

# From Qubits to Quarks: Parton Physics on a Quantum Computer

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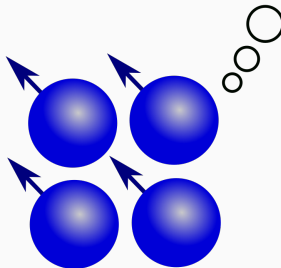
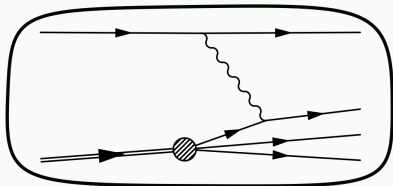
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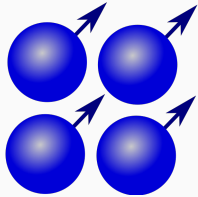
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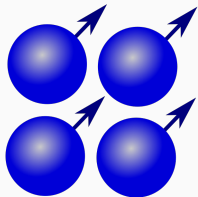
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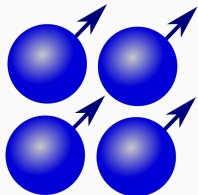


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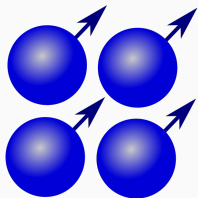
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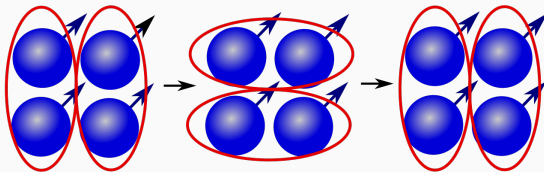
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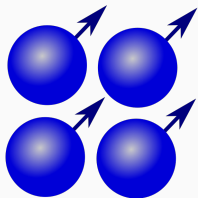
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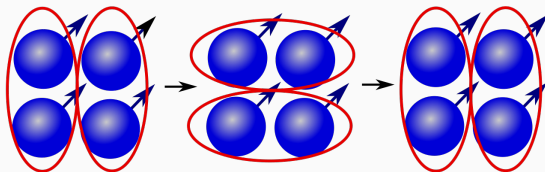
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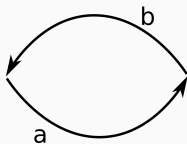
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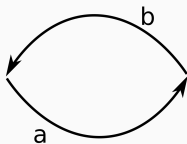
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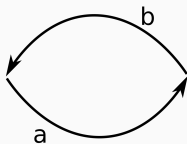
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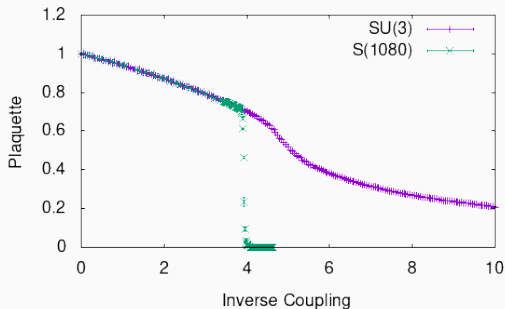
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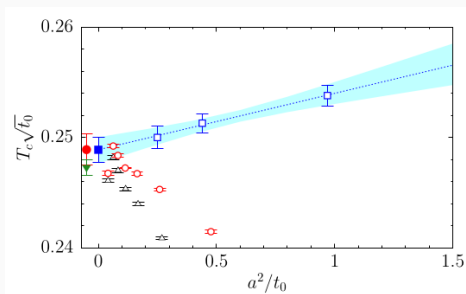
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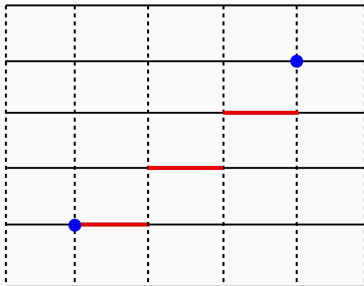
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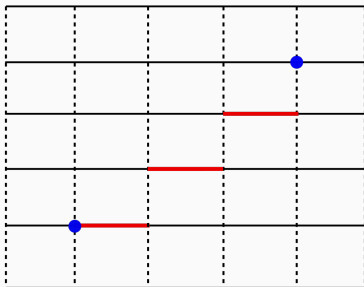
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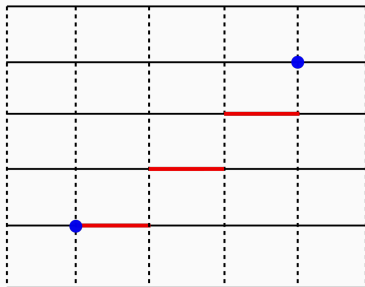
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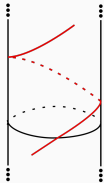
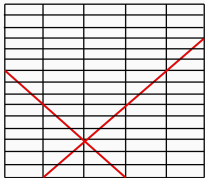
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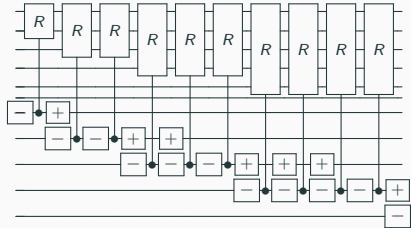
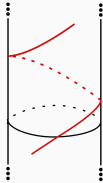
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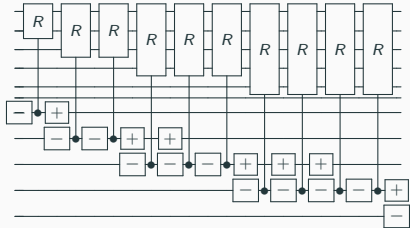
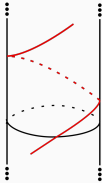
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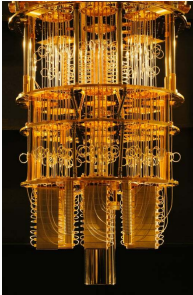


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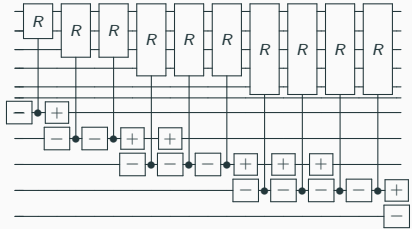
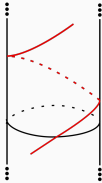
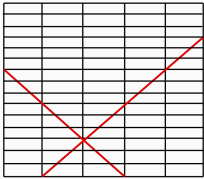


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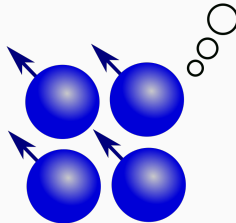
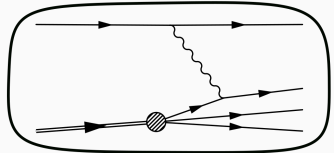
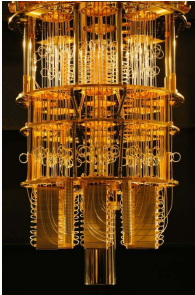


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$$H = \int dx \bar{\psi} (\not{\partial} + m) \psi + g^2 (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$$

Staggered discretization:

$$H = \sum_r \frac{1}{2} (-1)^r (\chi_r^\dagger \chi_{r+1} + \chi_{r+1}^\dagger \chi_r) + m (-1)^r \chi_r^\dagger \chi_r - g^2 \chi_r^\dagger \chi_r \chi_{r+1}^\dagger \chi_{r+1}$$

Parton distribution function:

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