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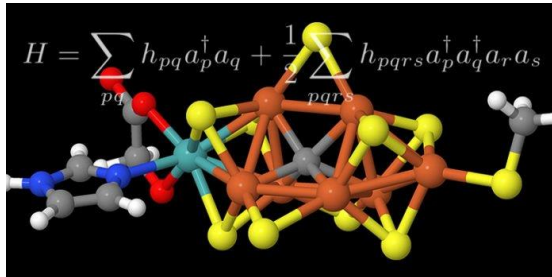
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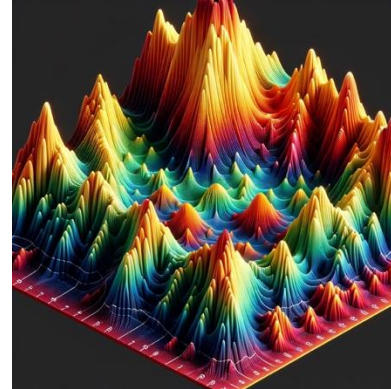
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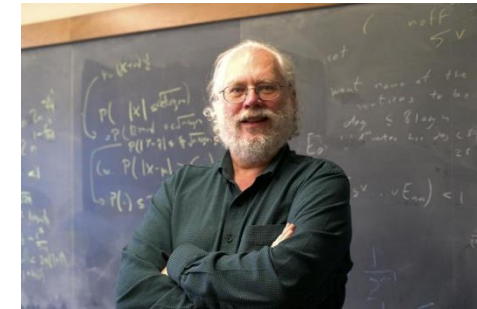
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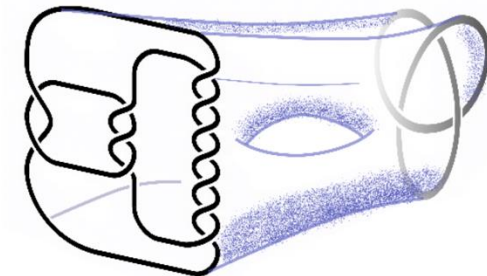
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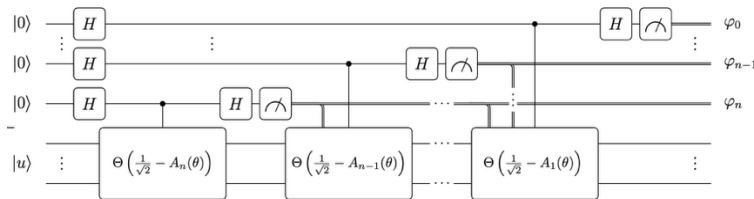
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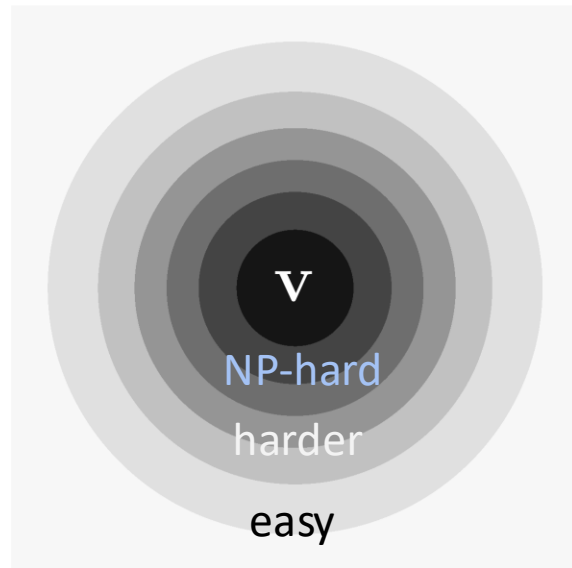
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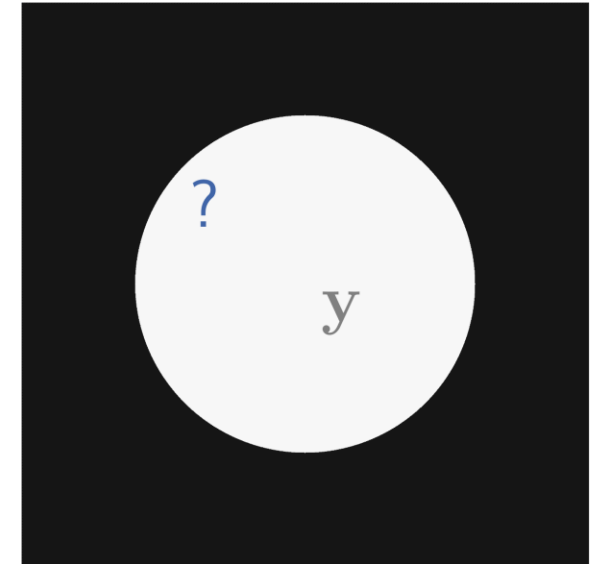
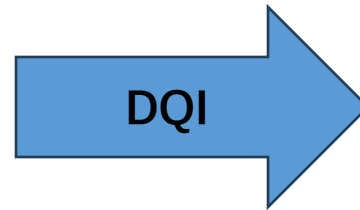
# Decoded Quantum Interferometry

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# DQI is a quantum reduction from classical optimization to classical decoding



$$\max_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$



Decode a noisy message

quantum algorithm  
for optimization

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quantum computer

+

classical decoder

## Example

Given:

$m$  constraints on  $n$  variables over a binary field mod 2

$$B\mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_2^{m \times n} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$$

Goal:

“satisfy as many  $\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} = v_i$  as possible”

$=$

$$\text{maximize} \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + v_j} = \# \text{SAT} - \# \text{UNSAT}$$

This defines a code:  $C^\perp = \{\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{F}_2^m : B^T \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}\}$

and a decoding problem: Given  $\mathbf{s} = B^T \mathbf{e}$ , recover  $\mathbf{e}$  provided  $|\mathbf{e}| \leq \ell$ .

### Central claim of DQI:

Decode up to  $\ell$  errors on  $C^\perp \implies$  Sample  $\mathbf{x} \sim P(f(\mathbf{x}))^2$ ,

where  $P$  is an arbitrary degree- $\ell$  polynomial

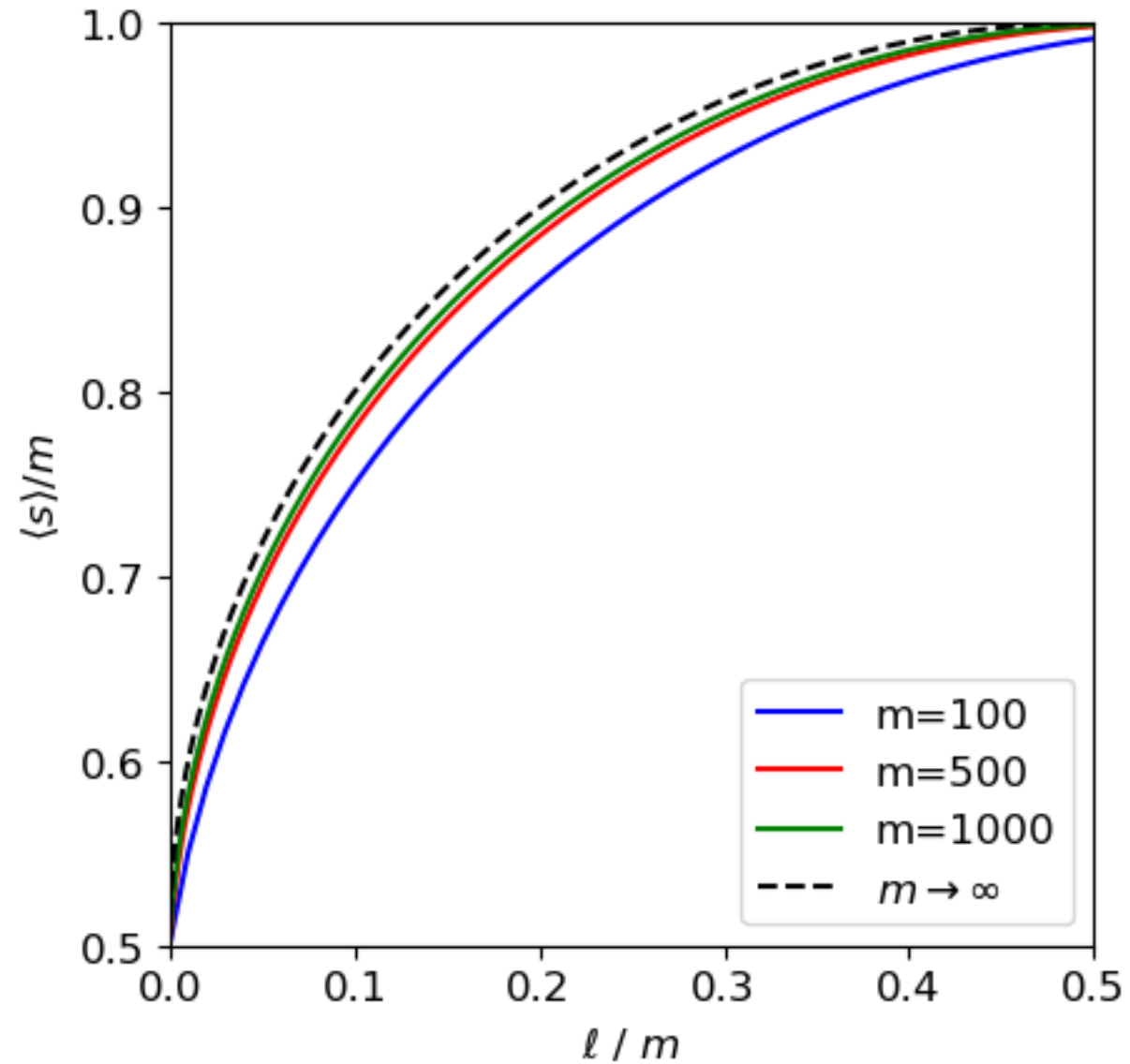
## Performance of DQI

- How can we predict the performance of DQI?

$$B\mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

If one can correct weight- $\ell$  errors on  $C^\perp$ , then DQI find a solution  $\mathbf{x}$  that satisfies  $s$  constraints given by

$$\frac{\langle s \rangle}{m} = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{m} \left( 1 - \frac{\ell}{m} \right)}$$





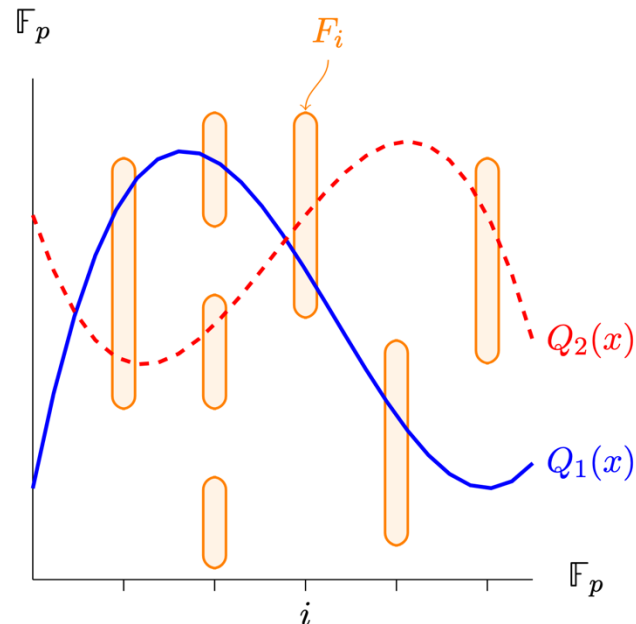
## What kind of structure benefits DQI?

algebraic structure

**Optimization problem:** “Optimal Polynomial Intersection”



**Decoding problem:** Reed-Solomon code

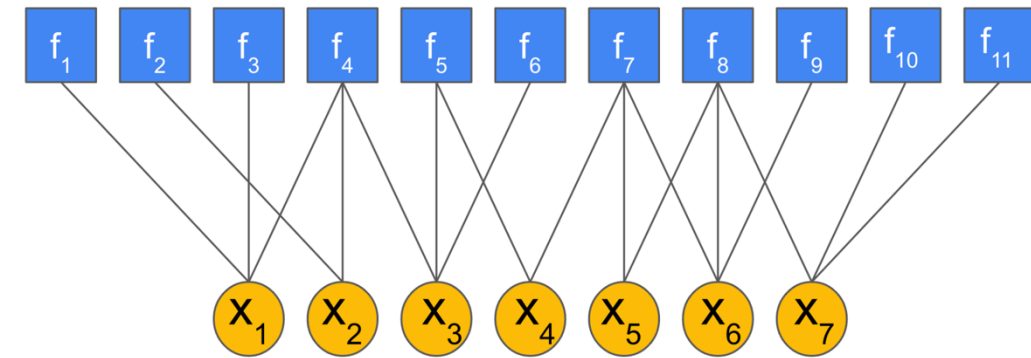


sparsity

**Optimization problem:** Sparse CSP



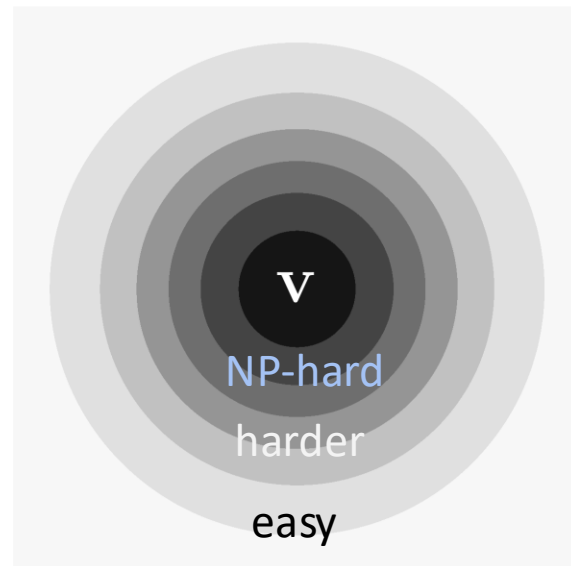
**Decoding problem:** LDPC code



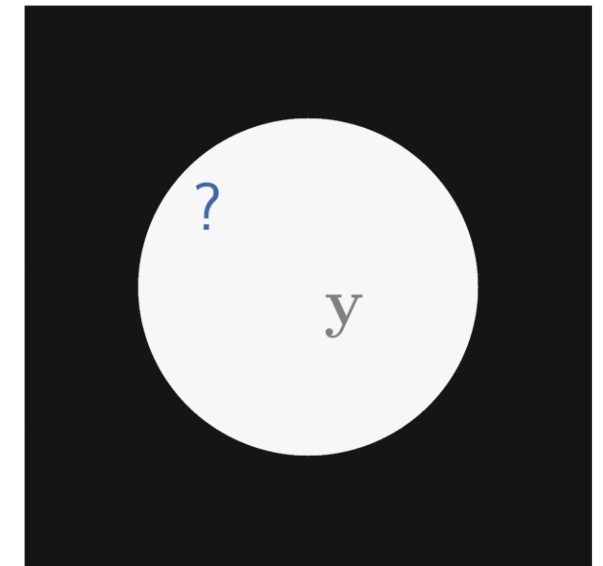
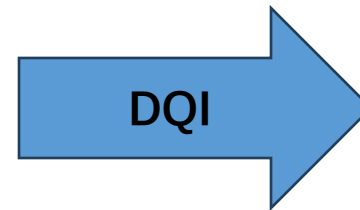
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## Hamiltonian DQI

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$$\max_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$$



Decode a noisy message

quantum algorithm  
for optimization

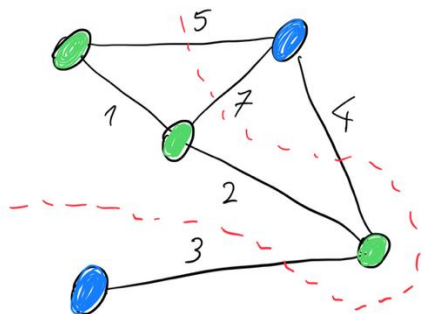
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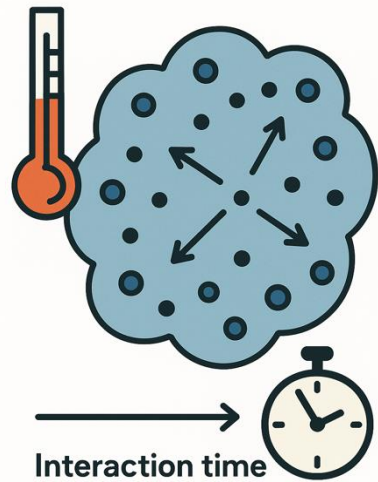
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classical decoder

## Hamiltonian Optimization



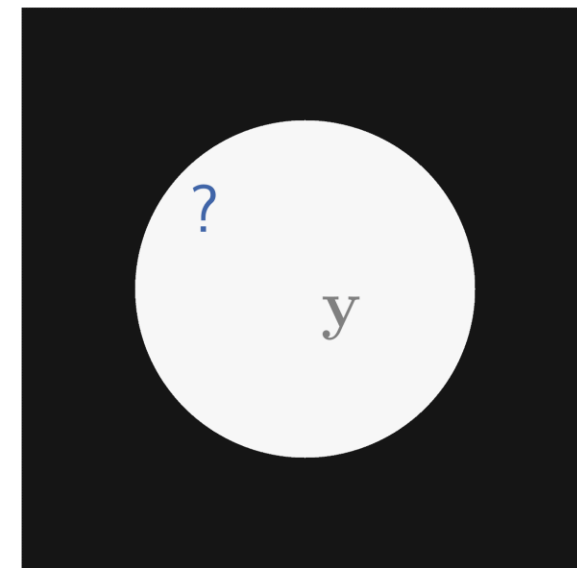
## Gibbs sampling



## Hamiltonian simulation

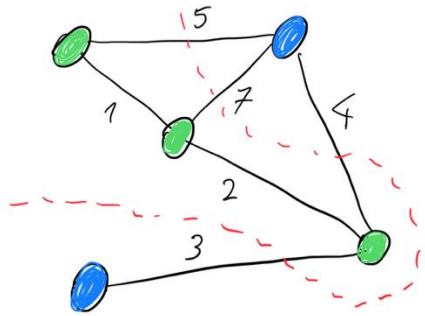
$$e^{-iHt}$$

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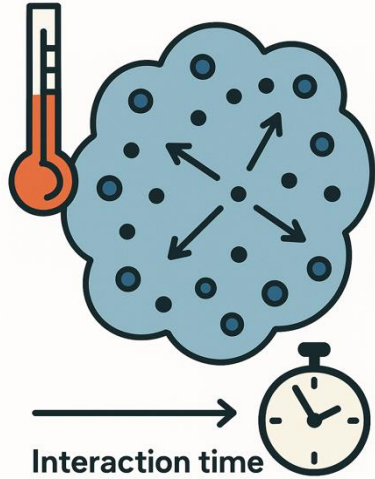


Decode a noisy message

## Hamiltonian Optimization



## Gibbs sampling

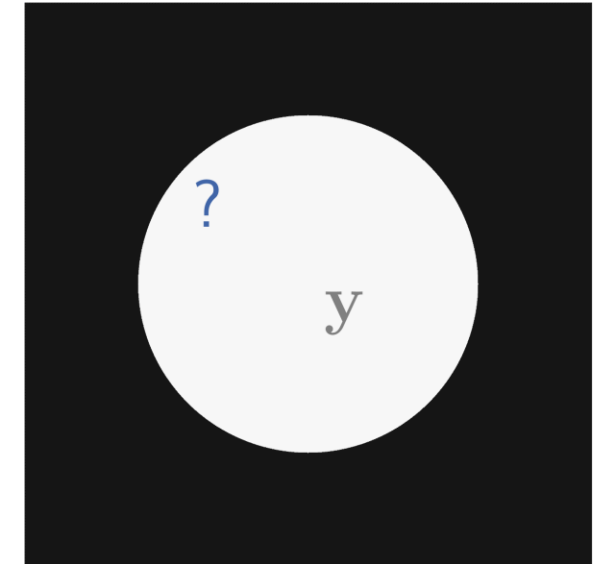


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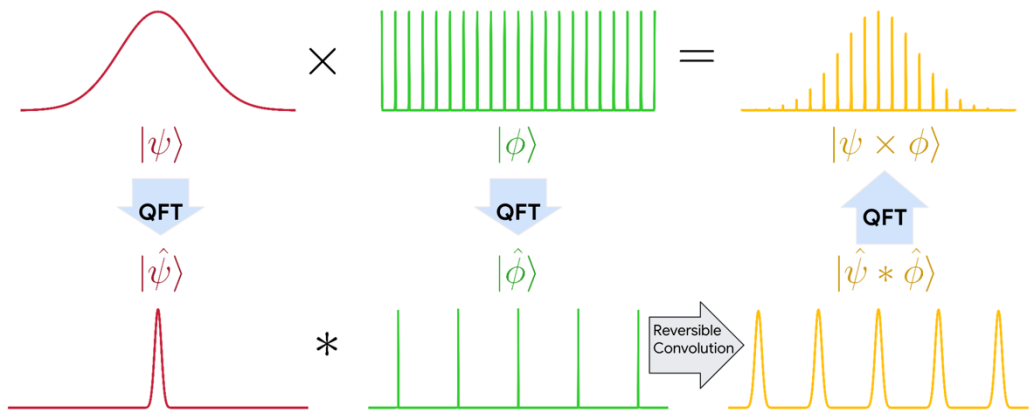
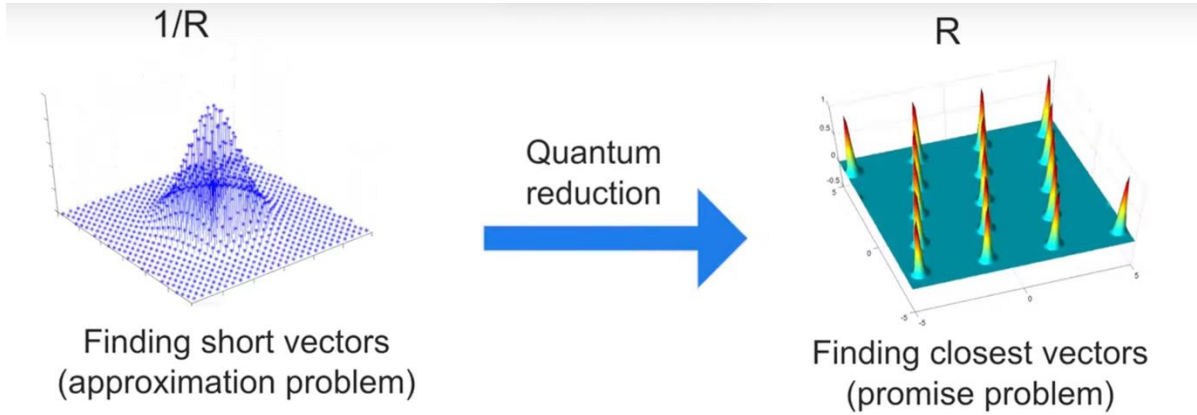


Hamiltonian DQI



Decode a noisy message

# Alternative: Non-abelian Regev's reduction



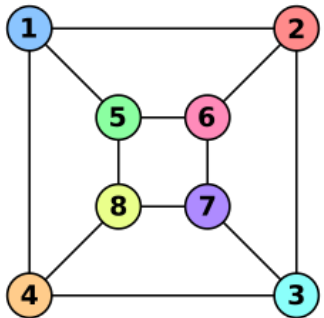
## Abelian groups:

$$\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{R}, V$$

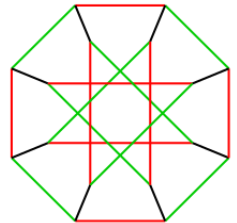
## Non-abelian groups:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$i < j$   
 $\pi(i) > \pi(j)$



$$X = \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$



# Hamiltonian optimization

Given:

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$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_2^{m \times n} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$$

$$H = \sum_i (-1)^{v_i} Z^{b_i} \quad H|x\rangle = f(x)|x\rangle \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + v_j} = \# \text{SAT} - \# \text{UNSAT}$$

Task: Sample  $x \sim P(f(x))^2$

## (Pauli) Hamiltonian generalization:

Given:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i P_i \quad H|\lambda\rangle = \lambda|\lambda\rangle$$

Task: Sample  $|\lambda\rangle \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)^2$

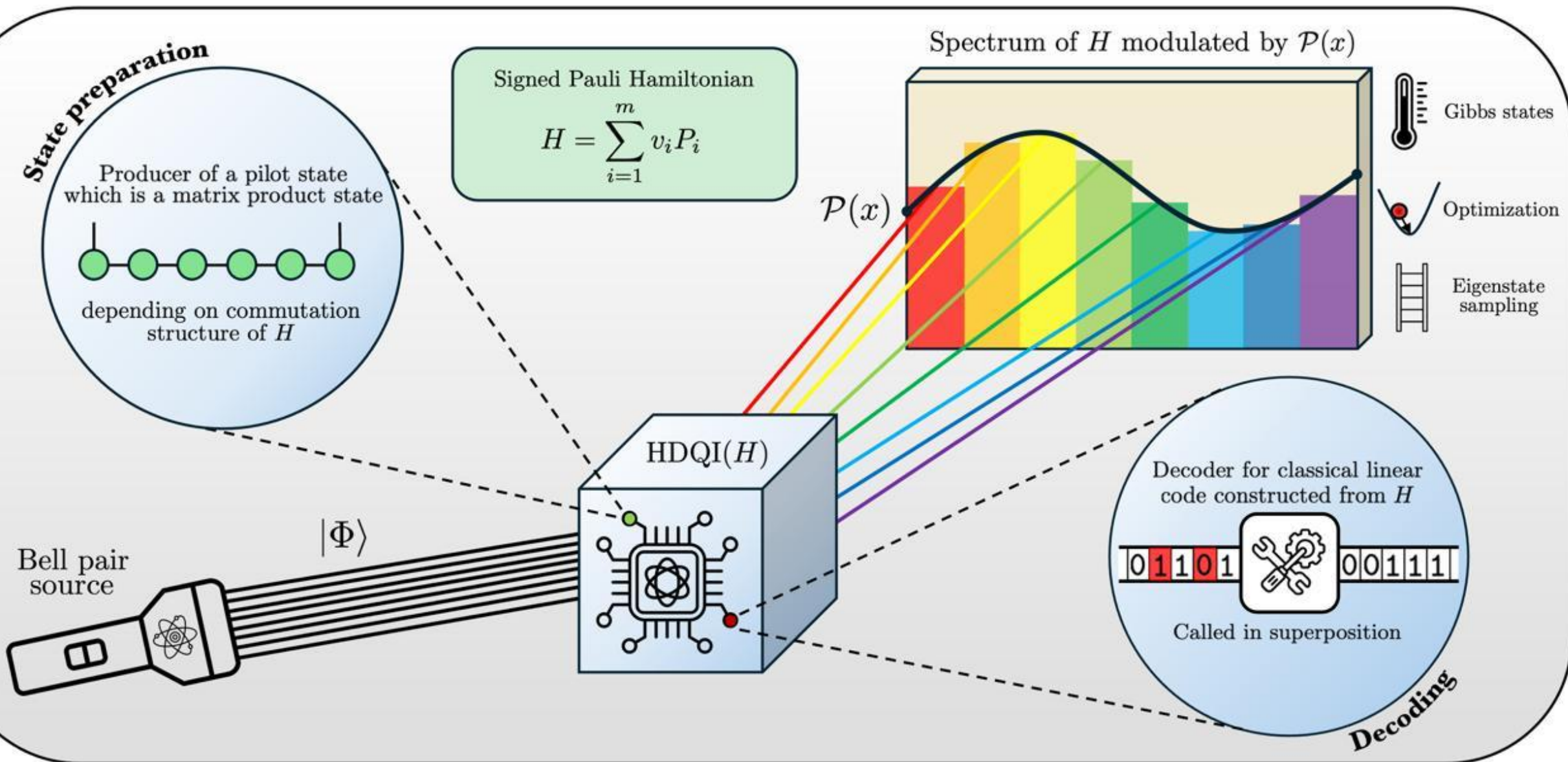
$$\rho_{\mathcal{P}}(H) = \frac{\mathcal{P}^2(H)}{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{P}^2(H)]}$$

HDQI reduces this task to:

Decoding

+

Preparing a Pilot  
state





# Algorithm

**Goal:** Sample  $|\lambda\rangle \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)^2$ .

DQI prepares

$$\propto \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} \mathcal{P}(f(\mathbf{x})) |\mathbf{x}\rangle$$

Naïve approach for HDQI:

$$\propto \mathcal{P}(H) \sum_{\lambda} |\lambda\rangle = \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{P}(\lambda) |\lambda\rangle$$

**Two issues**

**Resolution:**

$$|\Phi^n\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} |x\rangle \otimes |x\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{\lambda} |\lambda\rangle \otimes |\bar{\lambda}\rangle$$

$$(\mathcal{P}(H) \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Phi^n\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{P}(\lambda) |\lambda\rangle \otimes |\bar{\lambda}\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Partial trace}} \rho_{\mathcal{P}}(H) = \frac{\mathcal{P}^2(H)}{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{P}^2(H)]}$$

# Algorithm (commuting case)

**Input:**

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i P_i.$$

**Goal:** Prepare

$$(\mathcal{P}(H) \otimes \mathbb{1}) |\Psi\rangle := (\mathcal{P}(H) \otimes \mathbb{1}) \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} |x\rangle \otimes |x\rangle$$

1. Expand

$$\mathcal{P}(H) = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} \left( \prod_{i \in y} v_i \right) P_y, \quad P_y := \prod_{i \in y} P_i,$$

2. Prepare pilot state

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} |y\rangle |\Phi^n\rangle,$$

3. Controlled Paulis

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} |y\rangle \left( \prod_{i \in y} v_i \right) P_y |\Phi^n\rangle.$$

4. Uncompute!

$$|y\rangle P_y |\Phi^n\rangle \mapsto |0^m\rangle P_y |\Phi^n\rangle$$

# Decoding problem:

Recover  $y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$  (with  $|y| \leq \ell$ ) given

$$P_y \sum_x |x\rangle|x\rangle$$

$$P_y := \prod_{i \in y} P_i$$

Step 1: Recover  $P_y$  from  $P_y \sum_x |x\rangle|x\rangle$

Information theoretically possible:  $\forall P, Q \in \{X, Y, Z, \mathbb{1}\}^{\otimes n} : \langle \Psi | PQ | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{2^n} \text{tr}\{PQ\} = \delta_{P,Q}$ .

Efficiently possible (Bell measurement):  $|\Psi\rangle = \left(|\Phi^+\rangle_{1,1'}\right) \otimes \left(|\Phi^+\rangle_{2,2'}\right) \otimes \cdots \otimes \left(|\Phi^+\rangle_{n,n'}\right)$

Step 2: Recover  $y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$  (with  $|y| \leq \ell$ ) from  $P_y$

Classical decoding problem

## Decoding problem

$$G_n \equiv \{\pm I, \pm iI, \pm X, \pm iX, \pm Y, \pm iY, \pm Z, \pm iZ\}^{\otimes n}$$

$$P_{\mathbf{a}} = i^{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{a}} \prod_{j=1}^n X_j^{\mathbf{a}_{2j-1}} Z_j^{\mathbf{a}_{2j}}, \mathbf{a} = \text{symp}(\mathbf{P}_i) \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2n}$$

Group homomorphism

$$\text{symp}(P_i P_j) = \text{symp}(P_i) \oplus \text{symp}(P_j) \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2n}$$

Bell measurement maps  $P_y \sum_x |x\rangle|x\rangle$  to  $\text{symp}(P_y)$

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$$\text{Recover } y \text{ from } P_y \sum_x |x\rangle |x\rangle \quad P_y := \prod_{i \in y} P_i$$

Step 2: Recover  $y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$  (with  $|y| \leq \ell$ ) from  $\text{symp}(P_y)$

This is just a classical bounded-distance syndrome decoding problem

$$B^T y \mapsto y \text{ given } |y| \leq \ell \quad B \in \mathbb{F}_2^{m \times 2n}$$

Symplectic code defined by parity check matrix

$$B^T = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & \cdots & | \\ \text{symp}(P_1) & \text{symp}(P_2) & & \text{symp}(P_m) \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right] \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2n \times m}$$

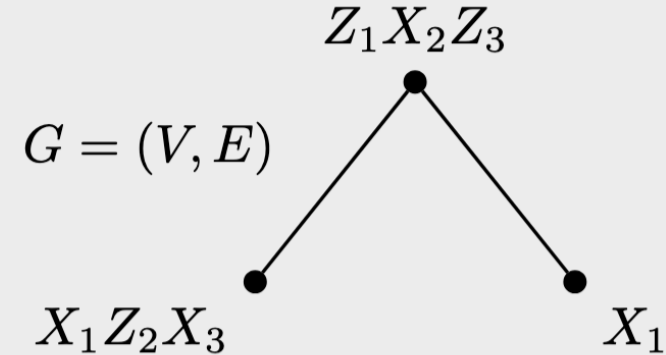
# Non-commuting case:

There are now cancellations!

$$\mathcal{P}(H) = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} \alpha(y) P_y,$$

$$\alpha(y) = \frac{1}{|y|!} \sum_{\sigma \in S^{|y|}} \text{sgn}_y(\sigma) \quad \text{sgn}_y(\sigma) := \frac{\sigma(P_y)}{P_y}$$

$$H = X_1 Z_2 X_3 + Z_1 X_2 Z_3 - X_1$$



New goal:  
Prepare the pilot state

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} \alpha(y) |y\rangle |\Psi\rangle$$

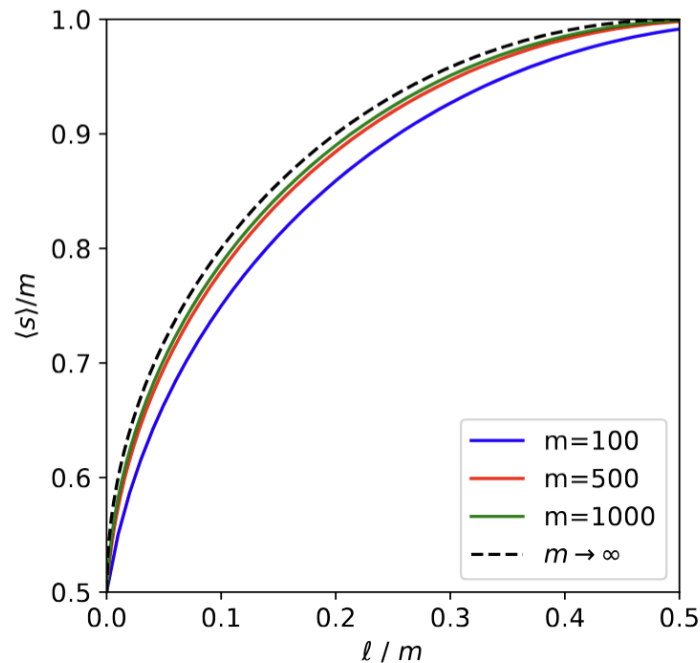
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## Applications of HDQI

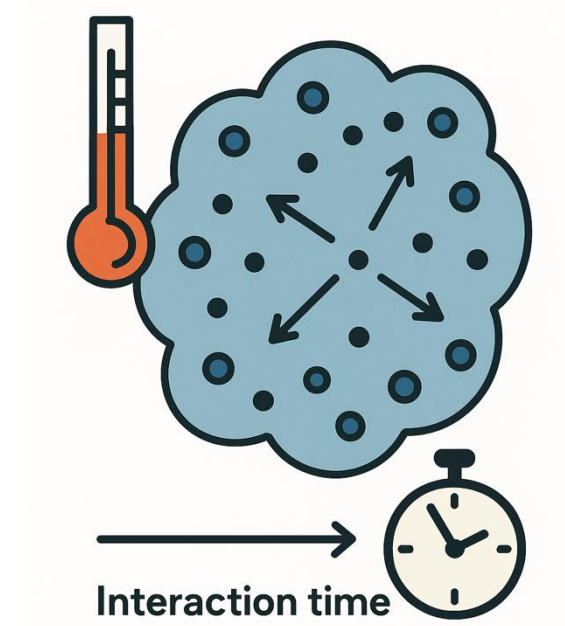
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# Applications:

## Optimization and Gibbs sampling



$$\frac{\langle E \rangle}{m} = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2m}} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell}{2m} \right)} \right)^2$$



$$\beta \|H\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ell$$



# Applications

|                   | sparsity | algebraic<br>structure |
|-------------------|----------|------------------------|
| commuting         |          |                        |
| non-<br>commuting |          |                        |

## Random commuting local Hamiltonians

$$H = \sum_i v_i P_i \quad [P_i, P_j] = 0 \quad P_j \in \mathcal{P}_n^{(k)} := \{k\text{-local Paulis on } n \text{ qubits}\}$$

$$B^T = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{symp}(P_1) \\ | \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{symp}(P_2) \\ | \end{array} & \cdots & \begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{symp}(P_m) \\ | \end{array} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Local Hamiltonian} \rightarrow \text{LDPC code!}$$

| $(m/n, k)$ | HDQI and BP        | Clifford SA        |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| (3, 3)     | $69.15 \pm 0.04\%$ | $77.92 \pm 0.29\%$ |
| (3, 4)     | $69.73 \pm 0.04\%$ | $76.87 \pm 0.32\%$ |
| (3, 5)     | $69.25 \pm 0.03\%$ | $75.68 \pm 0.30\%$ |
| (3, 6)     | $68.57 \pm 0.03\%$ | $74.60 \pm 0.51\%$ |
| (6, 3)     | $61.56 \pm 0.04\%$ | $70.10 \pm 0.26\%$ |
| (6, 4)     | $62.38 \pm 0.02\%$ | $69.35 \pm 0.29\%$ |
| (6, 5)     | $62.31 \pm 0.02\%$ | $68.56 \pm 0.28\%$ |
| (6, 6)     | $62.00 \pm 0.02\%$ | $67.46 \pm 0.21\%$ |
| (10, 3)    | $58.02 \pm 0.03\%$ | $65.44 \pm 0.31\%$ |
| (10, 4)    | $58.83 \pm 0.02\%$ | $64.81 \pm 0.18\%$ |
| (10, 5)    | $58.90 \pm 0.02\%$ | $64.31 \pm 0.27\%$ |
| (10, 6)    | $58.75 \pm 0.01\%$ | $63.60 \pm 0.32\%$ |

Fig: Energy (in percentages) achieved by HDQI and a classical Clifford SA algorithm.

# Structured commuting Hamiltonians

if  $\dim \text{Ker} B^T = \text{const}$

Theorem:

HDQI efficiently prepares

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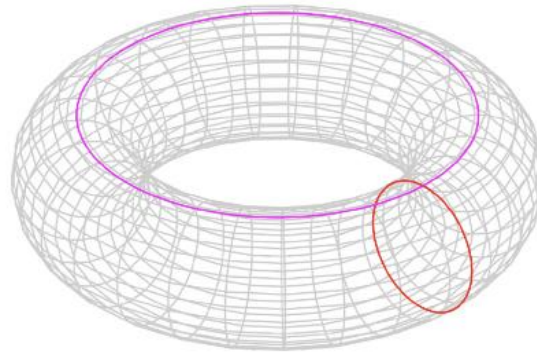
$$\rho_H = f(H) / \text{Tr}[f(H)]$$

for any non-zero function  $f : \text{Spec}(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

Example: Toric code

$$H_{\text{TC}} = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p$$

$$A_v = \prod_{i \in v} X_i, \quad B_p = \prod_{i \in p} Z_i$$



Two relations:

$$\prod_{v \in V} A_v = \prod_{p \in F} B_p = \mathbb{1}.$$

$$\dim \text{Ker} B^T = 2^2 = 4$$

# HDQI prepares arbitrary Gibbs states of the 2D Toric code

## Polynomial-Time Preparation of Low-Temperature Gibbs States for 2D Toric Code

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Gibbs state preparation for commuting Hamiltonian:  
Mapping to classical Gibbs sampling

Yeongwoo Hwang<sup>‡ \*1</sup> and Jiaqing Jiang<sup>‡ †2</sup>

**Efficient and simple Gibbs state preparation of the 2D toric code  
via duality to classical Ising chains**

Pablo Páez Velasco,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Niclas Schilling,<sup>3,†</sup> Samuel O. Scalet,<sup>4,5,‡</sup> Frank Verstraete,<sup>4,6,§</sup> and Ángela Capel<sup>4,7,¶</sup>

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$$\rho_H = f(H) / \text{Tr}[f(H)]$$

for any non-zero function  $f : \text{Spec}(H) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

| Model                    | Geometry       | $\dim \text{Symp}(H)$ | Reason / remarks   |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Ising (ring)             | 1D, periodic   | 1                     | Unique cycle relation $\prod ZZ = I$ .                           |
| Surface/toric            | 2D, closed     | 2                     | Global star and plaquette products; homology on closed surfaces. |
| Color code (stabilizer)  | 2D, closed     | 4                     | Two independent two-color products per Pauli sector.             |
| TI Pauli in 2D           | 2D, closed     | $2K$                  | LC-equivalent to $K$ toric copies; $K$ constant.                 |
| Cluster (1D, 2D, 3D)     | periodic       | 0                     | Unique stabilizer ground state.                                  |
| Finite stack of 2D codes | embedded in 3D | $2K$                  | Sum over $K$ decoupled layers.                                   |
| Haah (generic sizes)     | 3D, periodic   | $O(1)$                | No local relations; global count constant for many $L$ .         |
| <b>Counterexamples</b>   |                |                       |  |
| 3D toric code            | 3D, periodic   | $\Theta(L^3)$         | Cube-local plaquette identities.                                 |
| X-cube / checkerboard    | 3D, periodic   | $\Theta(L^3)$         | Many local relations (type-I fracton).                           |

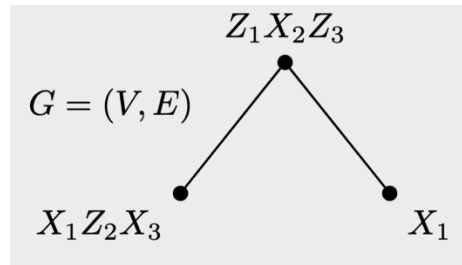


**Noah Sherry**

“This is also classically easy!”

# Non-commuting Hamiltonians

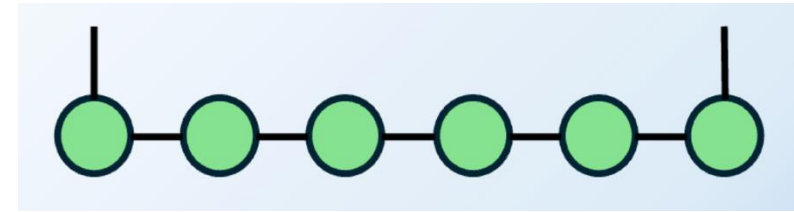
If the anti-commutation graph factorizes into connected components of size  $O(\log(n))$



Theorem:



The pilot state can be prepared efficiently as a Matrix Product State (MPS).



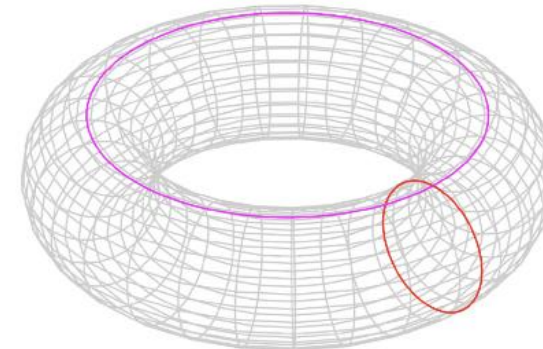
Semi-classical spin glass:

$$H(p) = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i P(\mathbf{b}_i)$$

$$P(\mathbf{b}_i) = \begin{cases} Z^{\mathbf{b}_i} & \text{with probability } 1 - p \\ X^{\mathbf{b}_i} & \text{with probability } p \end{cases}$$

Commuting Hamiltonians with random defects:

$$H_{\text{TC}} = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p$$



## The Pilot state as a QMA witness

- Consider a Hamiltonian  $H$  for which the decoding problem is easy.
- Then the Pilot state acts as a witness for certifying the ground state energy.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\ell} w_k \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m, |y|=k} \alpha(y) |y\rangle |\Psi\rangle \quad \alpha(y) = \frac{1}{|y|!} \sum_{\sigma \in S^{|y|}} \text{sgn}_y(\sigma) \quad \text{sgn}_y(\sigma) := \frac{\sigma(P_y)}{P_y}$$

- Given this state, there is an efficient quantum algorithm (not QPE!) that computes the ground state energy.
- The Pilot state only depends on the anti-commutation graph (not on, e.g., signs!)
- QMA with advice?

## Future directions

- **When can the pilot state be efficiently prepared?**
  - Beyond  $\log(n)$ -sized connected components?
  - Exploit structure beyond sparsity?
- **What interesting quantum Hamiltonians correspond to good classical codes?**
  - Random local Hamiltonians
  - Topological code Hamiltonians
  - ...?
- **Generalizations to other non-abelian groups?**



Thank you

# Alternative view of HDQI

**Decoded Quantum Interferometry:**

QFT over the abelian group  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$

$$H^{\otimes n}$$

**Hamiltonian DQI:**

QFT over non-abelian group  $\{\pm 1, \pm i\} \times \{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes n}$

$$V = (H^{\otimes n} \otimes \mathbb{1}) \text{CNOT}^{\otimes n}$$

Bell state preparation unitary

Non-abelian QFT over Pauli group

$$\begin{aligned}
 |0^m\rangle|0^n\rangle &\xrightarrow{\text{State prep}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} |e\rangle|0^n\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Apply } X^{B^T e}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} |e\rangle|B^T e\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Decoder}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} |0\rangle|B^T e\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Fourier transform}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} \mathcal{P}(f(x))|x\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |0^m\rangle|0^n\rangle|0^n\rangle &\xrightarrow{\text{State prep}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} |e\rangle|0^n\rangle|0^n\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Apply } X^{B^T e}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} |e\rangle X^{B^T e} |0^n\rangle|0^n\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Decoder}} \sum_{e \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} X^{B^T e} |0^n\rangle|0^n\rangle \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{Apply "Fourier" } V^\dagger} \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{P}(f(\lambda))|\lambda\rangle|\lambda\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Further Hamiltonians

## Further Hamiltonians

- Can the pilot state be prepared beyond  $\log(n)$ -size connected components?
- Is there structure beyond sparsity in the commutation graph that can be exploited?
- Hardness of semi-classical spin glass?