Building a room temperature quantum computer

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SIMONS FOUNDATION

Outline

- Analog quantum simulators with light.
- Building a light-based quantum computer.



I. Analog quantum simulators

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Simulating Physics with Computers

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- Optimizing control of quantum matter systems to engineer their interactions to resemble different physical systems.

Ising Quantum simulators



Superconducting Quantum Simulators

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- **Trapped Ions Quantum Simulators**
- Interactions among neighbors
- Operation at 2K
- Solves particular problems

Next evolution: Programable light based quantum computer



EIT : A deeper look

With a quantized field: $\hat{E}(z,t) = \sum_{k} a_k(t) e^{ikz} e^{-i(\nu/c)(z-ct)}$

And the collective atomic operators: $\hat{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta}(z,t) = \frac{1}{N_z} \sum_{j=1}^{N_z} |\alpha_j\rangle \langle \beta_j | e^{-i\omega_{\alpha\beta}t}$ One can solve a set of Heisenberg-Lagevin equations: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} = -\gamma_{\mu\nu}\sigma_{\mu\nu} + \frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{V}, \hat{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}] + F_{\mu\nu}$

A simple solution to these equations is:

$$\hat{\Psi}(z,t) = \cos\theta(t)\hat{E}(z,t) - \sin\theta(t)\sqrt{N}\,\hat{\sigma}_{bc}(z,t)$$
$$\cos\theta(t) = \frac{\Omega(t)}{\sqrt{\Omega^2(t) + g^2N}},$$
$$\sin\theta(t) = \frac{g\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{\Omega^2(t) + g^2N}}.$$

This is the Dark-State Polariton (DSP)

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c\cos^2\theta(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right]\hat{\Psi}(z,t) = 0$$



- The Dirac equation merges quantum mechanics with special relativity.

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = H_{\rm D}\psi = (c\hat{p}\sigma_x + mc^2\sigma_z)\psi$$

- The Jackiw-Rebbi model describes a Dirac field coupled to a soliton field.



$$i\partial_t \Psi = \left(\alpha c p_z + \frac{\beta m c^2}{\kappa} \phi(z) \right) \Psi$$



A kink in the soliton yields a topologically protected zero-energy mode.
Leads to charge fractionalization.



How to build a quantum simulator using dark state polaritons?



Dirac dynamics using spinor of light



Creating spinors of light experimentally





Realizing topological relativistic dynamics with slow light polaritons at room temperature

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Quantum simulation of Dirac spinor dynamics



"Realizing JR would require **beams of relativistic particles interacting with Fermi quantum fields**. This realization of the **same physics requires only diode lasers and a cell of Rb atoms**."

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Fundamental tools



II. Light-based digital quantum computers

Common Quantum Gates (fundamental building blocks):







Construction of the CNOT Gate:

By adjusting the Controlled Phase gate one may build many uses two qubit gates:



• Logic gates are a fundamental in classical computing



• Quantum gates work similarly on qubits



- The basic operation to perform is:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)|1\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + e^{-i\phi}|1\rangle)|1\rangle$$

- The "phase shift" is given by: $\phi = \kappa n_1 n_2$

- Single photon operation requires a medium with large non-linearities and low absorption.

- Possible answer: a combination of EIT and Kerrnon-linearities.



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Photon-photon gate systems



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Reconstruction of wave-functions





- Triggered pi phase shifts
- High transmission (~80%)
- High-Fidelity (~90%)
- Room-Temperature

arXiv:1803.07012

III. Enhancing photon-photon interaction

Implementation of a crossed cavity QED/EIT system



Current Status:

- Construction of cavities in a multi-layer system
- Observation of magneto-optical trapping and characterization of atomic cloud
- Observation of coupling between atoms and the two cavities.

Outlook: Quantum simulation with quantized light fields



~20 interconnected quantum devices

Photon Sources

Ancilla qubits



Entangled photons







Bell measurements



Homodyne detectors Measurement stations

 Largest quantum processing network of its kind.

Scaling and multiplexing: a quantum grid



- TimePix camera with intensifier.
- Single photon level detection in time and space.
- 16-rail system created.
- Rubidium interaction.



Vision: A quantum grid for photonic quantum simulation and computing.



Take-home ideas

Small summary.

- Room temperature quantum networks already available.
- Phase switching operations triggered by a few photons.
- Quantum simulation with light and atoms.
- Small light-based RT quantum computer within reach.



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