# Investigating Computational Phases of Matter on NISQ devices

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- 2023 Better understanding of computational phases of matter in finite settings
	- ▶ String order parameters
	- Efficient regimes of computation

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### Techniques - Error Mitigation



- Zero noise extrapolation to mitigate two-qubit gate errors
- Measurement noise matrix estimation to mitigate readout errors

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**Determine** T via variational energy minimization to get desired ground state of  $H(\alpha)$ :

- 1. Prepare local ansatz (from perturbation theory)  $|T(\theta)\rangle=\bigotimes_{i=2}^{N-1}(\cos\theta I_i+\sin(\theta)X_i)\,|C\rangle$
- 2. Find  $\theta$  which minimizes  $E(\theta) = \langle T(\theta) | H(\alpha) | T(\theta) \rangle$ .
- Remark: T is non-unitary; can be handled via post-processing, or by invoking symmetries to remove probabilistic implementation.

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