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SIMULATION STRATEGIES: FEW QUESTIONS

Q1: What is the best breakdown of Hamiltonian term to H_i terms such that:

- i) each term can be simulated with the least resources,
- ii) the number of terms to be simulated is minimized,
- iii) the Trotter error is minimized,
- iv) as many symmetries as possible are retained?

We may not be able to simultaneously satisfy all these conditions so we need to seek a balance. The last condition may or may not matter!

Q2: How to simulate each e^{-itH_i} ? This amounts to:

- i) finding the unitary transformation that diagonalizes e^{-itH_i} in the computational basis, i.e., $e^{-itH_i} = \mathcal{U}_i e^{-it\mathcal{D}_i} \mathcal{U}_i^{\dagger}$.
- ii) circuitizing the unitary transformation \mathcal{U}_{i} ,
- iii) circuitizing the diagonal form $e^{-it\mathfrak{D}_i}$.

If e^{-itH_i} is already diagonal, steps i) and ii) are not needed.

Q3: What quantum resources should we minimize given those choices in the previous Qs?

- i) In the near-term scenario,
 - the hardware systems are small so the **less ancillary qubits** the better,
 - single-qubit gates are almost free but **two-qubit gates (CNOT)** are of low fidelity.
- ii) In the far-term scenario,
 - we likely do not have qubit-resource constraints,
 - compilation of all Clifford gates (including CNOT) is less costly but non-Clifford (T gates) have high fault-tolerant implementation cost.

Q4: Given all these consideration, which Hamiltonian formulation and basis states of the theory are most suitable? We may need to consider formulations that:

i) give the desired continuum physics faster with the least resources,

- ii) have the least encoding overhead,
- ii) have less complex terms,
- iii) respect more symmetries by construction.

We are not considering state preparation and measurements here, but those often enter our considerations of what is the most suitable formulation given the observable of interest.



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- iv) Finally...what we did not cover

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LET'S START SIMPLE: THE **FULLY FERMIONIC** REPRESENTATION WITH **FIRTS-ORDER** PRODUCT FORMULA.

$$H = x \sum_{x} \left[\sigma^{+}(x) \sigma^{-}(x+1) + \text{h.c.} \right] + \sum_{x} \left\{ \varepsilon_{0} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y=0}^{x} \left[\sigma^{z}(y) + (-1)^{y} \right] \right\}^{2} + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{x} (-1)^{x} \sigma^{z}(x)$$
$$= H^{x} + H^{ZZ} + H^{Z} \quad \text{or} \quad H^{(XX)} + H^{(YY)} + H^{ZZ} + H^{Z}$$

Two time orderings, one that respects the global charge conservation:

$$V_1(\delta t) = e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}^Z} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}^{ZZ}} \prod_{k=1}^{(N/2)-1} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}_{2k,2k+1}^x} \prod_{k=1}^{N/2} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}_{2k-1,2k}^x}$$

and one that breaks it!

$$V_1'(\delta t) = e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}^Z} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}^Z Z} \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}_{k,k+1}^{(YY)}} \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} e^{-i\delta t \,\hat{H}_{k,k+1}^{(XX)}}$$

and many more!



What is the global conserved charge in the Schwinger-model Hamiltonian? Why is one of the schemes in the previous slide conserves the global charge and the other does not?

- $R_{ij}^{zz} \equiv e^{-i\theta\sigma_i^z\sigma_j^z}$ can be implemented either directly (like in trapped ions) or by two CNOTs and one single-qubit rotation since $e^{-i\theta\sigma_i^z\sigma_j^z} = \text{CNOT}_{ij} R_i^z(\theta) \text{CNOT}_{ij}$.
- $e^{-i\theta\sigma_i^x\sigma_j^x}$ and $e^{-i\theta\sigma_i^y\sigma_j^y}$ can be implemented similarly by rotating to the eigenstates of σ^z .
- $e^{-i\theta\sigma_i^z}$ is already an elementary gate and can be applied directly.



Martinez et al, Nature 534, 516 EP (2016).





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NOW WHAT ABOUT **FERMIONIC-BOSONIC** REPRESENTATION WITH THE **SECOND-ORDER** PRODUCT FORMULA?

$$H = x \sum_{x} \left[\sigma^{+}(x)U(x)\sigma^{-}(x+1) + \text{h.c.} \right] + \sum_{x} E(x)^{2} + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{x} (-1)^{x} \sigma^{z}(x)$$

One can split the terms in the Hamiltonian as: Shaw, Lougovski, Stryker, Wiebe, Quantum 4, 306 (2020). $H = \sum_{x} (T_x + D_x)$, with $D_x := D_x^{(M)} + D_x^{(E)}$. $T_x := x \left(\frac{1}{4} (U_x + U_x^{\dagger}) (X_x X_{x+1} + Y_x Y_{x+1}) + \frac{i}{4} (U_x - U_x^{\dagger}) (X_x Y_{x+1} - Y_x X_{x+1}) \right)$ $D_x^{(M)} := \frac{\mu}{2} (-1)^x Z_x$ and $D_x^{(E)} := E_x^2$ and do the following ordering of the terms $V_2(t) = \prod_{x} \left(\prod_{k \in \{M,E\}} e^{-iD_x^{(k)}t/2} \prod_{j=1}^4 e^{-iT_x^{(j)}t/2} \right) e^{-iD_N^{(M)}t} \prod_{x} \left(\prod_{j=4}^1 e^{-iT_x^{(j)}t/2} \prod_{k \in \{E,M\}} e^{-iD_x^{(k)}t/2} \right)$

Example

This example concerns finding a quantum circuit for implementing

$$U^{(E)} = \prod_{i=1}^{N} U_i^{(E)} = e^{-it\sum_{i=1}^{N} E_i^2}$$

in the time-evolution of lattice Schwinger model in a near-term scenario that avoids introducing any ancilla qubits. Consider $E_i \in [-\Lambda, \Lambda]$ and encode the electric-field Hilbert space on each link *i* into $\eta \equiv \lceil \log_2(2\Lambda) + 1 \rceil$ qubits. Given this, find a circuit representation for $U_i^{(E)}$ in terms of only single-qubit rotations around the *z* axis of Bloch sphere as well as two-qubit CNOT gates. Verify your answer by explicitly working out a small example.

It is easy to show that the electric-field operator at each link acting on the computational (binary) basis is: Γ

$$E = -\Lambda \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{2} \left[(2^{\eta} - 1)\mathbb{I} - \sum_{j=0}^{\eta-1} 2^{j} \sigma_{j}^{z} \right]$$

Therefore,

$$E^{2} = \Lambda^{2} \mathbb{I} - \Lambda \left[(2^{\eta} - 1)\mathbb{I} - \sum_{j=0}^{\eta-1} 2^{j} \sigma_{j}^{z} \right] + \frac{1}{4} \left[(2^{\eta} - 1)^{2}\mathbb{I} - 2(2^{\eta} - 1) \sum_{j=0}^{\eta-1} 2^{j} \sigma_{j}^{z} + \sum_{j,j'=0}^{\eta-1} 2^{j+j'} \sigma_{j}^{z} \sigma_{j'}^{z} \right]$$

Consequently, the operator $U^{(E)}$ can be written as a product of $N\eta R^z$ rotations and $N\eta(\eta - 1)/2 R^{zz}$ rotations with rotation angles that can be read off from the expression above. Note that each R^{zz} gate amounts to two CNOT gates and one R^z gate.

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The previous example requires $O(N\eta^2)$ number of R^z gates, which are costly operations in the fault-tolerant regime as they need to be synthesized up to accuracy ϵ using roughly $\log(1/\epsilon)$ T gates. Can one reduce the R^z cost of electric-field evolution to $O(N\eta)$? The answer is yes, but at the cost of extra $O(\eta)$ ancillas that are, nonetheless, available in the fault-tolerant era. One such circuit can be constructed using the so-called phase-kickback routine. For each $U_i^{(E)}$:



The logical copy and multiplication routines are known circuits and overall cost $O(\eta^2)$ T gates. The ancilla qubits are reset in the end and can be used in the remainder of the circuit.



How do you implement arbitrary diagonal operator $e^{-it\mathcal{D}}$ in the computational basis? [Think about two examples: i) $\mathcal{D} |n\rangle = n |n\rangle$ and ii) $\mathcal{D} |n\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n-1}} |n\rangle$!]



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Explain the qubit and gate scalings of the second-order Trotter simulation of the lattice Schwinger model in both formulations, as given in the previous slide.

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Abelian vs. non-Abelian

Since we do not have the option of removing the gauge links generally, let us focus on the fermionic-bosonic formulations in the electric-field basis. So what are the major differences between simulating digitally Abelian and non-Abelian LGTs? Let is compare U(1) and SU(N) LGTs.

i) There are more degrees of freedom involved for SU(N) LGTs. For example, at each site, there are *N*-component fermions, and at each link there are multiple bosonic variables.

ii) As a result, there are more terms that need to be simulated, hence more complexity and generally more Trotter error.

iii) The diagnozalization procedure for hopping and magnetic terms generally follow the same rules but is more gate-intensive for SU(N).

iv) The diagonal operators in an Abelian theory like U(1) are trivial while for SU(N), they require evaluating phases that are non-trivial functions of bosonic occupation-number operators. These require expensive function-evaluation routines (in the E basis).

Algorithmic progress for U(1), SU(2), and SU(3) theories can be found in:

Shaw, Lougovski, Stryker, Wiebe, Quantum 4, 306 (2020). Ciavarella, Klco, and Savage, Phys. Rev. D 103, 094501 (2021). Kan and Nam, arXiv:2107.12769 [quant-ph]. ZD, Shaw, and Stryker, Quantum 7, 1213 (2023), Rhodes, Kreshchuk, Pathak, arXiv:2405.10416 [quant-ph]

What about th Quantum Chr e	e ultimate theory for us? omodynamics, a SU(3) LGT in 3+1 coupled to 6 flavors of quarks	10^3 lattice at fixed paramts.	
Kan and Nam:	 Kogut and Susskind in E basis, no Gauss-law implementation a priori Evaluates matrix elements quantumly Uses product formulas. Breaks all bosonic ladder ops. to even/odd space 	<i>O</i> (10 ⁵⁰) T gates	
ZD and Stryker:	 Kogut and Susskind in E basis, no Gauss-law implementation a priori Evaluates matrix elements quantumly Uses PFs. Breaks only some of the bosonic ladder ops. to even/odd space 	PRELIMINARY $O(10^{30})$ T gates	
Rhodes, Kreshchuk, Pathak	 Kogut and Susskind in E basis, no Gauss-law implementation a priori Uses QROM to access matrix elements evaluated calssically Uses block encoding of time evolution. No even-odd breaking. 	<i>O</i> (10 ²⁵) T gates	
Ciavarella, Klco, Savage:	 Kogut and Susskind in E basis, some Gauss-law implementation a priori Uses controlled operations to access matrix elements evaluated calssically Not a full algorithm in 3+1 D with error analysis 	-	
Lamm et al:	 Kogut and Susskind in U basis, no Gauss-law implementation a priori Matrix elements simple (no Clebsch–Gordan coeff. in this basis) Uses block encoding, no full error analysis for SU(3) subgroups yet 	- [For SU(2), <i>O</i> (10 ¹³) T gates]	
How far can we continue to improve? Will this problem become reasonably doable in the fault-tolerant era?			

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WHILE WE HAVE COVERED SOME BASICS, A LOT OF IMPORTANT TOPICS WERE LEFT OUT...

- A variety of Hamiltonian formulations of gauge theories and in various bases, systematic uncertainties, renormalization and continuum limit, etc.
- Detailed discussions of non-Abelian gauge theories and higher-dimensional models
- State-preparation strategies for in quantum (gauge) field theories including for thermal states
- The so-called near-optimal time-evolution algorithms beyond product formulas
- Observables, e.g., scattering amplitudes, transport coefficients, structure functions, nonequilibrium dynamics, thermodynamics
- Error correction and error mitigations, including in the context of quantum (gauge) field theories
- Quantum-hardware architecture and other analog and hybrid proposals for simulating gauge theories

For a review and perspective See Bauer, ZD, et al, "Quantum Simulation for High Energy Physics", PRX Quantum 4 (2023) 2, 027001. NONETHELESS, YOU MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY EQUIPPED NOW GIVEN THESE LECTURES TO START EXPLORING THIS EXCITING AND FASTLY-EVOLVING FIELD OF RESEARCH IF YOU DESIRE.

POST-LECTURE [TO CONCLUDE] QUANTUM SIMULATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES AND FORCES, WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

QUANTUM SIMULATION OF GAUGE FIELD THEORIES: A MULTI-PRONG EFFORT



Gauge-field theories (Abelian and r	on-Abelian) starting from the sen	ninal work of <mark>I</mark>	Kugot and Susskind:		
Group-element representation Zohar et al; Lamm et al	Prepotential formulation Mathur, Raychowdhury et al	Loop-String-Hadron basis Raychowdhury and Stryker			
Link models, qubitization Chandrasekharan, Wiese et al, Alexandru, Bedaque, et al.	Fermionic basis Hamer et al; Martinez et al; B	anuls et al	Bosonic basis Cirac and Zohar		
Light-front quantization Kreshchuk, Love, Goldstien, Vary et al.; Ortega at al	Local irreducible represen Byrnes and Yamamoto; Ciavarella, Klco, and Sava	itations ge	Manifold lattices Buser et al		
Dual plaquette (magnetic) Bender, Zohar et al; Kaplan Yockey; Hasse et al; Bauer	and Styker; Unmuth- And Grabowska	Spin-dual representation Mathur et al			
Scalar field theory					
Field basisContinuous-variable basisJordan, Lee, and PreskillPooser, Siopsis et al					
Harmonic-oscillator basisSingle-particle basisKlco and SavageBarata , Mueller, Tarasov, and Venugopalan.					

DIGITAL COMPUTATIONS OF ABELIAN LGTs





FIRST STEPS TOWARD HADRONIC WAVEPACKETS FOR COLLISION PROCESSES



Hadron wavepacket in the Z_2 gauge theory (12 staggered sites with Quantinuum, minimal noise mitigation):



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We've got a long way to fully and reliably simulate **the Standard Model** but we know what to do! **Theory/algorithm/experiment** collaborations will be the key. It is even more important in the quantum-computing era since our computers are themselves physical systems! This is an active field with lots to work on and develop! It is time to get involved if you are interested!



