

Google Quantum AI, arXiv:2207.06431 (2022)

2023 Sievert Lectures

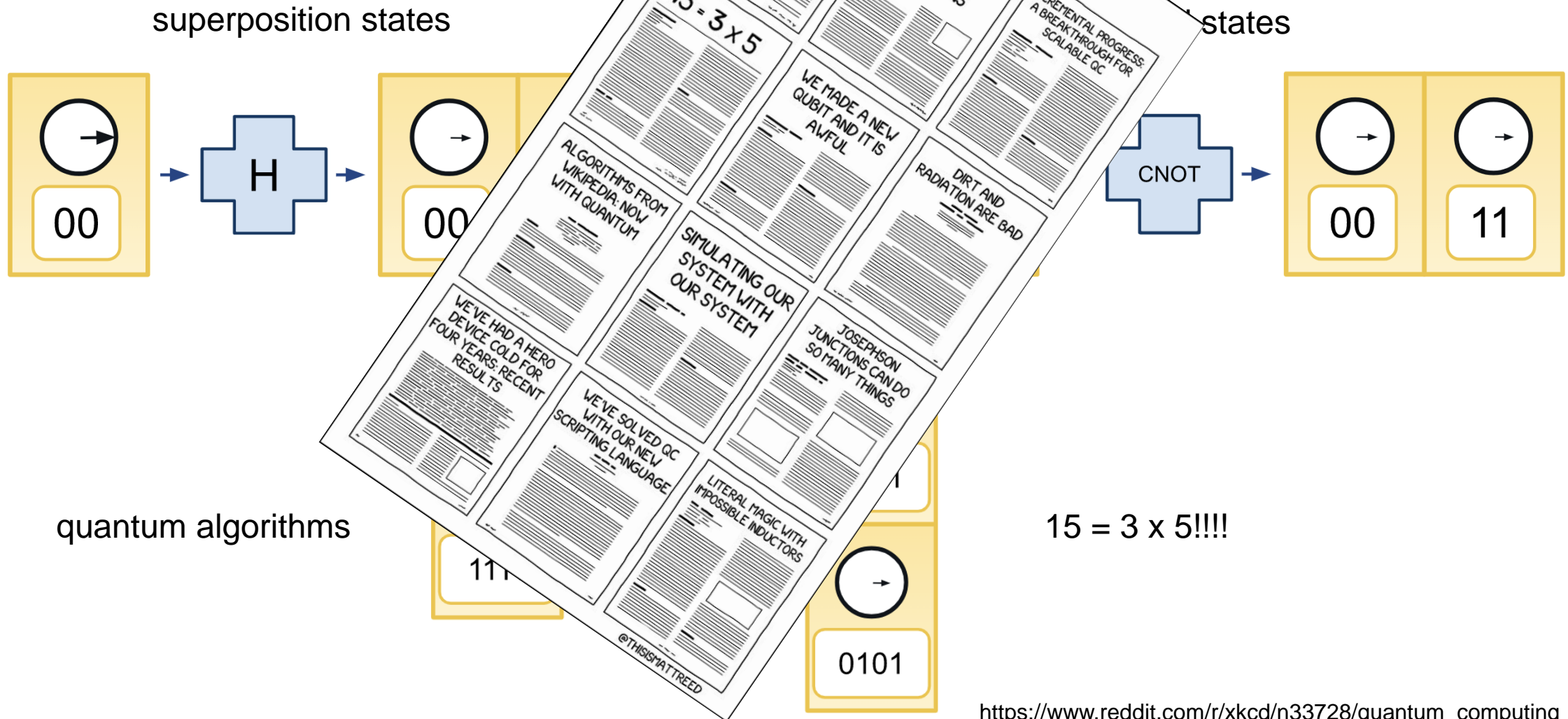
Quantum Computing in Practice

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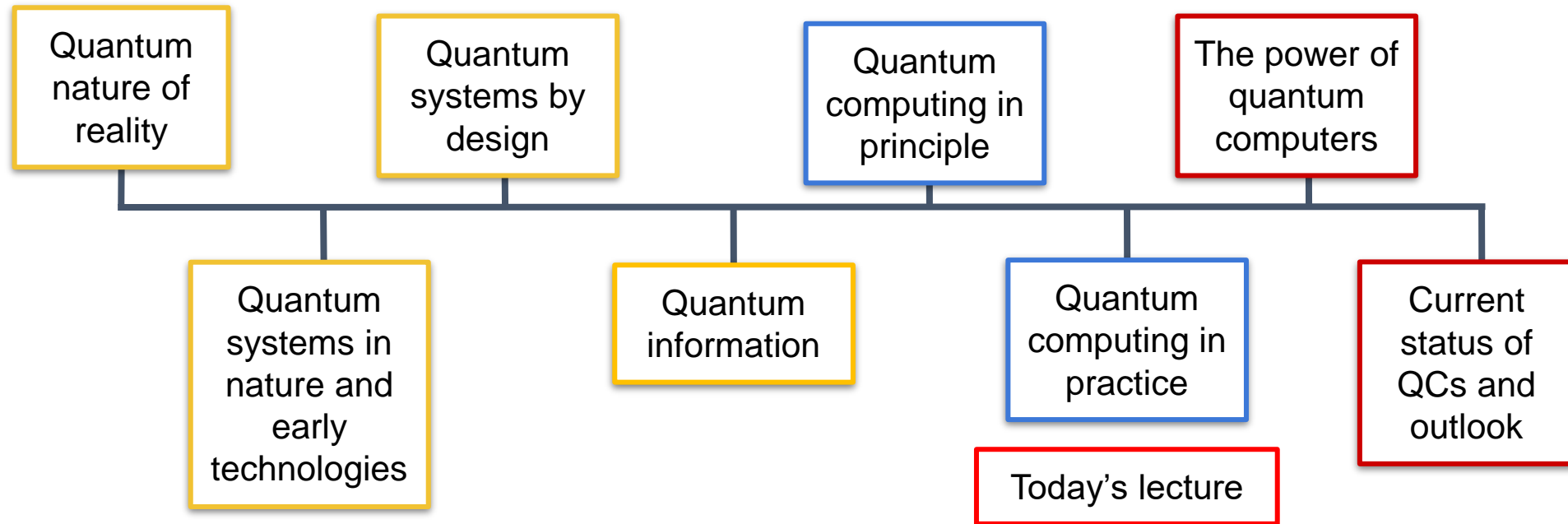


Review of previous lecture

- Gate-model quantum computing

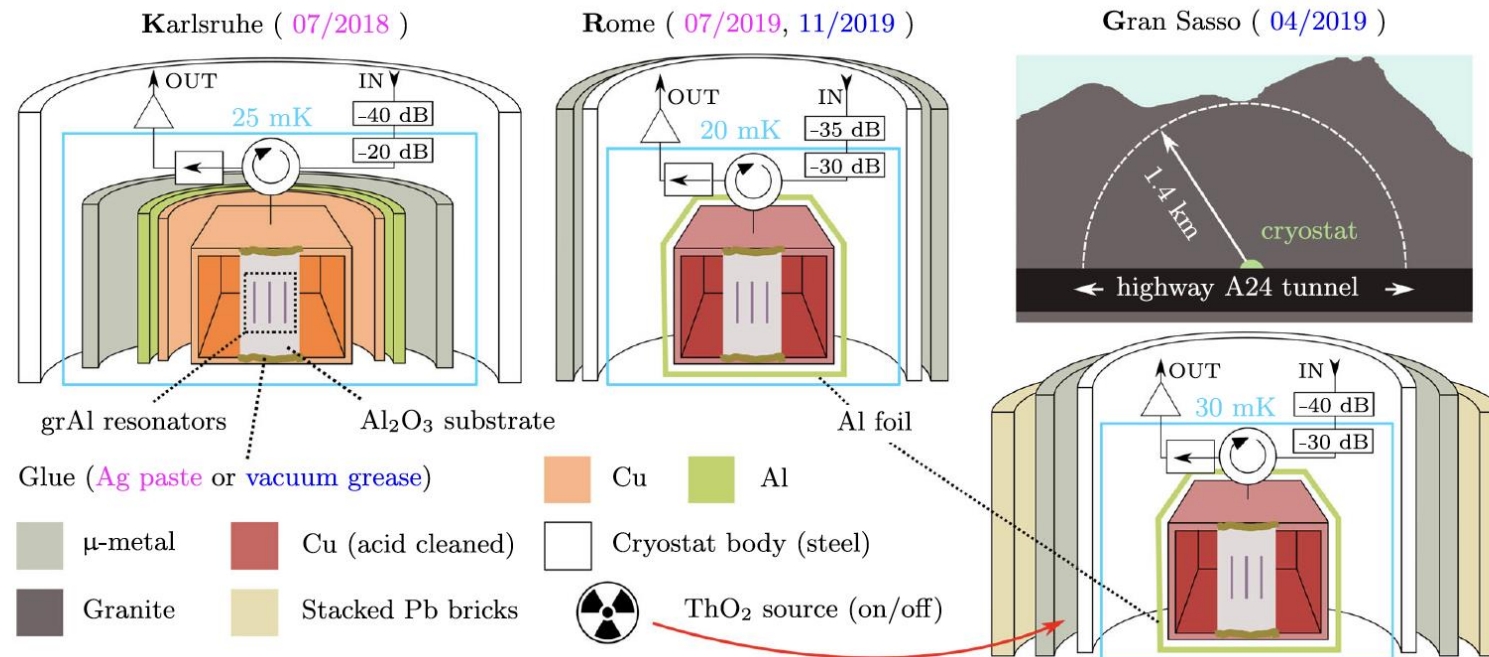


Roadmap



Decoherence

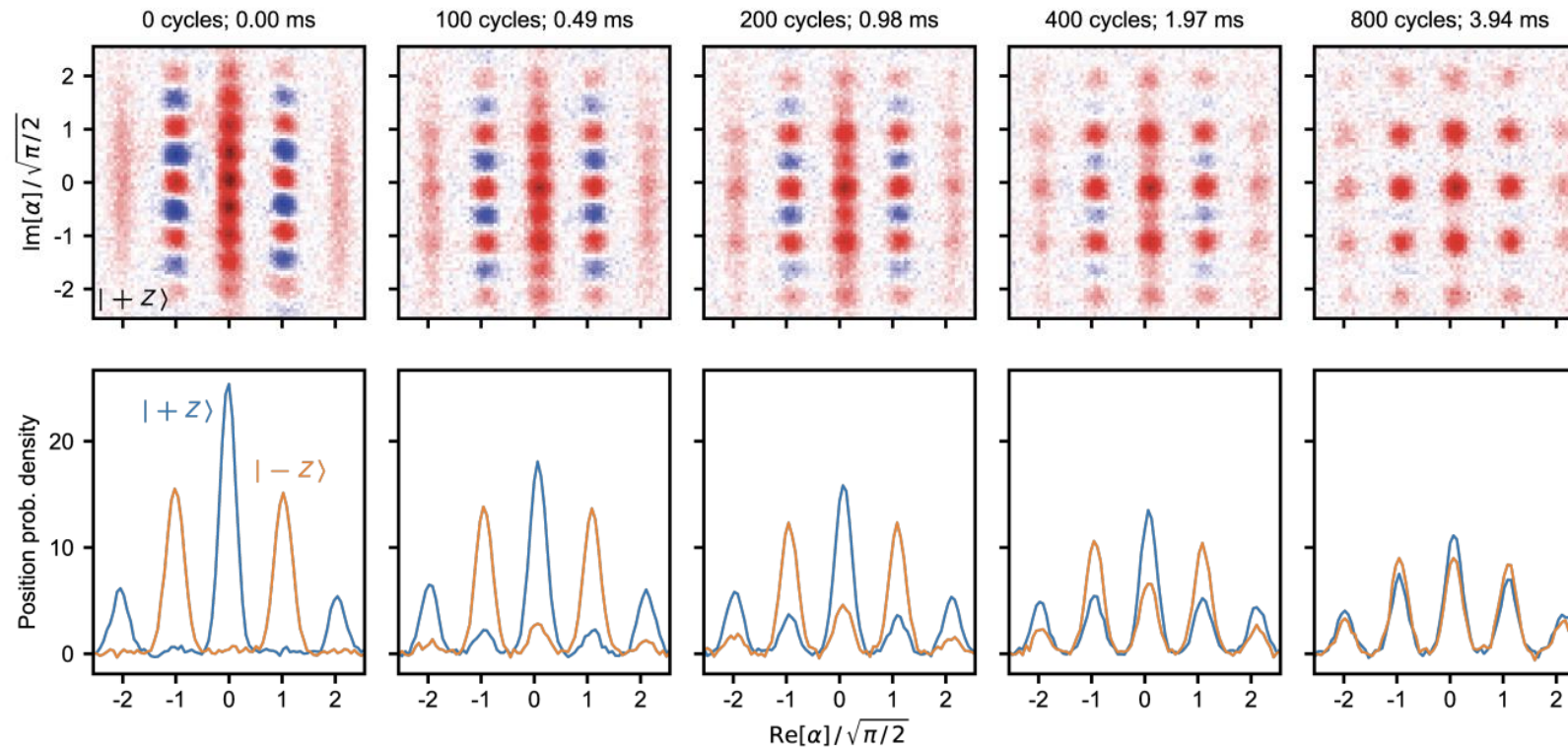
- Real systems experience decoherence!
- Name of the game: reducing *unwanted* interactions w/ env. while maintaining *control*



L. Cardani *et al.*, Reducing the impact of radioactivity on quantum circuits in a deep-underground facility, *Nature Communications*, **12**, 2733 (2021)

Decoherence

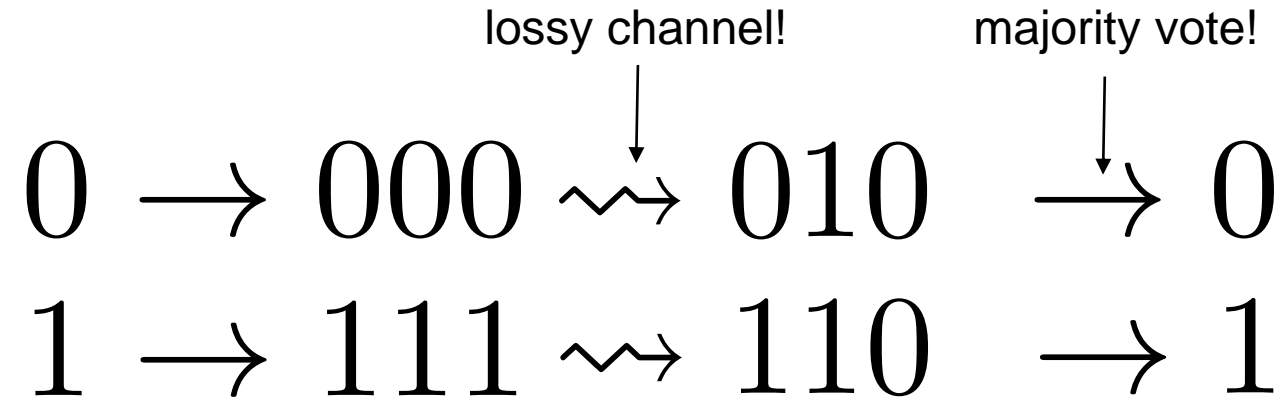
- Consequence of decoherence?
 - Destroy *superposition* states and *entanglement*



- blue spots represent “quantumness”

Classical error correction

- Repetition code



- Phonetic alphabet



Quantum error correction

- Quantum system: more ways for errors to occur!
 - Classically, only have bit flips

Still have bit flips $|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$

Now also phase flips $|0\rangle + |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle - |1\rangle$ 🤪

- No-cloning theorem: cannot copy an arbitrary quantum state 🙅

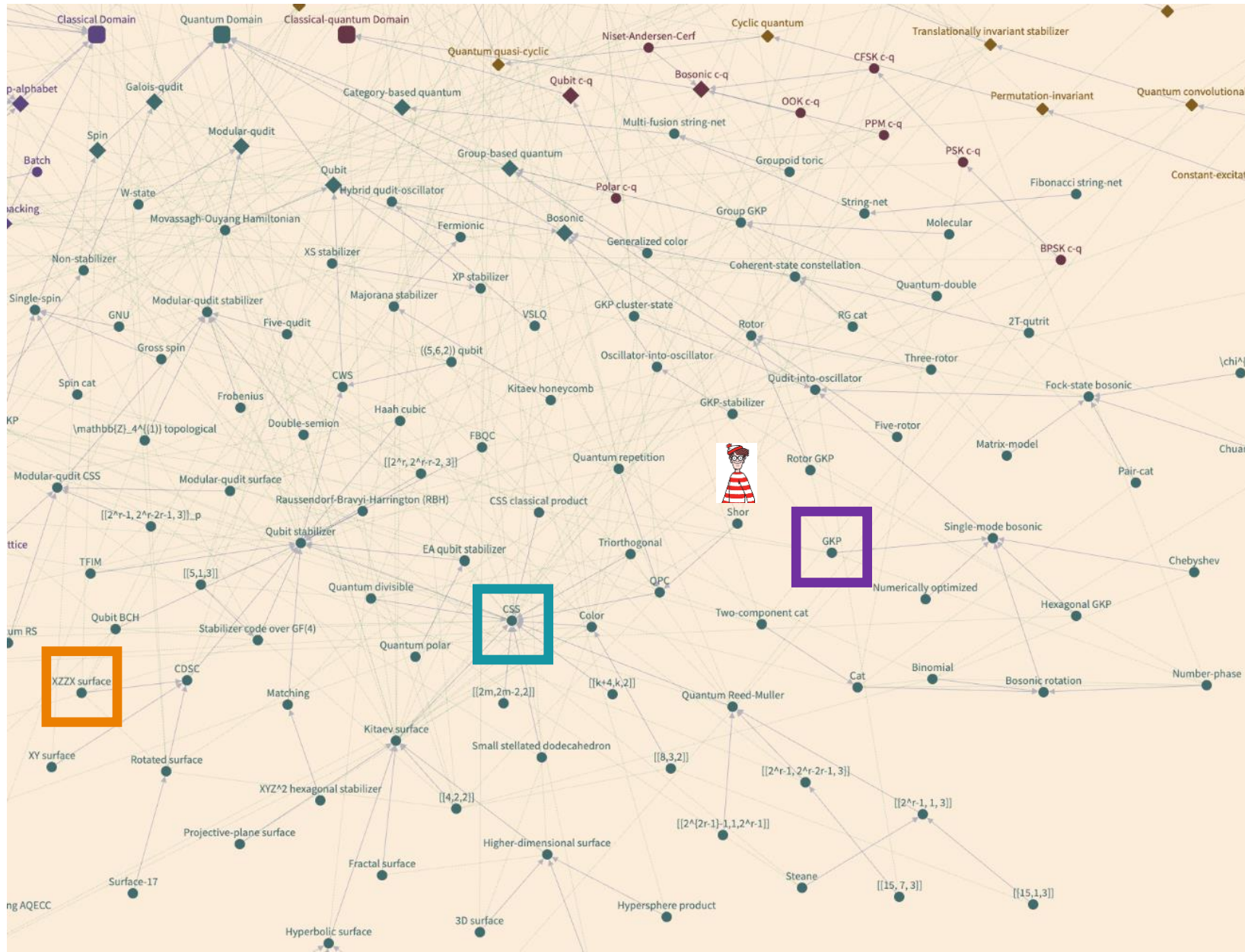
$$(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)|0\rangle|0\rangle \not\rightarrow (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)$$

- Solution (Shor): use highly entangled states of multiple qubits to encode a single qubit 🧐

$$(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)|0\rangle|0\rangle \rightarrow a|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle + b|1\rangle|1\rangle|1\rangle$$

- This corrects for bit flips: correcting for phase slips only a slight generalization!

Quantum error correction zoo!



different strengths and weaknesses!

qubits amenable to a grid layout?
CSS surface code!

biased-noise qubits?
XZZX surface code!

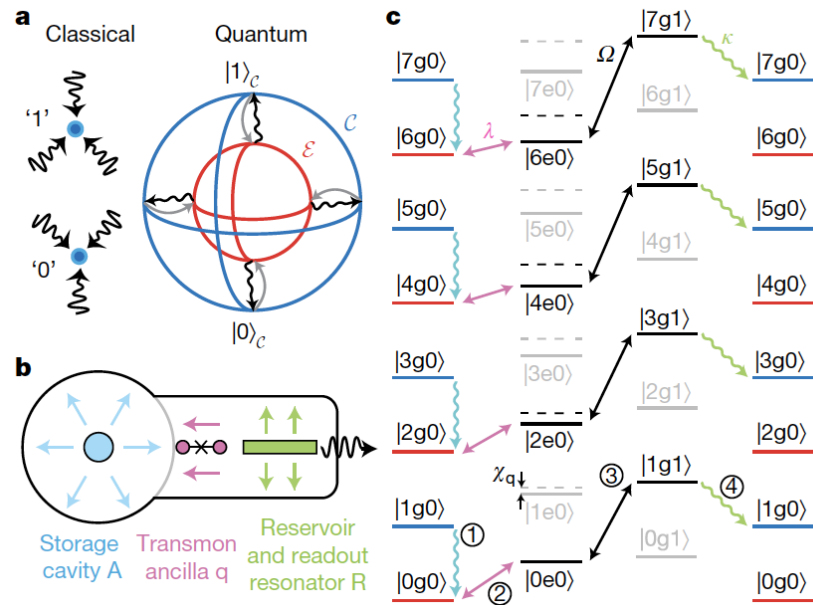
qubits encoded in harmonic oscillators?
GKP code!

can you spot the original Shor code?

Experimental realizations of QEC

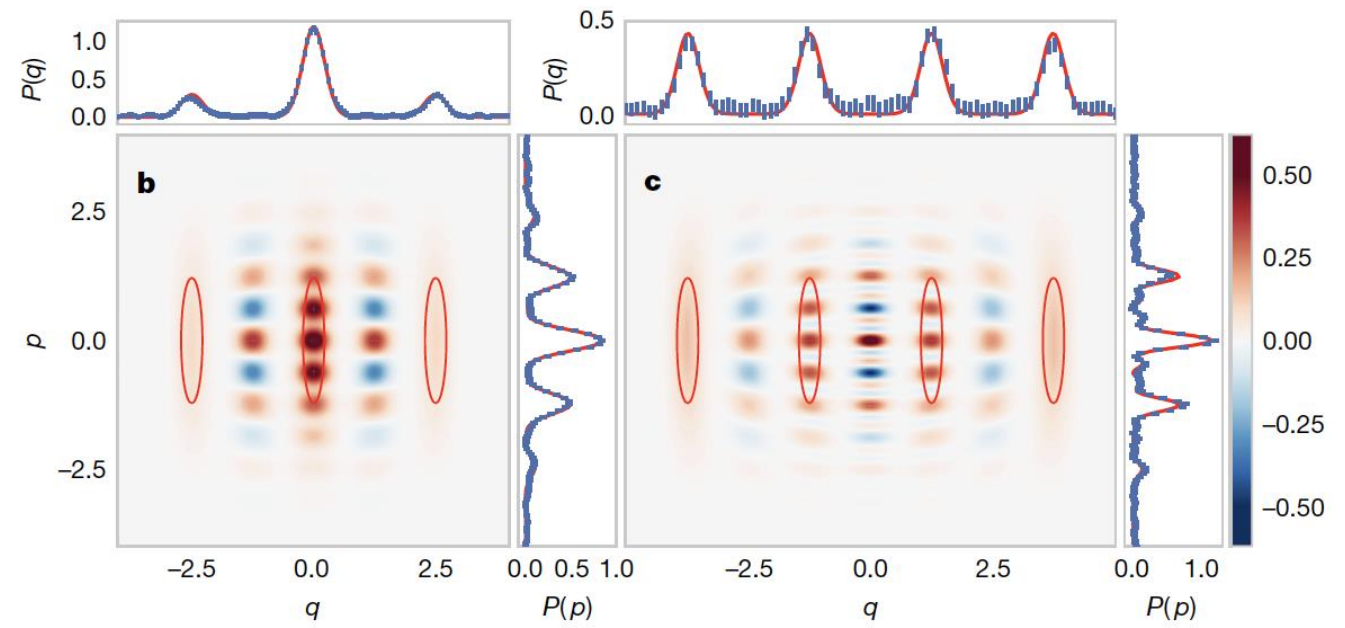
autonomous bosonic error correction (sc circuits)

J. Gertler *et al.*, Nature **590**, 243 (2021)



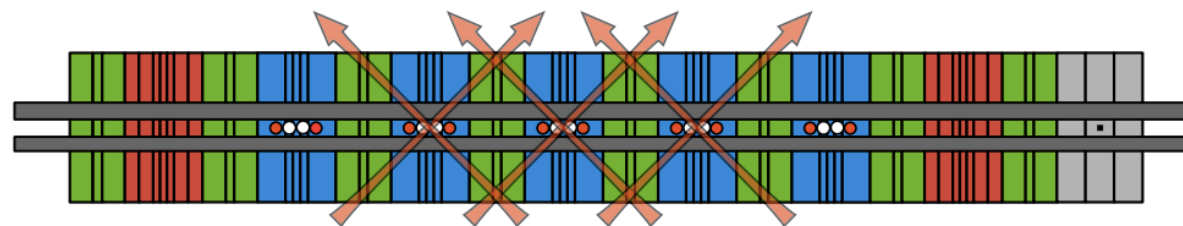
GKP code (trapped ions)

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Color code (trapped ions)

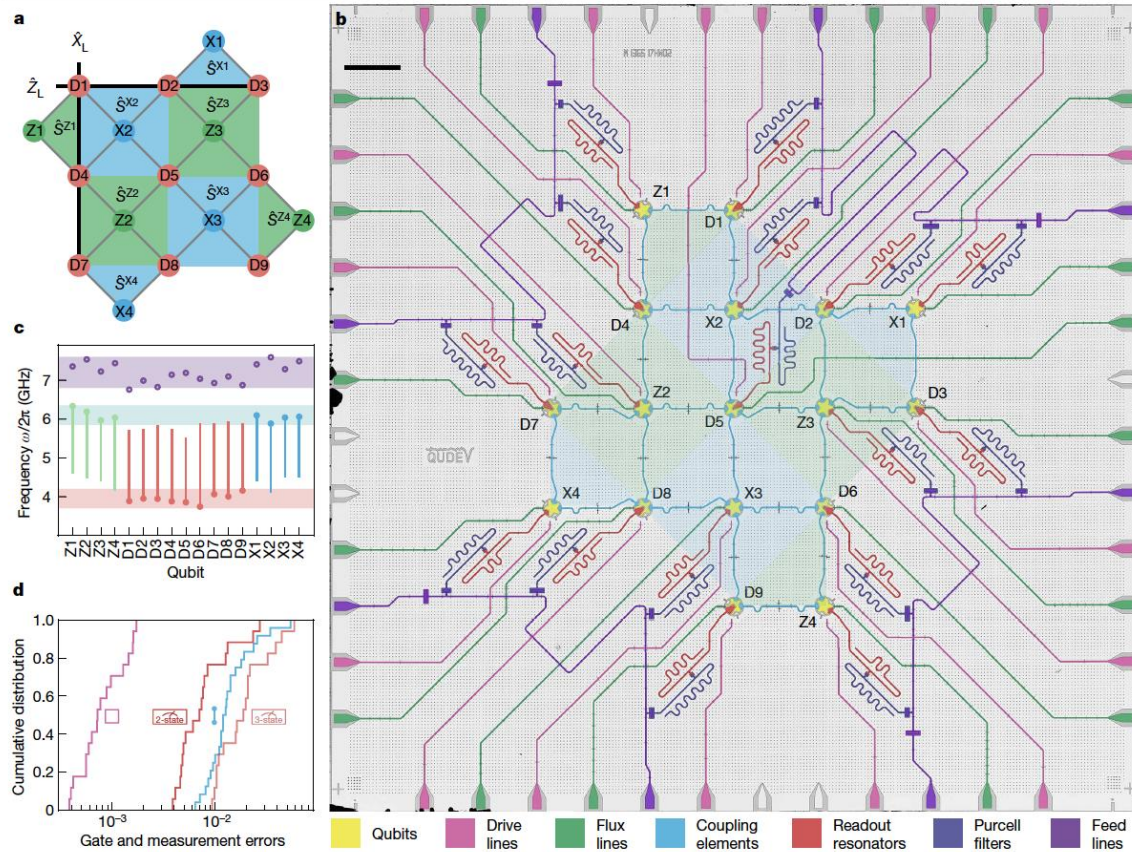
C. Ryan-Anderson *et al.*, PRX **11**, 041058 (2021)



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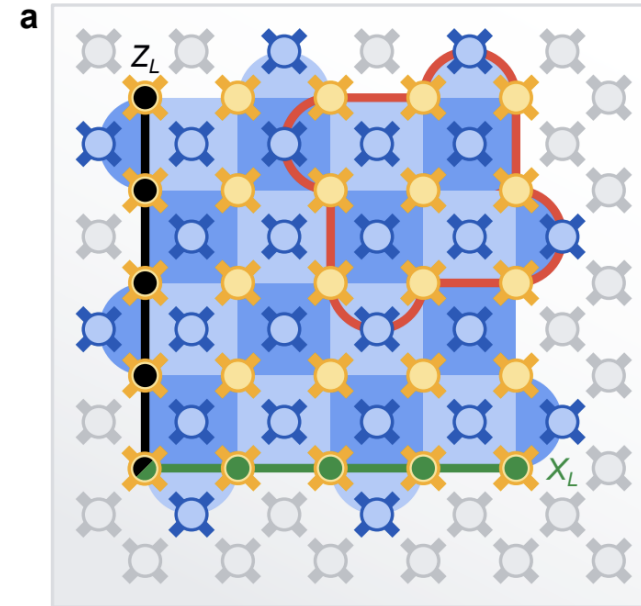
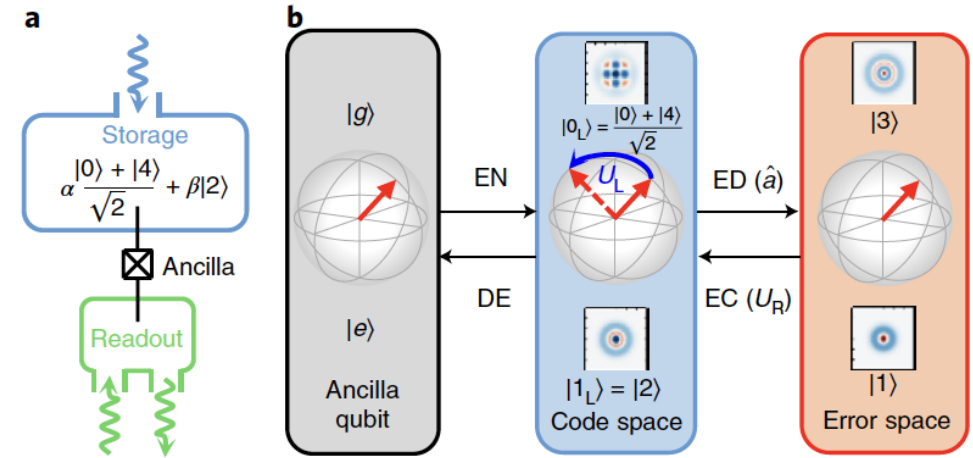
distance 3 surface code (sc circuits)

S. Krinner *et al.*, Nature 605, 669 (2022)



binomial code (sc circuits)

L. Hu *et al.*, Nature physics 15, 503 (2019)



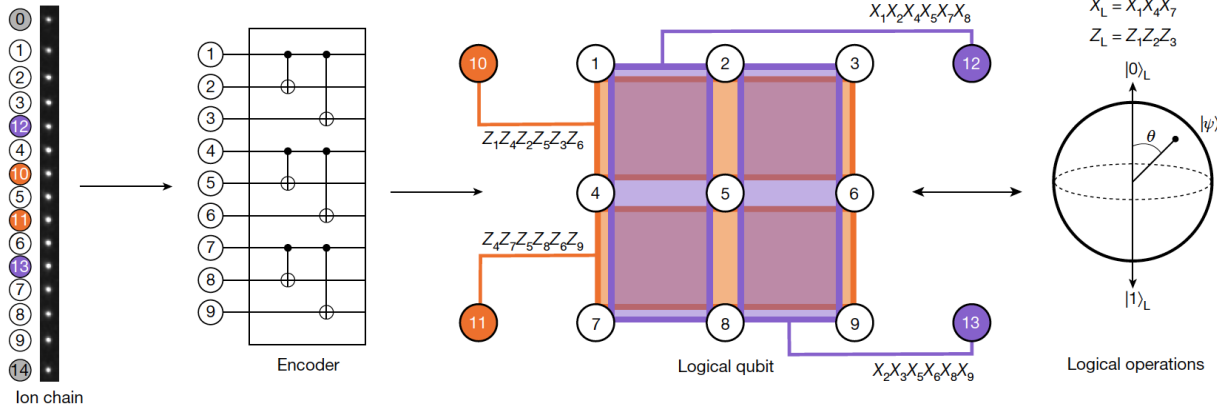
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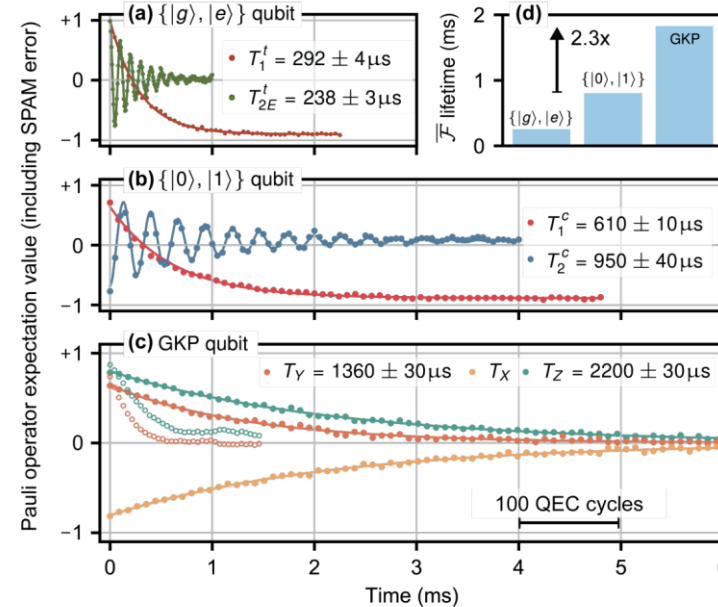
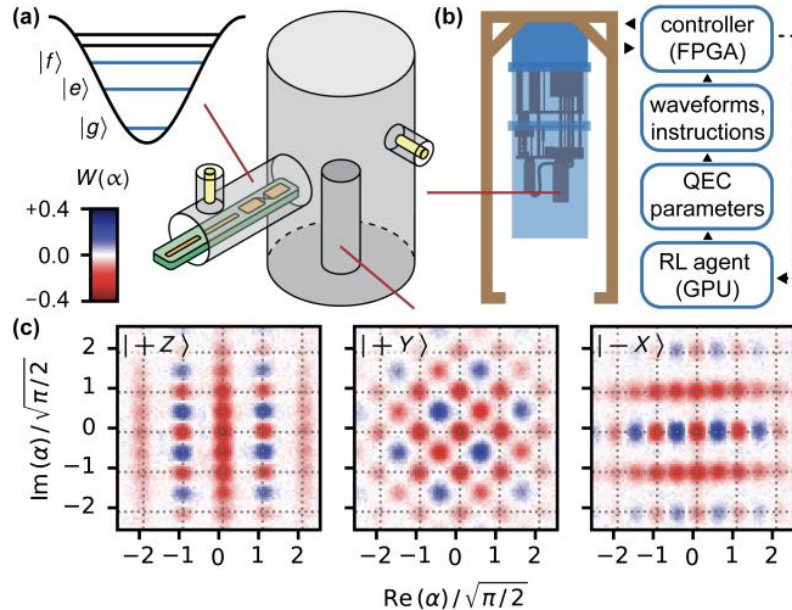
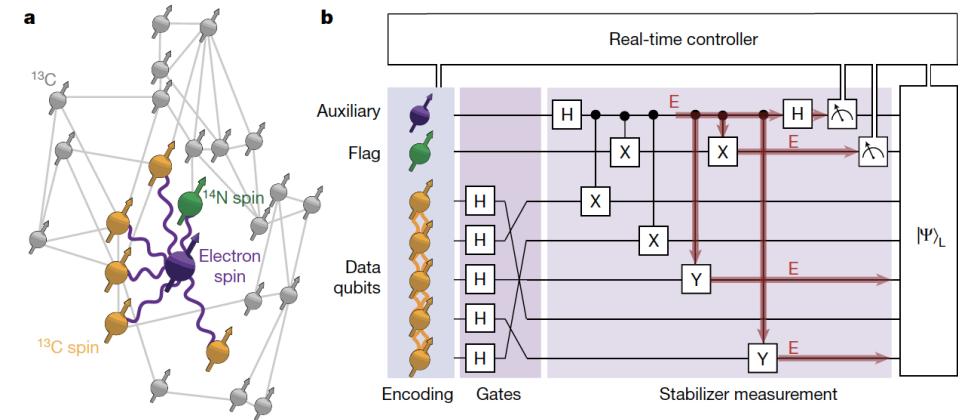
Bacon-Shor code (trapped ions)

L. Egan *et al.*, Nature **598**, 281 (2021)



5-qubit code (NV centers in diamond)

M. H. Abobeih *et al.*, Nature **606**, 884 (2022)



GKP code (sc circuits)

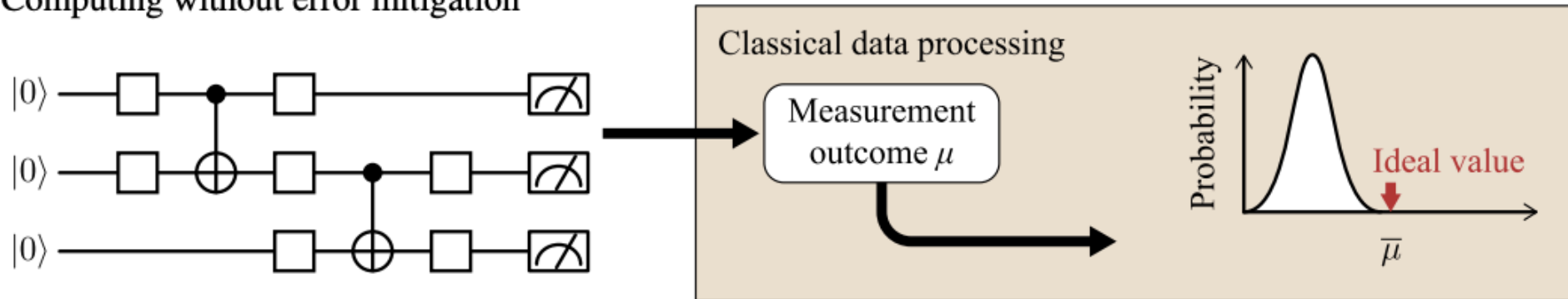
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arXiv:2211.09116

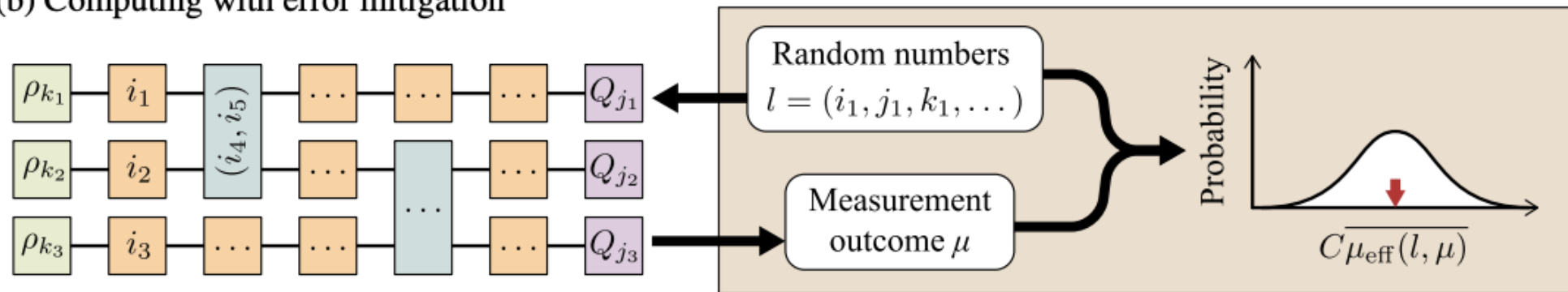
Near term: quantum error *mitigation*

- Idea: if we can *understand* the kinds of errors that occur, we can *unbias* our results!

(a) Computing without error mitigation



(b) Computing with error mitigation



Near term: quantum error *suppression*

- Dynamical decoupling: continuously flip your qubits when they are idle!

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CLASS `DynamicalDecoupling` (`*args`, `**kwargs`)

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Bases: `qiskit.transpiler.basepasses.TransformationPass`

Dynamical decoupling insertion pass.

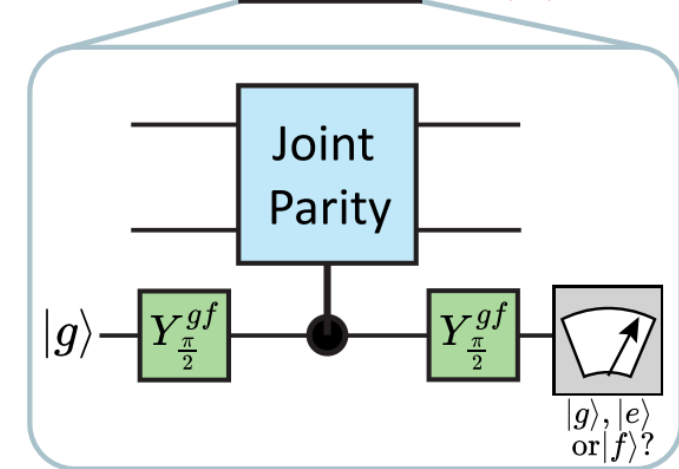
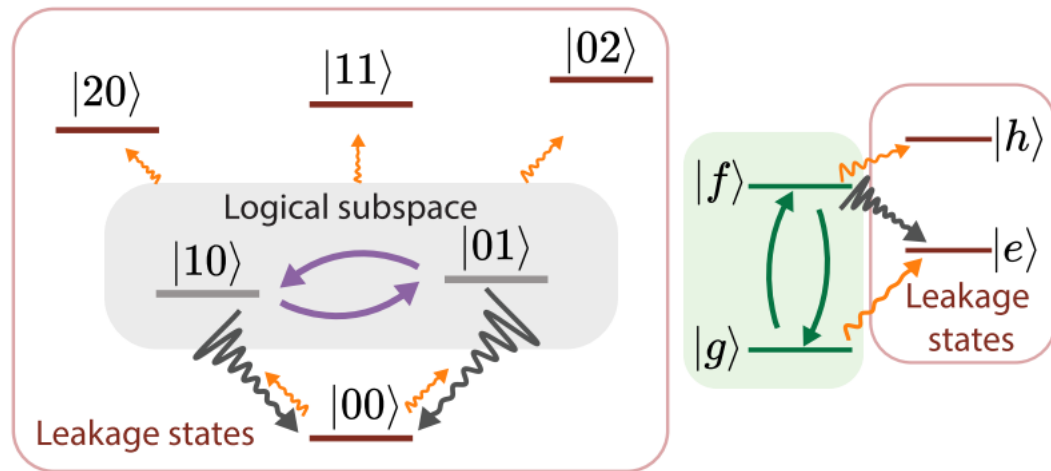
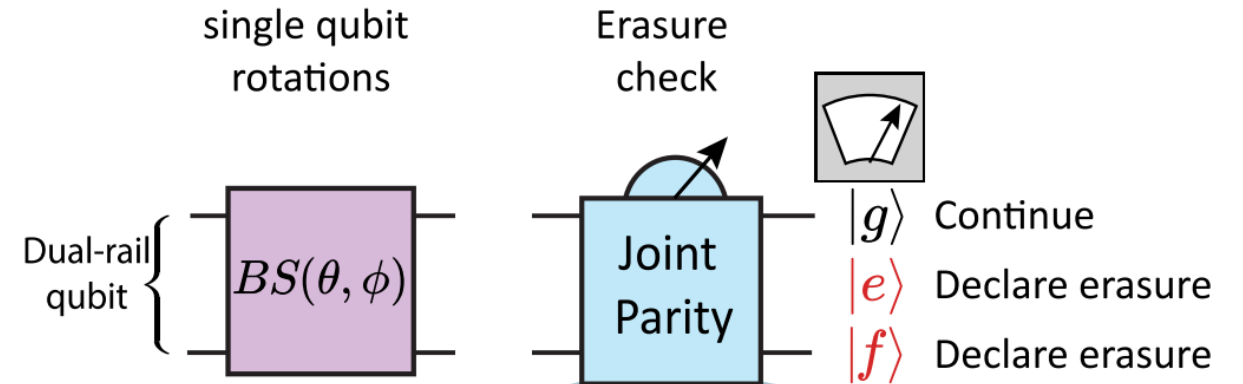
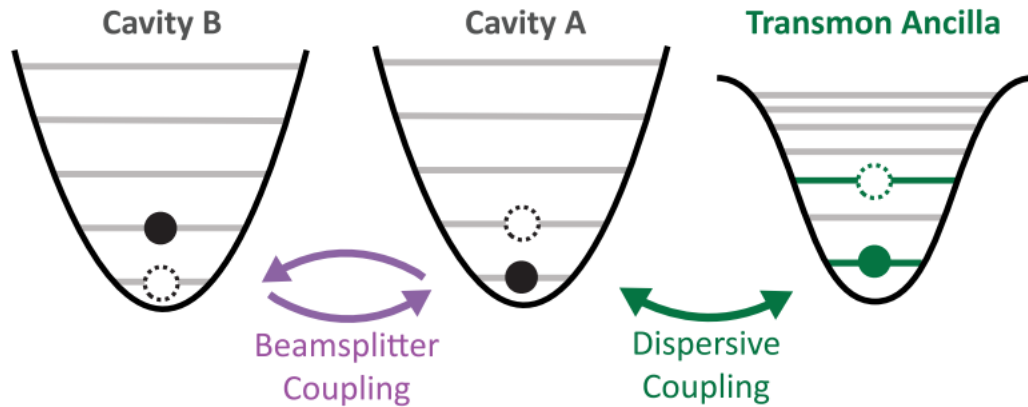
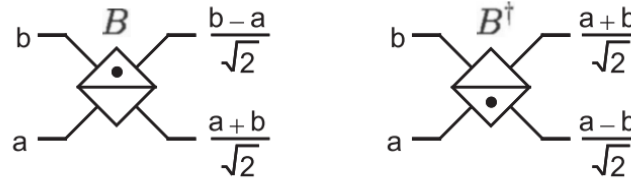
This pass works on a scheduled, physical circuit. It scans the circuit for idle periods of time (i.e. those containing delay instructions) and inserts a DD sequence of gates in those spots. These gates amount to the identity, so do not alter the logical action of the circuit, but have the effect of mitigating decoherence in those idle periods.

As a special case, the pass allows a length-1 sequence (e.g. `[XGate()]`). In this case the DD insertion happens only when the gate inverse can be absorbed into a neighboring gate in the circuit (so we would still be replacing Delay with something that is equivalent to the identity). This can be used, for instance, as a Hahn echo.

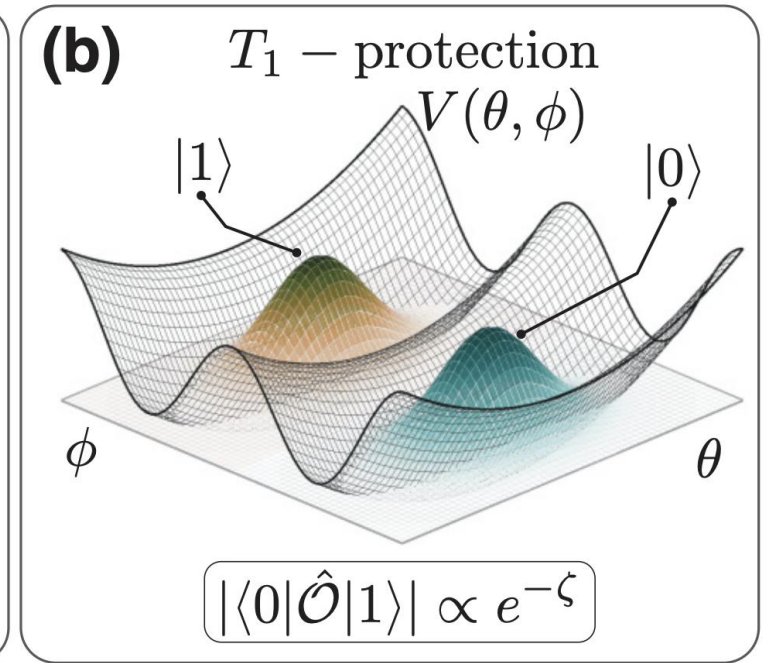
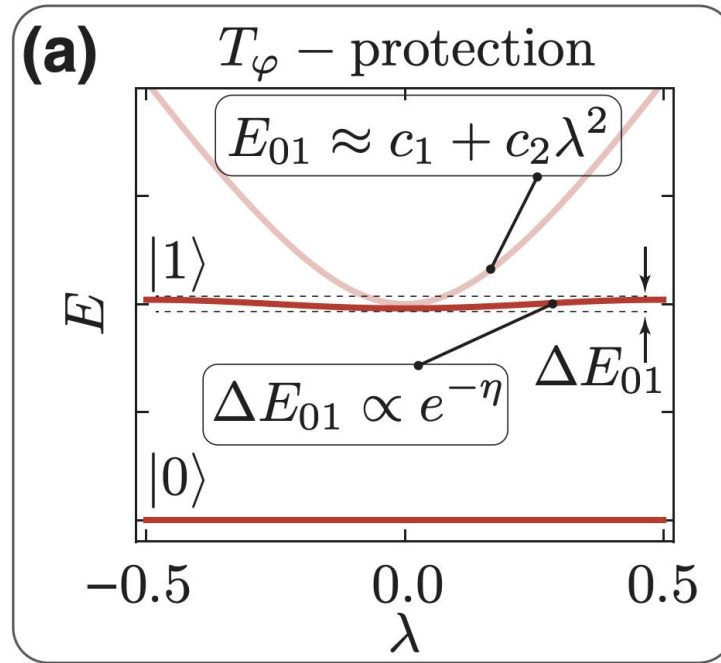
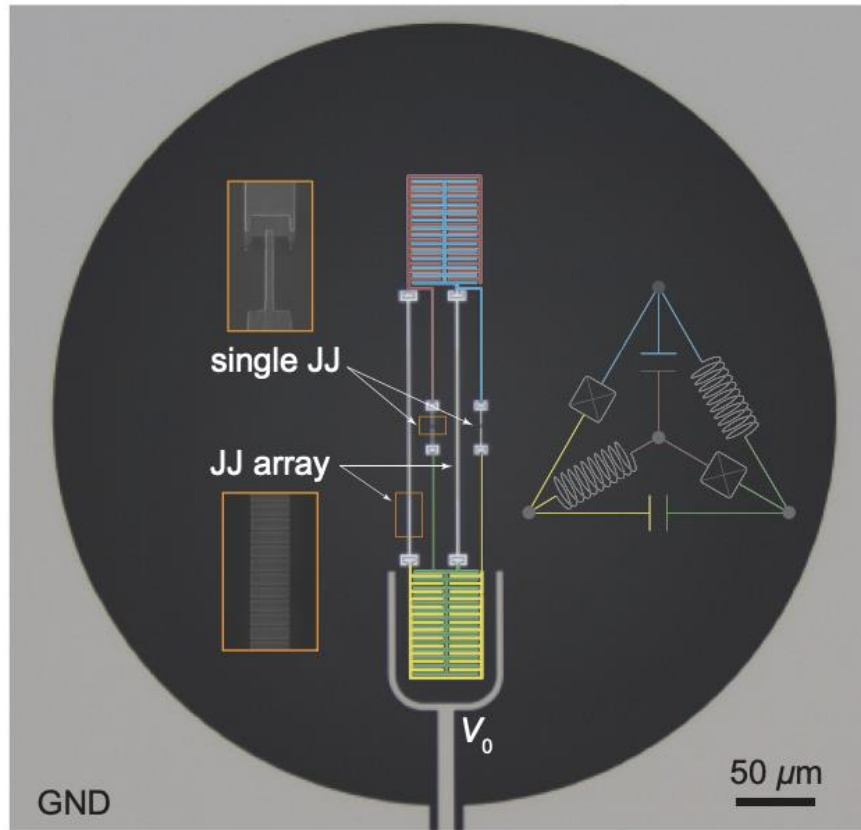
This pass ensures that the inserted sequence preserves the circuit exactly (including global phase).

Near term: quantum error detection

- Dual-rail qubits: old idea, new system!



Near term: *protected* physical qubits

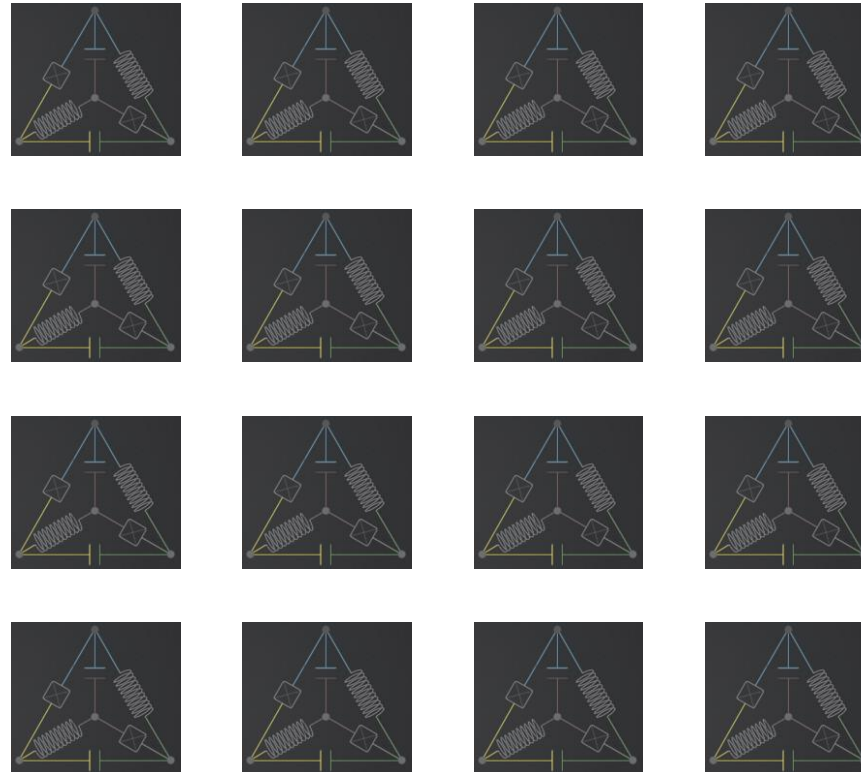


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Far term: fault-tolerant quantum computation

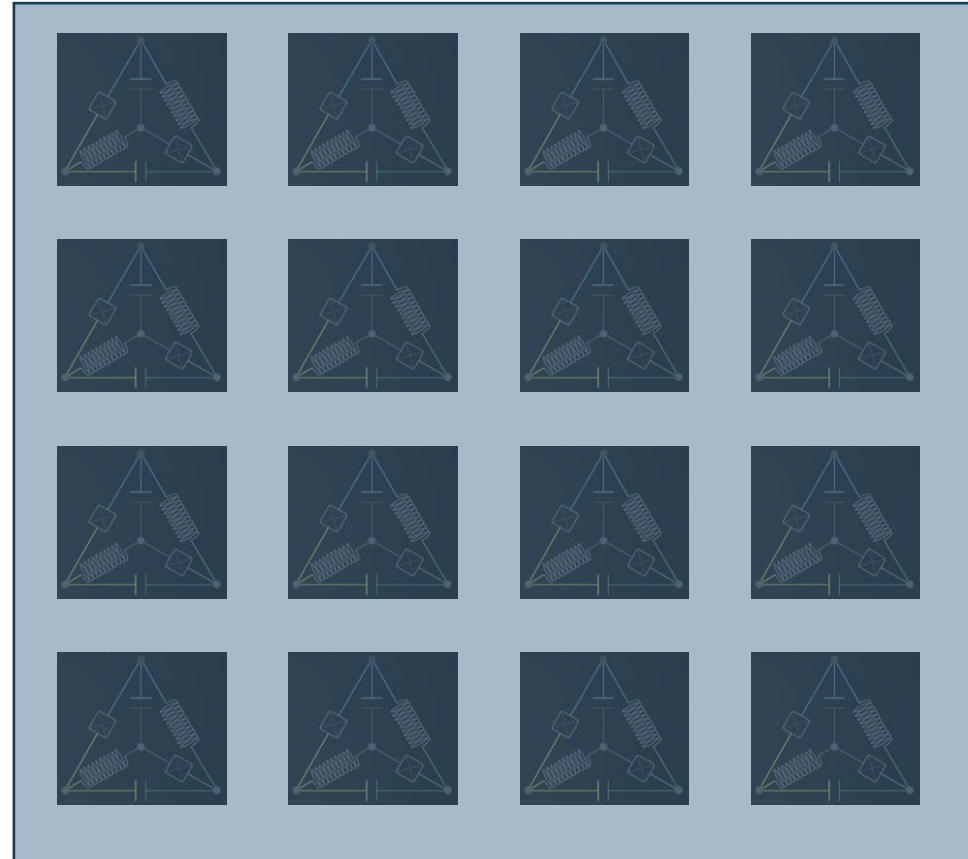
- Multiple layers:



protected qubits

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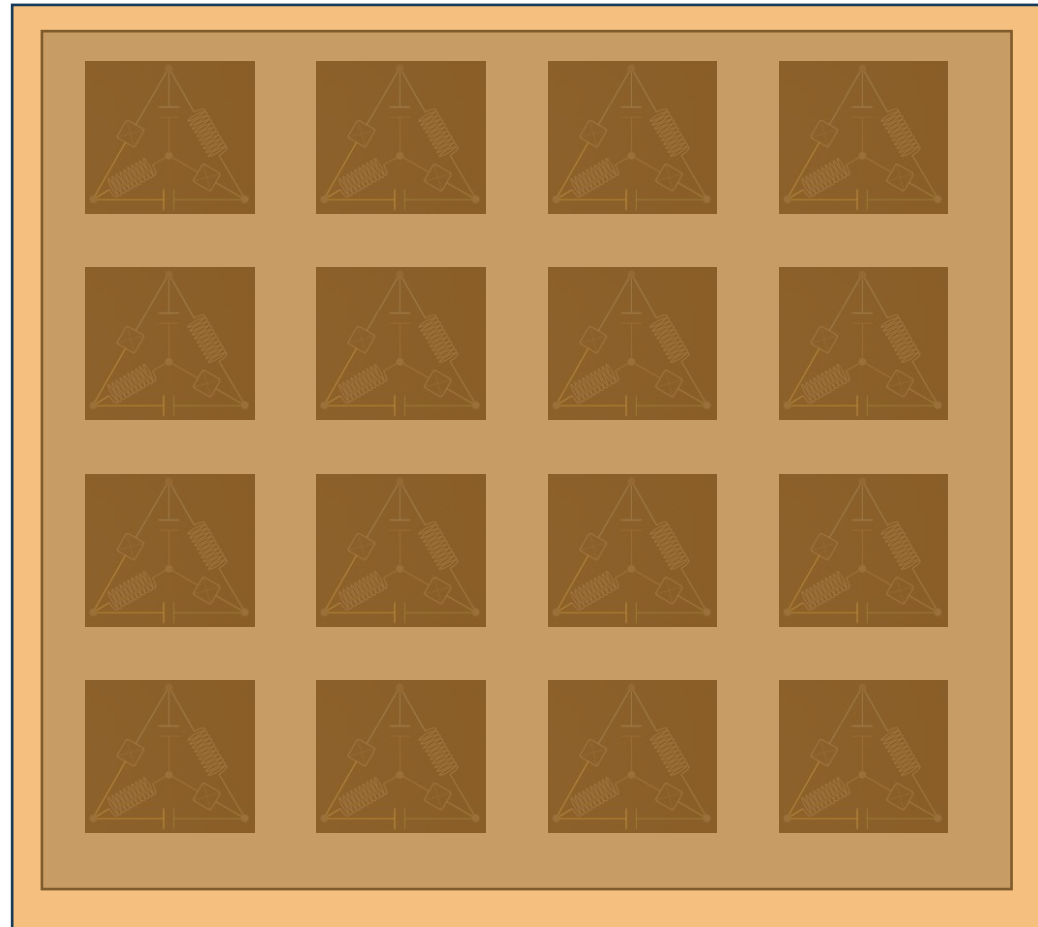


protected qubits

error mitigation

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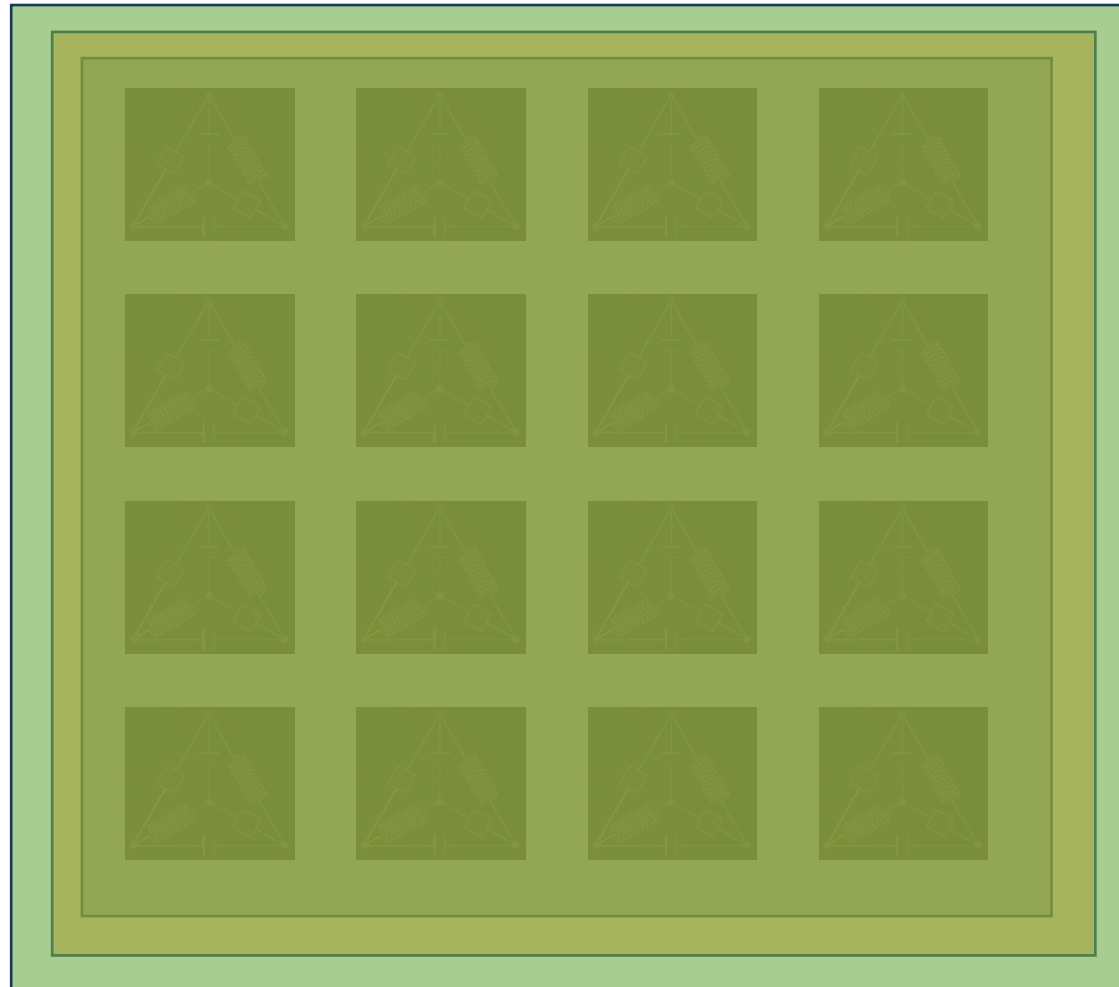
error suppression

protected qubits

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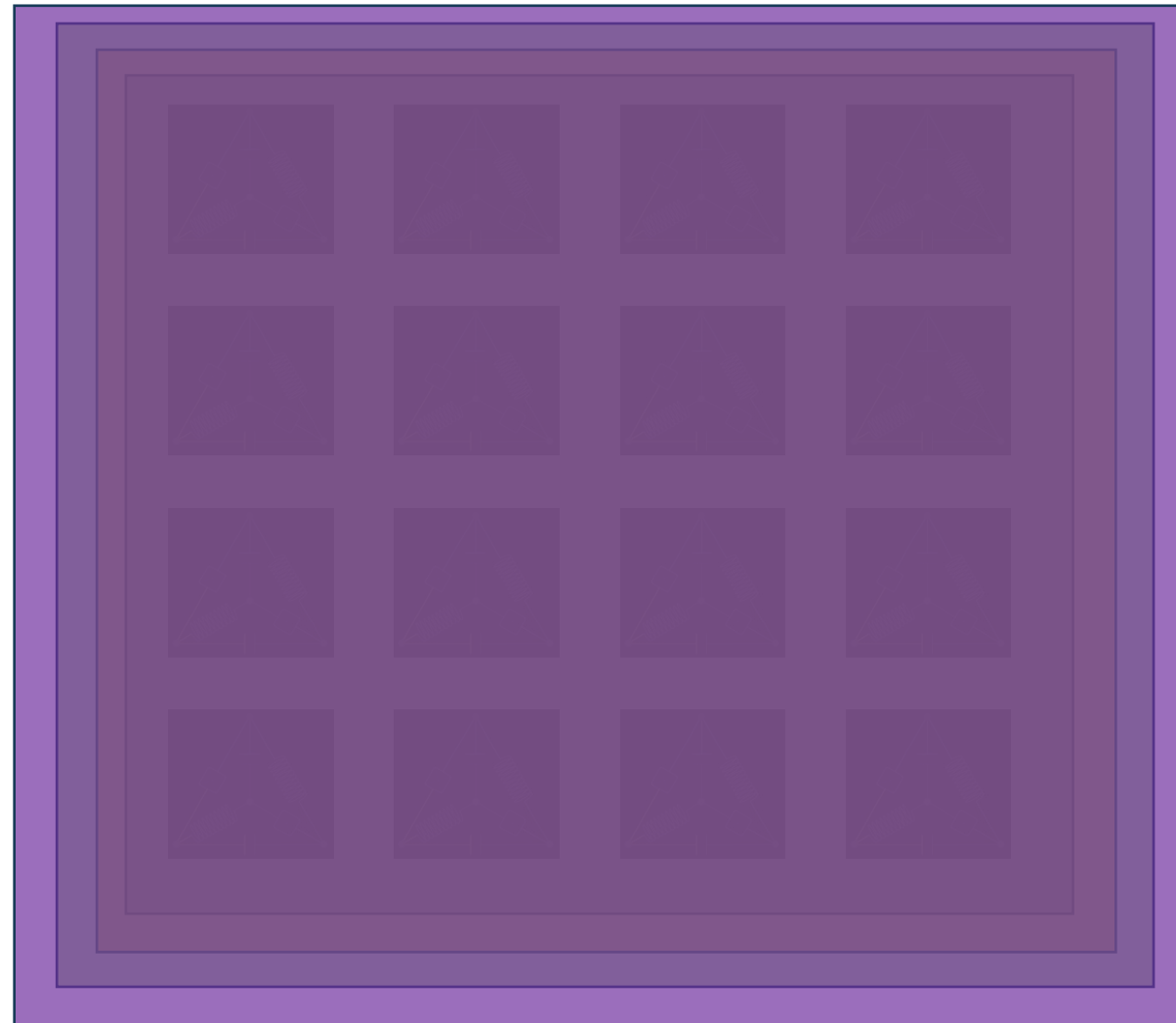
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error detection

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error detection

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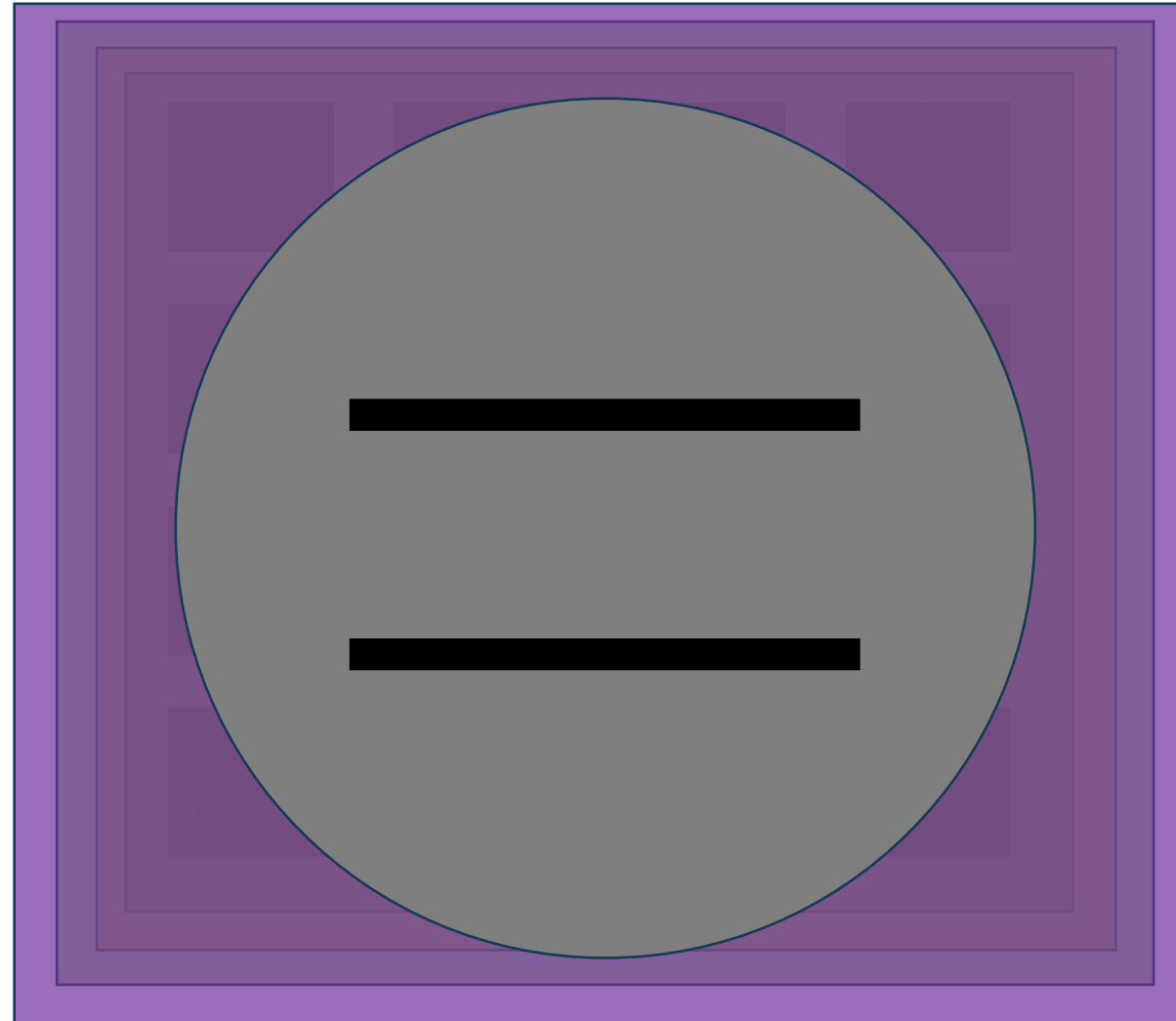
error correction

protected qubits

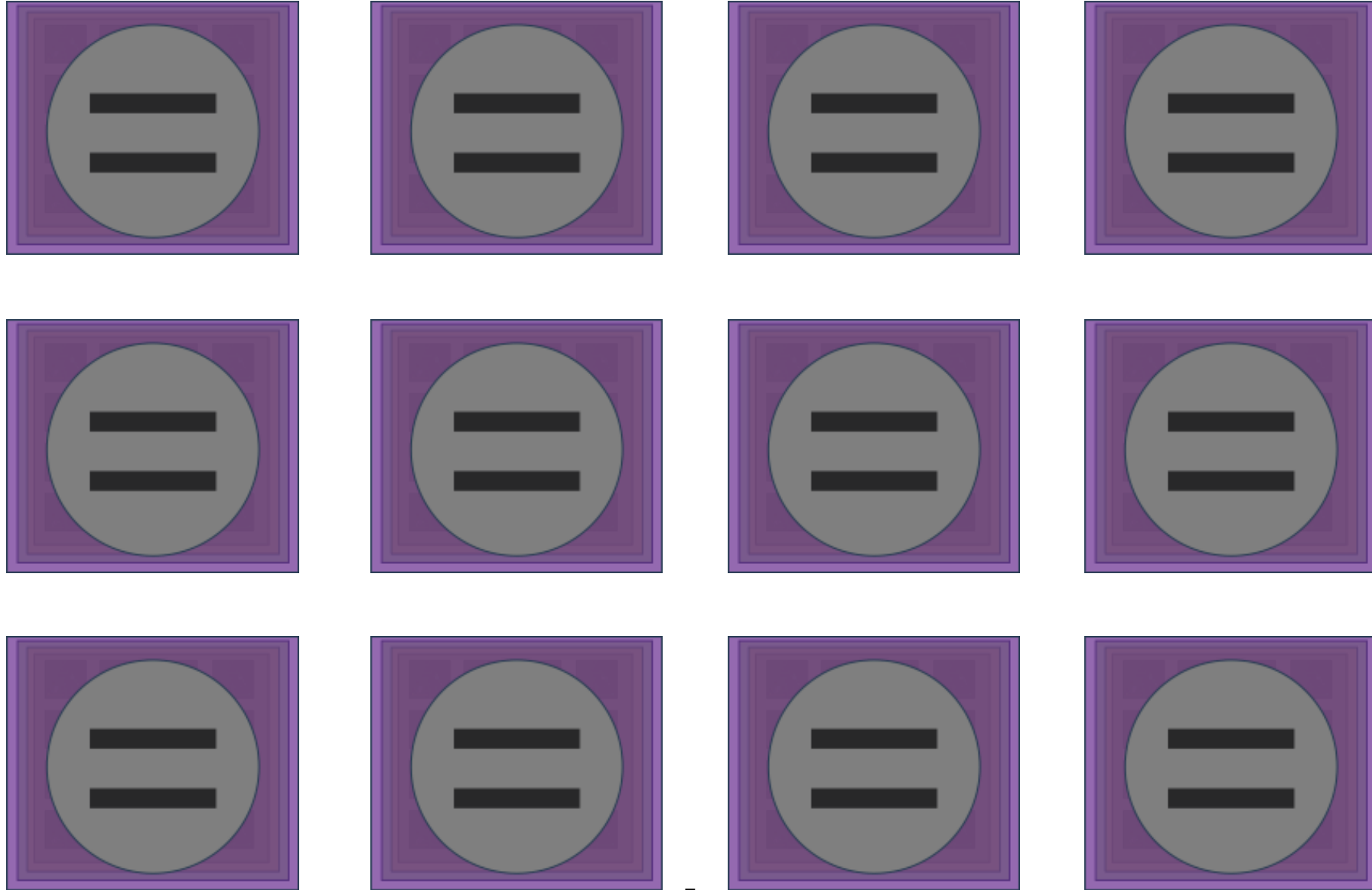
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Scaling up!

IBM fridge “Goldeneye” (1,000 - 4,000 qubits)

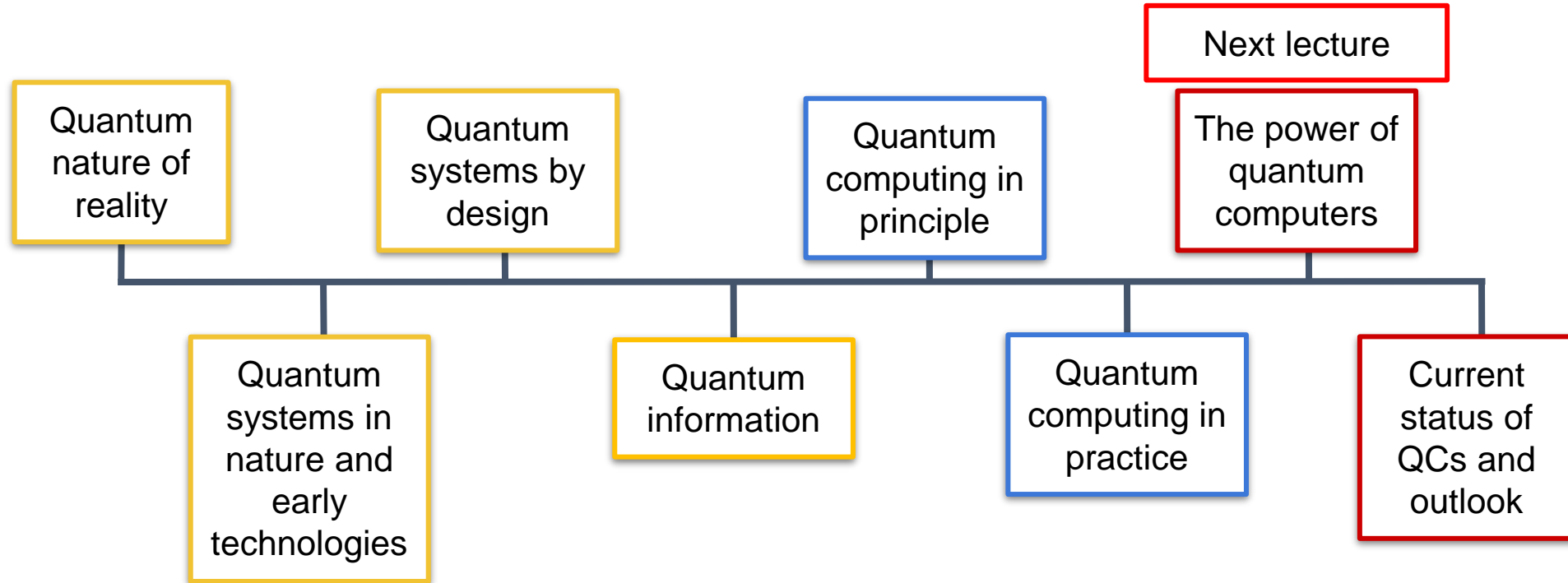


Wallraff group linking two fridges



P. Magnard *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., **125**, 260502 (2020)

Roadmap



Summary and outlook

- Noise destroys superpositions and entanglement
- Combat with quantum error mitigation, detection, suppression, correction, (insert fun jargony word here)
- Recent years have seen an EXPLOSION of progress on the feasibility of QEC

