



# Grover's Search Algorithm and the IBM Quantum Experience

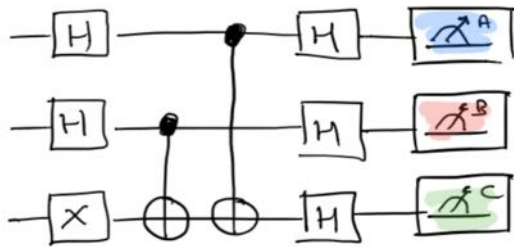
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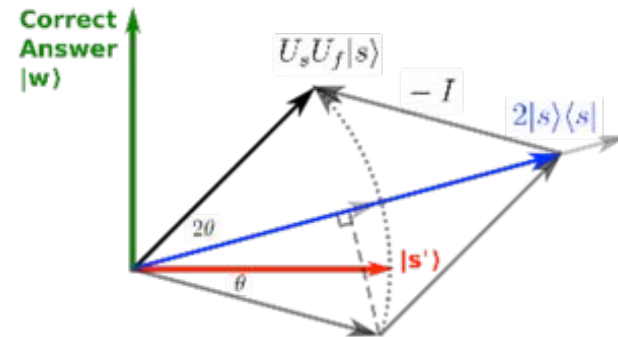
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# Overview

## Introduction



## Building Quantum Circuits



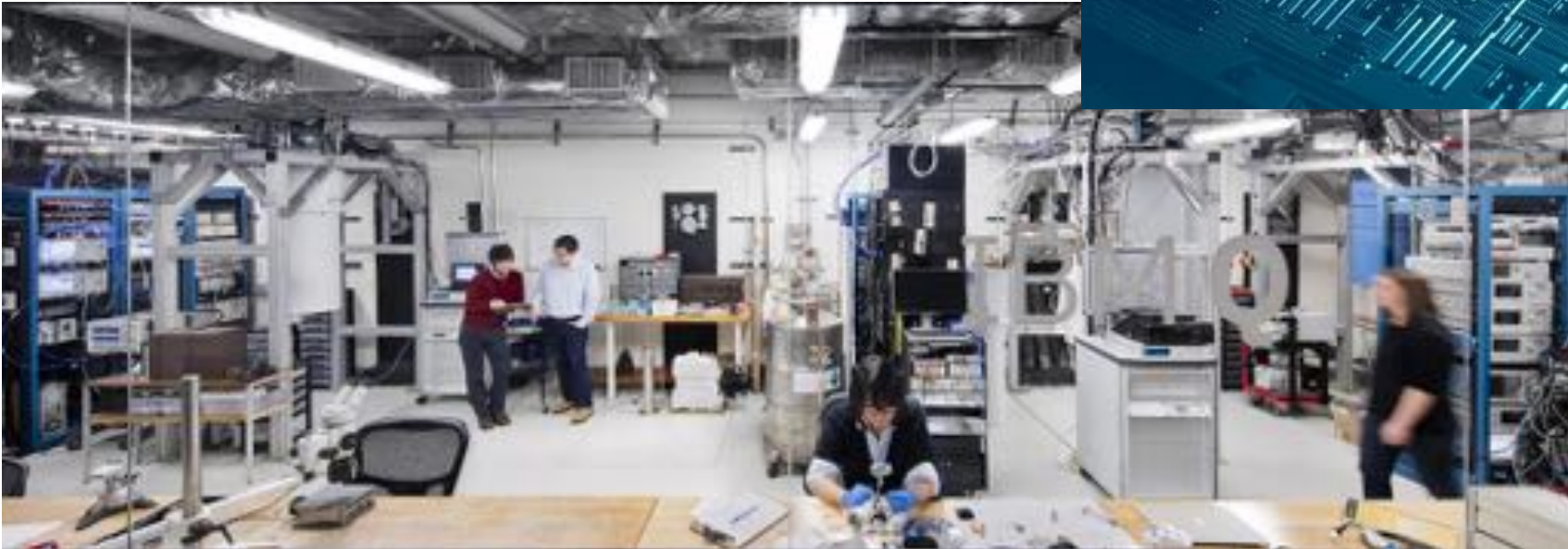
Geometric picture of Grover's algorithm



Demonstration of Grover's algorithm on IBM QE

# Introduction

- Research Staff Member in the Experimental Quantum Computing Group at IBM
- Experiments involve superconducting quantum computing and
  - Integrating larger numbers of qubits
  - Fast qubit measurement and feedback
  - Among other things!





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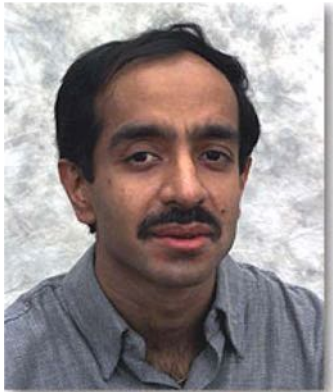




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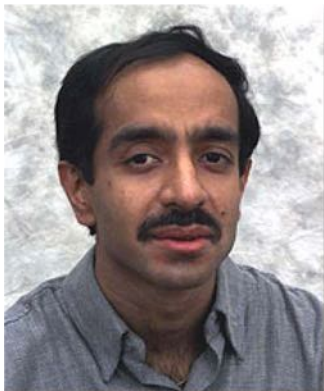
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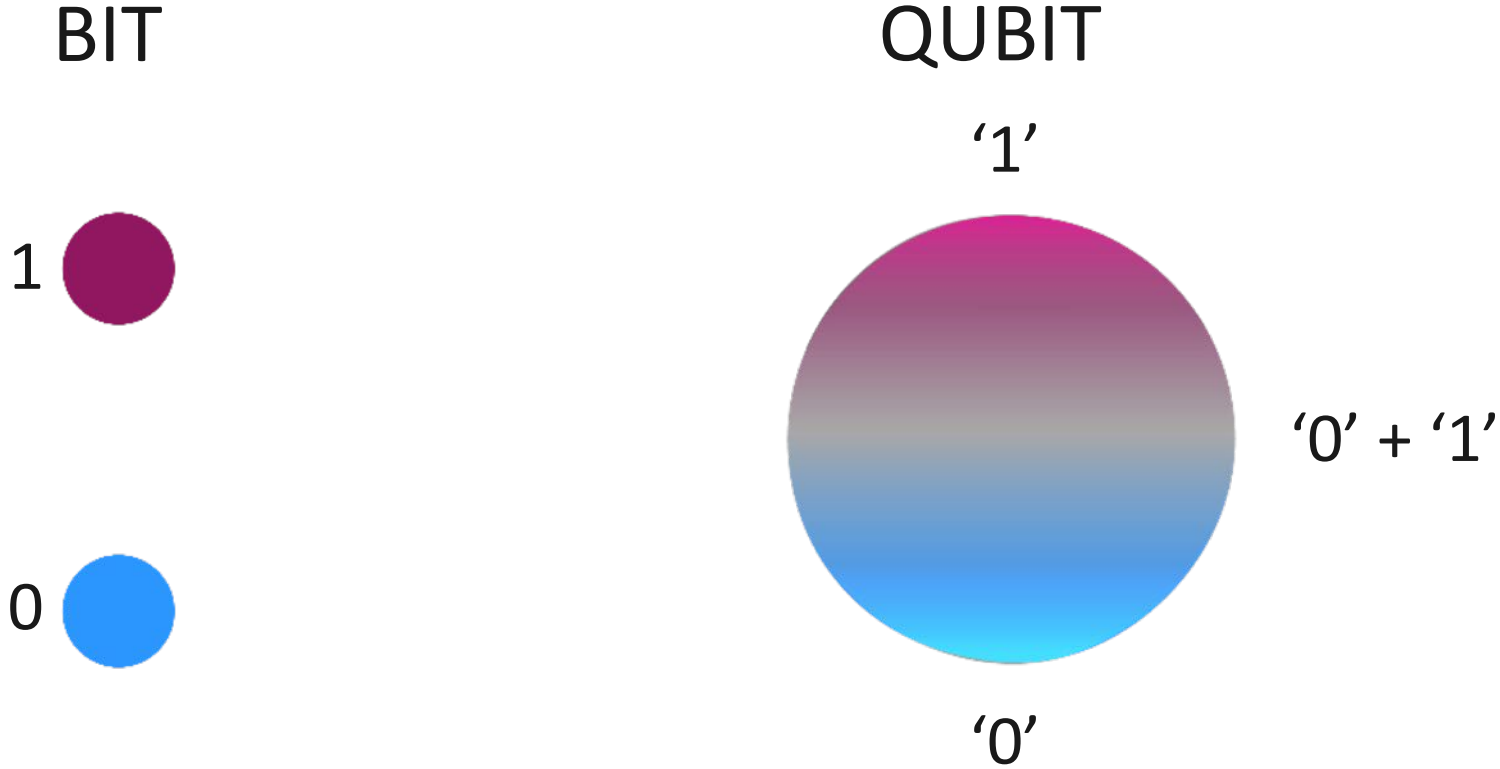
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# Grover's Search Algorithm

- One of the key algorithms for quantum computers
- Unstructured Search of N elements
  - Classical computer  $\sim N/2$
  - Quantum computer  $\sim \sqrt{N}$
- Not exponential speedup, but enough to matter for
  - Big Data applications
  - Subroutine for other quantum algorithms
- Requires two key ingredients that use *superposition* and *interference*
  - Oracle
  - Amplitude Amplification



# Classical vs Quantum Bits



# Qubit State and Measurement

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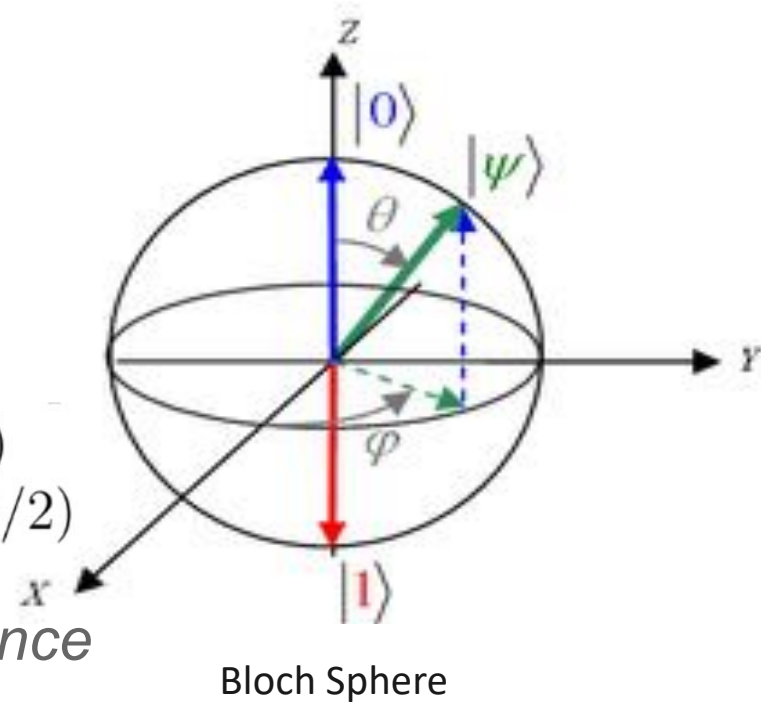
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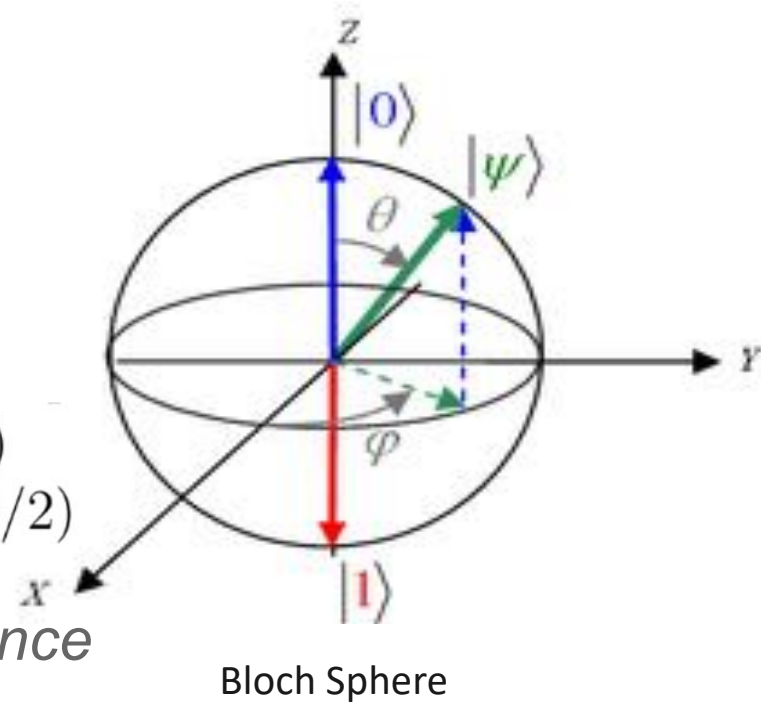
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- Qubit Measurement

Pre-measurement state	Possible outcomes
$\alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}  0\rangle \text{ with probability }  \alpha ^2 \\  1\rangle \text{ with probability }  \beta ^2 \end{array} \right.$

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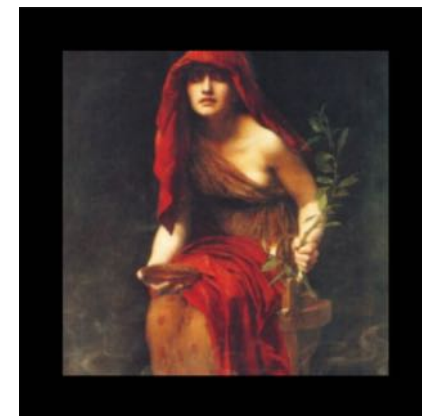
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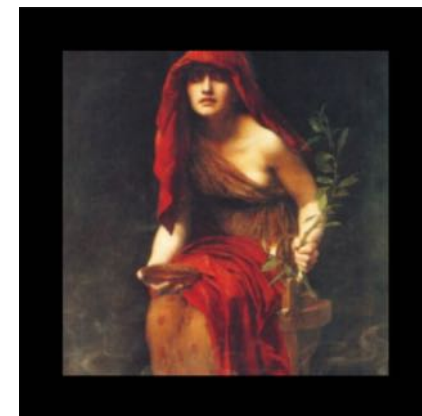
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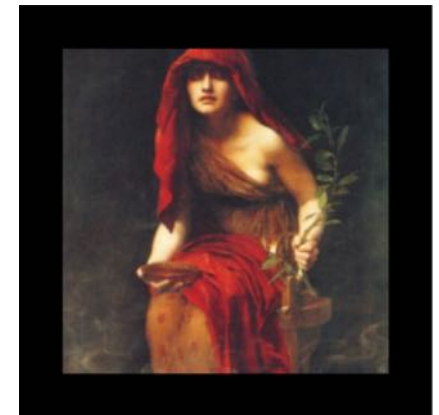
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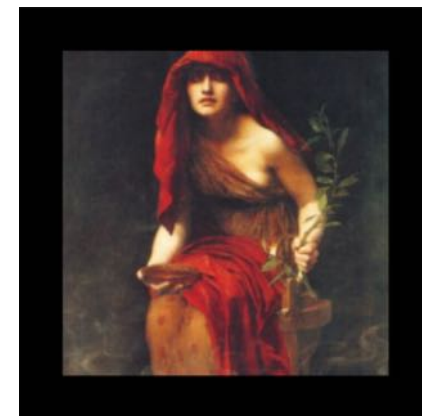
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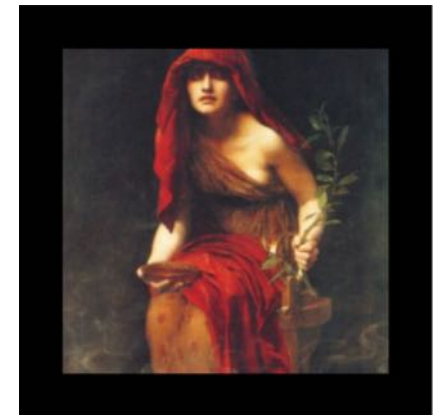


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- **Amplitude Amplification**

- Use interference to increase likelihood of measuring correct index



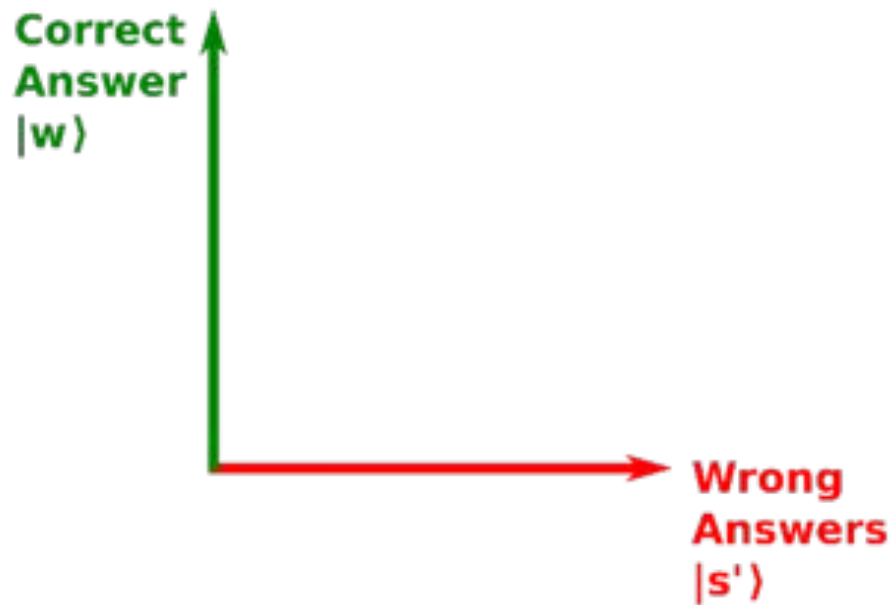
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# Geometry of Grover's Search Algorithm

We have  $N = 2^n$  items  
indexed by  $n$  qubits



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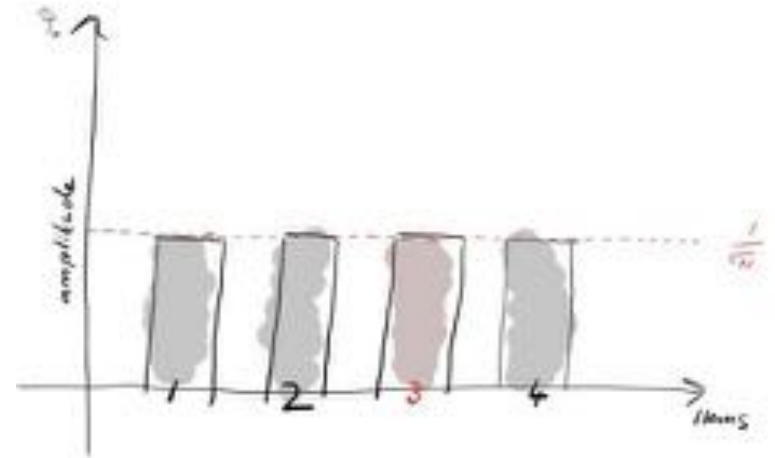
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Superposition

All Answers

$$|s\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle$$

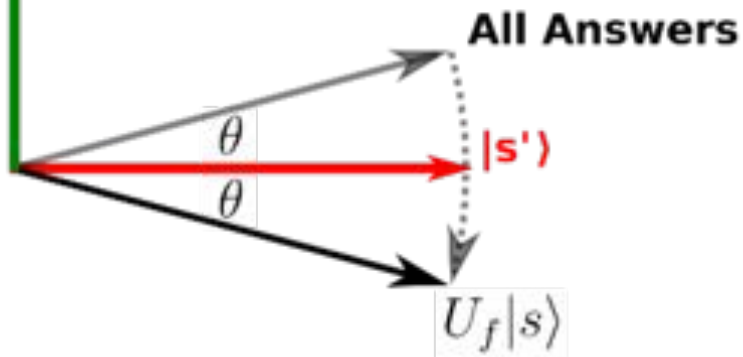
Wrong Answers  
 $|s'\rangle$



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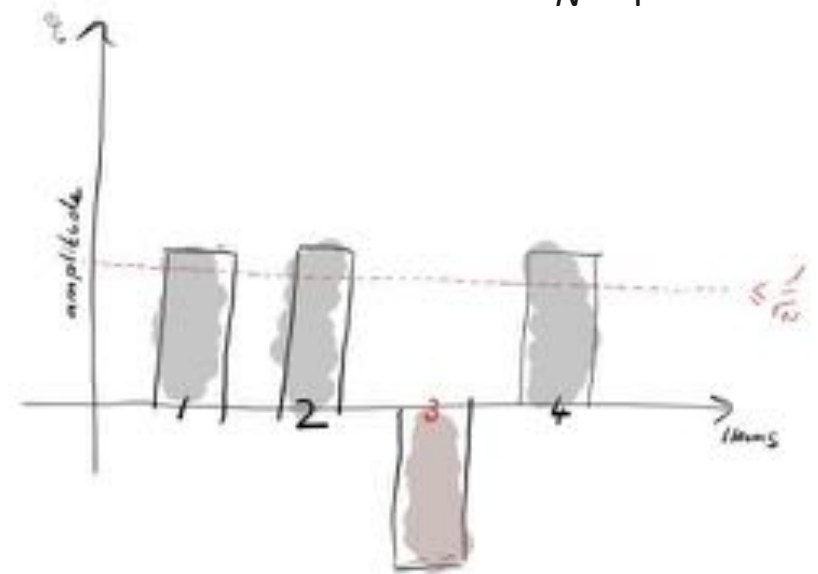


## Entanglement in the Grover's Search Algorithm

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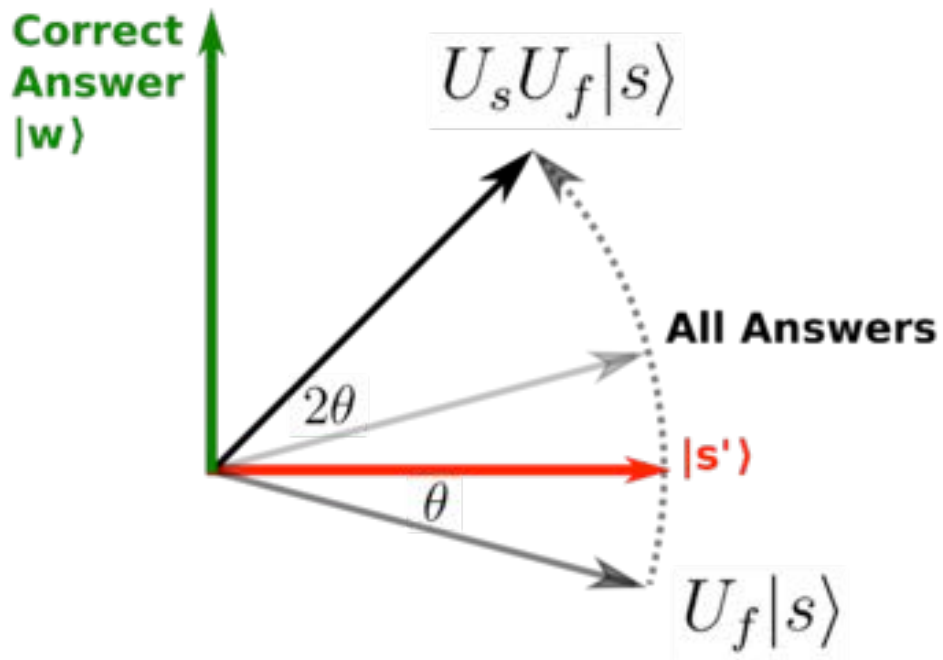
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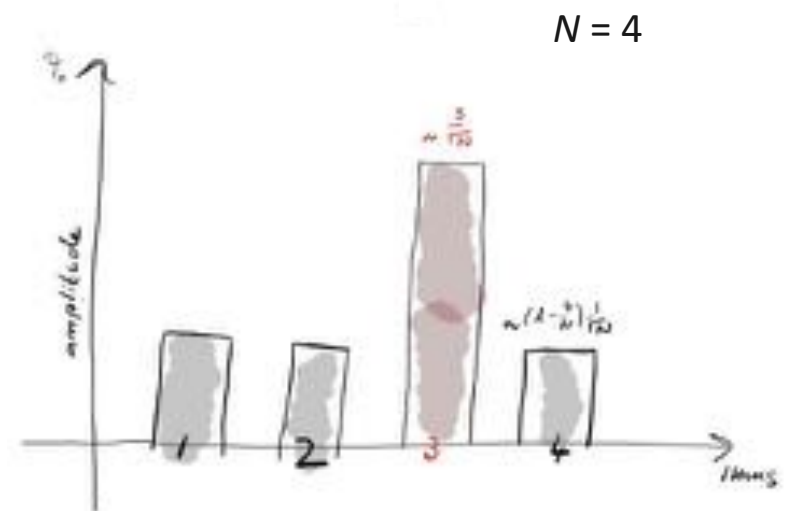


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## Amplitude Amplification



Use interference to invert amplitude about the mean

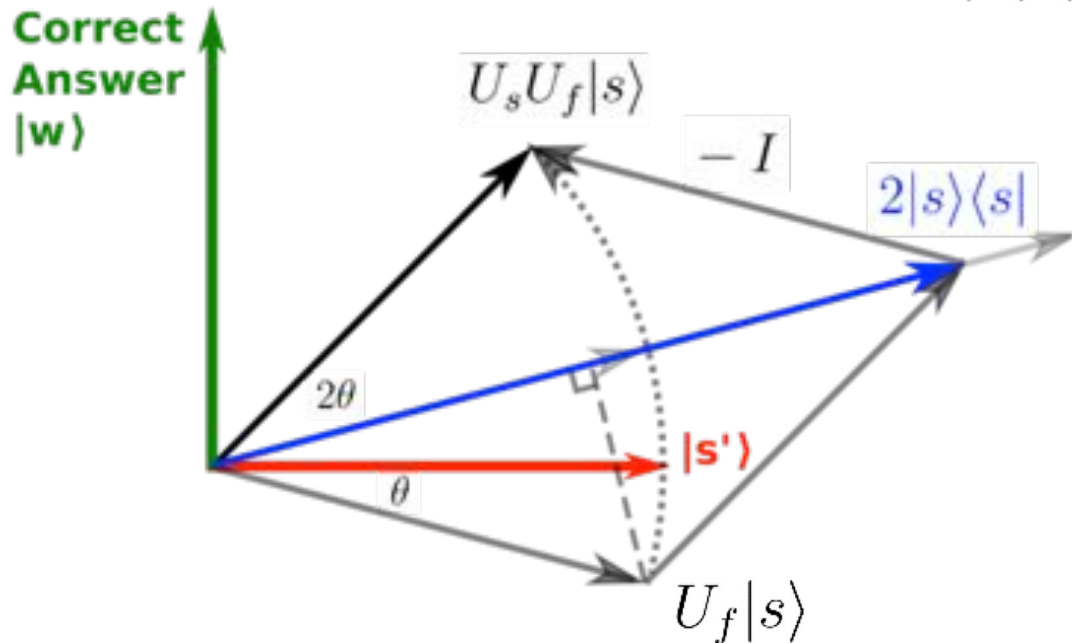


Repeat  $\sim \sqrt{N}$  times

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Grover Diffusion Operator

$$U_s = 2|s\rangle\langle s| - I$$

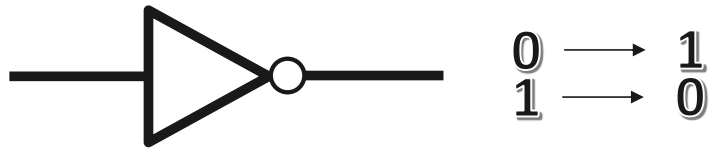


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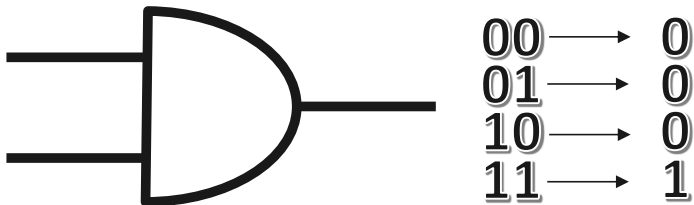


# Classical Gate Operations

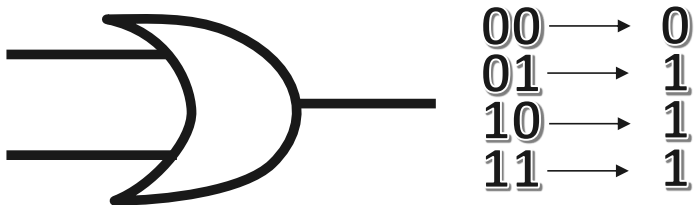
NOT Gate (Bit Flip)



AND Gate



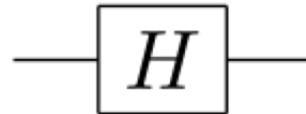
OR Gate



Many Classical Gates are “one-way”: Outputs are not unique

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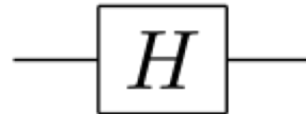
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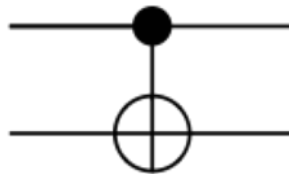


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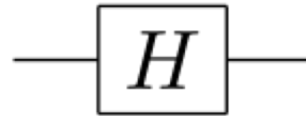
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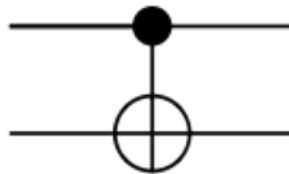
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- Every operation has same number of inputs and outputs
- Every output is unique because quantum operations are reversible
- Each qubit gets a line

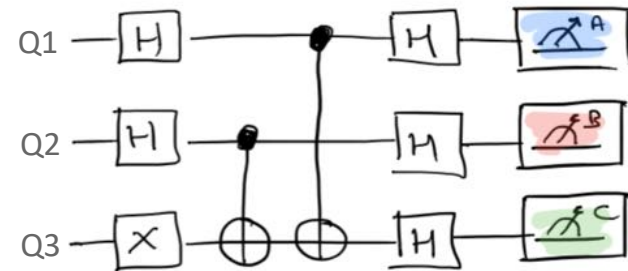
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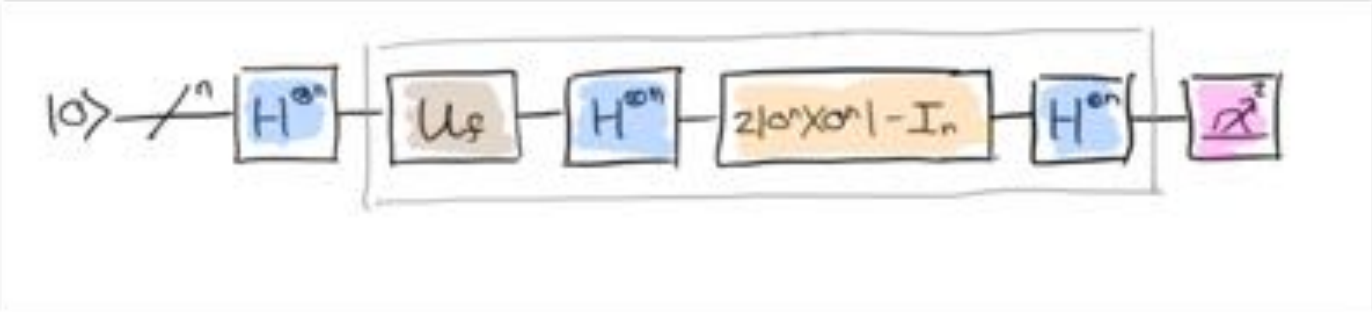
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Example Sqore, like musical score

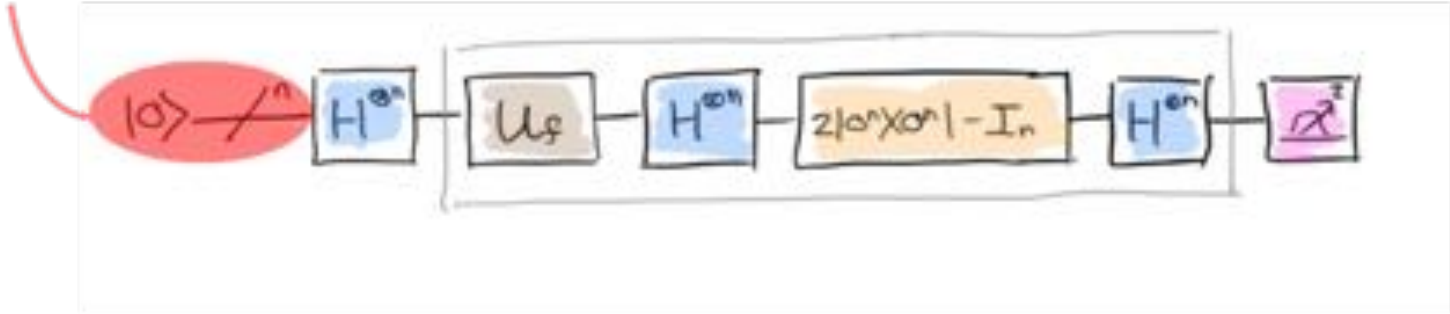


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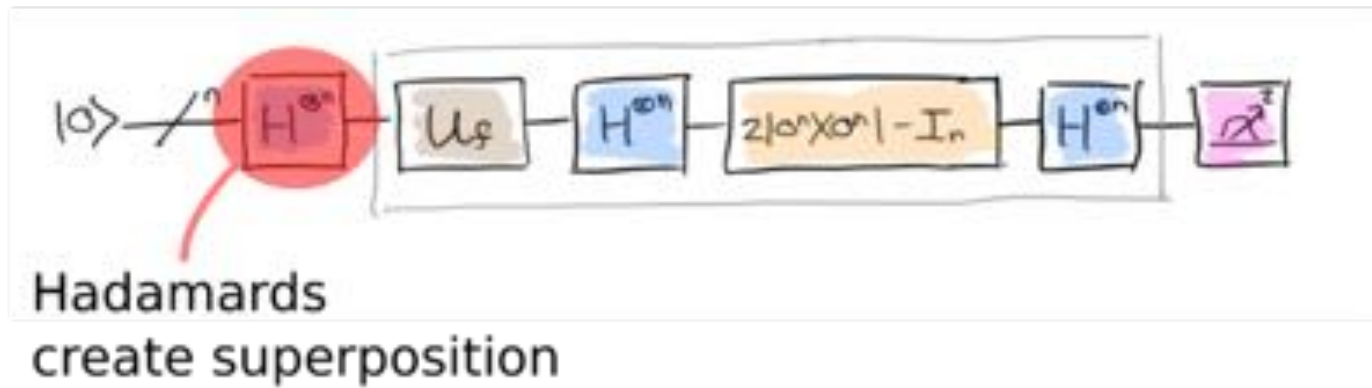


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Initial State:  
n copies of  $|0\rangle$

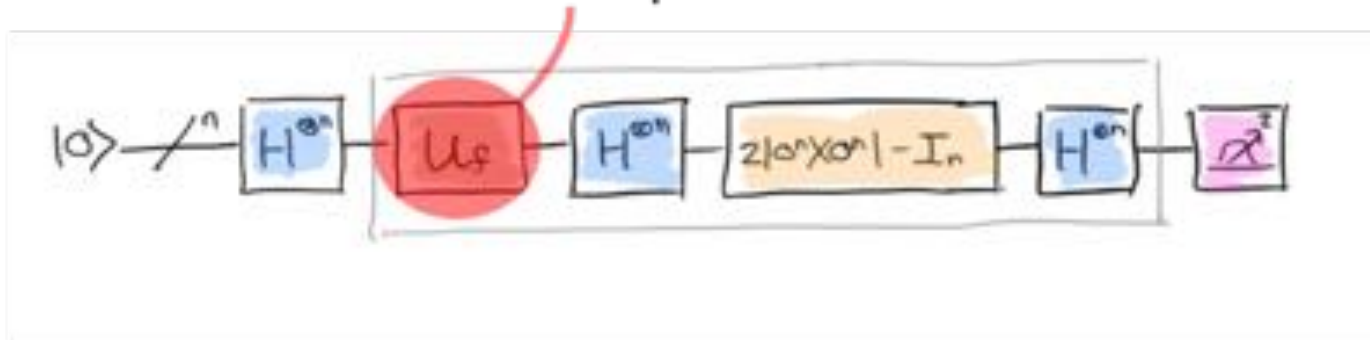


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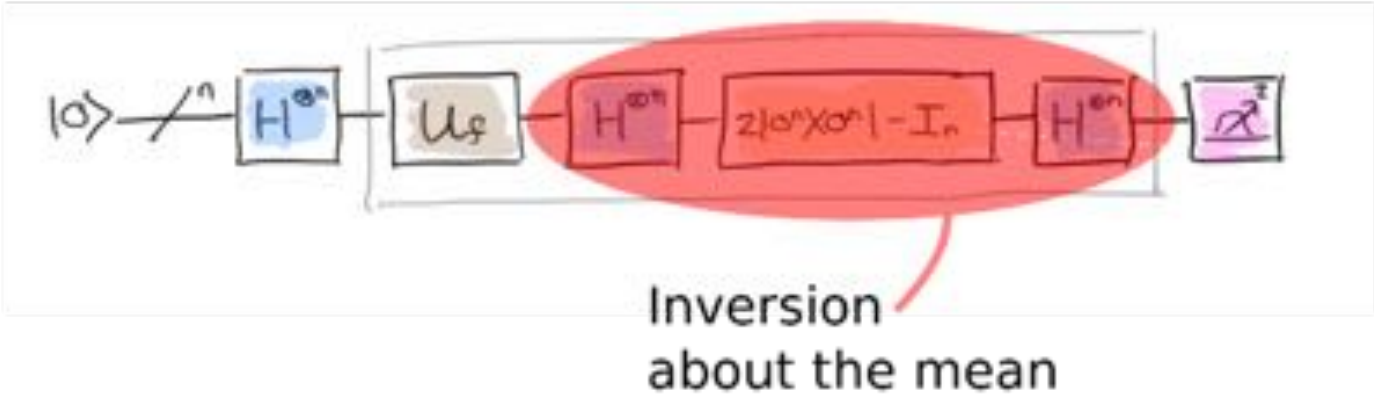
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Oracle flips sign of winner's amplitude

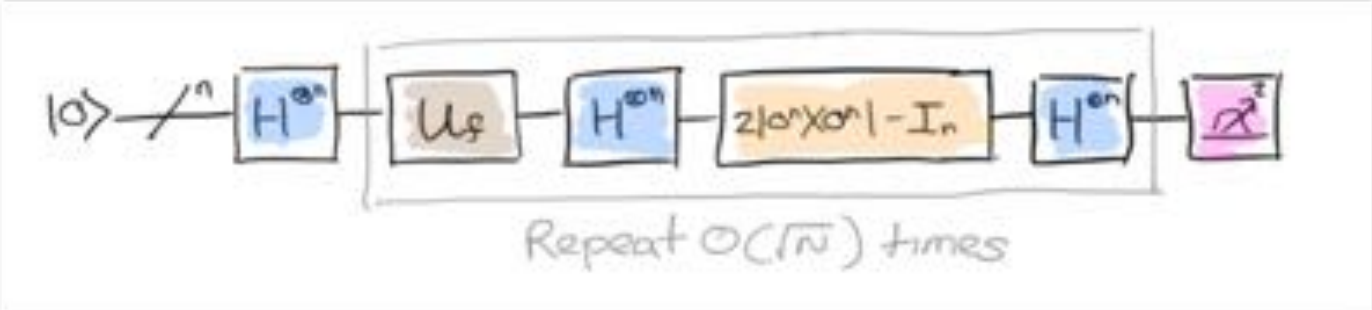




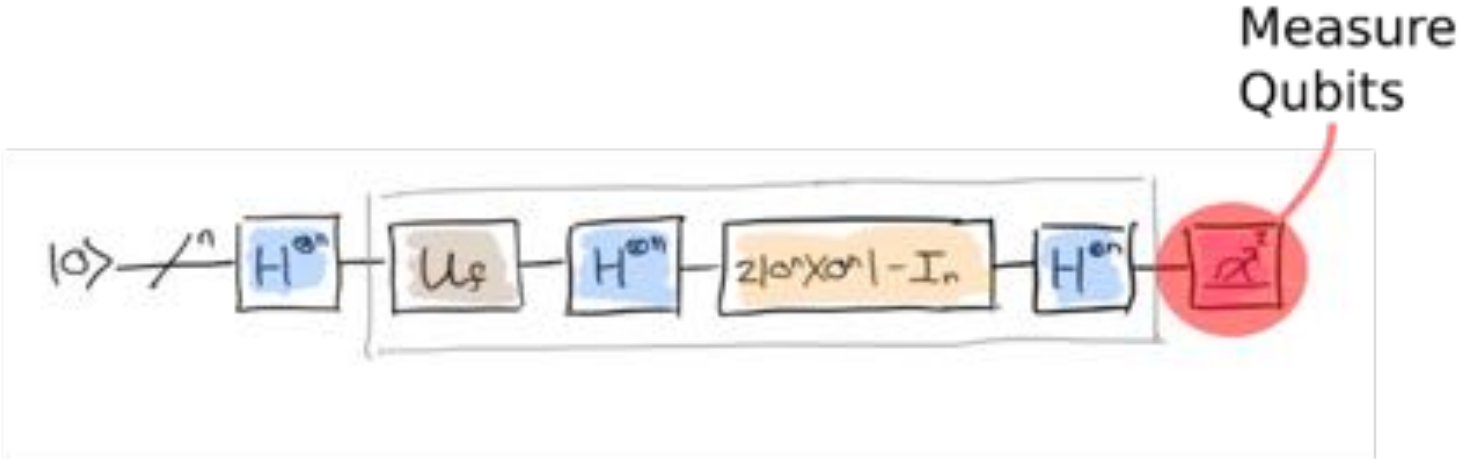
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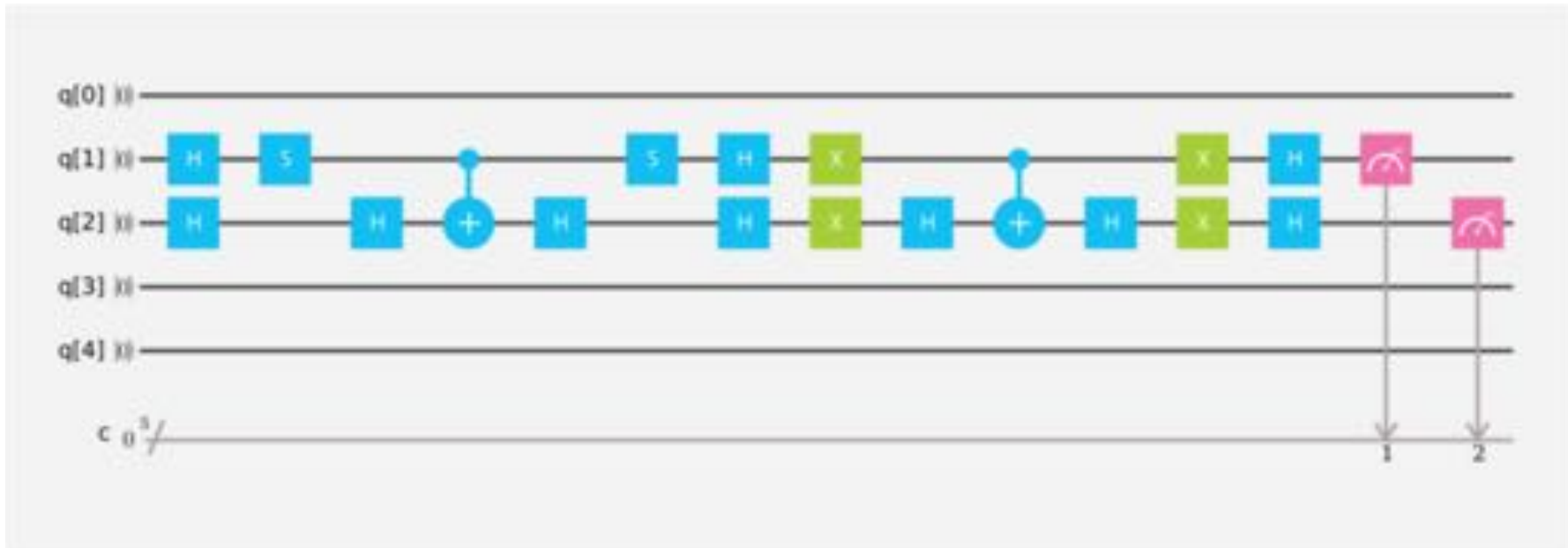


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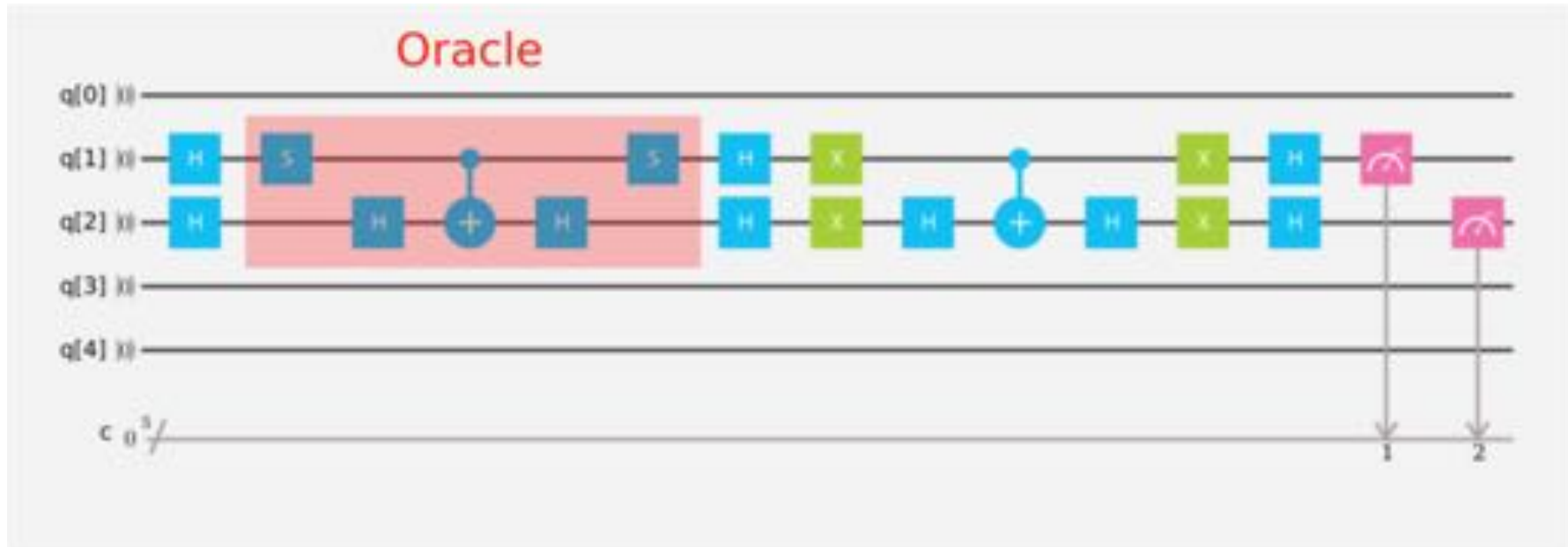
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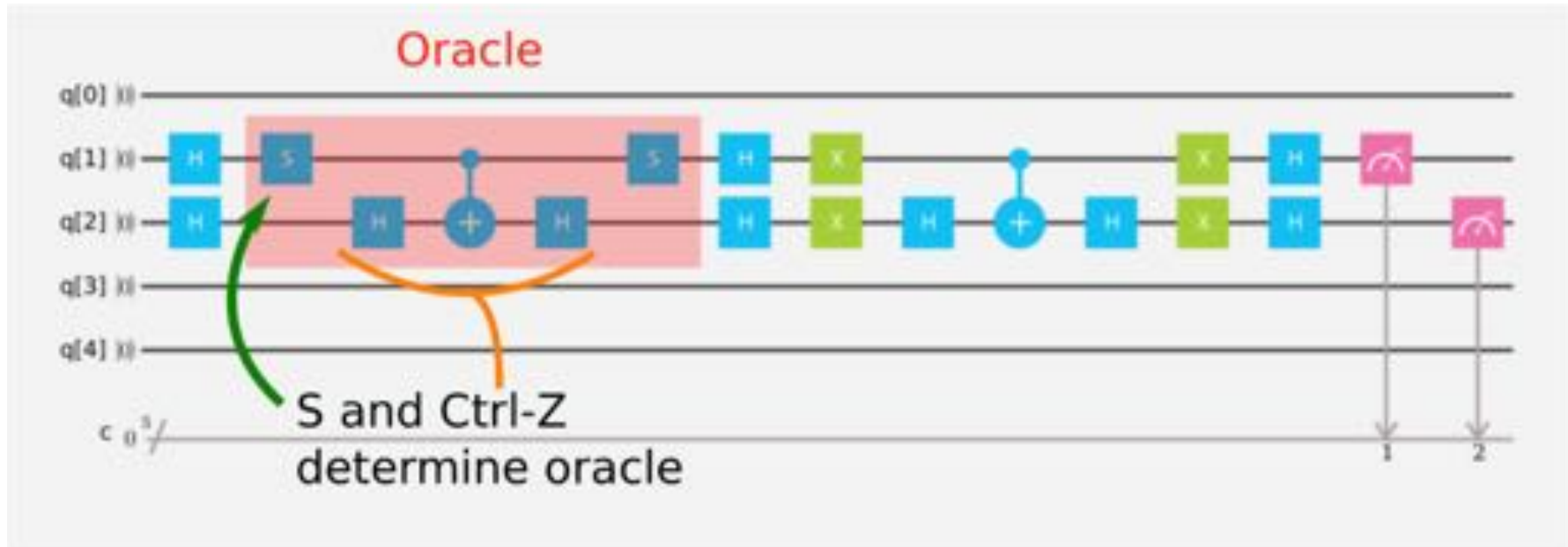
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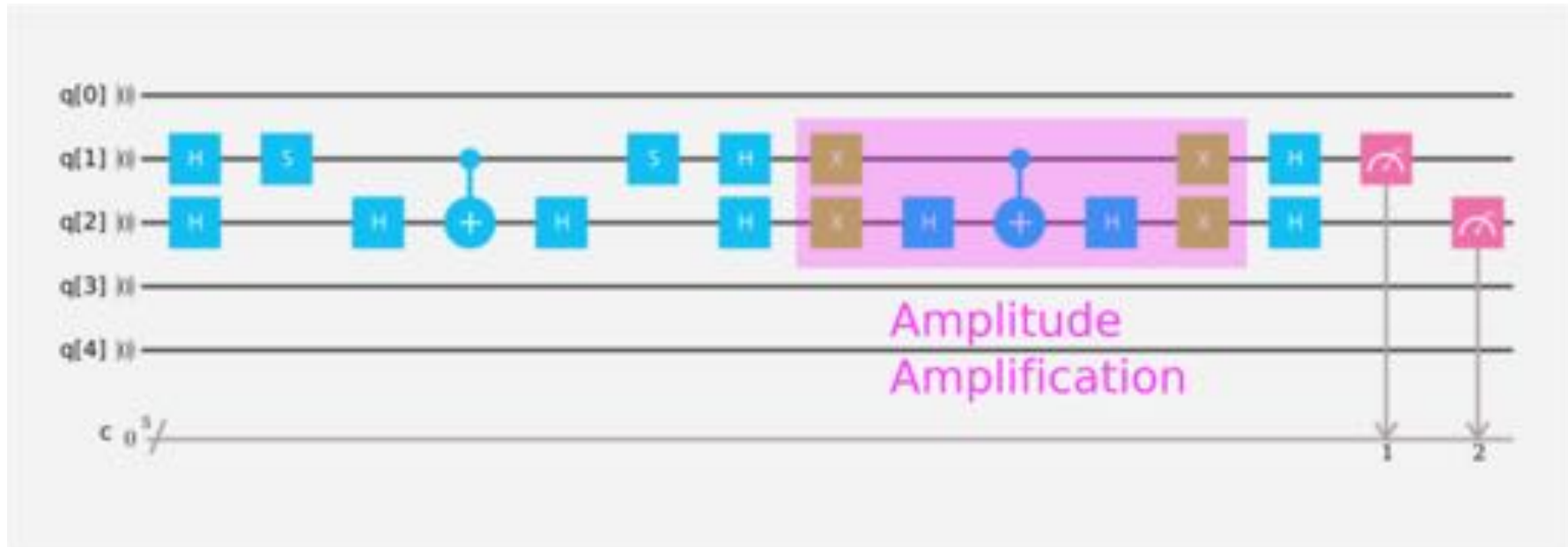
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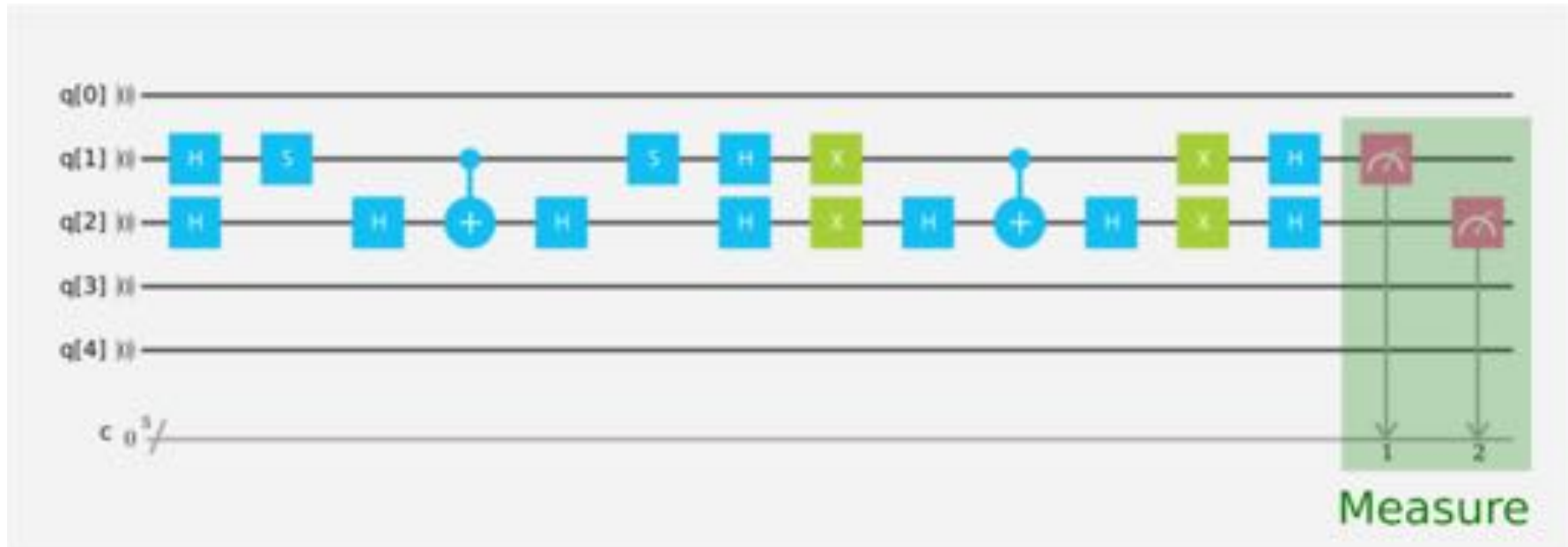
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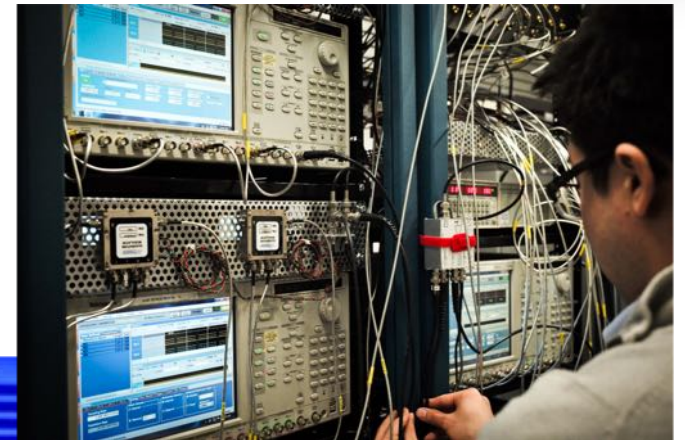
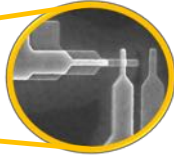
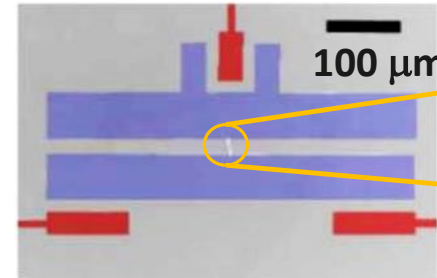
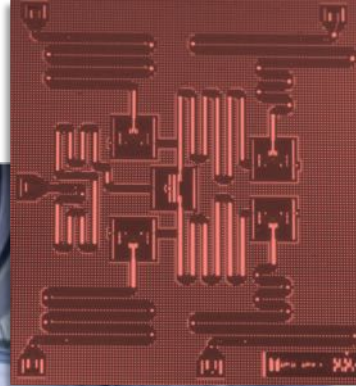
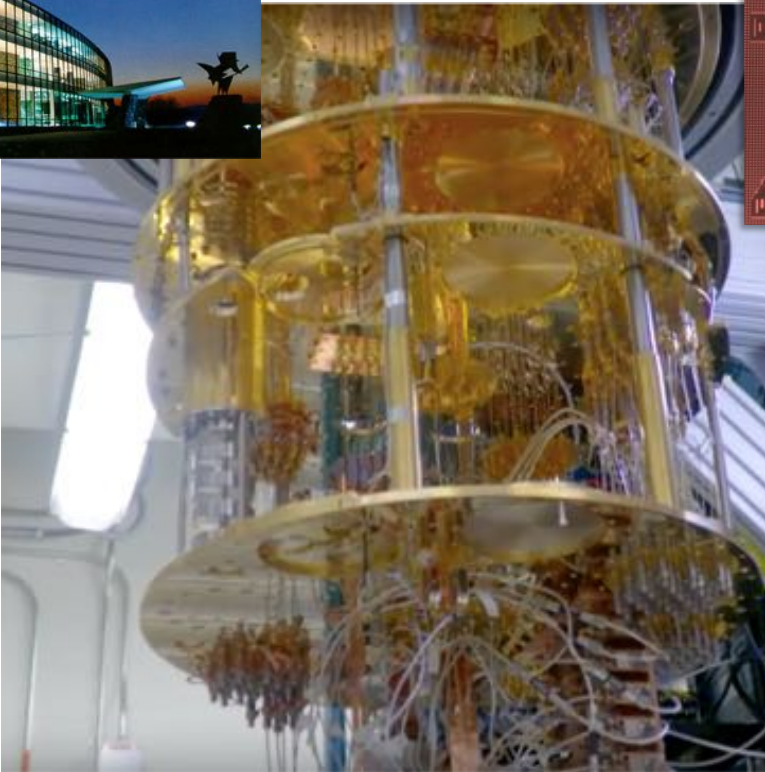
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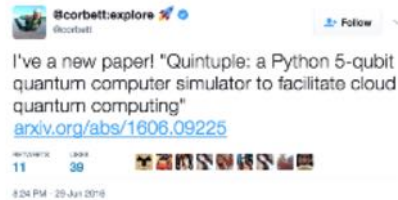


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# The Quantum Community is Growing



- Fifteen papers submitted
- Tweets from scientist at the South Pole
- 10+ professors using IBM Quantum Experience for education
- Featured at Undergrad Conference at University of Waterloo
- MIT edX Online Course using it (1100 students)
- Educational tool and research tool

N. Linke et al., arXiv:1702.01852

Enrichment exercise: IBM Quantum Experience

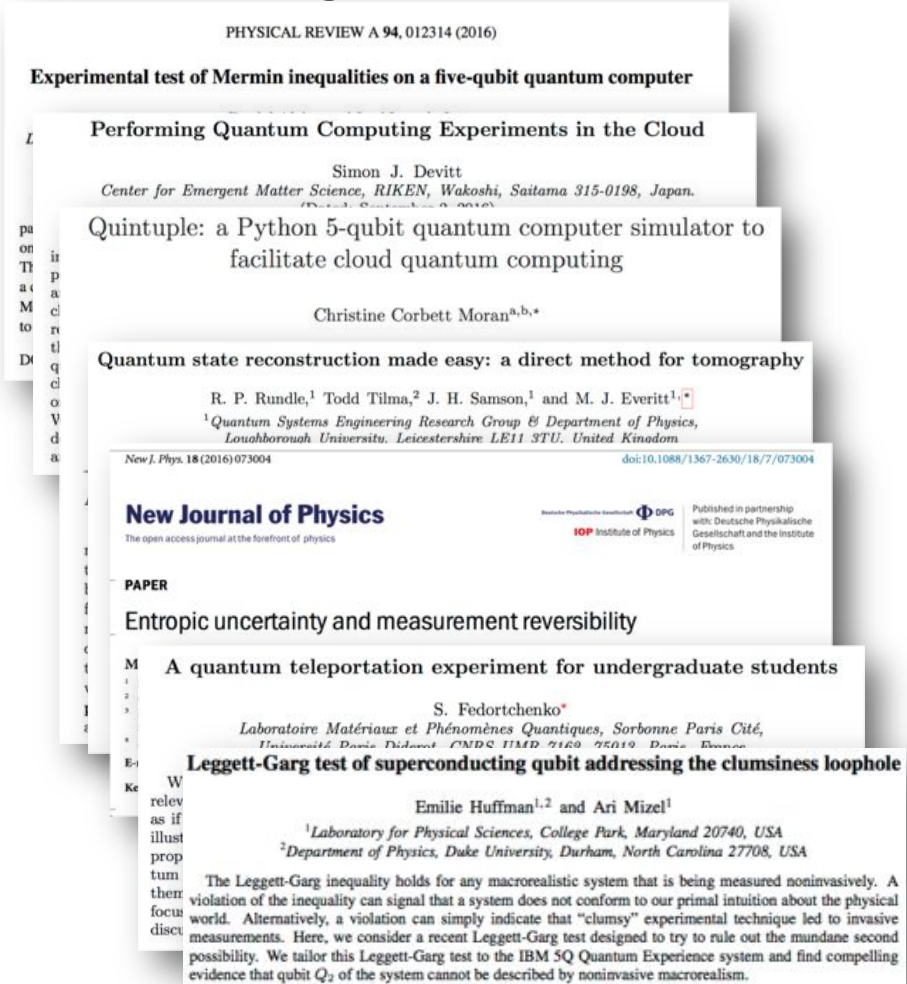
IBM generously offers open, cloud-based, access to a real quantum-circuit-capable quantum computer, which has five superconducting "transmon" qubits. Due to constraints imposed by the topology of device interconnects, only certain two-qubit gates can be implemented in a single step; also, the cloud-based interface limits single qubit operations Pauli gates,  $S$ ,  $S^\dagger$ ,  $T$ , and  $T^\dagger$ . And gate realizations are pretty good, but imperfect: the qubits have finite (but well-characterized)  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  coherence times.

This realistic configuration is very interesting to explore, as we do in the following optional, problem.

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IBM QE1: Five-qubit entangled state

This is a schematic diagram of IBM's five qubit chip quantum computer:



# Quantum Experience Demo

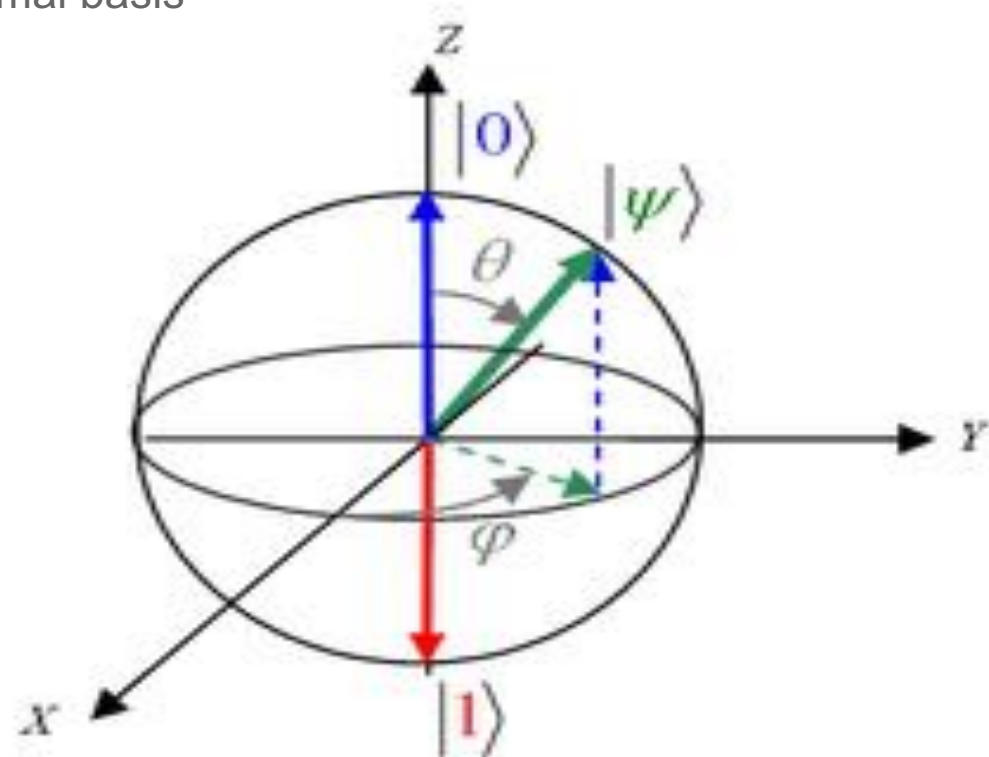
# Supplemental Slides

# Visualizing qubit states: the Bloch sphere

- Qubit states lie in 2D Hilbert space with orthonormal basis  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$
- An arbitrary state is given by:

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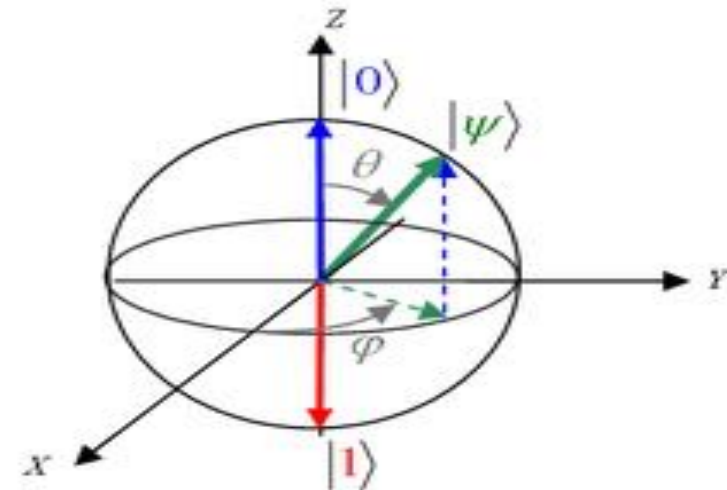


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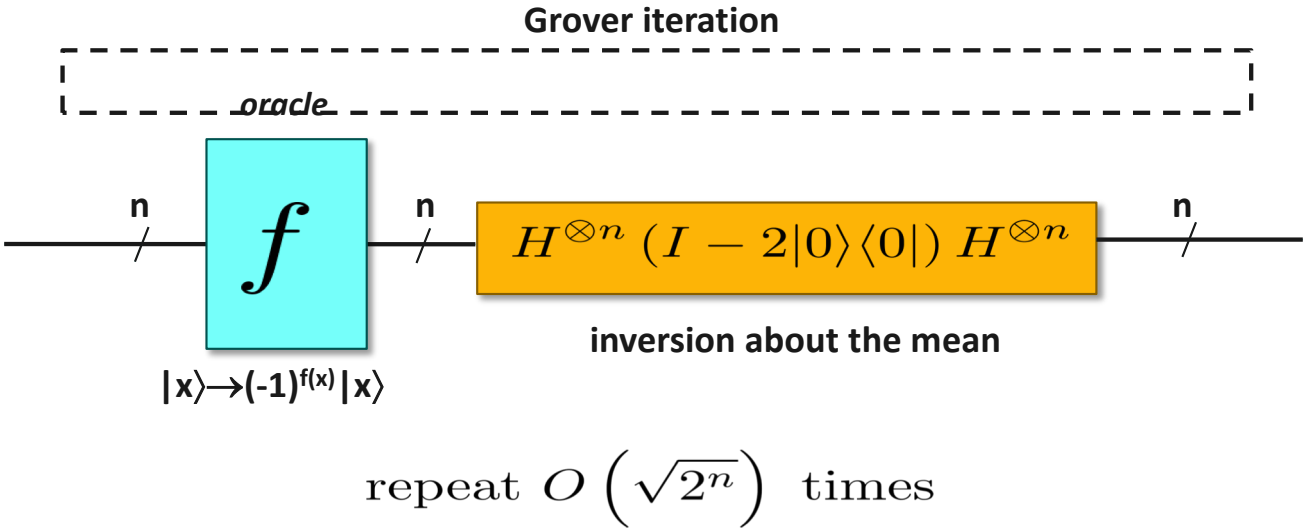
- Measure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Initial state} & & \text{Possible outcomes} \\ \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle & \longrightarrow & \begin{cases} |0\rangle \text{ with probability } \alpha^2 \\ |1\rangle \text{ with probability } \beta^2 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

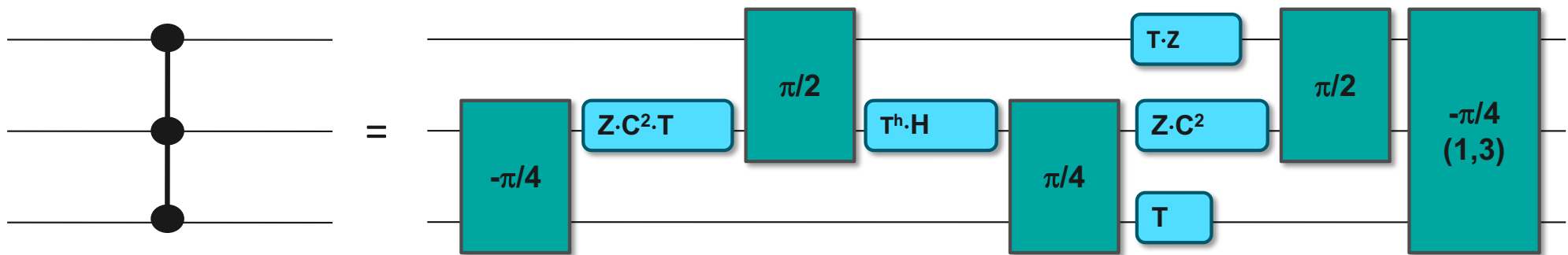
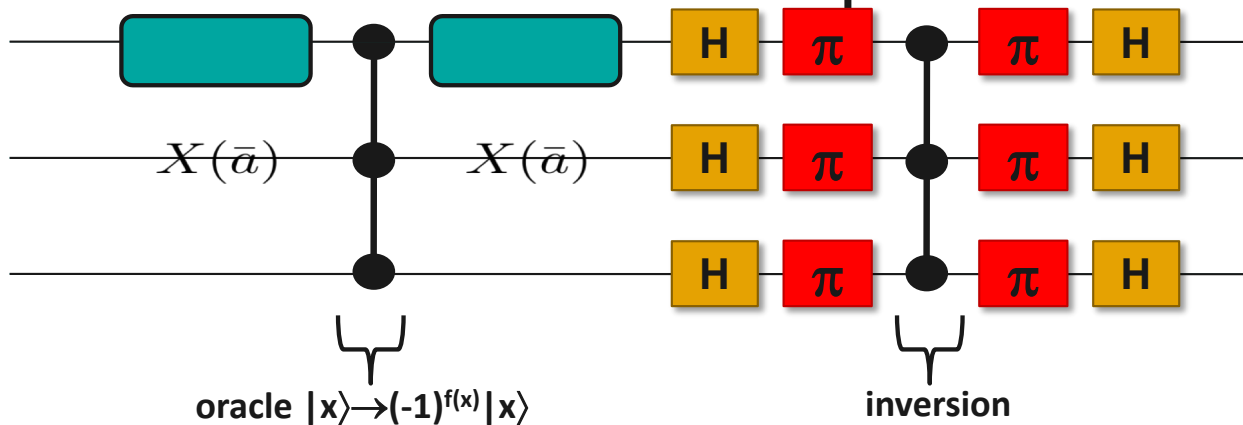
- *Quantum non-demolition (QND) measurement*: qubit remains in measured state
- Rotate:
  - NOT gate: rotate  $\pi$  radians around X or Y (a.k.a. “*pi pulse*”)
  - But also... any arbitrary rotation allowed! ( $\pi/2$  is a common one)



# Grover's algorithm



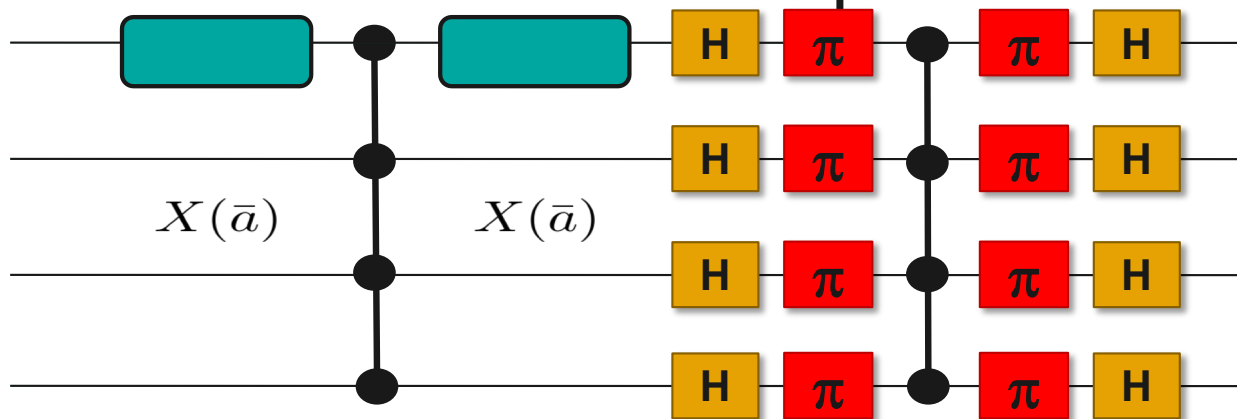
# Grover's iteration on 3 qubits



2 iterations, 10 two-qubit gates/iteration, 14 single-qubit locs/CCZ



# Grover's iteration on 4 qubits



3 iterations  
 26 two-qubit gates/iteration  
 78 one-qubit locs/CCZ

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