Modeling final state radiation on a quantum computer

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What can be a proxy system?

...any quantum system, like a collection of spins.





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In this setup, the possibilities are endless; the key is efficiency.





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classical computing in the 1960's

quantum computing now



A **qubit** is an abstract representation of a quantum system that can be in a superposition of two states (often thought of as a spin)

The best quantum computers have O(10) **qubits** with O(1) connections per qubit and can stay coherent for O(1000) operations.



This is one of IBM's 20-qubit quantum computers. Lines represent connections.











Initialize in the ground state.





Apply unitary matrix U_1 to the third qubit





Apply unitary matrix U_2 to the second qubit when the third is 0, else apply U_3 .





Apply unitary matrix U_4 to both the first and second quits when the third is 0.





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CNOT "controlled not"

There is no compiler ... need to do circuit decomposition by hand (!)

*Some computers are starting to have other basic operations, like the SWAP.

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Circuit implementation is architecture-dependent need to know what connections are available

(can swap, but cannot copy ("clone") qubits!)



Challenges with current computers



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Most importantly: current quantum computers are **super noisy**. Need to minimize number of operations.

Caveats aside, there is a good reason to be excited.

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Why is this more challenging than e.g. quantum chemistry? (the "early" scientific adapter of QC)

→ Continuous degrees of freedom (every spacetime point)
+ discrete and continuous quantum numbers.

Two traditional approaches:



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Simulation at the Large Hadron Collider: length scales from 10⁻²⁰ m to 1 m (!)

...only possible because of the Markov Property: physics at different scales **factorizes**



Step 1: "Hard scatter"

very hard for lattice methods because high energy = fine grid



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Step 5: Detector sim.


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"Quantum effects" for matching



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W boson → two jets of hadrons

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To drive the point home here is an observable where we can't distinguish between entanglement turned "on" and "off".

How much the radiation from one jet "leans" toward the other.

Final state radiation is a complex many-body quantum system.

Perhaps quantum tools can be used to incorporate quantum degrees of freedom!



Lines: quarks; curls: gluons; colors: quantum numbers

Let's think of a parton shower like a tree.

Discretize "time".

At each "time", a particle can radiate (go left) or not radiate (go right).

N.B. not a quantum random walk: leaf = history is observable!

Markov chain of amplitudes: $A_{\text{leaf}} = \prod_{n=1}^{N} A_{\lambda_n}(n)$ Solved by a classical MCMC $\lambda \in \{L, R\}^N$





Whet your appetite

Let's think of a parton shower like a tree.

Discretize "time".

At each "time", a particle can flip spin (flip trees) and radiate (go left) or not radiate (go right).

$$A_{s_0,s_N} = \sum_{\substack{\vec{s}' \in \{\downarrow,\uparrow\}^N \\ s'_0 = s_0, s'_N = s_N}} \prod_{n=1}^N A_{\lambda_n}^{s'_{n-1},s'_n}(n)$$



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Interference from summing over intermediate spins!

Quantum solution to interfering trees



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Linear-time quantum circuit with one qubit / step + 1 qubit for the spin.

Results with a quantum simulator



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(like the SM Higgs when $g_{12} \sim m/v$ and $g_1=g_2=0$)



The quantum circuit





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The quantum circuit - U_e (e = emit)

$$U_{e}^{(m)} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \sqrt{\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} & -\sqrt{1-\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} \\ \sqrt{\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} & \sqrt{\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Delta_{i}(\theta_{m}, \theta_{m+1}) = e^{-\Delta\theta P_{i}(\theta_{m})}$$
(Sudakov factor)
$$\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m}) = \Delta_{\phi}^{n_{\phi}}(\theta_{m})\Delta_{f_{1}}^{n_{f_{1}}}(\theta_{m})\Delta_{f_{2}}^{n_{f_{2}}}(\theta_{m})$$
This is just one part of the circuit that calculates the no emission amplitudes
$$|e| \qquad U_{e}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{1-\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} + \frac{1}{1-\Delta^{(m)}(\theta_{m})} +$$

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The circuit without scalar splitting



In words: rotate to the basis where there is no interference, "emit" scalars (at the **amplitude** level), and then rotate back to the physical basis at the end.

This is exactly the interfering trees circuit !

The circuit without scalar splitting



Note: $|\phi_i\rangle$ is not touched after timestep i and so one can **reuse qubits** ... only need 2 total qubits (!)

Fine print: (1) re-measurement is not a feature of most current quantum computers and (2) this led us to a classical algorithm that can capture the full interference effects (but is not standard MCMC).

Numerical results



The predictions / simulations are realized on a real quantum computer!

Classical: exponential Naive quantum: 5th order Optimized quantum: 3rd

angle of maximum emission



The fine print



Results "out of the box" do not look this good. We optimized the nodes on the quantum computer and performed **readout error** and **gate error** corrections.

In the remaining slides, I'll give you a taste of ongoing work in improving these corrections.

Readout error corrections

Qiskit Simulator IBM Q Johannesburg Readout Errors

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Pr(Measured | True) [%]



On a quantum computer, the state may be 1 but readout as a 0, etc.

For n qubits, there is a $2^{n} \times 2^{n}$ transition matrix.

HEP has proposed many solutions to this problem!

> ...and we call them unfolding

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Readout error corrections



I have proposed to use HEP unfolding techniques to correct quantum computer readout errors.

→ Circumvent known pathologies with more naïve methods (!)

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Naïve inversion IBM standard HEP standard





state

We are still actively developing methods to reduce readout errors.

For example, note that $Pr(1 \rightarrow 0) > Pr(0 \rightarrow 1)$. One can apply a simple "rebalancing" in order to improve precision.



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More on readout errors



One common technique is Zero Noise Extrapolation

Idea: replace each CNOT by 2n+1 CNOTs. This doesn't change the answer without noise, but systematically increases the noise. Then, extrapolate to zero noise.



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New idea: promote n_i to a **random variable**. Instead of replacing every CNOT deterministically, randomly replace.



A. He, **BPN**, W. de Jong, C. Bauer, PRA 102 (2020) 012426

Circuit with *N* noisy gates: traditional method needs (*n+1*) *x N* additional gates

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Random method only needs *n+1* additional gates (!)





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Software-hardware interface

- Custom operations
 - Resetting qubits, repeated operations, qudits
- QFT-tailored hardware
 - Optimal lattice



The future

There is a long road ahead, but quantum algorithms are very promising for modeling high energy scattering processes.

At the same time, we can use our experience in experimental/ theoretical HEP to contribute to quantum computing **in general**.

The field of QIS is rapidly advancing and there are growing connections between experiment, theory, instrumentation, and computing.









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Pioneering work by Preskill & collaborators (Science 336 (2012) 1130).

Number of quantum gates to reach precision e in d+1 dimensions

$$\sim \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{1.5+o(1)}, & d=1, \\ \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{2.376+o(1)}, & d=2, \\ \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{3.564+o(1)}, & d=3. \end{cases}$$

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{x}\in\Omega} a^d \left[\frac{1}{2} \pi(\mathbf{x})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_a \phi)^2(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} m_0^2 \phi(\mathbf{x})^2 + \frac{\lambda_0}{4!} \phi(\mathbf{x})^4 \right]$$

This (and subsequent) work is more about formal scaling properties actual number of qubits is too large to make practical calculations yet.

For a great perspective piece, see Preskill's recent Lattice2018 talk:1811.10085
Lattice QFT with a Quantum Computer



This is the 1+1 Schwinger model; calculating the probability of finding an e⁺e⁻ pair from the vacuum.

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r = "noise ratio"; for r > 1, add extra CNOTs that correspond to the identity operation.

Recent progress by simplifying the problem has led to actual calculations of dynamics on a quantum computer!

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R. Hicks, C. Bauer, **BPN**, arXiv:2010.tomorrow

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