

Gray code implementation of the many-body Hamiltonian: Recent progress and future perspectives in quantum computing

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Binary Reflected Gray Code

Binary		BRGC	
0	→ 000	0	→ 000
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- Binary bit-string is also the base 2 integer
- Any 1:1 mapping is a valid representation
- BRGC is an alternative mapping of bit-string to integer
- In BRGC consecutive integers differ by 1 bit-string

Quantum Computing

Power of Quantum Computing

- $|\Psi\rangle \equiv$ exponential number of states
- $e^{-i\hat{O}} |\Psi\rangle \rightarrow$ change all the amplitudes
 \cong parallel computing
- Quantum Simulation

3 qubits

$$|\Psi\rangle = + \begin{matrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \\ a_7 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} |000\rangle \\ |001\rangle \\ |010\rangle \\ |011\rangle \\ |100\rangle \\ |101\rangle \\ |110\rangle \\ |111\rangle \end{matrix}$$

Quantum Computing Paradigm

- Adiabatic QC
- Gate - based QC

Adiabatic Quantum Computing

- Start with ground state of solvable H_I
- Combine with target Hamiltonian: $H = A(t)H_I + B(t)H_F$
- Evolve slowly: $A(0) = B(t_F) = 1$, $A(t_F) = B(0) = 0$
- $H_I = -\sum_i \sigma_i^x$, $H_F = \sum_i \sigma_i^z + \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$
- Measure

Schrodinger Equation

- $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x) = \frac{1}{a^2} [f(x+a) + f(x-a) - 2f(x)]$
- $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 \psi(x) + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \xrightarrow{\text{discretize}} -\frac{(L\psi)(\mathbf{ar})}{2Ma^2} + (V\psi)(\mathbf{ar}) = E\psi(\mathbf{ar})$
- one lattice point \leftrightarrow one qubit

Binary code:

- $L_{0\dots n-1}^{(n, \text{bin})} = \sum_{l=1}^n \mathcal{B}_l$, $\mathcal{B}_l = (\sigma_{l-1}^x - 1) \left(\prod_{i=0}^{l-2} \sigma_i^x P_i^0 + \prod_{i=0}^{l-2} \sigma_i^x P_i^1 \right)$, $\mathcal{B}_1 = L_0^{(1)} = 2\sigma_0^x$
- 2^{n-2} n -local operators!

Gray code:

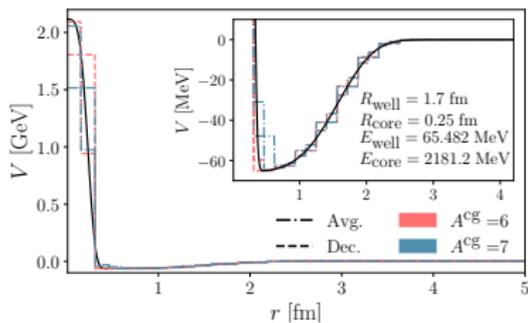
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- $L_{0\dots n-1}^{(n, \text{H2GC})} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sigma_i^x + Q \sum_{\rho \in \text{penalty terms}} \rho$, $\rho \rightarrow 3\text{-local } \sigma^z$, $Q = \mathcal{O}(1/a)$
- $\mathcal{O}(n)$ 2-local operators

Exponential gain in space complexity

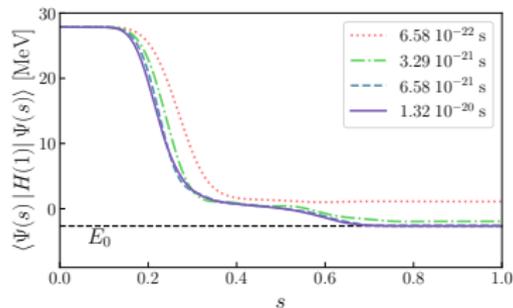
Encoding the Potential

- Fast Walsh - Hadamard transform (FWHT) to get coefficients ($\mathcal{O}(N \log(N))$)
- However, $N = 2^n$
- Coarse-grain potential before FWHT
- Averaging decimation if known functional form
- Decimation coarse-graining as cheap alternative

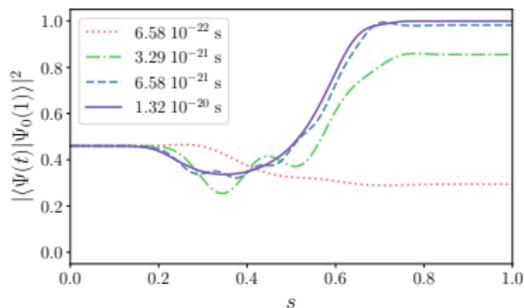
S-wave deuteron potential.



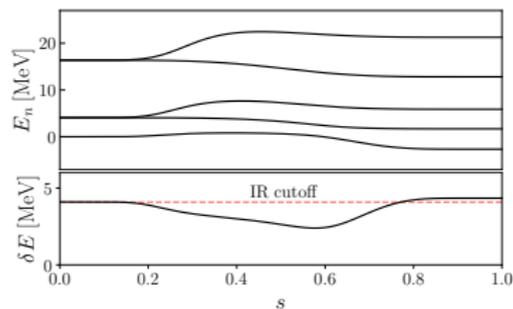
Target Hamiltonian



Overlap with ground state



Energy spectrum



Time complexity: Polynomial time to recover ground state

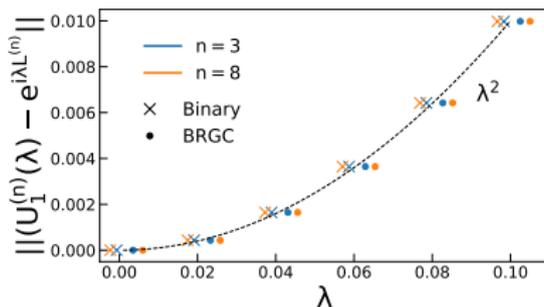
Gate Based Quantum Computing

- Start with $|0, 0, \dots\rangle$
- Decompose the time-discretized unitary evolution operator $e^{-iH\delta t}$
 - Single qubit — rotation ($e^{-i\sigma^{x,y,z}\alpha}$)
 - Two qubit — controlled operation (CNOT)
- Apply the gates
- Measure
- 'Universal' computer

Time Evolution

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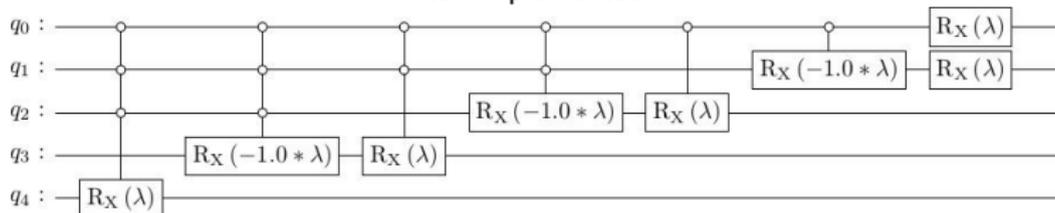
- $e^{-i\Delta t H} = e^{-i\Delta t V} e^{i\frac{\Delta t L}{2M\alpha^2}} + \mathcal{O}((\Delta t)^2)$
- $\exp(i\lambda L^{(n)}) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \exp(i\lambda \mathcal{G}_k) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \equiv U_1^{(n)}(\lambda) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$
- $\left\| U_1^{(n)}(\lambda) - e^{i\lambda L_{0\dots n-1}^{(n)}} \right\| \leq \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} [\mathcal{G}_j, \mathcal{G}_k] \right\| = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} 2 = (n-2)\lambda^2$
- $\left\| U_1^{(n)}(i\lambda) - e^{i\lambda L^{(n)}} \right\| = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left\| \sum_{b=2}^{n-1} [\mathcal{G}_b, \mathcal{L}_{0\dots(b-1)}^{(n)}] \right\| + \dots = \lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$



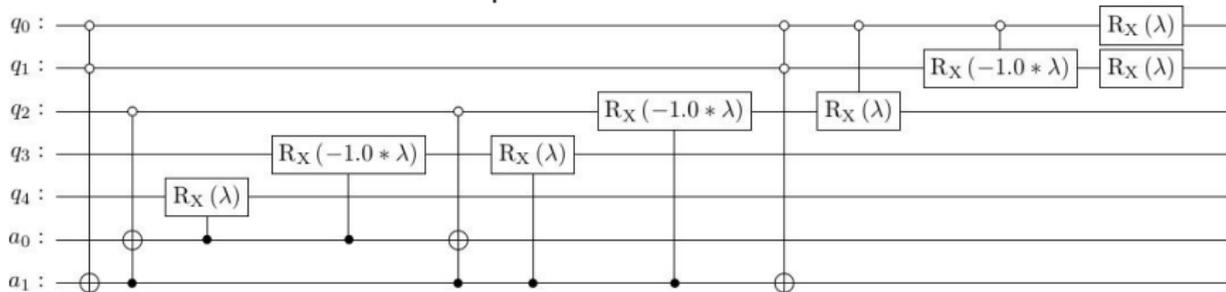
Gray Code circuit

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Ideal Implementation



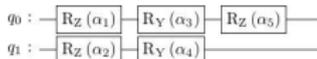
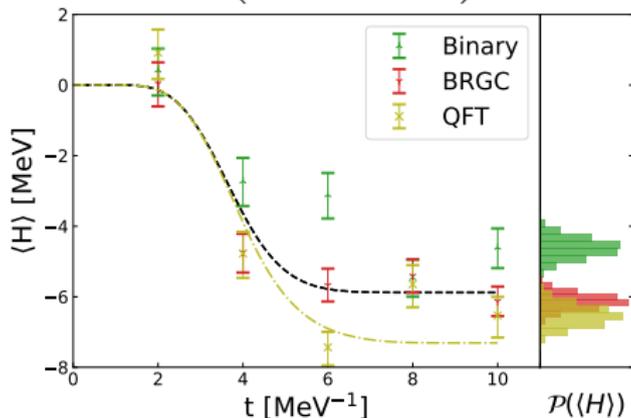
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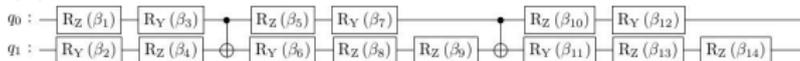
Example: 2 qubit computation

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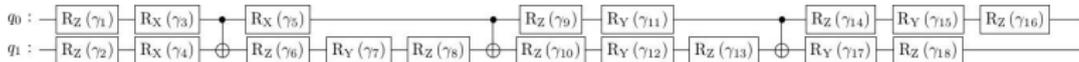
$$V = \begin{pmatrix} V_0, & r < L/2 \\ -V_0, & r \geq L/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



(a) BRGC



(b) Binary



(c) QFT

Summary

1. Exponential gain in space complexity
2. Reducible to polynomial number of 2-local operators
3. Universal quantum computers:
 - Circuit depth = $\mathcal{O}(n)$
 - Circuit width = $\mathcal{O}(n)$
 - Resulting circuit shallower than QFT and easier to implement

Next Steps

- Include Fermion / Boson statistics
- Gate decomposition

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Gates and Qubits: Introduction

- Qubit \equiv spin $1/2$, two state system
- n qubits $\equiv 2^n$ states of n spin $1/2$ particle system
- Gate \equiv unitary operator acting on qubits
- Only certain gates are available
 1. One qubit gates \rightarrow rotations in $SU(2)$
 2. Two qubit gates \rightarrow controlled rotations
- every other gate can be obtained from them

The state of one qubit

Generic State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|0\rangle + e^{-i\phi} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$

Z gate (phase flip)

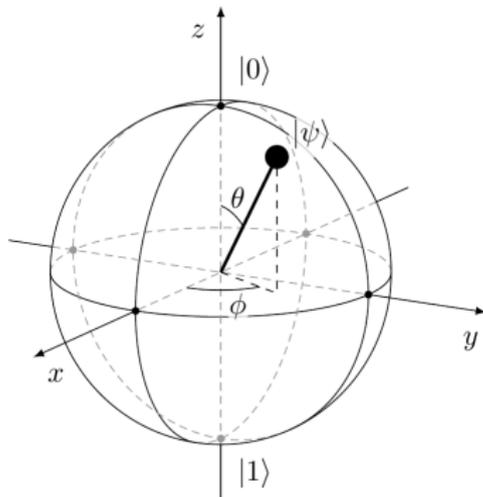
$$\hat{Z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

X gate (NOT)

$$\hat{X}|0\rangle = |1\rangle, \hat{X}|1\rangle = |0\rangle$$

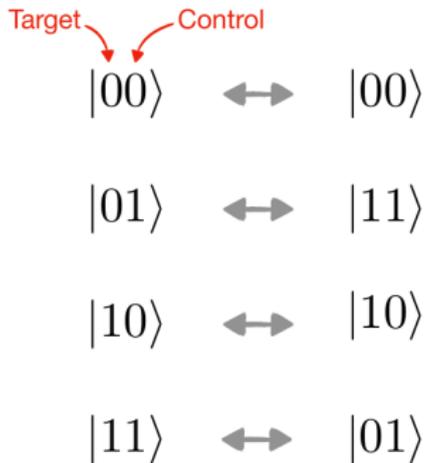
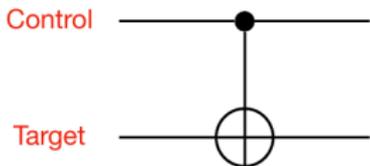
RY gate

$$e^{-i\alpha/2\hat{Y}} = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\hat{I} - i \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\hat{Y}$$



Modifying the state of two qubits

Controlled X Gate (CNOT)



Binary encoding of the Laplacian

I will talk more in detail about mapping of the kinetic energy operator

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Psi(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} [\Psi(x+a) + \Psi(x-a) - 2\Psi(x)]$$

A natural choice of a 1D lattice (with 8 sites) is labelled as

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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$$\frac{1}{a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{a^2} \mathbb{1}$$

Yielding the following
discrete derivative

can drop identity w/o
loss of generality

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

For this 3 qubit example

0 → 000
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1 bit difference
2 bit difference
1 bit difference
3 bit difference
1 bit difference
2 bit difference
1 bit difference

The mapping of qubits to lattice site is complicated (but still has a pattern)



Interactions between spins to accomplish this is complicated (but still generalizable to A spins)

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Binary encoding of the Laplacian

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^A &= L^{A-1} - C^{A-1} + \sigma^x C^{A-1} \\
 &= L^{A-1} + (\sigma_{A-1}^x - 1) \prod_0^{A-1} \sigma_i^x (P_i^0 + P_i^1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C^A &= \prod_0^{A-1} \sigma_i^+ + \prod_0^{A-1} \sigma_i^- \\
 P^0 &= \frac{\mathbb{1} + \sigma^z}{2} & P^1 &= \frac{\mathbb{1} - \sigma^z}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sigma_0^x = \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^x \\
 &\sigma_0^x \sigma_1^x = \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^x \otimes \sigma^x \\
 &\sigma_0^x \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x (P_0^0 P_1^0 + P_0^1 P_1^1) \\
 &\sigma_0^x \sigma_1^x (P_0^0 P_1^0 + P_0^1 P_1^1)
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Binary encoding of the Laplacian

Space complexity improvements

- Exponential number of lattice sites - Yes!
- Polynomial number of terms in the Hamiltonian - Yes!
- Fixed Pauli weight - Grows as order A
- Small Pauli support - Requires all 3 Pauli matrices and their products

We have “exponential space” improvement in a very restricted sense

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Laplacian in binary reflected Gray code

Karnaugh Map for BRGC

Visual way to see a valid Gray code

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	00	01	11	10
0				
1				

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Laplacian in binary reflected Gray code

One way to visualize the simplification

1. Label site with bit-string
2. Convert to Int in BRGC
3. Reorder in increasing Int values

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$$H^x = \sum_i \sigma_i^x = \begin{matrix} & & & & 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ & & & & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{brgc}} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

Maps transverse Hamiltonian to Laplacian
in the case of A=2
(previously we needed $\sigma^x \sigma^x$ as well)

Laplacian in binary reflected Gray code

$$L^2 = \sigma_0^x + \sigma_1^x$$

$$L^A = L^{A-1} + (\sigma_{A-1}^x - \sigma_{A-2}^x) \prod_i^{A-3} P_i^0$$

$$\sum_0^1 \sigma_i^x = \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma^x + \mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma^x \otimes \mathbf{1}$$

$$\sigma_2^x P_0^0 = (\sigma^x \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1}) \times (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes P^0)$$

$$\sigma_1^x P_0^0 = \mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma^x \otimes \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes P^0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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We have exponential space improvement

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Hamming distance 2 Gray code

Why does BRGC need an XZ coupling?

	00	01	11	10
0				
1				

Adjacent lattice sites are 1 bit different
(Hamming distance = 1)

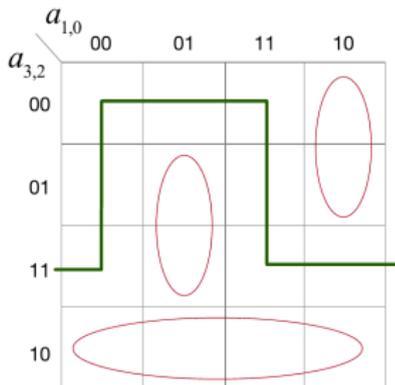
There are non-adjacent lattice sites that
are also 1 bit different

Pauli X will yield derivatives to both
XZ eliminates unwanted derivatives

Why not use a Gray code where non-adjacent codes are ≥ 2 bit different

Hamming distance 2 Gray code

4 qubits H2GC Karnaugh map



Only works with $2N$ qubits

If bit-strings are nulled

we can snake a path through when non-adjacent sites have a Hamming distance of 2

Only Pauli X + Z and ZZ are needed

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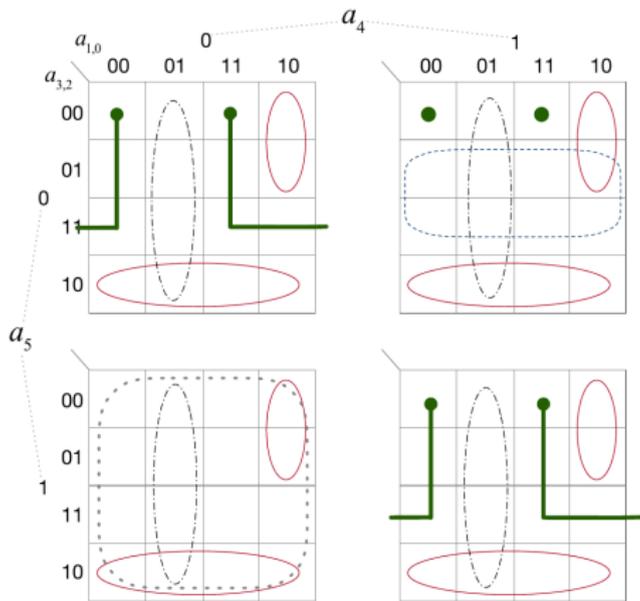
H2GC

6 qubit construction

The basic path is copied to a layer that is separated by a drill-through layer

Has $2^{A/2+1}$ valid sites
Exponential in number of qubits

The penalty terms are always at most a 3-body interaction



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Can (almost) be implemented today!

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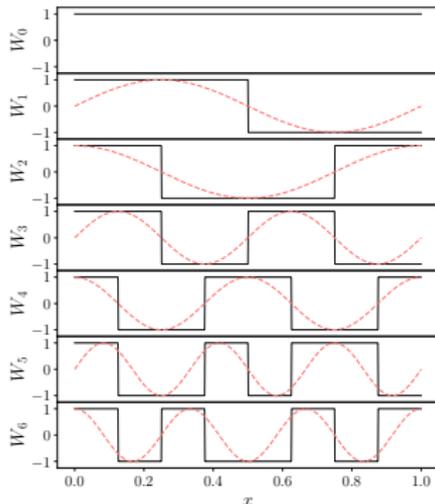
Fast Walsh - Hadamard transform (FWHT)

- divide-and-conquer algorithm
- recursively breaks down a WHT of size N into two smaller WHT of size $N/2$

- $$H_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} H_{N-1} & H_{N-1} \\ H_{N-1} & -H_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}, H_1 = [1]$$

Walsh series

- Complete basis
- Easily mapped to product of σ^z
- Sequency ordering
- Free of Gibbs phenomena



Annealing Schedule

$$A(s) = 1, \quad B(s) = \frac{\int_0^s \exp\left(\frac{-1}{s'(1-s')}\right) ds'}{\int_0^1 \exp\left(\frac{-1}{s'(1-s')}\right) ds'}$$

Dicretization effects

$$\text{IR-cutoff, } \delta E \approx \frac{(2\pi)^2}{2mL^2} \gg 1/T$$

$$\text{UV-cutoff} \sim 1/a, \quad a \approx (2\pi)/L$$