Quantum information and computation: Why, what, and how

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I. Introduction



In the Sawtooth range Central New Mexico

Quantum information science

A new way of thinking

Computer science *Computational complexity depends on physical law.*

New physics

Quantum mechanics as liberator. What can be accomplished with quantum systems that can't be done in a classical world? Explore what can be done with quantum systems, instead of being satisfied with what Nature hands us. Quantum engineering Old physics Quantum mechanics as nag. The uncertainty principle restricts what can be done.

Quantum information science





Classical information		Quantum information						
Stored as string of bits	0100110	Stored as quantum st of string of qubits	tate $ \Psi angle$					
Manipulation of (qu)bits (computation, dynamics)								
Bit transformations (function computation) All functions can be computed reversibly.		Unitary operations <i>U</i> (reversible)						
Bit states can be copied.		Qubit states cannot be copied, except for <i>orthogonal</i> states	$\begin{aligned} \psi\rangle 0\rangle &\xrightarrow{U} \psi\rangle \psi\rangle\\ \langle\psi \phi\rangle^2 &= \langle\psi \phi\rangle \end{aligned}$					
Transmission of (qu)bits (communication, dynamics)								
Readout of (qu)bits (measurement)								

Distinguishability of bit states

 $\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \\ p_0 &= |\alpha|^2 = |\langle 0|\psi\rangle|^2 \\ p_1 &= |\beta|^2 = |\langle 1|\psi\rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$

Quantum states are not distinguishable, except for *orthogonal* states

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Quantum mechanics as liberator. Classical information processing is quantum information processing restricted to distinguishable (orthogonal) states. Superpositions are the additional freedom in quantum information processing.



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Correlation of bit statesQuantum correlation of
qubit states (entanglement)01 or 10 (anticorrelation) $|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$

Error correction (copying and redundancy OR nonlocal storage of information) Quantum error correction (entanglement OR nonlocal storage of quantum information)

Analogue vs. digital

II. Qubitology and quantum circuits



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Qubitology.States $|\psi\rangle = \cos(\theta/2)|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin(\theta/2)|1\rangle = |\mathbf{n}\rangle$



Direction of spin

Bloch sphere

$$|\mathbf{n}\rangle\langle\mathbf{n}| = \frac{1}{2}(I + \sigma_x n_x + \sigma_y n_y + \sigma_z n_z) \quad \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = X$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(I + \mathbf{n} \cdot \sigma) \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Pauli} \\ \mathsf{representation} \end{array} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = Y$$
$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = Z$$

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Abstract "direction"



Poincare sphere

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Bloch sphere

Qubitology

Single-qubit states are points on the Bloch sphere.

Single-qubit operations (unitary operators) are rotations of the Bloch sphere.

Single-qubit measurements are rotations followed by a measurement in the computational basis (measurement of *z* spin component).

$$p_0 = |\langle 0|\mathbf{n} \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1+n_z)$$

 $p_1 = |\langle 1|\mathbf{n} \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-n_z)$

Platform-independent description: Hallmark of an information theory









Universal set of quantum gates

- T (45-degree rotation about z)
- H (Hadamard)
- C-NOT

Qubitology. Gates and quantum circuits Another two-qubit gate Target Control $C-PHASE = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ι |0⟩ 180° $= |0\rangle\langle 0|\otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1|\otimes Z$ $|1\rangle$





C-NOT as parity check



C-NOT as measurement gate



Making Bell states using C-NOT



Making cat states using C-NOT





Oljeto Wash Southern Utah

Alice

Bob



Classical teleportation

Teleportation of probabilities

Demonstration







Standard teleportation circuit





Coherent teleportation circuit

Error correction

IV. Quantum algorithms



Truchas from East Pecos Baldy Sangre de Cristo Range Northern New Mexico Quantum algorithms. Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm Boolean function $f: \{0, 1\}^N \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

Promise: *f* is constant or balanced.

Problem: Determine which.

Classical: Roughly 2^{*N*-1} function calls are required to be certain. Quantum: Only 1 function call is needed.

$$N = 3: U_f |x, y, z\rangle |w\rangle = |x, y, z\rangle |w \oplus f(x, y, z)\rangle$$
work qubit

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Example: Balanced function



 $f(x, y, z) = y \oplus xy \oplus xz$



phase "kickback"







Quantum interference allows one to distinguish the situation where half the amplitudes are +1 and half -1 from the situation where all the amplitudes are +1 or -1 (this is the information one wants) without having to determine all amplitudes (this information remains inaccessible).

Entanglement in the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm

$$|\Phi\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{x,y,z} (-1)^{f(x,y,z)} |x,y,z\rangle$$

This state is globally entangled for some balanced functions.

Example







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Classical error correction

Correcting single bit flips



Redundancy: majority voting reveals which bit has flipped, and it can be flipped back.

Correcting single bit flips



Single bit flip correction circuit



Other quantum errors?

Entanglement

phase error Z

code states

- $|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$ $|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle |111\rangle)$
- $\begin{pmatrix} Z \otimes I \otimes I \\ I \otimes Z \otimes I \\ I \otimes I \otimes Z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle \\ |-\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |+\rangle \\ |-\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{of the three qubits} \quad \text{flips } |+\rangle \text{ and } |-\rangle$

A phase error on any flips $|+\rangle$ and $|-\rangle$.

Shor's 9-qubit code $|0\rangle_{L} = |+++\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$ $|1\rangle_{L} = |---\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)$

Corrects all single-qubit errors



VI. Physical implementations



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Implementations: DiVincenzo criteria

1. *Scalability:* A scalable physical system made up of well characterized parts, usually qubits.

2. *Initialization:* The ability to initialize the system in a simple fiducial state.

3. *Control:* The ability to control the state of the computer using sequences of elementary universal gates.

4. *Stability:* Decoherence times much longer than gate times, together with the ability to suppress decoherence through error correction and fault-tolerant computation.

5. *Measurement:* The ability to read out the state of the computer in a convenient product basis.

Strong coupling between qubits and of qubits to external controls and measuring devices

Weak coupling to everything else

Many qubits, entangled, protected from error, with initialization and readout for all.



Implementations Original Kane proposal

Qubits: nuclear spins of P ions in Si; fundamental fabrication problem.

Single-qubit gates: NMR with addressable hyperfine splitting.

Two-qubit gates: electron-mediated nuclear exchange interaction.

Decoherence: nuclear spins highly coherent, but decoherence during interactions unknown.

Readout: spin-dependent charge transfer plus single-electron detection.

Scalability: if a few qubits can be made to work, scaling to many qubits might be easy.





Implementations lon traps

Qubits: electronic states of trapped ions (ground-state hyperfine levels or ground and excited states).

State preparation: laser cooling and optical pumping.

Single-qubit gates: laser-driven coherent transitions.

Two-qubit gates: phonon-mediated conditional transitions.

Decoherence: ions well isolated from environment.

Readout: fluorescent shelving.

Scalability: possibly scalable architectures, involving many traps and shuttling of ions between traps, are being explored.

Implementations

Qubits

	Trapped ions	Electronic states	1	` 1	· 1	
AMO systems	Trapped neutral atoms	Electronic states				
	Linear optics	Photon polarization or spatial mode	ollabilty	rence	dout	
	Superconducting circuits	Cooper pairs or quantized flux	Contro	Cohe	Rea	
Condensed systems	Doped semiconductors	Nuclear spins				
	Semiconductor heterostructures	Quantum dots				
	NMR	Nuclear spins (not sca	alable;	high		

Nuclear spins (not scalable; high temperature prohibits preparation of initial pure state)

Implementations

ARDA Quantum Computing Roadmap, v. 2 (spring 2004)

By the year 2007, to

• encode a single qubit into the state of a logical qubit formed from several physical qubits,

• perform repetitive error correction of the logical qubit,

• transfer the state of the logical qubit into the state of another set of physical qubits with high fidelity, and

by the year 2012, to

• implement a concatenated quantum error correcting code.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Technical Experts Panel that it is too soon to attempt to identify a smaller number of potential "winners;" the ultimate technology may not have even been invented yet.

That's all, folks.



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Entanglement, local realism, and Bell inequalities

Entangled state (quantum correlations)

 $|\Psi\rangle \neq |\psi_A\rangle \otimes |\psi_B\rangle$

Bell entangled state



Entanglement, local realism, and Bell inequalities

Bell entangled state



 $C(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \equiv \langle \sigma_{\mathbf{a}} \sigma_{\mathbf{b}} \rangle = -\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = -\cos \theta_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}$

Entanglement, local realism, and Bell inequalities

Local hidden variables (LHV) and Bell inequalities

Bell entangled state

$$\Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) \quad a_{3} \qquad b_{2}$$

$$b_{4} \qquad b_{4}$$

 $S = C(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{b}_2) + C(\mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{b}_2) + C(\mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{b}_4) - C(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{b}_4)$

LHV:
$$|S| = \left| \left\langle \underbrace{\sigma_{b_2}(\sigma_{a_3} + \sigma_{a_1}) + \sigma_{b_4}(\sigma_{a_3} - \sigma_{a_1})}_{= \pm 2} \right\rangle \right| \le 2$$

QM: $S = 2\sqrt{2}$

The quantum correlations cannot be explained in terms of local, realistic properties.

Back

C-NOT as measurement gate: circuit identity



Shor code encoding circuit



Shor code correction circuit (coherent version)

