



Quantum computation and its physical realization by superconducting quantum circuits

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Platforms of quantum computers



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Trapped ions/Cold atoms

Semiconductors









Nature 569, 532 (2019) Huang et al.

Nature 464, 45 (2010) Ladd et al.

My CV



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- 2001.4 2006.3 (Keio) → Quantum computing (silicon donors)
- 2006.4 2009.12 (ISSP, Tokyo) → Quantum transport (GaAs QDs, Al SET)
- 2011.7 2015.3 (Stanford) → Quantum network (InAs QDs)
- 2015.4 2019.1 (Keio) → Quantum sensing (diamond NV centers)
- 2019.2 Present (RIKEN) → Quantum computing (Superconducting quantum circuits)

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Developing a new approach for building quantum computers



Quantum computing, though still in its early days, has the potential to dramatically increase processing power by harnessing the strange...

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"Wow, there are lots of

- developments
- interests (both scientific & business)
- debates
- hypes about quantum computer!"

"Wait, what really is it?"

"Well, it uses quantum effects for computation blah blah blah"

"Hum... it sounds like tautology"





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Nobel Prize in Physics, 1973





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Brian Josephson (1940–) © Nobel Foundation

"for their experimental discoveries regarding tunneling phenomena in semiconductors and superconductors, respectively" "for his theoretical predictions of the properties of a supercurrent through a tunnel barrier, in particular those phenomena which are generally known as the **Josephson effects**"

Nobel Prize in Physics, 1973



New Phenomenon in Narrow Germanium p-n Junctions

Leo Esaki

Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo, Limited, Shinagawa, Tokyo, Japan (Received October 11, 1957)



FIG. 2. Energy diagram of the p-n junction at 300°K and no bias voltage.

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"for their experimental discoveries regarding tunneling phenomena in semiconductors and superconductors, respectively"

Tunnel (Esaki) diode
→ Electron is a WAVE



FIG. 1. Semilog plots of the measured current-voltage characteristic at 200°K, 300°K, and 350°K.

From tunnel diode to quantum dot

Resonant tunneling diode → Vertical QD (1996)



Tunnel (Esaki) diode
→ Electron is a WAVE

Single electron transistor
→ Electron is a **PARTICLE**

Lateral double quantum dot



Lateral double quantum dot



Single electron in a double-well potential





A single electron (wavefunction) can spread over the two QDs (bonding & antibonding states)





Single electron in a double-well potential

R



 $\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r})$

 $\psi_R(\mathbf{r})$

R

Normalization

$$\int |\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r})|^2 d\boldsymbol{r} = \int |\psi_R(\boldsymbol{r})|^2 d\boldsymbol{r} = 1$$

Orthogonality

$$\int \psi_R^*(\boldsymbol{r})\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r})d\boldsymbol{r}=0$$



Rep. Prog. Phys. 69, 759 (2006) Fujisawa et al.





Born rule

$$\left| \int \psi_B^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_L(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.5$$
$$\left| \int \psi_B^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_R(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.5$$

$$\psi_B(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r}) + \psi_R(\boldsymbol{r})]$$

Bonding state



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Born rule

$$\left| \int \psi_A^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_L(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.5$$
$$\left| \int \psi_A^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_R(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.5$$

$$\psi_A(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r}) - \psi_R(\boldsymbol{r})]$$

Antibonding state



Rep. Prog. Phys. 69, 759 (2006) Fujisawa et al.





Born rule

$$\left| \int \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_L(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.75$$
$$\left| \int \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_R(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 = 0.25$$

$$\psi(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\psi_L(\boldsymbol{r}) + \frac{1}{2}\psi_R(\boldsymbol{r})$$

Superposition state





Quantum bit (Qubit)

Can we use the **WAVE** nature of an electron for computation?



Measurement determines the electron's location (Localization = **PARTICLE**)

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Quantum gate

Having bits is not enough to do computation



Operations (ops, gates) relevant for qubits?

X (NOT) gate



NOT is the only nontrivial 1-bit op for classical computation

X (NOT) gate



The same op but we can use a superposition state as input

Z gate



Z gate



H gate



H gate



Impossible gate



Impossible gate



Impossible gate



Possible gates obeying the rule of quantum mechanics are known as **unitary gates** (*X*, *H*...)

Qubit representation

Vector representation



 $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$

X gate



Z gate



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

$$Z|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -|1\rangle$$
H gate



H gate



S gate



Qubit representation: Bloch sphere



2-qubit system

Vector representation of 2-qubit system

$$|00\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |01\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |10\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|a|^{2} + |b|^{2} + |c|^{2} + |d|^{2} = 1$$

CNOT gate



 H_2 gate



 H_2 gate



 H_2 gate



H_2 gate



 H_2 gate









You may or may not get an answer. **Not so happy....**









answer. Not so happy



After computation/before measurement, we want **candidates** to be actually an **answer** (or at least very close to it)



Quantum computation

• Start from a superposition state (**quantum parallelism**), unitary-transform it into a state where the probability amplitude of the answer state is large enough (**quantum interference**), and **measure**

→ Deutsch–Jozsa algorithm (next topic)

- For specific tasks, quantum computers can outperform classical computers, but not almighty
 - → Scientific American 298, (3) 62 (2008) Aaronson, "The limits of quantum computers"
- Algorithms: Data search (Grover), phase estimation (Kitaev), factoring (Shor), solving linear equations (Harrow–Hassidim–Lloyd), quantum simulation (Feynman) ...
 - → PRX Quantum 2, 040203 (2021) Martyn et al., "Grand Unification of Quantum Algorithms"

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- The first quantum algorithm that showed the potential of quantum computers
- Deterministic (give a 100% answer)
- Of no practical use
- Easy to see the roles of quantum parallelism and quantum interference

Quantum circuit



$$|a\rangle - U |a\rangle$$
$$a = 0.1$$

Only *n* "wires" are required to represent *n*-qubit gates (2^{*n*} wires in the left figure)



Not to be confused with "superconducting quantum circuit," which refers to a physical device based on circuit QED

H gate





H_3 gate

$$|000\rangle = H_3 = H_3|000\rangle$$

 $H_3|000\rangle$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} (|000\rangle + |001\rangle + |010\rangle + |011\rangle + |100\rangle + |101\rangle + |110\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{a,b,c=0,1} |abc\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^3-1} |x\rangle$$

H_n gate

 $x \cdot y \equiv a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + \dots + a_n \cdot b_n$

$$H_n|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \left(\sum_{b_1=0,1} (-1)^{a_1 \cdot b_1} |b_1\rangle \right) \cdots \left(\sum_{b_n=0,1} (-1)^{a_n \cdot b_n} |b_n\rangle \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{b_{1}, b_{2} \cdots b_{n}} (-1)^{a_{1} \cdot b_{1} + a_{2} \cdot b_{2} + \dots + a_{n} \cdot b_{n}} |b_{1} b_{2} \cdots b_{n}\rangle$$

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}\sum_{y}(-1)^{x\cdot y}|y\rangle$$

Deutsch's problem

Definition: Binary function f(x) is called "**constant**" if it returns the same output (all 0s or all 1s) for all the inputs x, and is called "**balanced**" if it returns half 0s and half 1s

Examples:



Balanced

x	f(x)	
0	0	
1	1	
2	1	
3	0	





Deutsch's problem

Deutsch has a bit-string f(x) that is known to be either **constant** or **balanced**. **How many queries** will **Newton** and **Schrödinger** have to make in order to judge the type (constant or balanced) of f(x)?







 $F|x\rangle|a\rangle = |x\rangle|a \oplus f(x)\rangle$

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle \xrightarrow{F} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle |0\rangle$ Erase the info on f(x) from the work bit $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle |0\rangle$

$$\xrightarrow{H_n} \sum_{y} \left(\sum_{x} \frac{(-1)^{f(x) + x \cdot y}}{2^n} \right) |y\rangle |0\rangle \qquad H_n |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle$$

Probablity amplitude of returning to $|000...\rangle$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{2^{n}-1} \frac{(-1)^{f(x)+x \cdot 0}}{2^{n}} = \begin{cases} \pm 1 & \text{(Constant)} \\ 0 & \text{(Balanced)} \end{cases}$$

n = 2, constant

Constructive interference

$$\sum_{x=0}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{f(x)}}{2^n} = \frac{(-1)^0 + (-1)^0 + (-1)^0 + (-1)^0}{4} = 1$$

n = 2, balanced

Destructive interference

$$\sum_{x=0}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{f(x)}}{2^n} = \frac{(-1)^0 + (-1)^1 + (-1)^1 + (-1)^0}{4} = 0$$

2-bit f(x)

x	ab	Constant		Balanced ($_4C_2 = 6$)					
		$f_{\rm c0}$	f_{c1}	$f_{\rm b0}$	f_{b1}	$f_{\rm b2}$	$f_{\rm b3}$	$f_{\rm b4}$	$f_{\rm b5}$
0	00	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	01	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
2	10	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
3	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

 $f_{c0}(x) = 0 \qquad f_{b0}(x) = a \qquad f_{b3}(x) = \overline{a}$ $f_{c1}(x) = 1 \qquad f_{b1}(x) = b \qquad f_{b4}(x) = \overline{b}$ $f_{b2}(x) = a \oplus b \qquad f_{b5}(x) = \overline{a \oplus b}$

Homework 1

Constrict all the 2-bit *F* gates using only *X*s (NOTs) and CNOTs **Note:** 2-bit *F* gates are 3Q gates

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DiVincenzo's criteria

Fortschr. Phys. 48, 771 (2000) DiVincenzo

- 1. A scalable physical system with well characterized qubits
- 2. The ability to initialize the state of the qubits to a simple fiducial state, such as $|000...\rangle$
- 3. Long relevant decoherence times, much longer than the gate operation time
- 4. A "universal" set of quantum gates
- 5. A qubit-specific measurement capability

Universal

- 1Q gates + CNOT (can construct arbitrary *n*-qubit gates)
- T, H, S + CNOT (can approximate arbitrary n-qubit gates with arbitrary accuracy)

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix} \quad H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S = T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{CNOT} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clifford gates



David DiVincenzo ©RWTH Aachen U.



- Encode quantum information into the phase and extract the answer by using quantum interference
 - \rightarrow **Quantum coherence** must be preserved during computation

The physical nature of information

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Abstract

Information is inevitably tied to a physical representation and therefore to restrictions and possibilities related to the laws of physics and the parts available in the universe. Quantum mechanical superpositions of information bearing states can be used, and the real utility of that needs to be understood. Quantum parallelism in computation is one possibility and will be assessed pessimistically. The energy dissipation requirements of computation, of measurement and of the communications link are discussed. The insights gained from the analysis of computation has caused a reappraisal of the perceived wisdom in the other two fields. A concluding section speculates about the nature of the laws of physics, which are algorithms for the handling of information, and must be executable in our real physical universe.



- Encode quantum information into the phase and extract the answer by using quantum interference
 - \rightarrow **Quantum coherence** must be preserved during computation



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Landauer's footnote

(...) all papers on quantum computing should carry a footnote: "This proposal, like all proposals for quantum computation, relies on speculative technology, does not in its current form take into account all possible sources of noise, unreliability and manufacturing error, and probably will not work."

Nature 400, 720 (1999) Lloyd



 Encode quantum information into the phase and extract the answer by using quantum interference

→ **Quantum coherence** must be preserved during computation

- Quantum states cannot be copied (**no-cloning theorem**)
 - \rightarrow **Quantum error correction** & fault-tolerant quantum computation

Landauer's view on QEC

(...) progress has been made toward error reduction, and we can cite only a sample of the material on its way [21]. This is far more progress in fact than this author thought possible, but not enough to permit computation. (...) Undoubtedly, further progress will be made, but victory is not yet in sight.

P. Shor, Phys. Rev. A. 52 (1995) 2493.

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No-cloning theorem

There exists no unitary gate that realizes $U|\psi\rangle|0\rangle = |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle$ for an arbitrary state $|\psi\rangle$

(1)

(5)

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A single quantum cannot be cloned

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If a photon of definite polarization encounters an excited atom, there is typically some nonvanishing probability that the atom will emit a second photon by stimulated emission. Such a photon is guaranteed to have the same polarization as the original photon. But is it possible by this or any other process to amplify a quantum state, that is, to produce several copies of a quantum system (the polarized photon in the present case) each having the same state as the original? If it were, the amplifying process could be used to ascertain the exact state of a quantum system: in the case of a photon, one could determine its polarization by first producing a beam of identically polarized copies and then measuring the Stokes parameters¹. We show here that the linearity of quantum mechanics forbids such replication and that this conclusion holds for all quantum systems.

Note that if photons could be cloned, a plausible argument could be made for the possibility of faster-than-light communication². It is well known that for certain non-separably correlated Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen pairs of photons, once an observer has made a polarization measurement (say, vertical versus horizontal) on one member of the pair, the other one, which may be far away, can be for all purposes of prediction regarded as having the same polarization3. If this second photon could be replicated and its precise polarization measured as above, it would be possible to ascertain whether, for example, the first photon had been subjected to a measurement of linear or circular polarization. In this way the first observer would be able to transmit information faster than light by encoding his message into his choice of measurement. The actual impossibility of cloning photons, shown below, thus prohibits superluminal communication by this scheme. That such a scheme must fail for some reason despite the well-established existence of long-range quantum correlations⁶⁻⁸, is a general consequence of quantum mechanics9

A perfect amplifying device would have the following effect

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on an incoming photon with polarization state $|s\rangle$:

 $|A_0\rangle|s\rangle \rightarrow |A_s\rangle|ss\rangle$ Here $|A_0\rangle$ is the 'ready' state of the apparatus, and $|A_s\rangle$ is its

final state, which may or may not depend on the polarization of the original photon. The symbol |ss> refers to the state of the radiation field in which there are two photons each having the polarization $|s\rangle$. Let us suppose that such an amplification can in fact be accomplished for the vertical polarization $|\uparrow\rangle$ and for the horizontal polarization $|\leftrightarrow\rangle$. That is,

$ A_0\rangle \updownarrow \rangle \rightarrow A_{\mathrm{vert}}\rangle \updownarrow \updownarrow \rangle$		
$ A_0\rangle \leftrightarrow angle ightarrow A_{ m hor} angle $	(3)	

According to quantum mechanics this transformation should

be representable by a linear (in fact unitary) operator. It therefore follows that if the incoming photon has the polarization given by the linear combination $\alpha | \uparrow \rangle + \beta | \leftrightarrow \rangle$ for example, it could be linearly polarized in a direction 45° from the vertical, so that $\alpha = \beta = 2^{-1/2}$ —the result of its interaction with the apparatus will be the superposition of equations (2) and (3):

$$|A_0\rangle(\alpha|\uparrow\rangle+\beta|\leftrightarrow\rangle) \rightarrow \alpha |A_{vert}\rangle|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle+\beta |A_{hor}\rangle|\Leftrightarrow\rangle \qquad (4)$$

If the apparatus states $|A_{vert}\rangle$ and $|A_{hor}\rangle$ are not identical, then the two photons emerging from the apparatus are in a mixed state of polarization. If these apparatus states are identical, then the two photons are in the pure state

 $\alpha | \ddagger \rangle + \beta | \ddagger \rangle$

In neither of these cases is the final state the same as the state with two photons both having the polarization $\alpha | \downarrow \rangle + \beta | \leftrightarrow \rangle$. That state, the one which would be required if the apparatus were to be a perfect amplifier, can be written as

 $2^{-1/2} (\alpha a_{\text{vert}}^{+} + \beta a_{\text{hor}}^{+})^{2} |0\rangle = \alpha^{2} | \downarrow \downarrow \rangle + 2^{1/2} \alpha \beta | \downarrow \leftrightarrow \rangle + \beta^{2} | \rightleftharpoons \rangle$

which is a pure state different from the one obtained above by superposition [equation (5)].

Thus no apparatus exists which will amplify an arbitrary polarization. The above argument does not rule out the possibility of a device which can amplify two special polarizations, such as vertical and horizontal. Indeed, any measuring device which distinguishes between these two polarizations, a Nicol prism for example, could be used to trigger such an amplification.

The same argument can be applied to any other kind of quantum system. As in the case of photons, linearity does not forbid the amplification of any given state by a device designed especially for that state, but it does rule out the existence of a device capable of amplifying an arbitrary state.

Nature Vol. 299 28 October 1982

Milonni (unpublished work) has shown that the process of stimulated emission does not lead to quantum amplification, because if there is stimulated emission there must also be-with equal probability in the case of one incoming photon---spontaneous emission, and the polarization of a spontaneously emitted photon is entirely independent of the polarization of the original.

It is conceivable that a more sophisticated amplifying apparatus could get around Milonni's argument. We have therefore presented the above simple argument, based on the linearity of quantum mechanics, to show that no apparatus, however complicated, can amplify an arbitrary polarization.

We stress that the question of replicating individual photons is of practical interest. It is obviously closely related to the

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quantum limits on the noise in amplifiers^{10,11}. Moreover, an experiment devised to establish the extent to which polarization of single photons can be replicated through the process of stimulated emission is under way (A. Gozzini, personal communication; and see ref. 12). The quantum mechanical prediction is quite definite; for each perfect clone there is also one randomly polarized, spontaneously emitted, photon.

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No-cloning theorem

There exists no unitary gate that realizes $U|\psi\rangle|0\rangle = |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle$ for an arbitrary state $|\psi\rangle$

Proof: If such *U* exits...

 $U|0\rangle|0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle$ $U|1\rangle|0\rangle = |1\rangle|1\rangle$ \int $U(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)|0\rangle = aU|0\rangle|0\rangle + bU|1\rangle|0\rangle$ $= a|0\rangle|0\rangle + b|1\rangle|1\rangle$ $\neq (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)$

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Electron spin

Intrinsic, quantum mechanical angular momentum of an electron $S = \frac{1}{2} (m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2})$

Hamiltonian & energy levels

$$H_Z = \frac{g\mu_B B_0}{\hbar} S_Z$$



Quantum coherence



In many cases, the spin dynamics can be described phenomenologically (Bloch equation)

Larmor precession



Frame rotating at angular velocity Ω: Rotate slower...why?

Larmor precession



DC field along the z direction becomes weaker

Spin resonance



DC field along the z direction becomes weaker

Spin resonance

Frame rotating at $\Omega = \gamma B_0$



 π pulse

- Rotation on the Bloch sphere
- Rotations about the $\pm \hat{x}$, $\pm \hat{y}$ axes are realized by adjusting the microwave phases

Spin relaxation: $T_1 \& T_2$

Bloch equation

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{\mu}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \boldsymbol{\gamma} \boldsymbol{B}_0 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\parallel} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0}{T_1} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\perp}}{T_2}$$





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Energy relaxation (Change the direction of a spin)

$$\frac{1}{T_1} = \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\langle b_x(\tau) b_x(0) \rangle + \langle b_y(\tau) b_y(0) \rangle \right] \cos(\omega_0 \tau) \, d\tau$$

Phase relaxation (Change the precession frequency)

$$\frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{1}{2T_1} + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle b_z(\tau) b_z(0) \rangle d\tau$$

→ Incoherent process (Error!)



Spin relaxation: $T_1 \& T_2$

Bloch equation



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Errors in quantum circuits

Coupling with the environment

$$|\psi\rangle|e_{0}\rangle \xrightarrow{U_{\mathrm{E}}} |\psi\rangle|e_{I}\rangle + X|\psi\rangle|e_{X}\rangle + Z|\psi\rangle|e_{Z}\rangle + XZ|\psi\rangle|e_{Y}\rangle$$



Basic ideas of quantum error correction

- Continuous errors can be discretized by measurements
- Any 1Q errors are correctable as long as we can detect & correct bit-flip (*X*), phase-flip (*Z*), phase-bit-flip (*XZ*) errors

Check

 $U_{\rm E}|\psi\rangle|e_0\rangle = |\psi\rangle|e_I\rangle + X|\psi\rangle|e_X\rangle + Z|\psi\rangle|e_Z\rangle + XZ|\psi\rangle|e_Y\rangle$

$$\begin{cases} U_{\rm E}|0\rangle|e_{0}\rangle = |0\rangle|e_{00}\rangle + |1\rangle|e_{10}\rangle \\ U_{\rm E}|1\rangle|e_{0}\rangle = |0\rangle|e_{01}\rangle + |1\rangle|e_{11}\rangle \end{cases}$$

L.H.S $U_{\rm E}(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)|e_0\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle|e_{00}\rangle + \alpha|1\rangle|e_{10}\rangle + \beta|0\rangle|e_{01}\rangle + \beta|1\rangle|e_{11}\rangle$

R.H.S.

 $\begin{aligned} (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)|e_I\rangle + (\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle)|e_X\rangle + (\alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle)|e_Z\rangle + (\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle)|e_Y\rangle \\ = \alpha|0\rangle(|e_I\rangle + |e_Z\rangle) + \alpha|1\rangle(|e_X\rangle + |e_Y\rangle) + \beta|0\rangle(|e_X\rangle - |e_Y\rangle) + \beta|1\rangle(|e_I\rangle - |e_Z\rangle) \end{aligned}$

$$\longrightarrow |e_{I,Z}\rangle = \frac{|e_{00}\rangle \pm |e_{11}\rangle}{2} \qquad |e_{X,Y}\rangle = \frac{|e_{10}\rangle \pm |e_{01}\rangle}{2}$$

CNOT & X gate



 $C_{12}X_{1}|a\rangle|b\rangle = C_{12}|a \oplus 1\rangle|b\rangle$ $= |a \oplus 1\rangle|a \oplus b \oplus 1\rangle$

 $C_{12}X_{2}|a\rangle|b\rangle = C_{12}|a\rangle|b\oplus 1\rangle$ $= |a\rangle|a\oplus b\oplus 1\rangle$

 $X_1 X_2 C_{12} |a\rangle |b\rangle = X_1 X_2 |a\rangle |a \oplus b\rangle$ $= |a \oplus 1\rangle |a \oplus b \oplus 1\rangle$

 $X_2 C_{12} |a\rangle |b\rangle = X_2 |a\rangle |a \oplus b\rangle$ $= |a\rangle |a \oplus b \oplus 1\rangle$

CNOT & Z gate



Homework 2

Verify the above circuit relations using

 $C_{12}|a\rangle|b\rangle = |a\rangle|a \oplus b\rangle$ $Z|a\rangle = (-1)^{a}|a\rangle$



$$|\psi\rangle|00\rangle = (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)|00$$
$$|\psi\rangle_{L} = \alpha|000\rangle + \beta|111\rangle$$



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$$|\psi\rangle|00\rangle = (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)|00\rangle$$

$$\alpha|000\rangle + \beta|111\rangle \longrightarrow |\psi\rangle_{L} = \alpha|+++\rangle + \beta|---\rangle |\pm$$

$$|\pm\rangle \equiv \frac{|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$|\psi\rangle|00\rangle = (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)|00\rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\alpha|000\rangle + \beta|111\rangle \longrightarrow |\psi\rangle_{L} = \alpha|+++\rangle + \beta|---\rangle |\pm\rangle$$

 $|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle$



Converted into bit-flip error

$$HZH = X$$
$$HH = I$$

Homework 3
Verify
$$HZH = X, HH = I$$
 using
$$\begin{cases} H|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{b=0,1} (-1)^{a \cdot b} |b\rangle \\ Z|a\rangle = (-1)^{a} |a\rangle \\ X|a\rangle = |a+1\rangle = |\bar{a}\rangle \end{cases}$$

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Syndrome measurement

Measurement of Operator M

$$M^{2} = I \qquad \text{Self-adjoint} \qquad MP_{\pm}|\psi\rangle = \pm P_{\pm}|\psi\rangle$$

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{I \pm M}{2} \qquad \text{Projector: } P_{\pm}|\psi\rangle \text{ are eigenstates of } M \text{ with eigenvalues } \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$|0\rangle - H - H - A$$

$$|\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle + |\psi\rangle$$

Syndrome meas. (Shor code)

Logical qubit
$$|\psi\rangle_{L} = \alpha |0\rangle_{L} + \beta |1\rangle_{L}$$

 $|0\rangle_{L} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$
 $|1\rangle_{L} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$

Error syndrome

- $M_1 = Z_1 Z_2$ $M_2 = Z_2 Z_3$
- $M_3 = Z_4 Z_5$
- $M_4 = Z_5 Z_6$
- $M_5 = Z_7 Z_8$
- $M_6 = Z_8 Z_9$
- $M_7 = X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6$ $M_8 = X_4 X_5 X_6 X_7 X_8 X_9$

- Logical qubits satisfy $M_i |\psi\rangle_{
 m L} = |\psi\rangle_{
 m L}$ with $\lambda = 1$
- $M_i M_j = M_j M_i$ (simultaneous observable)
- At least one of X_i , Y_i , Z_i anti-commutes with M_i
- Errors are detected by the **parity** change

Example) Bit-flip on Q1

$$\begin{split} M_1 X_1 |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} &= -X_1 M_1 |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} = -X_1 |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} \\ M_{i \neq 1} X_1 |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} &= X_1 M_{i \neq 1} |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} = X_1 |\psi\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} \end{split}$$



Surface code

Phys. Rev. A 86, 032324 (2012) Fowler et al.



- 2D lattice
- Nearest-neighbor coupling
- High error-tolerance (~1%)

Superconducting quantum circuits at the surface code threshold for fault tolerance

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Cavity QED (Quantum ElectroDynamics)

Interaction between an atom & a photon confined in a cavity



Circuit QED

Artificial atom-µwave photon interaction in superconducting quantum circuits

- ✓ System stability (an artificial atom "transmon" doesn't move)
- ✓ Design flexibility
- ✓ Size & scalability





Nature 431, 162 (2004) Wallraff et al.

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50 mm

250 µm

Harmonic oscillator & LC circuit





$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \qquad \text{Hamiltonian} \qquad H = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L}$$

 $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$

Quantization

 $\left[\widehat{\Phi},\widehat{Q}\right] = i\hbar$

Energy levels

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$
 $E_n = \hbar \omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right)$ $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

Harmonic oscillator = Qubit?



 $E_{01} = E_{12} = E_{23}$

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right)$$

Harmonic oscillator = Qubit?



Bosonic field

 $\left[a,a^{\dagger}\right] = 1$

 a^{\dagger} : Creation op.

a : Annihilation op.

Resonant on all transitions (Nonselectivity to 2-level)

Need of anharmonicity

$$E_n = \hbar \omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right)$$

Josephson junction



 $\longrightarrow U = -\int IV dt = \int \left(\frac{\hbar I_{\rm c}}{2e}\right) \sin \varphi \frac{d\varphi}{dt} dt = -E_{\rm J} \cos \varphi$

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Josephson junction





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Josephson equation



(Only) nonlinear, dissipationless inductor

$$\rightarrow \quad U = -\int IV dt = \int \left(\frac{\hbar I_{\rm c}}{2e}\right) \sin \varphi \frac{d\varphi}{dt} dt = -E_{\rm J} \cos \varphi$$

Anharmonic oscillator = Qubit



 $E_{01} > E_{12} > E_{23}$

Anharmonic oscillator = Qubit



Ever improving $T_1 \& T_2$



Ever improving $T_1 \& T_2$







Cooper-pair tunneling = 1D tight-binding model $\cos \varphi | \varphi \rangle$

$$= \left(\frac{e^{-i\varphi} + e^{i\varphi}}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\varphi N} |N\rangle$$

$$=\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty}e^{i\varphi(N-1)}|N\rangle+e^{i\varphi(N+1)}|N\rangle$$

$$=\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\left(\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty}e^{i\varphi N}|N+1\rangle+\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty}e^{i\varphi N}|N-1\rangle\right)$$

$$=\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{N'=-\infty}^{\infty}|N'+1\rangle\langle N'|+|N'-1\rangle\langle N'|\right)e^{i\varphi N}|N\rangle$$

$$=\frac{1}{2}\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty}(|N+1\rangle\langle N|+|N\rangle\langle N+1|)|\varphi\rangle$$

Cooper-pair box





$$H = 4E_{\rm C} \big(N - n_{\rm g} \big)^2 - E_{\rm J} \cos \varphi$$



Cooper-pair box

Rev. Mod. Phys. 93, 025005 (2021) Blais et al.

Large



Small

C-noise immunity

 $\xrightarrow{BE_{\rm C} \leftrightarrow (C)^{-1}} \omega_{\rm p} = \sqrt{8E_{\rm C}E_{\rm J}}$

Transmon



Transmon



Transmon



Strong coupling regime

Jaynes–Cummings Hamiltonian



Resonance:
$$\Delta \equiv \omega_{\rm q} - \omega_{\rm r} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{n\pm,\Delta=0} = \omega_{\rm r} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pm g \sqrt{n+1} \\ |\Psi_{n\pm,\Delta=0}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|{\rm g},n+1\rangle \pm |{\rm e},n\rangle) \end{cases}$$





 $g \gg \kappa, \gamma \rightarrow$ Strong coupling

Observation of vacuum Rabi splitting

Strong coupling of a single photon to a superconducting qubit using circuit quantum electrodynamics

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Observation of vacuum Rabi splitting

Climbing the Jaynes–Cummings ladder and observing its \sqrt{n} nonlinearity in a cavity QED system

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Device parameters

	Fixed-frequency		Frequency-tunable	
Company/Institution	IBM ^{*1}	RIKEN ^{*3}	Google ^{*4}	ETH ^{*6}
Number of qubits on a chip	127	64	74	17
Qubit frequency (GHz)	5.06	7.88	5.98/5.97 ^{*5}	3.95/4.73 ^{*7}
Anharmonicity (GHz)	-0.307	-0.385	-0.265	-0.177
Resonator frequency (GHz)	6.51 ^{*2}	9.44	4.79	6.98 ^{*8}
Τ ₁ (μs)	98.2	24.8	20.6	32.5
7 ₂ (μs)	93.6	32.2	30.9	47.0



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*1: https://quantum-computing.ibm.com/services/resources?system=ibm_washington (Avg. Calibrated regularly)

- *2: Nature 567, 209 (2019) Havlicek et al. (Avg. resonator freq. of a 5Q device)
- *3: Avg. of 56–63Q (depending on the parameters)
- *4: arXiv:2207.06431v2 Google Quantum AI (Avg. of 49Q)
- *5: Operating freq./Freq. at readout
- *6: Nature 605, 669 (2022) Krinner et al. (Avg. of 17Q except qubit & readout frequencies)
- *7: Idle freq./Freq. at readout. Avg. of 9Q (data qubit)
- *8: Avg. of 9Q (data qubit)

Readout in the dispersive regime

$$H_{\rm JC} = \omega_{\rm q} \frac{\sigma_z}{2} + \omega_{\rm r} a^{\dagger} a + g(\sigma_+ a + \sigma_- a^{\dagger})$$



1Q rotation gate



$$R_{y}(\varphi) = e^{-i\varphi\sigma_{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi & -\sin\varphi\\ \sin\varphi & \cos\varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

In experiments, the rotation axis is set by the LO phase

"Virtual" z-rotation is realized by shifting the LO phase

ZY decomposition

Arbitrary 1Q gates can be realized by a combination of *z* & *y* rotations

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i(\alpha - \beta/2 - \delta/2)} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} & -e^{i(\alpha - \beta/2 + \delta/2)} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} \\ e^{i(\alpha + \beta/2 - \delta/2)} \sin \frac{\gamma}{2} & e^{i(\alpha + \beta/2 + \delta/2)} \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$=e^{i\alpha}\begin{pmatrix}e^{-i\beta/2}&0\\0&e^{i\beta/2}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\cos\frac{\gamma}{2}&-\sin\frac{\gamma}{2}\\\sin\frac{\gamma}{2}&\cos\frac{\gamma}{2}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}e^{-i\delta/2}&0\\0&e^{i\delta/2}\end{pmatrix}$$

 \rightarrow Decomposition is not unique

2Q cross-resonance (CR) gate

Hamiltonian of coupled 2Q system



Rotating frame ($H_d^{rot,CR}$)

$$H_{\rm d}^{\rm rot,CR} = \omega_{\rm d} \left(\frac{\sigma_z^1}{2} + \frac{\sigma_z^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\Delta_{qq} \equiv \omega_{q1} - \omega_{q2}$$
$$\Delta_{qq} \gg J$$
$$\Omega_{CR} = \frac{E_q(t)J}{\Delta_{qq}}$$

$$\longrightarrow H_{2q}^{\text{rot}} = \left(\omega_{q1} - \omega_{d} + \frac{J^2}{\Delta_{qq}}\right) \frac{\sigma_z^1}{2} + \left(\omega_{q2} - \omega_{d} - \frac{J^2}{\Delta_{qq}}\right) \frac{\sigma_z^2}{2} + E_q(t)\sigma_x^1 + \Omega_{CR}\sigma_z^1\sigma_x^2$$

Similar to 1Q gate

CNOT from CR

$$\omega_{\rm d} = \omega_{\rm q2} - \frac{J^2}{\Delta_{\rm qq}} \longrightarrow H_{\rm d}^{\rm rot} = \Omega_{\rm CR} \sigma_z^1 \sigma_x^2$$

$$\longrightarrow U_{\rm CR}(\theta = \Omega_{\rm CR}\tau) = e^{-iH_{\rm d}^{\rm rot}\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -i\sin\theta & 0 & 0\\ -i\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \cos\theta & i\sin\theta\\ 0 & 0 & i\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



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Pauli erro

 10^{-2}

Pauli and measurement errors

Average error	Isolated	Simultaneous	
Single-qubit (e ₁)	0.15%	0.16%	
Two-qubit (e ₂)	0.36%	0.62%	
Two-qubit, cycle (e _{2c})	0.65%	0.93%	
Readout (e _r)	3.1%	3.8%	





Laser speckle



Successive application of random 1Q & 2Q gates results in a reproducible (if no errors) but complicated interference pattern that is, for sufficiently many qubits and gates, intractable by classical computers

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speckle_(interference)





$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{XEB}} = 2^n \langle P(x_i) \rangle_i - 1$$

- $1 \rightarrow$ no error, $0 \rightarrow$ any error
- $P(x_i)$ computed by classical computers
- Average over many trials





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The race goes on

Quantum vs. Classical, Quantum vs. Quantum

Lidelity

 10^{-3}

10⁻⁴ – 15



"The computational cost of the classical simulation of this task is estimated to be 2–3 orders of magnitude higher than the previous work on 53-qubit Sycamore processor" Solving the Sampling Problem of the Sycamore Quantum Circuits

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"If our algorithm could be implemented with high efficiency on a modern supercomputer with ExaFLOPS performance, we estimate that ideally, the simulation would cost a few dozens of seconds, which is faster than Google's quantum hardware"

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Realizing repeated quantum error correction in a <u>distance-three</u> surface code

9 (= d^2) data qubits, 8 (= d^2 -1) auxiliary qubits, 1 (= [(d-1)/2]) correctable error

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- Logical state |0⟩_L, |1⟩_L, |±⟩_L = (|0⟩_L ± |1⟩_L)/√2 preparation
 → Prepare |0⟩^{⊗9}, X_L|0⟩^{⊗9}, |+⟩^{⊗9}, Z_L|+⟩^{⊗9} & run the QEC cycle once (w/o meas.)
- "Leakage" detection/rejection in every cycle



- Error correction in postprocessing
- With $x \approx 2$, "break-even" may be achieved

Summary and references

- Quantum computation and quantum error correction
 - The key ingredients of QC are quantum parallelism and quantum interference, which are both susceptible to noise
 - QEC protects quantum states by creating larger quantum states, and detects errors via parity measurements without destroying them
- Superconducting qubits
 - Circuit QED offers a scalable approach to quantum computing in the microwave domain, as recently demonstrated by various research groups & companies worldwide
 - My symposium talk
- " "Quantum Computation and Quantum Information"
 - Michael A. Nielsen & Isaac L. Chuang (Cambridge University Press, 2000)
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