

# A Linear Response Framework for Simulating Bosonic and Fermionic Correlation Functions Illustrated on Quantum Computers

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# What do you do with a quantum state once you've prepared one?

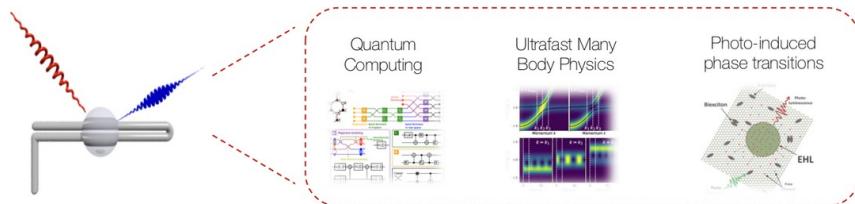
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## Kemper Lab

*Quantum materials in and out of equilibrium.*

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- Bert de Jong, Katie Klymko, Daan Camps, Roel van Beeumen, Akhil Francis (LBNL)
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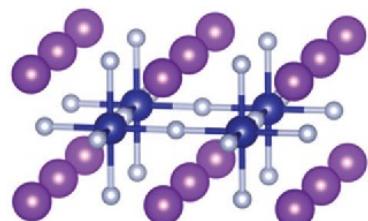


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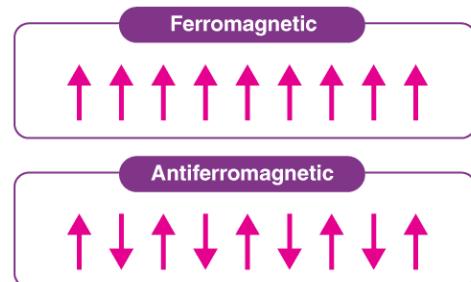
# A Tale of Two Transitions

Ising Magnet

$\text{Rb}_2\text{CoF}_4$

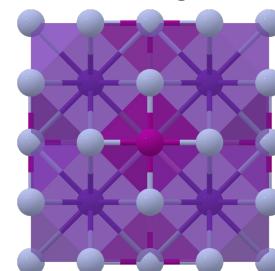


$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_i \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z + h_x \sum_i$$

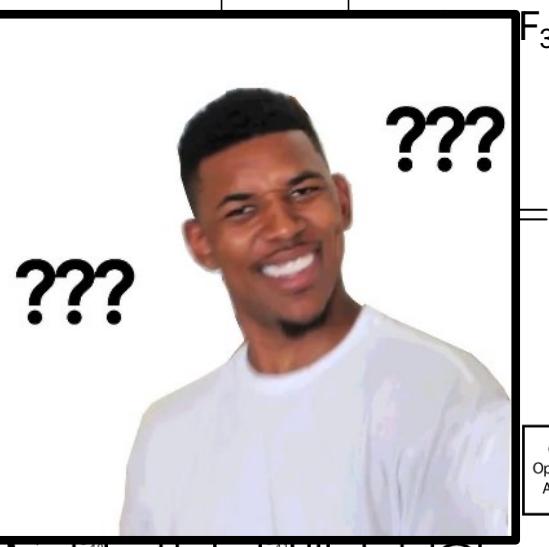


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Heisenberg Magnet



$$= -J \sum_i \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{i+1} + h_x \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$



[Optimization of the Variational Quantum Eigensolver for Quantum Chemistry Applications](#)

Materials project

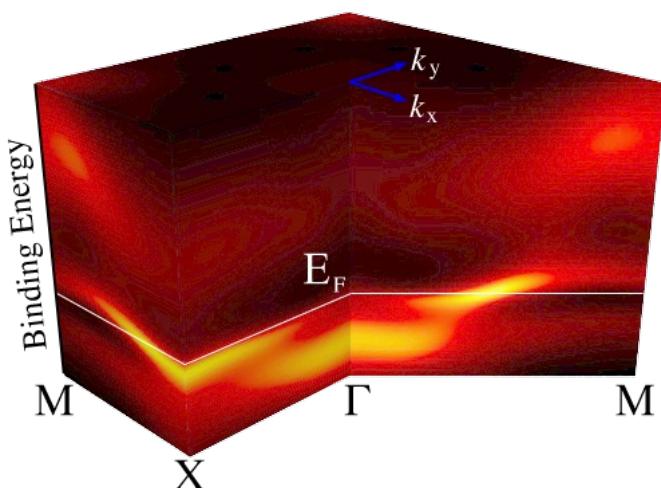
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Q: What do you do with a quantum state once you've prepared one?

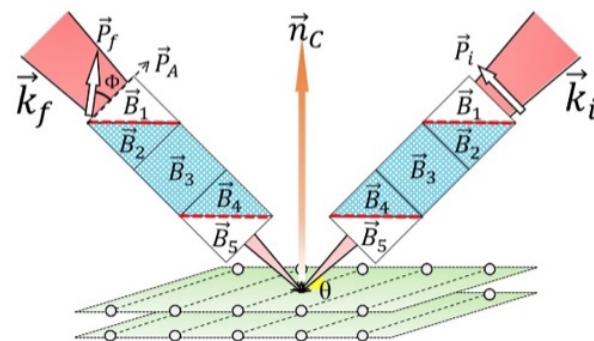
**A: You measure its excitations.**

# Measuring Excitations

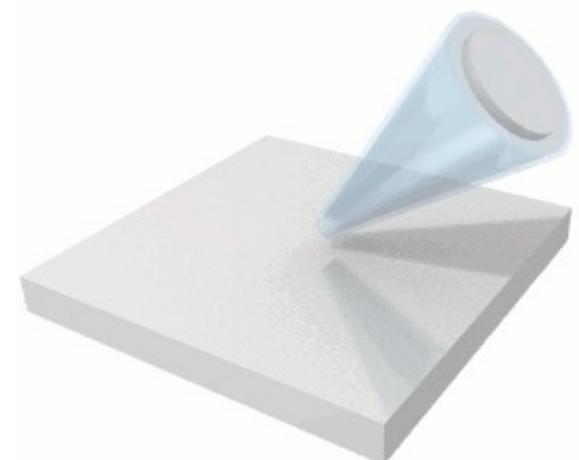
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Angle-resolved Photoemission  
(ARPES)



Neutron Scattering

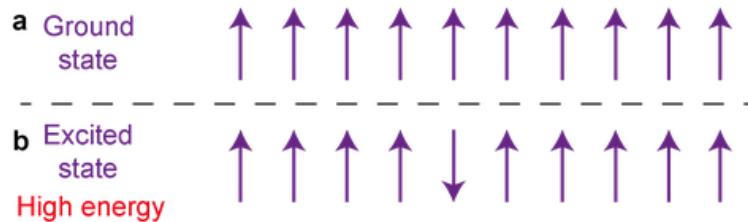


Time-resolved ARPES

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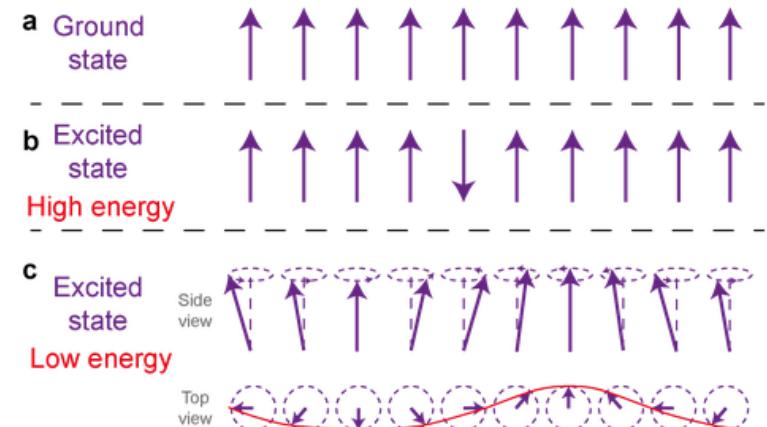
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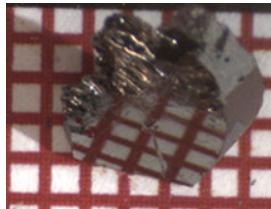


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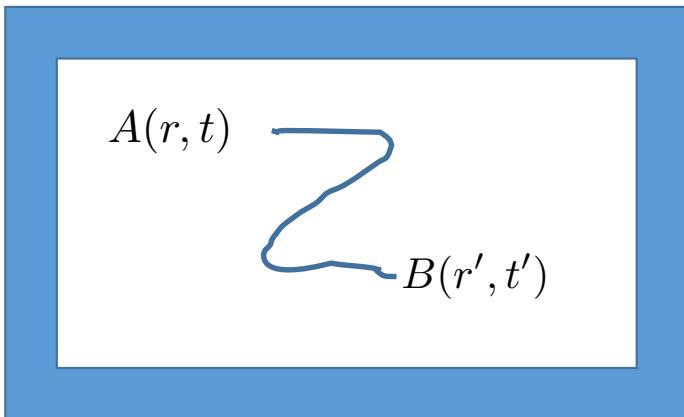
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# Correlation functions



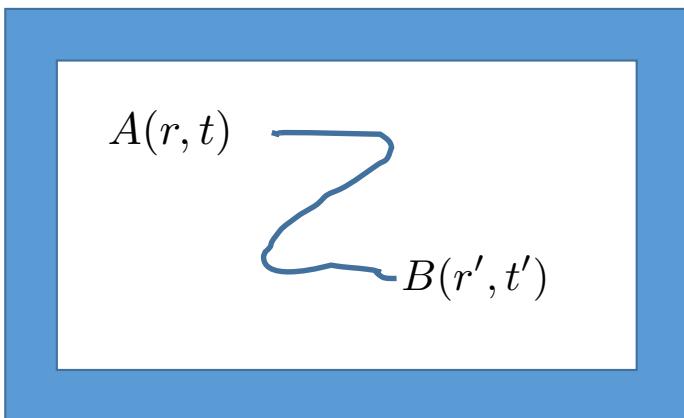
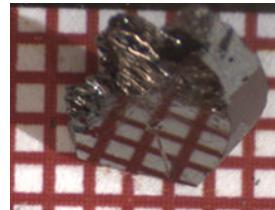
$$\langle A(r, t)B(r', t') \rangle$$



*Given some (observable) operator  $B$  at  $(r', t')$ , what is the likelihood of some (observable) operator  $A$  at  $(r, t)$ ?*

*Optical conductivity,  $\gamma$ /X-ray scattering, photoemission, neutron scattering, Raman, IR absorption, etc.*

# Correlation functions



$e^{iE_0 t} \langle \phi_0 | B e^{-i\mathcal{H}t} A | \phi_0 \rangle$

Interfere with ground state

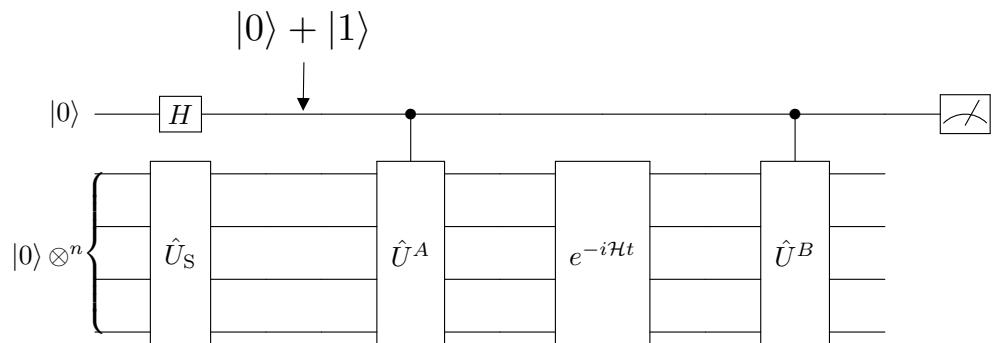
Complete expectation value

Time evolve

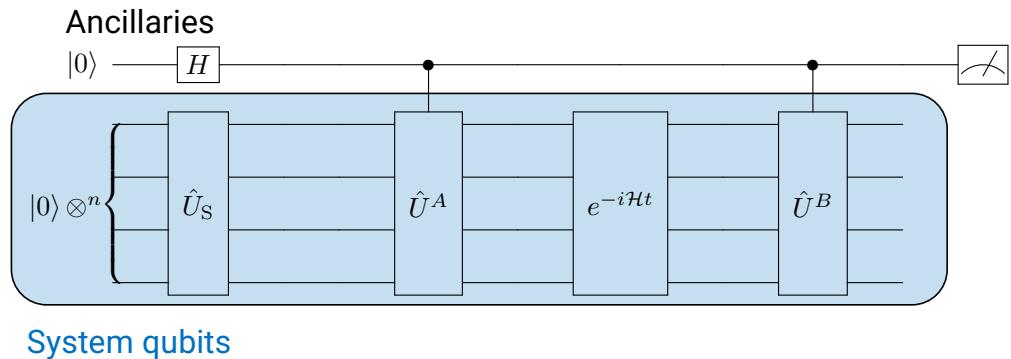
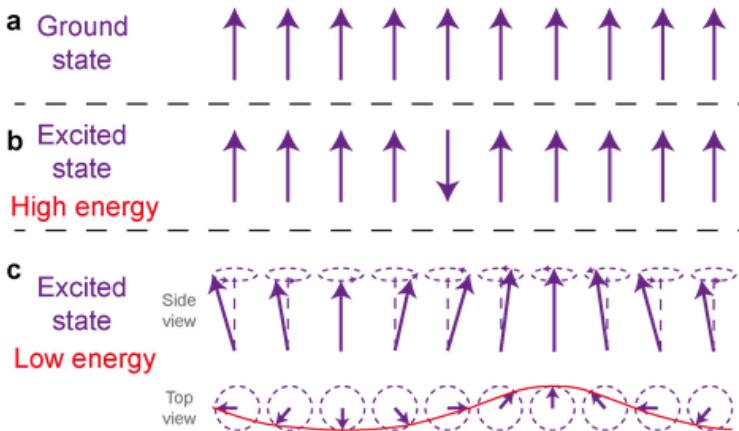
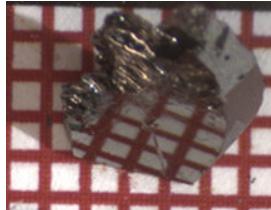
Apply excitation B

Apply excitation A

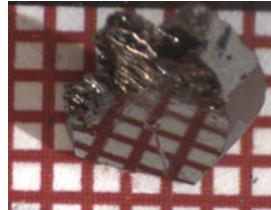
Prepare state of interest



# Correlation functions



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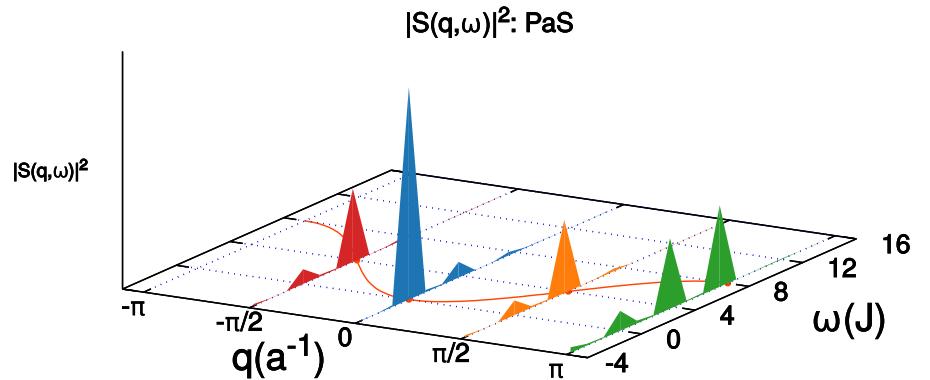
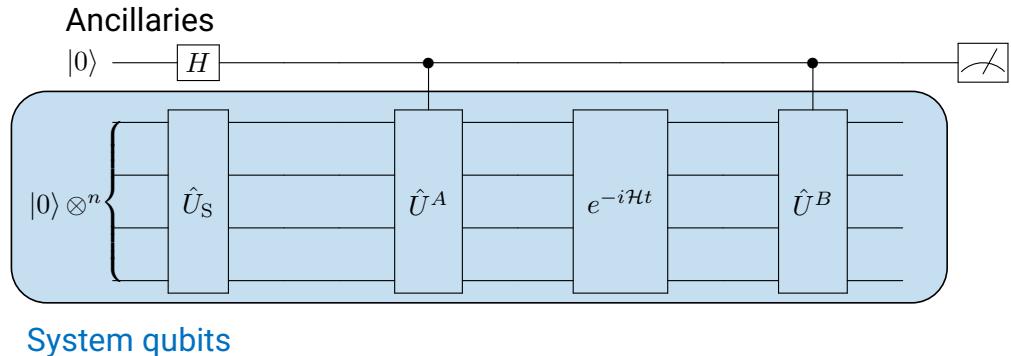


This works!

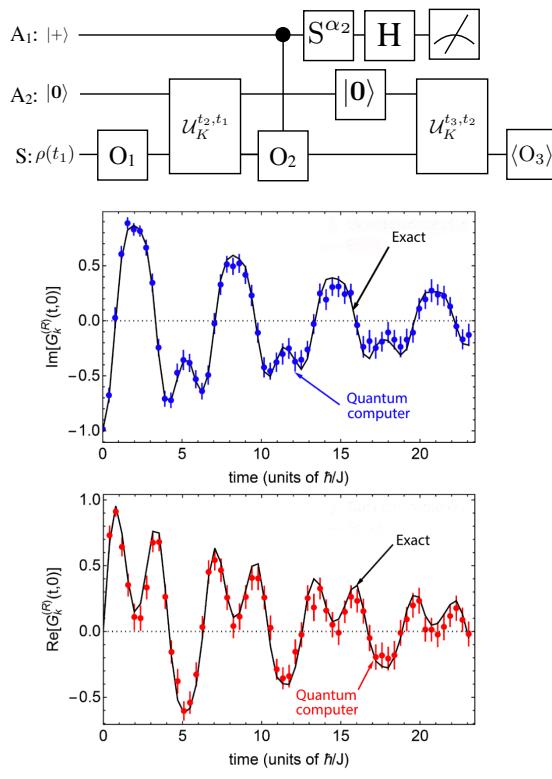
But:

- Need an ancilla with long coherence
- A and B need to be unitary & controlled
- More complex A,B need post-processing

$$\langle A(r, t)B(r', t') \rangle$$



# (A few) Quantum Algorithm(s) for correlation functions



(Anti-)Commutators, dissipative

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## Noninvasive measurement of dynamic correlation functions

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1. Initial state preparation
2. Time evolution until time  $t_1$
3. Weak coupling of ancilla and system site  $i$ .
4. Measuring the ancilla
5. Time evolution until time  $t_2$
6. Projective measurement at site  $j$
7. Correlating the measured outcomes

Anti-commutators

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## Probing Real-Space and Time-Resolved Correlation Functions with Many-Body Ramsey Interferometry

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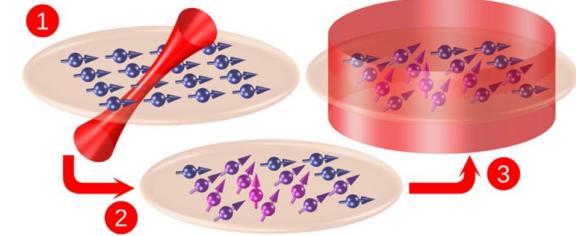
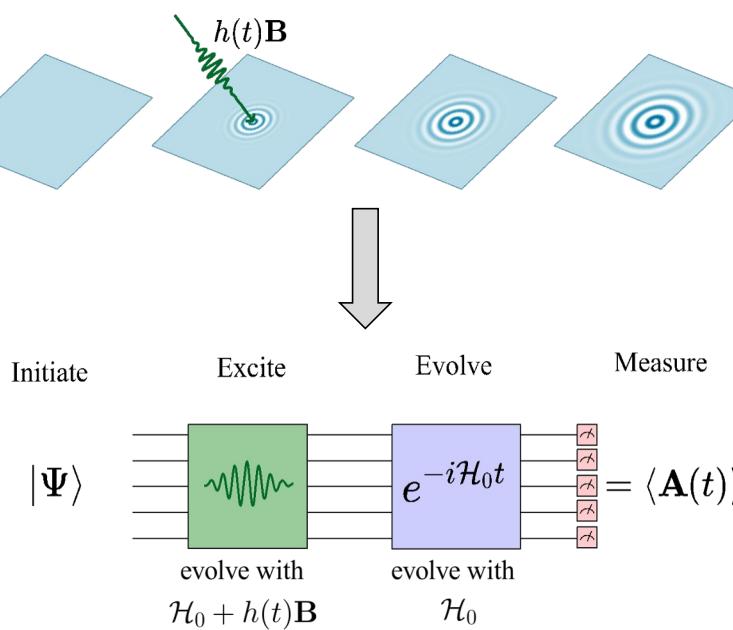
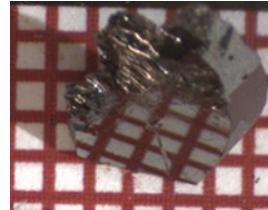


FIG. 1 (color online). Many-body Ramsey interferometry consists of the following steps: (1) A spin system prepared in its ground state is locally excited by  $\pi/2$  rotation; (2) the system evolves in time; (3) a global  $\pi/2$  rotation is applied, followed by the measurement of the spin state. This protocol provides the dynamic many-body Green's function.

Commutators

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# Linear Response



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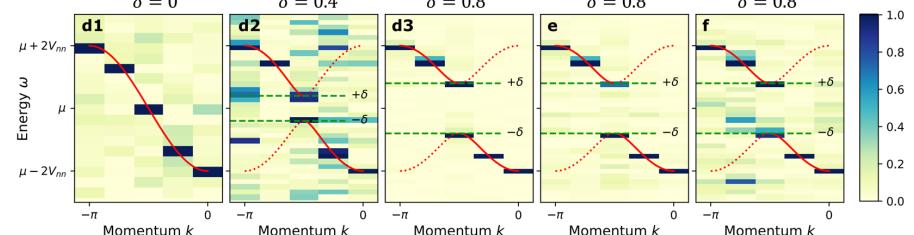
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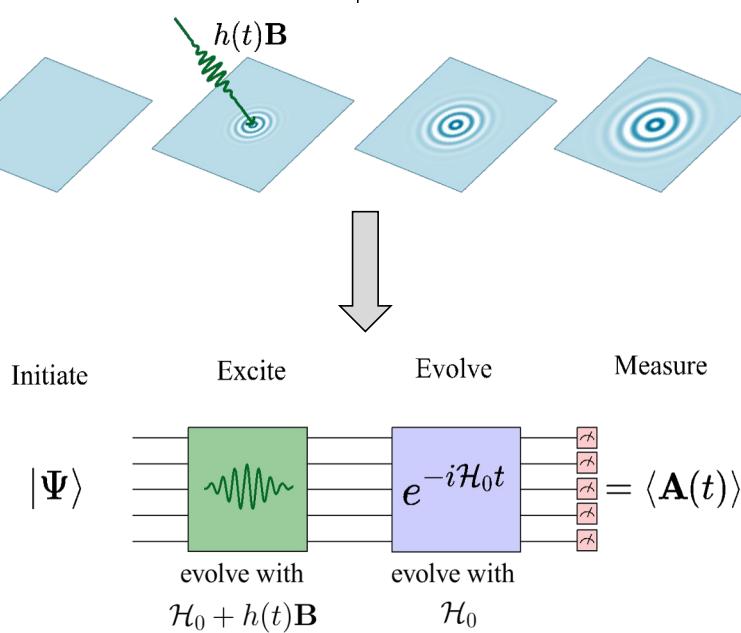
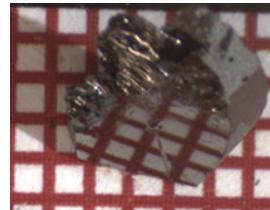
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1. Make the excitation part of the quantum simulation
2. Post-process the data to get the response functions

$$\left. \frac{\delta A(t)}{\delta h(t')} \right|_{h=0} = -i\theta(t-t') \langle \psi_0 | [\mathbf{A}(t), \mathbf{B}(t')] | \psi_0 \rangle$$



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## Benefits

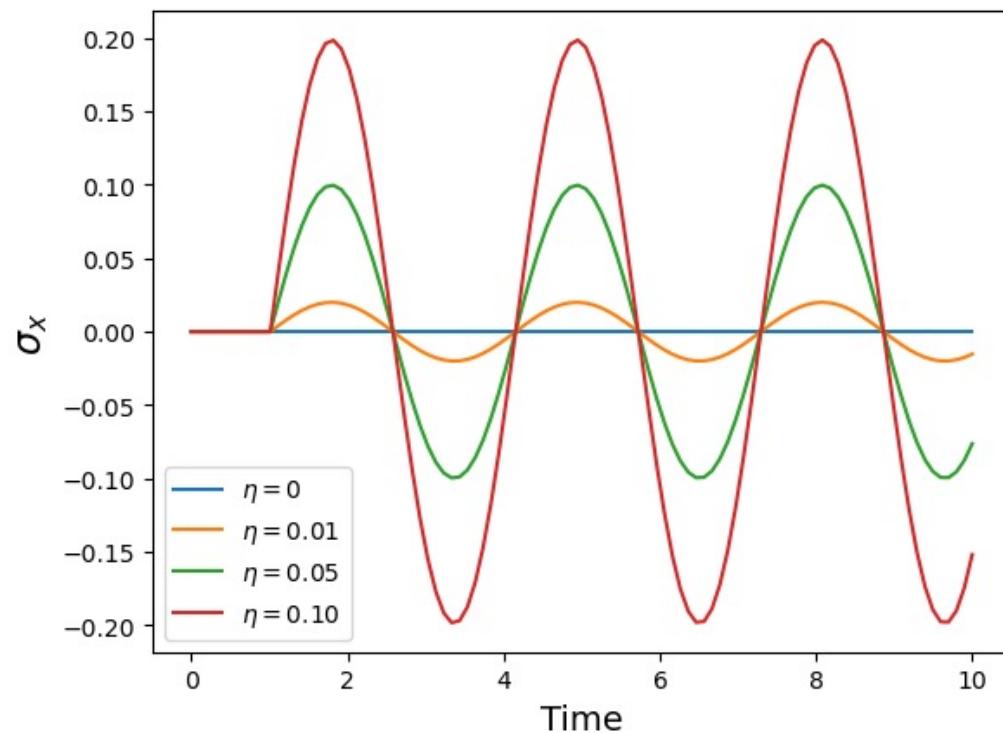
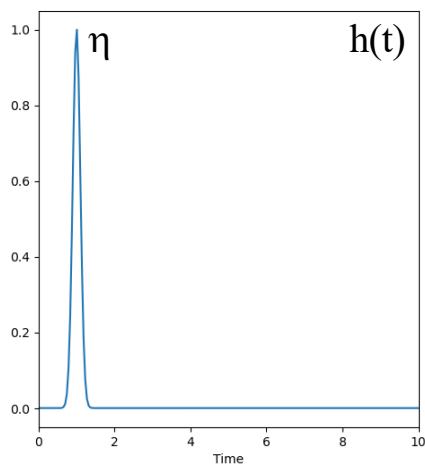
- Any operator A,B you desire (as long as it is Hermitian\*)
- No ancillas/controlled operations needed
- Many correlation functions at the same time
- Less post-processing (less noise)
- Frequency/momentum selective

# Linear Response

A simple example: single spin with energy level difference = 2

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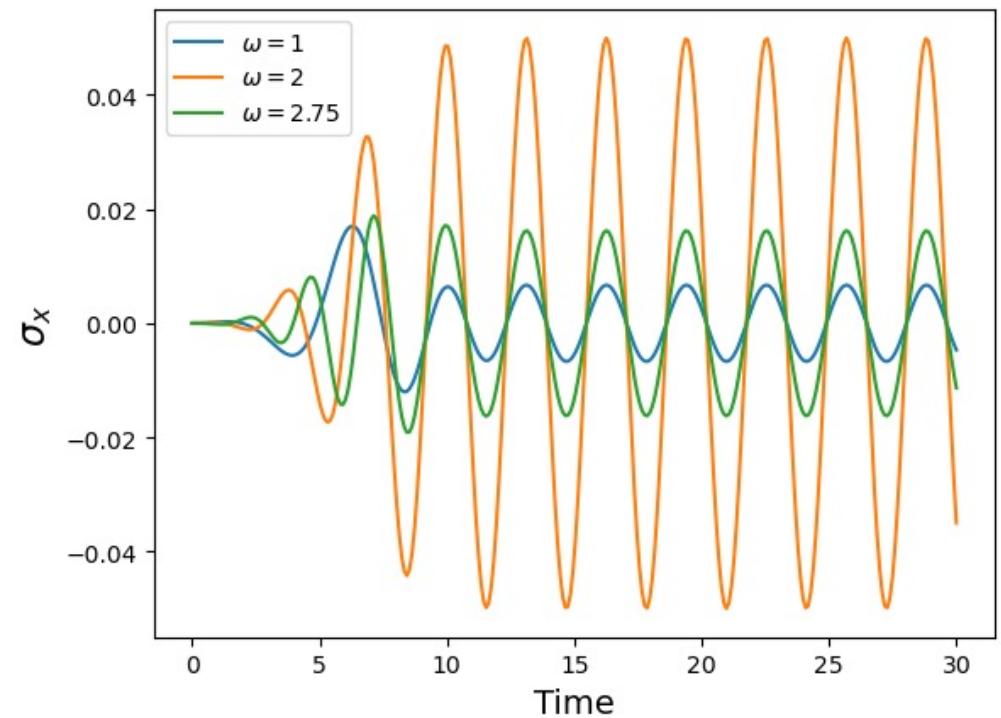
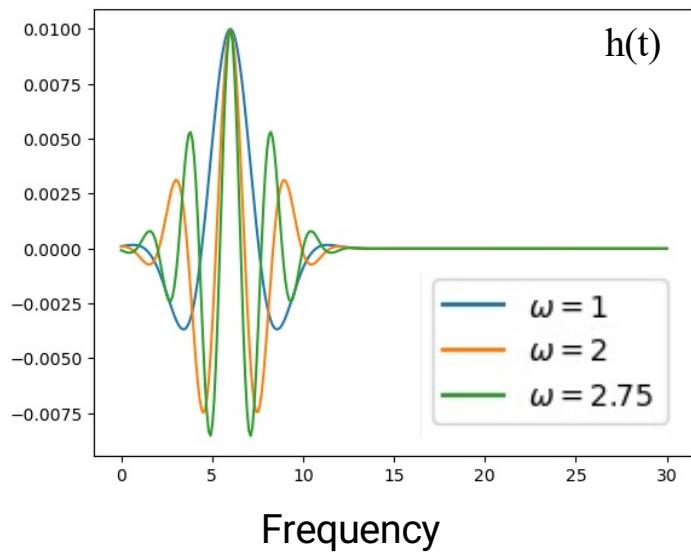


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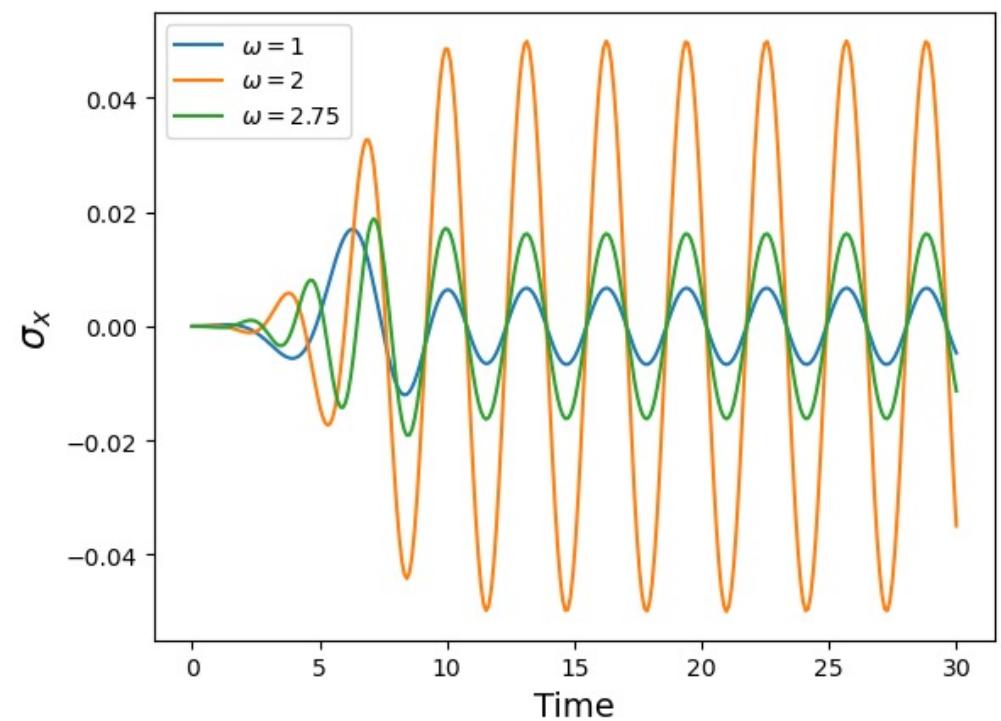
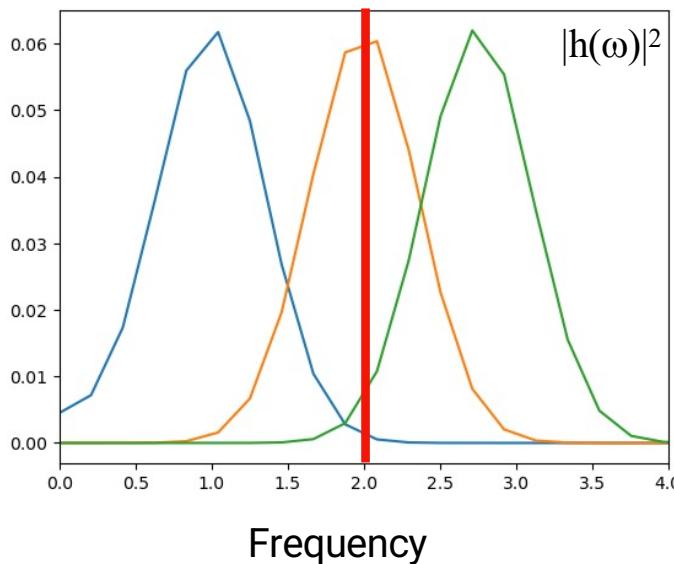


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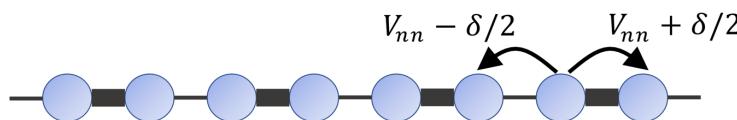
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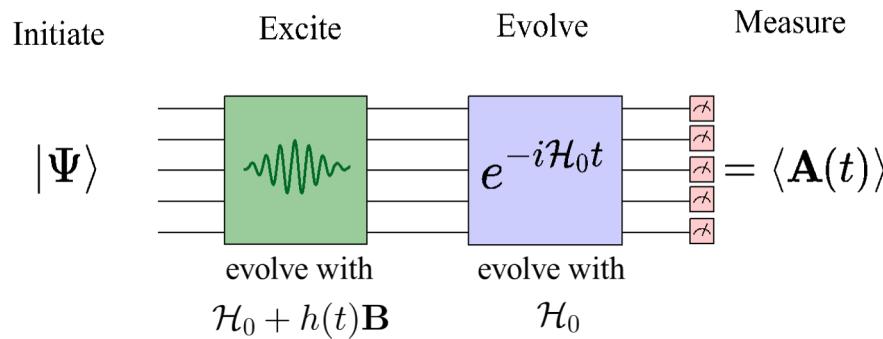


# A Bosonic Correlation function: Polarizability

Su-Schrieffer-Heeger model for polyacetylene



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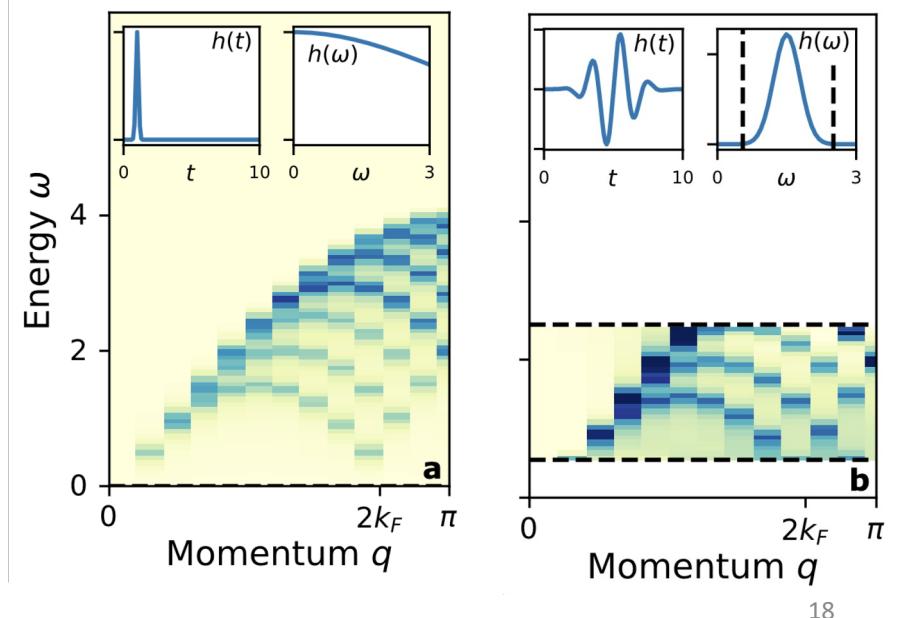


$$A(t) = \int \omega dt' \chi^R(\omega') h(\omega') + \mathcal{O}(h^{3/2})$$

$$\chi(r, t) = -i \langle \psi_0 | \delta n(r, t) \delta n(r=0, t=0) | \psi_0 \rangle$$

Measure density  
on all sites ( $\mathbf{A}=n_i$ )

Wiggle potential  
on site 0 ( $\mathbf{B}=n_0 V_0$ )



# Fermionic Linear Response

$$\frac{\delta A(t)}{\delta h(t')} \Big|_{h=0} = -i\theta(t-t') \langle \psi_0 | [\mathbf{A}(t), \mathbf{B}(t')] | \psi_0 \rangle$$

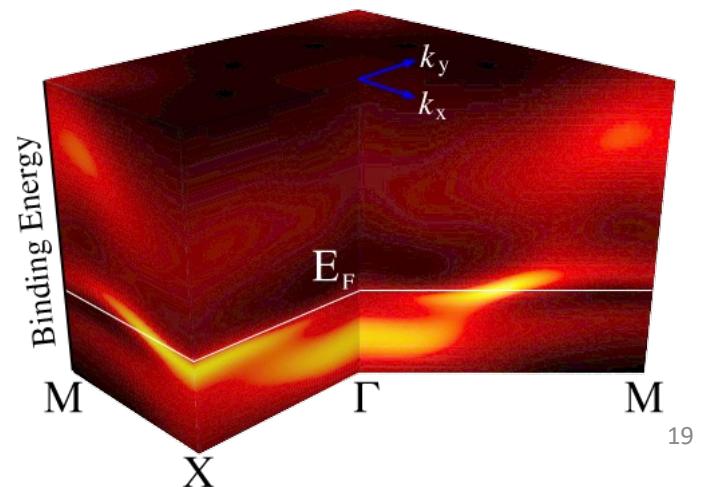
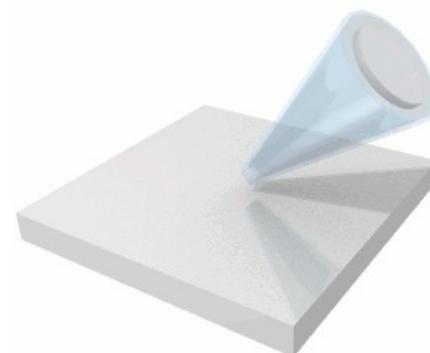
Notice this is a commutator...  
... we might also want to have an anti-commuter

$$G(t, t') = -i\theta(t-t') \langle \psi_0 | \{ \mathbf{A}(t), \mathbf{B}(t') \} | \psi_0 \rangle$$

Why?

$$G^R(r_i, t; r_j, t') = -i\theta(t-t') \langle \psi_0 | \{ c_i(t), c_j^\dagger(t') \} | \psi_0 \rangle$$

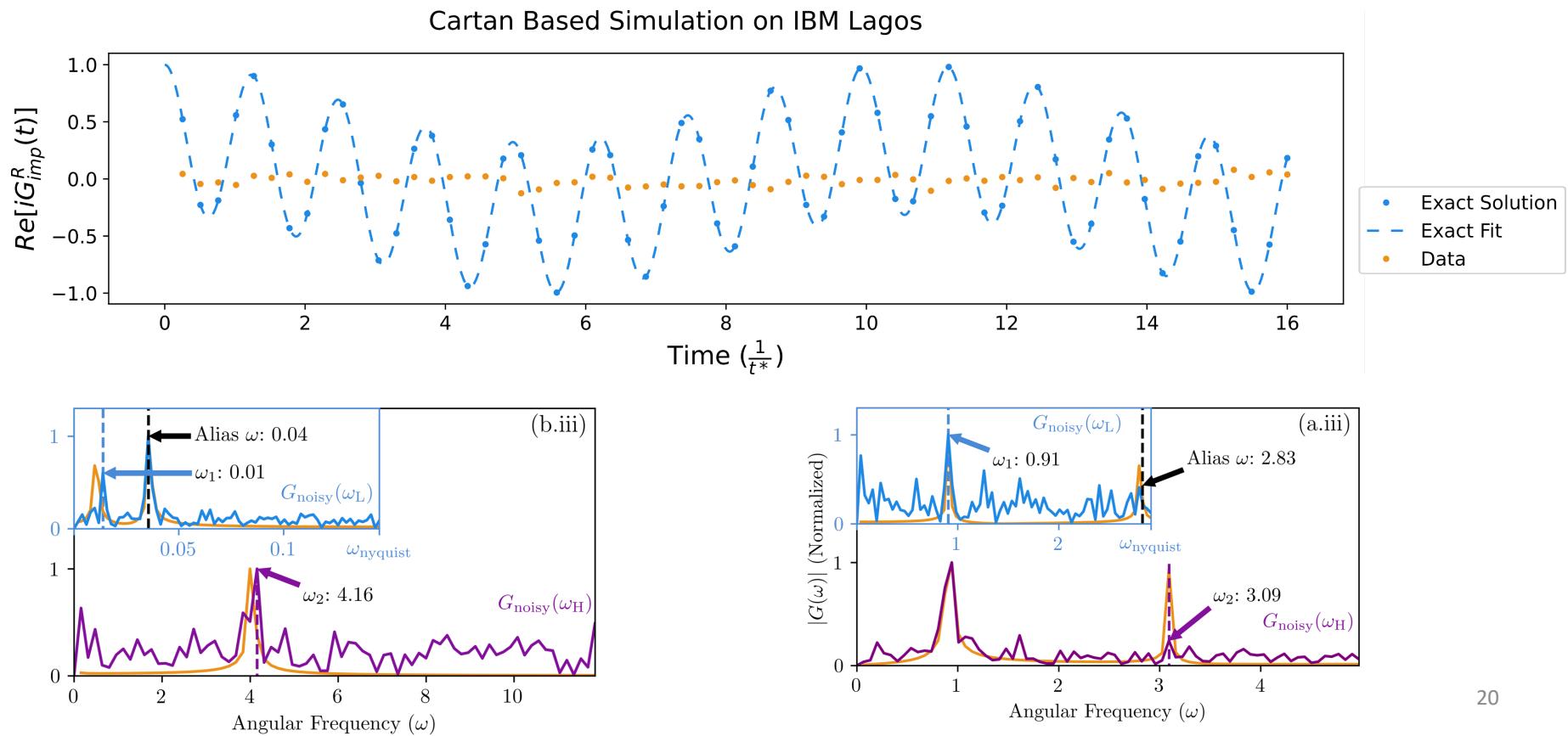
Fermionic creation/  
annihilation operators



# Application of Green's functions: DMFT

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## 2-site Hubbard DMFT (5 qubits)

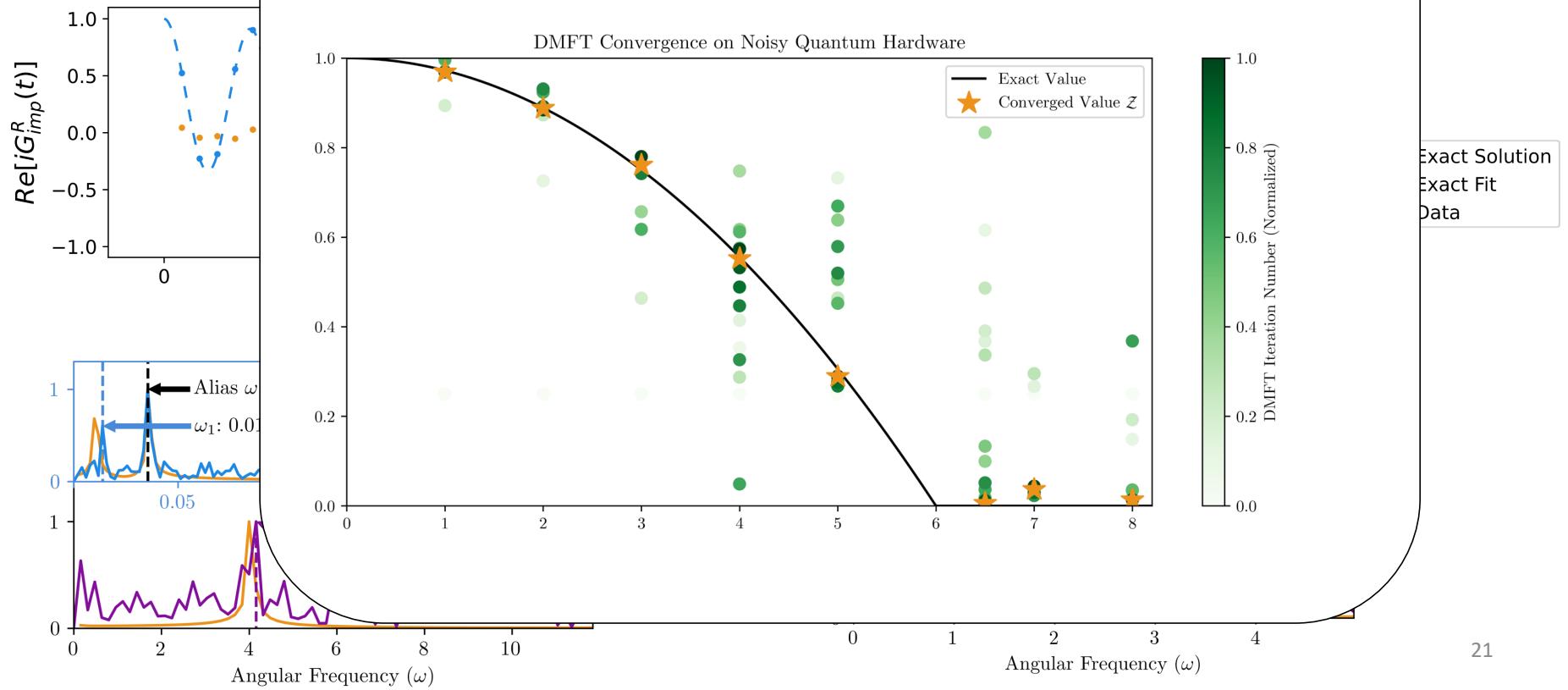


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Self-consistent DMFT phase diagram showing the metal-insulator transition for 2-site Hubbard model



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$$\frac{\delta A(t)}{\delta h(t')} \Big|_{h=0} = -i\theta(t-t')\langle\psi_0|[\mathbf{A}(t), \mathbf{B}(t')]\rangle|\psi_0\rangle$$

Find an operator  $\mathbf{P}$  such that:

$$\{\mathbf{B}(t), \mathbf{P}\} = 0$$

$$[\mathcal{H}_0, \mathbf{P}] = 0$$

$$\mathbf{P}|\psi_0\rangle = s|\psi_0\rangle$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} G(t, t') &= -i\theta(t-t')\langle\psi_0|\{\mathbf{A}(t), \mathbf{B}(t')\}|\psi_0\rangle \\ &= \frac{i}{s}\theta(t-t')\langle\psi_0|[\mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{P}(t), \mathbf{B}(t')]\rangle|\psi_0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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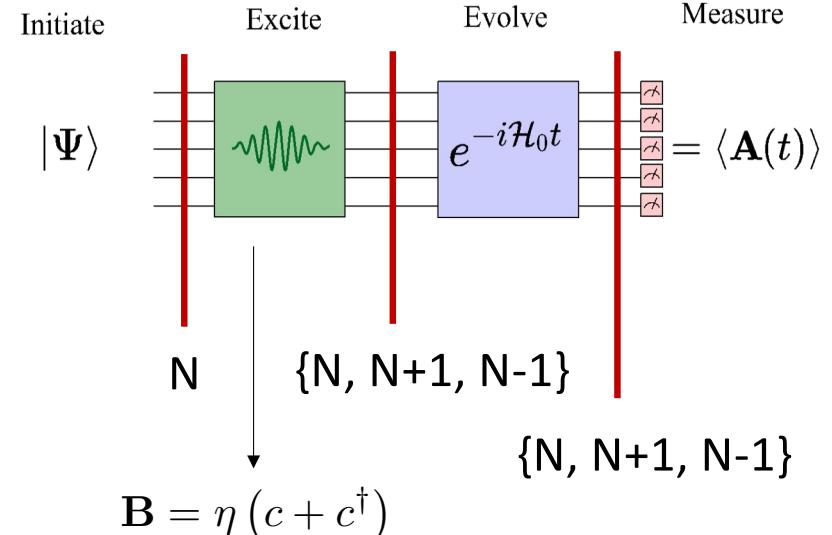
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Post-selection on particle number gives us

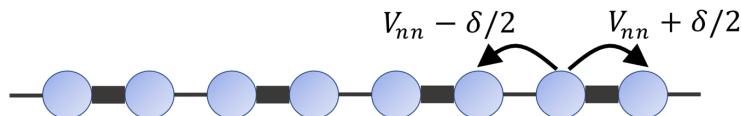
$$G_{ij}^<(t) = i \langle \psi_0 | c_j^\dagger(0) c_i(t) | \psi_0 \rangle$$

$$G_{ij}^>(t) = -i \langle \psi_0 | c_i(t) c_j^\dagger(0) | \psi_0 \rangle$$

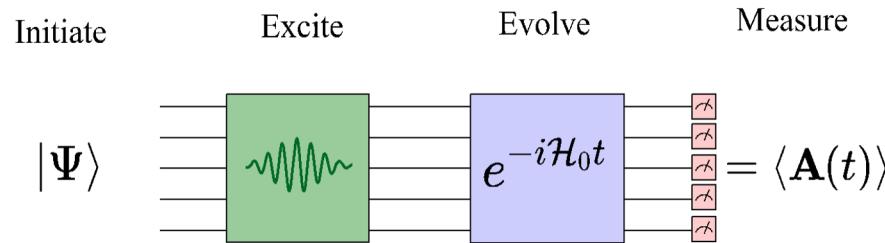
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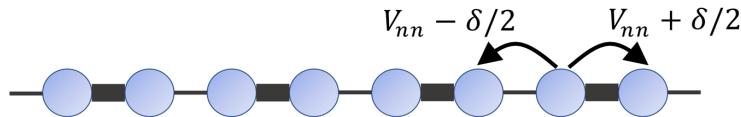
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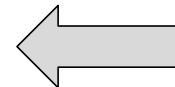
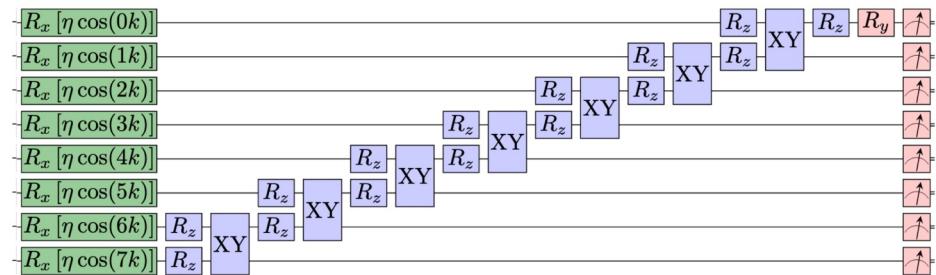
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Compressed circuit run on *ibm\_auckland*



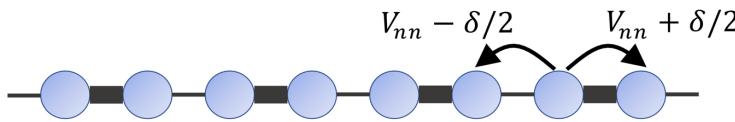
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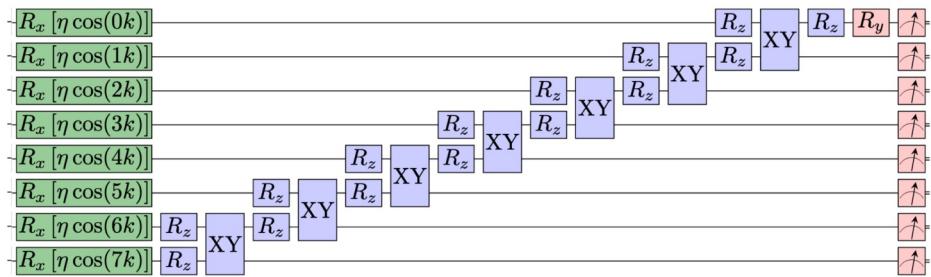
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Su-Schrieffer-Heeger model for polyacetylene



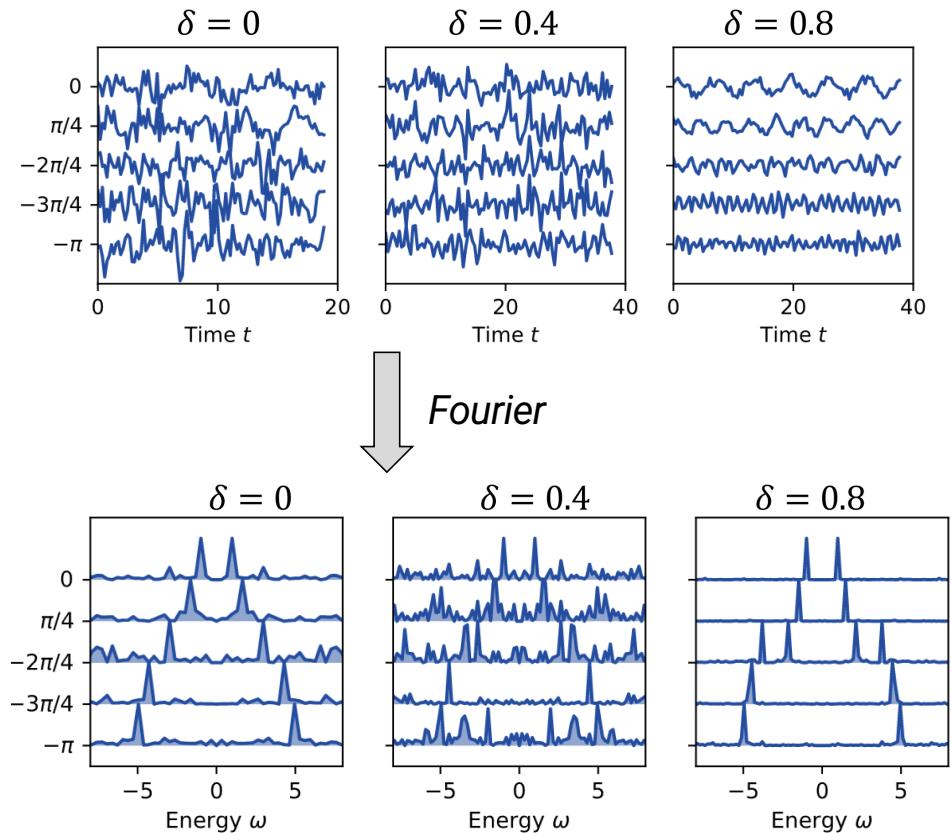
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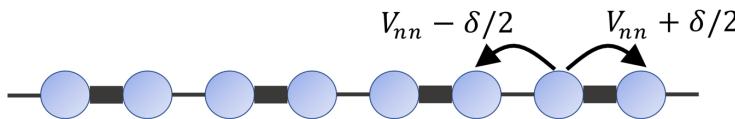
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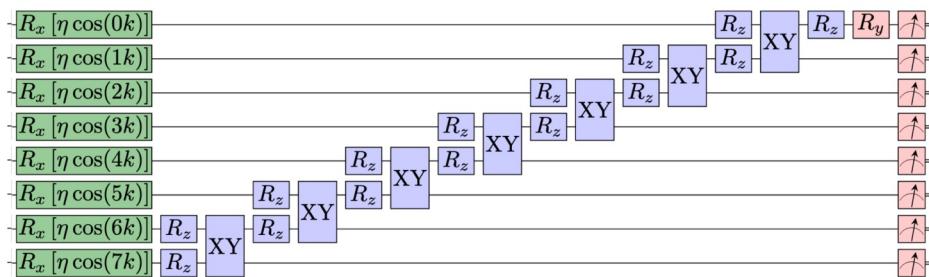
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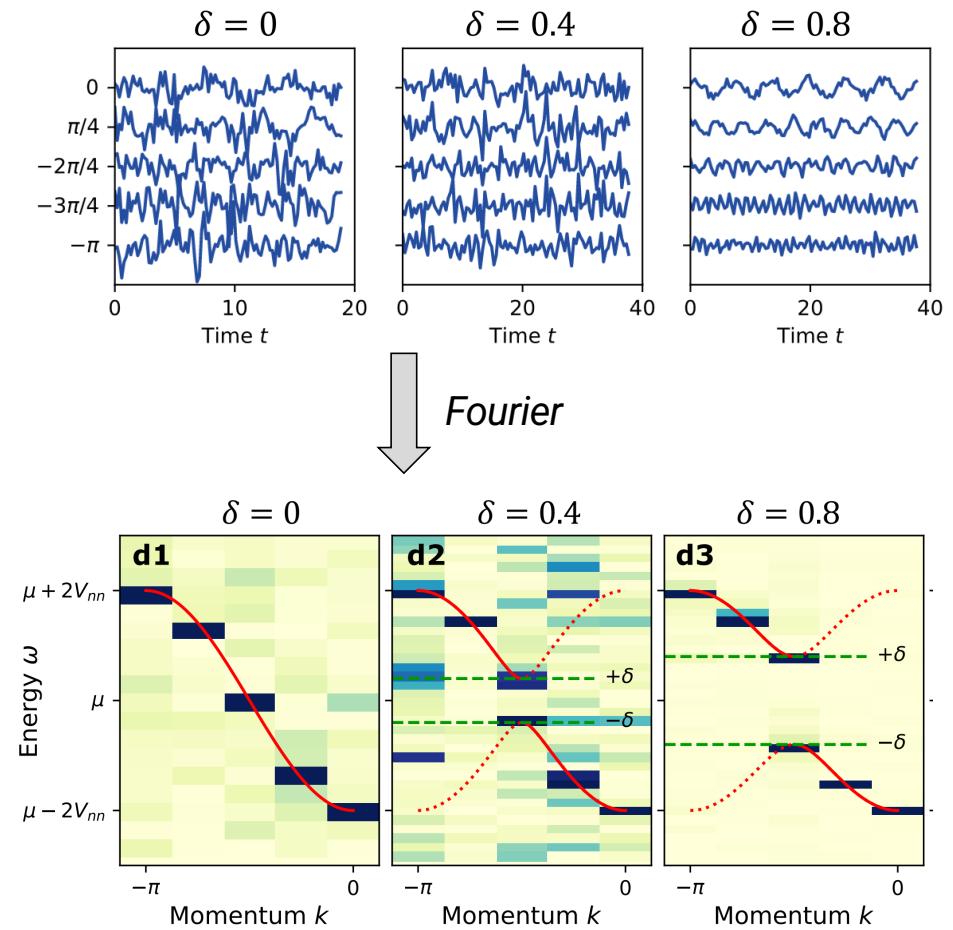
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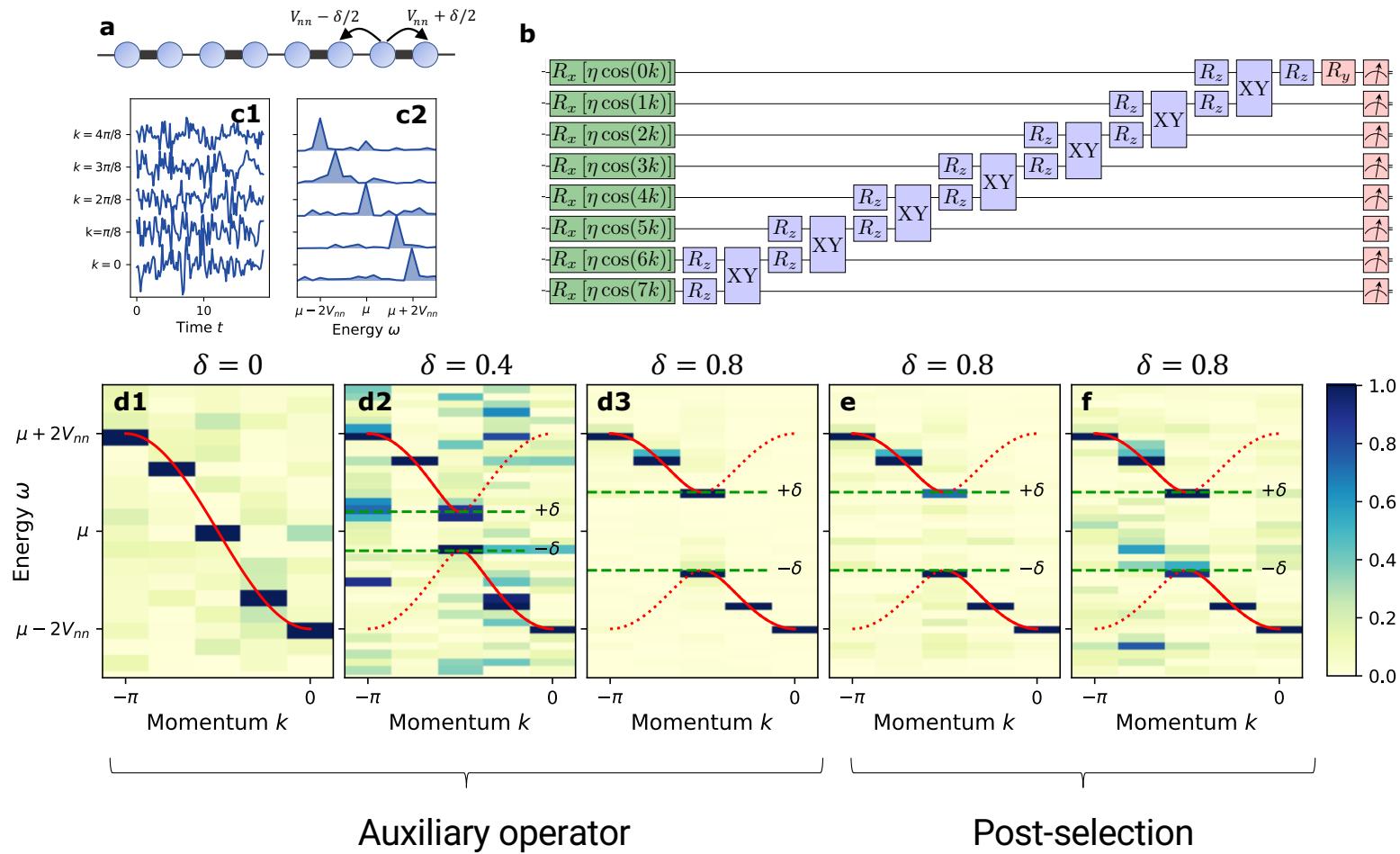


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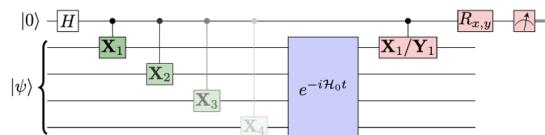
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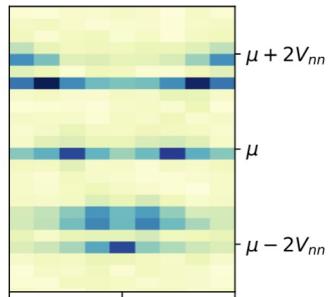
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Why does this work so well?

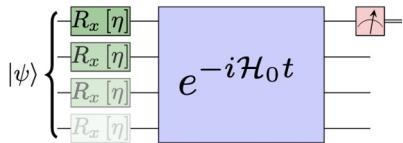
Hadamard test method



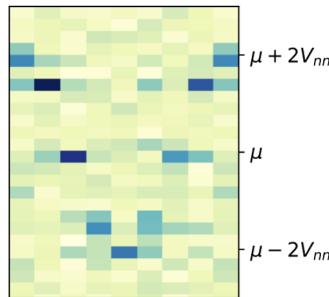
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 $t \rightarrow \omega$   
 $r \rightarrow k$



Position-selective linear response

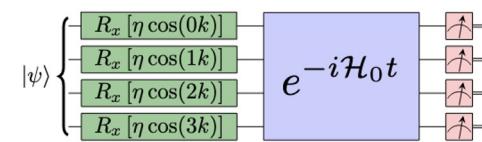


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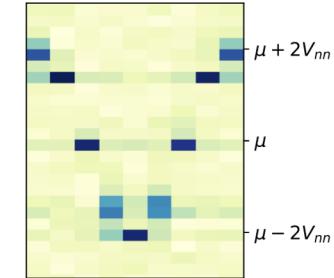


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Momentum-selective linear response

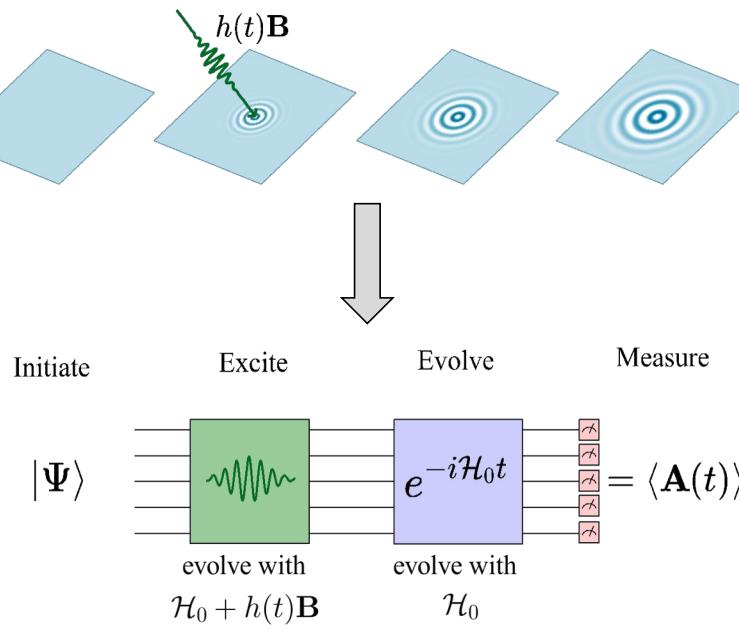
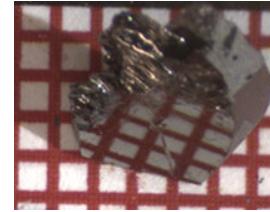


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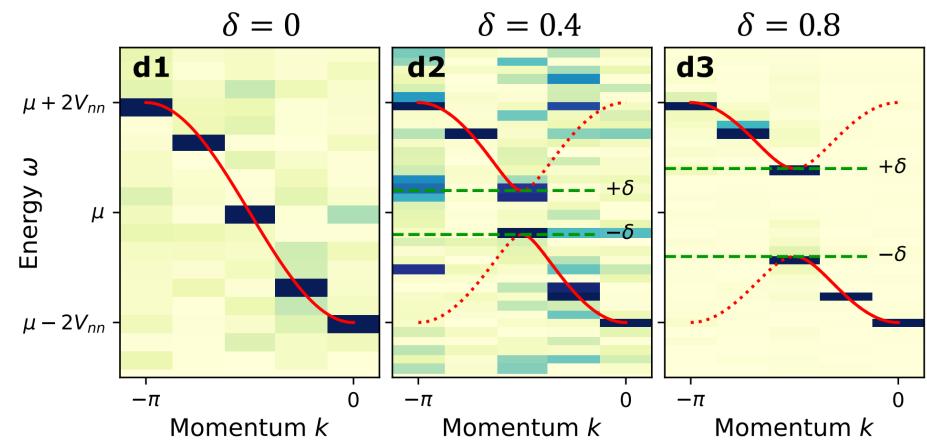


Data from noisy simulator with one/two qubit noise of 1% and 10%

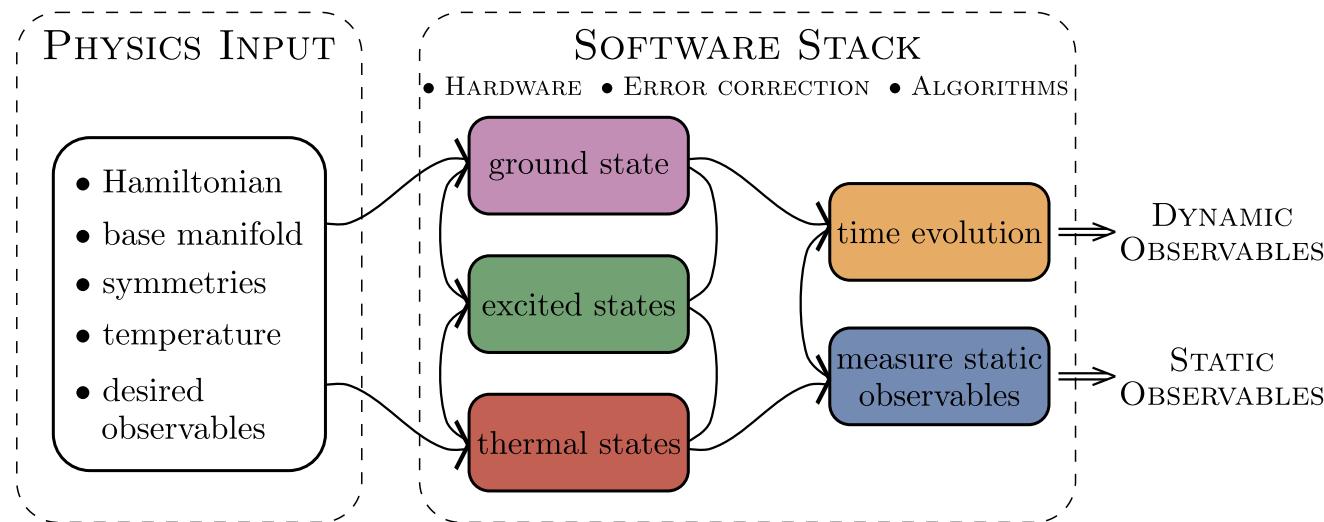
# Linear Response



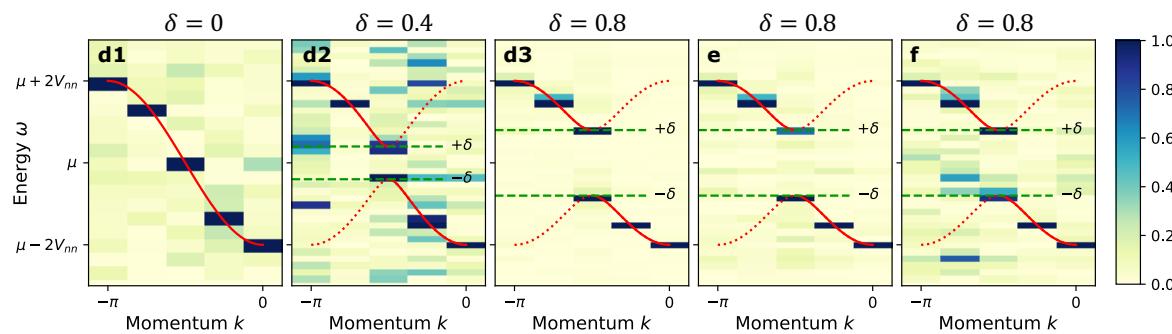
- Ancilla free
- Momentum and frequency selectivity
- Both bosonic and fermionic correlators
- More noise robust compared to existing methods



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- Experimental relevance:  
Measuring correlation functions
- Measuring exact integer Chern numbers for topological states
- Driven/dissipative systems and fixed points (1000 Trotter steps)
- Time evolution via Lie algebraic decomposition and compression
- Thermodynamics via Lee-Yang Zeros
- Physics-Informed Subspace Expansions