

# Event generation with quantum computers through particle-oriented simulation

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**Let's develop a quantum event generator!**

# Why quantum?

Fundamental scaling problems in generators:

- Event complexity scales **~factorially** with perturbation order
- Integration time scales **~exponentially** with final-state multiplicity

Timing and memory usage (Sherpa 3.x.y + HDF5)

**LO ME level event generation only** (Comix;  $\gamma, Z, h, \mu, \nu_\mu, \tau, \nu_\tau$  off)

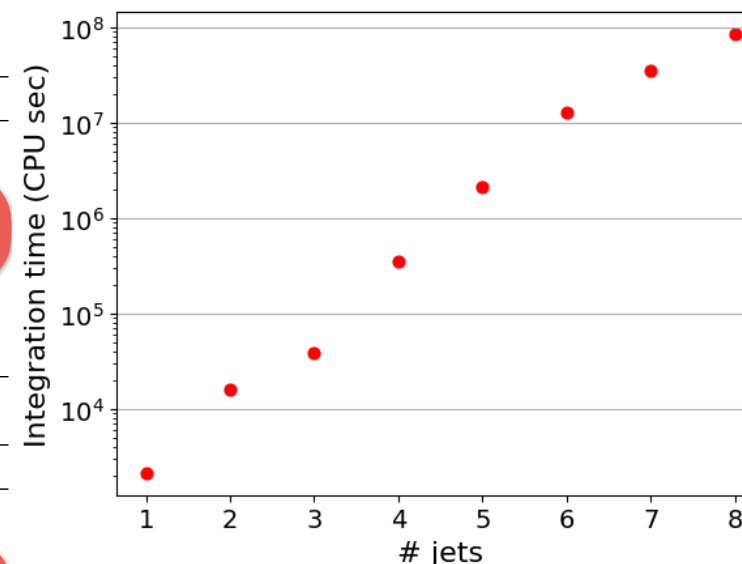
Process $W^{++}$	1j	2j	3j	4j
RAM Usage	21 MB	43 MB	48 MB	85 MB
Init/startup time	<1s / <1s	<1s / <1s	2s / <1s	32s / <1s
Integration time	8×4m26s	16×16m42s	32×20m26s	64×1h32m
MC uncertainty	0.22%	0.46%	0.80%	0.97%
Unweighting eff	$6.59 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7.50 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.71 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.47 \cdot 10^{-4}$
10k evts	1m 2s	15m 5s	1h 3m	5h 56m

Numbers generated on dual 8-core Intel® Xeon® E5-2660 @ 2.20GHz

Process $W^{++}$	5j	6j*	7j*	8j†
RAM Usage	189 MB	484 MB	1.32 GB	1.32 GB
Init/startup time	5m3s / 1s	24m32s / 3s	3h0m / 10s	3h33m / 29s
Integration time	128×4h38m	256×13h53m	512×19h0m	1024×23h8m
MC uncertainty	1.0%	0.00%	0.28%	4.68%
Unweighting eff	$9.56 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.66 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.20 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$7.51 \cdot 10^{-5}$
10k evts	24h 40m	2d 11h	10d 15h	78d 1h

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\*:† Number of quarks limited to  $\leq 6/4$



$$\sigma = \frac{1}{F} \int d\Phi |M|^2 \Theta(\Phi - \Phi_c)$$

phase-space factor (points to  $d\Phi$ )  
 integrand (points to  $|M|^2 \Theta(\Phi - \Phi_c)$ )  
 probability distributions/matrix element (points to  $|M|^2$ )  
 phase-space cuts (points to  $\Theta(\Phi - \Phi_c)$ )

**3 billions CPU hours/year  
15% is MC integration**

Agliardi, Grossi, Pellen, Prati "Quantum integration of elementary particle processes." <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2022.137228>

Michele Grossi plenary (yesterday)

Source: Schultz 2018

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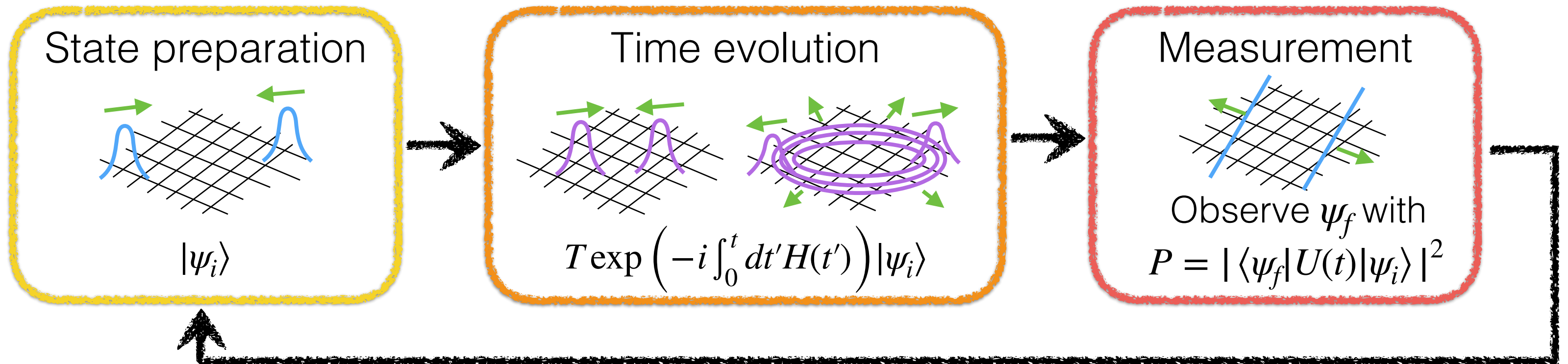
Consequence of **simulating a quantum system with classical computers**



*... because nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to **make a simulation of nature**, you'd better **make it quantum mechanical**, ...*

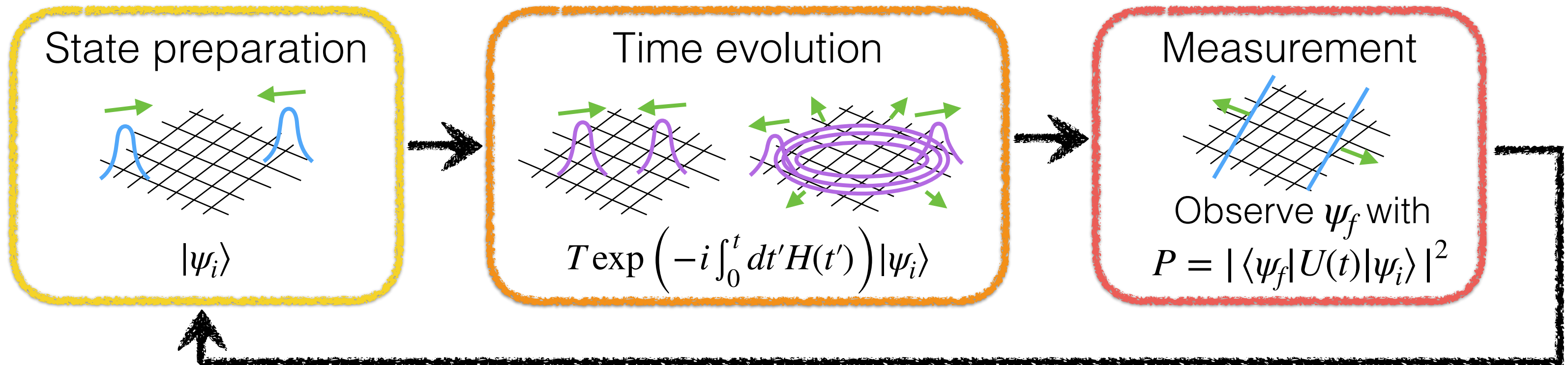
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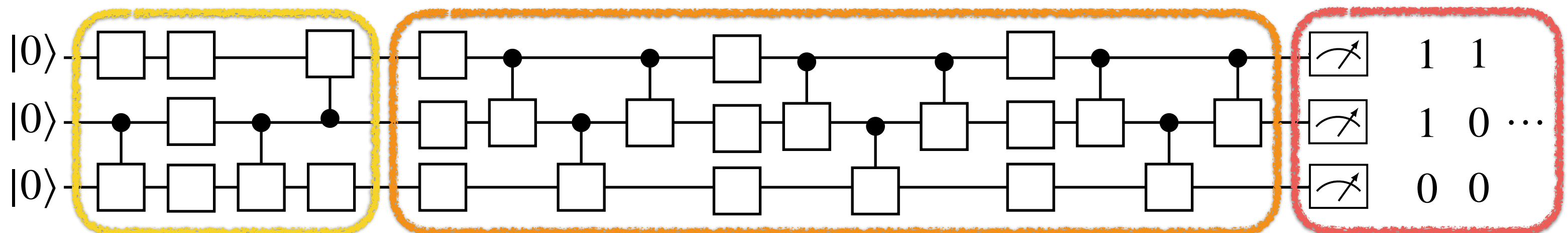


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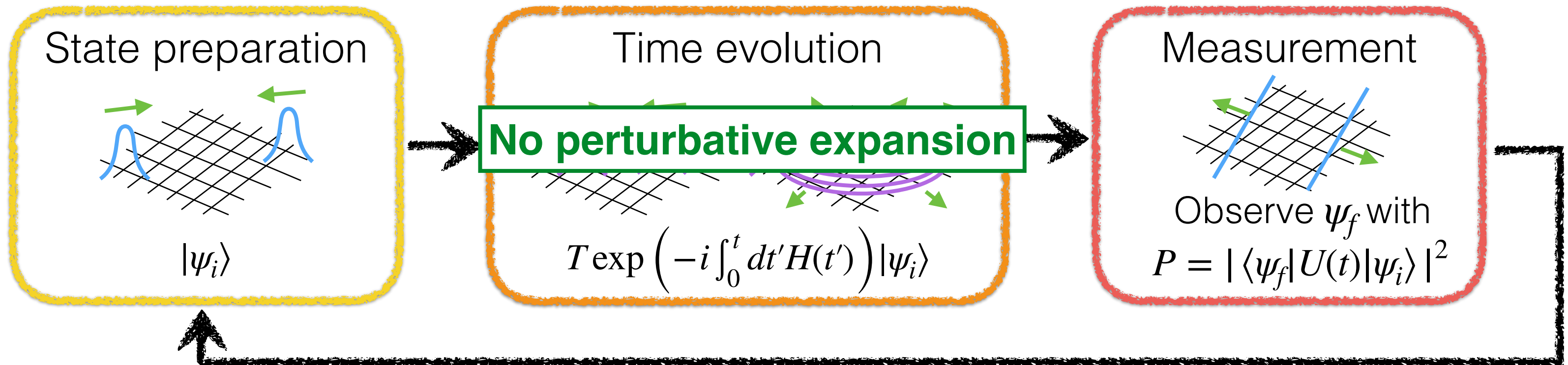
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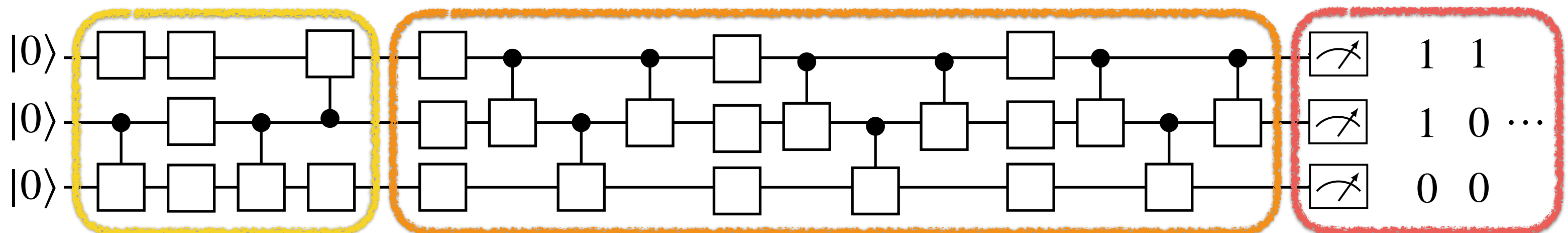
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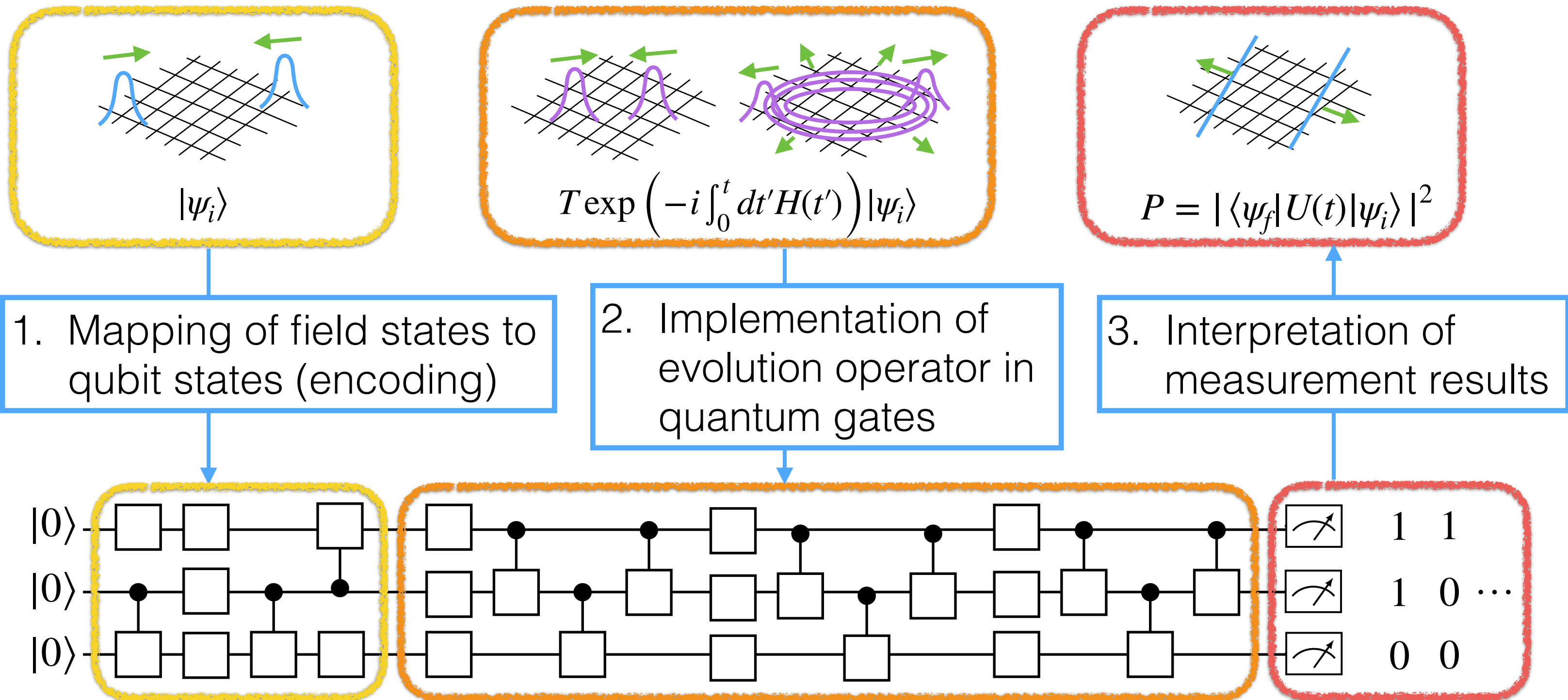


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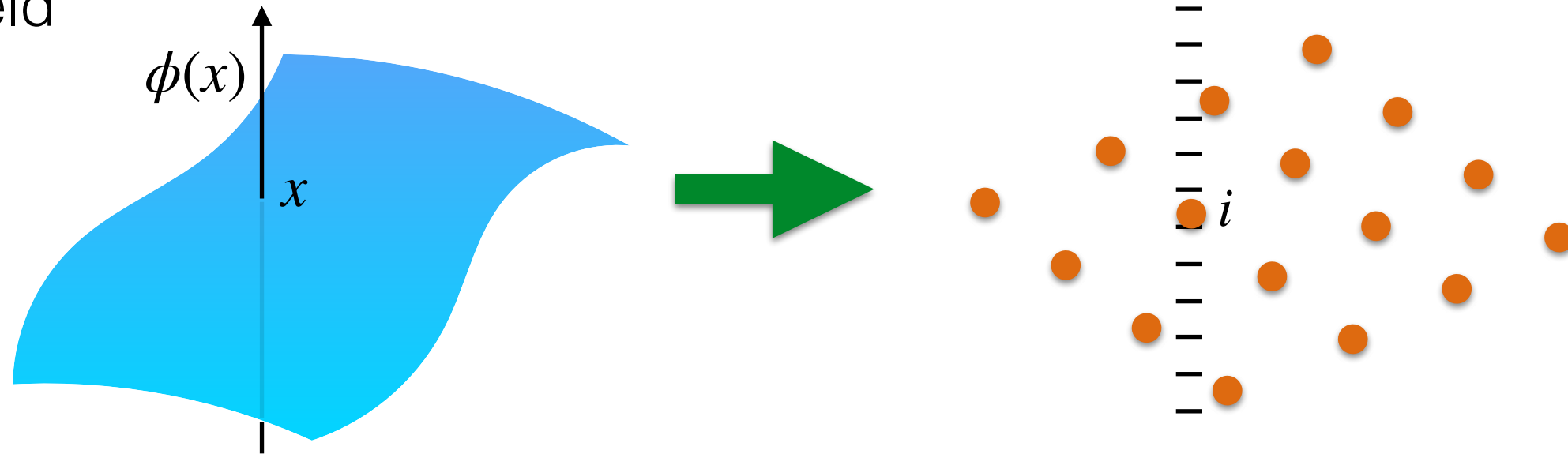


# Ingredients of a quantum event generator



# Encoding field states: discretization

Bosonic field



- Continuous (infinite) space  $V = \int dx$
  - Continuous unbounded field value  $\phi$
- $$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \text{span} \left( \left\{ |\phi\rangle \mid \phi \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \right)^{\otimes \int dx}$$

( $\text{span} \left( \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\} \right)$  for fermions)

- Discrete finite lattice  $N = L^d$
  - Discrete truncated field values  $0, 1, \dots, K - 1$
- $$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \text{span} \left( \left\{ |0\rangle, |1\rangle, \dots, |K - 1\rangle \right\} \right)^{\otimes N}$$

Discretization parameters determine the expressible dynamic range:

- $\rho_{\max} / \rho_{\min} \sim L$
- $\phi_{\max} / \phi_{\min} \sim K$

# Field-based encoding

Use an  $n$ -bit quantum register **per lattice point** per field:

$$|\text{system}\rangle = |j_1\rangle \otimes |j_2\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |j_N\rangle \quad (j_i = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1)$$

Field value at site 1

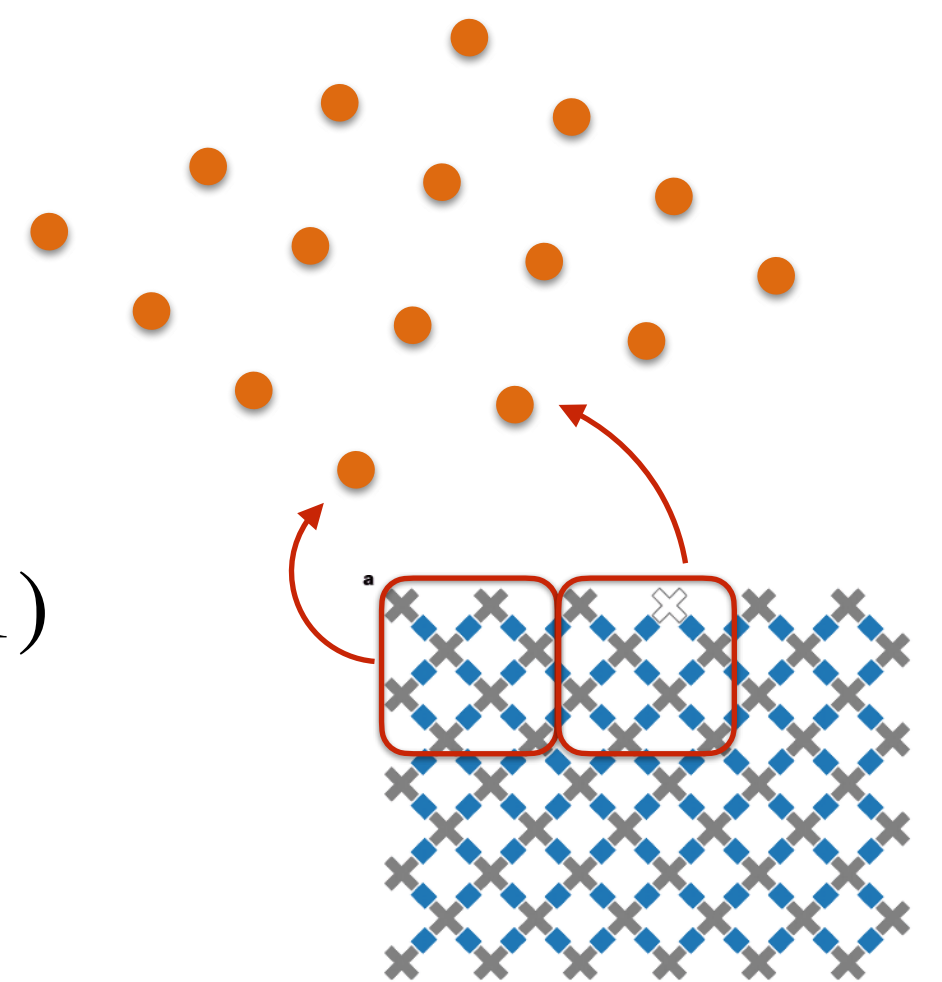
Can also encode a Fock representation:

$$|\text{system}\rangle = |k_{p_1}\rangle \otimes |k_{p_2}\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |k_{p_N}\rangle \quad (k_{p_i} = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1)$$

Number of excitations of mode  $p_1$

⇒ **Qubit count:**  $nL^d$

For  $p_{\max}/p_{\min} = 10 \text{ TeV} / 100 \text{ MeV} = 10^5$  and  $d = 3$  we need  $\sim 10^{15}n$  qubits



# Alternative: Particle-based encoding

Assign a quantum register to **each particle**, maximum  $M$  particles

→ Field theory as multi-body quantum mechanics

$$|\text{system}\rangle = \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle$$

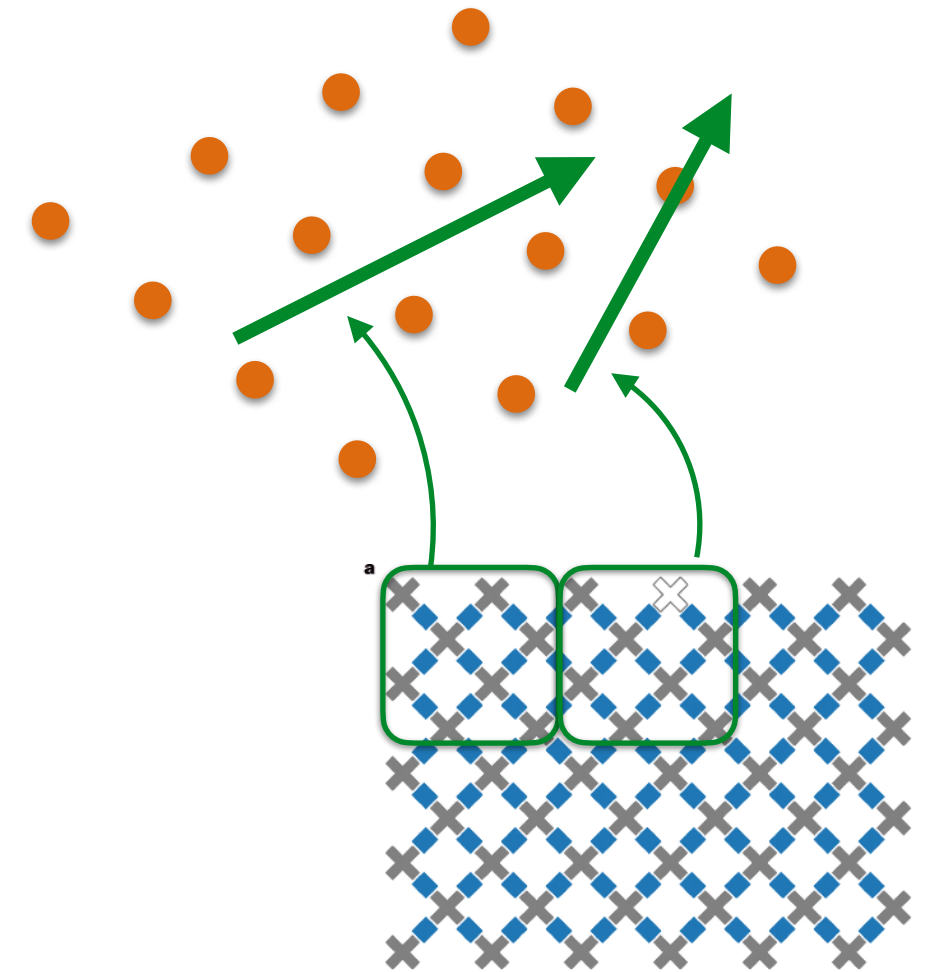
J occupied slots    M-J unoccupied slots

Symmetrization (bosons) or  
antisymmetrization (fermions)

Slater determinant

⇒ **Qubit count:**  $M(d \log_2 L)$

For  $p_{\max}/p_{\min} = 10^5$  and  $d = 3$  we need  $\sim 50M$  qubits

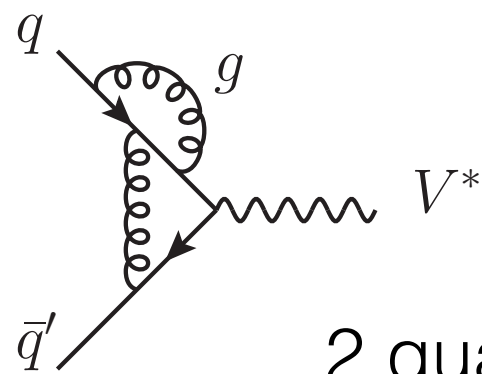


# How many particles do we need?

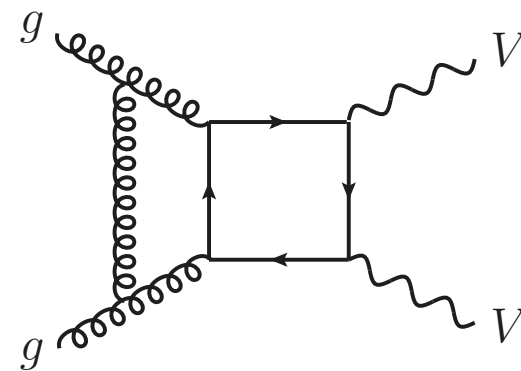
Diagram lines = particles.

For weak coupling,  $M \sim O(\text{order of equivalent perturbative calculation})$

Example:



2 quarks, 2 gluons, 1  $V$



2 quarks, 3 gluons, 2  $V$

→ Can include  $N^*LO$  contributions with moderate  $M$

Strong coupling: No prescription. Check convergence of observables as  $M \rightarrow \infty$

# Constructing field operators

$$a_p \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle = \sqrt{n_p} \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle$$

Annihilation operator de-occupies one slot..

$$a_q \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle = 0 \quad (q \notin \{p_j\}_j)$$

or annihilates the ket if no matching occupied slot exists.

$$a_q^\dagger \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle = \sqrt{n_q + 1} \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J q \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle$$

Creation operator fills one slot..

$$a_q^\dagger \mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_M\rangle = 0$$

or annihilates the ket if it is maximally filled.

All operators can be expressed with combinations of  $a$  and  $a^\dagger$

⇒ Figure out the implementation of  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $a$ , and  $a^\dagger$ !

# Proposed implementations

- Barata et al. (PRA 103, 2021)

$$\mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{P \in \text{perm}(M)} |P(p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega)\rangle$$

$$a_p^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_j a_p^{\dagger(j)} \quad \text{where } a_p^{\dagger(j)} \text{ creates a particle in register } j$$

Only for bosons



- Gálves-Viruet and Llanes-Estrada (arXiv 2406.03147)

$$\mathcal{S} |p_1 \dots p_J \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{P \in \text{perm}(J)} \sigma_P |P(p_1 \dots p_J) \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle$$

$$a_p^\dagger = \sum_j \mathcal{T}_{j \leftarrow (j-1)} a_p^{\dagger(j)} \quad \text{where } a_p^{\dagger(j)} \text{ creates a particle in register } j$$

and  $\mathcal{T}_{j \leftarrow (j-1)}$  is a “step (anti)symmetrizer”

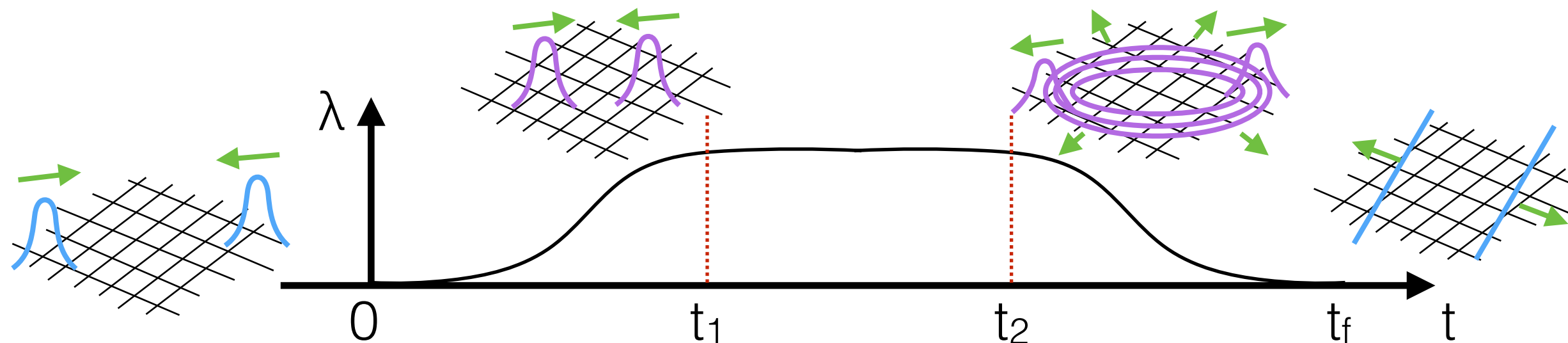
Sign of  $P$



# Event synopsis

Details in Barata et al.

- **State preparation** = Create wave packets  $\sum_{\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1} \Psi_0(\mathbf{p}_0) \Psi_1(\mathbf{p}_1) \mathcal{S} |\mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_1 \Omega \dots \Omega\rangle$
- **Evolution in three time windows**
  - $0 < t < t_1$ : Adiabatic transition to physical single-particle states  
 $H(t) = H_0 + f(t) H_I$  with  $f(0) = 0, f(t_1) = 1$
  - $t_1 < t < t_2$ : Evolution with full Hamiltonian  $e^{-iHt}$  (scattering)
  - $t_2 < t < t_f$ : Adiabatic transition to Fock final states
- **Measurement** → Each bit string corresponds to a Fock state





# Hamiltonian simulation

- Suzuki-Trotter decomposition (product formula)

$$\exp\left(-i\sum_k H_k \Delta t\right) = \prod_k \exp\left(-iH_k \Delta t\right) + \mathcal{O}\left((\epsilon \Delta t)^2\right)$$

$$\Delta t = t_f / N_{\text{step}}$$

Full Hamiltonian is very complex  
 → No quantum gate corresponding to  $e^{-iH\Delta t}$



Decompose into small parts  
 implementable with gates

Repeat  $\Delta t$  evolution for  $N_{\text{step}}$  times

- Block encoding of  $H$  + quantum signal processing

Embedding a non-unitary matrix in a larger unitary

Computation of a broad range of polynomials  $f(x)$  for a given  $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c(Ht) - is(Ht) & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix} \quad c, s: \text{polynomial approximations of cos \& sin}$$

# Biggest challenges

- Optimality of the encoding?  
Symmetrizers are complex & non-unitary. Any way around?
- How do we encode gauge symmetry?  
Gauge theory is not written in the language of particles..
- How do we select final states?  
A faithful LHC simulation will generate uninteresting events 99.999% of the time
- Circuit depth  
Interaction Hamiltonian requires  $O(L^d)$  gates per time step / poly degree

# Dev tool for particle-based quantization

```
universe = Universe(
    [
        FieldDefinition(r'\phi', spin=0, max_particles=4),
        FieldDefinition(r'\psi', spin=1, max_particles=4, quantum_numbers=[('Charge', 2)])
    ],
    spatial_dimension=2
)
```

✓ 0.0s

Python

```
universe.null_state()
```

✓ 0.0s

Python

$$[|\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle]_{\psi} \otimes [|\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle]_{\phi}$$

```
field = universe.fields[r'\psi']

px, py, qx, qy = symbols('p_x, p_y, q_x, q_y', integral=True)

apply_op(
    field.creation_op((px, py), spin=1, Charge=-1)
    * field.creation_op((qx, qy), spin=-1, Charge=1)
    * field.null_state()
)
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Python

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}|\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |q_x, q_y : -1; 1\rangle \otimes |p_x, p_y : 1; -1\rangle}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}|\Omega\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle \otimes |p_x, p_y : 1; -1\rangle \otimes |q_x, q_y : -1; 1\rangle}{2}$$


<https://github.com/yiiyama/pb2q>

Sympy-based toolkit for

- Algorithm dev & validation
- Numerical calculations
- Visualization

# Demonstration: ground state of $\phi^4$ theory

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} \left[ \pi(\mathbf{x})^2 + (\nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}))^2 + m^2 \phi(\mathbf{x})^2 + \delta_m \phi(\mathbf{x})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{12} \phi(\mathbf{x})^4 \right]$$

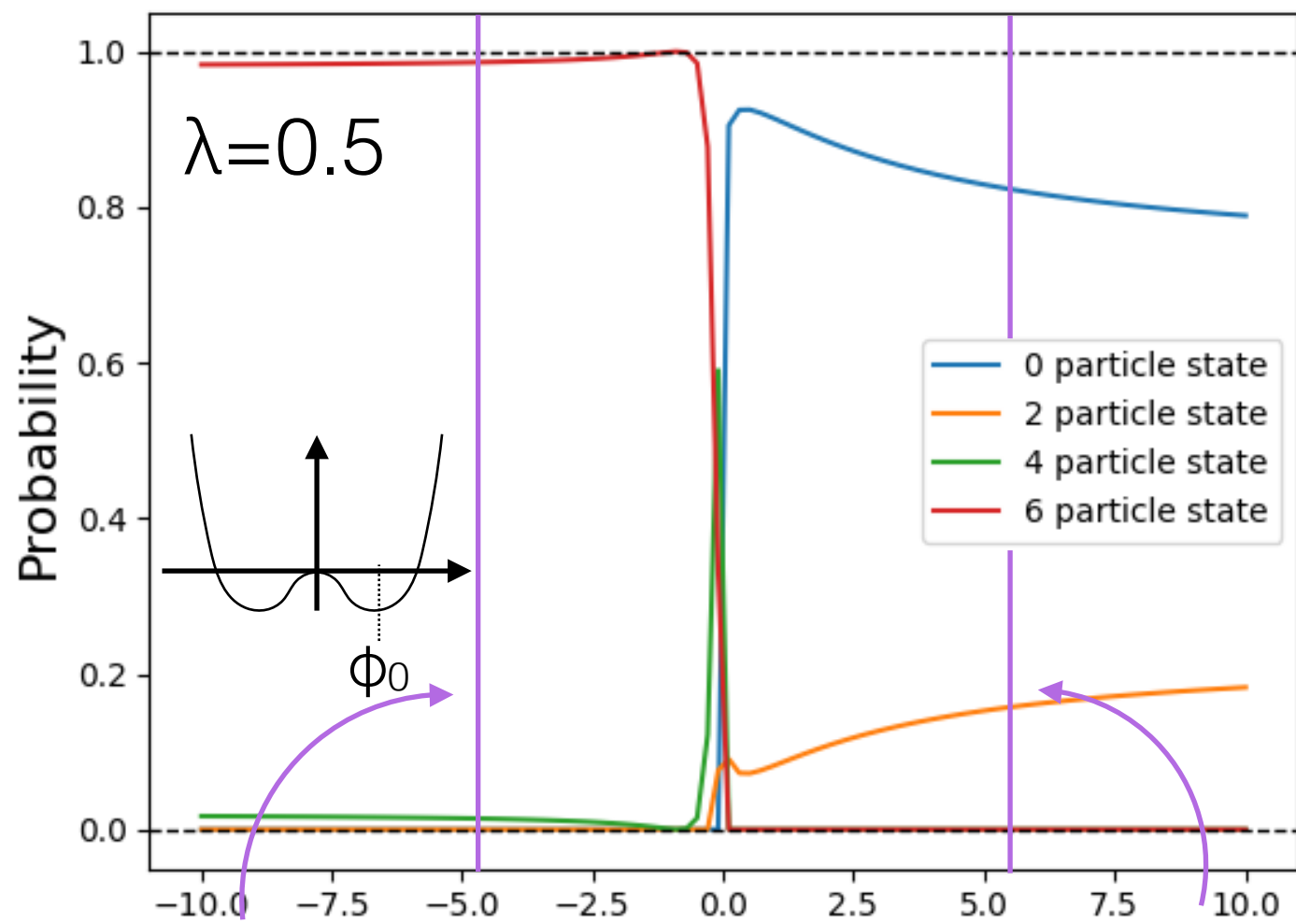
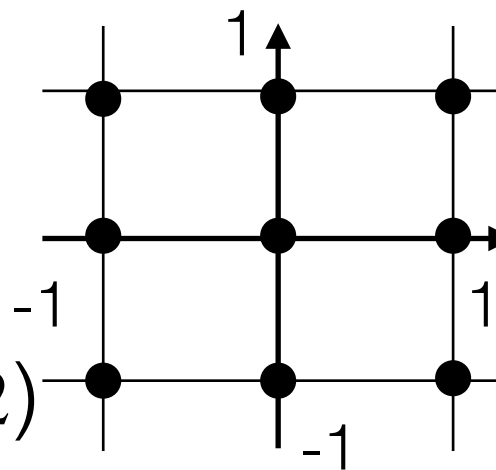
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discretized

6 particles

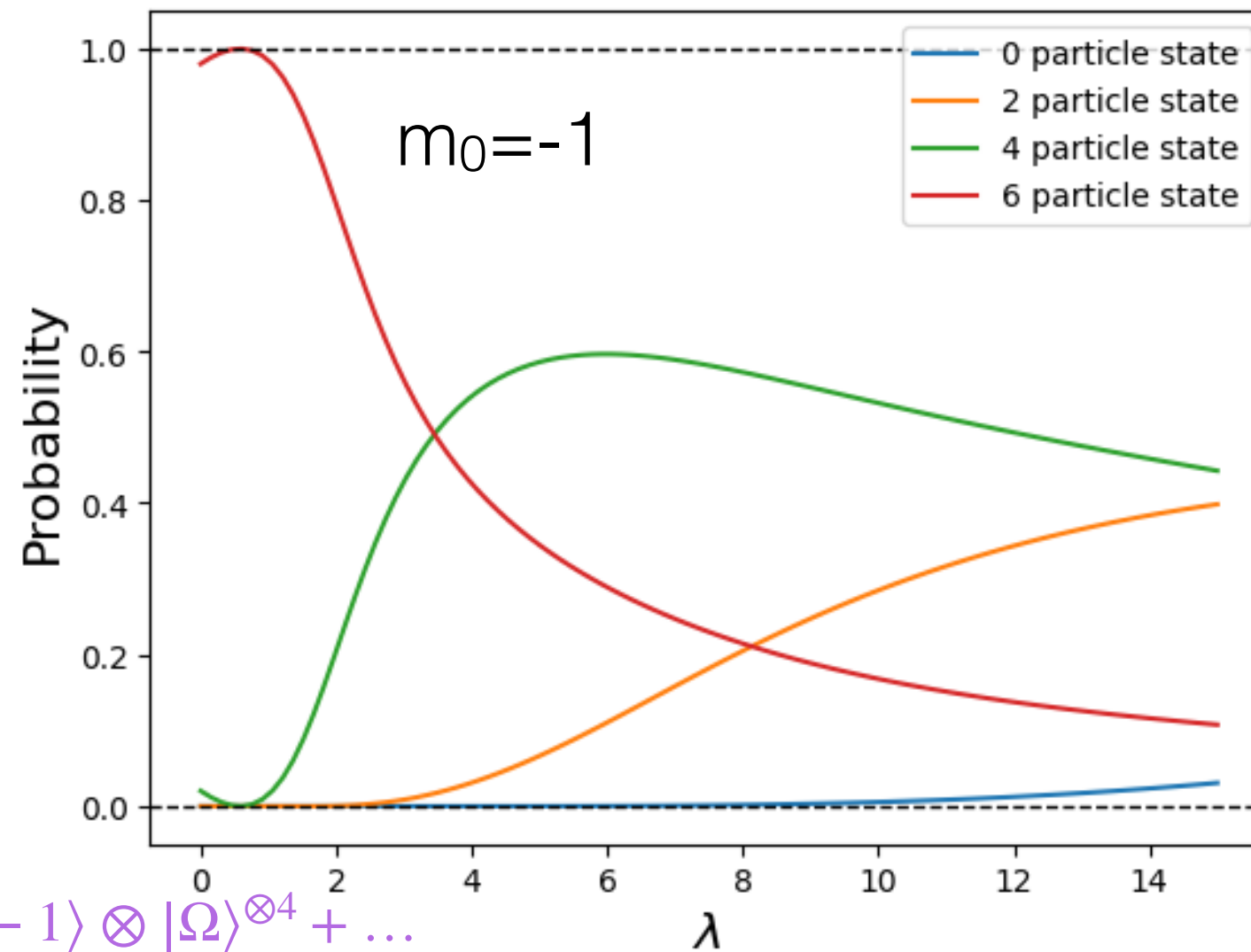
9 2D momenta

( $M = 6, L = 3, d = 2$ )



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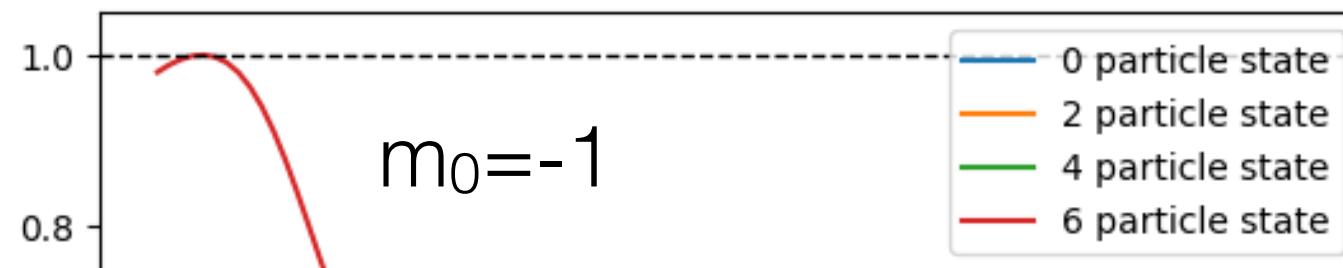
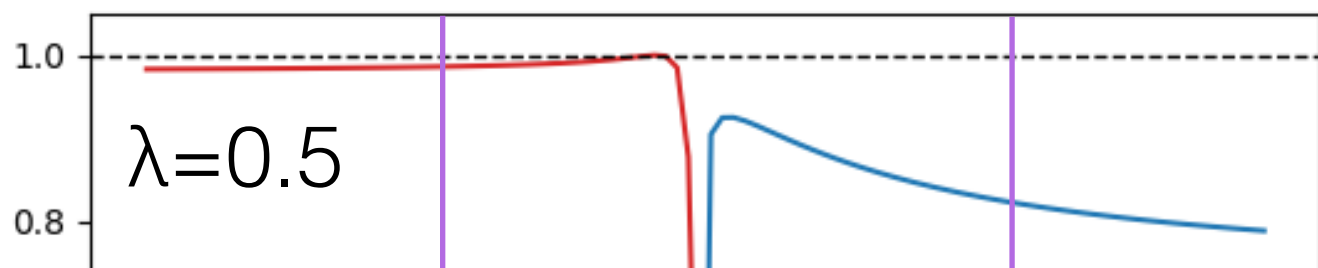
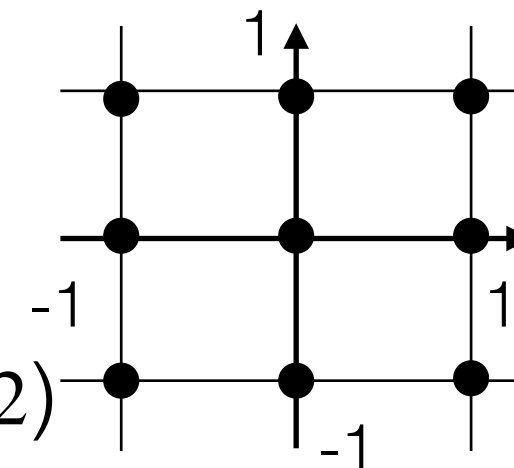
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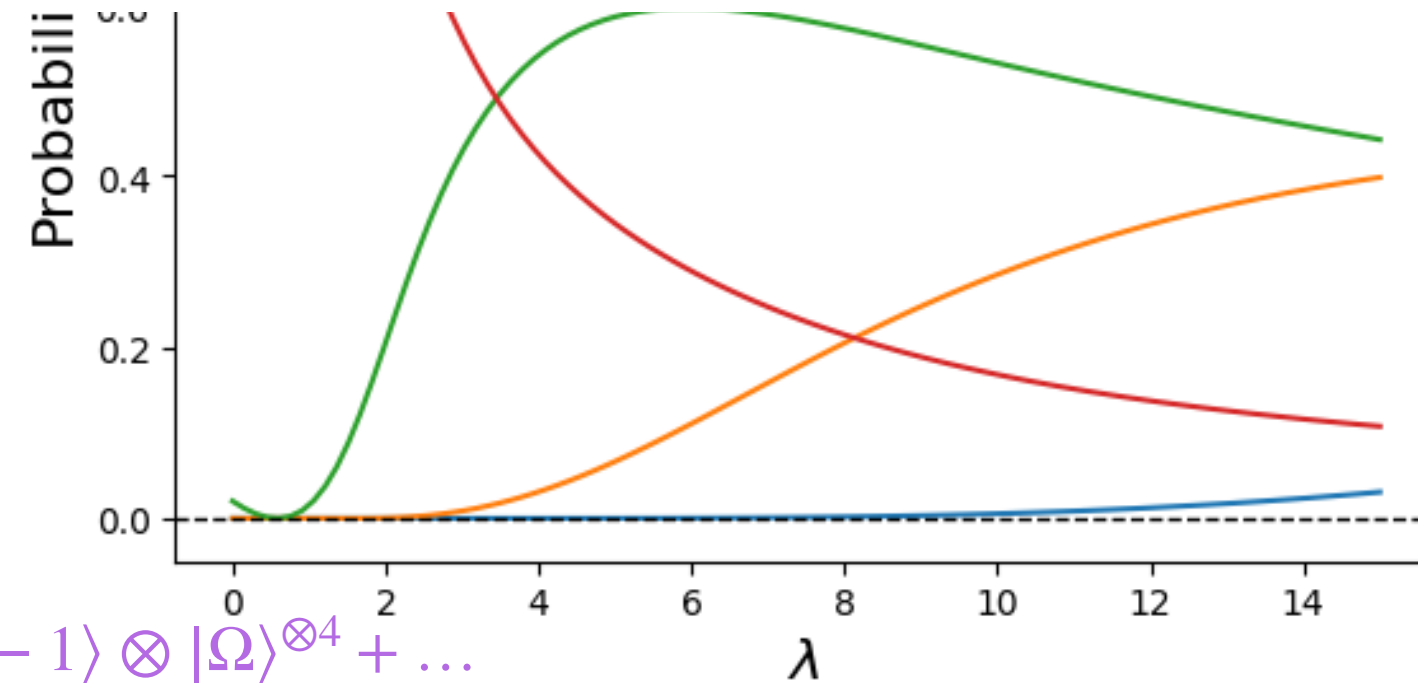
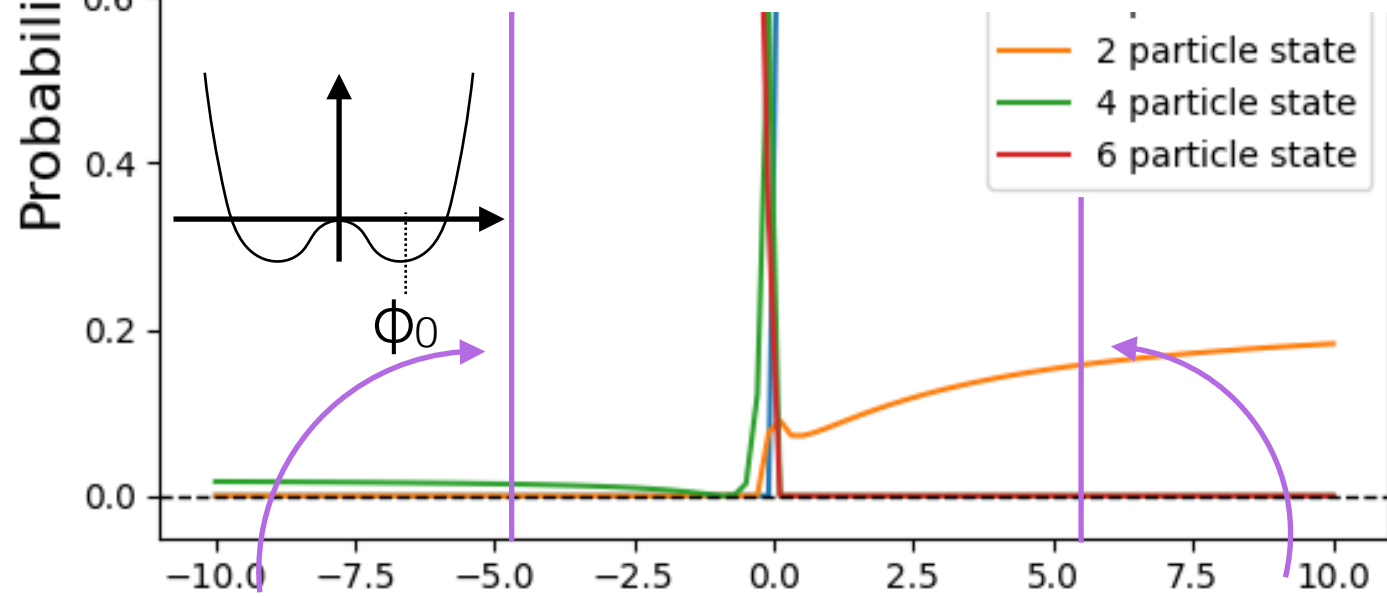
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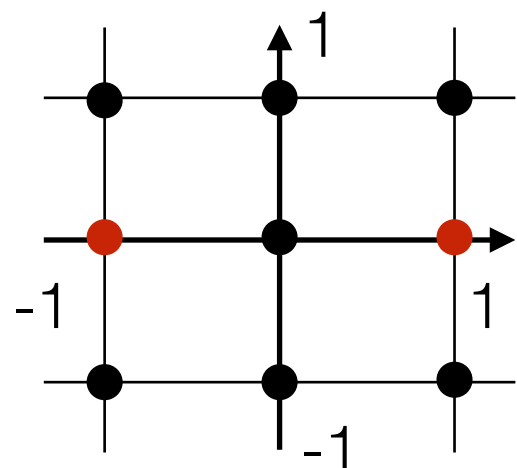
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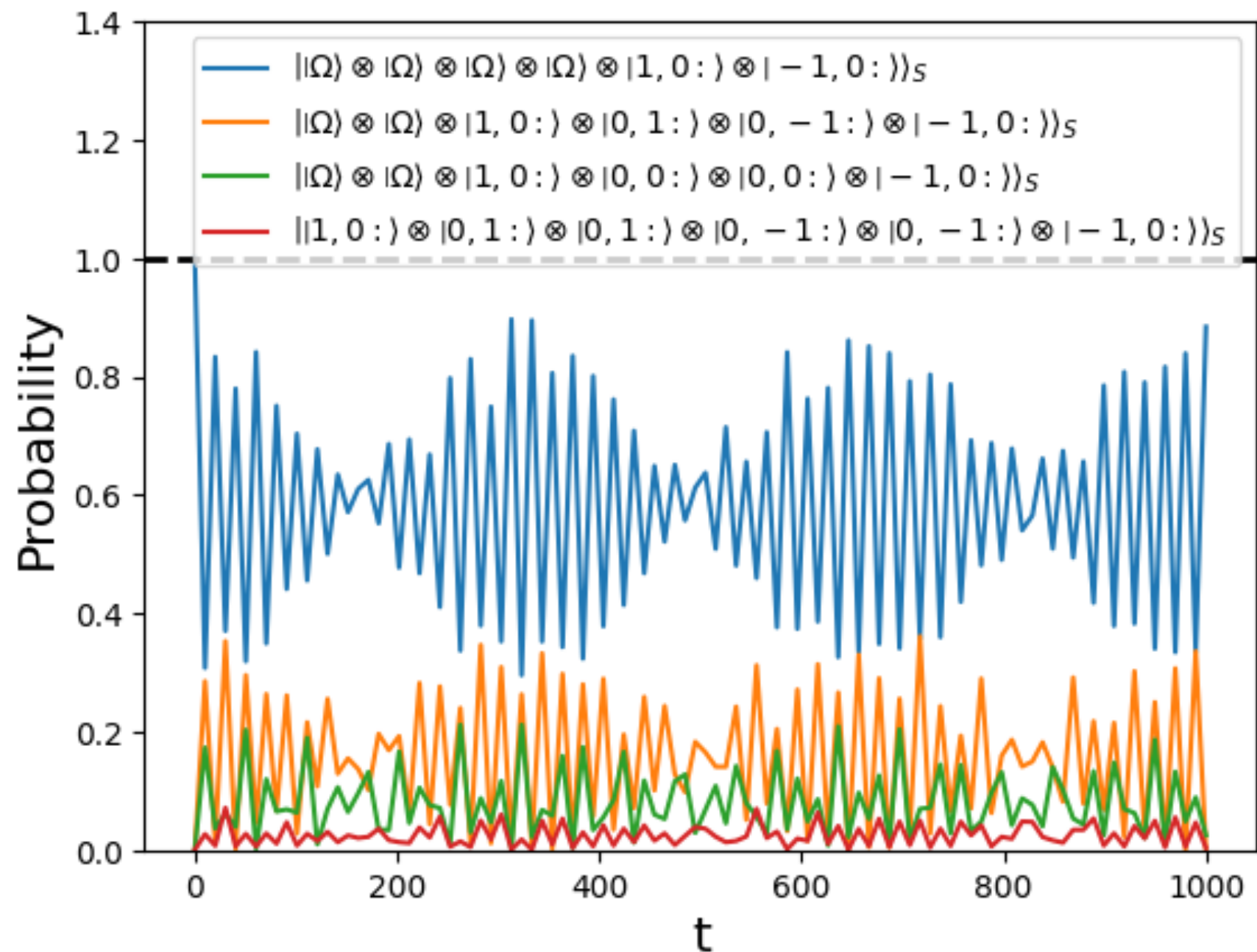
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# Demonstration: time evolution in $\phi^4$



- Initial state  $|1,0\rangle \otimes |-1,0\rangle \otimes |\Omega\rangle^{\otimes 4}$
- $\lambda=1$ ,  $m_0=0.1$
- Not performing adiabatic turn on / off  
 → Lattice too small to form wave packets



# Conclusion

- We can use quantum computers for real-time simulation of quantum fields
- Evolve an initial state and measure → quantum event generator
  - Can encompass  $N \times LO$  depending on truncation
  - No integration whatsoever
- Particle-based encoding uses realistic number of qubits
  - Is suitable for sparse problems → scattering
- Very early stage, still a lot to figure out
- **Let's build a quantum event generator together!**