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Integrated waveguide photonics circuits for quantum simulation and beyond

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Integrated photonic quantum circuits

A new scenario for photonic quantum information processing

Complex optical setup affected by:

✓ Large physical size

✓ Low stability

✓ Difficulty to move forward applications outside laboratory





A. Politi et al., Science 320, 646 (2008)

On-chip integrated setup





Femtosecond laser writing



ABLE TO SUPPORT ANY POLARIZATION STATE

On-chip integrated directional coupler

$$|\Psi^{\phi}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_A|V\rangle_B + e^{i\phi}|V\rangle_A|H\rangle_B)$$



M. Lobino & J.L. O'Brien News & Views Nature (2011)



L. Sansoni *et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.* **105**, 200503 (2010)

Goal: simulate the dynamics of non-interacting bosons/fermions in complex interferometric structures

Discrete time Quantum Walk



Why Quantum Walks?

Energy transfer: within photosynthetic systems can display quantum effects such as delocalized excitonic transport which can be simulated by QW. **Controlled transition from Classical to Quantum:** QW can be employed for testing the transition from the quantum to the classical world by applying a controlled degree of decoherence.







Light-harvesting molecule is efficient at concentrating light at

its center as quantum walk reaches the target vertex exponentially faster than a classical walk: because of destructive interference between the paths that point backward, toward the leaves Faster quantum Computation: It has been theoretically proven that QWs allow the speed-up of search algorithms







In a discrete Quantum Walk one or more quantum particles evolve on a graph with their evolution governed by their internal quantum coin (QC) states

Walker in position j described by the quantum coin state |j>. The particle shifts up or down depending on the internal QC state |U> or |D>

Walk evolution described by the operator:

$$E = \sum_{j} |j - 1\rangle \langle j| \otimes |U\rangle \langle U| + |j + 1\rangle \langle j| \otimes |D\rangle \langle D|$$

Experimental platforms:

lon trap F. Zahringer *et al., PRL* **104** 100503 (2010)

Fiber loops

A. Schreiber *et al., PRL* **104** 050502 (2010) 2D QW: Science (2012)

Coupled waveguides

A. Peruzzo *et al.,* Science **329** 1500 (2010)

Photonic QW



2N Output Modes



Feasible with integrated photonic waveguides

V-mode slightly larger than the H-mode along the y axis: Use 3D capability to improve the on-chip devices



- 3D array of beamsplitters with balanced reflectivities $R_H = R_V = 49\%$ able to support any polarization state.

- Path lengths controlled up to few nanometers: complete control of phase difference.

L. Sansoni, et al., Phys, Rev, Lett, 108, 010502 (2012)

2-particle QW

<u>The symmetry of two travelling quantum walkers influences the</u> <u>output probability distribution</u>





$$|\Psi^{\phi}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_A|V\rangle_B + e^{i\phi}|V\rangle_A|H\rangle_B)$$

Integrated Quantum Walk





L. Sansoni et al. PRL (2012) Discrete time QW. Mimic bosonic/fermionic behaviour using two entangled photons

 $S = 0.982 \pm 0.002$ $S = 0.973 \pm 0.002$



J.C.F. Matthews et al. Sci. Rep. (2013) Simulation of fermionic statistics

Disorder control in a QW





By realizing different phase maps the pure role of symmetries in different diffusion processes of two non-interacting bosons/fermions may be investigated.

Measure the variance of the distribution



Static disorder

Disorder depending

- on site
- but NOT on time

Anderson localization of the quantum particle wavefunction

Up to 64 polarization independent BSs and phase-shifters



2-particle QW: theoretical distributions





2 Bosons 2 Fermions Ordered QW (50 steps)

2 Bosons2 FermionsStatic disordered QW (50 steps)

F. De Nicola, et al., Phys, Rev, A, **108**, 012102 (2014)

2-particle QW: variance of distributions



2-particle QW: exp. results



A. Crespi, et al., Nature Photonics, 7, 322 (2013)

Localization evolution



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4-time steps

6-time steps

8-time steps

Other disordered systems

Dynamic disorder : depending on time but NOT on site



Classical random walk distribution

Fluctuating disorder: depending BOTH on time and on site



Other disordered systems



The onset of dynamic disorder actually quenches the Anderson localization effects, and the distribution is far less localized. The system evolution at long times converges to a diffusion process.

A. Crespi, et al., Nature Photonics, 7, 322 (2013)

Towards Quantum Supremacy: BosonSampling

HOW TO ACHIEVE QUANTUM SUPREMACY ??



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Proposed "quantum supremacy" for controlled quantum systems surpassing classical ones. Please suggest alternatives.

The Extended Church-Turing (ECT) Thesis

Everything feasibly computable in the physical world is feasibly computable by a (probabilistic) Turing machine.

Can we experimentally disproof the ECT thesis ?

Input: *n* bosons Output: *n*-photon state

Can a classical computer simulate the distribution of the output mode numbers ?

Answer: NO!!

Arkhipov and Aaronson, The Computational Complexity of Linear Optics Proceedings of the Royal Society (2011)

Complex network of linear optical elements described by a $m \ge m$ unitary transformation U.

Evidence of the advantage of quantum over classical computers.

Need for:

- (i) input of photons in a Fock state
- (ii) unitary evolution implemented by beam splitters and phase shifters
- (iii) simultaneous photon-counting measurement of all modes

For a large enough number of photons (10-20) and modes (100-200) classical simulation starts to be inefficient

- Permanent of the matrix: computationally hard problem (simulated by the evolution of noninteracting <u>bosons</u>)
- Determinant of the matrix: calculated in a polinomial time (fermion output probabilities)

BosonSampling

Sampling the output distribution (*even approximately*) of noninteracting bosons evolving through a linear network is hard to do with classical resources

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S. Aaronson and A. Arkhipov, Proceedings of the 43rd Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 333–342

BosonSampling



« Small-scale quantum computers made from an array of interconnected waveguides on a glass chip can now perform a task that is considered hard to undertake on a large scale by classical means. »



Need:

- High-quality multiport devices performing random unitaries with controllable characteristis
- Unitary reconstruction capability

BosonSampling: an overview









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Integrated multimode interfe arbitrary designs for photoni

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The evolution of bosons undergoing arbitrary linear unitary proportio 2 transformations quickly becomes hard to predict using classical interferor computers as we increase the number of particles and modes. function Photons propagating in a multiport interferometer naturally estimated 5 solve this so-called boson sampling problem¹, thereby motivatmodes w ing the development of technologies that enable precise control At prese of multiphoton interference in large interferometers²⁻⁴. Here, regime in we use novel three-dimensional manufacturing techniques to photonic achieve simultaneous control of all the parameters describing In the





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Experimental boson sampling

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Universal quantum computers¹ promise a dramatic incr speed over classical computers, but their full-size rea remains challenging². However, intermediate quantum tational models³⁻⁵ have been proposed that are not up but can solve problems that are believed to be cla hard. Aaronson and Arkhipov⁶ have shown that inter of single photons in random optical networks can so hard problem of sampling the bosonic output distri Remarkably, this computation does not require measur hased interactions^{7,8} or adaptive feed-forward techn





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Boson Sampling on a Photonic Chip

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Although universal quantum computers ideally solve problems such exponentially more efficiently than classical machines, the formidab devices motivate the demonstration of simpler, problem-specific alg quantum speedup. We constructed a quantum boson-sampling mach output distribution resulting from the nonclassical interference of pl photonic circuit, a problem thought to be exponentially hard to solv quantum computation, boson sampling merely requires indistinguis evolution, and detectors. We benchmarked our OBSM with three an sources of sampling inaccuracy. Scaling up to larger devices could quantum-enhanced computation.

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modes (18). Such circuits can be rapidly reconfigured to sample from a user-defined operation (19, 20). Importantly, boson sampling requires neither nonlinearities nor on-demand entanglement, which are substantial challenges in photon-



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To implement a circuit, the subgraphs representing circuit elements are connected by paths. Figure 4 depicts a graph corresponding to a simple two-qubit computation. Timing is important: Wave packets must meet on the vertical paths for interactions to occur. We achieve this by choosing the numbers of vertices on each of the segments in the graph appropriately, taking into account the different propagation speeds of the two wave packets [see section S4 of (32)]. In section S3.1 of (32), we present a refinement of our scheme using planar graphs with maximum degree four.

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By analyzing the full (n + 1)-particle interacting many-body system, we prove that our algorithm performs the desired quantum computation up to an error term that can be made arbitrarily small (32). Our analysis goes beyond the scattering theory discussion presented above; we take into account the fact that both the wave packets and the graphs are finite. Specifically, we prove quantum computer. that by choosing the size of the wave packets, the number of vertices in the graph and the total

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trarily small constant [section S5 of (32)]. For primes. The presumed d example, for the Bose-Hubbard model and for basis of the majority of

Photonic Boson Sampling in a Tunable Circuit

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Matthew A. Broome, Scott Aaronson,³ Timot

Quantum computers are Extended Church-Turing devices that efficiently is boson sampling: samp unitary process. We test three-photon scattering unitary describing a sixeven with the unavoidal Scaling this to large nu



Paper	Group	Contents	Validation
Science 339, 794 (2013)	Brisbane, Boston	n=2,3 photons, m=6 modes - fiber optics	No
Science 339, 798 (2013)	Oxford	n=3 photons, m=6 modes + n=4 photons with (lower complexity) bunched input	No
Nat. Photon. 7, 540 (2013)	Vienna, Jena	n=3 photons, m=5 modes	No
Nat. Photon. 7, 548 (2013)	Roma, Milano, Niteroi	n=3 photons, m=5 modes Haar-Random unitary	No
PRL 111, 130503 (2013)	Roma, Milano, Niteroi	Bosonic Birthday paradox, and verification of full-bunching law	No
Nat. Photon. 8, 615 (2014)	Roma, Milano, Niteroi	n=3 photons, m=5,7,9,13 modes validation tests	Uniform distribution, distinguishable particles
Nat. Photon. 8, 621 (2014)	Bristol	n=3 + n=4,5 photons (subtracting bunching), m=21 qwalk n=3 photons in m=9 Haar Unitary	Uniform distribution, distinguishable particles
Phys. Rev X, 5, 041015 (2015)	Vienna, Jena	investigation on complexity with partial photon distinguishability, n=3 photons, m=5 modes	No
Science Advances 1, e1400255 (2015)	Roma, Milano, Niteroi	n=3 photons, m=9,13 modes scattershot of 8 input states	Uniform distribution, distinguishable particles
Science 349, 711 (2015)	Bristol	implementation of 6x6 fully reconfigurable circuit, Haar-random. n=3: zero-transmission in Fourier matrix n=6 with bunched input (2 modes)	Distinguishable particles
Nat. Commun. 7, 10469 (2016)	Roma, Milano	n=2 photons, m=4,8 modes suppression law in Fourier matrix with scalable 3D architecture	Distinguishable particles, mean-field state



Laser writing technology: unique capability to transmit any polarization state

- Femtosecond pulse tightly focused in a glass
- Waveguides writing by translation of the sample

Our approach: controlling ϕ and T

Requirement for Boson Sampling design arbitrary interferometers



Requires independent control of phases and beam-splitter operation



The chip

Requirement for Boson Sampling design arbitrary interferometers



Requires independent control of phases and beam-splitter operation







3 photons, 5 and 7 modes



Partial distinguishability of the photons taken into account

- Confirmation of Permanent formula
- Upgraded to a higher number of modes

A. Crespi, et al., Nature Photonics 7, 545 (2013)

Can Boson Sampling be validated?

It has been argued that due to the high complexity, BosonSampling output in the hard-computational regime cannot be distinguished from the random output of a uniform distribution

C. Gogolin et al. *arXiv:1306.3995*

The Theorists' Answer

For each single registered event, which identifies the output state, calculate the quantity

 $P = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |A_{i,j}|^2$

whith $A_{i,j}$ = submatrix of U depending on the input and output states, and compare this value to its counterpart for a uniform distribution Pu .

If P > Pu, you can guess that the single event has been produced by a BosonSampler

S. Aaronson et al. arXiv:1309.7460

Validation of BosonSampling



N. Spagnolo, et al., *Nature Photonics* **8**, 614 (2014) Similar experiment in Bristol: J. Carolan, et al., *Nature Photonics* **8**, 619 (2014)

Experimental proof of validation, 7 modes

b) 7-mode interferometer



N. Spagnolo, et al., Nature Photonics 8, 614 (2014)

BosonSampling in a 13 mode system



N. Spagnolo, et al., Nature Photonics, 8, 615 (2014)

GOAL: Achieve Boson Sampling with n = 10-20 photons and m = 100-200 modes

Open questions

- Measure BS complexity
- Other equivalent experimental schemes
- Certify the functioning of a BS experiment
- How noise/imperfections affect a complex BS

Challenges

- Efficient single photon sources
- Reconfigurable photonic circuits
- Efficient single photon detectors

Scattershot BosonSampling

p = probability of generating a photon pair in a single source (typical values p=0.01-0.015)

p^n probability of generating the *n*-photon input

Scattershot Boson Sampling, n-photon term

 $p^n(1-p)^{m-n}$ probability of generating one of the *n*-photon input configurations



Total generation rate:

number of possible output configurations
$$m^{n}(1-m)^{m-n} (m)$$

$$\sim p^n (1-p)^{m-n} \binom{m}{n}$$

Sample both from the *input* and the *output modes*



Potentially huge increase of the brightness of the quantum hardware

Scattershot BosonSampling



Scattershot BosonSampling: generation

Experimental setup - 1



Scattershot BosonSampling: preparation

Experimental setup - 2



Three photon events:1) Photon I (input 6) [fixed]
2) Photon III (input 8) [fixed]
3) Random input heralded by TiInput randomness further enhanced
by sequential switching of photon VII

Scattershot BS: chip and detection

Experimental setup - 3



Evolution through m=9 and m=13 interferometers with random (but known) structure

Coincidence detection for:

Three-photon events with one heralding trigger Two-photon events with two heralding triggers

Scattershot BS: random input



Boson Sampling experiments pose serious problem of certification of the result's correctness in the computationally-hard regime.

Use 3-D photonic chips to test true n-photon interference in a multimode device [by M.C. Tichy *et al.* (Phys. Rev. Lett., 2014)].

Proposal based on the suppression of specific output configurations in an interferometer implementing an n^p -dimensional Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT) matrix.

Generalization of the 2-photon/2-modes Hong-Ou-Mandel (HOM) effect, used to test a wide range of photonic platforms.

Quantum interference in multimode interferometers may determine suppression of a large fraction of the output configurations.

Study the evolution of particular input states through the network implementing the QFT described by the unitary matrix:

$$U_{l,q}^{\text{QFT}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} e^{i \frac{2\pi l q}{m}}$$

Test performed with 2 photon and 4- and 8- mode interferometers



Quantum suppression law in a 3D chip



A. Crespi, et al., Nature Commun. 7, 10469 (2016)

Building blocks of integrated photonics

- Directional coupler (BS)
- Mach Zehnder interferometer
- Phase shifter
- Polarizing directional coupler (PBS)
- Waveplate (HWP, QWP)

Use with single- or multi-photon states, with path and/or polarization qubit encoding

Two-arm interferometer – Phase shifter



F. Flammini *et al.* Light: Science&Applications, 4, e354 (2015)

Different periodicities for H and V polarization deriving from residual asimmetry of waveguides. Useful to realize polarization depedent devices (PPDC)



A. Crespi et al. Nature Comm. 2, 566 (2011)

Integrated waveplates



Entangling two photons in many degrees of freedom: alternative to distributing the qubits between many particles (multiphoton entanglement)

$$\begin{split} \left| \Psi_{N} \right\rangle &= \left| Bell_{1} \right\rangle \otimes \left| Bell_{2} \right\rangle \dots \otimes \left| Bell_{N} \right\rangle \\ \left| \Phi^{\pm} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left| 00 \right\rangle \pm \left| 11 \right\rangle \right] \\ \text{ees of freedom} \\ \left| Bell_{i} \right\rangle &: \\ \left| \Psi^{\pm} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left| 01 \right\rangle \pm \left| 10 \right\rangle \right] \end{split}$$

N = # of degrees of freedom

- Less decoherence with respect to *n*-photon entanglement.

- Detection efficiency, scaling as η^N , is constant when growing the size of the state.

- Exponential growing of resources but higher repetition in the state detection/generation rate.

- Used for advanced tasks of quantum information : Bell State Analysis, superdense coding, one-way quantum computation, advanced tests of quantum nonlocality, multipartite entangled states...

Use path and polarization of 2 photons to create 4/6 qubits)



$HE_{6} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\Big| H_{A} H_{B} \Big\rangle - \Big| V_{A} V_{B} \Big\rangle \Big] \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\Big| l_{A} r_{B} \Big\rangle + \Big| r_{A} l_{B} \Big\rangle \Big] \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\Big| E_{A} E_{B} \Big\rangle + \Big| I_{A} I_{B} \Big\rangle \Big]$

2 photons \rightarrow 4 qubits

R. Ceccarelli et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 103, 160401 (2009)

Hyperentanglement on a chip



M. Ciampini et al., *Light Science & Applications (to appear)*

Hyperentanglement on a chip





Test separately polarization and path entanglement



Hyperentangled state interference:

$$|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|HH\rangle_{AB} + e^{i\phi} |VV\rangle_{AB}) \otimes (|rl\rangle_{AB} + e^{i\theta} |lr\rangle_{AB})$$



Hyperentangled cluster states



|C₄> realized by a HW on mode r_A acting as a Control Phase (CP). 90% fidelity measured for the states ψ_+ and ψ_- on pairs $l_A r_B$ and $r_A l_B$.

$Z_A Z_B$	$+0.940 \pm 0.028$
$X_A X_B z_A$	-0.860 ± 0.030
$X_A X_B z_B$	$+0.860 \pm 0.030$
$z_A z_B$	-0.990 ± 0.007
$Z_A x_A x_B$	$+0.8092\pm0.036$
$Z_B x_A x_B$	$+0.8081\pm0.035$

Use multipartite entanglement witness:

$$W = 0.5(4 - Z_A Z_B - Z_A x_A x_B + X_A Z_A X_B + Z_A Z_B - X_A Z_B x_B - X_A X_B Z_B) = -0.634 \pm 0.036$$

Grover's search algorithm



Have 2^{M} elements encoded in M qubits and a black box (oracle) tagging one of them by changing its sign. Goal: identify the tagged item by a repeated query to the black box. Classical: $2^{M}/2$ calculations Grover: $\sqrt{(2^{M})}$ operations

Four qubit box cluster states composed by the path (k) and polarization (π) qubits, labelled in the order $(1, 2, 3, 4) = (k_B, \pi_A, k_A, \pi_B)$. Measure qubits 1 and 4 on the bases α and β . Information processed and read on qubits 2 and 3.

Grover's algorithm: results



Outcome probability for different tagged items

Probabilistic algorithm (depends on postselection): Average probability = 0.960 ± 0.007 (average rate: 17 Hz)

Deterministic algorithm (passive feed-forward) Average probability = 0.964 ± 0.003 (average rate: 68 Hz)

Challenges, perspectives.....

- Increase number of modes (limitation: bending losses of laser written waveguides)
- Active reconfiguration of Unitaries
- Novel 3D structures for more complex circuits
- Exponential growth of quantum complexity
- More complex circuits including PBSs, waveplates, active phase shifters enabling state manipulation and analysis on a chip
- Integrate hyperentanglement source inside the chip.
- High efficiency single photon detectors
- Higher number of photons



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Chiara Vitelli Postdoc (now at Authority per l'Energia)











Bosonic transport simulation in a programmable processor



Universal linear optics



J. Carolan, et al., Science (2015)