

Phase Diagram of the Schwinger Model by Adiabatic Preparation of States on a Quantum Simulator

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work in progress

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Motivation

Phase diagrams are often studied numerically by **Monte Carlo** simulations

Monte Carlo methods can suffer from the **sign problem** (e.g. in LQCD)

Quantum computing is unaffected by the sign problem

Classical optimization problem in variational quantum algorithms can be challenging
L. Bittel, M. Kliesch: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127**, 120502 (2021)

Part I: **Phase structure** via quantum **adiabatic** evolution **without modifying** the model?

Quantum computers are **noisy**

Part II: **Mitigation** of quantum errors from Part I by **classically accessible regimes**?

Part I: Phase structure by adiabatic evolution

General idea

Goal: Study **phase diagram** of a quantum physical system

Approach: Adiabatic preparation of states on a **quantum device**

Method: Direct application of the **adiabatic theorem**

Example: The Schwinger model

The Schwinger model (continuum)

(1+1)-dim. U(1) gauge theory

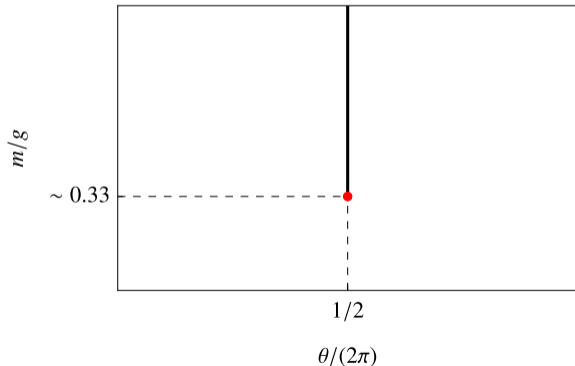
$$\hbar = c = 1$$

$$\mathcal{H} = -i\bar{\psi}\gamma^1(\partial_1 - igA_1)\psi + m\bar{\psi}\psi + \frac{1}{2}\left(\dot{A}_1 + \frac{g\theta}{2\pi}\right)^2$$

J. Schwinger: Phys. Rev. **128**, 2425 (1962)

Temporal gauge: $A_0 = 0$

Gauss's law: $-\partial_1\dot{A}^1 = g\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi$



The Schwinger model (lattice)

Lattice discretization via **Kogut-Susskind staggered fermions** with OBC

J. Kogut and L. Susskind: Phys. Rev. D **11**, 395 (1975)

Re-scale to make dim.-less: $H \rightarrow \frac{2}{ag^2} H$

Enforce vanishing total charge: $H \rightarrow H + \lambda(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} Q_n)^2$ with $Q_n = \frac{1}{2}(Z_n + (-1)^n)$

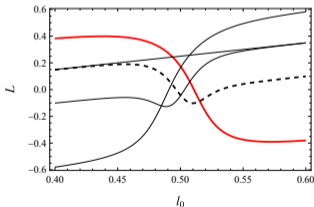
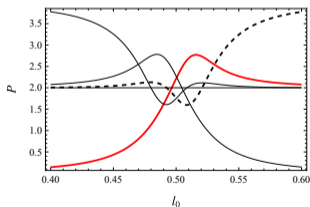
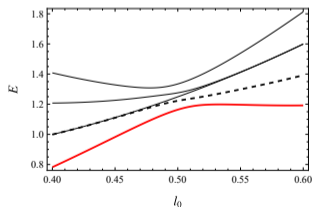
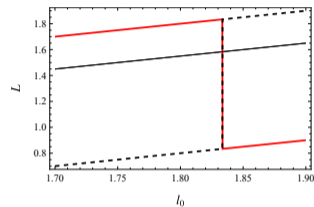
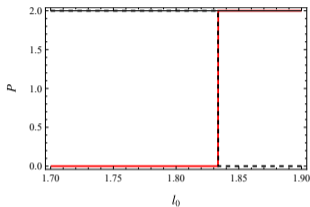
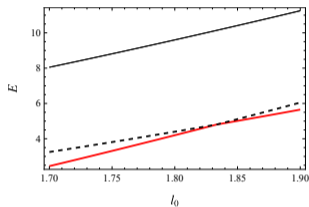
$$\begin{aligned} H = & \frac{x}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} (X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \sum_{k=n+1}^{N-1} (N - k - 1 + \lambda) Z_n Z_k \\ & + \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left(\frac{N}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + l_0 (N - n - 1) \right) Z_n + \frac{m_{\text{lat}}}{g} \sqrt{x} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n Z_n \\ & + l_0^2 (N - 1) + \frac{1}{2} l_0 N + \frac{1}{8} N^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} N \end{aligned}$$

N : even number of sites, a : lattice spacing, $x = 1/(ag)^2$, $l_0 = \theta/(2\pi)$

T. Angelides, P. Naredi, A. Crippa, K. Jansen, S. Kühn, I. Tavernelli, and D. S. Wang:
npj Quantum Inf. **11**, 6 (2025)

1st-order-PT & no-PT regions

Observables: E , $P = \frac{N}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n Z_n$, $L = l_0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-2} Z_n + \frac{1}{4} Z_{N/2-1}$



The adiabatic theorem with a gap condition

Consider a quantum system parameterized by a time-dependent Hamiltonian $H(t)$ and prepared in one of its instantaneous eigenstates

The system **remains in that state** if:

1. The Hamiltonian is varied sufficiently **slowly**, and
2. There is a **non-zero gap** Δ between the eigenvalue of that state and the rest of the spectrum for all t

P. Ehrenfest: Ann. Phys. **356**, 327 (1916)

M. Born and V. Fock: Z. Phys. **51**, 165 (1928)

T. Kato: J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **5**, 435 (1950)

J. E. Avron and A. Elgart: Comm. Math. Phys. **203**, 445 (1999) & refs. therein
etc.

Adiabaticity: $T_{\text{dyn}} |\langle \dot{H} \rangle| \ll \Delta$

$$T_{\text{dyn}} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta}$$

Non-adiabaticity parameter:

$$\varepsilon \sim \frac{|\langle \dot{H} \rangle|}{\Delta^2} \ll 1$$

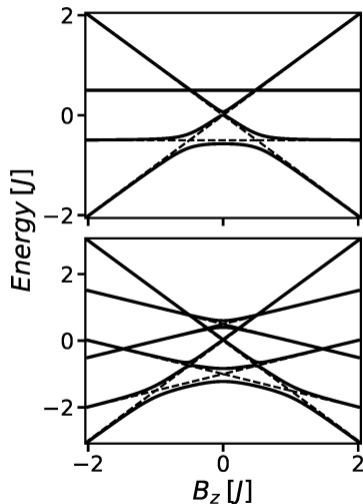
Phase structure by avoiding crossings

1-dim. isotropic XY model with PBC

$$H = - \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{J}{4} (X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}) + \frac{B_z}{2} Z_n + \frac{B_x}{2} X_n \right]$$

$$[S_z, H] = [\sum_n Z_n/2, H] \neq 0$$

1. Evolve $|0\rangle^{\otimes N}$ with $H(B_z(t))$ for fixed B_x
 2. Find B_z^{crit} by midpoint of step in magnetization
 3. Repeat 1.-2. for different B_x
 4. Extrapolate B_z^{crit} for $B_x \rightarrow 0$
- + Advantageous in case of many level-crossings
- Cannot determine order of PT
- Cannot be applied if phase structure is not known



A. Francis, E. Zelleke, Z. Zhang, A. F. Kemper, and J. K. Freericks: *Symmetry* **14**(4), 809 (2022)

The adiabatic theorem without a gap condition

What happens if there is a **level-crossing**?

Let E_α be an **energy level**, e a unit of energy, C a dimensionless constant, $\tau = t/T$

If each $(E_\alpha(\tau) - E_\beta(\tau))$, $\alpha \neq \beta$, has a finite number of **zeros** of max. the r -th order, and in the vicinity of each **zero point** τ_0 it holds that $\frac{e}{|E_\alpha(\tau) - E_\beta(\tau)|} < \frac{C}{|\tau - \tau_0|^r}$,

then the transition probability to a different energy level is $p_{\text{tr}} = O\left[(eT)^{-2/(r+1)}\right]$

M. Born and V. Fock: Z. Phys. **51**, 165 (1928)

Adiabatic evolution of multiple states

In application to the Schwinger model: $H(l_0(t))$

$$l_0(t) = l_0^{\min} + (l_0^{\max} - l_0^{\min}) t/T$$

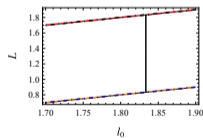
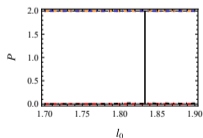
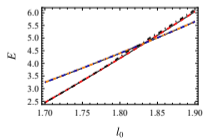
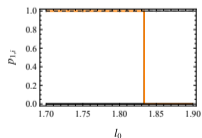
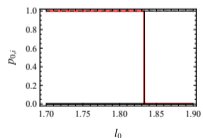
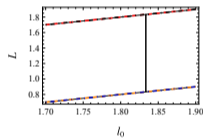
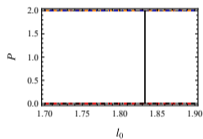
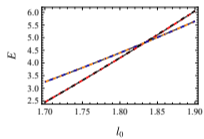
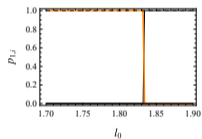
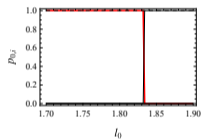
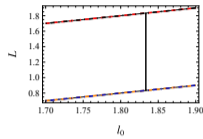
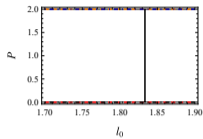
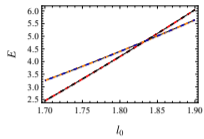
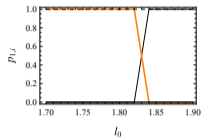
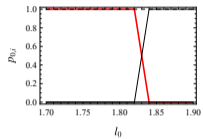
1. Choose evolution time T and error bound \mathcal{B}
2. Evolve lowest-energy eigenstates $\{|\alpha\rangle\}$ at l_0^{\min} separately
3. Compute energy levels $E_\alpha(l_0)$
4. Compute deviation (error) in $E_\alpha(l_0)$ w.r.t. previous iteration

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sum_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} [E_{\alpha}^{\text{old}}(l_0(t_i)) - E_{\alpha}(l_0(t_i))]^2}$$

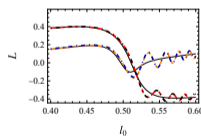
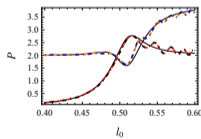
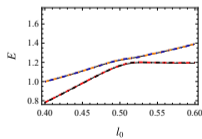
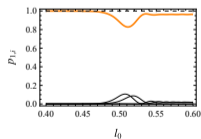
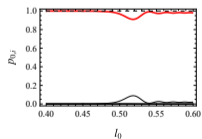
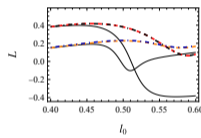
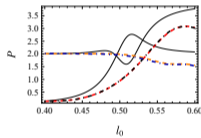
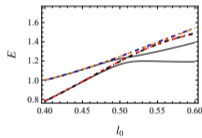
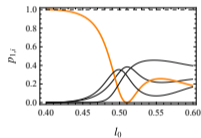
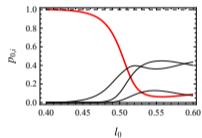
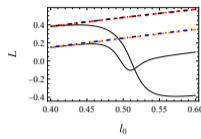
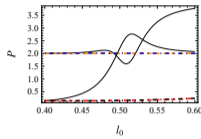
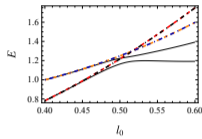
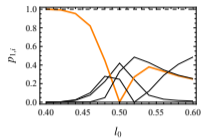
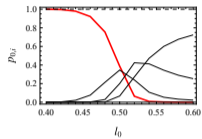
5. Increase T
5. Repeat 2.-5. until $\mathcal{E} < \mathcal{B}$

Assumption of asymptotic convergence: $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow T$ sufficiently large

Numerical results: PT



Numerical results: No PT



Part II: Quantum error mitigation via classically accessible regimes

General idea

Insight: **Certain** phase diagram regions are accessible by **classical computations** (e.g. sign problem-free regimes, particular phases)

Method: Global Randomized Error Cancellation (**GREC**)

V. Sazonov and M. Tamaazousti: *Phys. Rev. A* **105**, 042408 (2022)

Example: **1st-order-PT** & **no-PT** regions of the Schwinger model

Questions:

1. Can **GREC** be realized for **EM** in **AE**?
2. Does **GREC EM** of energy levels learned in one phase **transfer** to another?

GREC method

Inspired by Zero Noise Extrapolation (ZNE) and Probabilistic Error Cancellation (PEC)

Y. Li and S. C. Benjamin: Phys. Rev. X **7**, 021050 (2017)

K. Temme, S. Bravyi, and J. M. Gambetta: Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 180509 (2017)

1. Generate quantum circuits with R realizations of random **additional noise** (AN)
2. Measure observable $A(\lambda)$ on entire parameter domain

$$3. \langle A(\lambda) \rangle^{\text{ED}} = \sum_{r=1}^R \eta_r \langle A(\lambda) \rangle_r^{\text{AN}} + \eta_0$$

→ **Learn** $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_R$ in “**easy**” (CL & QU) regime

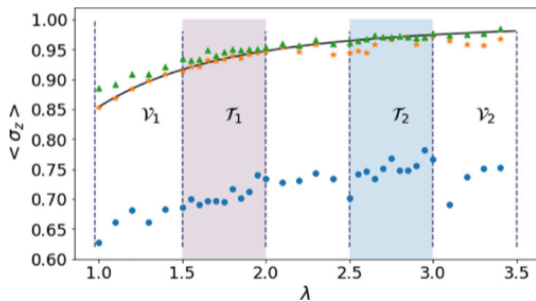
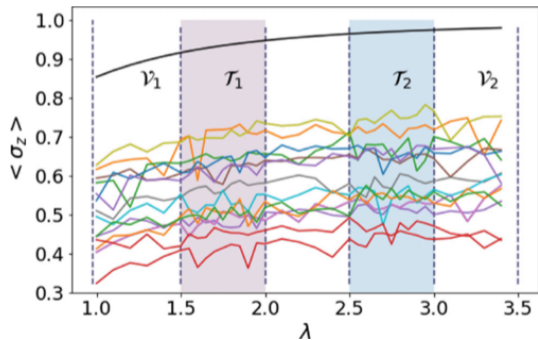
$$4. \text{Predict } \langle A(\lambda) \rangle^{\text{EM}} = \sum_{r=1}^R \eta_r \langle A(\lambda) \rangle_r^{\text{AN}} + \eta_0 \text{ in “hard” (only QU) regime}$$

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GREC example

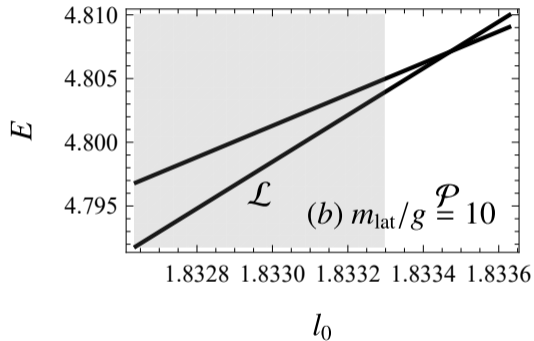
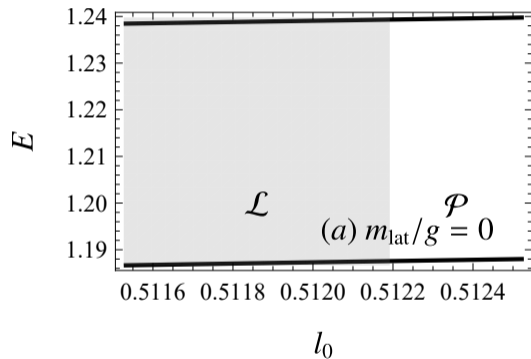
Transverse field antiferromagnetic Ising model

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} X_n X_{n+1} + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^N Z_n + \gamma_1 \prod_{n=2}^{N-1} Z_n \gamma_N$$



V. Sazonov and M. Tamaazousti: Phys. Rev. A **105**, 042408 (2022)

GREC in application to the Schwinger model



Added noise

Weak error model: $p = 10^{-6}$ of Z flip in RZ gate

Time-evolution mitigation: choose to add noise **only to H** (not to $|\text{in}\rangle$)

Add noise at the **level of H** (alternatively: directly at circuit level)

To preserve **Hermiticity** of H , each Pauli P in H is mapped as:

$$P \rightarrow U_P^\dagger P U_P \text{ with } U_P \text{ a complex } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix}$$

For simplicity, take U_P to be a linear combination of I, X, Y, Z

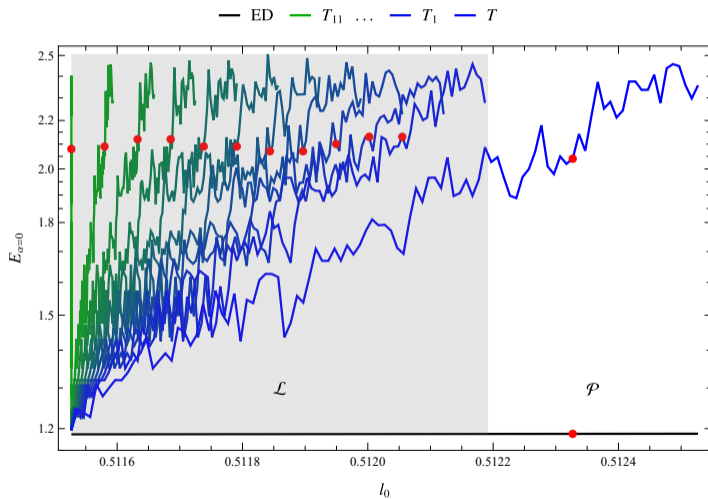
For simplicity, restrict U_P to a rotation: $U_P(\theta, \phi, \lambda)$

Set added noise comparable in magnitude to error

Add noise **only to Z** : $U_P(\theta, \phi, \lambda) \rightarrow U_P(0, 0, \lambda)$

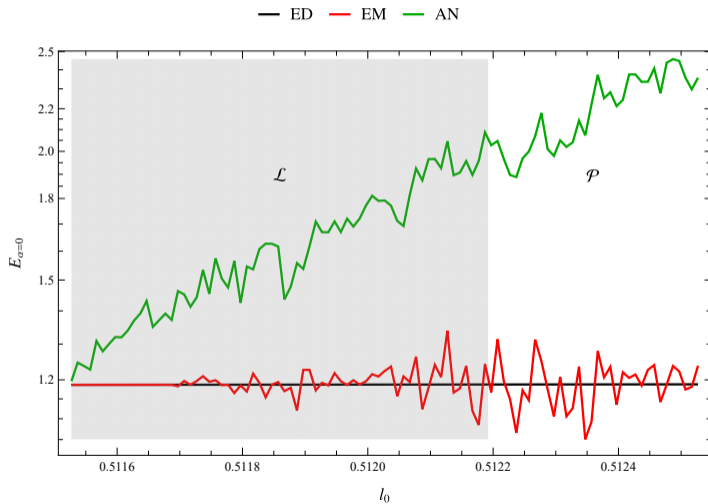
GREC for adiabatic evolution

$$m_{\text{lat}}/g = 0, \alpha = 0$$



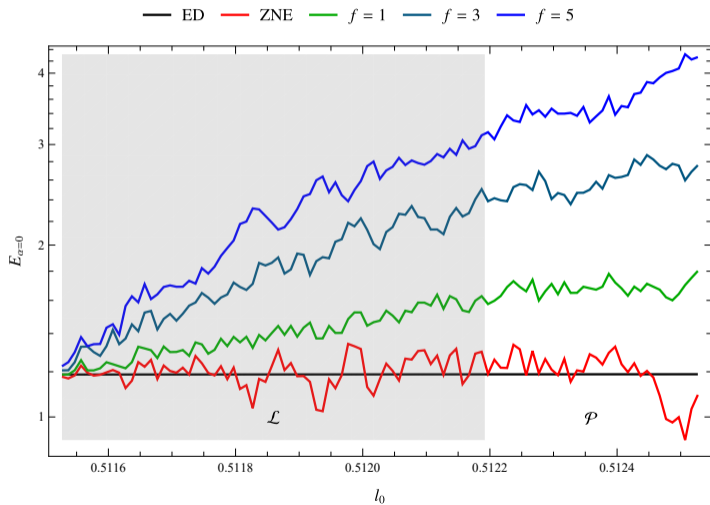
GREC mitigation

$$m_{\text{lat}}/g = 0, \alpha = 0$$



ZNE

$$m_{\text{lat}}/g = 0, \alpha = 0$$



GREC vs ZNE

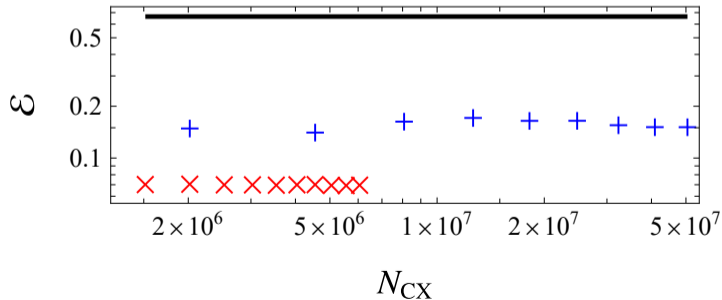
$$N_G^{\text{ZNE}} = n_{\text{levels}} \frac{n_{\delta t}}{2} (n_{\delta t} + 1) P_{\text{ZNE}}^2 n_{G/\delta t}$$

$$N_{\tilde{G}}^{\text{GREC}} = n_{\text{levels}} \frac{n_{\delta t}}{2} (n_{\delta t} + 1) P_{\text{GREC}} n_{\tilde{G}/\delta t}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \sum_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} (E_{\alpha}^{\text{ED}}(l_{0,i}) - E_{\alpha}^{\text{EM}}(l_{0,i}))^2}$$

$$m_{\text{lat}}/g = 0, \alpha = 0, 1$$

— No mitigation + ZNE × GREC



Outlook

2 extensions/hybrids:

Generate lines with **different magnitudes** of **added noise**, and

1. Perform ZNE
2. Perform GREC

Related work: Next talk

T. Saporiti: BBGKY Hierarchy for Zero Noise Extrapolation in Quantum Error Mitigation

work in progress

OK, T. Saporiti, V. Sazonov, M. Tamaazousti

Summary

Part I:

Phase structure by direct application of **adiabatic theorem** **without modifying** the model

Evolve **multiple** lowest-energy eigenstates individually with $H(\theta(t))$

Applicable in case of no knowledge about the phase structure

Part II:

GREC can be realized for EM in **AE**

GREC EM of energy levels **transfers across phases**

Parameters

$$N = 6, \quad V = N/\sqrt{x} = 30, \quad \lambda = 100, \quad m_{\text{lat}}/g \in \{0, 10\}, \quad n_{\text{shots}} = 10^4$$

Part I:

$$\delta t = 0.5$$

$$\text{For iteration } i: T_i = \begin{cases} 5i, & 1 \leq i \leq 9 \\ 10T_{i-9}, & i \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

Suzuki-Trotter order 6

Part II:

$$\delta t = 0.1$$

$$T = 10$$

Lie-Trotter (order 1)

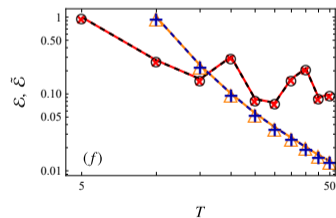
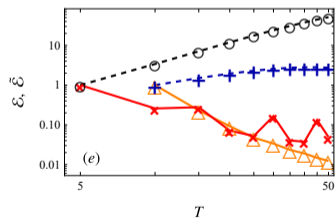
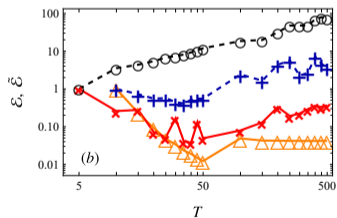
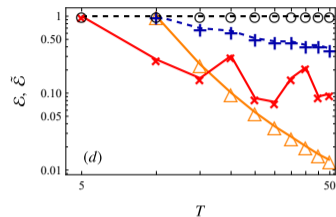
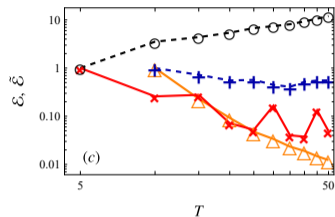
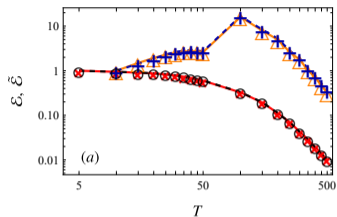
$$\delta l_0 = 10^{-5}$$

Simulator basis gates: CX, I, RZ, RX, X

Initial states

1. For fixed m_{lat}/g , $l_0 = l_0^{\text{min}}$, λ , consider only terms of H with Z_n and $Z_n Z_k$
Eigenspectrum: 2^N states $|s\rangle^{\otimes N}$ with $|s\rangle \in \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$
2. Select states by total charge $\sum_n^{N-1} Q_n$:
Let $|Q_A^{\text{tot}}| < |Q_B^{\text{tot}}|$ with $Q_A^{\text{tot}}, Q_B^{\text{tot}} = -N/2, \dots, N/2$ for subsectors $\{|A\rangle\}, \{|B\rangle\}$
By $H \rightarrow H + \lambda(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} Q_n)^2$, it holds $E_B - E_A \approx \lambda[(Q_B^{\text{tot}})^2 - (Q_A^{\text{tot}})^2]$
3. Evolve states adiabatically from $x(t=0) = 0$ to $x(t=T) = x_{\text{target}}$
4. For sufficiently large m_{lat}/g , 2 lowest eigenstates are well approximated by:
 $|10\rangle^{\otimes N/2}$ with $P = 0$, $L = l_0$, and
 $|11\rangle \otimes |10\rangle^{\otimes (N-4)/2} \otimes |00\rangle$ with $P = 2$, $L = l_0 - 1$

Convergence



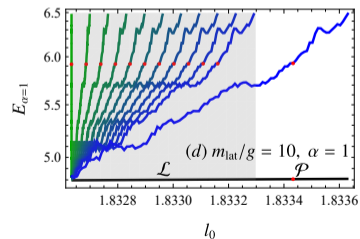
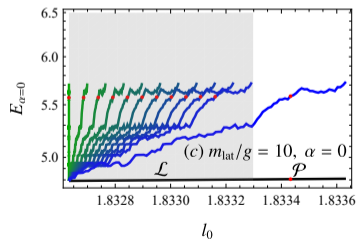
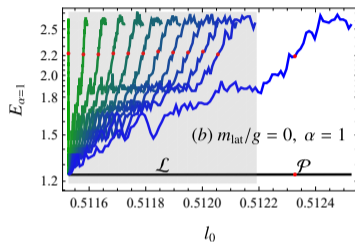
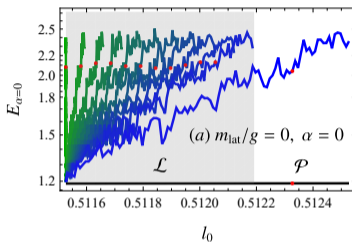
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RHS: \rightarrow : $\delta t \searrow$, \downarrow : shot noise $\rightarrow 0$

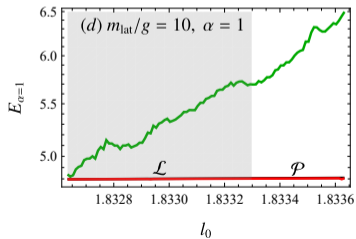
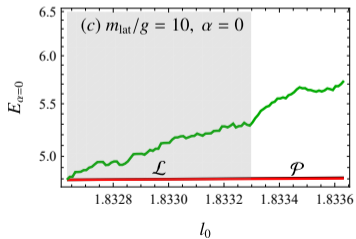
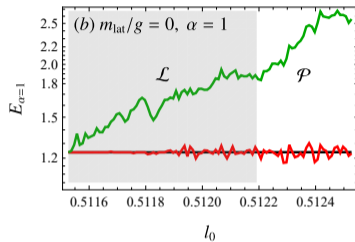
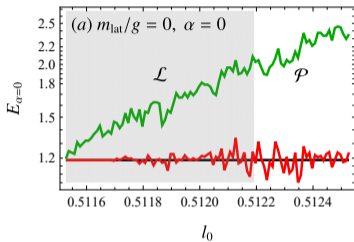
GREC for adiabatic evolution

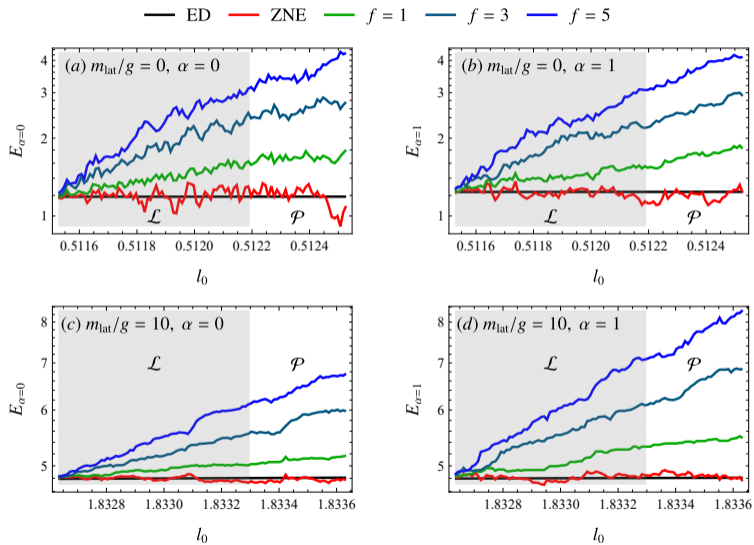
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GREC mitigation

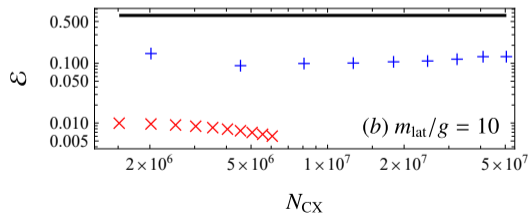
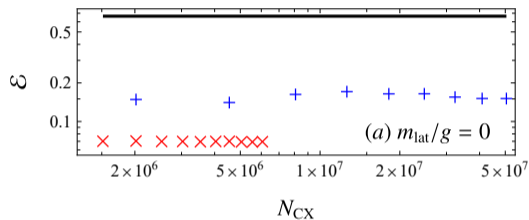
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GREC vs ZNE

— No mitigation + ZNE × GREC



GREC vs ZNE in \mathcal{P}

— No mitigation + ZNE × GREC

