

# QUANTUM SIMULATION OF FINITE TEMPERATURE SCHWINGER MODEL VIA QUANTUM IMAGINARY TIME EVOLUTION

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# Finite-T QFT on quantum computers (QC)

## Motivation

Quantum Simulation of finite-temperature and -density QCD

...Sign problem

⇒ Lattice Monte Carlo method fails

## How to simulate finite-T QFTs on QC?

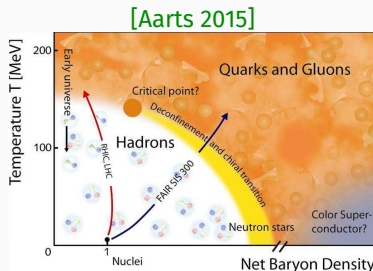
Mixed nature of thermal states

Finite  $T \sim$  Imaginary time evolution

(non-unitary operation) ⇒ Difficult on QC

## Our work:

Simulate finite-T Schwinger model based on a quantum-classical hybrid algorithm



# Introduction

- Schwinger model = 1+1 dim U(1) gauge theory

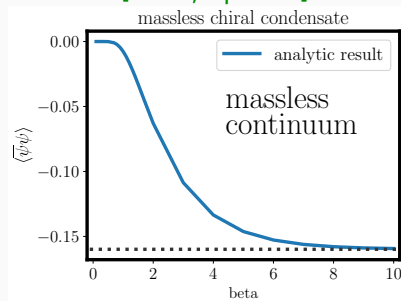
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g\theta}{4\pi}\epsilon^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu(\partial_\mu + igA_\mu)\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi$$

- Similarity to QCD
  - Chiral symmetry breaking ( $\sim$ chiral condensate  $\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle$ )
  - Topological  $\theta$  term  $\Rightarrow$  sign problem
  - Confinement/Screening
- Properties
  - Analytically solvable in the massless case
  - At finite-T...

$$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle \approx 0 \text{ at low } \beta \ (\beta = 1/T)$$

$$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle \neq 0 \text{ at high } \beta$$

[Sachs,Wipf 2010]



## Qubit description of Schwinger model

- Spin Hamiltonian of Schwinger model

$$H = \frac{1}{4a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} [X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}] + \frac{m}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n Z_n + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{Z_i + (-1)^i}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \right]^2$$

$a$ : lattice spacing,  $N$ : system size,  $g$ : coupling constant,  $m$ : fermion mass

Here we have...

- Discretized using Kogut-Susskind formalism
- Solved the Gauss's law constraint and imposed the open b.c.  
⇒ Remove U(1) gauge field
- Used Jordan-Wigner transformation  
⇒ Map fermions to spin degrees of freedom
- Nonlocal terms appear due to solving Gauss's law
- Chiral condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (-1)^i \frac{1 + \langle Z_i \rangle}{2a}$ .

- Thermal states are mixed states:  
(e.g.) Gibbs state

$$\rho_\beta = Z^{-1} e^{-\beta \hat{H}}, \quad \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\beta^{\text{ens}} = Z^{-1} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{O} \rho_\beta), \quad (Z = \text{Tr} \rho_\beta)$$

⇒ Mixed state: Difficult to prepare on QC

- Attempts of thermal state preparation on QC so far
  - Quantum thermal reservoir (e.g.) [Terhal+ 2000]
  - Quantum Metropolis sampling (e.g.) [Temme+ 2011]
  - ...

⇒ Requires numbers of samples or ancilla qubits that scale with system size

## Thermal Pure Quantum (TPQ) state [Sugiura,Shimizu 2011] [Sugiura,Shimizu 2013]

- Typical pure state in thermal system
- Able to calculate local thermodynamic quantities
- Definition:

For any mechanical variable ( $\sim$  local observable)  $A$ ,

$$P \left( \left| \langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle_{TPQ} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{E,N}^{\text{eq}} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \leq \eta_{\epsilon}(N)$$

$\langle \cdot \rangle_{E,N}^{\text{eq}}$  : thermal average

$\eta_{\epsilon}(N)$  : function s.t. vanishes as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

## Thermal Pure Quantum (TPQ) state [Sugiura,Shimizu 2011] [Sugiura,Shimizu 2013]

- We use canonical TPQ:

$$|\beta, N\rangle \equiv e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}} |\psi_R\rangle \quad ( |\psi_R\rangle : \text{random state} )$$

- Average of initial random state

$$\overline{\left( \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\beta, N}^{\text{TPQ}} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\beta, N}^{\text{ens}} \right)^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{w/ Thermodynamic limit } N \rightarrow \infty$$

- (cf.) Grand Canonical TPQ state [Sugiura 2014]:

We can easily introduce density

$$|\beta, \mu, N\rangle \equiv e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(\hat{H} - \mu\hat{N})} |\psi_R\rangle \quad (\hat{N} : \text{number operator})$$



## Preparing TPQ state on QC

Preparation of canonical TPQ state  $|\beta, N\rangle \equiv \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}\right)|\psi_R\rangle$  on QC

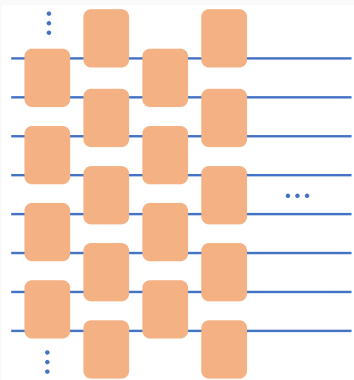
⇒ **Two tasks**

1. Preparation of random state  $|\psi_R\rangle$   
...Random state (unitary t-design) based on random circuits [Hunter-Jones 2019]
2. Implementation of non-unitary operation  $\exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}\right)$ 
  - Variational method [McArdle+ 2018]
  - Probabilistic method [Liu+ 2020]
  - Quantum Imaginary Time Evolution (QITE) [Motta+ 2020]

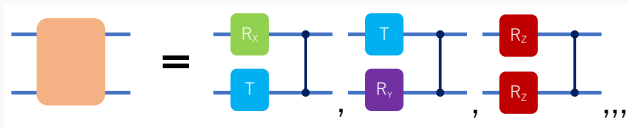
# Algorithm

# Random state preparation

Random state (unitary t-design) based on random circuits [Hunter-Jones 2019]  
...built from staggered layers of 2-site unitaries



- Each gate consists of single qubit gates randomly chosen from a universal gate set, and control-Z gate:



- Universal gate set (e.g.) :

$$\{ T, R_x, R_y, R_z \}$$

- Achieve k-design with  $O(Nk)$  depth

# QITE algorithm: Calculation step

1. Trotterization  $e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}} \simeq (e^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_1}e^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_2} \dots)^{n_{step}}$
2. Substitute local non-unitary operation with larger unitary operation

$$Ce^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_1}|\psi\rangle \simeq e^{-i\Delta\beta\hat{A}}|\psi\rangle$$

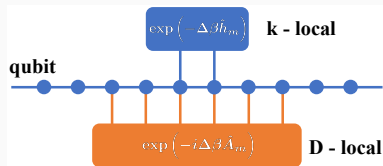
3. Expand  $\hat{A}$  with Pauli strings and parameter  $\mathbf{a}$

$$\hat{A}(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_k} a_{i_1 \dots i_k} \hat{\tau}_{i_1} \dots \hat{\tau}_{i_k} \equiv \sum a_I \hat{\sigma}_I \quad (\hat{\sigma}_I \in \{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes D})$$

**Pauli matrices**

4. Determine the optimal parameter  $\mathbf{a} = \{a_I\}$   
Then perform real time evolution  $(I = 1 \sim 4^D)$

$$e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}|\psi_R\rangle \simeq \left( \prod_m e^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_m} \right)^{n_{step}} |\psi_R\rangle \simeq \left( \prod_l \prod_I e^{-i\Delta\beta a_I \hat{\sigma}_I} \right)^{n_{step}} |\psi_R\rangle$$



## Bottleneck of QITE algorithm

- For each term  $e^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_m}$ , we approximate  $|\Phi\rangle_T$  with  $|\Phi\rangle_A$ :

$$\text{target state } |\Phi\rangle_T = C e^{-\Delta\beta\hat{h}_m} |\psi\rangle \quad \left( C = \langle\psi|e^{-2\Delta\beta\hat{h}_m}|\psi\rangle^{-1/2} \right)$$

$$\text{approximate state } |\Phi\rangle_A = e^{-i\Delta\beta\hat{A}(\mathbf{a})} |\psi\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}(\mathbf{a}) = \sum a_I \hat{\sigma}_I \quad \left( \hat{\sigma}_I \in \{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes D} \right)$$

- Find the optimal parameter  $\mathbf{a}$  to minimize  $\| |\Phi\rangle_T - |\Phi\rangle_A \|$

$$(\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S}^T) \mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{b}$$

$$\text{w/ } S_{IJ} = \langle\psi|\hat{\sigma}_I\hat{\sigma}_J|\psi\rangle, \quad b_I = -2c^{-1/2} \text{Im}\langle\psi|\hat{\sigma}_I\hat{h}_m|\psi\rangle$$

- Measure  $\langle\psi|**|\psi\rangle$  on QC

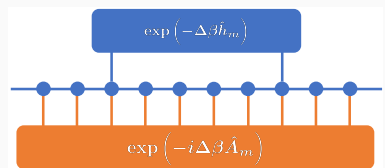
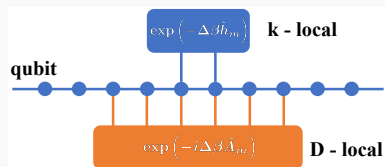
Solve the optimization problem by CG algorithm on CC

- Need to calculate  $4^D \times 4^D$  matrix

## QITE algorithm: Nonlocality

- It works well with local Hamiltonians (e.g.) Heisenberg model [Motta+ 2020], NJL model [Czajka+ 2022], ( $Z_2$  gauge theory (TPQ) [Davoudi+ 2022] )
- We can increase system size with fixed  $D$

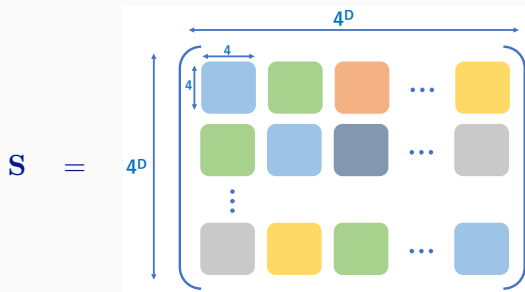
⇒ **How about Schwinger model, which includes non-local terms?**



## Practical improvements of QITE (Our idea)

To reduce cost and memory, we focus on the structure of  $S$

1. Decompose  $S$  into  $4 \times 4$  matrix
2. Independent elements = only first row (up to phase)



⇒ Result: cost and memory  $O(16^D) \rightarrow O(4^D)$

- Schwinger model Hamiltonian  
(Staggered fermion, Jordan-Wigner transformation, Gauss's law, open b.c.)

$$H = \frac{1}{4a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} [X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}] + \frac{m}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n Z_n + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{Z_i + (-1)^i}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \right]^2$$

- Parameters

$$N = 4 - 12, \quad a = 0.8, \quad g = 1.0,$$

$m = 0.00$  : Exact solvable  $\rightarrow$  feasibility test

$m = 0.15$  with  $\theta$  : prediction

averaged over 100 initial random states

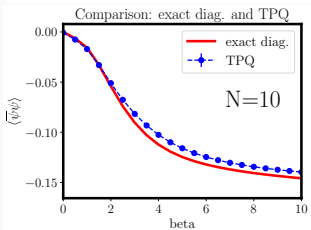
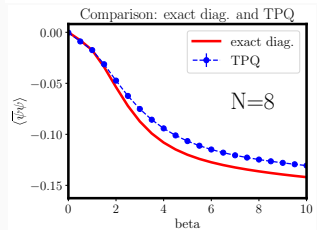
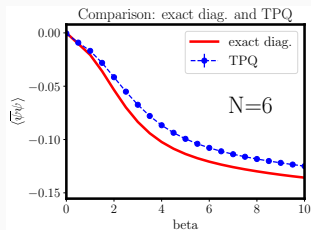
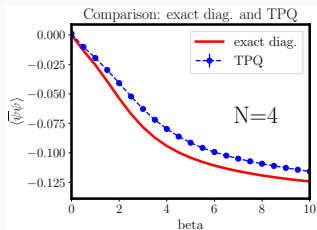
- Methods:

1. Exact diagonalization (exact at finite  $N$ )
2. TPQ (classical algorithm)
3. QITE (quantum algorithm, statevector simulation)



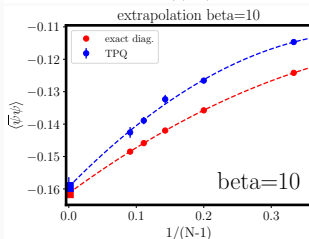
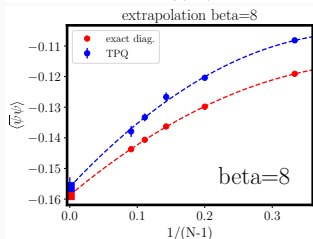
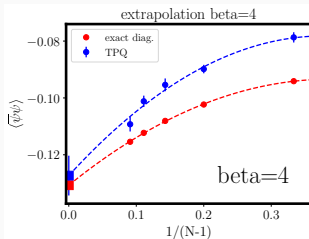
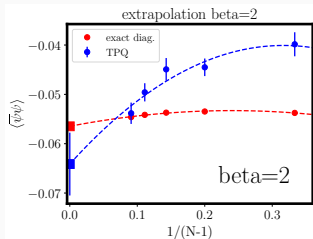
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# Comparison: TPQ vs Exact diagonalization (massless case)



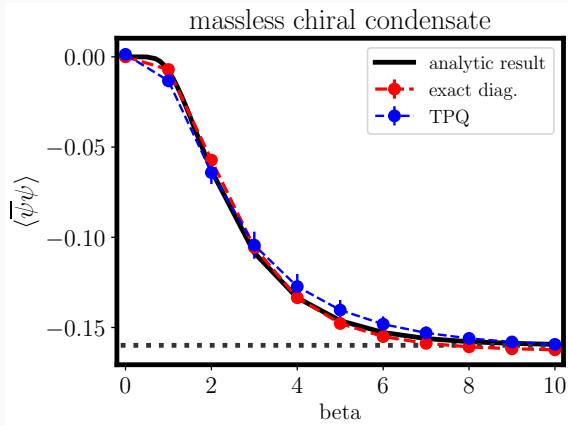
- At finite  $N$ , TPQ  $\neq$  exact diag.
- At  $\beta \simeq 0$  or  $\infty$ , TPQ = exact diag.

# Extrapolation toward thermodynamic limit (massless case)



- $1/(N - 1)$  Extrapolation by quadratic function
- Extrapolated results of TPQ are consistent with one of exact diag. at  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (within the statistical errors)

# Thermodynamic limit of chiral condensate (massless case)



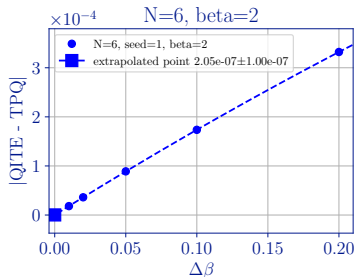
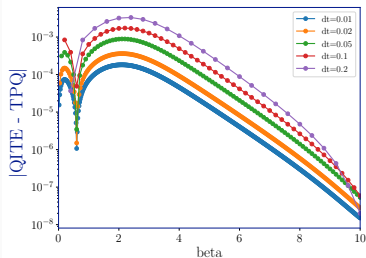
- Analytic result of massless chiral condensate at continuum:  
[Sachs,Wipf 2010]

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = -\frac{m_\gamma}{2\pi} e^\gamma e^{2I(\beta m_\gamma)}$$
$$I(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1 - e^{x \cosh(t)}} dt$$

- At zero-T [Gross+ 1996],

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = -e^{\frac{\exp(\gamma)}{2\pi^{3/2}}} \simeq -0.1599$$

# Comparison: QITE vs TPQ (massless case)



- Perform QITE algorithm with  $N = 6, \Delta\beta = 0.01 - 0.2$
- We found the difference between TPQ and QITE scales  $O(\Delta\beta)$
- Systematic error from  $\Delta\beta$  is under control

## Summary of feasibility test (massless case)

TPQ  $\Leftrightarrow$  Exact diagonalization

- At small system size, TPQ  $\neq$  exact diag.
- TPQ = exact diag. with larger  $N$
- **Thermodynamic limit of TPQ results reproduces the analytic result**

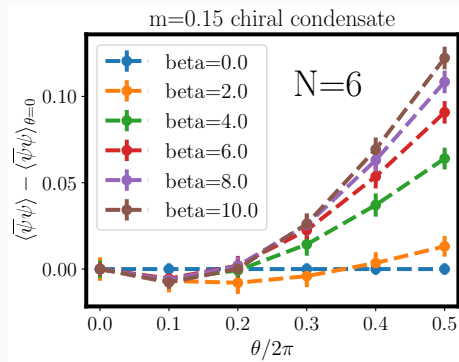
QITE  $\Leftrightarrow$  TPQ

- QITE has a digitization error
- It scales properly and is controllable

**TPQ + QITE works well!**

We need to take (1)  $\Delta\beta \rightarrow 0$ , and (2)  $N \rightarrow \infty$  extrapolation for accurate estimation

# $\theta$ dependence of chiral condensate (massive case)

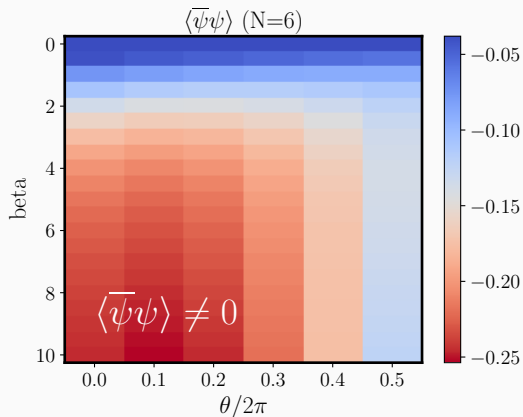


- QITE result
- Vertical axis denotes

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\beta,\theta} - \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\beta,\theta=0}$$

- Low/High beta  
...small/large  $\theta$ -dependence

## $\theta$ dependence of chiral condensate (massive case)



- $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \neq 0$  at high  $\beta$  and small  $\theta$
  - In large  $\theta$ , chiral symmetry seems to be restored
  - Taking thermodynamic limit: ongoing work
- ⇒ **TPQ+QITE works at massive and nonzero  $\theta$  region !**



## Summary

- We investigated the Schwinger model at finite  $T$  with TPQ and QITE
- Non-locality of the Hamiltonian requires large  $D$ , but we improved the QITE method and successfully handled large enough number of site
- TPQ result is consistent with  $T$ -dependence of chiral condensate at thermodynamic limit (massless case)
- Our method can be extended to massive and nonzero  $\theta$  region
- Our calculations have been done classically, but **completely implementable on quantum circuits**

## Discussion

- Application to other systems (higher dim., non-Abelian, **finite density**,...)
- Implementation on real devices (VITE? connectivity?)
- Non-locality: Further improvements?
- Imaginary time evolution with local hamiltonian and **Gauss' law projection**

**Thank you!**

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## TPQ (Thermal pure quantum) state

TPQ state ... Pure state that approximates the thermal state

- Definition:

$$P \left( \left| \langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle_{TPQ} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{E,N}^{\text{eq}} \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \leq \eta_\epsilon(N)$$

$\langle \cdot \rangle_{E,N}^{\text{eq}}$  : ensemble average

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- Canonical TPQ state[Sugiura,Shimizu 2013]:

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- Grand Canonical TPQ state[Sugiura 2014]:

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## QITE - practical improvements

- Utilizing the efficient Pauli measurement

“Pauli word”  $W$ :  $W = W_1 W_2 \dots W_N \in \{X, Y, Z\}^N$

(e.g.) 10-sites

$$\begin{aligned} W &= XYZXYZXYZX \\ &= \text{XYZ XYZ XYZ } X \rightarrow \langle X_1 Y_2 Z_3 \rangle, \langle X_4 Y_5 Z_6 \rangle, \langle X_7 Y_8 Z_9 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

### Improvement

Memory:  $O(16^D) \rightarrow O(4^D)$

Calculation cost:  $O(16^D) \rightarrow O(4^D)$  (  $\rightarrow O(3^D)$  )