





#### Quantum Computing Quantum Field Theories for Nuclear Physics

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#### **Hadrons and Nuclei**





#### **Hot and Dense Matter**



See talk by Peter Petrezcky tomorrow





#### **Exascale Ecosystem for Nuclear Physics**

#### CAPABILITY/CAPACITY RESOURCES VS. HOT/COLD DATA RESOURCES IN 2025 COLD QCD



\* Exaflop-system-year refers to the total amount of computation produced by an exascale computer in 1 year.

A single Exascale machine will be immediately oversubscribed by a large factor



#### Quantum Chromodynamics and NP



Goal #0 : calculate the mass of the proton



#### **Quantum Chromodynamics Path Integrals and Lattice QCD**

Minkowski Space - probability amplitudes of unit norm

$$Z \propto \int \mathcal{D}A^a_{\mu} \mathcal{D}\overline{q}_i \mathcal{D}q_i \ e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}\int d^4x \ \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{g.f.} + \mathcal{L}_{ghosts}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=u,d,s,c,b,t} \overline{q}_i \left[ i D - m_i \right] q_i - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a=1,\dots,8} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu,a}$$

Euclidean Space - probability distribution

$$\langle \hat{\theta} \rangle \sim \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{U}_{\mu} \ \hat{\theta}[\mathcal{U}_{\mu}] \ \det[\kappa[\mathcal{U}_{\mu}]] \ e^{-S_{YM}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{gluon cfgs}}^{N} \hat{\theta}[\mathcal{U}_{\mu}] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauge fields sampled}} Fermion integrals can be performed analytically}$$



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#### Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics - Discretized Euclidean Spacetime



Lattice Spacing :  $a << 1/\Lambda \chi$ 

(Nearly Continuum)



(Nearly Infinite Volume)

Extrapolation to a = 0 and  $L = \infty$ 

Systematically remove non-QCD parts of calculation through effective field theories





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### Lattice QCD The Discretized Action



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$$U_{\mu}(x) = \exp\left(i\int_{x}^{x+\hat{\mu}} dx' A_{\mu}(x')\right)$$
$$U_{\mu}(x) \rightarrow U_{\mu}'(x) = \Omega(x)U_{\mu}(x)\Omega^{-1}(x+\hat{\mu})$$
$$P_{\mu\nu} = U_{\mu}(x)U_{\nu}(x+\hat{\mu})U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(x+\hat{\nu})U_{\nu}^{\dagger}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{classical}} &\equiv -\beta \sum_{x,\mu > \nu} \left\{ \frac{5P_{\mu\nu}}{3} - \frac{R_{\mu\nu} + R_{\nu\mu}}{12} \right\} + \text{const} \\ &= \int d^4x \sum_{\mu,\nu} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \mathcal{O}(a^4). \end{aligned}$$

$$S = -\beta \sum_{x,\mu > \nu} \left\{ \frac{5}{3} \frac{P_{\mu\nu}}{u_0^4} - \frac{R_{\mu\nu} + R_{\nu\mu}}{12 \, u_0^6} \right\}$$

Quantum gauge action tadpole improved



#### Lattice QCD The Quark Masses



$N_f$	$m_u$	$m_d$	$m_u/m_d$
2 + 1	2.16(9)(7)	4.68(14)(7)	0.46(2)(2)
2	2.40(23)	4.80(23)	0.50(4)



 $\overline{\mathrm{MS}}$ ,  $\mu = 2 \,\mathrm{GeV}$ 



### Lattice QCD Sketch of Methodology

Start with a selection of quark+gluon sources and sinks ``designed" to have good overlap onto the low-lying hadronic/nuclear states in the volume.

Iteratively (manually) refine to produce ``best estimates" of QCD states.

Form correlation functions between all combinations

Diagonalize to find the energy eigenvalues and eigenstates (Variational or other)

Post-analyze accordingly - Luscher's Methods for S-matrix elements,...

Don't try to do everything - way to complex - focus on low-lying states and processes





### Lattice QCD Spectroscopy and GlueX





### Systems to Explore Quantum Computing Potential

S-matrix elements, equilibrium properties, definite quantum numbers, e.g., 2 neutrons and 1 proton



Time evolution of system with baryon number, isospin, electric charge, strangeness, ..... Currents, viscosity, non-equilibrium dynamics - real-time evolution











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#### Systems to Explore Quantum Computing Potential One Baryon and More





#### **Quantum Field Theory Foundational Papers**

#### Simulating lattice gauge theories on a quantum computer

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We examine the problem of simulating lattice gauge theories on a universal quantum computer. The basic strategy of our approach is to transcribe lattice gauge theories in the Hamiltonian formulation into a Hamiltonian involving only Pauli spin operators such that the simulation can be performed on a quantum computer using only one and two qubit manipulations. We examine three models, the U(1), SU(2), and SU(3) lattice gauge theories which are transcribed into a spin Hamiltonian up to a cutoff in the Hilbert space of the gauge fields on the lattice. The number of qubits required for storing a particular state is found to have a linear dependence with the total number of lattice sites. The number of qubit operations required for performing the time evolution corresponding to the Hamiltonian is found to be between a linear to quadratic function of the number of lattice sites, depending on the arrangement of qubits in the quantum computer. We remark that our results may also be easily generalized to higher SU(N) gauge theories.

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Detailed formalism for 3+1 Hamiltonian Gauge Theory

Discretrized spatial volume - no quarks

10<sup>4</sup> spatial lattice sites would require 10<sup>5</sup> \* D qubits , D=size of register defining value of the field

#### Quantum Computation of Scattering in Scalar Quantum Field Theories

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#### Abstract

Quantum field theory provides the framework for the most fundamental physical theories to be confirmed experimentally, and has enabled predictions of unprecedented precision. However, calculations of physical observables often require great computational complexity and can generally be performed only when the interaction strength is weak. A full understanding of the foundations and rich consequences of quantum field theory remains an outstanding challenge. We develop a quantum algorithm to compute relativistic scattering amplitudes in massive  $\phi^4$ theory in spacetime of four and fewer dimensions. The algorithm runs in a time that is polynomial in the number of particles, their energy, and the desired precision, and applies at both weak and strong coupling. Thus, it offers exponential speedup over existing classical methods at high precision or strong coupling.

Quantum Information and Computation 14, 1014-1080 (2014)

Scalar Field Theory - Hamiltonian is nice



#### Quantum Chromodynamics Asymptotic States



- Asymptotic states of QCD are nonperturbative states of quarks and gluons, and the strong vacuum itself is condensate of quarks and gluons that breaks (approximate) global symmetries of QCD.
- Hamiltonian or not or both? Parallel Integrator ?
- Maybe start with recovering energy-eigenvalues, and S-matrix elements ala Luscher
   classical computing provides optimal spatial sources/sinks ?
- Initialization of QC registers what is the mapping of the problem?



#### QCD Hamiltonian on a Spatial Lattice



One way to tackle this, might not be the only or best way

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{H}_{\mathrm{SU}(3)} &= \sum_{r,\mu} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{8} \left( \boldsymbol{E}^{\alpha}(r,\mu) \right)^{2} - x \sum_{p \in \{\mathrm{plaquettes}\}} \left( \boldsymbol{Z}(p) + \boldsymbol{Z}^{\dagger}(p) \right) \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{H}}_{W} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger}, \gamma^{0} \Big( -i \boldsymbol{\mathcal{D}}_{W}^{s} + m \Big) \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}} ]. \\ \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,i} C_{n} \Big[ \Big( -i \gamma^{i} - n r_{w} \Big) U_{\mathbf{x},+ni} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}+ni} \\ &+ 2n r_{w} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}} - \Big( -i \gamma^{i} + n r_{w} \Big) U_{\mathbf{x},-ni} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{x}-ni} \Big] \end{aligned}$$

+improvements in discretization (clover, etc)+ or actions with good chiral symmetry



#### Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED **A Playground for QCD**





#### Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED Dynamics : Interactions

#### Real-time Dynamics in U(1) Lattice Gauge Theories with Tensor Networks

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#### Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED Construction

Natalie Klco and MJS

Staggered fermions - Kogut, Banks, Susskind excite electric field through early 1970's pair creation and annhilation lower component (positrons) on even sites 1/2-full Fermi sea two-component fermion field at point x in continuum limit upper component (electrons) on odd-sites 1/2-full Fermi sea 20

XY-spin model with dynamical links - Jordan-Wigner for fermions



#### Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED Charge Screening

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#### Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED Dynamics : Fragmentation Functions



Will require isolation of the low states

Source-independence will be critical to assess systematics - variational approaches <sup>22</sup>



Schwinger Model - 1+1 Dim QED States and Constraints

# e.g., NQ = 14 and energy in E-flux <= 4

# $\sim 10^{17}$ distinct states to consider

Gauss's Law - constrains adjacent links by charges on qubits AND retains only states connected to the anti-ferromagnetic state with empty links by H.

# $\sim 10^3$ states

It is important to get the quantum vacuum right!

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#### What is the Full QCD Vacuum : E<sup>a</sup> I0>=0 ?

Random fields at each point in spacetime is far from ground state.

- generally all 0++ states will be populated with some amplitude

I random > = a I0> + b I(pi pi)> + c I (pi pi pi pi ) > + .... + d I (GG) > + ....





I random > needs to be ``cooled" to 10>

In Lattice QCD, first 1000 steps of HMC thermalize

#### **Euclidean-space Lattice QCD and QC might be profitable**

### QC for Hamiltonian QCD Naive Estimates of System Register





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- Each site has a register of qubits, scales e.g., fully-dynamical QCD with spatial volume u,d,s quarks Number of Qubits =  $36 L^3 + 24 L^3 n_{res}$ e.g., L=10 and  $n_{res}=6$ Number of Qubits  $= 180 L^3 = 180 K$ c/w: Quenched QCD L=10 and  $n_{res}=6$ Number of Qubits =  $24 L^3 n_{res} = 144K$ c/w: Scalar-field Theory:
- L=10 and  $n_{res}=6$ Number of Qubits = L<sup>3</sup>  $n_{res} = 6K$

Lattice spacing and volume extrapolations remain





#### **Non-Abelian Gauge Theories**

http://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/qcontrol-c13/zoller/pdf/Zoller\_QControl13Conf\_KITP.pdf

#### Towards Quantum Simulating QCD

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#### Abstract

Quantum link models provide an alternative non-perturbative formulation of Abelian and non-Abelian lattice gauge theories. They are ideally suited for quantum simulation, for example, using ultracold atoms in an optical lattice. This holds the promise to address currently unsolvable problems, such as the real-time and high-density dynamics of strongly interacting matter, first in toy-model gauge theories, and ultimately in QCD.

Keywords: Quantum simulation, sign problem, real-time dynamics of gauge theories



Figure 3. Left: In an SU(3) quantum link model, three fermionic rishons of different colors reside on each link. The Hamiltonian moves the rishons around plaquettes or along links, like the beads of an abacus. Middle: Quantum simulator for an SU(N) gauge theory with ultracold alkaline-earth atoms representing "quarks" or rishon constituents of "gluons" in a 1-d (a) or 2-d (b) optical superlattice. Depending on its position in the optical lattice, an alkaline-earth atom either embodies a "quark" or a rishon. Gauge invariance is protected by the internal SU(2I + 1) symmetry of the nuclear spin I of the atoms. Right: Real-time  $\tau$  evolution of the chiral order parameter profile  $(\bar{\psi}\psi)_x$  in a U(2) gauge theory, mimicking the expansion of a hot "quark-gluon" plasma [41].



# The Role of Quantum Computing for QCD in NP (circa 2017 !)

- Classical computing is on track to provide sufficient precision for many experimentally important quantities in HEP and NP in the Exascale.
- Finite density systems (including modest size nuclei) require exponentially challenging calculations that will likely benefit from QCs, or QCs+Exascale CCs.
  - QCs may be first used to accelerate parts of classical Lattice QCD calculations.
- Anticipate that Exascale classical systems will be required to ``precondition''/ map problem onto qubit registers of QC and then read from qubit registers - BUT currently little is known how to use a QC for QCD



# **Some Thoughts**

1+1 dim Schwinger model (Pitchler, Martinez et al (2016), and others before) - exciting and educational



At present, co-design seems essential - developing algorithms for present and near-term QC hardware, as opposed to ``fantasy/wishful thinking" QC hardware.

Resource requirement estimates (qubits, gates, oracles) need to be for the integrated application - i.e. what will it actually take to accomplish the physics objective.

Physics understanding/techniques and algorithms for NP and HEP may be of benefit to more general QC objectives



# **INT/UW QC-QFT Initial Efforts**

- Regular meetings of a group of ~7 people
- Valuable interactions with Microsoft Research
  - Nathan Weibe and/or Matthias Troyer every 2-3 of weeks
  - anticipate scientfic collaborations to emerge from our meetings
  - seminars/meetings at or arranged by Microsoft
- Many-body and QFT
  - we are learning ...
  - e.g., *Ground States via Spectral Combing on a Quantum Computer*, David B. Kaplan, Natalie Klco, Alessandro Roggero, arXiv:1709.08250 [quant-ph]
- Presently thinking about low-dimensional field theories with features similar to QCD
- Collaborating with ORNL's ``Heterogeneous" project.







### Summary

It is likely that QC will become significant in studies of quantum field theories and in achieving important objectives in Nuclear Physics.

A pyramid of classical HPC resources in the exascale will remain essential

- for physics production
- for preparing algorithms for quantum computers
- QC algorithms are required for QCD to address
  - systems of nucleons
  - finite density, chemical potentials
  - Hamiltonian evolution
  - Implementing low-energy effective field theories - renormalization group techniques, truncated Hilbert space techniques
- Collaborations with QC/QI experts to accomplish the science objectives
- Co-design important
- A modest SciDAC project would be beneficial, along with access to appropriate hardware and classical computing resources (``Quantum Quantum Algorithms" ??)



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