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- Cirac-Zoller CNOT gate operation
- State and process tomography
- Generation of Bell, GHZ and W states
- Teleportation with trapped ions
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The requirements for quantum information processing

D. P. DiVincenzo, Quant. Inf. Comp. 1 (Special), 1 (2001)

- I. Scalable physical system, well characterized qubits
- II. Ability to initialize the state of the qubits
- III. Long relevant coherence times, much longer than gate operation time
- IV. "Universal" set of quantum gates
- V. Qubit-specific measurement capability
- VI. Ability to interconvert stationary and flying qubits
- VII. Ability to faithfully transmit flying qubits between specified locations

The seven commandments for QIP !!



Quantum bits and quantum registers

- classical bit: physical object in state 0 or 1
- register: bit rows 011...
- quantum bit (qubit): superposition of two orthogonal quantum states

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

- quantum register: L 2-level atoms, 2^{L} quantum states 2^{L} states correspond to numbers 0,...., $2^{L} - 1$ $0 \ge 1 \ge 1$
- most general state of the register is the superposition
- $\begin{aligned} |\Psi\rangle &= c_{000}|000\rangle + c_{001}|001\rangle + \dots + c_{110}|110\rangle + c_{111}|111\rangle & \text{(binary)} \\ &= c_0|1\rangle + c_1|1\rangle + \dots + c_6|110\rangle + c_7|7\rangle & \text{(decimal)} \end{aligned}$

Universal Quantum Gates

Operations with single qubit: (1-bit rotations)

together universal !

Operations with two qubits: (2-bit rotations)

CNOT – gate operation (controlled-NOT)

analogous to XOR



How a quantum computer works



Input \implies computation: sequence of quantum gates \implies output

Meeting the DiVincenzo criteria with trapped ions

criterion	physical implementation	technique	
scalable qubits	internal atomic transitions	linear traps	\checkmark
	(2-level-systems)	(trap arrays)	
initialization	laser cooling,	optical pumping,	\checkmark
	state preparation	laser pulses	
long coherence times	narrow transitions	coherence time	✓
	(optical, microwave)	~ ms - min	
universal quantum	single qubit operations,	Rabi oscillations	\checkmark
gates	two-qubit operations	Cirac-Zoller CNOT	
qubit measurement	quantum jump detection	individual ion	~
			-
convert qubits to	finesse cavity	CQED, bad cavity	L.
liying qubits	incose cavity	mme	
faithfully transmit	coupling of cavities via fiber	coupling pulse	Т
flying qubits	(photonic channel)	sequences (CZKM)	E

Qubits with trapped ions

Storing and keeping quantum information requires long-lived atomic states:

 optical transition frequencies (forbidden transitions, intercombination lines)
 S – D transitions in alkaline earths: Ca⁺, Sr⁺, Ba⁺, Ra⁺, (Yb⁺, Hg⁺) etc.



 microwave transitions (hyperfine transitions, Zeeman transitions) alkaline earths: ⁹Be⁺, ²⁵Mg⁺, ⁴³Ca⁺, ⁸⁷Sr⁺, ¹³⁷Ba⁺, ¹¹¹Cd⁺, ¹⁷¹Yb⁺



Boulder ⁹Be⁺; Michigan ¹¹¹Cd⁺; Innsbruck ⁴³Ca⁺, Oxford ⁴³Ca⁺; Maryland ¹⁷¹Yb⁺;

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

 $\begin{array}{cccc} |0\rangle|0\rangle & \rightarrow & |0\rangle|0\rangle \\ |0\rangle|1\rangle & \rightarrow & |0\rangle|1\rangle \\ |1\rangle|0\rangle & \rightarrow & |1\rangle|1\rangle \\ |1\rangle|1\rangle & \rightarrow & |1\rangle|0\rangle \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array}$

control bit

target bit

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Linear Ion Traps



Innsbruck linear ion trap (2000)



 ω_zpprox 0.7 - 2 MHz $\omega_{x,y}pprox$ 1.5 - 4 MHz

Quantum computer with trapped ions

J. I. Cirac, P. Zoller; Phys. Rev. Lett. 74, 4091 (1995)

L lons in linear trap

- quantum bits, quantum register
 - narr
 - grou
- state vector of quantum computer

- narrow optical transitions
- groundstate Zeeman coherences
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\underline{x}} c_{\underline{x}} |x_{L-1}, \dots, x_0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle_{CM}$$

2-qubit quantum gate
 $|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|0\rangle$
 $|0\rangle|1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|1\rangle$
 $|1\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle|1\rangle$
Isser pulses entangle pairs of ions
control bit target bit

- needs individual addressing, efficient single qubit operations
- small decoherence of internal and motional states
- quantum computer as series of gate operations (sequence of laser pulses)





Spectroscopy with quantized fluorescence (quantum jumps)



Quantized Ion motion





Addressing of individual ions





- inter ion distance: ~ 4 µm
- addressing waist: ~ 2.5 µm
- < 0.1% intensity on neighbouring ions

Detection of 6 individual ions



Coherent state manipulation



Coherent state manipulation: carrier



Carrier transitions leave the motion unchanged

Coherent state manipulation: sideband

Sideband transitions entangle motion and internal excitation





The Cirac-Zoller CNOT gate operation with 2 ions

5µm

allows the realization of a *universal* quantum computer !

$ 0\rangle 0\rangle$	\rightarrow	$ 0\rangle 0\rangle$
$ 0\rangle 1\rangle$	\rightarrow	0 angle 1 angle
$ 1\rangle 0\rangle$	\rightarrow	$ 1\rangle 1\rangle$
$ 1\rangle 1\rangle$	\rightarrow	$ 1\rangle 0\rangle$

control bit

target bit

F. Schmidt-Kaler et al., Nature **422**, 408 (2003)





ion 1 $|S\rangle, |D\rangle$

ion 2 $|S\rangle, |D\rangle$ -

motion $|0\rangle$



|0>, |1>

 $|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|0\rangle$ |0
angle|1
angle
ightarrow |0
angle|1
angle|1
angle|0
angle
ightarrow |1
angle|1
angle $|1
angle|1
angle \ o \ |1
angle|0
angle$ target bit control qubit $|0\rangle$

target qubit

 $\left| \mathcal{E}_{1} \right\rangle \left| \mathcal{E}_{2} \right\rangle$ $|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle|0\rangle$ |0
angle|1
angle
ightarrow |0
angle|1
angle|1
angle|0
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ightarrow |1
angle|1
angle $|1
angle|1
angle \ o \ |1
angle|0
angle$ control bit ion 1 $|S\rangle, |D\rangle$ control qubit 1-10> |0>, |1> SWAP-1 motion $|0\rangle$ ion 2 $|S\rangle, |D\rangle$ target qubit



Individual ion detection



Experimental fidelity of Cirac-Zoller CNOT operation



Superposition as input to CNOT gate operation



Bell states







Bell states



Preparation of Bell states and measurement



C. Roos et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 220402 (2004)

Reconstruction of a density matrix p

Representation of ρ as a sum of orthogonal observables A_i :

$$\rho = \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} A_{i} \text{ with } Tr(A_{i} A_{j}) = \delta_{ij}$$

 ρ is completely determined by the expectation values $\langle A_j \rangle$:

$$\langle A_j \rangle = Tr(\rho A_j) = \sum_i \lambda_i Tr(A_i A_j) = \lambda_j$$

For a two-qubit system : $A_i \in \{\sigma_i^{(1)} \otimes \sigma_j^{(2)}, \sigma_i \in \{I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\}\}$ \longrightarrow Joint measurements of all spin components $\sigma_i^{(1)} \otimes \sigma_j^{(2)}$ $\rho_R = \sum_{i=1}^{16} \langle A_i \rangle A_i$
Maximum likelihood estimation

The reconstructed $\rho_R = \sum_i \langle A_i \rangle A_i$ is not necessarily positive semidefinite

obtain ρ from maximum likelihood estimation:

Z. Hradil, Phys. Rev. A 55, R1561 (1997), K. Banaszek et al., Phys. Rev. A 61, 010304 (1999)

choose ρ such that

$$L(\rho) = \sum_{i} \frac{(\langle A_i \rangle_{exp} - Tr(\rho A_i))^2}{\sigma_{A_i,\rho}^2}$$

is minimized

optimization of 15 parameters

Experimental tomography procedure



two ⁴⁰Ca⁺ ions trapped in linear trap $\omega_z = (2\pi) 1.2 \text{ MHz}$ $\omega_{x,y} = (2\pi) 4.5 \text{ MHz}$

Individual qubit operations

$$\sigma_i^{(1)}, \sigma_j^{(2)}, i = x, y, z$$

Experimental cycle (~20 ms):

- 1. Laser cooling to the motional ground state
- 2. Quantum state preparation
- 3. Application of tomography pulses
- 4. State detection

100-200 experiments

Experimental tomography procedure



Measurement of the density matrix

Measurement of

$$\langle \sigma_z^{(1)} \rangle, \, \langle \sigma_z^{(2)} \rangle, \, \langle \sigma_z^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} \rangle$$
 :

$$\langle \sigma_z^{(1)} \rangle = p_{DD} + p_{DS} - p_{SD} - p_{SS} \langle \sigma_z^{(2)} \rangle = p_{DD} - p_{DS} + p_{SD} - p_{SS} \langle \sigma_z^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} \rangle = p_{DD} - p_{DS} - p_{SD} + p_{SS}$$

 $\langle \sigma_x^{(1)} \rangle, \, \langle \sigma_x^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} \rangle \, {\rm etc.}$:

Rotation of Bloch sphere prior to measurement:





Push-button preparation and tomography of Bell states



C. Roos et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 220402 (2004)

Quantum Process Tomography



 χ_{ij}



characterizes gate operation completely

 $\equiv \{I, X, iY, Z\}$

χ – matrix for ideal CNOT gate operation



χ – matrix for observed CNOT gate operation



χ – matrix for ideal CNOT gate operation



χ – matrix for observed CNOT gate operation



Entangled states with three ions



W states: $|SDD + DSD + DDS\rangle$

C. Roos et al., Science **304**, 1478 (2004)

Preparation of a GHZ state



3 Ions: Preparation of W – states



State tomography of GHZ and W states

C. Roos et al., Science 304, 1478 (2004)

GHZ - state

W - state



reconstruction time: ~ 200 s

Scalable push-button generation of GHZ states



Measuring GHZ and W states





Teleportation

M. Riebe et al., New J. Phys. **9**, 211(2007)

Alice and Bob share the state $|\Psi\rangle^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B)$

joint three-qubit quantum state can be written as

Alice's input state $|\Psi\rangle_{in} = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha|00\rangle_A|1\rangle_B + \beta|10\rangle_A|1\rangle_B + \alpha|01\rangle_A|0\rangle_B + \beta|11\rangle_A|0\rangle_B)$$

rearrange

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi_A^+ \underbrace{(\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle)_B}_{\sigma_x \cdot \Psi_{in}} + \Phi_A^- \underbrace{(\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle)_B}_{\sigma_z \cdot \sigma_x \cdot \Psi_{in}} + \Psi_A^+ \underbrace{(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)_B}_{\Psi_{in}} + \Psi_A^- \underbrace{(\beta|1\rangle - \alpha|0\rangle)_B}_{-\sigma_z \cdot \Psi_{in}})$$

with
$$\Psi^{\pm} = (|10\rangle \pm |01\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, \ \Phi^{\pm} = (|00\rangle \pm |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

Quantum teleportation protocol





Quantum teleportation protocol, details



Teleportation procedure, analysis





Teleportation with atoms: results



Process tomography of quantum teleportation



Process tomography of quantum teleportation

represent input/output states with Bloch spheres:



M. Riebe et al., New J. Phys. 9, 211(2007)

Multi - particle entanglement



Five-ion W state



Six-Ion W-state



Eight entangled qubits: a quantum byte



Scaling the ion trap quantum computer ...

more ions, larger traps, phonons carry quantum information

Cirac-Zoller, slow for many ions (few 10 ions maybe possible)

move ions, carry quantum information around

Kielpinski et al., Nature **417**, 709 (2002)

requires small, integrated trap structures,

miniaturized optics and electronics



Ion Chip Trap Quantum Microprocessors: worldwide efforts











Chip traps in Innsbruck (2007)

Sandia: planar trap structure





Lucent: planar trap structure





Innsbruck design

IOF T - trap



chip,outside connectors

2" ³⁄₄ flange assembly for all chip traps

beam ports

Advanced chip traps at NIST

2-layer, 2-D, X-junction, 18 zones (Au on Al₂O₃)



Transport through junction (⁹Be⁺,²⁴Mg⁺)
◊ minimal heating ~ 20 quanta
◊ transport error < 3 x 10⁻⁶





Scaling the ion trap quantum computer

cavity QED: atom – photon interface, use photons for networking

- J. I. Cirac et al., PRL **78**, 3221 (1997)
- P. Schmidt et al., Univ. Innsbruck

trap arrays, using single ion as moving head

I. Cirac und P. Zoller, Nature 404, 579 (2000)

ion – solid state qubits (e.g. charge qubit)
L. Tian et al., PRL 92, 247902 (2004)
H. Häffner et al., Innsbruck







Quantum Computer – ion trap realization

- Innsbruck: Ca⁺ experiments (⁴⁰Ca⁺, ⁴³Ca⁺)
- Realization of two-ion Cirac-Zoller CNOT operation
- Quantum process tomography, gate operations
- Bell and GHZ measurements, tomography
- Multipartite entanglement, more gate operations
- Scaling the ion trap quantum computer

Future:

- further optimization of logic operations
- error correction protocols with three and five qubits
- implementation with ⁴³Ca⁺, logical qubits + scalability
- miniaturize traps, interface quantum information
- applications: metrology, quantum simulations







Future goals and developments

- more qubits (~20 50)
- better fidelities
- faster gate operations
- faster detection

- cryogenic trap, micro-structured traps
- development of 2-d trap arrays, onboard addressing, electronics etc.
- entangling of large(r) systems: characterization ?
- implementation of error correction, keep "qubit alive"
- applications
 - small scale QIP (e.g. repeaters)
 - quantum metrology, enhanced S/N, tailored atoms and states
 - quantum simulations
 - quantum computation


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