

Simulating Subatomic Physics on a Quantum Frequency Processor

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How Did This Work Come About?

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TERMINATED CASCADE IS NOT TERMINAL —

Careful phasing of a photonic qubit brings light under control

Controlled color cascade yields better parallelism for photonic qubits.

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SUB-OPTIMAL —

Cloud-based quantum computer takes on deuteron and wins

Optimized algorithms plus cloud-based quantum computers actually work.

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Simulations of Subatomic Many-Body Physics on a Quantum Frequency Processor

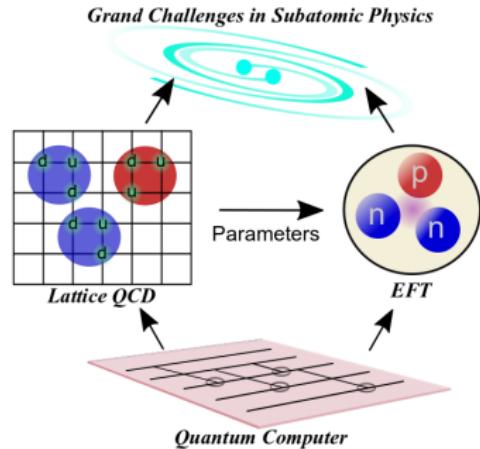
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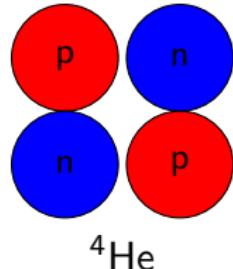
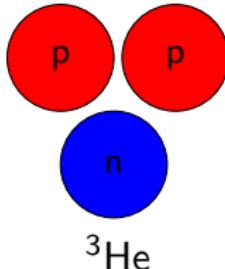
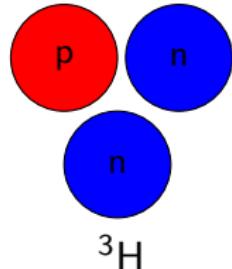


Quantum Computing for Subatomic Physics Programme

- *Ab initio* calculations of nucleon and nuclear matter properties from lattice quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
 - Effective field theory (EFT) description of nuclei
 - Explain astrophysical events at extreme nucleon densities



Nuclear EFT Systems of Interest



Q: Compute the binding energy from an EFT Hamiltonian

$$V \rightarrow \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) V_1 \Psi(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') V_2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \Psi(\mathbf{r}') + \dots$$



From Lattice QFT to EFT: The Schwinger Model

- The Schwinger model is QED in one space and one time dimension
- The Lagrangian for the continuum model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\cancel{D} - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- spatially discretized with the Kogut-Susskind (staggered) action
- mapped onto qubits using the JW transformation

$$\hat{H} = x \sum_{n=0}^{N_Q-1} (\sigma_n^+ L_n^- \sigma_{n+1}^- + \sigma_{n+1}^+ L_n^+ \sigma_n^-) + \sum_{n=0}^{N_Q-1} \left(I_n^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} (-)^n Z_n \right)$$



How Can Near-Term Quantum Computers Help in Scientific Applications?

- Calculating N -qubit observables on a classical computer is a problem for $N \geq 50$
 - $|\psi\rangle$ is an N -qubit state, \hat{O} is an N -qubit observable
 - Representing $|\psi\rangle$ needs $O(2^N)$ classical bits
 - $\langle\psi|\hat{O}|\psi\rangle$ reduces to a matrix-vector multiplication on a classical computer with $O(2^{2N})$ operations
- Calculating N -qubit observables on a quantum computer requires N qubits
 - Prepare the N -qubit state $|\psi\rangle$ M times
 - Measure \hat{O} each time $|\psi\rangle$ is prepared
 - Compute the average $\approx \langle\psi|\hat{O}|\psi\rangle$



Variational Ground State Energy Calculation

Particularly of interest in scientific apps is a ground-state energy of N -body systems.

Algorithm 1 Variational Quantum Eigensolver Algorithm

initialize variational parameter $\theta_0 = \{\theta_0^1, \dots, \theta_0^M\}$

while $\text{grad}(\langle \Psi(\theta_i) | H | \Psi(\theta_i) \rangle) \geq \epsilon$ **do**

 quantum compute $\langle \Psi(\theta_i) | H | \Psi(\theta_i) \rangle$

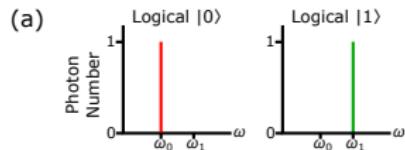
 classical update θ_{i+1}

return $\min \langle \Psi(\theta) | H | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$

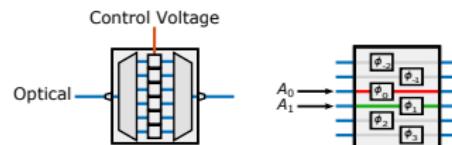


Introducing the Hardware: Quantum Frequency Processor

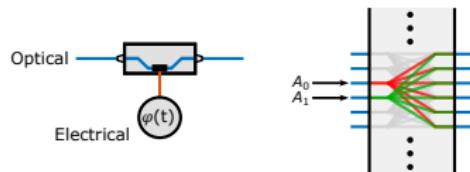
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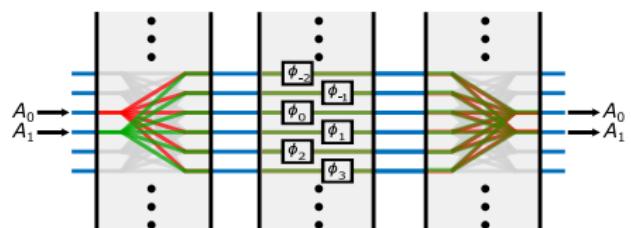
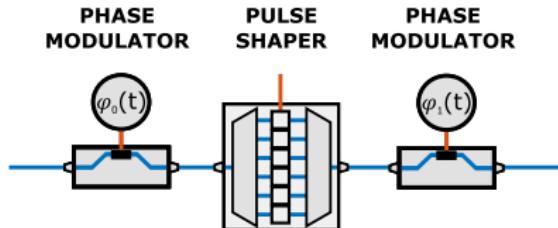
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Quantum Frequency Processor



Please see the talk by Joe Lukens on Friday

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Mapping Subatomic Problems onto a QFP

- Start with a N -body second-quantized Hamiltonian H_{SQ}
- Project H_{SQ} onto eigenstates of operators that represent good quantum numbers (e.g., parity, momentum, total spin) for the system of interest. ($\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{SQ} = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{H}_i$)
- \mathcal{H}_i s can now be interpreted as single-particle Hamiltonians and mapped onto a frequency bin multiport device

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$$\mathcal{H}_{QFP}^i = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} h_{kk} c_k^\dagger c_k + \sum_{\substack{k,l=0 \\ k < l}}^{d-1} [h_{kl} c_k^\dagger c_l + h_{kl}^* c_l^\dagger c_k]$$

- Single particle (photon) variation wavefunction

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos \phi |10\cdots 0\rangle - \frac{\sin \phi}{\phi} \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} \theta_k |0\cdots 1_k \cdots 0\rangle$$



VQE: Single Photon vs Coherent State

- We use QFP to compute $H_{k,l} = \langle \Psi | h_{kl} c_k^\dagger c_l + h_{kl}^* c_l^\dagger c_k | \Psi \rangle$ for all k, l
- For $H_{k,l}$ computation single-photon state

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos\phi|10\cdots0\rangle - \frac{\sin\phi}{\phi} \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} \theta_k |0\cdots1_k\cdots0\rangle$$

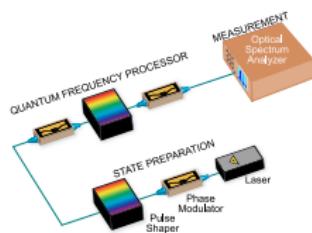
and

$$|\Psi_{\text{comb}}\rangle = |\alpha \cos\phi\rangle \otimes \left| \alpha e^{i\pi} \frac{\theta_1 \sin\phi}{\phi} \right\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes \left| \alpha e^{i\pi} \frac{\theta_{d-1} \sin\phi}{\phi} \right\rangle$$

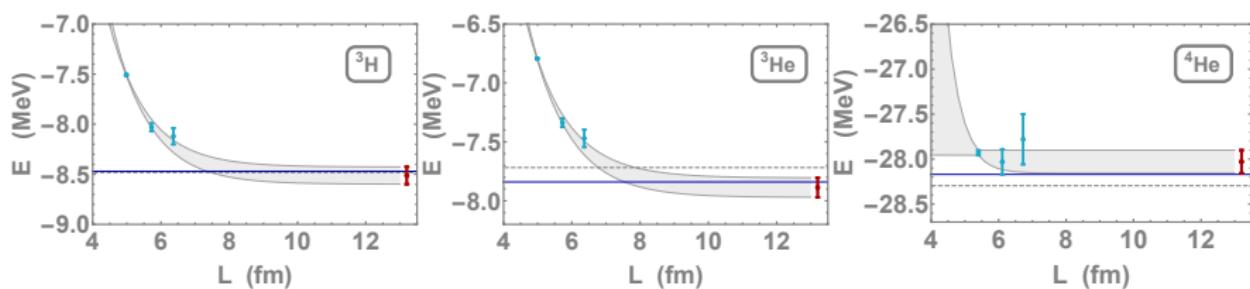
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Light Nuclei Simulations



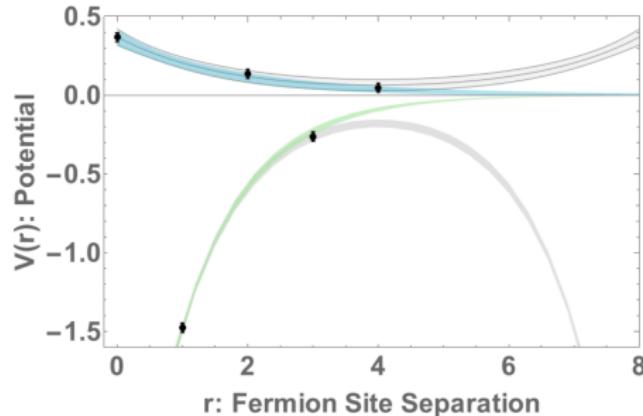
All-optical quantum frequency processor



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EFT for the Schwinger 4-lattice-site Problem



Effective 2-body potential between heavy charges in the 4-lattice-site
Schwinger model

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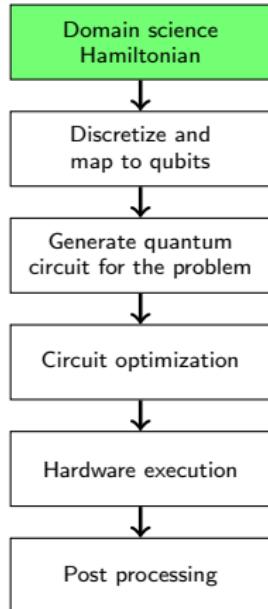


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Quantum Simulation Algorithms: A General Workflow

- Typically an observable of interest is energy
- Take a Hamiltonian $H = T + V$ and write it in a second-quantized form using field operators $\Psi(\mathbf{r}), \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r})$
- The kinetic energy $T \rightarrow \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) T \Psi(\mathbf{r})$
- The potential energy

$$V \rightarrow \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) V_1 \Psi(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') V_2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \Psi(\mathbf{r}') + \dots$$

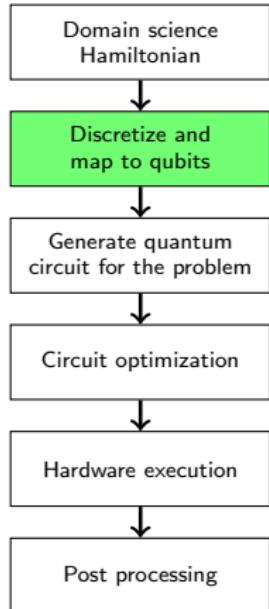


Quantum Simulation Algorithms: A General Workflow

- Discretize field operators $\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^N \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) c_n$, c_n is a single-particle annihilation operator
- Re-write H in terms of c_n and c_n^\dagger :

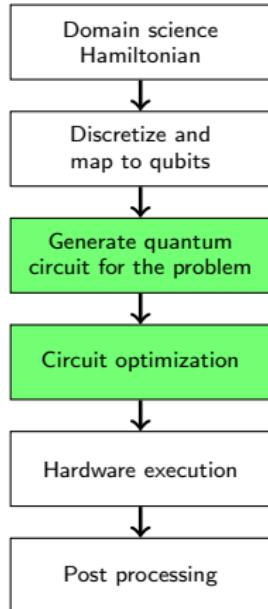
$$H = \sum_{n,m} (T_{nm} + V_{nm}) c_n^\dagger c_m + \sum_{n,m,k,l} V_{nmkl} c_n^\dagger c_m^\dagger c_k c_l + \dots$$

- Map c_n and c_n^\dagger onto Pauli X, Y, Z operators (qubits = spin 1/2!).



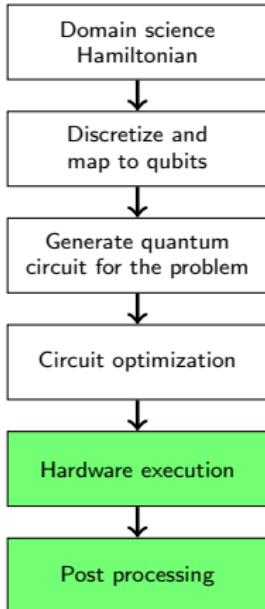
Quantum Simulation Algorithms: A General Workflow

- We will need to prep an N -qubit state $|\psi(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)\rangle$ to evaluate $\langle\psi(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)|H|\psi(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)\rangle$
- $|\psi(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)\rangle = U(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)|0, \dots, 0\rangle$
- We will need to decompose $U(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$ into a sequence of one- and two-qubit operations that quantum hardware can implement
- Optimize the decomposition to minimize the use of precious two-qubit gates

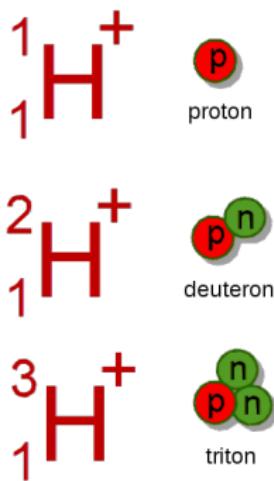


Quantum Simulation Algorithms: A General Workflow

- Existing quantum hardware is noisy. Simulation results require post processing to remove systematic effects of noise



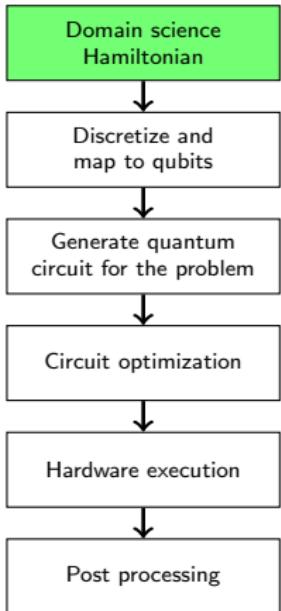
An Example: The Deuteron



- The deuteron is the lightest nucleus consisting of a neutron and a proton
- Binding energy $E_B = -2.2 \text{ MeV}$ (measured)
- Use quantum computer to calculate the binding energy

The Deuteron: Hamiltonian Model

- The Deuteron is a two-body system with the Hamiltonian in the center-of-mass frame $H = T + V$
- The kinetic energy $T = \frac{p^2}{2\mu}$
- The potential $V(r)$ is specially chosen to reproduce deuteron's binding energy
- We want to use quantum computers to calculate the smallest eigenvalue of H (binding energy)
- More precisely, we would like to compute $\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle$ for a class of $|\Psi\rangle$
- Minimizing $\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle$ over all $|\Psi\rangle$ will give an estimate of the binding energy

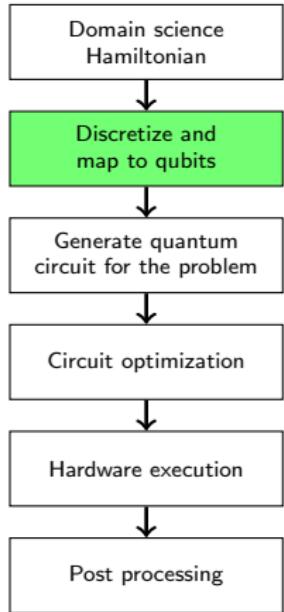


The Deuteron: Second-Quantized Hamiltonian

- First we need to rewrite $H = \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + V(r)$ in the second-quantized form
- We use harmonic oscillator basis (Fock states $|n\rangle$, $n = 0, \dots, N$ and single particle creation (annihilation) operators $c_n^\dagger (c_n)$)
- In this basis $H_N = \sum_{n,n'=0}^{N-1} \langle n' | H | n \rangle c_{n'}^\dagger c_n$
- We evaluate matrix elements in the Fock basis:

$$\langle n' | V(r) | n \rangle = V_0 \delta_n^0 \delta_n^{n'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n' | \frac{p^2}{2\mu} | n \rangle &= \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \left[(2n + 3/2) \delta_n^{n'} - \sqrt{n(n + 1/2)} \delta_n^{n'+1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sqrt{(n + 1)(n + 3/2)} \delta_n^{n'-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$



The Deuteron: Mapping to Qubits

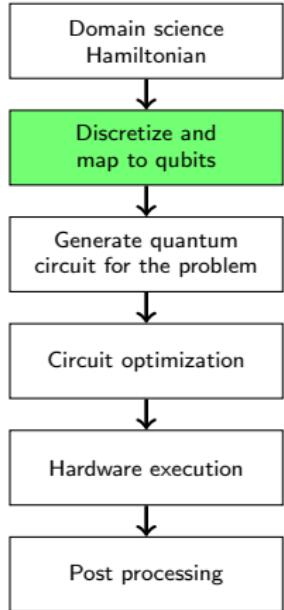
- We use Jordan-Wigner transform

$$c_n^\dagger \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} -Z_j \right] (X_n - iY_n); c_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} -Z_j \right] (X_n + iY_n)$$

- A spin up $|\uparrow\rangle$ (down $|\downarrow\rangle$) state of the qubit n corresponds to zero (one) deuteron in the state $|n\rangle$.
- Hamiltonians for $N = 2, 3$:

$$H_2 = 5.906709I + 0.218291Z_0 - 6.125Z_1 \\ - 2.143304(X_0X_1 + Y_0Y_1),$$

$$H_3 = H_2 + 9.625(I - Z_2) \\ - 3.913119(X_1X_2 + Y_1Y_2)$$



The Deuteron: Computing the Binding Energy

- Compute the binding energy E_N using VQE and the Unitary Coupled-Cluster ansatz for all N up to N_{max}
- Extrapolate to the continuum E_∞ by using $E_1, \dots, E_{N_{max}}$
- For the extrapolation to the infinite space we employ the harmonic-oscillator variant of Lüscher's formula for finite-size corrections to the ground-state energy:

$$E_N = -\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(1 - 2\frac{\gamma^2}{k} e^{-2kL} - 4\frac{\gamma^4 L}{k} e^{-4kL} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2 k \gamma^2}{m} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{k} - \frac{\gamma^4}{4k^2} + 2w_2 k \gamma^4 \right) e^{-4kL},$$

$L = L(N)$ is the effective hard-wall radius for the finite basis of dimension N , k is the bound-state momentum, γ the asymptotic normalization coefficient, and w_2 an effective range parameter.



The Deuteron: VQE and UCC Quantum Circuits

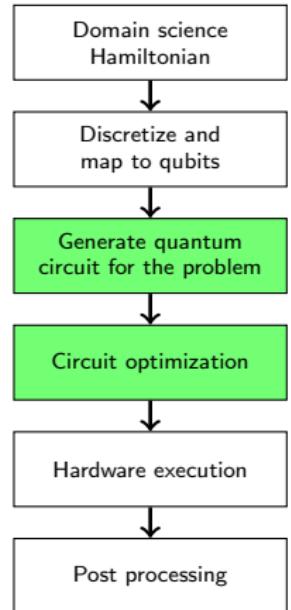
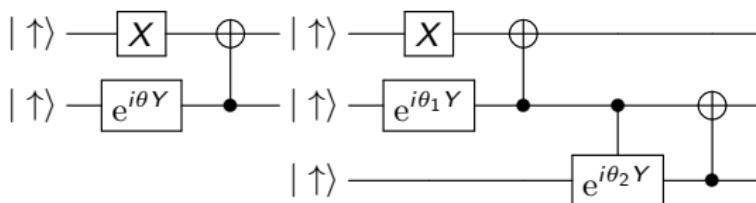
- Unitary Coupled-Cluster ansatz for $N = 2$ (two qubits):

$$|\Psi_{UCC}\rangle \equiv e^{\theta(c_0^\dagger c_1 - c_1^\dagger c_0)} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = \cos \theta |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - \sin \theta |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$$

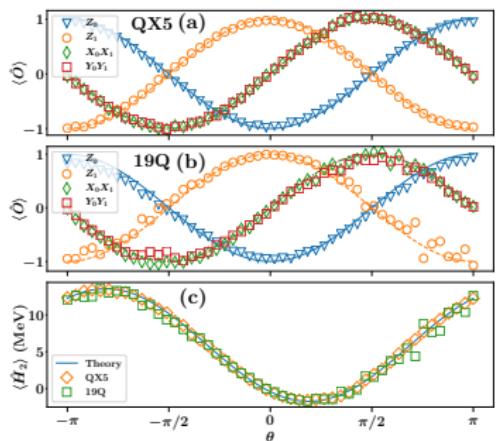
- Unitary Coupled-Cluster ansatz for $N = 3$ (three qubits):

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{UCC}\rangle &\equiv e^{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \theta_i (c_i^\dagger c_i - c_i^\dagger c_0)} |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = \cos(\theta_1) |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ &\quad - \sin(\theta_1) \cos(\theta_2) |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - \sin(\theta_1) \sin(\theta_2) |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

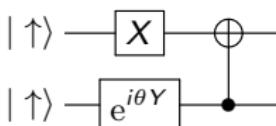
- Quantum circuits:



The Deuteron: VQE Results $N = 2$

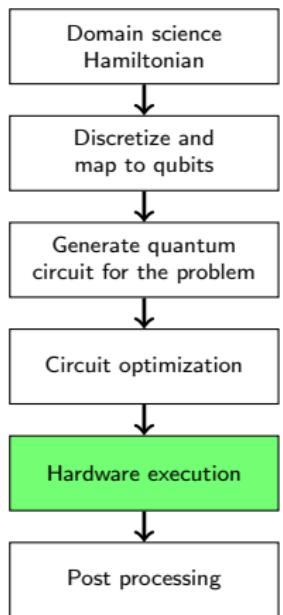


- Quantum circuit

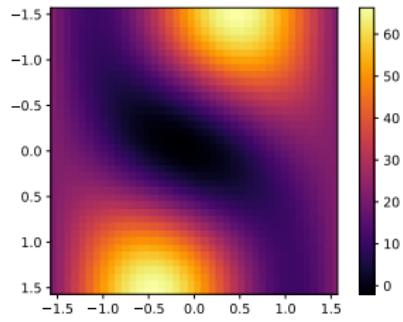


- Hamiltonian:

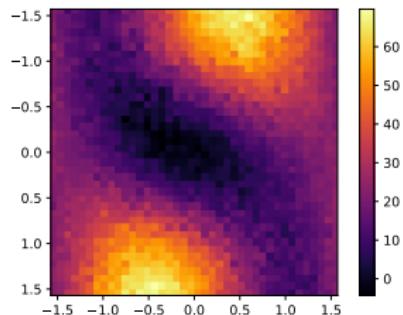
$$H_2 = 5.906709i + 0.218291Z_0 - 6.125Z_1 - 2.143304(X_0X_1 + Y_0Y_1)$$



The Deuteron: VQE Experimental Results $N = 3$



Simulated $E_3(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

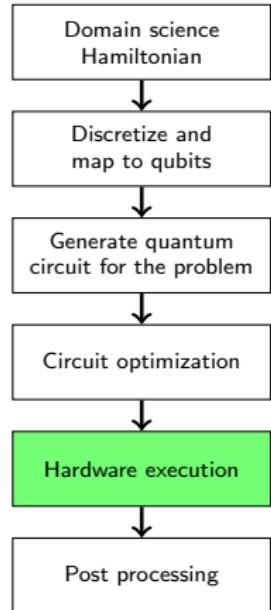
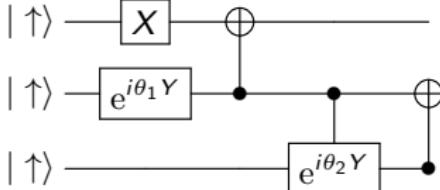


Measured $E_3(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ on IBM QX 5

Hamiltonian:

$$H_3 = H_2 + 9.625(I - Z_2) - 3.913119(X_1 X_2 + Y_1 Y_2)$$

Quantum circuit



The Deuteron: Extrapolating to Zero-Noise Results $N = 3$

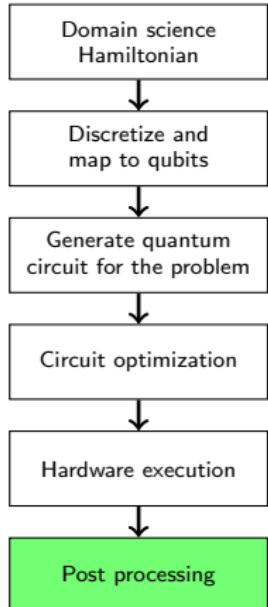
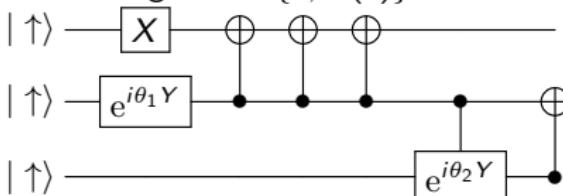
- Two-qubit CNOT gates are imperfect, with error rate e

$$= \mathbb{1} + 2e\mathcal{E}$$

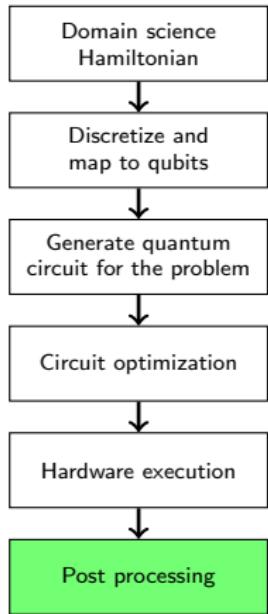
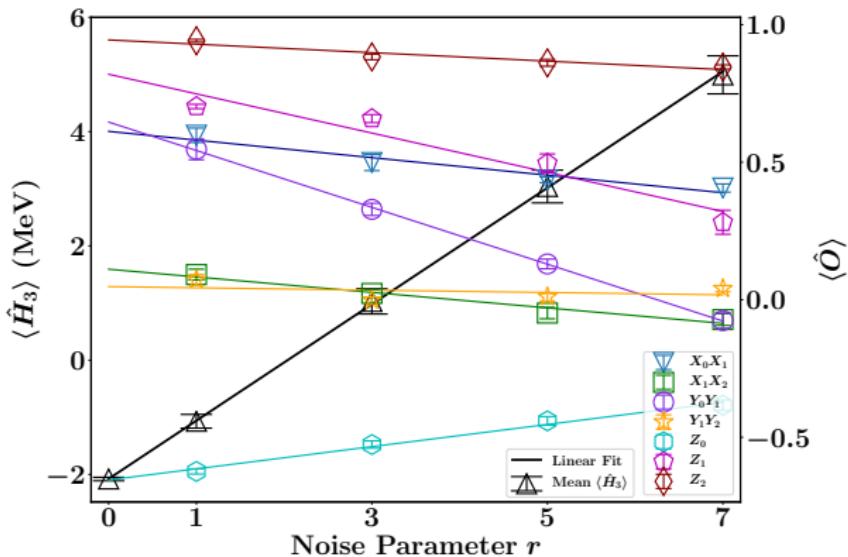
- If e is small, inserting noisy $\mathbb{1}$ gates into the variational circuit will result in the energy change

$$H(r) = H(0) - r e H(0)$$

- It is a linear regression $\{r, H(r)\}$!



The Deuteron: VQE Results $N = 3$



The Deuteron: Putting It All Together

The exact binding energy of the deuteron $E_\infty = -2.22 \text{ MeV}$.

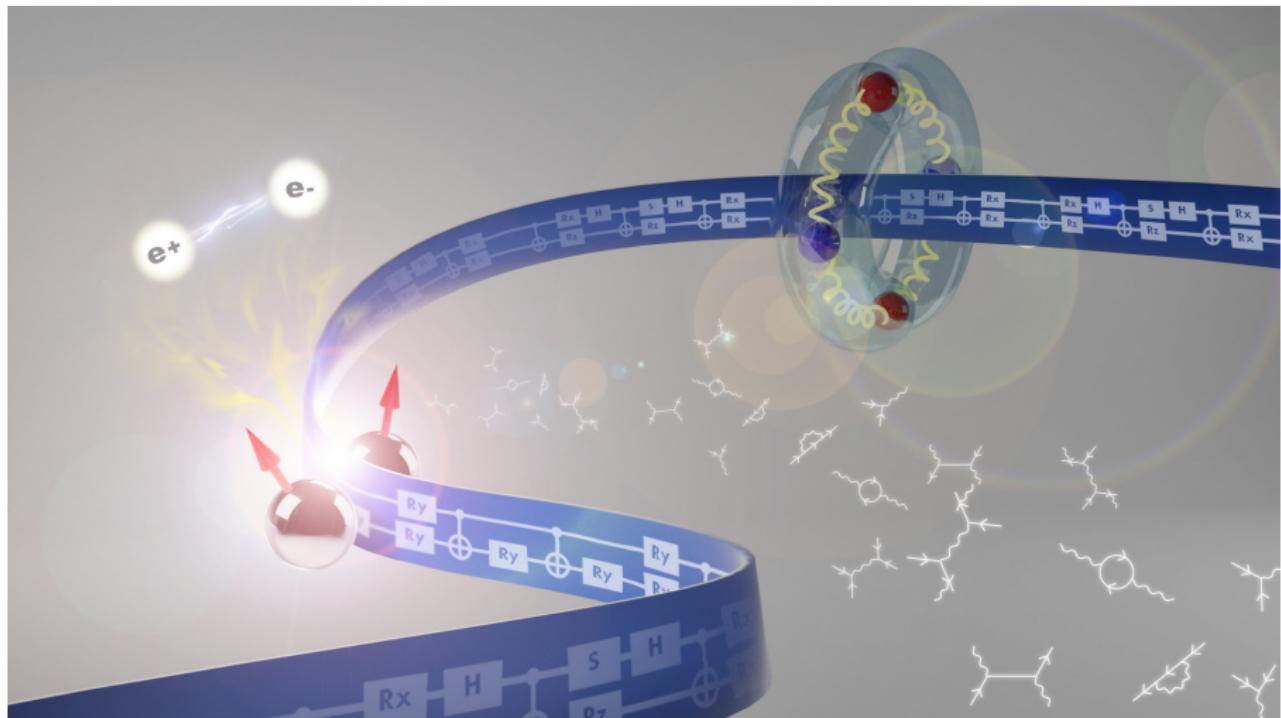
E from exact diagonalization				
N	E_N	$\mathcal{O}(e^{-2kL})$	$\mathcal{O}(kLe^{-4kL})$	$\mathcal{O}(e^{-4kL})$
2	-1.749	-2.39	-2.19	
3	-2.046	-2.33	-2.20	-2.21
E from quantum computing				
N	E_N	$\mathcal{O}(e^{-2kL})$	$\mathcal{O}(kLe^{-4kL})$	$\mathcal{O}(e^{-4kL})$
2	-1.74(3)	-2.38(4)	-2.18(3)	
3	-2.08(3)	-2.35(2)	-2.21(3)	-2.28(3)

$$\begin{aligned} E_N &= -\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(1 - 2\frac{\gamma^2}{k} e^{-2kL} - 4\frac{\gamma^4 L}{k} e^{-4kL} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\hbar^2 k \gamma^2}{m} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{k} - \frac{\gamma^4}{4k^2} + 2w_2 k \gamma^4 \right) e^{-4kL} \end{aligned}$$

[PRL 120 210501; arXiv:1801.03897]



Lattice Quantum Field Theories on a Quantum Computer



The Schwinger Model: A Quick Overview

- The Schwinger model describes quantum electrodynamics in one space and one time dimension, $1+1$
- Key features: confinement and spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry (QCD-like)
- The vacuum of the theory enjoys a non-zero condensate, $\langle \psi \bar{\psi} \rangle$
- The Lagrangian for the continuum model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\cancel{D} - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



The Schwinger Model: Discretization

The Schwinger model can be

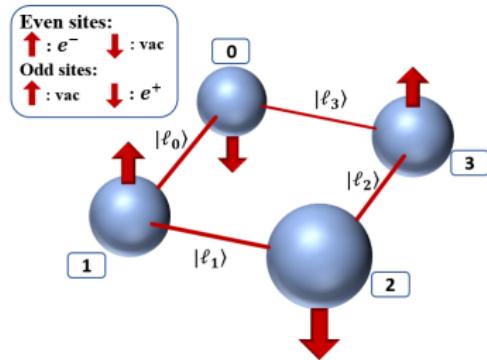
- spatially discretized with the Kogut-Susskind (staggered) action
- mapped onto a (re-scaled) Hamiltonian density using the Jordan-Wigner transformation
- gauge-fixed by setting the temporal component of the gauge field to zero ($A_0 = 0$) on $N_Q/2$ spatial sites

$$\hat{H} = x \sum_{n=0}^{N_Q-1} (\sigma_n^+ L_n^- \sigma_{n+1}^- + \sigma_{n+1}^+ L_n^+ \sigma_n^-) + \sum_{n=0}^{N_Q-1} \left(I_n^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} (-)^n Z_n \right)$$

[we will use $x = 0.6$ and $\mu = 0.1$ throughout this presentation]



The Schwinger Model: Two Spatial Lattice Sites



Qubit and electric flux link structure
of the two-spatial-site lattice
Schwinger model

Naïve qubit count

- Two qubits are sufficient to describe the fermion occupation of a single spatial lattice site, one for the e^- and one for the e^+ .
- We cut off the range of values of each ℓ_n ($|\ell_n| \leq 1$), thus two qubits per flux link
- Total qubit # to simulate two-lattice site dynamics
 $2 + 2 + 4 * 2 = 12$



The Schwinger Model: Making Use of the Symmetries

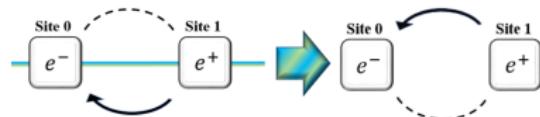
Natural symmetries of the Schwinger $1+1$ model:

- Local Abelian gauge symmetry $U(1)$
- *Parity transformation* \hat{P}_a (reflection of the system through axes that preserves the structure of the Wigner-Jordan representation of the fermionic fields)
- *Charge conjugation* \hat{C} ; transforms particles into antiparticles and vice versa, and the direction of the electric field reverses as a result (an additional directional shift by one lattice site is necessary)
- *Translation symmetry* (natural on a lattice with PBC) leads to the momentum conservations

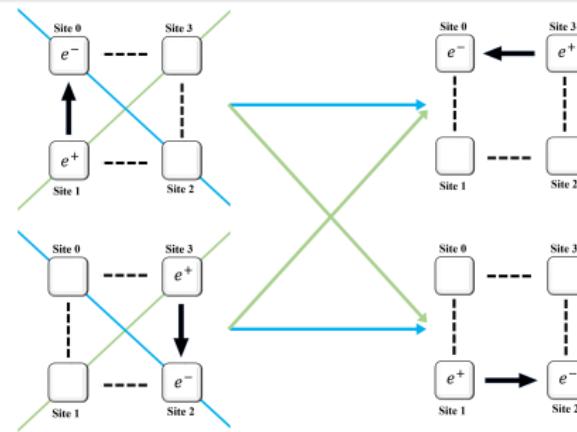


The Schwinger Model: Parity Symmetry Examples

Parity transform for the one-spatial-site lattice Schwinger mode:



Parity transform for the two-spatial-site lattice Schwinger model:



The Schwinger Model: Physical States

13 physical states satisfy Gauss's law in the charge $Q = 0$ sector:

$$|\phi_1\rangle = |\dots\rangle|0000\rangle$$

$$|\phi_2\rangle = |\dots\rangle|1111\rangle$$

$$|\phi_3\rangle = |\dots\rangle|-1-1-1-1\rangle$$

$$|\phi_4\rangle = |e^- e^+ \dots\rangle|-1000\rangle$$

$$|\phi_5\rangle = |\cdot e^- e^+\rangle|00-10\rangle$$

$$|\phi_6\rangle = |e^- e^+ \dots\rangle|0111\rangle$$

$$|\phi_7\rangle = |\cdot e^- e^+\rangle|1101\rangle$$

$$|\phi_8\rangle = |e^- e^+ e^- e^+\rangle|-10-10\rangle$$

$$|\phi_9\rangle = |e^- e^+ e^- e^+\rangle|0101\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{10}\rangle = |e^- \dots e^+\rangle|-1-1-10\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{11}\rangle = |e^- \dots e^+\rangle|0001\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{12}\rangle = |\cdot e^+ e^- \cdot\rangle|0100\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{13}\rangle = |\cdot e^+ e^- \cdot\rangle|-10-1-1\rangle$$



The Schwinger Model: Translation Invariant States

Sectors of definite momentum, \mathbf{k} , constrained to satisfy $\mathbf{k} = \pi n$ with
 $n = 0, \pm 1$:

$$|\psi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = |\phi_1\rangle$$

$$|\psi_2\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = |\phi_2\rangle$$

$$|\psi_3\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = |\phi_3\rangle$$

$$|\psi_4\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\phi_4\rangle + |\phi_5\rangle]$$

$$|\psi_5\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\phi_6\rangle + |\phi_7\rangle]$$

$$|\psi_6\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = |\phi_8\rangle$$

$$|\psi_7\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = |\phi_9\rangle$$

$$|\psi_8\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\phi_{10}\rangle + |\phi_{13}\rangle]$$

$$|\psi_9\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\phi_{11}\rangle + |\phi_{12}\rangle]$$



The Schwinger Model: Gauge, Momentum, Charge & Parity

Sectors of definite momentum, $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$, $\hat{C}\hat{P} = \pm 1$, and charge $Q = 0$:

$$|\chi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = |\psi_1\rangle$$

$$|\chi_2\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_4\rangle + |\psi_9\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_3\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_6\rangle + |\psi_7\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_4\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_5\rangle + |\psi_8\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_5\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_2\rangle + |\psi_3\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_4\rangle - |\psi_9\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_3\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_5\rangle - |\psi_8\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_2\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_6\rangle - |\psi_7\rangle]$$

$$|\chi_4\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\psi_2\rangle - |\psi_3\rangle]$$

The Schwinger Model: Recapping the Symmetries

- By using the eigenstates of the Momentum, Charge, Parity operators we have preconditioned the Schwinger Hamiltonian H ,

$$H \equiv \bigoplus_{i=\{\mathbf{k}, CP\}} H_i$$

- The non-trivial dynamics happens in two subspaces:

$$H_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\mu & 2x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2x & 1 & \sqrt{2}x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}x & 2 + 2\mu & \sqrt{2}x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}x & 3 & \sqrt{2}x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}x & 4 - 2\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},-} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2}x & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}x & 2 + 2\mu & -\sqrt{2}x & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}x & 3 & \sqrt{2}x \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}x & 4 - 2\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

- Reduced # of qubits from 12 to ≤ 3 !

The Schwinger Model: Dynamics Simulations

- Working with the $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$ $CP = +1$ sector, we are interested in the dynamics of the unoccupied state $|\chi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0},+}$
- Trotterization

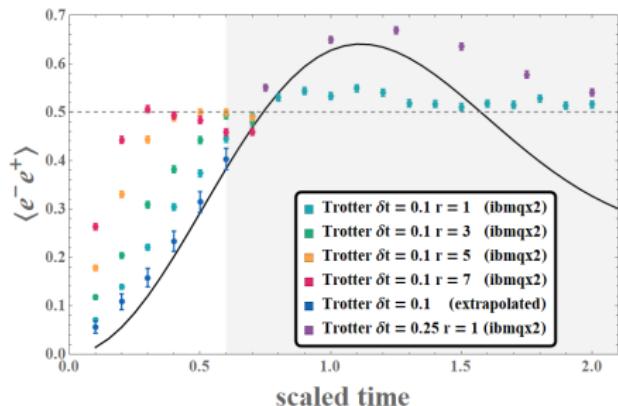
$$e^{-iHt} \rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\prod_j e^{-iH_j \delta t} \right)^N$$

- Exact $SU(4)$ dynamics
 $e^{-iHt} = K^T C K$ where
 $C \approx e^{-iXX} e^{-iYY} e^{-iZZ}$
 $K \in SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$

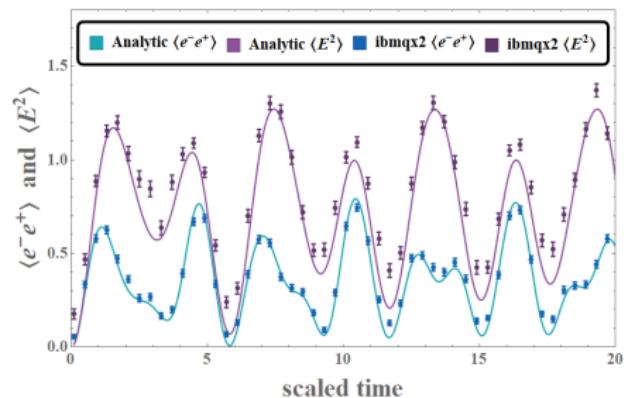


The Schwinger Model: Simulation Results IBM QX2

• Trotterization



• Exact $SU(4)$ dynamics



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