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**Participants:** IS5 (glasses), I1 (dark blue shirt)

**Setting:** I1 helping IS5 prepare for her presentation/meeting with professor by reviewing numerous papers and articles

0:00

xxx I1: you can have a seat?  
xxx it's ok  
xxx ((sits down))  
xxx IS5: ((sits down))  
xxx ((whispers)) (I was hoping I was) going to talk  
xxx I1: um:  
xxx so today,  
xxx we are going to do a <practice>  
xxx <fo:r>  
xxx um  
xxx ((looks up at IS5)) a presentation.  
xxx IS5: ((scrunches face)) yea  
xxx I1: or a meeting with faculty.  
xxx IS5: ((nods)) yes  
xxx m-maybe a meeting [with-((opens packet))  
xxx I1: [a meeting with faculty  
xxx and you are-,  
xxx w-what is the topic that you are going to talk about,  
xxx IS5: (it is) about  
xxx uh:  
xxx uh:  
xxx yea ((turns packet over to I1))  
xxx this is but-  
xxx I1: ((reads packet))  
xxx ↑high fidelity, (.) preparation gates,  
xxx memory, (.) and  
xxx readout of a trapped-ion quantum bit.  
xxx IS5: ((smiles and laughs softly)) yea.  
xxx I1: ((nervous)) o:kay,  
xxx ((laughs))  
xxx so  
xxx are you going to: present a ↑summary of this reading?=  
xxx IS5: =yes  
xxx uh  
xxx just (.) try to show how (it) make the-  
xxx how they do the experiments  
xxx I think  
xxx I1: oh:  
xxx ok  
xxx IS5: [but I'm not ↑pretty sure (to) he wants me to talk-  
xxx to say.  
xxx I1: is this,

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xxx uh:  
xxx a project for (.) a [class?  
xxx IS5: [this is a-  
xxx class yes.  
xxx I1: oh:  
xxx ok↓  
xxx wha-which class is [this?  
xxx IS5: [It's a seminar  
xxx like  
xxx uh: (.1)  
xxx the class name is seminar.  
xxx I1: seminar  
xxx IS5: yea ((nods))  
xxx I1: ok  
xxx and  
xxx wow  
xxx first on (.2) on this page  
xxx ((shows packet to camera))  
xxx [there's a (.) ↑awesome (.) diagram  
xxx IS5: [uh-huh  
xxx ((laughs))  
xxx I1: that I don't know how to interpret  
xxx IS5: ((laughs))  
xxx I-=  
xxx I1: =so  
xxx well↑  
xxx I am not your [professor  
xxx IS5: [uh-huh  
xxx I1: so I will not know all the terminologies=  
xxx IS5: =mhm  
xxx I1: is it possible↑ for you to explain this  
xxx in a very  
xxx um  
xxx unprofessional way-  
xxx ↑not- uh  
xxx like in a very:=  
xxx IS5: =I mean currently=  
xxx I1: =yea  
xxx IS5: I don't understand this ((points to page)) procedure  
xxx very well↓  
xxx so I have to ask him like (what this)  
xxx (but what they want to do) is just try to uh use the  
xxx calcium atom,  
EXC to uh  
EXC t-to trap the ((incomprehensible)) quantum (cubit)-  
EXC quantum bit  
xxx so this is how we make it,  
xxx how we do the preparation  
xxx and how they-=

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xxx I1: =so  
xxx IS5: transform the quantum state and how they  
xxx uh  
xxx measure  
xxx I1: quantum (.) [bit  
xxx IS5: [state  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx I1: what is a quantum [(.) bit?  
xxx IS5: [ok  
xxx uh  
xxx (quantums are),  
xxx you know  
xxx bit  
xxx for uh:  
xxx classic  
xxx like  
xxx for a computer,  
xxx [a bit is ((incompr[ehensible))  
xxx I1: [yes [right  
xxx IS5: quantum bit the same thing  
xxx just we use uh  
xxx um: (.1)  
xxx just a for quantum (they will like)  
xxx we use the spin of (.) electron,  
xxx which is up and down so  
xxx it's (semi) but-  
xxx uh:  
xxx **the ↑difference of quantum (bit and bit) is that**  
xxx quantum bit you can think it is a continuous  
xxx like  
xxx uh but  
EXC uh  
EXC (for the- from-from the) fundamental  
EXC u:m  
xxx assumption or (postulation of the quantum bit)  
xxx **↑we ↑((incomprehensible))**  
xxx (it would uh become one state or another  
xxx state)  
xxx so  
xxx there just a two state for you (to matter)  
xxx which is similar with zero [and one yea ((trails off))  
3:00  
xxx I1: [zero and one  
xxx but use  
xxx you use different (.) numbers?  
xxx IS5: [no no  
xxx I1: [you record it state one and state two?  
xxx IS5: yes  
xxx it just like uh: if you know the spin

xxx you will know (that) electron has:  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: spin,  
xxx which is half,  
xxx so you will have the (positive) [(.) component and  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx IS5: (negative) component  
xxx [so  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx IS5: like if its spin is up,  
xxx so you can treat it as (though it was) ↑zero in the:  
xxx (classic orbit)=  
xxx I1: =mhm  
xxx IS5: and (it its spin down) so you treat it as one (.)  
xxx yea  
xxx I1: so  
xxx trapped↑ (.) ion,=  
EXC IS5: =trapped ion is- is- is a  
EXC is a  
EXC a kind of  
EXC uh: (implement)  
EXC like  
EXC you use- you use a  
EXC (it is) how they make- how they prepare the (.)  
EXC quantum bit=  
xxx I1: =quantum bit [p]  
xxx so  
xxx the experimenters (.) are creating quantum bits,  
xxx or they are just observing quantum bit,  
xxx or they are=  
xxx IS5: =they uh:  
xxx how to say°=  
xxx I1: =what are they doing↓  
xxx IS5: ↑because they  
xxx because uh  
xxx ↑first you can see quantum bit is a mathematical  
xxx uh  
xxx objects,  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx [(but) we want to- but ↑actually it is a physical  
xxx things=  
xxx I1: =uh-huh?=  
EXC IS5: =we want to  
EXC uh: (.)  
EXC make p-  
xxx ↑we can't say we create it because  
xxx like  
EXC the spin- the ↑spin is there↓=  
xxx I1: =right=

xxx IS5: =but we want to ↑make it  
xxx uh: (.1)  
xxx as what we want  
xxx to make it become (.) the thing we want  
xxx to make it- to make it transform like (.) what we desire.=  
xxx I1: =what is the thing that you desire  
xxx what do you want?  
xxx IS5: like  
xxx I1: it to be (.1)  
xxx IS5: ((leans forward)) huh?=  
xxx I1: =what do you want the quantum bits to (.) [look like  
xxx IS5: [(we want)  
xxx I1: or what do you want=  
EXC IS5: =uh: as I said  
EXA ((stammers)) two level things  
xxx up and down  
xxx I1: up and down  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx I1: [oh ok  
Xxx IS5: [or um:  
xxx well of course we use for 1-1-lots of ((??))  
xxx like  
xxx like trapped ion is one way  
xxx we also can use the (photon)  
xxx because the (polarizing-)  
xxx we can use the polarization photon [as (a quantum bit  
xxx too)  
xxx I1: [mhm  
Xxx IS5: (but ↑there are) some practical: (.) factors which can uh  
xxx constrain our- our choice of [(.) (quantum bit)  
xxx I1: [oh ok]  
xxx IS5: so=  
xxx I1: =so this is,  
xxx you said  
xxx is a experimental study?  
xxx IS5: ((nods)) yes.  
xxx I1: so ↑how did (they) design (.) the experiment  
xxx what are the (.) individual (.) variable  
xxx dependent  
xxx dependent variable↑  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx this,  
EXC like  
EXC this uh: ((??))  
EXC this is there apparatus  
xxx I- I think=  
xxx I1: =ok,=  
xxx IS5: =yea  
EXC but uh

EXC I'm not very uh:  
EXC I don't know- (I don't) understand the experiment  
EXC (well)  
EXC like,  
xxx I1: [ok]  
xxx IS5: ((unclear)) ((pointing at page)) I just know (which is)  
xxx trapped ion but I still have no idea how they  
xxx uh  
xxx do it in (.) practically=  
xxx I1: =so is this the first paper that you read about  
xxx trapped [ion and quantum bit?  
xxx IS5: [yes  
xxx [yes ((incomprehensible))  
xxx I1: [((incomprehensible))((overlapping speech with IS5))  
EXC IS5: (I'm just reading) some uh  
EXC basic concept  
EXC which can (let me know what to)- because I- I still  
EXC uh  
EXC I didn't know (what is) trapped ion either,  
EXC before I read this- this paper so=  
xxx I1: =ok=  
xxx IS5: =so ↑now I just reading some (great) fundamental  
6:00  
xxx concepts >[so that I can understand (these things)<  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx IS5: but as for uh how they (.) do the experiment  
xxx I have to talk with professor  
xxx I1: ok=  
xxx IS5: =yup↑  
xxx I1: [what is your result  
xxx good result?  
xxx or bad result↓  
xxx IS5: good  
xxx I1: [good result  
xxx IS5: [good- g- this said  
xxx mm:  
xxx they- uh: they claim that they get high fidelity,  
xxx compared with the ((incomprehensible))  
xxx I1: what does that mean  
xxx high fidelity ((laughs))  
xxx IS5: high fidelity-↑ ((raises hand to chin and thinks))  
xxx uh: ((pushes up glasses))  
xxx fidelity↑ is something like um  
xxx when you have some uh input  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: and you get the output,  
xxx and you will compare them,  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx IS5: [to see the:

xxx if they are (.) same  
xxx I1: ok  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx I think [((incomprehensible))  
xxx I1: [whether the (.)  
xxx input and output are identical or not?  
xxx IS5: I don't know if-  
EXC i-it shouldn't↑  
EXC it should ↑not be identical  
EXC it just (.) compared with what you- (.)  
EXA uh ((hand gestures))  
xxx (.1) because there will be some transformation↓  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: uh in the: [((??))  
xxx I1: [during the process  
xxx [yea  
xxx IS5: [yea  
xxx so  
xxx uh: (what is) high fidelity means?  
xxx I (.) don't know (it) very well,  
xxx I1: m[hm ((leans in))  
xxx IS5: [but  
xxx (.2) hhh (.)  
xxx so you know the  
xxx the meaning of this (.) ↓word  
xxx I1: mm: (.2)  
xxx not really= ((laughs))  
xxx IS5: =I mean:  
xxx ((incomprehensible))  
xxx ((turns to laptop and begins typing and mumbles))  
xxx but because  
xxx uh  
xxx ((continues typing from 7:17-7:35 while mumbling))  
xxx ((lifts laptop and shows I1))  
xxx I1: ((reads page)) ok  
xxx yea I know the:°  
xxx (↑social meaning uh the) ((mumming))°  
xxx ↑oh: cool  
EXA IS5: but- but- it pr- I mean ((stammers))  
xxx (really um impractical↓)=  
xxx I1: =mhm  
xxx IS5: ((incomprehensible))  
xxx uh  
xxx ((opens packet)) this paper ((incomprehensible)),  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: ((8:00-8:08 incomprehensible))  
xxx the definition of fidelity is that  
xxx um (.1)  
xxx the overlap of the quantum state



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xxx so  
xxx >((incomprehensible))< we have different definition  
xxx but we just use the same name  
xxx so  
xxx actually  
xxx I'm not-  
xxx I don't know like what to-=  
xxx I1: =very ↑interesting argument  
xxx title (varies) gates, memory,  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx preparation gates memory and [readouts  
xxx I1: [and readouts  
xxx IS5: it's the-  
xxx it's the-  
xxx I1: [(looks like something that's(.))  
xxx IS5: [it's the pr- operation=  
xxx I1: =like a machine↑ or something  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx preparation is ((??)) as an input  
xxx I1: [oh:  
xxx IS5: [and the gates is like  
xxx u:m  
xxx like transformation  
xxx [like  
xxx I1: [uh-huh  
xxx IS5: uh for: (the) classical things  
xxx we  
xxx like  
xxx if you- you input zero,  
xxx and you want to get one  
xxx I1: [right  
xxx IS5: [you use (not) gate  
xxx right=  
xxx I1: =yes  
xxx IS5: so  
xxx same here  
xxx we have quantum gate here (.1) yea  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: and memory,  
xxx memory  
9:00  
xxx ((grabs paper)) here's the sample  
xxx I still- I haven't read this paper  
xxx I1: (.1) [wow  
xxx IS5: [but  
xxx I1: so many papers ((laughs))  
xxx IS5: ↑a:nd  
xxx the readout is (outputting) what [you (think)  
xxx I1: [ah: ok]

xxx yea  
xxx huh?  
xxx ↑(so in- in terms of (.) like)  
xxx machine↑ processing  
xxx (I ↑think I ↑get [it  
xxx IS5: [because uh:↑  
xxx this is what we want to do to make  
xxx uh  
xxx so the- s- so the (.1)  
xxx big picture of all the  
xxx all the ultimate [goal is to make quantum computer  
xxx I1: [uhuh  
xxx oh:  
xxx cool  
xxx what is go-  
xxx w-what is the advantage of a quantum computer↓  
xxx like what [can we  
xxx IS5: [fast  
xxx I1: fast  
xxx IS5: and  
xxx uh:  
xxx ((leans towards computer))  
xxx (I ↑noticed that) ((incomprehensible)) (English name  
xxx I can find it) ((begins typing))  
xxx I1: ok,  
xxx ((IS5 typing))  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx the: (computation)  
xxx the  
xxx I1: ((leans forward to see screen)) oh:↑↓  
xxx ok  
xxx IS5: this one°  
xxx yea°  
xxx I1: (the importation)?  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx ((mumbles))°  
xxx I1: so it's more secure  
xxx IS5: ((nods)) yea°  
xxx I1: more secure and more fast  
xxx IS5: (yea but)  
xxx it's so hard to make it.  
xxx I1: why?  
xxx what was the problem (.) of making it  
xxx IS5: first we cannot make  
EXC ((stammers))  
EXC we can't-,  
xxx we are trying to know truth of good quantum bit  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: (candidates right)

xxx and it's hard to (.) make it (elastic)  
xxx to get stable (and) last it for [a long time  
xxx I1: [ok  
xxx IS5: so (.) yea  
xxx I1: (.2) [hhh  
xxx IS5: [it's still in the (.) very very-  
xxx I-° I think it's in the very beginning=  
xxx I1: =uh-huh  
xxx the beginning stage  
xxx IS5: yea but  
xxx I1: so it won't be ready in (.1)  
xxx before 2020  
xxx IS5: 2020?  
xxx you mean two-oh-two-oh?  
xxx I1: two-oh-two-oh=  
xxx IS5: =of course  
xxx it's impossible  
xxx yea  
xxx ((incomprehensible)) I think 100 years  
xxx I1: oh ↑really↓  
xxx IS5: I think so  
xxx because  
xxx I1: [why↑!  
xxx IS5: [we have so much tech- technical problems and  
xxx I1: what is the technical problem (that we face)?  
xxx IS5: like- like first  
xxx we still  
EXC w-we still don't  
EXC w-we are still talking about how to (.) uh  
xxx talking about the- the ((incomprehensible))  
xxx ((pointing at page)) because this is the way we  
xxx trying to  
xxx I1: mhm  
xxx IS5: implement (.) [((incomprehensible))  
xxx I1: [so ↑for this experiment↓  
xxx we can get good candidates of quantum bit?  
xxx IS5: mhm  
xxx ((looks at I1 waiting for her to continue)) what-  
xxx I1: [is that what this means?  
xxx IS5: u- yea  
xxx I just say it's like (.) [w-  
xxx I1: [so if something is higher fidelity  
xxx if the quantum bit has very high fidelity,  
xxx does that mean that ((incomprehe[nsible))  
xxx IS5: [it's-  
xxx for ↑that it is uh:::  
xxx one factor that we uh: we evaluate  
xxx I1: ok  
xxx IS5: the candidate

xxx but there are some other (.)  
xxx I1: ah  
xxx IS5: **factors of, ((mumbles, incomprehensible))**↑  
xxx ((mumbles and thinks))  
xxx hhh  
xxx I can't remember  
xxx I1: ((leans forward to look at paper))  
xxx IS5: but yea  
xxx this is just one example there are a lot of  
xxx other practical (.) considerations  
xxx I1: **mhm**↑  
xxx [ok  
xxx IS5: [ok  
xxx I1: and ion trap is- trapping-  
xxx trapped ion is just one way to [f:igure out  
xxx IS5: [yea  
xxx it's just uh: one implement=  
xxx I1: **=**↑**cool**  
xxx IS5: [((incomprehensible)) (you can use three or four times)  
xxx I1: **↑what is the measurement?**=  
xxx IS5: =what do you mean?=  
xxx I1: =of doing this ((looks through paper))  
12:00  
xxx never mind  
xxx I'm just asking very general (.) scientific terms  
xxx ((laughs))  
xxx IS5: I don't-  
xxx I still don't know this one very well.  
xxx I1: oh! can I ask you a question,  
xxx **what do people**↑  
xxx um:  
xxx **what** ↑**software do people use in physics world when**  
xxx they are trying to make graphs of this°  
xxx IS5: you mean to make plots?  
xxx I1: **((nods)) mhm**↑  
xxx IS5: **uh:**↑  
xxx we use different softwares I think if you=  
xxx I1: =you don't use excel  
xxx right?  
xxx IS5: uh:  
xxx I1: [sometimes  
xxx IS5: [some- s- sometimes we use excel  
xxx I1: uhuh  
xxx IS5: but-  
xxx but like for high-  
xxx for high-  
xxx for high energy experiments we use  
xxx ((incomprehensible)) which is the (.)  
xxx different masses framework of designed by CERN=

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xxx I1: =wow  
xxx IS5: [you know CERN?  
xxx the ((incomprehensible))  
xxx the institute in Europe  
xxx (C-E-R)  
xxx >ok you don't know it's ok<  
xxx I1: ((smiles sheepishly and laughs))  
xxx IS5: but for:  
xxx I don't know what they use for ((incomprehensible))  
xxx this is too new for me  
xxx I1: do we have those kind of softwares in Stony Brook?  
xxx are they free software,  
xxx or they are you have to buy them  
xxx IS5: um  
xxx for ↑((incomprehensible))  
xxx it is  
xxx I ↑think it's free=  
xxx I1: =it's free  
xxx so everybody can have access to it. ((nods))  
xxx IS5: yes but  
xxx but I mean-  
xxx people never (.) use (root) out of um  
xxx outside of the kind of experiments  
xxx I1: oh: ok  
xxx IS5: [because they have like  
xxx I1: [so it's very spe↑cific  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx I1: just for this  
xxx IS5: yea  
xxx I1: few ((nods))  
xxx [cool  
xxx IS5: [there's no need to use it  
xxx like  
xxx it's complicated and you will  
xxx you will have to know (it is and uh:)  
xxx how to make program  
xxx I1: mm:  
xxx IS5: so:  
xxx but you know  
xxx uh in daily life  
xxx excel or (origin) are enough  
xxx I1: ((nods and laughs))  
xxx IS5: don't need to use root  
xxx I1: powerpoint (enough)  
xxx ((leans towards paper))  
xxx cool!  
xxx so what other questions are you going to ask your  
xxx professor tomorrow  
xxx IS5: mm:

xxx too many questions I-  
xxx I1: ((laughs))  
xxx IS5: yea° ((laughing))  
xxx first is what do we- what we are trying to talk,  
xxx I1: [ok  
xxx IS5: [and: uh  
xxx like uh  
xxx I want  
xxx I have to ask about the (apparatus),  
xxx [how they do the experiments,  
xxx I1: [mhm  
xxx IS5: yea and there are some (.1)  
xxx **that is a two way: problem question I'm gonna (.) ↑ask**  
xxx I1: ((nods and twiddles thumbs))  
xxx ok.  
xxx do you bring a handout?  
xxx when you meet with your professor?=  
xxx IS5: =yea.  
xxx I1: ok  
xxx do you have the (outline) yet?  
xxx IS5: ((whispers)) I plan to make it°  
xxx I1: ((laughs))  
xxx good luck then  
xxx IS5: yea because,  
xxx yea  
xxx I'm  
xxx but I  
xxx I still don't know how they do it like  
xxx **uh in ↑this part (.)**  
xxx this one they have a: introduction of the:  
xxx the trapped ion  
xxx what (a) trapped ion is  
xxx I1: ((slowly grabs paper))  
xxx ((unclear)) computers  
xxx physical realization  
xxx IS5: uh here:  
xxx oh sorry this is not- ((flips pages))  
xxx oh in this one  
xxx **we have the- but ↑this is a book**  
xxx (this is a one [chapter book)  
xxx I1: [((incomprehensible))  
xxx IS5: [it is that?  
xxx I1: [ah no  
xxx that's just a quote  
xxx I thought that was the author  
xxx IS5: this  
xxx **(the) ↑author is... is (.2) ((incomprehensible))**  
xxx but ((incomprehensible))  
15:00

xxx           **this is a one to- ↑topic↓**  
xxx           or one chapter of the (.) book  
xxx I1:       ((flips through paper))  
xxx           ((reading from paper)) conditions for quantum  
xxx           computation,  
xxx           (square), ((incomprehensible)) ((seems confused))  
xxx IS5:       [you can read it  
xxx           (it's quantum bit)  
xxx I1:       oh:  
xxx           oh! because of quantum (.1)  
xxx           (cubits)  
xxx           I learned a new term  
xxx IS5:       ((laughs))  
xxx I1:       ((continues reading)) separation of ((attempts to  
xxx           read))  
xxx           ((incomprehensible))  
xxx IS5:       yea  
xxx           this is the  
xxx           like  
xxx           the preparation  
xxx I1:       ↑oh:  
xxx           **the ↑input**  
xxx IS5:       yes the input  
xxx I1:       ((continues skimming paper))  
xxx           **cool↑**  
xxx           measurement of output=  
xxx IS5:       =((incomprehensible))  
xxx I1:       ((nods head))  
xxx           ((reading paper)) (harmonic)  
xxx IS5:       uh::  
xxx           yea  
xxx           this is[:  
xxx I1:       [oscillator  
xxx           **I ↑know oscillator**  
xxx           it means ((draws wave with finger in air)) regular  
xxx           **wave forms↑**  
xxx IS5:       yea  
xxx           like  
xxx           if you- if you have a  
xxx           a spring?  
xxx I1:       yea  
xxx           ah: ok  
xxx           cool  
xxx           ((continues reading and laughs))  
xxx           formulas  
xxx           ((laughs and continues to read paper))  
xxx IS5:       ((laughs))

