

Spectroscopy of Ising Mesons on a Noisy Quantum Simulator



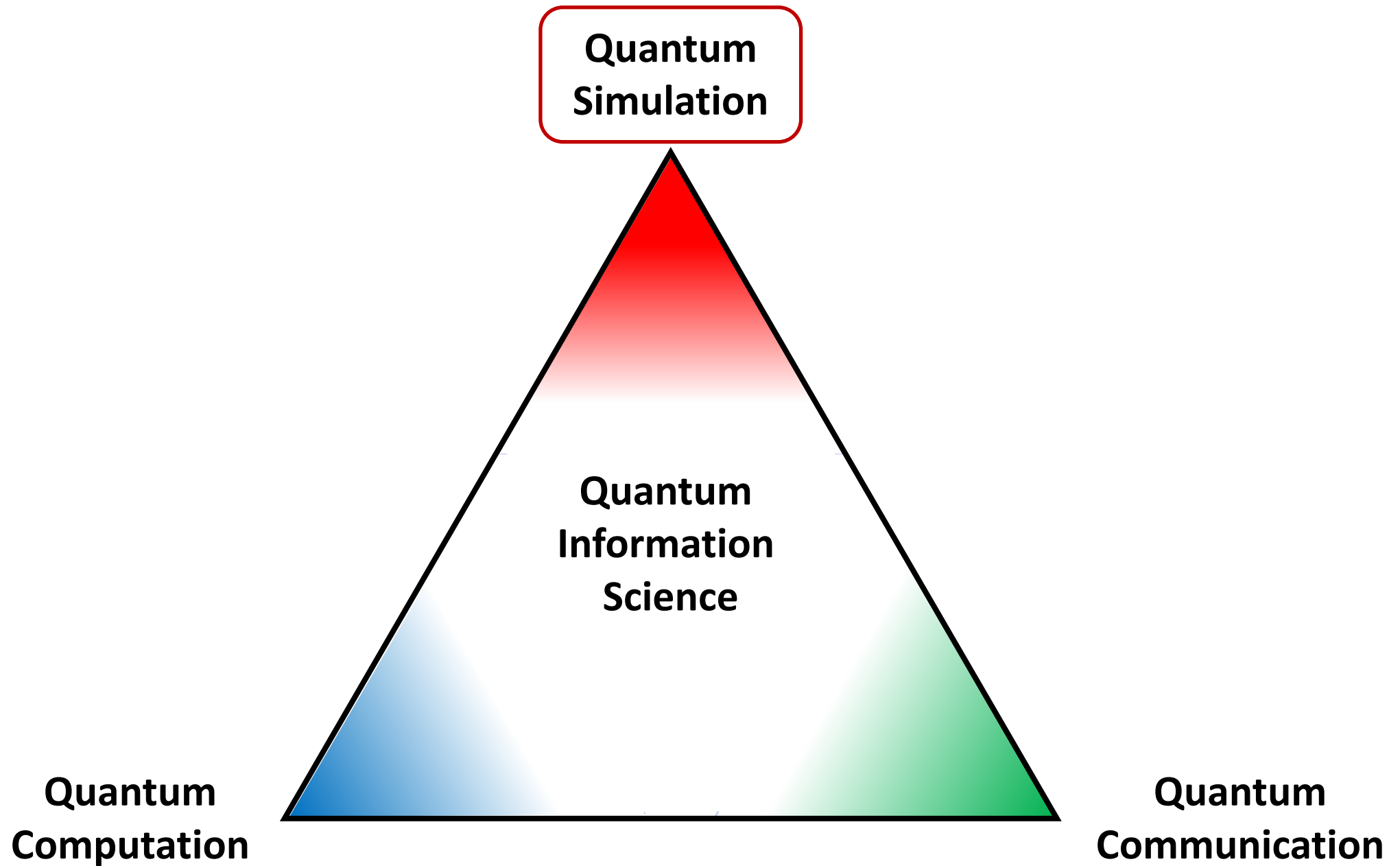
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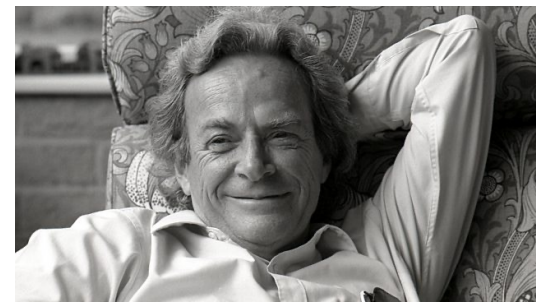


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What kind of computer are we going to use to simulate physics?

... you can simulate this with a quantum system, with quantum computer elements. It's not a Turing machine, but a machine of a different kind.

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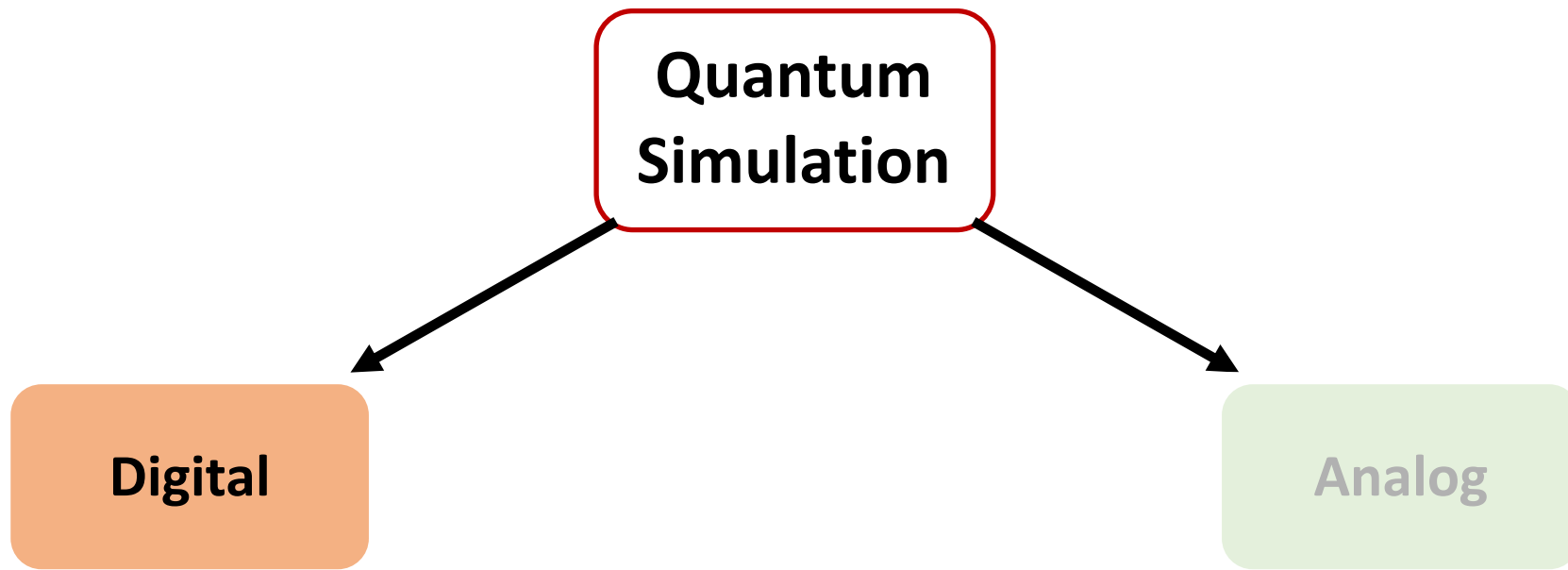
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Quantum code candidates:

1. Shor code (1 logical = 9 data + 8 ancilla)
2. Surface-17 (1 logical = 9 data + 8 ancilla)

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What can we do with these quantum machines of the NISQ era?

NISQ = Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum

What kind of quantum field theories can be simulated on the NISQ machines?

Early works on scattering in massless real scalar field (Klein-Gordon, ...)

Jordan et al (2012), Klco and Savage (2019), ...

A more minimalistic approach: **spin-chains which can be mapped to qubits with minimal overhead**

Smith et al (2019), Vovrosh and Knolle (2020), ...

Abandon error-correction – leads to new question about how quantum field theories respond to noise and dissipation

Look for a model with a **'small correlation length'**

This talk: **the Ising model with transverse and longitudinal field**

McCoy and Wu (1978), Rutkevich (2005, 2008), Fonseca and Zamolodchikov (2001, 2006)

Ising model with transverse and longitudinal field

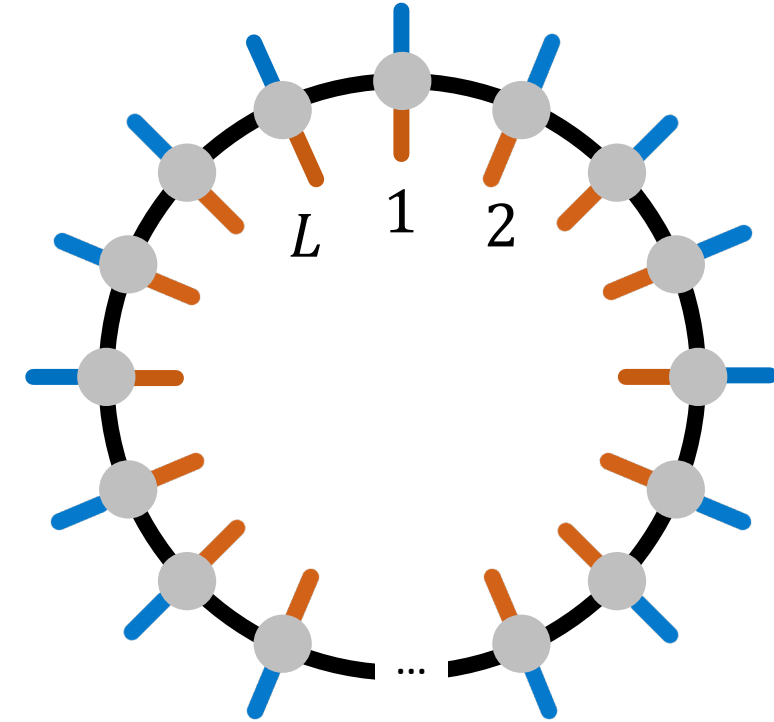
Hamiltonian (periodic boundary conditions):

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^L \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x - g \sum_{i=1}^L \sigma_i^z - h \sum_{i=1}^L \sigma_i^x$$

ferromagnetic
coupling

transverse
field

longitudinal
field



— $\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x$ — σ_i^z — σ_i^x

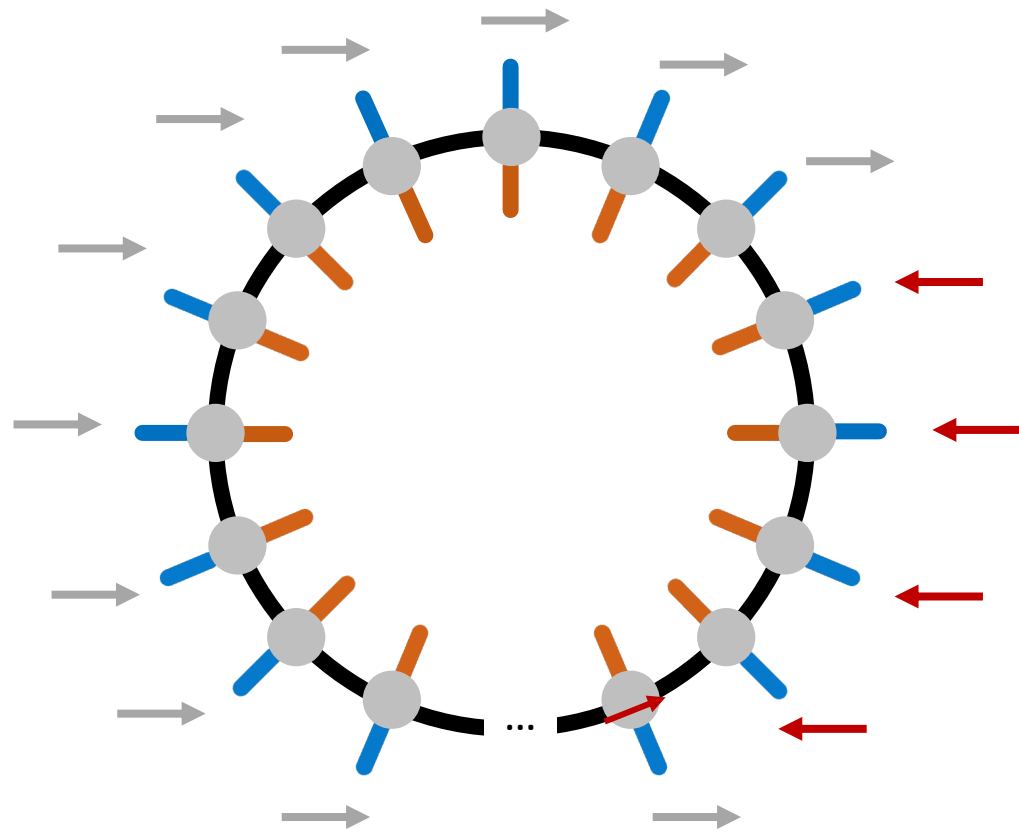
Important solvable cases:

1. Free fermion: $h = 0$ (Onsager, 1944)
2. E_8 model: $g = 1, h \ll 1$ (Zamolodchikov, 1989)

No known exact solution
for arbitrary g, h

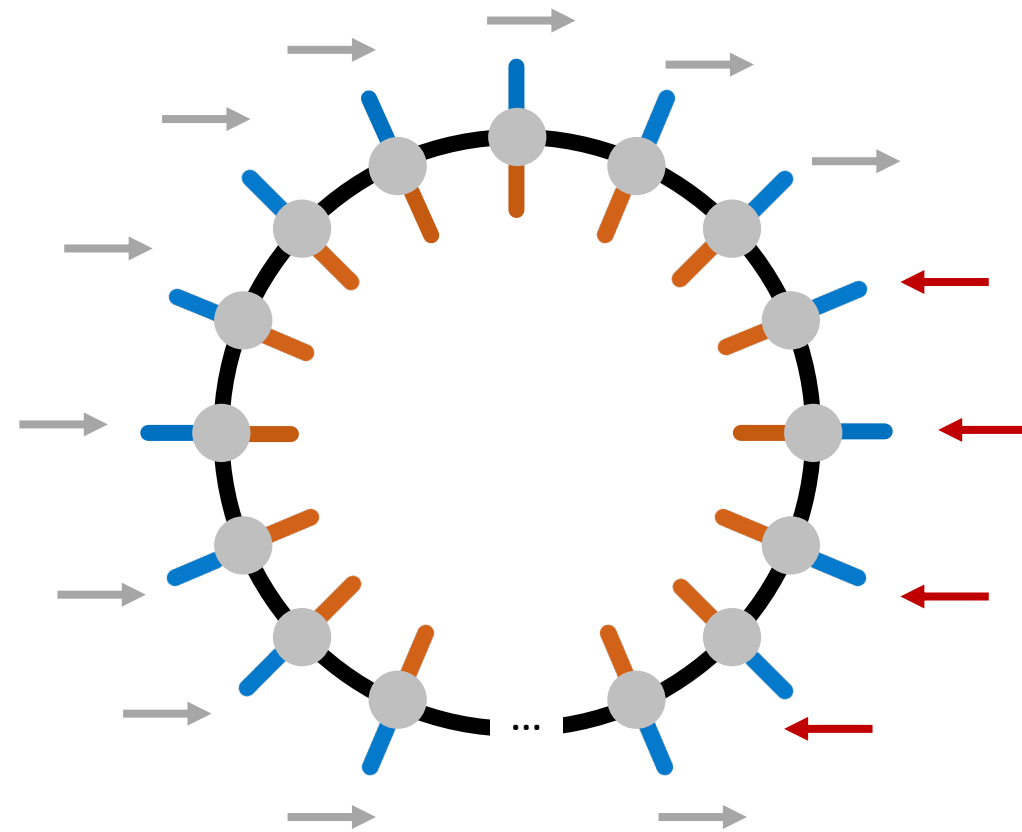
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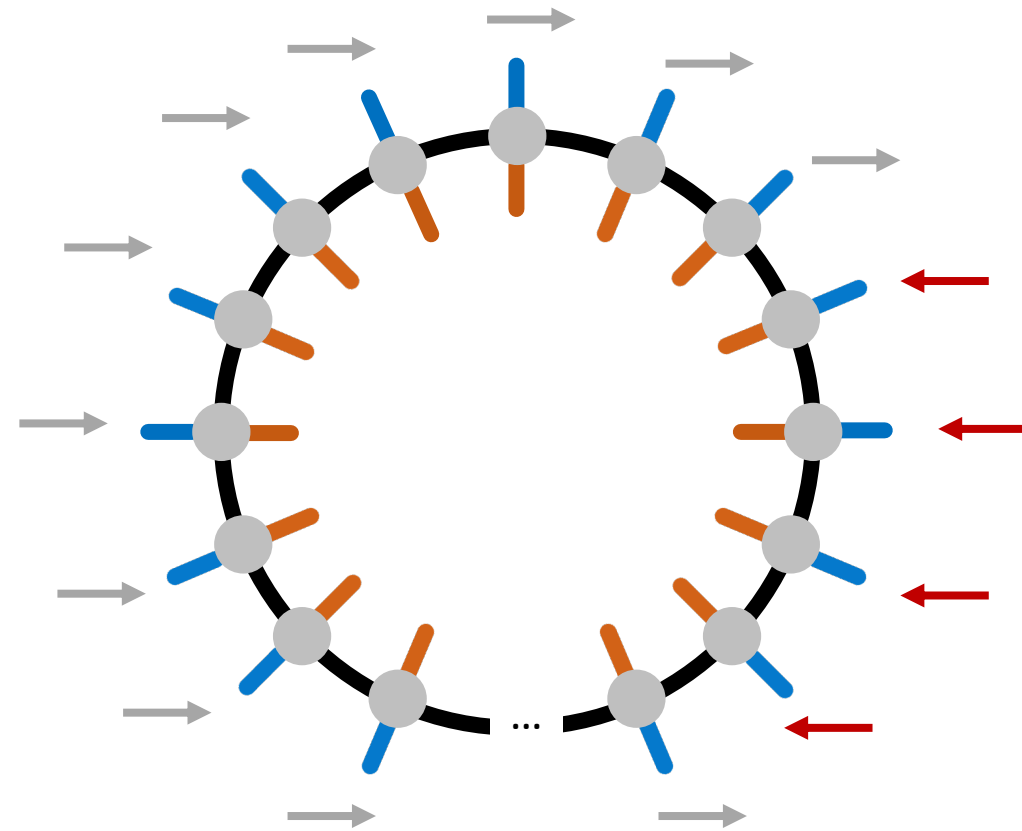
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Cost of domain wall separation (R):

$$\Delta E \simeq \sigma R, \sigma \simeq 2 \langle \sigma^x \rangle h$$

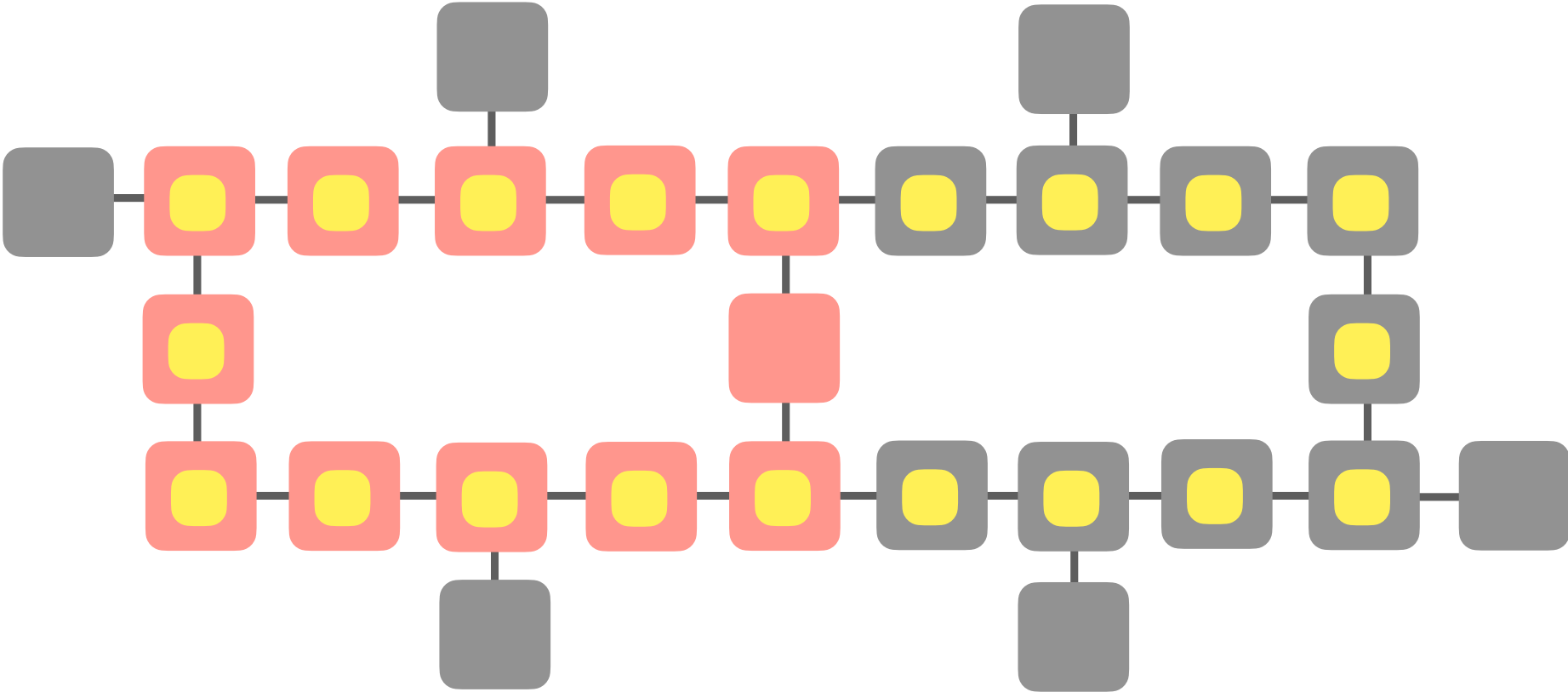
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Quantum Simulation Protocol

1. Initialize in ferromagnetic state: $|\rightarrow, \rightarrow, \dots, \rightarrow\rangle$
2. Trotterized time-evolution in terms of single and two qubit gates
3. Measure $\langle \sigma_i^x \rangle$

IBM Mumbai Quantum Simulator

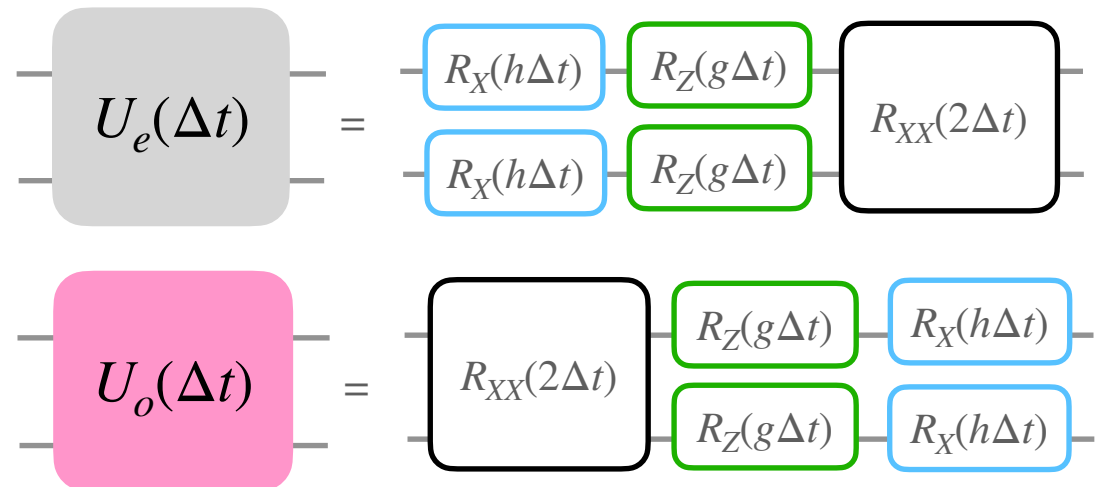
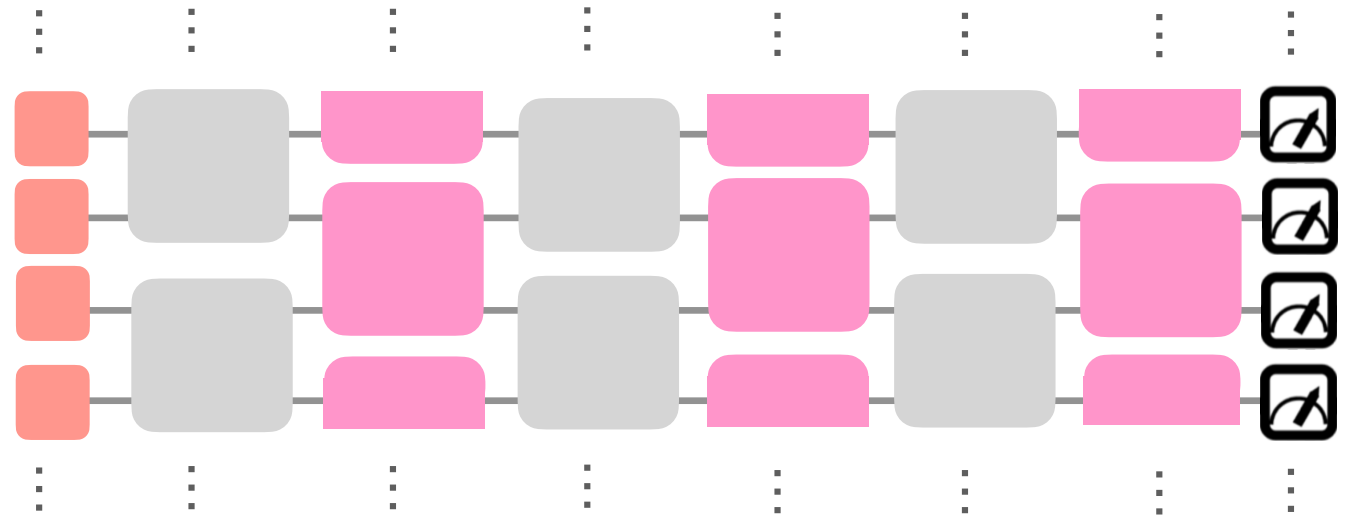


Median life-times: $\sim 100\mu s$

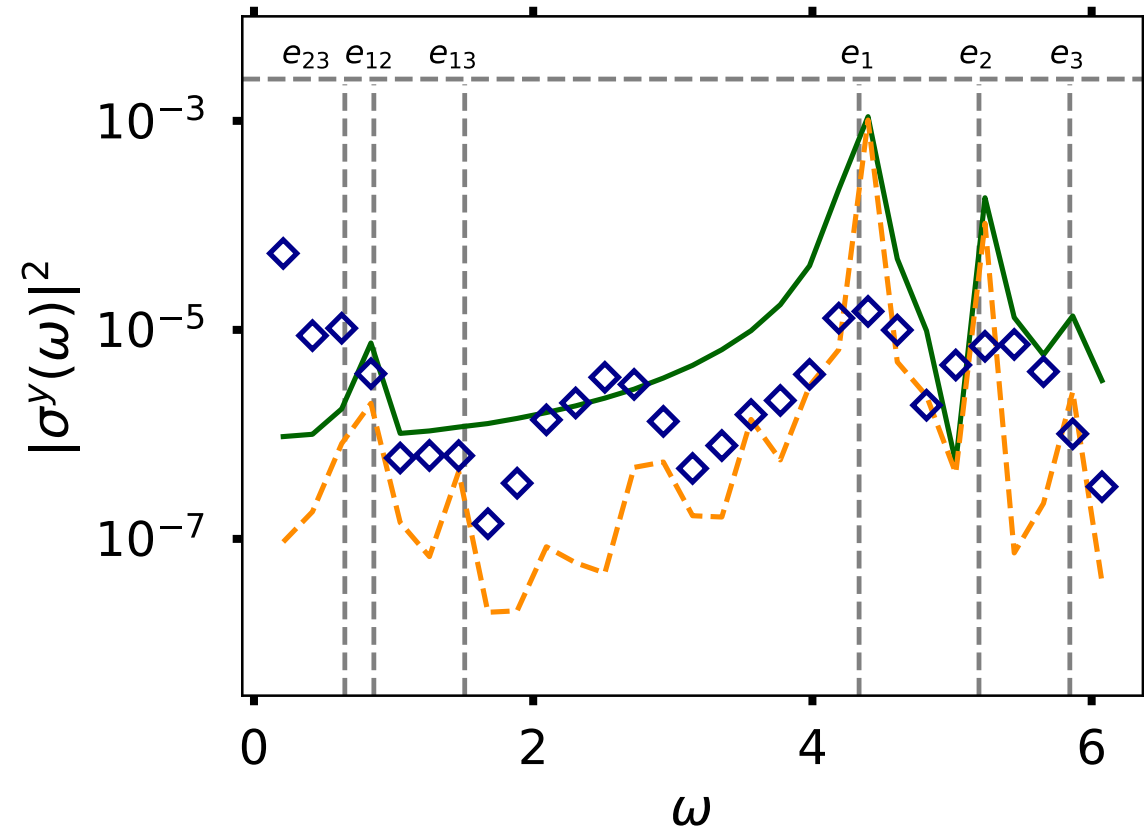
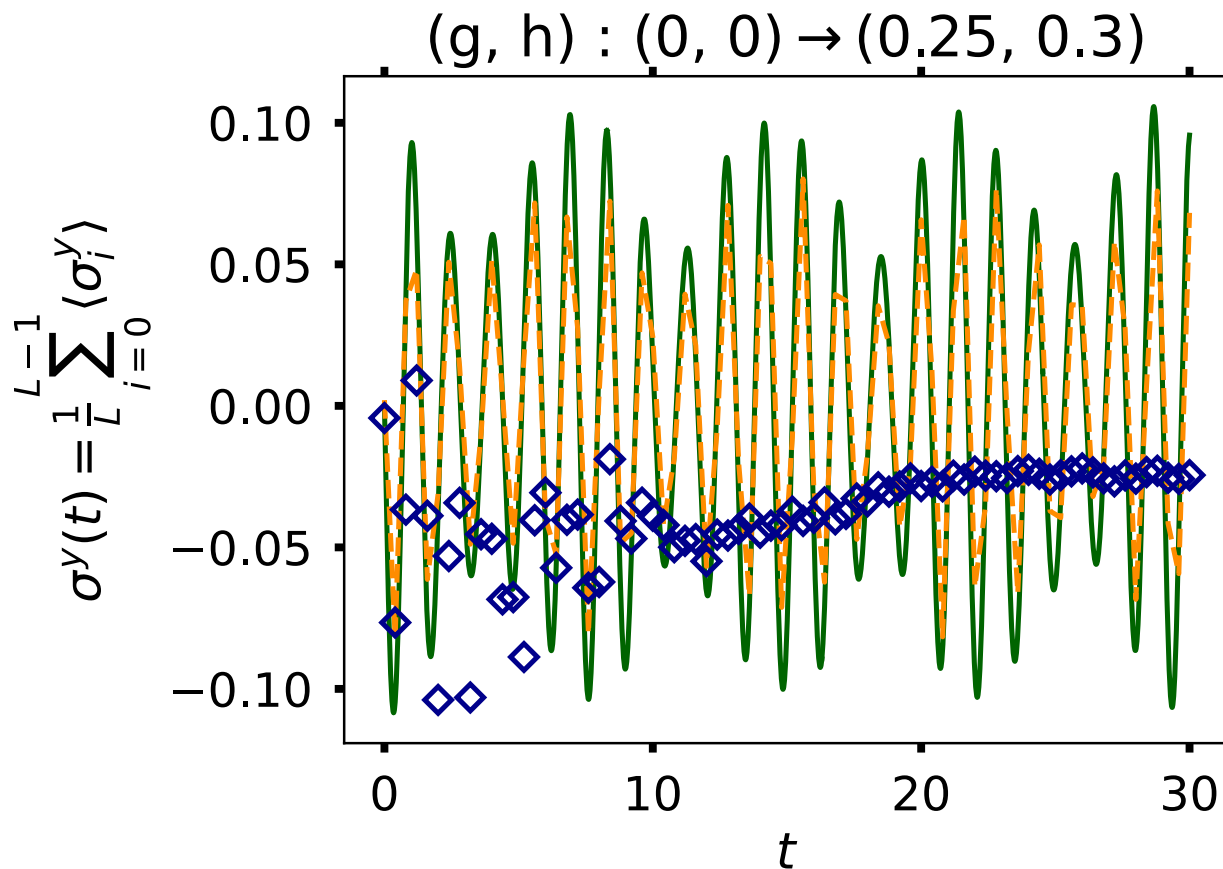
Gate and readout errors: $\sim 1\%$

Mapping to IBM's Mumbai Quantum Simulator

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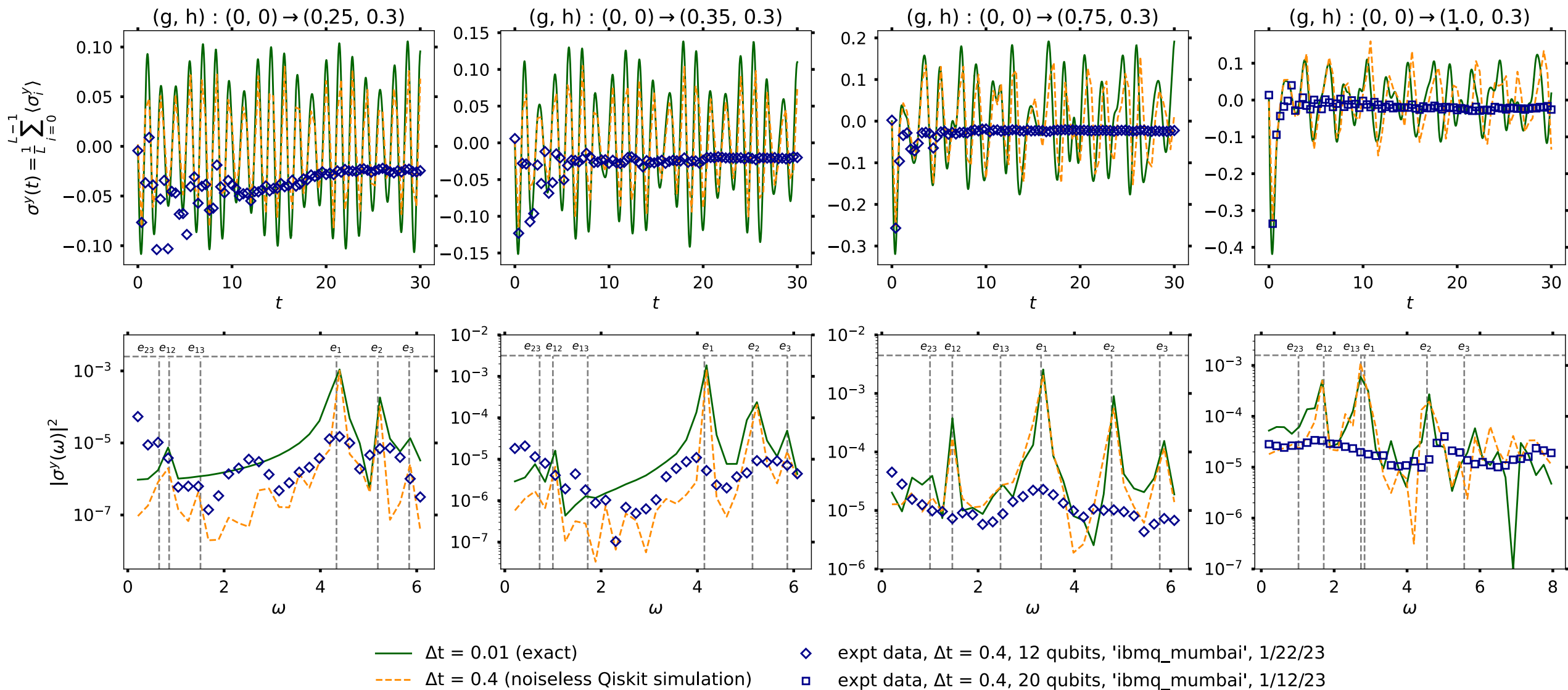
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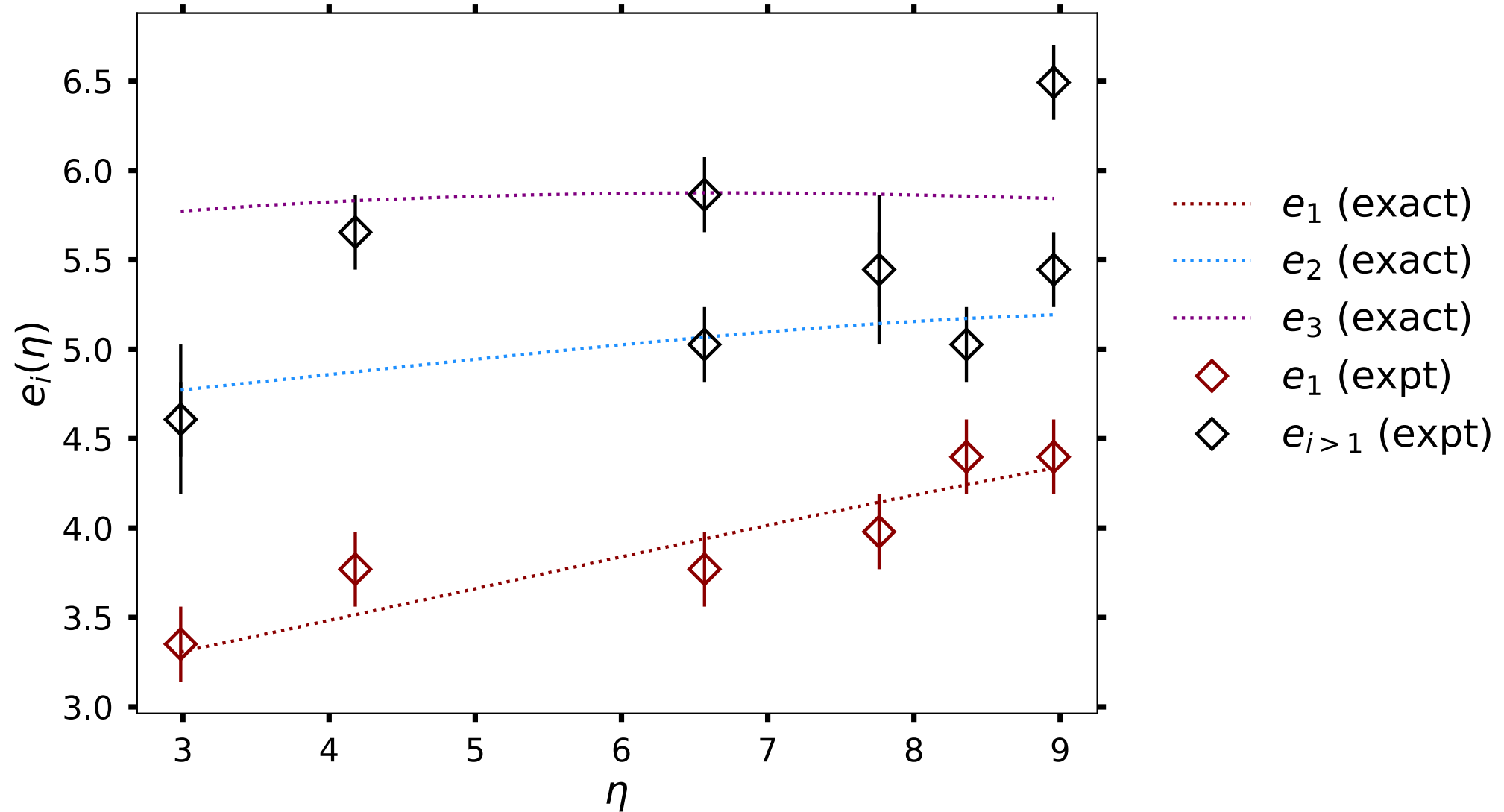
— $\Delta t = 0.01$ (exact)
- - $\Delta t = 0.4$ (noiseless Qiskit simulation)

◇ expt data, $\Delta t = 0.4$, 12 qubits, 'ibmq_mumbai', 1/22/23

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Ising meson energies: experimental vs exact results

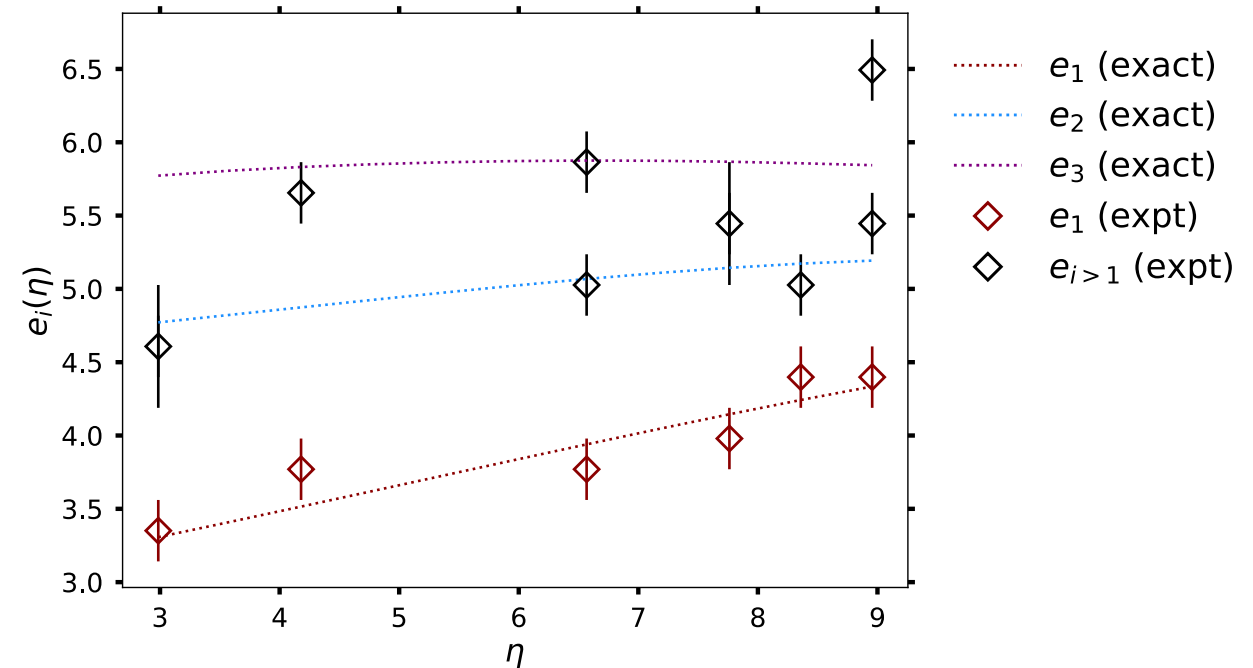
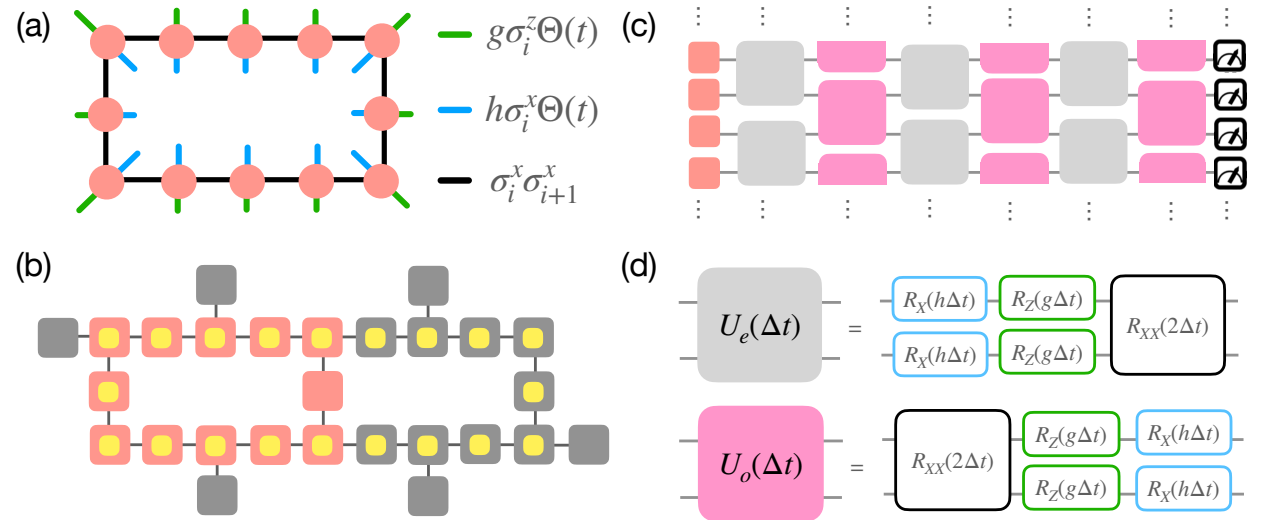


$$\eta = \frac{2\pi(1-g)}{h^{8/15}}$$

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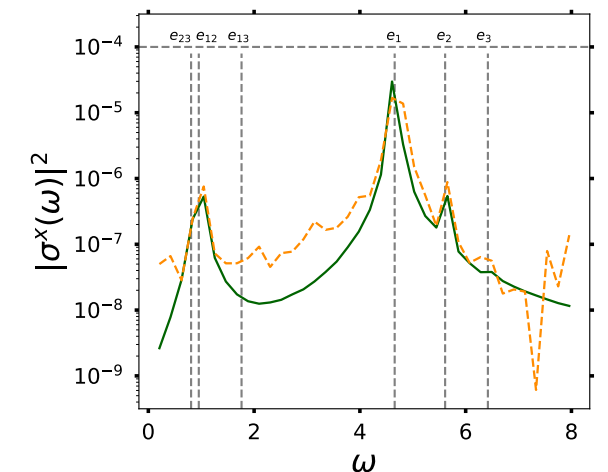
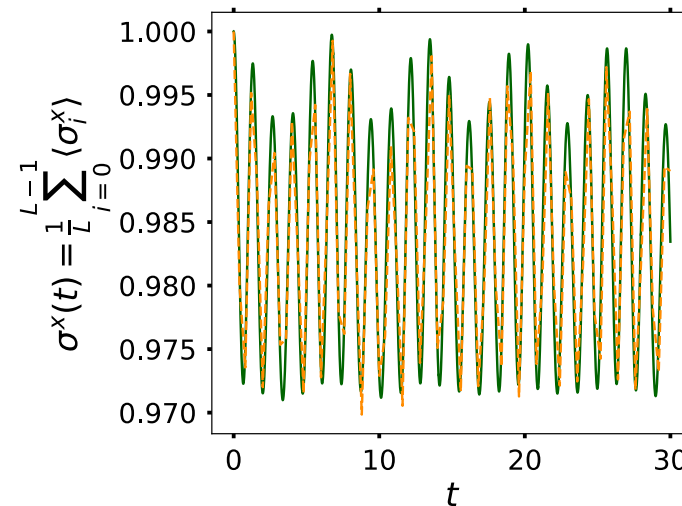
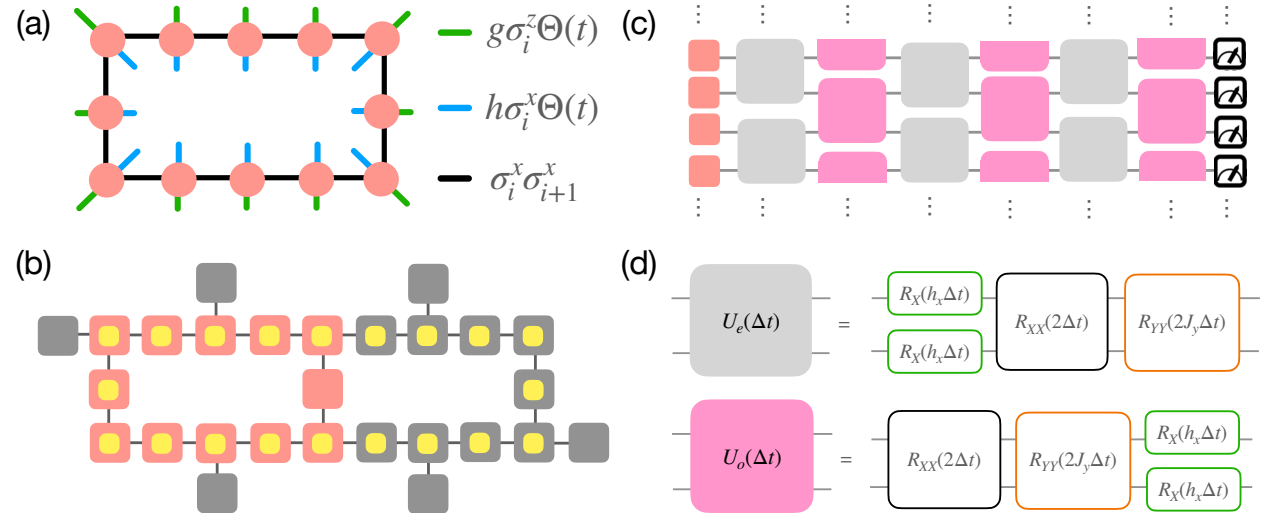


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Approach readily generalizable to a wide-family of quantum spin-chains



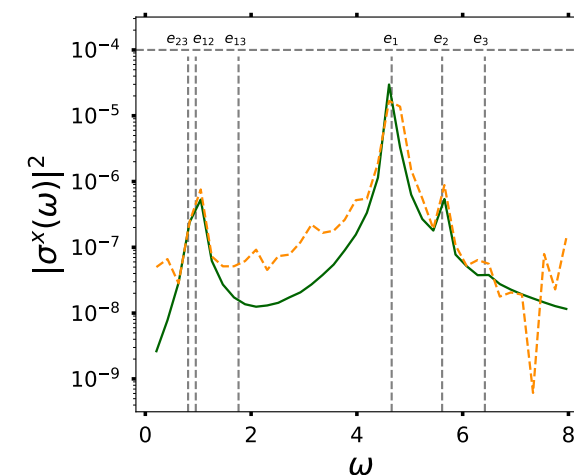
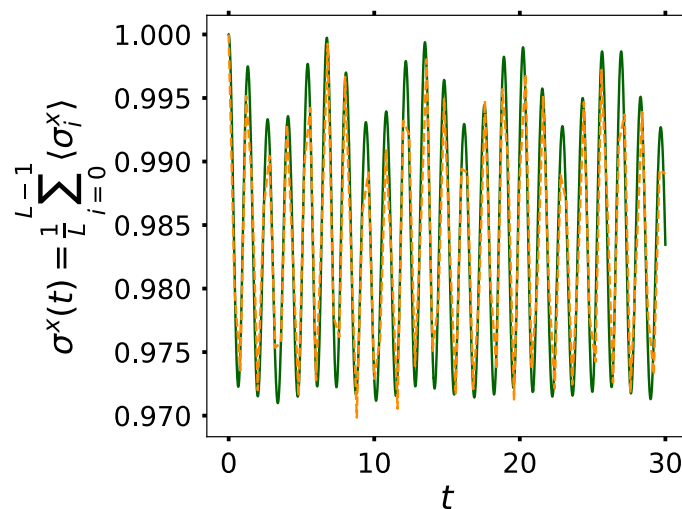
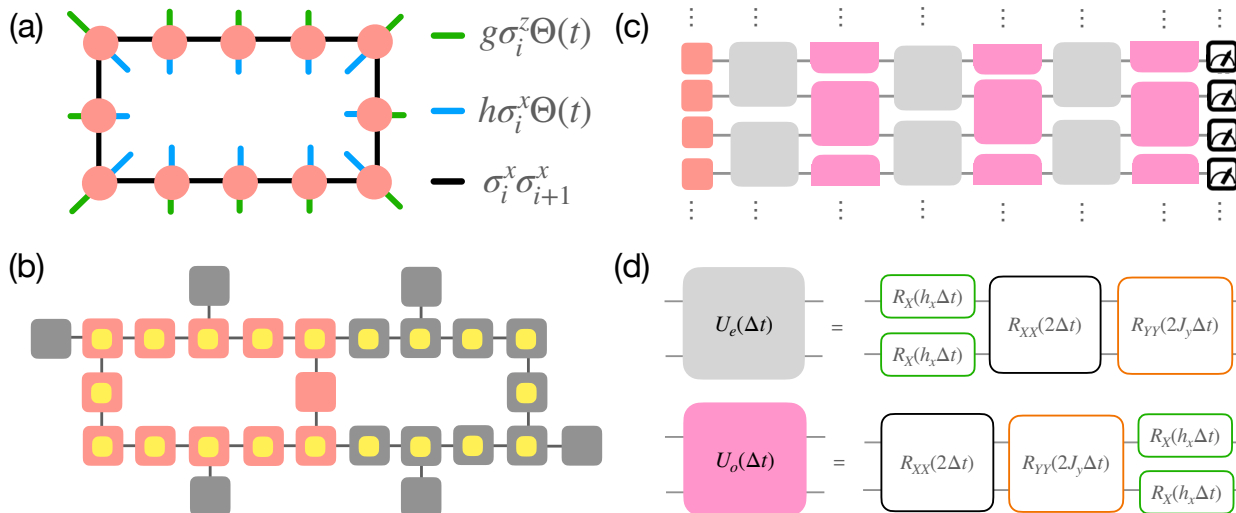
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Outlook

Measurement of scattering matrix amplitudes

Improve resilience to noise – ‘a bit’ of error-correction

Towards problems which cannot be solved with classical computers



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Thank You!

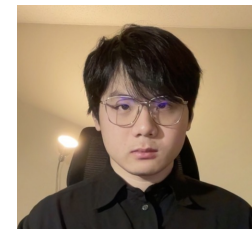
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