

# I'm the problem, it's me: Viscosity in 3+1d QCD

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# **Quantum Computing for Particle Physics, it's a need**

- The world is quantum, and we are lucky anything is amenable to classical computers
  - Large-scale quantum computers can tackle computations in HEP otherwise inaccessible
  - This opens up new frontiers & extends the reach of LHC, LIGO, EIC & DUNE



- Ab initio cross sections for colliders and neutrino experiments
- Cosmic inflation and the evolution of matter asymmetry in the early universe
- Explorations of BSM, supersymmetry, and quantum gravity
- Hadronization and Hydrodynamics in Heavy-lon collisions



While broad, these topics often are formulated as lattice field theories

Quantum Simulation for High-Energy Physics Bauer, Davoudi et al. - PRX Quantum 4 (2023) 2, 027001 Wonderful survey of physics questions, methods, and outstanding problems in field





Don't let anyone fool you...

# There is **SO much** to be done

#### As a target, today we are going to consider the viscosity of QCD

- $\eta = rac{V}{T} \int_0^\infty \langle T_{12}(t) T_{12}(0) 
  angle$
- I believe its a "near-term" goal and allows for focus...
- ...while introducing all the necessary pieces

Quantum algorithms for transport coefficients in gauge theories NuQS Collaboration - *Phys.Rev.D* 104 (2021) 9, 094514 Formulates lattice operators and propose correlators

Viscosity of pure-glue QCD from the lattice Altenkort *et al.* - 2211.08230 [hep-lat] State of the art lattice results, but massive uncertainties persist

$$\eta/s = 0.15 - 0.48, T = 1.5T_c$$
  
 $\zeta/s = 0.017 - 0.059, T = 1.5T_c$ 



#### Take it to the limit



- O(L,a,*H*) is an approximation for HEP
- Truncations leads to systematic errors
- Extrapolating is done on results, reducing computational resources...
- ...but **obscures** precise resource estimates

## **Qubit Costs for Lattice Field Theory**

- Lattice field theory discretizes spacetime into a lattice of size (La)<sup>d</sup>
  - $L \rightarrow \infty$  and  $a \rightarrow 0$  must be taken
- Matter fields are placed on sites, gauge fields on links
  - Fermionic matter need F=Spin x Color x Flavor qubits per site e.g. 12 for staggered QCD
  - Gauge links are bosonic and need efficient truncation ∧ qubits per link e.g. SU(3) ~ ???q
  - Scalar (bosonic) matter is infinite-dimensional, so must be truncated as well
- So qubit cost is:  $(d\Lambda + F\,)(L/a)^d$



## Gate Costs for Lattice Field Theory

- Lattice field theory approximates  $U(T) = e^{-iHT}$  which can corresponds to into a lattice of size Ta,
  - $a_t \rightarrow 0$  or equivalent limit must be taken
- Trottertization has this property, others less clear i.e. potentially variable temporal spacing Gate cost is heuristically:  $\frac{T}{a_t} \times [\mathcal{O}(1)(d\Lambda + F)(L/a)^d]^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$



# **Exercise 1: What will viscosity take?**

Qubits:  $(d\Lambda + F)(L/a)^d$  Gates:  $\frac{T}{a_t} imes [\mathcal{O}(1)(d\Lambda + F)(L/a)^d]^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$ 

- d=3
- What is F? (Staggered=12 Wilson=24)
  - Note: a, scaling of errors
- How will you truncate  $\Lambda$ ? (9 64-bit  $\mathbb{C}$  floats = 1152)
  - Note: truncation errors
- How small will you take a? (1fm<sup>-1</sup>~ 200 MeV)
  - Note: discretization errors
- How large will you take L?
  - Note: finite volume errors
- Gate cost prefactor ~ 10 and exponent~2
- How small will you take a<sub>t</sub>?
  - Note: Trotter errors
- How long do you need to run for (T)?
  - Note: Signal resolution errors

# What didja get?

- Qubit costs: 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>9</sup>
  - 10q for SU(3) might be reasonable
  - a~0.5 fm, L~3 fm
  - Perhaps we drop fermions
  - Perhaps lower dimensions
- Gate costs: 10<sup>7</sup>-10<sup>40</sup>
  - a<sub>t</sub>~0.1 fm, T~1 fm
  - Quantum arithmetic can hurt
  - Perhaps sloppy synthesis
  - Perhaps improved algorithms



General quantum algorithms for Hamiltonian simulation with applications to a non-Abelian lattice gauge theory Davoudi, Shaw, Stryker - 2212.14030 [hep-lat] Understanding the synthesis and Trotter errors, along with algorithmic choices in 1+1 SU(2)

But we don't today have a good sense of **theoretical** errors...

#### **Exercise 2: What gate fidelities do you need?**

- Consider your gate cost  $N_g$
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Today, we talk about p ~10<sup>-3</sup>



# Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum vs Fault-Tolerance NISQ FT

- Exists today!
- Limited number of qubits
  - Probably <10<sup>4</sup>
- Basic gate set is native one
  - Often included arbitrary rotations
- Speed limited by 2q gate
- Errors tolerated or mitigated
  - Probably >10<sup>-7</sup>
  - Measurement slow
  - Count CNOTs

- Scalable, networked qubits
  - No limits on number of logical qubits
- Requires error correction
  - Potentially huge overhead
  - Threshold error rates
  - Measurement + Classical compute
- Gate set limited
  - Must synthesize
  - Count nontransverse T-gates



Building logical qubits in a superconducting quantum computing system Gambetta, Chow, Steffen - npj Quantum Information 3, 2 (2017) Discusses possible architectures for FT devices

# Your paradigm will greatly affect your research projects

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#### Hamiltonians for Nonabelian Gauge Theories in the Continuum

 $H = \int d^d x \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{E}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2)$ H in terms of CEM fields  $E_i = \frac{1}{2}F_{ii}$  $B_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} F_{jk}$ Fields & Field-strength tensor  $F_{\mu
u}=\partial_{\mu}A_{
u}-\partial_{
u}A_{\mu}-ie[A_{\mu},A_{
u}]$ FS tensor & gluon field **Chromo-field components**  $E_i = \lambda^a E_i^a$  $B_i = \lambda^a B_i^a$  $\operatorname{Tr}(\lambda^a \lambda^b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$  $[\lambda^a,\lambda^b]=if^{abc}\lambda^c$ Gell-Mann matrices

#### **Approximating gauge fields**

- For *reasons* of gauge symmetry, discretizing  $A_{\mu}$  is fraught with danger
- Instead, define an *average*  $A_{\mu}$  along a link in direction  $\mu$  as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu} = rac{1}{a} \int_{\mu} d\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

- On the lattice, this definition leads to a discretization error since the field at all points between  $\mathbf{x} \& \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mu}$
- Since we are considering lattice Hamiltonians, for now we restrict ourselves to the spatial lattice with latin indices i,j,k...

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_i =& rac{1}{a} \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} dx_i [A_i(\mathbf{x}) + x_i \partial_i A_i(\mathbf{x}) + rac{1}{2} x_i^2 A_i(\mathbf{x}) + \cdots \ =& A_i(\mathbf{x}) + rac{a^2}{24} \partial_i^2 A_i(\mathbf{x}) + rac{a^4}{1920} \partial_i^4 A_i(\mathbf{x}) + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Improvement and analytic techniques in Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory Carlsson - PhD thesis, 0309138 [hep-lat] Derivation of KS and Improved Hamiltonians and variational techniques

#### Wilson lines and gauge links

• To avoid the dangers of using  $A_{\mu}$  we use the average to define a gauge link which is a *Wilson line*:

$$U_l = e^{i e a \mathcal{A}_l}$$

• Taylor expanding and using relations between  $\mathcal{A}_l ~\&~ A_l(x)$  , we see

$$U_l(\mathbf{x}) = 1 + ieaA_l(\mathbf{x}) - rac{e^2a^2}{2!}A_l(\mathbf{x})A_l(\mathbf{x}) + \cdots$$

• As we will see, while this can reproduce the continuum theory when a=0, at finite lattice spacing, there will be new interactions in the Hamiltonian

#### **Commutation relations**

• We would like to recover in the continuum

$$egin{aligned} &[E^a_i(\mathbf{x}),A^b_j(\mathbf{x})]=&i\delta_{ij}\delta_{ab}\delta(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y})\ &[A^a_i(\mathbf{x}),A^b_j(\mathbf{x})]=&[E^a_i(\mathbf{x}),E^b_j(\mathbf{x})]=0 \end{aligned}$$

• To see how to define our lattice kinetic term, we should investigate  $\mathcal{E}_l^a$  one way this can be done is through the lattice commutator

$$[\mathcal{E}_l^a, U_m] = [\mathcal{E}_l^a, e^{iea\mathcal{A}_m}]$$

#### **Lattice commutation relations**

Using a BCH relation:

$$e^{-A}Be^{A} = B + [B, A] + \frac{1}{2!}[[B, A], A] + \frac{1}{3!}[[[B, A], A], A], A] + \cdots$$

It is possible to show:

$$egin{aligned} [\mathcal{E}_l^a, U_m] = & [\mathcal{E}_l^a, e^{iea\mathcal{A}_m}] \ = & iea[\mathcal{E}_l^a, \mathcal{A}_m]U_m \end{aligned}$$

Check this for yourself tonight!

#### Lattice electric field

Now, using the definition,

$$\mathcal{A}_i=\!A_i(\mathbf{x})+rac{a^2}{24}\partial_i^2A_i(\mathbf{x})+rac{a^4}{1920}\partial_i^4A_i(\mathbf{x})+\cdots$$

We find that the the commutator with the continuum field is:

$$[\mathcal{E}_l^a, U_m] = iea[\mathcal{E}_l^a, A_m^b + rac{a^2}{24}\partial_m^2 A_m^b + \cdots]\lambda^b U_m$$

Which implies that to ensure the continuum relations, we should associate:

$$\mathcal{E}_l^a = -rac{a^{d-1}}{e} [E_l^a - rac{a^2}{24} \partial_i^2 E_i^a + \cdots]$$

#### Lattice Kinetic Energy

- With this definition and imposing gauge invariance, we find:  $\begin{aligned}
  \mathrm{Tr}[\mathbf{E}^{2}(\mathbf{x})] \approx \\
  \frac{g^{2}}{2a} \mathrm{Tr}[X\mathcal{E}_{i}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{E}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) + Y\mathcal{E}_{i}(\mathbf{x})U_{i}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{E}_{i}(\mathbf{x} + a\hat{i})U_{i}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x})]
  \end{aligned}$
- Expanding E and U in terms of their continuum fields, we find

$$K = rac{X+Y}{2}E_i^2 + rac{5Y-X}{12}E_i\partial_i^2E + \mathcal{O}(ea^2,a^4)$$

• Setting X=1, Y=0 we obtain the KS kinetic term with errors scaling with a<sup>2</sup>

#### **Exercise 3: Improved Lattice Kinetic Energy**

• What values of X,Y would cancel of all classical a<sup>2</sup> errors?

$$K=rac{X+Y}{2}E_i^2+rac{5Y-X}{12}E_i\partial_i^2E+\mathcal{O}(ea^2,a^4)$$

## **Lattice Potential Energy**

• Constructed form closed loops of Wilson lines



• The simplest nontrivial Wilson loop is the plaquette:

$$P_{xy} = 1 - rac{1}{N} \mathrm{ReTr}[U_x(\mathbf{x}) U_y(\mathbf{x} + a \hat{\mathbf{x}}) U_x^\dagger(\mathbf{x} + a \hat{\mathbf{y}}) U_y^\dagger(\mathbf{x})]$$

# **Lattice Potential Energy**

- Including R<sub>ij</sub> and R<sub>ji</sub> yields:  $V = rac{2N}{ag^2} [XP_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) + rac{Y}{2} (R_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) + R_{ji}(\mathbf{x})]$
- Which can be related to the continuum, obtaining:

$$egin{aligned} V pprox a^d [(X+4Y) {
m Tr}(F_{ij}^2) \ &+ rac{a^2}{12} (X+10Y) {
m Tr}(F_{ij} \{D_i^2+D_j^2\} F_{ij}) + \mathcal{O}(e^2a^2,a^4)] \end{aligned}$$

• So if you are satisfied with a<sup>2</sup> errors, X=1,Y=0 yields the KS Hamiltonian

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 $R_{zx}$ 

#### **Exercise 4:**

• What values of X and Y will yield an a<sup>2</sup> improved Hamiltonian?

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m Tr}(F_{ij}^2) \ &+ rac{a^2}{12} (X+10Y) {
m Tr}(F_{ij} \{D_i^2+D_j^2\} F_{ij}) + \mathcal{O}(e^2a^2,a^4)] \end{aligned}$$

#### Regardless of your choice, you will need to do some math

- e.g. V=Tr(g)
- Floating point or fixed point arithmetic is expensive in qubits and gates
- Consider the half-adder





A transmon-based quantum half-adder scheme Chatterjee and Roy- PTEP 2015 9, September 2015, 093A02 Described a specific hardware implementation of the general half-adder algorithm

# **Questions?**

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**Exercise 5: Implement the Adders** 

# Take a look at *lab\_quantum\_adder.ipynb*

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