Ancillary qubits

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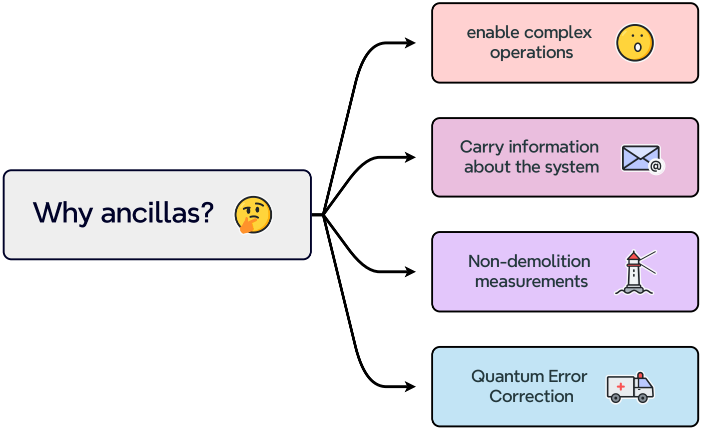

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Important

This happens if the ancilla is prepared into a state which is eigenvector of the controlled operation.

Is the phase kickback useful?

Some of the most powerful and famous quantum computing algorithms make use of the phase kickback

Figure 1: Deutsch-Josza

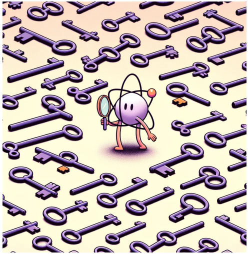
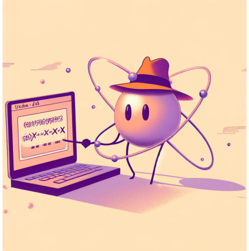


Figure 2: Grover



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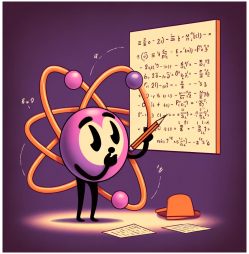

Figure 4: HHL

All of them are proved to outperform any classical algorithm, leading to a theoretical **quantum advantage**!