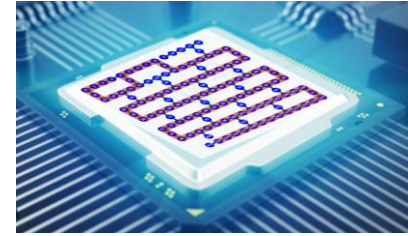


# From Bell inequalities to quantum information science and technology: some perspectives on the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics



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# The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022

Awarded jointly to Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger  
"for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science"



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**Alain Aspect**

Université Paris-Saclay &  
École Polytechnique, France

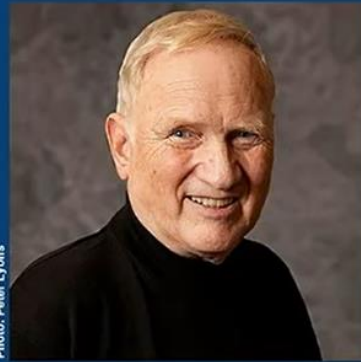


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**John F. Clauser**

J.F. Clauser & Assoc.,  
USA

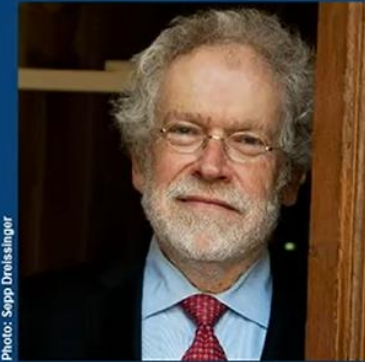


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**Anton Zeilinger**

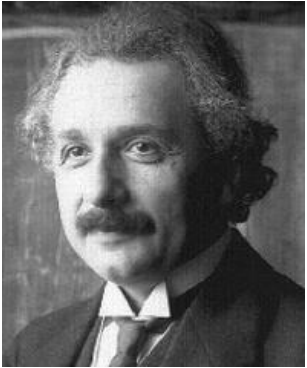
University of Vienna,  
Austria

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# What's it about?

It is about whether quantum mechanics is a 'complete' theory and are there alternative ones that reproduce quantum mechanical prediction. A story begins with founders of QM and still continues

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Albert Einstein,



Boris Podolsky,



Nathan Rosen



John Stewart Bell



Niels Bohr



Erwin Schrödinger

MAY 15, 1935

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# Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)



Physics Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 195–200, 1964    Physics Publishing Co.    Printed in the United States

## ON THE EINSTEIN PODOLSKY ROSEN PARADOX\*

J. S. BELL<sup>†</sup>

*Department of Physics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin*

(Received 4 November 1964)



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# Raju and Anton (et al.)

From Raju to me: “PS: I was fortunate to be hosted by Zeilinger on a visit to Vienna in 2018 as part of a committee he convened. I am attaching a picture - you can see GHZ on the board :-)”



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# EPR: Quantum mechanics is not complete

A complete theory: there is an element of reality—it is possible to predict a physical quantity without disturbing the system



- But in QM for two non-commuting operators  $[A, B] \neq 0$ , knowledge of A precludes knowledge of B

→ EPR concluded: either (1) QM is not complete or  
(2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality

They used a specific example and argued (2) is wrong thus QM is not complete



$$\Psi(x_1, x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(2\pi i/h)(x_1 - x_2 + x_0)p} dp \sim \delta(x_1 - x_2 + x_0)$$

- Measure momentum of particle 1: e.g.  $p_1 = p$ , then know  $p_2 = -p$  (without measuring particle 2)
- Measure position of particle 1: e.g.  $x_1$ , then know  $x_2 = x_1 + x_0$  (without measuring particle 2)

# Bohr's response

EPR commented, "Indeed, one would not arrive at our conclusion if one insisted that two or more physical quantities can be regarded as simultaneous elements of reality only when they can be simultaneously measured or predicted."

OCTOBER 15, 1935

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## Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality be Considered Complete?

N. BOHR, *Institute for Theoretical Physics, University, Copenhagen*

(Received July 13, 1935)



Bohr: "In fact, it is only the mutual exclusion of any two experimental procedures, permitting the unambiguous definition of complementary physical quantities, which provides room for new physical laws, the coexistence of which might at first sight appear irreconcilable with the basic principles of science."

➔ making the choice to measure one, e.g., position excludes the possibility of measuring the other, e.g., momentum ➔ the inference of predetermined position and momentum values for the second particle was not valid.



# More of nonlocality, less of physical reality

## ❑ Nonlocality

Einstein wrote the Schroedinger, "it [the paper] did not come out as well as I had originally wanted; rather, the essential thing was, so to speak, smothered by the formalism."

What bothered Einstein more is “**non-locality**” or the “**spooky action at a distance**”

→ the real state of particle B could not depend on which kind of measurement was done in A



## ❑ Entanglement

Schroedinger then coined the word “entanglement” to describe the correlations between two particles that interact and then separate, as in the EPR experiment

Referred to it as “the characteristic trait of quantum mechanics, the one that enforces its entire departure from classical lines of thought.”

# Alternative formulation of EPR: a singlet state

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VOLUME 108, NUMBER 4

NOVEMBER 15, 1957

## Discussion of Experimental Proof for the Paradox of Einstein, Rosen, and Podolsky

D. BOHM AND Y. AHARONOV  
*Technion, Haifa, Israel*  
(Received May 10, 1957)



Bohm and Aharonov described EPR paradox using a singlet state

$$|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{AB} - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_{AB})$$

- Measure  $\sigma_z$  ( $S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2}\sigma_z$ ) on A: e.g. +1  $\rightarrow$  can infer B's  $\sigma_z$  is -1
- Measure  $\sigma_x$  ( $S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2}\sigma_x$ ) on A: e.g. -1  $\rightarrow$  can infer B's  $\sigma_x$  is +1

See also in Bohm, Quantum Theory (book, 1951)

$\rightarrow$  This formulation helped John Bell to construct an inequality to show inconsistency between “local realistic hidden-variable theories” and quantum mechanics

# Bell's inequality

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- For the singlet state, A measures along axis  $\vec{a}$  and B measures along axis  $\vec{b}$ , the prediction from QM is

$$\langle \psi^- | \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{a} \otimes \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{b} | \psi^- \rangle = -\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

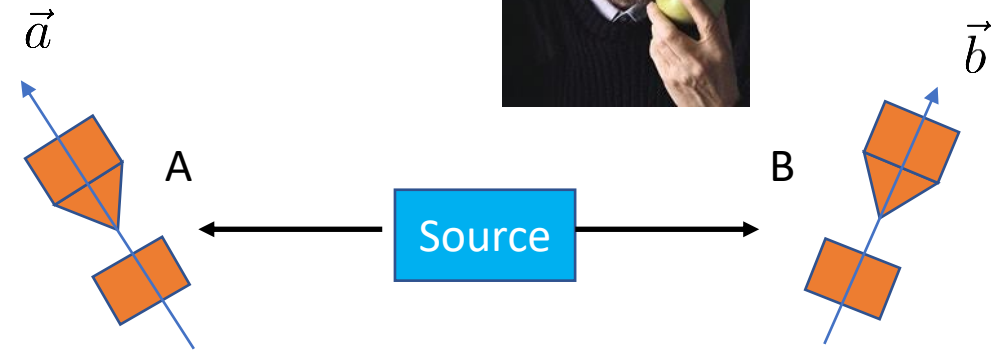
- For a local realistic theory, there is a local hidden variable  $\lambda$  with distribution  $\rho(\lambda)$  so that the 'physical reality' is

$$A(\vec{a}, \lambda) = +1 \text{ or } -1, \quad B(\vec{b}, \lambda) = +1 \text{ or } -1 \quad \text{So that} \quad P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(\vec{a}, \lambda) B(\vec{b}, \lambda) = -\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

- Bell showed that for small numbers  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$

$$4(\epsilon + \delta) \geq \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$\text{where } |\bar{P}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \leq \epsilon \quad \overline{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|} \leq \delta$$



# Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt (CHSH) inequality

❑ Bell's original inequality cannot be tested experimentally

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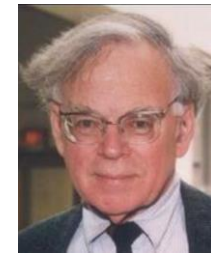
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PROPOSED EXPERIMENT TO TEST LOCAL HIDDEN-VARIABLE THEORIES\*

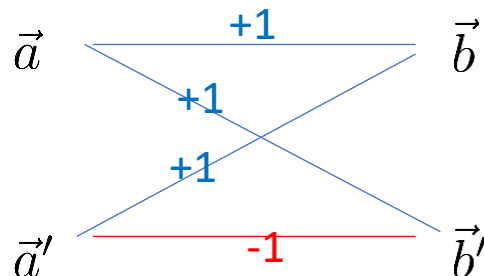
John F. Clauser† Michael A. Horne Abner Shimony Richard A. Holt

(Received 4 August 1969)



➤ CHSH proposed an inequality satisfied by LHV theories

$$|P(a, b) - P(a, c)| \leq 2 - P(b', b) - P(b', c). \quad \text{recall: } P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(\vec{a}, \lambda) B(\vec{b}, \lambda)$$



$$S \equiv |P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) + P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}') + P(\vec{a}', \vec{b}) - P(\vec{a}', \vec{b}')|$$

$$\leq \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) |A(\vec{a}, \lambda) B(\vec{b}, \lambda) + A(\vec{a}, \lambda) B(\vec{b}', \lambda) + A(\vec{a}', \lambda) B(\vec{b}, \lambda) - A(\vec{a}', \lambda) B(\vec{b}', \lambda)|$$

$$\leq 2$$

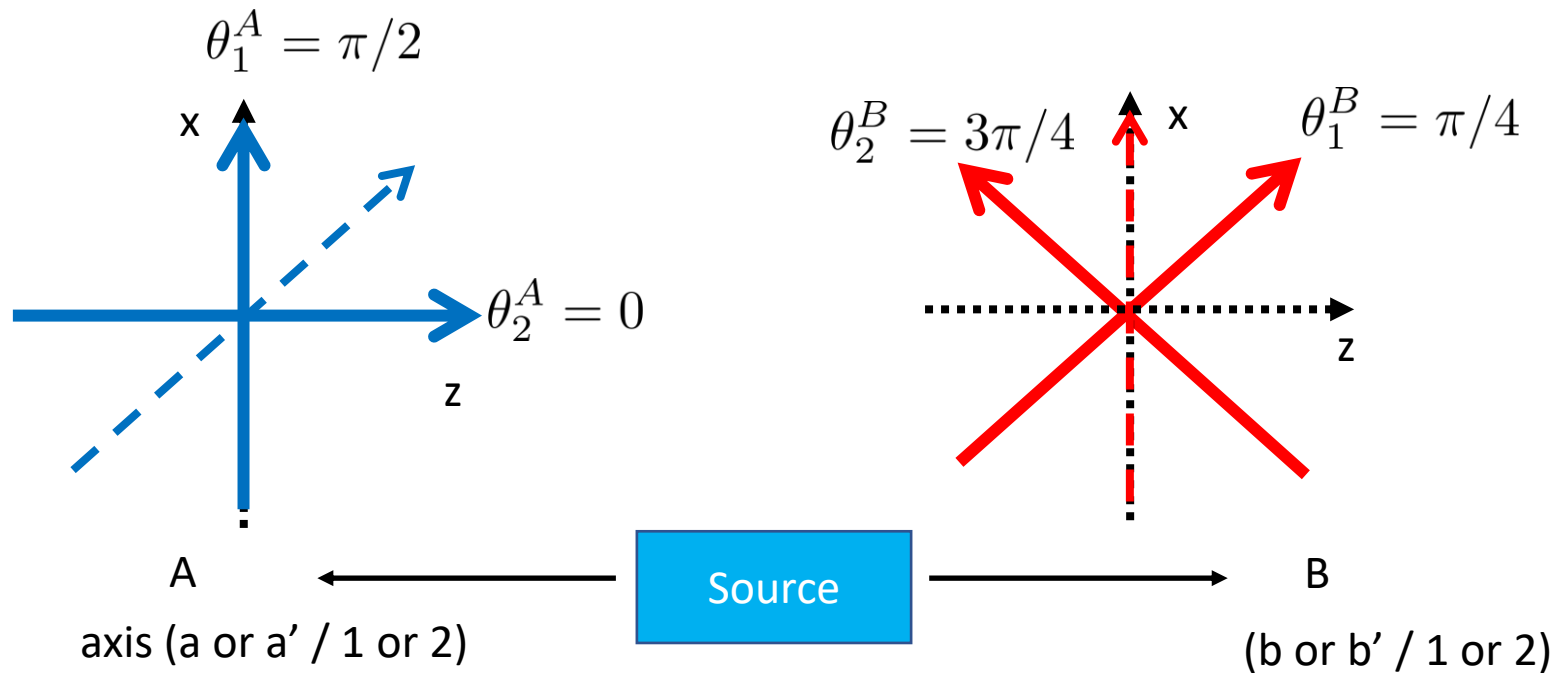
➔ Inequality can be tested experimentally

$$\text{note: } A(B + B') + A'(B - B') = \pm 2$$

# Singlet state violates CHSH inequality

$S \equiv |P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) + P(\vec{a}, \vec{b}') + P(\vec{a}', \vec{b}) - P(\vec{a}', \vec{b}')| \leq 2$  for LHV theories

$$P_{\text{QM}}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = -\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \implies \max_{\psi} B_{\text{QM}}(\psi) = 2\sqrt{2} = \left| -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right|$$



Measurement axes for spins (angles will be halved for photon polarization)

# Experimental tests of CHSH-Bell inequality

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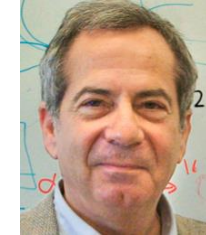
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## Experimental Test of Local Hidden-Variable Theories\*

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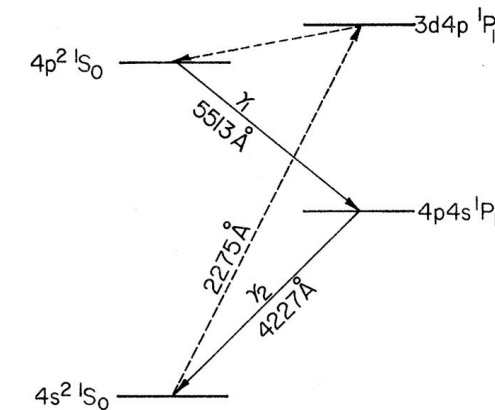
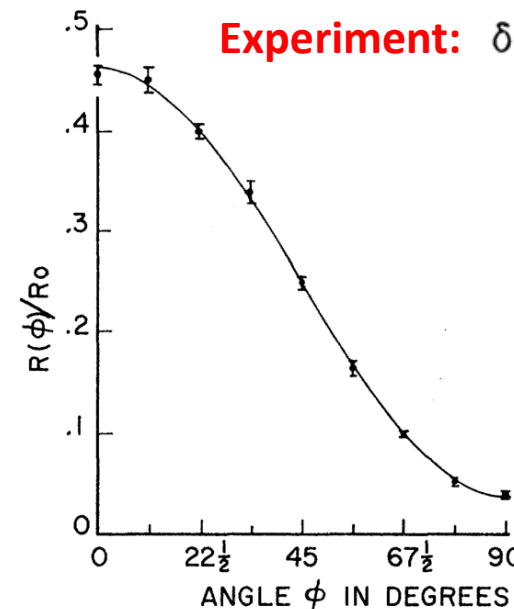


The results of the measurements of the correlation  $R(\phi)/R_0$ , corresponding to a total integration time of  $\sim 200$  h, are shown in Fig. 3. All error limits are conservative estimates of 1 standard deviation. Using the values at  $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  and  $67\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ , we obtain  $\delta = 0.050 \pm 0.008$  in clear violation of inequality (3).<sup>12</sup> Furthermore, we observe no evidence for a deviation from the predictions of quantum mechanics, calculated from the measured polarizer efficiencies and solid angles, and shown as the solid curve in Fig. 3. We consider these results to be strong evidence against local hidden-variable theories.

LHV theories:

$$\delta = |R(22\frac{1}{2}^\circ)/R_0 - R(67\frac{1}{2}^\circ)/R_0| - \frac{1}{4} \leq 0$$

**Experiment:**  $\delta = 0.050 \pm 0.008$



Two photons in atomic cascade of calcium



# Improved experiments on CHSH-Bell inequality

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## Experimental Tests of Realistic Local Theories via Bell's Theorem

Alain Aspect, Philippe Grangier, and Gérard Roger

*Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée, Université Paris-Sud, F-91406 Orsay, France*

$\delta_{\text{exp}} = 5.72 \times 10^{-2} \pm 0.43 \times 10^{-2}$  (Received 30 March 1981)



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## Experimental Realization of Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen-Bohm *Gedankenexperiment*: A New Violation of Bell's Inequalities

Alain Aspect, Philippe Grangier, and Gérard Roger

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$$S_{\text{QM}} = 2.70 \pm 0.05$$

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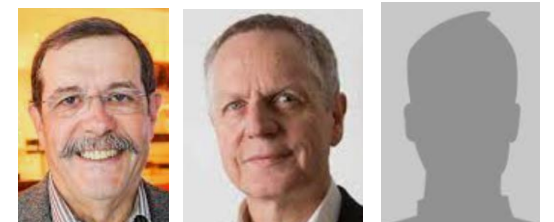
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## Experimental Test of Bell's Inequalities Using Time-Varying Analyzers

Alain Aspect, Jean Dalibard,<sup>(a)</sup> and Gérard Roger

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(Received 27 September 1982)



# Violation CHSH-Bell inequality at space-like separation

PRL

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## Violation of Bell's Inequality under Strict Einstein Locality Conditions

Gregor Weihs, Thomas Jennewein, Christoph Simon, Harald Weinfurter, and Anton Zeilinger

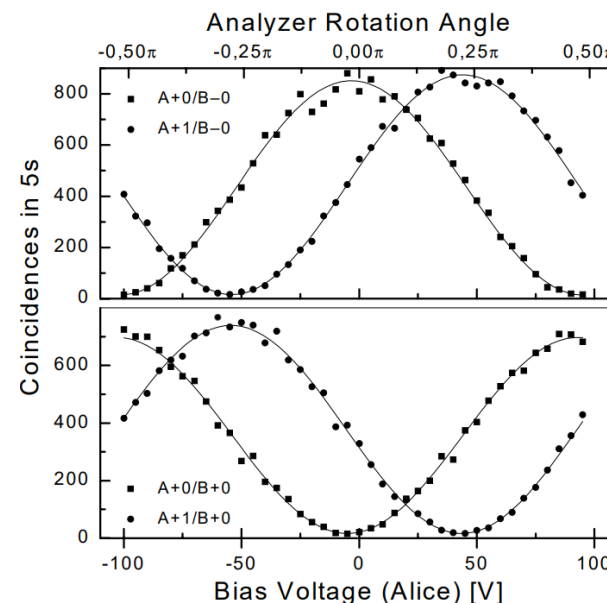
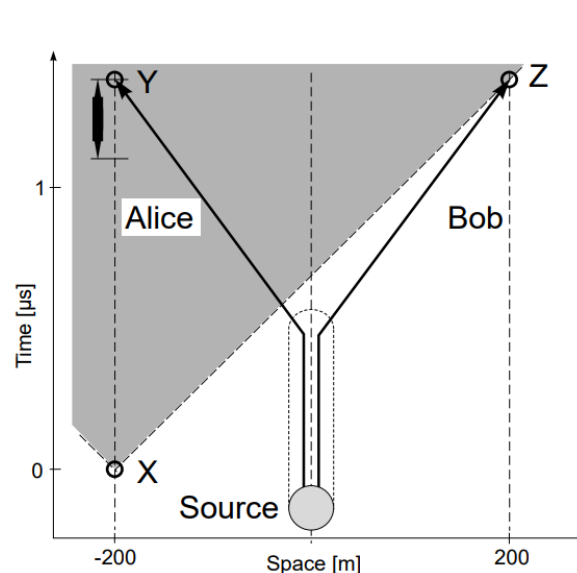
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(Received 6 August 1998)



Anton  
Zeilinger

..... The necessary spacelike separation of the observations is achieved by sufficient physical distance between the measurement stations, by ultrafast and random setting of the analyzers, and by completely independent data registration. [S0031-9007(98)07901-0]



$$S = 2.73 \pm 0.02$$

# Violation of local realistic theory at a single shot

- ❑ Greenberger, Horne and Zeilinger (GHZ) consider the four-particle entangled state and showed that no local hidden variable theory can reproduce the correlation

$$|1, 0\rangle = (|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$



- ❑ Later Greenberger, Horne, Shimony and Zeilinger (GHSZ) [1990] consider a 3-particle entangled state and showed violation without inequality

- For classical local theory, one attributes this to local properties:

$$x_1 x_2 x_3 = +1, y_1 y_2 x_3 = -1, y_1 x_2 y_3 = -1, x_1 y_2 y_3 = -1 \text{ (where } x, y = \pm 1)$$

[Mermin, 1990]

- But contradiction arises when we multiply all four equalities:  
**1 = -1 !** (experiments show QM is correct)

[Pan et al. (Zeilinger's group), Nature 2000]



(book, 1989)

Bell's Theorem,  
Quantum Theory and  
Conceptions of the Universe

## Going Beyond Bell's Theorem

Daniel M. Greenberger, Michael A. Horne, Anton Zeilinger  
Pages 69-72

$$|\text{GHSZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)$$

$$X \otimes X \otimes X |\text{GHSZ}\rangle = (+1) |\text{GHSZ}\rangle$$

$$Y \otimes Y \otimes X |\text{GHSZ}\rangle = (-1) |\text{GHSZ}\rangle$$

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# Change of view: Entanglement as a resource!

□ Ekert: “Quantum cryptography based on Bell’s theorem” [PRL 1991]



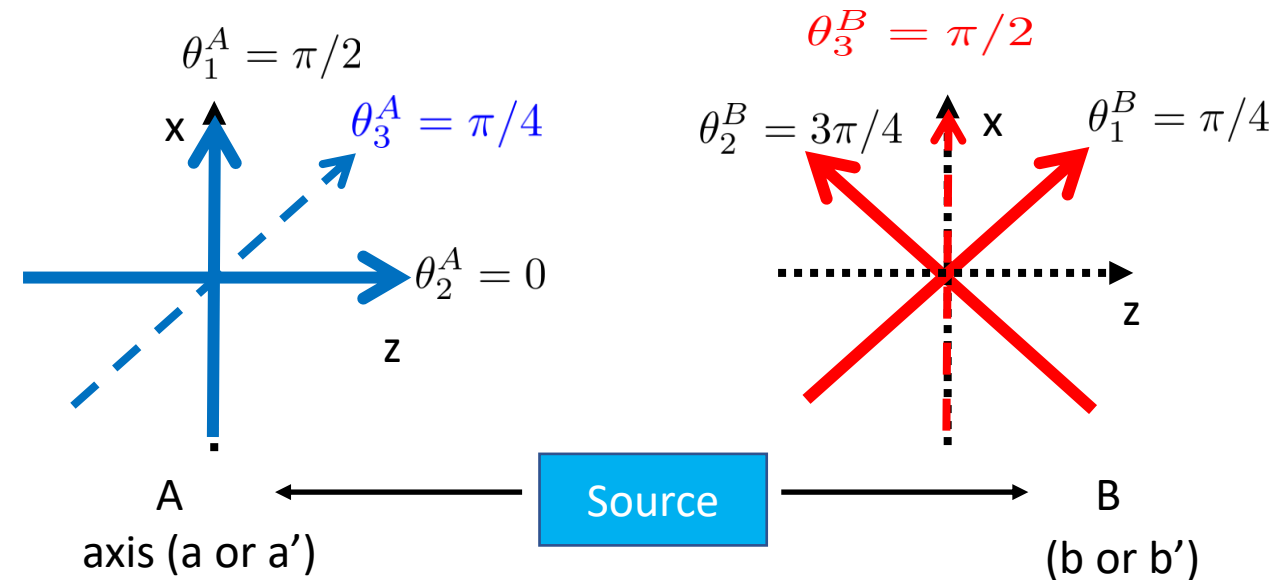
Artur Ekert

➔ Add a third axis of measurement on each side

➔ Alice & Bob randomly measure in three different directions

1. For the axes in the same direction, outcomes are anti-correlated ➔ can establish a common secret binary string

2. The rest of data can be used to check violation of Bell inequality ➔ degree of security

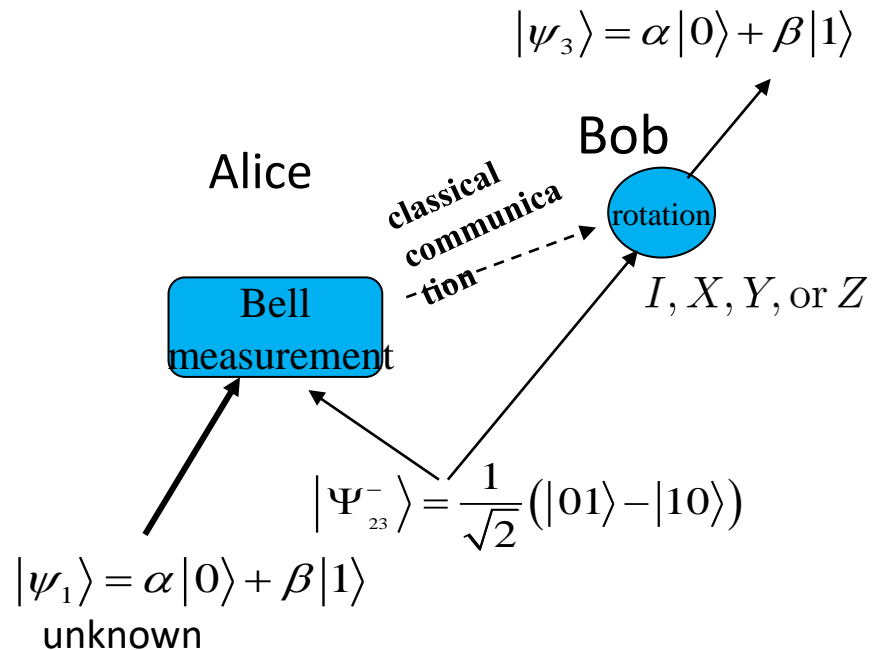


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# Singlet state enables “teleportation”

- Bennett, Brassard, Crepeau, Jozsa, Peres & Wootters:  
“Teleporting an unknown state via dual classical and EPR channels” [PRL 1992]

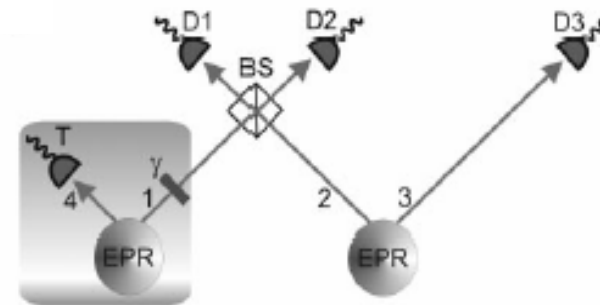


Experiments: Zeilinger's group, Nature 1997  
& F. De Martini's group, PRL 1998

- This leads to entanglement swapping

Theory: Zukowski, Zeilinger, Horne & Ekert, PRL '93

Experiment: Pan, Bouwmeester, Weinfurter & Zeilinger, PRL ,98



→ Basis for quantum repeater  
in a quantum internet



# Quantum Teleportation (analysis)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |\Phi^+\rangle_{23} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle) \otimes (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) & |\Phi^\pm\rangle &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle \pm |11\rangle) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a|000\rangle + a|011\rangle + b|100\rangle + b|111\rangle) & |\Psi^\pm\rangle &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle \pm |10\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{ a(|\Phi^+\rangle + |\Phi^-\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle + a(|\Psi^+\rangle + |\Psi^-\rangle) \otimes |1\rangle + b(|\Psi^+\rangle - |\Psi^-\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle + b(|\Phi^+\rangle - |\Phi^-\rangle) \otimes |1\rangle \} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \underbrace{|\Phi^+\rangle \otimes (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)}_{I|\psi\rangle} + \underbrace{|\Phi^-\rangle \otimes (a|0\rangle - b|1\rangle)}_{Z|\psi\rangle} + \underbrace{|\Psi^+\rangle \otimes (a|1\rangle + b|0\rangle)}_{X|\psi\rangle} + \underbrace{|\Psi^-\rangle \otimes (a|1\rangle - b|0\rangle)}_{iY|\psi\rangle} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

The unknown information a & b is preserved in the third particle, but depending on the outcome of the 'Bell-state' measurement in the basis of  $\Phi^\pm$  &  $\Psi^\pm$

Four possible outcomes, Alice informs Bob: (1)  $\Phi^+ \rightarrow$  apply identity (nothing); (2)  $\Phi^- \rightarrow$  apply Z to particle 3; (3)  $\Psi^+ \rightarrow$  apply X to particle 3; (4)  $\Psi^- \rightarrow$  apply  $-iY$  to particle 3  
 **$\rightarrow$  Recover  $\psi$  at particle 3**

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# Quantum computation can be powerful



**Feynman:** they can simulate other quantum systems more efficiently than classical computers



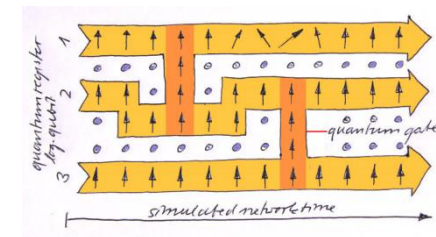
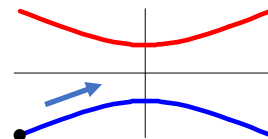
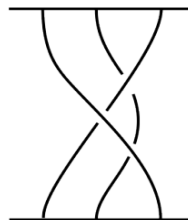
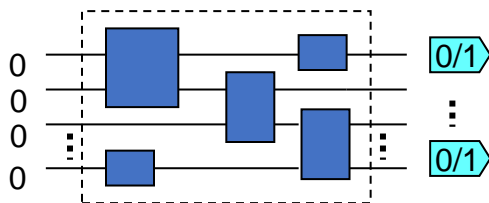
**Shor:** quantum algorithm for factoring (almost) exponentially faster than classical algorithms



**Grover:** quantum search algorithm offers quadratic speedup for unstructured data search

➔ There is a zoo of quantum algorithms, <https://quantumalgorithmzoo.org/>

**Different quantum computing frameworks:** circuit model, topological, adiabatic and measurement-based, etc.

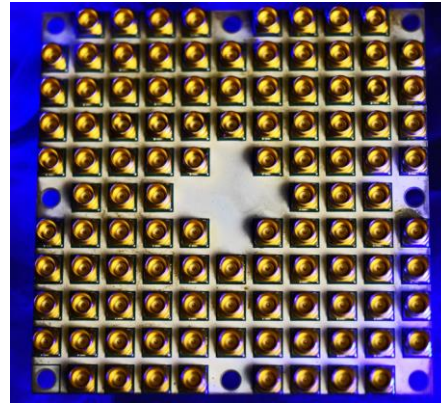


# Zoo of quantum computers

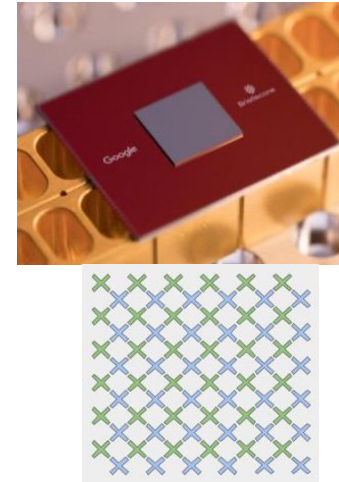
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Intel 49-Qubit QC



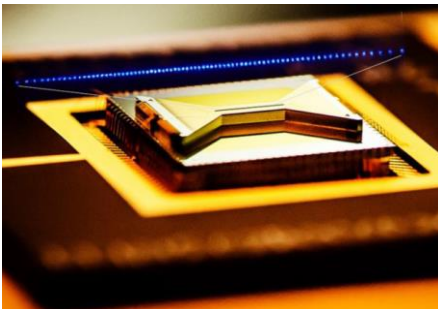
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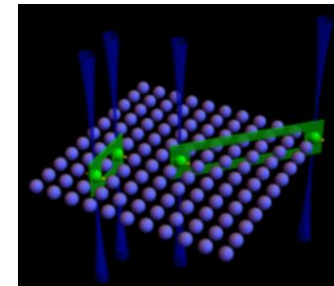
IonQ 160-Qubit QC  
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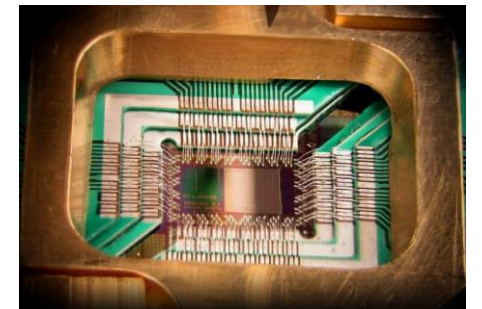
Quantinuum 20 qubits  
[trapped ions]



QuEra 256-atom  
quantum simulator



D-Wave 5000+  
qubit annealer



# Quantum information science and technology

**Four pillars:** Quantum communication, quantum computation, quantum simulations and quantum sensing & metrology (per European Flagship)

→ Increased funding and investment

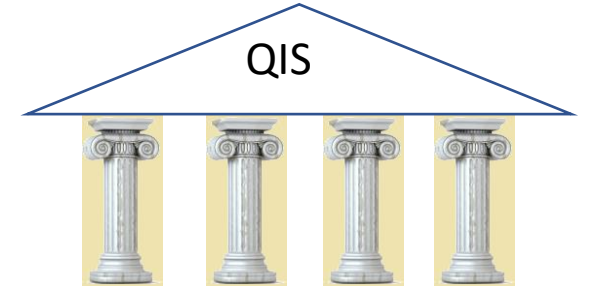
**New directions may emerge:** e.g. quantum machine learning

**Applications are also important**

Both for solving scientific problems or realistic applications in various areas

**Quantum-ready workforce development is crucial for sustainment**

Note: SBU is launching a QIST Master's program in Fall 2023



# NISQ devices and quantum advantage

**Preskill:** current machines are noisy intermediate-scale quantum (**NISQ**) devices

→ A milestone is to demonstrate quantum supremacy/advantage

## Notable experiments:

Google quantum supremacy with 53 qubits [Nature 2019]

Quantum walk with 62 qubits [Pan's group, Science 2021]

Creation of toric code state with 31 qubits [Google QAI, Science 2021]

Xanadu's boson sampling with 219 photons in 216 modes [Nature 2022]

“Traversable Worm Hole” on Google's machine [Nature 2022]

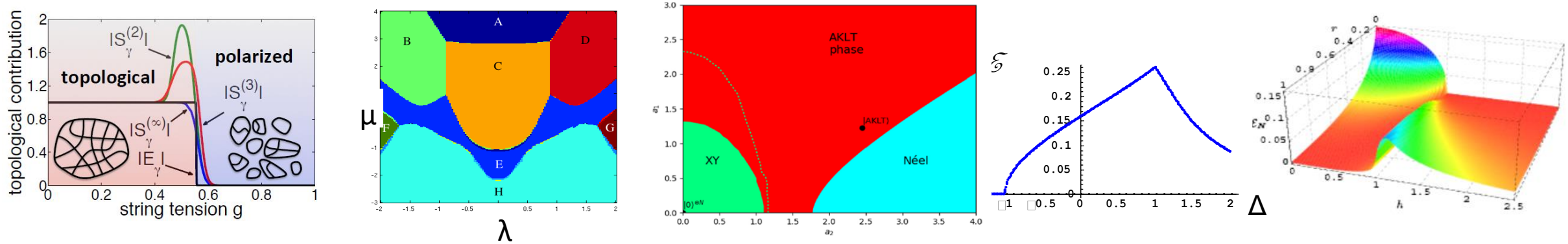


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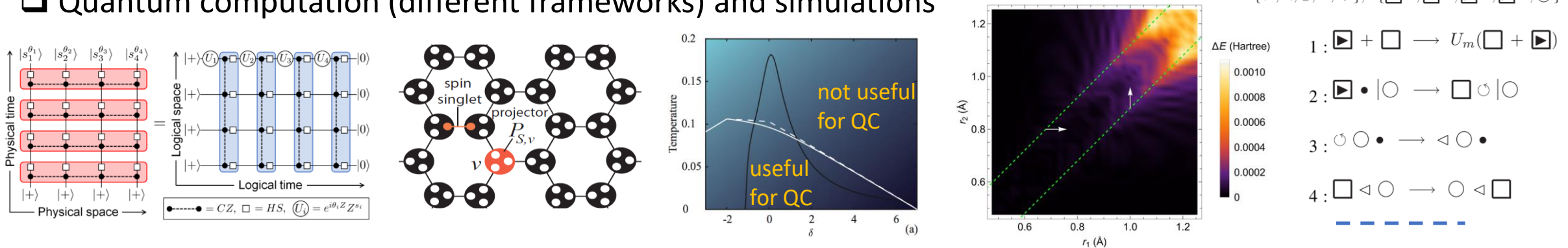
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# Some snapshots of my research interests

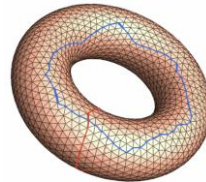
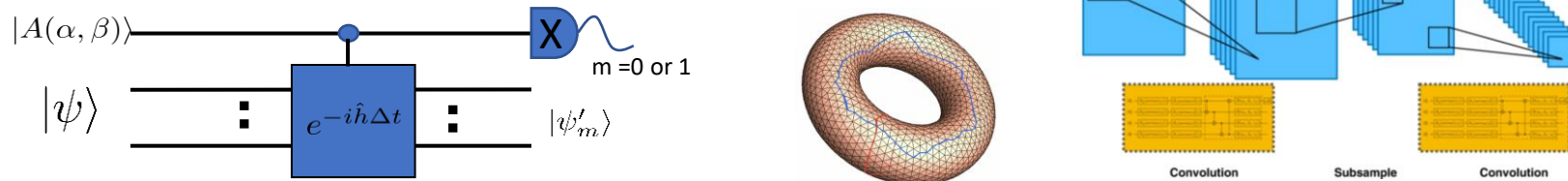
## Quantum entanglement in many-body systems and phase transitions



## Quantum computation (different frameworks) and simulations

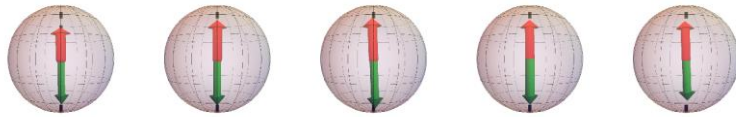


## Quantum algorithms & quantum machine learning

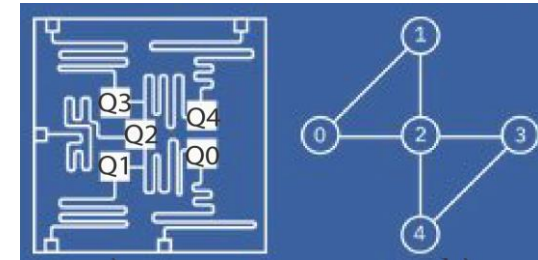


# Several works on running quantum devices

- “Detector Tomography on IBM Quantum Computers and Mitigation of Imperfect Measurement”

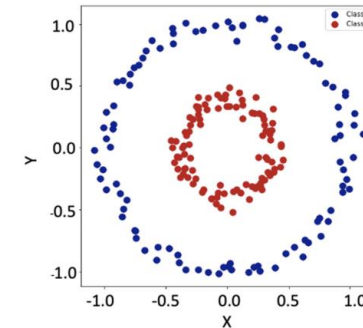


[Chen, Farahzad, Yoo & Wei,  
PRA **100**,052315 (2019)]



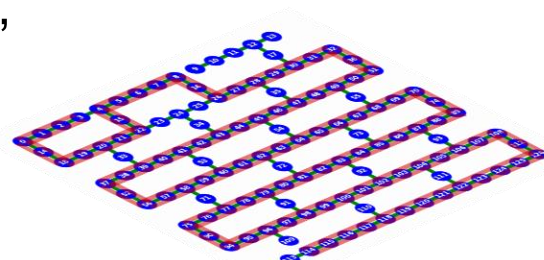
- “Unified framework for quantum classification”

[Nghiem, Chen & Wei,  
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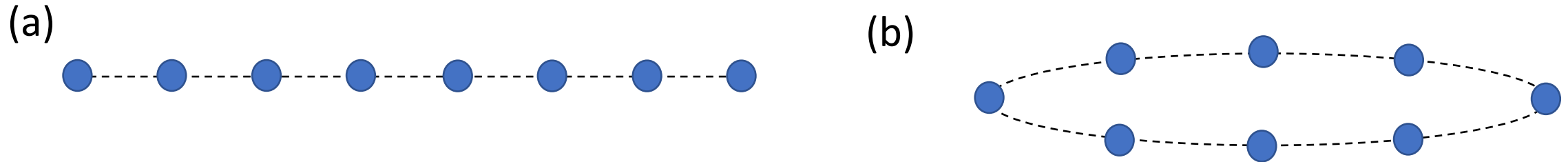


- “Simulating large-size quantum spin chains on cloud superconducting quantum computers”

[Yu, Zhao & Wei, arXiv:2207.09994]



# Our recent work: realizing large XXZ spin chains



$$\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}}(\Delta) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{h}_{\text{XXZ}}^{[j,j+1]}(\Delta) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left( \sigma_x^{[j]} \sigma_x^{[j+1]} + \sigma_y^{[j]} \sigma_y^{[j+1]} + \Delta \sigma_z^{[j]} \sigma_z^{[j+1]} \right)$$

$\Delta=1$  is the antiferromagnetic Heisenberg chain

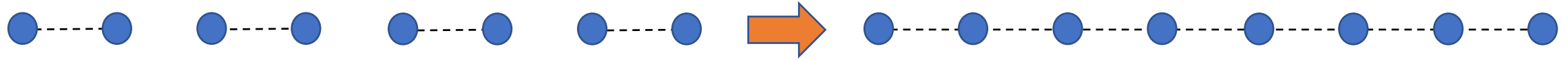
$\Delta < -1$  is the ferromagnetic phase  $\rightarrow$  GS:  $\uparrow\uparrow \dots \uparrow$  or  $\downarrow\downarrow \dots \downarrow$

We will focus on  $\Delta > -1$ :

(1)  $-1 < \Delta < 1$  is the gapless/critical phase

(2)  $\Delta > 1$  is the antiferromagnetic phase

# Connecting singlet pairs to XXZ ground states



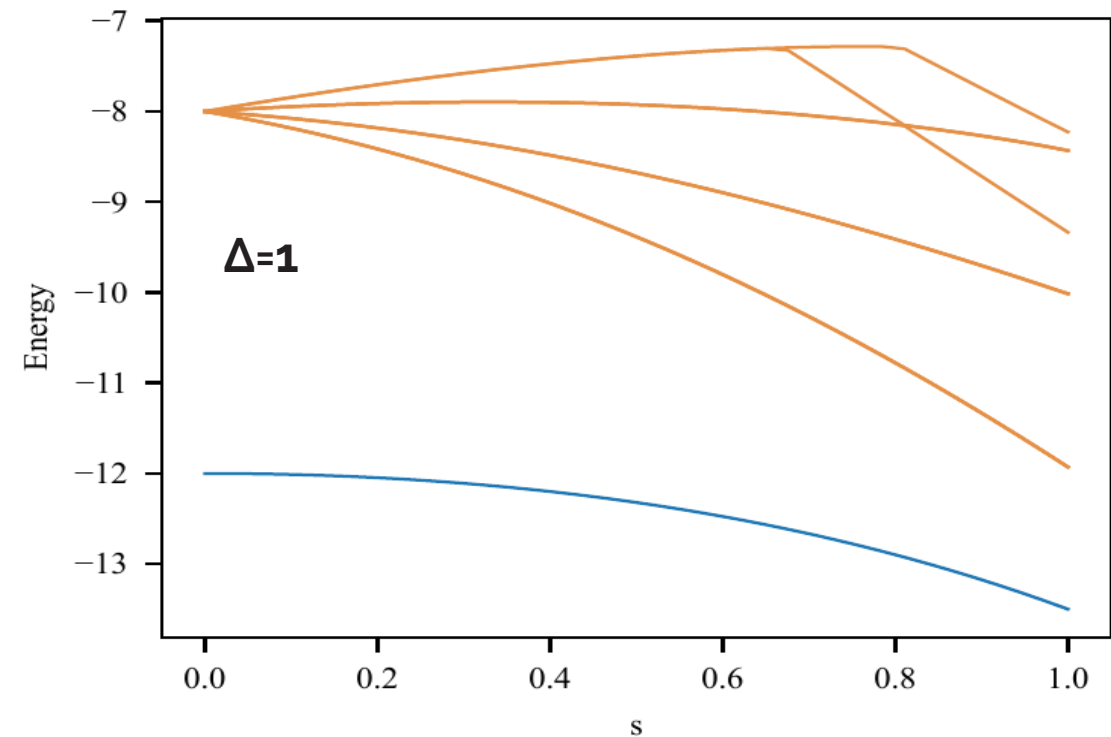
$$\hat{H}_{\text{odd}} = \sum_{j=1}^{N/2-1} \left( \sigma_x^{[2j-1]} \sigma_x^{[2j]} + \sigma_y^{[2j-1]} \sigma_y^{[2j]} + \Delta \sigma_z^{[2j-1]} \sigma_z^{[2j]} \right)$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}}(\Delta) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{h}_{\text{XXZ}}^{[j,j+1]}(\Delta)$$

➔ Product of singlet pairs is GS of  $H_{\text{odd}}$

➔ Can be connected to GS of  $H_{\text{XXZ}}$  using adiabatic connection:

$$\hat{H}(s) = (1-s)\hat{H}_{\text{odd}} + s\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}} = \hat{H}_o(s) + \hat{H}_e(s)$$



# Turn Trotterized evolution into variational circuits

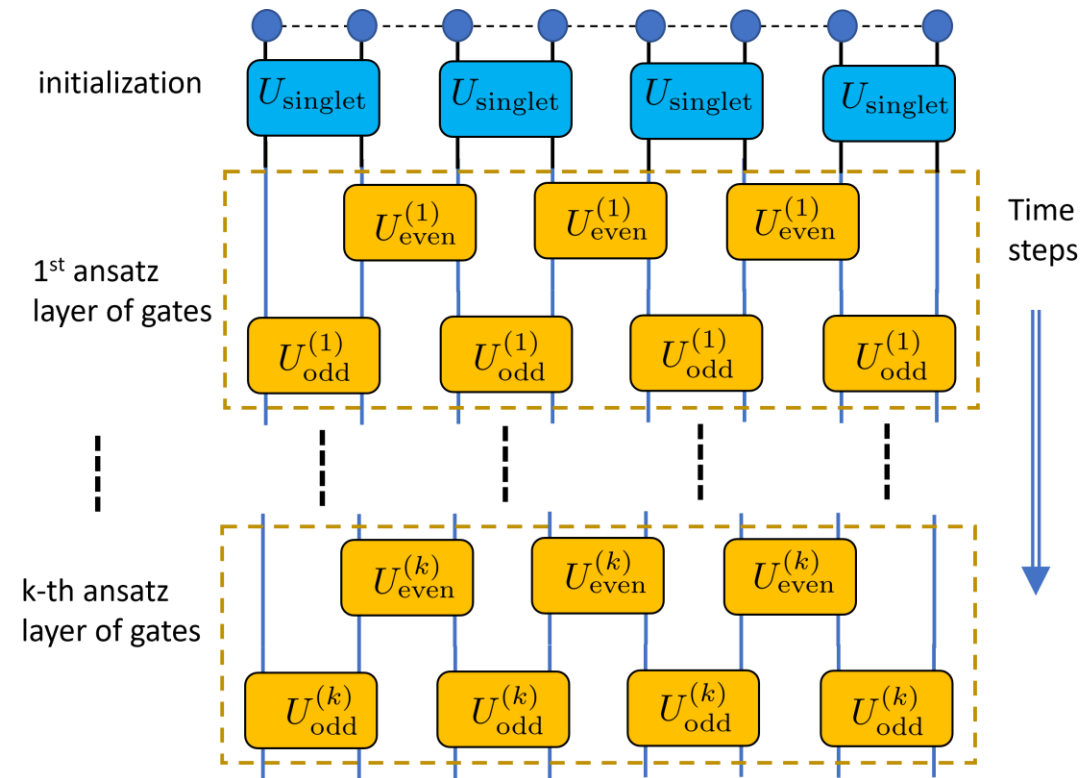
$$\hat{H}(s) = (1-s)\hat{H}_{\text{odd}} + s\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}} = \hat{H}_o(s) + \hat{H}_e(s)$$

$$U_{\text{evo}} \approx \prod_{l=1}^{N_L} e^{-i\hat{H}(s_l)\delta s} \approx \prod_{l=1}^{N_L} \left( e^{-i\hat{H}_e(s_l)\delta s} e^{-i\hat{H}_o(s_l)\delta s} \right)$$

→ Make  $\{s, \delta s\}$  variational

$$|\psi_{\text{ansatz}}(\{\theta\})\rangle = \bigotimes_{l=1}^{N_L} [U_{\text{even}}^{(l)}(\{\theta_e\})U_{\text{odd}}^{(l)}(\{\theta_o\})]|\psi_{\text{singlets}}\rangle$$

$$U_{\text{even/odd}}^{(l)}(\{\theta\}) = \bigotimes_{j \in \text{even/odd}} \left[ e^{-i\theta_{e/o,x}^{(l)} \sigma_x^{[j]} \sigma_x^{[j+1]} - i\theta_{e/o,y}^{(l)} \sigma_y^{[j]} \sigma_y^{[j+1]} - i\theta_{e/o,z}^{(l)} \sigma_z^{[j]} \sigma_z^{[j+1]}} \right]$$



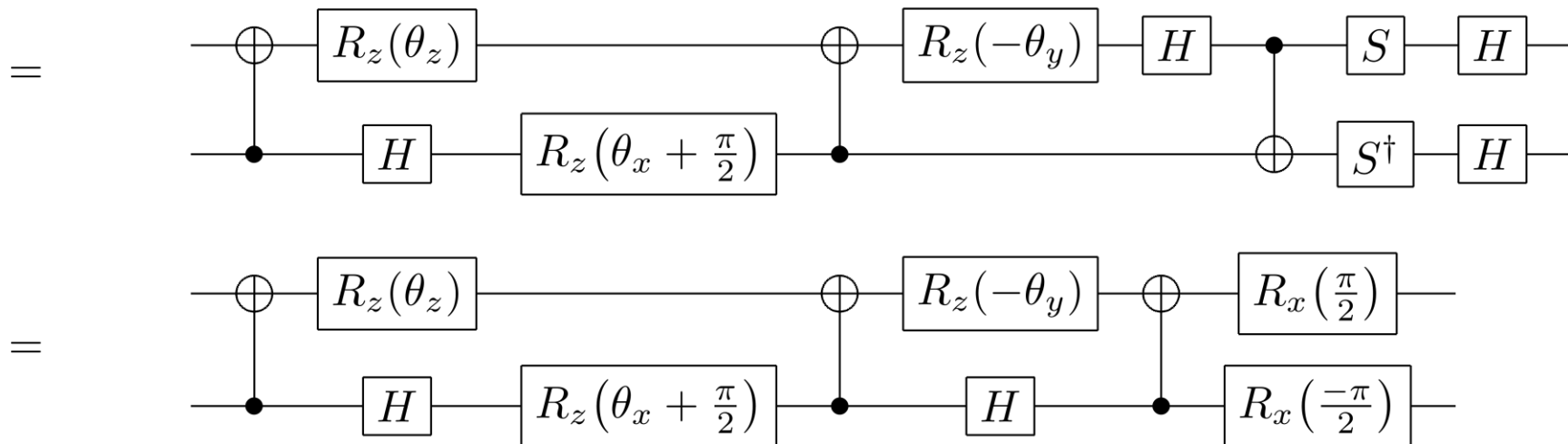


# Rxyz Gate

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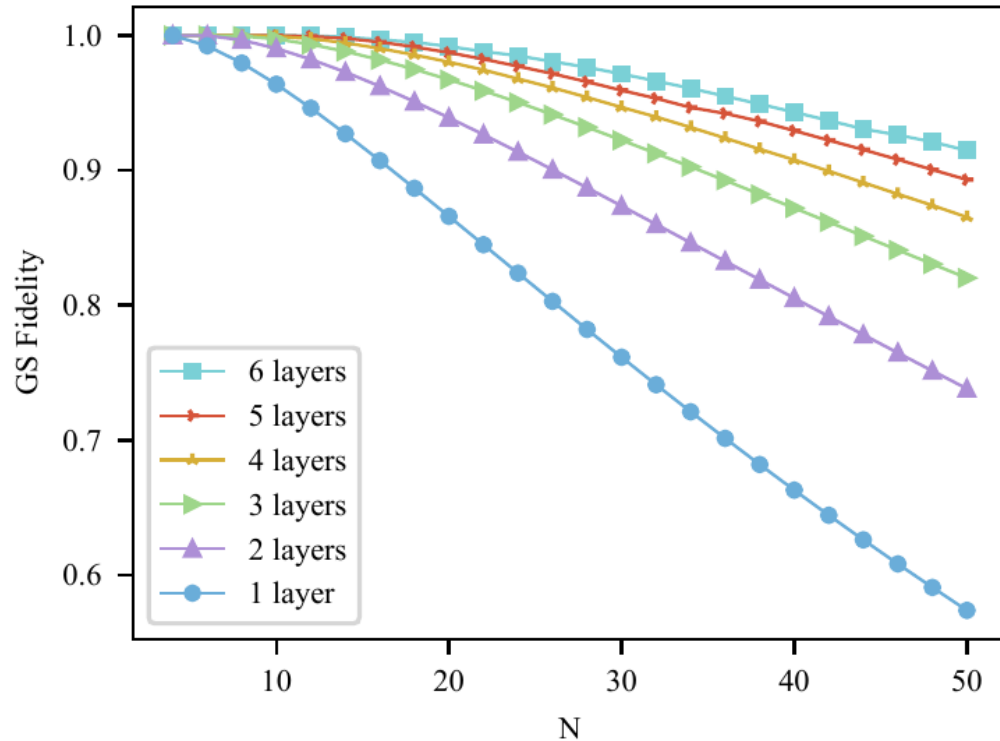
$$R_{xyz}(\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z) \equiv e^{-i(\theta_x/2)\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x - i(\theta_y/2)\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y - i(\theta_z/2)\sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z}$$



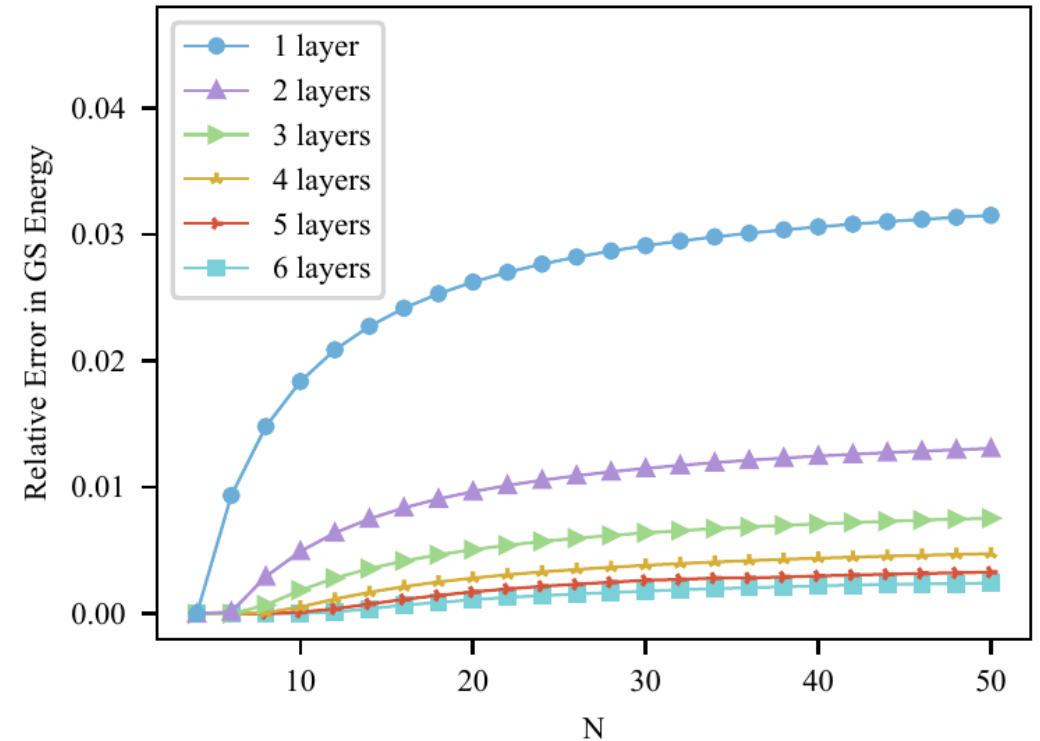
# How good is the ansatz?

➔ Use Ground-state Fidelity and relative error in GS energy

$$f \equiv |\langle \psi_{\text{gs}} | \psi_{\text{ansatz}}(\{\theta^*\}) \rangle|$$



$$\epsilon \equiv |E_{\text{ansatz}}(\{\theta^*\}) - E_{\text{gs}}| / |E_{\text{gs}}|$$

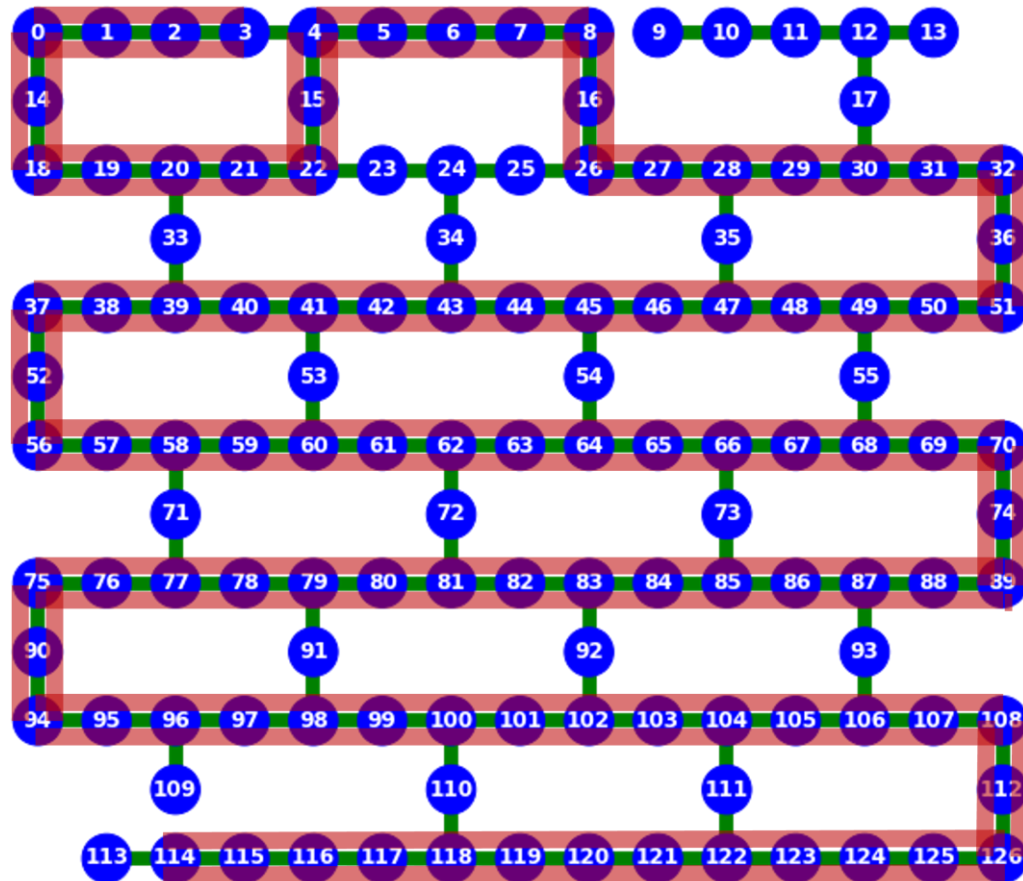


\*Note: we use matrix-product state method to compute the GS and optimal variational parameters

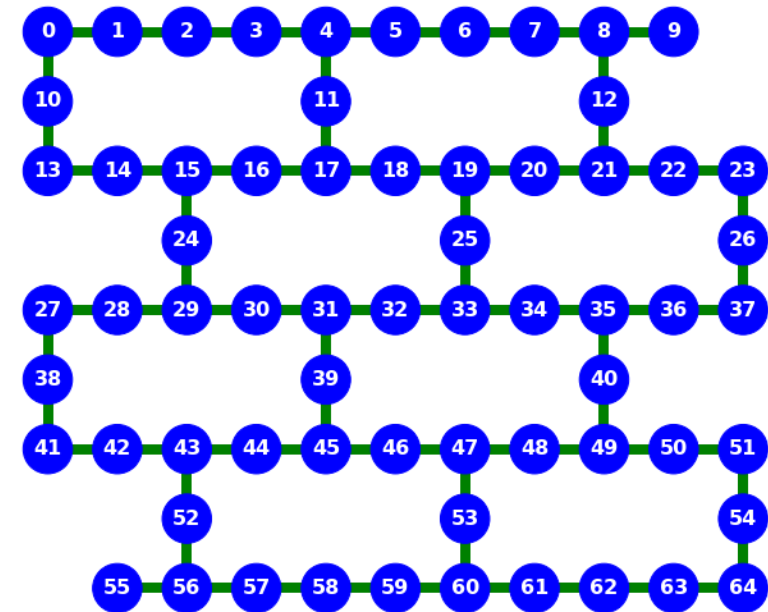
# Experimental platform in the cloud

**IBM cloud quantum computers:** used 9 machines/backends with 3 different layouts

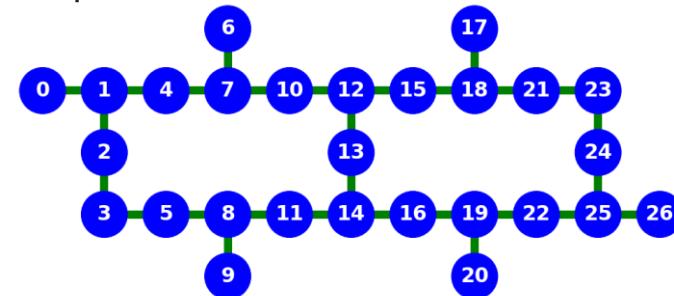
ibmq\_washington: 127 qubits



ibmq\_brooklyn: 65 qubits

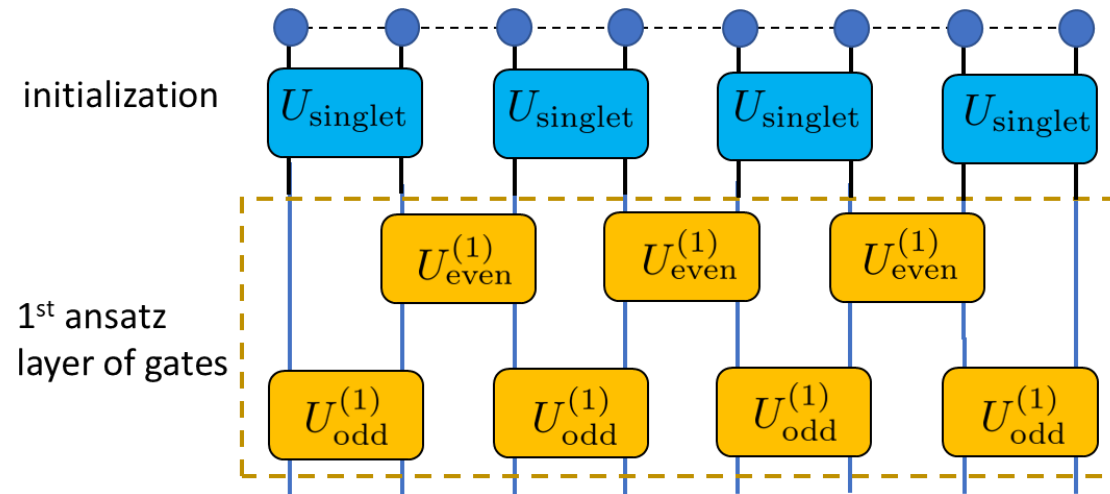


7 other 27 qubit machines:



# Execute numerically optimized variational circuits

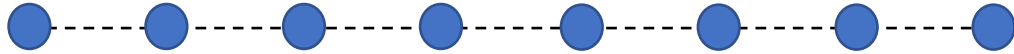
- Employ just one-layer ansatz in the experiment ( $N_L=1$ )



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# Measure energy?



## Three different approaches:

1. Measure Pauli X, Y and Z separately
2. Perform “quantum state tomography” on all nearest-neighbor qubit pairs  $\rightarrow \rho_{i,i+1}$
3. Use “Bell-state” measurement (\*most economic of all three\*)

$\rightarrow$  For nearest-neighbor XXZ term

$|\Psi^-\rangle = (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  has energy  $-2 - \Delta$ , the triplet  $|\Psi^+\rangle = (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  has energy  $2 - \Delta$ , and both  $|00\rangle$  and  $|11\rangle$  (or equivalently  $|\Phi^\pm\rangle = (|00\rangle \pm |11\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ ) have energy  $\Delta$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}}(\Delta) &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{h}_{\text{XXZ}}^{[j,j+1]}(\Delta) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left( \sigma_x^{[j]} \sigma_x^{[j+1]} + \sigma_y^{[j]} \sigma_y^{[j+1]} + \Delta \sigma_z^{[j]} \sigma_z^{[j+1]} \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Readout error mitigation

Prior characterization  $M$  of probability “measured outcome vs. input state”

➔ relates ideal distribution and measured distribution

$$\vec{P}_{\text{measured}} = \mathcal{M} \vec{P}_{\text{ideal}}$$

➔ Can invert to obtain supposedly ideal outcome distribution

➔ used for reading out measured & readout-error mitigated energy



# Zero-noise extrapolation (ZNE)

Consider possibly stretching the depth of our ansatz  $U$  by inserting a few  $(UU^{-1})$

$$|\psi_{m \equiv (2n+1)}\rangle = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{U})^n|0\dots 0\rangle$$

Ideally,  $|\psi_{m=1}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{m=2n+1}\rangle$  should have same energy  $E_m$

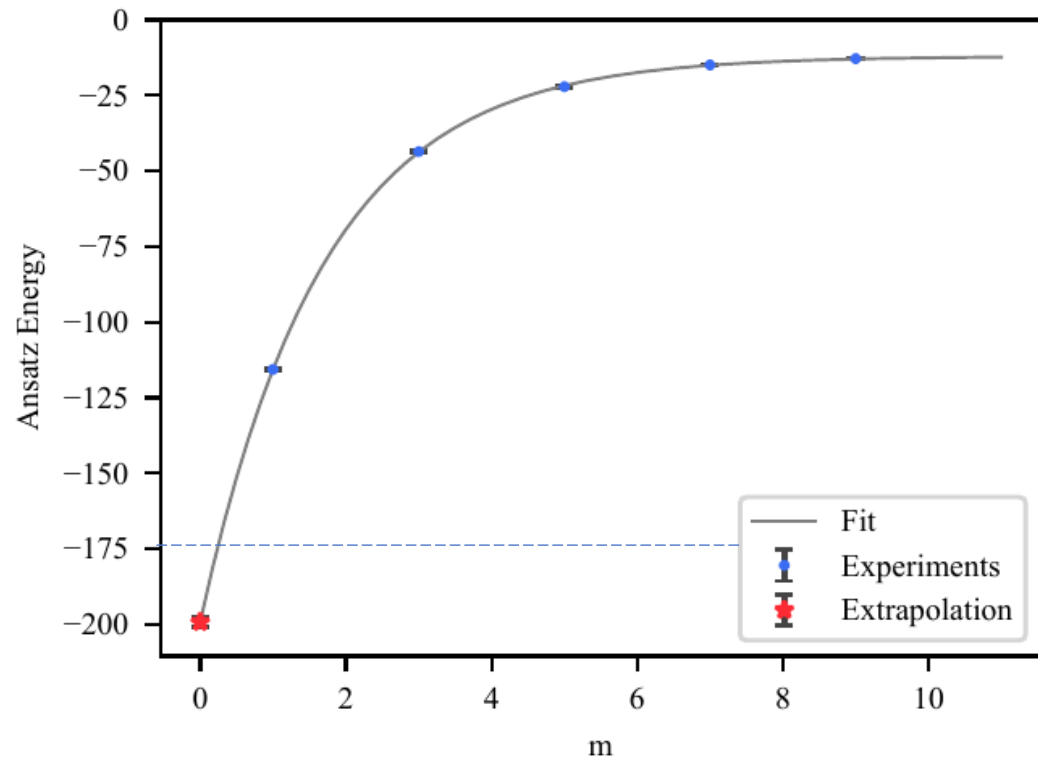
→ Extrapolate to  $E_{m=0}$  (supposedly noiseless limit)

# Zero-noise extrapolation (ZNE) --- 102 qubits

$$|\psi_{m \equiv (2n+1)}\rangle = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{U})^n|0\dots 0\rangle \quad \text{energy } E_m$$

- E.g. 102-qubit Heisenberg chain

Optimal ansatz energy with “redundant” repetition



- Expect: -174.41 (anatz) and -180.056 (MPS GS)
- $m=1 \rightarrow$  obtain  $\approx -115.65$  ☹
- ZNE  $\rightarrow$  obtain  $\approx -199.2$  ☹

with fitting:  $f_E(m) = a \exp(-bm) + c$

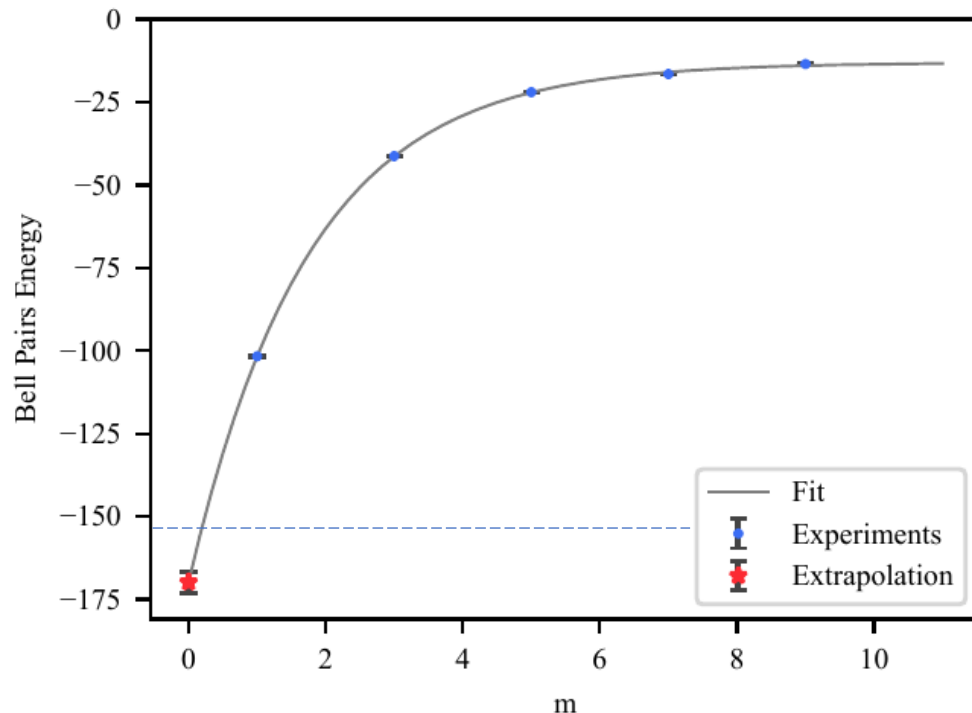
➔ Nowhere near expected values?!!

# Reference-state ZNE --- 102 qubits

$$|\psi_{m \equiv (2n+1)}\rangle = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{U})^n|0\dots 0\rangle \quad \text{energy } E_m$$

Bell pairs energy with “redundant” repetition

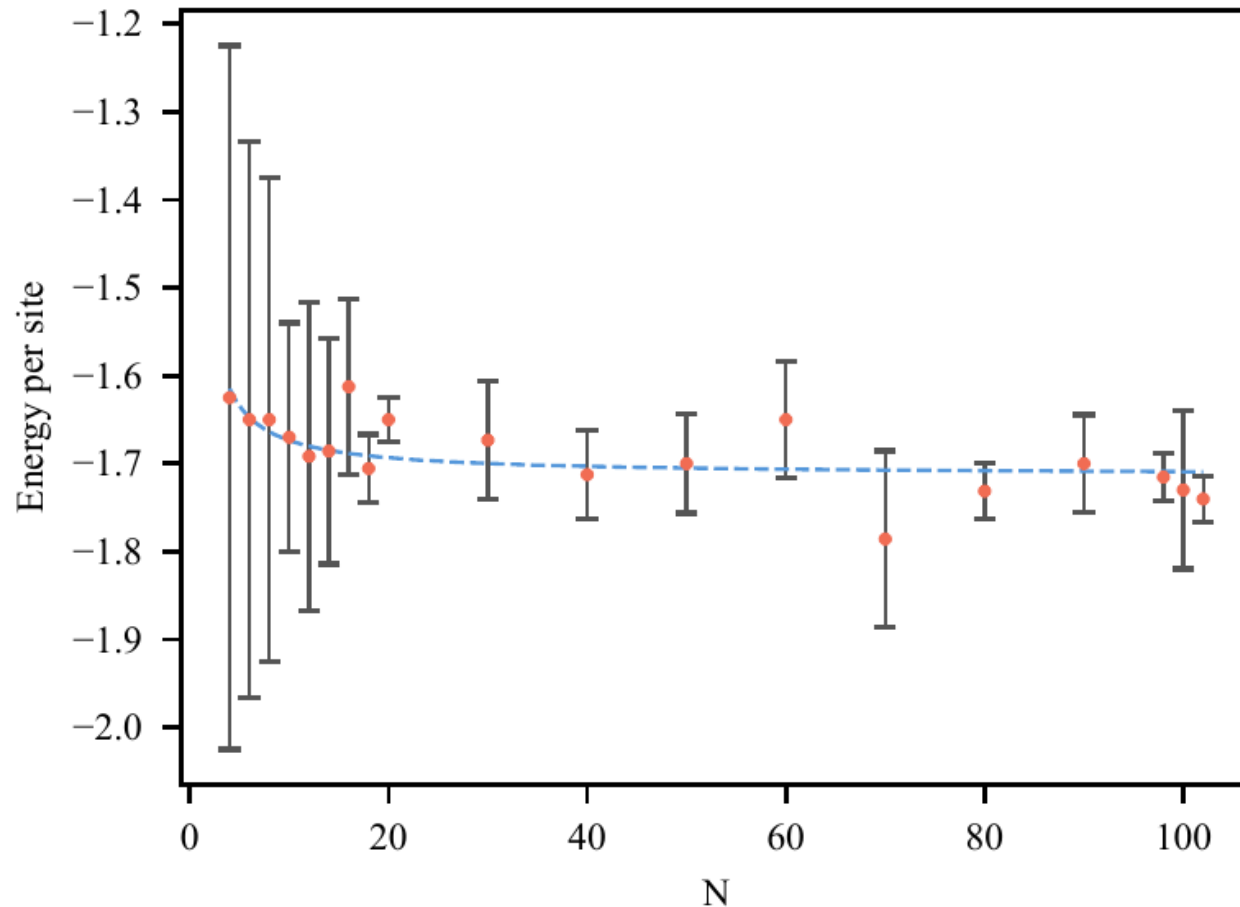
(by setting all variational parameters to zero)



- Expect: -153 (exact)
- $m=1 \rightarrow$  obtain  $\approx -101.66$  ☹
- ZNE  $\rightarrow$  obtain  $\approx -169.8$  ☹
  - $\rightarrow$  Nowhere near expected values!!
- ❖ Can infer the rescale factor  $(-169.8)/(-153)$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  use this to correct ansatz energy:
$$-199.2/(169.8/153) \approx -179$$
    - $\rightarrow$  Agrees with expected -174.41

# Reference-state ZNE --- 4 to 102 qubits (Heisenberg)

Experimental energy density extrapolated to thermodynamic limit  $-1.713 + 0.393/N$   
vs. Bethe ansatz solution  $4(\ln 2 - 1) \approx -1.773$



# Cloud Experiments/Realizations: XXZ model

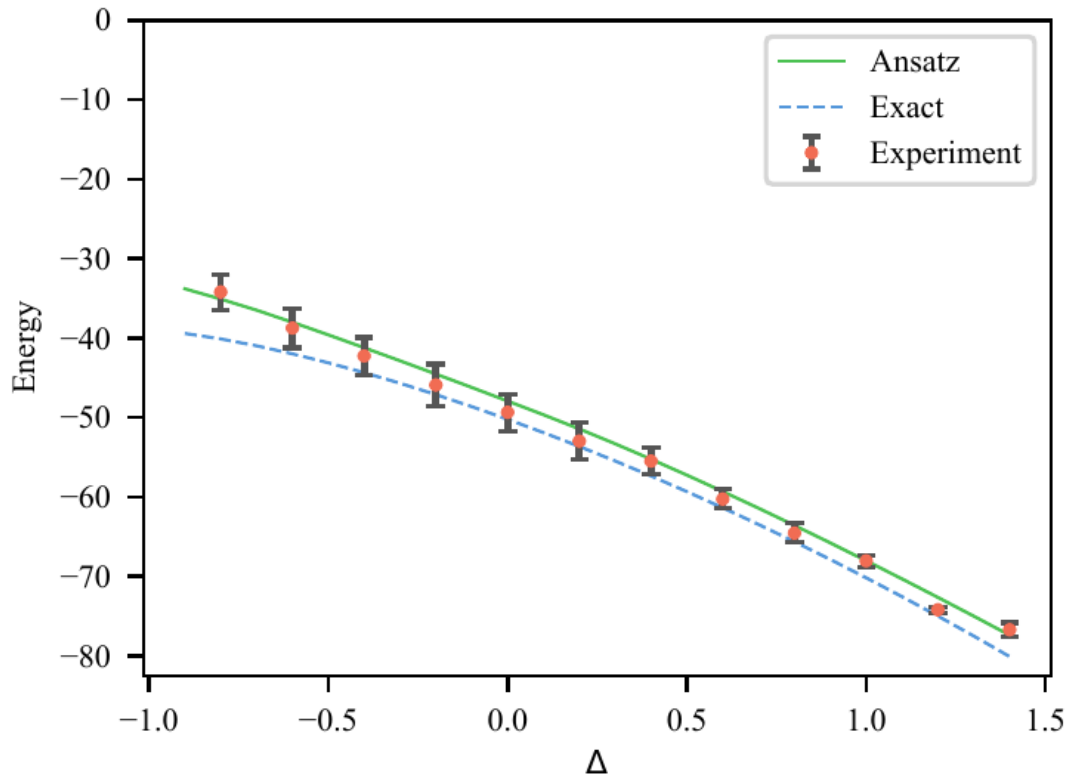


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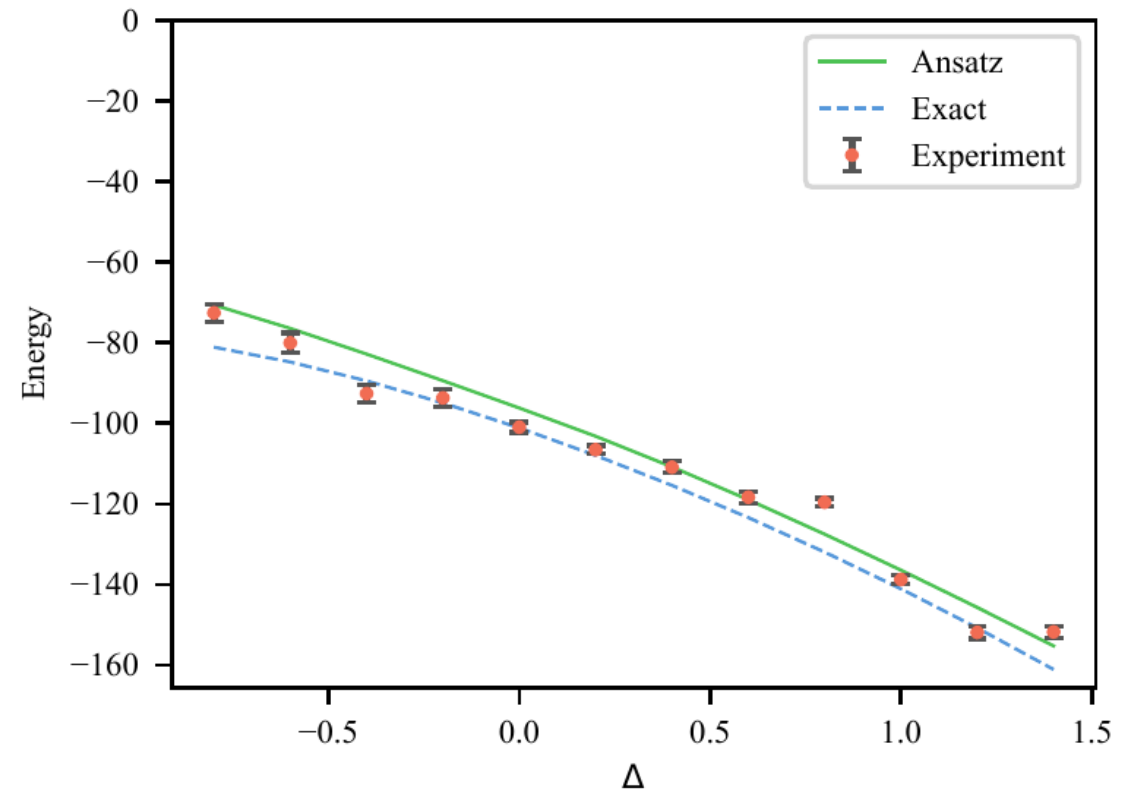


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40 qubits (on ibmq\_brooklyn)



80 qubits (on ibm\_washington)



# Conclusion

- Described some history of EPR paradox and Bell inequalities
- Some important developments in quantum information science
- Discussed selected own research
- An exciting era for quantum information science and technology