#### **Superconducting Qubits**

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#### Hamiltonians and Systems Physics



Need simple and scalable concepts for complex systems: (Combine circuit theory (linear) + quantum physics)

#### A. Leggett (1980): Do Macroscopic Variables Obey Quantum Mechanics?

Hypothesis: Schrodinger's cat collapses to classical states because QM not allowed on macroscopic object



Note: Microscopic QM observable on macroscopic scale; e.g. crystals, superconductors



Will macroscopic object show QM? (normally tiny effect)



diffraction effects (Zeilinger group)



#### Macroscopic Variable: Current in SC wire

Center of mass of ball (single variable describes position)

X<sub>cm</sub>

Phase of superconductor (Single phase for all Cooper pairs)



Would ball tunnel through wall?

Macroscopic QM Enables New Physics Control of single quantum systems, to quantum computers

#### <u>1 nm</u>

# H atom wavefunctions:





Need large "Molecules" for Control Signals













New quantum systems

e.g. nanomechanics

Strategy: Large "atom" has
room for complex control

## Geometry of Harmonic Oscillators and Qubits



# Superconducting Qubits

- Macroscopic "atom": quantize I and V, 5 GHz >> 20 mK
- LC oscillator (linear): memory and communication



Josephson junction: <u>non-linear</u> inductance with <u>1 photon</u>



# Linear Circuits & Universality / Equivalence



#### **Example: Capacitor Coupling**



Easier, match loss tangents:

$$\frac{R}{1/i\omega C_c} = \frac{1/i\omega C_c}{R_p}$$

$$\frac{1}{R+1/i\omega C_c} = \frac{R-1/i\omega C_c}{R^2 + (1/\omega C_c)^2}$$
$$\cong \frac{R}{(1/\omega C_c)^2} + i\omega C_c$$

#### **Quantum Harmonic Oscillator**

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C} + \frac{\hat{\Phi}^2}{2L} \qquad [\hat{\Phi}, \hat{Q}] = i\hbar$$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \Phi_{zp}(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^{+})$$
$$\hat{Q} = iQ_{zp}(\hat{a} - \hat{a}^{+})$$

$$\frac{\Phi_{zp}^2}{2L} = \frac{Q_{zp}^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{4}\hbar\omega_0$$

$$\frac{\Phi_{zp}}{\Phi_0} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{Z_0}{R_K}}$$
$$\frac{Q_{zp}}{2e} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{R_K}{Z_0}}$$

$$R_{\rm K} = \frac{h}{e^2} = 25.8 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Impedance:  $Z_0 = 1/\omega_0 C$ 

Nature typically gives  $Z_0 \sim 377\Omega \ll R_{\kappa}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \Phi_{\rm zp} << \Phi_{\rm 0} \\ {\rm Q}_{\rm zp} >> {\rm 2e} \end{array}$$

0 \_\_\_\_\_



# Xmon Circuit



Transmon is non-linear LC oscillator

#### **Junction is Nonlinear Inductor**

AC: 
$$V = (\Phi_0/2\pi)\delta$$
  
Looks like  $V = \Phi_0$   
 $\delta$  is dimensionless flux  
 $DC: I = I_0 \sin \delta$   
 $= I_0 \sin(2\pi \Phi/\Phi_0)$  Non-linear I- $\Phi$ 

I<sub>0</sub>

$$\mathbf{\hat{L}} = I_0 \cos \delta \, \mathbf{\hat{\delta}} \\ \equiv (1/L_J)V$$

$$L_{J} = \Phi_{0}/2\pi I_{0} \cos \delta$$
  
nonlinear inductor

Junction energy: 
$$U(\delta) = \int dt \ IV$$
  
=  $(I_0 \Phi_0 / 2\pi) \int dt \sin \delta \ d\delta / dt$   
=  $-(I_0 \Phi_0 / 2\pi) \cos \delta$ 



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Semiclassical perturbation:

$$\omega_m = \omega_0 \left[ 1 - 0.125(m + 1/2)\hbar \omega_0 / E_J \right]$$
$$= \omega_0 - (m + 1/2)E_C / \hbar$$



#### Qubit: Weakly Anharmonic LC Resonator

$$\hat{H} = 4E_{C}\hat{n}^{2} - E_{J}\cos\hat{\delta} \qquad [\hat{\Phi},\hat{Q}] = i\hbar \quad [\hat{\delta},\hat{n}] = i$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} 4E_{C}\hat{n}^{2} + E_{J}\left(\frac{\hat{\delta}^{2}}{2} - \frac{\hat{\delta}^{4}}{24} + ...\right)$$
Harmonic oscillator:  $\omega_{0} = 1/\sqrt{L_{J0}C}$ 

$$\hat{\Phi} = (\Phi_{0}/2\pi)\hat{\delta} = \sqrt{\hbar/2\omega_{0}C}[\hat{a} + \hat{a}^{+}]$$

$$\hat{Q} = (2e)\hat{n} = i\sqrt{\hbar \omega_{0}C/2}[\hat{a} - \hat{a}^{+}]$$
Non-linearity  $\eta = E_{c} \sim 200$  MHz:  

$$\Delta E_{m} = -E_{J}\langle m|\hat{\delta}^{4}|m\rangle/24$$

$$\Delta E_{m} - \Delta E_{m-1} = -mE_{C}$$





 $ω_0/2π = 6 \text{ GHz}$   $E_C = 200 \text{ MHz}, C = 0.1 \text{ pF}$   $E_J = 22.5 \text{ GHz}, I_0 = 200 \text{ nA}$   $1/ω_0 C = 250 \Omega$ Non-linearity η/2π = 200 MHz  $E(n_n) \propto |\Psi(\pi)|^2$  $\approx \exp\left[-\left(\omega C / \hbar \left(\Phi_0 / 2\right)^2\right] \right] = \exp\left[-\left(\pi^2 / 8\right) \sqrt{8E_J / E_C}\right] = H.O.$ 

 $= \exp\left[-(\pi^{2} / 8)\sqrt{8E_{J} / E_{C}}\right]$  $\approx \exp\left[-\sqrt{8E_{J} / E_{C}}\right] \quad \forall \mathsf{KB}$ 

For exponential small dependence on Q<sub>n</sub>, choose large C For large energy non-linearity, small C

Good choice is  $E_c=200$  MHz non-linearity  $E_J/E_c = 80$ : exp(-25)

#### Numerical Solution via Matrix Eigenvalues





# **Qubit: Microwave Drive**

Use weak coupling (C<sub>c</sub> << C) but strong drive with large V<sub>b</sub>

$$\hat{H}_{b} = Q_{b}\hat{V} = Q_{b}\hat{Q}/C$$
$$= iV_{b}C_{c}\sqrt{\hbar\omega_{0}/2C}\left[\hat{a}-\hat{a}^{+}\right]$$
$$\propto V_{b}\hat{\sigma}_{y}$$



# **Probability Oscillations - Chevron Curve**

Tune up sequence using measurement  $P_{0}$ 



# Randomized Benchmarking\*

Realistic multi-qubit test of *long* algorithm (1000+ gates)





# Qubit Coupling with Nearest Neighbor capacitance (simplicity gives good performance)



#### Resonator – Resonator Coupling (Classical)



Normal modes (eigen-frequencies)  $(\omega_1 - \omega)(\omega_2 - \omega) - \frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{4\widetilde{C}_1 \widetilde{C}_2} C_c^2 = 0$ 

#### Qubit – Qubit Coupling (Quantum)



$$\hat{H}_{c} = C_{c}\hat{V}_{1}\hat{V}_{2} = C_{c}(\hat{Q}_{1} / C_{1})(\hat{Q}_{2} / C_{2})$$

$$= -\hbar \frac{C_{c}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{1}\omega_{2}}{C_{1}C_{2}}} (\hat{a}_{1} - \hat{a}_{1}^{+})(\hat{a}_{2} - \hat{a}_{2}^{+})$$

$$\cong -\hbar g(\hat{a}_{1}\hat{a}_{2}^{+} + \hat{a}_{1}^{+}\hat{a}_{2})$$

coupling energy excitation swapping: (01) to (10)

For weak coupling C<sub>c</sub> << C

Schrodinger equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hbar(\omega_1 - \omega) & -\hbar g \\ -\hbar g & \hbar(\omega_2 - \omega) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{01} \\ \Psi_{10} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

**Eigen-frequencies** 

$$(\omega_1 - \omega)(\omega_2 - \omega) - g^2 = 0$$

#### Same formula as for classical normal modes!

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New theory for Fast Adiabatic Gate:  $t_{gate} 2g/2\pi=1.1$  for  $10^{-5}$  error

\*Similar to Strauch; DiCarlo; Yamamoto

# Detuning to Turn Off - How Much Off?

|11> has shifted frequency
from coupling to |02>

Want small coupling so easier to turn off,  $g/2\pi = 30$  MHz

Use short gate times  $P_{err} = (\phi_{err})^2/4 \alpha (t_{gate})^2$ 





# Adjustable Coupling g : "gmon" qubits



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#### **Dispersive Readout - Semiclassical**



**Resonator frequency** changes for  $|g\rangle$  and  $|e\rangle$ 



from avoided level crossing

xmon (6 / 5.8 GHz)  $\lambda/2$  resonator (7 GHz) readout to amp



# Dispersive Coupling (Qubit-Resonator) - Readout



Semiclassical (qualitative) understanding:

1. Frequency shift between |0>and |1>

 $\frac{|0\rangle}{\Delta} \frac{|1\rangle}{\Delta + \eta} \cong \eta \frac{g^2}{\Delta^2}$ 

Avoided level crossing

2. Qubit energy from resonator energy  $E_r = n\hbar v_r$ 

$$E_{q} = \frac{C_{q}}{C_{r}} \left| \frac{Z_{r}(\omega_{r})}{Z_{c}(\omega_{r})} \right|^{2} n\hbar \upsilon_{r}$$
$$= \frac{g^{2}}{\Delta^{2}} n\hbar \upsilon_{q}$$

Voltage divider

 $E_q / \hbar \omega_q \le 1 \text{ to } 3$  $n_{\text{crit}} \le (\Delta / g)^2 \times 1 \text{ to } 3$ 

Limit on measure energy

# **Dispersive Coupling (Qubit-Resonator)- Readout**



$$\langle 0n | \hat{H}_{c}^{(2)} | 0n \rangle - \langle 1n | \hat{H}_{c}^{(2)} | 1n \rangle = g^{2} n / \Delta - \left[ 2g^{2} n / (\Delta + \eta) + g^{2} (n+1) / (-\Delta) \right]$$
  
=  $2n\eta g^{2} / \Delta^{2} + g^{2} / \Delta$  Energy shift proportional to r

$$\hat{H}_{\rm int} = \chi \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{n} ; \quad \chi = \eta g^2 / \Delta$$

Interaction Hamiltonian

# **Qubit Measurement**

- 1. Measure with large signal / noise Resonator (large n) signal and quantum limited preamps
- 2. Shift of resonator frequency with qubit state Dispersive interaction
- 3. Phase shift of readout signal Good separation of states
- Collapse of entanglement gives projection Coherent state is eigenstate of dissipation (a pointer state)

$$a|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$$

$$(|e\rangle + |g\rangle)|0\rangle \rightarrow |e\rangle|\alpha_{e}\rangle + |g\rangle|\alpha_{g}\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} 50\% : |e\rangle|\alpha_{e}\rangle \\ 50\% : |g\rangle|\alpha_{g}\rangle \end{cases}$$

