Introduction to Quantum Noise

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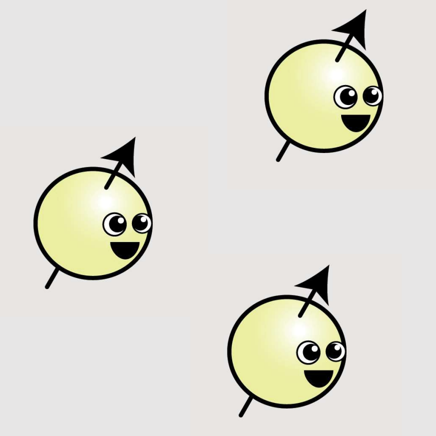

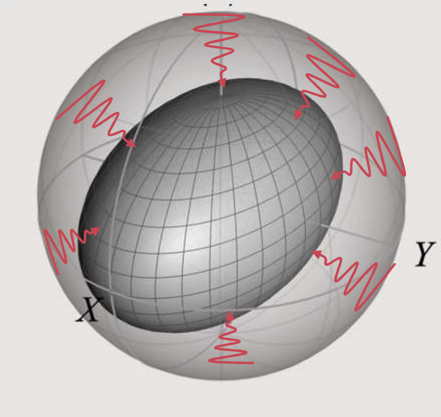

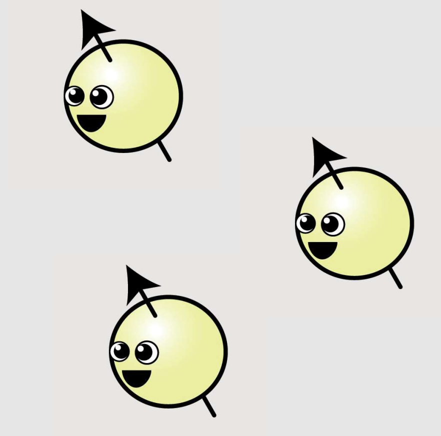

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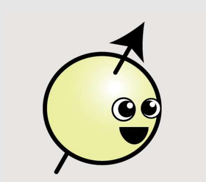
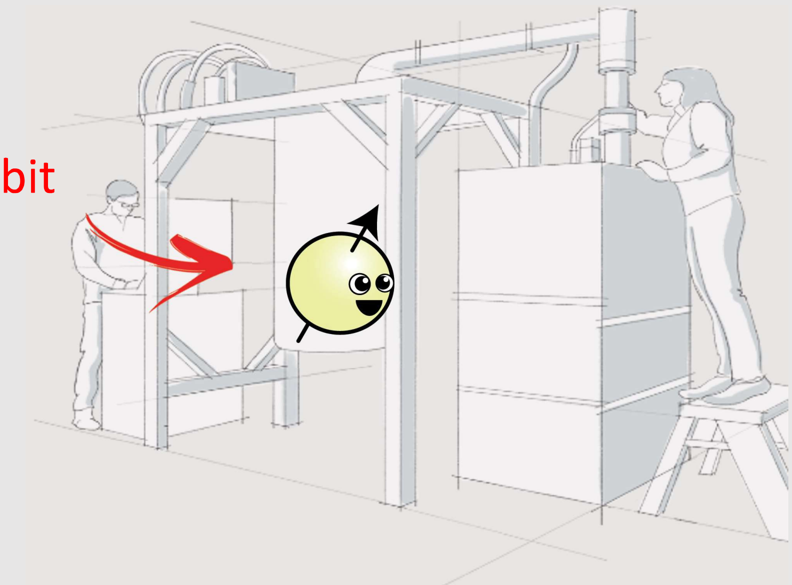
What do I need to know before I run quantum simulation on a real, noisy quantum processor?



Chapter 1: Hello World!

A qubit



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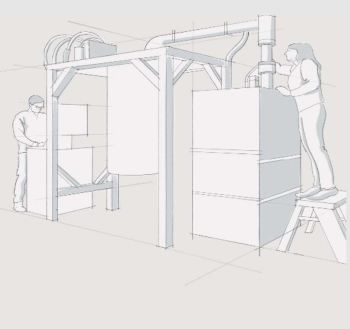
Hello World! building blocks



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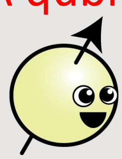

$|1\rangle$

$|0\rangle$

Computational basis states

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$$X|0\rangle = |1\rangle$$
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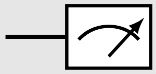
Hello World! qubit flipper quantum circuits



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Hello World! “debugger” step through

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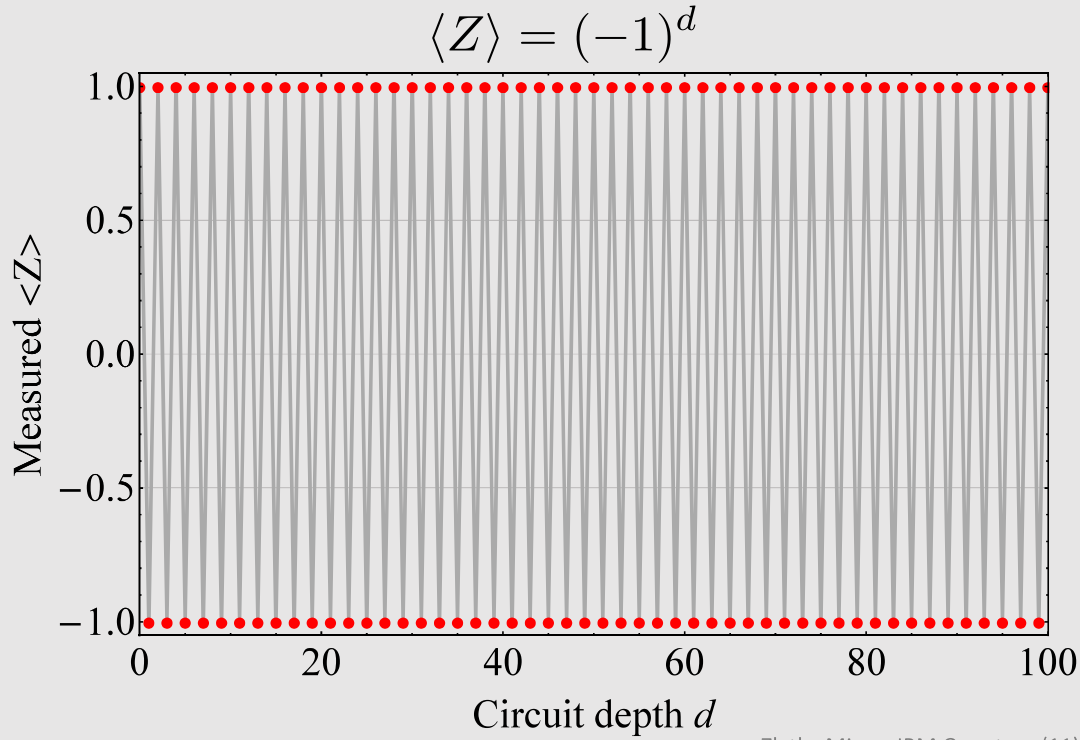

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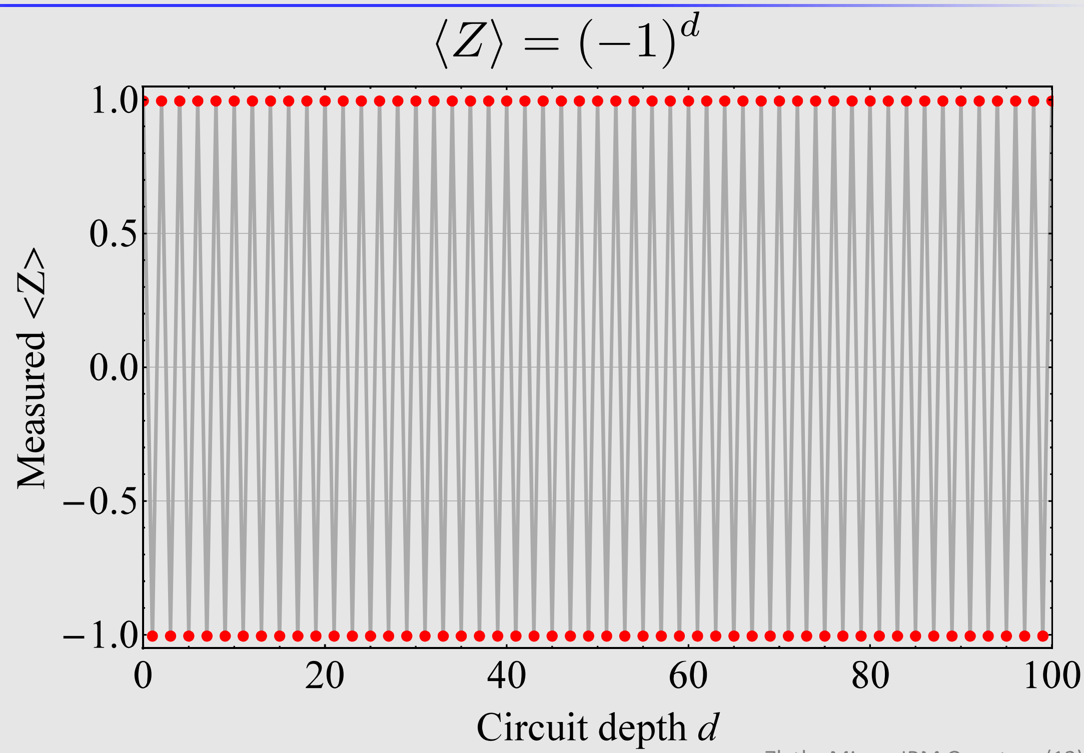
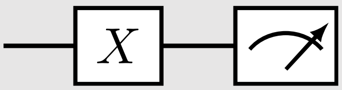
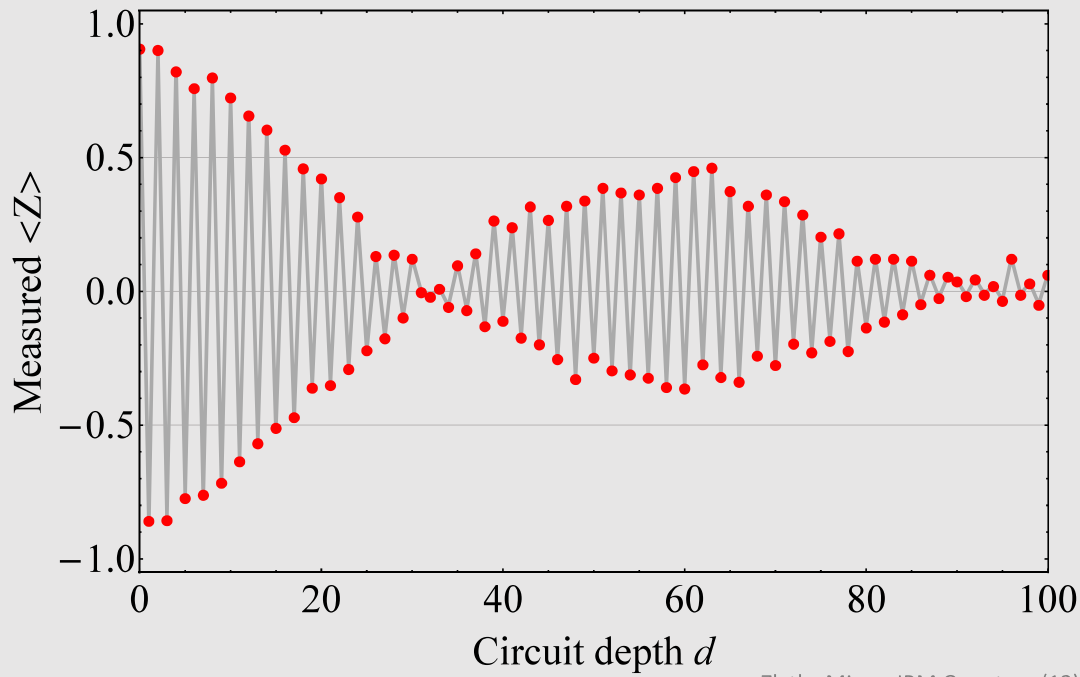
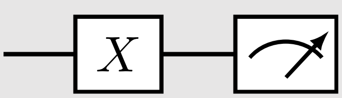


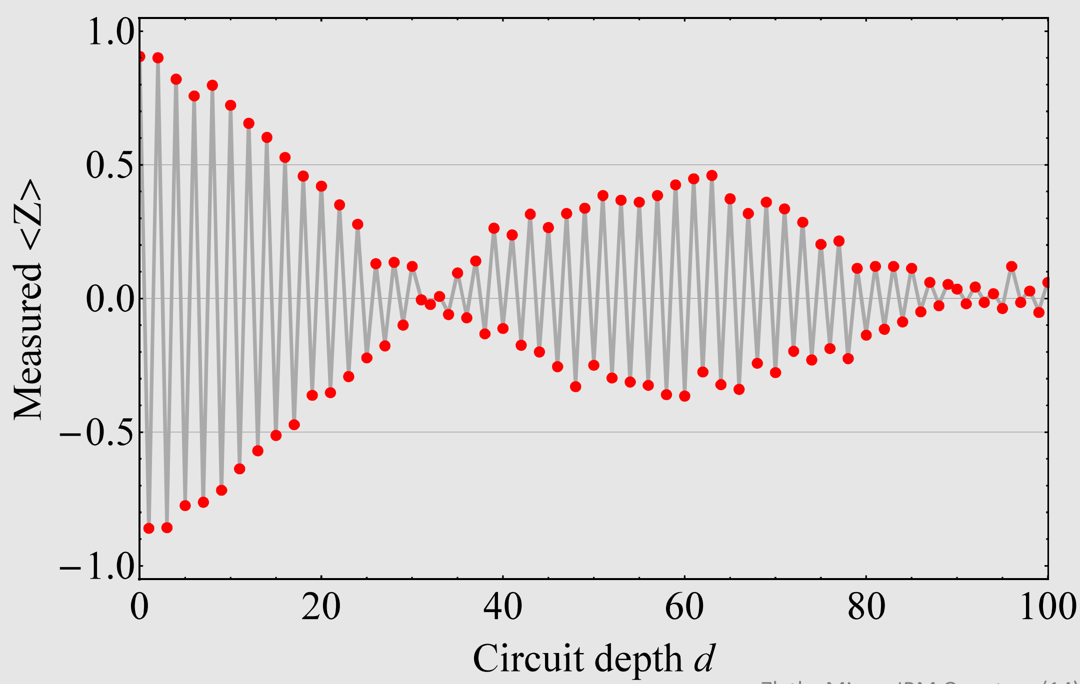
Hello World! Real expectation results

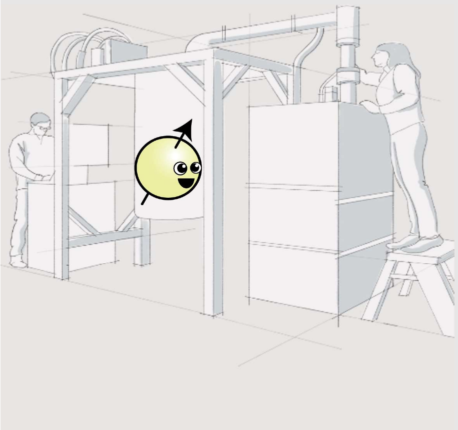




Real & noisy quantum processors: Why study noise?



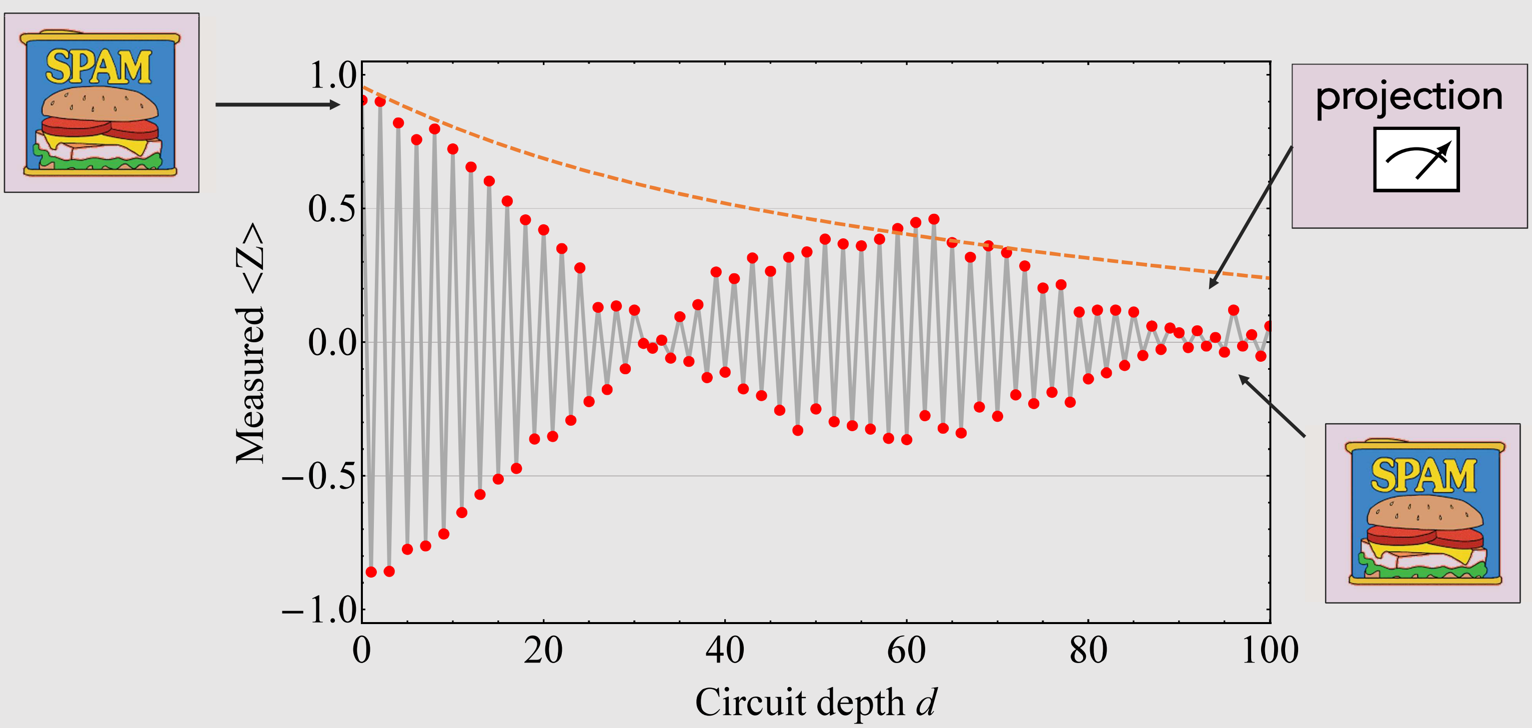




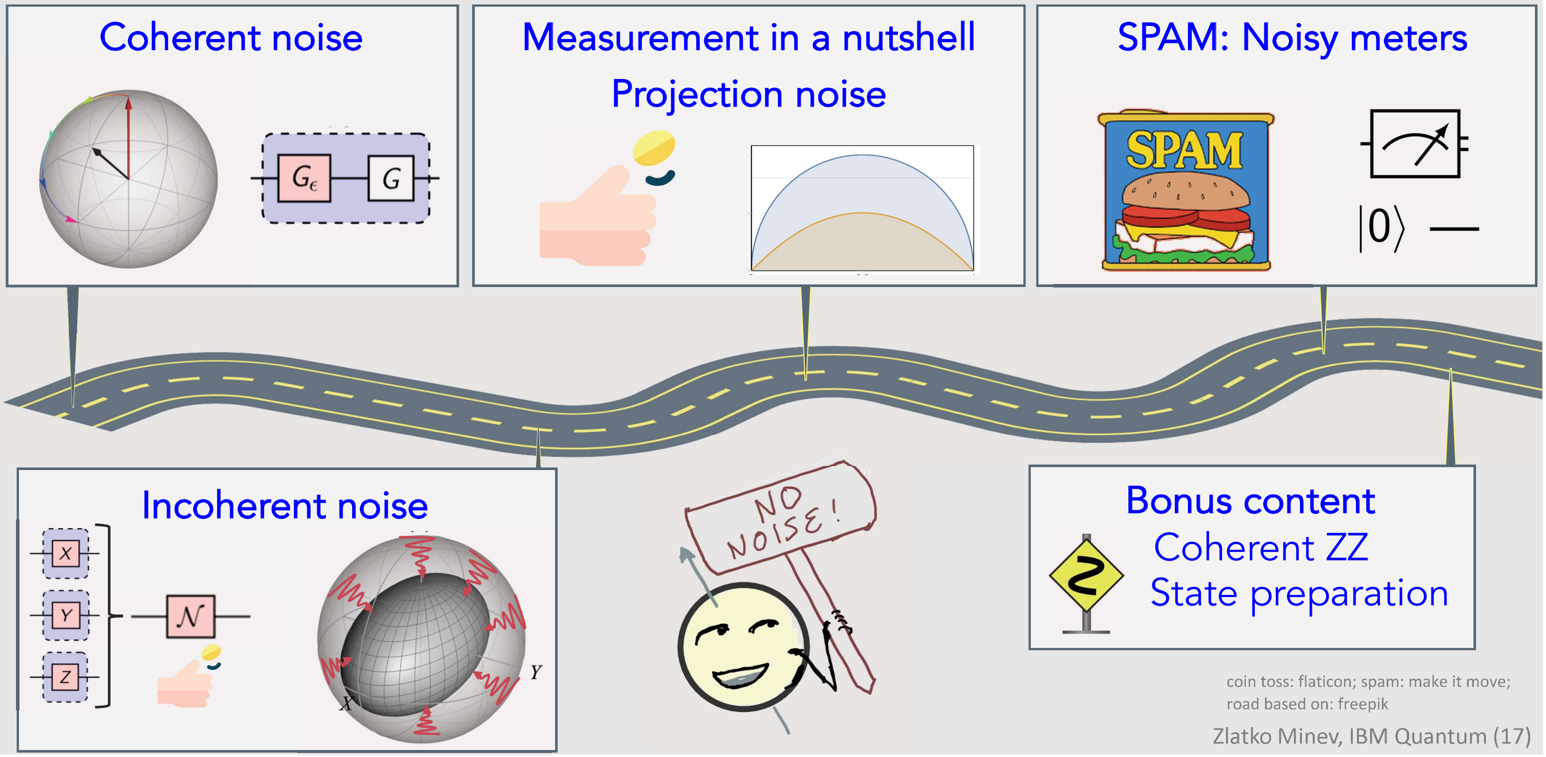
"Quantum phenomena do *not* occur in a Hilbert space, they occur in a laboratory."

Asher Peres

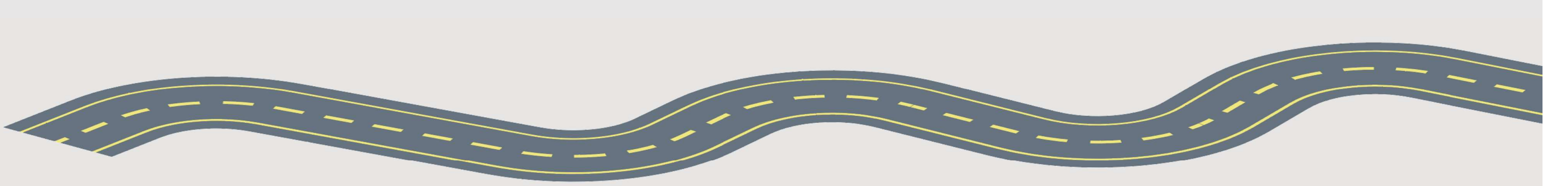
Elements of noise



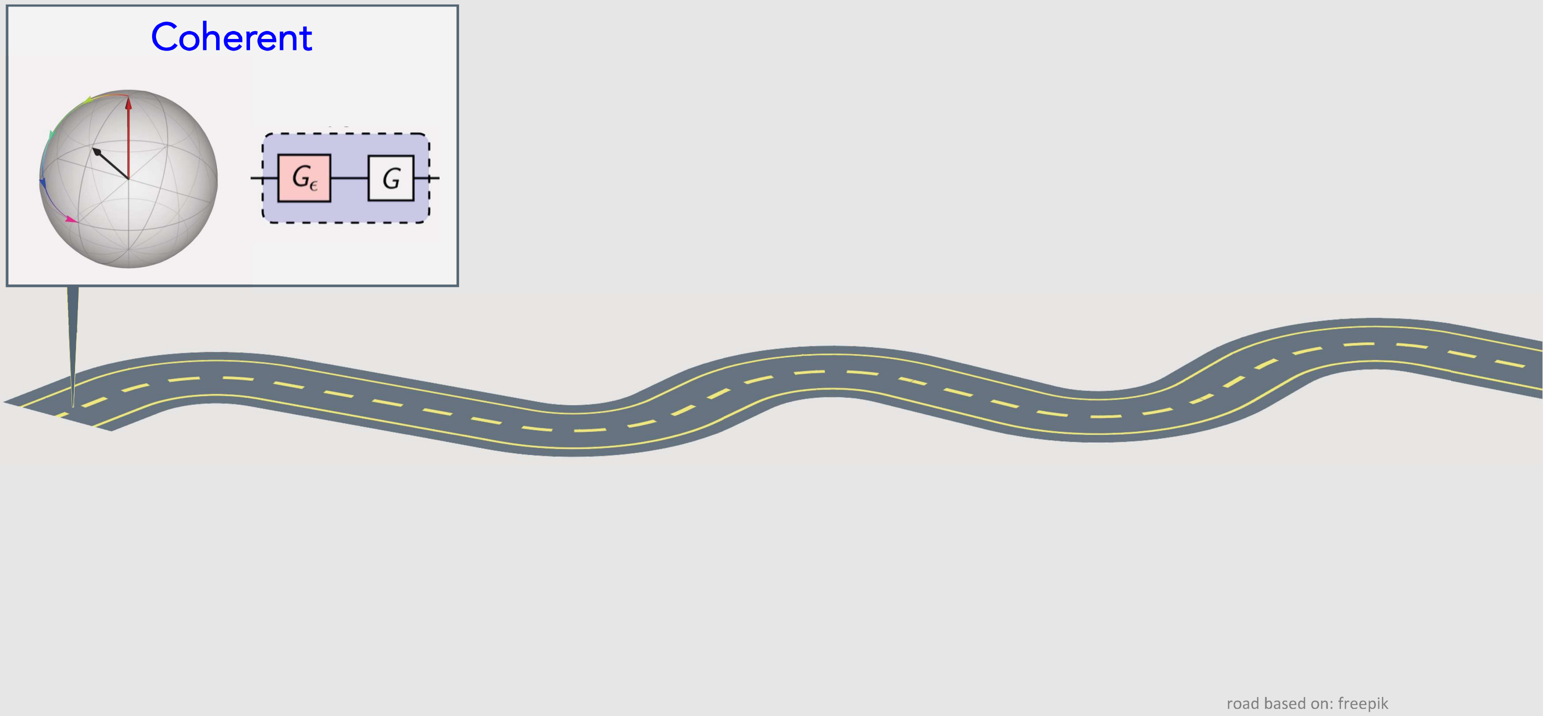
The road ahead



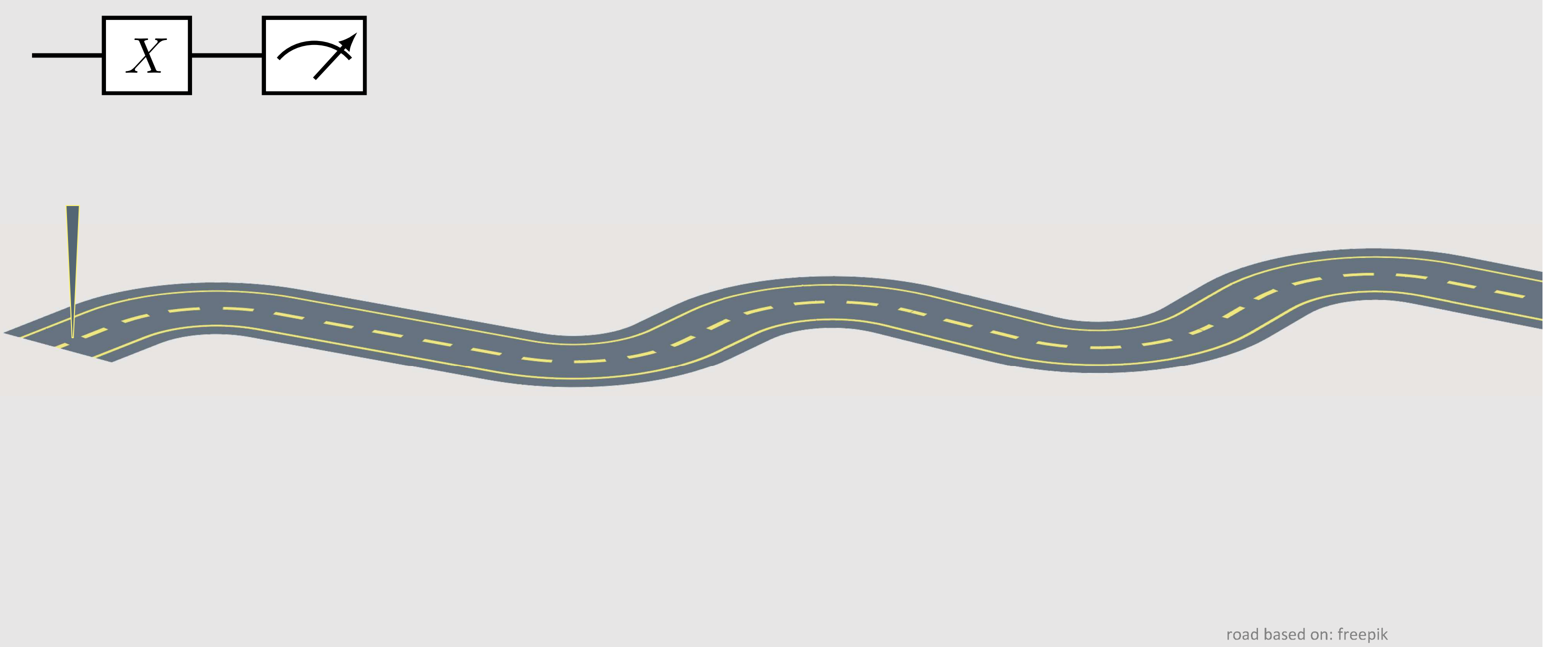
The destination is the journey



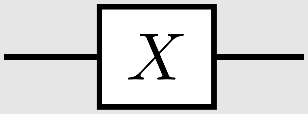
Chapter 2: Coherent noise



Return to the Hello World example



Origin of our X gate: time evolution



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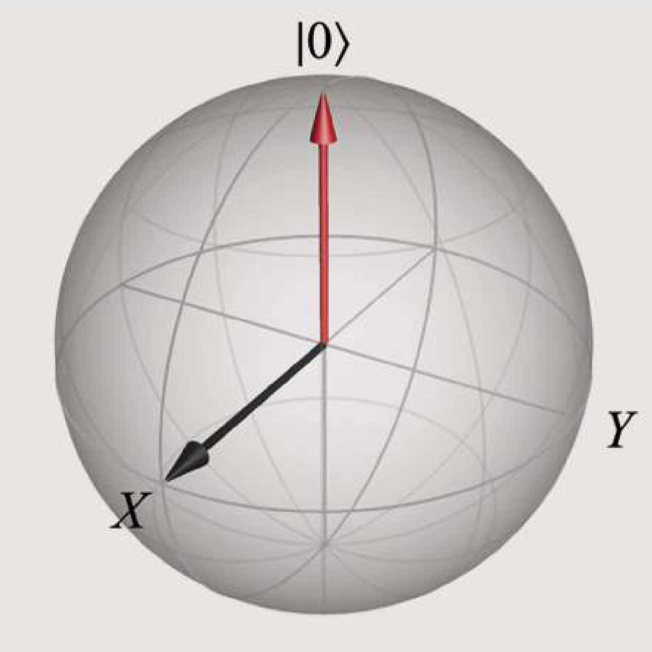
Visualize: Bloch sphere



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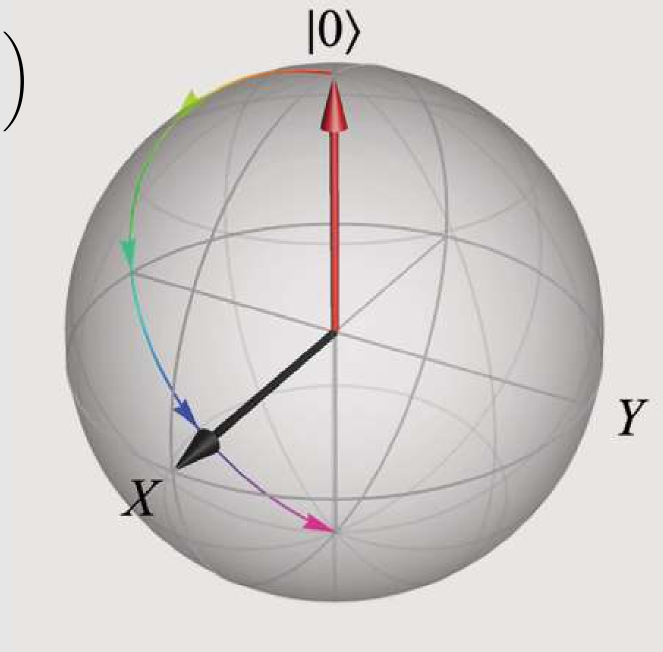

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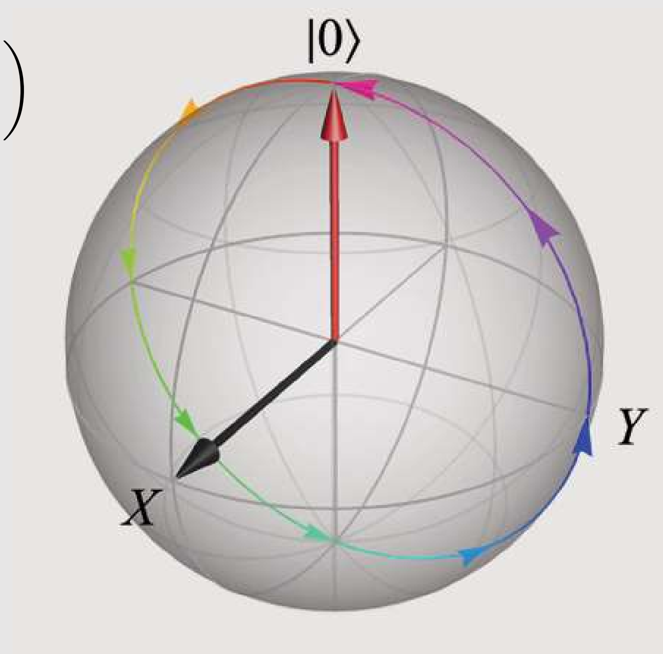

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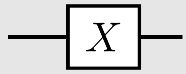
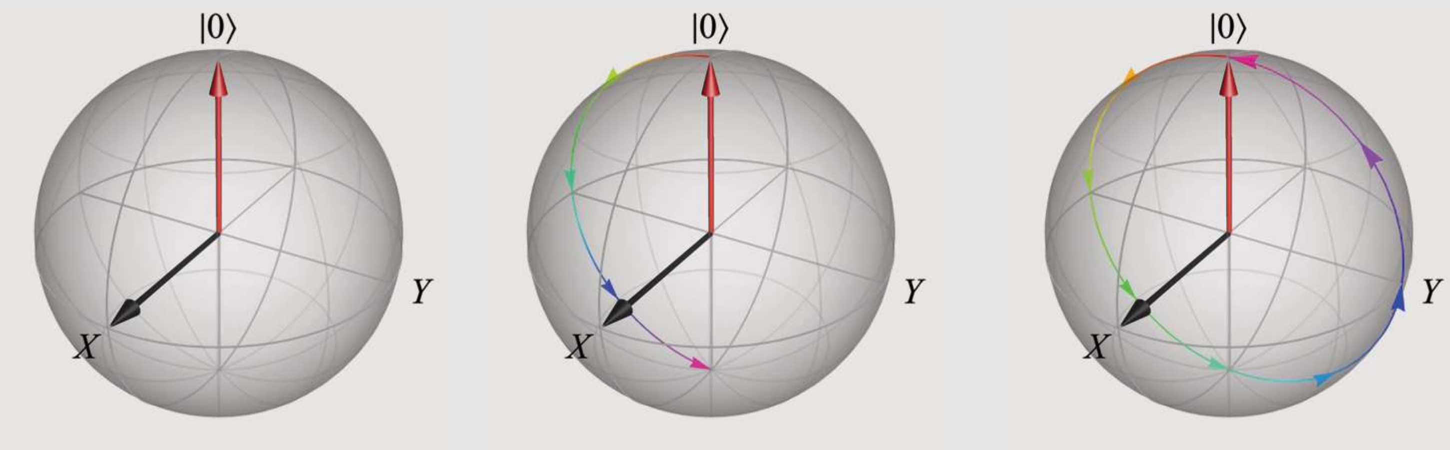
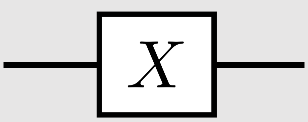




Miscalibrated gate

Ideal gate



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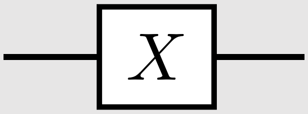
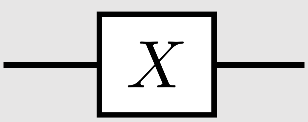


Noisy gate decomposition

Ideal gate



Careful

Common pitfall

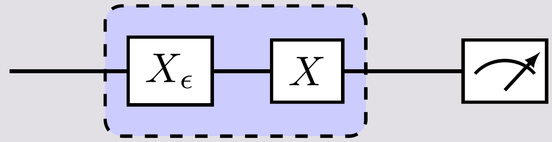
The order in which gates appear in a schematic is the reverse of how they appear in the algebra.

$$-\boxed{X}-\boxed{Y}- = -\boxed{YX}-$$

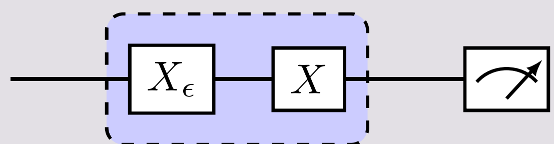
Using a noisy gate in a quantum circuit

$X = R_X(\pi)$

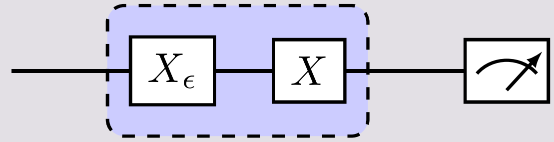
Using a noisy gate in a quantum circuit: final state



Ideal vs. noisy observable



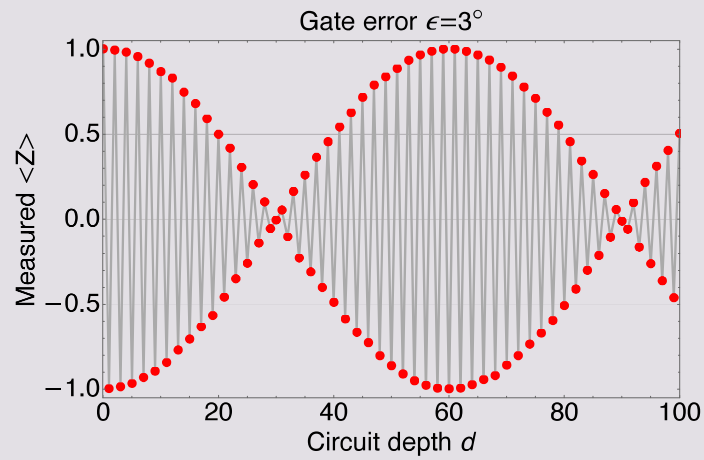
Compare to full experiment



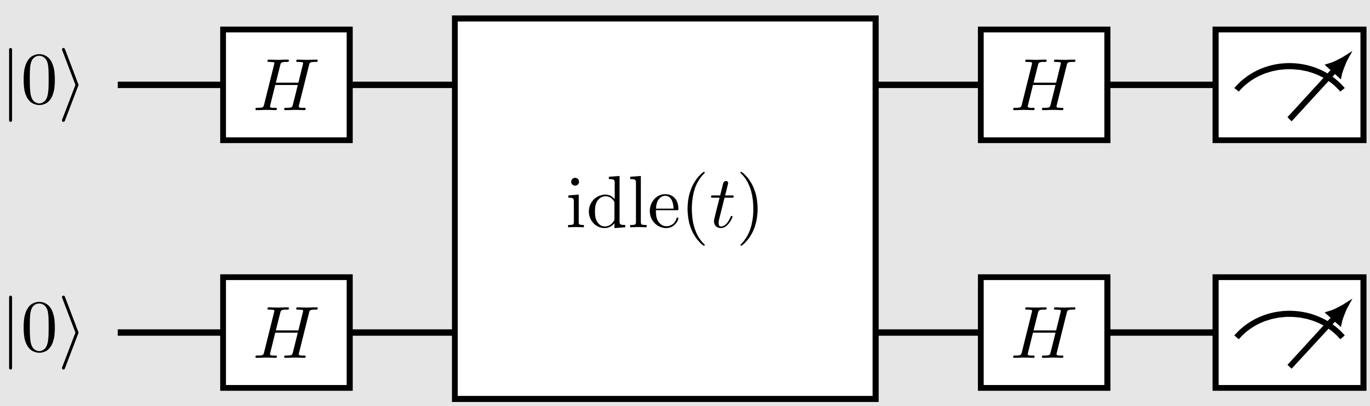
$$\left\langle \tilde{\psi}_f \middle| Z \middle| \tilde{\psi}_f \right\rangle = \cos\left(d\pi + d\epsilon\right)$$

Coherent errors: brief summary

- are ubiquitous
- can be described by unitary operations
- do not loose quantum information
- data: can create oscillations in the data
- data: do not yield exponential decays
- have a *quadratic* impact on algorithmic accuracy (worst-case error)



Bonus content: two-qubit coherent ZZ error

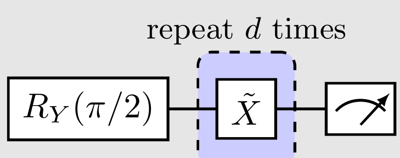


Questions

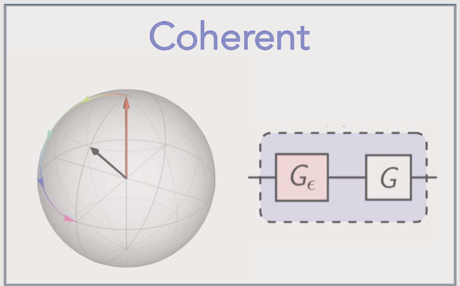
Answer these multiple-choice questions
in the chat; for example, type "1a 2b."

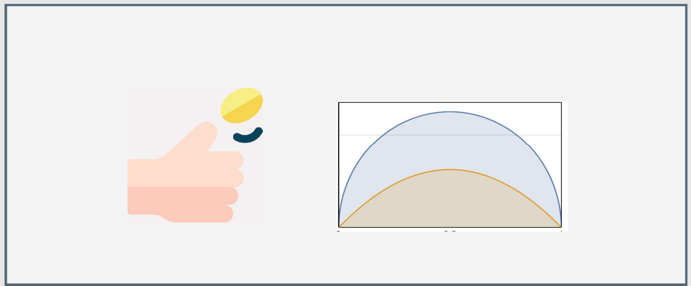
1. Coherent noise can be caused by
   a) loss of energy of the qubit
   b) miscalibration, such as over-rotation
   c) wanted coupling to neighboring qubit

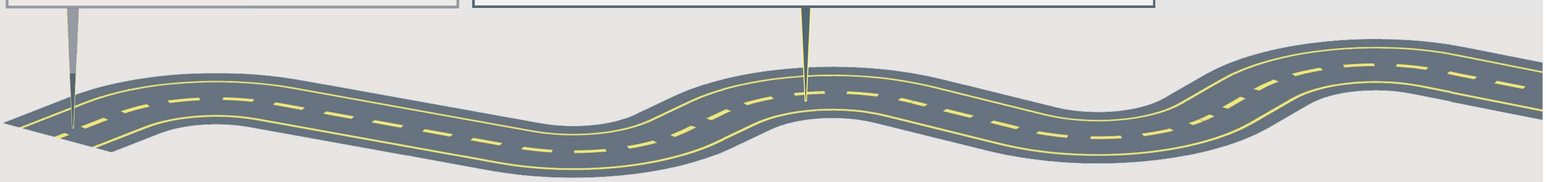
2. Coherent noise can be really bad because
   a) it results in loss of information
   b) you cannot undo it
   c) the worst-case error often grows quadratically



Chapter 3: Measurement theory in a nutshell + projection noise

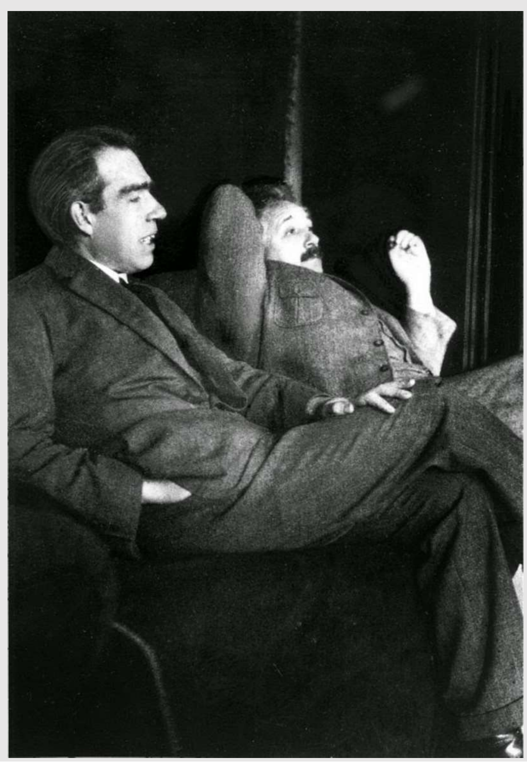






coin toss: flaticon; spam: make it move; road based on: freepik

Quantum Measurement



Bohr and Einstein (1925)
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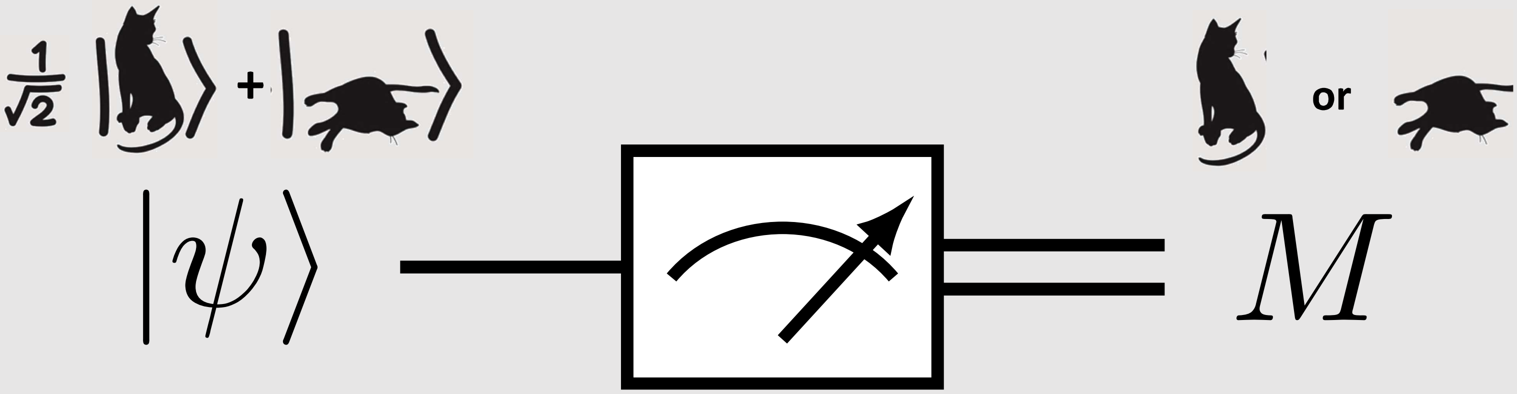
Measurement apparatus: general



Quantum

Classical

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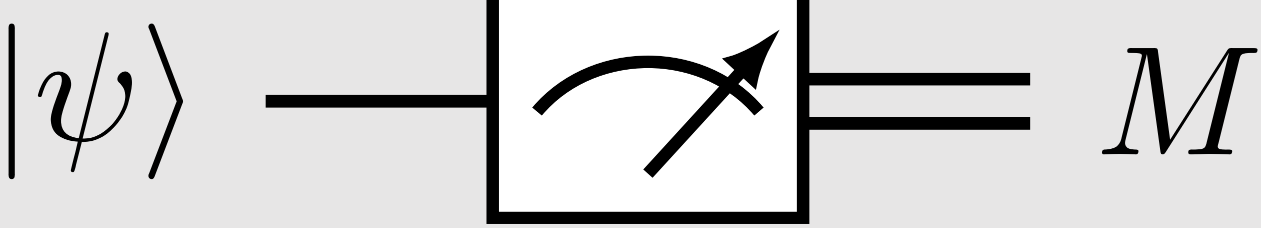
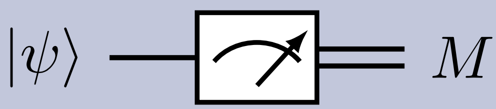
Measurement basis

Computational basis $|0\rangle\,, |1\rangle$



Resolution of the identity



outcome — outcome probability

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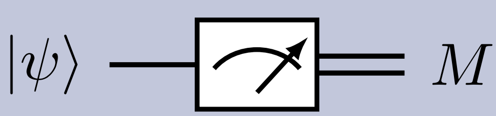

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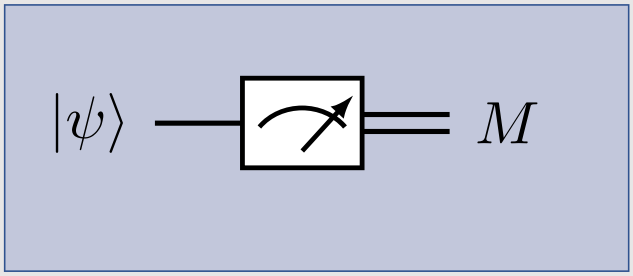
$$\begin{aligned} & p\left(M=0\right)+p\left(M=1\right) \\ &= |\langle 0|\psi\rangle|^2 + |\langle 1|\psi\rangle|^2 \\ &= \langle\psi|0\rangle\langle 0|\psi\rangle + \langle\psi|1\rangle\langle 1|\psi\rangle \\ &= \langle\psi|\left(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|\right)|\psi\rangle \\ &= \langle\psi|\hat{I}|\psi\rangle \\ &= ||\psi\rangle|^2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Projects and overlaps



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$$p\,(M=0) + p\,(M=1)$$

$$= \langle\psi|\,(|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|)\,|\psi\rangle$$

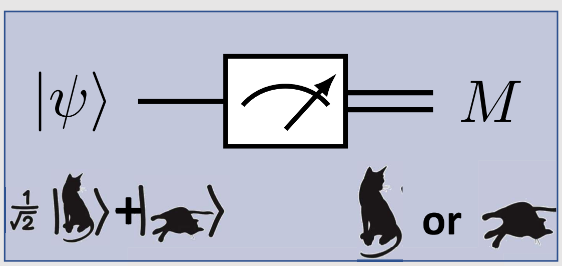
projectors

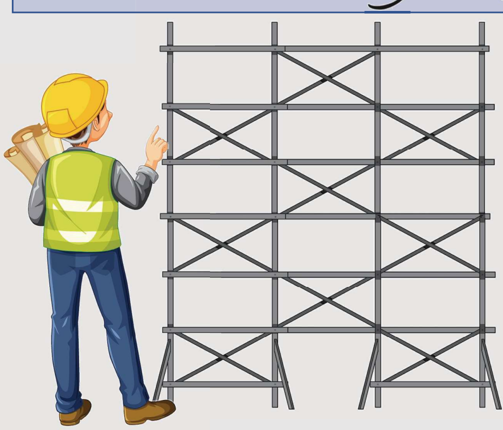
$$\hat{\Pi}_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0| \qquad \hat{\Pi}_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

inner-product in operator space (overlap between states)

$$p\,(m) = \left\langle \hat{\Pi}_m, |\psi\rangle \right\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}\left(\hat{\Pi}_m\,|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|\right)$$

Measurement theory 101 summary:
Scaffolding in terms of measurement operators





Measurement aspect	**Example**
Measurement outcome M	$M = 0$
Set of measurement outcomes Σ	$\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
Measurement operator Π_M	$\Pi_M = \lvert 0\rangle\langle 0\rvert$
Probability of measuring $M = m$	$p(M{=}m) = \langle\Pi_m, \psi\rangle$ $= \lvert\langle\Pi_m\vert\psi\rangle\rvert^2$

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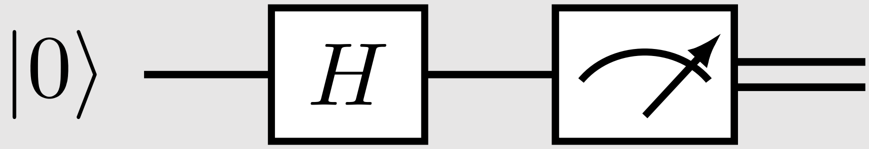
Putting it to use: example ideal circuit



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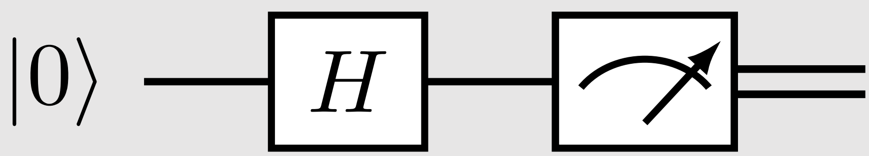


Mean

Statistics

classical classical

$$\mathbb{E}[M] = \sum_m m\,\mathbb{P}(m) = 0\,\mathbb{P}(m=0) + 1\,\mathbb{P}(m=1)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(m=1)$$

$$= p$$

$$= \sum_m m \langle \hat{\Pi}_m \rangle$$

$$= \sum_m m \langle |m\rangle\langle m| \rangle$$

$$= \langle \sum_m m |m\rangle\langle m| \rangle$$

$$= \langle \hat{M} \rangle$$

Quantum

$$\mathbb{V}[M] = \mathbb{E}[M^2] - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[M]^2}_{p^2} = \langle \hat{M}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{M} \rangle^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[M^2] = \sum_m m^2\,\mathbb{P}(m)$$

$$= \sum_m m^2 \langle |m\rangle\langle m| \rangle$$

$$= \langle \sum_m m^2 |m\rangle\langle m| \rangle$$

$$= \langle \hat{M}^2 \rangle$$

$$= \cancel{0^2(1-p)} \to 0 + 1^2 p$$

$$= p$$

$$\mathbb{V}[M] = p - p^2$$

$$= p(1-p) \qquad = 0 \text{ if } p=0$$

$$= \sigma_M^2 \qquad = 1 \text{ if } p=1$$

Different observables

Different observables

For example $\hat{M} = 0|0\rangle\langle 0| + 1|1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I}+\hat{Z}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\hat{M} = (+1)|0\rangle\langle 0| - 1|1\rangle\langle 1| = \hat{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

For $\hat{M} = \hat{Z}$ $\quad \mathcal{M} = \{-1, +1\}$ $\quad$ Pauli Observables

$\hat{M} = \hat{X}$ $\quad \mathcal{M} = \{+, -\}$

$\hat{\Pi}_+ = |+\rangle\langle +|$

$\hat{\Pi}_- = |-\rangle\langle -|$

$\hat{X} = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} m |m\rangle\langle m|$

$= +1|+\rangle\langle +| - |-\rangle\langle -|$

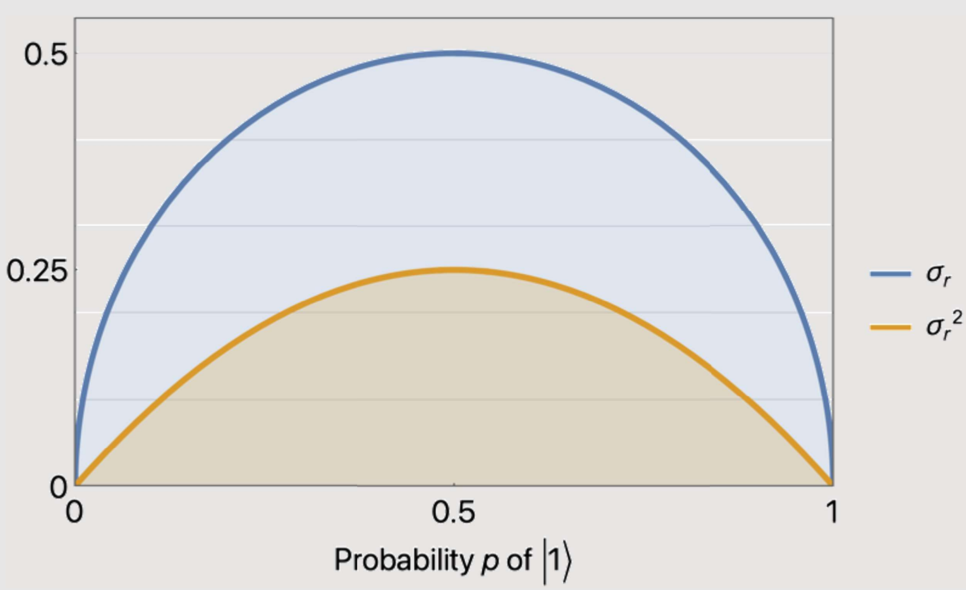
$\hat{X}|+\rangle = +1|x\rangle$

$\hat{X}|-\rangle = -1|x\rangle$

$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Variance of the random classical variable vs. probability to obtain 1



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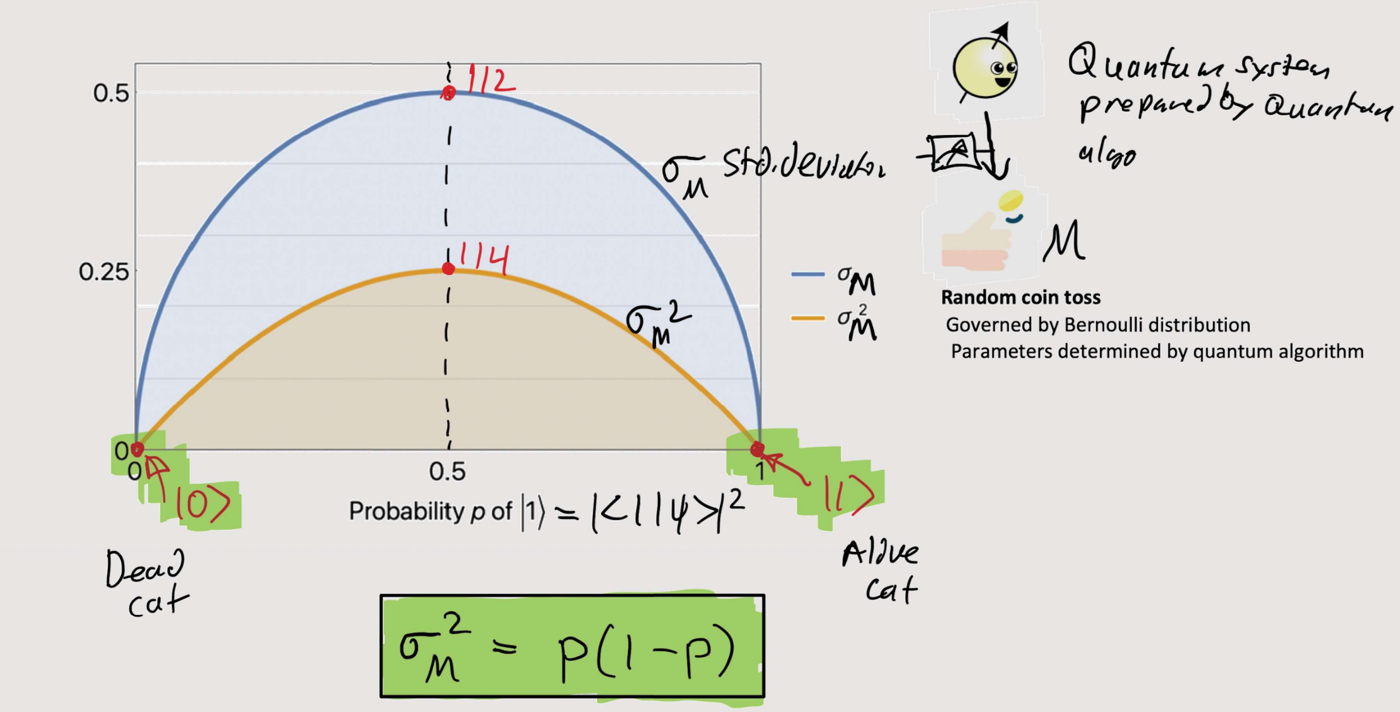
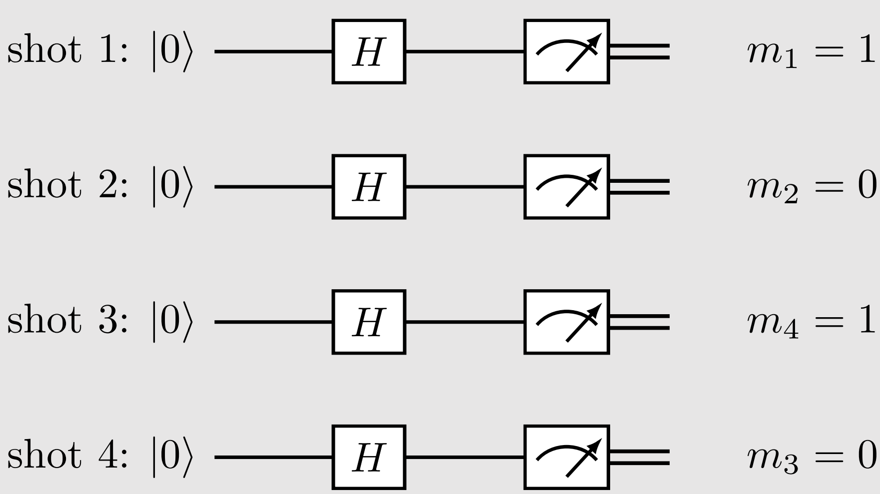
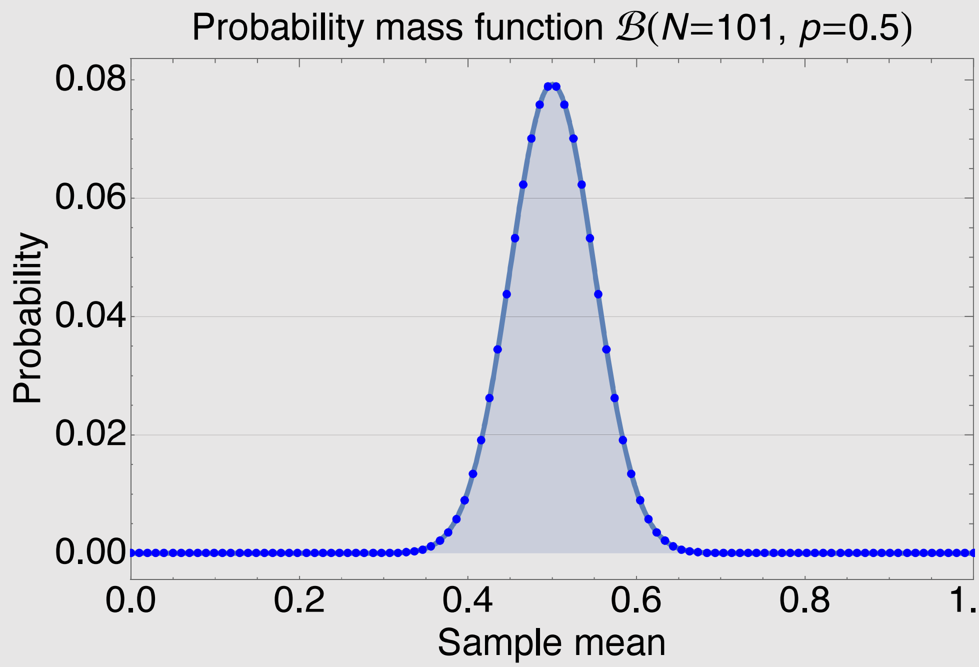


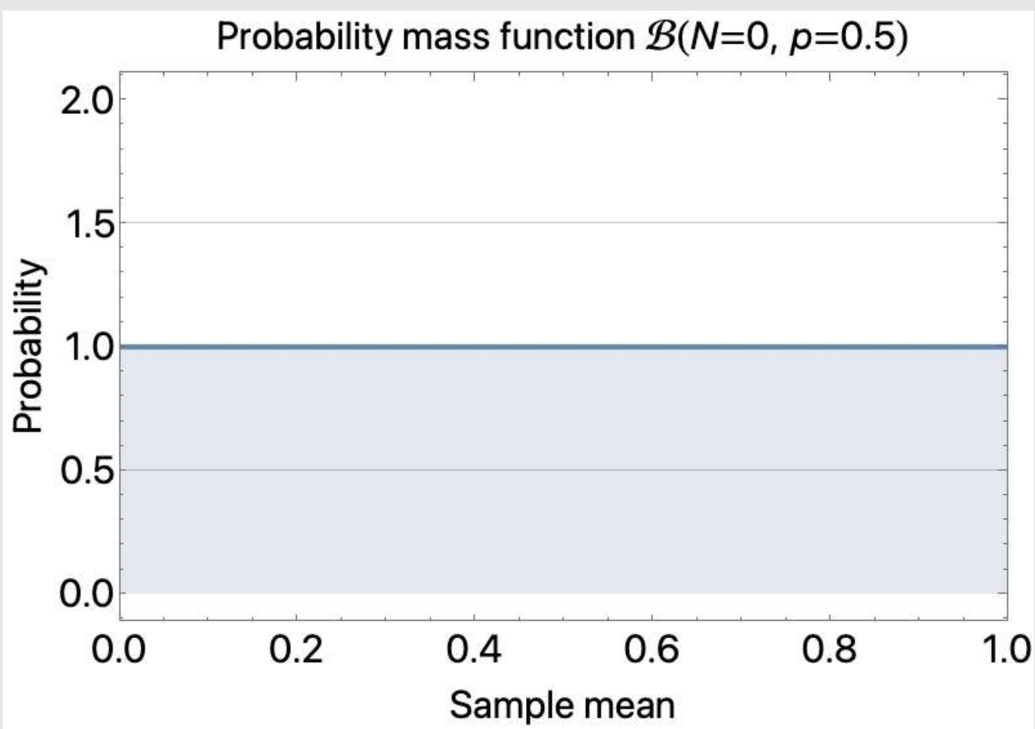
Shots, shots, shots



Sampled output distribution



Animation of convergence of shots expectation value and mean



Concentration inequalities and tail bounds

Making a list,
checking it twice,
going to see
which inequality
is nice!

Markov? Hoeffding?
Jensen? Chebyshev?
Chernoff?

1. Probability (Technical note 11.9 v0.6)

1A. Concentration inequalities and tail bounds

Unless otherwise specified, all variables are real $\mathbb{R}$. Inequalities come as one-sided $\Pr(\cdots \le \cdots)$ and two-sided $\Pr(|\cdots| \le \cdots)$. Notation: X is a random variable, $\mu := \mathbb{E}[X]$, $\sigma^2 := \mathrm{Var}[X]$, $S_n := X_1 + \cdots + X_n$.

Inequality	Conditions		Common form	Notes / Alternate form	
			Single random variable		
Markov[1]	Non-negative	$X \ge 0$	$\Pr[X \ge a] \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{a}$ $\quad \forall a > 0$	$\Pr[X \ge kE[X]] \le \frac{1}{k} \quad k > 1$	[3, Sec. 5.1][6, Thm 1.13]
extension	+ non-negative, strictly increasing func Φ	$X \ge 0$ $\Phi(X) \ge 0$ increasing	$\Pr[X \ge a] = \Pr[\Phi(X) \ge \Phi(a)] \le \frac{\mathrm{E}(\Phi(X))}{\Phi(a)}$	$\forall a > 0$	Wiki
Reverse Markov	upper-bounded by U (can be positive)	$\max X = U$	$\Pr[X \le a] \le \frac{U - \mathbb{E}[X]}{U - a}$	$\forall a > 0$	[1, Sec. 3.1]
Chebyshev[2]	Finite mean and variance	$\mathbb{E}[X], \mathrm{Var}[X]$ finite	$\Pr[\lvert X - \mathbb{E}[X]\rvert \ge a] \le \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2}$	$\Pr[\lvert X - \mathbb{E}[X]\rvert \ge a \cdot \sigma] \le \frac{1}{a^2}$ $\forall a > 0,\ \sigma^2 = \mathrm{Var}[X]$	[1. Sec. 3.2] [3, Sec. 5.1][2, Thm 18.11]
Cantelli	Improved Chebyshev	(same; but one-sided)	$\Pr[X - \mathbb{E}[X] \ge a]) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + a^2}$	$\forall a > 0,\ \sigma^2 = \mathrm{Var}[X]$	Wiki
Chernoff[3]	Generic		$\Pr[X \ge a] = \Pr\left[e^{tX} \ge e^{ta}\right]$	$\forall t > 0, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$	[1, Sec. 3.3]
Jensen		$f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$; f convex	$f(\mathbb{E}[X]) \le \mathbb{E}[f(X)]$		[3, Prob. 5.3][6, Thm 1.14]
Hoeffding's lemma		$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ $a \le X \le b$	$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\lambda X}\right] \le e^{\lambda\mu} e^{\frac{\lambda^2 (b-a)^2}{8}}$	$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$	[1, Sec. 3.4]
			Sum of random variables		
Chernoff-Hoeffding (one-sided)	n independent random vars	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$ $X_i \in [a_i, b_i] \quad \forall i$	$\Pr[S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \ge t] \le \exp\left(\frac{-2t^2 n^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}\right)$		[1, Sec. 3.5]
(two-sided)[4]	(same as above)		$\Pr[\lvert S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]\rvert > t] \le 2\exp\left(\frac{-2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}\right)$	$\forall t \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$	[5, Thm.1.1]
(two-sided iid)	same plus iid, range, mean μ for each	$X_1, \ldots, X_n \in [0,1]$ $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$ iid	$\Pr\left[\left\lvert \frac{S_n}{n} - \mu \right\rvert \ge \epsilon\right] \le 2\exp(-2n\epsilon^2)$	$\forall \epsilon > 0$	[6, Thm 1.16]
Thm 1.3	n independent random vars	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$	$\Pr[S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] > \epsilon] \le 2\exp\left(\frac{-\epsilon^2}{4\sum_{i=1}^n \mathrm{Var}[X_i]}\right)$	$\epsilon \in (0, 2\,\mathrm{Var}[S_n] / (\max_i \lvert X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]\rvert))$	[5, Thm. 1.3]
Azuma					
Weak law of large numbers	n independent iid random vars	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu$ iid	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \Pr\left[\lvert \frac{1}{n} S_n - \mu \rvert \ge \epsilon\right] = 0$	$\forall \epsilon > 0$	[3, Sec. 5.2][6, Thm 1.15]
Strong law of large numbers	(same)	(same)	$\Pr\left[\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n = \mu\right] = 1$		[3, Sec. 5.5]
	Advanced				
Bennett	n independent zero-mean	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$ iid	$\Pr[S_n > \epsilon] \le \exp\left(-n\sigma^2 h\left(\frac{\epsilon}{n\sigma^2}\right)\right)$	$\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n \mathrm{Var}[X_i]$, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $h(a) := (1+a)\log(1+a) - a$ for $a \ge 0$	[1, 4.1]
Bernstein	(same)	(same)	$\Pr[S_n > \epsilon] \le \exp\left(\frac{-n\epsilon^2}{2(\sigma^2 + \epsilon/3)}\right)$	(same)	[1, 4.2]
Efron-Stein	scalar func of vars $f: \chi^n \to \mathbb{R}$	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep w/ values in set χ	$\mathrm{Var}[Z] \le \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[(Z - \mathbb{E}_i[Z])^2\right]$	$Z := g(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ $\mathbb{E}_i[Z] := \mathbb{E}[Z \vert X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}, \ldots X_n]$	[1, 4.3]
McDiarmid's	scalar func of vars $f: \chi^n \to \mathbb{R}$	$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ indep w/ values in set χ	$\Pr[f(X_1, \ldots, X_n) - \mathbb{E}[f(X_1, \ldots, X_n)] \ge \epsilon] \le \exp\left(\frac{-2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}\right)$	condition: c-bounded difference property $\forall \epsilon > 0$ $\lvert f(X_1, \ldots, X_i, \ldots, X_n) - f(X_1, \ldots, X_i', \ldots, X_n)\rvert \le c_i$	[1, 4.4]

[1] Markov's inequality bounds the first moment of random variable. Use it when a constant probability bound is sufficient [1, Sec. 3.3].
[2] Chebyshev is derived from Markov. It bounds the second moment. It is the appropriate one when the variance σ is known. If σ is unknown, we can use the bounds of $X \in [a, b]$.
[3] Chernoff bound is used to bound the tails of the distribution for a sum of independent random variables. By far the most useful tool in randomized algorithms [1, Sec. 3.3].
[4] This probability can be interpreted as the level of significance ϵ (probability of making an error) for a confidence interval around the mean of size 2ϵ. Therefore, we require at least $\log(2\alpha)/2t^2$ samples to acquire $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] \pm t$.

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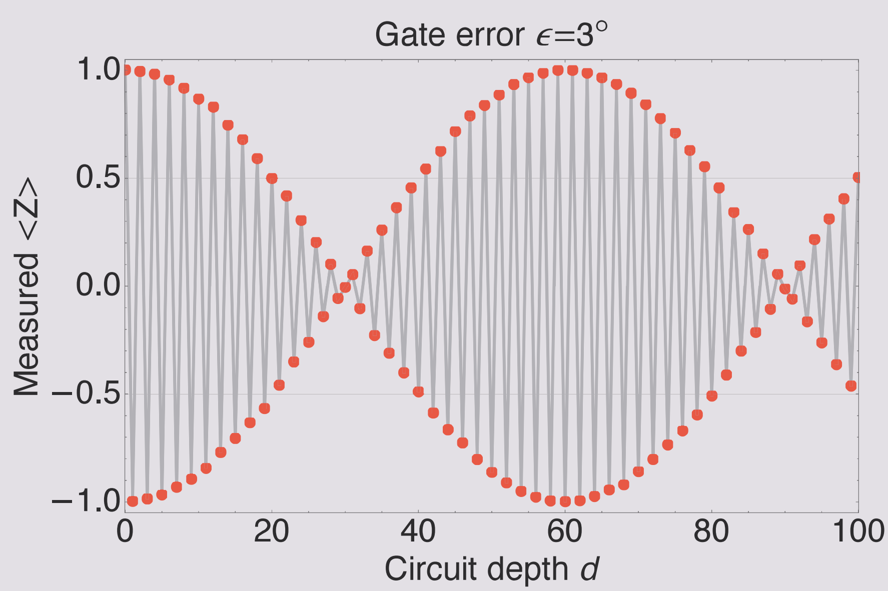
Recall gate error result

$$\left\langle \tilde{\psi}_f \middle| Z \middle| \tilde{\psi}_f \right\rangle = \cos(d\pi + d\epsilon)$$



Projection & sampling noise

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Questions

Answer these multiple-choice questions
in the chat; for example, type “1a 2b.”

1. Projection noise is due to
   a) measurement apparatus that could be made more efficient
   b) classical limitations
   c) core nature of quantum physics

2. To reduce projection noise
   a) increase the number of sample
   b) you cannot undo it
   c) apply readout error mitigation

Dive deeper? Try the following

1. Calculate the following for a qubit
   1. The expectation value of the sample variance for N shots of the observable |1><1|.

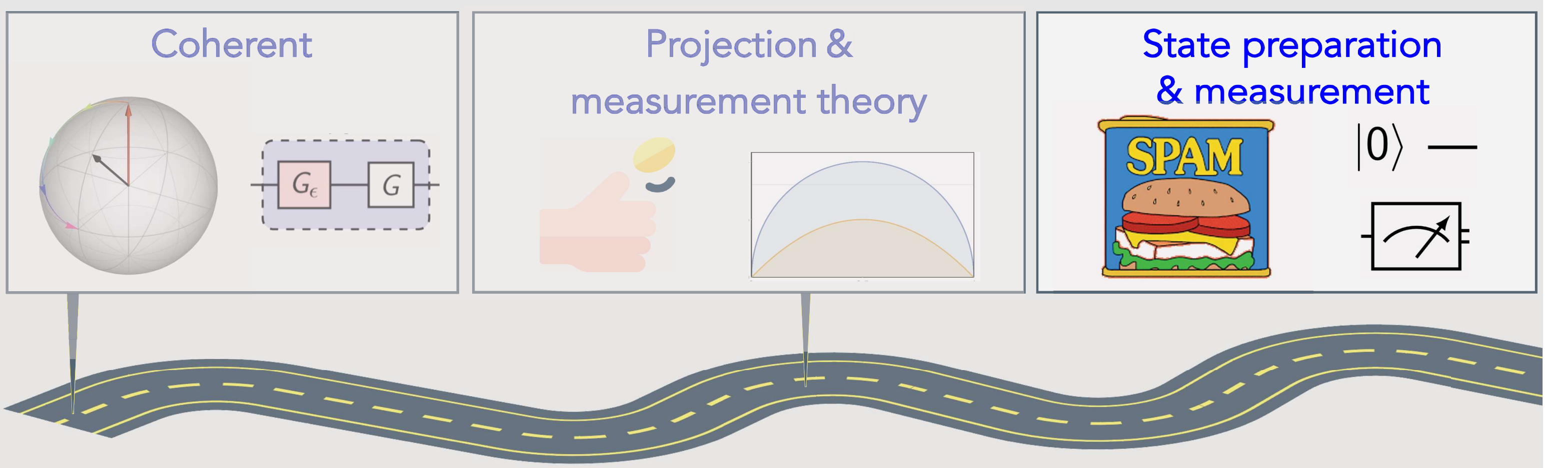
      where the sample mean is defined as $$S = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} M_n$$

      and the sample variance is defined as
   2. Is the estimate biased?
   3. The variance of V.
   4. Can you find an expression for an unbiased estimate of the sample variance?

2. What about two qubits?
   1. Can you find the projection operators for the observable ZZ?
   2. Find the probability distribution for the observables ZI, IZ, and ZZ for a general state.

3. If you take 10 shots and find all 10 outcomes to be 1, what is the probability the qubit is in the |0> state? (hint: it's not zero!)

State preparation & measurement



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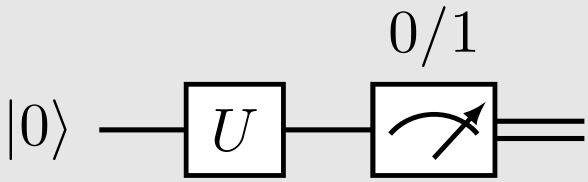
Qubit example



Measurement error

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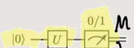
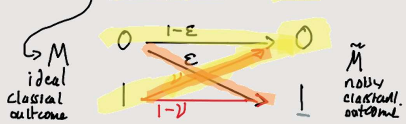


$$\left\{\begin{array}{lll} \text{outcome} & \text{probability} & \text{quantum} \\ \mathbb{P}(M=0) = & 1-p & = |\langle 0|\psi\rangle|^2 \\ \mathbb{P}(M=1) = & p & = |\langle 1|\psi\rangle|^2 \end{array}\right.$$

$$\hat{M} = |1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I} - \hat{Z})$$



$$P_M = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}(M=0) \\ \mathbb{P}(M=1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-p \\ p \end{pmatrix} \qquad P_{\tilde{M}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0) \\ \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\tilde{p} \\ \tilde{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0) = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0|M=0)\,\mathbb{P}(M=0) + \overset{\text{error}}{\mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0|M=1)}\,\mathbb{P}(M=1) \\ \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1) = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1|M=0)\,\mathbb{P}(M=0) + \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1|M=1)\,\mathbb{P}(M=1) = \varepsilon(1-p) + (1-\nu)p = \tilde{p} \end{array}\right.$$

$$\underset{\leftarrow \text{noisy}}{P_{\tilde{M}}} = \underset{\leftarrow \text{readout error matrix}}{A}\ \underset{\leftarrow \text{ideal}}{P_M}$$

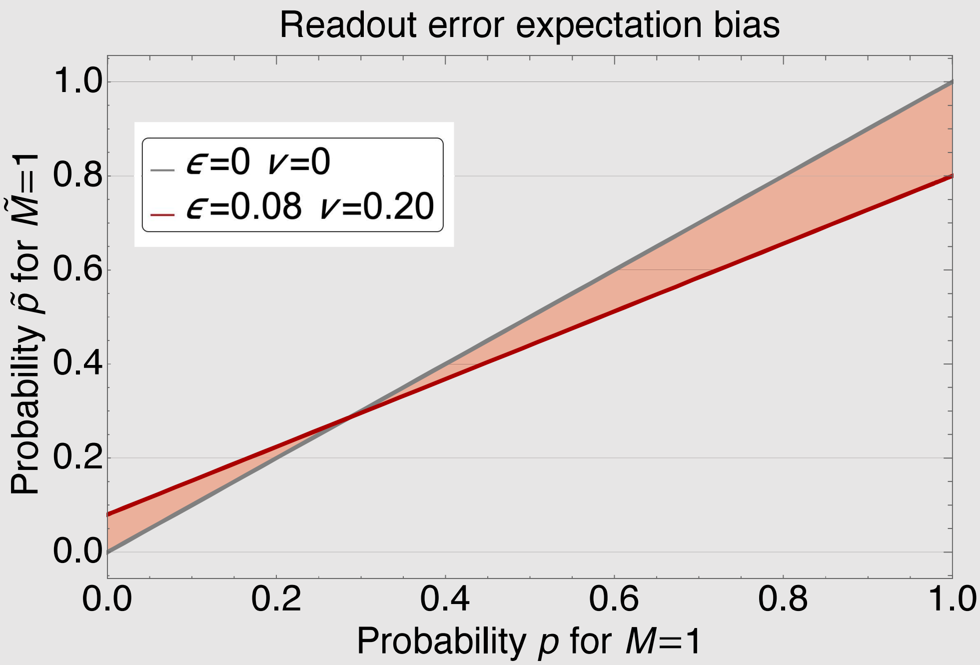
$$A = \begin{array}{c} \\ \tilde{M}=0 \\ \tilde{M}=1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} M=0 & M=1 \end{array} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0|M=0) & \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=0|M=1) \\ \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1|M=0) & \mathbb{P}(\tilde{M}=1|M=1) \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1-\varepsilon & \nu \\ \varepsilon & 1-\nu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for an ideal measurement}$$

$$\sum_m A_{mn} = 1 \quad \text{for any } n \qquad \text{Stochastic matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p} &= \varepsilon(1-p) + (1-\nu)p \\ &= \varepsilon - p\varepsilon + p - \nu p \\ &= p + \varepsilon - (\nu+\varepsilon)p \end{aligned}$$

Readout error



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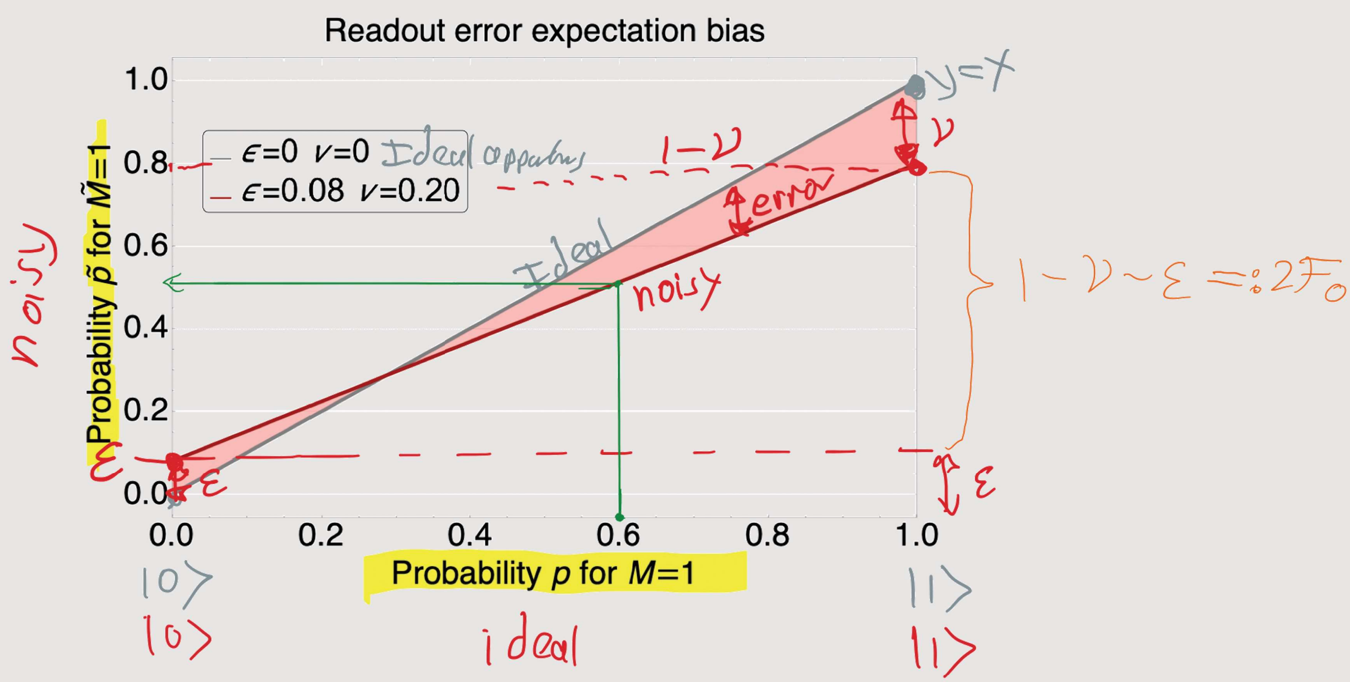
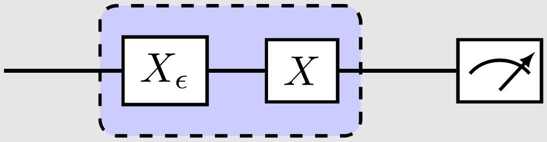
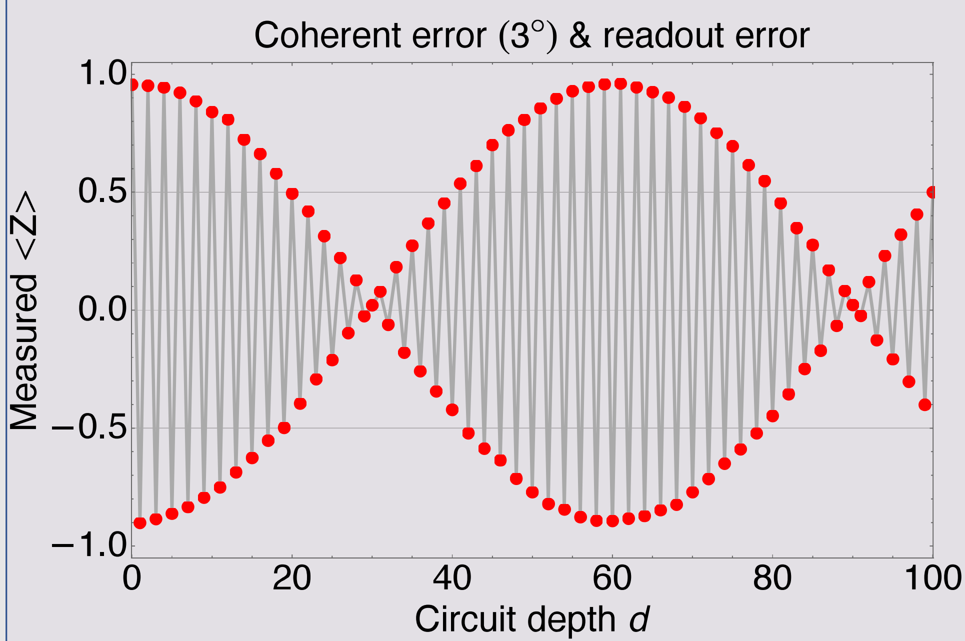


Projection & sampling noise





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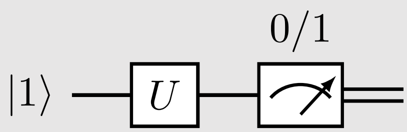
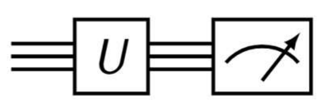
State prep

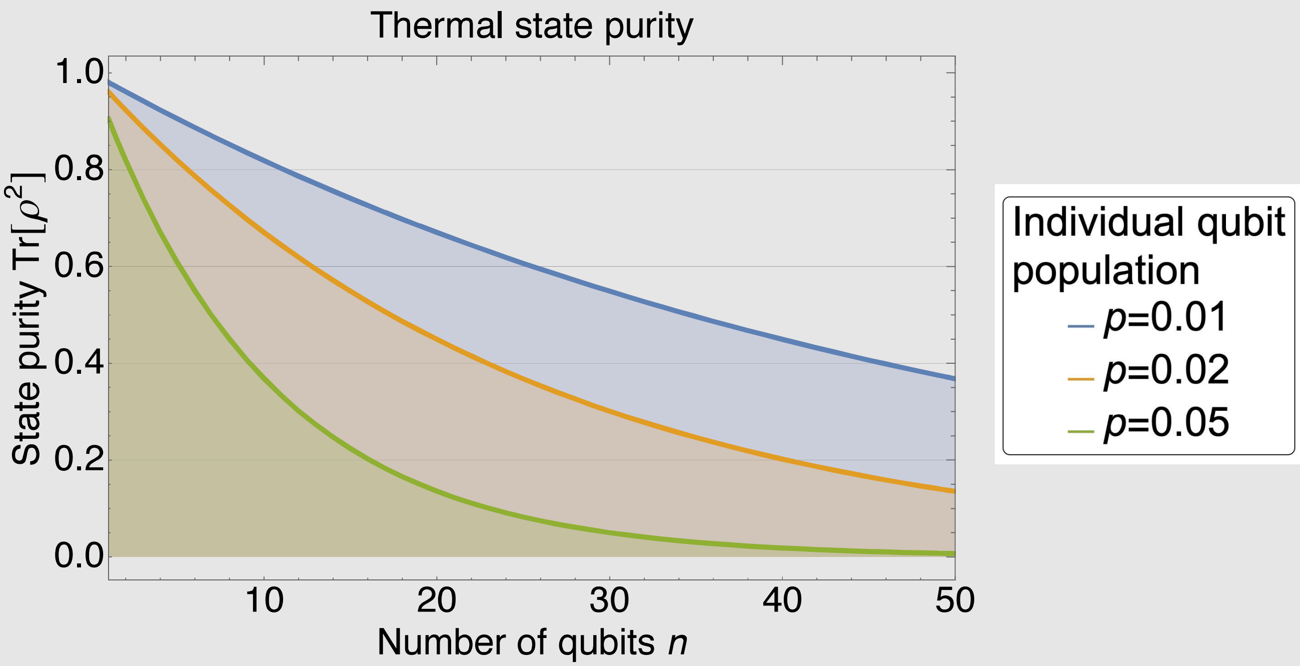


Multiple qubits

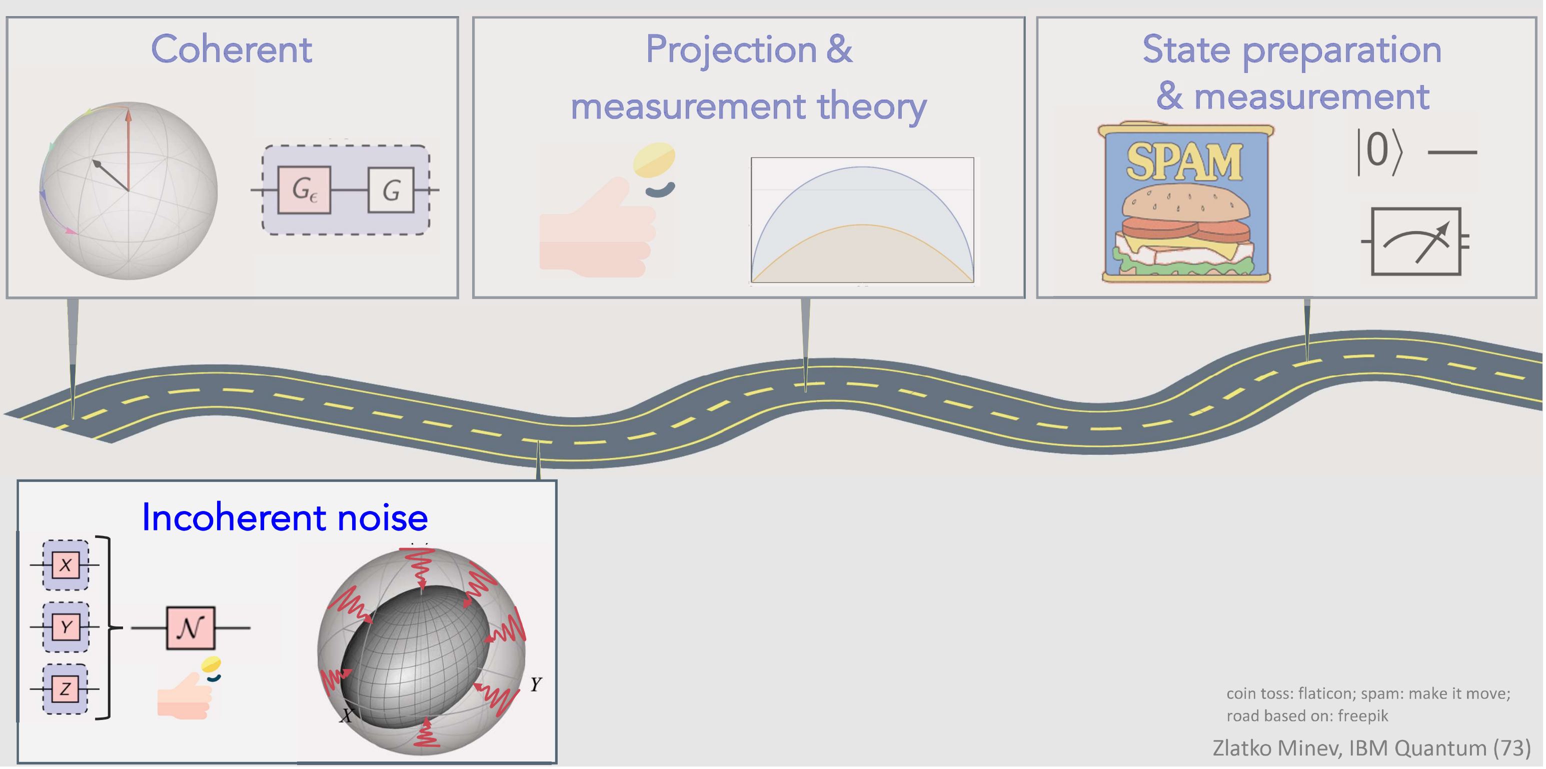
$$[(1-p)\,|0\rangle\langle 0| + p\,|1\rangle\langle 1|]^{\otimes n}$$



Thermal state



Incoherent noise



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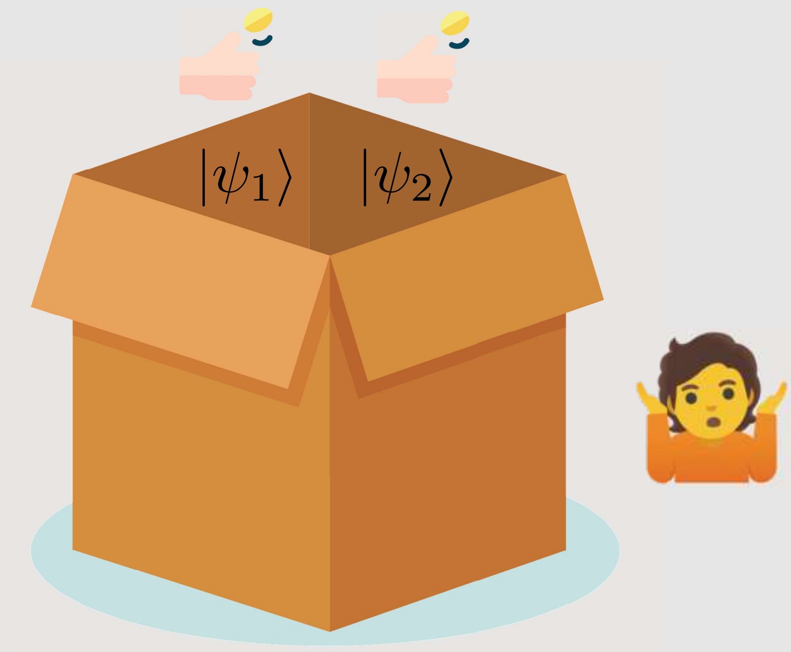
Review: mixed state (density matrix)



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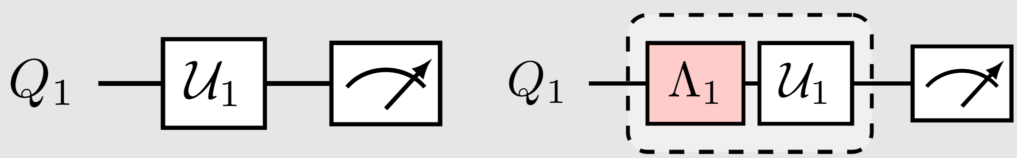
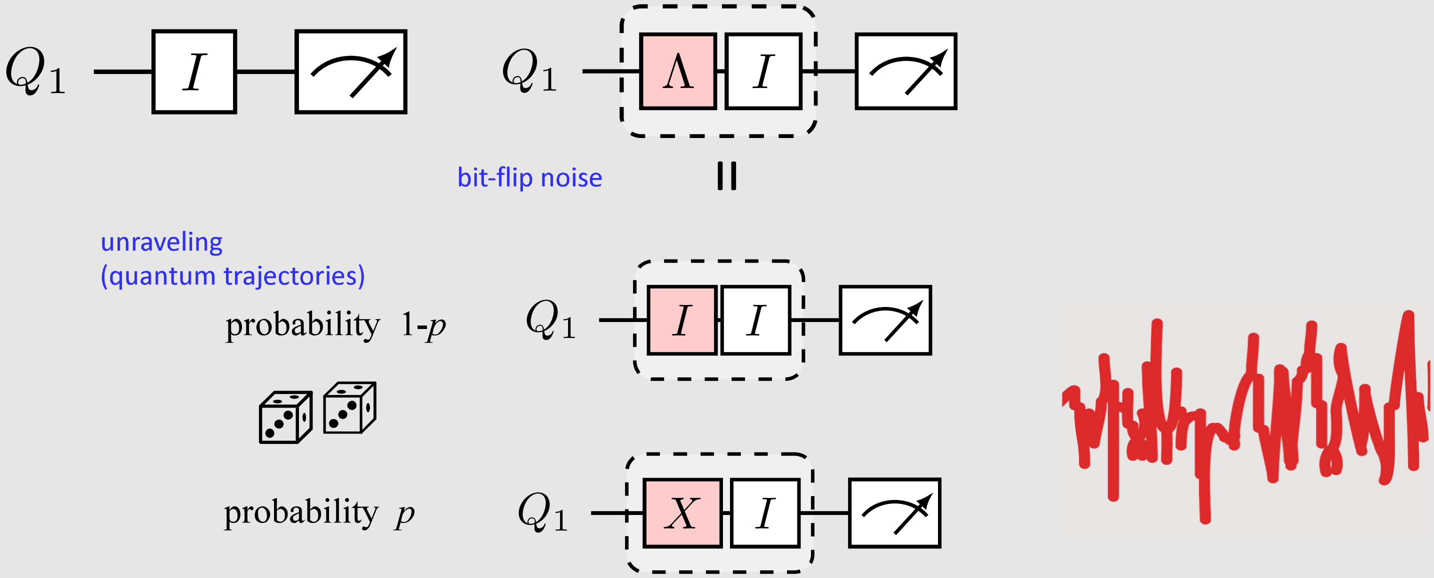
Toy model



Toy model: noise unraveling into quantum trajectories



$$\Lambda(\rho) = (1-p)I\rho I + pX\rho X$$

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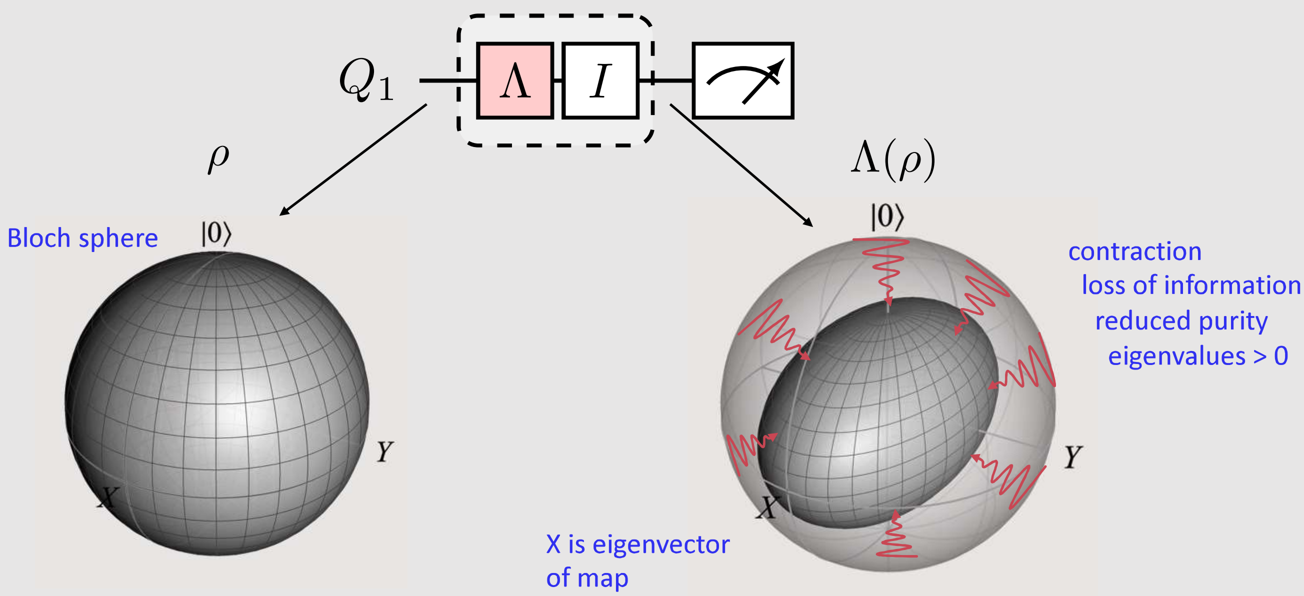

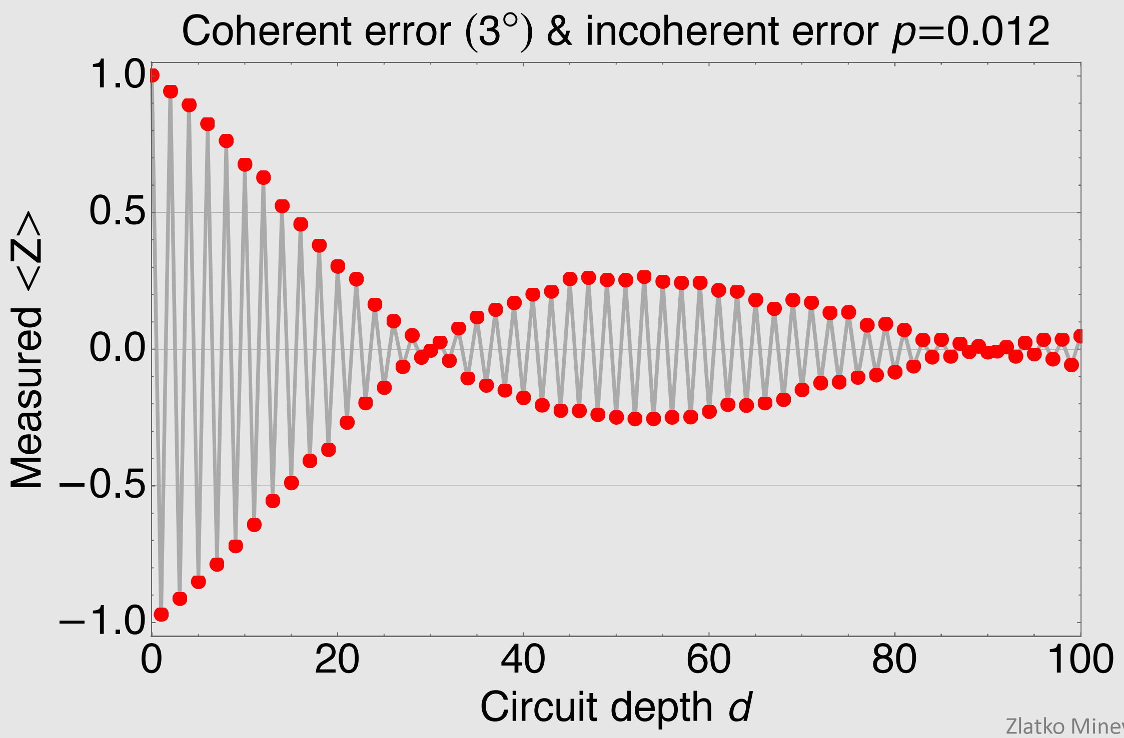
Coherent error (3°) & incoherent error p=0.012
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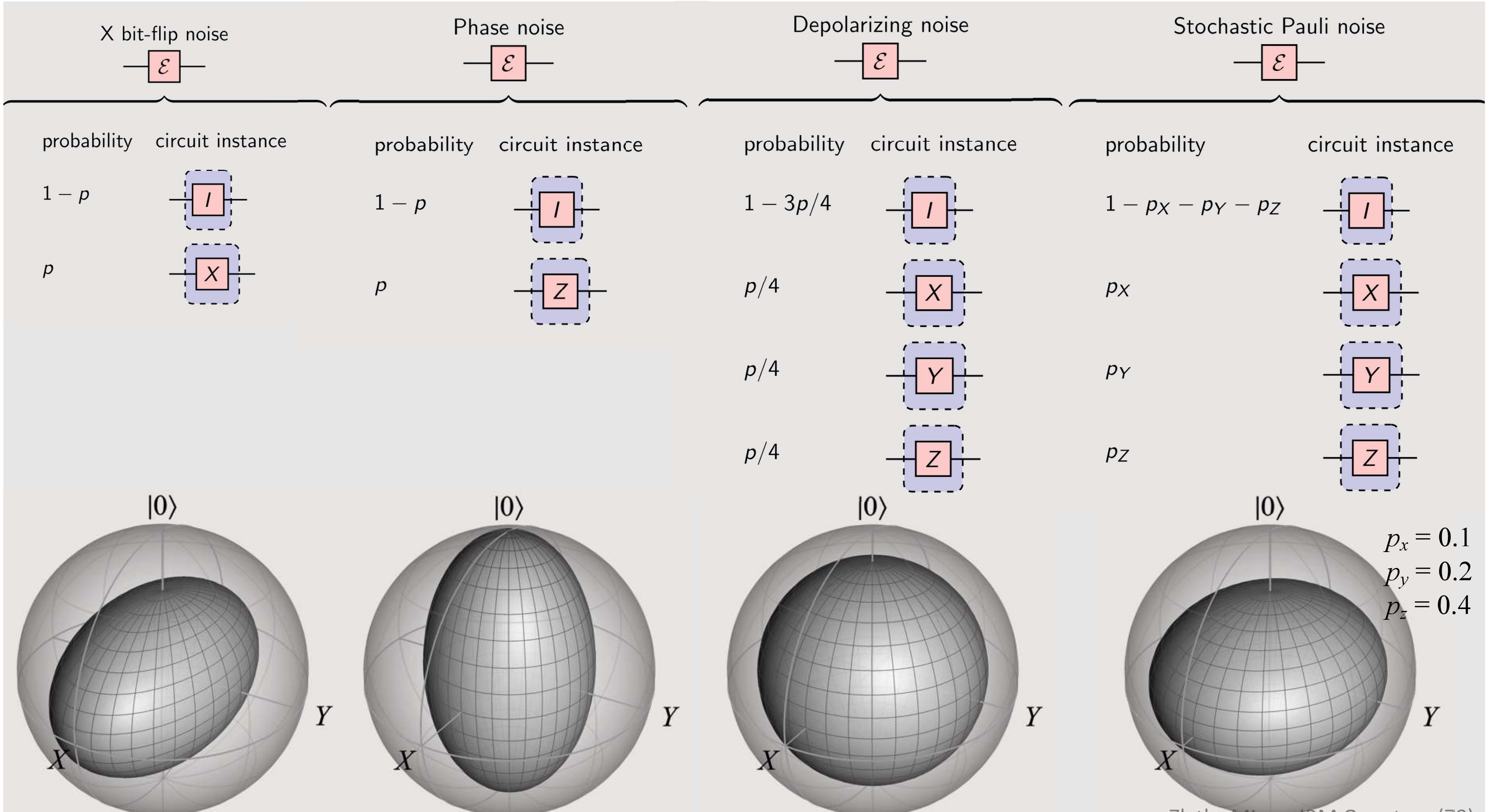
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Phase noise
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Depolarizing noise
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p/4 Z
Stochastic Pauli noise
probability circuit instance
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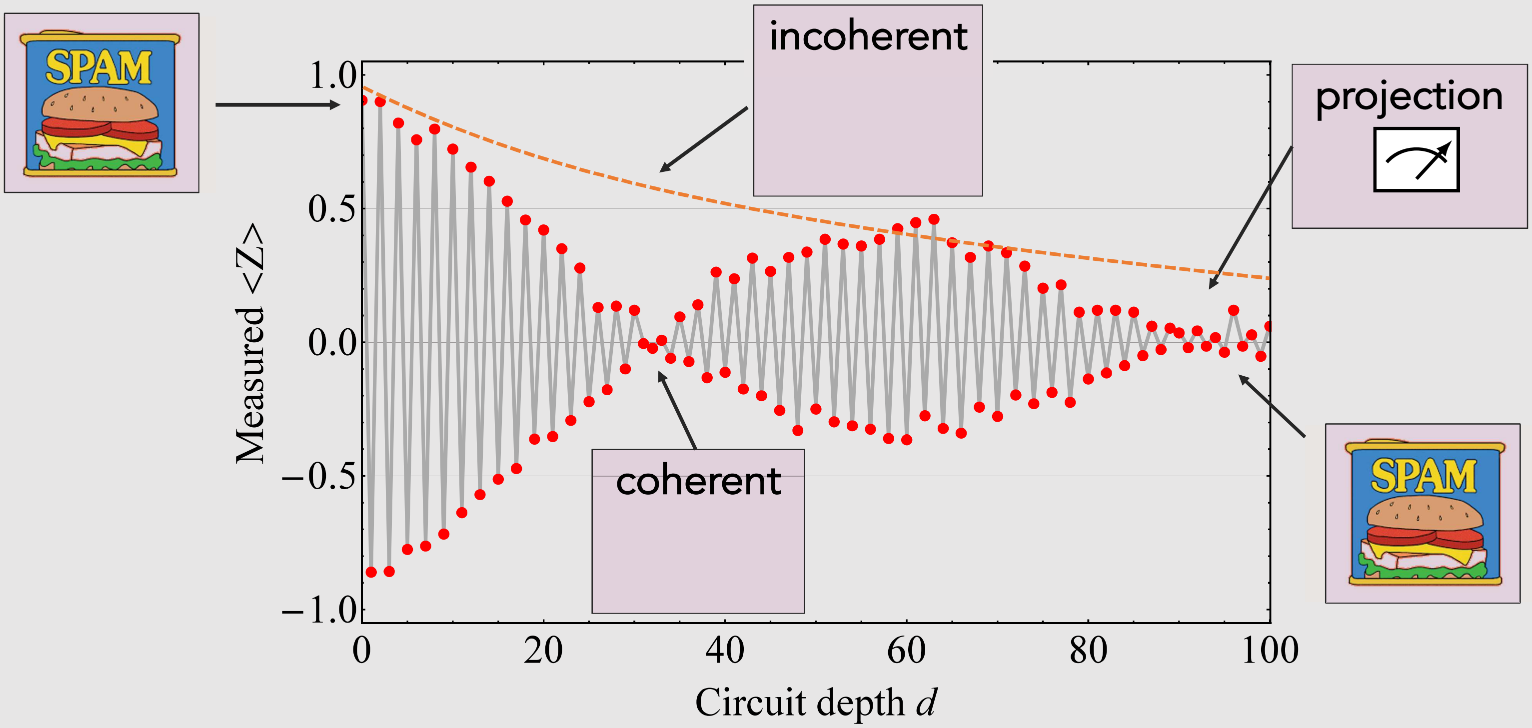
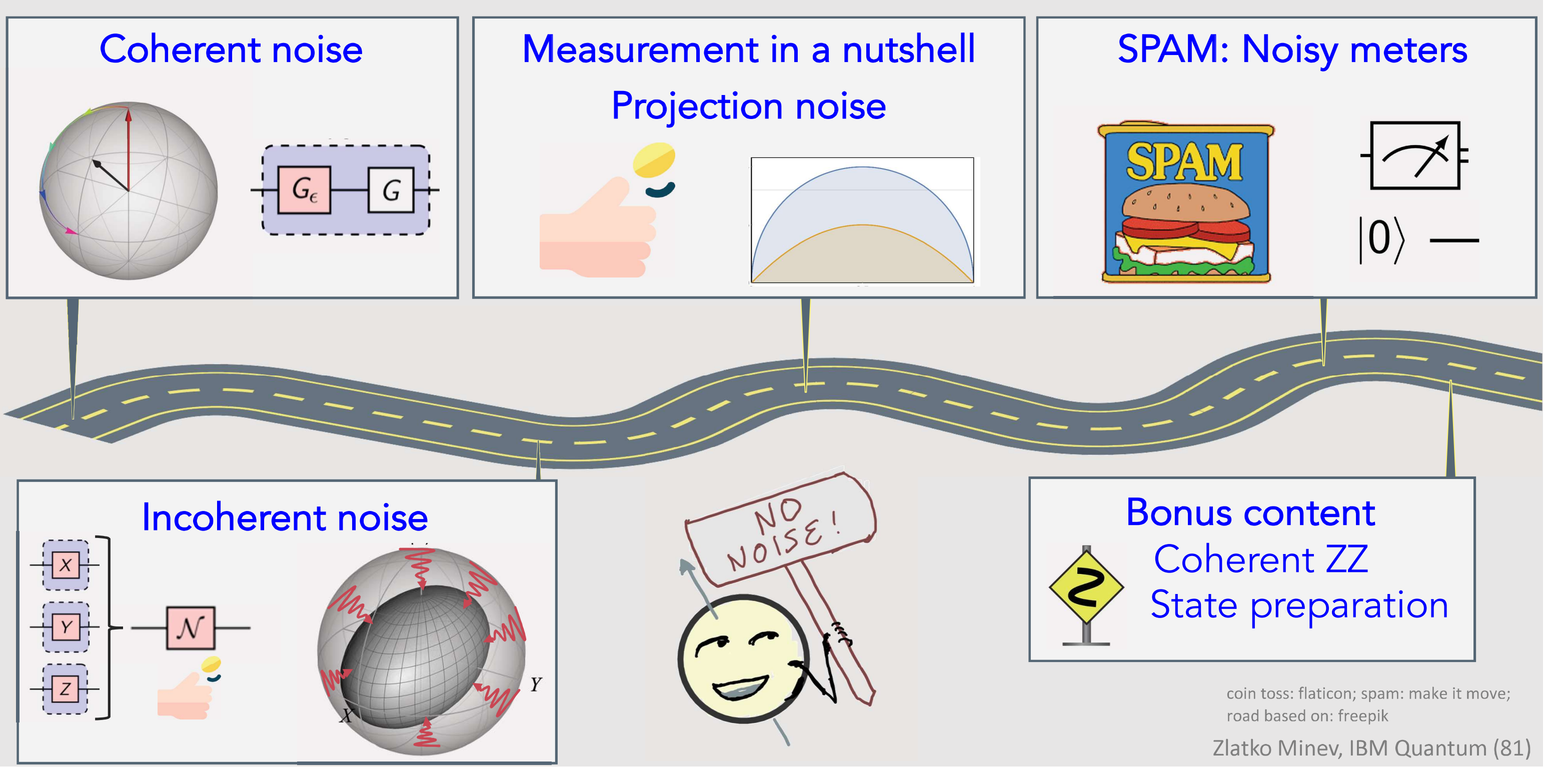
Elements of noise



Our journey so far



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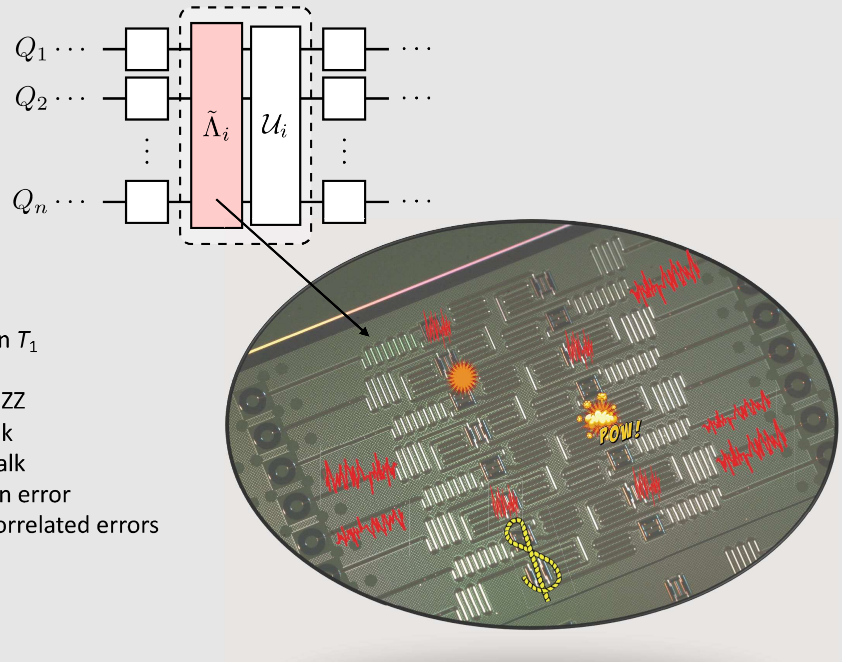
Outlook: Is it possible to learn & correct the noise with accuracy, efficiency, and scalability?



Energy relaxation T_1
Dephasing T_2
Coherent errors ZZ
Classical crosstalk
Quantum crosstalk
State preparation error
Measurement correlated errors
…

Control errors
Photon shot noise
1/f charge noise
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Leakage
Cosmic rays
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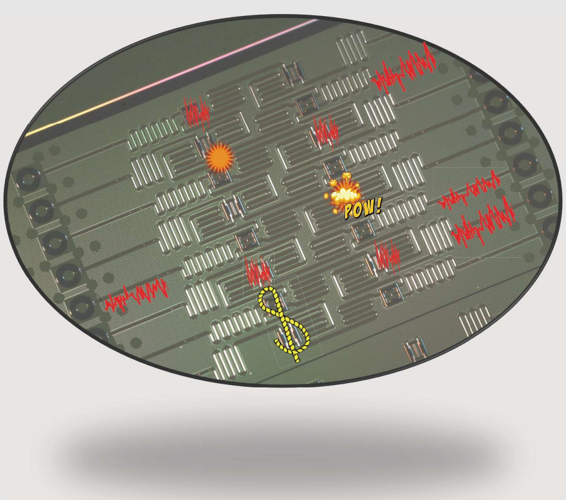
Error mitigation and error correction



Error mitigation: working with what you have

- **benefit** suppress errors on classical results (expectation values)
- **q-cost** no extra qubits or hardware resources needed
- **c-cost** trades classical resources (post-processing) for lower error
- **limitation** bad asymptotic scaling: high number of samples & circuits

Error correction: protecting quantum information

- **benefit** suppress & correct errors to arbitrarily small level
- **q-cost** very large qubit and hardware overhead
- **c-cost** decoding and encoding can be classically costly
- **challenge** requires fault-tolerant operations and readout

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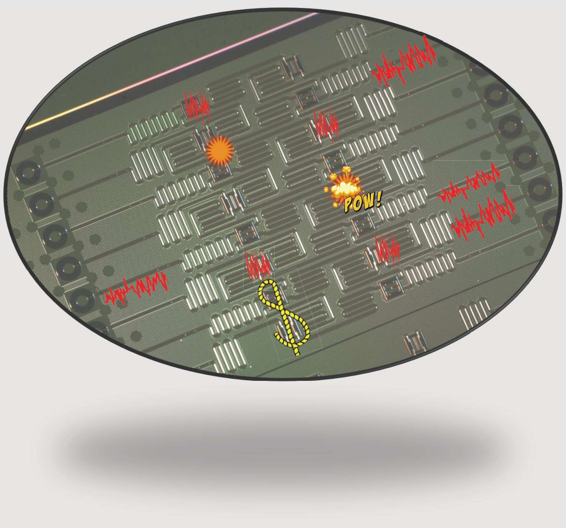
Ways to learn more
TODO

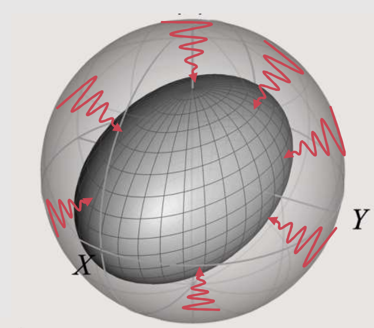


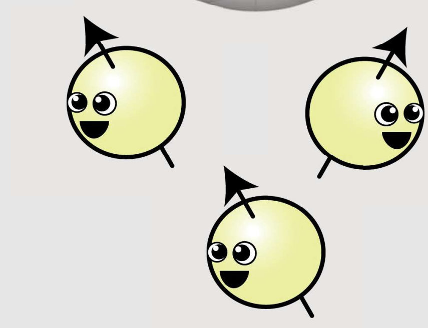
Introduction to Quantum Noise

Lab work with Qiskit
Run experiments on real devices

Check out references, problems given in the lecture, dangerous bends

Stay in touch





Thank you!

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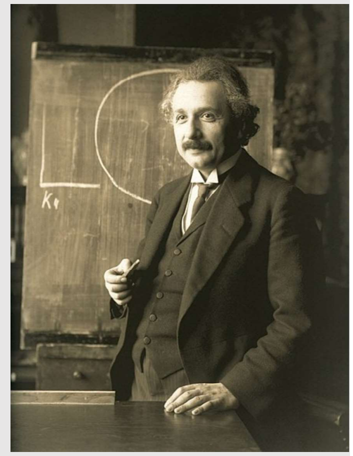
The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence.

One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality.

It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.

Albert Einstein



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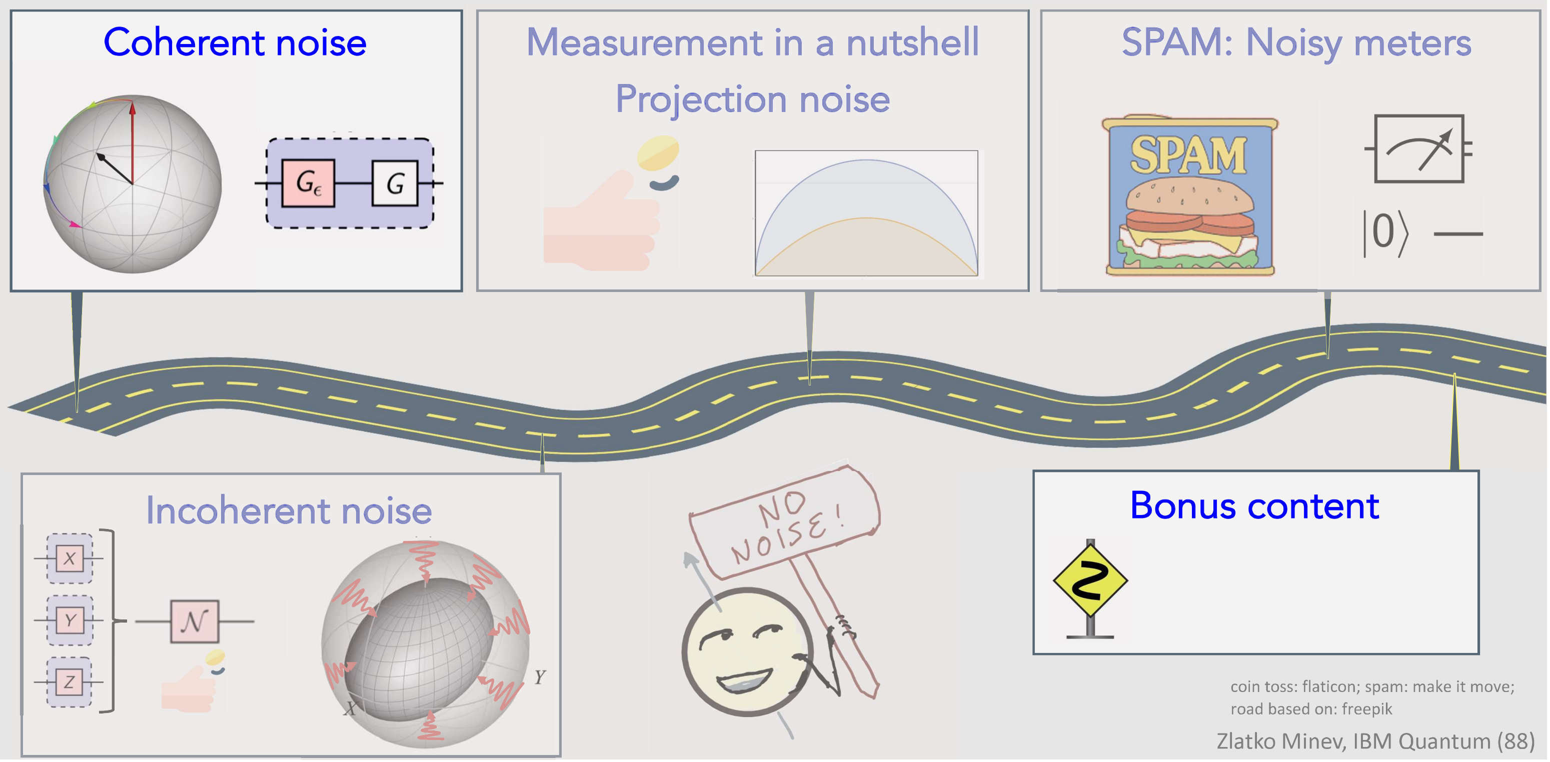

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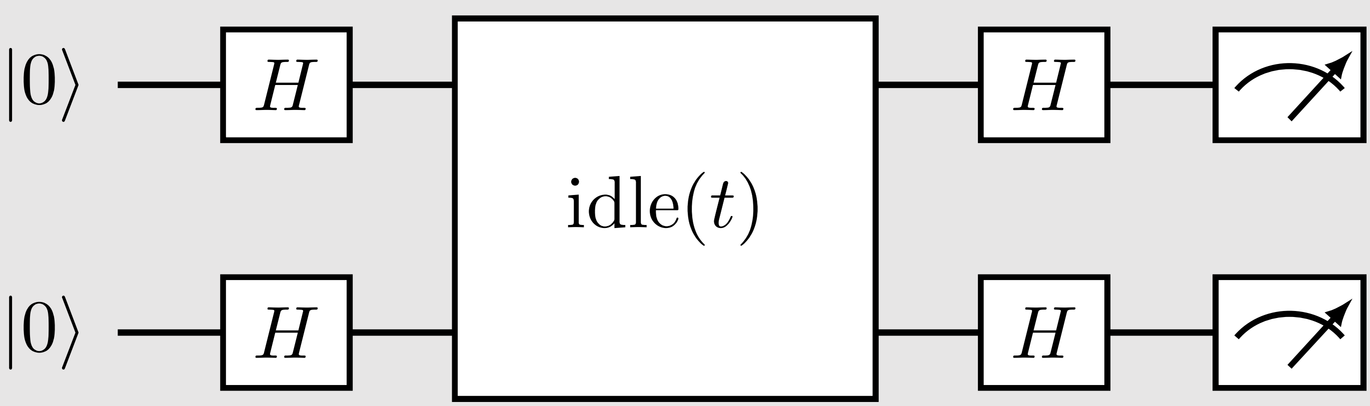

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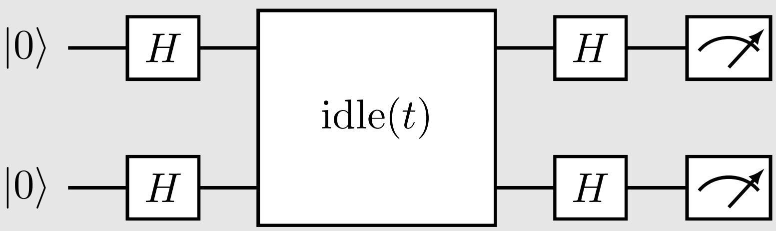

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Coherent errors

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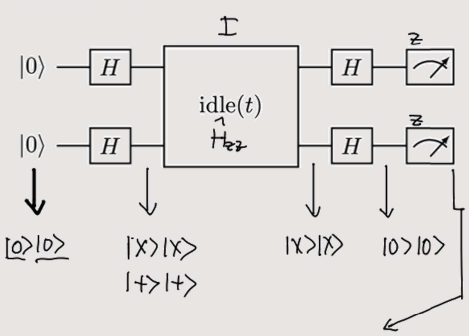


$\langle ZI \rangle = +1$

$\langle IZ \rangle = +1$

$\langle ZZ \rangle = \langle 0| \langle 0| Z Z |0\rangle |0\rangle$

$= \langle 0|Z|0\rangle \langle 0|Z|0\rangle$

$= (+1)\,(+1)$

$= +1$

Hadamard gate

H

$$H = \begin{array}{c c} & \begin{array}{cc} \langle 0| & \langle 1| \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{array} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} H|0\rangle = |+x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\end{pmatrix} \\ H|1\rangle = |-x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\-1\end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$X|+x\rangle = +1|+x\rangle$

$X|-x\rangle = -1|-x\rangle$

$|+x\rangle :=: |+\rangle$

$|-x\rangle :=: |-\rangle$

$$\begin{cases} Z|0\rangle = +1|0\rangle \\ Z|1\rangle = -1|1\rangle \end{cases}$$

NOISY

ZZ Interaction

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega\,\hat{Z}\hat{Z}$$

$$\hat{U}(t) = \exp\left(-i\hbar^{-1}\hat{H}t\right)$$
$$= \exp\left(-i\frac{\omega t}{2}\hat{Z}\hat{Z}\right)$$
$$= \cos\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)\hat{I} - i\sin\left(\frac{\omega t}{2}\right)\hat{Z}\hat{Z}$$
$$= \hat{R}_{ZZ}(\theta = \omega t)$$

$$\hat{R}_X(\theta) = \exp\left(-i\frac{\theta}{2}\hat{X}\right) \qquad X^2 = I$$
$$= \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)I - i\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)X$$
$$(\hat{Z}\hat{Z})^2 = Z^2Z^2 = I_2 \otimes I_2 = I_4$$

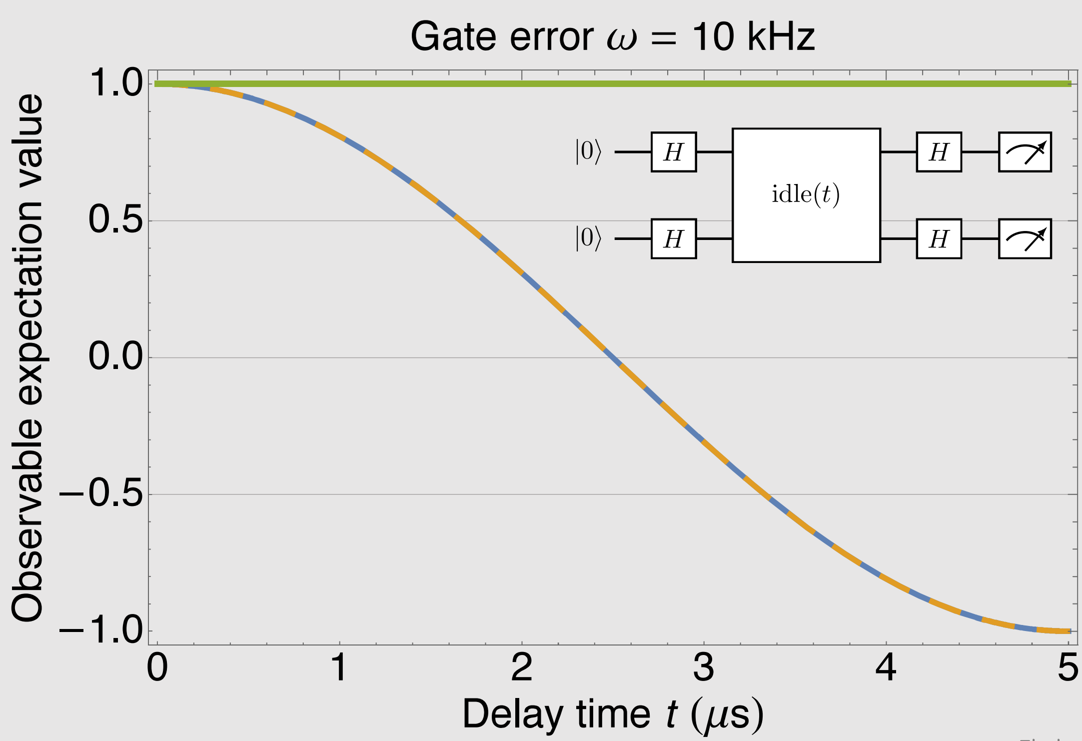
$$|0\rangle|0\rangle \xrightarrow{HH} |+\rangle|+\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{idle}} R_{zz}(\theta)|+\rangle|+\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|+\rangle|+\rangle - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|-\rangle|-\rangle \xrightarrow{HH} \underline{\cos\theta/2\,|0\rangle|0\rangle - i\sin\theta/2\,|1\rangle|1\rangle}$$

$$R_{zz}(\theta)|+\rangle|+\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|+\rangle|+\rangle - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2}(Z|+\rangle)_1 \otimes (Z|+\rangle)_2$$
$$Z|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\ 0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\-1\end{pmatrix} = |-\rangle$$

$$Z|+\rangle = |-\rangle$$
$$Z|-\rangle = |+\rangle$$

$$\langle ZI\rangle = \cos\omega t$$
$$\langle IZ\rangle = \cos\omega t$$
$$\langle ZZ\rangle = 1$$

Bonus content: two-qubit ZZ error



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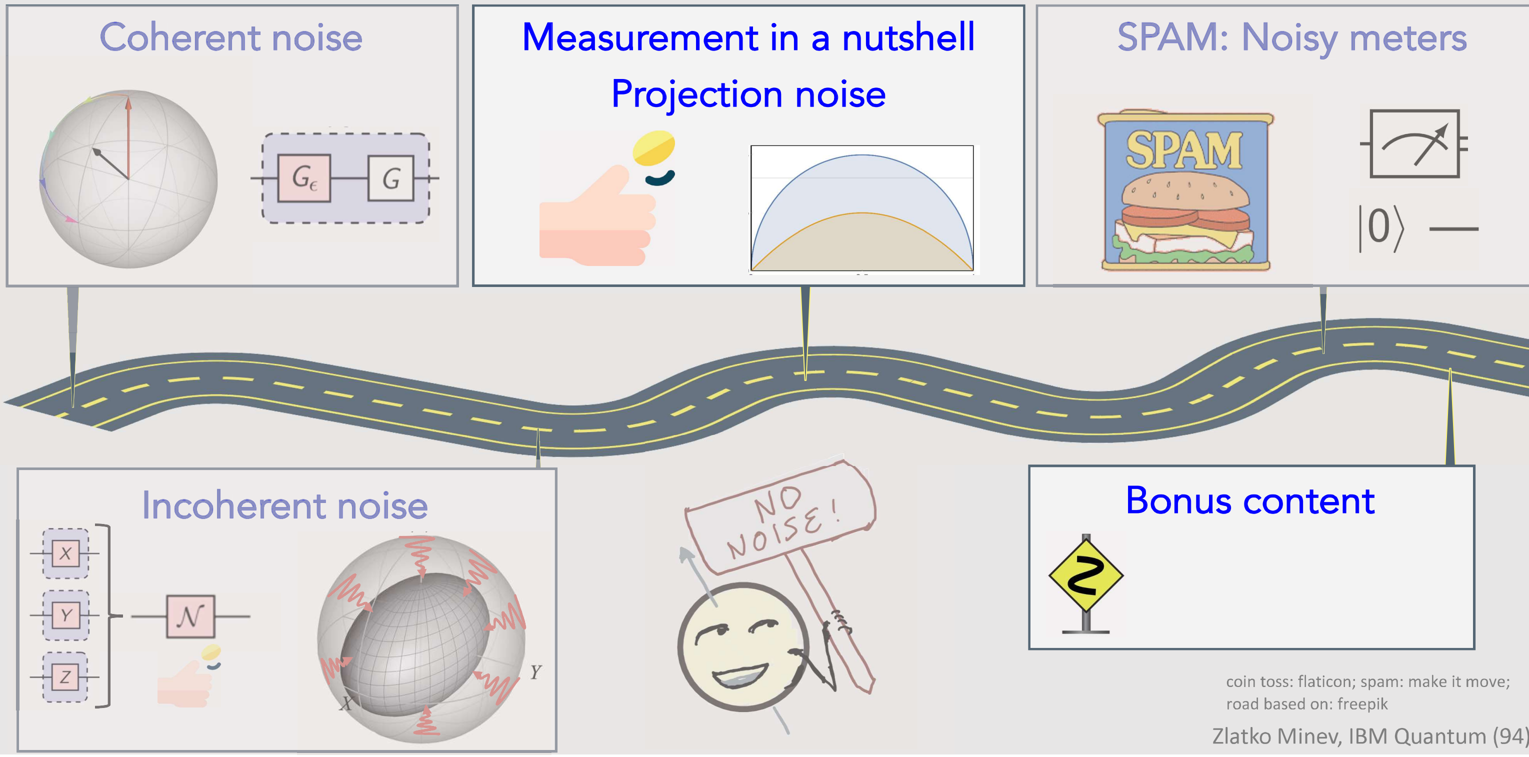

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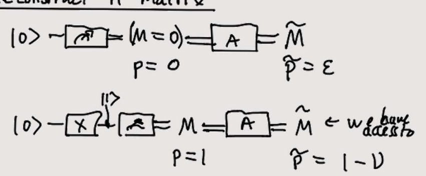
A matrix

Bonus section content:

Reconstruct A matrix



Noise mitigation

we know A

measure $\tilde{p}$, $\tilde{P}_M$ noisy

find p , P_M ideal

$\dim A = 2^n \times 2^n$ $n = \#$qubits

$$\tilde{P}_M = A P_M$$

$$P_M = A^{-1} \tilde{P}_M$$

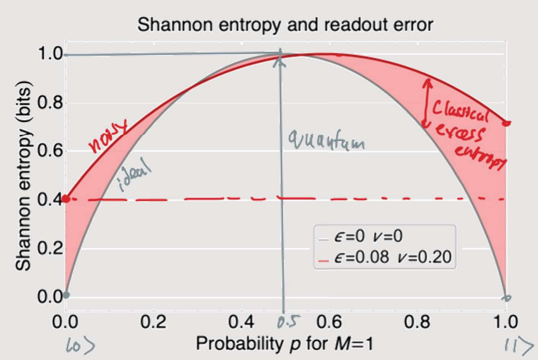
$$p =$$

Assignment Fidelity

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = 1 - \tfrac{1}{2}\left[p(\tilde{M}=1 \mid M=0) + p(\tilde{M}=0 \mid M=1)\right]$$
$$= \tfrac{1}{d}\,\mathrm{Tr}(A) \qquad d = 2^n,\ n = \#\text{qubits}$$
$$= 1 - \tfrac{1}{2}(\mu + \nu)$$

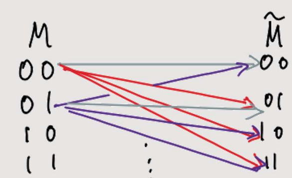
Shannon Entropy

$$\mathcal{H}(M) = \mathcal{H}(P_M) = -\sum_m p_m \log_2 p_m = \underbrace{-(1-p)\log_2(1-p) - p\log_2 p}_{\text{Binary entropy}}$$

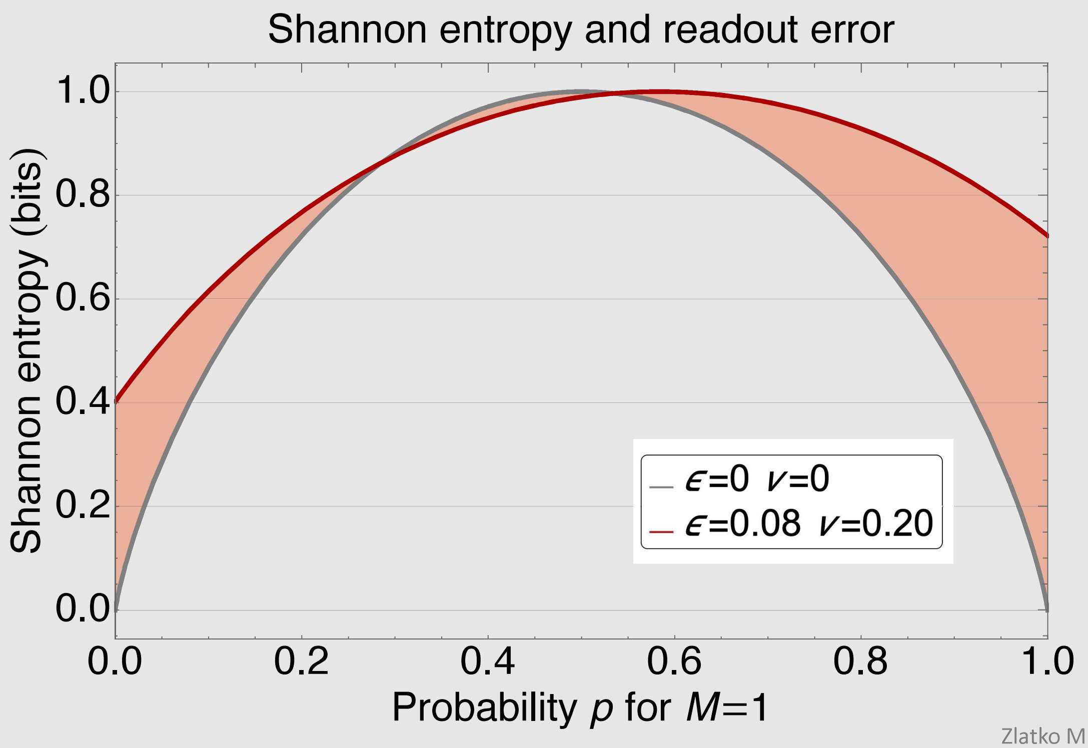


Larger System

n qubits $\dim A = 2^n \times 2^n$



Entropy



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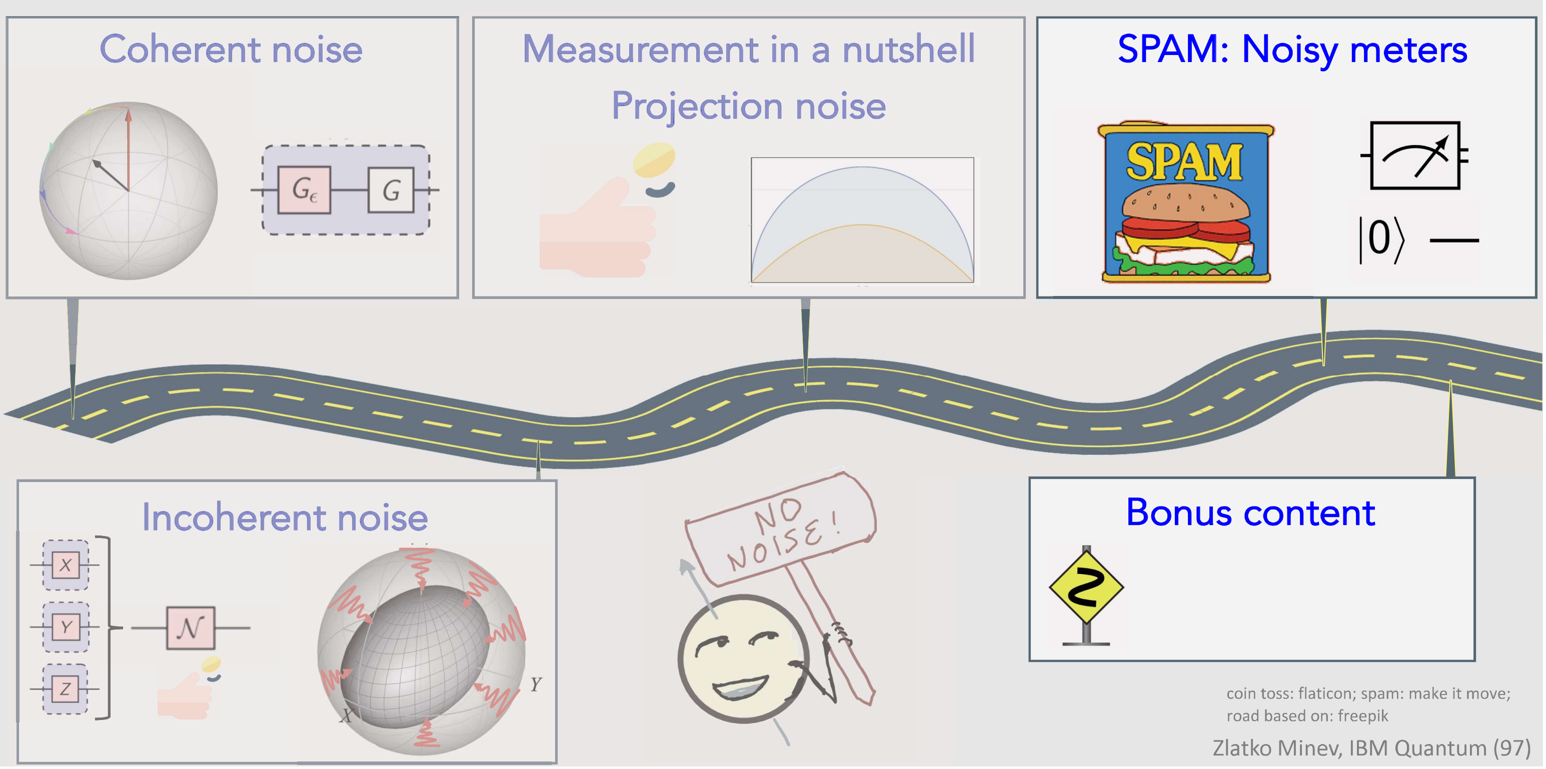

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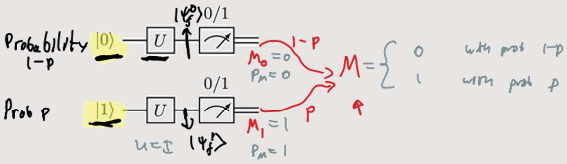


Density operator

$$\rho = (1-p)\,\underbrace{|0\rangle\langle 0|}_{|0\rangle} + p\,\underbrace{|1\rangle\langle 1|}_{|1\rangle}$$

$$= P_{\text{no error}}\,\rho_{\text{ideal}} + P_{\text{error}}\,\rho_{\text{error}}$$

$$\rho_f = P_{\text{no error}}\,\rho^{\text{final}}_{\text{ideal}} + P_{\text{error}}\,\rho^{\text{final}}_{\text{error}}$$

$$= (1-p)\,|\psi_f^0\rangle\langle\psi_f^0| + p\,|\psi_f^1\rangle\langle\psi_f^1|$$

$$= (1-p)\,U|0\rangle\langle 0|U^\dagger + p\,U|1\rangle\langle 1|U^\dagger$$

$$= U\left[(1-p)\,|0\rangle\langle 0| + p\,|1\rangle\langle 1|\right]U^\dagger$$

$$= U\,\rho\,U^\dagger \quad (\text{initial})$$

$$\rho_U = U\rho U^\dagger$$

$$(U|\psi\rangle)^\dagger = (|\psi_f\rangle)^\dagger$$
$$\langle\psi_f| = \langle\psi|U^\dagger$$

$$\rho_U = U\rho U^\dagger$$

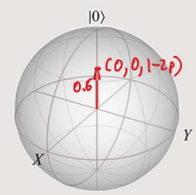
$$|0\rangle\langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix}1&0\\0&0\end{pmatrix}$$

$$|1\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix}0&0\\0&1\end{pmatrix}$$

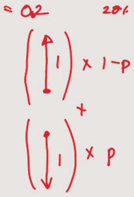
$$\rho = \begin{array}{c|cc} & \langle 0| & \langle 1| \\ \hline |0\rangle & 1-p & 0 \\ |1\rangle & 0 & p \end{array} = \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\hat{I} + (1-2p)\hat{Z}\right)$$

$$\langle X\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}[X\rho] = 0$$
$$\langle Y\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}[Y\rho] = 0$$
$$\langle Z\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}[Z\rho] = 1-2p$$

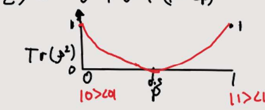
$$\mathrm{Tr}[P_\alpha P_\beta] = 2\delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{for } \alpha,\beta \in \{X,Y,Z\}$$



p = 0.2 20% take |1⟩



$$\mathrm{Tr}(\rho^2) = \langle X\rangle^2 + \langle Y\rangle^2 + \langle Z\rangle^2 = 0^2 + 0^2 + (1-2p)^2$$



State prep noise

Scaling to larger number of qubits

$[(1-p)\,|0\rangle\langle 0| + p\,|1\rangle\langle 1|]^{\otimes n}$ — U — measure

$$\rho_0 = \left[(1-p)|0\rangle\langle 0| + p|1\rangle\langle 1|\right]^{\otimes n}$$
$$= (1-p)^n\,|000\ldots 0\rangle\langle 0\ldots 0| + \ldots\ |0100\ldots\rangle\langle\ldots| \ldots$$

$$\Pr(M = 0000\ldots 0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p=0 \quad (\text{ideal case}) \\ (1-p)^n \simeq 1 - np + O(p^2) & \text{for } p>0 \end{cases}$$

$$\langle Z_k\rangle = \langle 1111\overset{k\text{th}}{Z}11\ldots\rangle = 1-2p \quad \text{much faster}$$

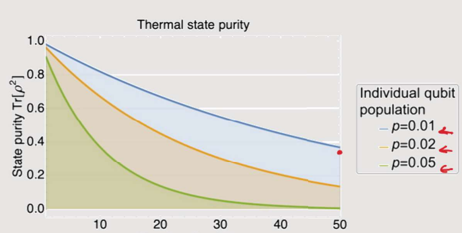
$$\langle ZZZ\ldots Z\rangle = \mathrm{Tr}\left[Z^{\otimes n}\rho\right] = (1-2p)^n$$

$$\rho_0 = \bigotimes_{k=1}^{n} \tfrac{1}{2}\left(\hat{I}_k + (1-2p)\hat{Z}_k\right)$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2^n}\,(I + \ldots Z)\otimes(I + \ldots Z)\otimes \ldots$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2^n}\left[(1-2p)^n Z^{\otimes n} + \ldots\right]$$

$$\mathrm{Tr}[\rho_0^2] = \prod_{k=1}^{n}\mathrm{Tr}(\rho_{0k}^2) = (1-2p)^{2n}$$



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