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European foreword

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Introduction

One of the many possible hardware architectures for quantum computing is “Cryogenic Solid State Quantum Computing”. This family of architectures include solutions based on superconducting qubits (like Transmons and Flux Qubits), semiconductor spin-qubits, topological qubits, artificial atoms in solids, etc. They have in common that their quantum devices should operate at very low temperatures in a cryostat, and that their operation is controlled from electronics outside the cryostat.

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1 Scope

This document describes the functionalities of modules for use in cryogenic solid-state quantum computers and associated functional requirements. It leaves further details about interfaces and quantification of requirements to other, future, CEN/TRs.

This document does not specify specific values, only functional requirements, and may offer informative examples that have been proven in practice. Functional requirements are mainly an enumeration of characteristics that are considered as relevant for future specification as well as a motivation why they are relevant.

Cryogenic solid-state quantum computers belong to an architecture family of which all members make use of a cryostat. The quantum device(s) within the fridge are usually controlled from outside by room-temperature control electronics, through a (huge) number of I/O channels. Examples of members within this architecture family are solutions based on superconducting transmons, superconducting flux qubits, semiconductor spin qubits, topological qubits and artificial atoms in solids.

2 Normative references

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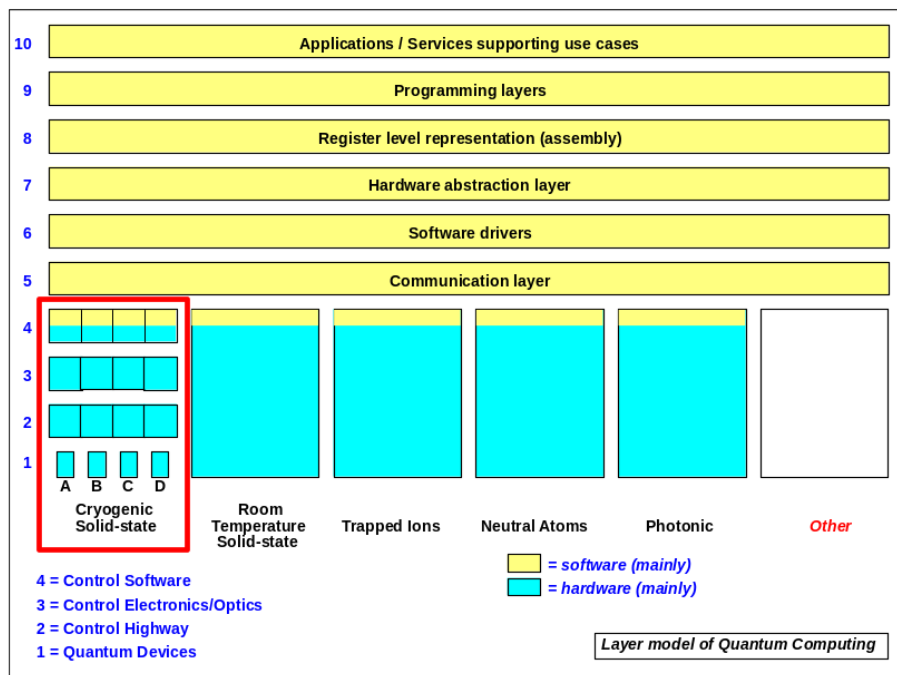
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4 Overview

The description of cryogenic solid state quantum computing comprises the hardware and software layers of the CEN/CENELEC Layer model [*], as shown within the box in figure 1. It involves an architecture family of which all members make use of a cryostat. The quantum device(s) within the fridge are controlled from outside by room-temperature control electronics, through a (huge) number of I/O channels. Examples of members within this architecture family are superconducting transmons, superconducting flux qubits, semiconductor spin qubits, topological qubits and artificial atoms in solids.



ED NOTE: Figure [*] This figure should remain the same as the one being specified as “Layer Model”. A box draws which part of that layer model is within the scope of the present TR

The description of this architecture family is organized as a stack of the following hardware and software layers, that are described in further detail in succeeding chapters :

- Layer 1: Quantum devices
- Layer 2: Control Highway
- Layer 3: Control Electronics
- Layer 4: Control Software

This architecture family involves different implementations of a quantum device. This is symbolically depicted in figure [*] by the characters A, B, C, D.

A module is an implementation that may be constructed from (smaller) modules and components. It could offer the functionality of a single layer, of multiple layers, or just of a fragment of a layer. A module may also support different operating modes, such that it complies with the requirements of multiple members and/or multiple architecture families. As such, the functionality of a module may cover multiple layers and/or families and/or members.

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Text of subclause.

5 Layer 1 – Quantum Devices

The quantum devices in hardware layer 1 are modules with qubits that are operating at cryogenic temperatures and may be implemented as chip and/or on PCB (Printed Circuit Boards). They may have though requirements on shielding, operating temperature, magnetic aspects, etc.

5.1 Functional Description

The following members have been identified within this architecture family:

- Transmons;
- Flux qubits;
- Semiconductor spin qubits;
- Topological qubits;
- Artificial atoms in solids.

5.2 Function Requirements

6 Layer 2 – Control Highway

Hardware layer 2 covers all infrastructure needed for transporting microwave, lightwave, RF and DC signals (via electrical and/or optical means) between the control electronics at room temperature and the quantum devices at cryogenic temperatures.

It is usually a mix of transmission lines, filtering, attenuation, amplification, (de)multiplexing, as well as means for proper thermalization. A huge number of control channels are required to control many qubits in a fridge (which clarifies the name) and this can easily become very bulky. It could have tough requirements on aspects like heat-flow, thermal noise and vacuum properties.

6.1 Functional Descriptions

6.2 Functional Requirements

7 Layer 3 – Control Electronics

Hardware layer 3 covers all electronics for generating, receiving, and processing microwave, RF and DC signals. Some implementations make use of routing/switching and/or multiplexing of control signals at room temperatures. It may have some firmware on board to guide the signal generation and signal processing.

7.1 Functional Descriptions

7.2 Functional Requirements

8 Layer 4 – Control Software

Software (and hardware) layer 4 covers a mix of hardware and low-level driver software for instructing the control electronics and software for performing calibration. It has a software interface to higher layers for receiving sequences of instructions about when, where and what pulses are to be generated, and how to process and read-out the response.

Placed on top of quantum hardware, control software delivers high-performing qubit operations to higher level of abstraction in the quantum stack with minimal user intervention. It may include calibration means, low-level code to translate instructions from higher software layers into commands for guiding the control electronics/optics, and comprises the techniques used to define error-robust physical operations and associated supporting protocols designed to tune-up and stabilize the hardware.

Control software for quantum hardware is typically stored on digital computers, i.e., there is a very strict separation between the place where the control software is stored and the quantum registers. In the long term, control software may work in concert with Quantum Error Correction (QEC), which is supposed to lay at the assembly / register level programming layer, to provide broad coverage of various error types. More specifically, control software could improve the efficiency of QEC, i.e., reduce resource overheads required for encoding, by homogenizing error rates and reducing error correlations.

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8.1 Functional Descriptions

8.2 Functional Requirements

9 Benchmarking (Low level)

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NOTE Figure note.

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Figure A.1 — Figure title

Annex HExamples of formulae

A + B = C

(1)

where

- A is ... ;
- B is ... ;
- C is

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$$D_1 = 5,77 \times 10^{-13} \frac{C_1 \rho_1}{4\pi} \sum y_i \left(\frac{\mu_{en}}{\rho} \right) E_i \int B_i(1) \frac{e^{-\mu_i(1)z_1}}{r^2} dV$$

(2)

where

- $B_i(1)$ is ...
- D_1 is...
- ...

Annex ZA
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