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《美国白宫报告书》

July 2016

美国《国家量子计划法案》2018.12

政府支持:

- 美国、欧盟、日本等
- 中国也启动了量子调控重大研究计划
- 中国地方政府支持

National Quantum Initiative Act



Long title An Act to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.

Enacted by the 115th United States Congress

Effective December 21, 2018



欧盟《量子宣言》2016.05



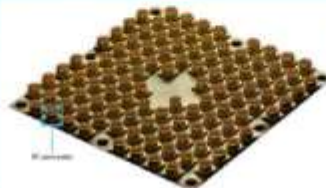
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INTEL'S 49-QUBIT PROCESSOR

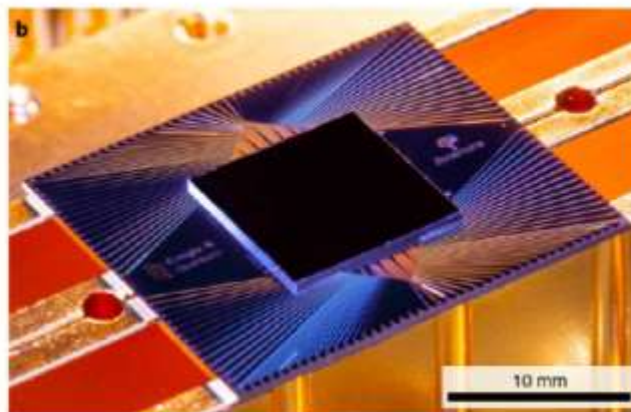
During his keynote at Q2 2019, Intel's CEO Brian Krzanich unveiled our 49-qubit superconducting quantum test chip, codenamed "Tangle Lake." The 3-inch by 3-inch chip and its package is now in the hands of leading quantum research partner QCTech in the Netherlands for testing at low temperatures. Quantum computing is heralded for its potential to solve problems that today's conventional computers can't handle. Scientists and industries are looking to quantum computing to speed advanced research in areas like chemistry, drug development, financial modeling, and even climate forecasting.

TOP



WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

There are 108 radio-frequency (RF) connectors on Tangle Lake that carry microwave signals into the chip to excite the quantum bits (qubits). They are made of gold, which is excellent for anti-corrosion and signal transmission.



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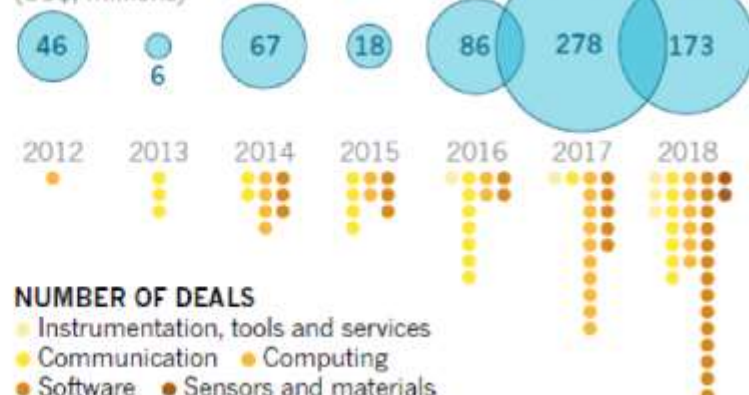
量子实验室

量子实验室的目标是实现量子计算的潜力。

Cash for qubits

A growing number of quantum-technology firms are raising cash from private investors, particularly in the sectors of quantum computing and quantum software.

TOTAL VALUE OF DEALS (US\$, millions)

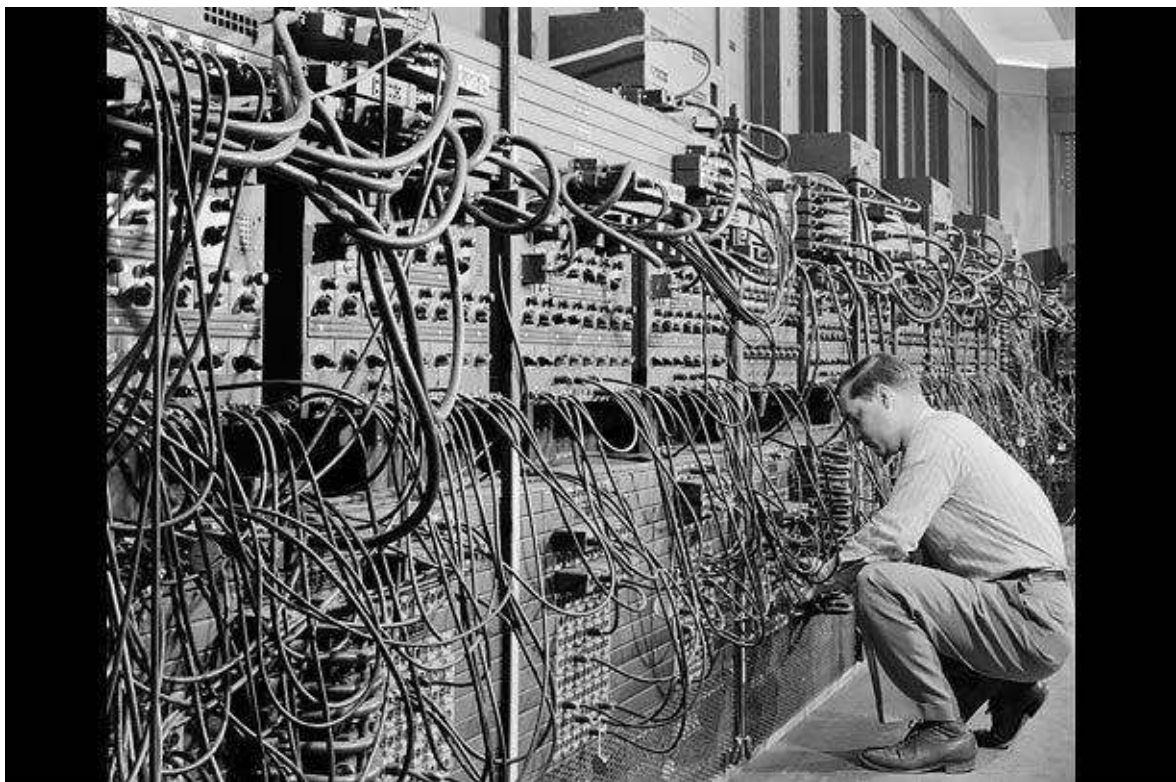


LOCATION OF INVESTMENTS 2012-18 (US\$, millions)



初创公司（风险投资）：

- D-Wave
- Rigetti
- Quantum Circuits, Inc.
- 本源...



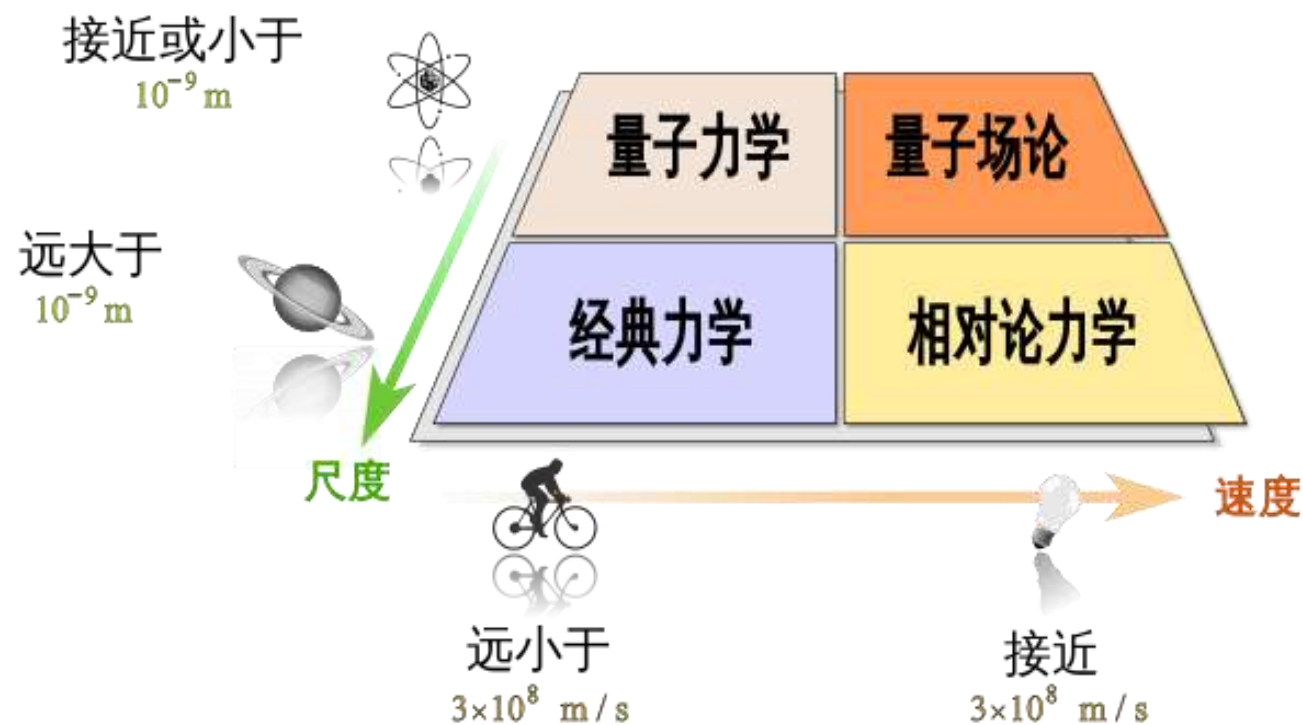
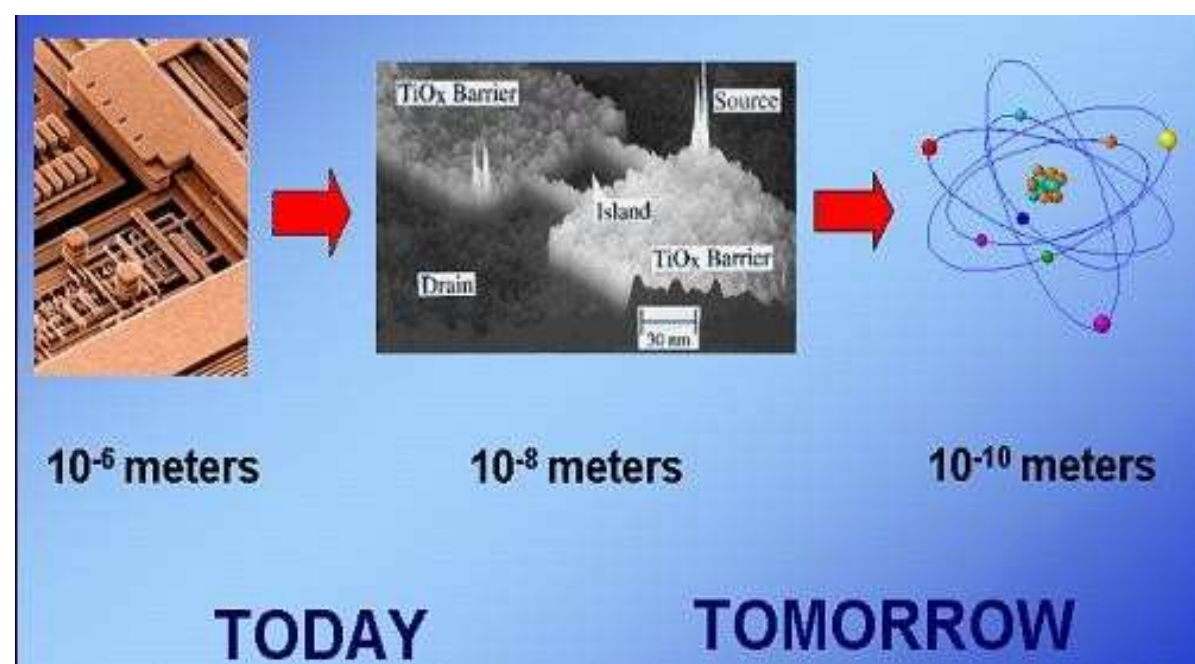
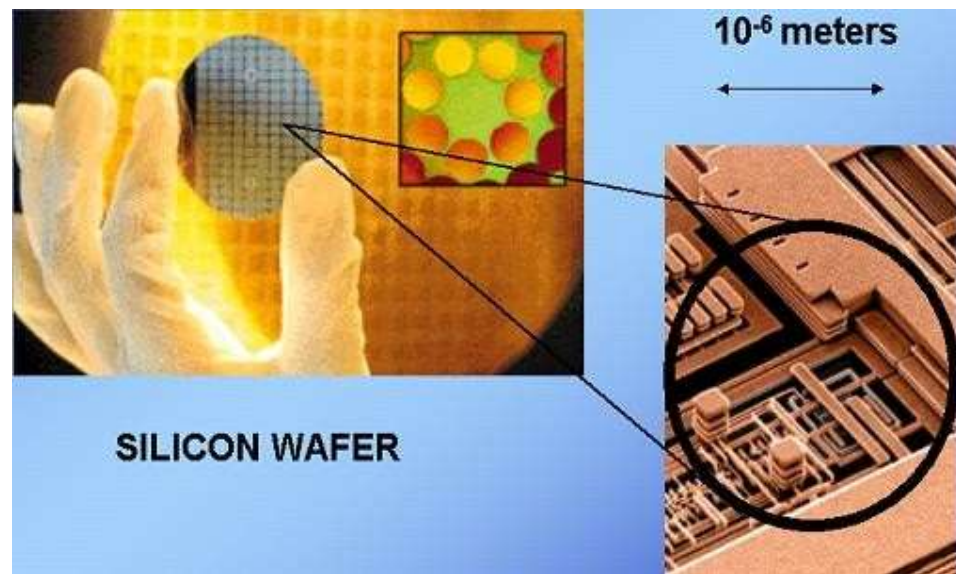
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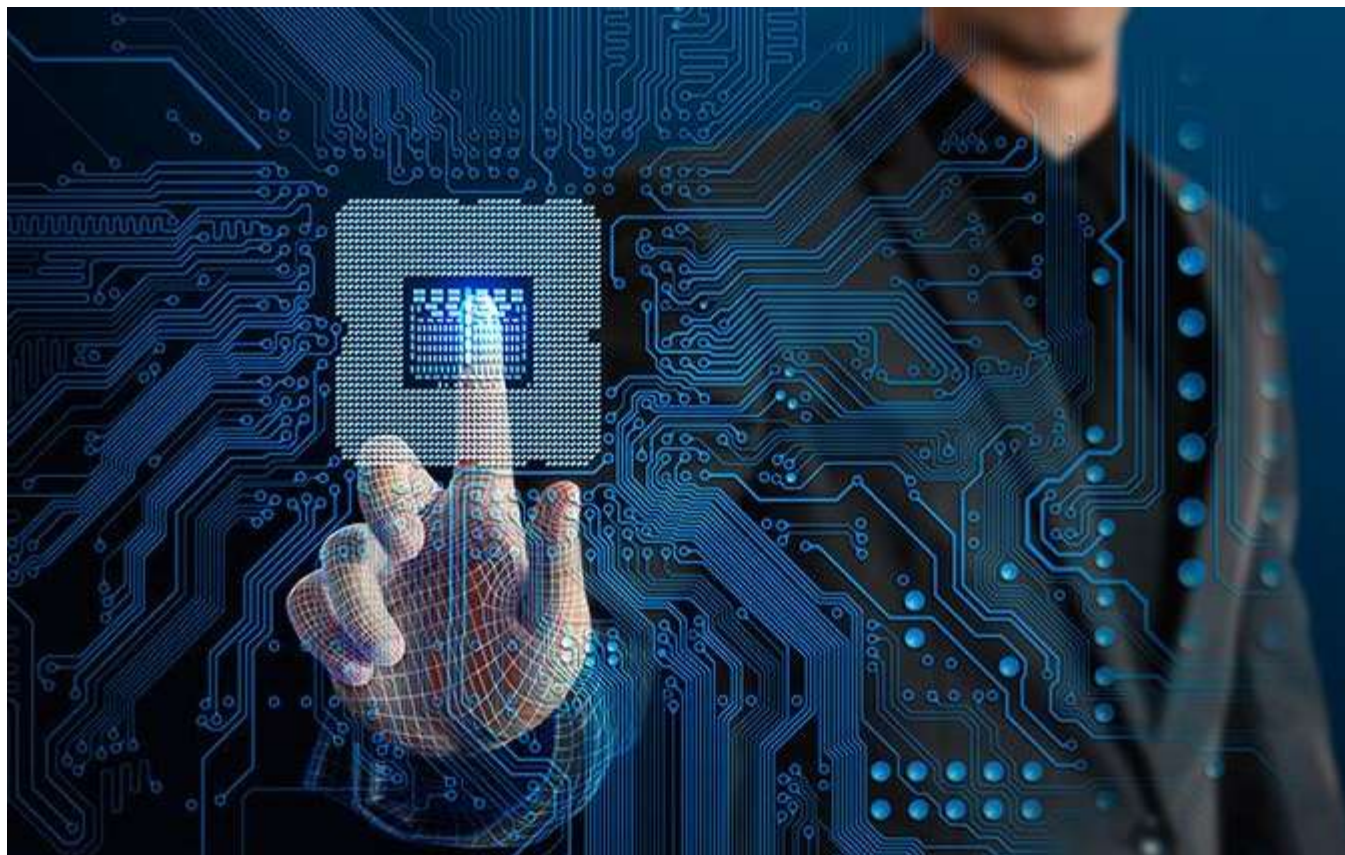
- ◆占地170平
- ◆重达28吨
- ◆费电, 150KW
- ◆18600个电子管, 只能稳定地工作几个小时

Moore's Law - 2005



Source: Intel





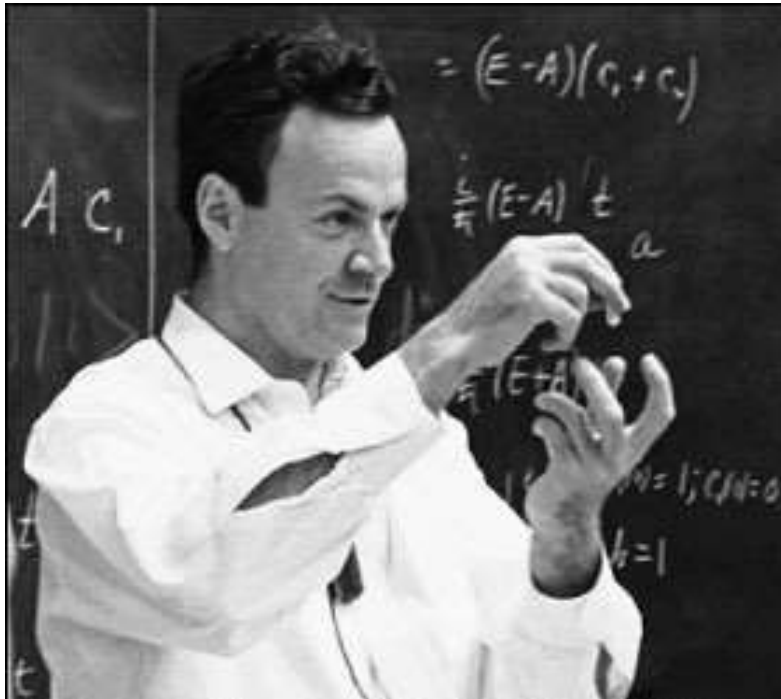
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“失效” 的摩尔定律

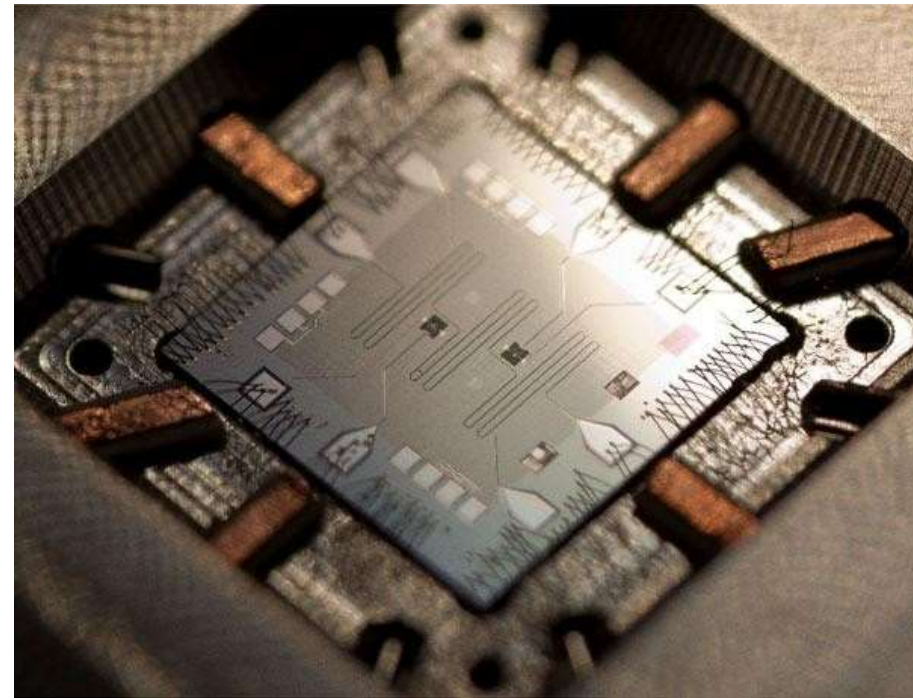
“There is plenty of room at the bottom.” (Dec 29, 1959)

“It seems that the laws of physics present no barrier to reducing the size of computers until **bits are the size of atoms**, and **quantum behavior holds dominant sway**.”

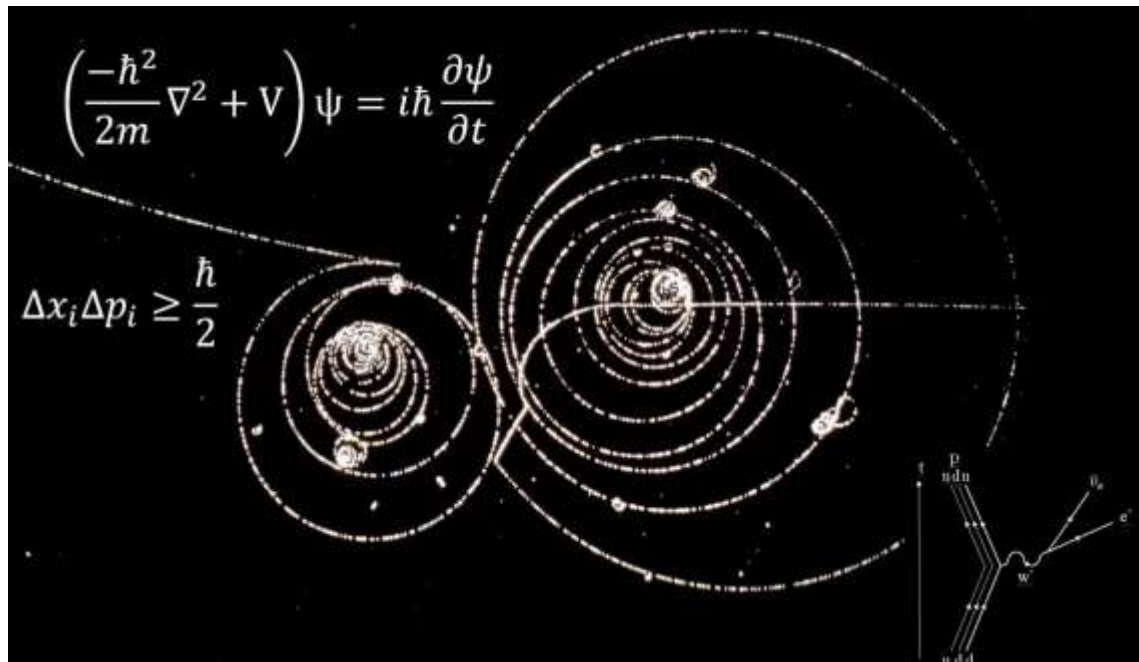
- - Richard P. Feynman (1985)



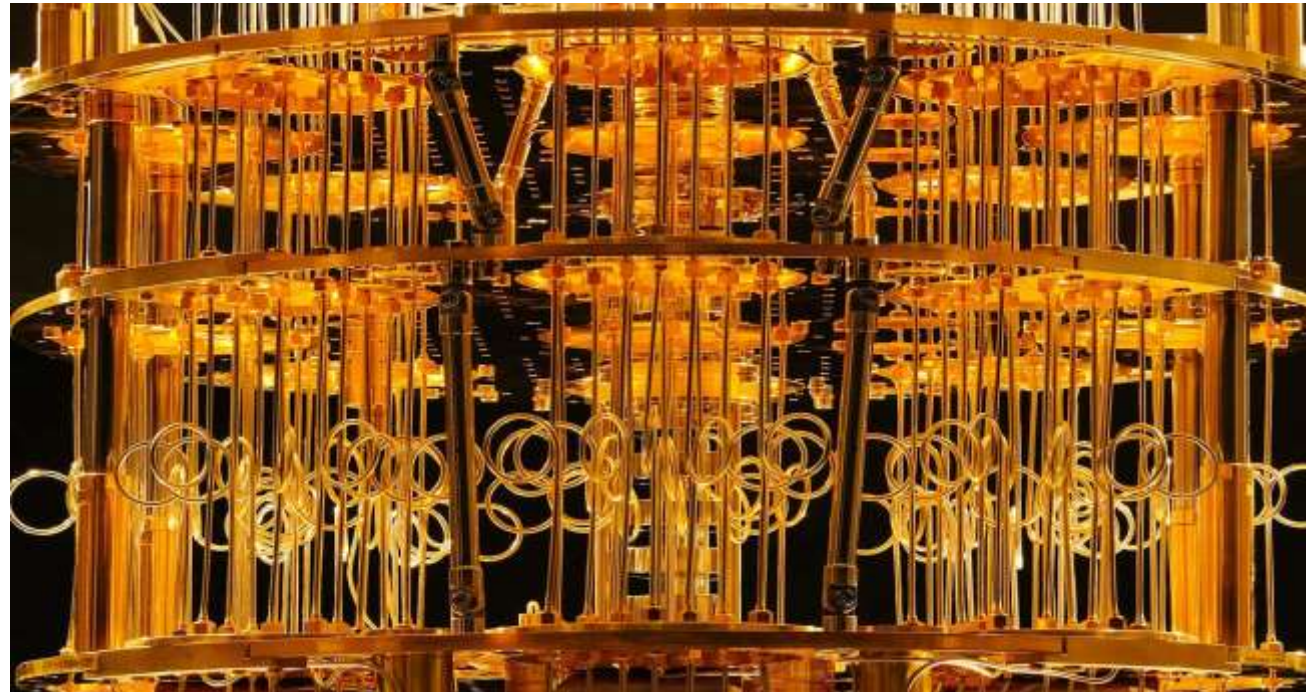
Nobel prize 1965



from New Scientist 2011



Quantum computation



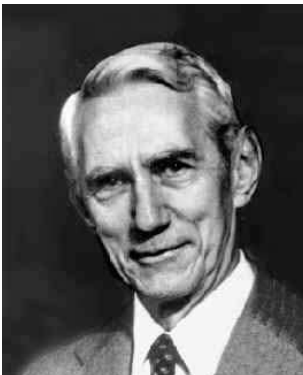
Quantum Information Science



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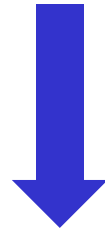


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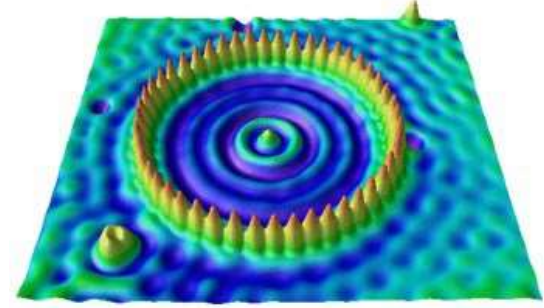


Shannon

quantum theory
+ computer science
+ information theory



quantum
information
science



Brief history of quantum information?

Late 1920 (1927) development of quantum mechanics

1982 Richard Feynman, difficult to simulate quantum by classical
⇒ need quantum

1982 no-cloning theorem (Wooters-Zurek, Dieks, also Yurke)

1984 Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard, quantum cryptography
(actually Stephen Wiesner, late 1960s, paper not accepted)

1985 David Deutsch, Universal quantum computer efficiently simulates
arbitrary quantum system, also Deutsch algorithm

1994 Peter Shor, efficient factoring (1995 Kitaev)

1995 Lov Grover, search in unsorted database

1996 Robert Calderbank & Peter Shor, Andrew Steane,
quantum error correction

Quantum Information Applications

Quantum sensing

Improving sensitivity and spatial resolution.

Quantum cryptography

Privacy founded on fundamental laws of quantum physics.

Quantum networking

Distributing quantumness around the world.

Quantum simulation

Probes of exotic quantum many-body phenomena.

Quantum computing

Speeding up solutions to hard problems.

Quantum information concepts

Entanglement, error correction, complexity, ...

Objectives of this course:

1. Deepen understanding of quantum mechanics
2. Extend your knowledge about the frontiers of quantum information physics

Structure of the course

Overview of quantum mechanics

General structure of a quantum computer, 1-qubit, 2-qubit, and 3-qubit gates

Usual QC protocol for a function calculation and main trick, toy problems (algorithms)

EPR, Bell states, quantum teleportation, quantum cryptography

RSA encryption, Shor's algorithm for factoring

Grover algorithm

Quantum error correction

Computational complexity (very briefly)

Course assessment and requirements

- Attendance (10%) and class performance (20%)
- Midterm exam: Quantum mechanics project (20%)
- Final exam: Dissertation on quantum
information science (50%)

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科普书

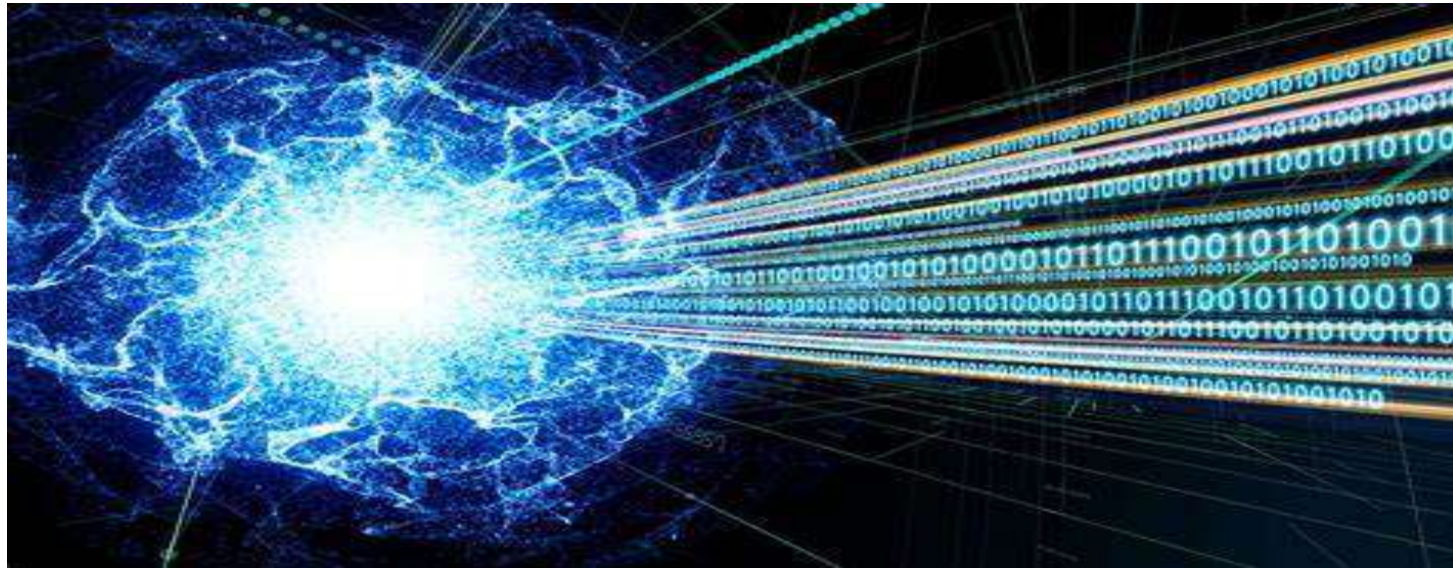
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Welcome to the magic world of
quantum information!

Lecture 1

Introduction to quantum information science



Two fundamental ideas

(1) Quantum complexity

Why we think quantum computing is powerful.

(2) Quantum error correction

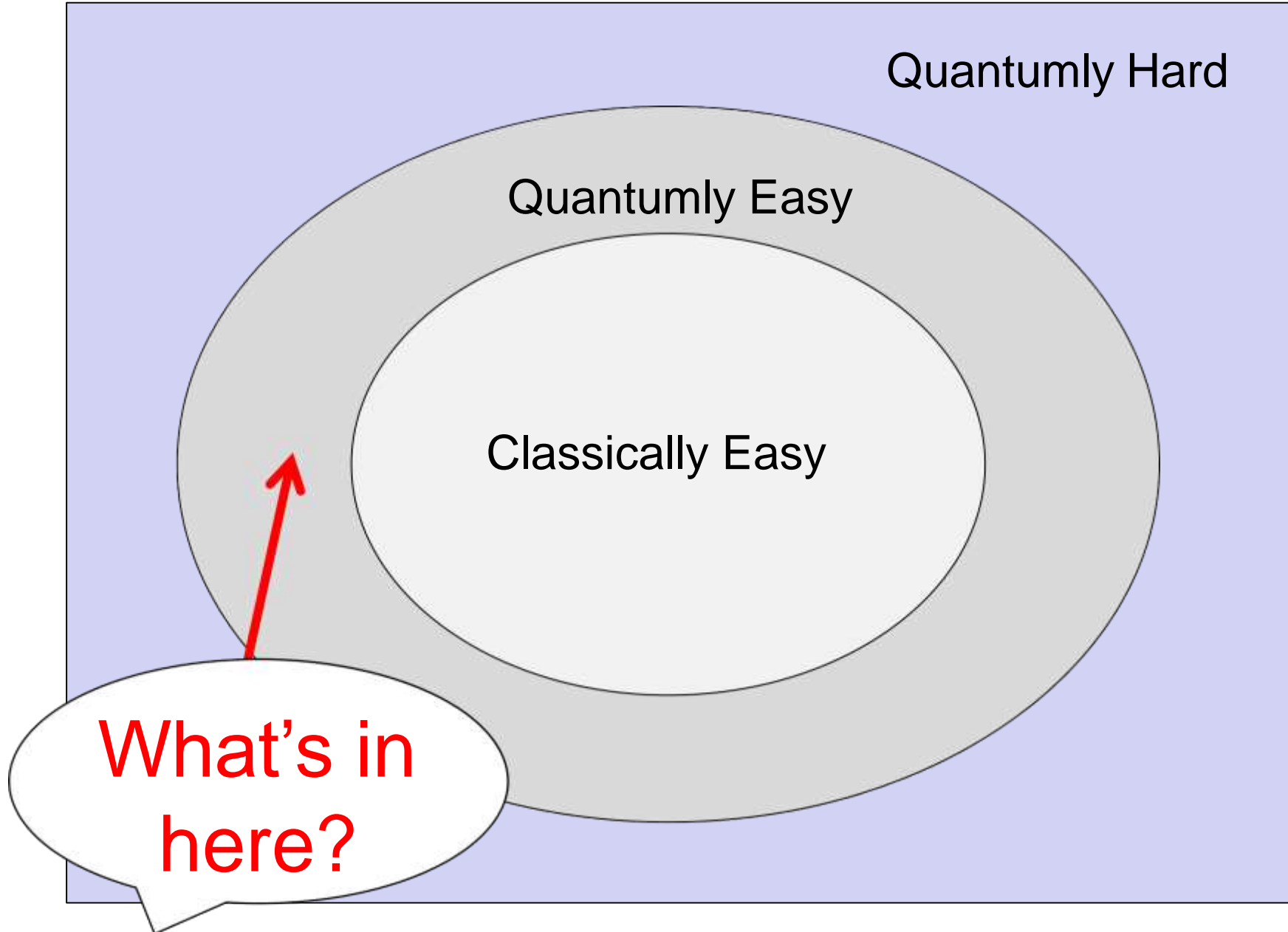
Why we think quantum computing is scalable.

Why we think quantum computing is powerful

- (1) Problems believed to be hard classically, which are easy for quantum computers. **Factoring is the best known example.**
- (2) **Complexity theory arguments** indicating that quantum computers are hard to simulate classically.
- (3) **We don't know how to simulate a quantum computer** efficiently using a digital ("classical") computer. The cost of the best known simulation algorithm rises exponentially with the number of qubits.

But ... **the power of quantum computing is limited.** For example, we don't believe that quantum computers can efficiently solve worst-case instances of NP-hard optimization problems (e.g., the traveling salesman problem).

Problems



Why quantum computing is hard

1. We want qubits to interact strongly with one another.
2. We don't want qubits to interact with the environment.
3. Except when we control or measure them.

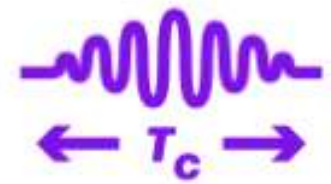
Quantum computing scaling



Number of qubits



Gate depth



Coherence time

Scaling dimensions

Determines the quantum info that can be processed

Determines number of steps to be executed in an algorithm

Limits the max duration of the algorithm

Current state:

50–60 qubits for gate computing
2,000–5,000 qubits for annealers¹

Circuit with gate depth 20

Depends on technology

Cases:

Google Sycamore: 54 qubits
D-Wave Advantage: 5,000 qubits

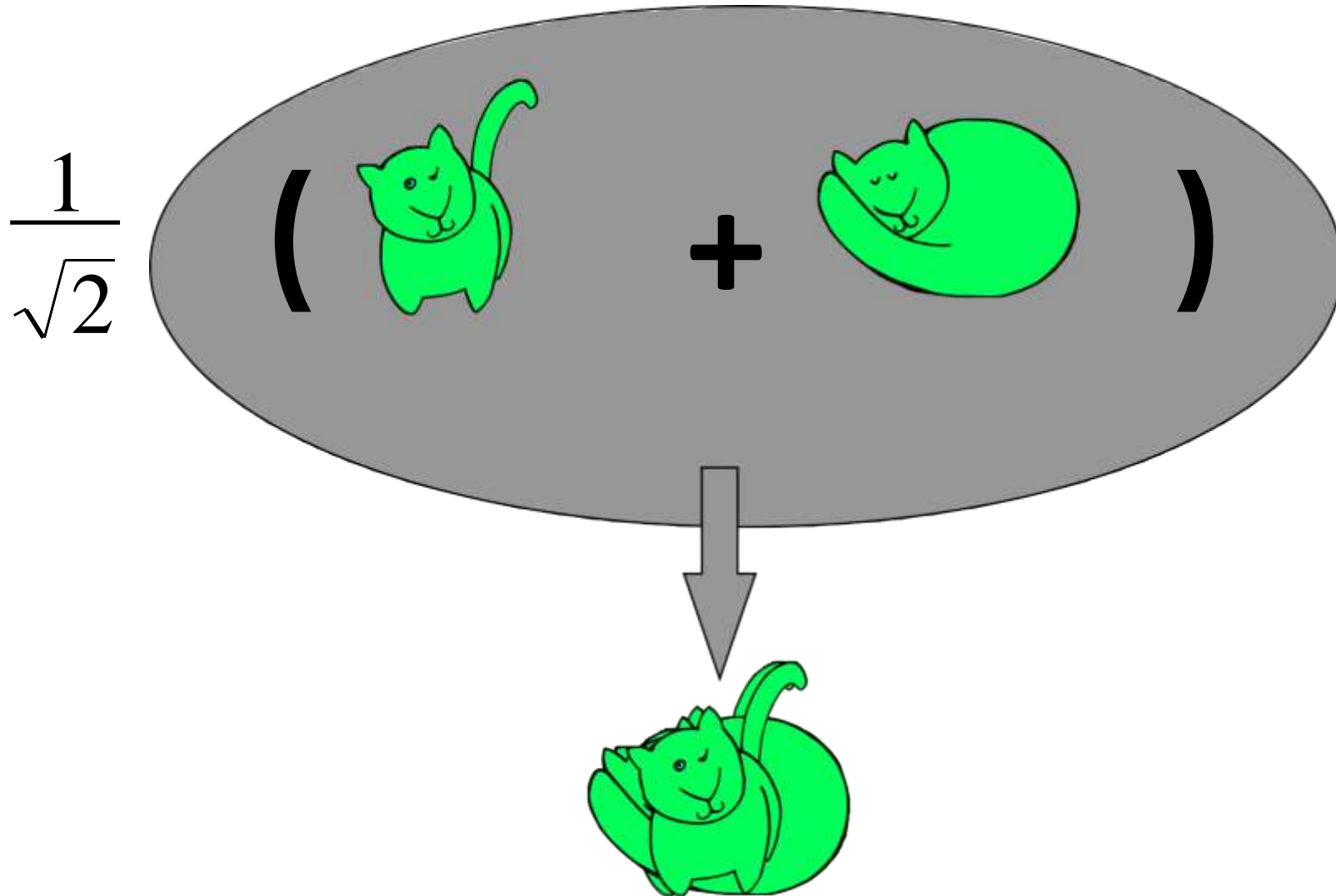
Google Sycamore: gate depth 20

Trapped ion: 1–10 seconds
Superconductor: Microseconds

Schrodinger's cat



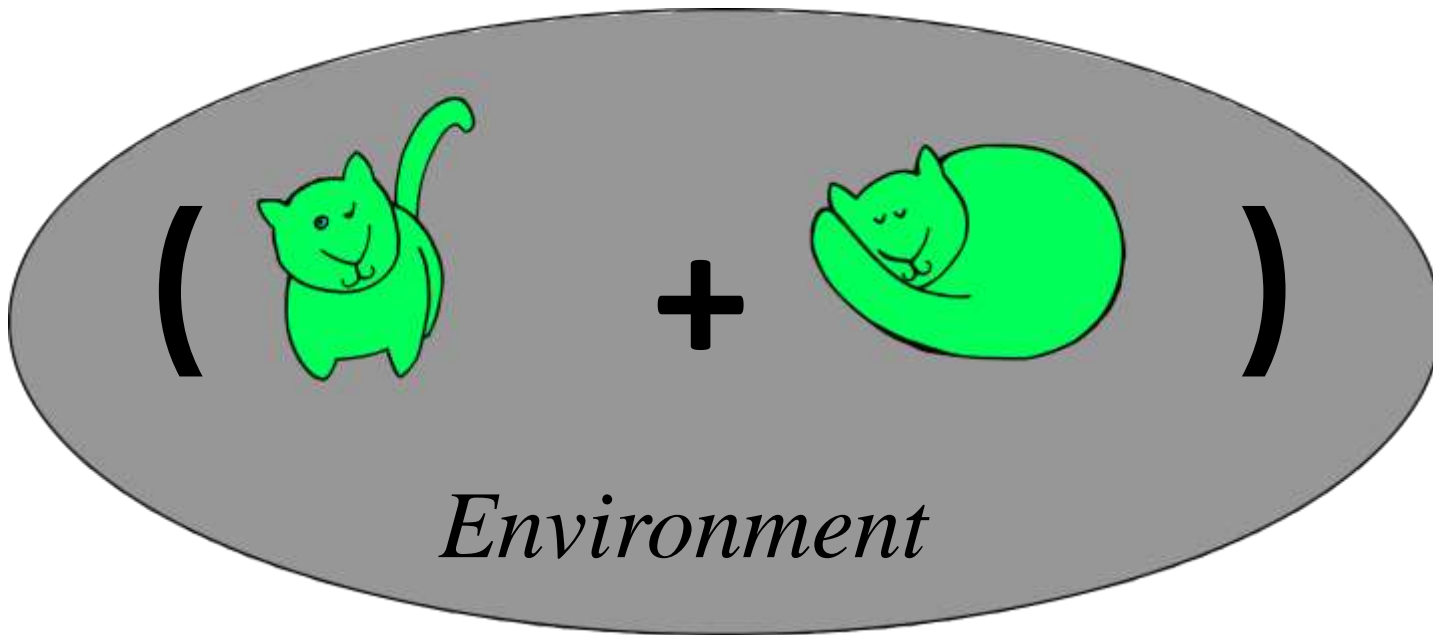
Decoherence



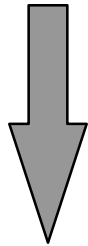
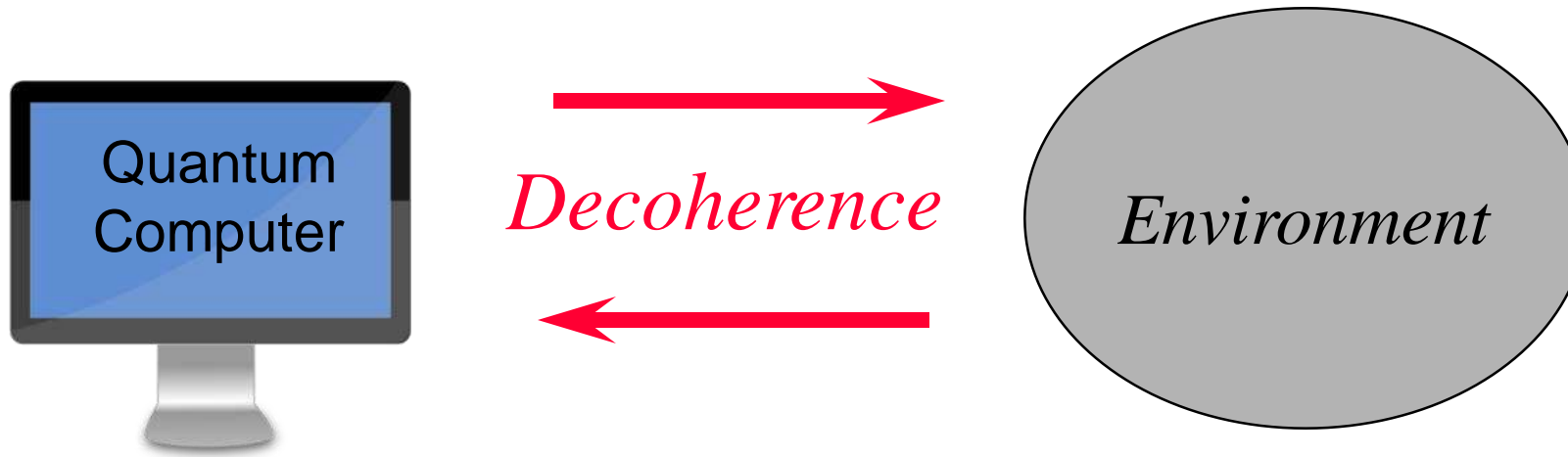
Decoherence

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\text{cat standing} + \text{cat sleeping} \right)$$

Environment

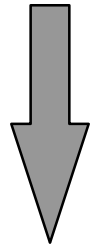
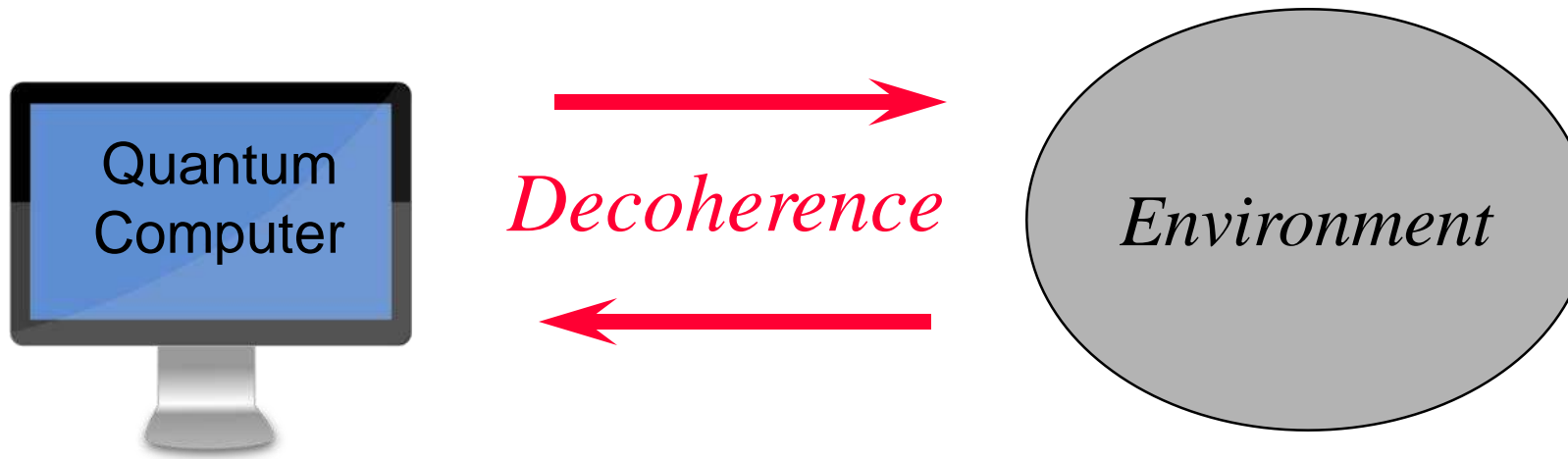
A diagram illustrating a quantum superposition state. It features a large gray oval representing the 'Environment'. Inside the oval, there is a plus sign between two green cat illustrations: one standing and one curled up sleeping. The entire expression is enclosed in large black parentheses. To the left of the parentheses is the normalization factor 1/sqrt(2). Below the oval, the word 'Environment' is written in a black, italicized serif font.

Decoherence explains why quantum phenomena, though observable in the microscopic systems studied in the physics lab, are not manifest in the macroscopic physical systems that we encounter in our ordinary experience.



ERROR!

How can we protect a quantum computer from decoherence and other sources of error?



ERROR!

To resist decoherence, we must prevent the environment from “learning” about the state of the quantum computer during the computation.

Quantum supremacy using a programmable superconducting processor

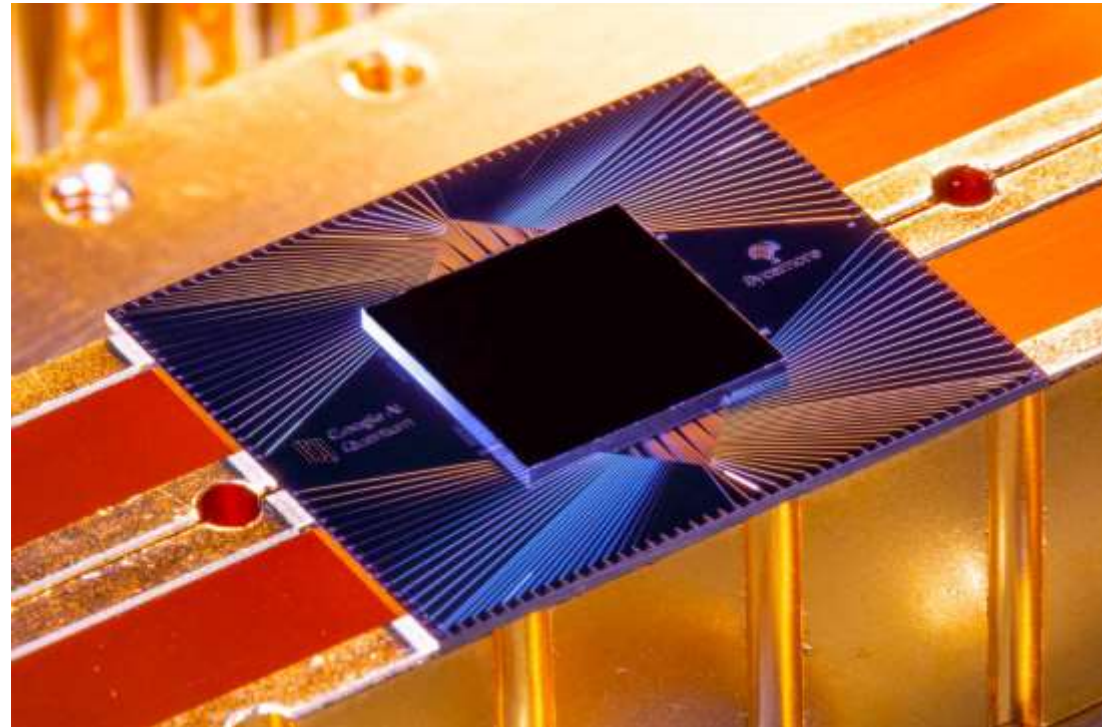
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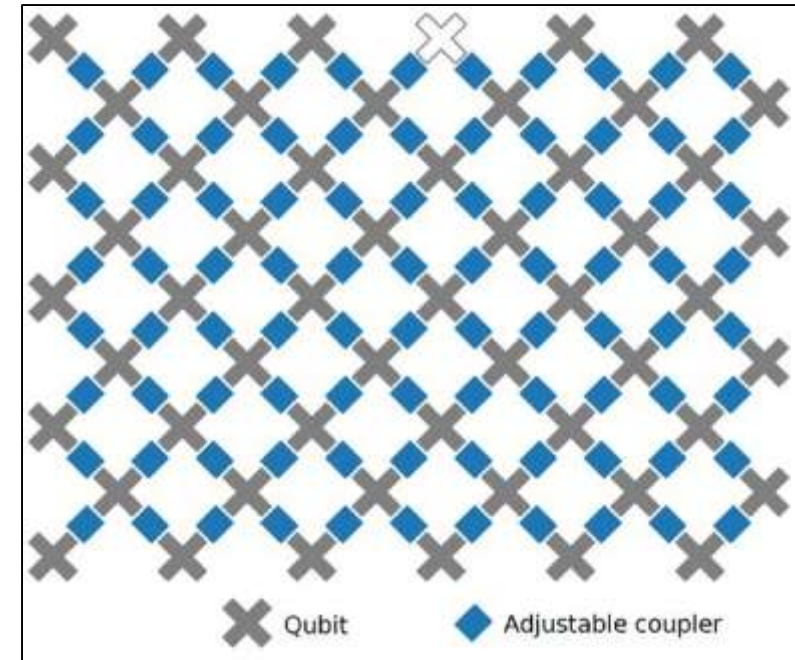
Credit: Erik Lucero/Google

About Google Sycamore

“Quantum David vs. Classical Goliath”

A **fully programmable** circuit-based quantum computer. $n= 53$ **working qubits** in a two-dimensional array with coupling of nearest neighbors.

A circuit with 20 layers of 2-qubit gates *can be executed millions of times in a few minutes*, yielding verifiable results.



Simulating this quantum circuit using a classical supercomputer is hard. *It would take at least days*, possibly much longer.

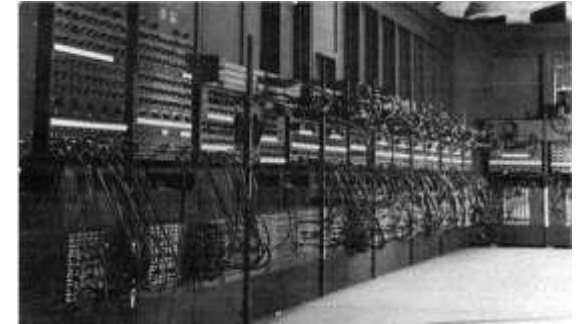
Furthermore, the cost of the classical simulation grows exponentially with the number of qubits.

Conclusion: **the quantum hardware is working well enough** to produce meaningful results in a regime where classical simulation is very difficult.

What quantum computational supremacy means

“Quantum David vs. Classical Goliath”

1. It's a **programmable circuit-based** quantum computer.
2. An impressive achievement in experimental physics and a testament to ongoing **progress** in building quantum computing hardware.
3. We have arguably entered the regime where the **extravagant exponential resources** of the quantum world can be validated.
4. This confirmation does not surprise (most) physicists, but it's a **milestone** for technology on planet earth.
5. Building a quantum computer is **merely really, really hard, not ridiculously hard**. The hardware is working; we can begin a serious search for useful applications.
6. But the specific task performed by Sycamore to demonstrate quantum computational supremacy is not particularly useful.



*“Quantum computing is
a marathon not a sprint”*



Chris Monroe (UMD/IonQ)

“假如一个人不为量子论感到困惑，那他是没有明白量子论。”

N. Bohr



“I can safely said (that) no body understands quantum theory.”

R.P. Feymann



“The theory of everything?”

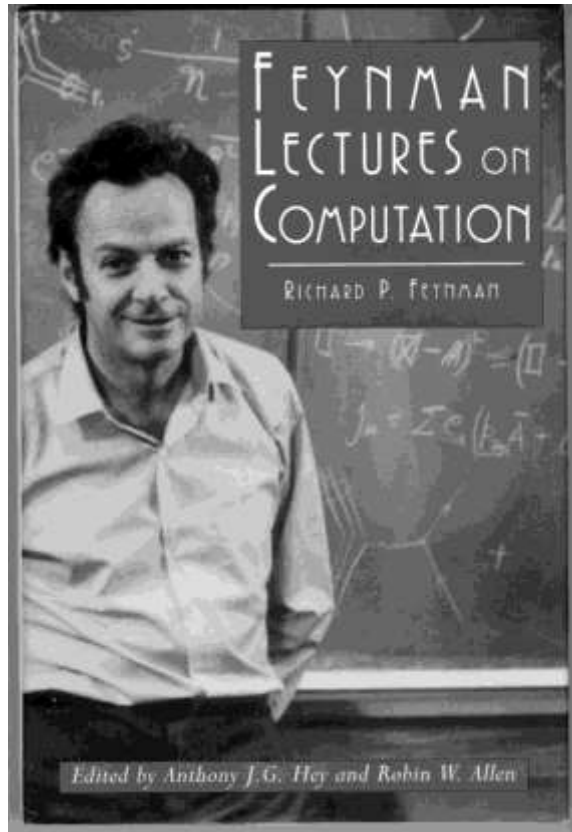
“The Theory of Everything is not even remotely a theory of every thing ...

We know this equation is correct ... However, it cannot be solved accurately when the number of particles exceeds about 10. No computer existing, or that will ever exist, can break this barrier because it is a catastrophe of dimension

... We have succeeded in reducing all of ordinary physical behavior to a simple, correct Theory of Everything only to discover that it has revealed exactly nothing about many things of great importance.”

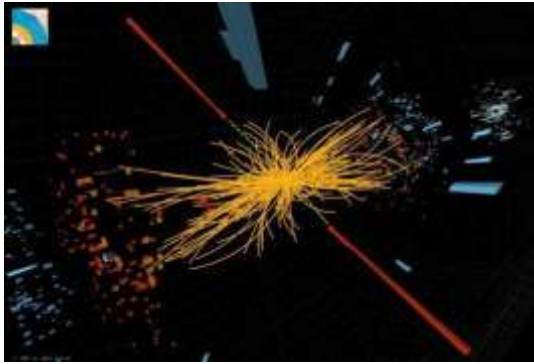
R. B. Laughlin and D. Pines, PNAS 2000.



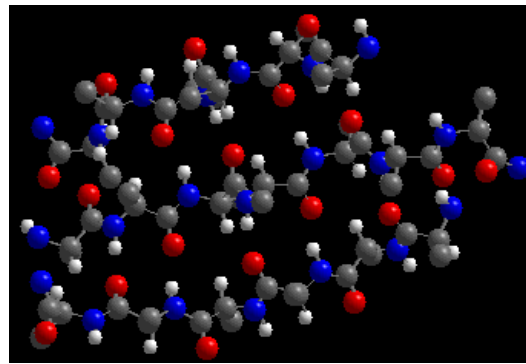


“Nature isn’t classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of Nature, you’d better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it’s a wonderful problem because it doesn’t look so easy.”

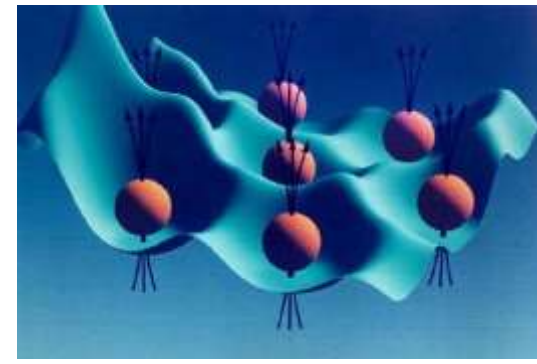
R. P. Feynman, 1981



particle collision



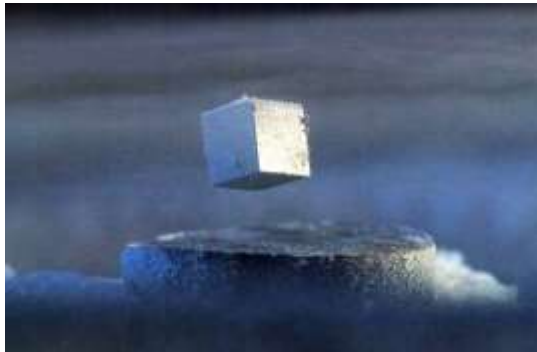
molecular chemistry



entangled electrons

A quantum computer can simulate efficiently any physical process that occurs in Nature.

(Maybe. We don't actually know for sure.)



superconductor



black hole

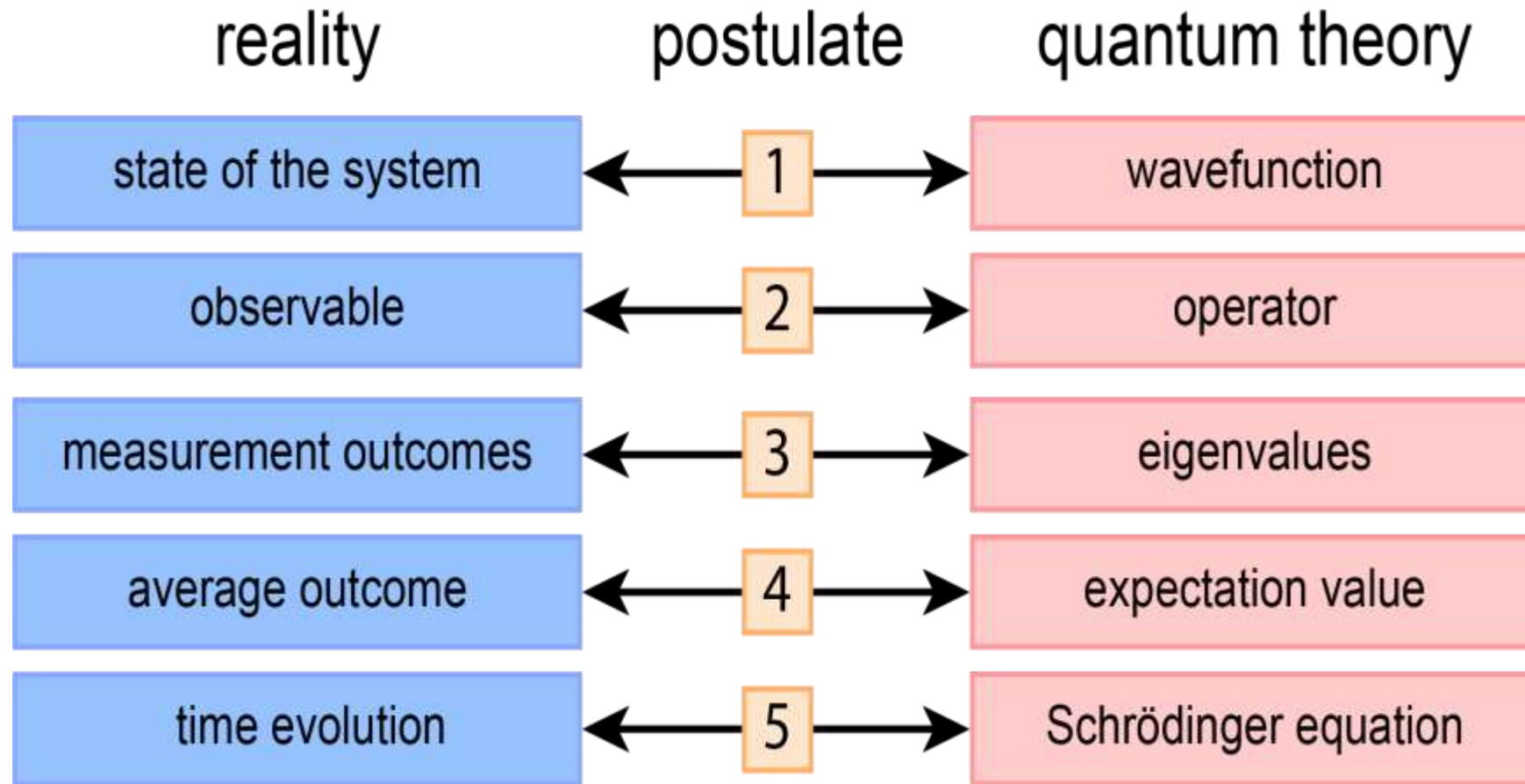


early universe

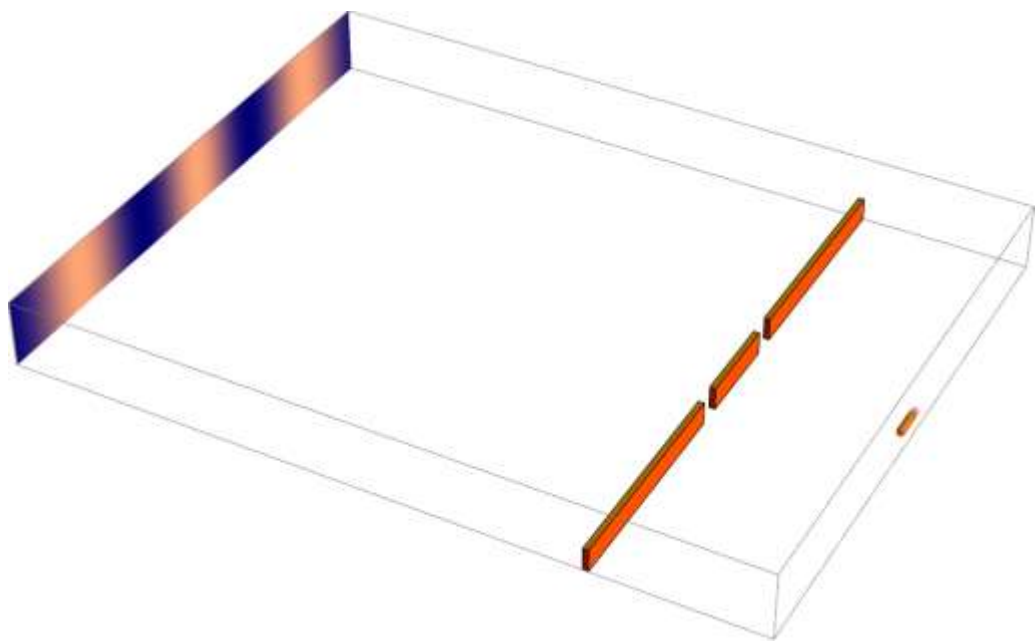
量子力学的基础和逻辑框架：五大公设



- 波函数公设：微观粒子量子状态可用波函数**完全描述**。
- 算符公设：量子力学中力学量用**厄米算符**表示。
- 测量公设：对量子态进行测量，结果必为该力学量**算符的本征值**之一。
- 动力学演化公设：波函数按**Schrodinger方程**随时间演化。
- 微观粒子全同性原理公设：**全同粒子**的交换不改变系统的状态。

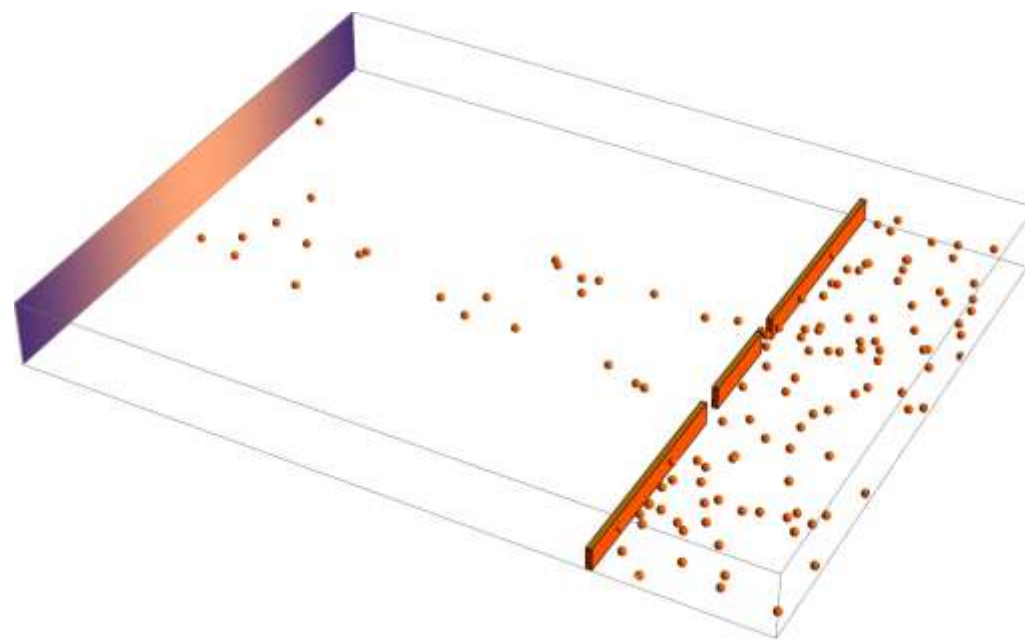


双缝干涉实验



经典杨氏双缝干涉

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20世纪十大最美物理实验之一：
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杨氏双缝干涉效应的量子解释

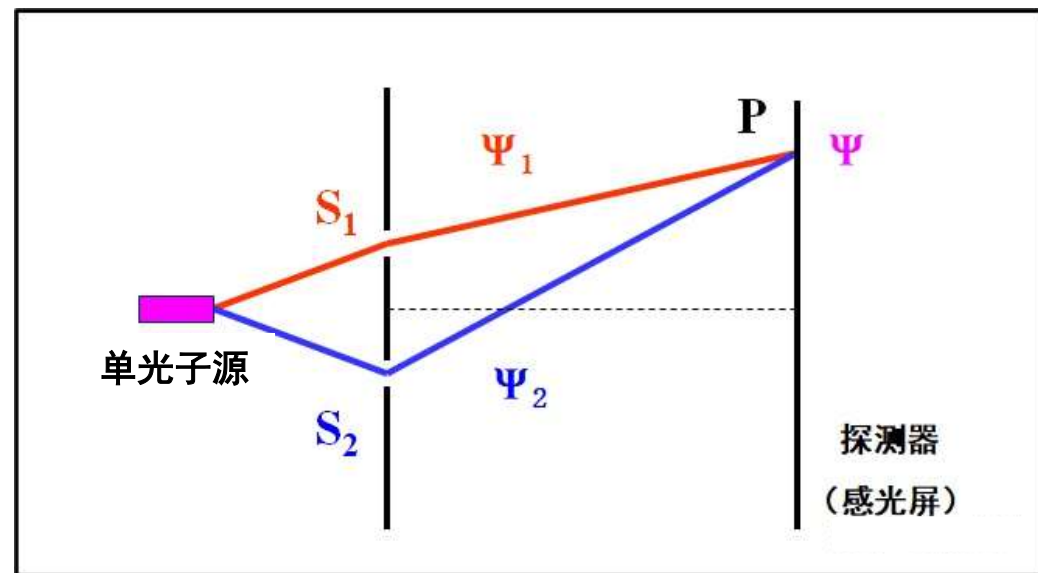
波函数：量子力学中描写微观系统状态的函数。

波恩的统计诠释：波函数的强度正比于粒子出现的**概率**。

通过缝 S_1 的粒子的波函数： ψ_1

通过缝 S_2 的粒子的波函数： ψ_2

量子态叠加原理： $\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2$



P点出现粒子的概率： $|\psi_1 + \psi_2|^2 = |\psi_1|^2 + |\psi_2|^2 + \psi_1^* \psi_2 + \psi_2^* \psi_1$

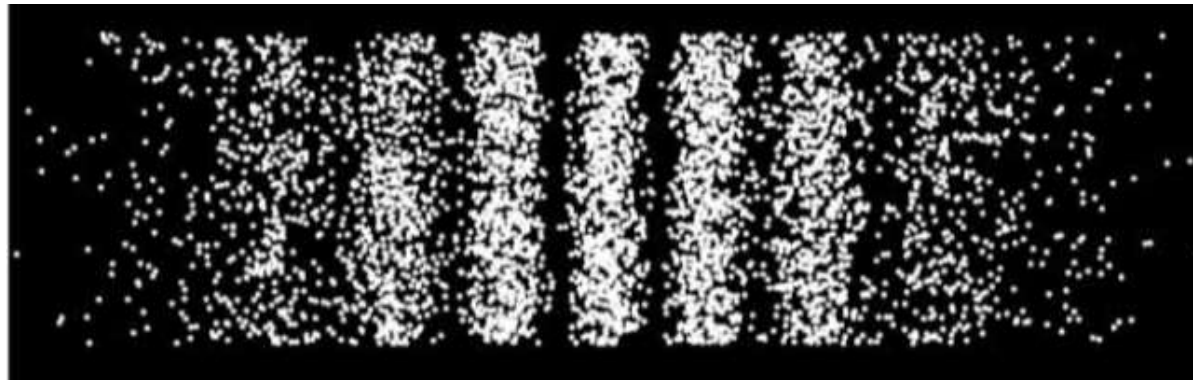
双缝干涉实验的量子解释

P点出现粒子的概率： $|\psi_1 + \psi_2|^2 = |\psi_1|^2 + |\psi_2|^2 + \psi_1^* \psi_2 + \psi_2^* \psi_1$

$$\psi_1 = -\psi_2 \Rightarrow |\psi_1 + \psi_2|^2 = 0 \quad \text{暗条纹}$$

$$\psi_1 = \psi_2 \Rightarrow |\psi_1 + \psi_2|^2 = 4|\psi_1|^2 \quad \text{明条纹}$$

——形成明暗
相间的条纹



在双缝干涉实验中，**电子以概率波波动的方式穿过了两条狭缝。**
波函数的**线性叠加**是造成观测屏上出现干涉图案的原因。

波函数的归一化

经典波动说：
客观实在的波动

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量子波函数：
概率波

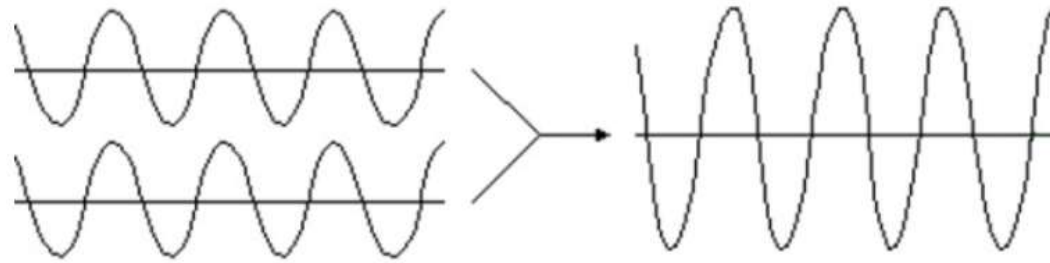
本质区别是什么？

1. 若**经典光波**的波幅增大一倍，它是否表示相同的波动状态？
2. 若**量子波函数**的波幅增大一倍，它是否表示相同的波动状态？

$2 \times 1 = ?$

波函数的归一化

- 经典电磁场: $E = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}^2 / 2 + \vec{B}^2 / 2\mu_0$
能量会增大为原来能量的4倍, 因而代表**完全不同的波动状态**。



- 对于概率分布而言, 重要的是相对概率分布。
 $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$ 和 $C\psi(\vec{r}, t)$ 描写的是**同一个概率波**。

$$\frac{|C\psi(\vec{r}_1, t)|^2}{|C\psi(\vec{r}_2, t)|^2} = \frac{|\psi(\vec{r}_1, t)|^2}{|\psi(\vec{r}_2, t)|^2}$$

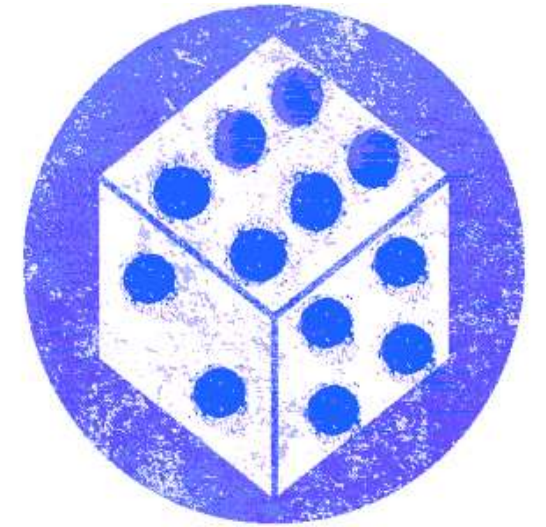
波函数的归一化

经典波函数不可以概率归一化。

$$E = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}^2 / 2 + \vec{B}^2 / 2\mu_0$$

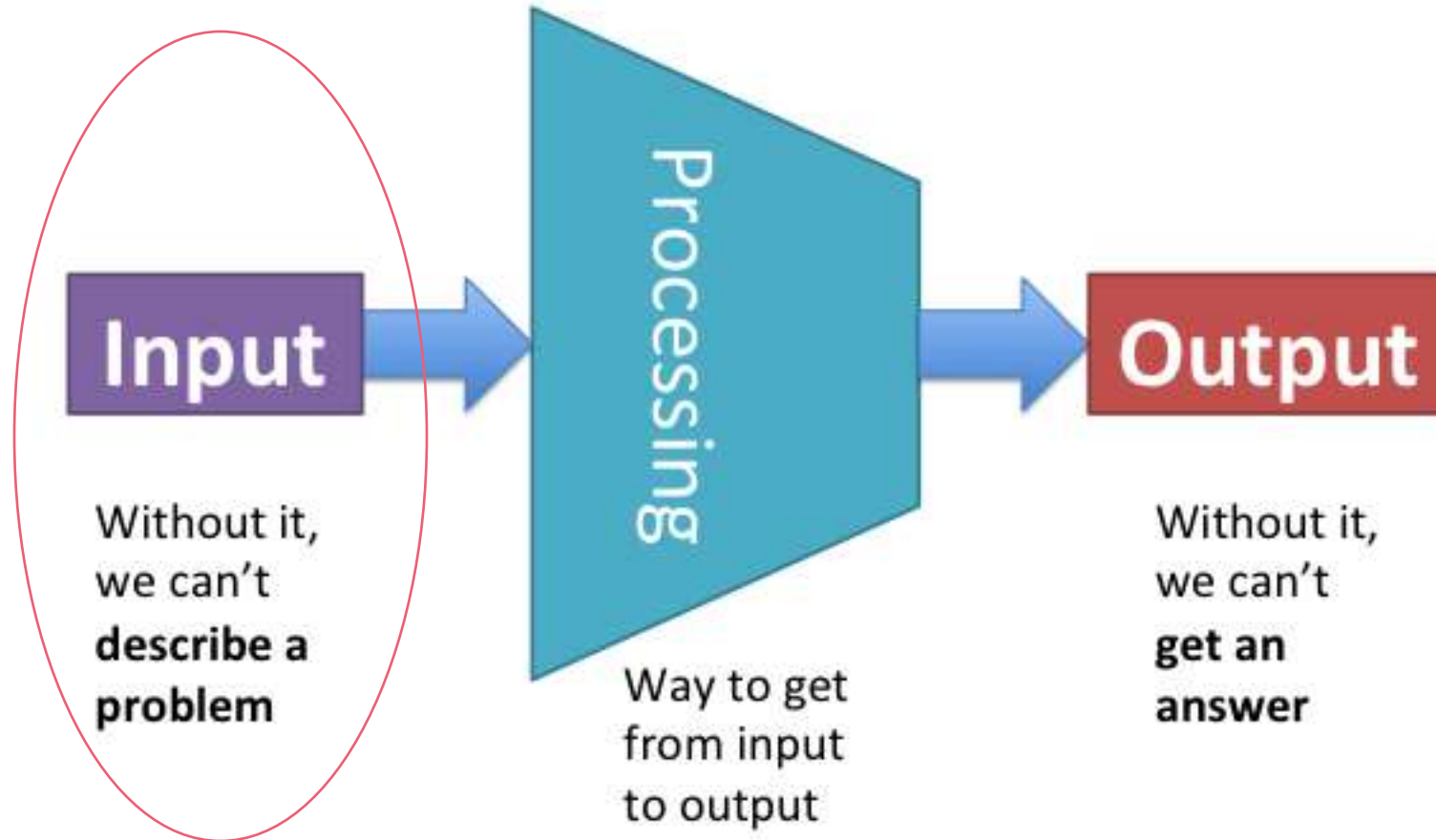
量子波函数可以概率归一化：

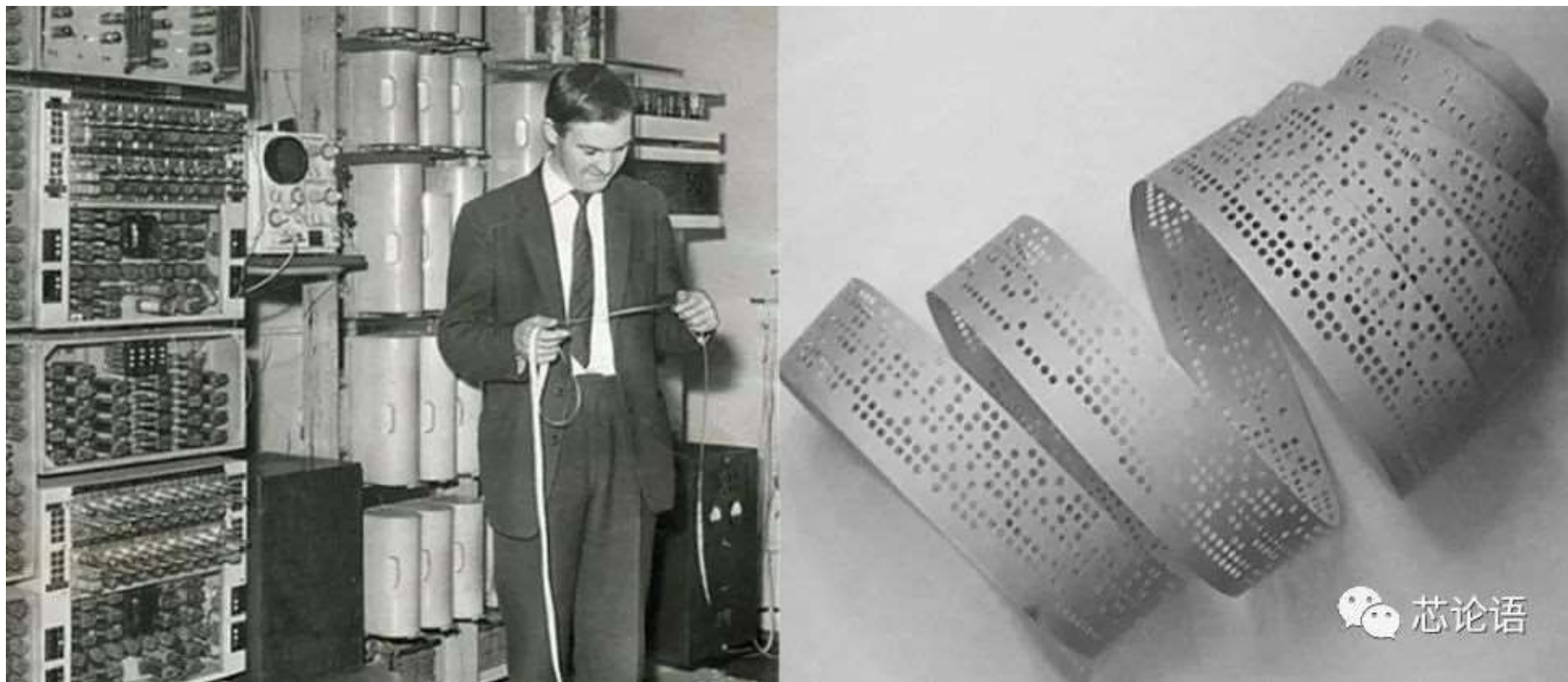
$$\int_{\text{全空间}} |\psi(\vec{r}, t)|^2 d^3x = 1$$



能否归一化是量子波与经典波的本质区别之一。

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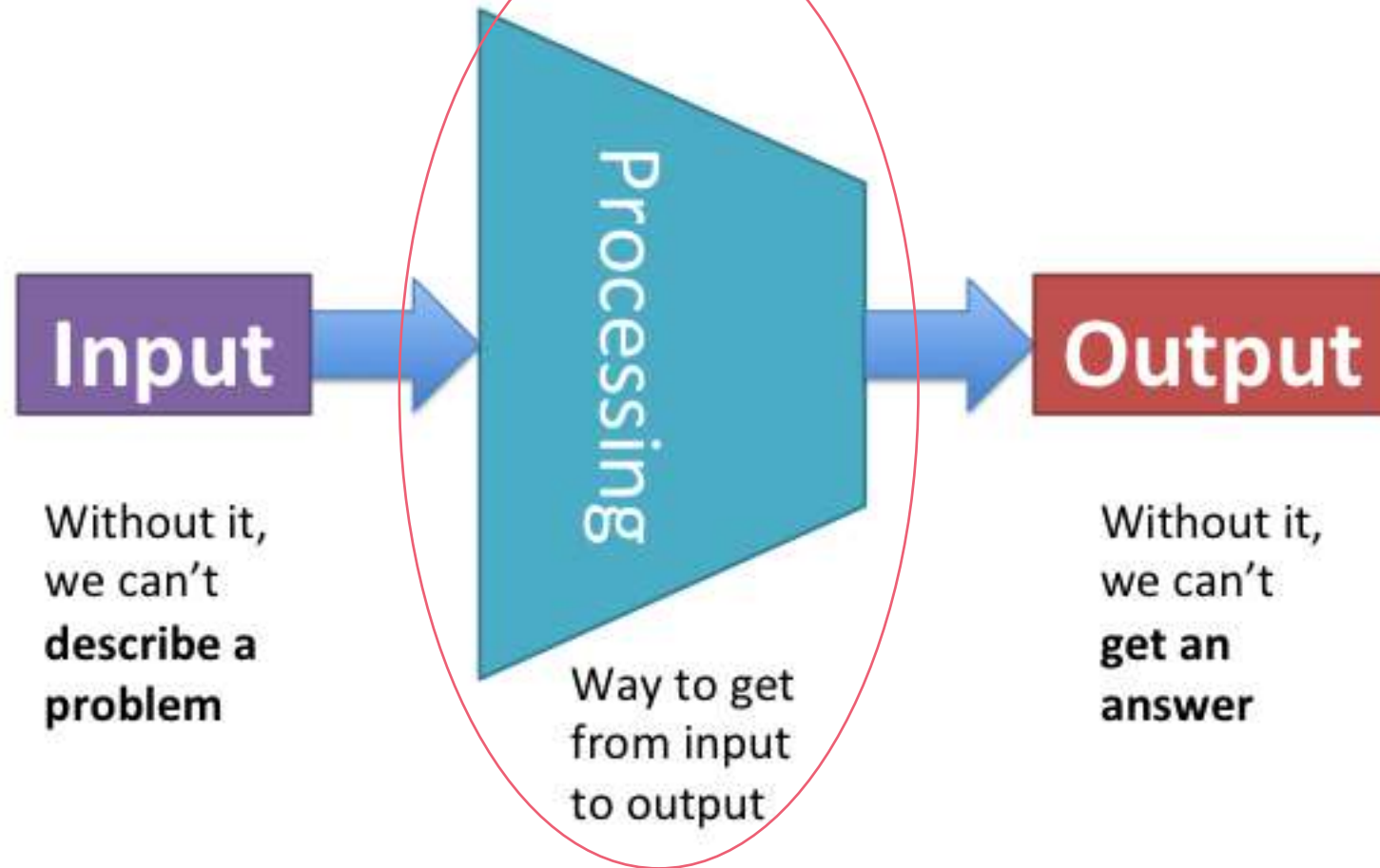




Translating Bits Into Numbers



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表达式

$$Y = A \cdot B$$

$$Y = A + B$$

$$Y = \bar{A}$$

电路逻辑



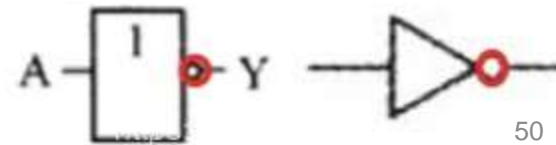
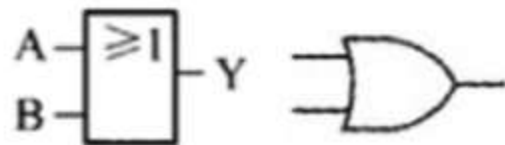
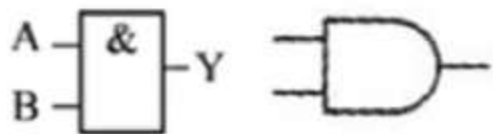
真值表

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

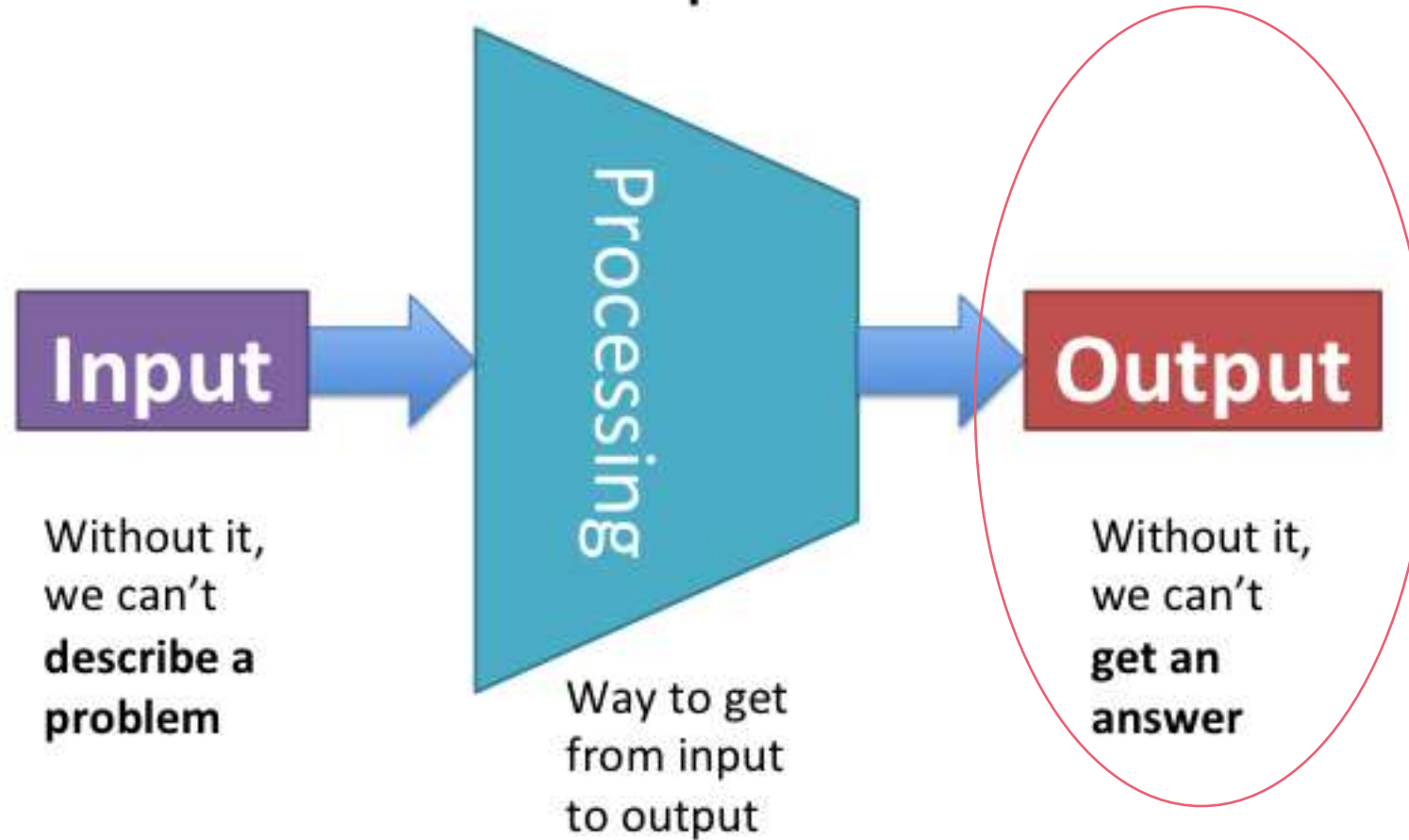
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电路符号



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Postulate 1. State of a quantum system is represented by a vector in a Hilbert space with the norm (“length”) of 1.

Notation: $|\psi\rangle$ (“ket-vector”)

number and order of postulates not important

Hilbert space: complete inner-product space

Linear space, can introduce basis, orthonormal basis

In 1D or 3D case $|\psi\rangle \leftrightarrow \psi(x)$ or $\psi(\vec{r})$, so Hilbert space is infinite-dimensional.

In QC much simpler, since Hilbert space is always finite-dimensional.

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_N \end{pmatrix} \quad |\phi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \beta_N \end{pmatrix}$$

α_i, β_i are complex numbers

Inner product is

$$\langle\phi|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \beta_i^* \alpha_i$$

(Dirac notation, bra-ket)

Postulate 1 (cont.)

Different bases are possible (e.g., measurement of spin along different directions)

“Computational basis”: $|000\rangle, |001\rangle, |010\rangle, \dots$

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_7 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_0|000\rangle + \alpha_1|001\rangle + \alpha_2|010\rangle + \dots + \alpha_7|111\rangle$$

superposition $\sum_i |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$ (normalization)

Most states are entangled: 1 qubit is characterized by 2 complex numbers, so k separate qubits would be characterized by $2k$ complex numbers, but general k -qubit state is characterized by 2^k complex numbers.

2 qubits, “separable state”

$$(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes (\gamma|0\rangle + \delta|1\rangle) = \underbrace{\alpha\gamma}_{\alpha_{00}}|00\rangle + \underbrace{\alpha\delta}_{\alpha_{01}}|01\rangle + \underbrace{\beta\gamma}_{\alpha_{10}}|10\rangle + \underbrace{\beta\delta}_{\alpha_{11}}|11\rangle$$

We see that $\alpha_{00}\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{10}\alpha_{01}$, while general 2-qubit wavefunction does not satisfy this condition \Rightarrow most states are not separable (i.e., entangled)

Postulate 2

Postulate 2. Measurable quantities (physical magnitudes, dynamical variables, “observables”) are represented by Hermitian operators

Hermitian (self-adjoint) operator: $\hat{B}^\dagger = \hat{B}$

for a matrix, Hermitian conjugate is $B_{ij}^\dagger = B_{ji}^*$

Hermitian matrix: $B_{ij} = B_{ji}^*$ (real on diagonal, complex-conjugate off-diagonal)

Properties of Hermitian operators

- Eigenvalues are real
- Eigenvectors form orthonormal basis (somewhat oversimplified), so each observable defines an orthonormal basis, in which its matrix is diagonal (with real elements)

Postulate 3

Postulate 3. Measurement result is necessarily one of eigenvalues of the corresponding operator (no other results possible).

Measurement result r is generally random, with probability $p_r = |\langle \psi_r | \psi \rangle|^2$, where $|\psi\rangle$ is the state before measurement and $|\psi_r\rangle$ is the normalized eigenvector, corresponding to the eigenvalue r .

If spectrum of the measured operator is degenerate (i.e., a subspace corresponds to the eigenvalue r), then we need to choose a basis $|\psi_{r,j}\rangle$ in this subspace, and $p_r = \sum_j |\langle \psi_{r,j} | \psi \rangle|^2$.

Another way to think: $p_r = \| \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r |\psi\rangle \|^2$

where $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_r$ is operator of projection onto subspace, corresponding to the eigenvalue r and $\| \dots \|$ denotes norm (“length”) of a vector.

Postulate 3 (cont.)

Example

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|000\rangle + \alpha_1|001\rangle + \alpha_2|010\rangle + \dots + \alpha_7|111\rangle$$

Measure all 3 qubits. 8 possible results.

$0 \leftrightarrow 000 \leftrightarrow 000\rangle$	$P_0 = \alpha_0 ^2$
$1 \leftrightarrow 001 \leftrightarrow 001\rangle$	$P_1 = \alpha_1 ^2$
$2 \leftrightarrow 010 \leftrightarrow 010\rangle$	$P_2 = \alpha_2 ^2$
\dots	\dots
$7 \leftrightarrow 111 \leftrightarrow 111\rangle$	$P_7 = \alpha_7 ^2$

Measured observable

$$\hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 2 & & & & & \\ & & & 3 & & & & \\ & & & & 4 & & & \\ & 0 & & & & 5 & & \\ & & & & & & 6 & \\ & & & & & & & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvalue for corresp. eigenstate (comp.basis)

Now measure only first qubit, results 0 or 1

$$\hat{M}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & \\ & 0 & & & & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & & \\ & & & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvectors:

$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	for 0	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \alpha_4 \\ \alpha_5 \\ \alpha_6 \\ \alpha_7 \end{pmatrix}$	for 1
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Postulate 3 (cont.)

Measure qubits 2 and 3

$$\hat{M}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & \\ & 0 & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{M}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{M} = 4\hat{M}_1 + 2\hat{M}_2 + \hat{M}_3$$

8 eigenvalues: 0, 1, .. 7

Postulate 3'

Postulate 3'. Average (“expectation”) value for measuring operator \hat{B} is
 $\langle \hat{B} \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{B} | \psi \rangle.$

Follows from postulate 3, but often a separate postulate

Important in standard quantum mechanics, but not important for QC
(except NMR)

$$\langle \psi | \hat{B} | \psi \rangle = (\alpha_0^* \ \alpha_1^* \ \dots \ \alpha_N^*) \begin{pmatrix} b_{00} & & \\ & b_{ij} & \\ & & b_{NN} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{B} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | (\hat{B} | \psi \rangle) = (\langle \psi | \hat{B}) | \psi \rangle$$

Proof

$$\hat{B} = \sum_r r \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r \quad (\text{since Hermitian})$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{B} | \psi \rangle = \sum_r r \langle \psi | \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r | \psi \rangle = \sum_r r \langle \psi | \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r | \psi \rangle = \sum_r r \| \hat{\mathbb{P}}_r | \psi \rangle \|^2 = \sum_r r p_r$$

Postulate 4

Postulate 4. After measurement of \hat{B} with result r , the state abruptly changes:

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{\hat{\mathbb{P}}|\psi\rangle}{\|\hat{\mathbb{P}}|\psi\rangle\|} \quad (\text{projected onto subspace and normalized})$$

Called wavefunction collapse

Examples

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|000\rangle + \alpha_1|001\rangle + \alpha_2|010\rangle + \dots + \alpha_7|111\rangle$$

(a) Measure all qubits, get result 3 = 011, then $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |011\rangle$

(Does not matter what was before!

Cannot get more information on α_i .)

(b) Measure only first qubit, get result 0, then

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_0|000\rangle + \alpha_1|001\rangle + \alpha_2|010\rangle + \alpha_3|011\rangle}{\sqrt{|\alpha_0|^2 + |\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 + |\alpha_3|^2}}$$

Postulate 5

Postulate 5. Evolution of a quantum state is described by

the Schrödinger equation $\frac{d|\psi\rangle}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}|\psi\rangle$,

where \hat{H} is the operator of energy (Hamiltonian)

We will not really use it, but important that evolution is described by a unitary operator

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{H}t}|\psi(0)\rangle = \hat{U}|\psi(0)\rangle$$

Since \hat{H} is Hermitian, \hat{U} is unitary, $\hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^{-1}$ $\hat{U}\hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^\dagger\hat{U} = \hat{1}$

A unitary operator preserves inner product

$$\langle(\hat{U}\phi)|(\hat{U}\psi)\rangle = \langle\phi|\hat{U}^\dagger\hat{U}\psi\rangle = \langle\phi|\psi\rangle$$

Unitary operator transforms an orthonormal basis into an orthonormal basis (rotation of a space)