

Title: The Quantum von Neumann Architecture and the Future of Quantum Computing with Superconducting Circuits

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Abstract: Superconducting quantum circuits have made significant advances over the past decade, allowing more complex and integrated circuits that perform with good fidelity. We have recently implemented a machine comprising seven quantum channels, with three superconducting resonators, two phase qubits, and two zeroing registers. I will explain the design and operation of this machine, first showing how a single microwave photon  $|1\rangle$  can be prepared in one resonator and coherently transferred between the three resonators [1]. I will then demonstrate how this machine can be used as the quantum-mechanical analog of the von Neumann computer architecture, which for a classical computer comprises a central processing unit and a memory holding both instructions and data. The quantum version comprises a quantum central processing unit (quCPU) that exchanges data with a quantum random-access memory (quRAM) integrated on one chip, with instructions stored on a classical computer [2]. Finally, I will demonstrate that the quantum von Neumann machine provides one unit cell of a two-dimensional qubit-resonator array that can be used for surface code quantum computing. This will allow the realization of a scalable, fault-tolerant quantum processor with the most forgiving error rates to date [3].  
[1] M. Mariani et al., Nature Physics 7, 287-293 (2011)  
[2] M. Mariani et al., Science 334, 61-65 (2011)  
[3] A. G. Fowler, M. Mariani, J. M. Martinis, and A. N. Cleland, Phys. Rev. A 86, 032324 (2012)

## on the edge

nano/micro meter

*space*

milli kelvin

*temperature*

giga hertz

*frequency*  
*time*



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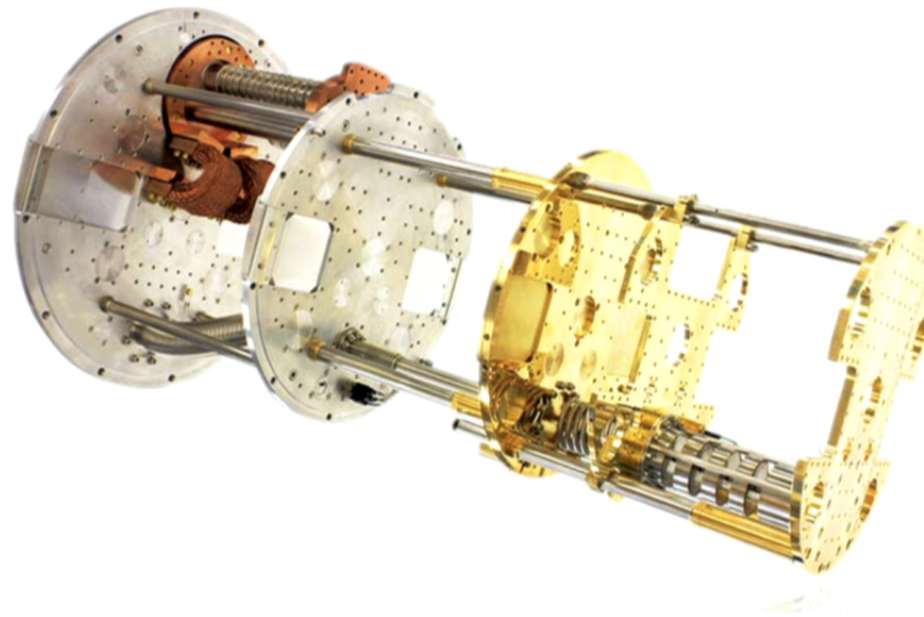
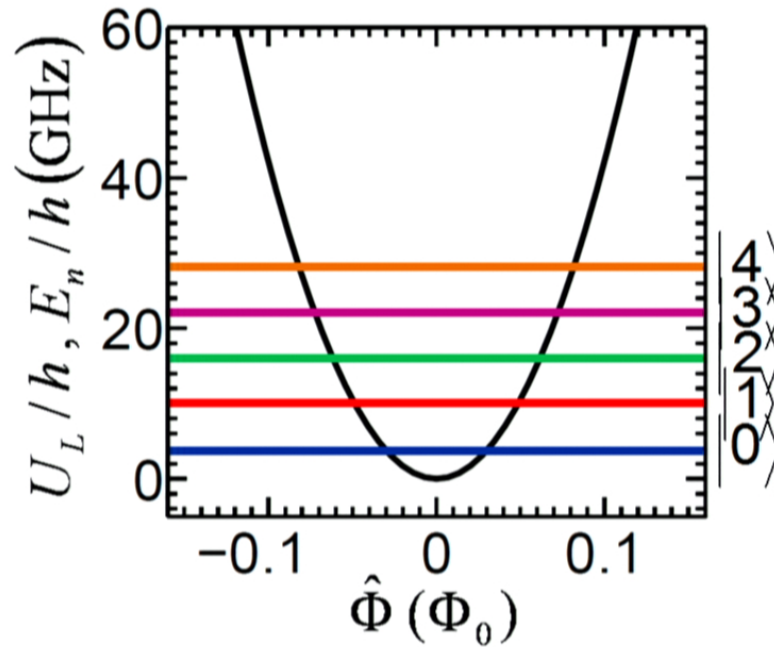


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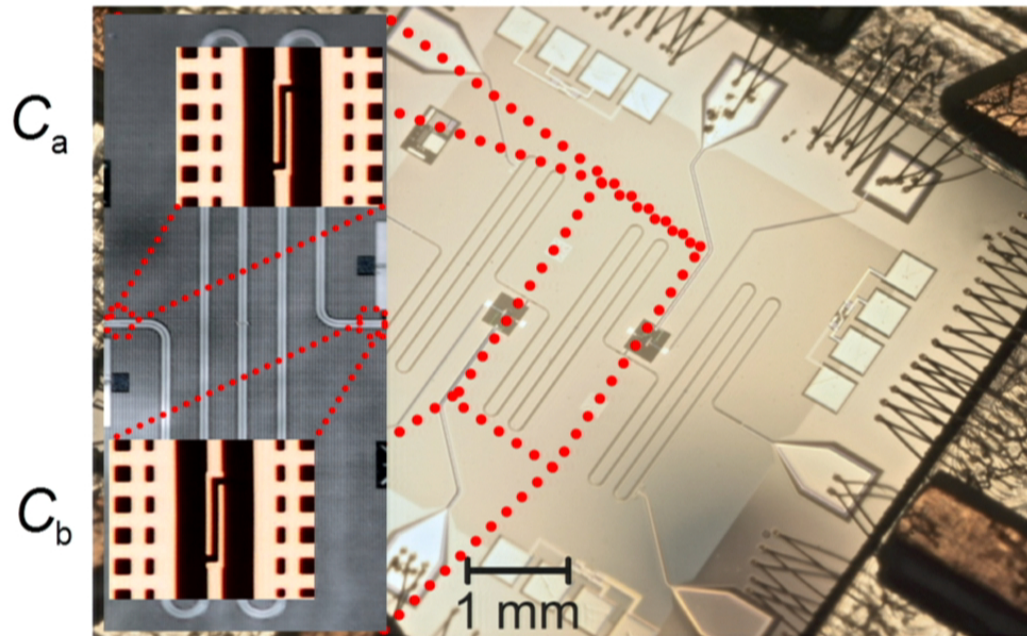
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- LC resonator



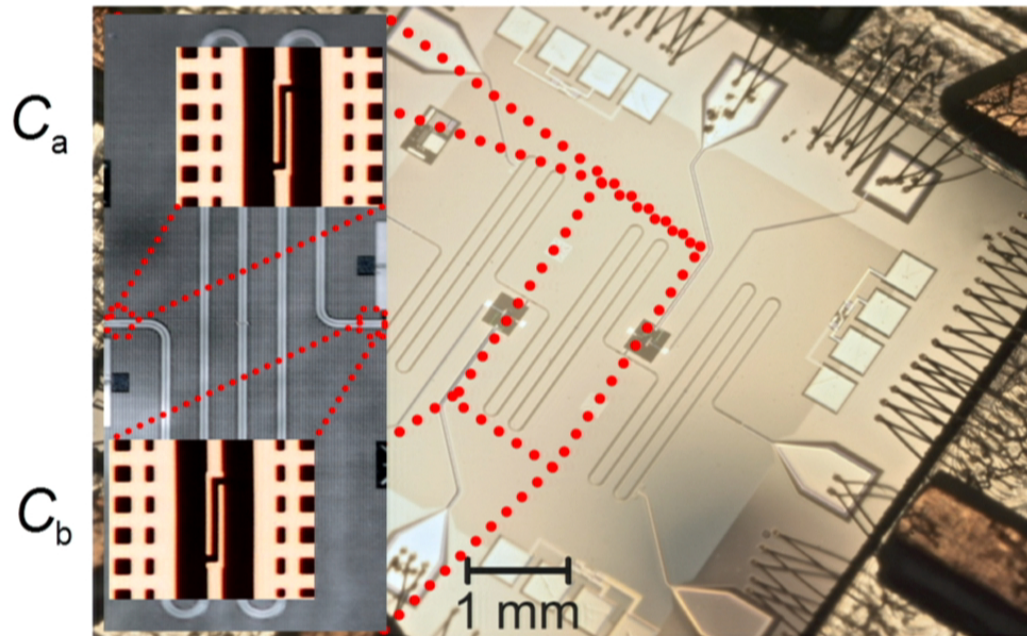
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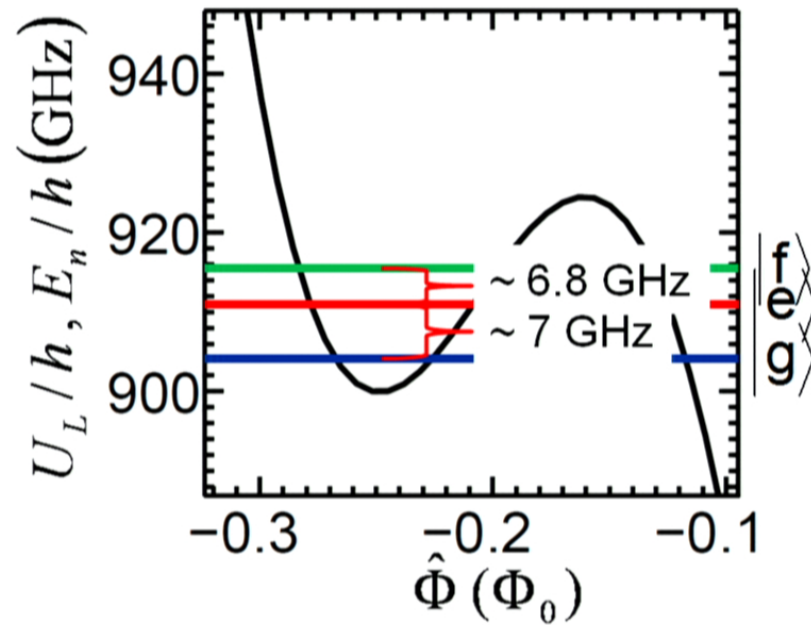
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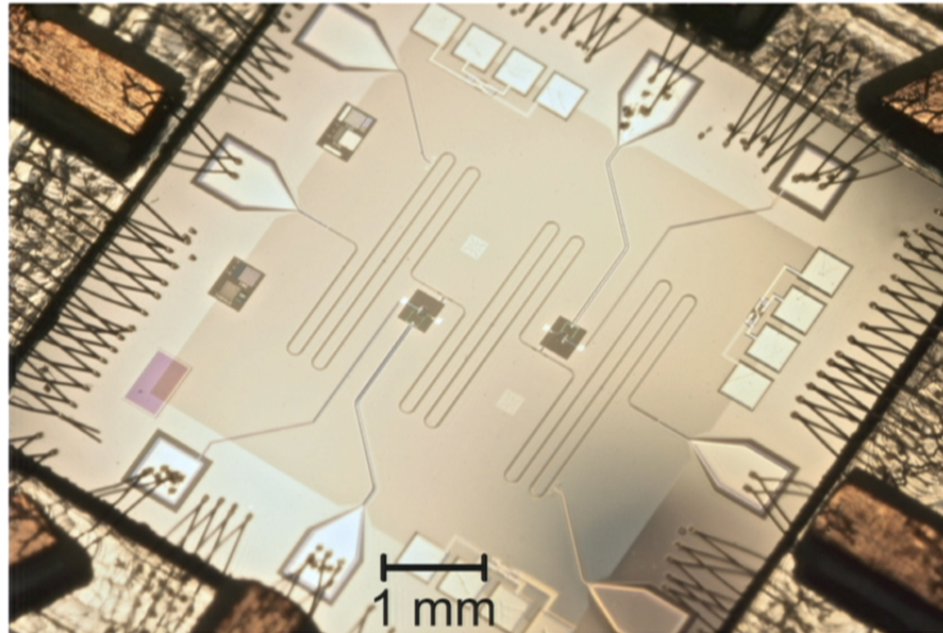
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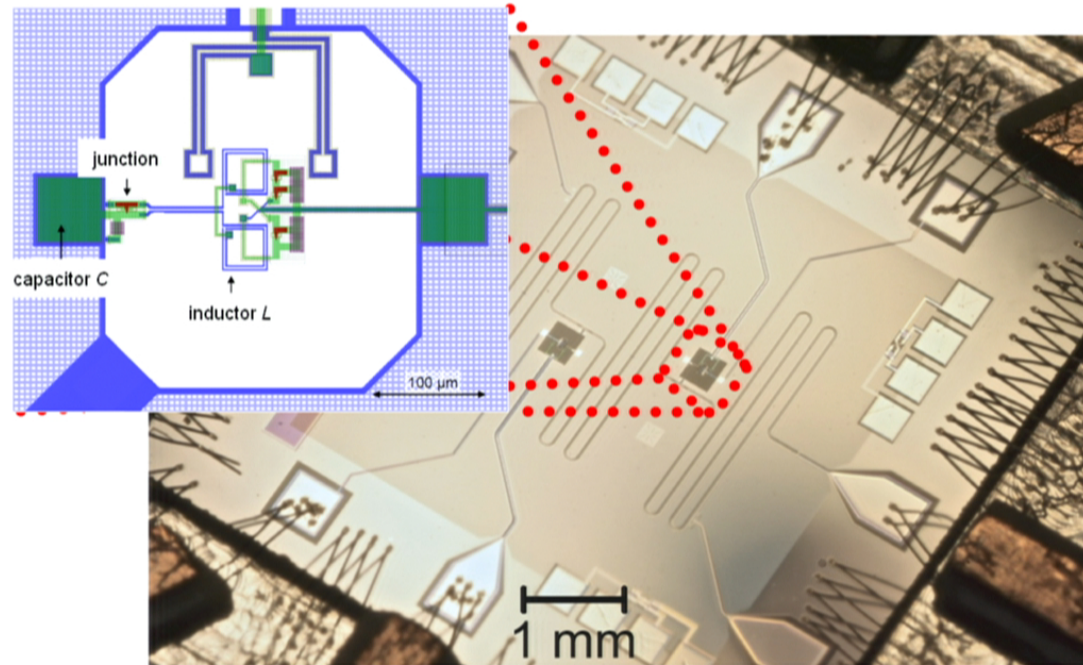
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## the quantum shell game

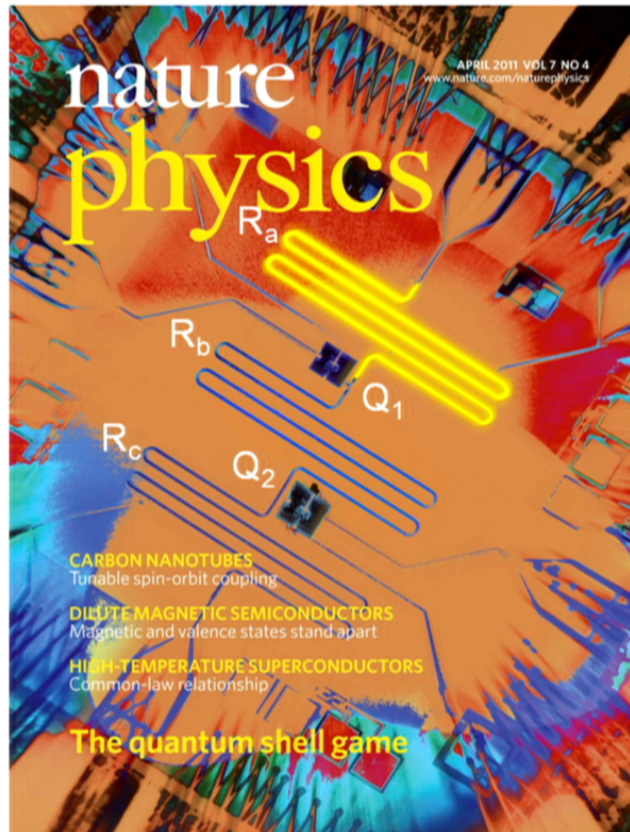


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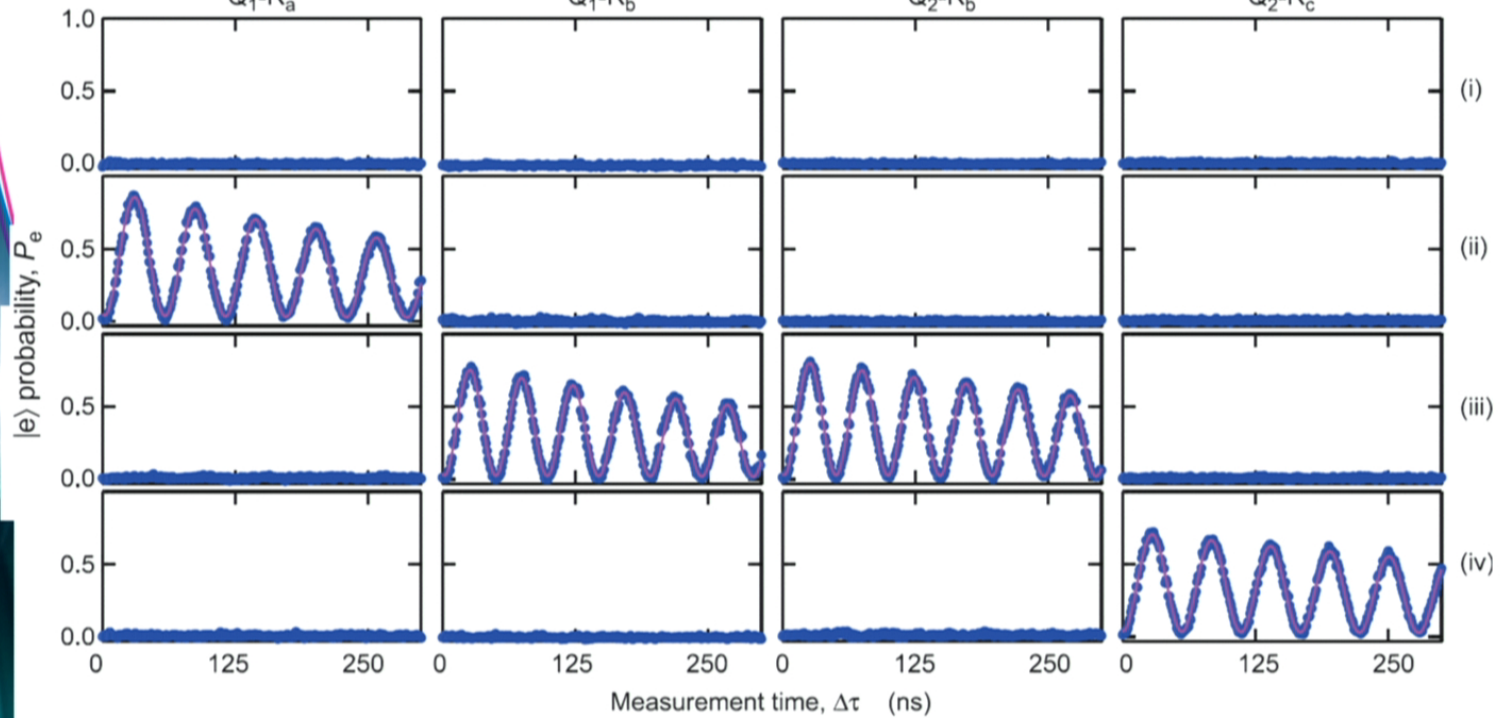
$Q_1-R_b$



$Q_2-R_b$



$Q_2-R_c$



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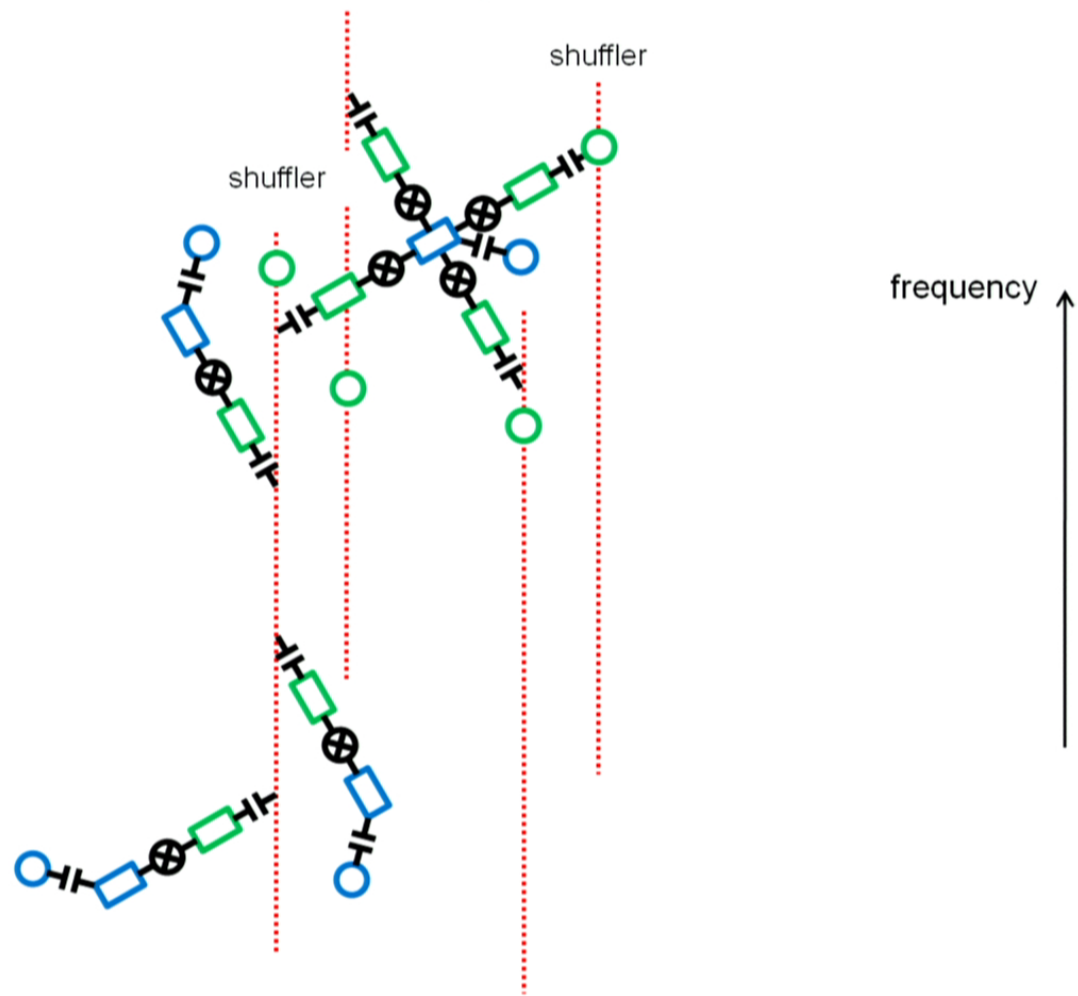
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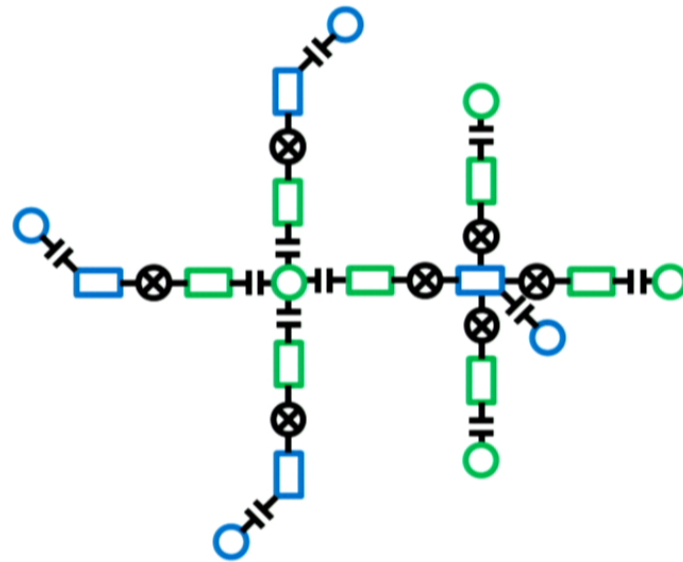
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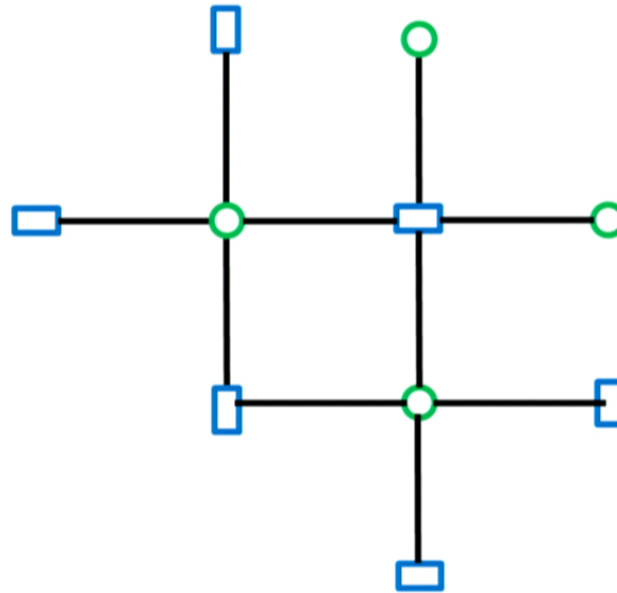


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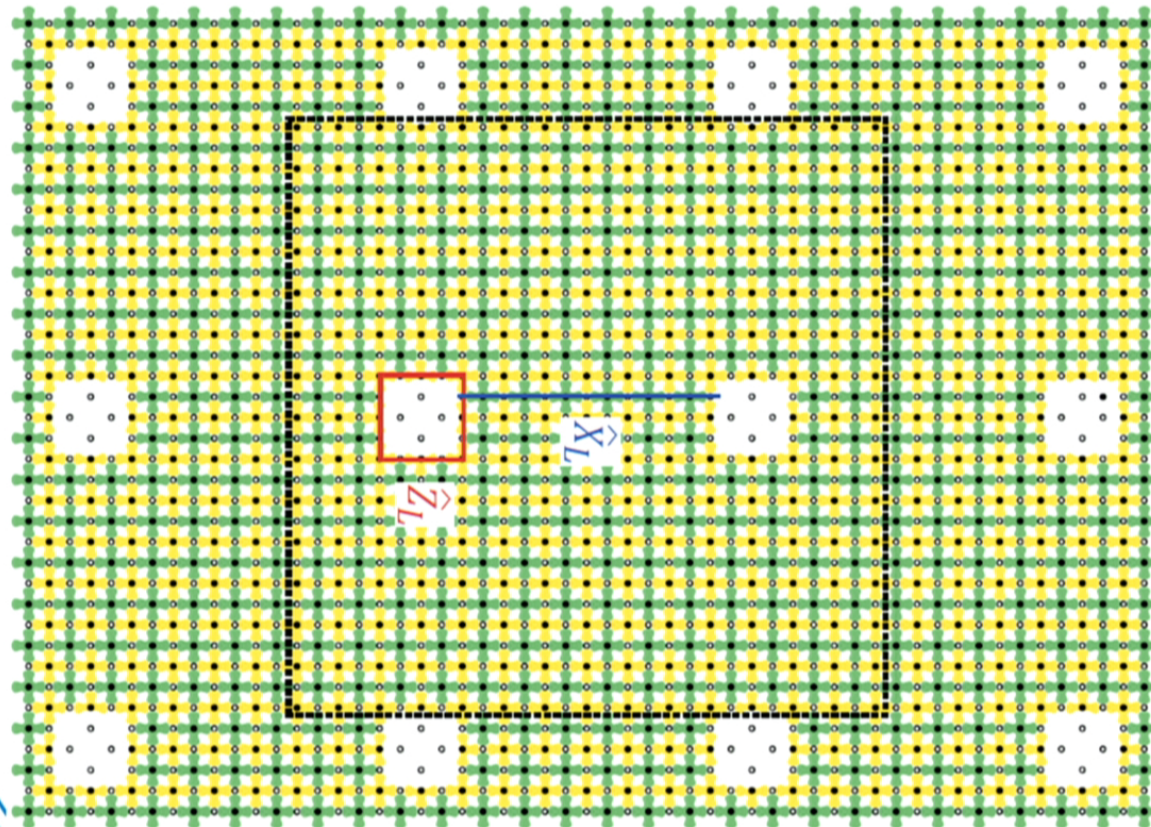
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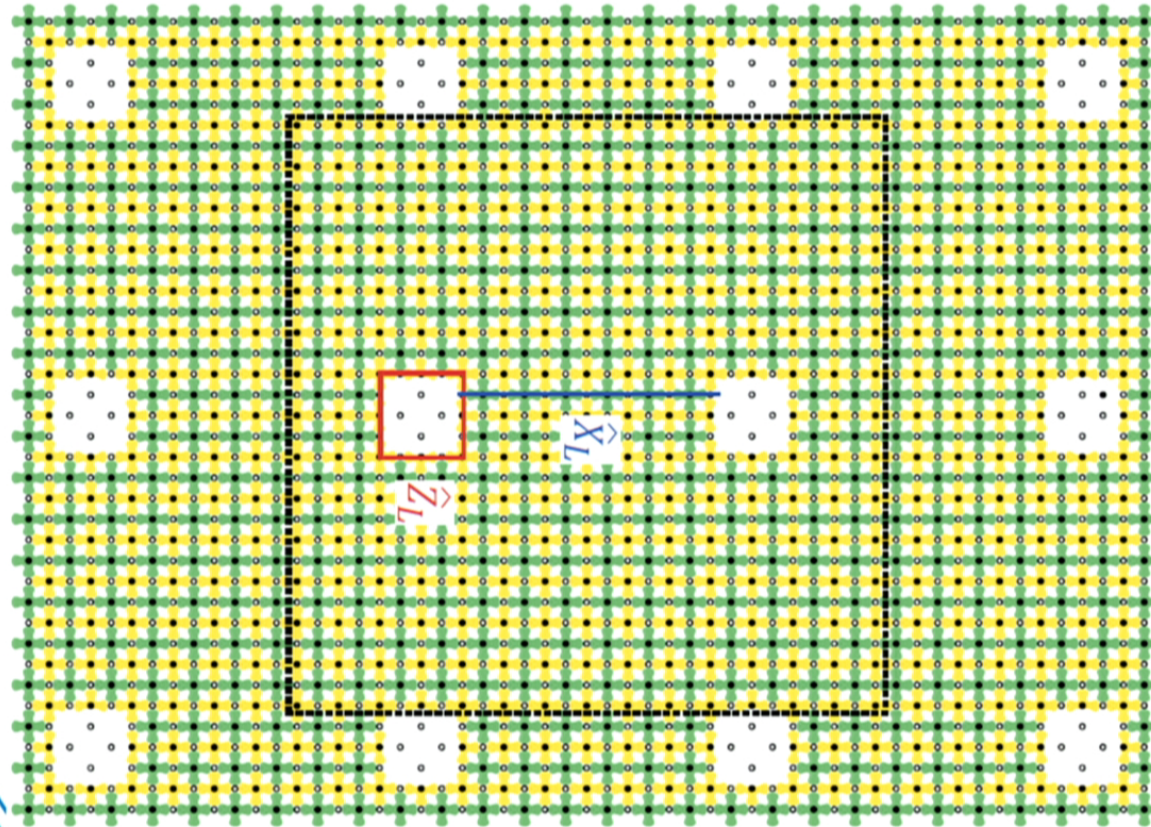




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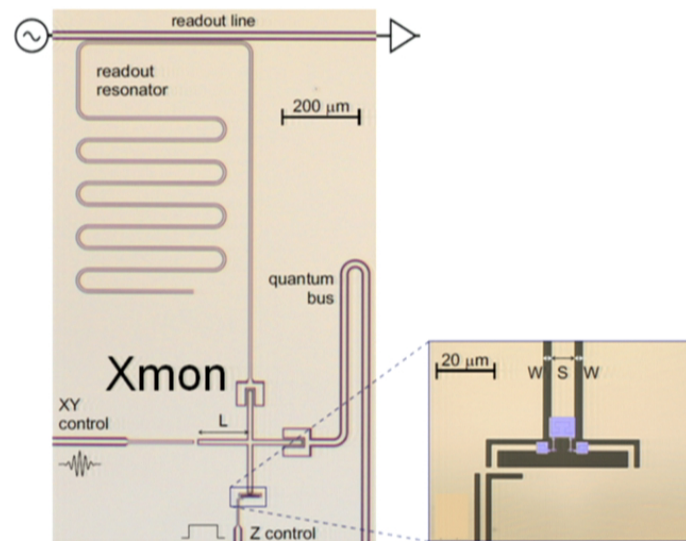
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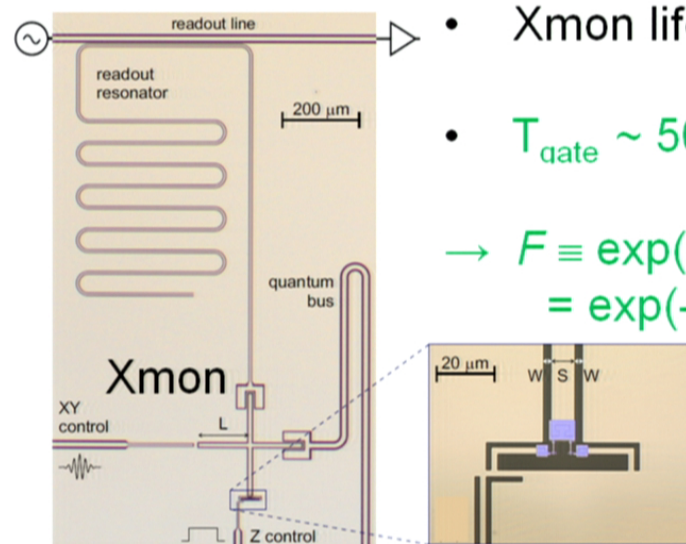
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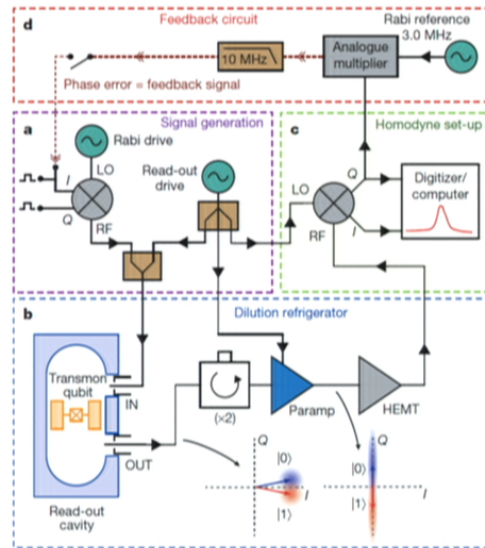
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$$\rightarrow F \equiv \exp(-T_{\text{gate}} / T_1)$$
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## perspective

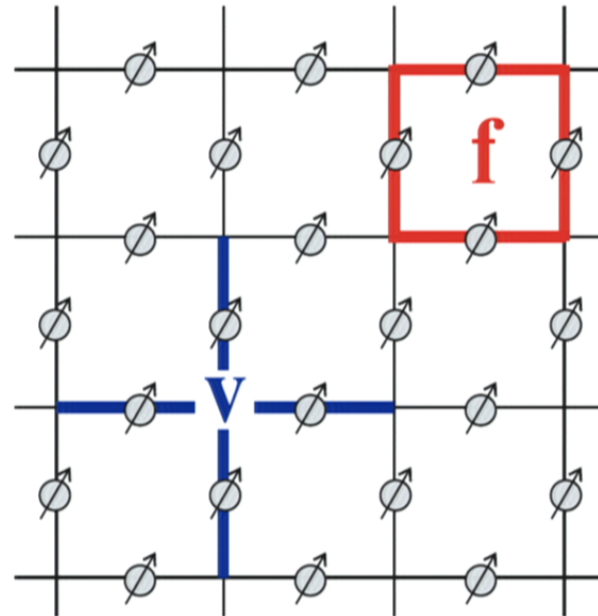
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- **Shor to factor a 2000 bit number** in 24 h with 1 nuclear power plant
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    - on the best classical super-cluster: many times the age of the universe and virtually infinite power

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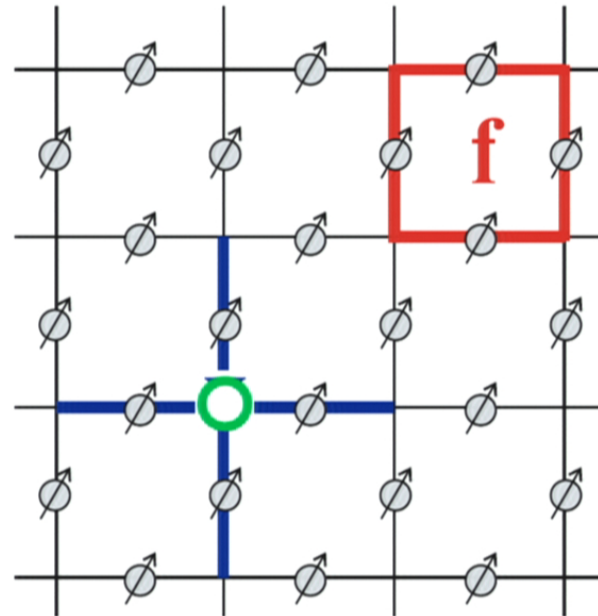


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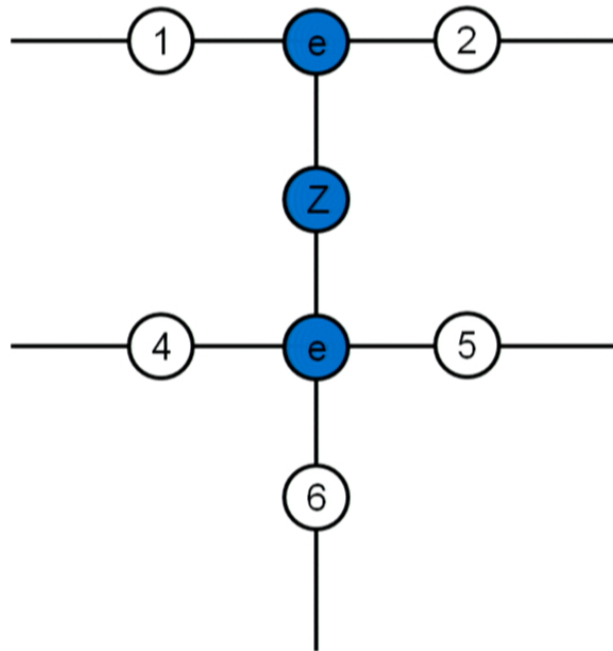
## anyons

- indistinguishable particles in 2D

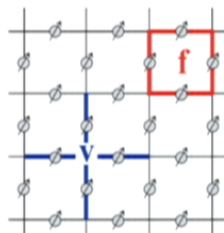
$$|\psi_1\psi_2\rangle = e^{i\theta}|\psi_2\psi_1\rangle$$

1.  $\theta = 0$  for bosons
2.  $\theta = \pi$  for fermions
3.  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  for anyons

# proof-of-concept



## beyond proof-of-concept – quantum memory





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