Universal regime of fidelity decay in realistic quantum computations

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Quantum algorithm

$$p = \sum_{j=0}^{n_q - 1} \alpha_j \, 2^j \in \{0, \dots, N - 1\}$$

 $N = 2^{n_q}$ = dimension of Hilbert space; n_q = number of qubits; $\alpha_j \in \{0, 1\}$.

Identification:

$$|p\rangle \equiv |\alpha_0\rangle_0 |\alpha_1\rangle_1 \dots |\alpha_{n_q-1}\rangle_{n_q-1}$$
.

$$\Rightarrow \quad e^{-iT\hat{p}^2/2} |p\rangle = \prod_{j < k} \underbrace{e^{i(\cdots)\alpha_j \alpha_k}}_{B_{jk}^{(2)}(\cdots)} \prod_j \underbrace{e^{i(\cdots)\alpha_j}}_{B_j^{(1)}(\cdots)} |p\rangle$$

with simple and controlled phase-shift:

$$B_{j}^{(1)}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} , \quad B_{jk}^{(2)}(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Similar expression for $e^{-iV(\hat{\theta})}|\theta>$ requires double controlled phase-shift:

$$B_{jkl}^{(3)}(\phi) = B_{jl}^{(2)} \left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) B_{jk}^{(2)} \left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) C_{kl}^{(N)} B_{jk}^{(2)} \left(-\frac{\phi}{2}\right) C_{kl}^{(N)} .$$

Quantum Fourier transform (QFT) is used for: $|p\rangle \leftrightarrow |\theta\rangle$.

 \Rightarrow The quantum map :

$$|\psi(t+1)\rangle = U |\psi(t)\rangle$$
, $U = e^{-iTp^2/2} e^{-iV(\theta)}$

can be effectively simulated on a quantum computer with n_q qubits.

For this the total number of 2-qubit quantum gates for one iteration is:

$$N_g = \frac{9}{2}n_q^2 - \frac{11}{2}n_q + 4 \; .$$

A classical computer needs $\mathcal{O}(2^{n_q} n_q^2)$ operations.

Semi-classical limit :
$$T = \frac{2\pi}{N} = \frac{2\pi}{2^{n_q}}$$
, $k = \frac{k_{cl.}}{T}$.



Fidelity decay due to errors

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = U^t |\psi(0)\rangle$$
, $U = \underbrace{U_{N_g} \cdot \ldots \cdot U_1}_{\text{elementary gates}}$

Errors:
$$U_j \rightarrow U_j e^{i\delta H}$$
, $\delta H \sim \varepsilon$.

(i) Residual couplings of quantum computer to external bath:

- \Rightarrow decoherence
- $\Rightarrow \quad \delta H$ random and different at each j and t.
- (ii) Static imperfections in the quantum computer itself:
 - $\Rightarrow \quad \delta H \text{ (random but) constant at each } j \text{ and } t.$
- A measure of the error is the fidelity:

 $f(t) = |\langle \psi(t) | \psi_{\varepsilon}(t) \rangle|^2$.



Random matrix theory for fidelity decay

$$f(t) = \left|\frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr}\left(U^{-t} \left(U e^{i\delta H_{\mathrm{eff}}}\right)^{t}\right)\right|^{2}$$

$$(1-f) \ll 1$$
 : $f(t) \approx 1 - \frac{t}{t_c} - \frac{2}{t_c} \sum_{\tau=1}^{t-1} (t-\tau) C(\tau)$

with:

$$\frac{1}{t_c} = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr}\left(\delta H_{\text{eff}}^2\right) \quad , \quad C(\tau) = \frac{t_c}{N} \operatorname{tr}\left(\underbrace{U^{-\tau} \,\delta H_{\text{eff}} \, U^{\tau}}_{\delta H_{\text{eff}}(\tau)} \,\delta H_{\text{eff}}\right)$$

(General relation between fidelity and correlation function: *Prosen*, 2001) $U \in COE(CUE) \Rightarrow Scaling law:$

$$-\langle \ln f(t) \rangle_U \approx \frac{N}{t_c} \chi\left(\frac{t}{N}\right) , \qquad \chi(s) = s + \frac{2}{\beta} s^2 - 2 \int_0^s d\tilde{\tau} \left(s - \tilde{\tau}\right) b_2(\tilde{\tau}) ,$$

with the "two-level form factor": $b_2(\tilde{\tau})$.

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 $\beta = 1, N = \sigma t_{\rm H}$ where $\sigma = 0.65 \approx$ fraction of chaotic region of phase-space:

$$-\langle \ln f(t) \rangle_U \approx \frac{\sigma t_{\rm H}}{t_c} \chi \left(\frac{t}{\sigma t_{\rm H}}\right) \approx \frac{t}{t_c} + \frac{2}{\sigma} \frac{t^2}{t_c t_{\rm H}}$$
$$t_c = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 n_q N_q^2} \quad , \quad t_{\rm H} = 2^{n_q}$$

with $N_g = \frac{9}{2}n_q^2 - \frac{11}{2}n_q + 4 =$ number of elementary quantum gates.

Static imperfections:

(a) $\varepsilon = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ (b) $\varepsilon = 6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (c) $\varepsilon = 5 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Random errors: (c) $\varepsilon = 1.59 \cdot 10^{-4}$





Lower curve: with fit values \tilde{t}_c and $\tilde{t}_{\rm H}$ from

$$-\ln(f(t)) = \frac{t}{\tilde{t}_c} + \frac{t^2}{\tilde{t}_c \tilde{t}_{\rm H}} .$$











Conclusion

- Interesting model of quantum chaos accessible to quantum computation with a moderate number of qubits (10-20).
- Relation between two level form factor from RMT and fidelity.
- Universal scaling regime for fidelity decay.
- Modified Husimi function (nearly) accessible to quantum computation.
- Stability of quantum computation for classically chaotic maps.
- Implications for other quantum algorithms ?
- Diffusive regime ?

$$f(t) \approx f_{\rm RM}(t) \, \exp\left(-{\rm const.} \frac{t^{3-d/2} t_{\rm Th}^{d/2}}{t_c t_{\rm H}^2}\right)$$

• Localized regime ? Modified Heisenberg time ?