

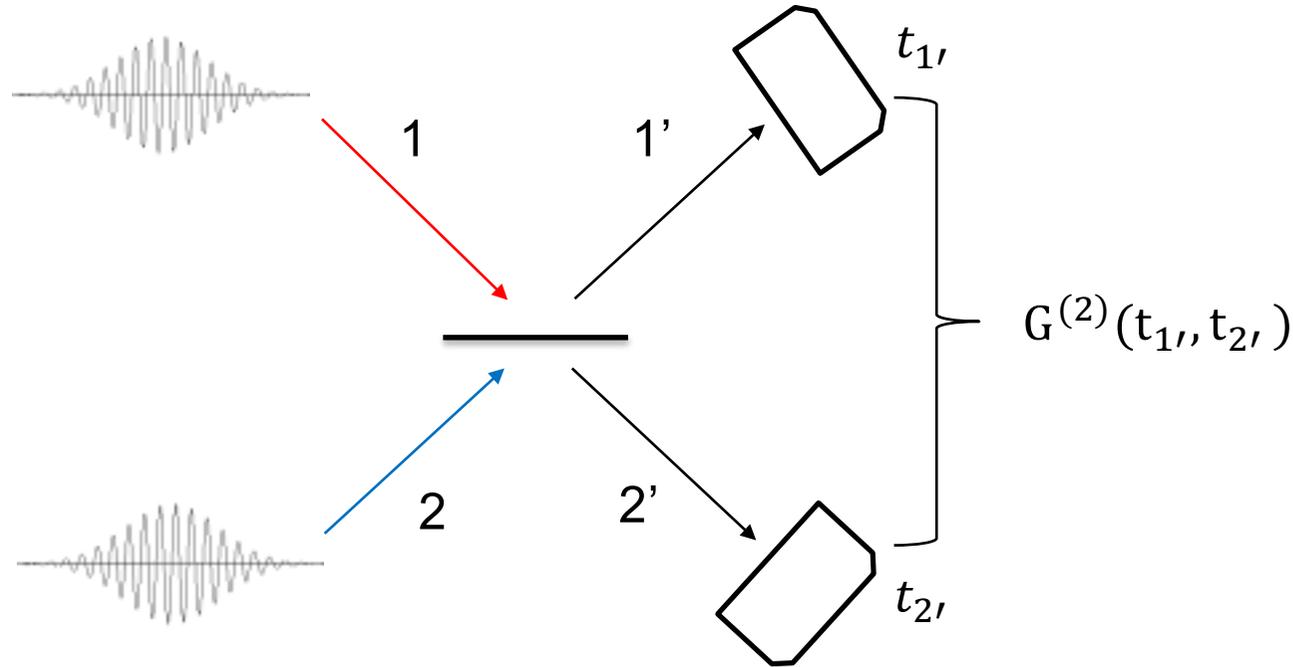
The physics and quantum computational supremacy
of multi-photon correlation interference
with single-photon states of arbitrary distinguishability

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Two-photon interference at a beam splitter



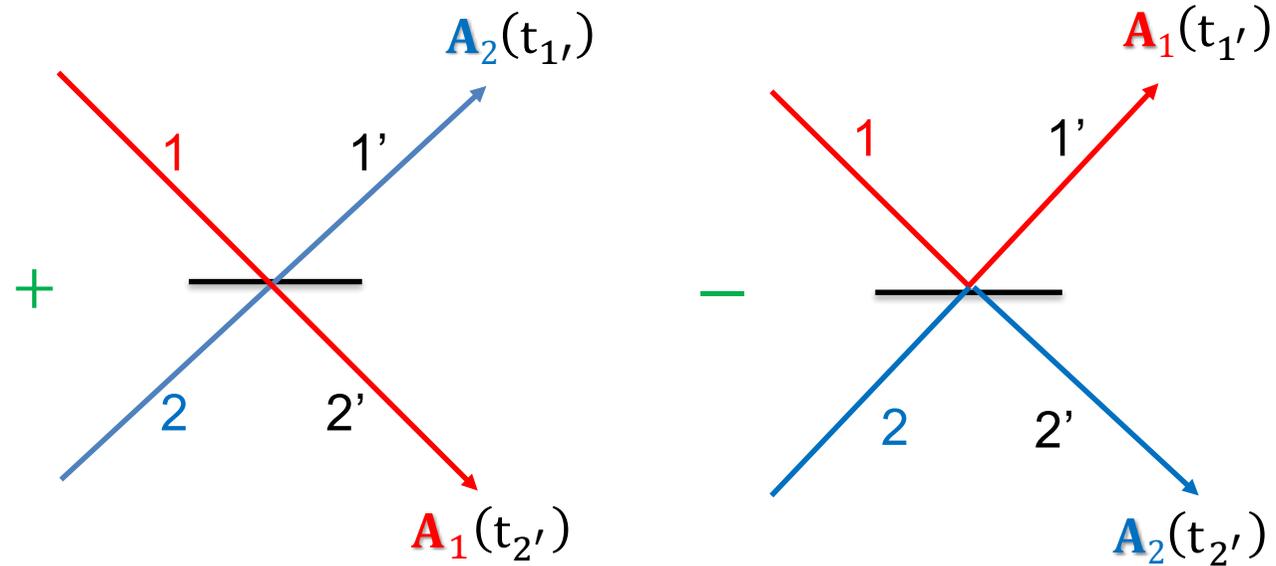
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“It is not the photons that interfere physically, it is their probability amplitudes that interfere – and probability amplitudes can be defined equally well for arbitrary numbers of photons”

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LIGHT QUANTA Nobel
Lecture, December 8, 2005 by Roy J. Glauber

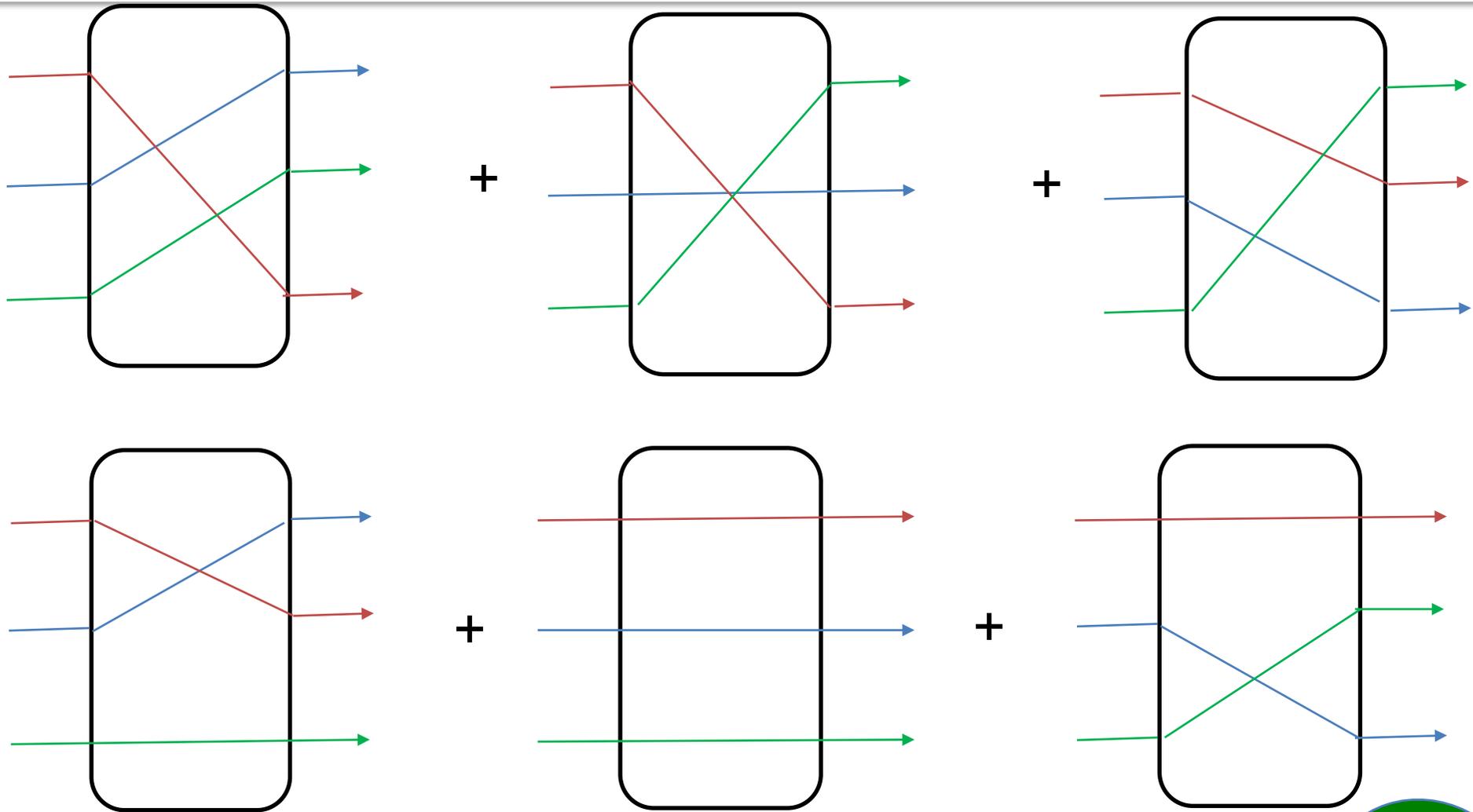


Interference of probability amplitudes



$$\begin{aligned}
 G^{(2)}(t_{1'}, t_{2'}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left| + \mathbf{A}_1(t_{2'}) \mathbf{A}_2(t_{1'}) \quad - \mathbf{A}_1(t_{1'}) \mathbf{A}_2(t_{2'}) \right|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \text{perm} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{A}_1(t_{1'}) & \mathbf{A}_2(t_{1'}) \\ \mathbf{A}_1(t_{2'}) & \mathbf{A}_2(t_{2'}) \end{pmatrix} \right|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

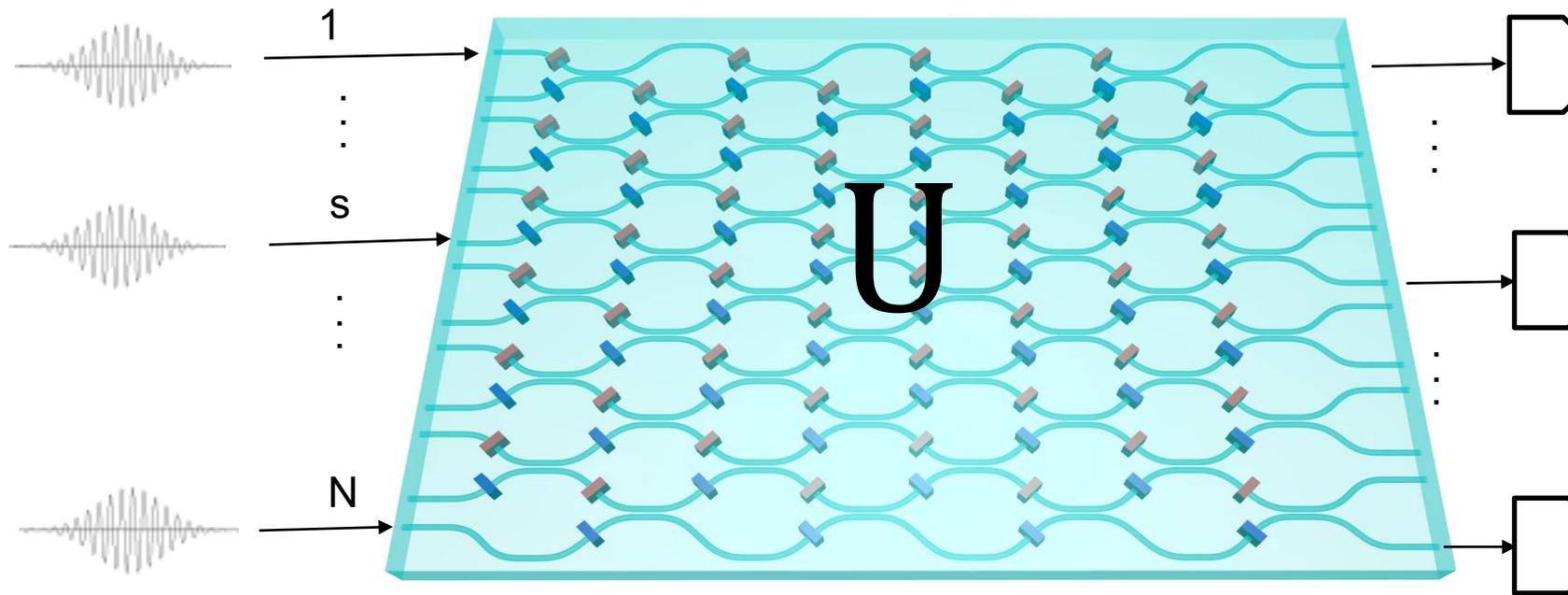
Three-photon interference



$3!=6$ interfering 3-photon probability amplitudes

Multiboson Correlation Interferometry with Arbitrary Single-Photon Pure States

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$N!$ interfering N -photon probability amplitudes:

$N!$ simultaneous computational tasks!

Quantum Computational Supremacy

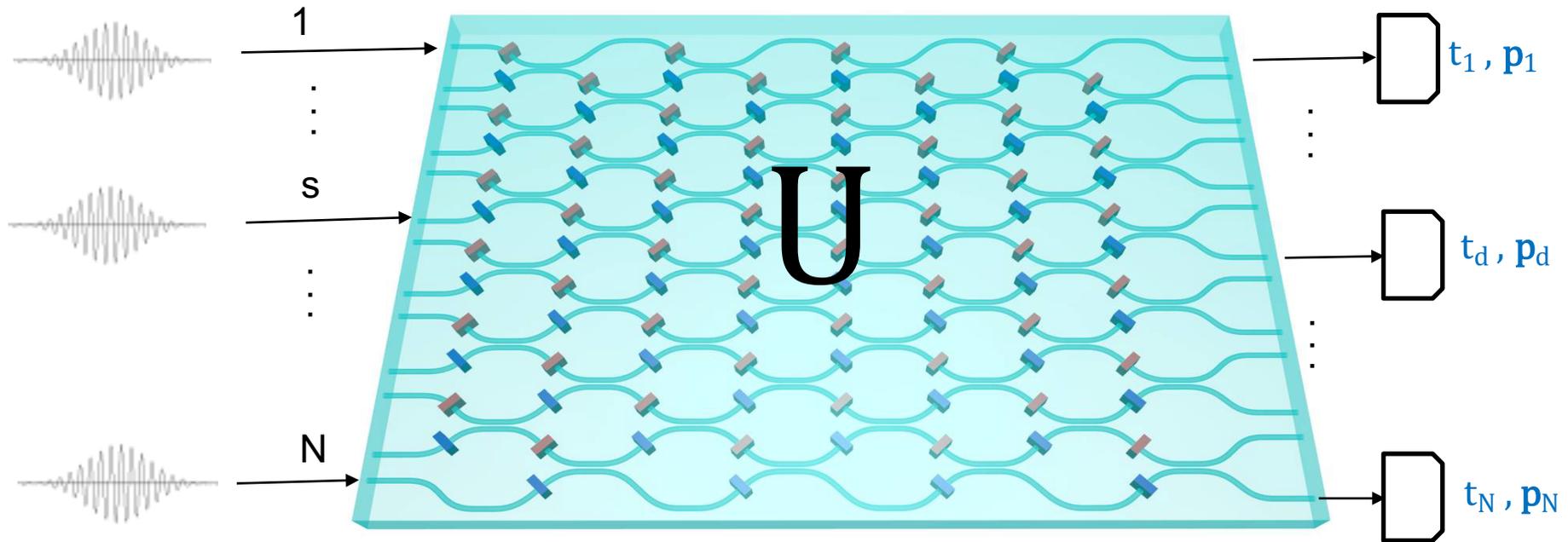
- Zooming in on arbitrary
N-Photon State Evolutions
- N-Photon Entanglement Generation
- Multi-Boson Computational Speed-Up

Quantum Computational Supremacy

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Multi-Photon Correlation Landscapes

$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle := \bigotimes_{s=1}^N |1[\xi_s]\rangle_{s_i}$$



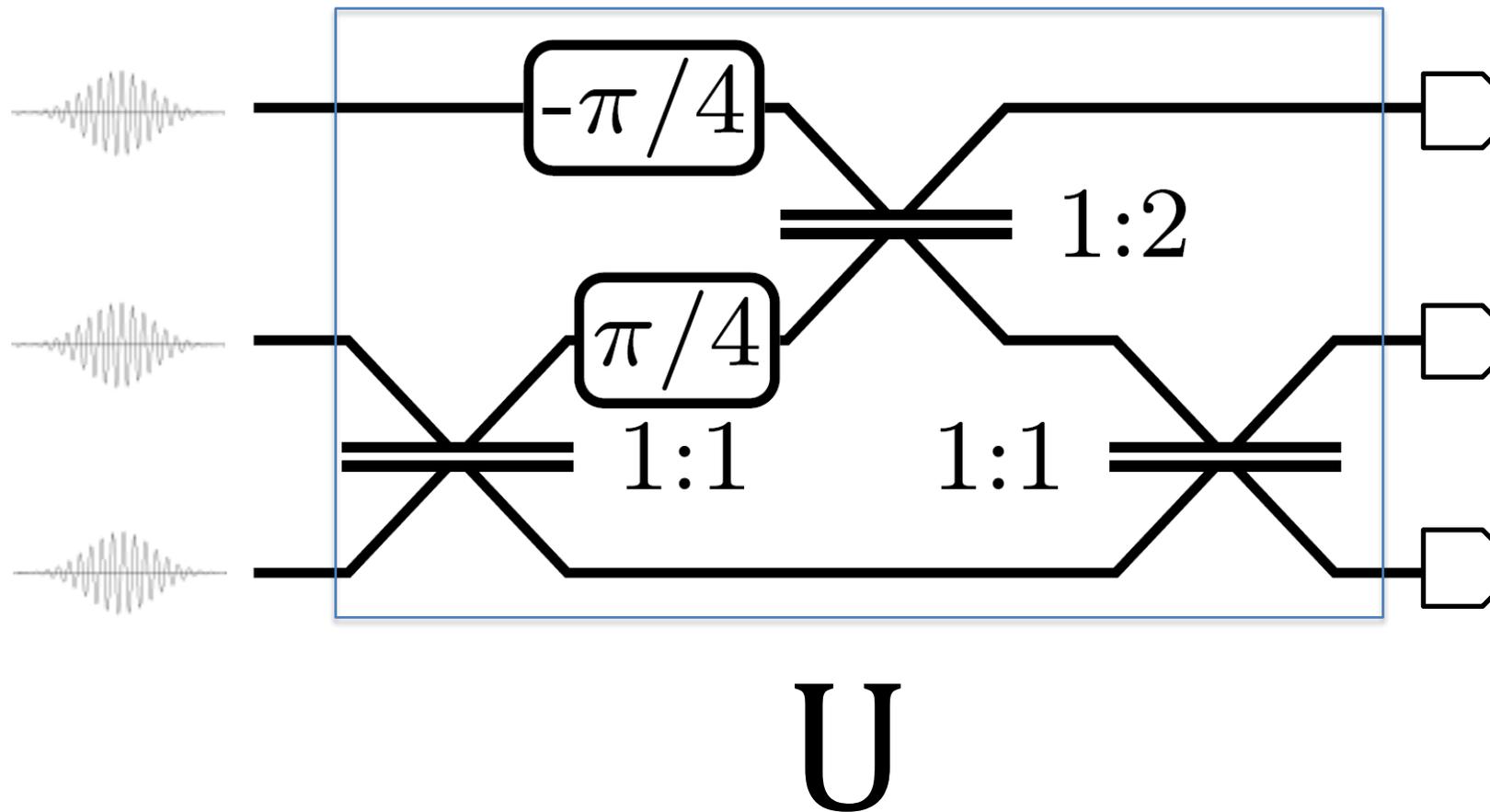
$N!$ interfering N-photon detection amplitudes

$$G_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}}^{(N)} = \left| \text{perm } \mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}} \right|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}} := \left[\mathcal{U}_{d,s} (\mathbf{p}_d \cdot \chi_s(t_d)) \right]_{\substack{d=1, \dots, N \\ s=1, \dots, N}}$$

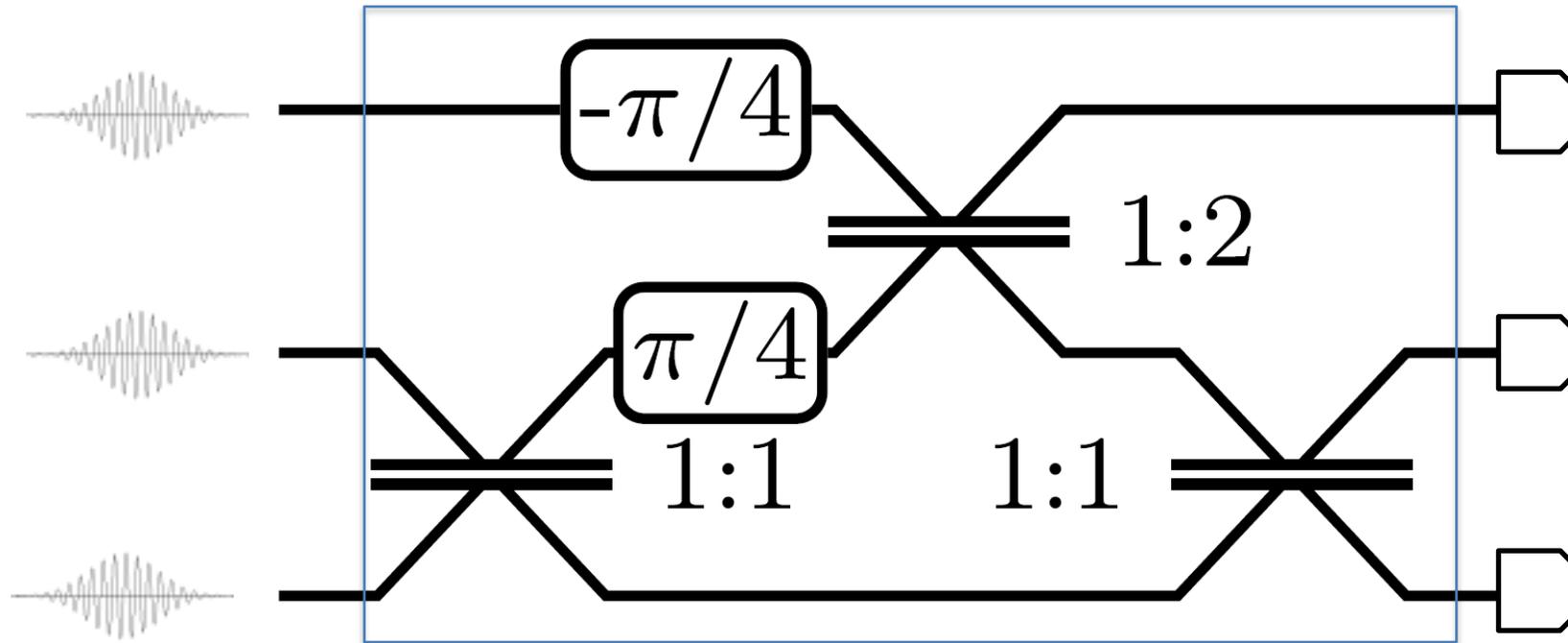
$$\chi_s(t) := \mathcal{F}[\xi_s](t - \Delta t)$$

Quantum interference with identical photons

Identical photons, perm $U = 0 \rightarrow$ Destructive Quantum Interference



Photons of different colors: no time-resolved detections



Different colors:

$\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \Delta\omega \quad \forall s \neq s' \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{No multiphoton interference}$

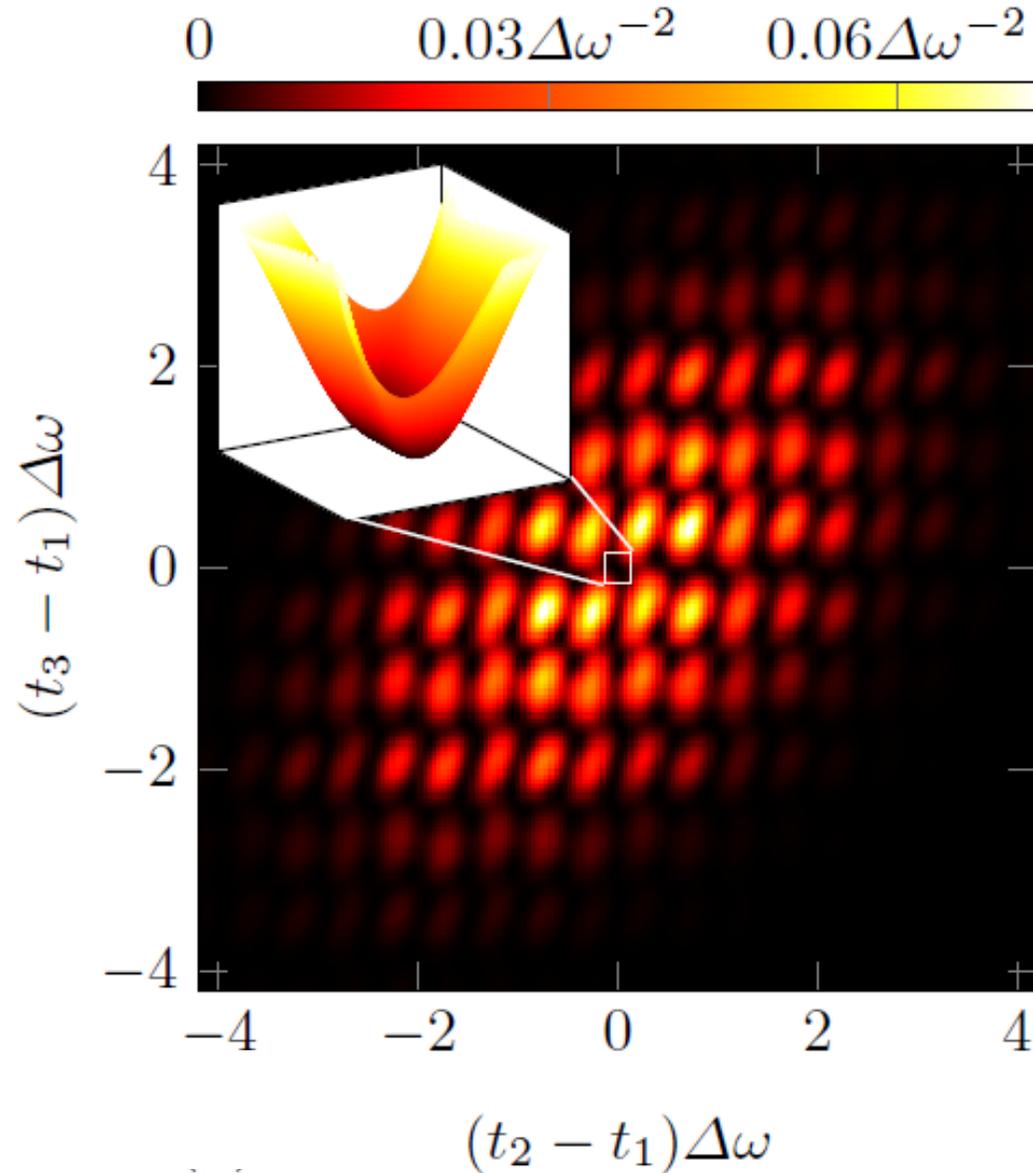
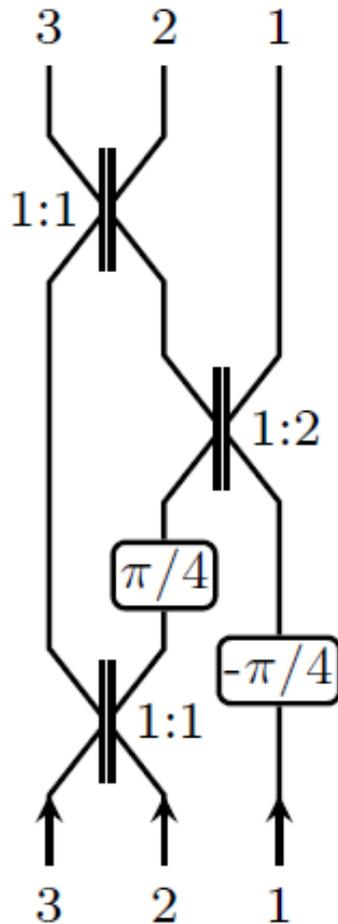


Photons of different colors: time-resolved detections

V. Tamma and S. Laibacher, Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**, 243601 (2015)

Detection integration time:

$$T_I \ll |\omega_s - \omega_{s'}|^{-1}$$



- Three-Photon “Dip”
- Quantum Beats



Zooming in on arbitrary N-photon state evolution

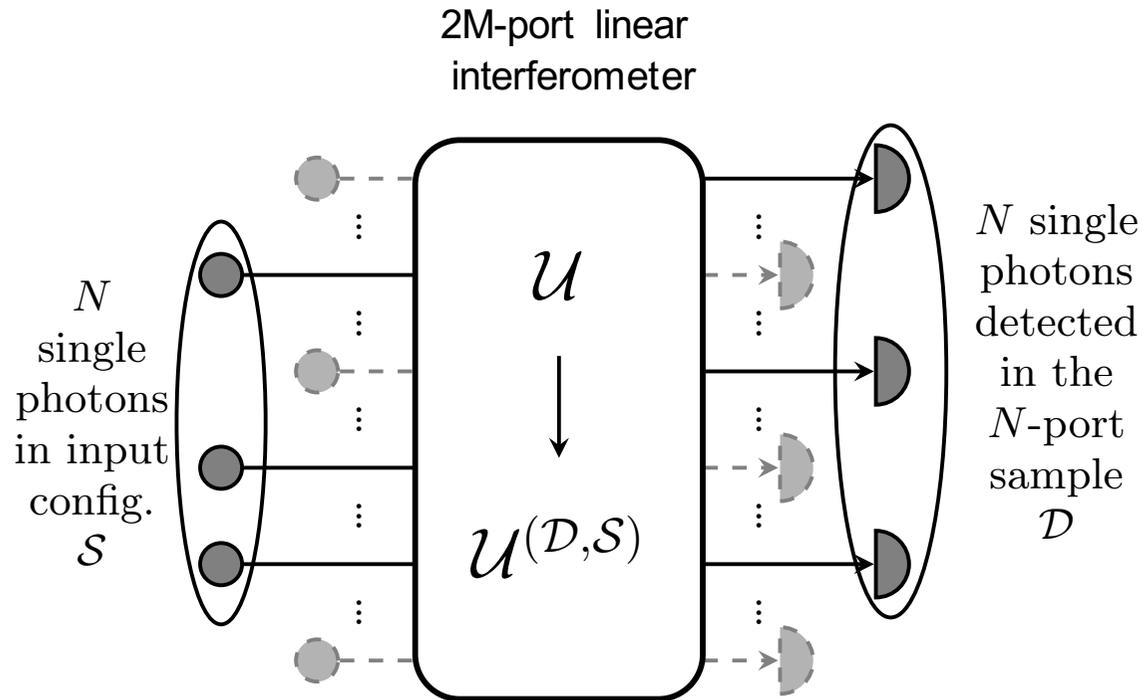
Quantum Computational Supremacy

- Zooming in on arbitrary
N-photon State Evolutions
- N-Photon Entanglement Generation
- **Multi-Boson Computational Speed-Up**

The Computational Complexity of Linear Optics

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$$P(\mathcal{D}; \mathcal{S}) = \left| \text{per} \mathcal{U}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} \right|^2$$

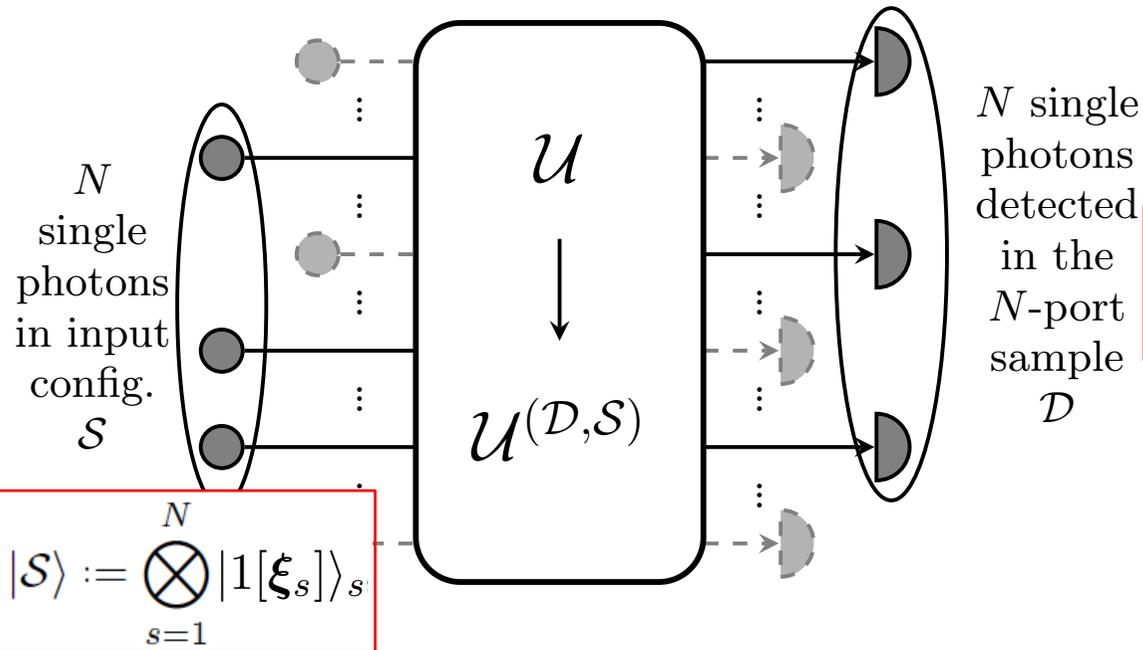
with

$$\mathcal{U}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} := [\mathcal{U}_{d,s}]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}}$$

- **Identical** photons
- Random unitary transformation \mathcal{U}
- $M \gg N \geq 30$
- Sampling measurements
(no time-resolved detections)

Boson sampling
with identical bosons
hard to simulate classically

Partially distinguishable input photon states



$$P_{av}(\mathcal{D}; \mathcal{S}) = \sum_{\rho \in \Sigma_N} f_\rho(\mathcal{S}) \text{ per } \mathcal{A}_\rho^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})}$$

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Interference-type matrices:

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} := \left[\mathcal{U}_{d,s}^* \mathcal{U}_{d, \rho(s)} \right]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}}$$

N-boson indistinguishability factors:

$$f_\rho(\mathcal{S}) := \prod_{s \in \mathcal{S}} g(s, \rho(s)) \quad \text{with}$$

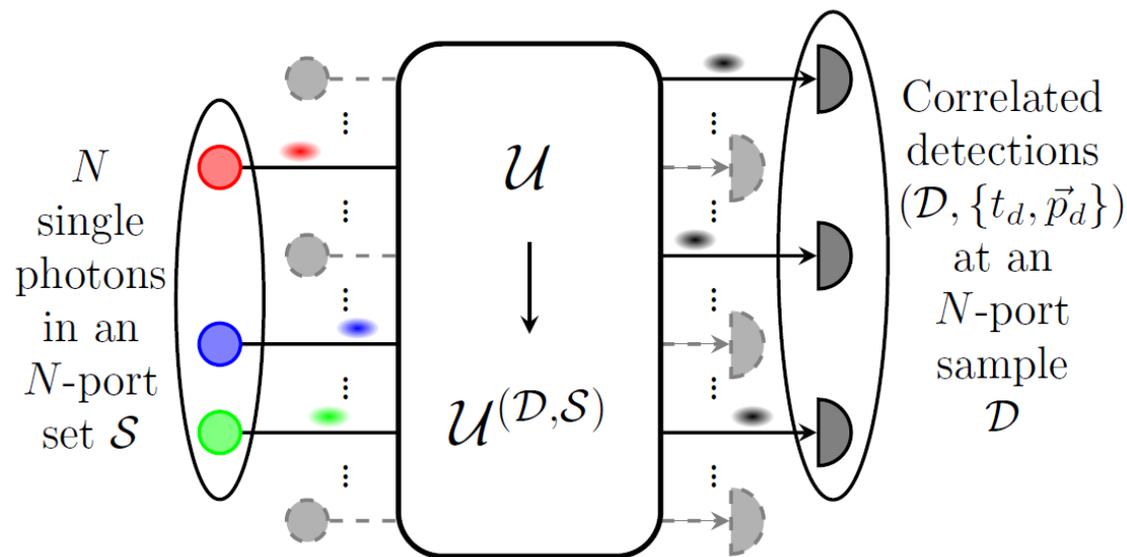
2M-port linear interferometer

$$g(s, s') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \xi_s(\omega) \cdot \xi_{s'}(\omega)$$

Pairwise state distinguishability

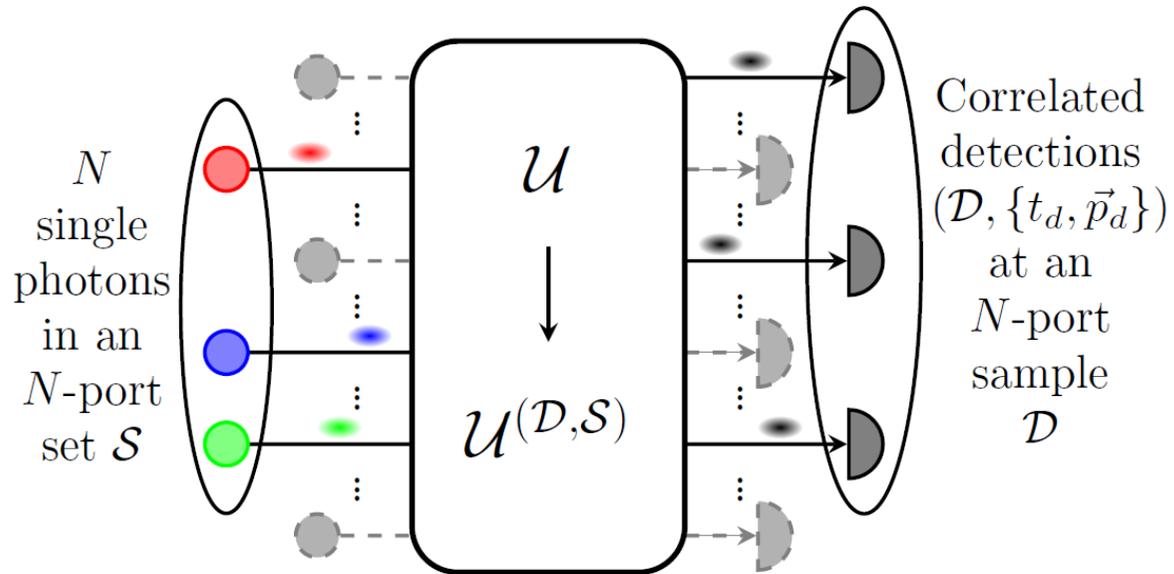
From the Physics to the Computational Complexity of Multiboson Correlation Interference

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Multiboson Correlation Sampling:

- **Arbitrary** single-photon pure states $|\mathcal{S}\rangle := \bigotimes_{s \in \mathcal{S}} |1[\xi_s]\rangle_s \bigotimes_{s \notin \mathcal{S}} |0\rangle_s$
- Sampling measurements based on **time and polarization-resolving** detections



$$G_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} = \left| \text{perm } \mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} \right|^2$$

with

$$\mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} := [\mathcal{U}_{d,s} (\mathbf{p}_d \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}_s(t_d))]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\chi}_s(t) := \mathcal{F}[\boldsymbol{\xi}_s](t - \Delta t)$$

Photons of different colors

Different colors: $\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \Delta\omega \quad \forall s \neq s'$

➤ Boson Sampling Trivial

Multiboson Correlation Sampling

Different colors: $\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \Delta\omega \quad \forall s \neq s'$

Detection integration time: $T_I \ll |\omega_s - \omega_{s'}|^{-1}$



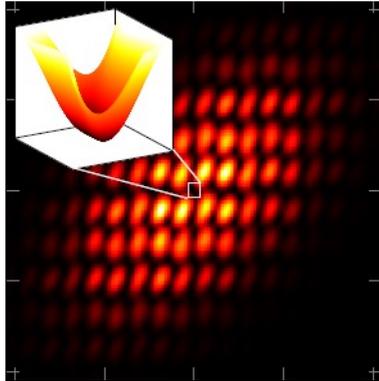
N-photon interference at any detection time:

$$G_{\{t_d, \mathbf{p}_d\}}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} \propto \left| \text{perm} \left(\left[\mathcal{U}_{d,s}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} e^{i\omega_s t_d} \right]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}} \right) \right|^2$$

➤ Multi-Boson Correlation Sampling Hard even in the Approximate case

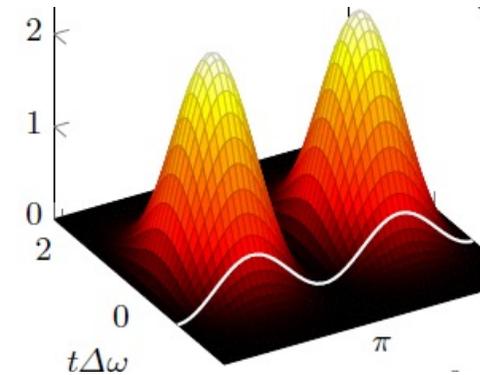
Summary

- Zooming in on N-photon state evolution

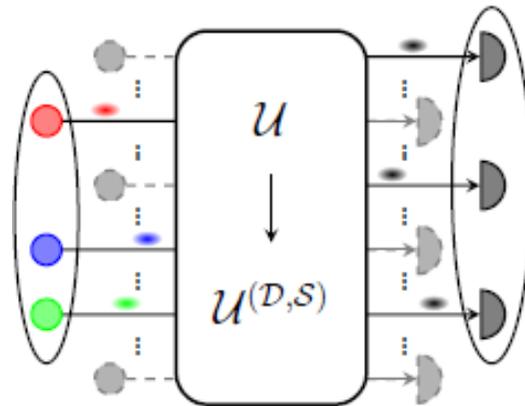


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