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**INTRODUCTION AU CALCUL QUANTIQUE**  
***INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM COMPUTATION***

Première Leçon / *First Lecture*

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What is a quantum computer?

Aren't all computers quantum?

Each bit of ordinary computer information is physically represented by thousands of quantum particles.

Only the average behavior of these particles encodes information, and it is described by classical physics.

Quantum computer differs from classical computer in 2 respects:

- each bit of information is physically carried by only one particle
- superposition principle of quantum mechanics is exploited

This course can be followed both by physicists and computer scientists

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## **CONTENT OF THIS YEAR'S LECTURES**

### **QUANTUM COMPUTATION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF MESOSCOPIC CIRCUITS**

1. Introduction, c-bits versus q-bits
2. The Pauli group and quantum computation primitives
3. Stabilizer formalism for state representation
4. Clifford calculus
5. Algorithms
6. Error correction

NEXT YEAR: QUANTUM FEEDBACK OF ENGINEERED QUANTUM SYSTEMS

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## CALENDAR OF SEMINARS

**May 11: Cristian Urbina, (Quantronics group, SPEC-CEA Saclay)**

Josephson Effect in Atomic Contacts and Carbon Nanotubes

**May 18: Benoît Douçot (LPTHE / Université Pierre et Marie Curie)**

Emergence de symétries discrètes locales dans les réseaux de jonctions Josephson

**June 1: Takis Kontos (LPA / Ecole Normale Supérieure)**

Points quantiques et ferromagnétisme

**June 8: Cristiano Ciuti (MPQ, Université Paris - Diderot)**

Ultrastrong coupling circuit QED : vacuum degeneracy and quantum phase transitions

**June 15: Leo DiCarlo (Yale)**

Preparation and measurement of tri-partite entanglement in a superconducting quantum circuit

**June 22: Vladimir Manucharian (Yale)**

The fluxonium circuit: an electrical dual of the Cooper-pair box?

**NOTE THAT THERE IS NO LECTURE AND NO SEMINAR ON MAY 25 !**

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## LECTURE I : C-BITS vs Q-BITS

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## INFORMATION AS SEQUENCE OF SYMBOLS

Geometric shapes:



Letters:

LES SANGLOTS LONGS DES VIOLONS DE L'AUTOMNE

Digits (decimal): 31415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993

Digits (binary): 11001001000011111101101010100010001000010110100

ALL INFORMATION CAN BE REDUCED TO SERIES OF BITS (Shannon)

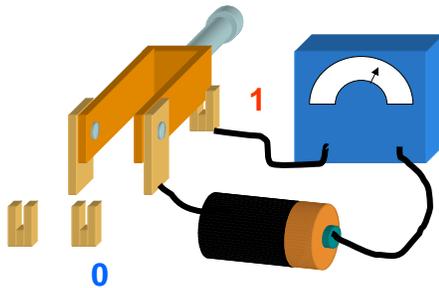
INFORMATION HAS TWO SIDES: LOGICAL AND PHYSICAL

SYMBOLS:       - Mathematical entities combined by abstract operations  
                  - States of a physical system that evolves dynamically

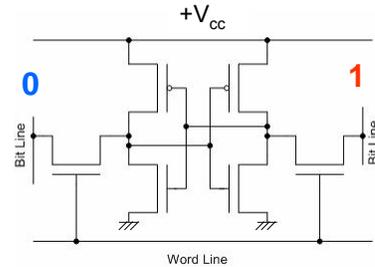
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## PHYSICAL BIT = BISTABLE SYSTEM

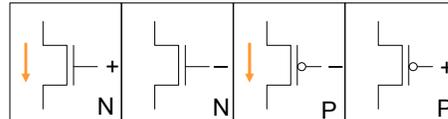
Mechanical system with electrical readout: switch



Electrical system with electrical readout: RAM cell



CMOS Transistors:



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## REGISTER = SET OF ACTIVE BITS

REGISTER WITH N=10 BITS:

0000000000

0000000001

0000000010

⋮        ⋮        ⋮  
⋮        ⋮        ⋮  
⋮        ⋮        ⋮

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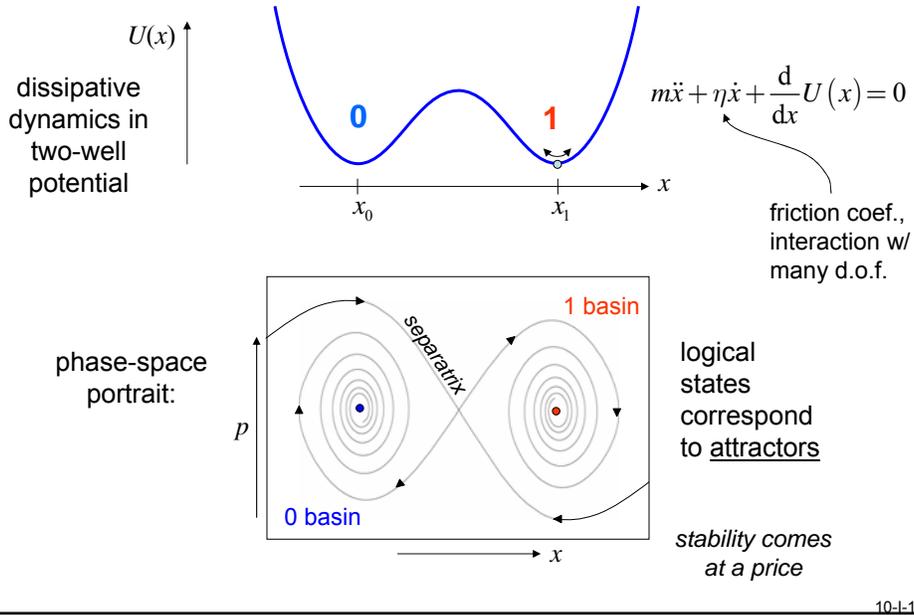
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$2^N = 1024$  POSSIBLE CONFIGURATIONS

represents one number between 0 et 1023

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## PHYSICAL C-BITS ARE STRONGLY DISSIPATIVE

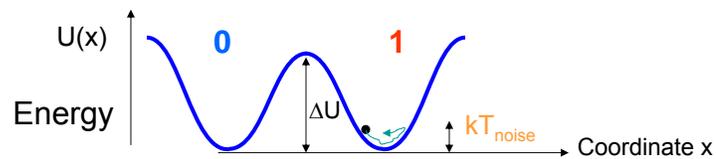


## DISSIPATION = INTERACTION WITH MANY DEGREES OF FREEDOM

$$m\ddot{x} + \eta\dot{x} + \frac{d}{dx}U(x) = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m\ddot{x} + m \sum_i c_i^2 \omega_i^2 \left( x - \frac{y_i}{c_i} \right) + \frac{d}{dx}U(x) = 0 \\ \ddot{y}_i + \omega_i^2 (y_i - c_i x) = 0 \\ \eta = \frac{\pi}{2} m \left\langle \frac{c_i^2 \omega_i^2}{\omega_i - \omega_{i-1}} \right\rangle \end{cases}$$

(Caldeira & Leggett, 1982)

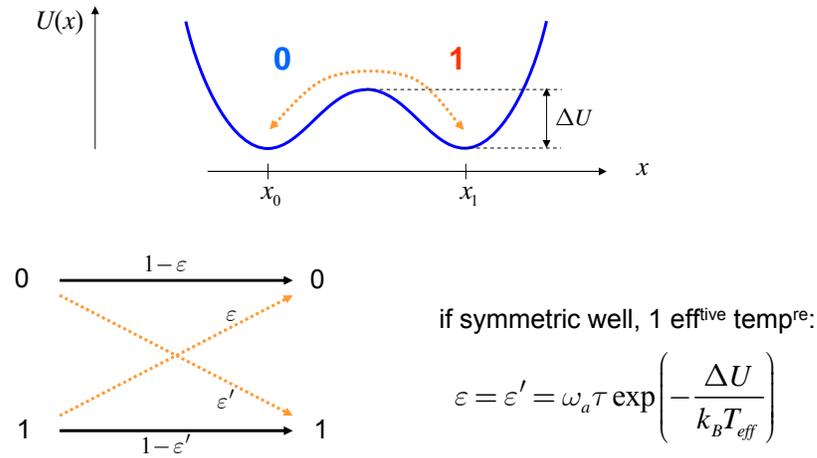
### FLUCTUATION-DISSIPATION THEOREM



Bit state is either 0 or 1: 1) strong dissipation and 2)  $kT_{\text{noise}} \ll \Delta U$

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## BIT ERRORS



Dissipation implies noise, but bit error rate can be made exponentially small.  
Higher barriers mean larger energy is needed to change state.

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## QUESTIONS INFORMATION PHYSICS ATTEMPTS TO ANSWER

HOW CAN BITS BE BEST  
REPRESENTED PHYSICALLY?

WHAT CONSTRAINTS DO THE  
LAWS OF PHYSICS IMPOSE ON  
SPEED AND COMPLEXITY OF  
INFORMATION PROCESSING?

WHAT ARE THE LINKS BETWEEN THE  
LOGICAL PROPERTIES OF INFORMATION  
AND THE LAWS OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD?

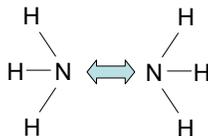
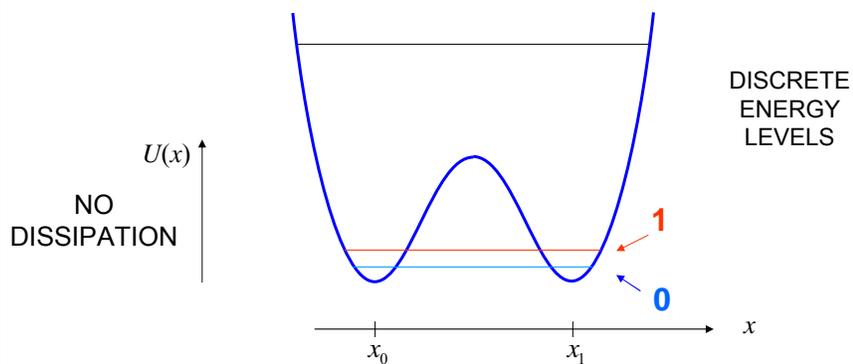
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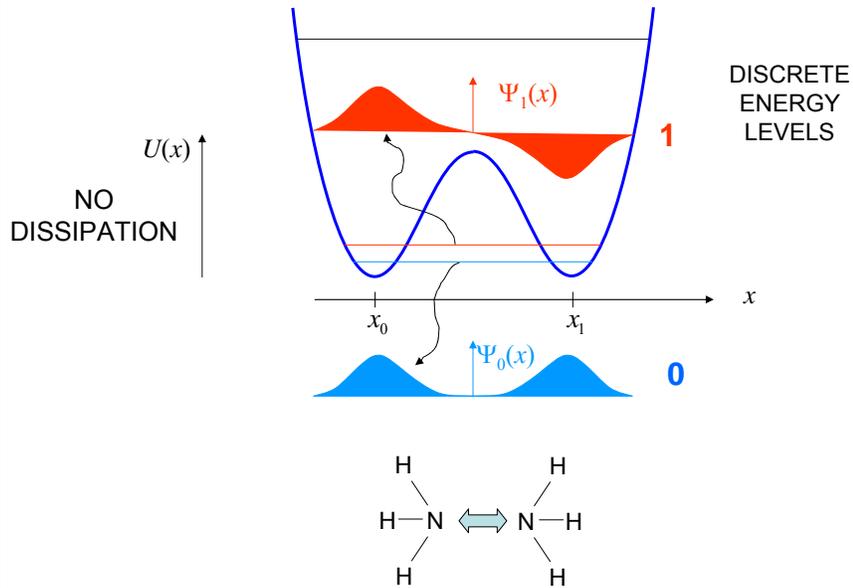
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## FROM CLASSICAL BIT TO QUANTUM BIT



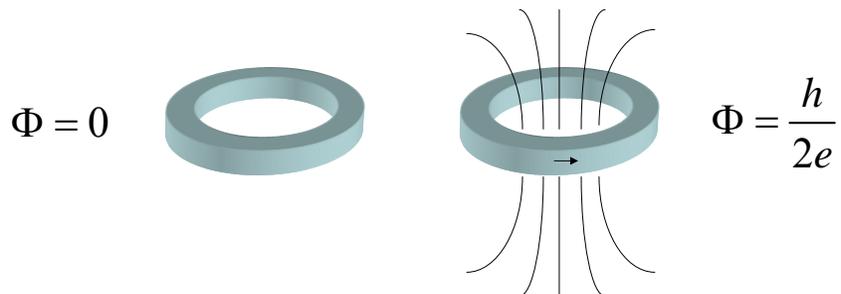
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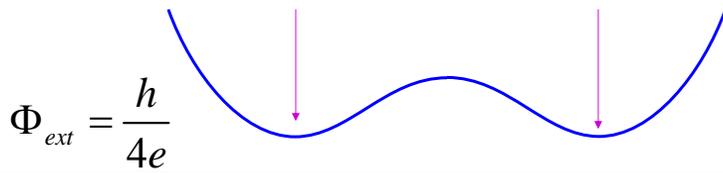
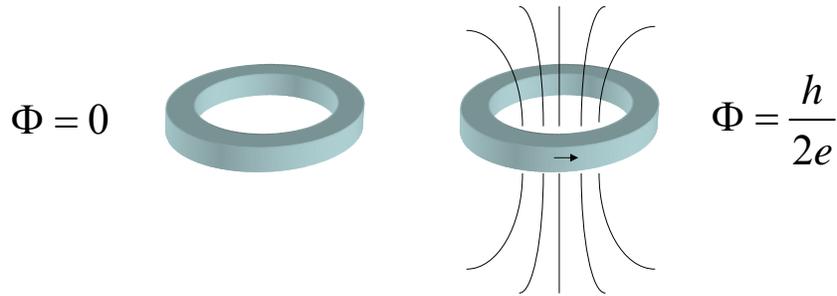
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## TWO FLUX STATES OF A SUPERCONDUCTING RING



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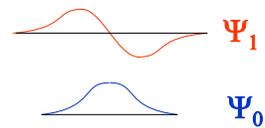
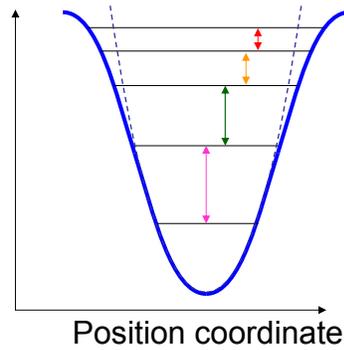
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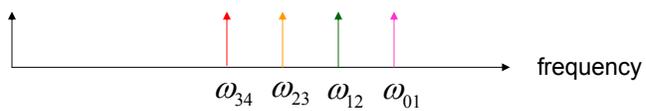
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## ANY POTENTIAL BUT QUADRATIC

Potential energy



Emission spectrum

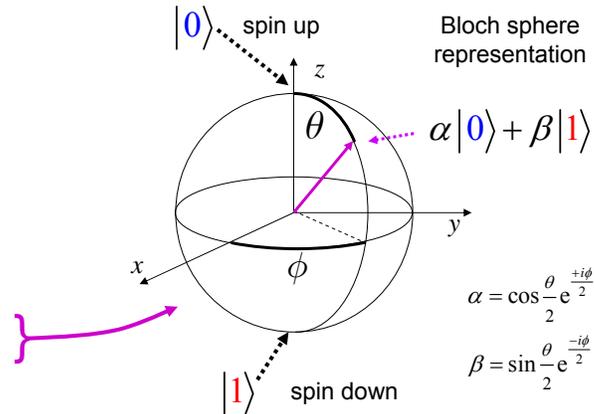
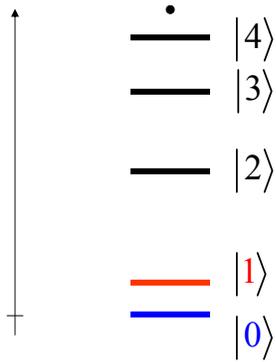


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## QUANTUM BIT: 2 LEVELS FORMING EFFECTIVE SPIN 1/2

MOLECULE, ATOM, PARTICLE...

ENERGY



Qubit state can be 0 and 1: 1) no dissipation and 2)  $kT_{\text{noise}} \ll \hbar\omega_{01}$

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## BOOLEAN CALCULUS

Boolean field

$$\mathbb{B} = \{\{0,1\}; \oplus; \bullet\}$$

A.K.A.  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

2 binary digits  
= 2 numbers

addition  
modulo 2

multiplication  
(modulo 2)

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|       |   |       |   |
|-------|---|-------|---|
|       |   | $b_1$ |   |
|       |   | 0     | 1 |
| $b_2$ | 0 | 0     | 1 |
|       | 1 | 1     | 0 |

|       |   |       |   |
|-------|---|-------|---|
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|       | 1 | 0     | 1 |

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## LOGICAL OPERATIONS

Boolean field

$$\mathbb{B} = \{ \{0, 1\}; \oplus; \bullet \}$$

False = 0  
True = 1

addition  
modulo 2

multiplication  
(modulo 2)

Notations  
and functions:

$$\text{NOT}(x) = \bar{x} = x \oplus 1$$

$$\text{XOR}(x, y) = x \text{ XOR } y = x \oplus y \quad \text{A.K.A. CNOT}$$

$$\text{AND}(x, y) = x \text{ AND } y = x \bullet y$$

$$\text{OR}(x, y) = x \text{ OR } y = \overline{\bar{x} \bullet \bar{y}} = x \bullet y \oplus x \oplus y$$

See also formal logic, predicate calculus, etc...

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## LOGICAL REGISTERS AND THEIR MAPPINGS

$N$  bits  $\vec{x} = (x_{N-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) \in \mathbb{B}^N$  Boolean vector

This vector can also be seen as an non-negative integer  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^N - 1\}$

used when no confusion:  $x = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i 2^i$

$\vec{y} = \mathbf{A}\vec{x} \oplus \vec{b}$  : affine function of a Boolean vector  $\mathbf{A}$ : Boolean matrix

Boolean scalar product of two Boolean vectors:

$$\vec{y} \odot \vec{x} = y_0 \cdot x_0 \oplus y_1 \cdot x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus y_i \cdot x_i \oplus \dots \oplus y_{N-1} \cdot x_{N-1}$$

Boolean sum

Hamming scalar product of two Boolean vectors:

$$\vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} = y_0 \cdot x_0 + y_1 \cdot x_1 + \dots + y_i \cdot x_i + \dots + y_{N-1} \cdot x_{N-1}$$

integer sum

$\|\vec{x}\| = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$  : Hamming norm

$\|\vec{y} \oplus \vec{x}\|$  : Hamming distance

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## THE MEASURE OF INFORMATION

(Shannon, 1948)

Consider a string of symbols  $x$ . Each string is a register content. A higher level, we also define an ensemble of strings of the type of  $x$ , which defines a random variable  $X$ , from which  $x$  is a realization.

Entropy: 
$$H(X) = -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_2 [p(x)]$$

measures how uncertain  $X$  is (conversely, how much choice is represents, depending on point of view)

Mutual information: 
$$I(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(x, y) \log_2 \left[ \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \right]$$

measures the mutual dependence of the two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## INFORMATION CONSERVATION

General bijective (reversible) function:

$$\vec{x} \neq \vec{y} \Rightarrow f(\vec{x}) \neq f(\vec{y})$$

(permutation of first  $2^N$  integers)

We can also say that  $f$  conserves information

Information is conserved by a process  $X \rightarrow Y$  if

$$\forall X, I(X; Y) / H(X) = 1$$

(generalization of phase space volume conservation)

Hamiltonian evolution is information conserving.  
We thus limit ourselves to reversible functions.

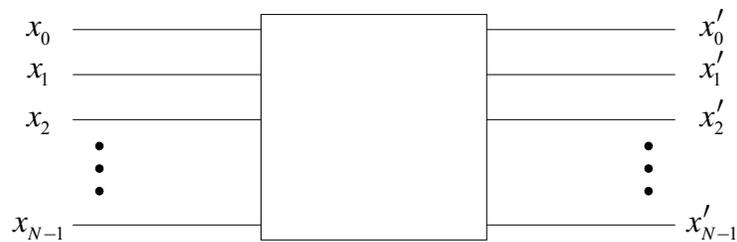
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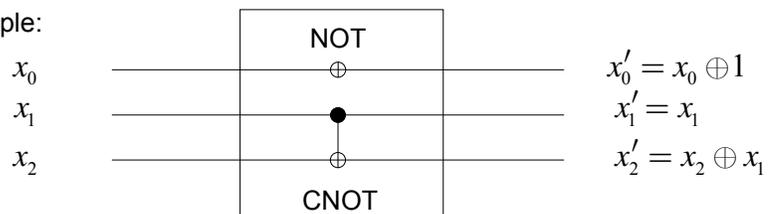
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## STRUCTURE OF REVERSIBLE LOGICAL CIRCUITS



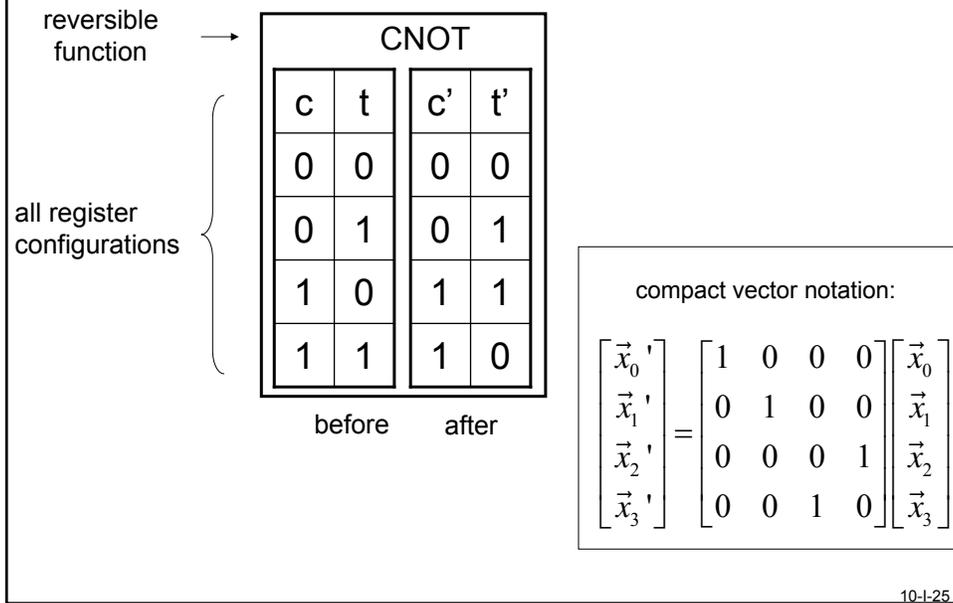
information preserving function, a.k.a. reversible computation

Example:



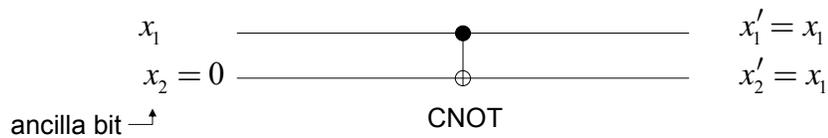
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## TRUTH TABLE

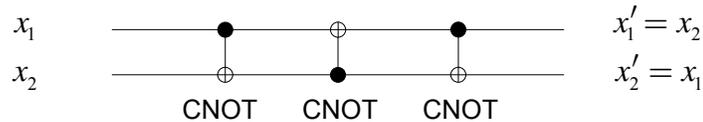


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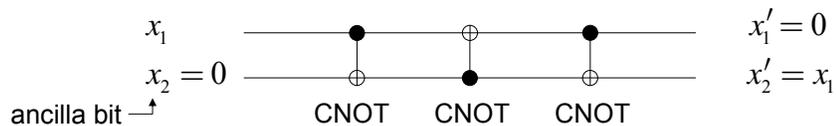
### COPY OPERATION



### SWAP OPERATION



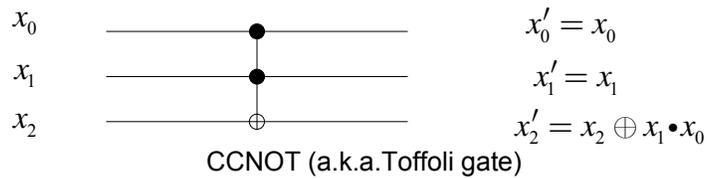
### ERASE OPERATION



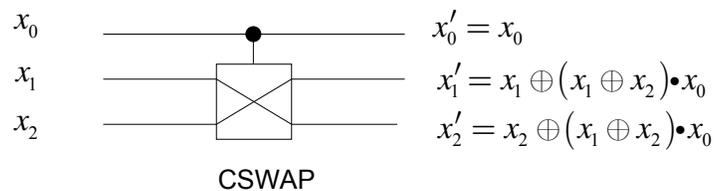
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## NON-LINEAR REVERSIBLE FUNCTIONS

### REVERSIBLE AND GATE



### FREDKIN GATE



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## UNIVERSAL SET OF GATES

The Toffoli and Fredkin gates are universal:  
a series of either one of these gates can be used  
to compute any reversible function.

The CNOT gate by itself is not universal.  
It can only compute a linear reversible  
function.

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## CONSERVATIVE REVERSIBLE FUNCTIONS

A conservative gate conserves the Hamming norm. It verifies:

$$\|f(\vec{x})\| = \|\vec{x}\|$$

If 0 and 1 correspond to 2 different energies, a conservative gate conserves energy.

The SWAP and FREDKIN gates are conservative.

Neither the CNOT nor the CCNOT (Toffoli) are conservative.

Do not mix the notions of reversible gate and conservative gate!

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## PARITY CHECK CODES

$N+1$  bits  $\vec{x}_C = (x_N, x_{N-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) \in \mathbb{B}^{N+1}$

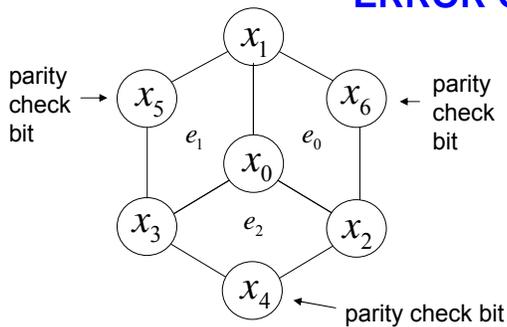
constraint:  $x_N = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \oplus x_i$  ← Boolean sum

↑  
parity bit

If 1 or an odd number of errors occur, constraint is violated.  
It is possible to detect that an error has occurred,  
it is but impossible to correct it.

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## ERROR CORRECTING CODES



Example of Hamming code:  
4 bits protected with 3 parity check bits

Constraints:

$$x_0 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_6 = 0$$

$$x_0 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_5 = 0$$

$$x_0 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4 = 0$$

can be written as:  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x}_C = \mathbf{0}$

where:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{matrix}$$

After one error:

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{x}'_C = \vec{e}$$

The error syndrome matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  detects which error has occurred and corrects it

$$x_i \rightarrow x_i \oplus (e_0 \oplus \bar{f}[i])(e_1 \oplus \bar{g}[i])(e_2 \oplus \bar{h}[i])$$

Requires 7 3-way AND + linear gates

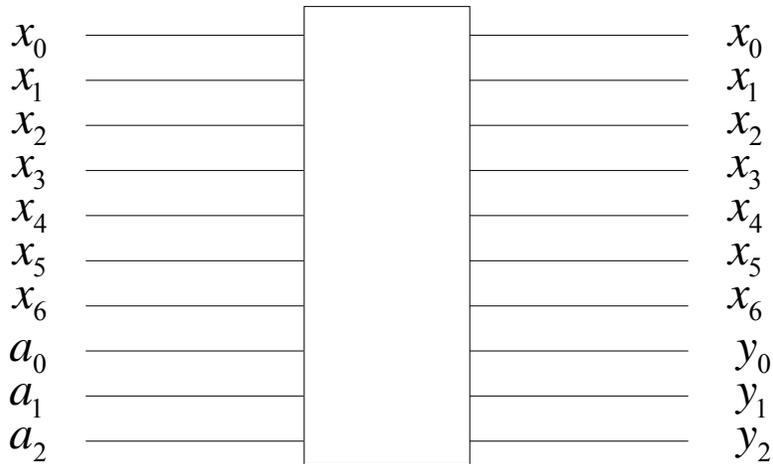
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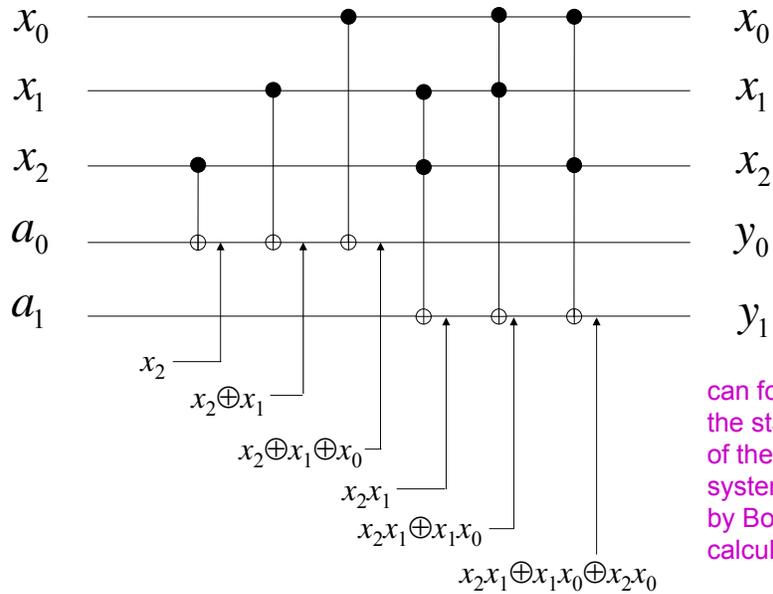
## INTEGER ADDITION (HAMMING NORM EVALUATION) IS A NON-LINEAR OPERATION



$$s = \sum_{i=0}^6 x_i = \|\vec{x}\| \quad y_0 = s \bmod 2; \quad y_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{s - y_0}{2} \right\rfloor \bmod 2; \quad y_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{s - y_0 - 2y_1}{4} \right\rfloor$$

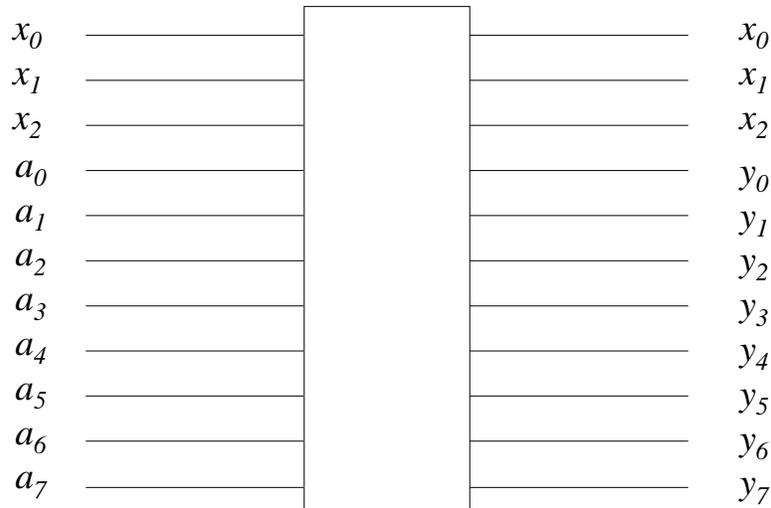
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## LOGICAL CIRCUIT FOR 3-BIT INTEGER ADDITION



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## ADDRESS DECODE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT NON-LINEAR OPERATION



$$y_{b_0+2b_1+4b_2} = (b_0 \oplus x_0 \oplus 1)(b_1 \oplus x_1 \oplus 1)(b_2 \oplus x_2 \oplus 1)$$

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## WHAT ARE ALL THE LINEAR OPERATIONS ON TWO BITS?

Linear operation: group isomorphism  $f(g_1 \cdot g_2) = f(g_1) \cdot f(g_2)$   
 transforms identity into identity

1 bit: only one trivial isomorphism  $F \longrightarrow F$

where  $F: b \rightarrow b \oplus 1$  is the flip operation on 1 bit

2 bits: 6 different isomorphisms:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Id</i> |           |
| <i>IF</i> | <i>IF</i> |
| <i>FI</i> | <i>FI</i> |

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

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| <i>CNOT<sub>tc</sub></i> |           |
| <i>IF</i>                | <i>IF</i> |
| <i>FI</i>                | <i>FF</i> |

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|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| <i>SWAP</i> |           |
| <i>IF</i>   | <i>FI</i> |
| <i>FI</i>   | <i>IF</i> |

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

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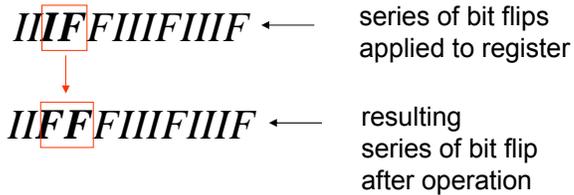
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## LINEAR OPERATIONS OF A REGISTER ARE GENERAL GROUP ISOMORPHISMS

Example: CNOT operation



The Toffoli or Fredkin gate do not share this property

They are “exterior” to the group structure of the register

QUANTUM INFORMATION ABOLISHES THESE CLASS DISTINCTIONS!

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