

Simulating perturbative QCD with Quantum Computing

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Outline:

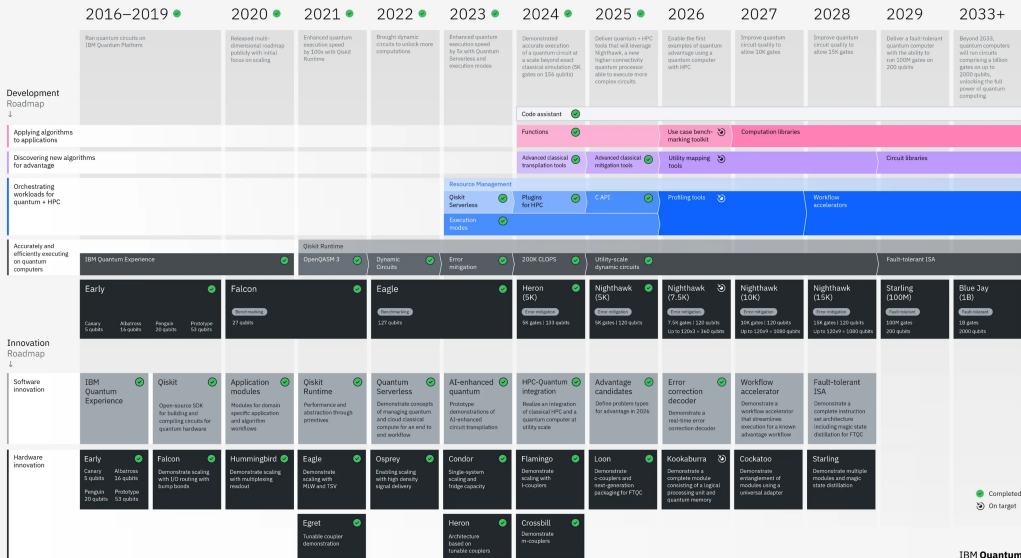
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- Basics of quantum computing
 - How to build a quantum circuit

- Context of high-energy physics

How?

- Applications
 - Cross section → quantum integration
 - Amplitudes in QCD → dedicated quantum algorithms



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Literature:

- *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information*, Nielsen and Chuang
- *Programming Quantum Computers*, Johnston, Harrigan, and Gimeno-Segovia

Back to quantum mechanics...



→ Any state can be written as $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$,

with $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$

→ In quantum mechanics (and in quantum computing), any operation A is unitary

$$\psi \xrightarrow{A} \psi'$$

$$A |\psi\rangle = |\psi'\rangle \text{ with } A^\dagger A = AA^\dagger = \text{Id}$$



Example of gates (I)

Pauli-X (X)

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\psi = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \rightarrow \psi' = \alpha |1\rangle + \beta |0\rangle$$



Hadamard (H)

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\psi = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \rightarrow \psi' = \frac{\alpha+\beta}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{\alpha-\beta}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$



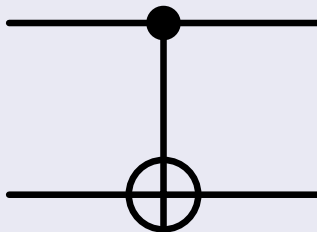
Example of gates (II)

Controlled not (CNOT, CX)

$$CX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$; $|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$;
 $|10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$; $|11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle$.

- If 0 $\rightarrow$ nothing happens; If 1 $\rightarrow$ Pauli-X (X)!
- *Control* qubit (top) and *target* qubit (bottom)

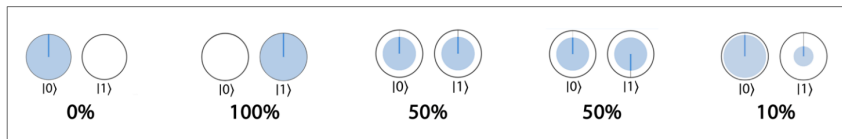


Measurement process

→ State: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

→ Probabilities: $\begin{cases} \text{for } |0\rangle : \alpha^2 \\ \text{for } |1\rangle : \beta^2 \end{cases}$ with $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1!$

→ Measurement = squaring/collapse the amplitude!



NB: Probability obtained after many measurements/shots!

→ α and β encode information that can be measured/computed!

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Quantum-computing applications

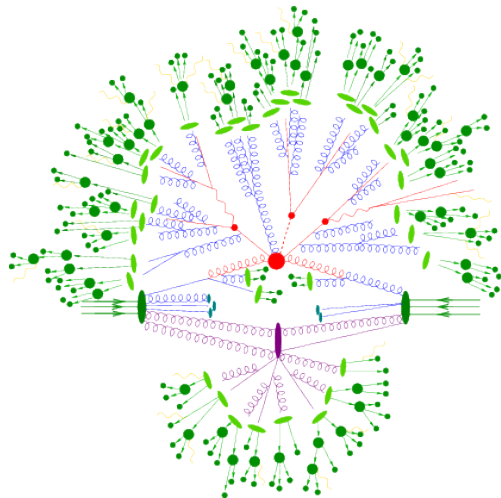
- Key parameters of quantum computers:
 - Number of qubits
 - amount of operations in parallel
 - Depth/number of gate operations
 - amount of operations in sequence (before decoherence/noise)
 - Error rates
 - Fault-tolerant era ~ 2030 (depending on the technology)
- Expressibility is a combination of number of qubits and depth
- Implementation of a problem in quantum computing
= implementation with low-level language with restrictions (unitary operations)

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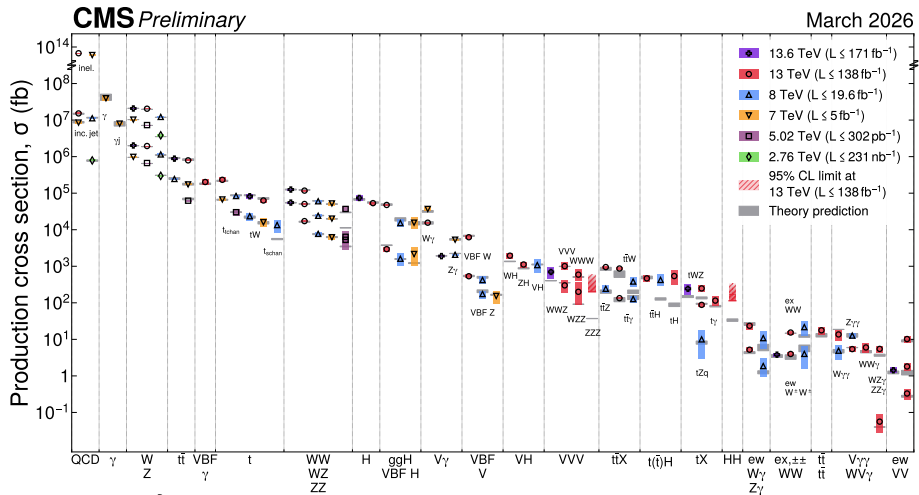
Life at the LHC (on the theory side...)

- Factorisation principle, aka “divide and conquer”:
 - **high-energy** (perturbative)
 - Hard-scattering, parton-shower
 - **low-energy** (non-perturbative)
 - parton distribution function, hadronisation, underlying events, ...
- **Focus of the presentation:**
high energy!



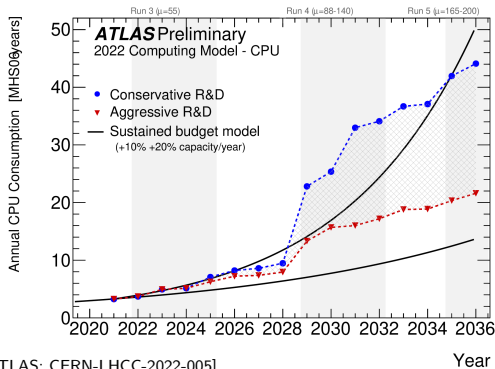
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- Comparison between theory and experiment to learn about particle physics!



$\rightarrow \sigma \propto \int d\Phi |\mathcal{M}|^2$ with $d\Phi$: phase space/momentum integration

Computing problem in high-energy physics



[ATLAS; CERN-LHCC-2022-005]

→ Event generation:

~ 15% of ~ 3 billion cpu.h.y^{-1} for ATLAS

[Buckley; 1908.00167], [Valassi et al.; 2004.13687]

• Solutions: GPU & AI

[Borowka et al.; 1811.11720], [Carrazza et al.; 2002.12921, 2009.06635, 2106.10279], [Bothmann et al.; 2106.06507], [Cruz-Martinez, De Laurentis, MP; 2502.07060], [Seymour, Sule; 2403.08692, 2511.19633], [Valassi; 2510.05392], [Bothmann et al.; 2604.03511]

- Can quantum computing be of any use in HEP?
 - to compute things faster/more efficiently?
 - to compute new things?
- Quantum computing provides a natural framework for QFT calculations?

How?

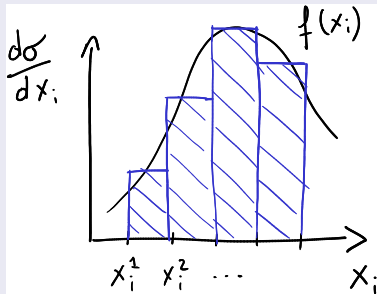
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$$\sigma \propto \int_0^1 dx_1 \cdots \int_0^1 dx_n f(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \Theta(g(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$$

- Cross section:

$$\sigma = \sum_{i,l} c_{il} \frac{d\sigma}{dx_l^i}$$

- Integrating = guessing the values of a function at specific points (Riemann sum)

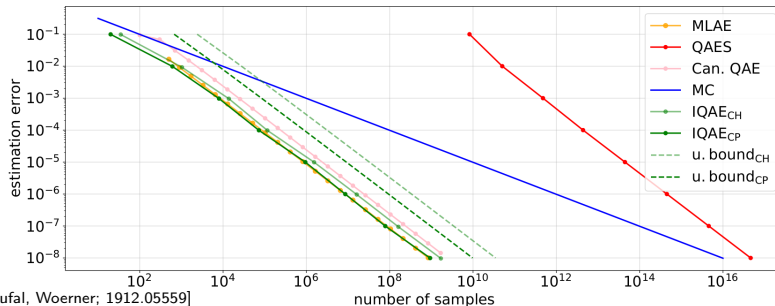


Quantum Amplitude Estimate (QAE)

[Brassard, Hoyer, Mosca, Tapp; Quantum Amplitude Amplification and Estimation; quant-ph/0005055]

$$\mathcal{A}|0\rangle = \sqrt{1-a}|\psi_0\rangle + \sqrt{a}|\psi_1\rangle$$

QAE estimates a with high probability such that the estimation error scales as $\mathcal{O}(1/M)$ [as opposed to $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{M})$], M : number of applications of $\mathcal{A}$



[Grinko, Gacon, Zoufal, Woerner; 1912.05559]

Resulting estimation error for $a = 1/2$ and 95% confidence level with respect to the required total number of oracle queries.

Idea to apply QAE to high-energy physics [Agliardi, Grossi, MP, Prati; 2201.01547]

→ Followed by [Martínez de Lejarza et al.; 2204.06496, 2401.03023, 2409.12236,2506.19965], [Williams, MP; 2502.14647]

Two-step procedure

- 1 Encode the $a_i = f(x_i)$ of the integrand f into the state $\mathcal{A}|0\rangle = \sum_i a_i |\psi_i\rangle$
- 2 Guess (=integrate) the a_i using QAE

Encode the a_i

- Analytical expression of the integrand
 - $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)/(x^2 - m_W^2)$ with f evaluated for each point
 - Quantum arithmetic [Williams, MP; 2502.14647]
- Numerical implementation of the integrand
 - algorithm providing a numerical value of f at each point
 - next application

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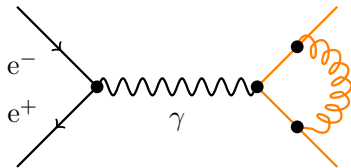
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Quantum implementation of QCD amplitude

→ Numerical implementation of integrand

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \sum \text{Tr} (T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_n}) \mathcal{K}(1, \dots, n)$$

- **Kinematic part**: made of spinors and tensors (and kinematic invariants)
- **Colour part**: made of SU(3) generators of QCD



- $[T^a, T^b] = if_{abc} T^c$.
- $T^a, T^c, \dots$: SU(3) generators
- Gell-Mann matrices

$$T^1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
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⚠ T^a are not unitary!

→ In our example, colour factor: $T_{ij}^a T_{jk}^a = C_F \delta_{ik}$

Quantum implementation of colour

→ Implementation of the (discrete) colour into qubits:

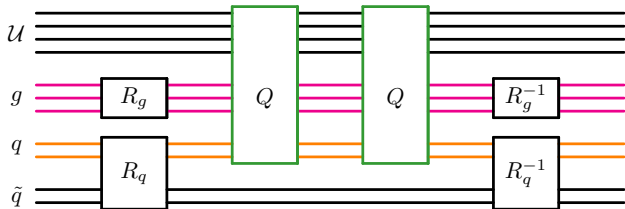
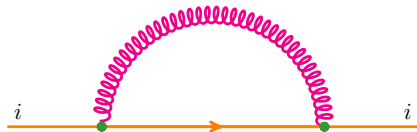
- Gluon: 8 colours → 3 qubits ($2^3 = 8$)
- Quark: 3 colours → 2 qubits ($2^2 = 4$)

Make non-unitary matrices unitary!

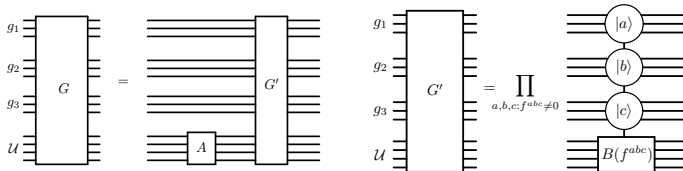
→ Extend dimension and modify them

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{T^1} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^3} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^4} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \overline{T^5} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^6} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^7} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \overline{T^8} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

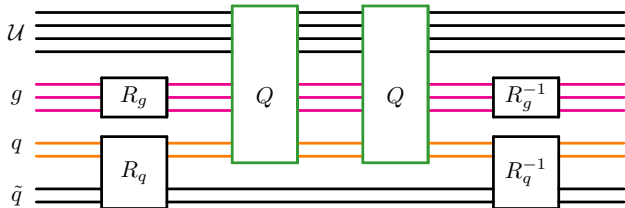
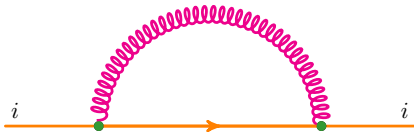
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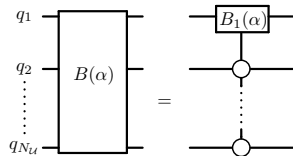
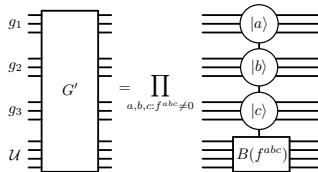
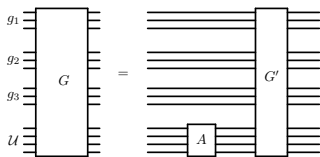
- One-to-one correspondence between Feynman diagram and circuit
- Gates for qqg (Q) and ggg (G) vertices to simulate QCD (colour) interaction



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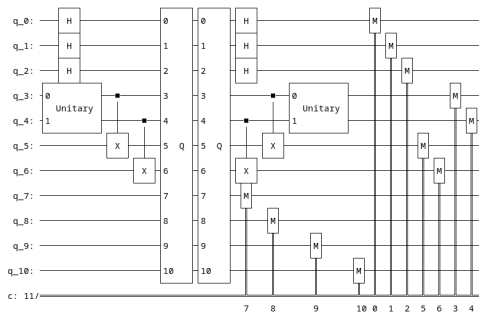


$$\langle \Omega |_{\mathcal{U}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{ops}} \{B(\alpha_i)A\} | \Omega \rangle_{\mathcal{U}} = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{ops}} \alpha_i$$



→ Trace defined in $|000000000000\rangle = |0_{11}\rangle$ state: $|\psi\rangle = \frac{c}{N}|0_{11}\rangle + \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{27415}{N_{\text{shots}}=1000000} \sim \left(\frac{c}{N} = \frac{(N_c=3)C_F}{N_c^{n_q=1}(N_c^2-1)^{n_g=1}} \right)^2$$

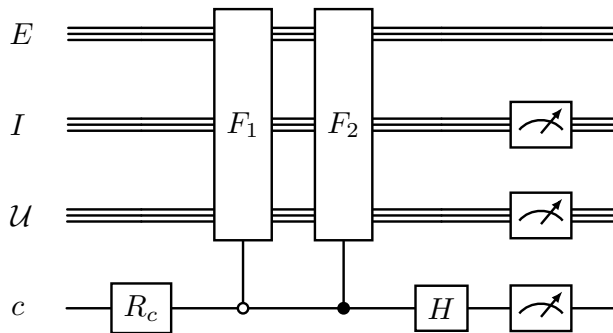


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- Colour factors encoded in one single state $|0_{11}\rangle$ (as needed for QAE)
- Any colour factor can be computed

[Chawdhry, MP; 2303.04818]

→ Interference between two amplitudes (F_1 and F_2)

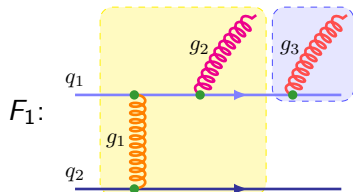


→ c is an equal superposition of F_1 and F_2

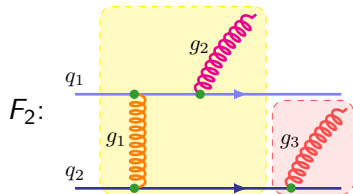
→ Making the measurement ($\sim$ square/collapse the amplitude):

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |F_1 + F_2|^2 = |F_1|^2 + |F_2|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{F_1 \cdot F_2^*\}$$

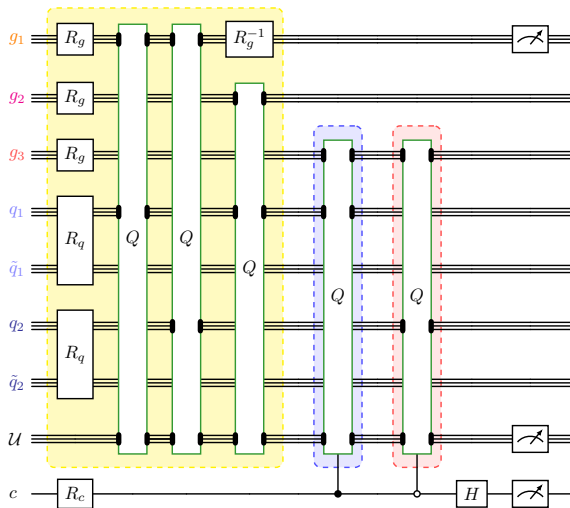
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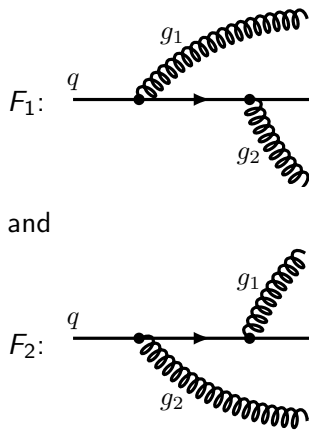
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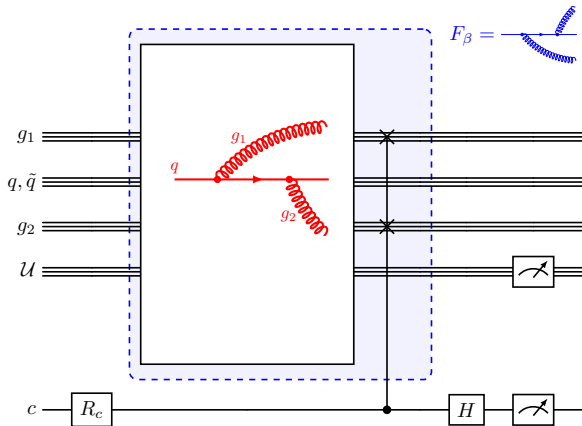
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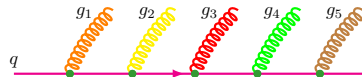
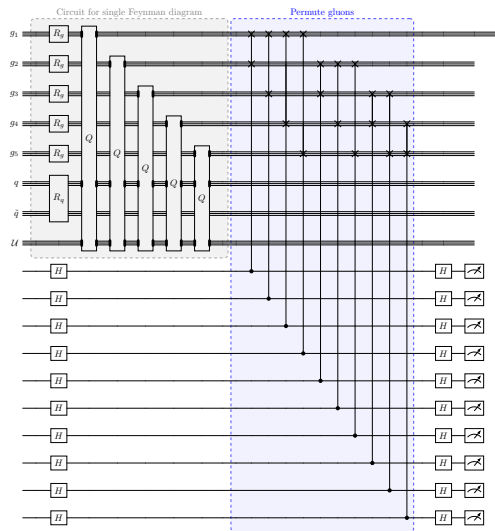
Common building block factored out + simple operation to obtain second amplitude
 → Hint for quadratic improvement with respect to classical approach



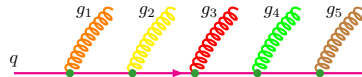
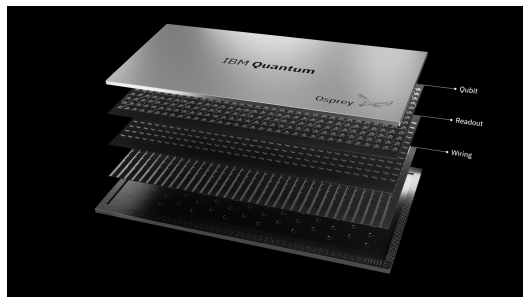
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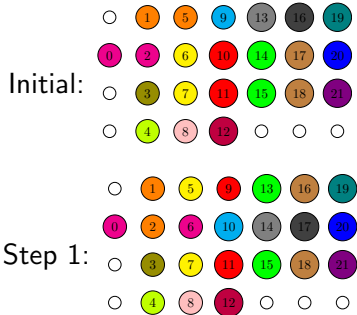
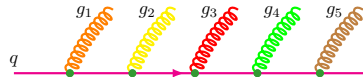
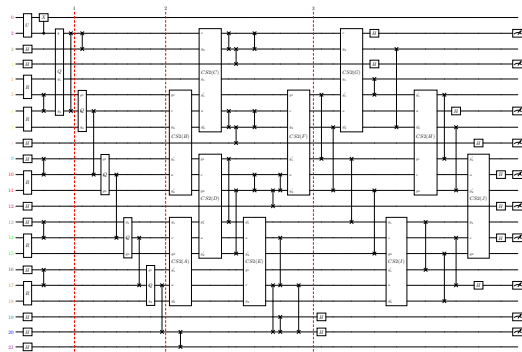
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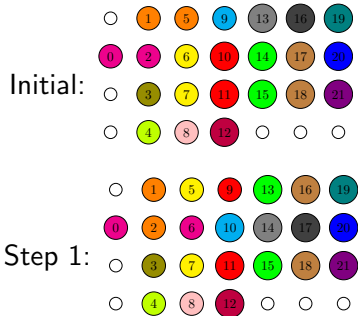
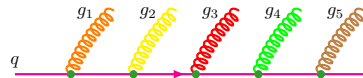
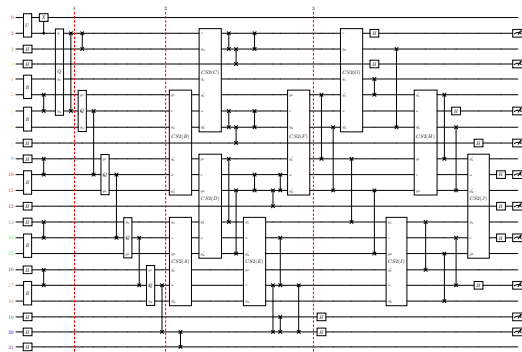
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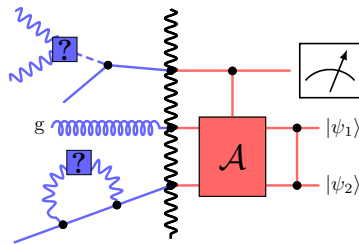


Quantum simulation of High-Energy physics

→ High-energy physics: computationally-intensive field

- **GPU & AI:** Technical, general-purpose approaches
- **Quantum computing:** Tailored to quantum systems (at very high energies)

- Several interesting applications already
- Powerful quantum computers becoming available
→ entering era with non-trivial applications
- Exciting emerging field with many new ideas!



BACK-UP

Reviews

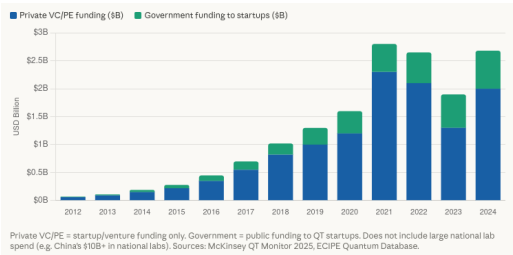
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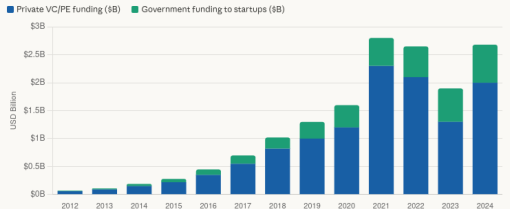
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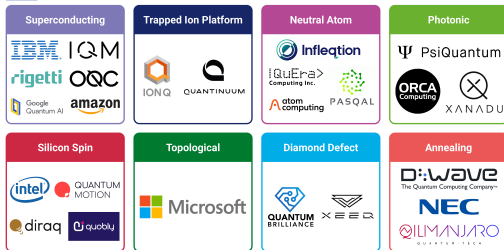
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- Various physics approaches (from both big players and start-ups)



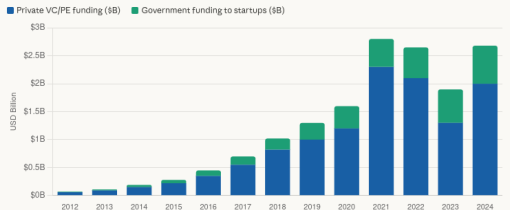
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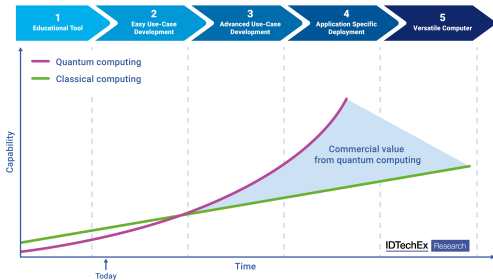
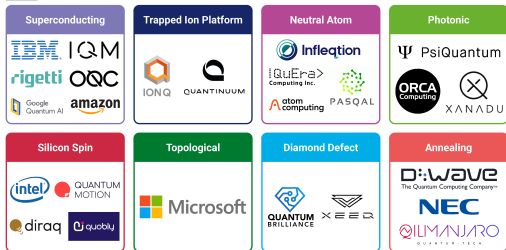
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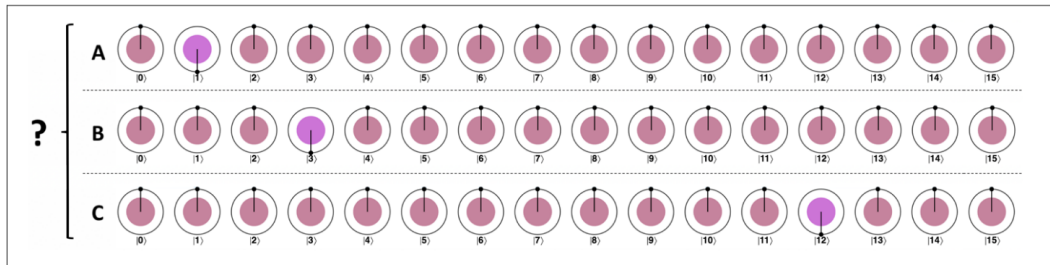
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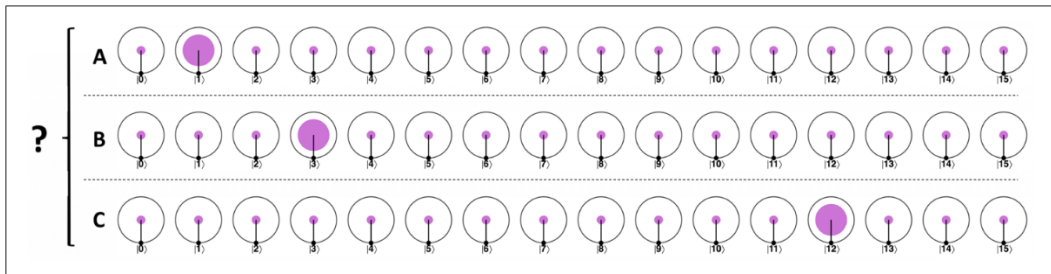
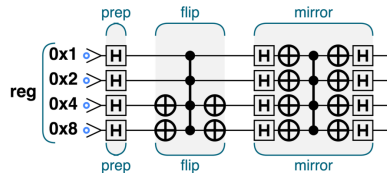
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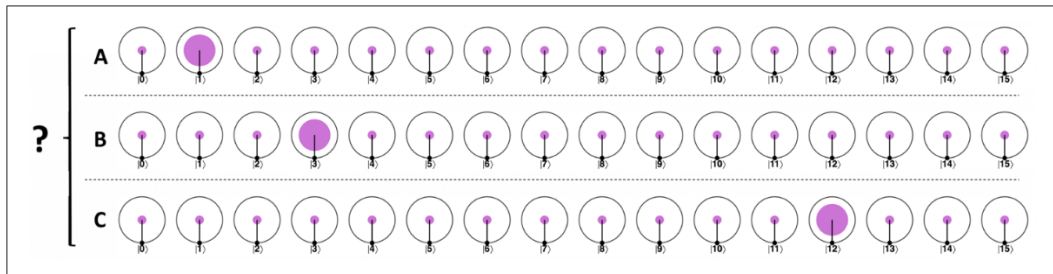
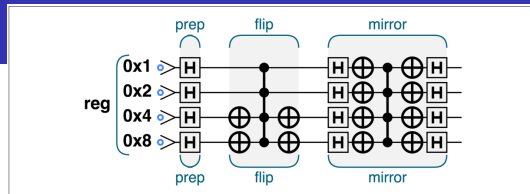
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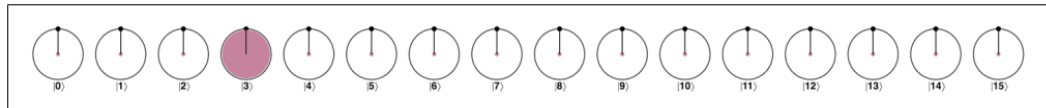


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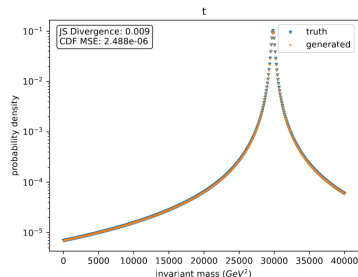
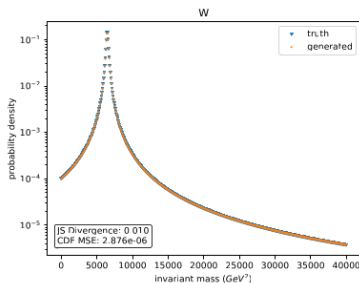
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			10%	1%	0.1%
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		Total number across circuits	7.39×10^7	6.15×10^8	5.09×10^9
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		Total depth across circuits	8.02×10^7	6.67×10^8	5.52×10^9
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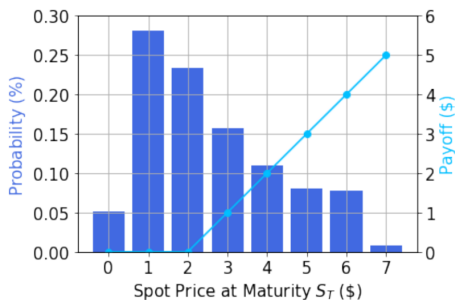
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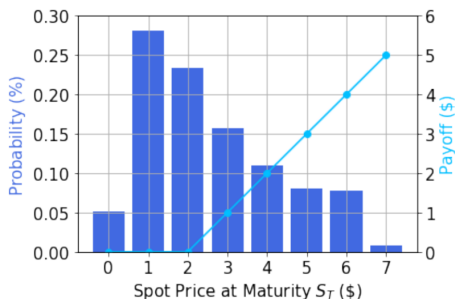
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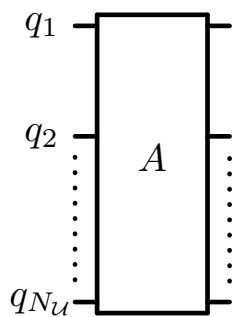
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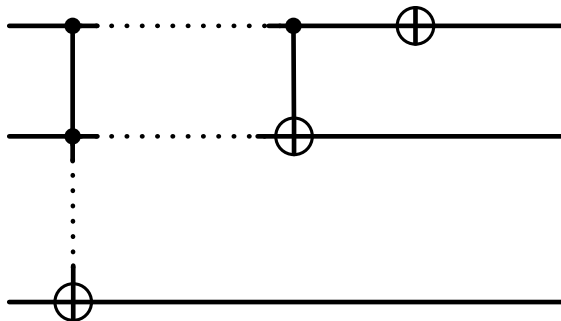
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 - g : payoff
- In high-energy physics:
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 - g : $\Theta(\phi - \phi_c)$

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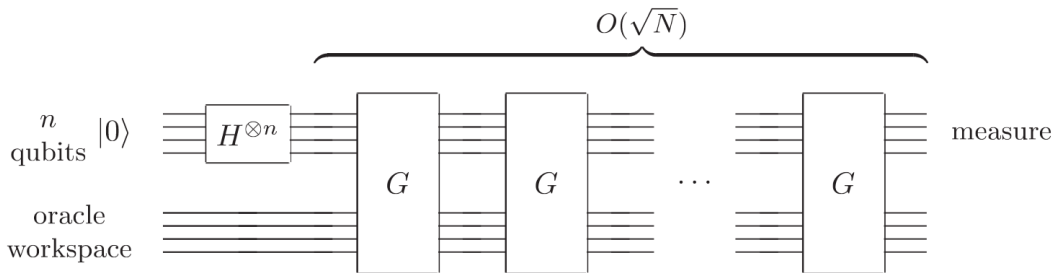
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Grover algorithm/iteration

- Very general quantum algorithm
- Quadratic speed up
→ $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$ operations instead of $\mathcal{O}(N)$
- Most famous example: unstructured database search



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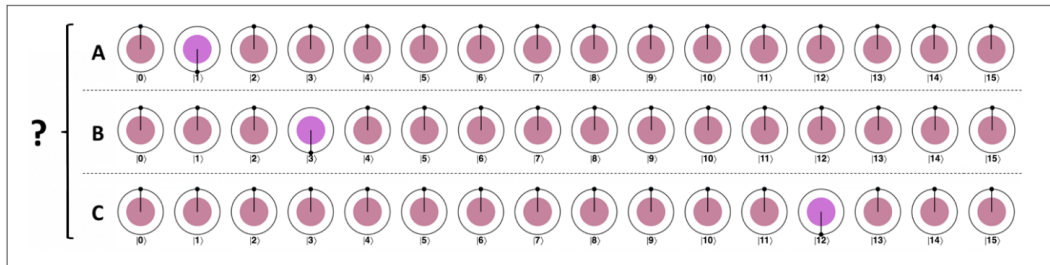
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→ What the (original) algorithm provides:

- An estimate: $\tilde{a} = \sin^2(\tilde{\theta}_a)$
with $\tilde{\theta}_a = y\pi/M$, $y \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}$, and $M = 2^n$
- A success probability (that can be increased by repeating the algorithm)
- A bound: $|a - \tilde{a}| \leq \mathcal{O}(1/M)$

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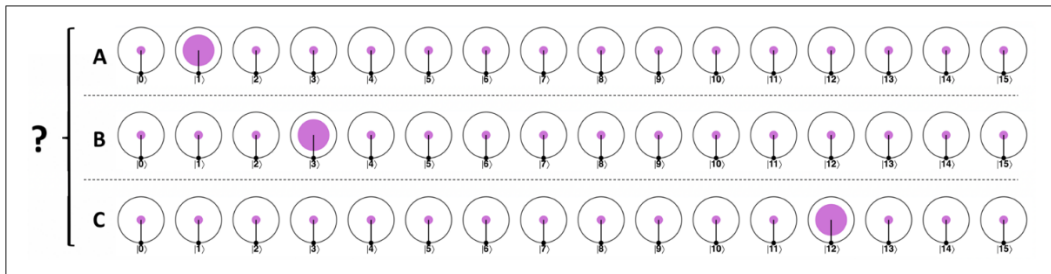
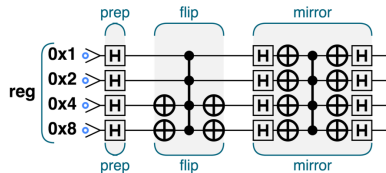
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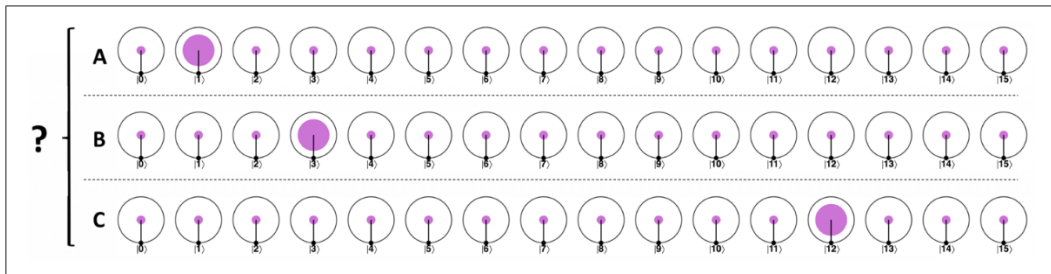
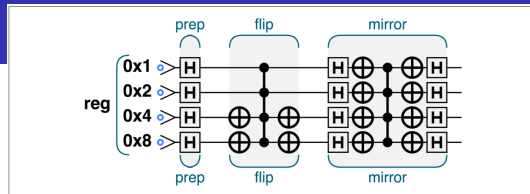
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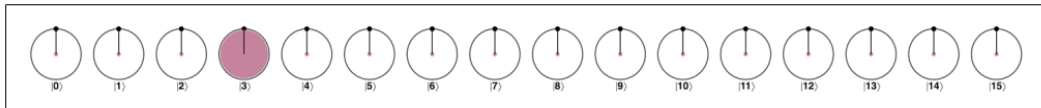


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- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}'W$ $\rightarrow$ 2D problem

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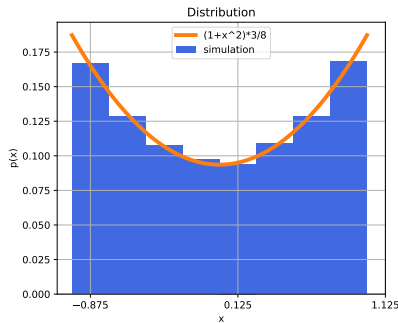
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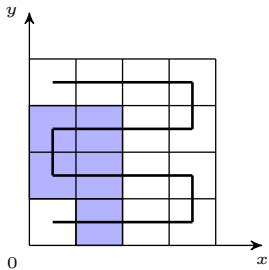
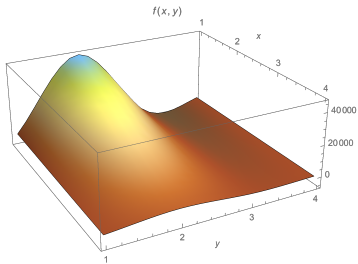
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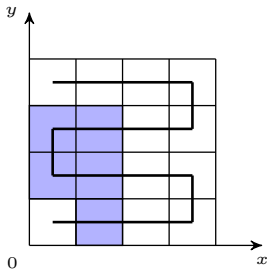
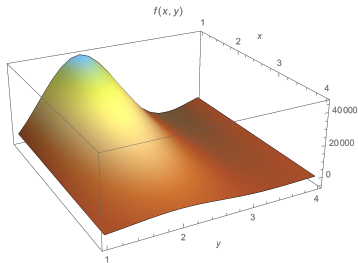
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Qubits number	Grid dim.	$\mathcal{S}_1$		$\mathcal{S}_2$	
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4	4×4	0.55	0	0.70	-4.1
5	5×5	0.52	-4.92	0.53	-26.6
6	6×6	0.47	-14.1	0.79	9
6	7×7	0.62	-14.4	0.70	-3.0
6	8×8	0.55	0	0.78	7.6

$\mathcal{S}_1$: matching boundary of integration

$\mathcal{S}_2$: no matching boundary of integration

[Agliardi, Grossi, MP, Prati; 2201.01547]

Working but control of uncertainty crucial!

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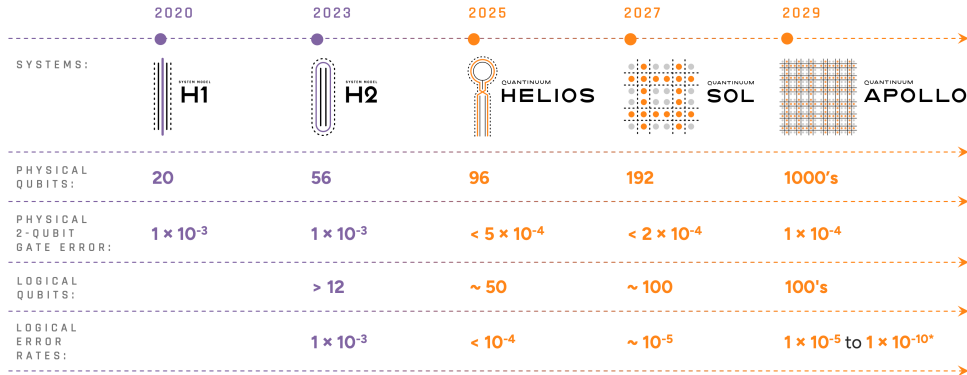
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Development roadmap



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