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Quantum computing QCD for hadron structure and dynamics

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[PART I]

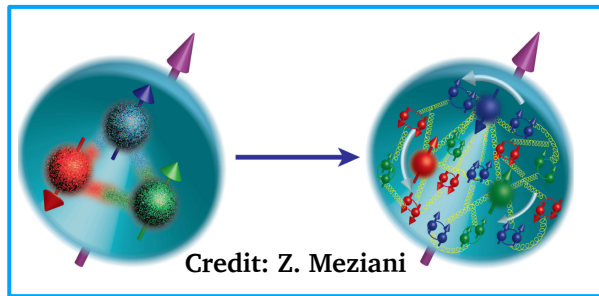
WHY QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR
THE NP/QCD/HEP RESEARCH?

LATTICE QCD HAS CARRIED OUT A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS A BROAD EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN NP...

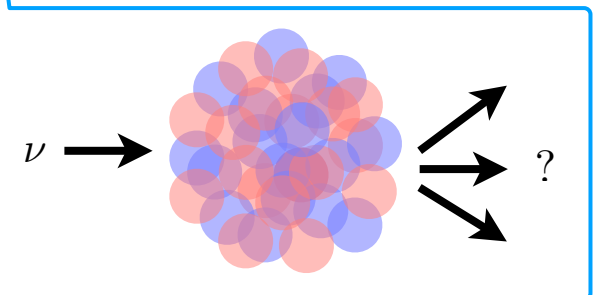
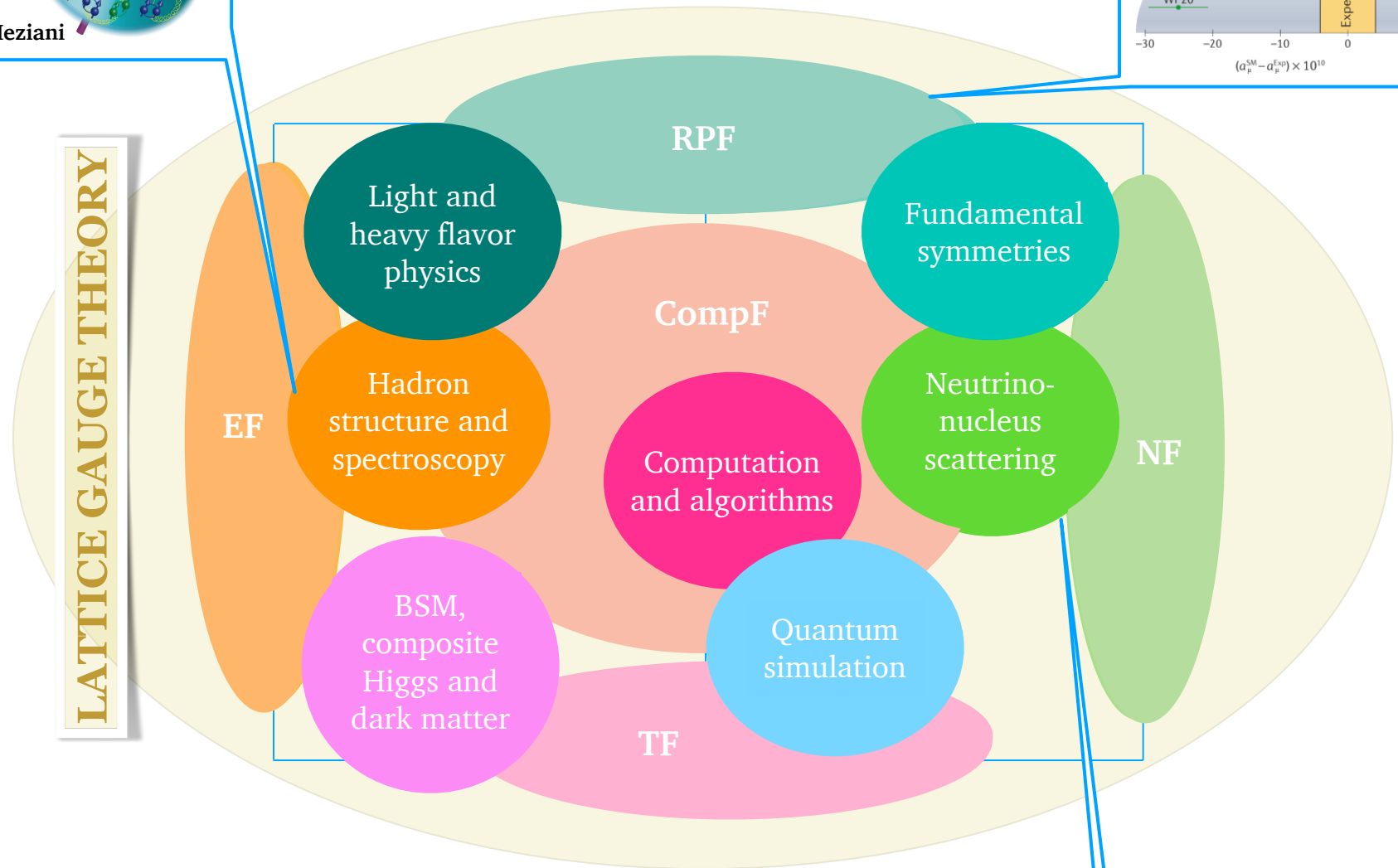
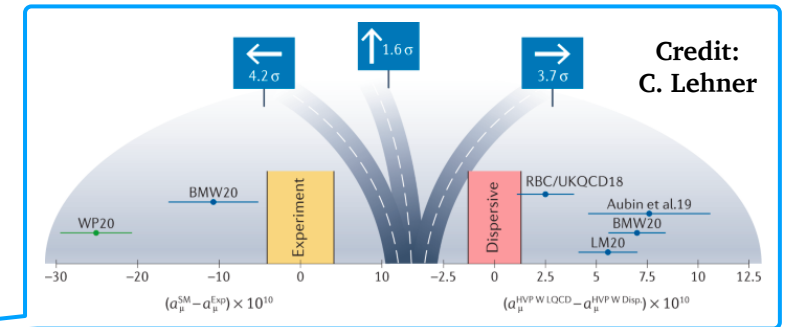


... AND IN HEP, WITH MANY CRITICAL RESULTS STARTING TO EMERGE (e.g., MUON $g-2$).

Parton distribution functions



Hadronic contributions to muon $g-2$



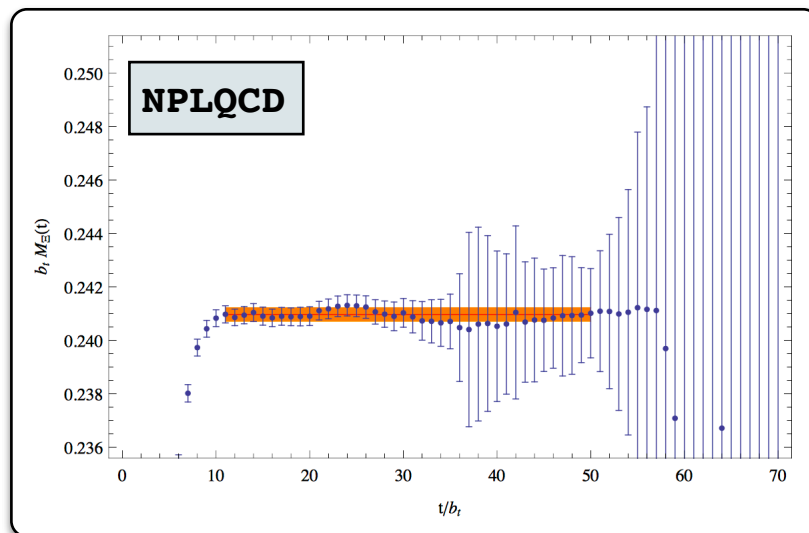
Neutrino-nucleus cross sections

ZD, Neil et al, topical group report in lattice gauge theory arXiv:2209.10758 [hep-lat].

Does this mean we are all set?
...Well, unfortunately not!

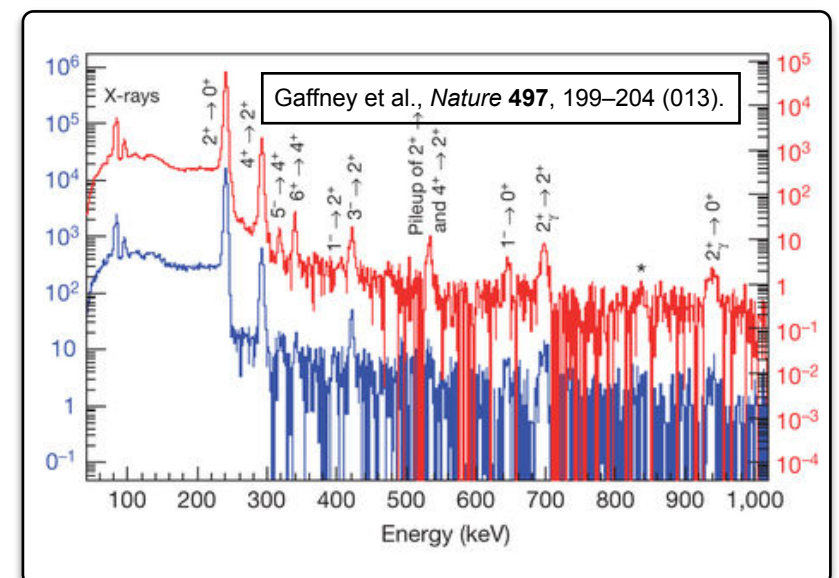
THREE FEATURES MAKE LATTICE QCD CALCULATIONS OF NUCLEI HARD:

i) The complexity of systems grows factorially with the number of quarks.



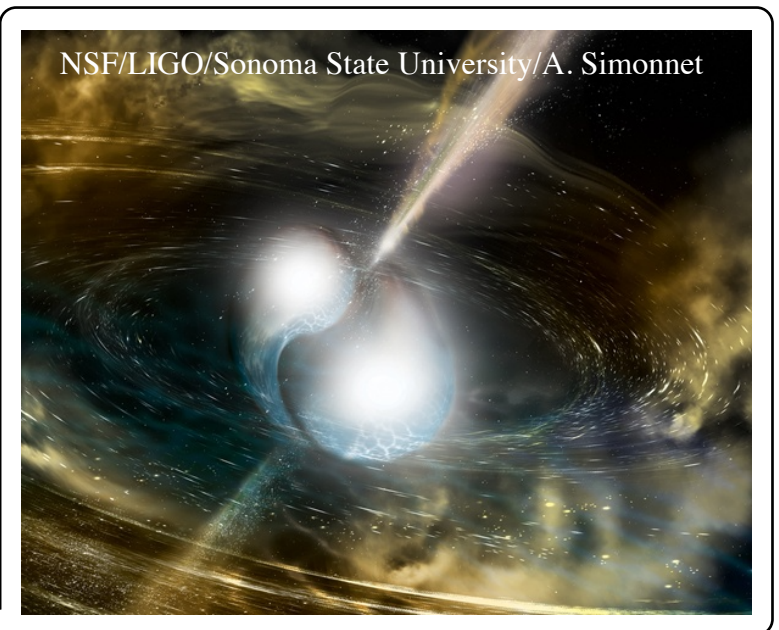
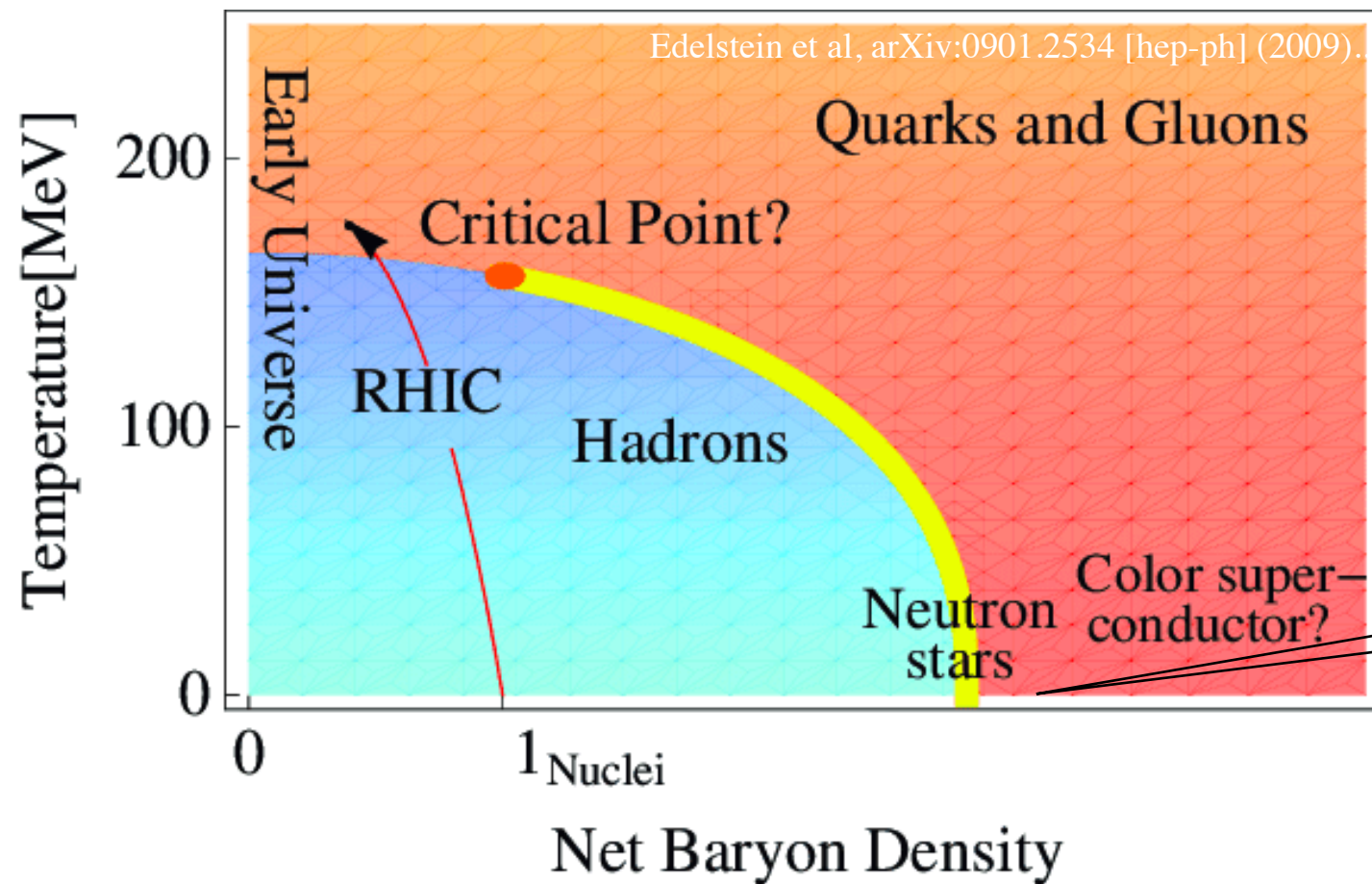
ii) There is a severe signal-to-noise degradation in Euclidean nuclear correlators.

iii) Excitation energies of nuclei are much smaller than the QCD scale.



ADDITIONALLY THE SIGN PROBLEM FORBIDS:

i) Studies dense matter such as interior of neutron stars and phase diagram of QCD



Path integral formulation...

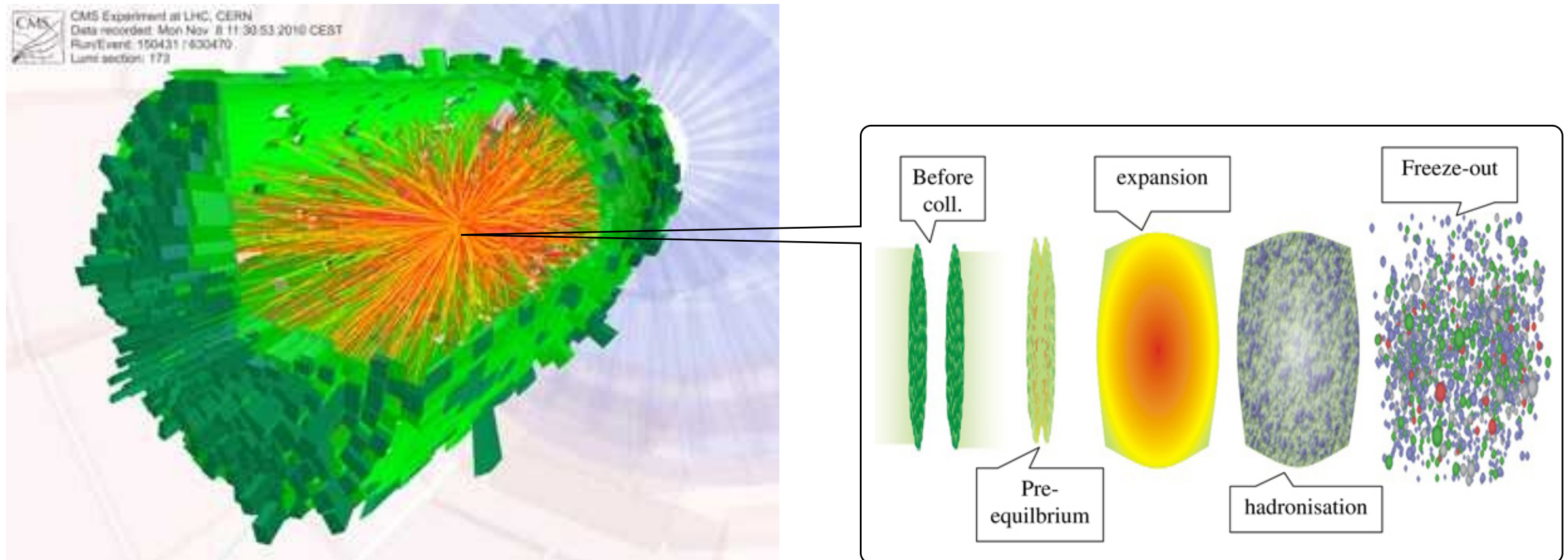
$$e^{-S[U, q, \bar{q}]}$$

...with a complex action:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} - i\mu \sum_f \bar{q}_f \gamma^0 q_f$$

ADDITIONALLY THE SIGN PROBLEM FORBIDS:

ii) Real-time dynamics of matter in heavy-ion collisions or after Big Bang...



...and a wealth of dynamical response functions, transport properties, parton distribution functions, and non-equilibrium physics of QCD.

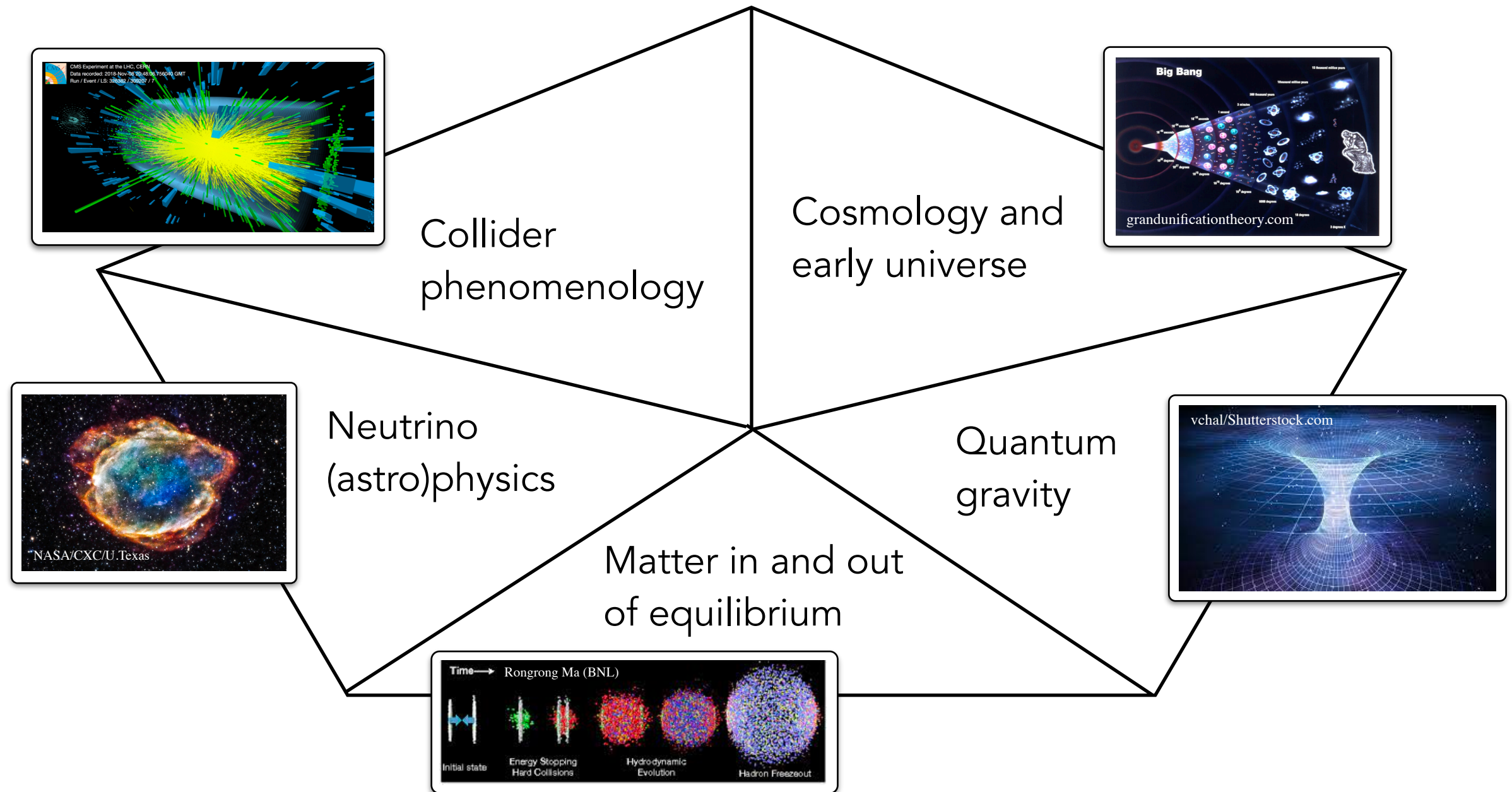
Path integral formulation:

$$e^{iS[U, q\bar{q}]}$$

Hamiltonian evolution:

$$U(t) = e^{-iHt}$$

PLUS MANY INTRACTABLE QUESTIONS IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS AS WELL...



Quantum Simulation for High Energy Physics,
Bauer, ZD et al, PRX Quantum 4 (2023) 2, 027001.

See also Bauer, ZD, Klco, and Savage, Quantum simulation of fundamental particles and forces, Nature Rev. Phys. 5 (2023) 7, 420-432.

An opportunity to explore new paradigms and new technologies:

Turning to **quantum computation** since:

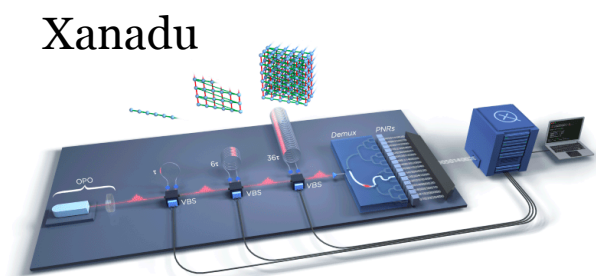
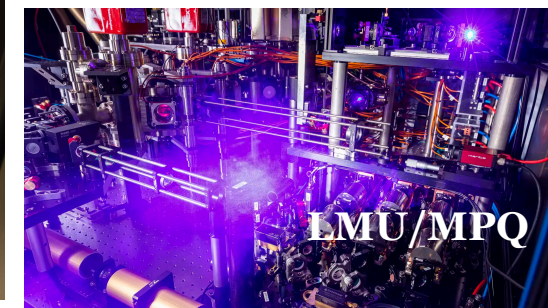
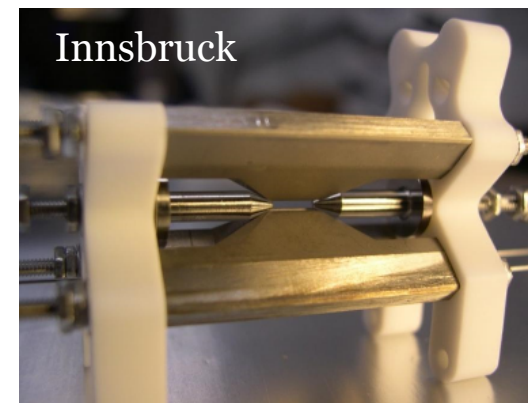
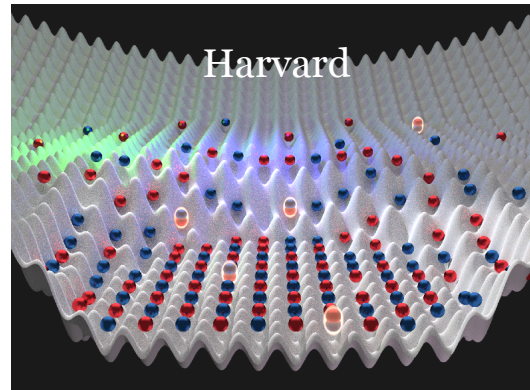
i) Hilbert spaces can be encoded exponentially more compactly.

ii) Operations can be highly parallelized using quantum coherence and entanglement!

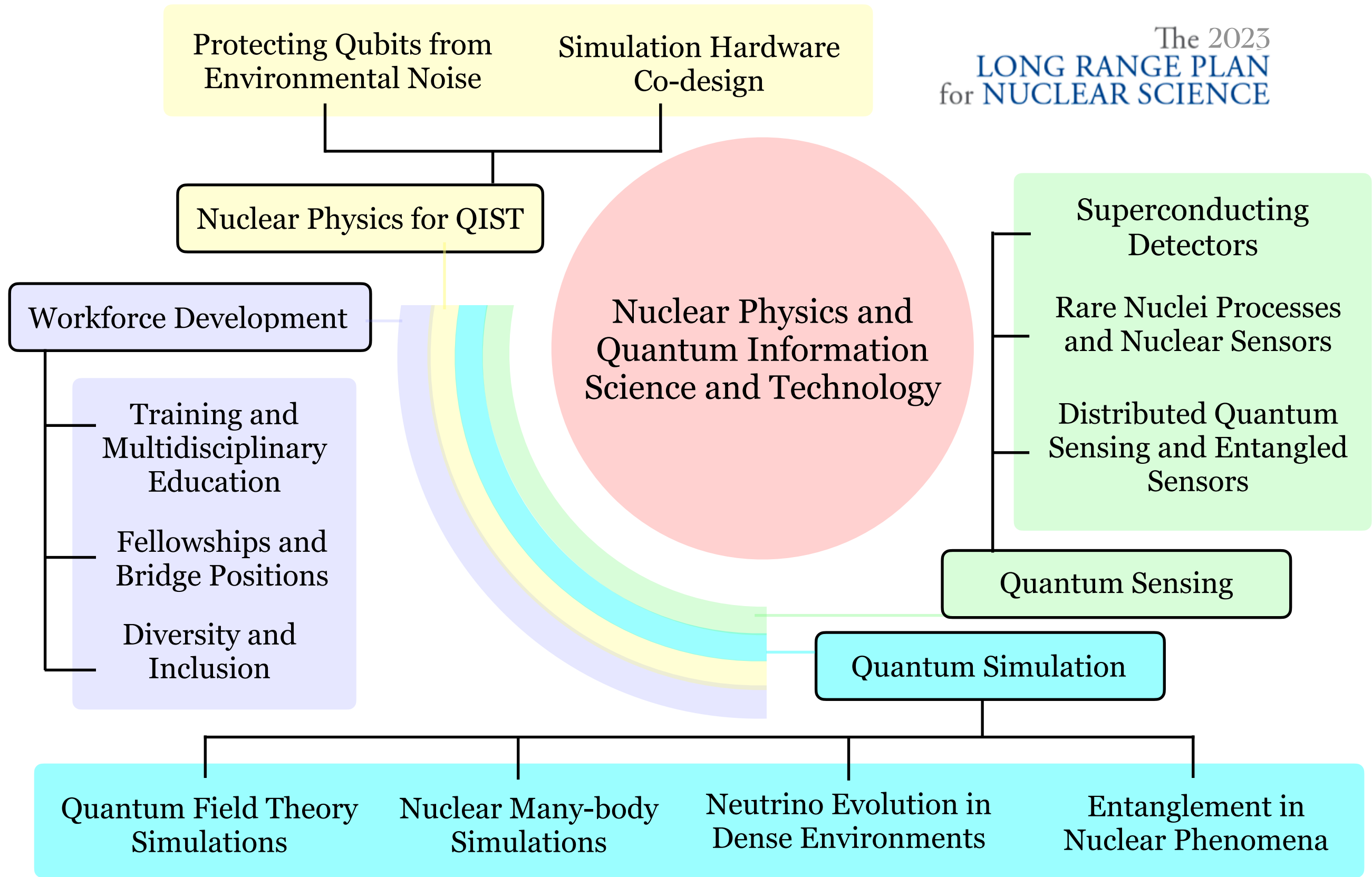


A RANGE OF QUANTUM SIMULATORS WITH VARYING CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

- Atomic systems (trapped ions, cold atoms, Rydbergs)
- Condensed matter systems (superconducting circuits, dopants in semiconductors such as in Silicon, NV centers in diamond)
- Laser-cooled polar molecules
- Optical quantum computing

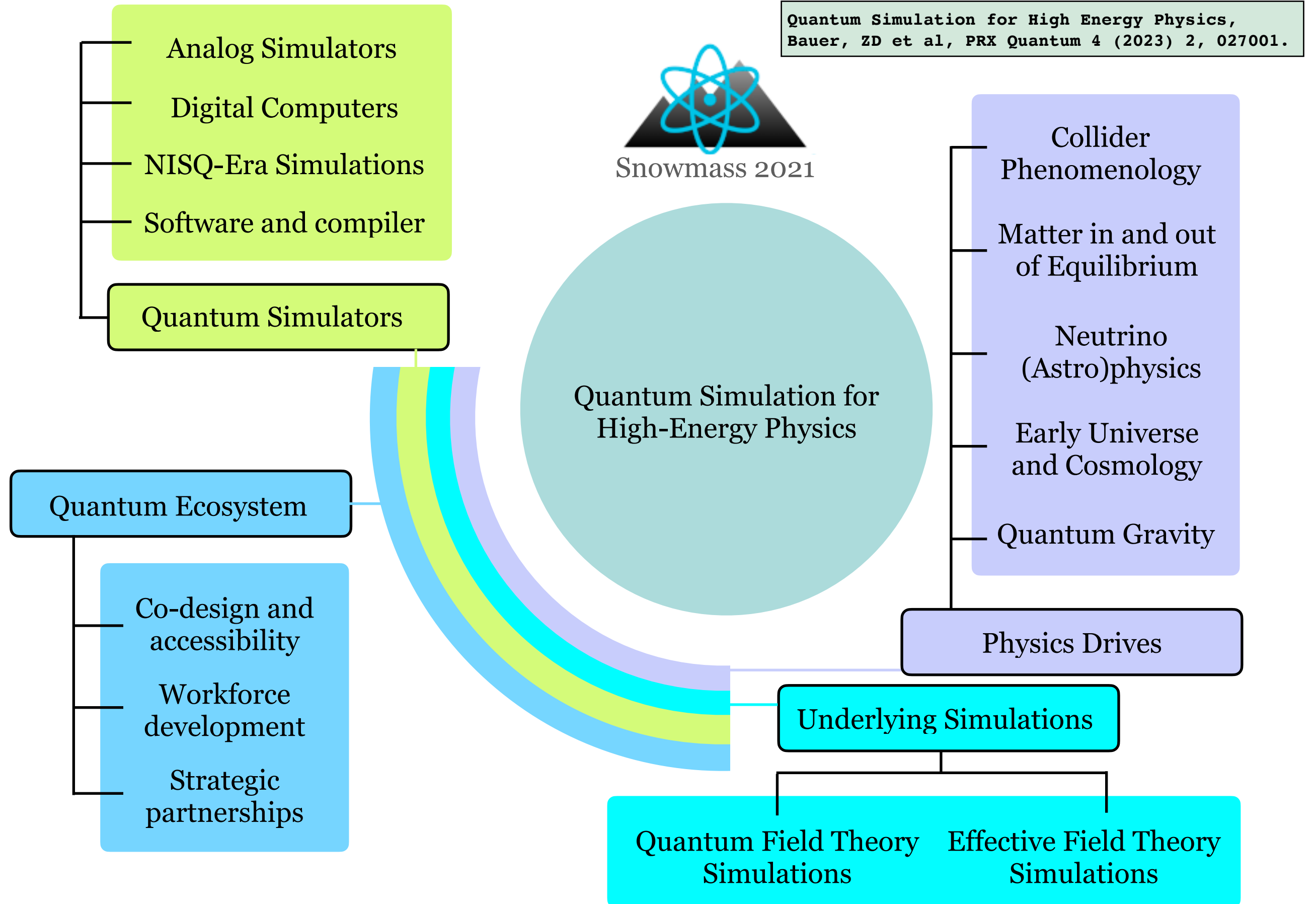


THE ROLE OF QUANTUM SIMULATION IN NUCLEAR-PHYSICS STUDIED IN THE LONG RANGE PLAN 2023.



THE ROLE OF QUANTUM SIMULATION IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS STUDIED IN THE SNOWMASS 2021(2).

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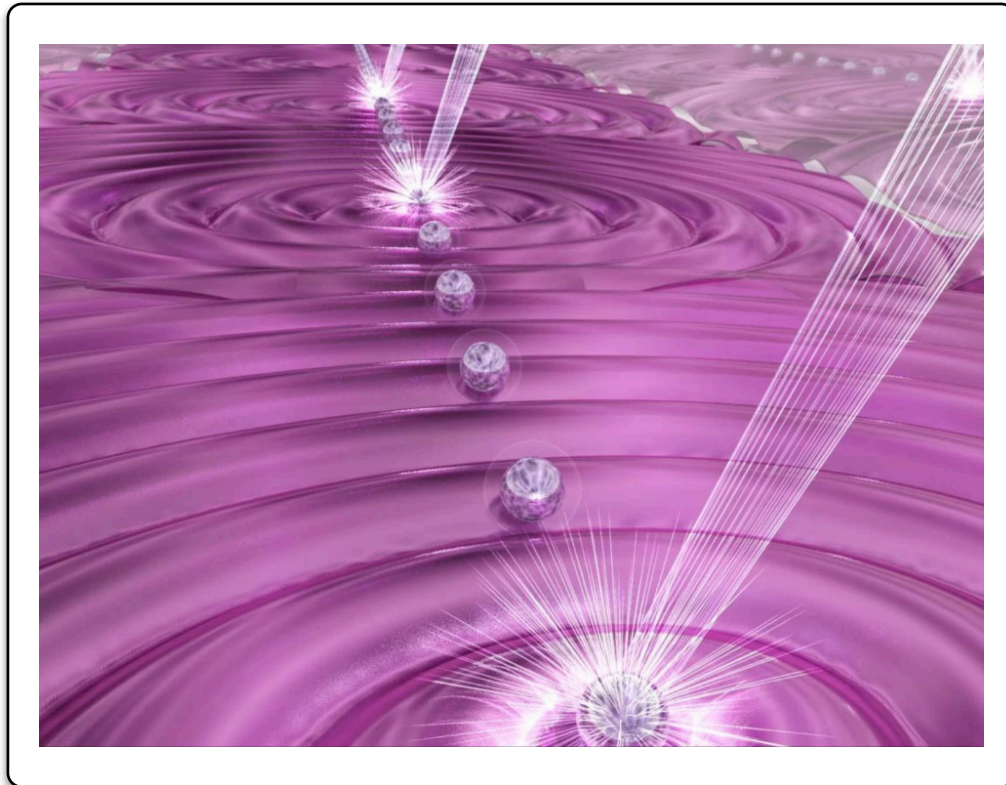


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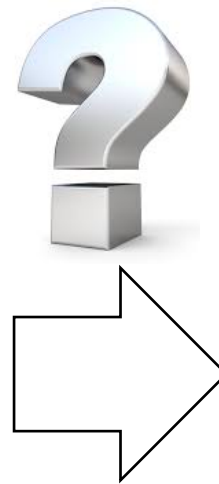
WHAT HAS TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE COMING YEARS?

QUANTUM SIMULATION OF QUANTUM CHROMODYNAMICS (QCD)?

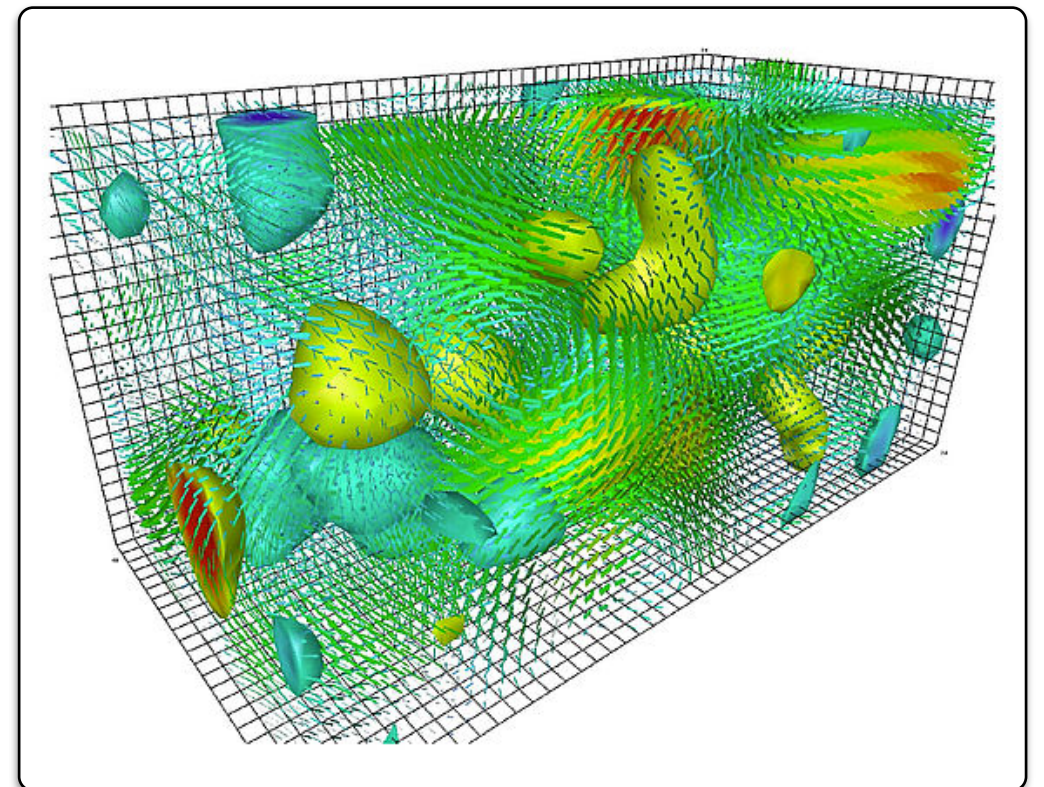
A controlled quantum system



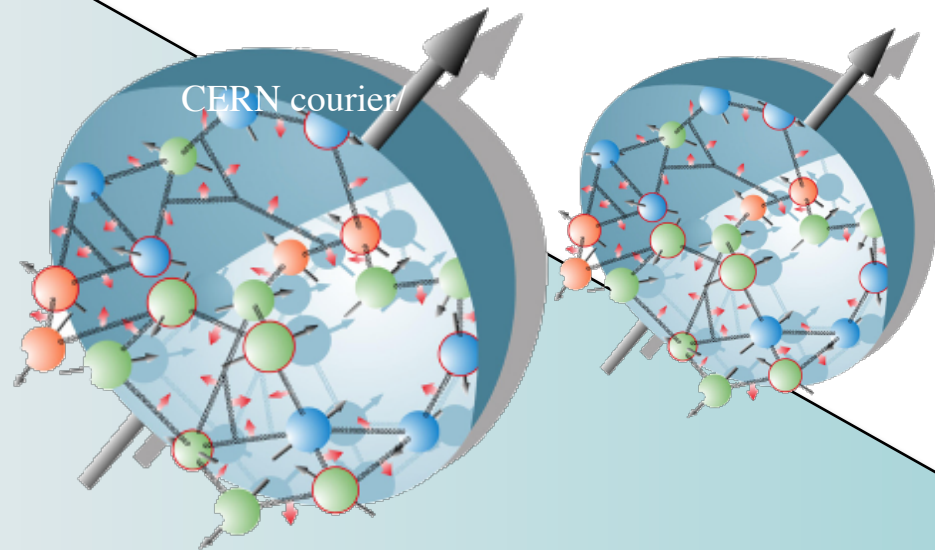
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Strong-interaction physics



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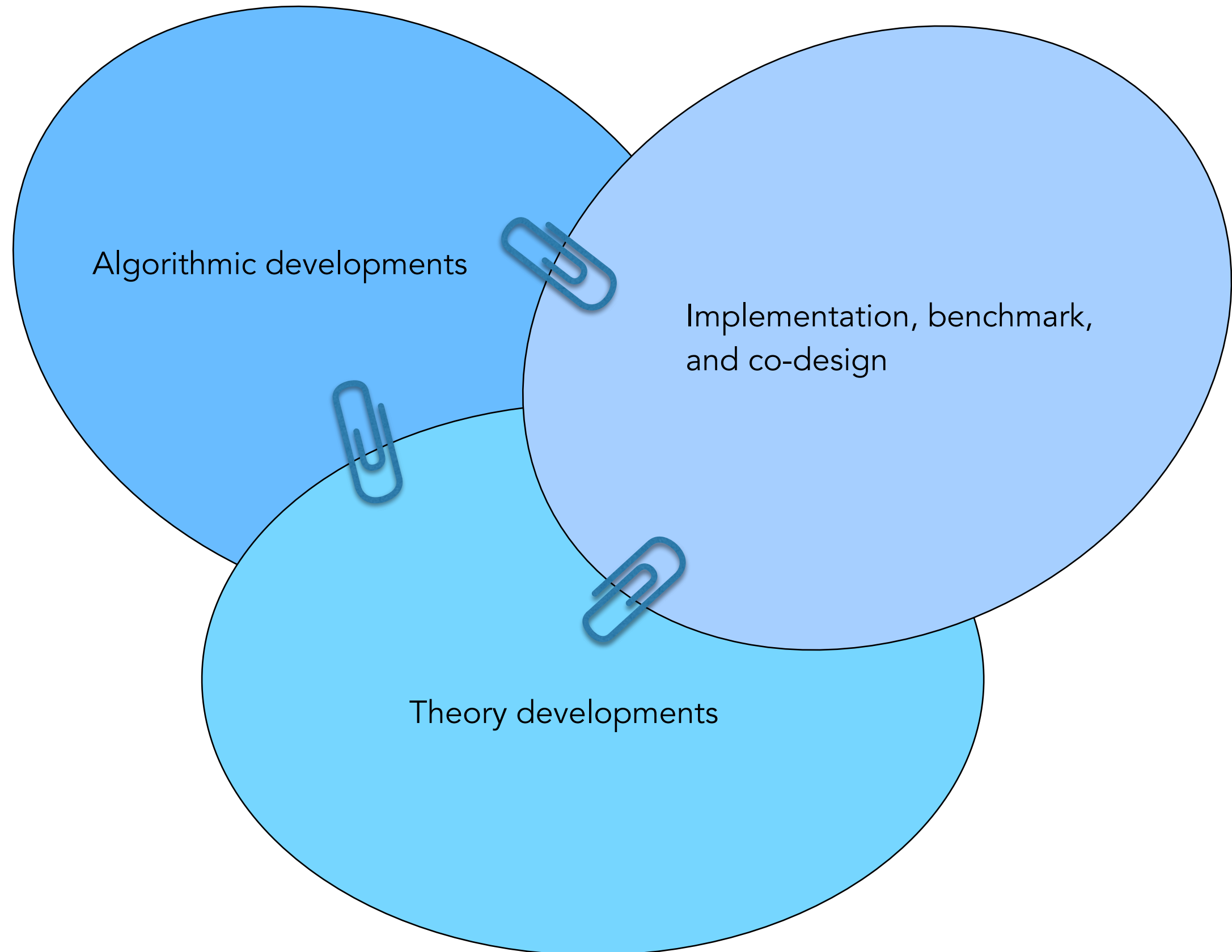


Starting from the Standard Model

Both bosonic and fermionic DOF are dynamical and coupled, exhibit both global and local (gauge) symmetries, relativistic hence particle number not conserved, vacuum state nontrivial in strongly interacting theories.

Attempts to cast QFT problems in a language closer to quantum chemistry and NR simulations: Kreshchuk, Kirby, Goldstein, Beauchemin, Love, arXiv:2002.04016 [quant-ph], Kreshchuk, Jia, Kirby, Goldstein, Vary, Love, Entropy 2021, 23, 597, Liu, Xin, arXiv:2004.13234 [hep-th], Barata, Mueller, Tarasov, Venugopalan (2020)

QUANTUM SIMULATION OF QUANTUM FIELD THEORIES: A MULTI-PRONG EFFORT





How to formulate QCD in the Hamiltonian language?



What are the efficient formulations? Which bases will be most optimal toward the continuum limit?



How to preserve the symmetries? How much should we care to retain gauge invariance?



How to quantify systematics such as finite volume, discretization, boson truncation, time digitization, etc?



Theory developments

HAMILTONIAN FORMULATION OF U(1) AND SU(N) LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

An infinite-dimensional Hilbert space that needs to be truncated. There are also (local) Gauss's law constraints.

$$H^{(\text{KS})} = H_I^{(\text{KS})} + H_E^{(\text{KS})} + H_M^{(\text{KS})} + H_B^{(\text{KS})}$$

Kogut and Susskind (1970s).

Fermion
hopping term

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Fermion
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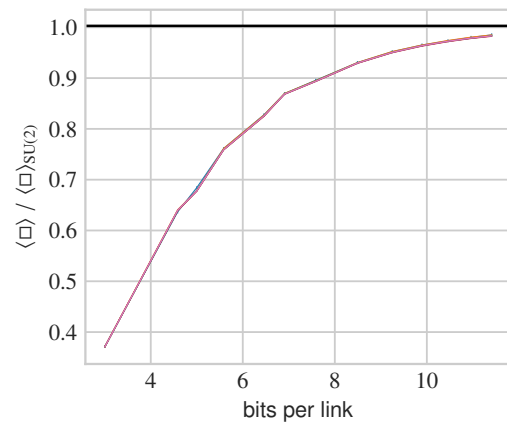
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Gauge-field truncation

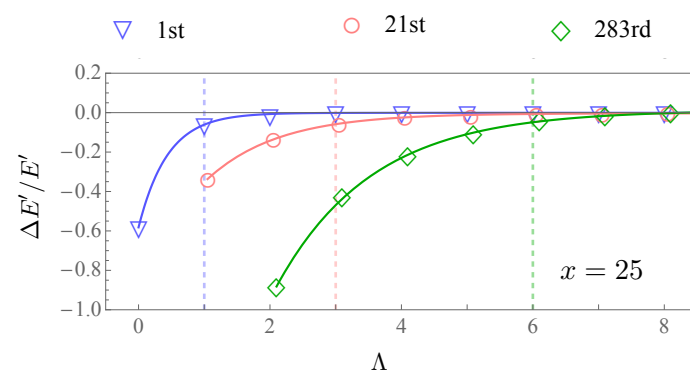
See also Tong, Albert, McClean, Preskill, and Su (2021) and Ciavarella (2023).

SU(2) pure gauge in 3+1 D
in the U basis



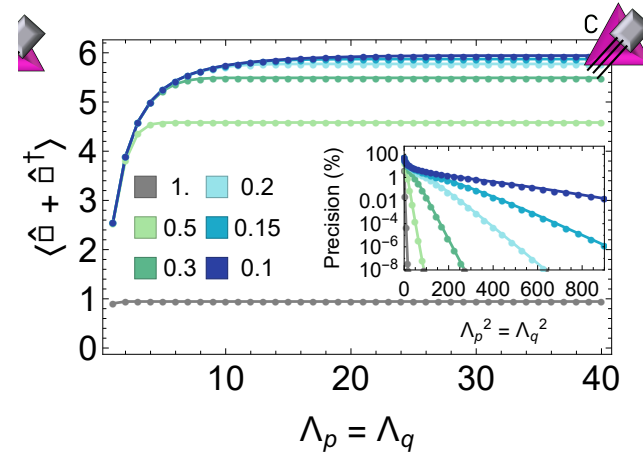
Hackett et al, Phys. Rev. A 99, 062341 (2019).

SU(2) with matter in 1+1 D
in the E basis



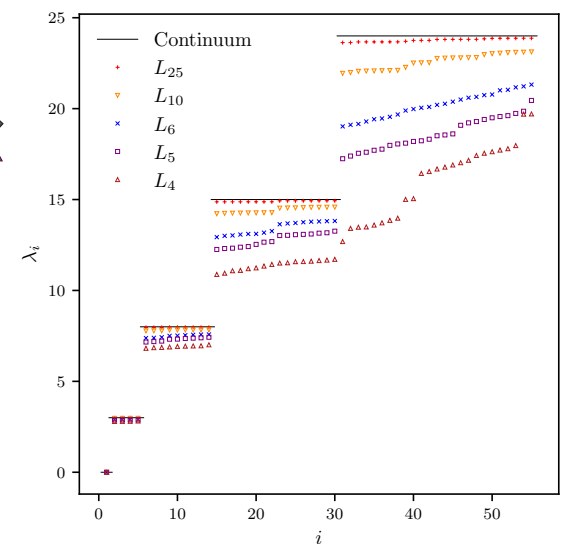
ZD, Raychowdhury, and Shaw, Phys. Rev. D 104, 074505 (2021).

SU(3) pure gauge in 2+1 D
in the E basis



ciavarella, Klco, and Savage, Phys. Rev. D 103, 094501 (2021).

SU(2) pure gauge in
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Jakobs et al, arXiv:2304.02322 [hep-lat] (2021).

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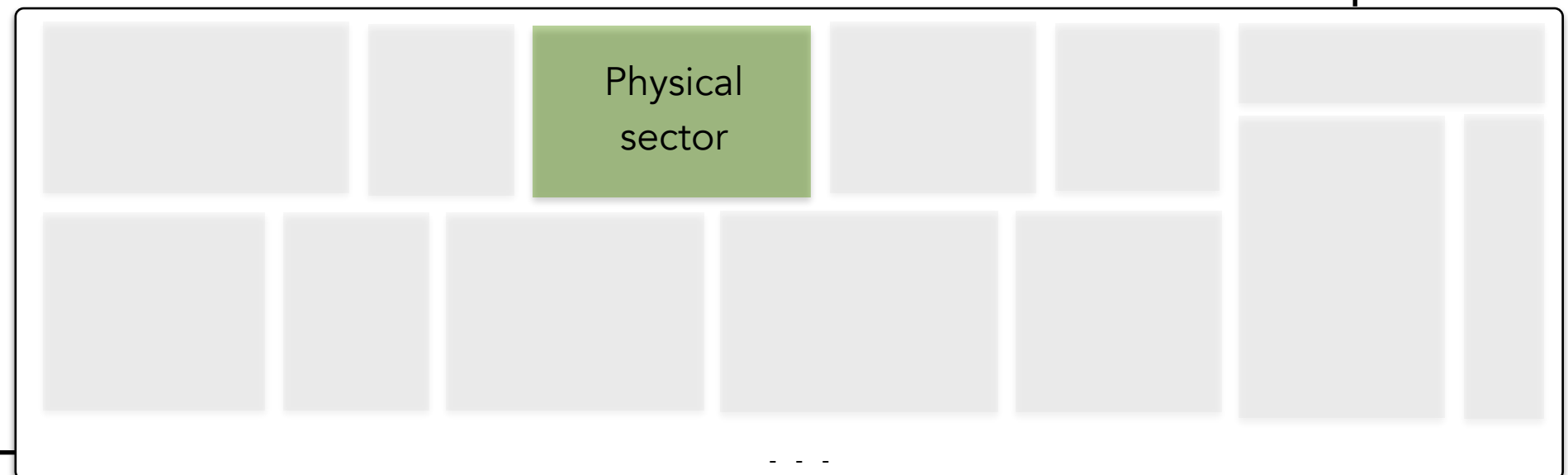
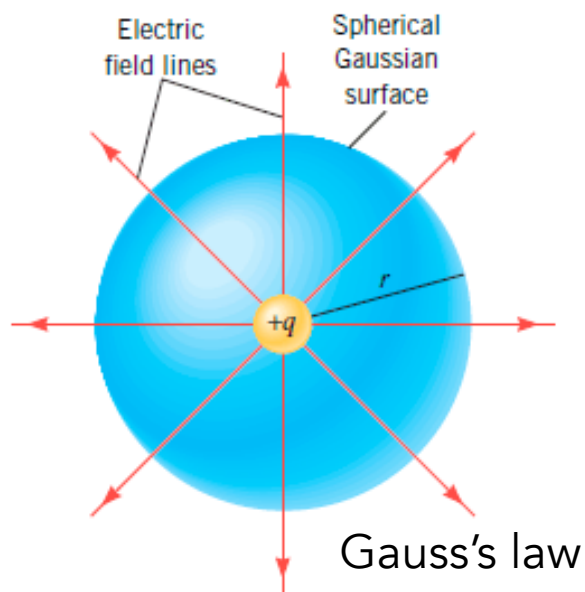
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Generator of infinitesimal gauge transformation

$$[G_r^a, H] = 0$$

$$G_r^a |\psi\rangle_{\text{phys.}} = 0$$



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The **choice of basis** matters! It dictates which Hamiltonian term is naturally diagonal, how complex the rest of the terms are, and what level of truncation is needed.



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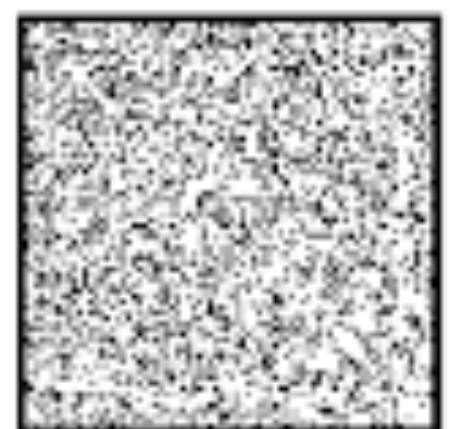
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MANY HAMILTONIAN FORMULATIONS OF GAUGE THEORIES EXIST, BUT WHICH ONE TO PICK?

Gauge-field theories (Abelian and non-Abelian):

Group-element representation

Zohar et al; Lamm et al; Jansen, Urbach, et al.

Prepotential formulation

Mathur, Raychowdhury et al

Loop-String-

Hadron basis

Raychowdhury,
Stryker, Kadam

Link models, qubitization

Chandrasekharan, Wiese et al;

Alexandru, Bedaque, et al; Hersch et al.

Fermionic basis

Hamer et al; Martinez et al;

Banuls et al

Bosonic basis

Cirac and Zohar

Light-front quantization Kreshchuk,
Love, Goldstien, Vary et al

Local irreducible representations

Byrnes and Yamamoto;

Ciavarella, Klco, and Savage

Manifold lattices

Buser et al

Dual plaquette (magnetic) basis

Bender, Zohar et al; Kaplan and Styker; Unmuth-Yockey;

Hasse et al; Jansen, Muschik et al; Bauer and Grabowska

Spin-dual representation

Mathur et al

Scalar field theory

Field basis

Jordan, Lee, and Preskill

Continuous-variable basis

Pooser, Siopsis et al

Harmonic-oscillator basis

Klco and Savage

Single-particle basis

Barata , Mueller, Tarasov, and Venugopalan.



Algorithmic developments [Digital]



Near- and far-term algorithms with bounded errors and resource requirement for gauge theories?



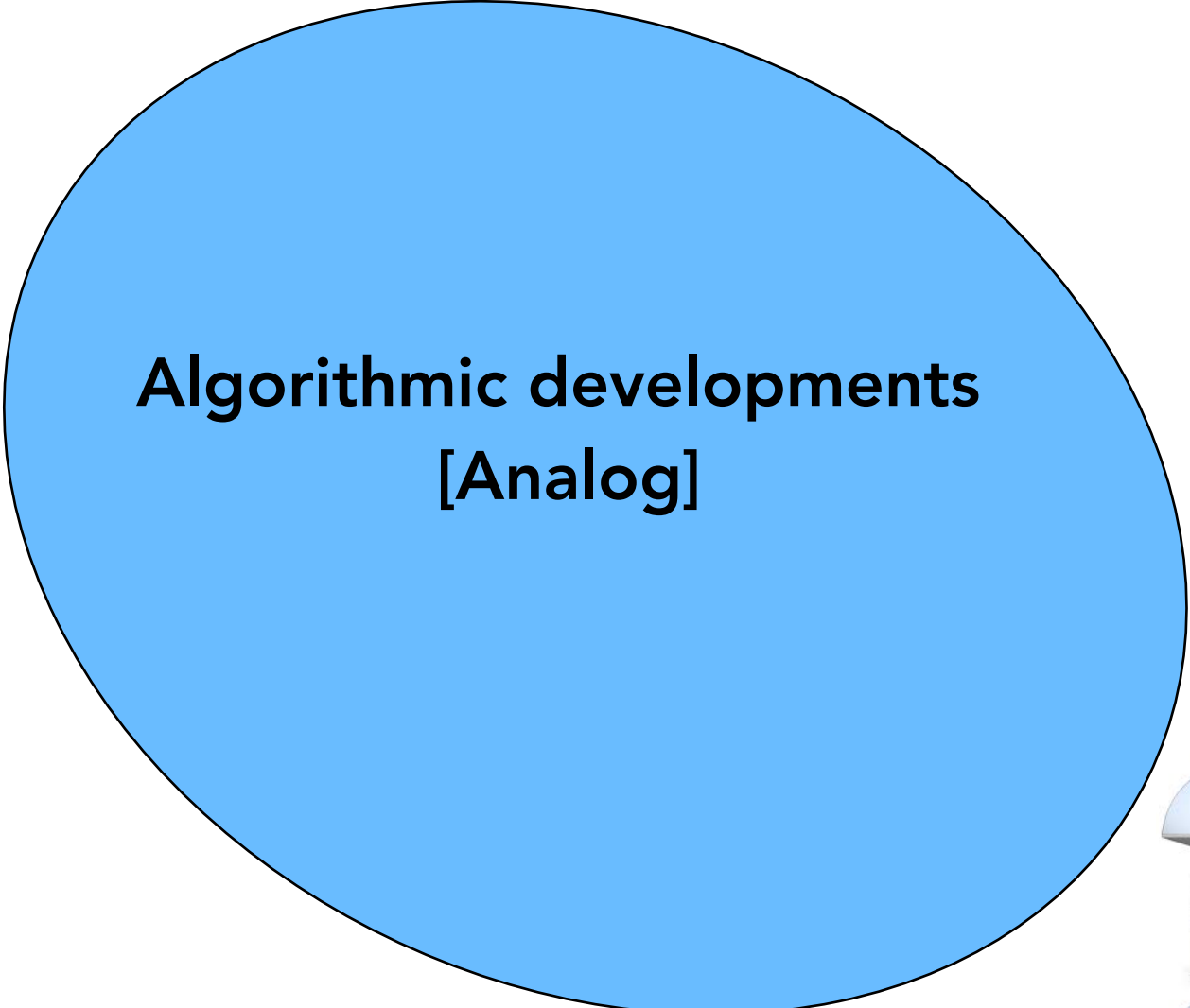
Can given formulation/encoding reduce qubit and gate resources?



Should we develop gauge-invariant simulation algorithms?



How do we do state preparation and compute observables like scattering amplitudes?



Algorithmic developments [Analog]



Can practical proposals for current hardware be developed?



Can we simulate higher-dimensional gauge theories?



Can non-Abelian gauge theories be realized in an analog simulator?



Can we robustly bound the errors in the analog simulation? What quantities are more robust to errors?



Implementation, benchmark, and co-design



What is the capability limit of the hardware for gauge-theory simulations so far?



What is the nature of noise in hardware and how can it best be mitigated?

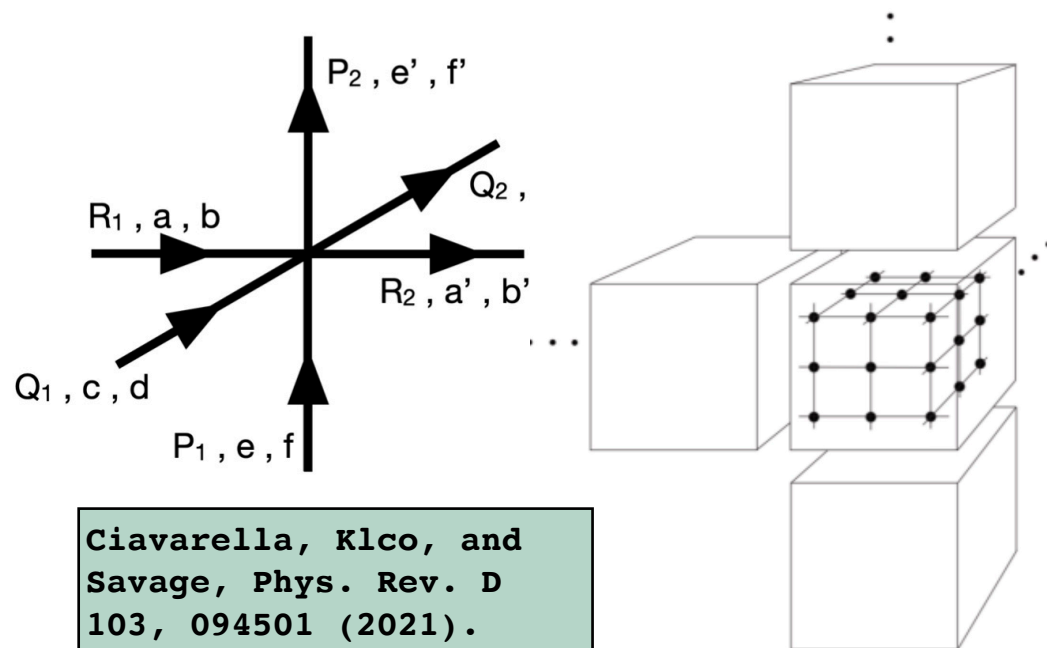


Can we co-design dedicated systems for gauge-theory simulations?

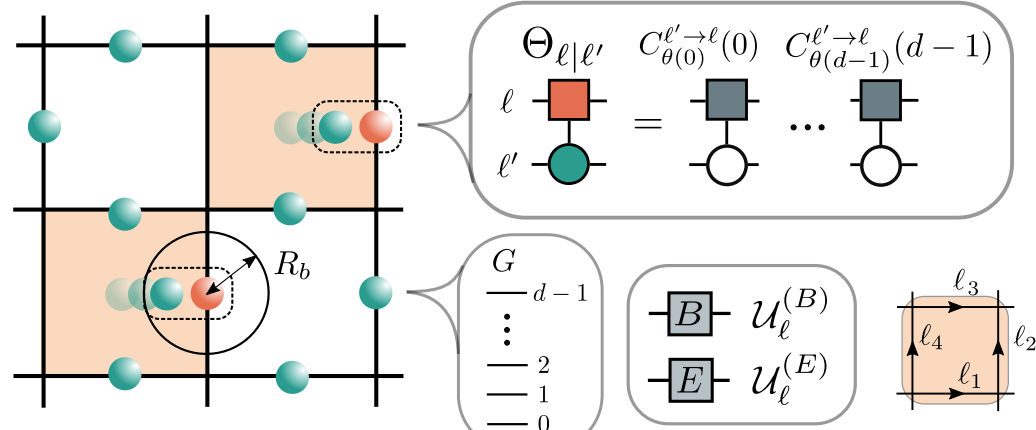


Can digital and analog ideas be combined to facilitate simulations of field theories?

SOME CO-DESIGN EXAMPLES: MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LOCAL HILBERT SPACES AND MULTI-MODE INTERACTIONS

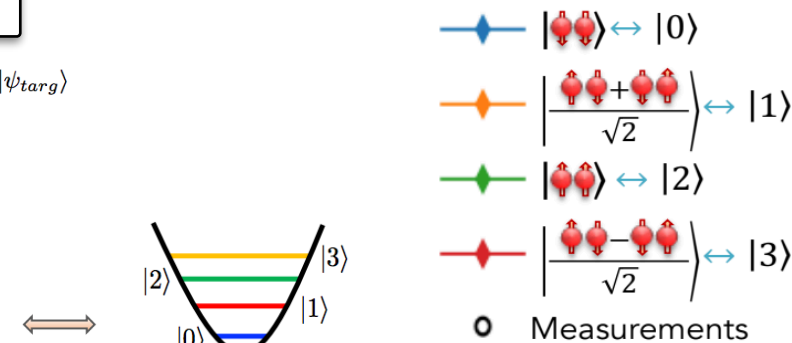
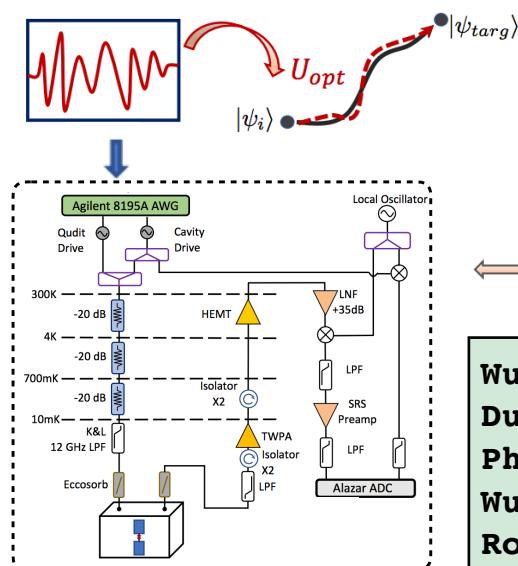


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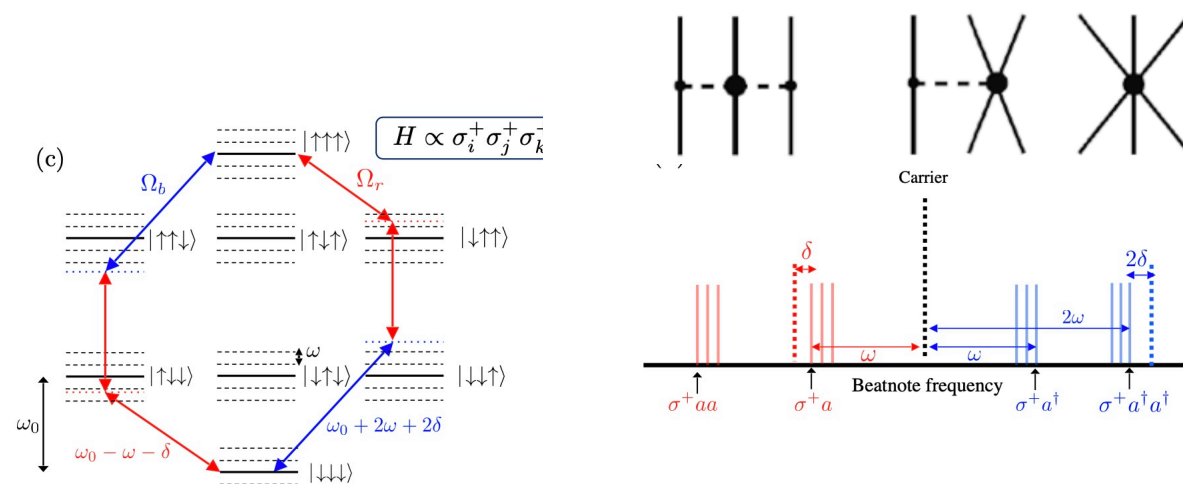


González-Cuadra, Zache, Carrasco, Kraus, Zoller, arXiv:2203.15541 [quant-ph].

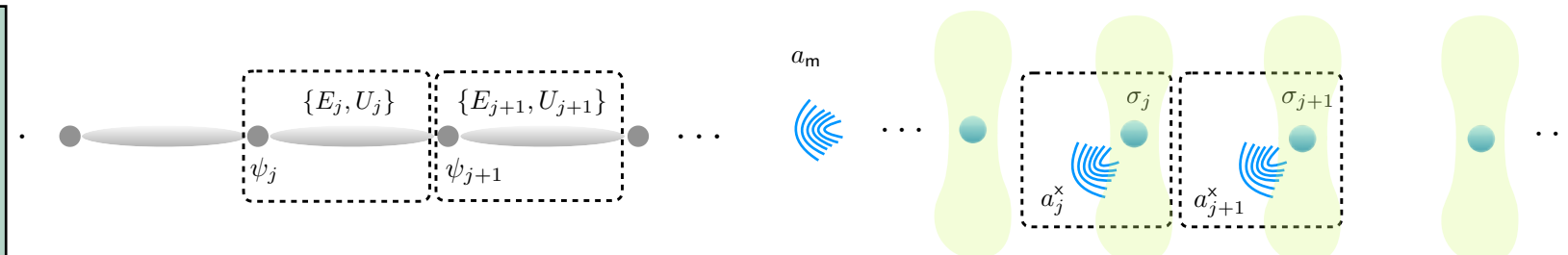
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Wu, Tomarken, Petersson, Martinez, Rosen, DuBois arXiv:2005.13165, Holland et al., Phys. Rev. A 101, 062307 (2020)
Wu, Wendt, Kravvaris, Ormand, DuBois, Rosen, Pederiva, and Quaglioni (2020).



Andrade, ZD, Grass, Hafezi, Pagano, Seif, arXiv:2108.01022 [quant-ph], Bermudez et al, Pays.Rev.A79, 060303 R (2009), Katz, Centina, Monroe, arXiv:2202.04230 [quant-ph].

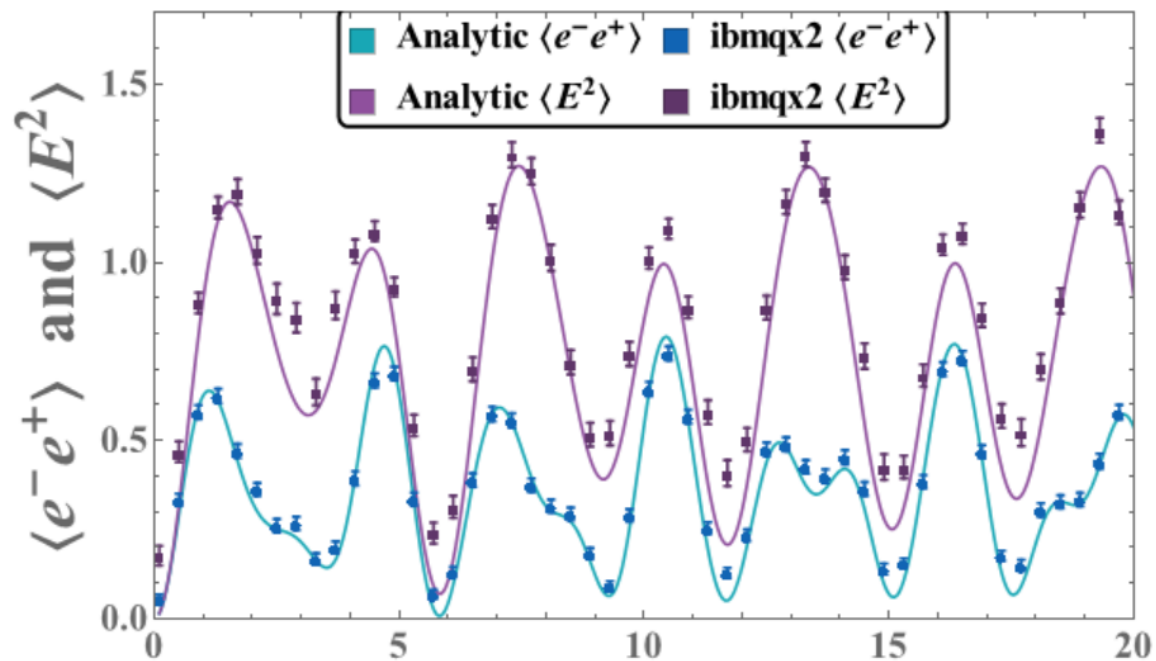


[PART III]

EXAMPLES SHOWCASING PROGRESS IN A RANGE OF
QCD-INSPIRED PROBLEMS...

REAL-TIME EVOLUTION AND QUENCH DYNAMICS IN ABELIAN LGTs

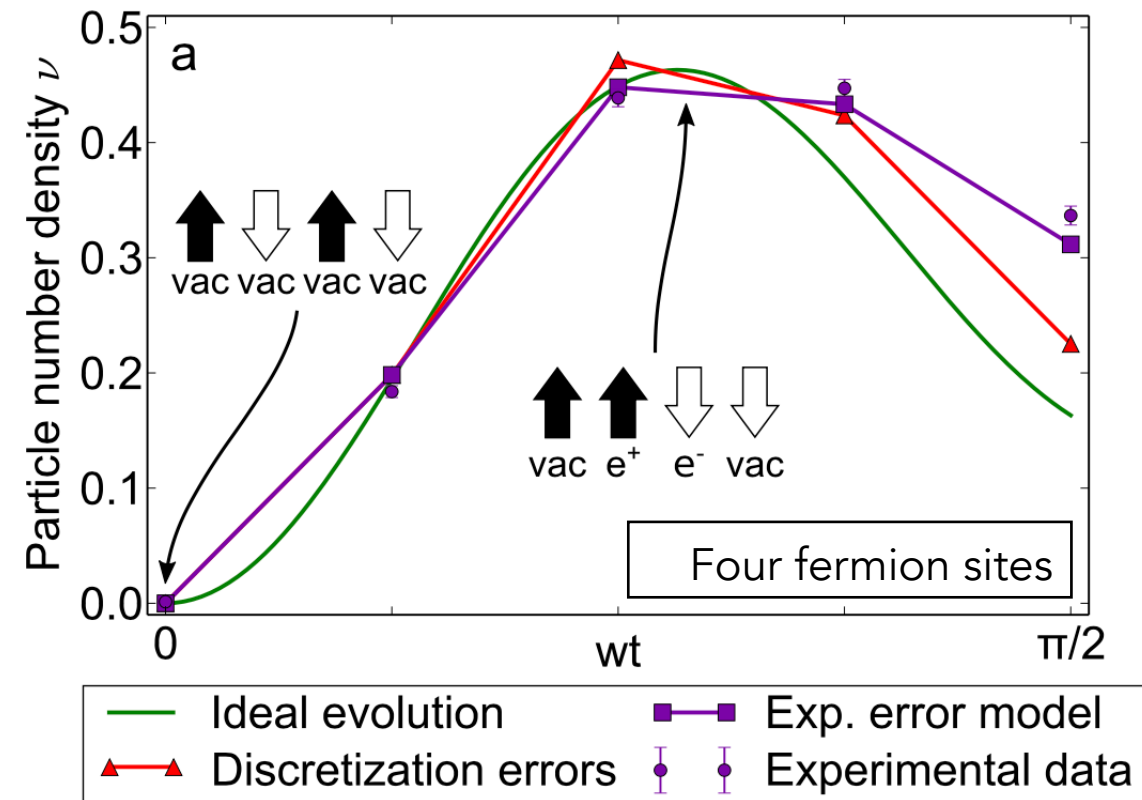
Klco, Savage, et al, Phys. Rev. A 98, 032331 (2018).



Not the spin formulation: a 2-qubit reduction of 4-qubit simulation.

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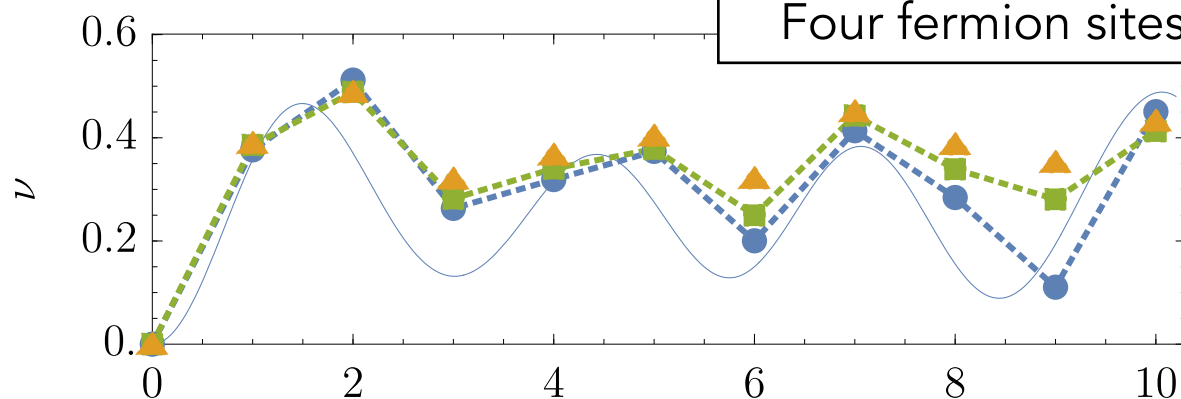
Martinez et al, Nature
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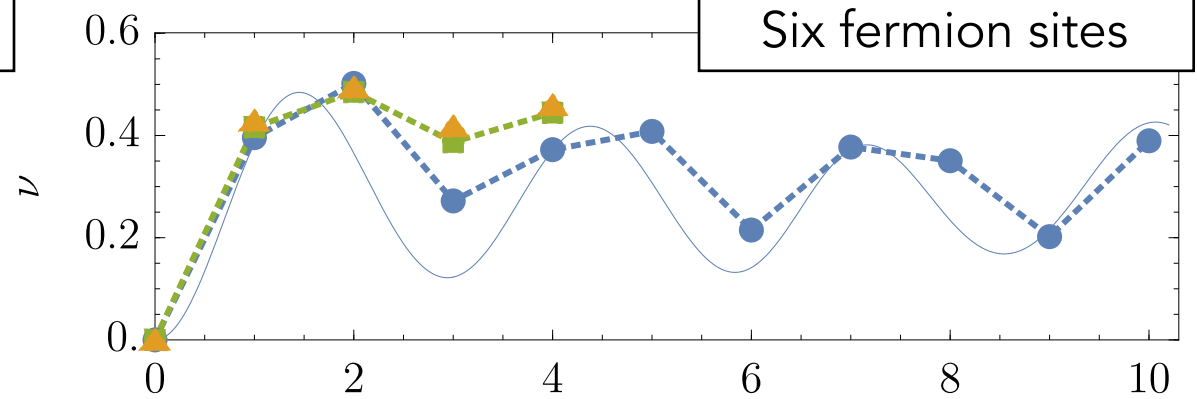
Four fermion sites



80 entangling gates!

Nguyen, Tran, Zhu, Green, Huerta Alderete,
ZD, Linke, PRX Quantum 3 (2022) 2, 020324.

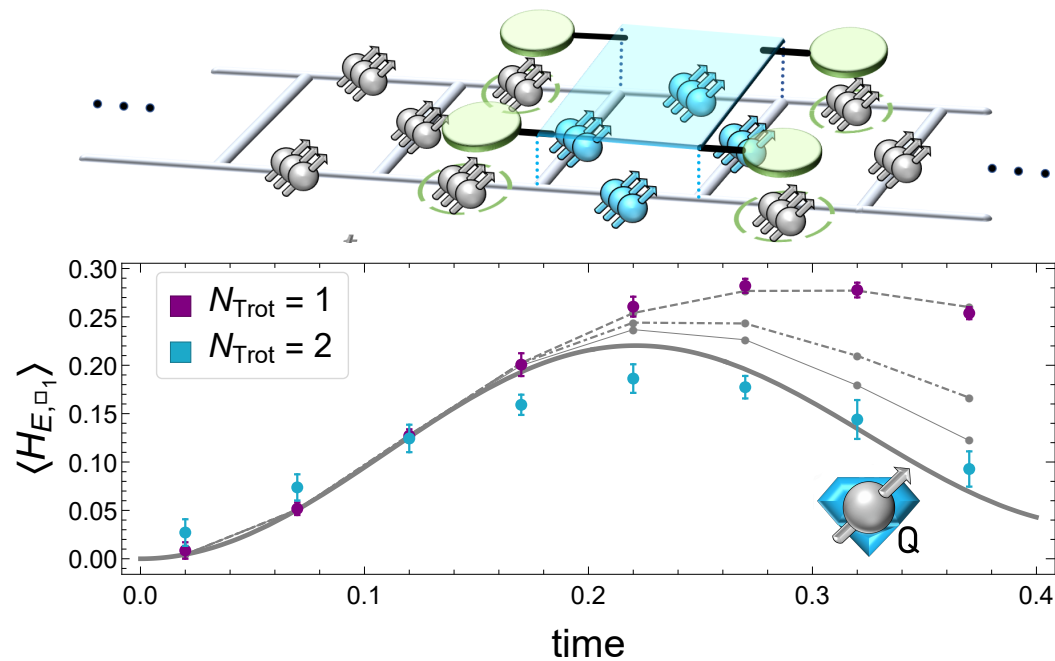
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REAL-TIME EVOLUTION AND QUENCH DYNAMICS IN NON-ABELIAN LGTs

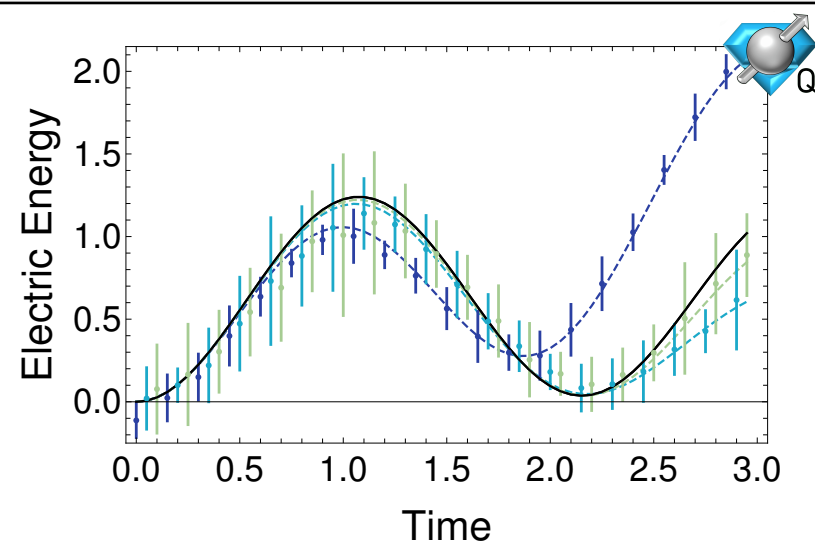
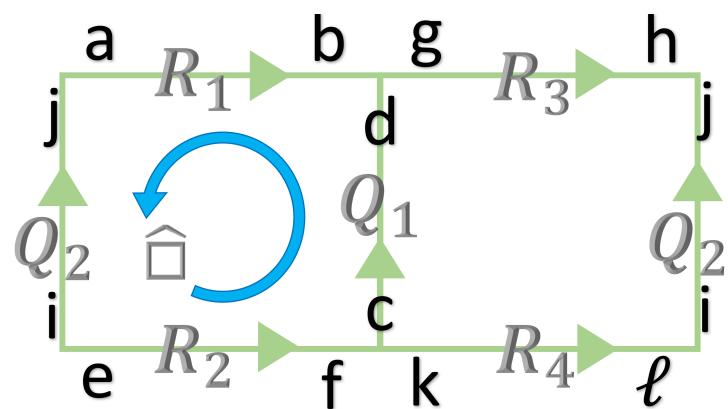
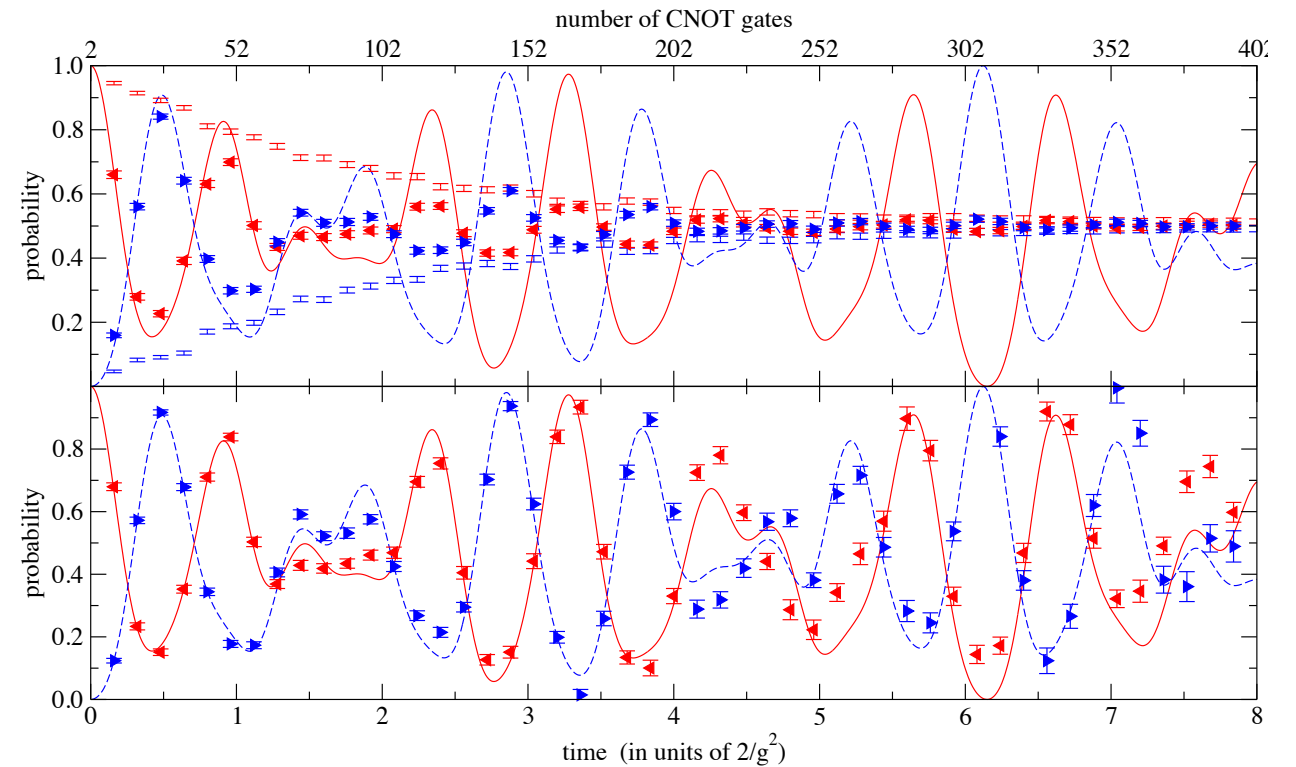
Real-time dynamic of pure SU(2) with global irreps on IBM



Klco, Savage, and Stryker, Phys. Rev. D 101, 074512 (2020).

Self-mitigating Trotter circuits for pure SU(2) LGT in 2+1 D on IBM

Rahman, Lewis, Mendicelli, Powell, Phys. Rev. D 106, 074502 (2022).



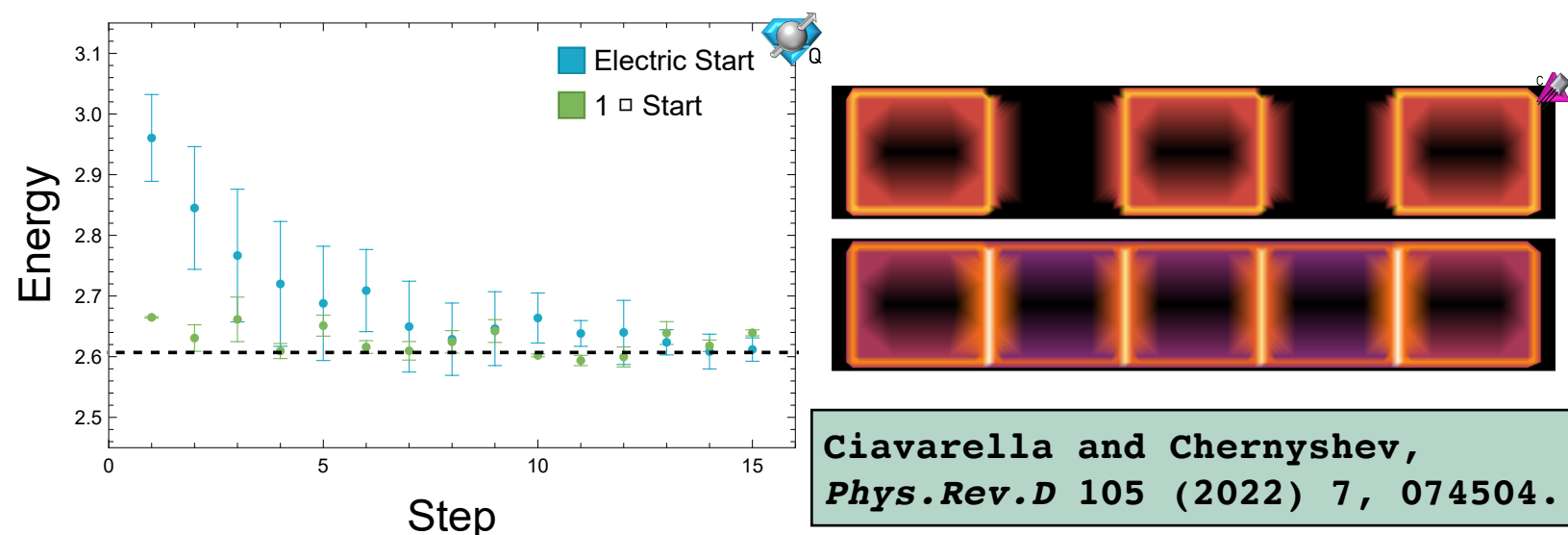
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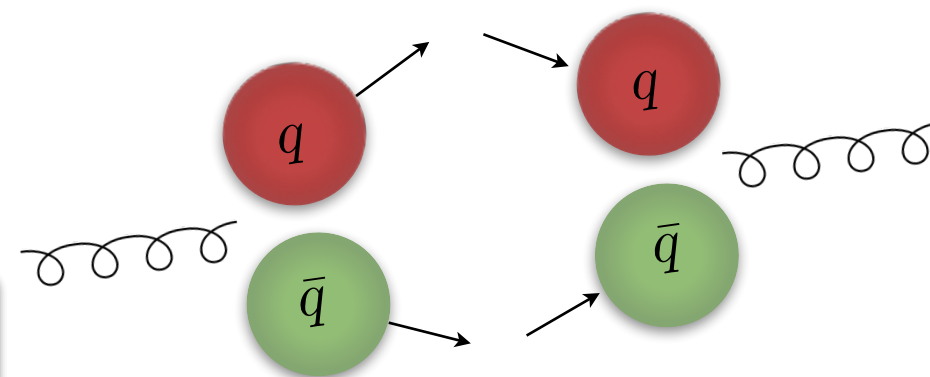
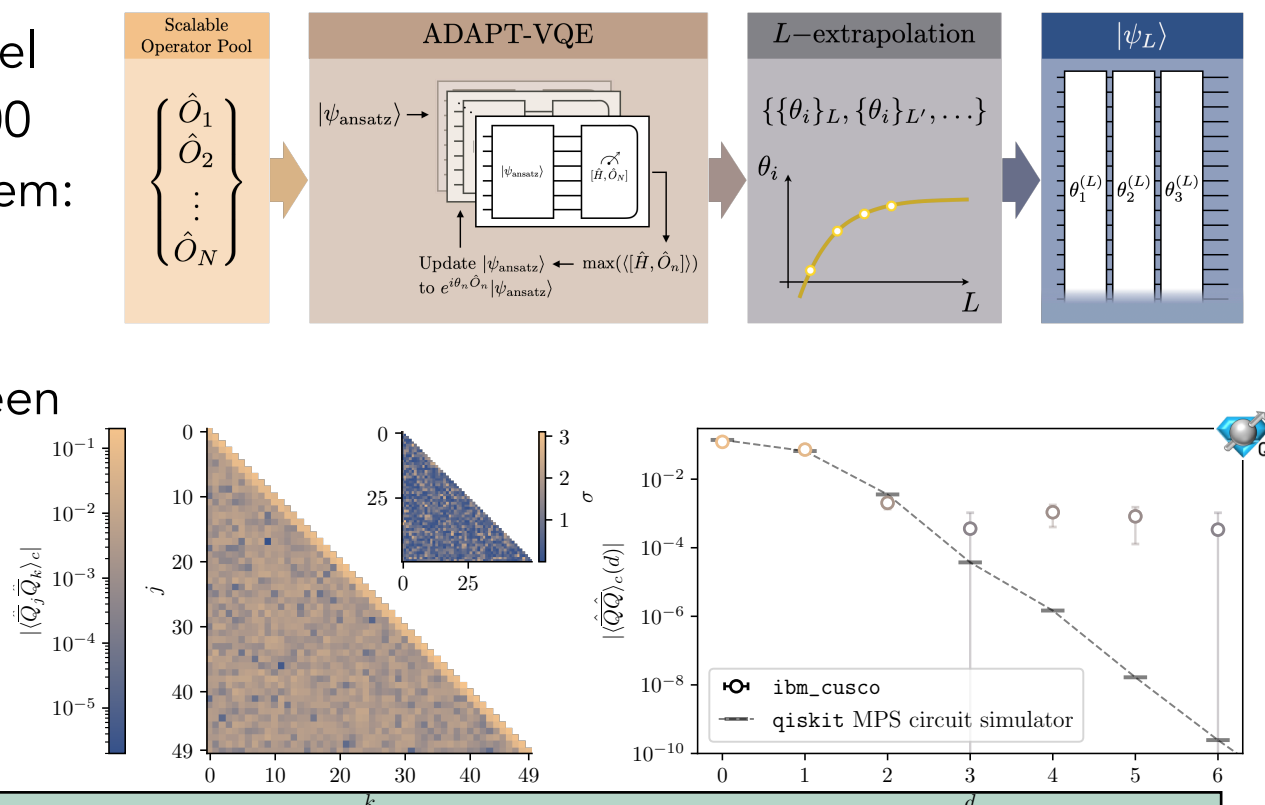
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VACCUM AND HADRONIC STATE PREPARATION AND SPECTROSCOPY IN LGTS

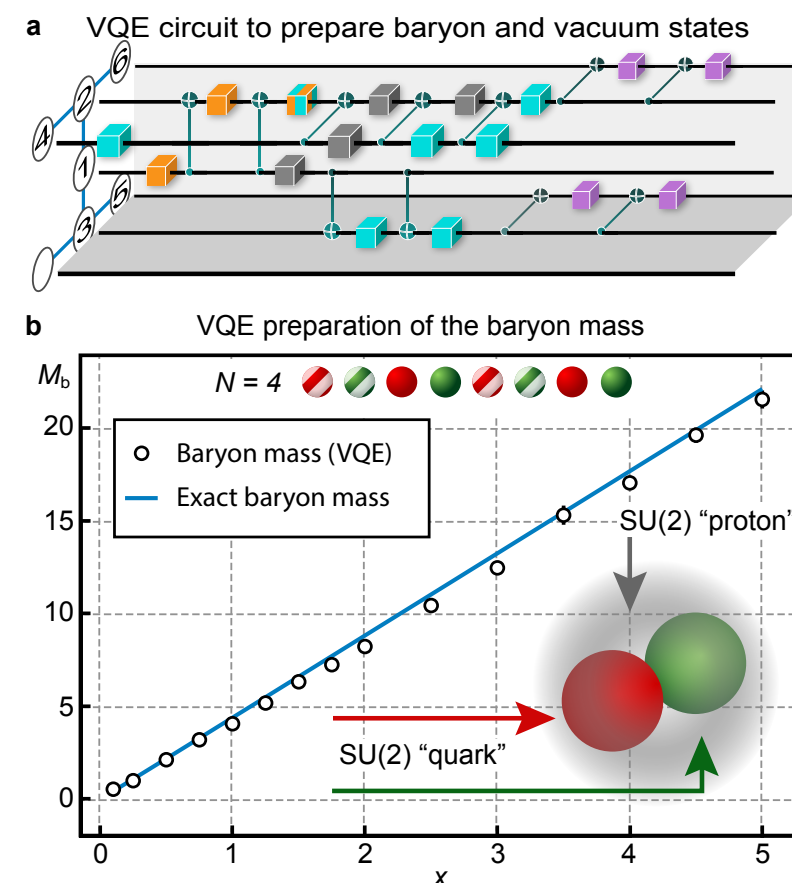
Variational state preparation of the vacuum state for a two plaquette system in pure SU(2) LGT on IBM



Schwinger model vacuum on a 100 qubits IBM system: Connected correlation functions between spatial charges

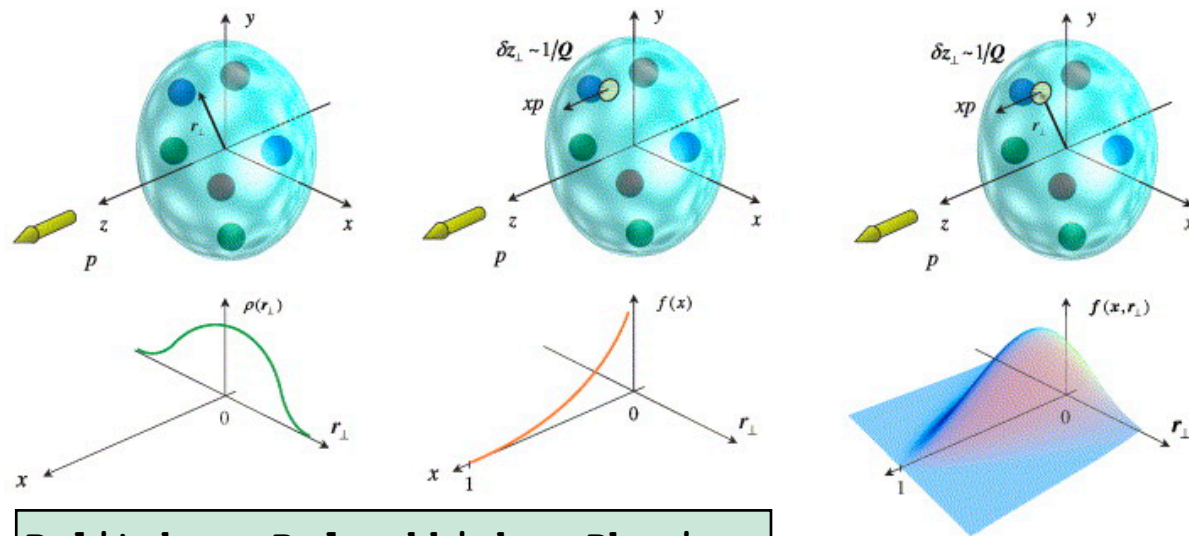


Low-lying spectrum of SU(2) with matter in 1+1 D on IBM



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HADRON STRUCTURE, PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS, HADRONIZATION



Belitskya, Radyushkinbc, Physics Reports 418 (2005), 1–387.

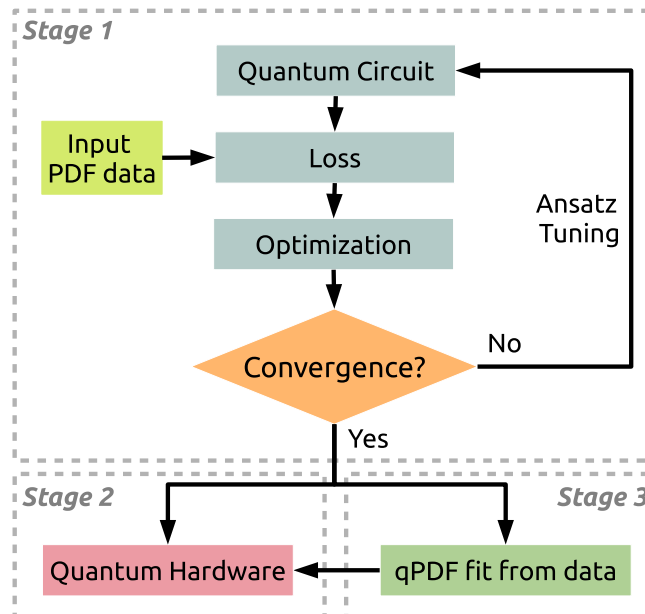
Either calculate PDFs directly since non-equal time amplitudes are possible on quantum computers...

Mueller, Tarasov, and Raju Venugopalan, PRD 102, 016007 (2020), Lamm, Lawrence, and Yamauchi, Phys. Rev. Res. 2, 013272 (2020), Echevarria, Egusquiza, Rico, and G Schnell, PRD 104, 014512 (2021).

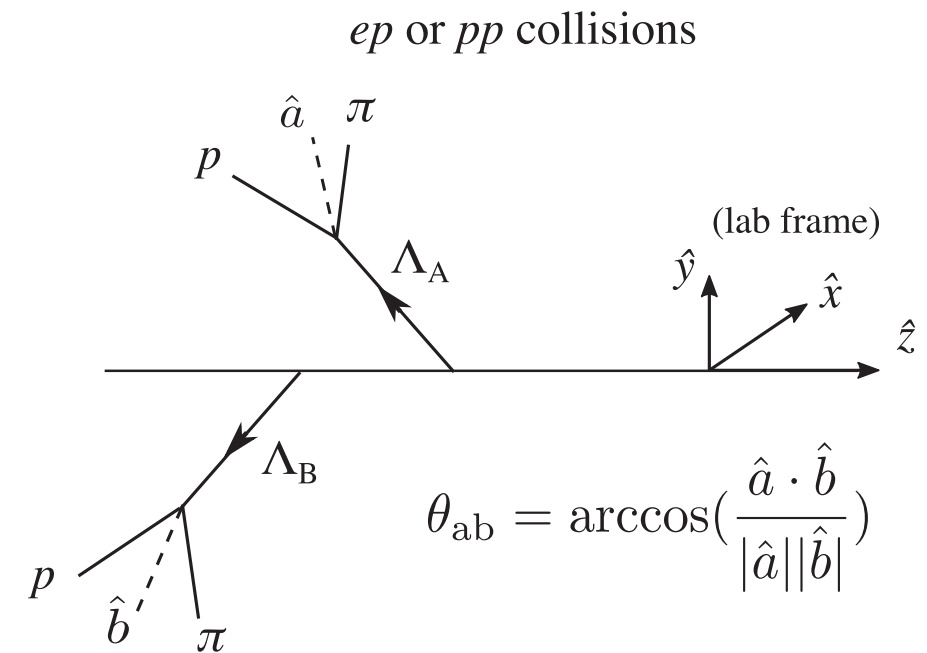
...or expedite global fitting of PDFs with variational quantum eigensolvers...

Perez-Salinas, Cruz-Martinez, Alhajri, and Carrazza, PRD 103, 034027 (2021), Qian, Basili, Pal, Luecke, and Vary, arXiv:2112.01927 (2021).

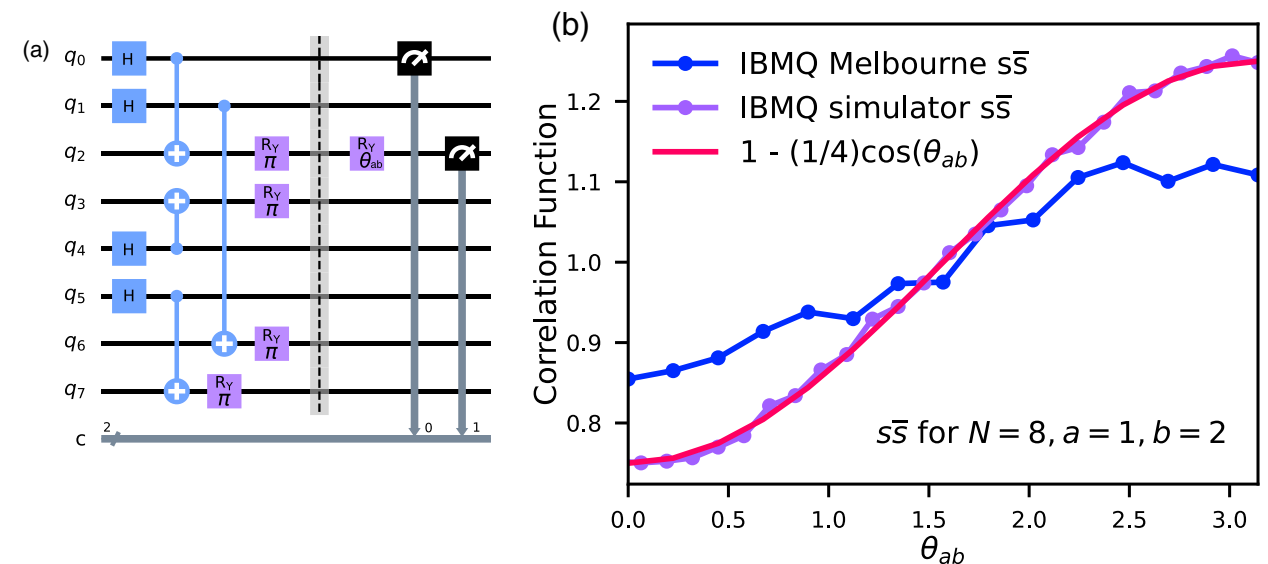
qPDF Workflow



Λ and Λ^- spin correlations provide novel insights into quantum features of many-body parton dynamics.



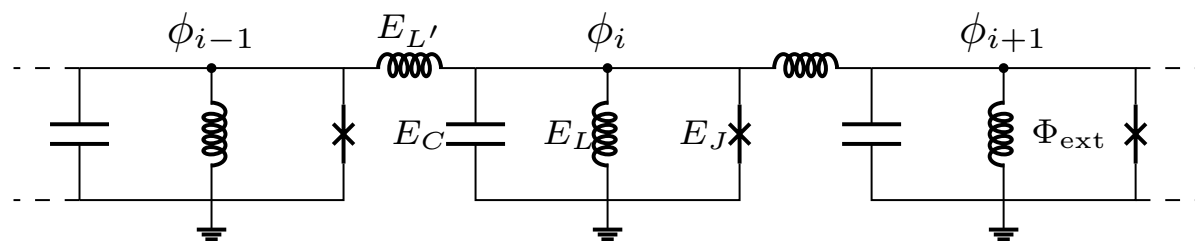
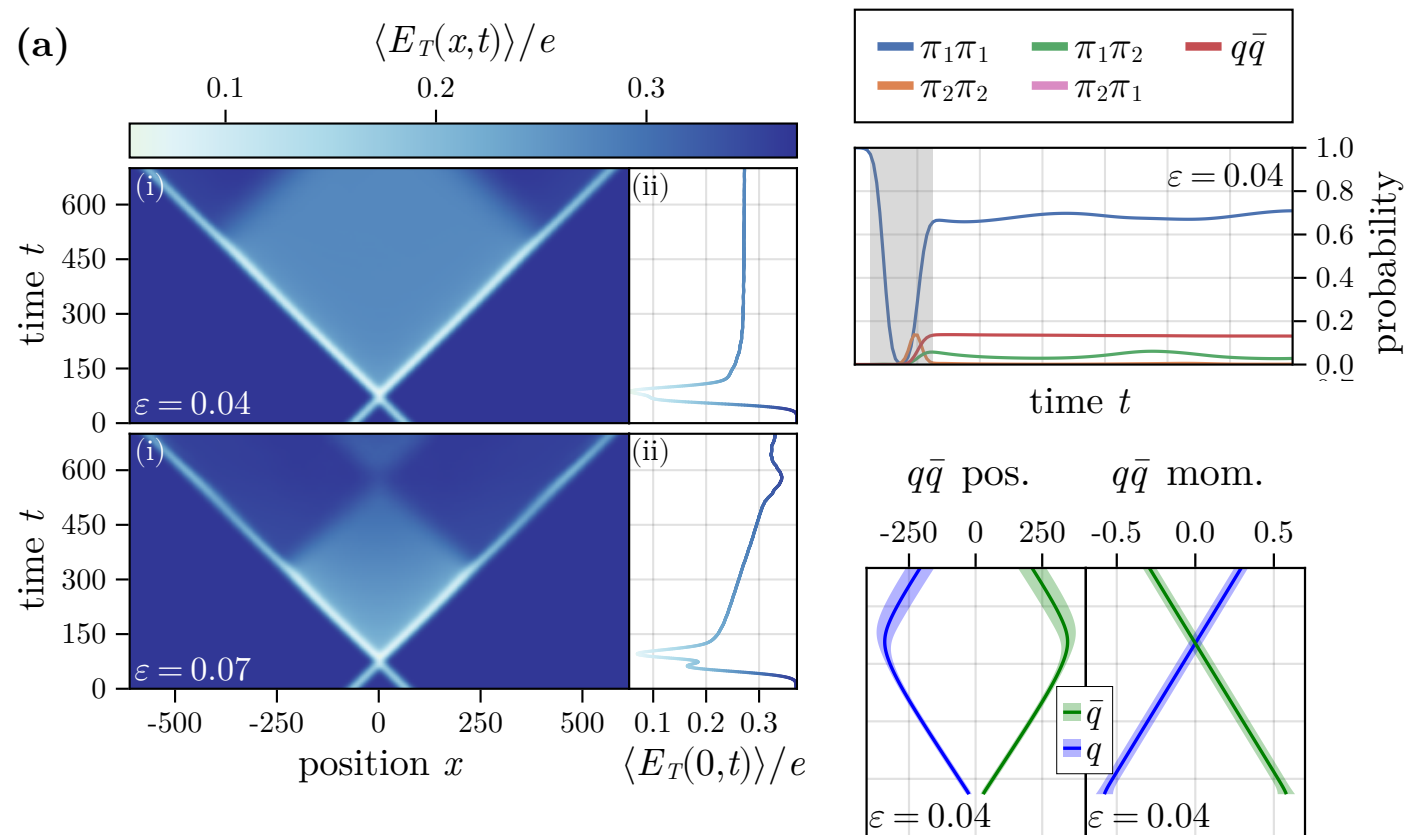
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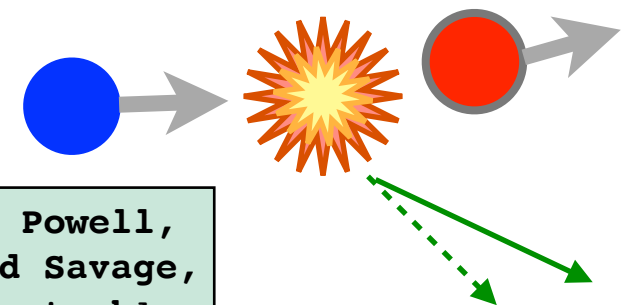
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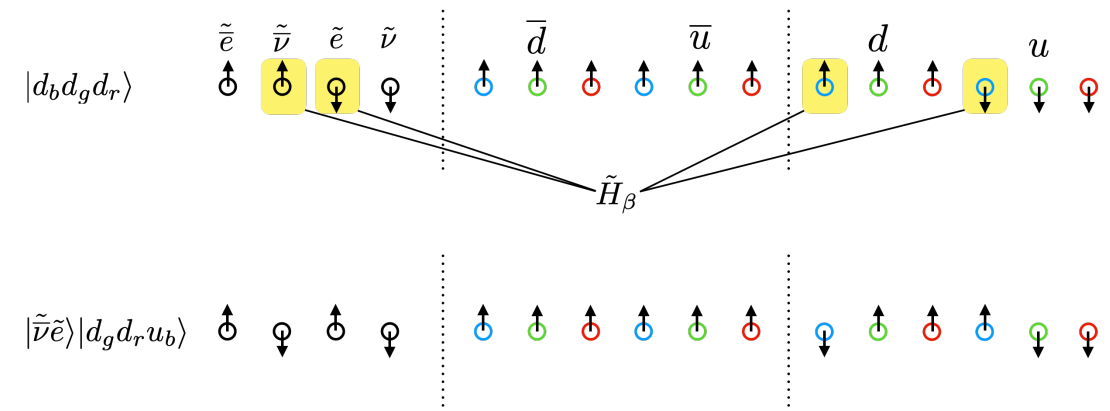
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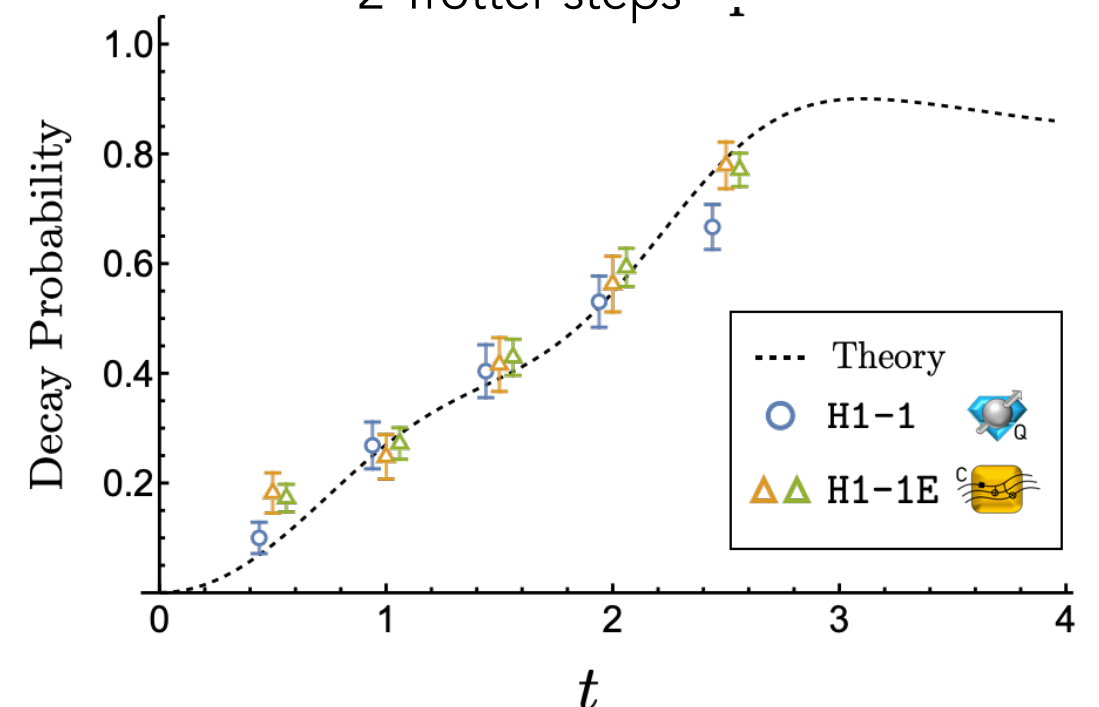
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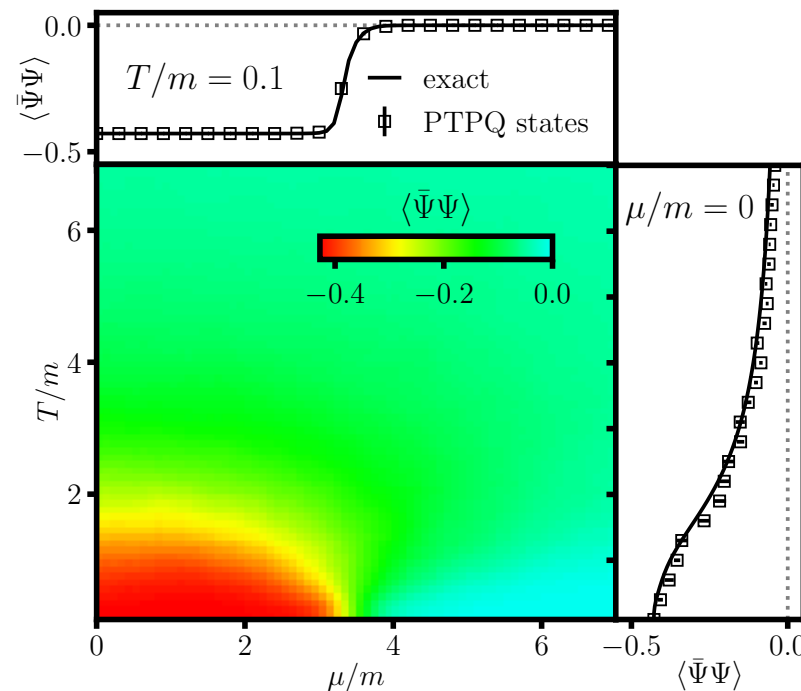
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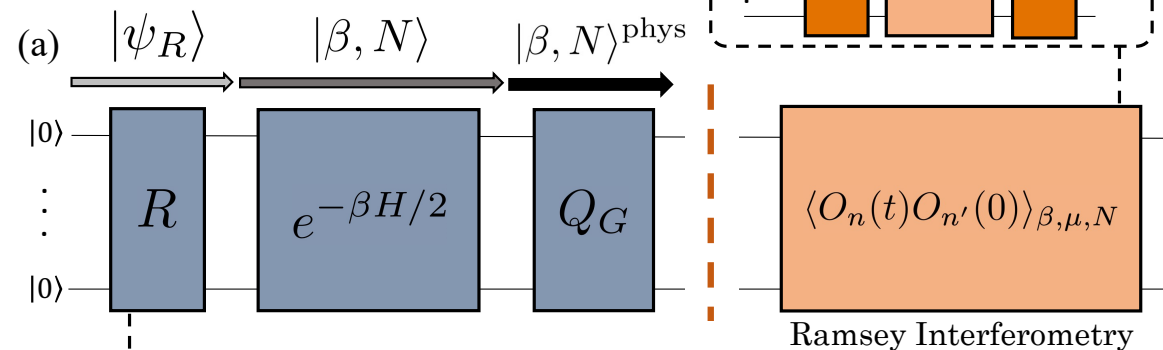
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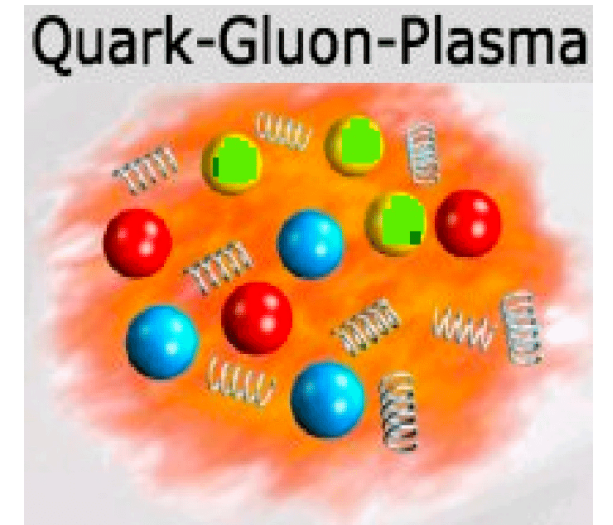
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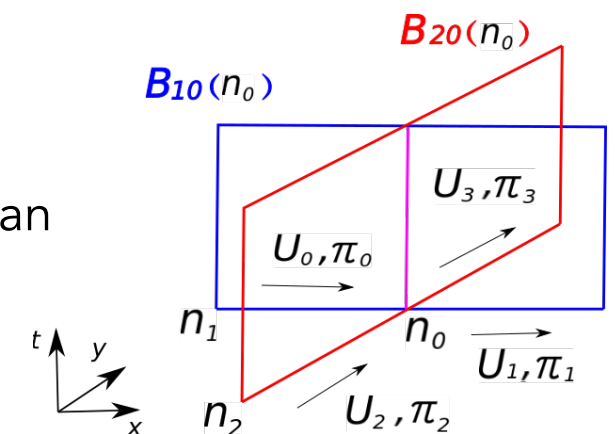
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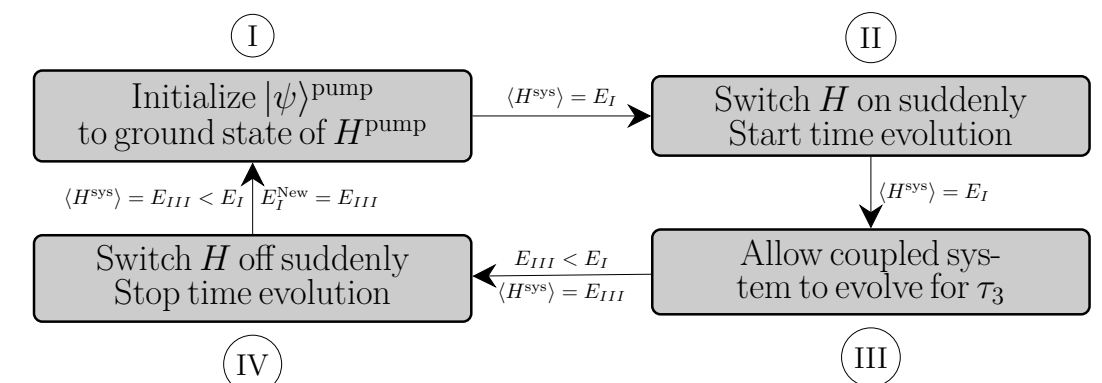
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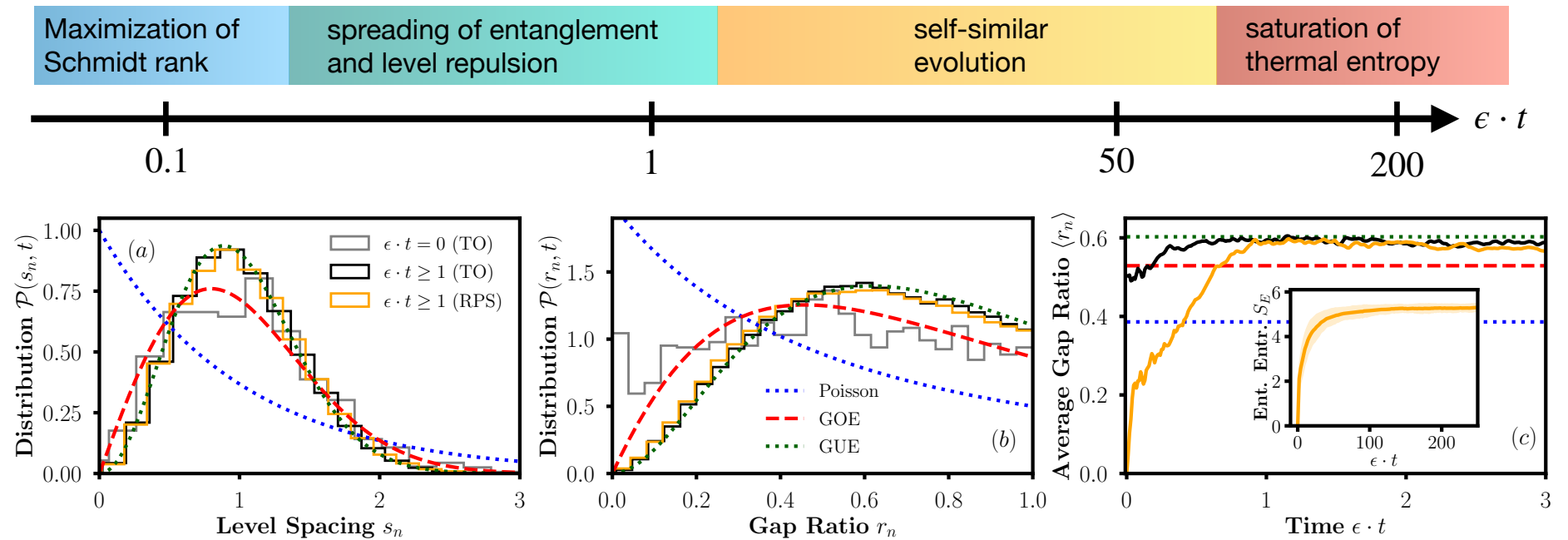
How to prepare a proton state?
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EMERGING UNDERSTANDING OF THERMALIZATION IN SIMPLE GAUGE THEORIES

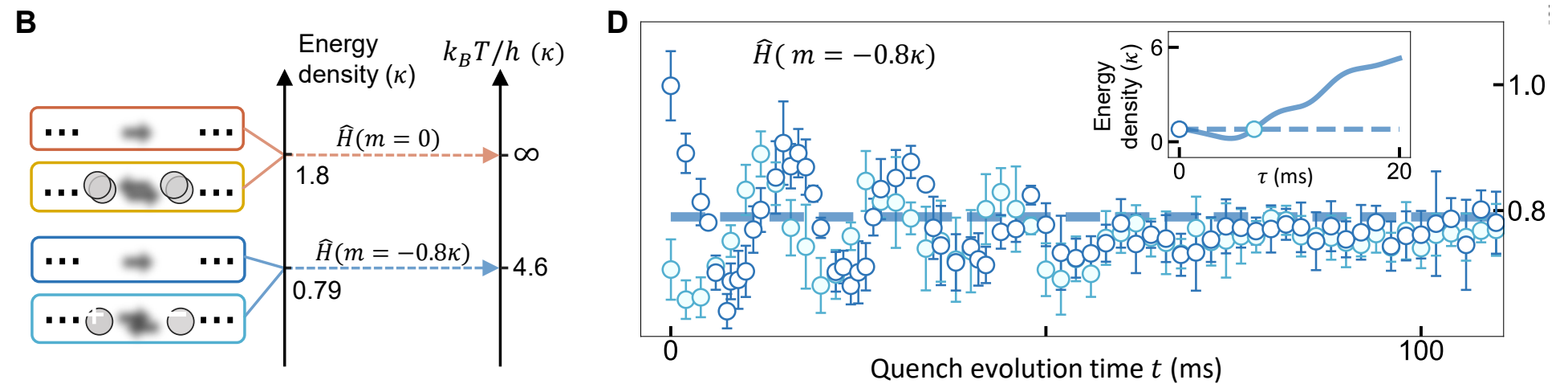
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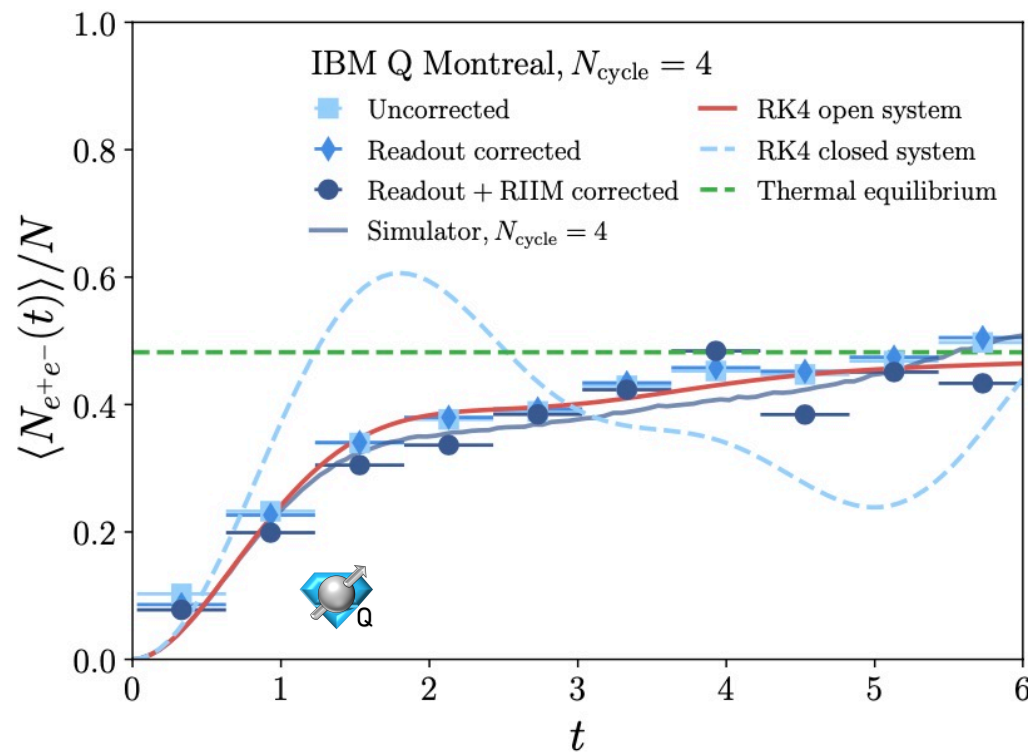
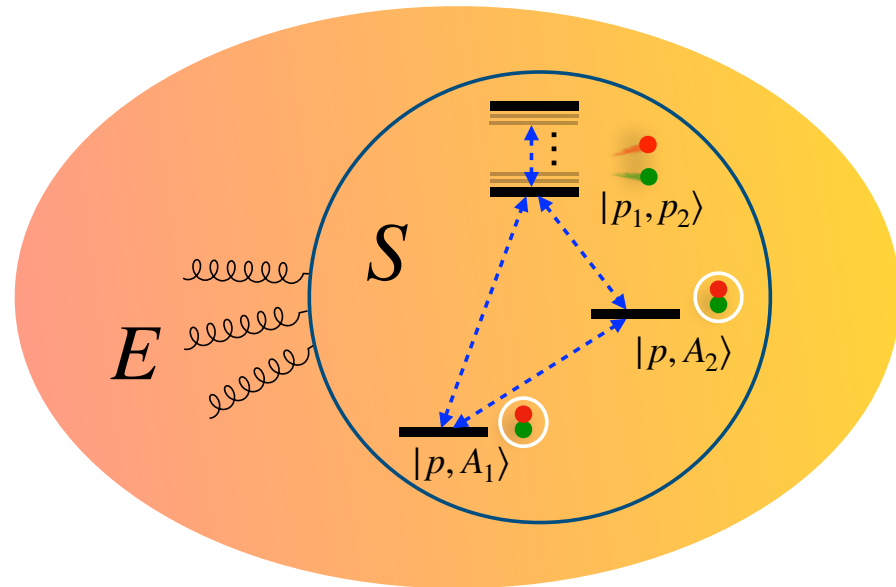
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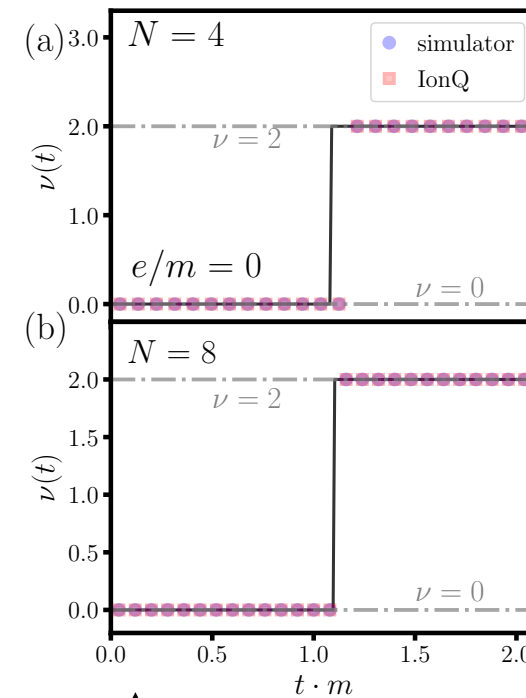
OPEN QUANTUM SYSTEMS AND NON-EQUILIBRIUM PROPERTIES

Open quantum system dynamics:
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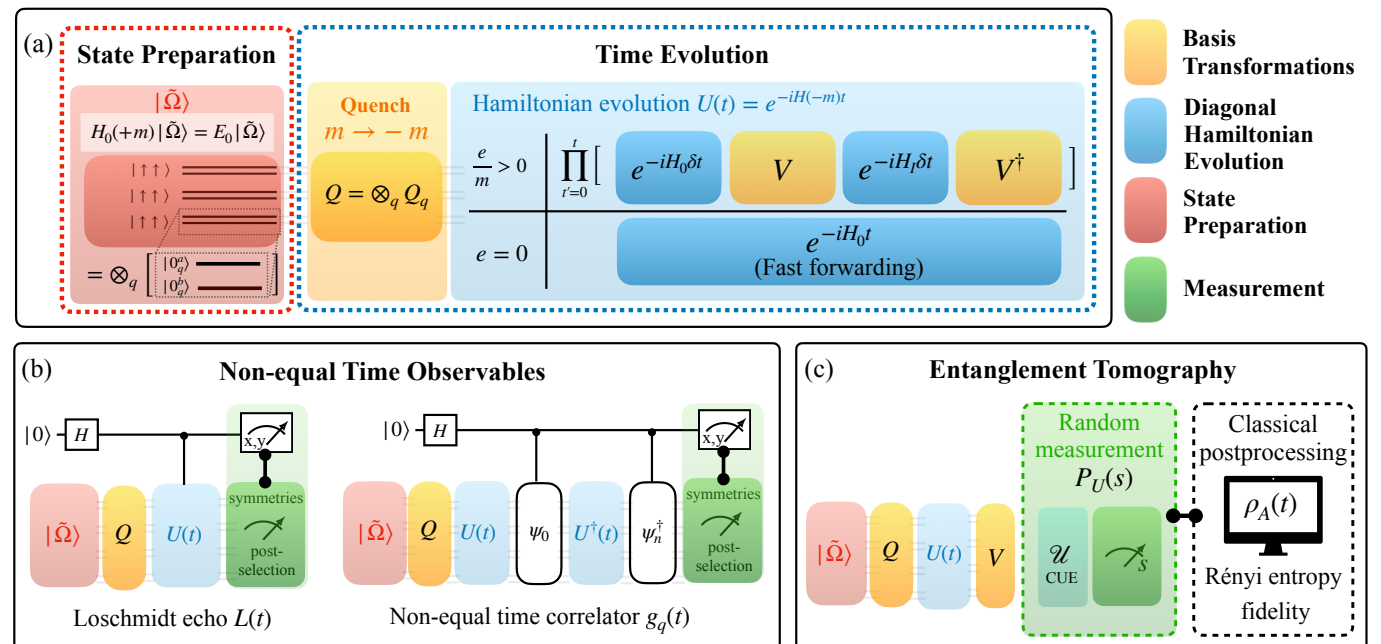
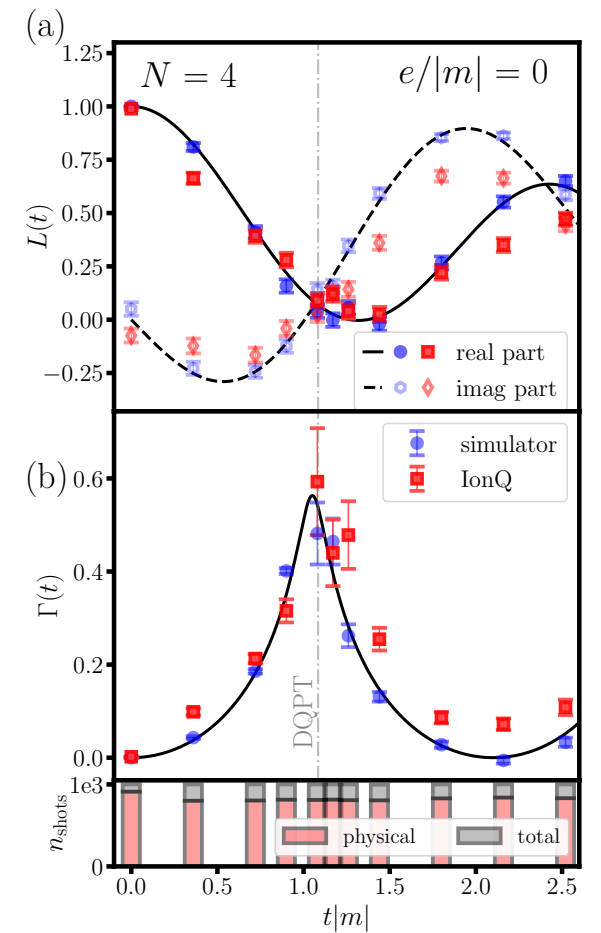


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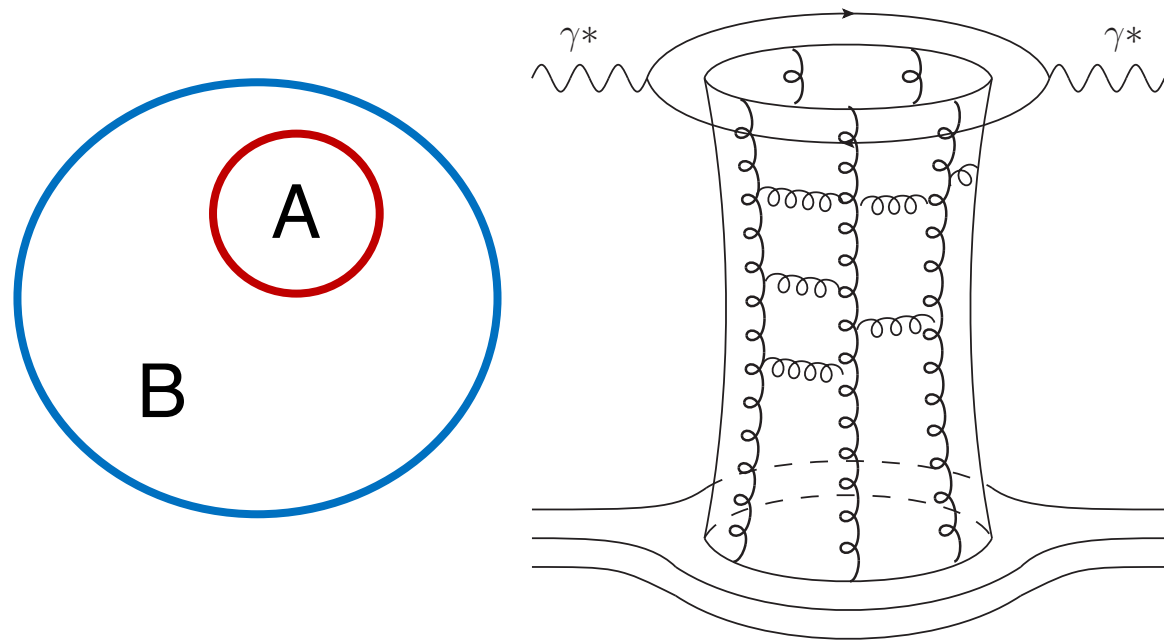


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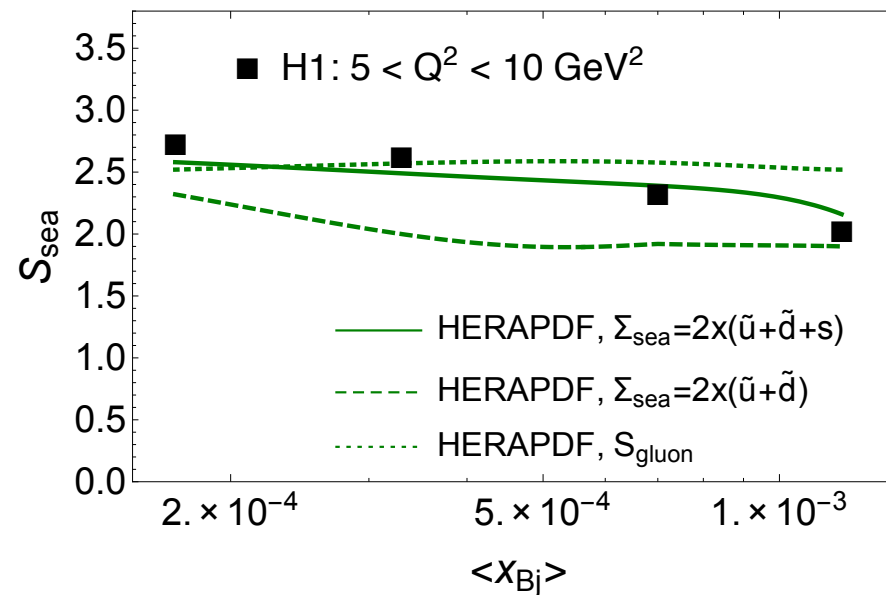


QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT IN HIGH- AND LOW-ENERGY NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Deep inelastic scattering as a probe of entanglement?

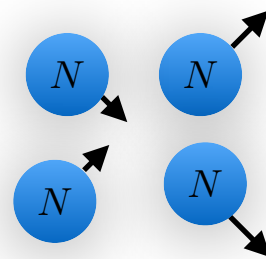
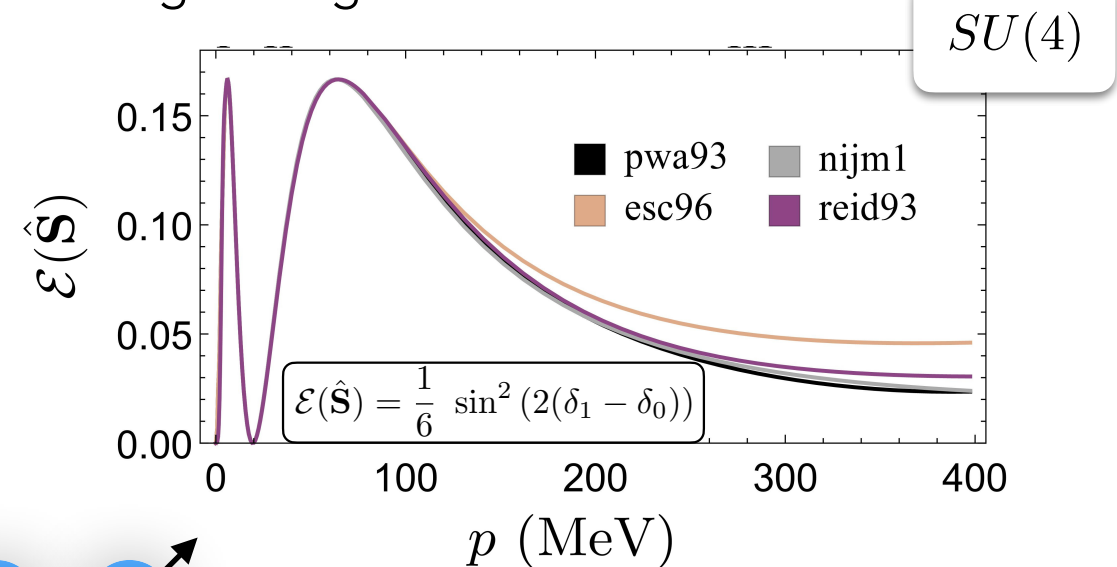


Entropy of hadrons derived from PDFs can be related to entanglement entropy.



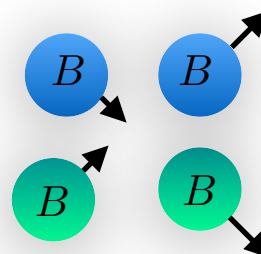
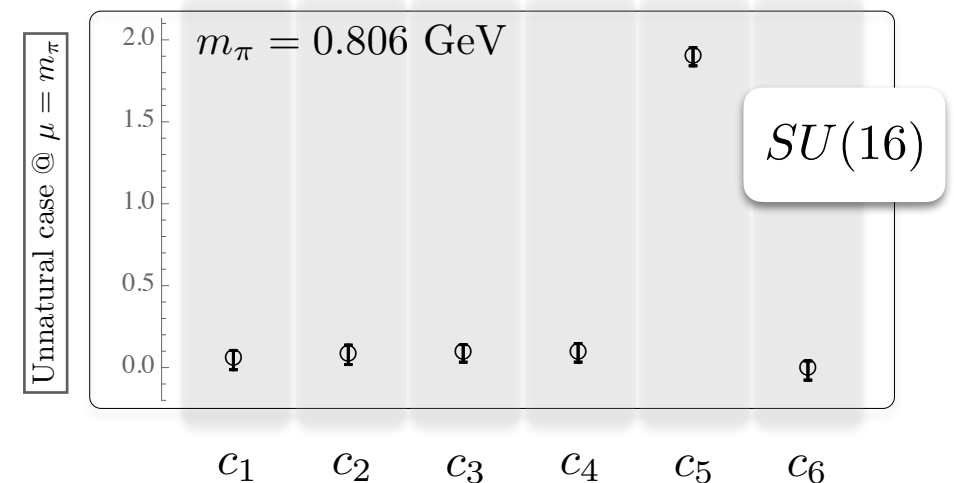
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SUMMARY

QUANTUM SIMULATION OF FUNDAMENTAL INTERACTIONS HAS THE PROMISE OF ADDRESSING A RANGE OF COMPUTATIONALLY INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS IN HEP AND NP.

Quantum Simulation for
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