

Quantum Information: Theory and Experiments

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BASIC CONCEPTS

SUPERPOSITIONS



- The properties of objects are not well defined.
- They become defined when we measure them.

ELECTRONIC SPIN

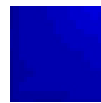
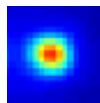


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$|1\rangle$

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- and measured: Fluorescence



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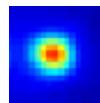


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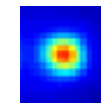
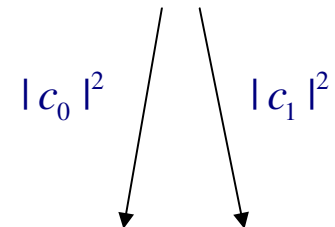
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superposition



$c_0 |0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle$



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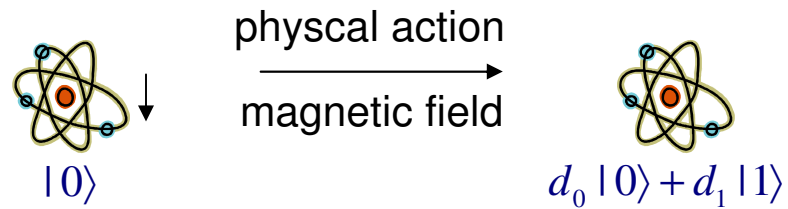
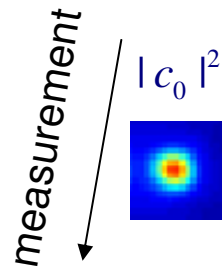
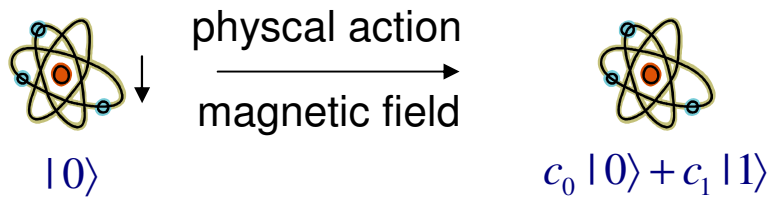


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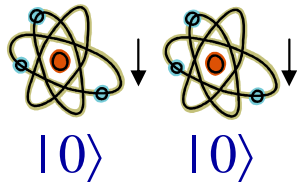


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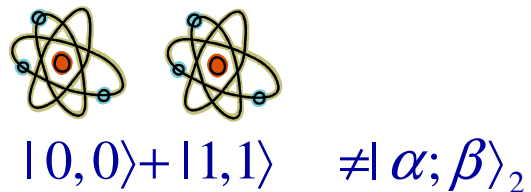
ENTANGLEMENT



- If we have two objects:



or we can have an „entangled state“:



Those states can be created by letting the atoms interact with each other.

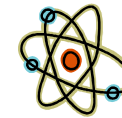


BASIC CONCEPTS

SUPERPOSITIONS



- If we have two objects: $|0,0\rangle + |1,1\rangle$



If we measure one and obtain 0, then the other one is also projected



„spooky action at a distance“



BASIC CONCEPTS

SUPERPOSITIONS



- If we have MANY objects:



$$c_1 |000\dots 0\rangle + c_2 |000\dots 1\rangle + \dots + c_{2^N} |111\dots 1\rangle$$

- We have a superpositions of 2^N states.
- We can manipulate the superpositions, make them interfere, measure, etc

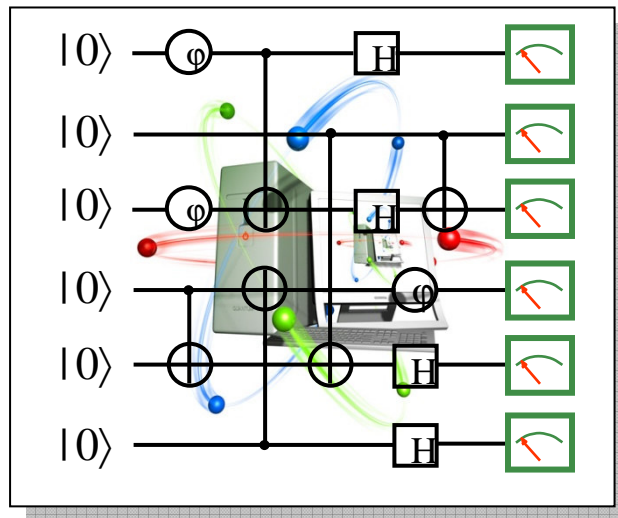
We have new laws at hand, thus we can do new things



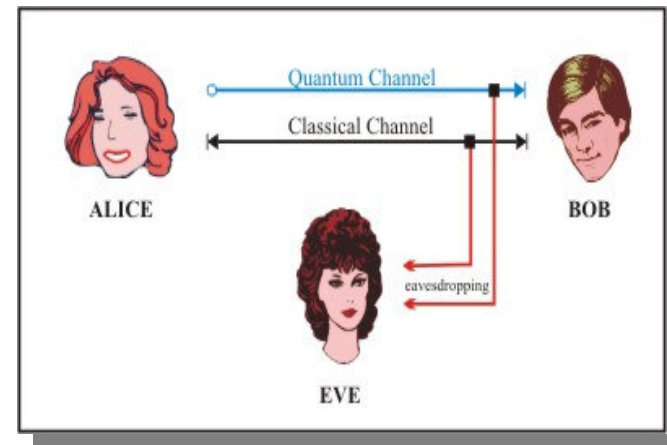
QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE



Quantum computation



Quantum communication



- Simulations
- Precision measurements
- Sensing



OUTLINE



- Algorithms
- Circuit model
- Decoherence and error correction
- Experimental situation
- Other approaches to Quantum Computing:
 - Measurement-based QC
 - Dissipation-driven QC
 - Topological QC

QUANTUM COMPUTING: ALGORITHMS

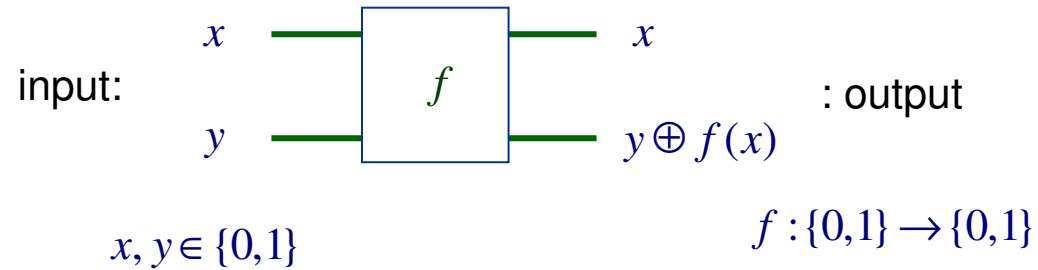


QUANTUM ALGORITHMS

EXAMPLE



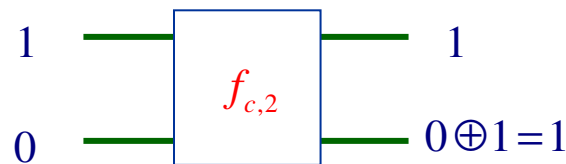
Black Box:



Four kinds of boxes:



Example:



- We can use the box once.
- We have to find out if it is constant or one-to-one



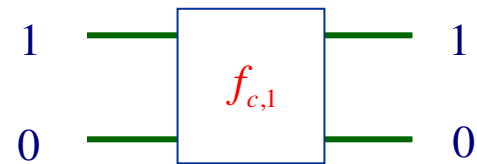
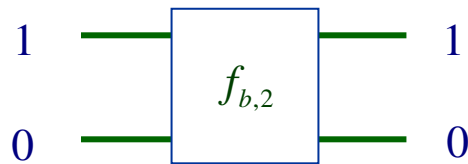
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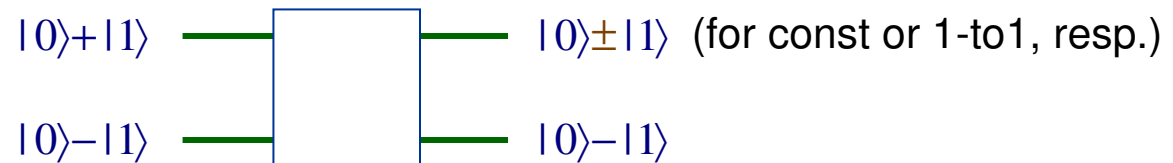


(Deutsch, 89)

Impossible: Every outcome is compatible with the two kinds of boxes



By using quantum superpositions, it is possible



The existence of quantum superpositions gives us new possibilities and allows us to solve certain tasks in a more efficient way



QUANTUM COMPUTATION



new laws



new algorithms



more efficient



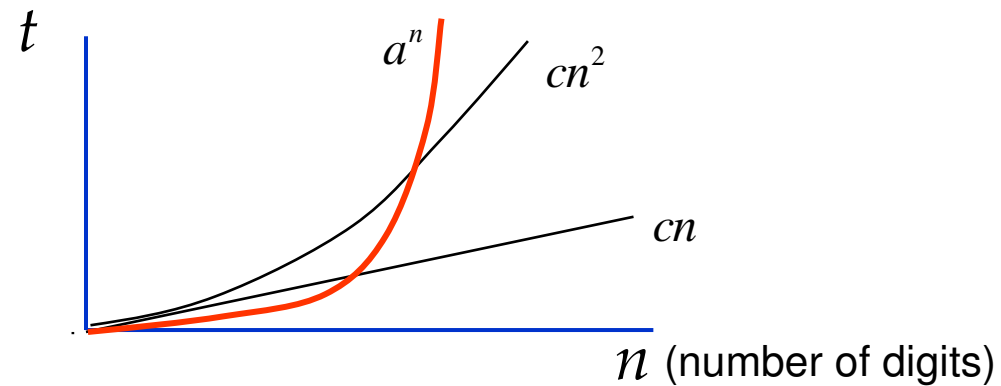
QUANTUM ALGORITHMS

COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY



Quantum computers are more efficient than classical computers:

Mathematical problems can be classified according to their difficulty:
i.e. scaling of the computation time with the size of the input.





QUANTUM ALGORITHMS

COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY



(Shor, 94)

Example: multiplication and factoring:

3980750864240649373971 2550055038649119906436 2342526708406385189575 946388957261768583317	×	4727721461074353025362 2307197304822463291469 5302097116459852171130 520711256363590397527
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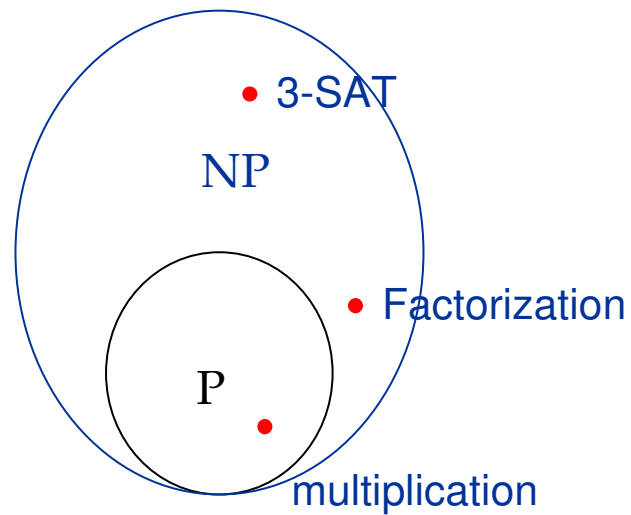


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Classical computational complexity:



$P=NP?$

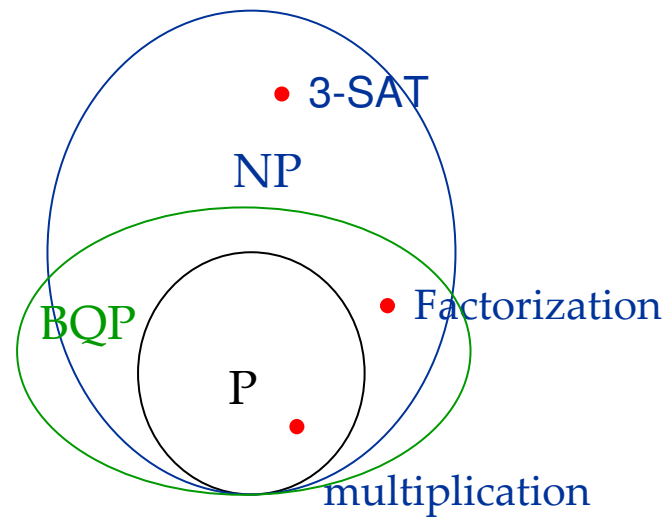


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Quantum computational complexity:



$P=BQP?$ $BQP=NP?$

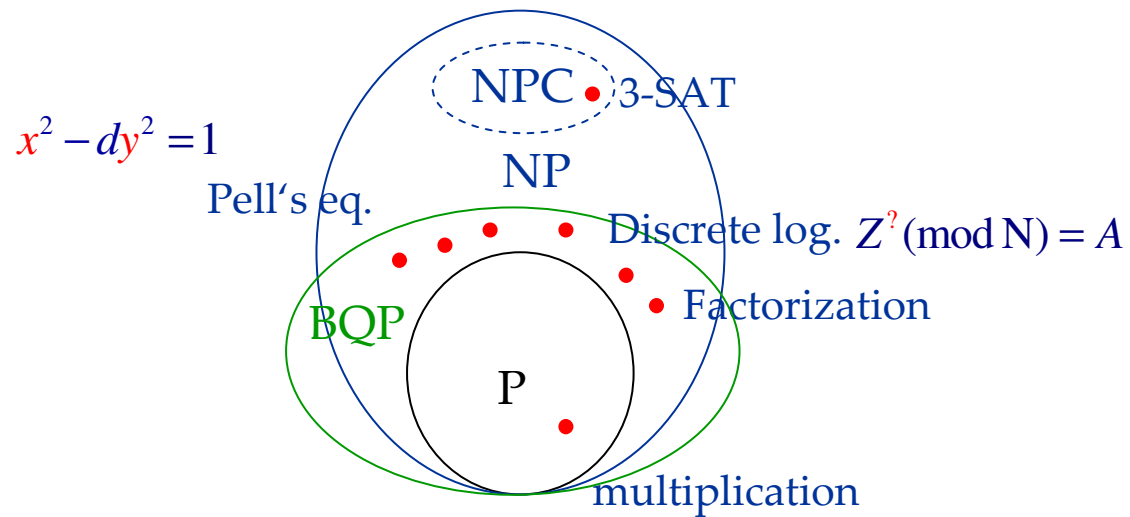


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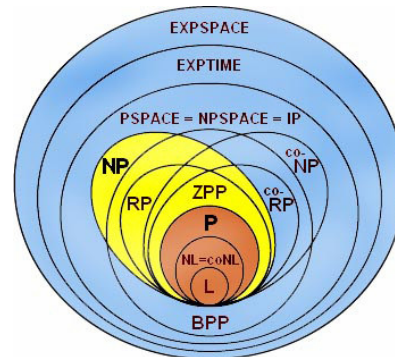
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Quantum computational complexity:



There are other problems for which the gain is polynomial





QUANTUM ALGORITHMS



Algorithms:

- Factoring (94)
 - Discrete Log (94)
 - Database search (96)
 - Pell's equation (02)
 - Transversal graph (03)
 - Special search (03)
 - Element distinction (03)
 - Other graph problems (04)
 - Tests matrix products (04)
 - Jones' polynomials (05)
 - Matrix powers (06)
 - NAND trees (07)
 - Differential equations (08)
- Hidden subgroups:
 - Abelian (95)
 - $\mathbb{Z}_2^n \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ (98)
 - Normal (00)
 - Quasi-Abelian (01)
 - $\mathbb{Z}_{p^k}^n \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ (02)
 - Quasi-Hamiltonian (04)
 - q-hedrics (04)
 - $\mathbb{Z}_p^n \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ (04)
 - Heisenberg type (05)

QUANTUM COMPUTING: CIRCUIT MODEL



QUANTUM COMPUTING

CIRCUIT MODEL



(Deutsch, 85)

Classical computer:

1. Bits

● ● ● ● ● ●
0 1 0 0 1 0

2. Logical gates

$0 \rightarrow 1$

3. Initialization and measurement

● ● ● ● ● ●
0 0 0 0 0 0

Quantum computer:

1. Qubits

● ● ● ● ● ●
 $|0\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle|0\rangle|1\rangle$

o superposiciones

2. Logical gates

$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle + |11\rangle$

3. Initialization and measurement

● ● ● ● ● ●
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QUANTUM COMPUTING

CIRCUIT MODEL



Manipulation: Universal quantum gates

▫ 1-qubit gates:

1. Phase: 

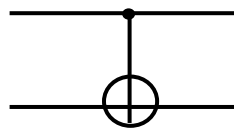
$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle &\leftrightarrow |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle &\leftrightarrow e^{i\varphi} |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

2. Hadamard: 

$$\begin{aligned} |0\rangle &\leftrightarrow |0\rangle + |1\rangle \\ |1\rangle &\leftrightarrow |0\rangle - |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

▫ 2-qubit gates:

1. Control-NOT



$$|00\rangle \leftrightarrow |00\rangle$$

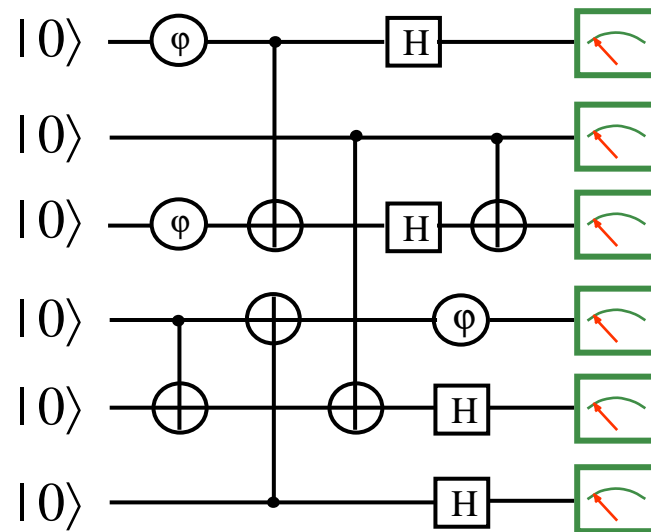
$$|01\rangle \leftrightarrow |01\rangle$$

$$|10\rangle \leftrightarrow |11\rangle$$

$$|11\rangle \leftrightarrow |10\rangle$$



QUANTUM COMPUTING CIRCUIT MODEL



Requirements:

- Identify qubits.
 - Initialization.
 - Controlled manipulation:
Logic gates:
 - + single-qubit
 - + 2-qubit
 - Read-out.
- + Scalable

QUANTUM COMPUTING:
DECOHERENCE AND ERROR CORRECTION



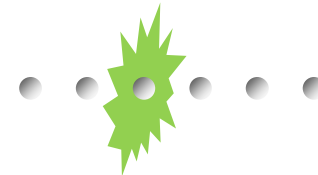
QUANTUM COMPUTING

DECOHERENCE



- Interaction with the environment destroys the computation.

1 error messes up the outcome.



- Probability:

$$\text{qubit: } \begin{cases} \text{Prob. } p & : \text{ nothing happens} \\ \text{Prob. } 1-p & : \text{ error } |0\rangle \leftrightarrow |1\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Success probability: } p^N$$

$$\text{Número of repetitions: } \frac{1}{p^N}$$

We have lost the exponential speed-up!



QUANTUM COMPUTING

ERROR CORRECTION

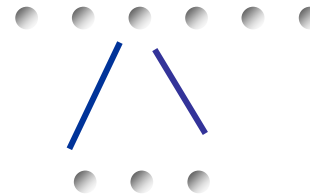


(Shor, Steane, 95)

■ Redundant codes:

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow |000\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow |111\rangle$$



- We detect if all the qubits are in the same state
- If not, we use majority vote to correct the one which is different.

It fails if there are two or more errors

Error probability: $(1-p)^2 \ll (1-p)$ for small p

- **Continuous measurement:** Repeating the detection-correction procedure very often the errors can be kept arbitrarily small.



QUANTUM COMPUTING

ERROR CORRECTION



- Fault-tolerant error correction:

- There are errors during the logical gates.
- There are errors while correcting errors...

- Error threshold:

Probability: $10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$ for each elementary step.

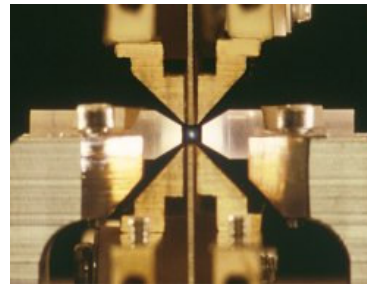
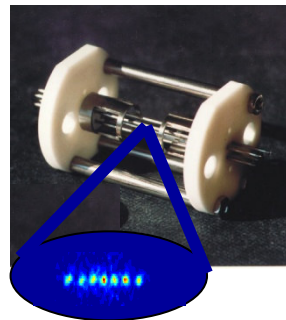
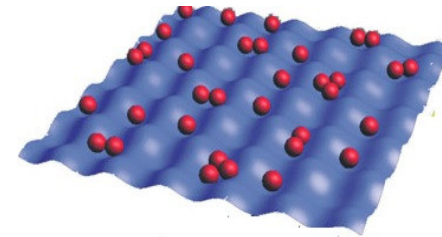
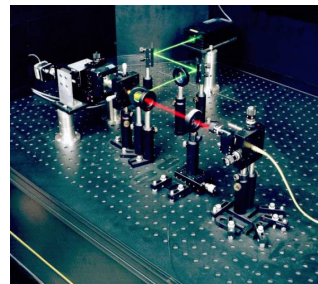
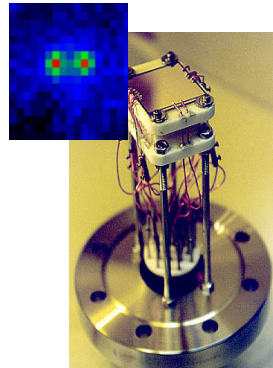
QUANTUM COMPUTING:
EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION



QUANTUM SYSTEMS EXPERIMENTAL PROGRESS



- Atomic, molecular, and optical systems

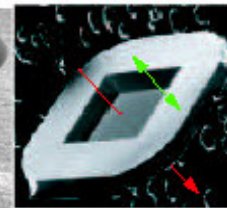
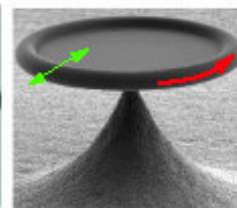
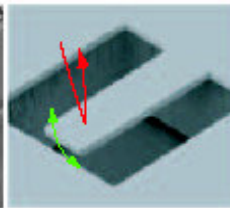
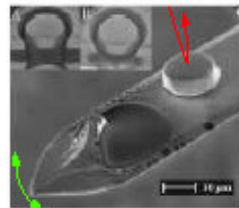
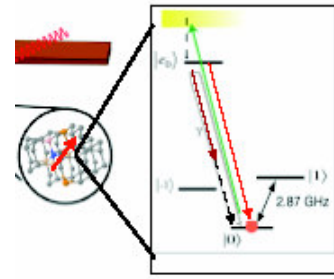
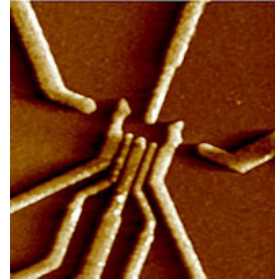
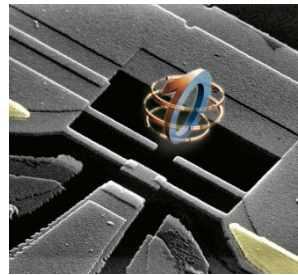




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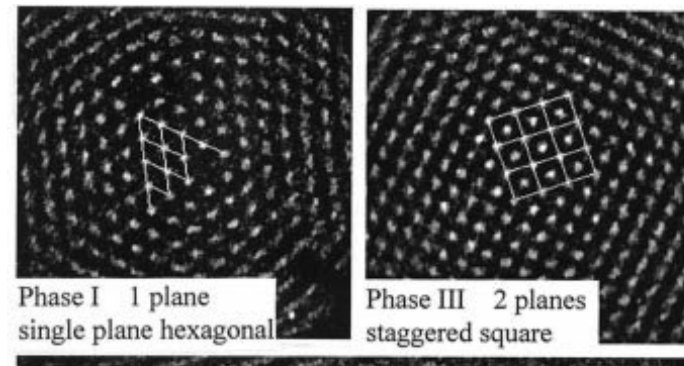
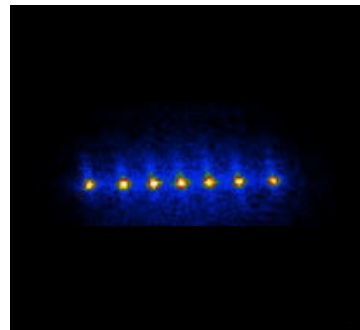
- Solid-state systems





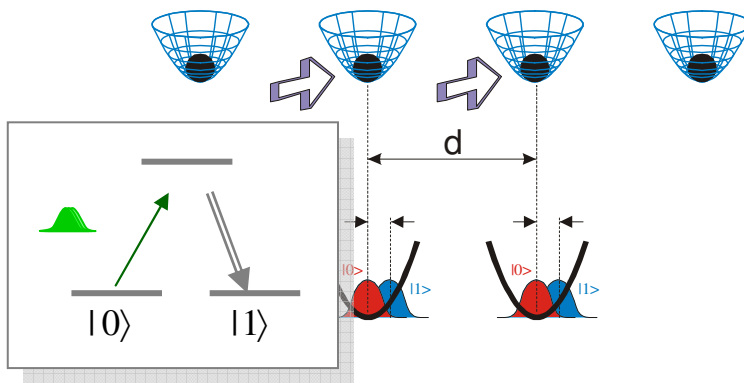
EXPERIMENTAL SITUATION

IONS



(Innsbruck, Boulder, Munich, Oxford, Barcelona, Maryland, ...)

- Mechanism:



- Achievements:

- Crystals: 1-1.000-100.000 ions
- Single and two-qubit gates: > 99% fidelities
- Detection: 99.99
- Entanglement of up to 8 ions.

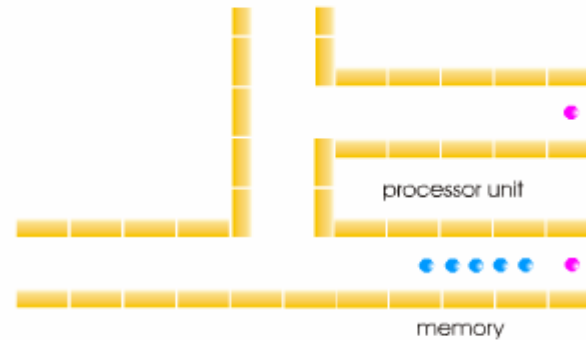


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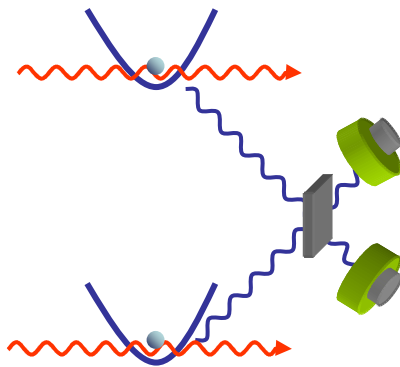
IONS



- Scalable versions:



- Mechanism:



- Achievements:

- Motion, sympathetic cooling, etc
- Violation Bell's inequalities
- Teleportation
- Distant entanglement
- Precision measurements
- Simulation



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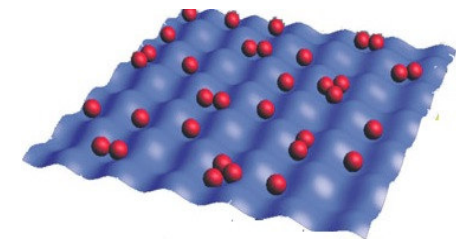
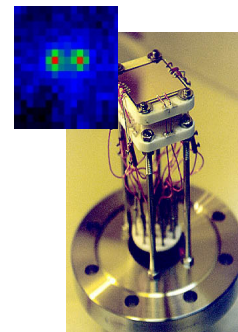
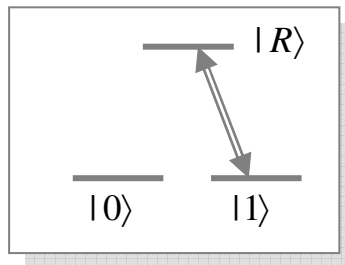
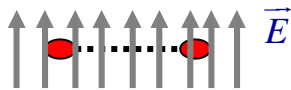
NEUTRAL ATOMS IN TRAPS



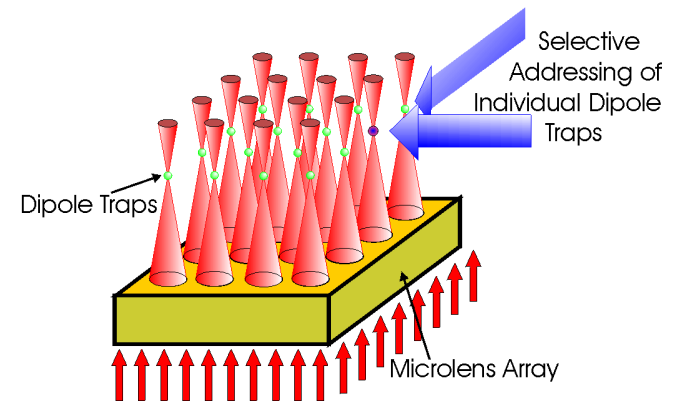
Achievements:

- From single atoms to condensates
- BEC ... optical lattices ...
- Single qubit gates: > 90% fidelities
- Two atoms: Rydberg blockade/collisions
- Detection: 99.99%
- Moving atoms
- Quantum simulations

Mechanisms:



(Paris, Vienna, Hannover, London, Winsconsy, Boulder, Munich, ...)



OTHER APPROACHES:
MEASUREMENT-BASED QUANTUM COMPUTING



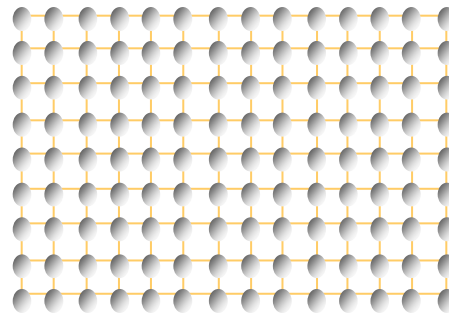
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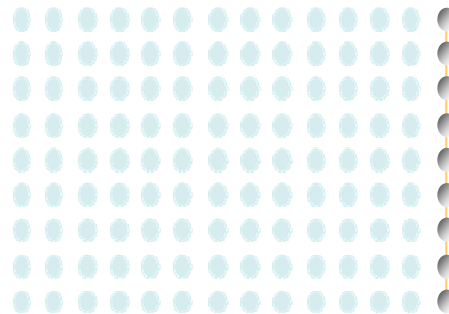


(Raussendorf and Briegel, 01)

- Create an entangled-state (cluster):



- Perform local measurements:





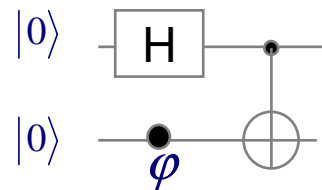
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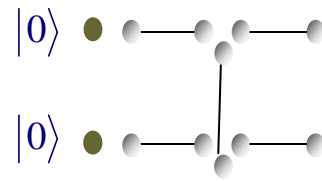


(explanation: Verstraete and IC, 03)

- Teleportation-based gates:



can be carried out as follows:





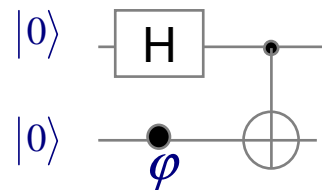
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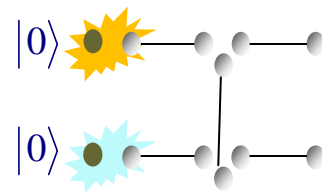


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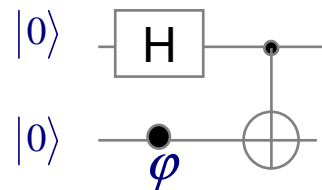
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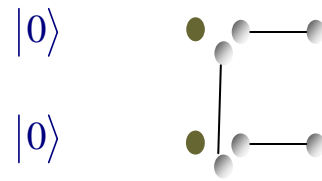


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phase and Hadamard gates



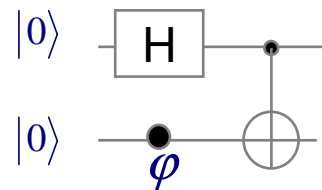
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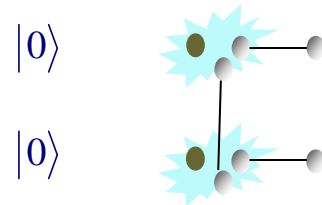


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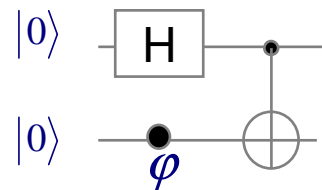
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Controlled-not gate

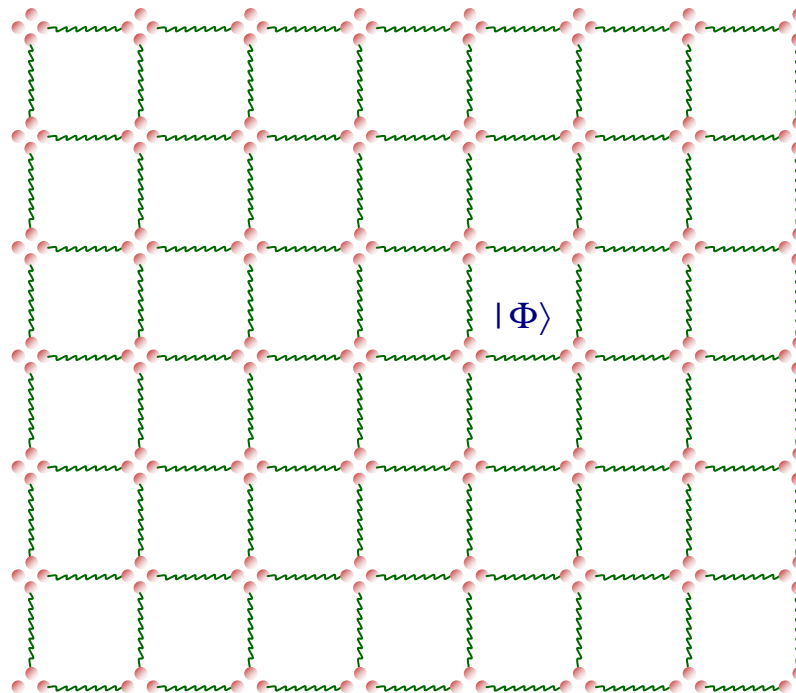


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MEASUREMENT BASED QC



- In a 2D lattice



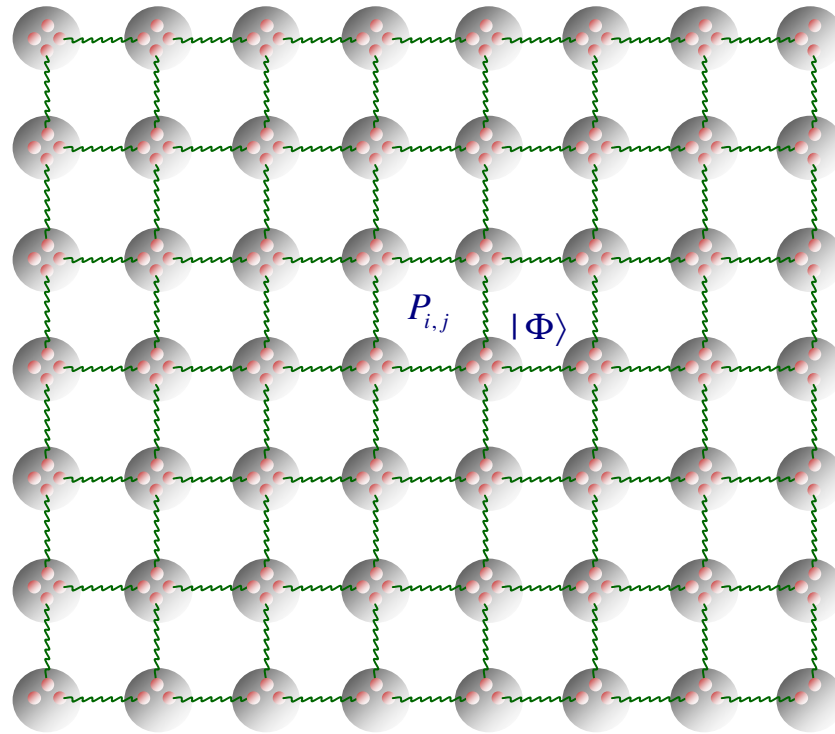


OTHER APPROACHES

MEASUREMENT BASED QC



In a 2D lattice



$$P_n : C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \rightarrow C^2$$

OTHER APPROACHES:
DISSIPATION-DRIVEN QUANTUM COMPUTING



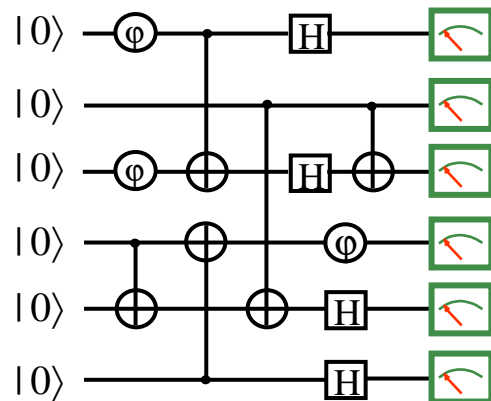
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DISSIPATIVE QC



(Verstraete; Wolf and IC, 09)

Quantum computing:



- i) ~~Initialization: $|00\dots 0\rangle$~~
 - ii) ~~Controlled manipulation: $|\Psi_M\rangle = U_M \dots U_2 U_1 |00\dots 0\rangle$~~
 - iii) Detection.
 - ~~Avoid~~ decoherence/dissipation: $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow \rho$
- use**



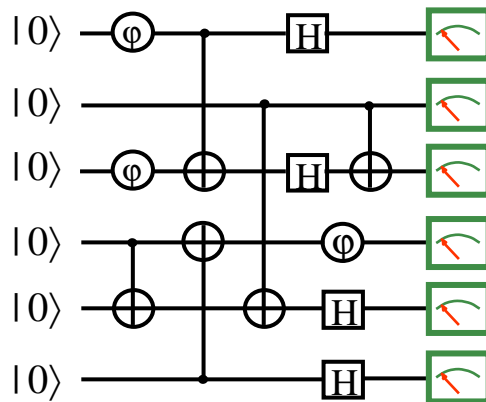
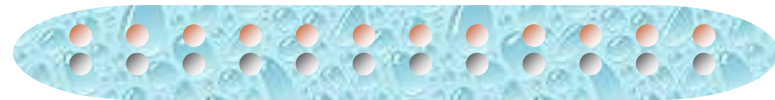
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N qubits:



$$|\Psi_M\rangle = U_M \dots U_2 U_1 |00\dots 0\rangle$$

M gates

$$\dot{\rho} = \cancel{-i[H, \rho]} + \sum_k L_k \rho L_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k, \rho \right]_+$$

no coherent interaction
local traceless

- Unique steady state: ρ_{ss}
- The steady state is reached after a time $O(M^{-2})$

$$\kappa = \pi^2 (3 + 2M)^{-2}$$
- Ψ_M can be obtained from ρ_{ss} with prob. $1/M$
- The Liouvillian can be engineered by coupling pairs of qubits to a local environment



OTHER APPROACHES

DISSIPATIVE QC



Main Idea:

(Verstraete; Wolf and IC, 09)

□ Standard QC:

$$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \quad |\Psi_M\rangle = U_M \dots U_2 U_1 |00\dots 0\rangle$$

□ With dissipation: Use Feynman construction:

„time-register“: M-level system

$$\dot{\rho} = \sum_k L_k \rho L_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k, \rho \right]_+$$

- Define: $|\Psi_t\rangle = U_t \dots U_2 U_1 |00\dots 0\rangle$
- Assume we start out with: $|00\dots 0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$
- We take $L_t = U_t \otimes |t+1\rangle\langle t| + U_t^\dagger \otimes |t\rangle\langle t+1|$ as Lindblad operators
- The evolution takes place in the subspace spanned by $|\Psi_t\rangle \otimes |t\rangle$
- For $t \rightarrow \infty$ one ends up in $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{(1+M)} \sum_{t=0}^M |\Psi_t\rangle\langle\Psi_t| \otimes |t\rangle\langle t|$
- By measuring the second register we obtain the right state with prob. $1/(1+M)$

OTHER APPROACHES:
TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM COMPUTING



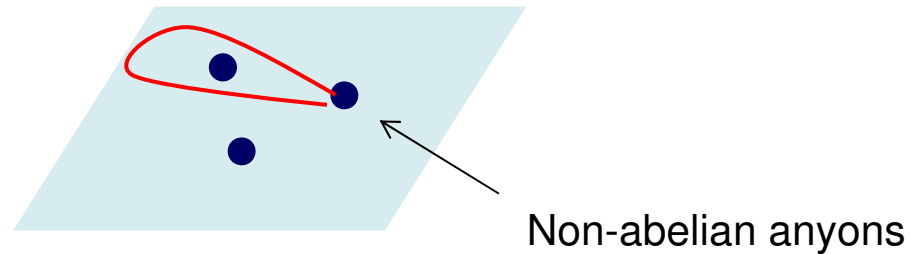
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TOPOLOGICAL QC



(Kitaev 97)

Main Idea:



- Gates are performed by „braiding“
- Gates are robust against imprecisions
- The state is „topologically protected“ against decoherence

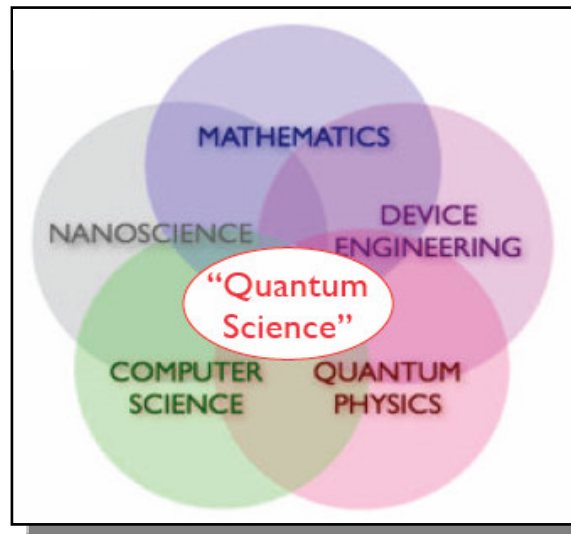
Search for systems with (universal) non-abelian excitations!



OUTLOOK



- Multi-disciplinary area:



- Applications:

- Communication
- Computation
- Precision measurement
- Sensors
- Materials science
- ...

- Main distinctive feature: coherent quantum phenomena.
- Common objectives.
- Next step after nano-science.
- Preparation of the „second quantum revolution“
- Goal: control of quantum systems
- A theory to be developed ...