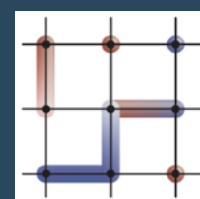


TNS APPLICATIONS: LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

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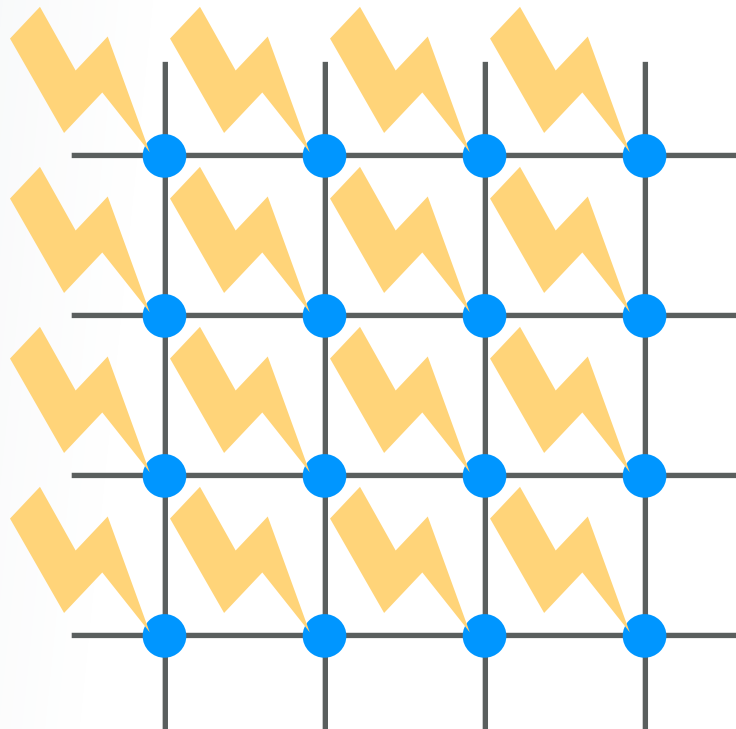
Tensor Networks in Simulation of Quantum Matter

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what are LGT?

theory with a local
(gauge) symmetry

Ising model



$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z + g \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

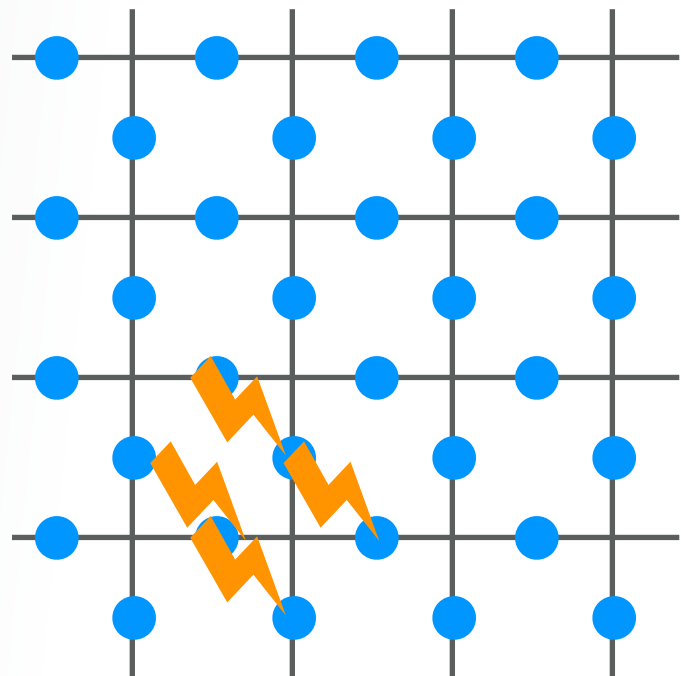
global $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry

$$U = \bigotimes_i \sigma_i^x$$

$$U \sigma_k^z U^\dagger = -\sigma_k^z \quad \text{flips all spins at once}$$

Ising lattice gauge theory

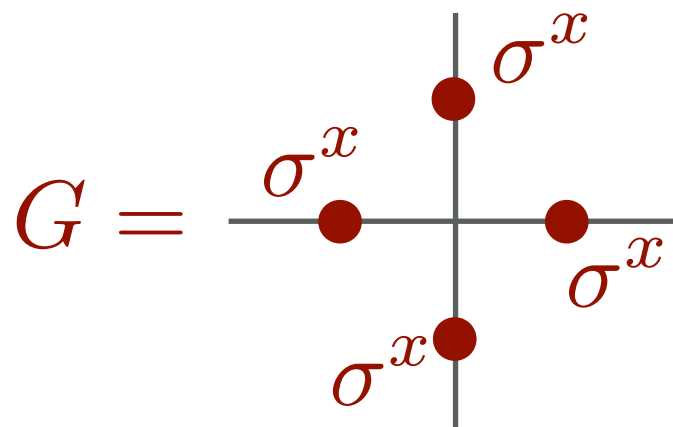
Wenger 1971



$$H = \sum_{\square} \sigma_{\ell_1}^z \sigma_{\ell_2}^z \sigma_{\ell_3}^z \sigma_{\ell_4}^z + g \sum_{\ell} \sigma_{\ell}^x$$

local Z_2 symmetry

$$G_i \sigma_{\ell}^z G_i = -\sigma_{\ell}^z$$



$$[G_i, H] = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$G_i |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi\rangle \quad \text{Gauss' law}$$

phase transition: deconfined / confined

promoting a global symmetry to local

gauging the symmetry

fundamental role in HEP

QED

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi \quad \text{Dirac fermion}$$

global U(1) symmetry $\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\theta}\psi(x)$
global phase

local U(1) $\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)}\psi(x)$

$$\bar{\psi}\partial^{\mu}\psi \rightarrow \bar{\psi}(\partial^{\mu} + i\partial^{\mu}\theta)\psi$$

solution $\partial^{\mu} \rightarrow D^{\mu} = \partial^{\mu} + iA^{\mu}$

$$A^{\mu} \rightarrow A^{\mu} + \partial^{\mu}\theta \quad \text{gauge field}$$

gauge invariant
dynamical term $\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}D^{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$

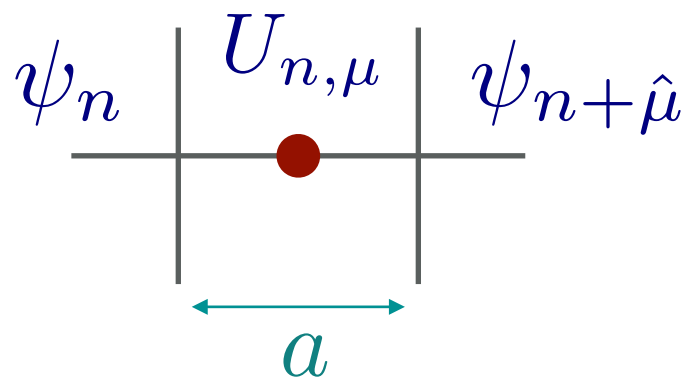
Wilson's LGT

Wilson 1974

discretized action $\rightarrow$ loses gauge invariance

discrete derivatives

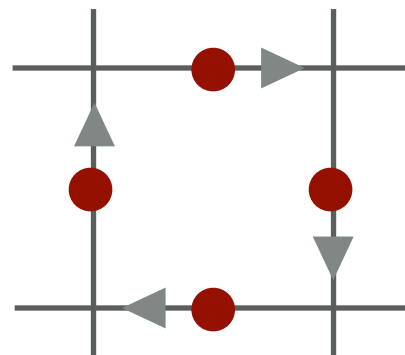
$$\frac{\psi_{n+\hat{\mu}} - \psi_{n-\hat{\mu}}}{2a}$$



$$\bar{\psi}_n \gamma_\mu U_{n,\mu} \psi_{n+\hat{\mu}}$$

$$U_{n,\mu} \rightarrow e^{ig\alpha_n} U_{n,\mu} e^{-ig\alpha_{n+\hat{\mu}}}$$

dynamics of gauge dof

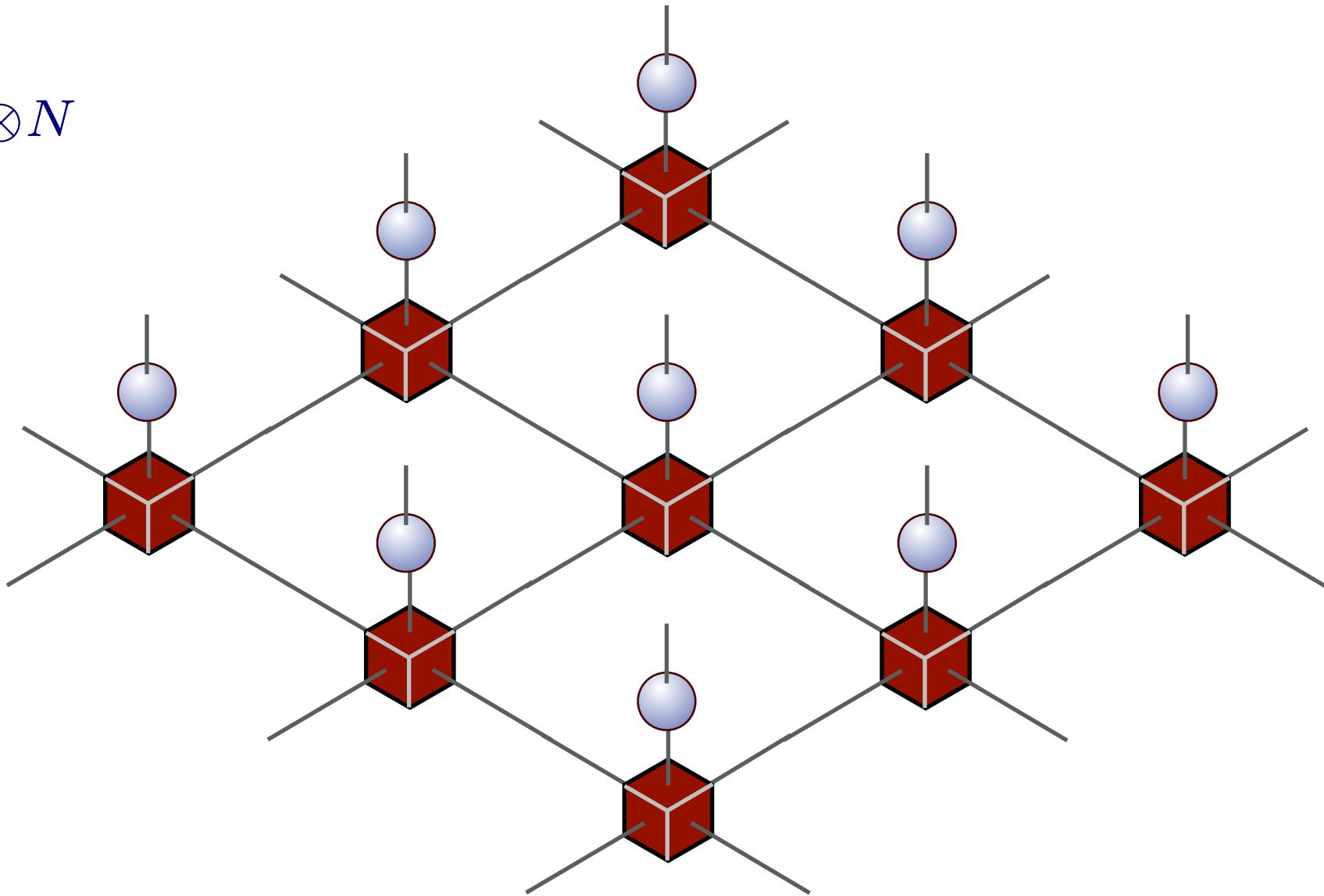


$$\text{Tr} (U_\square) + \text{h.c.}$$

$a \rightarrow 0$ continuum QFT

gauging PEPS

$$U_g^{\otimes N}$$



gauging PEPS

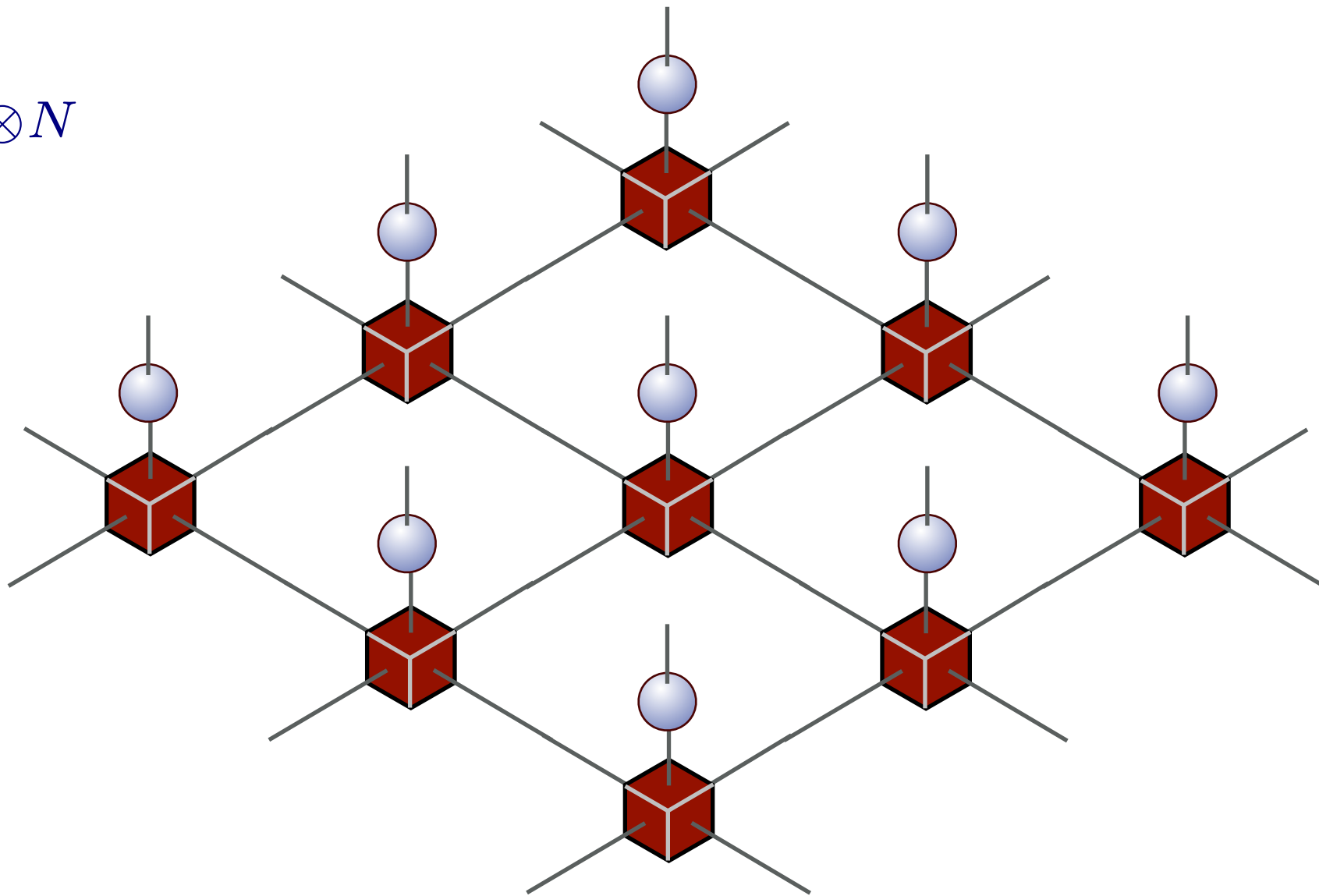
state (globally) invariant $\Leftrightarrow$



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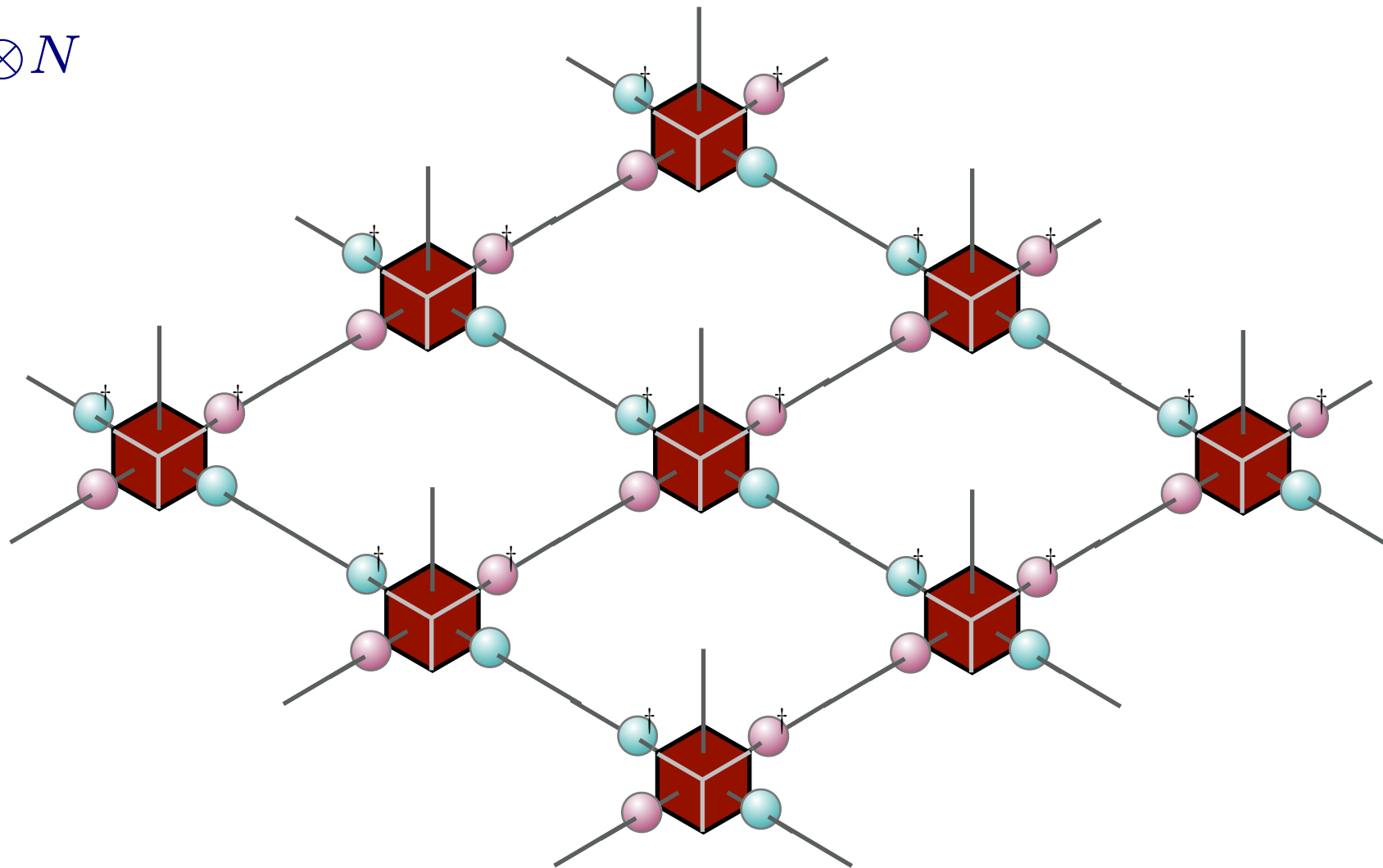
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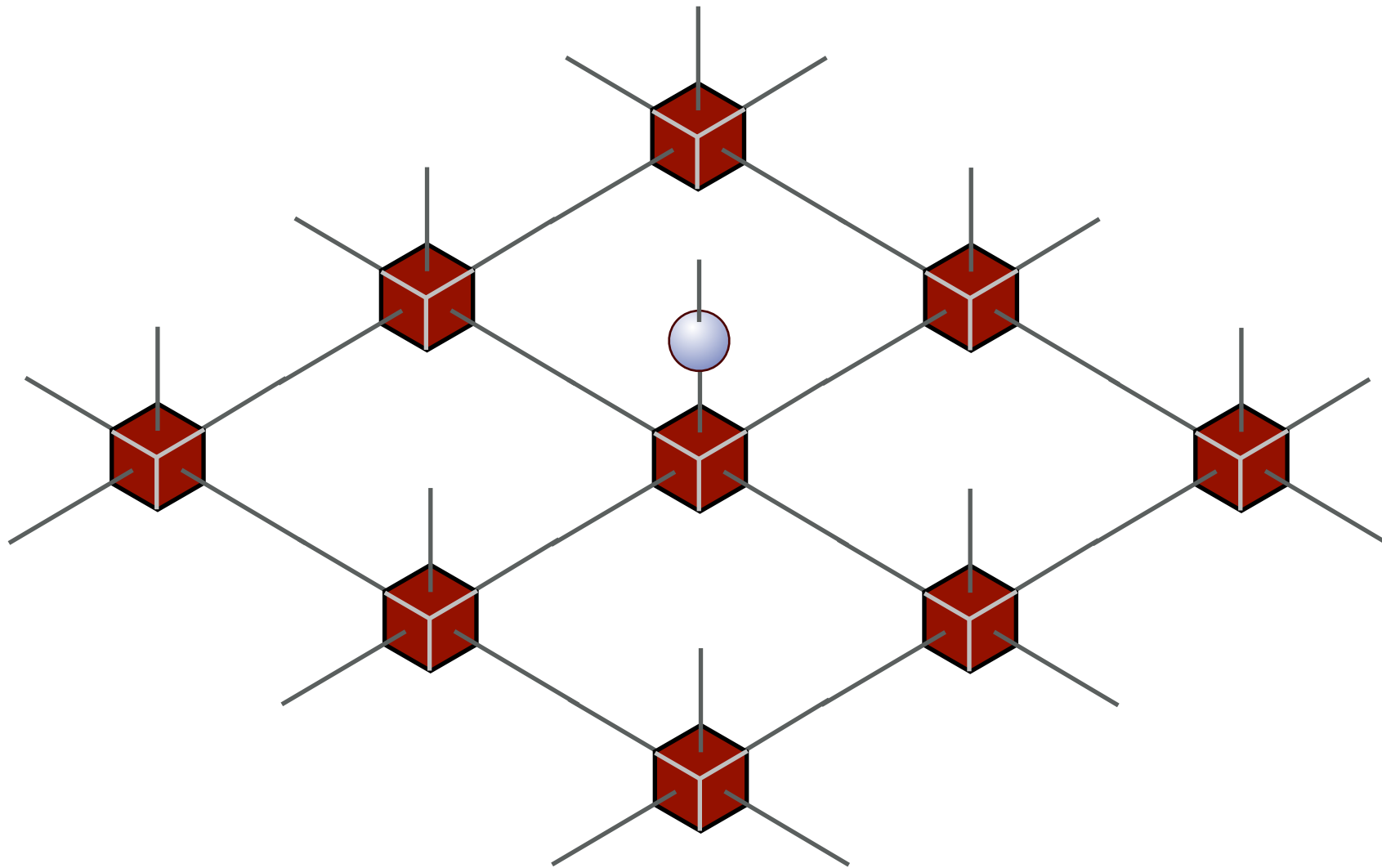
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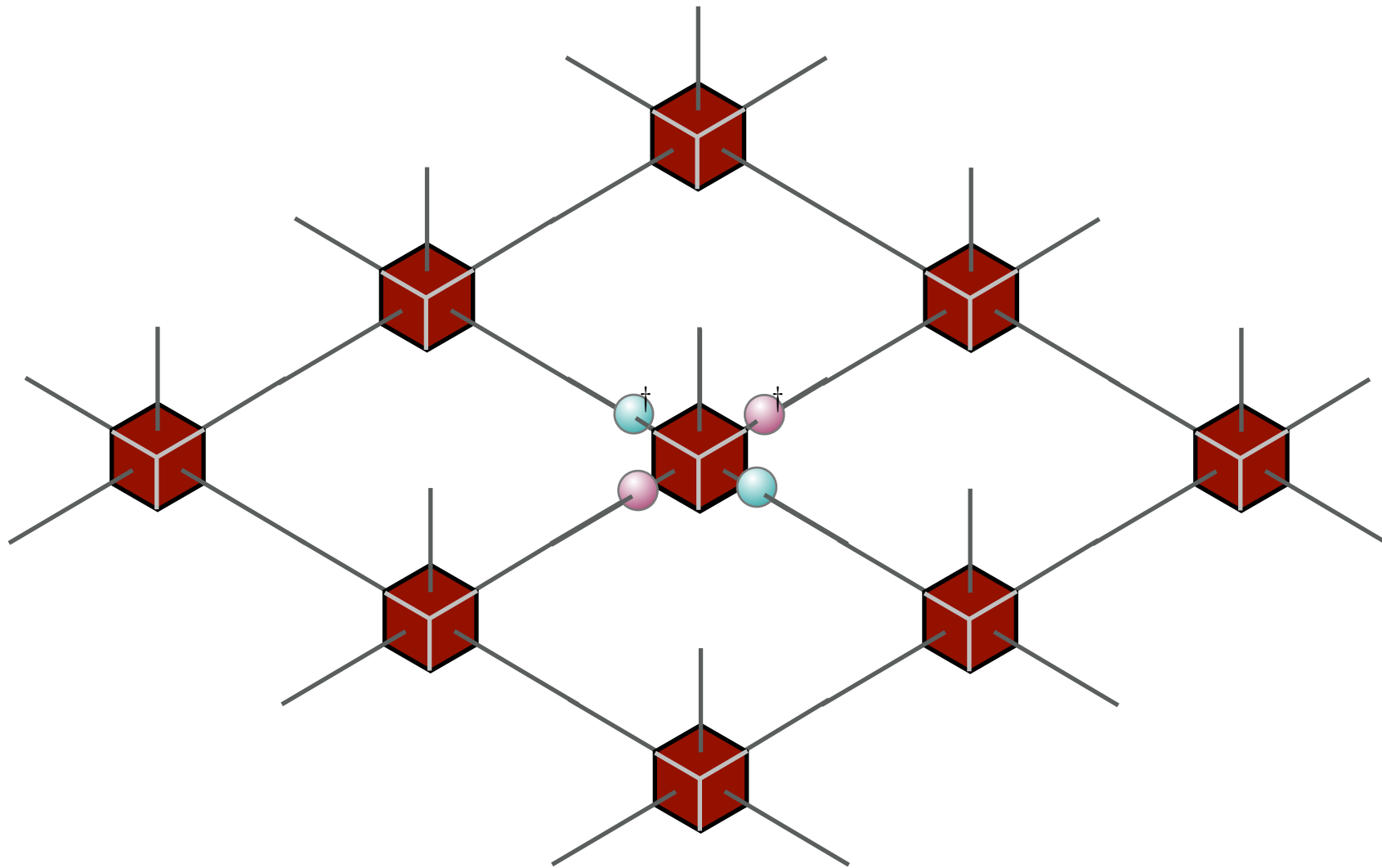


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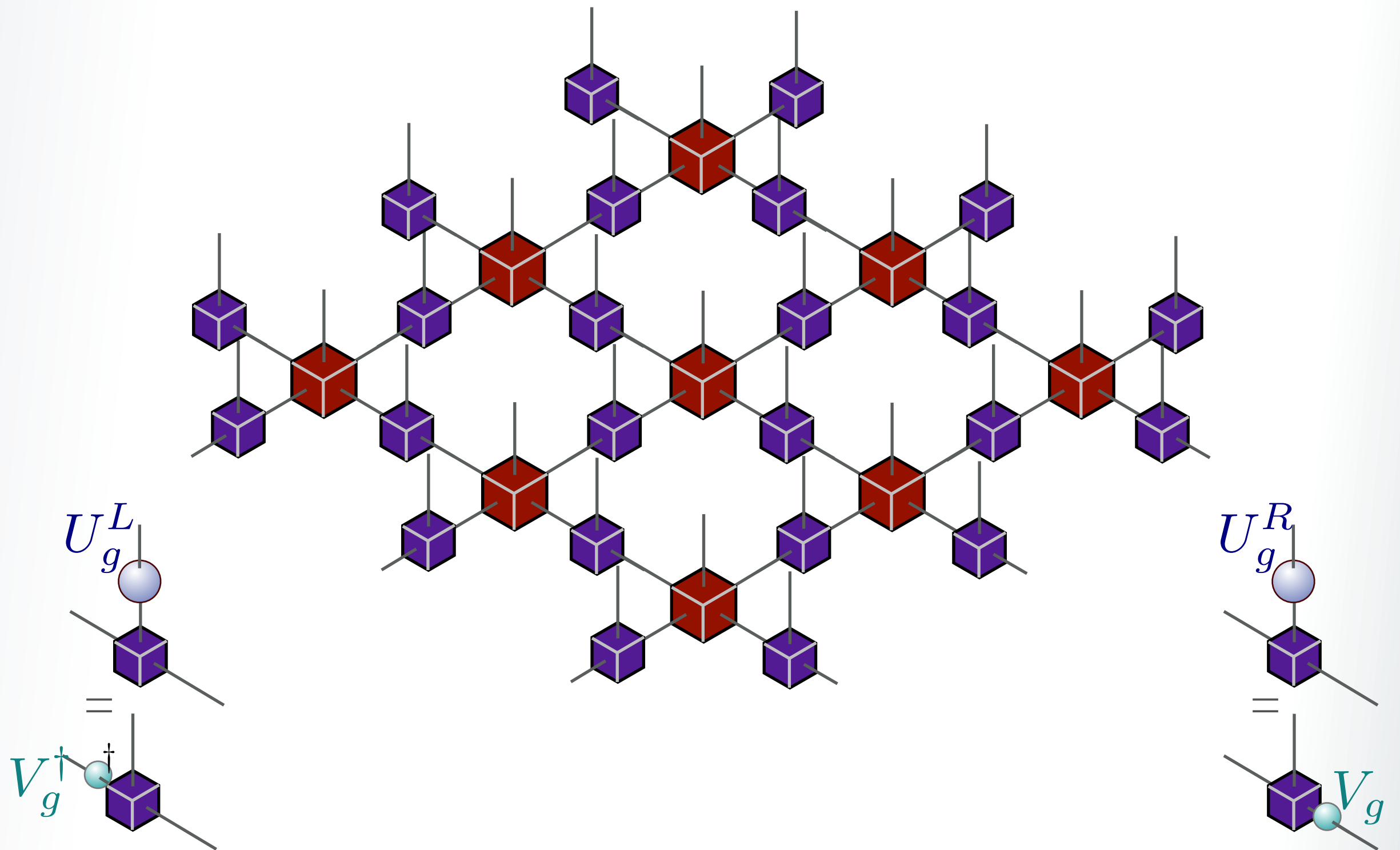
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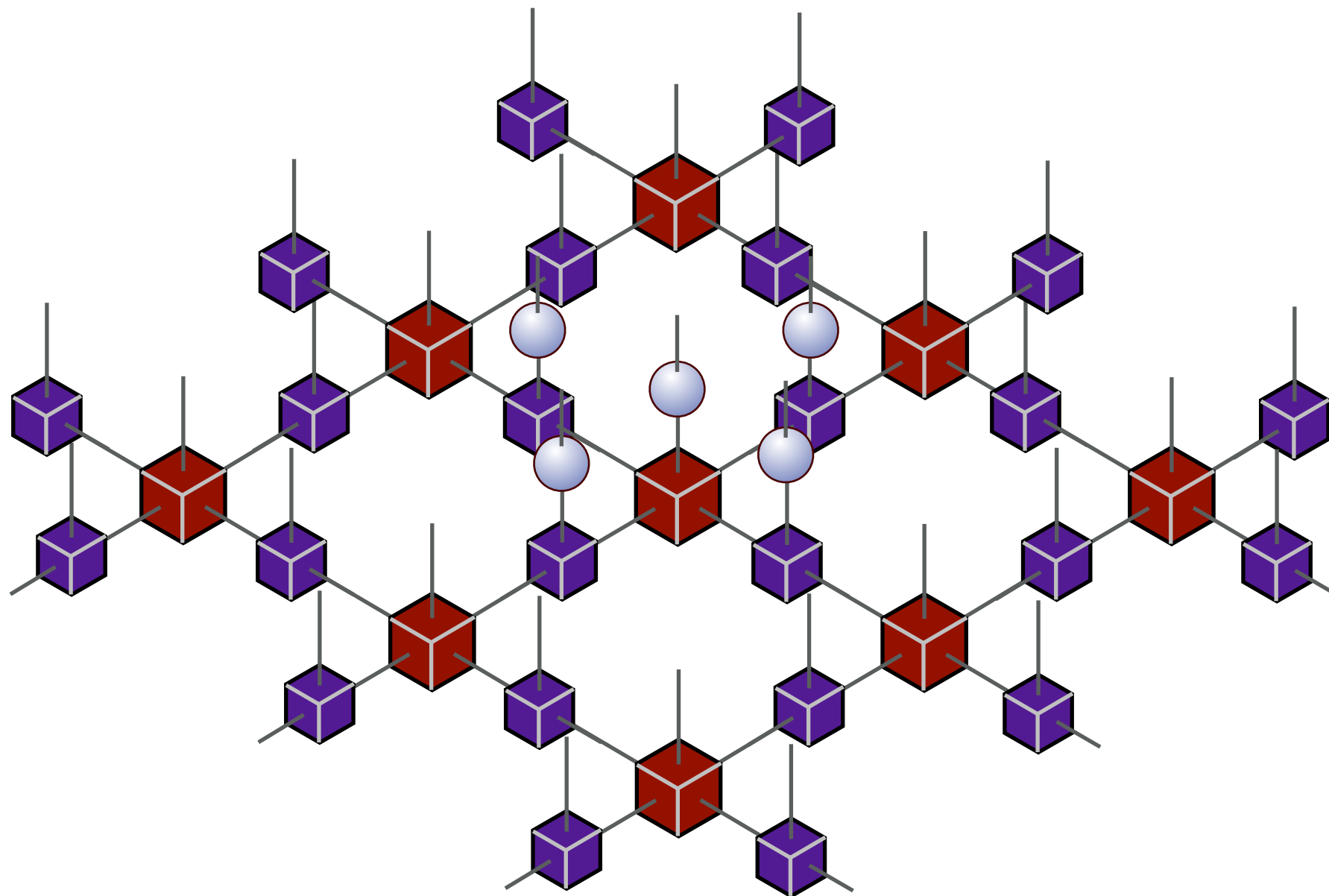
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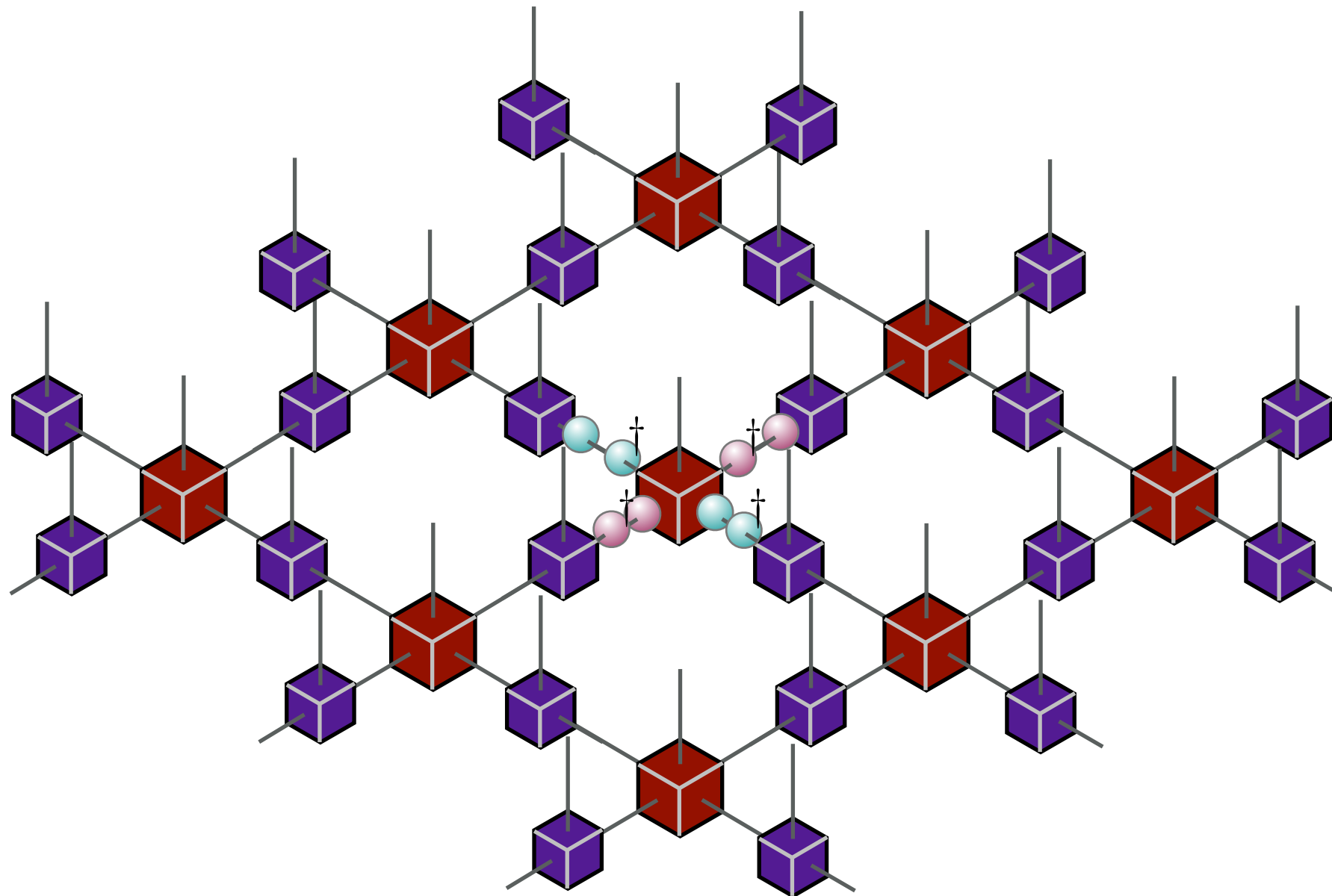
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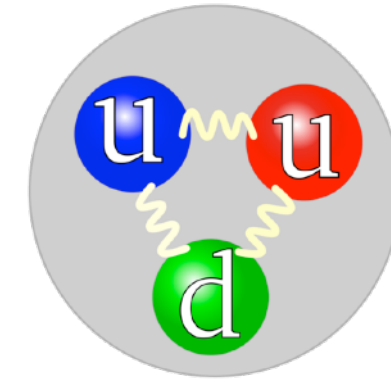


why LGT???

Motivation for LGT: QCD

Wilson, 1974

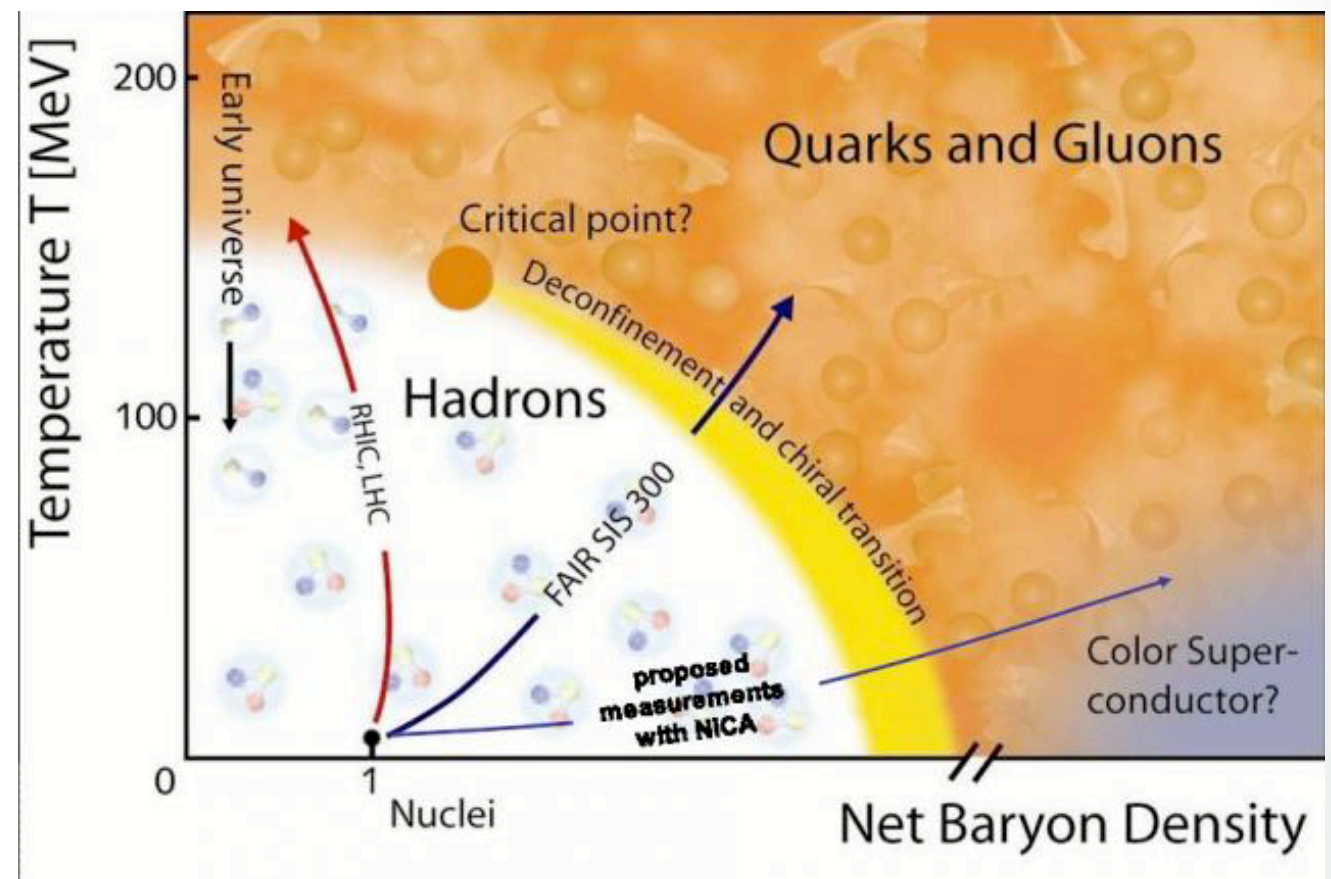
non perturbative at low energy



LQCD

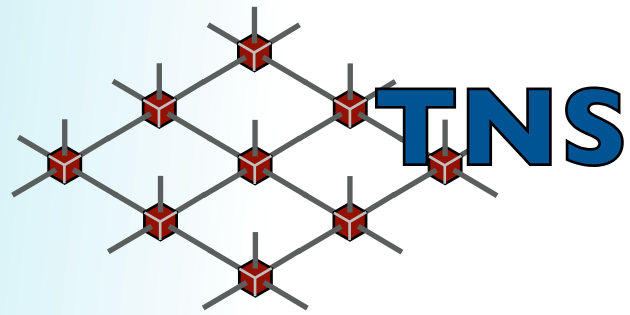
successful spectral calculations

limitations: time, finite density



why with TNS?

a natural connection



non-perturbative for
Hamiltonian systems

extremely successful for
1D systems (MPS)

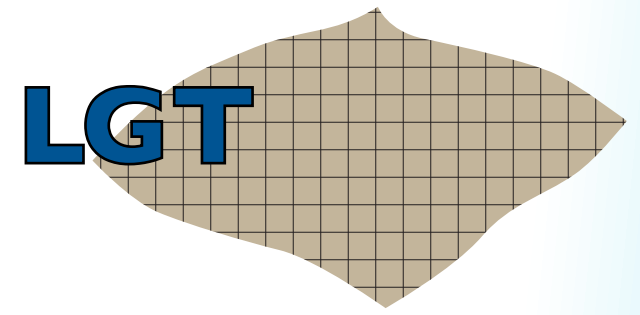
consistent developments
for higher dimensions

ground states

low-lying excitations

thermal states

time evolution



non-perturbative way of
solving QFT (QCD)

mostly path-integral
formalism & MC

4D lattice

spectrum

finite T

big 3+1 dimensional

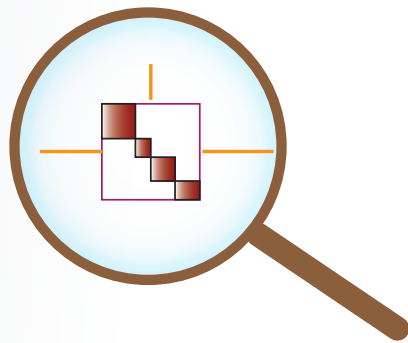
chemical potential

time evolution

how TNS FOR LGT???

using TNS for QMB

a formal approach



classifying tensors

constructing states

great descriptive power: phases,
topological chiral states, anyons...

Chen et al PRB 2011

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Haegeman et al, Nat. Comm. 2015

no sign problem

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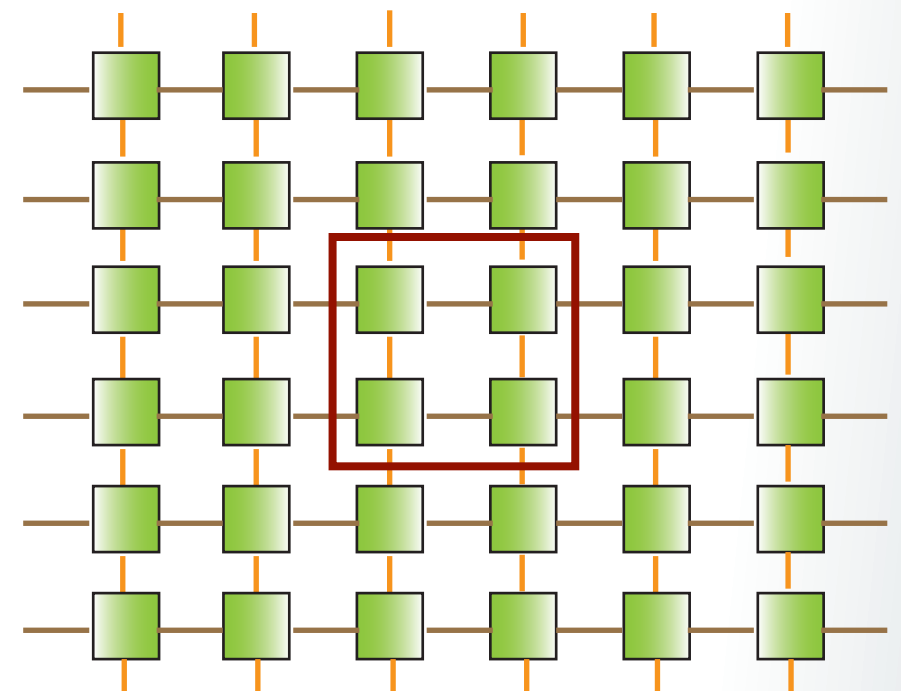
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TRG approaches

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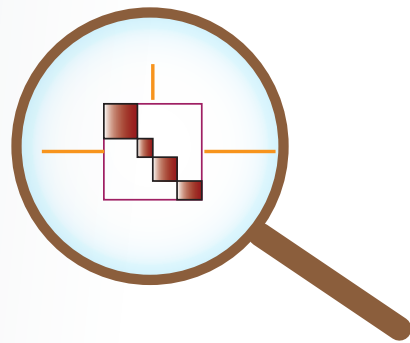
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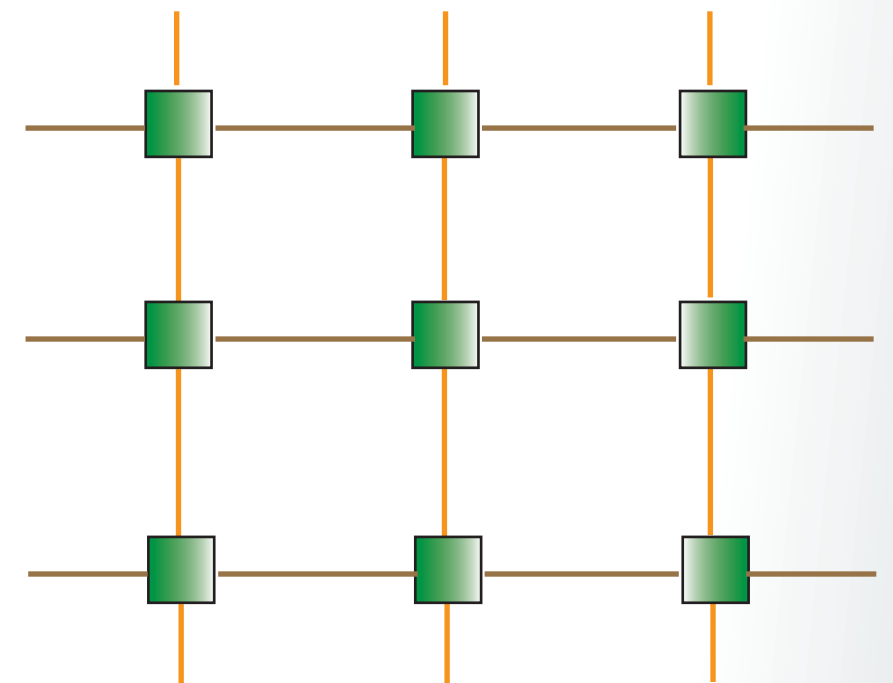
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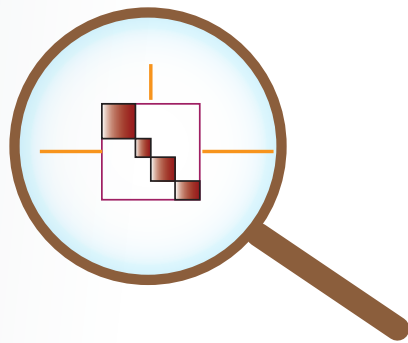
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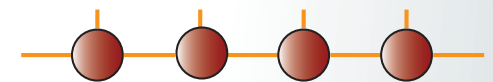
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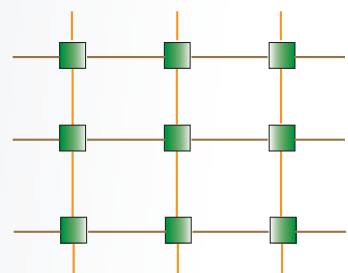
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TNS as ansatz for the state



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efficient algorithms for GS, low
excited states, thermal, dynamics

White PRL 1992; Schollwöck RMP 2011

Vidal PRL 2003; Verstraete et al PRL 2004

Verstraete et al Adv Phys 2008; Orús Ann Phys 2014

using TNS for LGT

formal approach

gauging the symmetry

explicitly invariant states

general prescriptions, $U(1)$, $SU(2)$

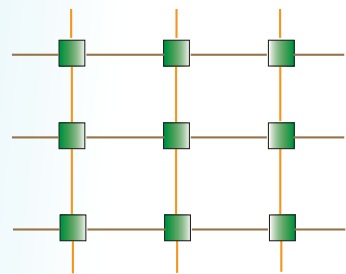
Tagliacozzo et al PRX 2014

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numerical simulations

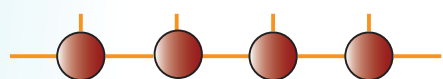
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TN describe partition functions (observables)

TRG approaches to classical and quantum models

Liu et al PRD 2013; Shimizu, Kuramashi, PRD 2014; Kawauchi, Takeda 2015;
review Meurice et al. RMP 2022



TN describe states

there is long way to go until LQCD

journey begins with $I + ID$ steps

early works with DMRG/TNS

Byrnes PRD2002; Sugihara NPB2004
Tagliacozzo PRB2011; Sugihara JHEP2005
Meurice PRB2013

Schwinger model $U(1)$ in 1D precise equilibrium simulations, feasibility of QSim

MCB et al JHEP11(2013)158;
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3+1 dimensions

Magnifico et al. Nat. Comm. 2021

2+1 dimensions

Felser et al. PRX 2020
Robaina et al. PRL 2021
Emonts et al. PRD 2020

Non-Abelian in 1D string breaking dynamics

S. Kühn et al., JHEP 07 (2015) 130;
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$SU(3)$ QLM

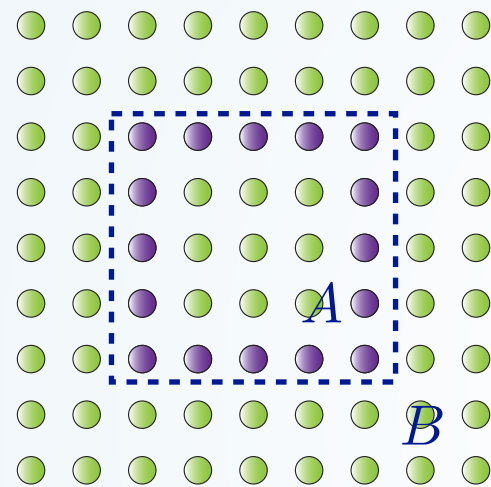
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finite density

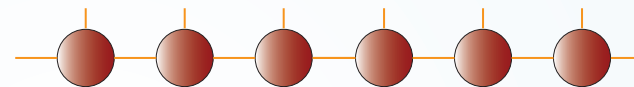
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TNS = entanglement based ansatz

area law

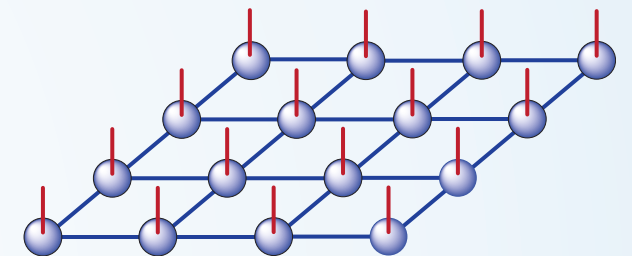


MPS



Schollwöck Ann.Phys.2011

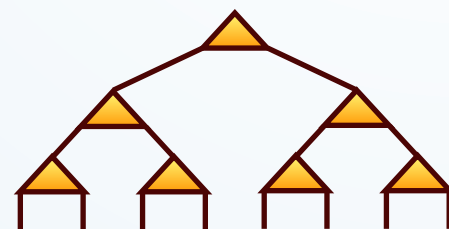
PEPS



Verstraete et al. Adv. Phys. 2008

other TNS

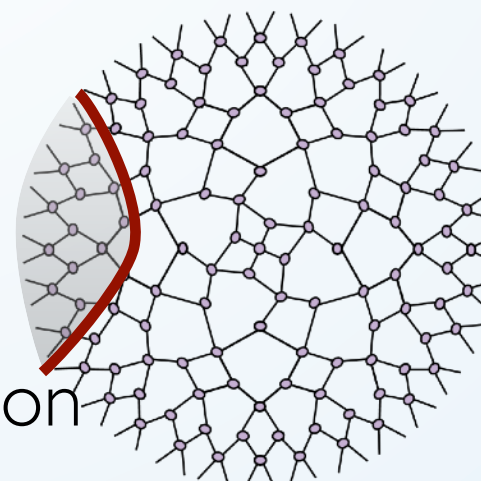
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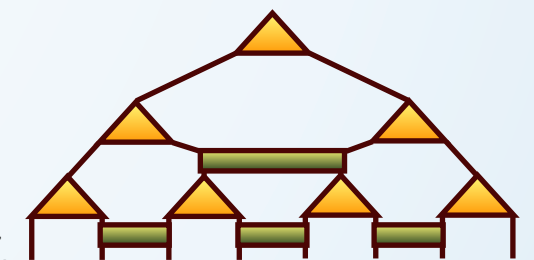
Shi et al PRA 2006

suggested connection
to AdS/CFT

Vidal PRL 2007

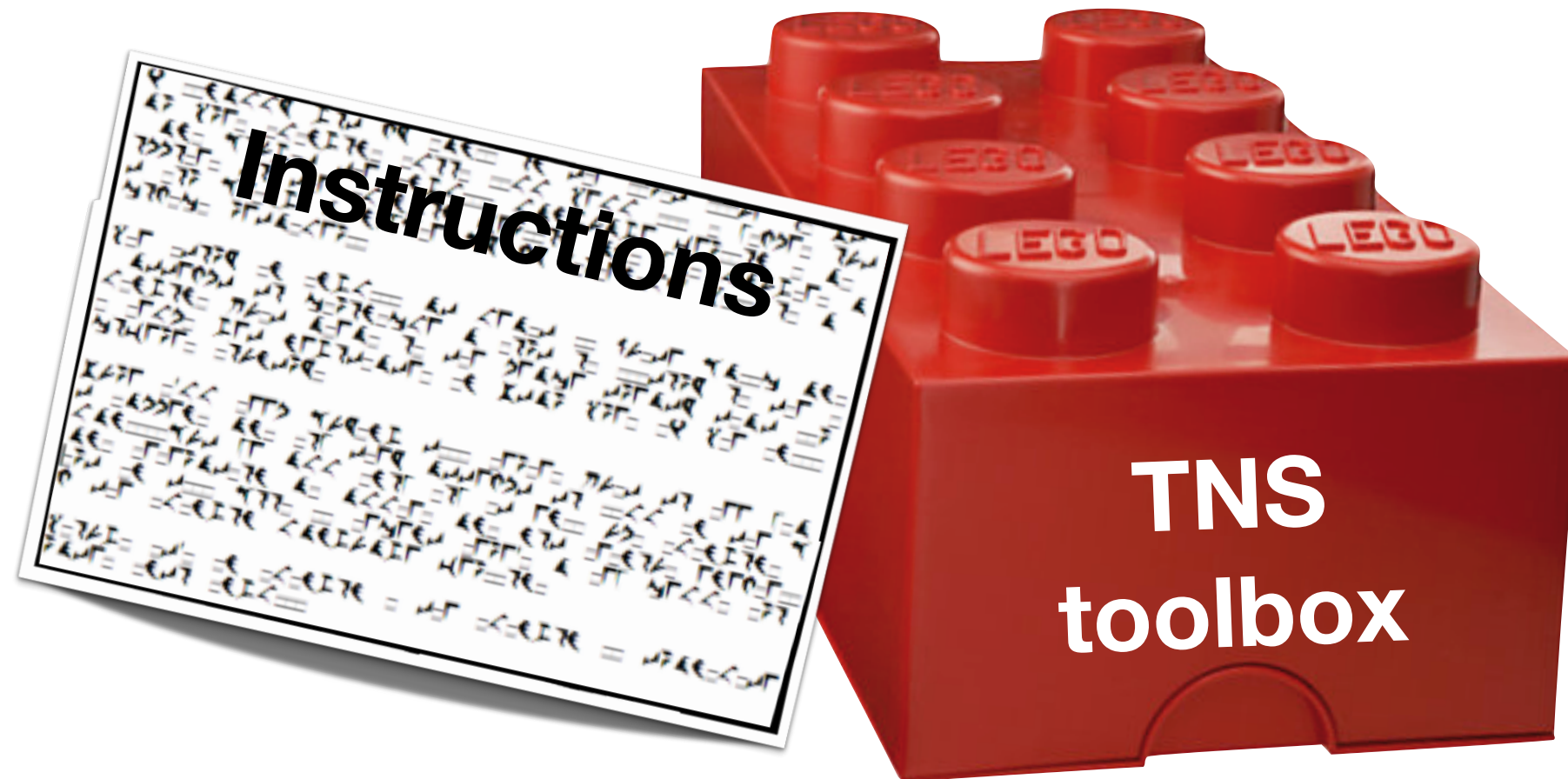


MERA



Swingle PRD 2012
Molina JHEP 2013
Nozaki et al JHEP 2012
Bao et al PRD 2015

in principle, they can all be used for
LGT simulations



general strategy

Hamiltonian formulation

acting on a Hilbert space

→ choose proper basis

Finite dimensional degrees of freedom

fermions

→ ✓ no sign problem

gauge bosons require attention

→ truncating, integrating out (also QLinks)

★ Common ingredients for quantum simulation

Zohar et al. PRL 2010, 2012 ,
Tagliacozzo et al., Nat. Comm. 2013
Banerjee et al., PRL 2012

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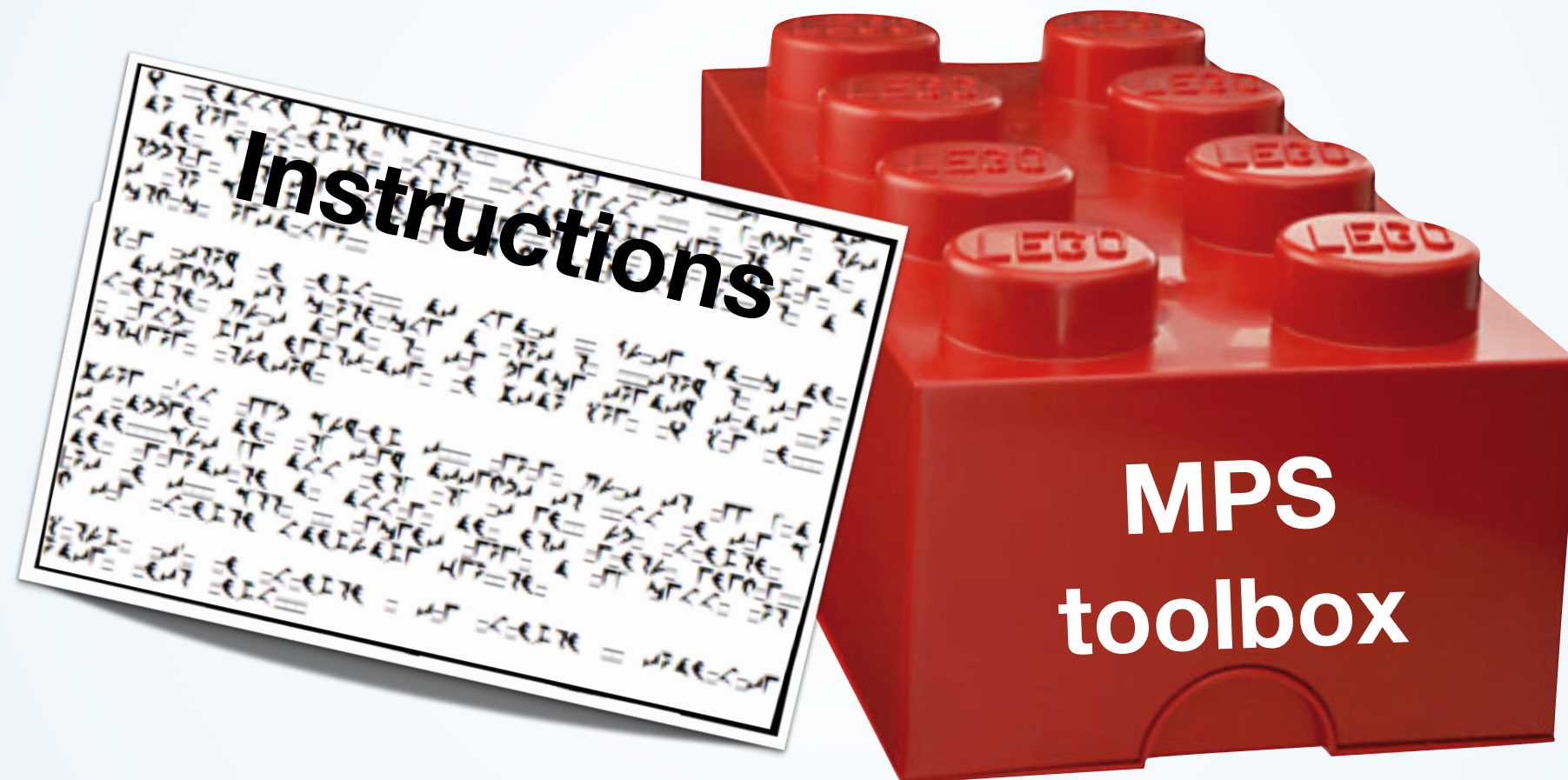
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start with the simplest case: ID
(I+I) LGT

recall...

MPS properties

MPS

good approximation of ground states

Verstraete, Cirac, PRB 2006

Hastings, J. Stat. Phys 2007

gapped finite range Hamiltonian $\Rightarrow$
area law (ground state)

Cramer, Eisert, Plenio, RMP 2009

efficient calculation of expectation values

exponentially decaying correlations

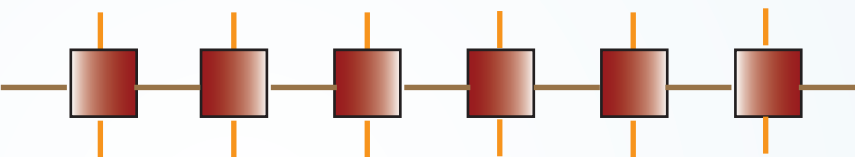
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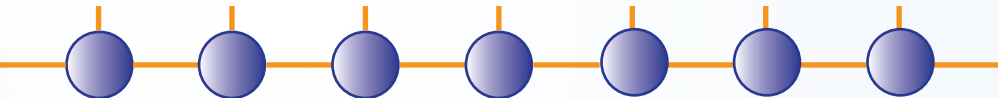
recall...

basic algorithms

variational minimization of energy

local
Hamiltonian

$$H =$$
A horizontal line representing a 1D chain with 6 red square interaction blocks placed between 7 vertical tick marks representing sites.

$$|E_0\rangle \simeq$$
A horizontal line representing a 1D chain with 7 blue circular excitations placed on 7 vertical tick marks representing sites.

ground state
excitations

apply local operators $\rightarrow$ simulate time evolution

imaginary time $\rightarrow$ ground state
thermal state

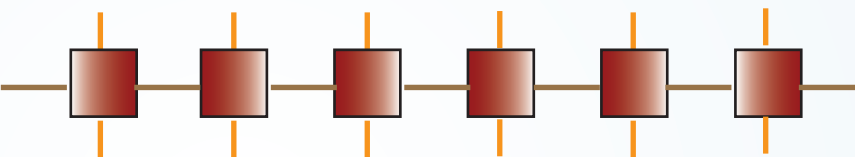


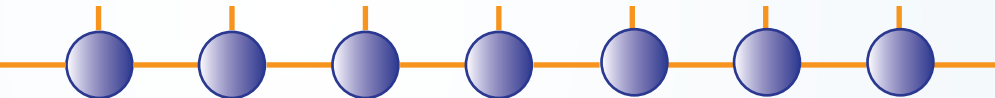
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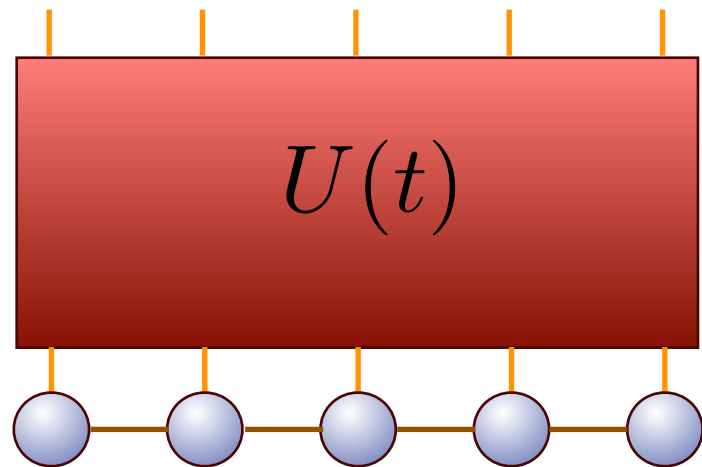
alternatively: TDVP

regarding dynamics

recall...

basic time evolution algorithms

initial MPS



TEBD, t-DMRG

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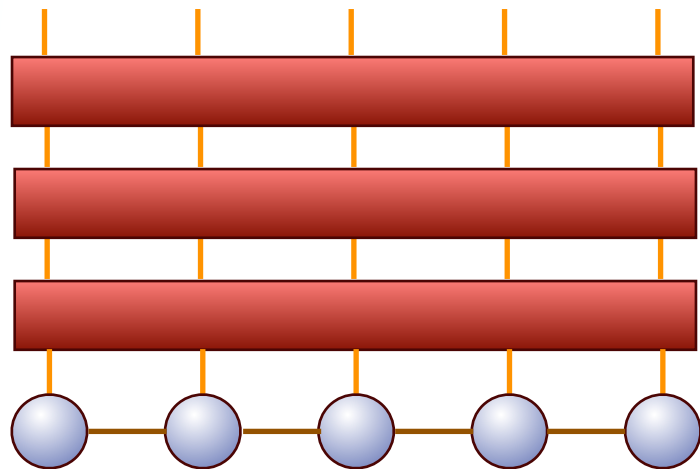
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$$U(t) \rightarrow [U(\delta)]^M$$



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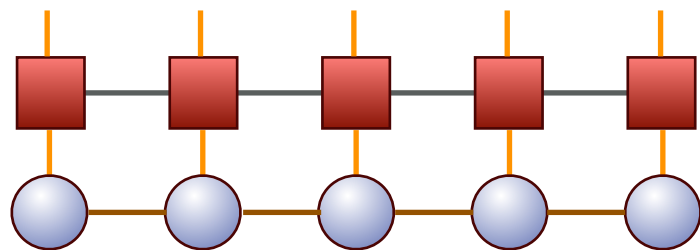
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Suzuki-Trotter expansion

$$U(\delta) \approx e^{-iH_e\delta} e^{-iH_o\delta}$$



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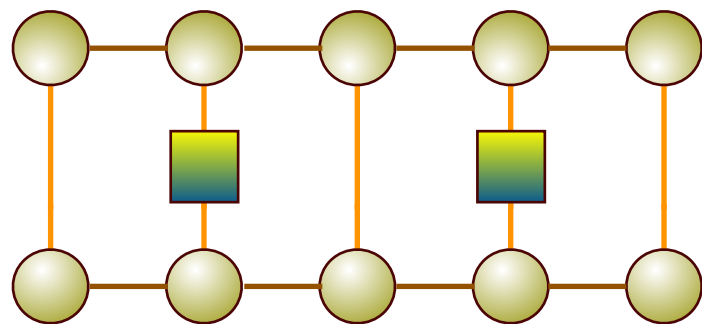
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basic time evolution algorithms

time evolved state
approximated by MPS



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alternative: TDVP Haegeman et al, PRL 2011

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Suzuki-Trotter expansion

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truncate bond dimension

iterate

compute observables

recall...

mixed states

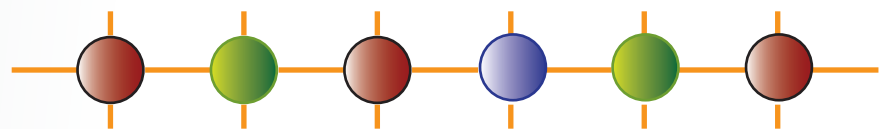
MPO = Matrix Product Operator

Similar problems can be attacked

equilibrium $\rightarrow$ thermal states

imaginary time evolution

time-dependent $\rightarrow$ real time evolution



unitary $\rho(t) = U(t)\rho(0)U(t)^\dagger$

non-unitary

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}(\rho)$$

Verstraete et al., PRL 2004
Prosen, Znidaric PRL 2008
Cai, Barthel, PRL 2013,...



In this talk...

Why using TNS/MPS for LGT? 

testbench:
Schwinger model

{ spectral calculations
finite temperature
real-time
chemical potential

higher dimensional problems

Schwinger model as laboratory

Schwinger model

Schwinger '62

Simplest gauge theory with matter

QED in $1+1$ dimensions
electrons & photons

Shows some of the features of *full* QCD

confinement $\rightarrow$ bound states (massive bosons)

fermion condensate

A testbench for lattice techniques

Schwinger model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu - g\gamma_\mu A^\mu - m)\Psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

in 1+1 D single dimensional parameter m/g

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2\delta_{\mu\nu}$$

U(1) gauge invariance

$$\Psi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ig\phi(x)}\Psi(x)$$

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu\phi(x)$$

equations of motion

$$\partial_\alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_{,\alpha}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \Phi = A_\mu, \Psi$$

$$(i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - g\gamma^\mu A_\mu - m)\Psi = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\nu\Psi$$

Schwinger model

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Hamiltonian formulation $A^0 = 0$

$$E = -\dot{A}^1$$

$$H = \int dx \left[-i\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1\partial_1\Psi + g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1 A_1\Psi + m\bar{\Psi}\Psi + \frac{1}{2}E^2 \right]$$

fermion
kinetic term

fermion-photon
coupling

fermion
mass

electrostatic
energy

plus a constraint: $\partial_1 E = g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^0\Psi$ Gauss' law

quantization

$$\{\Psi_i(x), \Psi_j^\dagger(y)\} = \delta_{ij}\delta(x-y)$$

$$\{\Psi_i(x), \Psi_j(y)\} = 0$$

$$[A_1(x), E(y)] = i\delta(x-y)$$

Schwinger model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu - g\gamma_\mu A^\mu - m)\Psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

Hamiltonian formulation

$$A^0 = 0$$

$$E = -\dot{A}^1$$

$$H = \int dx \left[-i\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1\partial_1\Psi + g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1 A_1\Psi + m\bar{\Psi}\Psi + \frac{1}{2}E^2 \right]$$

fermion
kinetic term

fermion-photon
coupling

fermion
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discretize

Schwinger model

on the lattice

discrete Hamiltonian (staggered) formulation

x

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Psi^{(1)}(x) \\ \Psi^{(2)}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$



Schwinger model

on the lattice

discrete Hamiltonian (staggered) formulation

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fermionic operators

$$\{\Phi_m, \Phi_n\} = 0$$

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Φ_{2n}



Φ_{2n+1}



Schwinger model

on the lattice

discrete Hamiltonian (staggered) formulation

x

$$U(x, x + \epsilon) = e^{ig\epsilon A_1(x)}$$

fermionic operators

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Schwinger model

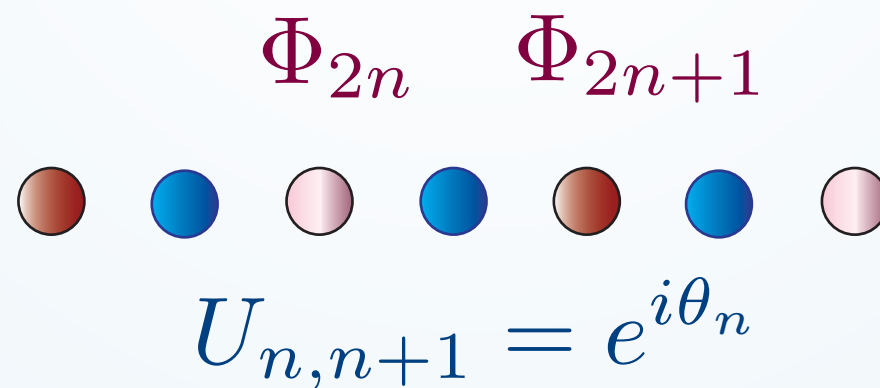
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$$\frac{1}{ga}\theta_n \rightarrow -A^1(x)$$

$$gL_n \rightarrow E(x)$$

$$[\theta_n, L_m] = ig\delta_{nm}$$

Schwinger model

discretized

on the lattice

$$H = -\frac{i}{2a} \sum_n (\phi_n^\dagger e^{i\theta_n} \phi_{n+1} - \text{h.c.}) + m \sum_n (-1)^n \phi_n^\dagger \phi_n + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_n L_n^2$$

plus constraint: Gauss' Law

spinless fermions

$$L_n - L_{n-1} = \phi_n^\dagger \phi_n - \frac{1}{2} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

1D spins $\iff$ fermions: Jordan-Wigner

$$\phi_n = \prod_{k < n} (i\sigma_k^z) \sigma_n^-$$

notice: not strictly
necessary for TNS

Schwinger model

on the lattice

Jordan-Wigner $\rightarrow$ spin model

$$H = \frac{1}{2a} \sum_n \left(\sigma_n^+ e^{i\theta_n} \sigma_{n-1}^- + \sigma_{n+1}^+ e^{-i\theta_n} \sigma_n^- \right) \\ + \frac{m}{2} \sum_n \left(1 + (-1)^n \sigma_n^3 \right) + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_n L_n^2$$



$$U_{n,n+1} = e^{i\theta_n}$$

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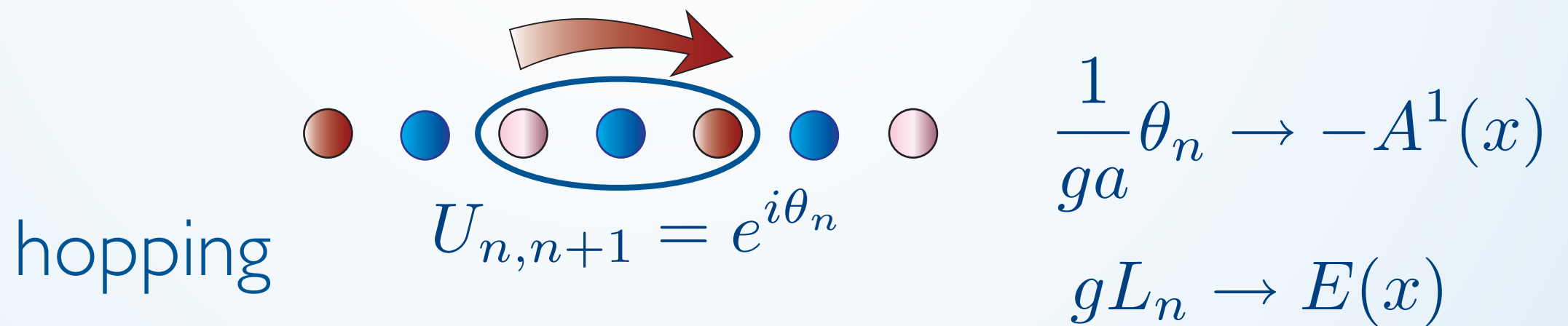
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Schwinger model

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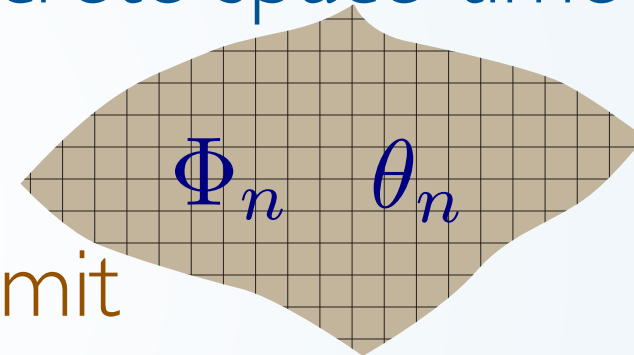
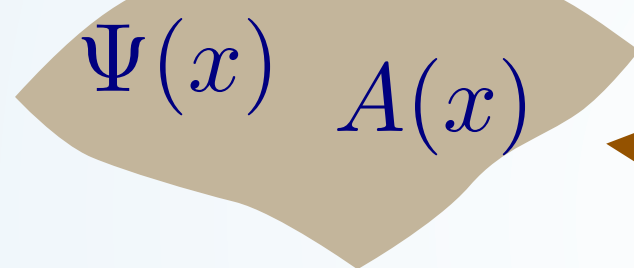
Schwinger model

continuum QED

on the lattice

1 + 1 space-time

discrete space-time



continuum limit

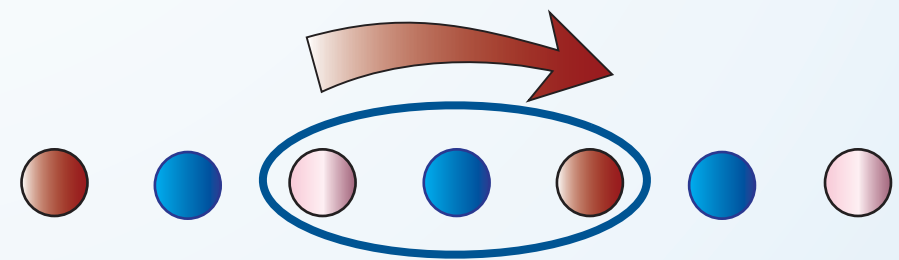
fermions
photons

lattice spacing $ag \rightarrow 0$

spin Hamiltonian

fermion mass m/g
dimensional

Hamiltonian
+ Gauss law



hopping

$$\sigma_n^+ e^{i\theta_n} \sigma_{n-1}^-$$

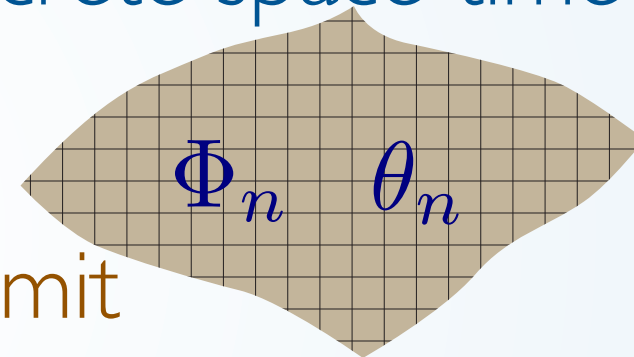
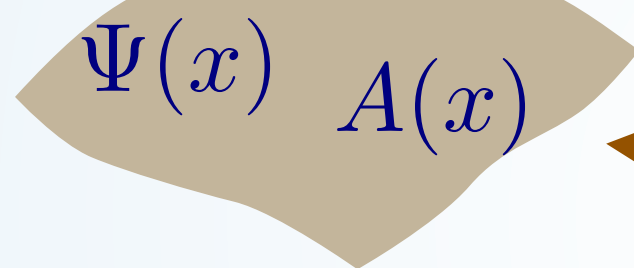
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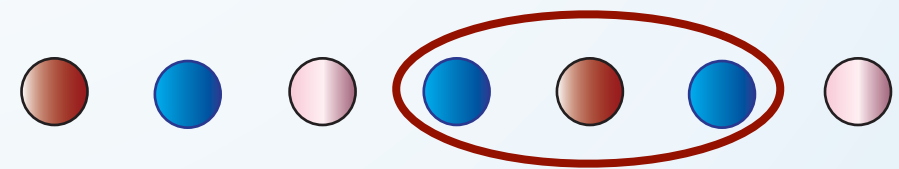
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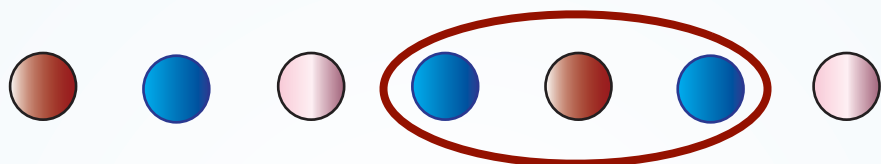
Hamiltonian
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for a TNS we need a basis

Schwinger model

basis



$$|\dots s_e \ell s_o \ell s_e \ell s_o \dots\rangle$$

but Gauss' law fixes *photon* content

$$L_n - L_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} [\sigma_n^3 + (-1)^n]$$

Schwinger model

basis $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{●} & \text{○} & \text{●} & \text{○} \\ | \dots s_e & s_o & s_e & s_o \dots \rangle \end{array}$

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$$L_n = \ell_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \leq n} \sigma_n^3 + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$ eliminate gauge dof

introducing long range interactions

Schwinger model

MPS representation for OPEN BOUNDARIES

$$|\ell_0 \dots s_e s_o s_e s_o \dots\rangle \quad \text{non-local terms}$$

$$L_n = \ell_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \leq n} \sigma_k^3$$

Long range interactions

$$\sum_n \sum_{k < n} (N - n) \sigma_k^3 \sigma_n^3$$

can be written as a MPO of D=5

both possibilities

Schwinger model

on the lattice

basis $|\dots s_e \ell s_o \ell s_e \ell s_o \dots\rangle$ all terms
are local

infinite dimensional: truncation

Gauss' law needs to be imposed

works by Buyens et al., PRL 2014; arXiv:1509.00246

Rico et al., PRL 2014; NJP 2014

or integrating out the gauge dof

basis $|\ell_o \dots s_e s_o s_e s_o \dots\rangle$ non-local
terms

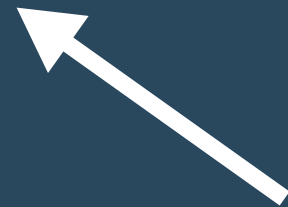
exact physical subspace

~~X~~ does not generalize to bigger dimensions

finite density

spectrum

entropy



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thermal equilibrium

time evolution

computing the low energy levels

Efficient algorithms to find ground state and excitations

$$|E_0\rangle \simeq \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \boxed{\bullet} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---}$$

variational, imaginary time...

work directly in the TD limit

$$\sum_n e^{ikn} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \overset{(n)}{\bullet} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---}$$

excitation
ansatz

Different strategies possible for LGT

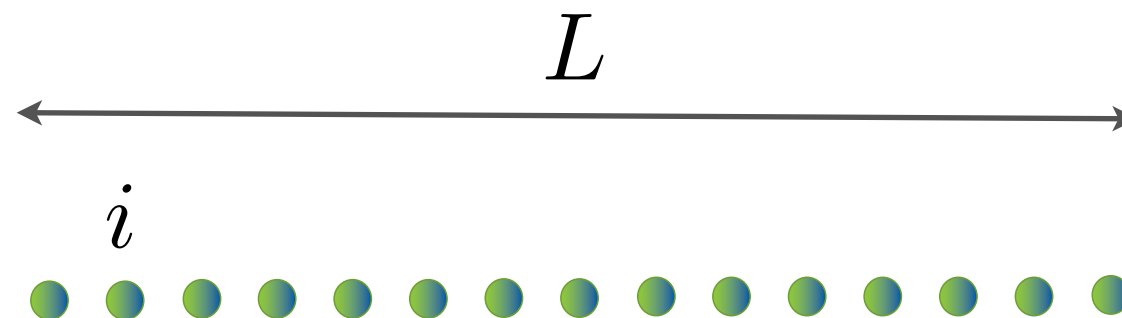
truncate the gauge dof, integrate out
explicit symmetries in tensors

How to do the continuum calculation?

discrete system $\rightarrow$ finite lattice spacing

reduce lattice spacing $\rightarrow$ need larger size (N)

alternative: infinite size



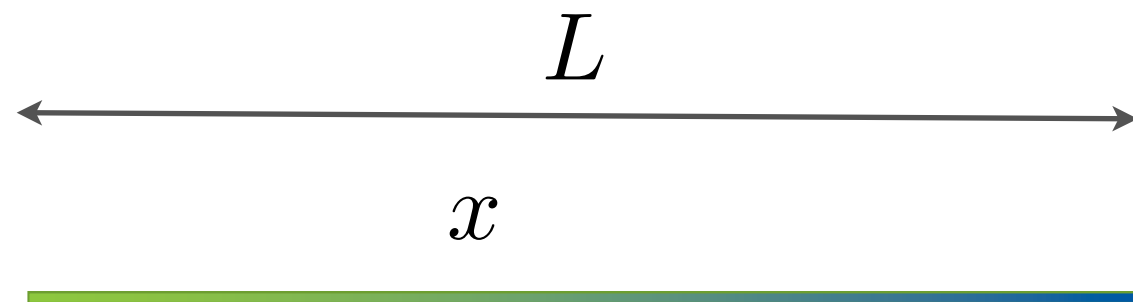
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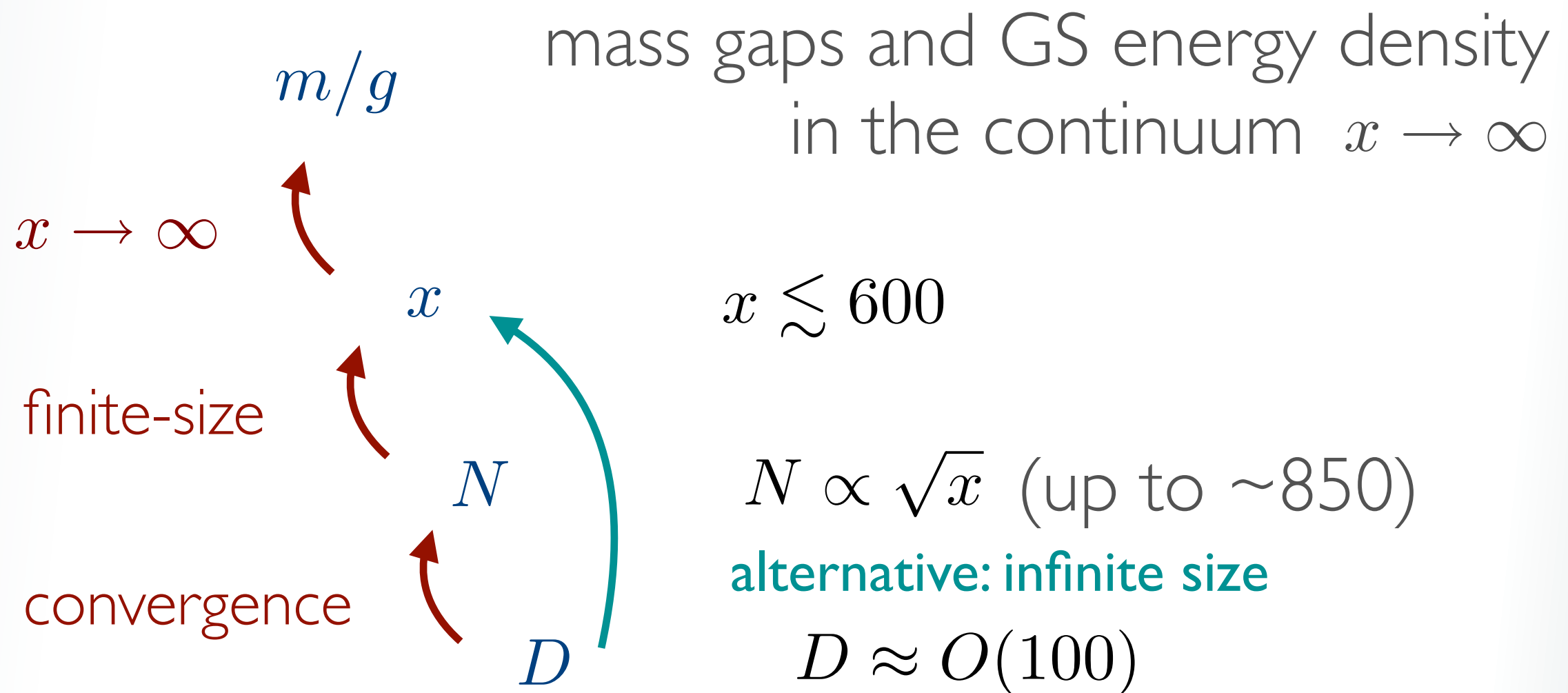
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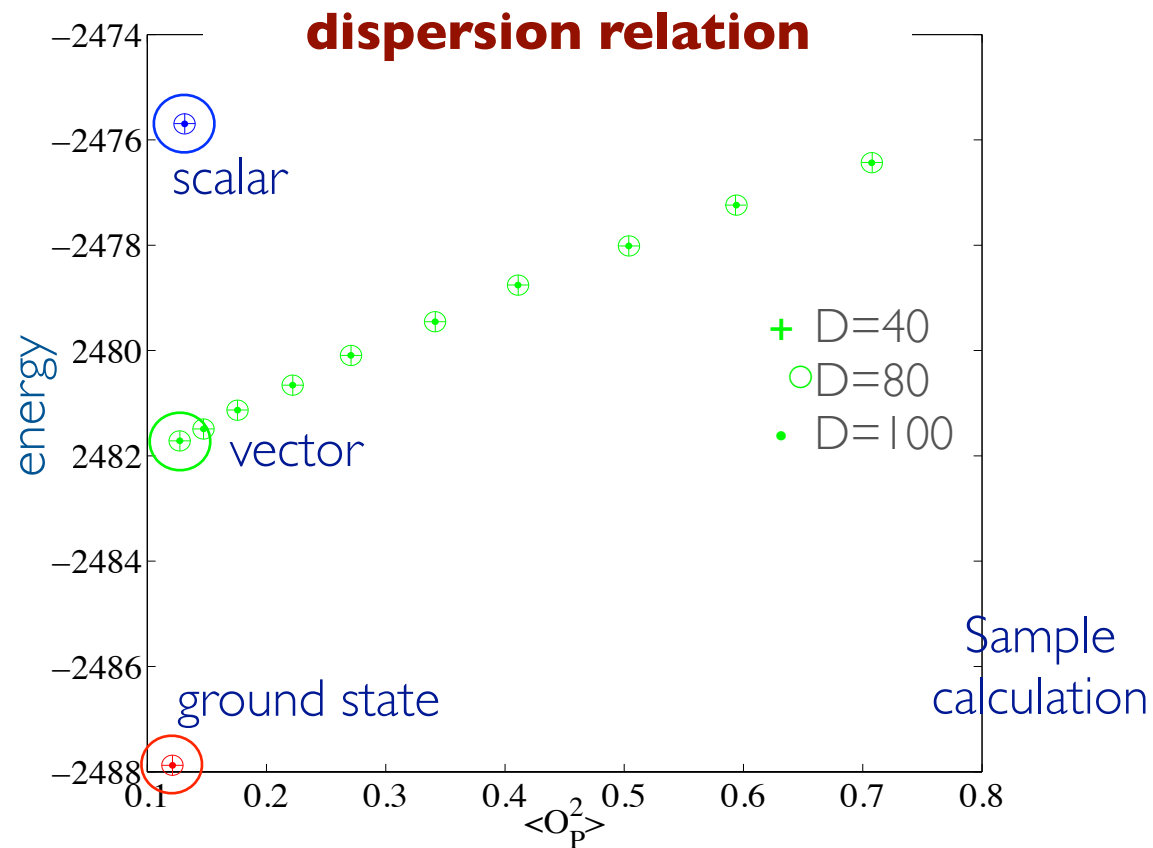
extrapolate to vanishing spacing $\rightarrow$ possible divergences



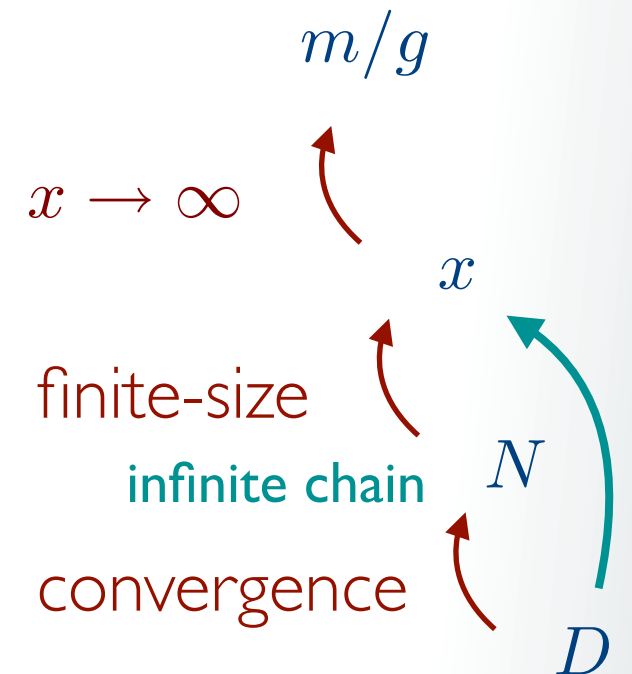
computing continuum quantities

Scan parameters





**after the
continuum
limit**



better precision than any earlier numerics

m/g	DMRG	MPS with OBC [1]	gauge inv. uMPS [2]	SCE	MPS with OBC [1]	gauge inv. uMPS [2]
0	0.5641859	0.56414(26)	0.56418(2)	1.128379	1.1283(10)	-
125	0.53950(7)	0.53946(20)	0.539491(8)	1.22(2)	1.2155(28)	1.222(4)
0.25	0.51918(5)	0.51915(14)	0.51917(2)	1.24(3)	1.2239(22)	1.2282(4)
0.5	0.48747(2)	0.48748(6)	0.487473(7)	1.20(3)	1.1998(17)	1.2004(1)

[1] MCB, Cichy, Cirac, Jansen JHEP11(2013)158

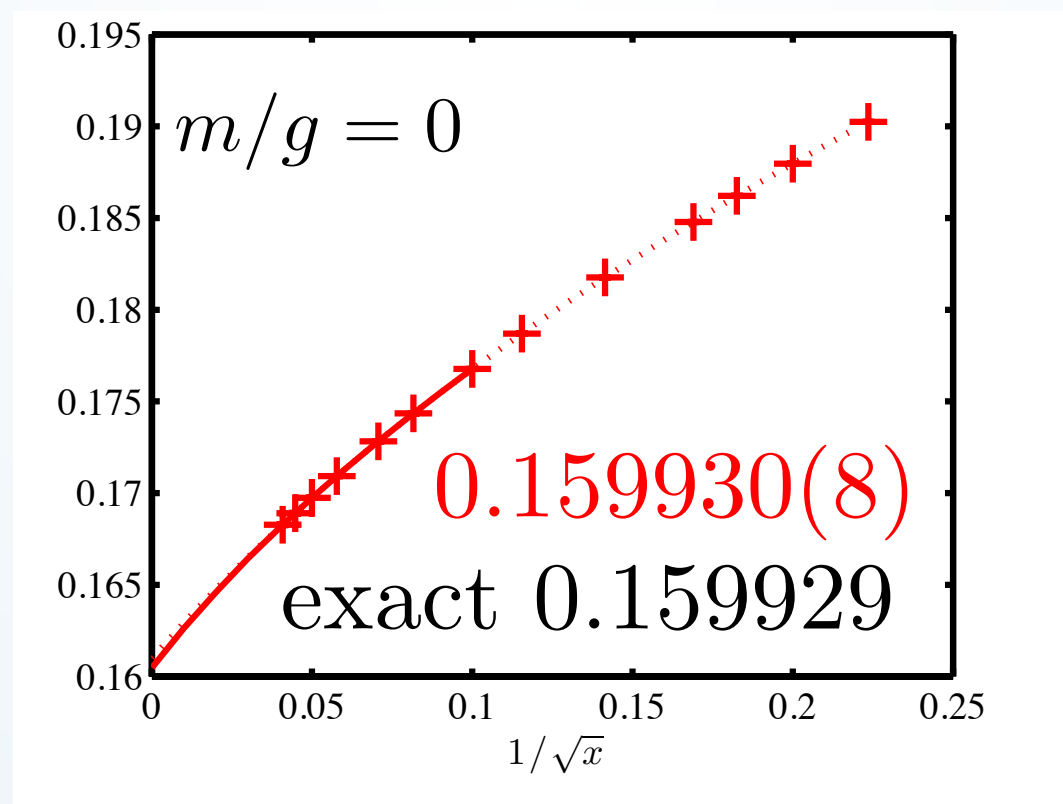
[2] Buyens et al. PRL113(2014)091601

MPS give us access to observables:
expectation values

MPS states $\rightarrow$ observables

chiral condensate in the GS: order parameter $\frac{\Sigma}{g} = \frac{\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle}{g}$
for chiral symmetry breaking ($m/g=0$)

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no exact value known for $m/g \neq 0$

only estimations de Forcrand et al. 97
Hosotani 97

logarithmic divergence $\rightarrow$ same as in non-interacting case

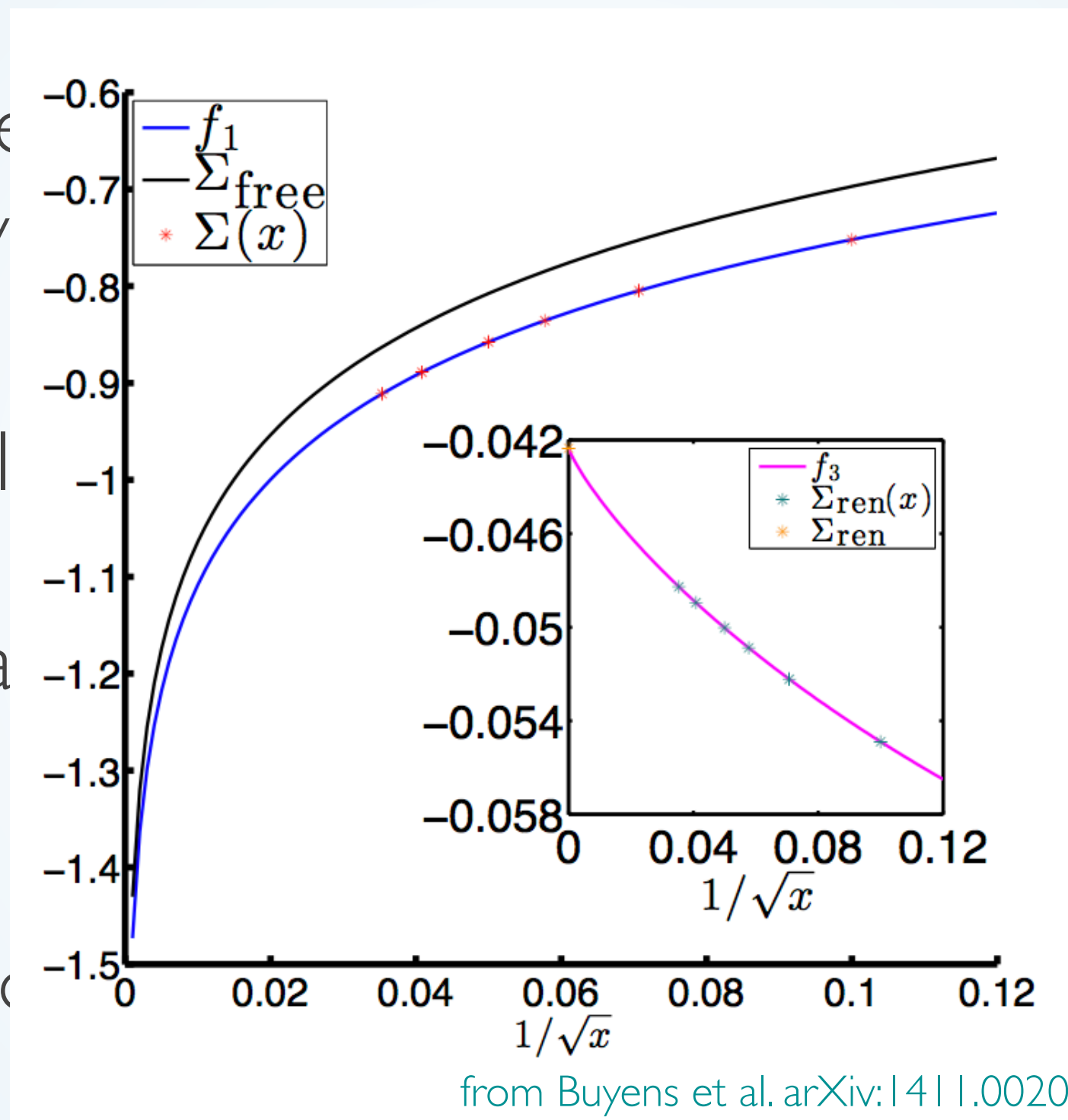
MPS states $\rightarrow$ observables

chiral condensate
for chiral symmetry

in the spin limit

no exact value

logarithmic correction



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Forcrand et al. 97
Sotani 97

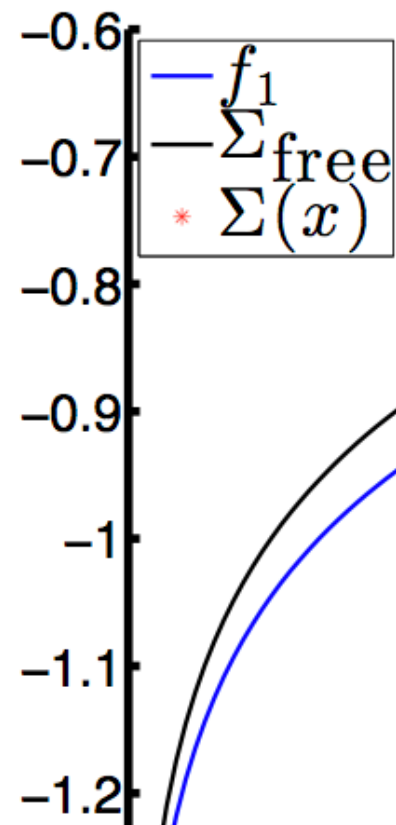
attracting case

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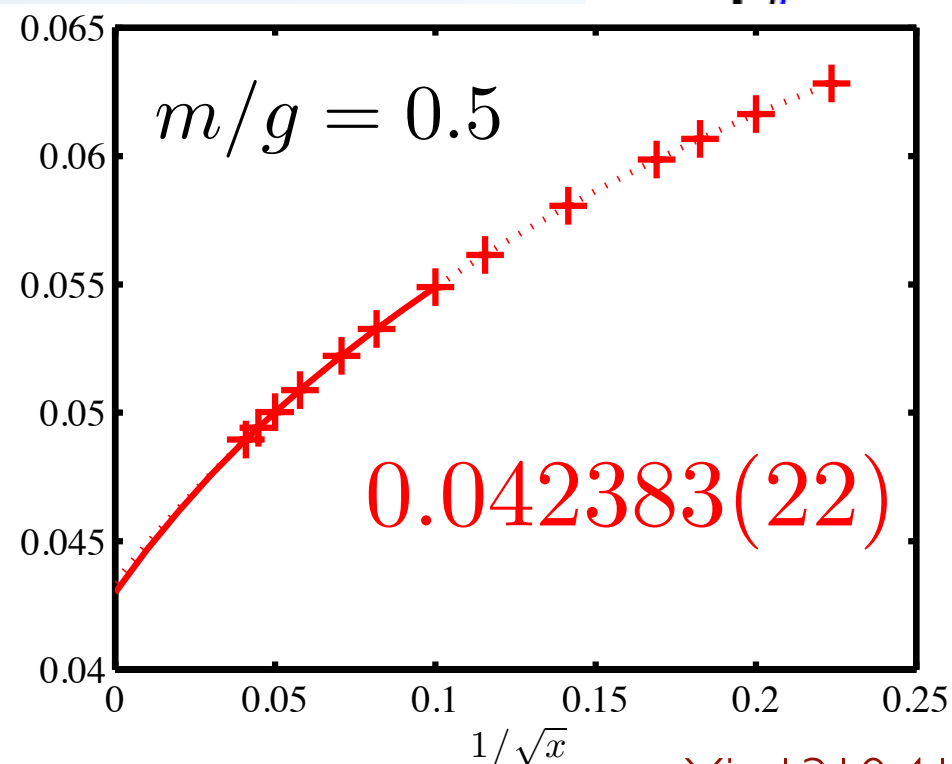
chiral condensate
for chiral symmetry

in the spin 1

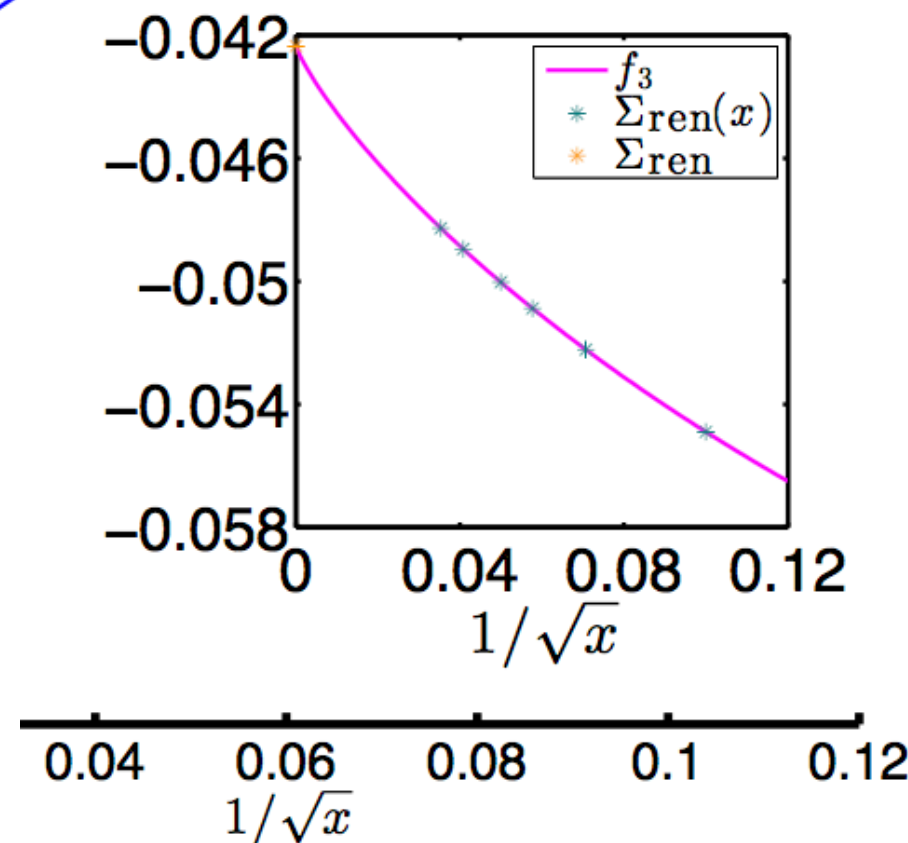
no exact value



$$\frac{\Sigma}{g} = \frac{\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle}{g}$$



arXiv:1310.4118



from Buyens et al. arXiv:1411.0020

alternative: subtract exact non-interacting condensate

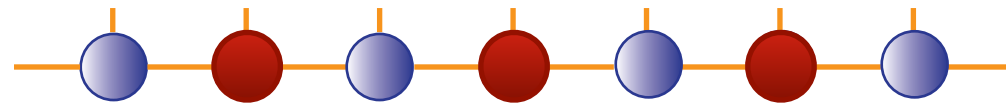
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interacting case

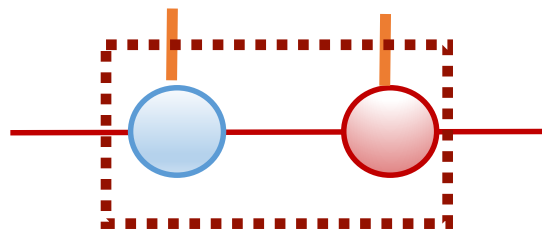
uMPS: how important is the
truncation of gauge dof?

uniform MPS (uMPS)

cannot integrate out gauge $|\dots s_e \ell s_o \ell s_e \ell s_o \dots\rangle$



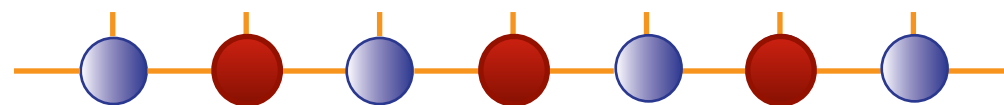
but physical states have to satisfy Gauss' law
 $\Rightarrow$ symmetries



$$A_{\alpha\beta}^{i\ell}$$

uniform MPS (uMPS)

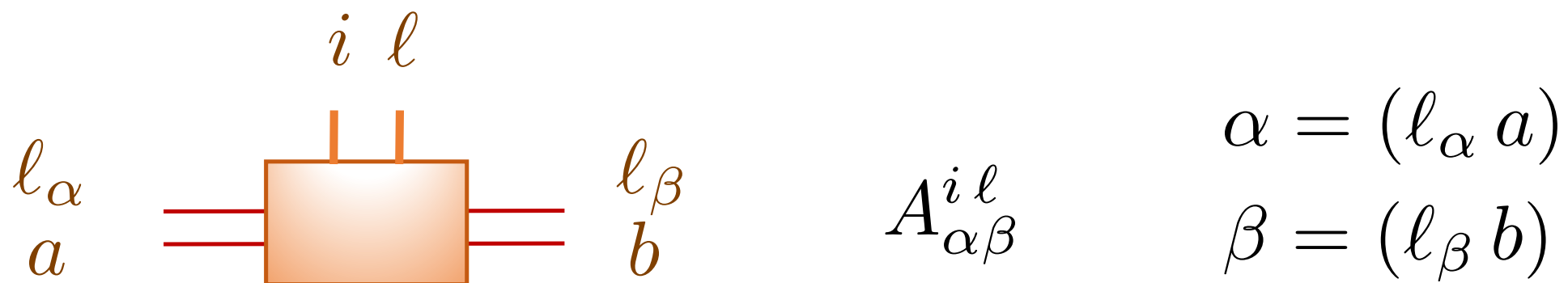
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truncate

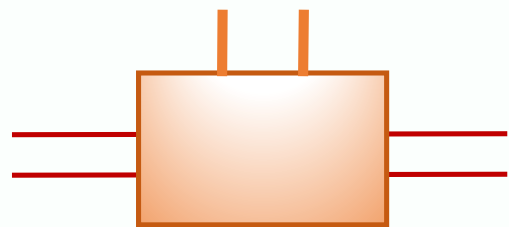
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symmetric MPS has block structure



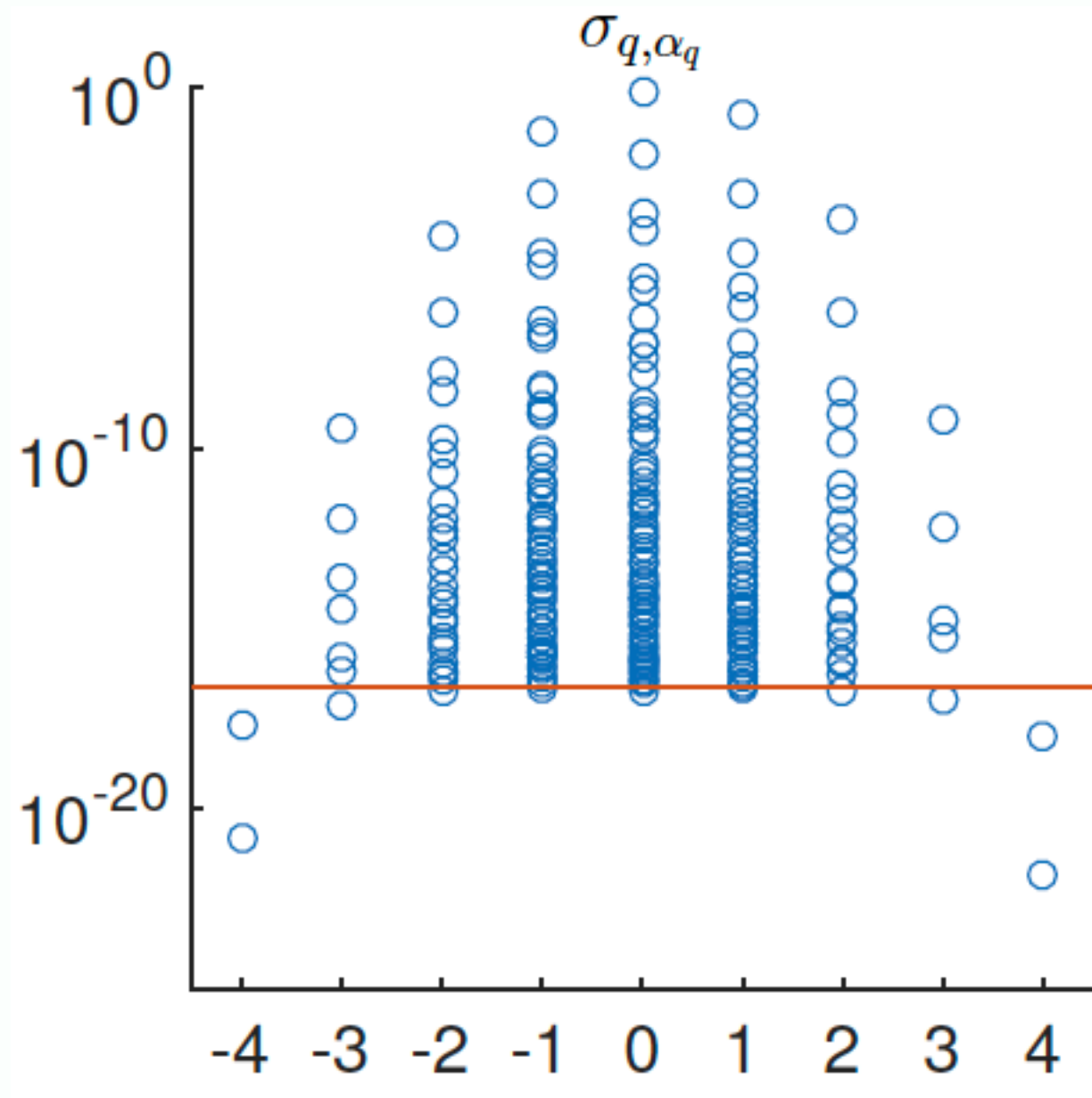
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$$A_1^{1,p} = \begin{array}{c} q \backslash r \\ \vdots \\ p \\ p+1 \\ p+2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \dots & p-1 & p & p+1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & a_1^{q,1} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

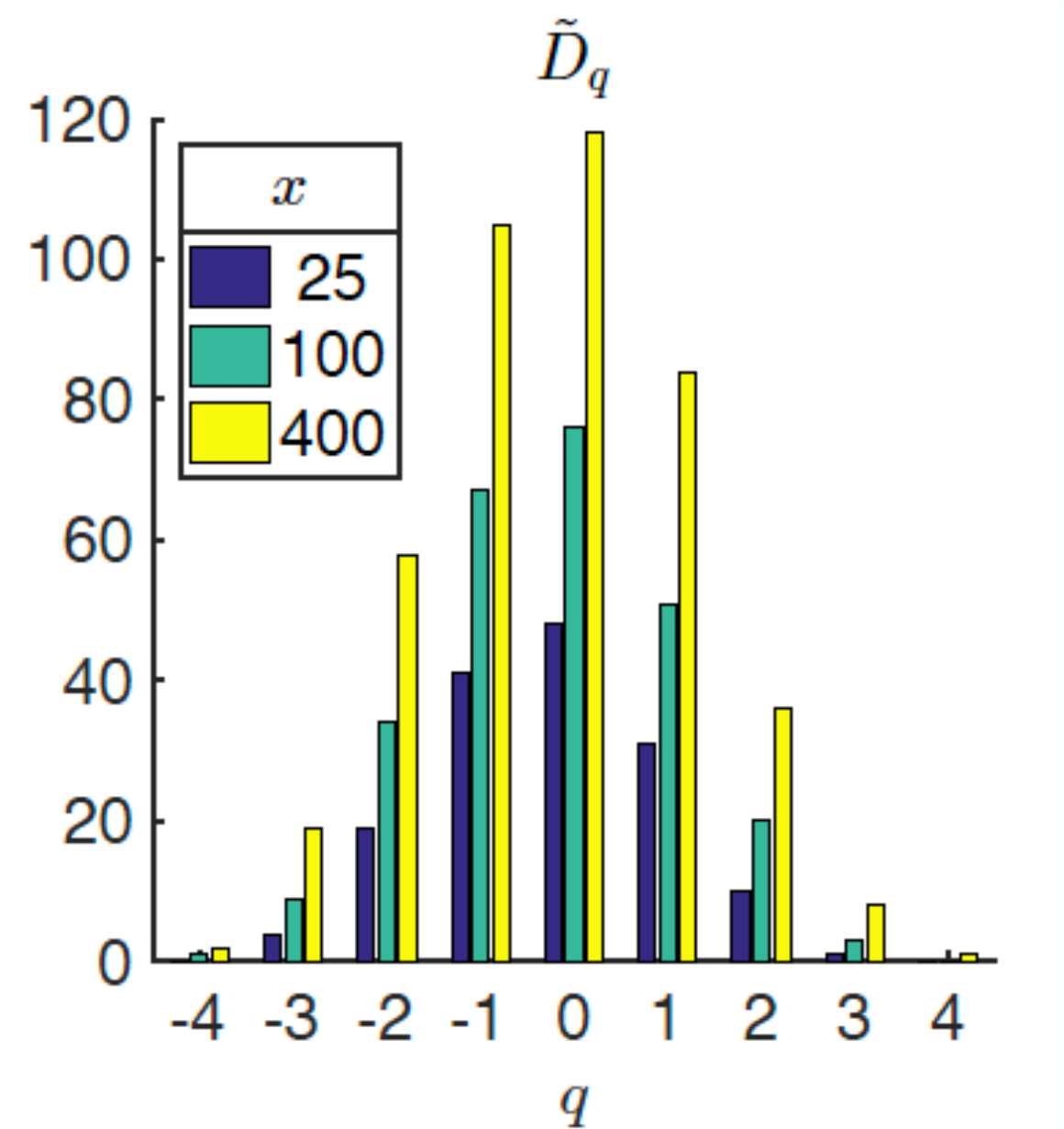
a maximum bond
dimension per block

from B. Buyens

decay of Schmidt values



required D towards cont



finite density

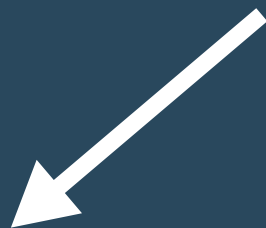
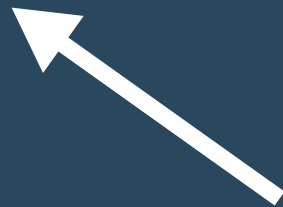
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thermal equilibrium

time evolution

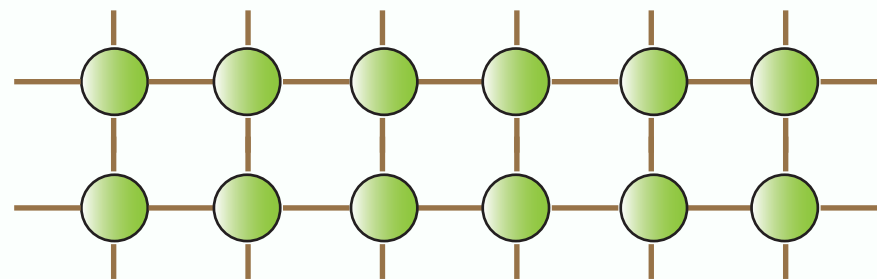


thermal properties with MPO

$$\rho_{th}(\beta) = e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}H} \mathbf{1} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}H}$$

$$\langle O \rangle_{th} = \text{tr}(O e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}H} \mathbf{1} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}H})$$

combining real time
evolution can compute
thermal response
functions



$\rho_{th}(\beta)$

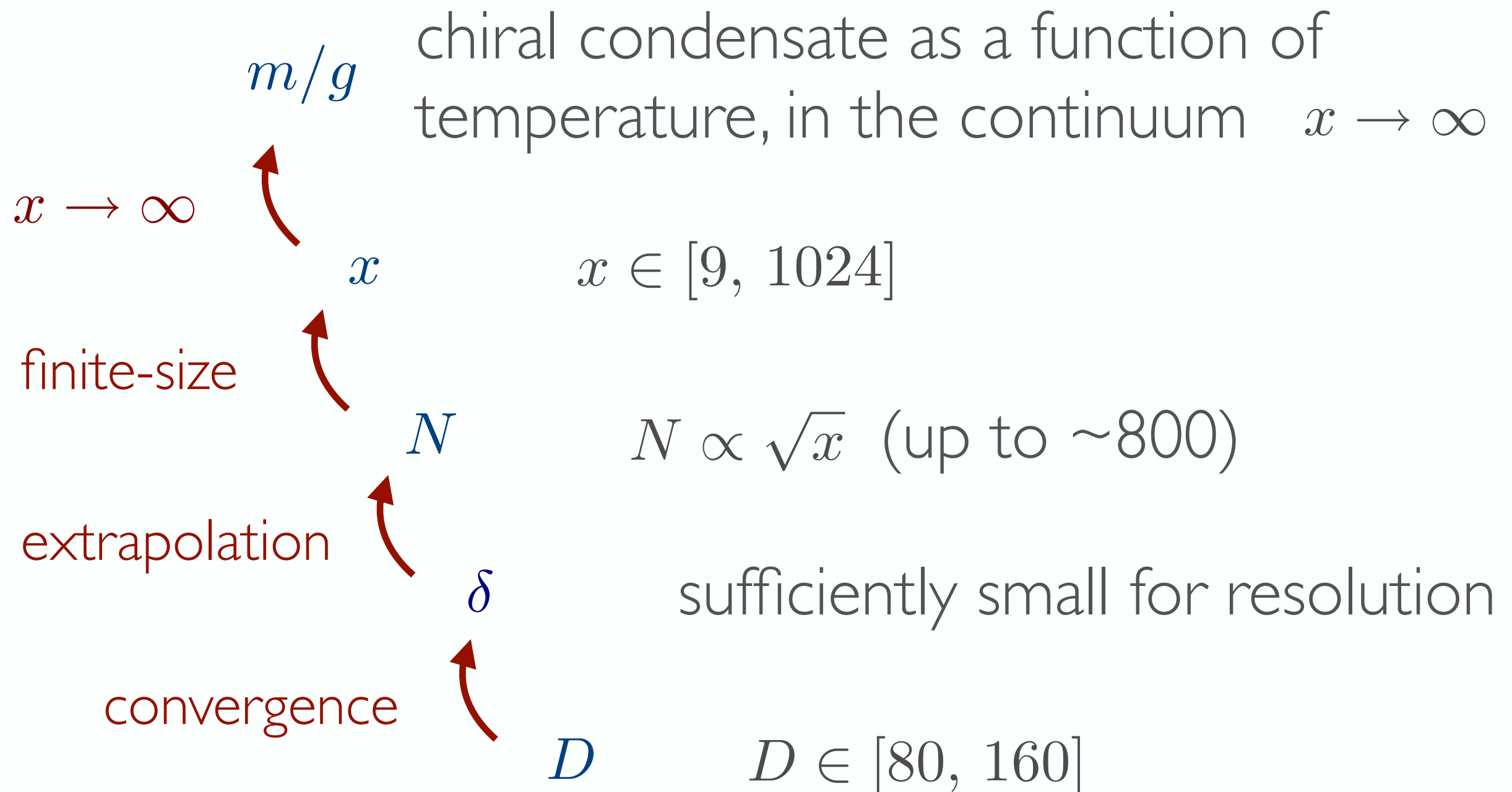
Barthel, NJP 2013
Karrasch et al NJP 2013

alternative method: METTS

White, PRL 2009
Binder, Barthel, PRB 2015

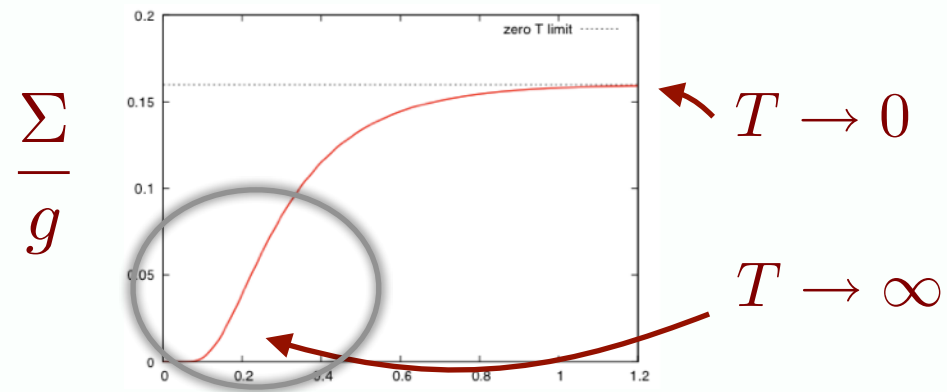
thermal properties with MPO

Scan parameters; perform extrapolations for each β



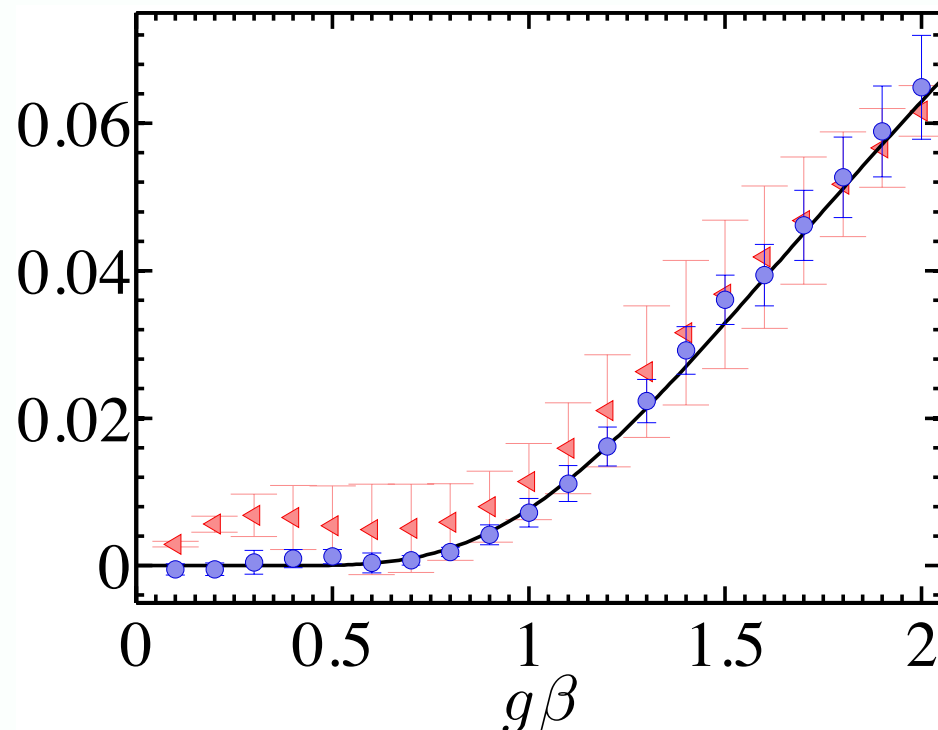
thermal properties schwinger

chiral condensate at finite T: analytical for $m/g=0$

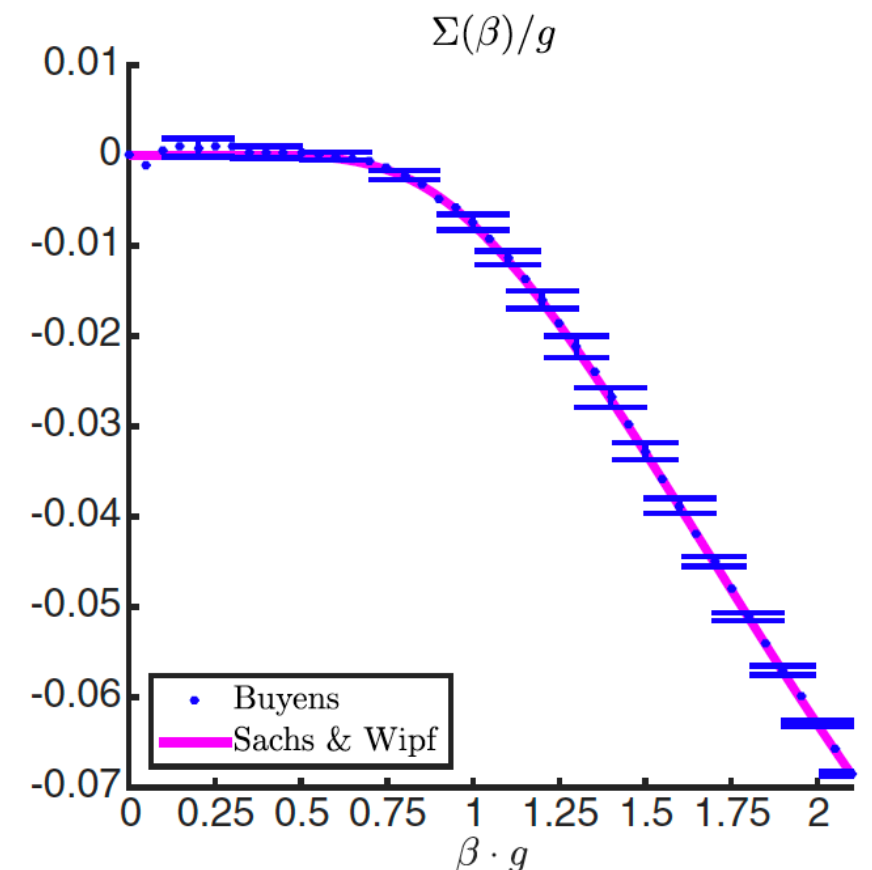


smooth
restoration of
chiral symmetry

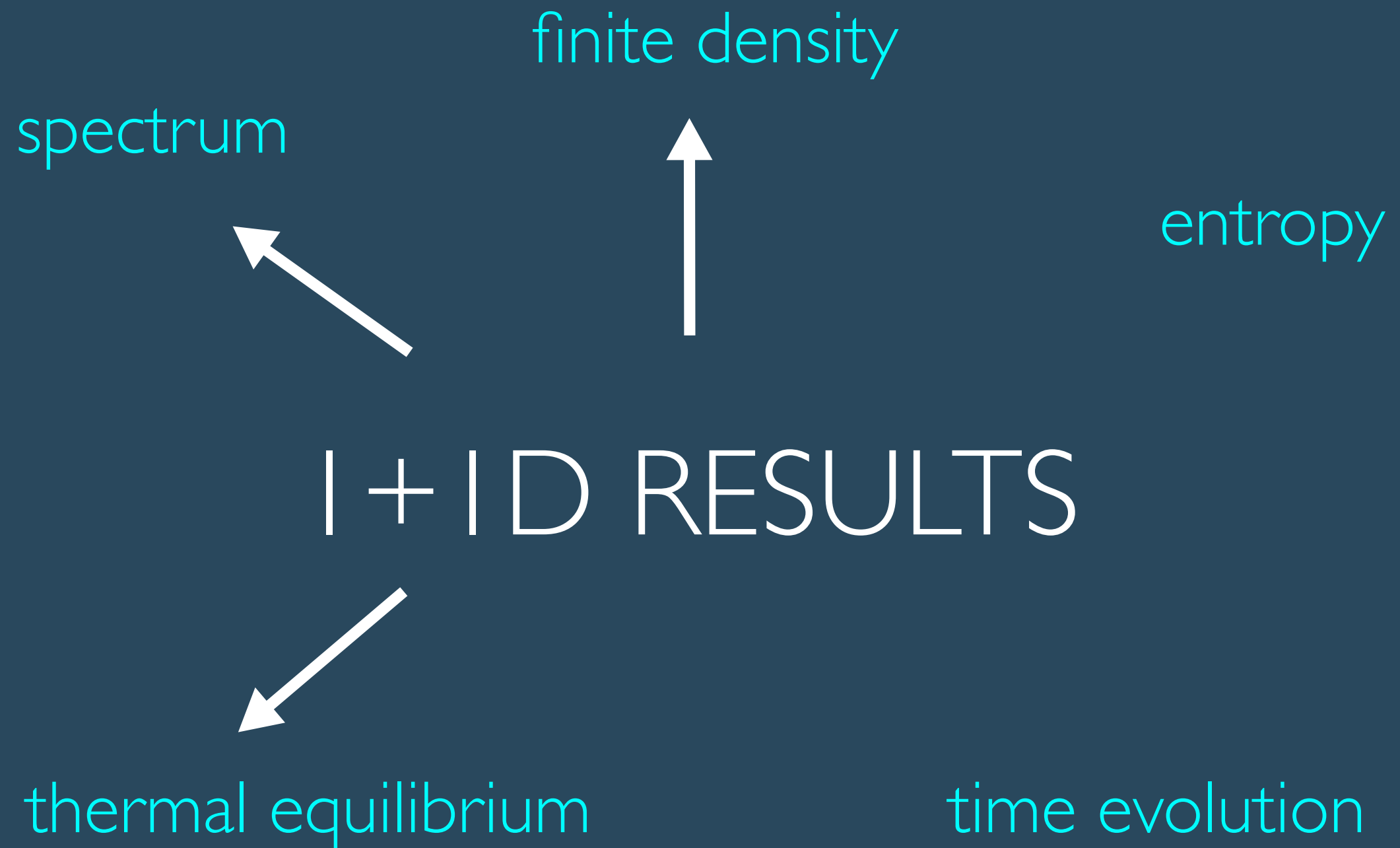
Sachs, Wipf 92



PRD 92, 034519 (2015); PRD 93, 094512 (2016)



Buyens PRD 94, 085018 (2016)

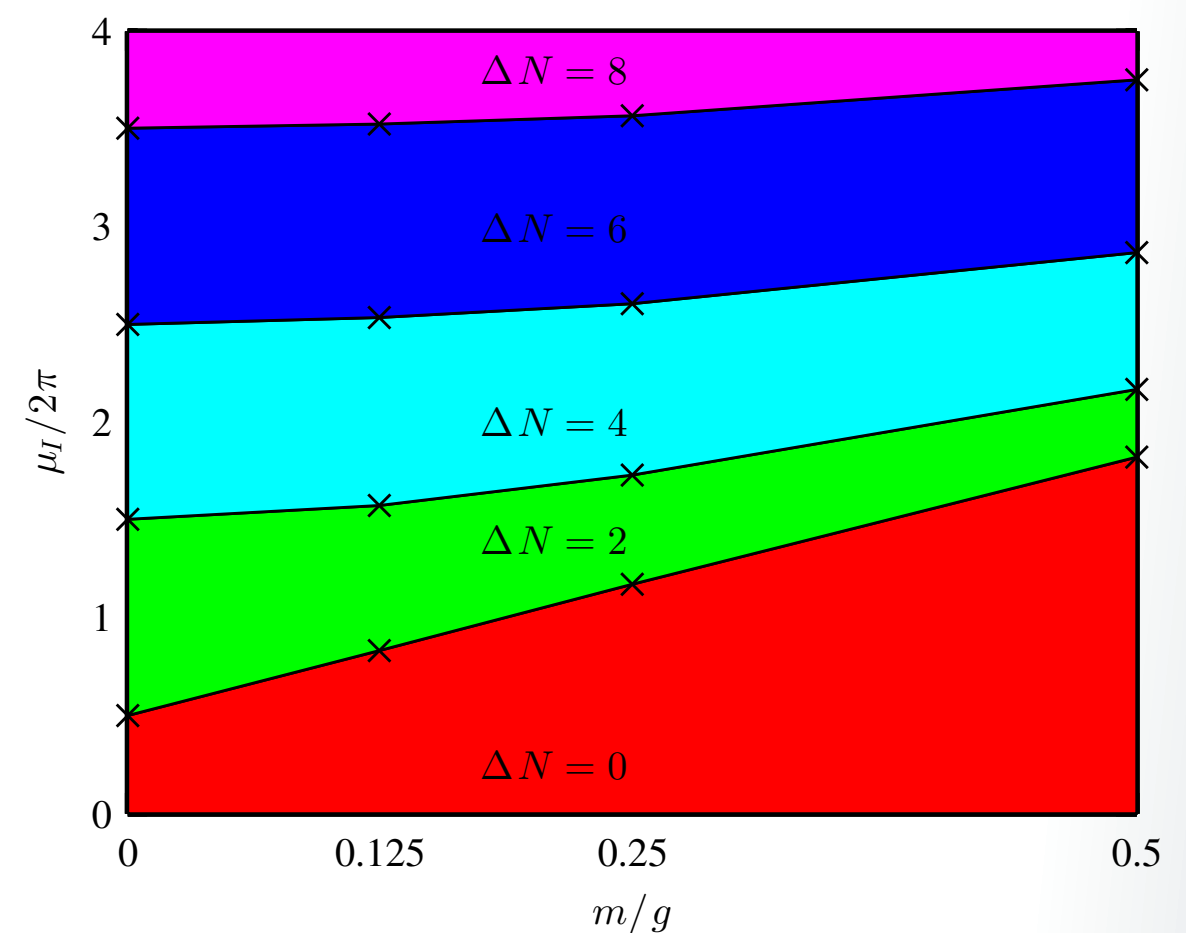
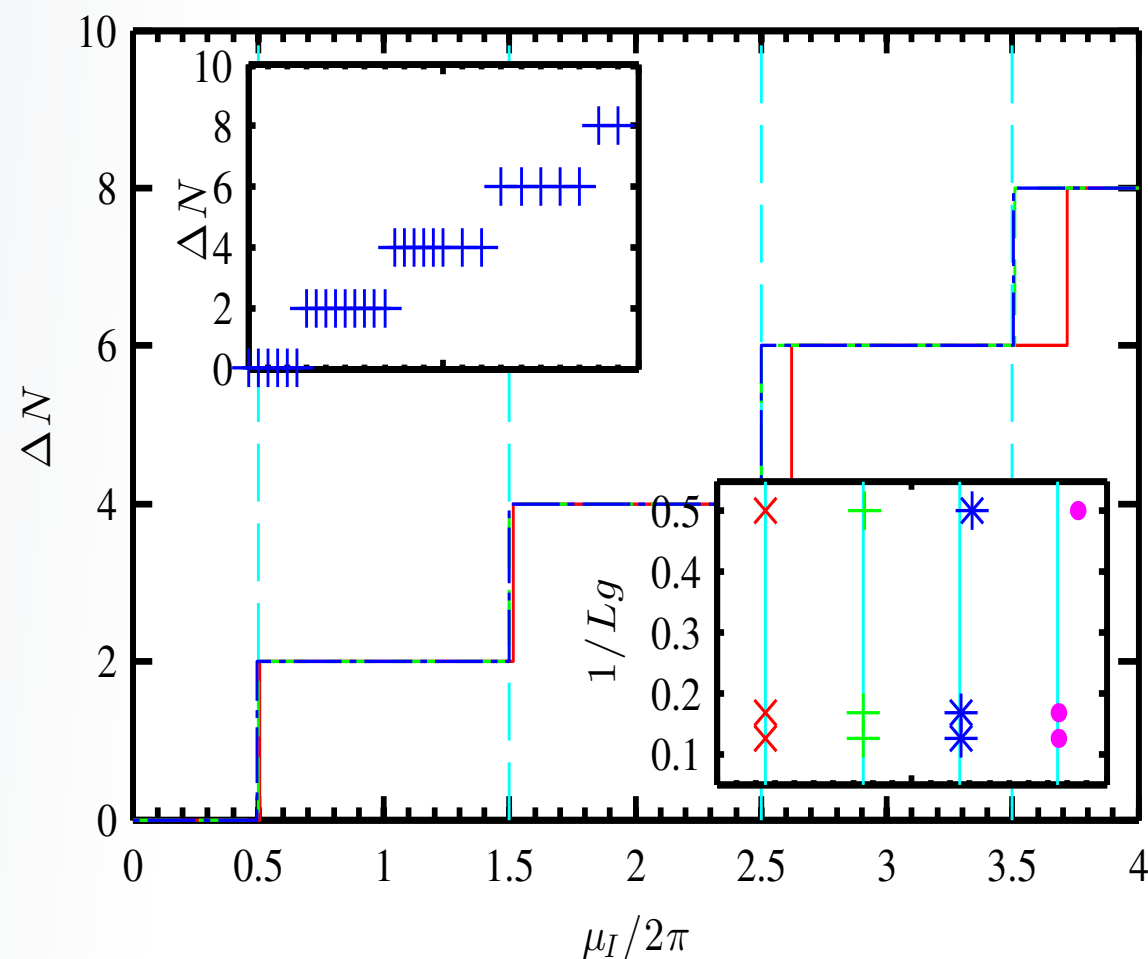


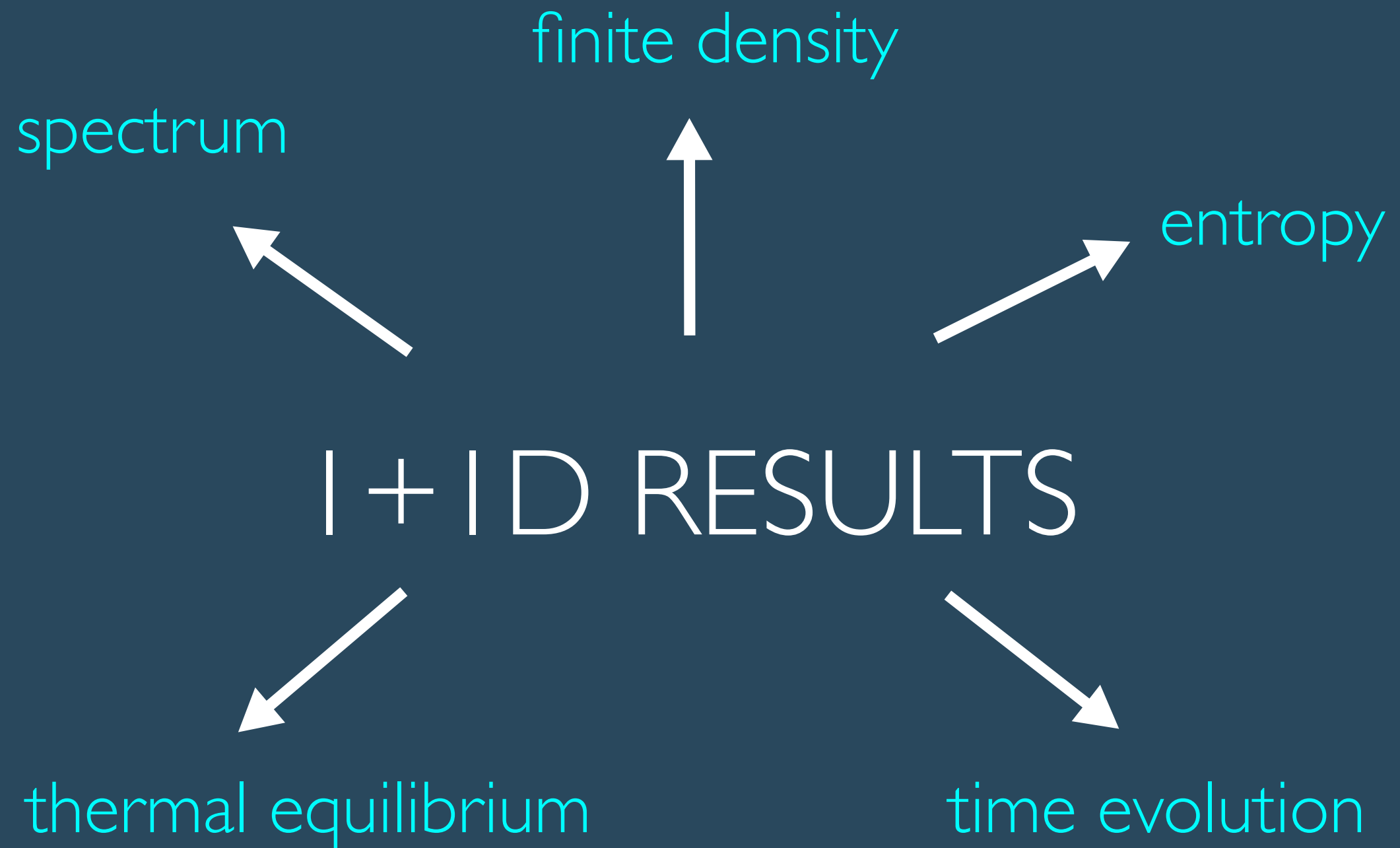
finite density with MPS

Several fermion flavors, different chemical potentials

ground state density changes (first order PT)

Montecarlo has sign problem





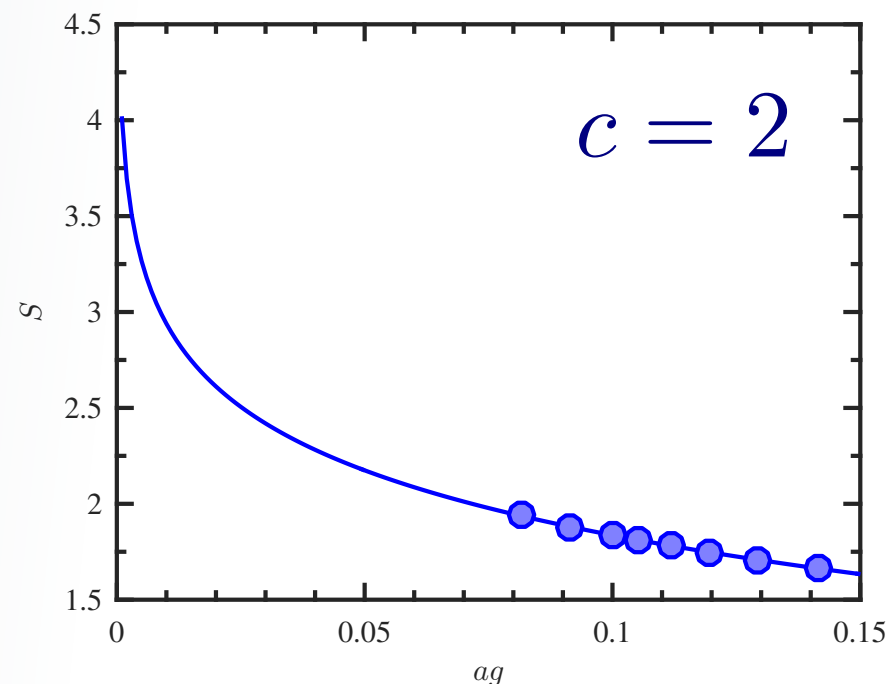
Entropy can be efficiently computed from MPS state

gauge constraints not purely local $\Rightarrow$ not all entropy physical

Casini et al 2014; Gosh et al JHEP 2015

Soni, Trivedi JHEP 2016; van Acoleyen et al PRL 2016

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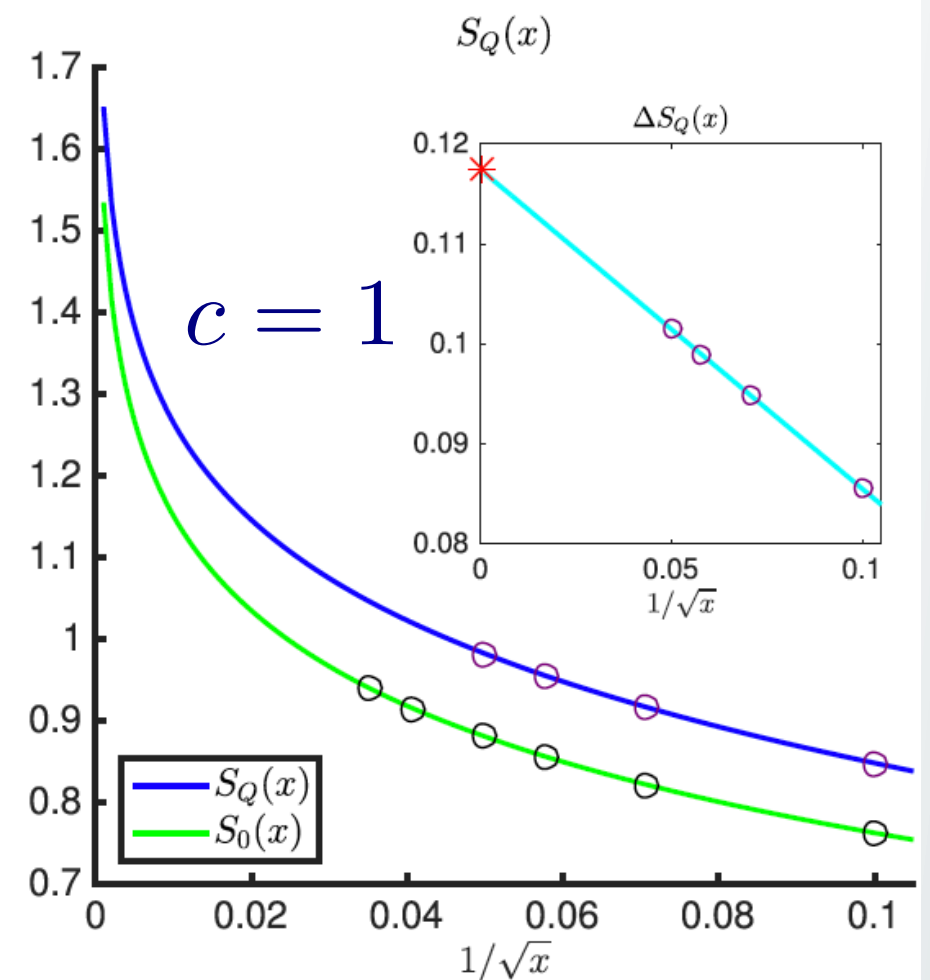
PRX7, 041046 (2017)

divergence in the continuum limit

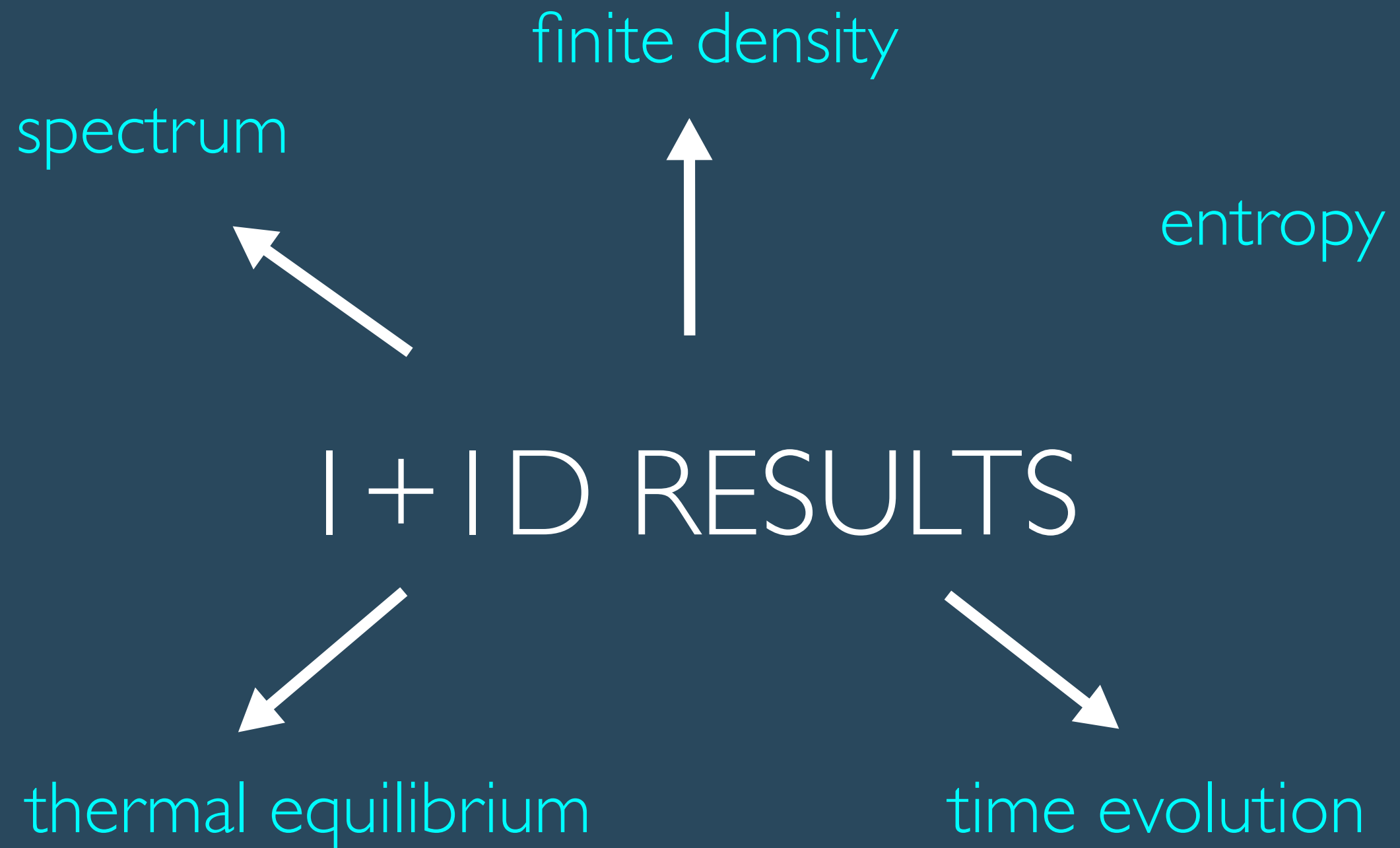
$$S \propto \frac{c}{6} \log_2 \frac{\xi}{a}$$

Calabrese, Cardy JStatMech 2004

earlier for Schwinger



Buyens PRX6, 041040 (2016)



basic evolution algorithms

Reliable for moderate times, or in some setups

Useful for quantum simulation

S. Kühn et al., Phys. Rev. A 90, 042305 (2014)

S. Kühn et al., JHEP 07 (2015) 130

Buyens et al., PRL 2014; PRX 2016

Rico et al., PRL 2014; NJP 2014; PRX 2016

Many results for finite lattices/discrete models (scattering, vacuum decay...)

quench scenario

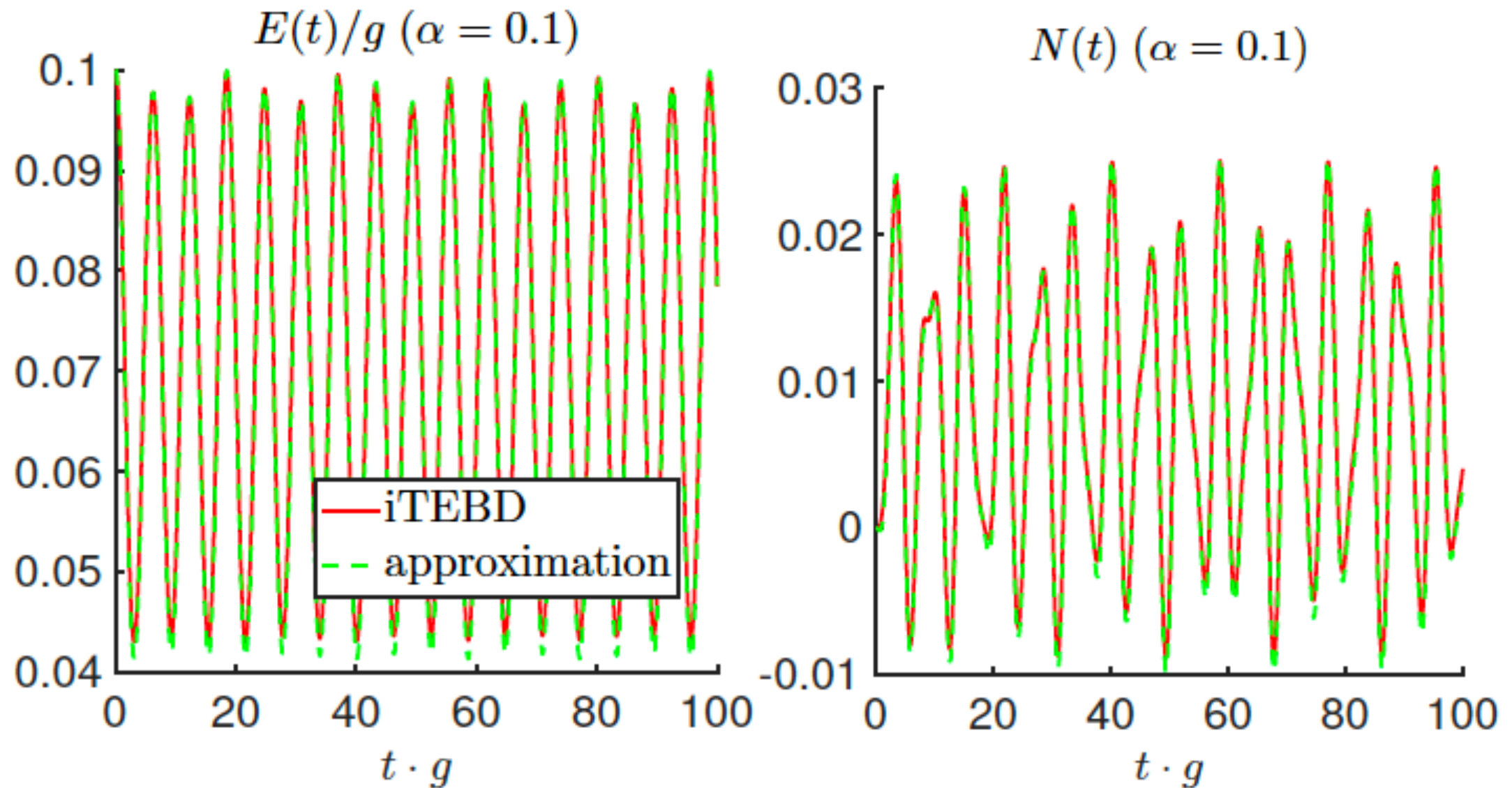
Interacting vacuum (TI)

switch on background electric field α

$\Rightarrow$ pair production

iTEBD evolution

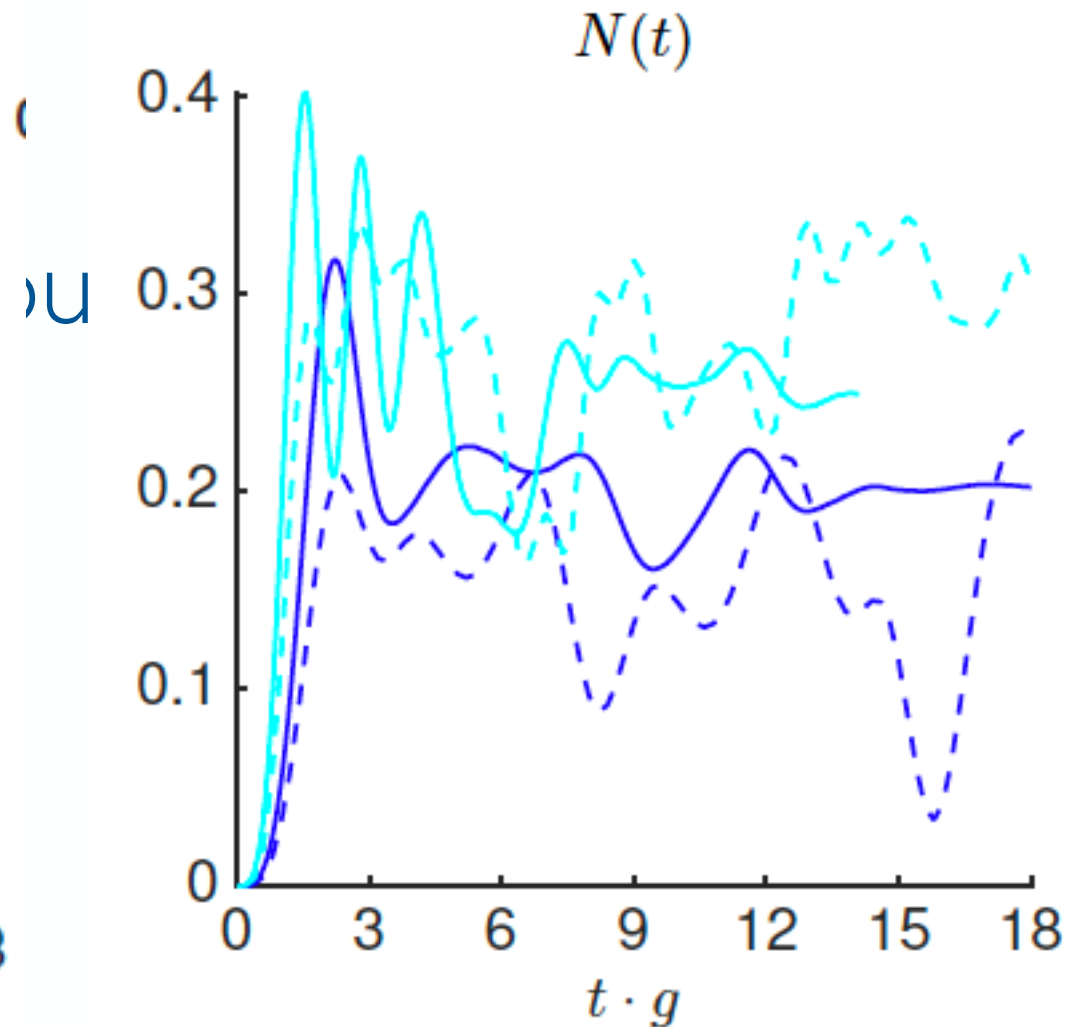
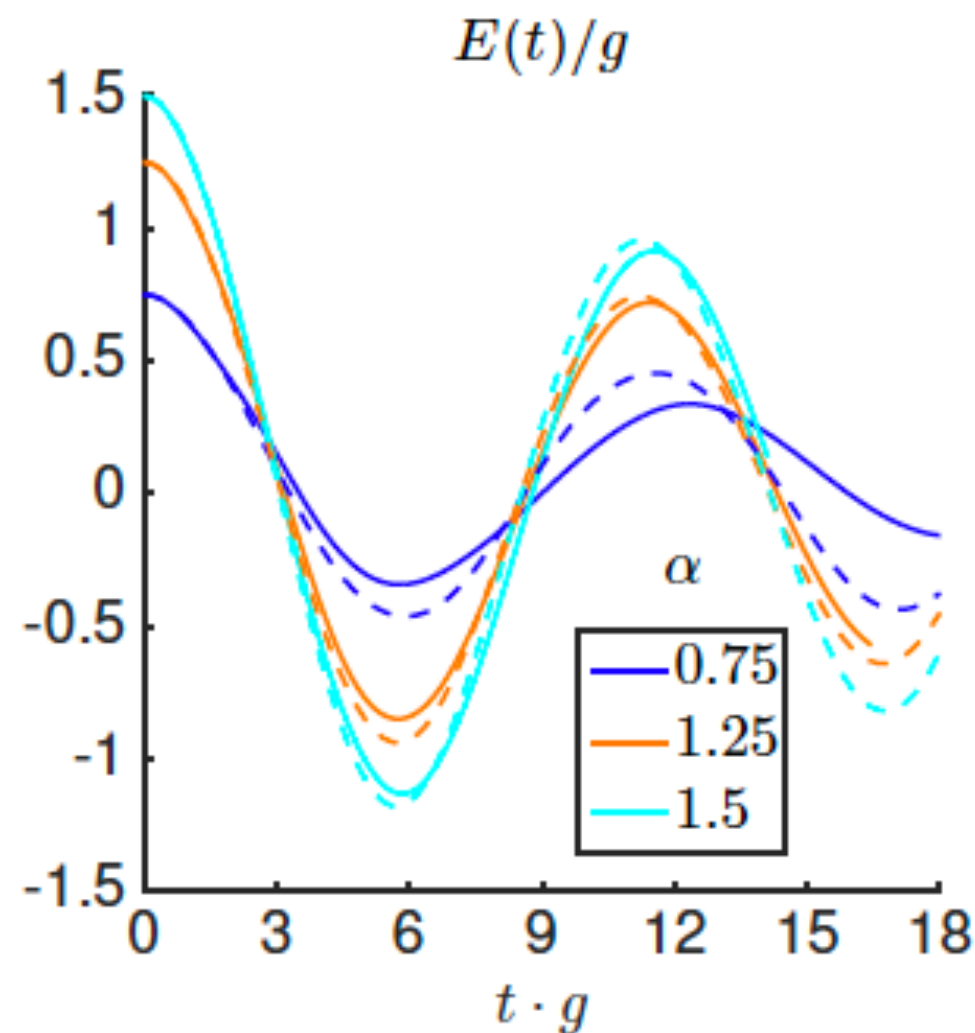
quench scenario



weak field

quench scenario

Int



strong field

Not a continuum extrapolation, but
results near the continuum limit

B. Buyens et al, PRD96, 114501 (2017)

PDF in Schwinger model

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arXiv:2504.07508

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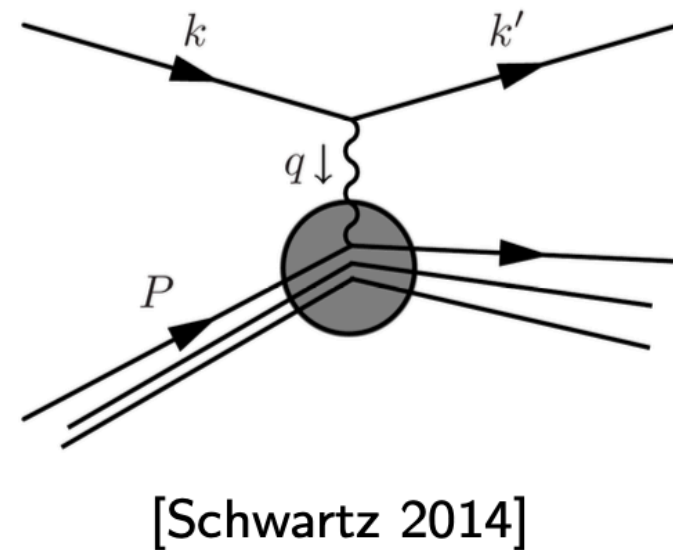
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parton distribution functions

internal structure of hadrons (e.g. probed in DIS)

probability to find a constituent carrying a certain momentum fraction

scattering amplitude factorizes:
perturbative part and PDF



$$f_{\Psi}(\xi) = \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{-i\xi P^+ z^-} \langle P | \bar{\Psi}(z^-) W_{(z^-, 0)} \gamma^+ \Psi(0) | P \rangle$$

integral along light front direction

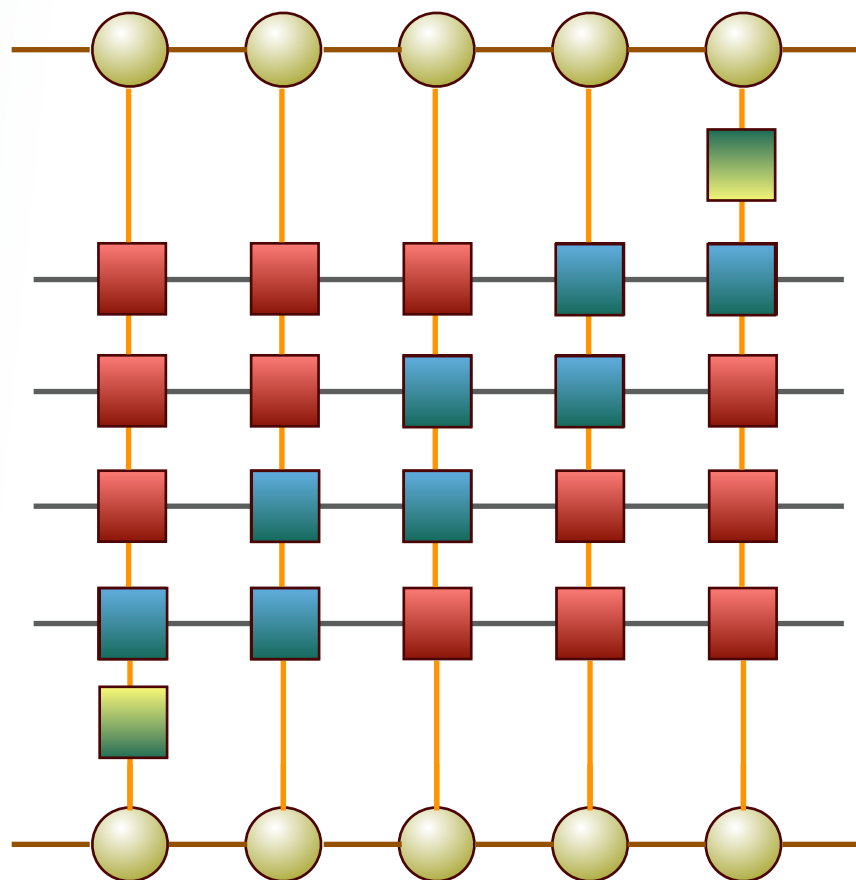
in LQCD only indirect access (Euclidean time)

fermionic PDF

$$\langle P | \bar{\Psi}(z^-) W_{(z^-, 0)} \gamma^+ \Psi(0) | P \rangle$$

lattice version (staggered fermions)

$$\langle h | e^{iH \frac{\Delta t}{2} t} \prod_{k < \Delta z} (i\sigma_k^z) \sigma_{\Delta z}^+ e^{-iH_{\delta z-1} \Delta t} \dots e^{-iH_3 \Delta t} e^{-iH_1 \Delta t} \prod_{k' < 0} (-i\sigma_{k'}^z) \sigma_0^- | h \rangle$$



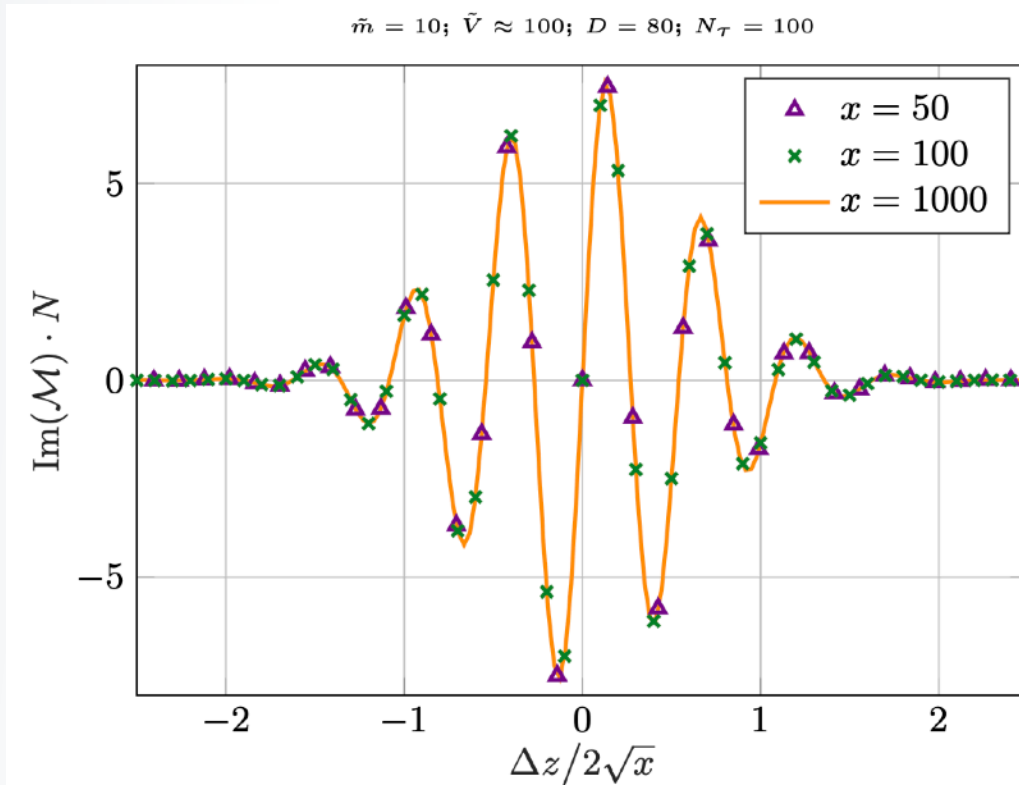
Jordan-Wigner spin mapping

eigenstate

Trotterized evolution

zigzag light cone

fermionic PDF

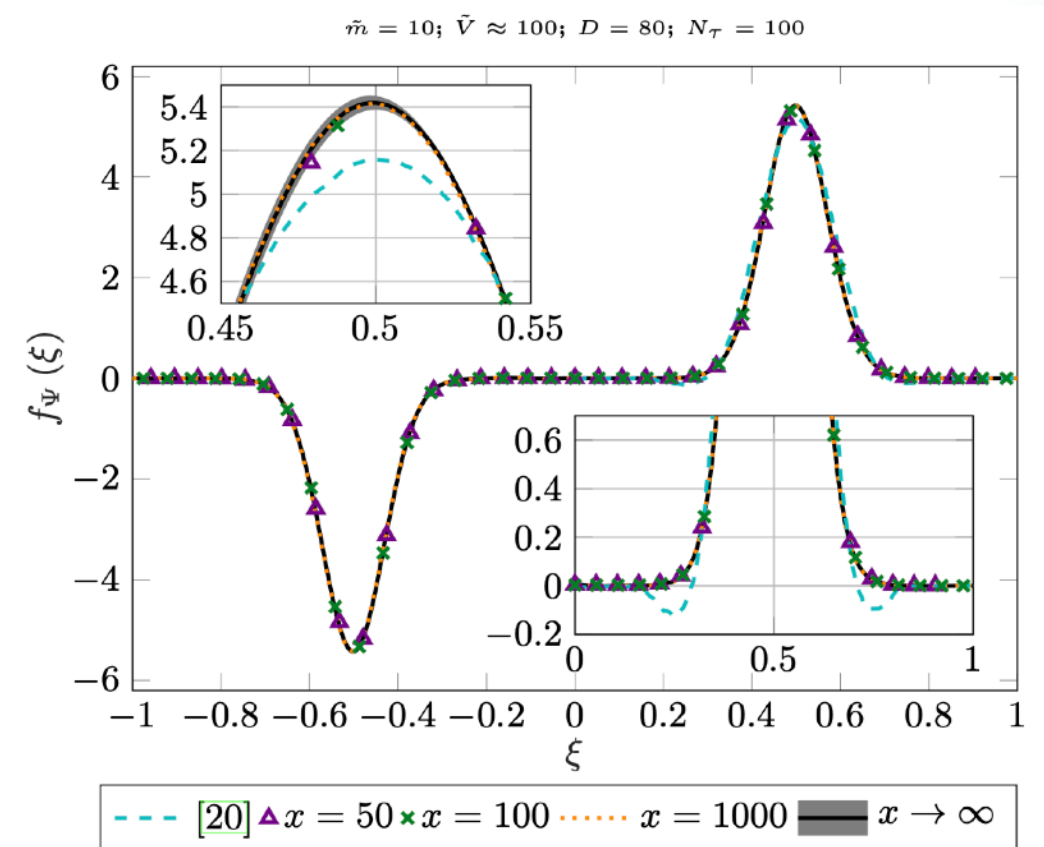


basic matrix element

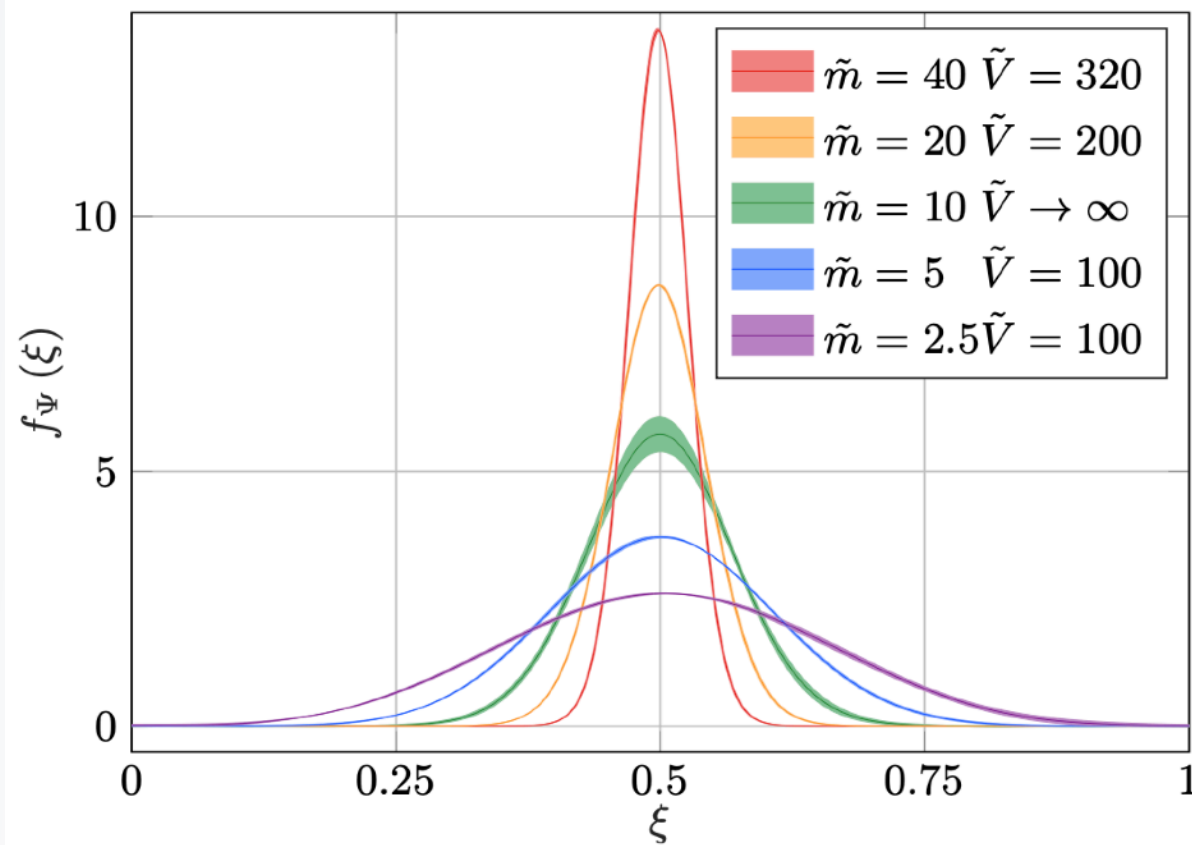
$$x = \frac{1}{(ga)^2}$$

convergence with very moderate size of tensors

PDF (Fourier transform)



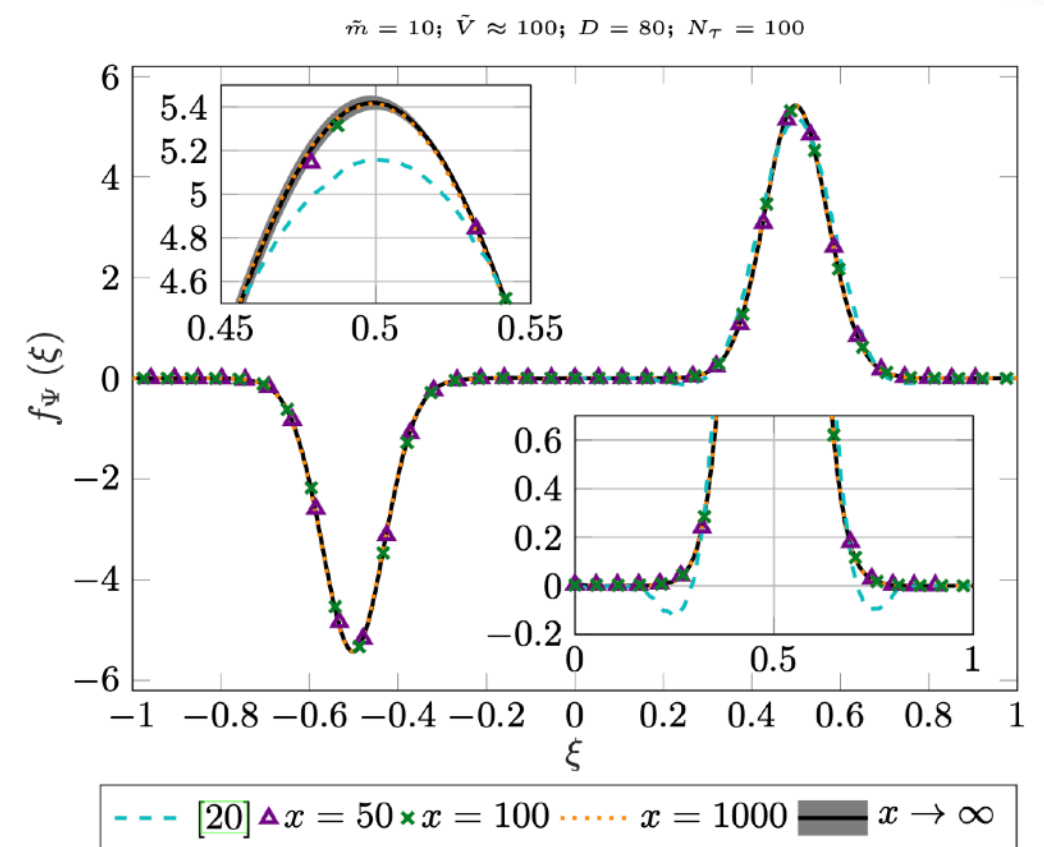
fermionic PDF



different fermion mass, continuum

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PDF (Fourier transform)



beyond Schwinger

non-Abelian ID models

SU(2) model

SU(2) matrices

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Kogut-Susskind '75

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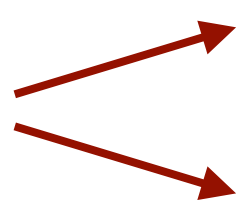
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 integrate out gauge

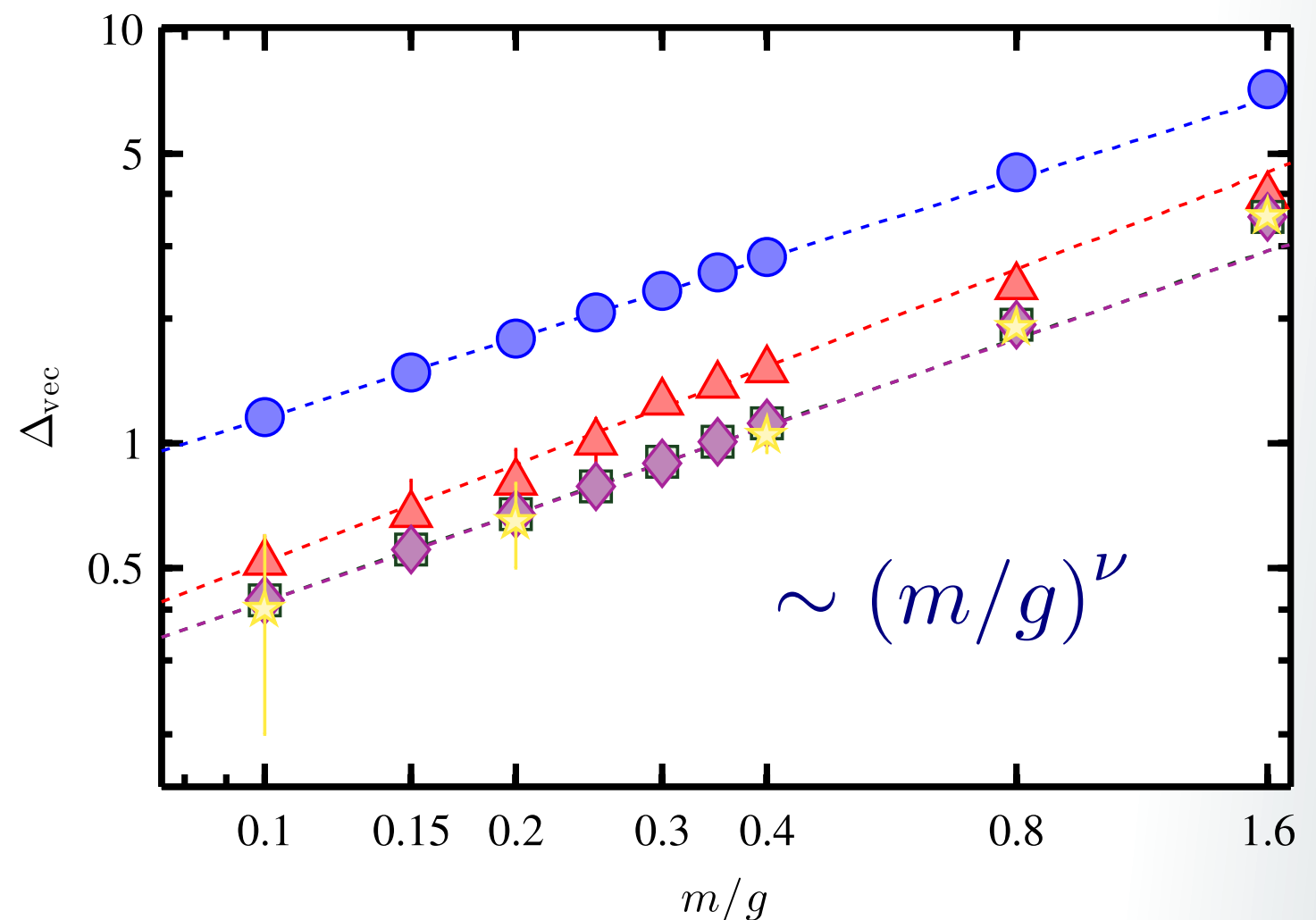
also P. Sala et al, PRB 98, 034505 (2018)

SU(2) model

e.g. vector meson mass gap

critical exponent

$j_{\max} = 1/2$	~ 0.639
$j_{\max} = 1$	0.781(93)(75)
$j_{\max} = 3/2$	0.700(29)(11)
$j_{\max} = 2$	0.700(29)(11)



beyond ID

PEPS for 2+1 D LGT

some results with other TNS

Tagliacozzo, Vidal PRB 2011

Felser et al. PRX 2020

Magnifico et al. Nat. Comm. 2022

explicitly gauge invariant PEPS

Tagliacozzo et al PRX 2014

Haegeman et al PRX 2014

Zohar et al Ann Phys 2015

restricted ansatz calculations

also Gaussian PEPS

Zohar, Cirac PRD 2018

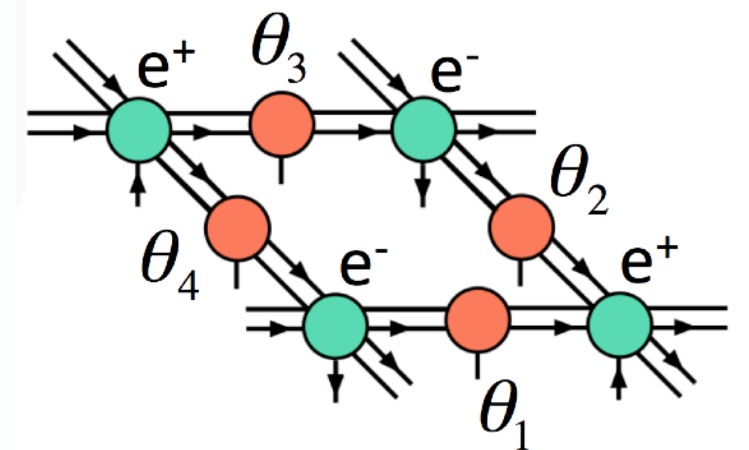
Emonts et. al., PRD 102, 074501 (2020)

standard PEPS toolbox contains all ingredients

for full variational computation

computational cost, required D

plaquette terms



Zapp, Orús PRD 2017

PEPS for 2+1 D LGT

no continuum extrapolations yet

results with iPEPS imaginary time evolution

use it to study the phase diagram of Z_3 pure
LGT

D. Robaina, MCB, J. I. Cirac, PRL 126, 050401 (2021)

recent results with finite PEPS

Wu, Lio, arXiv:2503.20566

another approach

restricted ansatzes

MERA: study of Z_2 2+1 D model

Tagliacozzo, Vidal PRB83, 115127 (2011)

Tree TN: $U(1)$ 2+1 D model at finite density

Felser et al. PRX10, 041040 (2020)

gauged Gaussian PEPS: Z_3 on 2+1 D finite PBC lattice

Emonts, MCB, Cirac, Zohar, PRD102, 074501 (2020)

Trees: first 3+1 D simulations for $U(1)$ LGT

Magnifico et al. Nat. Comm. 12, 3600 (2021)

related topics...

Related, but I didn't talk about...

TNS for other field theories

Thirring model, PRD100, 094504 (2019)

Thermal QFT dynamics, PRR2, 033301 (2020)

continuous TNS for QFT

Verstraete, Cirac PRL104, 190405 (2010)

Tilloy, Cirac PRX9, 021040 (2019)

proposals for quantum simulation of LGT with ultracold atoms

Zohar et al. PRL 2010, 2012 ,

Tagliacozzo et al., Nat. Comm. 2013

Banerjee et al., PRL 2012

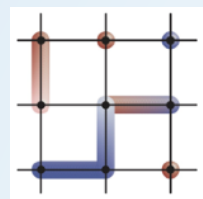
Rico et al. PRL 2014

Pichler et al, PRX 2016

Zohar, Burrello, PRD 2015



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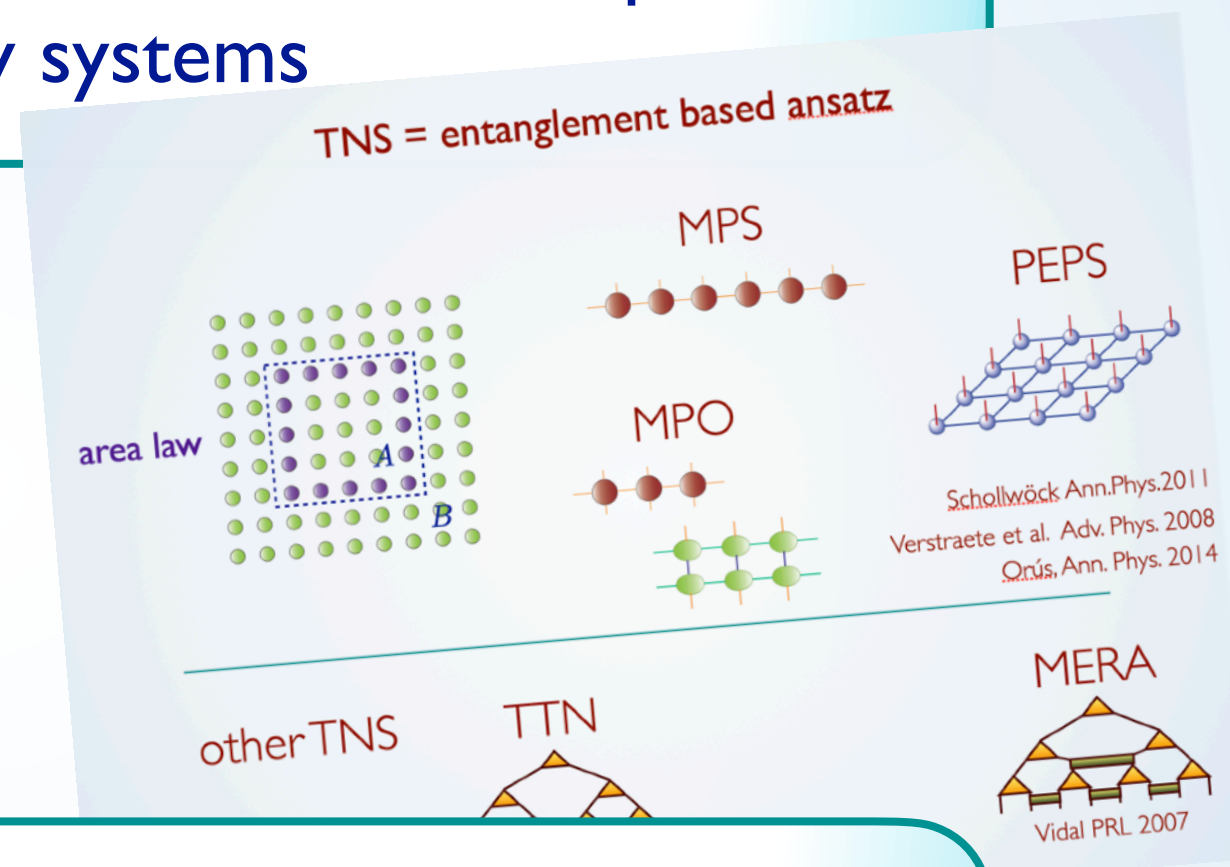


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to conclude...

TNS: quantum inspired methods to describe quantum many-body systems

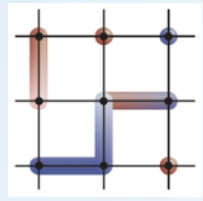


efficient algorithms can be also used to find thermal states, evolve master equations and more

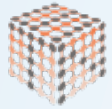
simulating time evolution/arbitrary quantum circuits requires truncation $\Rightarrow$ limited!



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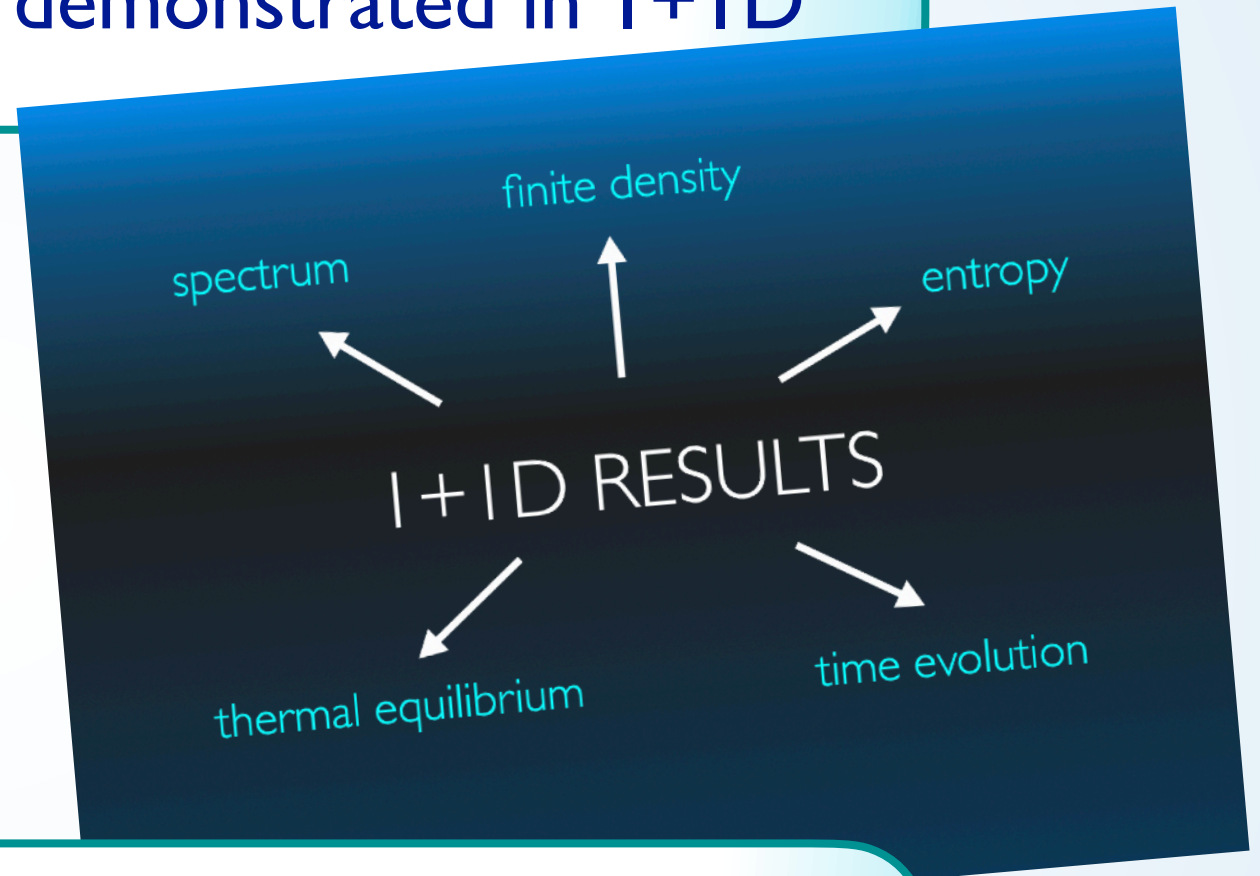
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feasibility of TNS for LQFT demonstrated in 1+1D



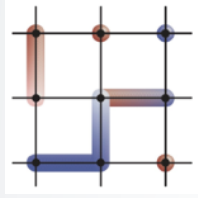
strong connections to quantum simulation proposals

already results with PEPS for 2+1D LGT

with restricted ansatzes 3+1D



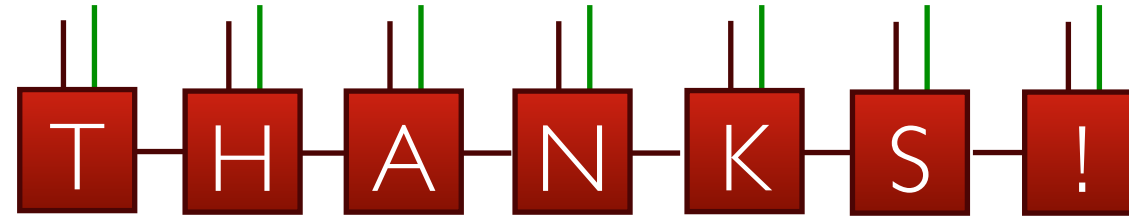
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Review on novel methods for lattice gauge theories, MCB, K. Cichy, Reports on Progress in Physics 83, 024401 (2020), [arXiv:1910.00257](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.00257)

Simulating lattice gauge theories within quantum technologies, MCB, R. Blatt, Catani et al., Eur. Phys. J. D 74, 165 (2020), [arXiv:1911.00003](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.00003)

Quantum Simulation for High-Energy Physics, C. Bauer, Z. Davoudi et al., [PRX Quantum 4, 027001 \(2023\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.02700).

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