

23A05503	INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS (Qualitative Treatment)	L	T	P	C
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Course Objectives (COBJ):

- Introduce fundamental quantum concepts like superposition and entanglement.
- Understand theoretical structure of qubits and quantum information.
- Explore conceptual challenges in building quantum computers.
- Explain principles of quantum communication and computing.
- Examine real-world applications and the future of quantum technologies.

Course Outcomes (CO):

- Explain core quantum principles in a non-mathematical manner.
- Compare classical and quantum information systems.
- Identify theoretical issues in building quantum computers.
- Discuss quantum communication and computing concepts.
- Recognize applications, industry trends, and career paths in quantum technology.

Unit 1: Introduction to Quantum Theory and Technologies

The transition from classical to quantum physics, Fundamental principles explained conceptually: Superposition, Entanglement, Uncertainty Principle, Wave-particle duality, Classical vs Quantum mechanics – theoretical comparison, Quantum states and measurement: nature of observation, Overview of quantum systems: electrons, photons, atoms, The concept of quantization: discrete energy levels, Why quantum? Strategic, scientific, and technological significance, A snapshot of quantum technologies: Computing, Communication, and Sensing, National and global quantum missions: India's Quantum Mission, EU, USA, China

Unit 2: Theoretical Structure of Quantum Information Systems

What is a qubit? Conceptual understanding using spin and polarization, Comparison: classical bits vs quantum bits, Quantum systems: trapped ions, superconducting circuits, photons (non-engineering view), Quantum coherence and decoherence – intuitive explanation, Theoretical concepts: Hilbert spaces, quantum states, operators – only interpreted in abstract, The role of entanglement and non-locality in systems, Quantum information vs classical information: principles and differences, Philosophical implications: randomness, determinism, and observer role

Unit 3: Building a Quantum Computer – Theoretical Challenges and Requirements

What is required to build a quantum computer (conceptual overview)?, Fragility of quantum systems: decoherence, noise, and control, Conditions for a functional quantum system: Isolation, Error management, Scalability, Stability, Theoretical barriers:

Why maintaining entanglement is difficult, Error correction as a theoretical necessity, Quantum hardware platforms (brief conceptual comparison), Superconducting circuits, Trapped ions, Photonics, Vision vs reality: what's working and what remains elusive, The role of quantum software in managing theoretical complexities

Unit 4: Quantum Communication and Computing – Theoretical Perspective

Quantum vs Classical Information, Basics of Quantum Communication, Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), Role of Entanglement in Communication, The Idea of the Quantum Internet – Secure Global Networking, Introduction to Quantum Computing, Quantum Parallelism (Many

States at Once), Classical vs Quantum Gates, Challenges: Decoherence and Error Correction, Real-World Importance and Future Potential

Unit 5: Applications, Use Cases, and the Quantum Future

Real-world application domains: Healthcare (drug discovery), Material science, Logistics and optimization, Quantum sensing and precision timing, Industrial case studies: IBM, Google, Microsoft, PsiQuantum, Ethical, societal, and policy considerations, Challenges to adoption: cost, skills, standardization, Emerging careers in quantum: roles, skillsets, and preparation pathways, Educational and research landscape – India's opportunity in the global quantum race

Textbooks:

1. Michael A. Nielsen, Isaac L. Chuang, *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information*, Cambridge University Press, 10th Anniversary Edition, 2010.
2. Eleanor Rieffel and Wolfgang Polak, *Quantum Computing: A Gentle Introduction*, MIT Press, 2011.
3. Chris Bernhardt, *Quantum Computing for Everyone*, MIT Press, 2019.

Reference Books:

1. David McMahon, *Quantum Computing Explained*, Wiley, 2008.
2. Phillip Kaye, Raymond Laflamme, Michele Mosca, *An Introduction to Quantum Computing*, Oxford University Press, 2007.
3. Scott Aaronson, *Quantum Computing Since Democritus*, Cambridge University Press, 2013.
4. **Alastair I.M. Rae**, *Quantum Physics: A Beginner's Guide*, Oneworld Publications, Revised Edition, 2005.
5. **Eleanor G. Rieffel, Wolfgang H. Polak**, *Quantum Computing: A Gentle Introduction*, MIT Press, 2011.
6. **Leonard Susskind, Art Friedman**, *Quantum Mechanics: The Theoretical Minimum*, Basic Books, 2014.
7. **Bruce Rosenblum, Fred Kuttner**, *Quantum Enigma: Physics Encounters Consciousness*, Oxford University Press, 2nd Edition, 2011.
8. **Giuliano Benenti, Giulio Casati, Giuliano Strini**, *Principles of Quantum Computation and Information, Volume I: Basic Concepts*, World Scientific Publishing, 2004.
9. **K.B. Whaley et al.**, *Quantum Technologies and Industrial Applications: European Roadmap and Strategy Document*, Quantum Flagship, European Commission, 2020.
10. **Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India**, *National Mission on Quantum Technologies & Applications – Official Reports and Whitepapers*, MeitY/DST Publications, 2020 onward.

Online Learning Resources:

- [IBM Quantum Experience and Qiskit Tutorials](#)
- [Coursera – Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Computation by UC Berkeley](#)
- [edX – The Quantum Internet and Quantum Computers](#)
- [YouTube – Quantum Computing for the Determined by Michael Nielsen](#)
- [Qiskit Textbook – IBM Quantum](#)