

# 0- $\pi$ Qubit

**From Basics of Quantum Mechanics to 0- $\pi$  Qubit**

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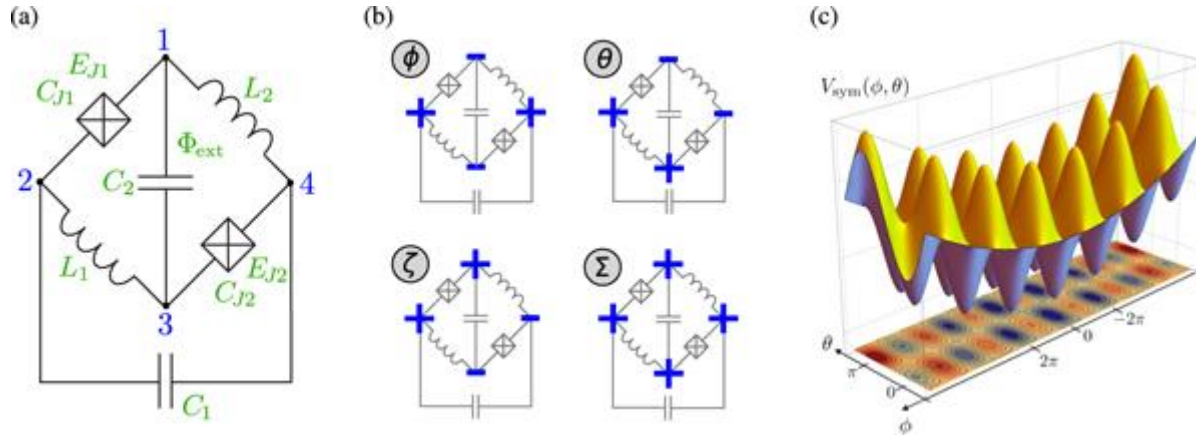
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- Tony Stark***

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## Objective

Analyzing 0- $\pi$  qubit structure, running simulations, and suggesting an improvement on current architecture for increased feasibility



# Background Information

## Classical vs Quantum Computation

### Classical

**Data is stored as 0 or 1**

**Data representation depends on voltage measurement**

**Classical circuit models**

### Quantum

**Data is stored as a superposition**

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

**Data representation depends on the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the qubit Hamiltonian**

**Superconducting circuits, ion-traps, photonic devices, etc.**

# Background Information

## Quantum Mechanics Vocabulary



**Hamiltonian: an analogy to the energy of a system which consists of kinetic and potential terms**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Postulate of Quantum Mechanics: The time evolution of a closed quantum system is described by the Schrödinger's Equation: [1]**



$$i\hbar \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = H|\psi\rangle$$

**Given initial condition  $|\psi\rangle$ , the Schrödinger's Equation determines all  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  for any given future time (t).[2]**

[1]: A. Nielsen, Michael & Chuang, Isaac. (2004). Quantum Computation and Quantum Information. 10.1063/1.1428442.

[2]: J. Griffiths, David & Schroeter, Darrell. (2018). Introduction to Quantum Mechanics. 10.1017/9781316995433.

# Background Information

## Algebra for Quantum Mechanics

Hamiltonian:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \Bigg\} \text{ } n \times n \text{ matrix}$$

example:  $H = -\frac{1}{2} (\epsilon \hat{\sigma}_z + \Delta \hat{\sigma}_x)$

$$\hat{\sigma}_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{\sigma}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & \Delta \\ \Delta & -\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

States:

$$|\psi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle \text{ where } |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|a|^2 = \text{probability of } |0\rangle,$$

$$|b|^2 = \text{probability of } |1\rangle \Rightarrow |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$



# Background Information

## Algebra for Quantum Mechanics

Schrödinger's Equation:  $i\hbar \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = H|\psi\rangle$ , where  $\hbar =$  Planck's Constant

$$\frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = \frac{H|\psi\rangle}{i\hbar} = -\frac{iH|\psi\rangle}{\hbar} \Rightarrow \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{|\psi\rangle} = \frac{-iH}{\hbar} dt$$

$$\int_{\psi_0}^{\psi_t} \frac{d|\psi\rangle}{|\psi\rangle} = \int_0^t \frac{-iH}{\hbar} dt \Rightarrow \ln |\psi_t| - \ln |\psi_0| = \frac{-iH}{\hbar} t$$

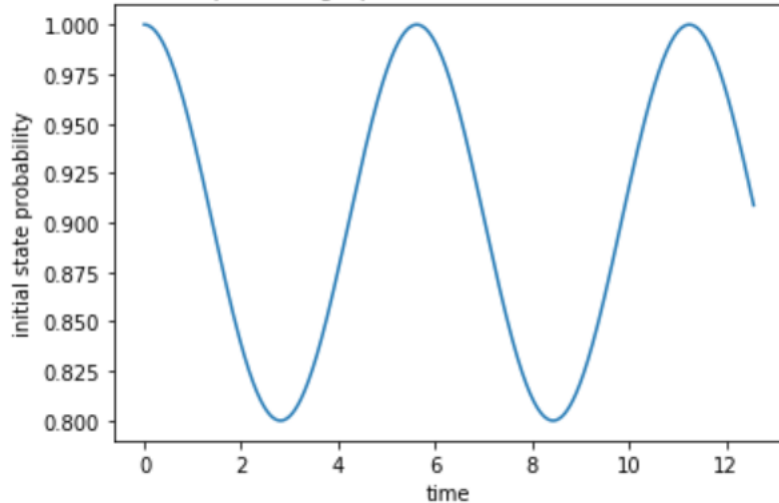
$$\ln \left| \frac{\psi_t}{\psi_0} \right| = \frac{-iH}{\hbar} t \Rightarrow \frac{\psi_t}{\psi_0} = e^{\frac{-iH}{\hbar} t}$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{\frac{-iH}{\hbar} t} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

# Background Information

## Unitary Time Evolution Simulation

Population graph of 'H = -0.5( $\epsilon\sigma_z + \Delta\sigma_x$ )'



We have the following Hamiltonian\*:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2}(\epsilon\hat{\sigma}_z + \Delta\hat{\sigma}_x)$$



Start with basis  $|0\rangle$



Evolve the system for time  $[0, 4\pi]$




Calculate the probability of obtaining state  $|0\rangle$  - the original start state

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## Adiabatic Evolution

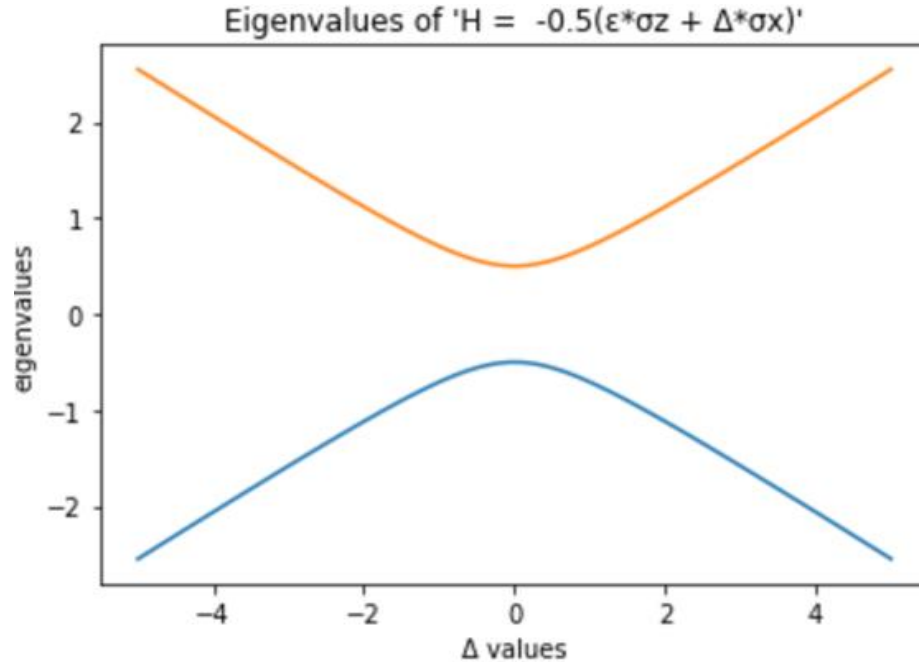
 For time-dependent Hamiltonians, Schrödinger's Equation is valid for continuous time evolutions.

 According to the quantum adiabatic theorem, a quantum system that begins in the non-degenerate ground state of a time-dependent Hamiltonian will remain in the instantaneous ground state provided the Hamiltonian changes sufficiently slowly.

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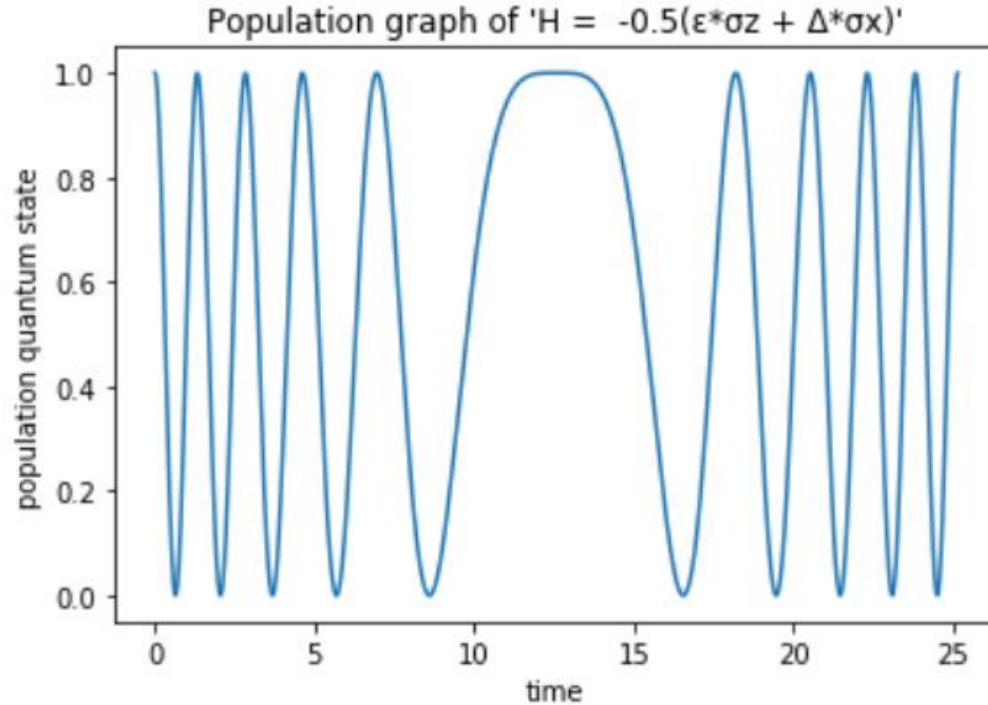
## Adiabatic Evolution

Adiabaticity depends on the energy gap between ground and first excited states



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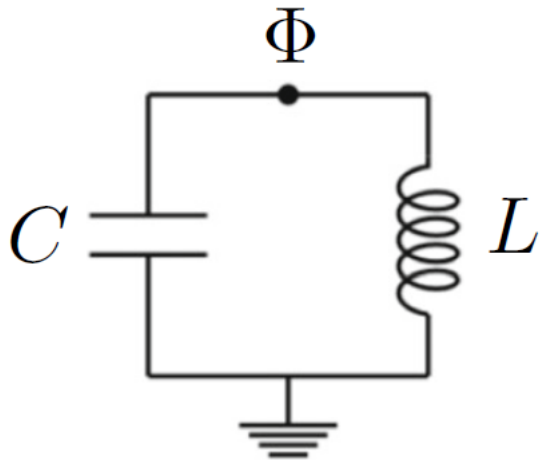
Unitary Time Evolution with Time-Dependent Hamiltonian Simulations



$$\Delta(t) = \frac{10t}{8\pi} - 5$$

# Circuit Models

Classical LC Circuits



$$\Phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t V(t') dt'$$

$$L = 10 \text{ nH}, C = 1 \text{ pF}$$

$$\omega_0/2\pi = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \simeq 1.6 \text{ GHz}$$

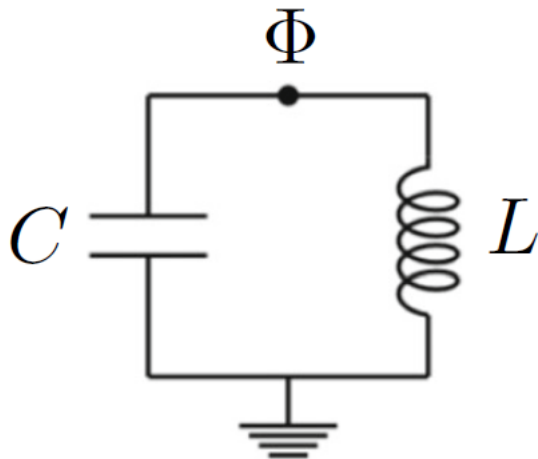
# Circuit Models

## Quantum Circuit Requirements

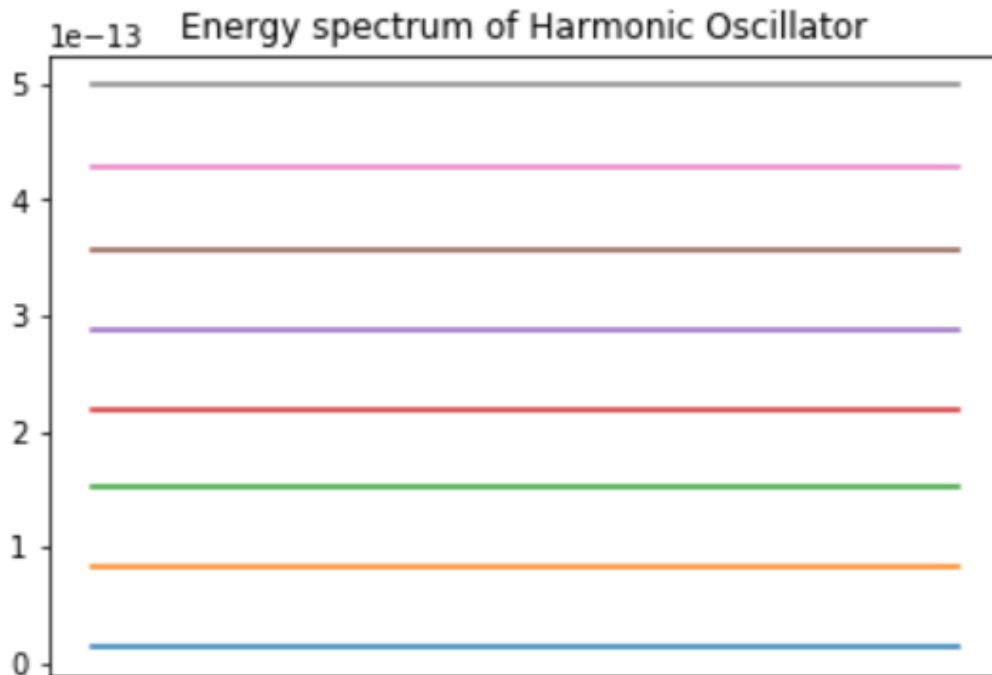
- The temperature of the dilution refrigerator should be 20 mK.
- Thermal fluctuation energy should be smaller than quantum energy associated with the natural frequency of the circuit  $\rightarrow k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_0$

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## LC Oscillator Simulations



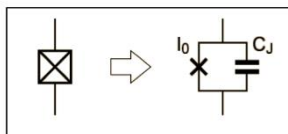
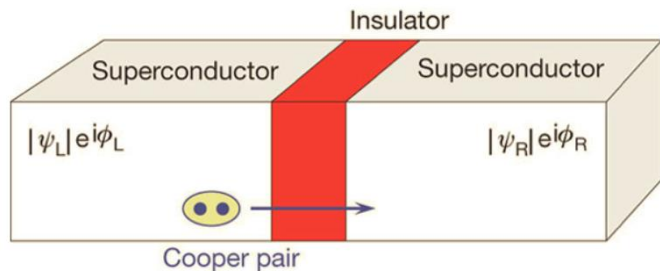
$$\hat{H} = \hbar\omega_0 \left( \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$





# Circuit Models

## Josephson Junction



Schematic Diagram of Josephson Junction[2]

- When there is voltage  $V$ , the supercurrent oscillates at frequency[1]:

$$\nu = 2eV/h$$

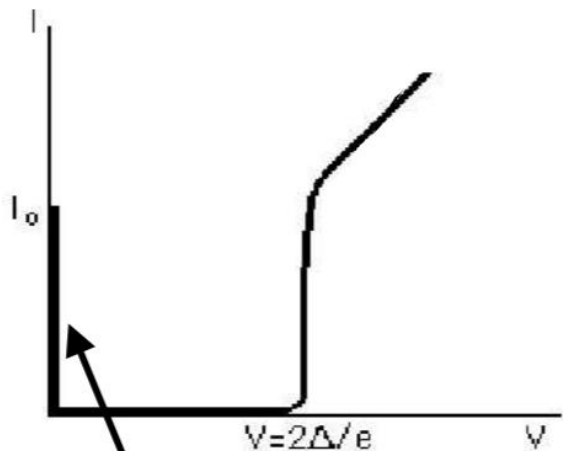
- Quantum Tunneling: Cooper pairs can pass through a potential barrier even if they do not have enough energy. This is because of the phase difference between two superconductor layers.[2]

[1]: M. Chauvin's PhD thesis, Université Paris 6 (2005)

[2]: Clarke, John. (1970). The Josephson Effect and  $e/h$ . American Journal of Physics - AMER J PHYS. 38. 1071-1095. 10.1119/1.1976556.

# Circuit Models

## Josephson Junctions



**Josephson Tunneling**

Voltage-Current Relationship [1]



**Josephson Inductance[2]:**

$$L_J(\phi) = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_c \cos \phi} = \left( \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{E_J \cos \phi} \quad E_J = \hbar I_c / (2e)$$

[1]: "Generalized Josephson Junctions." 6.763 2003 Lecture 13. 6.763 2003 Lecture 13, 19 July 2019, Boston, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

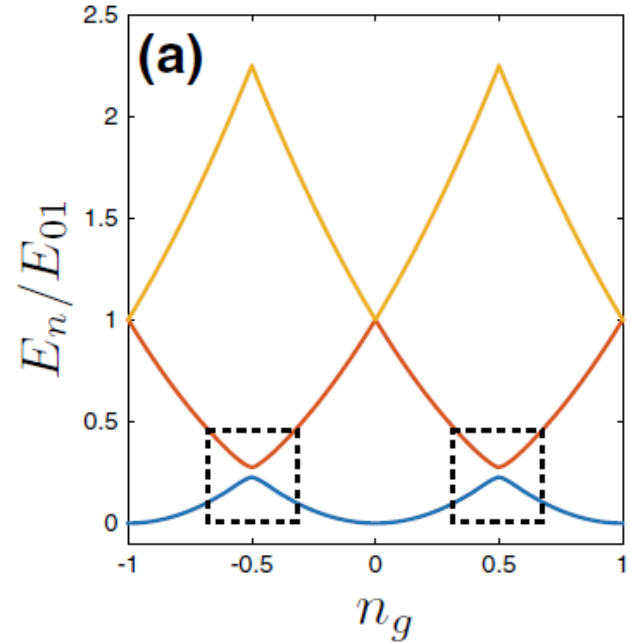
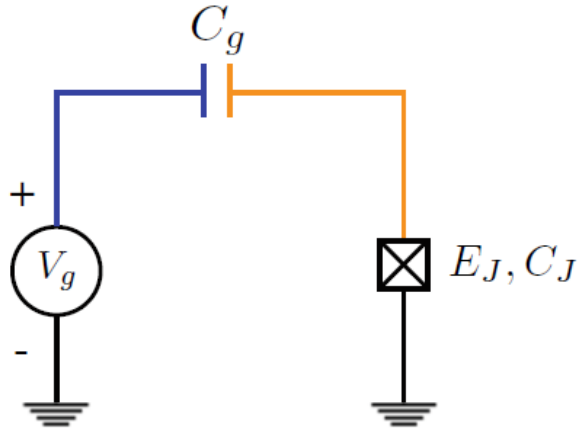
[2]: Kyaw, Thi Ha. (2019). Towards a Scalable Quantum Computing Platform in the Ultrastrong Coupling Regime. 10.1007/978-3-030-19658-5.

# Circuit Models

## Single Cooper-Pair Box

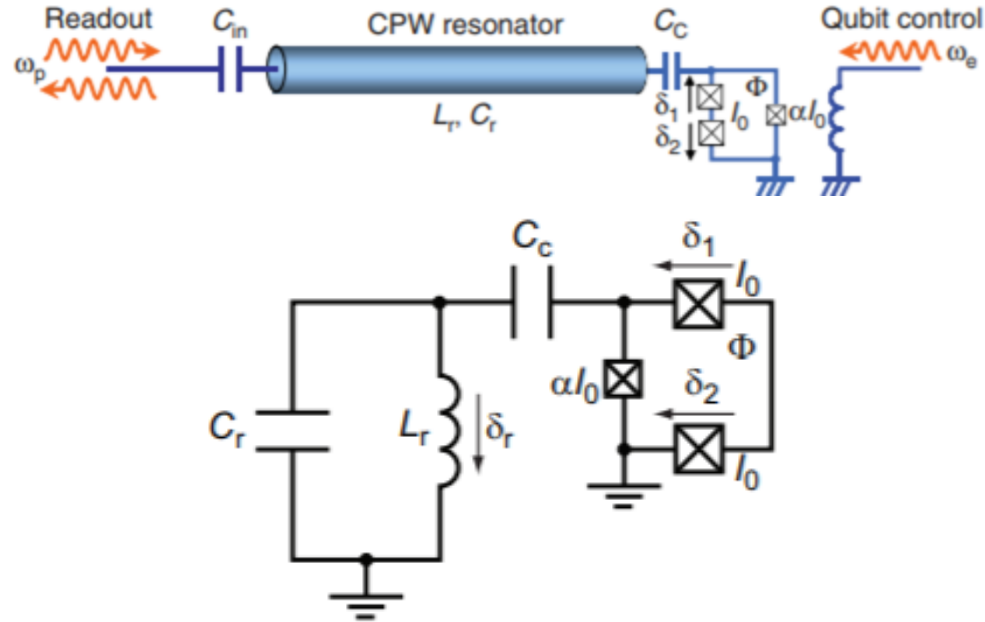
Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = 4E_C (\hat{n} - n_g)^2 - E_J \cos\left(2\pi \frac{\Phi_J}{\Phi_0}\right)$$



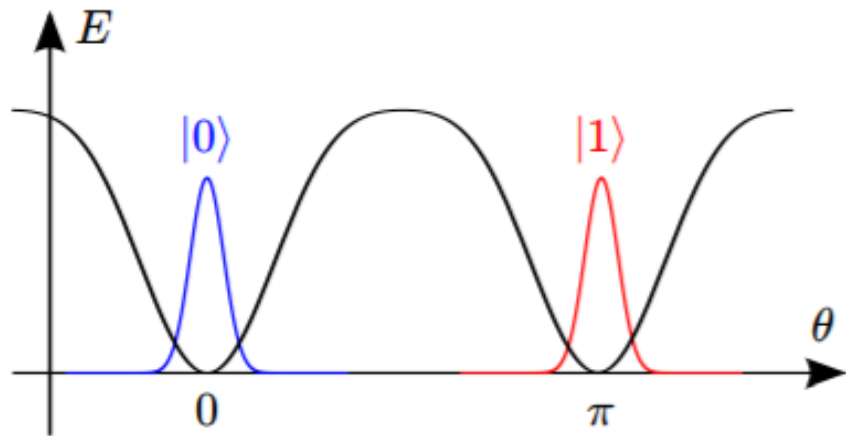
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## A Typical Quantum Computing Architecture



# Towards robust quantum hardware:

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## History of protected qubits

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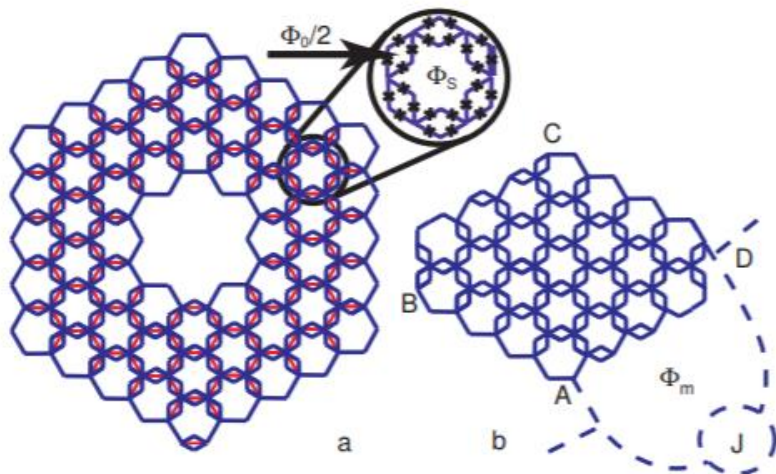
### Possible realization of an ideal quantum computer in Josephson junction array

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### Protected qubit based on a superconducting current mirror

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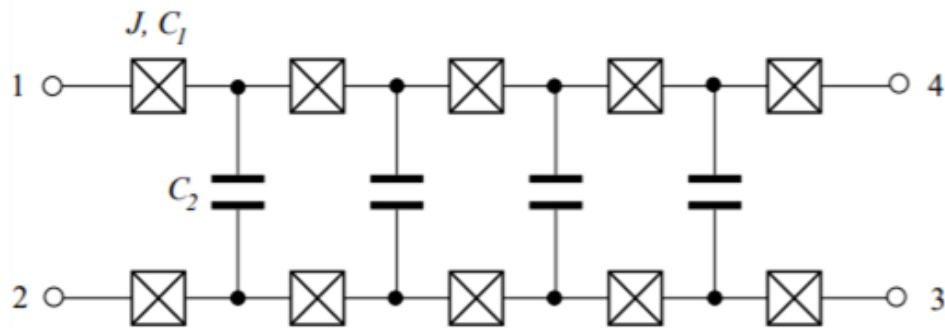


Figure 1: The superconducting current mirror.

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## Hamiltonian

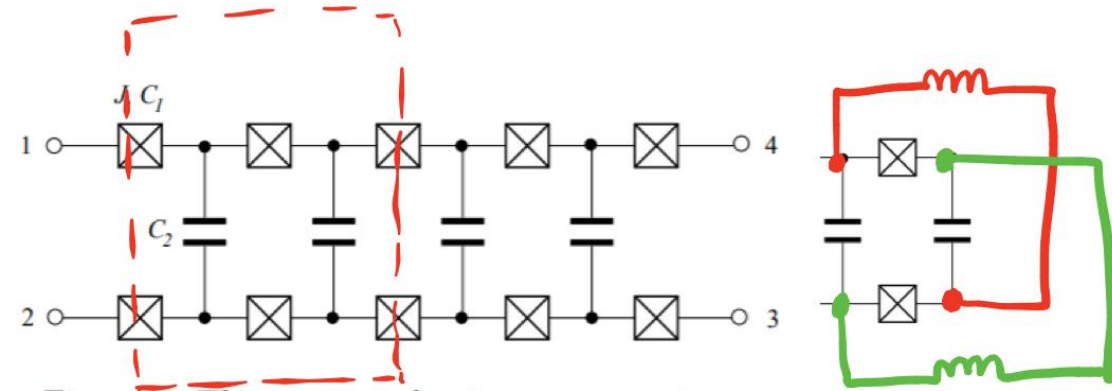
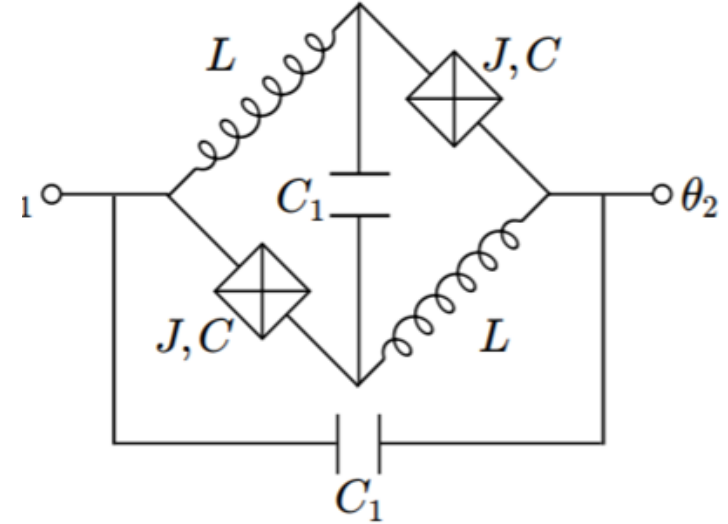


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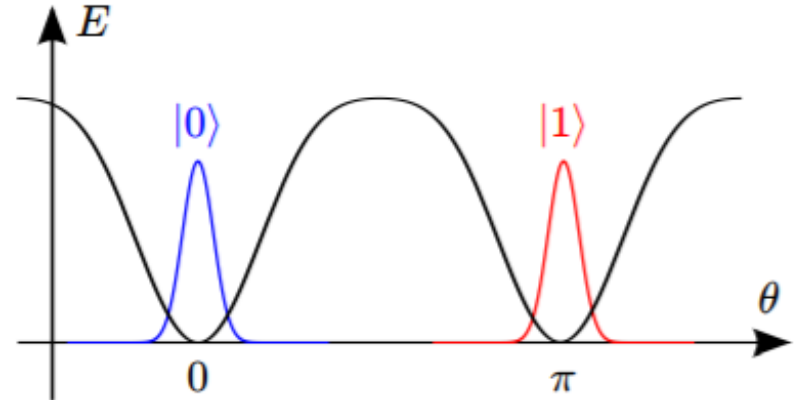
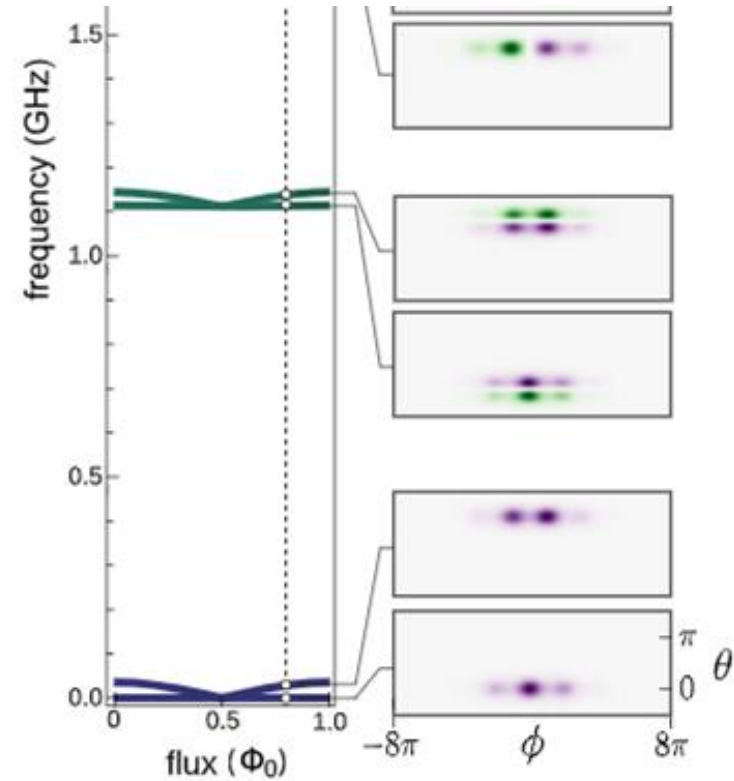
$$H = H_{0-\pi} + H_{\zeta} + H_{\text{int}}$$

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Eigenspectrum  
And Energy



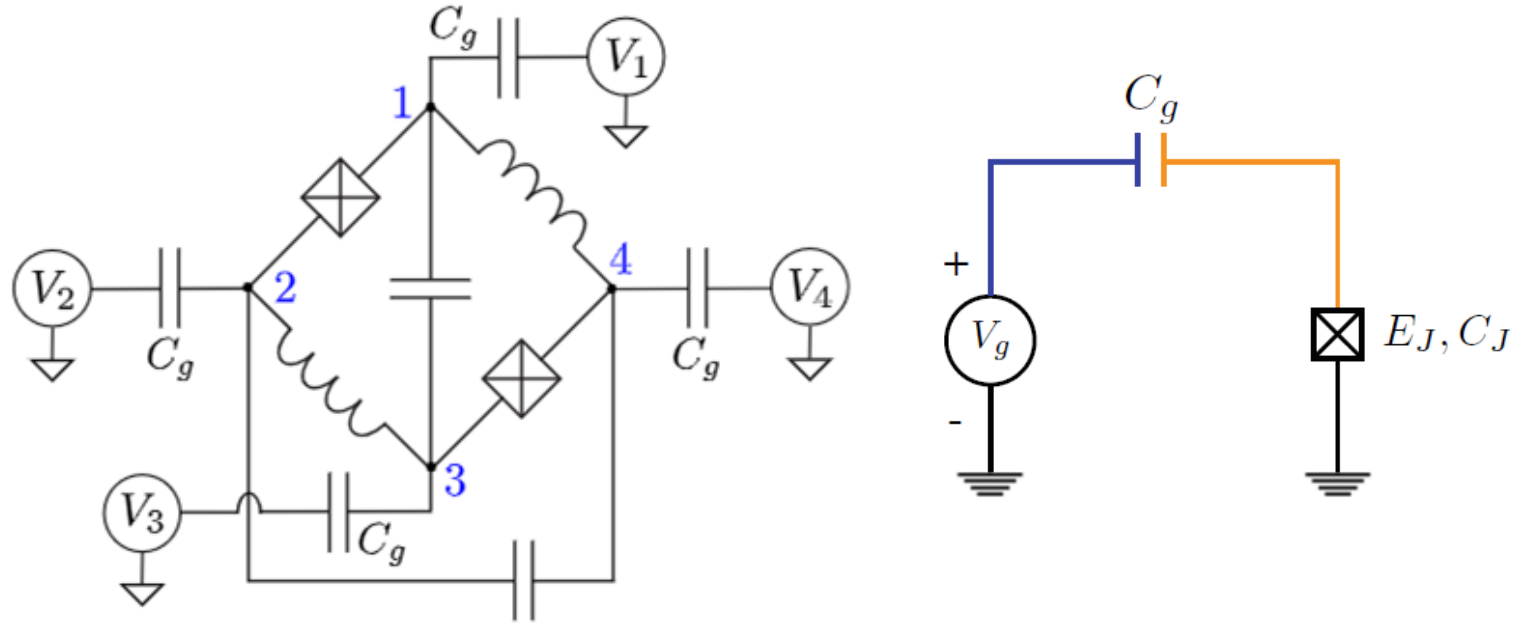
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## Charge Noise Analysis



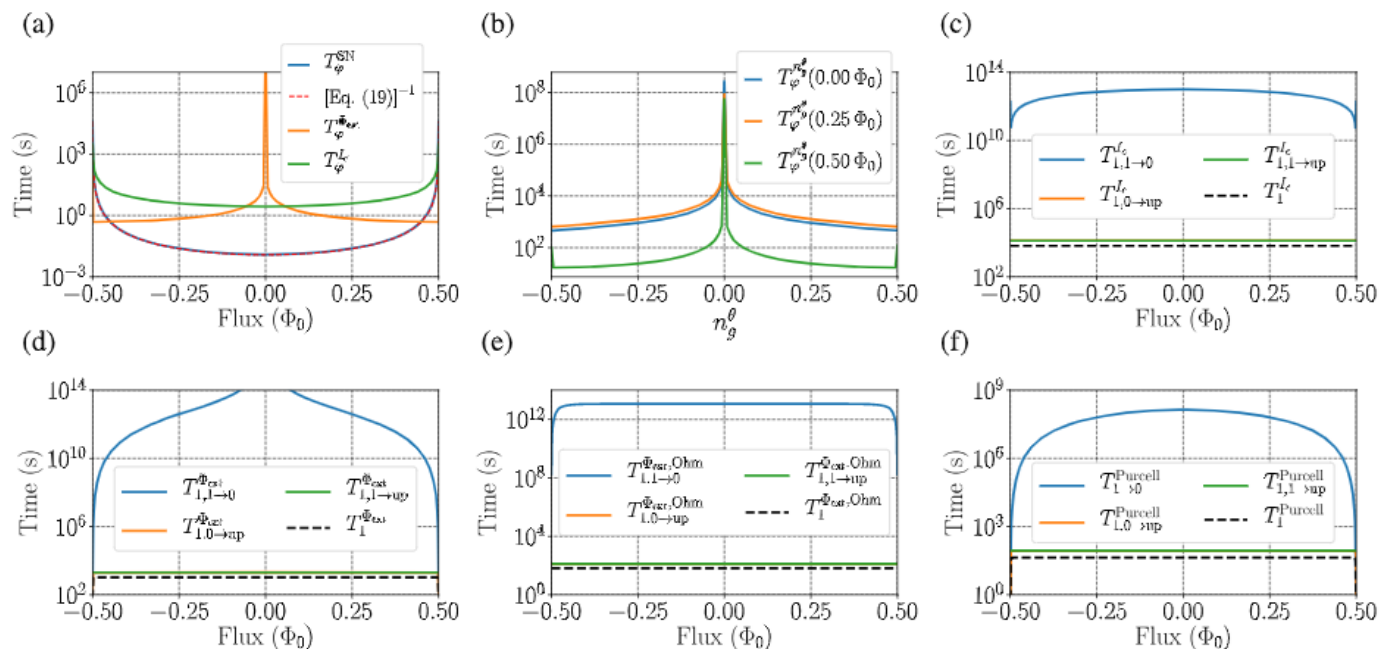
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# Future Steps

1

Reproducing open quantum system simulation results from [1]



# Future Steps

2

**Analyzing Holonomic Processes [2]: tuning parameters adiabatically to realize protected gates**

3

**Applying Fast-Holonomic Scheme on  $0-\pi$  qubit and simulating results**

Set of Holonomic and Protected Gates on Topological Qubits for  
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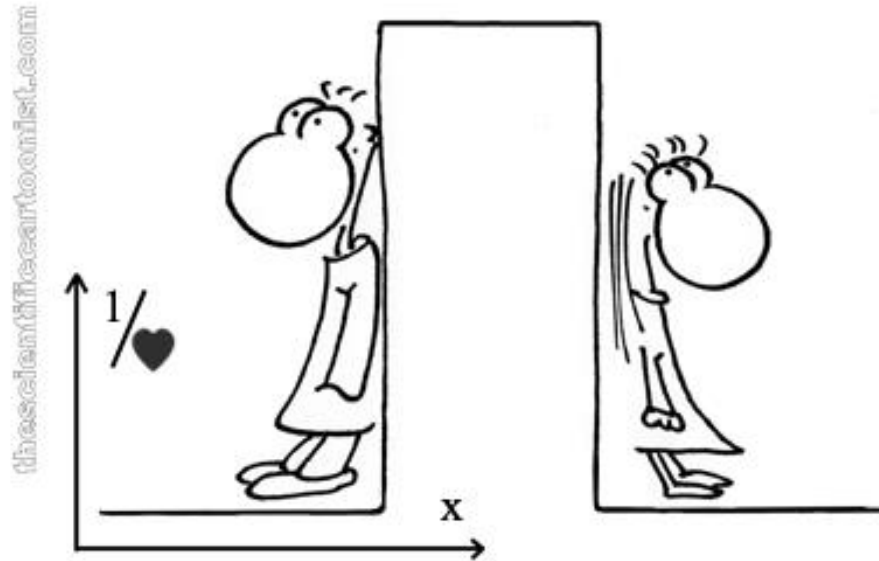


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# Questions?



Waiting for the tunnel effect.

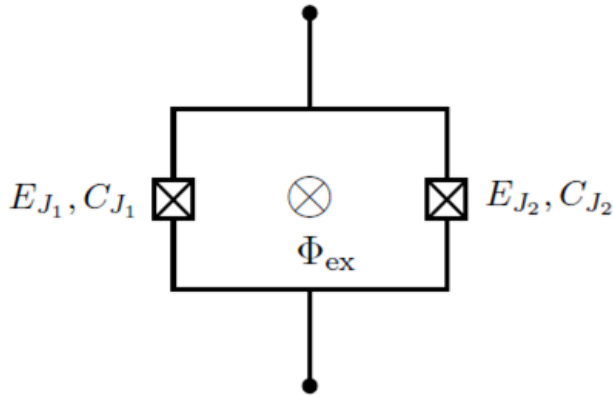


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[2]: Lian, Evan. "WANTED Dead or Alive - Schrodinger's Cat." Cartoon Collections, [www.cartooncollections.com/cartoon?searchID=CX304978](http://www.cartooncollections.com/cartoon?searchID=CX304978).

# Appendix

## DC-SQUID Calculations



Flux:

$$\sum_i \Phi_i + \Phi_{\text{ind}} + \Phi_{\text{ex}} = 0$$

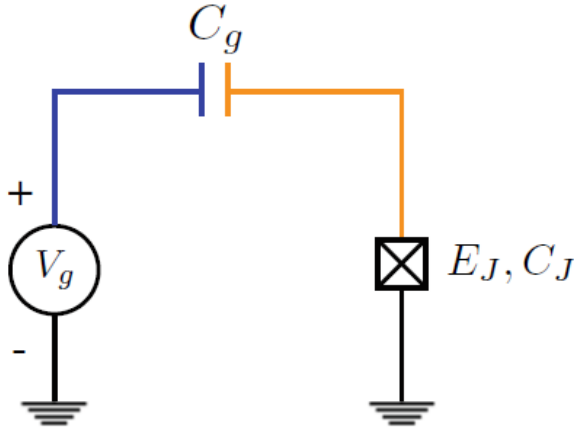
Lagrangian:

$$\hat{L} = \frac{1}{2} C_{J1} \dot{\Phi}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_{J2} \dot{\Phi}_2^2 + E_{J1} \cos\left(2\pi \frac{\hat{\Phi}_1}{\Phi_0}\right) + E_{J2} \cos\left(2\pi \frac{\hat{\Phi}_2}{\Phi_0}\right)$$

where  $L_J = \left(\frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{E_J \cos\phi}$

# Appendix

## Single Cooper-Pair Box Calculations



Lagrangian:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2} C_J \dot{\Phi}_J^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_g (\dot{\Phi}_J + V_g)^2 + E_J \cos\left(2\pi \frac{\Phi_J}{\Phi_0}\right)$$

Conjugate Momentum:

$$\hat{Q}_J = \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{L}}}{d\dot{\Phi}_J} = C_J \dot{\Phi}_J + C_g (\dot{\Phi}_J + V_g)$$

Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = 4E_C (\hat{n} - n_g)^2 - E_J \cos\left(2\pi \frac{\Phi_J}{\Phi_0}\right),$$

where  $E_C = \frac{e^2}{2(C_g + C_J)}$  [charging energy],  $n_g = \frac{C_g V_g}{2e}$  [dimensionless gate charge]

$$\hat{H} = \sum_n \left[ 4E_C (\hat{n} - n_g)^2 |n\rangle\langle n| - \frac{1}{2} E_J (|n+1\rangle\langle n| + |n-1\rangle\langle n|) \right]$$

# Appendix

## 0- $\pi$ Qubit Calculations

$$H = H_{0-\pi} + H_{\zeta} + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$H_{0-\pi} = H_{\text{sym}} + 2E_{\text{Cs}} dC_J \partial_{\phi} \partial_{\theta} + E_J dE_J \sin \theta \sin \left( \phi - \frac{\varphi_{\text{ext}}}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(dC^2, dC_J^2),$$

$$H_{\text{sym}} = -2E_{\text{CJ}} \partial_{\phi}^2 - 2E_{\text{Cs}} \partial_{\theta}^2 - 2E_J \cos \theta \cos \left( \phi - \frac{\varphi_{\text{ext}}}{2} \right) + E_L \phi^2 + H_{\zeta},$$

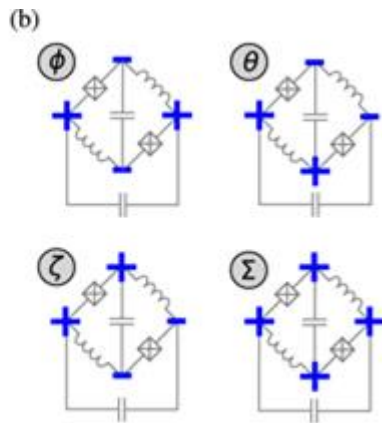
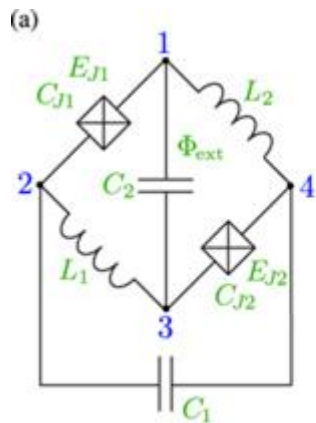
$$H_{\zeta} = -2E_C \partial_{\zeta}^2 + E_L \zeta^2,$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = 2E_{\text{Cs}} dC \partial_{\theta} \partial_{\zeta} + E_L dE_L \phi \zeta + \mathcal{O}(dC^2, dC_J^2),$$

$$E_L = (\Phi_0/2\pi)^2/2L$$

$$E_C = e^2/2C, E_{\text{CJ}} = e^2/2\hat{C}_J, E_{\text{Cs}} = (1/E_C + 1/E_{\text{CJ}})^{-1} = e^2/2C_s,$$

$$C_s = C + C_J.$$



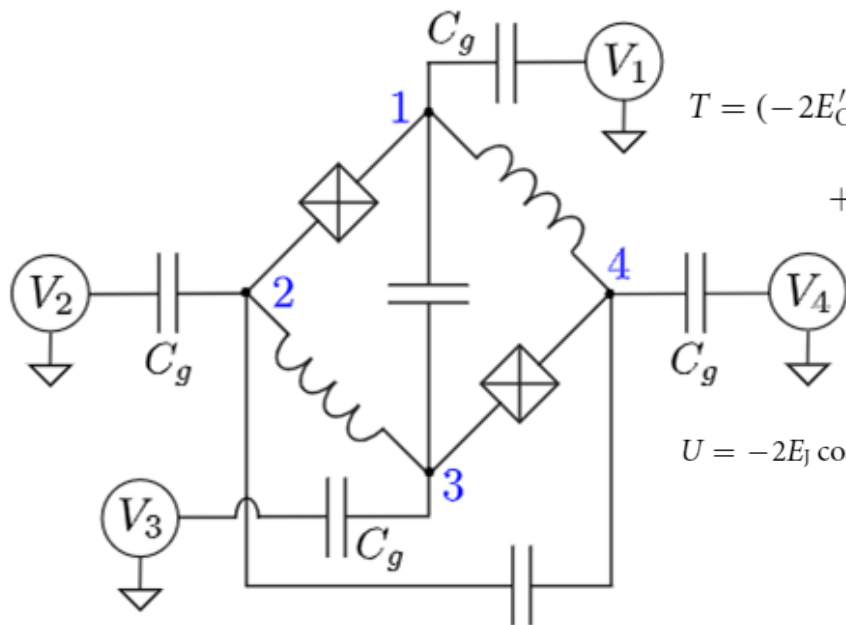
$$2\phi = (\varphi_2 - \varphi_3) + (\varphi_4 - \varphi_1), \quad 2\zeta = (\varphi_2 - \varphi_3) - (\varphi_4 - \varphi_1),$$

$$2\theta = (\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) - (\varphi_4 - \varphi_3), \quad 2\Sigma = \sum_j \varphi_j.$$



# Appendix

## 0- $\pi$ Qubit with Charge Noise Calculations



$$H' = T + U$$

$$T = (-2E'_{Cs}\partial_\theta^2 - 2E'_{CJ}\partial_\phi^2 - 2E'_C\partial_\zeta^2) + \left(2E'_{Cs}\frac{E'_{CJ}}{E_{CJ}}dC_J\partial_\theta\partial_\phi + 2E'_{Cs}\frac{E'_C}{E_C}dC\partial_\theta\partial_\zeta\right) + (-4iE'_{Cs}n_g^\theta\partial_\theta - 4iE'_{CJ}n_g^\phi\partial_\phi - 4iE'_Cn_g^\zeta\partial_\zeta).$$

$$U = -2E_J\cos\theta\cos\left(\phi - \frac{\varphi_{\text{ext}}}{2}\right) + E_L\phi^2 + E_L\zeta^2 + E_JdE_J\sin\theta\sin\left(\phi - \frac{\varphi_{\text{ext}}}{2}\right) + E_LdE_L\phi\zeta.$$