

Quantum Information Science (QIS)

Dr. Boris Kiefer, Lecture 1

Quantum Computing Quantum Communication Quantum Sensing

QIS exploits quantum principles to transform how information is acquired, encoded, manipulated, and applied. QIS encompasses quantum computing, quantum communication, and quantum sensing.

1. QIS employs quantum mechanics, a well-tested theory that uses the mathematics of probability, vectors, algebra, and linear transformations to describe the physical world.
2. QIS combines information theory and computer science.
3. QIS demonstrated impact on high-impact technologies, such as GPS which depends on the extreme precision of atomic clocks.

What have we learned so far?

- **Quantum States.**
- **Measurements.**
- **Qubits.**
- **Entanglement.**
- Decoherence.
- Quantum Computers.
- Quantum Communication.
- Quantum Sensing.

- **Quantum States.**

A quantum state is a mathematical representation of a physical system, such as an atom, and provides the basis for processing quantum information.

1. Quantum states are represented by vectors in an abstract space,

$$|0 \rangle, |1 \rangle$$
$$|\Psi \rangle = a_0|0 \rangle + a_1|1 \rangle; a_0^2 + a_1^2 = 1$$

2. The direction of a quantum state vector determines the probabilities of all possible outcomes of a measurement. This captures a behavior that cannot solely be captured by the arithmetic of probability.

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- **Quantum States.**

3. Quantum systems are fragile. For instance, measurement almost always disturbs a quantum system in a way that cannot be ignored. This fragility influences the design of computational algorithms, communication, and sensing protocols. For example, the orientation of the state vector before and after measurement may differ: projection erases any non-parallel components to the state vector after measurement. May be one of the most succinct expressions of this statement is the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, for applied to position and linear momentum ($p = mv$):

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

Therefore, the smaller the desired uncertainty in location (smaller Δx), the larger the corresponding uncertainty in momentum (Δp , direction and magnitude).

- **Measurements.**

Quantum applications are designed to carefully manipulate fragile quantum systems without observation to increase the probability that the final measurement will provide the intended result.

1. A measurement is an interaction with the quantum system that transforms a state with multiple possible outcomes into a “collapsed” state that now has only one outcome: the measured outcome.
2. A quantum state determines the probability of the outcome of a single quantum measurement, but one outcome rarely reveals complete information of the system.
3. Repeated measurements on identically prepared quantum systems are required to determine more complete information about the (quantum) state.
4. Because of the limitations of quantum measurements (providing only partial information and disturbing the system), quantum states cannot be copied or duplicated.

- **Measurement.**

$$|\Psi\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle; a_0^2 + a_1^2 = 1$$

and the probability to observe the system in one of the two possible states is:

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle &: |a_0|^2 \\ |1\rangle &: |a_1|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$M_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$Pr[|0\rangle] = |M_0|\Psi\rangle|^2 = \langle \Psi|M_0^\dagger M_0|\Psi\rangle$$

with results in the new quantum state:

$$|\Psi'\rangle = \frac{M_0|\Psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Psi|M_0^\dagger M_0|\Psi\rangle}}$$

- **Qubits.**

The qubit is the fundamental unit of quantum information, and is encoded in a physical system, such as polarization states of light, energy states of an atom, or spin states of an electron.

1. Unlike a classical bit, a qubit represents information in a superposition, or vector sum that incorporates two mutually exclusive quantum states.
2. At a particular moment in time a , a set of N classical bits can only exist in 2^N possible states, but a set of N qubits can exist in a superposition of all these states. This capability allows quantum information to be stored and processed in ways that would be difficult or impossible to do classically.
3. Multiple qubits can be entangled, where the measurement outcome of one qubit is correlated with the measurement outcomes of the others.

- **Qubits.**

Example: 3 Qubit States:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the quantum mechanical version, linear combination of these states are allowed:

$$a_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_6 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sum |a_i|^2 = 1$$

- **Entanglement**

Entanglement, an inseparable relationship between multiple qubits, is a key property of quantum systems necessary for obtaining a quantum advantage in most QIS applications.

1. When multiple quantum systems in superposition are entangled, their measurement outcomes are correlated. Entanglement can cause correlations that are different from what is possible in classical systems.
2. An entangled quantum system of multiple qubits cannot be described solely by specifying an individual quantum state for each qubit.
3. Quantum technologies rely on entanglement in different ways. When a fragile entangled state is maintained, a computational advantage can be realized. The extreme sensitivity of entangled states, however, can enhance sensing and communication.

- **Entanglement: Bell States**

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

Let's try to write this as a tensor product of two single qubits:

$$|a\rangle = a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle$$

$$|b\rangle = b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle$$

$$|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle = a_0b_0|00\rangle + a_1b_0|10\rangle + a_0b_1|01\rangle + a_1b_1|11\rangle$$

and we compare the coefficients, one-by-one:

$$a_0b_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$a_1b_0 = 0$$

$$a_0b_1 = 0$$

$$a_1b_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- **Entanglement: Bell States**

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$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

Entangled States realize state correlations between quantum objects, regardless of distance: Teleportation,...

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• Entanglement: Creating a Bell State

Therefore, the question arises how to generate an entangled state? Let's assume that we can initialize a unique state, say $|0\rangle$. First we generate a superposition state by applying a Hadamard gate to this state:

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

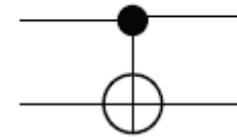
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$$\begin{aligned} |s\rangle &= H|0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) |0\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

or in matrix notation:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Entanglement: Creating a Bell State**



$$\text{CNOT} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

now we have to apply a “disruptive” step that entangles this state with a well-defined second qubit, that we assume to be in state $|0\rangle$. So, the current state of the system is:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

Since this state was generated as a tensor product, it is clearly not entangled.

How does this state transform if we apply a CNOT operation:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \\ \text{CNOT} &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes X \\ &= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes (|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|) + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes (|1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1|) \\ &= |00\rangle\langle 00| + |01\rangle\langle 01| + |11\rangle\langle 10| + |10\rangle\langle 11| \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\rightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\rightarrow |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\rightarrow |11\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\rightarrow |10\rangle \end{aligned}$$

and the matrix representation is of CNOT is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, we can apply CNOT to our superposition state:

$$\begin{aligned} &CNOT \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |10\rangle) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = |\Phi^+\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Entangled State = CNOT * Hadamard * |0>

(Standard procedure after initialization of qubits to create entangled states).

- **Decoherence.**

For quantum information applications to be successfully completed, fragile quantum states must be preserved, or kept coherent.

1. Decoherence erodes superposition and entanglement of undesired interaction with the surrounding environment. Uncontrolled radiation, including light, vibration, heat, or magnetic fields, can all cause decoherence.
2. Some types of qubits are inherently isolated, whereas others require carefully engineered materials to maintain their coherence.
3. High decoherence rates limit the length and complexity of quantum computations; implementing methods that correct errors can mitigate these errors.

- **Quantum Computers.**

Quantum computers, which use qubits and quantum operations, will solve certain complex computational problems more efficiently than classical computers.

1. Qubits can represent information compactly; more information can be stored and processed using 100 qubits than the largest conceivable classical supercomputer.
2. Quantum data can be kept in a superposition of exponentially many classical states during processing, giving quantum computers a significant speed advantage for certain computations such as factoring large numbers (exponential speed-up) and performing searches (quadratic speed-up). However, there is no speed advantage for many other types of computations.
3. A fault tolerant quantum computer corrects all errors that occur during quantum computation, including those arising from decoherence, but error correction requires significantly more resources than the original computation.

Quantum Computers – Gates.

GATE	CIRCUIT REPRESENTATION	MATRIX REPRESENTATION	TRUTH TABLE	BLOCH SPHERE						
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X gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about the x-axis.		$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 0⟩</td><td> 1⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 1⟩</td><td> 0⟩</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	0⟩	1⟩	1⟩	0⟩	
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S gate: rotates the qubit state by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians (90°) about the z-axis.		$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 0⟩</td><td> 0⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 1⟩</td><td>$e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} 1\rangle$</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	0⟩	0⟩	1⟩	$e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} 1\rangle$	
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T gate: rotates the qubit state by $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians (45°) about the z-axis.		$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 0⟩</td><td> 0⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 1⟩</td><td>$e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} 1\rangle$</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	0⟩	0⟩	1⟩	$e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} 1\rangle$	
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H gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about an axis diagonal in the x-z plane. This is equivalent to an X-gate followed by a $\frac{\pi}{2}$ rotation about the y-axis.		$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 0⟩</td><td>$\frac{ 0\rangle + 1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$</td></tr> <tr><td> 1⟩</td><td>$\frac{ 0\rangle - 1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	0⟩	$\frac{ 0\rangle + 1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$	1⟩	$\frac{ 0\rangle - 1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$	
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Controlled-NOT gate: apply an X-gate to the target qubit if the control qubit is in state 1⟩		$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 00⟩</td><td> 00⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 01⟩</td><td> 01⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 10⟩</td><td> 11⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 11⟩</td><td> 10⟩</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	00⟩	00⟩	01⟩	01⟩	10⟩	11⟩	11⟩	10⟩
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Controlled-phase gate: apply a Z-gate to the target qubit if the control qubit is in state 1⟩		$CPHASE = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Input</th><th>Output</th></tr> <tr><td> 00⟩</td><td> 00⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 01⟩</td><td> 01⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 10⟩</td><td> 10⟩</td></tr> <tr><td> 11⟩</td><td>$- 11\rangle$</td></tr> </table>	Input	Output	00⟩	00⟩	01⟩	01⟩	10⟩	10⟩	11⟩	$- 11\rangle$
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- **Quantum Computers – Universal Gate Sets**

A common universal quantum gate set is

$$\mathcal{G}_0 = \{X_\theta, Y_\theta, Z_\theta, \text{Ph}_\theta, \text{CNOT}\} \quad (71)$$

where $\text{Ph}_\theta = e^{i\theta} \mathbb{1}$ applies an overall phase θ to a single qubit. For completeness we mention another universal gate set which is of particular interest from a theoretical perspective, namely

$$\mathcal{G}_1 = \{H, S, T, \text{CNOT}\}, \quad (72)$$

- **Quantum Communication.**

Quantum communication uses entanglement or a transmission channel, such as an optical fiber, to transfer quantum information between different locations.

1. Quantum teleportation is a protocol that uses entanglement to destroy quantum information at one location and recreate it at a second site, without transferring physical qubits.
2. Quantum cryptography enhances privacy based on quantum physical principles and cannot be circumvented. Due to the fragility of quantum systems, an eavesdropper's interloping measurement will almost always be detected.

- # Quantum Sensing.

Quantum sensing uses quantum states to detect and measure physical properties with the highest precision allowed by quantum mechanics.

1. The Heisenberg uncertainty principle describes a fundamental limit in simultaneous measuring two specific, separate attributes. “Squeezing” deliberately sacrifices the certainty of measuring one attribute in order to achieve higher precision in measuring the other attribute; for example squeezing is used in LIGO to improve the sensitivity to gravitational waves.
2. Quantum sensors take advantage of the fact that physical qubits are extremely sensitive their surroundings. The same fragility that leads to rapid decoherence enables precise sensors. Examples include magnetometers, single-photon detectors, and atomic clocks for improvement of medical imaging, navigation, position, and timing.
3. Quantum sensing has vastly improved the precision and accuracy of measurements of fundamental constants, freeing the International System of Units from its dependence on one-of-a-kind artifacts. Measurement units are now defined through these fundamental constants, like the speed of light and Planck’s constant.

Chapter 13.7: (The Physics and Engineering Behind) Building Quantum Computers

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From Concept to (Quantum)Computer

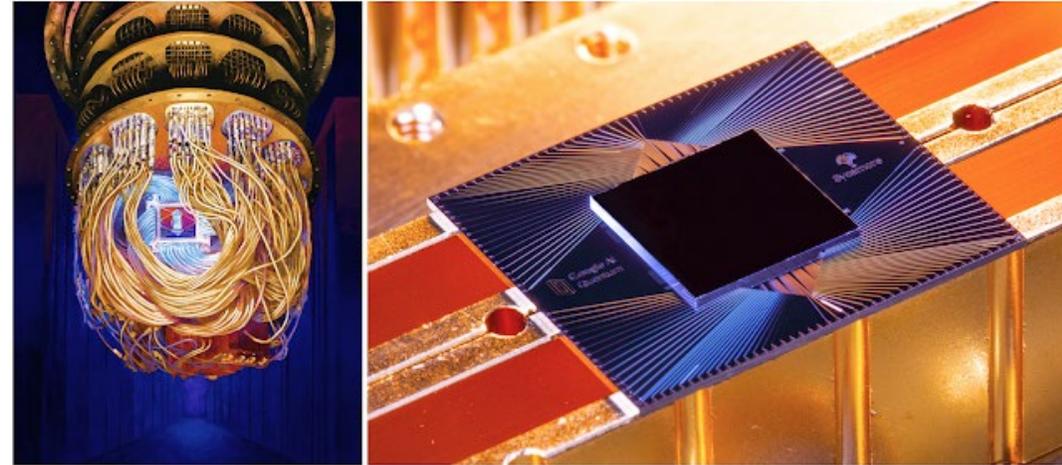
DiVincenzo criteria for qubit design (DiVincenzo, 2000):

- Scalable system with well-characterized qubits.
- Ability to initialize qubits.
- Stability of qubits.
- Support of universal computation.
- Ability to measure qubits.

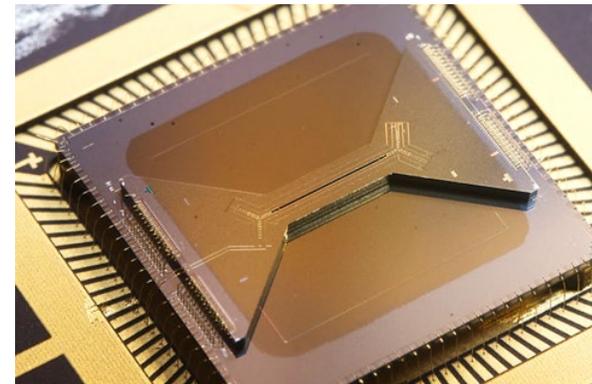
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$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi(x, t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}} |\psi(x, 0)\rangle$$



Google: Sycamore processor



SNL: ion trap

Quantum Mechanical Objects

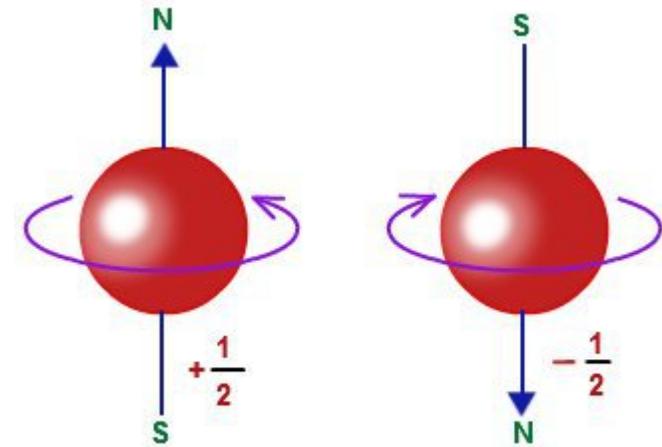
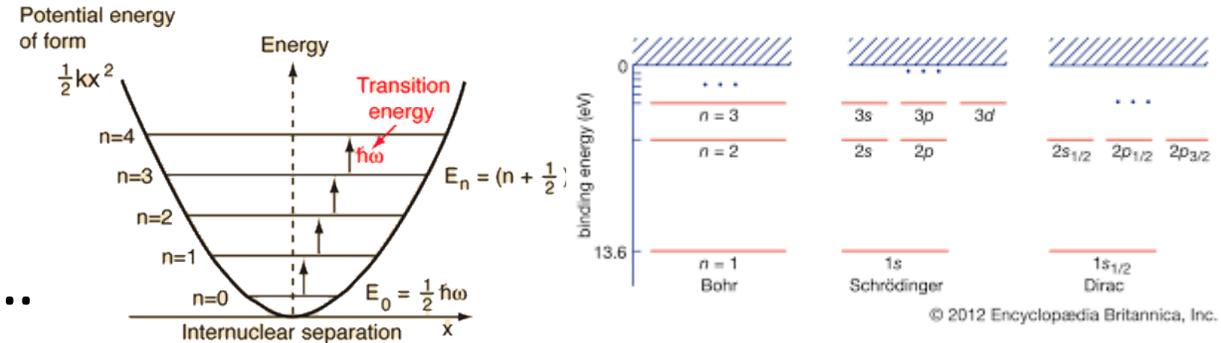
Quantization energy states.

Spin: No classical analog
Electronic, nuclear, defects...

Time evolution: unitary operator.

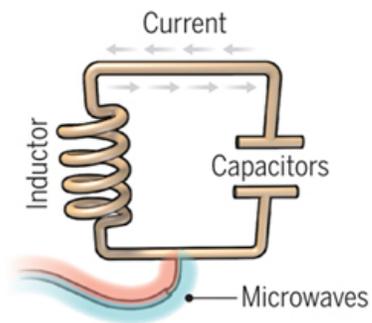
Superconductivity:
Macroscopic Quantum States.
Cooper-pairs.
Josephson Junction.

In general: Low Temperatures.



A bit of the action

In the race to build a quantum computer, companies are pursuing many types of quantum bits, or qubits, each with its own strengths and weaknesses.



Superconducting loops

A resistance-free current oscillates back and forth around a circuit loop. An injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states.

Longevity (seconds)

0.00005

Logic success rate

99.4%

Number entangled

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Company support

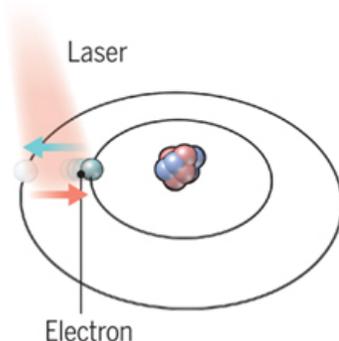
Google, IBM, Quantum Circuits

+ Pros

Fast working. Build on existing semiconductor industry.

- Cons

Collapse easily and must be kept cold.



Trapped ions

Electrically charged atoms, or ions, have quantum energies that depend on the location of electrons. Tuned lasers cool and trap the ions, and put them in superposition states.

>1000

99.9%

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ionQ

Very stable. Highest achieved gate fidelities.

Slow operation. Many lasers are needed.



Silicon quantum dots

These "artificial atoms" are made by adding an electron to a small piece of pure silicon. Microwaves control the electron's quantum state.

0.03

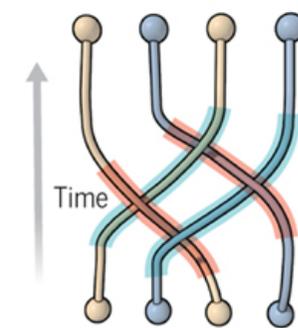
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Intel

Stable. Build on existing semiconductor industry.

Only a few entangled. Must be kept cold.



Topological qubits

Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semiconductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.

N/A

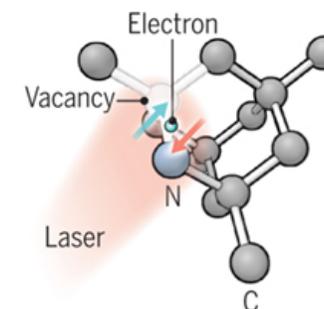
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Microsoft, Bell Labs

Greatly reduce errors.

Existence not yet confirmed.



Diamond vacancies

A nitrogen atom and a vacancy add an electron to a diamond lattice. Its quantum spin state, along with those of nearby carbon nuclei, can be controlled with light.

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99.2%

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Quantum Diamond Technologies

Can operate at room temperature.

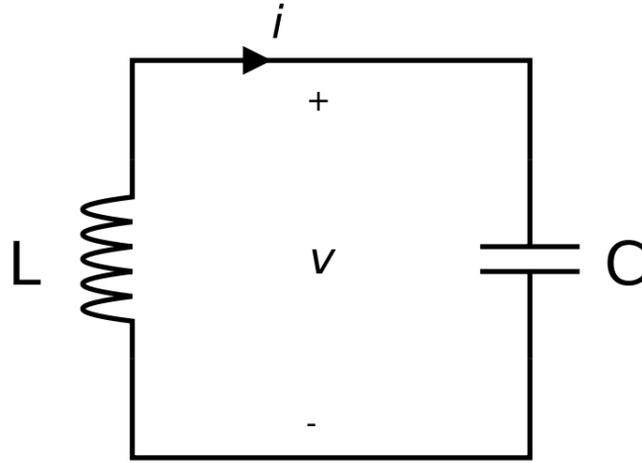
Difficult to entangle.

Note: Longevity is the record coherence time for a single qubit superposition state, logic success rate is the highest reported gate fidelity for logic operations on two qubits, and number entangled is the maximum number of qubits entangled and capable of performing two-qubit operations.

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Quantum – LC Circuit

Low temperature



$$\phi \rightarrow \hat{\phi}$$

$$q \rightarrow \hat{q}$$

$$H \rightarrow \hat{H} = \frac{\hat{\phi}^2}{2L} + \frac{\hat{q}^2}{2C}$$

and enforcing the canonical commutation relation

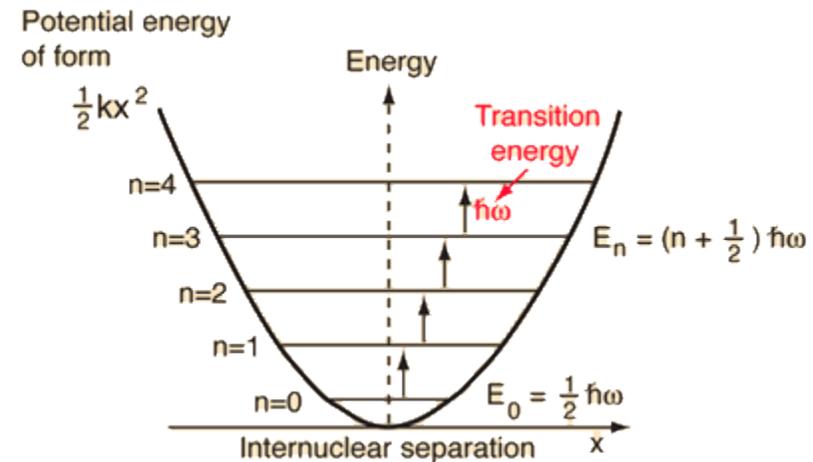
$$[\hat{\phi}, \hat{q}] = i\hbar$$

$$H = \frac{\phi^2}{2L} + \frac{1}{2}L\omega^2 Q^2$$

where Q is the charge operator, and ϕ represents the energy stored in a capacitor.
independent Schrödinger equation,

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

$$E\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2L}\nabla^2\psi + \frac{1}{2}L\omega^2 Q^2\psi$$



Creating Anharmonicity

Superconductors – Foundations

Superconductors:

Discovered, 1911 by Kamerlingh Onnes.

Type-I superconductors:

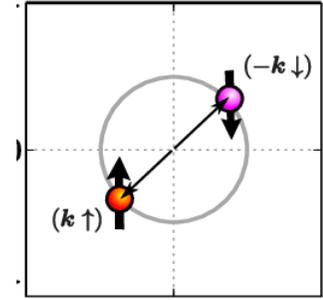
Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer theory:

2 electrons form bound state (mediated by crystal lattice motion):

electron + electron + lattice => bound electron-electron state (Cooper-pair).

electron = fermion

Cooper-pair = boson

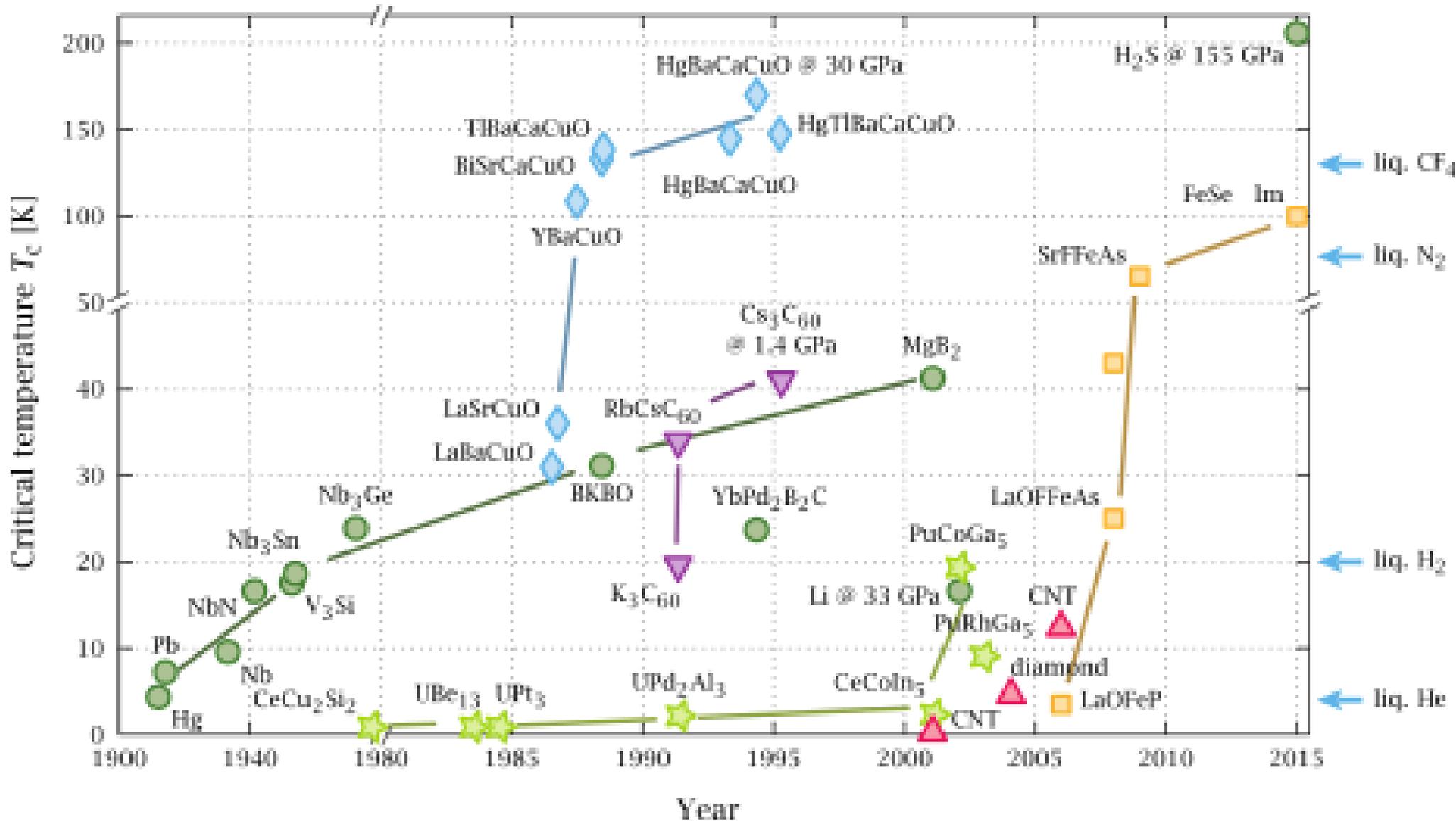


Bosons:

Any number of bosons can occupy the same quantum state.

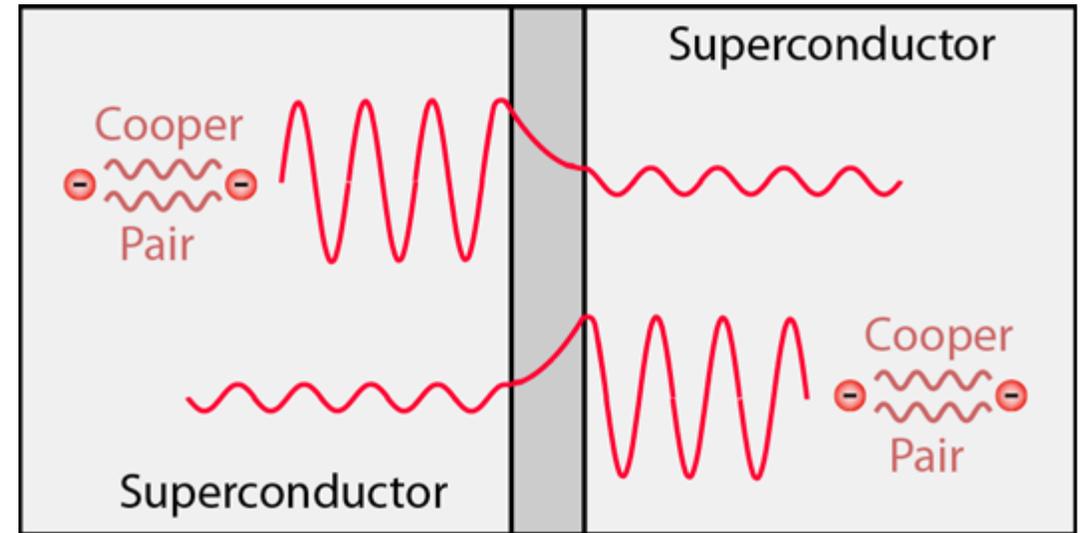
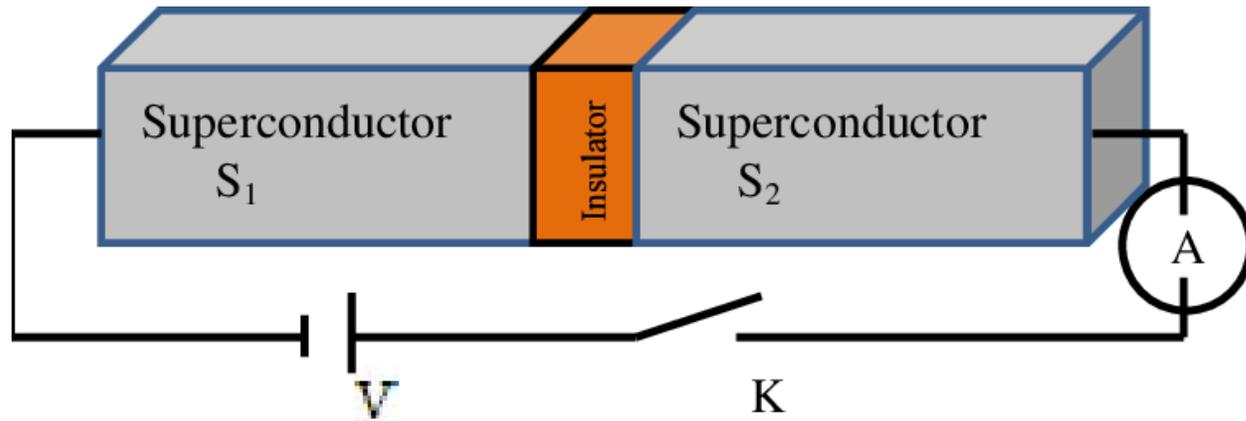
=> Perfect conductor in stability range: zero resistance, NO losses.

Superconductors – Temperature Range



Superconductors – Macroscopic Effects

Josephson Junction (JJ)



Tunneling of Cooper-pairs generates supercurrent.

Superconductors – Josephson Junctions

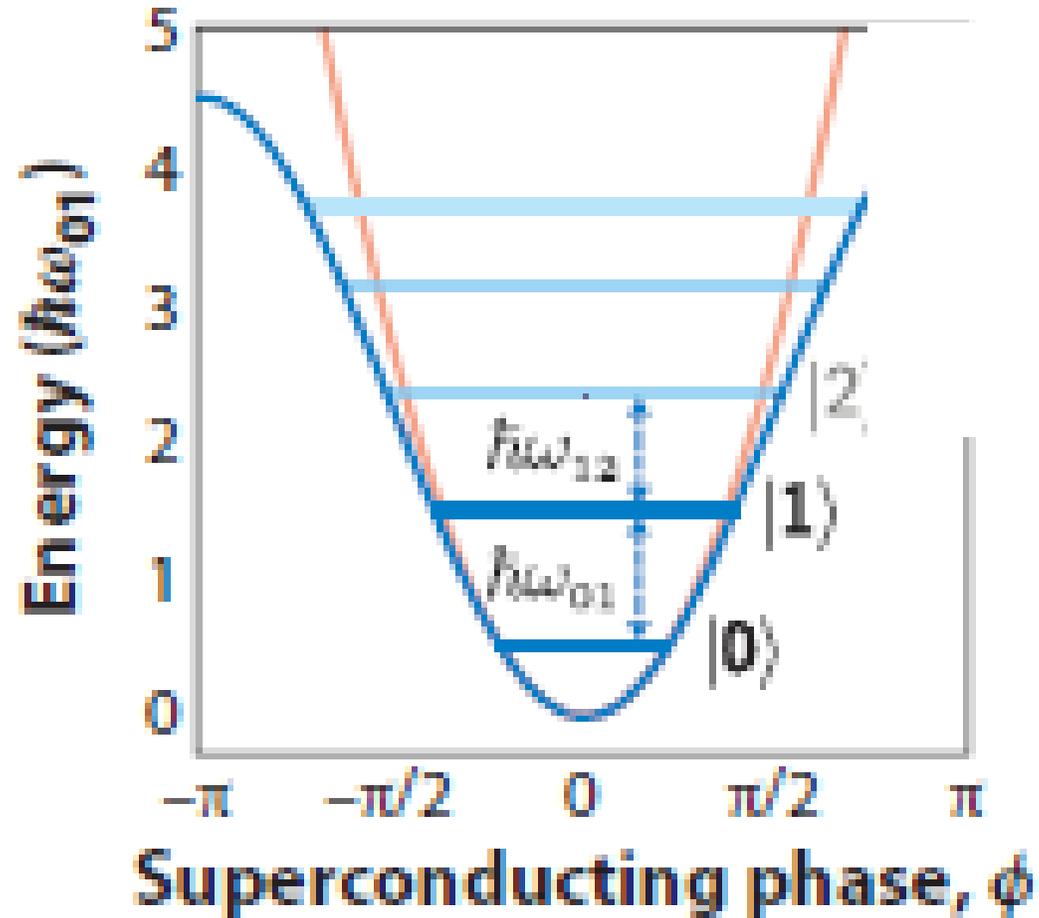
Anharmonicity

Quantum LC Circuit:

- Equally spaced energies.
- Selection of well-defined qubits is impossible.

Anharmonic potential:

- NON-equal level spacing.
- Selection of unique qubit possible.



Superconductors – Macroscopic Effects

Josephson Junctions

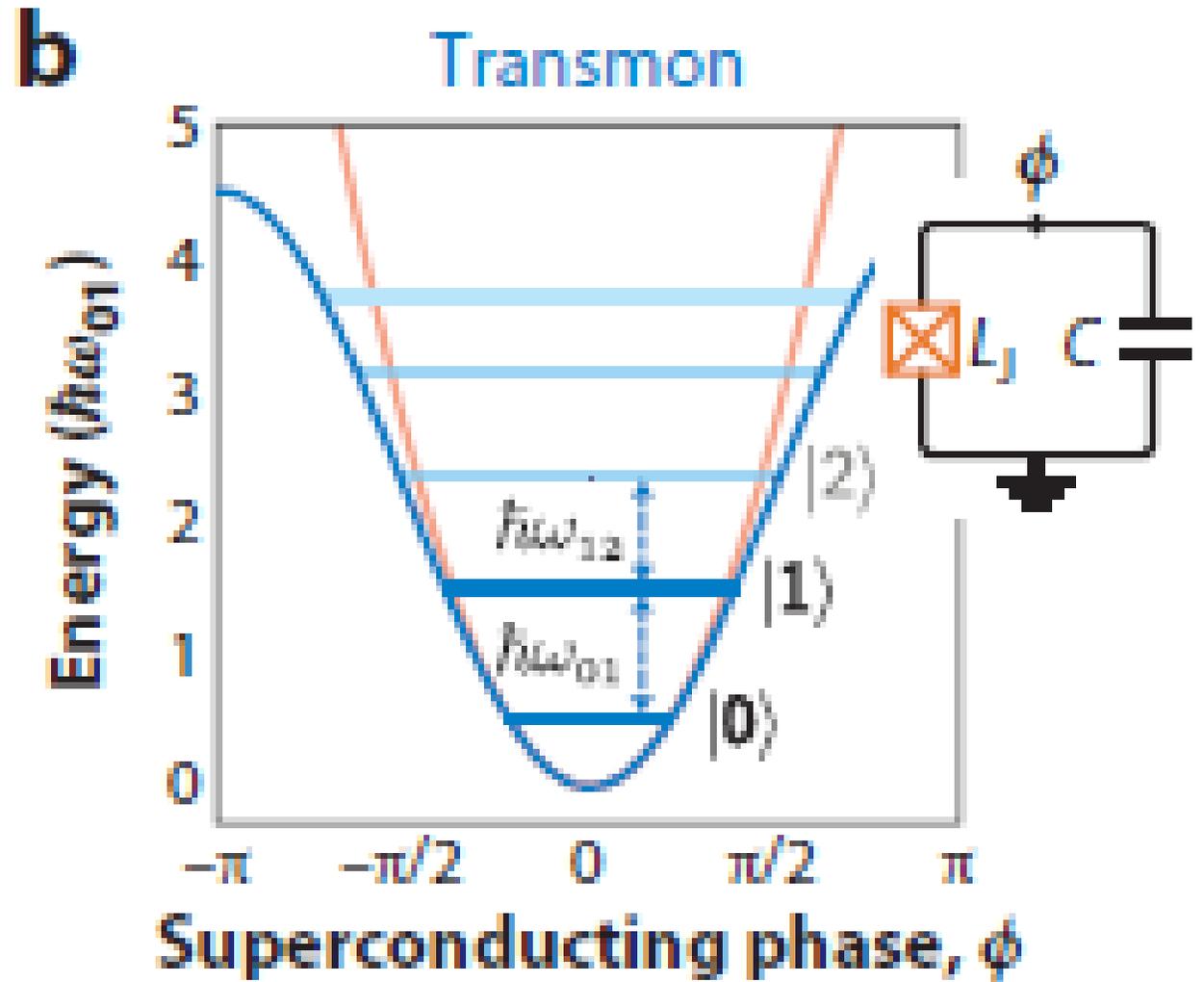
Anharmonic potential:

- NON-equal level spacing.
- Selection of unique qubit possible.

Sensitive to environmental Noise

“Buffer” with capacitor (“C”).

Reduces anharmonicity.



Superconducting 1 Qubit Gates

Supercurrent

→ can bias with an external applied current.

Spins

→ can bias with external magnetic field.

$$H = \frac{\bar{Q}(t)^2}{2C_\Sigma} + \frac{\Phi^2}{2L} + \frac{C_d}{C_\Sigma} V_d(t) \bar{Q}, \quad (74)$$

Superconducting Qubit/Transmon

Microwave drive

$$H = \underbrace{-\frac{\omega_q}{2} \sigma_z}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\Omega V_d(t) \sigma_y}_{H_d} \quad (78)$$

$$\sigma_Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Superconducting 1 Qubit Gates

$$\tilde{H}_d = -\frac{\Omega}{2}V_0s(t) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i(\delta\omega t + \phi)} \\ e^{-i(\delta\omega t + \phi)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (90)$$

Superconducting gates are implemented in the time domain.

Consider the interaction part of the Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i(\delta\omega t + \phi)} \\ e^{-i(\delta\omega t + \phi)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Logical operation: must have physical effect $\Rightarrow |0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$

Superconducting 2 Qubit Gates

Connecting TWO transmon qubits leads to a new interaction term:

$$H_{\text{qq}} = g (\sigma^+ \sigma^- + \sigma^- \sigma^+) = \frac{g}{2} (\sigma_x \sigma_x + \sigma_y \sigma_y). \quad (107)$$

Using time evolution, we can generate 2 qubit gates.

Superconducting 2 Qubit Gates

$$XY[t] = e^{-i \frac{g}{2} (\sigma_x \sigma_x + \sigma_y \sigma_y) t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(gt) & -i \sin(gt) & 0 \\ 0 & -i \sin(gt) & \cos(gt) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

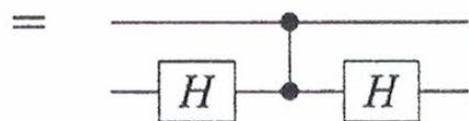
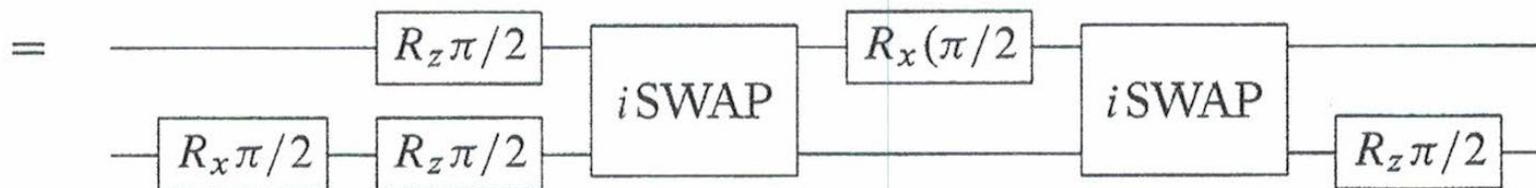
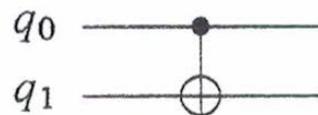
$$XY[\pi/2g] = i\text{SWAP} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The $\sqrt{i\text{SWAP}}$ gate, which is equivalent to $XY[\frac{\pi}{4g}]$, is sometimes useful as well.

Superconducting 2 Qubit Gate

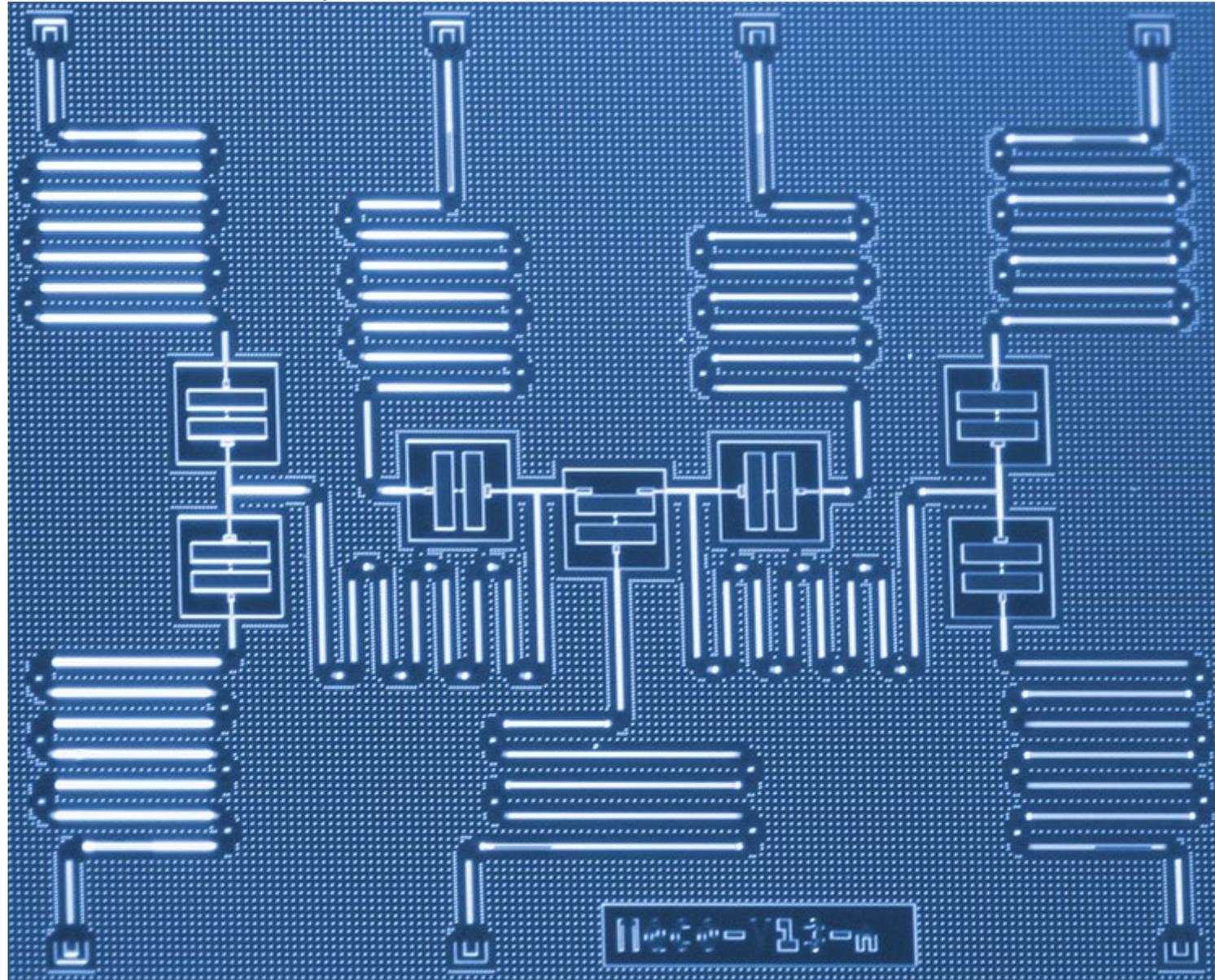
$$CZ_{\theta} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-i\theta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Both the i SWAP and the CZ gates are useful primitives, as they can be used to implement the CNOT gate:



**Gates are engineered through the sequence of a several operations
In time domain.**

Quantum Processor



Quantum Information Science (QIS)

Dr. Boris Kiefer, Lecture 2

Quantum Computing Quantum Communication Quantum Sensing

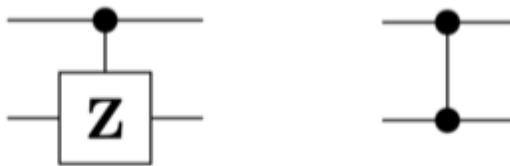
QIS exploits quantum principles to transform how information is acquired, encoded, manipulated, and applied. QIS encompasses quantum computing, quantum communication, and quantum sensing.

1. QIS employs quantum mechanics, a well-tested theory that uses the mathematics of probability, vectors, algebra, and linear transformations to describe the physical world.
2. QIS combines information theory and computer science.
3. QIS demonstrated impact on high-impact technologies, such as GPS which depends on the extreme precision of atomic clocks.

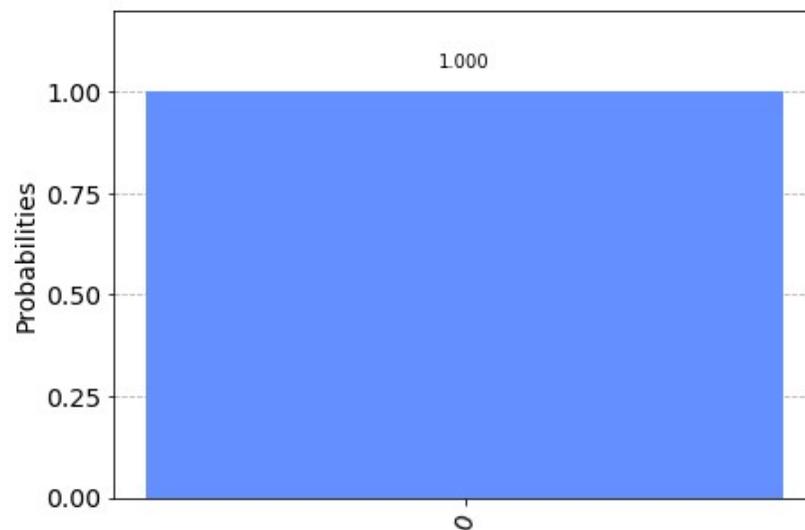
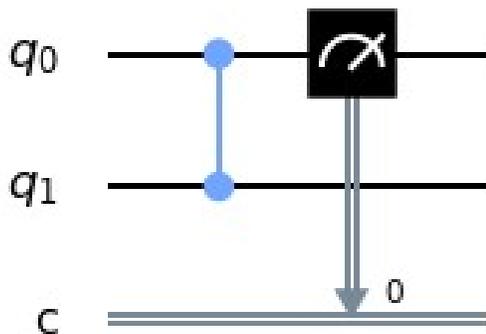
Testing Superconducting Qubits; IBM-Q; CZ-Gate

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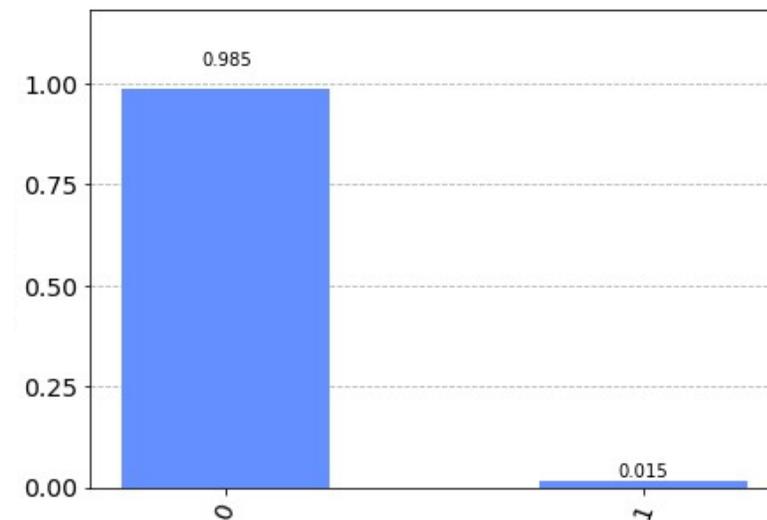
Controlled Z (CZ)



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Simulator (*Qasm_simulator*):
100% probability to measure
 $|1\rangle$



Hardware
(*ibmq_16_melbourne*): about
a 98% probability to measure
 $|0\rangle$

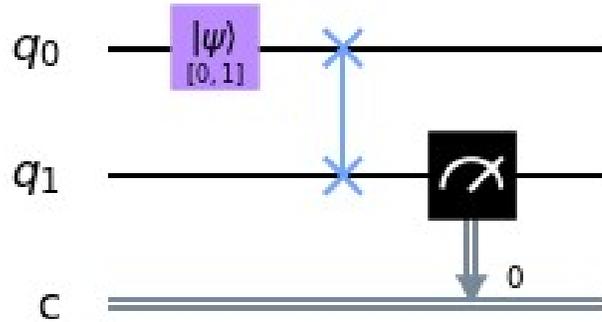
Both q_0 and q_1 are in the state $|0\rangle$ by default. In this case we see the state $|0\rangle$ regardless of which qubit we measure, since CZ only induces a phase flip.

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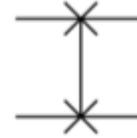
Testing Superconducting Qubits; IBM-Q; SWAP-Gate

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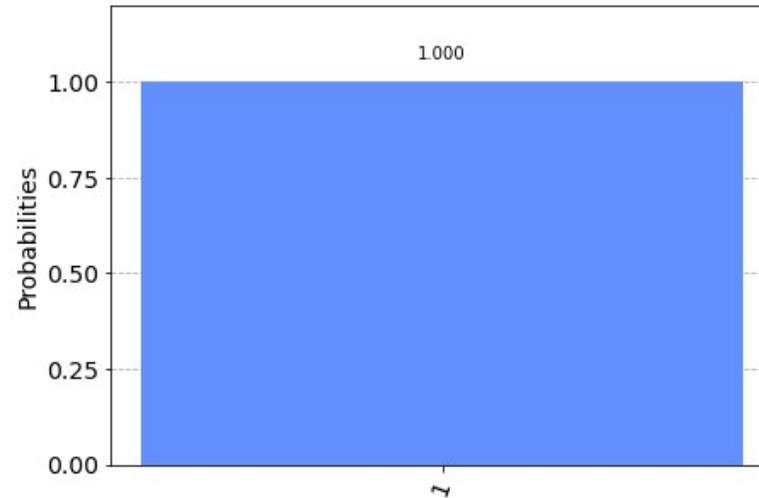
SWAP



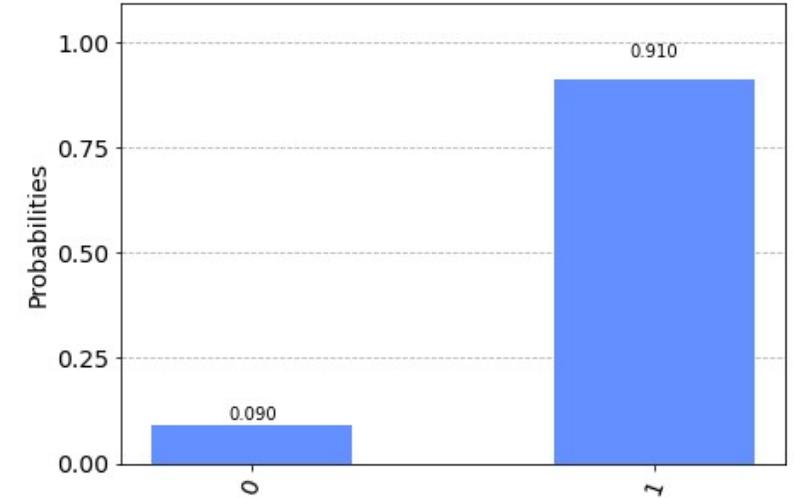
q_0 is initialized in the state $|1\rangle$, we apply a swap gate and measure q_1 . We indeed measure the state 1 after swapping



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



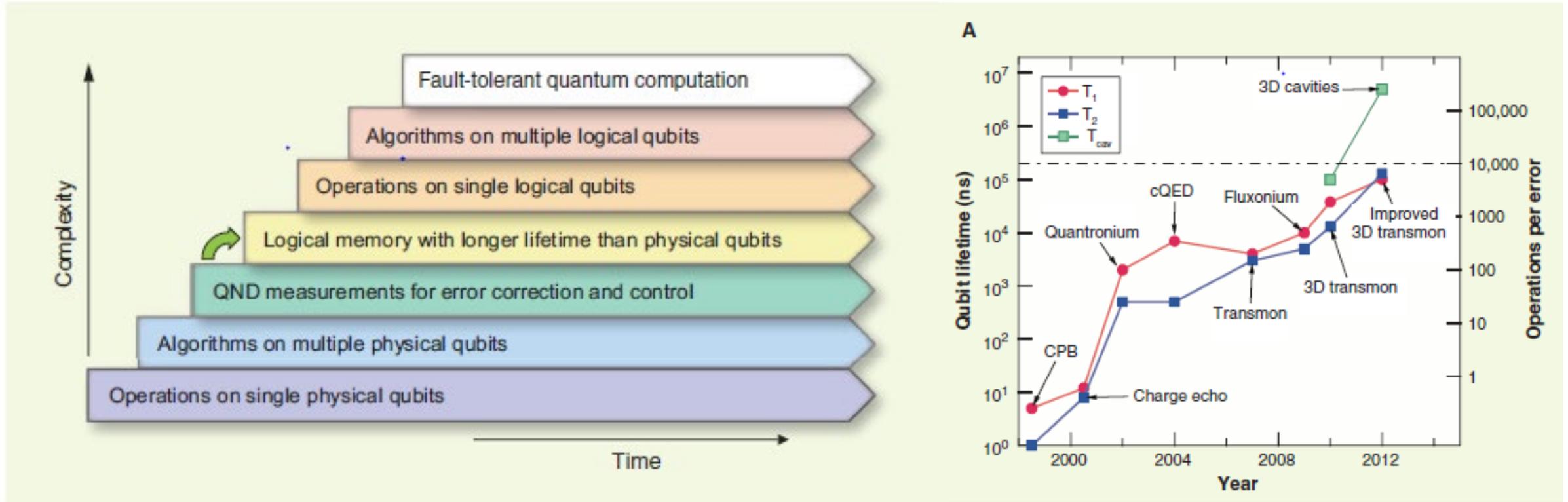
Simulator (*Qasm_simulator*):
100% probability to measure $|1\rangle$



Hardware (*ibmq_16_melbourne*): about a 91% probability to measure $|1\rangle$

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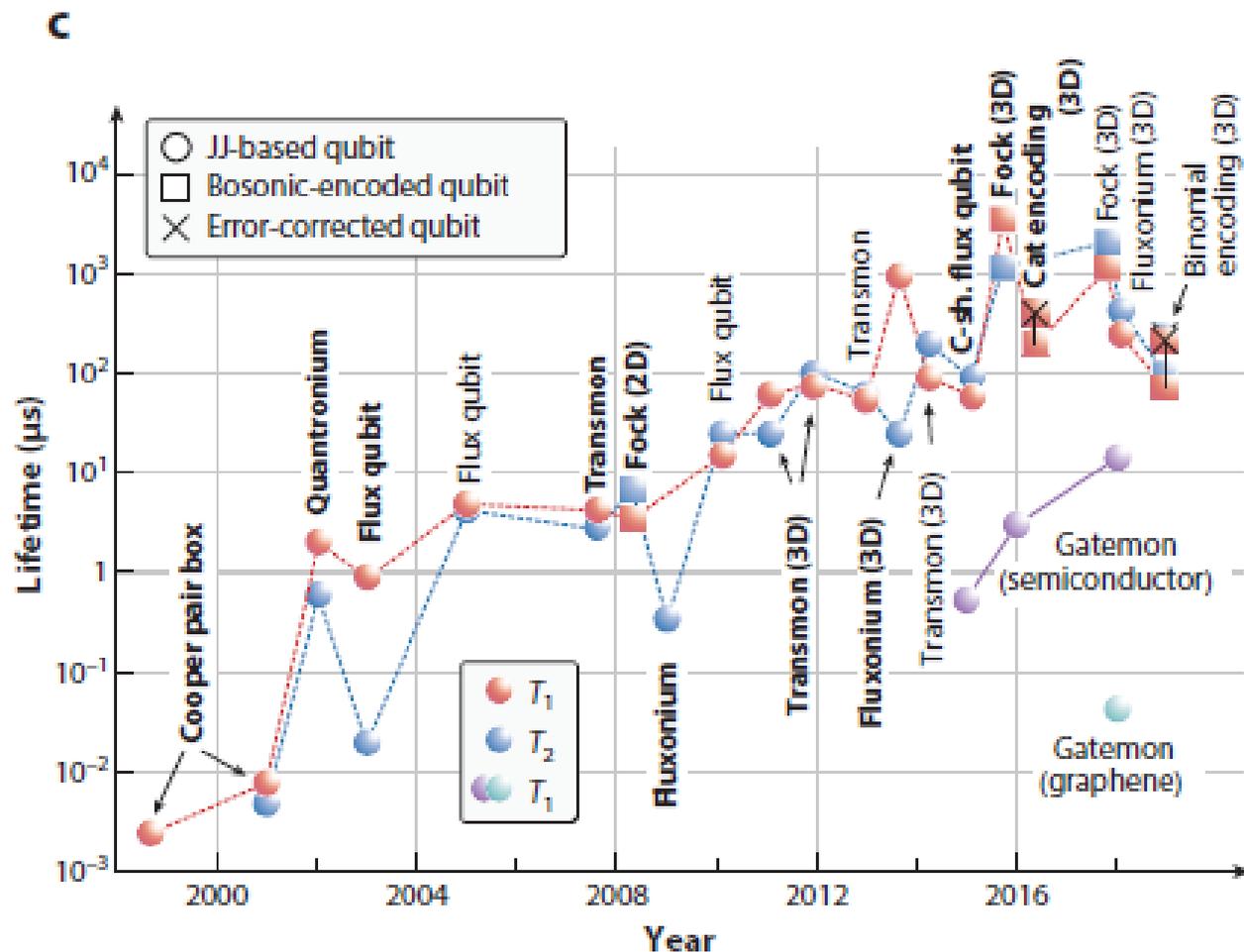
Superconducting Qubits - 2013



2013: $N \sim 2000$, crucial to reach stage 4: quantum error correction requires that qubits can be monitored at a rate faster than the occurring error.

Superconducting Qubits – 2019

$10^3 \mu\text{s}$



2013: ~ 2000

10^5 ns

$= 100 \mu\text{s}$

$\sim 10^4$ operations

2019:

$= 1000 \mu\text{s}$

$\sim 10^5$ operations

Hamiltonian Engineering:

$$H = \underbrace{-\frac{\omega_q}{2}\sigma_z}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\Omega V_d(t)\sigma_y}_{H_d}$$

Cross-talk Noise reduction

Application

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- **Step a)** Random state to be teleported:

$$|q\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

- **Step b)** Alice and Bob each hold a qubit of the entangled Bell state:

$$H \otimes |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

$$C_{not} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle \right) = C_{not} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle) \right)$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

 Unentangled two-qubit state

 Entangled two-qubit Bell State

- **Step c)** Applying a CNOT gate followed by a Hadamard gate, the three-qubit entangled system becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} (H \otimes I \otimes I)(C_{not} \otimes I)(|q\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle) &= (H \otimes I \otimes I)(C_{not} \otimes I) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a|000\rangle + a|011\rangle + b|100\rangle + b|111\rangle) \right) \\ &= (H \otimes I \otimes I) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a|000\rangle + a|011\rangle + b|110\rangle + b|101\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(a(|000\rangle + |011\rangle + |100\rangle + |111\rangle) + b(|010\rangle + |001\rangle - |110\rangle - |101\rangle)) \end{aligned}$$

- **Step d & e)** The state is separated into four states and sent to Bob, which he uses to decode:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) \\ &\quad + |01\rangle(a|1\rangle + b|0\rangle) \\ &\quad + |10\rangle(a|0\rangle - b|1\rangle) \\ &\quad + |11\rangle(a|1\rangle - b|0\rangle)) \end{aligned}$$

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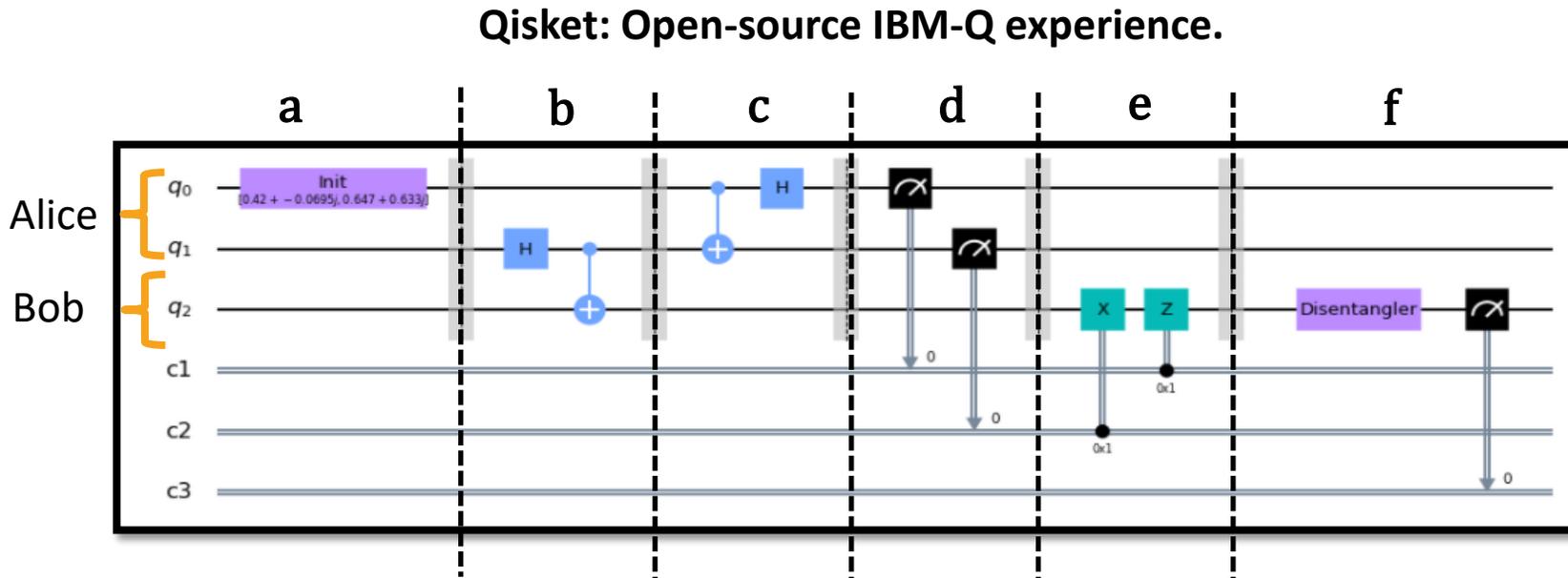
Bob's State	Bits Received	Gate Applied
$(a 0\rangle + b 1\rangle)$	00	I
$(a 1\rangle + b 0\rangle)$	01	X
$(a 0\rangle - b 1\rangle)$	10	Z
$(a 1\rangle - b 0\rangle)$	11	ZX

$$01: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Quantum Communication, Theory and Practice

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Fig.2 a) Qubit q_0 is initialized in a random state. **b)** We create a Bell state. **c)** q_0 is entangled with q_1 and q_2 . **d)** Alice measures and sends her qubits to Bob. **e)** Bob decodes qubits. **f)** Bob recovers Alice's original state, measures and stores in a classical register.



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Simulator (Python based)

```
▶ ## Initializing Circuit
qr = QuantumRegister(3, name="q")
cr1 = ClassicalRegister(1, name="c1")
cr2 = ClassicalRegister(1, name="c2")
qc = QuantumCircuit(qr, cr1, cr2)

## Step 1
# Initializing Alice's q0 to the random state psi
qc.append(init_gate, [0])
qc.barrier()

## STEP 2
# Creating Bell state
create_bell_pair(qc, 1, 2)
qc.barrier()

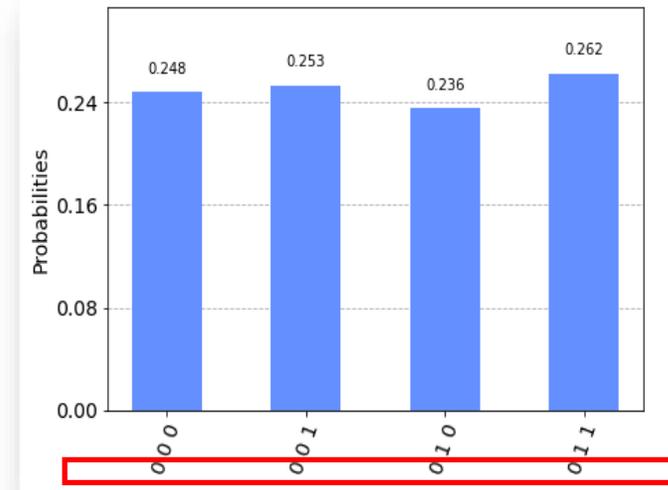
## STEP 3
# Creating link between q0 and q2 and prepping payload
alice_gates(qc, 0, 1)

## STEP 4
# Alice measures then sends her classical bits to Bob
measure_and_store(qc, 0, 1)
qc.barrier()

## STEP 5
# Bob decodes qubits
bob_gates(qc, 2, cr1, cr2)
qc.barrier()

## STEP 6
# reverse the initialization process
qc.append(inverse_init_gate, [2])
```

Simulator



Bob Measures the state $|0\rangle$ 100% percent of the time

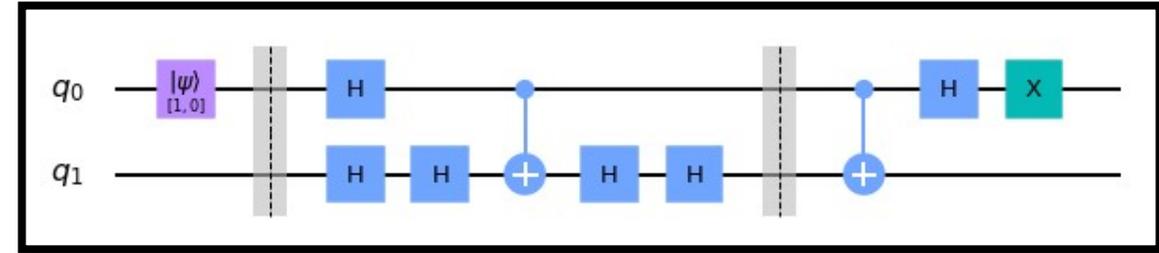
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Context:

- Linear/Chain Cluster States
- Teleportation Protocol (Johnston, 2019)



Approach: n -qubit GHZ_n state entangled with CZ gates (Fig.) 2-Qubit Cluster State Teleportation Protocol Circuit [Wang, Li, Yin, Zq. *et al.* (2018)]

Circuits:

- 2-Qubit Chain Cluster State (Huang et al., 2020)

Preliminary results:

- 2-Qubit Chain Cluster state Simulator: ($F \approx 99\%$)
- 2-Qubit Chain Cluster state Hardware: ($F \approx 85\%$)
- Compare to $F \approx 87\%$ (Huang et al, 2020)

Maximum classical fidelity: $\sim 68\%$ (Huang et al., 2020)

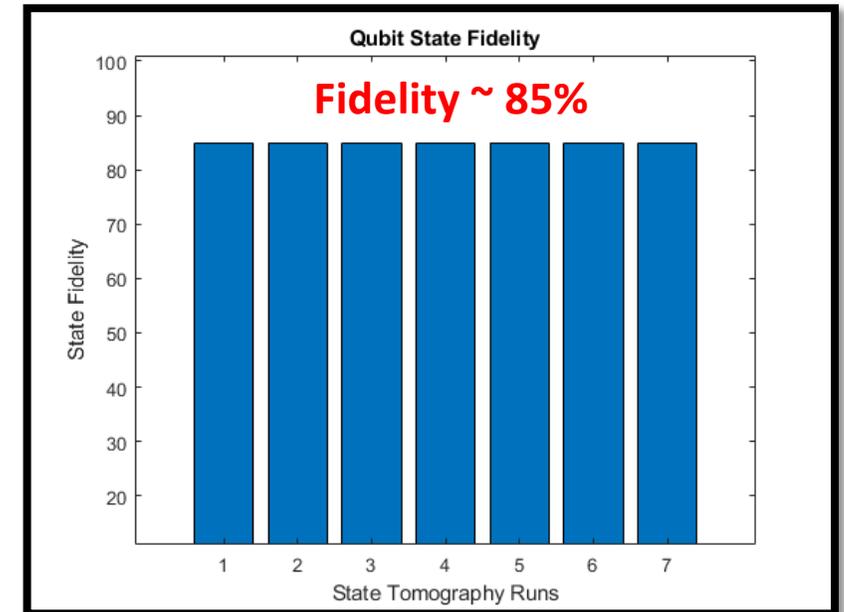
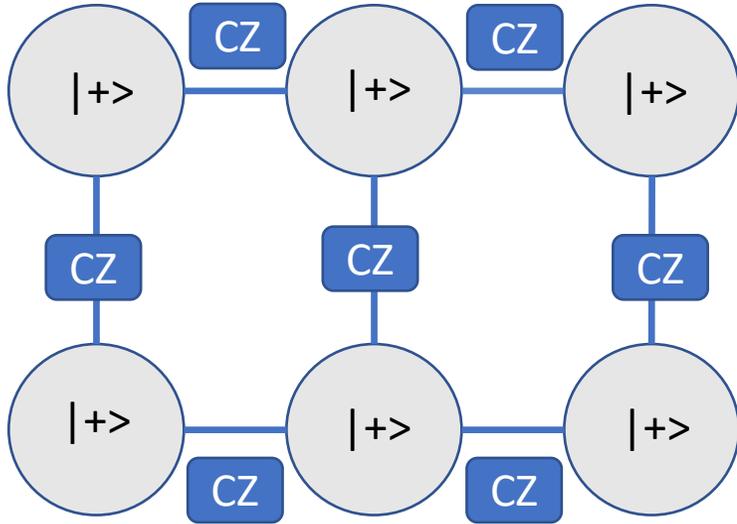


Fig.) Hardware: State Fidelities for a 2-Qubit Chain Cluster State

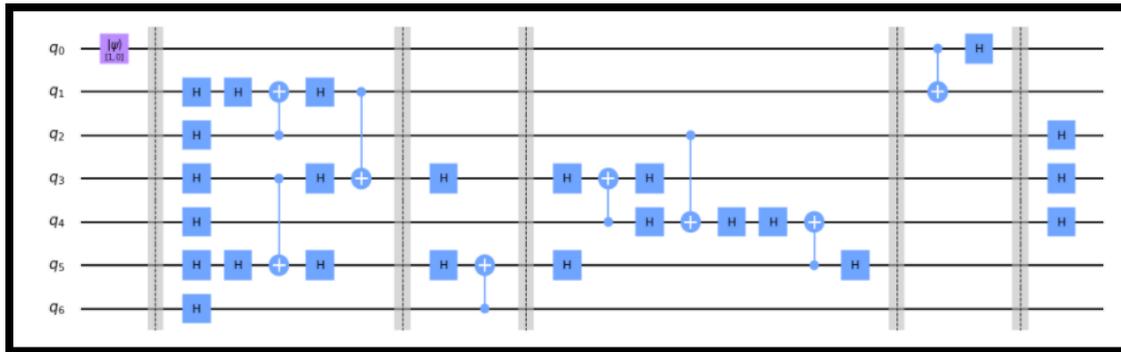
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Teleportation fidelity:
Measure CORRELATION between Alice and Bob. Expected to be 100%.

Results:
6-qubit cluster state: 49%.
8-qubit cluster state: same.
10-qubit cluster state: same.



Maximum classical fidelity:
~68% (Huang et al., 2020)

At present, quantum teleportation inferior to classical transmission.

Quantum Sensing – A Primer

Quantum Sensing – Introduction

Quantum sensing uses quantum states to detect and measure physical properties with the highest precision allowed by quantum mechanics.

1. The Heisenberg uncertainty principle describes a fundamental limit in simultaneous measuring two specific, separate attributes. “Squeezing” deliberately sacrifices the certainty of measuring one attribute in order to achieve higher precision in measuring the other attribute; for example squeezing is used in LIGO to improve the sensitivity to gravitational waves.
2. Quantum sensors take advantage of the fact that physical qubits are extremely sensitive their surroundings. The same fragility that leads to rapid decoherence enables precise sensors. Examples include magnetometers, single-photon detectors, and atomic clocks for improvement of medical imaging, navigation, position, and timing.
3. Quantum sensing has vastly improved the precision and accuracy of measurements of fundamental constants, freeing the International System of Units from its dependence on one-of-a-kind artifacts. Measurement units are now defined through these fundamental constants, like the speed of light and Planck’s constant.

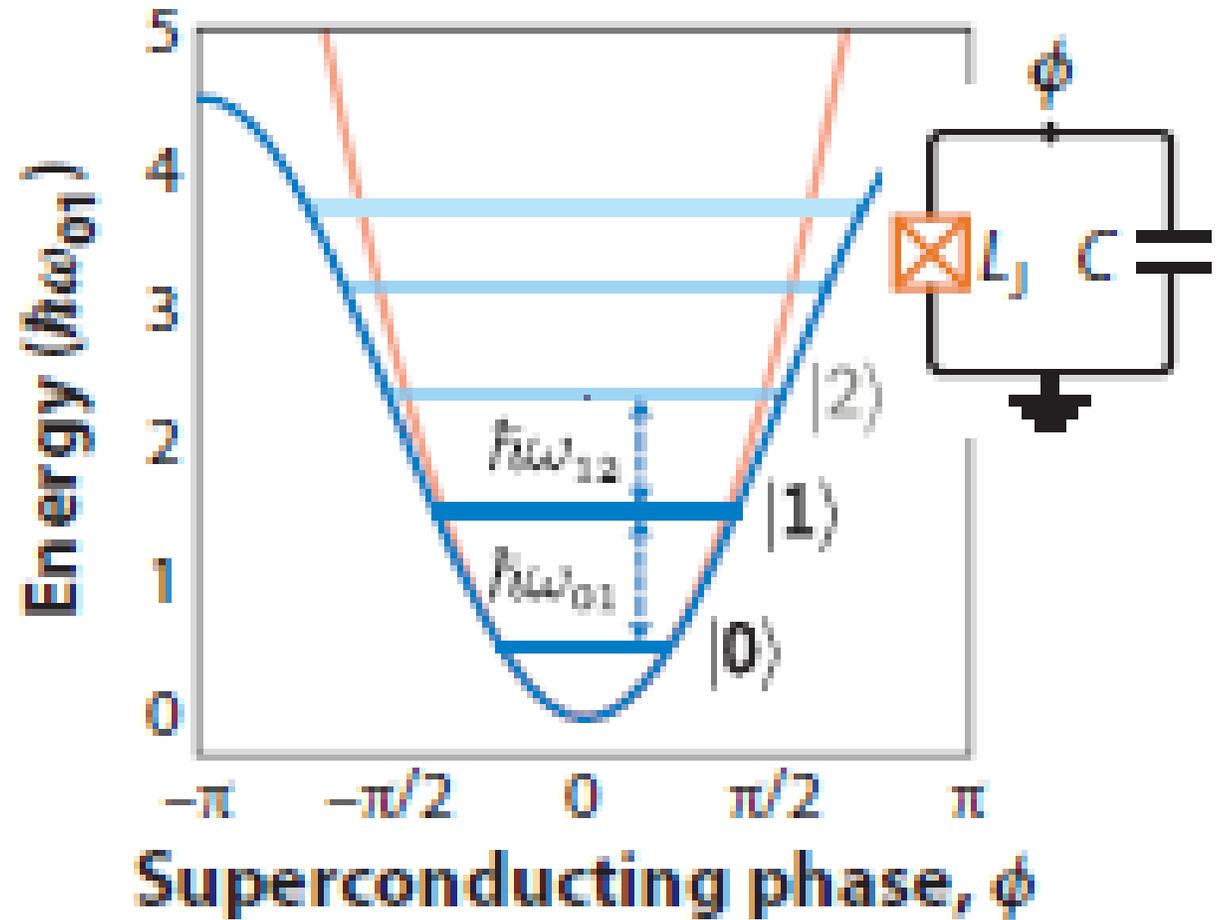
Quantum Sensing

If energy levels are nearly equally spaced:

⇒ Initializing qubits is difficult/impossible.

Flipside:

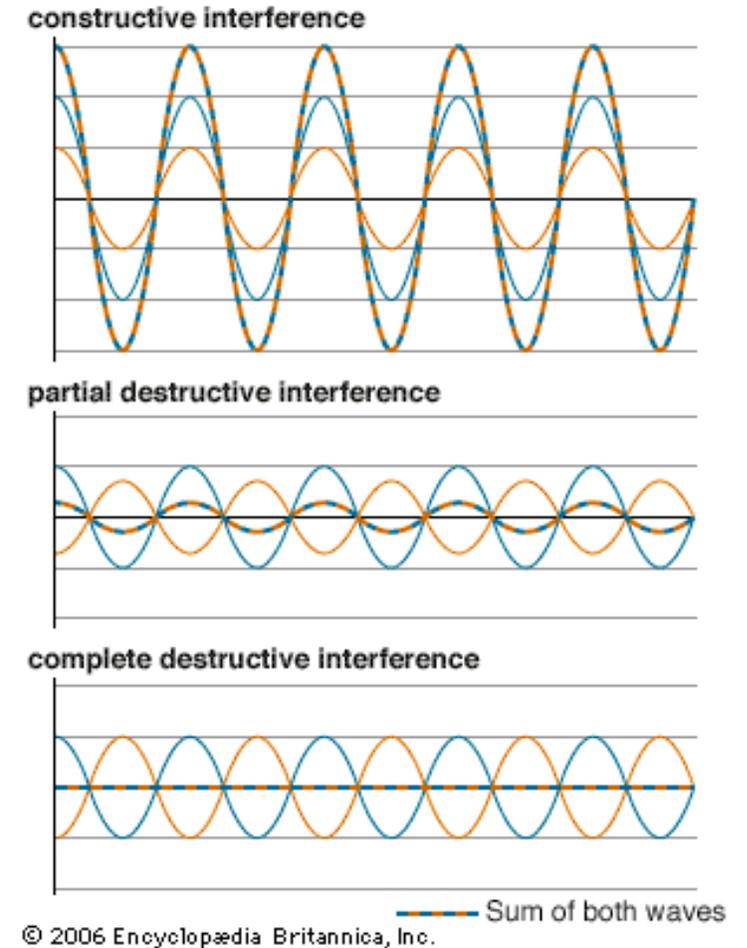
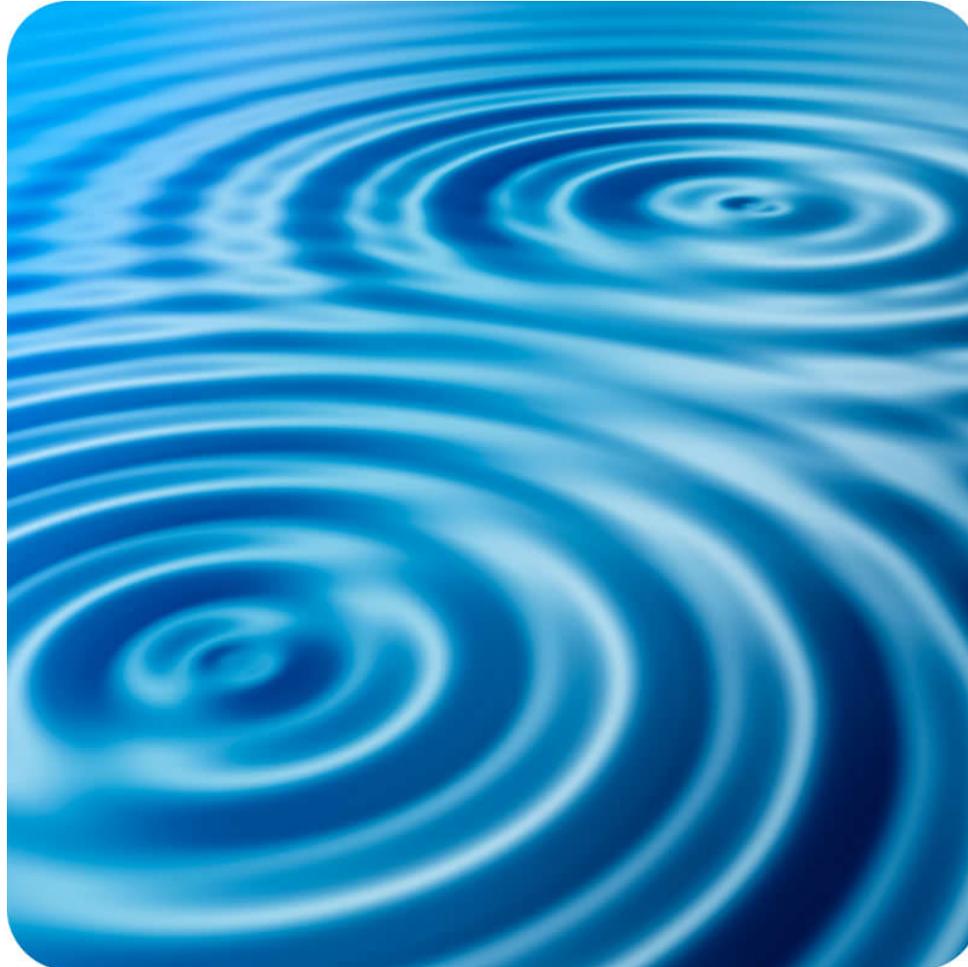
Weak interactions can be resolved → excellent sensor for weak interactions/signals.



Quantum Sensing – Interference

Waves can interfere

- Amplify.
- Weaken.



Quantum Sensing – Matter Waves

De Broglie (1924)

The Nature of Light?

Newton: Particle.

Young: Wave.

Einstein (photoelectric effect): Particle.



Particle:

$$E = mc^2$$

$$E = pc$$

Wave:

$$c = \lambda f$$

$$E = hf$$

$$E = hc/\lambda$$

Combine:

$$\lambda = h/p$$

Quantum Sensing – Matter Waves

Davisson and Germer (1925)

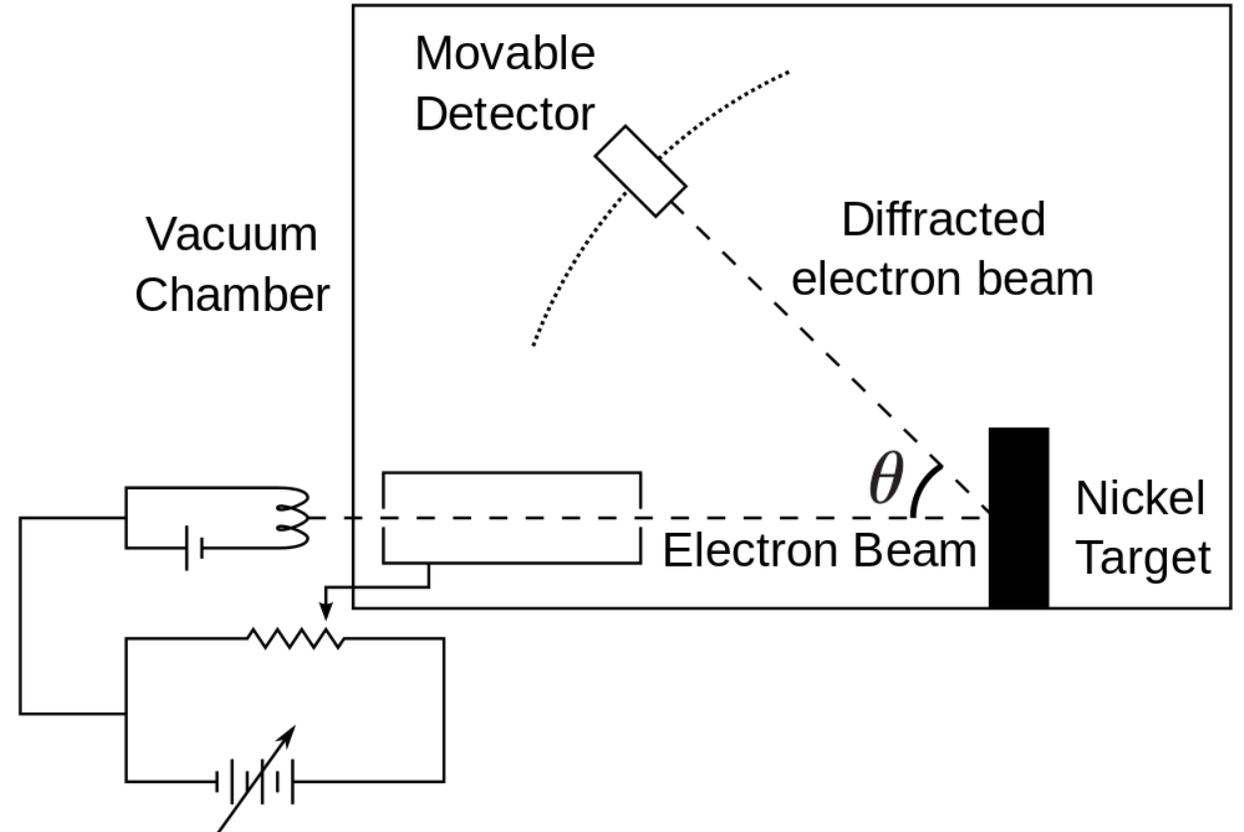
Electron beam on Ni target.

Objective:

Study angular distribution of electrons emitted from the Ni target.

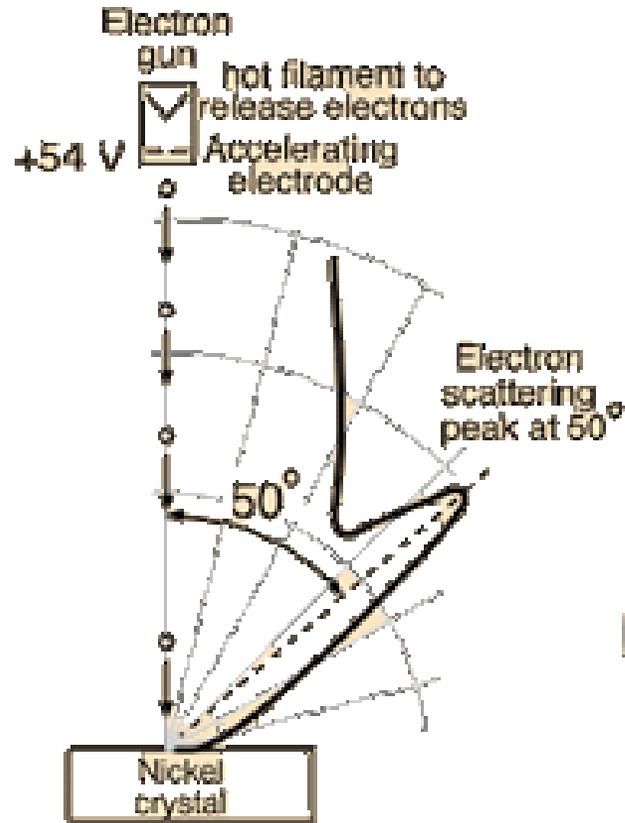
Vacuum failure → oxide formation → remove oxide at high temperatures.

Unintentional: Ni single crystal.



Quantum Sensing – Matter Waves

Davisson and Germer (1925)



Theory

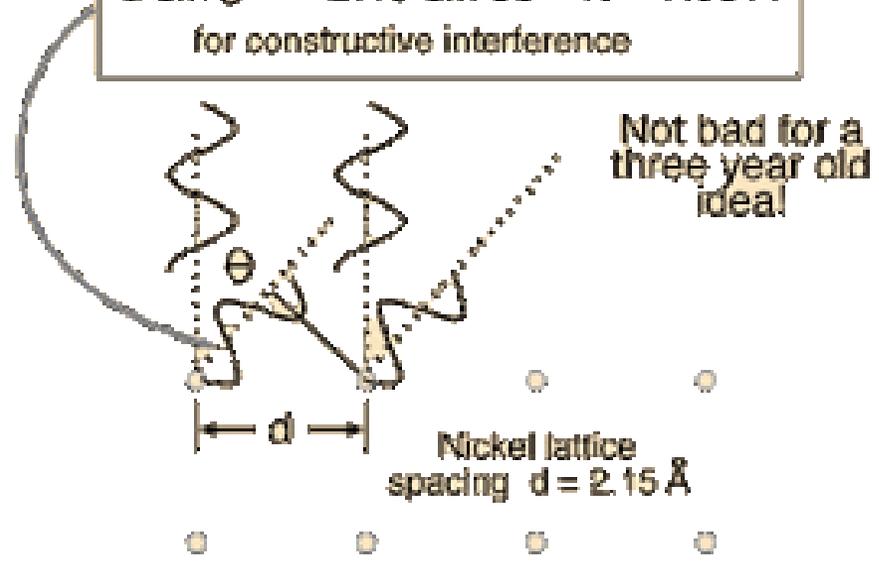
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv} = 1.67 \text{ \AA} \text{ for } 54 \text{ V}$$

Experiment

Pathlength difference

$$d \sin \theta = 2.15 \sin 50^\circ = \lambda = 1.65 \text{ \AA}$$

for constructive interference



De Broglie:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

$$E = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$p = \sqrt{2mE}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}}$$

$$\lambda = 1.67 \text{ \AA}$$

Electron diffraction

1924
de Broglie's hypothesis

1927
Davisson-Germer experiment

1929
Nobel Prize for de Broglie

Quantum Sensing – Gravity

First gravity measurement:
Neutrons from nuclear reactor
(immobile)

Neutrons are particles:
Split into two beams.

A-C: slowing down, C-D, slow.

C-D: longer wavelength

A-B: fast, B-D slowing down.

B-D: shorter wavelength

=> Interference pattern CHANGES.

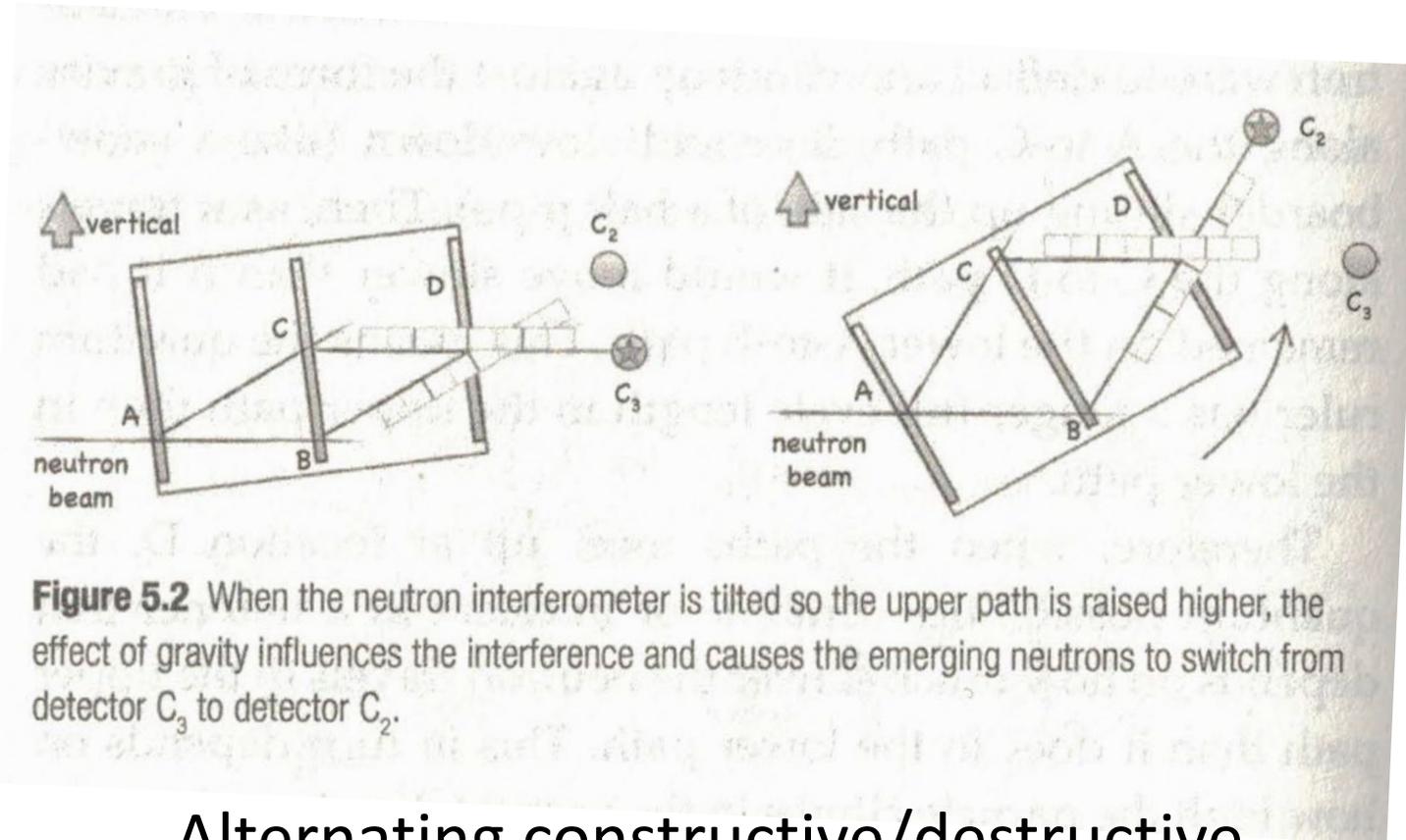
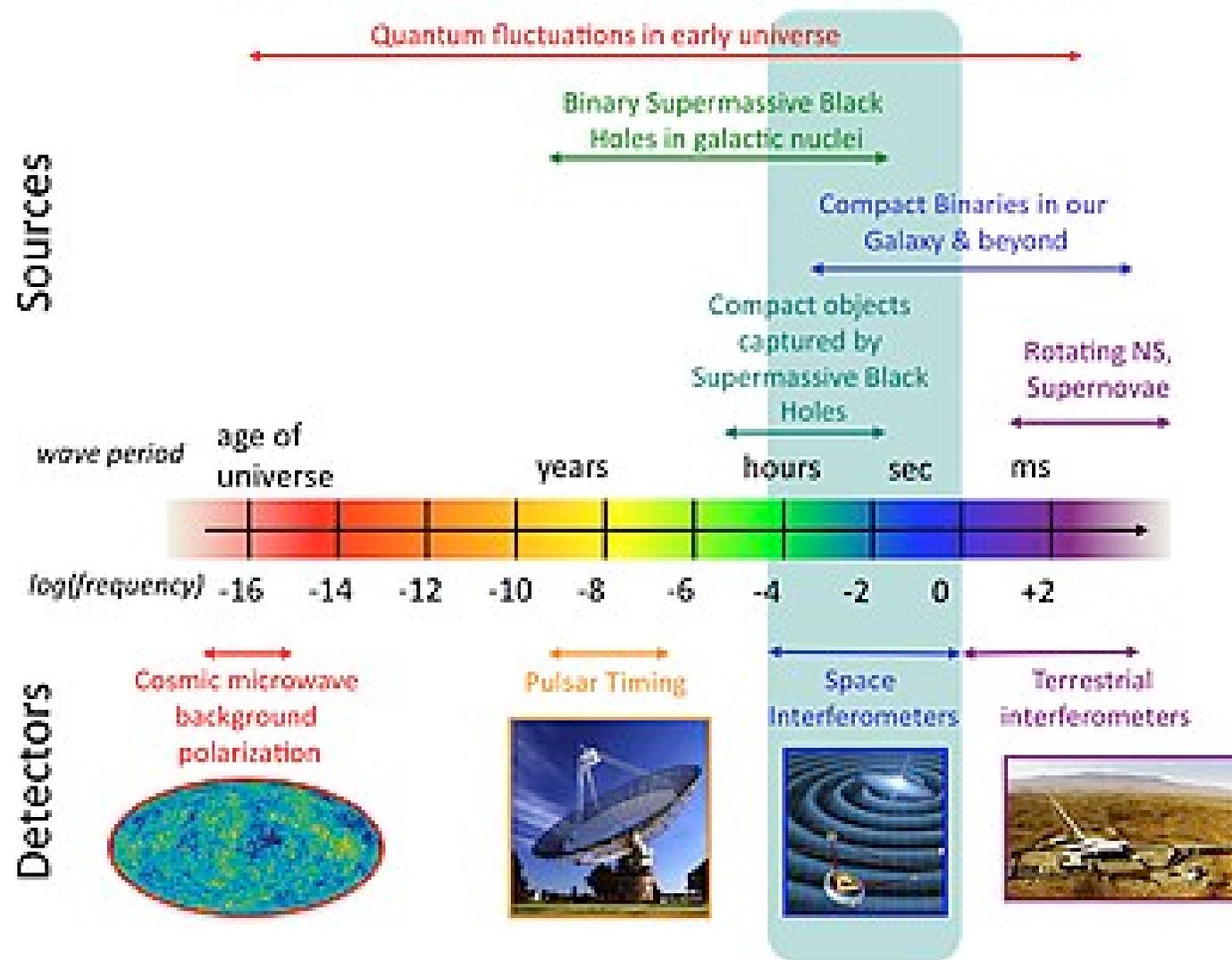


Figure 5.2 When the neutron interferometer is tilted so the upper path is raised higher, the effect of gravity influences the interference and causes the emerging neutrons to switch from detector C₃ to detector C₂.

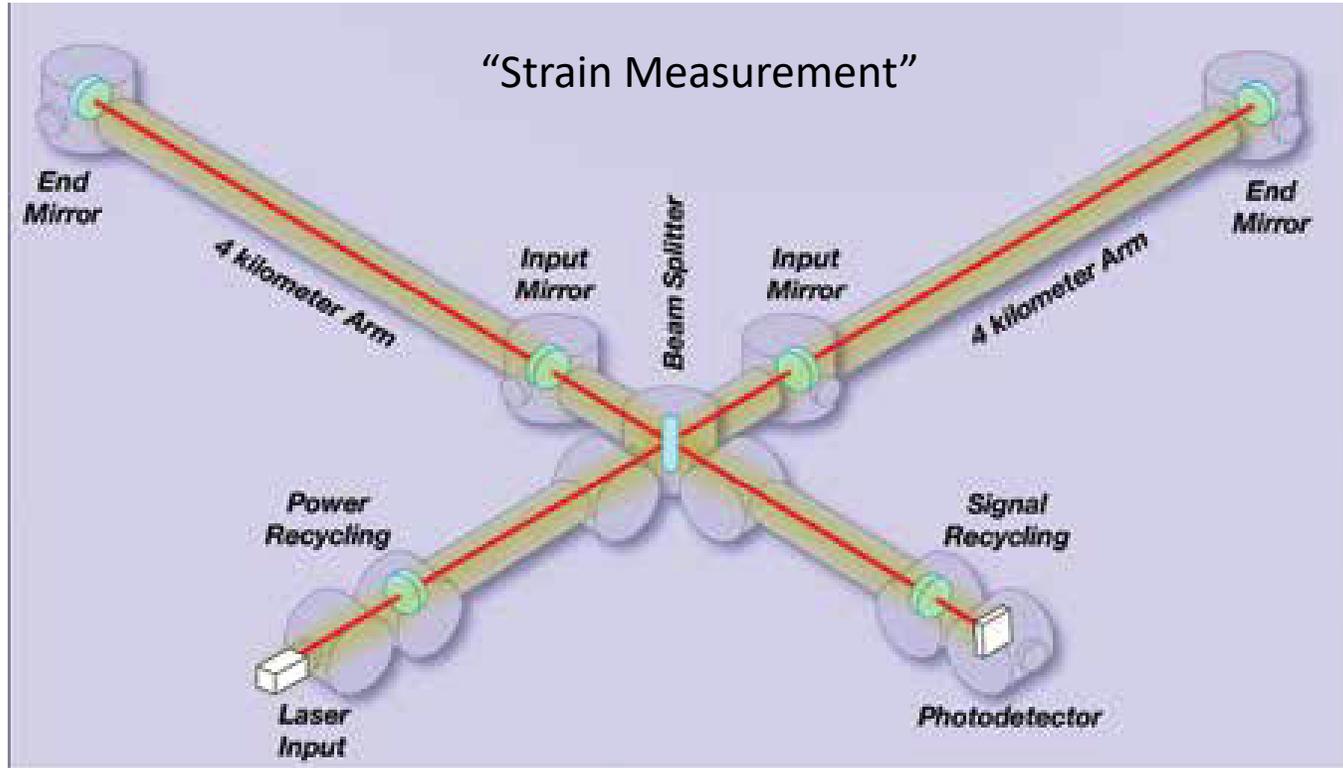
Alternating constructive/destructive
interference: Repetition (angle)
increment depends on local gravity.

Quantum Sensing – Gravity

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

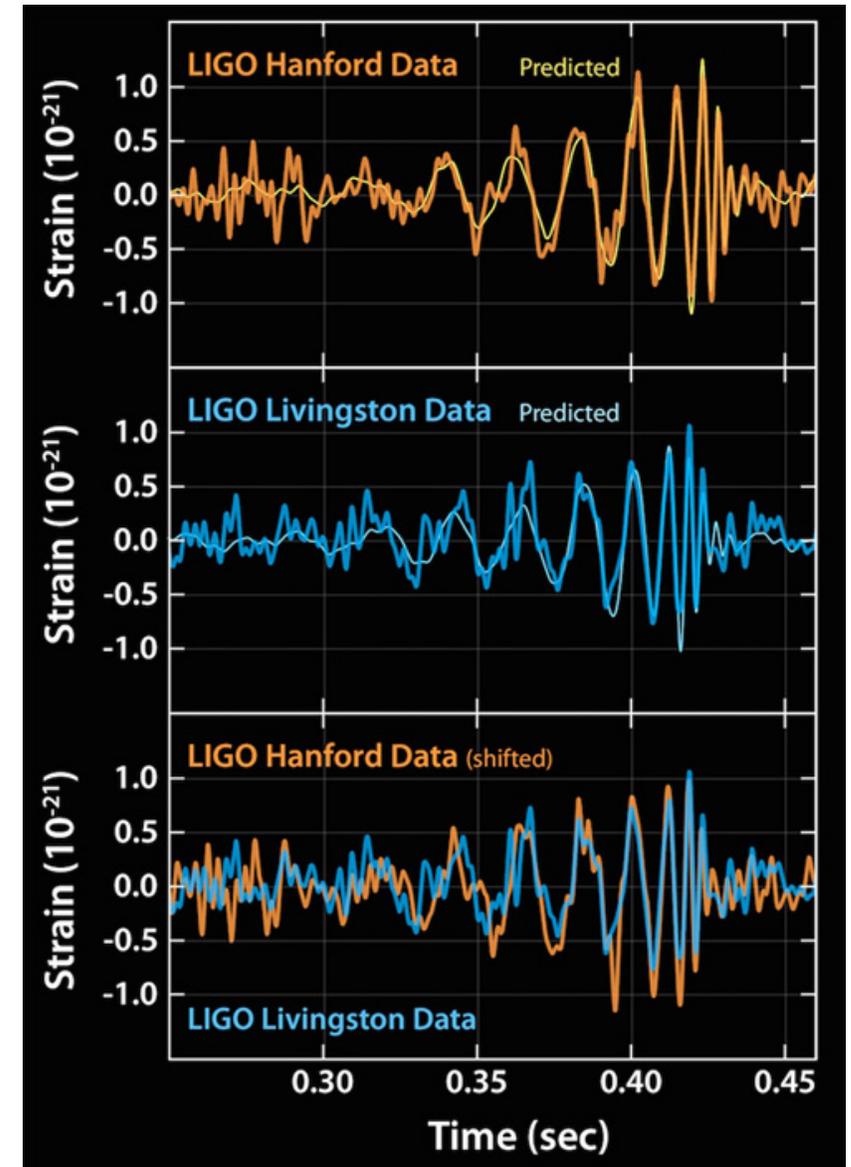


Quantum Sensing – Gravitational Waves, LIGO



Hanford: 0.007s delayed, distance = 2000km
⇒ speed: $v = \text{distance}/\text{time} = 285714 \text{ km/s}$.

Within errorbar consistent with speed of light
⇒ **Gravitational waves travel at speed of light**
⇒ **Gravitational waves are massless.**



Quantum Sensing – Gravitational Waves, LIGO

Falling objects (kinematics):

$$t = \sqrt{2gh}$$

Observation:

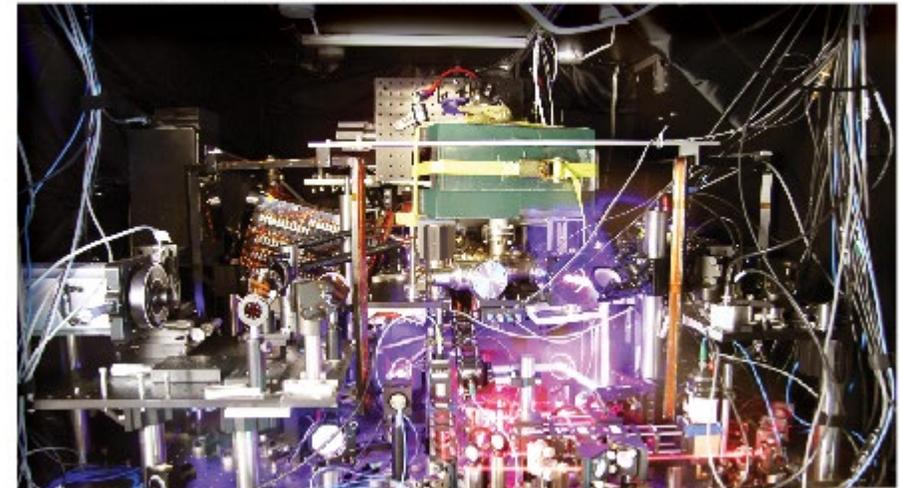
Time depends on gravity
=> changes in gravity can be measured using sensitive clocks.

Satellite:

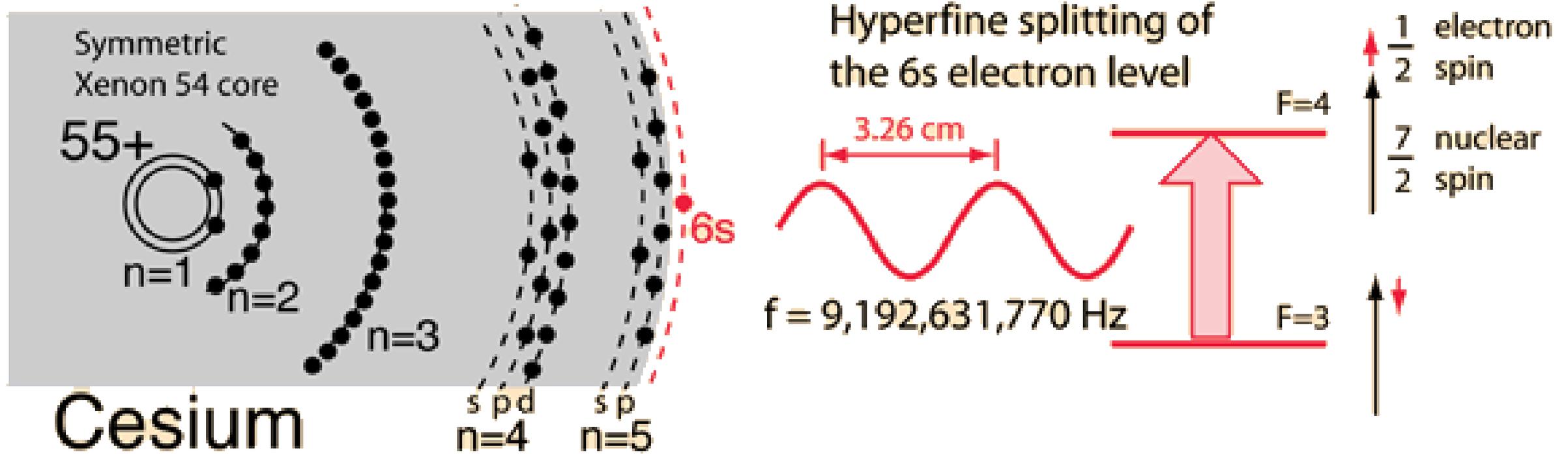
Gravitational wave passes.
Oscillatory change in gravity.



1 NIST-F2 cesium fountain atomic clock



Quantum Sensing – Atomic Clocks



All atoms have identical energy levels

⇒ Energy for transition between energy levels are identical

⇒ Frequency of emitted/absorbed photons is identical.

⇒ Ideal clocks/time keepers.

Quantum Sensing – Gravitational Waves



Satellite:
Gravitational wave passes.
Oscillatory change in gravity.

Noise?!?
Reduce by using three satellites.

Summary

- QIS Overview.
- Review of Core Concepts:
 - Quantum States; Superposition; Measurement; Entanglement.
- Some Types of Quantum Hardware.
- Quantum LC Circuit: Equally Spaced Energy levels.
- Superconductivity: A Quantum State of Matter:
 - Fundamentals.
 - Josephson Junction.
 - NON-Equally Spaced Energy Levels.

Summary

- Transmon: IBM, Google,...
- Superconducting 1 Qubit Gates.
- Superconducting 2 Qubit Gates: CNOT + Entanglement.
- Qiskit: Testing of Superconducting Qubits on IBM-Q.

- Quantum Communication (courtesy: Bryan Garcia, NMSU Physics).
 - Teleportation.
 - Qiskit Implementation:
 - Divergence theory and practice.
 - At present: generally superconducting teleportation implementation inferior to classical information processing.

Summary

- Quantum Sensing.
- De Broglie relationship; wave matter duality.
- Atomic clocks.
- Gravitational waves.

This is an exciting time, with many new opportunities for quantum enabled technologies.

QIS Efforts Kiefer Research Group

Quantum hardware:

- 2D Materials, topological materials, fault tolerant quantum computing.
- Discovery of novel solid state qubits.
- Molecular qubits for quantum computing.
- Improving superconducting qubits, transmons.

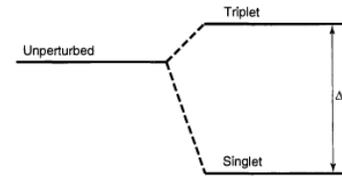
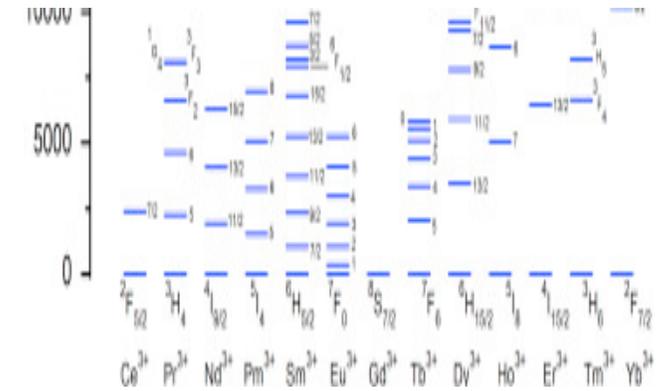
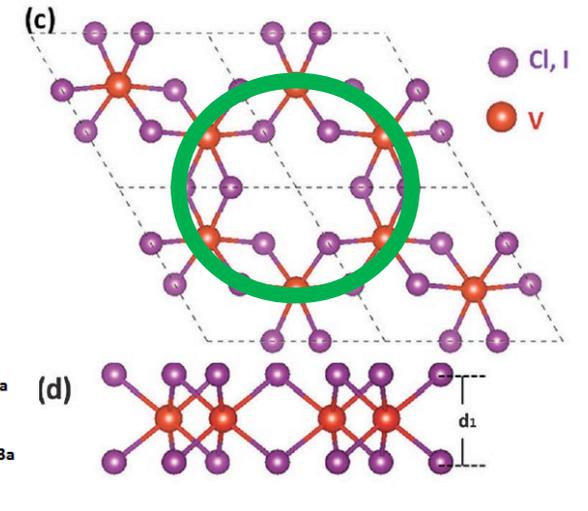
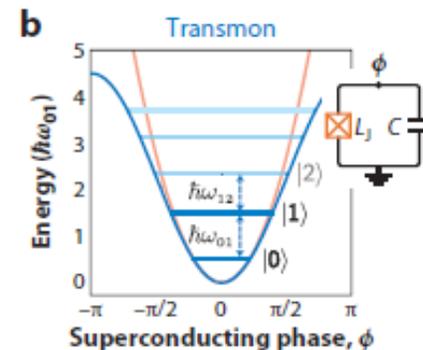


FIGURE 6.13: Hyperfine splitting in the ground state of hydrogen.



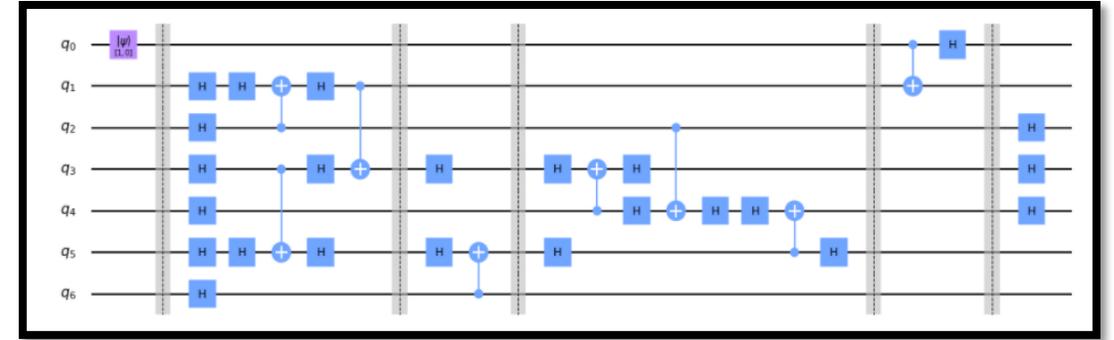
Microwaves: $0.1 - 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
($0.01 - 1 \text{ eV}$)



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Quantum software:

- Cluster states.
- IBM-Q hardware testing.
- Next: SNL, ion traps hardware testing.



QIS Workforce Development

What is a path forward in Quantum Skilled Workforce Development?

What would you like to see?

What would help you to consider a QIS career?

Quantum Information Science (QIS)

Quantum Computing
Quantum Communication
Quantum Sensing

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