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The Quantum Way of Doing Computations

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A few decades ago, it became apparent that computers and many of their applications can be further enhanced by using operations based on quantum physics. Computations, whether they happen in our heads or with any computational device, always rely on real physical devices and processes. The technology for quantum computers requires the implementation of quantum bits (qubits) as storage sites for quantum information, quantum registers and quantum gates for data handling and processing as well as the development of quantum algorithms. In this talk, the state-of-the-art of current quantum computer technology is briefly reviewed and exemplified with strings of trapped ions, which are harnessed as a quantum register in a quantum information processor. The quantum way of doing computations is illustrated with analog and digital quantum simulations. Ways towards scaling the ion-trap quantum processor are discussed.