

# New digitization strategies for relativistic quantum field theories

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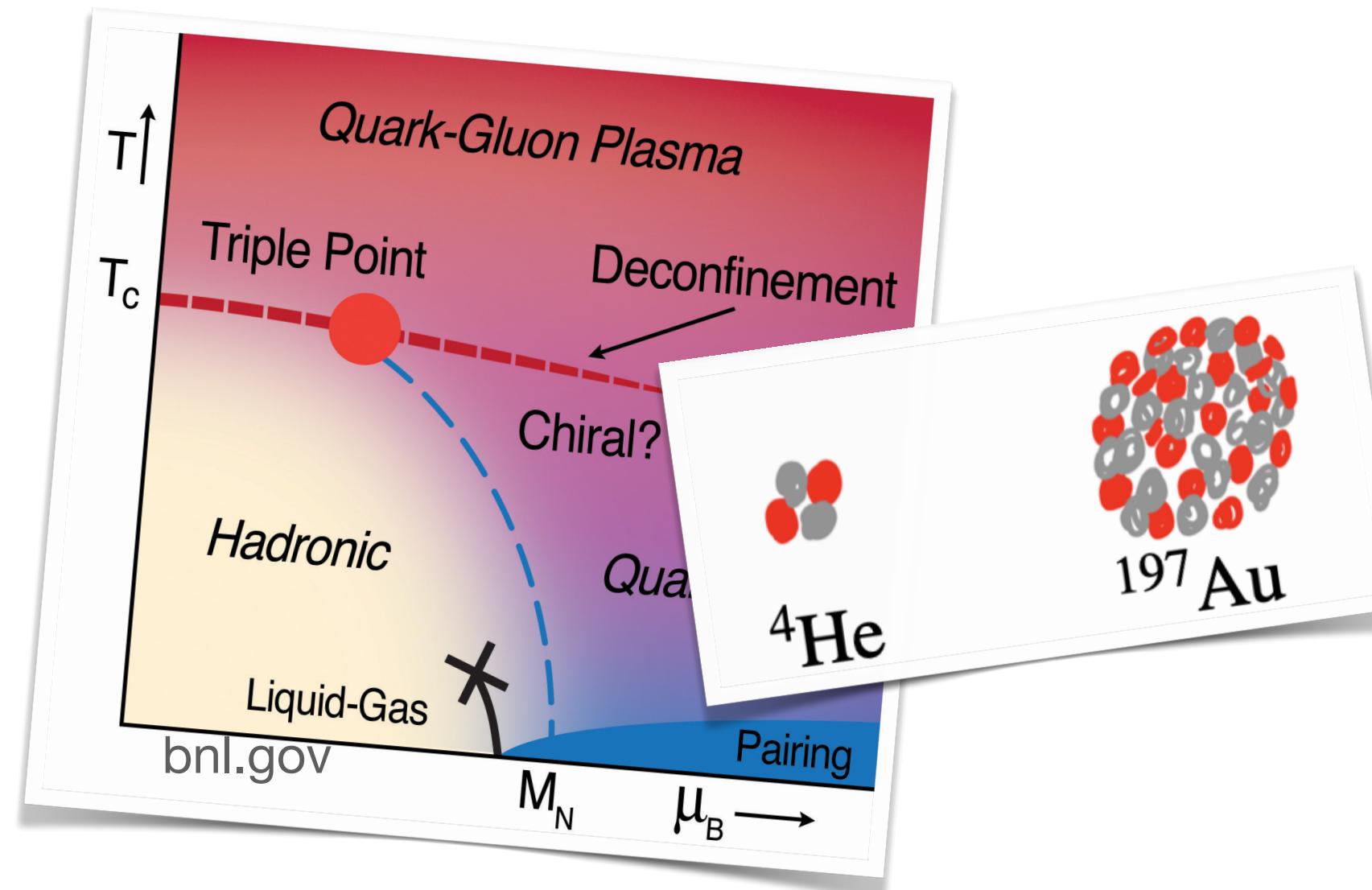
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# Motivation

**Quantum Computing quantum many-body systems is ~~exponentially hard~~ (most of the time)**

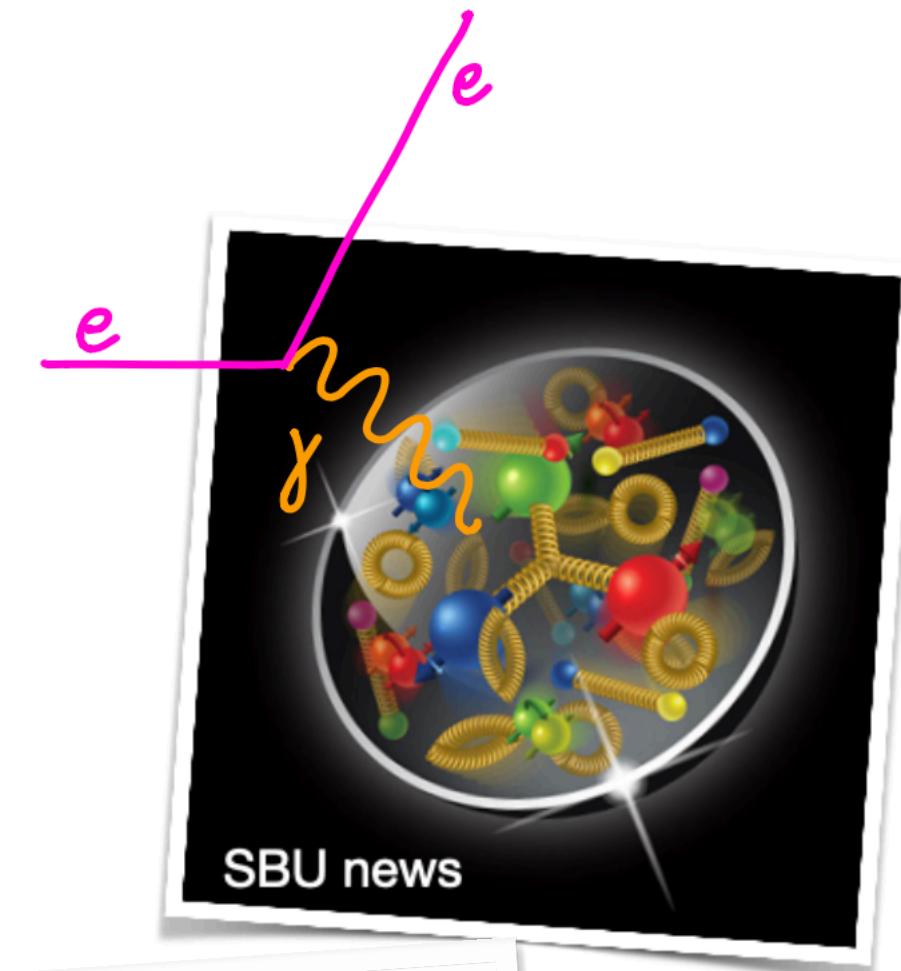
## Static problems

Thermal or ground state properties,  
bound states etc.

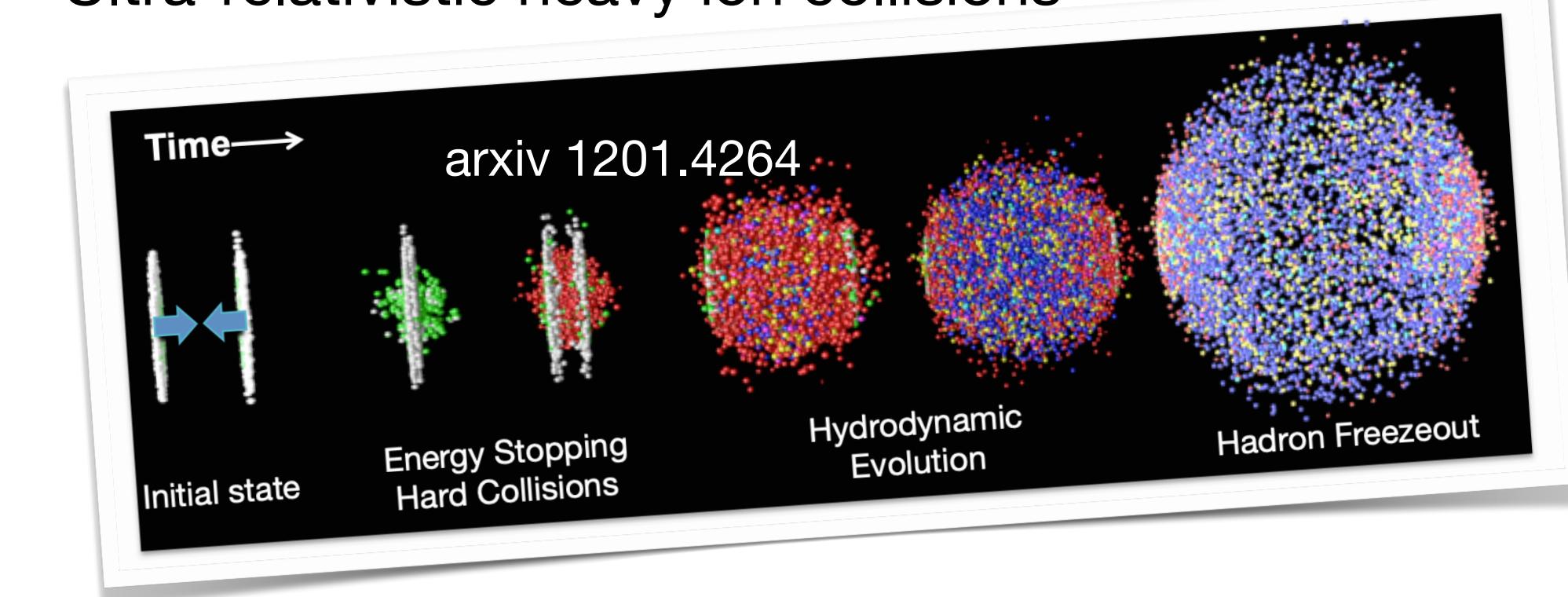


## Dynamical problems

Scattering at the Electron-Ion Collider



Ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions



# Motivation

## Desired Model

$$H = \sum_n \left[ \frac{\pi_n^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \phi_n)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2}\phi_n^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi_n^4 \right]$$

(real scalar field theory  
d+1 dim.)

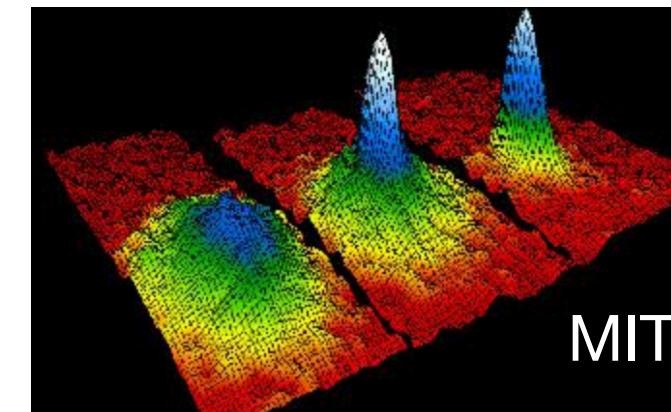
$$\phi_n |\phi\rangle_n = \bar{\phi}_n |\phi\rangle_n \quad \text{or} \quad \pi_n |\pi\rangle_n = \bar{\pi}_n |\pi\rangle_n$$

## available Hilbert spaces (“hardware”)

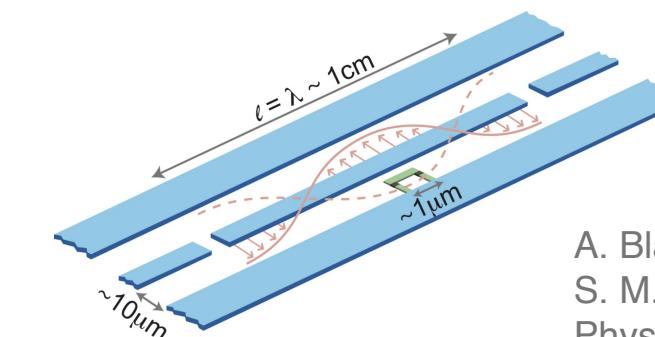
### Digital (sc-qubit, ions ...)

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### Analog (atoms, molecules, ...)



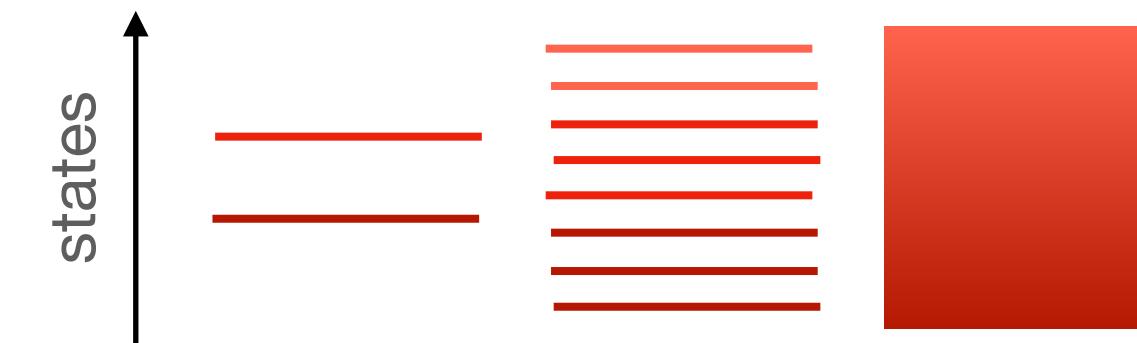
### Digital-Analog (cQED, optical...)



A. Blais, R.-S. Huang, A. Wallraff,  
S. M. Girvin, and R. J. Schoelkopf,  
Physical Review A 69, 062320 (2004).

For bosonic theories spectrum continuous, infinite dimensional local HS

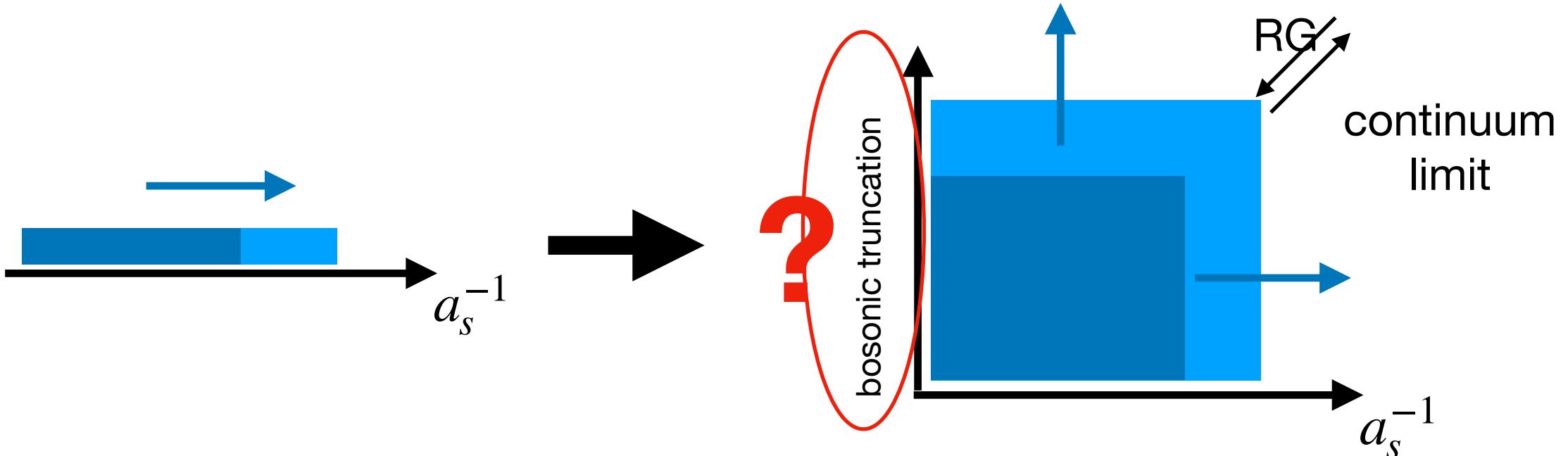
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Here will focus mostly on digital implementations

# Digitization Strategies

- Challenge in NISQ era:  
how to do best with limited resources?



## (“Strategy 1”): Field Based Digitization

$$\phi_x |\phi\rangle_x = \bar{\phi}_x |\phi\rangle_x \quad \bar{\phi} \in [-\phi^{\max}, \phi^{\max}]$$

$$\bar{\phi} = -\bar{\phi}^{\max} + \beta_\phi \delta_\phi \quad \beta \in 0, 1, \dots, \phi^{\max}/\delta_\phi \quad (\text{integer})$$

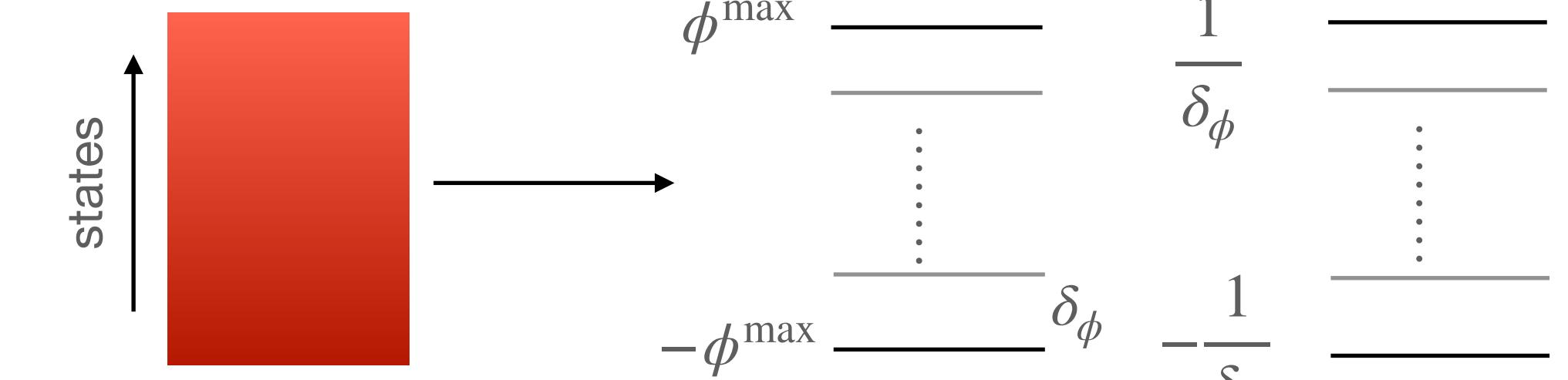
$$|\phi\rangle \rightarrow |\beta_\phi\rangle = |0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, \dots$$

$$\pi_x |\pi\rangle_x = \bar{\pi}_x |\pi\rangle_x \quad \bar{\pi} \in [-\pi^{\max}, \pi^{\max}]$$

$$\pi^{\max} = \frac{1}{a_s^d \delta_\phi}$$

- Binary representation  $|0\rangle = |\dots000\rangle$ ,  $|1\rangle = |\dots001\rangle$ ,  $|2\rangle = |\dots010\rangle$

Jordan, Lee & Preskill, Science 336, 1130 (2012) arXiv:1112.4833; Klco, Savage PRA 98, 052335 (2019)



number of qubits

$O(V)$

~ few thousand to ten thousand for simplest problem

$$\phi_x = \frac{1}{V^{1/2}} \sum_q \frac{1}{(2\omega_q)^{1/2}} [a_q + a_{-q}^\dagger] e^{2\pi i x \cdot q/N}$$

$$\pi_x = \frac{-i}{V^{1/2}} \sum_q \left(\frac{\omega_q}{2}\right)^{1/2} [a_q - a_{-q}^\dagger] e^{2\pi i x \cdot q/N}$$

Yeter-Aydeniz, Siopsis PRD(7, 036004 (2018) Klco, Savage PRA 98, 052335 (2019) Yeter-Aydeniz, Siopsis, Dumitrescu, McCaskey, Poser PRA 99, 032306, truncation of HO, see Macridin, Spentzouris, Amundson, Harnik PRL 121, 110504 (2018)), PRA 98, 042312 (2018),

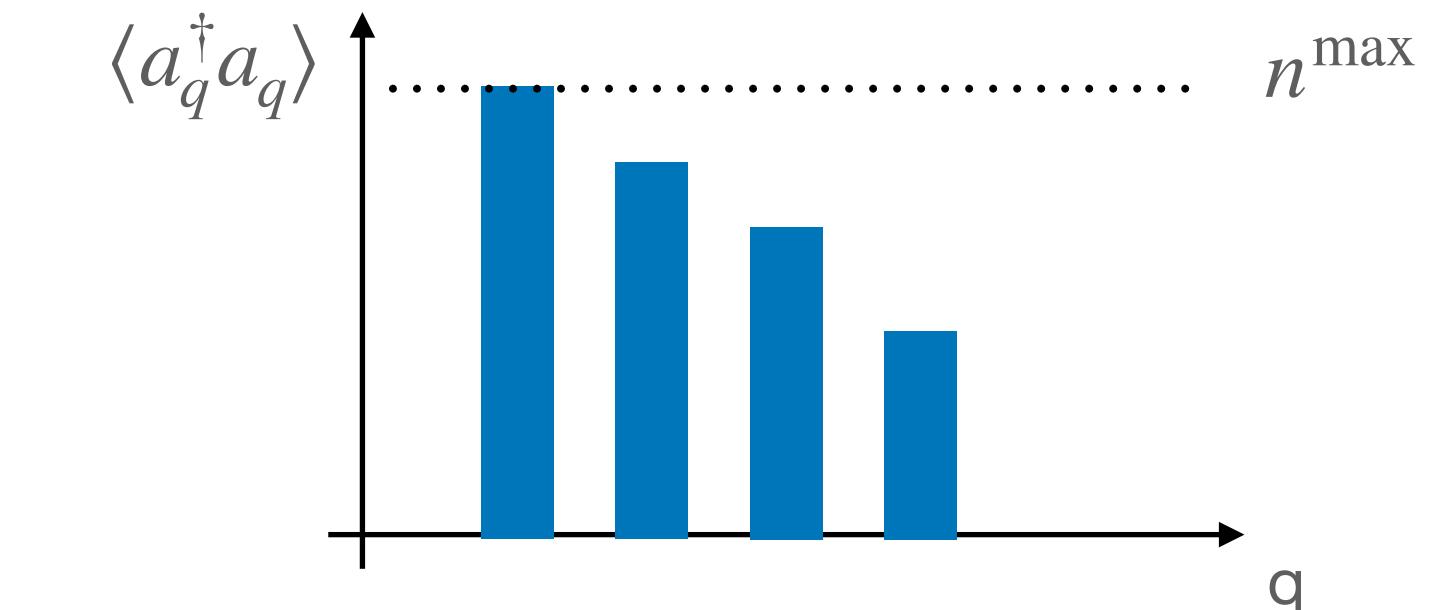
- Position space vs. momentum space

$$a_x^\dagger = \frac{\phi_x - i\pi_x}{2}$$

$$a_x = \frac{\phi_x + i\pi_x}{2}$$

- Truncation  $n_q, n_x < n^{\max}$ , binary representation

$$|n=0\rangle = |\dots000\rangle, |n=1\rangle = |\dots001\rangle, |n=2\rangle = |\dots010\rangle, \dots$$

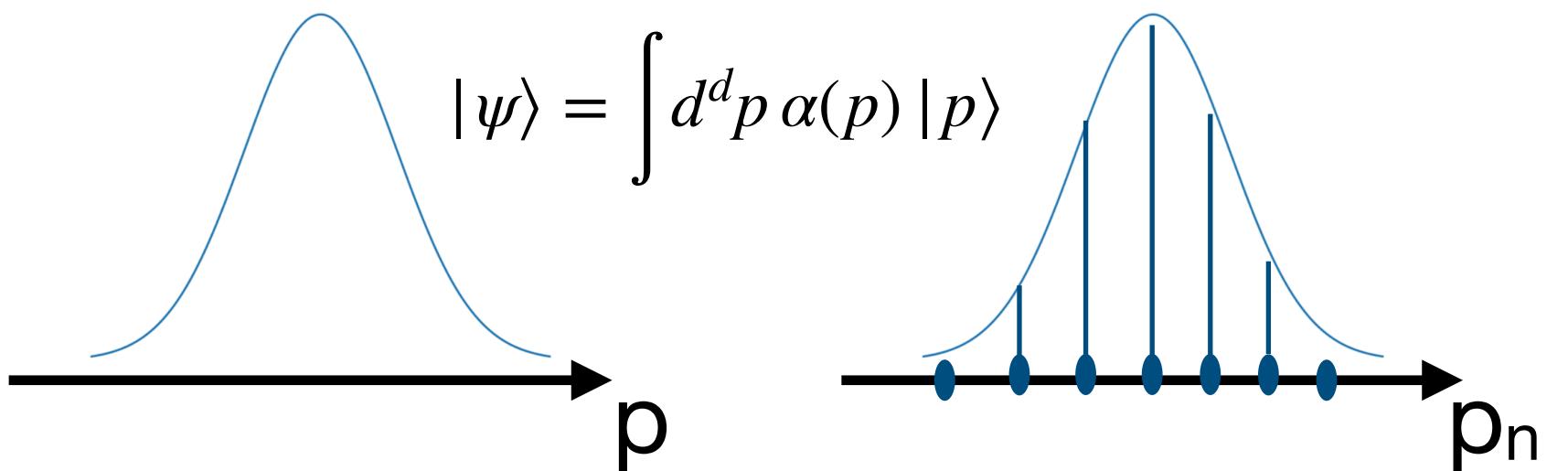


# Digitization Strategies

## (“Strategy 3”): Particle basis

- Non-relativistic system:  $|\mathbf{p}\rangle = |0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, \dots$

$$|\mathbf{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{p}} e^{i\mathbf{px}} |\mathbf{p}\rangle$$



- binary encoding:  $|n\rangle = |0\rangle, |1\rangle, \dots |L-1\rangle = |0\dots01\rangle, |0\dots10\rangle, \dots, |1\dots11\rangle$  using  $d \log(L) = \log(V)$  qubits

In relativistic QFT more complicated!

### Particle register

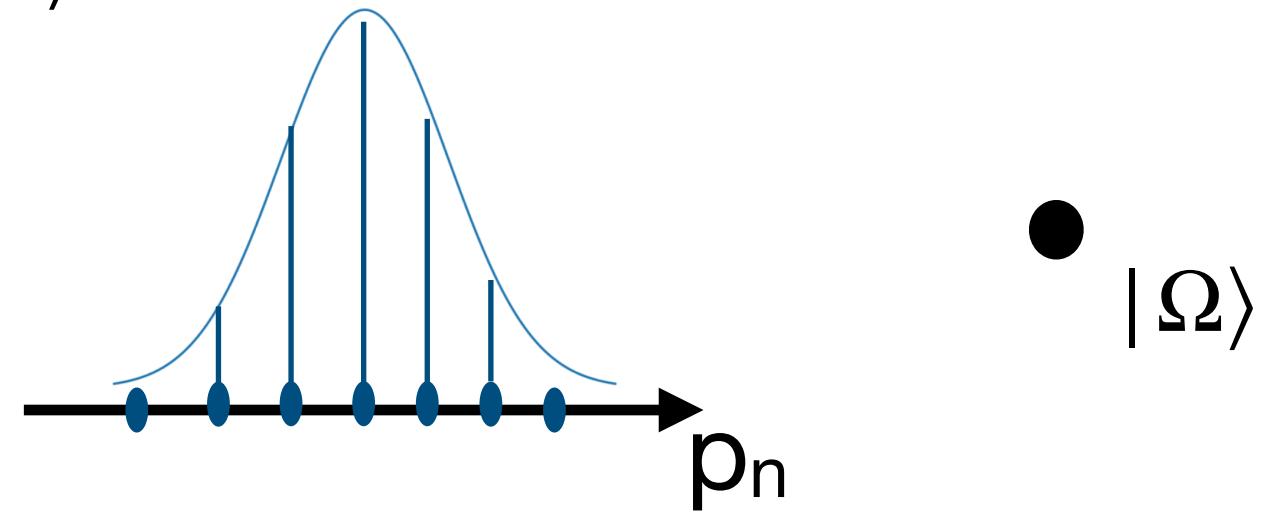
$$\mathcal{H} \equiv \text{span}(|\mathbf{p}\rangle, |\Omega\rangle)$$

- i) particle ‘exists’ i.e. three-momentum eigenstate  $|\mathbf{p}\rangle$
- ii) particle ‘does not exist’  $|\Omega\rangle$ ,
- iii) particle can ‘exist’ and ‘not exist’, i.e. be off-shell

$$|\mathbf{p}\rangle = |1011\dots; 1\rangle$$

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0000\dots; 0\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |\Omega\rangle + \int d^d \mathbf{p} \alpha_{\mathbf{p}} |\mathbf{p}\rangle$$



### Relation to many-body states and quantum field theory

- $|\text{vac}\rangle = \bigotimes_{i=0}^{M-1} |\Omega\rangle$  is the Fock vacuum of the theory
- $|\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'\rangle = \mathcal{N} \{ |\mathbf{p}\rangle |\mathbf{p}'\rangle |\Omega\rangle \dots + |\mathbf{p}'\rangle |\mathbf{p}\rangle |\Omega\rangle + \dots \} \equiv |\mathbf{n}_p = 1, \mathbf{n}_{p'} = 1\rangle$  are the Fock states
- ... actually a hard core boson representation

$$a_p^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} a_p^{(i)\dagger}$$

$$a_p^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = |\mathbf{p}\rangle$$

$$[a_p, a_{p'}^\dagger] = \delta_{p,p'} + O\left(\frac{n}{M}\right)$$

If  $n/V < 1$ , compact  $\log(V)$  versus  $V$

If  $n/V \sim 1$ , similar  $V \log(V)$

If  $n/V > 1$ , worse, still polynomial

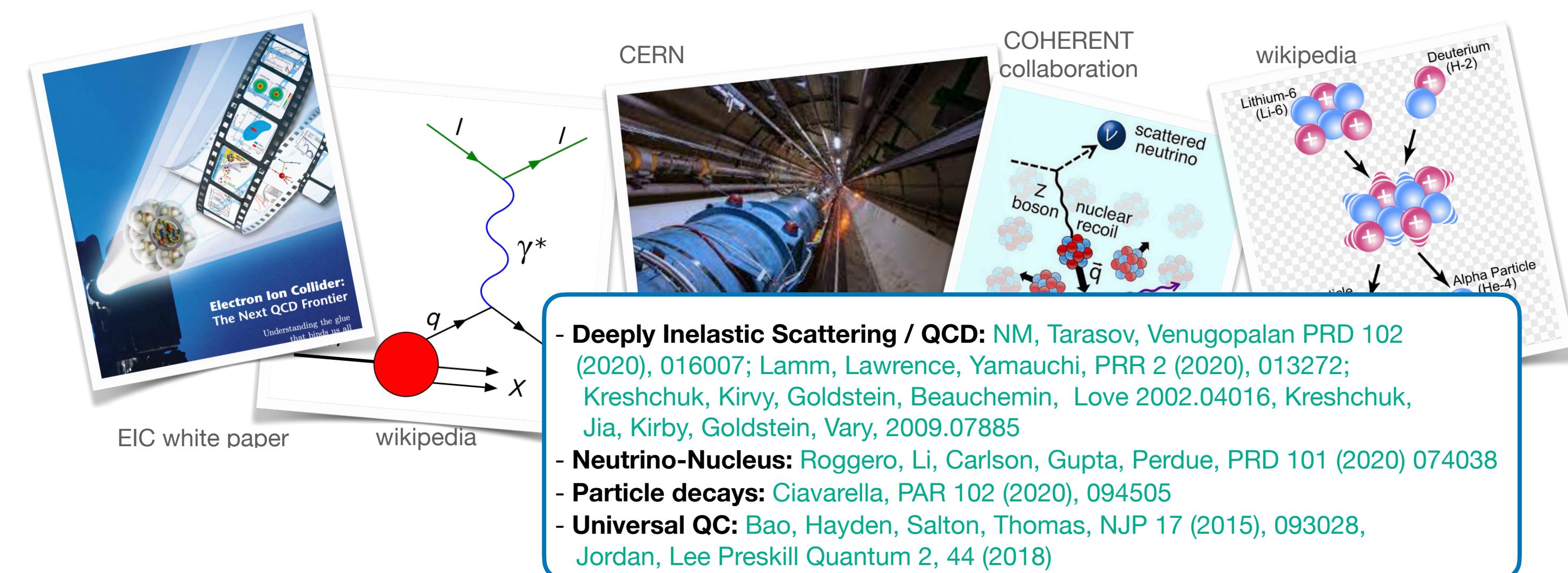
note dimensionless operators/units  
+different normalization as “textbook” single particle states  $(2\omega_p)^{1/2} a_p^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = |\mathbf{p}\rangle$



# Algorithms: Scattering problem

- Interesting because reveals **dynamical information** of quantum system

(the only “tomography tool” for high energy experimentalists)



- **S-matrix**

$$S = U(\infty, -\infty)$$

$$S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \psi_{\beta}^{\text{free}} | U_{\infty, -\infty} | \psi_{\alpha}^{\text{free}} \rangle$$

$$U_{t,t'} = \exp\{-iH(t-t')\}$$

- **Computational perspectives**

(a) Heisenberg picture, quantum variational algorithms [Yeter-Aydeniz, Sipsis, Pooser 2008.08763](#)

$$|\psi_{\alpha}^{\text{in/out}}\rangle = (V - VG_0V)^{-1}V|\phi_{\alpha}\rangle \quad H = H_0 + V \quad G_0 \equiv (E_{\alpha} - H_0 \pm i\epsilon)^{-1}$$

(b) Finite volume energies vs. scattering amplitudes (from euclidean and minkowski correlation functions)

[Luescher Comm. MathPhys 105, 153 \(1986\)](#), [NPB 354, 531 \(1991\)](#), [Rummukainen, Gottlieb NPB450, 397 \(1995\)](#), [Davoudi, Savage, PRD84, 114502 \(2011\)](#), [Hansen, Sharpe PRD86, 016007 \(2012\)](#), [Brinceno, Davoudi, PRD88 094507 & Lu PRD88, 034502, ... , Briceno, Guerrero, Hansen, Sturzu PRD 103, 014506 \(2021\)](#)

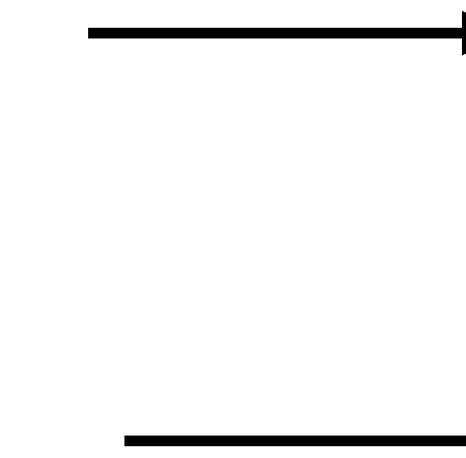
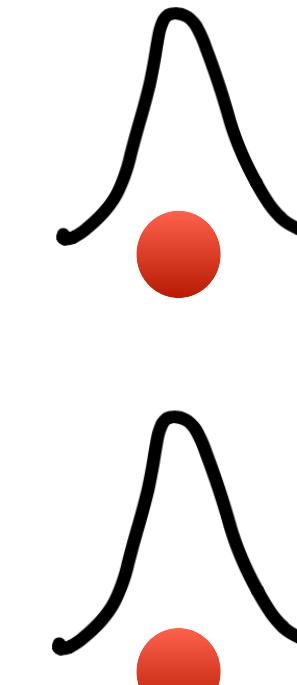
(c) Schroedinger picture, real time evolution [Jordan, Lee & Preskill, Science 336, 1130 \(2012\)](#)

# Algorithms: Scattering problem

## Schroedinger picture

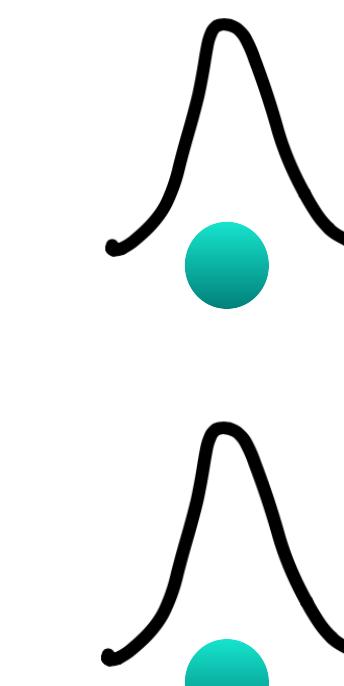
(a) prepare single particle states of non-interacting theory

$$|\psi(-\infty)\rangle = |\phi(-\infty)\rangle$$



(b) evolve into single particle states of interacting theory

$$U_{t,-\infty} |\psi(-\infty)\rangle$$



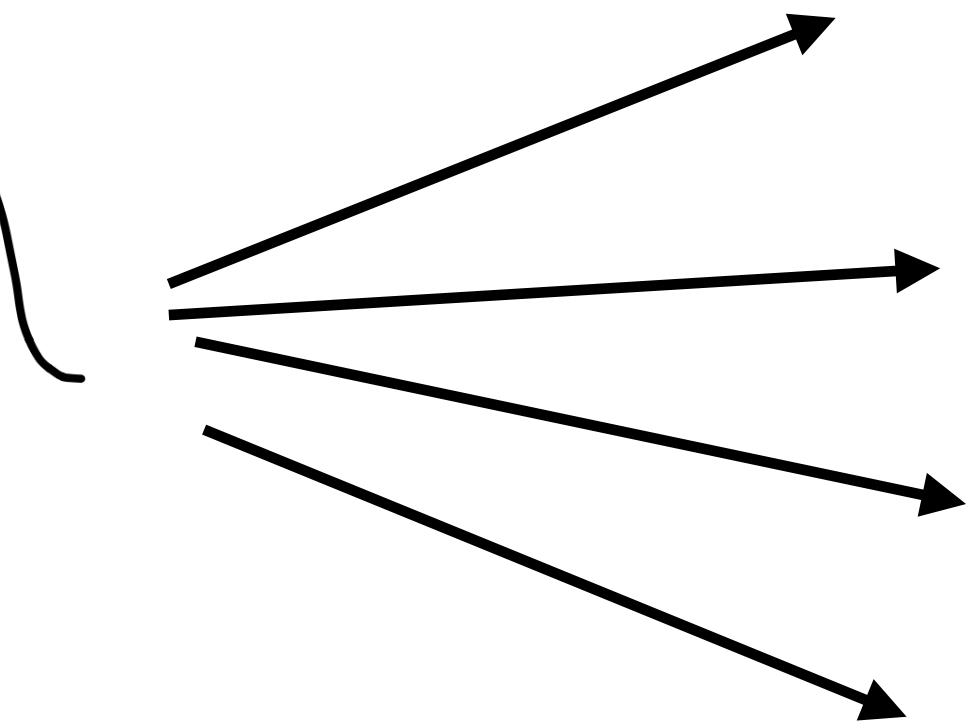
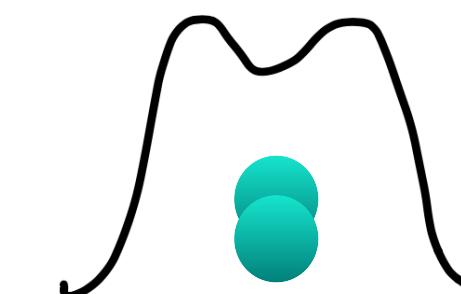
$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \int d\alpha g(\alpha) e^{-iE_\alpha t} |\psi\rangle$$

(wave packet)

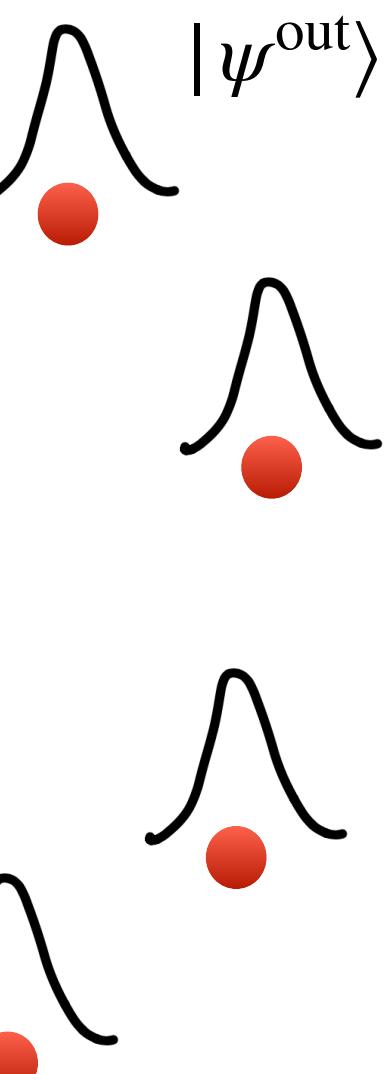
$$H(t) = H_0 + (1 - t/t_0)H_I$$

(c) wave packets overlap / interact

$$U_{t,t_0} |\psi(t_0)\rangle$$

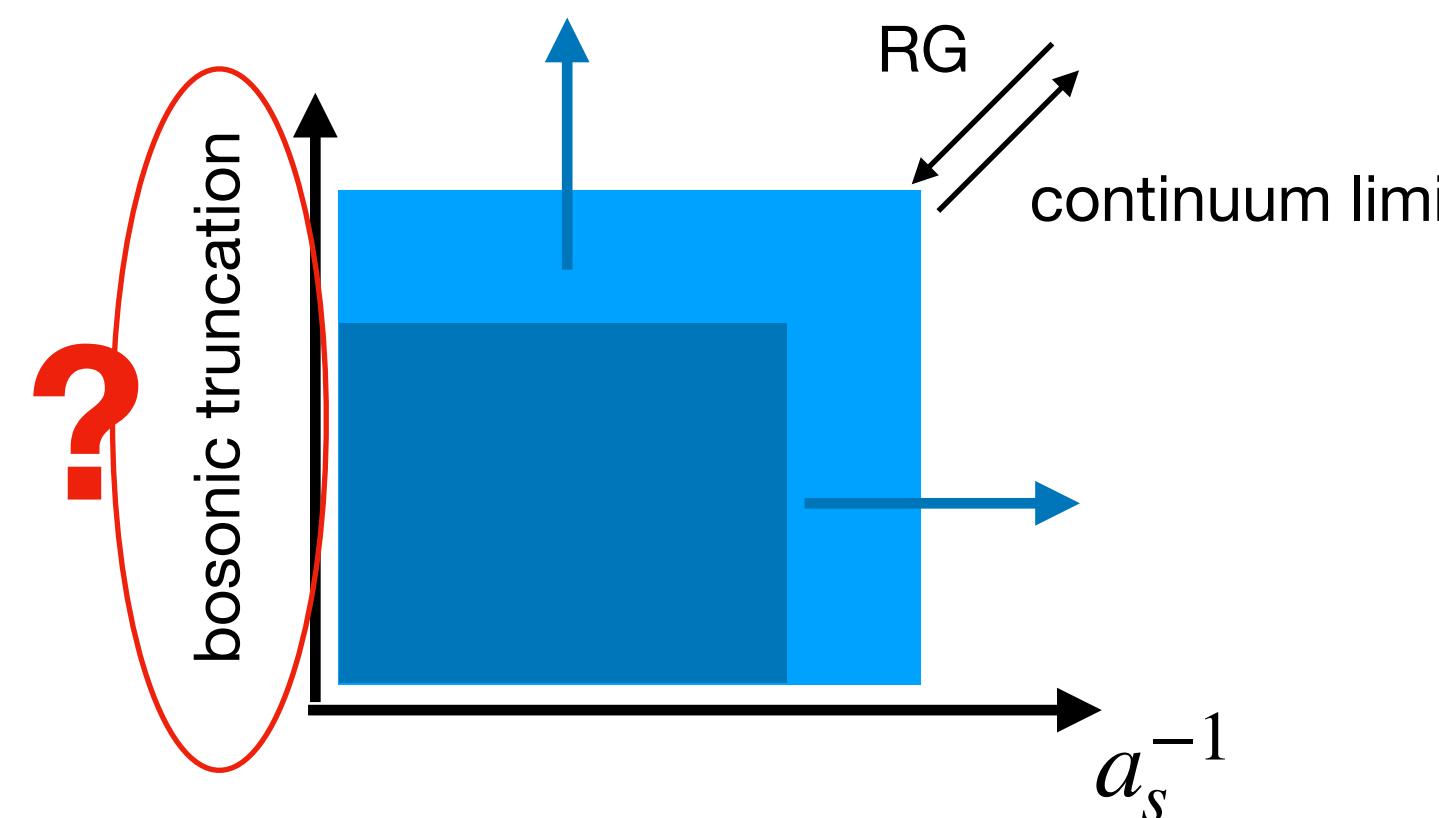


(d) measure outgoing particle states or energy density



(e) Renormalization

Relate to continuum scattering cross sections



# Time Evolution Algorithm - Single Particle basis

- Trotter scheme 
$$U = \prod_t U(\delta t) \quad U(\delta t) = e^{-iH_0\delta t}e^{-iH_I\delta t} + O(\delta t^2)$$

- Split up Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_n \left[ \frac{\pi_n^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \phi_n)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2}\phi_n^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi_n^4 \right]$$

## reminder:

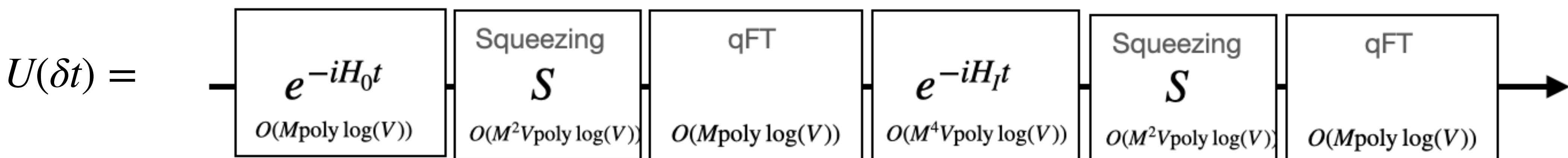
$$a_x^\dagger = \frac{\phi_x - i\pi_x}{2} \quad a_x = \frac{\phi_x + i\pi_x}{2}$$

are Fock operators in position space

$$H_I = \sum_{\text{(position space)}} \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi_x^4 = \sum_{q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4} \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi_{q_1} \phi_{q_2} \phi_{q_3} \phi_{q_4} \delta(q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + q_4) \quad \text{(momentum space)}$$

- Diagonal in momentum space
  - Complicated in position space

- Very complicated in momentum space
  - Local in position space



# Time Evolution Algorithm - Single Particle basis

## Squeezing transformation?

Squeezing  
 $S$   
 $O(M^2 V \text{poly log}(V))$

- Fock operators in position space

$$a_x \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_x + i\pi_x) \quad a_x^\dagger \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_x - i\pi_x)$$

- Fourier conjugates

$$a_x \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_q A_q e^{2\pi i q x / N}$$

- but  $A_q \neq a_q$ , instead

$$A_q \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_q}} + \sqrt{\omega_q} \right] a_q + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_q}} - \sqrt{\omega_q} \right] a_{-q}^\dagger = S_q a_q S_q^\dagger$$

- Particle/Fock states in position vs momentum space

$$|\mathbf{x}\rangle \neq \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} |\mathbf{p}\rangle$$

but actually

$$|\mathbf{x}, x^0\rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p}{((2\pi)^4)} \delta(p^2 - m^2) \theta(p^0) e^{ipx} |\mathbf{p}, p^0\rangle$$

- Circuits

	Elementary gate operations	Ancilla qubits
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Time Evolution	Free part $U_0$	$O(M \text{poly log}(\mathcal{V}) t)$	$O(\log(\mathcal{V})/d)$
	Squeezing transform $S$	$O(M^2 V \text{poly log}(\mathcal{V}) t)$	0
	quantum Fourier transform	$O(M \text{poly log}(\mathcal{V}) t)$	0
	Interaction part $U_I$	$O(M^4 V \text{poly log}(\mathcal{V}) t)$	$O(\log(\mathcal{V})/d)$
	Total	$O(M^4 V \text{poly log}(\mathcal{V}) t)$	$O(\log(\mathcal{V})/d)$

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## Two-mode squeezing

$$S_q \equiv \exp\{-z_q(a_q^\dagger a_{-q}^\dagger - a_{-q} a_q)\}$$

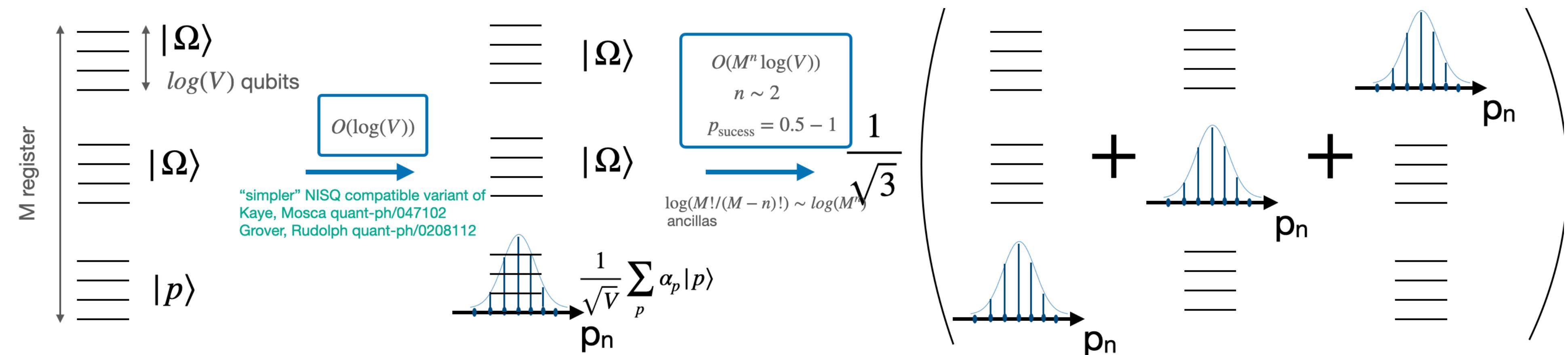
$$z_q \equiv \log(\omega_q)/2$$

# State Preparation and measurement

- Vacuum and single particle states are computational basis states

$$\mathcal{H} \equiv \text{span}(|\mathbf{p}\rangle, |\Omega\rangle) \quad |\mathbf{p}\rangle = |1011\dots; 1\rangle \quad |\Omega\rangle = |0000\dots; 0\rangle$$

- Initial state preparation:** Wave packet superposition and Bose symmetrization



- Measurement:** computational basis = particle number basis

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell} |\psi_{\ell}\rangle = \sum_{\text{basis states}} \left[ \frac{\alpha_{q,q'\dots}}{N_{q,q'}^{1/2}}(t) |q, q', \Omega \dots + \text{sym} \right]$$

will collapse onto particle number state upon measurement

- If particle (parton) number not meaningful (such as in QCD):

**Phase Estimation Algorithm (\*)** circuits are the same as for  $e^{-iH_0\delta t}$ ,  $e^{-iH_I\delta t}$

# Non-perturbative Renormalization

*Renormalization scheme should match (the precision of) the actual computation.*

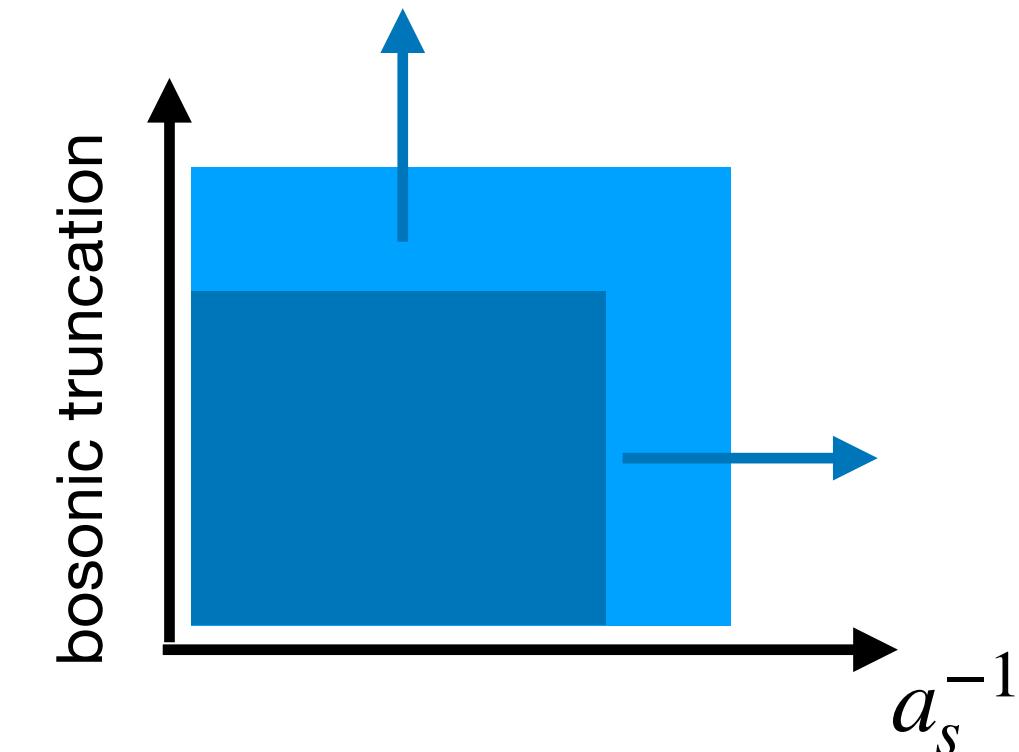
*Thus in principle **the same** computational complexity.*

- Good understanding for static quantities, but not so much for dynamics
- Hamiltonian operator renormalization

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\ell\ell} & H_{\ell h} \\ H_{h\ell} & H_{hh} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^{\text{eff}} = P_\ell (THT^\dagger)P_\ell$$

$$T = e^{i\eta}$$



- Perturbation theory: Schrieffer Wolf transformation [Perry & Wilson NPB 403, 587 \(1993\)](#), [Wilson & Glaczek PRD 48, 5863 \(1993\)](#)  
Non-perturbative: Similarity RG [Wegner Ann. d. Phys. 506, 77 \(1994\)](#), [Bogner, Furnstahl, Schwenk, Prog. Part. & Nucl. Phys 65, 94 \(2010\)](#)

**In practice**  
(oversimplified)

1. Quantum compute dimensionless **static low energy quantity**, e.g. ratio of low lying excitations for some  $a_s, M$ .  
Adjust  $M, \lambda$  to reproduce physical value.
2. Repeat at different  $a_s, M$  along  $a_s \rightarrow 0, M \rightarrow \infty$ , adjust  $M, \lambda$  (line of constant physics)
3. Once  $\lambda^{\text{ren}}, m^{\text{ren}}$  known for many  $a_s, M$ , use as input for scattering experiment + operator renormalization.
4. Continuum extrapolation of scattering results.

# Summary

- Many approaches to digitization of scalar field theory and scattering algorithms
- Few are systematically explored
- Single particle digitization may be very efficient for dilute systems, not for all systems
- Initial State preparation and measurement of scattering cross sections very simple

# Summary

	<b>Field Based (JLP)</b>	<b>Particle Based</b>	<b>Harmonic Oscillator based (*)</b>	
			position space	momentum space
State rep.	$O(V \log(V))$	$O(\log(V))$ $> O(V \log(V))$	best case worst case (still polynomial)	$O(V \log(V))$ $O(V \log(V))$
initial state prep	additional Trotter complexity $O(V \times \text{const})$	easy	?? (**)	easy
time evolution	$O(V)$	$O(V)$ polynomial + continuum dispersion	best case worst case it depends, see Klco, Savage PRA 98, 052335 (2019)	$O(V^4)$ + continuum dispersion
measurement	additional Trotter complexity $O(V^2 \times \text{const})$	easy, integrated CS for free	?? (**)	easy
verification	classical-statistical (at weak coupling) (large $\phi^{\max}$ )	lattice perturbation theory or kinetic theory (at weak coupling)	?? (**)	lattice perturbation theory or kinetic theory (at weak coupling)

(\*) Note: no strict separation. Connected by unitary transformations

(\*\*) Reflects my ignorance, not necessarily that of others.