



# Multiloop Feynman diagrams in a quantum computer

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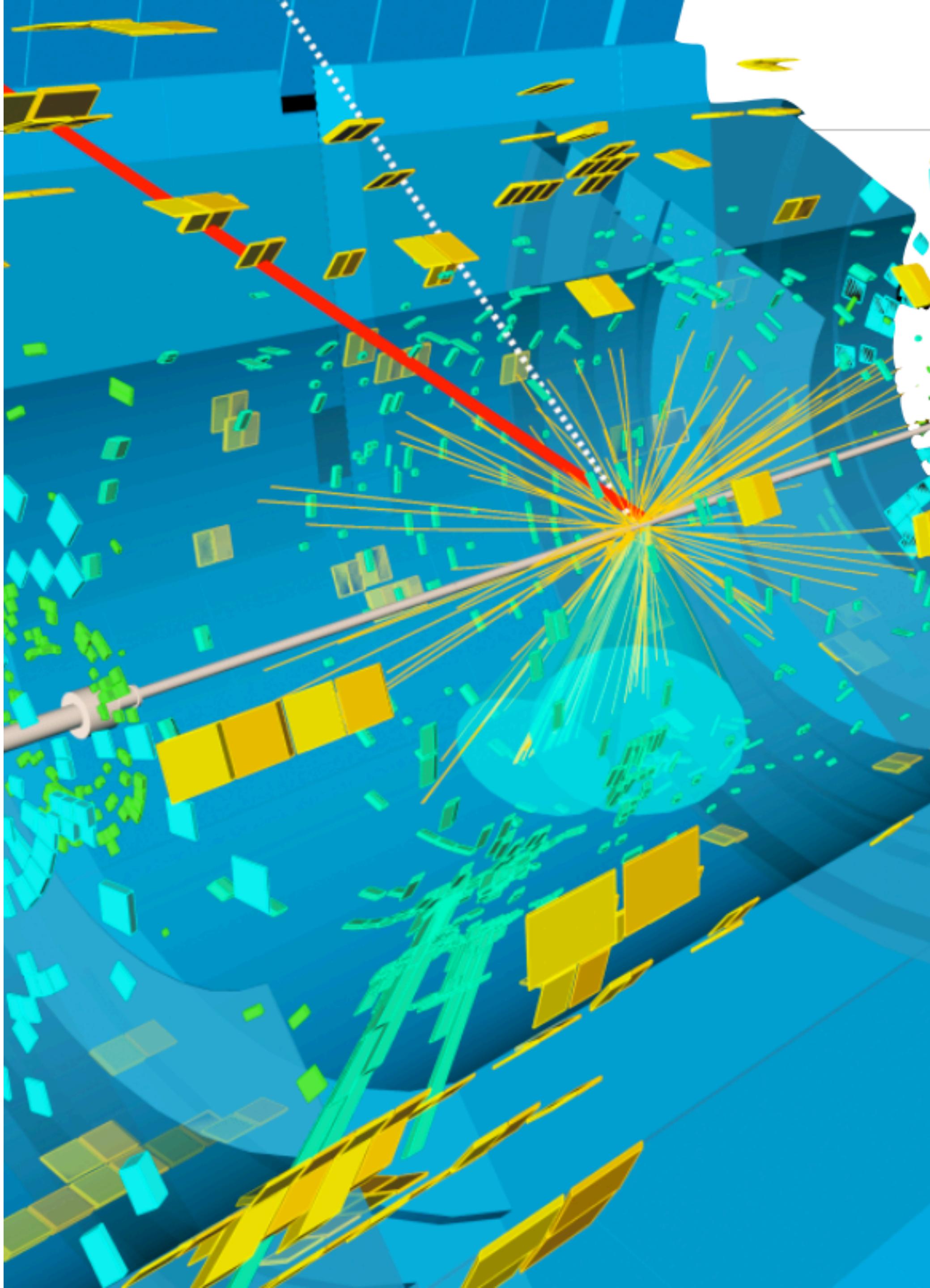


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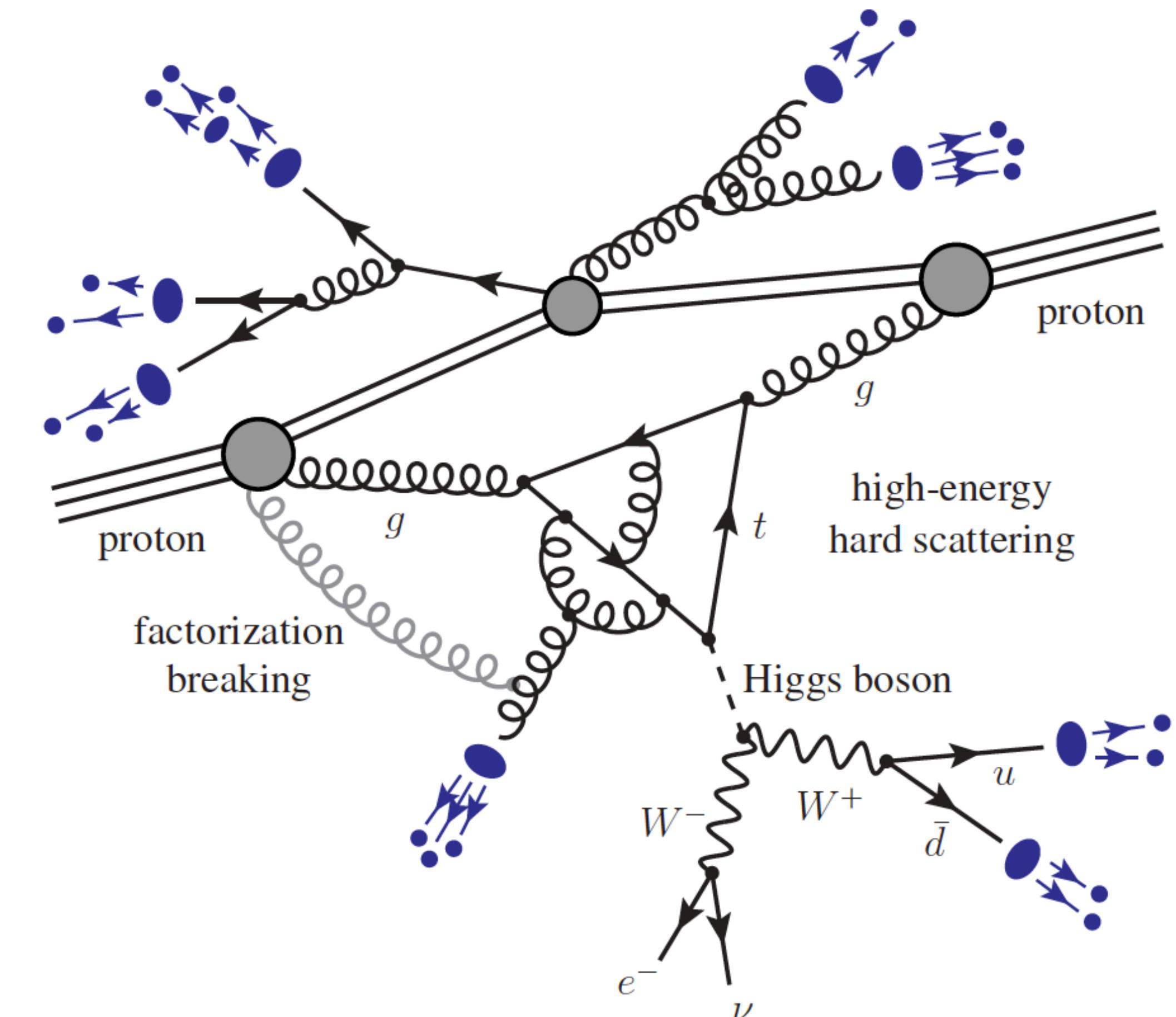
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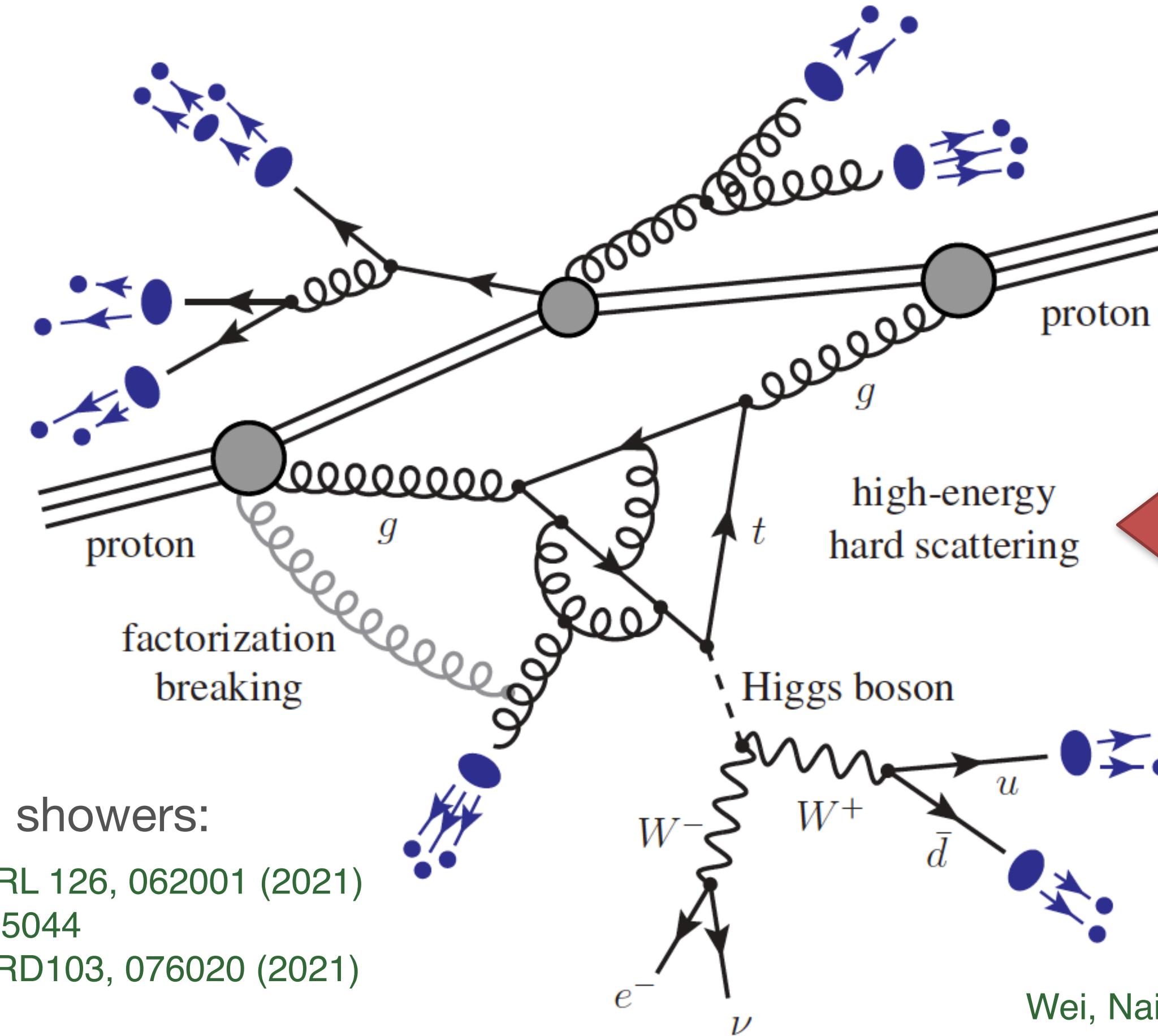


# THEORIST VIEW



- **factorization** into short distance (hard scattering) and long distance (initial and final state)
- QFT = **quantum mechanics** + special relativity + creation-annihilation of particles

# RECENT QUANTUM APPLICATIONS



- parton densities:

Pérez-Salinas, Cruz-Martínez, Alhajri, Carrazza, PRD 103, 034027 (2021)

- Parton showers:

Bauer, de Jong, Nachman, Provasoli, PRL 126, 062001 (2021)  
 Bauer, Freytsis, Nachman, arXiv:2102.05044  
 Bepari, Malik, Spannowsky, Williams, PRD103, 076020 (2021)

- quantum machine learning:

Guan, Perdue, Pesah, Schuld, Terashi, Vallecorsa, Vlimant, arXiv:2005.08582  
 Wu et al., arXiv:2012.11560.  
 Trenti, Sestini, Gianelle, Zuliani, Felser, Lucchesi, Montangero, arXiv:2004.13747

- tree-level helicity amplitudes:  
 Bepari, Malik, Spannowsky, Williams, PRD103, 076020 (2021)

- multiloop scattering amplitudes:  
 generally accepted to be beyond the reach of quantum computers, since it would require a prohibitive number of qubits

- jet clustering:

Wei, Naik, Harrow, Thaler, PRD 101, 094015 (2020)  
 Pires, Bargassa, Seixas, Omar, arXiv:2101.05618  
 Pires, Omar, Seixas, arXiv:2012.14514

# LTD TO ALL ORDERS AND POWERS

- **Multi-loop scattering amplitude:**  $n$  sets of internal momenta, each set depends on a specific linear combination of the  $L$  loop momenta

$$\mathcal{A}_N^{(L)} = \int_{\ell_1 \dots \ell_L} \mathcal{N}(\{\ell_i\}_L, \{p_j\}_N) G_F(1, \dots, n) \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} = \prod_{i \in 1 \cup \dots \cup n} (G_F(q_i))^{a_i}$$

- Starting from the integrand in the Feynman representation, take the residues of propagators in the first set (in each loop, integrates out one component of the loop momentum)

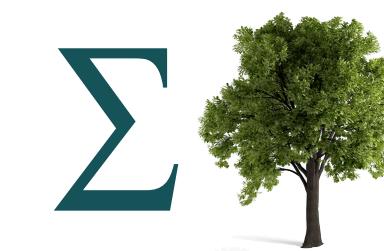
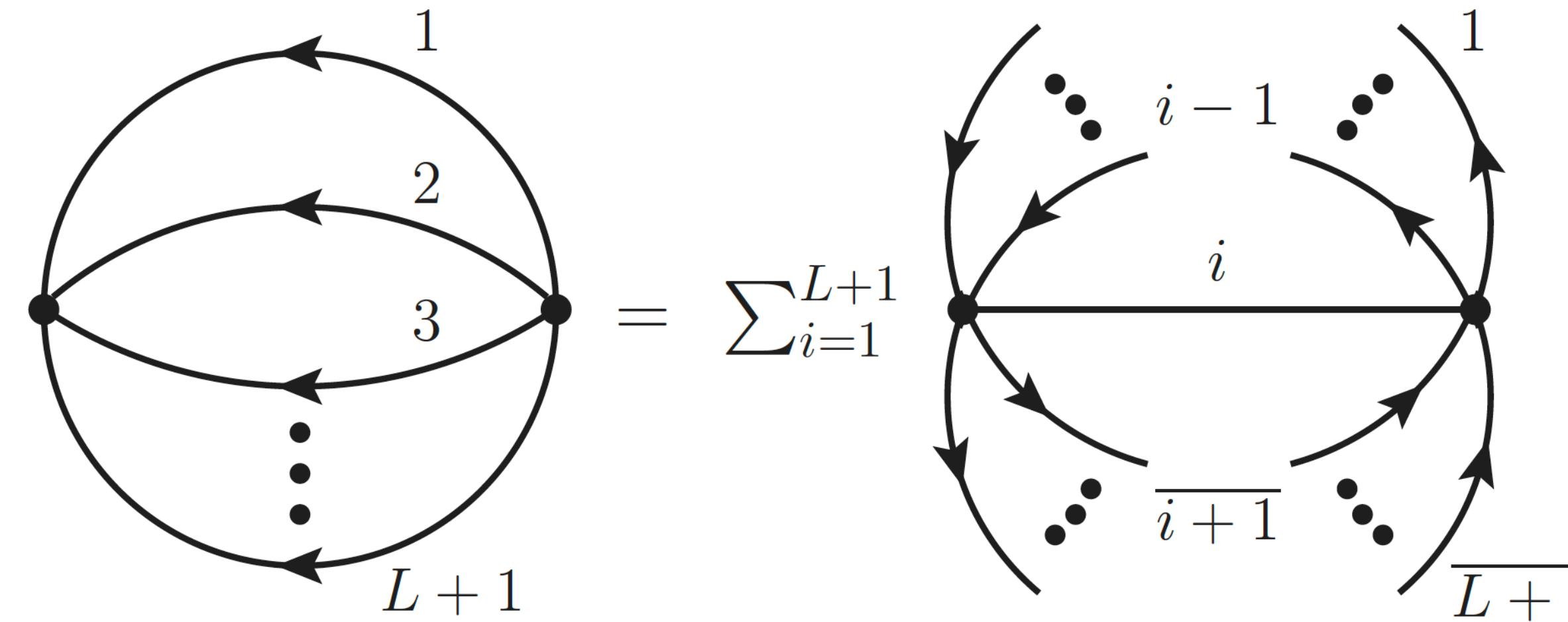
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_D(1; 2, \dots, n) \\ = -2\pi i \sum_{i_1 \in 1} \text{Res} \left( \mathcal{A}_F(1, \dots, n), \text{Im}(\eta q_{i_1}) < 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

- The **nested residue** involving several sets

$$\mathcal{A}_D(1, \dots, r; r+1, \dots) = -2\pi i \sum_{i_r \in r} \text{Res} \left( \mathcal{A}_D(1, \dots, r-1; r, \dots), \text{Im}(\eta q_{i_r}) < 0 \right)$$

- **Cauchy contour** always from **below** the real axis
- valid for arbitrary powers and **Lorentz invariant** [Catani et al. JHEP 0809, 065]
- reverse momenta, if necessary, to keep a coherent momentum flow:  $s \rightarrow \bar{s}$  ( $q_{i_s} \rightarrow -q_{i_s}$ )
- If  $\eta = (1, 0)$  integrate out the energy component and the integration domain is **Euclidean**

# CAUSAL CONJECTURE

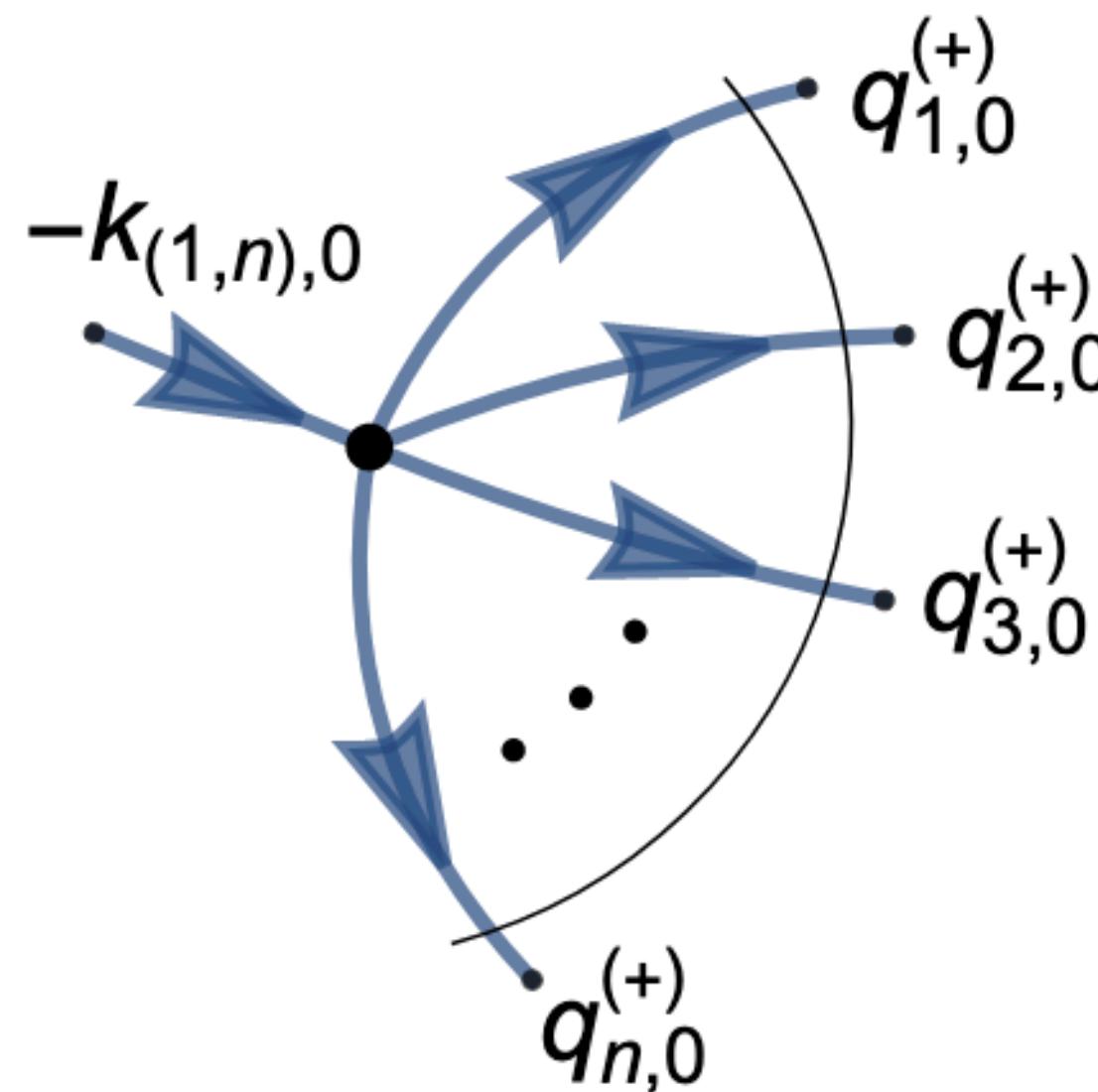


- What if we reorder the loop lines (order of residues)? Do we get a different representation?
- In fact no (math vs physics), and if we sum up all the nested residues, e.g. scalar integral

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MLT}}^{(L)} = \int_{\vec{\ell}_1 \dots \vec{\ell}_L} \frac{1}{\prod 2q_{i,0}^{(+)}} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_{1,n}^+} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{1,n}^-} \right), \quad \lambda_{1,n}^\pm = \sum q_{i,0}^{(+)} \pm k_{(1,n),0} \quad q_{i,0}^{(+)} = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_i^2 + m_i^2 - i0}$$

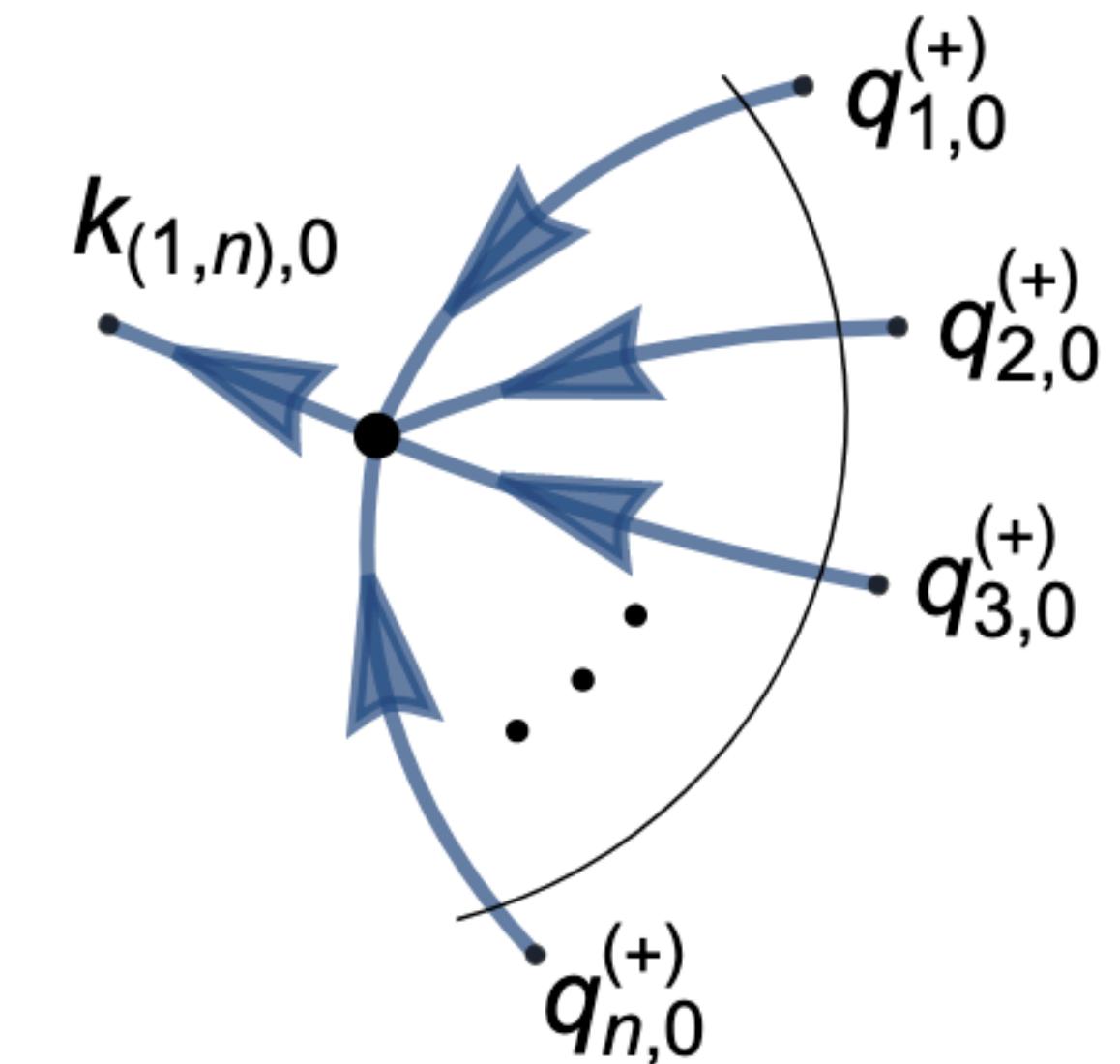
- Independent of the initial momentum flow assignments
- **Causal conjecture:** the LTD representation is manifestly free of non-causal singularities for all topologies and internal configurations

# CAUSAL PROPAGATORS



$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{1,n}^+} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n q_{i,0}^{(+)} + k_{(1,n),0}}$$

- **Incoming** external momenta,  $k_{(1,n),0} < 0$ , a causal threshold / soft / collinear singularity arises when all the internal momenta are on shell and aligned in the same direction

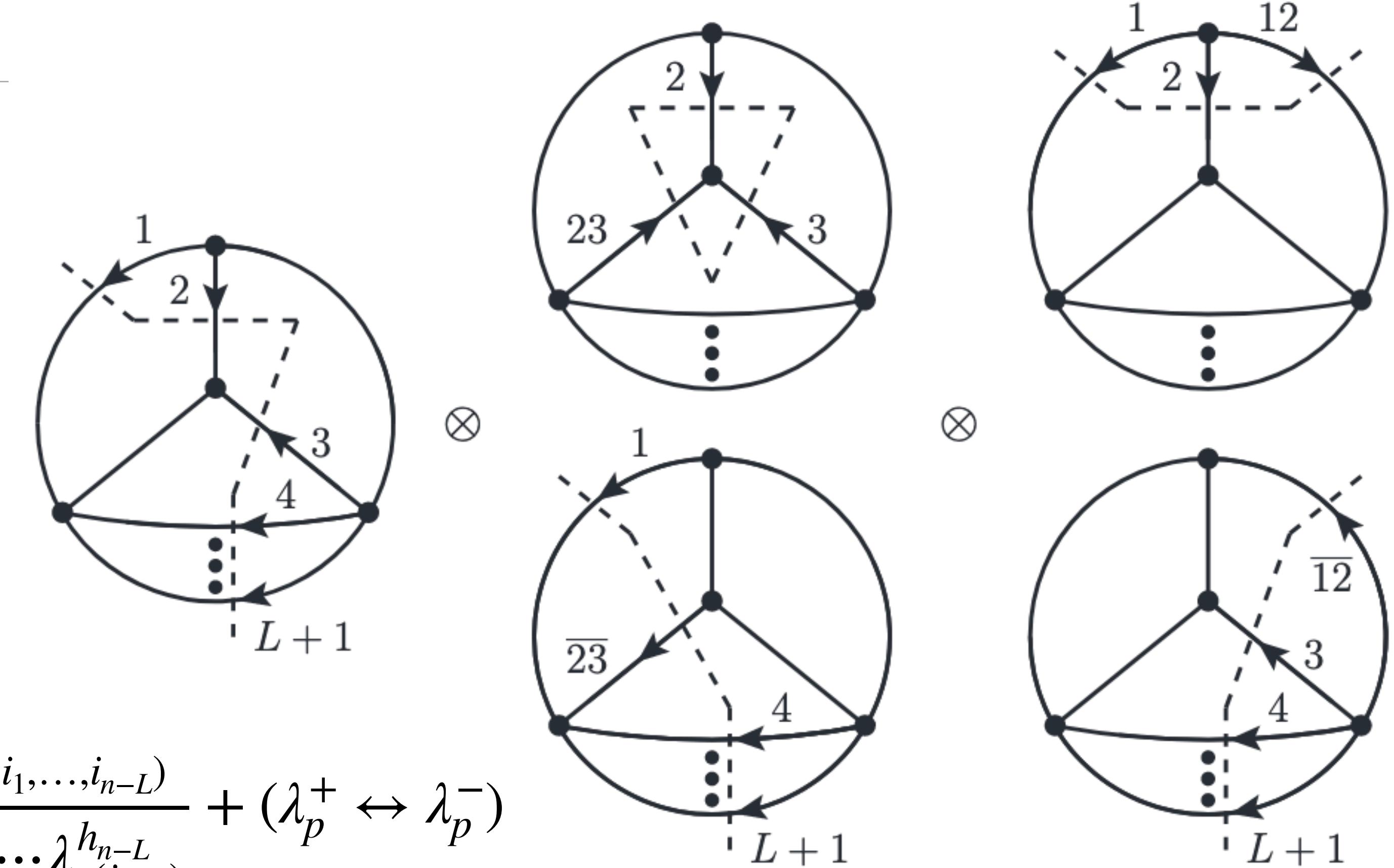


$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{1,n}^-} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n q_{i,0}^{(+)} - k_{(1,n),0}}$$

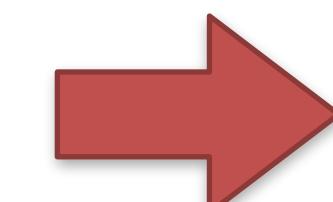
- **Outgoing** external momenta,  $k_{(1,n),0} > 0$ , a causal threshold / soft / collinear singularity arises when all the internal momenta are on shell and aligned in the opposite direction

# CAUSAL REPRESENTATION

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{LTD}}^{(L)} = \int_{\vec{\ell}_1 \dots \vec{\ell}_L} \frac{1}{\prod 2q_{i,0}^{(+)}} \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\sigma(i_1, \dots, i_{n-L})}}{\lambda_{\sigma(i_1)}^{h_1} \dots \lambda_{\sigma(i_{n-L})}^{h_{n-L}}} + (\lambda_p^+ \leftrightarrow \lambda_p^-)$$



- Each combination of compatible causal propagators in  $\Sigma$  fixes the momentum flows of all the internal momenta
- Conversely, if we fix the causal momentum flows we can **bootstrap the causal LTD representation**

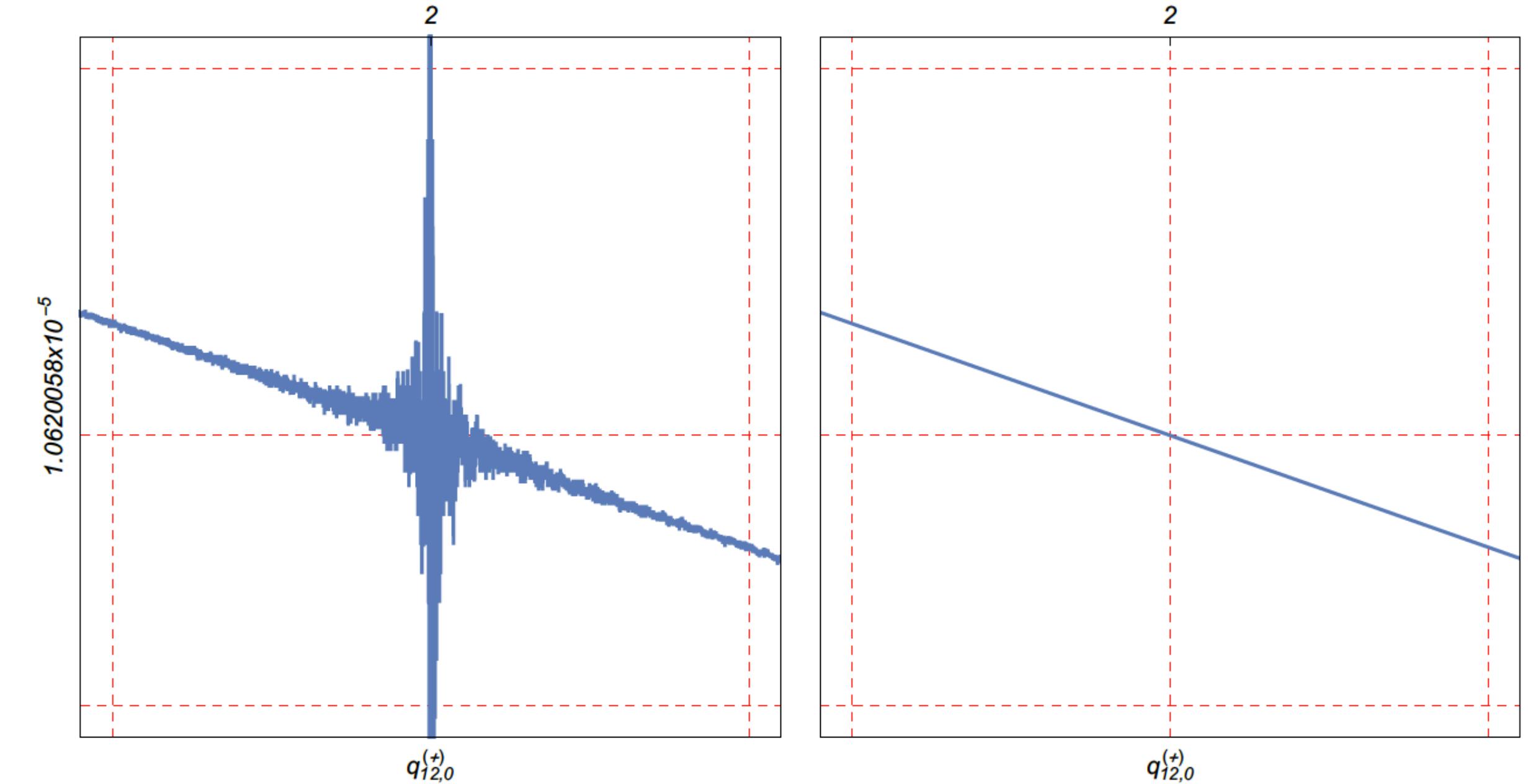


○ **Quantum algorithm**

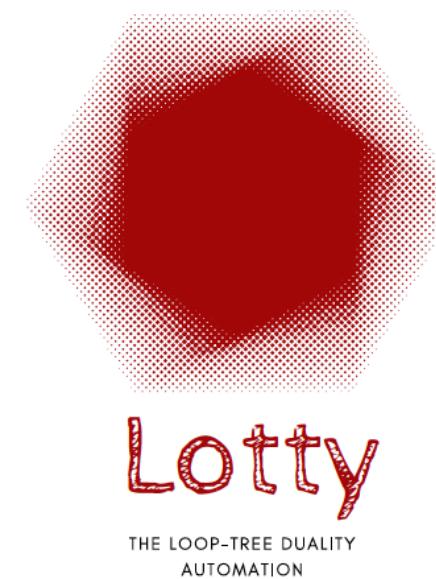
# CAUSALITY IN LOOP-TREE DUALITY

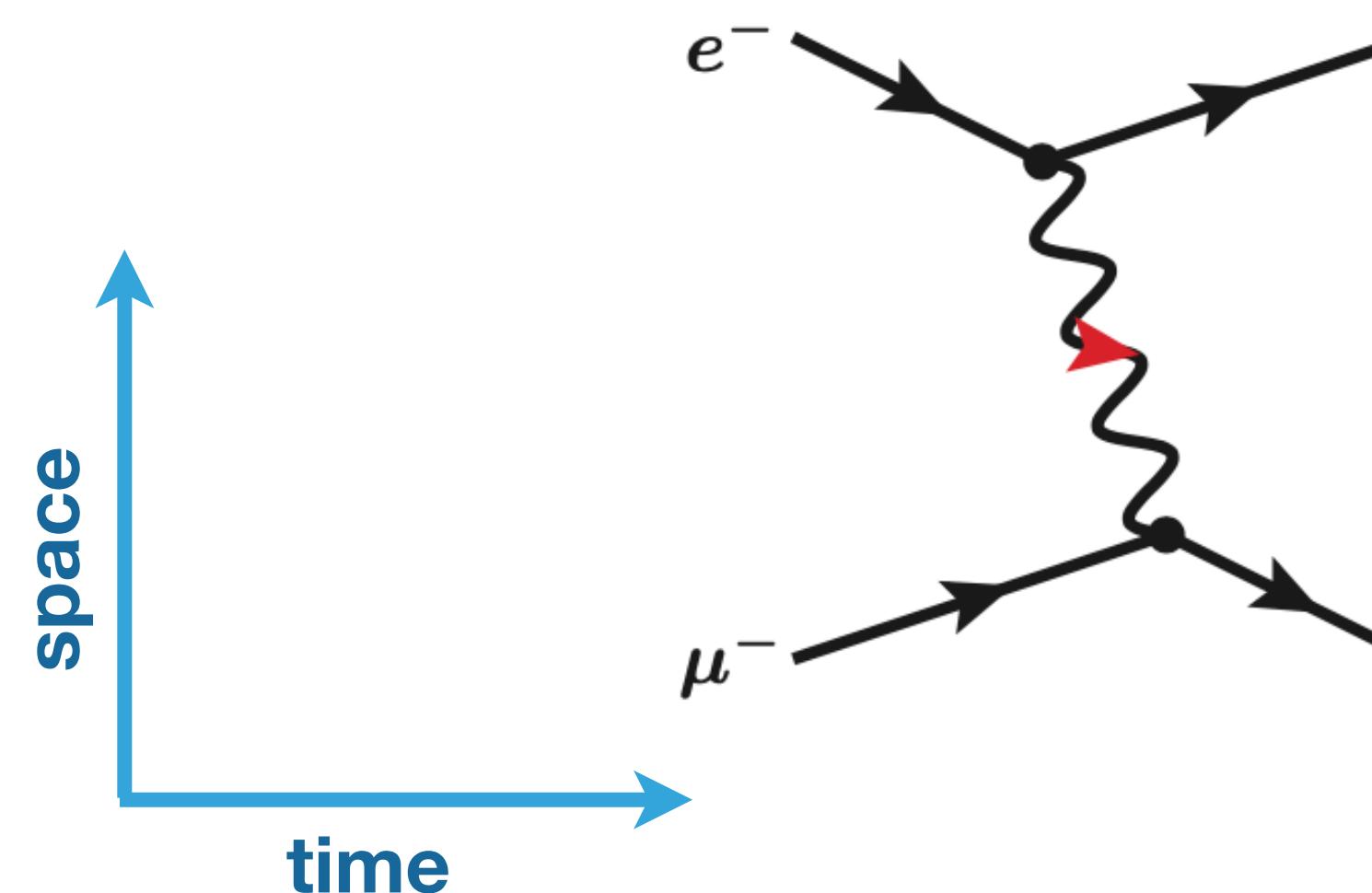
JHEP **1912**, 063 | JHEP **2101**, 069 | JHEP **2102**, 112 | JHEP **2104**, 129

- integrands in the Feynman representation have singularities that are nonphysical  $\equiv$  not related to the optical theorem
- LTD leads to **manifestly causal representations** (free of non-causal singularities): more stable numerically

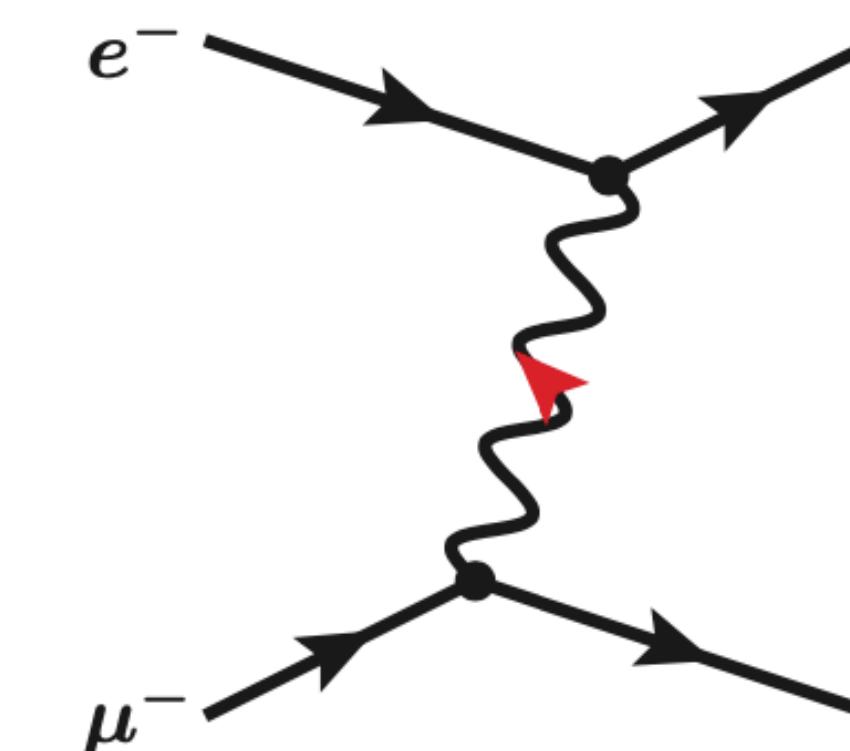


- **Integrand numerical instabilities** across a noncausal threshold
- geometric interpretation: Sborlini PRD **104** (2021) 036014
- Wolfram Mathematica package: Torres Bobadilla JHEP **2104**, 183 and EPJC **81** (2021) 514
- manifestly causal LTD representation





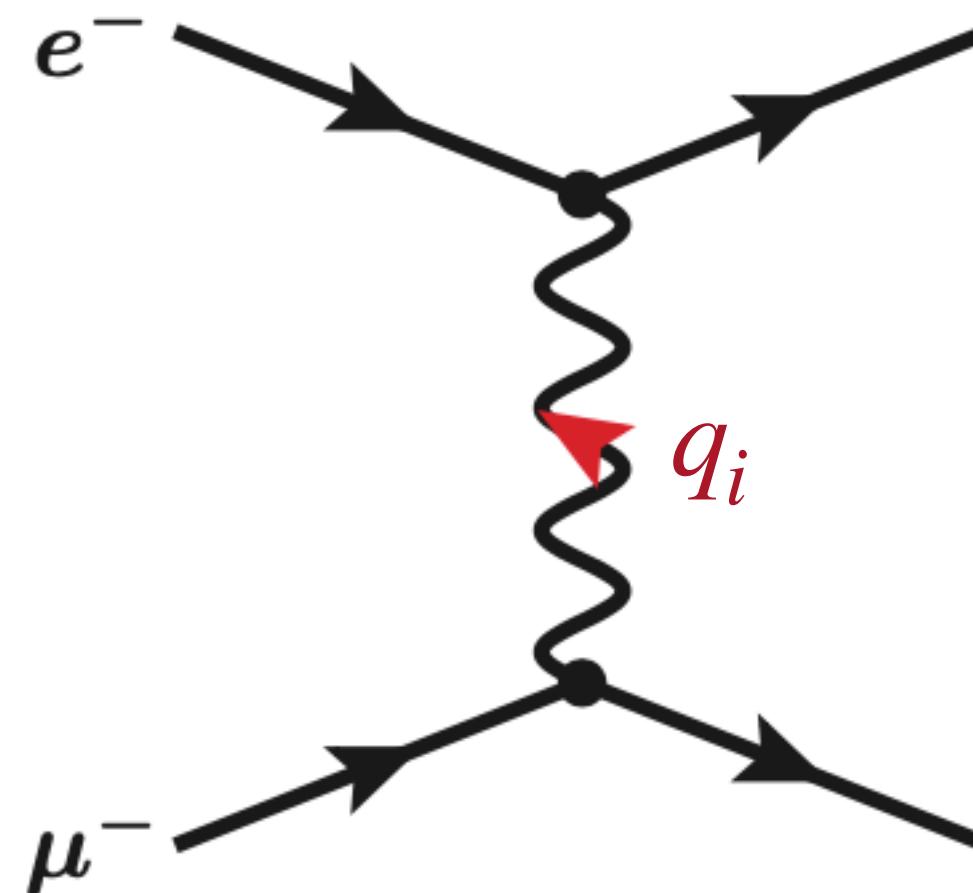
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**CAUSALITY**

**Cause-effect** relationships are unbreakable. (You cannot be born before your grandfather.)  
[Symmetry Magazine]

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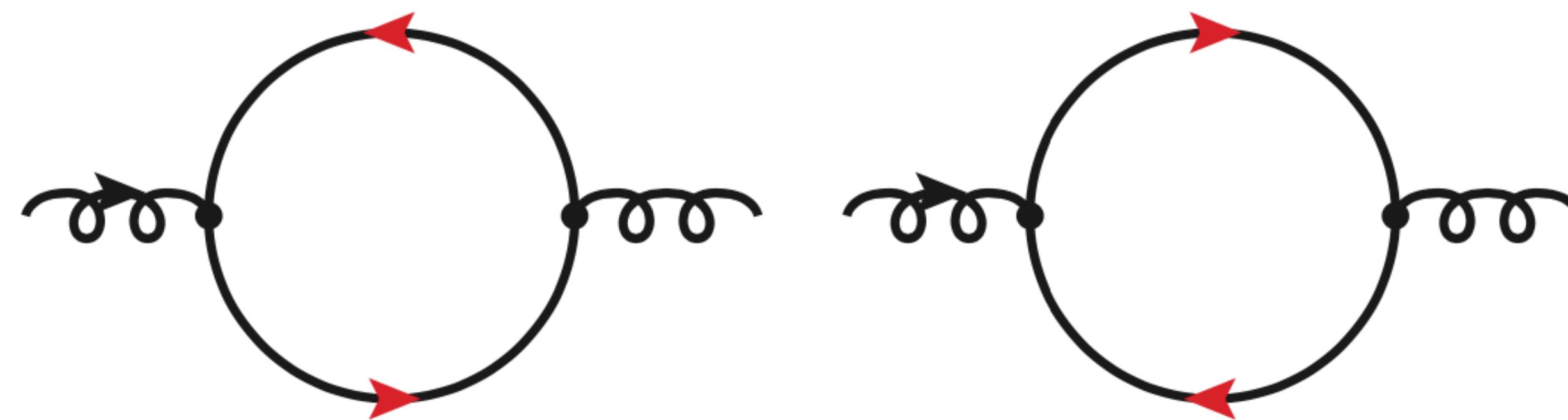
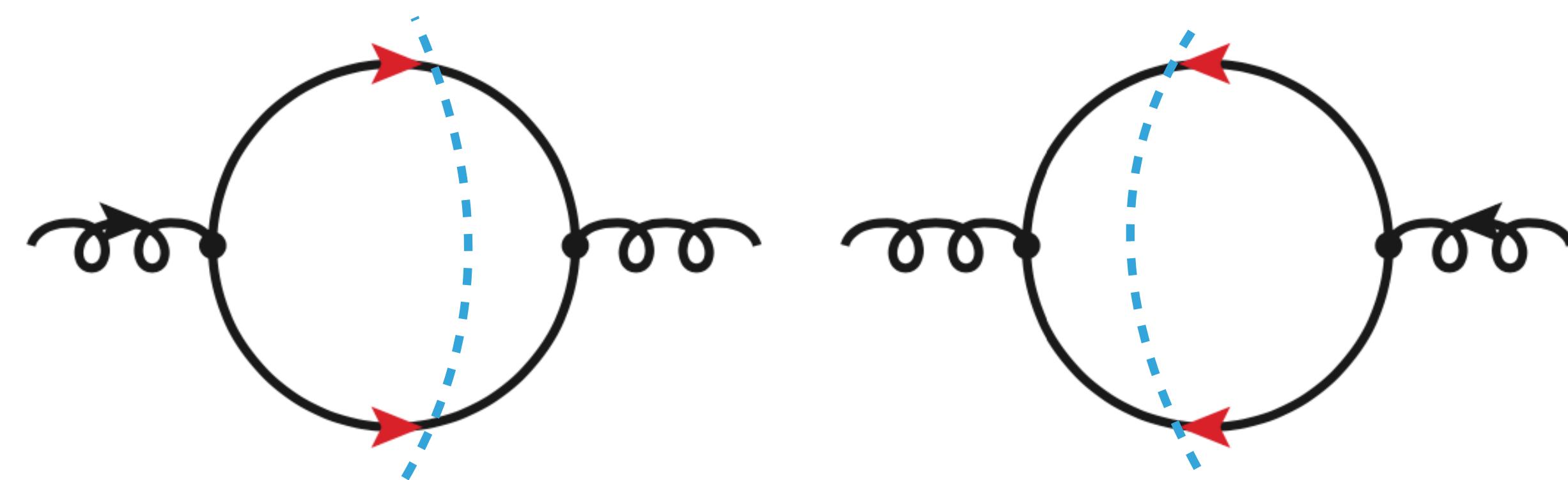
$$G_F(q_i) = \frac{1}{q_i^2 - m_i^2 + i0} = \frac{1}{(q_{i,0} - q_{i,0}^{(+)})(q_{i,0} + q_{i,0}^{(+)})}$$

- positive frequencies are propagated forwards in time, and negative are propagated backwards
- **two on-shell states**, one with positive and another with negative energy:

$$q_{i,0} \rightarrow \pm q_{i,0}^{(+)} = \pm \sqrt{q_i^2 + m_i^2 - i0}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{(1)} = \int_{\ell} \mathcal{N}(\ell, p_i) G_F(q_1, q_2)$$

# CAUSALITY



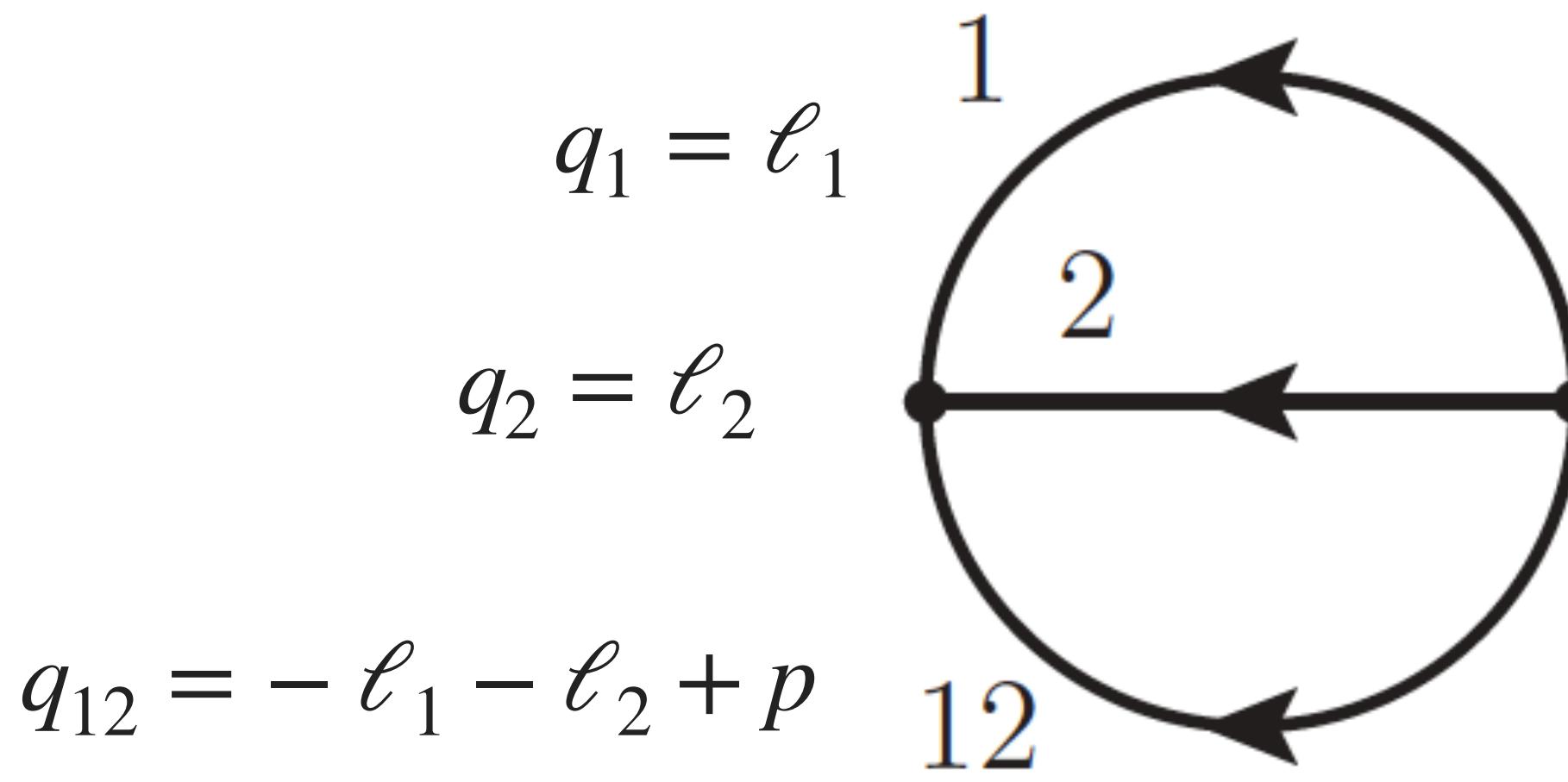
- there are  $2^n$  configurations for  $n$  propagators

- the gluon fluctuates into a quark-antiquark pair, which merges back into a gluon
- a **causal discontinuity** (imaginary part) arises when the quark and antiquark are produced as real (on-shell)  $\equiv$  **Cutkosky rule / optical theorem**

- the gluon emits a quark, which travels backwards in time to the point of emission
- each configuration generates a **non-causal singularity** of the integrand: they are nonphysical and must somehow be cancelled out

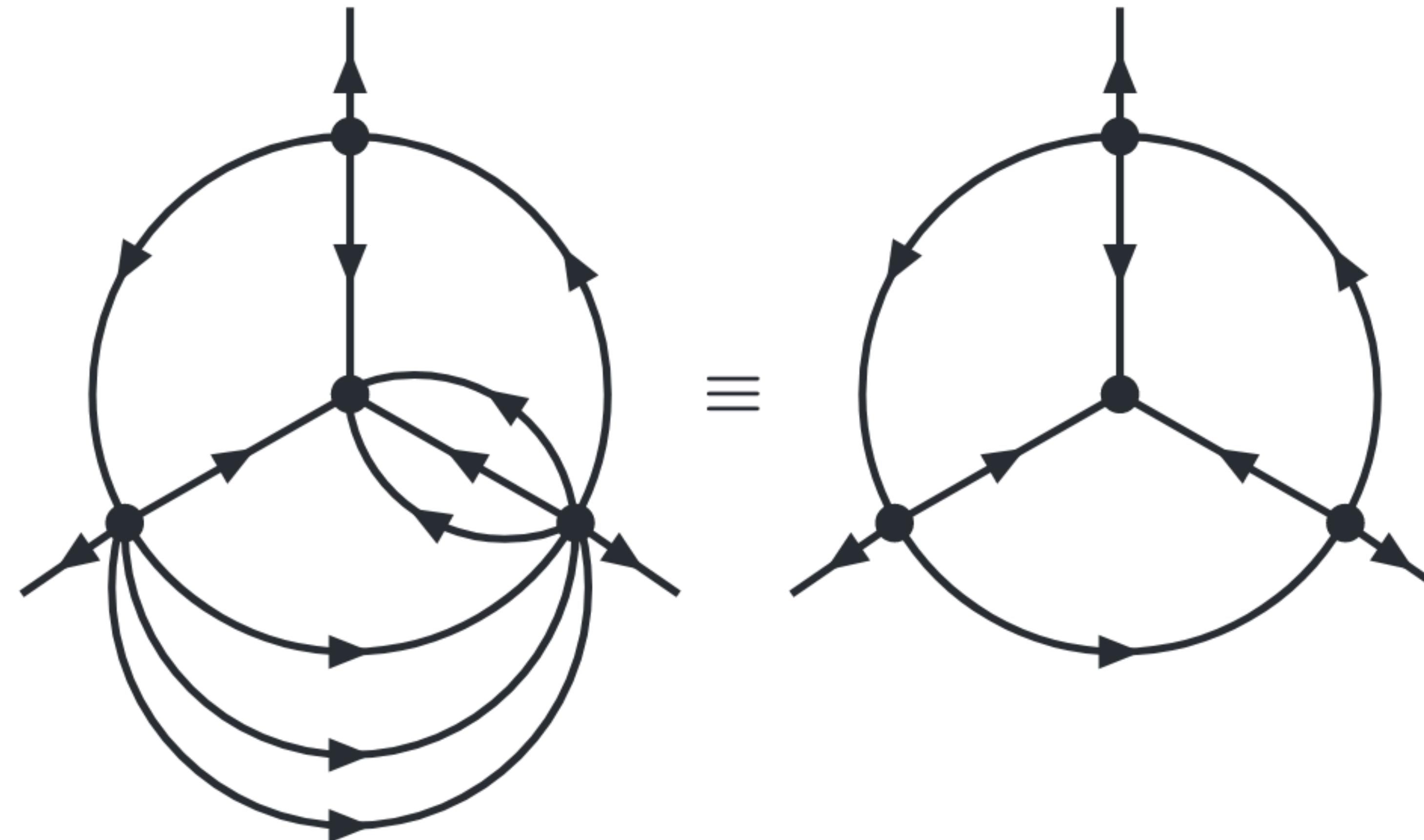
# LOOPS IN A QUANTUM COMPUTER

- Each Feynman propagator has **two on-shell states**, one with positive energy  $|1\rangle$ , and another with negative energy  $|0\rangle \equiv$  momentum flow in one direction or the opposite
- A classical algorithm requires to test causal conditions ( $\equiv$  **directed acyclic graph**) for  $\mathcal{O}(2^n)$  states
- A **quantum algorithm** exploits superposition and entanglement to test causality at once, in  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  iterations (still a number of measurements  $\mathcal{O}(\text{causal states})$ )



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}^{(2)} &= \int_{\ell_1 \ell_2} G_F(q_1, q_2, q_{12}) \\ \mathcal{A}_{\text{LTD}}^{(2)} &= - \int_{\vec{\ell}_1 \vec{\ell}_2} \frac{1}{x_{12}} \left( \frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)} + q_{2,0}^{(+)} + q_{12,0}^{(+)} + p_0} + \frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)} + q_{2,0}^{(+)} + q_{12,0}^{(+)} - p_0} \right) \\ x_{12} &= \prod_{i=1,2,12} 2q_{i,0}^{(+)}\end{aligned}$$

# LOOPS VS ELOOPS



○ Seven loops  $L = 7$

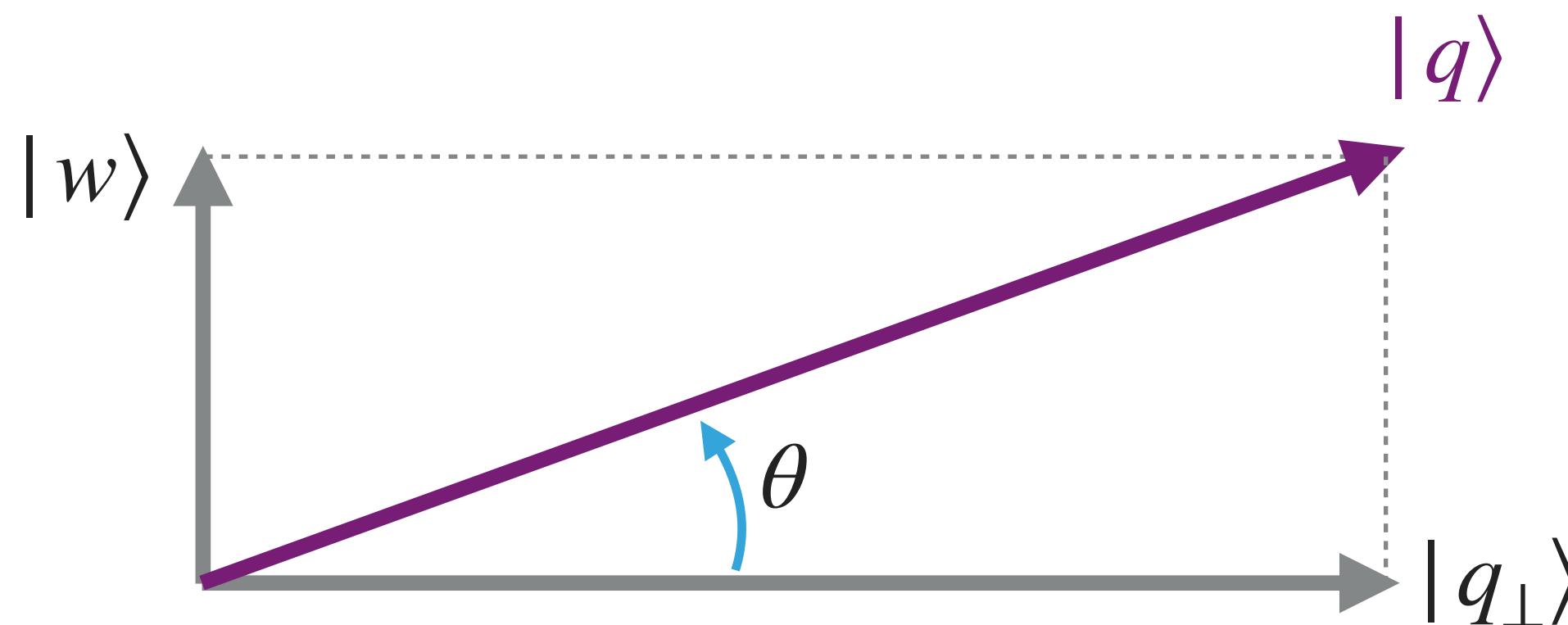
○ Equivalent to 3 eLoops (**Mercedes**)  
regarding **causal bootstrapping**

# GROVER'S ALGORITHM

- A uniform superposition of  $N = 2^n$  states

$$|q\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle$$

- which is a superposition of the winning state  $|w\rangle$  encoding the ***r causal states***, and the orthogonal state  $|q_\perp\rangle$  collecting the noncausal states



$$|q\rangle = \sin \theta |w\rangle + \cos \theta |q_\perp\rangle$$

$$|w\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{x \in w} |x\rangle \quad |q_\perp\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-r}} \sum_{x \notin w} |x\rangle$$

- The mixing angle is

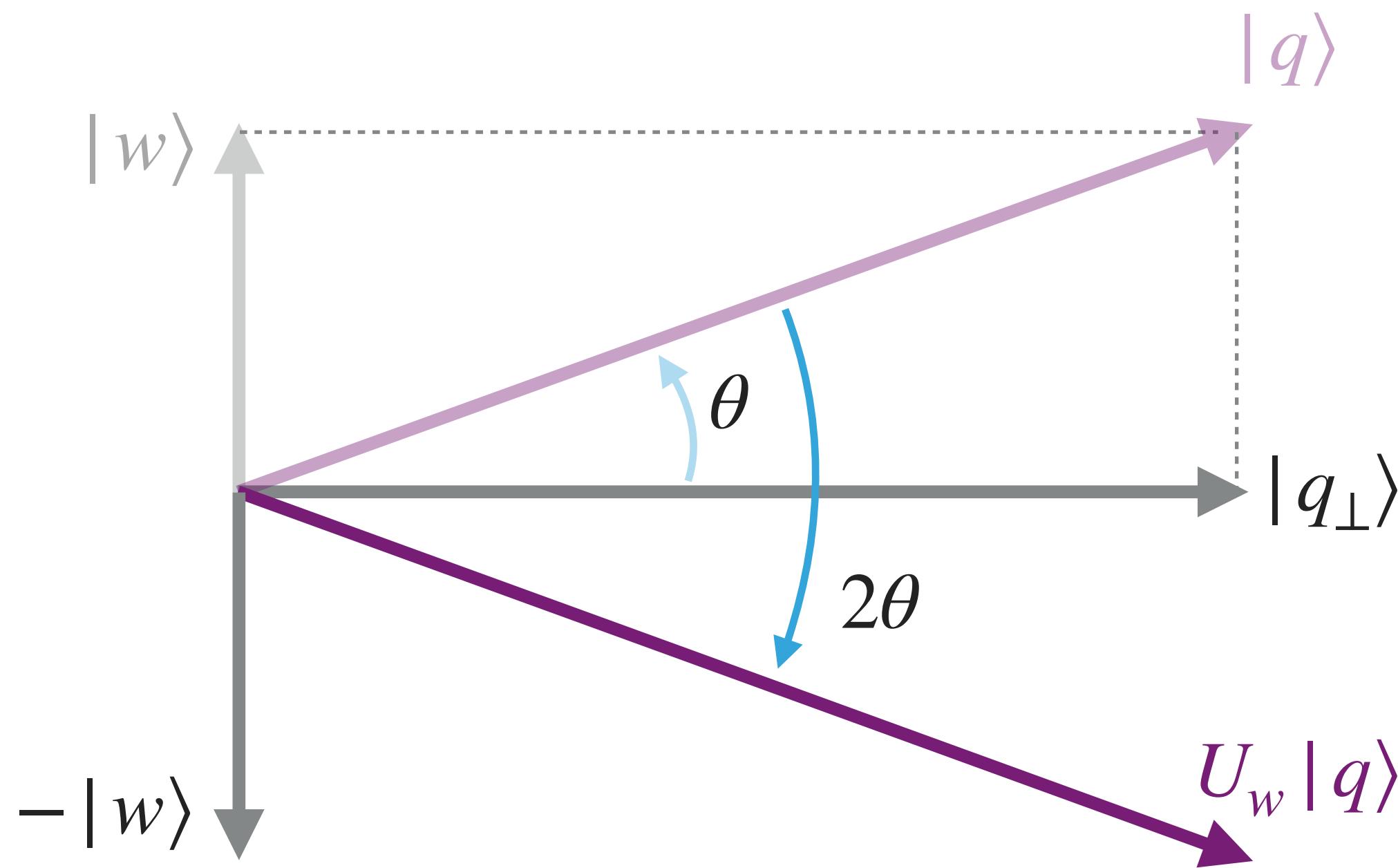
$$\theta = \arcsin \sqrt{r/N}$$

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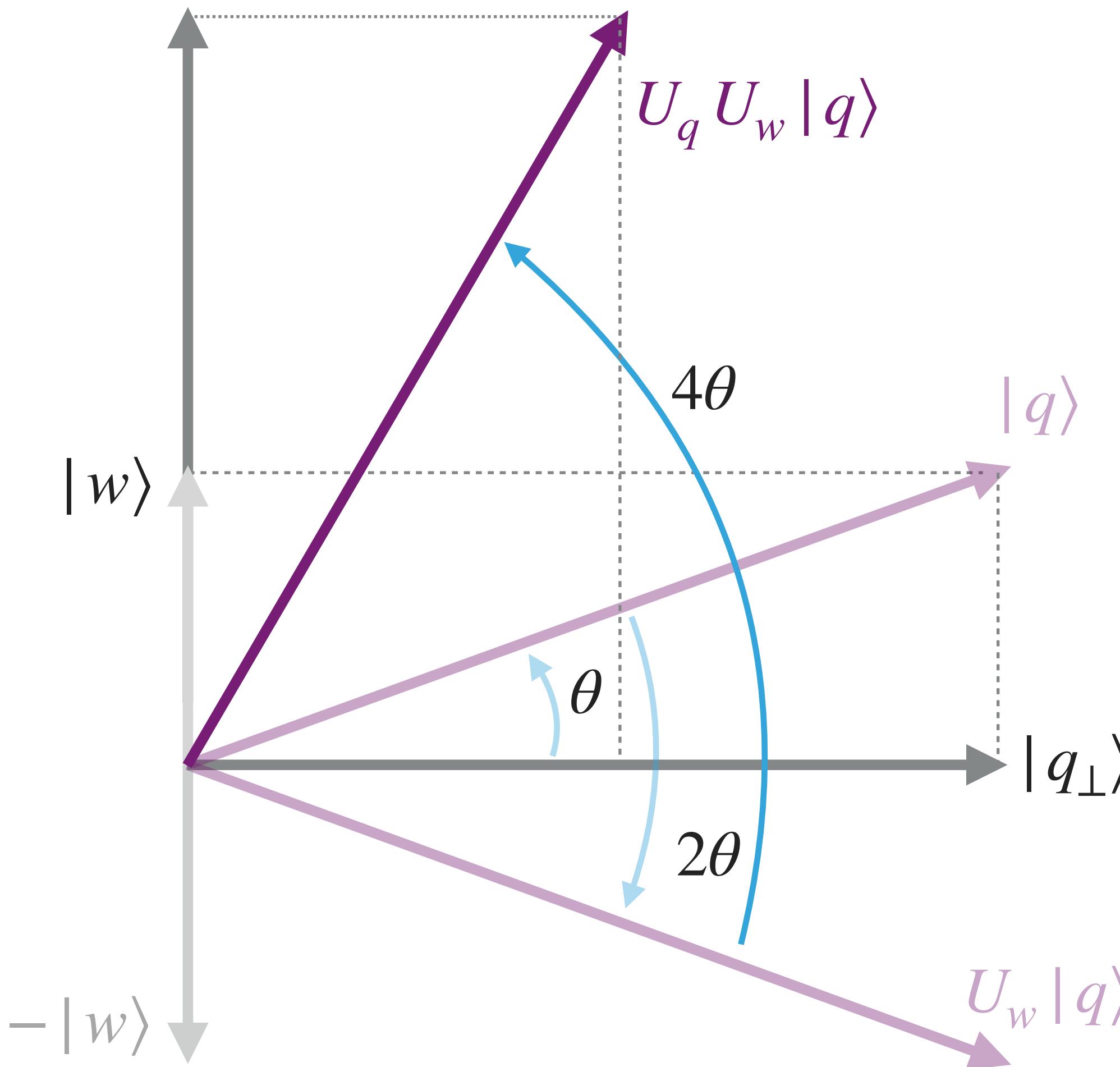
- The **oracle operator**

$$U_w = I - 2|w\rangle\langle w|$$

- **flips** the state  $|x\rangle$  if  $x \in w$ :  $U_w|x\rangle = -|x\rangle$
- leaves it unchanged otherwise:  $U_w|x\rangle = |x\rangle$  if  $x \notin w$



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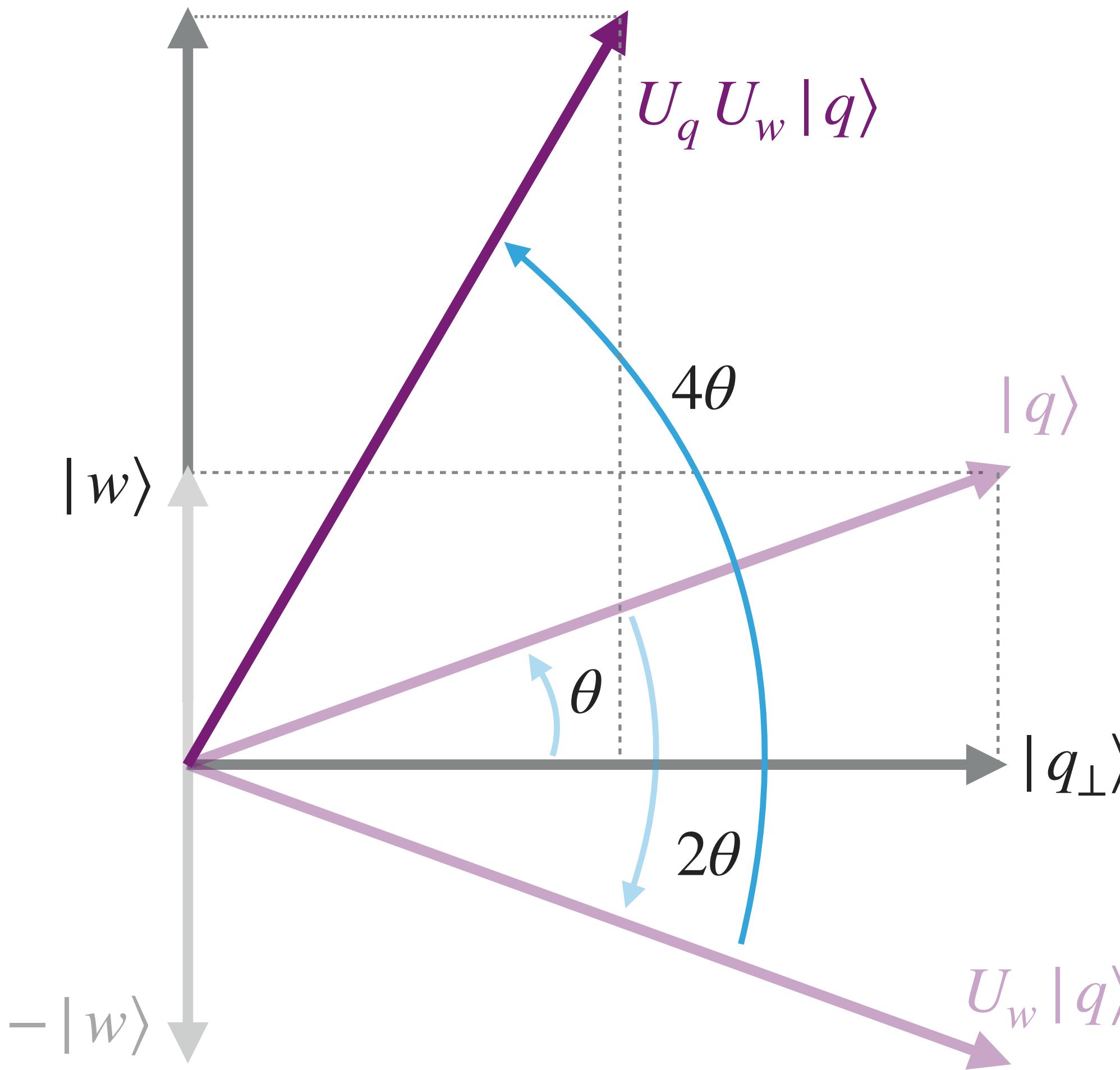
- The **diffusion operator**

$$U_q = 2|q\rangle\langle q| - I$$

- performs a **reflection** around the initial state.  
The iterative application  $t$  times leads to

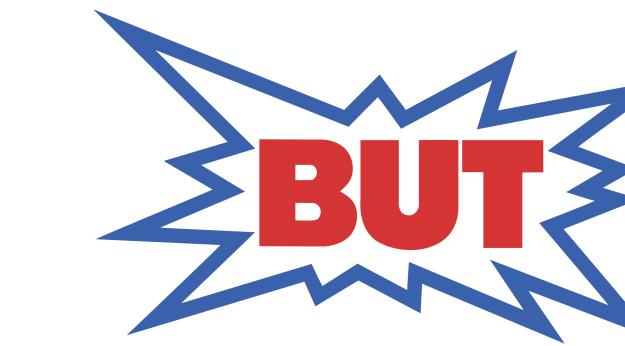
$$(U_q U_w)^t |q\rangle = \sin \theta_t |w\rangle + \cos \theta_t |q_\perp\rangle \quad \theta_t = (2t+1)\theta$$

# GROVER'S ALGORITHM



- if  $r \ll N$ , requires  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N/r})$  iterations instead of  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  from a **classical** computation

- if  $r = N/4$  or  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , then one single iteration brings to  $\theta_t = 90^\circ$



- if  $r = 3N/4$  or  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , then one single iteration brings to  $\theta_t = 180^\circ$  which suppresses the probability of the winning state

- if  $r = N/2$  or  $\theta = 45^\circ$ , it does not matter how many iterations are applied, probabilities remain unchanged



- increasing the total number of states, e.g. maximum of two **ancillary** qubits [see also Nielsen-Chuang 2000]
- Given a causal state, the mirror state with all the momentum flows reversed is also causal

# LOOP QUANTUM ALGORITHM

- The  $|q\rangle$  register encodes the states of the edges/internal propagators: the qubit  $q_i$  is in the state  $|1\rangle$  if the momentum flow of the corresponding edge is oriented in the direction of the original assignment, and  $|0\rangle$  if it is in the opposite direction
- The  $|c\rangle$  register stores the binary clauses that probe if two qubits representing two adjacent edges are in the same state (oriented in the same direction)

$$c_{ij} \equiv (q_i = q_j) \quad \bar{c}_{ij} \equiv (q_i \neq q_j)$$

- The  $|a\rangle$  register stores the loop clauses that probe if all the qubits (edges) in each subloop form a cyclic circuit

- The Grover's marker initialized to the Bell state  $|out_0\rangle = |-\rangle = (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

- The oracle

$$U_w |q\rangle |c\rangle |a\rangle |out_0\rangle = |q\rangle |c\rangle |a\rangle |out_0 \otimes f(a, q)\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} |out_0 \otimes 0\rangle &= |out_0\rangle \\ |out_0 \otimes 1\rangle &= -|out_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- The diffuser  $U_q$  from IBM Qiskit

NUMBER OF QUBITS

# LOOP QUANTUM ALGORITHM

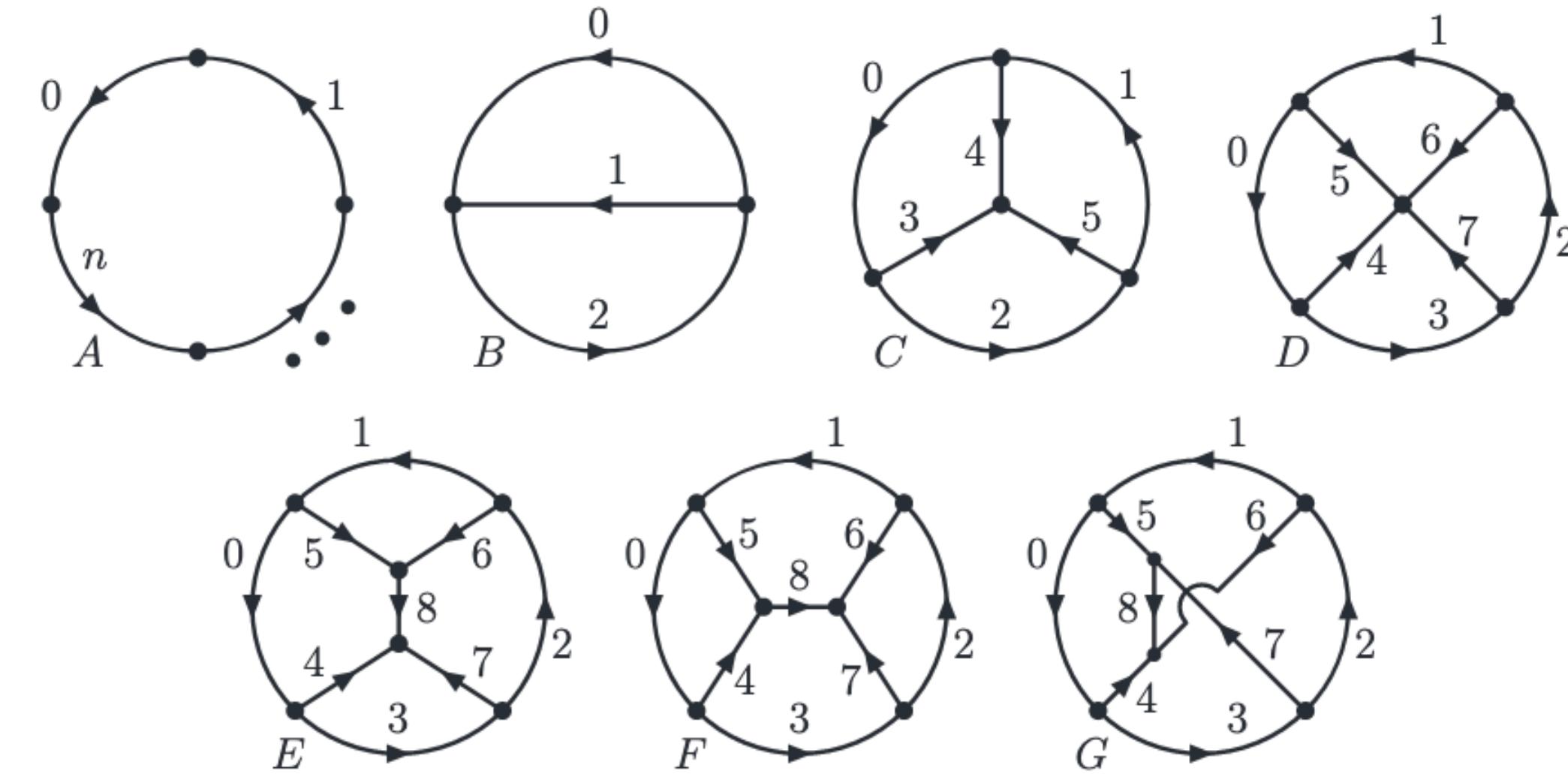
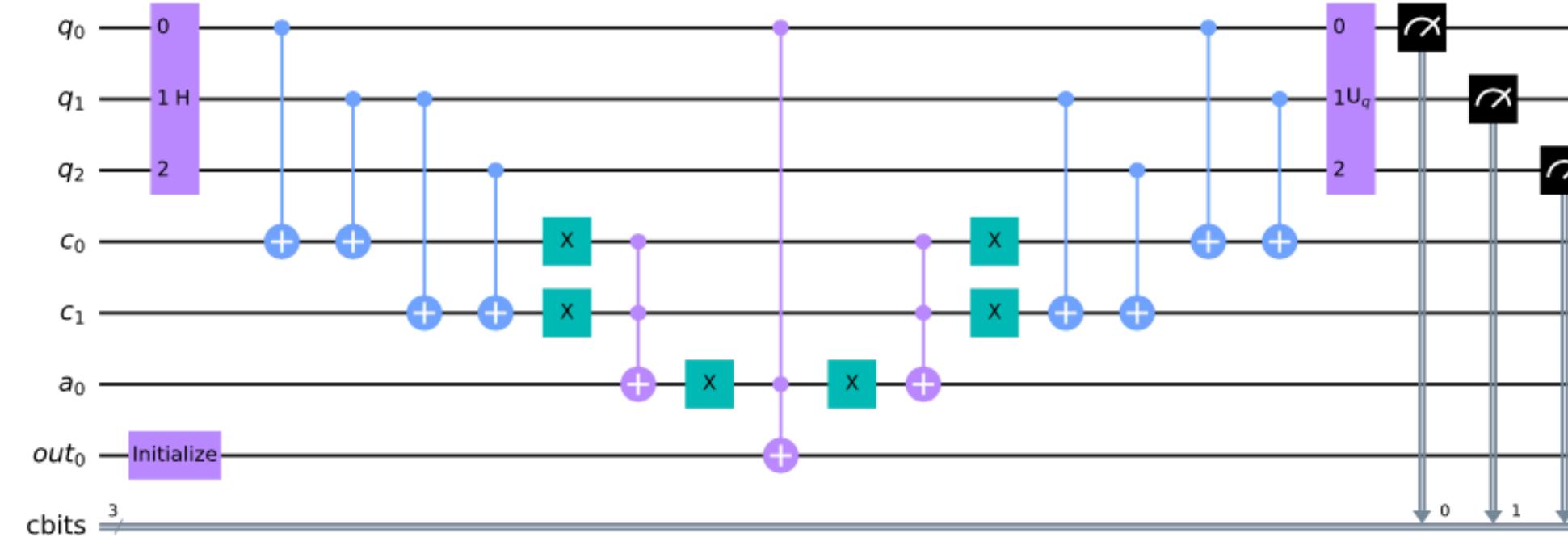
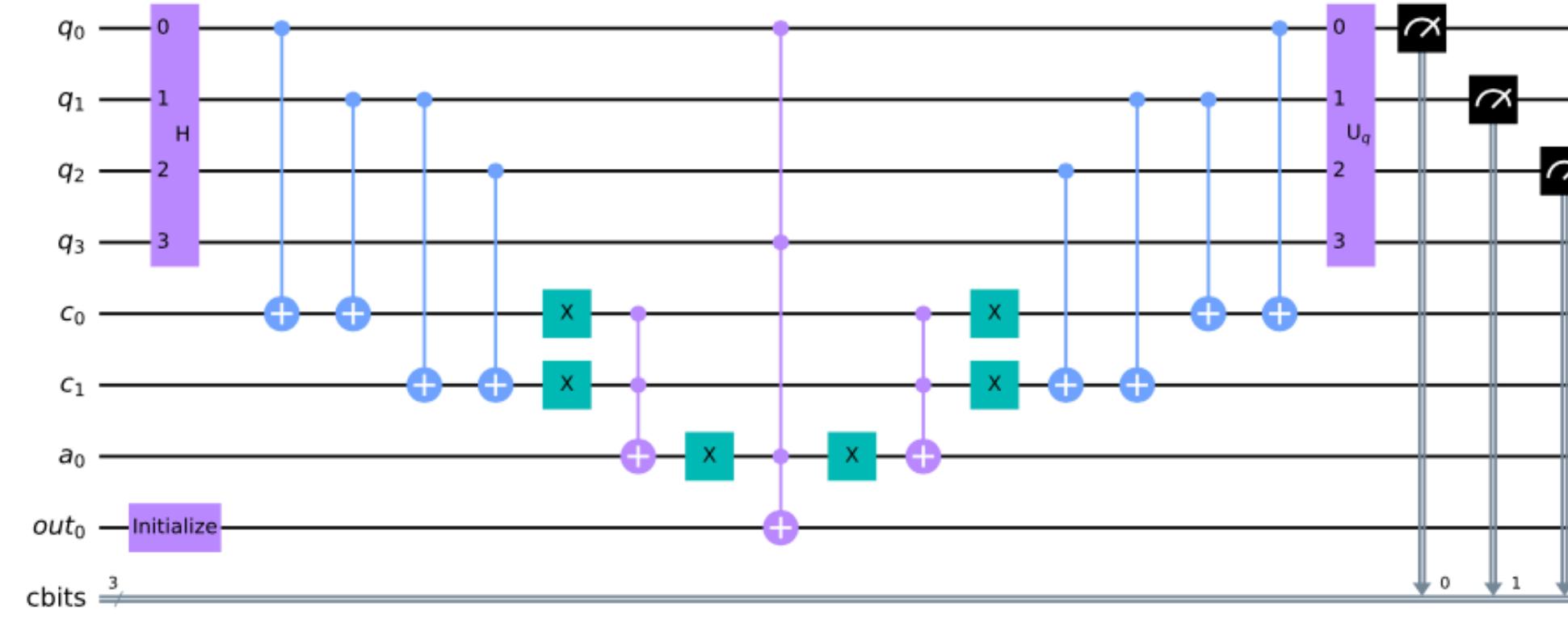


TABLE I. Number of qubits in each of the three main registers. The total number of qubits includes the ancillary qubit which is initialized to  $|-\rangle$  to implement Grover's oracle. Measurements are made on  $n = \sum n_i$  classical bits.

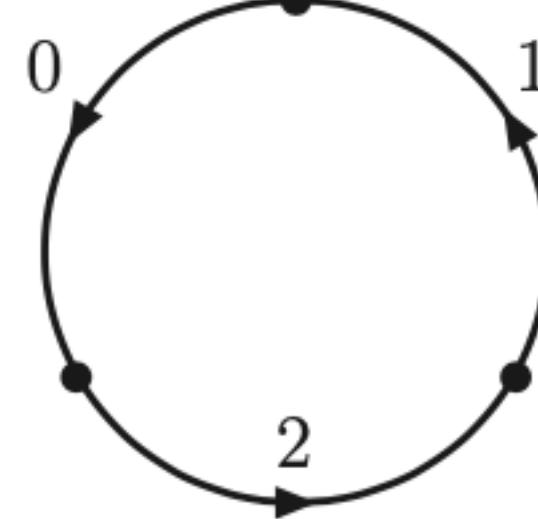
eloops (edges per set)	$ q\rangle$	$ c\rangle$	$ a\rangle$	Total	
one ( $n$ )	$n + 1$	$n - 1$	1	$2n + 2$	
two ( $n_0, n_1, n_2$ )	$n$	$n$	3	$2n + 4$	
three ( $n_0, \dots, n_5$ )	$n$	$n + (2 \text{ to } 3)$	4 to 7	$2n + (7 \text{ to } 11)$	○ 19 qubits if $n_i = 1$ ,
four ( $n_0, \dots, n_7$ )	$n$	$n + (3 \text{ to } 6)$	5 to 13	$2n + (9 \text{ to } 20)$	○ 25 qubits if $n_i = 1$ ,
four ( $n_0, \dots, n_8^{(t,s)}$ )	$n$	$n + (4 \text{ to } 7)$	5 to 13	$2n + (10 \text{ to } 21)$	○ 28 qubits if $n_i = 1$ ,
four ( $n_0, \dots, n_8^{(u)}$ )	$n$	$n + (5 \text{ to } 8)$	9 to 13	$2n + (15 \text{ to } 22)$	○ 33 qubits if $n_i = 1$ ,

# QUANTUM SIMULATION

## ONE ELOOP Qiskit



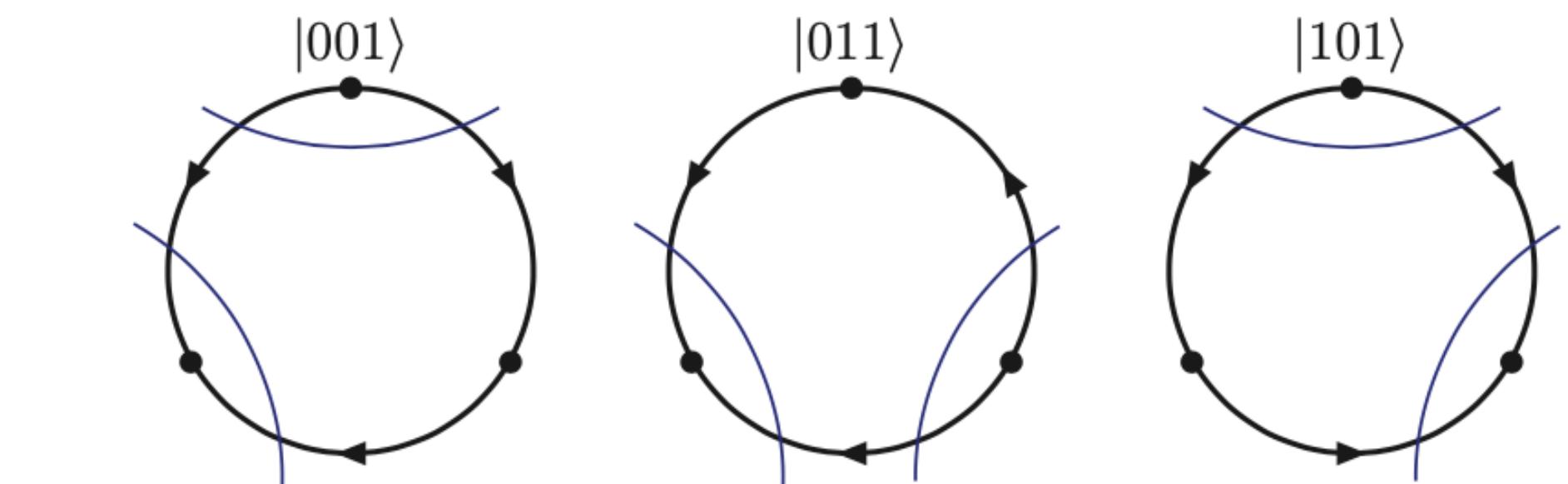
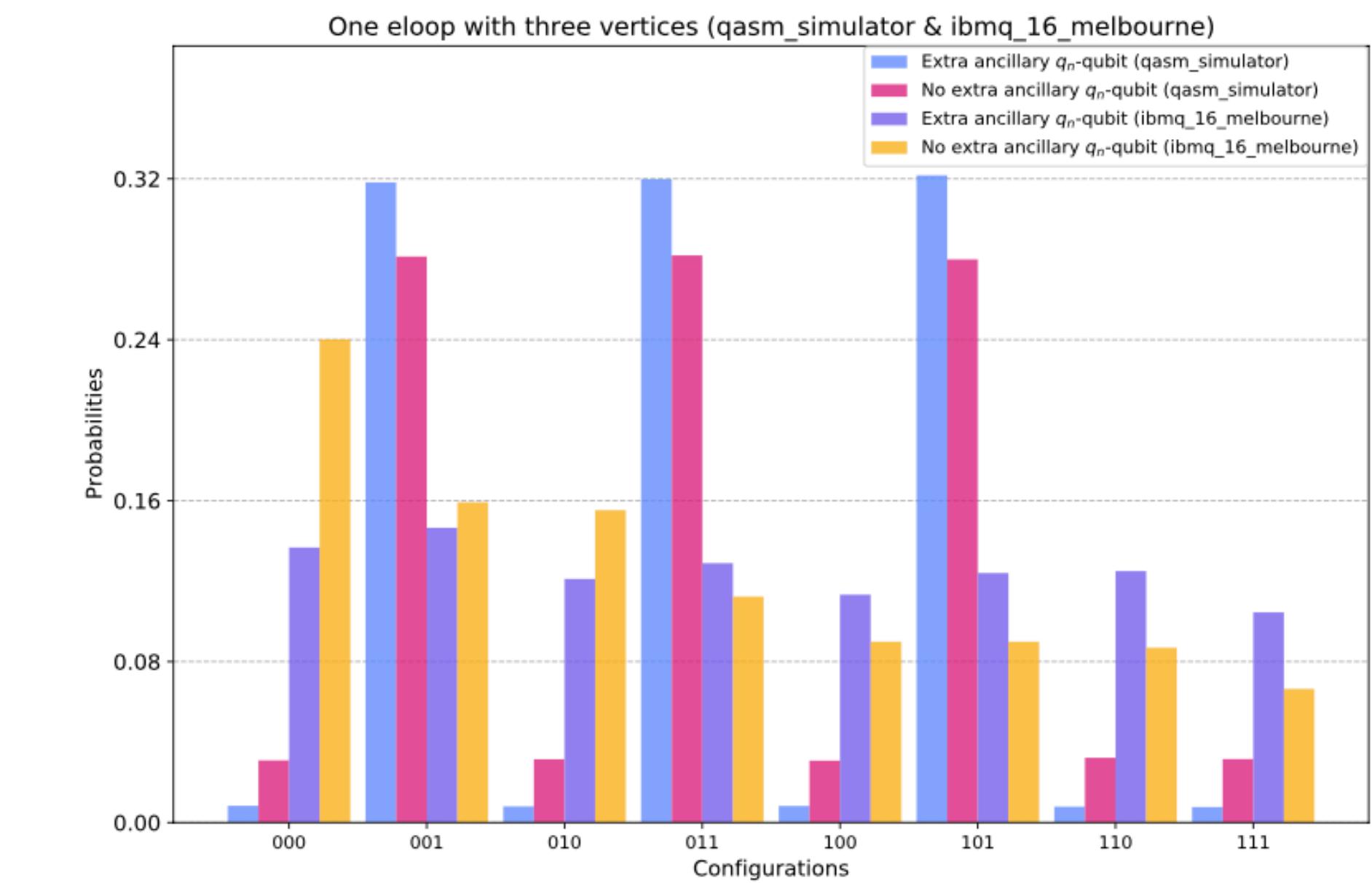
ancillary qubit



$$a_0 = \neg(c_{01} \wedge c_{12})$$

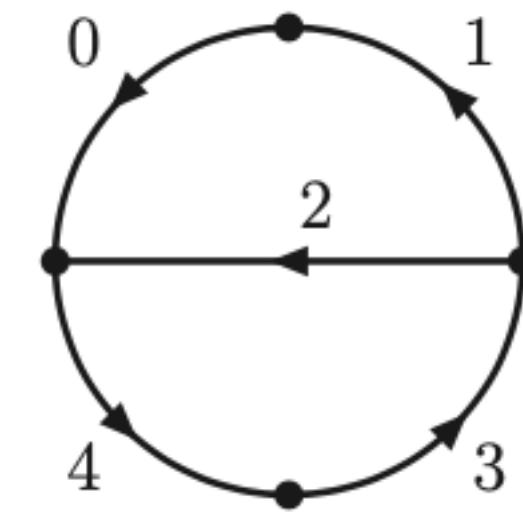
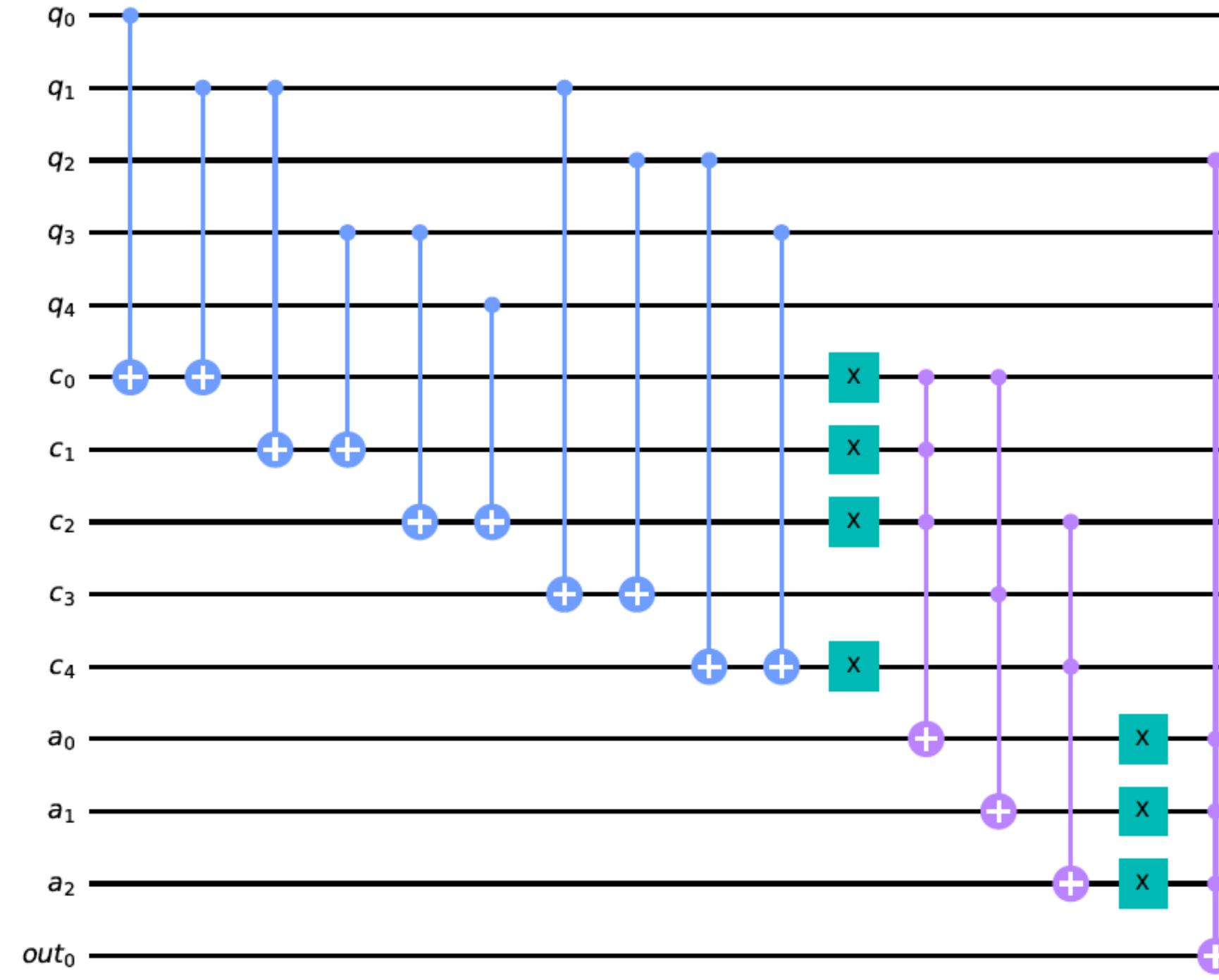
$$f^{(1)}(a, q) = a_0 \wedge q_0 \wedge q_3$$

- $|q\rangle = H^{\otimes n}|0\rangle$
- The  $|c\rangle$  and  $|a\rangle$  registers initialized to  $|0\rangle$



## QUANTUM SIMULATION

# TWO ELOOPPS Qiskit

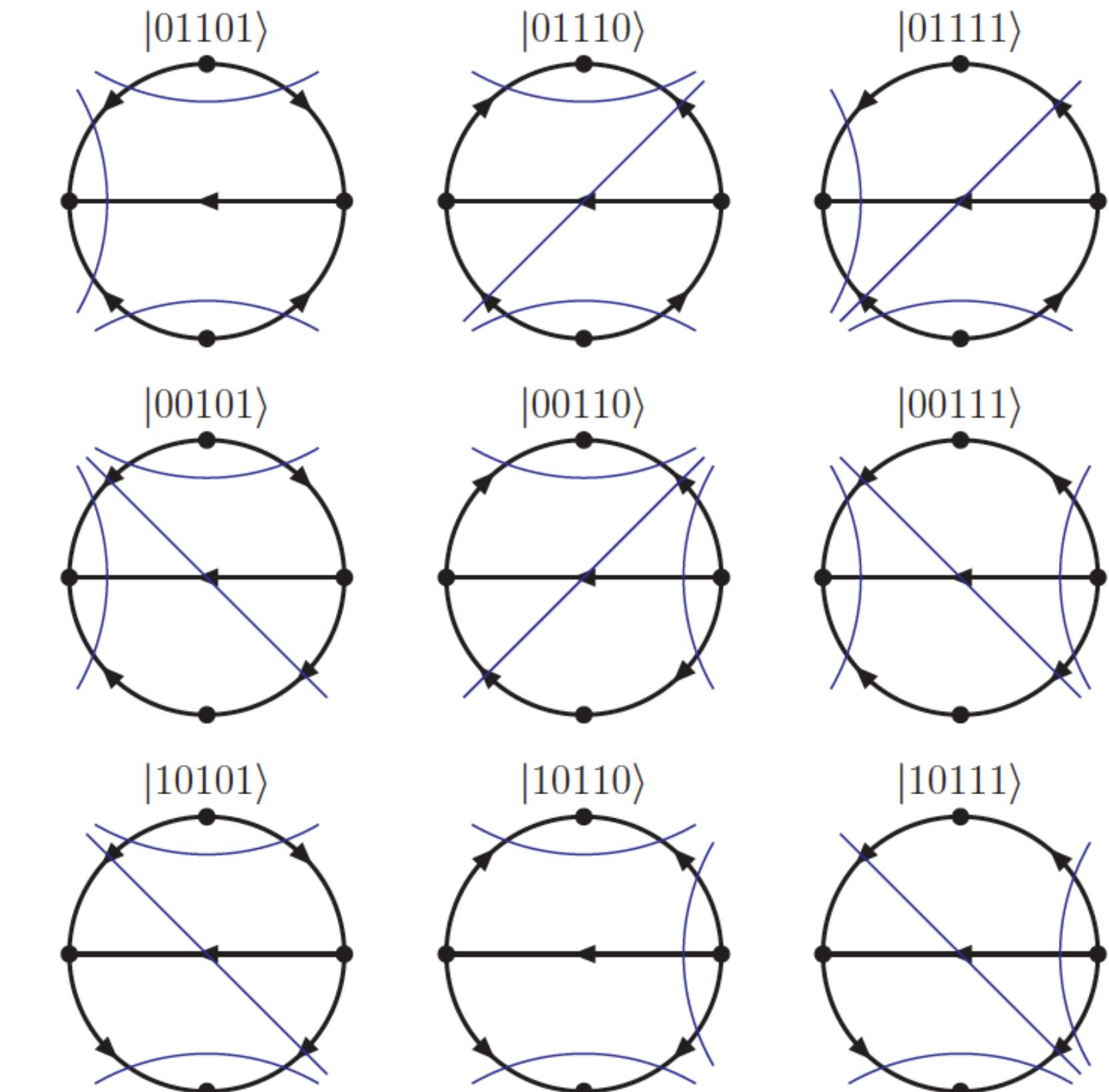
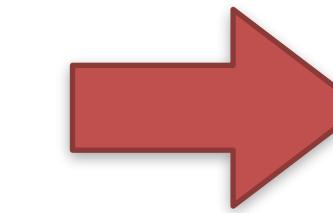
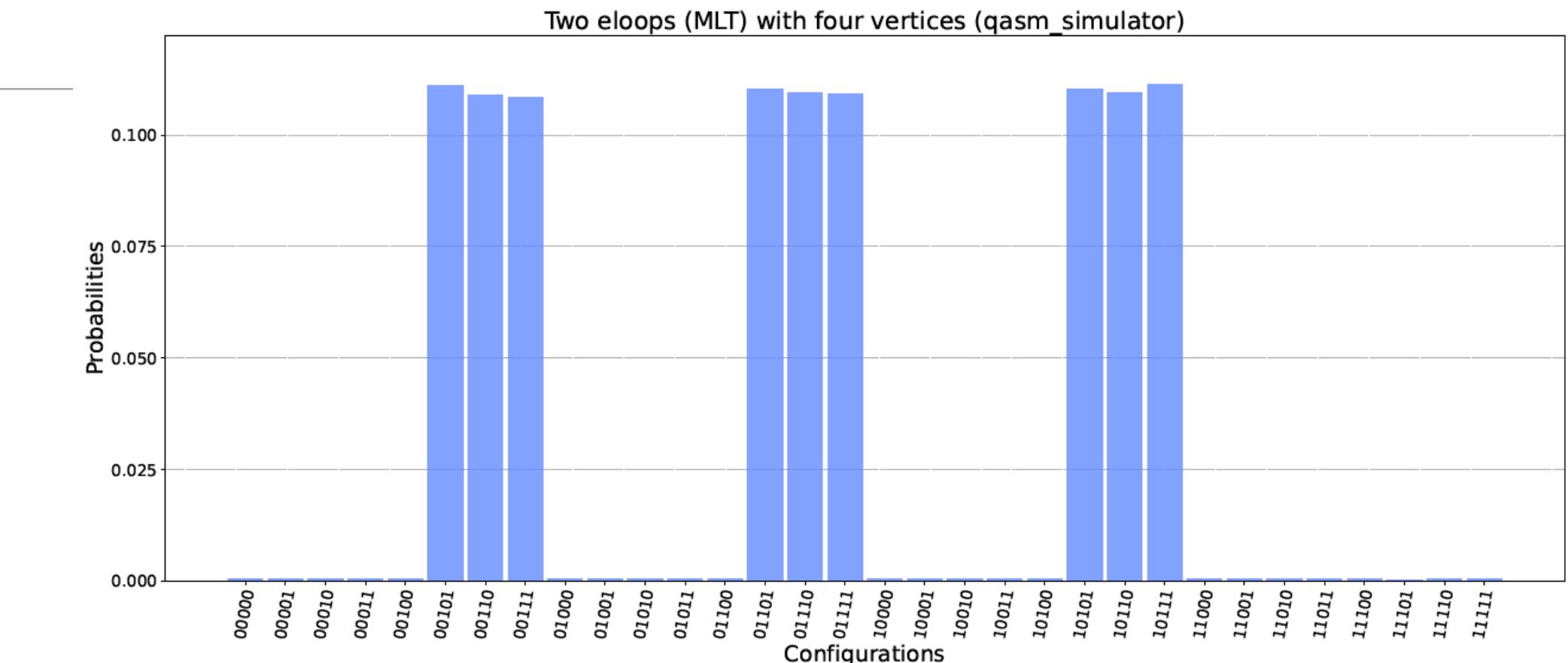


$$a_0 = \neg(c_{01} \wedge c_{13} \wedge c_{34})$$

$$a_1 = \neg(c_{01} \wedge \bar{c}_{12})$$

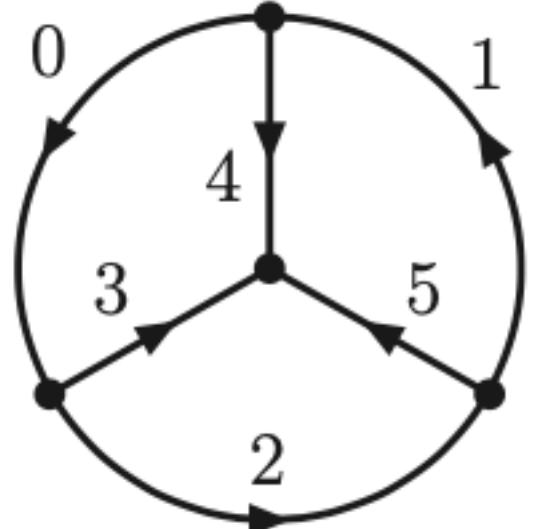
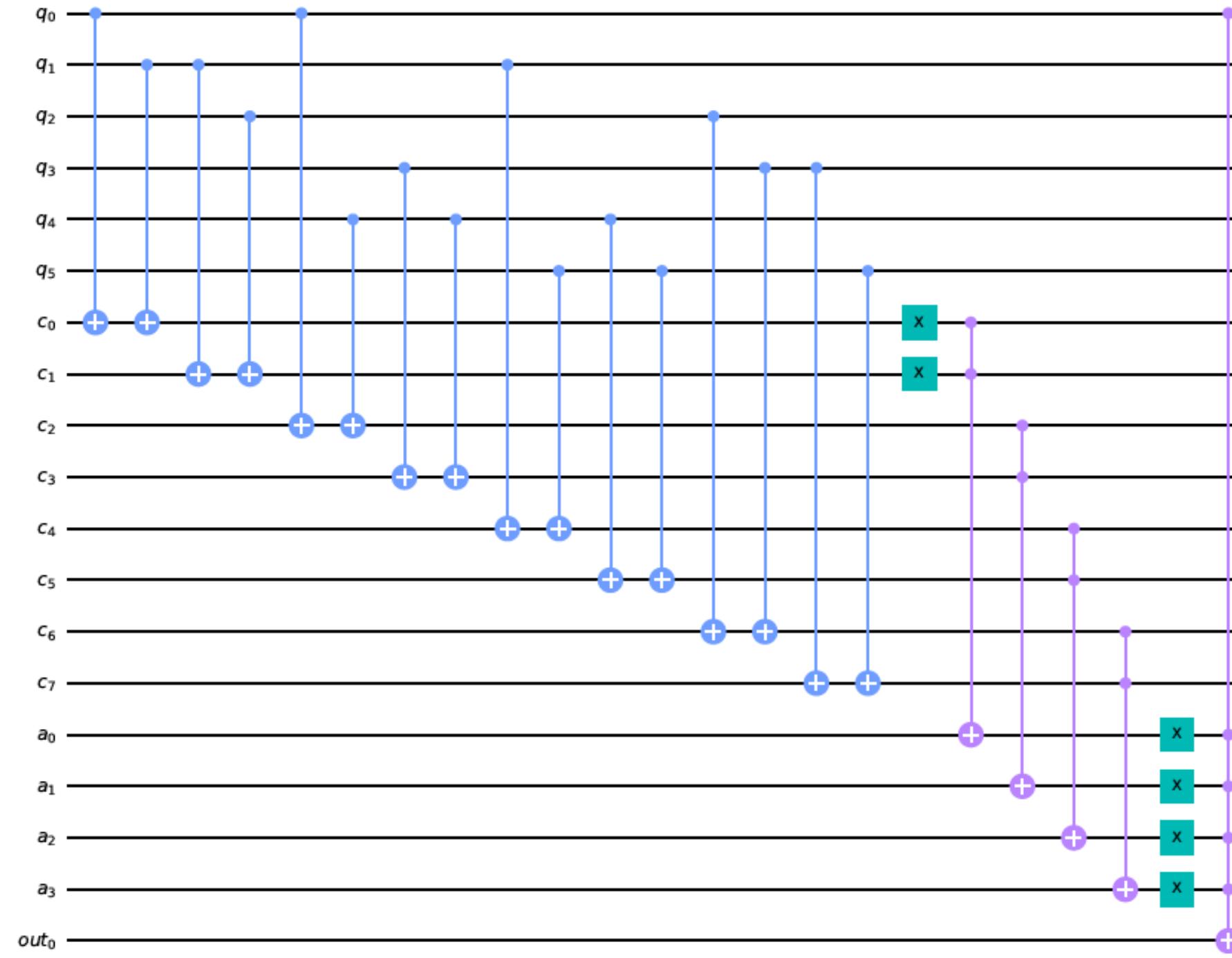
$$a_2 = \neg(c_{23} \wedge c_{34})$$

$$f^{(2)}(a, q) = (a_0 \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge q_2$$

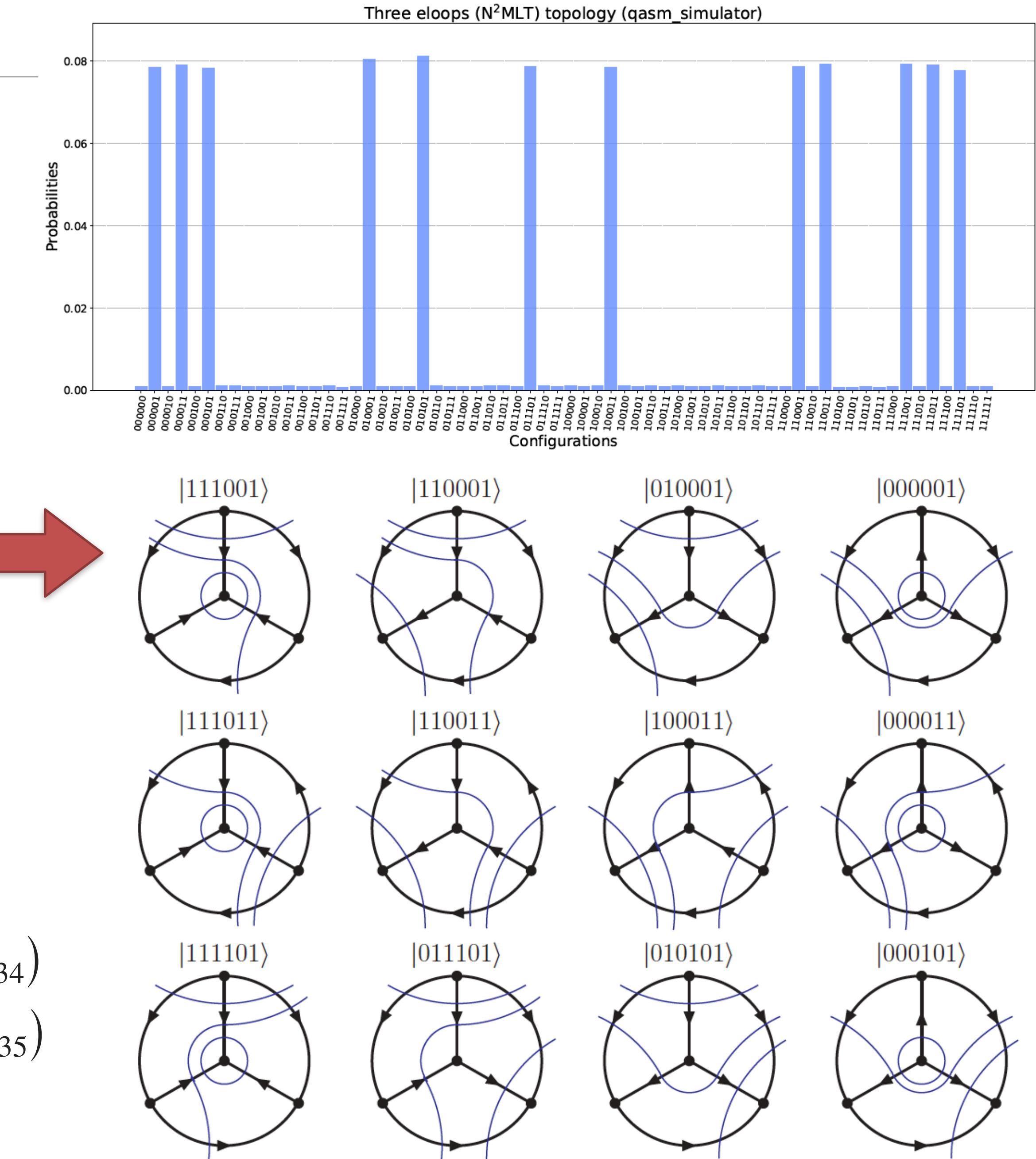
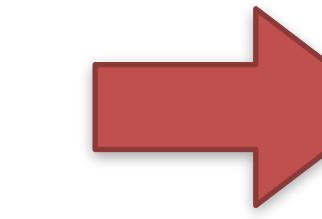


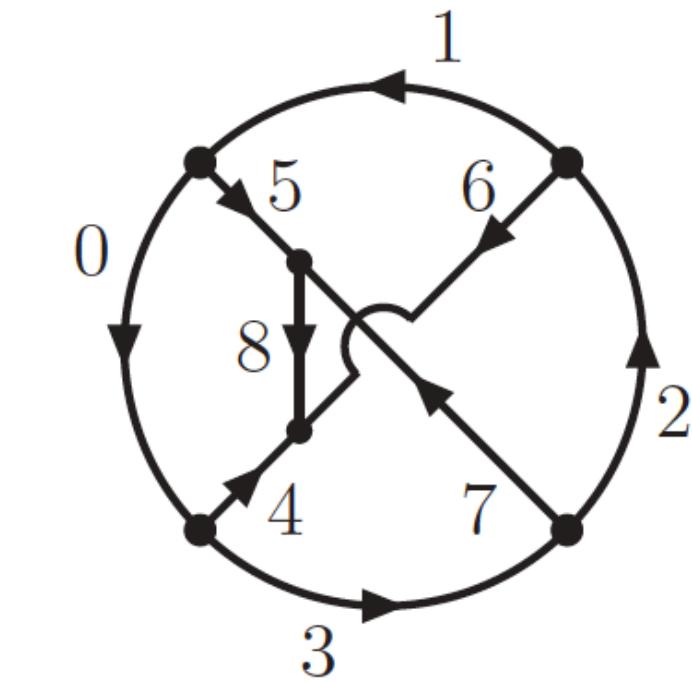
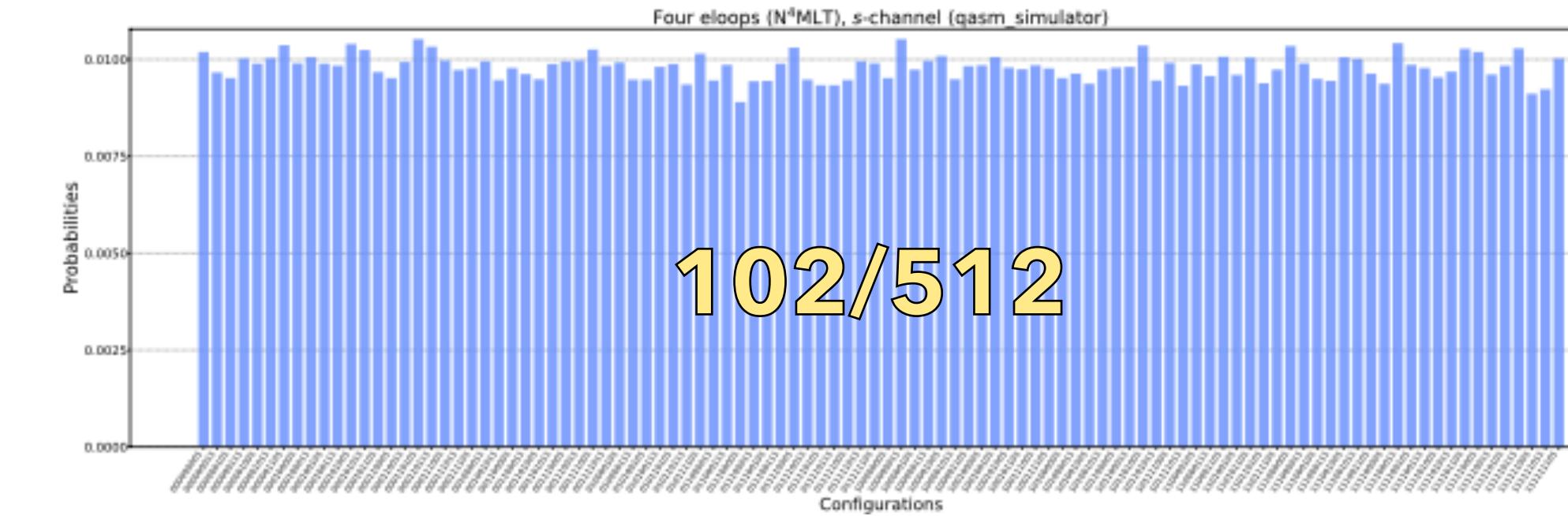
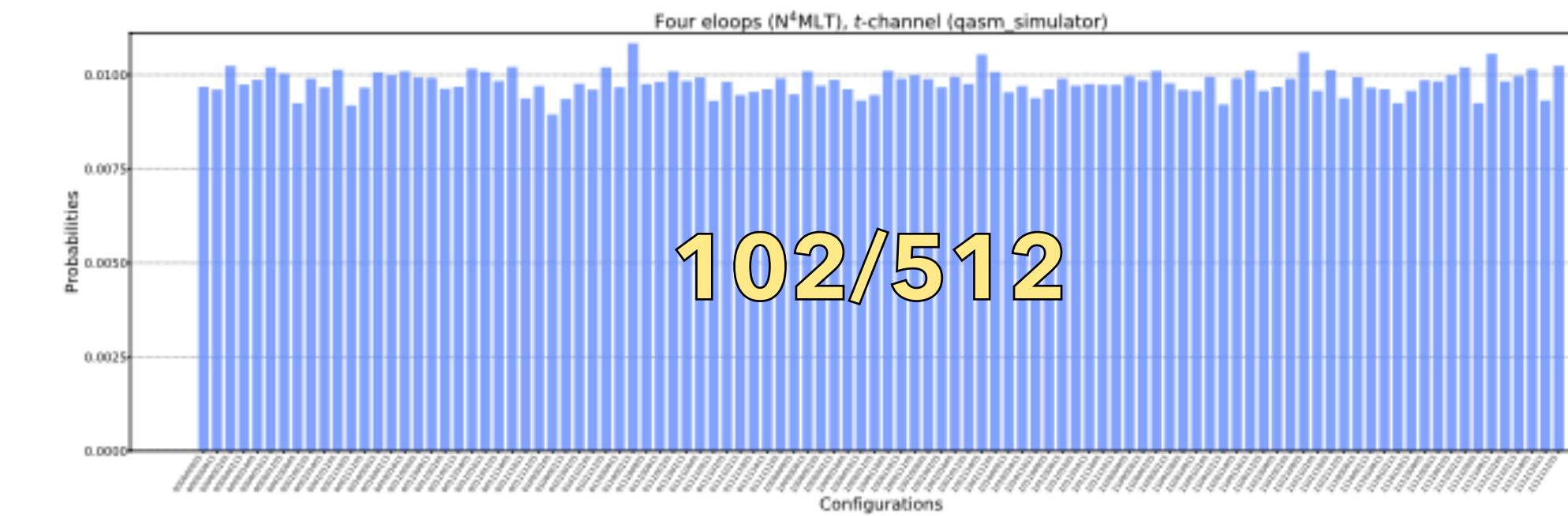
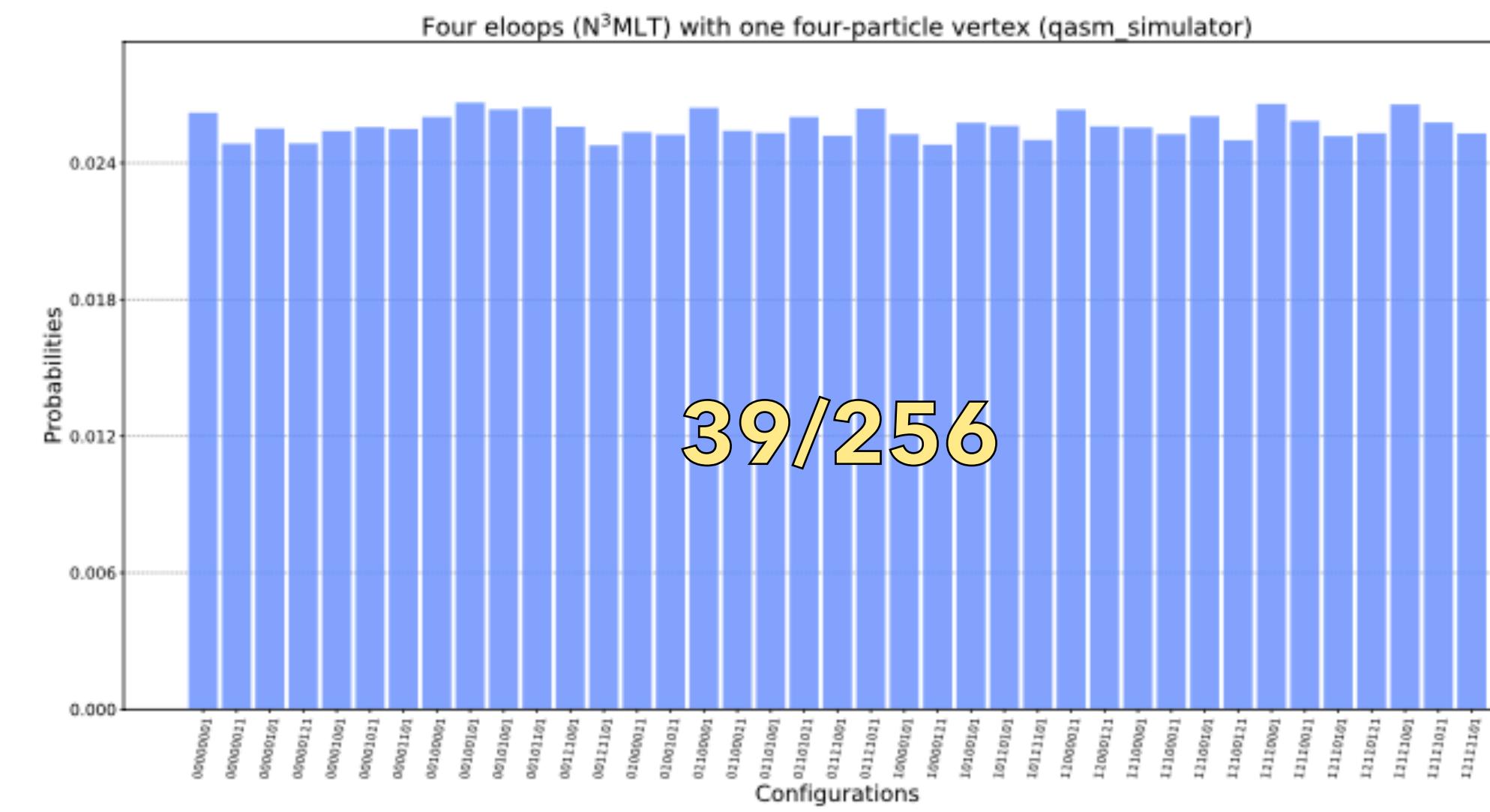
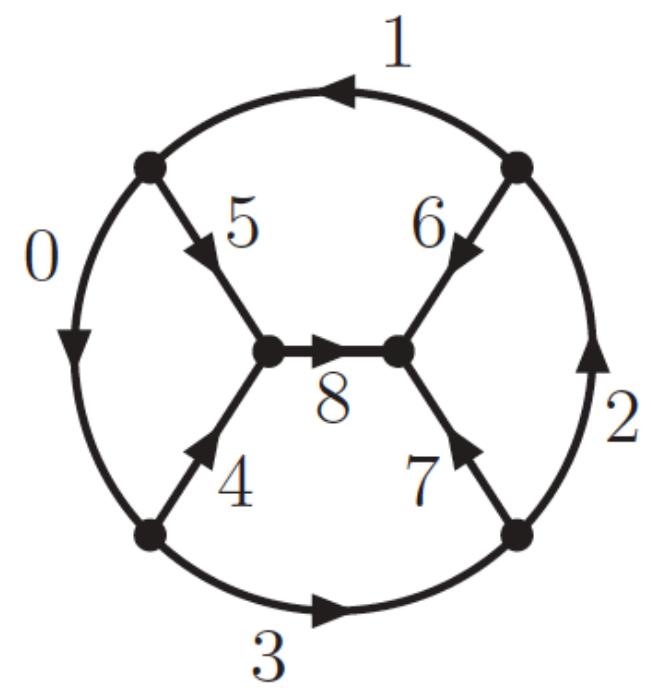
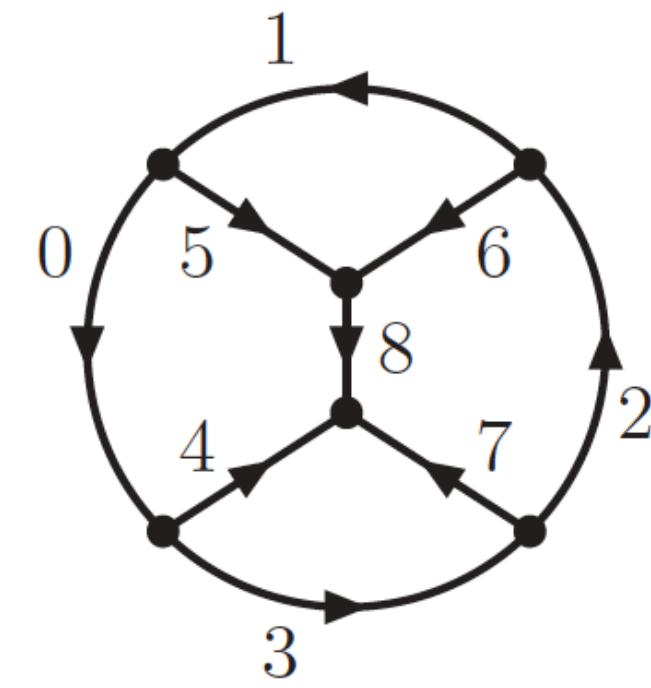
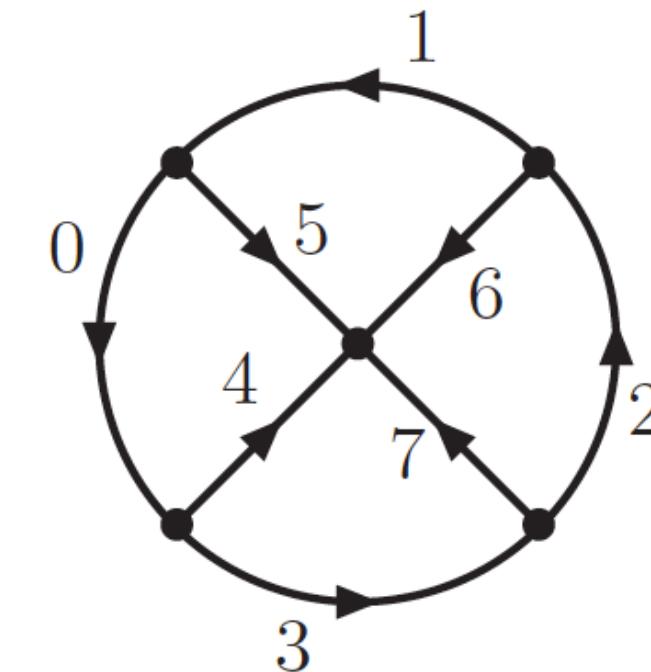
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## THREE ELOOPPS Qiskit



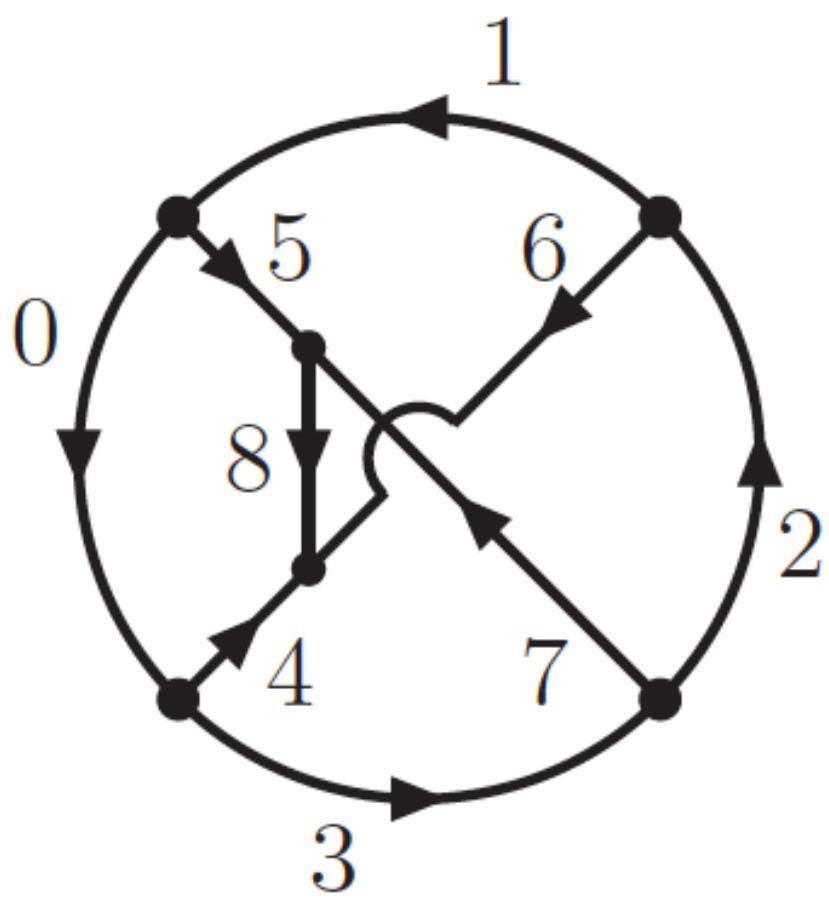
$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \neg(c_{01} \wedge c_{12}) & a_1 &= \neg(\bar{c}_{04} \wedge \bar{c}_{34}) \\
 a_2 &= \neg(\bar{c}_{15} \wedge \bar{c}_{45}) & a_3 &= \neg(\bar{c}_{23} \wedge \bar{c}_{35}) \\
 f^{(3)}(a, q) &= (a_0 \wedge \dots \wedge a_3) \wedge q_0
 \end{aligned}$$





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- requires 33 qubits > IBM Qiskit capacity

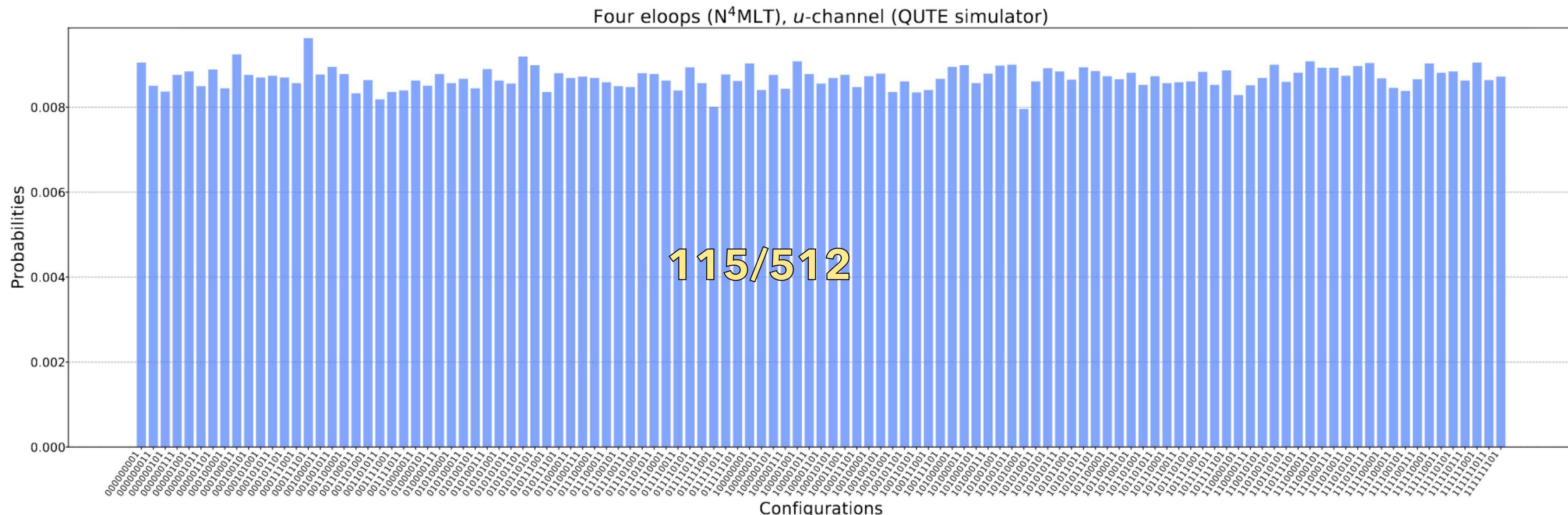
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# CONCLUSIONS

- **Causal configurations** of multiloop Feynman integrals successfully identified with an efficient modification of Grover's quantum algorithm for querying over unstructured databases
- Beyond particle physics, finds application for **directed acyclic graphs**
- Still limited by quantum volume in real devices, and number of qubits in quantum simulators
- Given the rapid progress in the field, flagship application for future developments