





Towards preparation of scattering wave packets

of hadrons on a quantum computer

A NISQ Algorithm for Lattice Gauge Theories

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Gauge theories



Standard Model

$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

- Forces are described by gauge symmetries
- Weak and strong forces are described by non-Abelian gauge theories



Strong force: Quantum chromodynamics (QCD)

- > Nuclear force: Theory of interacting quarks mediated by gluons
- Becomes strongly interacting at low energies
- Requires non-perturbative methods for calculating observables

Non-perturbative method of solving QCD



Lattice QCD

- > QCD Lagrangian on a discrete spacetime grid and Wick rotate to Euclidean time
- Observables are calculated using the path integral formalism
- Monte Carlo methods for probability distribution of gauge configurations

Non-perturbative method of solving QCD

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$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_0} \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \mathcal{D}[A] \ e^{-\int d^4 x_E \mathcal{L}_E} \mathcal{O}$$



Successes

- ✓ Hadron spectrum and exotic states
- ✓ Hadron form factors
- Values of quark masses and the strong coupling constant
- Decay rates and low energy constants
- ✓ Two- and three-body scattering amplitudes

Shortcomings

QCD phase diagram:

Sign problem:

Loss of probability distribution interpretation

Euclidean time:

Real time evolution of system

Many-body processes are harder to obtain

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Hamiltonian Formulation

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}(t)} \rangle = \langle 0 | e^{iHt} \hat{\mathcal{O}}(0) e^{-iHt} | 0 \rangle$$

- 1. No sign problem
- 2. Both real- and imaginary-time evolution
- 3. Many-body processes and scattering
- 4. Hilbert space scales exponentially with the

system size

Quantum simulation

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+ Known state

✤ Qubits:

- $|\psi\rangle = \cos\left(\theta/2\right)|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\left(\theta/2\right)|1\rangle$
- ✤ Schematic protocol for scattering



$|\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |\psi\rangle_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes |\psi\rangle_N \sim 2^N$





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The Pioneering work



Other methods



Our approach



Interacting theory
Interacting wave packet
\mathcal{N}
$ \Psi angle=b_{\psi}^{\dagger} \Omega angle$
Ansatz for b_k^{\dagger}
$b_{\psi}^{\dagger} = \sum_k \psi(k) b_k^{\dagger}$
$ \Omega angle$
Interacting ground state

Rigobello, Notarnicola, Magnifico, and Montangero Phys. Rev. D 104, 114501 (2021)

- Start with the interacting ground state
- Use an ansatz to build the interacting

creation operators

✤ Act the wave packet creation operator

on the interacting ground state

Outline

Preparation of scattering wave packets

Model: Z_2 (and U(1)) lattice gauge theory in 1+1D with matter









Model

Z_2 Lattice Gauge Theory (LGT) in 1+1D with dynamical matter





$Z_2 LGT in 1+1D$

Bosonic DOFs





$$H_I = \sum_n \frac{\psi_n^{\dagger} \tilde{\sigma}_n^X \psi_{n+1}}{\psi_{n+1}} + \text{H.c.}$$

Fermionic + bosonic DOFs



Are all 2^{2N} states physical states?



 $Z_2 \text{ LGT Hamiltonian}$ $H_E = \epsilon \sum_n \tilde{\sigma}_n^Z$ $H_I = \sum_n \psi_n^{\dagger} \tilde{\sigma}_n^X \psi_{n+1} + \text{H.c.}$ $H_M = m_f \sum_n (-1)^n \psi_n^{\dagger} \psi_n$ $H_{Z_2} = H_E + H_I + H_M$

Physical Hilbert space

Gauge invariance \rightarrow Gauss's law

 $G_n |\psi\rangle_{\text{Phys}} = |\psi\rangle_{\text{Phys}} \quad \forall n$

$$G_n = \tilde{\sigma}_{n-1}^Z \tilde{\sigma}_n^Z e^{i\pi \left(\psi_n^{\dagger} \psi_n - \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}\right)}$$

Particle Excitation



Anti-particle Excitation

$Z_2 LGT in 1+1D$

Periodic boundary condition with charge 0 sector

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$$H_{Z_2} = H_E + H_I + H_M$$

Consequences

> Physical Hilbert space is a tiny fraction of the full Hilbert space

	Hilbert Space		
# Sites	Possible	Physical	
4	256	12	
6	4096	40	

> Only mesonic excitations

$$-0-1-0-1- \longrightarrow -1-1-0-0-$$

Strong Coupling Vacuum (SCV) No fermionic excitation Low-energy boson configuration

Example of a length-3 meson Starts at particle site Ends at anti-particle site

Method

Building creation operators in the interacting theory



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Wave packet constructions

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Interacting theory

Interacting wave packet



Interacting ground state

$$|\Psi
angle = b_{\psi}^{\dagger}|\Omega
angle = \sum_{k} oldsymbol{\psi}(oldsymbol{k}) b_{k}^{\dagger}(oldsymbol{\mu_{k}}^{oldsymbol{A}},oldsymbol{\sigma_{k}}^{oldsymbol{A}})|\Omega
angle$$



Mapping

Algorithm and circuit













Ω Prepare the interacting ground state



Lumia, Torta, Mbeng, Santoro, Ercolessi, Burrello and Wauters Phys. Rev. X Quantum 3, 020320 (2022)

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) for the GS preparation:

- Parameterized circuit with 2 parameters
 - Inspired from the Hamiltonian
 - ✓ Gauge invariant by construction
- Calculate energy with the Quantum circuit
- Optimize the parameters classically



$|\Omega\rangle$ Prepare the interacting ground state









 b_k^{\dagger} Optimize the momentum creation operators

$$\eta_{pq} = N_{\eta} \exp\left(\frac{i(p-q)\mu_k^A}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-(p-q)^2}{4\sigma_k^{A^2}}\right)$$



	$\mathcal{F} = \langle k_{\mathrm{Exact}} k_{\mathrm{Optimized}} \rangle ^2$	$E_k^{\text{Optimized}}$	E_k^{Exact}
k = 0	0.98756	-2.45688	-2.46734
$k = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$	0.99977	-2.57561	-2.57613



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$|\Psi angle$ Circuit for the wave packet



Issues

Non-Unitary operator

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 $|\Psi\rangle$ Circuit for the wave packet

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Ancilla encoding:

Jordan, Lee, and Preskill (JLP) Quantum Info. and Comp. 14, 1014-80

Embed the state into a larger Hilbert space using an ancilla qubit

If
$$b_{\psi}|\Omega
angle=0$$
 $[b_{\psi},b_{\psi}^{\dagger}]=\hat{1}$

Then
$$\begin{cases} \Theta = b_{\psi}^{\dagger} \otimes |1\rangle \langle 0|_{a} + b_{\psi} \otimes |0\rangle \langle 1|_{a} \\ e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\Theta} |\Omega\rangle \otimes |0\rangle_{a} = -i \, b_{\psi}^{\dagger} |\Omega\rangle \otimes |1\rangle_{a} \end{cases}$$

 $\blacktriangleright \text{ Applicable for } \Theta = \sum_{\{m,n\}} \Theta_{m,n} \text{ upon }$ Trotterization

$$b_{\psi}^{\dagger} = \sum_{m,n} C_{m,n} \ \sigma_n^{-} \prod_{n < j < m} \sigma_j^{Z} \prod_{n \le i \le m} \tilde{\sigma}_i^{X} \ \sigma_m^{+}$$

- Needs efficient circuit design
- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Find a basis that diagonalizes $\Theta_{m,n}$

Davoudi, Shaw and Stryker Quantum 7, 1213 (2023)

If
$$b_{m,n}^{\dagger 2} = b_{m,n}^2 = 0$$
 & $b_{m,n} = VSW^{\dagger}$

Then
$$e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\Theta_{m,n}} = \mathcal{U}_{m,n}^{\dagger} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\mathcal{D}_{m,n}} \mathcal{U}_{m,n}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{m,n} = \operatorname{Had}_{a} \left(V^{\dagger} \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_{a} + W^{\dagger} \otimes |1\rangle \langle 1|_{a} \right)$$



Measurements

Hardware results



The ideal quantum circuit



6-site, $m_f = 1$, $\epsilon = -0.3$ with WP details: $\sigma = \frac{\pi}{6}$, $\mu = 3$, and $k_0 = 0$

☆ Ideal quantum circuit

- Circuit statevector method & many Trotter steps
- Systematic error from:

 $|b_{\psi}|$

$$\Omega \rangle \simeq 0 \qquad [b_{\psi}, b_{\psi}^{\dagger}] \simeq \hat{1}$$

Truncated quantum circuit



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✤ Resource limitation:

Only $|C_{m,n}| \ge 0.1$ terms were implemented

✤ 2nd order Trotter with 1 Trotter step

Quantinuum Hardware results



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H1-1

- Trapped ion with 20 qubits
- all-to-all connectivity
- $\sim 10^{-5}$ single-qubit gate infidelity
- $\sim 10^{-3}$ two-qubit gate infidelity

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Quantinuum H1-1

- \sim ~300 (350) two- (single-) qubit gates with 500 shots
- Error mitigation using the gauge invariant nature of

our method

Staggered number density

$$\chi(n) = \begin{cases} \langle \psi^{\dagger}(n)\psi(n) \rangle & n \text{ even} \\ \\ 1 - \langle \psi^{\dagger}(n)\psi(n) \rangle & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

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Different WP widths

0.8O Exact optimized \bigstar Ideal circuit 0.3 0.6 \star Truncated circuit Probability 7:0 ▲ Quantinuum H1-1 $\stackrel{\mathfrak{s}}{\succ} 0.4$ **;** Ø 0.1 0.2 * 생 0.0 NA. 0.0 10 20 30 0 40 2 0 3 51 4 Physical-configuration label n6-site, $m_f = 1$, $\epsilon = -0.3$ with WP details: $\sigma = \frac{\pi}{10}$, $\mu = 3$, and $k_0 = 0$ 0.80.20 0.6Probability 0.10 **☆** $\stackrel{\mathfrak{s}}{\succ} 0.4$ 2 ថ 0.050.2👃 🧿 0.00 0.0 10 20 30 40 0 20 3 54

n

Physical-configuration label

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Moreover

Summary and outlook



Summary



Outlook



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✤ What's more?

- More observables for measuring the wave packet fidelity
- Analytical bounds on systematic errors
- Advanced noise mitigation techniques
- ✤ What's next?
 - Prepare two wave packets and perform scattering
 - \blacktriangleright Wave packet in the U(1) LGT on larger devices
 - > Ansatz for non-Abelian theories



