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Summary

Chapter 1

Notes on quantum computing

1.1 Density matrix

1.2 Quantum operations

A quantum operation is a mathematical transformation that describes how a quantum state changes as a consequence of a physical process. Formally, it is a map \mathcal{E} that transforms a quantum state described by a density operator $\hat{\rho}$ into another state described by a new density operator $\hat{\rho}'$:

$$E(\hat{\rho}) = \hat{\rho}'. \quad (1.1)$$

The simplest example of a quantum operation is the evolution of a quantum state $\hat{\rho}$ of a closed quantum system, under a unitary operator \hat{U} , which can be written as

$$E(\hat{\rho}) \equiv \hat{U}\hat{\rho}\hat{U}^\dagger. \quad (1.2)$$

Depolarizing channel

1.3 Superconducting qubits

Chapter 2

Qibo

Chapter 3

Results

Tutti i risultati che sono presentati nel seguito sono stati ottenuti utilizzando il software di `Qibolab` per l'interazione con gli strumenti del laboratorio e `Qibocal` per il controllo delle operazioni sui qubit. L'hardware è un chip ... di QunatumWare. Durante il lavoro condotto per questo progetto di tesi entrambe le librerie, sia `Qibocal` che `Qibolab` undergo update and release, for this reason the first part of this work was realized using `Qibocalv0.1` and `Qibolabv0.1` while the second part of the work, dato che puntava anche allo sviluppo di routine che potessero essere utili per la calibrazione dei qubit è stato realizzato direttamente con `Qibocalv0.2` e `Qibolabv0.2`.

3.1 RB fidelity optimization

3.1.1 Randomized Benchmarking

A strong limitation to the realization of quantum computing technologies is the loss of coherence that happens as a consequence of the application of many sequential quantum gates to the qubits. Indeed, a great challenge faced by quantum computing experiments is to physically realize gates with low errors whenever and wherever applied, currently ... inserire qual è un valore ACCETTABILE. A possible approach to *gate error characterization* is the process tomography which allows the experimenter to establish the behaviour of a quantum gates. The main drawback of this approach is that process tomography can be very time consuming since its time complexity scales exponentially with the number of qubits involved [1]

Randomized benchmarking (RB) is a technique used to characterize the performance of quantum gates measuring their average error rates. The main idea is that the error obtained from the combined action of random gates applied in sequence to the qubit will average out to behave like a depolarizing channel [2].

It was later shown that this simplifies the procedure by restricting the unitaries to Clifford gates and by not requiring that the sequence is strictly self-inverting

The randomized benchmarking experiment implemented in `Qibocal` library, follows a strategy similar to the one described in [3]; which consists in the application of random sequences of gates with varying lengths to a given initial state. The average computational error per gate is then determined by analyzing how the error probability increases in the final measurements as the sequence length grows. The random gates are selected from the Clifford group [4], which is generated by $\pi/2$ rotations of the form $\exp(-i\sigma\frac{\pi}{4})$ where σ represents a product of Pauli operators acting on the different qubits. By restricting the gate set to the Clifford group, the measurements can be performed on single-qubit Pauli operators, ensuring that at least one measurement outcome remains deterministic in the absence of errors.

Haar measure

Randomized Benchmarking

For the results we present in the following the technique used slightly differs from the one described in section 3.1.1,

3.1.2 Optimization methods

Optuna [5]

Scipy methods [6]

- SQLP ?
- Nelder-Mead → approfondimento

CMA - genetics algorithm [7]

3.2 RX90 calibration

3.3 Flux pulse correction

3.3.1 Cryoscope

[8]

Chapter 4

Conclusions

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