

# Quantum Databases for Dynamical Data Processing

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# Grover's search algorithm for an unstructured database

$$\mathcal{O}(k) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{k})$$

→ **quadratic speed-up** for unstructured search

[element<sub>0</sub>, ..., element<sub>j</sub>, ..., element<sub>k-1</sub>]



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |\text{element}_j\rangle$$

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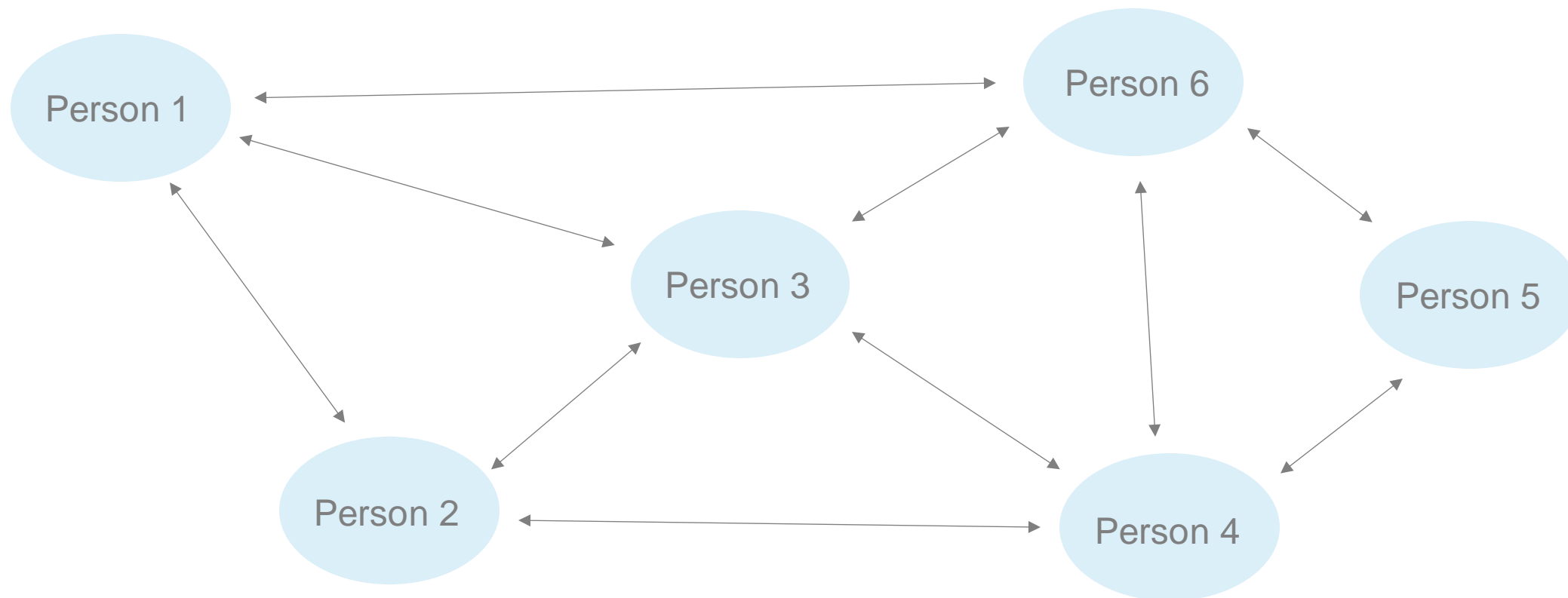
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→ **Task:** define operations on this superposition of (orthogonal) data states  $|d_j\rangle$

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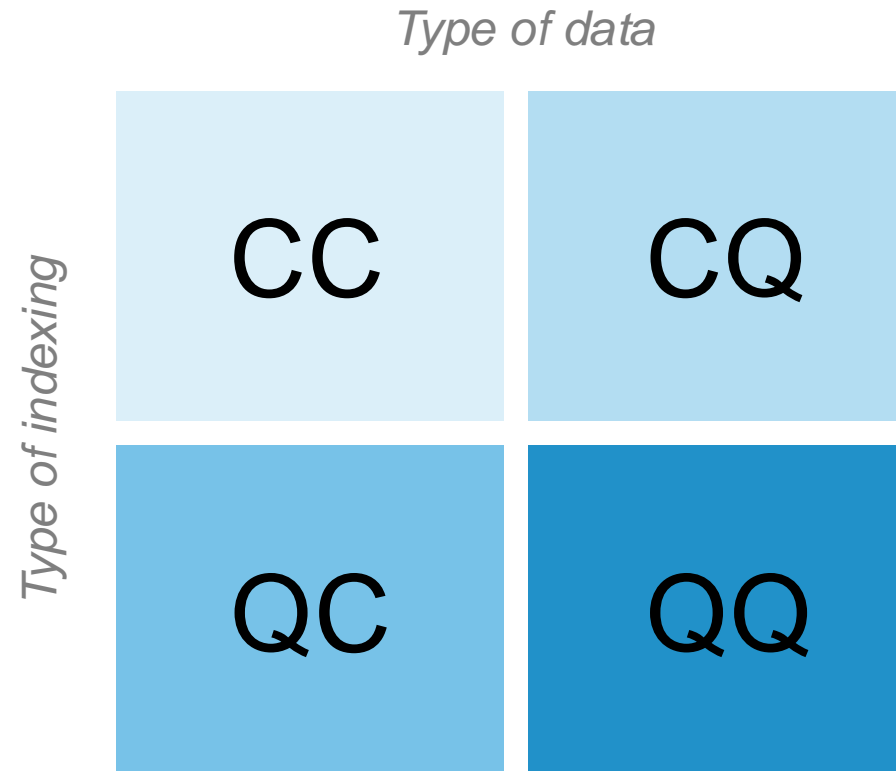
# Data and its inherent *structure*



*Schematic of a graph database  
(e.g., a social network)*

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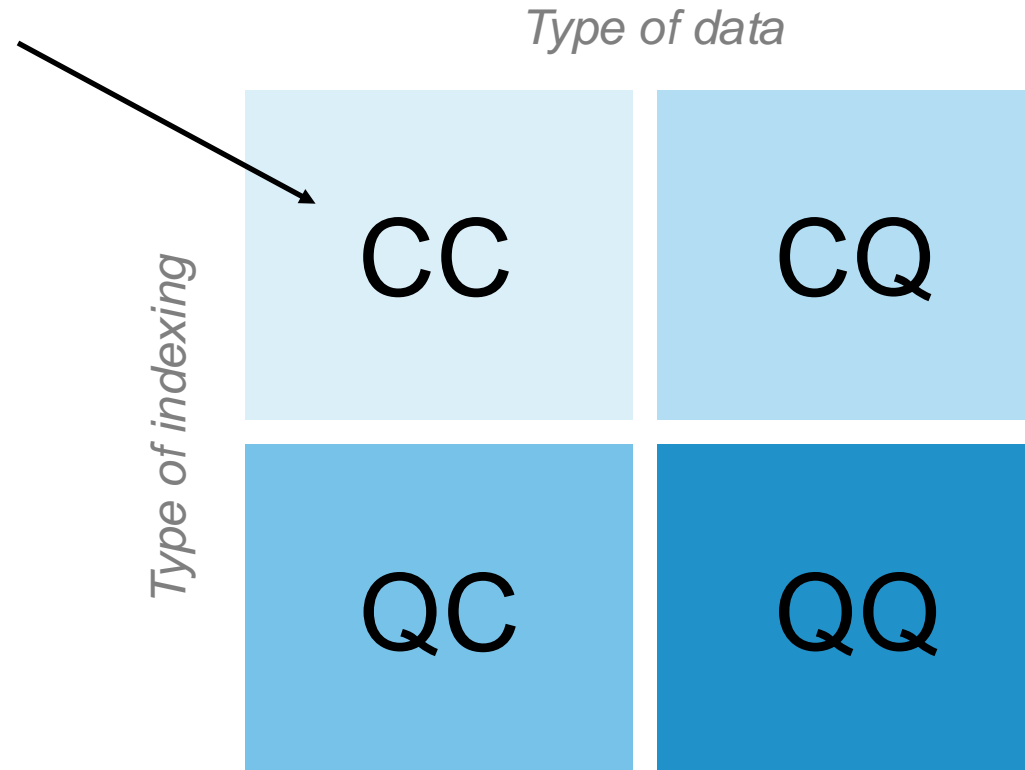
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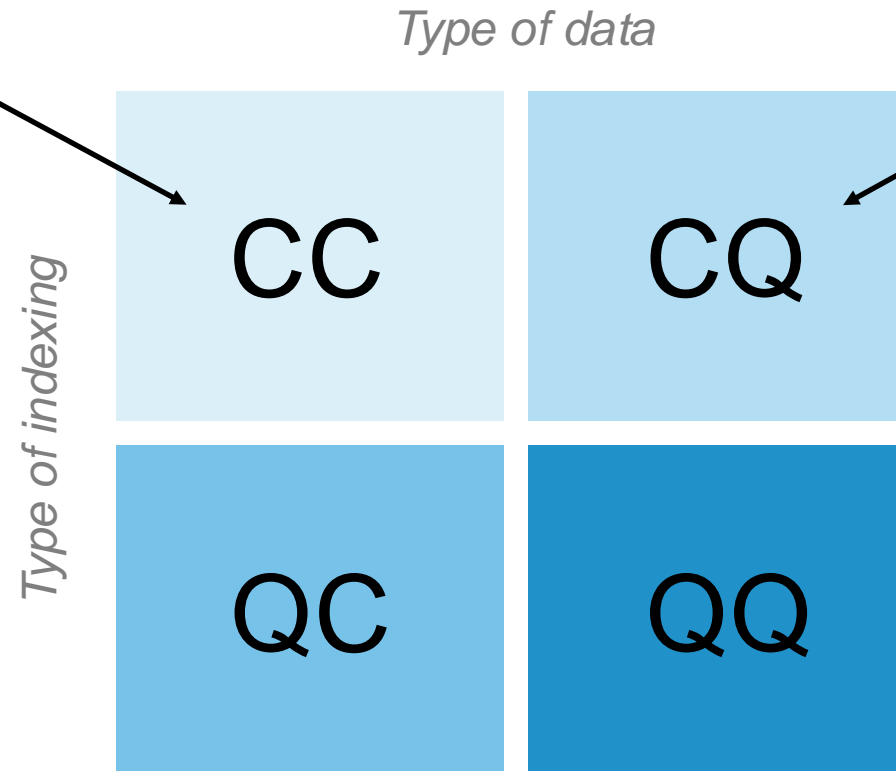


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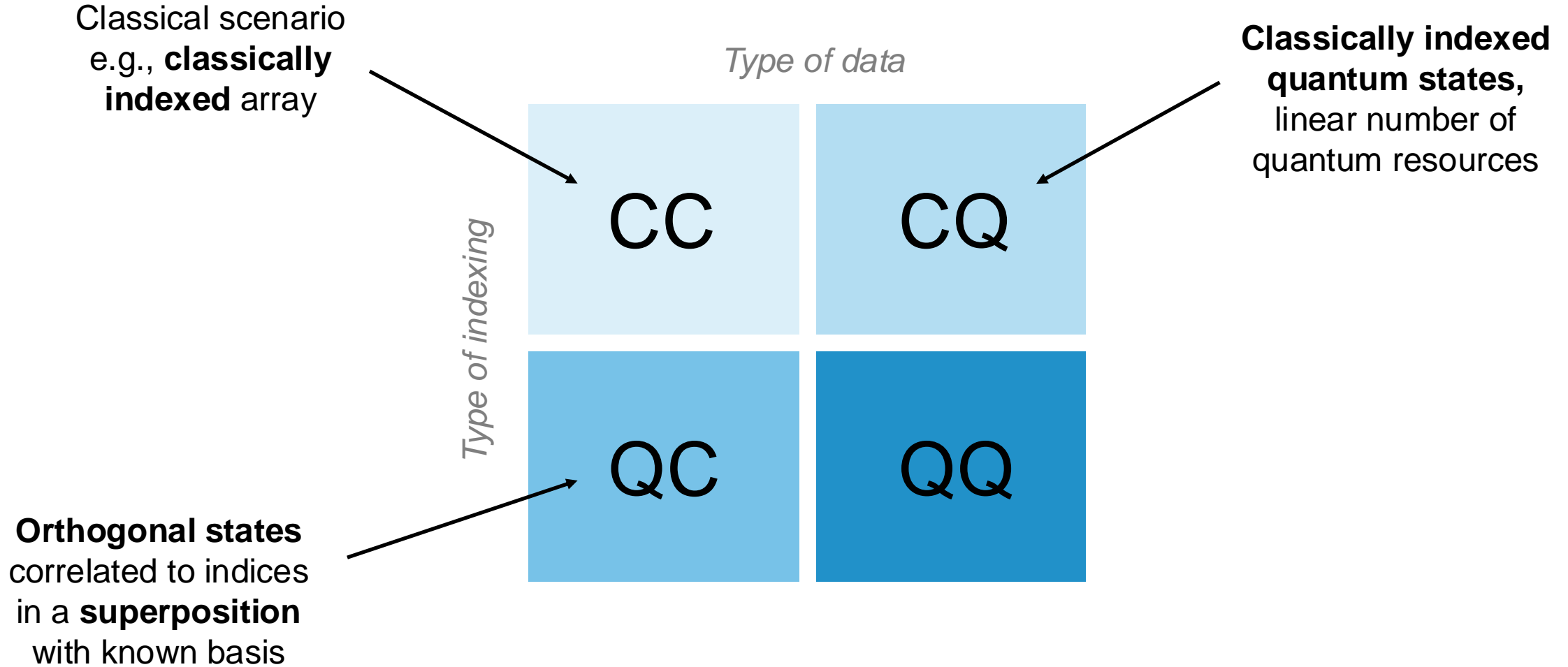


**Classically indexed quantum states,**  
linear number of  
quantum resources

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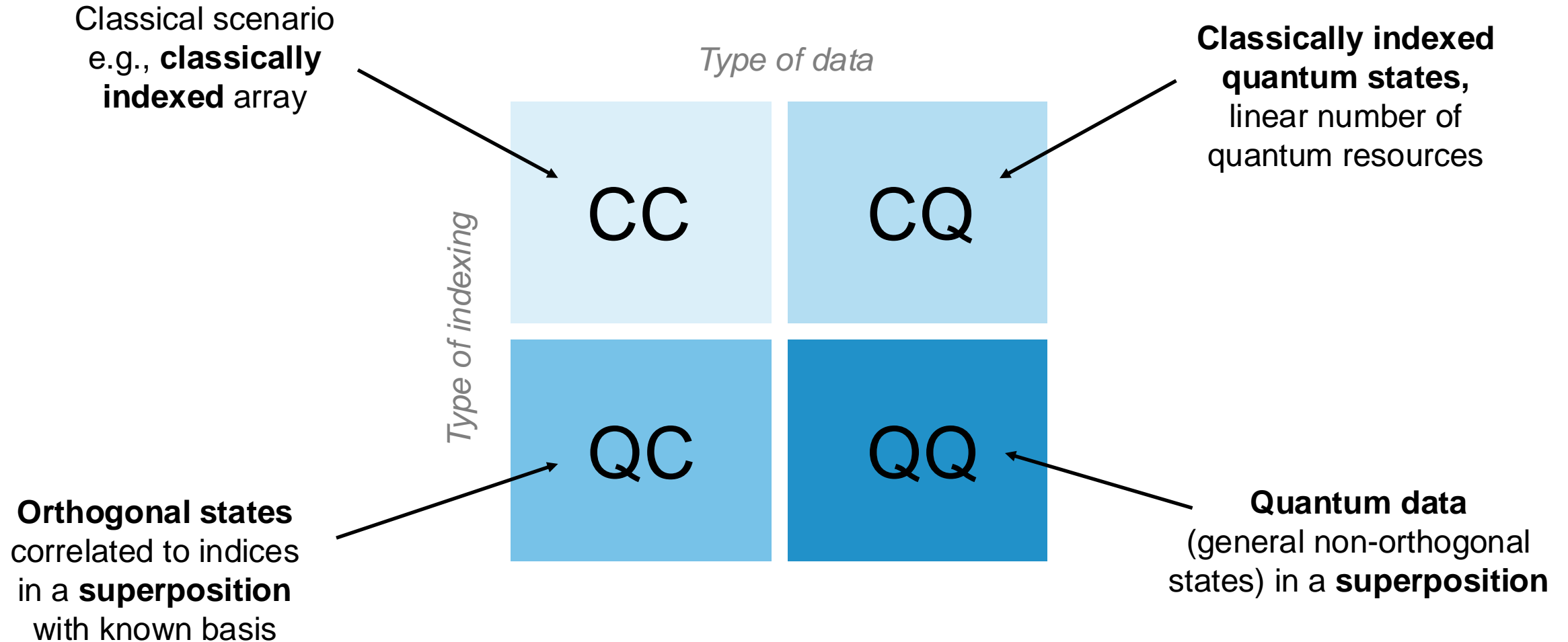
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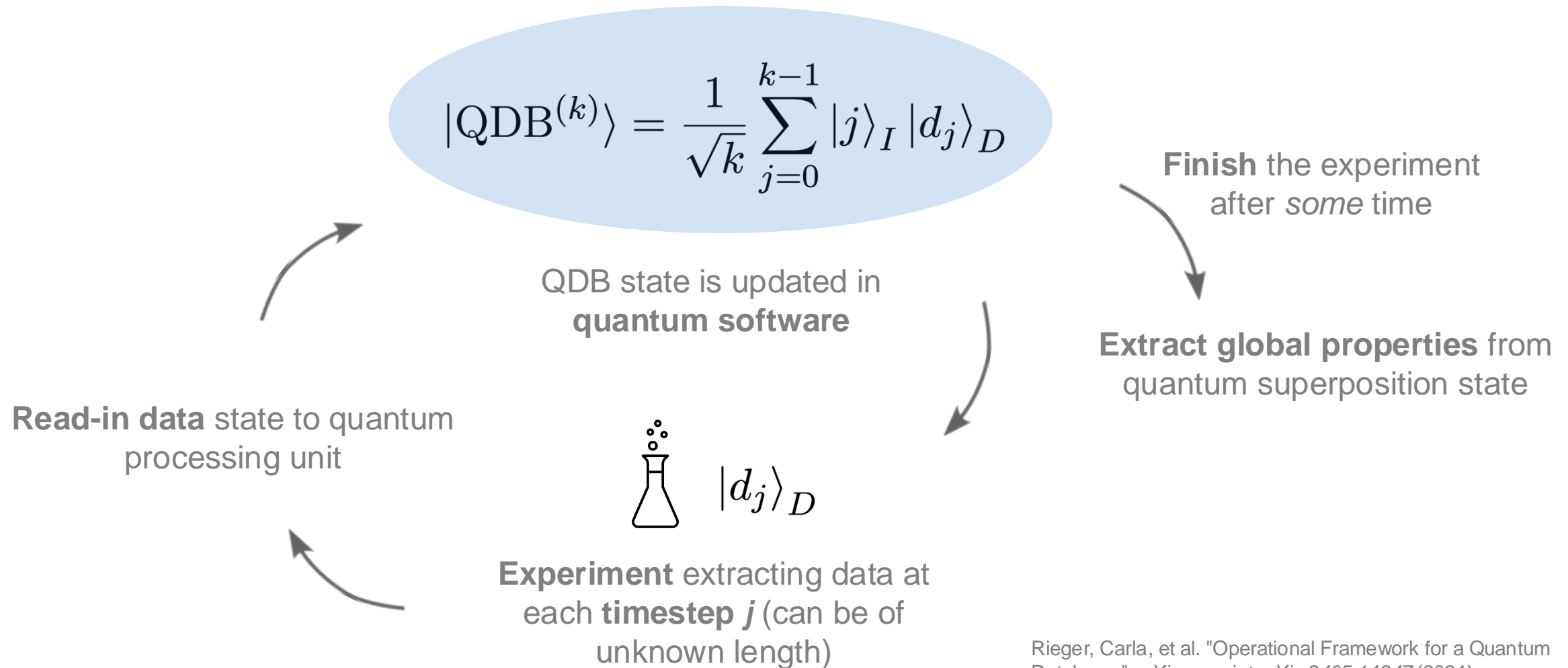
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# Working on *data* in a superposition - *Extension*



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# Other quantum database operations - Overview

Write operation:

$$|QDB_{\neq f}^{(k)}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} |f\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |0\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} \xrightarrow{W(f)} |QDB_{\neq f}^{(k)}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} |f\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_f\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} \quad \sim \text{INSERT}$$

Read-out operation  
(or consider a projective mmt.):

$$|QDB^{(k)}\rangle |0\rangle_{\mathbb{A}} \xrightarrow{G(f)} |QDB_{\neq f}^{(k)}\rangle |0\rangle_{\mathbb{A}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} |f\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_f\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} |d_f\rangle_{\mathbb{A}} \quad \sim \text{SELECT}$$

Remove operation:

$$|QDB^{(k)}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |j\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_j\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} \xrightarrow{R(f)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k-1}} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq f}}^{k-1} |j\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_j\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} \quad \sim \text{DELETE}$$

Permute operation:

$$|QDB^{(k)}\rangle \xrightarrow{P_{\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |\pi(j)\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_j\rangle_{\mathbb{D}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} |j\rangle_{\mathbb{I}} |d_{\pi^{-1}(j)}\rangle_{\mathbb{D}}$$

➔ Investigation of a set of poly-time quantum algorithms that mimic classical database algorithms

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# Thank you!

## Are there any questions?

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