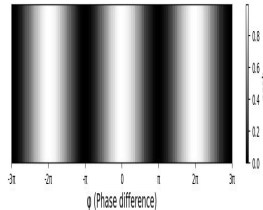


# From Bits to Qubits: Foundations of Quantum Computing

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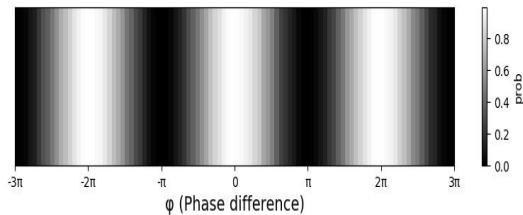
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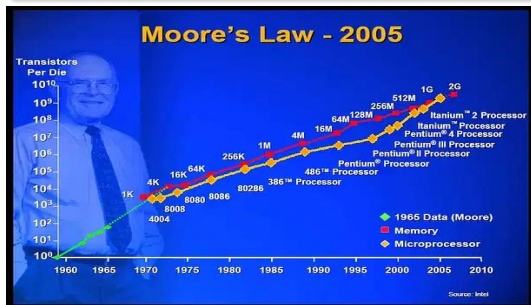
# Fifth generation computers (1980- Present)

- Ultra Large-Scale Integration (ULSI):
- Millions of transistors on a single microchip
- Parallel processing Natural language understanding: Can understand human language
- Energy efficiency, Size: Small and portable, with large storage capacity
- Input/output devices Keyboard, mouse, monitor, touchscreen, speech input, printer, etc.



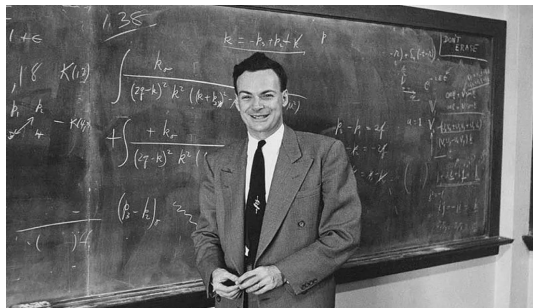
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Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel, first described Moore's Law in 1965. Moore's Law is the observation that the number of transistors in a computer chip doubles every two years. It's a projection of a historical trend in the computing industry, and is not a law of physics.



... it seems that the laws of the physics present no barrier to reducing the size of the computers until bits are the size of the atoms, and quantum behaviour holds sway'

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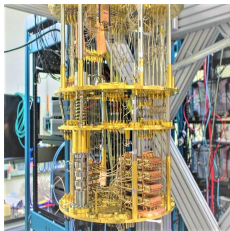
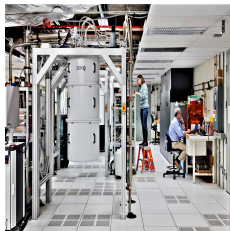
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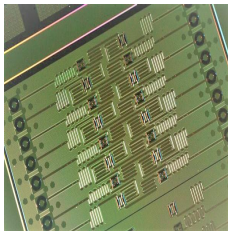
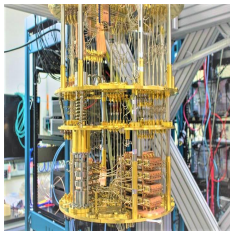
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## Why Quantum computer matters?

- Finance
- Health
- Energy & Agriculture
- Global climate



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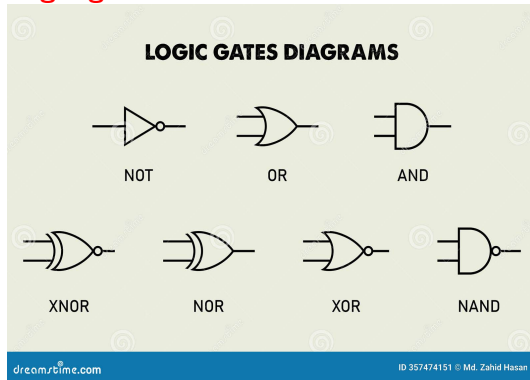
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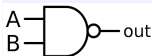
# Universal logic Gates (classical)

a) NAND Gate

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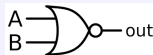
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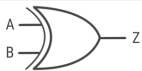


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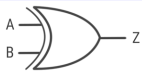
$$XOR \rightarrow \text{mod}(2)$$

$$A \oplus B = (A + B) \text{mod}(2)$$

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$$1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 = 3 \text{mod}(2) = 1$$

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# Full Adders - Basic arithmetic units

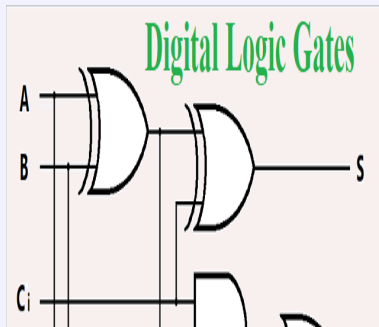
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# Classical $\rightarrow$ Quantum

- Quantum superposition/parallelism
- Wave function collapse
- Quantum entanglement
- Interference

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$$|01\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|10\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |11\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Not deterministic!!!**

# Entanglement

Qubits can become entangled, meaning the state of one qubit is directly related to the state of another.

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |00\rangle_{q_0 q_1} + |11\rangle_{q_0 q_1} \right)$$

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

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# Quantum gates

Quantum gates- "the building blocks of quantum computation", analogous to classical logic gates. They operate on qubits and manipulate their states by applying unitary transformations.

X (NOT Gate) :

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = |1\rangle$$

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$$X_i \equiv \sigma_i$$

$$|0\rangle, |1\rangle \equiv |\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle$$

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Hadamard Gate (H) - Creates superposition:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Z + X) \end{aligned}$$

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$$H|j\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + (-1)^j|1\rangle)$$

# Working with H gate

$$\begin{aligned}H|0\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\H^{\otimes 2}|00\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle) \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}}(|0\rangle_2 + |1\rangle_2 + |2\rangle_2 + |3\rangle_2) \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \sum_{y=0}^{2^2-1} |y\rangle_2 \\H^{\otimes n}|0_n\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y=0}^{2^n-1} |y\rangle_n\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot y &= x_0 y_0 \oplus x_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{n-1} y_{n-1} \\ &= (x_0 y_0 + x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{n-1} y_{n-1}) \bmod(2) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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$$x \cdot y = x_0 y_0 \oplus x_1 y_1 = y_0 + y_1$$

$$\text{if } y = 0, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 0$$

$$\text{if } y = 1, y_0 = 0, y_1 = 1$$

# Phase Shift Gates

1. S Gate (Phase Gate) : - Adds a  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  phase:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S|j\rangle = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}j}|j\rangle$$

$$S^\dagger|j\rangle = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}j}e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}j}|j\rangle = |j\rangle$$

$$S^2|0\rangle = |0\rangle$$

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# Two qubits CZ Gate

Controlled-Z (CZ) Gate : Adds a phase flip to the target qubit if the control qubit is  $|1\rangle$ :

$$CZ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$CZ|ij\rangle = (-1^{i \cdot j})|ij\rangle$$

# Three qubit Toffoli Gate (CCNOT or CCX Gate)

$$CCX|ijk\rangle = |i\ j\ i \cdot j \oplus k\rangle = |ij\rangle \otimes |i \cdot j \oplus k\rangle$$

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$$Y = S(HS^2H)S^3$$

$$Z = S^2$$

$$CZ = (I \otimes H)CX(I \otimes H)$$

# Basic quantum circuits

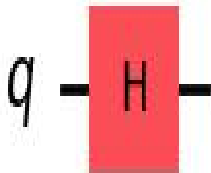


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = H|q\rangle$

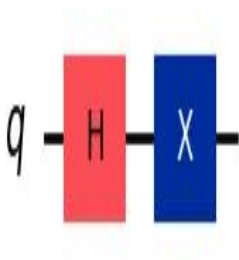


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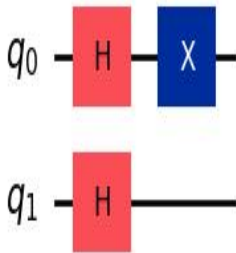


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = XH|q_0\rangle \otimes H|q_1\rangle$



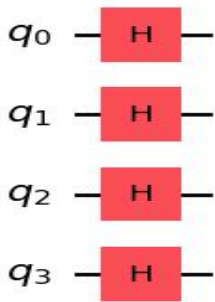


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = H|q_0\rangle \otimes H|q_1\rangle \otimes H|q_2\rangle \otimes H|q_3\rangle$

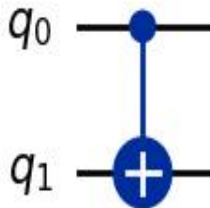


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = CX^{01}|q_0q_1\rangle$

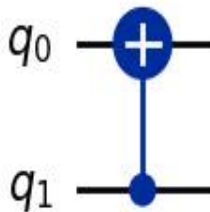


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = CX^{10}|q_0q_1\rangle$

# QC - Entanglement

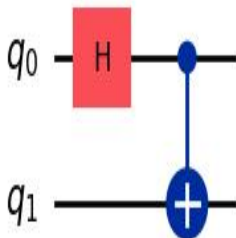
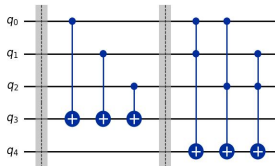


Figure:  $|\psi\rangle = CX^{01}H^0|q_0q_1\rangle$

# Full Addder



$$|\psi\rangle = |q_3 q_4\rangle$$

$$|q_3\rangle = |0 \oplus q_0 \oplus q_1 \oplus q_2\rangle$$

$$|q_4\rangle = |0 \oplus q_0 \cdot q_1 \oplus q_0 \cdot q_2 \oplus q_1 \cdot q_2\rangle$$

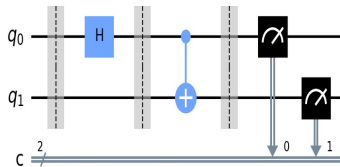
$$\text{For } q_0 = q_1 = q_2 = 1$$

$$|q_3\rangle = |0 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1\rangle = |1\rangle$$

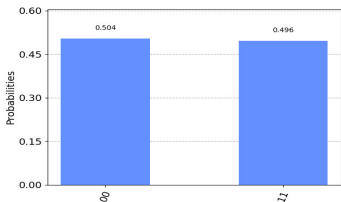
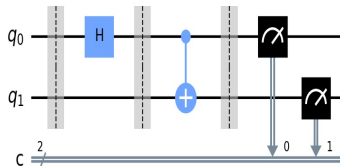
$$|q_4\rangle = |0 \oplus 1 \cdot 1 \oplus 1 \cdot 1 \oplus 1 \cdot 1\rangle = 1$$

$$|\psi\rangle = |q_3 q_4\rangle = |11\rangle$$

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$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle \times |0\rangle = |00\rangle$$

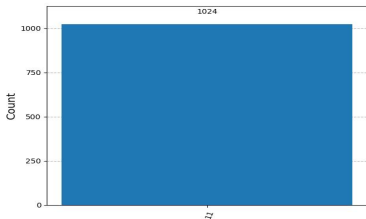
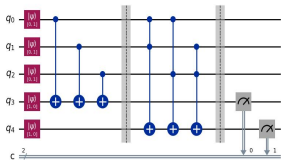
$$|\psi_1\rangle = H|0\rangle \times |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \times |0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(CX|00\rangle + CX|10\rangle)$$

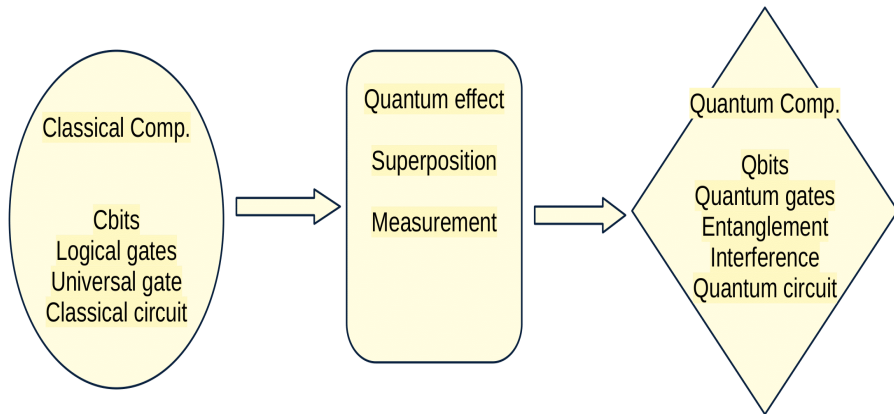
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

## Quantum circuits - Measurements





# Conclusions



THANK YOU!