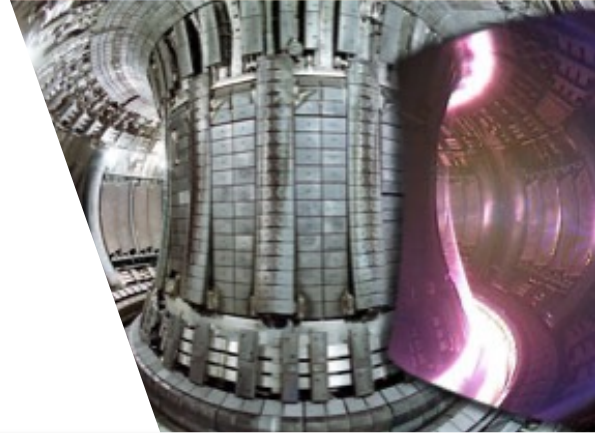
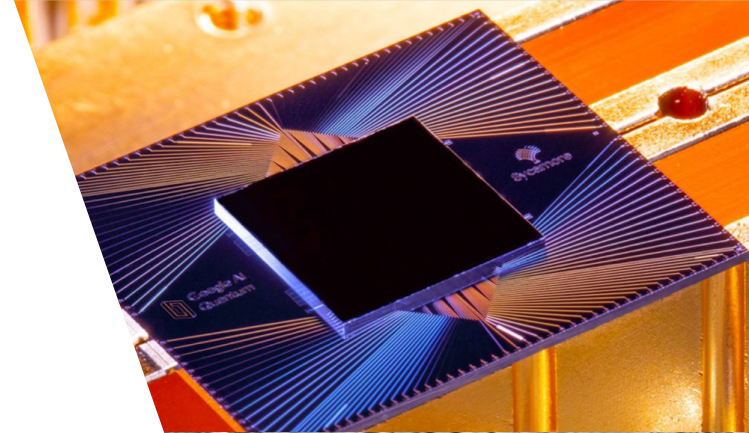
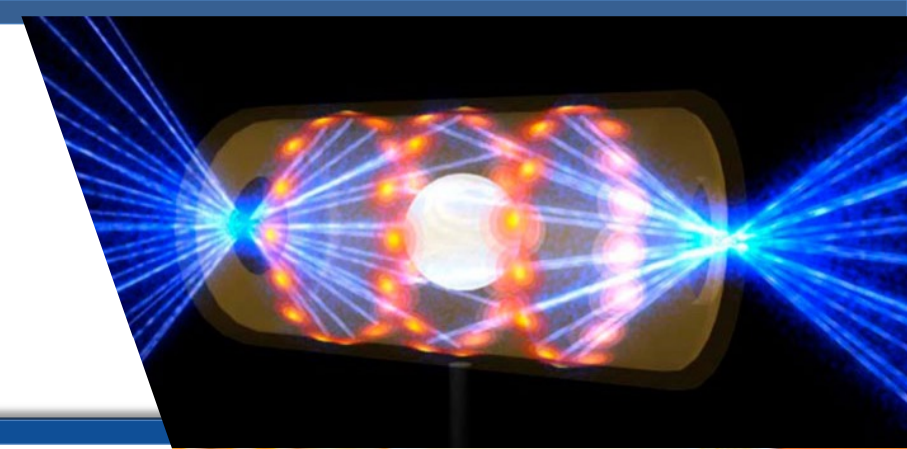


Exploration of Quantum Computing for Fusion Energy Science Applications

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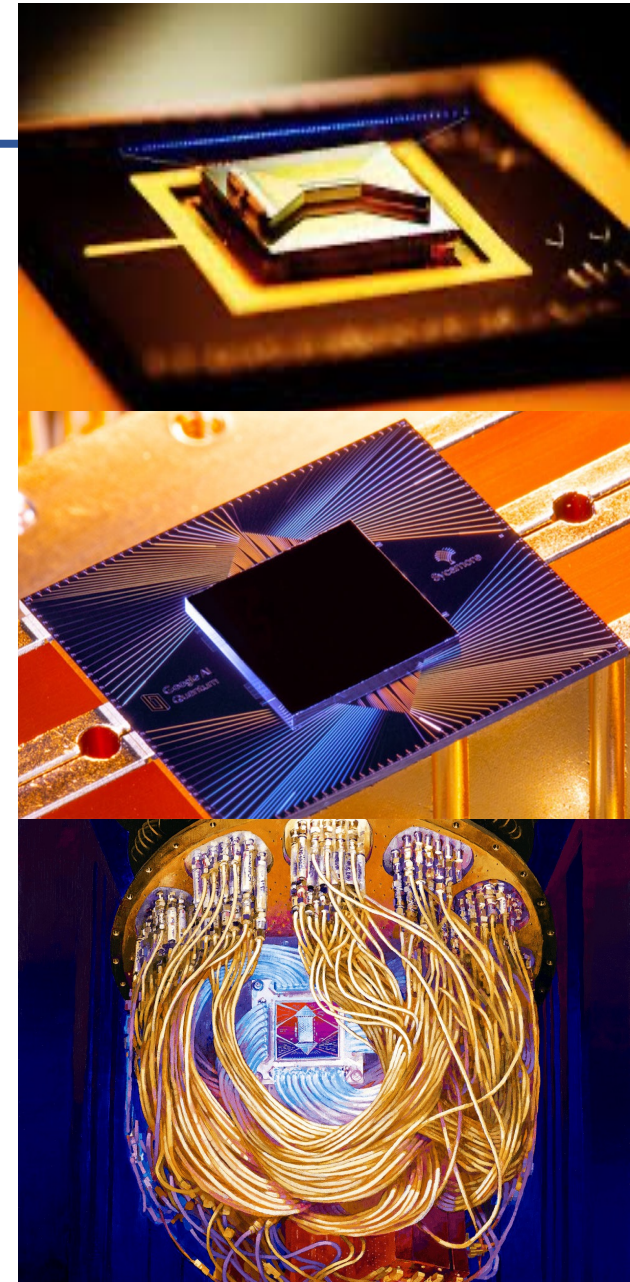
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Quantum computing may be a game-changer for fusion and science in general

- **Polynomial to exponential gains in memory and computational power**
 - Exponential speedup for the Fourier transform, linear solvers, factoring integers, ...
 - Quadratic speedup for unstructured search, optimization, sums & integrals, ...
- **Great progress has been made on quantum hardware & technology**
 - Multiple platforms: ion traps, neutral atom traps, superconducting circuits, NMR, ...
 - Google, IBM, & others now claim to have achieved **quantum supremacy** ...
- **But, we are still in the **Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ)** era**
 - Many qubits, but no error correction
 - 1% error rate per gate → can only perform ~100 gate operations



The key insight ...



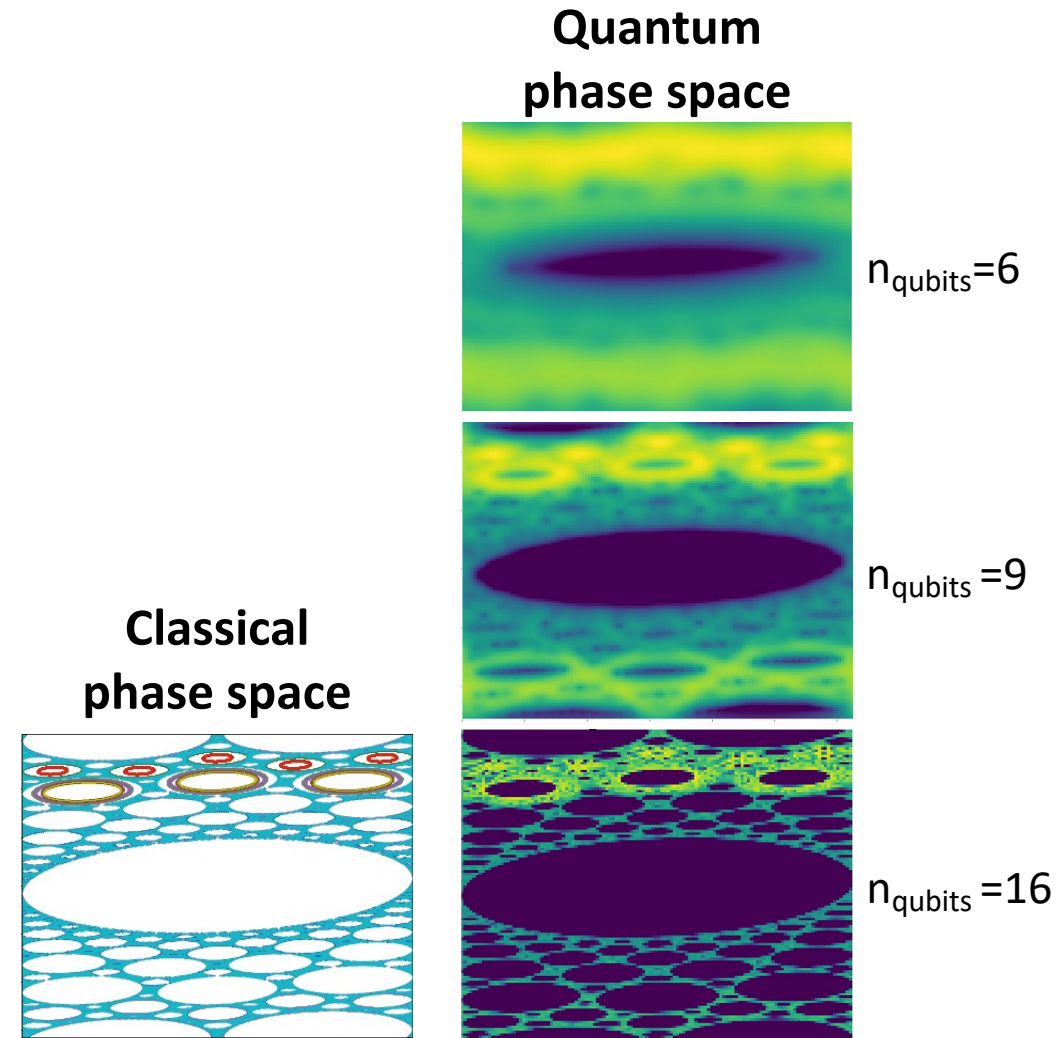
Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy.

— *Richard P. Feynman* —

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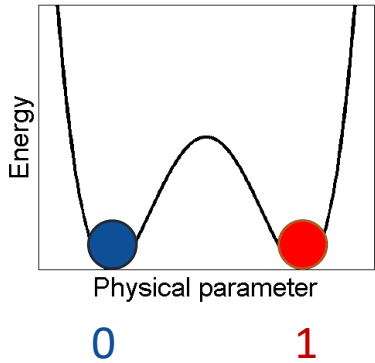
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The qubit is the simplest complex Hilbert space

Classical Information



Bit

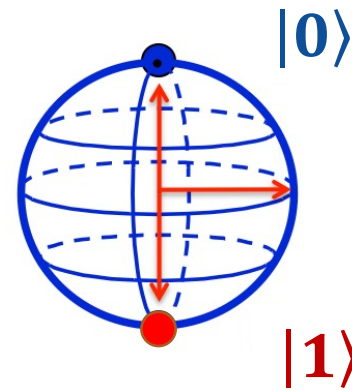
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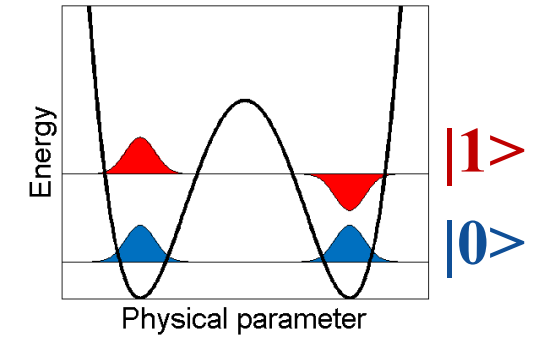
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Qubit



Quantum Information



- **Pure State:** wavefunction $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^2$ is a normalized superposition of the basis states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & e^{-i\phi/2} |0\rangle \\ \sin \theta & e^{+i\phi/2} |1\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Mixed State:** probability density matrix $\rho = \rho^\dagger \in \mathbb{H}_4 \sim \mathbb{R}^4$ is a mixture of pure states

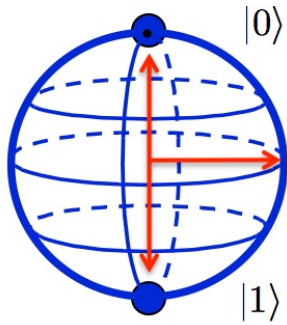
$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} |0\rangle\langle 0| & \rho_{01} |0\rangle\langle 1| \\ \rho_{01}^* |1\rangle\langle 0| & \rho_{11} |1\rangle\langle 1| \end{pmatrix}$$

- **PDF:** probability distribution function $f \in \mathbb{R}^2$

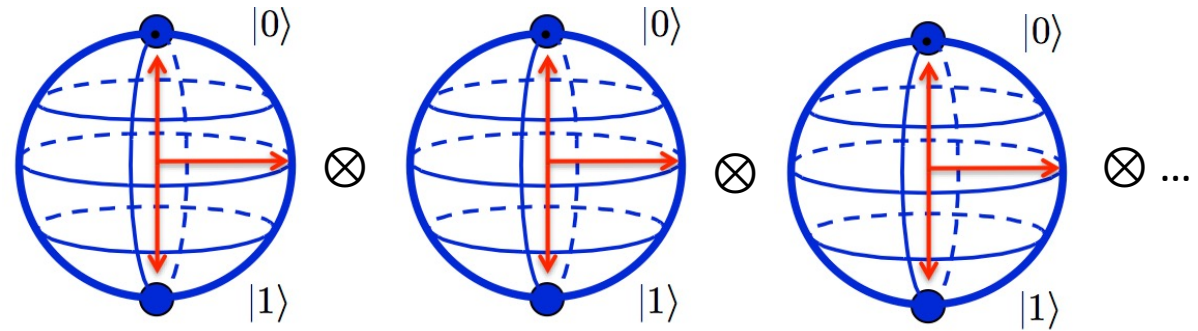
$$f = \text{Diag}(\rho) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{00} |0\rangle\langle 0| & \\ & \rho_{11} |1\rangle\langle 1| \end{pmatrix}$$

Quantum memory registers are “exponentially large”

Qubit: Dimension 2



n Qubits → Hilbert Space Dimension: $N = 2^n$



- For n qubits, the number of states is $N = 2^n$

- Pure State: $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^N$ has $2(N - 1)$ real DOFs

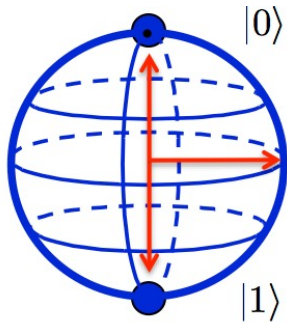
- Mixed State: $\rho = \rho^\dagger \in \mathbb{H}_{N \times N}$ has $(N^2 - 1)$ real DOFs

- Classical PDF: $f \in \mathbb{R}^N$ has $(N - 1)$ real DOFs

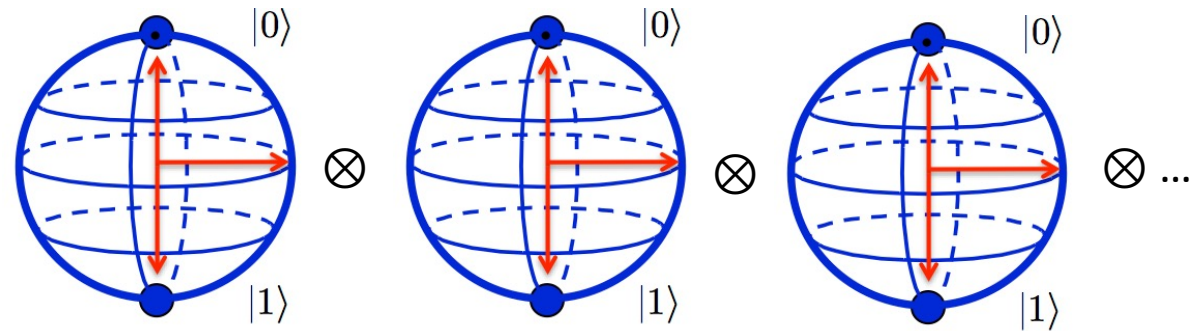
- Direct quantum simulation is **extremely difficult** due to exponentially large Hilbert space!

Let's use “quantum machines” to simulate quantum physics!

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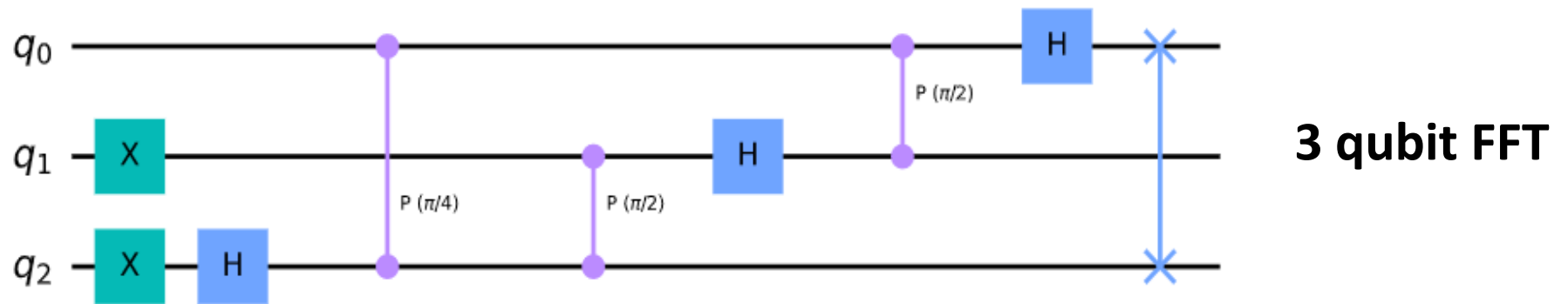


■ A brief history of quantum algorithms:

- **Early-1980's:** Turn the challenge into an opportunity — Feynman, Manin, Bennett & Brassard
- **Mid-1990's:** Factoring integers, unstructured search, quantum counting — Shor, Grover, Brassard, Hoyer, Tapp
- **Late-1990's:** Efficient simulation algorithms based on Trotter-Suzuki decompositions — Lloyd & Abrams
- **Early 2000's:** Linear solver algorithms — Harrow Hassidim & Lloyd, Ambianis, Childs Kothari & Somma, ...
- **2015-present:** Accelerated linear solver, linear diff eq & simulation algorithms — Berry, Childs, Low & Chuang

Digital quantum computing model has power and simplicity

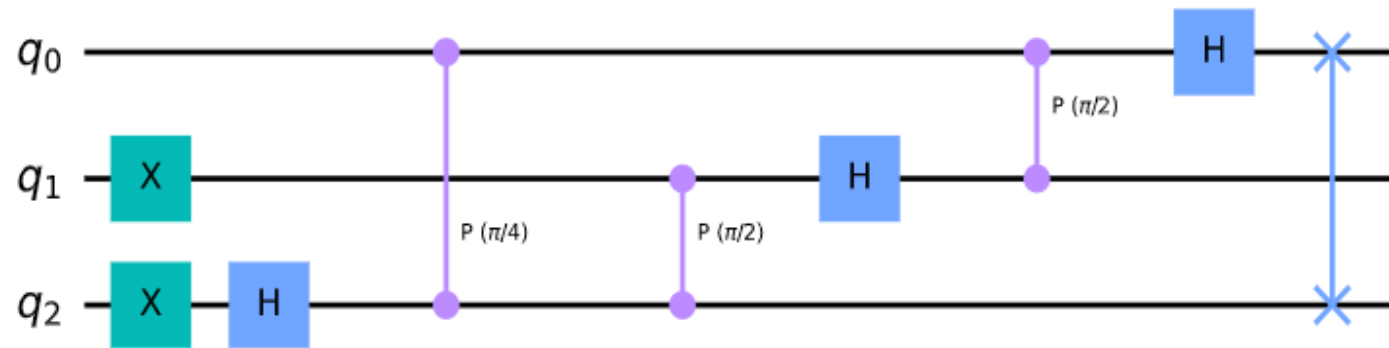
- Quantum states can be transformed efficiently via linear unitary operations
 - $\psi = \mathbf{U}\psi_0$ where $\mathbf{U} = e^{-i\mathbf{H}t}$ is a unitary $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{I}$ evolution operator and $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^\dagger$ a Hermitian Hamiltonian
 - This is amazing!** because ψ is an exponentially large vector and \mathbf{U} is a dense exponentially large matrix!



- While there are a huge number, $N^2 = 2^{2n}$, of unitary operations, they are generated by a small number $\sim O(n)$ of basic operations called a “gate set”
 - Single qubit operations can be achieved efficiently with a few standard gates, e.g. RX and RZ
 - Adding one nontrivial 2-qubit gate, e.g. CNOT or CZ, between nearest neighbors generates the rest

Many useful computations can be performed in $O(\text{poly}(n))$ basic gate operations!

- **The key resource is quantum parallelism: superposition and interference** 😊
 - Any reversible classical computation can also be performed, but typically without a speedup



3 qubit FFT

- **Approximating an arbitrary unitary is exponentially hard** 😞
 - Only certain unitaries can be performed efficiently
 - Initializing all quantum information is exponentially hard
 - Measuring all quantum information is exponentially hard
- **Measuring exponentially small probabilities is hard** 😞
 - Central limit theorem implies direct sampling converges as $1/\sqrt{\text{\# samples}}$

Key Limitations

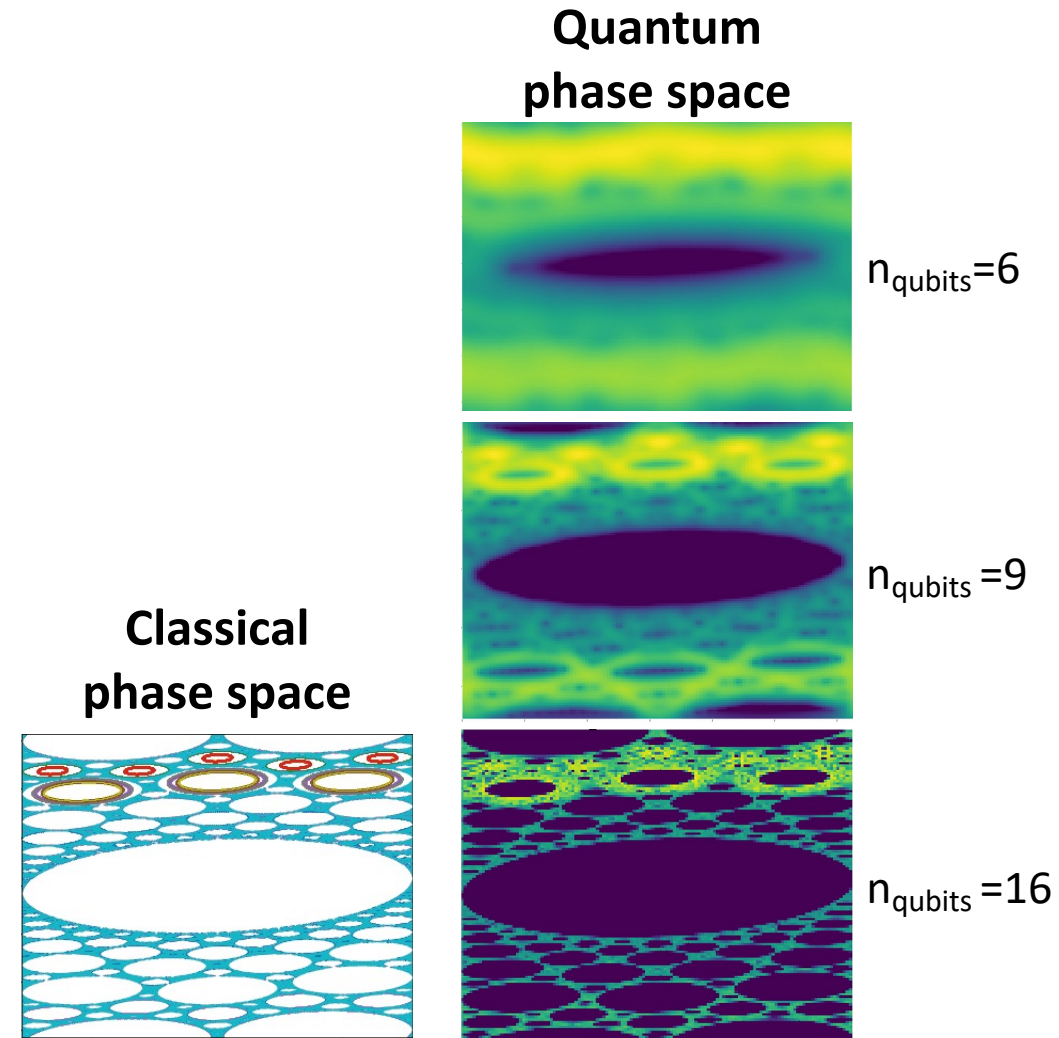
A few essential subroutines power the majority of quantum algorithms

- **Quantum Fourier Transform: Cost of $(\log N)^2$ rather than classical $N \log N$**
 - Phase estimation, factoring integers, and taking discrete logarithms – Peter Shor 1994
 - Powers many Hamiltonian simulation algorithms
 - Hamiltonian simulation powers linear solvers, linear diff. eq. solvers, and variational eigensolvers, etc.
- **Amplitude Amplification: Cost of \sqrt{N} rather than classical N**
 - Amplitude amplification first used in Grover's search algorithm – Lov Grover 1996
 - Amplitude estimation & Quantum counting – Brassard, Hoyer, Mosca, Tapp 2000
 - Powers many Monte Carlo and integration algorithms – Heinrich & Novaks 2000, Montanaro 2015
- **Quantum Walks: Cost of N rather than classical N^2**
 - Early models turned into a computational framework – Aharonov, Ambianis, Kempe, Vazirani 2001
 - Graph search, element uniqueness, ... – Ambianis, Childs, Kempe
 - Hamiltonian simulation, state preparation – Szegedy 2004, Childs 2010
 - Qubitization, Quantum Signal Processing, Quantum Singular Value Transformation – Low & Chuang 2017



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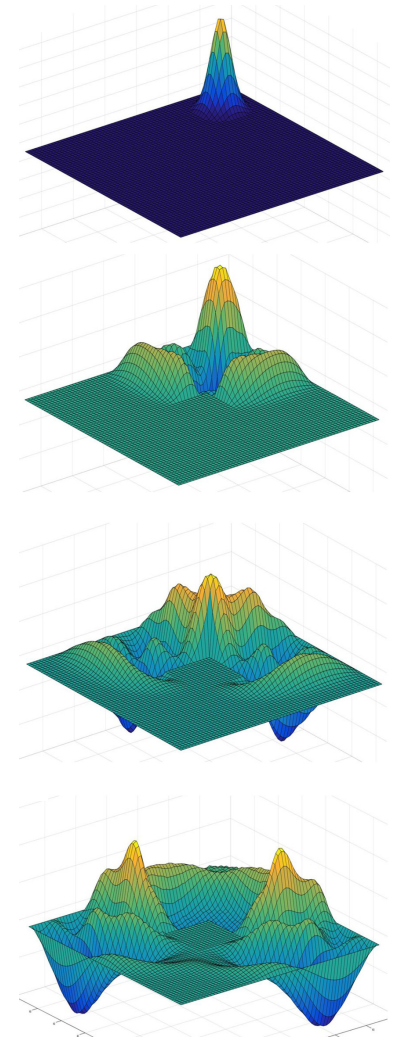
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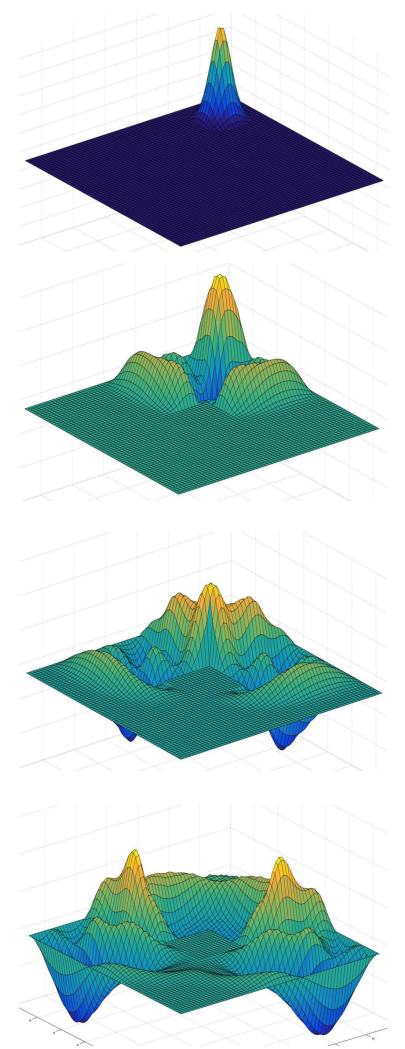
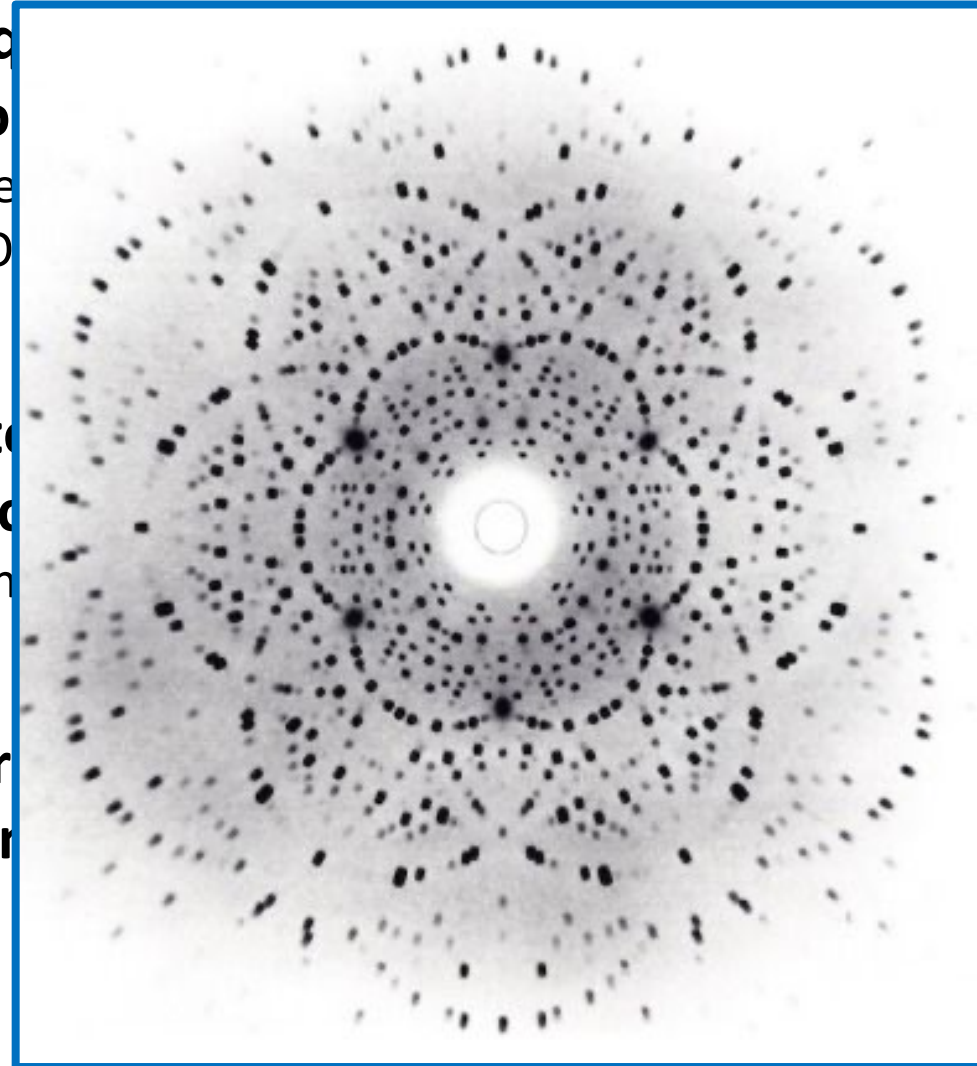
- Simple PDEs, e.g. Poisson or wave equation, have simple/sparse Hamiltonians and can typically be solved with **exponential speedup**
 - The output is a wavefunction that encodes the solution
 - And a few robust physical observables $\langle O_1 \rangle, \langle O_2 \rangle, \langle O_3 \rangle$
- However, outputting the data $\{\psi_x\}$ to a classical register, requires an **exponential** amount of work & reduces speedup to **quadratic** at best [1,2]
 - The same problem occurs for nontrivial initial condition and/or source functions
- **“Hidden Spectral Problem”**: if you promise there is a basis in which the solution is exponentially sparse, then we can get exponential speedup
 - Like doing “X-ray crystallography”

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_x \psi_x |x\rangle$$



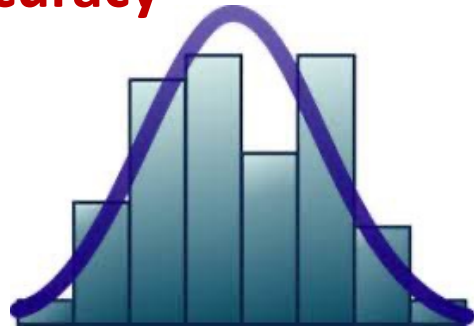
Hamiltonian simulation can speed up the solution of linear PDEs

- Simple PDEs, e.g. Poisson or wave equation, can be solved using Hamiltonians and can typically be solved more efficiently than traditional methods
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- However, outputting the data $\{\psi_x\}$ to a classical computer requires an **exponential** amount of work & reduces the advantage
 - The same problem occurs for nontrivial initial conditions
- **“Hidden Spectral Problem”**: if you project the solution onto a low-dimensional basis, the solution is exponentially sparse, then you can solve it more efficiently
 - Like doing “X-ray crystallography”



Amplitude Estimation yields up to quadratic speedup for output

- **Central limit theorem: direct sampling requires computational cost $\sim 1/\text{accuracy}^2$**
 - Classical randomized Monte Carlo algorithms can also often provide an exponential speedup over Eulerian methods
- **Amplitude estimation only requires computational cost $\sim 1/\text{accuracy}$**



	function space	deterministic	randomized	quantum
Holder class	$L_p^N, 2 \leq p \leq \infty$ $F_d^{k,\alpha}$	1 $n^{-(k+\alpha)/d}$	$n^{-1/2}$ $n^{-(k+\alpha)/d-1/2}$	n^{-1} $n^{-(k+\alpha)/d-1}$
Sobolev class	$W_{p,d}^k, 2 \leq p \leq \infty$	$n^{-k/d}$	$n^{-k/d-1/2}$	$n^{-k/d-1}$

Convergence [1] of error with number of function calls n

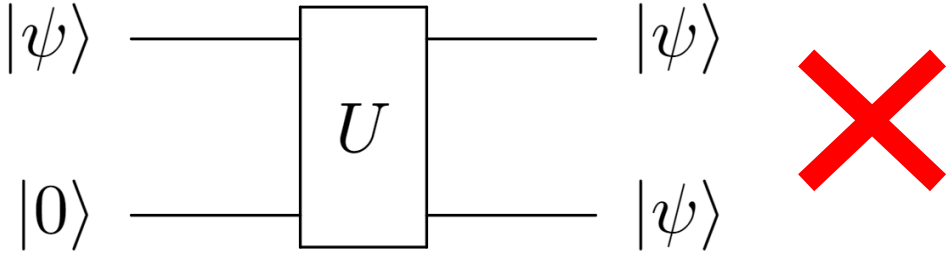
- **Relative to deterministic algorithms, speedups increase for high dimensions $d \rightarrow \infty$ and for solutions that are not smooth $k, \alpha \rightarrow 0$**
 - **Key Assumption:** location of discontinuities are unknown \rightarrow *stochastic / randomized functions*

The No-Cloning Theorem fundamentally limits the ability of a quantum computer to efficiently compute nonlinear functions

- **No-Cloning Theorem:**

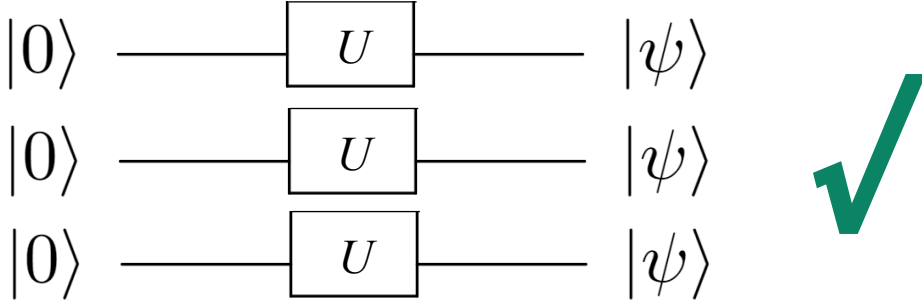
An unknown quantum state cannot be copied

- The only way to do this is to measure all components and prepare an identical state from scratch



- **If a state preparation process is reproducible, we can form multiple replicas of the state**

- A fault-tolerant quantum computer can run the same quantum program to create identical outputs



- **Iterative algorithms that require nonlinear operations are exponentially costly [1]**

- If each iteration needs 2 replicas, then the next iteration needs 4 replicas, and T iterations needs 2^T replicas

How about embedding a nonlinear differential equation within a larger linear system?

- **Quantization is a natural embedding for Hamiltonian systems**
 - Dissipation can be included by embedding the system within a much larger ideal system [1]
- **Exact Koopman-von Neumann (KvN) [2] and Carleman [3] approaches**
 - The conservation of the probability distribution function (PDF) is a perfect embedding of a nonlinear system ... in an infinite-dimensional system of equations
 - Carleman embedding [4] is a complex analytic form of Koopman [2] that works well near fixed points
- **Special classes of PDEs may have more efficient types of embedding**
 - PDEs that are reducible to ODEs can be embedded using the KvN approach for ODEs [4]:
Hamilton-Jacobi equation, advection equation
- **Integrable systems also have special types of embedding**



Approach # 1: Quantize the dynamics $i\hbar\partial_t\psi = \mathbf{H}\psi$

■ Point Example: Quantum Sawtooth Map*

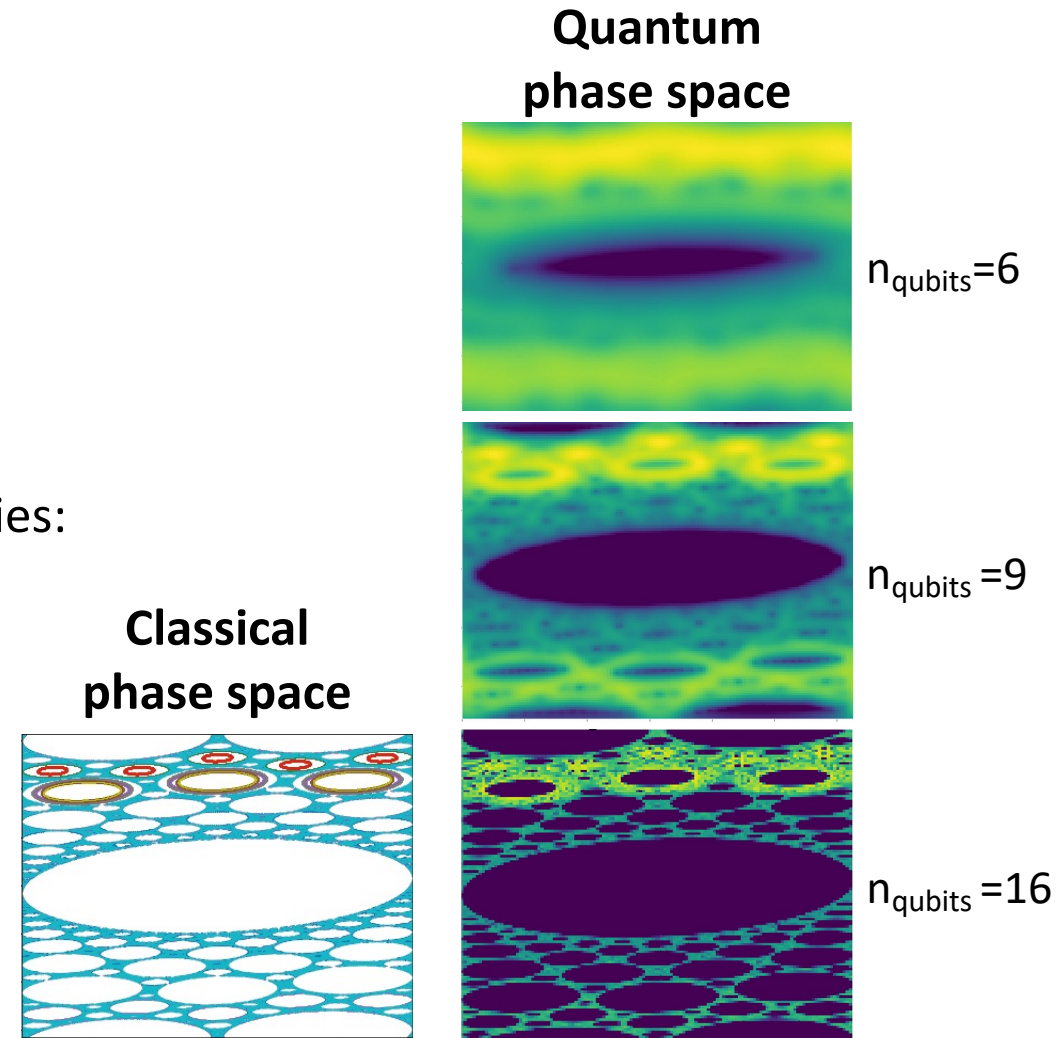
- Model for chaotic wave-particle interactions
- Converges to classical result as # of qubits increases

■ Advantages

- Quantum version may be the more accurate physical model
- Many quantum algorithms for quantum simulation
- Quantum algorithms can efficiently calculate classical quantities: Lyapunov exponent* & diffusion coefficient

■ Disadvantages

- **Quantum \neq Classical:** interference, diffraction, & tunneling
- Semiclassical limit requires **very large** quantum numbers
- Non-Hamiltonian systems, e.g. with dissipation, require embedding in a much larger ideal system



*G. Benenti, et al., Quantum Info. Proc. **3**, 273 (2004)

Approach # 2: Nonlinear dynamics acts linearly on function spaces

- Consider a set of nonlinear Diff Eq's $dz/dt = V(z, t)$ with initial conditions $z_0 := z(t = 0)$

Lagrangian
picture

$$\partial_t z \Big|_{z_0} = +V \cdot \nabla z \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{chain rule}} \quad \partial_t z_0 \Big|_z = -V \cdot \nabla z_0$$

- The advection equation expresses the evolution of a scalar function: $\theta(z, t)$

Koopman
evolution

$$\partial_t \theta \Big|_{z_0} = +V \cdot \nabla \theta \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{chain rule}} \quad \partial_t \theta \Big|_z = -V \cdot \nabla \theta$$

Eulerian
picture

- The Liouville equation expresses conservation of probability: $f(z, t)$

$$\partial_t f \Big|_{z_0} = +\nabla \cdot (Vf) \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{chain rule}} \quad \partial_t f \Big|_z = -\nabla \cdot (Vf)$$

Perron-Frobenius
evolution

Semiclassical wavefunction yields efficient unitary representation [1]

- Since quantum algorithms act naturally on wavefunctions, consider the “semiclassical” ansatz

$$\psi(z, t) = \sqrt{f(z, t)} e^{i\theta(z, t)}$$

- Where $f(z, t)$ evolves as a PDF and the phase $\theta(z, t)$ evolves as a scalar field with a source

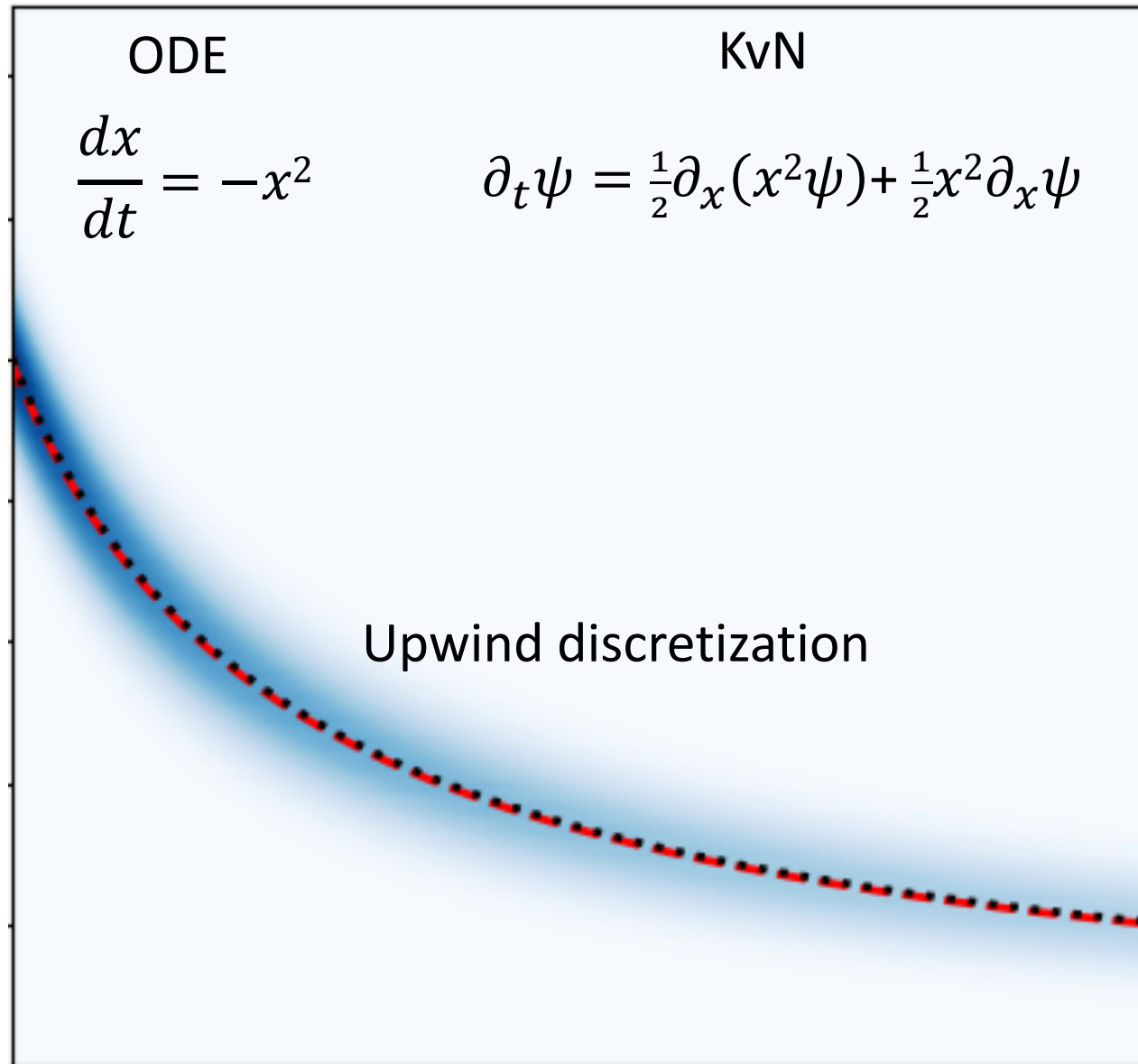
$$\partial_t \theta \Big|_z = -V \cdot \nabla \theta + L(z, t)/\hbar$$

- Inserting the definitions leads to the generalized **Koopman-von Neumann equation [1-2]**

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi \Big|_z = -i\hbar(V \cdot \nabla \psi + \nabla \cdot V \psi)/2 - L\psi$$

- The **classical Lagrangian** $L(z, t) = p \cdot \partial_p H - H(x, p)$ agrees with Feynman’s prescription for the path integral and leads to the **semiclassical Koopman-van Hove equation [2]**

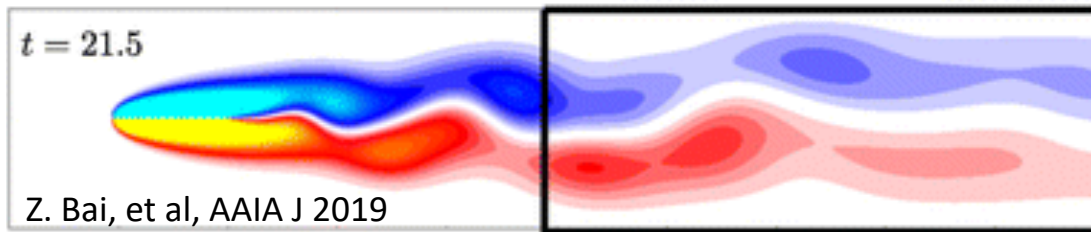
Choice of numerical advection operator is important for accuracy



Killer App? Use quantum machine learning to develop reduced-order models for native quantum simulation / data

- Quantum machine learning [1] and principle component analysis [2] are potentially powerful techniques

— But, they have the I/O problem of getting the database of information in and out



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_x \psi_x |x\rangle$$



- Quantum algorithms for **reduced-order modeling** of native quantum simulation or experimental data [3] could be the **killer app!**

— Quantum data assimilation [4] and closure of dynamical systems [5]

qDMD: quantum Dynamic Mode Decomposition

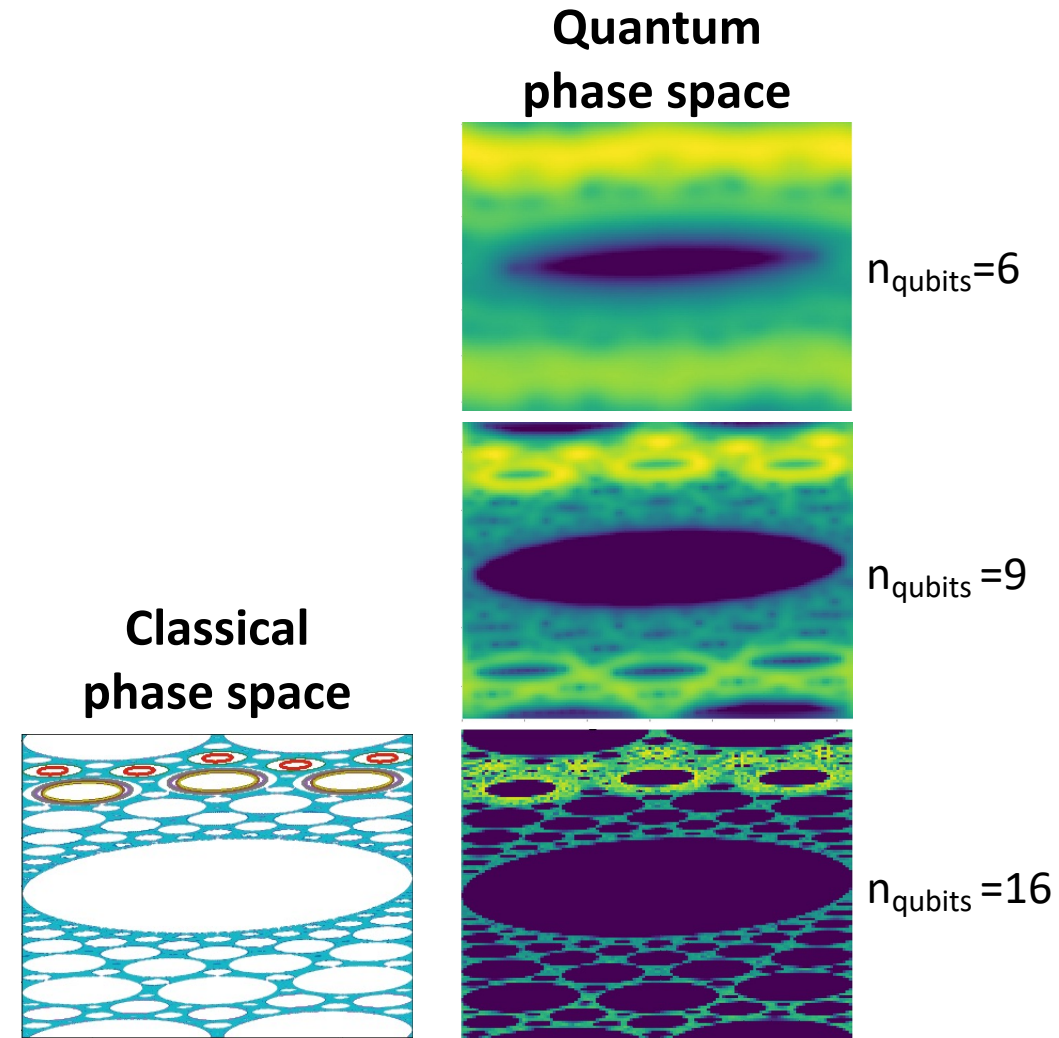
qSINDy: quantum Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics

[1] P. Rebentrost PRL 2014, M. Schuld PRA 2016, J. Biamonte, Nature Phys 2017 [2] S. Lloyd, Nature Phys., 2014

[3] B. Kiani PRA 2022 [4] D. Giannakis PRE 2019, D. Freeman PNAS 2023 [5] D. Freeman [arXiv:2208.03390](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.03390)

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First plasma application: simulating three-wave interactions [1]

- **Cubic couplings are ubiquitous in plasmas, fluids, & nonlinear media**

- Examples: nonlinear optics, laser-plasma interactions, weak turbulence, gauge theory, lattice QED ...

- Interaction Hamiltonian

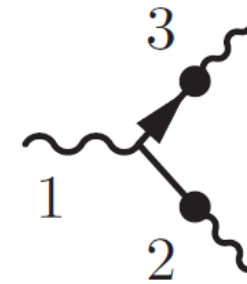
$$H_I = igA_1A_2^\dagger A_3^\dagger - ig^*A_1^\dagger A_2A_3$$

- Envelope equations for resonant interactions

$$d_tA_1 = -g^*A_2A_3 \quad d_tA_2 = g^*A_1A_3^\dagger \quad d_tA_3 = g^*A_1A_2^\dagger$$

- Quantized version $[A_j, A_k^\dagger] = \delta_{jk}$

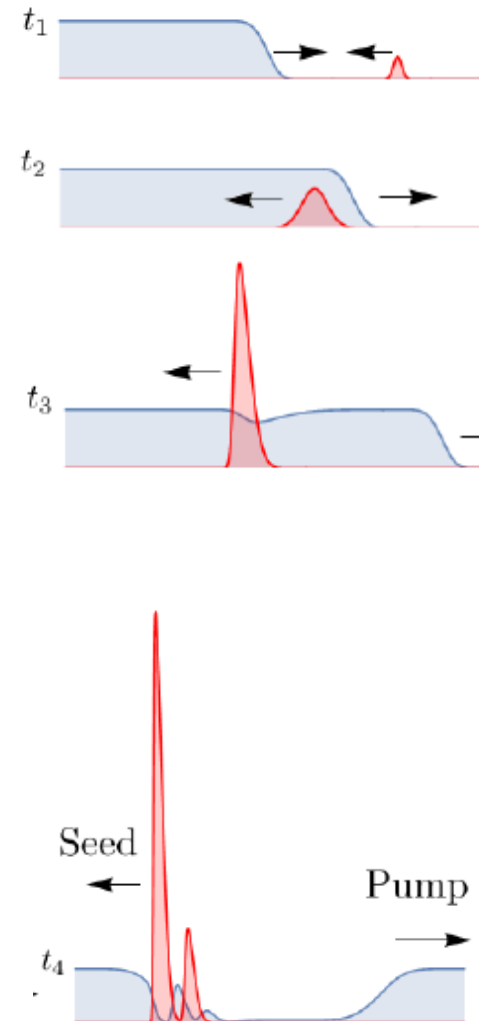
$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 + \omega_3$$
$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3$$



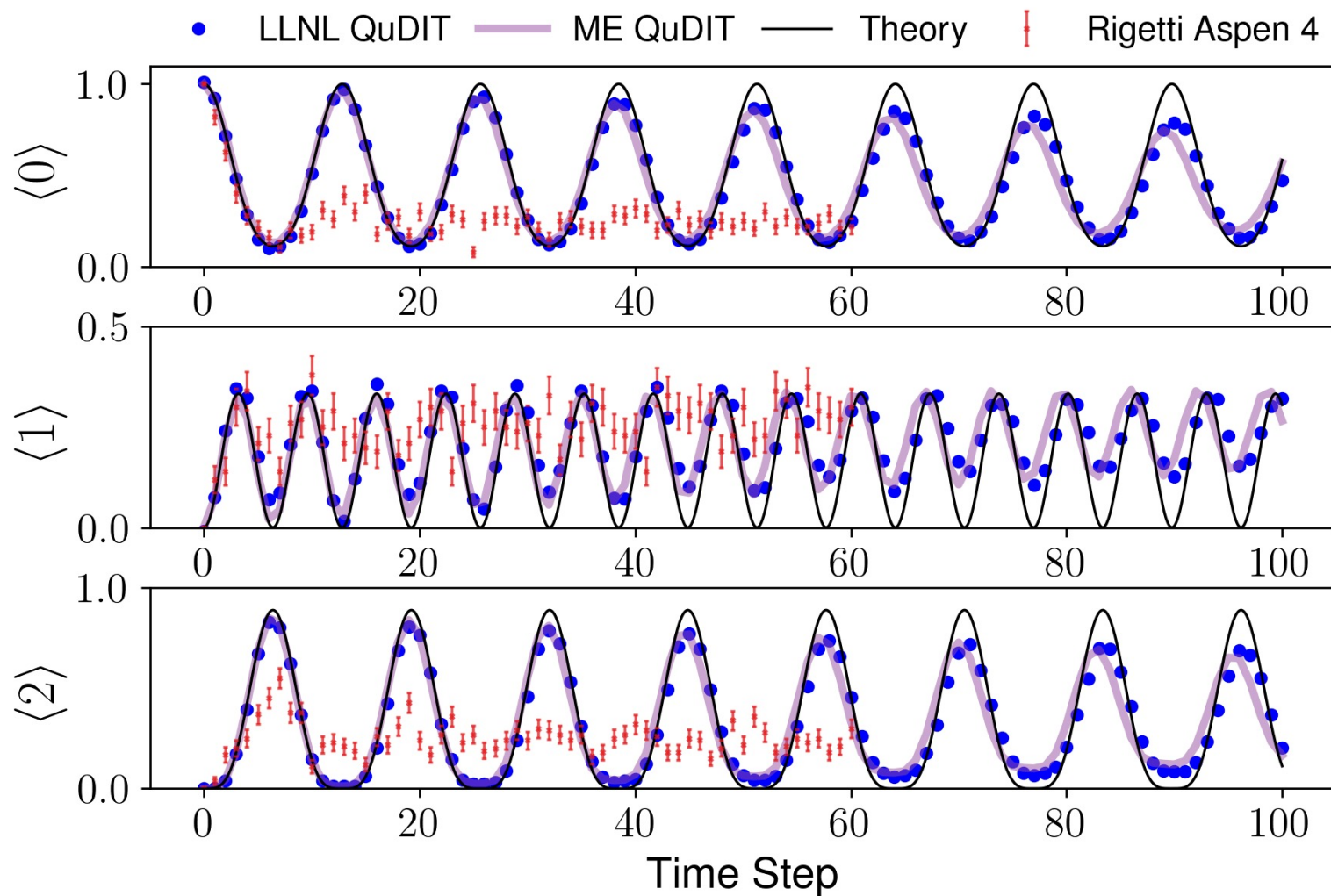
- **Developed a new quantum algorithm for simulating 3-wave dynamics [1]**

- Transform to action-angle variables

- Evolve a sparse tridiagonal Hamiltonian system



Optimal control approach to 3-wave yields ~10x improvement on LLNL QuDIT [1]



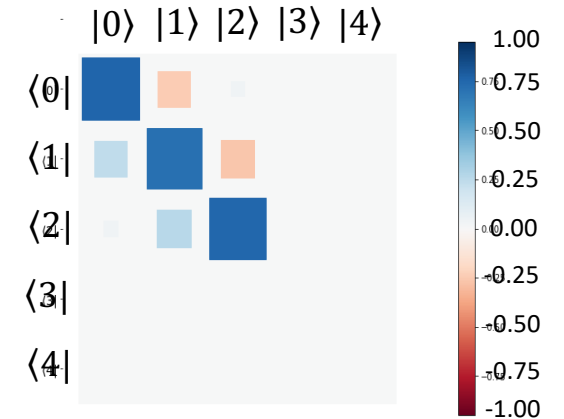
- Results of **LLNL QuDIT (blue)** are close to **analytic solution (black)** & match **Lindblad Master Equation (ME) simulation (purple)**
- Results of **Rigetti Aspen-4 platform (red)** perform well for first ~9 time-steps, but use **17x as many gates per step**
- On both platforms, decay and dephasing noise limit the fidelity after ~100 gate repetitions
- Combining gates into single control pulse improves long-term fidelity

rigetti

Optimal control approach compresses many standard gates into one

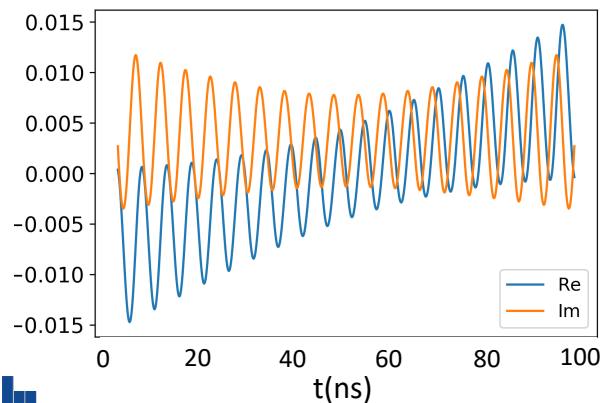
- Optimal control pulse $c(t)$ generates the desired unitary transformation $\mathbf{U}(T)$ for a single time step of length T
- Although the dynamics is nontrivial, populations achieve the desired levels by the end of the pulse
- Density matrix evolution is well-described by an experimentally calibrated decoherence model: the **Lindblad Master Equation (ME)**

$$\mathbf{U}(T) = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^T (\mathbf{H}_0 + c(t)\mathbf{H}_c) dt}$$

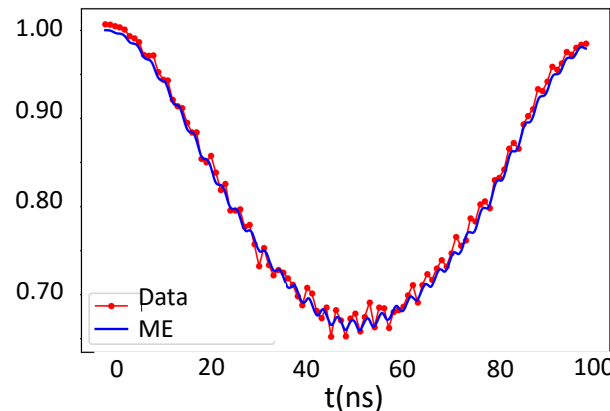


$$\partial_t \rho = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [\mathbf{H}, \rho] + \nu^{jk} \left(\mathbf{L}_k \rho \mathbf{L}_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{L}_k^\dagger, \rho \} \right)$$

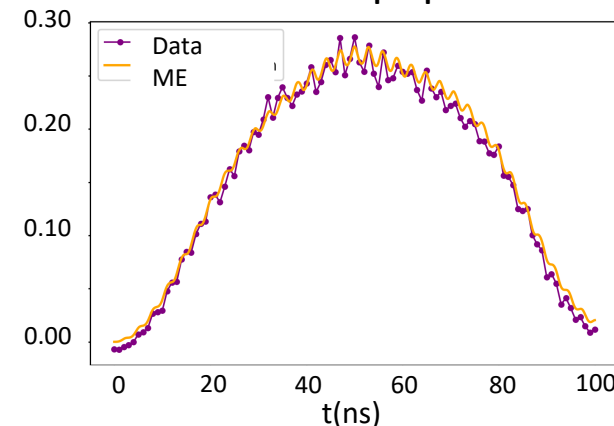
$c(t)$



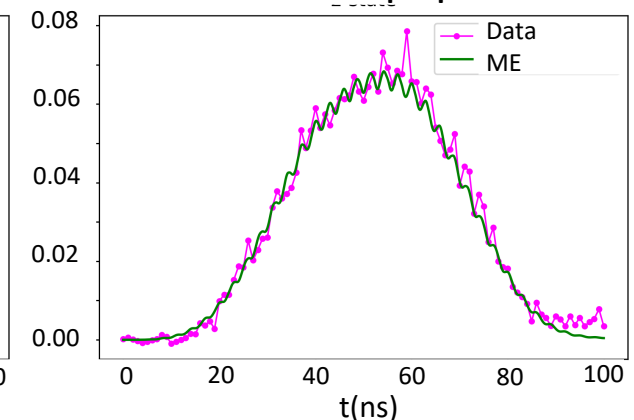
0 state pop.



1 state pop.

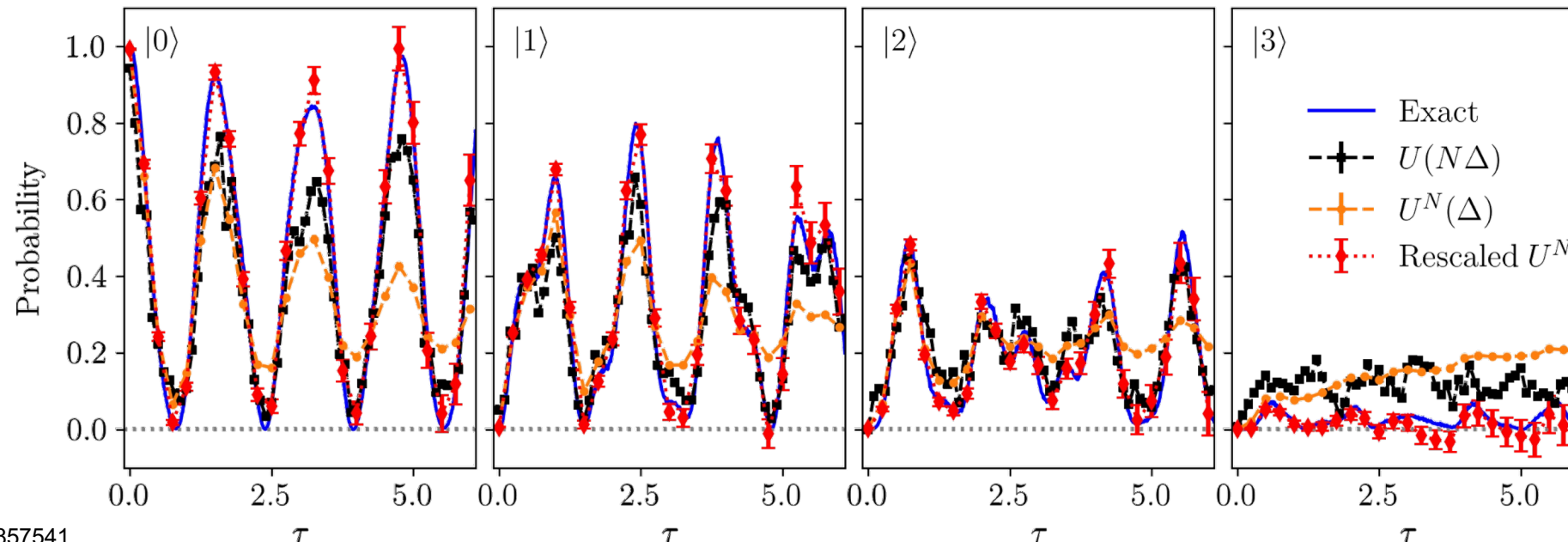


2 state pop.



We now improved the performance of the Rigetti platform for a chaotic 3-wave and 4-wave mixing problem using error mitigation

- **Fast-forwarding:** Directly compiling $U(N\Delta t)$ rather than using $U^N(\Delta t)$ results in fewer gates
- **Randomized compilation¹:** suppresses *coherent errors*, turning them into *incoherent errors*
 - Compile $U(\Delta t)$ to multiple equivalent circuits, select randomly for each time step
- **Rescaling²:** probability P to extract signal S from incoherent noise using ansatz $P = Se^{-\gamma G} + 1/2^n$
 - Signal decay rate γ calibrated with cycle benchmarking



[1] PRA **94**.052325

[2] PRR **4**, 033140



The quantum sawtooth map (QSM) is the most efficient chaotic system to simulate on a quantum computer [1]

- Classical sawtooth map depends on kicking strength K

$$H_{saw} = \frac{1}{2}p^2 - \frac{1}{2}Kq^2 \sum_n \delta(t - n) \quad \text{for } q \bmod 2\pi$$

- Quantum sawtooth map also depends on \hbar

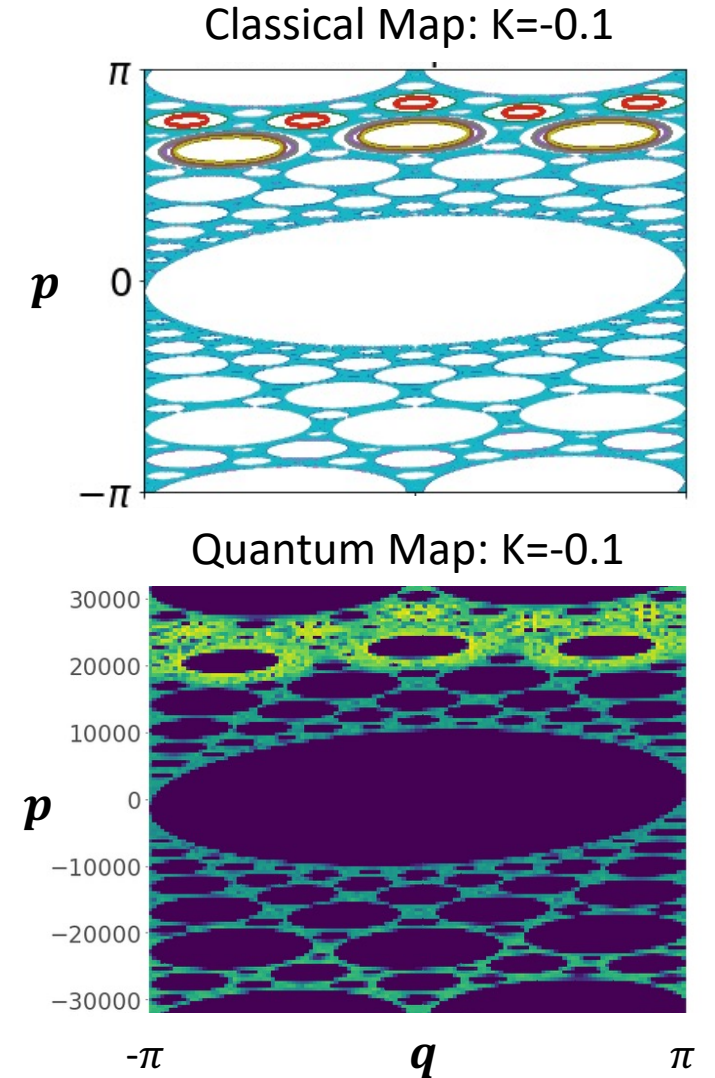
- Map eigenvalues of p to n qubits that represent $N = 2^n$ states

- \hbar is quantized in order to match periodicity in p

$$\Delta p = 2\pi = \hbar N \quad \hbar = 2\pi/N$$

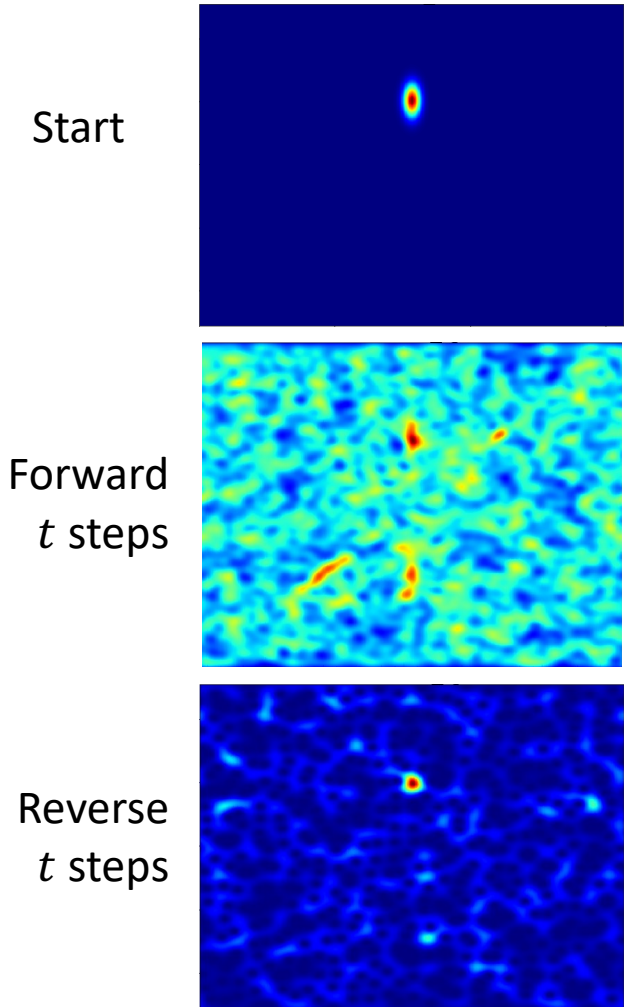
- Quantum propagator has four stages:

$$U_{QSM} = \hat{\mathcal{T}} e^{-i \int H_{saw} dt / \hbar} = U_{kin}(\hbar) U_{QFT}^{-1} U_{pot}(K/\hbar) U_{QFT}$$



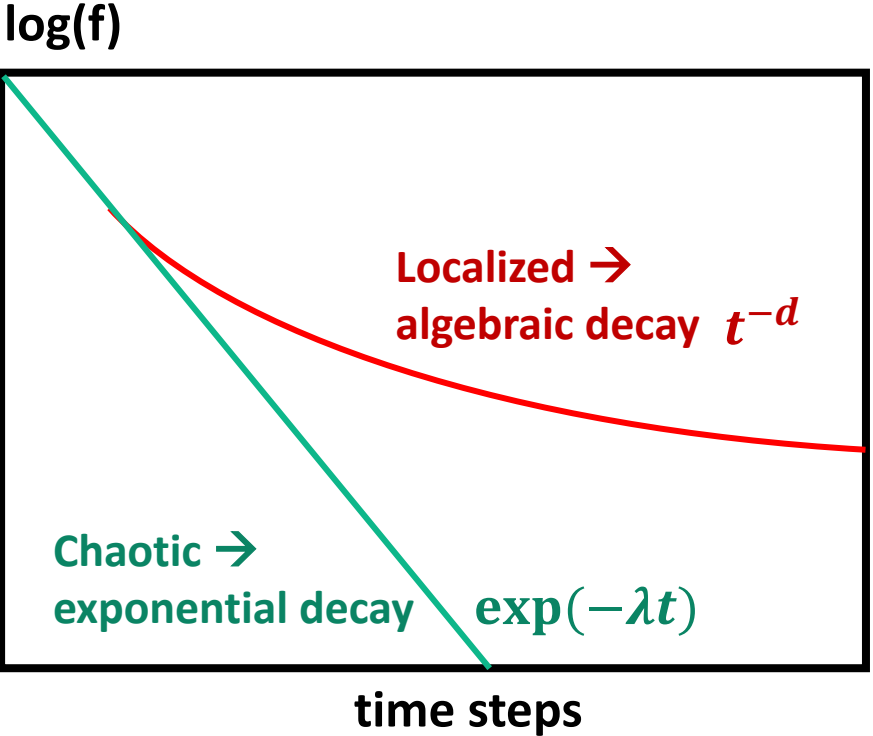
Noisy quantum computers can efficiently compute key signatures of chaos: Lyapunov rate λ = exponential separation of trajectories [1,2]

Chaotic $K = 0.5$

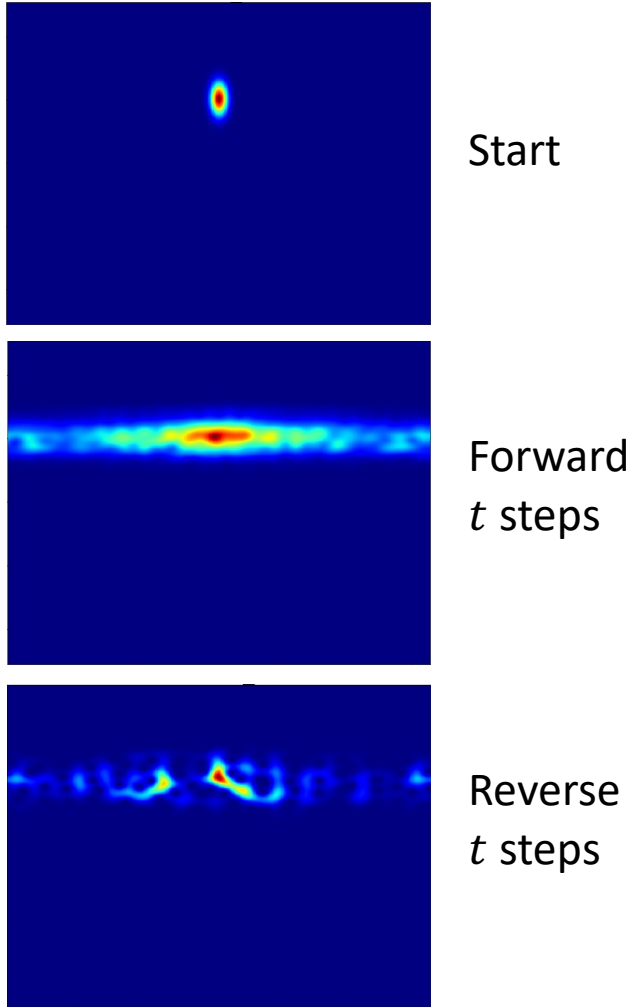


Simply measure the fidelity

$$f = |\langle \psi_{\text{actual}} | \psi_{\text{target}} \rangle|^2$$



Localized $K = 0.1$

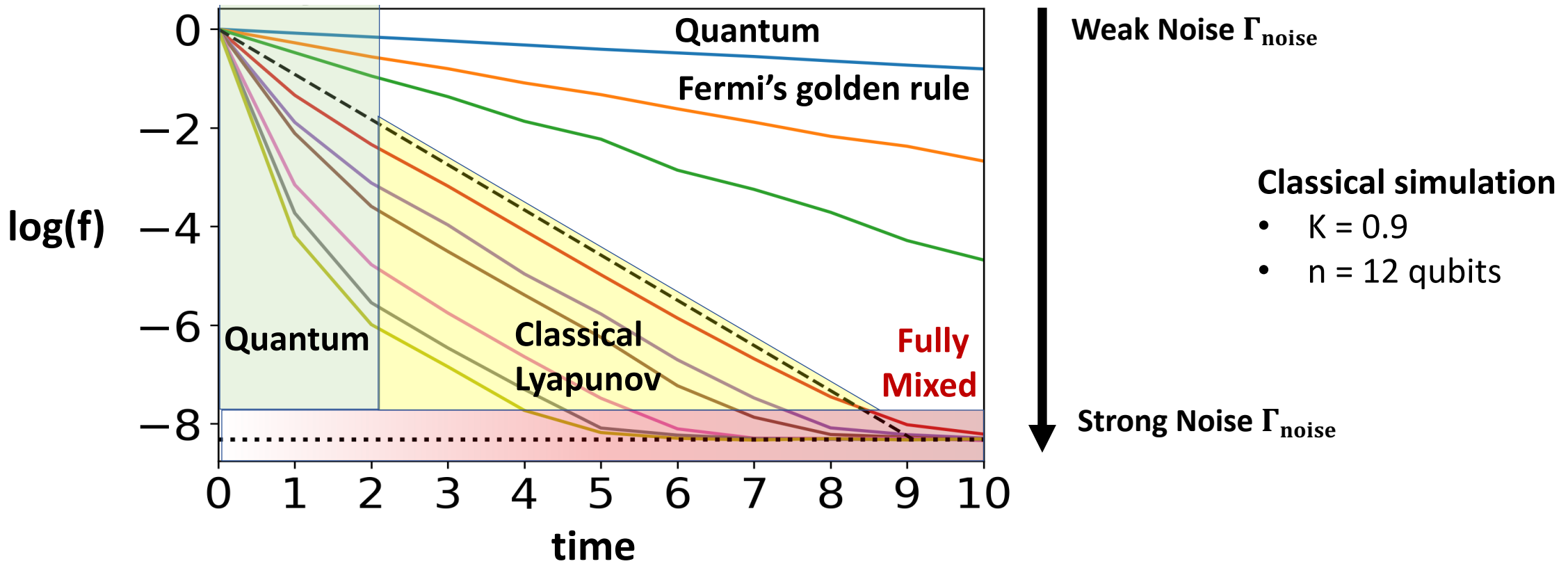


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Semiclassical theory predicts that fidelity has two components that decay at different rates*

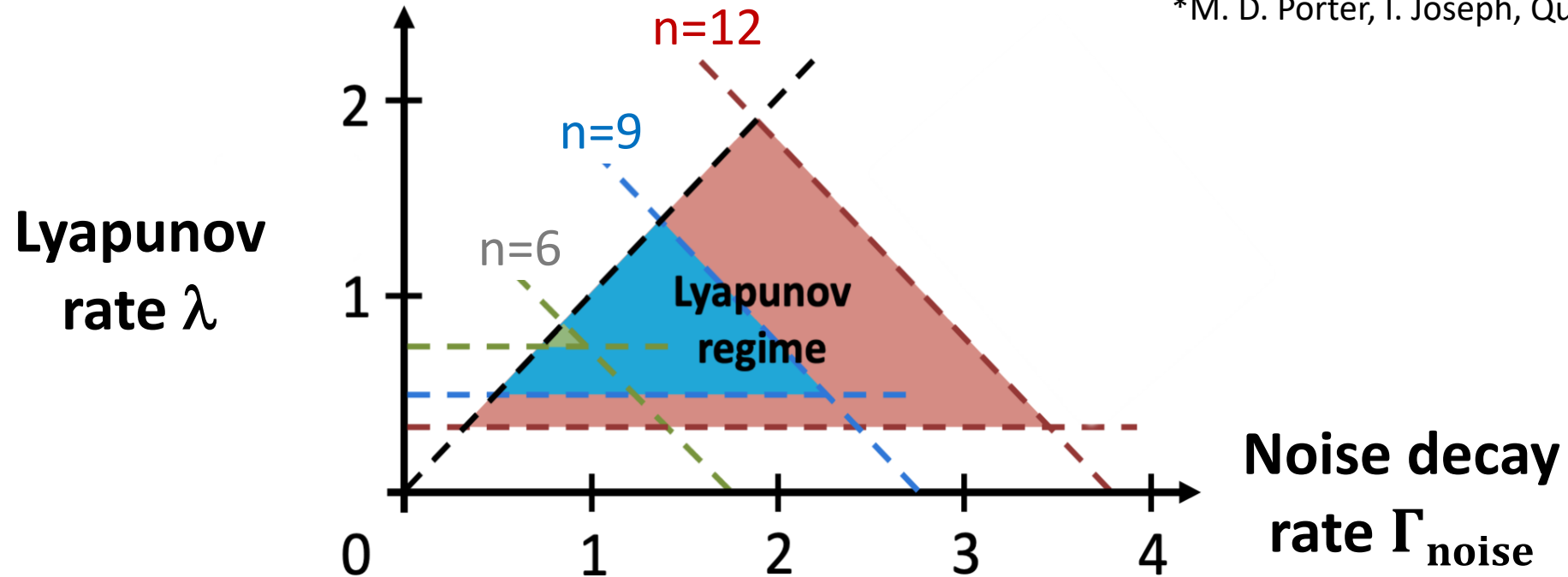
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$$f(t) \approx f_{\text{Quantum}} e^{-\Gamma_{\text{noise}} t} + f_{\text{Classical}} e^{-\lambda_{\text{Lyap}} t} + 1/N$$



Fidelity phase diagram determines whether the Lyapunov rate can be observed*

*M. D. Porter, I. Joseph, Quantum 6, 799 (2022)



Key Limitations

- Dynamics must be chaotic
- Lyapunov rate < noise decay rate
- Overall decay rate cannot be too fast
- Noise cannot be too strong or too weak

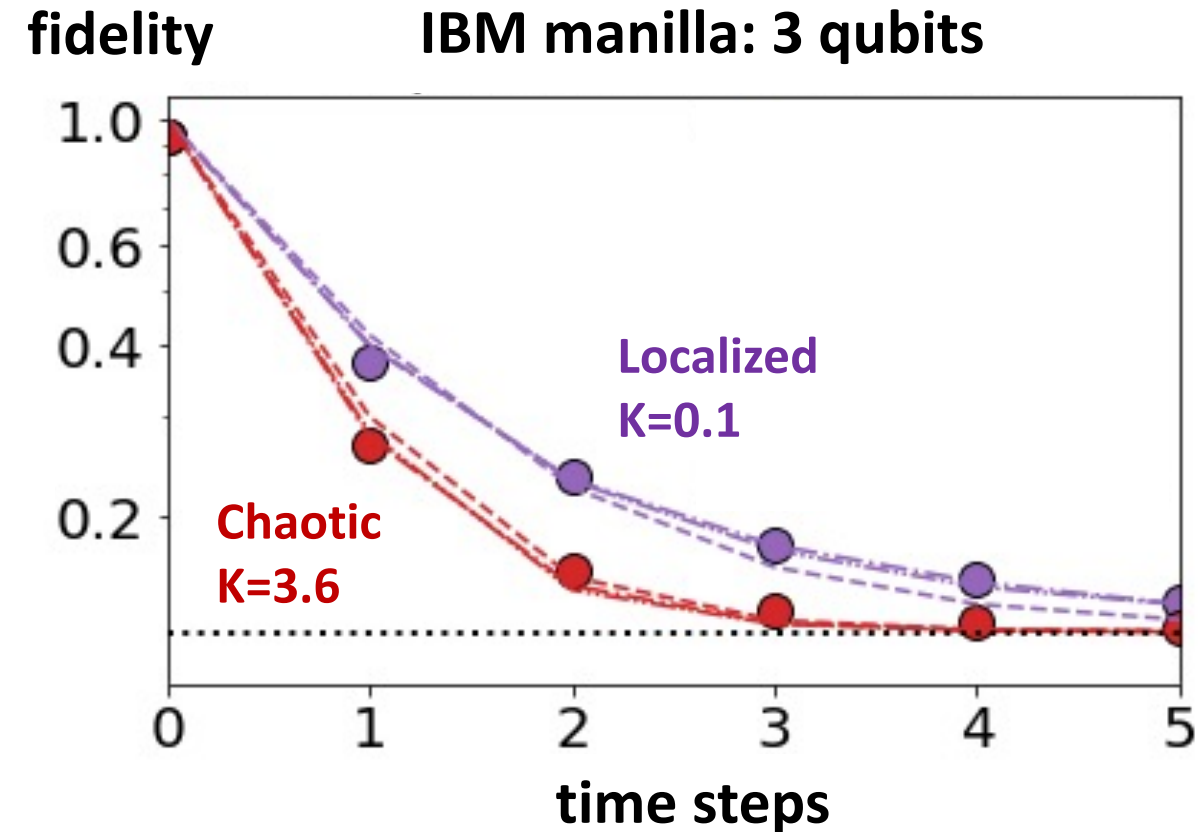
Key Requirements

- At least **6 qubits**
- Noise must be reduced by **10-100x**
- Depends on architecture
 - Parallelization, layout, etc.

We performed the first gate-based quantum simulation proving that fidelity depends on dynamics in addition to gate-count*

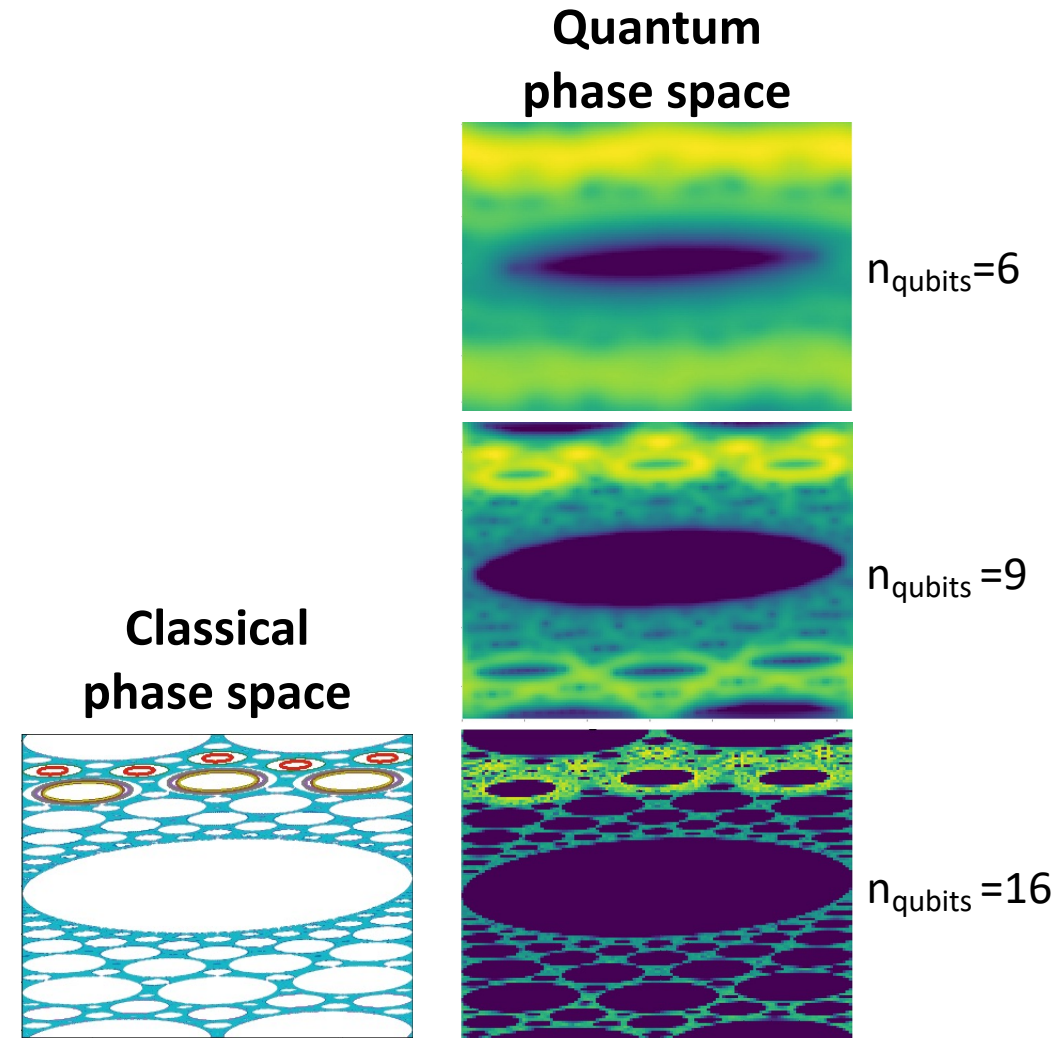
*M. D. Porter, I. Joseph, [arXiv:2206.04829](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.04829)

- **Decay rate is faster for chaotic dynamics with same # of gates**
 - Only single-qubit rotation angles change
- **Saturates at low and high values of K**
 - Increases during the transition to chaos, but does not keep increasing with Lyapunov rate
- **Chaos generates delocalized entangled states that are more sensitive to noise**
 - Actual error rates are 3 – 5x larger than reported
 - Lindblad decoherence model infers 3x larger dephasing rate $1/T_2^*$



Outline: Quantum Computing for Fusion Energy Sciences

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 - Quantum Algorithms
- **Quantum Simulation Algorithms**
 - Linear
 - Nonlinear
- **Testing Quantum Hardware Platforms**
 - Error Mitigation
 - Error Utilization
- **Conclusions & Outlook**



Conclusions & Outlook

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 - Chemistry, materials science, high-energy physics, nuclear physics, ..., **fusion energy science!**
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 - Simulations of fluids, plasmas, molecular dynamics, finance, ecology, epidemiology, ...
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Quantum Computing for Fusion Energy Science Applications

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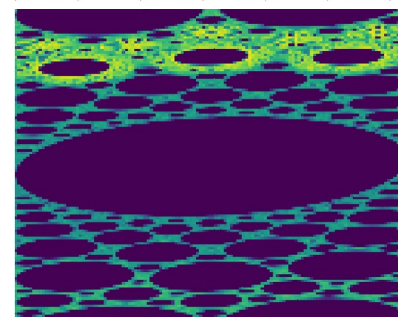
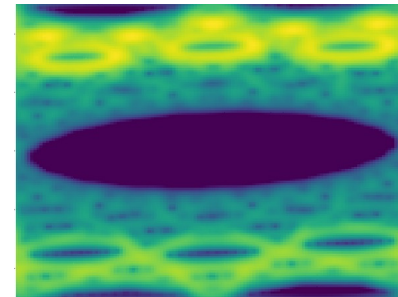
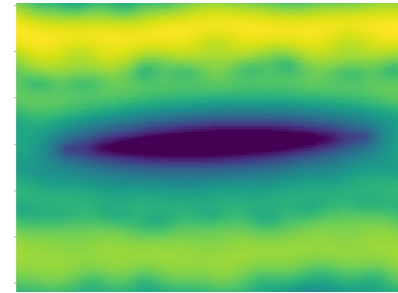
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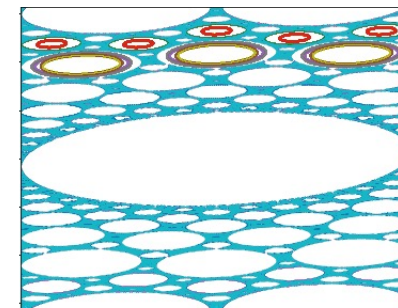
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Quantum phase space



Classical phase space



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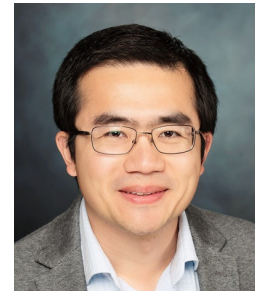
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Quantum information science (QIS) may soon lead to game-changing capabilities for science in general

- **Quantum Sensing:** improves measurement sensitivity

- Heisenberg limit for noise/signal ratio scales as $1/N$ instead of $1/\sqrt{N}$

Quantum-Enhanced Advanced LIGO Detectors in the Era of Gravitational-Wave Astronomy

M. Tse *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 231107 (2019)

- **Quantum Communications:** secure information transfer

- Intrinsically parallel data transfer / data compression

China Demonstrates Quantum Encryption By Hosting a Video Call

A. Nordrum, IEEE Spectrum (2017-10-03)

- **Quantum Computing:** polynomial or exponential gains in effective memory and computational power

- Fourier transform, linear solvers, Hamiltonian simulation, ...
- **Today = Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) era**

Quantum supremacy using a programmable superconducting processor

F. Arute, *et al.* Nature. **127**, 180502 (2019)

Strong Quantum Computational Advantage Using a Superconducting Quantum Processor

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Semiclassical wavefunction yields efficient unitary representation [1]

- Since quantum algorithms act naturally on wavefunctions, consider a “semiclassical” ansatz

$$\psi(z, t) = \sqrt{f(z, t)} e^{i\theta(z, t)}$$

- Assume that the phase evolves as a scalar with a source

$$\partial_t \theta \Big|_z = -V \cdot \nabla \theta + L(z, t) / \hbar$$

$$\partial_t \theta \Big|_{z_0} = +V \cdot \nabla \theta - L(z, t) / \hbar$$

- For classical dynamics, the **classical Lagrangian** $L(z, t) = p \cdot \partial_p H - H(x, p)$ is the natural choice because it agrees with Feynman’s prescription for the path integral & has special Hamiltonian structure [2]
- Inserting the definitions leads to the “**Koopman-van Hove**” equation [1-3]

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi \Big|_z = -i\hbar(V \cdot \nabla \psi + \nabla \cdot V \psi) / 2 - L\psi$$

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Quantum algorithms for differential equations come in many flavors

■ **Linear vs. Nonlinear**

- For sparse Hamiltonians, quantum computers can exponentially speed up linear operations
- Koopman & Carleman: Nonlinear systems can be embedded within an infinite-dimensional linear system

■ **Deterministic vs. Stochastic**

- Amplitude estimation can quadratically speed up Monte Carlo sums and integrals = observable estimation
- Quantum walks can quadratically speed up the mixing time of Markov chains = time to solution

■ **Variational Algorithms and Quantum Machine Learning**

- Classical computer can efficiently perform nonlinear operations that drive a quantum computer
- Quantum machine learning can potentially avoid the use of classical computers altogether except for I/O

■ **Discrete vs. Continuous Variable computation for classical PDEs & quantum field theory**

- Uses a quantum field theory as the computational basis
- Classical limit is a classical field theory, i.e. a set of PDEs such as Maxwell's equations

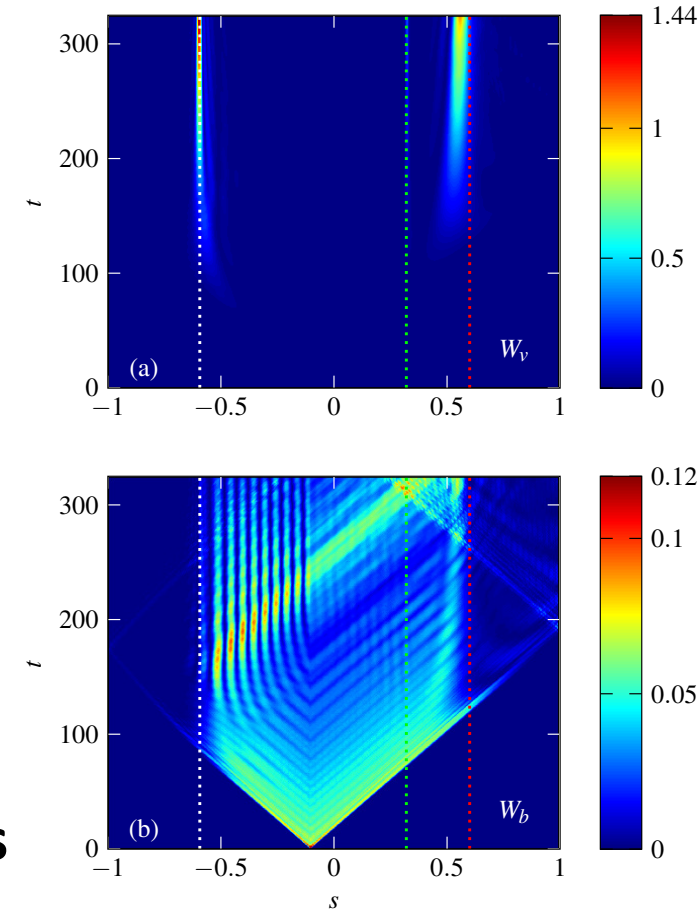


Speedup requires exploiting special structure and/or sparsity

- Trotter-Suzuki & Lie group decompositions [1] work well for specific Hamiltonians

$$e^{n(A+B)} \approx \prod_{j=1}^n e^{B/2} e^A e^{B/2} = e^{-B/2} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n e^B e^A \right) e^{B/2}$$

- Black box simulation methods work well for sparse Hamiltonians
 - “Efficiently row-computable sparse” matrices
 - Linear Combination of Unitaries (LCU) [2]; spectral methods [3]
- Quantum signal processing (QSP) & qubitization [4], eigenvalue & singular value transformation [5] use **block-encoded** Hamiltonians
 - Block encoding allows **non-unitary operations** to be performed!



I. Novikau, E. Startsev, I. Dodin
Phys. Rev. A **105**, 062444 (2022)

Sparse linear evolution can be solved using black-box methods

Choose a basis for finite-dimensional numerical discretization

— Possible choices of basis functions $\phi_n(z)$

- Spectral [1,2] e^{inz} , orthogonal polynomials $H_n(z)$, etc., ...
- Finite difference & finite element: local orthogonal polynomials
- Carleman linearization [3,4]: polynomials z^k
- Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces [2]: allow pointwise evaluation

$$\psi(z, t) = \sum_n \psi_n(t) \phi_n(z)$$
$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \psi_n = \sum_m H_{nm} \psi_m$$

If the evolution is unitary, use the quantum Hamiltonian simulation algorithm (QHSA) [1,2]

$$\psi(t) = \mathbf{U}_{approx} \psi(0) \approx T e^{-i \int \mathbf{H} dt / \hbar} \psi(0)$$

Otherwise, use the quantum linear differential equation solver algorithm (QLDA) [3,4]

- Uses quantum linear solver algorithm (QLSA) to propagate forward for small timesteps Δt

$$1 = \alpha + \beta$$

$$(1 + i\alpha \mathbf{H} \Delta t / \hbar) \psi(t + \Delta t) \approx (1 - i\beta \mathbf{H} \Delta t / \hbar) \psi(t)$$

semi-implicit time
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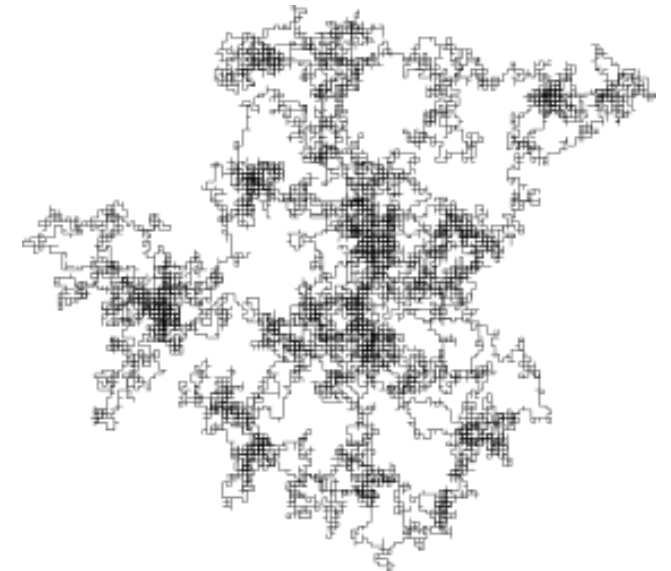
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Quantum walks yield up to quadratic speedup for solving stochastic differential equations (SDEs)

- **Quantum walks can speedup random walks [1] and Hamiltonian simulation [2]**
 - **Quadratic** speedup of the **mixing time** of Markov processes [1]
- **Quantum algorithms for sums and integrals [3] are based on quantum walks & accelerate the solution of SDEs [4] and Monte Carlo algorithms [5]**
 - Algorithm for turbulent mixing rate and turbulent reaction rate [6]
 - Algorithm for diffusion, Navier-Stokes [7], and radiation-hydrodynamics
- **Also leads to new methods for solving multi-level SDEs [8]**
 - Algorithms for finance, Monte-Carlo collision operators, ...



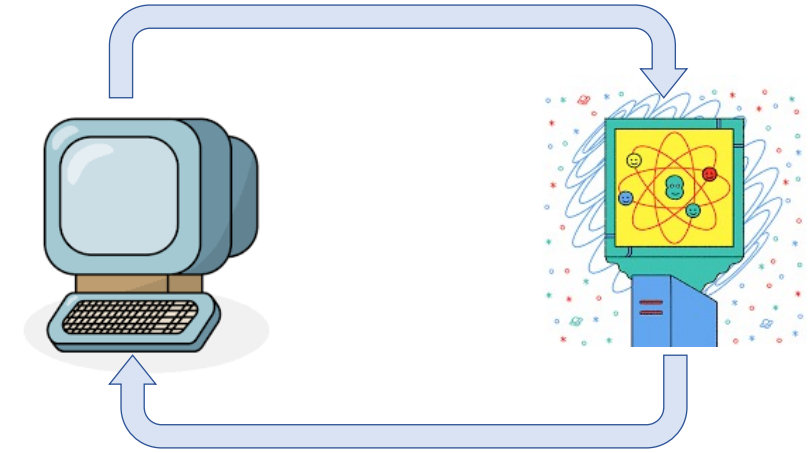
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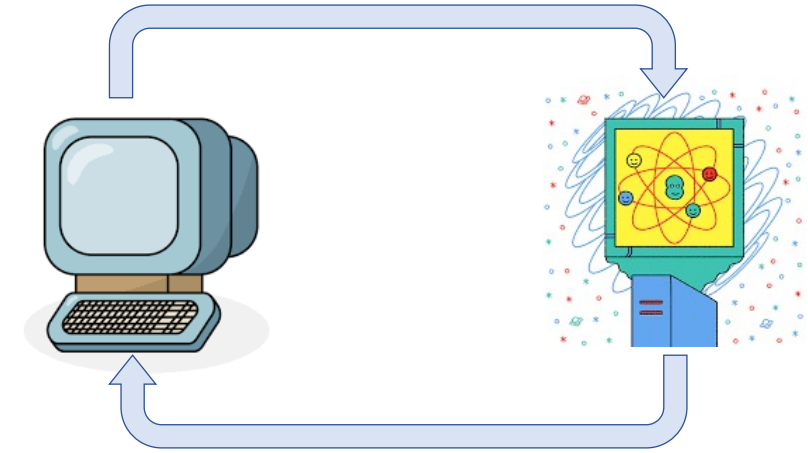
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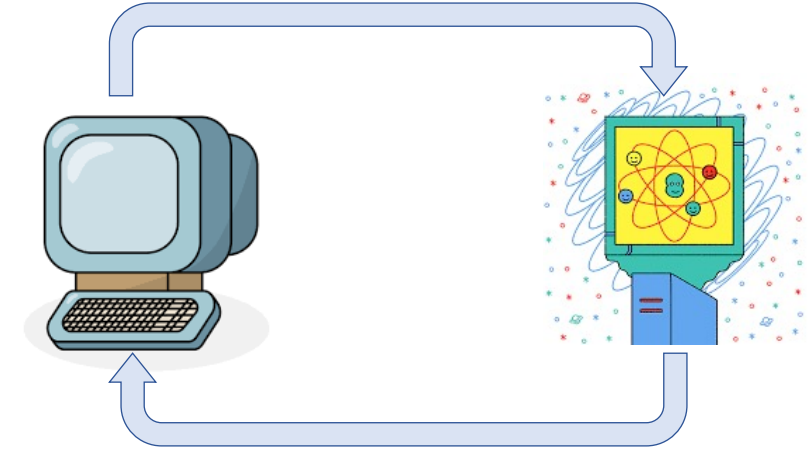
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- Complete **data exchange** generically only admits up to **quadratic speedup**
- Perhaps a **high-order linear quantum** model interacting with a **low-order nonlinear classical** reduced model can obtain exponential improvement [2]?



Variational algorithms have a few key steps ...

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- **Optimization landscape may have intrinsic difficulties such as ...**
 - Many local maxima and minima
 - Barren plateaus with little information on the gradient of the cost function
- **NP-complete optimization problems may not have any quantum advantage at all [2]**

NASA Earth Observatory:
Himalayas



PDEs are naturally encoded in the Continuous Variable (CV) model of quantum computing

- **Digital quantum computers are actually made out of quantum fields**
 - Photons, electrons, ions, atoms, ...
- **Quantum field theory (QFT) is the quantum counterpart of classical field theory (PDEs)**
 - In the large number limit, quantum fields approach a classical field
- **The Continuous Variable (CV) model of quantum computation uses quantum fields directly**
 - The CV model has similarities with the analog model of classical computation
 - Average position and phase are CV
- **The CV model allows one to emulate PDEs and QFTs with basic QFTs: Dirac, Photon, ...**
 - Similar to a “Wind Tunnel” or “Optics Experiment”: works well for the task at hand, but not likely one can control everything perfectly



Amplitude estimation of physical observables¹⁻³ is up to quadratically more efficient than best classical methods

- **Expectation value $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \sum_x \mathcal{O}(x) f(x)$ can be found by simulating a reversible classical computation of**

$$\phi(x) := \mathcal{O}^{1/2}(x)\psi(x) \quad \phi'(x) := \sqrt{1 - |\phi(x)|^2} \quad |\phi\rangle := \sum_x \phi(x) |x\rangle / \|\phi\|$$

- **Add an ancillary qubit to $|\psi\rangle$ and compute a state proportional to $|\phi\rangle$**

$$\mathcal{R}_\phi |\psi\rangle |0\rangle := \sum_{x=1}^N |x\rangle (\phi'(x) |0\rangle + \phi(x) |1\rangle) / N^{1/2} = \cos(\theta) |\phi'\rangle |0\rangle + \sin(\theta) |\phi\rangle |1\rangle$$

- **Amplitude estimation of the ancillary $|1\rangle$ state probability yields $\sin^2(\theta) = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle / N$ with complexity $\sim Q_H / \epsilon$**

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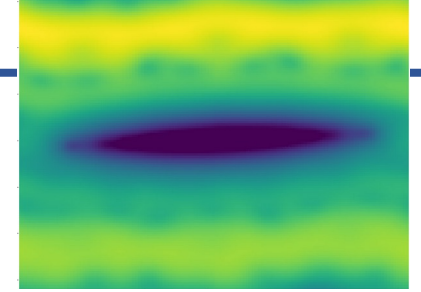
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Motivation: Can we simulate chaotic dynamics on near-term universal quantum devices?

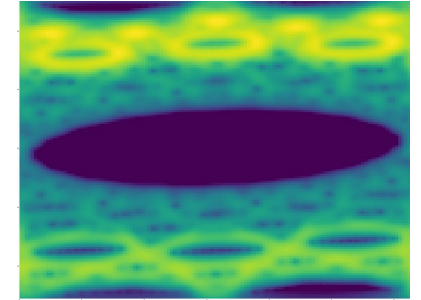
- **Interesting quantum simulations usually contain chaotic regions**
 - Quantum chaotic simulations are important for many body localization, black hole information scrambling, classical chaos, ...
- **Efficient detection of quantum chaos can come from quantum-classical correspondence**
 - Quantum systems recover classical limit at small \hbar , but require many qubits
 - Quantum fidelity decay of perturbed Hamiltonian evolution can reveal classically chaotic or regular dynamics^{1,2}
 - For chaotic dynamics, quantum fidelity can decay at the rate of the Lyapunov exponent λ , which measures the exponential divergence of classical trajectories³
- **Quantum maps allow efficient simulation of chaotic dynamics⁴**
 - A quantum map decaying at the Lyapunov rate may be the most resource-efficient signature of quantum chaos

Quasiprobability (Husimi Q)

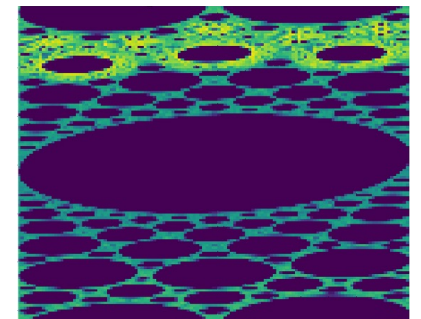
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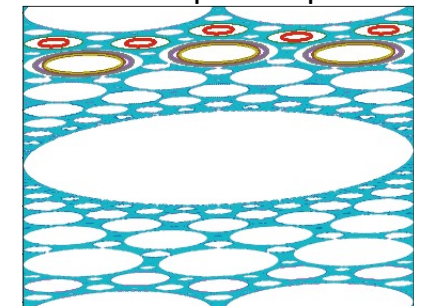
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Classical phase space



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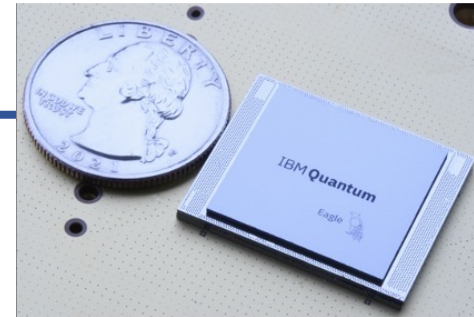
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To date, we've used superconducting hardware platforms & are starting to use ion traps

- **IBM-Quantum Experience**

- Open but limited access to 5 qubit devices with relatively good fidelity

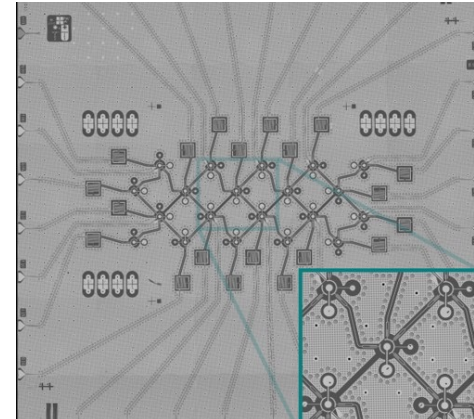
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127 qubits



- **Rigetti Quantum Cloud Services**

- Rigetti-LLNL-USC Collaboration

Rigetti
20 qubit device
(Aspen-M series
have ~80 qubits)

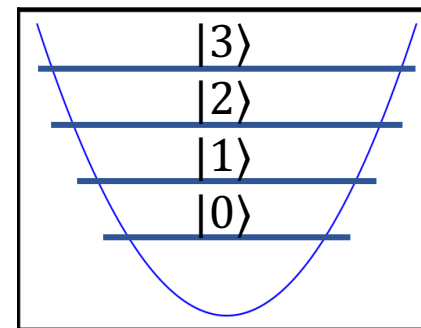
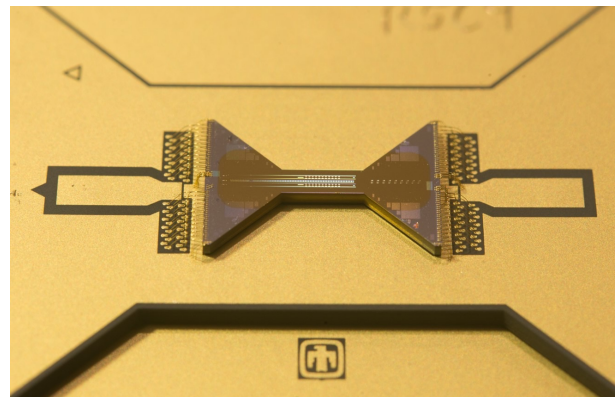


- **LLNL Quantum Design and Integration Testbed (QuDIT)**

- Open access to 3-level and 4-level qudits rather than 2-level qubits

- **Sandia QSCOUT ion trap**

Sandia
Peregrine
6 qubits

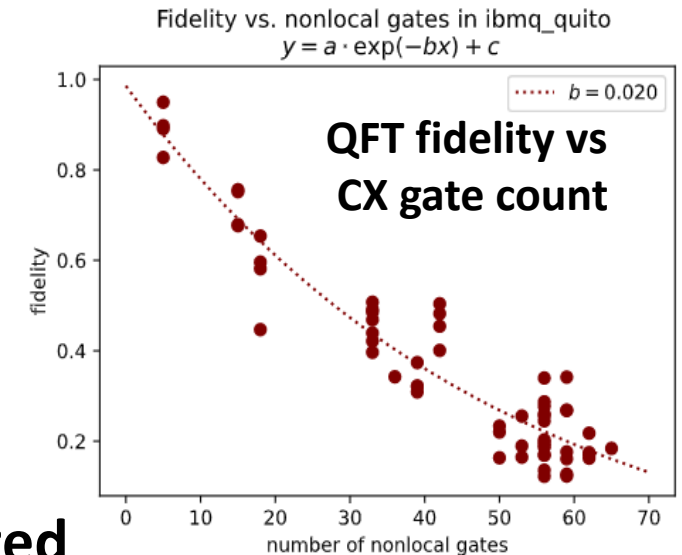
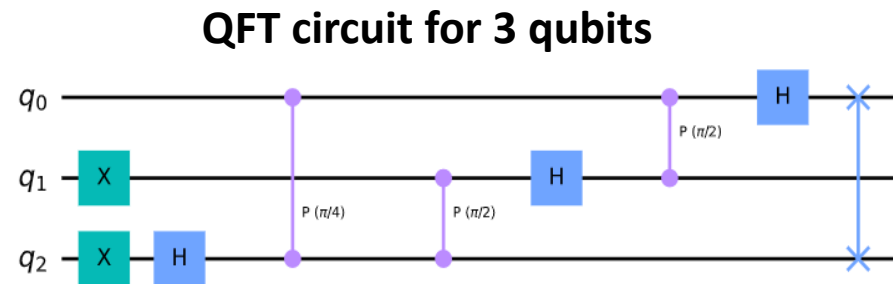


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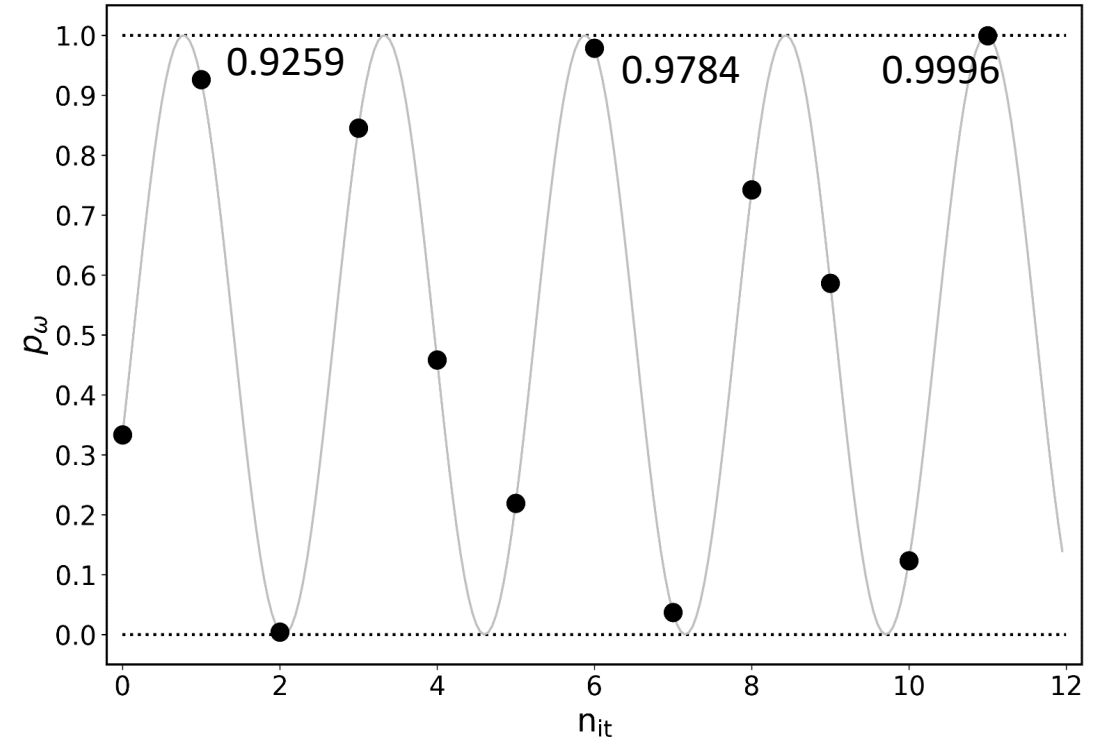
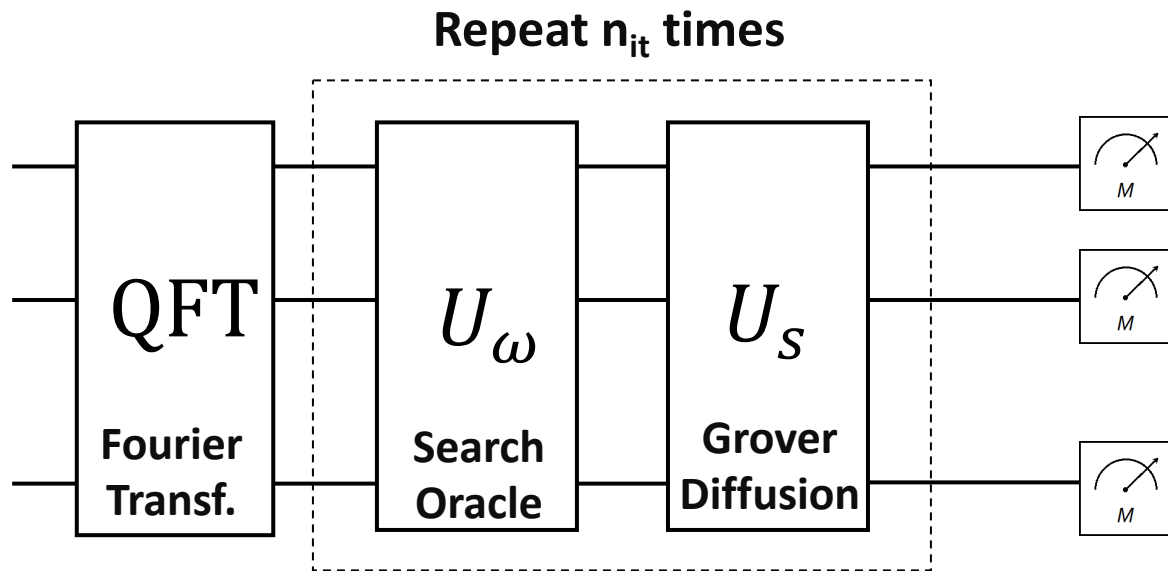
Lack of error-correction limits fidelity of present-day calculations

- “Fidelity” is the figure of merit: $F = |\langle \psi_{\text{expected}} | \psi_{\text{actual}} \rangle|^2$
 - Single qubit gate fidelity (IBM-Q): 99.9% --> 700 useful operations before 50%
 - Two qubit gate fidelity (IBM-Q): 99.5% --> 140 useful operations before 50%
 - State preparation & measurement (SPAM): 95% --> error at beginning and end

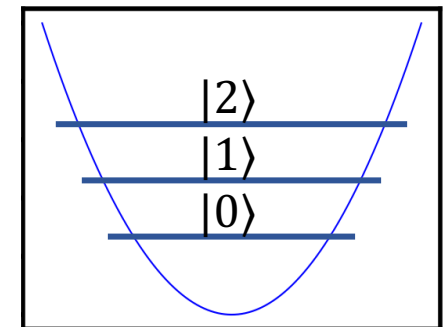


- **Infidelity for realistic calculations is ~2-5x worse than expected**
 - Fidelity does not always decay at an exponential rate
 - Coherent gate errors are important and need to be corrected for
 - Coherent errors can be much more damaging to intended calculations

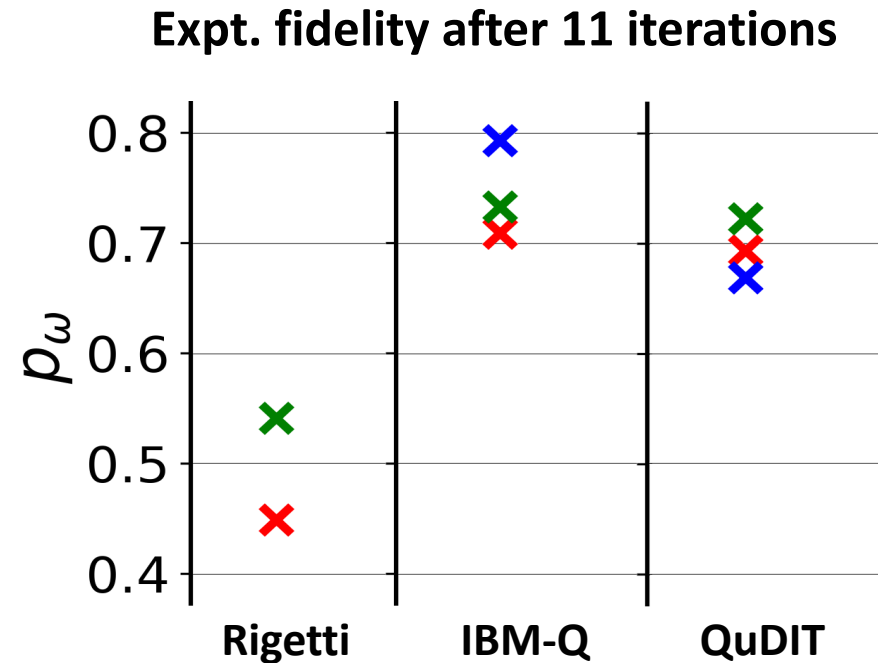
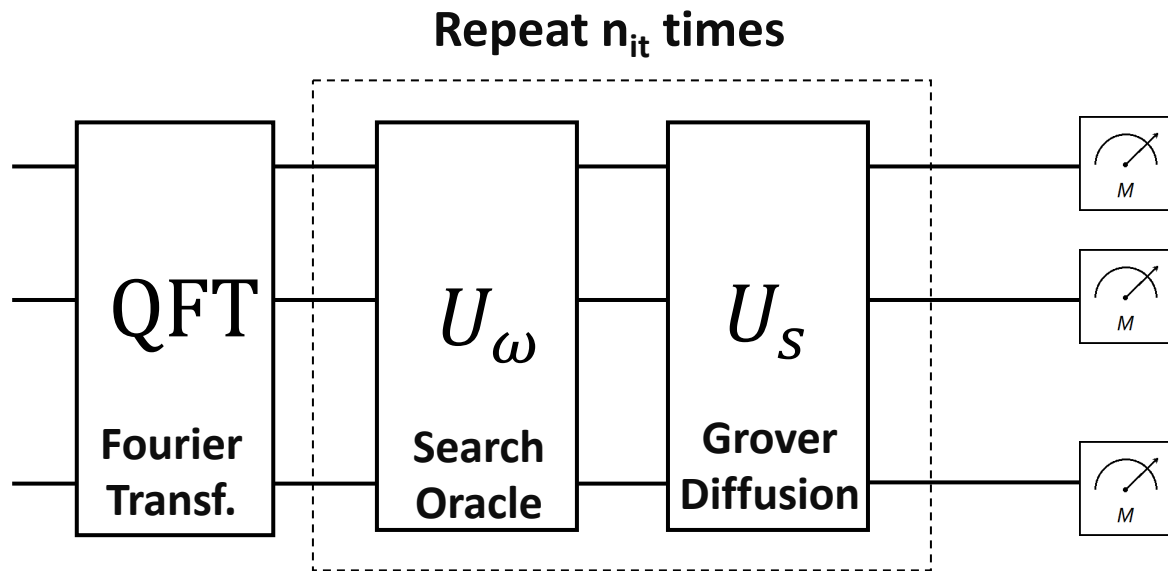
Grover's search algorithm can be modified to directly work on LLNL's 3-level QuDIT



- Search on 3 items has a **92.6% success probability** on the first iteration
- Compare to 2-qubits: search on 4 items has 100% success on 1st iteration

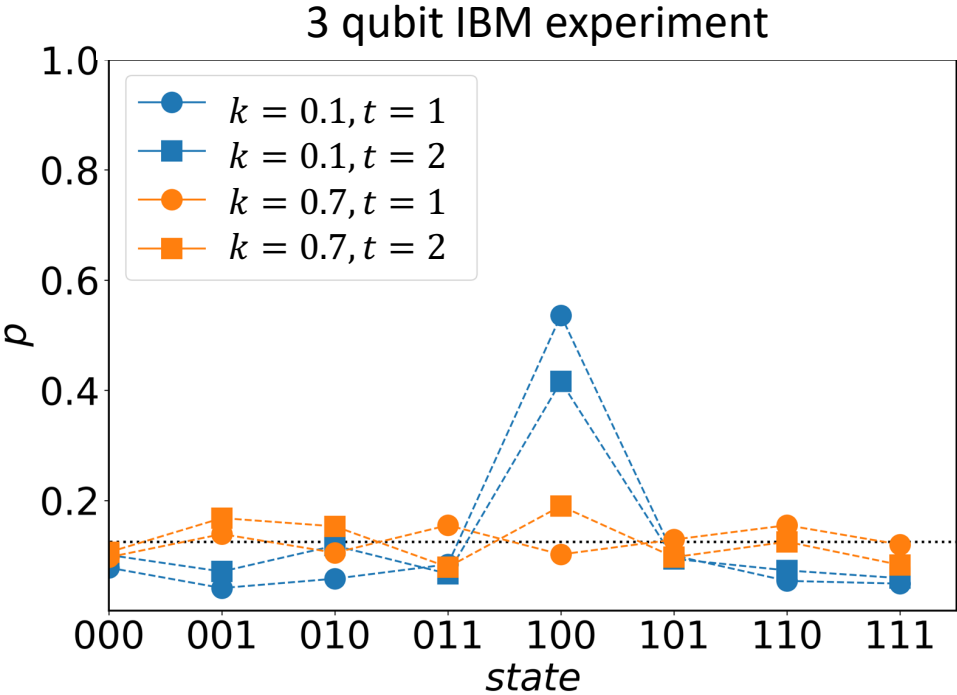
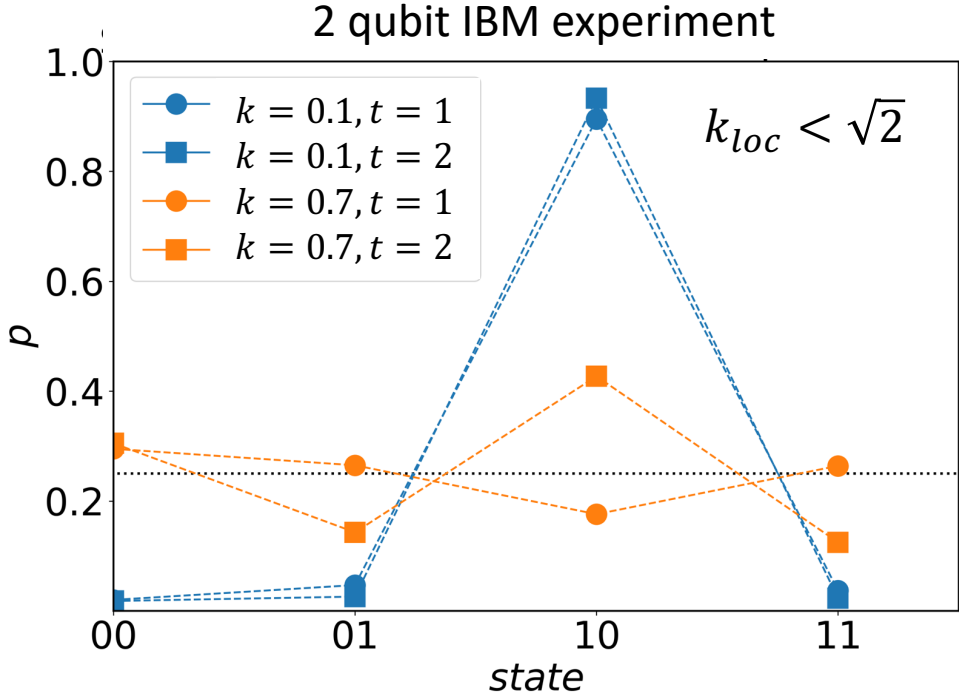


The performance of Grover's search can be improved using optimal control [1]



- Tests on IBM-Q, Rigetti, and LLNL QuDIT demonstrate reasonably good performance for 1-11 iterations
 - Optimal control effectively improves hardware performance

The phase transition between diffusive and localized dynamics is clearly observable on IBM-Q



Statistical error
 $= 1/\sqrt{8,192}$
 $\sim 1\%$

What about Generalized Eigenvalue Problems (GEVP)?

- **Generalized Eigenvalue Problem:** $\mathbf{A}v = \lambda\mathbf{B}v$

- Assume \mathbf{A} is Hermitian and sparse
- Assume \mathbf{B} is symmetric positive definite (SPD)

- Any SPD matrix, \mathbf{B} , has a unique **SPD square root** $\mathbf{B}^{1/2}$

- The problem can be reduced to standard Hermitian form using the transformation

$$u = \mathbf{B}^{1/2}v \qquad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}^{-1/2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1/2} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \mathbf{H}u = \lambda u$$

- In general, \mathbf{H} will not be sparse and, hence, QPE will not be efficient, unless ...

- **For special \mathbf{B}** , e.g. diagonal or block diagonal, then both $\mathbf{B}^{-1/2}$ and \mathbf{H} are also sparse

FES Application: MHD plasma stability is a GEVP

- Linear Ideal MHD is routinely used for plasma stability calculations of magnetic confinement fusion experiments and reactor designs

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} = -\omega^2 \rho \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

- Fundamental Theorem of MHD:** Force operator, $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$, is a self-adjoint 2nd order differential operator [I. B. Bernstein et al. (1958)]
- Numerical approximations such as finite differences, finite volume, and finite elements in the position, \mathbf{x} , basis typically lead to a sparse banded matrix for \mathbf{F} and block-diagonal ρ

Hermitian form: $\mathbf{u} = \rho^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\xi}$ $\mathbf{H} = \rho^{-1/2} \mathbf{F} \rho^{-1/2}$ \longrightarrow $\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\omega^2 \mathbf{u}$

Quantum phase estimation can be applied to ideal MHD stability

Is this a route to fast stability calculations for design optimization or feedback control?



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