

# Lattice gauge theory with Rydberg atoms.

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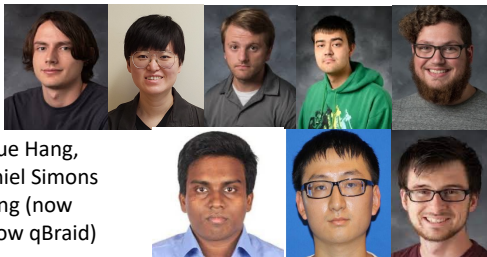
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- B-meson decays with lattice gauge theory
- Composite models for the Higgs boson
- Applications of the Renormalization Group
- Tensor formulations of lattice field theory
- Machine learning in MC simulations

### Quantum computing:

- Real-time evolution of field theory models
- Quantum computing (IBMQ and trapped ions)
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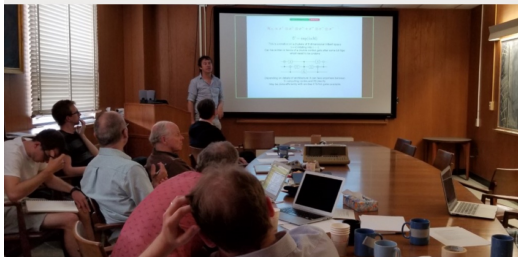
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About Abstract

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### Goals of the collaboration

Quantum computers are expected to exceed the capacity of classical computers and to revolutionize several aspects of computation especially for the simulation of quantum systems. We develop new methods for using quantum computers to study aspects of the evolution of strongly interacting particles in collisions, the quantum behavior of gravitational systems and the emergence of space-time which are beyond the reach of classical computing. Our goal is to design the building blocks of universal quantum computers relevant for these problems and develop algorithms which scale reasonably with the size of the system.

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- Motivations
- Tensor Lattice Field Theory (TLFT), symmetries and truncations
- The compact Abelian Higgs model (Scalar QED)
- Implementations with Rydberg atoms
- Towards an hybrid event generator (QuPYTH), with K. Heitritter and S. Mrenna, arxiv:2212.02476
- Conclusions



# Big picture

- Monte Carlo methods applied to Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) at **Euclidean time** have been very successful at calculating the static properties of strongly interacting particles (masses, form factors, ...).
- These methods are not effective to deal with the **real-time evolution** of strongly interacting particles in collisions (jet physics, fragmentation, ...).
- **Quantum computers or quantum simulation experiments** offer new ways to deal with real time evolution.
- We need to start with simple models, use existing resources and build up towards Quantum Chromodynamics **following the Euclidean time roadmap** (the “Kogut sequence”).
- We need to use **actual Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ) machines** and demonstrate progress for methods (**economical truncations, large Trotter steps ...**) and hardware.



# Ab-initio jet physics : a realistic long term goal?

- Pythia, Herwig, and other jet simulation models encapsulate perturbative QCD results at short distance and empirical models to describe the large distance behavior.
- Crucial for the interpretation of collider physics experiments.
- **Could we replace the large distance part by ab-initio lattice QCD calculations?**

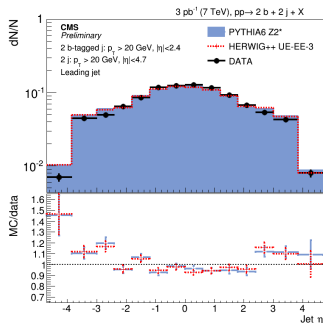


Figure:  $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \text{jets}$ , from CMS.



# A first step: the quantum ising model in 1+1 dim.

Basic Trotter steps: PRD 99 09453

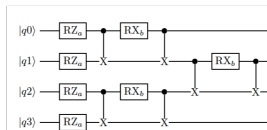
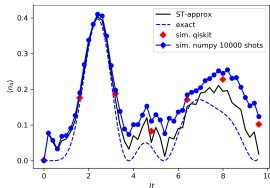
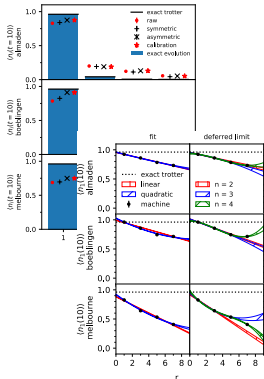


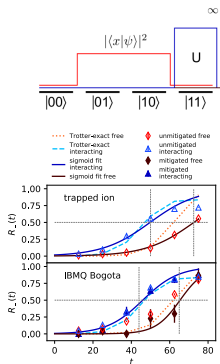
Figure 1: Circuit for 4 qubits with open boundary conditions



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Phase shifts  
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# Discretization of problems classically intractable

Quantum computing (QC) requires a complete discretization

- **Discretization of space:** lattice gauge theory formulation
- **Discretization of field integration:** tensor methods

Important ideas of the **tensor reformulation:**

- Character expansions (such as Fourier series): partition function and averages become **discrete** sums of contracted tensors.
- The “hard” integrals are done exactly and field integrations provide Kronecker deltas that encode the symmetries.
- For continuous field variables, the sums are infinite, but **truncations to finite sums do not break symmetries**. Y. M., PRD 100, 014506 (2019) and PRD 102 014506 (2020).
- Tensors are the local building blocks of a new formulation

Refs: Y. M., R. Sakai, and J. Unmuth-Yockey, Tensor field theory with applications to quantum computing, arXiv:2010.06539; Reviews of Modern Physics Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 025005.

Y. M., QFT: a quantum computation approach, **IoP book**.





# Introductions to Tensor Field Theory

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## Tensor lattice field theory for renormalization and quantum computing

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The successes and limitations of statistical sampling for a sequence of models studied in the context of lattice QCD are discussed and the need for new methods to deal with finite-density and real-time evolution is explained. It is shown that these lattice models can be reformulated using tensorial methods where the field integrations in the path-integral formalism are replaced by discrete sums. These formulations involve various types of duality and provide exact coarse-graining formulas that can be combined with truncations to obtain practical implementations of the Wilson renormalization group program. Tensor reformulations are naturally discrete and provide manageable transfer matrices. Truncations with the time continuum limit are combined, and Hamiltonians suitable for performing quantum simulation experiments, for instance, using cold atoms, or to be programmed on existing quantum computers, are derived. Recent progress concerning the tensor field theory treatment of noncompact scalar models, supersymmetric models, economical four-dimensional algorithms, noise-robust enforcement of Gauss's law, symmetry preserving truncations, and topological considerations are reviewed. Connections with other tensor network approaches are also discussed.

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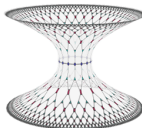
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### OVERVIEW

*Note to applicants: This is an in-person workshop. There is no virtual/online option for this event at this time. Please be aware that all participants must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 upon arrival to the INT.*

*Disclaimer: Please also be aware that due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop may be cancelled.*

Tensor network methods are rapidly developing and evolving in many areas of quantum physics. They offer new ways of computing the properties of strongly interacting quantum matter. They provide new perspectives on theories with sign problems and/or significant entanglement. Tensor network ideas are also closely related to emerging efforts to design algorithms suitable for current and future quantum computing hardware or quantum simulation experiments. This workshop will bring together experts from a range of scientific fields with a common interest in these new methods.



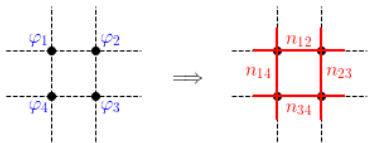
# TLFT: From compact to discrete (O(2) example)

$$Z_{O(2)} = \prod_X \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi_X}{2\pi} e^{\beta \sum_{x,\mu} \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_x)} = \text{Tr} \prod_X T_{n_{x-\hat{1},1}, n_{x,1}, \dots, n_{x,D}}^{(X)}$$

$$e^{\beta \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_x)} = \sum_{n_{x,\mu} = -\infty}^{\infty} e^{in_{x,\mu} \varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}}} I_{n_{x,\mu}}(\beta) e^{-in_{x,\mu} \varphi_x}$$

$$\text{Tensor : } T_{n_{x-\hat{1},1}, n_{x,1}, \dots, n_{x-\hat{D},D}, n_{x,D}}^{(X)} = \sqrt{I_{n_{x-\hat{1},1}} I_{n_{x,1}} \dots I_{n_{x-\hat{D},D}} I_{n_{x,D}}} \times \delta_{n_{x,\text{out}}, n_{x,\text{in}}}$$

$$\prod_X \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\varphi_X \implies \sum_{\{n\}}$$



The gauged version is the Abelian Higgs model.



# Coarse-graining/point-splitting

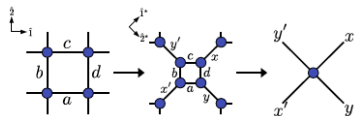


FIG. 13. A coarse-graining step for the tensor network. Circles represent tensors and closed indices should be contracted. The definitions of the unit vectors for the original and the coarse-grained network are also shown. The tensor indices are shown in the same manner as in Eq. (94).

$$\begin{array}{c}
 j_2 \quad j_1 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 \oplus \text{CDL} \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 k_1 \quad k_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 l_1 \quad l_2
 \end{array}
 = \sum_{m_1, m_2=1}^{\sqrt{D_{\text{cut}}}}
 \begin{array}{c}
 j_2 \quad j_1 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 m_1 \quad m_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 k_1 \quad k_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 l_1 \quad l_2
 \end{array}$$

FIG. 21. SVD of a CDL tensor.

$$\sum_{a,b,c,d=1}^{D_{\text{cut}}}
 \begin{array}{c}
 l_2 \quad i_1 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 c_1 \quad c_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 b_1 \quad b_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 a_1 \quad a_2 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 k_1 \quad j_2
 \end{array}
 \propto
 \begin{array}{c}
 l_2 \quad i_1 \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 \times \\
 \parallel \quad \parallel \\
 k_1 \quad j_2
 \end{array}$$



# Compact Abelian Higgs Model (CAHM)

The lattice compact Abelian Higgs model is a non-perturbative regularized formulation of scalar quantum electrodynamics (scalar electrons-positrons + photons with compact fields).

$$Z_{CAHM} = \prod_x \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi_x}{2\pi} \prod_{x,\mu} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{dA_{x,\mu}}{2\pi} e^{-S_{gauge} - S_{matter}},$$

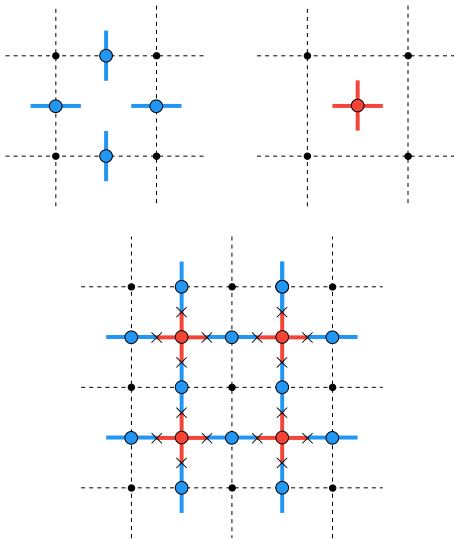
$$S_{gauge} = \beta_{plaque} \sum_{x,\mu < \nu} (1 - \cos(\mathbf{A}_{x,\mu} + \mathbf{A}_{x+\hat{\mu},\nu} - \mathbf{A}_{x+\hat{\nu},\mu} - \mathbf{A}_{x,\nu})),$$

$$S_{matter} = \beta_{link} \sum_{x,\mu} (1 - \cos(\varphi_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \varphi_x + \mathbf{A}_{x,\mu})).$$

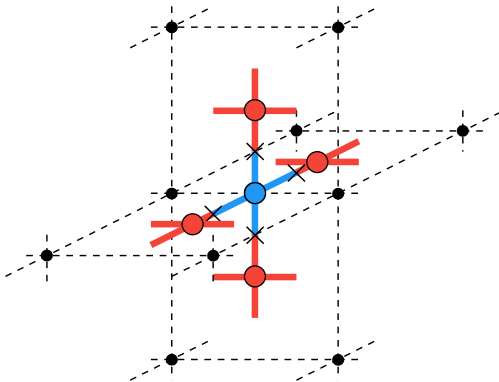
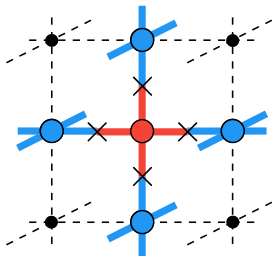
- local invariance:  $\varphi'_x = \varphi_x + \alpha_x$  and  $\mathbf{A}'_{x,\mu} = \mathbf{A}_{x,\mu} - (\alpha_{x+\hat{\mu}} - \alpha_x)$ .
- $\varphi$  is the Nambu-Goldstone mode of the original model. The Brout-Englert-Higgs mode is decoupled (heavy).



# Assembly of the $A$ (links, blue) and $B$ (plaquette, red) tensors for $D = 2$ (Figures by Ryo Sakai)



# Assembly of the $A$ (links, blue) and $B$ (plaquette, red) tensors for $D = 3$ (Figures by Ryo Sakai)



## Discrete aspects of continuous symmetries in the tensorial formulation of Abelian gauge theories

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We show that standard identities and theorems for lattice models with  $U(1)$  symmetry get reexpressed discretely in the tensorial formulation of these models. We also explain the geometrical analogy between the continuous lattice equations of motion and the discrete selection rules of the tensors. We further construct a gauge-invariant transfer matrix in arbitrary dimensions, show the equivalence with its gauge-fixed version in a maximal temporal gauge, and explain how a discrete Gauss's law is always enforced. Moreover, we propose a noise-robust way to implement Gauss's law in arbitrary dimensions, and we reformulate Noether's theorem for global, local, continuous, or discrete Abelian symmetries: for each given symmetry, there is one corresponding tensor redundancy. We discuss semiclassical approximations for classical solutions with periodic boundary conditions in two solvable cases, and we show the correspondence of their weak coupling limit with the tensor formulation after Poisson summation. Finally, we briefly discuss connections with other approaches and implications for quantum computing.

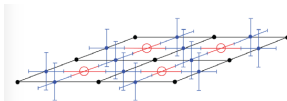
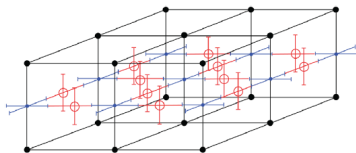


FIG. 3. Magnetic layer of the transfer matrix for  $D = 3$  on a time slice. Small circles (blue) are used for the  $A$  tensors and large circles (red) for the  $B$  tensors.





# FAQ: Do truncations break global symmetries? No (Y.M. arXiv 1903.01918, PRD 100, 014506)

- Truncations of the tensorial sums are necessary, but do they break the symmetries of the model?
- Non-linear  $O(2)$  sigma model and its gauged version (the compact Abelian Higgs model), on a  $D$ -dimensional cubic lattice: truncations are compatible with symmetry identities.
- This selection rule is due to the quantum number selection rules at the sites and is independent of the particular values taken by the tensors (e. g. 0, discrete form of a vector calculus theorem).
- Extends to global  $O(3)$  symmetries (you need to keep all the  $m$ 's for a given  $\ell$ , related to Wigner-Eckart)
- The universal properties of these models can be reproduced with highly simplified formulations desirable for implementations with quantum computers or for quantum simulations experiments.



# AHM: Hamiltonian and Hilbert space in 1+1 dim.

The continuous-time limit yields the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$$

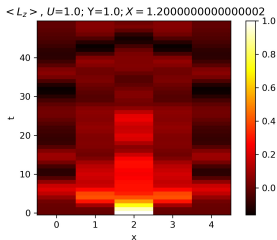
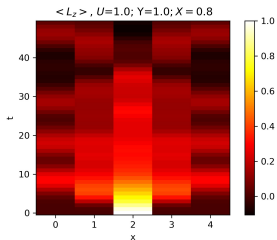
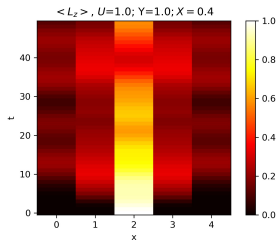
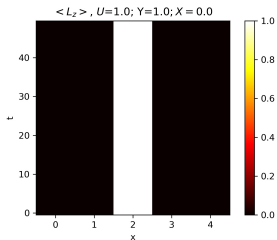
with  $U^x \equiv \frac{1}{2}(U^+ + U^-)$  and  $L^z|m\rangle = m|m\rangle$  and  $U^\pm|m\rangle = |m \pm 1\rangle$ .

- $m$  is a discrete electric field quantum number ( $-\infty < m < +\infty$ )
- In practice, we need to apply truncations:  $U^\pm|\pm m_{max}\rangle = 0$ .
- We focus on the spin-1 truncation ( $m = \pm 1, 0$  and  $U^x = L^x/\sqrt{2}$ .)
- $U$ -term: electric field energy.
- $Y$ -term: matter charges (determined by Gauss's law)
- $X$ -term: currents inducing temporal changes in the electric field.



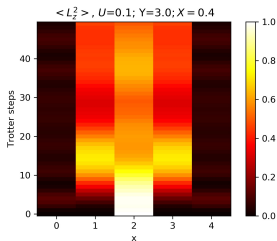
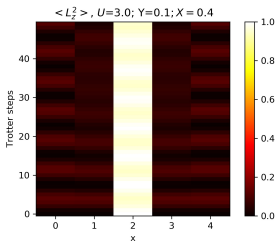
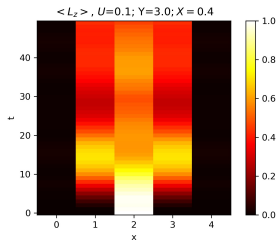
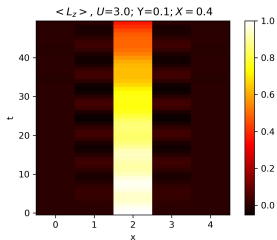
# Target simulations (E-field, spin-1, 5 sites)

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$$



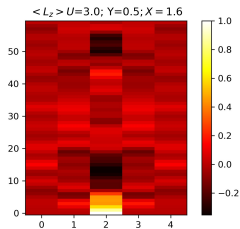
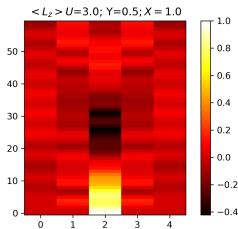
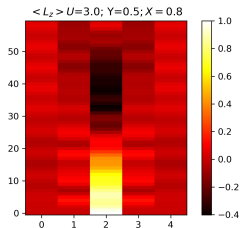
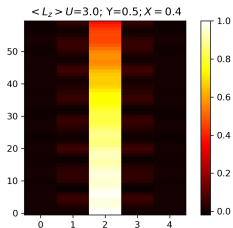
# Target (E-field, spin-1, 5 sites, various limits)

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$$



# Target (E-field, spin-1, 5 sites, other examples)

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (L_i^z)^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L_{i+1}^z - L_i^z)^2 - X \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} U_i^x$$



# Stark localization

```
nmax = 10;  
hh = ConstantArray[0, {nmax, nmax}];  
gg = .1; hl = 0.5;  
Do[hh[[nn, nn + 1]] = gg; hh[[nn + 1, nn]] = gg, {nn, 1, nmax - 1}];  
Do[hh[[nn, nn]] = hl + nn, {nn, 1, nmax}];
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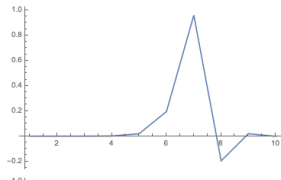
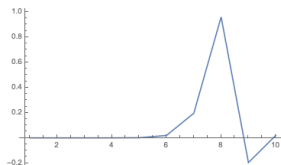
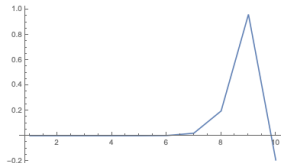
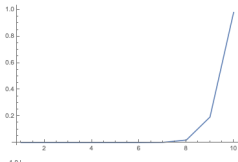
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Eigenvalues[hh]

{5.01962, 4.50038, 4., 3.5, 3., 2.5, 2., 1.5, 0.99962, 0.480382}

eig = Eigenvectors[hh];

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Do[Print[ListPlot[Table[{mm, eig[[nn, mm]]}, {mm, 1, nmax}], Joined -> True,  
PlotRange -> All]], {nn, 1, nmax}]
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# Nearest neighbor Rydberg-dressed interactions

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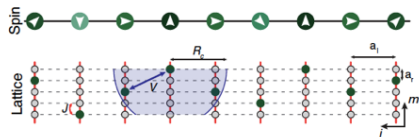


FIG. 3. Multileg ladder implementation for spin-2. The upper part shows the possible  $m_z$  projections. Below, we show the corresponding realization in a ladder within an optical lattice. The atoms (green disks) are allowed to hop within a rung with a strength  $J$ , while no hopping is allowed along the legs. The lattice constants along rungs and legs are  $a_r$  and  $a_l$ , respectively. Coupling between atoms in different rungs is implemented via an isotropic Rydberg-dressed interaction  $V$  with a cutoff distance  $R_c$  (marked by blue shading).

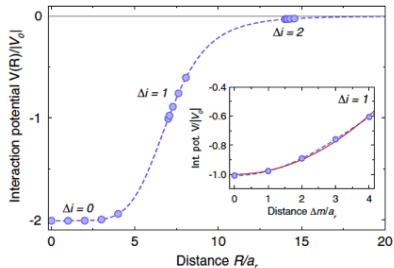


FIG. 4. Quadratic interactions on an asymmetric ladder for  $s = 2$ . The isotropic Rydberg-dressed potential (dashed blue line)

## Quantum Simulation of the Universal Features of the Polyakov Loop

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Proposal to quantum simulate the 1+1 Abelian Higgs model using a ladder of Rydberg atoms. The horizontal dimension is space, the vertical direction is the electric field degree of freedom.

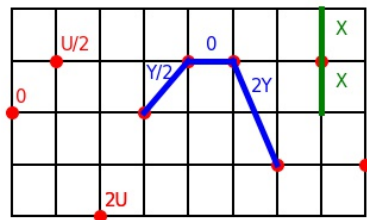


# Optical lattice proposal (with J. Zeiher, MPQ)

Earlier spin-2 proposal on an optical lattice with Rydberg dressed atoms (PRL 121 223201); vertical dimension is the spin

$$H = \frac{U}{2} \sum_i (L^z_{(i)})^2 + \frac{Y}{2} \sum_i (L^z_{(i)} - L^z_{(i+1)})^2 - X \sum_i U^x_{(i)}$$

5 states ladder with 9 rungs



**Figure:** Ladder with **one atom per rung**: tunneling along the vertical direction only ( $L^z = \pm 2, \pm 1, 0$ , **green**), short range attractive interactions (**blue**). A parabolic potential is applied in the spin (vertical) direction (**red**).





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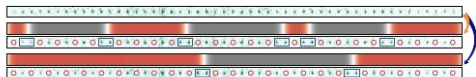
### Quantum Kibble–Zurek mechanism and critical dynamics on a programmable Rydberg simulator

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Quantum phase transitions (QPTs) involve transformations between different states of matter that are driven by quantum fluctuations<sup>1</sup>. These fluctuations play a dominant part in the quantum critical region surrounding the transition point, where the dynamics is governed by the universal properties associated with the QPT. Although time-dependent phenomena associated with classical, thermally driven phase transitions have been extensively studied in systems ranging from the early Universe to Bose–Einstein condensates<sup>2–5</sup>, understanding critical real-time dynamics in isolated, non-equilibrium quantum systems remains a challenge<sup>6</sup>. Here we use a Rydberg atom quantum simulator with

We investigate quantum criticality using a reconfigurable one-dimensional array of <sup>87</sup>Rb atoms with programmable interactions<sup>21</sup>. In our system, 51 atoms in the electronic ground state  $|g\rangle$ , which are evenly separated by a controllable distance, are homogeneously coupled to the excited Rydberg state  $|r\rangle$ , in which they experience van der Waals interactions with a strength that decays as  $V(r) \propto 1/r^6$ , where  $r$  is the interatomic distance. This system is described by the many-body Hamiltonian,

$$\frac{\mathcal{H}}{\hbar} = \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_i (|g_i\rangle \langle r_i| + |r_i\rangle \langle g_i|) - \Delta \sum_i n_i + \sum_{i,j} V_{ij} n_i n_j \quad (1)$$




**Fig. 2 | QKZM for a QPT into the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -ordered phase.** **a**, Single-shot images of the atom array before and after a fast (orange arrow) and a slow (blue arrow) sweep across the phase transition, showing larger average sizes of correlated domains for the slower sweep. Green spots (open circles) represent atoms in  $|g\rangle$  ( $|r\rangle$ ). Blue rectangles mark the position of domain walls, and the red and grey coloured regions highlight the extent of the correlated domains. **b**, Correlation length growth and saturation as


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## Theoretical methods to design and test quantum simulators for the compact Abelian Higgs model

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The lattice compact Abelian Higgs model is a nonperturbative regularized formulation of low-energy scalar quantum electrodynamics. In  $1 + 1$  dimensions, this model can be quantum simulated using a ladder-shaped optical lattice with Rydberg-dressed atoms [J. Zhang *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **121**, 223201 (2018)]. In this setup, one spatial dimension is used to carry the angular momentum of the quantum rotors. One can use truncations corresponding to spin-2 and spin-1 to build local Hilbert spaces associated with the links of the lattice. We argue that ladder-shaped configurable arrays of Rydberg atoms can be used for the same purpose. We make concrete proposals involving two and three Rydberg atoms to build one local spin-1 space (a qutrit). We show that the building blocks of the Hamiltonian calculations are models with one and two spins. We compare target and simulators using perturbative and numerical methods. The two-atom setup provides an easily controllable simulator of the one-spin model while the three-atom setup involves solving nonlinear equations. We discuss approximate methods to couple two spin-1 spaces. The article provides analytical and numerical tools necessary to design and build the proposed simulators with current technology.

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# CARA simulators

- One can adapt the optical lattice construction to **configurable arrays of Rydberg atoms** denoted CARA.
- They can be configured by positioning  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms separated by controllable (but not too small) distances, homogeneously coupled to the **excited Rydberg state**  $|r\rangle$  with a detuning  $\Delta$ .
- **The ground state is denoted  $|g\rangle$  and the two possible states  $|g\rangle$  and  $|r\rangle$  can be seen as a qubit.  $n|g\rangle = 0$ ,  $n|r\rangle = |r\rangle$ .**
- The Hamiltonian reads

$$H = \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_i (|g_i\rangle\langle r_i| + |r_i\rangle\langle g_i|) - \Delta \sum_i n_i + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij} n_i n_j,$$

with

$$V_{ij} = \Omega R_b^6 / r_{ij}^6,$$

for a distance  $r_{ij}$  between the atoms labelled as  $i$  and  $j$ .

- **This repulsive interaction prevents two atoms close enough to each other to be both in the  $|r\rangle$  state. This is the so-called blockade mechanism.**



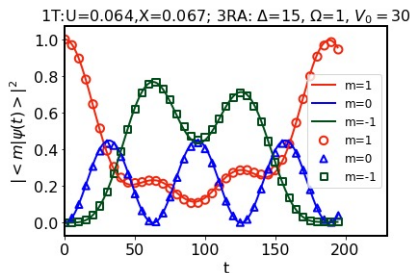
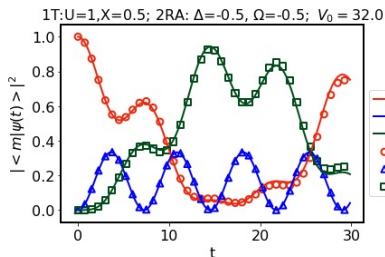
# One site spin-1 with 2 and 3 atoms (PRD 104)

●  $|r\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$

●  $|r\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$

○  $|g\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$    ●  $|r\rangle$   
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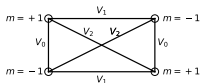
○  $|g\rangle$    ○  $|g\rangle$    ●  $|r\rangle$   
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 $m=1$     $m=0$     $m=-1$



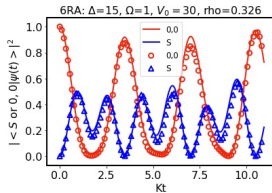
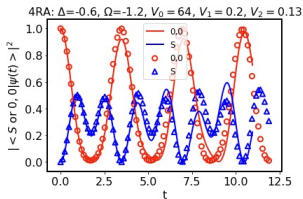
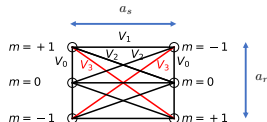
Solid line: target, Symbols: simulator



# Two sites with 4 and 6 atoms (PRD 104)



$$\rho \equiv \frac{a_r}{a_s}$$



$$|S \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2}(|0, 1 \rangle + |0, -1 \rangle + |1, 0 \rangle + |-1, 0 \rangle).$$

Solid line: target, Symbols: simulator. Note: precise matching is not crucial, what is important is the continuum limit. Rich critical behavior.



# Exact matching vs. study of continuum limit

- 1 site, 2 atoms: exact up to  $|rr\rangle$  transitions (when  $\Omega = 0$ , can be implemented by setting  $\Delta = -U/2$  and  $\Omega = -X$ )
- 2 sites, 4 atoms: when  $X = \Omega = 0$  reads  $\Delta = -U/2 - \frac{Y}{2}$ ,  $V_1 = Y$ ,  $V_2 = -Y$ . No solution with current technology (homogeneous setup).
- 1 site, 3 atoms: it's complicated! (ideally: inhomogeneous  $\Delta$  to split  $m = 0$  and  $m = \pm 1$ , otherwise use degenerate perturbation theory as a guide, James Corona's work in progress).

A better approach may be to study all the continuum limits (where correlation lengths become large) that can be obtained with the simulator.



# Experimental implementation in progress



## Experimental Plans:

Check the real-time evolutions for 2, 3, 4 and 6 atoms with realistic choices of parameters:

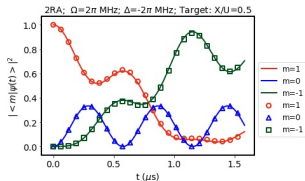
Rabi frequency  $\Omega \sim 2\pi$  MHz

Detuning  $|\Delta| < 2\pi$  20 MHz

Lattice spacing:  $dx, dy > 3\mu\text{m}$

Total run time  $T < 4\mu\text{s}$

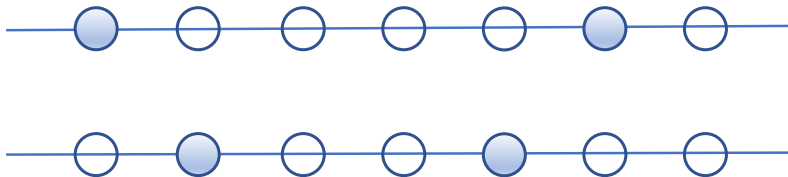
Explore the critical behavior of long ladders using arrays with hundreds of atoms



Quasi-independent pairs with strong Rydberg blockade



Interacting ladders

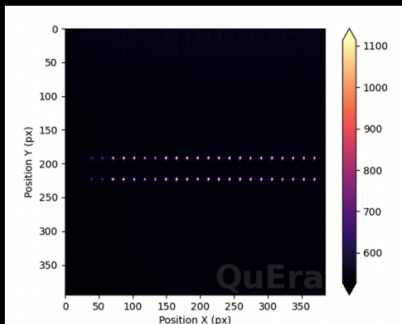




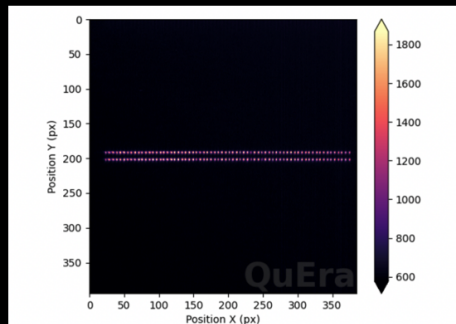
## 2 – Legged Rydberg Ladder (Average Image)

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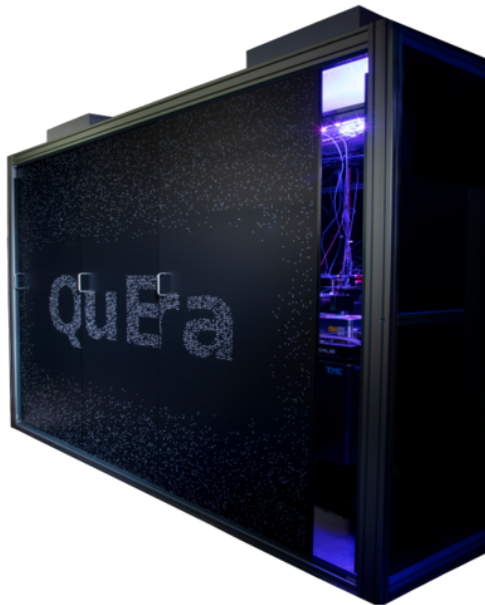
Rb/a = 1  
N atoms = 44 (22x2)



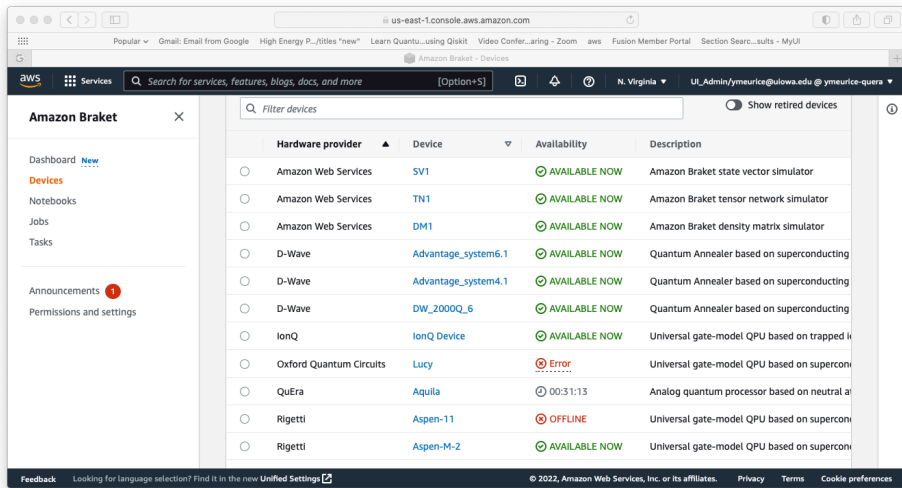
Rb/a = 3,  
N atoms = 126 (68x2)



# QuEra- Aquila



# Easy access to quantum hardware

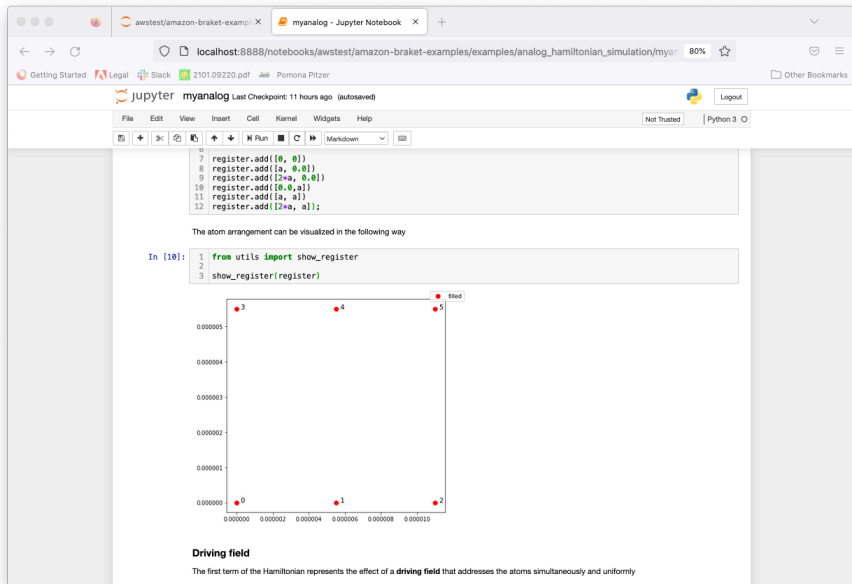


The screenshot shows the Amazon Braket console interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Dashboard, Devices, Notebooks, Jobs, Tasks, Announcements (with a red notification badge), and Permissions and settings. The main content area displays a table of devices with columns for Hardware provider, Device, Availability, and Description. The table lists various quantum simulators and annealers from providers like Amazon Web Services, D-Wave, IonQ, and QuEra.

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# Easy access to quantum hardware



The screenshot displays a Jupyter Notebook environment. The browser address bar shows the URL `localhost:8888/notebooks/awstest/amazon-braket-examples/examples/analogue_simulation/myanalog`. The notebook title is "myanalog" and it was last checked 11 hours ago. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help) and a toolbar with icons for file operations and execution. The code cell contains the following Python code:

```
0
7 register.add([0, 0])
8 register.add([a, 0.0])
9 register.add([2*a, 0.0])
10 register.add([0.0, a])
11 register.add([a, a])
12 register.add([2*a, a]);
```

Below the code, a text prompt states: "The atom arrangement can be visualized in the following way". An interactive input cell (In [10]:) contains the following code:

```
1 from utils import show_register
2
3 show_register(register)
```

The output of the code is a scatter plot showing the positions of six atoms, labeled 0 through 5. The x-axis ranges from 0.000000 to 0.000010, and the y-axis ranges from 0.000000 to 0.000005. The atoms are arranged in a hexagonal pattern:

- Atom 0: (0.000000, 0.000000)
- Atom 1: (0.000006, 0.000000)
- Atom 2: (0.000010, 0.000000)
- Atom 3: (0.000000, 0.000005)
- Atom 4: (0.000006, 0.000005)
- Atom 5: (0.000010, 0.000005)

Below the plot, the text "Driving field" is followed by the explanation: "The first term of the Hamiltonian represents the effect of a driving field that addresses the atoms simultaneously and uniformly".



# Easy access to quantum hardware

We can run the AHS program just like running a quantum circuit on other Braket devices

```
In [7]: 1 result = device.run(ahs_program, shots=1000).result()
```

To confirm that we indeed arrive at a maximally entangled state, we first collect the measurement results, followed by counting the number of occurrence of  $|gr\rangle$  and  $|rg\rangle$  respectively.

```
In [8]: 1 def get_counters_from_result(result):
2     post_sequences = [list(measurement.post_sequence) for measurement in result.measurements]
3     post_sequences = ["".join('r' if site==0 else 'g' for site in post_sequence) for post_sequence in post_sequences]
4
5     counters = {}
6     for post_sequence in post_sequences:
7         if post_sequence in counters:
8             counters[post_sequence] += 1
9         else:
10            counters[post_sequence] = 1
11     return counters
12
13 get_counters_from_result(result)
```

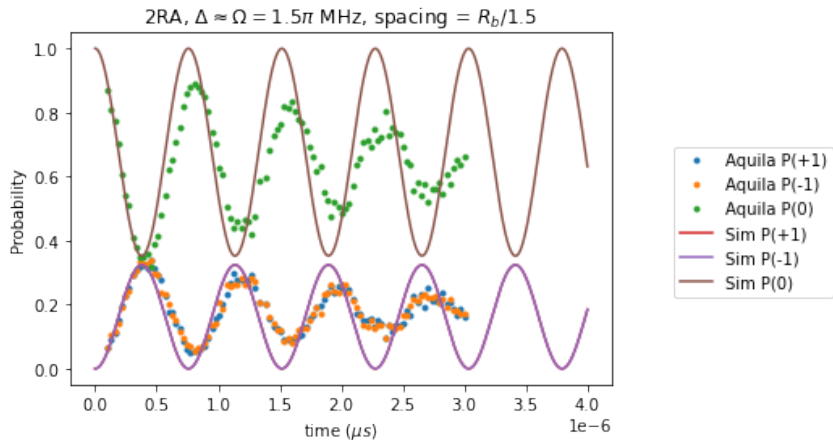
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The simulation outcome indeed confirms our expectations

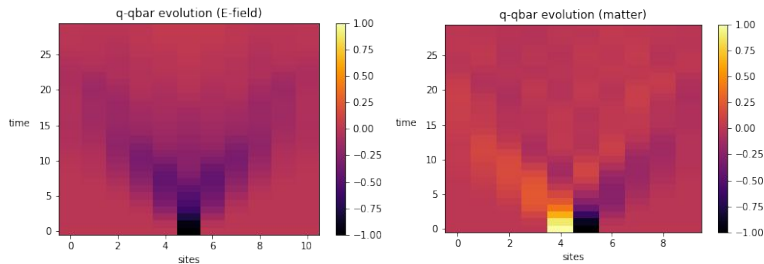
1. It is very unlikely to excite the 3rd atom to the Rydberg state because of the strong local detuning.
2. Due to the Rydberg blockade, it is very unlikely to excite the 1st and 2nd atoms to the Rydberg states simultaneously
3. By appropriately tuning the Rabi frequency and the duration of the AHS program, we can arrive at a maximally entangled state for the 1st and 2nd atoms. Since our simulation is noiseless, the discrepancy from ideal 50%-50% split is attributed to statistical sampling (aka "shot noise").



# Aquila run (Kenny Heitritter)



# Fragmentation with a two-leg ladder (Kenny Heitritter)



E-fields: Bright is  $S=+1$ , Dark is  $S=-1$ , Pink=0

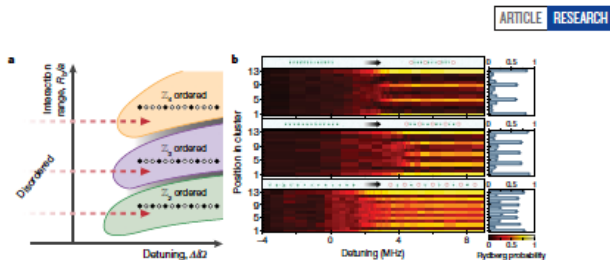
Matter: Bright is quark, Dark is antiquark, Pink is vacuum

22 atoms;  $\Delta/\Omega = 2.2$ ,  $R_b/a = 2$ ,  $dy = 2dx$ .



# CARA phase diagrams

Probing many-body dynamics on a 51-atom quantum simulator (single chain) Hannes Bernien, Sylvain Schwartz, Alexander Keesling, Misha Lukin et al. (Nature 511). Ladder phase diagram under study (Jin Zhang, S.-W. Tsai et al.)



**Figure 2 | Phase diagram and build-up of crystalline phases.** **a**, A schematic of the ground-state phase diagram of the Hamiltonian in equation (1) displays phases with various broken symmetries depending on the interaction range  $R_0/a$  ( $R_0$ , blockade radius;  $a$ , trap spacing) and detuning  $\Delta$  (see main text). Shaded areas indicate potential incommensurate phases<sup>70</sup>. Here we show the experimentally accessible region; further details can be found in refs 30, 33 and 36. **b**, The build-up of Rydberg crystals on a 13-atom array is observed by slowly changing the laser parameters, as indicated by the red dashed arrows in **a** (see also Fig. 3a). The bottom panel shows a configuration in which the atoms are

$a = 5.74 \mu\text{m}$  apart, which results in a nearest-neighbour interaction of  $V_{ij+1} = 2\pi \times 24 \text{ MHz}$  and leads to  $Z_2$  order whereby every other atom is excited to the Rydberg state  $|y\rangle$ . The bar plot on the right displays the final, position-dependent Rydberg probability (error bars denote 68% confidence intervals). The configuration in the middle panel ( $a = 3.57 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $V_{ij+1} = 2\pi \times 414.3 \text{ MHz}$ ) results in  $Z_3$  order and the top panel ( $a = 2.87 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $V_{ij+1} = 2\pi \times 1,536 \text{ MHz}$ ) in  $Z_4$  order. For each configuration, we show a single-shot fluorescence image before (left) and after (right) the pulse. Red circles highlight missing atoms, which are attributed to Rydberg excitations.

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# Phase diagram for a two-leg ladder (Jin Zhang)

## 4.2 Two-leg ladder: $dx = dy/2$

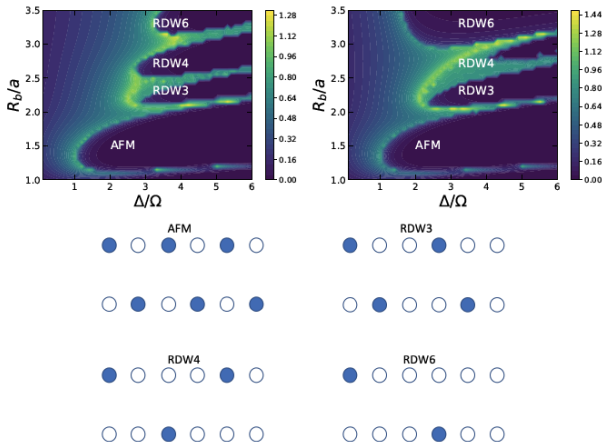
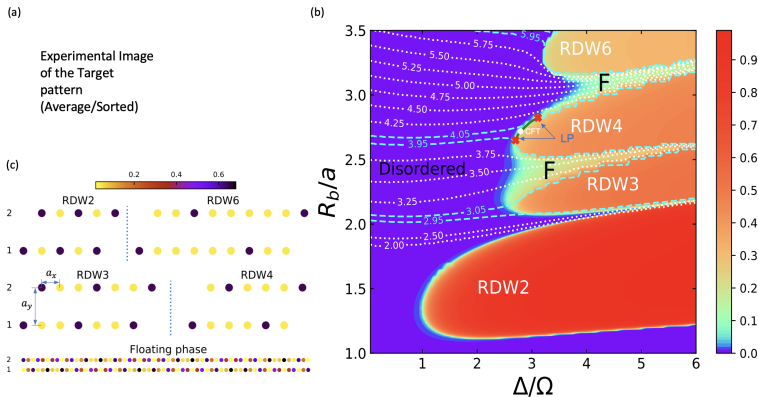


Figure 14: Ground-state phase diagram for the two-leg Rydberg ladder with  $dx = dy/2$ . Upper left: the number of rungs  $L = 144$ , retaining interactions between rungs separated by up to twenty lattice units ( $dx$ ). Upper right:  $L = 288$ , retaining interactions between rungs separated by up to two lattice units.



# Phase diagram for a two-leg ladder (Jin Zhang)



**Figure:** (a) Experimental Image of the pattern (average/sorted). (b) Ground-state phase diagram for the two-leg ladder of Rydberg atoms with lattice spacing  $a_y = 2a_x = 2a$ . The structure factor as a function of wave length  $p = 2\pi/k$  is calculated. The color depth and the dotted lines represent the peak height and the peak position of the structure factor, respectively.



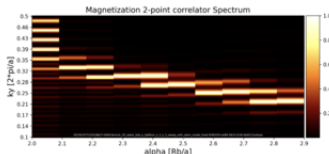
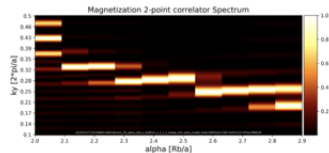
# Experimental implementation (S. Cantu, QuEra)

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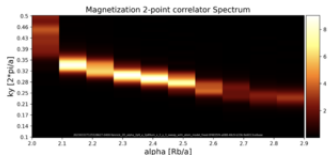
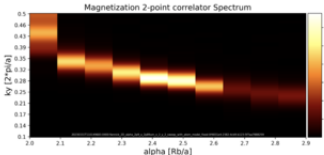
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L=35

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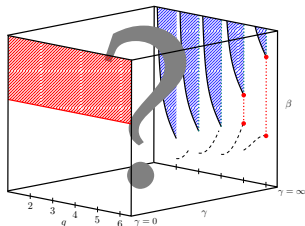
S2



# Interpolation among $Z_q$ clock models

Leon Hostetler, Jin Zhang , Ryo Sakai , Judah Unmuth-Yockey , Alexei Bazavov , and YM; arXiv:2105.10450, PRD 104 054505.

- $O(2)$  model with Symm. breaking :  
$$\Delta S = \gamma \sum_x \cos(q\varphi_x)$$
- $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\varphi = \frac{2\pi k}{q}$   $k = 0, 1, \dots, [q]$
- Integer  $q$ :  $Z_q$  symmetry
- Non-integer  $q$ :  $Z_2$  symmetry
- Phase diagram: see right panel



## Implementation with Rydberg arrays?

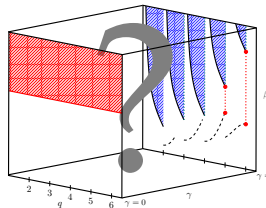
A. Keesling, ..., M. Lukin et al. Nature 568: 1D array of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms **evenly separated by a controllable distance**, homogeneously coupled to the excited Rydberg state  $|r\rangle$  with detuning  $\Delta$ .

$$H = \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_i (|g_i\rangle\langle r_i| + |r_i\rangle\langle g_i|) - \Delta \sum_i n_i + \sum_{i<j} V_{ij} n_i n_j$$

For  $R_b/a \simeq q$  integer and  $\Delta$  large enough:  $Z_q$  ordering.

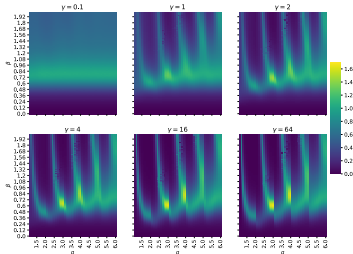


# More numerical work at finite $\gamma$

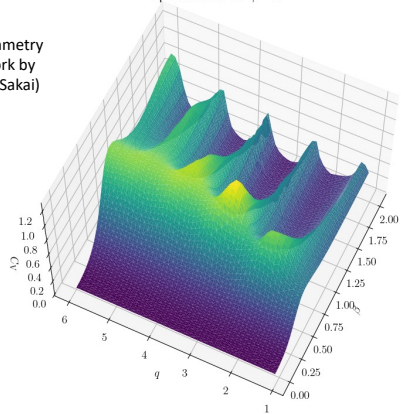


Phase diagram with symmetry breaking (numerical work by Leon Hostetler and Ryo Sakai)

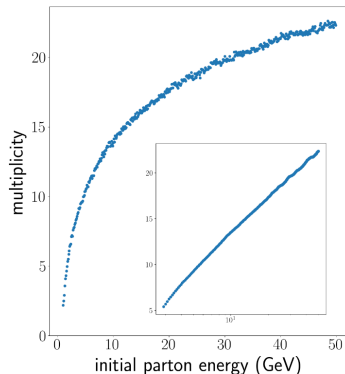
Specific Heat, 4x4 Lattice



Specific Heat for  $\gamma = 1$



# Pythia hadronization (with K. Heitritter and S. Mrenna, 2212.02476)

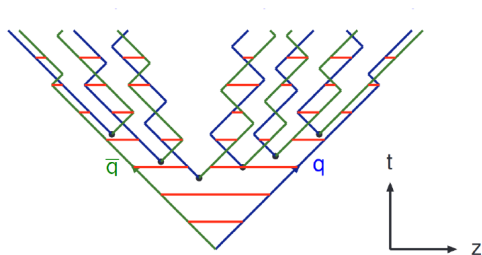


**Figure:** Hadron multiplicity predictions with default pythia hadronization from an initial  $u\bar{u}$  pair. A primary goal for a hadronization model based on Rydberg atoms is to achieve a similar logarithmic behavior. Inset depicts the same data with a logarithmic x-axis and smoothing applied.



## Hadronization:

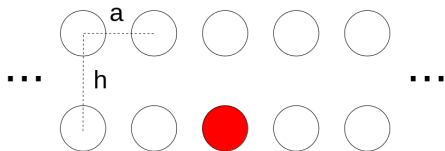
### Lund String Fragmentation Model



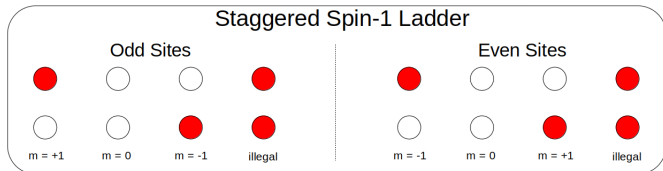
Note: for QIS work related to parton showers (before hadronization, not discussed here) see C. Bauer, Z. Davoudi et al., arXiv:2204.03381, PRX Quantum 4 (2023) 2, 027001



# Fragmentation with a two-leg ladder



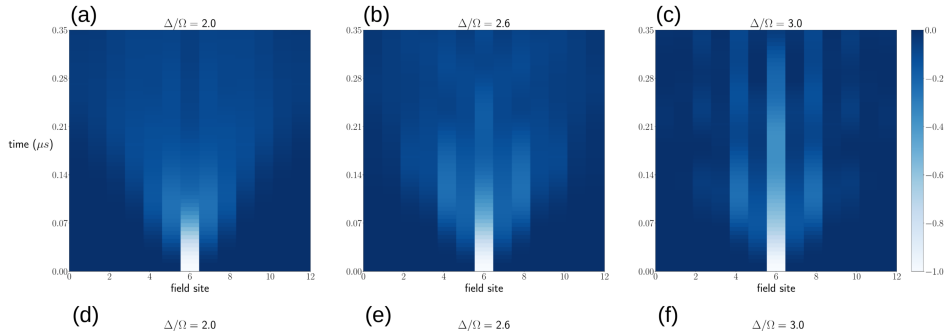
**Figure:** Two-leg ladder arrangement of Rydberg atoms where  $h$  is the inter-rung spacing and  $a$  is the outer-rung (lattice) spacing. The ladder can be specified by an inverse aspect ratio  $\rho = h/a$ , and we work with  $\rho = 2$  unless otherwise specified, whereas previous studies (YM PRD 104) have focused on  $\rho \sim 0.4$ . The red circle represents an excited atom, while the white circles correspond to ground states. Staggered interpretation (below).



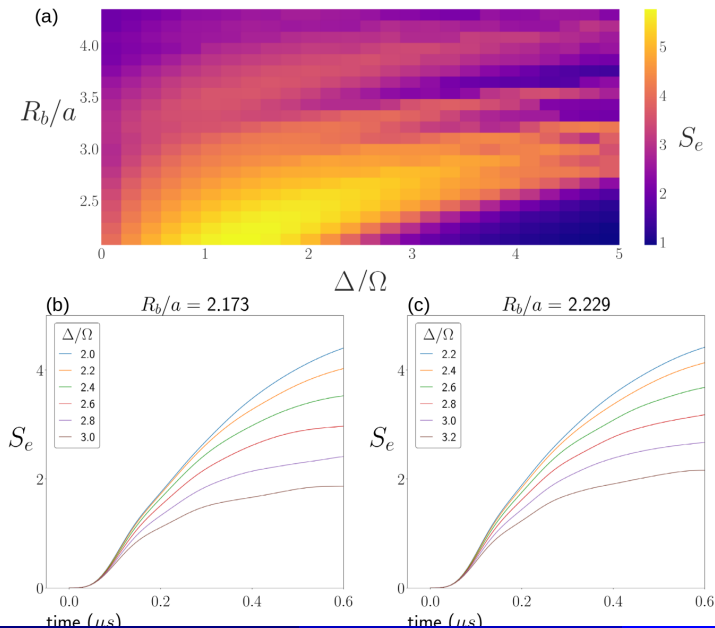


# Evolution of particle-antiparticle state (K. Heitritter)

Each column displays the field evolution (a-c) for  $R_b/a = 2.173$  and variable  $\Delta/\Omega$  increasing toward the right. For  $\Delta/\Omega = 2.0$  (a), the initial field spreads nearly ballistically. As  $\Delta/\Omega$  is increased, the initial field spreads less readily and tends to form greater relative field densities at or close to the central site. It may be possible to interpret the initial excitation as having a higher (lower) energy for lower (higher)  $\Delta/\Omega$ .



# Maximal entropy, K. Heitritter (2212.02476)



# Hadron Multiplicity (K. Heitritter, 2212.02476)

- 1 Pythia produces parton-level configurations that are organized into color singlets of strings with (usually) quark-antiquark endpoints. The quark and antiquark pair can be boosted to their rest frame with equal and opposite three-momentum.
- 2 A linear interpolating function translates the energy of the quark-antiquark pair into the global detuning of the initial string configuration on the Rydberg simulator. Energy of the string is set by the Rydberg Hamiltonian and therefore lower (higher) detuning corresponds to higher (lower) energy of the initial state.
- 3 The string state is prepared on the ladder configuration using local detuning and an adiabatic ramping procedure.
- 4 The string state is subjected to constant global Rabi flipping and detuning up until excitations reach the lattice boundary. At this time ( $t_f$ ), the system state is measured. For the 13-rung ladder, this time is set to  $t_f = 0.35 \mu s$ .
- 5 The measured state is post-processed according to steps explained on the next slide

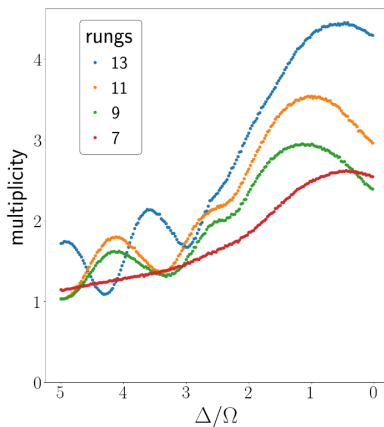


The measured state is post-processed according to the following steps:

- 1 The staggered spin-1 mapping transforms the ladder into the field representation. The measured state now appears as a number of strings, each with length  $\geq 1$ .
- 2 The initial string energy is fractionally distributed to the measured strings such that the assigned energies are proportional to the string lengths.
- 3 The strings are converted to quark-antiquark pairs (mesons) separated by their corresponding string lengths using Gauss' law .
- 4 Each meson is assigned a velocity by calculating the average velocity of its constituent quark-antiquark pair with respect to the initial string configuration.
- 5 Each meson is assigned a mass using the previously calculated energy and velocity as inputs to the relativistic energy-mass relation.



# Hadron Multiplicity (graph by K. Heitritter, 2212.02476)



**Figure:** Hadron multiplicity output of the Rydberg hadronization model for  $R_b/a = 2.173$ .  $\Delta/\Omega$  is plotted in decreasing order, since smaller values seem to be interpretable as having lower initial system energy and vice versa. The scaling is clearly not logarithmic as for pythia in but does display a monotonic increase in multiplicity for  $\Delta/\Omega \in [2, 3]$ , which displayed confining-like

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# Conclusions

- QC/QIS in HEP and NP: big goals with many intermediate steps
- Tensor Lattice Field Theory (TLFT): generic tool to discretize path integral formulations of lattice model with compact variables
- Truncations preserve symmetries
- TRG (blocking), pert. theory are “friendly competitors” to QC
- TRG: **gauge-invariant** approach for gauge theories.
- We have proposed a ladder-shaped CARA with two (or three) atoms for a single spin-1.
- Matching between simulator and target model should be understood in the continuum limit (universal behavior).
- Approximate implementations with AWS/QuEra (ongoing)
- Simulators have interesting features beyond our target model.
- Progress with hybrid hadronization
- Thanks for listening!
- For questions, email: [yannick-meurice@uiowa.edu](mailto:yannick-meurice@uiowa.edu) .



# Thanks for listening!

$GC=0.3$ ;  $st=2$ ;  $sth = 1.5$ ;  $T=1.5$



Figure: Isingized version of Emmy Noether





# Building blocks of spin-1 simulators (PRD104)

- One spin-1 with two atoms:

$$H^{2R} = -\Delta(n_{+1} + n_{-1}) + V_0 n_{+1} n_{-1} + \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_{\pm 1} (|g_{\pm 1}\rangle \langle r_{\pm 1}| + |r_{\pm 1}\rangle \langle g_{\pm 1}|)$$

- Coupling two spin-1 as above (four atoms):

$$H^{4R} = H_L^{2R} + H_R^{2R} + V_1(n_{+1L}n_{-1R} + n_{-1L}n_{+1R}) + V_2(n_{+1L}n_{+1R} + n_{-1L}n_{-1R})$$

- One spin-1 with three atoms:

$$H^{3R} = -\Delta_0 n_0 - \Delta \sum_{j=0, \pm 1} n_j + V_0(n_0 n_{+1} + n_0 n_{-1}) + V'_0 n_{+1} n_{-1} + \frac{\Omega}{2} \sum_{j=0, \pm 1} (|g_j\rangle \langle r_j| + |r_j\rangle \langle g_j|)$$

Note:  $\Delta_0$  is an inhomogeneous detuning that should become experimentally possible soon.

- Coupling two spin-1 as above (six atoms):

$$H^{6R} = H_L^{3R} + H_R^{3R} + V_1(n_{+1L}n_{-1R} + n_{-1L}n_{+1R}) + V_2(n_{0L}(n_{+1R} + n_{-1R})) + V_2((n_{+1L} + n_{-1L})n_{0R}) + V_3(n_{+1L}n_{+1R} + n_{-1L}n_{-1R})$$

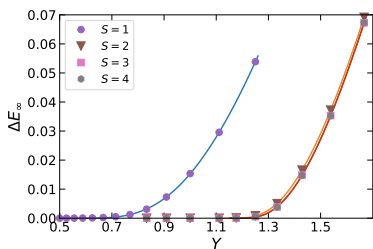


# Critical behavior of Spin truncations in the $O(2)$ limit

with Jin Zhang and Shan-Wen Tsai PRB 103 245137

$$\hat{H}_{charge} = \frac{Y}{2} \sum_{l=1}^{L+1} (\hat{S}_l^z)^2 - \frac{X}{2} \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{U}_i^+ \hat{U}_{i+1}^- + \hat{U}_i^- \hat{U}_{i+1}^+)$$

Energy gaps  $\Delta E_{V=\infty}$  for spin truncations  $S = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (by J. Zhang).



Fits:

- $S \geq 2$ :  $A \exp(-b/\sqrt{Y - Y_c})$   
(regular KT)
- $S = 1$ :  $A \sqrt{Y - Y_c} \exp[-b/(Y - Y_c)]$   
( $SU(2)$  symmetry; KT separatrix)

- $Y_c = 0.350666928(2)$  for  $S = 1$ ;  $1.101304(6)$  for  $S = 2$ ; ... using level crossing spectroscopy.
- The dual field representation is gapped at finite  $S$ .



# Tensors as computational building blocks

- The partition functions are traces of product of tensors
- Observables can be calculated by introducing “impure” tensors
- Tensors are local
- They contain all the information about the model, its dimension and symmetries (universality)
- Most lattice models have a tensor reformulations
- They can be coarse-grained exactly
- RG procedure require truncations (this is the hard part)
- The space of tensors is easier to handle than the space of interactions
- Tensors can be used to build quantum circuits

