

Quantpostela Day 1, Lecture 1A:

# *Quantum computing basics*

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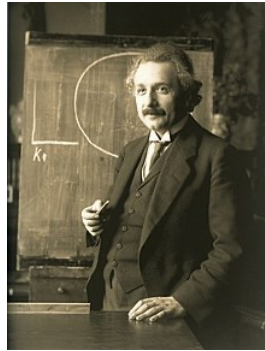
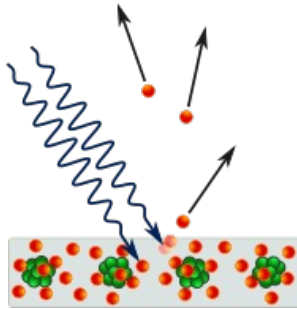
# What we will learn

1. How does **quantum computing** develop?
2. What is **quantum mechanics**?
3. What is **qubit**?
4. How do we construct a **quantum circuit**?
5. What is **density operator**?

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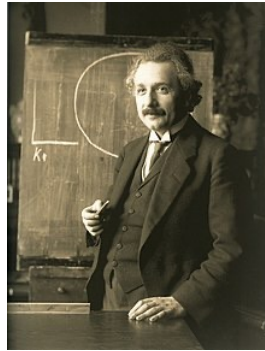
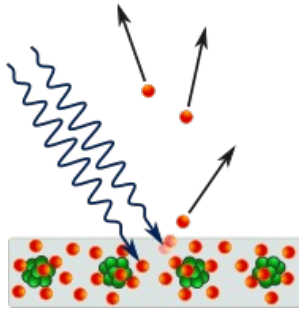
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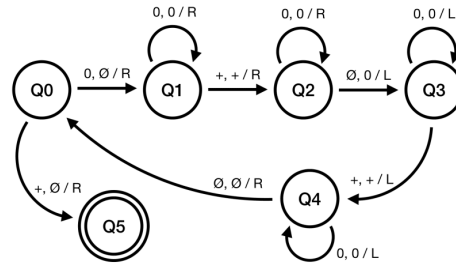
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- David Hilbert's 1928 problem: “*what can humans know about mathematics, in principle, and what (if any) parts of mathematics are forever unknowable by humans?*”
- To tackle this problem, in 1936, Alan Turing described what we now call a **Turing machine**: a single, universal programmable computing device that could perform any algorithm whatsoever.



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- In 1985, David Deutsch invented a new type of computing system, a quantum computer, with stating `` *‘quantum parallelism’, a method by which certain probabilistic tasks can be performed faster by a universal quantum computer than by any classical restriction of it.*”



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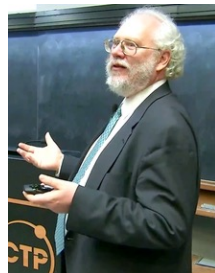
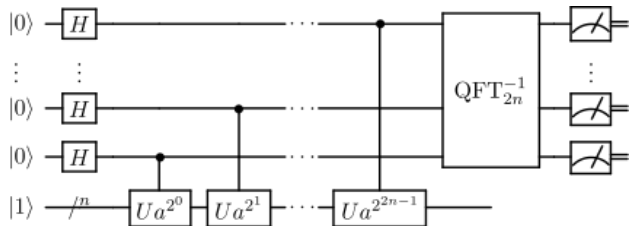
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- In 1982, Richard Feynman suggested that building computers based on the principles of quantum mechanics would allow us to avoid the essential difficulties in simulating quantum mechanical systems on classical computers.





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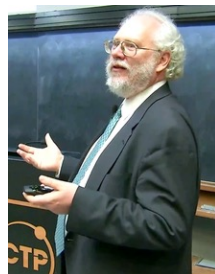
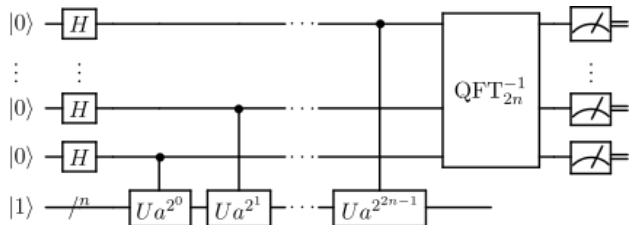
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- In 1995, Lov Grover invented the quantum *database search algorithm*.

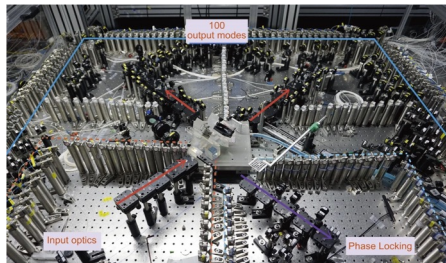


Lecture 2A, “Quantum Fourier Transform” by Marcos Gonzalez; Lecture 2B and Lab 2, “Shor's Algorithms” by Xiaojian Du

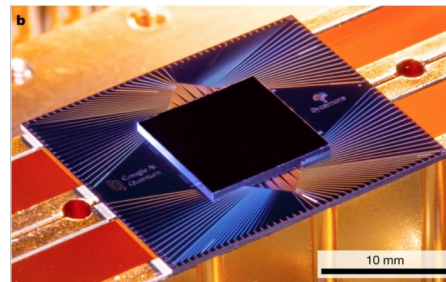
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## ➤ **Quantum supremacy**

- In 2004, First five-photon entanglement demonstrated by Jian-Wei Pan's group at the University of Science and Technology in China.
- In 2019, Google claims to have reached quantum supremacy by performing a series of operations in 200 seconds that would take a supercomputer about 10,000 years to complete.
- In 2022, the IBM Quantum Summit announced new breakthrough advancements in quantum hardware and software and outlining its pioneering vision for quantum-centric supercomputing.



UTSC, Jian-Wei Pan's group, Science 370, 1460 (2020)



Google AI Quantum 1910.11333 (2019)



IBM Quantum at CES 2020

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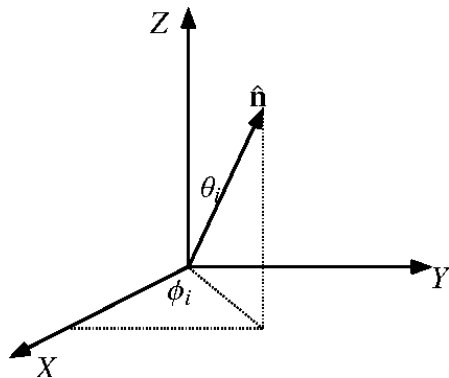
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- In 2023, Galicia acquires the most powerful quantum computer in Spain and one of the first in Europe, “Qmio”, a 32-qubit computer based on superconducting technology in the Galician Supercomputing Center (CESGA).



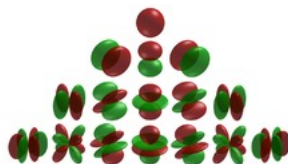
## 2. What is quantum mechanics?

- A mathematical framework for the development of physical theories
- **Postulate 1:** Associated to any isolated physical system is a complex vector space with inner product (that is, a **Hilbert space**) known as the state space of the system. The system is completely described by its **state vector**, which is a unit vector in the system's state space.



state space

e.g., HOs



Dirac notation

$$|u\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle u| = (u_1^*, u_2^*, u_3^*, \dots, u_n^*)$$

$$\langle u|v\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^* v_i$$

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- A mathematical framework for the development of physical theories
- **Postulate 2:** The evolution of a closed quantum system is described by a **unitary transformation**. That is, the state  $|\psi\rangle$  of the system at time  $t_1$  is related to the state  $|\psi'\rangle$  of the system at time  $t_2$  by a unitary operator  $U$  which depends only on the times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ,

$$|\psi(t_2)\rangle = U(t_1; t_2)|\psi(t_1)\rangle$$

the time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$H|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad U(t_1; t_2) = e^{-iH(t_2-t_1)/\hbar}$$

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- **Postulate 3:** Quantum measurements are described by a collection  $\{M_m\}$  of measurement operators. These are operators acting on the state space of the system being measured. The index  $m$  refers to the measurement outcomes that may occur in the experiment. If the state of the quantum system is  $|\psi\rangle$  immediately before the measurement, then the probability that result  $m$  occurs is given by

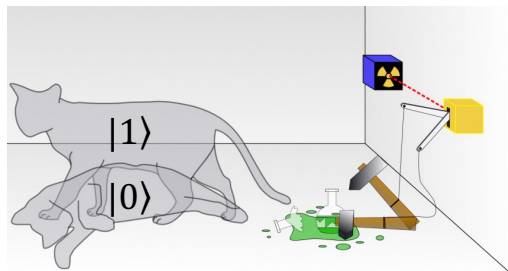
$$p(m) = \langle \psi | M_m^\dagger M_m | \psi \rangle$$

and the state of the system after the measurement is  $\frac{M_m |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi | M_m^\dagger M_m | \psi \rangle}}$

The measurement operators satisfy the completeness equation  $\sum_m M_m^\dagger M_m = 1$

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- **Postulate 3:** Quantum measurements example



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

$$M|0\rangle = M_0|0\rangle = 0|0\rangle$$

$$M|1\rangle = M_1|1\rangle = 1|1\rangle$$

$$p(0) = \langle\psi|M_0^\dagger M_0|\psi\rangle = |\alpha|^2, \quad |\psi\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$$

$$p(1) = \langle\psi|M_1^\dagger M_1|\psi\rangle = |\beta|^2, \quad |\psi\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$$



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- **Postulate 4:** The state space of a composite physical system is the **tensor product of the state** spaces of the component physical systems. Moreover, if we have systems numbered 1 through  $n$ , and system number  $i$  is prepared in the state  $|\psi_i\rangle$ , then the joint state of the total system is

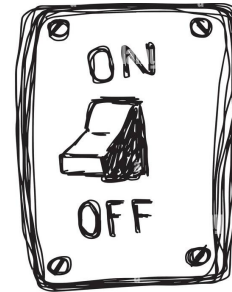
$$|\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi_n\rangle$$
$$|u\rangle \otimes |v\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 v_1 \\ u_1 v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_1 v_n \\ \vdots \\ u_n v_1 \\ u_n v_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

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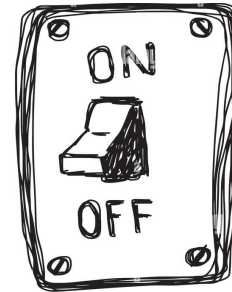


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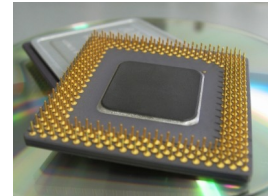
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- Bits are stored as tiny electric charges on nanometer-scale capacitors.



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$$2(\text{variables}) \times 2(\text{complex}) - 1(\text{normalization constraint}) = \mathbf{3}$$

### 3. What is **qubit**?

- A **qubit state**:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{|0\rangle} + \beta \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{|1\rangle}$$

↓                      ↓

0                      1

computational basis states

classical bits



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

**superposition / linear combination**

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- A **qubit state**:

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

$$= e^{i\gamma} \left( \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle \right)$$



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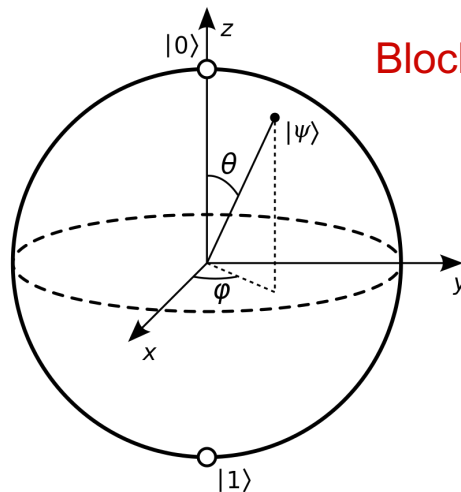


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3 real variables



**Bloch sphere**

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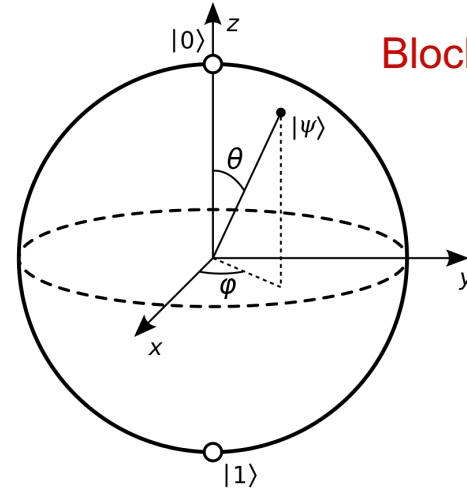


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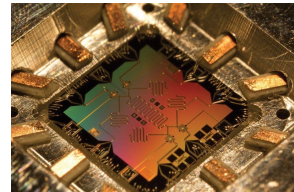
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- The state of the qubit can be stored on an electron, photon, or an atom.

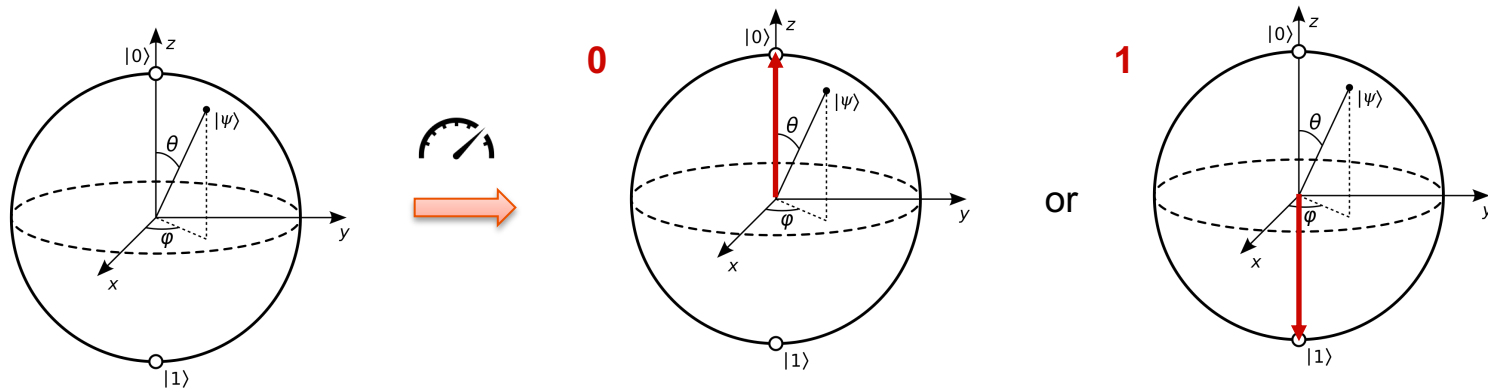




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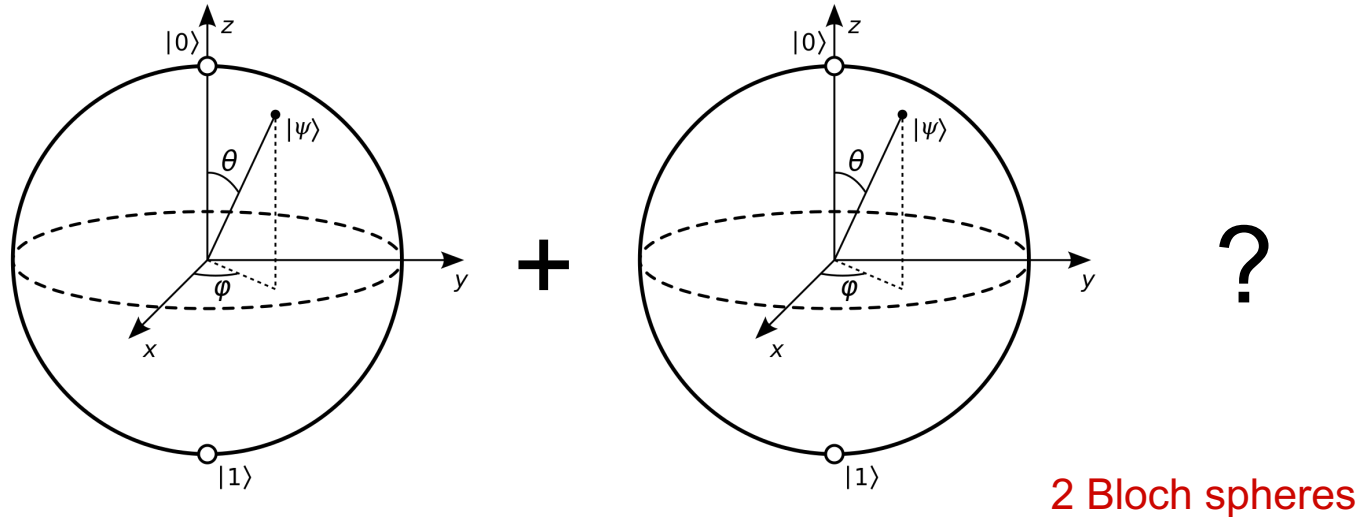
- A **qubit state**:  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$
- What is the physical meaning of the **amplitudes**  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ?

Recall what happens after a measurement in QM



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$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle)(\alpha'|0\rangle + \beta'|1\rangle) \\ &= c_{00}|00\rangle + c_{01}|01\rangle + c_{10}|10\rangle + c_{11}|11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Recall in QM, building a composite system is through tensor product

- *What is the degree of freedom, number of independent real variables, in a two-qubit state?*

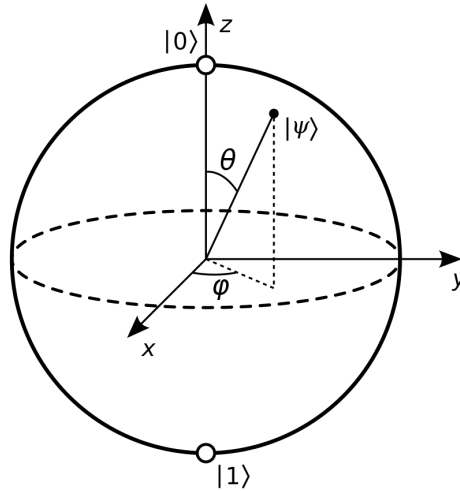
$$4(\text{variables}) \times 2(\text{complex}) - 1(\text{normalization constraint}) = 7$$

$$\neq 2(\text{qubits}) \times 3$$

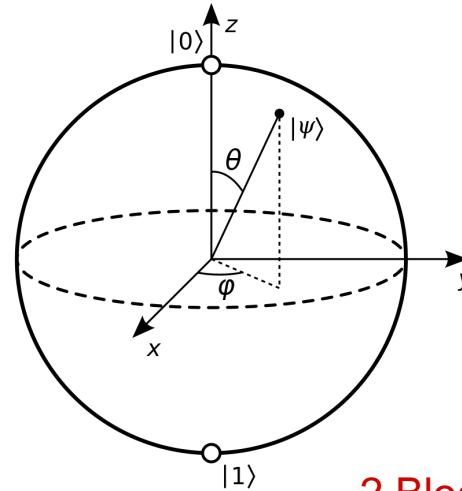
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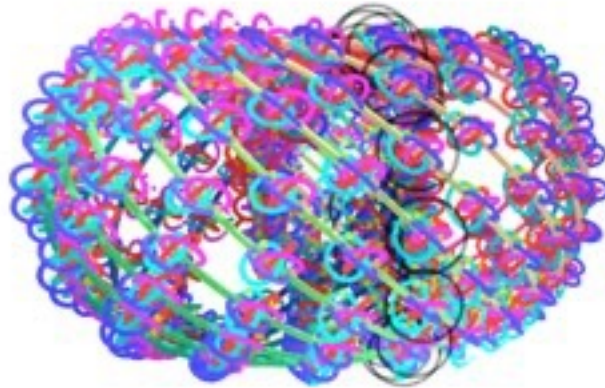
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2 Bloch spheres

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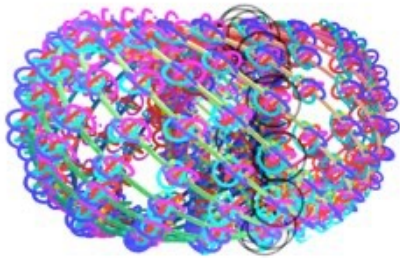
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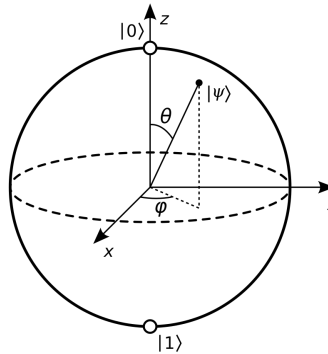
hypersphere in 7 dimension

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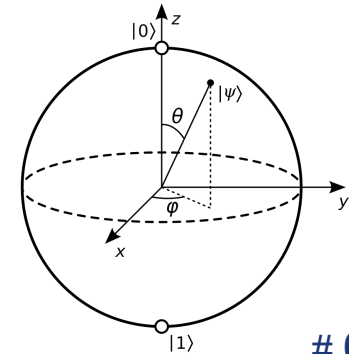
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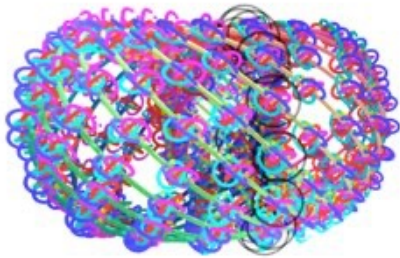


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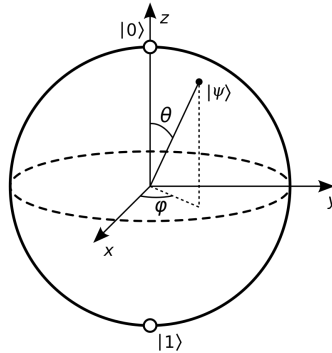
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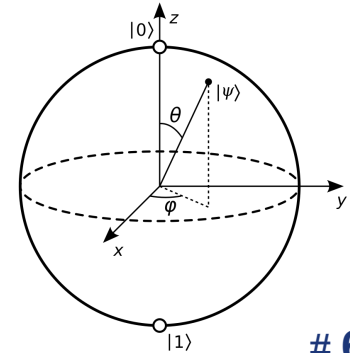
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- *What is missing on the right-hand side?*

Correlation between the two qubits.

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- A **n-qubit state**

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= (\alpha_1|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle)(\alpha_2|0\rangle + \beta_2|1\rangle) \dots (\alpha_n|0\rangle + \beta_n|1\rangle) \\ &= c_{00\dots 0}|00 \dots 0\rangle + c_{00\dots 1}|00 \dots 1\rangle + \dots + c_{11\dots 1}|11 \dots 1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

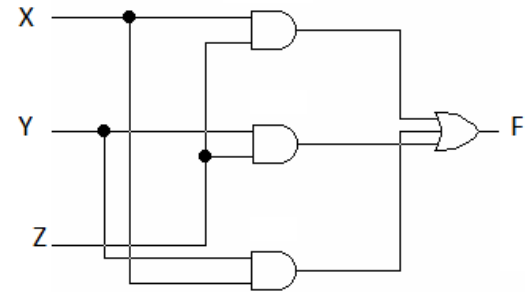
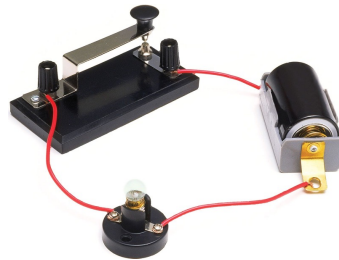
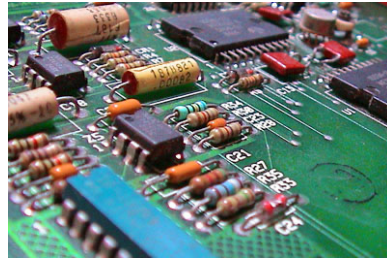
- *What is the degree of freedom, number of independent real variables, in a n-qubit state?*

$$2^n(\text{variables}) \times 2(\text{complex}) - 1(\text{normalization constraint}) = 2^{n+1} - 1 \gg 2n$$



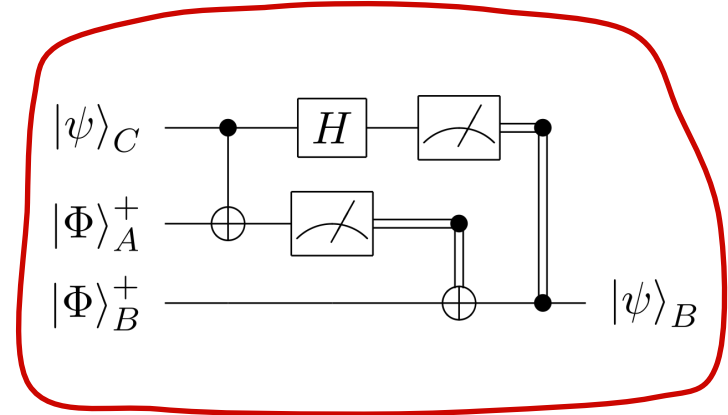
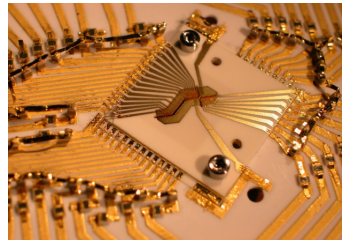
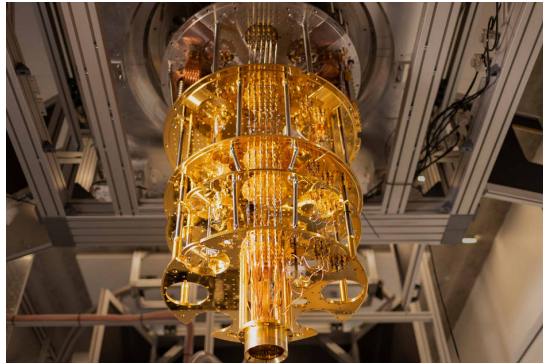
## 4. How do we construct a **quantum circuit**?

- A **classical computer** is built from an electrical circuit containing wires and logic gates.



# 4. How do we construct a **quantum circuit**?

- A **quantum computer** is built from a quantum circuit containing wires and elementary quantum gates to carry around and manipulate quantum information (qubits).





## 4.1 Quantum wire

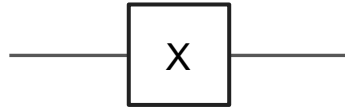
- The simplest quantum circuit is a **quantum wire**, which does nothing.



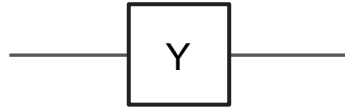
- *However, it is also the hardest to implement in practice. The reason is that quantum states are often incredibly fragile, as stored in a single photon or a single atom.*

## 4.2 Single qubit operations

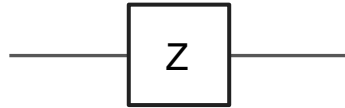
- **Single qubit operations** are described by  $2 \times 2$  **unitary** matrices. For example, Pauli matrices, X, Y and Z,



$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 4.2 Single qubit operations

- **Single qubit operations** are described by  $2 \times 2$  **unitary** matrices, say  $U$ , and the state after the operation reads

$$|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle$$

- *Why does the operation have to be unitary?*

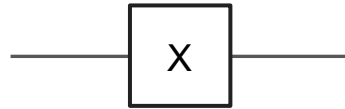
*Unitary matrices preserve the length of their inputs.*

$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$$

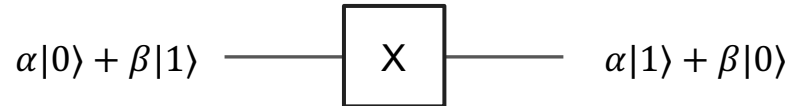
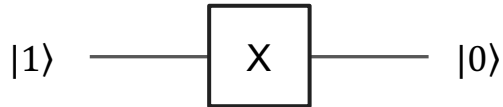
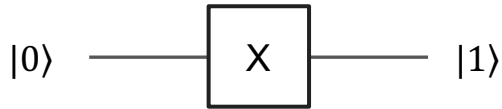
$$\langle\psi'|\psi'\rangle = \langle\psi|U^\dagger U|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = 1$$

## 4.2 Single qubit operations

- The **Quantum NOT gate/ X gate**

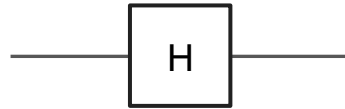


$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



## 4.2 Single qubit operations

- The **Hadamard gate/ H gate**



$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

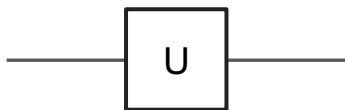
$$|0\rangle \text{ --- } \boxed{H} \text{ --- } \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv |+\rangle$$

$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \text{ --- } \boxed{H} \text{ --- } \alpha|+\rangle + \beta|-\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \text{ --- } \boxed{H} \text{ --- } \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv |-\rangle$$

## 4.2 Single qubit operations

- An arbitrary single qubit gate



$$U = e^{i\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\beta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\beta/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\gamma/2) & -\sin(\gamma/2) \\ \sin(\gamma/2) & \cos(\gamma/2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\delta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\delta/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  are real variables

- *Unitarity constraint is the only constraint on quantum gates.*

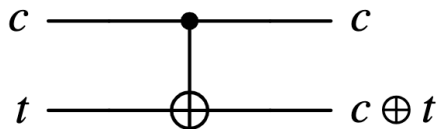


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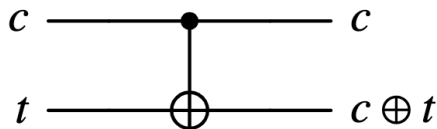
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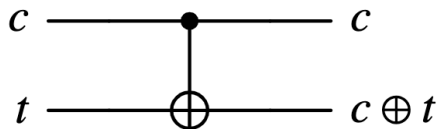
$$\text{CNOT} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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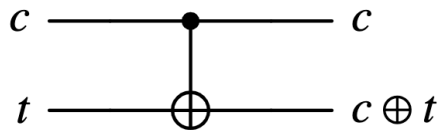
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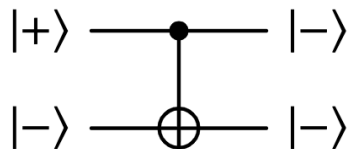
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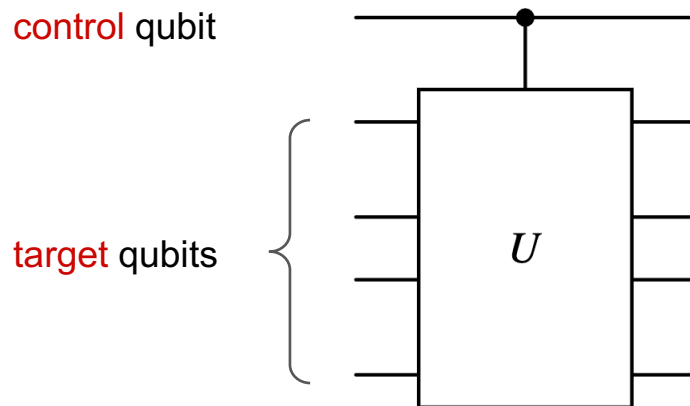


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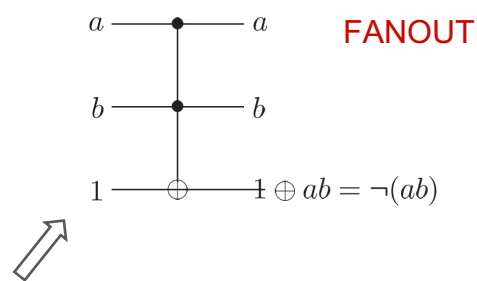
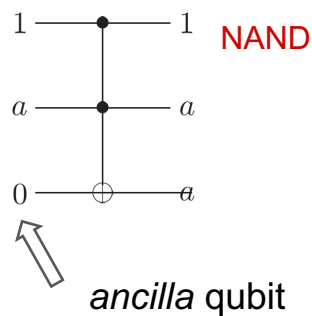
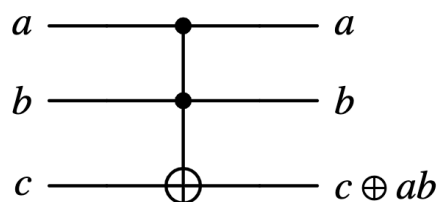
## 4.2 Multiple qubit gates

- The **Controlled-U gate**



## 4.2 Multiple qubit gates

- The **Toffoli gate/ CCNOT gate**



- *Toffoli gate is universal, in the sense that any classical reversible circuit can be constructed from it.*

## 4.3 Measurement

- The circuit representation of the measurement is



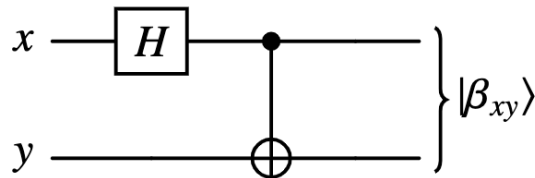
The double line coming out of the measurement carry classical bit.

- *Could we get the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$  through measurement?*

## 4.4 Quantum circuit I: the Bell state

- The **Bell states / EPR** (Einstein, Podolsky, and Rosen) **pairs** represent the simplest examples of quantum **entanglement**.

$$|\beta_{00}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}},$$
$$|\beta_{01}\rangle = \frac{|01\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}},$$
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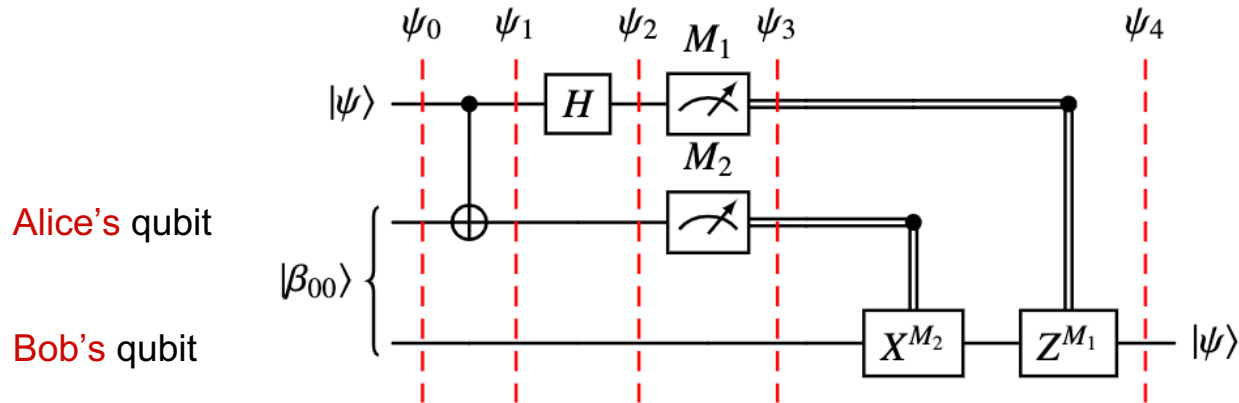


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# 4.4 Quantum circuit II: quantum teleportation

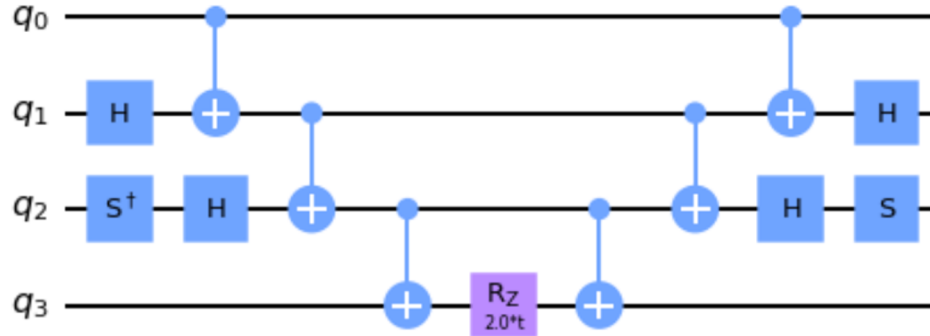
- How can Alice deliver a qubit that she does not know,  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ , to Bob?



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# 4.4 Quantum circuit III: quantum simulation

- How to simulate the evolution of a system for a given Hamiltonian?



Lecture 3A, “Time evolution” by ML; Lecture 3B and Lab 3, “Variational algorithms” by Wenyang Qian

## 5. What is **density operator**?

- Suppose a quantum system is in one of a number of states  $|\psi_i\rangle$  with respective probabilities  $p_i$ , where  $i$  is an index. We call  $\{p_i, |\psi_i\rangle\}$  an ensemble of *pure* states. The **density operator/matrix** is defined as

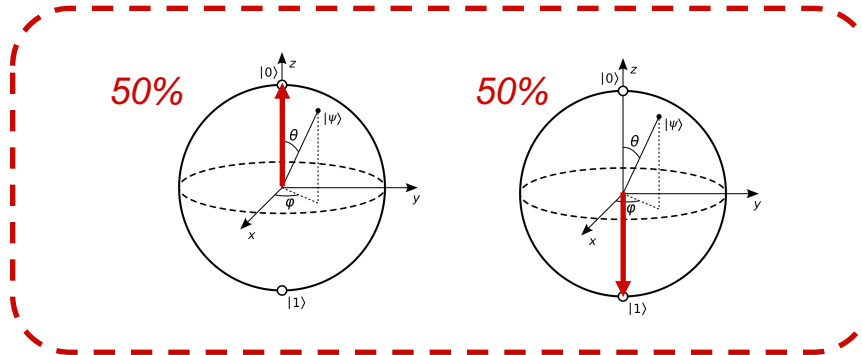
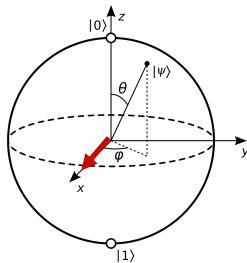
$$\rho \equiv \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$$

# 5.1 Pure & mixed states

- If the state of the system is known exactly, i.e., an ensemble of  $\{1, |\psi\rangle\}$ , we say the system is in a *pure state*, and

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle\psi|$$

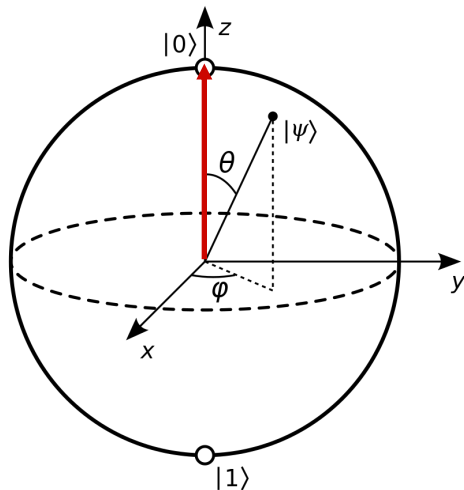
- Otherwise, the system is a mixture of different pure states  $|\psi_i\rangle$ , and we say it is in a *mixed state*.



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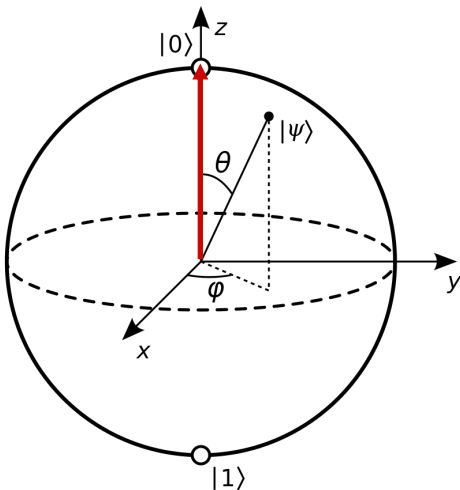
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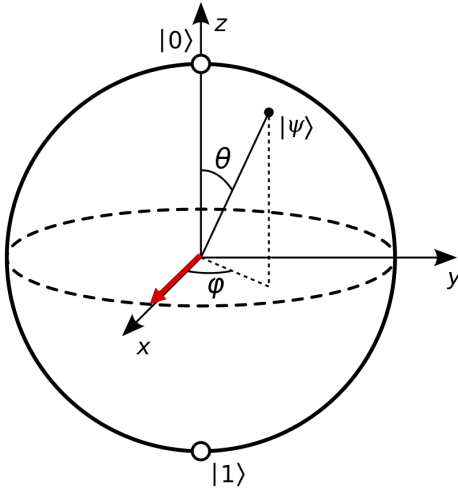
$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= |0\rangle \langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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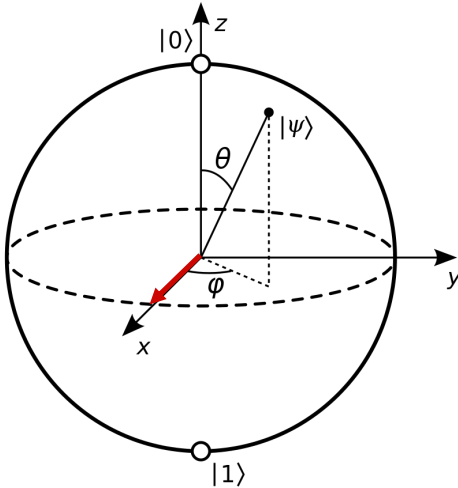
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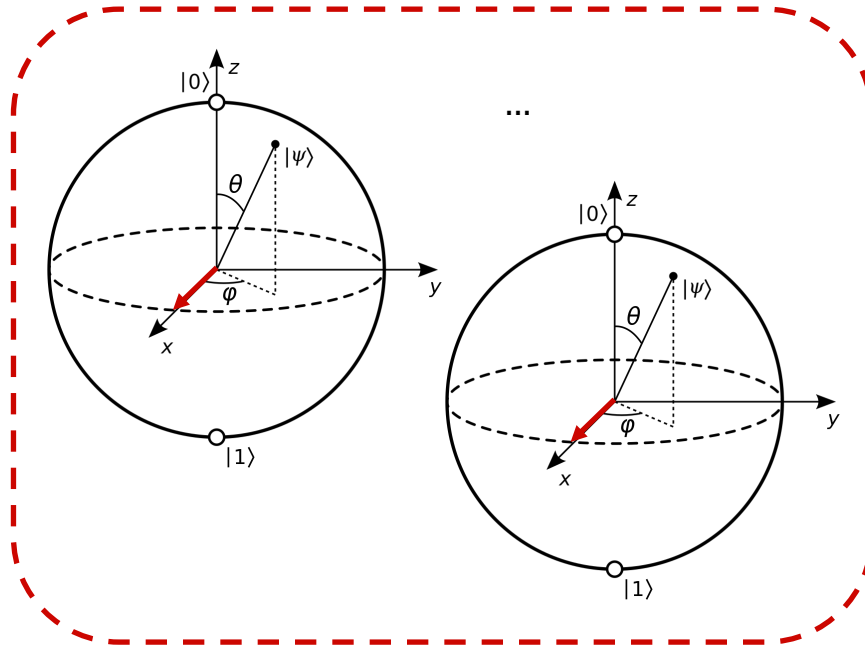
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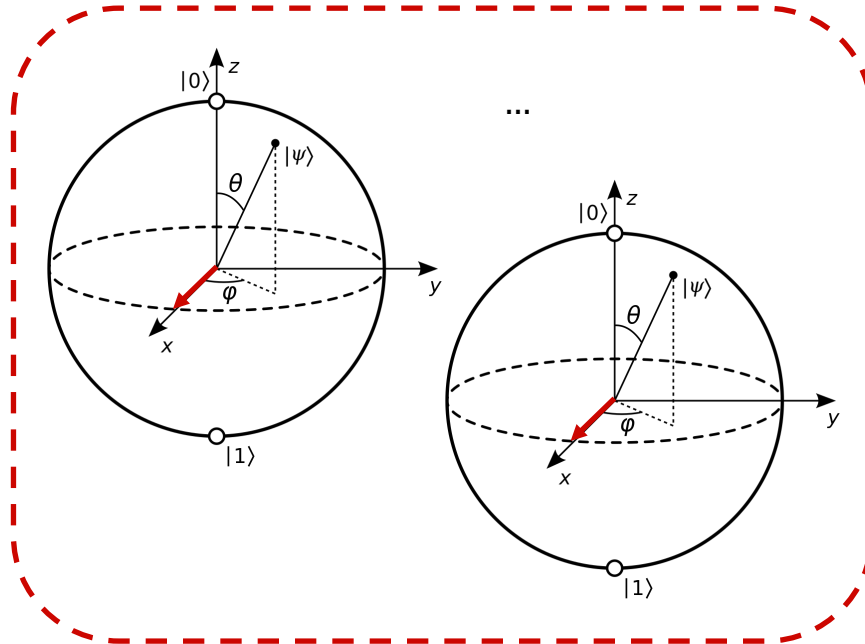
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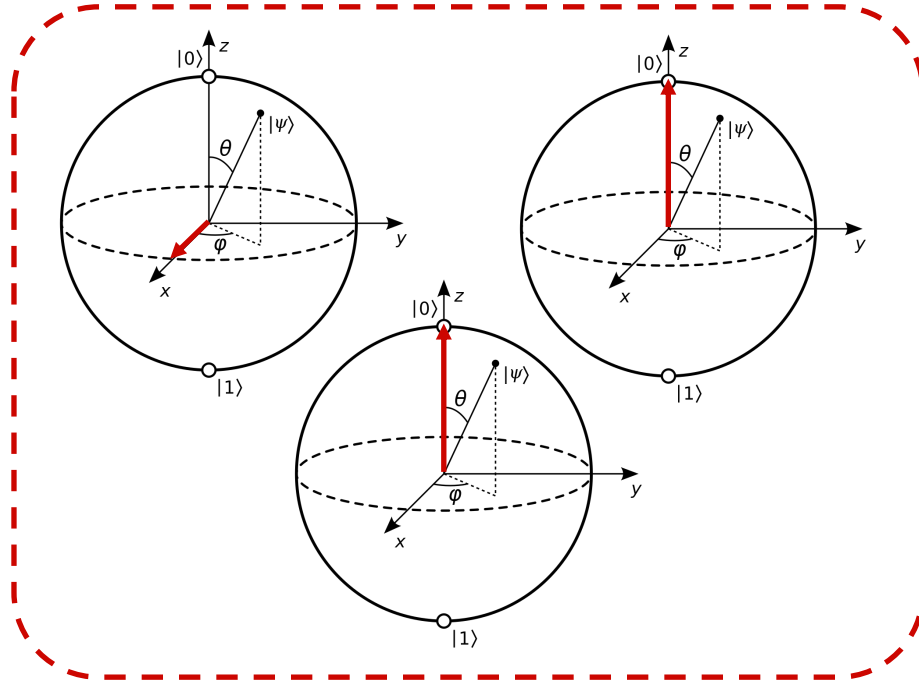
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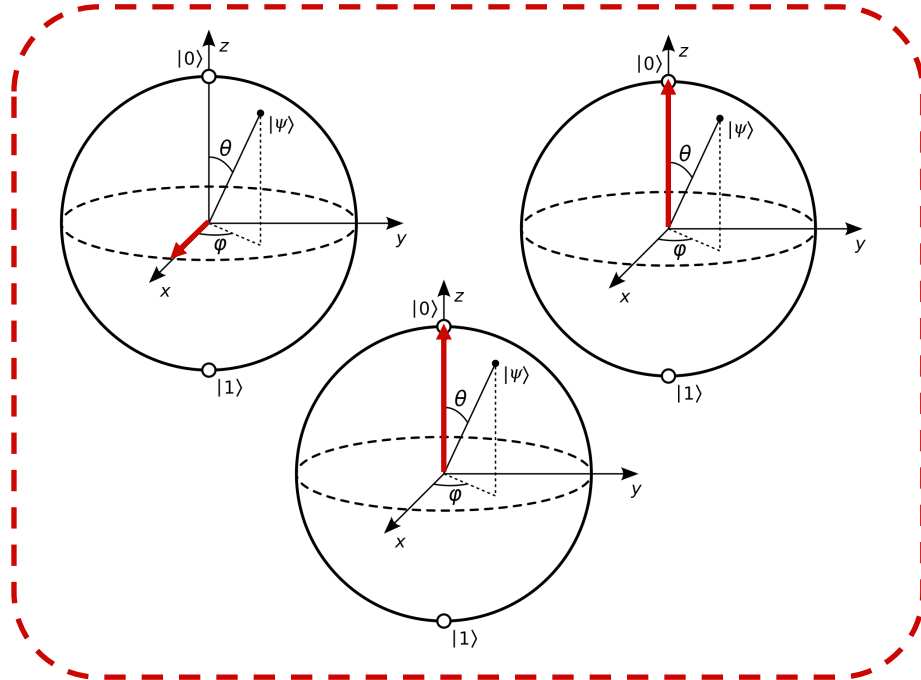
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Mixed

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{3} |+\rangle \langle +| + \frac{2}{3} |0\rangle \langle 0| \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Tr } \rho = 1$$

$$\text{Tr } \rho^2 = \frac{7}{9} \quad \leftarrow \text{purity}$$



## 5.2 Properties of the density matrix

### 1) Trace condition

$$\text{Tr } \rho = 1$$

$$\text{tr}(\rho) = \sum_i p_i \text{tr}(|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|) = \sum_i p_i = 1$$

### 2) Positivity condition

$$\langle\phi|\rho|\phi\rangle > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\varphi|\rho|\varphi\rangle &= \sum_i p_i \langle\varphi|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|\varphi\rangle \\ &= \sum_i p_i |\langle\varphi|\psi_i\rangle|^2\end{aligned}$$

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$\rho$  is the density operator

## 5.3 Operations with the density matrix

- If the **evolution** of the system is given by the unitary operator  $U$ ,

$$|\psi_i\rangle \xrightarrow{U} U |\psi_i\rangle$$

that of the density operator follows as

$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| \xrightarrow{U} \sum_i p_i U |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| U^\dagger = U \rho U^\dagger$$

## 5.3 Operations with the density matrix

- For a **measurement** with operators  $M_m$ , the probability of getting result  $m$  given the initial state  $|\psi_i\rangle$  is,

$$p(m|i) = \langle \psi_i | M_m^\dagger M_m | \psi_i \rangle = \text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|)$$

then the total probability of getting  $m$  is,

$$p(m) = \sum_i p_i p(m|i) = \sum_i p_i \text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|) = \text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m \rho)$$



## 5.3 Operations with the density matrix

- After the measurement, state with outcome  $m$  becomes

$$|\psi_i\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_i^m\rangle = \frac{M_m |\psi_i\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_i | M_m^\dagger M_m | \psi_i \rangle}}$$

the subsystem with  $m$  is an ensemble of  $\{p(i|m), |\psi_i^m\rangle\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_m &= \sum_i p(i|m) |\psi_i^m\rangle \langle \psi_i^m| = \sum_i \frac{p(m|i)p_i}{p(m)} \frac{M_m |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| M_m^\dagger}{\langle \psi_i | M_m^\dagger M_m | \psi_i \rangle} = \sum_i p_i \frac{M_m |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i| M_m^\dagger}{\text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m \rho)} \\ &= \frac{M_m \rho M_m^\dagger}{\text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m \rho)}. \end{aligned}$$

## 5.3 Operations with the density matrix

- Therefore, after the measurement, the density matrix becomes

$$\rho = \sum_m p(m)\rho_m = \sum_m M_m \rho M_m$$

- *The density matrix,  $\rho$ , provides an alternative language, as compared to state vectors,  $|\psi\rangle$ , of Quantum Mechanics, for pure and mixed states.*



## 5.4 QM in terms of the density matrix

- **Postulate 1:** Associated to any isolated physical system is a complex vector space with inner product (that is, a **Hilbert space**) known as the state space of the system. The system is completely described by its **density operator**  $\rho$ .
- **Postulate 2:** The evolution of a closed quantum system is described by a **unitary transformation**.

$$\rho \rightarrow U\rho U^\dagger$$

## 5.4 QM in terms of the density matrix

- **Postulate 3:** Quantum measurements are described by a collection  $\{M_m\}$  of measurement operators. If the state of the quantum system is  $\rho$  immediately before the measurement, then the probability that result  $m$  occurs is given by

$$p(m) = \text{Tr}(M_m^\dagger M_m \rho)$$

and the state of the system after the measurement is  $\frac{M_m \rho M_m^\dagger}{\sqrt{M_m^\dagger M_m \rho}}$

The measurement operators satisfy the completeness equation  $\sum_m M_m^\dagger M_m = 1$

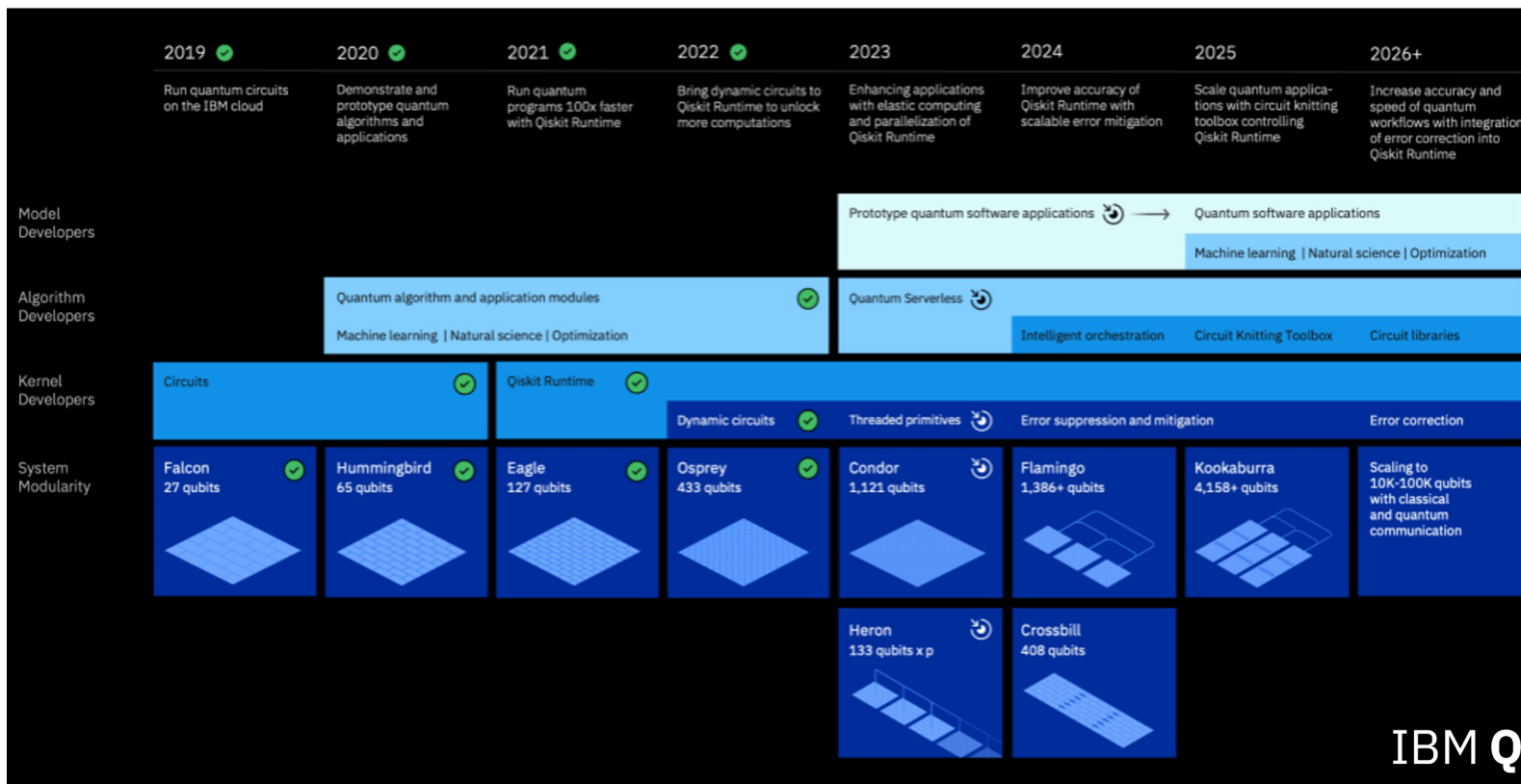
- **Postulate 4:** The state space of a composite physical system is the **tensor product of the state spaces** of the component physical systems,  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_n$



# We have learned

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2. What is **quantum mechanics**?
3. What is **qubit**?
4. How do we construct a **quantum circuit**?
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# Outlook



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