

Quantum computing with trapped ions - real thought experiments



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- Physics and information
- Ion trap quantum computing
- Quantum teleportation
- Scaling up ion trap quantum computers



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Information is physical (Rolf Landauer, 1961)



Erasing information generates heat:

0101001101 => 0000000000 + entropy



Physics and information





Physical process









Algorithm







Information is physical (Rolf Landauer, 1961)

Information is quantum mechanical

Classical information is a subset in quantum information

Quantum information: strip down quantum mechanics to bare bones.

- Hilbert space
- unitary operations
- measurement













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 $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

|1
angle











$$\begin{split} |\Psi\rangle_{\mathsf{reg}} &= \alpha_0 |000\rangle + \alpha_1 |001\rangle + \alpha_2 |010\rangle + \alpha_3 |011\rangle + \\ \alpha_4 |100\rangle + \alpha_5 |101\rangle + \alpha_6 |110\rangle + \alpha_7 |111\rangle \end{split}$$

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40 qubits	10 000 GigaByte
1 additional qubit	Double the memory
300 qubits	Each atom in the universe holds on bit.





Schrödinger equation for 300 interacting spins.

Classical computation needs more bits than there are atoms in the universe.

Quantum computers can solve certain tasks much more efficiently than classical computers.

Other prominent examples:

- Factoring of large integers (P. Shor 1994)
- Search in an unsorted data base (L. Grover, 1997)









Classical computer

- Initialization
- 1-bit operations (NOT)
- 2-bit gates (e.g. NAND)

00 Computational space: 11

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Read out result

Quantum computer

- Initialization
- 1-qubit rotations superpositions
- 2-qubit gates (CNOT gate) 📥 entanglement

Computational space: Hilbert space 2ⁿ dimensional

Read out of qubits gain of classical information



Quantum computing







computation: sequence of quantum gates







Long term goal: A universal quantum computer



In the mean time:

- "understand" quantum mechanics
- apply quantum mechanics
- where does quantum mechanics fail?



Which technology ?





Cavity QED







Superconducting qubits





Quantum dots

Trapped atoms/ions

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Which technology ?









Trapped ions form the quantum register 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 **Trap electrodes**



The hardware











1. Initialization in a pure quantum state







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Spatially resolved detection with CCD camera

Two ions:



50 experiments / s

Repeat experiments 100-200 times



Rabi oscillations

















Rabi oscillations



D₅₂











Rabi oscillations



















Classical computer

- Initialization
- 1-bit operations (NOT)
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Computational space:

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Read out result



1-qubit rotations
 superpositions

Quantum computer

 2-qubit gates (CNOT gate)
 entanglement



Time (us)

Computational space:

Read out of qubits
gain of classical information





Having the qubits interact







lon motion







lon motion









lon motion









All atoms flip their state together







All atoms flip their state together





Bell states using the Mølmer-Sørensen gate











Fluorescence detection with CCD camera:

Coherent superposition or incoherent mixture ?

What is the relative phase of the superposition ?



Measurement of the density matrix:



 $|SS\rangle$

|SD|

|DS|

DL







J. Benhelm, G. Kirchmair, C. Roos Theory: C. Roos, New J. Phys. **10**, 013002 (2008)

measure entanglement via parity oscillations











Four-ion GHZ state









Six-ion GHZ-state



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Eight-ion GHZ state







Eight-ion GHZ state





T. Monz, P. Schindler, J. Barreiro, M. Hennrich, R. Blatt

$$\begin{split} |\Psi\rangle &= |SSSSSSSS\rangle + |DDDDDDDD\rangle \\ &= |S\rangle |\text{alive}\rangle + |D\rangle |\text{dead}\rangle \end{split}$$



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GHZ-state fidelities









Physics and information

- Ion trap quantum computing
- Teleportation
- Scaling of ion trap quantum computers



Teleportation







Teleportation





Bennett *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **70**, 1895 (1993). Bouwmeester *et al.*, Nature **390**, 575 (1997).



Teleportation







Bell measurement









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Quantum Computations with Cold Trapped Ions

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A quantum computer can be implemented with cold ions confined in a linear trap and interacting with laser beams. Quantum gates involving any pair, triplet, or subset of ions can be realized by coupling the ions through the collective quantized motion. In this system decoherence is negligible, and the measurement (readout of the quantum register) can be carried out with a high efficiency.

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 $|\varepsilon_1\rangle|\varepsilon_2
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ightarrow |\varepsilon_1
angle|\varepsilon_1\oplus\varepsilon_2
angle$

controlled - NOT:

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 $|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|0\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle + |1\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle + |1\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|0\rangle$







Truth table of a controlled NOT gate





universal set of quantum gates







output











And now backwards





detect









Bell measurement









Teleportation analysis







Deterministic teleportation





"Deterministic teleportation with atoms" Barrett et al., Nature **429**, 737 (2004) and Riebe et al., Nature **429**, 734 (2004)





Classical computer

- Initialization
- 1-bit operations (NOT)
- 2-bit gates (e.g. NAND)

Computational space:

00 01 10

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Read out
 result



1-qubit rotations
 superpositions

Quantum computer

 2-qubit gates (CNOT gate)
 entanglement

Computational

space:



Read out of qubits ain of classical information













- Physics and information
- Ion trap quantum computing
- Teleportation
- Scaling of ion trap quantum computers













Innsbruck quantum computer, 2005



ENIAC, 1950







Innsbruck quantum computer, 2009



ENIAC, 1950























Scaling of ion trap quantum computers



D. Leibfried, D. Wineland et al., NIST

































"Architecture for a large-scale ion-trap quantum computer", D. Kielpinski et al., Nature **417**, 709 (2002).







Transport		Energy Gain
		(recooling method)
		$\operatorname{quanta}/\operatorname{trip}$
Е-С-Е	1 ion	3.2 ± 1.8
\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{H} - \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{E}	1 ion	7.9 ± 1.5
E-C-V-C-E	1 ion	14.5 ± 2.0
Е-С-Е	2 ions	5.4 ± 1.2
Е-С-Н-С-Е	2 ions	16.6 ± 1.8
Е-С-V-С-Е	2 ions	53.0 ± 1.2



NIST: Blakestad, et al., "High fidelity transport of trapped-ion qubits through an X-junction trap array", arXiv:0901.0533v1















Two trapped ions ...









Two trapped ions + a wire







Transport of quantum information






Transport of quantum information



No trace of the quantum information should remain in the wire











Experimental set-up







Conclusions



Ion trap quantum computing





Schrödinger kitten



Scaling of ion traps





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