

Toward QCD on Quantum Computer: Orbifold Lattice Approach

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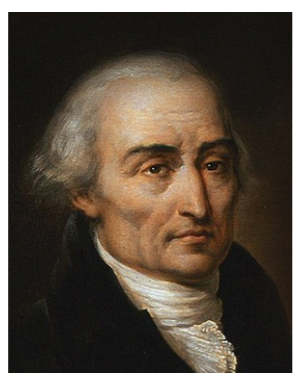
Classical
Mechanics

$$H(x, p)$$



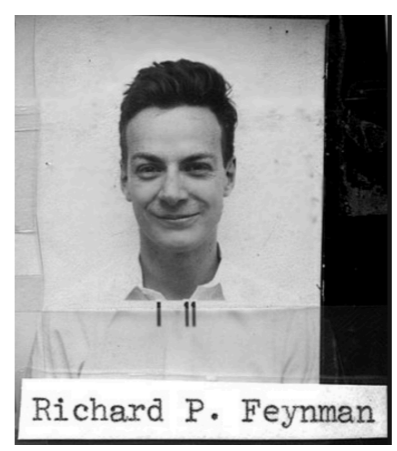
Hamilton Formulation

Quantum
Mechanics



Lagrange Formulation

$$L(x, \dot{x}), \quad \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$



Path Integral

Path integral + Monte Carlo simulation ✓



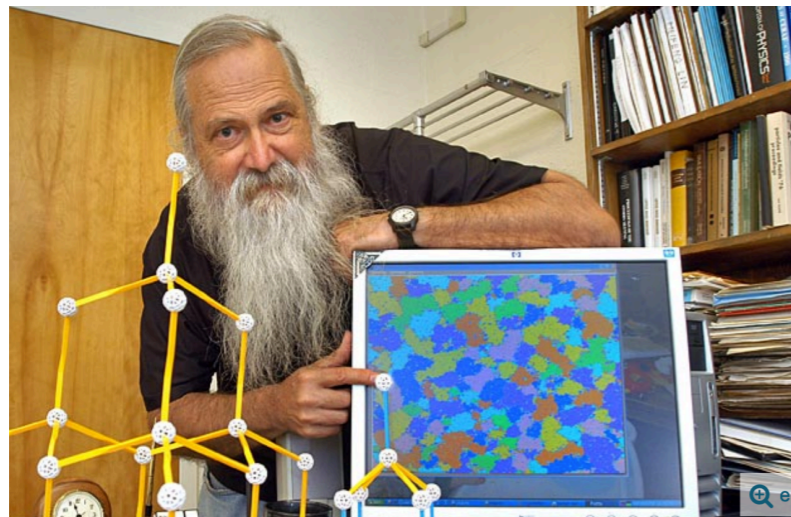
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Confinement of quarks

Kenneth G. Wilson
Phys. Rev. D **10**, 2445 – Published 15 October 1974

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Milestone


Monte Carlo study of quantized SU(2) gauge theory

Michael Creutz
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... if there is no **sign problem**

$$\text{Tr}(e^{-\hat{H}/T}) = \int [dx] e^{-\int_0^{T^{-1}} dt \tilde{L}(x, \dot{x})}$$


Positive path integral weight ("probability") is required

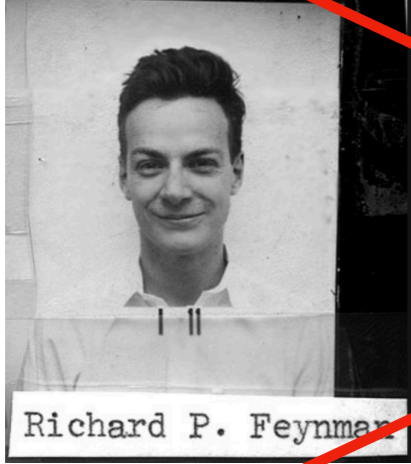
$$\langle x_f | e^{-i\hat{H}t} | x_i \rangle = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} [dx] e^{i \int dt L(x, \dot{x})}$$

Complex number → not "probability"

Sign Problem

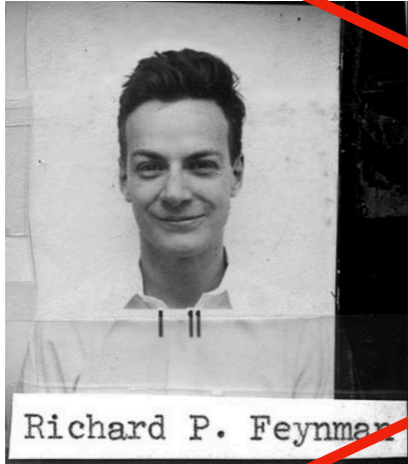
(or Phase Problem)

i is important but difficult to handle.



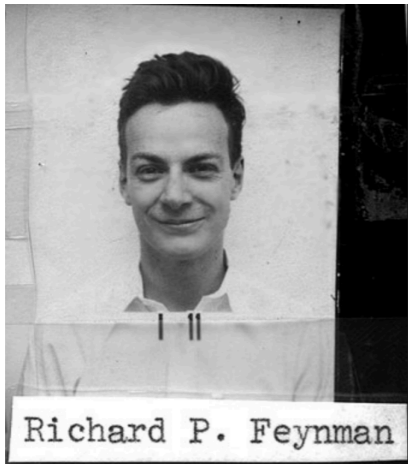
Feynman path integral

sign problem



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sign problem



Simulating Physics with Computers

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Quantum Simulation

Qubit-based universal quantum computer

(Assuming bright future)

Rule of the game

- Many, but finitely many, qubits with error correction
- Unitary time evolution is realized by using simple quantum gates

Our task

- Truncate Hilbert space to finite dimensions
- Write down Hamiltonian explicitly using simple quantum gates

Hamiltonian Lattice Gauge Theory

- Kogut-Susskind formulation
 - Popular because it was the only known option.
 - Complicated.

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Hamiltonian formulation of Wilson's lattice gauge theories

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(Received 9 July 1974)

- Orbifold lattice construction
 - Invented to build supersymmetric lattice gauge theory.
(Kaplan, Katz, Unsal, 2003)
 - Convenient for quantum simulation.

(Buser, Gharibyan, MH, Honda, Liu, 2020; Bergner, MH, Rinaldi, Schafer, in preparation)

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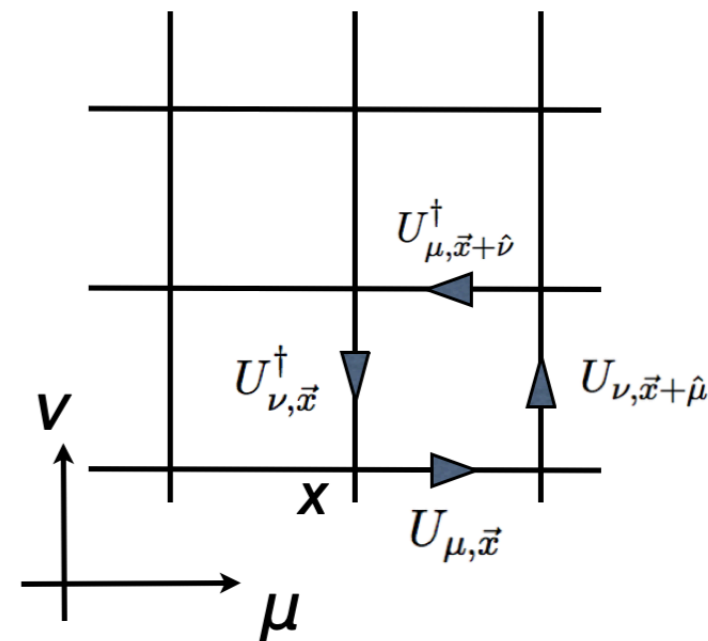
Unitary link variable

"Wilson's Lattice Gauge Theory"

$$U_{\mu, \vec{x}} = e^{iaA_{\mu}(x)}$$

$$U_{\mu, \vec{x}} \rightarrow \Omega(x) U_{\mu, \vec{x}} \Omega(x + \hat{\mu})^{\dagger}$$

$$S = -\beta N \sum_{\vec{x}} \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} \text{Tr} \left(U_{\mu, \vec{x}} U_{\nu, \vec{x} + \hat{\mu}} U_{\mu, \vec{x} + \hat{\nu}}^{\dagger} U_{\nu, \vec{x}}^{\dagger} \right)$$



Make time direction continuous, and go to operator formalism

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_E + \hat{H}_B$$

Electric

$$\hat{H}_E = \frac{a^3}{2} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha=1}^{k^2} \left(\hat{E}_{\mu, \vec{n}}^\alpha \right)^2$$

Magnetic

$$\hat{H}_B = -\frac{1}{2ag^2} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \left(\text{Tr} \left(\hat{U}_{\mu, \vec{n}} \hat{U}_{\nu, \vec{n} + \hat{\mu}} \hat{U}_{\mu, \vec{n} + \hat{\nu}}^\dagger \hat{U}_{\nu, \vec{n}}^\dagger \right) + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\left[\hat{E}_{\mu, \vec{n}}^\alpha, \hat{U}_{\nu, \vec{n}'} \right] = a^{-2} g \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\vec{n}\vec{n}'} \tau_\alpha \hat{U}_{\nu, \vec{n}'}$$

Why complicated?

$$\left[\hat{E}_{\mu, \vec{n}}^\alpha, \hat{E}_{\nu, \vec{n}'}^\beta \right] = -i f^{\alpha\beta\gamma} a^{-2} g \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{\vec{n}\vec{n}'} \hat{E}_{\nu, \vec{n}'}^\gamma$$

$$\hat{U} |U\rangle = U |U\rangle$$

$$U \in \text{SU}(N)$$

complicated

$$\hat{x} |x\rangle = x |x\rangle$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

simple

$$\hat{U} |U\rangle = U |U\rangle$$

$$U \in \text{SU}(N)$$

complicated

Electric field
~ momentum

$$\hat{E}$$

$$\langle U | R, ij \rangle = \rho_{ij}^{(R)}(U)$$

'plane wave' = irreducible representation

$$\hat{x} |x\rangle = x |x\rangle$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

simple

momentum \hat{p}

$$\langle x | p \rangle = e^{ipx}$$

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i$$

\hat{x} and \hat{p} are simpler

- Fock basis truncation

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\hat{x} + i\hat{p}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \hat{a} |0\rangle = 0$$

$$|n\rangle = \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |0\rangle \quad 0 \leq n < \Lambda$$

- Coordinate basis truncation

$$\hat{x} |x\rangle = x |x\rangle \quad -R \leq x \leq R$$

$$x_n = -R + n\delta_x, \quad \delta_x = \frac{2R}{\Lambda - 1}$$

$$n = 0, 1, \dots, \Lambda - 1$$

\hat{x} and \hat{p} are simpler

→ Scalar QFT is simpler

(e.g., Jordan, Lee, Preskill, 2011)

$$\hat{x}, \hat{p} \leftrightarrow \hat{\phi}_{\vec{n}}, \hat{\pi}_{\vec{n}}$$

$$[\hat{\phi}_{\vec{n}}, \hat{\pi}_{\vec{n}'}] = i\delta_{\vec{n}\vec{n}'}$$

→ Matrix model is simpler

(e.g., Gharibyan, MH, Honda, Liu, 2011
Maldacena, 2023)

$$\hat{x}, \hat{p} \leftrightarrow \hat{X}_{M,ij}, \hat{P}_{M,ij}$$

Orbifold lattice construction

(Kaplan, Katz, Unsal, 2003)

Original motivation = supersymmetric lattice



SUSY Matrix model $\xrightarrow{\text{orbifold projection}}$ SUSY Lattice

$$X_1 + iX_2 = Z = c \cdot W \cdot U = c \cdot e^{aS} \cdot e^{iaA}$$

positive definite Hermitian
unitary

scalar field

gauge field

$$L = \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left(-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu s_I)^2 + \frac{g_{4d}^2}{4} [s_I, s_J]^2 \right)$$

Orbifold lattice for QCD

(Gharibyan, MH, Honda, Liu, 2020; Bergner, MH, Rinaldi, Schafer, in preparation)

Bosonic part

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\vec{n}} \text{Tr} \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{P}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{P}_{j,\vec{n}} + \frac{g_{4d}^2}{2a^3} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} - \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}-\hat{j}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}-\hat{j}} \right) \right|^2 + \frac{2g_{4d}^2}{a^3} \sum_{j<k} \left| \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{k,\vec{n}+\hat{j}} - \hat{Z}_{k,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}+\hat{k}} \right|^2 \right) + \Delta \hat{H}.$$

$$\Delta \hat{H} \equiv \frac{m^2 g_{4d}^2}{2a} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{j=1}^3 \text{Tr} \left| \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} - \frac{a}{2g_{4d}^2} \right|^2 + \frac{\mu^2 g_{4d}^2}{2a} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left| \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(\hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}}) - \frac{a}{2g_{4d}^2} \right|^2$$

Scalar mass term
→ YM at low energy

$$[\hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n},pq}, \hat{P}_{k\vec{n}',rs}] = i\delta_{jk}\delta_{\vec{n}\vec{n}'}\delta_{ps}\delta_{qr}$$

Orbifold lattice for QCD

(Gharibyan, MH, Honda, Liu, 2020; Bergner, MH, Rinaldi, Schafer, in preparation)

Fermionic part

$$\hat{H}_{\text{naive}} = a^3 \sum_{\vec{n}} \left\{ \frac{i}{2a} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \gamma^j \hat{U}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} - \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \gamma^j \hat{U}_{j,\vec{n}}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \right) + m \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \right\}$$



$$\hat{H}_{\text{naive}} = a^3 \sum_{\vec{n}} \left\{ \frac{i}{2a} \sqrt{\frac{2g_{4d}^2}{a}} \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \gamma^j \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} - \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \gamma^j \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \right) + m \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} \right\}$$

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$$\hat{H}_{\text{Wilson}} = a^3 \cdot \frac{i}{2a} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{n}} \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} - \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \hat{U}_{j,\vec{n}}^\dagger \right) \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} - \hat{U}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \right)$$



$$\hat{H}_{\text{Wilson}} = a^3 \cdot \frac{i}{2a} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{\vec{n}} \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} - \sqrt{\frac{2g_{4d}^2}{a}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \right) \left(\hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}} - \sqrt{\frac{2g_{4d}^2}{a}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{\psi}_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \right)$$

Orbifold lattice for QCD

$$U(N) \rightarrow SU(N)$$

$$Z = c \cdot W \cdot U$$

Complex U(N)

- No difference in the IR if U(1) is not asymptotically free at UV
- To remove U(1) explicitly, we can add $\Delta\hat{H} \propto |\text{Im det } \hat{Z}|^2$

Easy for SU(2) and SU(3).
Harder for larger N.

How easy?

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\vec{n}} \text{Tr} \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 \hat{P}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{P}_{j,\vec{n}} + \frac{g_{4d}^2}{2a^3} \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 \left(\hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} - \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}-\hat{j}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}-\hat{j}} \right) \right|^2 + \frac{2g_{4d}^2}{a^3} \sum_{j < k} \left| \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{k,\vec{n}+\hat{j}} - \hat{Z}_{k,\vec{n}} \hat{Z}_{j,\vec{n}+\hat{k}} \right|^2 \right) + \Delta \hat{H}.$$

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4-boson interaction $\hat{x}_1 \hat{x}_2 \hat{x}_3 \hat{x}_4$

$$x_n = -R + n\delta_x, \quad \delta_x = \frac{2R}{\Lambda - 1}$$

$$n = 0, 1, \dots, \Lambda - 1$$

$$\hat{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\Lambda-1} x_n |n\rangle \langle n| = -R \cdot \mathbf{1} + \delta_x \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$|n\rangle = |b_1\rangle |b_2\rangle \cdots |b_K\rangle, \quad b_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad n = b_1 + 2b_2 \cdots + 2^{K-1}b_K$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{z,1} + 1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{z,2} + 1}{2} + \cdots + 2^{K-1} \cdot \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{z,K} + 1}{2}$$

$$\hat{x}_1 \hat{x}_2 \hat{x}_3 \hat{x}_4 \sim \sum \hat{\sigma}_z \otimes \hat{\sigma}_z \otimes \hat{\sigma}_z \otimes \hat{\sigma}_z$$

$$\hat{p}^2 = \frac{1}{\delta_X^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\Lambda-1} \{ 2 |n\rangle \langle n| - |n+1\rangle \langle n| - |n\rangle \langle n+1| \}$$

↑
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identity
just add or subtract 1

$$\Delta \hat{H} \propto |\text{Im det } \hat{Z}|^2 \leftarrow \hat{\sigma}_z^{\otimes 6} \text{ for SU(3)}$$

Future Directions

- Study of QCD via orbifold lattice
 - How large scalar mass? RG flow? Better lattice fermions?
 - Euclidean lattice simulation is enough
- Resource estimate for quantum simulation
- Quantum algorithm
- Quantum simulation of matrix model (before QCD)
 - Quantum Gravity in the Lab
 - SYK and spin models are technically similar to orbifold lattice