Scalable Technologies for Quantum Control in Trapped Ion Systems

- For Quantum Information Processing and Simulation -

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Elements of Quantum Computers

- Quantum Bits (Qubits)
 - A two-level quantum system that represents information
 - Must be able to initialize and measure
- Quantum Logic Gate Operation
 - Single-qubit and two-qubit operations
 - Coherent: works on superposition states
 - Universality Theorem: Single and two-qubit gates are universal
- Transporting Qubits between Quantum Logic Gates
 - Quantum wires are difficult to realize
 - Quantum teleportation: Use of entangled states to ship qubits

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Elements of Quantum Simulators

- Quantum Bits (Qubits)
 - A two-level quantum system that represents a quantum spin
 - Must be able to initialize and measure
- "Hamiltonian Engineering"
 - Ability to implement "arbitrary" interaction Hamiltonian among the qubits to induce adequate state evolution
 - Coherent: works on superposition states
 - Can be "stroboscopic" if Trotterization is used
 - In some cases, dissipative process is helpful ("annealing")
- Complexity of Interaction Geometry
 - Underlying geometry (lattice structure) has huge influence on the evolution of interacting spin system
 - Interaction typically decays as a function of distance





Ion Chain Quantum Register

- Equally spaced long ion chain
- Use transverse phonon mode for multi-qubit gates
- Design and control of laser pulses that apply spin-dependent forces at the heart of quantum register operation
- Same hardware can be used for simulation of Ising spins



Ion Chain Quantum Simulator

Arbitrary, fully connected Ising Hamiltonian with N spins

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{i,j} \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} \qquad J_{i,j} = \sum_{n=1}^N \Omega_{i,n} \Omega_{j,n} \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{\eta_{i,m} \eta_{j,m} \omega_m}{\mu_n^2 - \omega_m^2}$$

 $_{N}C_{2} \sim O(N^{2})$ degrees of freedom $O(N^{2})$ degrees sofffeethom

In a linear N-spin chain, the transverse mode spectrum looks like •



Need laser beams with individual intensity control ullet



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The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine Qubit : Coherence

- Qubit states are two internal (clock) states of the atomic ion
- Carefully chosen states have long coherence times
 - $T_2 \approx 1 \text{ sec "without trying much"}$
 - $T_2 \approx 15$ min with "some effort"



The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine Qubit: Initialization

- Optical pumping into the dark state prepares initial qubit state
- High preparation fidelity (>99.99% after scattering ≈ 10 photons)



The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine Qubit: State Detection

• State-dependent fluorescence provides high fidelity detection



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The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine Qubit: Single Qubit Gate

- High fidelity gates via Raman transition or microwave transition
- Single qubit fidelity over 99% using $\sim \mu s$ optical/microwave pulse



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The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine Qubit: Multi-Qubit Gate

- Detuned Raman transition applies spin-dependent forces
- Can lead to robust spin-dependent phase shift (controlled-phase)



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Scalable Surface Ion Trap Chip

• Design and Fabrication of Scalable Surface Ion Trap Chips



Surface Trap Fabrication: NIST, Georgia Tech, Sandia, MIT, Ulm, Mainz, ... Surface Trap Operation: NIST, Maryland, MIT, Duke, Innsbruck, Oxford, ...

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New Trapping Technology in MUSIQC





Sandia Thunderbird Traps at Duke





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Ion chains in the Thunderbird



- Chains of two ions are held for up to 2 hours. ٠
- RF: 28 MHz, q: 0.24 •



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Global Microwave Single Qubit Gates





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Qubit Coherence with Microwave Gates



Raman Single Qubit Gates

 Global & Individual single qubit gates can be realized by Raman transition driven by mode-locked laser.
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Digital PI Loop



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Qubit Manipulation with Raman Beams



Motional Raman transitions



Motional Raman transitions



Ground state cooling



Heating rate



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Large NA Lens for Better Photon Collection

- High NA lens was designed for ion emission into a single mode fiber
- Useful for state detection!!



Dark counts: $6Hz+32Hz/\mu W$

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¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine State Detection



Dark Pumping



¹⁷¹Yb⁺ Hyperfine State Detection



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Large NA State Detection Results







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Improved State Detection with High NA Optics

Qubit type	Average Detection Time	Fidelity	Method
⁴⁰ Ca ⁺ Optical*	145 µs	99.99%	Adaptive time-resolved photon counting (distribution comparison)
⁴³ Ca ⁺ Hyperfine*	400 μs (shelving) + ≥145 μs	99.77%	Shelving + above
¹⁷¹ Yb ⁺ Hyperfine (Duke)	28.1 µs	99.85(1)%	2 event discrimination
¹⁷¹ Yb ⁺ Hyperfine (Duke)	10.5 µs	99%	2 event discrimination

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Individual Addressing Strategies

- Options for Individual Addressing of Atoms
 - Frequency discrimination: Siegen (Wunderlich), Penn State (Weiss)
 - Beam Steering: Wisconsin (Saffman, AO), Innsbruck (Blatt, EO)
 - Difficult to scale to parallel Operations
- Scalable MEMS beam steering
 - Scalable fabrication technology
 - Low optical loss over broadband
 - Provide Optical Multiplexing
 - Addressing locations
 - Beam paths
 - Operating wavelengths
- MEMS challenges
 - Speed 10³ speedup
 - Stability, reliability and optical performance



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2D Tilt with MEMS Micromirrors



Beam Steering Capability



MEMS integration



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Single ion addressing (preliminary results)



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Individually Addressed Single Qubit Gates

Yb Photon Gear Lens

MEMS

2nd Stage

8.6x

Dichroic Filter

3rd Stage

100x

- New experimental capability
 - State preparation in parallel
 - Individual state detection
 - Individually-addressed single qubit
 Raman gates using MEMS system
 - Simultaneous single-qubit gates
 - Full state/process tomography capability



Multi-Qubit State Tomography



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Improved Crosstalk (Preliminary)



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- Forms Elementary Logic Unit (ELU) in MUSIQC architecture



Shuttling of lons on a Chip Trap

- Changing voltages can move the center of the trap
- Qubit state remain undisturbed through shuttling
- Sympathetic cooling necessary to perform motional gates after ion shuttling
- Noise-free qubit transport performed at NIST-Boulder





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Entangling lons using Photons

- Remote Entanglement Generation
 - Entanglement of internal atomic state and photon (e.g., color)
 - From a pair of such systems, interfere the photons
 - Based on measurement, entanglement is generated probabilistically between ions through entanglement swapping
 - Use the entanglement for logic operation



MUSIQC: Multi-Tier Approach to Scalability

- Quantum Computation in Small Coulomb Crystals
 - Linear ion chain with 20-100 ions (Elementary Logic Unit, or ELU)
 - Arbitrary quantum logic operation among the qubits in the chain
- Interconnect of Multiple Coulomb Crystals via Photonic Channel
 - Reconfigurable interconnect using optical crossconnect (OXC) switches
 - Efficient optical interface for remote entanglement generation



SPARQC: Quantum Repeater Platform

- Strategy for Quantum Repeater Realization
 - Trapped-ion quantum information processor with two optical ports can function as a quantum repeater node



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Conclusions

- New Technologies for Trapped Ion Experiments
 - Surface trap works very well (2-qubit gate TBD)!
 - Good optics makes huge difference
 - MEMS is adequate for individual addressing
- Importance of Integrated Systems Approach
 - Larger system needed to answer some fundamental questions on quantum computing at the next level
 - Controlling large quantum entanglement?
 - Can quantum fault tolerance be implemented?
 - Flexible quantum simulator
 - Take us to frontiers of complex quantum system



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