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**Group Multiplication** 



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## **Elementary Braid Operations**

 $\sigma_i$ : Braid i<sup>th</sup> strand over i+1<sup>st</sup> strand



 $\sigma_i$  s and their inverses generate the braid group



#### **Braid Relations**

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$$



$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i , \qquad |i-j| \ge 2$$











$$\sigma_{2} = F R F = \begin{pmatrix} -\tau e^{-i\pi/5} & \sqrt{\tau} e^{-i3\pi/5} \\ \sqrt{\tau} e^{-i3\pi/5} & -\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Elementary Braid Matrices**

$$\sigma_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i4\pi/5} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i3\pi/5} \end{pmatrix}$$

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## **Qubit Encoding**



# Initializing a Qubit

Pull two quasiparticle-quasihole pairs out of the "vacuum".



These three particles have total q-spin 1

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## Measuring a Qubit

Try to fuse the leftmost quasiparticle-quasihole pair.



# Measuring a Qubit

If they fuse back into the "vacuum" the result of the measurement is 0.



# Measuring a Qubit

If they cannot fuse back into the "vacuum" the result of the measurement is 1



### Single Qubit: The Bloch Sphere









**General rule**: Braiding inside an oval does not change the total topological charge of the enclosed particles.

**Important consequence**: As long as we braid *within* a qubit, there is no leakage error.



Can we do arbitrary single qubit rotations this way?









$$N = 2$$





$$N = 3$$





$$N = 4$$














































#### **Brute Force Search**

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{-4}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{4}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{4}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{4}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{-4}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{-2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + O(10^{-3})$$



#### **Brute Force Search**



L. Hormozi, G. Zikos, NEB, S.H. Simon, PRB '07

#### **Brute Force Search**



Brute force searching rapidly becomes infeasible as braids get longer.

Fortunately, a clever algorithm due to Solovay and Kitaev allows for systematic improvement of the braid given a sufficiently dense covering of *SU(2)*.

#### **Solovay-Kitaev Construction**



# What About Two Qubit Gates?



#### Problems:

- 1. We are pulling quasiparticles out of qubits: Leakage error!
- 2. 87 dimensional search space (as opposed to 3 for threeparticle braids). Straightforward "brute force" search is problematic.

## **Two Qubit Controlled Gates**



**Goal:** Find a braid in which some rotation is performed on the target qubit only if the control qubit is in the state 1. (*b*=1)

# "Weaving" a Two Qubit Gate

*Weave* a *pair* of anyons from the control qubit between anyons in the target qubit.



**Important Rule:** Braiding a q-spin 0 object does not induce transitions.



Target qubit is only affected if control qubit is in state  $|1\rangle$ 

(b = 1)

# "Weaving" a Two Qubit Gate

Only nontrivial case is when the control pair has q-spin 1.



We've reduced the problem to weaving one anyon around three others. **Still too hard for brute force approach!** 

## Try Weaving Around Just Two Anyons

We're back to  $B_3$ , so this is numerically feasible.



**Question**: Can we find a weave which does not lead to **leakage errors**?

# A Trick: Effective Braiding



The effect of weaving the **blue anyon** through the two **green anyons** has approximately the same effect as braiding the two **green anyons** twice.

#### Controlled-"Knot" Gate



Not a CNOT, but sufficient for universal quantum computation.

## SK Improved Controlled-"Knot" Gate



#### Another Trick: Injection Weaving



Step 1: Inject the control pair into the target qubit.



#### Another Trick: Injection Weaving



Step 2: Weave the control pair inside the injected target qubit.



# Another Trick: Injection Weaving

Step 3: Extract the control pair from the target using the inverse of the injection weave.



Putting it all together we have a CNOT gate:



### SK Improved Controlled-NOT Gate



## **Universal Set of Gates**

Single qubit rotations: 
$$|\psi\rangle - U_{\vec{\phi}} - U_{\vec{\phi}} |\psi\rangle$$





NEB, L. Hormozi, G. Zikos, S.H. Simon, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 140503 (2005)

#### Quantum Circuit



#### What braid corresponds to this circuit?

#### Quantum Circuit



# Braid





















#### **Topological Quantum Computing with Only One Mobile Quasiparticle**

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We know it is possible to carry out universal quantum computation by moving only a *single* particle.

Can we find an efficient CNOT construction in which only a single particle is woven through the other particles?

## Another Useful Braid: The F-Braid

F-Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau & \sqrt{\tau} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\tau} & -\tau & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \\ \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{O}} \end{bmatrix}$$

F-Braid:















Phase Braid




#### Single Particle Weave Gate: Part 3



## **Controlled-Phase Gate**



#### SK Improved Controlled-Phase Gate

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### Universal "One-Particle Weave" Gates

Single qubit rotations: 
$$|\psi\rangle - U_{\vec{\phi}} - U_{\vec{\phi}} |\psi\rangle$$



L. Hormozi, G. Zikos, NEB, and S.H. Simon, Phys. Rev. B 75, 165310 (2007).

# How Big is Shor's Braid?

How many elementary braids are required to factor a K-bit number N using Shor's algorithm?

Bottleneck: Modular Exponentiation requires ~  $K^3$  gates.

$$U_{\text{modexp}} \left| a \right\rangle_{i} \left| 0 \right\rangle_{o} = \left| a \right\rangle_{i} \left| x^{a} \left( \text{mod} N \right) \right\rangle_{o}$$

Specific requirements:

- ~ 3 *K* Qubits
- ~ 40  $K^3$  NOT gates
- ~ 28  $K^3$  CNOT gates
- ~ 92  $K^3$  CCNOT (Toffoli) gates

Beckman, Chari, Devabhaktuni, Preskill, PRA 54, 1034 (1996).

## Quantum Gates for Modular Exp

#### NOT Gate:





Length (measured in elementary braids) grows logarithmically with decreasing error:

$$L_{NOT} \approx 18 \left| \log_{10} \mathcal{E} \right|$$

Roughly same scaling seen for all "three-weaves"

G. Zikos, et al., Int. J. Mod. Phys. B 23, 2727 (2009).

## Quantum Gates for Modular Exp



CNOT is constructed using 3 three-weaves plus 2 single qubit rotations for a total of 5 three-weaves.

$$L_{CNOT} \approx 5L_{NOT} \approx 90 \left| \log_{10} \mathcal{E} \right|$$

## Quantum Gates for Modular Exp

CCNOT can be constructed using 6 CNOTs (up to single qubit rotations on the target) and 9 single qubit rotations. So 6x3 = 18 "CNOT" three-weaves + 9 "single qubit rotation" three-weaves = 27 three-weaves.

$$L_{CCNOT} \approx 27 L_{NOT} \approx 486 \left| \log_{10} \varepsilon \right|$$

# Number of Elementary Braids

Total number of elementary braids:

$$L_{Shor} \approx 50,000 | \log_{10} \mathcal{E} | K^3$$

For a finite probability that no error occurs, we require:

$$|\mathcal{E}|^2 \sim \frac{1}{50,000 K^3}$$

To factor a 128-bit number:

Number of Fibonacci anyons  $\approx 1000$ 

$$\varepsilon \sim 3 \times 10^{-6} \longrightarrow$$

Number of elementary braids  $\approx 6 \times 10^{11}$ 

M. Baraban, NEB, and S. H. Simon, PRA 81, 062317 (2010)