

***Macroscopic GHZ-correlations***  
***In***  
***Superconducting Josephson systems***

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in Superconducting Circuits**

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愁，别是一般滋味在心头。

【南唐】李煜《相见欢》



# What is entanglement?

## Schrödinger`s Cat(1935):

Einstein et al`s description(1935):

$$|\text{EPR}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\uparrow_1 \downarrow_2\rangle - |\downarrow_1 \uparrow_2\rangle \right)$$



$$|\text{S-Cat}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\text{excited, alive}\rangle + |\text{decayed, dead}\rangle \right)$$

Greenberger



$$jGHZ_i = p \frac{1}{2} (j0_i j0_i j0_i + j1_i j1_i j1_i)$$



Horne



Zeilinger

**GOING BEYOND BELL'S THEOREM**

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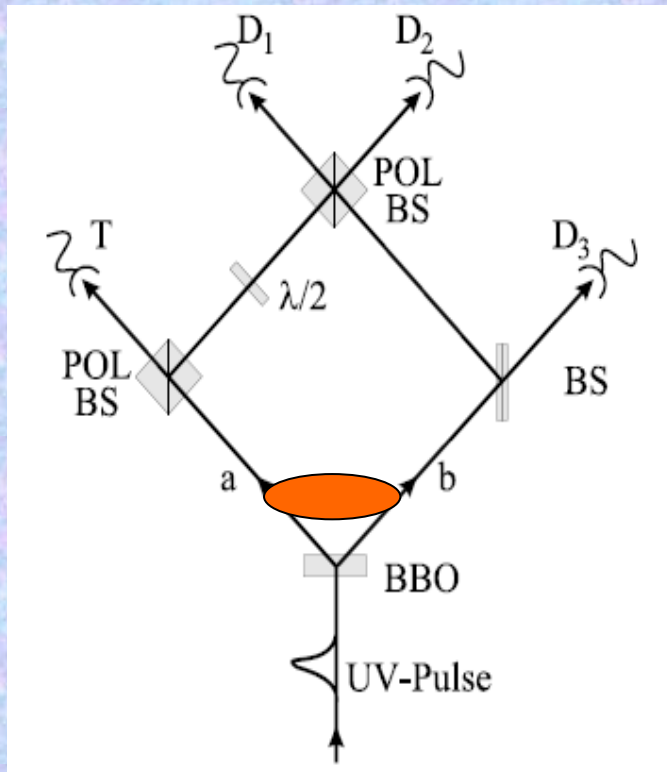
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## Observation of Three-Photon Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger Entanglement

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |H\rangle_T (|H\rangle_1 |H\rangle_2 |V\rangle_3 + |V\rangle_1 |V\rangle_2 |H\rangle_3)$$

↑ *Probably*

$$\frac{1}{2} \{ |H\rangle_T (|H\rangle_1' |H\rangle_2' |V\rangle_3 + |V\rangle_1' |V\rangle_2' |H\rangle_3) + |H\rangle_T' (|H\rangle_1 |H\rangle_2 |V\rangle_3 + |V\rangle_1 |V\rangle_2 |H\rangle_3) \}$$

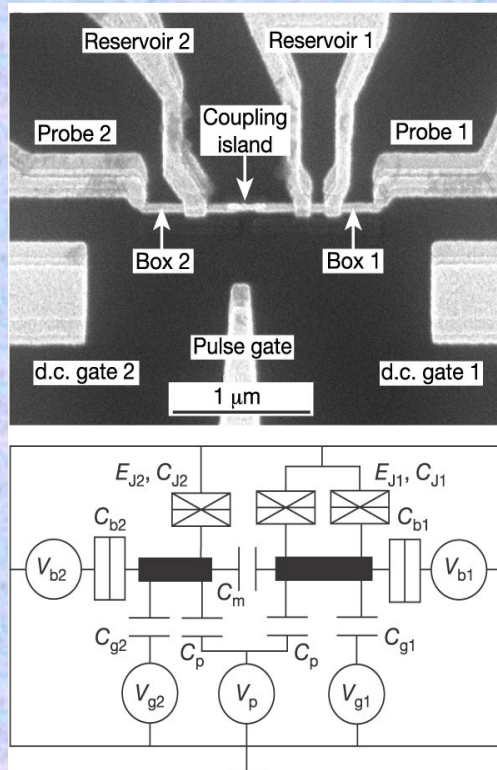
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- $|H\rangle_a \rightarrow |H\rangle_T,$
- $|V\rangle_b \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|V\rangle_2 + |V\rangle_3)$
- $|V\rangle_a \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|V\rangle_1 + |H\rangle_2)$
- $|H\rangle_b \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle_1 + |H\rangle_3)$

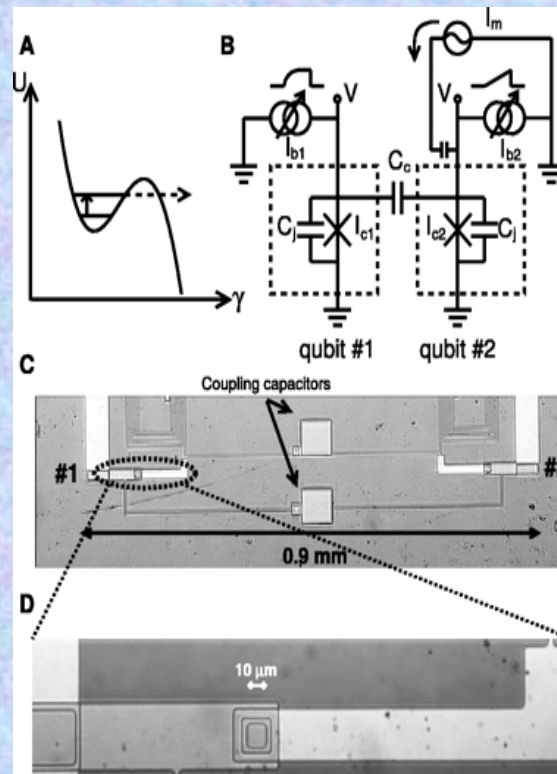
○  $\frac{1}{2} (|H\rangle_a |V\rangle_b - |V\rangle_a |H\rangle_b) (|H\rangle_a' |V\rangle_b' - |V\rangle_a' |H\rangle_b')$

# How to generate a macroscopic GHZ-state?

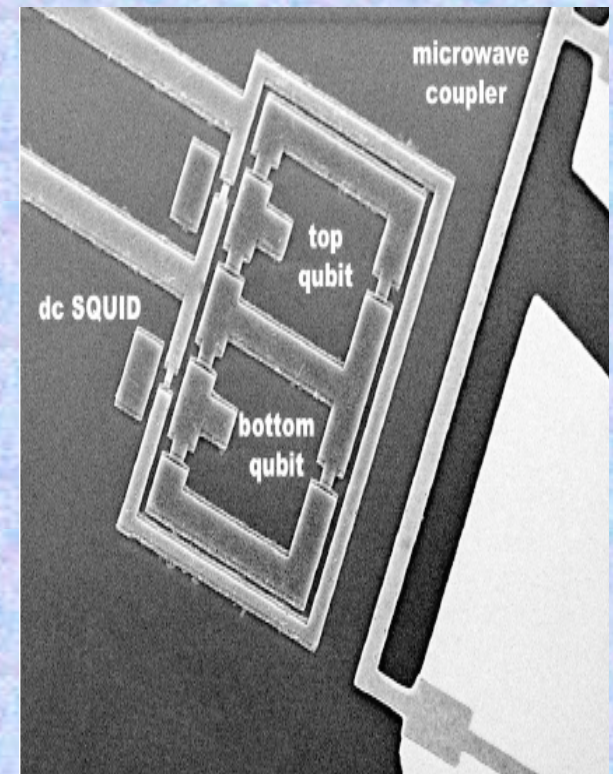
---Experimentally constantly-coupled Josephson circuits



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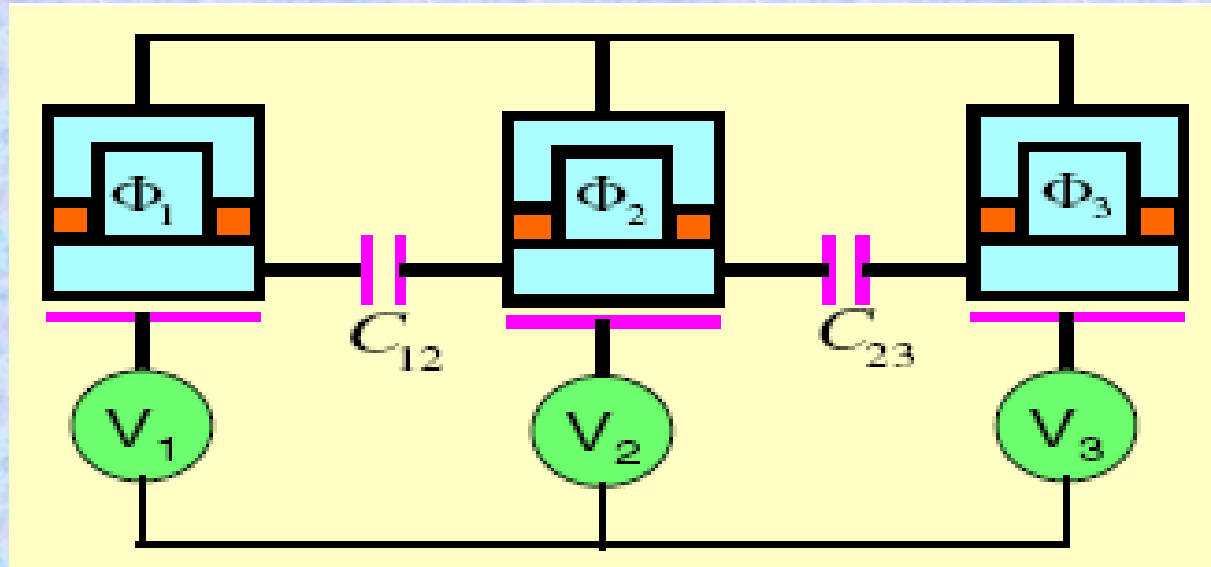
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## Generation and Control of Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger Entanglement in Superconducting Circuits

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$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 [E_{C_j}(\{V_j\}) \sigma_j^z - E_{J_j}(\Phi_j) \sigma_j^x] + \sum_{j=1}^2 K_{j,j+1} \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z$$

with

$$K_{j,j+1} = e^2 / \tilde{C}_{j,j+1}$$

# 1. Three-step scheme for generating GHZ-state

$$|000\rangle \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} E_{J_2} = E_{J_3} = 0, \delta E_{C_1} = E_{12}, \\ \cos(E_{J_2} t_1 / 2\hbar) = 1/\sqrt{2}, \end{matrix}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle + i |100\rangle)$$

to keep the state  $|000\rangle$  unchange, we need the length of pulse further satisfies

the condition  $\sin(t_2 \sqrt{(E_{J_2} / 2)^2 + E_{12}^2} / \hbar) = 0$  by setting  $E_{J_2}$  properly.

$$E_{J_1} = E_{J_3} = 0, \cos(E_{J_2} t_2 / 2\hbar) = 0, \delta E_{C_2} = -E_{12} + E_{23},$$

confirm flip the second qubit

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - |110\rangle)$$

to keep the state  $|000\rangle$  still unchange, we need the length of pulse further satisfies

the condition  $\sin(t_3 \sqrt{(E_{J_3} / 2)^2 + E_{23}^2} / \hbar) = 0$  by setting  $E_{J_3}$  properly.

$$E_{J_1} = E_{J_2} = 0, \cos(E_{J_3} t_3 / 2\hbar) = 0, \delta E_{C_3} = -E_{23},$$

confirm flip the third qubit

$$|\psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000\rangle - i |111\rangle)$$

The generated GHZ-state is long-lived!, if  $n_{g_k} = 1/2, \Phi_k = \Phi_0 / 2$ . In fact, for Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\frac{E_{12}}{2} \sigma_{z_1} \sigma_{z_2} - \frac{E_{23}}{2} \sigma_{z_2} \sigma_{z_3}, \text{ we have}$$

$$H_{\text{int}} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = \left(-\frac{E_{12}}{2} - \frac{E_{23}}{2}\right) |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle$$

## 2. Confirm the generated state is just the expected GHZ-state

$$|\psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + i|111\rangle)$$



Single-shot measuring three boxes simultaneously



three qubits at the **same** logic states:  
This is necessary but **not enough**, as  
mixture state  $a|000\rangle\langle 000| + b|111\rangle\langle 111|$   
may also.

$$\tilde{U}_2 = \exp(i\pi\sigma_2^x/4)$$



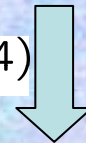
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle - |101\rangle + i|010\rangle + i|111\rangle)$$



$$\hat{P}_2 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$|0_2\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0_10_3\rangle + |1_11_3\rangle)$$

$$\prod_{j=1,3} \exp(i\pi\sigma_j^x/4) \quad \text{Quantum interference!}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0_11_3\rangle + |1_10_3\rangle)$$



**Single-shot measurements: ----**  
**two qubits are not at the same**  
**logic states!**

How to implement the single-qubit rotations?, e.g.,

$$\tilde{U}_2 = \exp(i\pi\sigma_2^x/4)$$

Let the circuit evolves under the Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_2 = -2\epsilon_{J_2}\sigma_2^x + \sum_{j=1}^2 K_{j,j+1}\sigma_j^z\sigma_{j+1}^z$$

$$\zeta_{j,2} = K_{j,2}/2\epsilon_{J_2} < 1 \quad \downarrow \quad \text{Approximately}$$

$$\hat{H}_2^{eff} = -\epsilon_{J_2}[1 + 2\zeta_{12}^2 + 2\zeta_{23}^2 + 4\zeta_{12}\zeta_{23}\sigma_1^z\sigma_3^z]\sigma_2^x$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{In GHZ-state } \sigma_1^z\sigma_3^z = 1$$

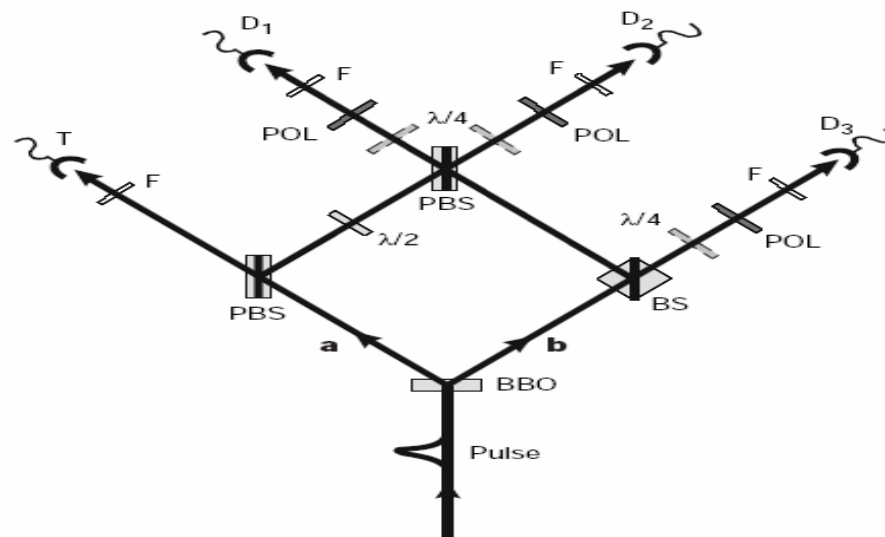
$$\hat{H}_2^{eff} = -\epsilon_{J_2}[1 + 2\zeta_{12}^2 + 2\zeta_{23}^2 + 4\zeta_{12}\zeta_{23}]\sigma_2^x$$

### 3. Application: Testing Bell's theorem without inequalities

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## Experimental test of quantum nonlocality in three-photon Greenberger–Horne–Zeilinger entanglement

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**Figure 1** Experimental set-up for Greenberger–Horne–Zeilinger (GHZ) tests of quantum nonlocality. Pairs of polarization-entangled photons<sup>28</sup> (one photon *H* polarized and the other *V*) are generated by a short pulse of ultraviolet light ( $\sim 200$  fs,  $\lambda = 394$  nm). Observation of the desired GHZ correlations requires fourfold coincidence and therefore two pairs<sup>29</sup>. The photon registered at *T* is always *H* and thus its partner in *b* must be *V*. The

## A proposed experiment with solid-state systems:-principle

It is easily proven that the generated GHZ-state

$$|\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle - i|111\rangle)$$

is an eigenstate of the operators  $\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3}$ ,  $\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3}$ , and  $\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_3}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle &= \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|111\rangle(-i) - i|000\rangle(i)] = |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3} |000\rangle - i \sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3} |111\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|111\rangle(-i)^3 - i(i)^3 |000\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (+i|111\rangle - |000\rangle) \\ &= -|\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle\end{aligned}$$

In the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3})(\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3})(\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_3}) \\ &= (\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3})(\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3} \sigma_{y_3}) \\ &= (\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_3}) = -\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3}, \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3})(\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3})(\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_3})|\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle,$$

results in the following quantum equality

$$\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = -|\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle$$

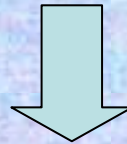
In the local world, each operator corresponds to a classical quantities:

Quantum:  $\sigma_{x,y,z} \rightarrow$  classical:  $m_{x,y,z} = +1$  or  $-1$ ;  $m_{x,y,z}^2 = 1$

Quantum:  $\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle$



Classical:  $m_{y_1} m_{x_2} m_{x_3} = 1, m_{x_1} m_{y_2} m_{x_3} = 1, m_{x_1} m_{x_2} m_{y_3} = 1$



Classical locality:  $m_{y_1} m_{x_2} m_{x_3} m_{x_1} m_{y_2} m_{x_3} m_{x_1} m_{x_2} m_{y_3} = 1$

$\Rightarrow m_{y_1} m_{y_2} m_{y_3} m_{x_1}^2 m_{x_2}^2 m_{x_3}^2 = 1$ , resulting in the classical locality

$$m_{y_1} m_{y_2} m_{y_3} = 1,$$

which is in contradiction with the quantum prediction:

$$\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3} |\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle = -|\psi_{\text{GHZ}}\rangle \Rightarrow m_{y_1} m_{y_2} m_{y_3} = -1!$$

So, experimentally,

i) Generating the expected GHZ state and measure  $\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_3}$

ii) Generating the expected GHZ state and measure  $\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{x_3}$

iii) Generating the expected GHZ state and measure  $\sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{y_3}$

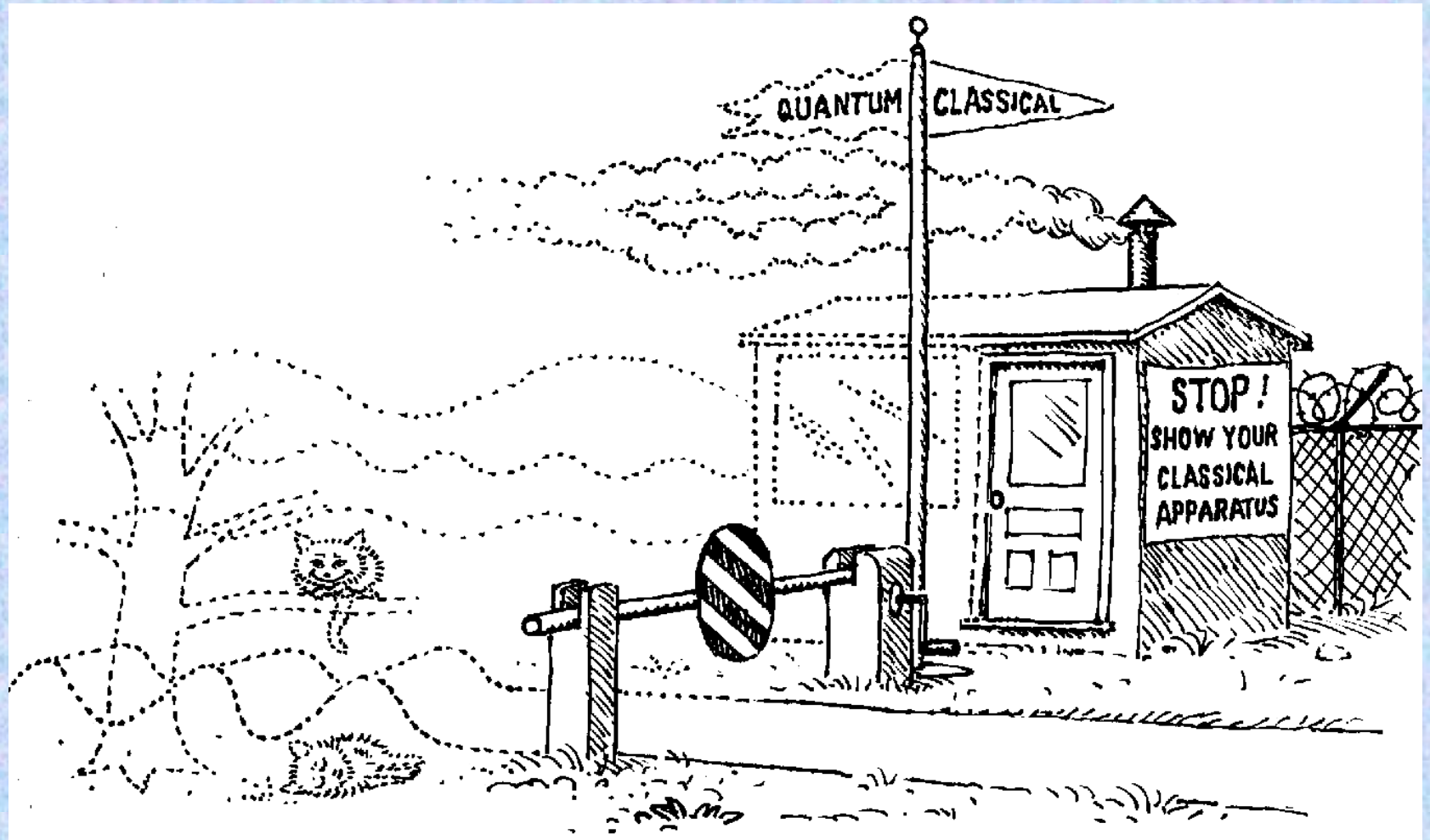
Calculating  $m_{y_1} m_{x_2} m_{x_3} m_{x_1} m_{y_2} m_{x_3} m_{x_1} m_{x_2} m_{y_3} = ?$

iv) Generating the expected GHZ state  
and perform **the fourth** tested experiment: measuring  $\sigma_{y_1} \sigma_{y_2} \sigma_{y_3}$

Quantum result  $m_{y_1} m_{y_2} m_{y_3} = -1$  conflicts the classical one  $m_{y_1} m_{y_2} m_{y_3} = 1$

- **Fundamental physical motivation:**

Entanglement lies at the **heart** of quantum mechanics.



# Superconducting circuit to test quantum theories

Device could form basis of powerful quantum computer

A simple circuit that tests the boundaries of quantum physics has been devised by RIKEN scientists. The proposed device could also be a key element of a future quantum computer, where information is stored and processed using the quantum properties of sub-atomic particles.

The circuit relies on three tiny superconducting devices that can carry electrical current, in the form of pairs of electrons, with virtually no resistance (Fig. 1). If trapped within the superconductor, odd or even numbers of electron pairs can represent the opposing states of binary logic that match the stream of 'ones' and 'zeros' used in conventional computers.

The data can be retrieved by counting the total number of electron pairs held in each superconducting 'box'.

But there's a catch. Although each box contains billions of electron pairs, making it far from sub-atomic, the behavior of the electrons is governed by the rules of the quantum world. This makes it possible for the overall quantum state of each box to become entangled with its neighbors so that they share the same information, as if they were part of a unified whole. Einstein himself dubbed this strange entanglement as 'spooky action at a distance', and it means that changing—or even measuring—the status of one of the superconducting electron-pair boxes can instantaneously affect the other two.

So each box essentially behaves as a unique quantum particle, and linking the three in this way is known as Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger entanglement, named after the scientists who first described it in 1989.

"We propose that these phenomena can also be observed in the macroscopic

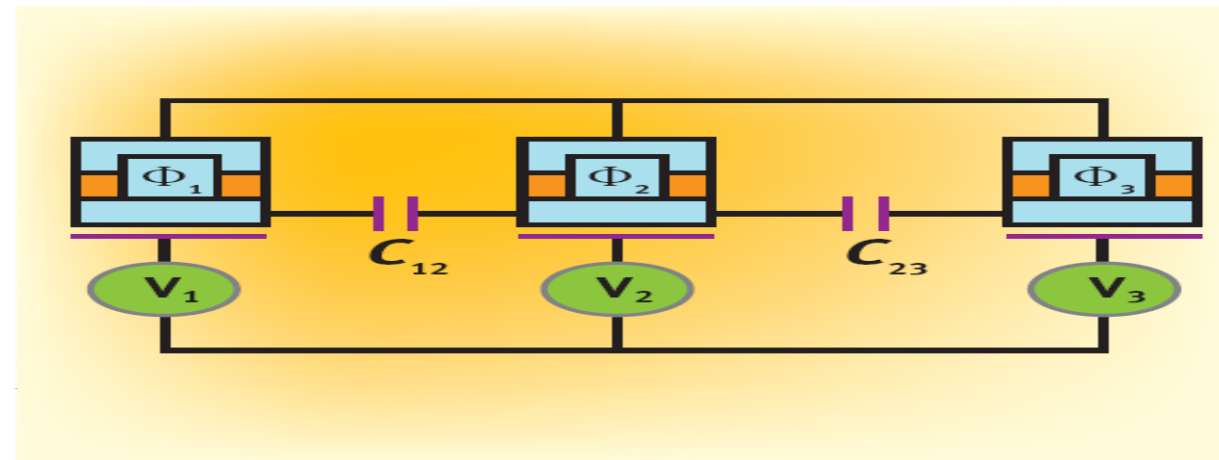


Figure 1: The three superconducting devices linked together in this circuit could form a key element of a future quantum computer.

world, using circuits, and not only in the microscopic realm," explains [L. F. Wei of RIKEN's Frontier Research System](#) in Wako, who devised the circuit with his colleagues [Yu-xi Liu](#) and [Franco Nori](#), who is also at the University of Michigan, USA. Their proposal is published in *Physical Review Letters*<sup>1</sup>.

The three superconducting boxes should be much easier to manipulate into specific quantum states than individual electrons, and controlling these 'macroscopic' quantum states provides a way to test some fundamental laws of quantum mechanics, such as entanglement, at the macroscopic level, says Nori. "But it is also a key step to building future quantum computers," he adds.

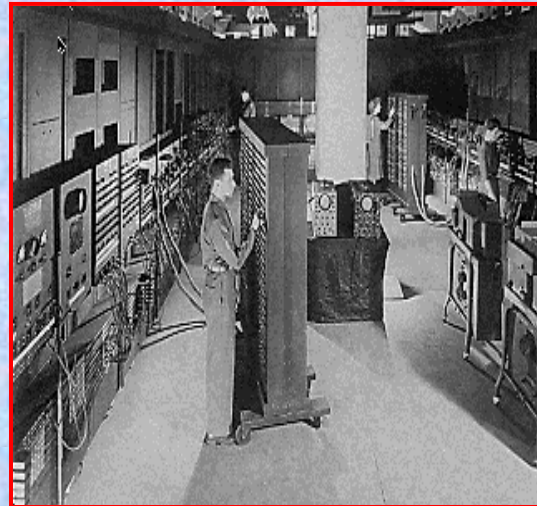
Since quantum states can exist in various combinations known as superpositions, there are many more configurations available to the three superconducting boxes than if they were a simple series of classical computer bits, which substantially increases the system's computing power. "We believe that the proposed system could be experimentally built in the near future," says [Wei](#). ■

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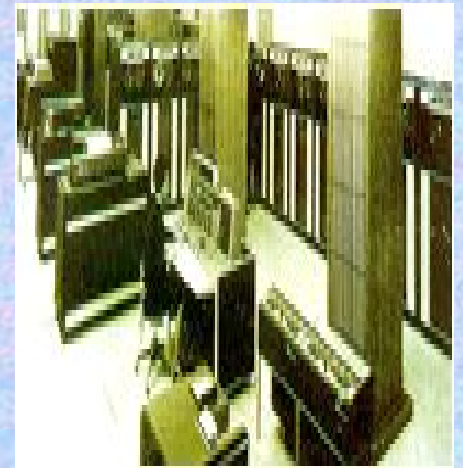
# Towards to Quantum Computer



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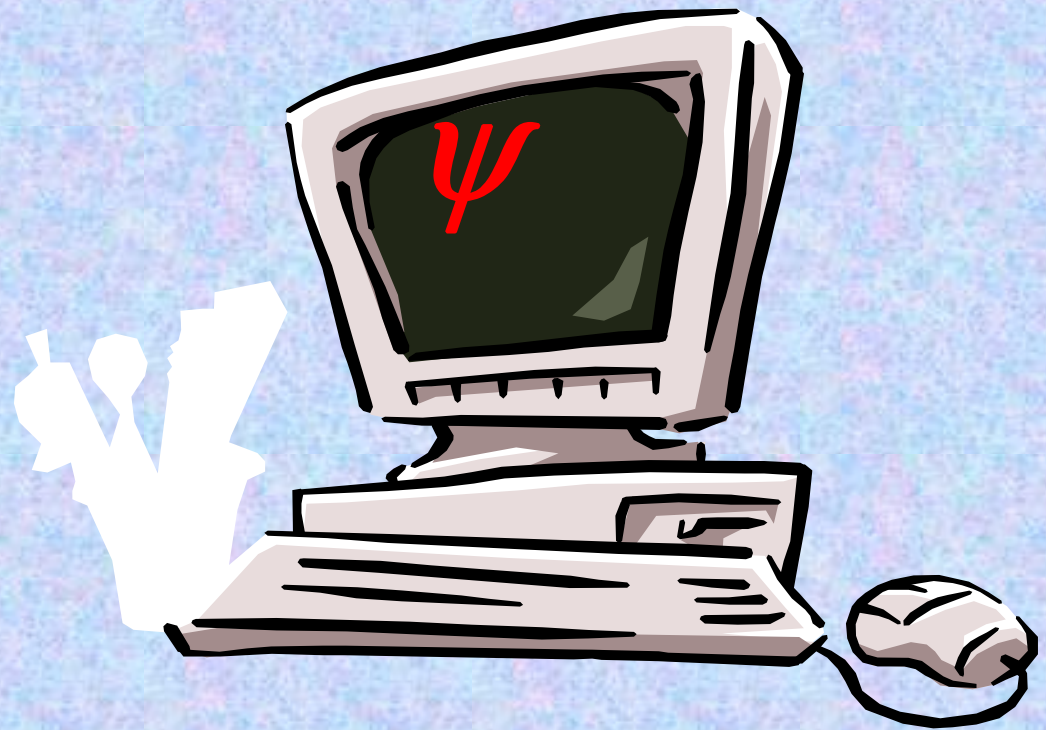
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# Quantum Computer?



# 问君能有几多愁

春花秋月何时了，

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故国不堪回首月明中。

雕栏玉砌应犹在，

只是朱颜改。

问君能有几多愁？

恰似一江春水向东流！

***Thank you***