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Abstract: In the first half, I will demonstrate an efficient and general approach for realizing non-trivial quantum states, such as quantum critical and topologically ordered states, in quantum simulators. In the second half, I will present a related variational ansatz for many-body quantum systems that is remarkably efficient. In particular, representing the critical point of the one-dimensional transverse field Ising model only requires a number of variational parameters scaling logarithmically with system size. Though optimizing the ansatz generally requires Monte Carlo sampling, our ansatz potentially enables a partial mitigation of the sign problem at the expense of having to optimize a few parameters.

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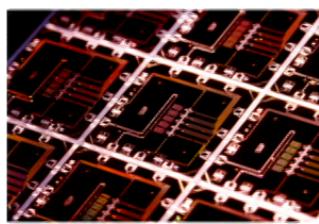
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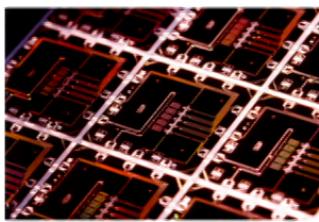
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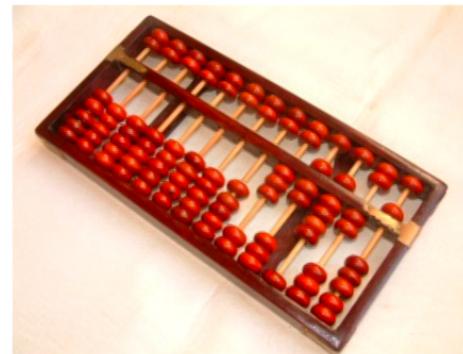
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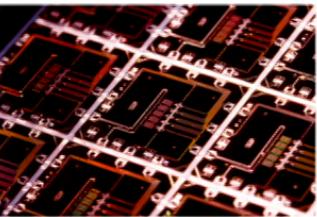
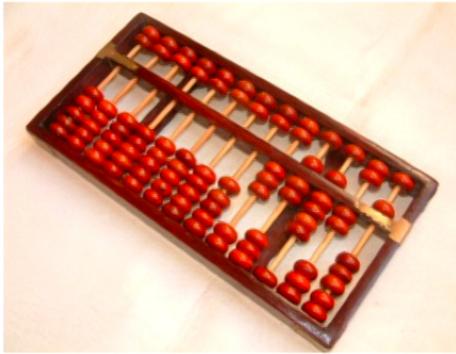
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# Collaborators

Real time



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Imaginary time



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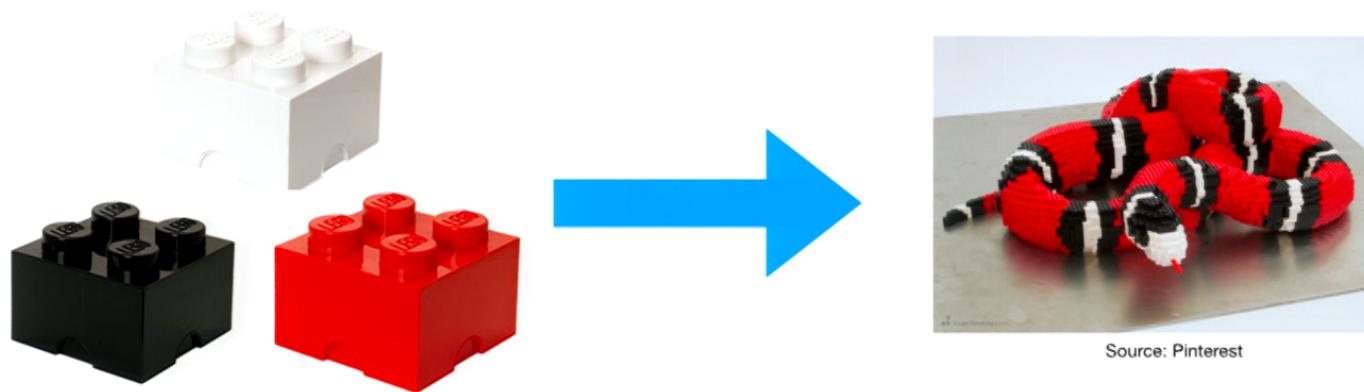


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# Part I

General protocol for preparing nontrivial quantum states



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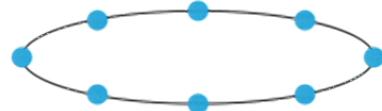
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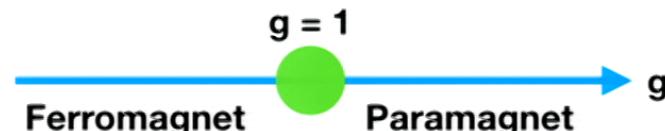
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Choose evolution times to minimize energy  $\langle\psi|H_t|\psi\rangle$

# Transverse Field Ising Model



$$H_{\text{TFIM}} = - \sum_{i=1}^L Z_i Z_{i+1} - g \sum_{i=1}^L X_i$$



$$| \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow \dots \rangle + | \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \dots \rangle \quad | + + + \dots \rangle$$

# Warmup: GHZ (Cat) State

Target:  $|\psi_t\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\dots\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\dots\rangle)$

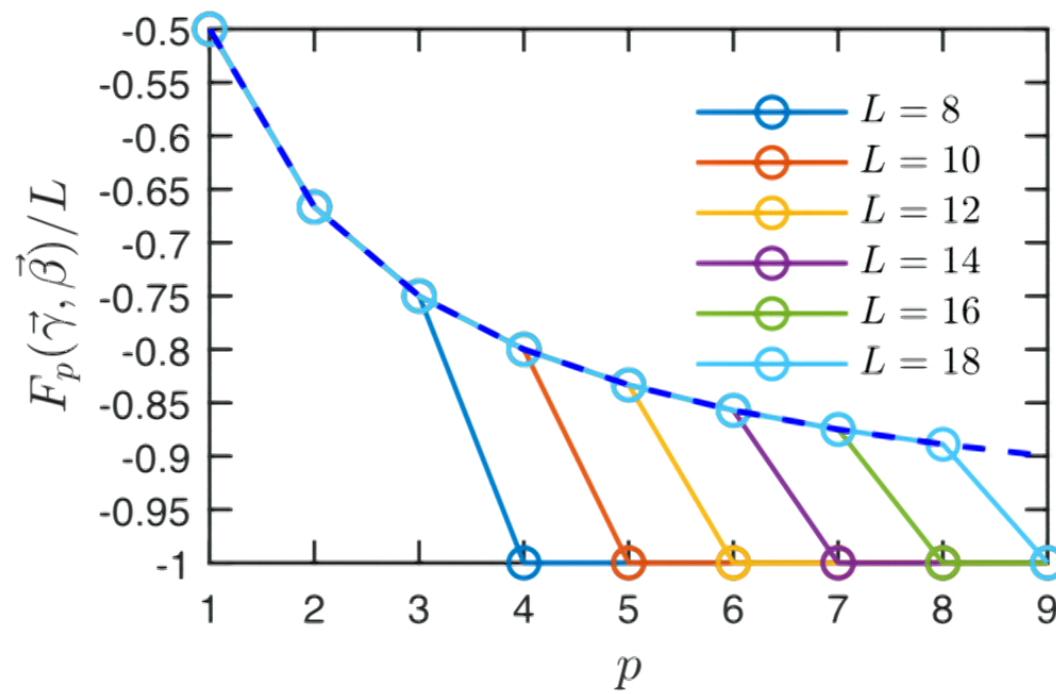
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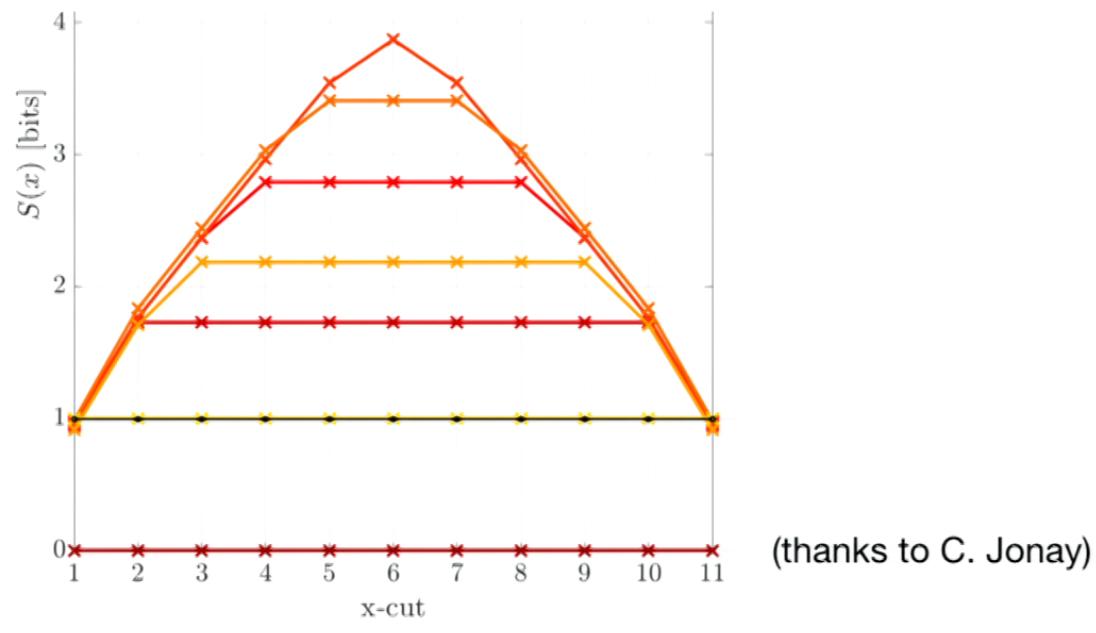
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# Preparation of GHZ State



# Trajectory in Hilbert Space

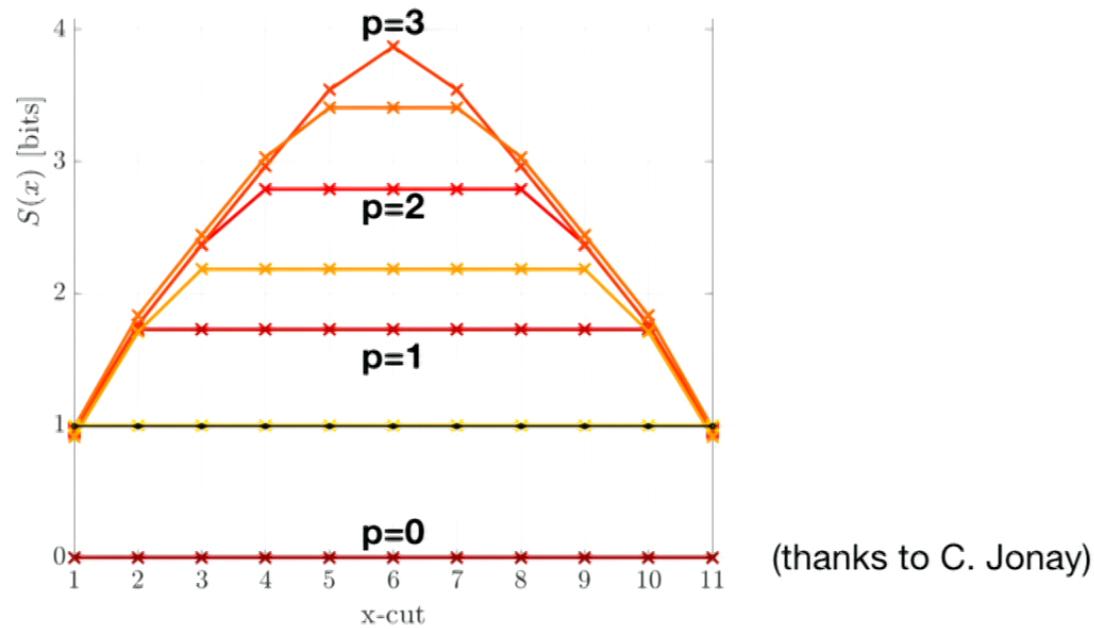
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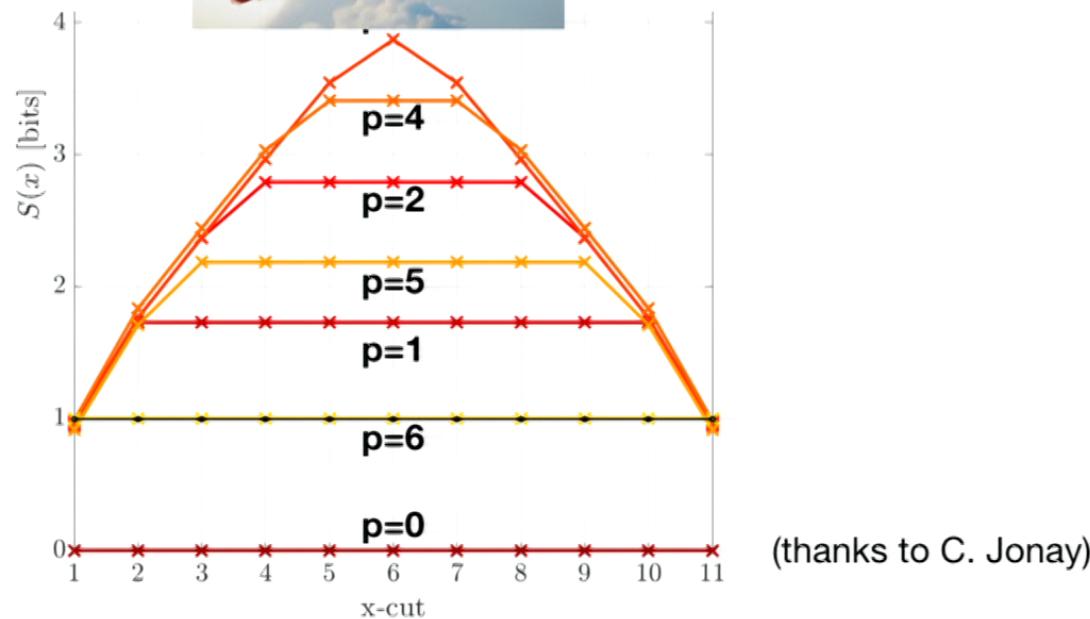


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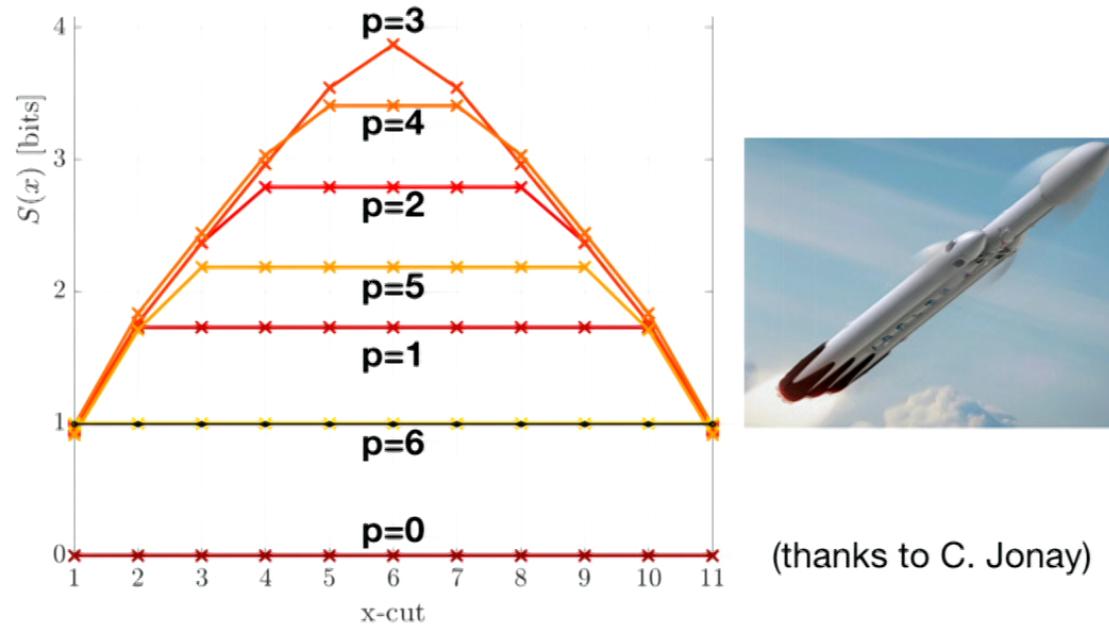


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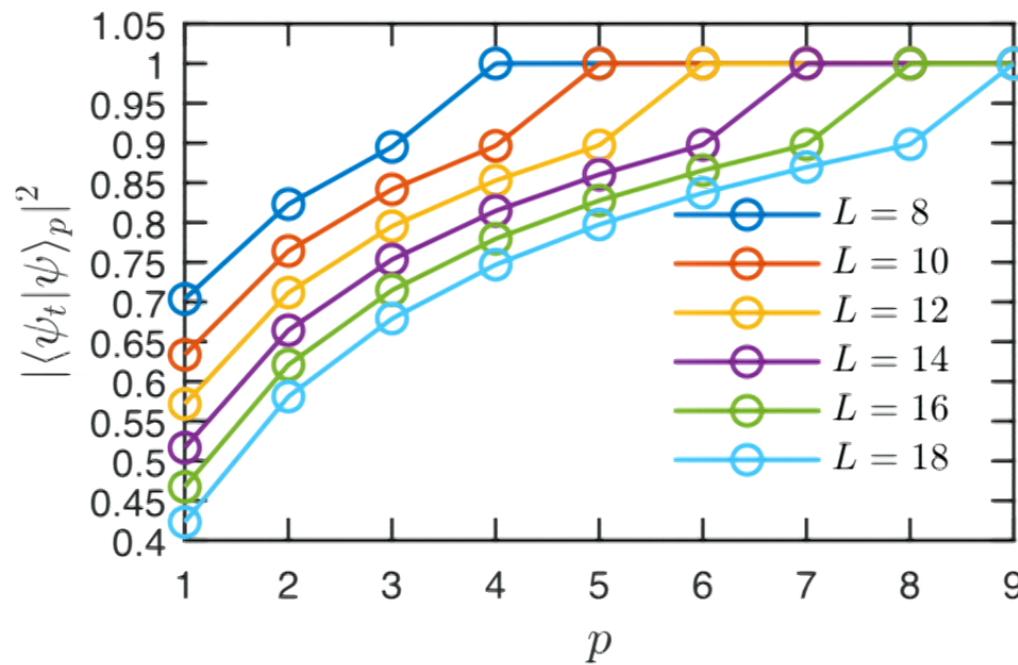
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# Quantum Critical State Preparation



# Toric Code

$$H_t = - \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \sigma_{i,j+1}^x \sigma_{i+1,j+1}^y \sigma_{i+1,j}^x \sigma_{i,j}^y$$

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An operator duality maps each diagonal into a TFIM chain

Diagonals can be prepared **in parallel**

Use optimal angles from GHZ prep

Perfect fidelity at depth  $p = L / 2$

# Concrete Protocol

$$|\psi(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta})\rangle_p = e^{-i\beta_p H_X} e^{-i\gamma_p H_I} \dots e^{-i\beta_1 H_X} e^{-i\gamma_1 H_I} |+\rangle$$

$L = 10, T = 5.250:$

$$(0.2473, 0.6977, 0.4888, 0.6783, 0.5559, \\ 0.6567, 0.5558, 0.6029, 0.4598, 0.3068)$$

$L = 12, T = 6.7651:$

$$(0.2809, 0.6131, 0.6633, 0.4537, 0.8653, 0.4663, \\ 0.6970, 0.6829, 0.4569, 0.7990, 0.3565, 0.4304)$$

$L = 14, T = 8.1604:$

$$(0.3090, 0.5710, 0.6923, 0.5648, 0.5391, \\ 0.9684, 0.3979, 0.6852, 0.8235, \\ 0.4474, 0.6930, 0.6465, 0.4120, 0.4104)$$

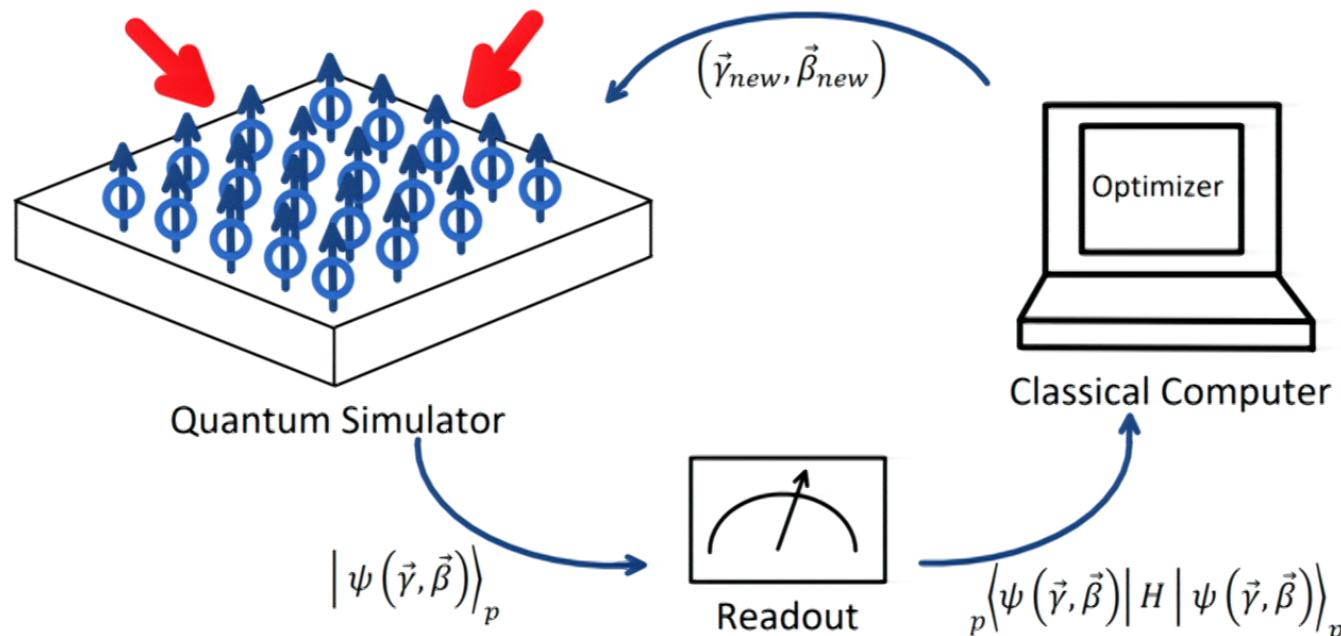
$L = 16, T = 9.8198:$

$$(0.3790, 0.5622, 0.5638, 0.7101, \\ 0.9046, 0.3210, 0.6738, 0.8377, \\ 0.8616, 0.4004, 0.5624, 0.9450, \\ 0.5224, 0.6466, 0.4119, 0.5172)$$

$L = 18, T = 11.1485:$

$$(0.3830, 0.4931, 0.7099, 0.7010, 0.5330, \\ 0.6523, 0.6887, 1.0405, 0.3083, \\ 0.6215, 0.9607, 0.5977, 0.6209, \\ 0.5597, 0.7850, 0.5851, 0.4132, 0.4948)$$

# Hybrid Quantum-Classical Simulation



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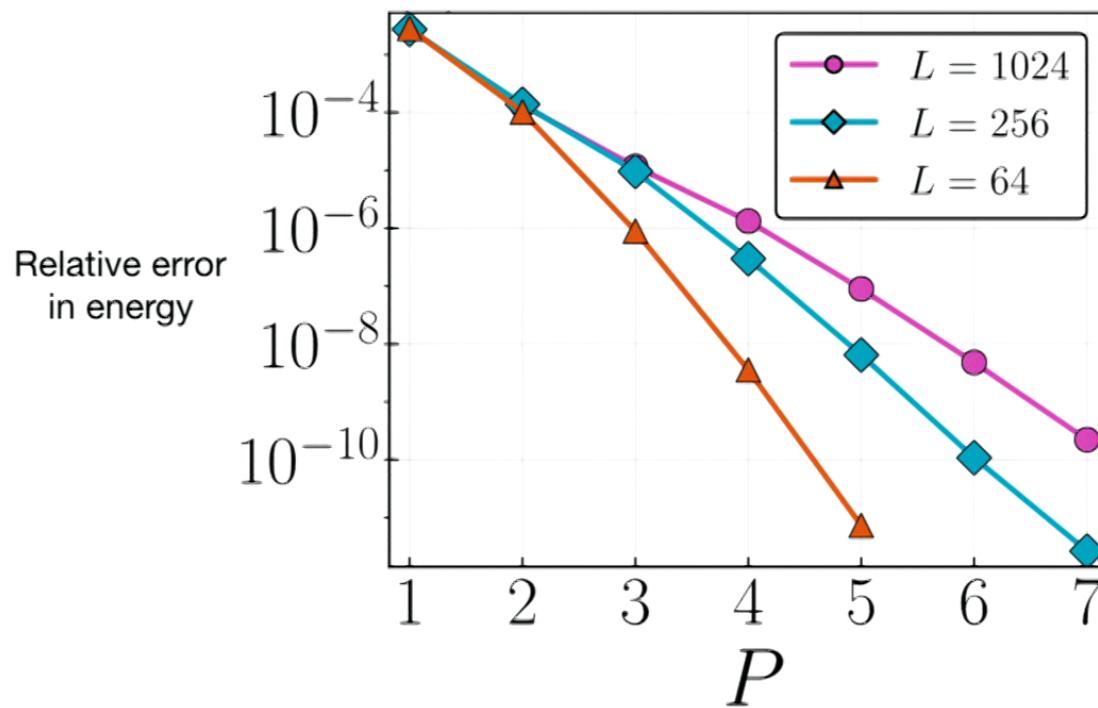
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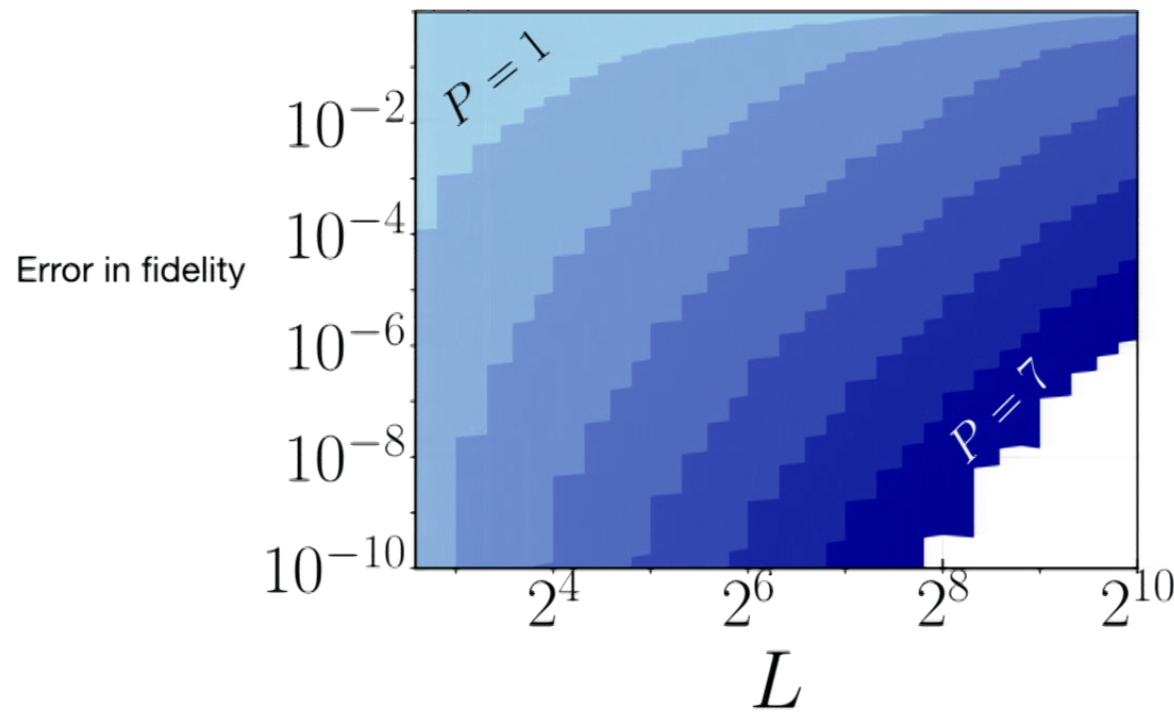
for Hubbard model: P = 1 ansatz (Gutzwiller 1963, Baeriswyl 1987, Otsuka 1992)

Related ansatz (Vaezi and Vaezi 2018)

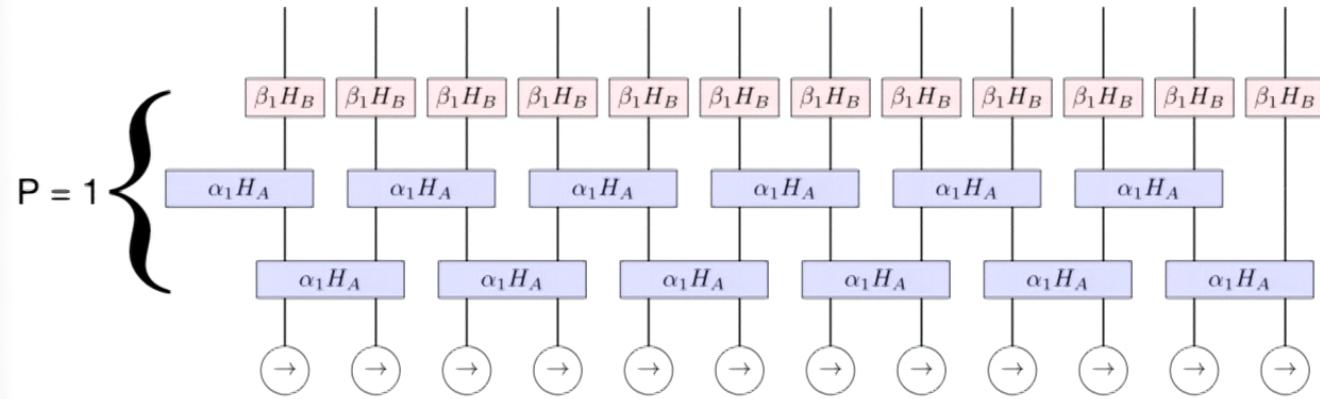
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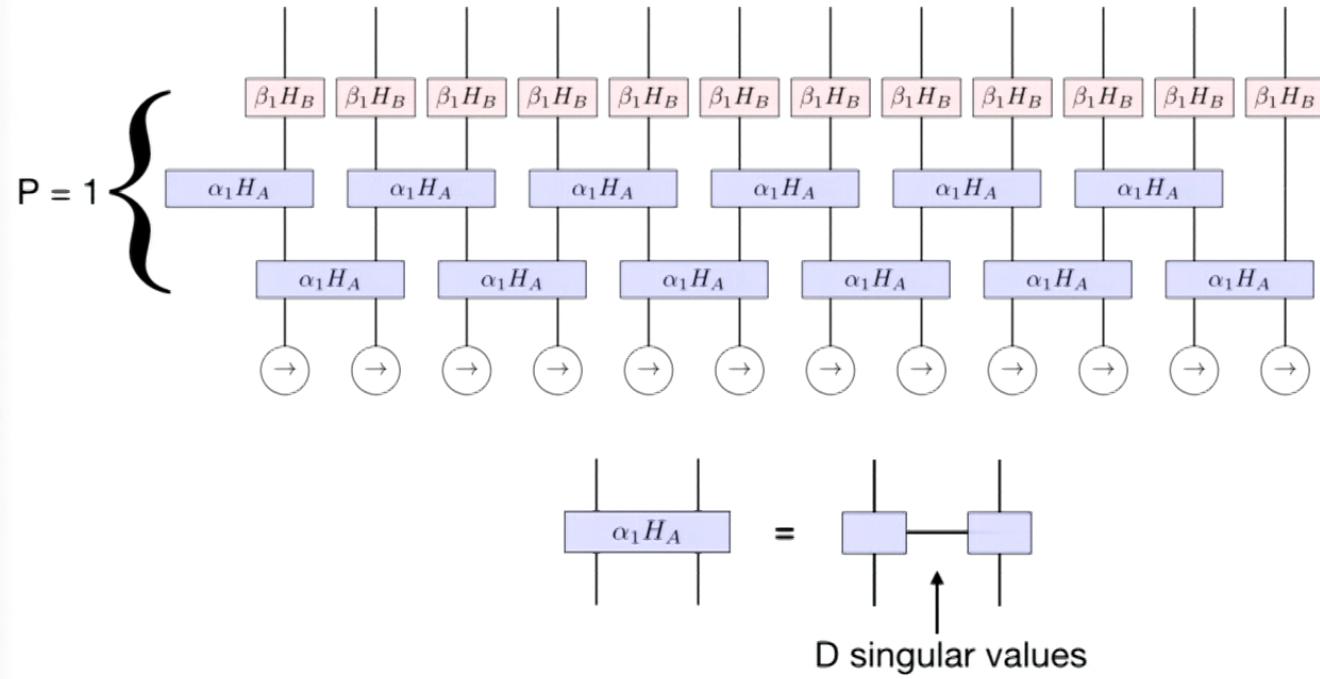
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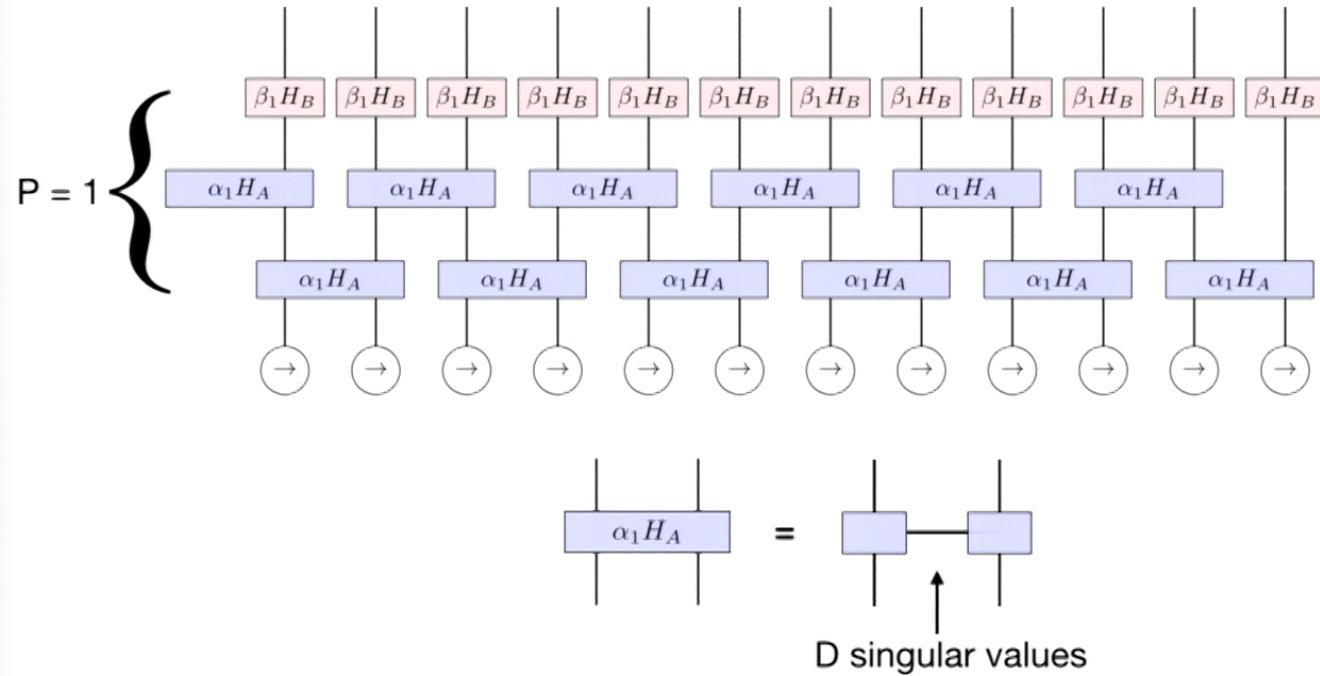
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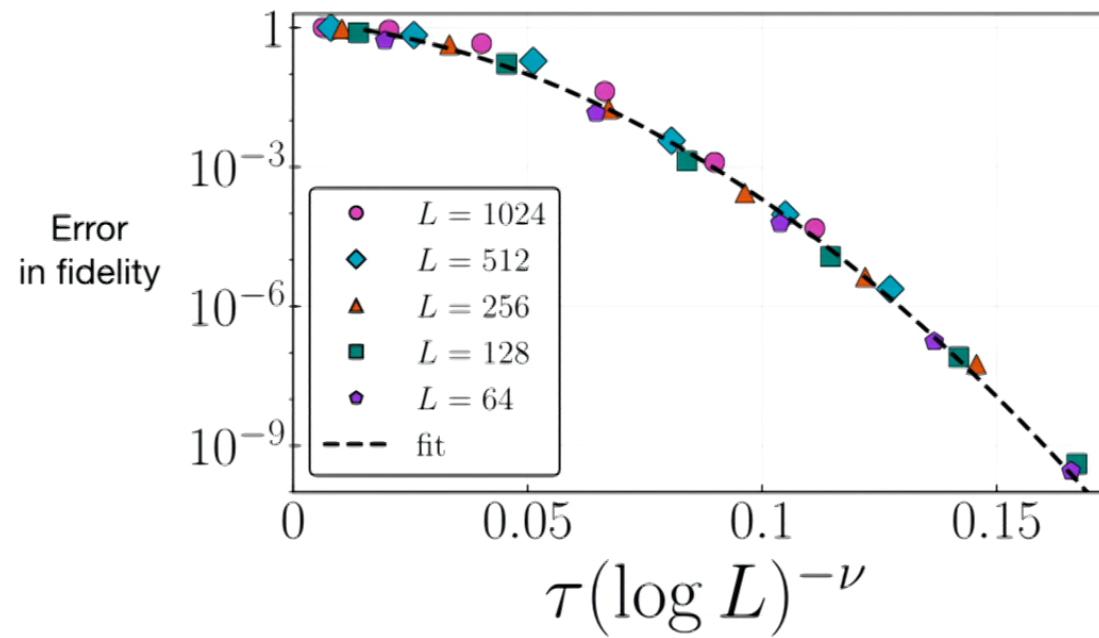
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# Scaling Collapse

For projector method: to get target fidelity,  
need total imaginary time  $\tau \propto L$

$$\text{VITA: } \tau \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^P (\alpha_p + \beta_p)$$



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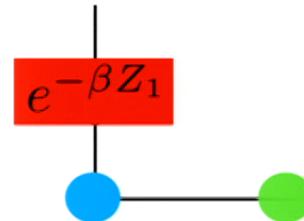
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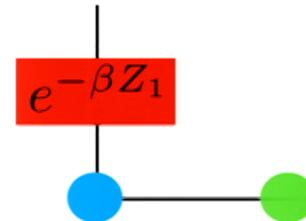
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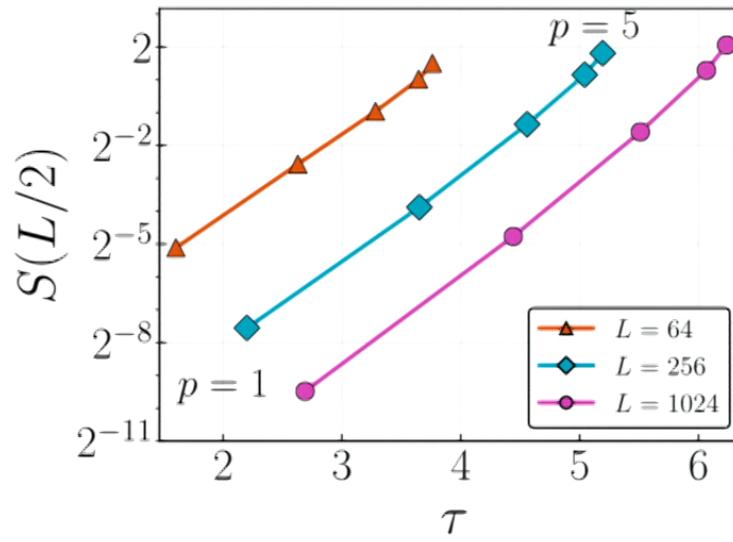
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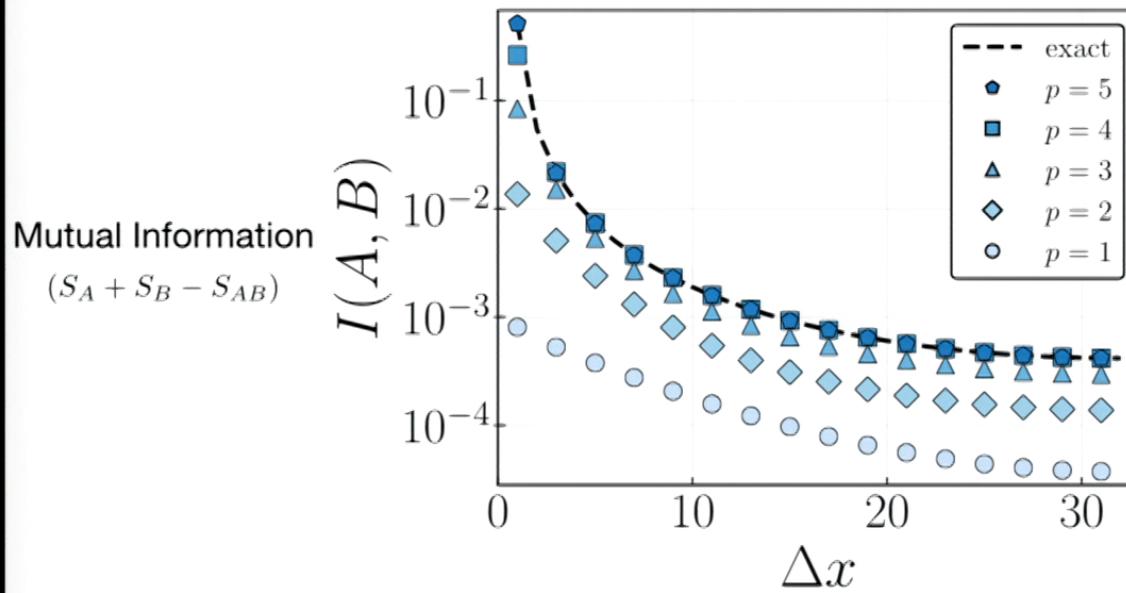
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The more initial entanglement, the more imaginary time evolution  
can change the entanglement

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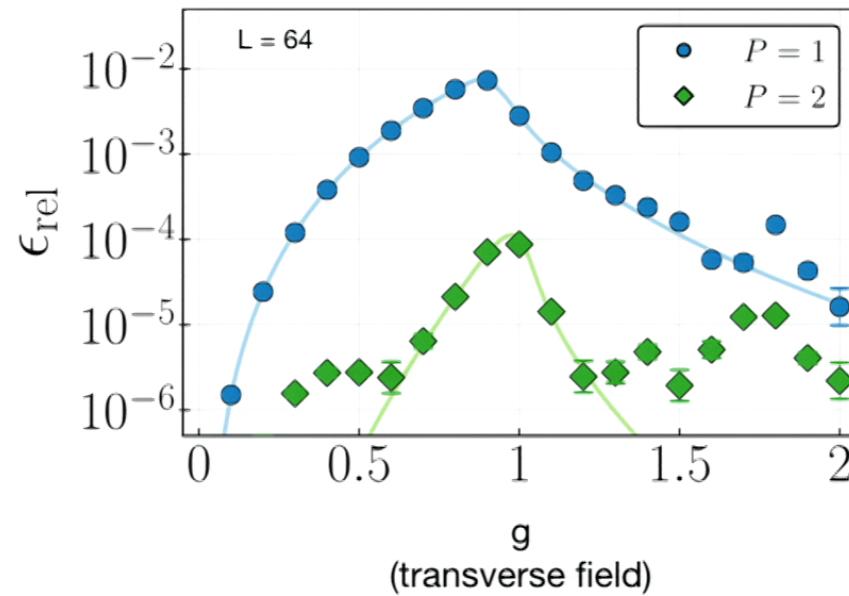


# Long-Range Correlations in Intermediate States



# VITA via Monte Carlo

Quantum-Classical mapping:  $\langle \psi_P(\alpha, \beta) | \mathcal{O} | \psi_P(\alpha, \beta) \rangle = \sum_{\{s\}} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(s) p_{\alpha, \beta}(s)$



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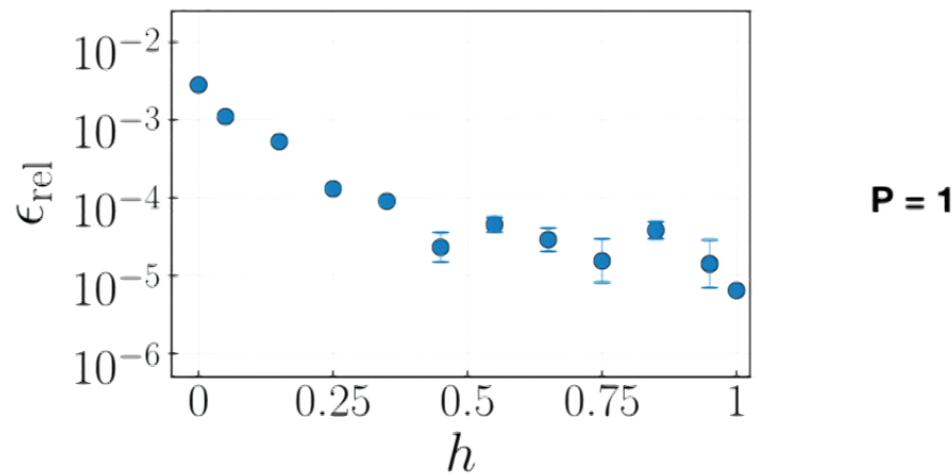
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