

# 5.1 Neutral-atom Quantum Computing (Session: July 10) results for Mirza Akbar Ali

❗ Correct answers are hidden.

Score for this attempt: 7 out of 10 \*

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## Question 1

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### [DiVincenzo criteria: well characterized qubit]

How is quantum information encoded in a neutral-atom qubit, i.e. what constitutes the two-level system with defined states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ ?

- ☒ Internal energy state of the atoms
- ☐ Motion excitation of the atoms
- ☐ Rotational Symmetry
- ☐ Ionizing the atoms, considering neutral and ionized

## Question 2

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### [DiVincenzo criteria: initialize qubit]

How to initialize the neutral-atom qubit?

- ☐ Let the system naturally evolve until it reaches the ground state
- ☒ Using lasers to drive the atom to the desired initial state
- ☐ Using magnetic fields to create degeneracy between states

- ☐ Using light assisted collisions

### Question 3

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#### [DiVincenzo criteria: long relevant decoherence time]

How can we improve the coherence time of neutral-atom qubits?

- ☒ Reducing external sources of noise, for example, laser phase noise
- ☐ Let the system naturally evolve until it reaches the ground state
- ☐ Using magnetic fields to create degeneracy between states
- ☐ Using light assisted collisions

### Question 4

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#### [DiVincenzo criteria: universal set of gates – single qubit gates]

How can we implement gates using neutral-atom qubits? (Hint: in classical computing we switch between 0 and 1 in a controlled way)

- ☐ Rotating the atoms in well defined orientations
- ☐ Heating the atoms to higher motional states
- ☐ Change the orientation of the magnetic field, i.e. quantization axis
- ☒ Exciting the atoms from one internal energy state to another

Incorrect

### Question 5

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**[DiVincenzo criteria: universal set of gates – two qubit gates, entanglement]**

Which fundamental atomic interaction is used to implement two qubit gates for neutral-atom quantum computing?

- ☐ Dipole-Dipole interaction between Rydberg atoms
- ☐ Stark effect between atoms and light fields
- ☒ Zeeman effect between atoms and magnetic fields
- ☐ Coulomb interaction

**Question 6**

1 / 1 pts

**[DiVincenzo criteria: qubit-specific measurement capability]**

How do we differentiate between the qubit states for measurement?

- ☒ Detecting light emitted from the atoms when probed with a laser beam
- ☐ Measuring the temperature of the ensemble
- ☐ Detecting excitations generated around the atom, called pollutants
- ☐ Measuring the magnitude of the electric field in the ensemble

**Question 7**

1 / 1 pts

**[Errors]**

What are the most common sources of errors in neutral-atom quantum computing?

- ☐ State preparation errors
- ☒ All of the above
- ☐ Dephasing of the Rydberg state
- ☐ State detection errors

Incorrect

### Question 8

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**[Hardware specific]**

What is a unique feature of quantum computers based on cold atoms?

- ☐ They can perform digital and analog quantum computing
- ☐ They require the least maintenance compared to other platforms
- ☐ They are easier to operate and don't require specialist knowledge
- ☒ They can perform better than ions due to long life-times

Incorrect

### Question 9

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**[Hardware specific]**

What are the main limitations in scaling neutral-atom quantum computers?

- ☐ Laser power and uniform atomic array generation for large devices



They require strong magnetic fields, which make them the most energy hungry of all platforms



All of the above



The millikelvin temperature needed requires large dilution fridges

### Question 10

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#### [Comparison]

State an advantage and a disadvantage of neutral atoms as a quantum computing platform.

Your answer:

**Advantage:** Nature provides that all the qubits are strictly identical when taken independently, as opposed to artificial atoms such as superconducting circuits or Silicon spin qubits that need to be manufactured with as little heterogeneity as possible. This feature is a remarkable advantage for neutral atom quantum processors to achieve low error rates during the computation.

**Disadvantage:** Achieving ultra-low temperatures for this purpose is an energy costly process. The drawback is that we cannot yet do neutral atom quantum computing at room temperature.

### Question 11

1 / 1 pts

I confirm that I answered all questions, including stating an advantage and disadvantage of neutral atoms.



True



False

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