

Weight-four parity checks with silicon spin qubits

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Abstract

Recent advances in coherent spin shuttling [1,2] have made sparse semiconductor spin qubit arrays an appealing solid-state platform to realize quantum processors. The dynamic and long-range connectivity enabled by shuttling is also essential for many quantum error-correction (QEC) schemes. Here, we demonstrate a silicon spin-qubit device that comprises a shuttling bus for coherently transporting qubits that can interact at four isolated locations we call bus stops. We dynamically populate the array and tune all single- and two-qubit operations using shuttling and quantum nondemolition (QND) spin measurements, without access to charge sensing in most of the device. We achieve universal control of the effective five-qubit processor and select the connectivity required to form a surface-code stabilizer plaquette that supports X- and Z-type parity checks up to weightfour. We use the parity checks to generate multi-qubit entanglement between all qubit combinations in the array and report the genuine entanglement of a five-qubit Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) state, constituting the largest such state ever constructed with gate-defined semiconductor spins. This work opens immediate opportunities to pursue QEC experiments [3] with spin qubits, and the

protocols developed here lay the groundwork for the modular calibration and operation of sparse spin qubit arrays.

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Figures

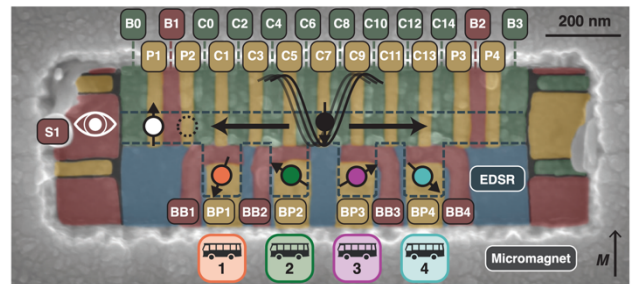


Figure 1: A sparse five-qubit bi-linear device connected with a conveyor shuttling channel for long range connectivity.

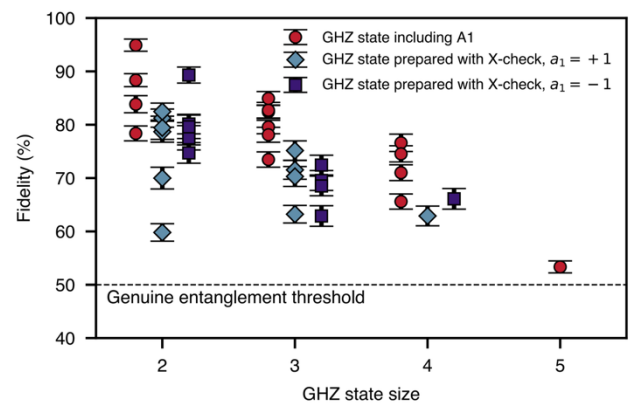


Figure 2: GHZ state fidelities for all combinations of two or more qubits in the five-qubit processor