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Gluon Field Digitization for Quantum Computers<sup>1</sup> HENRY LAMM IV, University of Maryland, NUQS COLLABORATION — Simulations of QCD on quantum computers in the NISQ-era require the digitization of gluon field variables that uses the minimum amount of qubits. We present a scheme for digitizing SU(3)gauge theories via its discrete subgroup S(1080) with a modified action that allows simulations in the scaling regime down to lattice spacings of order  $a \approx 0.08$  fm. With a classical Monte Carlo, we compute a set of observables with sub-percent precision at multiple lattice spacings and show that the continuum extrapolated value agrees with the full SU(3) results.

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