

# Quantum algorithms for particle physics

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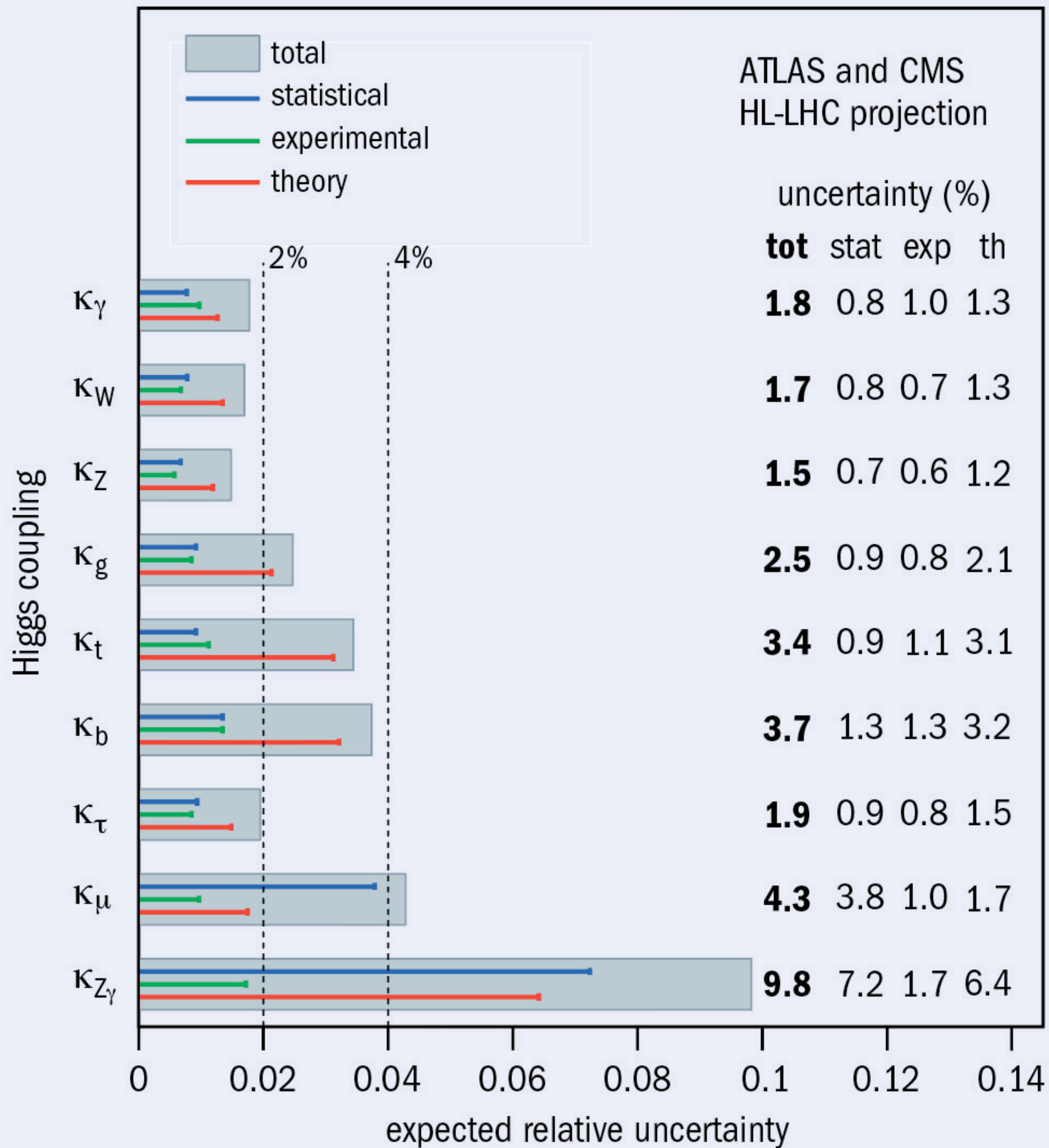


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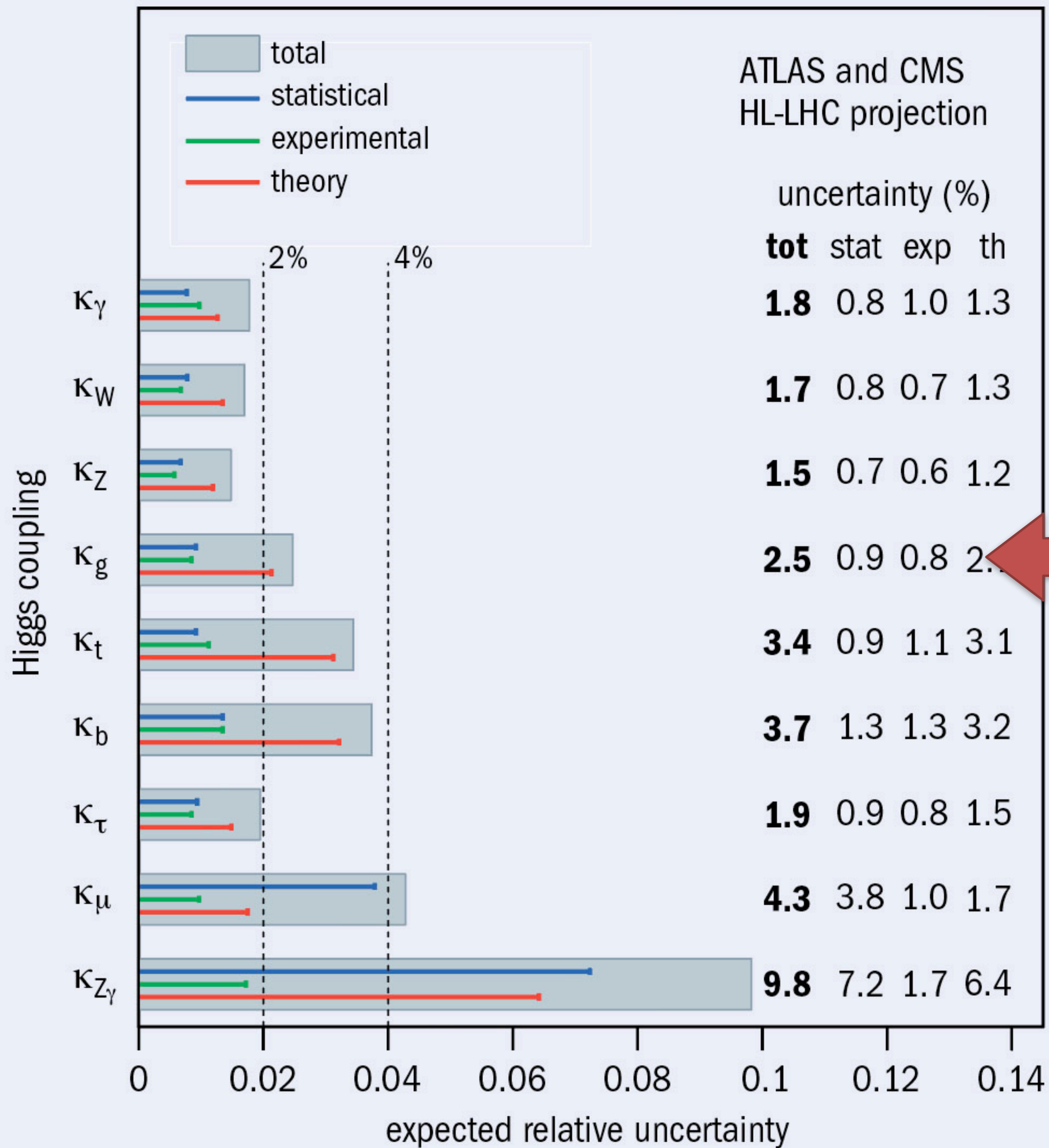
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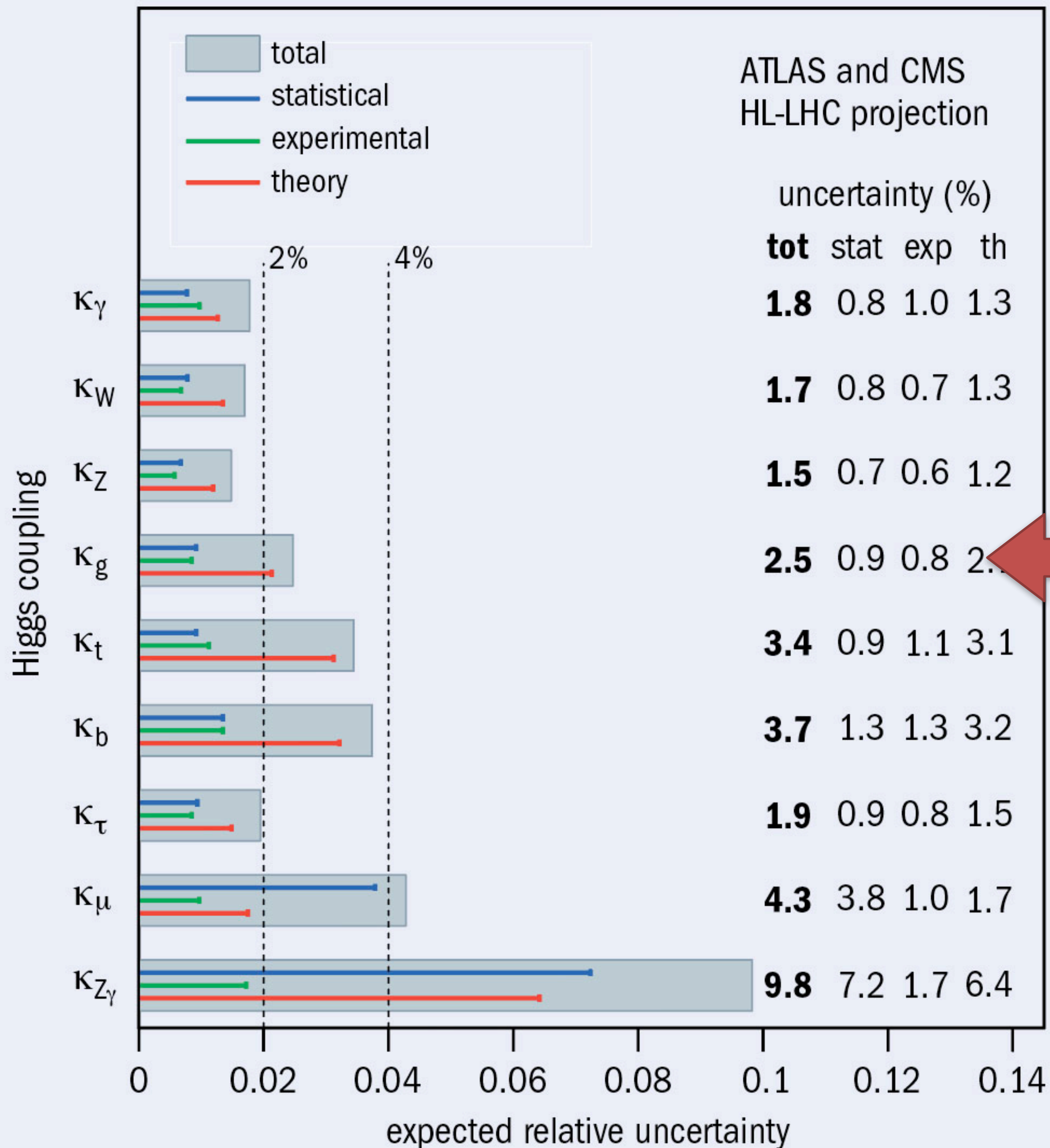
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- Years of CPU in large-scale clusters and huge energy consumption in the best scenario

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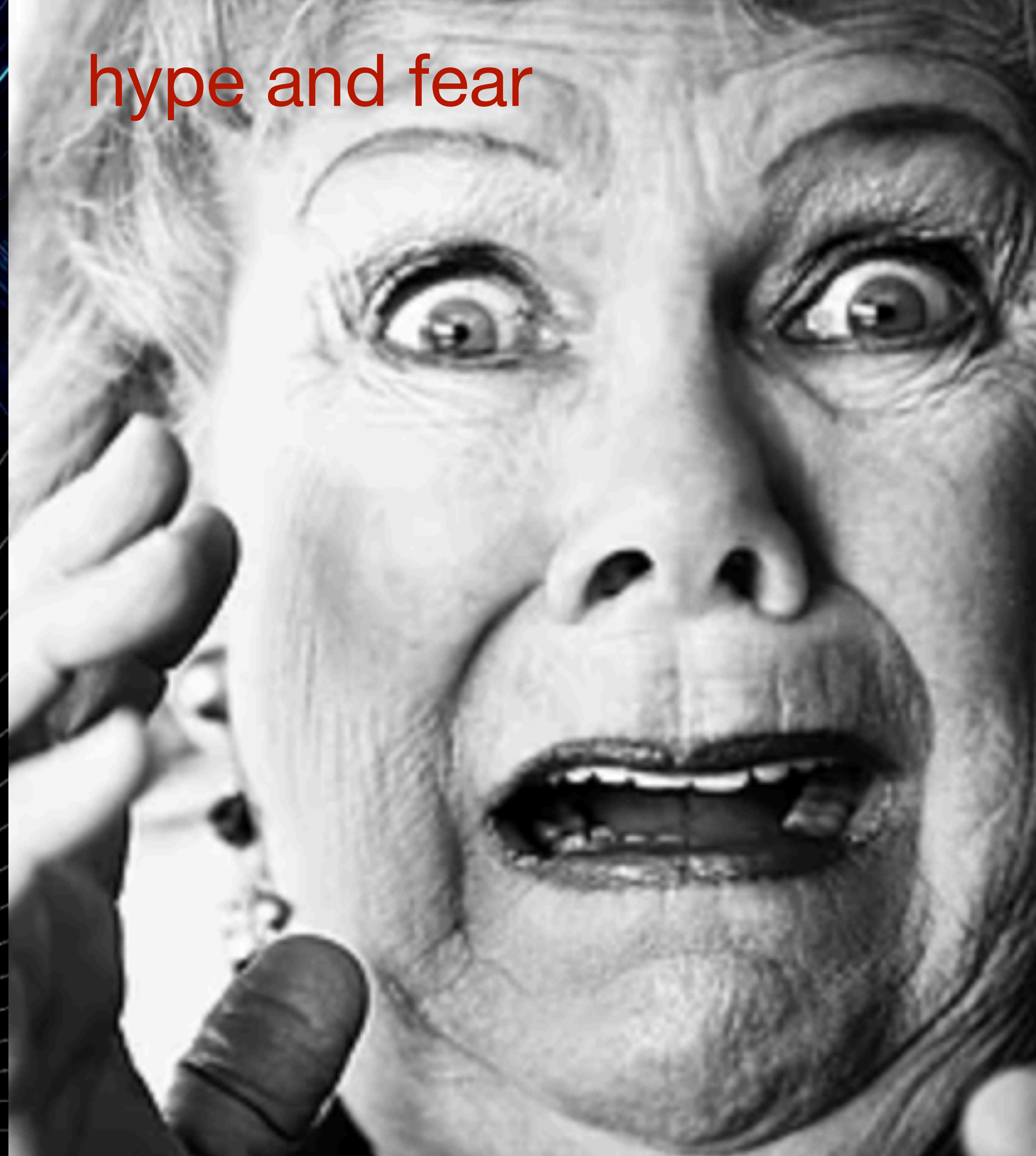
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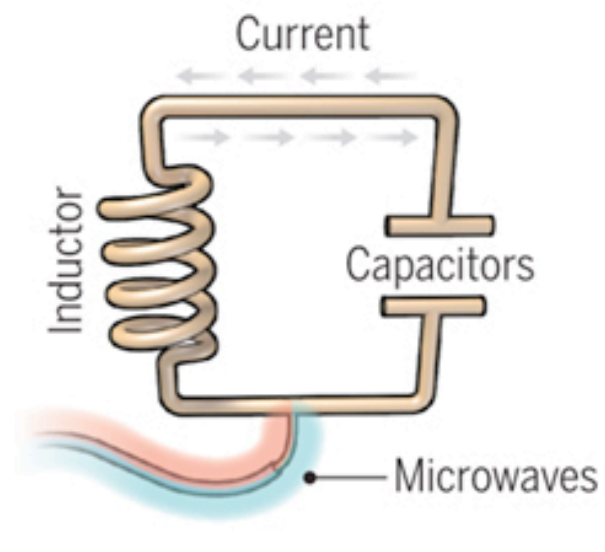
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hype and fear



## A bit of the action

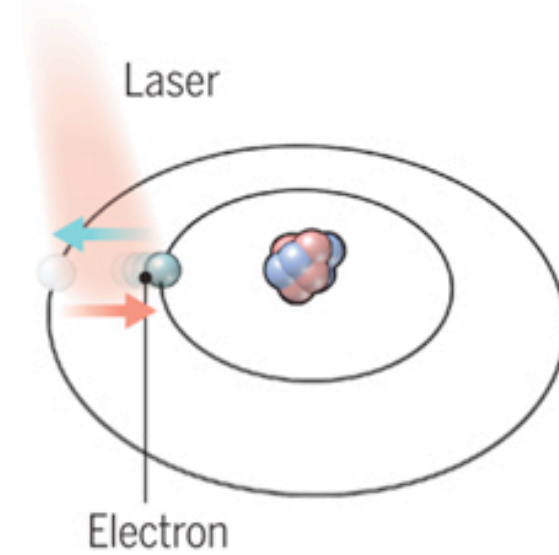
In the race to build a quantum computer, companies are pursuing many types of quantum bits, or qubits, each with its own strengths and weaknesses.



### Superconducting loops

A resistance-free current oscillates back and forth around a circuit loop. An injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states.

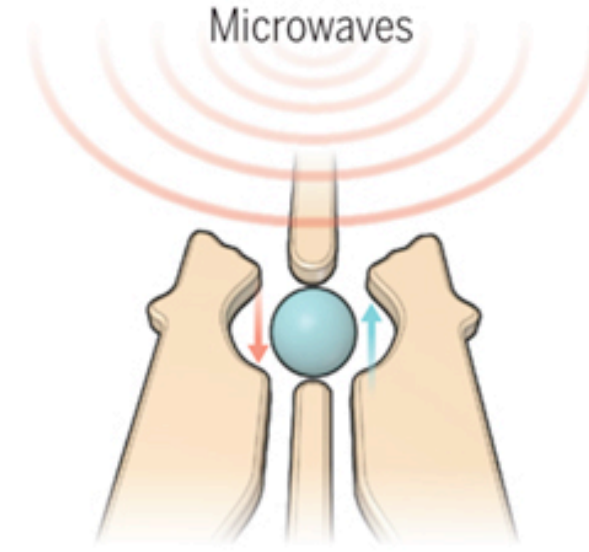
**Longevity** (seconds)  
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### Trapped ions

Electrically charged atoms, or ions, have quantum energies that depend on the location of electrons. Tuned lasers cool and trap the ions, and put them in superposition states.

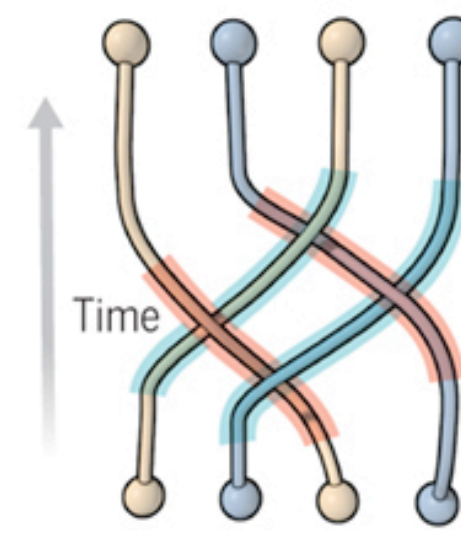
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### Silicon quantum dots

These "artificial atoms" are made by adding an electron to a small piece of pure silicon. Microwaves control the electron's quantum state.

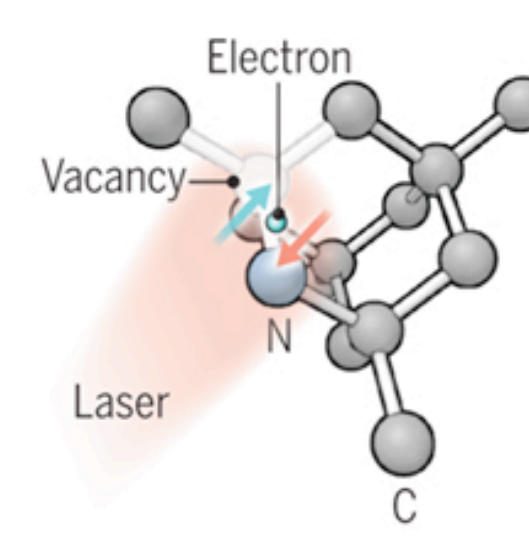
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### Topological qubits

Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semiconductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.

N/A



### Diamond vacancies

A nitrogen atom and a vacancy add an electron to a diamond lattice. Its quantum spin state, along with those of nearby carbon nuclei, can be controlled with light.

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### Logic success rate

99.4%

99.9%

~99%

N/A

99.2%

### Number entangled

9

14

2

N/A

6

### Company support

Google, IBM, Quantum Circuits

ionQ

Intel

Microsoft, Bell Labs

Quantum Diamond Technologies

### + Pros

Fast working. Build on existing semiconductor industry.

Very stable. Highest achieved gate fidelities.

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Greatly reduce errors.

Can operate at room temperature.

### - Cons

Collapse easily and must be kept cold.

Slow operation. Many lasers are needed.

Only a few entangled. Must be kept cold.

Existence not yet confirmed.

Difficult to entangle.

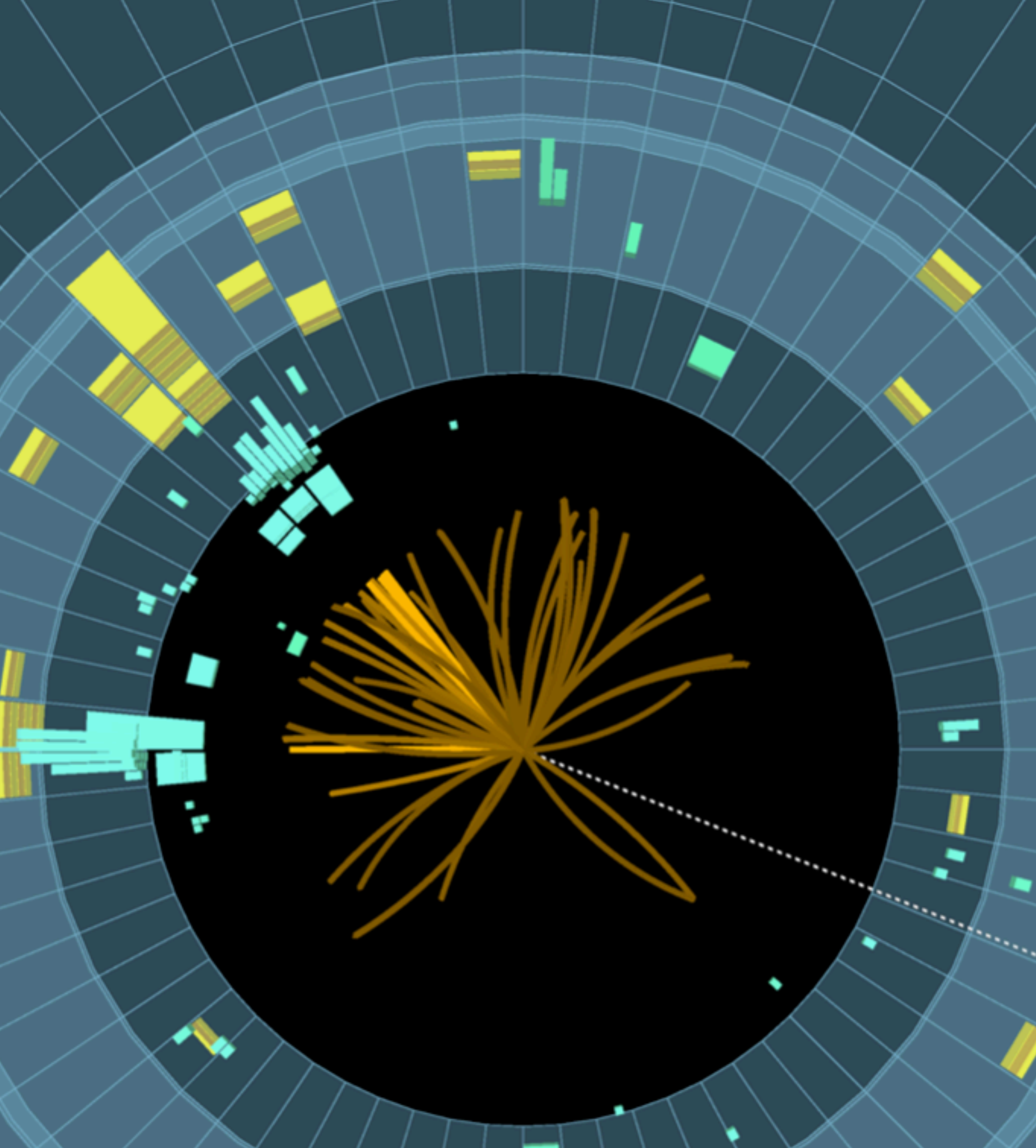
**Note:** Longevity is the record coherence time for a single qubit superposition state, logic success rate is the highest reported gate fidelity for logic operations on two qubits, and number entangled is the maximum number of qubits entangled and capable of performing two-qubit operations.

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## ○ Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ) era

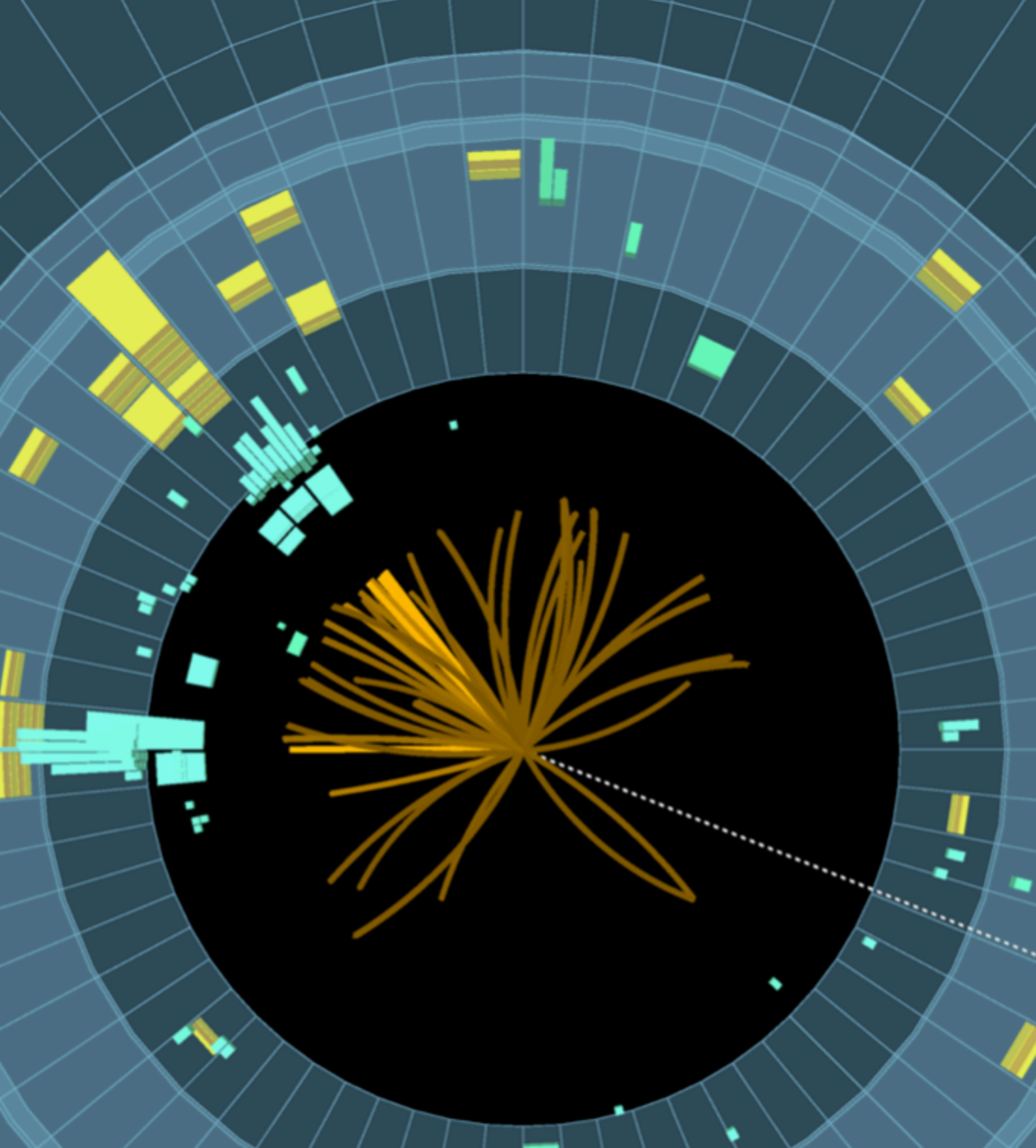
[Preskill 2018]:  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  qubits with  $\mathcal{O}(\mu s)$  coherence time

## ○ Limited, yet promising applications



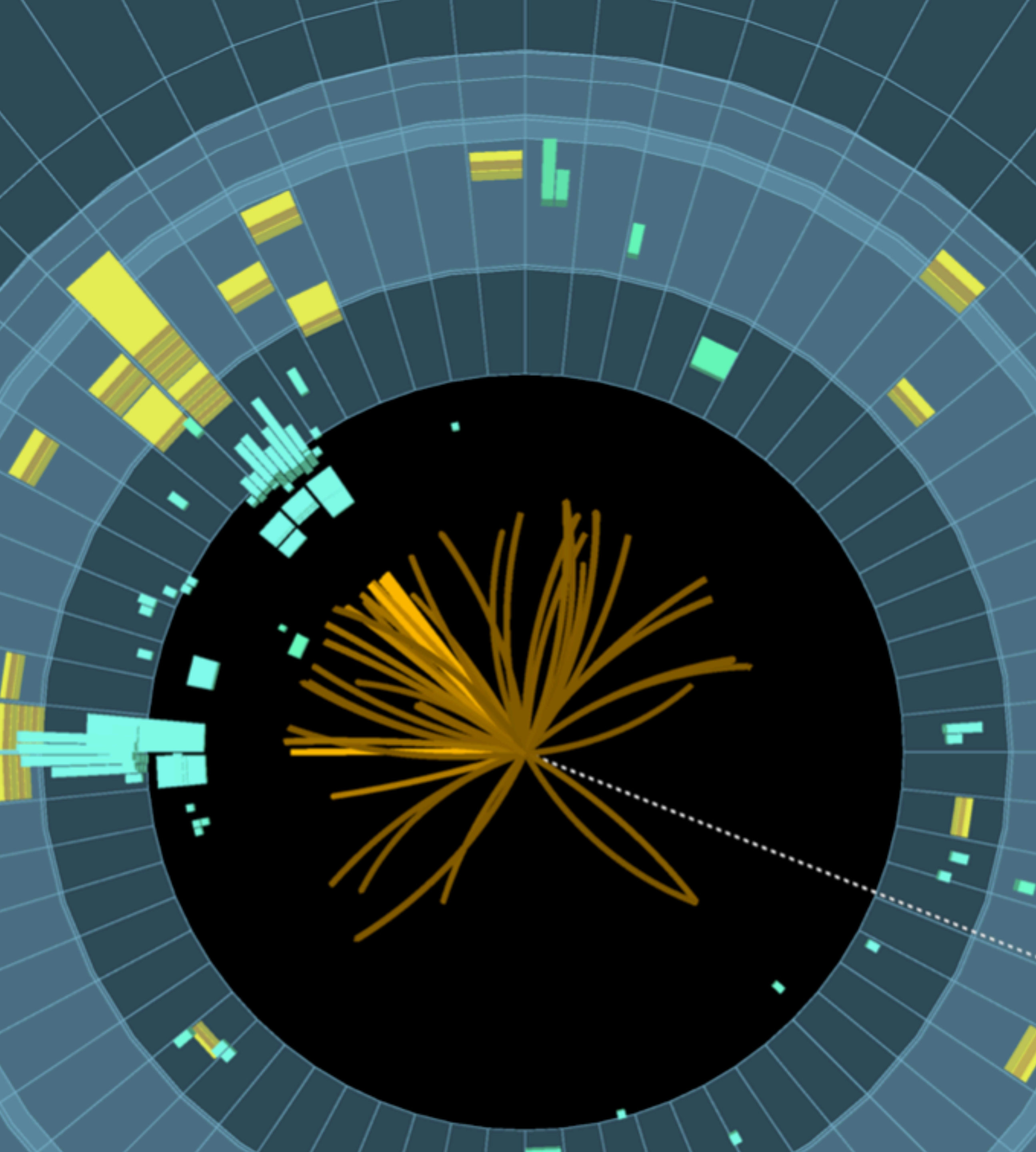
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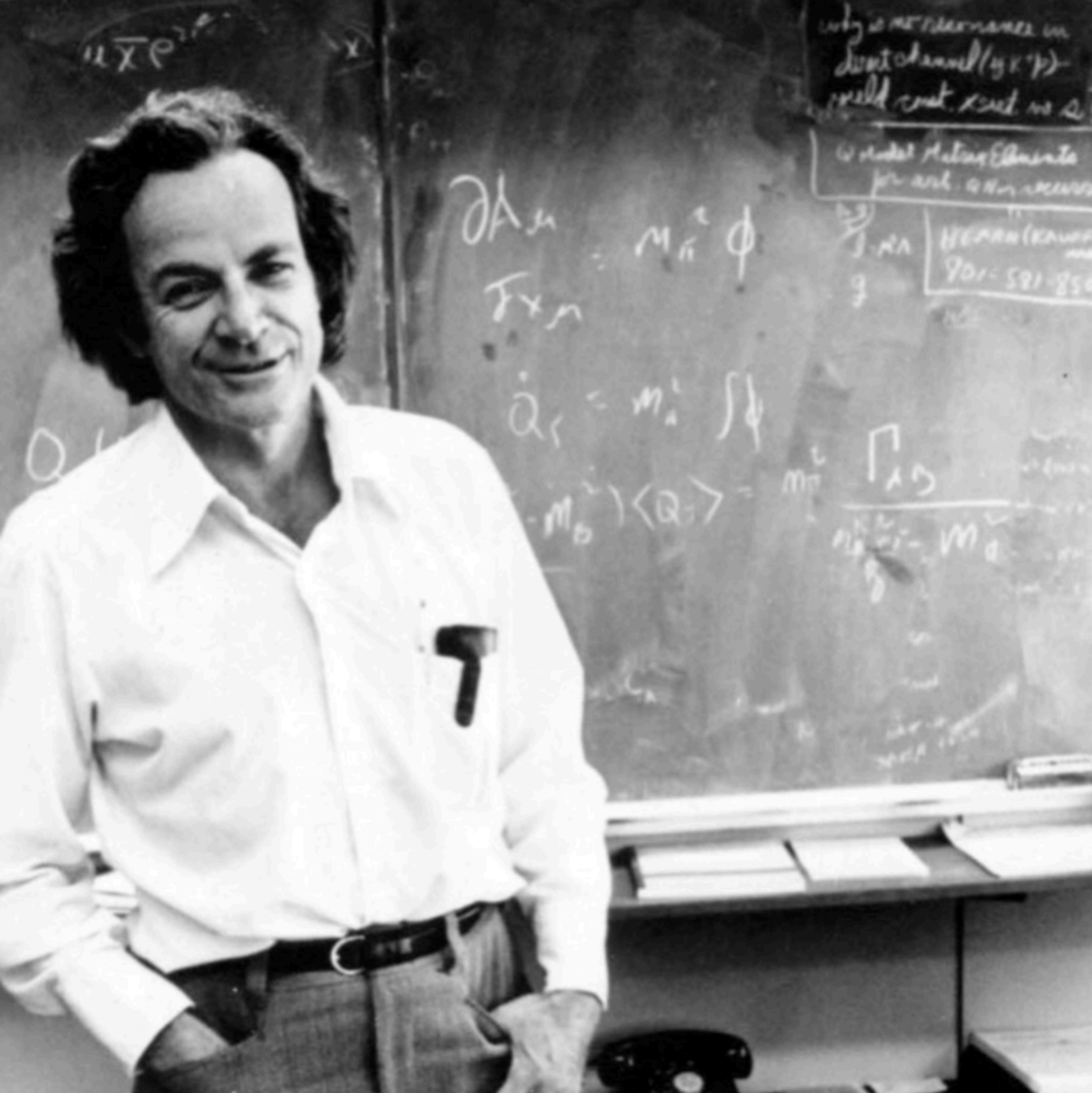
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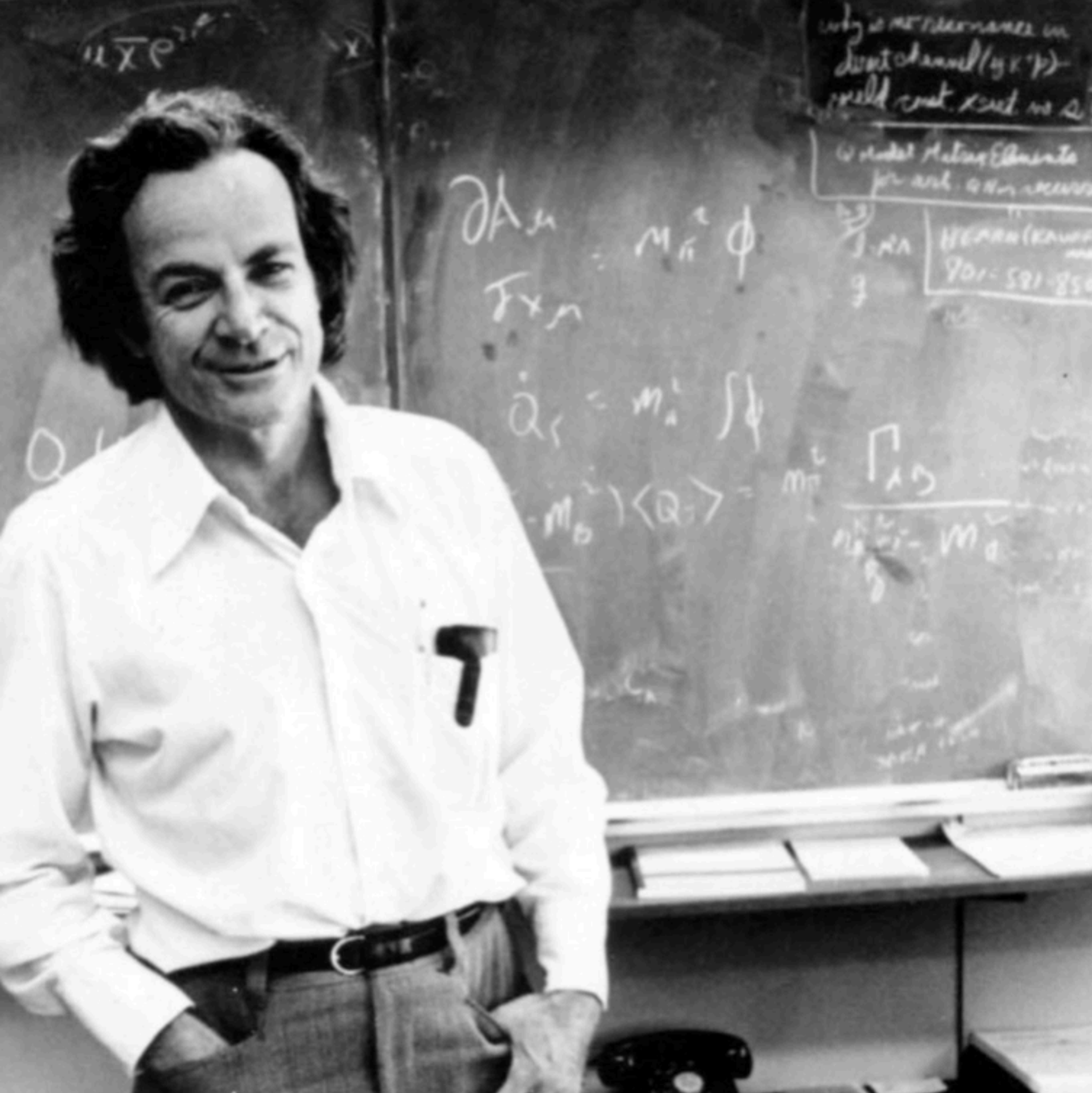
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- Apart from a potential speedup: a quantum way of doing calculations





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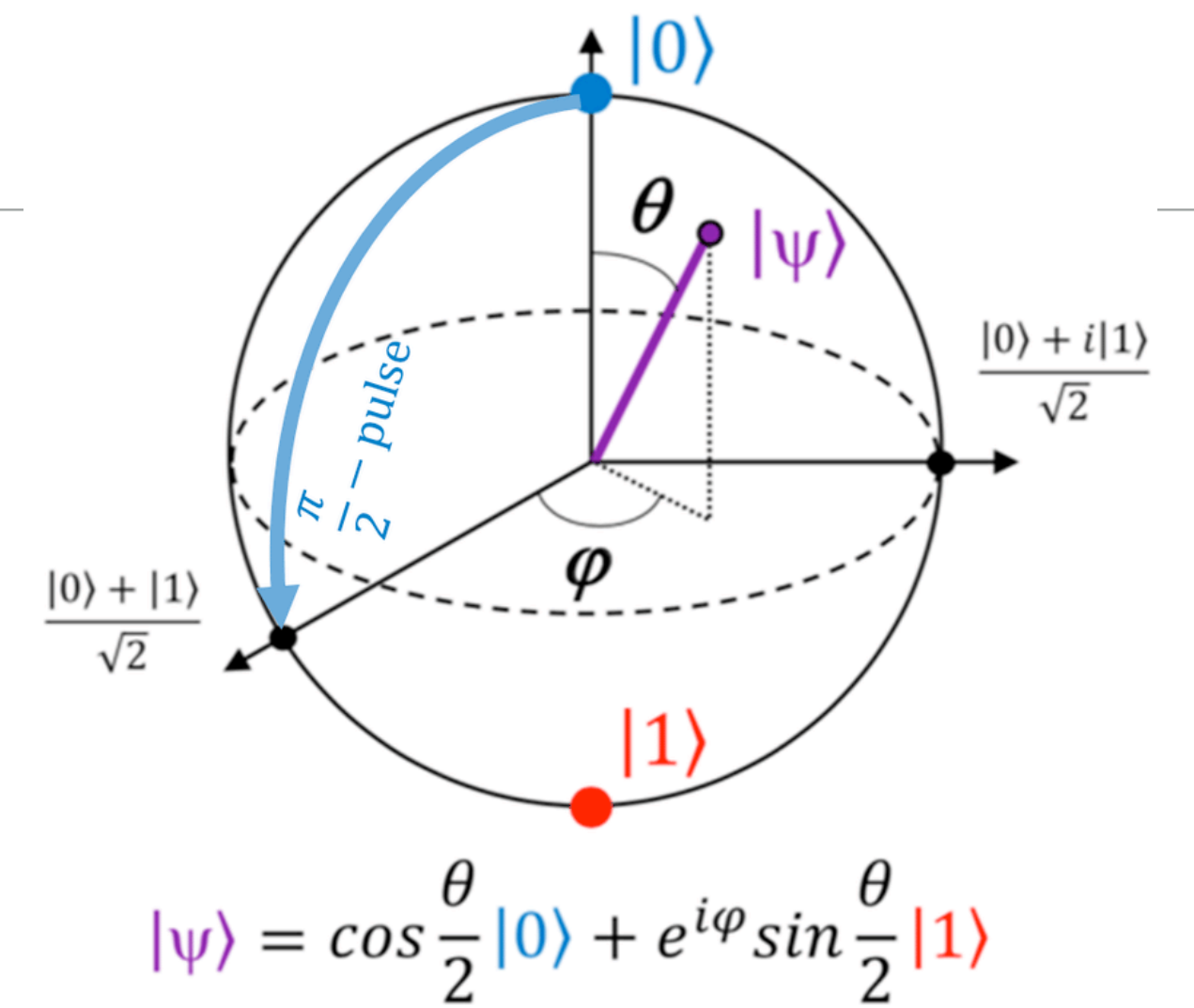
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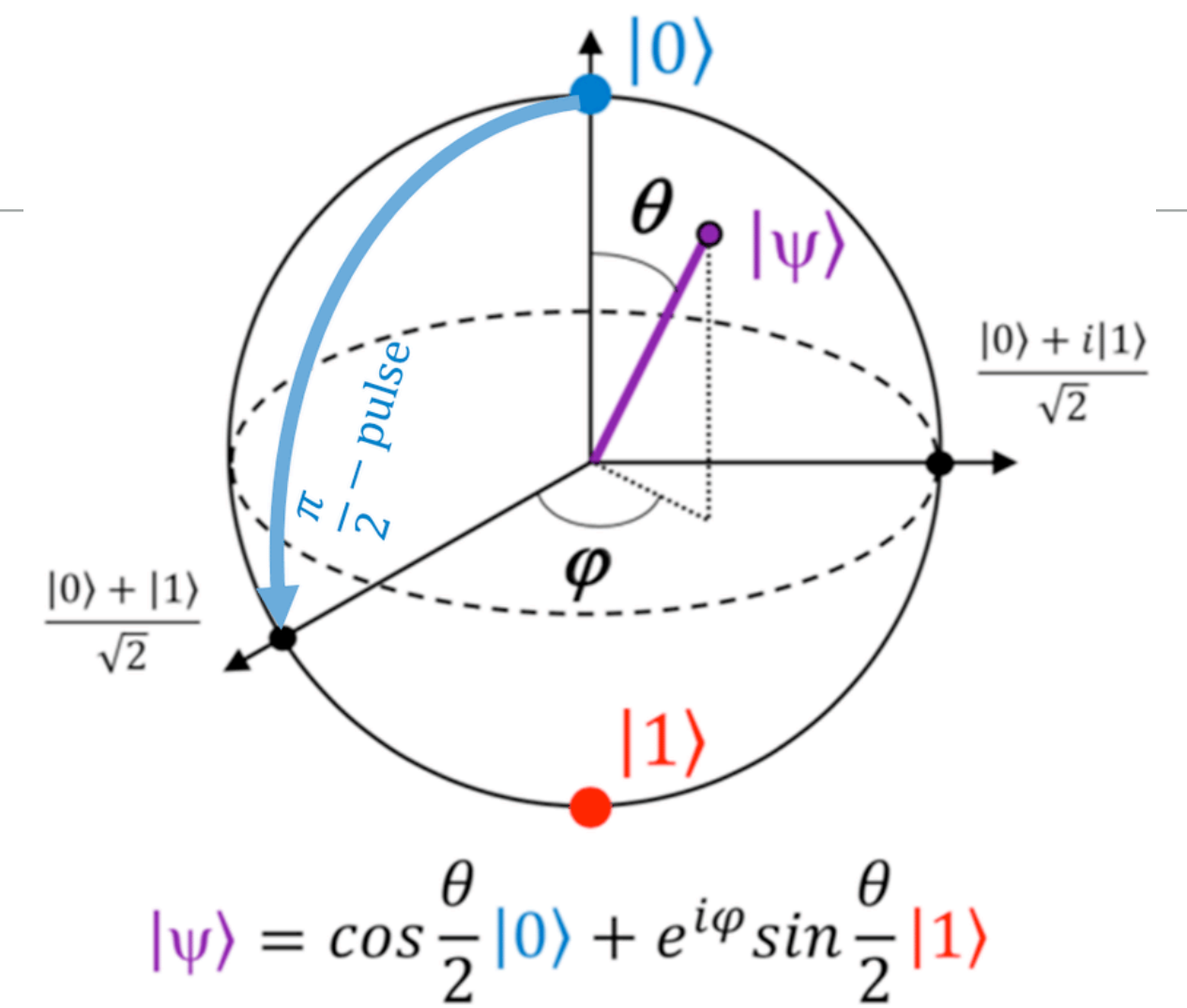
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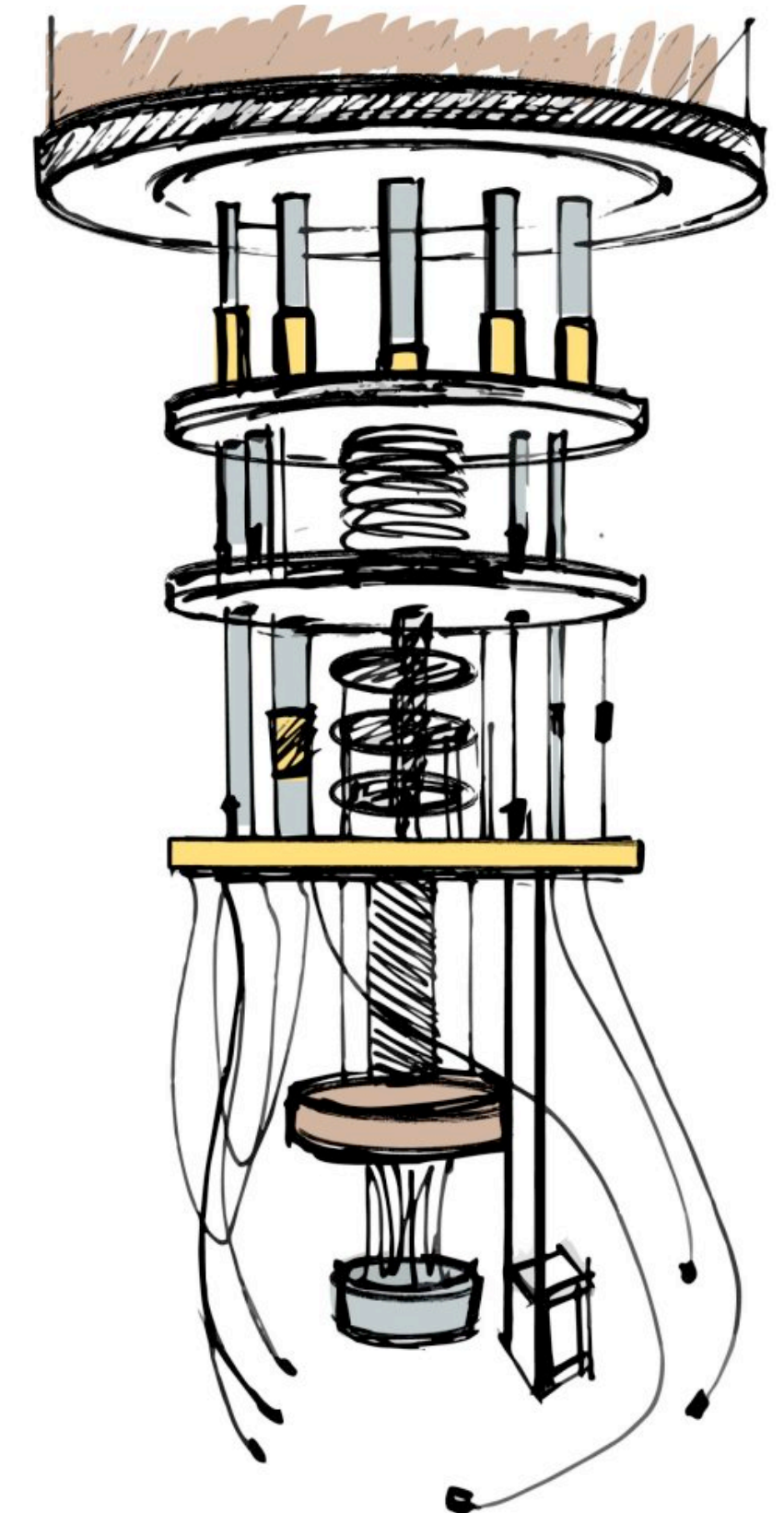
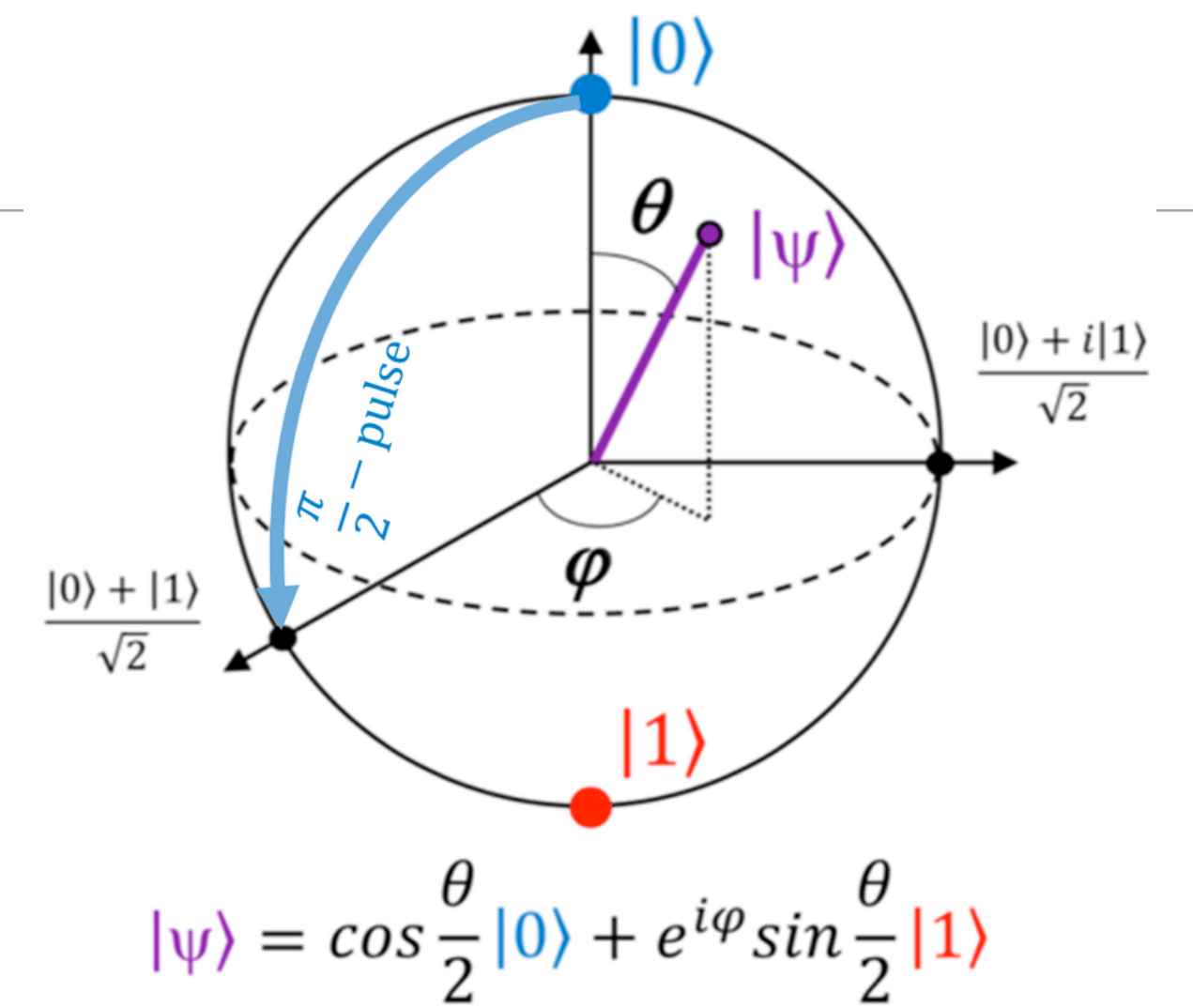
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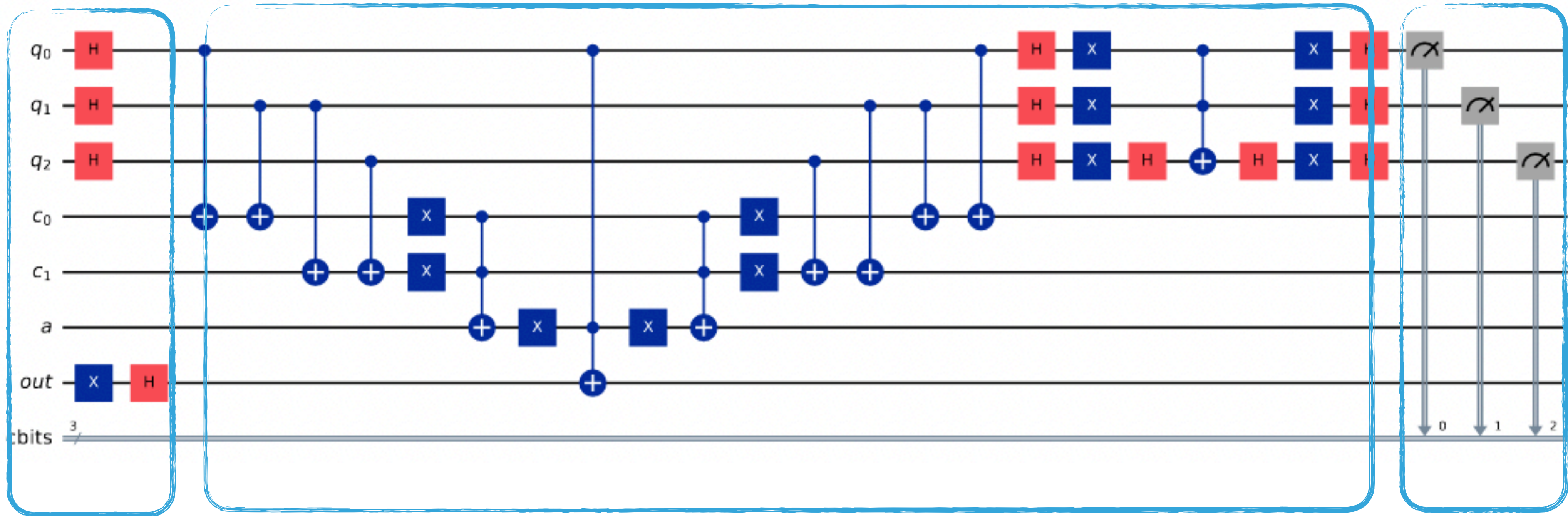
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- Difficult to obtain quality results in current quantum devices (superconducting qubits, cold atoms in a lattice, photonic devices) due to **decoherence (noise)**, still interesting to probe in **quantum simulators**



# QUANTUM CIRCUITS



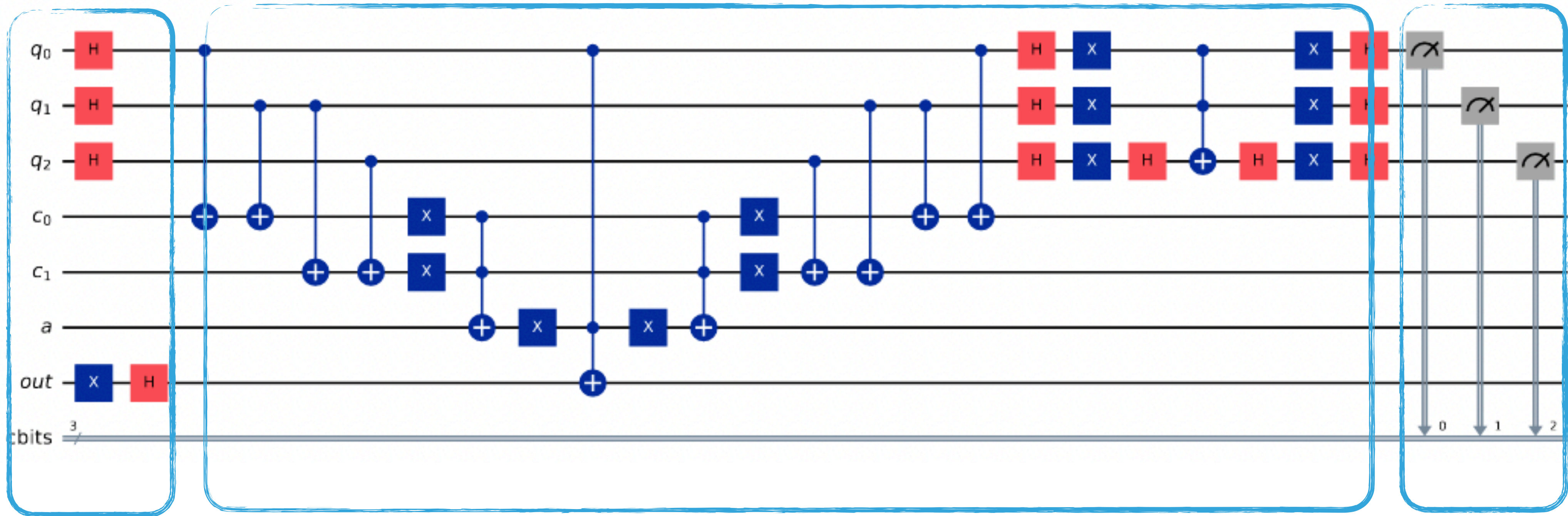
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- Quantum computing  $\neq$  **parallelisation**: the superposition collapse after each measurement

# RECENT QUANTUM APPLICATIONS

○ track reconstruction:

Mangano et al., [PRD 105, 076012 \(2022\)](#)  
 Duckett, Facini, Jastrzebski, Malik, Scanlon, Rettie, [2212.07279](#)  
 Schwägerl, Issever, Jansen, Khoo, Kühn, Tüysüz, Weber, [2303.13249](#)

○ parton densities:

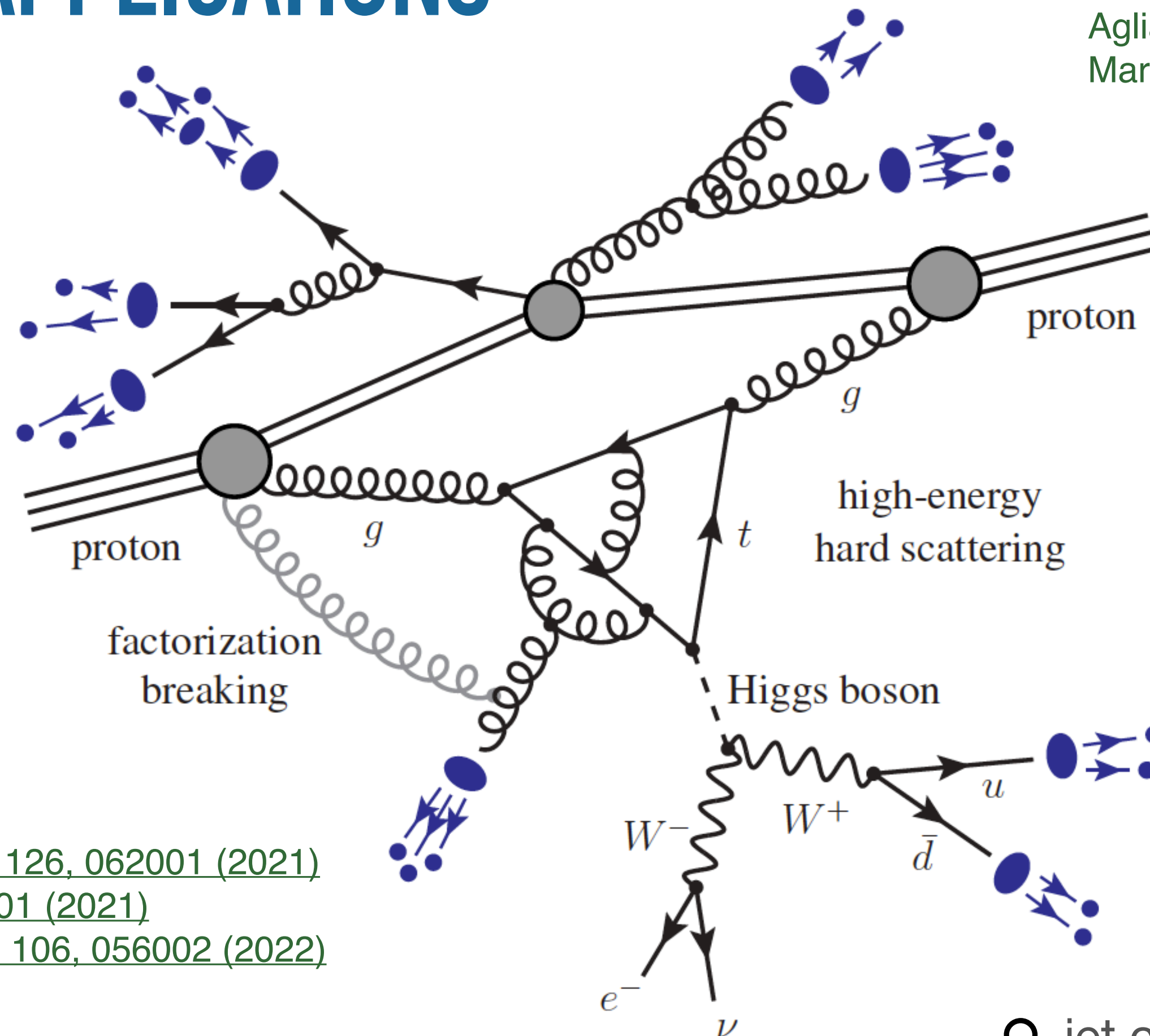
Pérez-Salinas, Cruz-Martínez, Alhajri, Carrazza, [PRD 103, 034027 \(2021\)](#)

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Bauer, de Jong, Nachman, Provasoli, [PRL 126, 062001 \(2021\)](#)  
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 Bepari, Malik, Spannowsky, Williams, [PRD 106, 056002 \(2022\)](#)

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Guan, Perdue, Pesah, Schuld, Terashi, Vallecorsa, Vlimant, [MLST 2, 011003 \(2021\)](#)  
 Wu et al., [JPG 48, 125003 \(2021\)](#)  
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○ Monte Carlo integration:

Herbert, [Q6, 823 \(2022\)](#)  
 Agliardi, Grossi, Pellen, Prati, [PLB 832, 137228 \(2022\)](#)  
 Martínez de Lejarza, Grossi, Cieri, GR, [2305.01686](#)

○ tree-level helicity amplitudes:

Bepari, Malik, Spannowsky, Williams, [PRD103, 076020 \(2021\)](#)

○ multiloop scattering amplitudes:

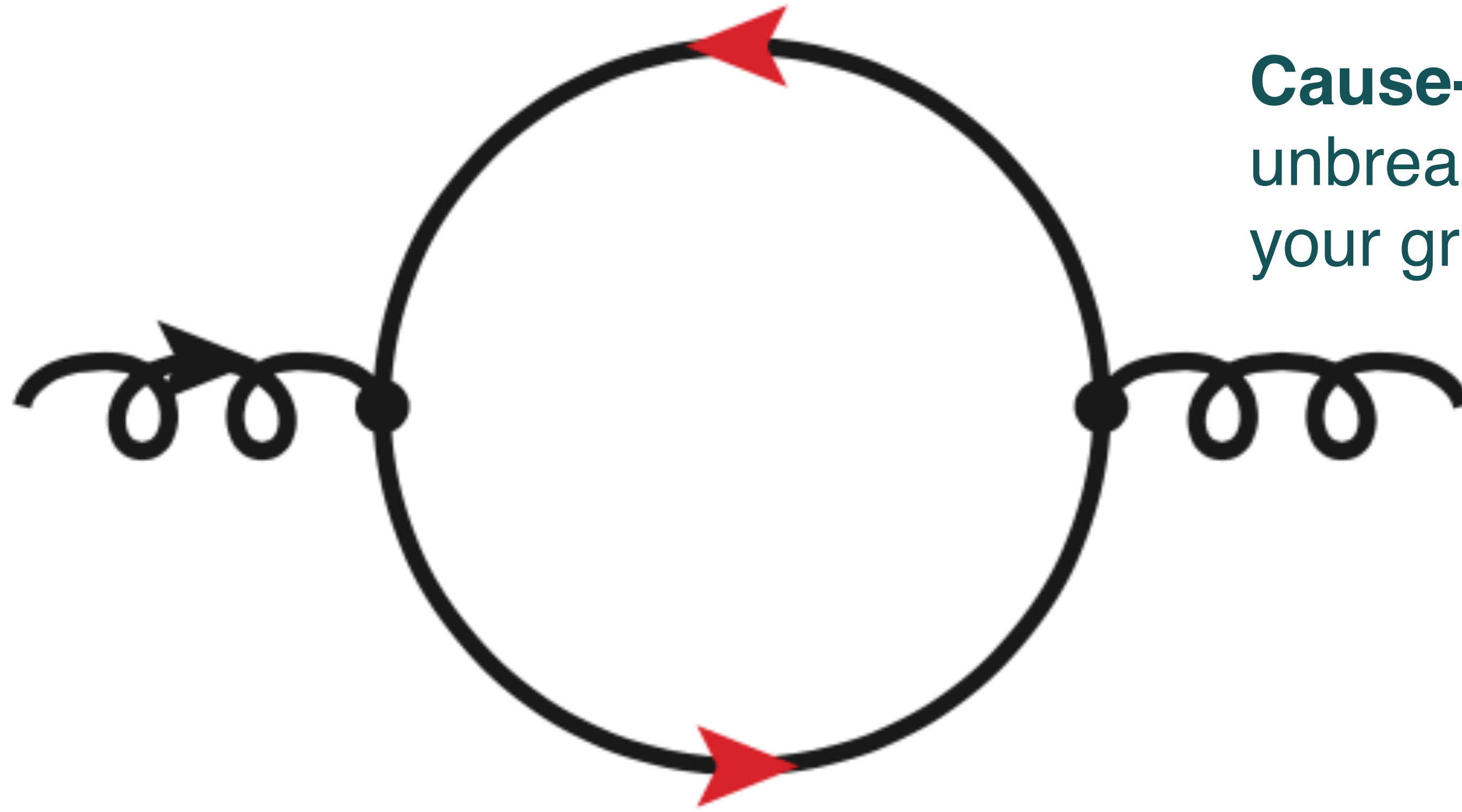
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 Clemente, Crippa, Jansen, Ramírez, Rentería, GR, Sborlini, Vale Silva, [2210.13240](#)

○ jets in a medium:

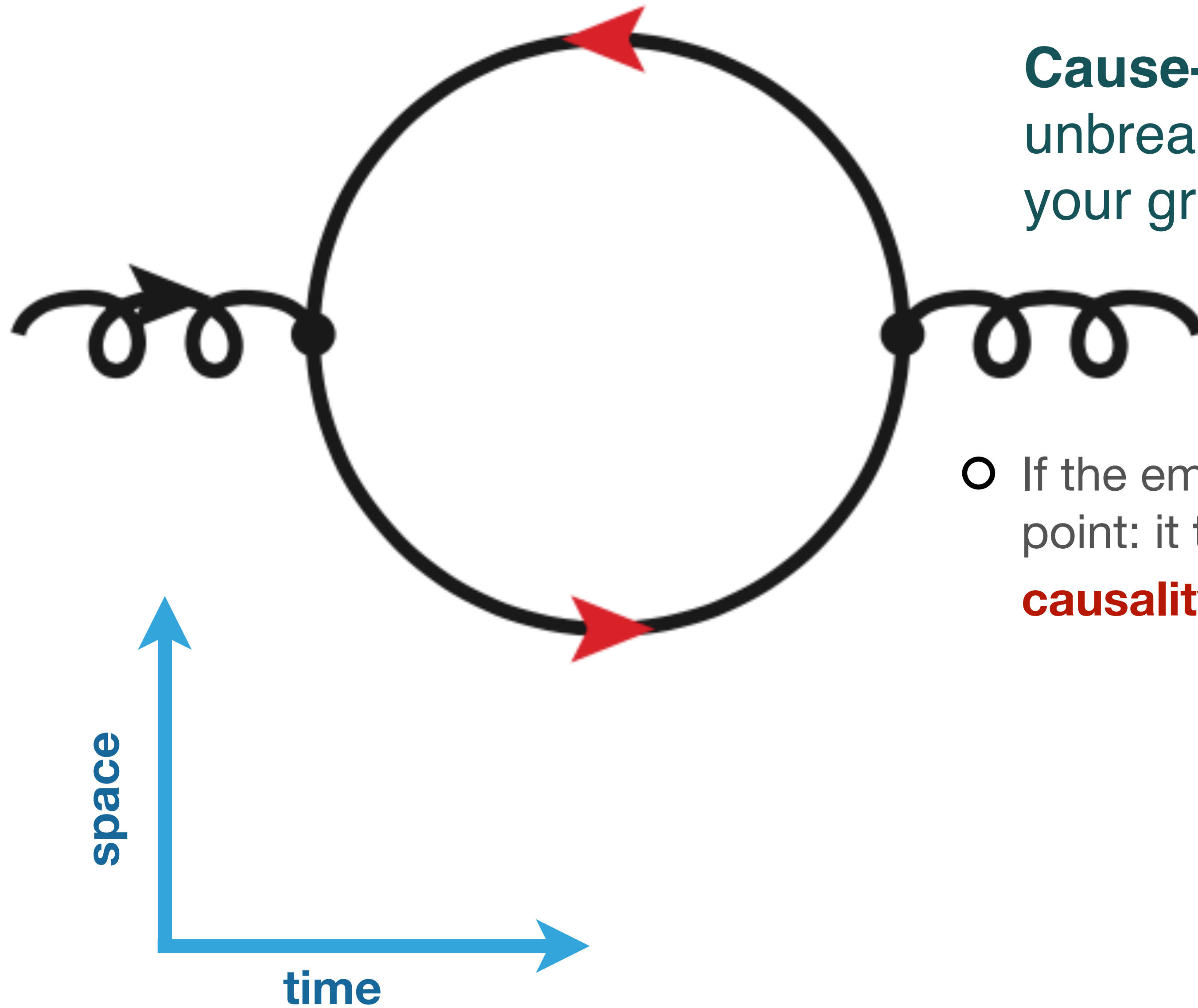
Barata, Du, Li, Qian, Salgado, [PRD 106, 074013 \(2022\)](#)  
 Barata, Salgado, [EPJC 81, 862 \(2021\)](#)

○ jet clustering:

Wei, Naik, Harrow, Thaler, [PRD 101, 094015 \(2020\)](#)  
 Pires, Bargassa, Seixas, Omar, [2101.05618](#)  
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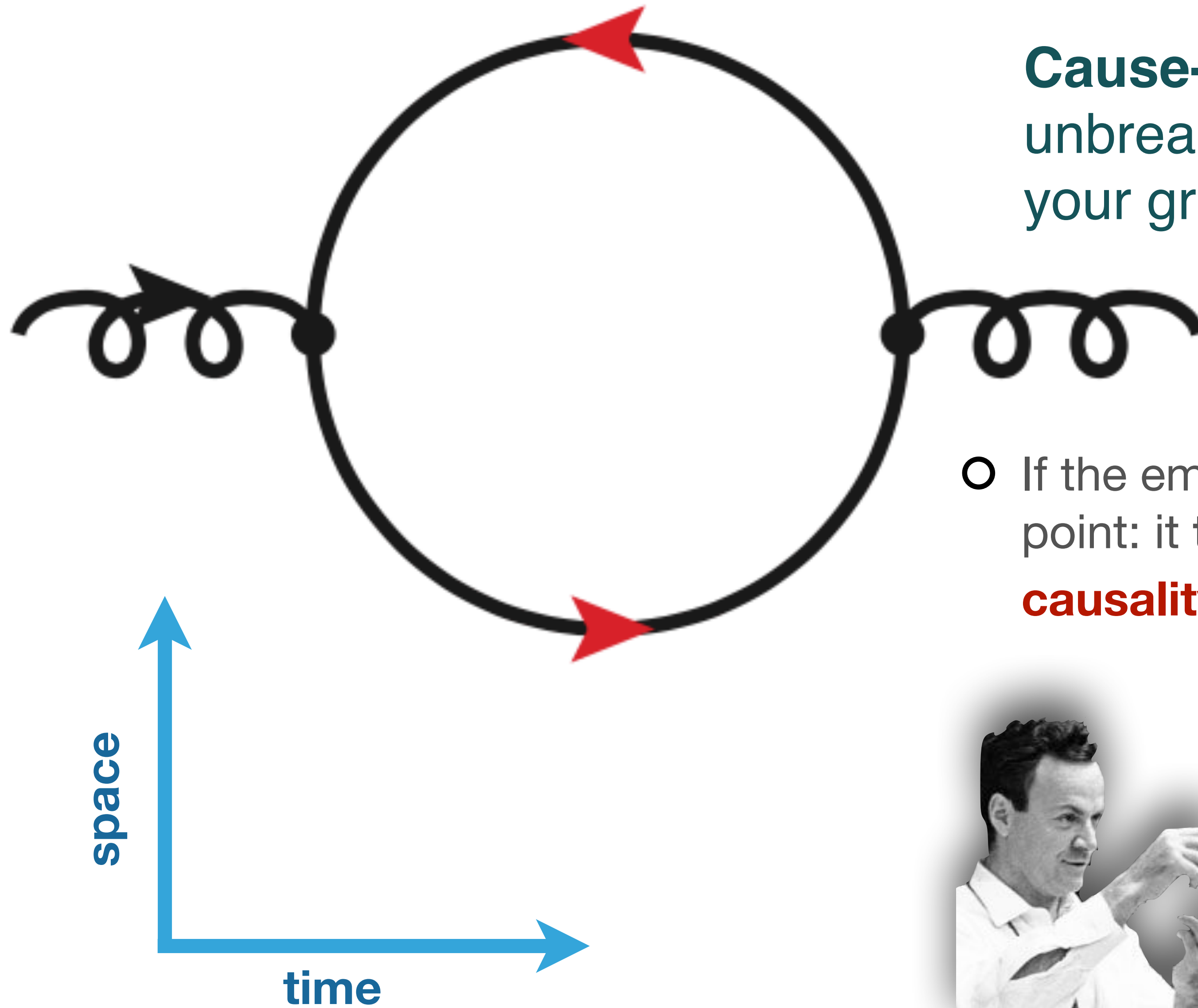


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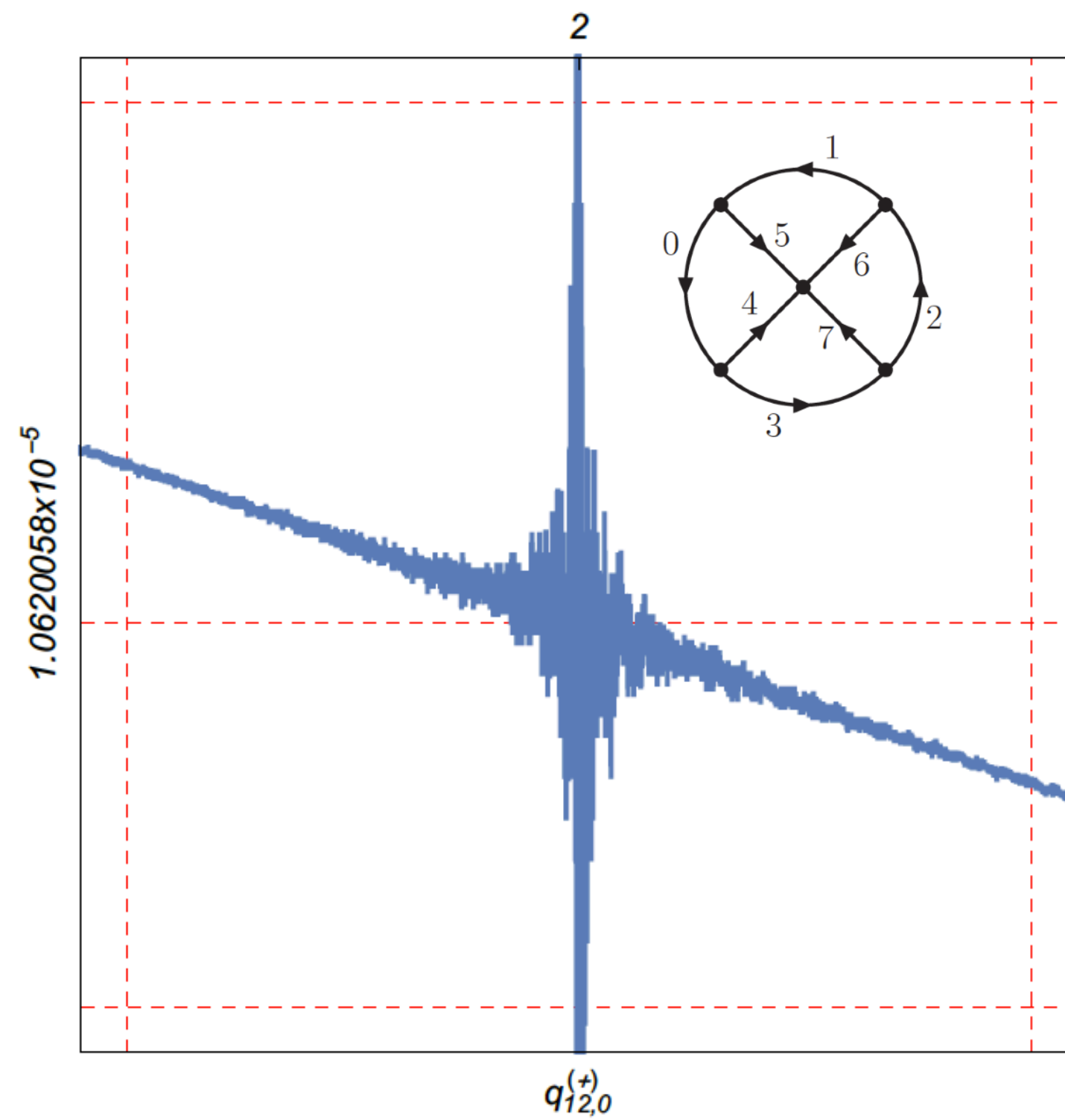
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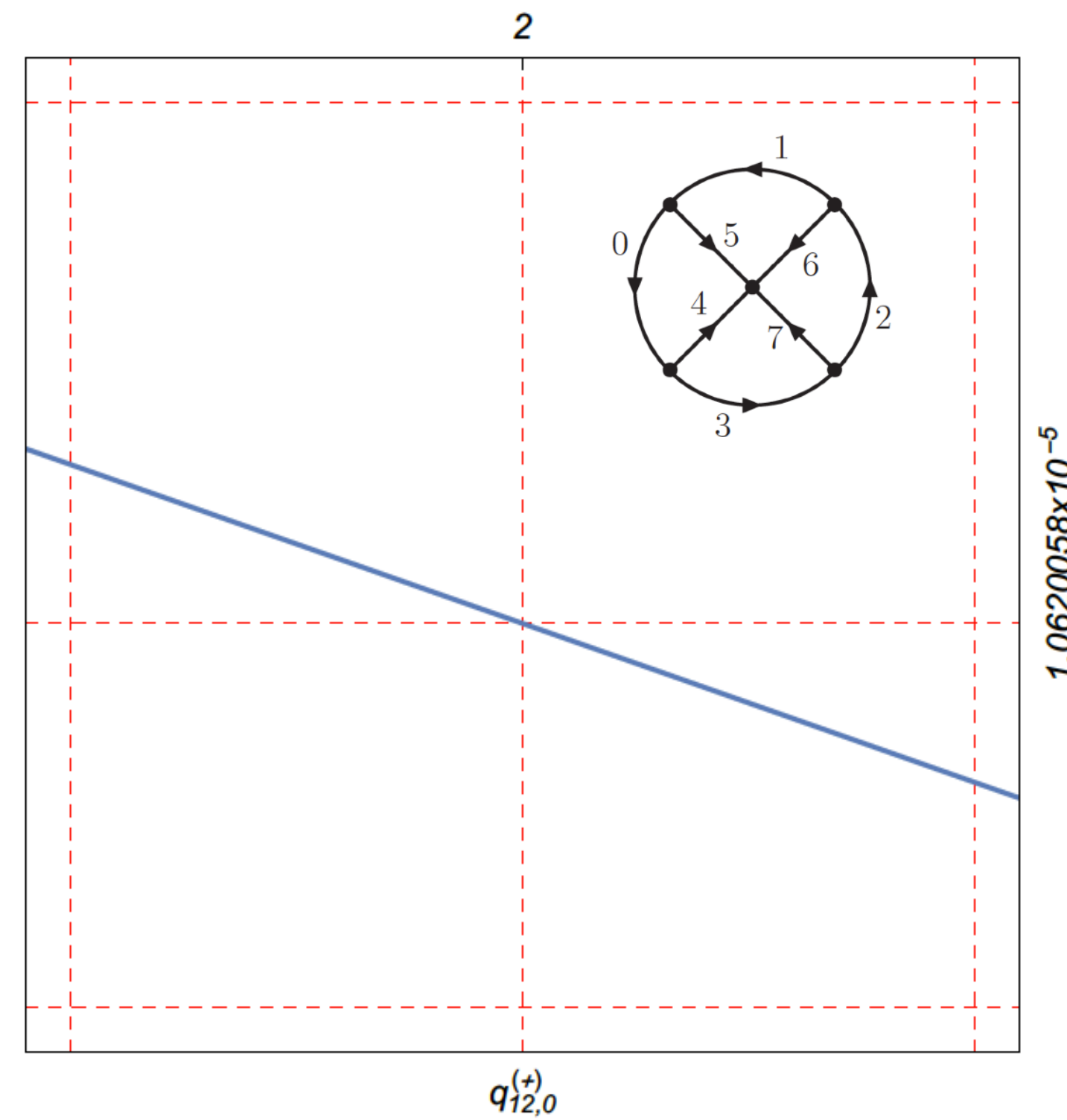
- Feynman propagators describe a quantum superposition of propagation in both directions

# NUMERICAL STABILITY OF CAUSAL LTD

- integrands in the Feynman representation have singularities that are nonphysical  $\equiv$  not related to the optical theorem
- LTD leads to **manifestly causal representations** (free of non-causal singularities): more stable numerically



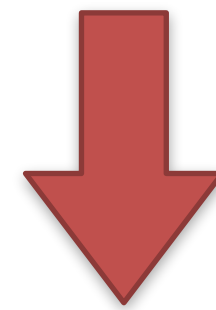
- **Integrand numerical instabilities** across a noncausal threshold



- manifestly causal LTD representation

# LOOPS IN A QUANTUM COMPUTER

- Each Feynman propagator has **two on-shell states**, one with positive energy  $|1\rangle$ , and another with negative energy  $|0\rangle \equiv$  momentum flow in one direction or the opposite



- Objective: identify those configurations that are **causal  $\equiv$  acyclic** momentum flows
- Bootstrapping the integrand representation in the **Loop-Tree duality**

Grover's algorithm  
Amplitude amplification

Variational Quantum Eigensolver  
Minimization of a Hamiltonian

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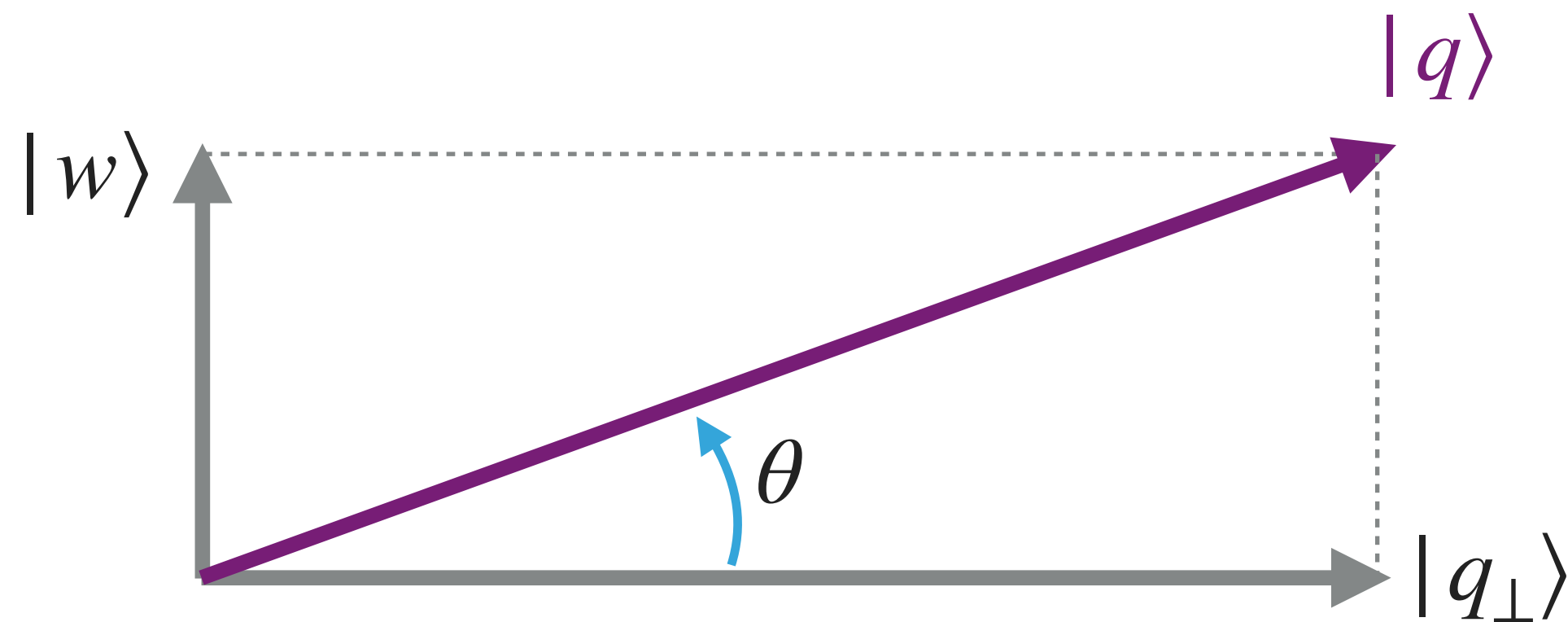
- which is a superposition of the winning state  $|w\rangle$  encoding the  **$r$  causal states**, and the orthogonal state  $|q_{\perp}\rangle$  collecting the noncausal states

$$|q\rangle = \sin \theta |w\rangle + \cos \theta |q_{\perp}\rangle$$

$$|w\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{x \in w} |x\rangle \quad |q_{\perp}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-r}} \sum_{x \notin w} |x\rangle$$

- With mixing angle is

$$\theta = \arcsin \sqrt{r/N}$$

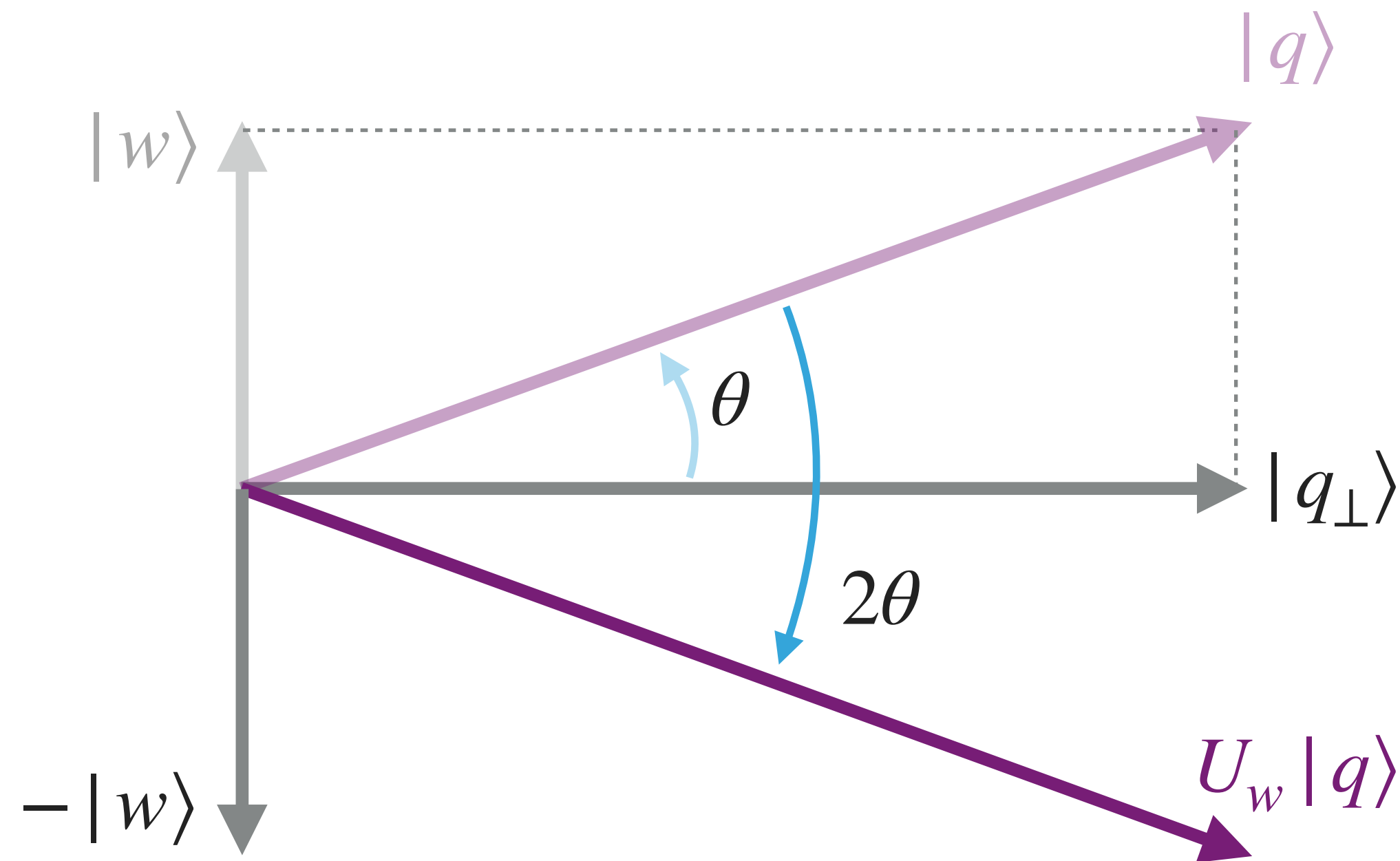


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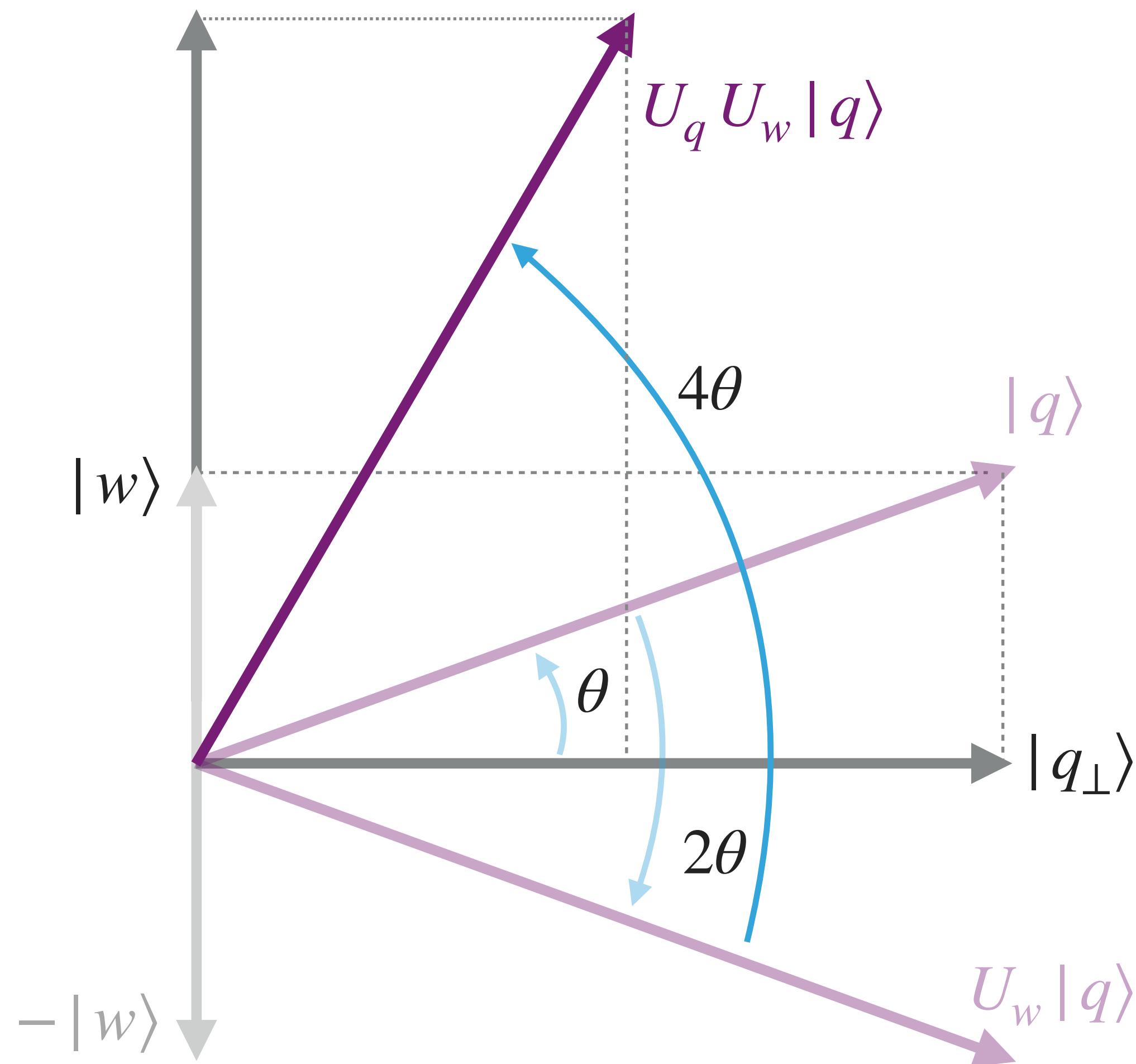
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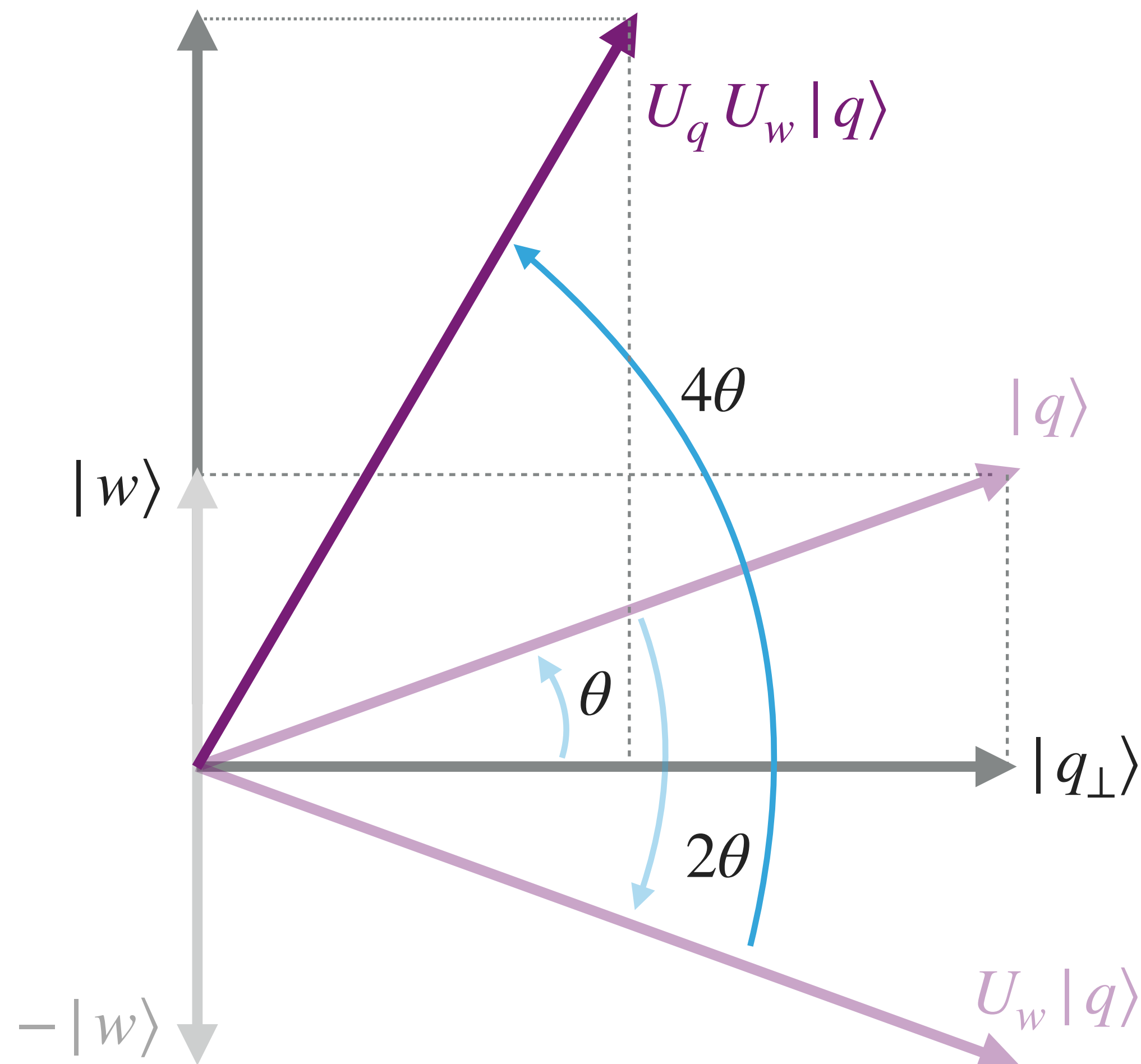
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## 4 Iterative application $t$ times leads to

$$(U_q U_w)^t |q\rangle = \sin \theta_t |w\rangle + \cos \theta_t |q_\perp\rangle \quad \theta_t = (2t + 1) \theta$$

- if  $r \ll N$ , requires  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N/r})$  iterations instead of  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  from a **classical** computation

# LOOP QUANTUM ALGORITHM

- The  $|q\rangle$  register encodes the states of the edges/internal propagators: the qubit  $q_i$  is in the state  $|1\rangle$  if the momentum flow of the corresponding edge is oriented in the direction of the original assignment, and  $|0\rangle$  if it is in the opposite direction
- The  $|c\rangle$  register stores the binary clauses that probe if two qubits representing two adjacent edges are in the same state (oriented in the same direction)

$$c_{ij} \equiv (q_i = q_j) \quad \bar{c}_{ij} \equiv (q_i \neq q_j)$$

- The  $|a\rangle$  register stores the loop clauses that probe if all the qubits (edges) in each subloop form a cyclic circuit

- The Grover's marker initialized to the Bell state  $|out_0\rangle = |-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$

- The oracle

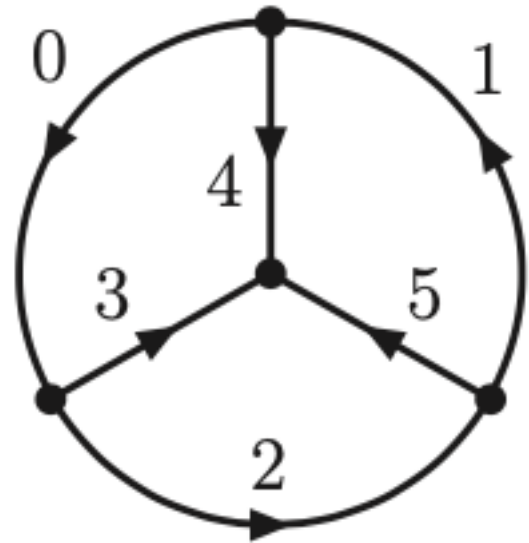
$$U_w |q\rangle |c\rangle |a\rangle |out_0\rangle = |q\rangle |c\rangle |a\rangle |out_0 \otimes f(a, q)\rangle$$

$$|out_0 \otimes 0\rangle = |out_0\rangle$$

$$|out_0 \otimes 1\rangle = -|out_0\rangle$$

- The diffuser  $U_q$  from IBM Qiskit

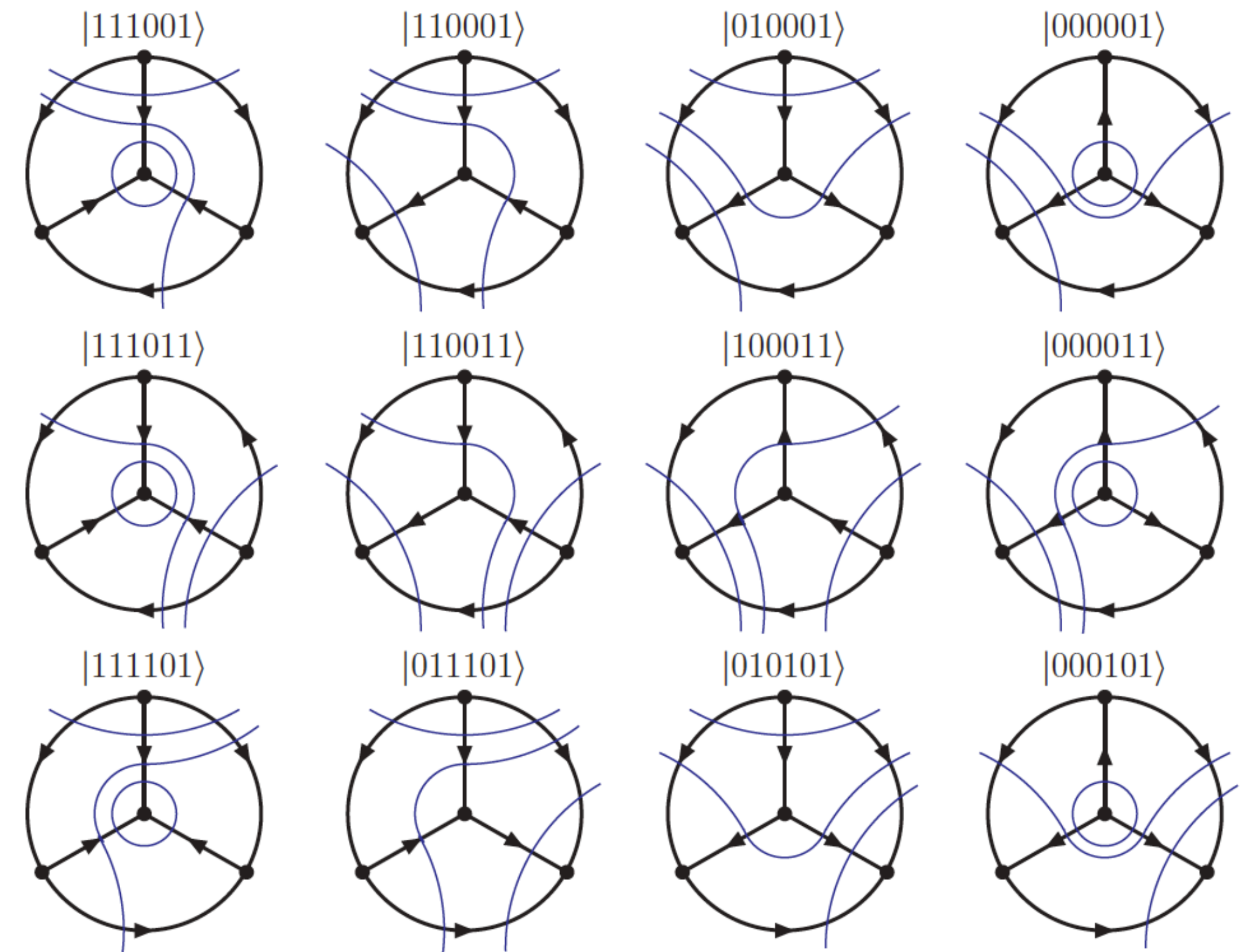
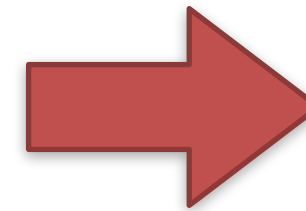
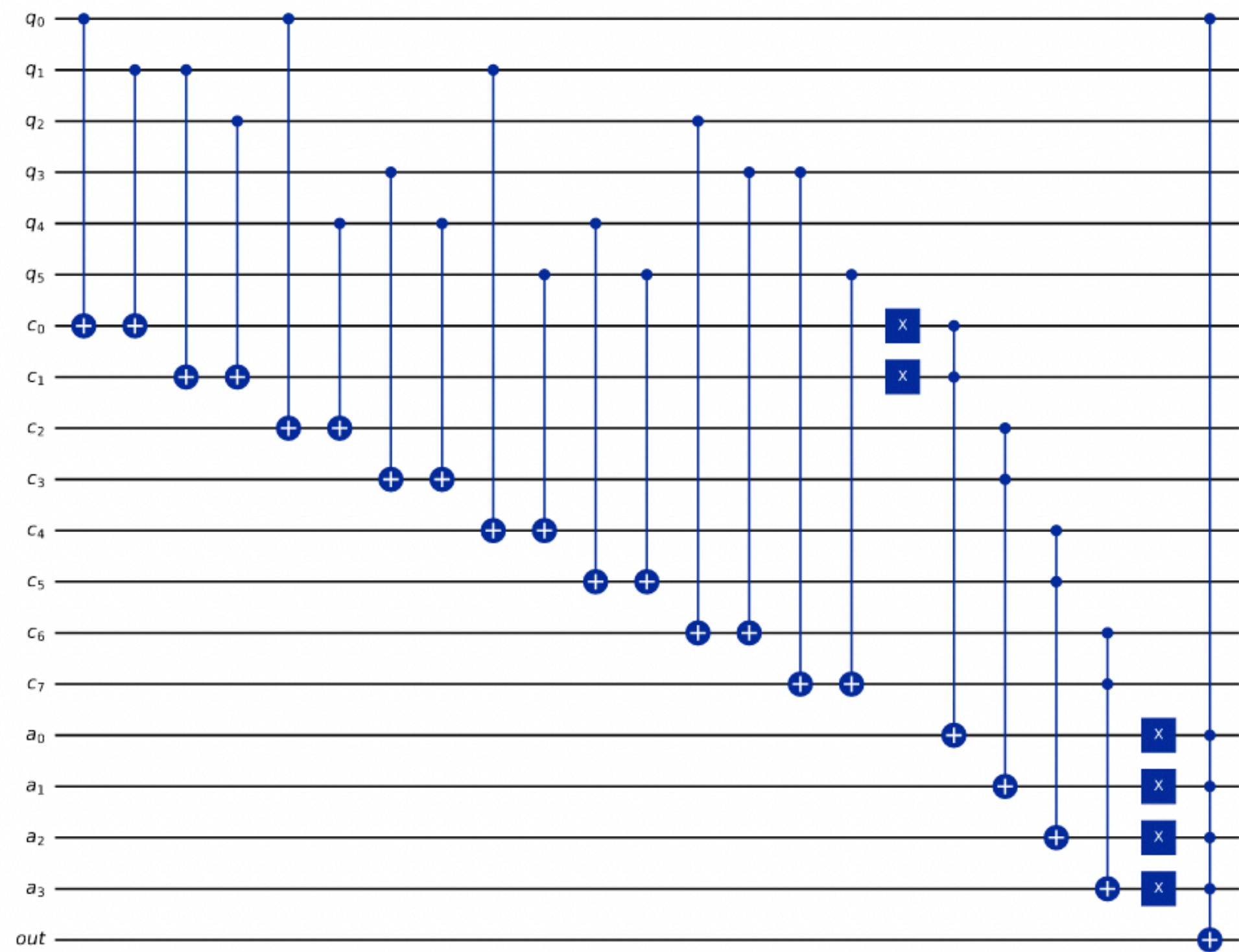
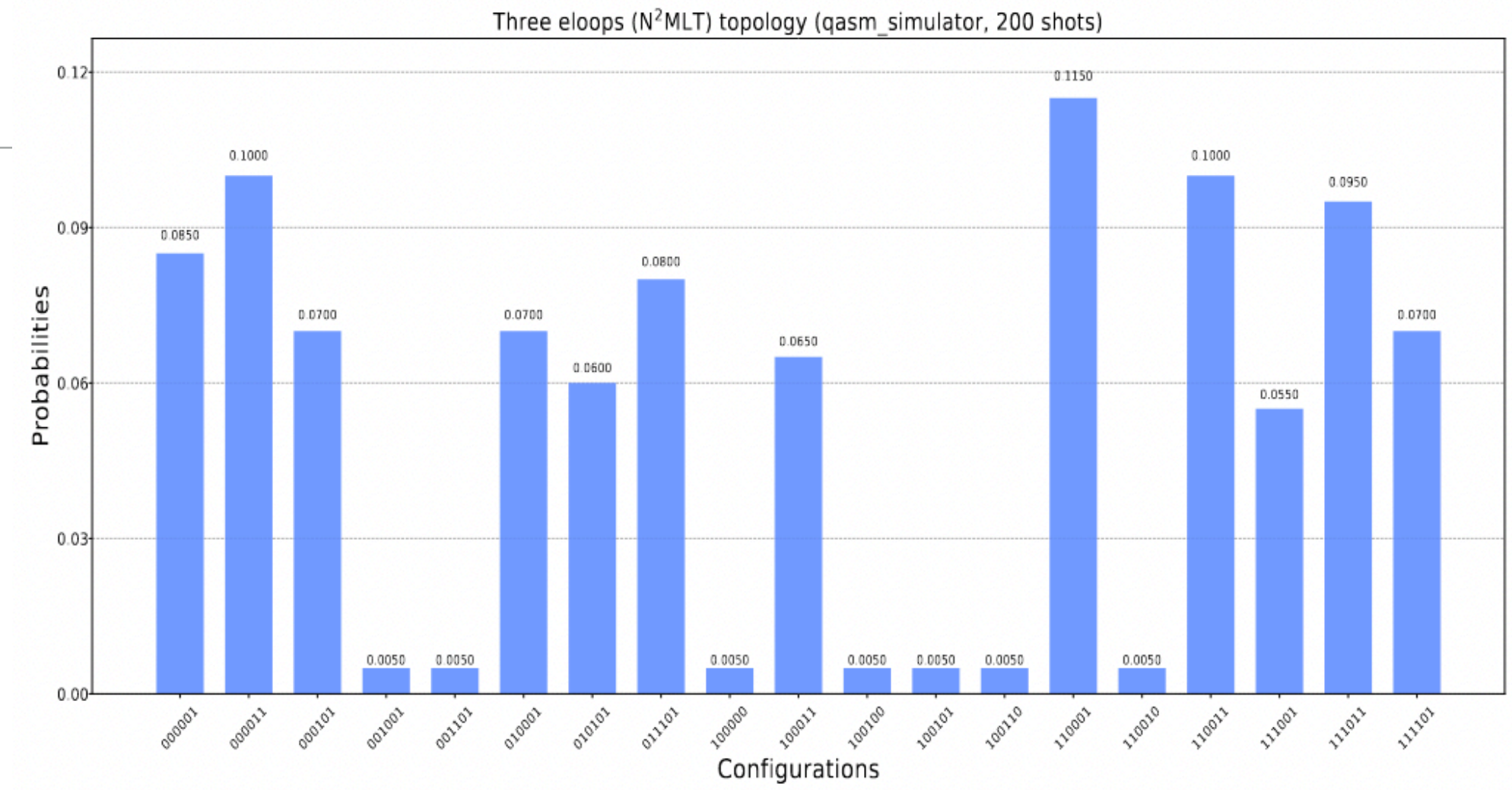
# THREE ELOOPS Qiskit



$$a_0 = \neg(c_{01} \wedge c_{12}) \quad a_1 = \neg(\bar{c}_{04} \wedge \bar{c}_{34})$$

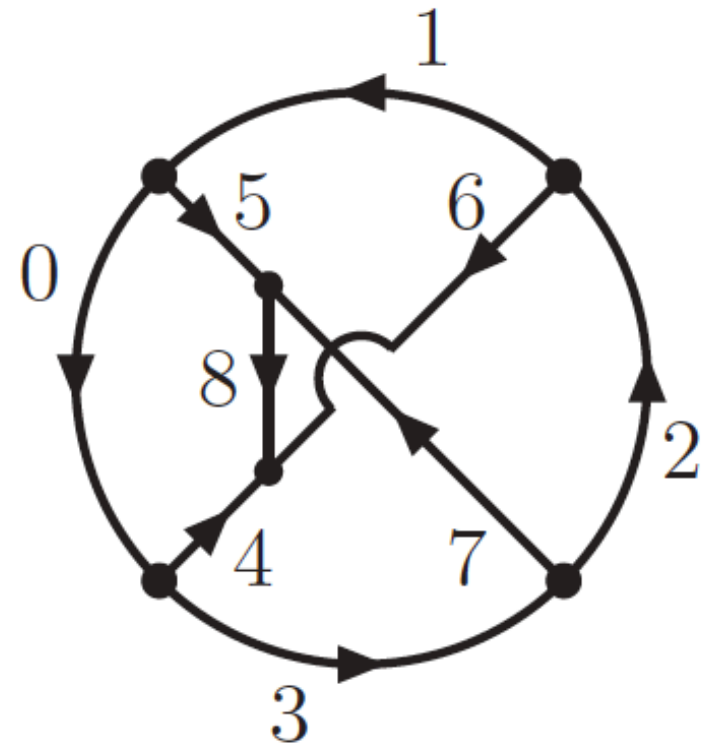
$$a_2 = \neg(\bar{c}_{15} \wedge \bar{c}_{45}) \quad a_3 = \neg(\bar{c}_{23} \wedge \bar{c}_{35})$$

$$f^{(3)}(a, q) = (a_0 \wedge \dots \wedge a_3) \wedge q_0$$

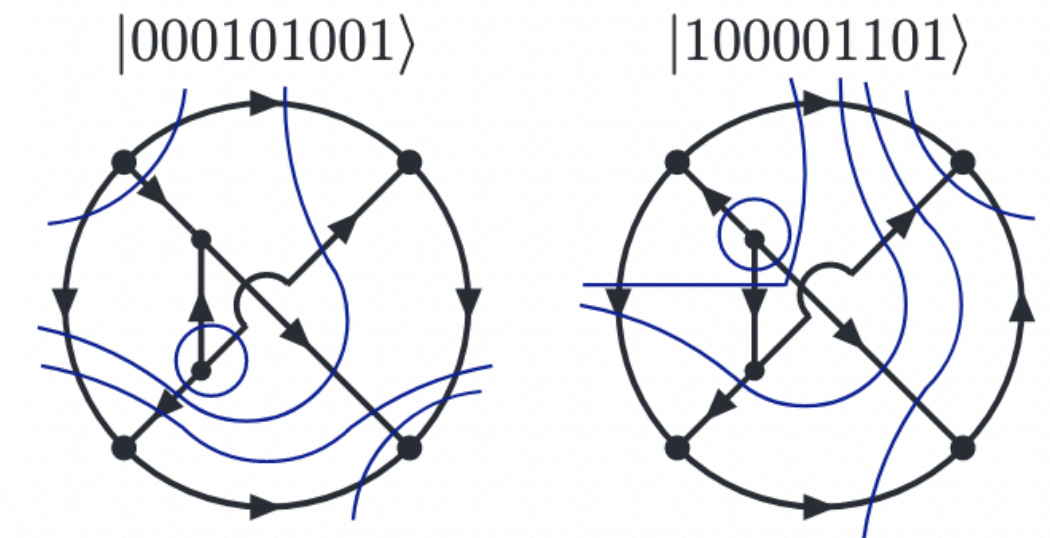




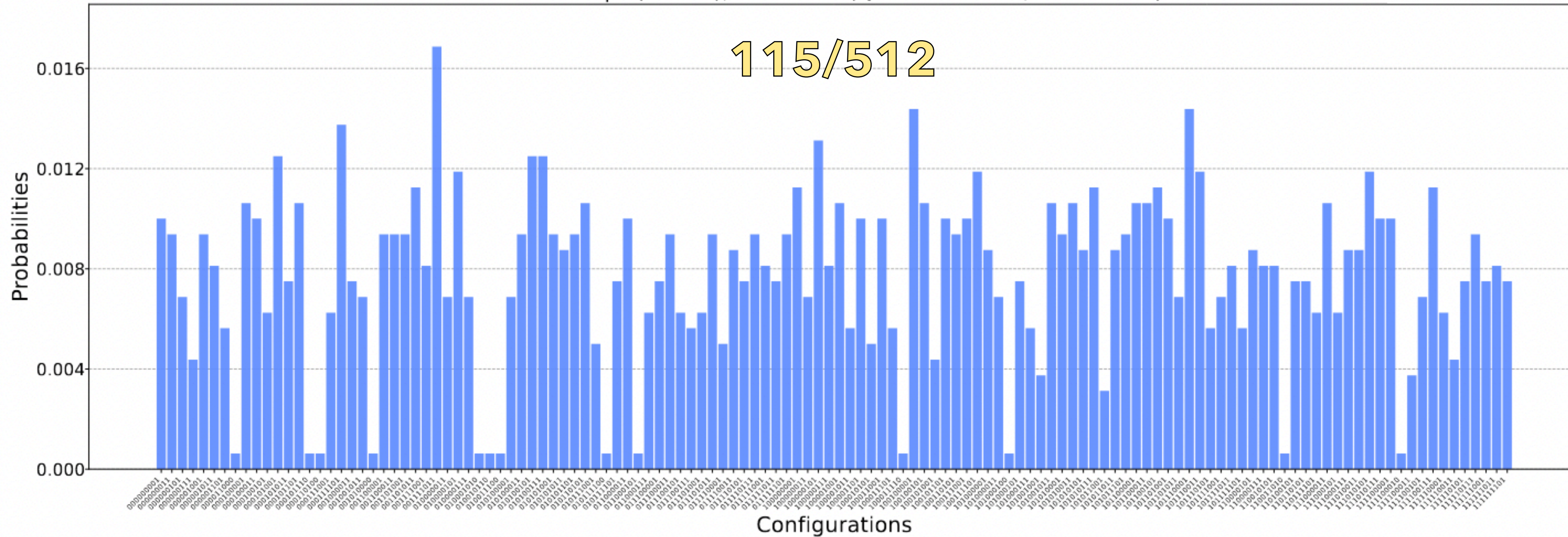
# FOUR ELOOPS



- First **nonplanar** Feynman diagram starting at four loops
- 115/512 causal states
- **QUTE simulator**, up to 38 logical qubits  
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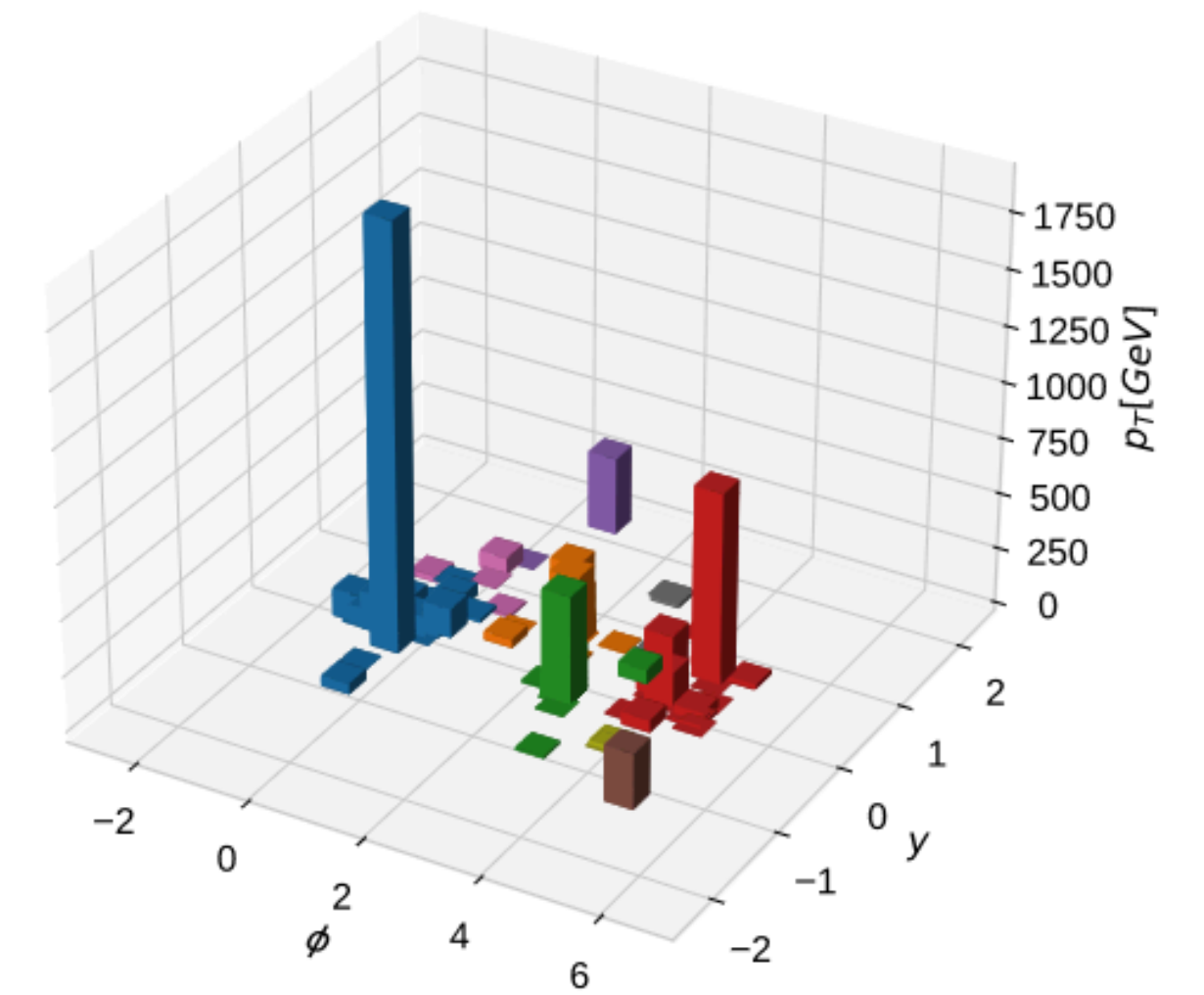


Four eloops (N<sup>4</sup>MLT), *u*-channel (QUTE simulator, 1600 shots)

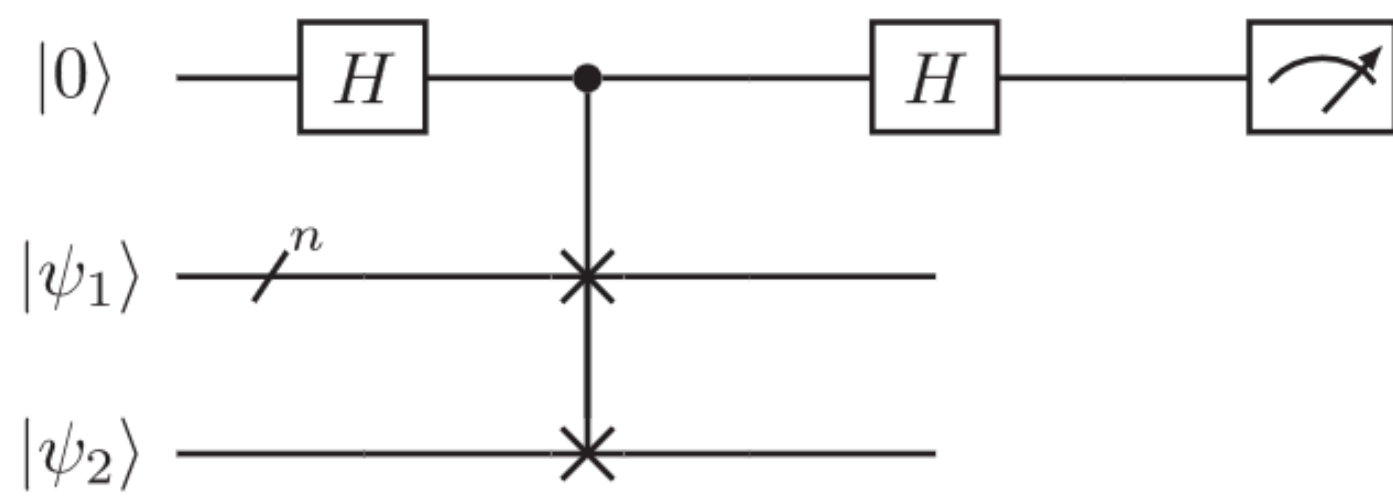


# JET CLUSTERING AT THE LHC

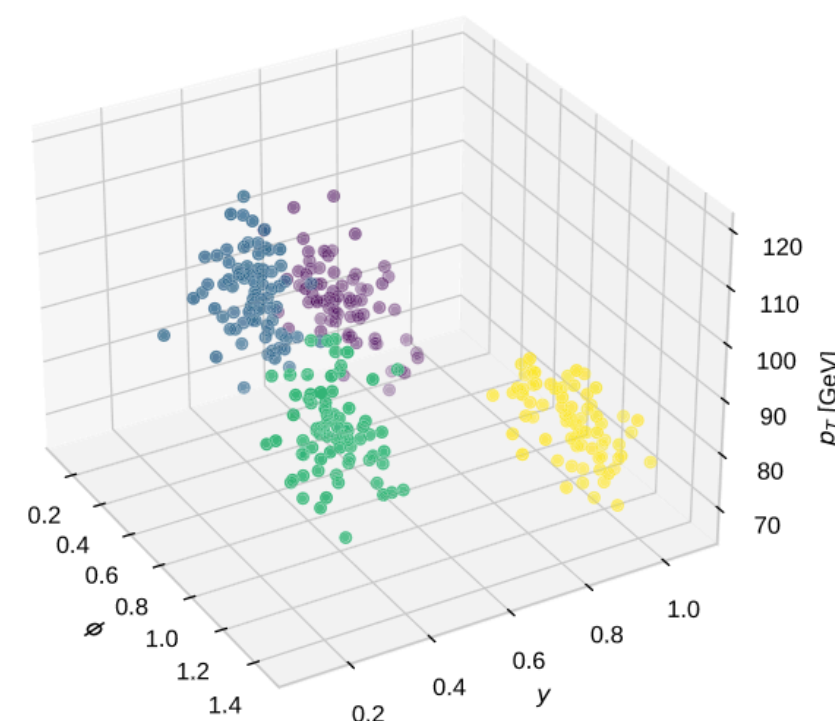
- Three clustering algorithms: K-means, Affinity Propagation,  $k_T$ -jet
- Hierarchical classical clustering (e.g.  $k_T$ -jet) requires to find the absolute minimum distance at each intermediate step: very costly
- Minimum-distance quantum algorithm is probabilistic and less expensive



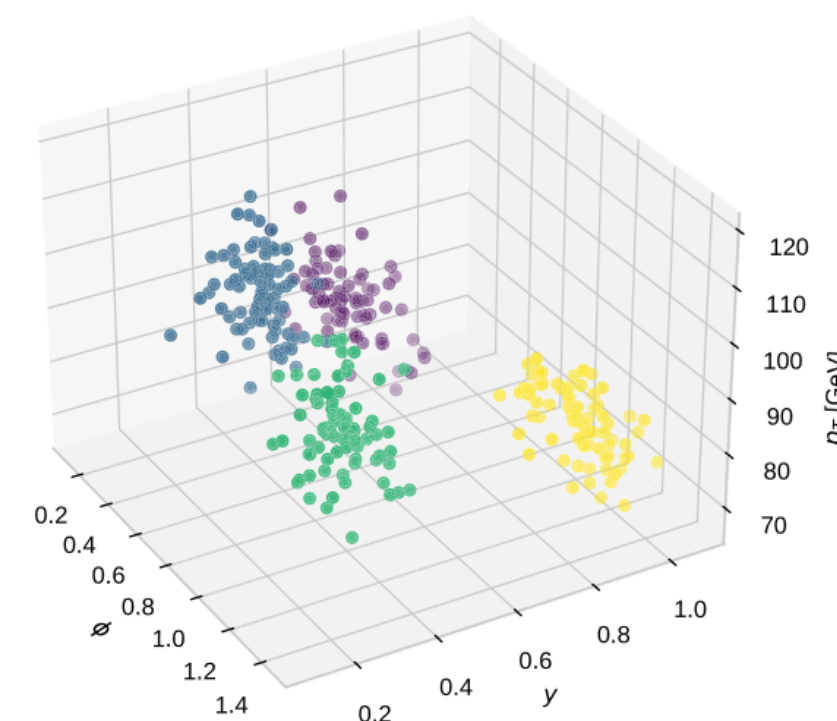
(a) Classical anti- $k_T$ ,  $p = -1$ ,  $R = 1$ .



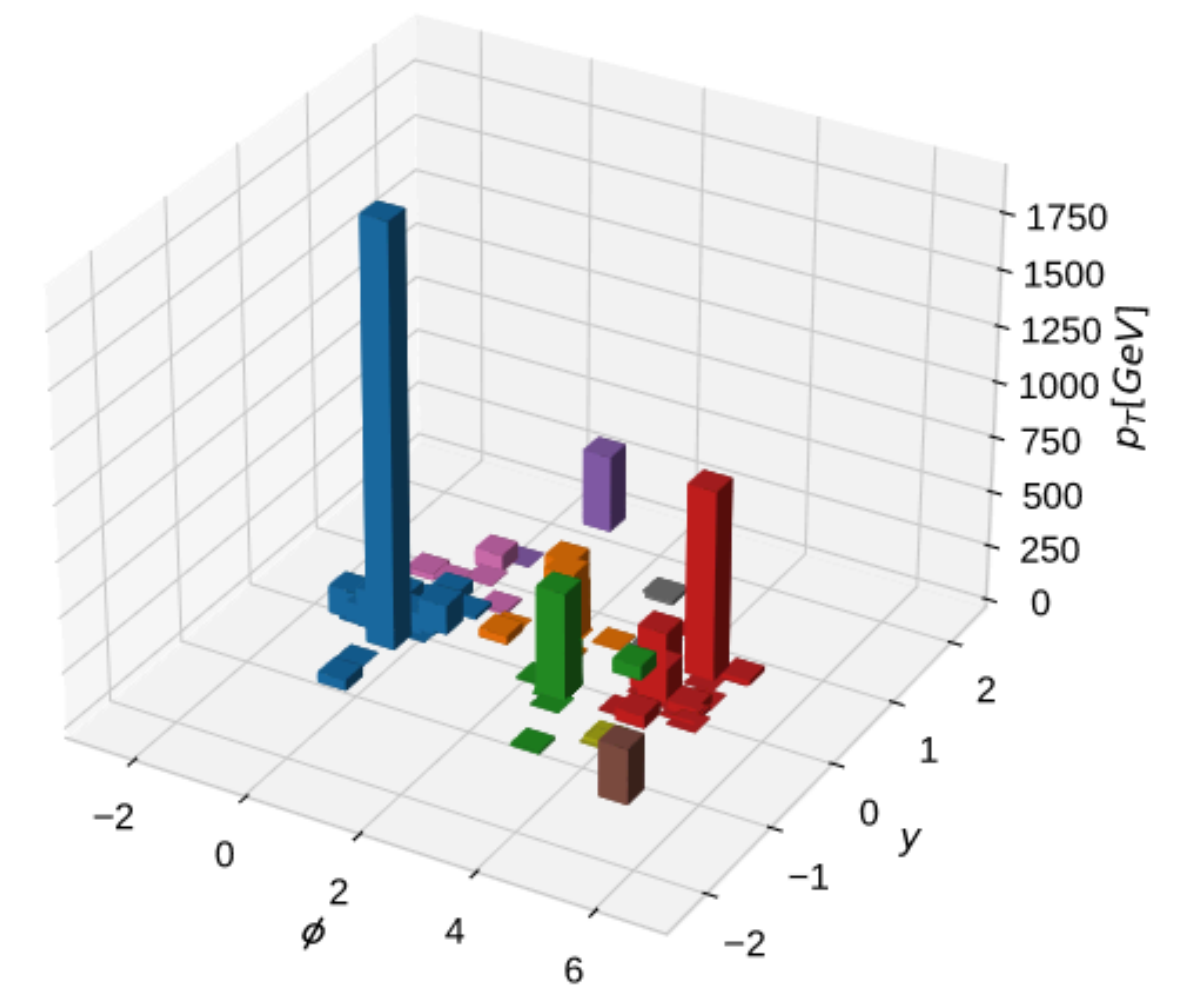
SwapTest to calculate distances



(a) Classical K-means clustering,  $\epsilon_t = 1.00$ .



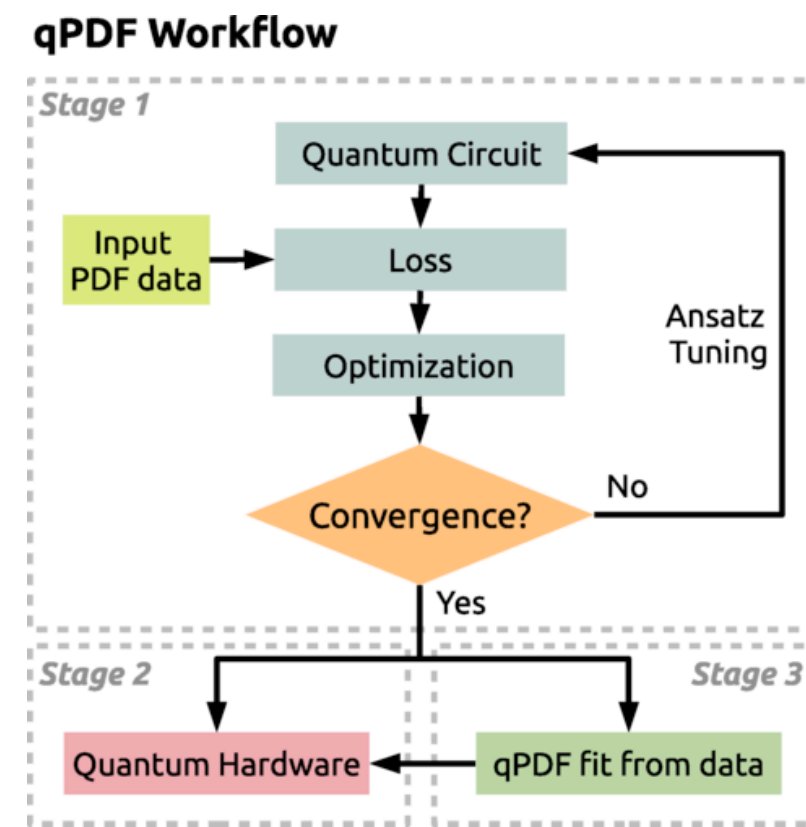
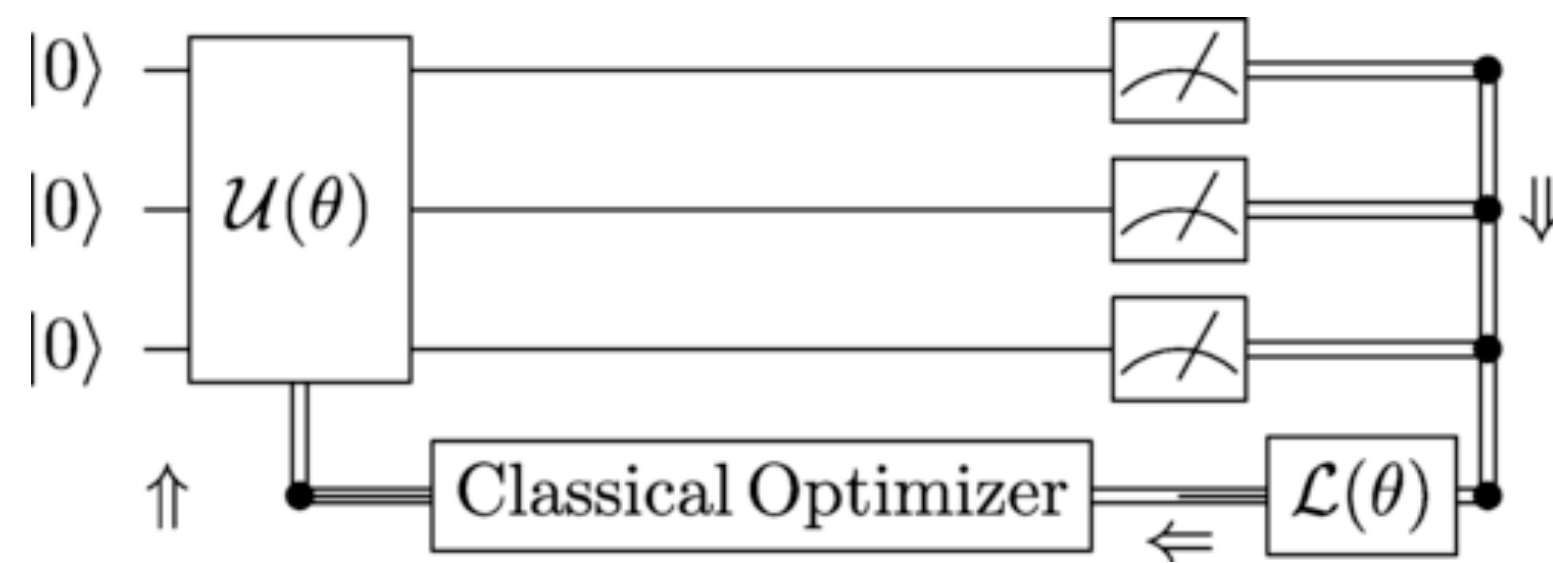
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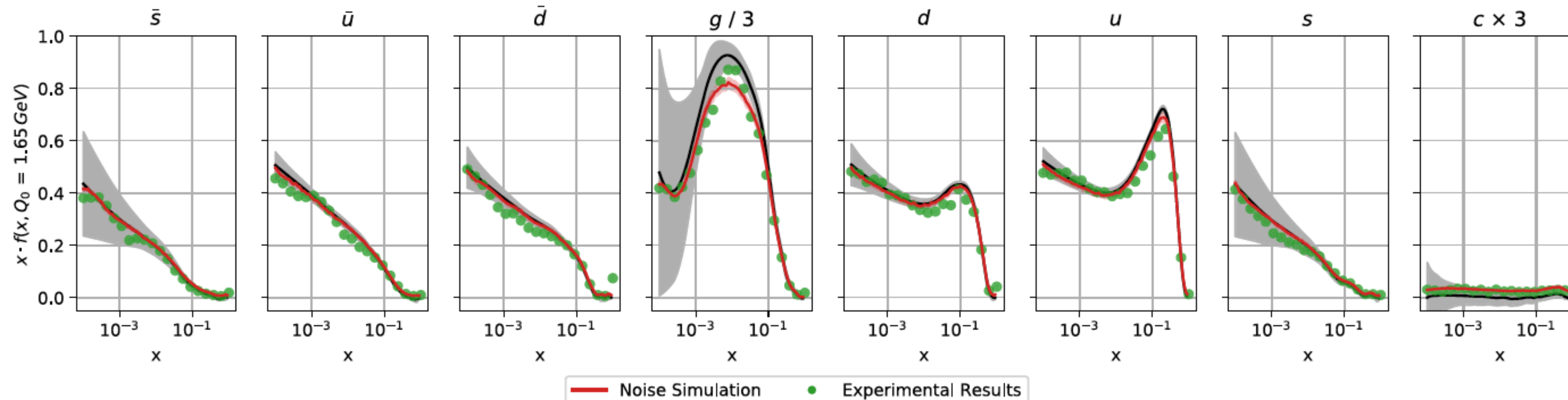
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# QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING

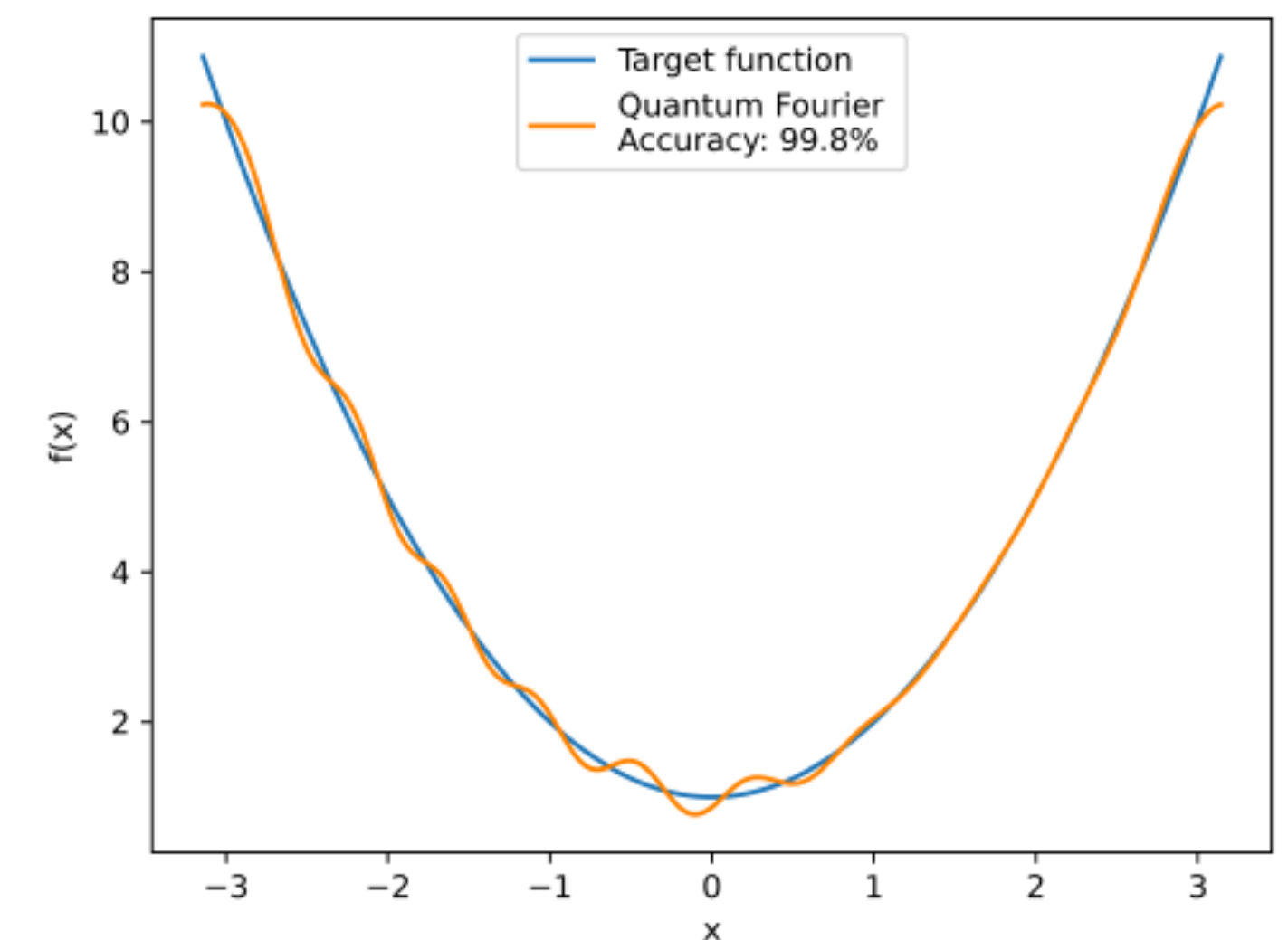
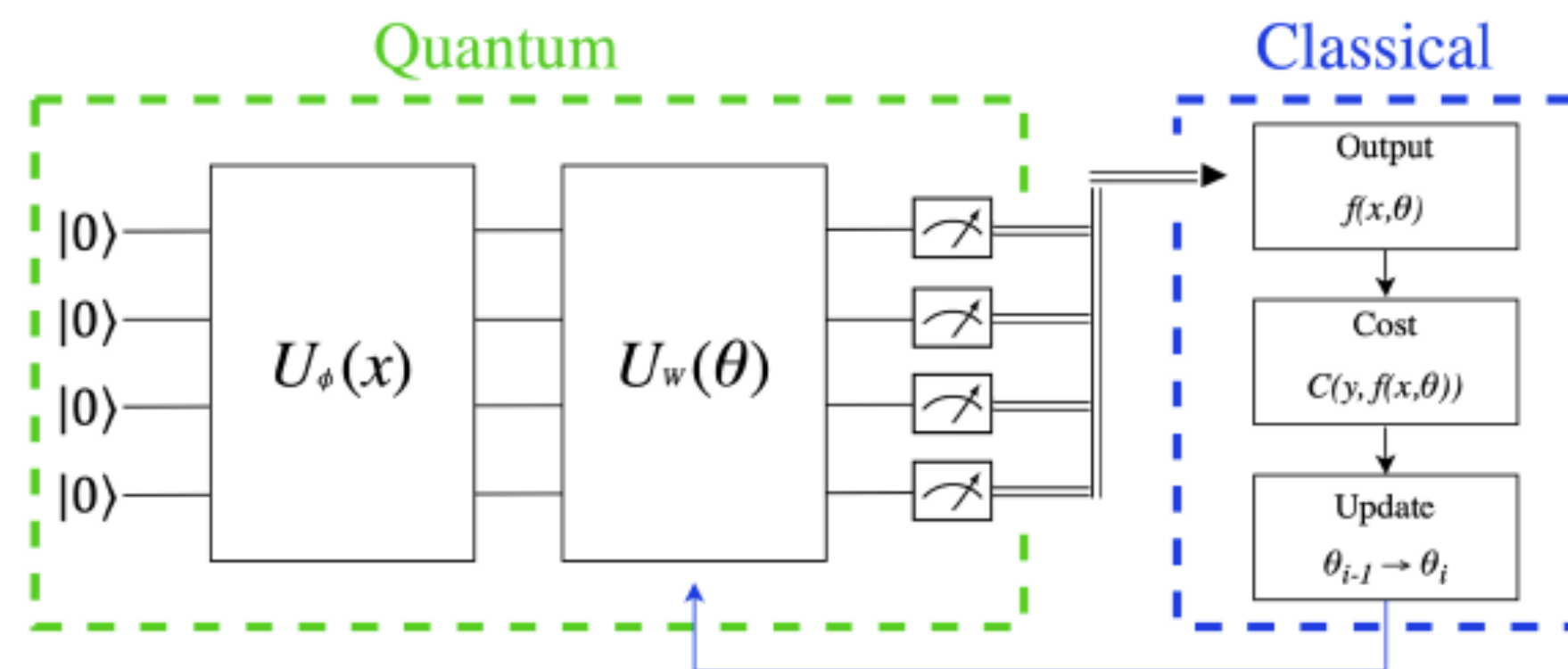
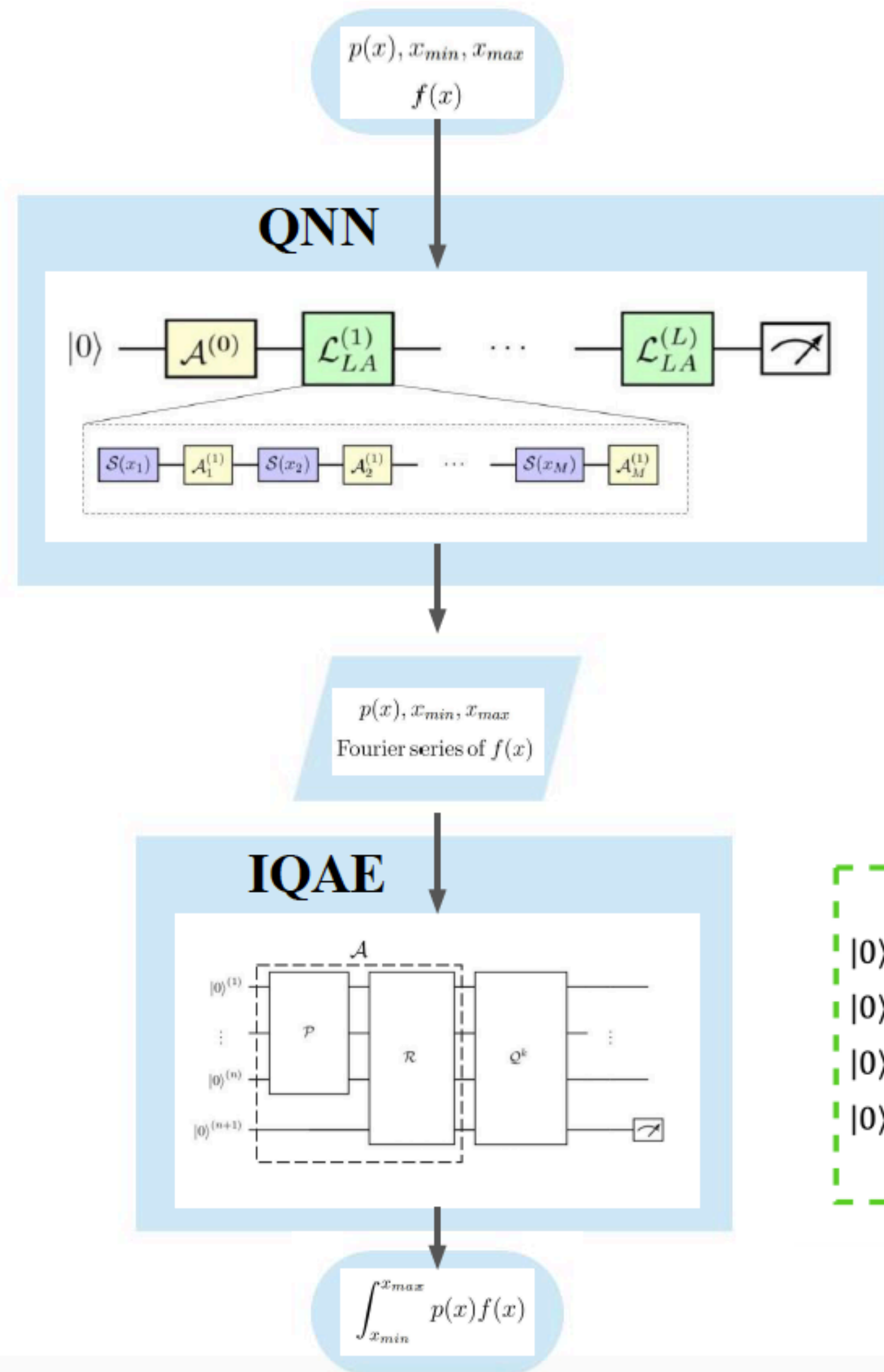


- A classical computer doing most of the work, a quantum computer **solving the bottlenecks**
- A parametrized quantum circuit (PQC) whose inner parameters depend both on PDF data and trainable parameters
 
$$U_w(\alpha, x) = R_z(\alpha_3 \log(x) + \alpha_4) R_y(\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2)$$
- The circuit applied to an initial quantum state, the output state contains information on PDFs
- Circuit parameters determined with classical optimization and a predefined cost function
- each qubit represents a flavour



# QUANTUM FOURIER ITERATIVE AMPLITUDE ESTIMATION (QFIAE)

- Quantum Machine Learning + Grover's amplification
- Fourier series using a Quantum Neural Network (QNN)
- Integrates each component using Iterative Quantum Amplitude Estimation (IQAE), a variant of Grover's algorithm



# CONCLUSIONS

- **Quantum algorithms** are an interesting quantum pathway to QFT
- Apart from potential speedups, a new quantum perspective on theoretical predictions and experimental analysis at high-energy colliders
- Many promising applications in particle physics, despite current hardware limitations