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Quantum computing here and now with Amazon Braket

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What is quantum computing?

AWS News Blog

Introducing QC2 – the Quantum Compute Cloud

by Jeff Barr | on 01 APR 2010 | in [Amazon EC2](#), [Compute](#) | [Permalink](#) | [Share](#)

Jeff Barr, VP and Chief Evangelist, AWS

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/introducing-qc2-the-quantum-compute-cloud/>

“I think I can safely say that nobody understands quantum mechanics.”

Richard P. Feynman

American theoretical physicist
who first conceived the
quantum computer in the 80s

“If you are not completely confused by quantum mechanics, you do not understand it.”

John A. Wheeler

American theoretical physicist
who first used the term “black hole” in 1967

"A quantum computer is any device for computation that makes direct use of distinctively quantum mechanical phenomena, such as superposition and entanglement, to perform operations on data."

ScienceDaily

https://www.sciencedaily.com/terms/quantum_computer.htm

Quantum computing in a nutshell

Basic concepts of quantum computing and the road ahead

A quantum bit (qubit) can be 0 and 1 *simultaneously*

The states of 0 and 1 in a qubit operate in parallel with a probability distribution.

Like music: Superposition – multiple notes at the same time; entanglement – chords, not notes

Quantum computation is to manipulate qubits to give probable outcomes

Multiple states exist; a quantum algorithm is to maximize the chance of giving the right outcome

Some challenges of quantum computing: noise and scale

Qubits are fragile and noise can destroy its “music” (decoherence problem)

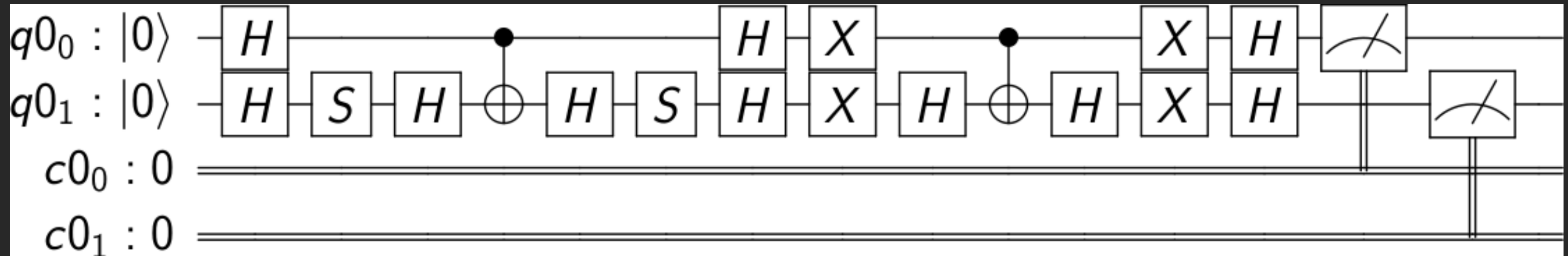
Building a large-scale quantum computer that outruns classical computers is a great challenge

Music to your ears

Andante

The image shows a musical score for a guitar arrangement of 'Cavatina' by Debussy. It is in 3/4 time, marked 'Andante', and in A major (three sharps). The score consists of a single system with a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature staff. The treble staff contains the melody, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and a half note D5. The tablature staff shows the corresponding fret numbers: 7, 0, 5, 0, 7, 6, 6, 6, 8, 9, 8, 6, 10, 12, 9, 10, 9, 11, 11, 9, 10, 9, 11, 10, 7, 9, 10, 9, 7, 9, 7, 8, 7, 9. There are five fingerings indicated by 'x' marks and numbers: 5fr, 6fr, 9fr, 7fr, and 7fr. The piece is labeled 'A1' in a box.

Cavatina – guitar arrangement



Grover's algorithm – 2-qubit 4-item search

Why is quantum computing useful?

Potential applications of quantum computing

Some use cases in which quantum computing can deliver business outcome

Machine learning

Speeding up the training process in machine learning – Quantum Neural Network

Drug development

Simulating the chemistry of molecules to accelerate development of new drugs

Financial modeling

Modeling the financial market to gauge probability of outcomes and risks

Traffic optimisation

Finding the optimal path under a given condition and streamlining traffic flows

Quantum bits (qubits) and how they compute

“Quantum computers work by manipulating the amplitudes of the state vector.

“To program a quantum computer, you figure out how many qubits you need, wire them together into a quantum circuit, and run the circuit.

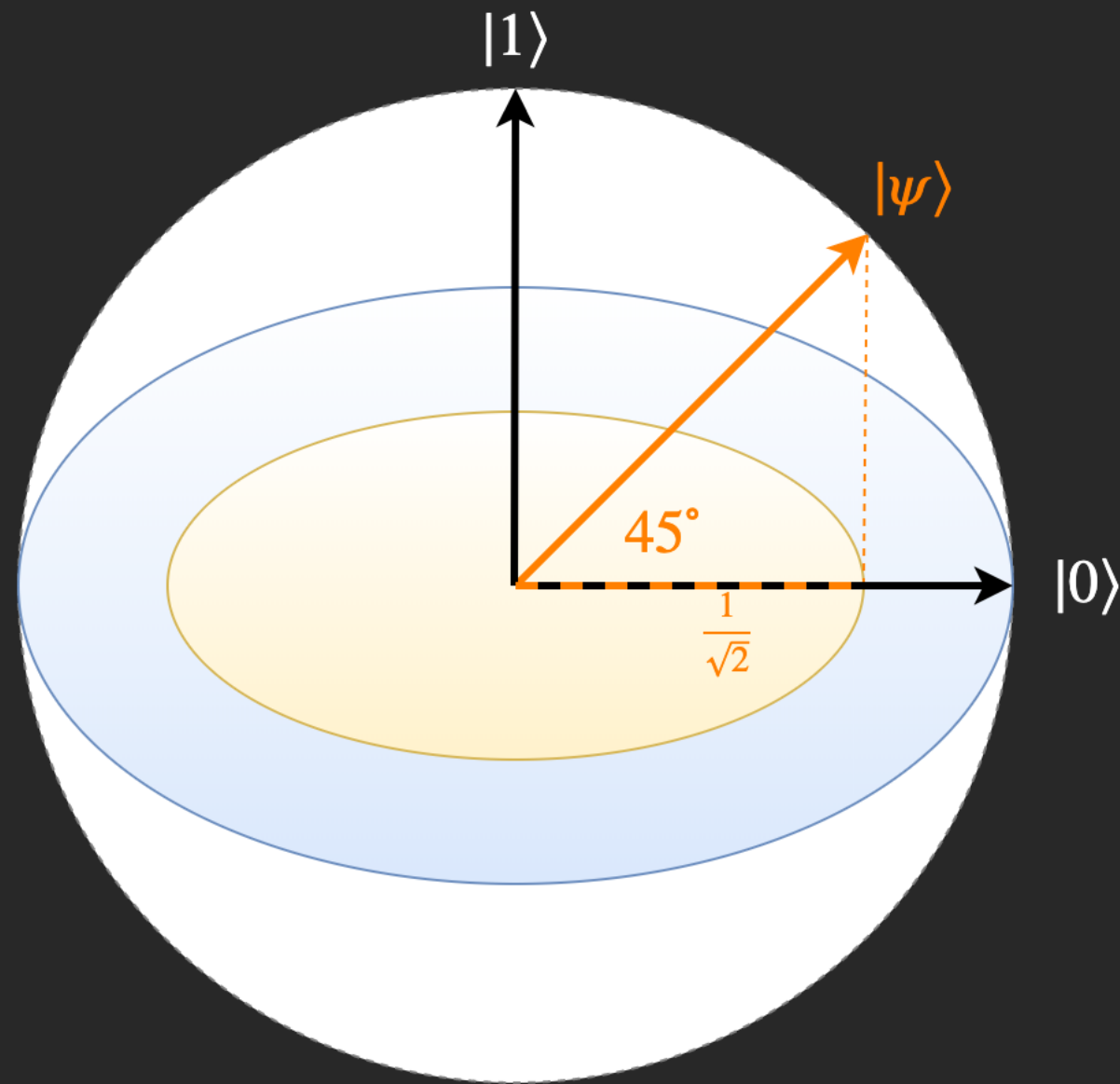
“When you build the circuit, you set it up so that the correct answer is the most probable one, and all the rest are highly improbable.”

Jeff Barr, VP and Chief Evangelist, AWS

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/amazon-braket-get-started-with-quantum-computing/>

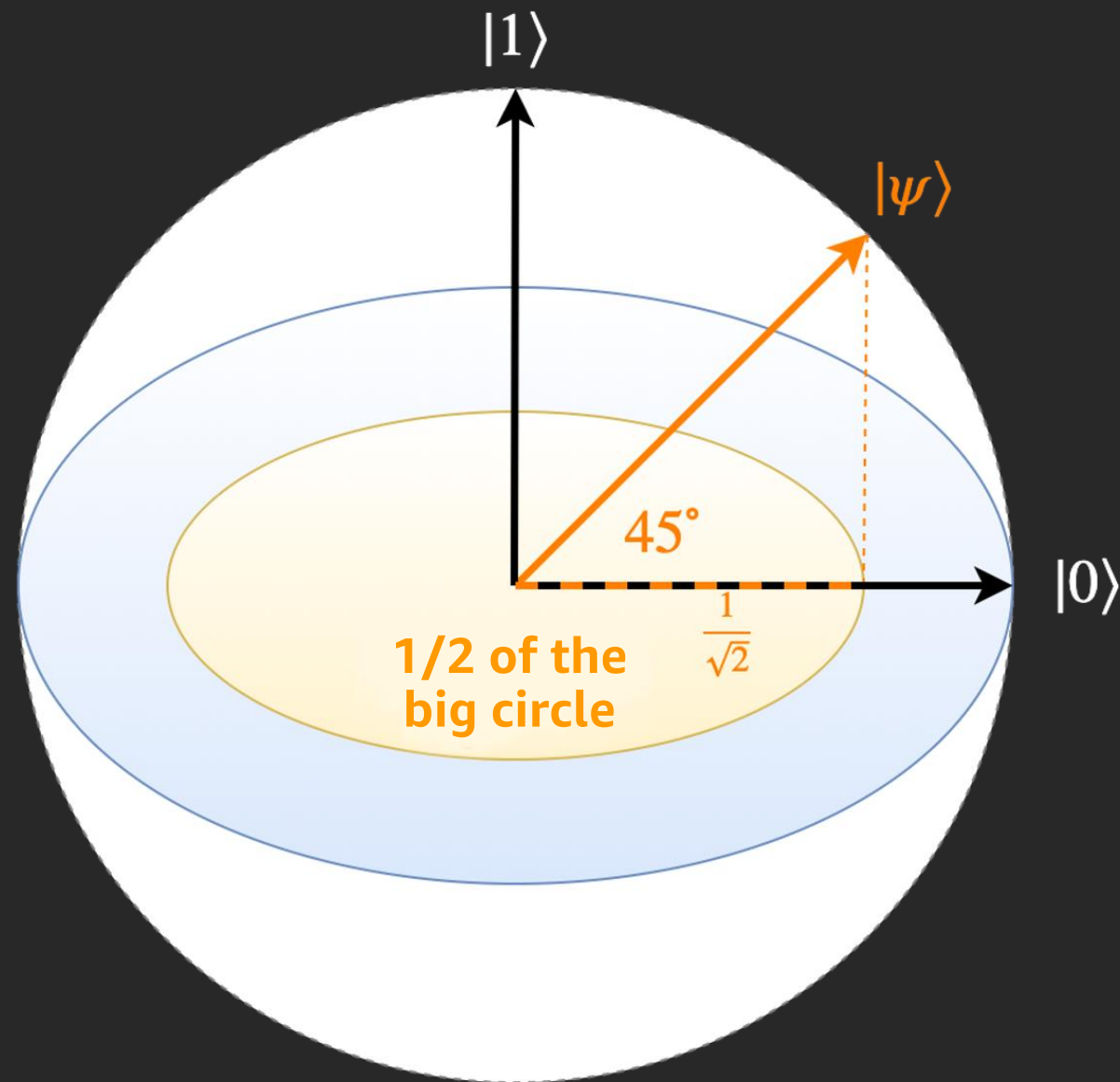
A quantum bit

A simplified model



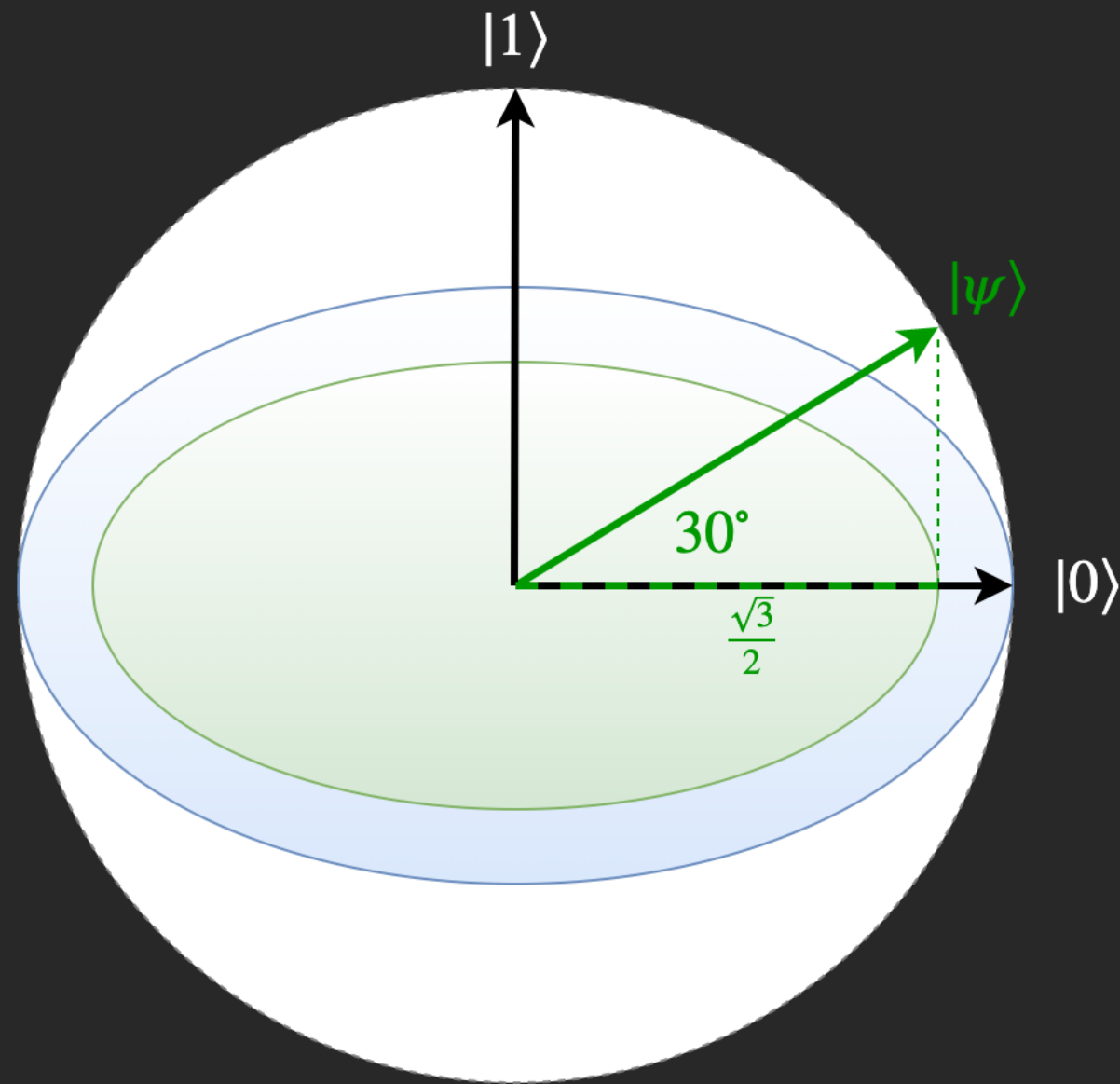
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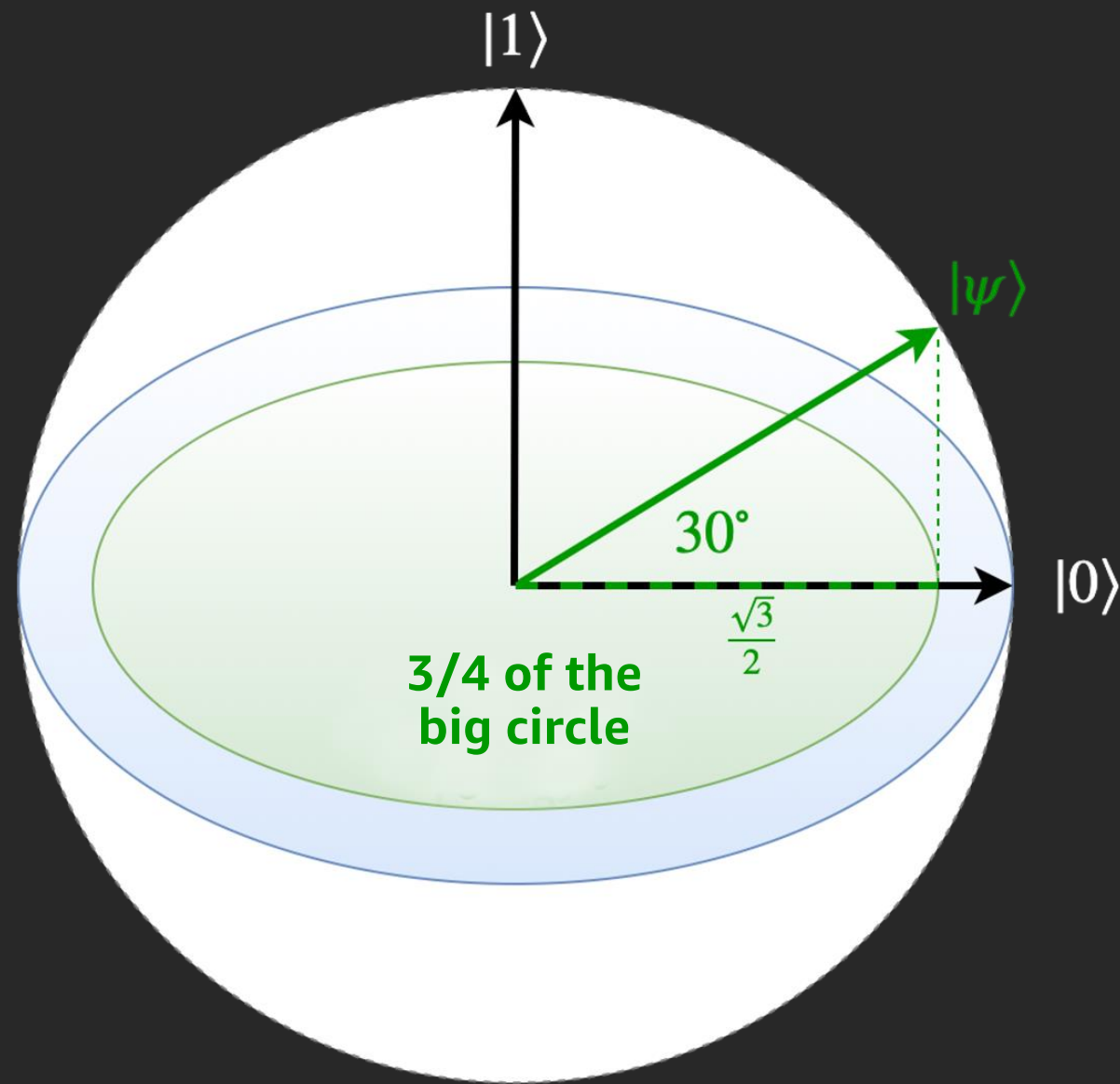
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Your development environment for quantum algorithms

Quantum algorithm development environment notebooks style

Developers, researchers, & scientists to explore, evaluate, & experiment with quantum computing

Access to real quantum computers of different technologies

Including Rigetti (superconductor), IonQ (ion trap), and D-Wave (annealing superconductor)

Amazon Quantum Solutions Lab

Collaborative research program to help you accelerate new quantum application development

Demo

Amazon Braket SDK

An example of Bell Pair

<https://aws.amazon.com/braket/>

```
bell = Circuit().h(0).cnot(0, 1)
print(bell)
print(f"\nserialized_circuit: {bell.to_ir().json()}")

result = simulator.run(bell, s3_destination_folder).result()
print(f"measurement_counts: {result.measurement_counts}")
print(f"measurement_probabilities: {result.measurement_probabilities}")

data = ["".join([str(bit for bit in shot)] for shot in result.measurements]
plot = plt.hist(data)
```

```
measurement_counts: ({'00': 50, '11': 50})
measurement_probabilities: ({'00': 0.5, '11': 0.5})
```

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```
'ZZ']

In [3]: bell = Circuit().h(0).cnot(0, 1)
print(bell)
print(f"\nserialized_circuit: {bell.to_ir().json()}")

T : |0|1|

q0 : -H-C-
      |
q1 : ---X-

T : |0|1|

serialized_circuit: {"instructions": [{"target": 0, "type": "h"}, {"control": 0, "target": 1, "type": "cnot"}]}
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In [4]: result = simulator.run(bell, s3_destination_folder).result()
print(f"measurement_counts: {result.measurement_counts}")
print(f"measurement_probabilities: {result.measurement_probabilities}")

data = ["".join([str(bit) for bit in shot]) for shot in result.measurements]
plot = plt.hist(data)

measurement_counts: Counter({'00': 50, '11': 50})
measurement_probabilities: {'00': 0.5, '11': 0.5}
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In [5]: # QFT example. Encode a circuit with phase frequency of 2. Run QFT and get back a value of 2.
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Thank you!

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