

**C&O 781 / QIC 823 / CS 867 Quantum Algorithms**  
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**Project Suggestions**

The following is an incomplete list of possible topics for a project. Please feel free to suggest other papers, for example, from recent conferences such as QIP, STOC, and FOCS.

**Quantum walk.**

- An exponential speed-up using quantum walk [14].
- An algorithm for balanced NAND trees [20].
- Universal quantum computation by quantum walk [13, 15].
- Applications of quantum walk search [16, 22].
- A search algorithm inspired by adiabatic quantum computation [28].

**Query complexity**

- Learning graphs for  $k$ -Distinctness [8].
- Multiplicative quantum adversary method [36].
- Lower bound for state generation [4].
- Quantum versus classical query complexity [1, 5, 2]

**Hidden Subgroup Problem.**

- Reduction from the Unique Shortest Vector problem to Dihedral HSP [35].
- An algorithm for the Hidden Shift Problem [37].
- Hidden Translation and Orbit Coset problems [21].
- Limitations of coset states for the symmetric group [31, 24].

**Simulating continuous-time dynamics.**

- Simulating Hamiltonians [9, 10, 11, 29].
- Simulating open quantum systems [17, 18].

## Computational complexity.

- Error-reduction for QMA, containment in PP [30].
- Quantum interactive proof systems [27].
- The Quantum PCP conjecture [3].

## Learning, property testing and related topics.

- Spectrum testing [32].
- Group and junta testing [6].
- Quantum tomography [33, 23, 34].
- Sequential measurements and property testing [25].
- Quantum learning theory [7].

## Other.

- Sampling Gibbs states [26].
- An algorithm for Semi-Definite Programming [12].
- Connections to lattices [19].

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