

# Simulating quantum systems with Qiskit Dynamics



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- Intro: Simulate what, why?
- Simulation package landscape
  - Helpful features
  - Open-source packages
- Qiskit Dynamics
  - General feature description
  - Common code examples
  - Performance comparison
  - Advanced feature: numerical perturbation theory

# Simulate *what*?

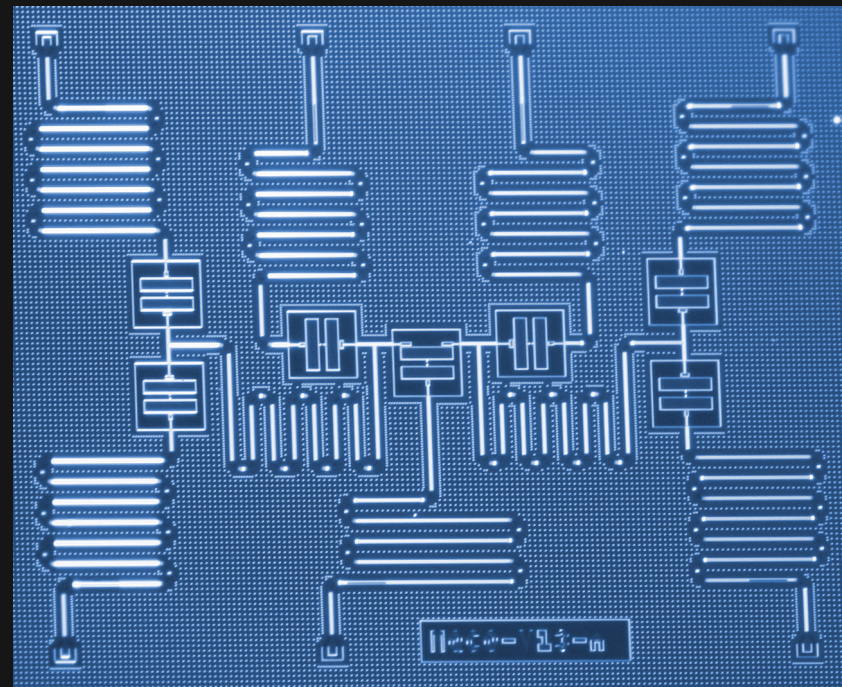
- Quantum devices are quantum systems
- Schrodinger equation

$$\dot{U}(t) = -iH(t)U(t)$$

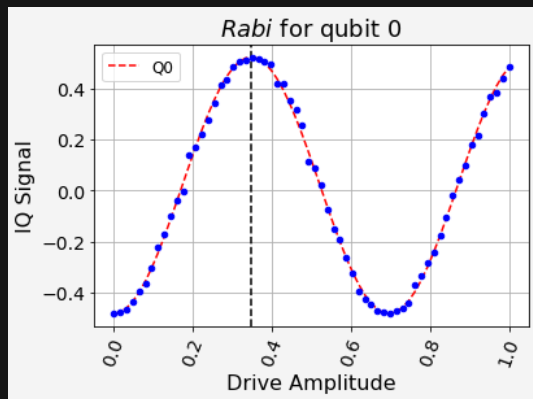
- Lindblad equation

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = -i[H(t), \rho(t)] + \sum_j L_j \rho(t) L_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_j^\dagger L_j, \rho(t)\}$$

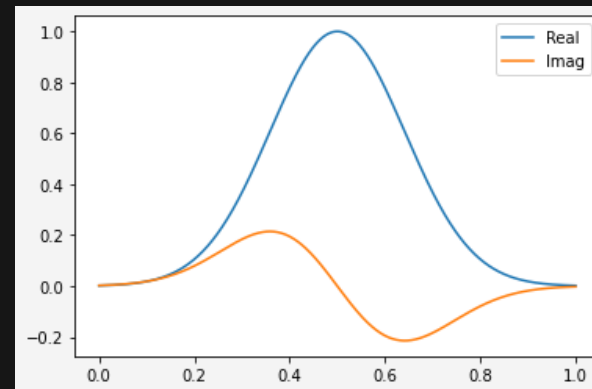
- Others (e.g. Bloch-Redfield)



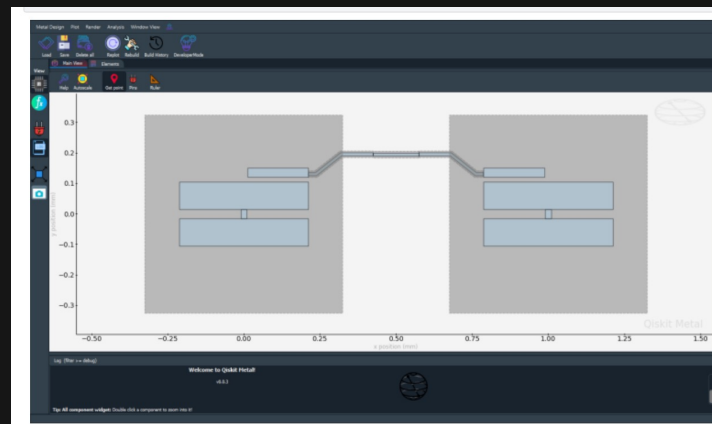
## Building device models



## Control design



Optimize chip design  
“virtual prototyping”



# Faster is better

- Faster simulation accelerates research
  - Models simulated 1000s of times
- Challenge: curse of dimensionality
  - Hilbert space dimension grows exponentially in number of subsystems
- Challenge: the *other* curse of dimensionality
  - Even small systems can have *a lot of model parameters*
  - Exploring parameter space is expensive
- Faster simulation enables more complex workflows
  - Enables asking more complicated questions

# Components of a simulation package

## Workflows

Control optimization, model fitting, ...

## Model building

Common operators/systems,  
time-dependent signals, noise

## Analysis tools

Expectation value tracking,  
fidelity

## Numerical Tools

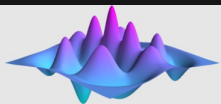
Solvers, array representation, hardware utilization

Critical technical capabilities:

- Speed
- Flexible/general core
- For optimization:
  - Compilation
  - Automatic differentiation

# Open-source packages (non-exhaustive)

## Python packages



QuTiP

Quantum Toolbox in Python

**$C^3$  - An integrated tool-set for control, calibration and characterization**



Torch  
Quantum

## Julia



BLOQADE

## C++

 [qiskit-community / lindbladmpo](#)

**Quandary - Optimal control for open and closed quantum systems**

## Matlab

**Spinach** A Fast and General Spin Dynamics Simulation Library

- New Qiskit package (Python) for Hamiltonian and Lindblad simulation
- Central applications of interest
  - Optimization applications (control, model fitting)
  - Virtual prototyping
- General feature goals
  - Configurability, configurability, configurability (every problem is different)
  - Compilable and automatically differentiable
  - Integration with Qiskit ecosystem



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) ← Solver choice and options
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# Qiskit Pulse simulation

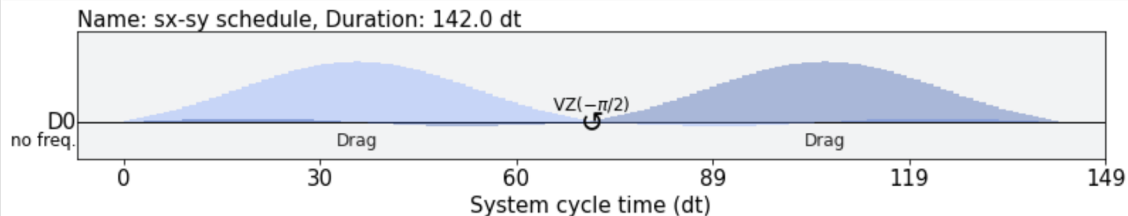
- Can configure Solver to solve Qiskit Pulse schedules

```
# construct the solver
hamiltonian_solver = Solver(
    static_hamiltonian=drift,
    hamiltonian_operators=operators,
    rotating_frame=drift,
    rwa_cutoff_freq=2 * 5.0,
    hamiltonian_channels=['d0'],
    channel_carrier_freqs={'d0': w},
    dt=dt
)
```

Add pulse configuration information to model structure

```
with pulse.build(name="sx-sy schedule") as xp:
    pulse.play(pulse.Drag(duration, amp / 1.75, sig / dt, beta), pulse.DriveChannel(0))
    pulse.shift_phase(np.pi/2, pulse.DriveChannel(0))
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xp.draw()
```

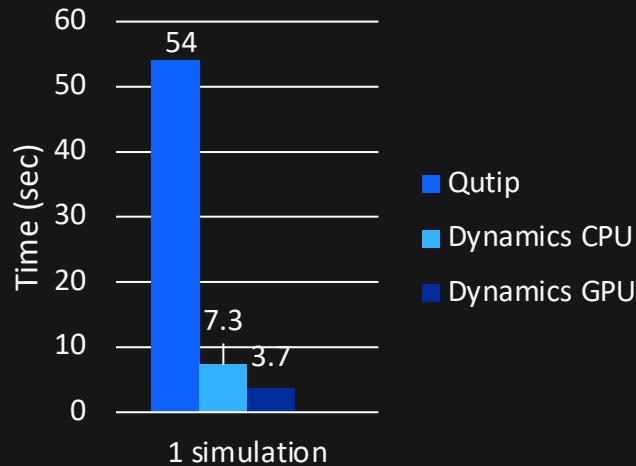
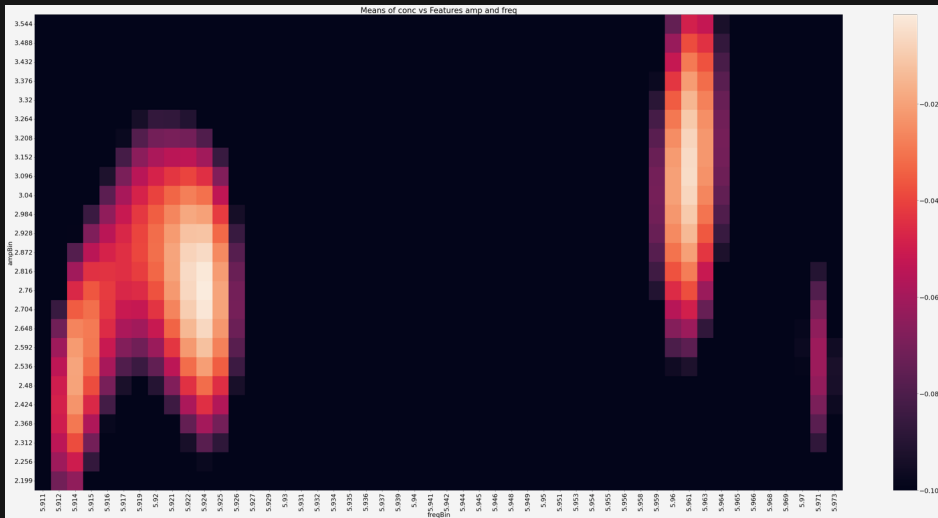


```
%time sol = hamiltonian_solver.solve(t_span=[0., 2*T], y0=y0, signals=xp, atol=1e-8,
rtol=1e-8)
```

Pass schedule to solve

# QuTiP v.s. Dynamics speed comparisons

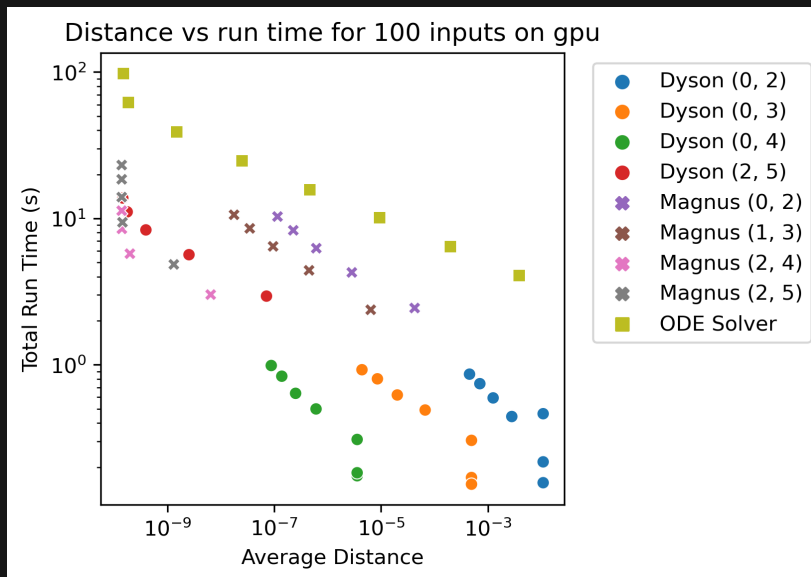
- Using Dynamics to tune gate parameters in a 3 transmon model
- Dimension 160



- 1000 sims on GPU w/vmap  $\approx 147$  s
- Equiv to  $\approx 25$  sims in parallel at single sim speed

# Advanced feature: Perturbation theory

- Numerical perturbation theory module added in 0.3.0
  - Algorithms for perturbative analysis and simulation of quantum dynamics ([arxiv.org/abs/2210.11595](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.11595))  
D. Puzzuoli, S. F. Lin, M. Malekakhlagh, E. Pritchett, B. Rosand, C. J. Wood
- Perturbative solvers, based on Dyson series and Magnus expansion
- Simulating 100 different pulse parameter values for 2 qubit gate on GPU for system with dimension 25



Variation of solvers in:  
Shillito et al. Fast and  
differentiable simulation of driven  
quantum systems, *Phys. Rev.  
Research*, 3(3):033266

- Package overview recap
  - Current version 0.3.0: Core numerical foundation, automatic model transformations, JIT, autodiff
  - Future version 0.4.0: Full Qiskit Pulse integration, simulator backend
  - Beyond: Tools for building optimization workflows
- Please submit issues, ask for help, and/or contribute!
  - Github: [github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-dynamics](https://github.com/Qiskit/qiskit-dynamics)
  - Documentation: [qiskit.org/documentation/dynamics/](https://qiskit.org/documentation/dynamics/)
  - Slack: Qiskit workspace, [#qiskit-dynamics](#)
- Thank you!

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