

# Towards simulate Fermionic Scattering on a QC

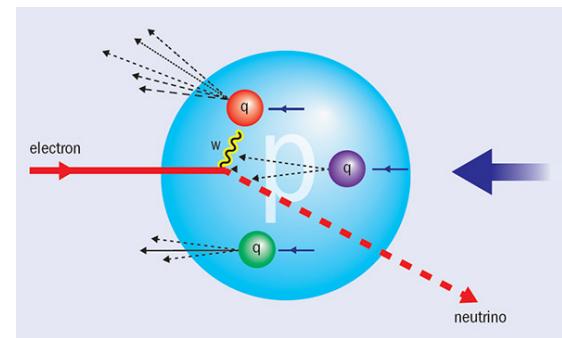
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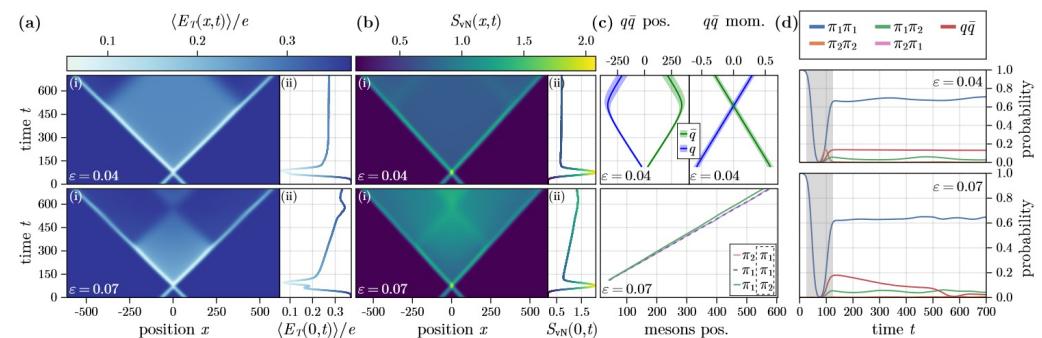
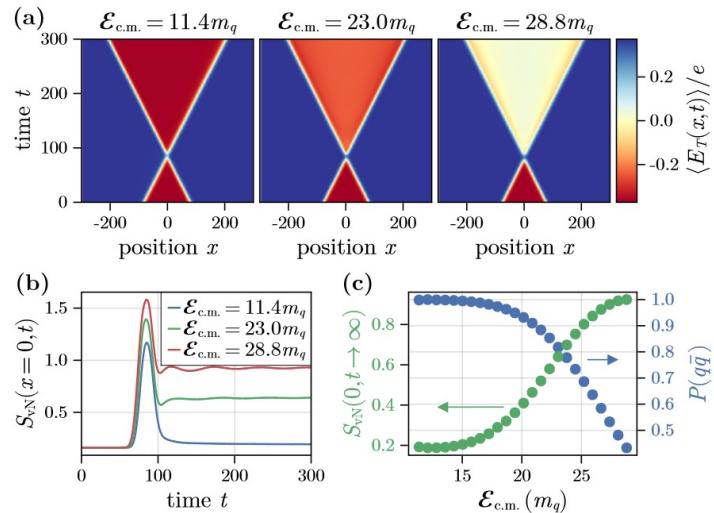
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# Motivation

- Real time dynamics in classical simulation
  - Monte Carlo: sign problem
  - Tensor Network : increasing entanglement with time-- increasing computation resource
- Quantum computers promise to efficiently simulate real-time dynamics



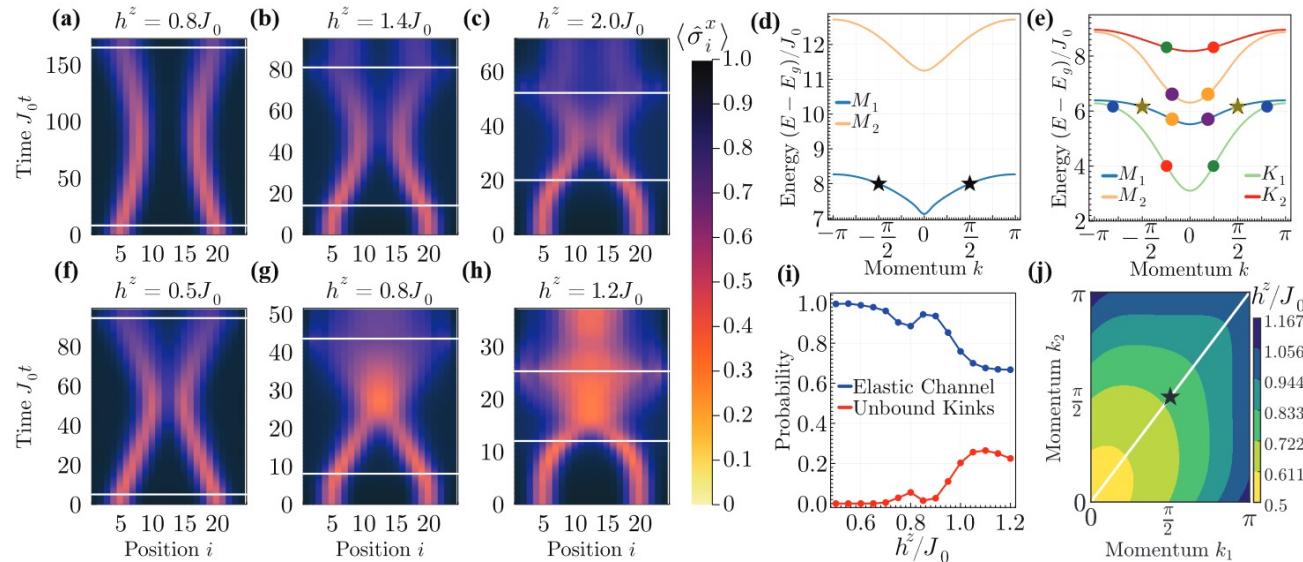
# Related works



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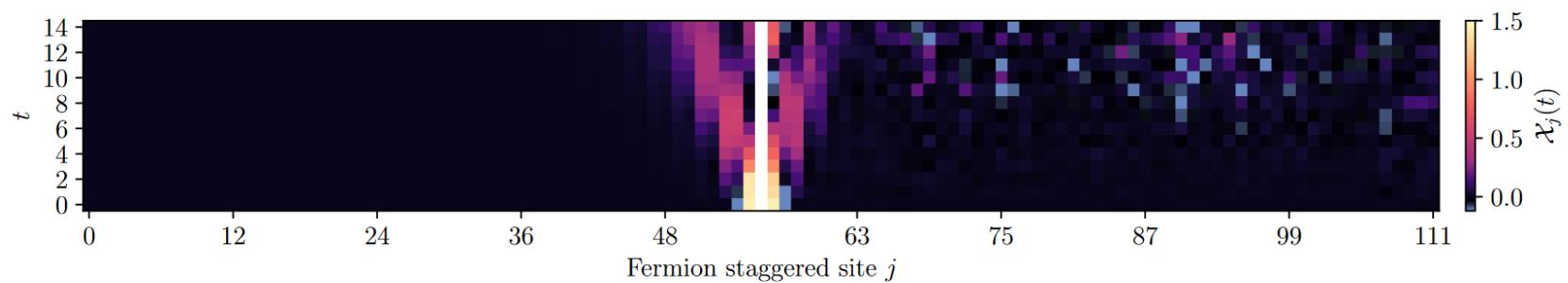


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# Outline

- Theoretical set up
  - The Thirring model
  - Preparation for fermion wave packet using quantum circuit
- Simulation results
  - Classical simulation for interacting case
  - Quantum simulation for noninteracting case
  - ☐ Resource estimation for interacting case

# The Thirring model

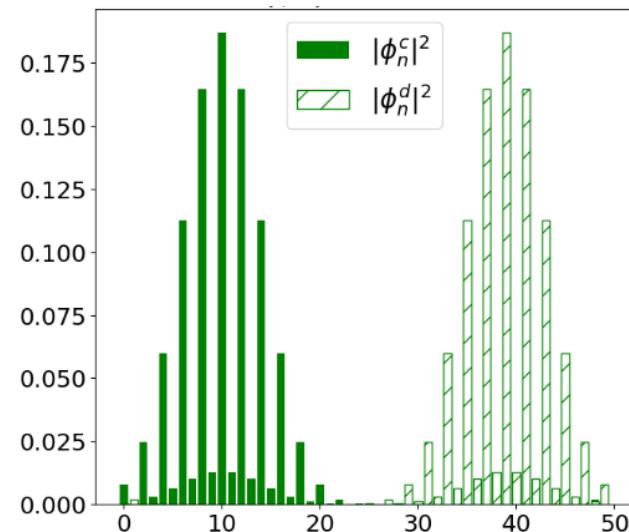
$$H = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{i}{2a} (\xi_{n+1}^\dagger \xi_n - \xi_n^\dagger \xi_{n+1}) + m \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n + \frac{g}{a} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n \xi_{n+1}^\dagger \xi_{n+1}$$

Kinetic term                    Mass term                    Four-body interaction

- Exactly solvable fermionic model in 1+1 dimension, Kogut-Susskind formula
- $\xi_n^\dagger, \xi_n$  : fermionic creation or annihilation operators
- a: lattice spacing,  $a = 1$
- Periodic boundary condition:  $\xi_N = \xi_0$

# Scattering process

- ✓ Vacuum state  $|\Omega\rangle$  : ground state of Hamiltonian  $H$  ----- VQE...
- Initial state  $|\psi(0)\rangle$  : wave packets of particles



- ✓ Time evolution :  $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt}|\psi(0)\rangle$  ----- Trotterization...

# Define wave packets in momentum space

- Creation operators for fermion and antifermion

$$H = \sum_k w_k (c_k^\dagger c_k - d_k d_k^\dagger)$$

$$c_k^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{m + w_k}{w_k}} \sum_n e^{ikn} (\Pi_{n0} + v_k \Pi_{n1}) \xi_n^\dagger$$

$$d_k^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{m + w_k}{w_k}} \sum_n e^{ikn} (\Pi_{n1} + v_k \Pi_{n0}) \xi_n^\dagger$$

- Fidelity between the corresponding eigen state

| $N = 10, g=0.8, k = 2\pi/N$ |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| m                           | 0.01  | 0.1   | 0.5   | 0.8   |
| $c_k^\dagger$               | 0.513 | 0.834 | 0.974 | 0.989 |
| $\tilde{c}_k^\dagger$       | 0.693 | 0.90  | 0.989 | 0.995 |

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- Creation operators for wave packets

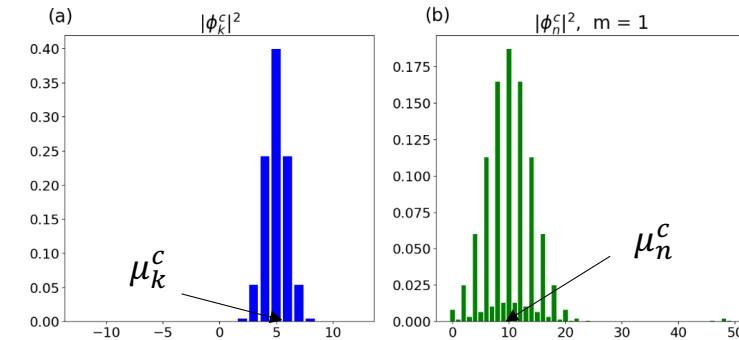
Fermion:  $C^\dagger(\phi^c) = \sum_k \phi_k^c c_k^\dagger$

Antifermion:  $D^\dagger(\phi^d) = \sum_k \phi_k^d d_k^\dagger$

- Amplitude of Gaussian Wave packet in momentum space

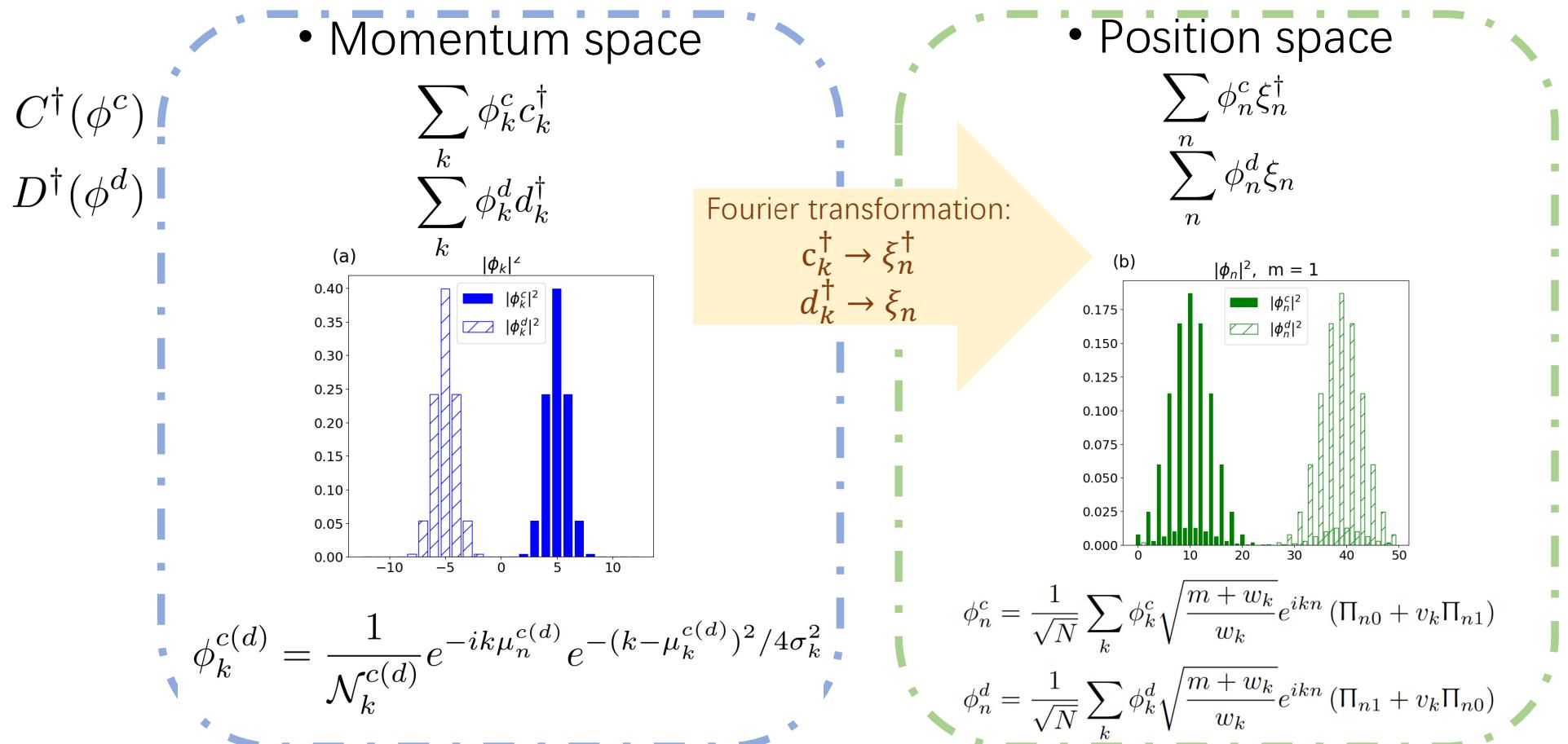
$$\phi_k^{c(d)} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_k^{c(d)}} e^{-ik\mu_n^{c(d)}} e^{-(k-\mu_k^{c(d)})^2/4\sigma_k^2}$$

Position      Momentum      Width



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# Define wave packets in position space



# Summary for operators

- Initial state:  $|\psi(0)\rangle = D^\dagger(\phi^d) C^\dagger(\phi^c)|\Omega\rangle$

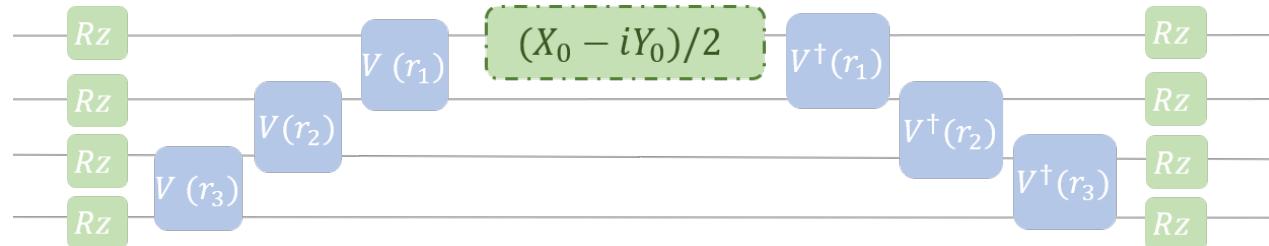
$$C^\dagger(\phi^c) = \sum_n \phi_n^c \xi_n^\dagger, \quad D^\dagger(\phi^d) = \sum_n \phi_n^d \xi_n^\dagger$$
$$\phi_n^c(\mu_k^c, \mu_n^c, \sigma_k^c), \quad \phi_n^d(\mu_k^d, \mu_n^d, \sigma_k^d)$$

- How to implement the linear combination of operators in a quantum computing?**

# Circuit for wave packet preparation

$$C^\dagger(\phi^c) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \xi_n^\dagger \phi_n^c = V(\phi_n^c) \sigma_0^- V^\dagger(\phi_n^c)$$

- Circuit decomposed by Givens rotation

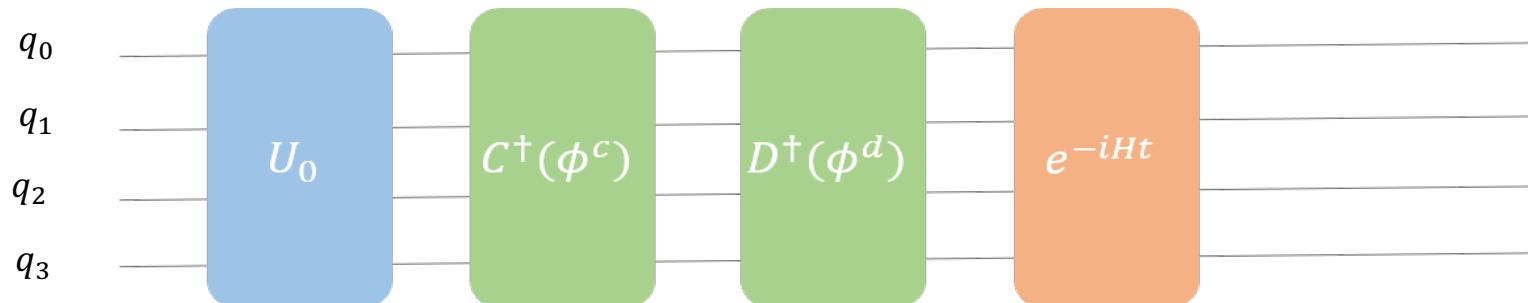


- CNOT number:  $4(N-1)$

$$V^\dagger(r_n) = \exp \left( i \frac{\theta_n}{2} [\sigma_{n-1}^x \sigma_n^y - \sigma_{n-1}^y \sigma_n^x] \right)$$

# Circuit for scattering process

- Acting time evolution on initial state:  $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$



# Observables

- Focus on the sector of  $\sum_n \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n = N/2$
- Monitor the excess fermion density with respect to the ground state  $|\Omega\rangle$  over time

$$\Delta \langle \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n \rangle_t = \langle \psi(t) | \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n | \psi(t) \rangle - \langle \Omega | \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n | \Omega \rangle$$

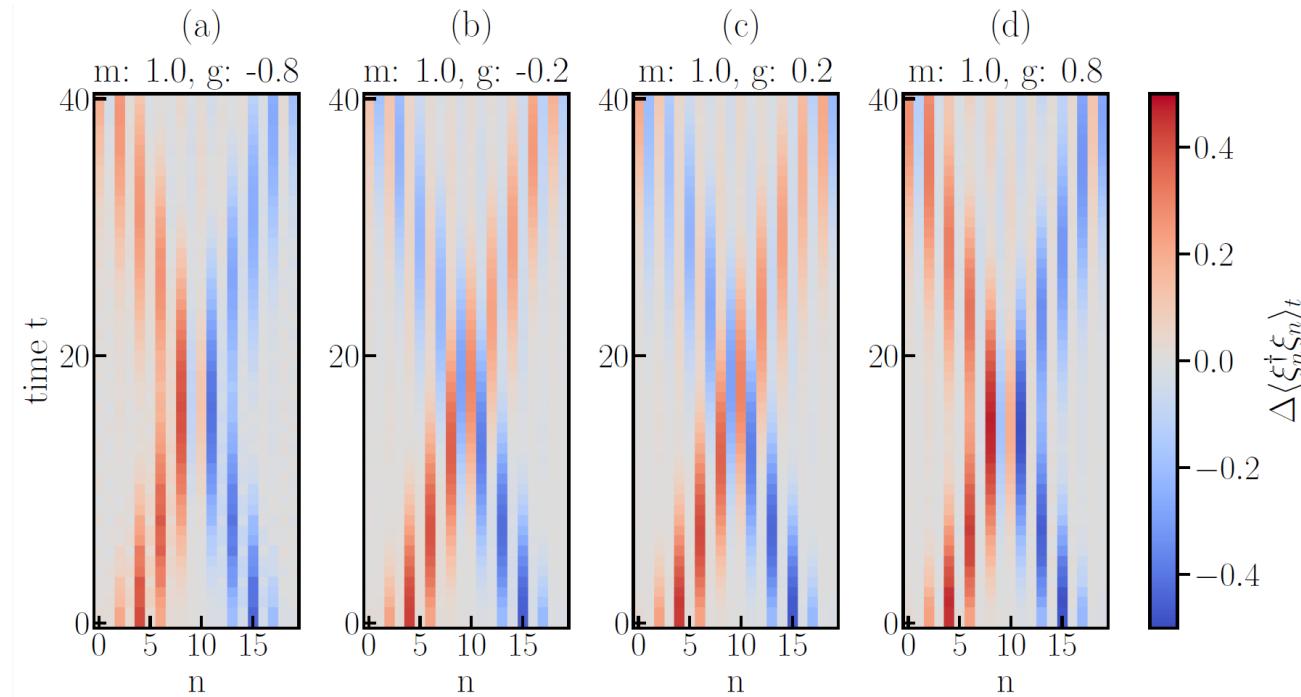
- Monitor the entropy production over time compared to two wave packets moving individually,

$$\Delta S_2(n, t) = \Delta S_1(n, t) - (\Delta S_{1,C}(n, t) + \Delta S_{1,D}(n, t))$$

where  $\Delta S_1(n, t) = S(n, t) - S_\Omega(n)$  is the difference with respect to the ground state

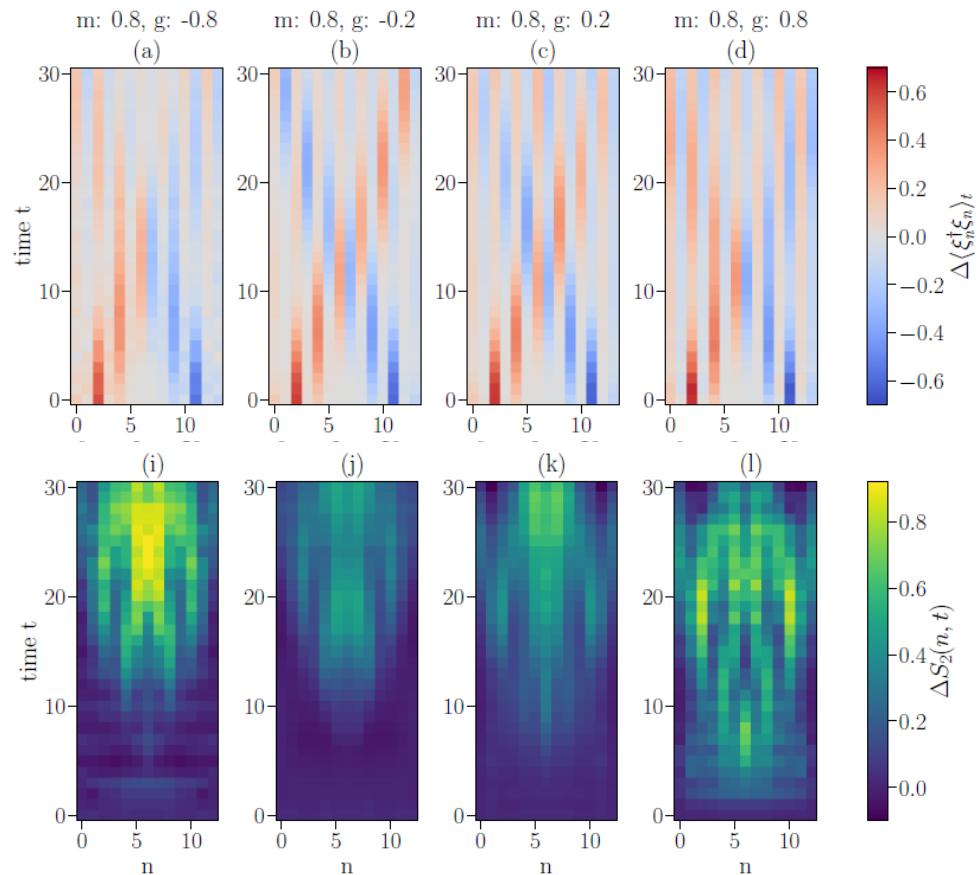
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- Elastic scattering between the fermion and antifermion for large values of  $|g|$

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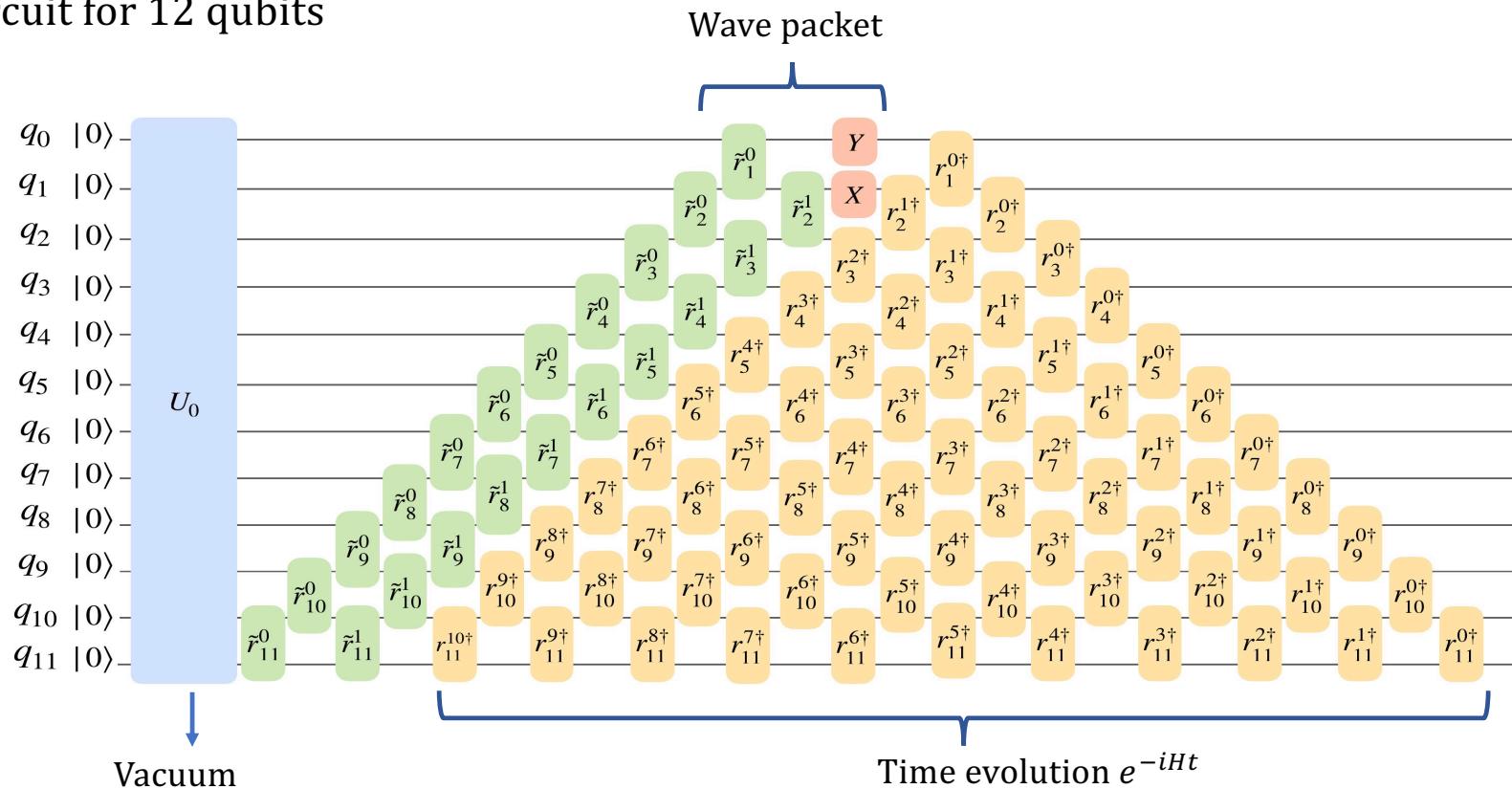
- We again observe excess entropy with respect to the vacuum
- This time  $\Delta S_2(n, t)$  after the Collision:
  - Effect of the interaction
  - Entropy production is larger for larger  $|g|$

## Quantum simulation for the noninteracting case

$$H = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{i}{2a} (\xi_{n+1}^\dagger \xi_n - \xi_n^\dagger \xi_{n+1}) + m \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n + \frac{g}{a} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \xi_n^\dagger \xi_n \xi_{n+1}^\dagger \xi_{n+1}$$

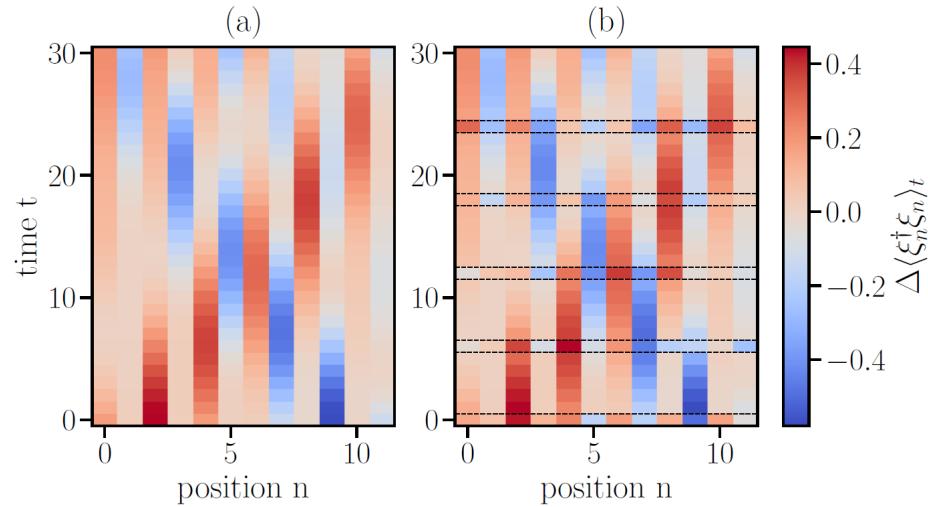
# Quantum simulation: $g = 0$

- Circuit for 12 qubits



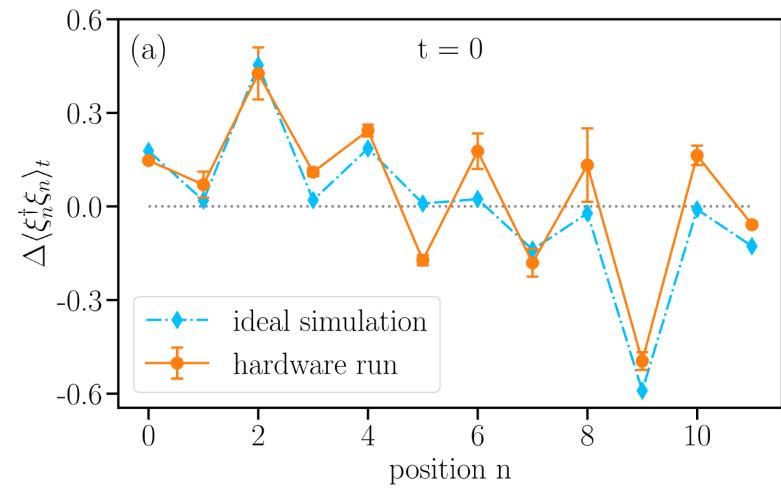
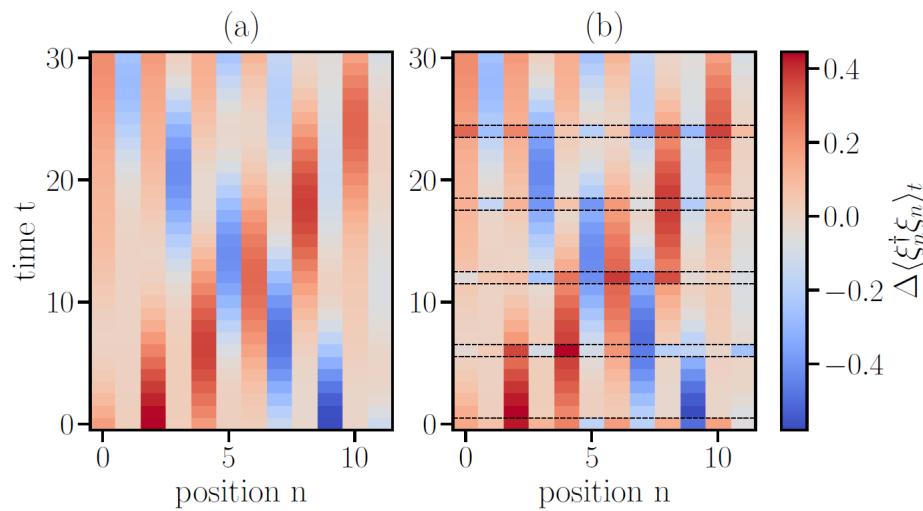
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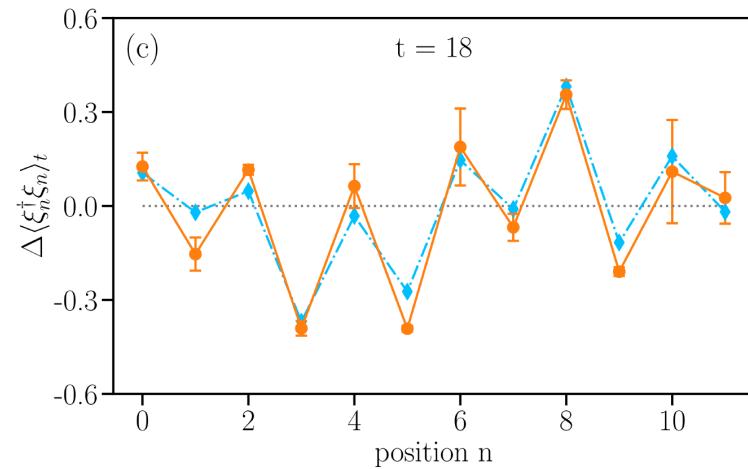
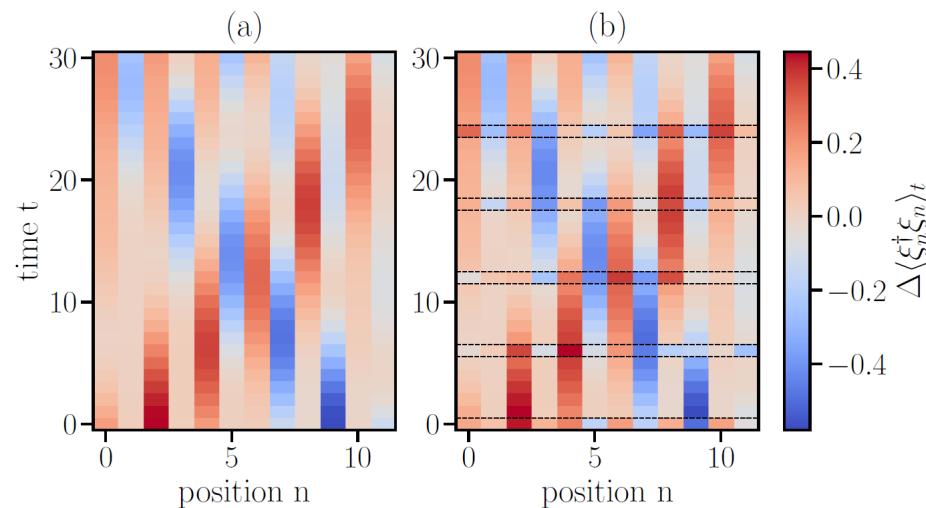
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## Resource estimation for the interacting case

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# Trotterization of time evolution

- Hamiltonian after Jordan-Wigner transformation

$$H = H_{even}^g + H_{odd}^g + H_z^g$$

$$H_{even}^g = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n \in \{0, 2, \dots, N-2\}} (\sigma_{n+1}^y \sigma_n^x - \sigma_{n+1}^x \sigma_n^y + g \cdot \sigma_{n+1}^z \sigma_n^z),$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{odd}^g &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n \in \{1, 3, \dots, N-3\}} (\sigma_{n+1}^y \sigma_n^x - \sigma_{n+1}^x \sigma_n^y + g \cdot \sigma_{n+1}^z \sigma_n^z) \\ &\quad + \frac{(-1)^{\frac{N}{2}-1}}{4} (\sigma_0^y \sigma_{N-1}^x - \sigma_0^x \sigma_{N-1}^y) + \frac{g}{4} \cdot \sigma_0^z \sigma_{N-1}^z, \end{aligned}$$

$$H_z^g = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{-m}{2} \cdot (-1)^n - \frac{g}{2} \right) \sigma_n^z$$

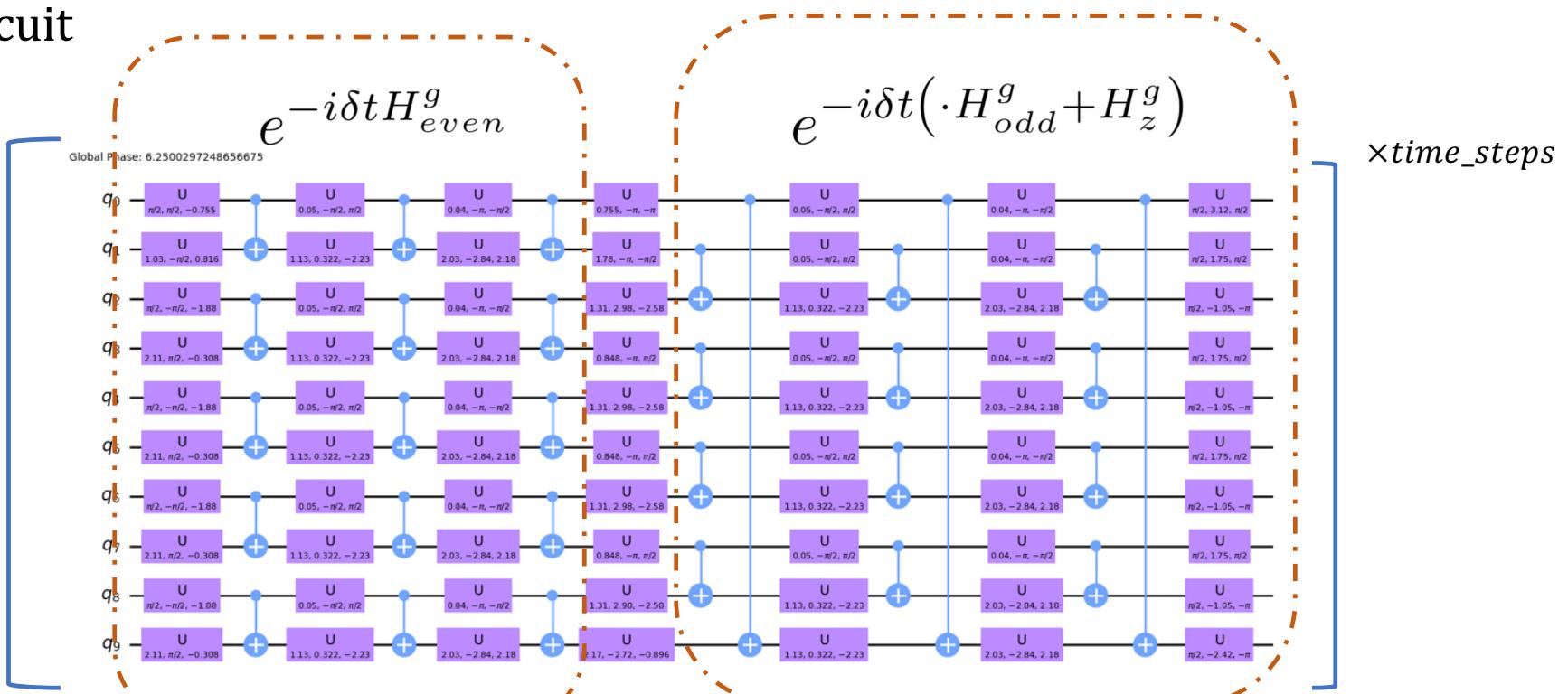
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- Second order Trotterization

$$\begin{aligned} U(t) &= \left( e^{-i\frac{\delta t}{2} \cdot H_{even}^g} \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot e^{-i\frac{\delta t}{2} \cdot H_{even}^g} \right)^k, \\ &= e^{-i\frac{\delta t}{2} \cdot H_{even}^g} \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot \boxed{e^{-i\delta t/2 \cdot H_{even}^g}} \\ &\quad \cdot \boxed{e^{-i\delta t/2 \cdot H_{even}^g}} \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot e^{-i\delta t/2 H_{even}^g} \dots, \\ &= e^{-i\frac{\delta t}{2} \cdot H_{even}^g} \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot e^{-i\delta t \cdot H_{even}^g} \\ &\quad \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot e^{-i\delta t H_{even}^g} \dots \\ &\quad \cdot e^{-i\delta t (\cdot H_{odd}^g + H_z^g)} \cdot e^{-i\frac{\delta t}{2} \cdot H_{even}^g}. \end{aligned}$$

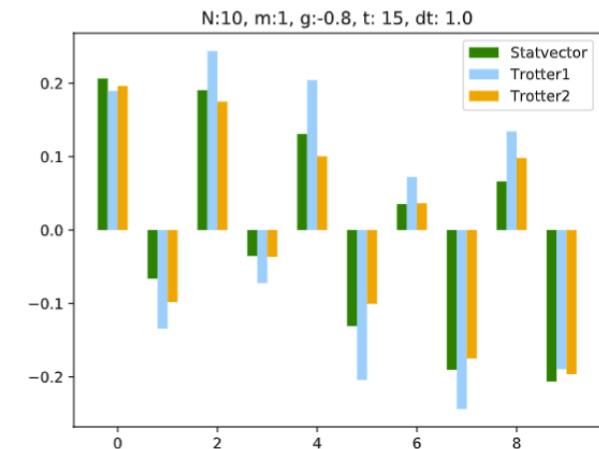
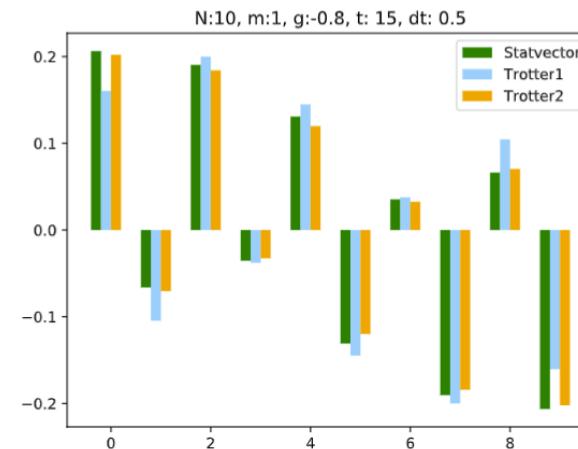
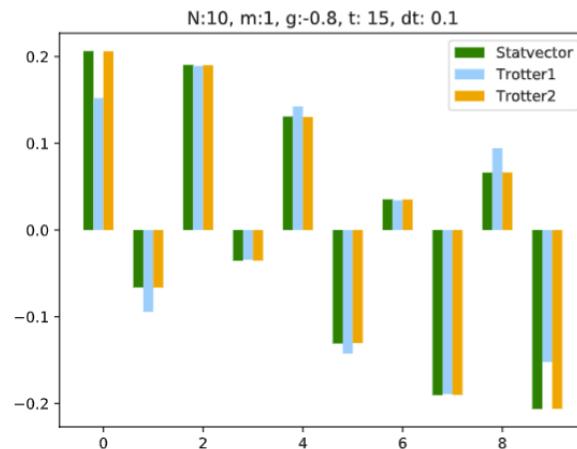
# Trotterization of time evolution

- Circuit



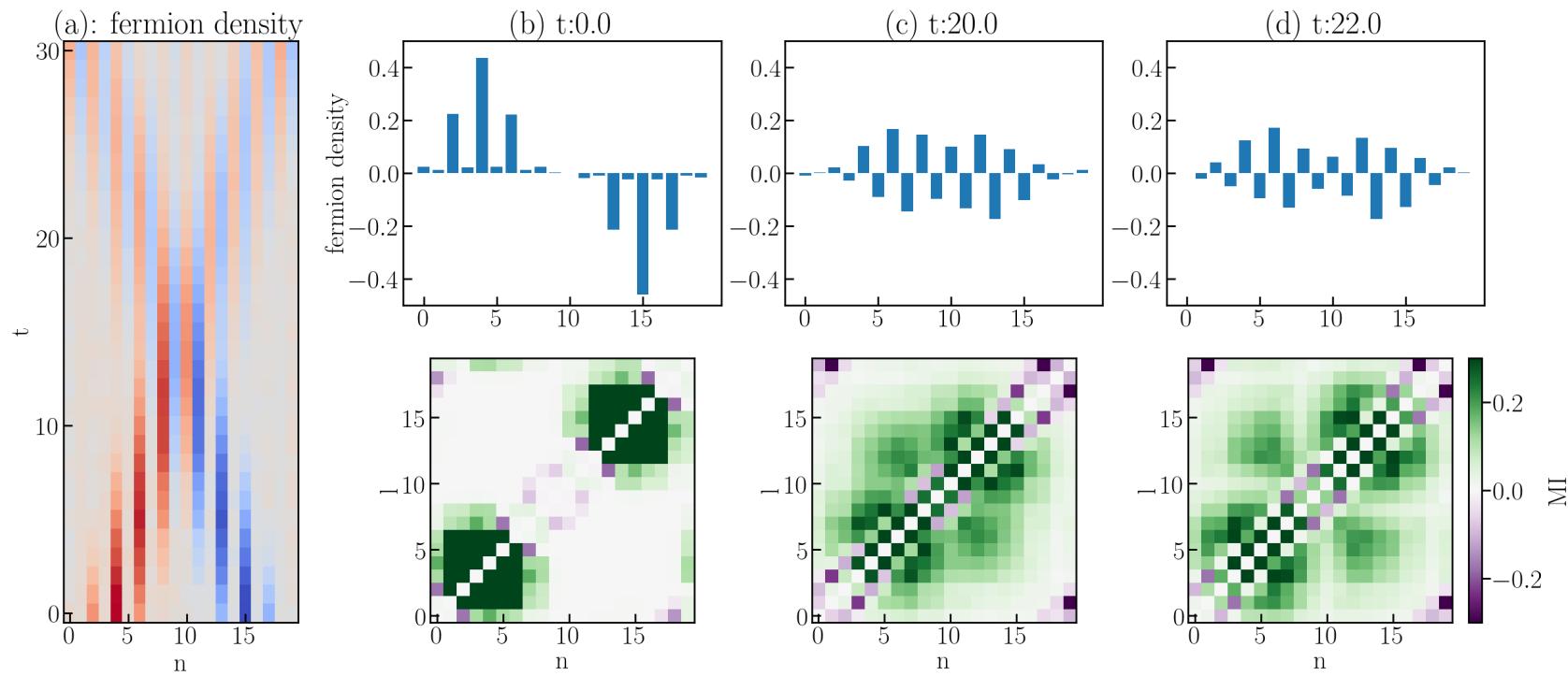
# Trotterization of time evolution

- Comparison of first and second order Trotterization



# Mutual Information

$$MI(n, l) = S(n, n + 1) + S(l, l + 1) - S(n, n + 1, l, l + 1)$$



$m=0.8, g=0.4, dt=1$

# Resource estimation

- Simulate the scattering process for interacting Thirring model on quantum hardware

| N = 40, interacting, T = 22, dt = 1, vacuum reps=3 |        |             |                |          |
|--|--------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Steps  | vacuum | wave packet | time evolution | in total |
| CNOT layer   | 12     | 95          | 135            | 242      |
| CNOT number  | 240    | 318         | 2700           | 3258     |

# Summary and outlooks

- Propose the framework to simulate fermionic scattering on a digital quantum computing approach.
  - Simulated the elastic scattering process in the Thirring model classically
  - Successful implementation for the noninteracting case on quantum hardware

# Summary and outlooks

- Outlook:
  - Study the interacting Thirring model on quantum hardware
  - Apply the method to other fermionic models
  - Extension to gauge models
  - Approximate physical fermion in small mass value

# Thank you!



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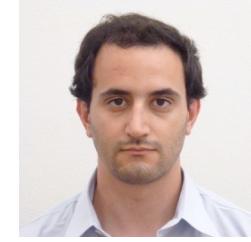
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