Many-body Quantum Score: A scalable benchmark for digital and analog QPUs and first results on a Pasqal device

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- 4. standardization
 - better interoperability
 - set and follow industry standards
 - more efficient decision-making

Properties of a good benchmark

- 1. Relevance: should measure important features
- 2. Representativeness: metrics should be broadly accepted by industry and academia
- 3. Equity: all systems should be fairly compared, and metrics specialized to a technology only if not relevant for others
- 4. Repeatability: results should be unambiguous and verifiable
- 5. Cost-effectiveness: tests should be resource-efficient
- Scalability: metrics should be computable for systems of different sizes
- 7. Transparency: metrics should be readily understandable and easy to compare, and informative for non-experts

Inspired from [1907.03626, Dai-Berleant] (see also [2407.08828, Proctor et al., 2406.03905, Mesman et al.])

Levels of characterization

1. component-level

- physical qubits
- single- and multi-qubit gates / operations

2. system-level

- circuit
- logical qubits (error correction...)
- architecture design (firmware...)

3. application-level

- algorithmic (subroutines)
- end-user cases
- test suites
- frameworks

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 - applications in condensed matter and quantum chemistry
 - one of the best place to look for exponential advantage

Here: motivate protocol using Rydberg QPU

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MBQS test protocol

- 1. Setup a spin chain with L spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ equally spaced on a 1d ring.
- 2. Initialize the register with the state $|+\cdots+\rangle$ (σ_i^{x} eigenstate).
- 3. Evolve the system (quench) with the Ising Hamiltonian at the critical point for a duration $t_*(L)$ ("peak time").
- 4. Perform measurements $\{\sigma_i^{\rm z}\}$ and compute the connected 2-point functions

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5. Compute the score function (average relative error with respect to the theoretical values in Ising model)

$$P_2(L) := \frac{1}{\lfloor L/2 \rfloor - 1} \sum_{\ell=2}^{\lfloor L/2 \rfloor} \left| \frac{g_\ell^{(2)\mathsf{exp}}(t_*) - g_\ell^{(2)\mathsf{th}}(t_*)}{g_\ell^{(2)\mathsf{th}}(t_*)} \right|$$

Many-body quantum score (2)



[WIP, CEA-IPHT/Eviden]

MBQS

The score S corresponds to the largest problem size L reached before failing the test with a threshold ϵ , but excluding system sizes below some cut-off:

$$S = L \implies \forall L' \in [L_{\min}, L] : P_2(L') \leq \epsilon.$$

Notes

- exclude small L because of geometrical effects $L_{\min} = 5$
- may perform readout mitigation

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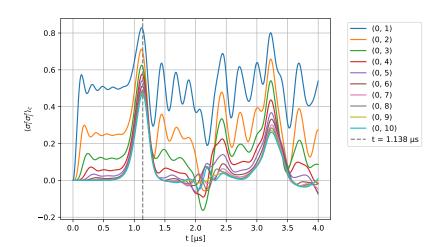
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- ightharpoonup initial state $|+\cdots+\rangle$
 - more challenging for Rydberg QPU (requires pulse sequence to reach the state)
 - simpler theoretically and cleaner dynamics

Classical simulations

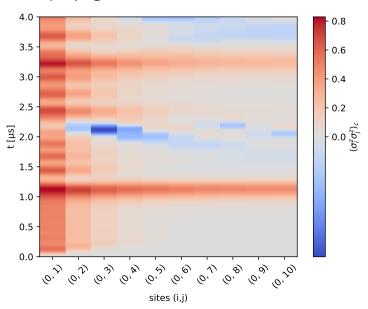
	ground state	dynamics
integrability (free fermions)	easy	easy
MPS	easy	hard
brute-force	very hard	very hard

 \rightarrow use MPS to provide score of classical machines for comparison

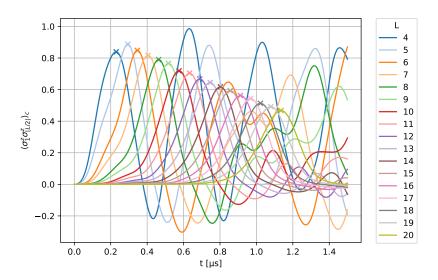
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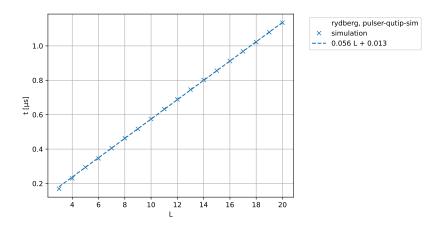
Information propagation



Antipodal correlations



Peak time prediction with linear regression



- $ightharpoonup R^2 = 0.995$, RMSE = 0.016
- ightharpoonup linear behavior ightharpoonup ballistic propagation

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Short-term benchmark: MBQSv0

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Perform the MBQS protocol with the following modifications:

- ▶ Initial state: $|\downarrow \cdots \downarrow\rangle$ (σ_i^z eigenstate).
- ► Hamiltonian: Rydberg effective Hamiltonian.

Notes

- ightharpoonup MBQS is too challenging for current QPU ightharpoonup propose a simpler intermediate benchmark
- no analytical solution because of long-range interactions
 - \rightarrow exact simulations: Pasqal's pulser + qutip

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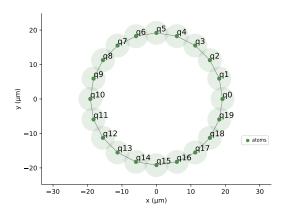
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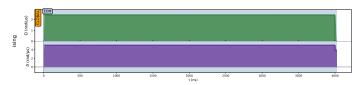
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 - emulation with Eviden's QLM40
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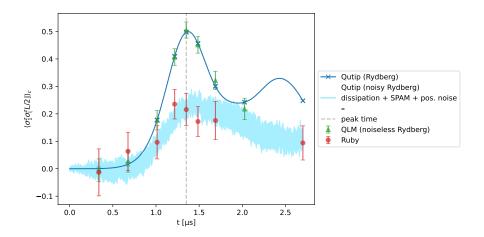


Atom register and pulses



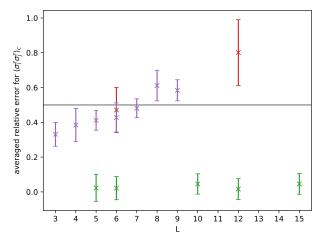


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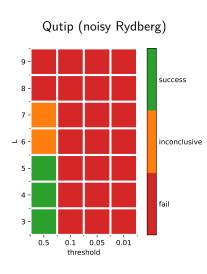
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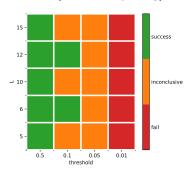
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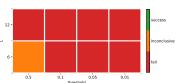
Volumetric success plot



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Future directions:

- open-source implementation and compare different platforms, including on gate-based device (trotterization)
- generalize benchmark to 2d geometries
- quantum control for Rydberg QPUs [WIP, Carrera-HE-Misguich]
- test many-body physics questions on Rydberg QPU