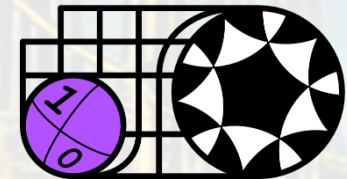
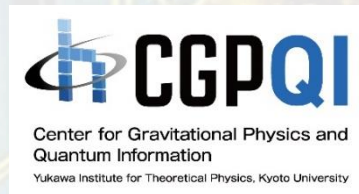


# Application of Quantum Computation to Quantum Field Theory

– QFT on Quantum Computer –

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# Plan of the lectures

(If 2nd lecture in each day ends early, then we start hands-on early)

## Day 1

- Lecture 1: introduction, basics of quantum computation
- Lecture 2: Spin system on quantum computer (QC)
- Hands-on 1: Basics on IBM's qiskit, time evolution of Ising

## Day 2

- Lecture 3: Quantum field theory (QFT) on QC
- Lecture 4: QFT on QC, error correction & future prospects
- Hands-on 2: vacuum of Ising, Renyi entropy

What is meant by

“Application of Quantum Computation  
to Quantum Field Theory” ??

In general, it is

to replace (a part of) computations by quantum algorithm

Therefore,

physical meaning of qubits in quantum computer  
depends on contexts

Here,

qubits = states in physical system

# Plan of lecture 3

## 0. Conventional numerical approach to QFT

1. QFT as qubits (mapping to spin system)

2. Schwinger model as qubits

3. Time evolution operator

4. Simulation of Schwinger model

[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]

5. Summary

# Scalar field theory (continuum)

Action (Euclidean):

$$S[\phi] = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right]$$

Vacuum expectation value can be given by path integral:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\phi) \rangle = \frac{\int D\phi \mathcal{O}(\phi) e^{-S[\phi]}}{\int D\phi e^{-S[\phi]}}$$

But it is  $\infty$ -dimensional & can't be simulated practically

*coming from the fact that spacetime has  $\infty$ -many points!*

# Scalar field theory on lattice

Discretize the spacetime by lattice:



$$\phi(x)$$

$$\phi(x_n \equiv an)$$

$a$ : lattice spacing,  $n \equiv (n_1, \dots, n_d)$

The simplest lattice action:

$$\int d^d x \rightarrow a^d \sum_n, \quad \partial_\mu \phi(x) \rightarrow \Delta_\mu \phi(x_n) \equiv \frac{\phi(x_n + ae_\mu) - \phi(x_n)}{a}$$

$$S[\phi] = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right] \longrightarrow a^d \sum_n \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_\mu (\Delta_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right]$$

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Let's consider complex scalar field theory

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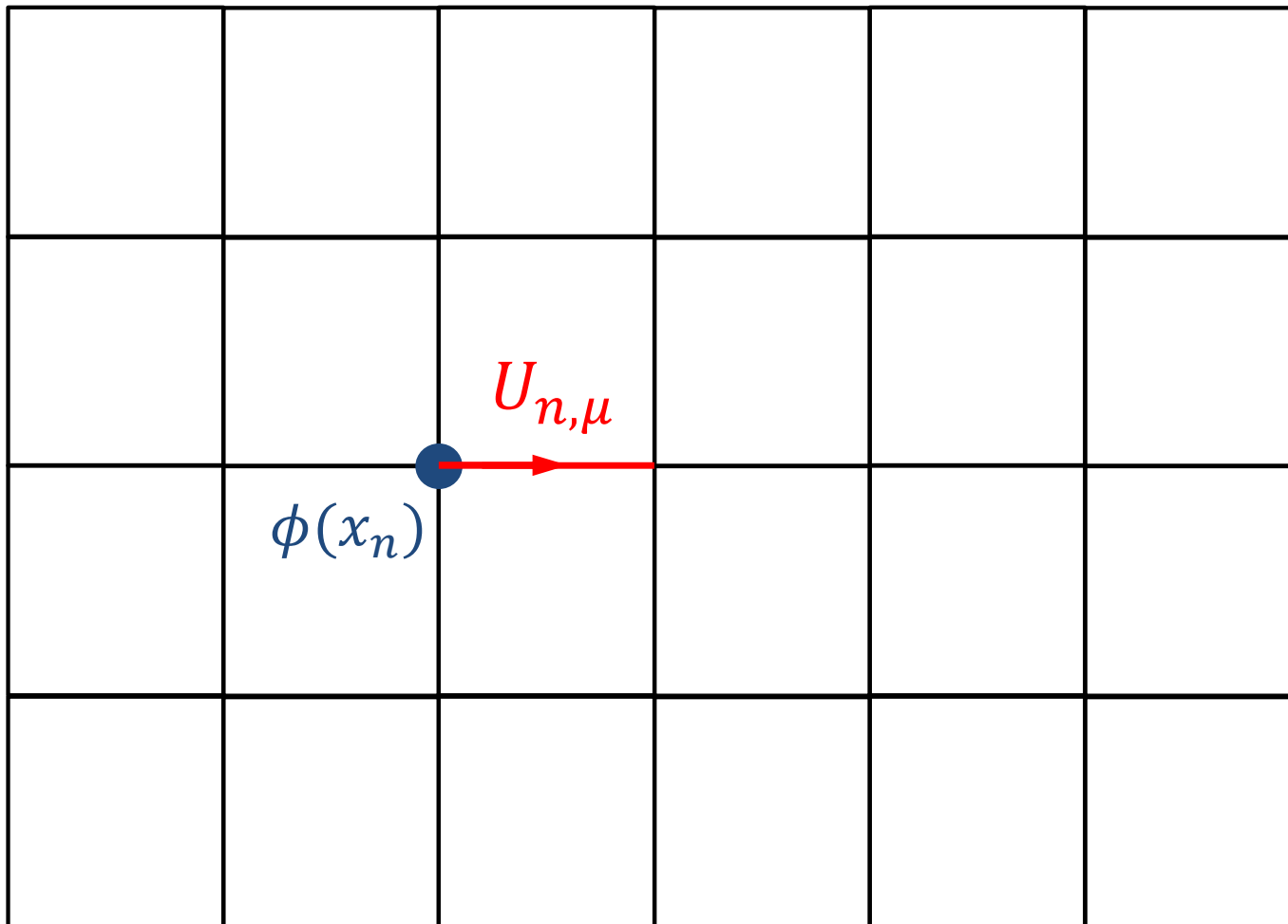
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living on **link** between  $x_n$  &  $x_n + ae_\mu$



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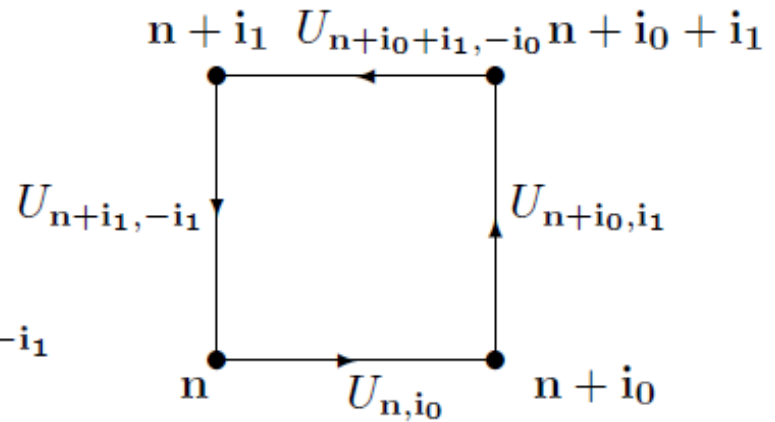
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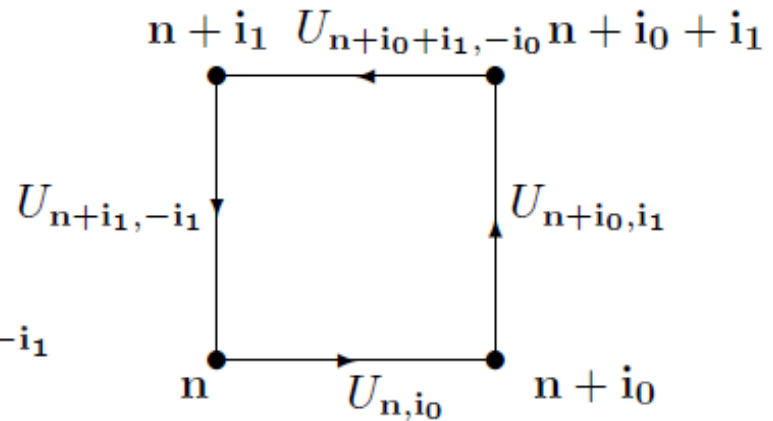
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# Conventional approach to simulate QFT

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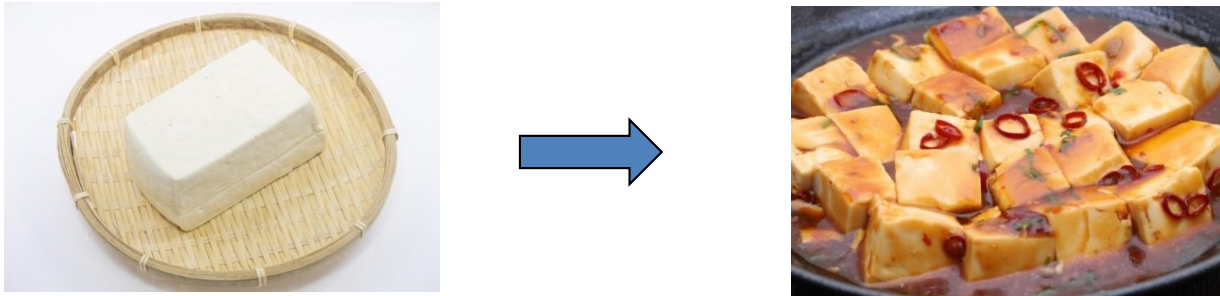


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② Numerically Evaluate it by Markov chain Monte Carlo method regarding the Boltzmann factor as a **probability**:

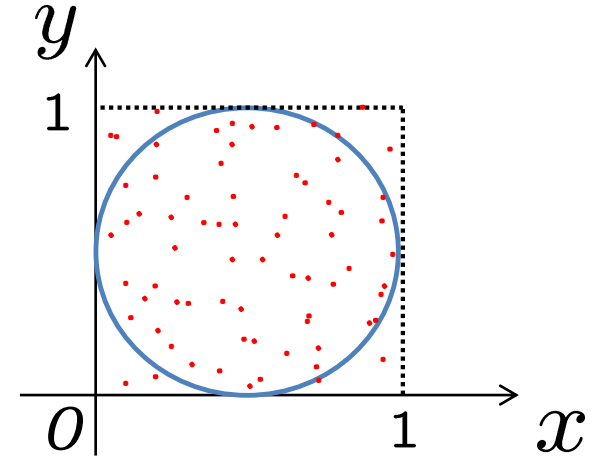
$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\phi) \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{\#(\text{samples})} \sum_{i \in \text{samples}} \mathcal{O}(\phi_i)$$

# “Direct” Monte Carlo method

Ex.) The area of the circle with the radius  $1/2$

① Distribute random numbers many times

$$x \in [0, 1), \quad y \in [0, 1)$$



② Count the number of points which satisfy

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

③ Estimate the ratio

$$\frac{(\text{Number of points inside the circle})}{(\text{Number of points for distribution})} \simeq (\text{Area})$$



# Markov chain Monte Carlo method

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We can compute exp. values by an algorithm to generate

$$P_{eq}(x) \propto e^{-S(x)}$$

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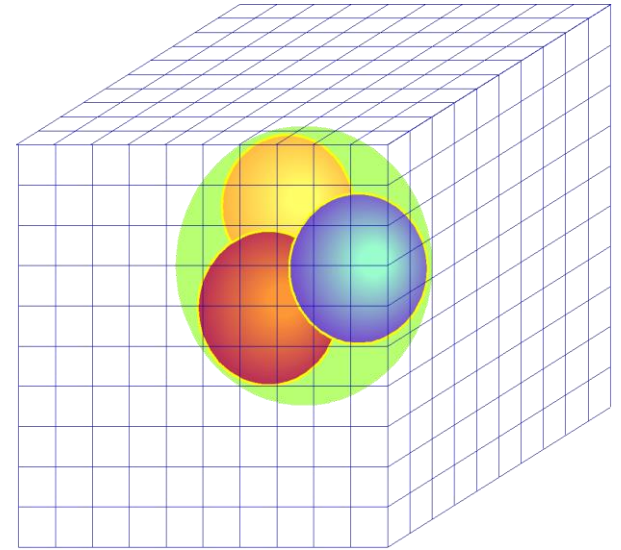
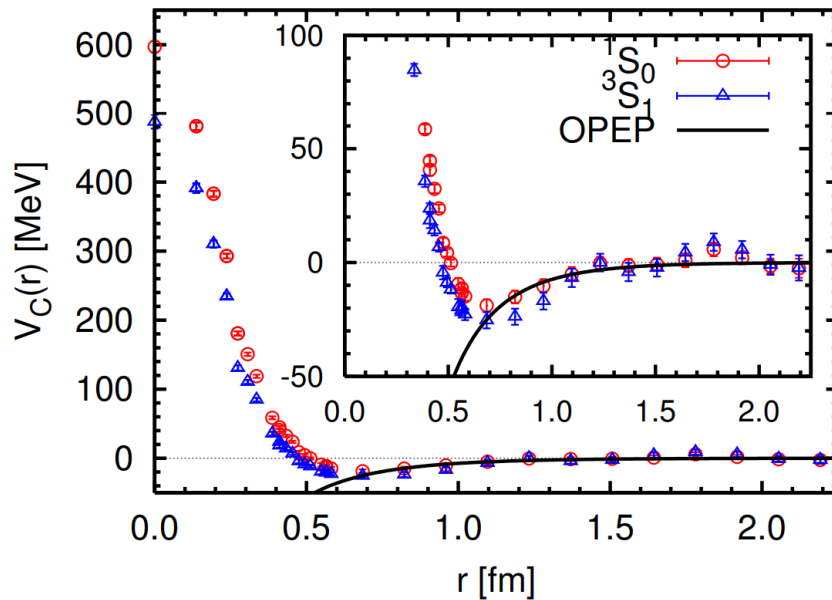
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② Measure observable and take its average:

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{a=1}^M O(x^{(a)}, y^{(a)}) \simeq \langle O(x, y) \rangle$$

# Success of lattice QCD (e.g. nuclear force)



## Nuclear Force from Lattice QCD

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For highly oscillating integral,  $\sim \frac{0}{0} \Rightarrow$  needs huge statistics

*“sign problem”*

# Sign problem in Monte Carlo simulation (cont'd)

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problematic when Boltzmann factor **isn't**  $R_{\geq 0}$  & is highly oscillating

Examples w/ sign problem:

- topological term ——— complex action
- chemical potential ——— indefinite sign of fermion determinant
- real time ——— “  $e^{iS(\phi)}$  ” *much worse*

In **operator formalism** suitable for quantum simulation,  
sign problem is absent from the beginning

( $\exists$  various approaches within framework of path integral formalism but I'll skip it)

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# “Regularization” of Hilbert space

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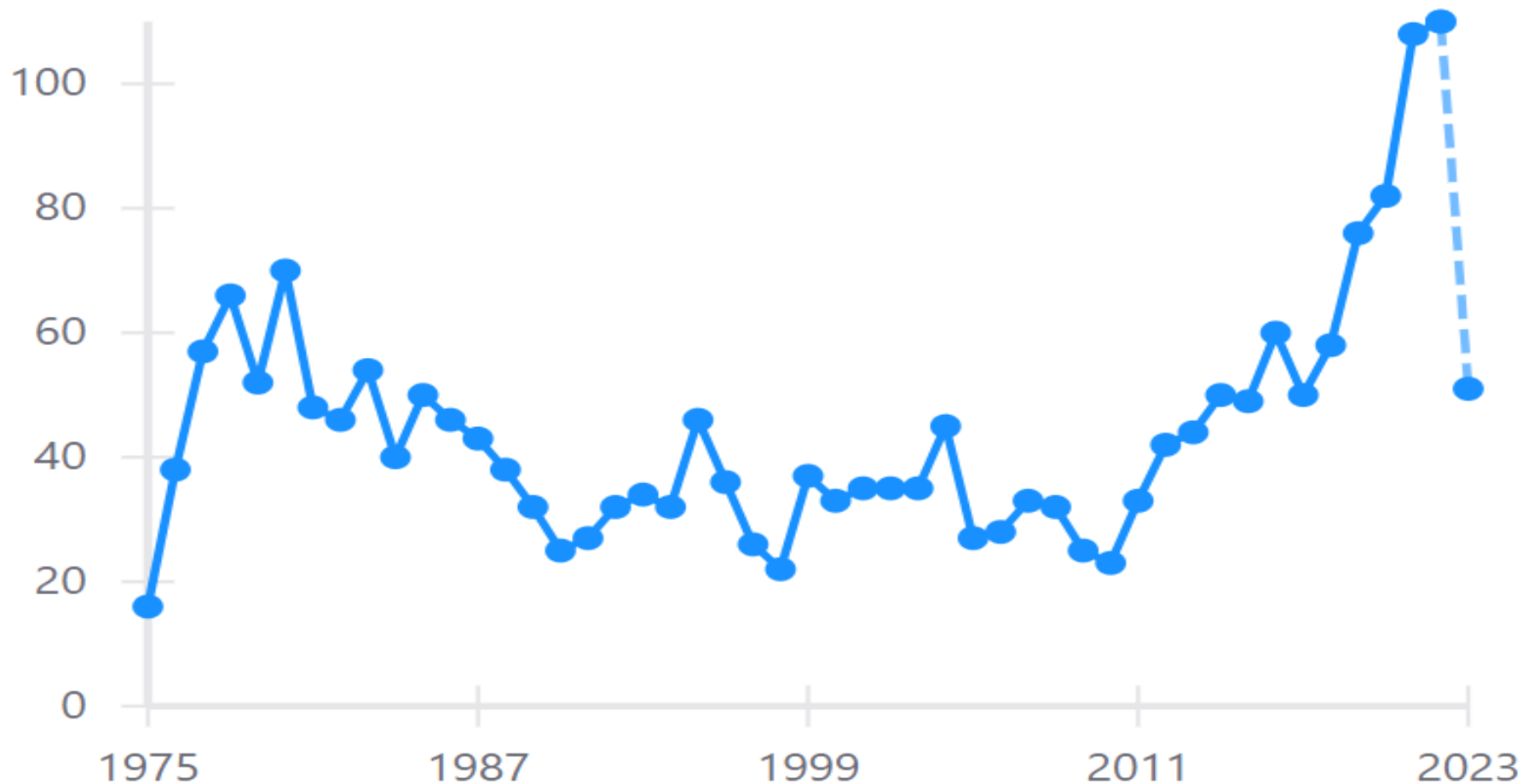
————→ Make it finite dimensional!

- **Fermion** is easiest (up to doubling problem)
  - Putting on spatial lattice, Hilbert sp. is finite dimensional
- **scalar**
  - Hilbert sp. at each site is  $\infty$  dimensional  
(need truncation or additional regularization)
- **gauge field** (w/ kinetic term)
  - no physical d.o.f. in 0+1D/1+1D (w/ open bdy. condition)
  - $\infty$  dimensional Hilbert sp. in higher dimensions

# Citation history of “Hamiltonian Formulation of Wilson's Lattice Gauge Theories” by Kogut-Susskind

(totally 2177 at this moment)

## Citations per year





# (1+1)d free Dirac fermion (continuum)

Lagrangian:

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$$\Downarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_t \psi)} = \bar{\psi}$$

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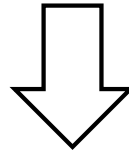
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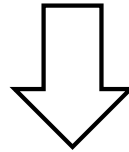
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$$H = -\frac{i}{2a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( \chi_n^\dagger \chi_{n+1} - \chi_{n+1}^\dagger \chi_n \right) + m \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \chi_n^\dagger \chi_n$$

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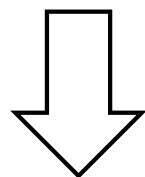
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Now we can apply quantum algorithms to QFT!

# Scalar field theory (continuum)

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial_\nu \phi) - V(\phi)$$



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$$\Downarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \int d^d x &\rightarrow a^d \sum_n, \\ \partial_\mu \phi(x) &\rightarrow \Delta_\mu \phi(x_n) \equiv \frac{\phi(x_n + a e_\mu) - \phi(x_n)}{a} \end{aligned}$$

Lattice Hamiltonian (simplest):

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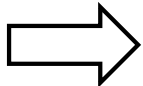
technically the same as multi-particle QM

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*regularize!*

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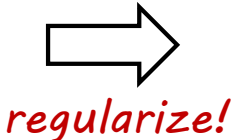


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Then replace  $\hat{p}$  &  $\hat{x}$  by

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$$\hat{p} \Big|_{\text{regularized}} \equiv \frac{1}{i} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2}} (\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger) \Big|_{\text{regularized}}$$

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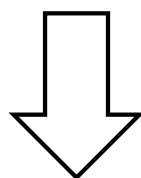
$$|n\rangle \langle n+1| = \bigotimes_{\ell=0}^{K-1} \underbrace{(|b'_\ell\rangle \langle b_\ell|)}_{\text{either one of}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ll} |0\rangle \langle 0| = \frac{1_2 - \sigma_z}{2}, & |1\rangle \langle 1| = \frac{1_2 + \sigma_z}{2}, \\ |0\rangle \langle 1| = \frac{\sigma_x + i\sigma_y}{2}, & |1\rangle \langle 0| = \frac{\sigma_x - i\sigma_y}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

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Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \quad (F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)$$



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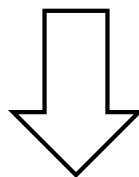
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$$[U_{\mathbf{m}, i}, L_{\mathbf{n}, j}] = i \delta_{ij} \delta_{\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}}$$

Gauss law:

$$\sum_i (L_{\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{e}_i, i} - L_{\mathbf{n}, i}) = 0$$

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one d.o.f. remains

# Short summary

(repeated)

Hilbert space of QFT is typically  $\infty$  dimensional

————→ Make it finite dimensional!

- **Fermion** is easiest (up to doubling problem)
  - Putting on spatial lattice, Hilbert sp. is finite dimensional
- **scalar**
  - Hilbert sp. at each site is  $\infty$  dimensional  
(need truncation or additional regularization)
- **gauge field** (w/ kinetic term)
  - no physical d.o.f. in 0+1D/1+1D (w/ open bdy. condition)
  - $\infty$  dimensional Hilbert sp. in higher dimensions



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[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]

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Taking temporal gauge  $A_0 = 0$ , ( $\Pi = \dot{A}^1$ )

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \left[ -i\bar{\psi}\gamma^1(\partial_1 + igA_1)\psi + m\bar{\psi}e^{i\theta\gamma^5}\psi + \frac{1}{2}\Pi^2 \right]$$

Physical states are constrained by **Gauss law**:

$$0 = -\partial_1\Pi - g\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi$$

# Sign problem in path integral formalism

In Minkowski space,

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)\psi \right] + \frac{g\theta}{4\pi} \int F \in \mathbf{R}$$

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- Bosonization:

[Coleman '76]

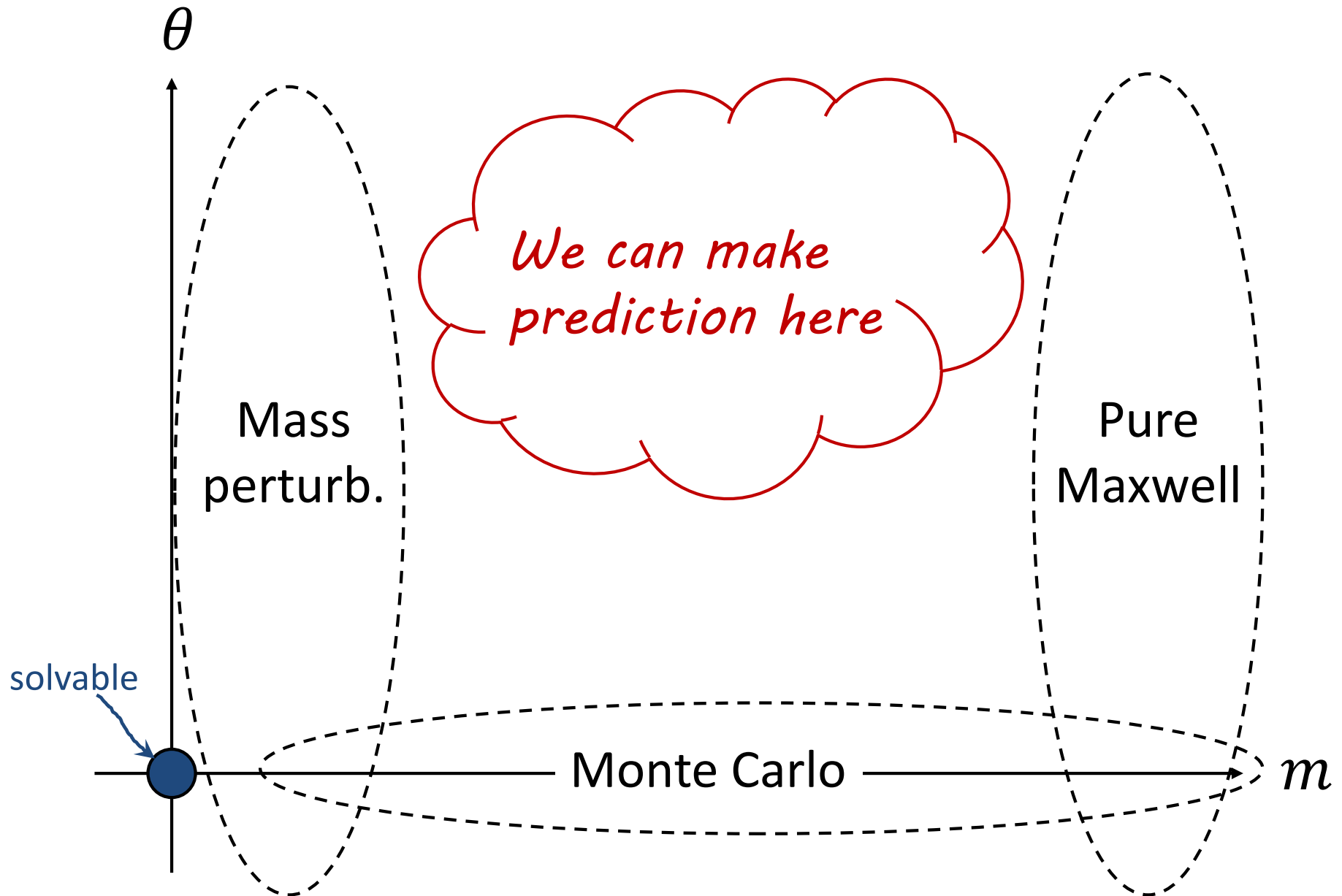
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{g^2}{8\pi^2} \phi^2 + \frac{e^\gamma g}{2\pi^{3/2}} m \cos(\phi + \theta)$$

exactly solvable for  $m = 0$

&

small  $m$  regime is approximated by perturbation

# Map of accessibility/difficulty



# Put the theory on lattice

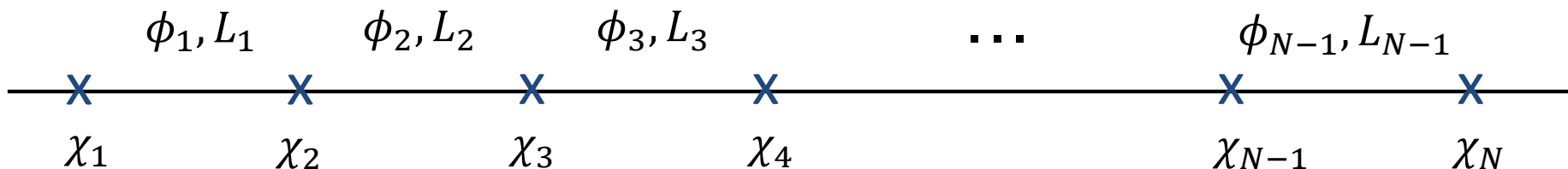
## ▪ Fermion (on site):

*“Staggered fermion”* [Susskind, Kogut-Susskind '75]

$$\underbrace{\frac{\chi_n}{a^{1/2}}}_{\text{lattice spacing}} \longleftrightarrow \psi(x) = \begin{cases} \psi_u & \rightarrow \text{odd site} \\ \psi_d & \rightarrow \text{even site} \end{cases}$$

## ▪ Gauge field (on link):

$$\phi_n \leftrightarrow -agA^1(x), \quad L_n \leftrightarrow -\frac{\Pi(x)}{g}$$





# Lattice theory w/ staggered fermion

Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = -i \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( w - (-1)^n \frac{m}{2} \sin \theta \right) \left[ \chi_n^\dagger e^{i\phi_n} \chi_n - \text{h.c.} \right] \\ + m \cos \theta \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \chi_n^\dagger \chi_n + J \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} L_n^2 \quad \left( w = \frac{1}{2a}, J = \frac{g^2 a}{2} \right)$$

Commutation relation:

$$\{\chi_n^\dagger, \chi_m\} = \delta_{mn}, \quad \{\chi_n, \chi_m\} = 0, \quad [\phi_n, L_m] = i\delta_{mn}$$

Gauss law:

$$L_n - L_{n-1} = \chi_n^\dagger \chi_n - \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}$$

# Eliminate gauge d.o.f.

1. Take **open b.c.** & solve **Gauss law**:

$$L_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} \left[ \chi_{\ell}^{\dagger} \chi_{\ell} - \frac{1 - (-1)^{\ell}}{2} \right] \quad (\text{took } L_0 = 0)$$

2. Redefine fermion to absorb  $\phi_n$ :

$$\chi_n \rightarrow \prod_{\ell < n} \left[ e^{-i\phi_{\ell}} \right] \chi_n$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} = & -i \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( w - (-1)^n \frac{m}{2} \sin \theta \right) \left[ \chi_n^{\dagger} \chi_{n+1} - \text{h.c.} \right] + m \cos \theta \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \chi_n^{\dagger} \chi_n \\ & + J \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} \left( \chi_{\ell}^{\dagger} \chi_{\ell} - \frac{1 - (-1)^{\ell}}{2} \right) \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

This acts on **finite** dimensional Hilbert space

# Going to spin system

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This is satisfied by the operator:

*“Jordan-Wigner transformation”*

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[Jordan-Wigner'28]

Now the system is purely a spin system:

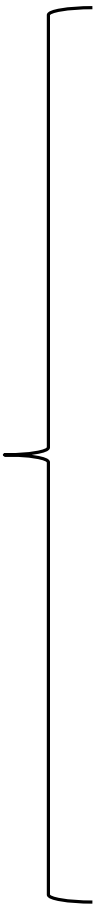
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*Qubit description of the Schwinger model !!*

# Comments on choices of setup

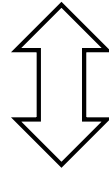
There were many choices of setup to come here...

- 
- Formulation of continuum theory?
  - Type of lattice fermion?
  - Boundary condition?
  - Impose Gauss law?
  - How to map fermion to spin system?
  - Even  $N$  or odd  $N$ ?

# Choice of continuum theory

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(used for the case w/o probes)

- Equivalent for continuum theory w/o bdy.
  - (generically) inequivalent for theory on lattice or w/ bdy.
- The latter doesn’t violate  $\theta$ -periodicity even for open b.c.

# Choice of boundary conditions

Gauss law:  $L_n - L_{n-1} = q \left[ \chi_n^\dagger \chi_n - \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2} \right]$

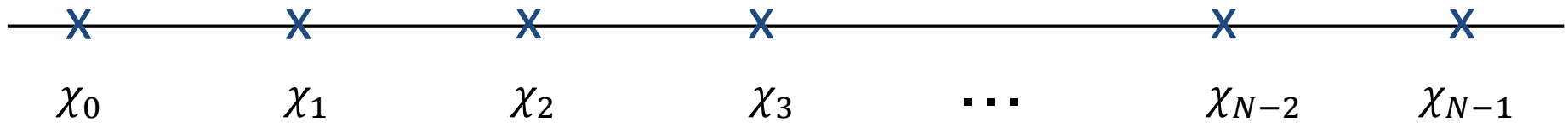
## Open b.c.

- $L_n = (\text{fermion op.})$   
→  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}) < \infty$
- $\theta$ -periodicity is lost
- momentum not conserved

## Periodic b.c.

- one of  $L_n$ 's remains  
→  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}) = \infty$   
*additional truncation needed*
- $\exists \theta$ -periodicity
- momentum conserved

# Even $N$ or odd $N$ ?



Staggered fermion:  $\frac{\chi_n}{a^{1/2}} \longleftrightarrow \psi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \longrightarrow \text{odd site} \\ \longrightarrow \text{even site} \end{matrix}$

- Usually even  $N$  is taken (p.b.c. allows only even  $N$ )
- Open b.c. allows both but parity is different:  $\chi_n \rightarrow i(-1)^n \chi_{N-n-1}$

	$n \bmod 2$	$\bar{\psi}\psi \sim \sum_n (-1)^n \chi_n^\dagger \chi_n$	$\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\psi \sim \sum_n (-1)^n (\chi_n^\dagger \chi_{n+1} - \text{h.c.})$
even $N$	changes	flipped	invariant
odd $N$	invariant	invariant	flipped

Odd  $N$  seems more like the continuum theory?

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# Time evolution operator

## Suzuki-Trotter decomposition:

$$e^{-i\hat{H}t} = \left( e^{-i\hat{H}\frac{t}{M}} \right)^M \quad (\text{M: large positive integer})$$
$$\simeq \left( e^{-iH_Z\frac{t}{M}} e^{-iH_{ZZ}\frac{t}{M}} e^{-iH_{XX}\frac{t}{M}} e^{-iH_{YY}\frac{t}{M}} \right)^M + \mathcal{O}(1/M)$$

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*Can we express it in terms of elementary gates?*

# Time evolution operator (cont'd)

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The 1st one is trivial:

$$e^{-icZ} = R_Z(2c)$$

The 2nd one appeared in Ising model:

$$e^{-icZ_1 Z_2} = CX R_Z^{(2)}(2c) CX$$

The 3rd one (see next slide):

$$e^{-icX_1 X_2} = CX R_X^{(1)}(2c) CX$$

The 4th one:

$$e^{-icY_1 Y_2} = R_Z^{(1)}\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) R_Z^{(2)}\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) e^{-icX_1 X_2} R_Z^{(2)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) R_Z^{(1)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

# Time evolution operator (Cont'd)

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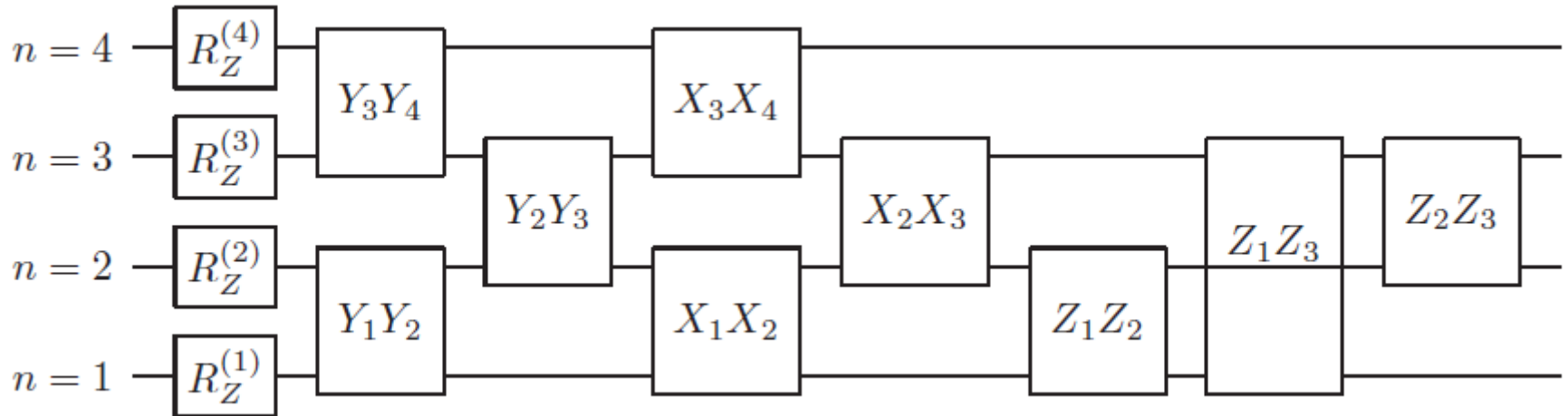
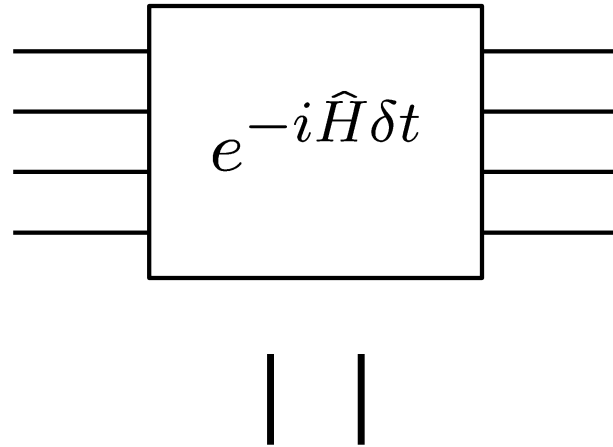
Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & CXR_X^{(1)}(2c)CX|0\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \\ &= CXR_X^{(1)}(2c)|0\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle = CX \left[ \cos c|0\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c|1\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \right] \\ &= \cos c|0\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c|1\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle = \cos c|0\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c X|0\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle \\ & CXR_X^{(1)}(2c)CX|1\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \\ &= CXR_X^{(1)}(2c)|1\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle = CX \left[ \cos c|1\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle - i \sin c|0\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle \right] \\ &= \cos c|1\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c|0\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle = \cos c|1\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c X|1\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} CXR_X^{(1)}(2c)CX|\varphi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle &= \cos c|\varphi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle - i \sin c X|\varphi\rangle \otimes X|\psi\rangle \\ &= e^{-icX_1X_2}|\varphi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

# Quantum circuit for time evolution op. (N=4)



# Improvement of Suzuki-Trotter decomposition

The leading order decomposition:

$$e^{-i(H_1+H_2)\delta t} = e^{-iH_1\delta t}e^{-iH_2\delta t} + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)$$

The 2nd order improvement:

$$e^{-i(H_1+H_2)\delta t} = e^{-iH_1\frac{\delta t}{2}}e^{-iH_2\delta t}e^{-iH_1\frac{\delta t}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^3)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{cf. Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula:} \\ e^A e^B = e^{A+B+\frac{1}{2}[A,B]+\frac{1}{12}[A,[A,B]]+\dots} \end{array} \right)$$

This increases the number of gates at each time step  
but **we can take larger  $\delta t$**  (smaller M) to achieve similar accuracy.  
Totally we save the number of gates.

# Survival probability of massive vacuum

[cf. Martinez et al. **Nature** 534 (2016) 516-519]

The ground state in the large mass limit is

$$(\text{mass term}) \propto m \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n Z_n$$

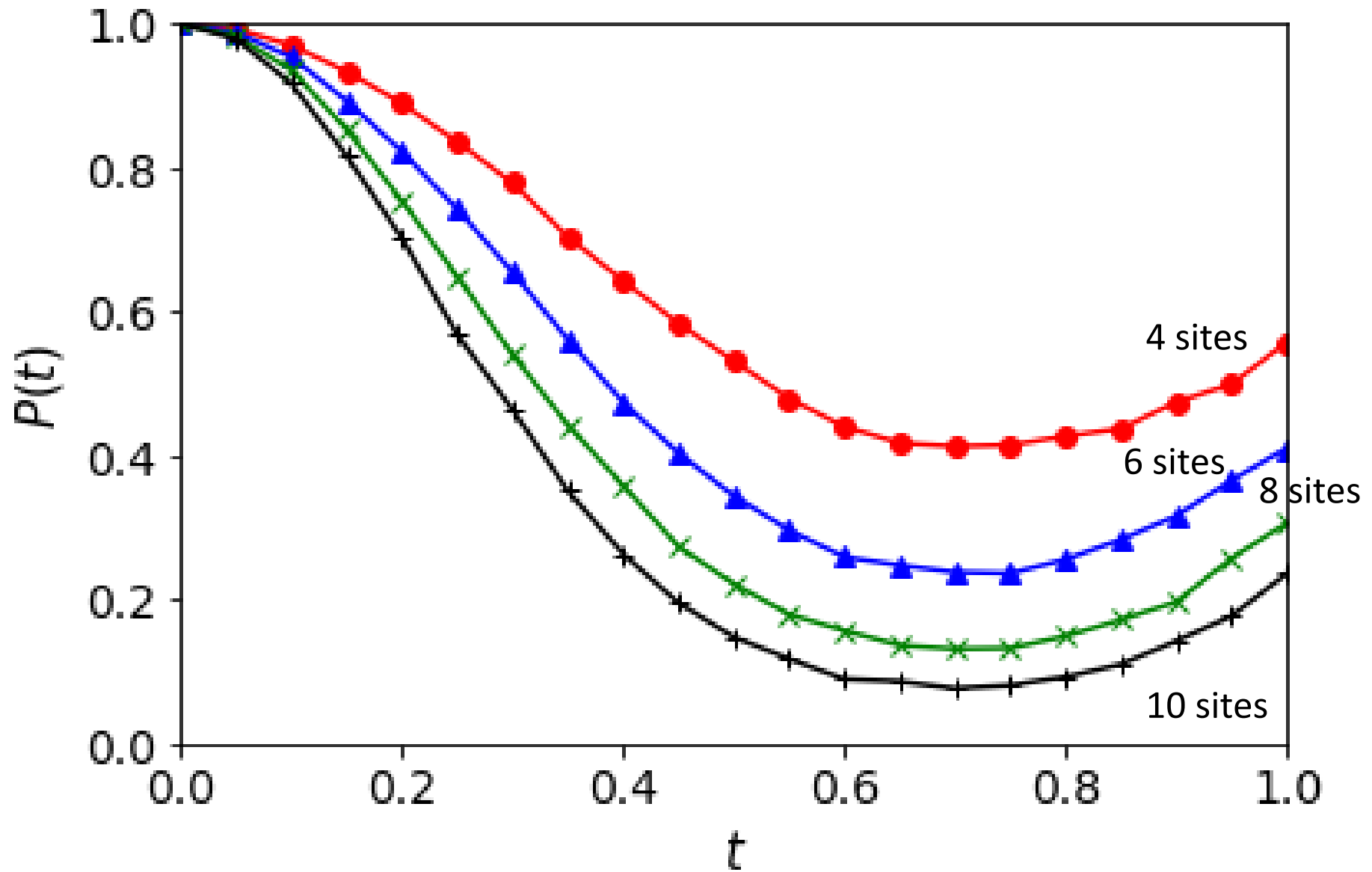
$$|\text{massive}\rangle = |0101 \cdots 01\rangle$$

Survival probability:

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= \left| \langle \text{massive} | e^{-i\hat{H}t} | \text{massive} \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \langle 00 \cdots 0 | X_N \cdots X_4 X_2 e^{-i\hat{H}t} X_2 X_4 \cdots X_N | 00 \cdots 0 \rangle \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Result of simulator (10000 shots)

$J = 1, w = 1, m = 1, \theta = 0, \delta t = 0.01, 100$  time steps



# Plan of lecture 3

0. Conventional numerical approach to QFT
1. QFT as qubits (mapping to spin system)
2. Schwinger model as qubits
3. Time evolution operator
4. Simulation of Schwinger model
5. Summary

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# VEV of mass operator (chiral condensation)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) \rangle = \langle \text{vac} | \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) | \text{vac} \rangle$$

Instead of the local op., we analyze the average over the space:

$$\frac{1}{2Na} \langle \text{vac} | \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n Z_n | \text{vac} \rangle$$

Once we get the vacuum, we can compute the VEV as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2Na} \langle \text{vac} | \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n Z_n | \text{vac} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2Na} \sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^n \sum_{i_1 \cdots i_N=0,1} \langle \text{vac} | Z_n | i_1 \cdots i_N \rangle \langle i_1 \cdots i_N | \text{vac} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2Na} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{i_1 \cdots i_N=0,1} (-1)^{n+i_n} |\langle i_1 \cdots i_N | \text{vac} \rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Adiabatic state preparation of vacuum (repeated)

Step 1: Choose an **initial** Hamiltonian  $H_0$  of a simple system whose ground state  $|\text{vac}_0\rangle$  is known and unique

Step 2: Introduce **adiabatic** Hamiltonian  $H_A(t)$  s.t.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet H_A(0) = H_0, H_A(T) = H_{\text{target}} \\ \bullet \left| \frac{dH_A}{dt} \right| \ll 1 \text{ for } T \gg 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Step 3: Use the **adiabatic theorem**

If  $H_A(t)$  has a **unique** ground state w/ a finite **gap** for  $\forall t$ , then the ground state of  $H_{\text{target}}$  is obtained by

$$|\text{vac}\rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T} \exp \left( -i \int_0^T dt H_A(t) \right) |\text{vac}_0\rangle$$

# Adiabatic state preparation in the Schwinger model

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{vac}\rangle &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T} \exp \left( -i \int_0^T dt H_A(t) \right) |\text{vac}_0\rangle \\ &\simeq U(T)U(T - \delta t) \cdots U(2\delta t)U(\delta t)|\text{vac}_0\rangle \\ &\quad \left( U(t) = e^{-iH_A(t)\delta t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here we choose

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_0 = H_{ZZ} + H_Z|_{m \rightarrow m_0, \theta \rightarrow 0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\text{vac}_0\rangle = |0101 \cdots 01\rangle \\ H_A(t) = \hat{H}|_{w \rightarrow w(t), \theta \rightarrow \theta(t), m \rightarrow m(t)} \\ w(t) = \frac{t}{T}w, \quad \theta(t) = \frac{t}{T}\theta, \quad m(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right)m_0 + \frac{t}{T}m \end{array} \right.$$

$m_0$  can be any positive number in principle

but it is practically chosen to have small systematic error

# Massless case

For massless case,

$\theta$  is absorbed by chiral rotation  $\Rightarrow \theta = 0$  w/o loss of generality

*No sign problem*

Nevertheless,

it's **difficult in conventional approach** because computation of fermion determinant becomes very costly

$\exists$  Exact result:

[Hetrick-Hosotani '88]

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) \rangle = -\frac{e^\gamma}{2\pi^{3/2}}g \simeq -0.160g$$

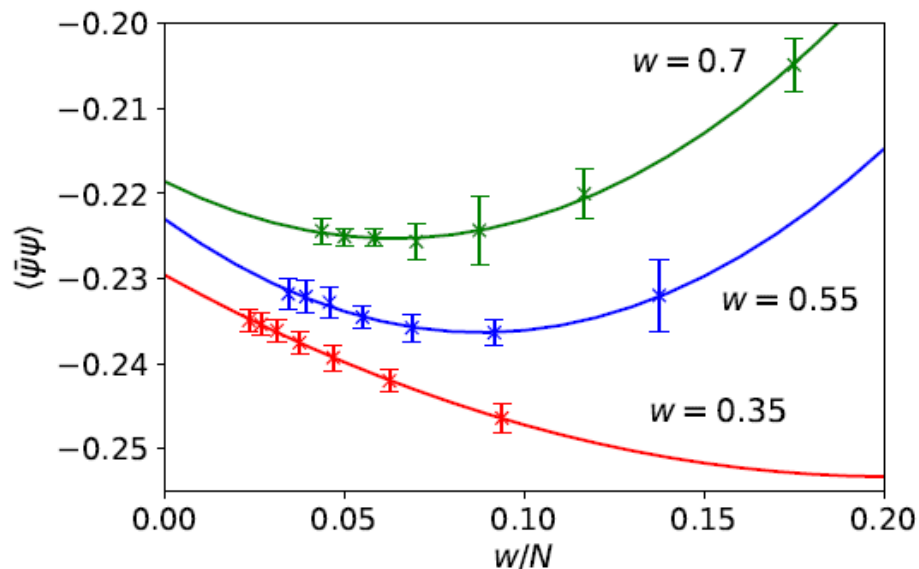
*Can we reproduce it?*

# Thermodynamic & Continuum limit

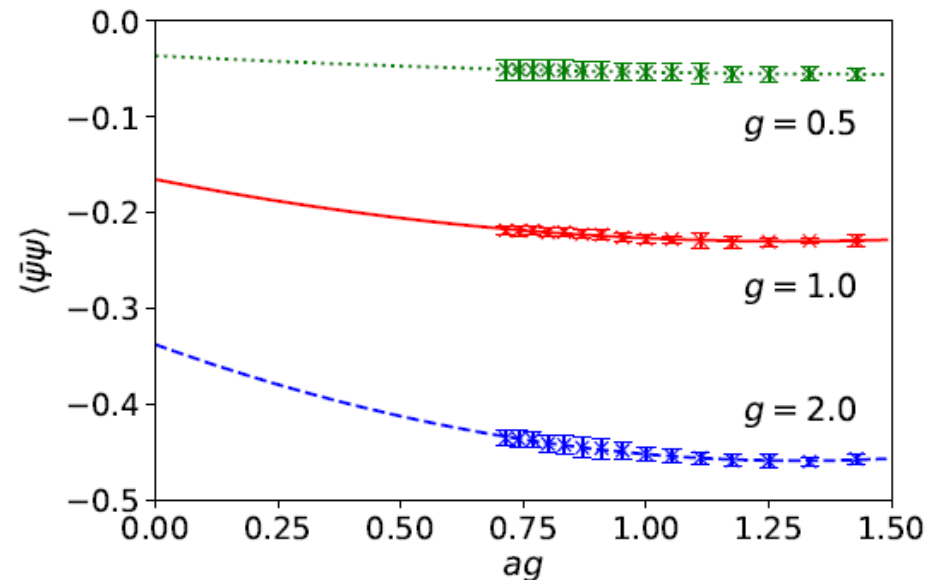
$g = 1, m = 0, N_{\max} = 16, T = 100, \delta t = 0.1, 1M$  shots

*#(measurements)*

Thermodynamic limit: ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ , fixed  $a$ )



Continuum limit: ( $a \rightarrow 0$  after  $aN \rightarrow \infty$ )

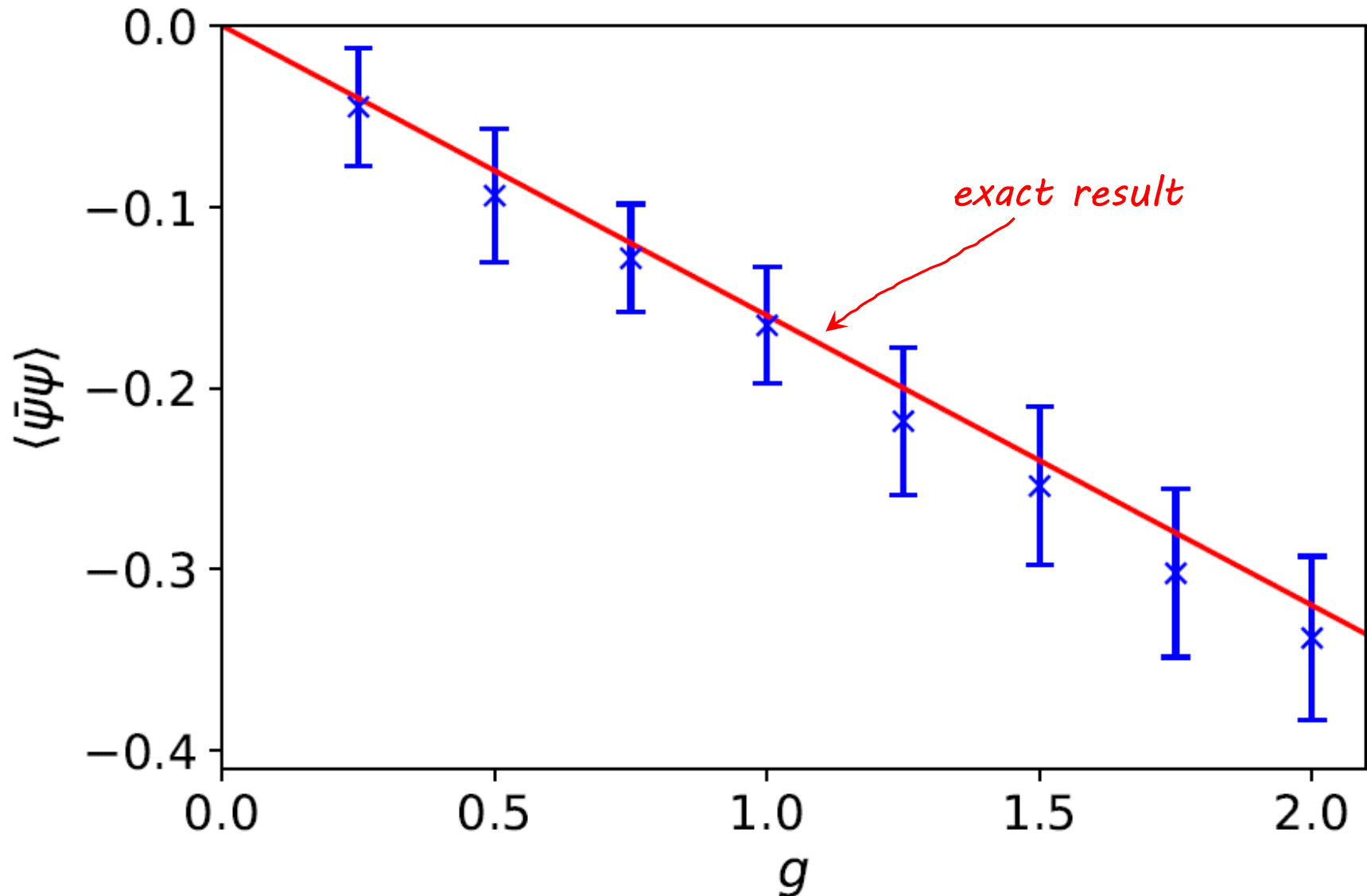


$$\left( w := \frac{1}{2a} \right)$$

# Result for **massless** case (after continuum limit)

$T = 100, \delta t = 0.1, N_{\max} = 16, 1M$  shots

[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]



# Massive case

Result of mass perturbation theory:

[Adam '98]

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) \rangle \simeq -0.160g + 0.322m \cos\theta + \mathcal{O}(m^2)$$

However,

∃ Subtlety in comparison: this quantity is **UV divergent**  
( $\sim m \log \Lambda$ )

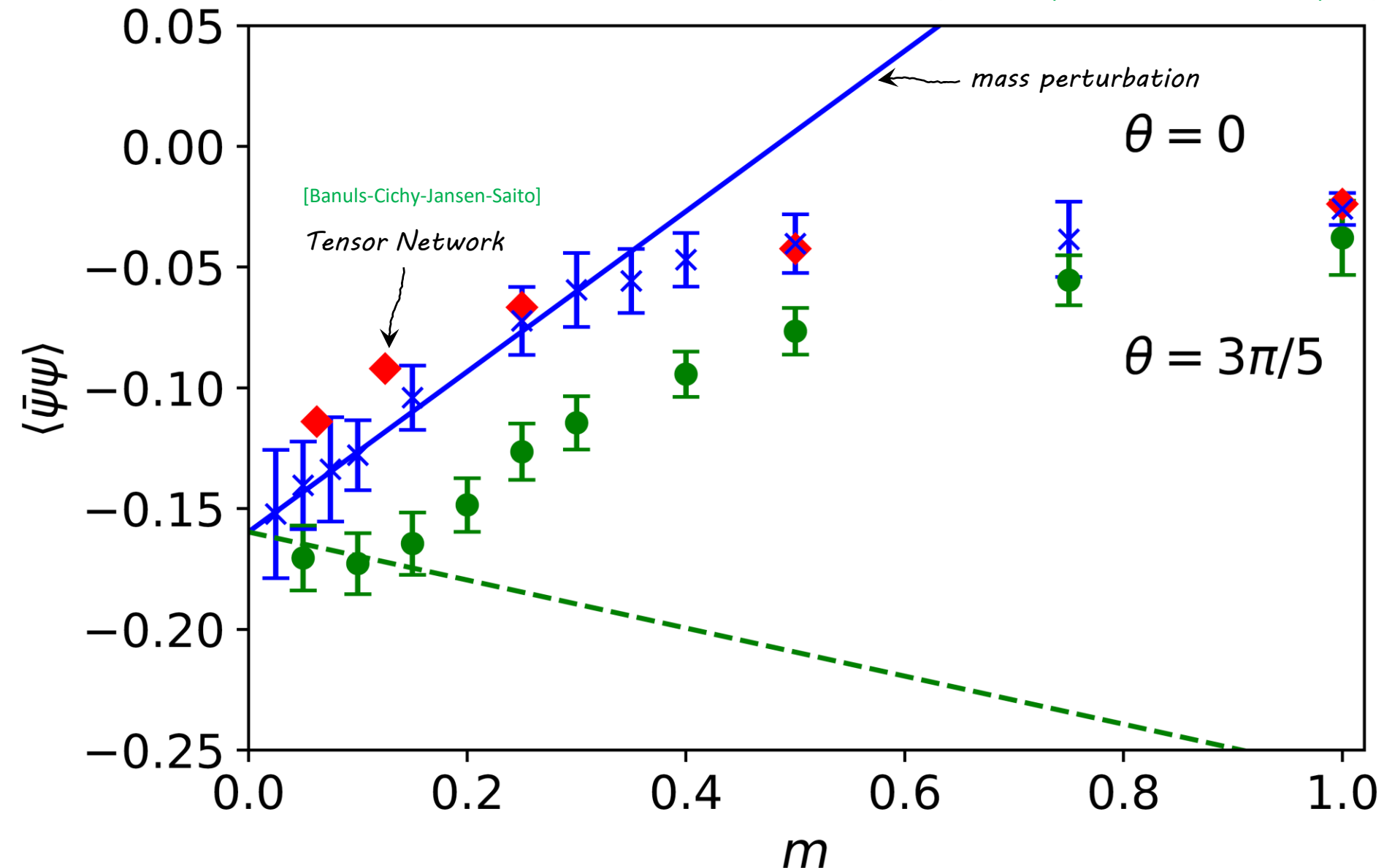
 need a regularization!

Here we subtract free theory result before taking continuum limit:

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[ \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle - \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\text{free}} \right]$$

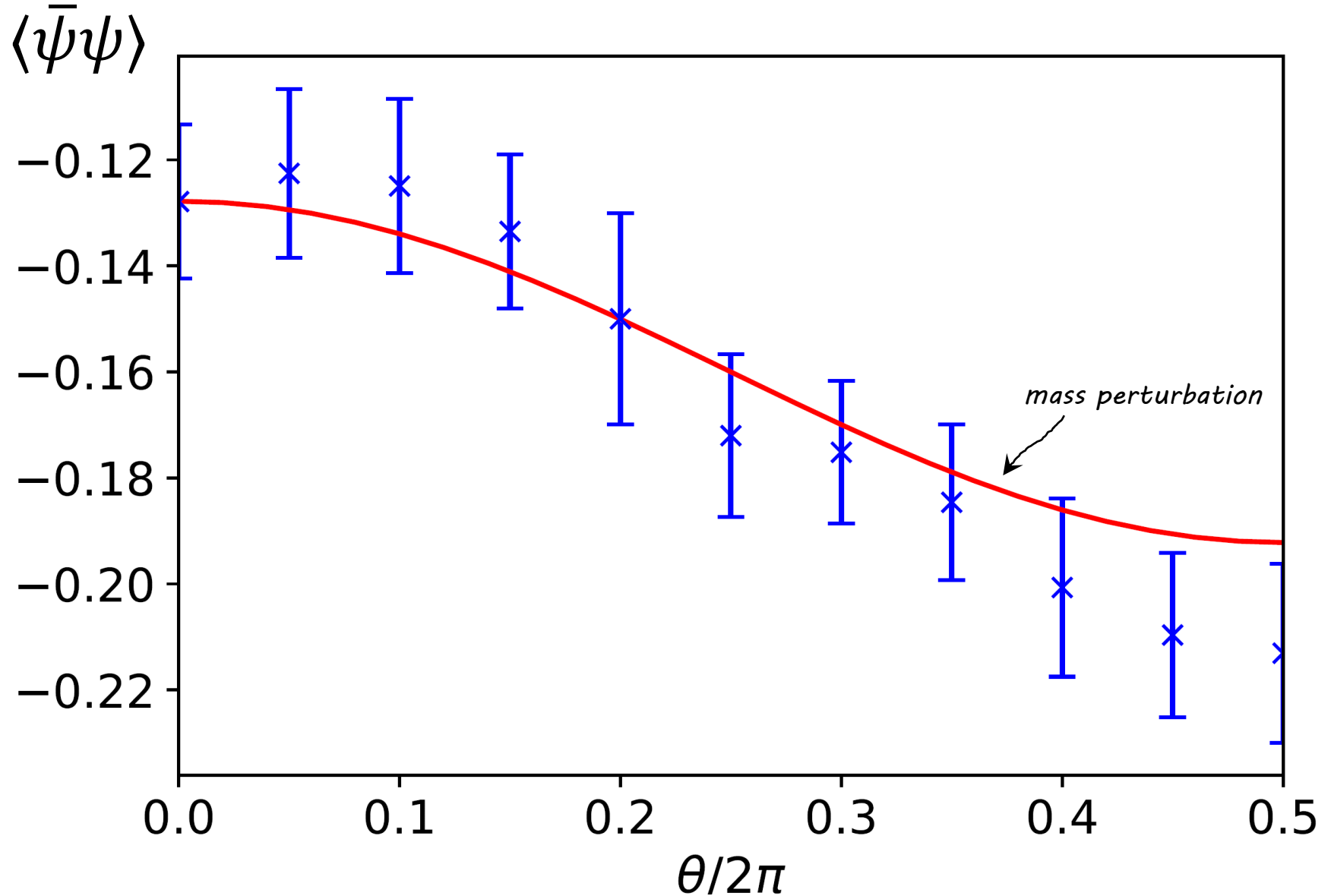
# Chiral condens. for massive case at $g=1$

[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]





# $\theta$ dependence at $m = 0.1$ & $g = 1$



# Summary

# Summary

- Quantum computation is suitable for **operator formalism** which is free from sign problem
- QFT typically has  $\infty$  dimensional Hilbert space and regularization is needed for simulation in operator formalism
- For QFT w/ physical bosonic d.o.f., extra truncation is needed even after putting it on lattice
- We've constructed the vacuum of Schwinger model w/ the **topological term** by adiabatic state preparation
- found agreement in the chiral condensate with the exact result for  $m = 0$  & mass perturbation theory for small  $m$

[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]

Here is the end of lecture 3!

# Appendix

# Estimation of systematic errors

Approximation of vacuum:

[Chakraborty-MH-Kikuchi-Izubuchi-Tomiya '20]

$$|\text{vac}\rangle \simeq U(T)U(T-\delta t)\cdots U(2\delta t)U(\delta t)|\text{vac}_0\rangle \equiv |\text{vac}_A\rangle$$

Approximation of VEV:

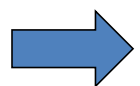
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \equiv \langle \text{vac} | \mathcal{O} | \text{vac} \rangle \simeq \langle \text{vac}_A | \mathcal{O} | \text{vac}_A \rangle$$

Introduce the quantity

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_A(t) \equiv \langle \text{vac}_A | e^{i\hat{H}t} \mathcal{O} e^{-i\hat{H}t} | \text{vac}_A \rangle$$

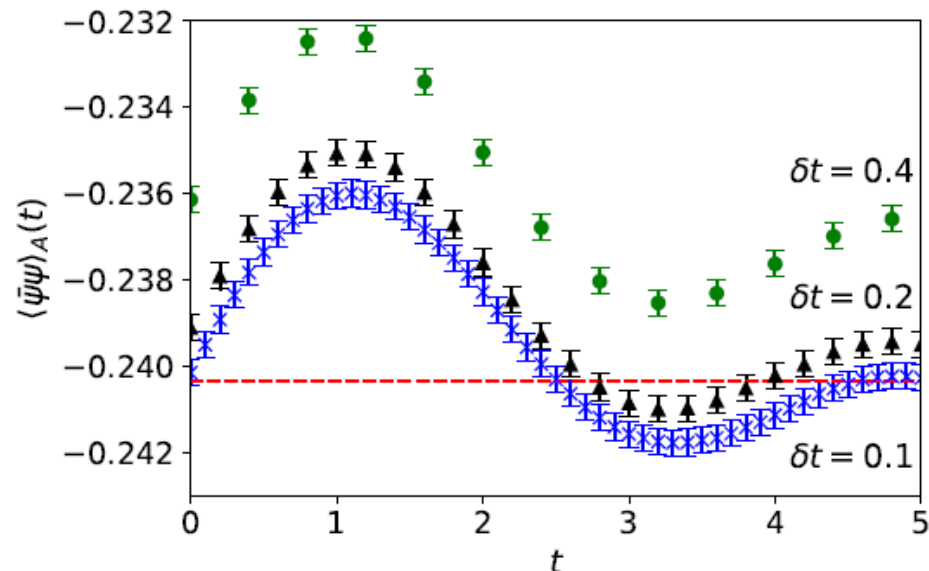
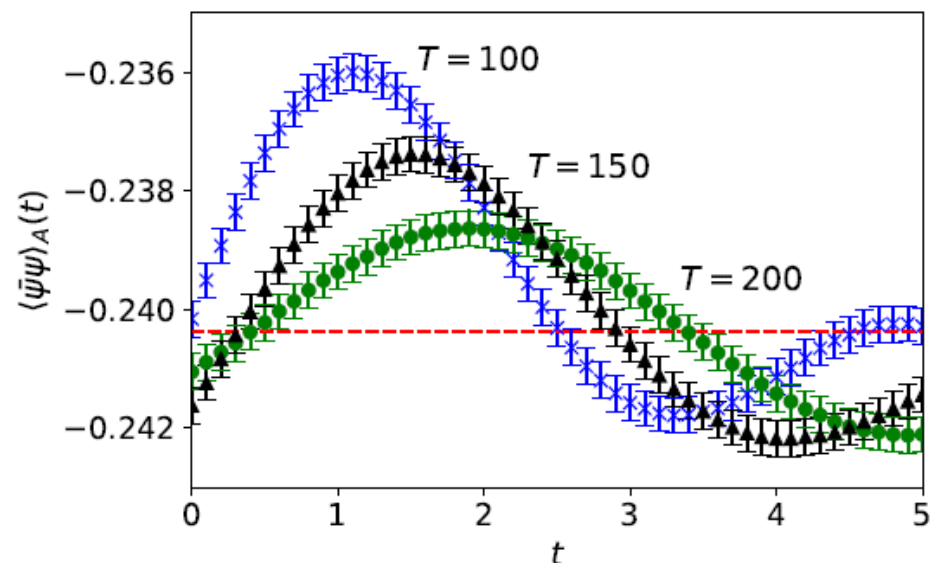
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{independent of } t \text{ if } |\text{vac}_A\rangle = |\text{vac}\rangle \\ \text{dependent on } t \text{ if } |\text{vac}_A\rangle \neq |\text{vac}\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

This quantity describes intrinsic ambiguities in prediction



Useful to estimate systematic errors

# Estimation of systematic errors (Cont'd)



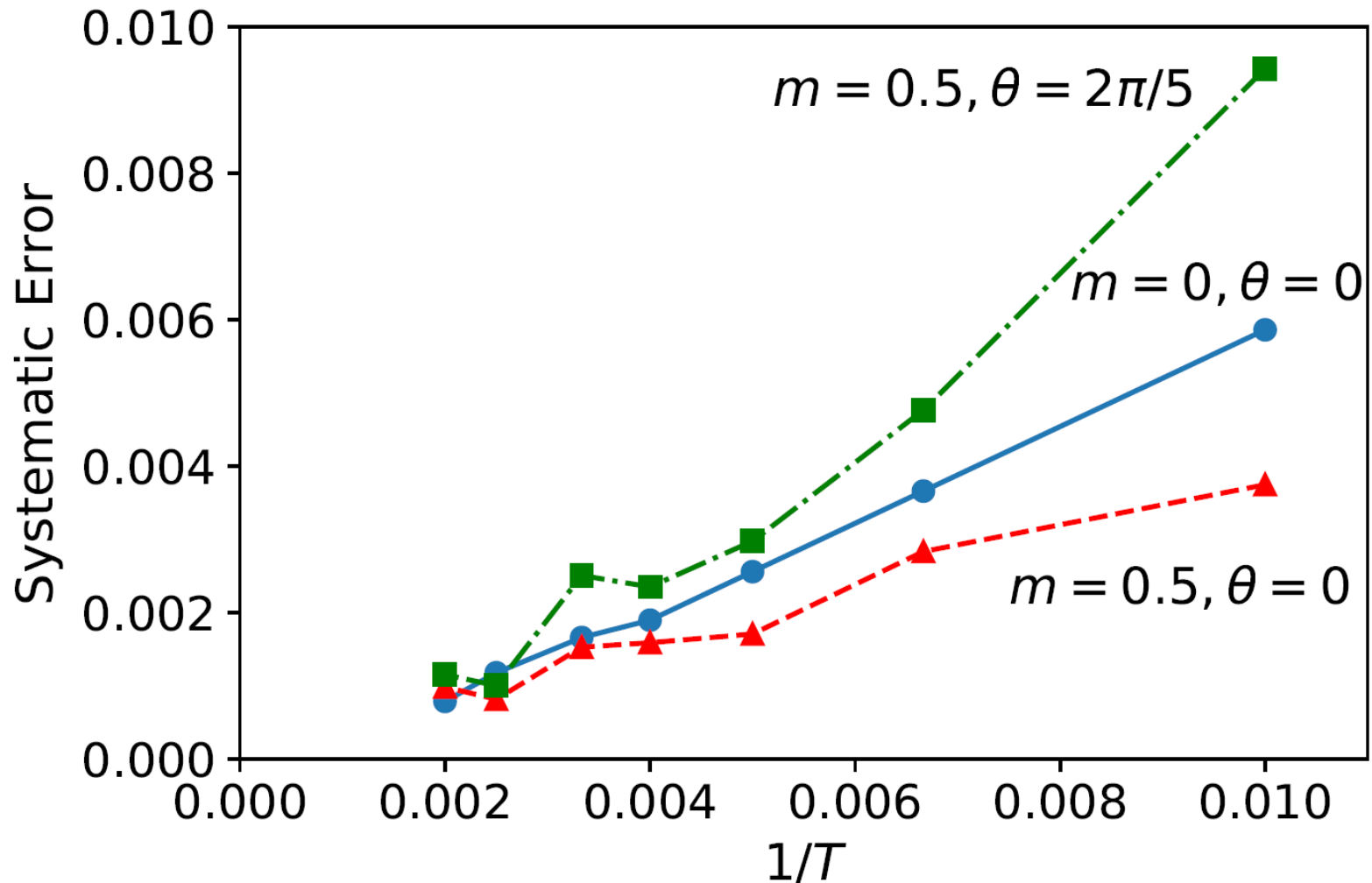
Oscillating around the correct value

➡ Define central value & error as

$$\frac{1}{2} (\max \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_A(t) + \min \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_A(t)) \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{2} (\max \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_A(t) - \min \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_A(t))$$

# $T$ -dependence of the systematic errors

Parameters:  $g = 1, a = 1, N = 8, 10^6$  shots



# Tradeoff of symmetries in Suzuki-Trotter dec.

## Suzuki-Trotter decomposition:

(more precisely, we generically use its improvement)

$$e^{-iHt} = \left( e^{-iH \frac{t}{M}} \right)^M \simeq \left( e^{-iH_1 \frac{t}{M}} e^{-iH_2 \frac{t}{M}} \right)^M + \mathcal{O}(1/M) \quad (M \in \mathbb{Z}, M \gg 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{-it} \log \left( e^{-iH_1 \frac{t}{M}} e^{-iH_2 \frac{t}{M}} \right)^M$$

*Symmetries may be broken by decomposition*

## Tradeoff:

- Parity friendly (& translation if p.b.c.)

$$H = H_{XX} + H_{YY} + H_{ZZ} + H_Z$$

~~$U(1)$~~

- $U(1)$  friendly

$$H = H_{XX+YY}^{(\text{even})} + H_{XX+YY}^{(\text{odd})} + H_{ZZ} + H_Z$$

~~$P$~~