

QPL 2025 program (14 - 18 July 2025 in Varna, Bulgaria)

Overview of the program

Welcome to Varna! Registration opens at 9:00 AM on Monday at Hotel Chernomorec.

At 9:40 AM, there will be a welcome address from the organizers.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration (until 9:40)					
9:30 – 9:55		Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions		
9:55 – 10:20	Plenary sessions				INDUSTRY*	Plenary sessions
10:20 – 10:45						
	Coffee break					
11:15 – 11:40	Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions	Plenary sessions	
11:40 – 12:05					BUSINESS MEETING	
12:05 – 12:30						
	Lunch break					
14:00 – 14:25	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions		Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions	
14:25 – 14:50						
14:50 – 15:15						
	Coffee break		Guided museum tour	Coffee break		
15:45 – 16:10	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions		Parallel sessions	End of QPL 2025. Goodbye!	
16:10 – 16:35						
16:35 – 17:00				ESPECIAL**		
17:00 – 19:00	Poster session (with reception)					
19:00 – 20:00			Drinks	(start at 19:30) Conference dinner		
20:00 – 21:30			Jazz concert			
21:30 – 22:00						

* INDUSTRY will last 30 min.

** ESPECIAL will last 40 min.

Monday

9:00 – 9:40	Registration	
9:40 – 9:55	Welcome	
	Session chair: Augustin Vanrietvelde (Hall Chernov More)	
9:55 – 10:20	Alastair Abbott, Mehdi Mhalla and Pierre Pocreau Classical and quantum query complexity of Boolean functions under indefinite causal order	
10:20 – 10:45	Tein van der Lugt and Robin Lorenz Unitary causal decompositions: a combinatorial characterisation via lattice theory	
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Ognyan Oreshkov (Hall Chernov More)	
11:15 – 11:40	Raphaël Mothe, Alastair Abbott and Cyril Branciard Correlations and quantum circuits with dynamical causal order	
11:40 – 12:05	Carla Ferradini, Victor Gitton and V. Vilasini Cyclic quantum and classical causal modelling with a novel graph separation theorem	
12:05 – 12:30	Jessica Bavaresco, Amin Baumeler, Yelena Guryanova and Costantino Budroni Indefinite causal order in boxworld theories	
Lunch break		
	Session chair: Vladimir Zamdzhiev (Hall Chernov More)	Session chair: Alastair Abbott (Hall Varna)
14:00 – 14:25	Amin Karamlou Quantum Spoiler-Duplicator Games	Hlér Kristjánsson, Tatsuki Otake, Satoshi Yoshida, Philip Taranto, Jessica Bavaresco, Marco Túlio Quintino and Mio Murao Exponential separation in quantum query complexity of the quantum switch with respect to simulations with standard quantum circuits
14:25 – 14:50	Louis Lemonnier Non-Cartesian Guarded Recursion with Daggers	Julian Wechs and Ognyan Oreshkov Subsystem decompositions of quantum evolutions and transformations between causal perspectives
14:50 – 15:15	Liyi Li, Federico Zahariev, Chandeeppa Dissanayake, Jae Swanepoel, Amr Sabry and Mark Gordon Quantum Simulation Programming via Typing	Nick Ormrod and Robert Spekkens Causation in Classical Mechanics
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Ravi Kunjwal (Hall Chernov More)	Session chair: James Hefford (Hall Varna)
15:45 – 16:10	Albert Aloy, Matteo Fadel, Thomas Galley, Caroline Jones and Markus P. Mueller Theory-independent monitoring of the decoherence of a superconducting qubit with generalized contextuality	Peng Fu, Kohei Kishida, Neil J. Ross and Peter Selinger Proto-Quipper with Reversing and Control
16:10 – 16:35	Laurens Wallegghem and Lorenzo Catani An extended Wigner’s friend no-go theorem inspired by generalized contextuality	Fabian Wiesner, Ziad Chaoui, Diana Kessler, Anna Pappa and Martti Karvonen Why quantum state verification cannot be both efficient and secure: a categorical approach
16:35 – 17:00	Laurens Wallegghem, Rui Soares Barbosa, Matt Pusey and Stefan Weigert A refined Frauchiger--Renner paradox based on strong contextuality	Jean-Simon Lemay, Robin Cockett and Priyaa Srinivasan Dagger Drazin Inverses
17:00 – 19:00	Poster session (with reception)	

Tuesday

	Session chair: Ross Duncan (Hall Chernov More)	
9:30 – 9:55	Andrey Khesin, Jonathan Lu and Peter Shor Universal graph representation of stabilizer codes	
9:55 – 10:20	Benjamin Rodatz, Boldizsár Poór and Aleks Kissinger Floquetifying stabiliser codes with distance-preserving rewrites	
10:20 – 10:45	Matthew Sutcliffe and Aleks Kissinger Fast Classical Simulation of Quantum Circuits via Parametric Rewriting in the ZX-Calculus	
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Nicola Pinzani (Hall Chernov More)	
11:15 – 11:40	Martin Plávala, Otfried Gühne and Marco Túlio Quintino All incompatible measurements on qubits lead to multipartite Bell nonlocality	
11:40 – 12:05	Kai-Siang Chen, Gelo Noel Tabia, Chung-Yun Hsieh, Yu-Chun Yin and Yeong-Cherng Liang Nonlocality of Quantum States Can be Transitive	
12:05 – 12:30	Nadish de Silva, Ming Yin and Santanil Jana A classification program for nonlocality paradoxes of three qubits	
Lunch break		
	Session chair: Miriam Backens (Hall Chernov More)	Session chair: Jessica Bavaresco (Hall Varna)
14:00 – 14:25	Nadish de Silva and Oscar Lautsch The Clifford hierarchy for one qubit or qudit	Ivan Šupić, Maria Balanzo-Juando, Andrea Coladangelo, Remigiusz Augusiak and Antonio Acin All pure multipartite entangled states of qubits can be self-tested up to complex conjugation
14:25 – 14:50	Clément Poirson, Robert Booth and Joschka Roffe CSS surgery: compiling any CNOT in any code	Arthur Mehta, Connor Paddock and Lewis Woollerton Self-testing in the compiled setting via tilted-CHSH inequalities
14:50 – 15:15	Angelos Bampounis, Rui Soares Barbosa and Nadish de Silva Matchgate hierarchy: Deterministic gate teleportation in matchgate circuits	Rutvij Bhavsar, Lewis Woollerton and Joonwoo Bae A composable framework for device-independent state certification with local operations and classical communication
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Cole Comfort (Hall Chernov More)	Session chair: Zixuan Liu (Hall Varna)
15:45 – 16:10	Boldizsár Poór, Razin A. Shaikh and Quanlong Wang ZX-calculus is Complete for Finite-Dimensional Hilbert Spaces	Matthias Salzger and John Selby A decomposition framework for process theories in spacetime
16:10 – 16:35	Mateusz Kupper, Chris Heunen, Niel de Beaudrap and Dominic Horsman String diagrams for defect-based surface code computing	Augustin Vanrietvelde, Octave Mestoudjian and Pablo Arrighi Causal Decompositions of 1D Quantum Cellular Automata
16:35 – 17:00	Titouan Carrette, Renaud Vilmart and Daniela Cojocaru The decohered ZX-calculus	Maarten Grothuis, Alastair Abbott, Augustin Vanrietvelde and Cyril Branciard Routing Quantum Control of Causal Order

Wednesday

	Session chair: Alejandro Díaz-Caro (Hall Chernomora)
9:30 – 9:55	Aaron David Fairbanks and Peter Selinger On traces in categories of contractions
9:55 – 10:20	John Selby, Maria Stasinou, Matt Wilson and Bob Coecke Generalised process theories
	INDUSTRY
10:20 – 10:35	Quantinuum – Ross Duncan
10:35 – 10:50	NeverLocal – Nicola Pinzani
	Coffee break
	Session chair: Anna Jenčová (Hall Chernomora)
11:15 – 11:40	Yilè Ying, Maria Ciudad Alanon, Daniel Centeno, Marco Erba, Thomas Galley, David Schmid, John H. Selby, Robert W. Spekkens, Sina Soltani, Jacopo Surace and Alex Wilce Twirled worlds: symmetry-induced failures of tomographic locality (and its comparison with quantum theory over the real field)
11:40 – 12:05	Vincenzo Fiorentino and Stefan Weigert Quantum Theories with Alternative State-Update Rules
12:05 – 12:30	Marco Erba and Paolo Perinotti The composition rule for quantum systems is not the only possible one
	Lunch break
14:20 – 17:00	Guided museum tour*
19:00 – 20:00	Drinks
20:00 – 21:30	Jazz concert**

* Guided tour of the Archeological Museum of Varna, which features the oldest gold treasure in the world (4600 - 4200 BC) discovered in the Varna Necropolis.

** Jazz concert by Bulgarian musician Hristo Yotsov in the yard of the museum.

Thursday

	Session chair: Aleks Kissinger (Hall Chernomora)	
9:30 – 9:55	Piotr Mitosek and Miriam Backens An algebraic interpretation of Pauli flow, leading to faster flow-finding algorithms	
9:55 – 10:20	Mehdi Mhalla, Simon Perdrix and Luc Sanselme Shadow Pauli Flow: Characterising Determinism in MBQCs involving Pauli Measurements	
10:20 – 10:45	Nathan Claudet and Simon Perdrix Generalising Local Complementation to Capture Local Unitary Equivalence of Graph States	
Conference photo at 10:45 & coffee break		
	Session chair: Simon Perdrix (Hall Chernomora)	
11:15 – 11:40	Sarah Meng Li, Michele Mosca, Neil J. Ross, John van de Wetering and Yuming Zhao A Complete and Natural Rule Set for Multi-Qutrit Clifford Circuits	
11:40 – 12:05	Matthew Amy, Nadish de Silva and Kasra Masoudi The Channel Representation and Non-Clifford Resources	
12:05 – 12:30	Linh Dinh and Neil J. Ross Contributions to the Theory of Clifford-Cyclotomic Circuits	
Lunch break		
	Session chair: Arianne Meijer-van de Griend (Hall Chernomora)	Session chair: Robert Booth (Hall Varna)
14:00 – 14:25	Vivien Vandaele Lower T-count with faster algorithms	Satoshi Yoshida, Yuki Koizumi, Michał Studziński, Marco Túlio Quintino and Mio Murao One-to-one Correspondence between Deterministic Port-Based Teleportation and Unitary Estimation
14:25 – 14:50	Mathias Weiden, Justin Kalloor, Ed Younis, John Kubiawicz and Costin Iancu High-Precision Fault-Tolerant Quantum Circuit Synthesis by Unitary Diagonalization	Paul Herringer, Vir B. Bulchandani, Younes Javanmard, David T. Stephen and Robert Raussendorf Measurement-based quantum computation in symmetry-enriched topological phases
14:50 – 15:15	Tuomas Laakkonen Synthesizing Controlled or Distributed Clifford Circuits	Thomas Perez and Miriam Backens Inserting planar-measured qubits into MBQC patterns while preserving flow
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Nadish de Silva (Hall Chernomora)	Session chair: Eleftherios Tselentis (Hall Varna)
15:45 – 16:10	Raman Choudhary and Rui Soares Barbosa Exclusivity principle, Ramsey theory, and n-cycle PR boxes	Nicetu Tibau Vidal and Giulio Chiribella BMV experiment without spacetime superpositions
16:10 – 16:35	Aziz Khoroof, Selman Ipek and Cihan Okay Extremal simplicial distributions on glued cycle scenarios with arbitrary outcomes	Bruna Larissa de Souza Sardo E Silva, Natália S. Móller and Nelson Yokomizo Gravitational quantum switch on a superposition of spherical shells
	Session chair: TBA (Hall Chernomora)	
16:35 – 17:15	ESPECIAL – Bob Coecke, Stefano Gogioso, Aleks Kissinger, Selma Dünder-Coecke, Caterina Puca, Lia Yeh, Muhammad Hamza Waseem, Sieglind M.-L. Pfaendler, Thomas Cervoni and Vincent Wang-Mancianica High schoolers excel at Oxford post-graduate quantum exam: empirical evidence in support of quantum pictorialism as a new formalism for quantum theory	
19:30 – 22:00	Conference Dinner at restaurant Veranda, Club Horizont	

Friday

	Session chair: TBA (Hall Chernov More)	
9:55 – 10:20	Yujie Zhang, David Schmid, Yilè Ying and Robbert Spekkens Defining nonclassicality for individual quantum processes	
10:20 – 10:45	Sina Soltani, Marco Erba, David Schmid and John H. Selby Noncontextual ontological models of operational probabilistic theories	
Coffee break		
	Session chair: Ana Belén Sainz (Hall Chernov More)	
11:15 – 11:40	Nihil Shah and Anuj Dawar Complexity of Satisfiability in Kochen-Specker Partial Boolean Algebras	
11:40 – 12:30	BUSINESS MEETING	
Lunch break		
	Session chair: Timothée Hoffreumon (Hall Chernov More)	Session chair: Lorenzo Catani (Hall Varna)
14:00 – 14:25	Anna Jenčová On the structure of higher order quantum maps	Theodoros Yianni and Farid Shahandeh Complexity of Contextuality
14:25 – 14:50	Ved Kunte and Cyril Branciard A Higher Order Theory for Fermionic Systems	Maiyuren Srikumar, Stephen. D. Bartlett and Angela Karanjai How contextuality and antidistinguishability are related
14:50 – 15:15	James Hefford and Matt Wilson A BV-Category of Spacetime Interventions	Yilè Ying, Tomáš Gonda and Robert Spekkens Resource dependence relations and contextuality in asymmetry trade-offs
Coffee break		
15:45	End of QPL 2025. Goodbye!	

List of posters

Authors	Title
Alexander Koziell-Pipe, Richie Yeung, David Philipps and Matthew Sutcliffe	Towards Faster Quantum Circuit Simulation Using Graph Decompositions, GNNs and Reinforcement Learning
Matty Hoban, Tom Drescher and Ana Belén Sainz	A hierarchy of semidefinite programs for generalised Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen scenarios
Jad Issa, Christophe Chareton and Romain Péchoux	Compact and efficient formalism for resource estimation in quantum programs
Edwin Agnew, Lia Yeh and Richie Yeung	Algebraic Structure of Controlled States and Operators in the ZXW calculus
Rutvij Bhavsar, Hamid Tebyanian and Roger Colbeck	Semi Device Independent Randomness Expansion Protocols Secure Against Quantum Side Information and General Attacks
Martin van Ijcken and Aleks Kissinger	Generalized flow and determinism for hypergraph measurement patterns
Shintaro Minagawa, M. Hamed Mohammady, Kenta Sakai, Kohtaro Kato and Francesco Buscemi	Universal validity of the second law of information thermodynamics
Thomas Vinet, Romain Péchoux, Emmanuel Hainry and Kostia Chardonnet	A hybrid and reversible quantum language
Kuntal Sengupta	Achieving Maximal Causal Indefiniteness in a Maximally Nonlocal Theory
Johannes Fankhauser, Tomáš Gonda and Gemma De Les Coves	Epistemic Horizons From Deterministic Laws: Lessons From a Nomic Toy Theory
Nasra Daher Ahmed and Ravi Kunjwal	When can you trade causal order for locality?
Tein van der Lugt	An order-theoretic circuit syntax and the role of the concept lattice for causal faithfulness
Razin A. Shaikh, Lia Yeh and Stefano Gogioso	The Focked-up ZX Calculus: Picturing Continuous-Variable Quantum Computation
Haytham McDowall-Rose, Razin A. Shaikh and Lia Yeh	A graphical calculus for Fermion-to-Qubit mappings

Nicholas Godfrey	Toward a Quantum-Inspired Framework for Modelling Legal Rules
Luca Apadula, Alessandro Bisio, Paolo Perinotti and Marco Erba	A compositional characterization of higher-order transformations in operational probabilistic theories
Amrapali Sen, Matthias Salzger and Łukasz Rudnicki	Superluminal Quantum Reference Frames
Kyrylo Simonov, Luca Apadula, Giulio Chiribella, Paolo Perinotti and Alessandro Bisio	Higher-order quantum theory with indefinite input-output direction
Tomoaki Kawano	Dynamic Quantum Logic with Probability Values
Lee Gunderson, Davide Poderini and Gecia Bravo-Hermsdorff	Causal Bounds via Subgraph Inequalities
Rafael Macêdo, Patrick Andriolo, Santiago Zamora, Davide Poderini and Rafael Chaves	Witnessing Magic with Bell Inequalities
Scott Wesley	Enriched Categories for Parameterized Circuit Semantics
Kyrylo Simonov, Giulio Chiribella and Xuanqiang Zhao	Two-time states and weak values: Structure and efficient estimation
Zixuan Liu and Ognian Oreshkov	Information causality for indefinite causal order
Davide Poderini and Marco Erba	Testing the quantum composition postulate
Haruki Emori, Akihisa Tomita and Masanao Ozawa	Parameterized quantum instruments
Kayo Tei, Haruto Mishina, Naoki Yamamoto and Kazunori Ueda	Optimization and Verification of Quantum Circuits using a Graph Rewriting Language
Vishal Johnson, Ashmeet Singh and Torsten Enßlin	The Born Rule in Unitary Quantum Mechanics
Kathleen Barsse, Romain Pécoux and Simon Perdrix	A quantum programming language for coherent control