



Graph theory-based automated quantum algorithm for efficient querying of acyclic and multiloop causal configurations



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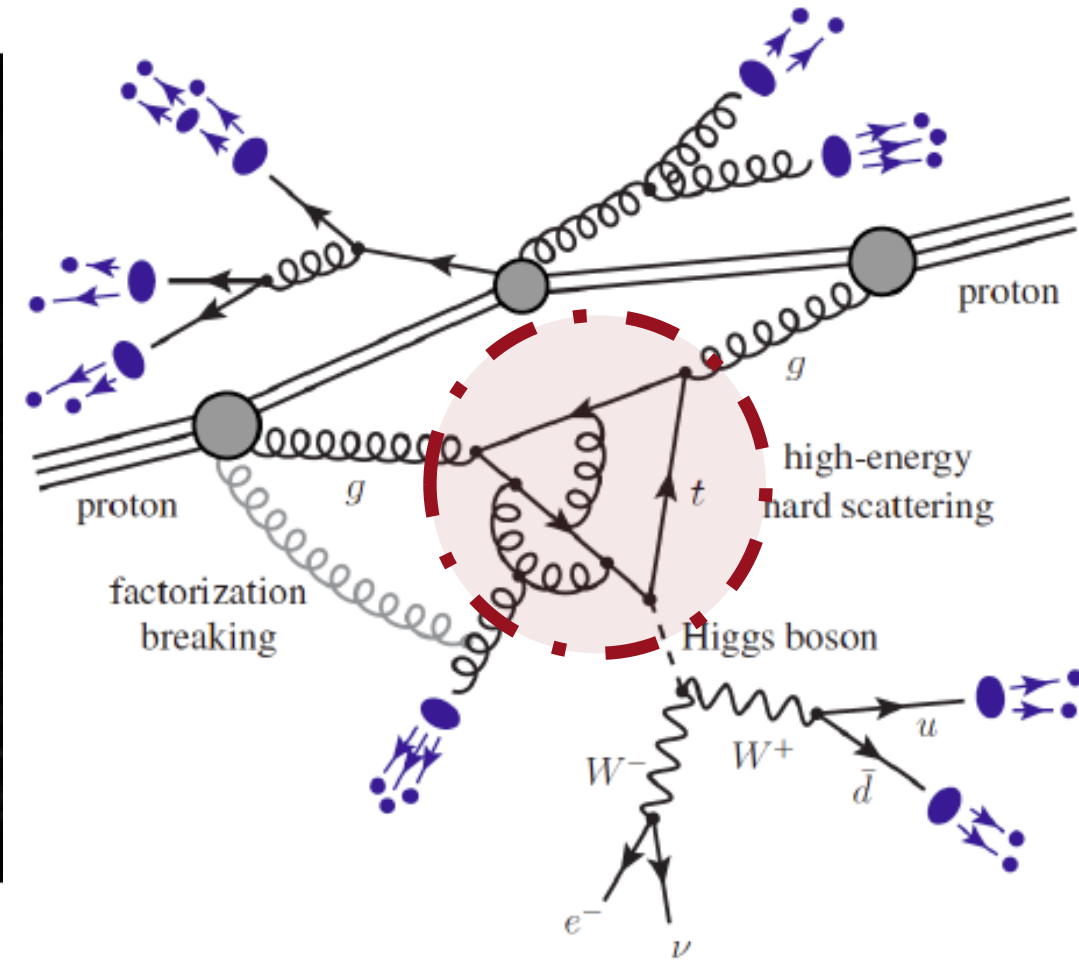
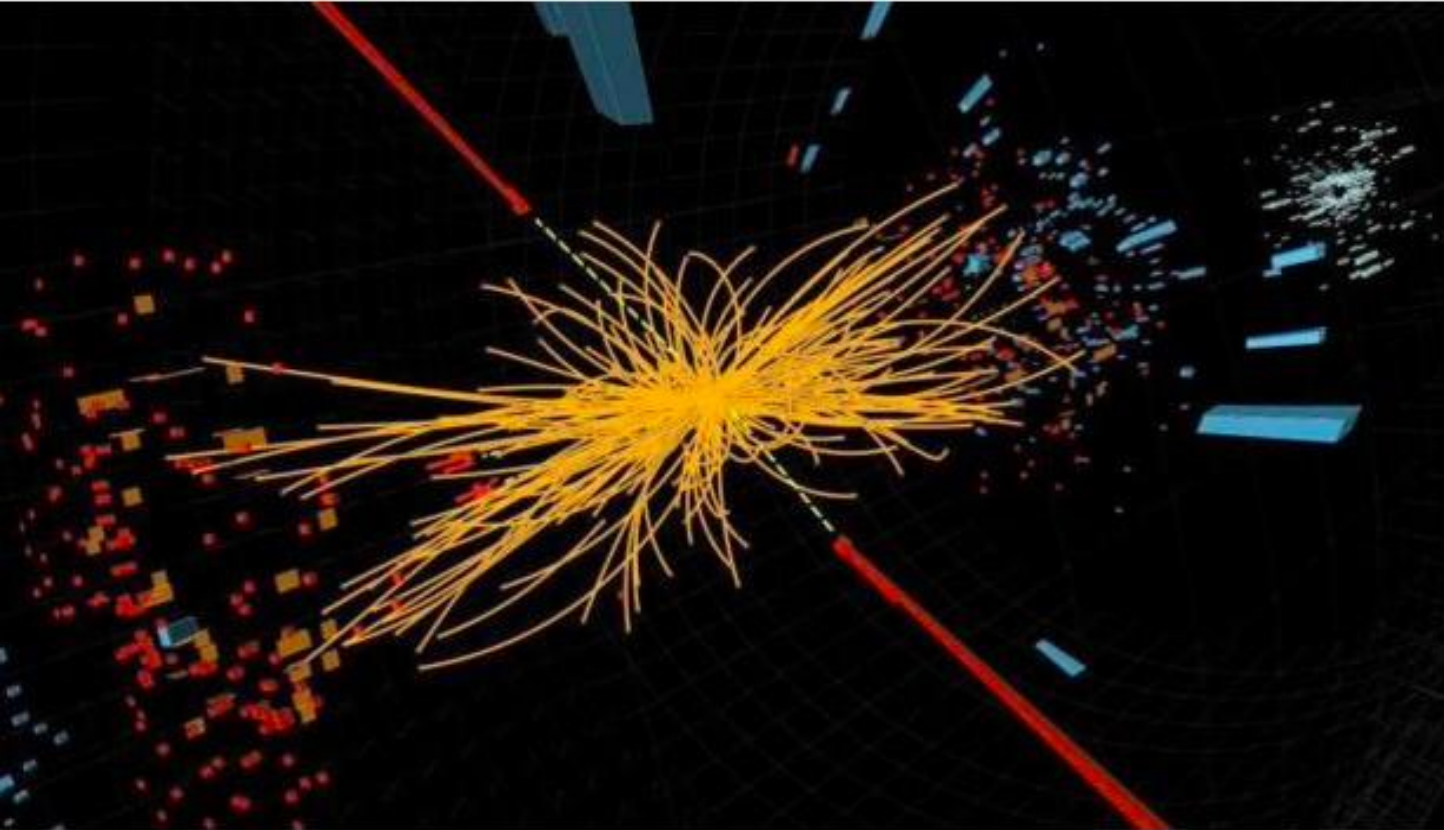
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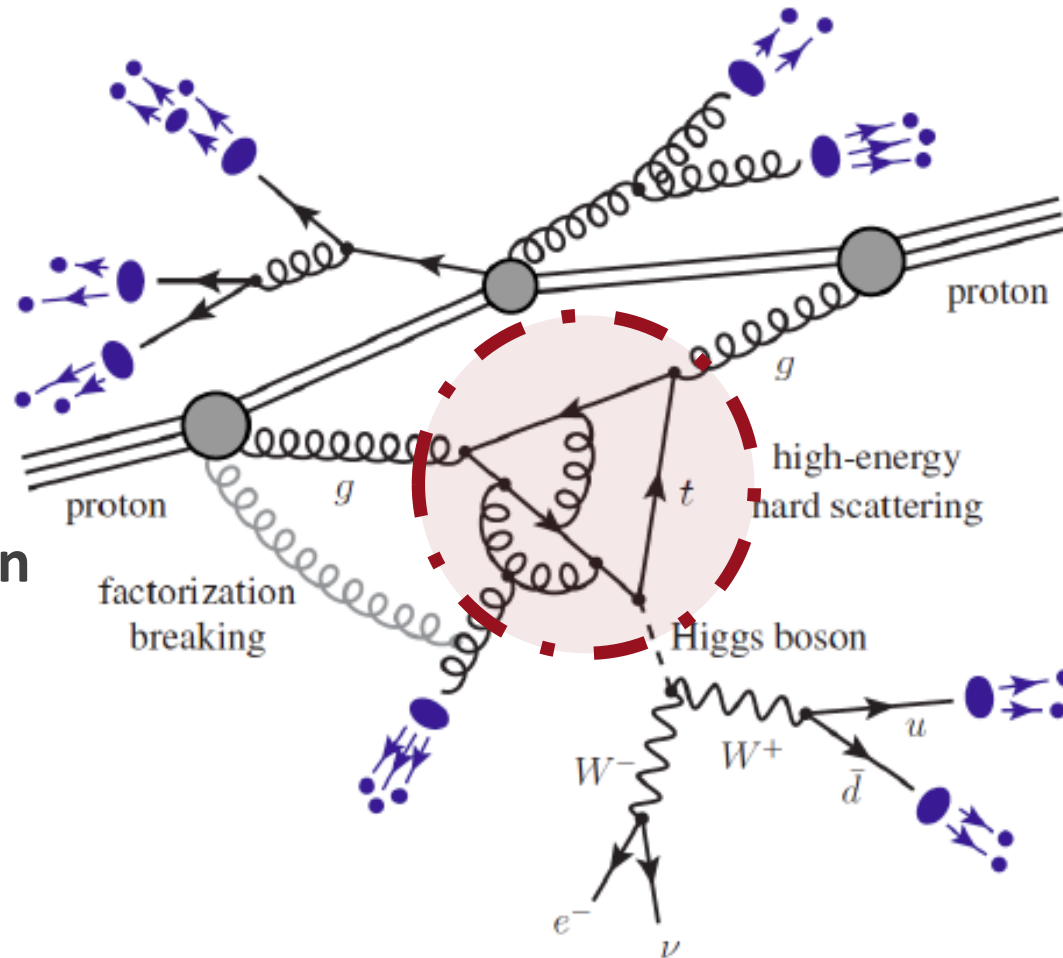
Challenging **demands** are pushing the **precision frontier** towards more accurate theoretical predictions beyond the current state of the art.

Motivate exploring **new technologies**



- ⊙ **Factorization** into short distance (hard scattering) and long distance (initial and final state)
- ⊙ **QFT** = quantum mechanics + space-time + creation-annihilation of particles

- Track reconstruction
- Parton densities
- Parton showers
- Quantum machine learning
- Monte Carlo integration
- Tree-level helicity amplitudes
- Jets in a medium
- Jet clustering



□ Multiloop scattering amplitudes

Ramírez, Rentería, GR, Sborlini, Vale Silva, [JHEP 2205, 100 \(2022\)](#)

Clemente, Crippa, Jansen, Ramírez, Rentería, GR, Sborlini, Vale Silva, [2210.13240](#)

Bootstrap the LTD causal representation.

Scattering amplitude in the Feynman representation

$$\mathcal{A}_F^{(L)} = \int_{\ell_1 \dots \ell_L} \mathcal{N}(\{\ell_s\}_L, \{k_j\}_P) \prod_{i=1}^n G_F(q_i)$$

- L loop momenta
- P external particles
- n Feynman propagators

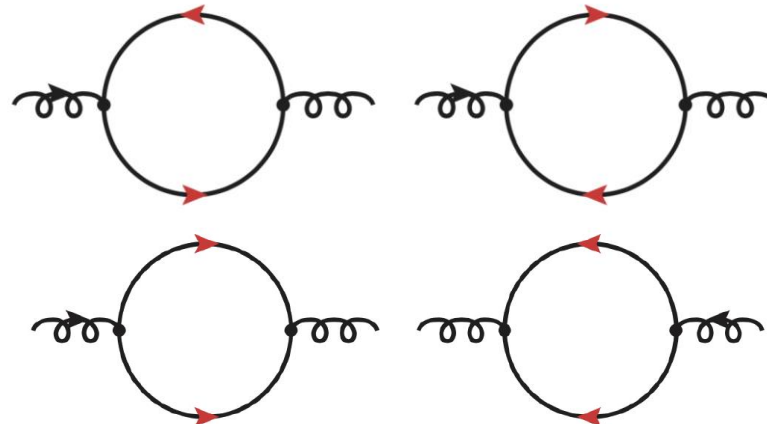
$G_F(q_i) = \frac{1}{(q_{i,0} - q_{i,0}^{(+)}) (q_{i,0} + q_{i,0}^{(+)})}$	
⊙ $q_i = \ell + p_i$	⊙ $q_{i,0}^{(+)} = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_i^2 + m_i^2 - i0}$

Feynman propagators encode the propagation of a particle in either directions.



$$G_F(q_i) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

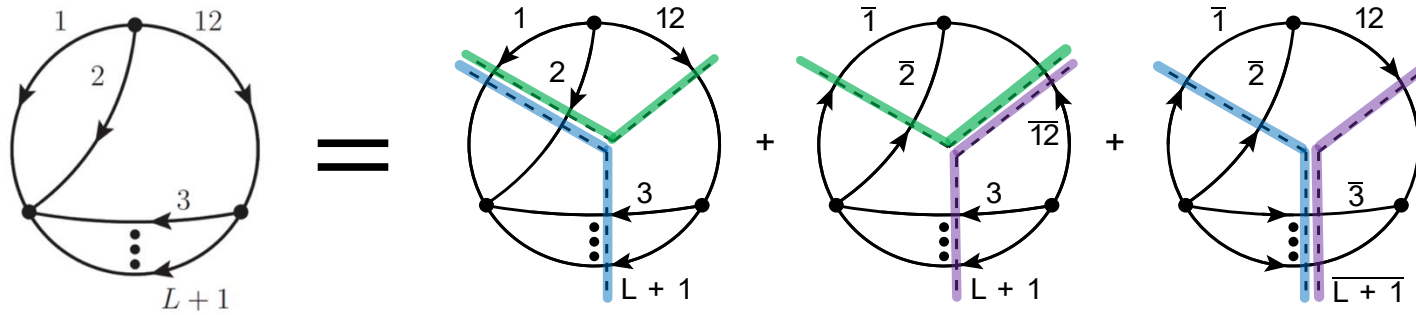
A multiloop Feynman diagram can be considered as a quantum superposition of 2^n states



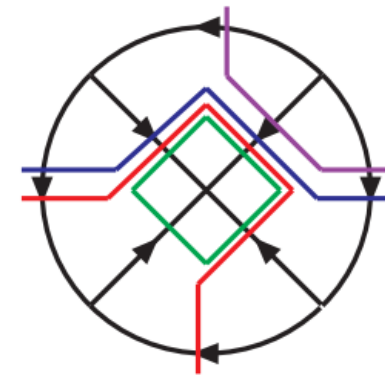
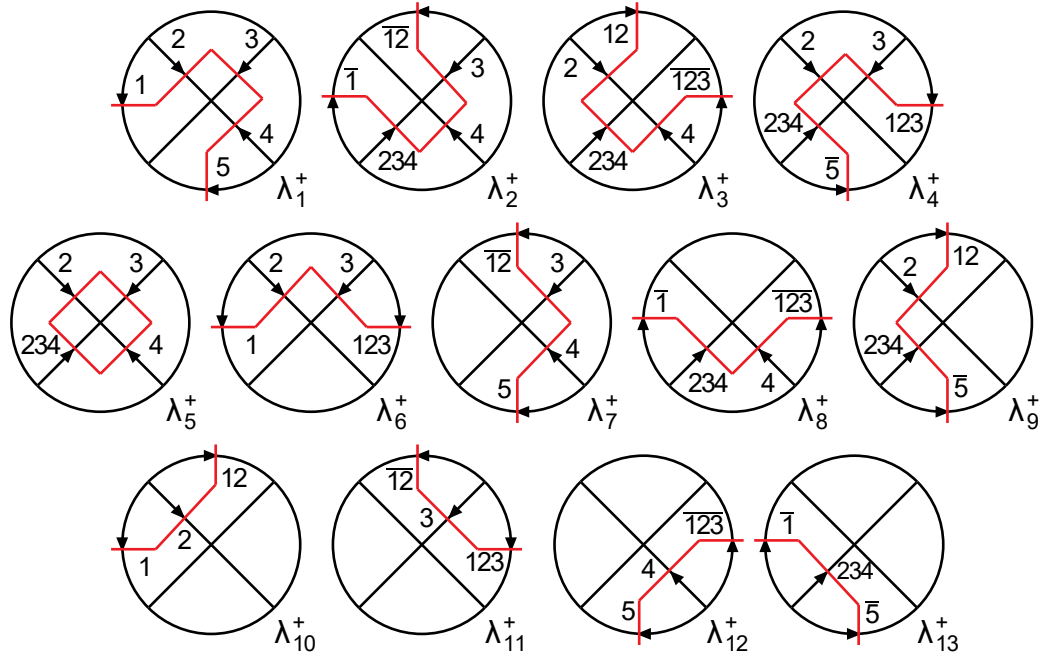
Cyclic state

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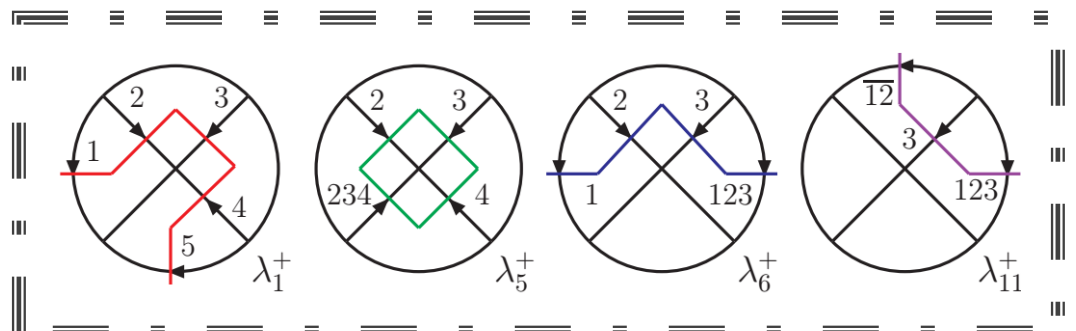
The LTD causal representation



Manifestly free of unphysical singularities



Compatibility among 26 thresholds

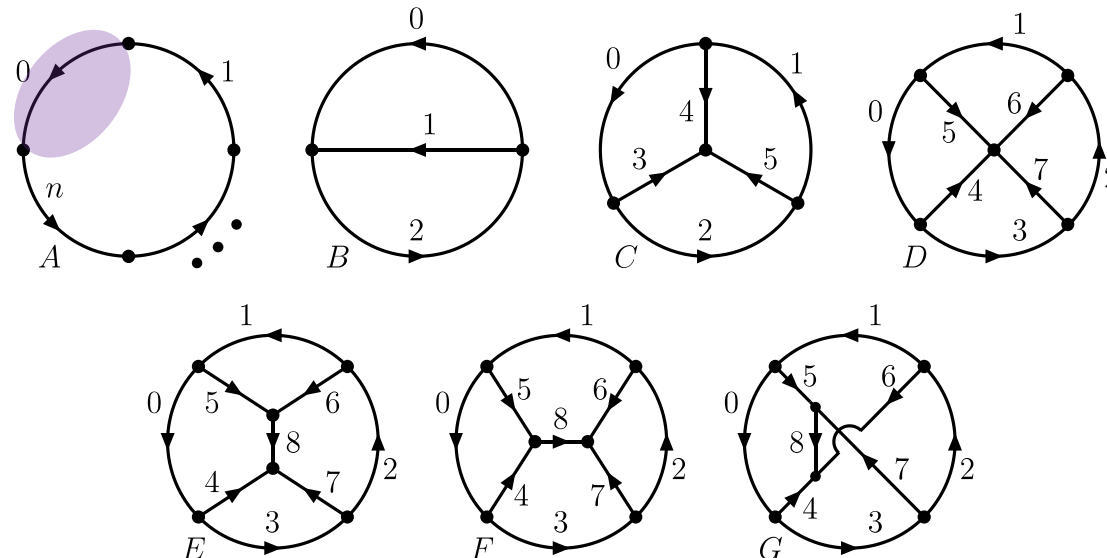


Quantum computing approach

Bootstrap the LTD causal representation of representative multiloop topologies.

- S. Ramírez-Uribe, A. E. Rentería-Olivo, G. Rodrigo, G. F. R. Sborlini, and L. Vale Silva, “Quantum algorithm for Feynman loop integrals”, JHEP 05, 100 (2022), arXiv:2105.08703 [hep-ph].

Two possible on-shell states that we identify with the quantum states $|1\rangle$ and $|0\rangle$



Causal representation is closely related to graph theory:

causal configurations are directed acyclic graphs

Quantum query algorithm based on Grover's algorithm

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ii Initialize

iii Oracle

iv Diffusion

v Measure

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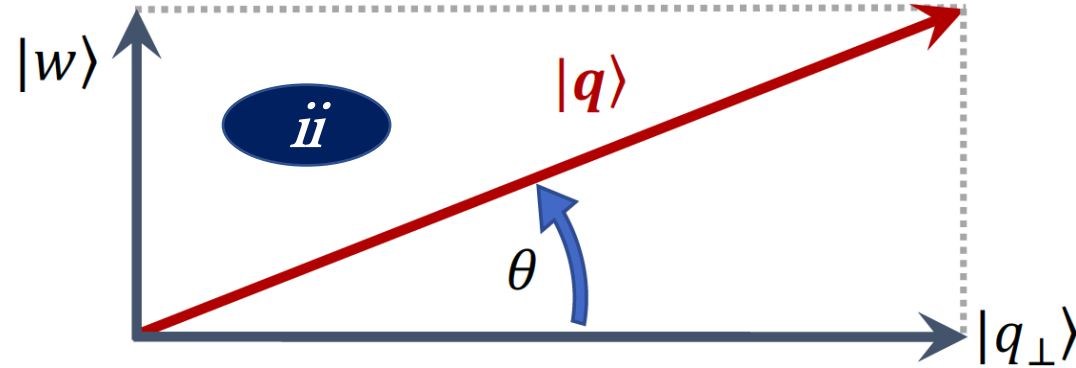
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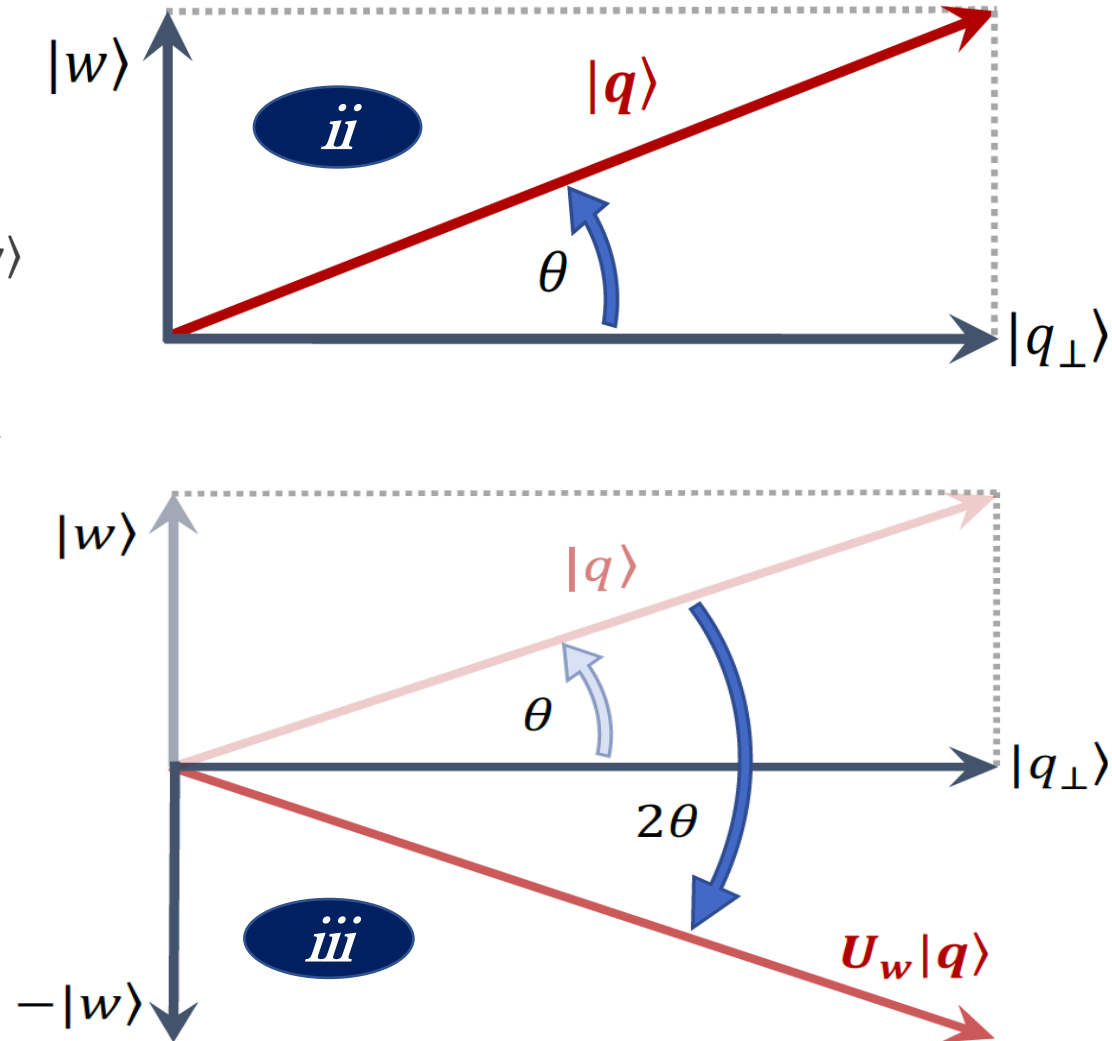
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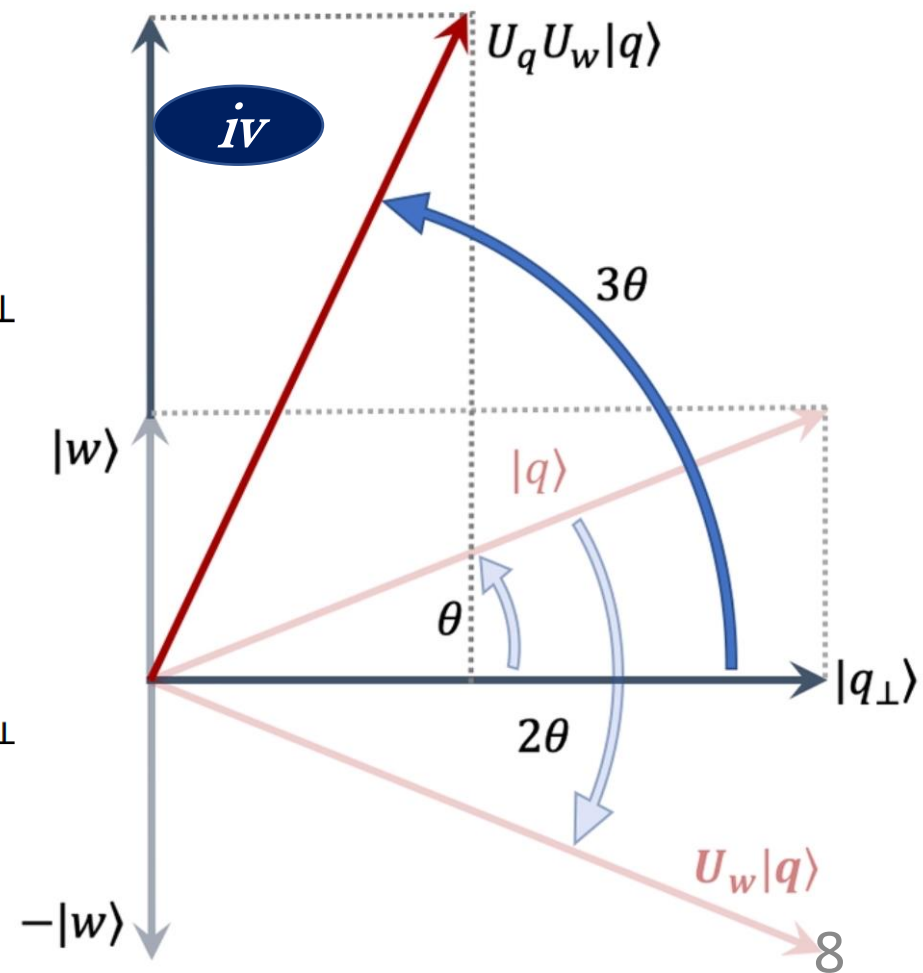
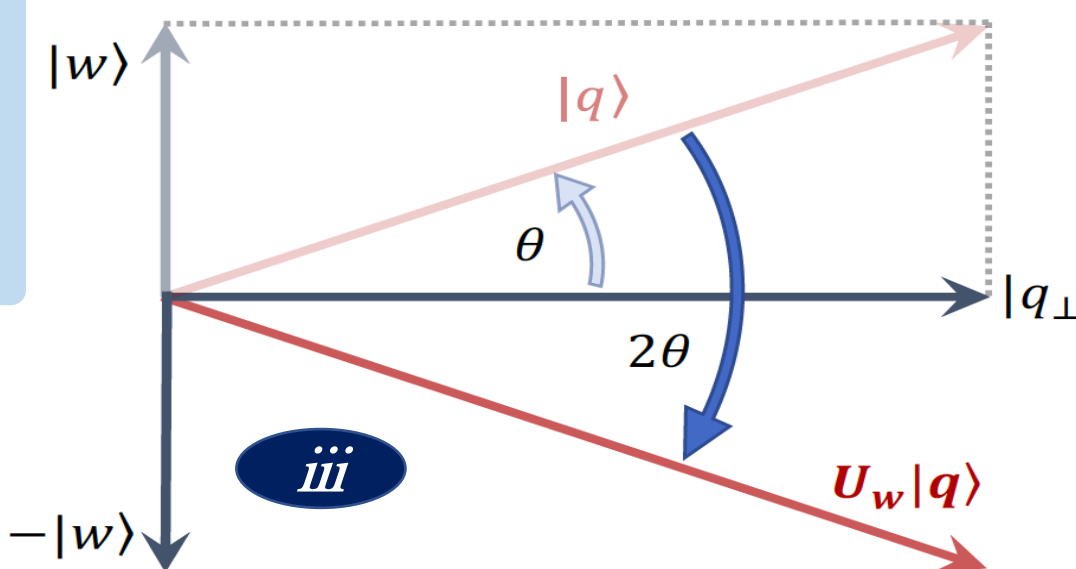
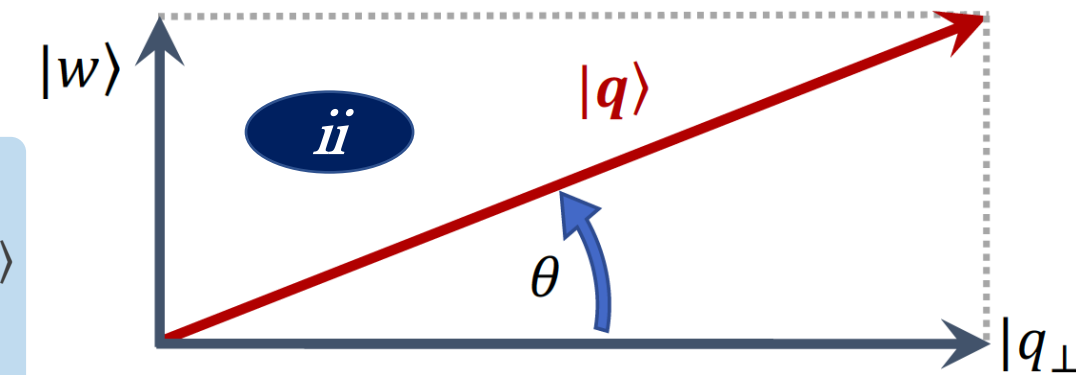
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For Feynman loop integrals, given a causal solution (directed acyclic configuration) the mirror state is also a causal solution.

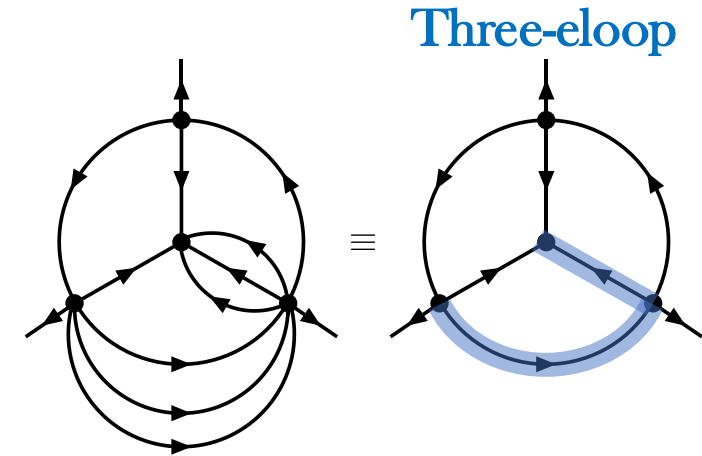
⊙ Halve the total number of solutions.



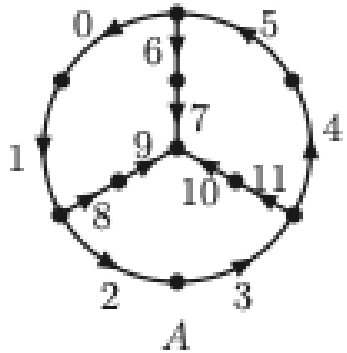
Single out one of the edges

Boolean functions

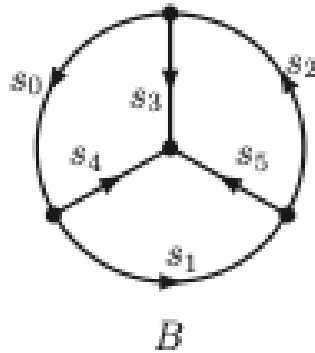
- ⊙ An edge is defined as the union of propagators connecting two interaction vertices.
- ⊙ Eloops are the loops associated to a reduced graph



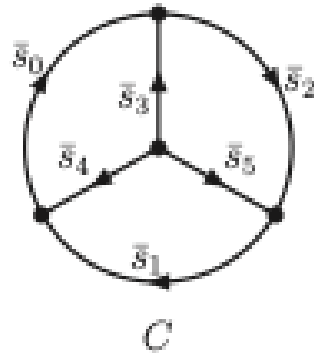
$$e_i \equiv i$$



$$s_j \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in z_j} e_i$$



$$\bar{s}_j \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in z_j} \bar{e}_i$$

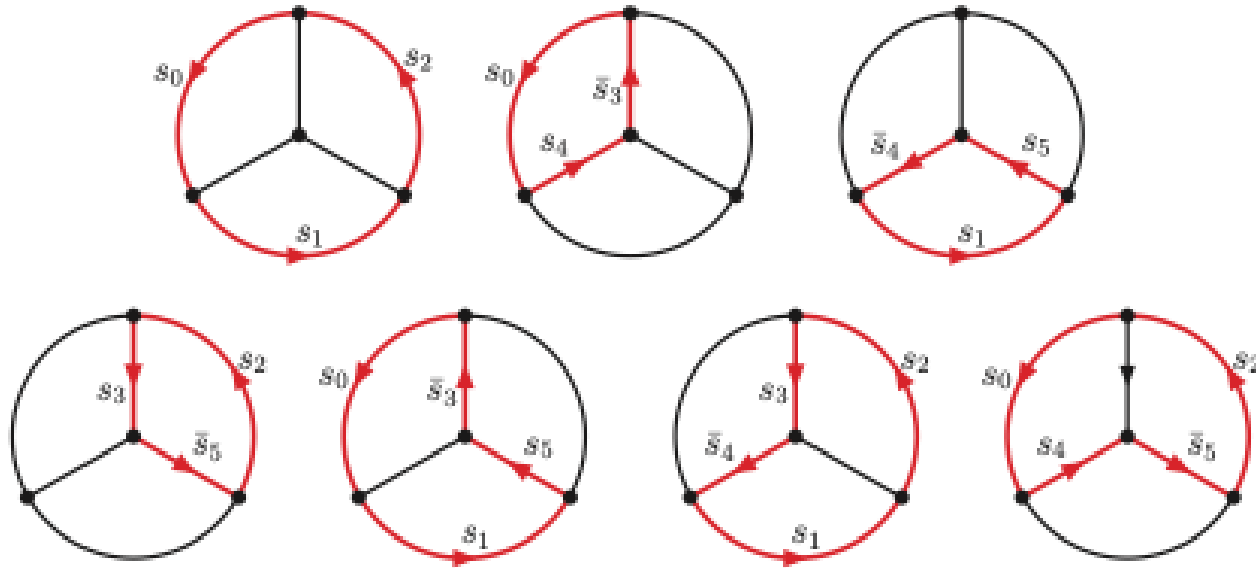


Boolean functions associated to Λ

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_0 &= 0 \wedge 1, & s_1 &= 2 \wedge 3, & s_2 &= 4 \wedge 5, \\
 s_3 &= 6 \wedge 7, & s_4 &= 8 \wedge 9, & s_5 &= 10 \wedge 11
 \end{aligned}$$

Eloop clauses

- Directed cyclic conditions are store in eloop clauses.



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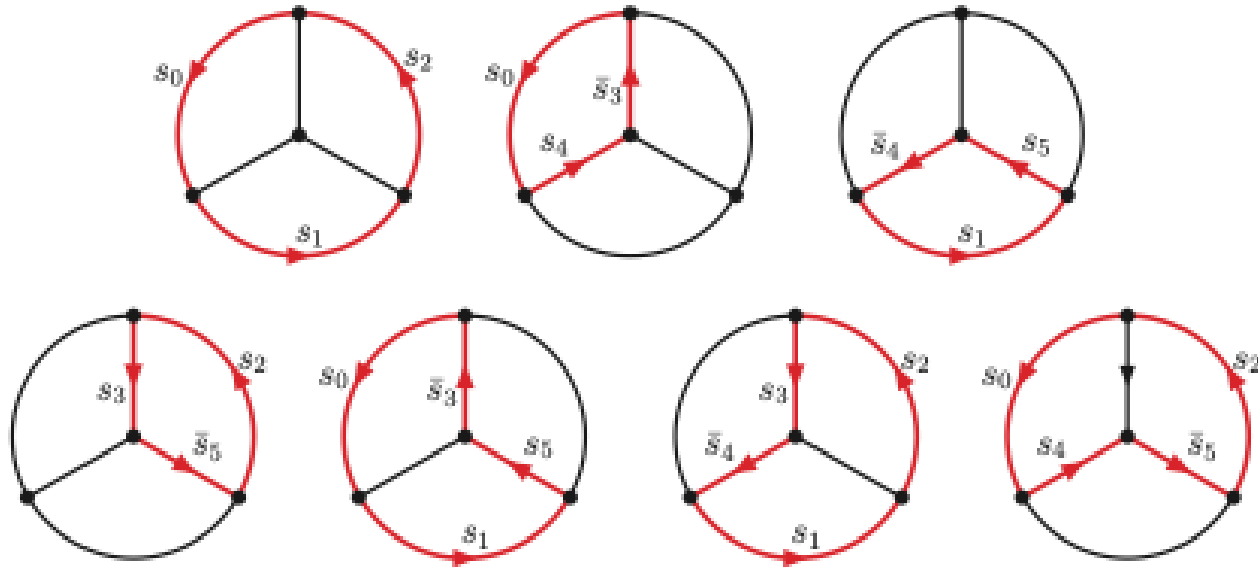
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- Causal configurations are identified by suppressing the cyclic configurations.

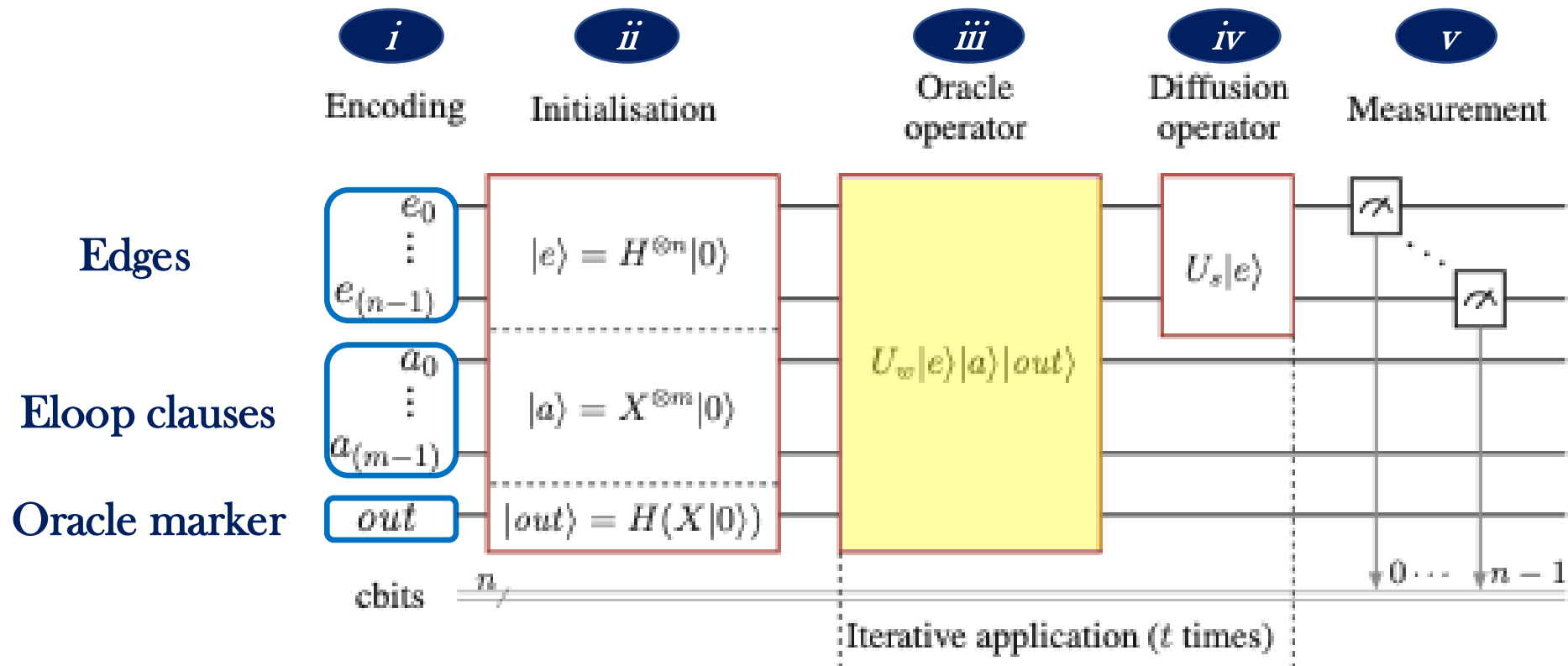
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$$\mathcal{A}c \equiv \bigwedge_j \neg c_j$$

Quantum circuit model of a quantum query algorithm



The oracle operator design

How do we determine the number of ancillary qubits and the gate order?

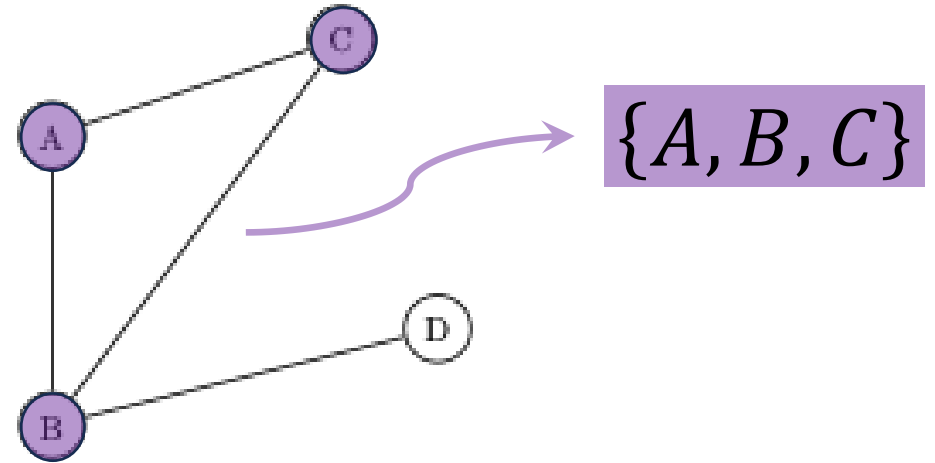
Process the graph structure more efficiently by applying concepts from graph theory

Data structure

- ⊙ **Clique (complete subgraph).**

Subset of vertices from a specific graph in which each pair of vertices is directly connected by an edge.

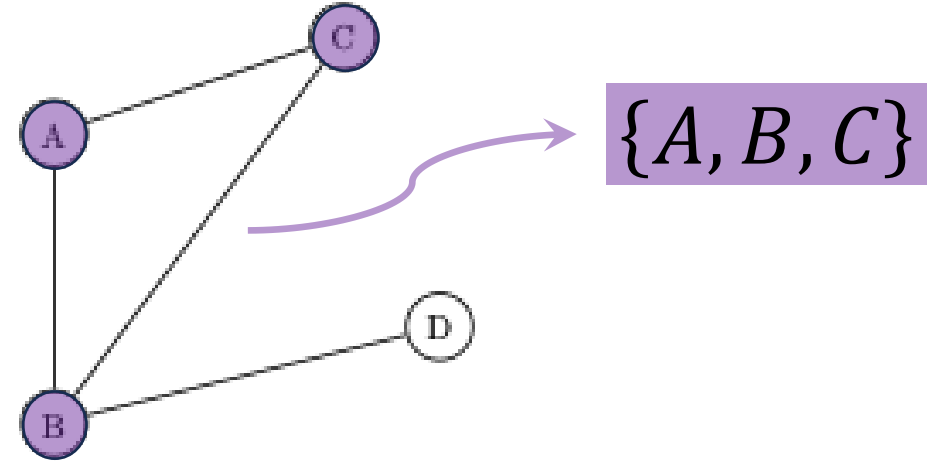
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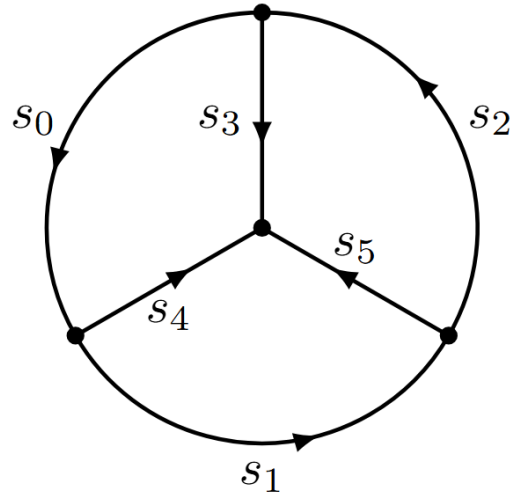
A clique can be understood as a subset of interaction vertices that **form non-causal configurations** independently of the rest of the diagram.

Determine the minimum number of cliques that generate a graph.

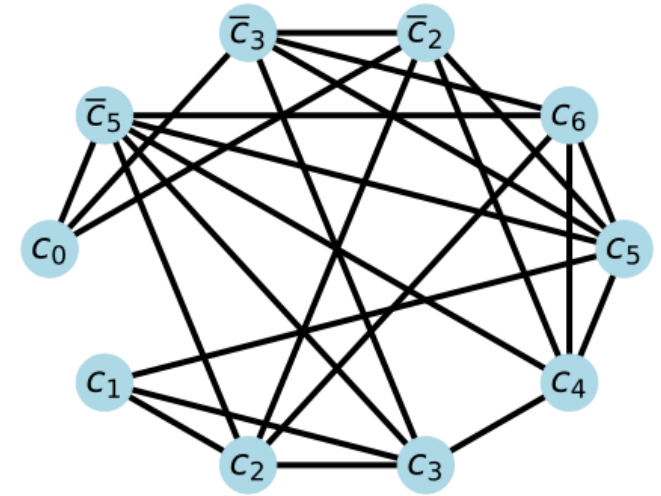


Minimum Clique Partition (MCP)

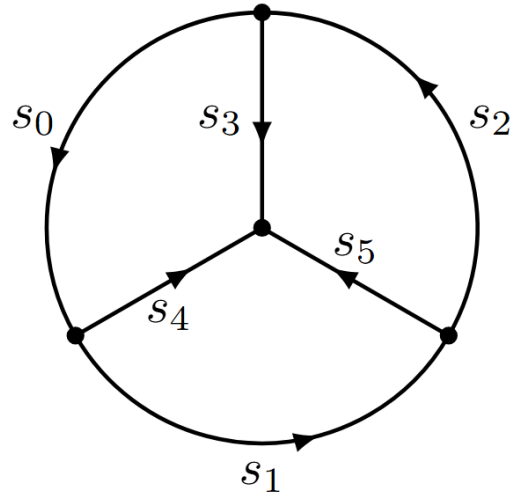
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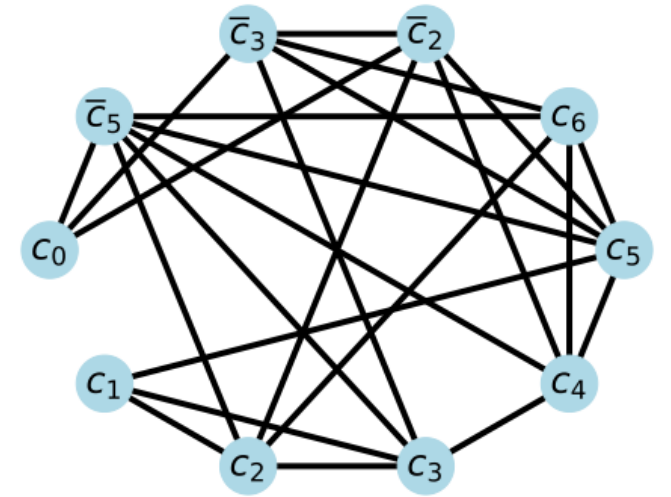
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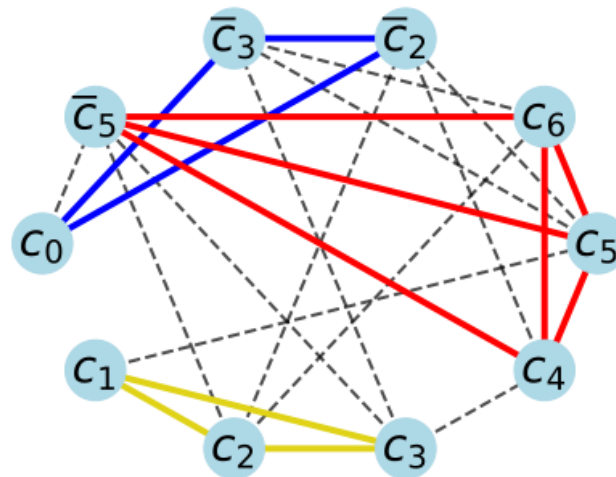


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Minimum number of
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We obtain $MAUX_C^{(L,e)}$,
indicating the clauses stored
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Oracle design automation

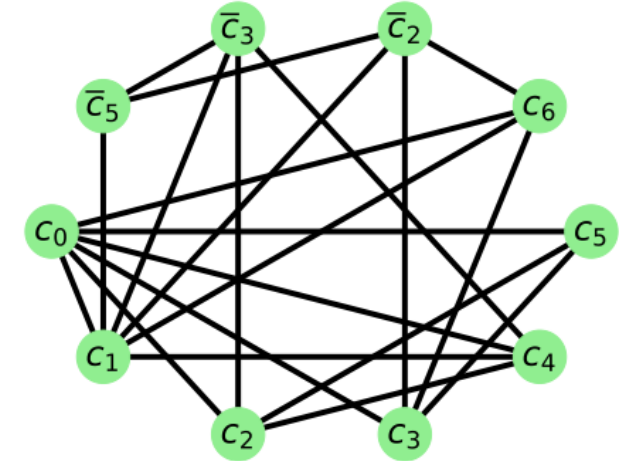
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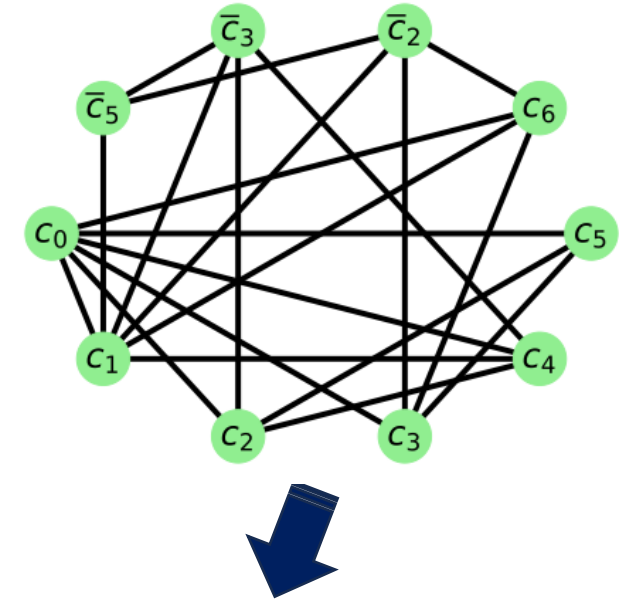
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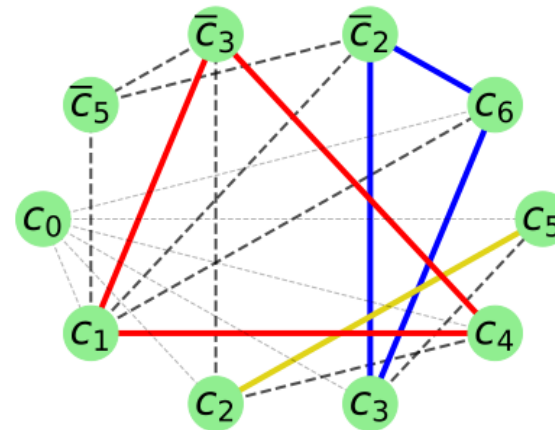
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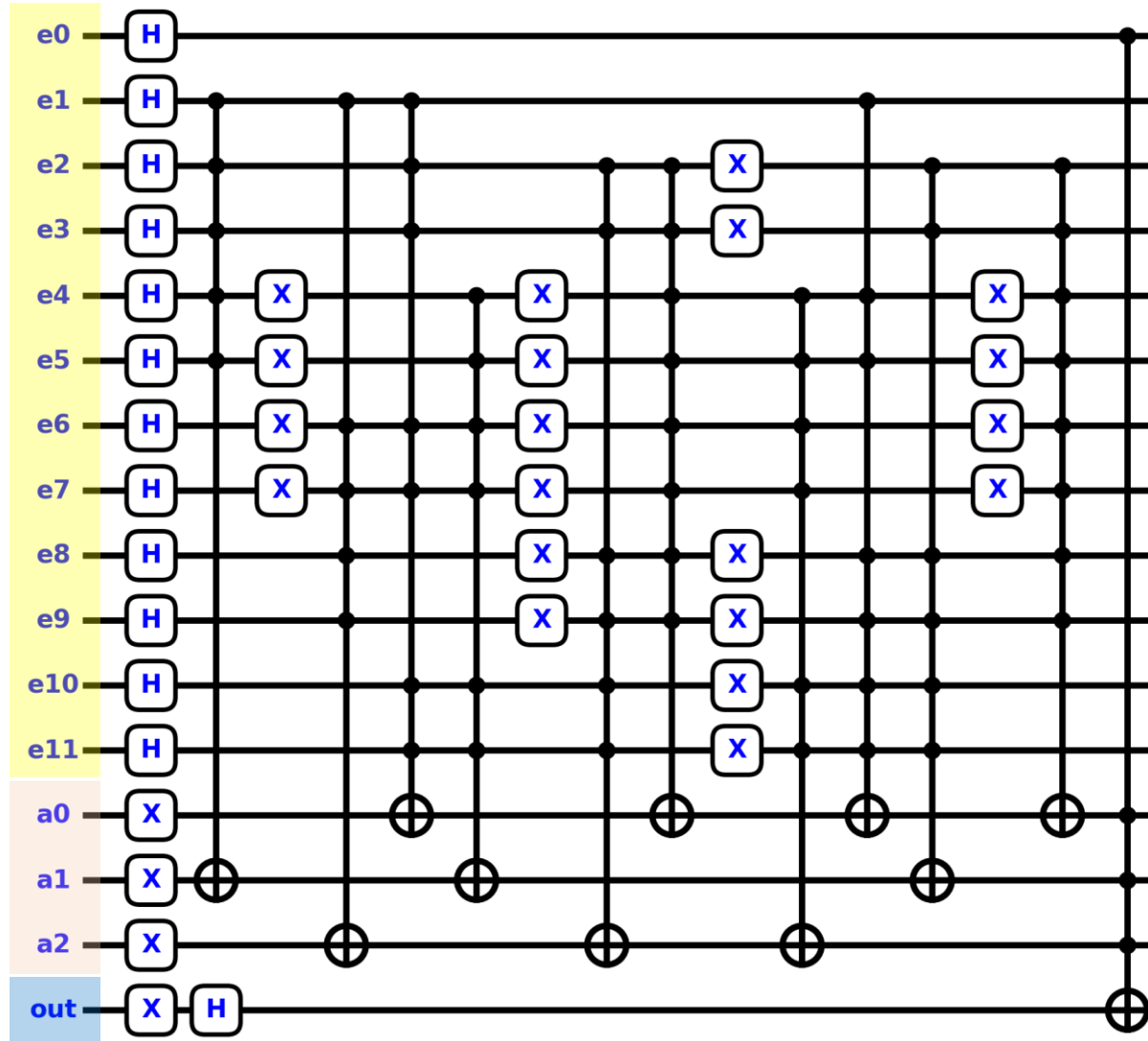
2 Grouping blocks

Reduces the number of grouping blocks of clauses and optimise the application order.



We obtain $\text{OMUT}_C^{(L,e)}$, the optimal order for implementing the loop clauses.

Quantum circuit of the MCA quantum algorithm



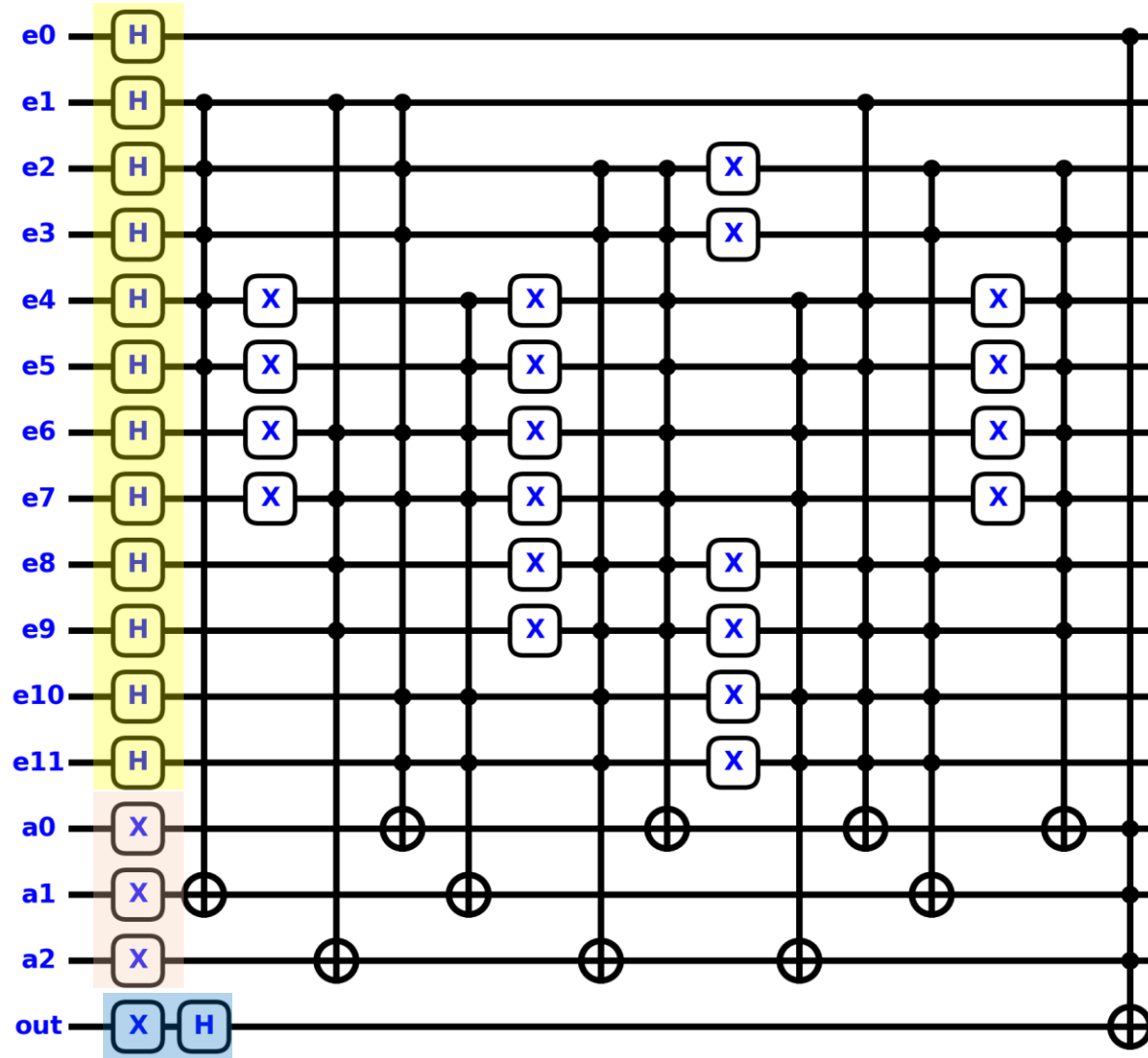
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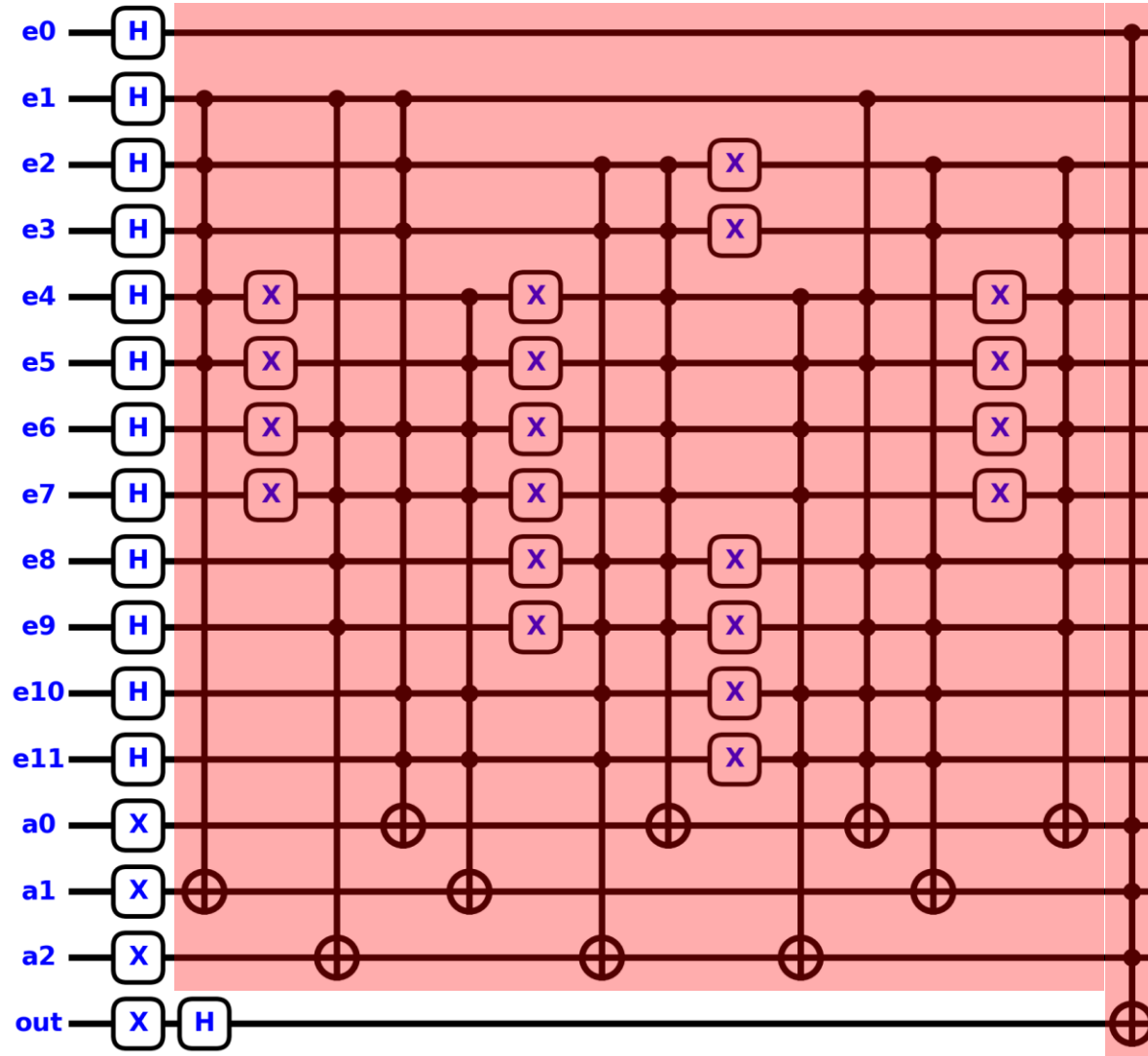
ii Initialisation

$$|e\rangle \rightarrow H^{\otimes 12} |0\rangle = |+\rangle^{\otimes 12}$$

$$|a\rangle \rightarrow X^{\otimes 3} |0\rangle = |1\rangle^{\otimes 3}$$

$$|\text{out}\rangle \rightarrow H(X|0\rangle) = |-\rangle$$

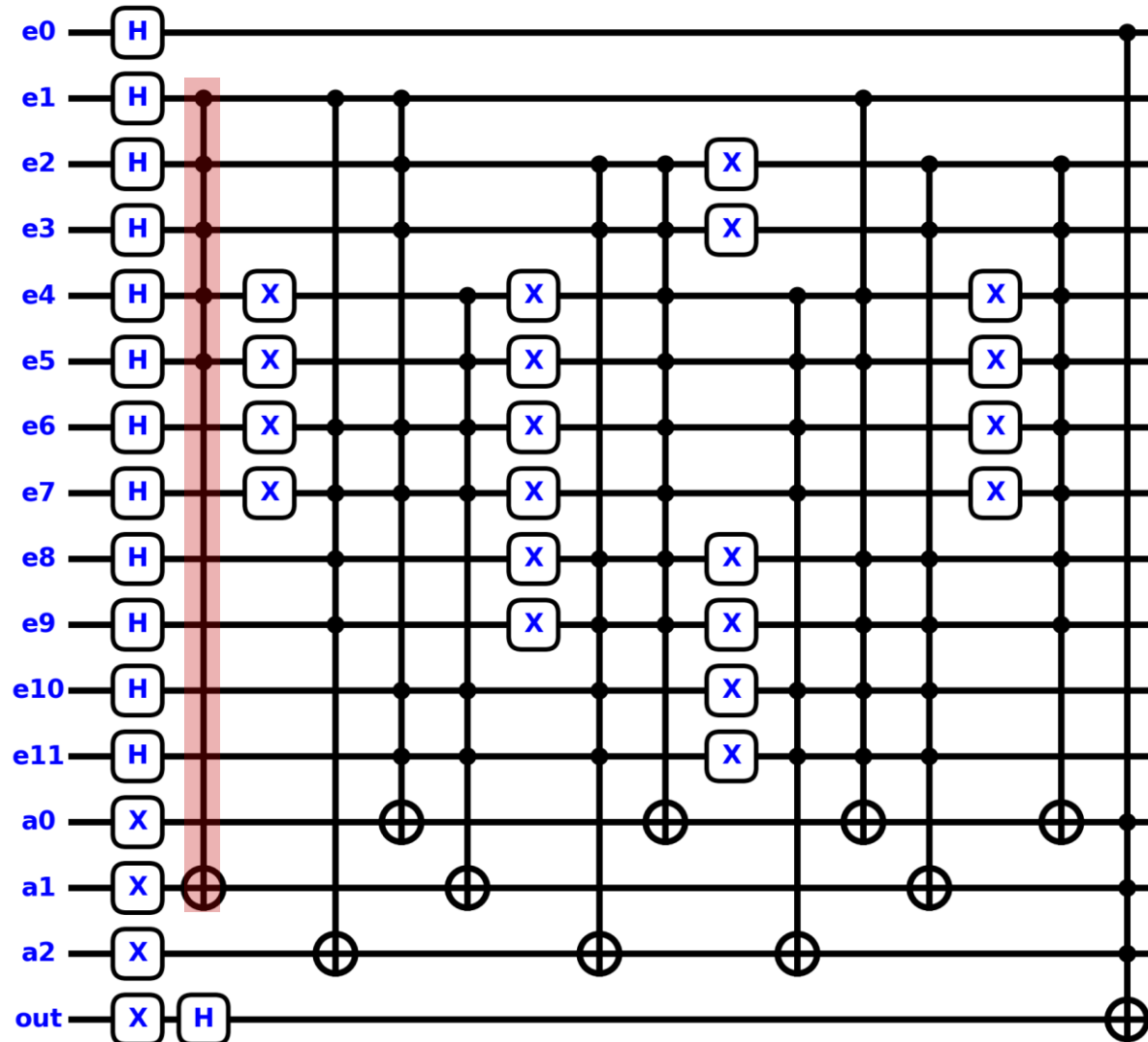
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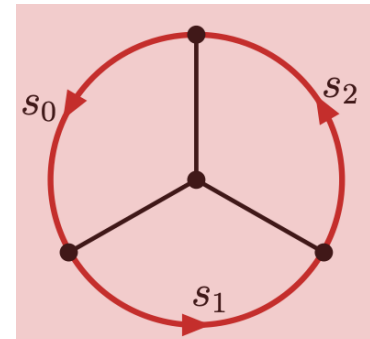
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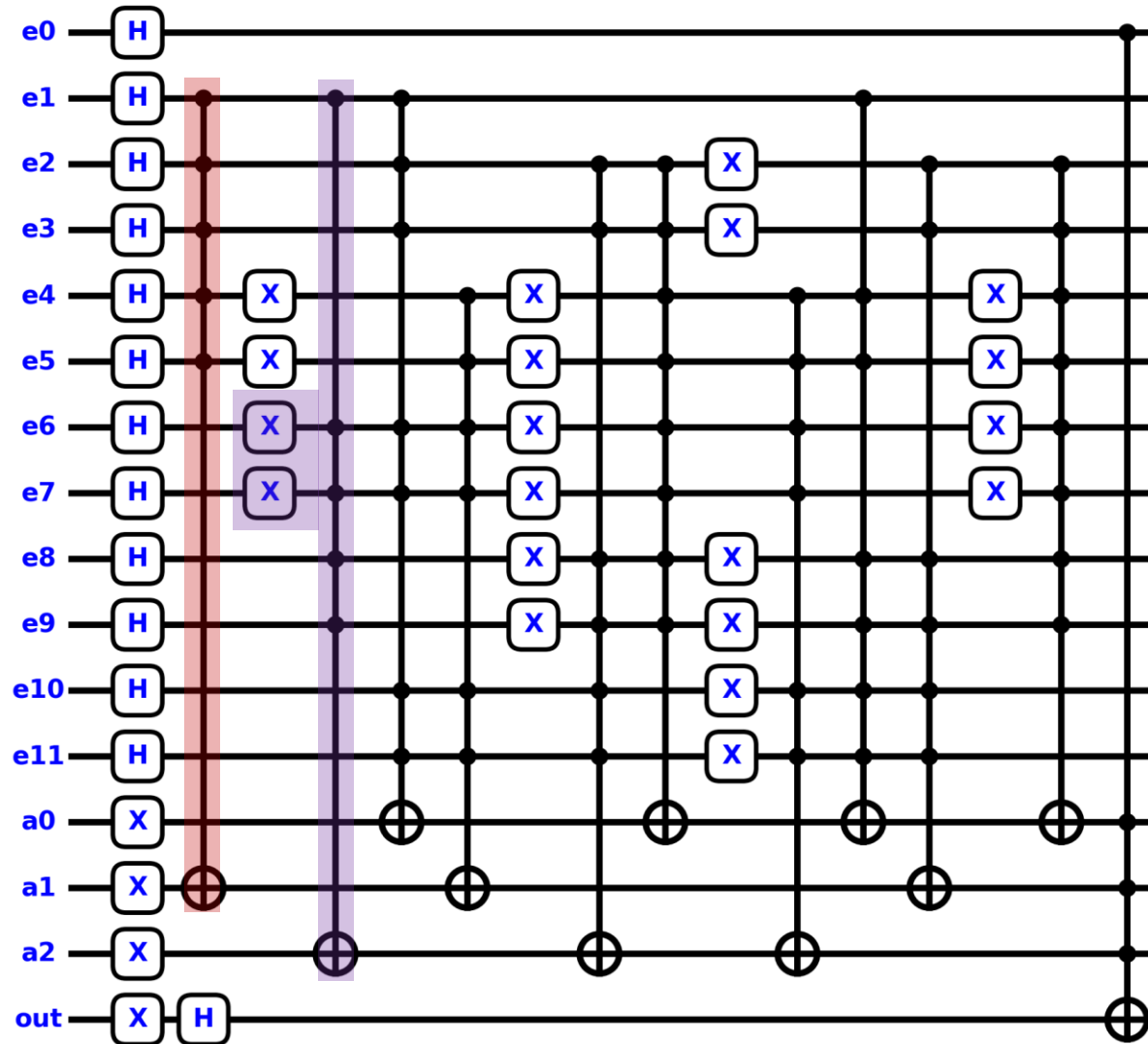


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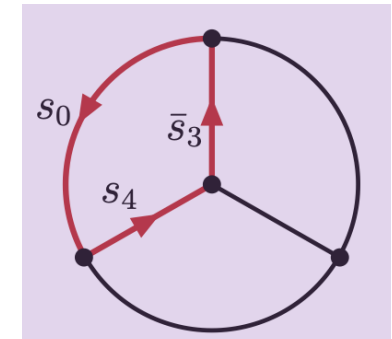
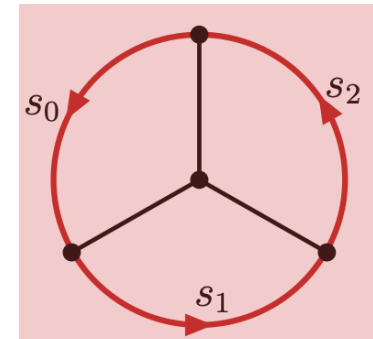


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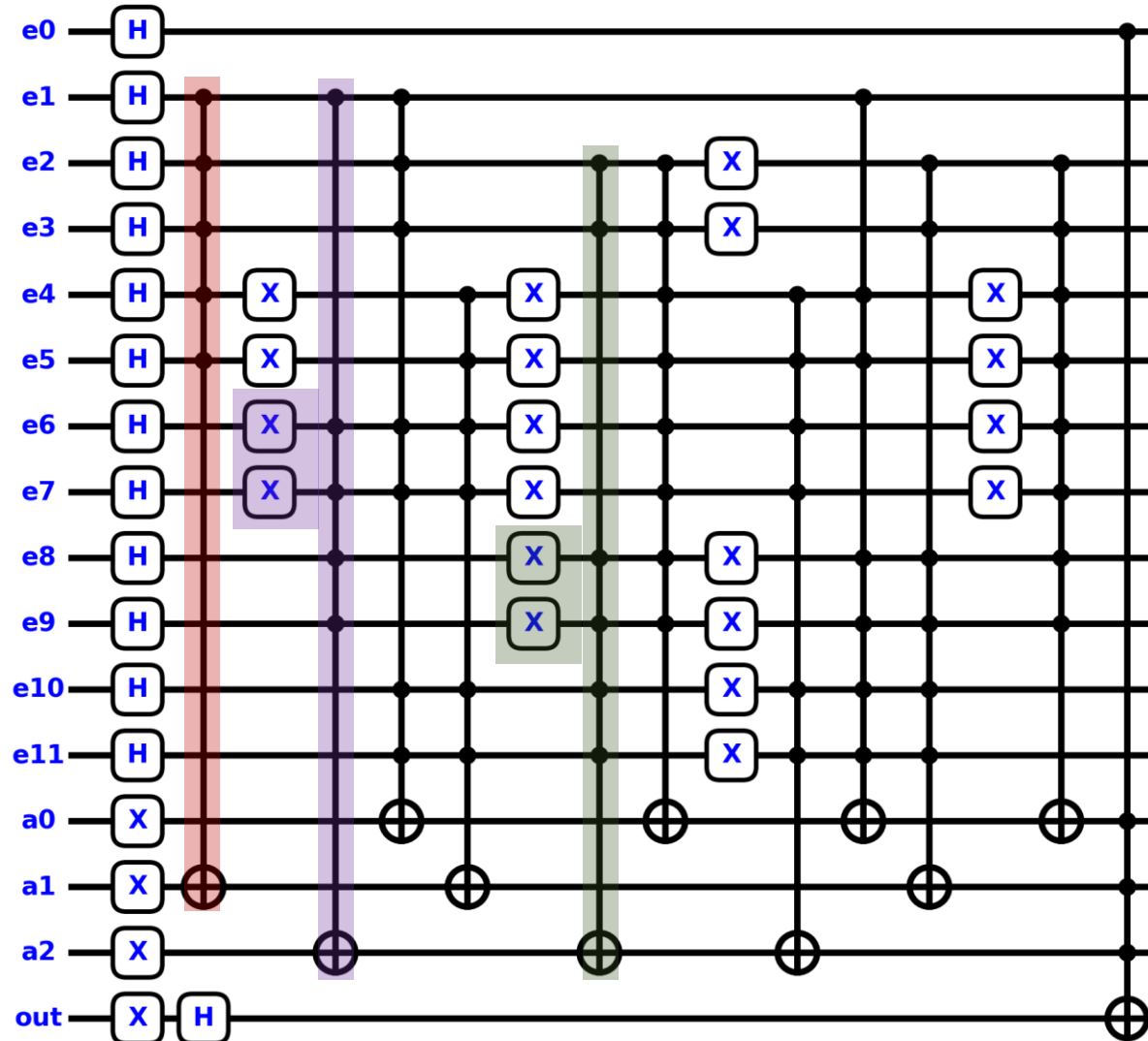


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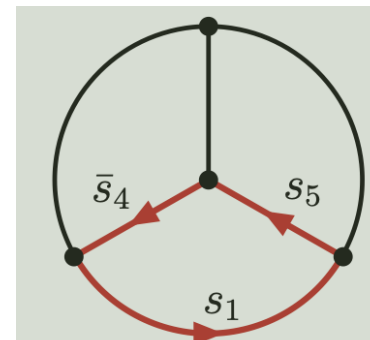
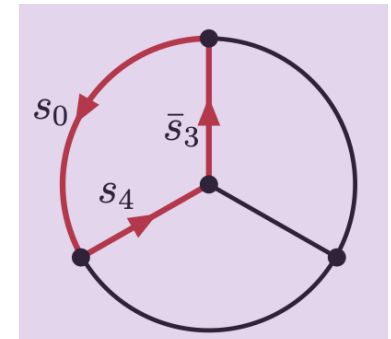
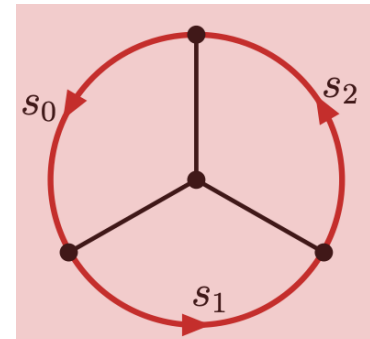


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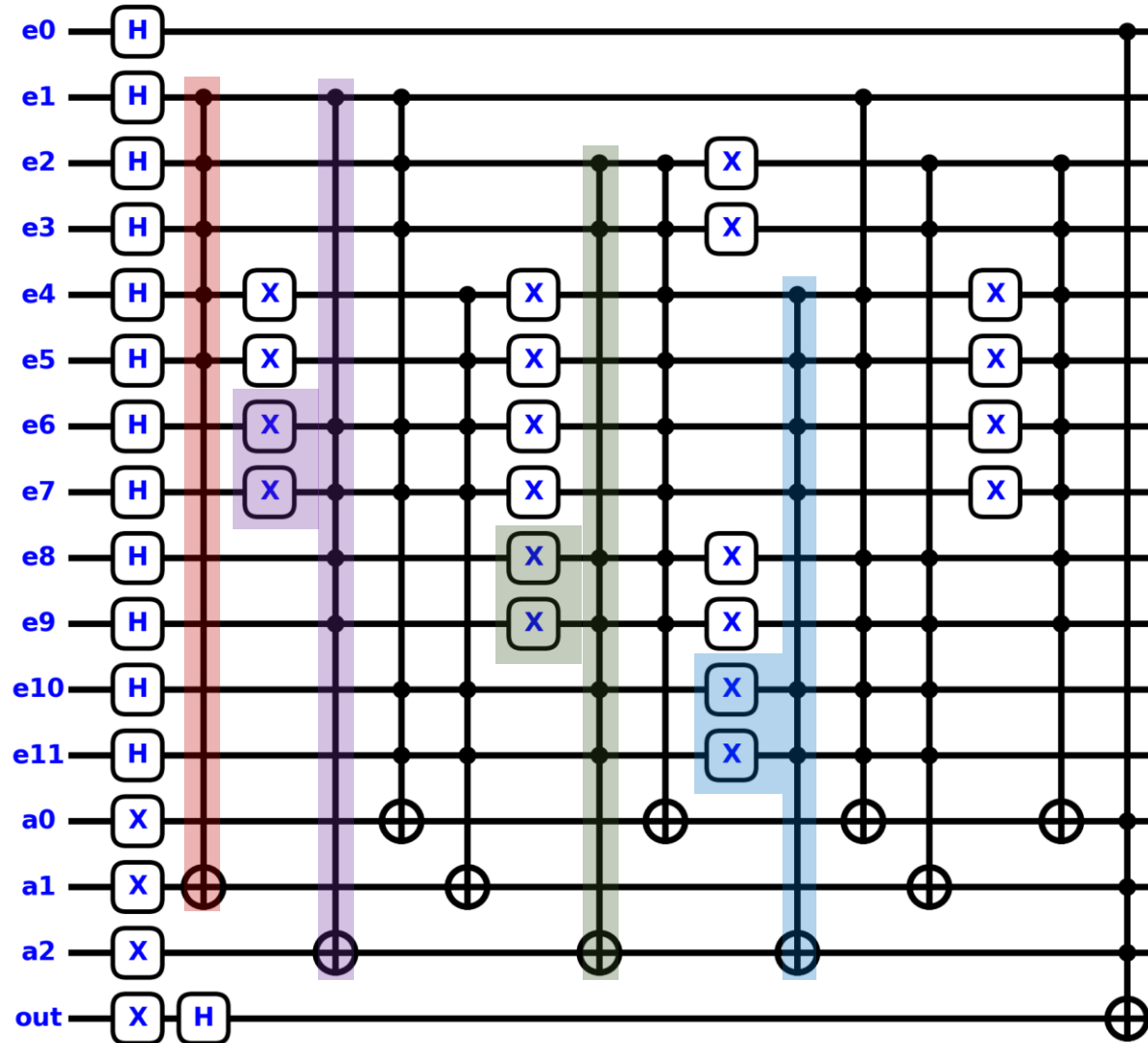


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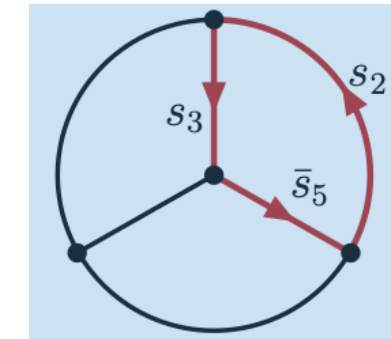
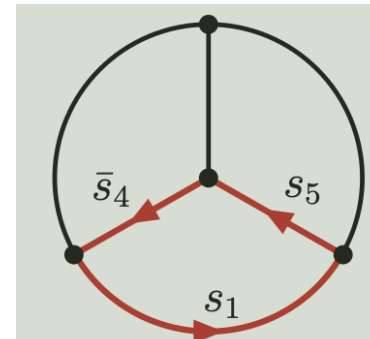
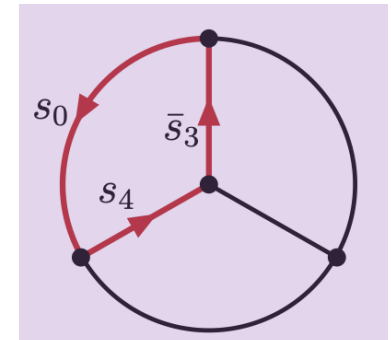
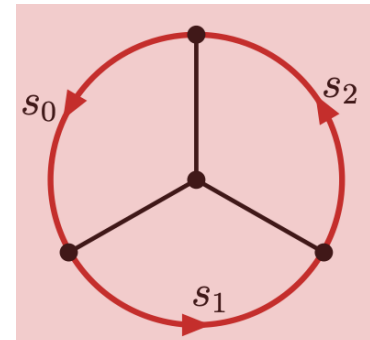


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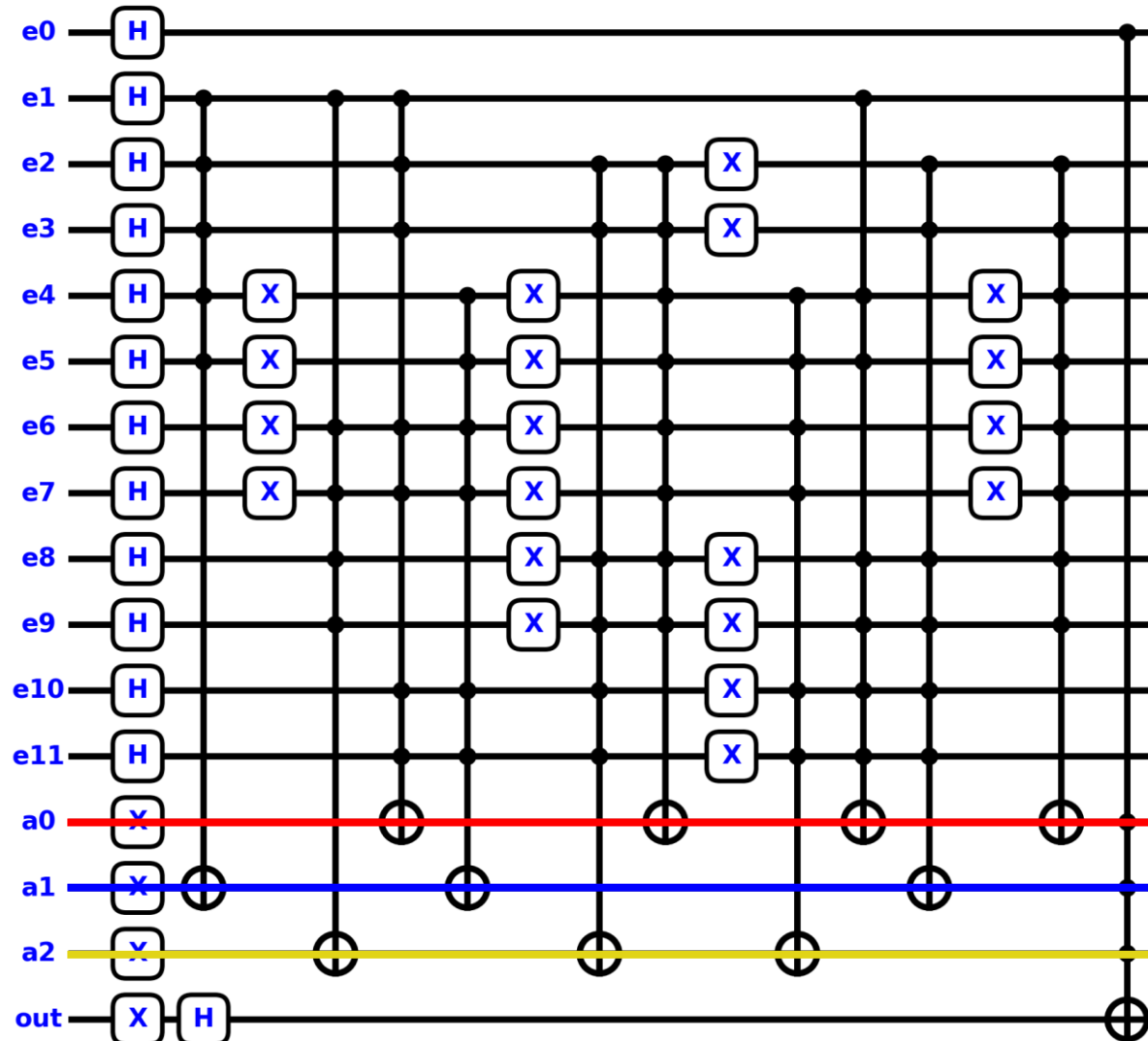


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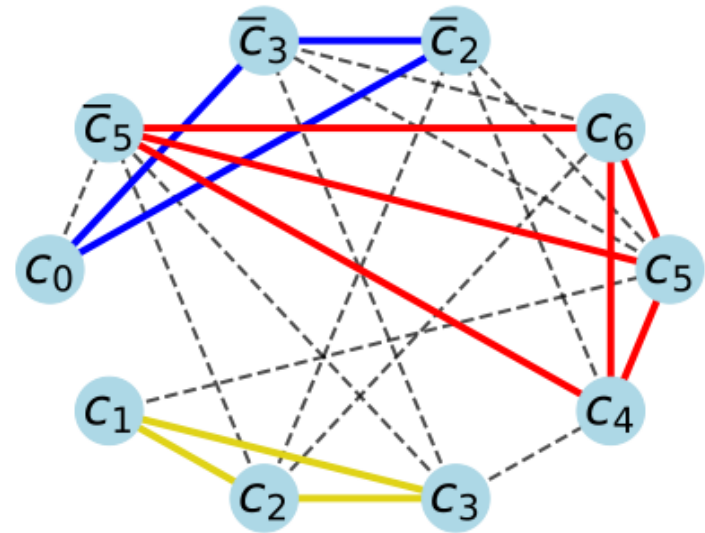
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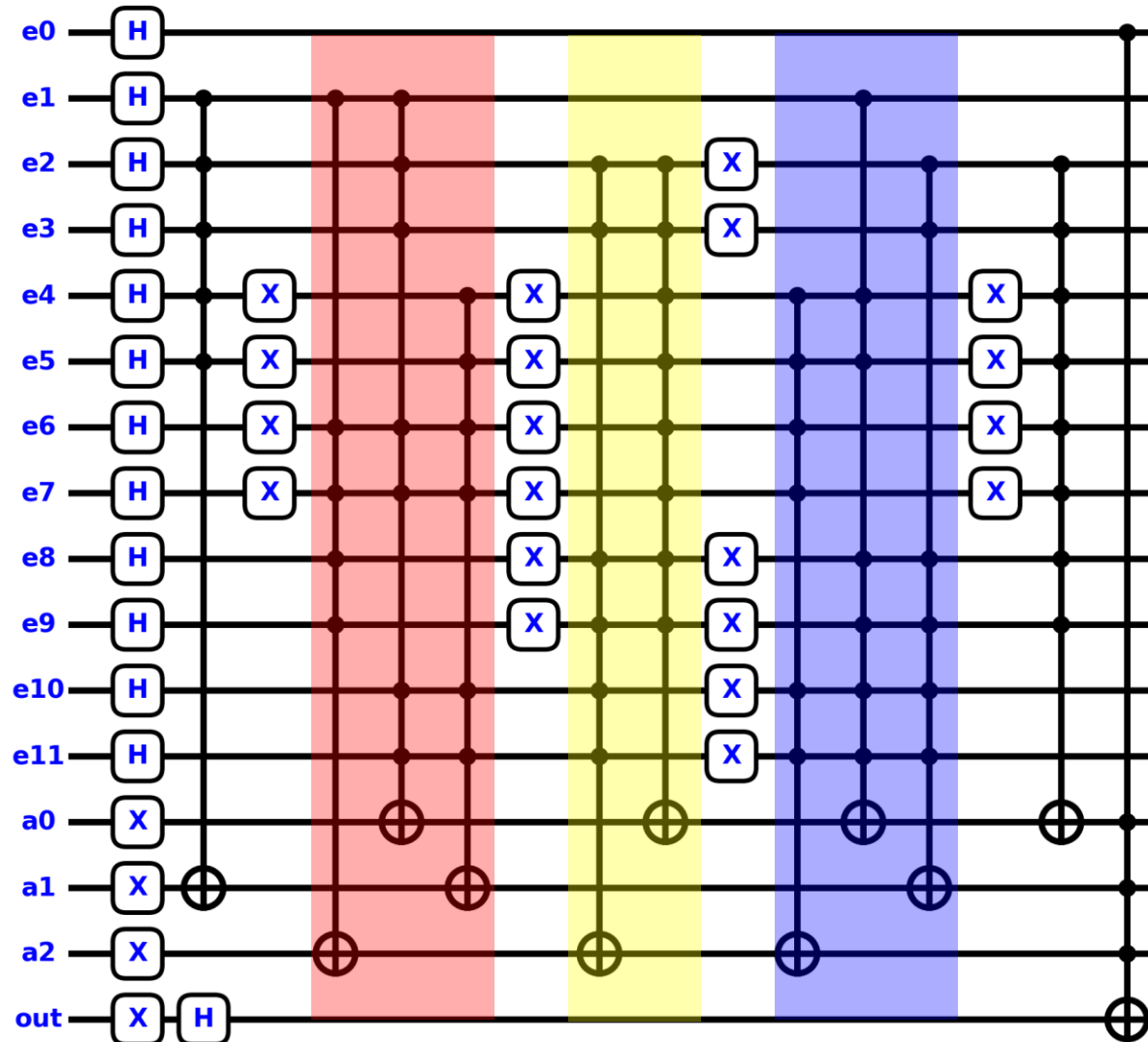
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Ancillary qubits optimisation



An algorithm is developed to solve the Minimum Clique Partition problem:

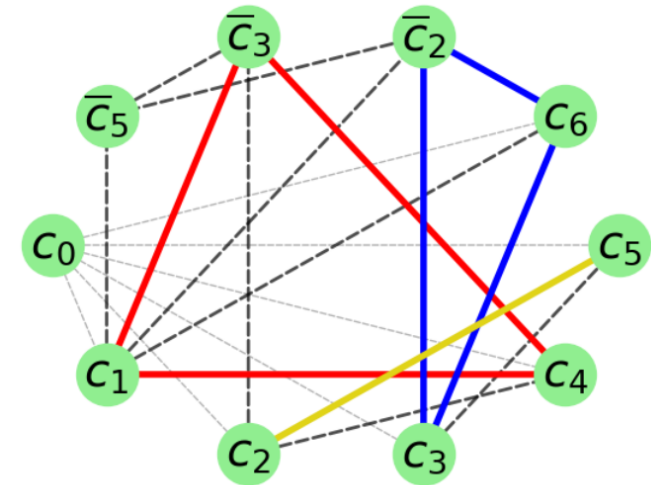
$$\text{MAUX}_C^{(3,12)} = \{\{c_4, c_5, \bar{c}_5, c_6\}, \{c_0, \bar{c}_2, \bar{c}_3\}, \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}\}$$

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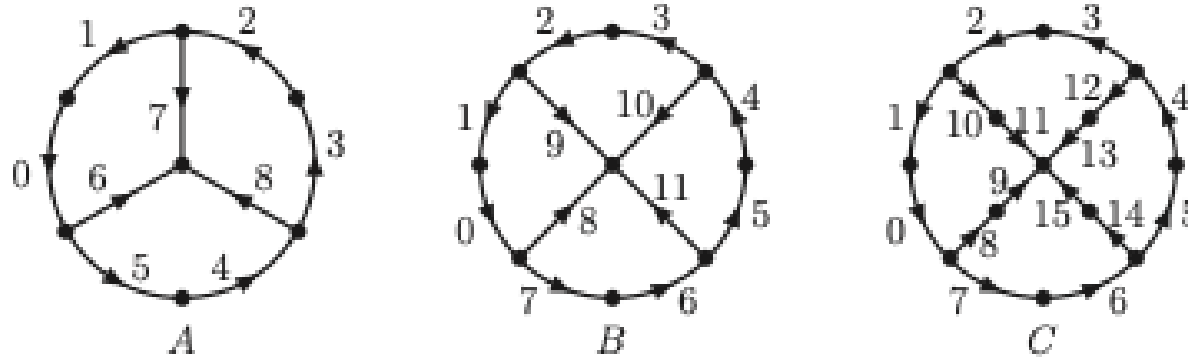
Oracle design automation



We obtain the gate blocks and the optimization of the implementation order

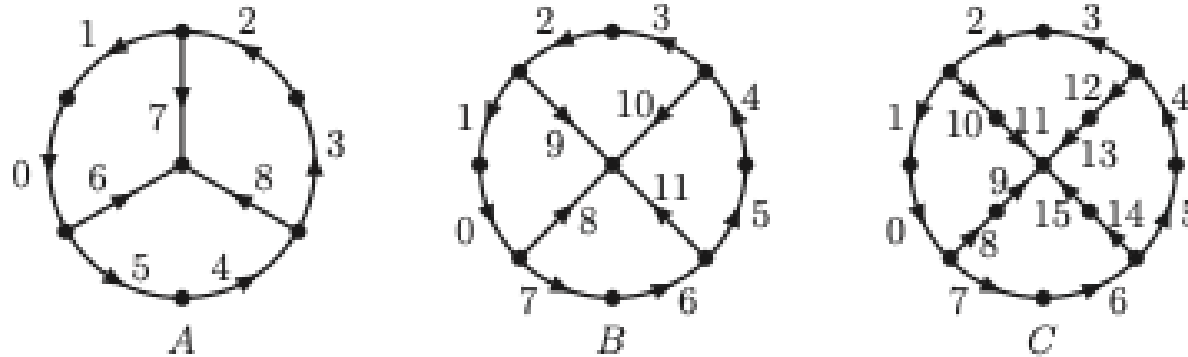
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The implementation of the MCA quantum algorithm



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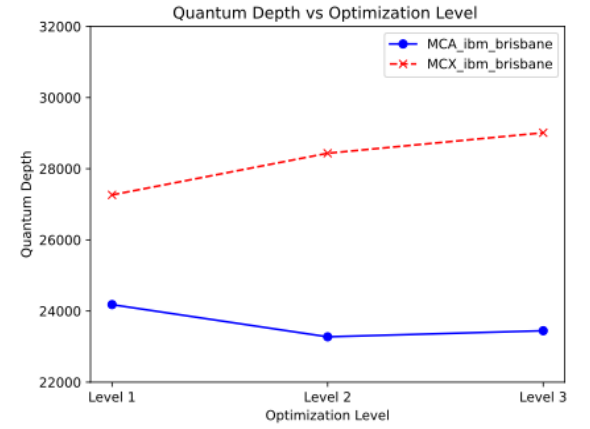
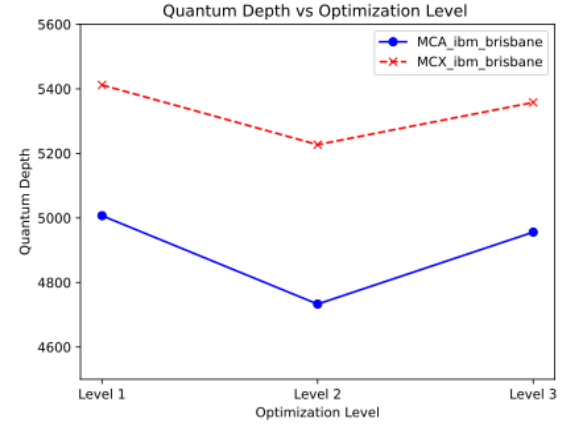
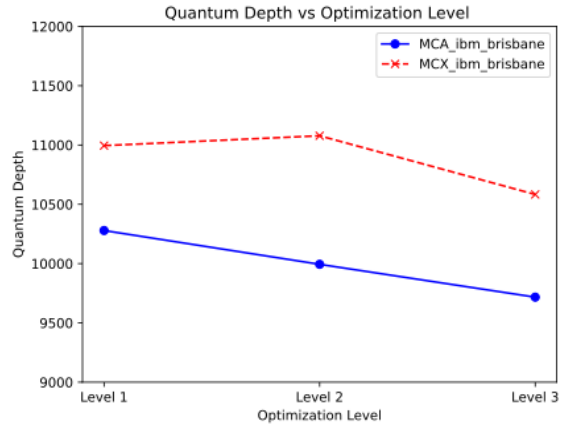
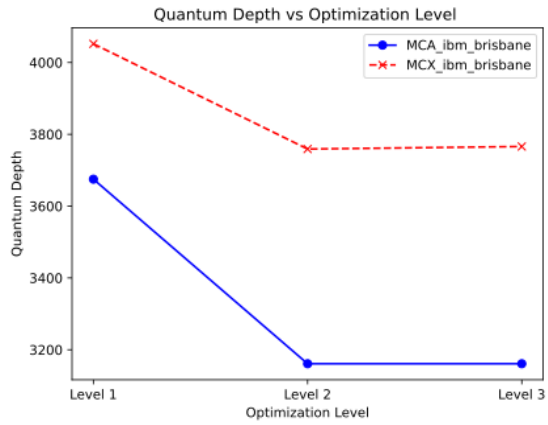
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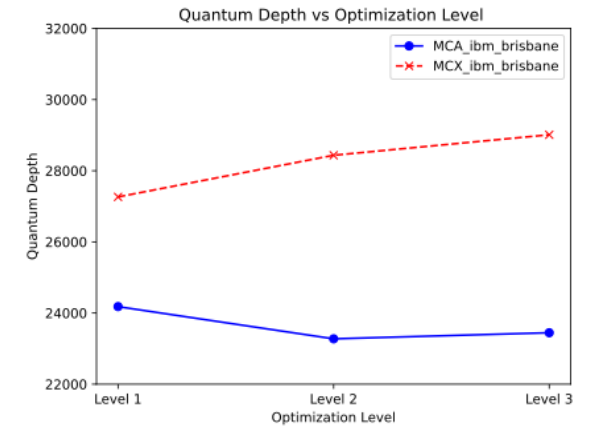
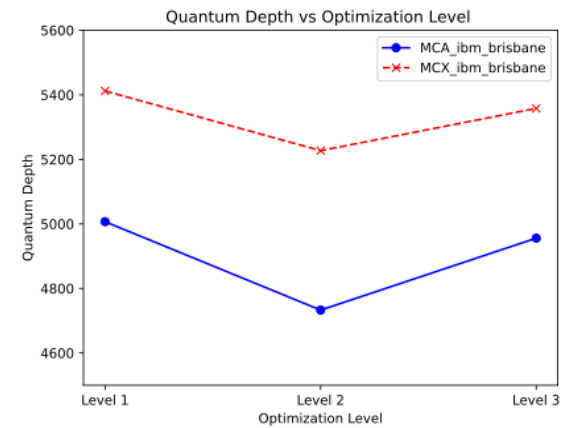
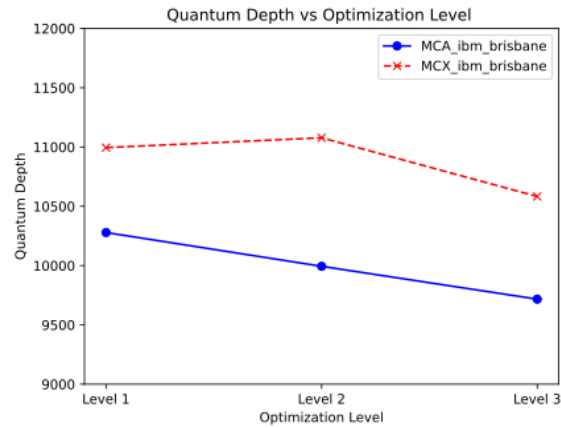
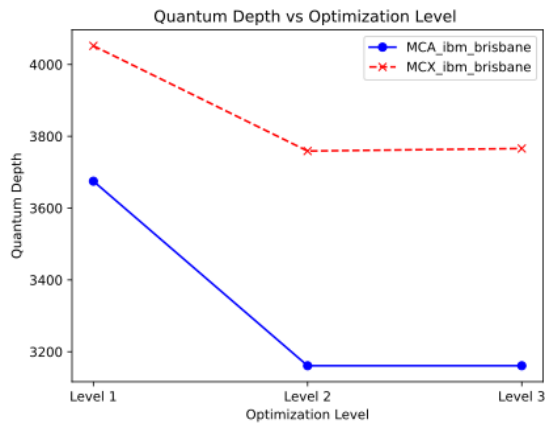
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- ⊙ **Transpilation**, the process of compiling a given quantum circuit to match the specific topology and native gate set of a particular quantum device hardware.

Transpilation behaviour

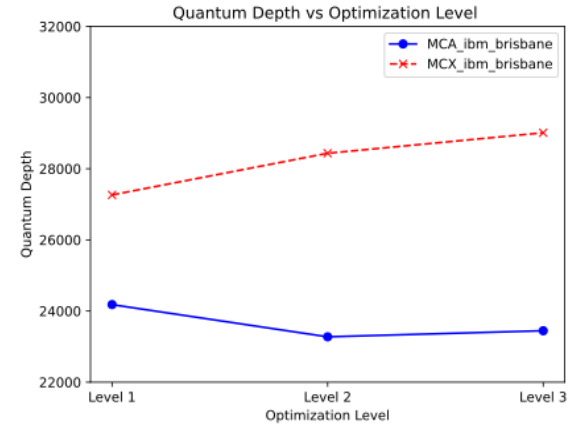
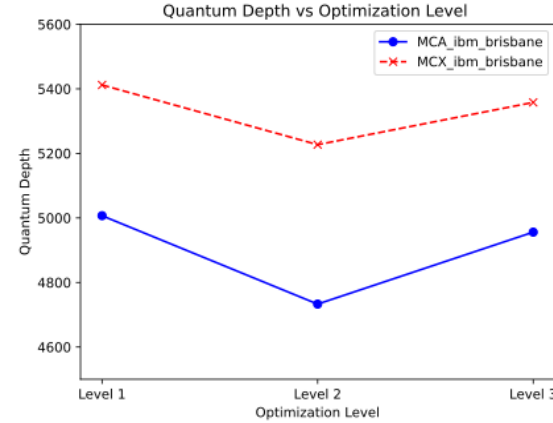
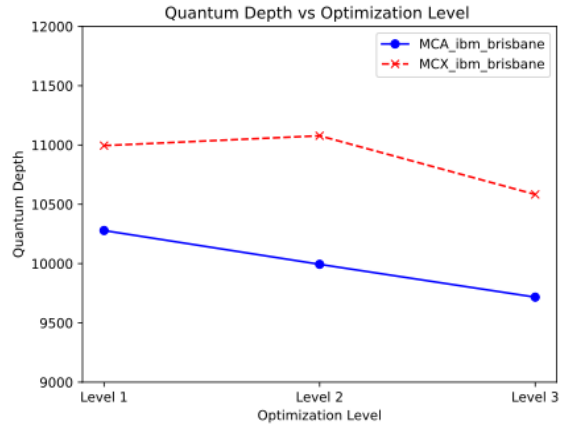
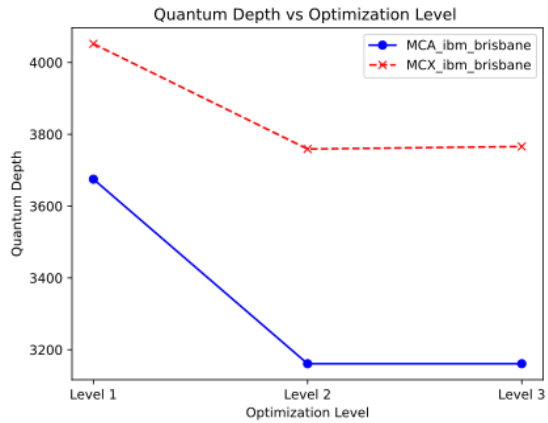


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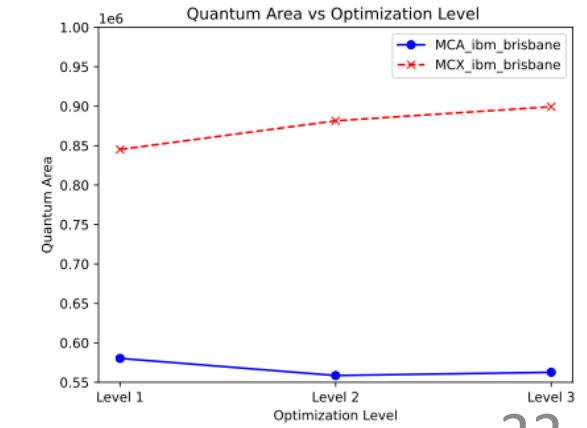
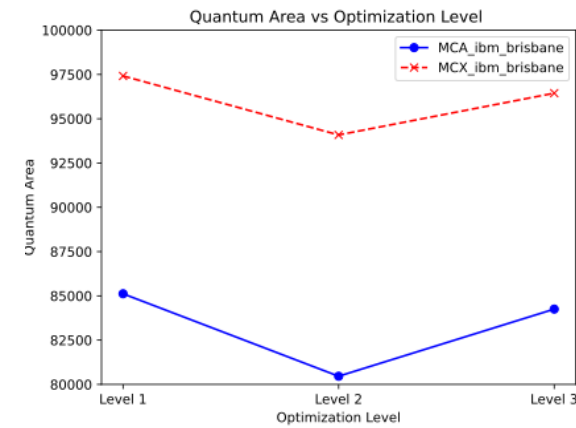
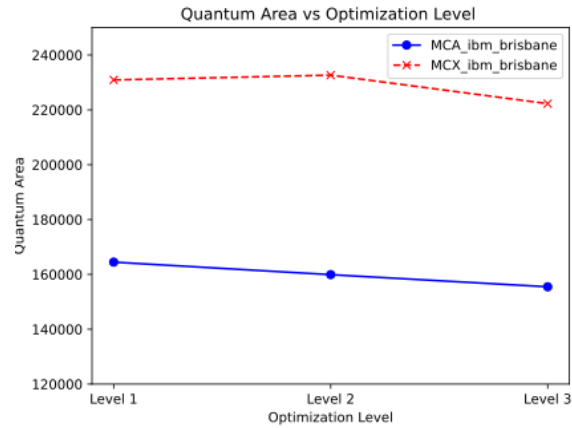
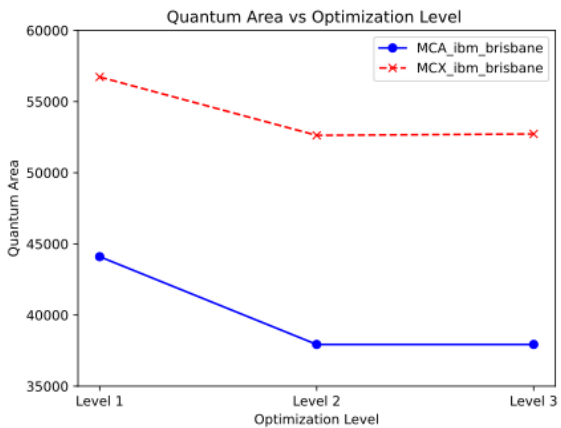


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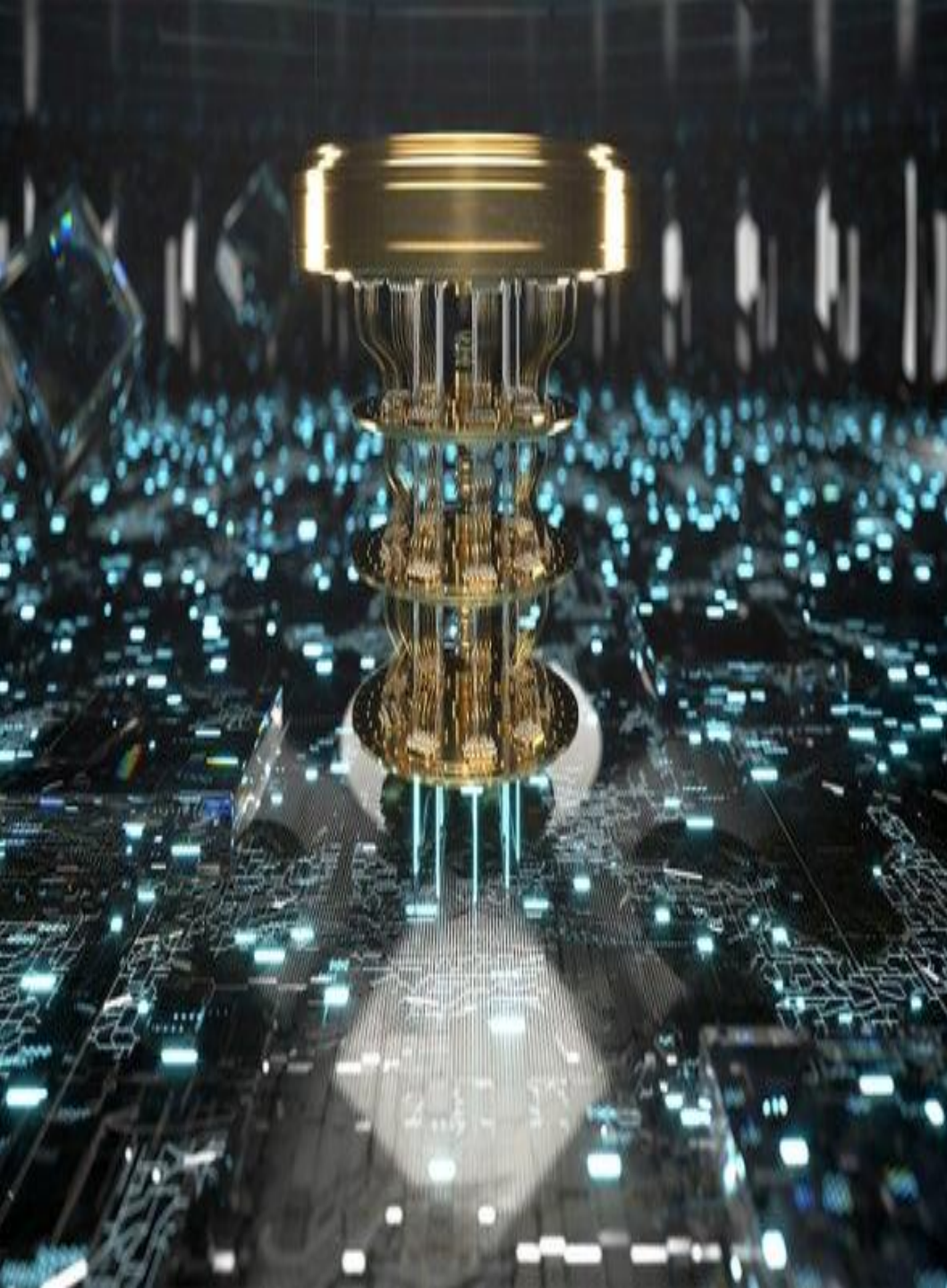


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Conclusions

- ✦ We have designed an automated query quantum algorithm, the Minimum Clique-optimised quantum Algorithm (MCA), for the identification of DAG configurations of multiloop graphs.
- ✦ We have evaluated the performance of quantum circuits generated by the MCA algorithm after transpilation
- ✦ The MCA algorithm can be extended beyond particle physics, establishing a use case on quantum optimization for graph theory problems and any other clause-satisfiability applications.



¡Gracias!



Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy.

— *Richard P. Feynman* —