

Simulating Quantum Drude Oscillators on a photonic quantum computer

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I. INTRODUCTION

II. DEFINITION OF THE MODEL

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i^2 + p_i^2) + \sum_{i<j} \gamma_{ij} x_i x_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^\dagger a_i + \sum_{i<j} \gamma_{ij} x_i x_j + \frac{N}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with

$$a_i = \frac{x_i + ip_i}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad a_i^\dagger = \frac{x_i - ip_i}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2)$$

III. PHOTONIC CIRCUIT

The circuit implements a unitary $U(\theta)$ acting on an input state that we simply take to be the vacuum state $|0\rangle$. The state prepared by the circuit is therefore given by

$$|\psi(\theta)\rangle = U(\theta)|0\rangle. \quad (3)$$

IV. VARIATIONAL ALGORITHM

We define the following loss function:

$$\mathcal{C}(\theta) := \langle \psi(\theta) | H | \psi(\theta) \rangle \quad (4)$$

with the Hamiltonian defined in eq. (1). In order to compute this loss, one therefore has to measure both the photon number operator on each channel, as well as the position quadrature operator on each channel.

V. CONCLUSION

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DATA AVAILABILITY

CODE AVAILABILITY

The reader will find an open source python code accompanying this paper following this github repository.

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