



Quantum-accelerated scientific computing

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About me

- Assistant Professor in Numerical Analysis at TU Delft since 2013 (before TU Dortmund)
- Research interests:
 - FEM/IGA for (compressible) flow problems
 - High-resolution and high-order methods
 - Efficient multilevel solution methods
 - Hybrid particle mesh methods (MPM, OTM)
 - Heterogeneous high-performance computing
 - Quantum-accelerated scientific computing

State-of-the art in quantum-
accelerated scientific computing and
how we try to advance it

Accelerated computing

- Heterogeneous compute nodes with multi-socket, multi-core CPUs and **general-purpose** accelerators (GPUs, FPGAs, vector processors, ...)
- **Current and future trend:** **special-purpose** accelerators (Google's TPUs, ASICs, ...)
- **Vision:** use **QPUs** as functional accelerators
- **Philosophy:** **Hardware-oriented Numerics** = co-design of hardware-aware numerical methods and their hardware-optimized H²PC implementation

QPUs

- **Discrete gate model:**

- Google “Bristlecone”: 72(?) hw-qubits
- IBM Q Experience: 4-16/20(?) hw-qubits
- Intel “Tangle Lake”: 49(?) hw-qubits
- Rigetti: 19/128(?) hw-qubits
- Atos QLM: 40 sw-qubits
- QuTech QX/OpenQL: 26 sw-qubits
- TNO Quantum Inspire: 31-37 sw-qubits

20 hw
40 sw
qubits

- ~~Quantum annealing:~~

- ~~– D-Wave system 2000Q: 2048/5000(?) qubits~~

Quantum SDKs

- **Quantum Assembly/Instruction languages:**
 - AQASM: Atos QML
 - cQASM: TNO Quantum Inspire, QuTech QX
 - OpenQASM: IBM Q Experience, Google
 - Quil: Rigetti simulator and cloud platform
- **SDKs (in Python):**
 - **pyAqasm**: Atos (AQASM in/out)
 - **pyQuil**: Rigetti (Quil in/out)
 - **Circ**: Google (OpenQASM out, no in)
 - **QX/OpenQL** (C++): QuTech (cQASM in/out)
 - **ProjectQ**: ETHZ (no xQASM in/out)
 - **QisKit**: IBM (OpenQASM in/output)
 - **Quantum Development Kit** (Q#): Microsoft (OpenQASM in/out)



Proprietary workflow

- Python script → [xQASM kernel] → QPU-optimized binary code → QSim/QComputer → post-processing in Python
- **Pros:**
 - Exploitation of knowledge of QPU internals in optimization
 - Flat learning curve to get started with basic quantum algorithm
- **Cons:**
 - Proprietary Q-toolchains (compilers, optimizers) and workflows
 - Re-inventing the wheel in each SDK (only prototype circuits)
 - No direct comparison of algorithms between QPUs possible
 - None of the tools aims at scientific computing at large scale
 - Investment insecurity (NVIDIA CUDA vs. ATI Stream SDK)

LibKet

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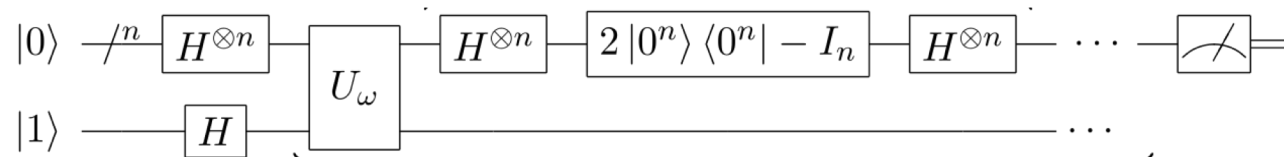
- Quantum expression template Library
- Header-only C++14 open-source library (soon) available at <https://gitlab.com/mmoelle1/LibKet>
- **Planning:** 1st official release before this summer with full support for all aforementioned Q-backends
- **Long-term vision:** LibKet becomes the Eigen library of the Q-accelerated scientific computing community

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- Provides C++ wrappers for all basic **quantum gates** and commonly used **circuits** templated over #qubits

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auto expr = ... h(all(x(sel<n>(init()))));
```

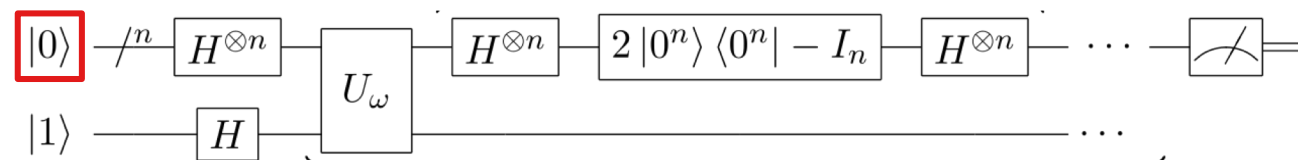


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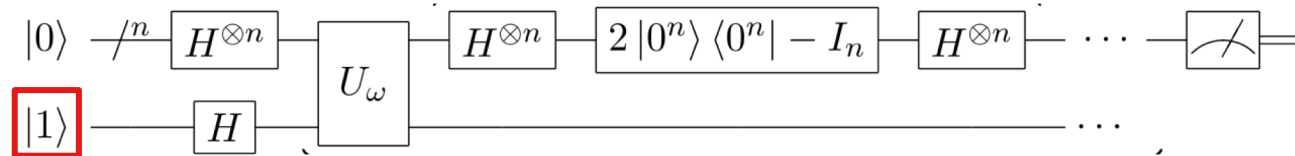


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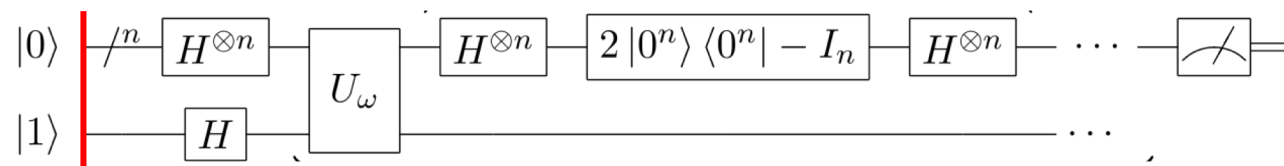


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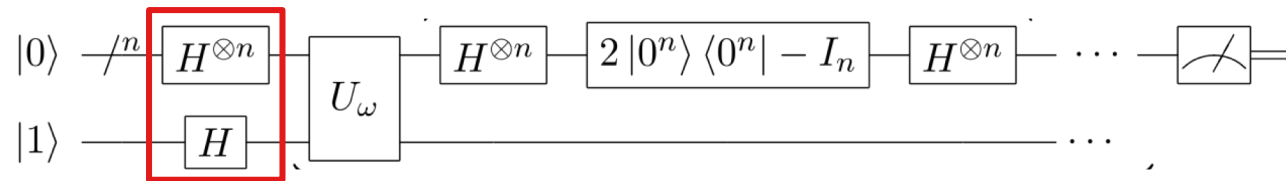


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LibKet

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- Synthesizes quantum expressions into **rule-based optimized xQASM (QX/OpenQL) quantum kernels**

```
# cQASM 1.0
version 1.0
qubits 6
x q[5]
h q[0,1,2,3,4,5]
...
```

```
OPENQASM 2.0;
include "qelib1.inc";
qreg q[6];
x q[5];
h q[0];
h q[1];
h q[2];
...
```

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- Bidirectional communication between C++ host code and Python-based QSim/QComputer environment

```
QData<6, OpenQASMv2> backend;  
json result = expr(backend).execute();  
cout << result << endl;
```

```
[{"data":{"counts":{"0x0":22,"0x1":15,"0x10":18  
,"0x11":11,"0x12":15,"0x13":11,"0x14":14,"0x15"  
:20,"0x16":12,"0x17":13,"0x18":15,"0x19":16 ...
```

LibKet

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- Will allow end-user to **develop quantum algorithms** from scratch but also to exploit Q-acceleration using ready-to-use **pre-built quantum expressions**

```
auto expr = qft<...>(range<0,5>(init()));
```

- Will provide **intrinsic types and arithmetic ops:**

```
QInt<6>      a(1),    b(1);    a+=b;  
QPosit<8,1> a(1.3),  b(2.3);  a+=b;
```


LibKet workflow

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- C++ host code
 - auto-generate rule-based optimized xQASM kernel
 - apply proprietary toolchain (compile & execute)
 - import results into C++ host code via JSON objects
- **Pros:**
 - Develop Q-accelerated scientific application in C++ only
 - Develop backend-independent quantum algorithms (QA) just once
 - Exploit all benefits (QPU-optimization) from proprietary toolchains
 - Compare different QPUs at the cost of a single code compilation
- **Cons:** None? Try it yourself and please tell me if any!

Past and ongoing activities

- **Bachelor projects:**

- v.d. Lans: Multi-search Groover, Q-add/sub
- Looman: Q-add with simulated quantum errors **QC1.0**
- v.d. Linde: Posit arithmetics

- Driebergen: Posit arithmetics for QC
- Ubbes: Quantum Linear Solver Algorithm (QLSA) **QC2.0**
- Schalkers (internship at TNO): LibKet, ...

- **Collaborations:**

- TNO, TU Delft Quantum & Computer Eng., SurfSara

A first quantum algorithm: $1+1=2$

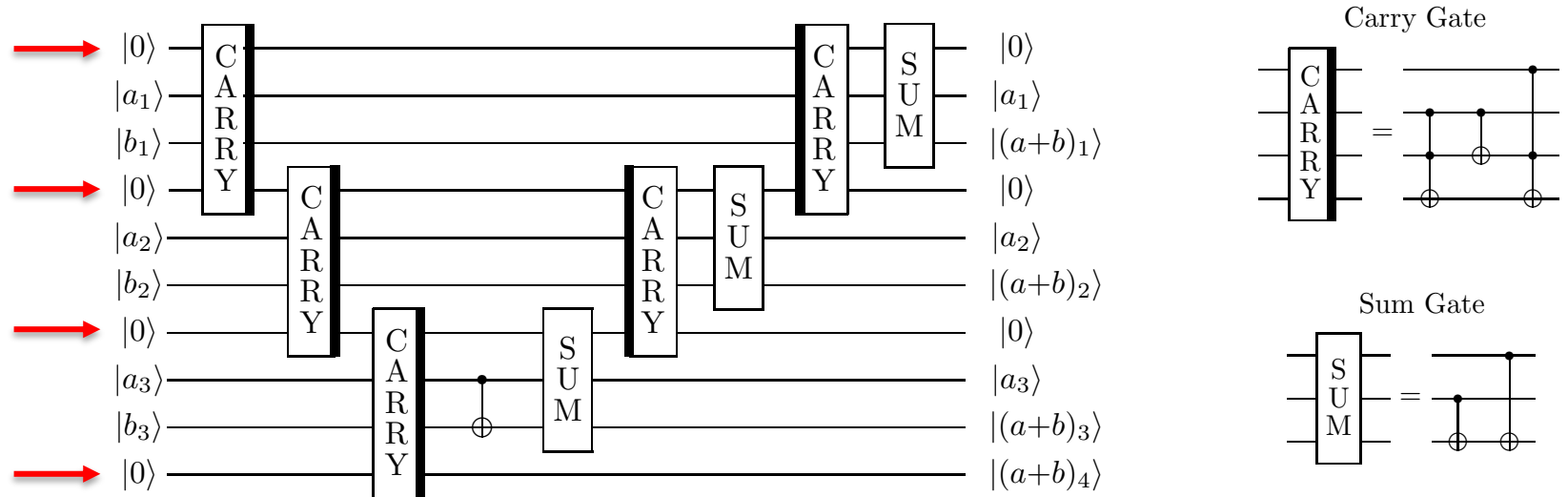
- **Integer addition:**

- $a = 1; b = 1; c = a+b$; **X (no-cloning principle)**
- $a = 1; b = 1; a += b$; **✓**

- **Classical adder circuits:**

- Must be reversible (all QAs are reversible!)
- Must be realizable with quantum gates only
- Should need few ancilla qubits (20-40 qubits)

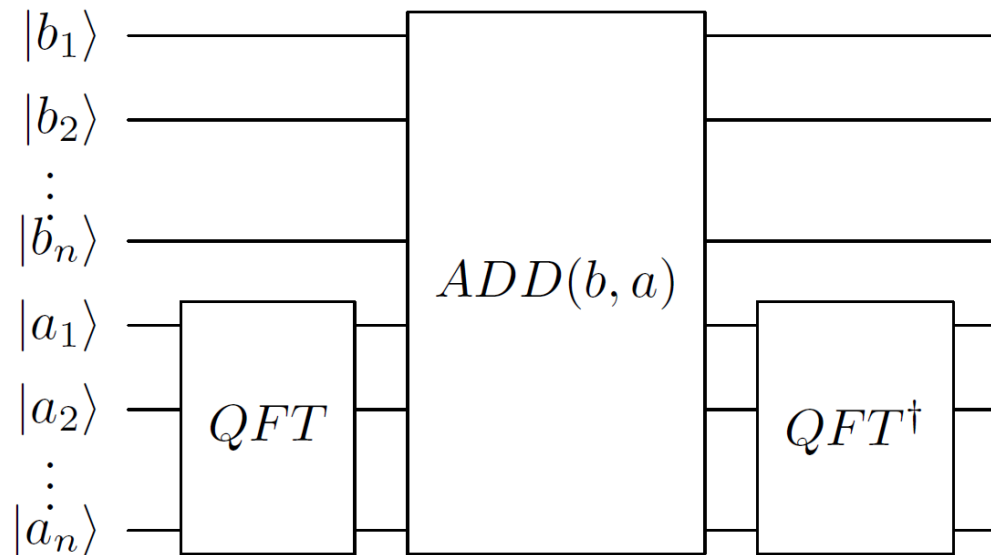
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n extra ancilla qubits needed ☹️

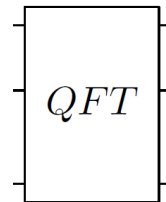
Cuccaro et al.: A new quantum ripple-carry addition circuit (2008)

Another quantum algorithm: $1+1=2$

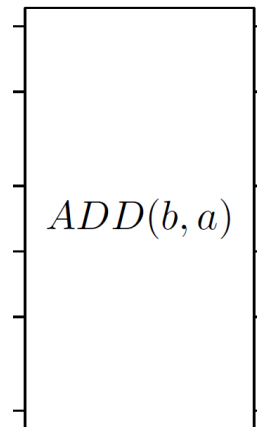
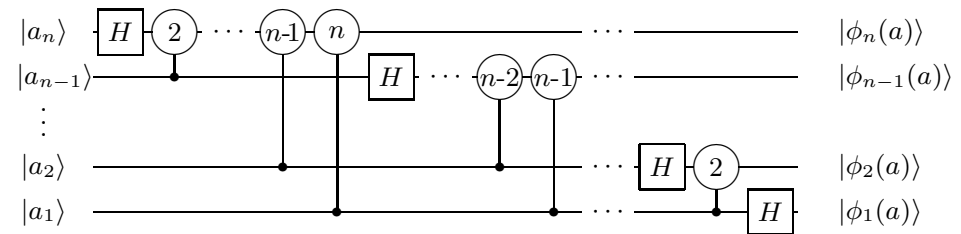


no extra ancilla qubits needed 😊

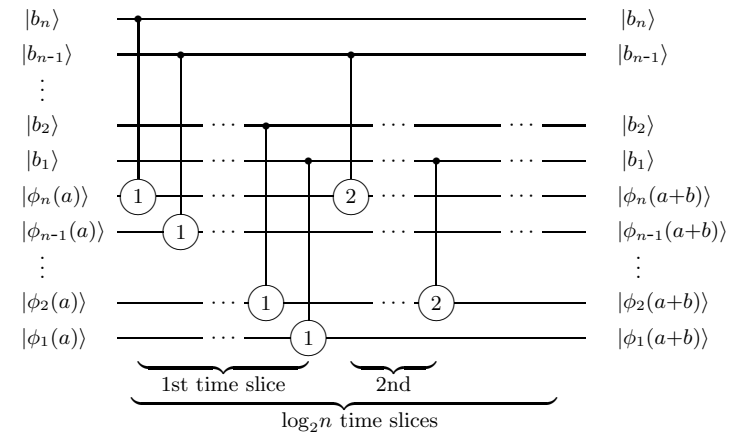
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Quantum Fourier Transform



Parallel Transform Addition



Draper: Addition on a quantum computer (2000)

Using LibKet: $1+1=2$

- **LibKet quantum expression:**

```
auto expr =  
    qftdag( range<n,n>( add( range<0,n>( all() ),  
                           qft( range<n,n>( ) )  
            ) );
```

- Or simply (planned for 1st official release):

```
QInt<6> a(1), b(1); a += b;
```

Towards practical QC: $1+1 \cong 2$

1000 QX simulator runs with depolarizing noise error model

	0,1		$10^{-\frac{3}{2}}$		0,01		$10^{-\frac{5}{2}}$	
1	0.27045	0.3793	0.50545	0.2752	0.78965	0.1233	0.92285	0.0463
2	0.134061	0.221523	0.165182	0.209176	0.451353	0.134284	0.762621	0.0570876
3	0.0601436	0.112097	0.0683512	0.116162	0.191802	0.105916	0.540766	0.0754021
4	0.0336509	0.0611537	0.0351125	0.0589036	0.064375	0.0645881	0.306778	0.0802711
5					0.0224336	0.031892	0.154869	0.0575671
6					0.00798384	0.0176539	0.0654961	0.033179
7					0.00398747	0.0076473	0.0252142	0.0167067
8					0.00254026	0.00363275	0.00834128	0.00823629

Standard circuit: prob. correct (left), largest prob. wrong answer (right)

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	0,1		$10^{-\frac{3}{2}}$		0,01		$10^{-\frac{5}{2}}$	
1	0.29475	0.3695	0.54555	0.27185	0.8158	0.11735	0.93645	0.04195
2	0.110416	0.230068	0.239152	0.203304	0.569495	0.115691	0.837026	0.0445888
3	0.0581316	0.114572	0.096711	0.122477	0.341537	0.102147	0.697436	0.0509187
4	0.0259028	0.0583002	0.0382769	0.0672328	0.183066	0.0726129	0.543162	0.0579935
5					0.0839273	0.0450361	0.407117	0.0574072
6					0.0412412	0.0270095	0.283642	0.049151
7					0.0177059	0.0131818	0.191996	0.0404665
8					0.00647699	0.00675828	0.116269	0.0290022

Optimized circuit: prob. correct (left), largest prob. wrong answer (right)

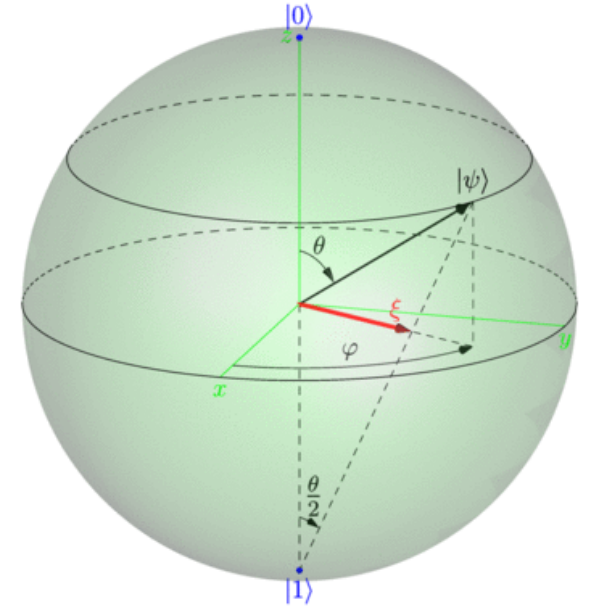
Quantum computing in a nutshell and why it's so difficult to make progress

QC in a nutshell

- **A single qubit state:**

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle,$$
$$\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

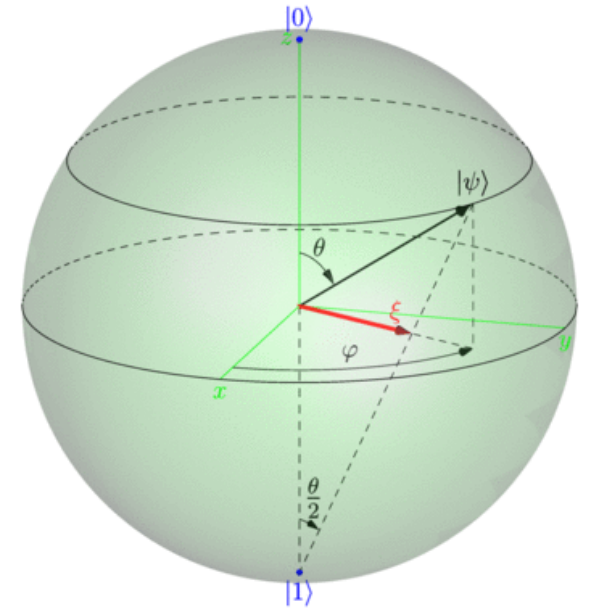
$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$



QC in a nutshell

- **Hadamard (H) gate:**

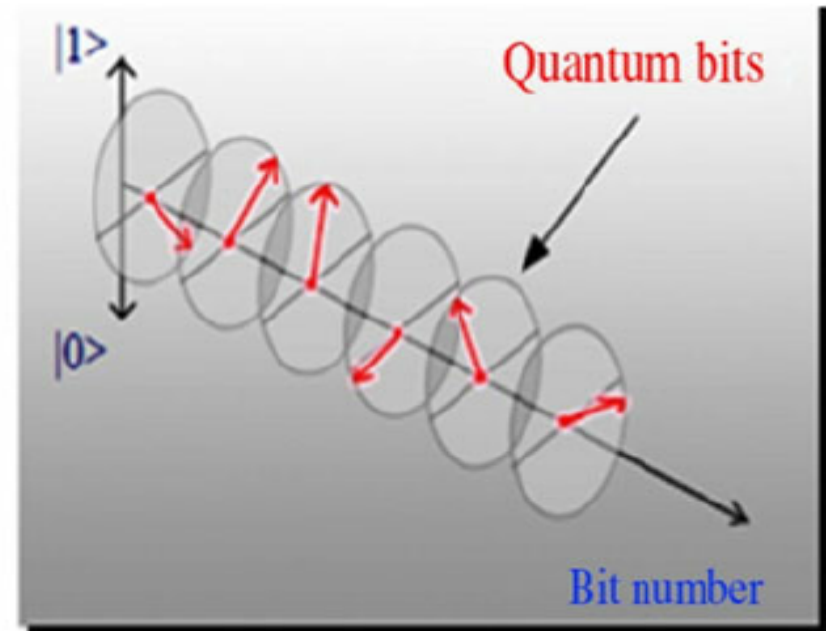
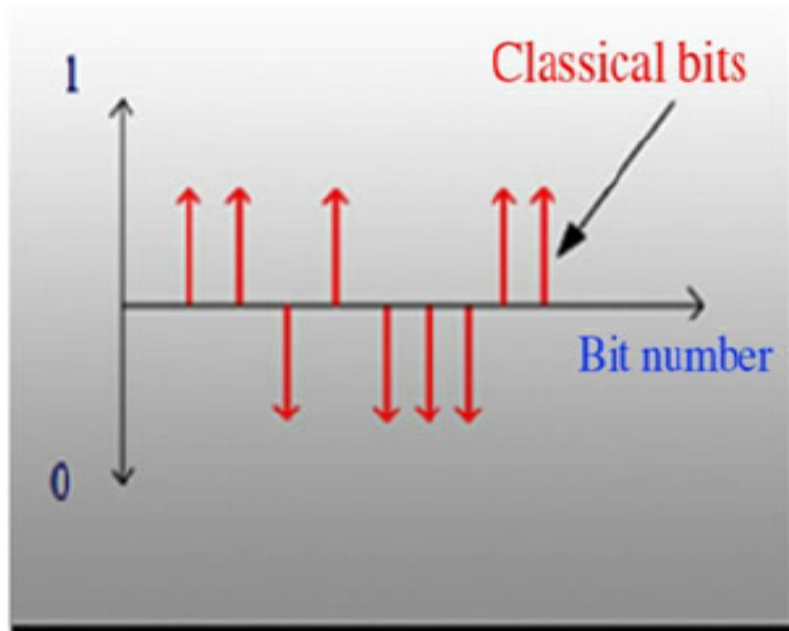
$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



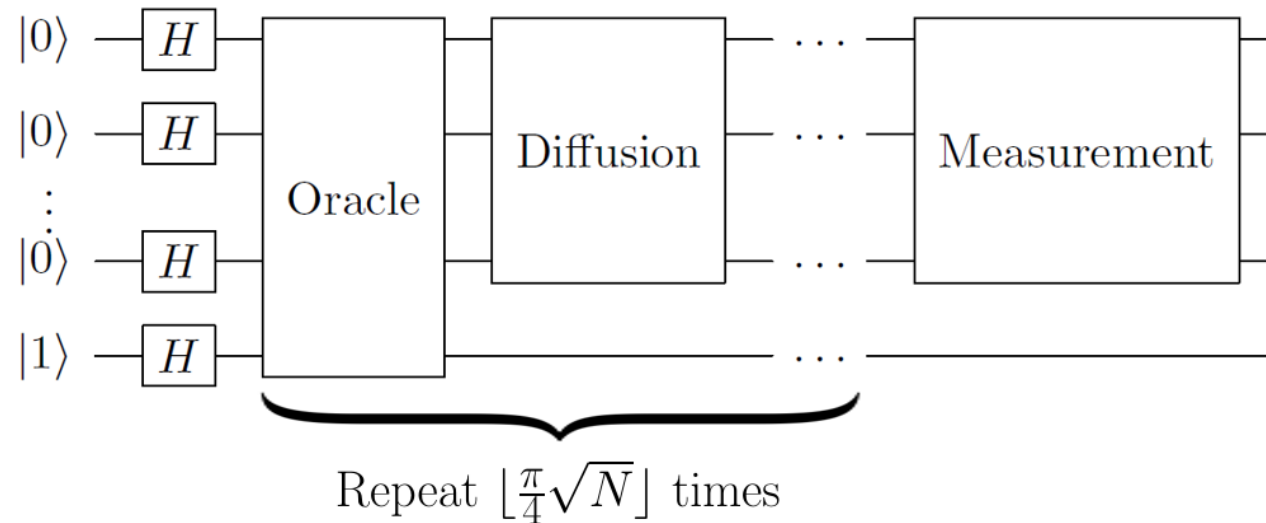
Unitary operators, i.e. $UU^\dagger = I$ or $\langle u, v \rangle_H = \langle Uu, Uv \rangle_H, \forall u, v \in H$

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

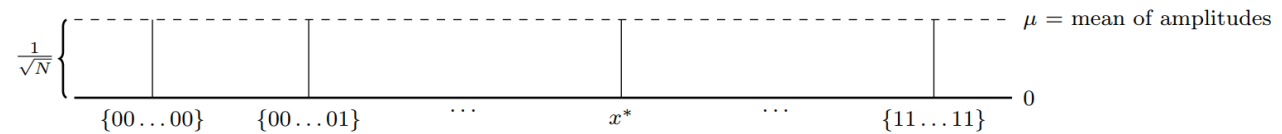
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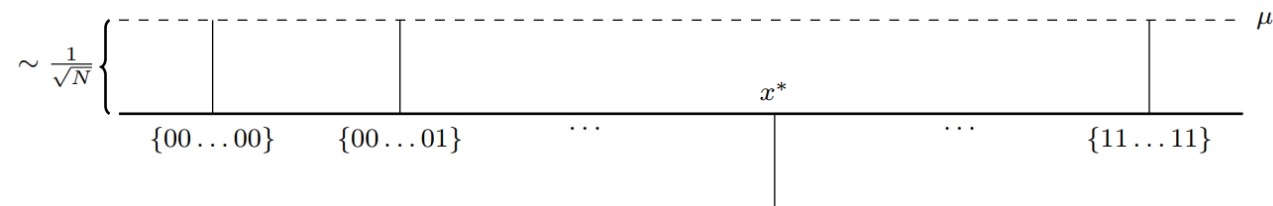
Grover's search algorithm



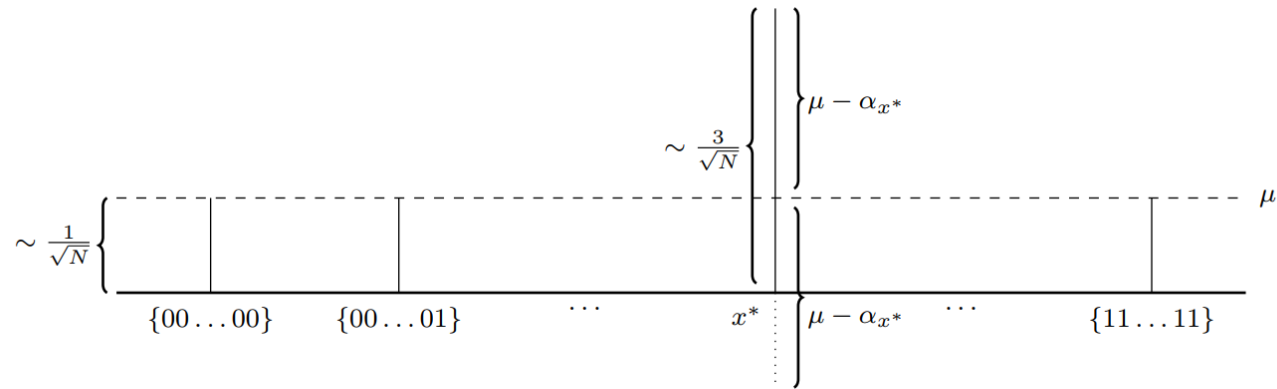
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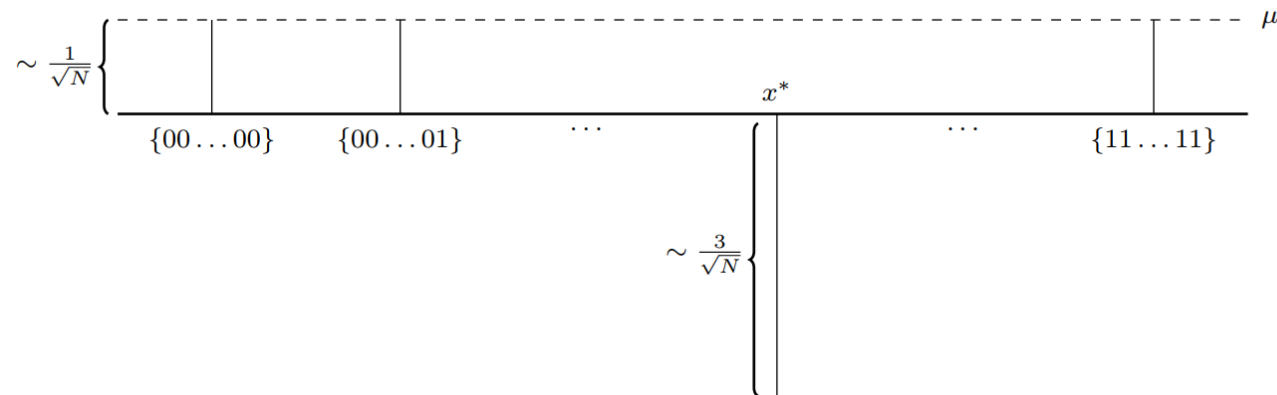
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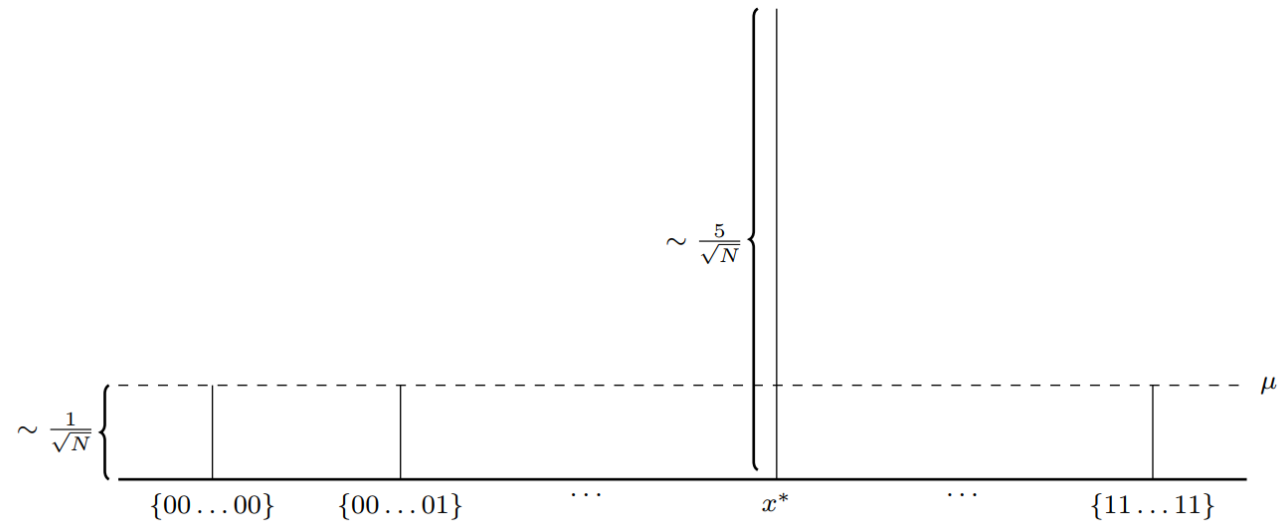
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Long-term vision

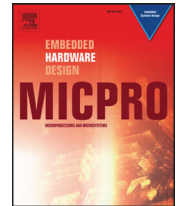
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A conceptual framework for quantum accelerated automated design optimization

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Design optimization

- **Abstract problem:**

$$\min_{\alpha \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{J}(U(\alpha); Y) \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \mathcal{R}(U(\alpha); Y) = 0$$

- Admissible design parameters $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$
- Generated design (control) $U(\alpha)$
- Solution $Y = Y(U(\alpha))$ to PDE in residual form
- Cost functional $\mathcal{J}(\cdot)$ to be minimized

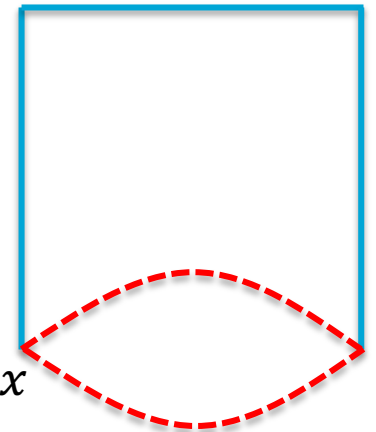
Academic model problem

- **2D Poisson equation:**

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f \text{ in } \Omega(\alpha) \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \Gamma(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

- **Design parameter:**

$$y(x) = \alpha(x - x^2), \alpha^{\min} \leq \alpha \leq \alpha^{\max}$$



- **Optimization problem:**

- Minimize L_2 -error between solution u and a given reference profile u^* by adjusting the shape of the domain boundary at the bottom

Q-accelerated linear solvers

- **Discretized problem:**

$$\min_{\alpha \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\int_{\Omega(\alpha)} y_h^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \min_{\alpha \in \mathcal{D}} (y_h^T M y_h)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

sparse matrix

such that

s-sparse SPD well-conditioned matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A_h y_h &= f_h - A_h u_h^* \\ y_h &= u_h - u_h^* \end{aligned}$$

QLSA

Q-accelerated optimization

- Taylor expansion about the optimal state α^* :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\alpha^{(k)}) - \mathcal{J}(\alpha^*) = & \\ & \cancel{\sum_{i=1}^{\dim \mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \alpha_i} \Big|_{\alpha^*} (\alpha_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i^*)} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{\dim \mathcal{D}} (\alpha_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i^*) \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{J}}{\partial \alpha_i \partial \alpha_j} \Big|_{\alpha^*} (\alpha_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i^*) \\ & + \mathcal{O}(\|\alpha^{(k)} - \alpha^*\|^3) \end{aligned}$$

Q-accelerated optimization

- **Positive-definite quadratic form:**

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(k)}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{\dim \mathcal{D}} \left(\alpha_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i^* \right) \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{J}}{\partial \alpha_i \partial \alpha_j} \Big|_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*} \left(\alpha_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i^* \right)$$



Potential Q-speedup

- **QLSA:**
 - CG method: $\mathcal{O}(N s \kappa \log(1/\epsilon))$
 - HHL (2009): $\mathcal{O}(\log(N) s^2 \kappa^2 / \epsilon)$
 - Ambainis (2012): $\mathcal{O}(\log(N) s^2 \kappa / \epsilon)$
 - Childs et al. (2017): $\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(s \kappa / \epsilon) s \kappa)$
- **QOpt:**
 - Yao (1975): $\mathcal{O}(\dim \mathcal{D}^2)$
 - Jordan (2008): $\mathcal{O}(\dim \mathcal{D})$
- **Other:**
 - Cao et al. (2013): FDM Q-Poisson solver
 - Montanaro et al. (2016): FEM Q-Poisson solver

Aircraft Climb Optimization

CFD on Quantum Computers

Surrogate modelling of PDEs

Wingbox Design Optimization

Aircraft Loading Optimization

Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge

Bringing flight physics into the Quantum Era



Wrap-up

- **LibKet:**
 - Early adopter usage and feedback highly appreciated
- **Q-accelerated shape optimization:**
 - Feedback on concept and collaboration welcome
- **Possible collaboration with NLR:**
 - Airbus Quantum Challenge and other topics
 - Q-Flagship project (coordinated by K. Bertels)

Thank you for your attention!