Quantum field theory simulations with Rydberg atoms

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High-Energy Physics:

- B-meson decays with lattice gauge theory
- Composite models for the Higgs boson
- Applications of the Renormalization Group
- Tensor formulations of lattice field theory
- Machine learning in MC simulations

Quantum computing:

- · Real-time evolution of field theory models
- · Quantum computing (IBMQ and trapped ions)
- Quantum simulations (Rydberg atoms, QuEra)

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Goals of the collaboration

Quantum computers are expected to exceed the capacity of classical computers and to revolutionize several aspects of computation especially for the simulation of quantum systems. We develop new methods for using quantum computers to study aspects of the evolution of strongly interacting particles in collisions, the quantum behavior of gravitational systems and the emergence of space-time which are beyond the reach of classical computing. Our goal is to design the building blocks of universal quantum computers relevant for these problems and develop algorithms which scale reasonably with the size of the system.

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- Phase diagram of the simulator
- Towards an hybrid event generator (QuPYTH), with K. Heitritter and S. Mrenna, arxiv:2212.02476
- Quantum Ising model on two dimensional anti-de Sitter space with Muhammad Asaduzzaman, Simon Catterall, and Goksu Can Toga, arxiv 2309.04383

Big picture

- Monte Carlo methods applied to Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) at Euclidean time have been very successful at calculating the static properties of strongly interacting particles (masses, form factors, ...).
- These methods are not effective to deal with the real-time evolution of strongly interacting particles in collisions (jet physics, fragmentation, ...) or their behavior at finite density.
- Quantum computers or quantum simulation experiments offer new directions to deal with these issues.
- We need to start with simple models, use existing resources and build up towards Quantum Chromodynamics following the Euclidean time roadmap (the "Kogut sequence").
- We need to use actual Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ) machines and demonstrate progress for methods (economical truncations, large Trotter steps ...) and hardware.

Ab-initio jet physics : a realistic long term goal?

- Pythia, Herwig, and other jet simulation models encapsulate perturbative QCD results at short distance and empirical models to describe the large distance behavior.
- Crucial for the interpretation of collider physics experiments.
- Could we replace the large distance part by ab-initio lattice QCD calculations?



Figure: $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ + jets, from CMS.



Hybrid hadronization in event generators?



Hadronization of a particle-antiparticle pair with the Lund model/Pythia (left), the Abelian Higgs model in 1+1 dimensions (middle), and a Rydberg atom simulator for this model (right). You may think about the Abelian Higgs model as a toy "ab-initio" lattice model.



Lessons from lattice gauge theory

We need to start with simple models



Figure: Mike Creutz's calculator used for a Z_2 gauge theory on a 3⁴ lattice (circa 1979).

Clear goals and good fundamentals (and some help from Moore's law) led to major accomplishments in HEP and NP.



A first step: the quantum ising model in 1+1 dim.

The Hilbert space: N_s qubits for N_s sites

Basic Trotter steps: PRD 99 09453



Figure 1: Circuit for 4 qubits with open boundary conditions





Phase shifts PRD 104 054507





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Discretization of problems classically intractable

Quantum computing (QC) requires a complete discretization

- Discretization of space: lattice gauge theory formulation
- Discretization of field integration: tensor methods

Important ideas of the tensor reformulation:

- Character expansions (such as Fourier series): partition function and averages become discrete sums of contracted tensors.
- The "hard" integrals are done exactly and field integrations provide Kronecker deltas that encode the symmetries.
- For continuous field variables, the sums are infinite, but truncations to finite sums do not break symmetries. Y. M., PRD 100, 014506 (2019) and PRD 102 014506 (2020).

• Tensors are the local building blocks of a new formulation Refs: Y. M., R. Sakai, and J. Unmuth-Yockey, Tensor field theory with applications to quantum computing, arXiv:2010.06539; Reviews of Modern Physics Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 025005.

Y. M., QFT: a quantum computation approach, IoP book.

Introductions to Tensor Field Theory

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Tensor lattice field theory for renormalization and quantum computing

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Interdisciplinary effort

SVD and TN methods developed in condensed matter (T. Nishino, X-G. Wen, M. Levin, Tao Xiang, ...). Character expansions used in strong coupling expansions (C. Itzykson, ...). Cutting edge effort in Japan: S. Akiyama, D. Kadoh, Y. Kuramashi, R. Sakai, S. Takeda, Y. Yoshimura, ...

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Tensor network methods are rapidly developing and evolving in many areas of

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QFT with Rydberg atoms

TLFT: From compact to discrete (O(2) example)

$$Z_{O(2)} = \prod_{x} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi_{x}}{2\pi} e^{\beta \sum_{x,\mu} \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_{x})} = \operatorname{Tr} \prod_{x} T_{n_{x-\hat{1},1},n_{x,1},\dots,n_{x,D}}^{(x)}.$$

$$e^{\beta \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_{x})} = \sum_{n_{x,\mu} = -\infty}^{\infty} e^{in_{x,\mu}\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}}} I_{n_{x,\mu}}(\beta) e^{-in_{x,\mu}\varphi_{x}}.$$

$$\operatorname{Tensor}: T_{n_{x-\hat{1},1},n_{x,1},\dots,n_{x-\hat{D},D},n_{x,D}}^{(x)} = \sqrt{I_{n_{x-\hat{1},1}}I_{n_{x,1}},\dots,I_{n_{x-\hat{D},D}}I_{n_{x,D}}} \times \delta_{n_{x,\mathrm{out}},n_{x,\mathrm{in}}},$$

$$\prod_{x} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\varphi_{x} \Longrightarrow \sum_{\{n\}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\varphi_{1}} \varphi_{2} \longrightarrow \sum_{\{n\}} \varphi_{3} \longrightarrow \sum_{\{n\}} \varphi_{3}$$

The gauged version is the Abelian Higgs model.

Compact Abelian Higgs Model (CAHM)

The lattice compact Abelian Higgs model is a non-perturbative regularized formulation of scalar quantum electrodynamics (scalar electrons-positrons + photons with compact fields).

$$Z_{CAHM} = \prod_{x} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi_x}{2\pi} \prod_{x,\mu} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dA_{x,\mu}}{2\pi} e^{-S_{gauge}-S_{matter}},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{gauge} = eta_{plaquette} \sum_{x,\mu <
u} (1 - \cos(\mathcal{A}_{x,\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{x+\hat{\mu},
u} - \mathcal{A}_{x+\hat{
u},\mu} - \mathcal{A}_{x,
u})),$$

$$S_{matter} = eta_{link} \sum_{x,\mu} (1 - \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_x + A_{x,\mu})).$$

• local invariance: $\varphi'_{x} = \varphi_{x} + \alpha_{x}$ and $A'_{x,\mu} = A_{x,\mu} - (\alpha_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \alpha_{x}).$

 φ is the Nambu-Goldstone mode of the original model. The Brout-Englert-Higgs mode is decoupled (heavy).

Assembly of the *A* (links, blue) and *B* (plaquette, red) tensors for D = 2 (Figures by Ryo Sakai)





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Assembly of the *A* (links, blue) and *B* (plaquette, red) tensors for D = 3 (Figures by Ryo Sakai)



Transfer matrix and Gauss's law with NISQ machines

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Discrete aspects of continuous symmetries in the tensorial formulation of Abelian gauge theories

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FIG. 3. Magnetic layer of the transfer matrix for D = 3 on a time slice. Small circles (blue) are used for the A tensors and large circles (red) for the B tensors.

For introduction to Tensor Lattice Field Theory (TLFT) see Y. M., R. Sakai, and J. Unmuth-Yockey, Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 025005; Y. M., QFT: a quantum computation approach, IoP book.



Tensors as computational building blocks

- The partition functions are traces of product of tensors
- Observables can be calculated by introducing "impure" tensors
- Tensors are local
- They contain all the information about the model, its dimension and symmetries (universality)
- Most lattice models have a tensor reformulations
- They can be coarse-grained exactly
- RG procedure require truncations (this is the hard part)
- The space of tensors is easier to handle than the space of interactions
- Smooth connection between Lagrangian (path integral) and Hamiltonian using transfer matrix.
- Tensors can be used to build quantum circuits

FAQ: Do truncations break global symmetries? No (Y.M. arXiv 1903.01918, PRD 100, 014506)

- Truncations of the tensorial sums are necessary, but do they break the symmetries of the model?
- Non-linear O(2) sigma model and its gauged version (the compact Abelian Higgs model), on a D-dimensional cubic lattice: truncations are compatible with symmetry identities.
- This selection rule is due to the quantum number selection rules at the sites and is independent of the particular values taken by the tensors (e. g. 0, discrete form of a vector calculus theorem).
- Extends to global *O*(3) symmetries (you need to keep all the *m*'s for a given *ℓ*, related to Wigner-Eckart)
- The universal properties of these models can be reproduced with highly simplified formulations desirable for implementations with quantum computers or for quantum simulations experiments.



- Redundant selection rules are in one-to-one correspondence with irrelevant integrations.
- We can skip the integrations that produce redundant selection rules and replace these integrated fields by arbitrary values. This is exactly what gauge-fixing does.
- The redundancy argument extends to discrete Z_q subgroups of U(1) where the divergenceless condition is expressed modulo q
- Noether's theorem can be expressed in the tensor formulation context as: for each symmetry, there is a corresponding tensor redundancy. This applies to global, local, continuous and discrete Abelian symmetries.



CAHM: Hamiltonian and Hilbert space in 1+1 dim.

The continuous-time limit yields the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$$

with $U^x \equiv \frac{1}{2}(U^+ + U^-)$ and $L^z |m\rangle = m |m\rangle$ and $U^{\pm} |m\rangle = |m \pm 1\rangle$.

- *m* is a discrete electric field quantum number (−∞ < m < +∞)
- In practice, we need to apply truncations: $U^{\pm}|\pm m_{max}
 angle=0.$
- We focus on the spin-1 truncation ($m = \pm 1, 0$ and $U^x = L^x/\sqrt{2}$.)
- *U*-term: electric field energy.
- Y-term: matter charges (determined by Gauss's law)
- X-term: currents inducing temporal changes in the electric field.



Target simulations (E-field, spin-1, 5 sites)

 $H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$ Initial state: particle-antiparticle (connected by an electric field +1)







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Configurable Arrays of Rydberg Atoms (CARA)

- One can adapt (Y.M., PRD 104) the optical lattice construction (J. Zhang et al. PRL 121) using ⁸⁷*Rb* atoms separated by controllable (but not too small) distances, coupled to the excited Rydberg state |*r*⟩ with a detuning Δ.
- The ground state is denoted $|g\rangle$ and the two possible states $|g\rangle$ and $|r\rangle$ can be seen as a qubit. $n|g\rangle = 0$, $n|r\rangle = |r\rangle$.
- The (effective) Hamiltonian reads

$$H = \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_{i} (|g_i\rangle \langle r_i| + |r_i\rangle \langle g_i|) - \Delta \sum_{i} n_i + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij} n_i n_j,$$

with

$$V_{ij} = \Omega R_b^6 / r_{ij}^6,$$

for a distance r_{ij} between the atoms labelled as *i* and *j*. Note: when $r = R_b$, $V = \Omega$.

 This repulsive interaction prevents two atoms close enough to each other to be both in the |r> state. This is the so-called blockade mechanism.

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One site spin-1 with 2 and 3 atoms (Y.M. PRD 104)



Solid line: target, Symbols: simulator

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Exact matching vs. study of continuum limit

- 1 site, 2 atoms: exact up to |*rr*⟩ transitions (when Ω = 0, can be implemented by setting Δ = −U/2 and Ω = −X
- 2 sites, 4 atoms: when X = Ω = 0 reads
 Δ = -U/2 ^Y/₂, V₁ = Y, V₂ = -Y. No solution with current technology (homogeneous setup).



 1 site, 3 atoms: it's complicated! (ideally: inhomogeneous ∆ to split m = 0 and m = ±1, otherwise use degenerate perturbation theory as a guide, James Corona's work in progress).

A better approach may be to study all the continuum limits (where correlation lengths become large) that can be obtained with the simulator.

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QFT with Rydberg atoms

10 atoms (5 sites) with QuEra and $H_{eff.}$



Values of $\langle L_z^2 \rangle$ for five sites (10 atoms) starting in the $|gggggggggg\rangle$ state, $\Omega = 4\pi MHz$, $\Delta = 2\Omega$, for 50 steps of 10^{-8} s, $a_x = 1R_b \simeq 8.7\mu m$; $a_y = 0.5R_b$ so $|rr\rangle$ at that site are unlikely. Left: exact diagonalization. Middle: QuEra (local simulator). Right: Effective Hamiltonian.



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Effective Hamiltonian (with J. Zhang and S.-W. Tsai)

The basic spin relation is $L_i^z = n_{i,2} - n_{i,1}$ for atoms 1 and 2 at a site. $(L_i^z)^2 \simeq n_{i,2} + n_{i,1}$ if we ignore $|rr\rangle$. This implies $n_{i,2(1)} \simeq \left[(L_i^z)^2 \pm L_i^z \right] /2$. Plugging into the simulator Hamiltonian we get the effective Hamiltonian

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}_{2\text{LR}}^{\text{eff}} &= -\Delta \sum_{i=1}^{N_{s}} (L_{i}^{z})^{2} + \sum_{k} \left(\frac{V_{1}^{(k)} - V_{2}^{(k)}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{s}-1} L_{i}^{z} L_{i+k}^{z} \right. \\ &+ \frac{V_{1}^{(k)} + V_{2}^{(k)}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{s}-1} (L_{i}^{z})^{2} (L_{i+k}^{z})^{2} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{s}} \left(\hat{U}_{i}^{+} + \hat{U}_{i}^{-} \right). \end{split}$$

If the distance between the sites is of order of 1.0 R_b or more we can neglect the NNN intereactions (which is done in the following).

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Exact diagonalization, QuEra and H_{eff.}



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Comparison between H_{eff.} and H_{CAHM}

$$\begin{split} H_{CAHM} &= \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \left(L_i^z \right)^2 - Y \sum_{i=1}^{N_s-1} L_{i+1}^z L_i^z - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x \\ H_{eff.} &= -\Delta \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s-1} L_i^z L_{i+1}^z + \Omega \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x + H_{quartic} \\ H_{quartic} &= \frac{V_1 + V_2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s-1} (L_i^z)^2 (L_{i+1}^z)^2 . \end{split}$$

Matching

- $\Delta = -U/2$ (sign matters!)
- The coefficient for L^z_iL^z_{i+1} is positive (V₁ > V₂) for the simulator (repulsive/antiferromagnetic) but the CAHM has ferromagnetic interactions. This can be remedied by redefining the observable L^z_{2i+1} → -L^z_{2i+1} (staggered)
- After staggered redefinition, we need $V_1 = -V_2 = Y > 0$ but $V_2 > 0$
- $\Omega = -X$ (sign does not matter)

Everything agrees with two-rung results (YM, PRD104)

Effect of new quartic term (Jin Zhang)



Figure: Ground-state phase diagram for the effective Hamiltonian of the two-leg Rydberg ladder. Here L = 512, $V_0 = 1000$, $\rho = dy/dx = 0.5$. The PRDW phase is disordered in even or odd sites, and the FRDW phase is FM in even or odd sites.



Phase diagram for a two-leg ladder.

With Sergio Cantu (QuEra), Fangli Liu (QuERA), Shan-Wen Tsai (UCR), Shengtao Wang (QuERA), Jin Zhang (ChongQing U.)



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Experimental $< m_i m_j >$ for two-leg ladder

First row: for *i* and *j*; second row: versus i - j; third row: Fourier Tr.



Experimental and Numerical Fourier transforms

The floating phase is characterized by a continuous dependence in the lattice spacing (at infinite volume!).



Figure: The structure factor for different system sizes. **a**, The structure factor as a function of R_b/a is measured along the cut $\Delta/\Omega = 3.5$ for L = 21, 33, 45. The magenta curves are peak positions from numerical results. The results for L = 141 is from numerics. **b**, The structure factor is measured along the cut $\Delta/\Omega = 0$ in the disordered phase.



Hadron Multiplicity (graph by K. Heitritter, 2212.02476)



Figure: Left: Hadron multiplicity predictions with default pythia hadronization from an initial $u\bar{u}$ pair. Right: Simple model hadron multiplicity output of the Rydberg hadronization model for $R_b/a = 2.173$. Δ/Ω plotted in decreasing order. The recently public Rydberg simulator, Aquila, has the ability to investigate ladders with 128 atoms.

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Quantum Ising model on two dimensional anti-de Sitter space arxiv 2309.04383.

with Goksu Toga, Simon Catterall, M. Asaduzzaman and Ryo Sakai

$$egin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{H}} &= rac{-J}{4} \sum_{\langle ij
angle} rac{\cosh(l_i) + \cosh(l_j)}{2} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z + rac{h}{2} \sum_i \cosh(l_i) \sigma_i^x \ &+ rac{m}{2} \sum_i \cosh(l_i) \sigma_i^z. \end{aligned}$$



Figure: Trotter evolution with exact diagonalization and using IBM Guadalupe QPU,Parameters: N = 13, J = 2.0, h = 1.05, $I_{max} = 3.0$. Graphs by Goksu Toga and M. Asaduzzaman.

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$$F_{ij}(t) = \langle W_i(t)^{\dagger} V_j(0)^{\dagger} W_i(t) V_j(0) \rangle$$
 with $W(t) = \sigma^z(t), V = \sigma^z$



Figure: W(t) is at the center and V_i at different lattice sites *i*. J = 6.0. Left: no curvature. Right: curvature. Graphs by Goksu Toga. See arxiv 2309.04383. Approximate Rydberg implementation under progress. Dey Parijat suggestion: AdS/BCFT by Tadashi Takayanagi arXiv:1105.5165.



- Matching with gauge theory requires Δ < 0 (cost for producing electric field). The new phases appear when Δ > 0 (m = ±1 form the degenerate ground state). Could this be used as an environment effect?
- Potential issue with microscopic string breaking -> Staggered structures (cells with two sites) to match other models.
- Go outside the region of validity of H_{eff.}

Other work with Rydberg atoms

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Conclusions

- QC/QIS in HEP and NP: big goals with many intermediate steps
- Tensor Lattice Field Theory (TLFT): generic tool to discretize path integral formulations of lattice model with compact variables (truncations preserve symmetries).
- Ladder-shaped Rydberg arrays with two (or three) atoms per site: simulators for the compact Abelian Higgs model.
- Matching between simulator and target model should be understood in the continuum limit (universal behavior).
- Effective Hamiltonians for the simulator: same three types of terms as the target model plus an extra quartic term.
- The two-leg ladder has a very rich phase diagram.
- Implementations with AWS/QuEra (ongoing).
- Progress with hybrid hadronization, evolution in AdS.
- Thanks for listening!
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Figure: Isingized version of Emmy Noether



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QFT with Rydberg atoms

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