Compiling quantum gauge theories for quantum computation



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Big picture

Physics targets:

- Simulation of quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
 - Hadronization
 - Microscopic understanding of nuclear interactions
- Complete phase diagram of QCD
- Nuclear equation of state



- Nonperturbative problems
- Numerically simulate QCD degrees of freedom

Conjectured phase diagram credit: G. Endrödi J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 503 (2014) 012009

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Temperature

critical

Magnetic field

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10¹⁵g/cm³

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density

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10¹²K

Traditional Lattice Field Theory



A matrix from SU(2), the group of complex

2x2 matrices with determinant 1.

- Defines a field theory nonperturbatively
- Spacetime is **discretized** with a lattice (e.g. square, cubic, hypercubic)
- Matter particles such as quarks are described by quantum fields that "live" on the **sites**
- Quantum gauge fields describing forcemediating bosons live on oriented links joining sites
- Gauge field's numerical values, indicated by U_{n,µ} can be thought of as matrices belonging to some Lie group—the "gauge group" G

When *G* is non-Abelian, the gauge bosons self-interact

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 Real-time dynamics and nonzero baryon density both suffer from 'sign problems' in classical simulations, as explained at my *General Exam (Oct. 2017)*

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Classical problems.. quantum solutions?

Digital quantum computers:



Unitary gates: $e^{-it\hat{H}}$ with your favorite Hamiltonian

- Want to simulate nonperturbative gauge theory
 - → Gauge theory on the lattice
 - Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory
- Has no apparent sign problems

General problem: How to map a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , and \hat{H} , on to qubits & quantum gates?





Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory

Lattice gauge theory Hilbert space structureAn Abelian group, U(1)



Gauge transformations:

 $\hat{U}_{n,i} \to e^{i(\theta_n - \theta_{n+e_i})} \hat{U}_{n,i}$

Every link comes with its own Hilbert space.

[E,U] = U

$$U\left|q\right\rangle = \left|q+1\right\rangle$$

Quantized with canonical, same-link commutation relations.



"U raises E"

'Kogut-Susskind' $\hat{H}_E = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_{n,i} \hat{E}_{n,i}^2 \qquad \hat{H}_B = -\sum_n \frac{1}{2g^2} \operatorname{Re}(\hat{U}_{n,\Box})$

J. Kogut & L. Susskind (1975) Phys. Rev. D 11, 395 Jesse Stryker Compiling Gauge

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Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory

Lattice gauge theory Hilbert space structureNon-Abelian group such as SU(N)

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



Left and right electric fields each have 'colored' components in addition to spatial components

True gluons would have 8 such components

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$$\begin{split} [E^a_{L/R}, E^b_{L/R}] &= i f^{abc} E^c_{L/R} \\ [E^a_R, U] &= U T^a \\ [E^a_L, U] &= -T^a U \end{split}$$

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

group[']element

representation state

More info: Zohar & Burrello, PRD 91, 054506 (2015)

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"Left" and "right" electric fields to generate the independent left/right rotations.

"U adds representations"

 $\hat{H}_B = -\sum_n \frac{1}{2g^2} \operatorname{tr}(\hat{U}_{n,\Box} + \hat{U}_{n,\Box}^{\dagger})$ $\hat{H}_{E} = \frac{g^{2}}{2} \sum_{n \ i} \hat{E}^{a}_{n,i} \hat{E}^{a}_{n,i}$

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Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory

Plus Gauss law constraints Gauss's law --- gauge invariance charge conservation $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - \rho = 0$ U(1) $\rho=\psi^{\dagger}\psi$ $\oint \vec{E} \cdot \vec{dA} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0}$ $dA_{\theta} e^{E}$ $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_n$ SU(N) $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E}^a - \rho^a = 0$



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compact U(1) electric eigenbasis



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

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

Issues with simulating a Kogut-Susskind framework

Qubits wasted on unphysical states



- Non-Abelian constraints mean individual basis states are virtually never allowed by themselves
- Quantum noise will create components along unphysical directions
- Gauge invariance not necessarily respected by algorithms, even for noiseless simulation



Abelian, U(1): Implementing Gauss's law

JRS, Physical Review A 99, 042301 (2019)

<u>Q:</u> How to live with Gauss law constraints on a quantum computer?

Immediate issues:

- Preparing gauge invariant initial states
- Protecting digital quantum simulation from unphysical errors
- Mutilated time evolution possible

These highlight a more basic problem. How to even *recognize* a legitimate state?



Abelian, U(1): Implementing Gauss's law

Cannot measure E, ρ without collapsing a state $|\Psi\rangle$ \rightarrow Measure $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \rho$ with a Gauss law "oracle" PRA 99, 042301 (2019) to project to $\mathcal{H}_{physical}$ or $\mathcal{H}_{unphysical}$

Internally 'flags' allowed states $|phys\rangle \rightarrow -|phys\rangle$ $|unphys\rangle \rightarrow |unphys\rangle$

- Discretizes continuous errors
- Can detect 'bit-flip' errors







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Abelian, U(1): Implementing Gauss's law

Basic procedure Periodic Boundary $|E_x^{\mathrm{in}} + E_u^{\mathrm{in}} + p\rangle$ $|E_y^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\rm in}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\rm in}\rangle$ \hat{O} $|E_{y}^{\mathrm{in}}\rangle$ $| \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{E} - (p-n) \rangle$ <u></u> <u></u> ↓ controlled phase $|E_x^{\mathrm{in}} + E_y^{\mathrm{in}} + p\rangle$ $(\stackrel{:}{\equiv} \in \mathbb{Z})$ $|E_y^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ \hat{E}_{ℓ} eigenbasis $|E_x^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\rm in}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\rm in}\rangle$ $|E_x^{\mathrm{out}}\rangle$ \hat{O}^{\dagger} $|E_u^{\rm in}\rangle$ $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - (p-n)$ **Applications are still** being explored INSTITUTE for NUCLEAR THEOR

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Abelian, U(1): Gauge-invariant variables

D.B. Kaplan & JRS arXiv:1806.08797

<u>Alternate U(1) approach</u>: Ask, 'what states does Hamiltonian *H* actually visit?' A look at *H*:

- $\hat{H}_E \supset E_{n,i}^2$ scales electric states (trivial state mapping)
- $\hat{H}_B \supset P_n$ excites electric flux loops



Abelian, U(1): Gauge-invariant variables

Plaquette applications lead to quantized scalar field





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Abelian, U(1): Gauge-invariant variables

- 2D U(1) is dual to a scalar field theory (known) – dual uses only one integer per site
 - Naturally emerges from gauge invariant building blocks
 - Resulting *H* describes the same physics more concisely

Limitations

- 2D with periodic boundary conditions (BC), and 3D, require magnetic Gauss laws
 - Enforcing for 2D (periodic BC) not practical with large volumes
- Unclear how generalize to include matter, non-Abelian groups

Would want: Local Hilbert spaces, Hamiltonian built from local operators, local constraints (will come back later)



Extensions being considered in new work, e.g. Haase, Dellantonio, et al. (2020) arXiv:2006.14160



N. Klco, M.J. Savage & JRS Physical Review D 101, 074512 (2020)

Some theoretical progress made in U(1). What about a non-Abelian group, SU(2)? — We can start with Kogut-Susskind and see how far we get.

SU(2) is isomorphic to a three-sphere

<u>Q</u>: What can be simulated today?



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System choice



We considered a periodic string of plaquettes or "ladder"

- It's "only 1D," but admits plaquettes
- 3-point vertices only Gauss laws only involve three links
- Arbitrary length



Reductions

Partial solution to constraints
 Analytic solution to Gauss's law at vertices reduces
 number of electric quantum numbers

 $|j, m_L, m_R\rangle \rightarrow |j\rangle$

The j's are still subject to triangle inequalities.

- Truncate electric flux *j* to one elementary unit per link.
- Number of plaquettes taken as the minimum L=2

Simulation targets

- How well does state stay in allowed space?
- Does electric energy evolution behave as expected?
- Simulate on IBM's 20-qubit Tokyo chip

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Example: Circuit for time evolution from one plaquette (Trotter-Suzuki time evolution)



In this case:

- Circuit does not introduce further approximations
- Trotter-Suzuki decomposition respects gauge constraints





- Error mitigation techniques employed to reduce impact of noise
- Errors into unallowed space successfully mitigated for one 'Trotter' step of time evolution ($N_{\text{Trot}} = 1$)
- Results not reliable for more $(N_{\text{Trot}} > 1)$

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- We computed electric energy encircling one plaquette

 using error-mitigated/extrapolated states
- Compared this to idealized (noiseless) simulation outcome
- $N_{\text{Trot}} = 1$ does get it right within uncertainties

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Hardware results summary

- First simulation of a truncated SU(2) system, done on existing IBM hardware
- Used gauge theory constraints on Kogut-Susskind, and error mitigation, to make feasible and improve results
- Low enough circuit depth \rightarrow Could extract an observable





- Loop formulations*: Reformulations of Kogut-Susskind-like Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory, in terms of fluctuating flux loop segments
 - SU(2) extensively studied
- Loop-String-Hadron (LSH) formulation: Our new generalization of SU(2) gauge theory to include "quarks," and valid in any number of dimensions

Basic rundown:

- 1) Start with square/cubic lattice
- 2) "Point split" vertices down to trivalent lattice
- 3) Three-point vertices are "gluonic" sites
- 4) Put "quark" sites at intermediate two-point vertices

* numerous papers by Anishetty, Mathur, Raychowdhury

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I. Raychowdhury & JRS Physical Review D 101, 114502 (2020)

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²D point splitting

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Quark sites have

- two quark degrees of freedom, n_i and n_o
- one loop degree of freedom, n_p, the flux passing through the site

Gluonic sites have three loop degree of freedom, e.g. I_{12} , I_{23} , I_{31} that count flux units following particular paths

 $\sim |\ell_{pq}, \ell_{qr}, \ell_{rp}\rangle$

These site-local quantum numbers count excitations of pieces of gauge invariant objects

Constraints: "Abelian Gauss law" requirements, flux should be conserved along links



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Constraints: "Abelian Gauss law" requirements, flux needs to be conserved along links



The Hilbert space has been cast into a form strongly resembling a truly Abelian [U(1)] gauge theory

Main difference: Electric flux has no 'signed' orientation







- All constraints are made Abelian, so LSH basis states are each definitely allowed or definitely unallowed.
- Gauss law oracles just like those from U(1) carry over readily
 - First explicit and general quantum computer solution to constraints on non-Abelian gauge theory wave functions for quantum computers
- Hamiltonian also acquires some similarities with U(1); circuit translations for time evolution are now needed



Conclusions

- Rapid progress is being made in understanding the structure of gauge theories in the context of quantum simulation – both Abelian and non-Abelian
- Aspects of simulating conventional Kogut-Susskind formalism are being explored and analyzed
- Complementary approaches, such as Loop-String-Hadron, are also catching up and offer promising features for simulation
- Exactly gauge invariant wave functions can be implemented and verified (in theory), either for U(1) or SU(2)
- Early simulations of non-Abelian gauge theories have begun.





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Traditional lattice ingredients



Wilson gauge action



Relation to continuum gauge fields:

$$U_{n,\mu} = e^{iaA_{\mu}(x)} \qquad S_W = a^4 \sum_n F^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha} + \cdots$$

Fermionic matter:

 $Z = \int \prod_{n,\mu} [\mathcal{D}U_{n,\mu}] e^{-S[U]}$ • Grassmann integrals done analytically \rightarrow "Fermion" determinant"



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Traditional lattice

Euclidean path integral Monte Carlo

- Great for static, equilibrium properties
- Real-time dynamics? Nonzero density? Topological term?

-S[U] generically complex-valued \rightarrow "Sign problems"



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Gauge singlet basis



Fully gauge invariant state of lattice with definite link angular momenta:

$$\begin{split} |\chi\rangle = \mathcal{N} \sum_{\{m\}} \prod_{i=1}^{L} \langle j_i^t, m_{i,R}^t, j_{i+1}^t, m_{i+1,L}^t | q_i, m_{q_i}^t \rangle & \} & \text{CG's to form singlets a} \\ & \langle j_i^b, m_{i,R}^b, j_{i+1}^b, m_{i+1,L}^b | q_i, m_{q_i}^b \rangle & \} & \text{CG's to form singlets a} \\ & \langle j_i^t, m_{i,L}^t, m_{i,R}^t \rangle \otimes | j_i^b, m_{i,L}^b, m_{i,R}^b \rangle \otimes | q_i, m_{q_i}^t, m_{q_i}^b \rangle & \\ & |j_i^t, m_{i,L}^t, m_{i,R}^t \rangle \otimes | j_i^b, m_{i,L}^b, m_{i,R}^b \rangle \otimes | q_i, m_{q_i}^t, m_{q_i}^b \rangle & \\ & \} & \text{Kets going} \\ & \text{around each} \end{split}$$

• Just using angular momentum addition (Clebsch-Gordan coefficients) to form singlets

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"staple"

Matrix elements of H

• Non-diagonal elements derive from link operators in H_B : *

 This is all the info needed to compute matrix ||H|| w.r.t. singlet states



Plaquette operator & gauge-variant completion



- With singlet basis, matrix elements of

 depend on plaquette's *j* 's, as well as adjacent *j* 's
- Still have disallowed states
 - Action of plaquette op on disallowed space is arbitrary

 \rightarrow "Gauge-variant completion" (GVC): Only worry about getting correct matrix elements between allowed states



Trotter-Suzuki time evolution

Time evolution operator replaced by Trotter-Suzuki approximation

$$e^{-i \Delta t (H_E + H_B)} \simeq e^{-i \Delta t H_E} e^{-i \Delta t \Box_1 / (2g^2)} e^{-i \Delta t \Box_2 / (2g^2)}$$

Try: *t* spread over one Trotter step, two Trotter steps, ... starting from strong-coupling vacuum (all j=0)



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Abelian oracle decomposition, 2D U(1)



FIG. 5. A query to the oracle a for U(1) gauge theory in 2D. This example accommodates one flavor of Dirac fermion via the occupation numbers ν and p. To modify this for $g = \mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$, the overflow bits $h^{\text{OUT,IN}}$ would be removed.



Specific truncation

$$|j=0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, \quad |j=1/2\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$$

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Specific truncation and volume

For our simulation:

- Cutoff $\Lambda_i = \frac{1}{2}$
- Length L=2
- + Simplifications = Four 'active' links

Four qubits represent state



 $\hat{\Box}^{(1/2)} = \Pi_0 X X X \Pi_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Pi_0 X X X \Pi_1 \\ + \frac{1}{2} \Pi_1 X X X \Pi_0 + \frac{1}{4} \Pi_1 X X X \Pi_1$

→**GVC** of plaquette operator: $\hat{\Box}^{(1/2)} = \Pi_0 X X X + \frac{1}{4} \Pi_1 X X X$

$$|j_l \ q_l \ j_a \ q_r
angle$$



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Plaquette operator matrix elements

$$\begin{split} &\langle \chi_{\cdots,j_{\ell}^{t,b},q_{\ell f},j_{af}^{t,b},q_{r f},j_{r}^{t,b},\cdots} | \hat{\Box} | \chi_{\cdots,j_{\ell}^{t,b},q_{\ell i},j_{ai}^{t,b},q_{r i},j_{r}^{t,b},\cdots} \rangle = \\ & \sqrt{\dim(j_{ai}^{t})\dim(j_{af}^{t})\dim(j_{af}^{t})\dim(j_{ai}^{b})\dim(j_{af}^{b})} \\ & \times \sqrt{\dim(q_{\ell i})\dim(q_{\ell f})\dim(q_{\ell f})\dim(q_{r i})\dim(q_{r f})} \\ & \times (-1)^{j_{\ell}^{t}+j_{\ell}^{b}+j_{r}^{t}+j_{r}^{b}+2(j_{af}^{t}+j_{af}^{b}-q_{\ell i}-q_{r i})} \\ & \times 0.9 \begin{cases} j_{\ell}^{t} & j_{ai}^{t} & q_{\ell i} \\ \frac{1}{2} & q_{\ell f} & j_{af}^{t} \end{cases} \begin{cases} j_{\ell}^{b} & j_{ai}^{b} & q_{\ell i} \\ \frac{1}{2} & q_{\ell f} & j_{af}^{t} \end{cases} \begin{cases} j_{\ell}^{b} & j_{ai}^{b} & q_{\ell i} \\ \frac{1}{2} & q_{\ell f} & j_{af}^{t} \end{cases} \end{cases} \begin{cases} j_{r}^{b} & j_{ai}^{b} & q_{\ell i} \\ \frac{1}{2} & q_{r f} & j_{af}^{t} \end{cases} \end{cases} \end{split}$$



From IBM: Probabilities measured in computational basis

1) Constrained inversion \rightarrow pre-measurement probabilities

• Needed because of measurement errors

2) Run simulation with superfluous CNOT pairs inserted

• (CNOT)² = 1, but introduces extra noise



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3) Extrapolate pre-measurement probabilities to zero CNOT noise

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IBM Tokyo Q20 specs

	Qubit Connectivity			T1 (μsec)			T2 (μsec)		
Qubit Count	Min	Max	Ave	Min	Max	Ave	Min	Max	Ave
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Temperature



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