



S'20 CS 410/510

# Intro to quantum computing

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## Week 4

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- Simon's algorithm
- Reversible computation

# Exercise: Hadamard

1. What is  $H^2 := HH?$

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

$$H^2 = H \quad \text{DEF. of Unitary}$$

$$H^T H = I$$

$$= I$$

2. What is the matrix form of  $H^{\otimes 2} := H \otimes H?$

$$H^{\otimes 2} = H \otimes H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$

3. Let  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^3} |x\rangle$ . What is  $H^{\otimes 3} |\psi\rangle$ ?

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^3} |x\rangle$$

$$H^{\otimes n} |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle$$

$$x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \bmod 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} H^{\otimes 3} |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_x H^{\otimes 3} |x\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^3}} \sum_y (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x\rangle &= |000\rangle \\ &\quad |001\rangle \\ &\quad \vdots \end{aligned}$$

# Asymptotic notations

$O(\cdot), \Omega(\cdot), \Theta(\cdot), o(\cdot), \omega(\cdot)$

| Notation                  | Definition  | Think                    | Example                                  |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| $f(n) = O(g(n))$          | $\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0, \forall n > n_0: 0 \leq f(n) \leq cg(n)$ | Upper bound              | $100n^2 = O(n^3)$                        |
| $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$     | $\exists c > 0, n_0 > 0, \forall n > n_0: 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n)$ | Lower bound              | $100n^2 = \Omega(n^{1.5})$               |
| $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$     | $f(n) = O(g(n))$<br>$\& f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$                      | Tight bound              | $\log(n!) = \Theta(n \log n)$            |
| $o(\cdot), \omega(\cdot)$ |   | Strict upper/lower bound | $n^2 = o(2^n)$<br>$n^2 = \omega(\log n)$ |

$\curvearrowleft (1)$  constant 1000,  $3/4 \dots$

# Reflection on Deutsch-Josza

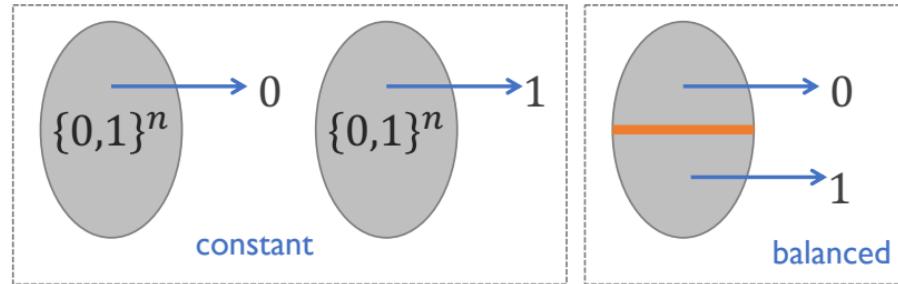
Given: black-box  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  either **constant** or **balanced**

- **constant** means  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ , or  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x$
- **balanced** means  $\sum_x f(x) = 2^{n-1}$

Goal: decide which case

- Consider all  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

• # of **constant** functions 2



• # of **balanced** functions 70

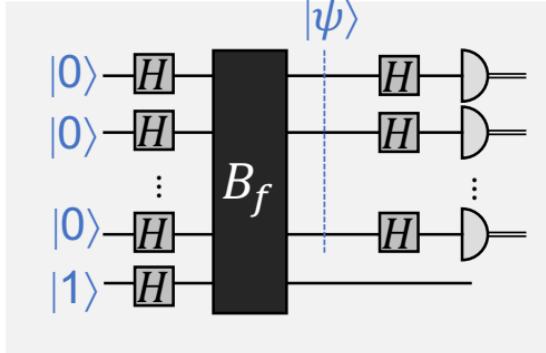
$$\binom{8}{4} = \frac{8!}{4!(8-4)!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}$$

• Total # of functions 256 ( $2^n$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x}{\overbrace{\begin{array}{c} 000 \\ 001 \\ \vdots \\ 111 \end{array}}^{f(x)}} \\ & 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 = 2^8 = 256 \end{aligned}$$

- This is called a **Promise** problem

# Reflection on Deutsch-Josza



$$|\psi\rangle \propto \begin{cases} H^{\otimes n} \left( \pm \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle \right), & f \text{ constant} \\ \text{orthogonal to } \left( \pm \sum_x |x\rangle \right), & f \text{ balanced} \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow |\phi^n\rangle$   
 $\rightarrow |\chi \neq 0\rangle$

How to distinguish between the two cases?

What is  $H^{\otimes n}|\psi\rangle$ ?

- Constant:  $H^{\otimes n}|\psi\rangle = \pm|00 \dots 0\rangle$
- Balanced:  $H^{\otimes n}|\psi\rangle \in (\pm|00 \dots 0\rangle)^\perp$

# Simon's algorithm

# Quantum vs. classical separations

| Black-box problem                                  | Classical deterministic | Randomized $\Omega(1)$ prob. | Quantum                     |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Deutsch<br>(1-bit constant vs. balanced)           | 2 (queries)             | 2 (queries)                  | 1 (query)                   |
| Deutsch-Josza<br>( $n$ -bit constant vs. balanced) | $2^{n-1} + 1$           | $\Omega(n)$                  | 1<br>Exact                  |
| Simon  | $2^{n-1} + 1$           | $\Omega(\sqrt{2^n})$         | $O(n)$<br>$\Omega(1)$ prob. |

# Simon's problem

Given: a black-box function  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$

- **Promise:** there exists secret  $s \neq 0^n$  such that

$$\forall x \neq x' \in \{0,1\}^n, f(x) = f(x') \text{ iff. } x \oplus x' = s$$

Goal: find secret string  $s$ .

Example.

| $x$ | $f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| 000 | 011    |
| 001 | 101    |
| 010 | 000    |
| 011 | 010    |
| 100 | 101    |
| 101 | 011    |
| 110 | 010    |
| 111 | 000    |

$$111 \oplus 010 = 101$$

What is  $s$  in this case? \_\_\_\_\_

| $x$                 | $f(x)$ |
|---------------------|--------|
| $x_1, x_1 \oplus s$ | Red    |
| $x_2, x_2 \oplus s$ | Yellow |
| ...                 |        |
| $x_k, x_k \oplus s$ | Blue   |
| ...                 |        |

# Classical algorithms for Simon

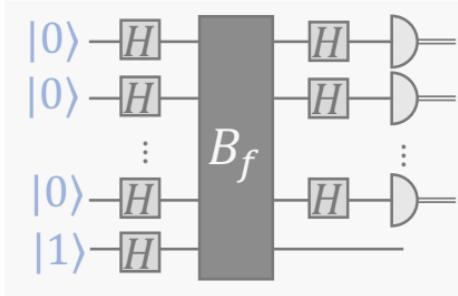
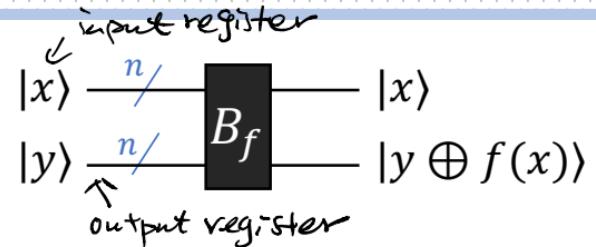
$$x \longrightarrow f \longrightarrow f(x)$$

- Search for a **collision**: an  $x \neq y$  such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ 
  - Choose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in \{0,1\}^n$  randomly (independently)
  - For all  $i \neq j$ , if  $f(x_i) = f(x_j)$ , then output  $x_i \oplus x_j$  and halt
- A hard case:  $s$  is chosen at random &  $f(x)$  is chosen randomly subject to the structure implied by  $s$
- **Birthday** bound:  $k = \Theta(\sqrt{2^n})$  to see a collision with constant (e.g., 3/4) probability
- This strategy is essentially optimal. (NB. You have to rule out all possible randomized algorithms)

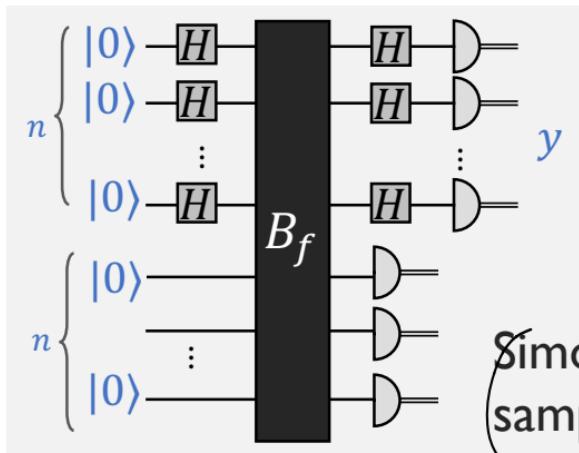
# A quantum algorithm for Simon

Recall: quantum black-box function

$$\text{Unitary } B_f: |x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|y \oplus f(x)\rangle$$



Deutsch-Josza



Simon's quantum sampling subroutine

# Simon's algorithm

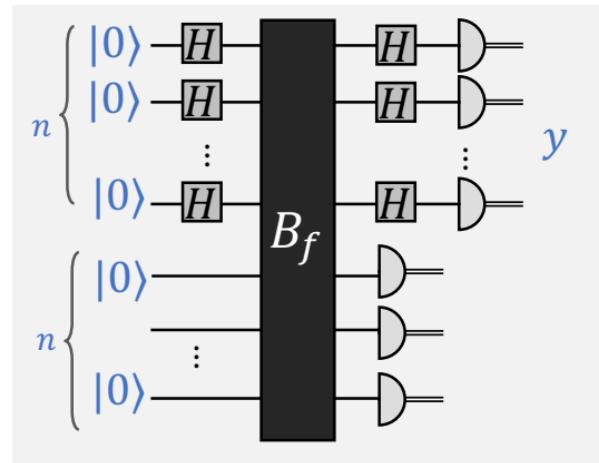
1. Run Simon's quantum sampling subroutine  $k$  times.

Obtain samples  $y_1, \dots, y_k$

2. Post-processing. *Classical*

Solving linear system to find  $s$

**Theorem.**  $k = O(n)$  quantum queries suffice to find  $s$  w. prob.  $\geq 1/4$ .



# Simon's algorithm: analysis

1. Run Simon's quantum sampling subroutine  $k$  times.

Obtain samples  $y_1, \dots, y_k \in \{0,1\}^n$

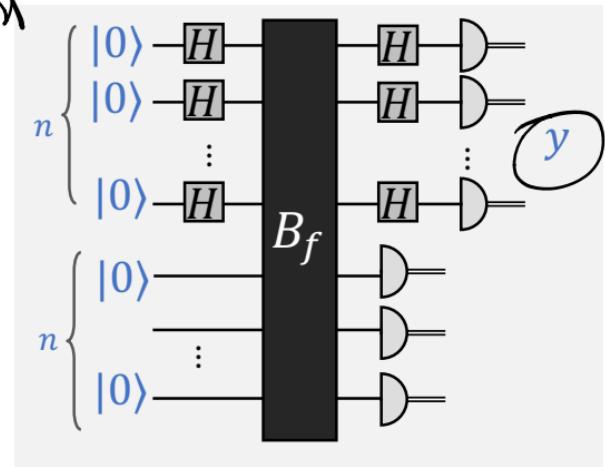
2. Classical post-processing on  $\{y_i\}$ .

Solving linear system to find  $s$

- a What do the samples  $y_i$  tell us?
- b How many samples are needed?

Remarks on notations

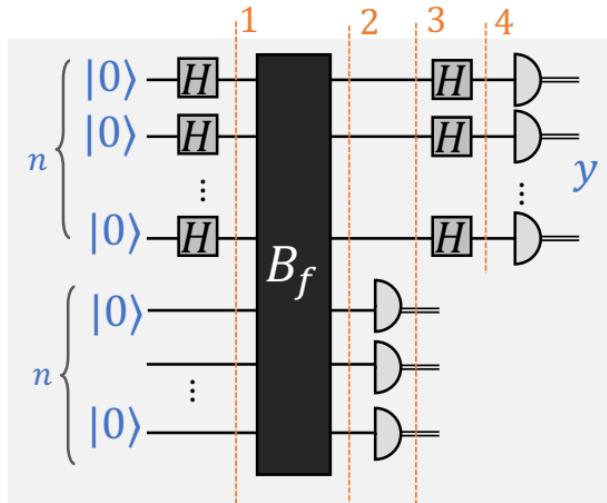
- $xy, \alpha\beta, AB$  usually denotes **multiplication** (integers, complex numbers, matrices)
- **Strings**  $x, y \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,  $x \cdot y$  denotes dot product, i.e., sum of bit-wise mult. mod 2  
(for single bit:  $x + y \text{ mod } 2 = x \oplus y, x \cdot y = xy$ )
- **Concatenation**  $x||y$



# Simon's algorithm: analysis I

a) What do the samples  $y_i$  tell us?

$$n=3 \quad 1 \times = |000\rangle$$



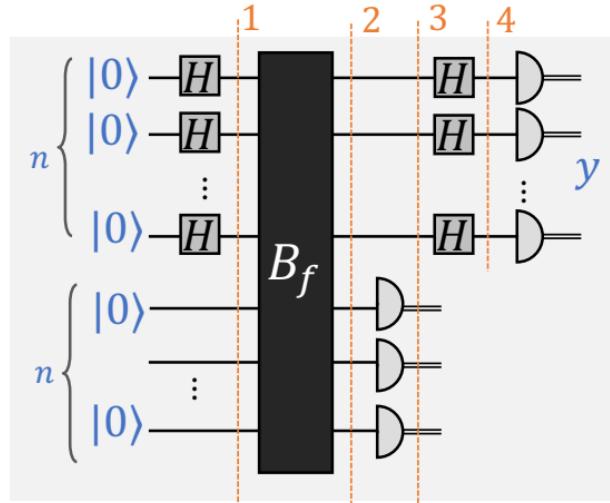
$$\begin{aligned}
 & |0^n\rangle |0^n\rangle \\
 & \xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n} \otimes 1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle \right) |0^n\rangle \\
 & = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x |x\rangle |0^n\rangle \\
 & \xrightarrow{B_f} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x B_f(|x\rangle |0^n\rangle) \\
 & B_f : |x\rangle |y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

# Simon's algorithm: analysis I

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$$\underline{Z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$$

<sup>3</sup> meas  
bottom  
 $n$  qubits

|                   | observe             | w.P.   | Posterior State |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| $Q \in \{0,1\}^n$ | $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( xa\rangle +  x_a \oplus s\rangle)$ |                 |

• which terms contribute to "a"?

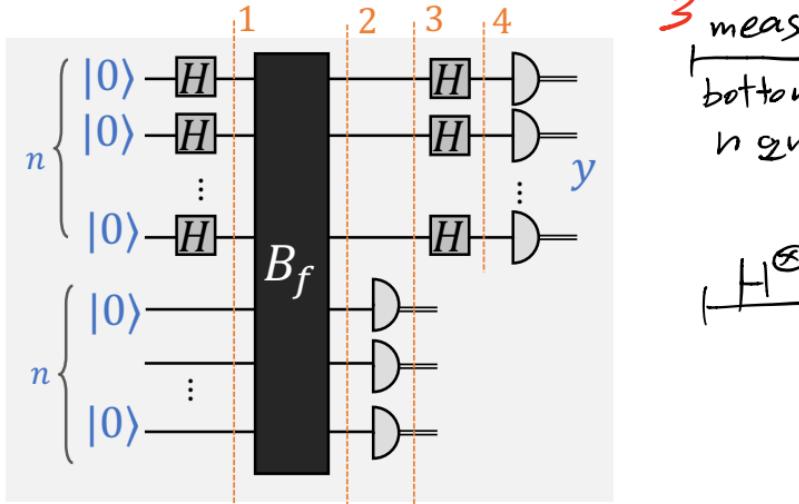
$$\text{i.e. } f^{-1}(a) = \{x_a, x_a \oplus s\}$$

$$B_f : |x\rangle |y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} (|xa\rangle + |x_a \oplus s\rangle)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^n}\right)}}$$

# Simon's algorithm: analysis I

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$\xrightarrow[bottom\ n\ qubits]{meas}$

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|-------------------|---------------------|--|
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$$\xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H^{\otimes n}(x_a)\rangle + H^{\otimes n}(x_a \oplus s)\rangle)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \left( \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} (-1)^{x_a \cdot y} |y\rangle + \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y} |y\rangle \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} ((-1)^{x_a \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y}) |y\rangle$$

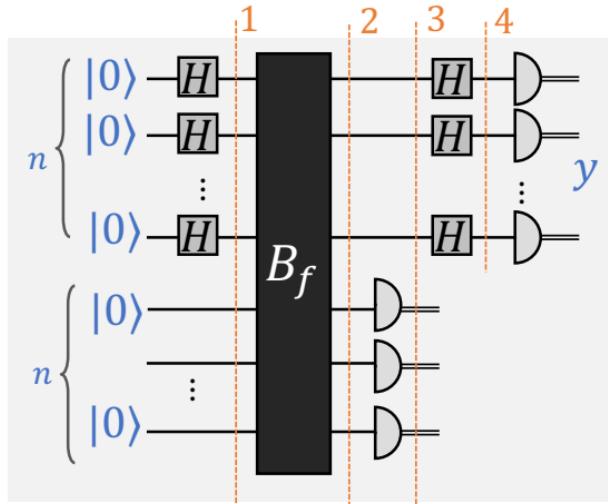
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# Simon's algorithm: analysis I

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$$4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} ((-1)^{x_1 \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y}) |y\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_y |y\rangle,$$

$$\alpha_y := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} ((-1)^{x_1 \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y})$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{meas.}}$

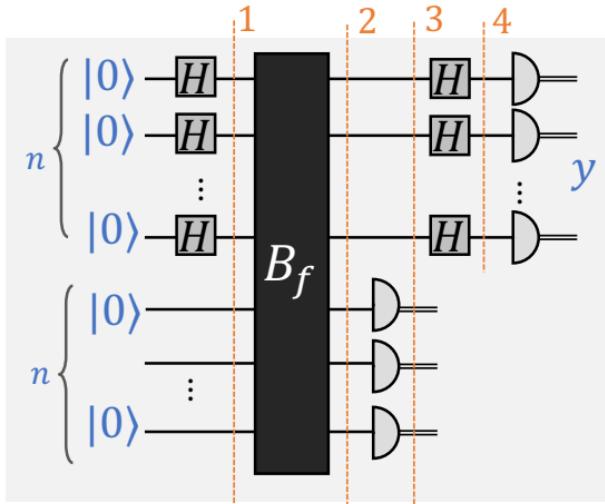
| Obs.  | w.p.           | Posterior State |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| $'y'$ | $ \alpha_y ^2$ | $ y\rangle$     |

$$B_f : |x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|y \oplus (x\rangle)$$

$$H^{\otimes n}|x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle$$

# Simon's algorithm: analysis I

a) What do the samples  $y_i$  tell us?



$$(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y = x_a \cdot y \oplus s \cdot y$$

$$\alpha_y := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n+1}}} ((-1)^{x_a \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y})$$

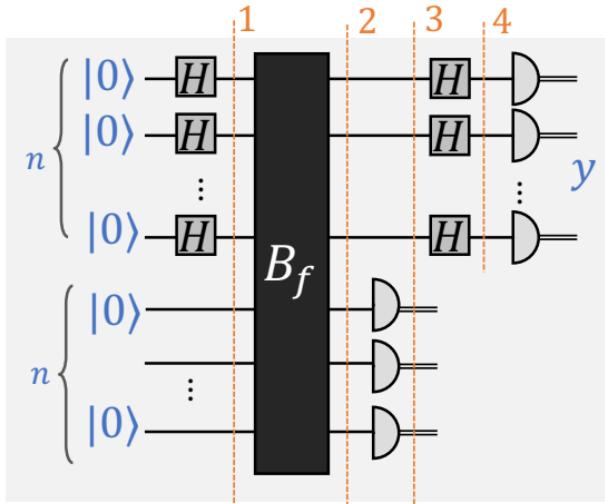
meas.

| obs.  | w.p.           | posterior state |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| $"y"$ | $ \alpha_y ^2$ | $ y\rangle$     |

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[y] &= |\alpha_y|^2 = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left| (-1)^{x_a \cdot y} + (-1)^{(x_a \oplus s) \cdot y} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left| (-1)^{x_a \cdot y} + (-1)^{x_a \cdot y} \cdot (-1)^{s \cdot y} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left| 1 + (-1)^{s \cdot y} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$P[y] = |\alpha_y|^2 = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} |1 + (-1)^{s \cdot y}|^2$$

Case 1:  $y \cdot s = 1$   $|\alpha_y|^2 = 0$

Case 2:  $y \cdot s = 0$   $|\alpha_y|^2 = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$

what 'y' we can see?

- $y \cdot s = 0$  a random  $y$

# Simon's algorithm: analysis II

b How many samples are needed?

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1 \cdot s = 0 \\ y_2 \cdot s = 0 \\ \dots \\ y_k \cdot s = 0 \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & \dots & y_{1n} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} & \dots & y_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_{k1} & y_{k2} & \dots & y_{kn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Fact. When  $k = n - 1$ , unique solution  $s$  with prob.  $\geq \frac{1}{4}$

$\Pr[y_1, \dots, y_{n-1} \text{ linearly indep.}] \geq 1/4$

Efficient algorithm:  $O(n^{2.376})$  Coppersmith-Winograd

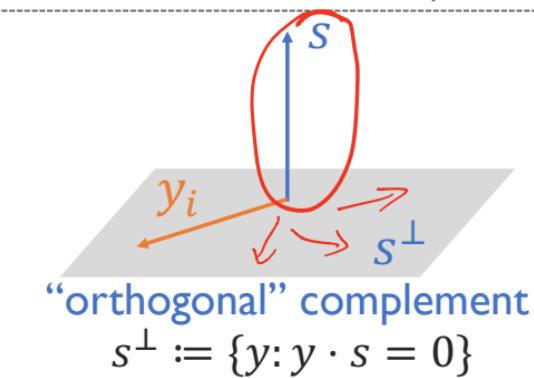
# Simon's algorithm: a geometric interpretation

- Viewing  $\{0,1\}^n$  as a vector space

- $\mathbb{Z}_2 := \{0,1\}$  with addition and multiplication mod 2 is a **field**
- $\{0,1\}^n = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \mathbb{Z}_2^n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

- Let  $x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_n y_n \text{ mod } 2$  “dot product”

- $x \cdot y = 0$  can be interpreted as the vectors being “orthogonal” (Not precise: e.g.,  $\exists x \neq 0, x \cdot x = 0$ )



- Quantum sampling subroutine samples from  $s^\perp$  **uniformly** at random
- $O(n)$  **independent** samples determines  $s$  with constant probability

# Recap: quantum speedups

| Black-box problem                                  | Classical deterministic | Randomized $\Omega(1)$ prob. | Quantum                     |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Deutsch<br>(1-bit constant vs. balanced)           | 2 (queries)             | 2 (queries)                  | 1 (query)                   |
| Deutsch-Josza<br>( $n$ -bit constant vs. balanced) | $2^{n-1} + 1$           | $\Omega(n)$                  | 1<br>Exact                  |
| Simon  | $2^{n-1} + 1$           | $\Omega(\sqrt{2^n})$         | $O(n)$<br>$\Omega(1)$ prob. |

exponential speed up

# Exercise: amplifying the success probability

$\Theta(n)$  queries  
to  $B_f$

$s$  w.p.  $\geq 1/4$

- How to find  $s$  with probability  $\geq 1 - 2^{-n}$ ?
- How many quantum queries will be needed?

Biased     $H : 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$      $\Pr[\text{BAD}]$   
 $T : 1 - \varepsilon$      $= \Pr[\text{COIN TAILS}] \cdot \Pr[\geq \text{TAILS}]$   
.....  $\Pr[\text{at least } m \text{ Tails}]$

$$1 \quad 2 \quad \dots \quad m \\ \textcircled{1} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \dots \quad \textcircled{m} \quad \text{indep.} = (1 - \varepsilon)^m$$

Goal: see at least one HEADS

Bad: all coins in  $T$

$$\Pr[\text{succ}] = 1 - \underbrace{(1 - \varepsilon)^m}_{\varepsilon = 1/4 \quad m = n}$$

# Reversible computation

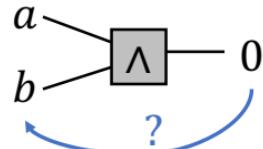
# Quantum vs. classical computation

- We've seen a few examples where quantum algorithms outperform classical ones → quantum computer is powerful
- But, wait a second, we haven't even justified a basic goal ...

Is a quantum computer (at least) as powerful as a classical computer?

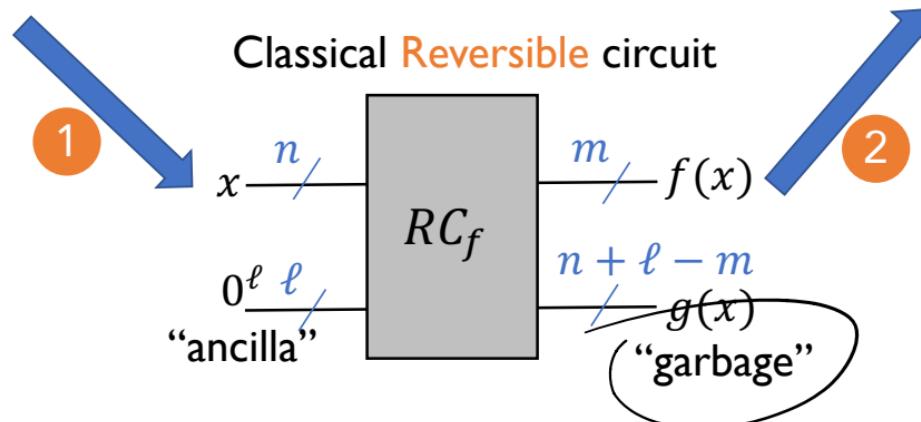
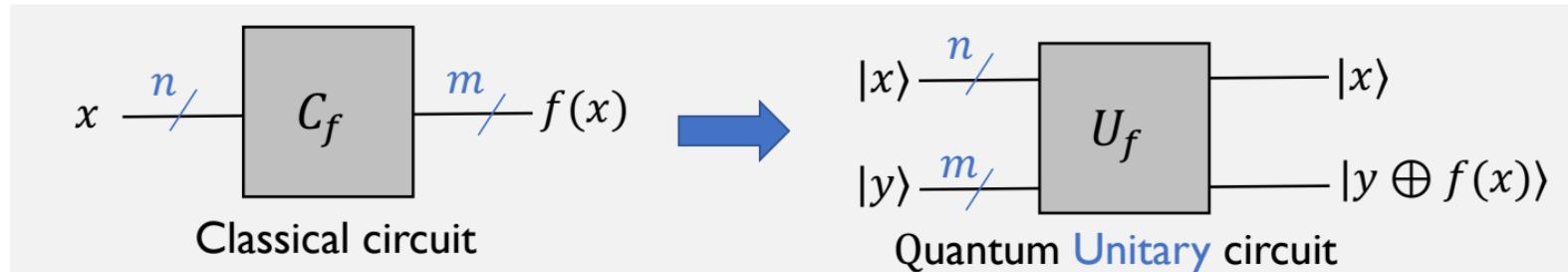
i.e. can an arbitrary efficient classical algorithm (circuit)  
be converted to an efficient quantum algorithm (circuit)?

- Not immediate, quantum ckt (w.o. meas.) is unitary → **reversible**

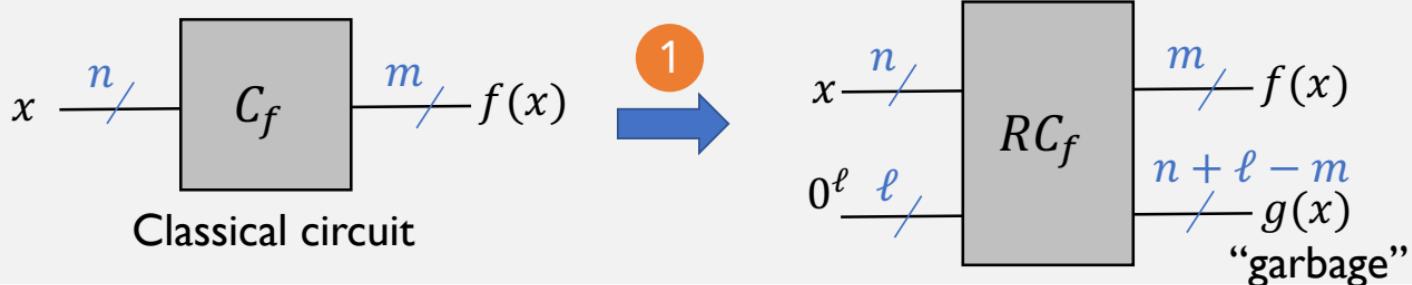


# Simulating classical circuit

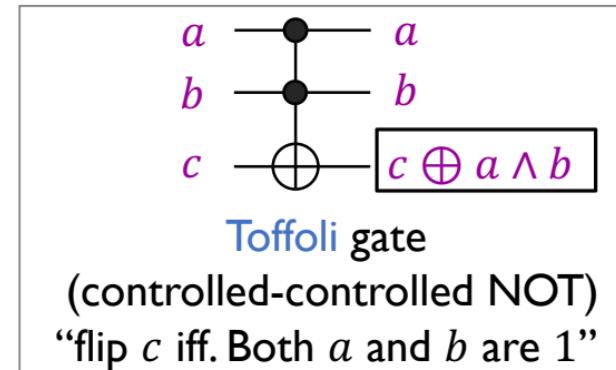
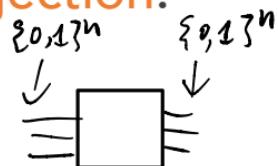
- Consider  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$       Ex.  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2 \text{ mod } 2^m, n = 2m$



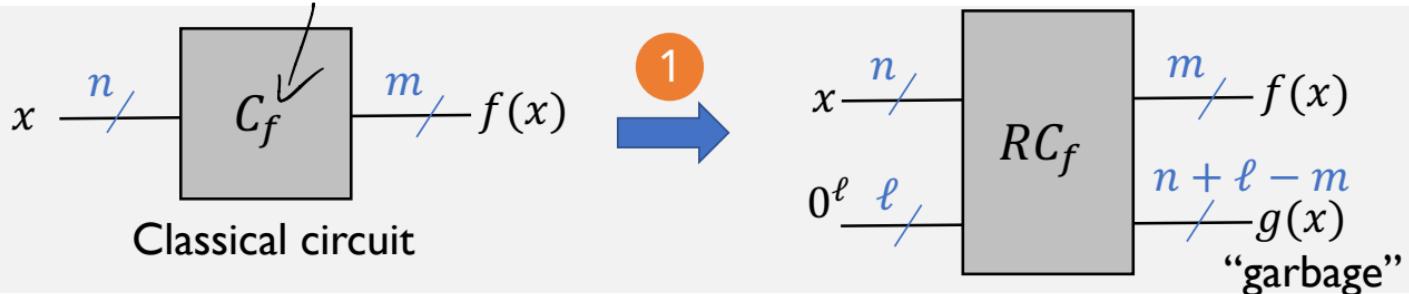
# 1. Making classical circuit reversible



- Def. A Boolean gate is **reversible** if it has the **same** input / output size, and the input to output mapping is a **bijection**.

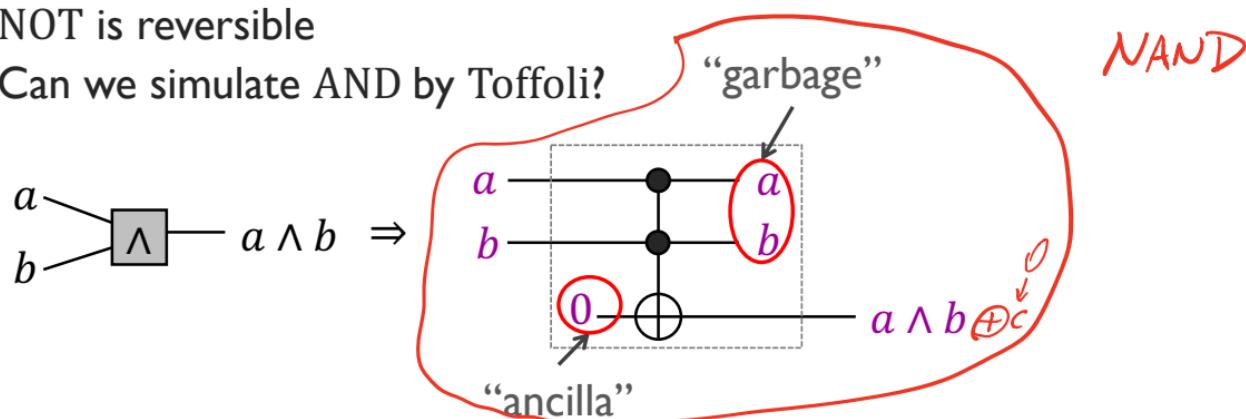


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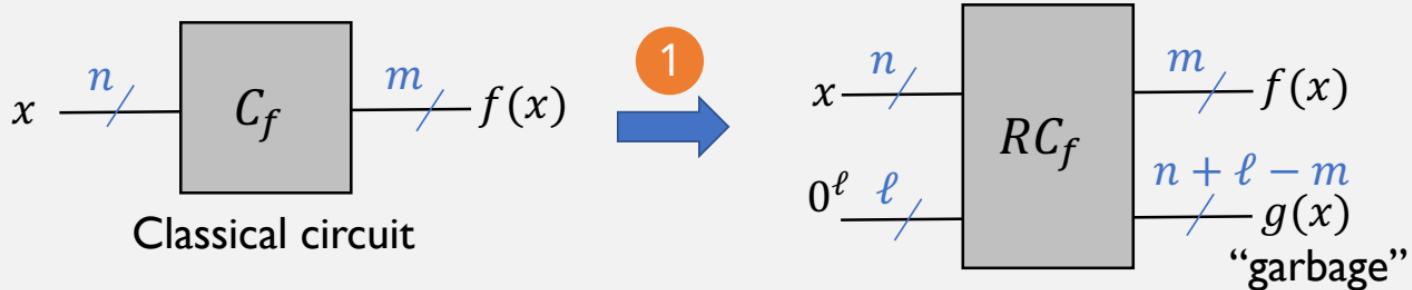


- Fact. {AND, NOT} gates are universal for classical circuits

- NOT is reversible
- Can we simulate AND by Toffoli?



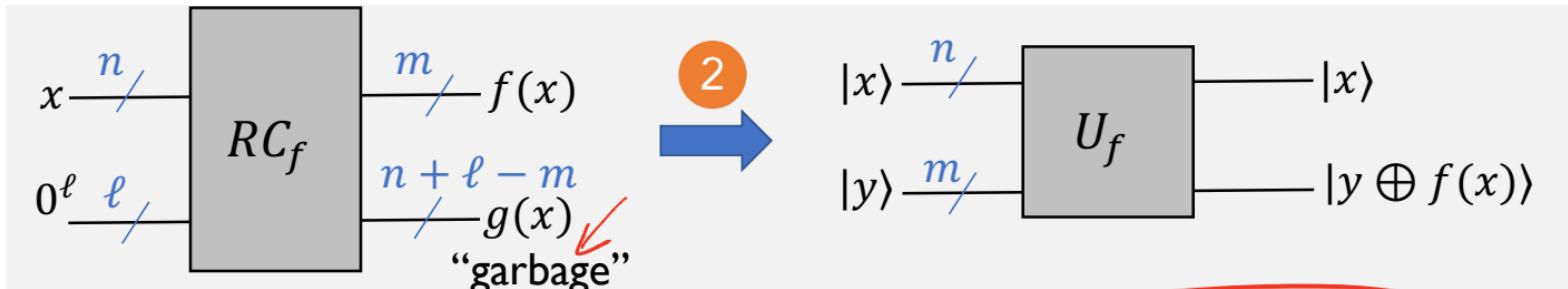
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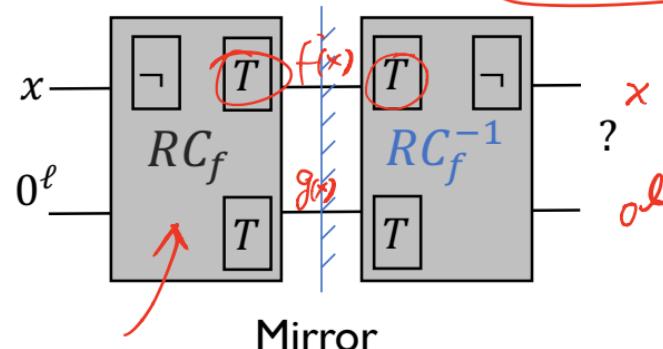
Replace each AND with  
reversible Toffoli gadget

$$|C_f| = k \xrightarrow{\text{Replace each AND with reversible Toffoli gadget}} |RC_f| = O(k)$$

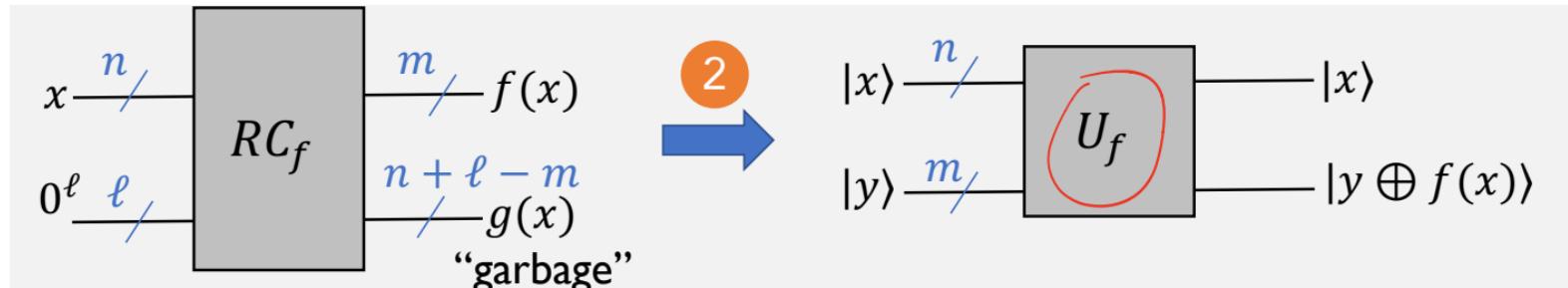
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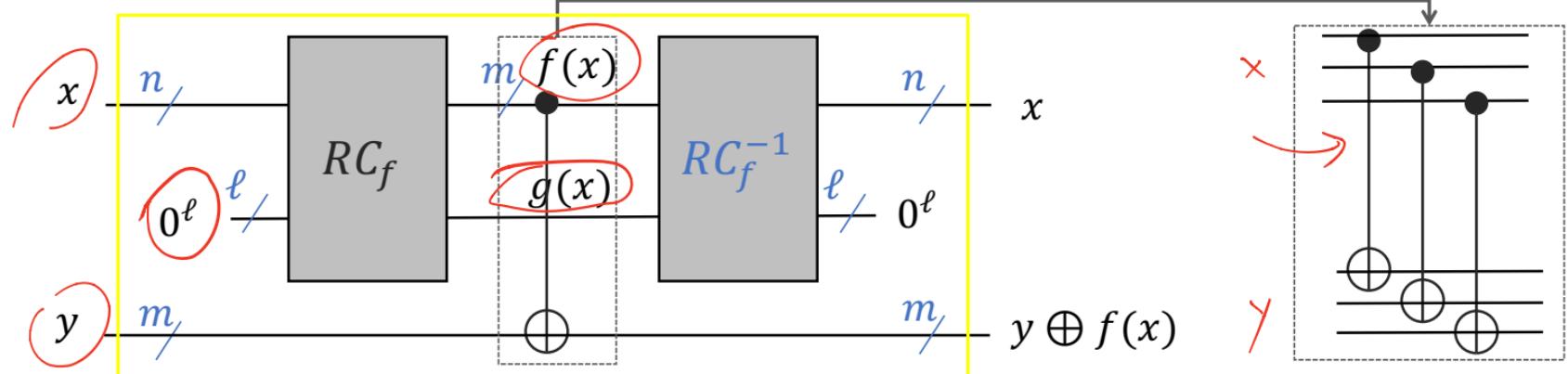
- What does the “mirror” of  $RC_f$  do? – it **uncomputes**



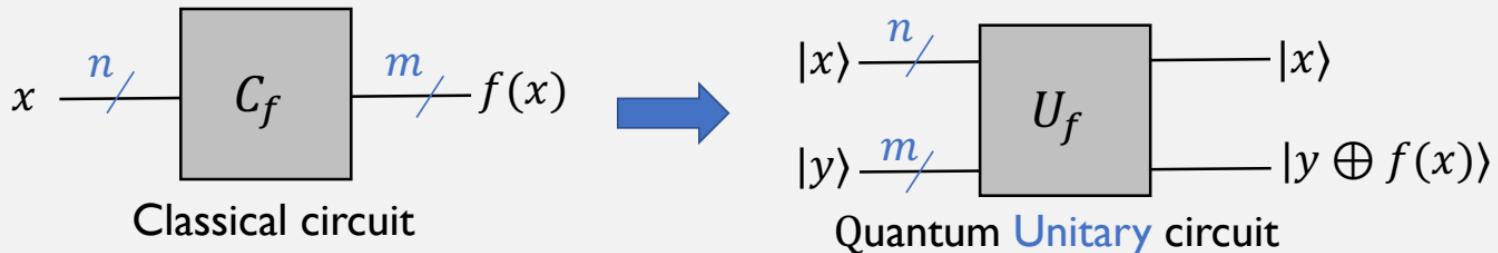
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Quantum circuit  $U_f: |x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|y \oplus f(x)\rangle$   $|U_f| = 2|RC_f| + m$



# Summary



$$|C_f| = k \longrightarrow |RC_f| = O(k) \longrightarrow |U_f| = O(k)$$

**Corollary.**  $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{BQP}$  [More to come in future]

Any problem that a classical computer can solve efficiently can be solved on a quantum computer efficiently too

# Logistics

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- HW3 due Sunday
- Project
  - Project page: instructions and suggested topics
  - Send me your group information by **end of today** (April 24 11:59pm AoE).
  - Proposal due next Sunday **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 11:59pm AoE.
  - Ask for feedback and start brainstorming (e.g., Campuswire private chat rooms)
  - End of today's lecture: group discussion

# Project discussion

## CCC report

- Quantum algorithms
  - List 3 major algorithm design directions
  - What is the prospect of the timeline for quantum algorithms?
- Quantum computing architecture
  - List three major considerations facing a quantum architecture design
- Quantum programming
  - What is the focus of current effort and what future effort would be needed?
- Verification
  - What are the different levels of verification? What tools are needed?

