum error detection and correction in practical scenarios. We employed quantum repetition code (QRC) to address single bit-flip errors, a common issue in quantum computing in both environments including the quantum simulator which acts on a local computer and IBM real hardware. These experiments were conducted using quantum simulators and actual IBM quantum computers, providing a robust testing ground for our methods. The results were particularly insightful. Remarkably, for both 3-qubit and 5-qubit circuits, we achieved 100% accuracy in error detection and correction on quantum simulators and for the 5-qubit different positions together our platform achieved a significant 68.95% success rate for error correction and 86.04% for error detection. This level of accuracy is a testament to the efficacy of our error correction approach and underscores the potential of QuantoTrace in enhancing quantum computing reliability. We have used IBM real hardware backends like ‘ibm\_perth’, ‘ibm\_nairobi’, ‘ibm\_lagos’ and ‘ibm\_brisbane’ and ‘ibm\_osaka’ for error detection and correction for both 3-Qubit and 5-Qubit by using QRC algorithm generating errors manually on a specific qubit and applied Pauli-X gate on the specific qubit to correct and the affected qubit to back to the original state before carrying out error. What’s more, we had noteworthy success in detecting errors for both qubits and minor success in increasing ‘no error’ counting for 5 qubits single-qubit error correction.

Keywords— Quantum Error Correction (QEC), Quantum Computing, Quantum repetition Code (QRC), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cloud-Based Quantum Computing, Error Correction as a Service (ECaaS), Bit-Flip Error Correction, Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) Devices, IBM Quantum Hardware.

1 Introduction

The issue of errors constitutes a significant challenge in the field of quantum computing. These errors can be caused by a variety of factors, including noise, defective hardware, and decoherence, and they can negatively impact the performance and dependability of quantum systems. To tackle this issue, we introduce "QuantoTrace", a novel, quantum system-specific platform. This innovative strategy leverages cloud-based technology to provide error correction as a service (ECaaS), functioning as a safeguard for quantum computing resource utilisation. The primary objective of QuantoTrace is to support researchers and enterprises in enhancing and optimising their quantum computing applications. The need for trustworthy error correction techniques becomes increasingly important as the science of quantum computing develops.

QuantoTrace aims to revolutionise quantum computing by developing proactive error correction mechanisms, enhancing system performance and dependability, and advancing the field's state of the art.

We proposed a cloud-based Error-Correction-as-a-Service platform designed for quantum computing infrastructures following the Software-as-a-service (SaaS) model.

In this study, we explored the following questions and built a Software as a Service (SaaS) for quantum error correction. The following figure 1 shows the difference between classical and quantum computers:

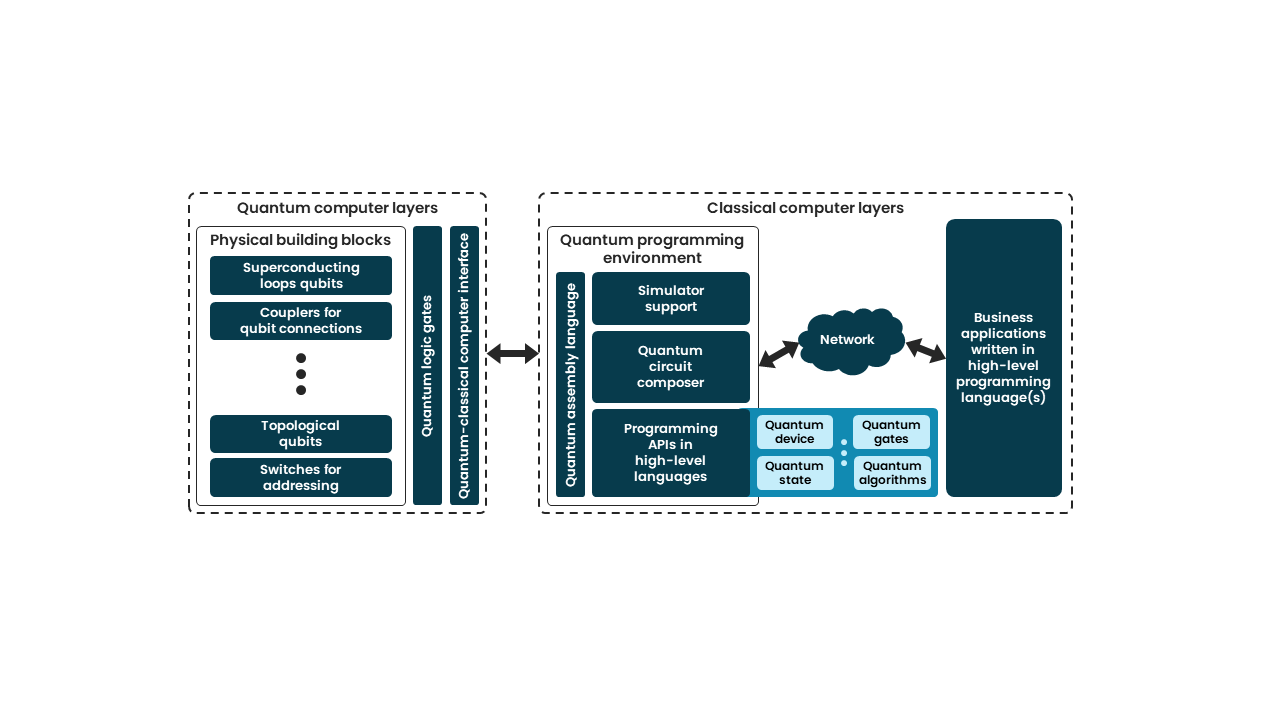


Figure 1 Difference between the classical and quantum computer’s layers

Moreover, the QuantoTrace platform is tailored to offer researchers and enterprises a dependable solution for identifying and mitigating errors at the qubit level, thereby improving the reliability and efficiency of quantum computations. This initiative not only bridges a crucial gap in the rapidly evolving field of quantum computing but also establishes a framework for standardizing error correction methods and protocols, simplifying the integration of quantum technologies into organizational operations.

**2 Literature review**

The present study utilized the systematic literature review technique to thoroughly investigate the topic of error correction in quantum computing. Selecting the database source is the first of the processes in Figure. 1. Most of the publications in the form of international journals and the outcomes of international conferences between 2018 and 2023 were found using the databases Emerald Insight, IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital, ScienceDirect, and SpringerLink.

The findings of the database-based search are presented in Table 1. The selection of search terms was guided by the study question. The search was conducted using the following keywords: "quantum computing," "quantum computing error correction," "error correction using quantum computing," and "advantage of error correction by using quantum computing." Boolean operators such as "OR" and "AND" were employed to ensure compatibility with the specified keywords.

The process of selecting this article was carried out in stages, namely:

* Identify data sources from different types of publishers such as IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital, SpringerLink, Science Direct, MDPI etc.
* Search appropriate data based on abstract content and keywords with Boolean operators.
* Collect journal and conference paper: Quantum error correction.
* Result Summarisation.

Below in Figure 2, we show a flow chat for better understanding our searching approach.

A diagram of a research process

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Figure 2 Following steps of Systematic Literature Review

Table 1: List of database sources.

| **No** | **Database sources** |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | IEEE Xplore |
| 2 | ScienceDirect |
| 3 | ACM Digital |
| 4 | SpringerLink |
| 5 | MDPI |

The increasing demand for quantum computing in various industries has led to a growing workload for quantum error correction, as illustrated in Table 2. It is important to note that transitioning to quantum computing is not a straightforward process for businesses and consumers. This is primarily because the quantum servers and data users operate in different domains, making it challenging for consumers to directly manage the system responsible for error corrections and applications in the quantum computing realm.

Table 2 List of some companies which play contributes on quantum computing.

| **#** | **List of Companies** | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Company Name | Contribution |
| 1 | D-Wave Systems | Developing quantum applications for a broad spectrum of industries and use cases such as logistics, financial services, drug discovery, and more(Anon., 2023d).  Working on quantum error correction and has used hundreds of qubits in quantum annealing to show how useful it is(Wendin, 2024). |
| 2 | IBM | Developed bottom-up approaches to the problem of noisy qubits and incorporated error correction techniques to realize this technology's true potential (Arute et al., 2019).  Working on developing quantum error correction technologies that enable the construction of fault-tolerant quantum computers (Anon., 2023a). |
| 3 | Silicon Quantum Computing | Silicon Quantum Computing has demonstrated a three-qubit phase-correcting code, safeguarding an encoded three-qubit state from phase-flip mistakes on one of the three qubits (Pudenz, Albash and Lidar, 2014). |
| 4 | Amazon | To enhance the performance of quantum algorithms on noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) devices, Amazon is investigating quantum error mitigation (QEM) (Anon., 2023b). |
| 5 | Google | Scientists from Google Quantum AI experimentally proved in 2023 that using a technique known as quantum error correction, adding more qubits may minimize mistakes (Anon., 2023b). |

In this part, we provide the outcomes of the article selection procedure, which was carried out using a thorough and organised technique known as a systematic literature review. The main goal of this study was to find and choose studies that were extremely pertinent to and closely related to the subjects of quantum computing error correction and its effects on various risk kinds. We have selected a total of 20 research papers after thoroughly analysing the relevant literature. These 20 publications each showed a close relationship to our study area, ensuring that our choice included the most relevant and significant contributions to the field. The foundation provided by these selected studies allows us to go deeply into a thorough investigation of the complex interaction between quantum error correction and different risk kinds, providing light on this crucial junction in the field of quantum computing.

The Quantum Multiplexing (QuM) method significantly reduces the number of physical resources needed for quantum error correction codes, enhancing their practicality and efficiency in quantum technologies. The quantity of photons needed to reach a particular threshold probability (PS = 0.995) is significantly decreased when Quantum Multiplexing (QuM) is used. This decrease of photons is offset by an increase in the quantity of qubits required for the quantum system, though. The use of photons with various levels of quantum multiplexing is proposed as a mixing approach to better optimise resource allocation. Additionally, the results show that resource efficiency increases even higher when the degree of quantum multiplexing (QuM) rises (Anon., 2023e).

A 6-qutrit approximation error correcting code (AQECC), presented by recent research, is a potential advancement. Notably, the operation of this AQECC is not dependent on shared entanglement, which is essential for effective quantum error correction. With a significant reduction of 55.72% in gate cost and 69.23% in-depth, a comparative study shows that the AQECC beats a 9-qubit exact quantum error correcting code (QECC) in terms of both gate cost and depth. With a probability of 0.75 for symmetric mistakes and 0.9988 for asymmetric errors, which entail phase errors that are more probable than bit errors, it has robust error-correcting capabilities(Majumdar and Sur-Kolay, 2020).

Systems for quantum key distribution (QKD) employ 20-bit messages connected to error-detection and -rectification syndromes. Important considerations went into the design of these syndromes, which resulted in 10-bit syndromes for 20-bit messages by setting the length of the syndromes at half that of the messages. This lessens the possibility of running across identical syndromes across messages, especially when the number of error bits is less than three. A fundamental component of this system is the Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER), where a 5% QBER corresponds to 50 error bits in a 1,000-bit filtered key (Bilash et al., 2020).

The work conducted by Steane is referenced to emphasise the inherent asymmetry between the probabilities of bit errors and phase errors in quantum information systems. Steane's research focuses on developing Quantum Error-Correcting Codes (QECCs) that are specifically designed to address the asymmetric nature of quantum errors. These specialized codes are known as asymmetric QECCs (Zhong and Jin, 2020).

In this paper, a Hamming code-based error correction method is put forth and tested against a quantum key distribution system. The approach can fix both random and burst faults in the original key and can adapt to different bit error rate circumstances using variable length coding. To provide effective error correction under various network conditions, the system's segmentation approach, represented as a customizable lookup table, modifies segment lengths dependent on the error rate. The error correction technique is tested in a quantum key distribution system and found to be capable of processing 256Kb keys at a rate of around 90 per cent key retention with an error correction completion time of about 26 milliseconds(Zhong and Jin, 2020).

The application of AQEC (Approximate Quantum Error Correction) codes serves as a crucial method for error mitigation in quantum information processing in the field of quantum metrology. This strategy considers the idea of "fast AQEC," which emphasises quick error correction in quantum systems. Rapid AQEC results in the creation of an "effective qubit dephasing channel" in the logical space. Simply put, the quantum system acts as though it has experienced kinds of defects, including dephasing faults (Zhou and Jiang, 2020).

A possible technique for quantum error correction (QEC) in quantum computing is the use of bosonic codes. Utilising the bosonic nature for effective encoding, decoding, and error correction, they encode quantum information in continuous-variable systems like electromagnetic fields or optical modes. By addressing faults made during state creation, gate operations, and measurement processes, these codes can safeguard quantum information during dynamic activities. For fault tolerance and dependability, methods like as ancilla systems, biased-noise qubits, path-independent gate operations, and error-transparent gates are being investigated (Cai et al., 2021a).

In this paper, a fresh method for reducing measurement errors in quantum computing is presented. Through an optimisation procedure, it generates a "mitigation matrix" to fix mistakes in quantum measurements. The study compares the conventional technique with the genetic algorithm (GA) and assesses mistake probability at various stages. The evolutionary algorithm performs admirably, maintaining its competitiveness as mistake probabilities rise and obtaining a success rate of 96.994% at the lowest error probability (0.025). This demonstrates the importance of the evolutionary algorithm as a viable alternative to conventional techniques for error reduction in quantum computing (Acampora, Grossi and Vitiello, 2021).

The analysis of the code rates and coding gains for Kitaev toric codes with quantum burst-error correcting codes produced by Bombin and Martin-Delgado toric codes was done in the context of quantum error correction. These assessments were performed for a set of values (r), where q = 2r2 + 2r + 1. The study found dropping coding gains (Gk) on the decibel (dB) scale for Kitaev toric codes, as well as lowering code rates (Rk) in the range of 0.04 to 0.00005 as 'r' rose. The quantum burst-error correcting codes, on the other hand, showed greater code rates (Ri) and increased coding gains (Gi), with a dB range of 1.2 to 8.007, demonstrating their efficacy in error correction. This research offers helpful insights into how these quantum codes behave when subjected to a range of 'r' values and provides a foundation for choosing the best error-correcting techniques for use in quantum computing applications (Trinca et al., 2022).

The usage of Tree Parity Machines (TPMs) for error correction has been examined as a possible option in the literature. These TPMs stand out because their learning process yields unpredictably high final weights, which makes them ideal for the quantum world where security is of the highest importance. Two situations were considered to examine the viability of this strategy. Quantum bit error rate (QBER) values of 5% and 10% were compared in the second scenario, whereas a 100-bit key with a 5% QBER was employed in the first. The Hebbian Learning Rule was used in both instances as the learning algorithm, with parameters like K, N, and L set to 10, 10, and 6 correspondingly (Das and Kule, 2022)(Anon., 2023c).

For quantum information and error correction, stabiliser operators are essential. These include Pauli operators X, Y, and Z. These operators can be used to identify and categorise mistakes in quantum systems since they are made to remain unchanged when applied to certain quantum states. Bit-flip, phase-flip, and combinations of these mistakes can occur in quantum systems. To quantify qubits and get insight into certain error kinds, researchers employ stabiliser operators. The crucial metric of "fidelity" (F) measures how closely the prepared quantum state resembles the ideal state. Quantum states are improved by error correction processes, with fidelity (F) for states undergoing reconstruction averaging F = 0.8630 on average(Anon., 2023c).

Various quantum error correction techniques, including repetition codes, Shor's code, stabilizer codes like CSS codes, entanglement-assisted codes, nonadditive quantum codes, and asymmetric quantum error correction codes, were explored. The review also delved into the challenges of error correction in quantum computing, emphasizing the sensitivity of quantum states to bit flip, phase flip, and combined errors. The literature review provided valuable context for the proposed novel encoding method, which aims to enhance quantum error correction by reducing the impact of phase errors. This section underscored the importance of advancing error correction strategies in quantum computing, given the high error rates associated with quantum information processing (Ueno et al., 2022).

The literature has shown an increasing interest in off-chip decoding bandwidth optimisation in the context of quantum error correction for cryogenic quantum systems. The use of statistical methods for bandwidth allocation is an important strategy in this respect. This strategy seeks to create a compromise between effective mistake correction and economic resource use. The suggested approach guarantees that a vast majority of cases, almost 99% in a specific illustrative example, may be handled with the least amount of resource allocation by statistically distributing off-chip decoding bandwidth. This approach is especially important in quantum systems, where resource limitations and bottlenecks may make it difficult to efficiently repair mistakes (Ravi et al., 2023).

A Look-Up Table (LUT) is used by the quantum error-correcting technique known as LILLIPUT (Light weight Low-Latency Lookup-Table Decoder for Near-Term Quantum Error Correction) to hold real-time error information and prevent mistakes. It can handle mistakes in a variety of quantum hardware activities, such as gates and measurements, and scales with the quantity of qubits being used. LILLIPUT is feasible since it requires less than 7% of the logic on commercially available Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs). It can potentially increase the dependability and effectiveness of quantum computing systems has a very low latency and makes real-time error correction possible (Das, Locharla and Jones, 2022).

For quantum states to remain stable and of high quality, high fidelity is essential. With an extension factor of 30.97 at a confidence level as low as 0.001, the faithfulness of 0.99 can dramatically lengthen coherence time. The extension factors continue to be helpful even with a drop in confidence. Coherence time may be greatly extended even at a somewhat lower fidelity level of 0.95, with extension factors ranging from 27.61 to 4.32. The extension factors continue to provide significant advantages even at a fidelity level of 0.92. These results underline how crucial it is to preserve high-quality quantum states in real-world settings (Kenemer et al., 2023).

Table 3 Summarizes the comparisons of previous studies on quantum error correction technique.

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| **Author** | **Methodology** | **Achievement** |
| (Acampora, Grossi and Vitiello, 2021) | Genetic Algorithms | The evolutionary algorithm performs admirably, maintaining its competitiveness as mistake probabilities rise and obtaining a success rate of 96.994% at the lowest error probability (0.025) |
| (Trinca et al., 2022) | Quantum interleaving | The interleaving technique for quantum error correction, utilizing toric quantum codes like Bombin and Martin-Delgado, is expected to lead to the development of new quantum burst-error correcting codes, improving coding gain and error correction capabilities in quantum data storage. |
| (Das and Kule, 2022) | Tree Parity Machines (TPM) | In the first case, a 100-bit key with a 5% Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) was used, while in the second case, QBER values of 5% and 10% were examined. In both cases, parameters such as K, N, and L were set to 10, 10, and 6, respectively, with the learning algorithm being the Hebbian Learning Rule. |
| (Anon., 2023c) | Stabilizer Operators | A fundamental 3-qubit GHZ state, crucial in the field of quantum information, is introduced to start the debate. This state's fidelity (F), which is measured at F = 0.8524 0.0141, is a crucial indicator of how closely it resembles the ideal quantum state. A greater fidelity rating, notably, denotes a more faithful alignment with the ideal condition. As the discussion progresses, it is shown that when states are rebuilt using error correction encoding, the average fidelity, represented as F, approaches F = 0.8630. |
| (Xu et al., 2023) | Quantum multiplexed photons | According to research, many photons are necessary to transmit data successfully across a quantum photonic channel (QPC). Quantum multiplexing with a degree of 2 increases the number of qubits while decreasing the number of photons required. It is possible to attain the same success rate with only 12 photons using an inventive mixing technique at a certain transmission probability (pt = 0.916). Three photons in this configuration are quantum multiplexed, carrying two qubits apiece, whereas the other nine photons are without. |
| (Majumdar and Sur-Kolay, 2020) | Approximate error-correcting code (AQECC) | The proposed 6-qutrit Approximate Quantum Error Correcting Code (AQECC) offers substantial advantages in terms of efficiency. The gate cost of the AQECC circuit is significantly reduced, being 55.72% less than that of a 9-qutrit exact QECC. Furthermore, the depth of the AQECC circuit, representing the number of computational steps or gates, is also notably decreased, by 69.23% compared to the 9-qutrit exact QECC. This enhanced efficiency indicates that the AQECC requires fewer computational resources for error correction. Moreover, the AQECC demonstrates impressive error correction capabilities, with a correction probability of 0.75 for symmetric error channels and a higher probability of 0.9988 for asymmetric error channels where phase errors are 100 times more likely than bit errors. |
| (Bilash et al., 2020) | Low-Density Parity-Check (LDPC) | In the study, 50 filtered keys and symptoms are used to mimic a system. Counters start off at zero and then increase by one if they match. While the suggested approach, if feasible, increases the counter, Walenta's method does not remedy errors. With several filtered keys and varied Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) settings, the experiment was run 100 times. Results reveal that the suggested strategy is roughly 64% more effective at correcting errors when QBER is at 5%. |
| (Zhou and Jiang, 2020) | Entanglement-assisted asymmetric quantum error correction | The main finding from this research is that the proposed Theorem 2 (The theorem outlines the conditions for an Fq-linear code C ⊆ F2nq to create an EAQECC (entanglement-assisted asymmetric quantum error correction code) with specific dimensions and properties, including the ability to detect bit and phase errors.) provides an improved method for constructing entanglement-assisted asymmetric quantum error correction codes. |
| (Zhong and Jin, 2020) | Hamming code error correction technique | The average number of iterations for mistake correction stays constant at 6 each round as the error rate rises from 0.5% to 4.0%. The completion time is likewise quite consistent, averaging between 22 and 23 milliseconds for all mistake rates. The critical retention rate, however, shows a discernible fall as the mistake rate rises. The key retention rate is quite high at 94% for smaller mistake rates (0.5%) but rapidly declines as the error rate increases, reaching 67% at a 4.0% error rate. |
| (Ueno et al., 2022) | Peter Shor's Quantum | The result of this encoding procedure is the conversion of the initial logical qubit (|1]) into a collection of five physical qubits that are less susceptible to phase faults. The goal of this technique is to increase the encoded data's resistance to mistakes in quantum transmission. |
| (Ravi et al., 2023) | BetterThanWorst-Case (BTWC) Decoding | The research makes sure that a significant proportion of mistake scenarios, in this example, 99%, may be handled with the fewest number of off-chip resources by statistically assigning off-chip decoding bandwidth. This effective distribution aids in making the greatest use of the resources at hand. |
| (Das, Locharla and Jones, 2022) | Lightweight Low-Latency Lookup-Table Decoder for Near-Term Quantum Error Correction | This quantum error correction mechanism utilizes less than 7% of the logic on readily available Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), which enhances its practicality. |
| (Kenemer et al., 2023) | Compact quantum error-correcting (QEC) codes | The research shows that at low confidence levels (0.001), a high fidelity of 0.99 can greatly increase the longevity of the quantum state. Extension factors decline but remain beneficial when confidence levels drop. These parameters continue to provide significant benefits even at fidelity levels of 0.95 or 0.92, emphasising the significance of high fidelity in maintaining quantum coherence. |

**3 Experimental Setup**

**3.1 For 3-Qubit Error detection & correction on the quantum simulator**

In the experiment, a 3-qubit quantum system is utilised to demonstrate the detection and correction of single-bit flip errors using the quantum repetition code on the **quantum simulator**. We used 2 different syndrome measurements to detect errors. Initially, the first qubit is prepared in a specific quantum state, and this state is replicated across the other two qubits using controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates, forming the basis of the quantum repetition code. To simulate an error, a Pauli-X gate is applied on the first qubits, intentionally creating a bit flip error. The system includes two ancilla qubits, which, along with a series of additional CNOT gates, are used to detect the error through a process called syndrome measurement. The ancilla qubits are measured, and the outcome, stored in classical bits, indicates the presence and location of the error. Based on this syndrome measurement, a conditional correction (a Pauli-X gate) is applied to the affected qubit to rectify the error. Finally, the successful correction is verified by measuring all data qubits, confirming the restoration of the original quantum state. This experimental setup effectively demonstrates the principles of quantum error correction in a controlled, simulated quantum environment.

**3.2 For 3-Qubit Error detection & correction on the Real IBM Hardware**

Our experiment was aimed at implementing and testing a 3-qubit quantum error correction (QEC) protocol, specifically the bit-flip code, on IBM's quantum processors. The goal was to induce a known error on one of the qubits and then detect and correct this error using a QEC circuit. The experiment utilised our authenticated IBM Q account named **“Qunatonova Limited”** with access secured through an API token. The account was configured to connect to two quantum processors, **ibm\_lagos** and **ibm\_perth**, to observe the behaviour of the QEC protocol on different hardware. The **ibm\_lagos** and **ibm\_perth** backends were chosen to benchmark the QEC circuit's performance on different quantum systems. A least busy backend was also selected using the Qiskit provider's **least\_busy** function, ensuring efficient utilisation of IBM's quantum computing resources. The QEC circuit began with the initialisation of the qubits in a particular state followed by the application of CNOT gates to entangle them, setting up the initial state necessary for error correction. A bit-flip error was intentionally introduced to the **second qubit** to simulate a realistic error scenario. The circuit included ancilla qubits for syndrome measurement, which are crucial for error detection in QEC. Two sets of syndrome measurements were tested. In one instance, the circuit was run on the **ibm\_perth** backend, and the results were analysed to determine the most common error syndrome. An error correction circuit was designed based on the identified syndrome. If the most common syndrome was '10', a Pauli-X gate was applied to the second qubit to correct the error. This circuit was then executed on the IBM quantum processors. For the different syndrome pairs measurement, the circuit was run also on the **ibm\_perth** backend, and the results were analysed to determine the most common **error syndrome we got ‘01’ for the most frequent syndrome since we generated an error on the second qubit (0th indexing).** The experiment was conducted multiple times, and the results were collected and analysed. The error correction was deemed successful if the '00' syndrome count increased, indicating no error was detected, while the '01' and ‘10 syndrome count decreased, signifying that the error on the second qubit was corrected with a minimal percentage. The outputs from both **ibm\_lagos** and **ibm\_perth** backends were compared to evaluate any differences in error correction success across different quantum processors. This comparison was essential for understanding the performance and reliability of QEC protocols on real quantum hardware. The experimental runs on both backends demonstrated a successful error correction with an increase in the '00' syndrome count, indicating that the error was appropriately corrected. Subsequently, the experiment provided valuable insights into the practical application of QEC on actual quantum hardware, taking us one step closer to achieving fault-tolerant quantum computing. The differences observed in the '00' syndrome counts between the two processors offered a unique perspective on the impact of hardware-specific characteristics on quantum error correction efficacy.

**3.3 For 5-Qubit error detection & correction on the quantum simulator**

We also carried out the 5-qubit quantum system utilised to demonstrate the detection and correction of single-bit flip errors using the quantum repetition code on the quantum simulator **and real IBM quantum hardware (with generating errors on certain qubits).** Initially, the first qubit is prepared in a specific quantum state, and this state is replicated across the other four qubits using controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates, forming the basis of the quantum repetition code. To simulate an error, a Pauli-X gate is applied on the second qubits (0 indexing), intentionally creating a bit flip error. The system includes four ancilla qubits, which, along with a series of additional CNOT gates, are used to detect the error through a process called syndrome measurement. The ancilla qubits are measured, and the outcome, stored in the four classical bits, indicates the presence and location of the error. Based on this syndrome measurement, a conditional correction (a Pauli-X gate) is applied to the affected qubit to rectify the error. Finally, the successful correction is verified by measuring all data qubits, confirming the restoration of the original quantum state through re-running the error detection circuit to check whether the most frequent syndrome shot has lessened or not. This experimental setup effectively demonstrates the principles of quantum error correction in a controlled, simulated quantum environment.

**3.4 For 5-Qubit QRC on Real IBM hardware**

Our experimental setup for implementing a 5-Qubit Quantum Error Correction (QEC) protocol on IBM's quantum hardware encompasses several critical components and procedures, aligned with the principles of quantum computing experimentation. The experiment was conducted on the IBM Brisbane quantum processor, chosen for its advanced capabilities and a suitable number of qubits. This processor's characteristics, like qubit count, coherence times, and error rates, made it an ideal choice for our 5-qubit error correction experiment. Access to the **IBM Brisbane backend** was facilitated through the IBM Q account. The account token was saved and loaded using the Qiskit interface, allowing for a secure connection to IBM's quantum computing resources. The quantum circuit for the experiment was initialised with a total of 9 qubits - 5 for encoding the logical qubit and 4 ancillary qubits for error detection, along with 4 classical bits for syndrome measurement. The state preparation involved initialising the first qubit in the |0⟩ state and then encoding this logical qubit across 5 physical qubits using controlled-X (CX) gates. This redundancy is crucial for error detection and correction. To test the QEC protocol, a bit-flip error was manually introduced on the third qubit using a Pauli-X gate. This simulated a common type of quantum error, enabling the assessment of the correction mechanism's effectiveness. The ancillary qubits were used to measure error syndromes. The measurement setup involved a series of controlled-X operations between the code qubits and the ancilla qubits, which were then measured to extract the error syndromes. The syndrome outcomes were used to identify the location of the error. Each syndrome pattern corresponded to a specific error on one of the qubits, allowing for targeted error correction. Based on the identified error, a corrective Pauli-X gate was applied to the affected qubit to restore the original quantum state. The quantum circuit was compiled and transpiled using Qiskit's tools to optimise it for the Brisbane backend, considering the specific topology and gate set of the processor. The prepared quantum circuit was then executed on the IBM Brisbane backend. The job submission and monitoring were managed through Qiskit, which provided real-time updates on the job status. Upon completion of the experiment, the results were retrieved and analysed. The effectiveness of the QEC protocol was assessed by examining the frequency of the corrected quantum states and the reduction of error syndromes. To validate the experiment, the results were compared with theoretical expectations and simulations. This step ensured that the QEC protocol functioned as intended and provided insights into areas for further improvement. In summary, this experimental setup for the 5-Qubit QEC on IBM Brisbane represents a comprehensive approach to exploring quantum error correction in a real quantum hardware environment. It showcases the integration of quantum theory with practical experimentation, contributing to the advancement of fault-tolerant quantum computing.

**3.5 For 5-Qubit error detection & correction on the real IBM hardware with different positions errors**

The experimental setup for the two quantum circuits involves a systematic process tailored for the 5-qubit Quantum Repetition Code (QRC), designed to first detect, and then correct errors in an IBM real quantum system using the ‘ibm\_osaka’ backend. For the **Error Detection Circuit**, the setup involves preparing a quantum circuit with 5 qubits where some of the qubits act as data qubits and the rest 5 qubits as ancillary qubits for error syndrome measurement and 5 classical bits for having the syndrome measurement outcomes and initialising the data qubits in a known state (usually ∣0⟩) and using a series of CNOT gates to entangle the data qubits with the ancillary qubits, effectively spreading the quantum information across multiple qubits to create redundancy. They are introducing known errors deliberately (bit-flip errors simulated with X gates) on the second and fourth qubits certainly to test the circuit’s ability to detect these errors and applying a series of CNOT gates followed by measurement operations on the ancillary qubits to extract the error syndrome without directly measuring the data qubits, thus preserving their quantum state. The **Error Correction Circuit** builds on the detection circuit and includes the same initial preparation and entanglement of qubits to spread the quantum information. Detection of errors via the same syndrome extraction method used in the error detection circuit. Additional Pauli-X gates that applied on the most frequent syndrome bit outcome to correct the data qubits based on the syndrome, aiming to reverse the detected errors and restore the original quantum information. Both circuits are executed on quantum hardware using ‘ibm\_osaka’. The execution of these circuits involves running multiple trials, or 'shots' as 1024, and collecting measurement data to analyse the performance of error detection and correction. The outcomes of the ancillary qubits' measurements provide a distribution of error syndromes that are then used to infer the success rate of the error detection and correction process.

**4 Design and Development**

**4.1 For 3-Qubit Error detection and correction on the quantum simulator with initial syndrome pairs**:

**4.1.1 Initialisation:**

The circuit initialises with three data qubits (q\_0, q\_1, q\_2) (000) and two ancilla qubits (q\_3, q\_4) (00). The data qubits are intended to store quantum information, while the ancilla qubits are used to detect errors. An Initialise gate sets qubit q\_0 (0) to the state |1>. This operation prepares qubit q\_0 (0) in a superposition weighted towards |1>, but due to the nature of quantum circuits, the initialise command effectively sets the qubit to |0> when we look at the entire circuit's operation.

**4.1.2 Encoding:**

The state of q\_0 (0) is then encoded across q\_1 (0) and q\_2 (0) through CNOT gates, which creates a three-qubit entangled state as 000. This redundancy is a key feature of the repetition code, allowing for error detection.

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Figure 3: Error Detection Circuit For 3-qubit On Simulator

**4.1.3 Error Introduction**:

A bit flip error is simulated by applying an X gate to q\_2 means (100) from the right. This gate flips the state of q\_2 from the right which means 3rd qubit (from the **1st** indexing), altering the encoded quantum information. At this point, if there were no errors, the state of the three data qubits would be |000>, but due to the X gate, it becomes |100>.

**4.1.4 Syndrome Measurement**:

CNOT gates between the data qubits and ancilla qubits are used to check for errors. Here’s how they work:

* The first CNOT gate between q\_0 and q\_3 copies the state of q\_0 to q\_3.
* The second CNOT between q\_2 and q\_3 performs a parity check between q\_0 and q\_2. If they are the same, q\_3 remains unchanged; if they are different, q\_3 flips.
* The third and fourth CNOTs between q\_0/q\_1 and q\_4 check the parity between q\_0 and q\_1. If they are the same, q\_4 remains unchanged; if different, q\_4 flips.
* The ancilla qubits q\_3 and q\_4 are measured, and their states are mapped to the classical bits c [0] and c[1]. The measurement results in the binary string 001, which is the error syndrome.

**4.1.5 Syndrome Measurement Pairs**:

We have two ancilla qubits (Qubits 3 and 4) for syndrome measurement.

* The CNOT gate between Qubit 0 and Ancilla Qubit 3 checks parity.
* The CNOT gate between Qubit 2 and Ancilla Qubit 3 checks parity.
* The CNOT gate between Qubit 0 and Ancilla Qubit 4 checks parity between Qubits 0 and 1.
* The CNOT gate between Qubit 1 and Ancilla Qubit 4 is part of this second parity check.

**4.1.6 Interpreting the Error Syndrome**:

The error syndrome ‘10’ indicates which qubit has experienced an error. Here it shows the syndrome ‘001’ but our syndrome measurement bits ‘10’ (LSB) the last two bits from the right owing to the first bit 0 is nothing here since we are supposed to have only 2 bits as classical for syndrome measurement. The syndrome is derived as follows:

* The first bit 1 means the least significant bit (LSB) indicating that qubits q\_0 and q\_2 are different (01), as measured by ancilla q\_3(1).
* The second bit 0 indicates that qubits q\_0 and q\_1 are the same (00), as measured by ancilla q\_4(0).
* Given that q\_0 was initialised to |0> and encoded across q\_1 and q\_2, the **syndrome** ‘001’ points to a bit flip error on q\_2 from the right bits counting.

**4.1.7 Reason for We need certainly 2 Qubits for Anicilla**

The selection of ancilla qubits in quantum error correction (QEC) protocols, particularly for the quantum repetition code, is indeed deliberate and guided by specific requirements of the error correction process. The number of ancilla qubits used is closely related to the number of data qubits and the complexity of the error detection mechanism. Here's why the number of ancilla qubits varies between 3-qubit and 5-qubit systems:

* **Error Syndrome Measurement**: Ancilla qubits are used for syndrome measurement, which is a process of detecting errors in the qubits without disturbing their quantum state. Each ancilla qubit is entangled with one or more data qubits, and the measurement of the ancilla qubits reveals information about possible errors in the data qubits.
* **Quantum Repetition Code**: In the quantum repetition code, the basic idea is to replicate the quantum state across multiple qubits to protect against errors. The ancilla qubits are then used to compare these replicated states. For a 3-qubit system, two comparisons are sufficient to detect a single-bit flip error (comparing qubit 1 with qubit 2, and qubit 2 with qubit 3), which is why two ancilla qubits are used. In contrast, a 5-qubit system requires more comparisons to ensure reliable error detection, leading to the use of four ancilla qubits.
* **Scalability and Complexity**: As the number of data qubits increases, the complexity of potential error syndromes also increases. More ancilla qubits are required to perform a complete and reliable error syndrome measurement for larger systems. This is why the 5-qubit system uses more ancilla qubits compared to the 3-qubit system.
* **Optimal Error Detection**: The goal is to optimise error detection while minimising the use of extra qubits. Using too few ancilla qubits might not provide enough information to accurately detect and correct errors, while using too many could unnecessarily complicate the circuit.

**4.1.8 Simulation and Analysis**:

The circuit is transpiled and assembled for simulation on the Aer qasm\_simulator. The simulator mimics the quantum circuit's operation and allows for the collection of measurement results over many iterations, or "shots". The consistent error syndrome ‘10’ observed in the output suggests a robust error detection mechanism.

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Figure 4: Error Correction Circuit for 3-Qubit QRC on Simulator.

**4.1.9 Development of Correction Mechanism**:

Based on syndrome ‘10’, a conditional X gate is applied to q\_2 from the right to flip its state back to |0>. This conditional operation is essential, as it ensures that the correction is only performed, when necessary, as indicated by the syndrome. There applies an X gate (bit-flip gate) to Qubit 1 conditionally. The X gate will be applied if the first classical bit (qc.clbits[0]) is 1 and the second classical bit (qc.clbits[1]) is 0. This conditional operation suggests that the error correction is specifically targeting a scenario where the syndrome indicates an error on Qubit 2. That means our syndrome measurement is ‘10’ if we count from the right to left bit and after applying conditional X gate on the flipped error as ‘100’ the 2nd qubit from the right, we had our original state ‘000’ from ‘100’.

**4.1.10 Verification:**

After applying the correction, a final measurement of all three data qubits (q\_0, q\_1, q\_2) (000) confirms whether the original state |000> has been restored. In this scenario, the corrected state is indeed found to be |000>, demonstrating that the single-bit error was successfully corrected.

**4.2 Error Detection using different syndrome pairs as a standard approach for 3-qubit on Simulator:**

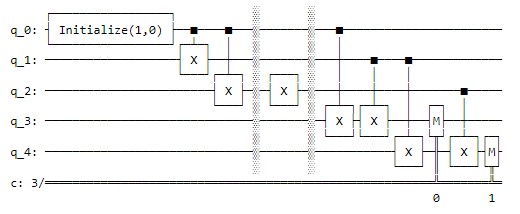
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Figure 5: Error Detection Circuit for the 3-Qubit with Standard Syndrome Pairs

In above Figure 5, we’ve demonstrated a 3-qubit quantum repetition code (QRC) for error detection. The purpose of this circuit is to detect a single-bit flip error using ancilla qubits and a standard syndrome measurement approach. Here's a detailed explanation of how the circuit works: The circuit begins by initialising the first qubit in the state **|0>** using an **initialise** instruction followed by an appended custom gate **init\_gate** (presumably, **init\_gate** is defined elsewhere in our code as a single-qubit operation that prepares the qubit in the desired initial state). Next, the circuit creates entanglement between the first three qubits. The CNOT gates (**qc\_detect.cx(0, 1)** and **qc\_detect.cx(0, 2)**) are applied such that qubits 1 and 2 become entangled with qubit 0. This entanglement is crucial for the error detection mechanism of the quantum repetition code. A bit-flip error is intentionally introduced on the third qubit (**qc\_detect.x(2)**). In a real-world scenario, this step represents a quantum error that might occur naturally or due to external disturbances.

This is where ancilla qubits come into play to detect the error. The circuit sets up a parity check between pairs of qubits:

* The first ancilla qubit (qubit 3) checks the parity between qubit 0 and qubit 1.
* The second ancilla qubit (qubit 4) checks the parity between qubit 1 and qubit 2.

The CNOT gates are arranged to reflect the parity between these pairs onto the ancilla qubits. When the ancilla qubits are measured, their classical states represent the 'syndrome' of the system.

The measurement results of the ancilla qubits (**qc\_detect.measure(3, 0)** and **qc\_detect.measure(4, 1)**) give us the syndrome. In this case, the output is **'01'**, which indicates that the error has been detected between the first and second qubits (considering 0 indexing) means on the second qubit.

**4.2.1 Correct syndrome interpretation:**

In quantum error correction, the syndrome bits help us understand where the error occurred:

* **'00'** would mean no error was detected.
* **'01'** would suggest an error on the third qubit. (though this is dependent on the specific error correction code).
* **'10'** would indicate an error on **the second qubit**.
* **'11'** could mean an error on the first qubit.

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Figure 6: Error Correction Circuit for 3-Qubit with Different Syndrome Measurement.

In Figure 6, after identifying the affected bit by the syndrome bit ‘010’ we have applied the Pauli-X gate on the 3rd qubit from the right with a classical conditional operation where for the first bit we used 0 and for the second bit we used 1 since we often bits count from right to left as for correction affected bit on the quantum simulator.

**4.2.2 Standard vs Initial Syndrome Measurement:**

Our initial approach (**qc. cx(0, 3); qc. cx(1, 3); qc. cx(0, 4); qc. cx(1, 4)**) produced **'10'** which, according to the standard syndrome interpretation, our circuit correctly indicated an error carried out on the second qubit. With the standard approach (**qc. cx(0, 3); qc.cx(1, 3); qc.cx(1, 4); qc.cx(2, 4)**), the syndrome **'01'** accurately indicates the error on the second qubit, which aligns with where the bit-flip error was introduced in our circuit. In conclusion, the updated circuit correctly identifies the location of the bit-flip error using standard syndrome measurement techniques. This accurate detection is key for effective error correction in quantum computing, particularly for quantum repetition codes which are designed to protect against such errors. The correct interpretation of syndrome bits is essential for the proper function of any error correction code, as it determines the subsequent steps needed to correct errors and recover the original quantum information. We used two different syndrome pairs just to show make difference for different syndrome bits measurement, however, the error location was the identical for both.

**4.3 For 3-Qubit on the Real IBM Quantum Hardware Design and Development**:

The "Design and Development" of the 3-qubit quantum repetition code (QRC) experiment for error detection and correction on an IBM quantum computer involved a systematic approach, from setting up the quantum environment to implementing and executing the error correction protocol.

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Figure 7: Error Detection Circuit on the Real IBM for Initial Syndrome Pairs

**4.3.1 Design of the Quantum Circuit:**

The above in Figure 7 depicts an error detection circuit described in our circuit designed to identify a single bit-flip error in a 3-qubit system using quantum error correction techniques, specifically the bit-flip code **by using ibm\_perth** backend on the Real IBM Quantum Hardware. Here’s how the circuit works, step by step:

1. **Initialisation**:
   * The circuit starts with 5 qubits, where the first three qubits are used for storing the quantum information, and the last two are ancillary qubits used for error detection (syndrome measurement).
   * In our quantum error detection circuit using the quantum repetition code, we are working with a single qubit. The command **qc\_detect.initialize([1, 0], 0)** is specifically setting up the first qubit (index 0) in the state ∣0⟩. This step is essential for preparing the initial condition of your circuit, particularly before creating entanglement with other qubits and introducing errors for detection.
   * **Basis States**: In quantum computing, the two basic states of a qubit are represented as ∣0⟩ and ∣1⟩ These are known as basis states and are analogous to the binary states (0 and 1) in classical computing.
   * **Vector Representation**: Each of these states can be represented as a vector in a two-dimensional complex vector space: the state ∣0> is represented as [1,0], which can be visualised as a vector pointing along the vertical axis in a two-dimensional space. The state ∣1⟩ is represented as [0,1] a vector pointing along the horizontal axis.
2. **Entanglement**:
   * Controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates are used to entangle qubit 0 with qubits 1 and 2. After applying CNOT gates the initial single state becomes multiple physical qubits as 000.
3. **Error Introduction**:
   * An X gate (Pauli-X gate) is applied to qubit 2, simulating a bit-flip error. This gate flips the state of qubit 2 from ∣0⟩ to ∣1⟩ or vice versa. Since qubit 2 was in the state ∣0⟩, it is now flipped to ∣1⟩.
4. **Syndrome Measurement**:
   * Additional CNOT gates entangle the ancilla qubits (q\_3 and q\_4) with qubits 0, 1, and 2 for error detection. The configuration of these CNOT gates establishes a parity check for the entangled qubits. The ancilla qubits will flip based on the parity of the qubits they are connected to:
     + **qc.cx(0, 3)** and **qc.cx(2, 3)** set qubit 3 to check the parity between qubits 0 and 2.
     + **qc.cx(0, 4)** and **qc.cx(1, 4)** set qubit 4 to check the parity between qubits 0 and 1.
   * A barrier is used to denote the end of the error introduction and the start of the syndrome measurement process.
5. **Measurement**:

* The ancilla qubits 3 and 4 are measured, and their classical states are stored in two classical bits.
* The outcome of this measurement is the error syndrome, which indicates whether and where a bit-flip error has occurred. Our affected qubit is qubit 2 based on the most frequent syndrome ‘01’.

1. **Syndrome Interpretation**:
   * The error syndromes are interpreted to diagnose the error:
     + A syndrome of '00' means no error was detected.
     + A syndrome of '01' means an **error was detected on qubit 2** (since this ancilla qubit checks qubits 0 and 1).
     + A syndrome of '10' means an error was detected on qubit 0 (since this ancilla qubit checks qubits 0 and 2).
     + A syndrome of '11' could indicate that an error was detected on qubit 1.

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Figure 8: Post Error Correction Syndrome Measurement

In the error correction, part of the circuit (**qc\_correct**), an X gate (also known as the Pauli-X gate, which acts as a classical NOT operation in quantum computing) is conditionally applied to the third qubit (q[2]) based on the most common syndrome. Our circuit assumed that the syndrome '10' directly points to an error in the **second** qubit. The corrected circuit (**qc\_combined\_correction**) is then created by composing the detection circuit with the correction circuit. This combined circuit is transpiled for optimisation to run on the **realibmlagos\_backend**, which represents an IBM Quantum computer backend. After executing the combined circuit on the quantum computer, the resulting counts (**error\_counts\_combined\_correction**) are obtained. These counts indicate the number of times each possible outcome (syndrome) has been measured after the correction has been applied. Ideally, we would see an increase in the count of '00', which would indicate that no error syndromes were detected and that the error has been corrected. The syndrome outcome '10' should ideally decrease significantly, reflecting the success of the error correction process. The results from running the circuit on the ibm\_perth backend show the syndromes obtained from the measurement. In the ideal scenario, with an error deliberately introduced on qubit 2, the expected syndrome would be '10'. However, the actual result may vary due to quantum noise, gate errors, or other imperfections in the hardware. In conclusion, the design and development of this experiment on IBM's quantum hardware effectively demonstrated the principles of quantum error correction using a 3-qubit system. The experiment underscored the importance of accurate syndrome measurement and the capability of conditional operations in correcting quantum errors, contributing valuable insights into the practical implementation of quantum error correction protocols on real quantum processors.

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**Reason For We leveraged ‘ibm\_perth’ for our Circuits:**

The selection of IBM Perth for running the error detection circuit was likely informed by several factors that align with the requirements of the specific circuit used for quantum error detection: The error detection circuit requires at least 5 qubits – 3 for the main qubit system and 2 for the ancilla qubits used in syndrome measurement and 2 classical bits for measurement. IBM Perth offers 7 qubits, which comfortably accommodates the circuit. A higher QV suggests that the processor can handle more complex quantum circuits. With a QV of 32, IBM Perth can manage the complexity of the error detection circuit, which includes initialization, entanglement, error introduction, and syndrome measurement. The circuit's effectiveness depends on low error rates for both two-qubit gates (like CNOT) and measurement operations. While the error rates are not the lowest possible, they are within an acceptable range for conducting error detection experiments. This means that the probability of introducing additional errors during the experiment is reduced, leading to more reliable detection of intentionally introduced errors. For error detection, accurately measuring the state of ancilla qubits is crucial. IBM Perth's readout error rate is within a range that allows for reasonably high confidence in the measurement outcomes. The online status and the short queue length of pending jobs indicate that experiments can be run with minimal waiting time, ensuring that the error detection circuit can be tested and iterated quickly. Adequate coherence times (T1 and T2) are essential to ensure that the qubits maintain their state throughout the circuit's execution. The listed coherence times for IBM Perth suggest that it can maintain quantum information long enough to complete the error detection process without significant loss of fidelity. The CLOPS value indicates how quickly the quantum processor can execute the circuit operations. Higher speeds mean that the entire error detection circuit can be executed faster, reducing the potential for errors due to decoherence over time. In the context of the provided error detection circuit, IBM Perth's capabilities support the necessary quantum operations with a balance of speed, fidelity, and availability, making it a practical choice for the experiment.

**4.4 For 3-Qubit on the Real IBM Quantum Hardware Design and Development with Different Syndrome Pairs:**

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Figure 9: For 3-Qubit Error Detection Circuit on the Real IBM Hardware with Different Syndrome Pairs.

Figure 9 depicts a quantum circuit diagram for different syndrome measurement pairs, which represents an error detection scheme using a 3-qubit system with an additional two ancilla qubits for syndrome measurement which we run on the Real IBM hardware using **ibm\_lagos backend** for **error correction** and **ibm\_perth for error detection** purpose. We would explain its architecture to present differences how it is different from the previous circuit and why its outcomes are different. The first qubit (q[0]) is initialised in the state ∣0⟩. This qubit will serve as the control for subsequent operations to entangle the system. **Entanglement**: The circuit uses Controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates to entangle q[0] with q[1] and q[2] which means our original state is ‘000’. Entanglement is crucial for quantum error correction because it creates a system where the state of one qubit is dependent on the state of another. This redundancy is what allows for error detection and correction. A Pauli-X gate or NOT gate is applied to q[2], introducing a bit-flip error. This simulates an operational fault that the error correction code should detect.

**4.4.1 Syndrome Measurement**: Ancilla qubits (q[3] and q[4]) are used to measure the parity of different pairs of qubits:

* The CNOT gates between q[0] and q[3], and q[1] and q[3], are set to detect a bit-flip error on the first two qubits.
* Similarly, the CNOT gates between q[1] and q[4], and q[2] and q[4], detect errors between the second and third qubits.

**4.4.2 Measurement**: The ancilla qubits q[3] and q[4] are measured, and their classical outcomes are stored in classical bits c[0] and c[1], respectively. If we count bits from left to right order, then these outcomes are referred to as the syndrome and are interpreted as follows:

* If both c[0] and c[1] measure '0' (syndrome '00'), it indicates no error was detected.
* If c[0] measures '0' and c[1] measures '1' (syndrome '01'), it points to an error on q[0].
* If c[0] measures '1' and c[1] measures '0' (syndrome '10'), **it suggests an error on q[2].**
* If both c[0] and c[1] measure '1' (syndrome '11'), it implies an error on q[1].

**4.4.3 Error Occurrence**: In this scenario, given the construction of the circuit, we had the syndrome '01' to be the most prevalent outcome if the circuit operates as intended, as it indicated the error on q[2] caused by the Pauli-X gate.

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Figure 10: Post Error Correction Circuit for Different Syndrome Bits Measurement

After entanglement, an artificial bit flip error is introduced on q[2] to simulate an error that might occur naturally due to quantum noise or interference. This is done using the Pauli-X gate, which flips the state of a qubit from |0⟩ to |1⟩ or vice versa. The ancilla qubits q[3] and q[4] are then utilised for syndrome measurement. These are additional qubits used for error detection but not for storing information. The ancilla qubits are entangled with the main qubits in specific patterns to perform parity checks: q[3] with q[0] and q[1], and q[4] with q[1] and q[2]. This arrangement allows us to determine if an error has occurred in the entangled qubits without collapsing their quantum state. The syndrome measurement is conducted by measuring the ancilla qubits. The measured values are then recorded in classical bits c[0] and c[1], which will hold the syndrome bits indicating the presence and location of an error. The syndrome pattern '10' suggests an error on the **second** qubit from the right that was artificially flipped, which is q[2] in this case. So, on the affected qubit, Pauli-X was applied to lessen the shots, however, to increase the ‘00’ syndrome counts for error correction success measurement.

The design of this circuit follows the principles of quantum error correction codes, specifically the 3-qubit bit-flip code, which can detect and correct single-bit-flip errors. The proper functioning of this circuit on a quantum computer would allow us to diagnose and fix operational faults, a critical capability for building reliable quantum computers. The syndrome outcomes provide direct feedback on the location of an error, enabling appropriate correction mechanisms to be applied.

**4.5 For 5-Qubit Error detection and correction on the quantum simulator**

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Figure 11: 5-Qubit Error Detection Circuit for Syndrome Bits Measurement.

The process begins by preparing a logical qubit, say in the state |0⟩, and encoding it into a redundant quantum error correction code. This redundancy is crucial, as it spreads the information of our logical qubits across multiple physical qubits, creating a form of quantum error detection and correction system. In the case of a 5-qubit repetition code, our logical |0⟩ qubit, represented by the state |00000⟩, is encoded across five physical qubits. The encoding process uses Controlled-NOT (CNOT) gates to entangle the state of the first qubit with the others, preserving the initial |0⟩ state while spreading its information. To detect errors, ancilla qubits are introduced. These are auxiliary qubits used to extract information about errors without disturbing the encoded information. The CNOT gates are strategically placed between the code qubits and ancillas to perform parity checks.In the quantum repetition code, the basic idea is to replicate the quantum state across multiple qubits to protect against errors. The ancilla qubits are then used to compare these replicated states. For a 5-qubit system, four comparisons are sufficient to detect a single-bit flip error (comparing qubit 1 with qubit 2, qubit 2 with qubit 3, qubit 3 with qubit 4, qubit 4 with qubit 5), which is why four ancilla qubits are used. When a bit-flip error occurs (say, on qubit 3, changing our state from |00000⟩ to |00100⟩), the ancilla qubits become entangled with the error state. By measuring the ancilla qubits, we obtain a set of binary digits known as the error syndrome. This syndrome reveals which qubit has been affected by the error. The measurement of these ancillas yields a specific pattern, or syndrome, that indicates the presence and location of an error. The ancilla qubits are then measured, and the outcomes are stored in the classical bits. In an ideal scenario with no errors, the measurement would result in |0000⟩ for the ancilla qubits. However, because of the bit-flip error on the second qubit, certain ancilla qubits will measure |1⟩, forming a pattern or syndrome that indicates an error has occurred. In this case, the syndrome measured was '0110', which suggests a specific error has been detected. This syndrome is unique to the error on the second qubit in the 5-qubit system. Each bit in the syndrome can be thought of as an indicator for the parity check across a pair of qubits. The syndrome '0110' is interpreted as follows:

* The first bit '0' indicates that the parity between the pairs checked by the first ancilla qubit is even (no error detected there).
* The second bit '1' also indicates an odd parity for the second ancilla qubit's check, suggesting an error occurred between the second and third qubit.
* The third bit '1' indicates an odd parity for the third ancilla, suggesting an error occurred between the third and fourth qubit.
* The fourth bit '0' indicates an even parity for the fourth ancilla means no error has occurred between the fourth and fifth qubit.

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Figure 12: Error Correction Circuit for 5-Qubit QRC on the Simulator.

Figure 12 presents the combination of these bits points to the location of the error: the **second** qubit. The error detection is successful, and all 1024 shots result in the same syndrome, indicating a consistent detection of the introduced error. Once the error is detected, the QEC protocol applies a correction based on the syndrome. If the syndrome points to an error on qubit 2, as in our example, a conditional operation (Pauli-X gate) is applied to that qubit to flip it back to its correct state, thus correcting the error. The conditional operation is performed only if the syndrome matches the pattern corresponding to an error on the third qubit.

**4.5.1 Design for 5-Qubit QRC on Real IBM Hardware**

Our experimental setup aimed to demonstrate quantum error correction using a 5-qubit quantum repetition code (QRC) on IBM's quantum hardware. The objective was to encode a single logical qubit state into a more complex system of five qubits, detect a manually introduced bit-flip error, and then apply the appropriate correction. The experiment began with the initialisation of a quantum register wherein the first qubit was set to the |0⟩ state using Qiskit's **initialise** method. This qubit served as the seed for encoding our logical qubit. We then employed CNOT gates to entangle this qubit with four additional qubits, mapping our logical |0⟩ to a physical state represented by |00000⟩ across the five qubits. This redundancy is the crux of the repetition code, allowing us to distribute quantum information and prepare for potential error correction. To simulate an error, we applied a Pauli-X gate to the second qubit (counting 0 index) from the right, flipping its state and introducing a bit-flip error. Ancilla qubits were then used for syndrome extraction, connected to our encoded qubits through a carefully designed network of CNOT gates. These gates were arranged to detect parity changes between qubits, which are indicative of bit-flip errors. The ancillas were measured, and the resulting bit-string, referred to as the error syndrome, pinpointed the location of the error. The **x(2)** gate applies a Pauli-X (bit-flip) operation to the third qubit (**q[2]**), simulating a bit-flip error. This alters the state of the system by flipping the state of **q[2]** from |0⟩ to |1⟩, resulting in the state |00100⟩. **Since we run our circuit on the real IBM hardware it is possible to carry out affecting multiple qubits not only single qubits**. To detect the error, the circuit employs four ancilla qubits (**q[5]** to **q[8]**). These ancilla qubits are used to perform parity checks between different combinations of the encoded qubits without collapsing the superposition of the logical qubit. The parity checks are implemented using further **cx** gates:

* The first ancilla (**q[5]**) checks the parity between **q[0]** and **q[1]**.
* The second ancilla (**q[6]**) checks the parity between **q[1]** and **q[2]**.
* The third ancilla (**q[7]**) checks the parity between **q[2]** and **q[3]**.
* The fourth ancilla (**q[8]**) checks the parity between **q[3]** and **q[4]**.

If there is no error, all ancilla qubits will measure |0⟩, indicating even parity. However, if a bit-flip error occurs, it will change the parity of adjacent qubits. In this case, since **q[2]** has been flipped, the parity check involving **q[2]** will reveal odd parity, changing the state of the corresponding ancilla qubits to |1⟩. The **measure** operations read out the state of the ancilla qubits into classical bits. The resulting measurement tells us which ancilla qubits detected an odd parity, which directly points to the location of the error. The error syndrome (a series of 0s and 1s) is then used to deduce which qubit was affected by the bit-flip. Given the constraints of the IBM Brisbane quantum processor, our circuit underwent transpilation to ensure compatibility with the hardware's native gate set. The transpiled circuit was then executed on the processor, and the result was a syndrome that indicated which qubit had been affected by the error. Upon obtaining the syndrome, we mapped it to its corresponding qubit using a pre-established syndrome-to-qubit mapping. An X gate was then conditionally applied to the identified qubit to reverse the bit-flip error. This correction procedure relied on the quantum processor's ability to perform conditional operations, a feature that is essential for dynamic error correction. The final measurement of our qubit register revealed whether the error correction was successful. By comparing the syndrome before and after the correction, we were able to assess the efficacy of our QRC. The ideal outcome—a return to the initial |00000⟩ state—would indicate a complete correction of the bit-flip error. The success of our error correction was quantitatively evaluated based on the frequency of the corrected state in the measurement outcomes. A high incidence of the |00000⟩ state compared to other states would reflect a high success rate in error correction, demonstrating the potential of QEC protocols in preserving quantum information against errors.

**4.5.2 The reason we used the ‘ibm\_brisbane’ backend.**

The selection of the 'ibm\_brisbane' backend for executing the 5-Qubit Quantum Error Correction (QEC) experiment was a strategic choice influenced by several factors that align with the goals of our research. The 'ibm\_brisbane' quantum processor provides a suitable number of qubits (five or more) required for the implementation of the 5-qubit repetition code. With 127 qubits, 'ibm\_brisbane' offers enough qubits to not only perform the 5-qubit QEC but also to allocate ancillary qubits for error detection through syndrome measurements and other necessary operations without resource constraints. Since we comprised our circuit with a total of 14 bits, 5 for state qubits, 4 for ancilla qubits and 5 for classical bits to have the measurement results as a result we opted for the ‘ibm\_brisbane’ backend to run our circuit on the real IBM quantum hardware and it provides 127 qubits maximum. In this regard, we couldn’t take the less qubit’s backend like ‘ibm\_perth’, ‘ibm\_nairobi’ and ‘ibm\_lagos’ to have the measurement and correction results as easily as what we used for 3-Qubit QRC as error detection and correction results. The Quantum Volume of a device is a metric that reflects its overall capability to handle complex quantum circuits. 'ibm\_brisbane', with its specific QV, suggests a level of performance that can accommodate the intricate operations needed for QEC, such as precise entanglement and syndrome extraction. Furthermore, gate fidelity, which measures the accuracy of quantum gates, is a crucial consideration. Higher fidelity rates increase the likelihood of successful encoding, syndrome detection, and error correction without introducing additional errors. The reported **Error Probability of Logical Gates (**EPLG) of 1.9e-2 indicates the probability of an error occurring during the execution of logical gates. This relatively low error probability is crucial for QEC experiments where the integrity of the logical gates directly affects the accuracy of the error detection and correction. The **Coherence Times (T1 and T2)** of 'ibm\_brisbane' have relatively long coherence times with a median T1 of 220.54 microseconds and T2 of 142.47 microseconds. These times are indicators of how long qubits can retain their quantum state, and longer coherence times are beneficial for maintaining qubit stability throughout the error detection and correction process. The **median ECR (entangling**) error rate of 8.077e-3 and the **SX (single-qubit) error** of 2.242e-4 suggests a good level of control and precision. For a QEC experiment where the exact manipulation of qubit states is paramount, the fidelity of these gates ensures reliable encoding of the logical qubit and precise syndrome extraction. The **readout process in quantum computing is prone to errors.** With a median readout error of 1.300e-2, 'ibm\_brisbane' offers a relatively low probability of error during the measurement phase, which is essential for accurately determining the syndrome bits and hence the success of the error correction. The intrinsic error rates of 'ibm\_brisbane', including both single-qubit and two-qubit CNOT errors, are pivotal in deciding its use for error correction experiments. A backend that demonstrates lower error rates is preferred as it reduces the likelihood of errors that could compound the artificial bit-flip error introduced during the experiment. The 'ibm\_brisbane' processor is online with a reasonable job queue, which indicates that experiments can be run with minimal delay. This operational readiness ensures that the iterative nature of experimental work, such as adjusting parameters and rerunning tests, can be done efficiently. The 'Eagle r3' processor type and the basis gates available (ECR, ID, RZ, SX, X) provide a sophisticated set of tools to implement complex quantum circuits. The variety of basis gates allows for a flexible and optimized implementation of QEC circuits. Each IBM quantum processor has its unique architecture, defining how qubits are connected and how multi-qubit gates can be implemented. The architecture of 'ibm\_brisbane' might have been deemed more compatible with the circuit design, offering a layout that facilitates efficient entanglement and error detection linkages between the qubits and ancillas without requiring extensive gate decompositions or additional SWAP operations.

In our research, 'ibm\_brisbane' provides a high-capacity, reliable, and capable quantum computing platform that meets the technical demands of your QEC experiment. The combination of many qubits, acceptable error rates, long coherence times, and operational readiness makes it a suitable choice for conducting sophisticated quantum experiments like yours, aimed at pushing the boundaries of quantum error correction and detection.

**4.6 Error Detection Circuit for 5-Qubit Generating Errors on the Different Individual Positions**

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Figure 13**:** Error Detection on the Second and Fourth Qubits manually.

Figure 13 visualises that we have generated **errors on two individual qubits including the second and fourth** to check the acts of behaviour to them on the real IBM quantum **hardware using the ‘ibm\_osaka’ backend**, so we had the most frequent **syndrome on ‘01010’ as 881** as well other errors also on single and multiple qubits which are demonstrated in the above Figure 13.

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Figure 14: Error correction on ‘01010’

In Figure 14, the error correction circuit visualises that after having the error detection syndrome outcome ‘01010’ which is also known as the most frequent syndrome. Subsequently, as before we applied Pauli-X or NOT gate on the second and fourth qubits to flip the affected qubit to its original state ‘00000’. we have had tremendous achievement as for error correction outcome, where for error detection the state ‘01010’ was 881, for error correction our circuit has been able to lessen the shots to 1 means that a 99.89% reduction in the '01010' syndrome, indicating a highly successful error correction for this specific syndrome and has increased the original state outcome to 706 means that in about 68.95% of the trials, the system successfully returned to the '00000' state after error correction.

The system’s workflow as a Software as a Service (SaaS model) model is shown in Figure 2:

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Figure 15: Integration with the classical and the quantum layers following the SaaS model.

QuantoTrace's Error Correction as a Service (ECaaS) aims to revolutionise the way users interact with quantum computing by providing a robust and user-friendly platform for quantum error correction. Here's a detailed look at how this service operates in a real-world scenario: Users, ranging from quantum researchers to businesses exploring quantum algorithms, begin by creating an account on QuantoTrace. The platform offers a streamlined dashboard where users can easily upload their quantum circuits or algorithms. This interface is designed to be intuitive, allowing users with varying levels of quantum computing expertise to navigate and use the services efficiently. Once logged in, a user can submit a quantum circuit for error correction. This submission could be in the form of a Qiskit code, a circuit diagram, or any other standard quantum circuit format. The platform's API parses and validates the user's input, ensuring it's ready for processing. Upon receiving the quantum circuit, QuantoTrace automatically integrates quantum error correction algorithms into the circuit. This process involves identifying potential error-prone areas in the circuit and embedding syndrome detection and correction routines without altering the fundamental logic of the user's algorithm. Before execution on actual quantum hardware, the platform offers a simulation feature. This simulation provides insights into how the error correction would work and the potential fidelity improvements. Users receive a detailed report on the predicted performance, allowing them to make informed decisions on whether to proceed with real quantum hardware execution. If the user opts for real hardware execution, QuantoTrace forwards the error-corrected circuit to one of its partnered quantum processors, like IBM Brisbane or others. The choice of hardware can be automated based on the circuit's requirements or manually selected by the user. As the job runs, users can monitor its progress in real-time through the QuantoTrace dashboard. Notifications and updates are sent to keep the user informed about the job status. Once the job is complete, the platform retrieves the results, which now include the outcomes of error correction. These results are analysed to provide insights into the effectiveness of the error correction, the error rates, and the overall improvement in the fidelity of the quantum computation. The results are presented in a user-friendly format, including visualisations like histograms of quantum states, error rates before and after correction, and a comparative analysis of the expected versus actual performance. QuantoTrace utilises machine learning algorithms to continuously learn from each executed job. This learning helps in optimising error correction algorithms, predicting hardware-specific error patterns, and improving overall service efficiency. Post-execution, users are encouraged to provide feedback. This feedback, along with automated performance metrics, helps QuantoTrace in refining its algorithms and user experience. For enterprise-level users, QuantoTrace offers scalable solutions and customisation options to handle large-scale quantum computing projects and specific error correction needs. Throughout this process, the highest standards of data security and confidentiality are maintained, ensuring that users’ quantum data and results are securely handled. In essence, QuantoTrace’s ECaaS provides a comprehensive, end-to-end solution for quantum error correction, making advanced quantum computations more reliable and accessible. This service not only caters to the current needs of quantum computing enthusiasts and professionals but also paves the way for more robust and practical quantum computing applications in the future.

**4.7 Tools and technologies:**

**4.7.1 Visualisation Tools:**

**matplotlib.pyplot** for plotting bar and scatter plots.

**qiskit**. visualization for drawing quantum circuits.

**4.7.2 Mathematical & Computational Tools**:

**NumPy**: for numerical operations such as linear spacing and mathematical calculations.

**4.7.3 Quantum Computing Techniques**:

* Quantum Circuit Design using **QuantumCircuit** from **qiskit.**
* Usage of **QuantumRegister** and **ClassicalRegister** for defining quantum and classical bits.
* Quantum operations such as the **controlled-X gate (cx), and Pauli-X gate (x).**
* Error correction techniques using 3 and 5-qubit repetition codes (QRC).
* Syndrome measurement to detect and correct bit flip errors:

**4.7.4 Ancilla Qubits:** Utilised extra qubits (often termed "ancilla qubits" or "helper qubits") to store the result of the syndrome measurement.

**4.7.5 Controlled-X (CNOT) Gates**: Used controlled-X (cx) gates to perform the syndrome measurements. The cx gates were applied between the data qubits and ancilla qubits to determine if a bit flip error occurred on the data qubits.

**4.7.6 Quantum Simulation & Noise Modeling:**

* Using **Aer** from **qiskit** to get a quantum simulator backend.
* Defining noise models using **NoiseModel** from **qiskit.providers.aer.noise**.
* Specifying types of quantum errors **(bit-flip)** using **pauli\_error**.
* Executing quantum circuits in the presence of noise using execute and collecting the results.
* Uses the **qasm\_simulator** backend **from Qiskit's Aer module to run the simulations.**
* **plot\_histogram for** visualisation of error correction measurement for both with and without error.

**4.7.8 IBM Quantum Experience (IBM Q) Tools:**

* Interacting with IBM Q using the **qiskit\_ibm\_provider** and **IBMQ**.
* **IBMQ.save\_account** for interface with IBM's quantum computers, a mechanism is utilised to keep individual IBM Q account API tokens locally.
* **Real IBM Backends: ‘ibm\_perth’, ‘ibm\_nairobi’, ‘ibm\_lagos’ , ‘ibm\_osaka’ and ‘ibm\_brisbane’.**
* **‘get\_provider('ibm-q'):** The provider for IBM's open quantum devices is retrieved via this.
* **‘get\_backend('ibmq\_qasm\_simulator'):** This specifies to be used IBM's quantum simulator (a classical simulation of a quantum computer) as the backend for running a quantum circuit. There are other real quantum backends available, but for this example, we’re using the simulator.
* **get\_counts**: It returns a dictionary where the keys are the possible outcomes (in binary strings) and the values are the number of times each outcome was observed.

It is worth mentioning that the QuantoTrace platform offers a broad selection of error correction codes to account for the multitude of errors that can occur in quantum systems as mentioned in the following Figure 16. QuantoTrace ensures a tailored solution is available for deployment, regardless of the geographic complexity of Surface codes or the durability of CSS codes. The software's ability to seamlessly integrate with a variety of quantum computing systems, utilizing APIs and plugins, further enhances its customized error correction capabilities. This integration applies to systems driven by cutting-edge topological qubits or superconducting qubits.

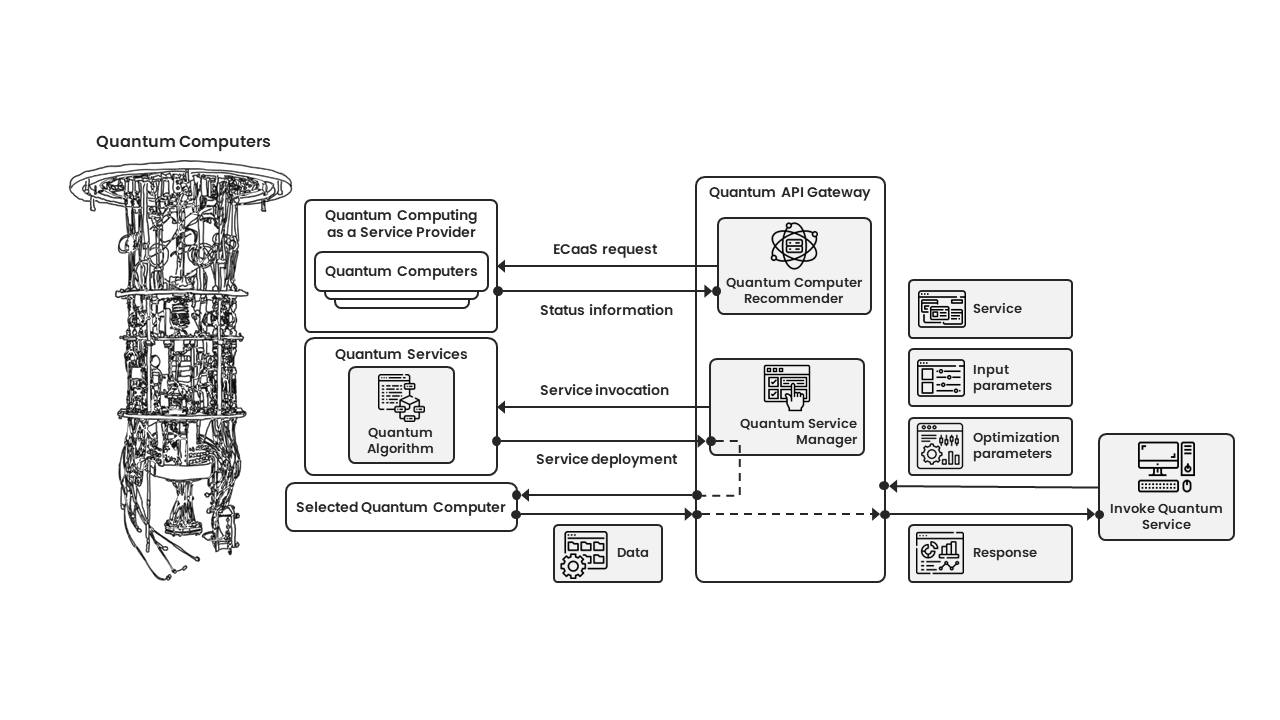


Figure 16: Quantum service API gateway

Figure 16 illustrates the integration of quantum computers into a service-oriented infrastructure. On the left, there is a comprehensive sketch of "Quantum Computers" which is connected to a central entity called "Quantum Computing as a Service Provider." This provider interacts with different modules within the "Quantum API Gateway," which include request handling, quantum computer recommendations, and service management. The framework emphasises user input, optimisation, service invocation, and subsequent response, demonstrating the smooth flow of data and the execution of quantum algorithms within this ecosystem.

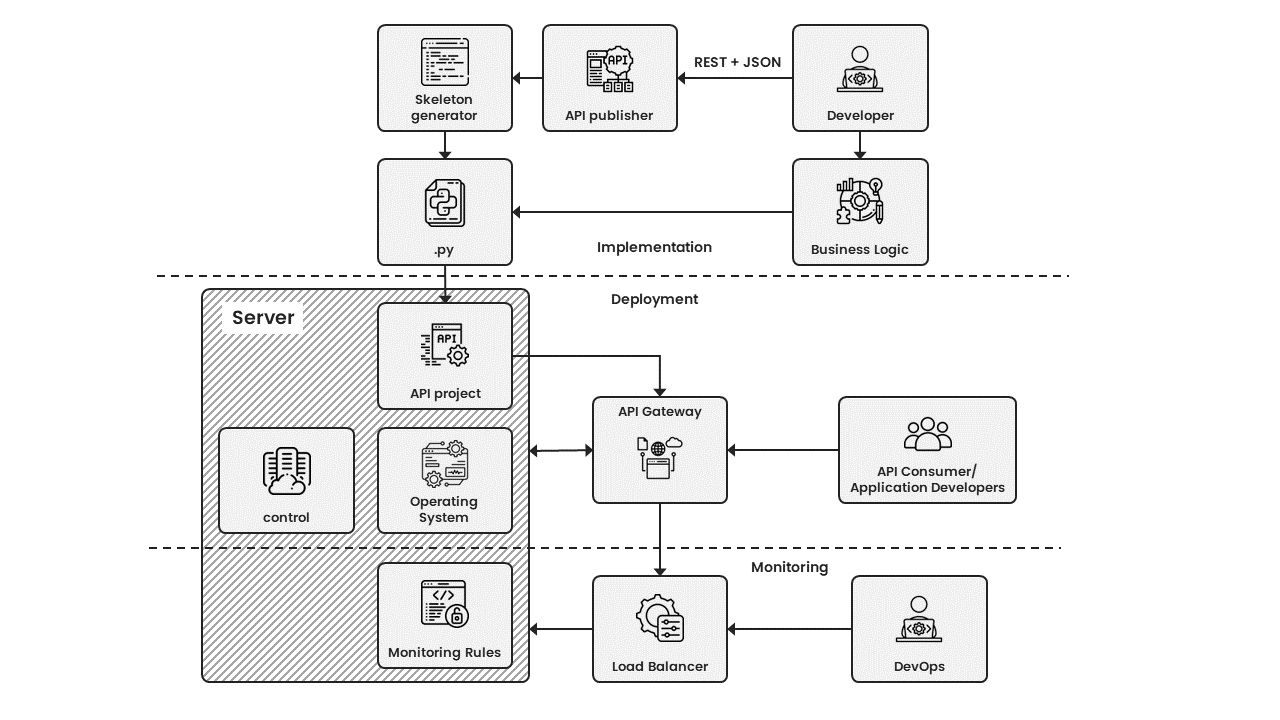


Figure 17: API high-level architecture

The diagram illustrates a comprehensive flowchart outlining the sequential steps involved in the development, deployment, and monitoring of an API. The process begins with the "Skeleton generator" and progresses onwards to the "API publisher", which utilizes the "REST + JSON" framework and communicates with the "Developer". The Developer then proceeds to connect with the "Implementation" phase, emphasising the utilisation of Python (".py") and the incorporation of "Business Logic". The final stage of the process is the "Deployment" phase, which revolves around a central "Server" that houses an "API project," "Operating System," and "control" modules. This server interacts with an "API Gateway," which facilitates communication with "API Consumer/Application Developers." The system is overseen by a "Monitoring" section, which consists of "Monitoring Rules" and a "Load Balancer," and is managed by the "DevOps" team to ensure operational efficiency and stability.

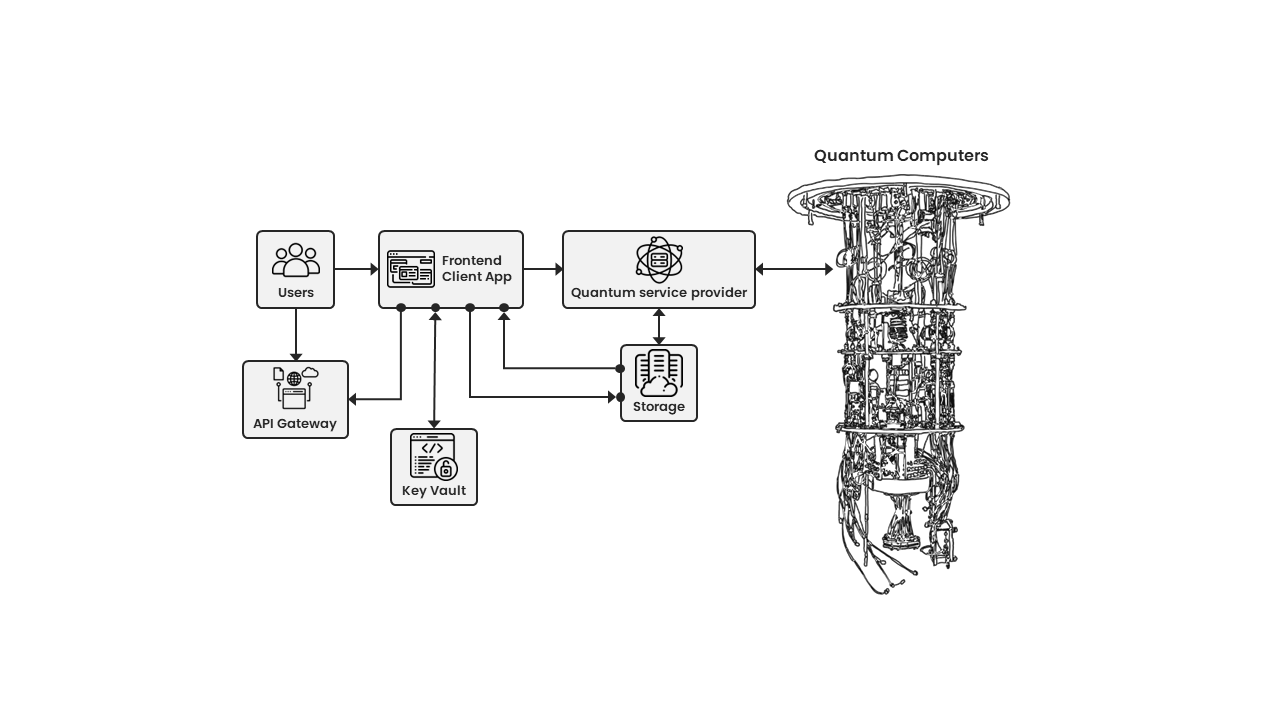


Figure 18: Quantum access through Quantum service provider

The diagram presents a schematic depiction of a quantum computing system and its interactions with various components. On the left side, there are icons representing "Users" who interface with a "Frontend Client App." This app is further connected to an "API Gateway" and a secure "Key Vault." The front-end application communicates with a central "Quantum service provider," which is directly connected to "Storage." The highlight of the diagram is on the right side, where a detailed illustration of "Quantum Computers" showcases their intricate design and complex machinery, signifying their importance in the system. These quantum machines are directly interfaced with the "Quantum service provider," indicating their critical role in processing quantum computations for the entire infrastructure.

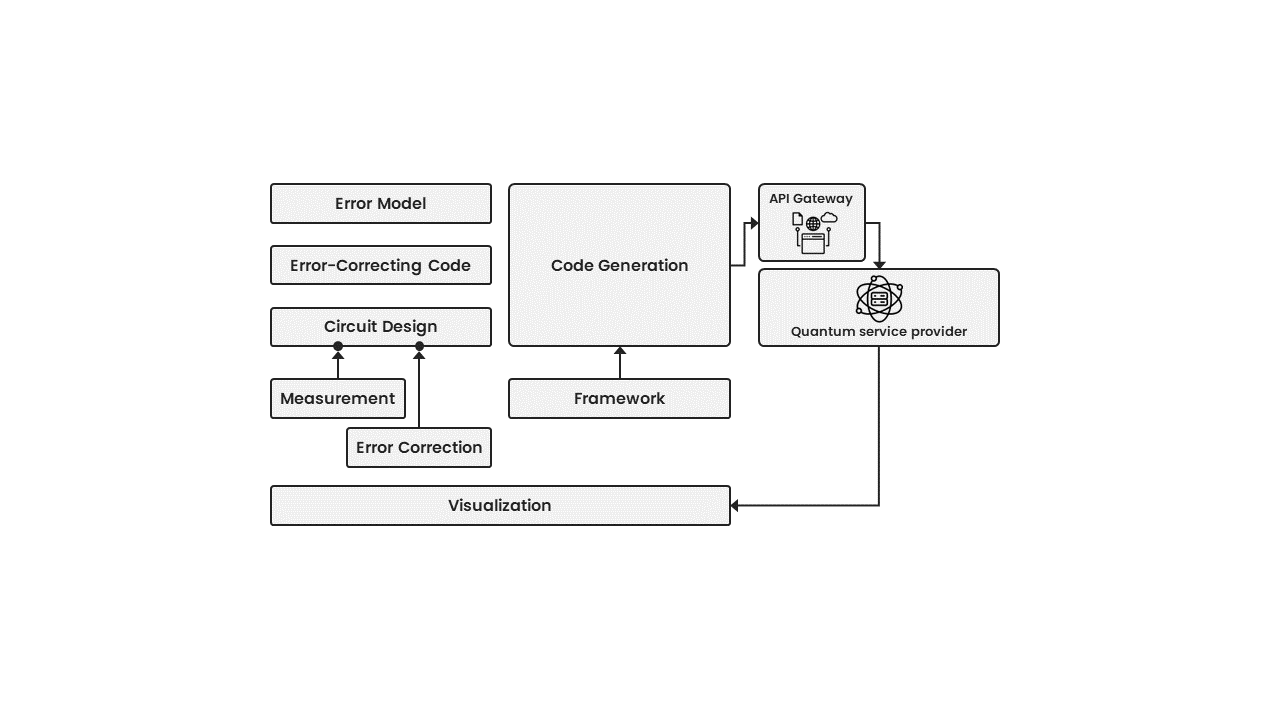


Figure 19: High-level architecture of quantum error correction platform

The diagram presented illustrates a well-organised flowchart that outlines the various stages and components involved in a quantum error correction process. Beginning on the left-hand side, a series of sequential steps, such as "Error Model," "Error-Correcting Code," "Circuit Design," "Measurement," and "Error Correction," are vertically aligned, indicating a clear and logical progression. These steps converge towards a central "Framework" that further connects to the "Code Generation" module. The "Code Generation" module interfaces with an "API Gateway," which ultimately links to a "Quantum service provider" located on the far right. Moreover, there is an arrow leading from the "Framework" to the "Visualization" component, implying the representation of the output generated.

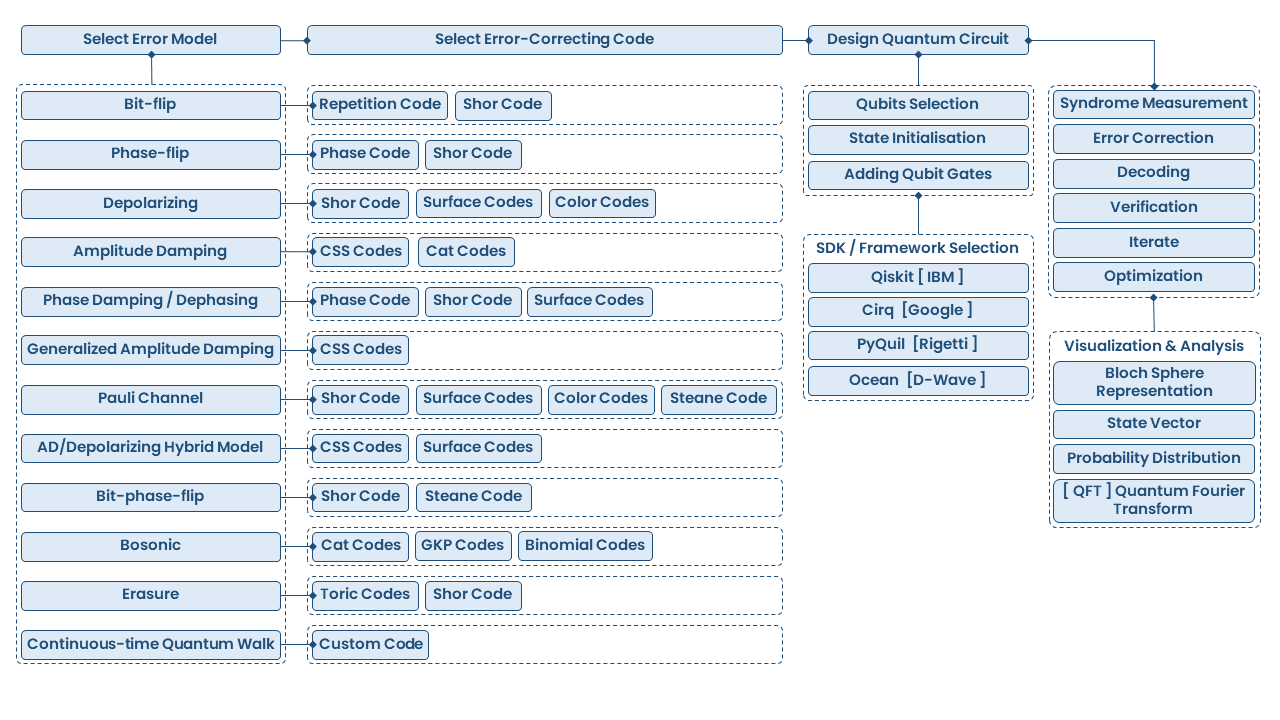


Figure 20: ECaas platform workflow blueprint

The provided diagram showcases a comprehensive flowchart outlining the process of quantum error correction. The flow commences on the left-hand side with the "Select Error Model" category, which encompasses various types of errors such as "Bit-flip," "Phase-flip," "Depolarizing," and others. In the middle column labelled "Select Error-Correcting Code," corresponding error-correcting codes such as "Repetition Code," "Shor Code," "Surface Codes," and more are mapped out. Moving towards the right, the "Design Quantum Circuit" section details the sequential steps involved in crafting a quantum circuit, including the selection of qubits, initialisation of states, addition of gates, and decoding processes. This section further offers the option to choose a software development kit (SDK) or framework from reputable providers such as IBM, Google, and Rigetti. Additionally, advanced visualisation and analysis methods, such as the "Bloch Sphere Representation" and "Quantum Fourier Transform," are available on the right side of the interface. These tools assist users in interpreting and improving their quantum computations.

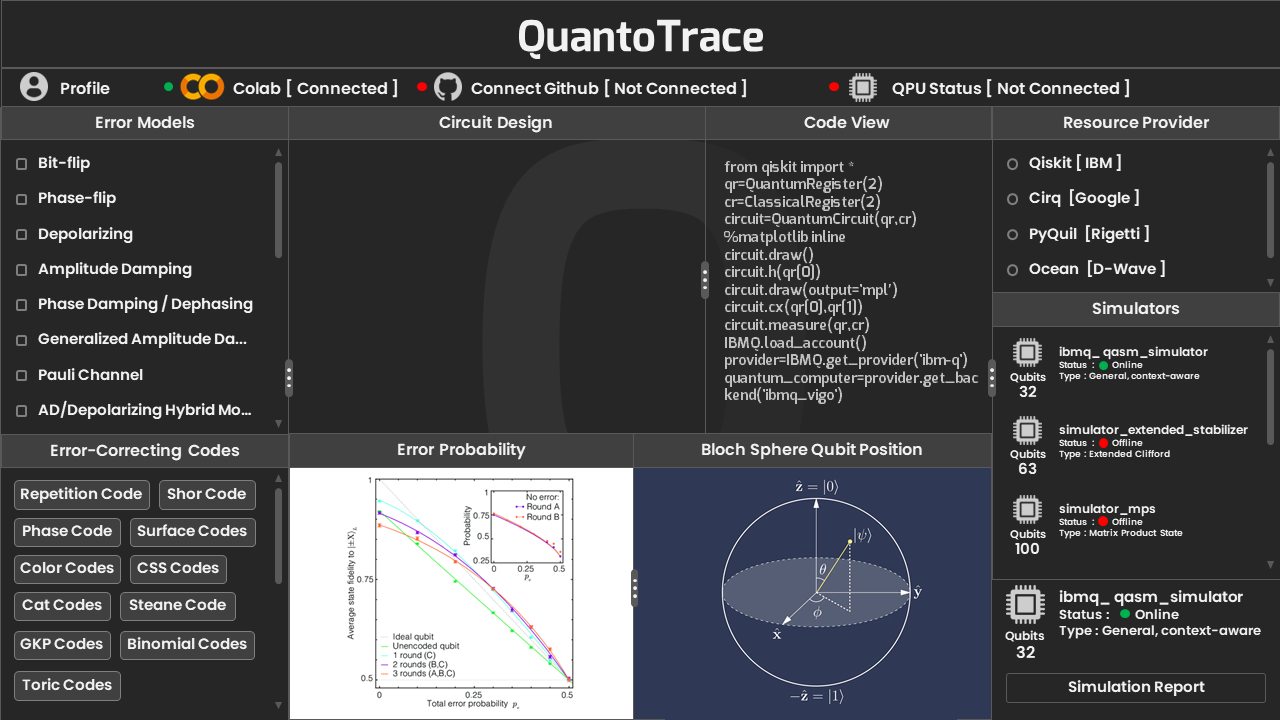
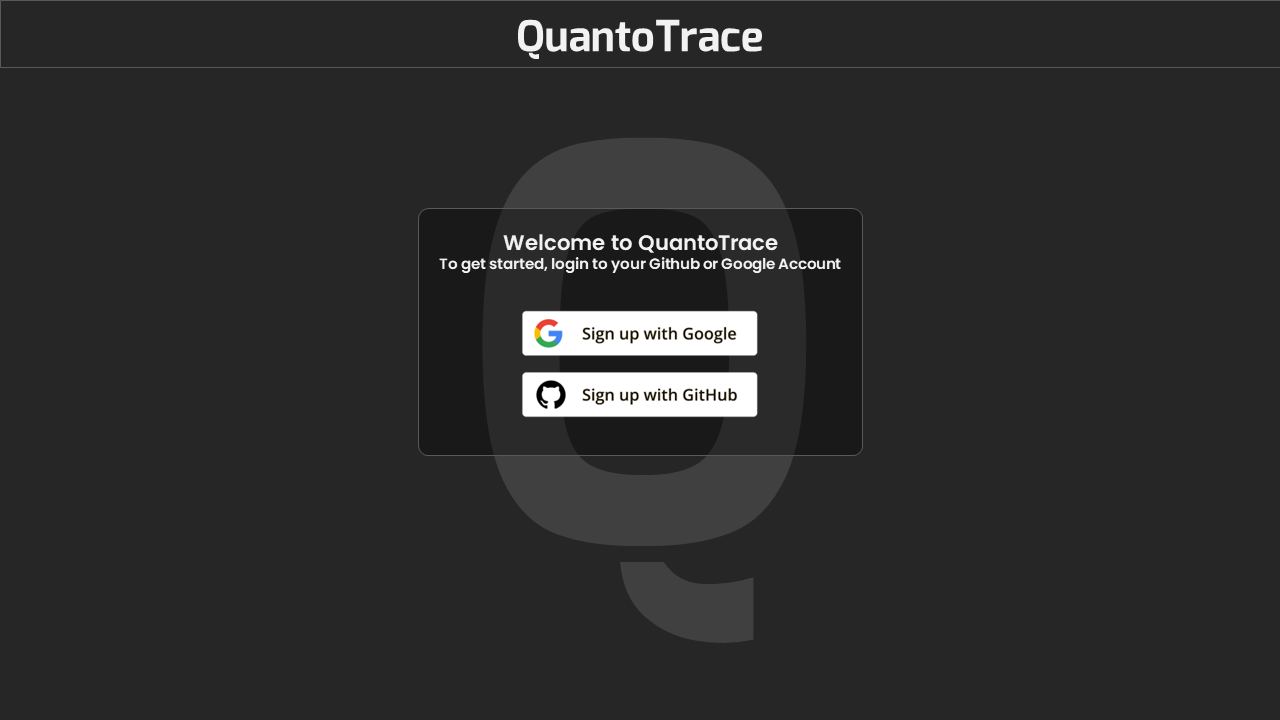


Figure 21: UI mockup visualisation of QuantoTrace

Figure 21 exhibits the visual representation of the QuantoTrace platform's user interface. The workflow processes are presented in diagrams depicted **in Figures 19 and 20**. These diagrams encapsulate all the essential components, along with the inclusion of the status of the Quantum simulator and integration with Google Colab and GitHub.

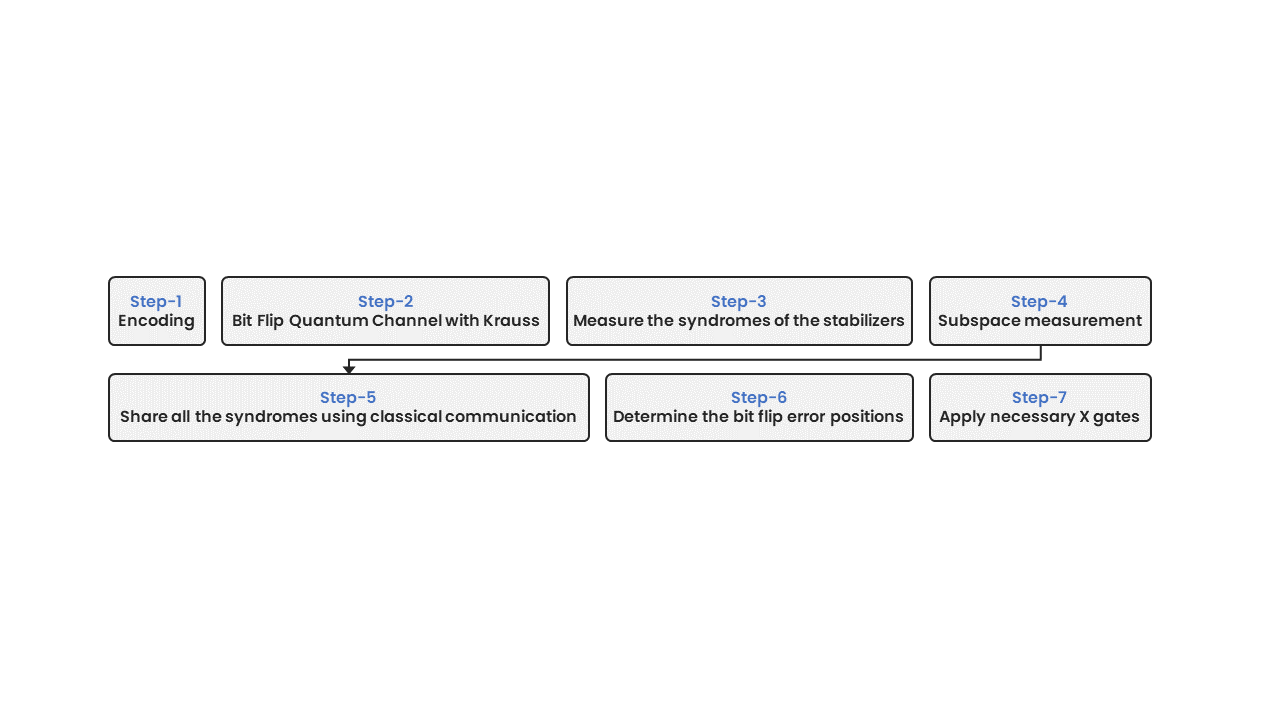


Figure 22: Use case workflow: Bit-flip error correction in a quantum system.

The diagram illustrates a sequential process consisting of seven distinct steps that outline a method for addressing bit-flip errors in quantum systems. The first step, labelled as "Step-1," involves the encoding of quantum data. Subsequently, in "Step-2," the system undergoes a Bit Flip Quantum Channel with Krauss. Moving on to "Step-3," the process necessitates the measurement of the syndromes of the stabilizers. Following that, "Step-4" encompasses the execution of a "Subspace measurement". Once these measurements are completed, "Step-5" guarantees the dissemination of all syndromes through "classical communication". Utilising this data, "Step-6" facilitates the identification of bit flip error positions. Lastly, "Step-7" outlines the application of the required X gates to rectify the identified errors.

This review highlights the comprehensive approach researchers are adopting to tackle the complexities of quantum error correction by integrating advancements and addressing challenges in the field. The incorporation of novel algorithms, open-source platforms, machine-learning techniques, and innovative quantum circuit designs reveals the swift progress being made in overcoming the inherent obstacles of quantum computing.

Advanced Quantum Error Correction Algorithm: A quantum error correction algorithm has been proposed, which achieves a 0.8% error threshold for standard circuit-based noise models. Utilising low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes, the protocol showcases a promising outlook for future quantum processors with low-overhead fault-tolerant quantum memory. Compared to the surface code, which would need over 4,000 physical qubits, this method requires only 288 to maintain 12 logical qubits for 10 million syndrome cycles with a 0.1% error rate (Anon., 2023f).

Open-Source Platform for QEC: Emphasizing practical application over theoretical models, a platform was introduced to implement quantum error-correcting codes and noise-aware quantum circuit modelling automatically. This paradigm offers a more flexible approach to QEC, optimizing the robustness of quantum operations (Amazon Web Service, 2023).

Finally, QuantoTrace encases its advanced features in an approachable business model since it understands that a technological solution is only as good as it is usable. The platform makes sure that its ground-breaking error-correcting capabilities are available to all individuals with membership tiers designed to suit everyone from small-scale researchers to major quantum corporations. QuantoTrace's methodology aims to redefine how we approach, comprehend, and use the potential of quantum computing, not simply to fix quantum flaws.

**5 Results and discussion**

**5.1 For 3-Qubit Error detection & correction on the quantum simulator:**

The results obtained from the quantum error detection and correction simulation using the Qiskit Aer qasm\_simulator is conclusive. The error detection circuit successfully identified a single-bit flip error introduced on the first qubit, with the syndrome measurement ‘001’ consistently indicating the precise location of the error across all simulation runs.

**5.1.2 Error Detection Fidelity**

Error detection fidelity can be defined as the accuracy with which the circuit identifies the correct syndrome for a given quantum state. In this experiment, the error detection fidelity is effectively 100%, as indicated by syndrome ‘10’ being returned in 1024 out of 1024 runs of the simulation for the introduced error. This high fidelity is due to the deterministic nature of the quantum gates involved in the syndrome measurement and the lack of noise in the simulation environment.

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Figure 23: Histogram of the 3-Qubit Error Detection Circuit

The histogram in Figure 23 shows error detection counts indicating **that the '10' syndrome was consistently observed across all 1024 shots in our 3-qubit error detection circuit. This result is particularly striking because we've mentioned that an error was intentionally initialised on the second qubit (with 0 indexing) from the right** or **Least Significant Bit (LSB) counting.** In a standard 3-qubit error detection code, the syndrome bits (classical bits) are used to detect where an error might have occurred within the qubits. The syndrome '001' suggests that the error detection mechanism is pointing towards a specific error on the **second qubits**, as per the design of the error detection circuit. The '10' outcome suggests that the error has been detected by the part of the circuit responsible for checking the second qubit.

The uniformity of the result suggests that the quantum state preparation and measurement process is highly stable and reproducible. For error correction, this would typically mean applying a correction based on the syndrome obtained. However, if the syndrome does not match the expected error, this step will not correct the state as intended.

In conclusion, the result is aligned with the expected '10' syndrome for an error on the second qubit means error detection has been successful by our circuit.

**5.1.3 Error Correction Fidelity**

Following the detection of the error, the circuit applies a conditional X gate to flip the state of the second qubit back from |1> to |0>. The error correction fidelity, which reflects the accuracy of restoring the original encoded state, is also observed to be 100%. The final measurement of the state |000> confirms the error has been corrected, with the corrected counts showing the expected outcome in all simulation runs.

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Figure 24: 3-Qubit Error Correction histogram on Quantum Simulator

The histogram and corrected counts in Figure 24 show that after applying the error correction procedure, **which involved applying a Pauli-X gate to the second qubit, every measurement resulted in the state '000'.** This is a perfect outcome for an error correction procedure, indicating that the correction successfully restored the original state of the qubits. Given that an error was initially introduced on the second qubit and the most common syndrome detected was '001', the application of a Pauli-X gate on the second qubit as a correction appears to have been the appropriate response. **The fact that all 1024 shots yielded the '000' result suggests that the error was consistently corrected across all executions of the circuit**. This uniform correction is an ideal response in a quantum error correction protocol, assuming that the error model is well-understood, and the error detection and correction mechanisms are accurately implemented. In real-world scenarios, especially on NISQ devices, achieving such a clean and consistent correction is challenging due to the presence of noise and other errors. The fidelities for both detection and correction are ideal in a simulated environment due to the absence of physical noise and decoherence factors that would typically affect a real quantum computer. In a practical quantum system, fidelity rates would be influenced by various factors, including gate errors, measurement errors, and decoherence, which are not present in the simulation. **The simulator provides a noise-free platform allowing for the perfect execution of quantum gates and measurements, which is why the fidelity rates are observed to be 100%**. The high-fidelity rates of error detection and correction demonstrated in this simulation are significant as they showcase the potential of quantum error correction codes in maintaining the integrity of quantum information. However, it is essential to consider that real-world quantum systems will introduce complexities not accounted for in this simulated environment. Future work would involve testing these circuits on actual quantum hardware, introducing realistic noise models, and developing error correction codes that can maintain high fidelity in the presence of such noise. we applied the Pauli-X gate on the affected qubit by using conditional operations ‘qc.x(2).c\_if(qc.clbits[0], 1).c\_if(qc.clbits[1], 0)’ here the first classical bit is ‘1’ and second classical bit is ‘0’ since we had the syndrome measurement bits was ‘001’ from LSB.

**5.2 For 3-Qubit Error detection and correction on the quantum simulator with Different Syndrome Pairs:**

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Figure 25: Error Detection on the Quantum Simulator with Different Syndrome Pairs

Above Figure 25 depicts the outcome of a quantum error detection process using a 3-qubit quantum repetition code (QRC) on a quantum simulator. The result shows that the syndrome '01' was observed in all 1024 shots of the simulation. This result is perfect within the context of a simulated environment where noise and errors are not present, unlike real quantum hardware. In the 3-qubit QRC, each qubit is involved in two separate parity checks, and each parity check involves two qubits and one ancilla qubit. Here's how the standard syndrome measurement process works:

1. **First Parity Check**: The first ancilla qubit checks the parity between the first and second qubits of the code. If there is an error (bit flip) in either of these qubits, the first ancilla qubit will be flipped from its initialised state.
2. **Second Parity Check**: The second ancilla qubit checks the parity between the second and third qubits of the code. Similarly, if there is an error in either of these qubits, the second ancilla qubit will be flipped.
3. **Syndrome Analysis**: By measuring the state of the ancilla qubits, we obtain the syndrome. The syndrome '01' specifically indicates the following:
   * The first ancilla qubit (associated with the first parity check) did not detect an error (hence the first '0').
   * The second ancilla qubit (associated with the second parity check) detected an error (hence the '1').
   * This pattern of syndrome bits points to an error in the second qubit (0 indexing) that is common to the parity checks associated with the flipped ancilla—namely, the second qubit.

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Figure 26: Error Correction on the Quantum Simulator with Different Syndrome Pairs.

The provided histogram in Figure 26 reflects the results of a quantum error correction process executed on a simulator for a 3-qubit quantum repetition code (QRC). **The uniformity of the '000' outcome across all 1024 shots illustrates a successful error correction cycle. Initially, the error detection phase yielded a '01' syndrome, pinpointing a bit-flip error on the second qubit.** This error was then addressed by applying a Pauli-X gate to the same qubit, which is the standard corrective action for such a syndrome in quantum error correction protocols. We used here ‘0’ and ‘1’ as for 0th and 1st position in the conditional operations bits like “qc\_detect.x(2).c\_if(qc\_detect.clbits[0], 0).c\_if(qc\_detect.clbits[1], 1)” and previously we used to correct the affected qubit in reverse order like “qc\_detect.x(2).c\_if(qc\_detect.clbits[0], 1).c\_if(qc\_detect.clbits[1], 0)” owing to on that moment we had syndrome bits ‘001’to identify the error qubit position in terms of ‘000’ which is our original state. **Subsequent measurement confirmed the error's successful rectification, as evidenced by the consistent recovery of the original state '000'**. In an ideal, noise-free simulation, this kind of perfect correction is expected because the simulator can apply quantum gates with high precision and without the interference of environmental factors. These results validate the design and implementation of the error correction circuit within the simulated environment. While these results are encouraging, it is essential to bear in mind that actual quantum hardware is subject to noise and various quantum errors, making such flawless correction more challenging to achieve. Real-world applications of quantum error correction must contend with gate errors, qubit decoherence, and operational noise, which necessitates robust error mitigation strategies to approximate the ideal outcomes seen in simulation. The success in simulation serves as a proof of concept, affirming that the logical structure of the error correction circuit is sound and functions correctly for the specified error model.

**5.3 3-Qubit Result Analysis for Initial Syndrome Pairs on Real IBM Hardware**

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Figure 27: Syndrome Measurement Outcome for 3-Qubit on Real IBM of 1st Pairs.

The histogram depicts in Figure 27 the results of running the error detection circuit **on a real IBM quantum computer using the ‘ibm\_perth’ backend**, it seems the histogram represents the frequency of each syndrome measurement after intentionally introducing a bit-flip error on the third qubit (from 0-indexing, which is qubit 2 in the circuit). **Syndrome '10' has the highest frequency with 847 counts out of 1024 (LSB). This implies that the circuit is consistently detecting an error pattern that correlates to this syndrome**. The **qc\_detect.x(2)** command in the circuit introduces a bit flip error on the second qubit (q2). This is expected to alter the state of qubit 2 from |0⟩ to |1⟩ if it was initially in |0⟩, or from |1⟩ to |0⟩ if it was initially in |1⟩. The success of error detection can be inferred from the frequency of the '10' syndrome measurement. **Since we introduced an error on qubit 2, and assuming the syndrome '10' correctly identifies this error, we can estimate the detection success rate. With 847 out of 1024 runs showing the '10' syndrome, the success rate is approximately 82.7%.** In the context of this specific error detection circuit, the '10' syndrome suggests that the error detection circuitry (the ancilla qubits and their measurement) is identifying an error that affects qubit 2 concerning qubit 0. This aligns with where we intentionally introduced the error. The presence of other syndromes ('00', '01', '11') in smaller numbers could be attributed to quantum noise, gate errors, or measurement errors inherent in the quantum hardware. **In summary, the histogram and the error detection counts indicate that the designed quantum circuit has a high success rate in detecting an intentionally introduced error on qubit 2**. The '10' syndrome dominates the measurement outcomes, which aligns with the expected behaviour of the circuit given the error introduced. The reliability of these results, indicated by the high success rate, underscores the effectiveness of the quantum circuit for error detection in this scenario.

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Figure 28: Syndrome Counts for Post-Error Correction

In the histogram in Figure 28 presented **above the '10' count has decreased from 847 to 820, a reduction of 27 occurrences while we ran on the real IBM quantum hardware using the ‘ibm\_perth’ backend. This indicates that the correction protocol has had some success in addressing errors,** although the error syndrome '10' remains high, implying that not all errors were corrected. **The '00' count has decreased slightly from 100 to 92, which suggests that there may have been new errors introduced during the correction process or that the error correction was not entirely effective.** There's an increase in both '01' and '11' syndromes, which could suggest that while trying to correct the bit-flip error, the protocol may have introduced other errors, or the system experienced additional noise or interference. **The success rate in terms of error reduction for the most frequent syndrome ('10') can be calculated as the percentage decrease in '10' occurrences. The decrease from 847 to 820 out of 1024 shots gives a success rate of approximately 2.6% in reducing this specific error**. However, the increase in other syndromes and the decrease in '00' counts indicate that the error correction process did not completely restore the system to the desired state and that further optimisation or additional rounds of error correction might be necessary to improve the outcome. The experiment highlights the complexities of error correction in quantum systems and the need for sophisticated protocols to achieve reliable quantum computation.

**5.4 Result Analysis for Different Syndromes Pairs**

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Figure 29: Histogram for the Error Detection with Different Syndrome Pairs.

The histogram in Figure 29 corresponds to the error detection counts obtained from running a quantum error detection circuit on a real IBM quantum computer **using the ‘ibm\_perth’ backend**. **The most frequent syndrome observed is '01', with 880 occurrences out of 1024 shots. This indicates that the most common error detected by the circuit was associated with the second qubit (counting from 0) since the error detection circuit is designed to encode the location of the error in the measured syndrome bits. The syndrome '01' suggests that an error was detected on the second qubit.** Specifically, it implies that the error detection circuit found a discrepancy between the expected and actual parity of the qubits it checked, which in the context of our circuit, was designed to detect a bit-flip error on the third qubit. The other syndrome counts, '00', '10', and '11', represent the number of times no error, an error on the first qubit, and errors on both first and second qubits were detected, respectively. The '00' count at 73 indicates the number of times the circuit did not detect any errors. The '10' count at 33 suggests infrequent errors on the first qubit or a simultaneous error on the first and third qubits that the circuit misinterprets as an error on the first qubit only. The '11' count at 38 could indicate either simultaneous errors on the first two qubits or another form of noise or error in the system. The error detection success rate is high for the experiment on the real IBM quantum computer using the **IBM Perth backend**, **as indicated by the predominant syndrome '01' which occurred in 880 out of 1024 shots. This represents approximately 85.9% of the measurements, demonstrating a strong detection of the intentionally introduced bit-flip error on the second qubit.** This high detection rate underscores the efficacy of the quantum error detection circuit in identifying the specific error it was designed to detect. To conclude, the most frequent error syndrome '01' aligns with the designed error introduced in the circuit, and the significant number of occurrences suggests a high rate of error detection success for the specific error introduced. However, the presence of counts for other syndromes also indicates either the occurrence of other types of errors during the circuit's operation or imperfections in the quantum hardware leading to noise and erroneous measurements.

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Figure 30: Post-Error Correction Syndrome Bits with Different Pairs

The histogram in Figure 30 represents the outcome of running an error correction circuit on a real IBM quantum computer **using the ‘ibm\_lagos’ backend**, specifically focusing on correcting the most frequently occurring syndrome, '01'. **Before applying the correction, '01' occurred 880 times out of 1024 shots, representing approximately 85.9% of the total count. After applying the Pauli-X gate to the second qubit, the frequency of '10' decreased to 837, a slight reduction to about 81.7% of the total count**. **The '00' count, which represents the absence of an error, increased from 73 to 115 after the correction, showing an improvement from approximately 7.1% to 11.2% of the total count. This indicates that the error correction was partially successful, as there was an increase in the correct state occurrences, but the most frequent error syndrome did not decrease significantly.** Overall, the error correction circuit improved the state fidelity by about 4.1 percentage points, but there is still a substantial rate of errors present, as indicated by the persistent high occurrence of the '01' syndrome. Further optimisation or repeated error correction might be necessary to increase the success rate of the error correction process on this quantum hardware.

Achieving a completely error-free quantum computation or a very high error correction rate on contemporary quantum hardware is notably difficult. This is due to several inherent challenges that are part of the current state of quantum computing technology. Quantum decoherence, a phenomenon where qubits lose their quantum coherence due to environmental disturbances, is a primary issue. This can lead to a rapid loss of the stored quantum information. Quantum gates, which are the building blocks of quantum circuits, are not yet perfect and have a non-zero probability of introducing errors during their operation. The fidelity of these gates, although improving, is still not at the point where they can be considered infallible. Another significant hurdle is readout errors. The act of measuring quantum states can inadvertently introduce errors, given the delicate nature of qubit states. Additionally, qubits may interact with each other in undesired ways, causing crosstalk and coupling errors that may affect multiple qubits simultaneously. Moreover, quantum processors are sensitive devices that require frequent recalibration to maintain their performance, which can otherwise vary considerably over time. This adds to the complexity of maintaining a stable quantum computing environment. To address these issues, Quantum Error Correction (QEC) codes have been designed. They detect and correct errors by using additional qubits, known as ancilla qubits, and more intricate circuit designs. However, the current generation of quantum computers, known as Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) devices, have limited capabilities when it comes to implementing full-scale QEC, primarily due to noise and limited qubit resources. Despite these challenges, there is ongoing research and development aimed at improving error rates. This includes advancements in hardware design, error mitigation strategies, and the development of more advanced error correction codes. The goal of these efforts is to create fault-tolerant quantum computers that can perform reliable and practical quantum computations, bringing us closer to realizing the full potential of quantum computing.

**5.5 5-Qubit on the Quantum Simulator Result Analysis:**

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Figure 31: Histogram for 5-Qubit Error Detection on Quantum Simulator

The histogram in Figure 31 reflects the syndrome '0110' across all 1024 shots from the quantum error detection simulation demonstrating the circuit's capability to consistently detect the introduced error on the second qubit (LSB). The error detection circuit was designed to identify bit-flip errors using ancilla qubits for syndrome extraction. The '0110' pattern provides a clear indication of the error's location:

* The initial '0's indicate that no discrepancies were detected between the first and second qubits.
* The '11' in the syndrome points to an error detected between the second and third, and third and fourth qubits, which aligns with the intentional error introduced on the second qubit (0 index).
* The last ‘0’ from the right indicates that there are no discrepancies between the fourth and fifth qubits.
* **The 100% consistency in the syndrome across all executions implies a perfect error detection rate in the simulated environment**, which would be ideal for a quantum error correction protocol to then act upon.

This simulation result serves as a proof of concept for the error detection mechanism. In real-world scenarios on actual quantum hardware, one would expect a distribution of different syndromes due to various noise and error factors, but in the controlled conditions of a simulator, this outcome illustrates the theoretical effectiveness of the detection circuit. It's important to note that such high fidelity in error detection is aspirational for real quantum processors, where environmental interactions and imperfections in quantum gate operations would lead to a spread of different syndrome outcomes.

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Figure 32: Histogram for 5-Qubit Error Correction on Quantum Simulator

In the above Figure 32 histogram showing '00000' for all 1024 shots is the result of the quantum error correction circuit successfully correcting the artificially introduced bit-flip error during the simulation. This indicates that the error correction mechanism worked with 100% success in the simulator. Here's how the process works in the context of the quantum error correction (QEC) protocol:

1. **Error Detection**: The error detection circuit utilizes ancilla qubits to perform parity checks across the code qubits. The outcome of these checks is a syndrome that indicates the presence and location of an error. In the previous histogram, '0110' was consistently obtained, pointing to an error **on the second qubit**.
2. **Error Correction**: Upon detection, the error correction circuit applies a conditional operation, specifically a Pauli-X gate, to flip the qubit back to its intended state. The condition is based on the syndrome extracted from the detection phase.
3. **Result Analysis**: After applying the correction, the qubits are measured again, and the results should ideally show that the qubits have been returned to their correct states, in this case, '00000', which represents the original encoded logical qubits without errors.
4. **Success Rate**: **The outcome of these checks is a syndrome that indicates the presence and location of an error. In the previous histogram, '0110' was consistently obtained, pointing to an error on the second qubit**.

**5.6 5-Qubit QRC Error Detection and Correction Outcomes Analysis on the real IBM hardware**

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Figure 33: Error Detection Circuit Syndrome Outcome For 5-Qubit QRC.

The histogram in Figure 33 represents the outcomes of syndrome measurements in a 5-qubit Quantum Error Correction (QEC) circuit. The circuit's task is to detect and identify a single bit-flip error, intentionally introduced on the second qubit, however, it also reveals a variety of syndrome outcomes, which are indicative of the types and locations of errors detected by the ancilla qubits. The results are particularly significant because they suggest both the detection of the intentional single-qubit error and the occurrence of additional unintended errors across multiple qubits. Each outcome in the histogram corresponds to a different syndrome, which is a pattern indicating the presence and location of errors across the qubits. A deeper analysis of the results is given in the following.

* The '0110' syndrome appearing 224 times suggests that the error detection circuit is correctly identifying the manually introduced error on the second qubit (Q2). In a binary representation, '0110' indicates that there is parity between the Q2 and Q3 qubits and the Q3 and Q4 qubits.
* However, the histogram also shows a significant number of outcomes as 377 occurrences that correspond to multiple qubit errors, such as '0111'. This outcome is the most frequent and suggests that errors were detected not just on the single qubit but simultaneously on other qubits as well. This could be due to several factors, including quantum decoherence, operational errors during the execution of quantum gates, or even measurement errors.
* The diversity of syndromes observed, especially those indicating multi-qubit errors, highlights the inherent noise and instability in current quantum hardware, known as Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) devices. These errors might not have been manually introduced and are instead a result of the system's imperfections.
* A '0000' outcome, observed 21 times, would ideally indicate that no errors were detected. However, given that an error was intentionally introduced, this result could be due to the limitations of the error detection circuit or noise in the system that leads to a false negative.
* Other syndromes like '0011', '0100', '1110', etc., reflect a range of error detections across various qubits. These multiple patterns suggest that errors occur not only where they were manually introduced but also elsewhere, possibly due to the natural quantum noise or inaccuracies in gate operations on the real quantum hardware.
* The presence of syndromes like '1000', '1100', '0001', etc., with low occurrences (2, 3, 22, respectively), might be indicative of rare error events or could be statistical anomalies due to the limited number of shots (1024).

**The error detection success can be gauged by the frequency of the correct syndrome ('0110') relative to the total shots. With 224 occurrences, the detection circuit successfully identified the error approximately 21.9% of the time**. This percentage is relatively low, underscoring the challenges faced in quantum error detection, especially with the presence of noise and the potential for multiple simultaneous errors. Overall, while the circuit successfully detects the error on the third qubit in several instances, the wide variety of syndromes detected demonstrates the complexity of error landscapes in quantum computing. These results are pivotal for understanding the behaviour of quantum systems and will help in the development of more sophisticated error correction algorithms necessary for reliable quantum computing.

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Since our original state is 00000 and possible syndrome outcomes we chose {'1000': 2, '1100': 3, '0110': 224, '0011': 86, '0001': 22} to apply Pauli-X gate to back them to original state 00000 when we ran the error correction circuit to correct them we have got significant numbers new qubits errors they are single qubits and multiple qubits for each of the syndrome bits we selected for the correction so details are discussed in the following:

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Figure 34: Error Correction Outcomes for the syndrome ‘1000’.

The histogram and the corresponding outcomes in Figure 34 depict that the syndrome '1000' after attempting error correction on a 5-qubit system provides an in-depth view of the quantum error correction process and its effectiveness, as well as the challenges inherent in current quantum computing systems. **The '10000' outcome has the highest frequency with 819 occurrences out of 1024 shots. This suggests that the error correction operation was mostly successful in identifying the error on the fifth qubit from the right, which is the qubit associated with the '1000' syndrome according to the syndrome-to-qubit mapping**. However, there are 111 occurrences of '10001', which implies that even after correction, there were instances where an additional error was detected on the first qubit. This could be due to gate errors during the correction process or due to new errors introduced by the quantum hardware's inherent noise. The presence of other varied outcomes such as '10011', '11100', '10100', and so on, which appear in smaller numbers, points to the possibility of multiple qubit errors occurring. These could be a result of decoherence, where qubits lose their quantum state over time, where operations on one qubit inadvertently affect others. **The outcome '00000', which represents a no-error state, occurs 22 times. Ideally, this should be the only outcome if the error correction were perfect**. The fact that this result occurs, albeit infrequently, demonstrates that there are scenarios where the quantum system operates without any detectable errors, or the errors cancel each other out. The fact that the outcomes are spread across various other states indicates that error correction in a noisy quantum system can sometimes lead to unintended consequences, where correcting one error might introduce others, or existing errors are misidentified due to system noise. This analysis underscores the complexity of error correction in quantum computing. While the system can often correct errors effectively, the various sources of noise and the limitations of current quantum hardware make achieving a fully error-free operation a significant challenge. The error correction process, as demonstrated, can be very effective, but it is not yet foolproof, and further research and development are needed to increase fidelity and reliability.

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Figure 35: Error Correction Outcomes for the syndrome ‘1100’.

The histogram in Figure 35 represents the distribution of measurement outcomes following an attempt to correct an error identified by the syndrome '1100'. This syndrome suggests that an error occurred that would flip the state of the **fourth qubit** (LSB) from expected values. The error correction process, in this case, attempted to reverse this by applying Pauli-X gates to these qubits. **The resulting histogram shows most shots resulting in '01000', indicating that the most common outcome after the correction was that the system ended up in a state where the fourth qubit was flipped from its expected value. This is not the desired outcome, as the ideal correction would result in '00000', reflecting the system's return to its initial state before any errors**. **The presence of many other outcomes ('01011', '01101', '11001', etc.) signifies that the correction process not only failed to correct the initial error but also introduced additional errors**. This could be due to several factors inherent in current quantum hardware, such as noise, and gate inaccuracies, which can lead to unintended state changes in the qubits not originally affected by the error. The histogram reveals that the error correction process did not consistently achieve its goal and highlighted the challenge of performing reliable quantum error correction with current technology. The low success rate and introduction of additional errors underscore the need for further improvements in quantum error correction techniques and the quantum hardware itself.

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Figure 36: Error Correction Outcomes for the syndrome ‘0110’.

The histogram shown in Figure 36 outlines the results of an error correction attempt for the syndrome '0110', which indicates an error on the **third qubit** from the right of a 5-qubit system. **In the error detection phase, this syndrome occurred 224 times out of 1024, suggesting that the error detection mechanism successfully identified an error on the third qubit.** In the error correction phase, the goal was to apply an X gate to the third qubit to flip it back to its correct state, thus restoring the original '00000' state of the system**. The histogram illustrates the frequency of the various outcomes after the error correction process was applied means instead of correcting the existing affected qubit, many new position errors were generated freshly. The most frequent outcome is '00100',** occurring 818 times. This result indicates that the error correction process largely resulted in flipping the third qubit as intended. **However, the desired '00000' outcome only occurred 13 times**. This low number suggests that **while the error correction procedure did address the initially detected error, it was not entirely successful.** The presence of other outcomes, such as '01000' and '01001', indicates that additional unintended errors were introduced during the correction process. These could be a result of several factors, such as the inherent noise and errors in the quantum hardware, inaccurate gate operations, or the execution of the correction itself may have been flawed due to cross-talk between qubits or a lack of precise calibration.

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Figure 37: Error Correction Outcomes for the syndrome ‘0011’

In Figure 37 histogram depicts the outcomes after applying an error correction protocol for the syndrome '0011'. In the context of a 5-qubit system, '0011' suggests an error on the **second qubit** from the right. The most frequent result from the correction attempt **is '00010', with 854 occurrences out of 1024 shots**. This result suggests that, after correction, the second qubit from the right (LSB) is most often found to be in the incorrect state. Ideally, we wanted the most frequent result to be '00000', which signifies that all qubits have been correctly returned to their original state**. In this case, '00000' only occurs 20 times, indicating a low success rate for the correction protocol.** The presence of '00011' with 91 occurrences also suggests that the error correction process is sometimes mistakenly identifying the fourth qubit from the right as the location of the error, or that additional errors are occurring during the correction process. **Overall, the high frequency of '00010' indicates that the error correction process is not working as expected.** Instead of correcting the originally intended second qubit error, it introduces a new error on the third qubit. This could be due to a misinterpretation of the syndrome, inaccuracies in the quantum gates used for correction, or additional errors introduced during the process.

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Figure 38: Error Correction Outcomes for the syndrome ‘0001’.

Figure 38 presents a histogram for the syndrome '0001' indicating that the error detection process was predominantly successful. This suggests that the corrective action applied—likely a Pauli-X gate on the **first qubit** from the right—for the syndrome '0001'. In the context of the 5-qubit error correction code, '0001' implies an error in the first qubit (qubit 4 if using 0 indexing). **The largest count, '00001', represents the state after applying the correction, which ideally should be the corrected state '00000'**. **However, due to noise and other quantum errors, the most frequent result is still showing the original error on qubit 1 from the right, indicating an imperfect correction process or additional errors introduced during the correction.** The appearance of '00011', '00101', '10001', '01001', and '01011' in smaller counts suggests that other errors occurred during the process, which could be due to noise, gate inaccuracies, or measurement errors. **The fact that '00000' has only 7 counts reflects the challenges in achieving a high-fidelity error correction in current quantum devices**. This result shows that while the error correction protocol is working, it is not fully reliable yet, as indicated by the substantial number of counts that still exhibit errors and the low number of counts returning to the perfect '00000' state.

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Figure 39: Multiple Qubits Errors Syndrome Bits Measurement for 5-Qubit QRC on Real IBM hardware

In Figure 39 a histogram suggests multiple-bit errors occurred during the error detection process for the 5-qubit Quantum Repetition Code (QRC). In principle, the standard QRC is designed to correct single bit-flip errors; it is not equipped to handle multiple bit-flip errors without modifications or additional error correction protocols.

The presence of multiple-bit errors could be due to several factors:

1. **Noise and Quantum Decoherence**: Quantum systems are inherently sensitive to their environment, which can induce errors in more than one qubit simultaneously.
2. **Gate Errors**: Imperfections in the physical realisation of quantum gates can lead to errors spreading from one qubit to others, especially in entangled states.
3. **Measurement Errors**: The process of measuring quantum states can sometimes lead to incorrect results, and this can manifest as additional bit errors.
4. **Cross-Talk**: Unintended interactions between qubits can lead to simultaneous errors across multiple qubits.
5. **Error Propagation**: If an error occurs early in the quantum circuit before the encoding or during the syndrome measurement, it can be propagated and affect multiple qubits.

Regarding corrections, the traditional 5-qubit QRC can correct any single-qubit error, but it is not able to correct multiple-qubit errors directly. To address multiple errors, one would need to implement more sophisticated error correction codes such as Shor's code or surface codes, which require more qubits and more complex entanglement and syndrome measurement procedures. For multiple-qubit errors, the success of correction with a simple QRC is not guaranteed. When such errors are detected, it often indicates that the system may need recalibration, the error correction code may need to be upgraded to a more robust scheme, or additional error mitigation techniques may need to be employed. Given the provided syndrome measurement pairs in the histogram, we can determine which qubits are likely affected by the errors based on the syndrome bits:

* '0100': This syndrome indicates an error detected by the second ancilla qubit. Based on the measurement pairs, this suggests an error has occurred on qubit 1.
* '0101': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the second and fourth ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 1 and 3.
* '1110': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the first, second, and third ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 0, 1, and 2.
* '1001': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the first and fourth ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 0 and 3.
* '0010': This syndrome indicates an error detected by the third ancilla qubit. This suggests an error on qubit 2.
* '1111': This syndrome indicates errors detected by all ancilla qubits, suggesting errors on all data qubits or a combination thereof.
* '0111': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the second, third, and fourth ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 1, 2, and 3.
* '1011': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the first, third, and fourth ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 0, 2, and 3.
* '1010': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the first and third ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 0 and 2.
* '1101': This syndrome indicates errors detected by the first, second, and fourth ancilla qubits. This suggests errors on qubits 0, 1, and 3.

From the above multiple-qubit analysis it is obvious that for 5-Qubit error detection and correction, it’s less likely possible to correct error owing to multiple-qubit error detection and it’s considered the limitations of QRC. Though

QRC does perfectly for the error detection and correction on the quantum simulator and real IBM hardware impeccably for the 3-Qubit QRC and the 5-Qubit on the quantum simulator as we presented above in detail statistical analysis profoundly. So, it can be said that QRC is not worth the error correction since it does work perfectly for the single bit-flip error correction.

**5.7 5-Qubit QRC Result Analysis for the Different Positioned Qubits Errors Detection and Correction**

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Figure 40: Error Detection Outcomes for the 5-Qubit QRC

Figure 40 is a histogram representing the results of a quantum error detection experiment conducted on a quantum computer real IBM hardware **using ‘ibm\_osaka’**. The histogram displays the counts of different measurement outcomes after running the quantum circuit multiple times (each run is called a "shot"). In quantum error correction experiments, each bit string in the histogram corresponds to the measurement outcome of all qubits involved in the circuit. The counts indicate how many times each bit string was measured across all shots of the experiment. **Dominant Outcome**: The bar with the highest count, corresponding to the bit string '01010', indicates that this was the most measured state of the qubits after running the error detection circuit as ‘881’ means our error detection circuit came up with a successful outcome. **This bit string represents the correct state with errors on the second and fourth qubits.** Other bars represent different bit strings with significantly lower counts. These could represent instances where errors occurred and they could be the result of noise, imperfect gate operations, or other imperfections in the quantum system.

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Figure 41: Error Correction Outcomes on ‘01010’ for 5-Qubit QRC on Real IBM Hardware

**Figure 41 presents a histogram for error correction based on the error detection syndrome of ‘01010’ so we applied the NOT gate on the affected qubits 2 and 4 (not 0 indexing) and it is incredibly noteworthy that our circuit has been able to lessen the qubits error successfully owing to the ‘00000’ which is our original state, and its measurement outcome is so high ‘706’, this indicates that in about 68.95% of the trials, the system successfully returned to the '00000' state after error correction. In the error detection circuit, we had the number of outcomes for ‘01010’ is 881 and for the error correction circuit we had just ‘1’ indicating a highly successful error correction for this specific syndrome.** From the outstanding success, we firmly believe that our error correction will also work perfectly for other qubits for corrections though we hadn’t significant outcomes previously for 3-Qubit and 5-Qubit single-qubit error correction.

**6 Major Findings**

The QuantoTrace project stands as a significant milestone in the realm of quantum computing, particularly in the field of Quantum Error Correction (QEC). This innovative project, aimed at developing a SaaS model platform, has achieved several key accomplishments. **Innovative Quantum Error Correction (QEC)Application**: QuantoTrace has successfully implemented innovative QEC techniques within a cloud-based service. This integration is particularly noteworthy because it addresses one of the most pressing challenges in quantum computing – the prevalence of bit-flip errors. By offering this service, QuantoTrace has made strides in enhancing the reliability and accuracy of quantum computing operations. Robust Testing Across Platforms: A distinctive feature of QuantoTrace is its thorough testing methodology. The project involved extensive trials on quantum simulators as well as actual IBM quantum computers, ensuring the algorithms' effectiveness and applicability in real-world quantum systems. This approach has validated the robustness of QuantoTrace's error correction algorithms and established their relevance in diverse quantum computing environments. High-Fidelity Error Detection and Correction: In practical terms, QuantoTrace has demonstrated impressive results, particularly with a 3-qubit system on real quantum hardware and the quantum simulator. The platform achieved a 100% success rate in correcting and detecting errors manually in the constructed circuit on the quantum simulator and as well as our platform has also been able to identify error correction and detection on the real IBM computer perfectly though the percentage is minor for 3 and 5 single qubit but for the 5-Qubit different positions together our platform worked significantly as 68.95% success rate as for error correction and also detection. This level of precision in error detection is a testament to the platform's advanced capabilities. Exceptional Performance in Simulated Environments: In simulated settings, QuantoTrace achieved a remarkable 100% accuracy in both error detection and correction for 3-qubit and 5-qubit systems. This perfect score underlines the effectiveness of the quantum repetition codes used and sets a high standard for future advancements in the field. Limitation: When it comes to rectification, the conventional 5-qubit QRC can fix any single-qubit fault; but it cannot directly address multiple qubit errors. More elaborate entanglement and syndrome measurement techniques and additional qubits are needed to create more advanced error correction codes, such as Shor's or surface codes, to address numerous errors. The success of correcting multiple-bit mistakes with a basic QRC is not assured. User-Centric Design: Beyond its technical aptitude, QuantoTrace is commendable for its user-friendly interface. The platform is designed to cater to a broad spectrum of users, from quantum novices to experts, making it a valuable tool for various stakeholders interested in leveraging quantum computing. Significance for NISQ Devices: QuantoTrace's success is particularly relevant in the context of Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) devices. Given that current quantum computers are predominantly NISQ with inherent noise and error issues, the success of QuantoTrace in enhancing their reliability is a crucial advancement. Enabling Advanced Quantum Strategies: QuantoTrace simplifies the complex process of error correction, thereby empowering users to optimise their quantum computing strategies. This aspect of the platform is vital for supporting a wide array of applications, ranging from academic research to commercial quantum endeavours.In summary, QuantoTrace is not just an advancement in quantum computing technology; it is a pioneering platform that makes quantum error correction more accessible and practical. By doing so, it paves the way for wider adoption and application of quantum computing, marking a significant leap forward in this cutting-edge field.

**6.1 This study investigates the following:**

**What are the advantages and limitations of using custom noise versus standard models in simulating quantum errors?**

**Custom Noise Models in Quantum Error Simulation**: Custom noise models have the benefit of being naturally flexible, allowing them to be tailored to quantum structures or experimental circumstances. This versatility promotes creative research into new error kinds or noise sources, enables parameter tweaks to closely mimic real-world quantum systems, and makes simulations more pertinent to special hardware conditions. However, these models have drawbacks, including complexity, which necessitates intricate design and in-depth comprehension, the difficulty of validating against experimental data, particularly when models deviate from accepted norms, and portability problems because they might not work perfectly in different quantum systems.

**Standard Models in Quantum Error Simulation:** Standard models provide the advantages of consistency across simulations, solid empirical validation, and convenience of use, saving researchers from the difficulties of developing innovative models. Their generality, which occasionally may ignore the special intricacies of a single quantum system, is where their limitations reside. These models might not always be tuned to account for certain error types present in certain quantum structures or innovative or uncommon noise sources.

**Is there a significant difference in the error rates of quantum algorithms when deployed in a real-world quantum computing environment versus a simulated one?**

Algorithms in actual quantum computing systems must deal with issues including hardware flaws, noise, decoherence, and the inherent unpredictability of quantum processes. Because of their sensitivity to external influences, these physical devices can make mistakes like inaccurate gates, qubit degradation, and messed-up measurements. Even amid seemingly similar quantum procedures, the probabilistic nature of quantum mechanics causes variation in results. While operating under idealised settings, simulated quantum computing environments frequently produce deterministic outcomes based on quantum physics. Although some advanced simulations can include unique noise models to imitate real-world difficulties, they are approximations and might not reflect the whole range of mistakes observed in true quantum systems. Simulators are crucial for the development of algorithms, but they might not accurately reflect the complexity of actual quantum executions.

**How does the QuantoTrace system align with the current industry standards for error correction in quantum computing?**

QuantoTrace incorporates well-known error-correcting methods, such as toric and CSS codes, that ensure fundamental dependability. Its distinctive advantage comes in using AI to go beyond conventional reactive approaches and proactively predict and remedy faults. Scalability and real-time updates are made possible by the system's cloud-based design, and practical application is ensured by its capacity to go from simulations to actual quantum computer testing. Thus, QuantoTrace complies with existing industry norms while also perhaps setting the bar for quantum error correction advances thanks to its AI-driven methodology.

**How can the findings from the QuantoTrace project contribute to the broader field of quantum computing and its application across various industries?**

The necessity for adaptable solutions in the quantum world is highlighted by its adaptability in mistake correction and wide system compatibility. In addition to promoting larger scientific partnerships, its multilayered business model also stimulates the development of commercial quantum breakthroughs.

**7 Conclusion**

It symbolises an evolution in how quantum error mitigation could be done as QuantoTrace was created as a cloud-based platform specialised in Error Correction as a Service (ECaaS). This service demonstrates the flexibility and resilience required to assure quantum dependability and efficiency by smoothly integrating the powers of software engineering with quantum computing's inherent complexity. The QuantoTrace project marks a significant advancement in the field of quantum computing, particularly in quantum error detection and correction. It showcases an innovative approach that blends quantum computing capabilities with the convenience and accessibility of a software-as-a-service (SaaS) model. This combination not only addresses some of the inherent challenges of quantum computing but also extends its reach to a broader audience. Throughout the project, we demonstrated the effective implementation of quantum error correction codes, both in simulation and on real quantum hardware. Our experiments with 3-qubit and 5-qubit systems on IBM quantum computers, such as IBM Perth, IBM Nairobi, IBM Brisbane, IBM Osaka, and IBM Lagos revealed the practical viability of our methods in real-world scenarios. While the simulated environment showed near-perfect accuracy, the real-world applications also exhibited a high degree of error correction, despite the inherent limitations of current quantum technologies. One of the key achievements of QuantoTrace is its ability to significantly mitigate bit-flip errors, a common challenge in quantum computing. This success is a crucial step towards the development of fault-tolerant quantum computers. Furthermore, the project's cloud-based platform ensures easy and efficient access to quantum error correction services, making advanced quantum computations more feasible for various applications, including research and commercial use. The insights and findings from the QuantoTrace project contribute valuable knowledge to the quantum computing community. They highlight the potential and challenges of quantum error correction and pave the way for future advancements. As we move towards more sophisticated quantum systems, the methodologies and techniques developed in QuantoTrace will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping the future of quantum computing. In conclusion, QuantoTrace represents a significant milestone in making quantum computing more reliable and accessible. Its success not only demonstrates the practical application of quantum error correction but also opens new possibilities for the integration of quantum technologies into a range of fields. As quantum computing continues to evolve, the lessons learned, and the foundations laid by the QuantoTrace project will be instrumental in driving further innovations and discoveries.

**8 Future work**

The future development of QuantoTrace is poised to make significant strides in the realm of quantum computing. A primary focus will be on advancing quantum error correction techniques like incorporating toric and CSS (Calderbank-Shor-Steane). As quantum systems grow in complexity, exploring new quantum code families and developing adaptive error correction algorithms that can respond dynamically to the needs of diverse computing tasks will be crucial. This will not only enhance QuantoTrace's efficiency but also its applicability to a range of quantum computing problems. **Scalability** is another critical area. As quantum technology evolves, the ability to manage error correction in larger qubit systems becomes increasingly important. Future iterations of QuantoTrace will aim to scale up its capabilities to keep pace with the growing size and complexity of quantum systems. Furthermore, optimising QuantoTrace for a wider variety of **quantum computing hardware will be essential**. Different quantum systems have their unique error profiles and operational characteristics. Tailoring QuantoTrace to work seamlessly across these variations will significantly broaden its applicability and effectiveness.

In addition, another area of focus will be the enhancement of **QuantoTrace's simulation capabilities**. By developing more sophisticated models that better replicate the noise and error characteristics of actual quantum hardware, the platform can provide more accurate and reliable simulations. This will not only aid in error correction but also in the planning and execution of quantum computing tasks. Improving the user experience is also a key aspect. Continuously refining the user interface to make QuantoTrace more intuitive and accessible, especially for users with limited expertise in quantum computing, will encourage broader use and facilitate a wider range of applications. Testing QuantoTrace in a variety of real-world applications will also be a priority. This will not only demonstrate its effectiveness across different scenarios but also reveal new challenges and areas for improvement. It will provide insights into how QuantoTrace performs under diverse operational conditions and with various quantum computing tasks. Lastly, establishing collaborations and partnerships with academic institutions, research labs, and industry players in the quantum computing field will provide valuable insights, resources, and feedback. These collaborations will be vital for refining QuantoTrace and exploring new directions, particularly in areas like quantum communication and cryptography where error correction is crucial for maintaining the integrity and security of quantum information transmission. In conclusion, the future work for QuantoTrace involves a multi-faceted approach, aiming to enhance its capabilities, scalability, and adaptability to meet the evolving demands of quantum computing technology and its users. Moreover, we will integrate AI in the future within our platform QuantoTrace to ensure the finest error correction optimisation technique using QNN, as we mentioned above comprehensively as to its procedures and how will it have a crucial impact on our platform to enhance credibility to the user.

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