

# Noisy gates for simulating quantum computers



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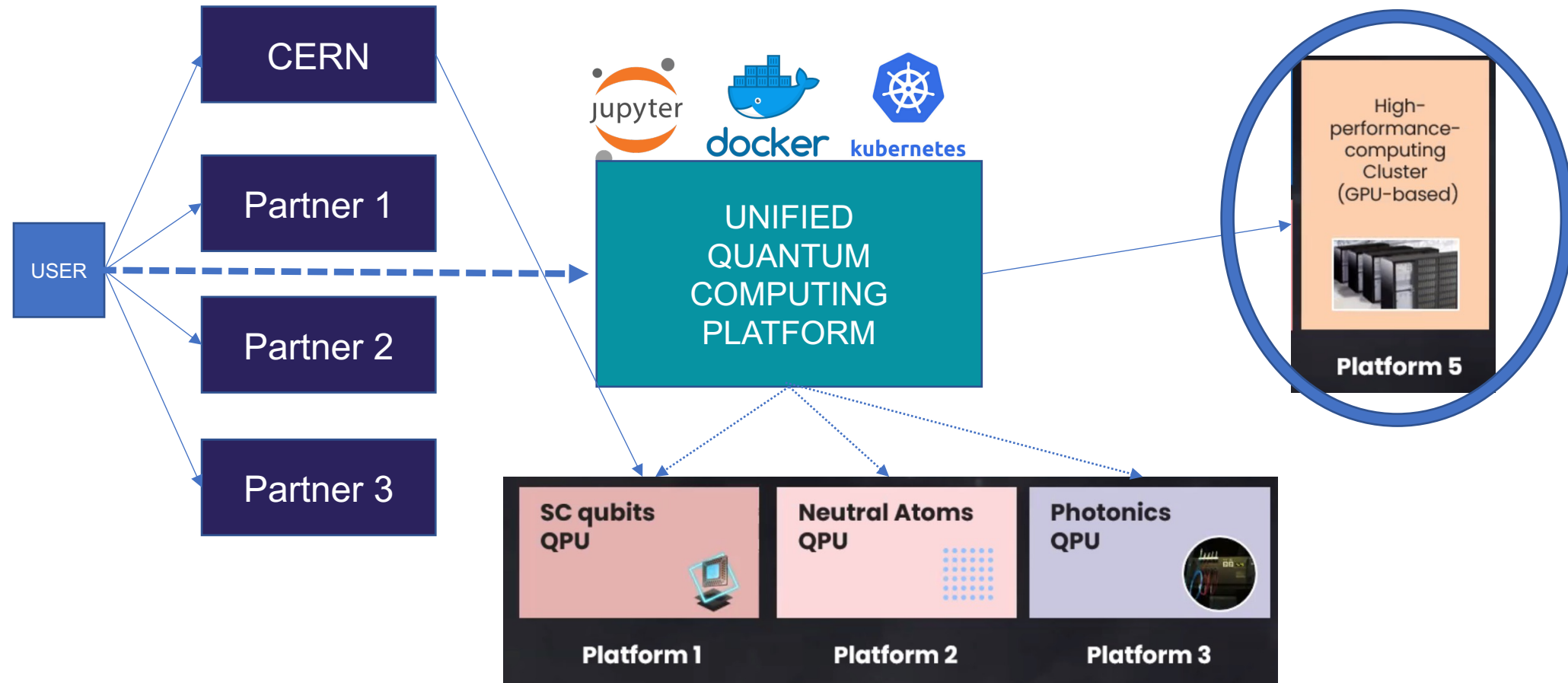
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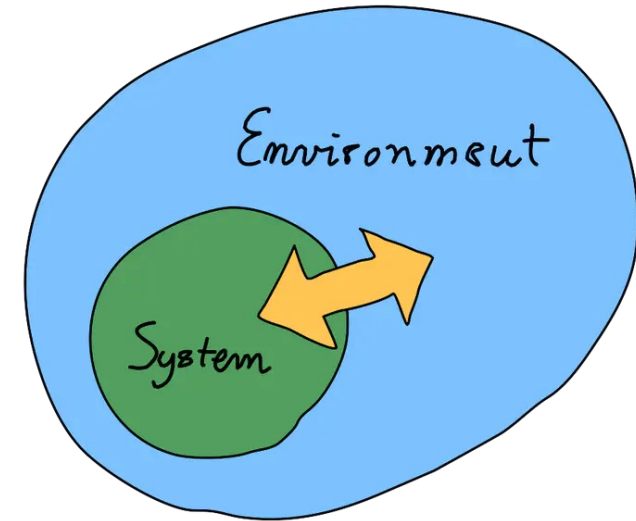


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# Study the noise

A **proper theoretical modelling** of the effect of the environment on a quantum systems allows to:

- Have a **physical understanding** of the sources of noise
- Suggest strategies to **mitigate errors**
- Perform **accurate simulations** to predict how the performances scale with the number of qubits/gates.



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# Open quantum systems

Breuer and Petruccione: *The Theory of Open Quantum Systems*, Oxford University Press (2002)

## Theory of **open quantum systems**

### *Master Equation*

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \qquad \frac{d}{dt}\rho_t = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H_t, \rho_t] + \sum_k \gamma_k \left[ L_k \rho_t L_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}\{L_k^\dagger L_k, \rho_t\} \right]$$

State vector

Density matrix

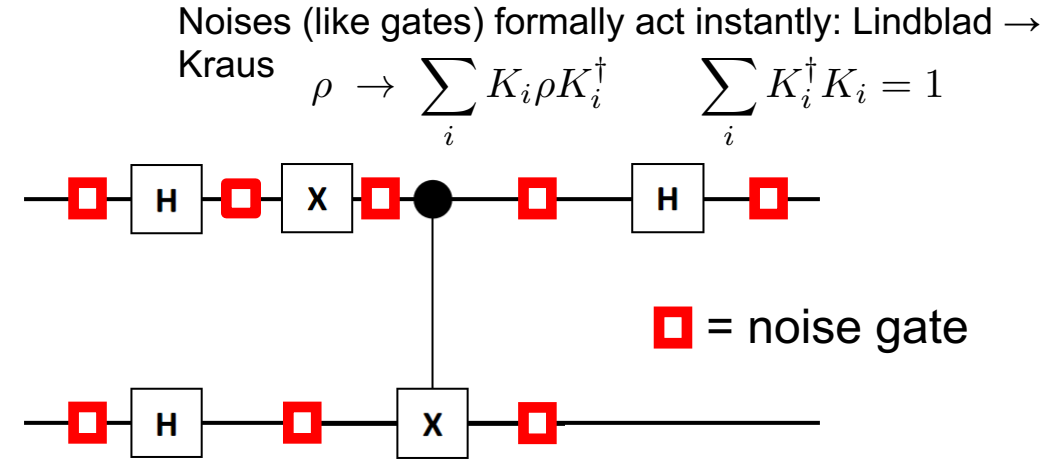
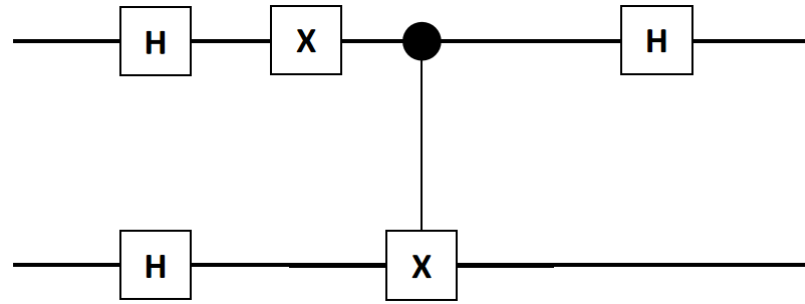
Internal evolution

Effect of the environment

Issues to deal with:

- More complicated dynamics; how to model the environment efficiently
- With the density matrix, the problem scales quadratically with the size of the system.

# Standard noise models



Standard noise simulation (e.g. in Qiskit)

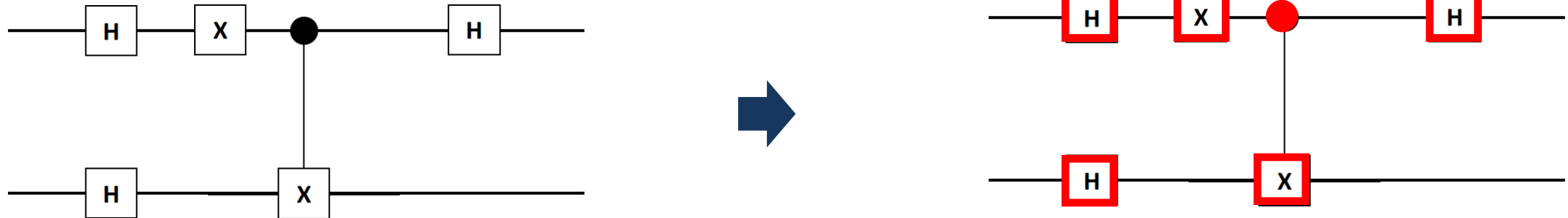
- Gates and noise are formally **decoupled** (a sort of Trotterization), because time scales are small (IBM: gate time  $\sim 10^{-8}$  s, decoherence times  $\sim 10^{-4}$  s) ?
- Use the **quantum-jump-like approach** to replace the density matrix with (stochastic) state vector  $\rightarrow$  stochastic dynamics ✓

# Noisy Gates

G. Di Bartolomeo, M. Vischi, F. Cesa, R. Wixinger, M. Grossi, S. Donadi, A. Bassi. A novel approach to noisy gates for simulating quantum computers, *Phys. Rev. Research* 5, 043210



Our approach: provide a more accurate description of the noisy behaviour of a quantum computer



- Noises are **embedded** in the gate → more realistic picture ✓
- State vector (stochastic) description ✓

In SC: (SPAM) depolarizing +relaxation



# From Lindblad to stochastic differential equations (SDE)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_t = \underbrace{-\frac{i}{\hbar}[H_t, \rho_t]}_{\text{Gate}} + \underbrace{\sum_k \gamma_k \left[ L_k \rho_t L_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_k^\dagger L_k, \rho_t\} \right]}_{\text{Noise}} = \mathfrak{D}(\rho)$$



$$d|\psi_t\rangle = \left[ -\frac{i}{\hbar} H_t dt + \sum_k \left( i\sqrt{\gamma_k} L_k dW_{k,t} - \frac{\gamma_k}{2} L_k^\dagger L_k dt \right) \right] |\psi_t\rangle$$

Stochastic evolution for the state vector (stochastic unravelling)

Formal equivalence:  $\rho_t = \mathbb{E}[|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t|]$

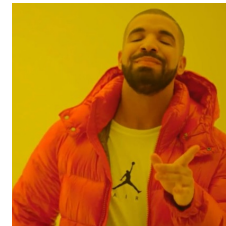
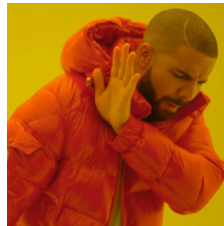
# Comparison of the approximations

## Standard approximation

$$\rho_t = U_{t,t_0} \mathbb{T} \left[ e^{\gamma \int_{t_0}^t ds \mathcal{L}(s)} \right] \rho_{t_0} U_{t,t_0}^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t) \simeq \mathcal{L}$$

$$\rho_t \simeq U_{t,t_0} e^{\gamma \mathcal{L} \cdot (t-t_0)} \rho_{t_0} U_{t,t_0}^\dagger$$



## Noisy gates

$$\rho_t = U_{t,t_0} \mathbb{T} \left[ e^{\gamma \int_{t_0}^t ds \mathcal{L}(s)} \right] \rho_{t_0} U_{t,t_0}^\dagger$$

$$\mathbb{T} \left[ e^{\gamma \int_{t_0}^t ds \mathcal{L}(s)} \right] \simeq 1 + \gamma \int_{t_0}^t ds \mathcal{L}(s)$$

$$\rho_t \simeq U_{t,t_0} \left( 1 + \gamma \int_{t_0}^t ds \mathcal{L}(s) \right) \rho_{t_0} U_{t,t_0}^\dagger$$

# IBMQ devices: main single qubit noises

## Gates

Native gate set  $\{RZ(\phi), X, SX, CNOT\}$

*Cross resonance (CR) gate*

$\theta$ : rotation angle

$\phi$ : phase, realizes virtual Z gates

$$H(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\theta \hbar}{2} R_{xy}(\phi)$$
$$R_{xy}(\phi) = \cos(\phi)X + \sin(\phi)Y$$

+

$$H^{(1,2)}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\hbar \theta}{2} Z^{(1)} \otimes R_{xy}^{(2)}$$
$$R_{xy}(\phi) = \cos(\phi)X + \sin(\phi)Y$$

Note: how to implement the pulse

## Noises

-Single qubit depolarization:  $\gamma_d$

-Single qubit amplitude and phase damping:  $\gamma_1, \gamma_z$

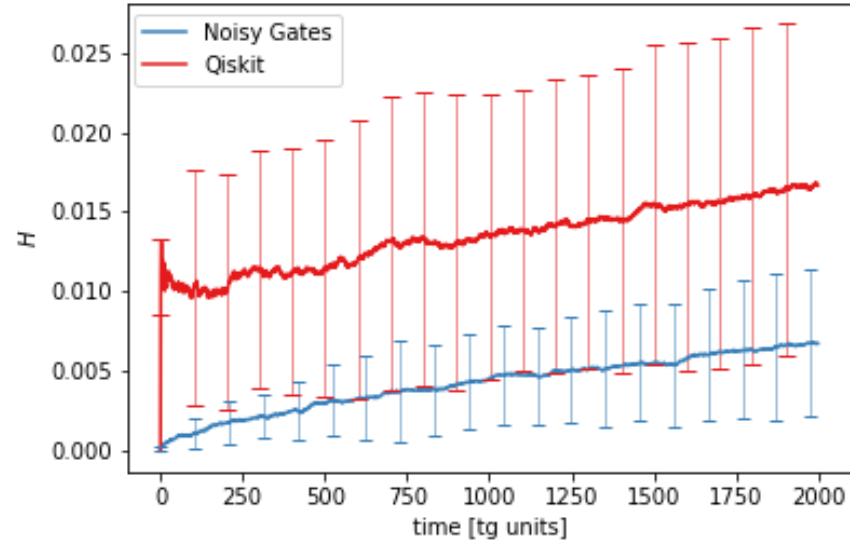
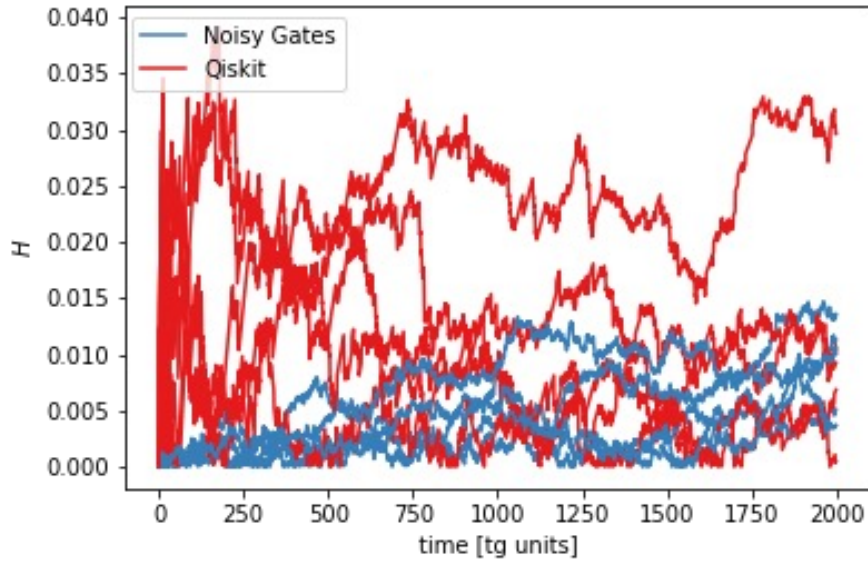
$$L_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda}} \sigma^-, \quad L_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda}} \sigma^+, \quad L_3 = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda}} Z;$$
$$\lambda_1 = 2\gamma_d, \quad \lambda_2 = 2\gamma_d + \gamma_1, \quad \lambda_3 = \gamma_d + \gamma_z$$
$$\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$$

$$\lambda_k \sim 10^4 \text{ Hz.}$$

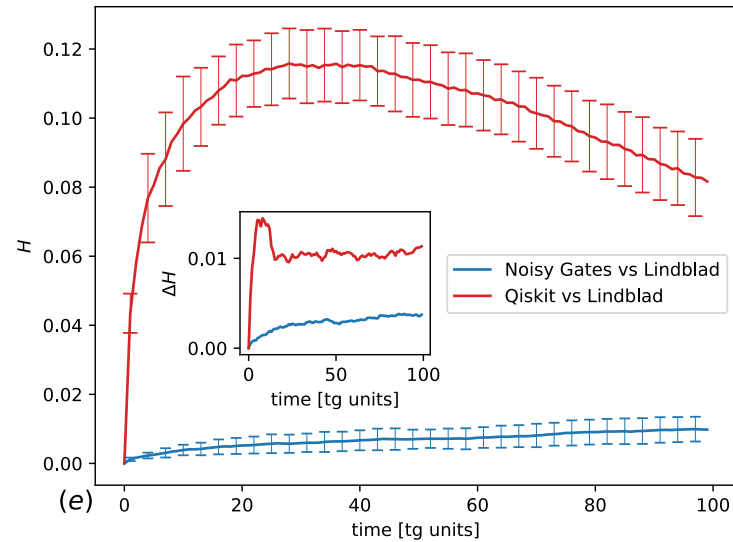
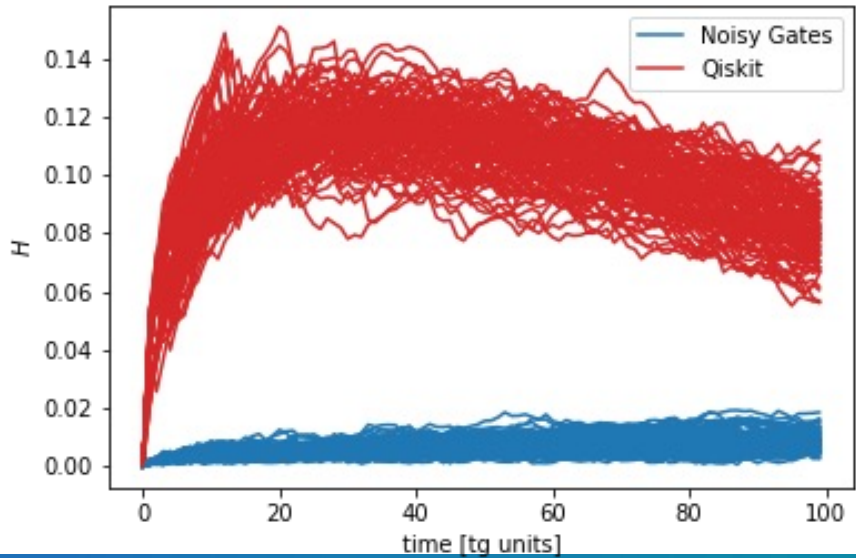
$$t_g \sim 10^{-8} \text{ s.}$$

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{\lambda t_g} \ll 1$$

# Simulation of the noisy X gate



# Simulation of the noisy CR gate



**Hellinger Distance**

Lindblad and noisy gates

Lindblad and Qiskit simulator

$$H(P, Q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{p_i} - \sqrt{q_i})^2}$$



# quantum-gates 1.0.4

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Quantum Noisy Gates Simulation with Python

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Implementation of the Noisy Quantum Gates model, which is soon to be published. It is a novel method to simulate the noisy behaviour of quantum devices by incorporating the noise directly in the gates, which become stochastic matrices.

## Documentations

The documentation for Noisy Quantum Gates can be accessed on the website [Read the Docs](#).



# Run your own noisy simulation

We create a quantum circuit with Qiskit.

```
circ = QuantumCircuit(2,2)
circ.h(0)
circ.cx(0,1)
circ.barrier(range(2))
circ.measure(range(2),range(2))
circ.draw('mpl')
```

```
sim = MrAndersonSimulator(gates=standard_gates, CircuitClass=EfficientCircuit)

t_circ = transpile(
    circ,
    backend,
    scheduling_method='asap',
    initial_layout=qubits_layout,
    seed_transpiler=42
)

probs = sim.run(
    t_qiskit_circ=t_circ,
    qubits_layout=qubits_layout,
    psi0=np.array(run_config["psi0"]),
    shots=run_config["shots"],
    device_param=device_param_lookup,
    nqubit=2)

counts_ng = {format(i, 'b').zfill(2): probs[i] for i in range(0, 4)}
```

The background is a dark blue gradient with several glowing blue lines. Some are smooth, curved lines that sweep across the frame. Others form a complex network of interconnected nodes and thin lines, resembling a data network or a molecular structure. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and scientific.

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