

# Hardware-efficient quantum simulation of non-abelian gauge theories with qudits and Rydberg atoms

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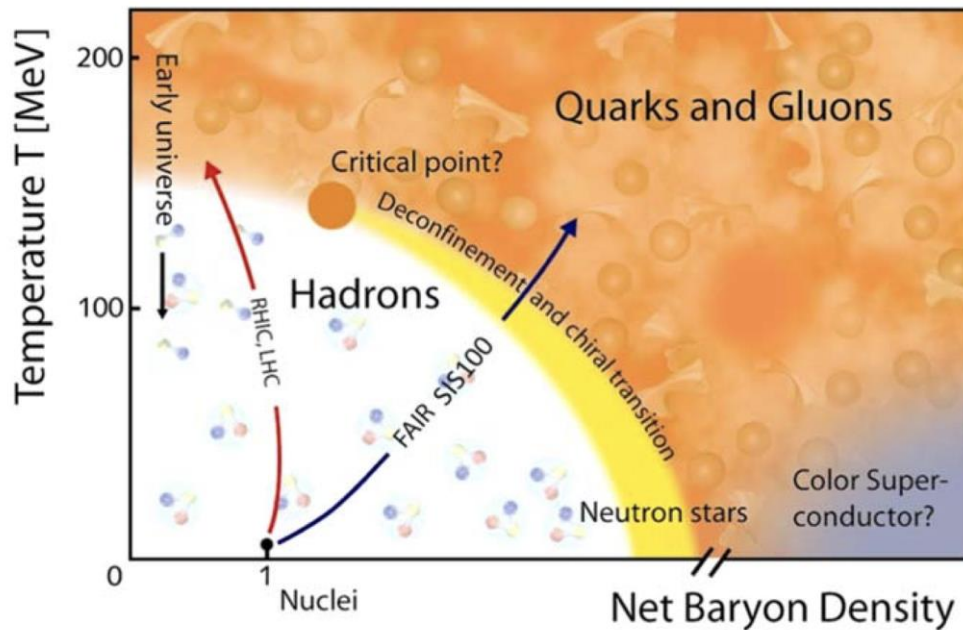
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# Probing the Standard Model of particle physics

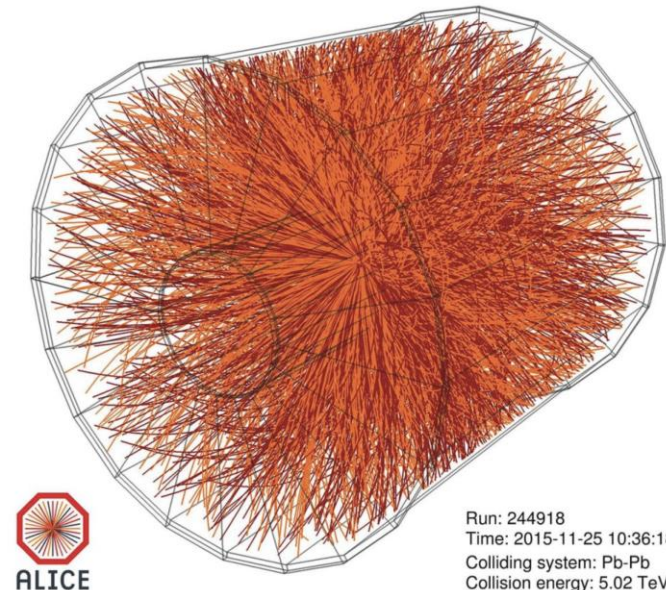
Strong force: quantum chromodynamics (QCD)



heavy-ion collisions



Durante et al., Physica Scripta, 94(3), 033001 (2019)



**Computational challenges:**

- Real-time dynamics
- Finite baryon density



alternative:  
**Quantum simulators**

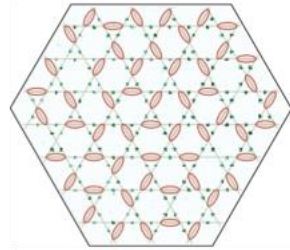
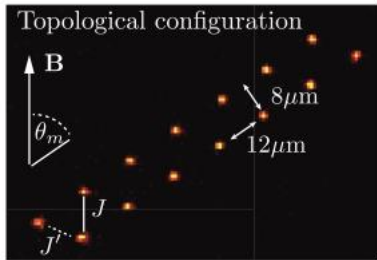
# Today's quantum simulation platforms & experiments

**Quantum simulator:** synthetic, programmable quantum system

## Rydberg atom arrays

SSH as SPT phase

Topological Spin Liquids

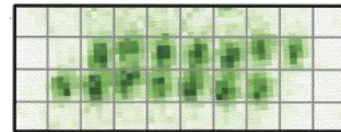


S. Léséleuc et al.,  
Science 2019

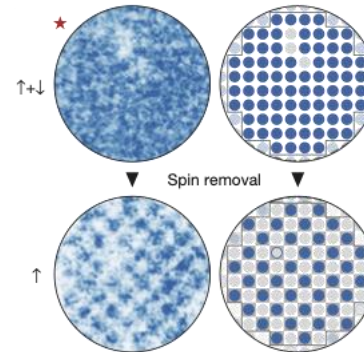
G. Semeghini et al.,  
Nature 2022

## Atoms in optical lattices

SPT Haldane Phase on  
Fermi Hubbard Ladder

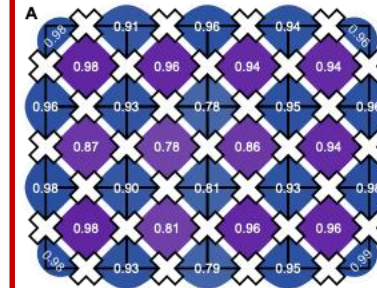


Sompet et.al.  
Nature 2022

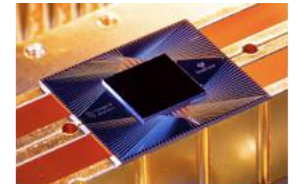


Mazurenko et.al.  
Nature 2017

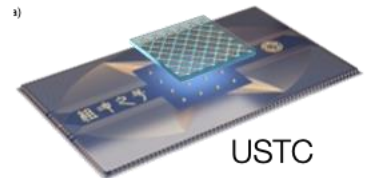
## Superconducting circuits



Satzinger et.al (2021)

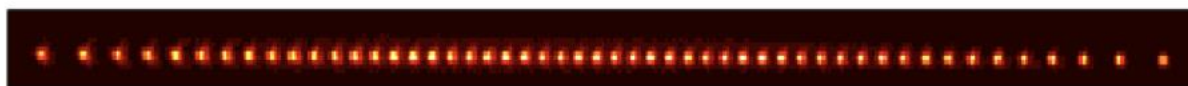


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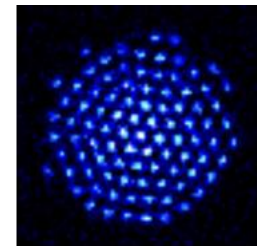


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## Trapped ions



51 ions Innsbruck



Innsbruck, Duke, NIST, ...

*scalable* to many particles  
*analog* → *digital*

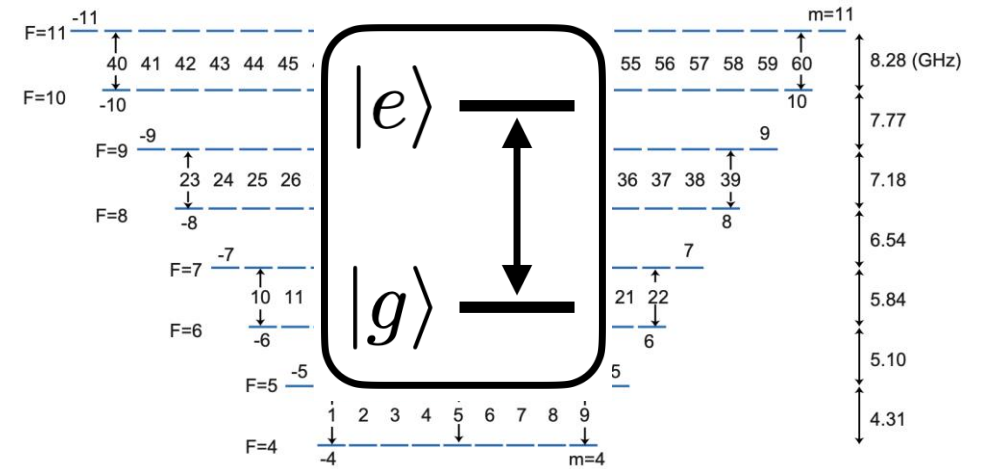


# Quantum Information with atoms

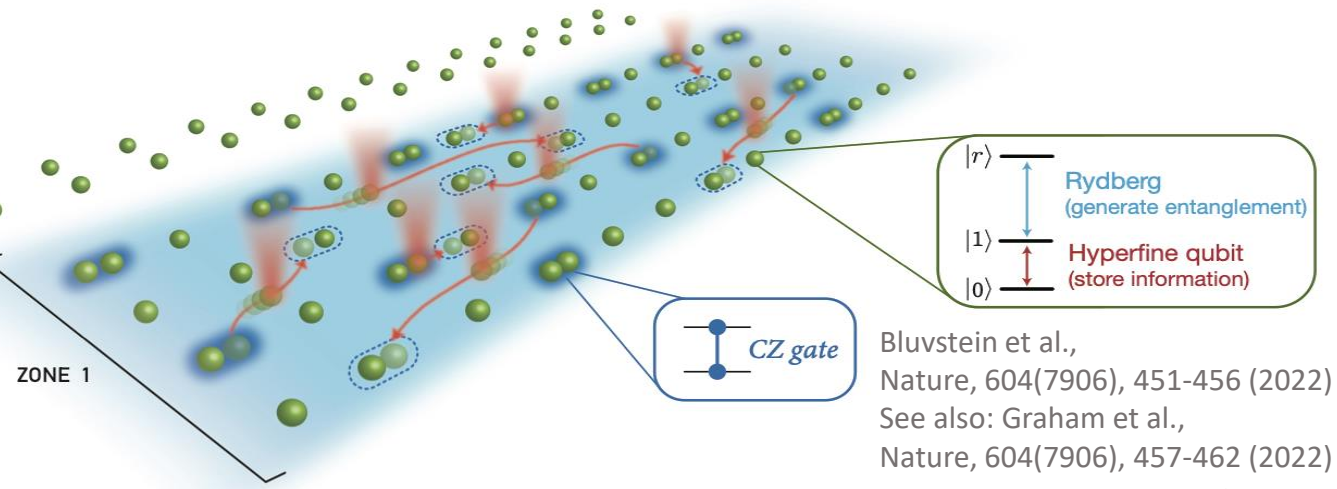
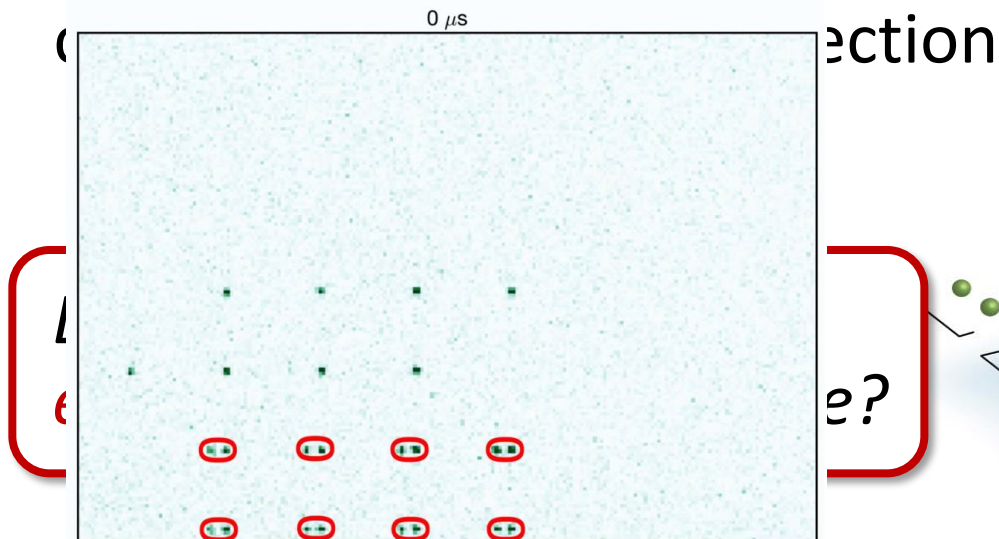
Atomic ~~two-level~~ systems = ~~qubits~~ **multi-level qudits**

“NISQ” era:

no large-scale universal quantum



Saffman & Mølmer, Physical Review A, 78(1), 012336 (2008)



Bluvstein et al., Nature, 604(7906), 451-456 (2022)  
See also: Graham et al., Nature, 604(7906), 457-462 (2022)

# Outline

Introduction

Digitized (non-)abelian gauge-theory dynamics

Implementation with Rydberg atom arrays

Conclusion & outlook

# Hamiltonian formulation of LGTs

Gauge group:  $G = U(1), SU(2), SU(3), \dots$

Hilbert space: gauge fields on link

$$|g\rangle = \bigotimes_{\ell} |g_{\ell}\rangle \quad g \in G$$

**Digitization:** qudits!

$$|G| = \infty \rightarrow |G| = d$$

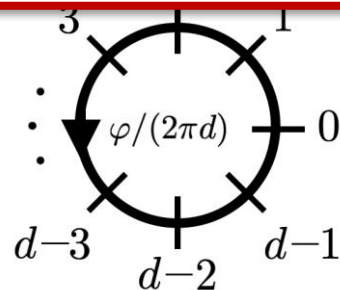
Examples:  $e^{i\varphi} \in U(1) \supset \mathbb{Z}_d$   
*abelian*

Goal: realize Trotterized dynamics

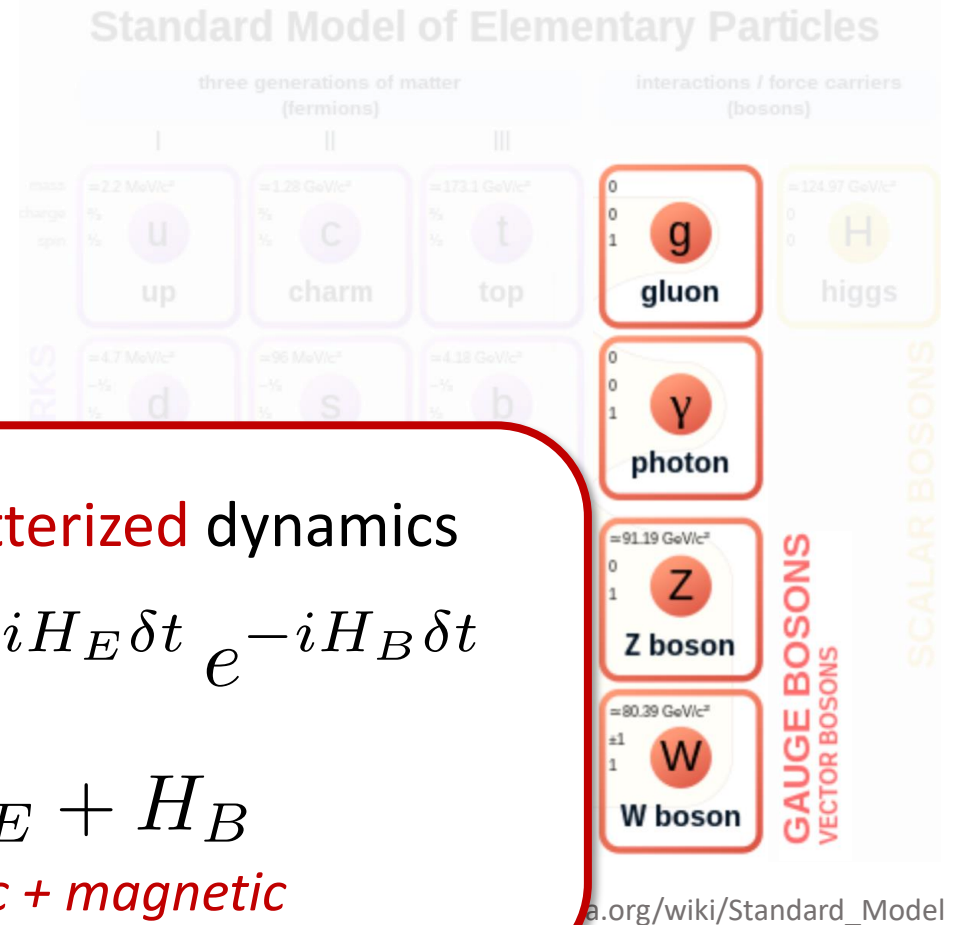
$$e^{-iH\delta t} \approx e^{-iH_E\delta t} e^{-iH_B\delta t}$$

$$H = H_E + H_B$$

*electric + magnetic*



$SU(2) \supset 2I, 2O, 2T, \mathbb{Q}_8$   
*non-abelian*

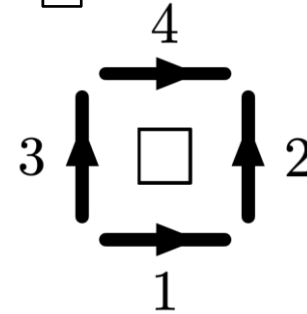


# Decomposition of the plaquette interaction

$$H_B \propto \sum_{\square} \mathcal{U}_{\square}$$

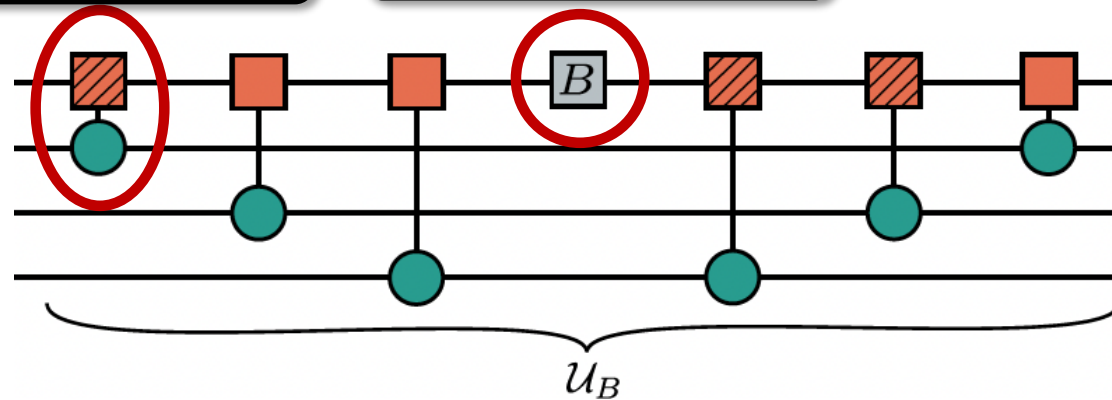
Action of plaquette operator on qudits:  $e^{i\varphi} \in U(1) \supset \mathbb{Z}_d$

$$\mathcal{U}_{\square} |\varphi_1\rangle |\varphi_2\rangle |\varphi_3\rangle |\varphi_4\rangle = \cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4) |\varphi_1\rangle |\varphi_2\rangle |\varphi_3\rangle |\varphi_4\rangle$$



two-qudit gate

single-qudit gate



$e^{-i\varphi}$

works for **every group!**

$$\Theta(\ell|\ell') = C_0\theta_0 \quad C_1\theta_1 \quad C_{d-1}\theta_{d-1}$$

$(\ell_4)$

Required entangling gate:  
**group multiplication**

$$\Theta(\ell|\ell') |\varphi_{\ell}\rangle |\varphi_{\ell'}\rangle = |\varphi_{\ell} + \varphi_{\ell'}\rangle |\varphi_{\ell'}\rangle$$

# General qudit architecture

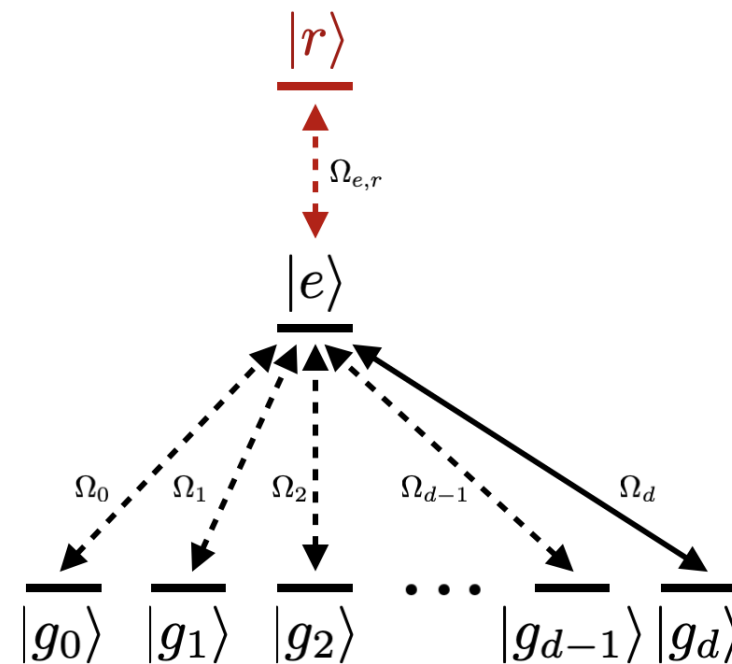
1. store qudit in manifold of long-lived states (e.g. dark states)

2. realize **arbitrary single-qudit** gates  $\mathcal{U}$  (e.g. "holonomically")

Zanardi et al., Physics Letters A, 264(2-3), 94-99 (1999)

3. **entangling** gates via Rydberg blockade

See also: Levine et al., Physical review letters, 123(17), 170503 (2019)



"electric" and "magnetic"  
*single-qudit gates*

"group-multiplication"  
*two-qudit gate*



# Entangling gates using the Rydberg blockade

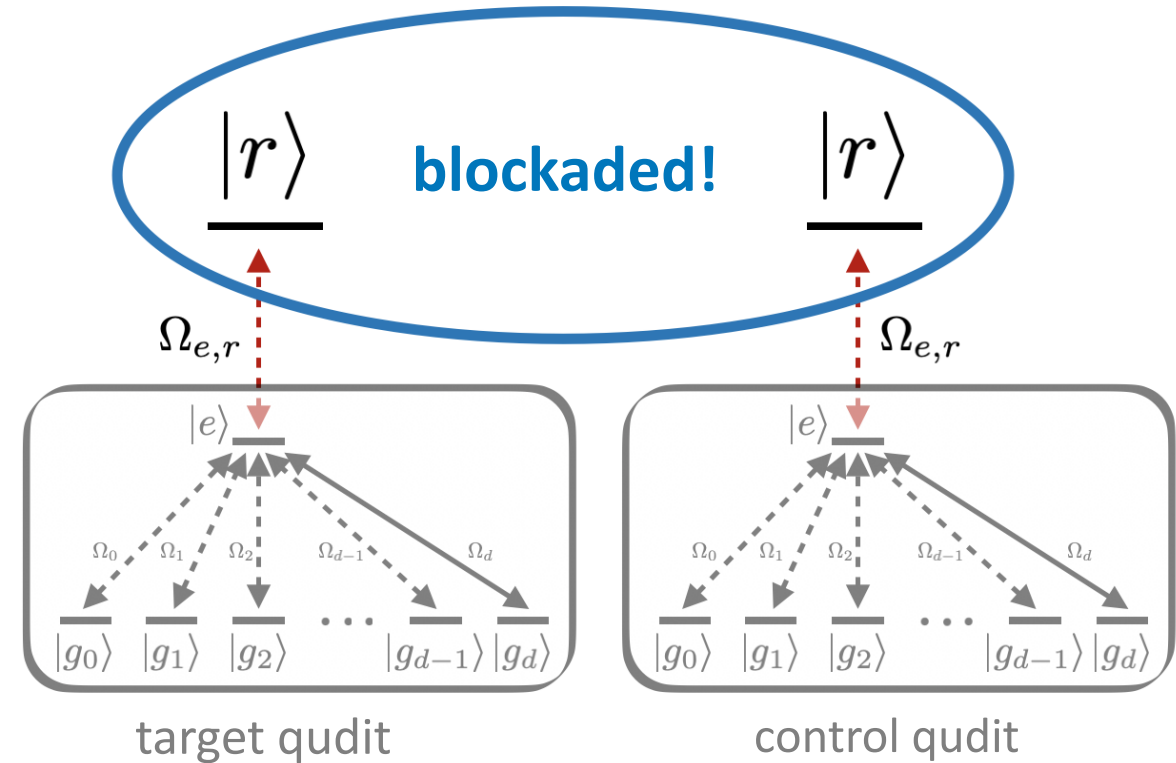
*universality!*

$$C_j \mathcal{U} (|j_1\rangle \otimes |j_2\rangle) = \begin{cases} (\mathcal{U}|j_1\rangle) \otimes |j_2\rangle, & j_2 = j \\ |j_1\rangle \otimes |j_2\rangle, & j_2 \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\mathcal{U}, C_j \mathcal{U}\} \checkmark$$

*Implementation of  $C_j \mathcal{U}$  :*

1. Unitary  $\mathcal{U}$  on target, via  $|e\rangle$
2. Control to Rydberg state,  $|j\rangle \rightarrow |r\rangle$
3. Inverse unitary  $\mathcal{U}^\dagger$  on target, via  $|r\rangle$
4. Control back from Rydberg,  $|r\rangle \rightarrow |j\rangle$

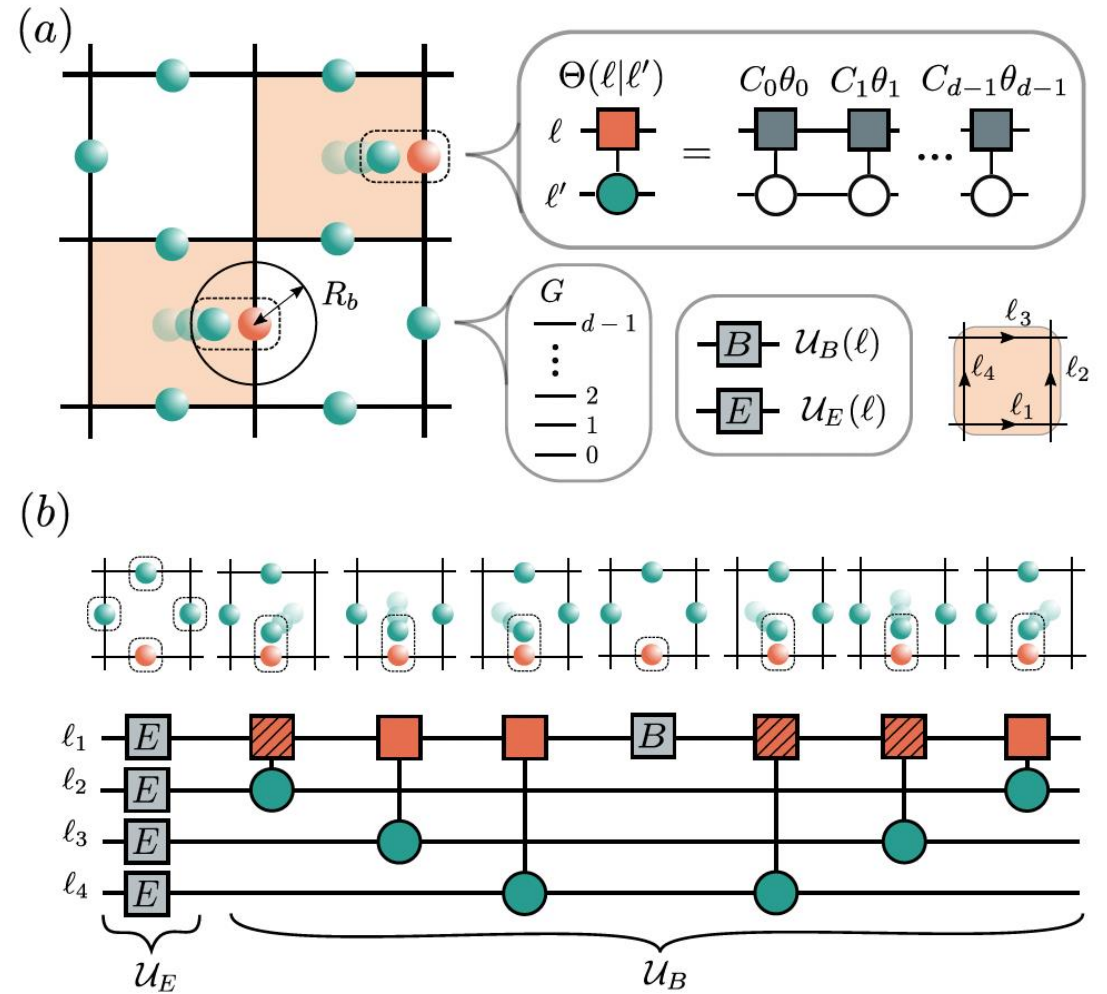


# Summary of our proposal

*Hardware efficiency & scalability:*

- ✓ Gauge fields **efficiently** encoded in qudits
- ✓ **Programmable** array of Rydberg atoms
- ✓ **Native** set of gates that matches LGT gates
- ✓ **Parallelization** of gates

Protocol applicable to  
**any** (finite) gauge **group**



# A minimal non-abelian example: $Q_8 \subset SU(2)$

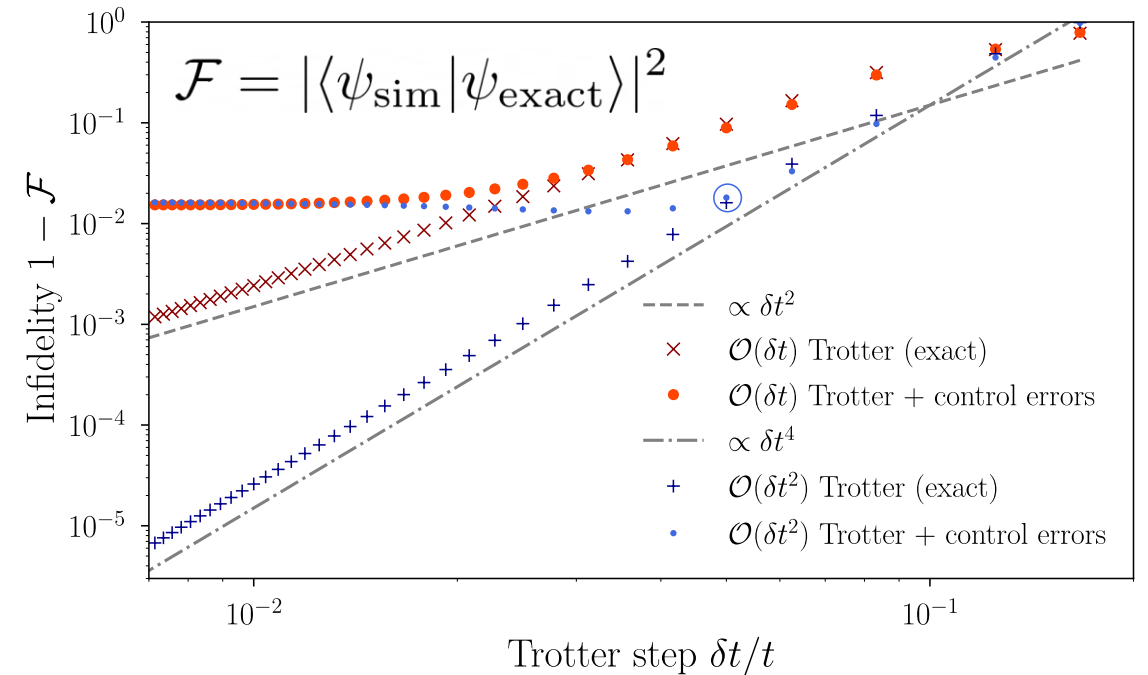
Experimental estimates:

Rydberg interaction  $V \sim 2\pi \times 250$  MHz

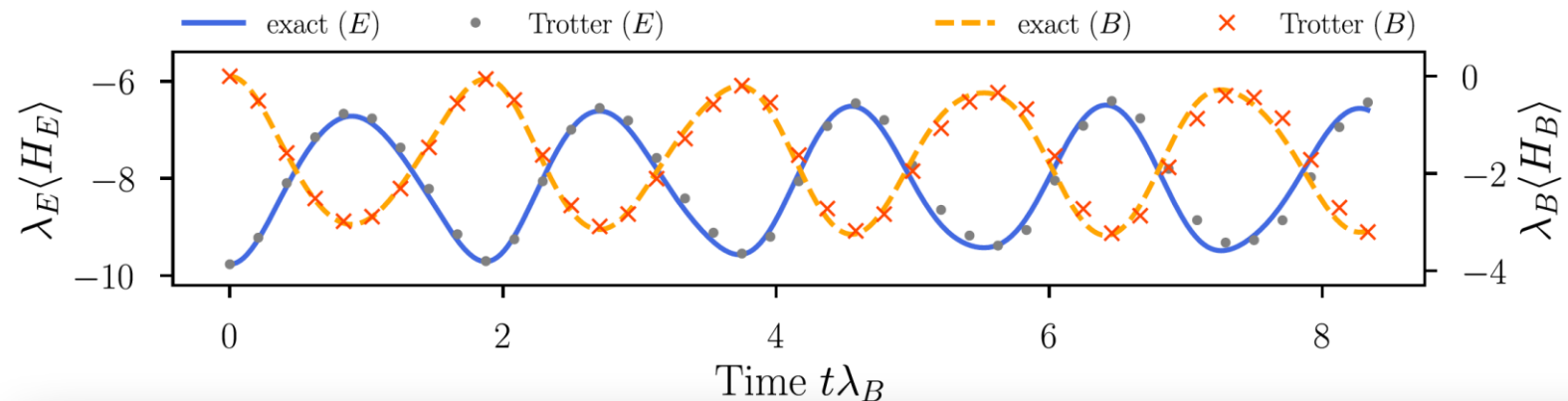
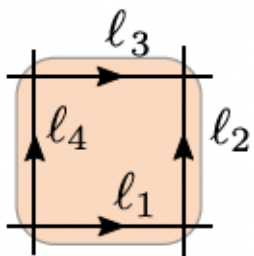
Rabi frequency  $\Omega \sim 2\pi \times 50$  MHz

Gate error  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$

Trotter step time  $T_{\delta t} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3)T \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  ms

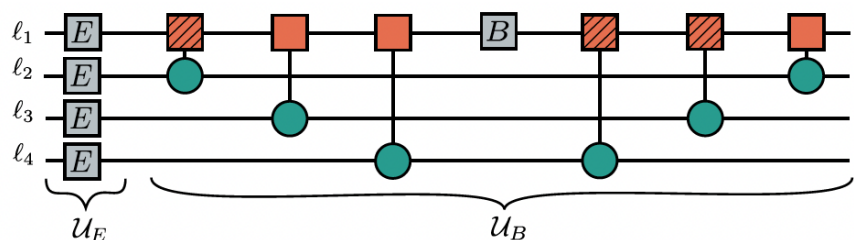


Trotter dynamics on one plaquette:



# Conclusion & outlook

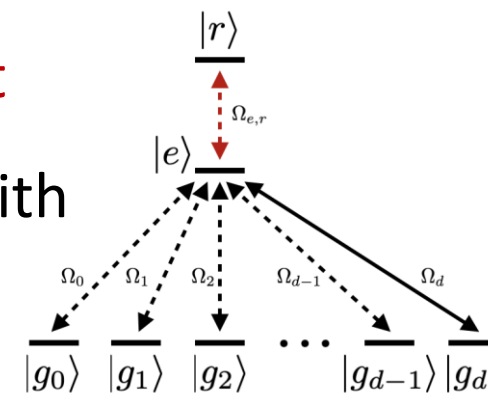
Natural digitization of LGTs: **qudits**



**Hardware-efficient**

implementation with

Rydberg atoms



○ *experiment*: **realize** & scale-up to large 2D/3D systems!

○ *theory*: include **fermionic matter**! improved algorithms?

**Thanks for listening!**