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INTRODUCTION AU CALCUL QUANTIQUE
INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM COMPUTATION

Deuxième Leçon / *Second Lecture*

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CONTENT OF THIS YEAR'S LECTURES

QUANTUM COMPUTATION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF MESOSCOPIC CIRCUITS

1. Introduction, c-bits versus q-bits
2. The Pauli matrices and quantum computation primitives
3. Stabilizer formalism for state representation
4. Clifford calculus
5. Algorithms
6. Error correction

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CALENDAR OF SEMINARS

May 11: Cristian Urbina, (Quantronics group, SPEC-CEA Saclay)

Josephson effect in atomic contacts and carbon nanotubes

May 18: Benoît Douçot (LPTHE / Université Pierre et Marie Curie)

Towards the physical realization of topologically protected qubits

June 1: Takis Kontos (LPA / Ecole Normale Supérieure)

Points quantiques et ferromagnétisme

June 8: Cristiano Ciuti (MPQ, Université Paris - Diderot)

Ultrastrong coupling circuit QED : vacuum degeneracy and quantum phase transitions

June 15: Leo DiCarlo (Yale)

Preparation and measurement of tri-partite entanglement in a superconducting quantum circuit

June 22: Vladimir Manucharian (Yale)

The fluxonium circuit: an electrical dual of the Cooper-pair box?

NOTE THAT THERE IS NO LECTURE AND NO SEMINAR NEXT WEEK, ON MAY 25 !

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LECTURE II : THE PAULI MATRICES AND QUANTUM COMPUTATION PRIMITIVES

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3. Two ways of doing NOT
4. The Quaternion group
5. Multiqubit registers

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REGISTER = SET OF ACTIVE BITS

REGISTER WITH N=10 BITS:

$b_9 b_8 b_7 b_6 b_5 b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0$

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⋮ ⋮ ⋮
⋮ ⋮ ⋮

1111111110

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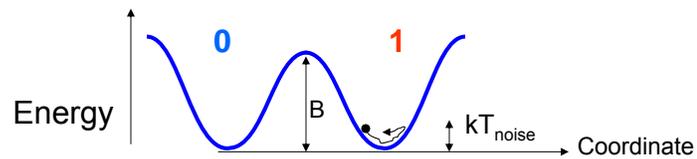
$2^N = 1024$ POSSIBLE CONFIGURATIONS FOR THE REGISTER

Each of these configurations must be thought of as a basis vector...

... which can represent one number between 0 and 1023 or any other data with same information content.

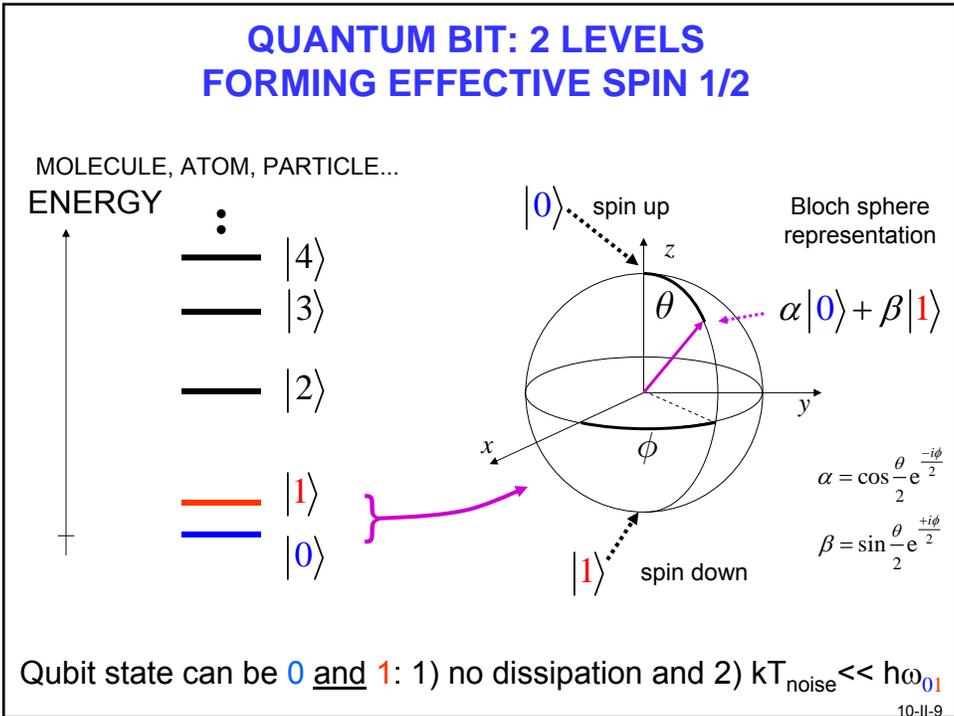
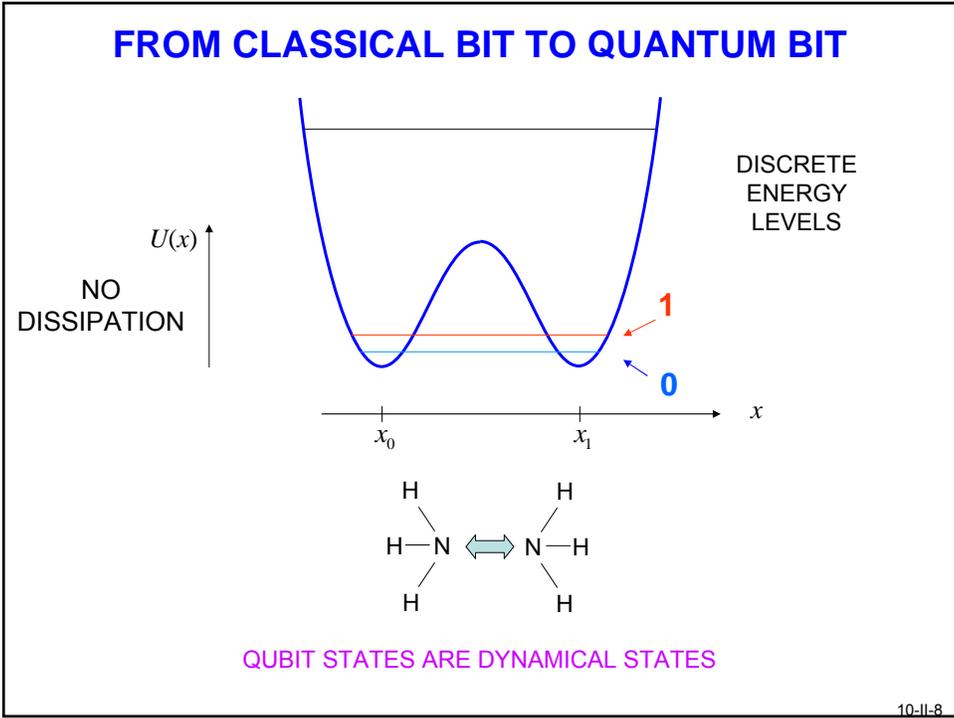
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CLASSICAL BIT = DAMPED BISTABLE SYSTEM



Bit state is either 0 or 1: 1) strong dissipation and 2) $kT_{\text{noise}} \ll B$

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BOOLEAN CALCULUS

Boolean field

$$\mathbb{B} = \{ \{0, 1\}; \oplus; \bullet \}$$

2 binary digits
= 2 numbers

addition
modulo 2

multiplication
(modulo 2)

		b_1	
		0	1
b_2	0	0	1
	1	1	0

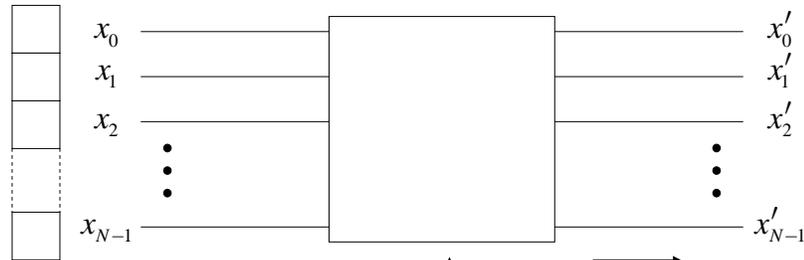
		b_1	
		0	1
b_2	0	0	0
	1	0	1

QUANTUM COMPUTATION EXTENDS THIS CALCULUS

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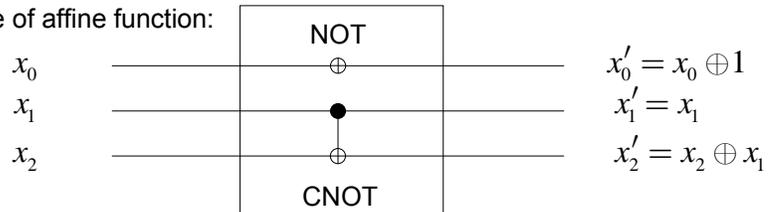
REVERSIBLE LOGICAL CIRCUITS

Musical score representation



register information preserving function, a.k.a. reversible computation

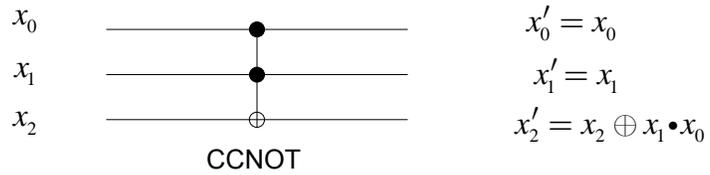
Example of affine function:



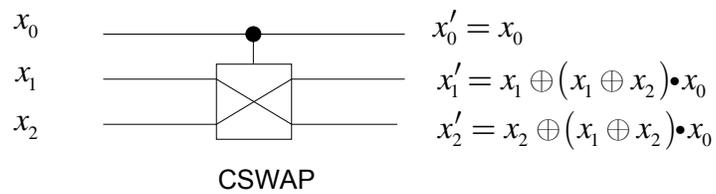
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NON-LINEAR REVERSIBLE FUNCTIONS

TOFFOLI GATE (REVERSIBLE AND GATE)

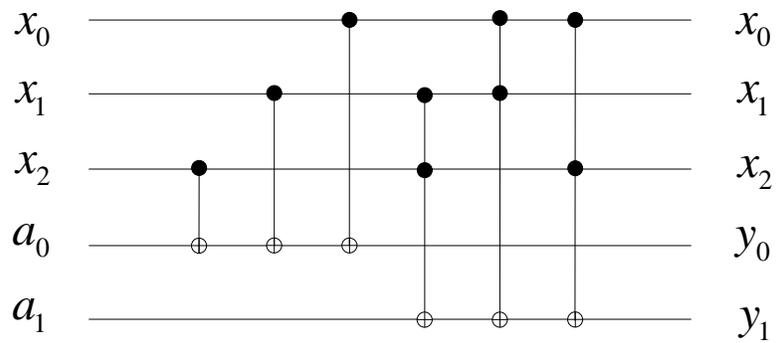


FREDKIN GATE



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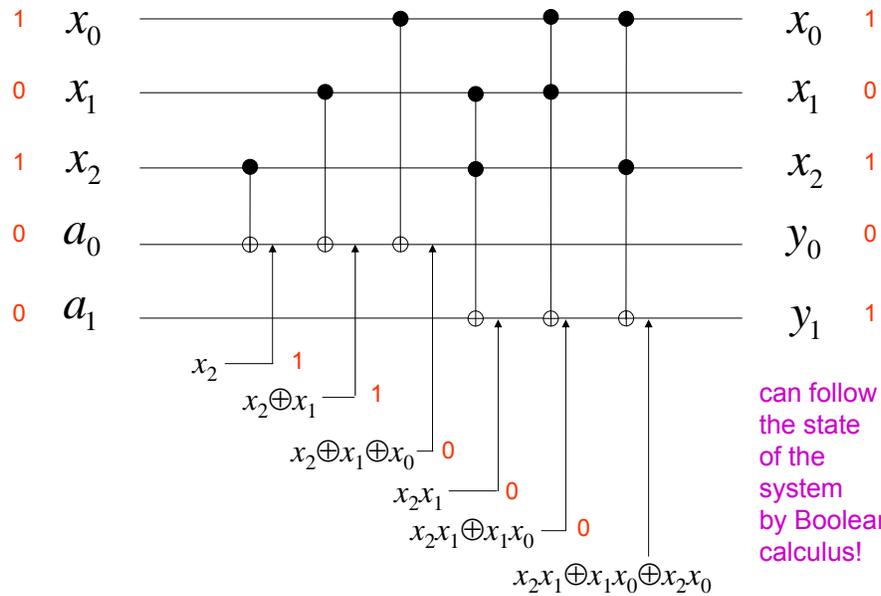
LOGICAL CIRCUIT FOR 3-BIT INTEGER ADDITION



$$\begin{aligned}
 y_0 &= x_2 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 \\
 y_1 &= x_2 x_1 \oplus x_1 x_0 \oplus x_2 x_0
 \end{aligned}$$

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LOGICAL CIRCUIT FOR 3-BIT INTEGER ADDITION



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MORE ON BLOCH SPHERE REPRESENTATION OF SPIN 1/2 STATE VECTORS

Consider a spin 1/2 state vector:

no loss of generality

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|\uparrow\rangle + \beta|\downarrow\rangle = \cos(\theta/2)e^{-i\phi/2}|\uparrow\rangle + \sin(\theta/2)e^{+i\phi/2}|\downarrow\rangle$$

Its density matrix is:

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi; 0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$

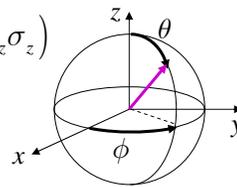
$$\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| = |\alpha|^2|\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| + \alpha\beta^*|\uparrow\rangle\langle\downarrow| + \beta\alpha^*|\downarrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| + |\beta|^2|\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|$$

$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} |\alpha|^2 & \alpha\beta^* \\ \beta\alpha^* & |\beta|^2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \cos\theta & \sin\theta e^{i\phi} \\ \sin\theta e^{-i\phi} & 1 - \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us decompose the density matrix on the basis of the Pauli matrices:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(I + s_x\sigma_x + s_y\sigma_y + s_z\sigma_z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(I + \vec{s} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$



$$\vec{s} = \sin(\theta)\cos(\phi)\hat{x} + \sin(\theta)\sin(\phi)\hat{y} + \cos(\theta)\hat{z}$$

$$\vec{s} \leftrightarrow \rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

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PAULI SPIN MATRICES AND ROTATIONS

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \text{ (identity)}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = X$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = Y$$

$$\sigma_3 = \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = Z$$

THESE MATRICES ENTER IN OPERATORS REPRESENTING THE HAMILTONIAN AND THE MEASUREMENTS, THE CLASS OF HERMITIAN OPERATORS. ($H^\dagger = H$)

$$[X] = -i\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_x(\pi)$$

$$[Y] = -i\sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_y(\pi)$$

$$[Z] = -i\sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_z(\pi)$$

THESE MATRICES ENTER IN OPERATORS REPRESENTING THE LOGIC GATE OPERATIONS THE CLASS OF UNITARY OPERATORS. ($U^\dagger = U^{-1}$)

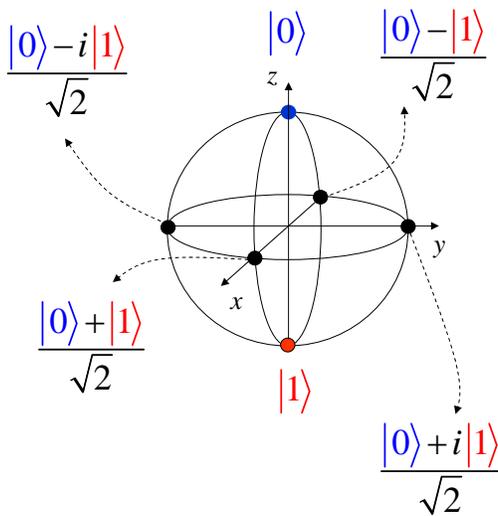
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REVIEW OF QUANTUM OPERATORS

Density Matrix (State operator)	$\rho = \Psi\rangle\langle\Psi $	Hermitian
Hamiltonian	$H(t)$	Hermitian
Evolution operator	$U(t_1, t_2)$	Unitary
Link between H and U	$U(t_1, t_2) = T \exp\left[-i \int_{t_1}^{t_2} H(t) dt\right]$	
State evolution	$\rho(t) = U(t, 0)\rho(0)U(t, 0)^{-1}$	
Observable	O	Hermitian
Measurement result	$\langle O \rangle_t = \text{tr}[OU(t, 0)\rho(0)U(t, 0)^{-1}]$ $= \text{tr}[U(t, 0)^{-1}OU(t, 0)\rho(0)]$	Real

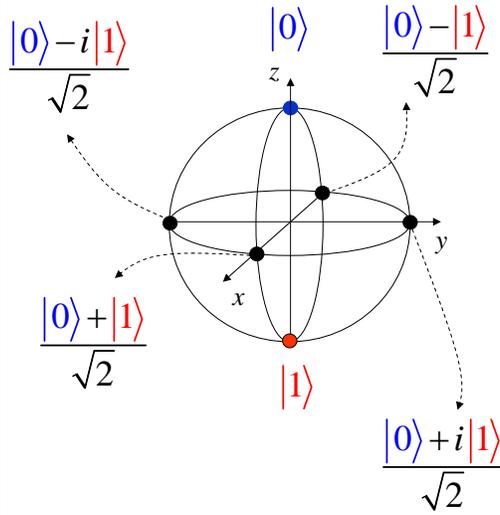
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"CARDINAL POINTS" OF THE BLOCH SPHERE



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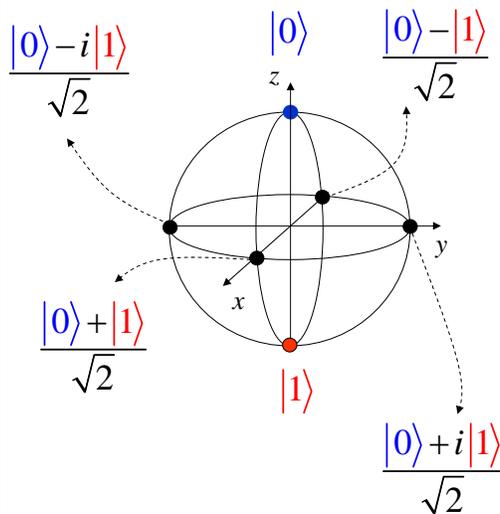
"CARDINAL POINTS" OF THE BLOCH SPHERE



state	$\langle Z \rangle$	$\langle X \rangle$	$\langle Y \rangle$
$ 0\rangle$	+1	0	0
$ 1\rangle$	-1	0	0
$(0\rangle+ 1\rangle)2^{-1/2}$	0	+1	0
$(0\rangle- 1\rangle)2^{-1/2}$	0	-1	0
$(0\rangle+i 1\rangle)2^{-1/2}$	0	0	+1
$(0\rangle-i 1\rangle)2^{-1/2}$	0	0	-1

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"CARDINAL POINTS" OF THE BLOCH SPHERE (bis)



Example of a rotation

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

$$[Z] \frac{|0\rangle+|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{i} \times \frac{|0\rangle-|1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

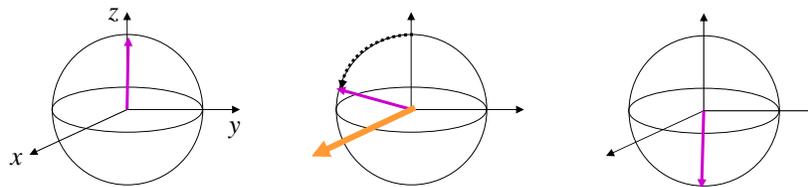
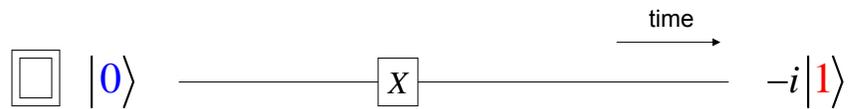
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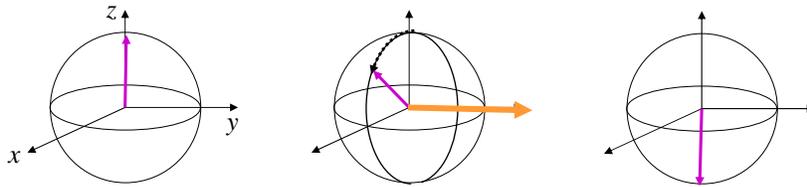
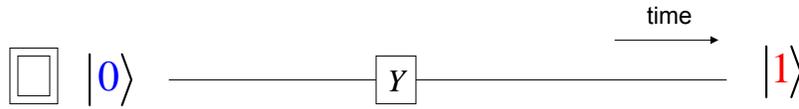
QUANTUM LOGICAL CIRCUIT OF NOT



precession of state
vector around x ,
with field on for a time corresponding
to angle of 180 degrees

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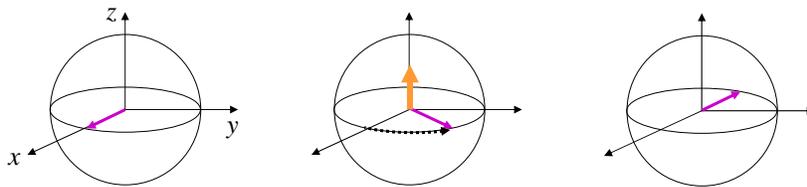
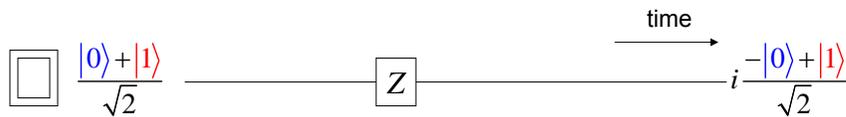
QUANTUM LOGICAL CIRCUIT OF NOT (VARIATION)



precession of state vector around y , with field on for a time corresponding to angle of 180 degrees

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WHAT IS [Z]?

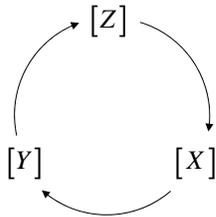


precession of state vector around z , with field on for a time corresponding to angle of 180 degrees

In general, gates are done by applying fields to the qubits

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MULTIPLICATION TABLE OF QUBIT π ROTATIONS



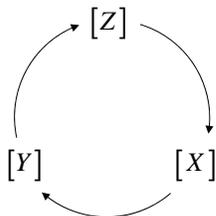
$[Z][X] = [Y]$
and relations
obtained by circular
permutations

like:
 $\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$

$$[Z]^2 = [X]^2 = [Y]^2 = -I = [Z][X][Y]$$

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MULTIPLICATION TABLE OF QUBIT π ROTATIONS



$[Z][X] = [Y]$
and relations
obtained by circular
permutations

like:
 $\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$

$$[Z]^2 = [X]^2 = [Y]^2 = -I = [Z][X][Y]$$

$$Q = \{I, -I, [X], [-X], [Y], [-Y], [Z], [-Z]\}$$

Quaternion
group

8 elements

More on this group later in this lecture.

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PAULI GROUP

$ZX = iY$ and relations obtained by circular permutations

$$Z^2 = X^2 = Y^2 = I$$

$$\mathbb{P} = \{ \pm I, \pm iI, \pm X, \pm iX, \pm Y, \pm iY, \pm Z, \pm iZ \}$$

16 elements, not 8!

Will study this group next lecture.

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APPLYING AN ARBITRARY TIME-DEPENDENT FIELD

In lab frame:

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{lab}}{\hbar/2} = \left[\Omega_{01} + \omega_{\parallel}(t) \right] \sigma_z + \omega_{\perp}(t) \cos \left[\Omega_{01}t + \phi(t) \right] \sigma_x$$

↑

variation of
Larmor freq.

↑

amplitude of
transverse osc.
field

↑

phase of
field

Do "rotating wave approximation" (neglect fast oscillating terms)

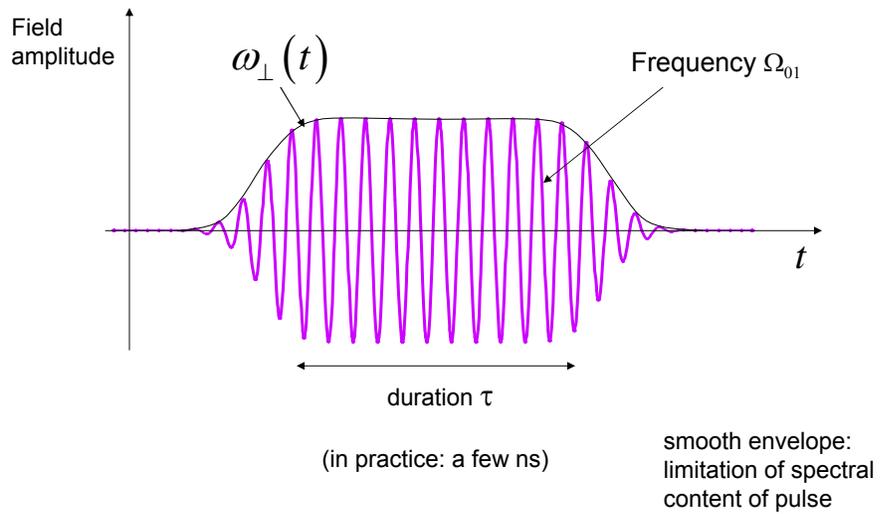
In frame rotating
at Larmor freq. Ω_{01} :

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{rot}}{\hbar/2} = \omega_{\parallel}(t) \sigma_z + \omega_{\perp}(t) \cos[\phi(t)] \sigma_x + \omega_{\perp}(t) \sin[\phi(t)] \sigma_y$$

$$\vec{B}_{eff} = - \left[(\omega_{\perp} \cos \phi) \hat{x} + (\omega_{\perp} \sin \phi) \hat{y} + \omega_{\parallel} \hat{z} \right] \quad \text{(microwave signals applied to qubit)}$$

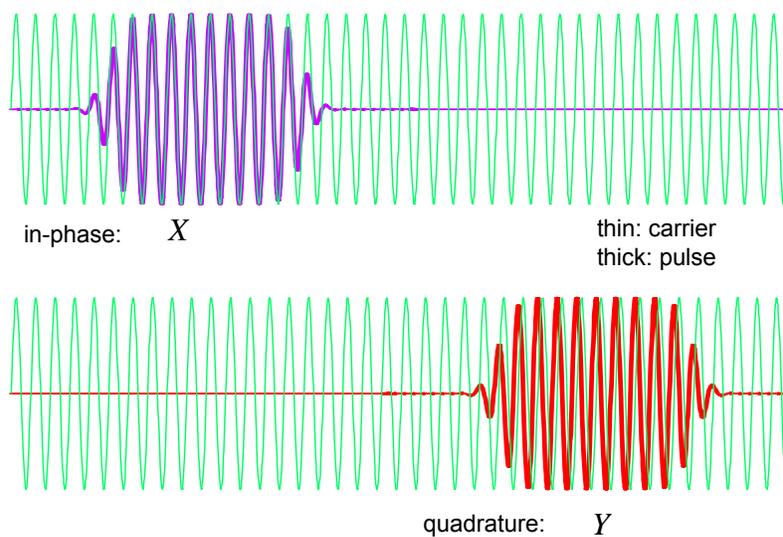
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RF PULSE



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PHASE OF RF PULSE DETERMINES ROTATION AXIS



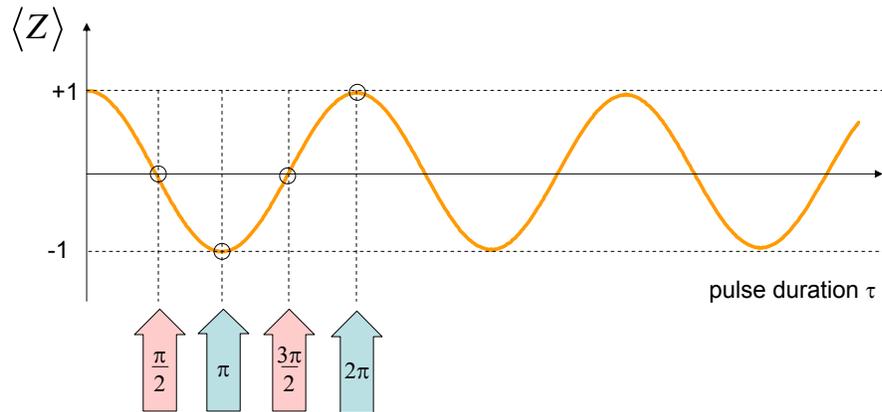
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CALIBRATION OF DURATION OF PULSES WITH RABI OSCILLATIONS



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CALIBRATION OF DURATION OF PULSES WITH RABI OSCILLATIONS



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$\pi/2$ ROTATIONS

$$[Z]^{1/2} = \frac{I - i\sigma_z}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 0 \\ 0 & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_z(\pi/2)$$

$$[X]^{1/2} = \frac{I - i\sigma_x}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_x(\pi/2)$$

$$[Y]^{1/2} = \frac{I - i\sigma_y}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ +1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R_y(\pi/2)$$

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QUATERNIONS ARE GENERALIZATION TO 3D ROTATIONS OF WHAT COMPLEX NUMBERS ARE TO 2D ROTATIONS

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

complex number representing
a 2D rotation around the origin
of the complex plane, with angle θ

$$e^{-i\theta \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} / 2} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\rightarrow R_{\vec{n}}(\theta)$$

“hyper”complex number
representing a 3D rotation
around the origin of space
with angle $\frac{\theta}{2}$, and axis
direction \vec{n}

$$e^{-i\theta X / 2} \rightarrow R_x(\theta) \quad e^{-i\theta Y / 2} \rightarrow R_y(\theta) \quad e^{-i\theta Z / 2} \rightarrow R_z(\theta)$$

$$[X]_{\frac{\theta}{\pi}} \quad [Y]_{\frac{\theta}{\pi}} \quad [Z]_{\frac{\theta}{\pi}}$$

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THE QUATERNION GROUP

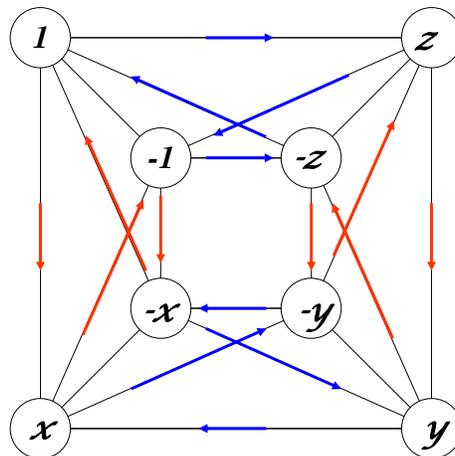
(Hamilton, 1843)

$$[X] \leftrightarrow x$$

$$[Y] \leftrightarrow y$$

$$[Z] \leftrightarrow z$$

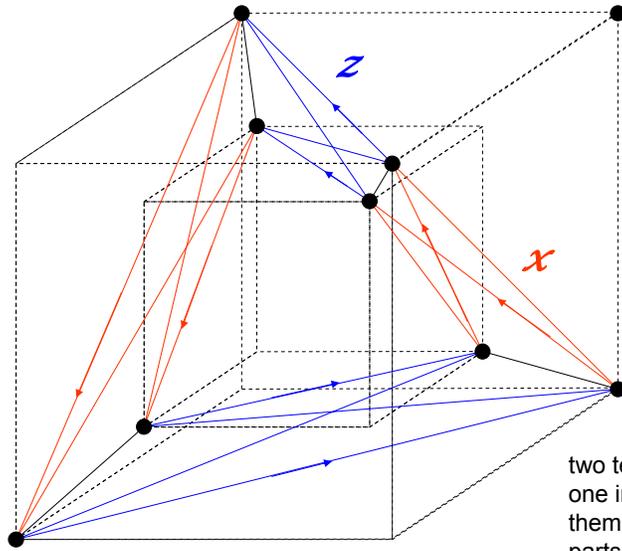
$$I \leftrightarrow 1$$



Subgroup of the full permutation group of 8 objects
Smallest non-commutative group whose subgroups
are all normal (invariant by conjugation).
This property is crucial for quantum mechanics

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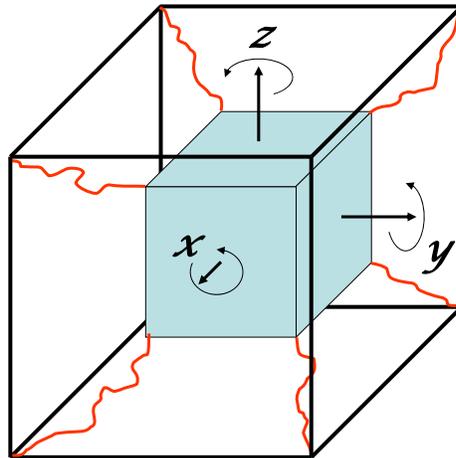
3D VIEW OF THE QUATERNION PERMUTATIONS



two tetrahedra,
one inside the other,
themselves seen as
parts of cubes

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TOPOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF $z^4=x^4=y^4=1$



The elements z , x and y correspond to π rotations along the principal axes of a cube connected by elastic strings to the vertices of a larger cube. Only after a 4π rotation can the small cube return to its original state.

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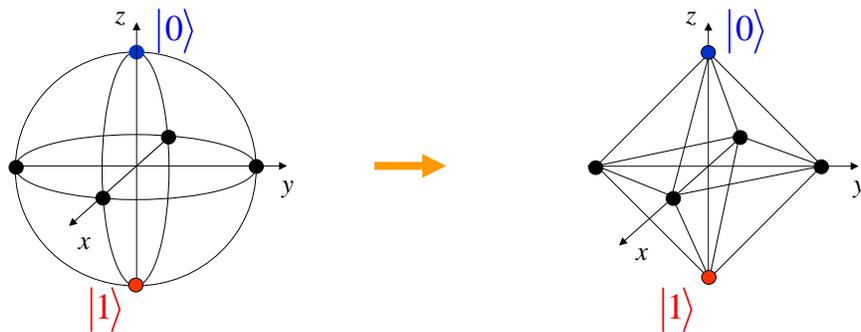
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SIMPLIFIED MAP OF QUBIT STATES

1 QUBIT

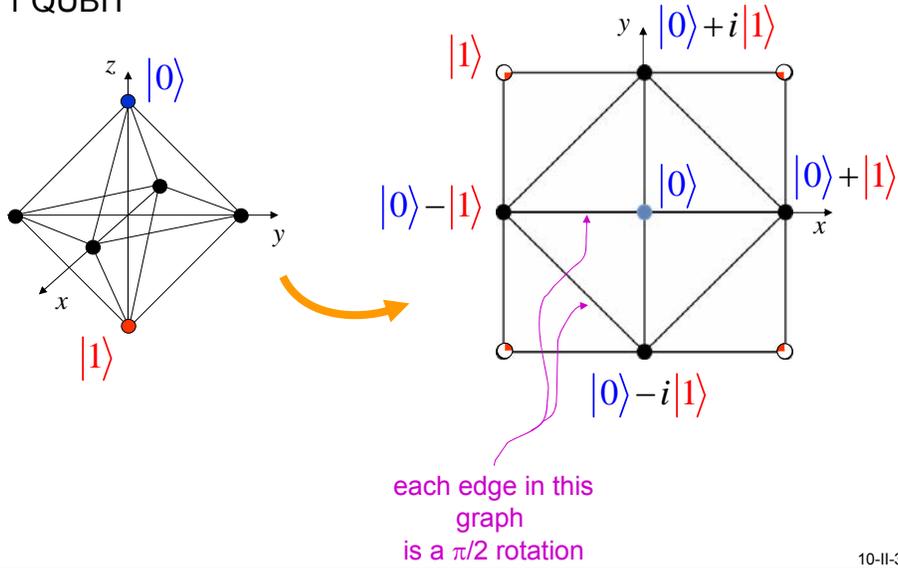


6 "CARDINAL" OR "CLIFFORD" STATES

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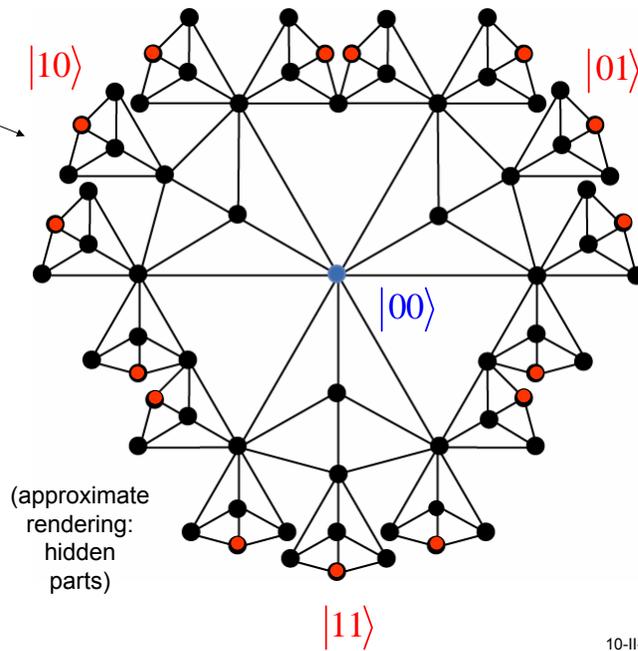
SIMPLIFIED MAP OF QUBIT STATES (CTN'D)

1 QUBIT



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2 QUBITS:
60 CLIFFORD
STATES



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GENERALIZED PAULI GROUP DEFINITION

1 qubit

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \{\pm I, \pm iI, \pm X, \pm iX, \pm Y, \pm iY, \pm Z, \pm iZ\}$$

N qubits

$$\mathcal{P}_N = \{+1, -1, +i, -i\} \otimes \{I, Z, X, Y\}^{\otimes N}$$

Example of Pauli group element for 6 qubits: $-ZIXXIY$

Will see that we can use these symbols as kind of new numbers

The matrix corresponding to 1 element of the 2-qubit Pauli group:

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

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END OF LECTURE