Quantum contextuality tests with a single trapped-ion qutrit

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Ion trap: electrodes + vacuum

3D wafer trap

Cryo surface trap

PCF trap

Reservoir engineering [Kienzler et al., Science (2015)] Schrödinger-cat states [Lo et al., Nature (2015)] [Kienzler et al., PRL (2016)] Transport quantum gates [de Clercq et al., PRL (2016)] [de Clercq et al., Nat. Comms (2016)] Multi-species QIP QND measurements for error correction Leggett-Garg inequalities Grid states Bang-bang control [Alonso et al., NJP (2013)] [Alonso et al., Nat. Comms. (2016)] Qutrit control and contextuality [Leupold et al., arXiv: 1706.07370 (2017)] Novel traps [Lindenfelser et al., RSI (2015)] Laser cooling [Lindenfelser et al., NJP (2017)]

Optical trap

HOA2 trap

More traps



Trapped ions for contextuality tests

- Long coherence
- High-fidelity operations
- Non-destructive fluorescence detection (projective measurements)



Outline

1. SIC à la Wajs

2. Extended KCBS tests

Previous trapped-ions SIC tests







[G. Kirchmair et al., Nature 460 (2009)] [A. Peres, Phys. Lett. A 151 (1990)]

[X. Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013)] [S. Yu and C.H. Oh, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012)]

Quantum

Classic

 $\langle \chi_4 \rangle$

 $\langle \chi_{13} \rangle$

SIC à la Wajs

[M. Wajs et al., Phys. Rev. A 93 (2016)]



Repeated measurements Random input states No state initialization – self correcting High-order correlators "Quantumness" is about measurements, not designated states

Yu & Oh SIC set

- Qutrit: smallest contextual system
- Yu & Oh set: smallest SIC set
- opt3 witness: largest deviation be





$$\langle \chi_{\rm YO} \rangle = \sum_{v \in V} \langle A_v \rangle - \sum_{(u,v) \in V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi_{\text{opt3}} \rangle &= \sum_{v \in V_h} 2 \langle A_v \rangle + \sum_{v \in V \setminus V_h} \langle A \rangle \\ &- \sum_{(u,v,w) \in C_3} 3 \langle A_u A_v A_w \rangle \end{aligned}$$





- Measurement choice made in real-time during sequence
- 54 million sequential measurements (groups of 1000 + bright restart)

Yu & Oh results



System characterization



http://www.tiqi.ethz.ch/publications-and-awards/public-datasets.html

Cryostat vibrations



Blind analysis











Contextuality supplies the magic for quantum computation

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Quantum computers promise dramatic advantages over their classical counterparts, but the source of the power in quantum computing has remained elusive. Here we prove a remarkable equivalence between the onset of contextuality and the possibility of universal quantum computation via 'magic state' distillation, which is the leading model for experimentally realizing a fault-tolerant quantum computer. This is a conceptually satisfying link, because contextuality, which precludes a simple 'hidden variable' model of quantum mechanics, provides one of the fundamental characterizations of uniquely quantum phenomena. Furthermore, this connection suggests a unifying paradigm for the resources of quantum

Limits of correlations

Does QM correctly predict the limits of correlations in Nature?

- Qutrit: smallest contextual system
- KCBS set
 - Most fundamental compatibility structure
 - Largest deviation between NCHV and QM
 - State dependent

[A. Klyachko, M. Can, A. Binicioglu, A. Shumovsky, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008)]



[B. Christensen et al., Phys. Rev. X 5 (2015)]

Experiment



On compatibility and finite precision



Perfect compatibility when $\theta = \theta_5 \approx 48 \, \deg$

$$S_5^{(\text{ext})} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \langle A_i A_{i+1} \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^5 \epsilon_i \ge \bar{S}_5^{\text{NCHV}}$$
$$\epsilon_i = \left| \langle A_i^{(1)} \rangle - \langle A_i^{(2)} \rangle \right|$$



[R. Kujala et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015)]

KCBS results



Comparison with previous KCBS tests

Reference	Platform	$S_5/ar{S}_N^{ m QM}$	$\sum_{i=1}^{5} \epsilon_i / \bar{S}_N^{\text{QM}}$	Open loopholes and criticisms
[R. Lapkiewicz et al, Nature 474 (2011)]	Photons	0.987(2)	0.019	 Detection loophole Simultaneous measurements Same observable but different setup in different contexts

Limits of correlations: larger gons

- Fundamental understanding of inequality violation
- NCHV and QM predictions approach as N increases



[A. Cabello, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013)]

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Conclusion









