

# TENSOR NETWORKS FOR QUANTUM MANY-BODY SYSTEMS

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In this tutorial...

introducing Tensor Network  
States

basic numerical techniques (for  
QMB systems)

In this session...

Tensor networks? What? Why?

MPS, MPO

PEPS

others

What are tensor networks?

# WHAT ARE TNS?

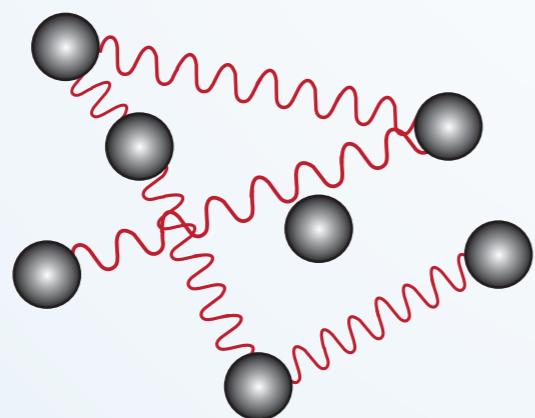
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Context: quantum many body systems

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$N$



Goal: describe  
equilibrium states  
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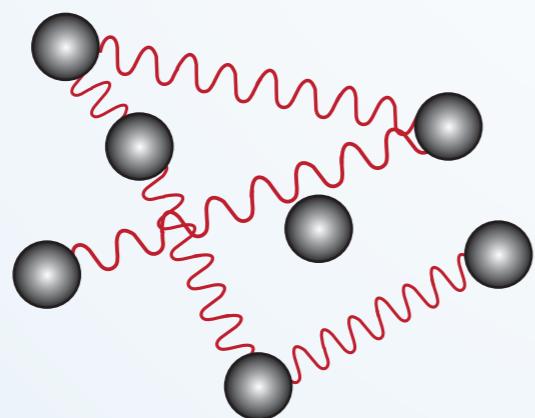
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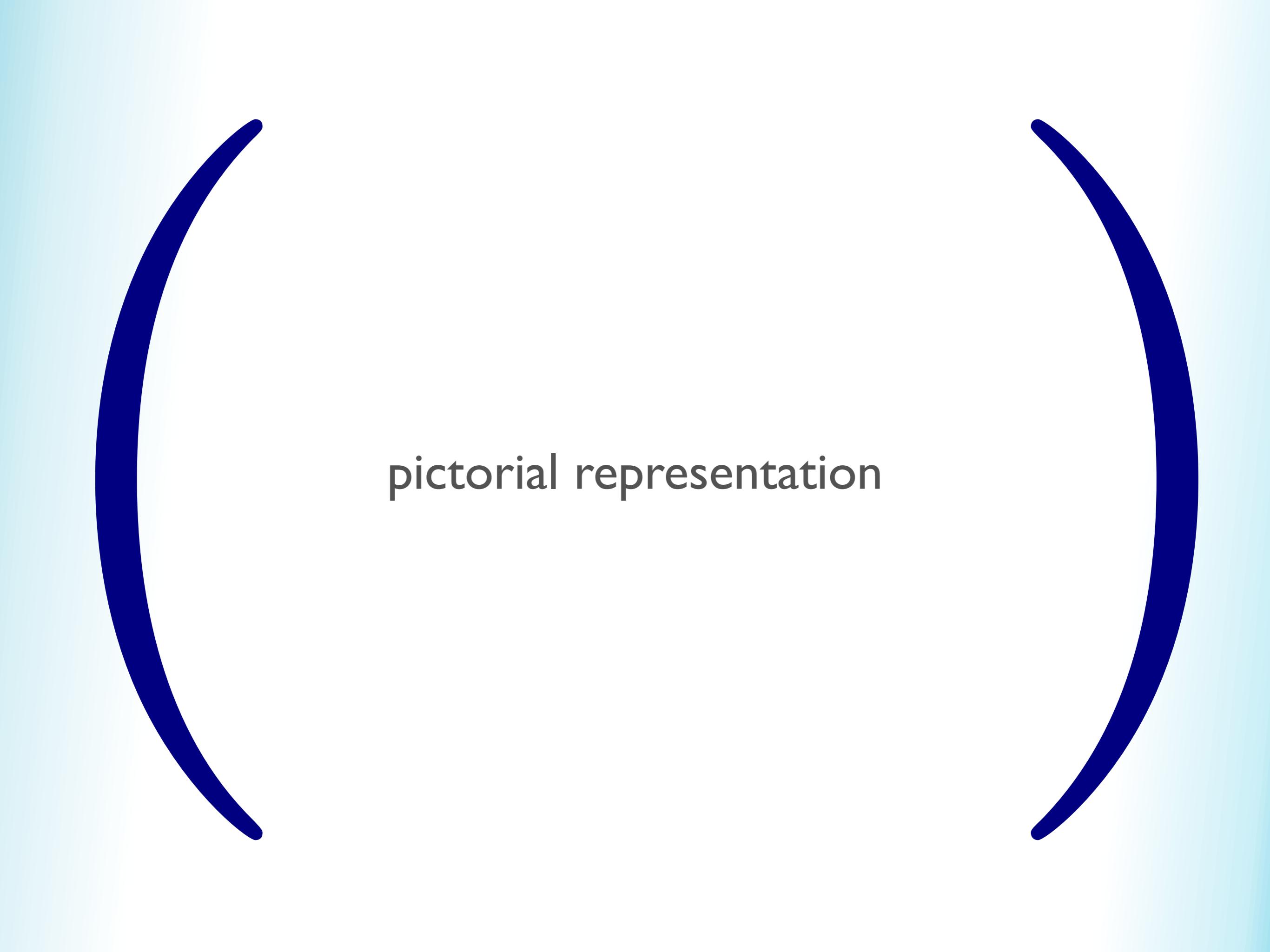
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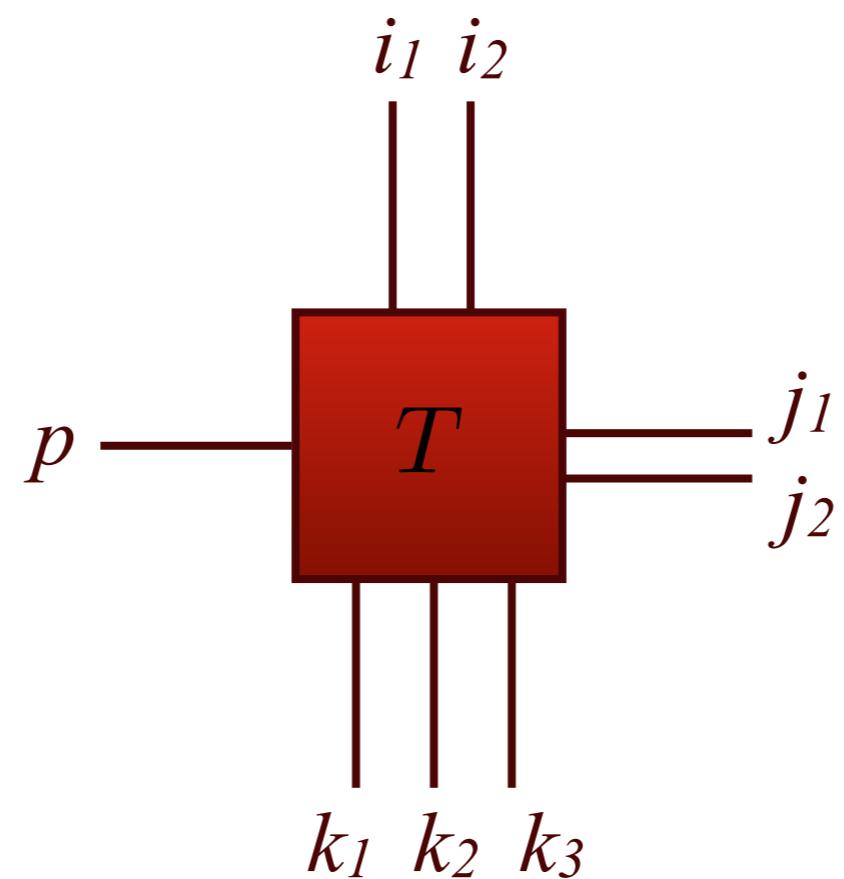
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pictorial representation

# pictorial representation

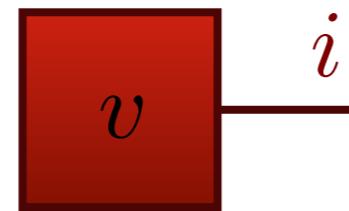
tensor = multidimensional array



$$\{T_{i_1 i_2, j_1 j_2, k_1 k_2 k_3, p}\}_{\{i,j,k,p\}}$$

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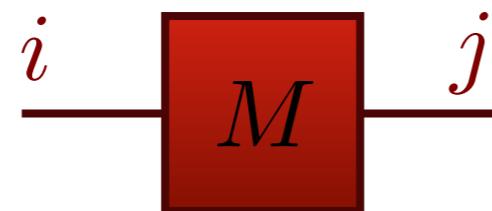
vector



$v_i$

$i = 1, \dots, D$

matrix



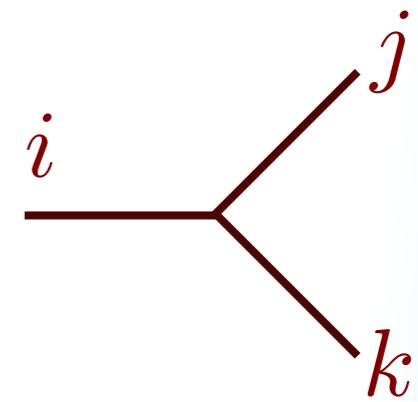
$M_{ij}$

$i = 1, \dots, D_1$   
 $j = 1, \dots, D_2$

a special  
case

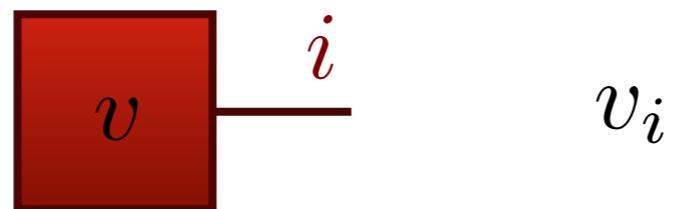


$\delta_{ij}$



# contractions

vector



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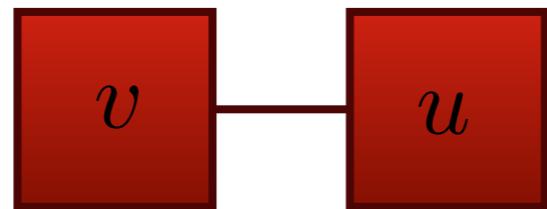
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$u_j$

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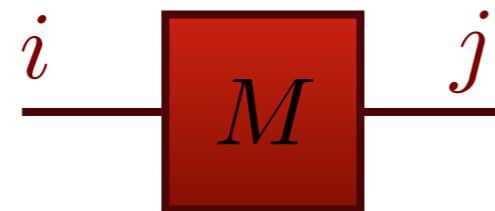
vector-vector



$$v \cdot u = \sum_i v_i u_i$$

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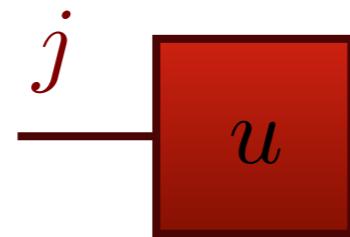
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$$M_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 1, \dots D_1 \\ j &= 1, \dots D_2 \end{aligned}$$

vector



$$u_j$$

$$j = 1, \dots D_2$$

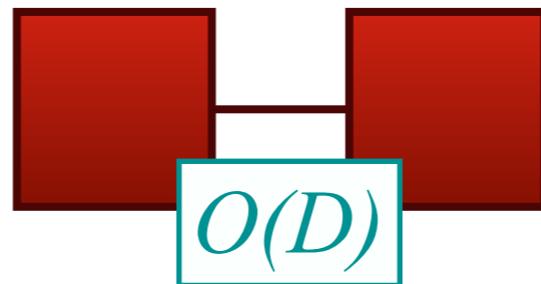
matrix-vector



$$v = M \cdot u = \sum_j M_{ij} u_j$$

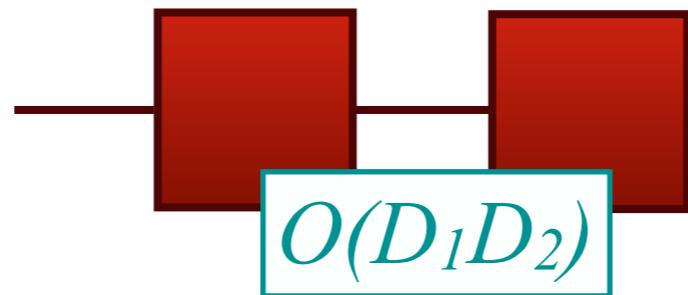
# computational costs

vector-vector



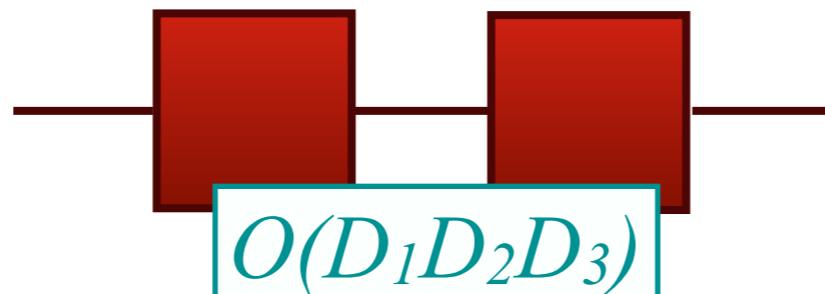
$$v \cdot u = \sum_i v_i u_i$$

matrix-vector



$$v = M \cdot u = \sum_j M_{ij} u_j$$

matrix-matrix



$$M \cdot N = \sum_j M_{ij} N_{jk}$$

in general: product of open  
and contracted dimensions

# basic routines

SVD

$$M = U S V^\dagger$$
$$O(Dd^2)$$

isometry

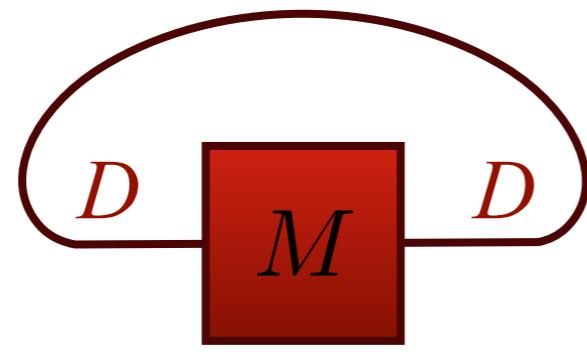
  
$$\Pi$$

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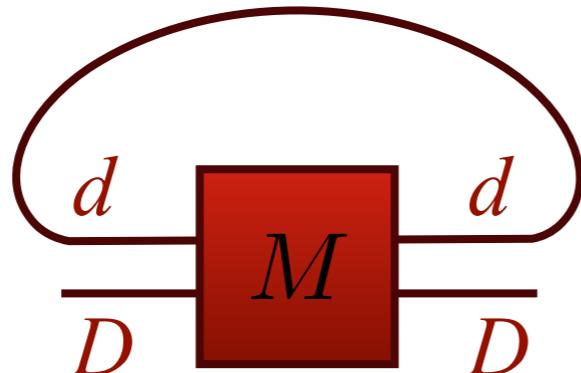
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trace



$$\sum_{ij} M_{ij} \delta_{ij} = \sum_i M_{ii} = \text{tr} M$$

partial trace



$$\sum_{ij} M_{ia,jb} \delta_{ij} = \sum_i M_{ia,ib} = \text{tr}_d M$$



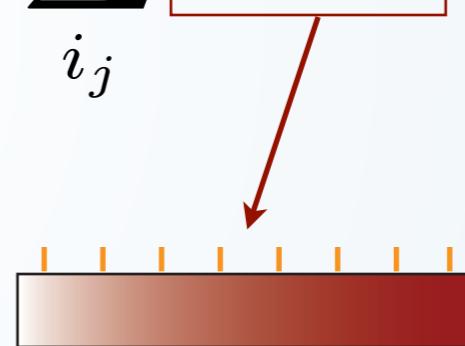
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A general state of the N-body Hilbert space has exponentially many coefficients

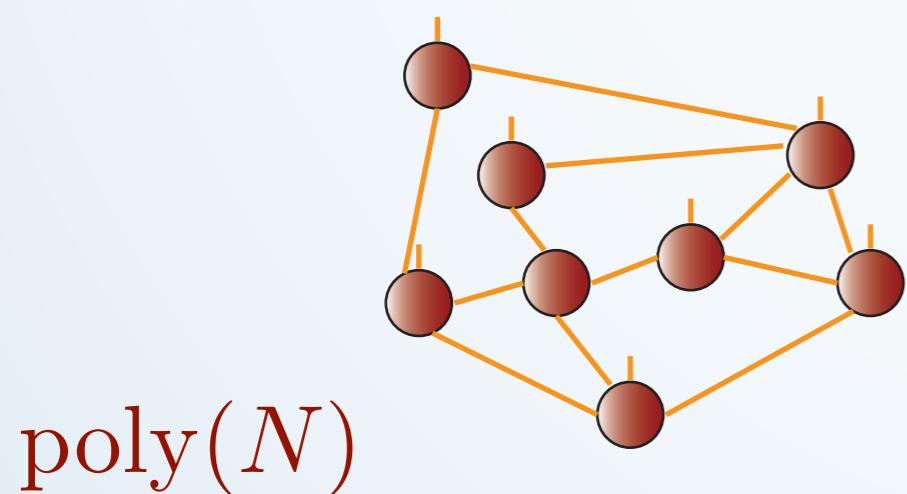
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_j} [c_{i_1 \dots i_N}] |i_1 \dots i_N\rangle$$



N-legged tensor

ATNS has only a polynomial number of parameters

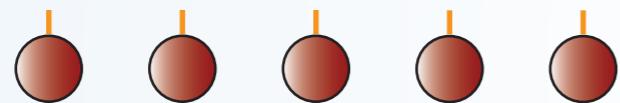
$d^N$



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A particular example



Mean field  
approximation

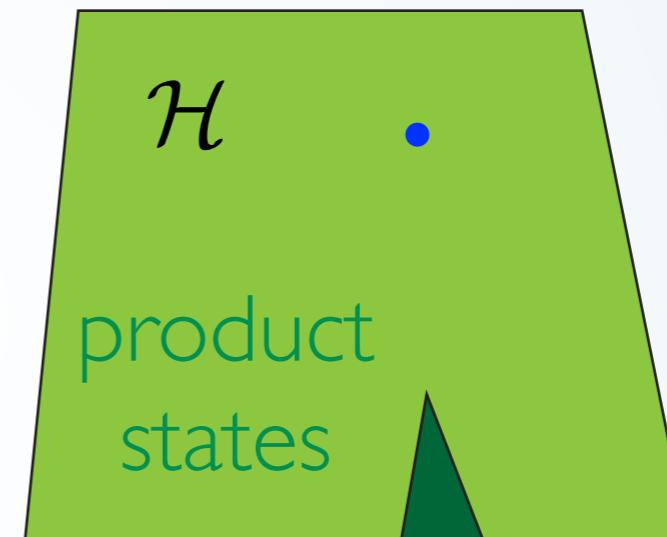
product state

Can still produce  
good results in  
some cases

# WHY SHOULD TNS BE USEFUL?

States appearing in Nature are peculiar

State at random from Hilbert space is not close to product

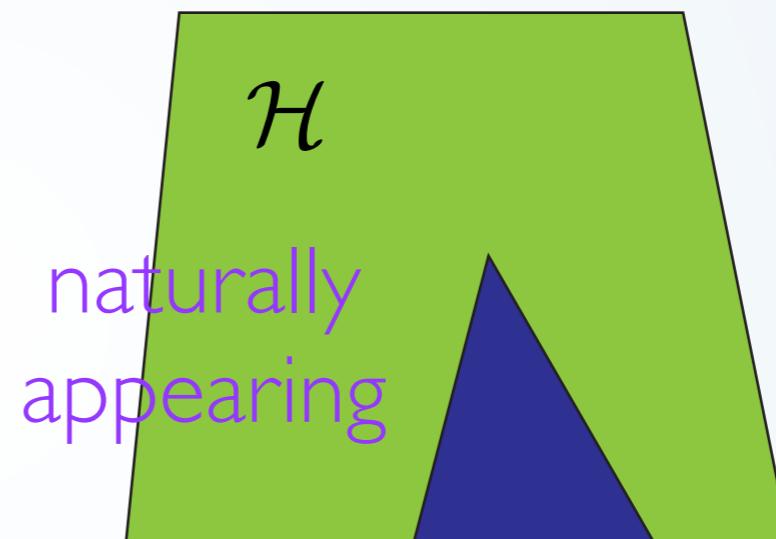


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We look for the particular “corner” of the Hilbert space

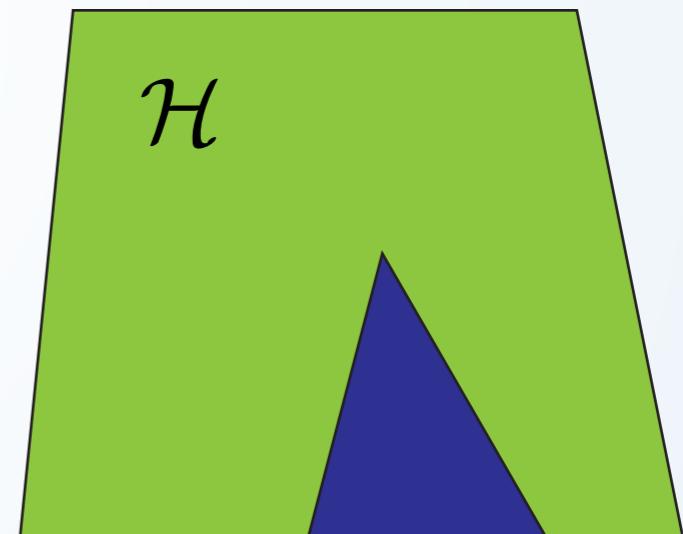
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The goal is to find good descriptions of physical states



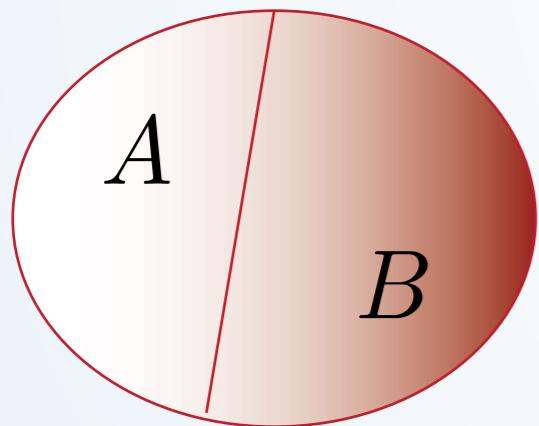
- efficient representation
- computable observables
- (variational) algorithms



# FINDING A GOOD ANSATZ

Which properties characterize physically interesting states?

ENTANGLEMENT  
STRUCTURE



$$|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle$$

$$|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle + |b\rangle \otimes |a\rangle$$

$$S(A) = -\text{tr}(\rho_A \log(\rho_A))$$

entanglement  
entropy

# FINDING A GOOD ANSATZ

Which properties characterize ground states of relevant Hamiltonians?

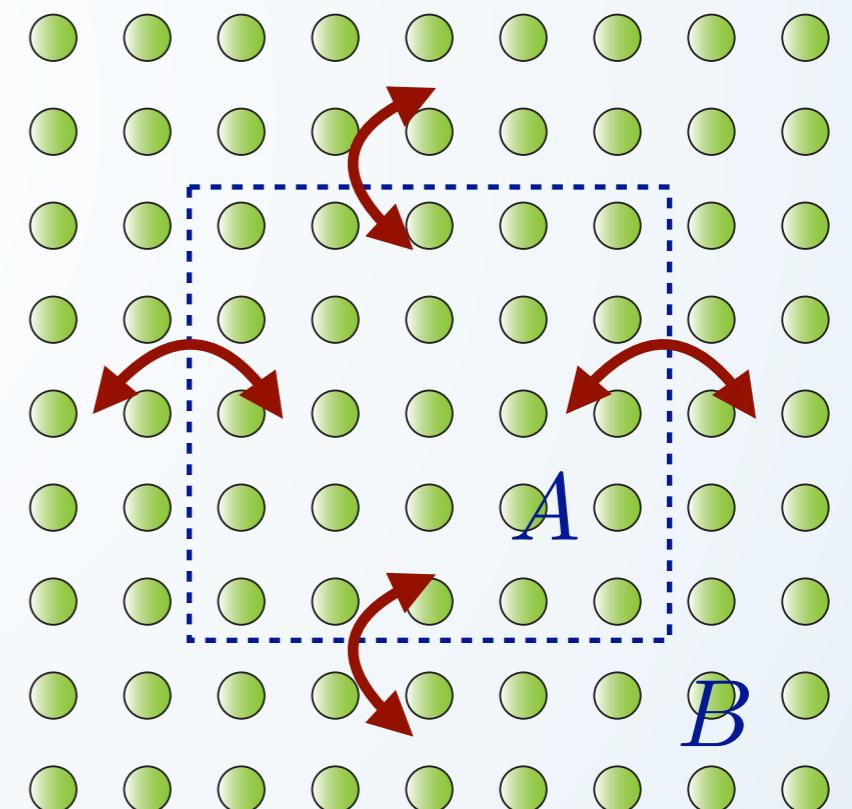
finite range

gapped

Hamiltonians

states with  
little entanglement

Area law



# FINDING A GOOD ANSATZ

Which properties characterize ground states of relevant Hamiltonians?

local gapped 1D Hamiltonians

have ground states

with area law of entanglement

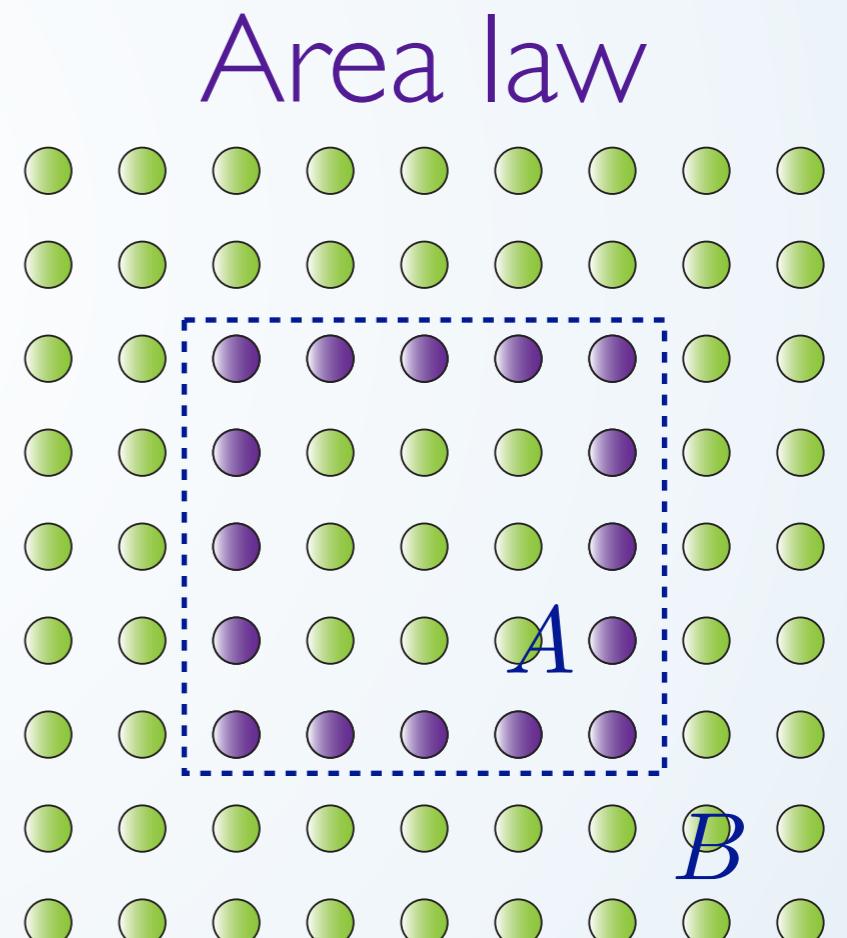
$$S_{A_{\max}} \propto |\delta A| \quad \text{Hastings 2007}$$

in 1D critical systems,  
logarithmic corrections

$$S_{A_{\max}} \propto |\delta A| \log A \quad \text{Calabrese, Cardy 2004}$$

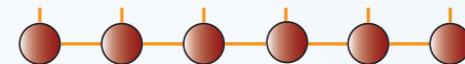
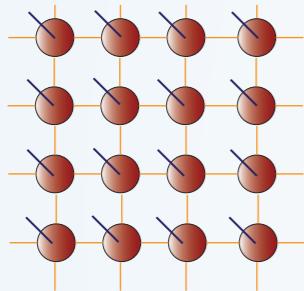
satisfied at finite temperature

Wolf, Verstraete, Hastings, Cirac, PRL 2008

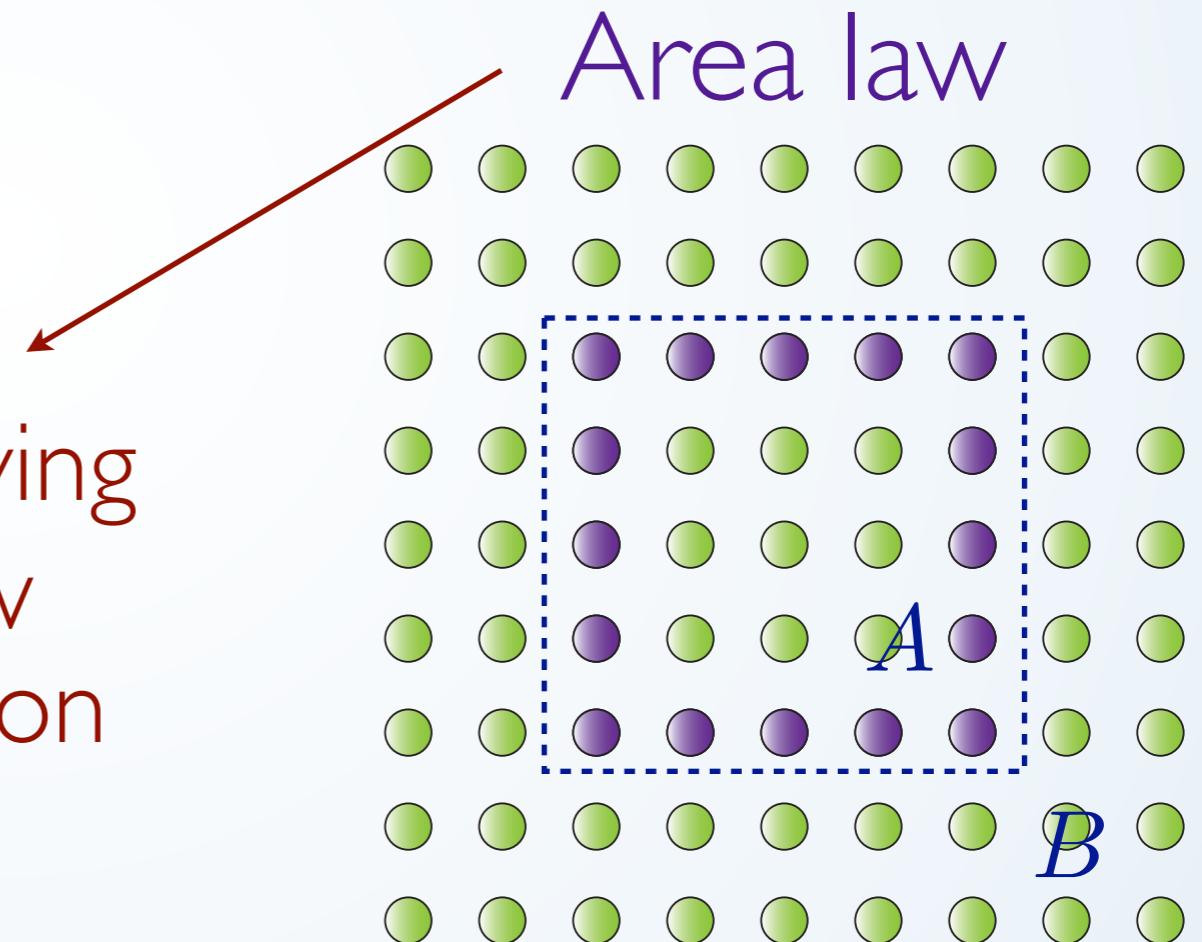


# MPS & PEPS

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- PEPS = Projected Entangled Pairs States

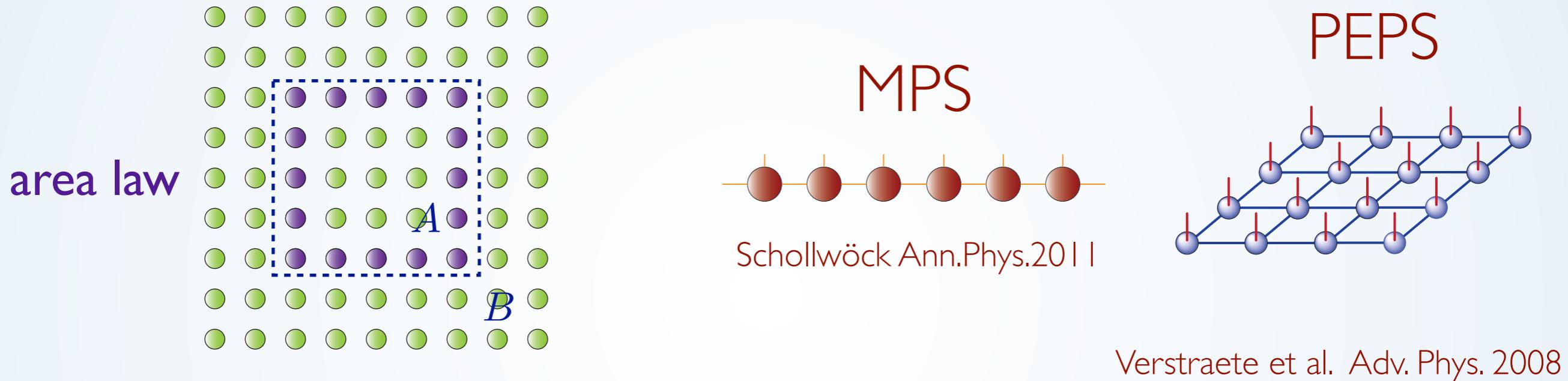


Ansätze satisfying  
the area law  
by construction



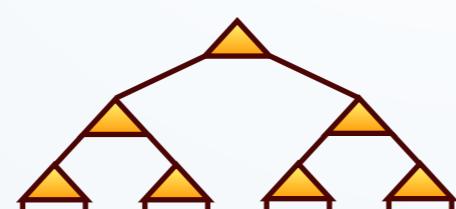
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other TNS

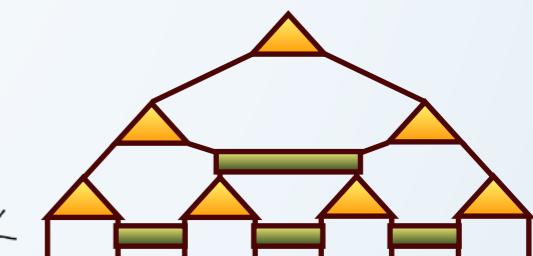
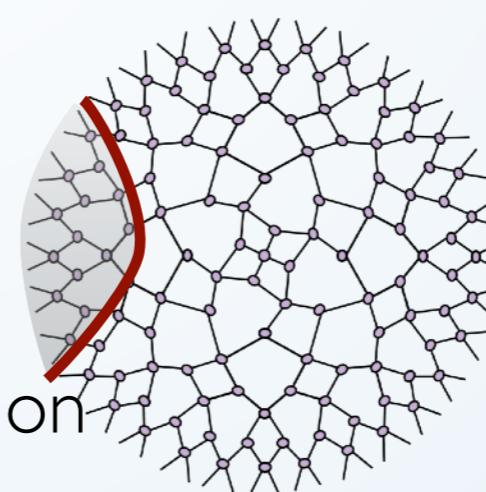
TTN



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

# MPS

Matrix Product States

# MPS

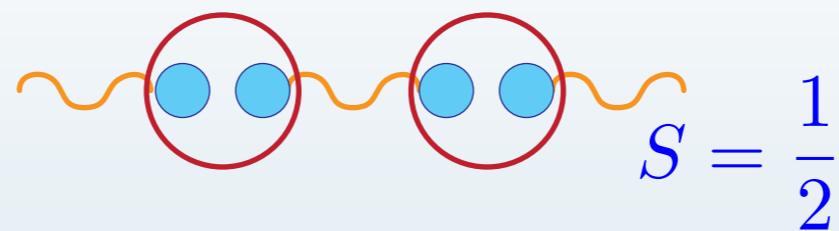
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A bit of history...

## AKLT exactly solvable spin model

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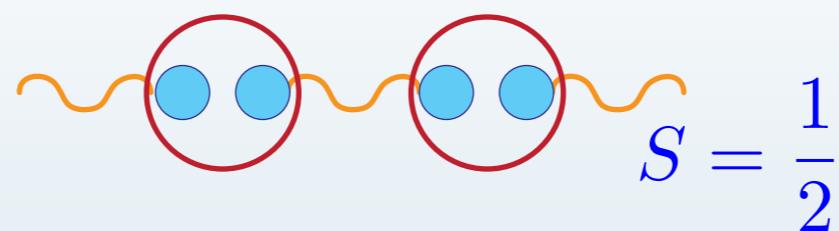
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Finitely correlated states

Fannes, Nachtergael, Werner, CMP 1992

DMRG algorithm

White, PRL 1992

DMRG variational over MPS

Ostlund, Rommer, PRL 1995

Dukelsky et al., Eur. Phys. Lett. 1998

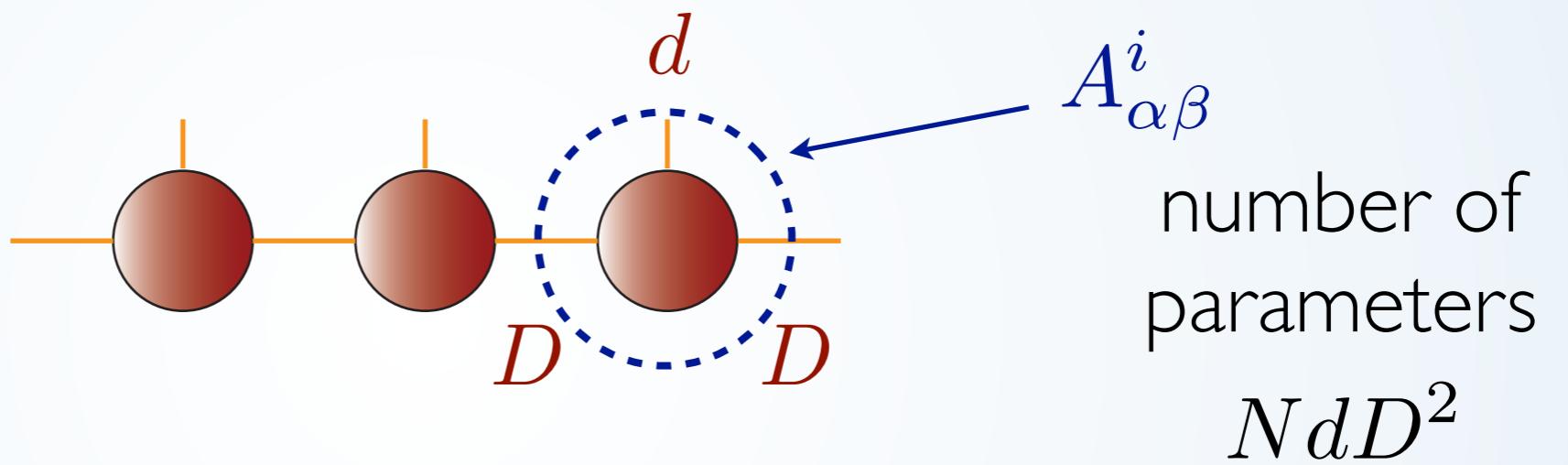
Quantum Information perspective

Vidal, PRL 2003

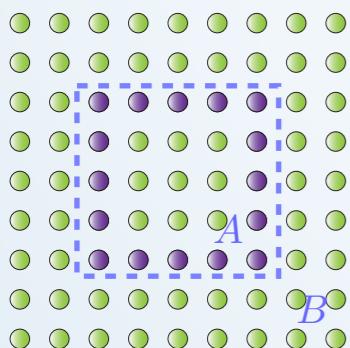
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# MPS

Matrix Product States



$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_N} \text{tr}(A_1^{i_1} A_2^{i_2} \dots A_N^{i_N}) |i_1 \dots i_N\rangle$$

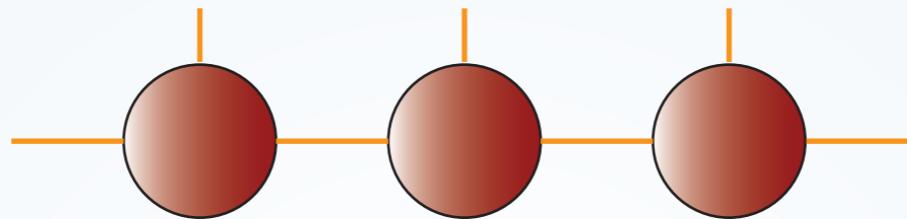


Area law by construction

Bounded entanglement

$$S(L/2) \leq \log D$$

# MPS EXAMPLE



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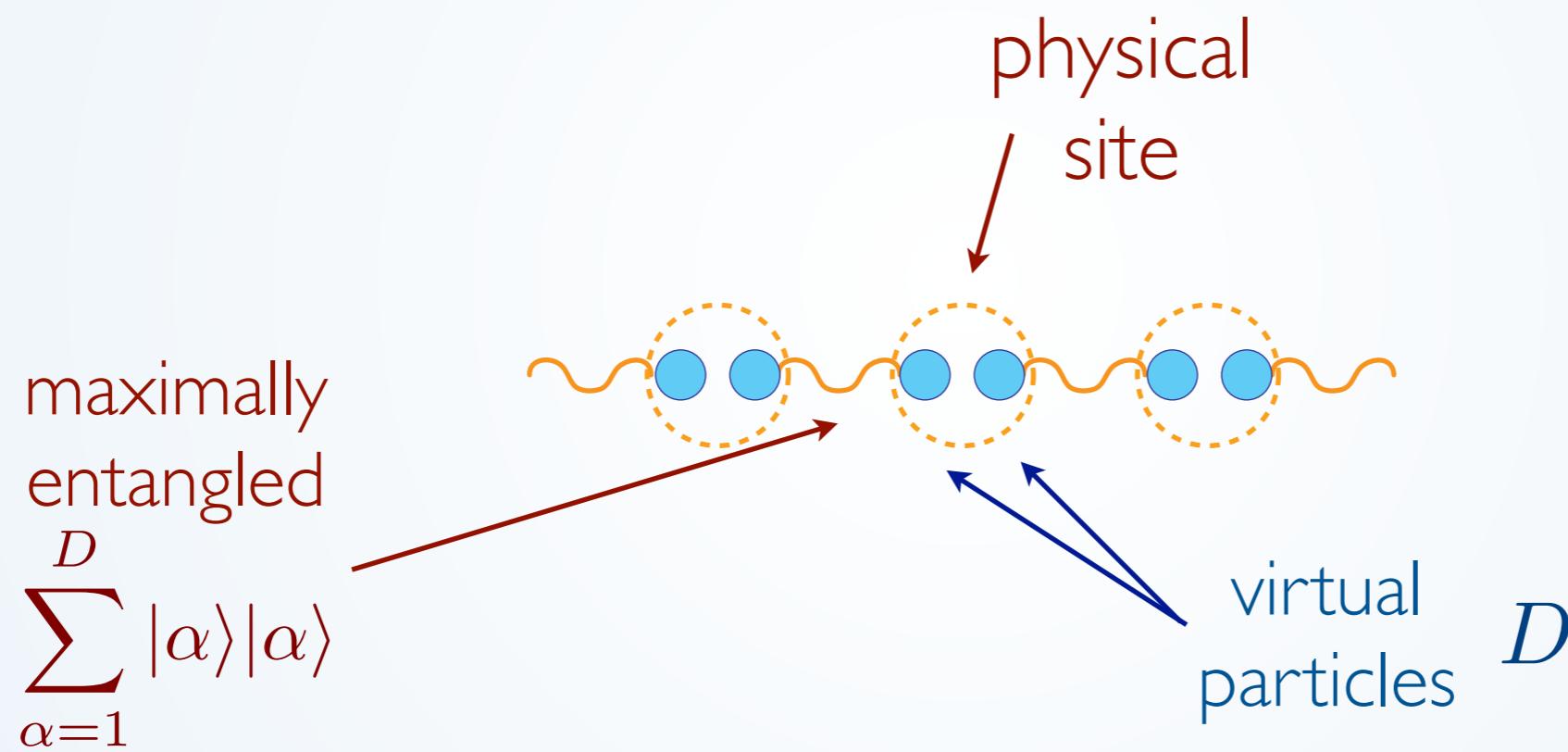
$$A^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|100\dots\rangle + |010\dots\rangle + |001\dots\rangle + \dots$$

$$D = 2$$

# MPS

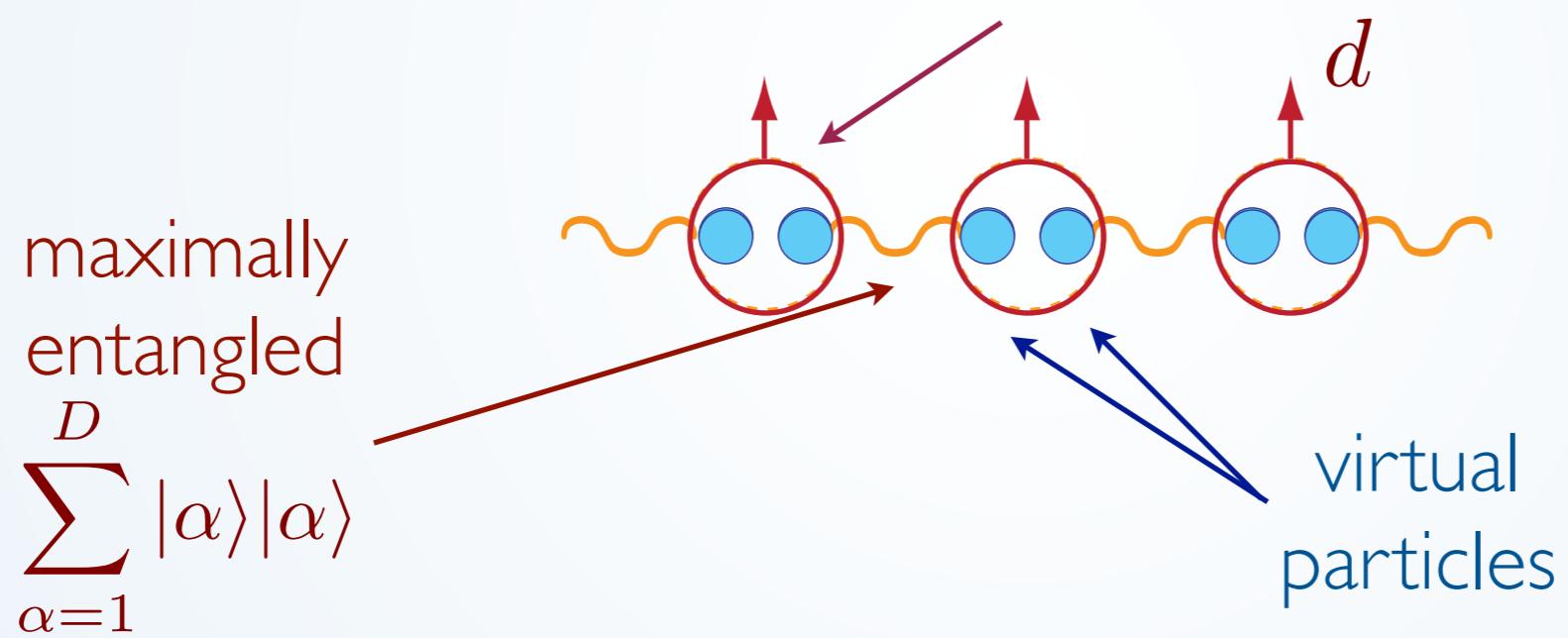
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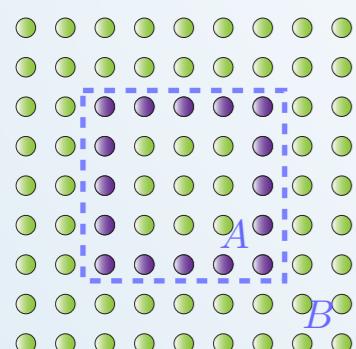
# MPS

Matrix Product States

project onto the physical degrees of freedom



$$\sum_{i\alpha\beta} A_{\alpha\beta}^i |i\rangle\langle\alpha\beta|$$
$$D$$



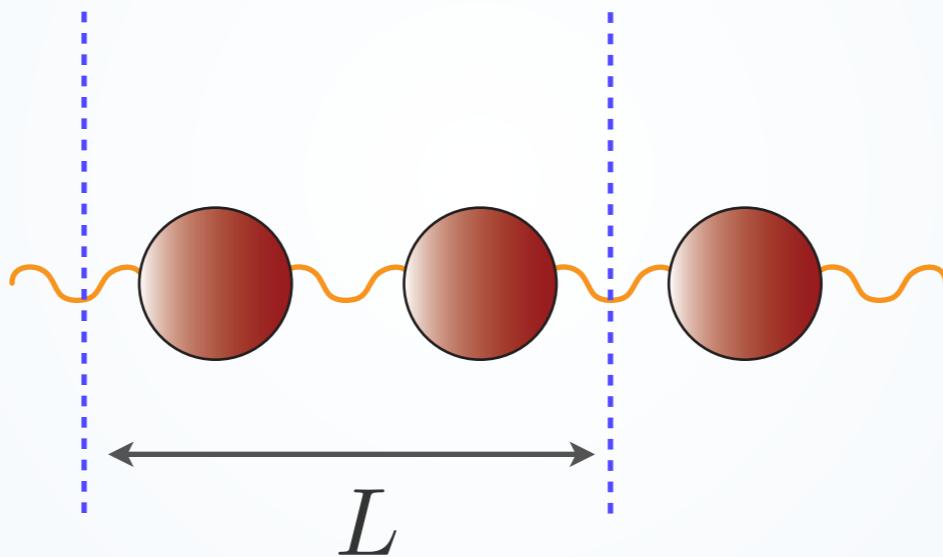
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$$= S(\text{---})$$

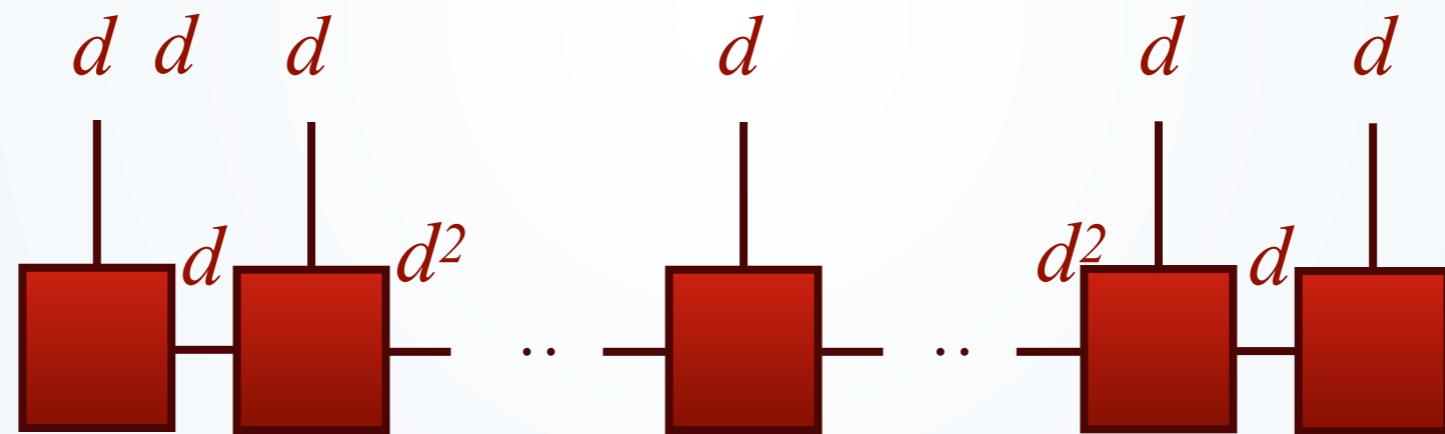
$$= 2 \log D$$

local projectors  
cannot increase  
the entropy

# SOME OTHER PROPERTIES

# MPS PROPERTIES

any state can be written as MPS



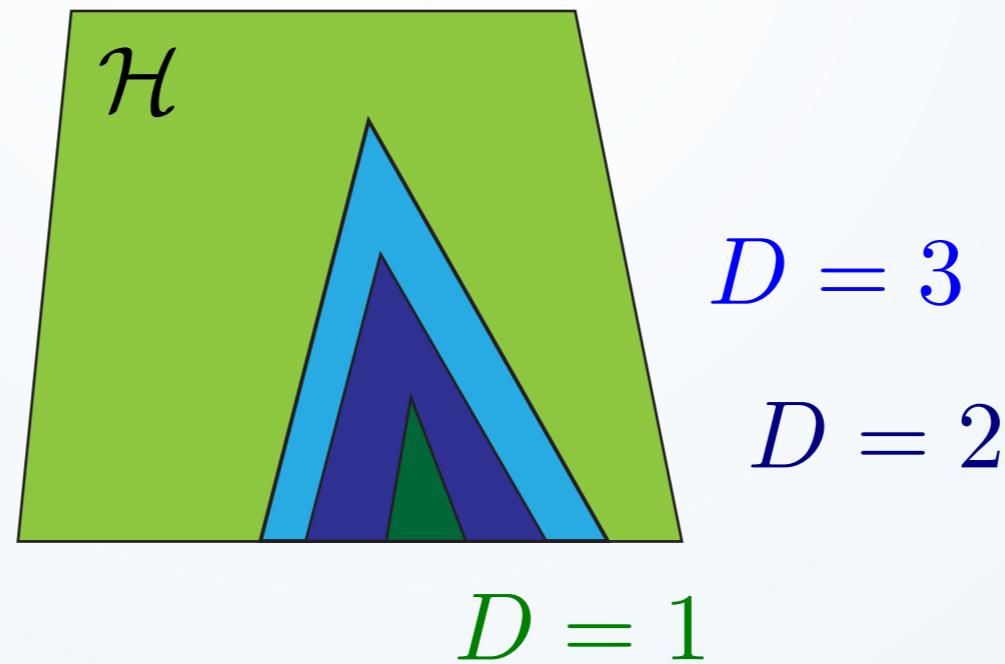
$$D \leq d^{N/2}$$

# MPS PROPERTIES

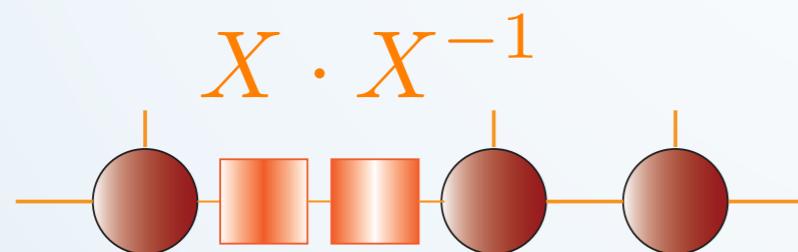
MPS are a complete family

increasing the bond dimension, they can  
describe any state of the Hilbert space

$$D \leq d^{N/2}$$



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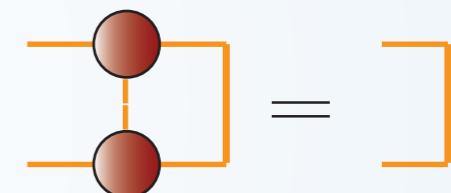


gauge freedom

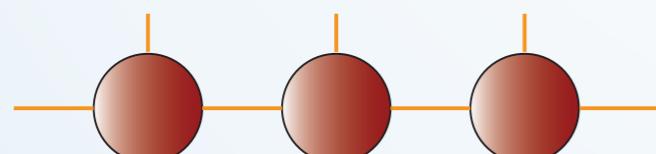
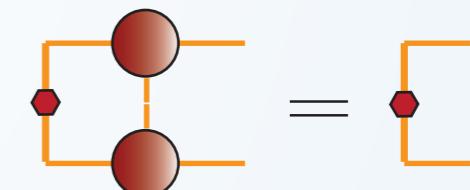
# MPS PROPERTIES

canonical form

$$\sum_i A^{[m]i} A^{[m]i\dagger} = 1$$



$$\sum_i A^{[m]i\dagger} \Lambda^{[m-1]} A^{[m]i} = \Lambda^{[m]}$$

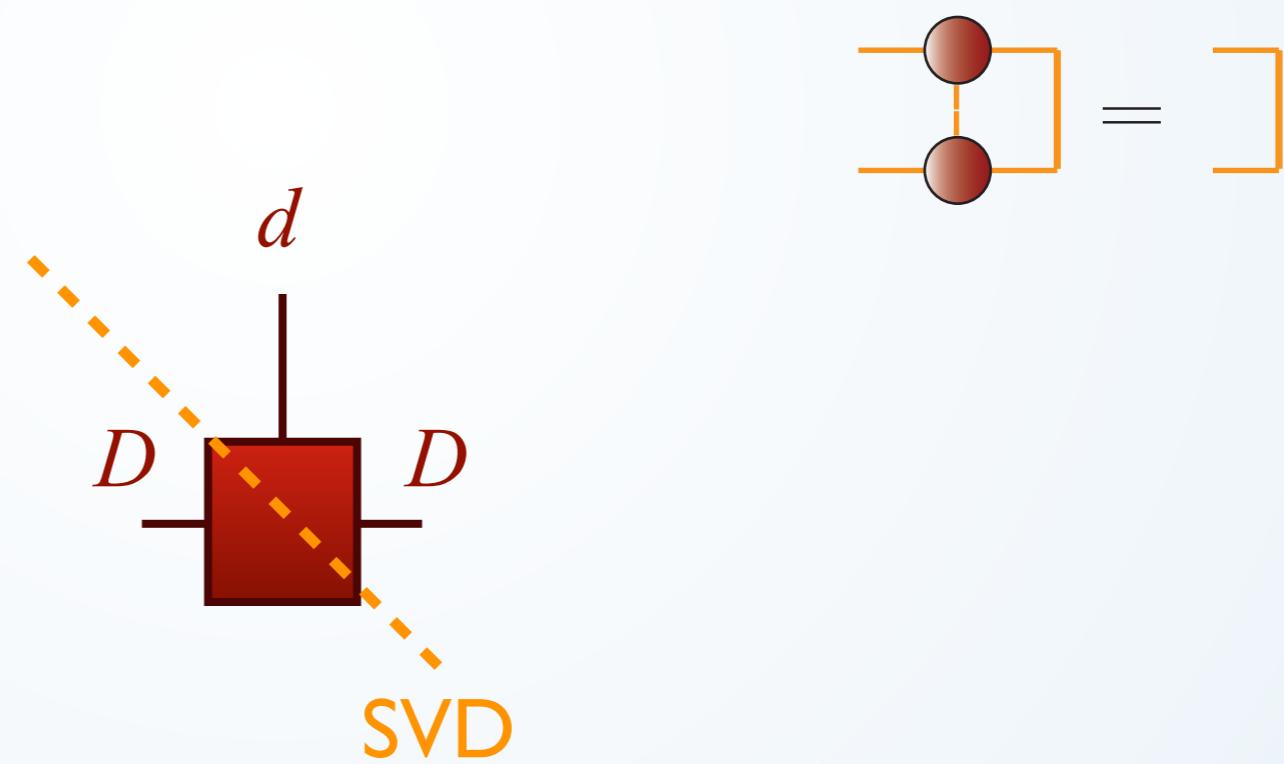


gauge freedom

unique  
imposed locally

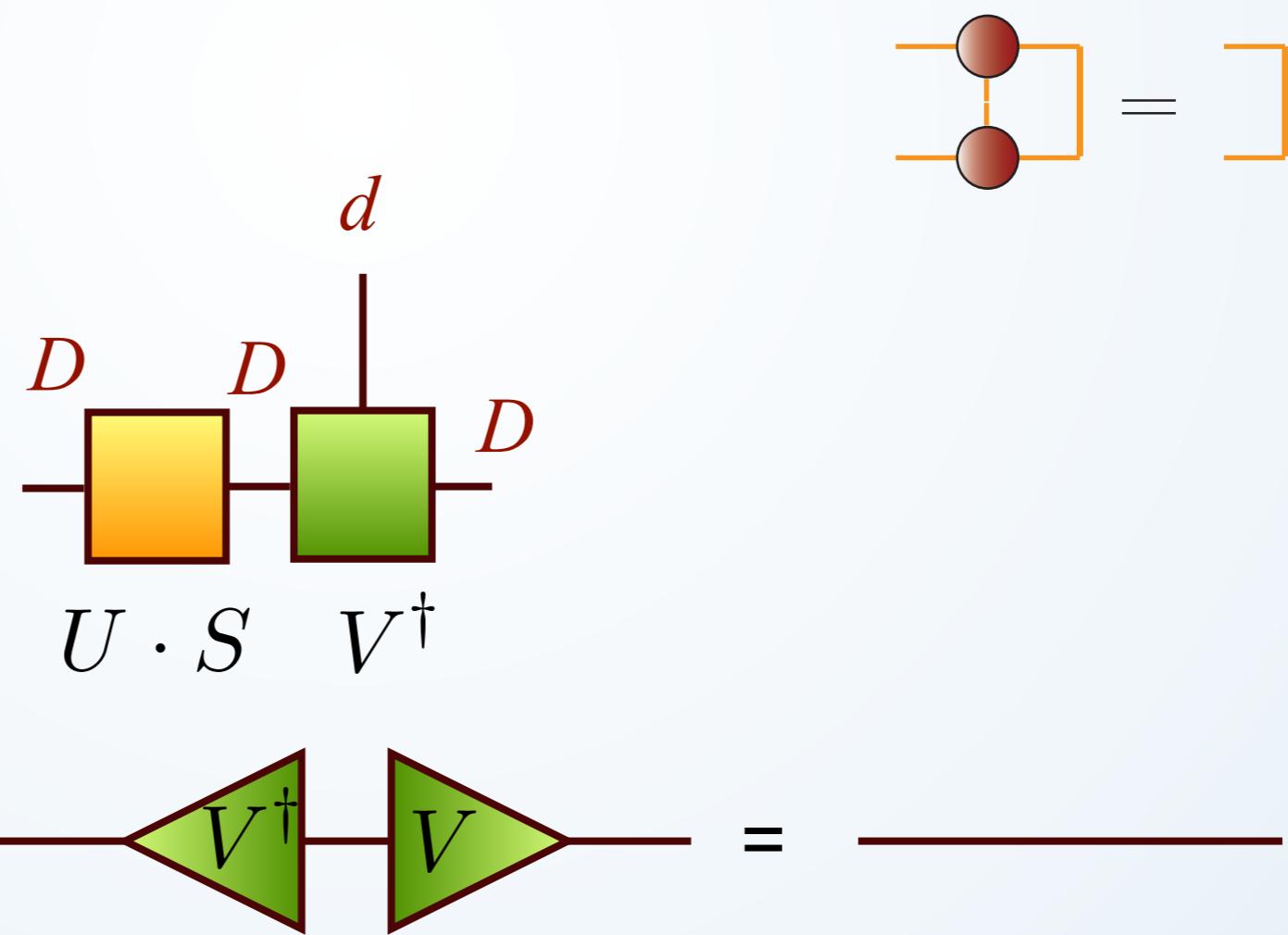
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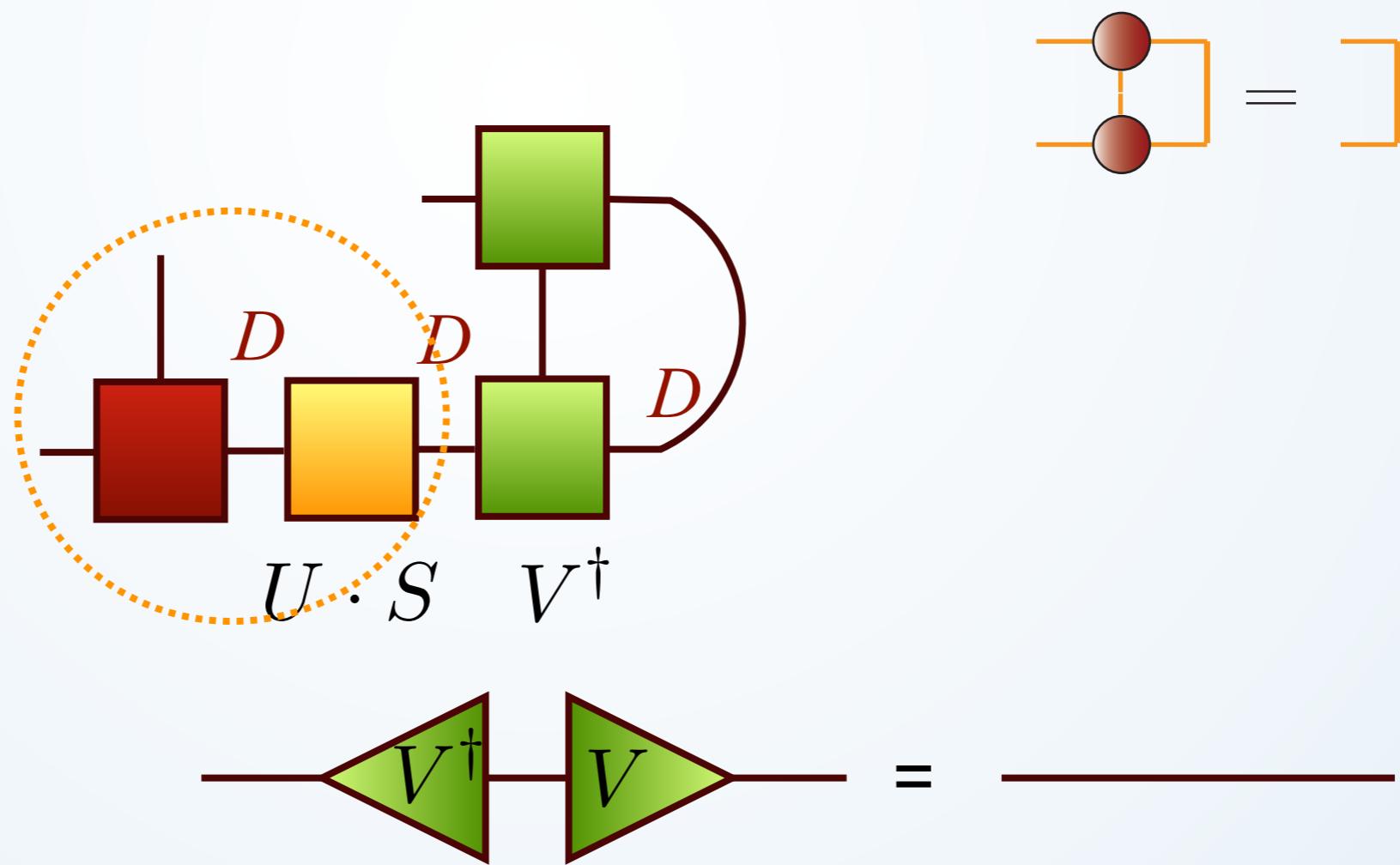
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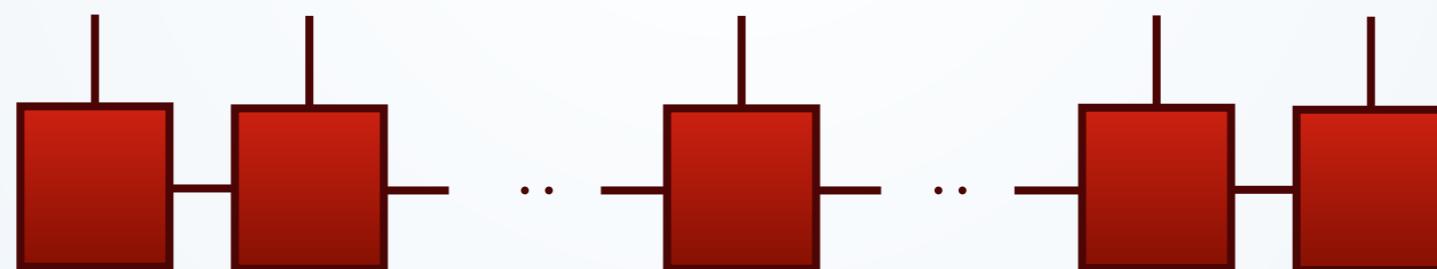
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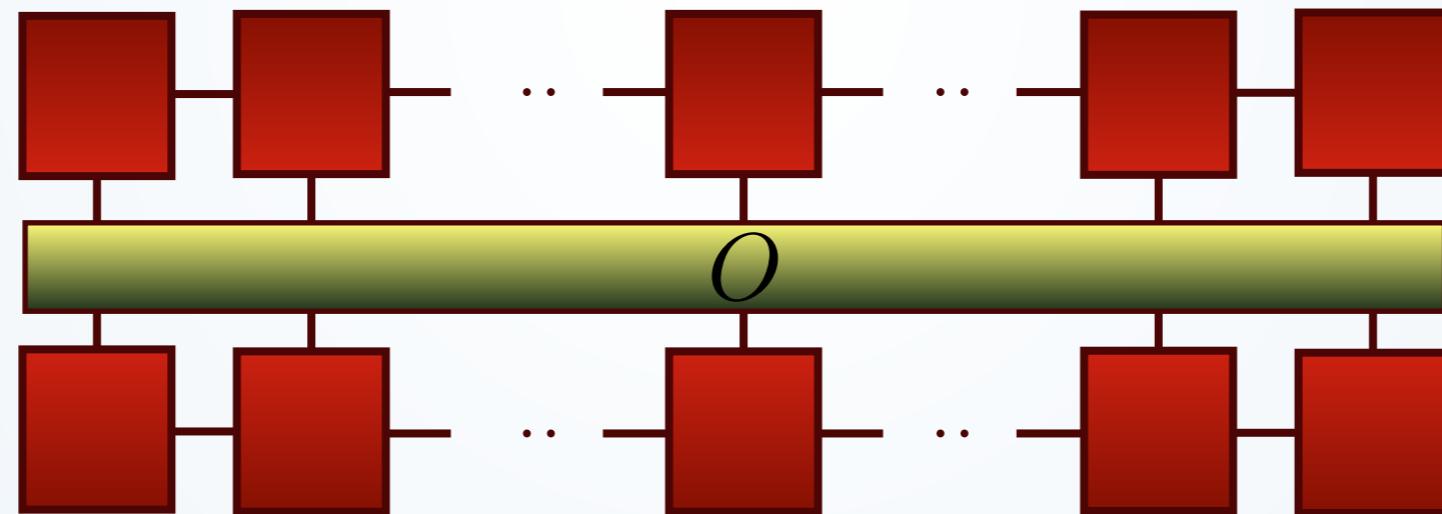
Efficient expectation values

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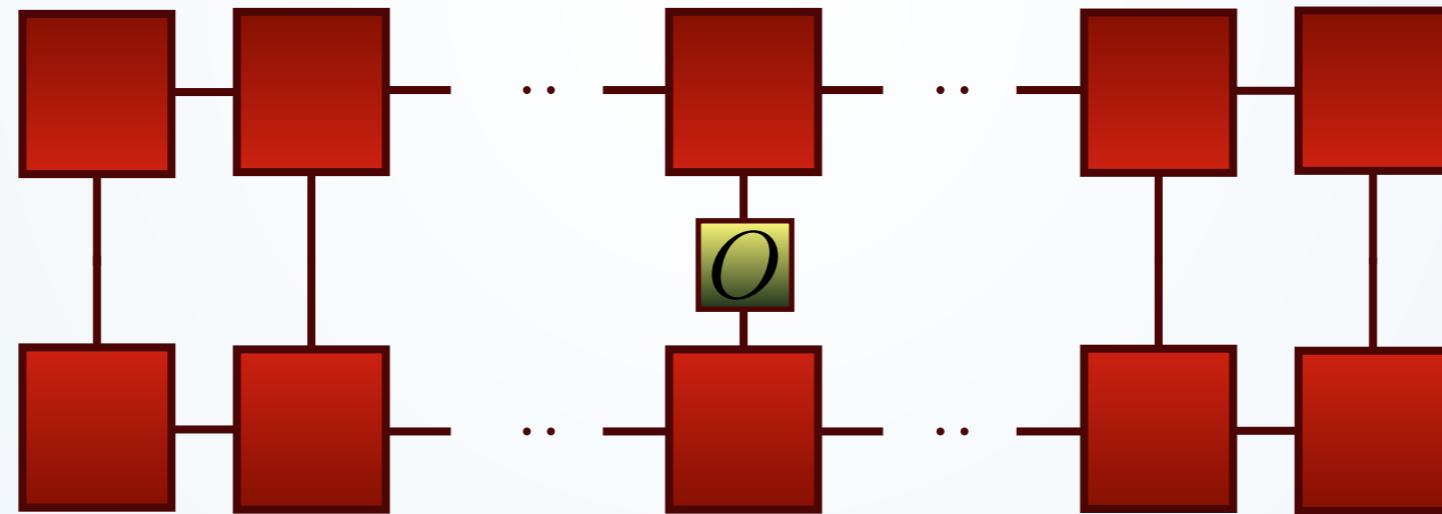
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$$\langle \Psi | O | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{\{i_k, j_k\}} c_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^* c_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_N} \langle i_1 i_2 \dots i_N | O | j_1 j_2 \dots j_N \rangle$$

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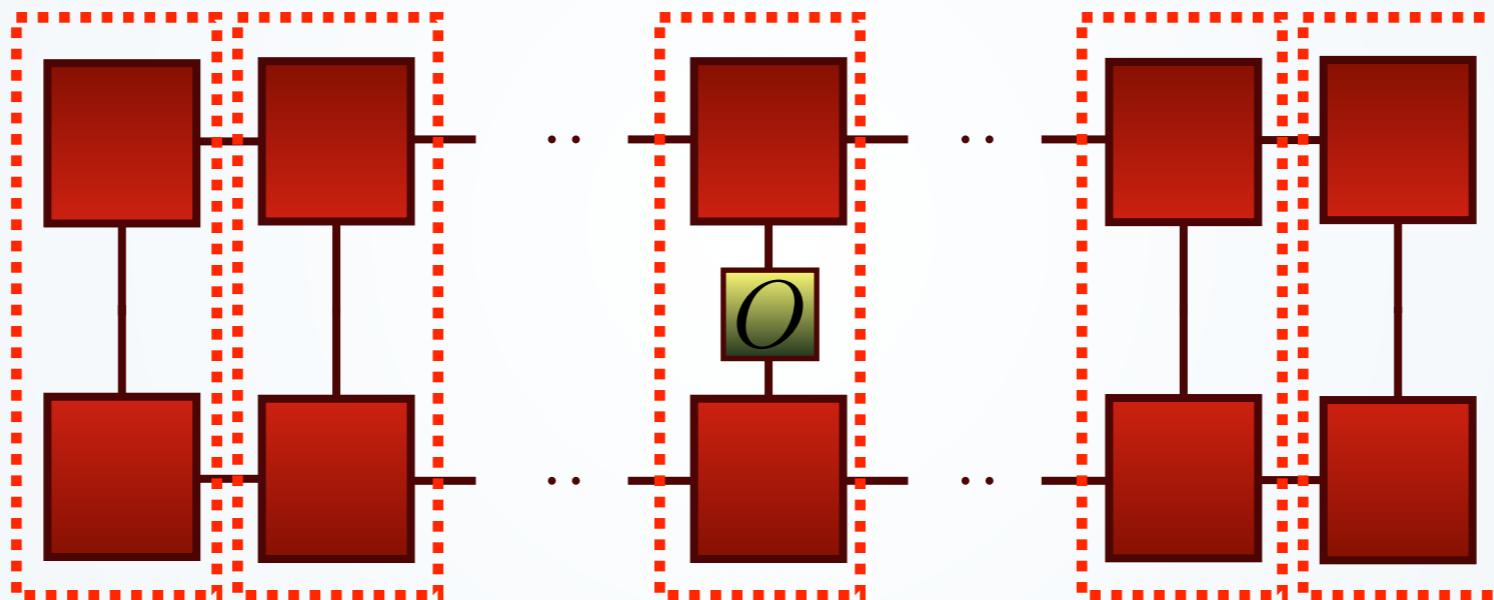
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$$\langle \Psi | O^{[M]} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{\{i_k\}_{k \neq M}} \sum_{i_M, j_M} c_{i_1 \dots i_M \dots i_N}^* c_{i_1 \dots j_M \dots i_N} \langle i_M | O | j_M \rangle$$

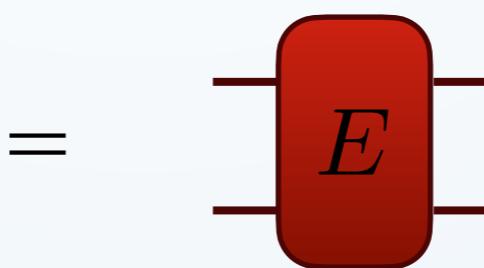
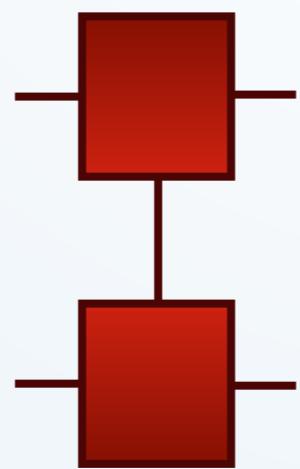
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transfer operator

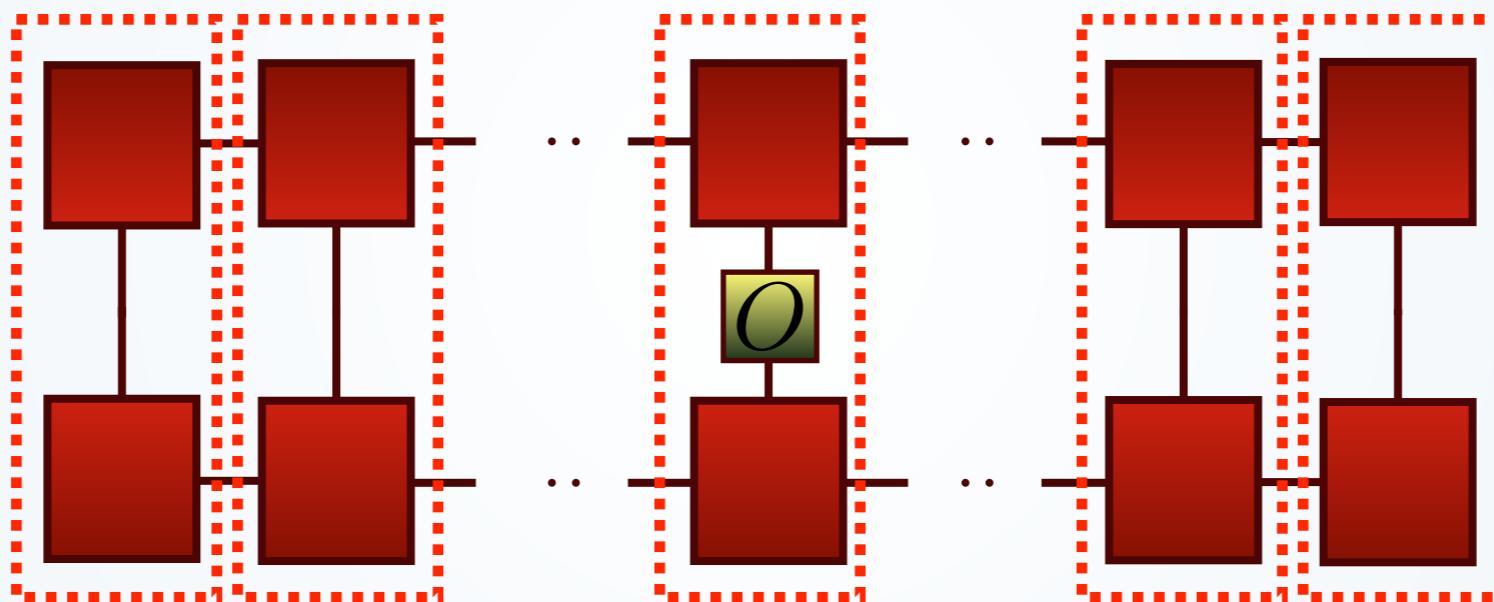
$D^2 \times D^2$  matrix



$$E = \sum_i A^{i*} \otimes A^i$$

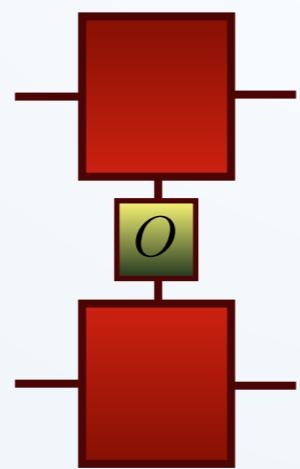
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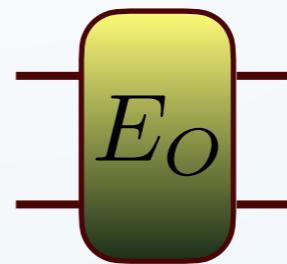


transfer operator

$D^2 \times D^2$  matrix



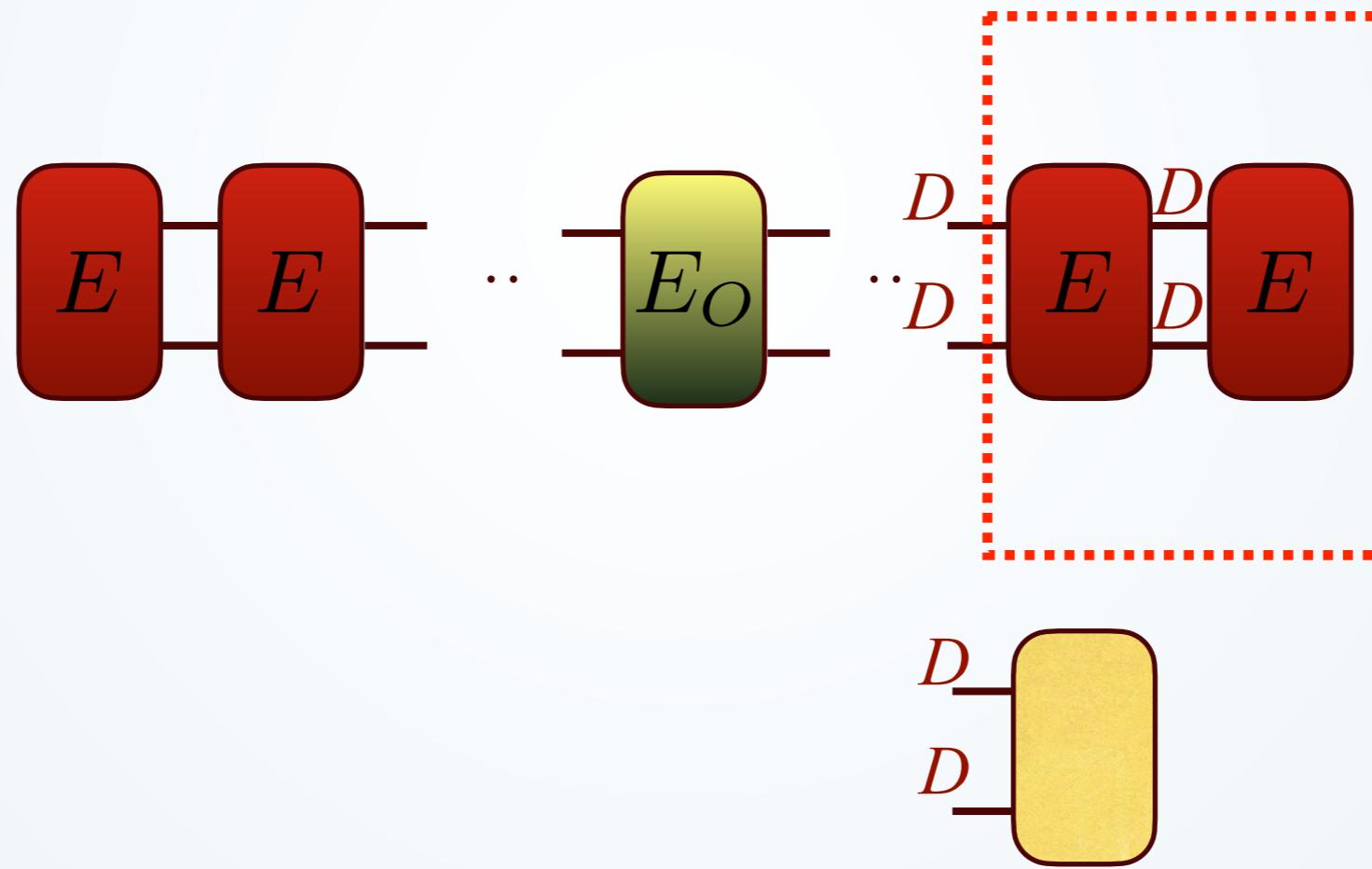
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$$E_O = \sum_{ij} A^{i*} \otimes A^j \langle i | O | j \rangle$$

# MPS PROPERTIES

Efficient expectation values

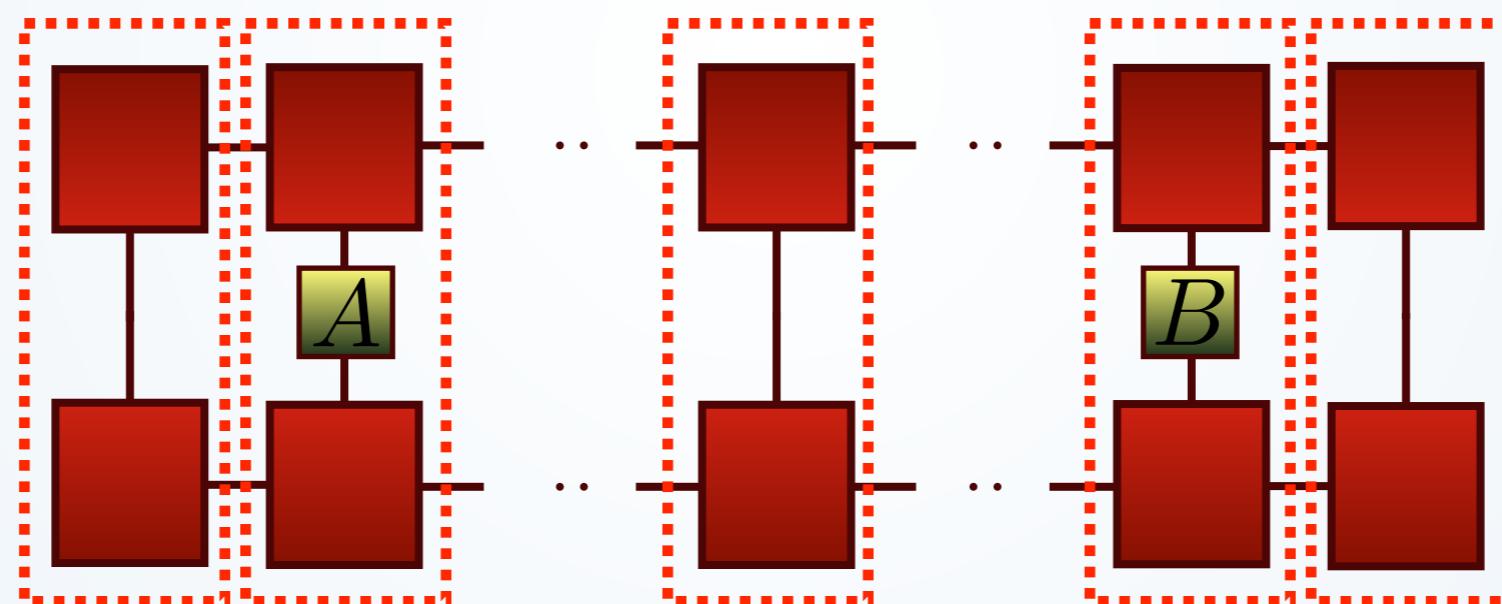


$$O(D^4)$$

# MPS PROPERTIES

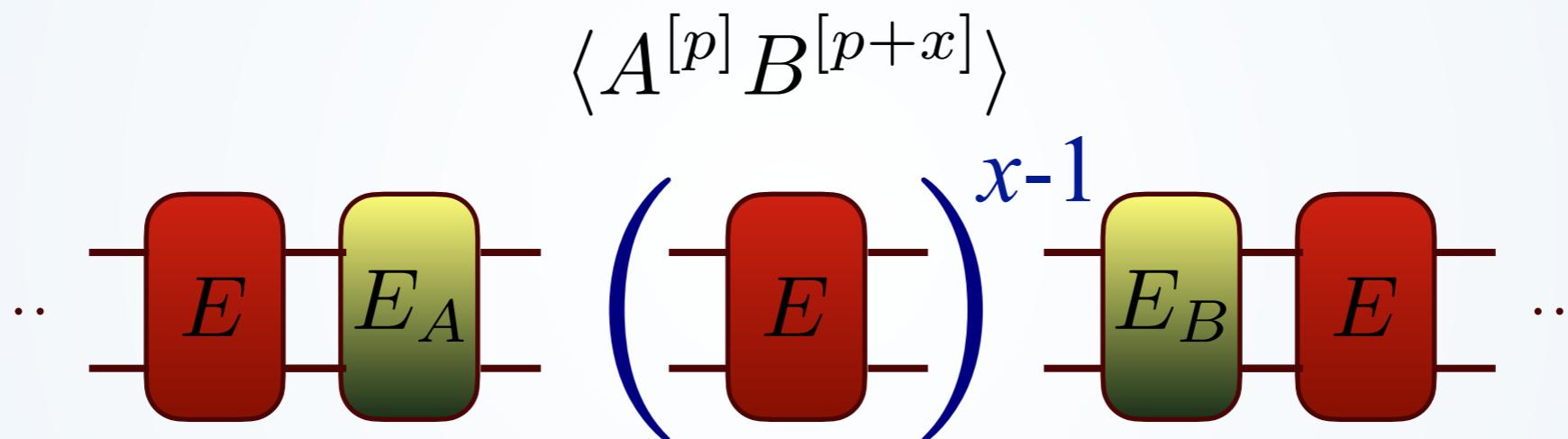
Exponentially decaying correlations

$$\langle A^{[p]} B^{[p+x]} \rangle - \langle A^{[p]} \rangle \langle B^{p+x} \rangle$$

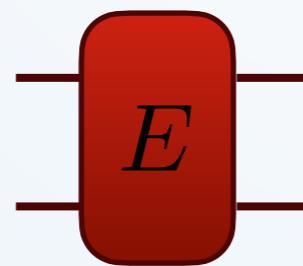


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Exponentially decaying correlations



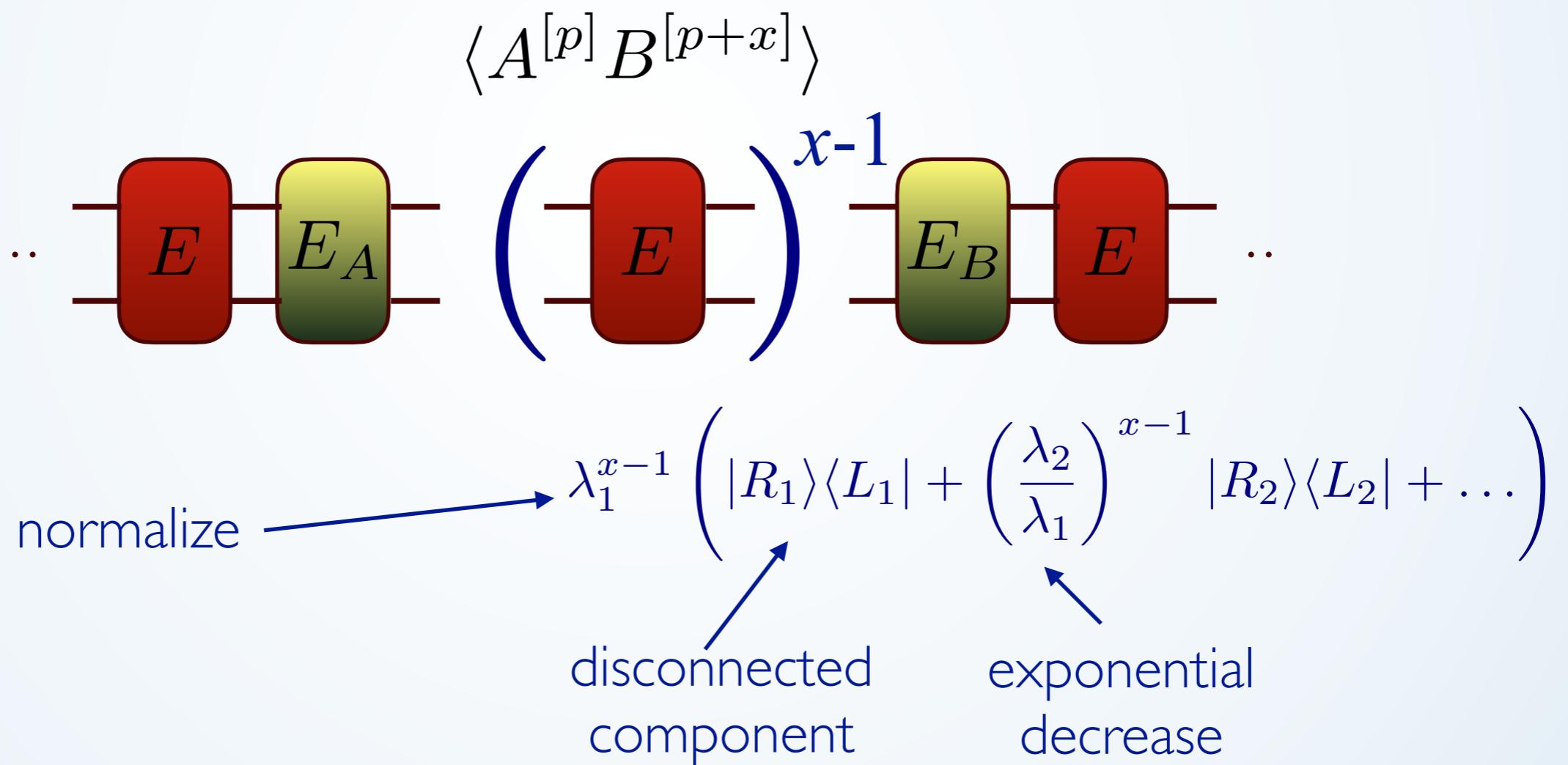
$$\lambda_1^{x-1} \left( |R_1\rangle\langle L_1| + \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^{x-1} |R_2\rangle\langle L_2| + \dots \right)$$



$$E = \sum_i A^{i*} \otimes A^i = \sum_k \lambda_k |R_k\rangle\langle L_k|$$

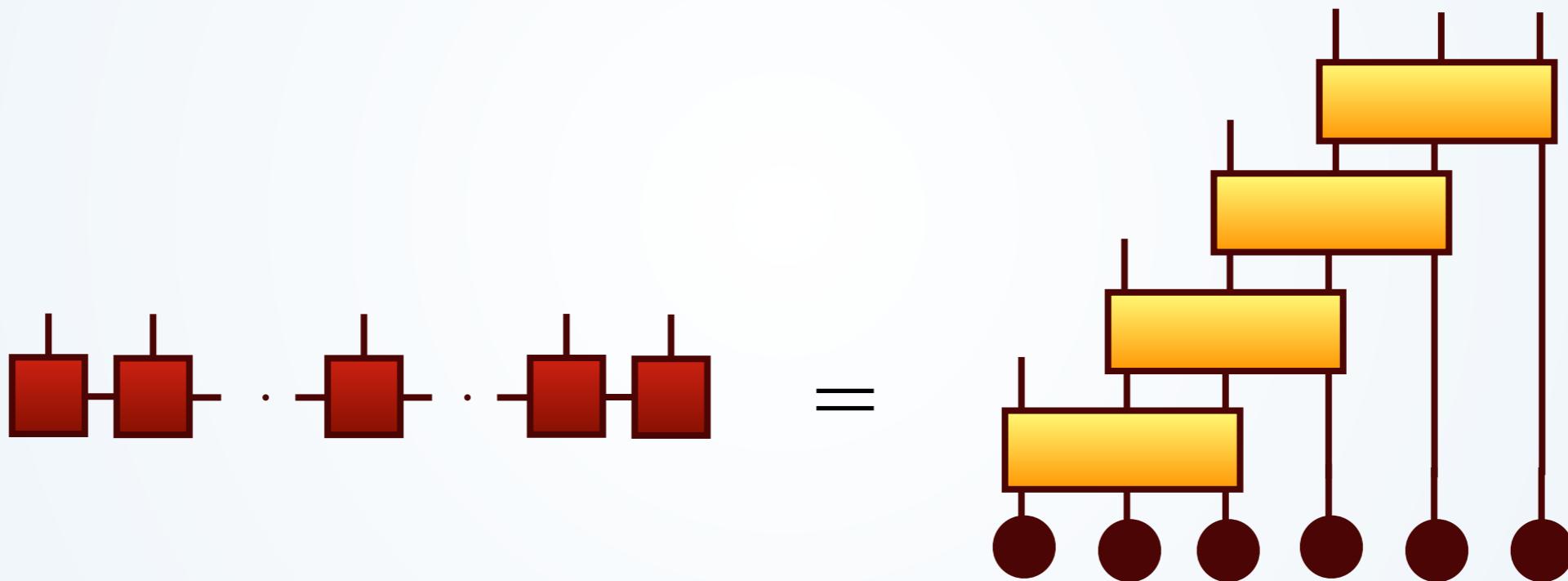
# MPS PROPERTIES

Exponentially decaying correlations



# MPS PROPERTIES

Efficient preparation



equivalent to an ancilla with dimension  $D$

# MPS PROPERTIES

Approximate ground states efficiently

$$|\Psi\rangle \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{array} \quad \text{---} \quad \approx \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \end{array} \quad \text{---} \quad \cdot \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \end{array} \quad \cdot \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \end{array} \quad \text{---} \quad |\Psi_D\rangle$$

$$\| |\Psi\rangle - |\Psi_D\rangle \|^2 \leq 2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N-1} \epsilon_\alpha(D)$$

↑  
truncation per link

$$\epsilon_\alpha(D) = \sum_{k=D+1}^{M_\alpha} \mu_k^{(\alpha)}$$

↑  
squared Schmidt values

quality of approximation depends on how fast  
Schmidt values decay

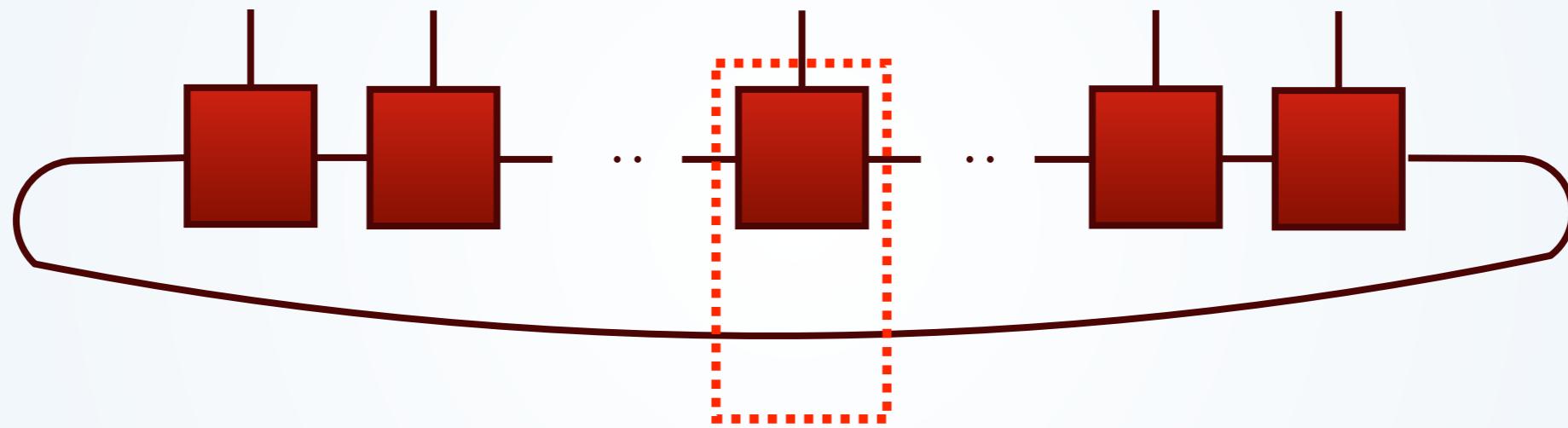
for ground states of local  
gapped 1D Hamiltonians

$$\epsilon_\alpha(D) \leq C D^{-\frac{1}{\xi' \log d}}$$

Hastings JStatMech 2007

# MPS PROPERTIES

Also periodic boundary conditions



more expensive (still efficient) contractions  $O(D^5)$

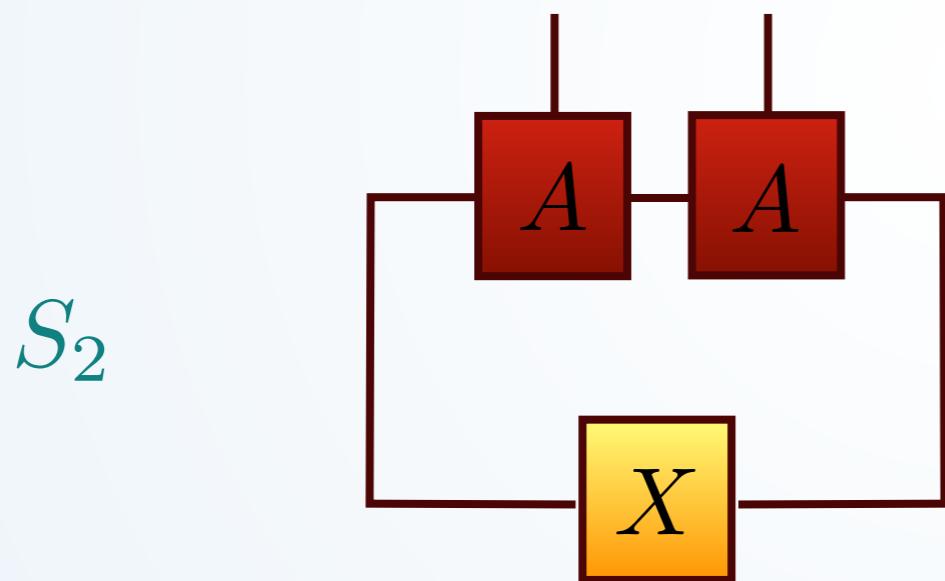
could be written as OBC with  $D^2$

(twice the entropy at half chain)

# MPS PROPERTIES

local parent Hamiltonian

Generalization of AKLT construction



$S_2$

$$X \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times D}$$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (1 - \Pi_{S_2})$$

local, frustration-free

**MPS** injectivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  unique ground state

# MPS PROPERTIES

Symmetries

fundamental physical concept

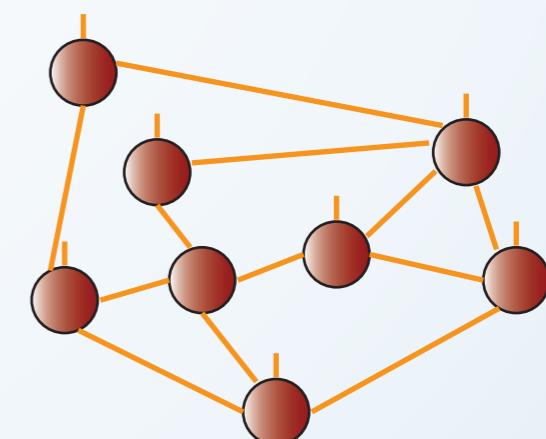
invariant Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  symmetric (covariant) eigenstate

$$UHU^\dagger = H$$

$$U|E_n\rangle = e^{i\phi}|E_n\rangle$$

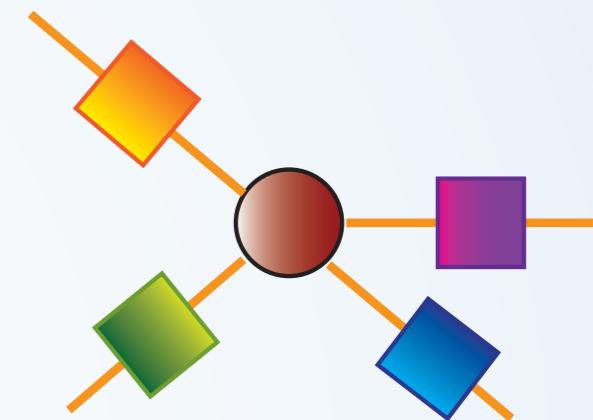
restrict effective Hilbert space to given quantum numbers

role of tensors symmetry?



# MPS PROPERTIES

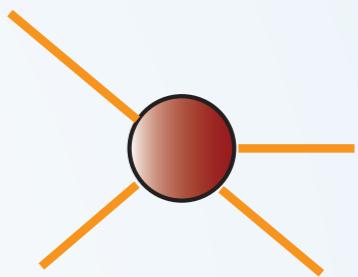
Tensors can be symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  state invariant



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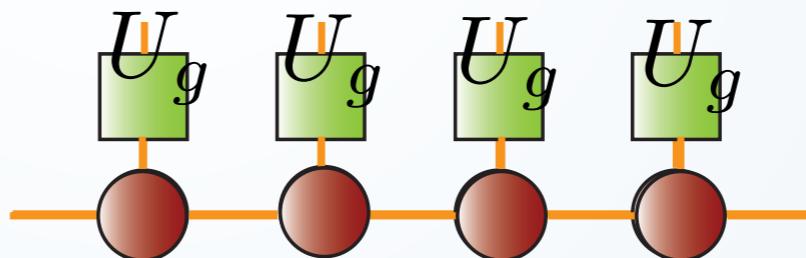
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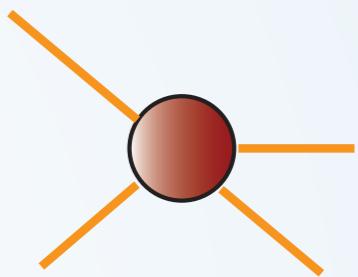
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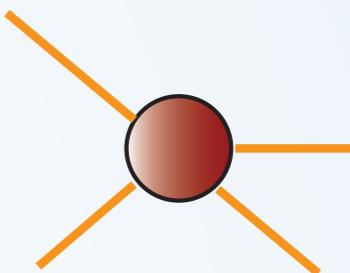
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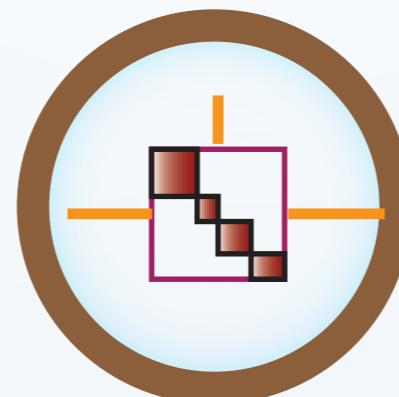
For MPS and PEPS, there is a canonical form

state invariant  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$V_g \otimes U_g^\dagger \otimes V_g^\dagger = \text{---} \otimes \text{---}$$

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In general: structure  
of tensor  $\rightarrow$   
symmetry properties



gauge symmetries  
Tagliacozzo et al. PRX 2014  
Haegeman et al. PRX 2015  
topological order  
Wahl et al., PRL 2013  
Buerschaper, Ann. Phys. 2014  
Sahinoglu et al. arXiv:1409.2150

# MPS PROPERTIES

## RECAP

good approximation of ground states

gapped finite range Hamiltonian ⇒  
area law (ground state)

efficient calculation of expectation values

exponentially decaying correlations

can be prepared efficiently

PEPS

Projected Entangled Pairs

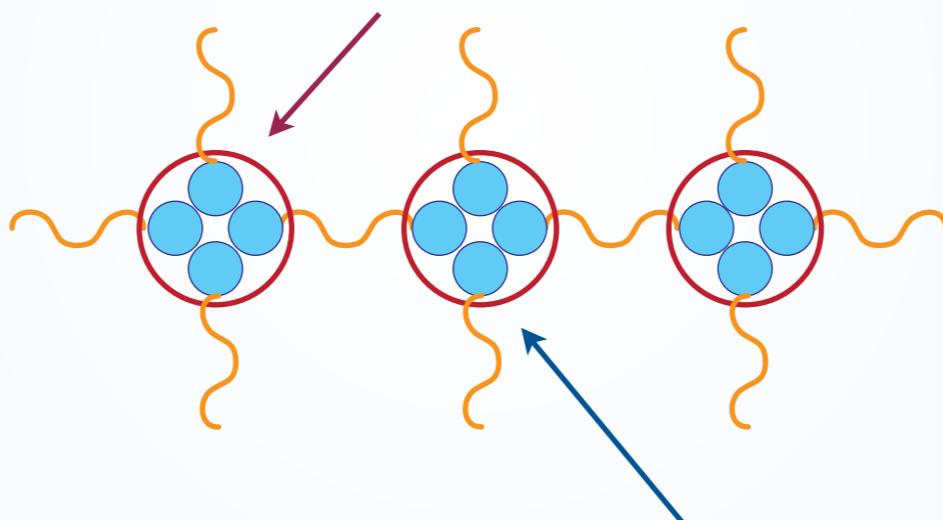
**natural generalization of MPS**

# PEPS

Projected Entangled Pairs States

area law by construction

any lattice



local map onto the physical d.o.f.

additional  
virtual  
particles

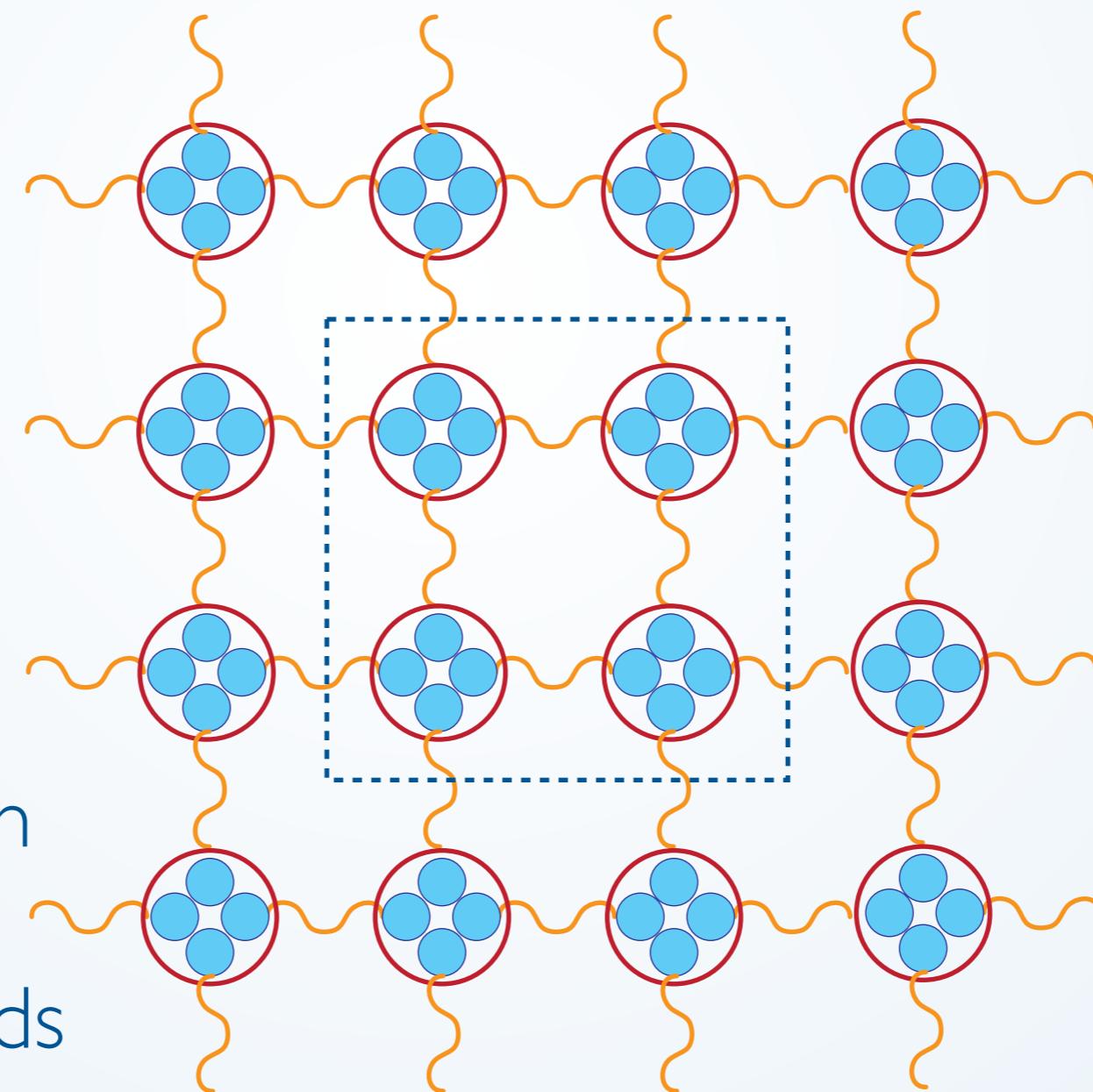
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any lattice

Entropy of a region  
bounded by the  
number of cut bonds

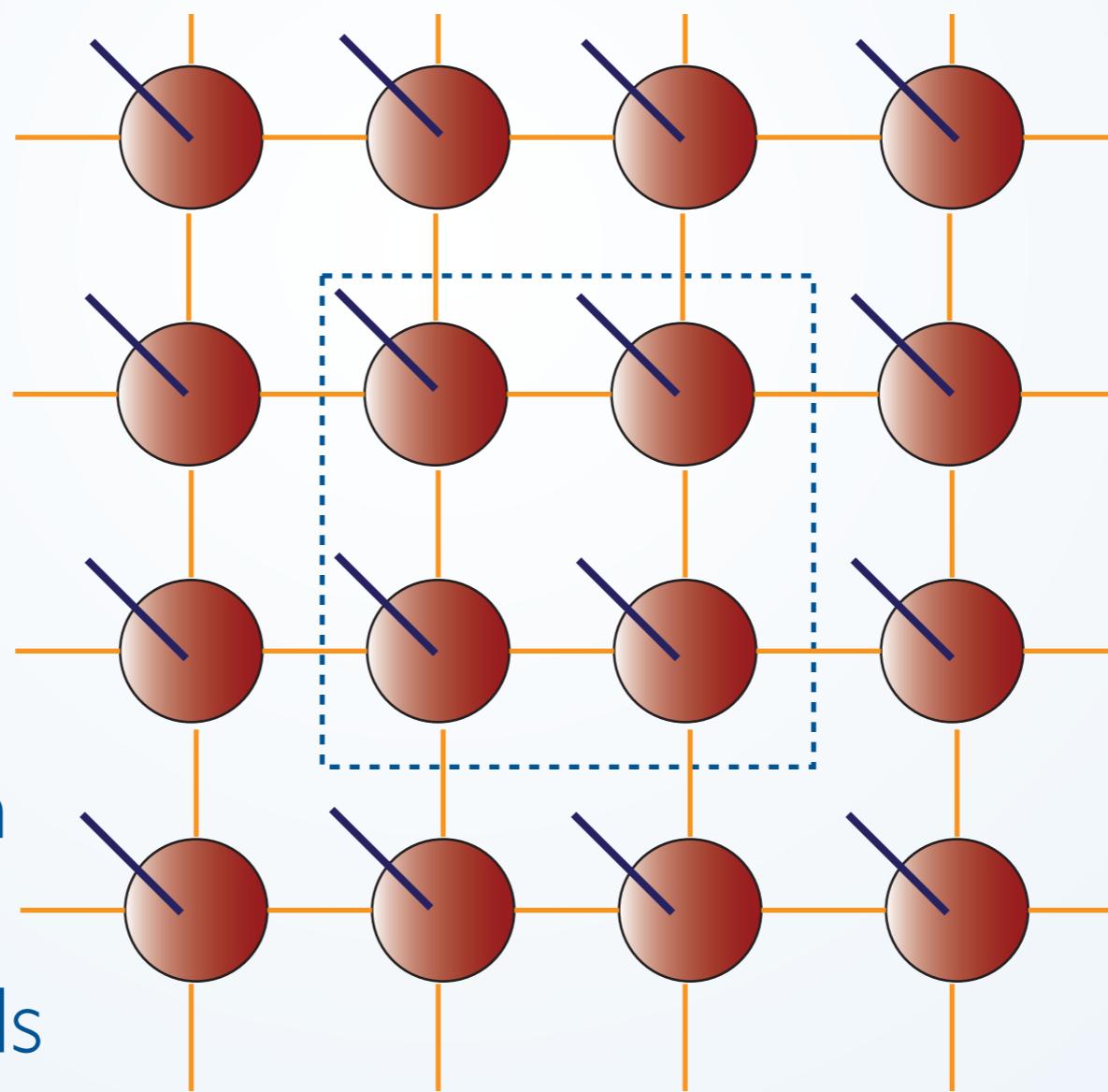


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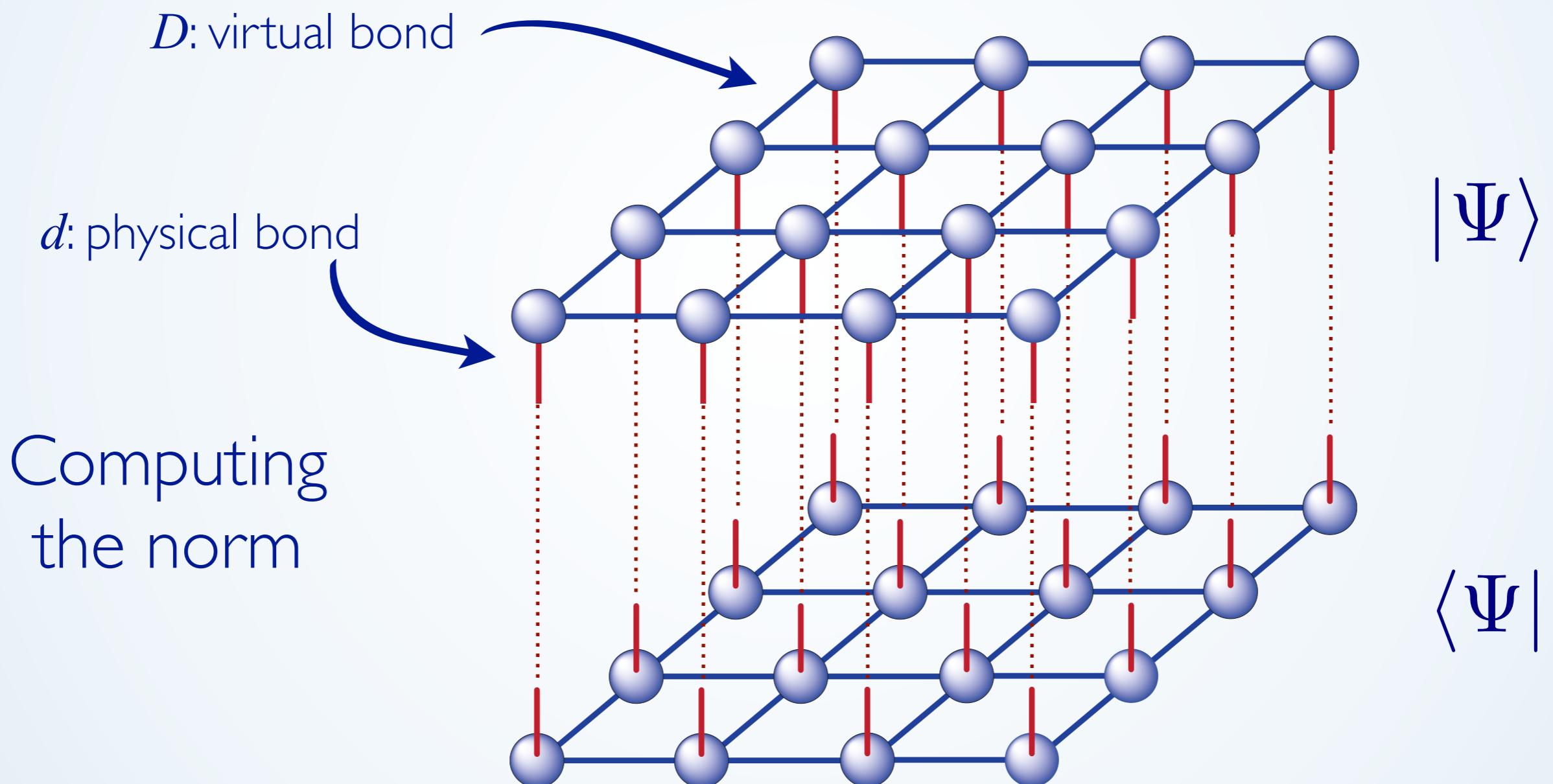
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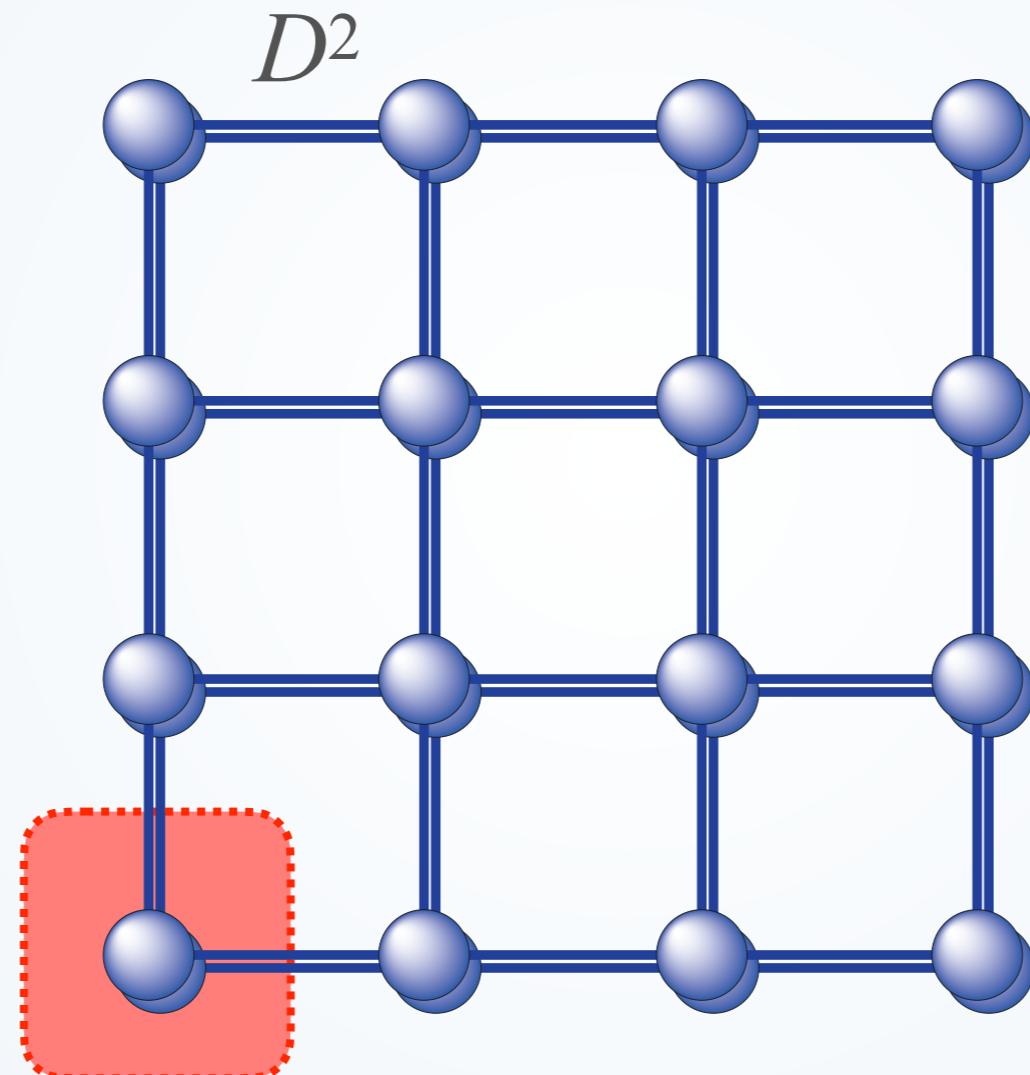
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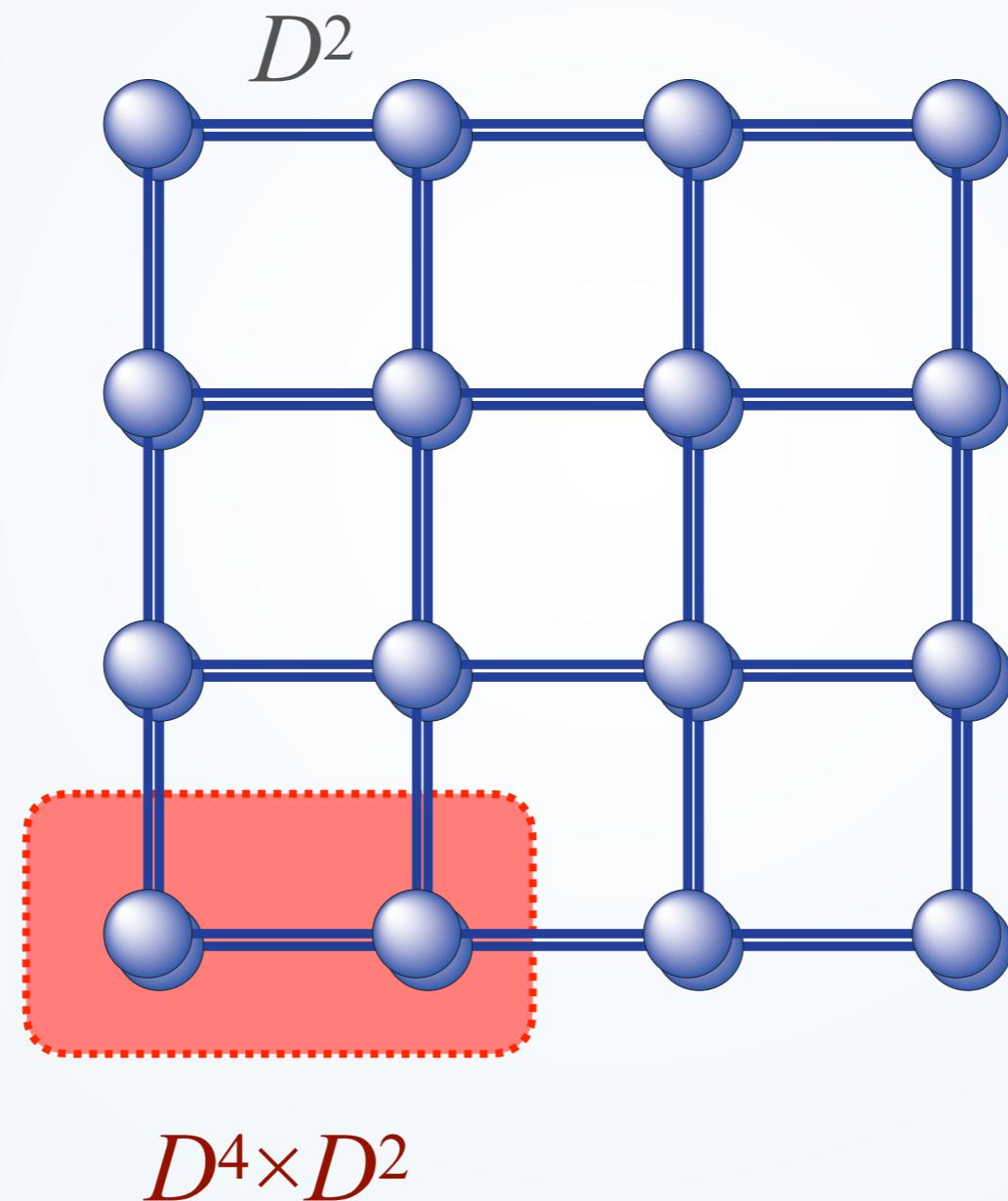
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$D^2 \times D^2$

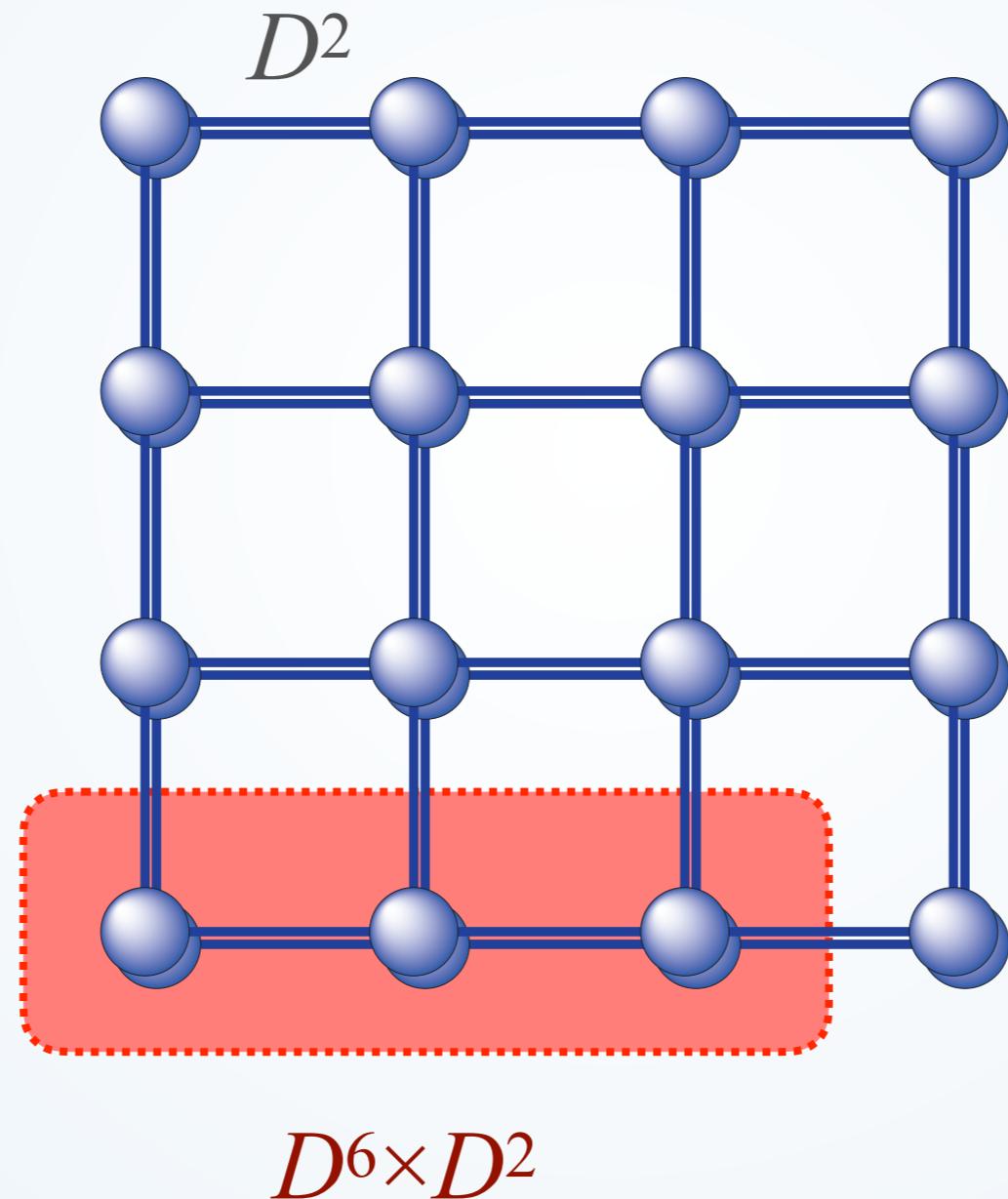
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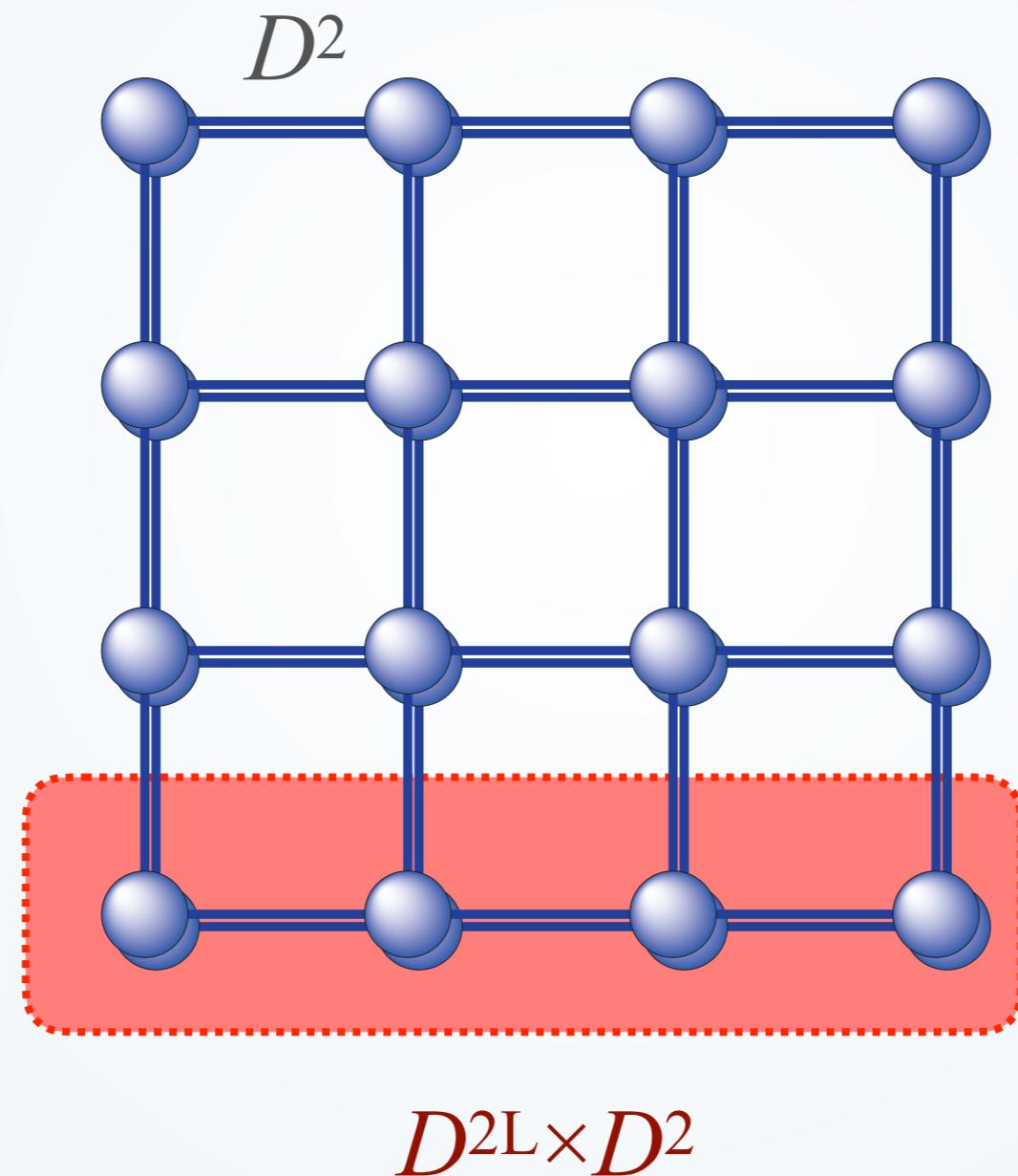
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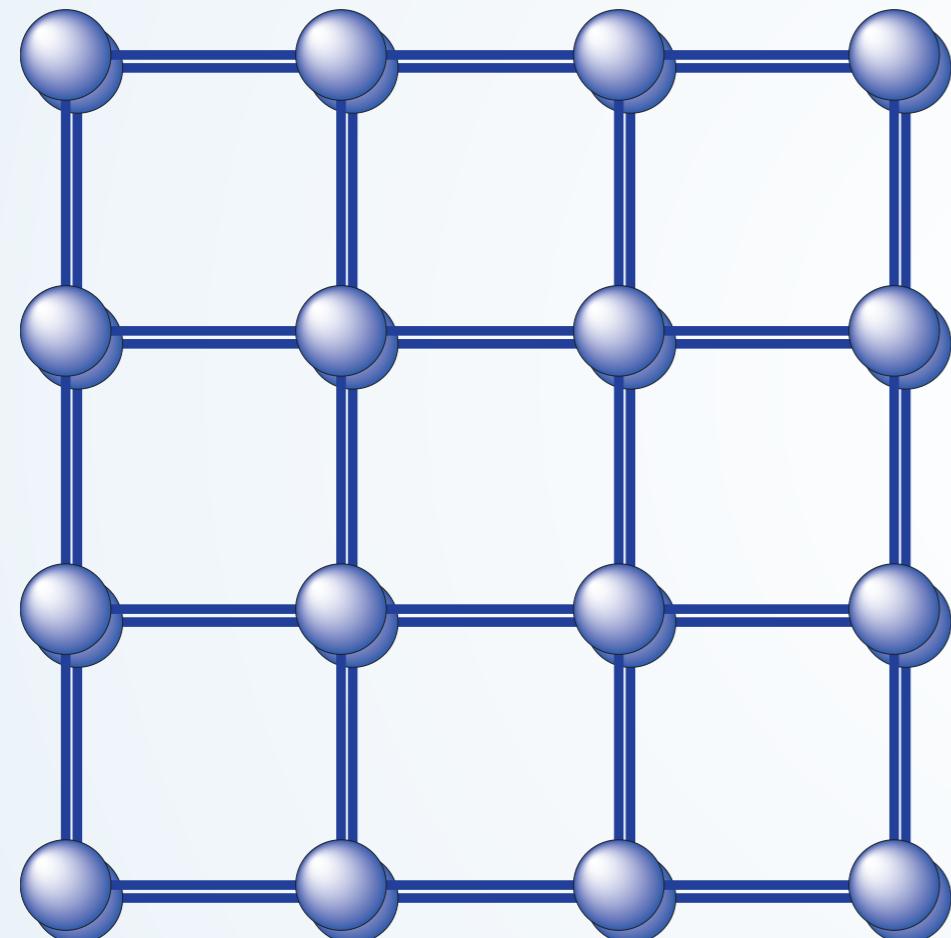
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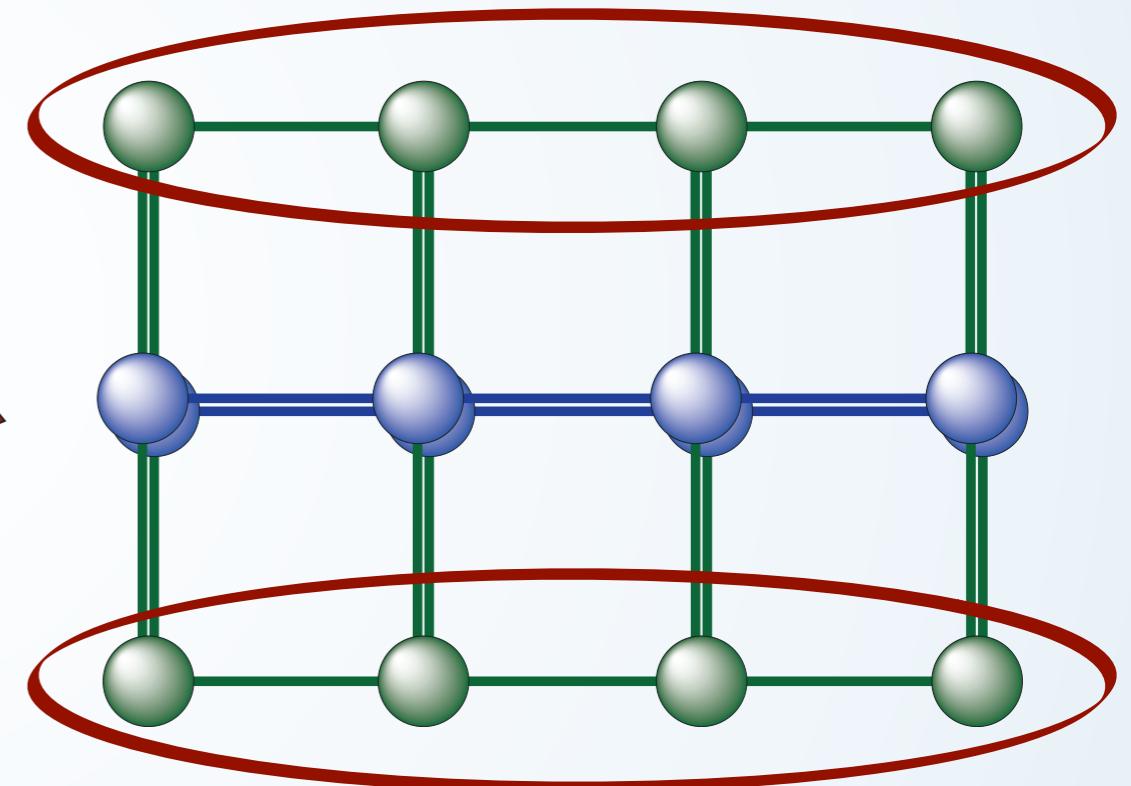
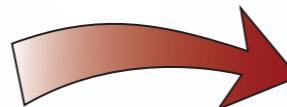
contracting  
#P-complete

# PEPS

Projected Entangled Pairs States



Needed for expectation  
values and tensor updates

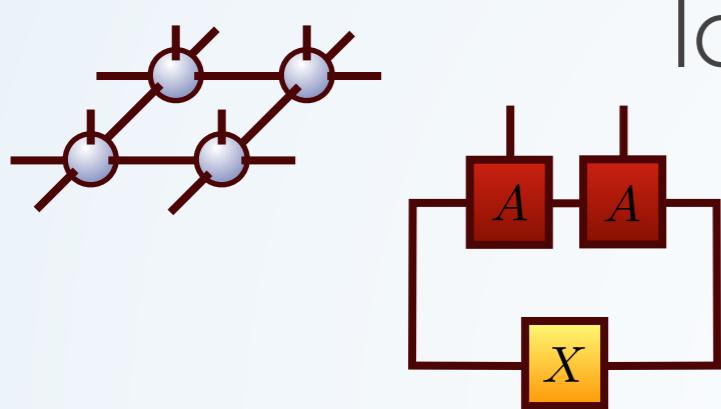


enviroment  
approximation

Best we can do:  
approximate (e.g. via MPO-  
MPS contractions)

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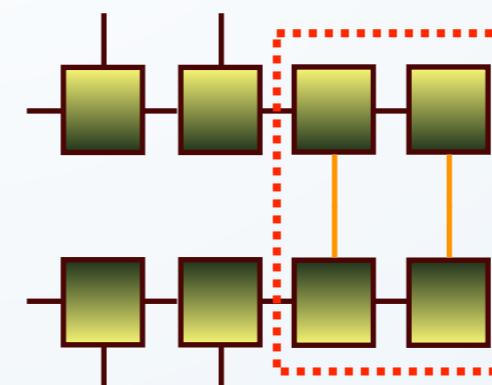
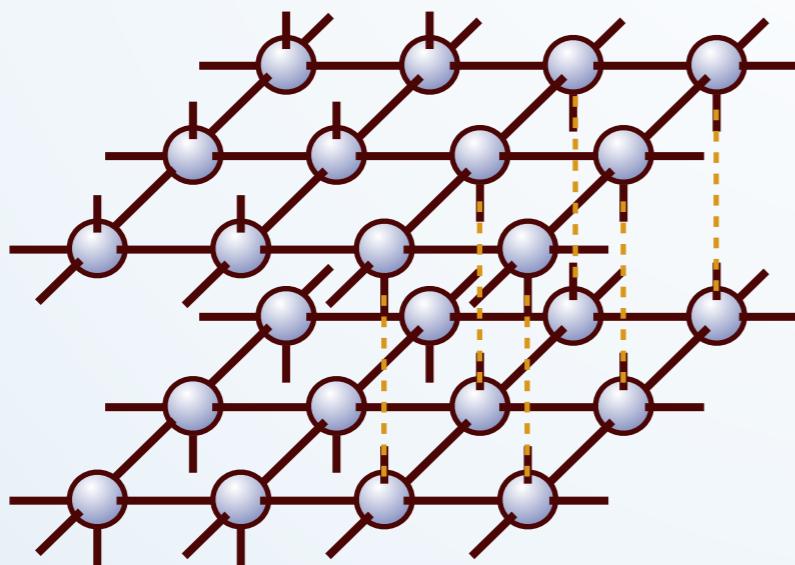


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bulk-boundary correspondence

holographic principle: boundary dof determine physics in bulk



half-system  
RDM  
on virtual dof

map virtual to physical

# PEPS

Projected Entangled Pairs States

## Properties

no efficient calculation of expectation values

can hold algebraically decaying correlations

cannot be prepared efficiently

ground state of local frustration-free Hamiltonians

efficient approximation of thermal states

Hastings PRB 2006

Molnar et al PRB 2015