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## QUANTUM ADVANTAGE WITH INTEGRATED PHOTONICS

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How to achieve quantum supremacy (advantage)?



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

## REVIEW

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## Quantum computational supremacy

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The field of quantum algorithms aims to find ways to speed up the solution of computational problems by using a quantum computer. A key milestone in this field will be when a universal quantum computer performs a computational task that is beyond the capability of any classical computer, an event known as quantum supremacy. This would be easier to achieve experimentally than full coale quantum computing, but involves new theoretical shallonger. Here we present the leading proposals to achieve quantum supremacy, and discuss how we can reliably compare the power of a classical computer to the power of a quantum computer.

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## Boson sampling



Figure 1 | A 2D lattice of superconducting qubits proposed as a way to demonstrate quantum supremacy. Panels a and b depict the condition of the lattice at two illustrative timesteps. At each timestep, two-qubit gates (blue) are applied across some pairs of neighbouring qubits, and random one-qubit gates (red) are applied on other qubits. This experiment was proposed<sup>12</sup> by the quantum-AI group at Google; see Box 2 for more details.

Box 1 Figure | Diagram of a boson sampling e (red waveforms) are injected on the left-hand si beamspilitters (shown black) that is set up to ge transformation. Photons are detected on the rig to a probability distribution conjectured to be h classically. Photonic modes are represented by are represented by two lines coming together, o directional couplers in an integrated photonic of

# Box 2 Random quantum circuits $|0| H + Z^{n} + Z^{n} + T^{n} + H + A^{n} + D^{n} + Z^{n} + T^{n} + H + A^{n} + D^{n} + Z^{n} + Z^{n} + D^{n} + D^{n}$

Box 2 Figure | Example of an IQP circuit. Between two columns of Hadamard gates (H) is a collection of diagonal gates (T and controlled- $\sqrt{Z}$ ). Although these diagonal gates may act on the same qubit many times

# How to achieve quantum supremacy?

## (Quantum advantage)



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## **BOSON SAMPLING**

propagation on *m* optical modes

Input n bosons Sampling output state

Can a classical computer efficiently 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)

## Quantum photonic integrated circuit architecture

### Cavity-coupled quantum emitter



## Quantum photonic integrated circuit architecture

Quantum photonic integrated circuits (qPICs) can be monolithically, hybrid or heterogeneously integrated and can harness the current progress of classical photonic integration platforms

Devices	Quantum photonic use cases									
	Memory- based repeater	Cluster-state repeater	One-way QC	Trapped- ion-based QC	QKD	Quantum imaging	Squeezed light sensing	Boson sampling	N00N-state sensing	QRNG
Quantum emitter	R	R	R	0	0	0	NA	R	0	0
Nonlinear processes	0	R	R	0	0	R	R	R	0	0
Circuit elements	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Quantum memory	R	0	R	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Single-photon emitter	R	R	R	0	R	R	R	R	R	R
Classical circuits	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

R: required, NA: not available, O: optional

## Photonic integration platforms: technological maturity

Overview of several photonic integration platforms categorized by their level of technological maturity

Platform	Quantum emitter	Nonlinear processes	Circuit elements	Quantum memory	Single-photon detector	Classical controls
Silicon	E	D	D	E	D	D
Silica	E	Р	D	E	Р	Р
Silicon nitride	Р	D	D	E	Р	D
Aluminium nitride	Р	D	D	E	Ρ	Р
Silicon carbide	D	Р	Р	D	Р	D
Lithium niobate	Р	D	Р	E	Р	Р
Diamond	D	Р	Р	D	Ρ	E
III-V semiconductors	D	Р	D	Р	Ρ	D
Polymers	E	E	Р	NA	E	Р
Tantalum pentoxide	NA	E	Р	NA	P	Р
D: development st E: early/explorati NA: not available P: proof-of-princip	tage ve stage ole stage					

### "The potential and global outlook of integrated photonics for quantum technologies"

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> Femtosecond pulse tightly focused in a glass

Combination of multiphoton absorption and avalanche ionization induces <u>permanent</u> <u>and localized refractive index increase</u> in transparent materials

Waveguides are fabricated in the bulk of the substrate by translation of the sample at constant velocity with respect to the laser beam, along the desired path.



## Boson Sampling: Universal programmable device

Requirement for Boson Sampling design arbitrary interferometers



Requires independent control of phases and beam-splitter operation





## DISCRETE-COMPONENTS LAYOUT



- 6-mode universal photonic integrated chip
- 33 heaters
- Experiment ongoing



## 3D continuously coupled integrated photonic device



- 32 modes linear interferometer
- 16 heaters on the top surface
- 6 modes 1D fan-in (FI) and input fiber array (FA)
- 32 modes 2D rectangular fan-out (FO) and 2Dfiber array



## State-of-art on Boson Sampling



## Variants of Boson Sampling



Increasing sample rate

## State-of-art on Boson Sampling

Paesani et al. Nat. Phys 15, 925-929 (2019)



## **Gaussian Boson Sampling**

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### Quantum computational advantage using photons

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Gaussian boson sampling exploits squeezed states to provide a highly efficient way to demonstrate quantum computational advantage. We perform experiments with 50 input single-mode squeezed states with high indistinguishability and squeezing parameters, which are fed into a 100-mode ultralow-loss interferometer with full connectivity and random transformation, and sampled using 100 high-efficiency single-photon detectors. The whole optical set-up is phase-locked to maintain a high coherence between the superposition of all photon number states. We observe up to 76 output photon-clicks, which yield an output state space dimension of  $10^{30}$  and a sampling rate that is  $10^{14}$  faster than using the state-of-the-art simulation strategy and supercomputers. The obtained samples are validated against various hypotheses including using thermal states, distinguishable photons, and uniform distribution.

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- 50 input single-mode squeezed states
- 100-mode ultraslow-loss interferometer
- 100 high efficiency single-photon detectors





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## **Gaussian Boson Sampling**

### Article

## Quantum computational advantage with a programmable photonic processor



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## **Key Features**

- Cloud accessible with quantum-computational-advantage-level performance.
- A quantum light source, with adjustable brightness, emits trains of up to 288 squeezed-state qubits.
- Contains a fully programmable loop-based interferometer, synthesizing a large entangled state suitable for Gaussian Boson Sampling.
- Reprogrammable dynamically program the gate parameters according to your own task.
- High-speed processing and readout by true photon-number-resolving detectors.

## Challenges on Boson Sampling and variants



## **Technological challenges:**

- Single photon sources
- Manipulation on a chip
- Large arrays of single photon detectors

## **Open questions:**

- Variant schemes
- Applications: how to exploit it within hybrid algorithms?
- How noise and imperfections affect the hardness claim?
- How to certify the well functioning of Boson Sampling?



TARGETS: More photons More optical modes Alternative schemes



## Boson Sampling: potential applications

## For proving quantum advantage

### For solving computational problems

### REPORT

### Quantum computational advantage using photons

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 A light approach to quantum advantage

### For quantum simulation

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Vibronic Boson Sampling: Generalized Gaussian Boson Sampling for Molecular Vibronic Spectra at Finite Temperature

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### PHYSICAL REVIEW A 98, 032310 (2018)

#### Gaussian boson sampling for perfect matchings of arbitrary graphs

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A famously hard graph problem with a broad range of applications is computing the number of perfect matchings, that is, the number of unique and complete pairings of the vertices of a graph. We propose a method to estimate the number of perfect matchings of undirected graphs based on the relation between Gaussian boson sampling and graph theory. The probability of measuring zero or one photons in each output mode is directly related to the hafnian of the adjacency matrix, and thus to the number of perfect matchings of a graph. We present encodings of the adjacency matrix of a graph into a Gaussian state and show strategies to boost the sampling success probability for the studied graphs. With our method, a Gaussian boson sampling device can be used to estimate the number of perfect matchings significantly faster and with lower-energy consumption compared to a classical computer.

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#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 121, 030503 (2018)

#### Using Gaussian Boson Sampling to Find Dense Subgraphs

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Boson sampling devices are a prime candidate for exhibiting quantum supremacy, yet their application for solving problems of practical interest is less well understood. Here we show that Gaussian boson sampling (GBS) can be used for dense subgraph identification. Focusing on the NP-hard densest &-subgraph problem, we find that stochastic algorithms are enhanced through GBS, which selects dense subgraphs with high probability. These findings rely on a link between graph density and the number of perfect matchings—enumerated by the Hafnian—which is the relevant quantity determining sampling probabilities in GBS. We test our findings by constructing GBS-enhanced versions of the random search and simulated annealing algorithms and apply them through numerical simulations of GBS to identify the densest subgraph of a 30 vertex graph.

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## Hybrid integrated platform







### Quantifying *n*-photon indistinguishability with a cyclic integrated interferometer\*

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## Roadmap for integrated quantum photonics

### **Key points**

- Photonic quantum technologies have reached a number of important milestones in the last 20 years, culminating with the recent demonstrations of quantum advantage and space-to-ground quantum communication.
- Scalability remains a strong challenge across all platforms, but photonic quantum technologies can benefit from the parallel developments in classical photonic integration.
- More research is required as multiple challenges reside in the intrinsically hybrid nature of integrated photonic platforms, which require a variety of multiple materials, device design and integration strategies.
- The complex innovation cycle for integrated photonic quantum technologies requires investments, the resolution of specific technological challenges, the development of the necessary infrastructure and further structuring towards a mature ecosystem.
- There is an increasing demand for scientists and engineers with substantial knowledge of both quantum mechanics and its technological applications.

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Single-photon emitter



