

Formal and algorithmic developments for quantum-simulating non-Abelian and higher-dimensional gauge theories

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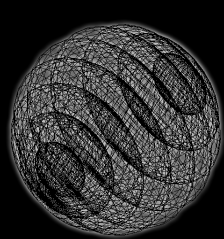
Checklist for quantum simulation of QCD

- Digital quantum simulation (DQS) of lattice QCD requires protocols for...
 - initial state preparation
 - time evolution
 - observable measurement
- Error quantification
- Here, lattice QCD means...
 - $SU(3)$ interactions
 - ≥ 2 quark flavors
 - 3D spatial lattice
- First-principles framework: Hamiltonian (non-Abelian) lattice gauge theory

Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory

- Temporal gauge, continuous-time limit $\rightarrow$ Kogut-Susskind Hamiltonian formulation
- Gauge fields on spatial links with on-link Hilbert spaces
- E.g., SU(2)

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$$\langle g | j, m, m' \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{d_j}{|G|}} D_{m, m'}^{(j)}(g)$$

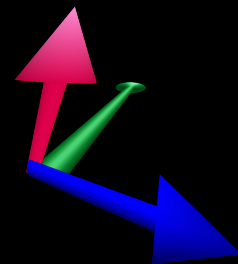
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element
basis

irrep
basis

Gauge transformations: $\hat{U}_{n,i} \rightarrow \Omega_n \hat{U}_{n,i} \Omega_{n+e_i}^\dagger$

- Rotations from the left (Ω_n) and right (Ω_{n+e_i}) are generated by “left” and “right” electric fields

Left and right electric fields each have color-charge components, in addition to spatial components



$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{E}_{L/R}^\alpha, \hat{E}_{L/R}^\beta] &= i f^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \hat{E}_{L/R}^\gamma \\ [\hat{E}_R^\alpha, \hat{U}_{mm'}] &= (\hat{U} T^\alpha)_{mm'} \\ [\hat{E}_L^\alpha, \hat{U}_{mm'}] &= -(T^\alpha \hat{U})_{mm'} \\ [\hat{U}_{mm'}, \hat{U}_{ll'}] &= [\hat{U}_{mm'}, \hat{U}_{ll'}^\dagger] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

canonical commutation relations for a link

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Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory

Plus Gauss law constraints

U(1)

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - \rho = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_n$$

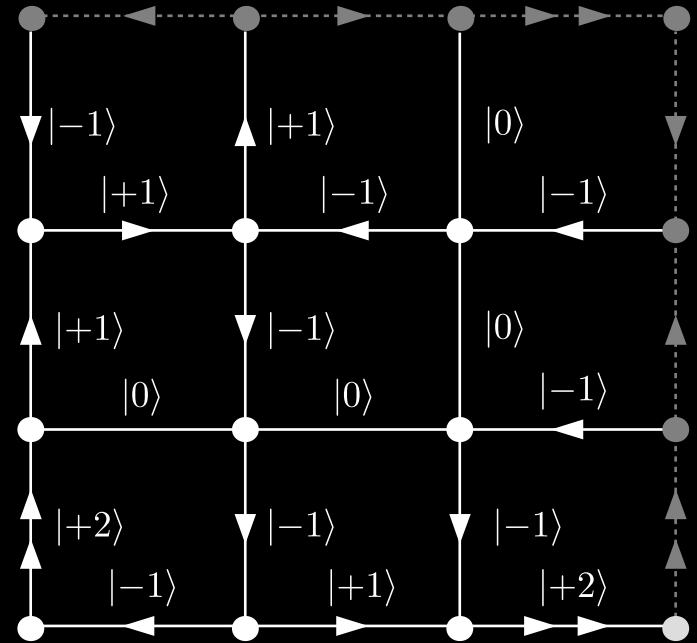
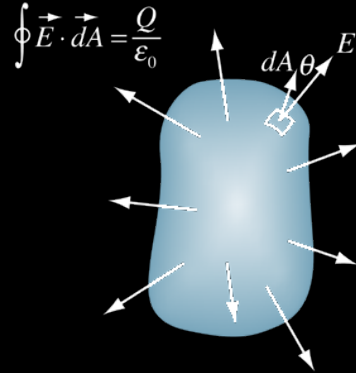
$$\rho = \psi^\dagger \psi$$

SU(N)

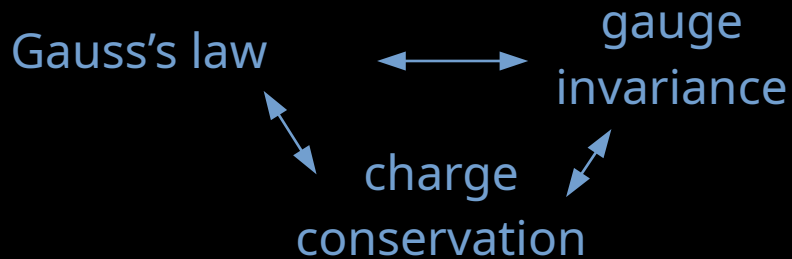
$$\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}^a - \rho^a = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_n^a$$

$$\rho^a = \psi^\dagger T^a \psi$$



compact U(1)
electric eigenbasis



Formulations & bases

- Hamiltonian lattice gauge theories seem to enjoy lots of different formulations
- Hamiltonian “formulation” meaning... *
- set of degrees of freedom - usually local
- set of fields used to construct Hamiltonian/observables
- algebraic (commutation) relations
- constraints
- (optional truncation scheme)

* my current working definition of formulation; subject to refinement!



Formulations & bases

- Formulation $\neq$ basis
 - But: Some formulations are often associated with or defined w.r.t. a particular basis
 - Colloquially, different bases are at times called different “formulations” too...
- A formulation isn’t intrinsically tied to a particular Hamiltonian either – different choices are possible!
 - In practice, there usually is an implicit or explicit choice
 - Can’t really do much with a formulation until at least one Hamiltonian has been spelled out
- All bases in use (known to me) are either electric or magnetic

Formulations & bases: Examples

- Kogut-Susskind formulation
 - Irrep/"angular momentum" basis
Byrnes, Yamamoto, Zohar, Burrello, et al.
 - Group-element basis *Zohar, NuQS collab., et al.*
- Gauge magnets/quantum link models
Wiese, Chandrasekharan, et al.
- Tensor lattice field theory
Meurice, Sakai, Unmuth-Yockey, et al.
- Dual/rotor formulations *Kaplan, JRS, Haase, Dellantonio, et al., Bauer, Grabowska, Kane*
- Casimir variables / "local-multiplet basis"
Klco, Savage, JRS, Ciavarella
- Purely fermionic formulations (1+1D & OBC)
Muschik, Atas, Zhang, IQUS@UW group, Powell, et al.
- Prepotential/Schwinger boson formulations
Mathur, Anishetty, Raychowdhury, et al.
- Loop-string-hadron formulation
Raychowdhury, JRS, Davoudi, Shaw, Dasgupta, Kadam
- Light-front formulation
Kreshchuk, Kirby, Love, Yao, et al.
- Qubit models *Chandrasekharan, Singh, et al.*
- q -deformed Kogut-Susskind
Zache, González-Cuadra, Zoller
- Scalar field theory...
 - Harmonic oscillator basis
Klco & Savage
 - Single-particle basis
Barata, Mueller, Tarasov, Venugopalan
 - Future gauge-field generalizations??

Choice of basis

Most common basis choice: **Electric/irrep**

Electric-basis pros

- States naturally discretized (for compact Lie groups)
- Gauss's law a function of electric fields
- Natural “UV” truncation scheme
- Easily translates to truncating operators

Electric-basis cons

- Better-suited to strong coupling (opposite of continuum QCD)
- Many off-diagonal operators in 3+1 Hamiltonian

Electric truncation

- Lie group Hilbert spaces are locally infinite-dimensional
- Digital quantum simulation requires truncations
 - Common choices: Finite subgroups, electric cutoff on irreps

Provably accurate simulation of gauge theories and bosonic systems

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April 4th, 2022

- Tong et al., '22:
 - formal analysis on error in time evolution operator
 - U(1) and SU(2) LGTs considered
 - Find: For fixed error ε and lattice parameters, required electric cutoff grows at worst linearly in time T and $\text{polylog}(1/\varepsilon)$



Choice of basis

Group-element basis pros

- Link operators are diagonalized
- No Clebsch-Gordon coefficients
- Well-suited for weak-coupling limit



A detail of Spinoza monument in Amsterdam. © Dmitry Feichtner-Kozlov

Group-element basis cons

- Limited number of regular subgroups for $SU(N)$
 - Limited “resolution” with subgroups
 - 120 elements for $SU(2)$
 - 1080 for $SU(3)$ [NuQS collab.]
- Subsets generally do not preserve gauge symmetry
- Electric fields become tricky

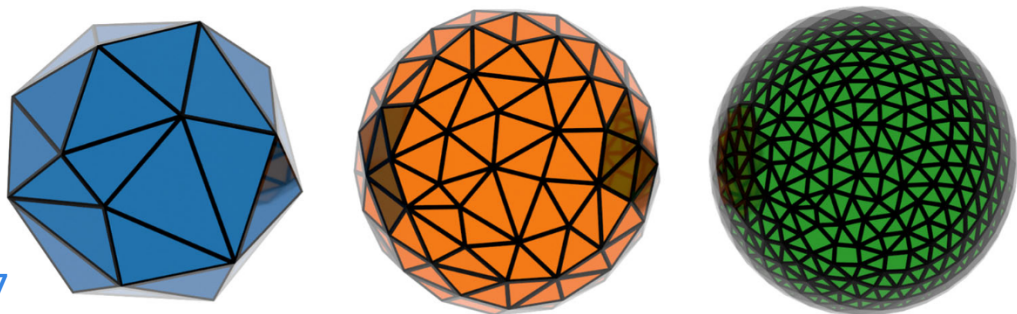
Choice of basis

- $E^\alpha E^\alpha$ is Laplace-Beltrami differential operator on the group manifold
- How to define derivatives on a subgroup or discrete subset? How to preserve gauge invariance?
- Only recently has this question been taken up by some groups in the context of quantum simulation

Jakobs, Garofalo, et al.
2304.02322
Mariani, Pradhan, and Ercolessi.
[2301.12224]
Ji, Lamm, and Ju.
Phys. Rev. D 102, 114513 (2020)

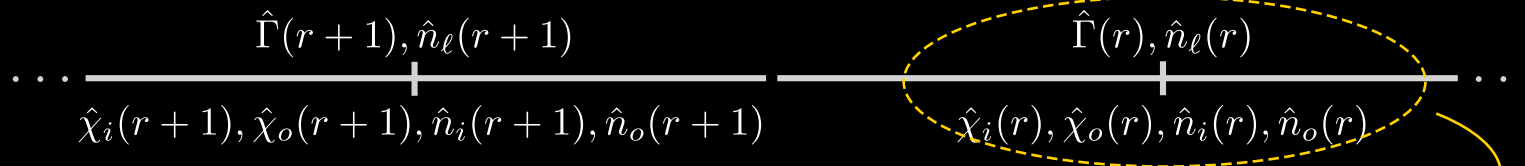
Fig. 1 Fibonacci lattices on S_2 with 20 (blue), 100 (orange) and 500 (green) vertices

Figure by
Hartung, Jakobs, Jansen,
Ostmeyer, and Urbach.
[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2022\) 82:237](#)

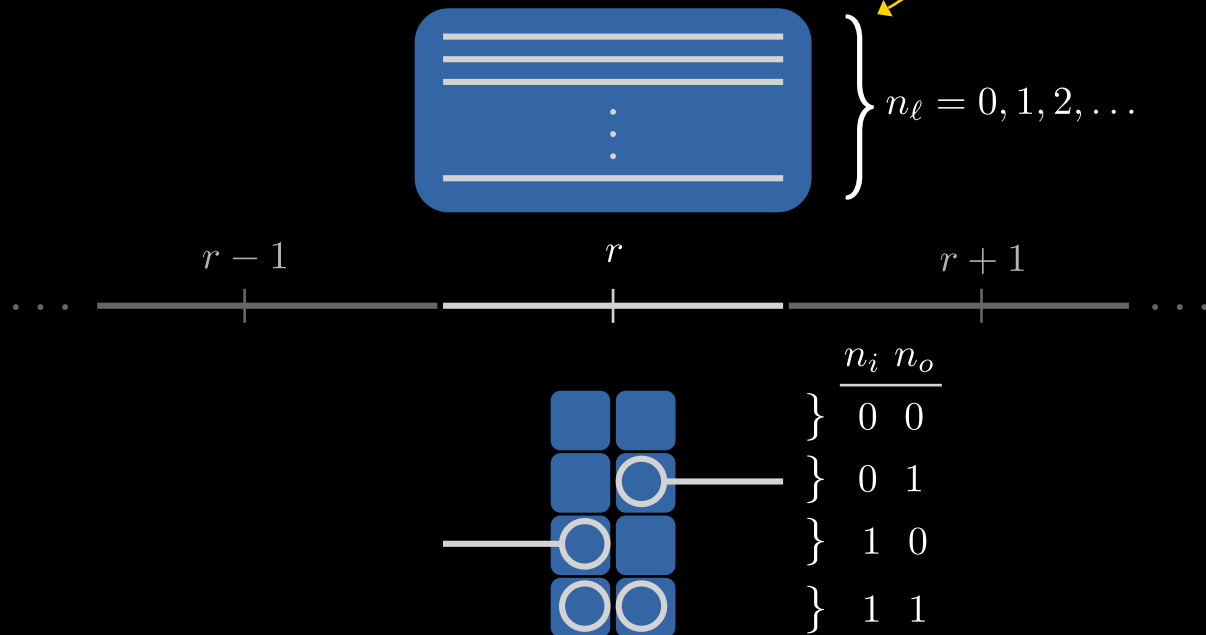


Loop-string-hadron formulations

Raychowdhury & Stryker,
PRD '20



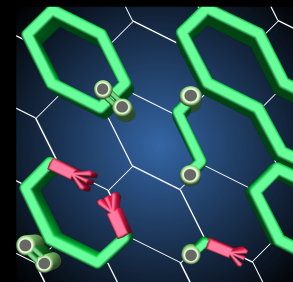
Loop-string-hadron formulation is derived from Schwinger-boson formulation but uses fewer bosonic DOFs per site. Elementary fields are strictly SU(2) invariant



Loop-string-hadron formulations

LSH operators define an SU(2)-singlet basis

- Take a reference state, e.g., 0 flux & 0 fermions
- Act locally with any product of LSH operators
- Result is SU(2)-invariant



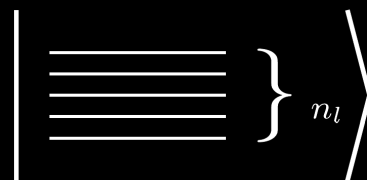
LSH states subject to "Abelian Gauss law"

$$||n_l, n_i = 0, n_o = 0\rangle \equiv (\mathcal{L}^{++})^{n_l}|0\rangle$$

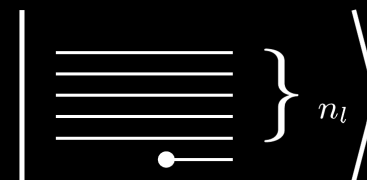
$$||n_l, n_i = 0, n_o = 1\rangle \equiv (\mathcal{L}^{++})^{n_l}\mathcal{S}_{\text{out}}^{++}|0\rangle$$

$$||n_l, n_i = 1, n_o = 0\rangle \equiv (\mathcal{L}^{++})^{n_l}\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}}^{++}|0\rangle$$

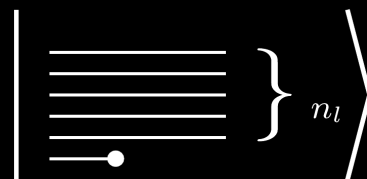
$$||n_l, n_i = 1, n_o = 1\rangle \equiv (\mathcal{L}^{++})^{n_l}\mathcal{H}^{++}|0\rangle$$



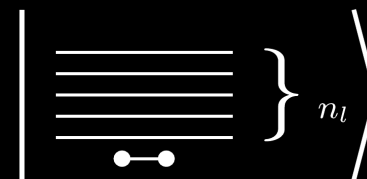
$$n_i = 0, n_o = 0$$



$$n_i = 0, n_o = 1$$



$$n_i = 1, n_o = 0$$



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$$\mathcal{N}_\psi = \mathcal{N}_i + \mathcal{N}_o$$

$$\mathcal{N}_L = \mathcal{N}_l + \mathcal{N}_o(1 - \mathcal{N}_i)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_R = \mathcal{N}_l + \mathcal{N}_i(1 - \mathcal{N}_o)$$

SU(2) LSH & quantum computation

Hamiltonian in operator-factorized form is the input for developing simulation algorithms

Advantages

- All constraints are *Abelian*
 - Simultaneously diagonalizable
 - LSH basis states are individually definitely allowed or definitely unallowed, unlike other formulations
- Hilbert space structure is far simpler than $|jmm\rangle$ states
- Hamiltonian structure looks more similar to U(1)
- Clebsch-Gordons recast as SHO scaling factors
- First SU(2) physicality quantum circuits constructed (Raychowdhury & JS 2020)



SU(2) LSH & quantum computation

- Circuits for LSH constraints, in any number of dimensions, are worked out in detail
- Speedups likely needed to make possible in NISQ era

Potential LSH drawbacks:

- H_B in $d>1$ has **many** terms
- Can cost more qubits in $d>1$

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Solving Gauss's law on digital quantum computers with loop-string-hadron digitization

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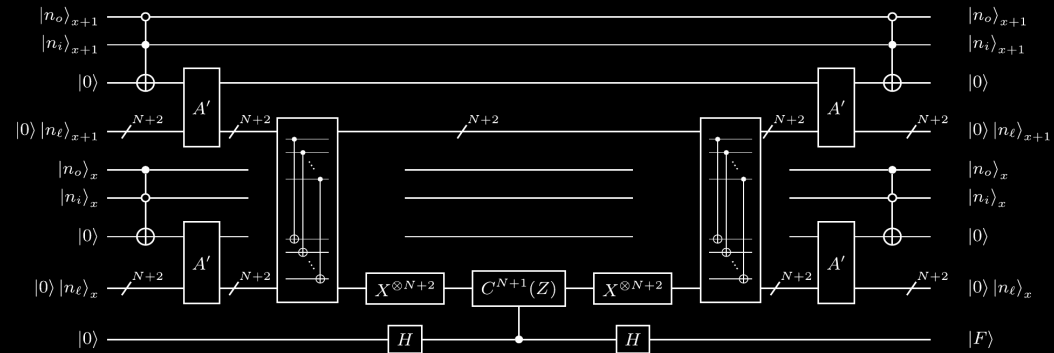
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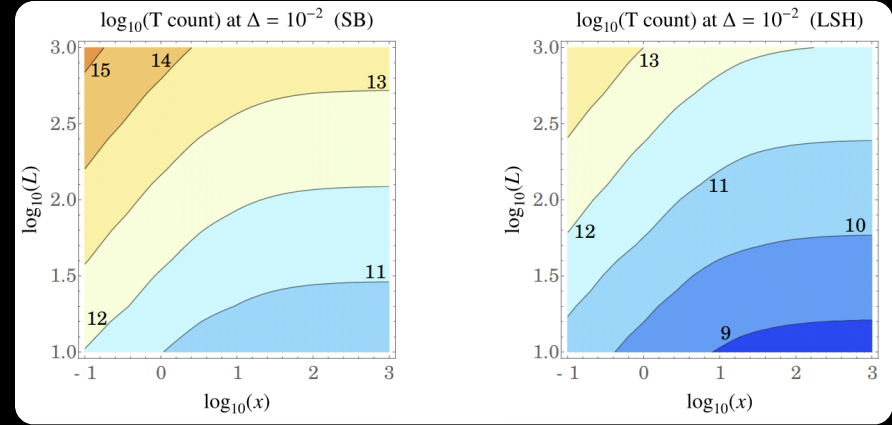
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We show that using the loop-string-hadron (LSH) formulation of SU(2) lattice gauge theory (I. Raychowdhury and J. R. Stryker, *Phys. Rev. D* **101**, 114502 (2020)) as a basis for digital quantum computation easily solves an important problem of fundamental interest: implementing gauge invariance (or Gauss's law) exactly. We first



1+1 SU(2): LSH vs Schwinger bosons

x	η	L	t/a_s	Δ	$\alpha_{\text{Trot.}}$	$\alpha_{\text{Newt.}}$	Schwinger bosons		LSH	
							Qubits	T gates	Qubits	T gates
1	4	100	1	0.01	90%	9%	2626	8.19713×10^{11}	1319	3.91817×10^{10}
1	4	100	1	0.001	90%	9%	2704	3.09951×10^{12}	1397	1.5172×10^{11}
1	4	100	10	0.01	90%	9%	2704	3.0993×10^{13}	1397	1.51643×10^{12}
1	4	100	10	0.001	90%	9%	2808	1.2146×10^{14}	1475	5.76229×10^{12}
1	4	1000	1	0.01	90%	9%	18904	3.12769×10^{13}	6797	1.53099×10^{12}
1	4	1000	1	0.001	90%	9%	19008	1.22564×10^{14}	6875	5.81562×10^{12}
1	4	1000	10	0.01	90%	9%	19008	1.22564×10^{15}	6875	5.81468×10^{13}
1	4	1000	10	0.001	90%	9%	19086	4.48657×10^{15}	6979	2.29217×10^{14}
1	8	100	1	0.01	90%	9%	4398	5.79224×10^{12}	1807	2.72735×10^{11}
1	8	100	1	0.001	90%	9%	4476	2.1482×10^{13}	1885	1.03709×10^{12}
1	8	100	10	0.01	90%	9%	4476	2.14816×10^{14}	1885	1.03705×10^{13}
1	8	100	10	0.001	90%	9%	4580	8.22615×10^{14}	1963	3.87886×10^{13}
1	8	1000	1	0.01	90%	9%	35076	2.16773×10^{14}	10885	1.04652×10^{13}
1	8	1000	1	0.001	90%	9%	35180	8.30098×10^{14}	10963	3.91414×10^{13}
1	8	1000	10	0.01	90%	9%	35180	8.30094×10^{15}	10963	3.91412×10^{14}
1	8	1000	10	0.001	90%	9%	35258	2.99214×10^{16}	11067	1.5154×10^{15}



T-gate costs at fixed $m/g=1$. Other simulation parameters not explicitly shown are $\eta = 8$, $t/a_s = 1$, $\alpha_{\text{Trot.}} = 90\%$, $\alpha_{\text{Newt.}} = 9\%$, and $\alpha_{\text{synth.}} = 1\%$.

Z. Davoudi, A.F. Shaw, & JS
arXiv:2212.14030

~20x T gate reduction with LSH

Digital simulations: SU(2)

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SU(2) non-Abelian gauge field theory in one dimension on digital quantum computers

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Digital simulations: SU(3)

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Editors' Suggestion

Trailhead for quantum simulation of SU(3) Yang-Mills lattice gauge theory in the local multiplet basis

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Quantum algorithms for transport coefficients in gauge theories

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Preparations for quantum simulations of quantum chromodynamics in 1 + 1 dimensions. II. Single-baryon β -decay in real time

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Summary: Progress toward QCD

arXiv ID	Author	Author	Author	Author	Title	U(1)	SU(2)	SU(3)	NF	1D	2D	3D	evol.	prep.	meas.	alg.	QPU
quant-ph/0510027	Byrnes	Yamamoto			Simulating Lattice Gauge Theories on a Quantum Computer	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
1605.04570	Martinez	Muschik	Schindler	et al.	Real-Time Dynamics of Lattice Gauge Theories with a Few-Qubit Quantum Computer	✓			1	✓			✓				✓
1803.03326	Klco	Dumitrescu	McCaskey	et al.	Quantum-Classical Computation of Schwinger Model Dynamics Using Quantum Computers	✓			1	✓			✓				✓
1908.06935	Klco	Savage	JRS		SU(2) Non-Abelian Gauge Field Theory in One Dimension on Digital Quantum Computers		✓		0	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
2001.00698	Kharzeev	Kikuchi			Real-Time Chiral Dynamics from a Digital Quantum Simulation	✓			1	✓			✓		✓	✓	
2002.11146	Shaw, AF	Lougovski	JRS	Wiebe	Quantum Algorithms for Simulating the Lattice Schwinger Model	✓			1	✓			✓		✓	✓	
2005.10271	Mathis	Mazzola	Tavernelli		Toward Scalable Simulations of Lattice Gauge Theories on Quantum Computers	✓			1	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
2101.10227	Ciavarella	Klco	Savage		Trailhead for Quantum Simulation of SU(3) Yang-Mills Lattice Gauge Theory in the Local Mu			✓	0		✓		✓			✓	✓
2102.08920	Atas	Zhang, J	Lewis, R	et al.	SU(2) Hadrons on a Quantum Computer via a Variational Approach		✓		1					✓		✓	✓
2104.02024	Cohen, T	Lamm	Lawrence	Yamauchi	Quantum algorithms for transport coefficients in gauge theories		✓	✓	-		✓	✓			✓	✓	
2107.12769	Kan	Nam, Y			Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics and Electrodynamics on a Universal Quantum Computer	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
2110.06942	Tong, Y	Albert, V	McClean	et al.	Provably Accurate Simulation of Gauge Theories and Bosonic Systems	✓	✓		0	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
2112.09083	Ciavarella	Chernyshev			Preparation of the SU(3) Lattice Yang-Mills Vacuum with Variational Quantum Methods			✓	0		✓			✓		✓	✓
2206.12454	Clemente	Crippa	Jansen		Strategies for the Determination of the Running Coupling of (2+1)-dimensional QED with Qua	✓			1		✓				✓	✓	
2207.01731	Farrell	Chernyshev	Powell, S	et al.	Preparations for Quantum Simulations of Quantum Chromodynamics in 1+1 Dimensions: (I)			✓	2	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
2207.03473	Atas	Haase	Zhang, J	et al.	Real-Time Evolution of SU(3) Hadrons on a Quantum Computer			✓	1	✓			✓			✓	✓
2209.10781	Farrell	Chernyshev	Powell, S	et al.	Preparations for Quantum Simulations of Quantum Chromodynamics in 1+1 Dimensions: (II)			✓	2	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
2211.10497	Kane	Grabowska	Nachman	Bauer	Efficient quantum implementation of 2+1 U(1) lattice gauge theories with Gauss law constrain	✓			0		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
2212.14030	Davoudi	Shaw, AF	JRS		General Quantum Algorithms for Hamiltonian Simulation with Applications to a Non-Abelian L		✓		1	✓			✓			✓	

A selection of papers that have advanced the field closer to DQS of lattice QCD. Checkmarks indicate applicability to a given feature. Green indicates key milestones; gold indicates end-goals of a complete lattice QCD simulation.
Notable omissions: scalar field theory, finite groups, formal developments, analog simulations.

evol. = time evolution, prep. = nontrivial state preparation, meas. = nontrivial observable measurement, alg. = constructive algorithms, QPU = includes hardware implementation.

Impressive progress, but scaling hardware beyond 1-2 sites and lowest cutoffs - not worked out yet



Takeaway messages

- Theory developments and algorithms are still in very early stages
- Many different interesting questions to address:
Gauss's law, basis choice, truncations, simulation protocols
- These are vibrant research directions and we are learning more about gauge theories every day – even before quantum-advantage simulations

