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Quantum Information Science for QCD Research

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[PART I] WHY QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR THE NP/QCD RESEARCH?

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THREE FEATURES MAKE LATTICE QCD CALCULATIONS OF NUCLEI HARD:

i) The complexity of systems grows factorially with the number of quarks.





ii) There is a severe signal-to-noise degradation in Euclidean nuclear correlators.

iii) Excitation energies of nuclei are much smaller than the QCD scale.





ADDITIONALLY THE SIGN PROBLEM FORBIDS:

ii) Real-time dynamics of matter in heavy-ion collisions or after Big Bang...



...and a wealth of dynamical response functions, transport properties, parton distribution functions, and non-equilibrium physics of QCD.

Path integral formulation:



Hamiltonian evolution:

$$U(t) = e^{-iHt}$$

INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE SNOWMASS PROCESS...



Bauer, ZD et al, Snowmass 21 whitepaper, arXiv:2204.03381 [quant-ph].



SIMILAR STUDIES IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS: PAST AND UPCOMING...

Nuclear Physics and Quantum Information Science

Report by the NSAC QIS Subcommittee (October 2019)



[Recommendation 1A] Quantum Computing and Simulation in Nuclear Physics

[Recommendation 1B] Quantum Sensing in Nuclear Physics

[Recommendation 2] Exploratory Techniques and Technologies in Combined NP and QIS

[Recommendation 3] A Quantum-Ready Nuclear Physics Workforce

A meeting planned later in the Fall to discuss opportunities in QIS for NP, to provide input to the Long-Range Planning process.

Organizers: Joe Carlson and Martin Savage

Beck, Savage et al, NSAC subcommittee report on QIS (2019).

[PART II] WHAT HAS TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE COMING YEARS?

A RANGE OF QUANTUM SIMULATORS WITH VARING CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

- Atomic systems (trapped ions, cold atoms, Rydbergs)
- Condensed matter systems (superconducting circuits, dopants in semiconductors such as in Silicon, NV centers in diamond)
- Laser-cooled polar molecules
- Optical systems (cavity quantum electrodynamics)



HOW SIMILAR TO QUANTUM-CHEMISTRY AND MATERIAL SIMULATIONS?

Starting from the Standard Model

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Both bosonic and fermionic DOF are dynamical and coupled, exhibit both global and local (gauge) symmetries, relativistic hence particle number not conserved, vacuum state nontrivial in strongly interacting theories.

Attempts to cast QFT problems in a language closer to quantum chemistry and NR simulations: Kreshchuk, Kirby, Goldstein, Beauchemin, Love, arXiv:2002.04016 [quant-ph], Kreshchuk, Jia, Kirby, Goldstein, Vary, Love, Entropy 2021, 23, 597, Liu, Xin, arXiv:2004.13234 [hep-th], Barata , Mueller, Tarasov, Venugopalan (2020) QUANTUM SIMULATION OF QUANTUM FIELD THEORIES: A MULTI-PRONG EFFORT





How to formulate QCD in the Hamiltonian language?

What are the efficient formulations? Which bases will be most optimal toward the continuum limit?

How to preserve the symmetries? How much should we care to retain gauge invariance?

How to quantify systematics such as finite volume, discretization, boson truncation, time digitization, etc?

Theory developments

Gauge-field theories (Abelian and non-Abelian):

Group-element representation
Zohar et al; Lamm et al

Link models, qubitization Chandrasekharan, Wiese et al, Alexandru, Bedaque, et al.

Light-front quantization Kreshchuk, Love, Goldstien, Vary et al.; Ortega at al Prepotential formulationLoop-String-Hadron basisMathur, Raychowdhury et alRaychowdhury and Stryker

Fermionic basis Hamer et al; Martinez et al; Banuls et al

Local irreducible representations Byrnes and Yamamoto; Ciavarella, Klco, and Savage

Manifold lattices

Bosonic basis

Cirac and Zohar

Buser et al

Dual plaquette (magnetic) basis Bender, Zohar et al; Kaplan and Styker; Unmuth-Yockey; Hasse et al; Bauer and Grabowska

Spin-dual representation Mathur et al

Scalar field theory

Field basis Jordan, Lee, and Preskill

Harmonic-oscillator basis Klco and Savage Continuous-variable basis Pooser, Siopsis et al

Single-particle basis Barata , Mueller, Tarasov, and Venugopalan.

Algorithmic developments [Digital]

Near- and far-term algorithms with bounded errors and resource requirement for gauge theories?

Can given formulation/encoding reduce qubit and gate resources?

Should we develop gauge-invariant simulation algorithms?

How do we do state preparation and compute observables like scattering amplitudes?

Algorithmic developments [Analog]

Can practical proposals for current hardware be developed?

Can we simulate higherdimensional gauge theories?

Can non-Abelian gauge theories be realized in an analog simulator?

Can we robustly bound the errors in the analog simulation? What quantities are more robust to errors?

What is the capability limit of the hardware for gauge-theory simulations so far?

What is the nature of noise in hardware and how can it best be mitigated?

Can we co-design dedicated systems for gauge-theory simulations?

Can digital and analog ideas be combined to facilitate simulations of field theories?

Implementation, benchmark, and co-design

We've got a long way to go to get to **QCD** but we know what to do! If one thing we learned from the successful conventional lattice-QCD program is that **theory/ algorithm/experiment** collaborations will be the key. It is even more important in the quantum-computing era since our computers are themselves physical systems!



[PART III] EXAMPLES SHOWCASING PROGRESS IN A RANGE OF QCD-INSPIRED PROBLEMS...

DIGITAL COMPUTATIONS OF ABELIAN LGTs







FIRST STEPS TOWARD COLLISION PROCESSES — NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS —



PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS, DECAY AMPLITUDES





PROBES OF QUARK-GLUON PLASMA AND PHASES OF QCD



 Λ and Λ^{-} spin correlations provide novel insights into quantum features of many-body parton dynamics.



Quantum simulating a simple model of hadronization originating from QCD strings:



FINITE TEMPERATURE AND FINTIE DENSITY PHASE DIAGRAM



EMERGING UNDERSTANDING OF THERMALIZATION IN SIMPLE GAUGE THEORIES



TRANSPORT AND NON-EQUILIBRIUM PROPERTIES



QUANTUM ENTANGLEMENT IN HIGH- AND LOW-ENERGY NUCLEAR PHYSICS



[FINALLY] THOUGHTS AND REMARKS FOR THE LRP PROCESS...

Computational Nuclear Physics and AI/ML Workshop



6-7 September, 2022 / SURA headquarters

Organized by:

Alessandro Lovato – Joe Carlson (LANL), Phiala Shanahan (MIT), Bronson Messer (ORNL) Witold Nazarewicz (FRIB/MSU), Amber Boehnlein (JLab), Peter Petreczky (BNL) Robert Edwards (JLab), David Dean (JLab) Computational Nuclear Physics and AI/ML Workshop



Workshop Resolution

High-performance computing is essential to advance nuclear physics on the experimental and theory frontiers. Increased investments in computational nuclear physics will facilitate discoveries and capitalize on previous progress. Thus, we recommend a targeted program to ensure the utilization of ever-evolving HPC hardware via software and algorithmic development, which includes taking advantage of novel capabilities offered by AI/ML.

The key elements of this program are to:

- 1) Strengthen and expand programs and partnerships to support immediate needs in HPC and AI/ML, and also to target development of emerging technologies, such as quantum computing, and other opportunities.
- 2) Take full advantage of exciting possibilities offered by new hardware and software and AI/ML within the nuclear physics community through educational and training activities.
- 3) Establish programs to support cutting-edge developments of a multi-disciplinary workforce and crossdisciplinary collaborations in high-performance computing and AI/ML.
- 4) Expand access to computational hardware through dedicated and high-performance computing resources.

Remarks collected on QC for NP at the Computational NP Workshop:

- Both QC and QC-inspired classical computations have the potential to address the NP science drives.
- Among areas of promise over the next decade are the exploration of prototype models with QCD-like features and identification of the right set of questions which are robust to errors so to acquire qualitative new understandings even with NISQ-era quantum technologies.
- Cross-cutting research involving collaboration with hardware developers and other domain scientists is essential. Quantum circuit design/algorithms/methodology requires collaboration with QIS, CS, and other domain sciences. Need to utilizes lattice QCD and other NP-centric techniques.
- Quantum information tools need to find their way into QCD simulations, classically and quantumly. The role of entanglement in NP need to be explored further.
- QC-inspired algorithms and state-of-the-art Hamiltonian-simulation strategies such as tensor networks need to be developed further. Need to take full advantage of HPC and new quantum-hardware emulators. HPC will be essential for pre/post-processing and hybrid classical-quantum computations.
- Need access to quantum devices dedicated to the NP program. Collaboration across NP will be valuable (through SciDAC-type programs).

