



Probing confinement \ and gauge symmetry / on a quantum computer

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Quantum computers are at a decisive stage

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experiments



Blatt group, Innsbruck

TODAY

first prototypes



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FUTURE

Universal, scalable, error-corrected quantum computer



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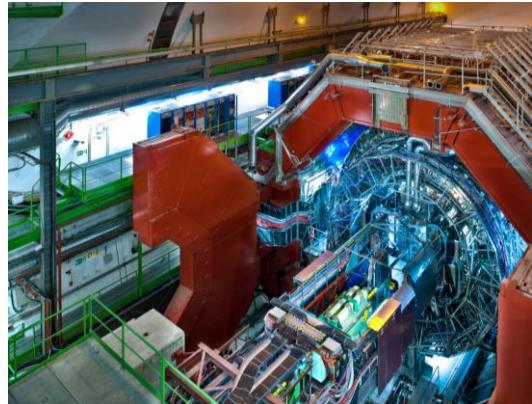
How to push forward?

- Need intermediate milestones (efficient algorithms for problems of practical relevance)
- Hardware agnostic approach not yet best performant

→ requires effort across disciplines, involving theory, experiment, engineering, and end users

Lattice gauge theories – excellent use case

- Subatomic physics

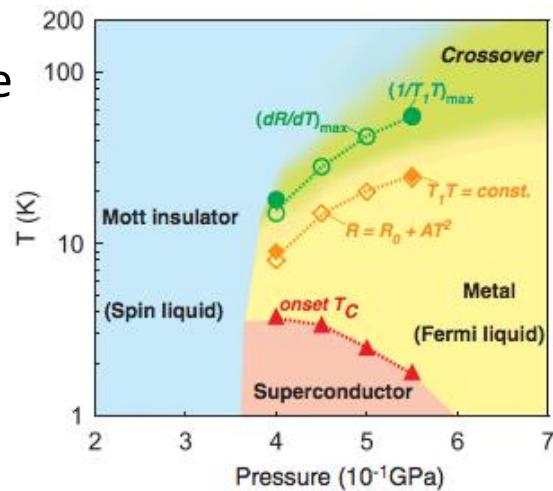


Alice detector @ CERN

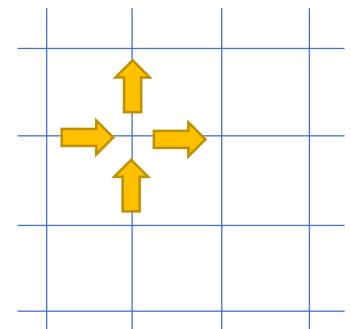
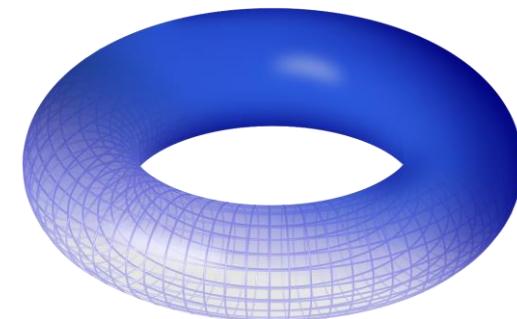


Leonardo Supercomputer @ CINECA

- Solid-state physics



- Quantum-information processing

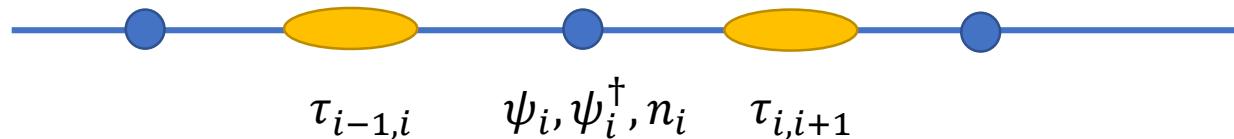


Key challenge –
local conservation law = gauge invariance

e.g., U(1) symmetry: $\rho(x) = \nabla E(x)$ (Gauss' law of QED)



minimal lattice model:



$$\tau_{i,i+1}^z \in \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$$

\leftrightarrow

E-field



Quantum link model,
e.g., Uwe-Jens Wiese,
Annalen der Physik 2013



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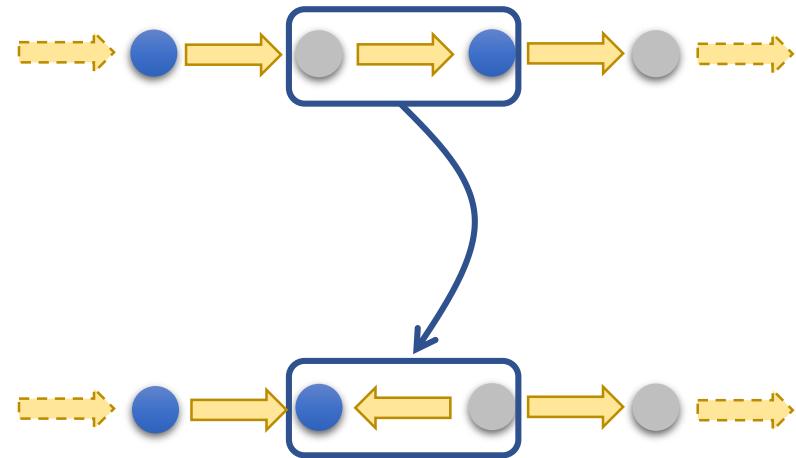
$$G_i = n_i - \frac{\tau_{i,i+1}^z}{2} + \frac{\tau_{i-1,i}^z}{2} + \frac{1 + (-1)^i}{2} := 0$$

$$[G_i, H] = 0$$

Key process: gauge invariant hopping

$$H = J \sum_i (\psi_i^\dagger \tau_{i,i+1}^+ \psi_{i+1} + \text{h. c.})$$

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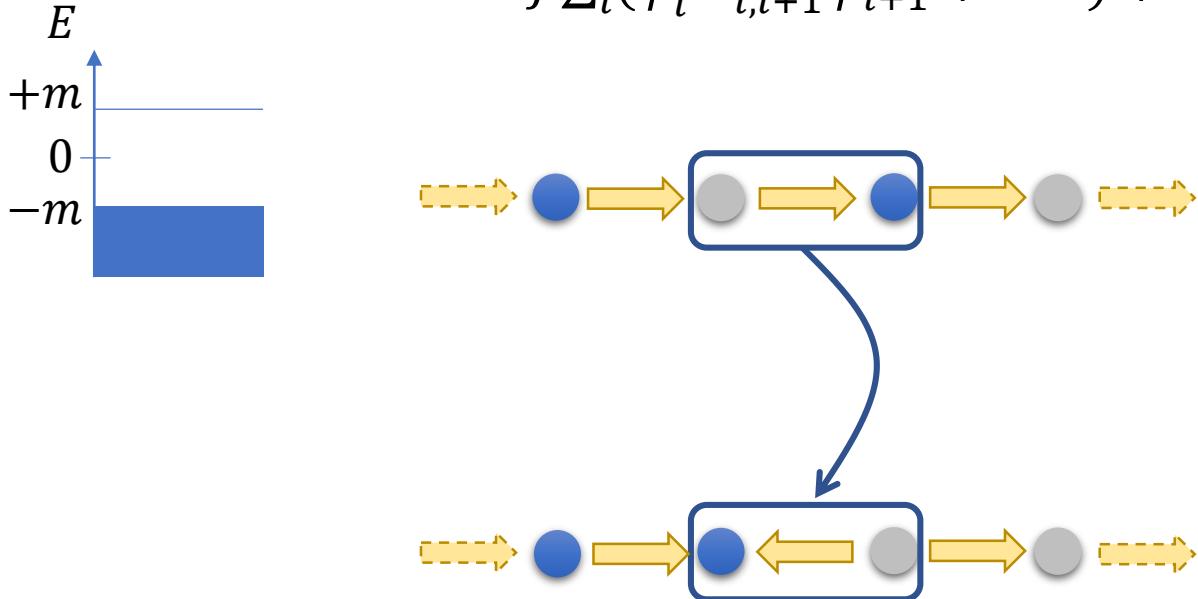


Simplified toy model of QED

“staggered fermions”

Kogut, Susskind, *Phys. Rev. D* 1975

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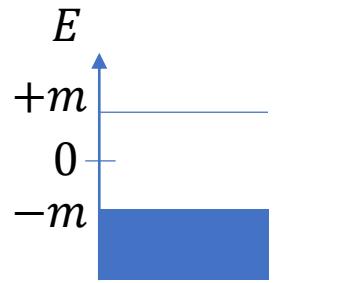


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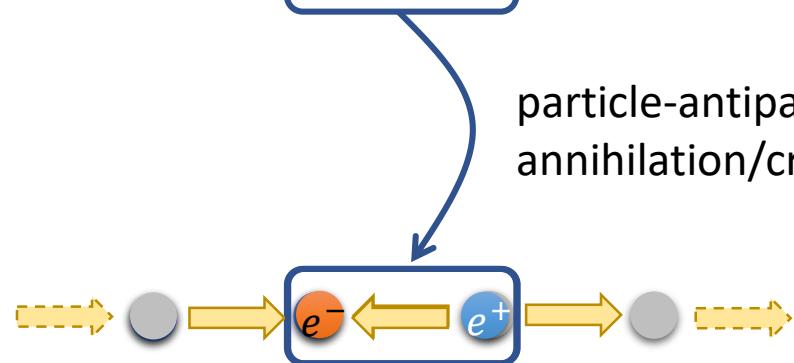
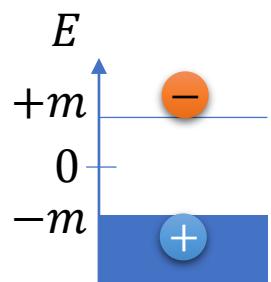
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particle-antiparticle
annihilation/creation



Key challenge:
How to teach a quantum
device to obey local
symmetry?

Realized in

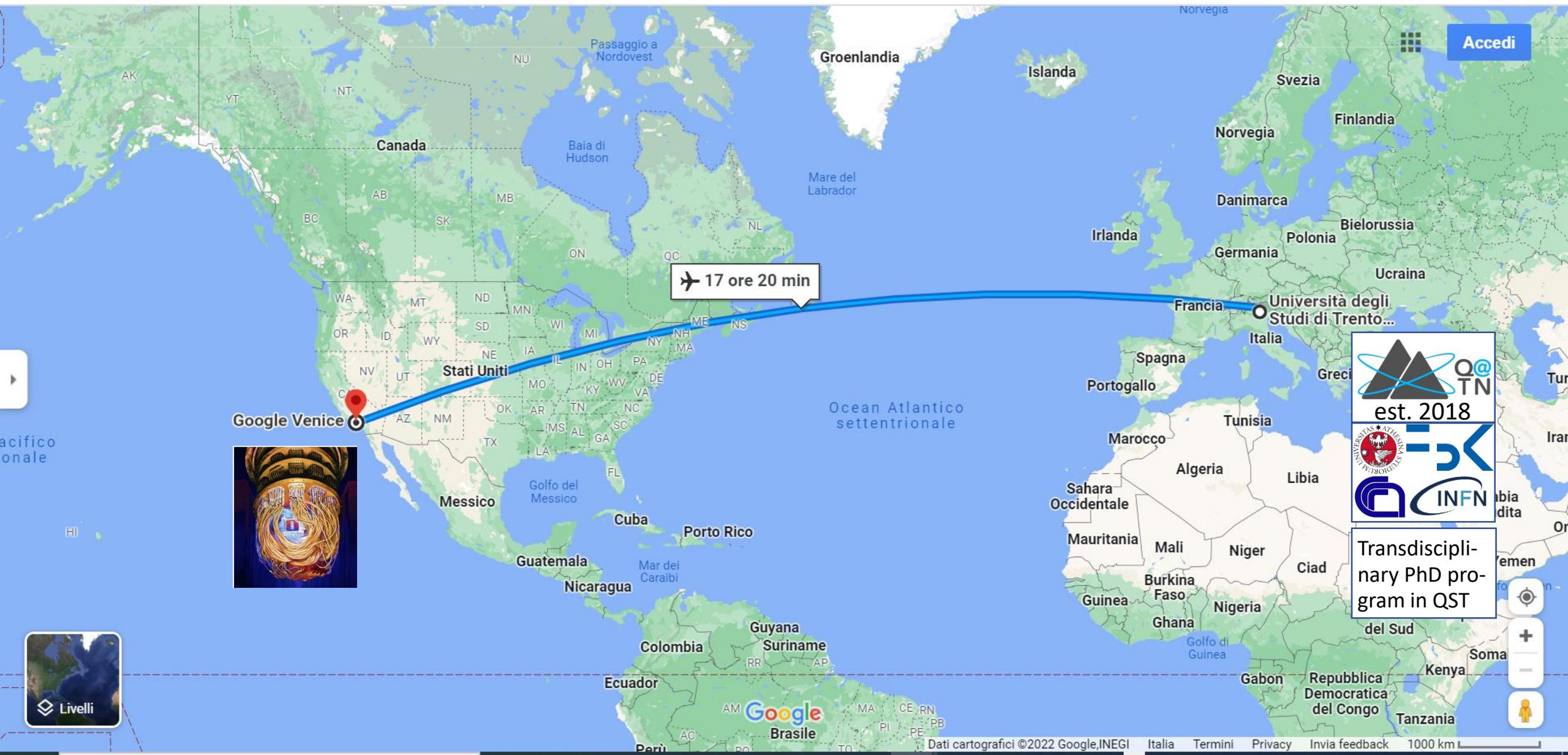
	# lattice sites
Trapped ions	
	
Martinez, Muschik, Schindler, Nigg, Erhard, Heyl, Hauke, Dalmonte, Monz, Zoller, Blatt, <i>Nature</i> 2016	4
Kokail, Maier, van Bijnen, Brydges, Joshi, Jurcevic, Muschik, Silvi, Blatt, Roos, Zoller, <i>Nature</i> 2019	20
Rydberg atoms	
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Neutral atoms	
	
Mil, Zache, Hegde, Xia, Bhatt, Oberthaler, Hauke, Berges, Jendrzejewski, <i>Science</i> 2020	2
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Next steps

- non-Abelian groups (see, e.g., talk Torsten Zache)
- Higher dimensions (see, e.g., Zohar *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A* 2021)
- Discrete (Abelian) groups → this talk

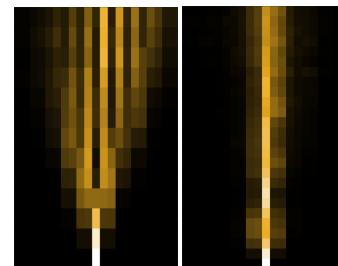
Google Quantum AI Early Access Program

Exclusive cloud access to Google's quantum hardware (8 groups worldwide)

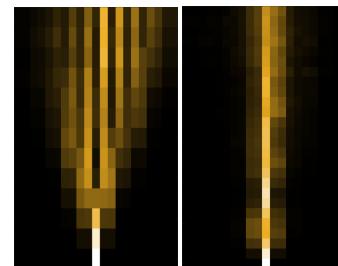


Our goals

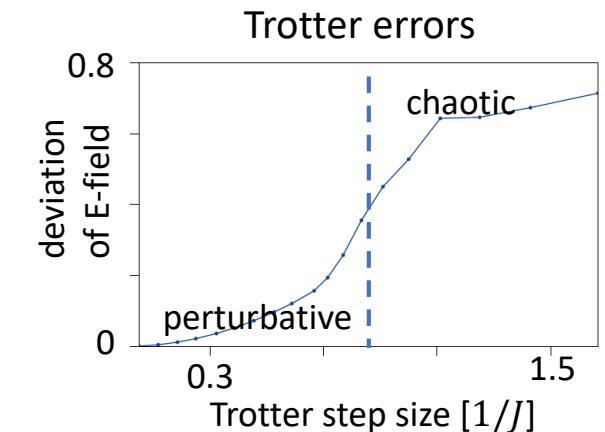
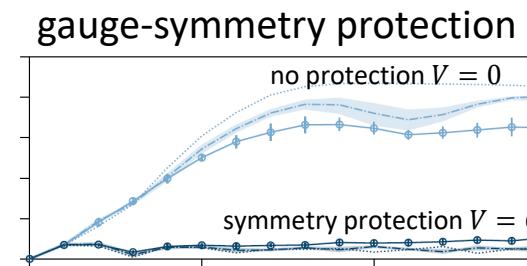
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2. Do some interesting physics

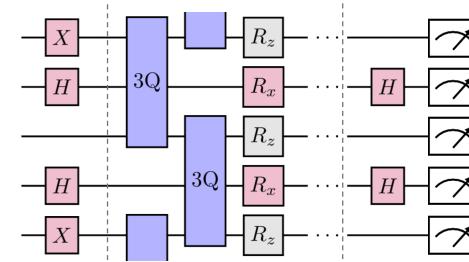
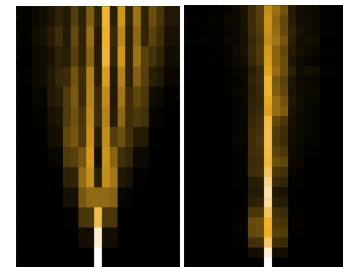


3. Test error mitigation strategies

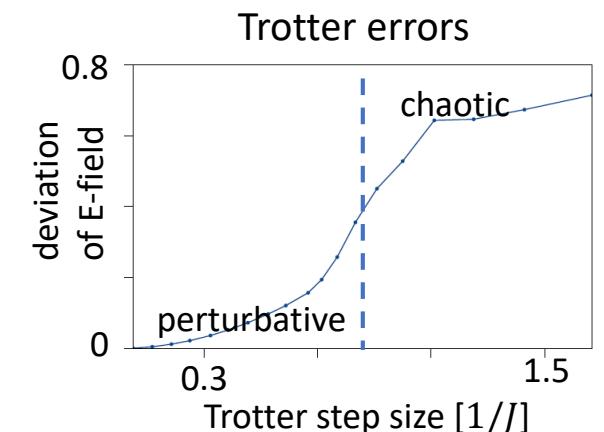


Outline

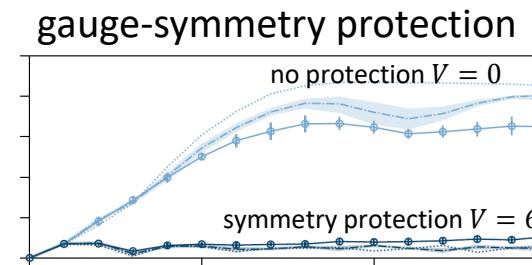
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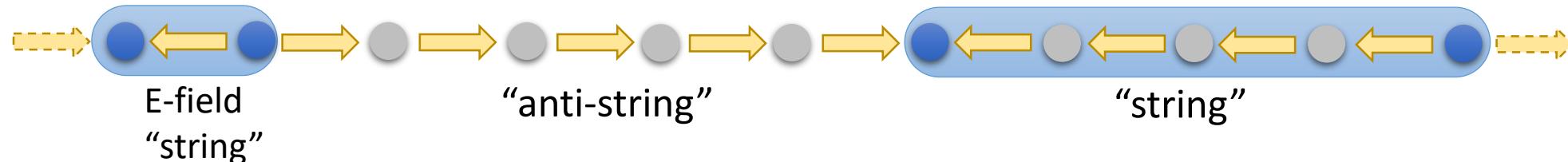
Target model: \mathbb{Z}_2 lattice gauge theory

Background field leads to confinement

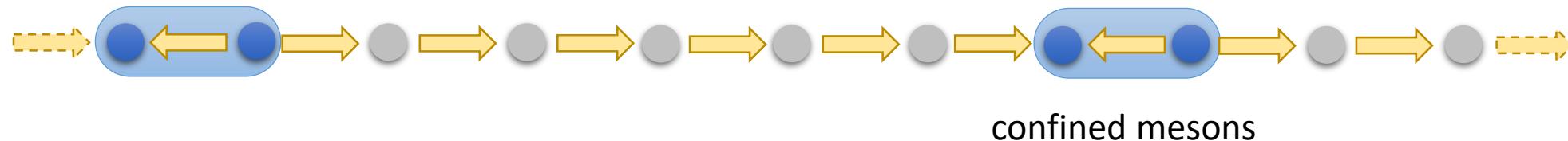
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at $f = 0$ E-field energy independent of L



at $f > 0$ E-field energy $\propto L$



confinement in spin models, e.g.,

Kormos, Collura, Takács, Calabrese, *Nat. Phys.* 2017

Vovrosh, Knolle, *Scientific Reports* 2021

Lencsés, Mussardo, Takács, *Phys. Lett. B* 2022

Knaute, Hauke, *Phys. Rev. A* 2022

confinement in higher dimensional gauge theories, e.g.,

Lumia et al., arXiv:2112.11787

Huffman, Garcia Vera, Banerjee, arXiv:2109.15065

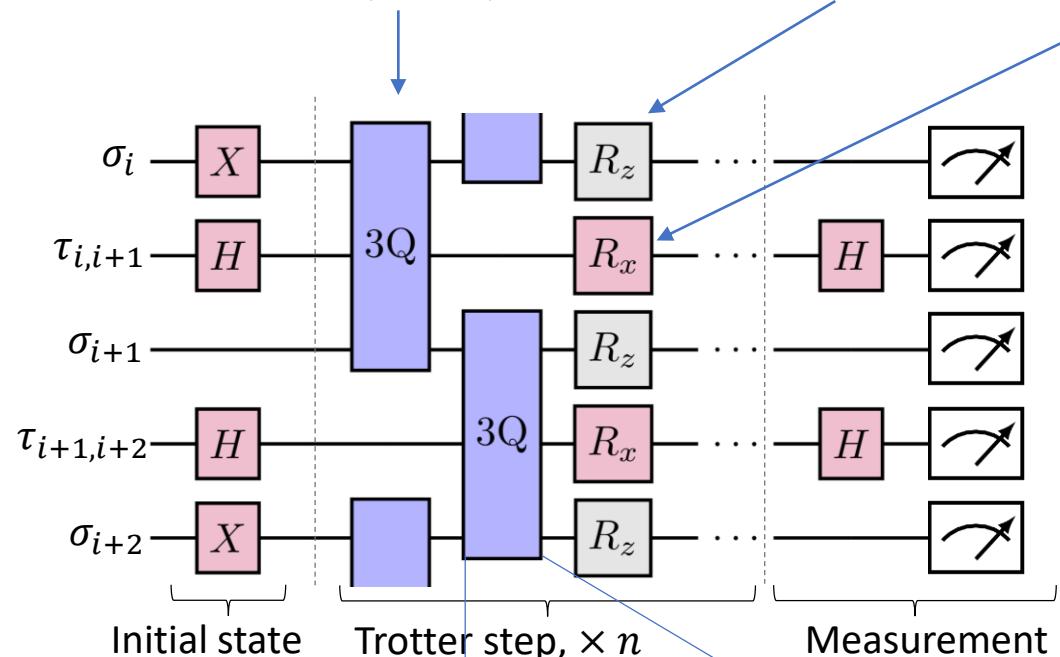
Mueller, Zache, Ott, arXiv:2107.11416

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Our implementation scheme

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$$G_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = -\tau_{i-1,i}^x \sigma_i^z \tau_{i,i+1}^x$$



Challenge: implement this with native gate

$$\sqrt{iSWAP}^\dagger = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}(\sigma_1^+ \sigma_2^- + \text{h.c.})}$$



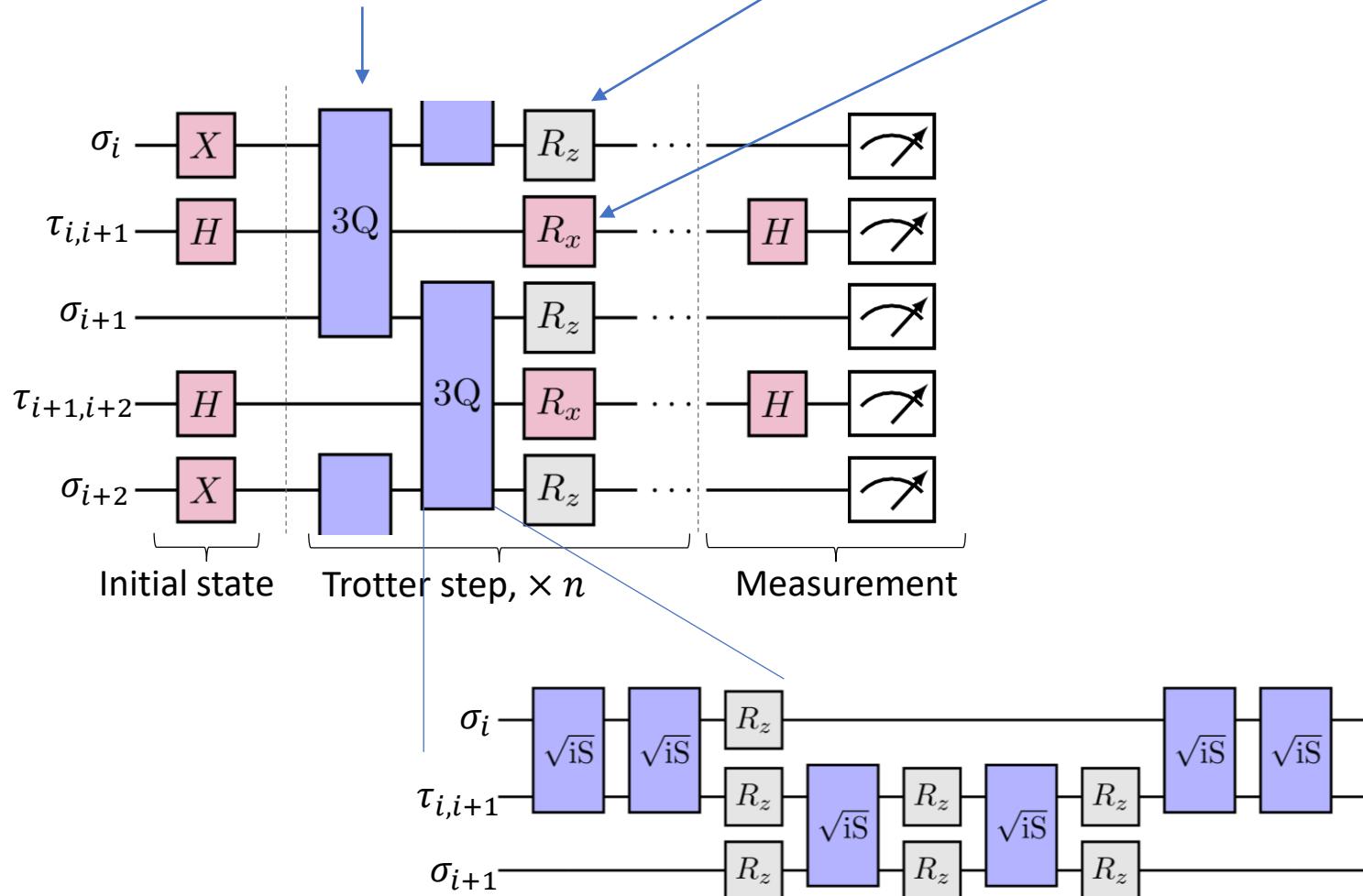
Perturbative scheme: [Wang, Ge, Xiang, Song, Huang, Song, Guo, Su, Xu, Zheng, Fan, 2111.05048](#)

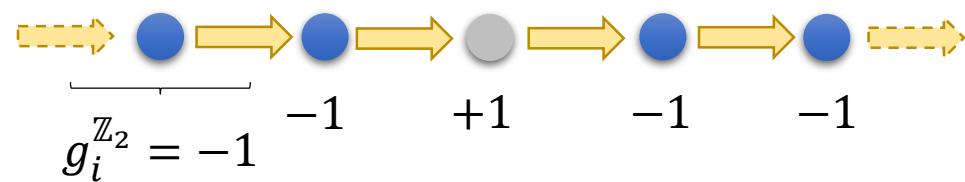
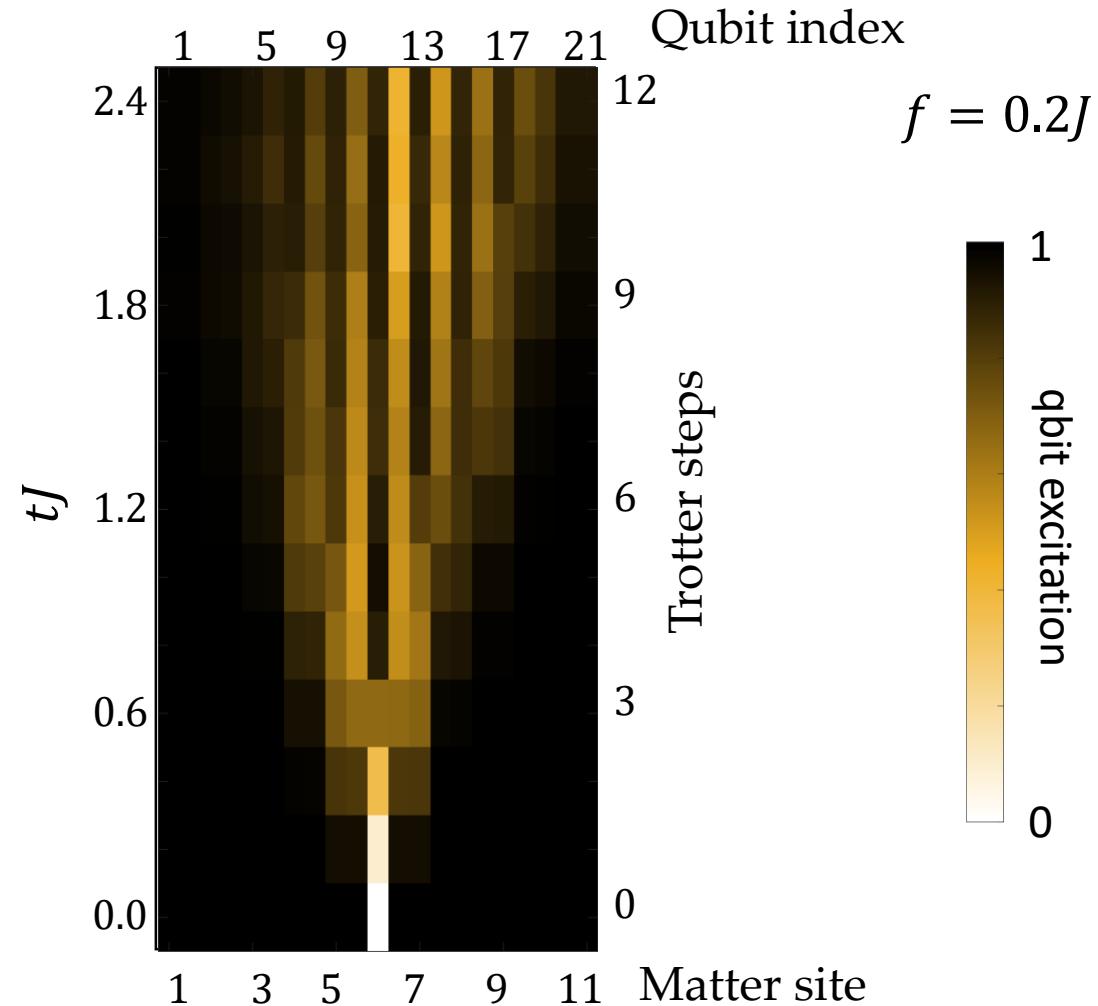
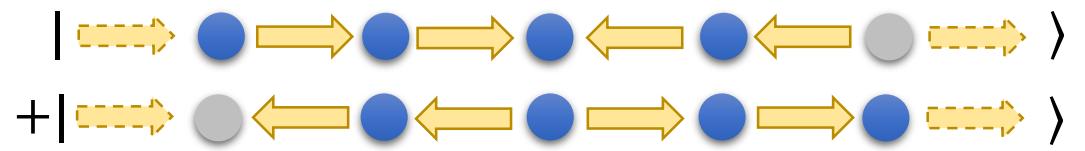
Floquet approach single site:
[Schweizer et al., Nat. Phys. 2019](#)
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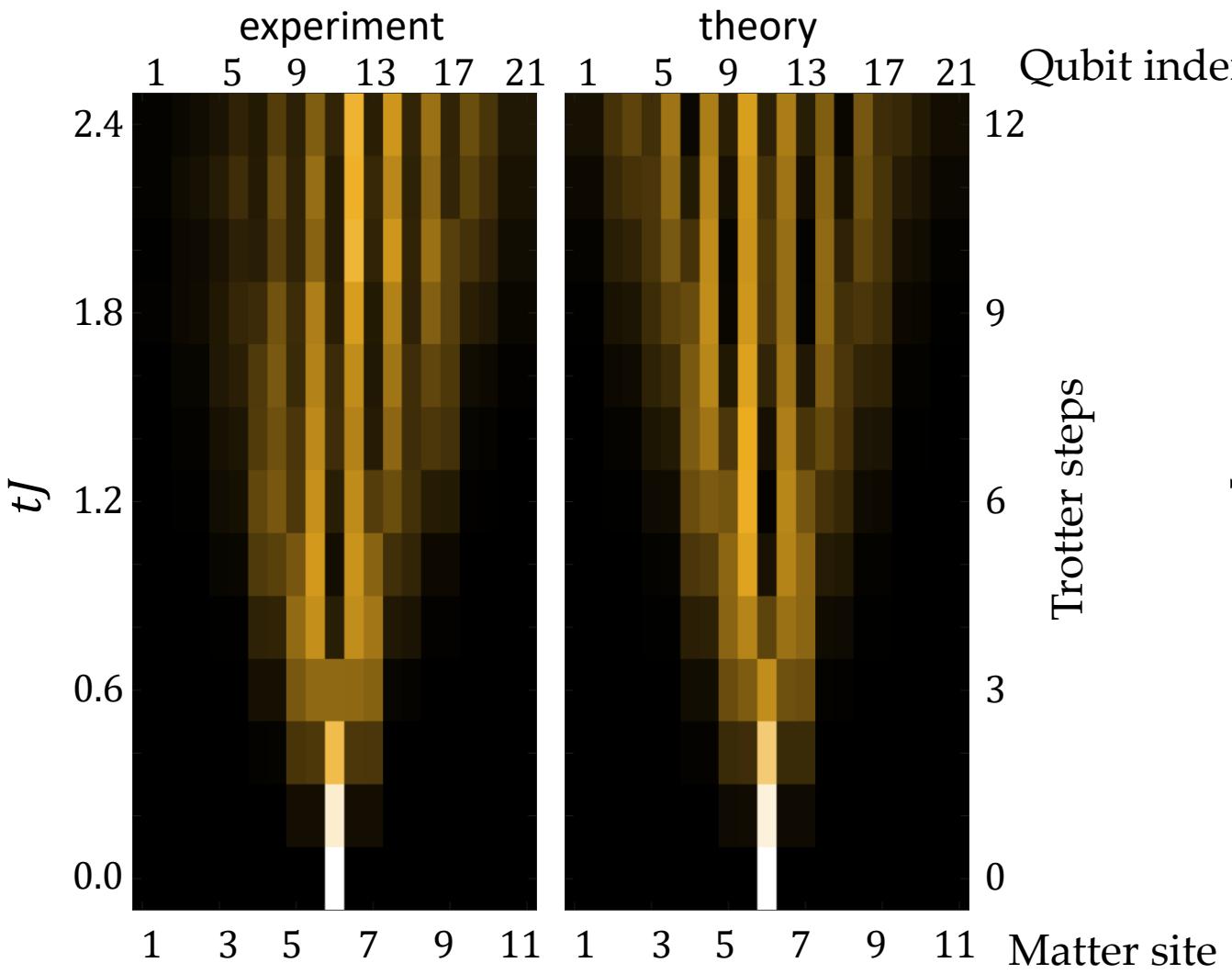
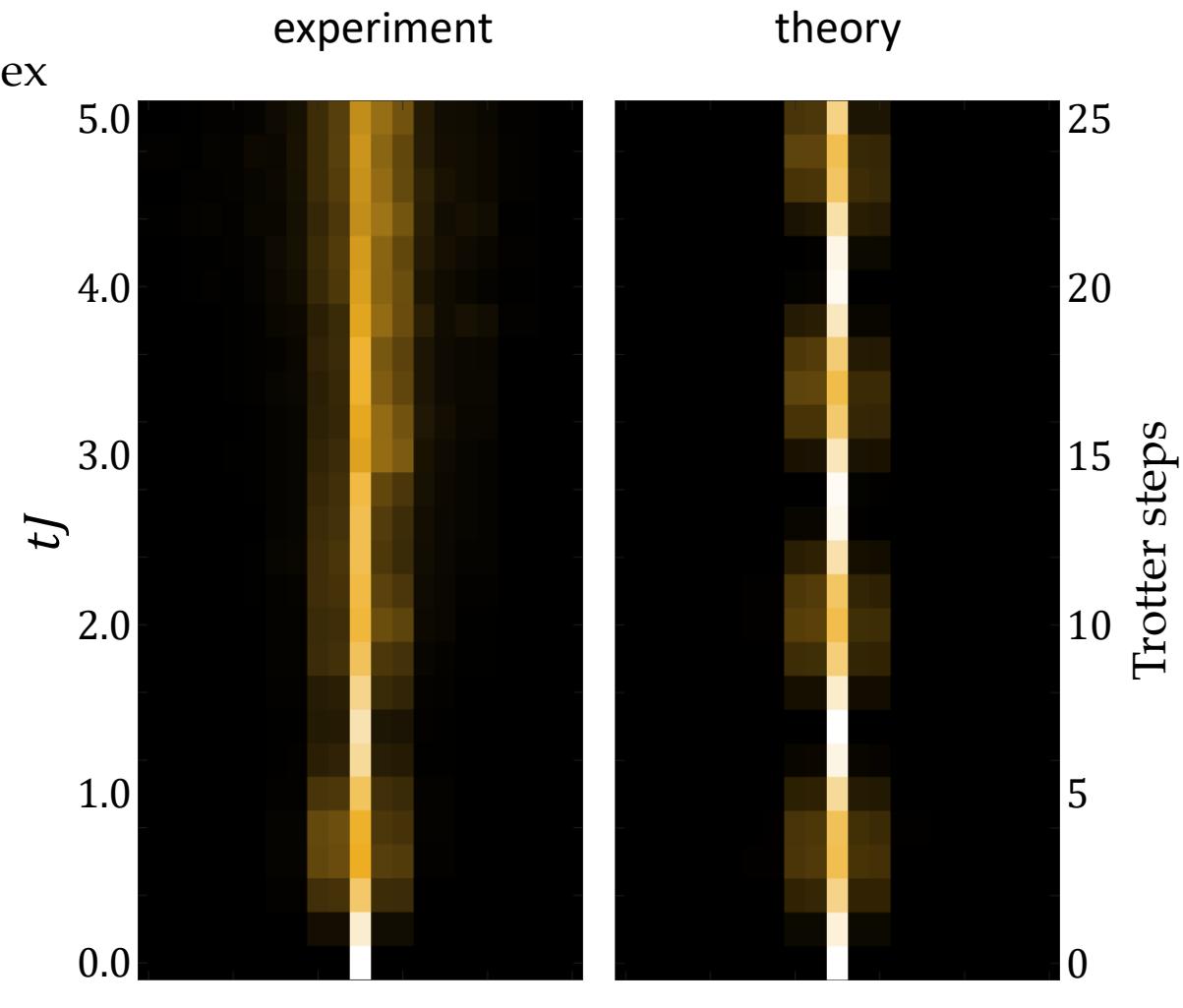
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$f = 0.2J$  $f = 2J$ 

Excellent playground to test error mitigation strategies

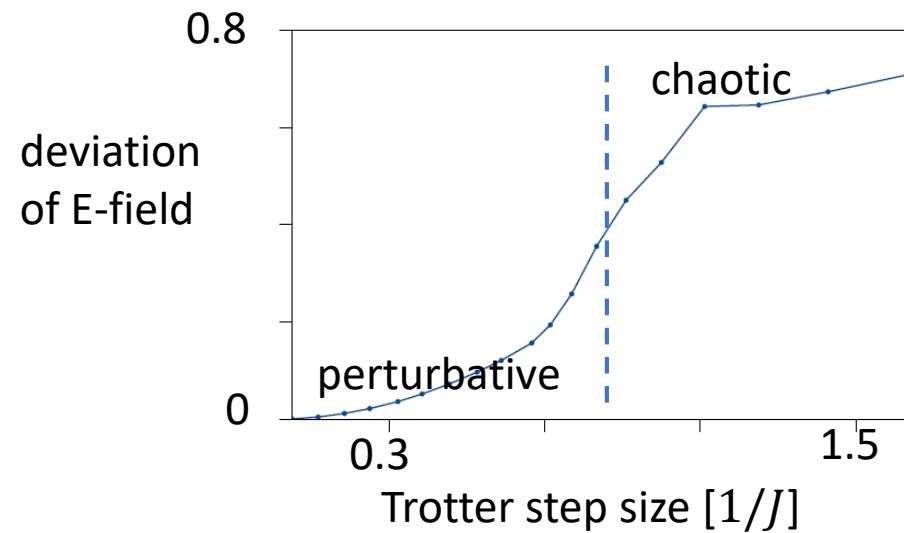
Trotter errors

Heyl, Hauke, Zoller, *Science Adv.* 2019

Sieberer, Olsacher, Elben, Heyl, Hauke, Haake, Zoller, *npj QInf.* 2019

Chinni, Munoz-Arias, Poggi, Deutsch, *PRX Quantum* 2022

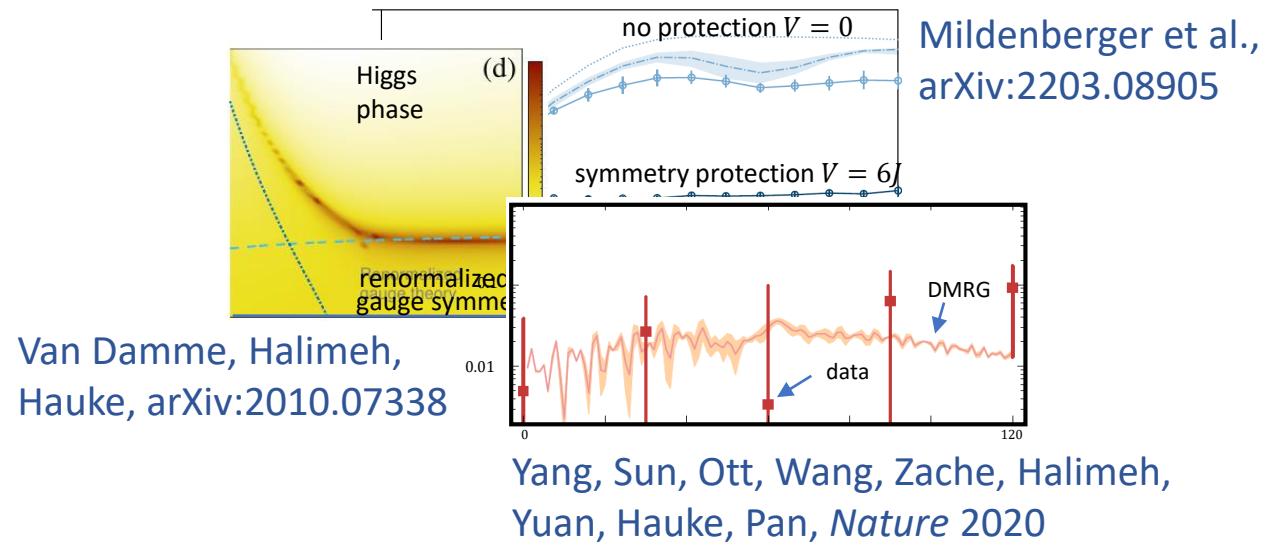
Kargi, Dehollain, Henriques, Sieberer, Olsacher, Hauke, Heyl, Zoller, Langford, *arXiv:2110.11113*



Mildenberger, Mruczkiewicz, Halimeh, Jiang, Hauke, 2203.08905

Excellent playground to test error mitigation strategies

Gauge-symmetry protection



Realistic models always have violations of gauge symmetry

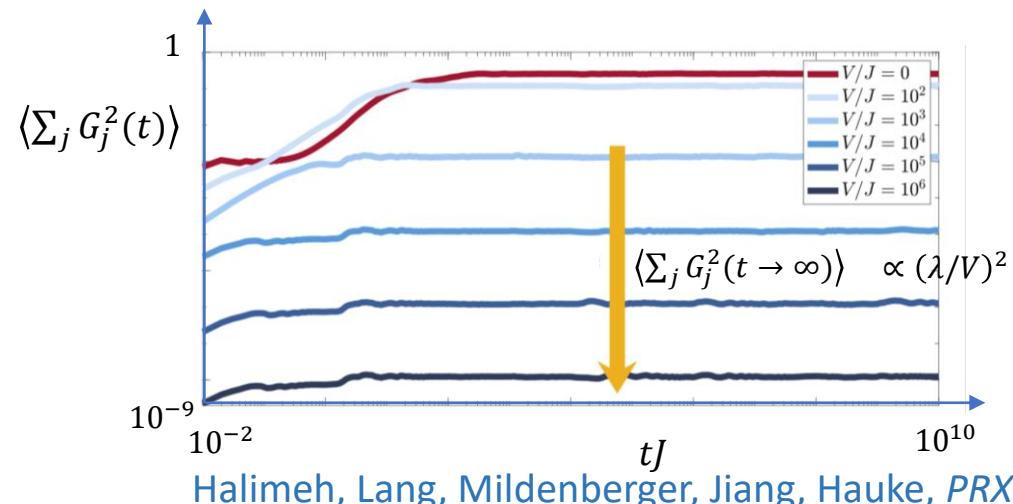
How to control these?

$$H_{\text{real}} = H_0 + \lambda H_1 + V H_G$$

$$[H_0, G_j] = 0, [H_1, G_j] \neq 0$$

suitable energy penalty

$$H_G = \sum_j c_j G_j$$



Here

$$H_0 = J \sum_i (\psi_i^\dagger \tau_{i,i+1}^+ \psi_{i+1} + \text{h. c.}) + m \sum_i (-1)^i \psi_i^\dagger \psi_i$$

$$H_1 = \lambda \sum_i \tau_{i,i+1}^x$$

$$G_i^{U(1)} = (\sigma_i^z + \tau_{i-1,i}^z - \tau_{i,i+1}^z + (-1)^i)/2$$

See also

Stannigel, Hauke, Marcos, Hafezi, Diehl, Dalmonte, Zoller, *PRL* 2014

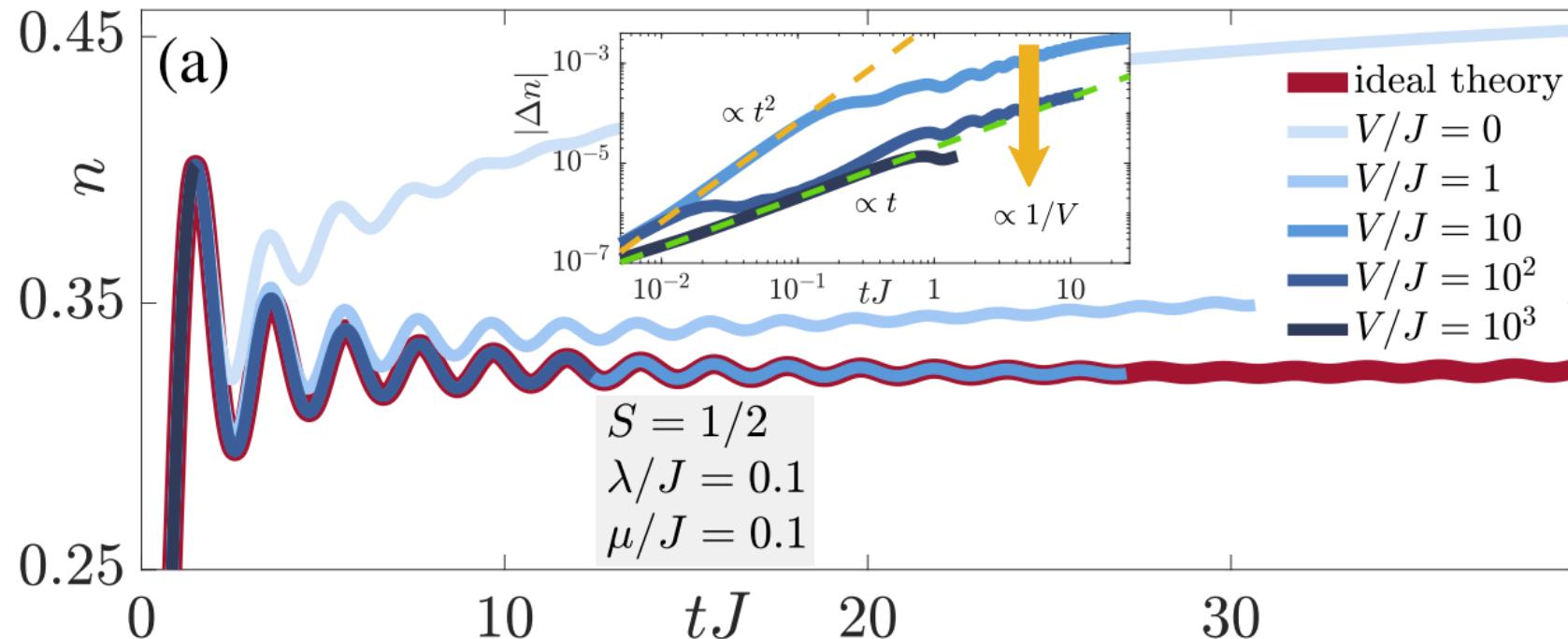
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Tran, Su, Carney, Taylor, *PRX Quantum* 2021

Kasper, Zache, Jendrzejewski, Lewenstein, Zohar, arXiv:2012.08620, ...

Stability translates to other local observables



Van Damme, Lang, Hauke, Halimeh, arXiv:2104.07040

Coherent quantum Zeno effect
Facchi, Pascazio, *PRL* 2002
error $\leq tL^2\lambda^2/V$

Series of analytic bounds

Halimeh, Hauke, *PRL* 2020

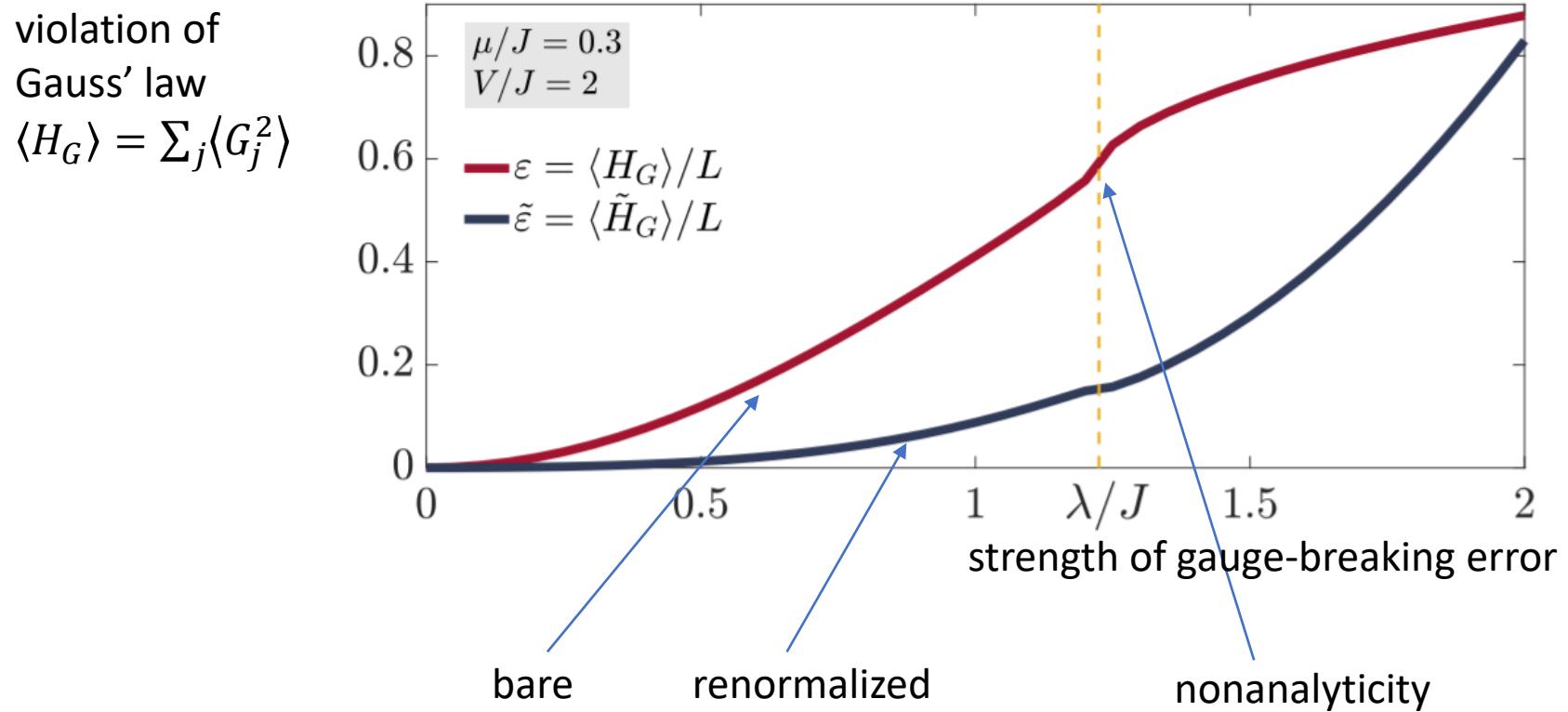
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Van Damme, Lang, Hauke, Halimeh, arXiv:2104.07040

Ground-state transition

Van Damme, Hauke, Halimeh, arXiv:2010.07338

Emergence of a renormalized Gauss' law



We can use such protection also
to tune the gauge symmetry

Add $U(1)$ gauge protection to \mathbb{Z}_2 LGT

$$H_{\mathbb{Z}_2} = J \sum_i (\hat{\sigma}_i^+ \hat{\tau}_{i,i+1}^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^- + \text{h. c.}) + m \sum_i (-1)^i \hat{\sigma}_i^z - f \sum_i \tau_{i,i+1}^x$$

$$[H_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, G_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2}] = 0$$

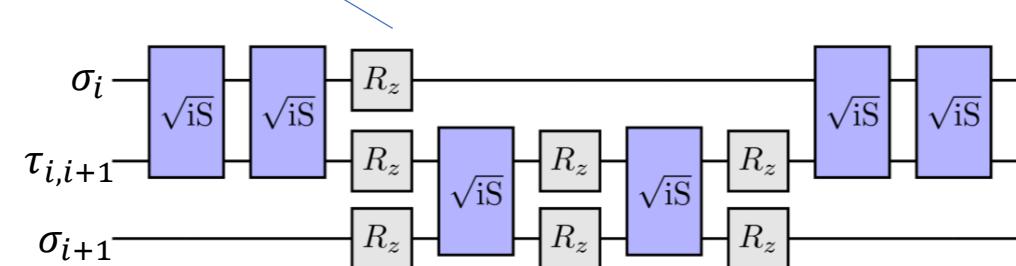
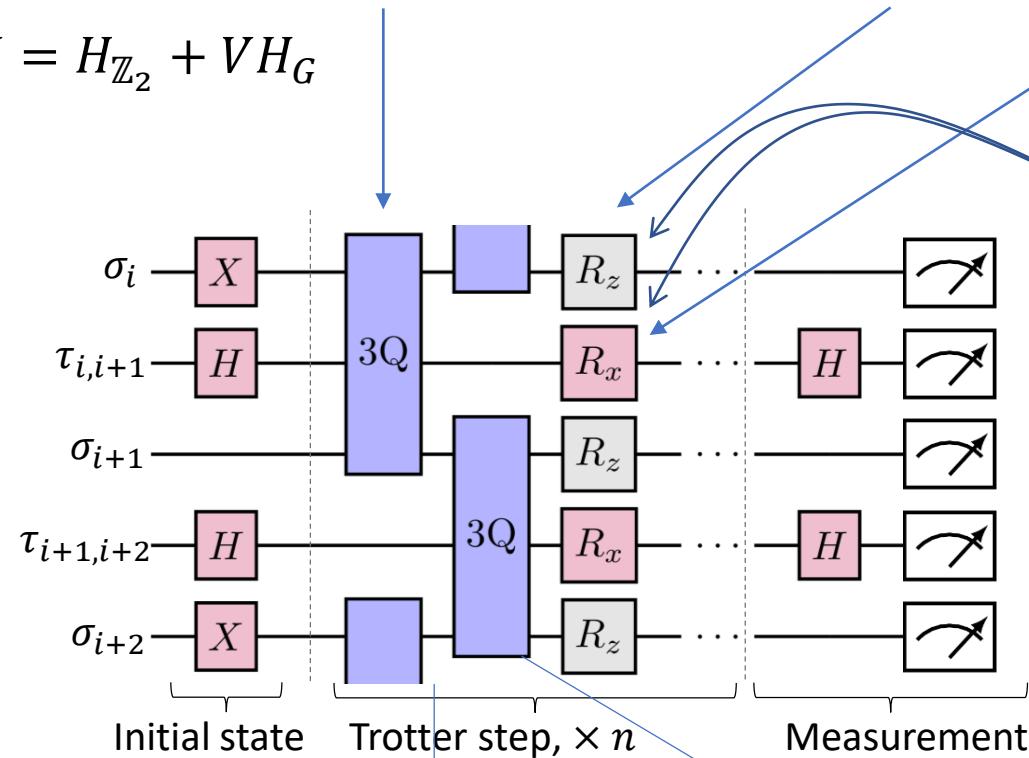
$$G_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = -\tau_{i-1,i}^x \sigma_i^z \tau_{i,i+1}^x$$

$$H = H_{\mathbb{Z}_2} + VH_G$$

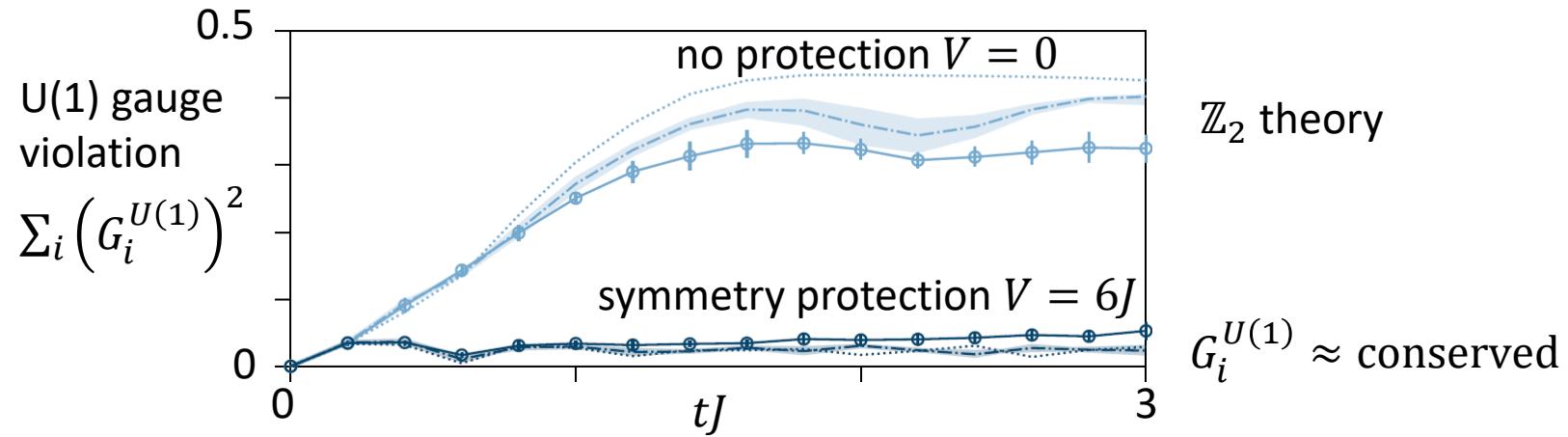
$$[H_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, G_i^{U(1)}] \neq 0$$

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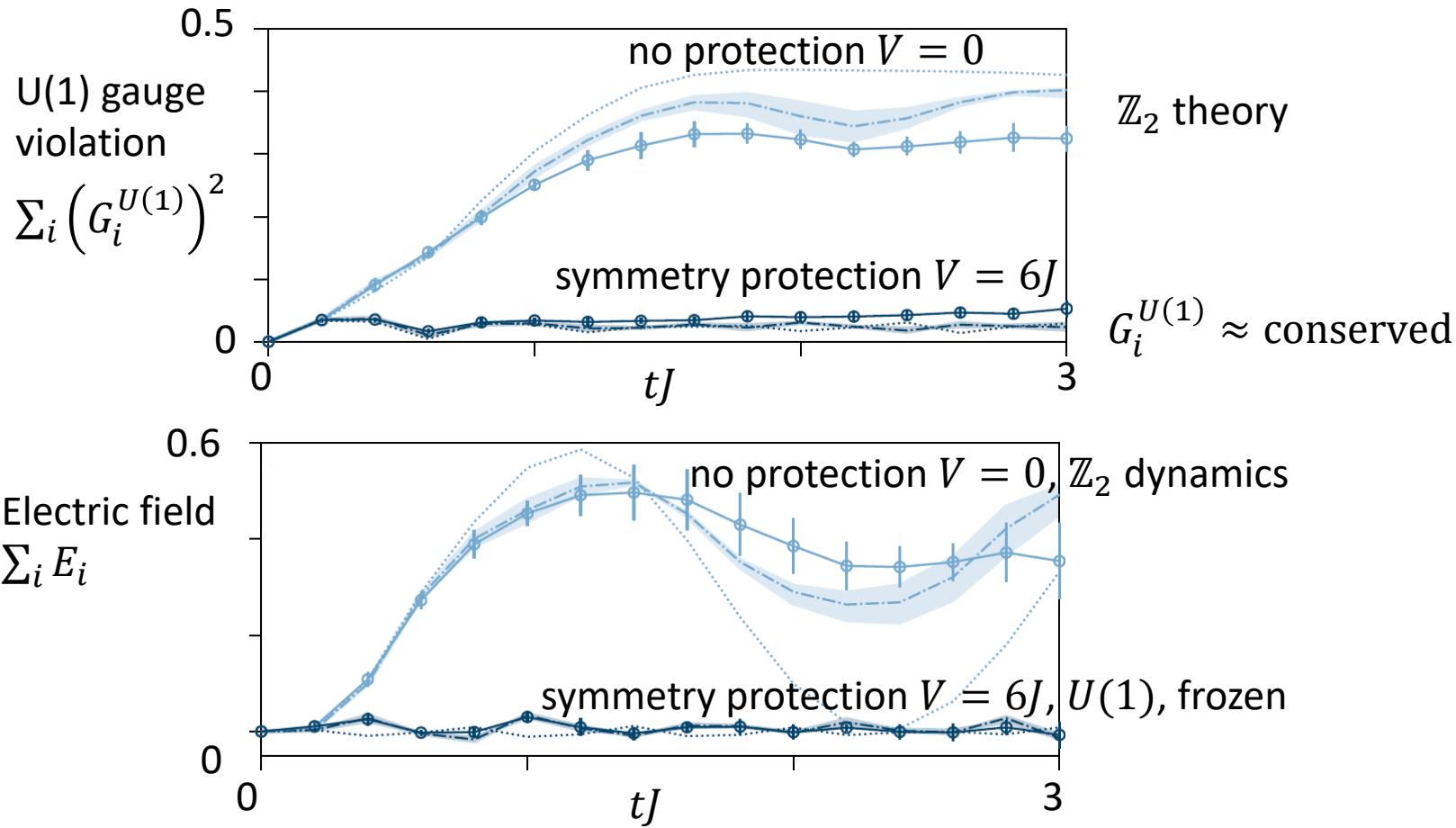
$$H_G = \sum_i c_i G_i^{U(1)}$$



Gauge protection tunes symmetry



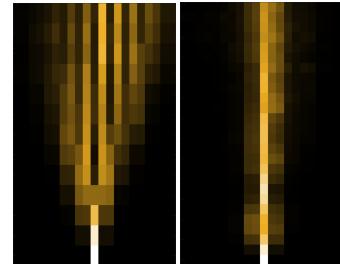
which can change drastically dynamics



Conclusions

Take away messages

- Quantum simulation of gauge theory is reaching system sizes to do some interesting physics



Dynamical topological transitions upon quench of θ -angle

Zache, Mueller, Schneider, Jendrzejewski, Berges, Hauke, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2019

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Coleman phase transition

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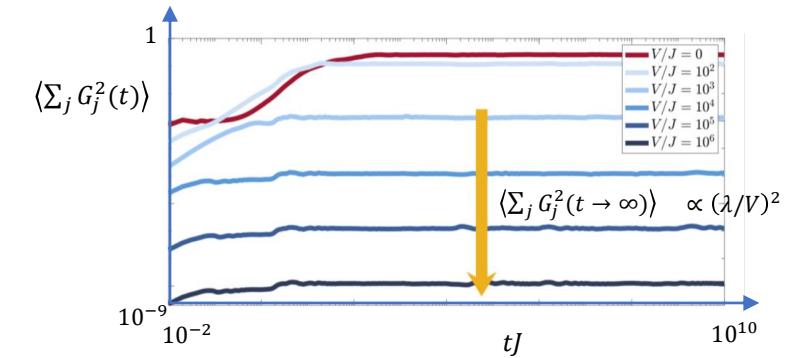
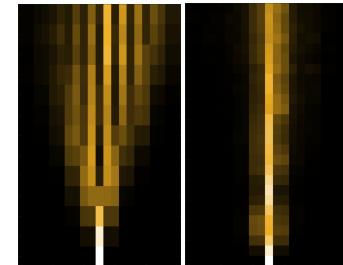
Thermalization in gauge theories

Zhou, Su, Halimeh, Ott, Sun, Hauke, Yang, Yuan, Berges, Pan, *arxiv* 2022

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- Quantum simulation of gauge theory is reaching system sizes to do some interesting physics
- Energy penalties can controllably suppress gauge-symmetry violations
 - Deep questions about emergence of gauge invariance
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Poppitz, Shang, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. A* 2008
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Sudipto Singha Roy, Ricardo Almeida

Multipartite entanglement of fermions de Almeida, Hauke, [PRR 2021](#)

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