

# Quantum resource estimation to break cryptographic schemes

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# Outline

Introduction

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## Algorithms for Quantum Computation: Discrete Logarithms and Factoring

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### Abstract

*A computer is generally considered to be a universal computational device; i.e., it is believed able to simulate any physical computational device with a cost in computation time of at most a polynomial factor. It is not clear whether this is still true when quantum mechanics is taken into consideration. Several researchers, starting with David Deutsch, have developed models for quantum mechanical computers and have investigated their computational properties. This paper gives Las Vegas algorithms for finding discrete logarithms and factoring integers on a quantum computer that take a number of steps which is polynomial in the input size, e.g., the number of digits of the integer to be factored. These two problems are generally considered hard on a classical computer and have been used as the basis of several proposed cryptosystems. (We*

[1, 2]. Although he did not ask whether quantum mechanics conferred extra power to computation, he did show that a Turing machine could be simulated by the reversible unitary evolution of a quantum process, which is a necessary prerequisite for quantum computation. Deutsch [9, 10] was the first to give an explicit model of quantum computation. He defined both quantum Turing machines and quantum circuits and investigated some of their properties.

The next part of this paper discusses how quantum computation relates to classical complexity classes. We will thus first give a brief intuitive discussion of complexity classes for those readers who do not have this background. There are generally two resources which limit the ability of computers to solve large problems: time and space (i.e., memory). The field of analysis of algorithms considers the asymptotic demands that algorithms make for these resources as a function of the problem size. Theoretical

## A fast quantum mechanical algorithm for database search

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### Summary

An unsorted database contains  $N$  records, of which just one satisfies a particular property. The problem is to identify that one record. Any classical algorithm, deterministic or probabilistic, will clearly take  $O(N)$  steps since on the average it will have to examine a large fraction of the  $N$  records. Quantum mechanical systems can do several operations simultaneously due to their wave like properties. This paper gives an  $O(\sqrt{N})$  step quantum mechanical algorithm for identifying that record. It is within a constant factor of the fastest possible quantum mechanical algorithm.

This paper applies quantum computing to a mundane problem in information processing and presents an algorithm that is significantly faster than any classical algorithm can be. The problem is this: there is an unsorted database containing  $N$  items out of which just one item satisfies a given condition - that one item has to be retrieved. Once an item is examined, it is possible to tell whether or not it satisfies the condition in one step. However, there does not exist any sorting on the database that would aid its selection. The most efficient classical algorithm for this is to examine the items in the database one by one. If an item satisfies the required condition stop; if it does not, keep track of this item so that it is not examined again. It is easily seen

In other words..



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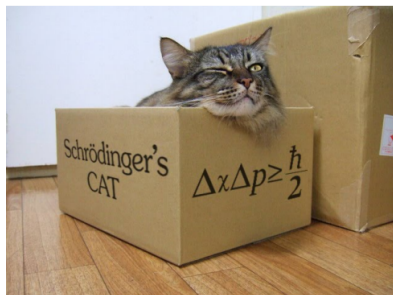
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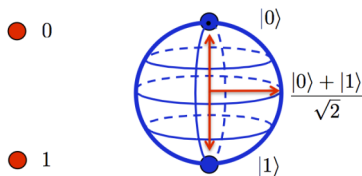
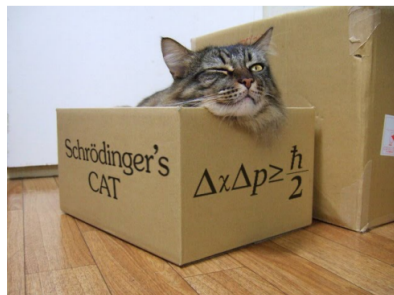
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**Classical Bit**

**Qubit**

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle,$$

$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

## Measuring quantum state



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Hadamard Gate:

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|b\rangle \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \frac{(|0\rangle + (-1)^b |1\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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## n-Qubit system

### Definition

$|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2$  such that  $\| |\psi\rangle \| = 1$ ,

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_x |x\rangle$$

where

$$\sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |\alpha_x|^2 = 1.$$

### Example 2-qubit system

- ▶ 4 basis states:  
 $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle, |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle, |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle,$   
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- ▶ It is common to use just:  
 $|0\rangle |1\rangle, |10\rangle$

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A unitary transformation taking basis states to basis states must be a permutation.

if  $U|x\rangle = |u\rangle$  and  $U|y\rangle = |u\rangle$ , then  $|x\rangle = U^{-1}|u\rangle = |y\rangle$ .

Therefore quantum mechanics imposes the constraint that classically it must be reversible computation.

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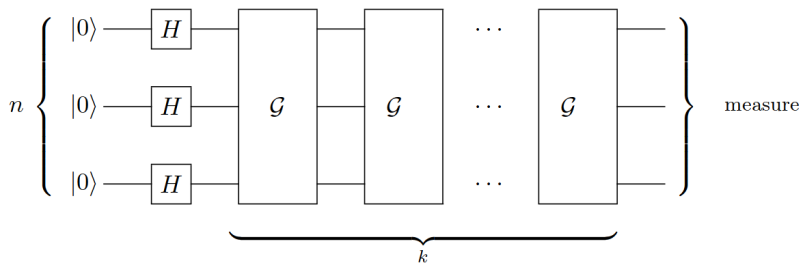
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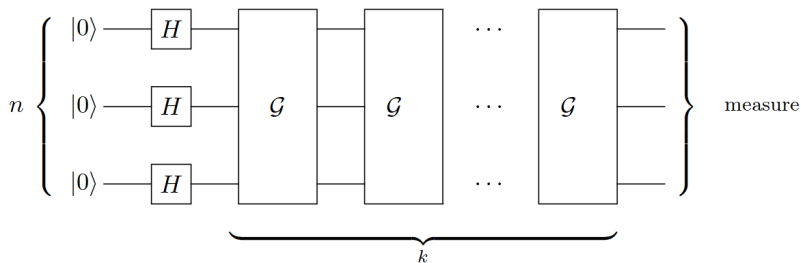
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Grover( $f$ ):

1. Start with  $|\phi_0\rangle = |1^n\rangle$
2. Apply  $\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}$
3. Repeat  $O(\sqrt{2^n})$  times
4. Quantum evaluation of  $f$  with oracle  $\mathcal{O}_f$
5. Amplification;
6. Measure  $x = |\phi\rangle$  and return  $f(x) = 1$ .

The function  $f$  can be a preimage search of a hash function or a key search.

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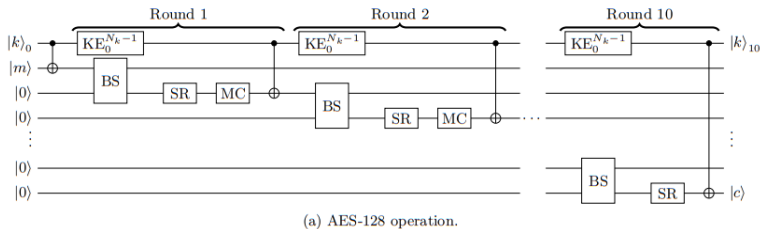


Figure: Complete AES-128. Figure from JNRV<sup>2</sup>

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For example: the SubByte function, looking only for the multiplicative inverse. The authors in GLRS<sup>3</sup> compute as:

$$\alpha^{-1} = \alpha^{254} = ((\alpha \cdot \alpha^2) \cdot (\alpha \cdot \alpha^2)^4 \cdot (\alpha \cdot \alpha^2)^{16} \cdot \alpha^{64})^2.$$

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0	$\alpha$				
1 ^ ^	$\alpha$	$\alpha^2$			
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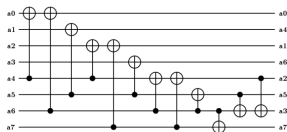


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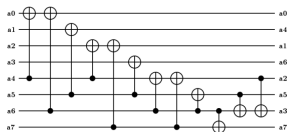


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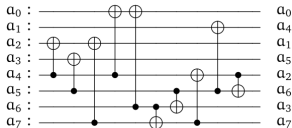


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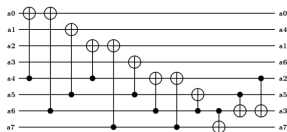


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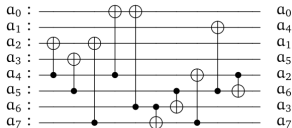


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# Grover's algorithm for breaking AES

## Quantum Resources

Table: Number of gates for running Grover's algorithm on AES-128

	Cliff +CNOT	T gates
GLRS <sup>4</sup>	$1.55 \cdot 2^{86}$	$1.19 \cdot 2^{86}$
LPS <sup>5</sup>	$1.46 \cdot 2^{82}$	$1.47 \cdot 2^{81}$
JNRV <sup>6</sup>	$1.13 \cdot 2^{82}$	$1.32 \cdot 2^{78}$

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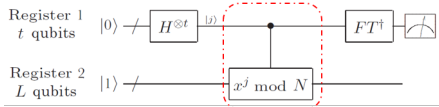
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A toy example can be when we have  $N = 15$ . Let's see how Shor's algorithm works:

- 1 Select an arbitrary number, such as  $a = 2 (< 15)$
- 2  $\gcd(a, N) = \gcd(2, 15) = 1$
- 3 Find the period of function  $f(x) = a^x \pmod N$ , which satisfies  $f(x + r) = f(x)$ ;
- 4 Get  $r = 4$  through the circuit below;
- 5  $\gcd(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1, N) = \gcd(5, 15) = 3$ ;
- 6  $\gcd(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1, N) = \gcd(3, 15) = 5$ ;
- 7 For  $N = 15$ , the two decomposed prime numbers are 3 and 5.



## Resource Estimation

### Break RSA (Integer Factoring)

From [Gidney & Ekerå\(2019\)](#)<sup>7</sup> uses “ $3n + 0.002n \lg(n)$  logical qubits,  $0.3n^3 + 0.0005n^3 \lg(n)$  Toffolis, and  $500n^2 + n^2 \lg(n)$  measurement depth to factor n-bit RSA integers”

RSA Bits	Qubits	Toffoli + T Gates (billions)
1024	3092	0.4
2048	6189	2.7
3072	9287	9.9

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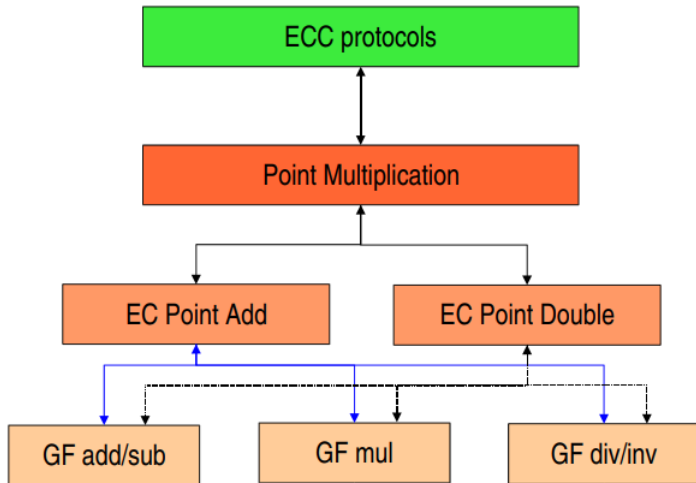
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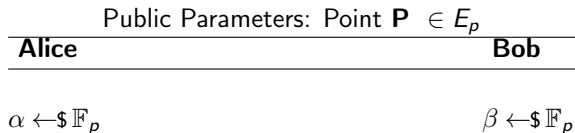
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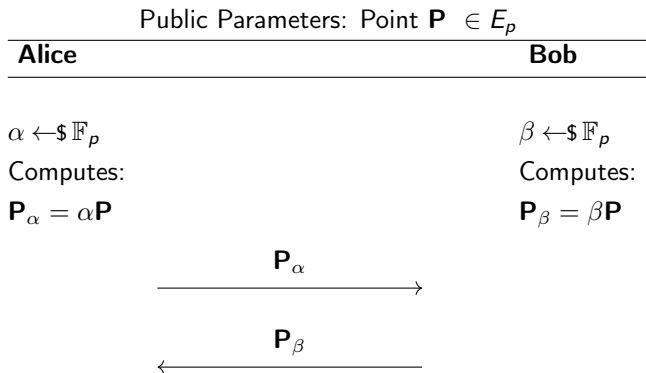
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Alice	Bob
$\alpha \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{F}_p$	$\beta \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{F}_p$
Computes:	Computes:
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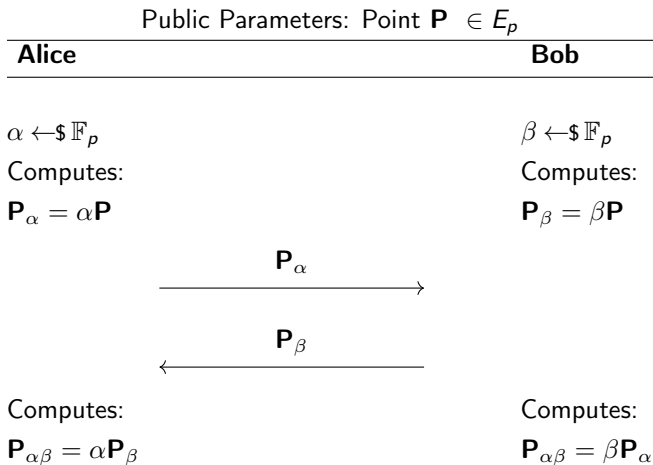
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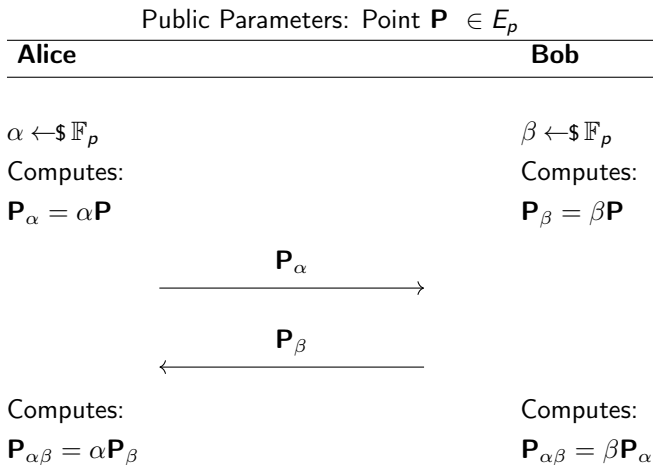
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