

# Multiphoton simulator for non-Abelian anyons

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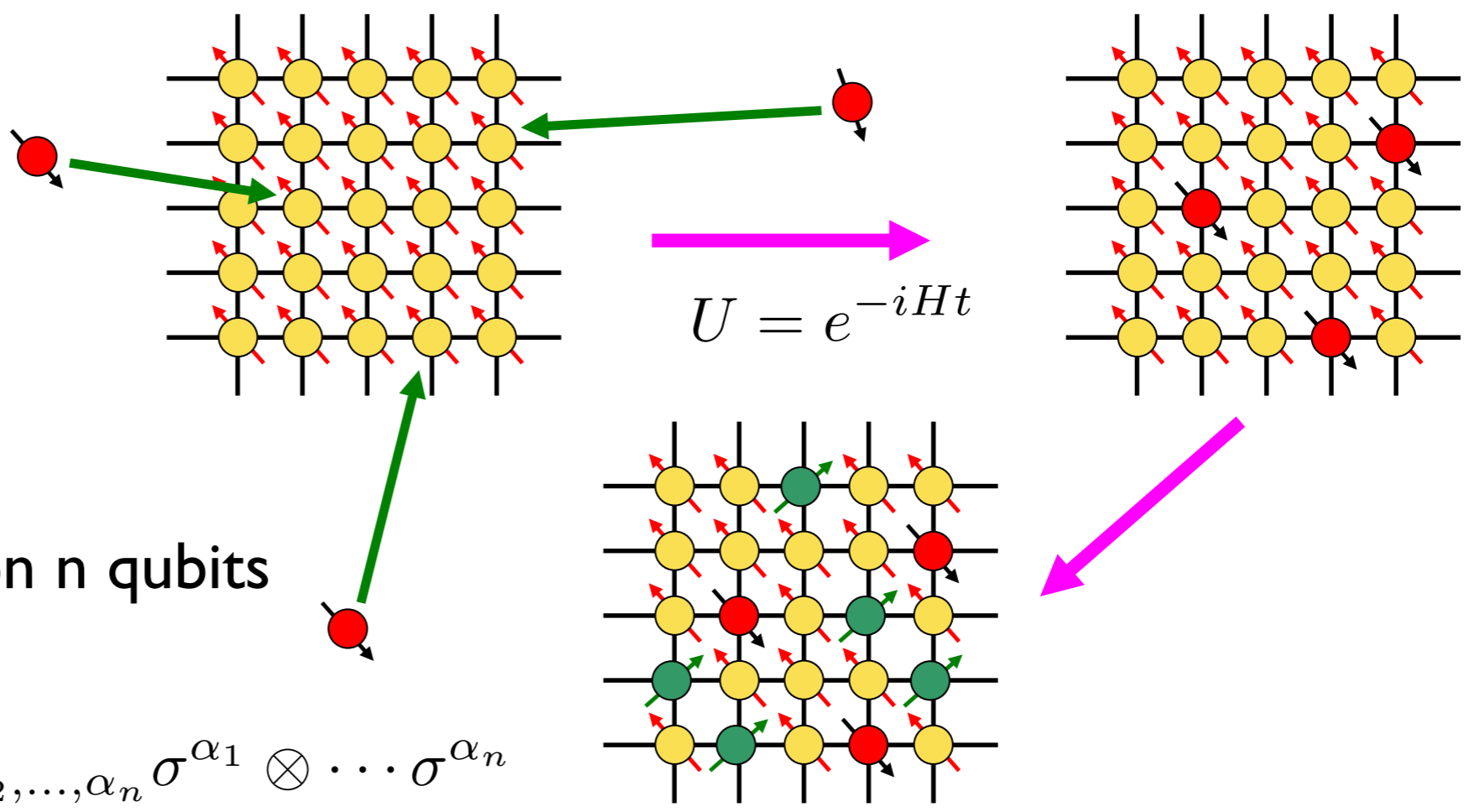
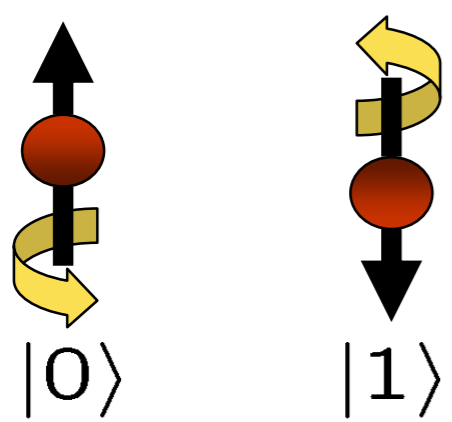


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- “We should try to find out what kinds of quantum mechanical systems are mutually intersimulatable, and try to find a specific class, or character of that class which will simulate everything” Feynman 1982
- Many physical systems have an isomorphic state space, so if we can control the state of one then that simulates another
  - one qubit=polarization space of a photon= spin space of an electron= occupation space of a single photon in two orthogonal modes, etc.

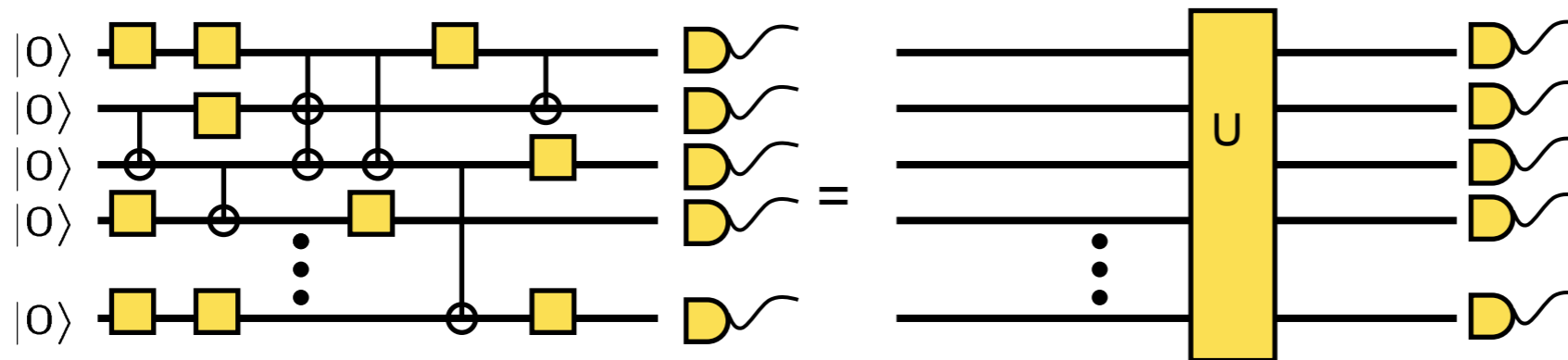


Generic Hamiltonian on n qubits

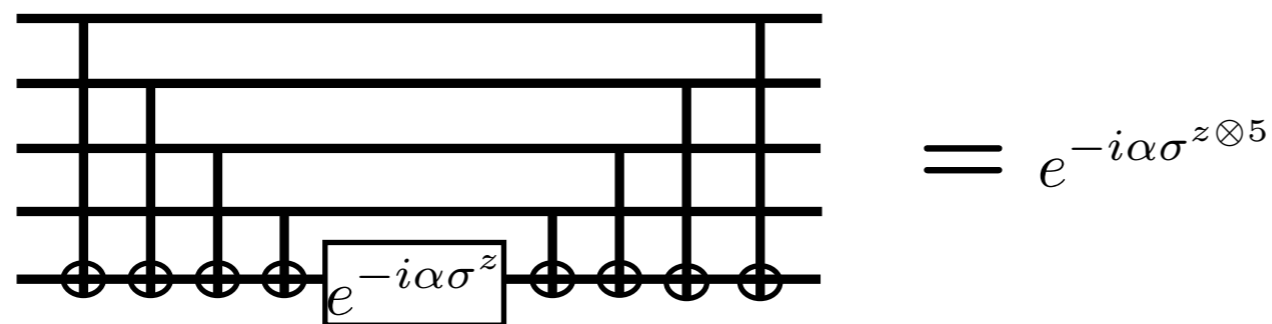
$$H = \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n=0}^3 h_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n} \sigma^{\alpha_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma^{\alpha_n}$$

# Digital Simulators

- A fault tolerant quantum computer can simulate any dynamics over finite dimensional systems



- Problem: This may not be efficient. General unitaries on  $n$  qubits systems require  $2^n$  gates (for qudits  $d^{2n}$ )
- Some dynamics are efficient



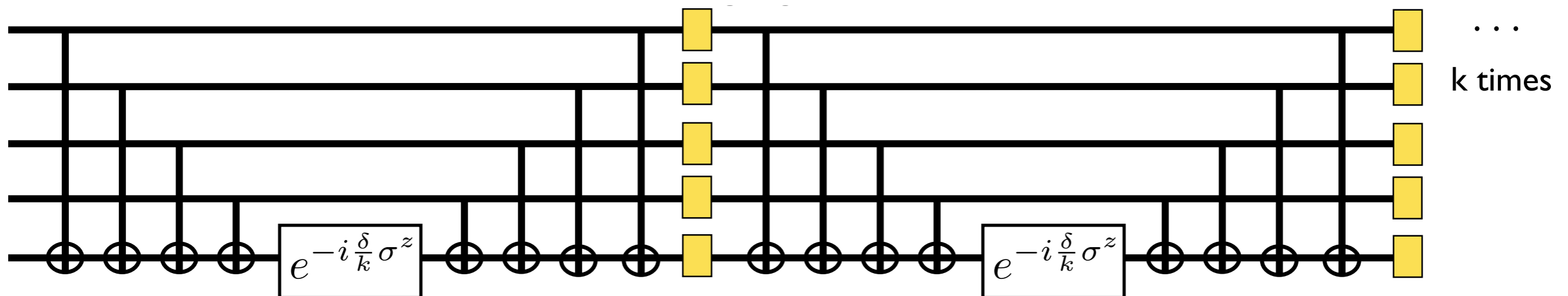
- Is there a constructive approximate method? Yes

# Stroboscopic techniques

- Control Hamiltonian  $H(t) = H_{\text{ent}} + \sum_m f_m(t) H_m$ 
  - System governed by TDSE  $i\hbar\dot{U} = \overset{m}{H}(t)U(t)$
- Using properties of commutators (Trotterization) we can digitize a simulation.
  - Advantage: Digitized circuits can be made fault tolerant

$$e^{-i\Delta H_a} e^{i\Delta H_b} e^{i\Delta H_a} e^{-i\Delta H_b} = e^{-i(i[H_a, H_b])\Delta^2} + O(\Delta^3)$$

$$e^{-i\Delta(H_a + H_b)} = [e^{-i\Delta H_a/k} e^{-i\Delta H_b/k}]^k + O(\Delta^2/k)$$

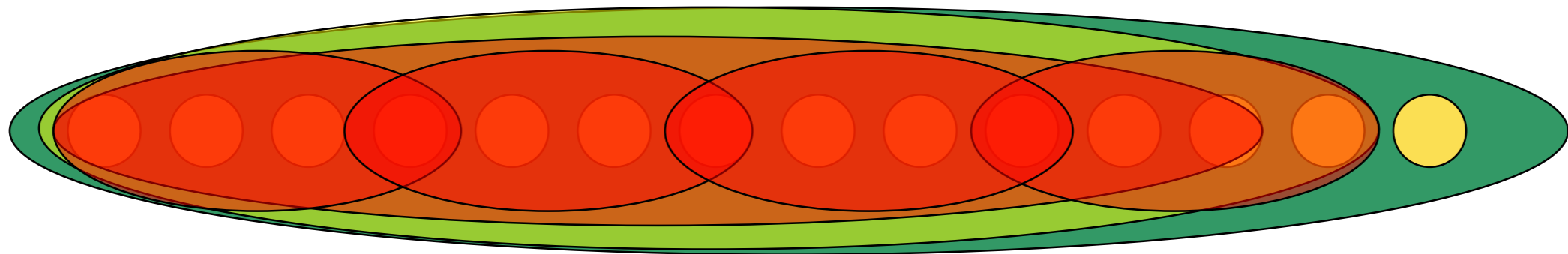


$$\approx e^{-i\delta(\sigma^z \otimes 5 + \sigma^x \sigma^z \sigma^y \sigma^z \sigma^x)}$$

M. Bremner, D. Bacon, and M.A. Nielsen, PRA 71, 052312 (2005).

# k-local Hamiltonians

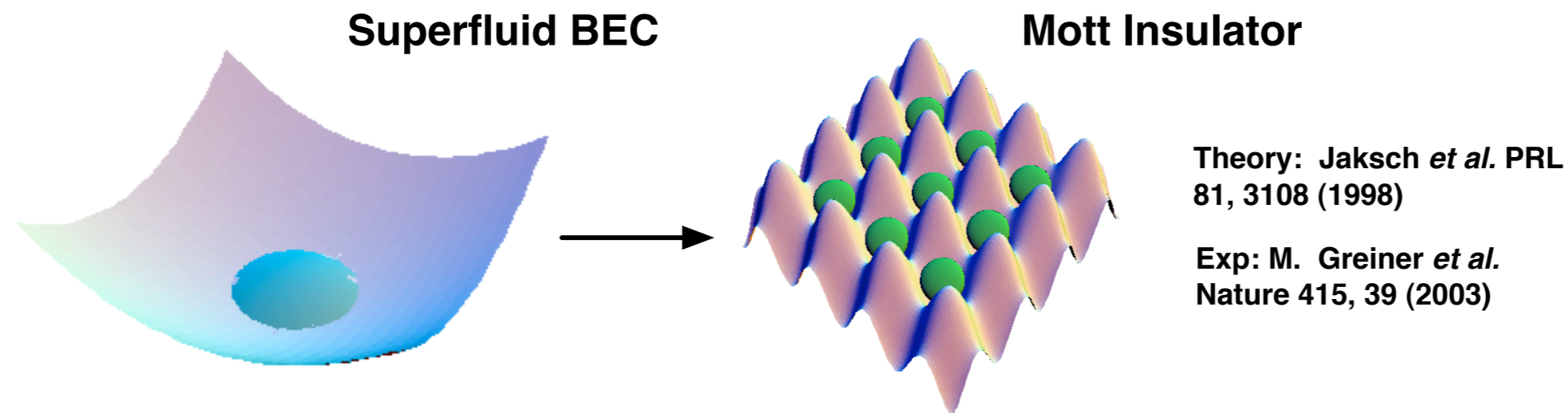
- Bounded Hamiltonians that can be written as a sum of terms involving tensor products of no more than k terms



- It is frequently the case that k is small for physically relevant Hamiltonian (often  $k=2$ )
- Complexity of stroboscopic circuit for k-local Hamiltonians is  $O(n^k)$

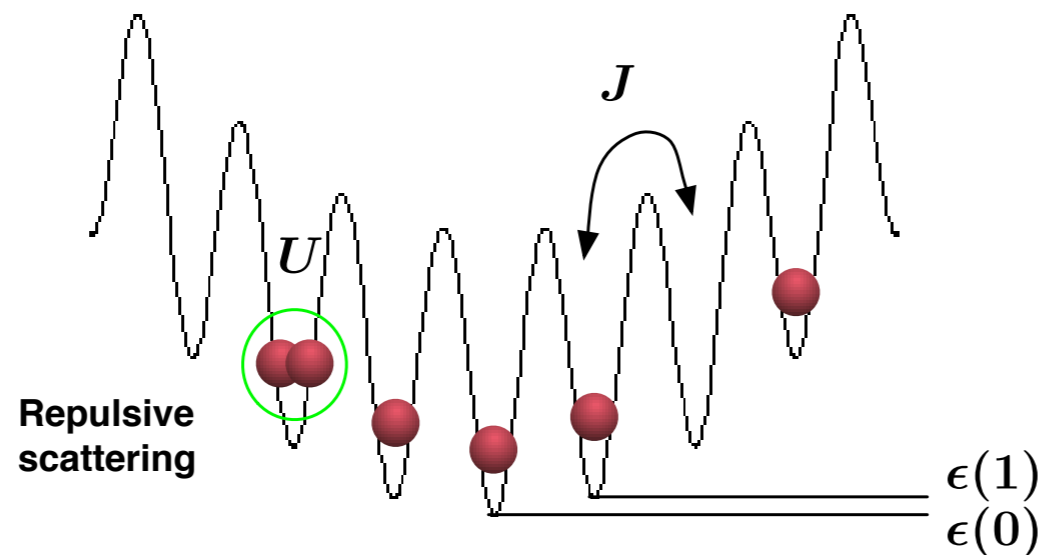
# Analogue simulators

- Engineer an “always on” interaction that mimics a physics you want to simulate
- Ex: Superfluid to Mott insulator phase transition



- Analogue simulation of Bose-Hubbard interaction

$$H_{BH} = - \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} J(a_j^\dagger a_k + a_k^\dagger a_j) + \sum_j \frac{U}{2} n_j(n_j - 1) + \epsilon(j)n_j$$



# Pros/Cons

- Analogue simulators:
  - Pros: A more direct method, much simpler control
  - Cons: Not fault tolerant, architectural limitations, physical limitations on locality and strength of interactions in the simulating system
- Digital simulators:
  - Pros: Universality, can be made fault tolerant, no architectural constraints in principle
  - Cons: Complicated control pulse sequences, evidence\* that fault tolerant simulation has complexity that scales like  $1/\epsilon$  for a tolerated error  $\epsilon$

\*K. Brown, R.J. Clark, I.L. Chuang,  
PRL 97, 050504 (2006).

# A quantum simulation algorithm

- Problem: Compute the energy gap  $\Delta E$  between the ground and first excited state of a Hamiltonian  $H$

L.A. Wu, M.S. Byrd, and D.A. Lidar,  
PRL 89, 057904 (2002).

- Algorithm:

- Map the Hilbert space of the system to be simulated to  $n$  qubits
- Prepare QC in the ground state of a local Hamiltonian  $H_0$

- e.g.  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |+_x\rangle^{\otimes n}$   $H_0 = -\sum_j \sigma_j^x$

- Evolve, using stroboscopic circuits, according to the following adiabatic Hamiltonian

$$H(s) = (1 - s)H_0 + sH \quad s = t/T \quad T \gg \frac{\left\| \frac{\partial H(s)}{\partial s} \right\|}{(\Delta E)^2}$$

- Failure to remain adiabatic results in a final state which has some small admixture of ground and excited states of  $H$

$$|\psi\rangle_i = c_g |\lambda_g\rangle + c_e |\lambda_e\rangle$$

- Evolve by simulated  $H$  for time  $t_i$
- Measure some operator that couples ground and excited states  $\langle O(t_i) \rangle$
- Repeat for a polynomial number of times steps (polynomial number of steps enough to resolve  $\Delta E$ ). Compute Fourier transform of  $\{\langle O(t_i) \rangle\}$



# Caveats

- To estimate of the gap with error  $\epsilon$  # of digits precision needed is  $\log(1/\epsilon)$ 
  - A good quantum algorithm would have a complexity  $O(\text{poly} \log(1/\epsilon))$
- Error in trotter approximation of evolution due to a sum of Hamiltonians scales like  $O(t^2/k)$ . Higher order Trotter expansion has error  $O(t^{m+1}/k^m)$  using gates  $O(2^m)$
- Total time to implement algorithm is independent of  $k$ . *If control gates are perfect*, then precision improves with larger  $k$ .
- If not, then each subcircuit must be replaced with a fault tolerant version.
- But time to implement  $e^{-iHt/k}$  is **independent of  $k$**  (for standard control Hamiltonians)! Hence for a fixed error the total time for the simulation is  $O(1/\epsilon)$ .
- Workarounds:
  - Find better gate libraries (maybe global pulses with correlated errors) combined with noiseless subsystems
  - Hard wire the Hamiltonian into a system so no Trotterization is needed!

K. Brown, R.J. Clark, I.L. Chuang, PRL  
97, 050504 (2006).

# What to simulate?

- Hubbard models

- 2D Fermi-Hubbard Model

$$H = - \sum_{\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' \rangle, \sigma} t_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} (c_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma} + H.c.) + U \sum_{\mathbf{r}} n_{\mathbf{r}, \uparrow} n_{\mathbf{r}, \downarrow} \quad \{c_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}, c_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'}^\dagger\} = \delta_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'}$$

A. Auerbach, 1994

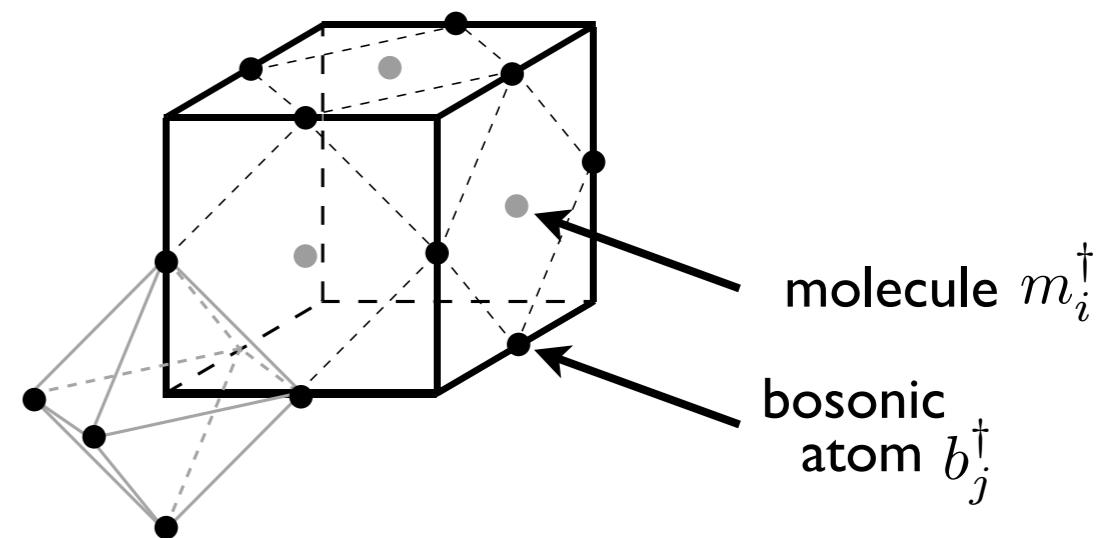
- Observables: Energy gap, correlation functions

- Proposed model for high  $T_c$  superconductivity. A q. simulation could falsify it

- 2D and 3D lattice gauge theory

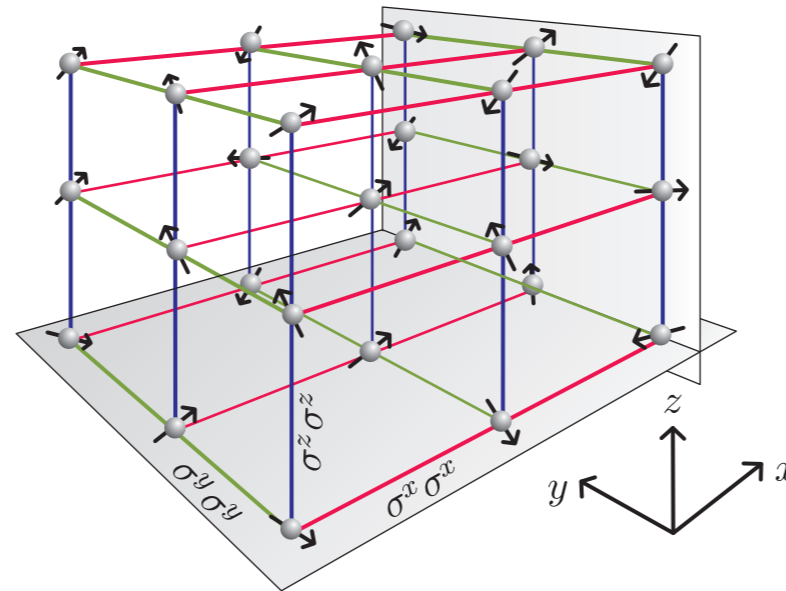
- Ring exchange model: Emergent U(1) gauge theory

$$H_{\text{RE}} = K \sum_{\square} (b_1^\dagger b_2^\dagger b_3^\dagger b_4 + b_1 b_2^\dagger b_3 b_4^\dagger - n_1 n_3 - n_2 n_4)$$



H.P. Buchler, et al. PRL 95, 040402 (2005)

- Spin lattice models



- Study quantum phase transitions (simulate spin liquids, valence bond solids, etc)
- Resource states for measurement based quantum computation, e.g. AKLT model
- Emergent physics and topological order
  - Loop gas models, string net models, discrete gauge models (this talk)
  - General idea: prepare a highly entangled state of a spin network that is the vacuum state of a physical theory.

# A spin lattice model\* of discrete gauge theory

- Pick a finite group  $G$ 
  - spins on each edge: local basis  $\{|g\rangle; g \in G\}$
- Local gauge transformation

$$T_g(v) = \prod_{e_j \in [v, *]} L_g(e_j) \prod_{e_j \in [* , v]} R_{g^{-1}}(e_j)$$

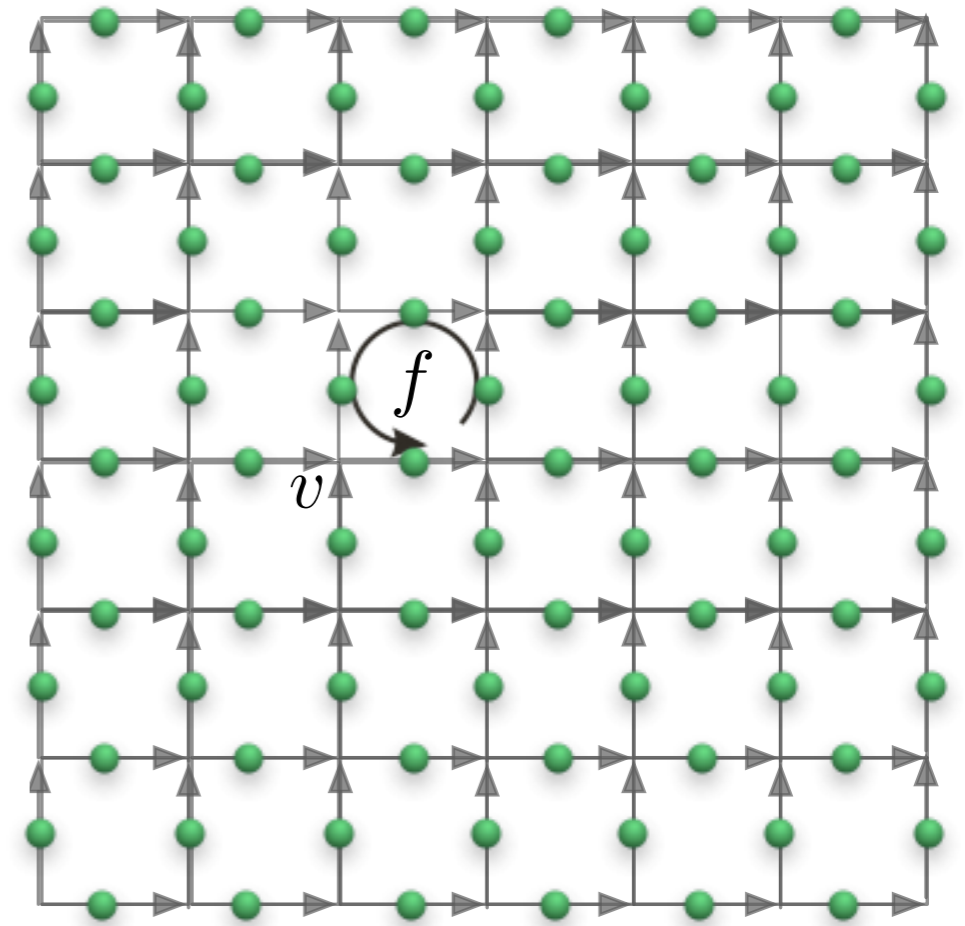
- Want ground states local gauge invariant

$$H_{\text{TO}} = - \sum_v A(v) - \sum_f B(f)$$

$$A(v) \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_2} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_3} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_1} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_4} \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{h \in G} \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{h^{-1}g_2} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_3h} \bullet \xrightarrow{h^{-1}g_1} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_4h} \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$B(f) \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_2} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_3} \bullet \xrightarrow{f} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_1} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_4} \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle = \delta(g_3 g_2 g_1^{-1} g_4^{-1}, e) \left| \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_2} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_3} \bullet \xrightarrow{f} \bullet \xrightarrow{g_1} \bullet \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{g_4} \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$[A(v), A(v')] = [A(v), B(f)] = [B(f), B(f')] = 0$$



Realizes the quantum double  $D(G)$

\*A. Yu. Kitaev, Annals of Physics **303**, 2 (2003)

- Gauge transformations  $T_g(v) = \prod_{e_j \in [v,*]} L_g(e_j) \prod_{e_j \in [*,v]} R_{g^{-1}}(e_j)$

- Simplest non-Abelian group  $S_3 = \underbrace{\{e, c_+, c_-\}}_{\text{cyclic perms}} \underbrace{\{t_0, t_1, t_2\}}_{\text{transpositions}}$

- Regular rep:

$L_e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_{t_0} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$L_{t_1} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_{t_2} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$R_e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_{t_0} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$R_{t_1} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_{t_2} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
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Left multiplication		Right multiplication	

- Simplification using semi-direct product structure of group  $S_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$L_e = \mathbf{1}_3 \otimes \mathbf{1}_2, \quad L_{t_0} = F(1, 2) \otimes \sigma^x, \quad L_{t_1} = F(0, 2) \otimes \sigma^x, \quad L_{t_2} = F(0, 1) \otimes \sigma^x,$$

$$L_{c_+} = X^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{1}_2, \quad L_{c_-} = X \otimes \mathbf{1}_2, \quad R_e = \mathbf{1}_3 \otimes \mathbf{1}_2, \quad R_{t_0} = \mathbf{1}_3 \otimes \sigma^x,$$

$$R_{t_1} = X^{-1} \otimes \sigma^- + X \otimes \sigma^+, \quad R_{t_2} = X^{-1} \otimes \sigma^+ + X \otimes \sigma^-,$$

$$R_{c_+} = X \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + X^{-1} \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|, \quad R_{c_-} = X^{-1} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + X \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|,$$

$$F(i, j) = (|i\rangle\langle j| + |j\rangle\langle i|) \oplus 1$$

- Suggests a qutrit/qubit encoding of spins
- Efficient quantum circuit exists for preparing vacuum state of model + manipulation of anyonic excitations\*
  - works with or without a background Hamiltonian present

\*M. Aguado, GKB, F. Verstraete, J.I. Cirac, Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 260501 (2008), GKB, M. Aguado, J.I. Cirac, New J. Phys. **11** 053009 (2009).

# Particle spectrum of $D(S_3)$

- Labels**
 $\Pi_{R(N_{[\alpha]})}^{[\alpha]}$ 

conjugacy class  $\rightarrow$  magnetic charge  
 irrep of centralizer of conjugacy class  $\rightarrow$  electric charge

particle type		quantum dimension = $  [\alpha]  R $
Vacuum	$\Pi_{R_1^+}^{[e]}$	1
Pure magnetic charge	$\Pi_{\beta_0}^{[c]} \quad \Pi_{\gamma_0}^{[t]}$	(2,3)
Pure electric charge	$\Pi_{R_1^-}^{[e]} \quad \Pi_{R_2}^{[e]}$	(1,2)
Dyonic combination	$\Pi_{\beta_1}^{[c]} \quad \Pi_{\beta_2}^{[c]} \quad \Pi_{\gamma_1}^{[t]}$	(2,2,3)

- Particles with quantum dimension  $> 1$  are non-Abelian anyons**

# Braid relations

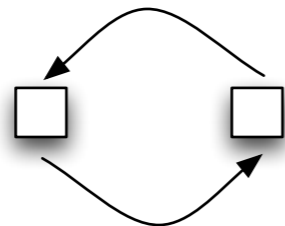
- All excitations come in particle/anti-particle pairs

- Magnetic flux pair  $|a, a^{-1}\rangle$  

- Electric charge pairs transform under the irrep  $R$  and conjugate  $R^*$ .

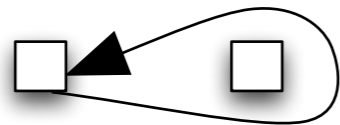
$$|M^R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|R|}} \sum M_{\mu,\nu}^R |\mu\rangle_R \otimes |\nu\rangle_{R^*} \quad \sum_{\mu,\nu} |M_{\mu,\nu}^R|^2 = |R|$$


- Interchanging two fluxes



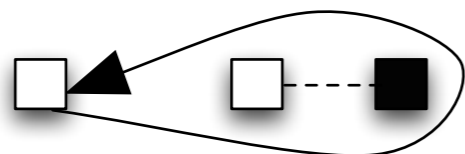
$$\mathcal{R} |a\rangle |b\rangle = \sigma |a\rangle |aba^{-1}\rangle = |aba^{-1}\rangle |a\rangle$$

- Braiding two fluxes



$$\mathcal{R}^2 |a\rangle |b\rangle = |abab^{-1}a^{-1}\rangle |abbb^{-1}a^{-1}\rangle = |(ab)a(ab)^{-1}\rangle |aba^{-1}\rangle$$

- Braiding one flux around flux pair

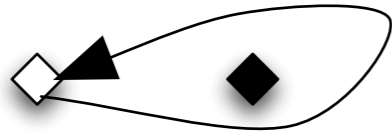


$$\mathcal{R}_{1,2}^2 \otimes \mathcal{R}_{1,3}^2 |b\rangle |a, a^{-1}\rangle = |b\rangle |bab^{-1}, ba^{-1}b^{-1}\rangle$$

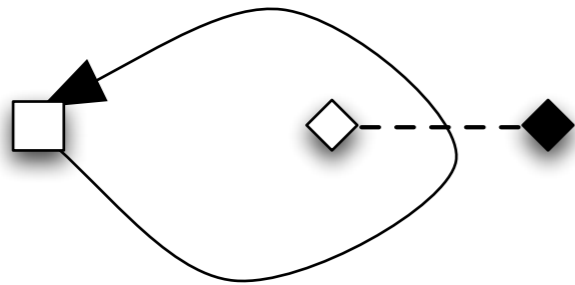
- action is trivial if pair prepared in *chargeless* state  $|0_{[l]}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|[l]|}} \sum_{\ell \in [l]} |\ell, \ell^{-1}\rangle$



- Electric charges moving past each other have no effect

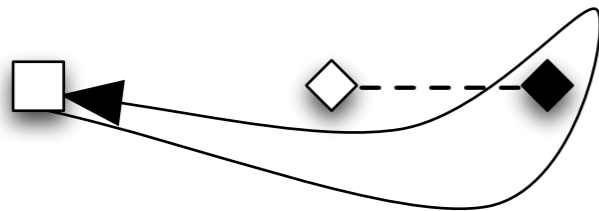


- Braiding a flux around one charge in a pair



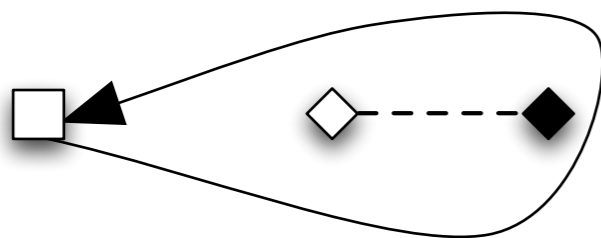
$$\mathcal{R}_{1,2}^2 |h\rangle |M^R\rangle = |h\rangle |R(h)M^R\rangle$$

- Braiding a flux around the anti-charge in a pair



$$\mathcal{R}_{1,3}^2 |h\rangle |M^R\rangle = |h\rangle |M^R R(h^{-1})\rangle$$

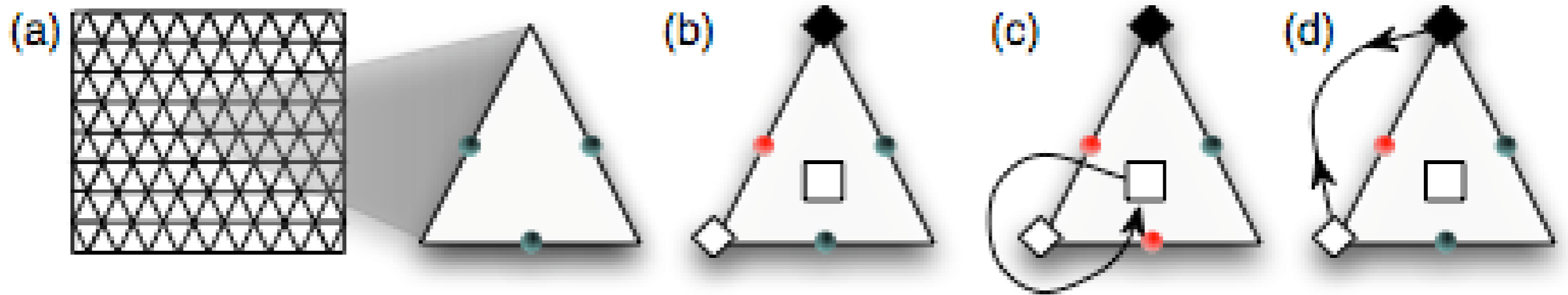
- Braiding a flux around the pair acts like conjugation



$$\mathcal{R}_{1,2}^2 \otimes \mathcal{R}_{1,3}^2 |h\rangle |M^R\rangle = |h\rangle |R(h)M^R R(h^{-1})\rangle$$

- For each irrep  $R$ , a unique *fluxless* state invariant under conjugation  $|\mathbf{1}_{|R|}\rangle$

# Sketch of proposed interferometry



(a) A spin lattice model of  $D(S_3)$ , we simulate a single plaquette

(b) Acting on one spin (red) produces a anyonic electric charge pair (diamonds) and also can produce a flux (square)

(c) Braiding the flux around one charge by acting on (red) spins

(d) Fusion of the electric charge pair. Incomplete fusion to vacuum is signature of non-Abelian anyonic statistics

# Experimental Simulation of Abelian anyons

- Algorithmic simulation of  $D(\mathbb{Z}_2)$  (toric code) with entangled photons

J.K. Pachos, W. Wieczorek, C. Schmid, N. Kiesel, R. Pohlner, H. Weinfurter, arXiv:0710.0895 New J Phys (in press);  
 Chao-Yang Lu, Wei-Bo Gao, Otfried Gühne, Xiao-Qi Zhou, Zeng-Bing Chen, Jian-Wei Pan, PRL **102**, 030502 (2009)

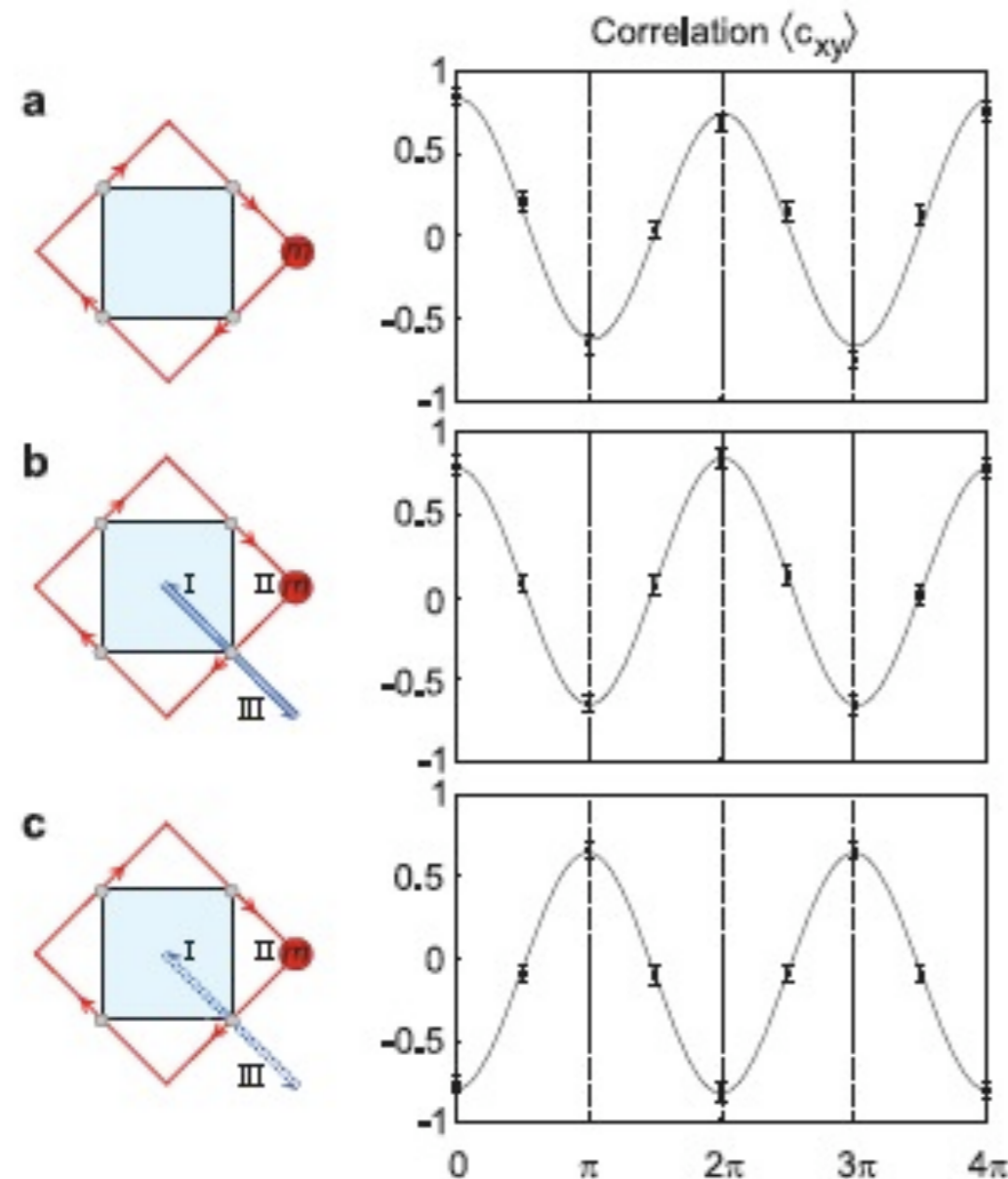
Ground state of

$$|\xi\rangle = \prod_s \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathbb{1} + \sigma_{s,1}^x \sigma_{s,2}^x \sigma_{s,3}^x \sigma_{s,4}^x) |00\dots 0\rangle$$

Prepare GS on one plaquette

$$|\xi\rangle = (|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

Background Hamiltonian is zero!



Create flux pair braid around plaquette, annihilate

$$\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x |\xi\rangle = |\xi\rangle$$

Create charge pair, braid flux pair around charge, annihilate

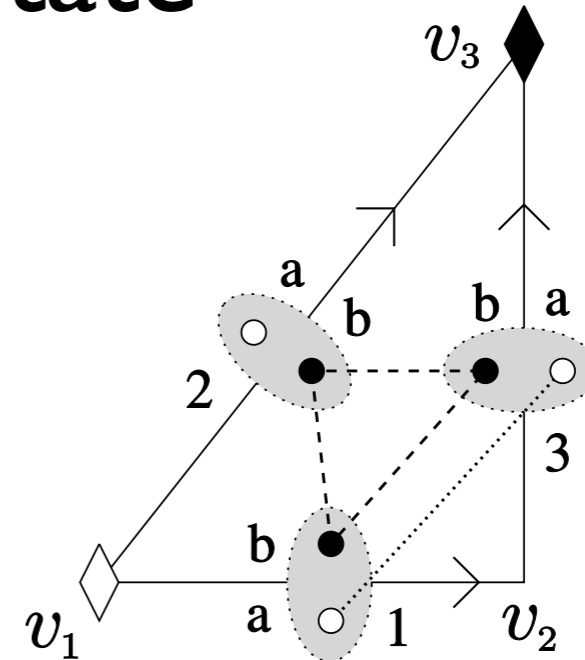
$$\sigma_3^z [\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x] \sigma_3^z |\xi\rangle = -[\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x] |\xi\rangle = -|\xi\rangle$$

Measure interference of two processes

$$e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_1^z} [\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x] e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_1^z} |\xi\rangle = (|0000\rangle - |1111\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

# Building the initial state

- Resources needed:
  - 3 type-I SPDC crystals
  - 6 photons, 15 modes
  - 14 beam splitters + 11 phase shifters

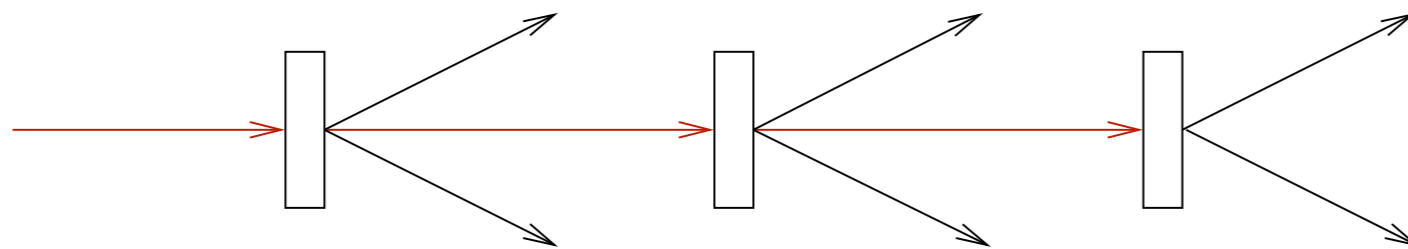


- Creating 2 qutrit entanglement

- type-I SPDC: strong pulse in, entangled photon in same polarization out

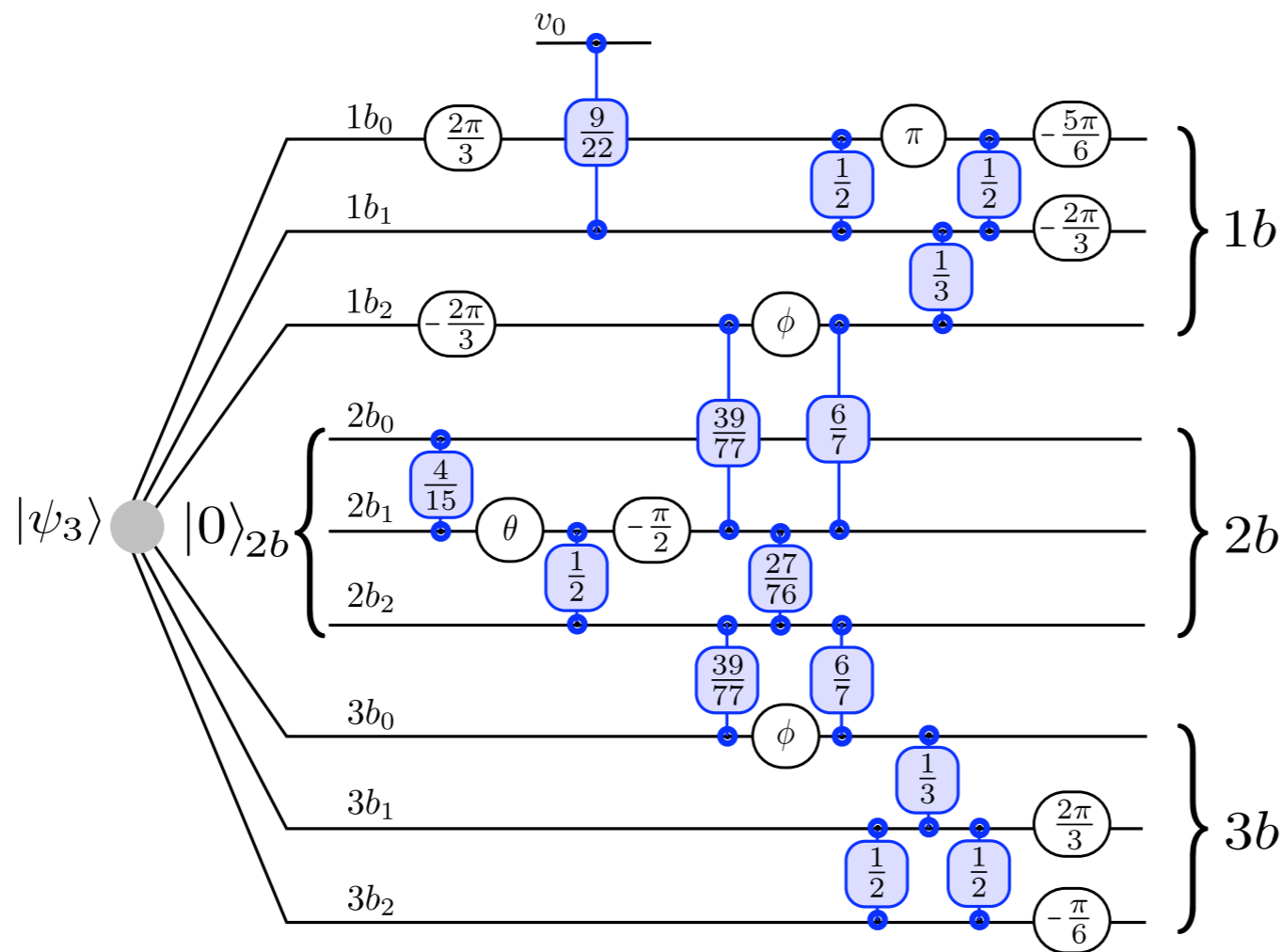
$$|\text{SPDC}\rangle = \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n |nn\rangle$$

- three crystals  $|\text{SPDC}\rangle^{\otimes 3} = (1 - \lambda^2)^{3/2} \sum_{n_1, n_2, n_3=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{n_1+n_2+n_3} |n_1 n_1, n_2 n_2, n_3 n_3\rangle$



- probability for one photon per triple above and below is  $\lambda^2(1 - \lambda^2)^3$

- **Input**  $|\psi_3\rangle_{1b,3b} = (|0\rangle_{1b}|0\rangle_{3b} + |1\rangle_{1b}|1\rangle_{3b} + |2\rangle_{1b}|2\rangle_{3b})/\sqrt{3}$



- **Post-select** on one photon per triple mode 1,2,3. Success probability  $9/55$

- **Output**  $\{2|0\rangle_{2b}(|0\rangle_{1b}|0\rangle_{3b} + |1\rangle_{1b}|1\rangle_{3b} + |2\rangle_{1b}|2\rangle_{3b}) - |2\rangle_{2b}(|0\rangle_{1b}|1\rangle_{3b} + |1\rangle_{1b}|2\rangle_{3b} + |2\rangle_{1b}|0\rangle_{3b}) - |1\rangle_{2b}(|0\rangle_{1b}|2\rangle_{3b} + |1\rangle_{1b}|0\rangle_{3b} + |2\rangle_{1b}|1\rangle_{3b})\}/(3\sqrt{2}),$

# Measuring fusion data (a simple method)

- Braid flux around one charge at vertex  $v$   $T_h(v)|\mathbf{1}_{R_2};(v,v')\rangle = |R_2(h);(v,v')\rangle$ 
  - Measure projector onto irrep for fluxless charge pair

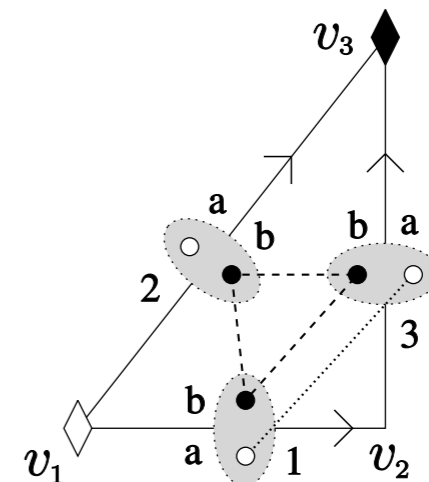
$$\langle R(h)|W_{R'}|R(h)\rangle = \sum_{a,b,d,e=1}^{|R|} \sum_{c=1}^{|R'|} Q_{acd,bce}^{[RR'R^*]} R_{ab}^*(h) R_{de}(h)$$

- Projectors onto vacuum fusion channel for three irreps

$$Q_{ace,bcf}^{[R^{(1)}R^{(2)}R^{(3)}]} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g R_{ab}^{(1)}(g) R_{cd}^{(2)}(g) R_{ef}^{(3)}(g)$$

- Just local (non-entangling) operations + measurement on photons in 2a and 2b
  - signature of non-Abelian statistics

$$\langle R_2(h);(v,v')|W_{R_2}(e)|R_2(h);(v,v')\rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & h = e \\ -\frac{1}{2} & h = c_{\pm} \\ 0 & h = t_j \forall j \end{cases}$$



# Summary

- Good quantum simulation requires good quantum control
- Can simulate emergent physics
  - Build highly entangled spin networks corresponding to vacuum states of models with exotic excitations
  - Can manipulate these excitations and measure their properties
- Photonic spin networks look promising in the near term for demonstrating prototype models
  - Integrated photonics\* with waveguides etched into glass is a good platform
- Larger simulations become inefficient due to bad scaling of probability to create many spin entangled states. There are work arounds but other systems such as Josephson junctions or trapped atoms/molecules in optical lattices may be better

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