Fast binomial-code holonomic quantum computation with ultrastrong light-matter coupling

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We propose a protocol for bosonic binomial-code nonadiabatic holonomic quantum computation in a system composed of an artificial atom ultrastrongly coupled to a cavity resonator. In our protocol, the binomial codes, formed by superpositions of Fock states, can greatly save physical resources to correct errors in quantum computation. We apply to the system strong driving fields designed by shortcuts-to-adiabatic methods. This reduces the gate time to tens of nanoseconds. Noise induced by control imperfections can be suppressed by a systematic-error-sensitivity nullification method. As a result, this protocol can rapidly (~35 ns) generate fault-tolerant and high-fidelity (≥998% with experimentally realistic parameters) quantum gates.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The generation of robust and fault-tolerant quantum gates is a basic requirement for quantum computation. To reach this goal, much attention has been given to holonomic quantum computation [1–4] based on Abelian [5,6] and non-Abelian geometric phases [7–9]. These can provide a robust way towards universal quantum computation, because the geometric phases are determined by the global properties of the evolution paths and possess a built-in noise-resilience feature against certain types of local noises [10–13]. In particular, nonadiabatic holonomic quantum computation (NHQC) [14–20] releases the variations of parameters from the limitation of the adiabatic condition, making the computation fast and robust against local parameter fluctuations over the cyclic evolution. However, due to the huge physical resource overhead and the difficulties in scaling up the number of qubits [21–31], previous work [2–4,14–20,32–42] showed that is experimentally difficult to implement a quantum error-correction protocol [25,43–45] in NHQC. For this reason, holonomic computation via bosonic codes [46,47] has attracted much interest recently [48,49]. Bosonic codes allow quantum error correction extending only the number of excitation instead of the number of qubits, while keeping the noise channels fixed [48–64]. For instance, binomial codes [54] formed from superposition of Fock states are protected against continuous dissipative evolution under loss, gain, and dephasing errors.

Unfortunately, universal control of a single bosonic mode is difficult due to its harmonicity. Although adding direct and indirect nonlinear interactions can induce weak anharmonicity [53], it is still difficult to manipulate independently and simultaneously every needed Fock state. Moreover, weak nonlinear interactions may induce additional noises into the system and limit the gate fidelities [53]. This, with additional operations (e.g., feedback [60,65,66] and driven-dissipative controls [48,51]) and conditions (e.g., oscillators and qubits are never driven simultaneously [55,67,68]), makes it difficult to implement NHQC [14,17,18] with bosonic error-correction codes. Note that the first experiment for binomial-code conditional geometric gates was recently realized [55] using three-dimensional (3D) superconducting cavities, but it is not a holonomic computation.

The eigenstates of a two-level atom and a cavity field interacting in the ultrastrong coupling (USC) regime are anharmonic dressed atom-light states [69–88]. In this manuscript, to overcome the problems mentioned in the previous paragraph, we use these dressed states as intermediate states [89–94] to simultaneously couple a different Fock basis and induce population transitions between them. To implement NHQC with binomial codes, we populate Fock states in one step, driving the atom with a composite pulse. The strong anharmonicity in the USC regime allows one to apply strong driving fields [91–93] in order to shorten the gate time to nanoseconds. These drives are designed by an invariant-based method [95–101] and a systematic-error-sensitivity nullification method [18,19,102], making our protocol fast and robust against pulse imperfections. Additionally, the NHQC protocol presented here is scalable for multi-qubit gates ultrastrongly coupling the atom to a multimode cavity.
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II. MODEL AND EFFECTIVE HAMILTONIAN

Our system consists of a three-level (|e⟩, |g⟩, |μ⟩) artificial atom and a cavity resonator [103]. The states |e⟩ and |g⟩ are ultrastrongly coupled to a cavity mode [104], with coupling strength g (see Fig. 1). The atom-cavity interaction is described by

\[ H_R = \hbar \omega_c a^\dagger a + \hbar \omega \bar{a}^\dagger \bar{a} + h g(a + a^\dagger) \sigma^x \]  

(1)

is the Rabi Hamiltonian. Here, \( \sigma^x = |e⟩⟨g| + |g⟩⟨e| \) and \( \sigma^z = |e⟩⟨e| - |g⟩⟨g| \) are Pauli matrices, \( a \) (\( a^\dagger \)) is the annihilation (creation) operator of the cavity field, \( \omega_c \) is the frequency of the level |μ⟩, and \( \omega_c, \omega \) is the cavity (qubit) frequency. In the USC regime \( (\omega_c/\omega \lesssim 0.1) \), the eigenstates \( |E_j⟩ \) with eigenvalues \( \xi_j \) of \( H_R \) can be separated into (i) noninteracting sectors \( |μ⟩\langle n| \) with eigenvalues \( \omega_μ + \omega_c \langle n| \) and (ii) dressed atom-cavity states \( |ζ_m⟩ \) with eigenvalues \( E_m(j, n, m = 0, 1, 2, \ldots) \). Here, \( n \) denotes the Fock states of the cavity mode, and

\[ |ζ_m⟩ = \sum_n \left( c_{n}^m |g⟩n + d_{n+1}^m |e⟩(n ± 1) \right) \]  

(2)

denotes the dressed states of \( H_R \). The coefficients \( c_{n}^m \) and \( d_{n+1}^m \) can be obtained numerically. Note that we impose \( d_{n+1}^m = 0 \) for Eq. (2).

Oscillations \( |μ⟩\langle n| ↔ |ζ_m⟩ \) can be induced by driving the atomic transition \( |μ⟩ ↔ |g⟩ \) [see Fig. 1(b)] with an additional control Hamiltonian:

\[ H_D(t) = \hbar \Omega_{1} (|μ⟩\langle g| + |g⟩⟨μ|). \]  

(3)

Here,

\[ \Omega_{1} = \sum_k \Omega_k \cos(\omega_t + \phi_k) \]  

(4)

is a composite pulse [65,91,105,106] with amplitudes \( \Omega_k \), frequencies \( \omega_t \), and phases \( \phi_k \). We omit the explicit time dependence of all the parameters (e.g., \( \Omega_k \) and \( \phi_k \)) regarding the drivings. The total Hamiltonian is \( H_{\text{tot}}(t) = H_0 + H_D(t) \).

Choosing

\[ \omega_k = (E_m - \omega_μ - k\omega_c), \]  

\[ \Omega_k \ll \omega_c, g, \]  

(5)

and performing a unitary transformation \( \exp(-iH_D(t)) \), we derive an effective Hamiltonian that, under the rotating wave approximation, is (see details in Appendix A)

\[ H_{\text{eff}}(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\max} c_{k}^m |g⟩k⟨μ| + |μ⟩k⟨g| + h.c. \]  

(6)

This effective Hamiltonian describes transitions between the Fock states \( |k⟩ \) through the dressed intermediate state \( |ζ_m⟩ \). We assume

\[ \omega_μ = E_m - (k_{\max} + 0.25)\omega_c, \]  

(7)

so that the dressed state \( |ζ_m⟩ \) is the highest level in the evolution subspace. In Fig. 2(a) we illustrate the effective transitions for \( m = 0 \). Note that each Fock state can be freely populated by the drivings \( \Omega_k \) when the system is in the USC regime. Instead, in the weak-coupling regime, the qubit driving \( H_D(t) \) only induces oscillations \( |g⟩0 ↔ |μ⟩0 \) because \( c_{m=0}^0 \ ≃ 0 \).

III. NONADIABATIC HOLONOMIC QUANTUM COMPUTATION VIA BINOMIAL CODES

An example of the binomial codes [54] for single-qubit gates protecting against the single-photon loss error is

\[ |1⟩ = |2⟩, \quad |0⟩ = ((|0⟩ + |4⟩)/\sqrt{2}, \]  

(8)

which form a computational subspace \( S_c = \{|0⟩, |1⟩\} \). With this definition, a photon loss error brings the logical code words to a subspace with odd photon numbers that is clearly disjoint from the even-parity subspace of the logical code words [54]. The Knill-Laflamme condition [107,108] for this kind of codes reads \( |q⟩|a^\dagger a|q^\dagger⟩ = 2 (g, q^\dagger = 0, 1) \). This means that the probability of a photon jump to occur is the same for \( |0⟩ \) and \( |1⟩ \), implying that the quantum state is not deformed under the error of a photon loss. For instance, when encoding quantum information as

\[ |ψ_0⟩ = \cos χ |0⟩ + \sin χ |1⟩, \]  

(9)

a photon jump leads to

\[ |ψ_1⟩ = \frac{a |ψ_0⟩}{\sqrt{⟨ψ_0|a^\dagger a|ψ_0⟩}} = \cos χ |3⟩ + \sin χ |1⟩, \]  

(10)
which means that the information (cos $\chi$ and sin $\chi$) is not deformed [54].

To manipulate the codes in Eq. (8), we need a three-frequency composite pulse, i.e., $g = (0, 2, 4)$ in Eq. (6). When $g / \omega_k \gtrsim 0.5$, the probability amplitudes ($c_{0}^2, c_{2}^2, c_{4}^2$) of the Fock states ($|0\rangle, |2\rangle, |4\rangle$) in the third dressed state $|\tilde{z}_2\rangle$ are greater than in the other dressed states (see more details in Appendix A). For this reason, we choose $m = 2$ in Eq. (6). Assuming $c_{0}^2 \Omega_0 = c_{2}^2 \Omega_2$ and $\varphi_0 = \varphi_2$, $H_{\text{eff}}(t)$ becomes an effective $\Lambda$-type system with two ground states ($|0\rangle, |\tilde{1}\rangle$) and an excited state $|\tilde{z}_2\rangle \equiv |\zeta_{m=2}\rangle$. The NHQC in a $\Lambda$-type system has been well studied [3,4,11]. For clarity, we define an effective driving amplitude,

$$\Xi = \sqrt{\sum_k (\beta_k^2 \Omega_k)^2},$$

and a time-independent parameter,

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left( \frac{\sqrt{\sum_k \beta_k^2 \Omega_k^2}}{\sum_k \beta_k^2 \Omega_k^2} \right),$$

to rewrite $H_{\text{eff}}(t)$ to be

$$H_{\text{eff}}(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \Xi \exp(i \varphi_2) |b\rangle \langle \zeta_2 | + \text{H.c.},$$

where $\psi = \varphi_2 - \varphi_0$, and

$$|b\rangle = e^{-i \psi} \sin(\theta/2) |\tilde{0}\rangle |\mu\rangle + \cos(\theta/2) |\tilde{1}\rangle |\mu\rangle.$$  

Initially, quantum information is stored in the logical qubit states of the subspace $\mathcal{S}_\zeta$ (the atom is in $|\mu\rangle$). According to the invariant-based approaches for $\Lambda$-type transitions [100,101,109], when

$$\Xi \sin \varphi_2 = \Omega_2 (\beta, \varphi) \equiv (\beta \cos \varphi \sin \beta + \varphi \cos \beta),$$

$$\Xi \cos \varphi_2 = \Omega_0 (\beta, \varphi) \equiv (\beta \cos \varphi \cos \beta - \varphi \sin \beta),$$

the Hamiltonian in Eq. (13) can drive the system to evolve exactly along one of the two user-defined paths (see details in Appendix B):

$$|\psi_+(t)\rangle = \sin(\phi/2) |\mu\rangle |b\rangle + i \exp(i \beta) \cos(\phi/2) |\zeta_2\rangle,$$

$$|\psi_-(t)\rangle = i \exp(i \beta) \cos(\phi/2) |b\rangle + \sin(\phi/2) |\zeta_2\rangle,$$

which are two eigenstates of a dynamical invariant $I(t)$ obeying $\hbar \dot{I}(t) = i [H_{\text{eff}}(t), I(t)]$. For instance, when $\varphi(0) = 0$, the evolution is along $|\psi_-(t)\rangle$, which acquires a dynamical phase,

$$\theta_-(t) = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t \langle \psi_-(t') | \dot{H}_{\text{eff}}(t') | \psi_-(t') \rangle dt',$$

and a geometric phase,

$$\Theta_-(t) = \int_0^t \langle \psi_-(t') | i \hbar \dot{\psi}_-(t') \rangle dt'.$$

For a cyclic evolution, the time-dependent auxiliary parameters $\beta$ and $\varphi$ need to satisfy $\beta(0) \neq \beta(t_f)$ and

$$\varphi(0) = \varphi(t_f) = 0.$$  

We can choose

$$\varphi = \pi \sin^2(\pi t/T),$$

$$\beta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin^2 \varphi - 3 \theta, \quad t \in [0, t_f/2] + \left[ t_f/2, t_f \right].$$  

Thus the final phases are $\theta_-(t_f) = 0$ and $\Theta_-(t_f) = 2 \theta_\zeta$ [see Fig. (2b) and Appendix B], resulting in a geometric evolution. In the computational subspace $\mathcal{S}_\zeta$, the evolution operator is (omitting a global phase $\theta_\zeta$)

$$U_T = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \cos \theta_\zeta + i \sin \theta_\zeta \cos \varphi & i \sin \theta_\zeta \sin \theta_\zeta e^{i \phi} \\ i \sin \theta_\zeta \sin \theta_\zeta e^{-i \phi} & \cos \theta_\zeta - i \sin \theta_\zeta \cos \varphi \end{array} \right).$$

This is a universal single-qubit gate.

In this case, the gate time is $T \sim 18 / c_k \Omega_k^{\text{peak}}$. In the USC regime we can assume $c_k \gg 0.1$ and $\omega_k / 2 \pi \sim 5$ GHz [72,73], resulting in $T \gg 5 \text{ ns}$, i.e., the gate time can be tens of nanoseconds. Choosing $T = 35 \text{ ns}$, $g \approx 0.8 \omega_k$, and $\omega_k / 2 \pi = 6.25$ GHz [104], the pulses $\Omega_0(\text{0,2,4})$ are shown in Fig. 3(a). Note that the peak values of the pulses are $\Omega_k^{\text{peak}} / 2 \pi \sim 200$ MHz. These satisfy the condition $\omega_k, g \gg \Omega_k$.

IV. ROBUSTNESS AGAINST CONTROL IMPERFECTIONS AND DECOHERENCE

It has been experimentally verified [110] that the pulses chosen based on $\beta$ and $\varphi$ in Eq. (19) can counteract the systematic errors induced by imperfections of the control fields $\Omega_k$, making the computation insensitive to such errors [18,19,102]. In the presence of such imperfections with error parameter $\delta_k$, the driving amplitudes become $\Omega_k' = (1 + \delta_k) \Omega_k$. Accordingly, the effective Hamiltonian $H_{\text{eff}}(t)$ should be corrected as $H_{\text{eff}}'(t) = (1 + \delta_k) H_{\text{eff}}(t)$. By using time-dependent perturbation theory up to $O(\delta_k)$, the evolution state of the system is approximatively

$$|\psi_-(t')\rangle \approx |\psi_-(t')\rangle - i \delta_k \frac{\hbar}{2} \int_0^{t_f} U(t_f, t) H_{\text{eff}}'(t) |\psi_-(t)\rangle dt,$$

where $U(t_f, t)$ is the unperturbed time evolution operator.
We assume that the protocol works perfectly when $\delta_i = 0$, resulting in
\[ P_{\text{out}} \approx 1 - \frac{\delta_i^2}{R^2} \left| \int_0^{t'} e^{2iR(-t)} \langle \psi_+ (t') | H_{\text{eff}} (t) | \psi_-(t) \rangle dt \right|^2, \]
where $P_{\text{out}}$ is the population of the output state after the gate operation, and
\[ \mathcal{R}(-t) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^{t'} \langle \psi_-(t') | [i \hbar \partial_t - H_{\text{eff}}(t')] | \psi_-(t') \rangle dt' \]  
(20)
is the Lewis-Riesenfeld phase [99]. Then the systematic error sensitivity can be defined as [102]
\[ q_i := -\frac{\partial^2 P_{\text{out}}}{\partial \delta_i^2} \bigg|_{\delta_i = 0} = \left| \int_0^{t'} e^{\beta + 2i\mathcal{R}(-t')} \phi \sin^2 \varphi dt' \right|^2. \]  
(21)
Substituting $\varphi$ and $\beta$ [see Eq. (19)] into Eq. (21), we obtain
$\delta_i \approx 0$ [18,19,102], which means that the holonomic gates are insensitive to the systematic errors induced by the pulse imperfections.

The average fidelity of a gate over all possible initial states can be defined by [111,112]
\[ \bar{F} = [\text{Tr}(MM^D)] + [\text{Tr}(M)^2] / (D^2 + D), \]  
(22)
with $M = \mathcal{P} \mathcal{U}_1 \mathcal{U}_2 \mathcal{P}$. Here $\mathcal{P}$ is the projector (dimension) of the subspace $S$. The evolution operator $U$, describing the actual dynamical evolution, is calculated with the total Hamiltonian $H_{\text{tot}}(t) = H_0 + H_D(t)$. Using the above definition, in Fig. 3(b) we show the average fidelity $\bar{F}$ of the Hadamard gate versus the error coefficient $\delta_i$. Note that when $\delta_i \in [-0.1, 0.1]$, the average fidelity is nearly 99.99%, indicating that our protocol is insensitive to the systematic error caused by pulse imperfections.

The average infidelities $(1 - \bar{F})$ of arbitrary single-qubit gates are shown in Fig. 4(a). The right (left) side of each circle denotes the average infidelity in the absence (presence) of pulse imperfections. When considering pulse imperfections with an error coefficient $\delta_i = 0.1$, the infidelities only slightly increase from $\sim 10^{-4}$ to $\sim 10^{-3}$. For instance, in the case of the Hadamard gate, pulse imperfections with an error coefficient $\delta_i = 0.1$ only increase the infidelity from $<10^{-4}$ to $\sim 10^{-3}$. This indicates that the generated gates are mostly insensitive to systematic errors.

Generally, a geometric gate can be robust against noise caused by amplitude fluctuations. Without loss of generality, we use additive white Gaussian noise to investigate the influence of such noise. In this case the driving amplitudes $\Omega_k$ should be corrected to be $\Omega_k = \text{AWGN}(\Omega_k, r)$. Here AWGN($\Omega_k, r$) is a function that generates the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) to the original signal $\Omega_k$ with a signal-to-noise ratio $r$. Because the additive white Gaussian noise is generated randomly in each single simulation, we perform the numerical simulation 20 times to estimate its average influence [see Fig. 4(b) with an illustration of the Hadamard gate]. As shown in Fig. 4(b), when considering relatively strong noises with $r = 15$, the gate fidelities can still be higher than 99%. This indicates that our protocol is mostly insensitive to noise caused by amplitude fluctuations.

In the USC regime, relaxation and dephasing are studied in the basis $|E_{j}\rangle$, which diagonalizes the Hamiltonian $H_0$. The master equation in the Born-Markov approximation, valid for generic hybrid-quantum systems, is [88–91,113]
\[ \hbar \dot{\rho}(t) = \{[\rho(t), H_{\text{tot}}(t)] + \sum_{j=0}^{3} D \left[ \sum_{j'} \sqrt{\Lambda_{jj'}^{(j)}} |E_{j}\rangle \langle E_{j'}| \right] \rho(t) \]  
\[ + \sum_{v=0}^{5} \sum_{j,j'} \Gamma_{jj'}^{(v)} D[|E_{j}\rangle \langle E_{j'}|] \rho(t), \]  
(23)
where $D[O](\rho(t)) = O(\rho(t))O^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} [O(t)O^\dagger + O^\dagger O] \rho(t)$ is the Lindblad superoperator. For simplicity, the dephasing and relaxation parameters have been written in a compact form:
\[ \Lambda_{jj'}^{(j)} = \kappa |\langle E_{j}|a^\dagger a|E_{j'}\rangle|^2, \]  
\[ \Lambda_{jj'}^{(j)} = \kappa |\langle E_{j}|a^\dagger a|E_{j}\rangle|^2, \]  
\[ \Lambda_{jj'}^{(2)} = \gamma_{\kappa}(\mu) |\langle E_{j}|a^\dagger a|E_{j'}\rangle|^2, \]  
\[ \Gamma_0^{jj'} = \kappa \langle E_{j'}|a|E_{j}\rangle^2, \]  
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\[ \Gamma_0^{jj'} = \kappa \langle E_{j'}|a|E_{j}\rangle^2. \]  
(24)
Here $\sigma_{\kappa}(\mu) = |\mu\rangle \langle g| + |g\rangle \langle \mu|$, $\kappa$ is the cavity decay (dephasing) rate, $\gamma_{\kappa}(\mu)$ is the spontaneous emission rate of the transition $|e\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle$ ($|g\rangle \rightarrow |\mu\rangle$), and $\gamma_{\kappa}(\mu)$ is the atomic dephasing rate corresponding to $\sigma_{\kappa}(\mu)$ ($\sigma_{\kappa}(\mu) = |g\rangle \langle g| - |\mu\rangle \langle \mu|$).

To check the robustness of the geometric gates against decoherence, we assume the input state as $|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = |0\rangle$, corresponding to an output state $|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = U_T |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$. Using
decoherence.

The eigenstates of modes, respectively. 

For simplicity, we assume that the intermediate state is the dressed state \( |\zeta'_0\rangle \), the driving amplitudes become

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{0}_0, \tilde{0}_0, \Omega_{0,0} = \tilde{c}_0^0, \Omega_{4,4} = \tilde{c}_0^0, \Omega_{4,4} = \Xi_{00}(t) / 2, \\
\tilde{0}_2, \tilde{0}_2, \Omega_{2,2} = \tilde{c}_2^0, \Omega_{2,2} = \Xi_{10}(t) / \sqrt{2}, \\
\tilde{0}_2, \tilde{0}_2, \Omega_{2,2} = \Xi_{22}(t), \\
\end{align*}
\]

and the phases are

\[
\begin{align*}
\phi_{0,0} = \phi_{0,4} = \phi_{4,0} = \phi_{4,4} = \phi_{00}, \\
\phi_{0,2} = \phi_{2,0} = \phi_{0,4} + \phi, \\
\phi_{2,0} = \phi_{2,4} = \phi_{00} + \phi, \\
\phi_{2,2} = \phi_{00} + \phi. \\
\end{align*}
\]

Here, the auxiliary parameter \( \phi_{00} \) is time dependent and the auxiliary parameter \( \phi \) is time independent.

The effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (29) becomes

\[
H_{\text{eff}}(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \Xi_0(\theta) \exp \left[ i \phi_{00} |\mu\rangle \langle b' | \zeta'_0 \right] + \text{H.c.,}
\]

with the binomial codes

\[
\begin{align*}
|0\rangle_a &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_a + |4\rangle_a), \quad |\bar{1}\rangle_a = |2\rangle_a, \\
|0\rangle_b &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_b + |4\rangle_b), \quad |\bar{1}\rangle_b = |2\rangle_b. \\
\end{align*}
\]

Here, the bright state \( |b'\rangle \) can be defined as

\[
|b'\rangle = e^{-i\phi} \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} |0\rangle_a |\bar{0}\rangle_b + \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_a |\bar{1}\rangle_b + \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_2}{2} |\bar{1}\rangle_a |\bar{0}\rangle_b + \sin \theta_0 \sin \frac{\theta_2}{2} |\bar{1}\rangle_a |\bar{1}\rangle_b,
\]

with auxiliary parameters

\[
\Xi'_0(t) = \sqrt{[\Xi_{00}(t)]^2 + [\Xi_{01}(t)]^2 + [\Xi_{10}(t)]^2 + [\Xi_{11}(t)]^2},
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta_0 &= 2 \arctan \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\Xi_0(t)} + \Xi_{11}(t)}{\sqrt{\Xi_0(t)} - \Xi_{01}(t)} \right], \\
\theta_1 &= 2 \arctan \left[ \frac{\Xi_{01}(t)}{\Xi_{00}(t)} \right], \\
\theta_2 &= 2 \arctan \left[ \frac{\Xi_{11}(t)}{\Xi_{10}(t)} \right].
\end{align*}
\]

For simplicity, we choose \( \theta_{0,2} \) to be time independent. The orthogonal partners of the state \( |b'\rangle \) become

\[
|d_{1}\rangle = e^{-i\phi} \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} |0\rangle_a |\bar{0}\rangle_b + \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_a |\bar{1}\rangle_b \\
- \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_2}{2} |\bar{1}\rangle_a |\bar{0}\rangle_b - \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_2}{2} |\bar{1}\rangle_a |\bar{1}\rangle_b.
\]
TABLE I. Implementation examples of two-qubit gates.

| Gate  | Matrix | Parameters $(\Theta, \theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \phi)$ |
|-------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| CNOT  | $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | $(\pi/2, 0, \pi/2, \pi/2, \pi)$ |
| SWAP  | $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | $(\pi/2, -\pi/2, 0, \pi, \pi)$ |
| $\sqrt{\text{SWAP}}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1+i) & \frac{1}{2}(1-i) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1-i) & \frac{1}{2}(1+i) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | $(\pi/4, -\pi/2, 0, \pi, \pi)$ |

\[ |d_2\rangle = e^{-i\phi} \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_b |0\rangle_a - \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_a |1\rangle_b \\
+ \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |1\rangle_a |0\rangle_b - \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_a |1\rangle_b, \]

\[ |d_3\rangle = e^{-i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_b |0\rangle_a - \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} |0\rangle_a |1\rangle_b \\
- \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} |1\rangle_a |0\rangle_b + \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} |1\rangle_a |1\rangle_b. \]

Then, by using the same strategy as that of the single-qubit case, we choose

\[ \Xi_{\alpha}(t) = \Omega_{\alpha}(\beta, \psi)/2 = \tilde{\beta} \cot \psi \sin \beta + \psi \cos \beta, \]

\[ \Xi_{\alpha}(t) \cos \phi_{\beta0} = \Omega_{\alpha}(\beta', \psi)/2 = \tilde{\beta} \cot \psi \cos \beta - \sin \psi \sin \beta. \]

The evolution operator after a cyclic evolution along

\[ |\psi_{\alpha}(t)\rangle = i e^{i\phi} (\psi/2)|\mu\rangle |b\rangle + \sin (\psi/2)|\zeta_{\alpha}\rangle \]

in the subspace spanned by $|b\rangle, |d_1\rangle, |d_2\rangle, |d_3\rangle$ is given by

\[ U^i_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(2i\phi_0) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \]

In the computational subspace spanned by $|0\rangle_a |0\rangle_b, |0\rangle_a |1\rangle_b, |1\rangle_a |0\rangle_b, |1\rangle_a |1\rangle_b$, the evolution operator $U^i_{\alpha}$ describes a universal two-qubit geometric gate (see Table I for examples). These two-qubit gates using the same strategy as the single-qubit case are also insensitive to the errors induced by pulse imperfections. Therefore, when considering the error coefficient $\delta_i = 0.1$, in Fig. 5(b) we show that arbitrary two-qubit gates can be implemented with high fidelities.

VI. PREPARING SUPERPOSITIONS OF FOCK STATES

High-fidelity input states are needed to verify the feasibility of the proposed NHQC in experiments. To generate these input states, starting from Eq. (6), we assume

\[ \phi_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon^m_k \Omega_k = \epsilon_k \Omega_k (\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\psi}), \]

\[ \phi_k = \pi, \quad \epsilon^m_0 \Omega_0 = \Omega_p (\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\psi}), \]

where $k' \neq 0$ are even numbers, $\epsilon_k$ are time-independent coefficients satisfying $\sum_k |\epsilon_k|^2 = 1$, $\tilde{\beta}$, and $\tilde{\psi}$ satisfying $\tilde{\psi}(0) \approx \tilde{\psi}(0) \approx 0$ are time-dependent auxiliary parameters to be determined. Then the evolution governed by $H_{\text{us}}(t)$ is

\[ |\psi_0(t)\rangle = \cos \tilde{\beta} (\psi |0\rangle + \sin \tilde{\beta} \sum_k \epsilon_k |k'\rangle ) |\mu\rangle \\
- i \sin \tilde{\psi} |\zeta_2\rangle. \]

When $\tilde{\psi}(t_f) \simeq 0$ and $\tilde{\beta}(t_f) = \tilde{\beta}_f$, we obtain

\[ |\psi_0(t_f)\rangle = \left( \cos \tilde{\beta}_f |0\rangle + \sin \tilde{\beta}_f \sum_k \epsilon_k |k'\rangle \right) |\mu\rangle, \]

which is an arbitrary superposition of even-number Fock states. The boundaries for $\beta$ and $\tilde{\psi}$ can be satisfied by choosing

\[ \tilde{\beta}_f = \frac{1 + \exp(-1/\tau + T/2\tau)}{1 + \exp(-1/\tau + T/2\tau)}, \]

\[ \tilde{\psi}_0 = \exp(t/\tau + T^2/2\tau^2), \]

with parameters $(\tilde{\psi}_0, \tau, T) = (\pi/5, 0.115T, 0.3T)$ [114,115].

For instance, when $k = (0, 2, 4), m = 2$, $\tilde{\beta}_f = \arccos(1/\sqrt{6})$, and $\epsilon_2 = 2/\sqrt{5}$ we can generate an input state $|\psi_m\rangle = ((0) + \sqrt{2/3}) |1\rangle/\sqrt{3}$, as shown in Fig. 6(a). This figure shows the final populations $P_k = |\langle \mu | (k |\psi(t_f)\rangle |\mu\rangle |^2$ and the Wigner function $W(\alpha) = 2T \rho \rho (t_f) D_\alpha \exp(\alpha |a\rangle \beta (\beta |a\rangle |\beta\rangle)$. As shown in Fig. 6(a) the full dynamics [green histograms] is in excellent agreement with the effective dynamics [yellow histograms].

In the presence of decoherence, the populations [red-solid broken line in Fig. 6(a)], calculated using the master equation in Eq. (23), are almost the same as those calculated using the coherent dynamics when feasible parameters are considered. This indicates that our protocol for the state preparations is robust against decoherence.

The above approach can be used to generate Schrödinger’s cat states [116–121], e.g., the even cat state

\[ |c^e_\epsilon\rangle = \epsilon^m_\epsilon |\eta\rangle \sqrt{\text{sech}|\eta|^2 - (|\eta|^2 + 1)} / 2, \]

when $m = 0$, $\tilde{\beta}_f = \arccos ((\text{sech}|\eta|^2), \epsilon_k = -(\eta^2 \cot \beta_f)/\sqrt{k^2}$, where $\eta$ is the amplitude of the coherent state $|\eta\rangle$. In Fig. 6(b), we show that the even cat state can be generated with a high fidelity. These generated high-fidelity cat states are useful for cat-code quantum computation [48,51].

VII. CONCLUSION

We have investigated the possibility of using USC systems for the implementation of fast, robust, and fault-tolerant holographic computation. The dressed-state properties of the USC systems allow one to simultaneously couple the dressed state
robust, and fault-tolerant quantum computation.

When \( \kappa, \kappa \phi, \gamma \) is small, the total Hamiltonian \( H \) can be written as \( H = H_{\text{tot}} + H_{\text{eff}} \). The superposition state \( |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) \) with parameters \( \tilde{\beta}_f = \arccos(\sqrt{7}/6) \), \( \epsilon_2 = 2/\sqrt{3} \), and \( g = 0.7 \omega_\phi \). The cat state \( |\zeta\rangle \) with amplitude \( \eta = g/\omega_\phi = \sqrt{2} \). The evolution time for each panel is \( T = 35 \text{ ns} \).

\( |\zeta_m\rangle \) to multiple Fock states, such that one can manipulate the population and the phase of each Fock state as desired. The binomial codes formed from these Fock states are protected against the single-photon loss, making the computation fault tolerant. Moreover, by designing the pulses with invariant-based engineering, we can eliminate the dynamical phase and achieve only the geometric phase in a cyclic evolution. Such a control technique is compatible with the systematic-error-sensitivity nullification method, making the evolution mostly insensitive to the systematic errors caused by pulse imperfections. Additionally, using the USC regime allows one to apply relatively strong driving fields, such that our protocols are fast. As a result, our protocols are robust against the decays and dephasings of the cavity and the atom. Note that this work can freely control a bosonic mode. The proposed idea can be generalized to realize NHQC with other bosonic error-correction qubits, such as cat qubits [48,51], for fast, robust, and fault-tolerant quantum computation.

FIG. 6. Histograms of Fock-state populations calculated with the total Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{tot}}(t) \) (green) and the effective Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{eff}}(t) \) (yellow). The red-solid broken lines in each panel denote the Fock-state population calculated by the master equation in Eq. (23) when \( \kappa, \kappa \phi, \gamma \) is small. Insets show the Wigner function \( W(\alpha) \) of the generated states. (a) The superposition state \( |\psi_n\rangle = (|0\rangle + \sqrt{2}|1\rangle) / \sqrt{3} \) with parameters \( \tilde{\beta}_f = \arccos(\sqrt{7}/6) \), \( \epsilon_2 = 2/\sqrt{3} \), and \( g = 0.7 \omega_\phi \). (b) The cat state \( |\zeta\rangle \) with amplitude \( \eta = g/\omega_\phi = \sqrt{2} \). The evolution time for each panel is \( T = 35 \text{ ns} \).

| Year & Ref. | Qubit | Cavity | \( g/2\pi \) (MHz) | \( \omega_c/2\pi \) (GHz) | \( g/\omega_c \) |
|-----------|-------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 2010 [129] | FQ    | TL     | 636             | 5.357           | 0.12        |
| 2010 [130] | FQ    | LE     | 810             | 8.13            | 0.1         |
| 2017 [104] | FQ    | LE     | 7630            | 5.711           | 1.34        |
| 2017 [135] | FQ    | LE     | 5310            | 6.203           | 0.86        |
| 2017 [131] | TR    | TL     | 897             | 4.268           | 0.19        |
| 2018 [136] | FQ    | LE     | 7480            | 6.335           | 1.18        |

The proposed protocols can be realized in superconducting circuits [72,73,104,122–136]. For instance, one can inductively couple a flux qubit and an LC oscillator via Josephson junctions [104] to reach the needed coupling strength. The quantized level structure in Fig. 1(b) can be realized adjusting the external magnetic flux through the qubit loop [89–91].

Some experimental observations of the ultrastrong light-matter coupling in superconducting quantum circuits are listed in Table II. To reach the ultrastrong and deep-strong coupling regimes, we can choose a setup with a flux qubit coupled to a lumped-element \( LC \) resonator [104,135]. In such superconducting circuit experiments, qubit and resonator frequencies are usually in the range \( \omega_c/\omega_q \approx 2\pi \times 1–10 \text{ GHz} \). Thus we choose \( g/\omega_c \approx 0.7 (0.8) \) and \( \omega_c/\omega_q \approx 6.25 \text{ GHz} \), which are experimentally feasible, as shown in Table II.

Recent experimental work has demonstrated that dissipation and dephasing rates in a flux qubit is of the order of \( 2\pi \times 10 \text{ kHz} \) [73,137,138]. The transmon qubits, which have lower anharmonicity than flux qubits, can have dissipation and dephasing rates approaching \( 2\pi \times 1 \text{ kHz} \) [139,140]. For transmission-line resonators, quality factors factors \( Q = \omega_c/\kappa \) on the order of \( 10^6 \) have been realized [141], which indicates that quantum coherence of single photons up to \( 1–10 \text{ ns} \) is within current experimental capabilities [142]. Therefore our proposal works well in the USC regime, and it may find compelling applications for quantum information processing for various USC systems, in particular, superconducting systems.

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APPENDIX A: EFFECTIVE HAMILTONIAN

The total Hamiltonian for this protocol can be written as

\[ H_{\text{tot}} = H_0 + H_D(t), \]

\[ H_0 = \hbar \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} E_m |\zeta_m\rangle \langle \zeta_m| + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hbar (\omega_n + n \omega_c) |\mu \rangle \langle \mu| \otimes |n\rangle \langle n|, \]

\[ H_D(t) = \hbar \Omega (|g\rangle \langle g| + |g\rangle \langle g|). \] (A1)

Here \( |\zeta_m\rangle \) are the dressed eigenstates of the Rabi Hamiltonian with eigenvalues \( E_m \), \( \omega_c \) denotes the energy of the lowest atomic level \( |\mu\rangle \), \( n \) is the cavity photon number, and \( \Omega = \Omega_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \) is a composite pulse driving the atomic transition \( |\mu\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle \). Performing the unitary transformation \( U_d = \exp(-iH_D/\hbar) \) and choosing the frequencies as \( \omega_k = E_m - \omega_\mu - k \omega_c \), we have

\[ H_D(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_k \sum_{n} \sum_n c_m^m \Omega_k |\mu\rangle \langle n| \langle \zeta_m| \]

\[ \times \{ \exp[-i \Delta E_{m,m'} t + i(n - k) \omega_\mu t + i \phi_k]
\]

\[ + \exp[-i \Delta E_{m,m'} t + i(n - k) \omega_\mu t - 2i \omega_c t - i \phi_k] \} \]

\[ + \text{H.c.}, \] (A2)

where \( \Delta E_{m,m'} = E_m - E_{m'} \) is the energy gap between the eigenstates \( |\zeta_m\rangle \) and \( |\zeta_{m'}\rangle \). Obviously, when satisfying

\[ c_m^{m'} \Omega_k \ll |(n - k) \omega_\mu - \Delta E_{m,m'}|, \]

\[ c_m^{m'} \Omega_k \ll |(n - k) \omega_\mu - 2 \omega_c - \Delta E_{m,m'}|, \] (A3)

the fast-oscillating terms can be neglected in the rotating wave approximation (RWA). Then, the effective Hamiltonian becomes

\[ H_{\text{eff}}(t) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_k c_m^{m'} \Omega_k e^{i \phi_k} |\mu\rangle \langle k| \langle \zeta_m| + \text{H.c.}, \] (A4)

i.e., the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (6). The coefficients \( c_n^m = (\zeta_m |g\rangle |n\rangle \) and \( c_{n+1}^m = (\zeta_m |e\rangle |n \pm 1\rangle \) can be obtained numerically [see Fig. 7(a) as an example for the ground dressed state \( |\zeta_0\rangle \)]. According to our numerical results, when \( 0.5 \lesssim g/\omega_c \lesssim 1 \), the probability amplitudes \( c_n^0, c_n^2, c_n^3 \) of the states \( |g\rangle |0\rangle, |g\rangle |2\rangle, |g\rangle |4\rangle \) in the third dressed state \( |\zeta_2\rangle \) are greater [see Fig. 7(b)] than in the others. Thus, when focusing on manipulating the Fock states \( |0\rangle, |2\rangle, |4\rangle \), the effective driving intensities (i.e., \( c_n^0 \Omega_0, c_n^2 \Omega_2, 
\]
\[ \text{and } c_n^3 \Omega_3 \) can be much stronger by using \( |\zeta_2\rangle \) to be the intermediate state. Therefore the gate time can be shortened. In Fig. 7(b), we find that the coefficients \( c_n^m \) jump from zero to nonzero values when \( g/\omega_c \simeq 0.43 \). This is caused by an avoided level crossing [72,73] when \( g/\omega_c \simeq 0.43 \) [see the red circle in Fig. 7(c)]. In Fig. 7(c) we notice that the dressed states become nonequidistant as the energy gap \( \Delta E_{m,m+1} \neq \text{constant} \) when \( 0.1 \lesssim g/\omega_c \lesssim 1 \). For instance, when \( g/\omega_c \sim 0.5 \), we have \( |\Delta E_{m+1,m+2} - \Delta E_{m+1,m+2}| \gtrsim 0.5 \omega_c \). This indicates that the USC can induce strong anharmonicity in the dressed states \( |\zeta_m\rangle \).

APPENDIX B: DYNAMICAL AND GEOMETRIC PHASES

An operator \( I(t) \) satisfying \( \dot{\hbar} i I(t) = i [H(t), I(t)] \) is a dynamical invariant of an arbitrary Hamiltonian \( H(t) \). According to [99], an arbitrary solution of the Schrödinger equation,

\[ i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = H(t)|\psi(t)\rangle, \] (B1)

can be expressed by using the eigenstates of \( I(t) \) as

\[ |\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n C_n e^{i R_n(t)} |\zeta_n\rangle, \] (B2)

where \( C_n \) are time-independent amplitudes, \( |\zeta_n\rangle \) are the orthonormal eigenvectors of \( I(t) \), and \( R_n(t) \) are the Lewis-Riesenfeld phases [99]. These phases include dynamical phases

\[ \dot{R}_n(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t \langle \psi_n(t') | [i \hbar \dot{\psi}_n - H(t')] | \psi_n(t') \rangle dt', \] (B3)

where \( |\zeta_n\rangle \) is the energy spectrum of the Hamiltonian \( H_R \) when \( \omega_t = \omega_c \). The red circle in panel (c) denotes an avoided level crossing.
and geometric phases

$$\Theta_n(t) = \int_0^t \langle \psi_n(t') | i \partial_t | \psi_n(t') \rangle dt'. \quad (B4)$$

For instance, when $\langle \psi(0) | \psi(0) \rangle = 1$, we have $C_0 = 1$ and $C_{n\neq0} = 0$. The evolution of the system is exactly along the eigenstate $| \psi(0) \rangle$, which is a shortcut to the adiabatic passage of $H(t)$.

The effective Hamiltonian,

$$H_{\text{eff}}(t) = \hbar \Omega e^{i\phi(t)} | \zeta \rangle \langle b | \langle b | + \text{H.c.}, \quad (B5)$$

in Eq. (13) for the NHQC can be regarded as the intermediate state $| \zeta \rangle$ coupled to the bright state

$$| b \rangle = e^{-i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) | 0 \rangle + \cos(\theta/2) | 1 \rangle \quad (B6)$$

but decoupled from the dark state

$$| d \rangle = e^{-i\phi} \cos(\theta/2) | 1 \rangle - \sin(\theta/2) | 0 \rangle, \quad (B7)$$

A dynamical invariant of $H_{\text{eff}}(t)$ is

$$I(t) = \cos \phi (| \zeta \rangle \langle b | - | b \rangle \langle b | | \mu \rangle \langle \mu |)$$

$$+ (e^{i\beta} \sin \phi | \zeta \rangle \langle b | \langle b | + \text{H.c.}) \quad (B8)$$

with eigenvectors

$$| \psi_+ (t) \rangle = \sin(\phi/2) | \mu \rangle | b \rangle + e^{i\beta} \cos(\phi/2) | \zeta \rangle,$$

$$| \psi_- (t) \rangle = e^{i\beta} \cos(\phi/2) | \mu \rangle | b \rangle + \sin(\phi/2) | \zeta \rangle. \quad (B9)$$

Then, substituting Eqs. (B5) and (B9), into Eq. (B2), the time derivatives of the dynamic phases and geometric phases acquired by $| \psi_\pm (t) \rangle$ are

$$\dot{\Theta}_\pm(t) = \mp \frac{\beta}{2} \sin \varphi \tan \varphi,$$

$$\dot{\varphi}_\pm(t) = \pm \frac{\beta}{2} (1 - \cos \varphi), \quad (B10)$$

respectively. Obviously, $\dot{\varphi}_\pm(t)$ and $\dot{\Theta}_\pm(t)$ obey the same mathematical symmetry. To eliminate the dynamical phases and achieve only the geometric phases, we can design a piecewise function for $\beta$, e.g.,

$$\beta = \begin{cases} f(t), & t \in [0, t_f/2] \\ f(t) - 2\Theta_\pm, & t \in [t_f/2, t_f] \end{cases} \quad (B11)$$

where $\Theta_\pm$ is a constant. Then we assume $\dot{\varphi}_\pm(t - t_f/2)$ to be odd functions, leading to

$$\dot{\varphi}_\pm = \mp \int_0^{t_f} \Theta_\pm \sin(\varphi/2) \tan(\varphi/2) dt + \int_0^{t_f} \dot{\Theta}_\pm dt$$

$$= \mp \Theta_\pm \int_0^{t_f} \varphi/2 \sin(\varphi/2) \tan(\varphi/2) dt. \quad (B12)$$

Here, $\Delta t$ is a small increase in time, and we have assumed $\varphi$ to be continuous in time. Meanwhile, for the geometric phases, $\Theta_\pm(t - t_f/2)$ are also odd functions, leading to

$$\Theta_\pm = \mp \int_0^{t_f} \Theta_\pm (1 - \cos \varphi/2) dt + \int_0^{t_f} \dot{\Theta}_\pm dt$$

$$= \mp \Theta_\pm \left[ 1 - \cos \varphi/2 \right]. \quad (B13)$$

Thus, we obtain $\varphi_\pm = 0$ and $\Theta_\pm = \mp 2\Theta_\pm$ when $\varphi(t_f/2) = \pi$.  

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