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Quantum Simulation with Cold Atoms and Ions

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Overview / Introduction

From concepts to quantum optical systems

Lecture I: 'Closed System' QSimulation

- Measuring 'Entanglement'
- From Static to Dynamical Gauge Fields

Lecture 2: 'Open System' QSimulation

- Quantum Reservoir Engineering
- 'Chiral Quantum Optics'

atoms in optical lattices picture: I. Bloch UQUAM ERC synergy grant



Introduction & Overview:

Quantum Simulation with Atoms, Molecules & Ions

Nature Physics Insight Surveys (2012)

Quantum Simulations

- J. I. Cirac and P. Zoller, Goals and Opportunities in Quantum Simulation
- I. Bloch, J. Dalibard, and S. Nascimbene, QS with Ultracold Quantum Gases
- R. Blatt and C. F. Roos, QS with Trapped lons
- A. Aspuru-Guzik and P. Walter, Photonic QS

'The Credo' of Quantum Simulation

• QUANTUM many-body systems:

The system is in a *superposition* state of all possible configurations ...



Schrödinger

Entanglement



Exponentially large Hilbert space

International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 21, Nos. 6/7, 1982

Simulating Physics with Computers

Richard P. Feynman

a thing which is usually described by local differential equations. But the physical world is quantum mechanical, and therefore the proper problem is the simulation of quantum physics—which is what I really want to talk about, but I'll come to that later. So what kind of simulation do I mean?



Experimental Quantum Simulation

• QUANTUM many-body systems:

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Entanglement



- Building Quantum Simulators with AMO-systems, [solid state] ...
 - cold atoms in optical lattices
 - trapped ions
 - photons ...

- controlled many-body quantum systems
 - dynamics: closed / open
 - preparation & measurement

Can we measure Entanglement?



Entanglement & Quantum Devices

• QUANTUM physics:

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"Entanglement"



$|\Psi\rangle = c_1 |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + c_2 |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\dots\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \dots + c_{2^N} |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\dots\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$



Quantum Info

Quantum Optics

 general purpose quantum computing



coherent Hamiltonian evolution

- quantum gates
- deterministic

• atomic physics: trapped ions



Exp.: Innsbruck, NIST, JQI, MIT, Mainz, MPQ ...

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J. Barreiro, M.Müller, P. Schindler, D. Nigg, T. Monz, M. Chwalla, M. Hennrich, C. F. Roos,

P. Zoller and R. Blatt, Nature 2011



idea: approximate time evolution by a stroboscopic sequence of gates

$$\begin{split} U(t) &\equiv e^{-iHt/\hbar} = e^{-iH\Delta t_n/\hbar} \dots^{-iH\Delta t_1/\hbar} \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ I & \\ & & \\ H = \underbrace{-J\sigma_1^z\sigma_2^z}_{} + \underbrace{B(\sigma_1^x + \sigma_2^x)}_{} \\ & & \\ & & \\ I & \\ & & \\ I & \\ I$$

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Universal Digital Quantum Simulation with Trapped lons



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remarks: scalability (?)

• error correction (?)

Real-time dynamics of lattice gauge theories with a few-qubit quantum computer

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Figure 2 | Encoding Wilson's lattice gauge theories in digital quantum simulators. Matter fields, represented by one-component fermion fields

see talk by R. Blatt this Saturday

Quantum Info

Quantum Optics

• Hubbard models etc.

 atoms or molecules in optical lattices [and ions]

$$\hat{H}=-\sum_{lpha
eqeta}J_{lphaeta}\hat{a}^{\dagger}_{lpha}a_{eta}+rac{1}{2}U\sum_{lpha}\hat{a}^{\dagger}_{lpha}\hat{a}^{\dagger}_{lpha}\hat{a}_{lpha}\hat{a}_{lpha}$$

Hubbard Hamiltonian

Bosons, Fermions

- strongly correlated system
- quantum phase transitions

Analog quantum simulation: "always on"

 We "build" a quantum system with desired Hamiltonian & controllable parameters, e.g. Hubbard models of atoms in optical lattices





Hubbard Toolbox

D. Jaksch & PZ, Annals of Physics 2005

- time dependence, 1D, 2D & 3D
- various lattice configurations



• spin-dependent lattices



- laser induced hoppings
- create effective magnetic fields

$$\int J_{\alpha\beta} \longrightarrow J_{\alpha\beta} e^{ie\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}$$



Superfluid - Mott Insulator Quantum Phase Transition



Quantum Info

 general purpose quantum computing

quantum logic network model



- **Quantum Optics**
- atoms or molecules in optical lattices [and ions]



filling the lattice with "qubits"

a bottom up approach

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entangling gates / interactions

✓ Rydberg, collisions, CQED

Quantum Optics

single site addressing

Harvard, MPQ, Chicago large spacing lattices: Paris, Madison, Penn State, ...



Control of Atoms in Optical Lattices



single site addressing

REPORTS

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QUANTUM SIMULATION

Observation of chiral edge states with neutral fermions in synthetic Hall ribbons

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See also: I. Spielman et al., *ibid.* (bosons)

Particle in a [synthetic] magnetic field



M. Mancini et al., Science 349, 1510 (2015)

Edge-cyclotron orbits

Initial state with <k>=0 on the m=-5/2 leg

Quenched dynamics after activation of synthetic tunneling



Magnetization: +3/2ŝ इ -1/2 0.01 0 -5/2 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 time [ms]



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ARTICIES

Probing the relaxation towards equilibrium in an isolated strongly correlated one-dimensional Bose gas

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Special Topic 1:

Measuring Entanglement Cold Atoms in Optical Lattices

... developing new measurement protocols in AMO

... based on new tools: quantum gas microscope







experiment

R. Islam, M. Greiner et al., Nature (2015) A.M. Kaufmann, M. Greiner et al., arXiv 2016

Entanglement Measures



For pure state of the total system

Product state of A and B

 $|\Psi
angle = |\Psi_A
angle \otimes |\Psi_B
angle$

reduced density matrix

$$\rho_A = \operatorname{tr}_B\{\rho\} = |\Psi_A\rangle \otimes \langle \Psi_A|$$

• Measurement of bipartite entanglement

 $S_{VN}(\rho_A) = -\mathrm{tr}\{\rho_A \log \rho_A\} = 0$

Entangled state of A and B

 $|\Psi
angle
eq |\Psi_A
angle \otimes |\Psi_B
angle$

 $S_{VN}(\rho_A) > 0$

Reviews: L. Amico, R. Fazio, A. Osterloh and V. Vedral, RMP (2008) J. Eisert, M. Cramer and M. B. Plenio, RMP (2010) P. Calabrese, J. Cardy and B. Doyon, JPA (2009) I. Peschel and V. Eisler, JPA (2009)

O. Gühne, and G. Tóth, Phys. Rep. (2009).

Entanglement Measures



• Another measure is the **Rényi entropy** of order n, which bounds the von Neumann entropy

$$S_n(\rho_A) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \operatorname{tr}\{\rho_A^n\} \le S_{VN}(\rho_A)$$

and also measures the concurrence

Properties:

- $S_{VN}(\rho) = \lim_{n \to 1} S_n(\rho)$
- $S_{VN}(\rho) \ge S_2(\rho)$
- $S_{VN}(\rho) \ge 2S_2(\rho) S_3(\rho)$



• **Mixed** states: inequalities bounds

$$S_n(\rho) < S_n(\rho_{\alpha}) \to E(\rho) > 0$$

$$\sqrt{2(\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho^2\} - \operatorname{Tr}\{\rho_{\alpha}^2\})} \le c(\rho) \le \sqrt{2(1 - \operatorname{Tr}\{\rho_{\alpha}^2\})}$$

F. Mintert et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 260502 (2005).

Protocols to measure Rényi entropies

• Quantum Tomography of the density matrix

however, ...

Quantum Tomography to measure ρ

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Scalable multiparticle entanglement of trapped ions

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Figure 1 | Absolute values, $|\rho|$, of the reconstructed density matrix of a $|W_8\rangle$ state as obtained from quantum state tomography. DDDDDDDDD...SSSSSSSS label the entries of the density matrix ρ . Ideally, The probabilistic nature of the measurement process requires an infinite number of measurements for a perfect reconstruction of the density matrix. In order to assess the error introduced by the finite number of measurements (quantum projection noise), we have used a Monte Carlo simulation to create up to 100 comparable data sets.

- expensive: many copies
- tomography for itinerant particles (?)
- [Gaussian states]
- [photons]



Protocols to measure Rényi entropies

• a quantum information perspective

measuring nonlinear functionals of ρ

quantum circuits / computers

A. K. Ekert et al. PRL 2002

• ... and a much more practical protocol

bosons (& fermions) in 1D/2D optical lattices

hard core bosons = spins in ion traps

beamsplitter & microscope

Bell state measurements

A. Daley et al, PRL 2012C. Moura Alves, D. Jaksch, PRL 2004F. Mintert et al., PRL 2005

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$$\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho^{n}\} = \operatorname{Tr}\{V^{(n)}\rho^{\otimes N}\} \equiv \langle V^{(n)}\rangle$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$V^{(n)}|\psi_{1}\rangle \dots |\psi_{n}\rangle = |\psi_{n}\rangle|\psi_{1}\rangle \dots |\psi_{n-1}\rangle$$

✓ unitary
 ✓ for n=2 swap is also hermitian



Quantum Circuit

• Measurement via quantum network via ancilla qubit and controlled gate between ancilla and the copies of the system.

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... we need a quantum computer (?)



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Measurement of Renyi Entropies (n=2)

• SWAP operator

$$\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho^{2}\} = \operatorname{Tr}\{V^{(2)}\rho \otimes \rho\} \equiv \langle V^{(2)}\rangle$$

$$V^{(2)}|\mathbf{n}_{1}\rangle|\mathbf{n}_{2}\rangle = |\mathbf{n}_{2}\rangle|\mathbf{n}_{1}\rangle$$

boson occupation numbers

copy 1
$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathcal{R} \end{array}$$

Remarks: • product of local operations $V^{(2)} = \prod_{i} V^{(2,i)}$ • $V^{(2)}$ hermitian & unitary: eigenvalues $\lambda = +1, -1$

$$V^{(2)} = (+1) P_{+} + (-1) P_{-}$$

$$\uparrow$$
symmetric antisymmetric subspace

(copy $1 \leftrightarrow 2$)

Measure expectation values of projection operators onto (anti)symmetric subspace (with respect to exchange of copies)

• identify symmetric and antisymmetric subspaces of the SWAP operator



(quantum) measurement of V_2^i is simply a measurement of occupation numbers (modulo 2) after a 50/50 beam splitter.

This leads to a protocol, where beam splitter operations and a microscope are sufficient. Note: protocol can be generalized to n

"The Recipe": for n=2 (Bosons)

• Renyi entropy $\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho_{\mathcal{R}}^2\} = \operatorname{Tr}\{V_2^{\mathcal{R}}\rho_{\mathcal{R}}\otimes\rho_{\mathcal{R}}\} \equiv \langle V_2^{\mathcal{R}}\rangle$

2 copies

Eigenvalues:±1


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Bosons in 1D optical lattices:

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Bosons in 1D optical lattices:

- freeze the motion in the axial direction
- tunneling between the two copies using a superlattice

(turn interaction off!)

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• measure site resolved atom number

$\sum_{i\in\mathcal{R}}n_{i,2}$	$V_2^{\mathcal{R}}$
even	+1
odd	-1





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- measure site resolved atom number
- repeat

$$\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho_{\mathcal{R}}^2\} = \langle V_2^{\mathcal{R}} \rangle = \langle (-1)^{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{R}} n_{i,2}} \rangle_{\text{measure}}$$



Example: Detecting a Superfluid (two sites)



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$$(a_{1,1}^{\dagger} + a_{2,1}^{\dagger})^2 (a_{1,2}^{\dagger} + a_{2,2}^{\dagger})^2 |\text{vac}\rangle$$

SF 1 SF 2

Possible read outs (after beam-splitter):



Probabilities:

$$p = \frac{11}{16} \qquad p = 0 \qquad p = 0 \qquad p = \frac{5}{16}$$
$$\operatorname{Tr}\{\rho^2\} = \langle V_2^{\{1,2\}} \rangle = +1 \times \left(\frac{11}{16} + \frac{5}{16}\right) - 1 \times (0+0) = 1 \qquad \text{Pure}$$

Example: Detecting a Superfluid (two sites)



$$(a_{1,1}^{\dagger} + a_{2,1}^{\dagger})^2 (a_{1,2}^{\dagger} + a_{2,2}^{\dagger})^2 |\text{vac}
angle$$

SF 1 SF 2

Possible read outs (after beam-splitter):



Measuring entanglement entropy in a quantum many-body system doi:10.1038/nature15750

Rajibul Islam¹, Ruichao Ma¹, Philipp M. Preiss¹, M. Eric Tai¹, Alexander Lukin¹, Matthew Rispoli¹ & Markus Greiner¹

Entanglement in the ground state of the Bose-Hubbard model



Theory: Quantum Quenches

Softcore bosons

• Bose-Hubbard U/J=10 to U/J=1 quench

Hardcore bosons





Odd sites initially filled



Softcore bosons, small system (N=M=8):

• Increasing entanglement, saturates (thermalization)

Hardcore bosons (M=8)

• Initial growth of entanglement, then oscillations (integrable system)

tDMRG calculations by A Daley & J Schachenmayer

Quantum thermalization through entanglement in an isolated many-body system

A. M. Kaufman, M. E. Tai, A. Lukin, M. Rispoli, R. Schittko, P. M. Preiss, and M. Greiner*

arXiv: 1603.04409



Remarks

number of measurements for a given precision



• role of imperfections ...

- Larger n requires more measurements for same precision
- However, combination of n=2 and higher n gives stronger bound on von Neumann entropy, e.g., (dashed line in measurement)

$$S_{VN}(\rho) \ge 2S_2(\rho) - S_3(\rho)$$

Extensions

• Higher order Renyi entropies:

$$U_n^{FT}: a_{j,k} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{\ell=1}^n a_{j,\ell} e^{i\frac{2\pi n}{n}(k-1)(\ell-1)}$$

• Fermions: same experimental procedure, different interpretation of measurement record

n copies



Measuring the Entanglement Spectrum

• Ramsey interferometry:
$$\rho_{\alpha} = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{\beta}}\{\rho\} = \sum_{k} \lambda_{k} |\phi_{k}\rangle \langle \phi_{k}|$$

Entanglement spectrum

H. Pichler, G. Zhu, A. Seif, PZ, and M Hafezi, arXiv May 2016

$$\operatorname{Tr} \rho_{\alpha}^{n} = \sum_{k} \lambda_{k}^{n}$$

Special Topic 2:

Synthetic V From Static to Dynamical Gauge Fields

Synthetic Gauge Fields [Static]

Lattice Gauge Theory



- condensed matter
- high-energy physics

... lattice gauge theories [in particle physics]

Gauge theories on a discrete lattice structure \bullet

> non-perturbative approach to fundamental theories of matter (e.g. QCD)

→ classical statistical mechanics

Fundamental gauge symmetries: standard model (every force has a gauge boson)

Classical Monte Carlo simulations:

achievements

- first evidence of quark-gluon plasma
- ab initio estimate of proton mass
- entire hadronic spectrum

issues

Sign problem in its various flavors:

- finite density QCD (=fermions)
- real time evolution

Quantum simulation (with atoms)? ... toy models & simple phenomena





Charged Particle in Static Magnetic Field

• Classical Physics

cyclotron orbits in B-field



• Quantum Physics

Landau levels



Condensed Matter Physics

- Quantum Hall effect
- Fractional Quantum Hall effect
- topology

Charged Particle in Static Magnetic Field

• ... on a Lattice





Charged Particle in *Static* Magnetic Field

• ... on a Lattice

Energy levels and wave functions of Bloch electrons in rational and irrational magnetic fields*

Douglas R. Hofstadter[†]

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Static vs. Dynamical Gauge Fields on a Lattice: U(1)

• c-number / static gauge fields



"synthetic gauge fields"

Review: J. Dalibard et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. (2011)

Static Synthetic Gauge Fields with Cold Atoms

• c-number / static synthetic gauge fields for atoms





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Synthetic [Classical] Gauge Fields: **Fermionic Atoms**

Hall Ribbon



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experiment: L. Fallani, M. Ingusico et al., LENS theory: M. Dalmonte, M. Rider, PZ

Static vs. Dynamical Gauge Fields on Lattices: U(1)

• dynamical gauge fields

particles hopping around a plaquette assisted by link degrees of freedom





$$H = -t\psi_x^{\dagger} U_{xy}\psi_y + \text{h.c.} + \dots$$



local conserved quantity

 $[H,G_x] = 0 \; \forall x \\ \bigstar \\ \text{generator of gauge transformation}$

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Global vs. local (gauge) symmetries?

• Global symmetries

Example: particle conservation

$$H = -t \sum_{i} (c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{i+1} + h.c.)$$

Invariant under global transformations

$$c_i \to e^{i\phi} c_i \,\forall i$$
$$[H, \sum_i n_i] = 0$$

Global conserved quantity!

$$N_{\rm TOT} = \sum_i n_i$$

• Local (gauge) symmetries

Example: QED as gauge theory

$$[H,G_x] = 0 \; \forall x$$

Invariant under global transformations

$$\begin{array}{rccc} U_{xy} & \to & e^{i\alpha_x}U_{xy}e^{-i\alpha_y} \\ \psi_x & \to & e^{i\alpha_x}\psi_x \end{array}$$

Local conserved quantity!

$$\rho - \nabla \cdot E = 0 \qquad \textbf{Gauss law}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$G_x = \psi_x^{\dagger} \psi_x - \sum_i \left(E_{x,x+\hat{i}} - E_{x-\hat{i},x} \right)$$
matter electric field operator

Glossary of lattice gauge theories

A (not too formal) definition of a lattice gauge theory

set of fields acting on the vertices (*matter fields*) and on the links (*gauge fields*)



• **set of** *generators,* which define the gauge symmetry, and the physical Hilbert space

$$[G_x, U_{y,\mu}] = (\delta_{x,y+\hat{\mu}} - \delta_{x,y}) U_{y,\mu}$$

 $G_x |\Psi_{\rm phys}\rangle = 0$

Gauss' law (defines physical space)

• Gauge invariant Hamiltonian:

$$[H,G_x] = 0 \; \forall x$$

Gauge (local) symmetries *Local* conserved quantities

QED with Spins [Quantum Link Model]





Uwe-Jens Wiese

 $U_{x,x+1} \to S_{x,x+1}^+ \quad E_{x,x+1} \to S_{x,x+1}^z$

electric flux

as quantum link

Spin S=½,1,...

quantum link carrying an electric flux



QED with Spins [Quantum Link Model]



$$U_{x,x+1} \to S^+_{x,x+1}$$

$$E_{x,x+1} \to S_{x,x+1}^z$$

Spin S=½,1,...



superpositions of configurations satisfying ice rule



"tWthig & Cheroon SPIN ICE?



What is the Hamiltonian? see below

Gauss law as a constraint

... and similar for other / non-Abelian LGT

Cold Atom Implementations of Dynamical Gauge Fields Example 1:

The simplest (meaningful) quantum link model: 1D Schwinger model

AMO Implementation: Bose-Fermi Mixtures in Optical Lattices



string breaking



D. Banerjee, M. Dalmonte, M. Müller, E. Rico, P. Stebler, U. J. Wiese, and P.Z., PRL 2012

$$H = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_{x} E_{x,x+1}^2 - t \sum_{x} \left[\psi_x^{\dagger} U_{x,x+1} \psi_{x+1} + \text{h.c.} \right] + m \sum_{x} (-1)^x \psi_x^{\dagger} \psi_x$$

electric flux hopping staggered fermions
Boson (gauge field)
... Fermion (quark)







Implementing the Hopping Term

• Abelian U(1)



$$H = -t\psi_x^{\dagger} S_{xy}^{+} \psi_y + \text{h.c.} + \dots$$

Dynamics:



Implementing the Hopping Term

• Abelian U(1)

$$H = -t\psi_x^{\dagger} S_{xy}^{+} \psi_y + \text{h.c.} + \dots$$

Spin as Schwinger Bosons: S=1

Implementing "Gauss Constraint"

- Lattice Gauge Theory: gauge symmetry fundamental
- Implementation: gauge symmetry approximate → protect against errors



Strategies for Microscopic Implementation

1. Energy Constraints (as in cond mat)



 \checkmark interaction

✓ emergent lattice gauge theory (low energy)
Implementating Gauss Constraints

• Bose-Fermi mixtures in superlattices



$$\tilde{G}_x = n_x^F + n_x^1 + n_x^2 - 2S + \frac{1}{2} \left[(-1)^x - 1 \right]$$

~ total number of atoms on site x fixed: "super-Mott insulator"

Implementating Gauss Constraints

Bose-Fermi mixtures in superlattices



• enforcing the Gauss Law as an *energy constraint*

$$H_{\text{microscopic}} = U \sum_{x} \tilde{G}_{x}^{2} + \dots$$

Bose + Fermi Hubbard model
$$\tilde{G}_{x} | \text{physical states} \rangle = 0$$

- emergent lattice gauge theory
 - dynamics in physical subspace: analogous to t-J model
 - we have verified the reduction: microscopic to the quantum link model at the few- and many-body level

String breaking and confinement



Rem.: string breaking 1D vs. 3D / non-Abelian

pictures Bern group

Spin-1: String Breaking



system length L

Real-time dynamics of lattice gauge theories with a few-qubit quantum computer

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