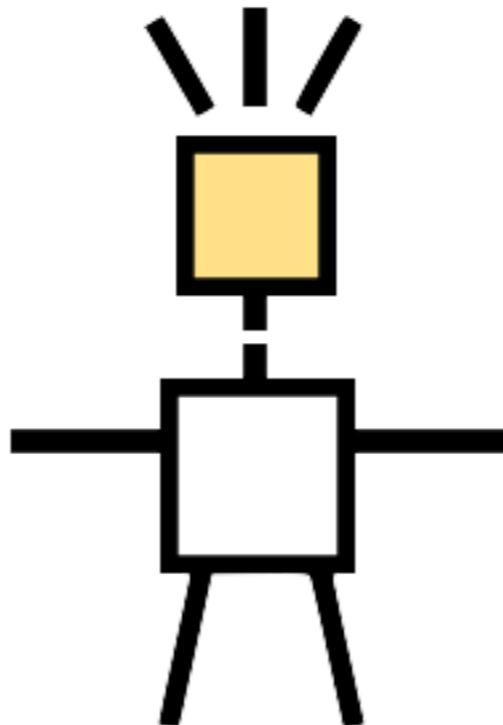


Welcome to the ITensor CCQ School



Goals of the School

- Fundamental **theory** (tensor networks, algorithms)
- Understanding **strengths** and **weaknesses** of TN
- Learning the **ITensor** software – hands on experience

Goals of the School

This is for you!

**Please ask questions if
anything is unclear...**

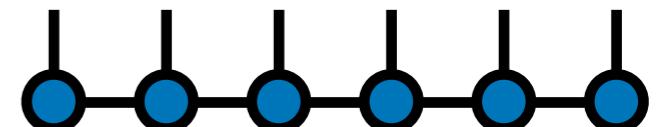
Schedule

Day One:

Talk One: DMRG Overview

Talk Two: ITensors.jl and running DMRG

Hands-on: Using and applying DMRG



Day Two:

Talk Three: Time evolution with MPS

Talk Four: ITensors.jl under the hood: tensor algebra

Hands-on: Time Evolution of MPS

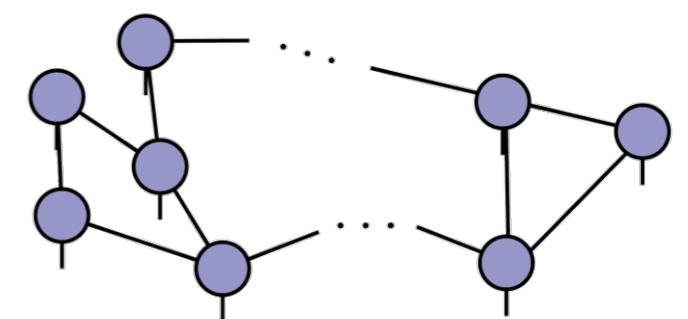
$$e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle = |\psi(t)\rangle$$

Day Three:

Talk Five: Quantics and MPS beyond wave functions

Talk Six: Tensor networks in higher dimensions

Hands-on: Belief Propagation on 2D Tensor Networks



This Talk

- Tensors
- Tensor Networks
- The DMRG algorithm

**Tensors
and
Tensor Networks**

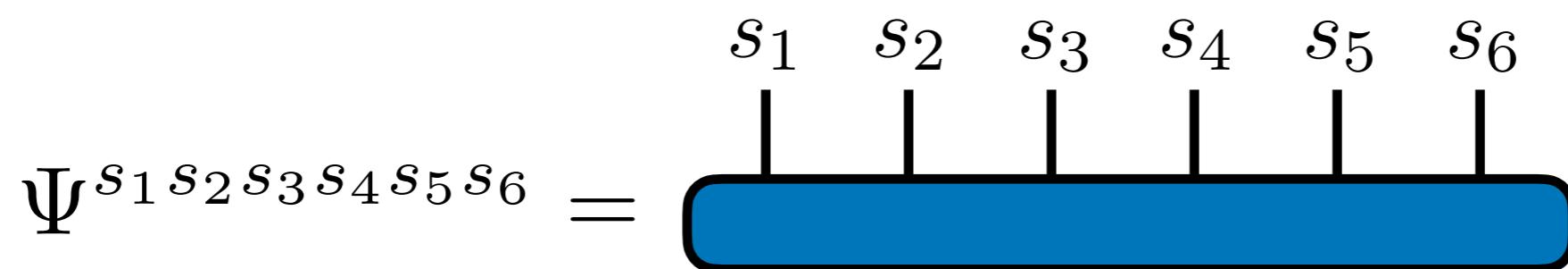
Is exponential compression possible?

Tensor Networks

General wavefunction of n qubits

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1 s_2 s_3 \cdots s_n} \Psi^{s_1 s_2 s_3 \cdots s_n} |s_1 s_2 s_3 \cdots s_n\rangle \quad s_j \in \{0, 1\}$$

Amplitudes form a big tensor!



Tensor Networks

What is a tensor?

vector

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = 3$$

matrix

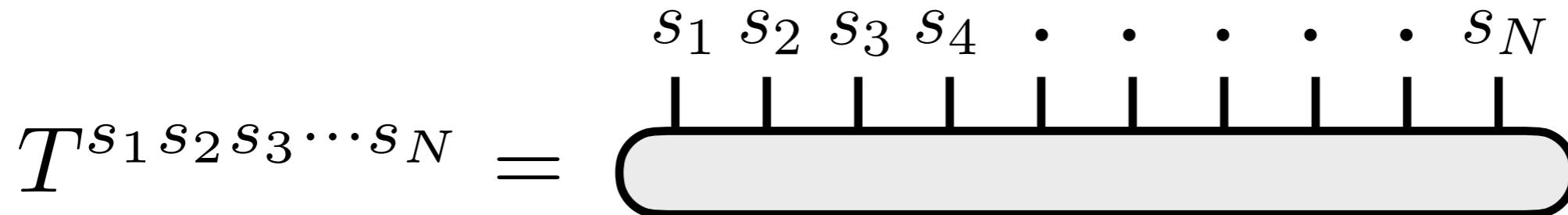
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad M_{12} = 7$$

order-3
tensor

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & [5 & 4] & 7 \\ 1 & [3 & 2] & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad T_{112} = 5$$

Tensor Networks

N-index tensor = shape with N lines



Low-order examples:

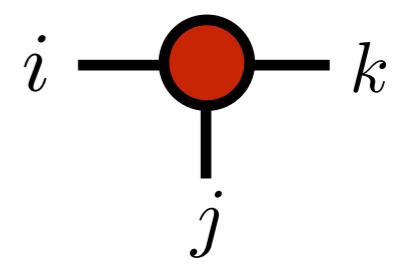
$$v_j$$



$$M_{ij}$$



$$T_{ijk}$$



Joining wires means contraction:

$$\text{---} \textcolor{green}{\circ} \text{---} \textcolor{purple}{\circ} \text{---} = \text{---} \textcolor{orange}{\circ} \text{---}$$

$$\sum_j M_{ij} v_j = w_i$$

Tensor Networks

A problem: N-index tensor **exponential** to store

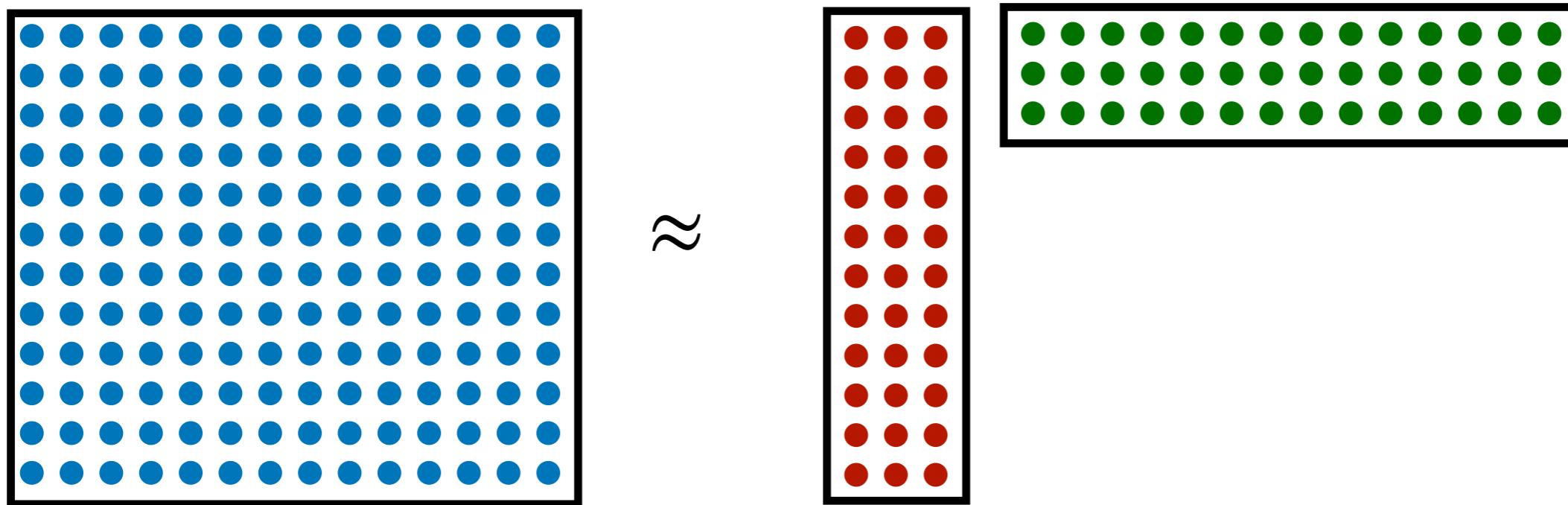
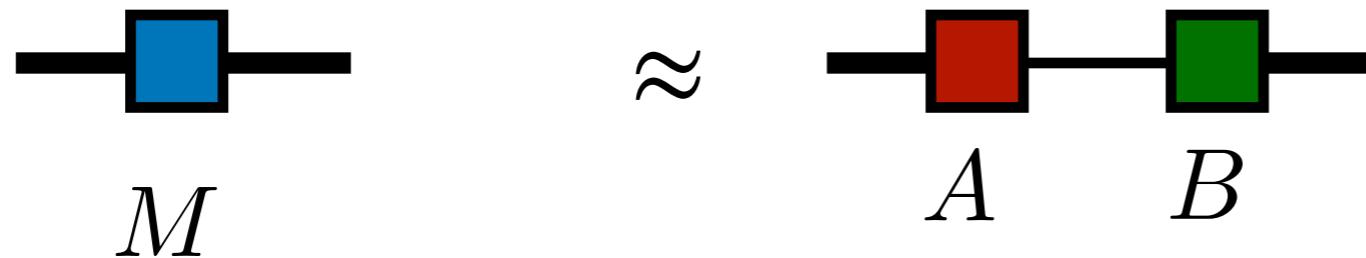
$$T^{s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots s_N} = \text{[A long horizontal cylinder with vertical indices $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, \dots, s_N$ at the top and bottom edges.]}$$

A version of the "**many-body problem**"

$$|\Psi\rangle = \text{[A long horizontal cylinder with vertical indices and arrows indicating spin up (\uparrow) and spin down (\downarrow).]} \quad \text{[Arrows pointing up and down along the cylinder.]}$$

Tensor Networks

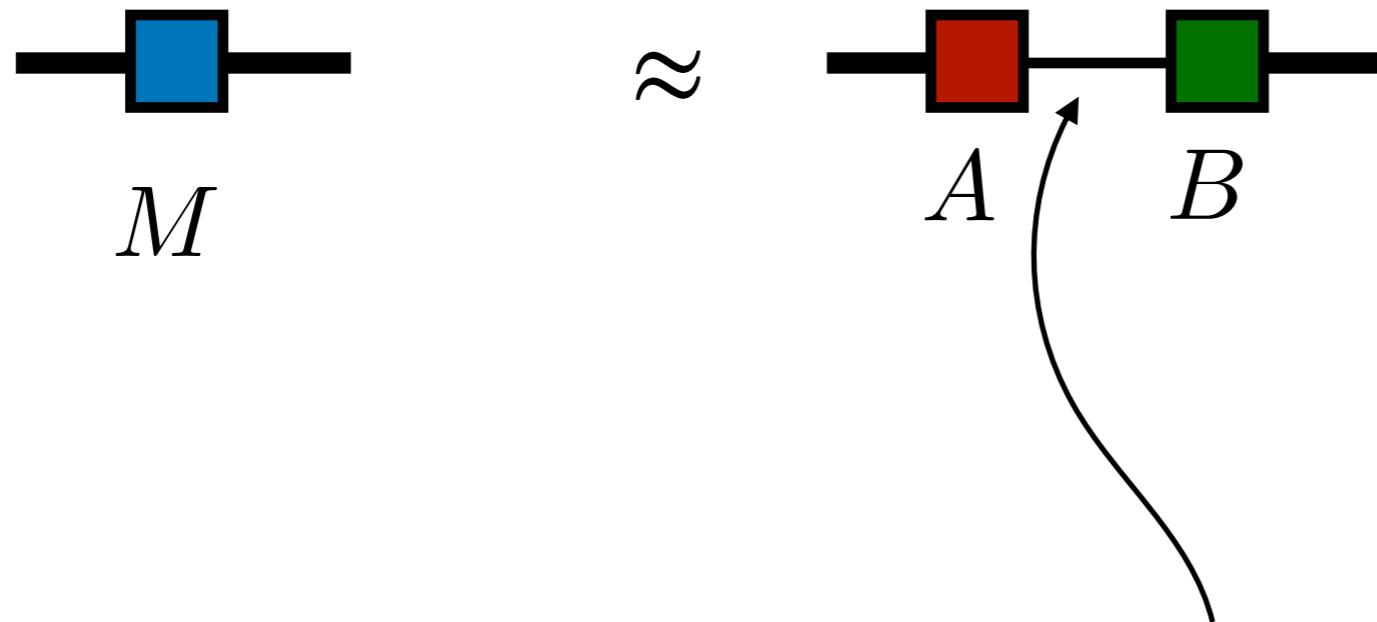
For matrices, can perform low-rank compression



Less memory and fewer operations

Tensor Networks

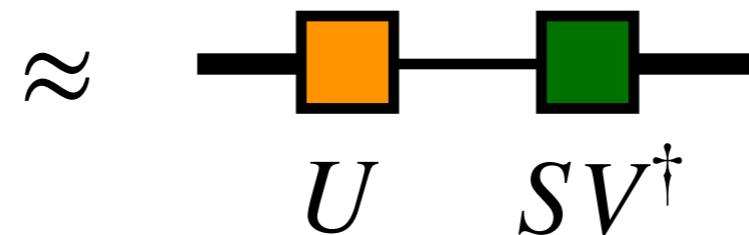
For matrices, can perform low-rank compression



*size of shared index called the
"rank" of the factorization*

Tensor Networks

Optimal solution (smallest rank) found by SVD



Low-rank: Test Your Knowledge

Is this matrix low rank? Or high rank?
Why?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Low-rank: Test Your Knowledge

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product of Nx1 and 1xN matrices

Low rank

Columns linearly dependent

Low-rank: Test Your Knowledge

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Low rank

Outer product of two vectors

Low-rank: Test Your Knowledge

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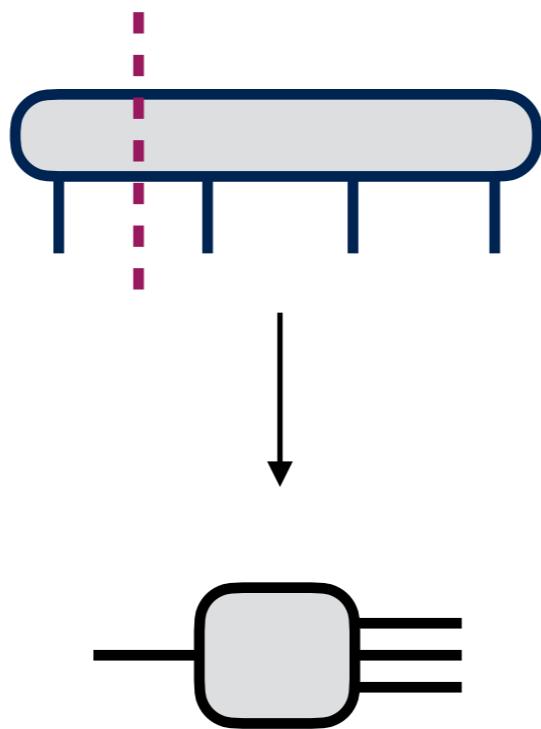
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

High rank (full rank)

All columns orthogonal / maximally linearly independent

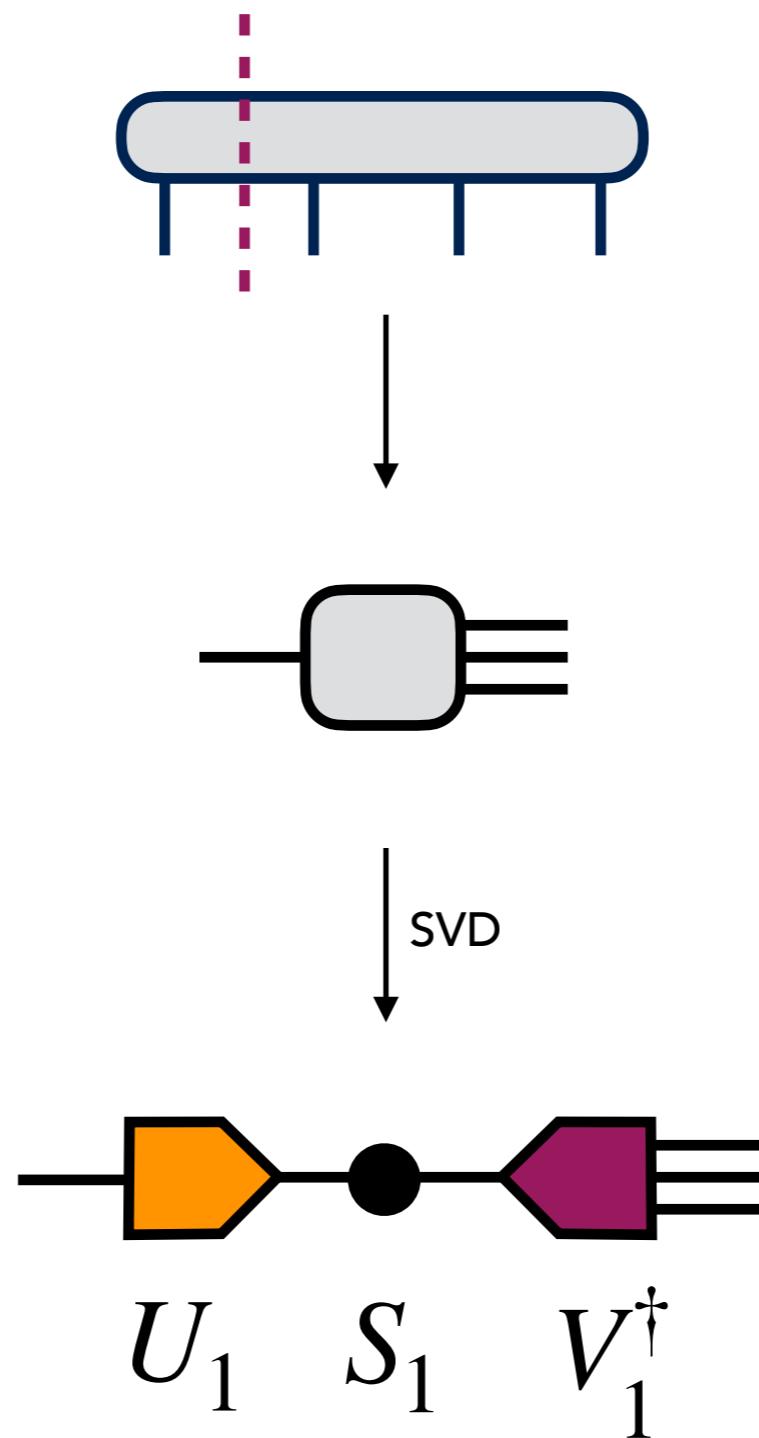
How to generalize SVD to tensors?

Reshape as a matrix:



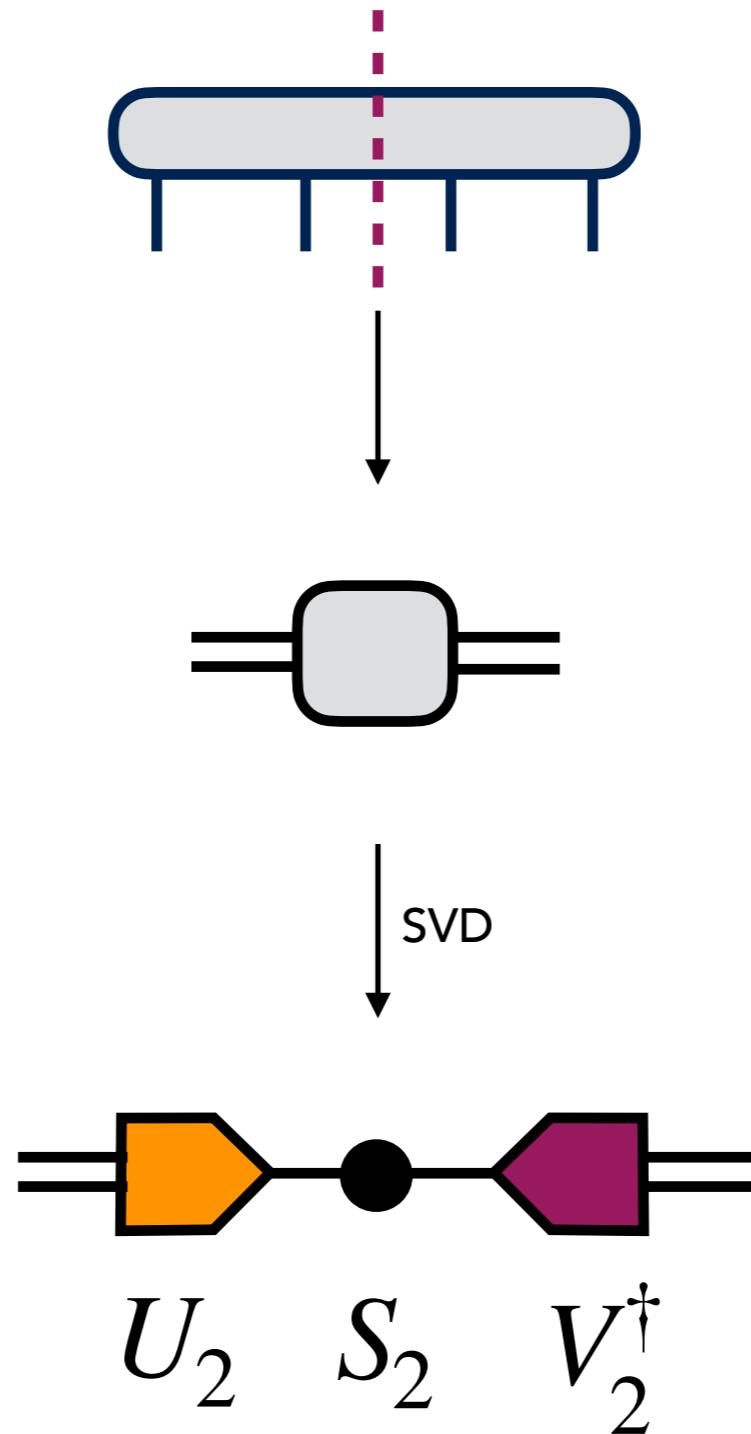
Generalizing SVD to tensors

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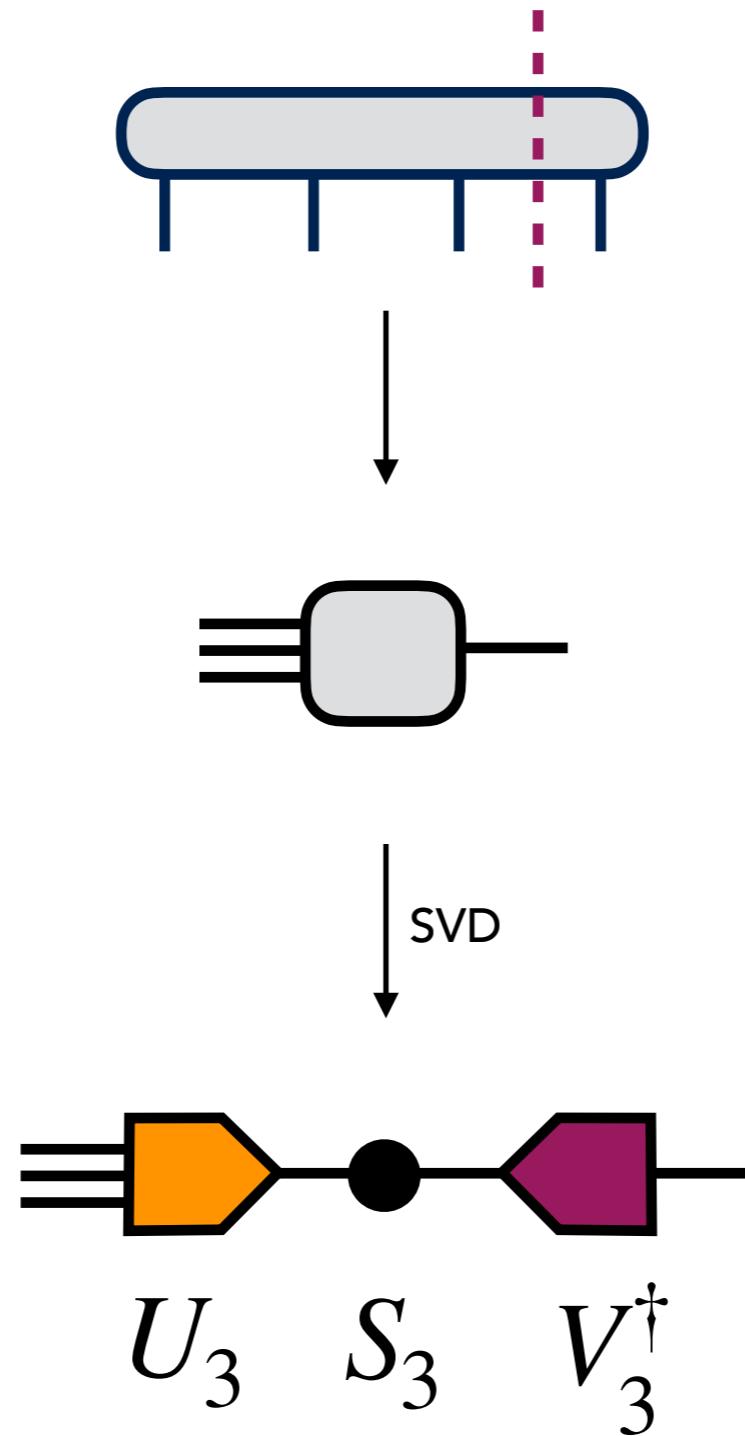
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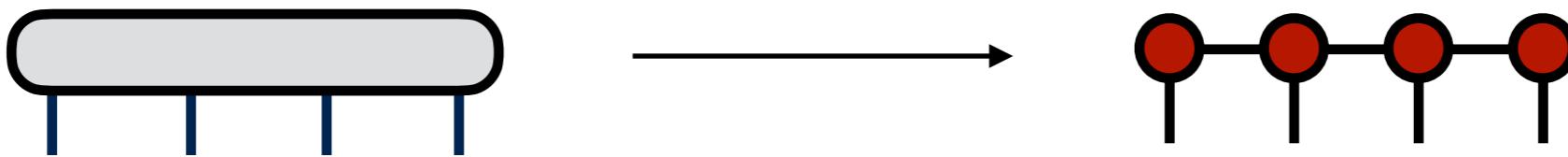


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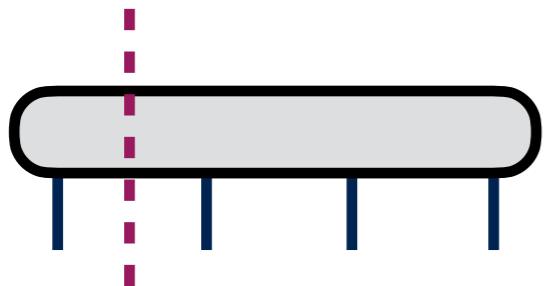


Factorizations lead to tensor networks

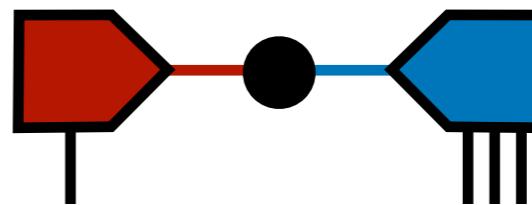


Consider sequence of SVD's...

1. SVD first index from rest

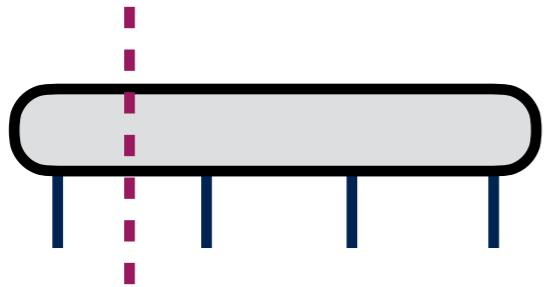


SVD
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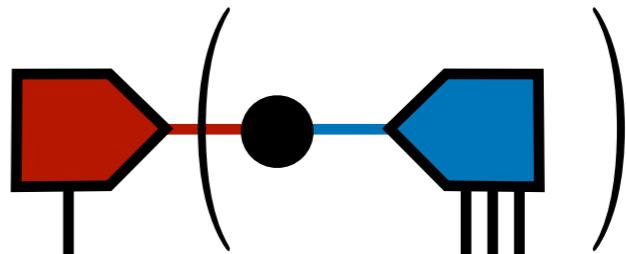


$$U_1 \quad S_1 \quad V_1^T$$

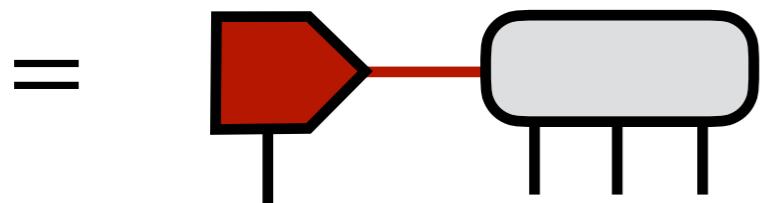
2. Multiply S_1 into V_1^T



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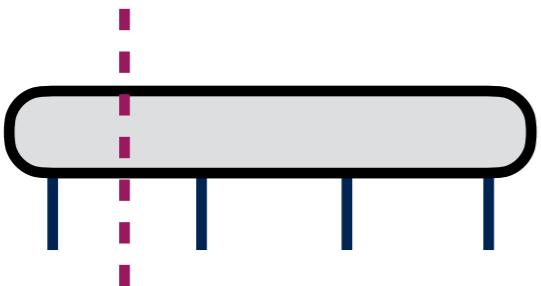


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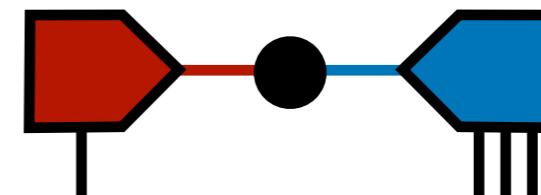


$U_1 \quad (S_1 V_1^T)$

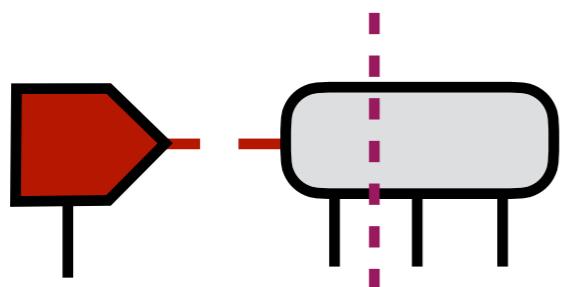
3. SVD this new tensor $(= S_1 V_1^T)$



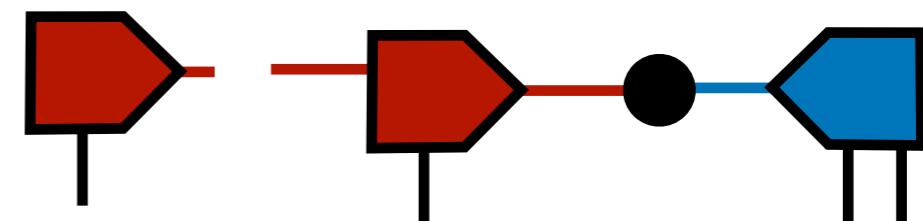
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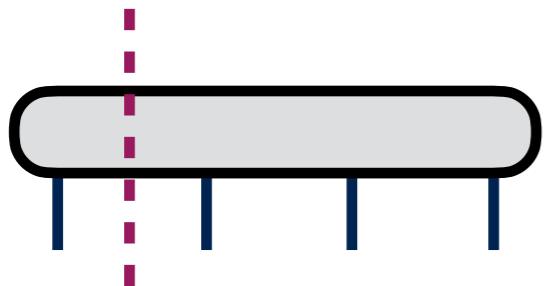
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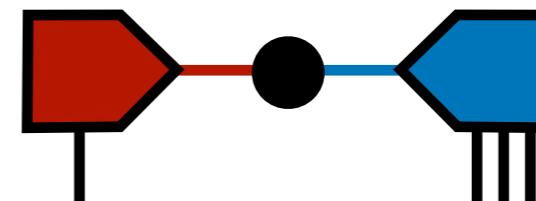
$U_1 \quad (S_1 V_1^T)$

$U_1 \quad U_2 \quad S_2 \quad V_2^T$

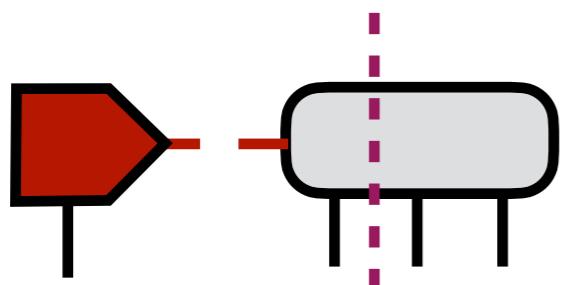
4. Multiply S_2 into V_2



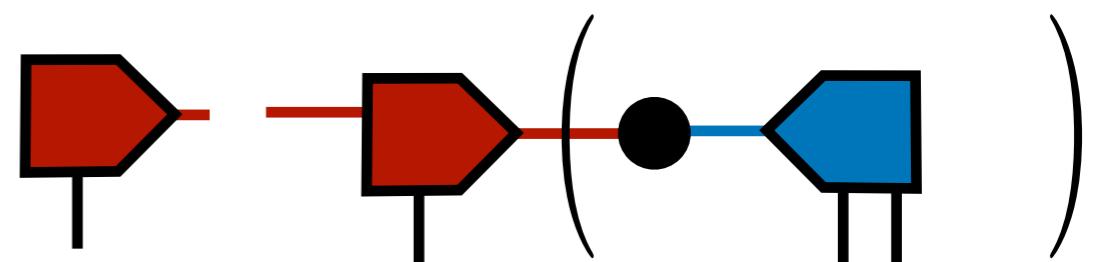
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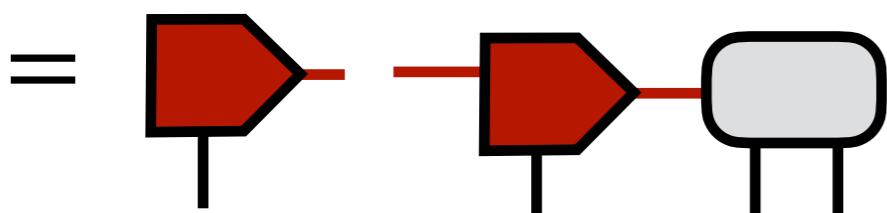
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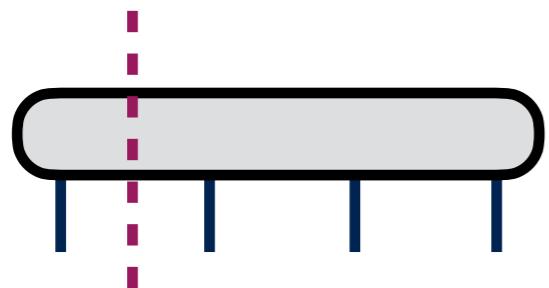


$U_1 \quad U_2 \quad S_2 \quad V_2^T$

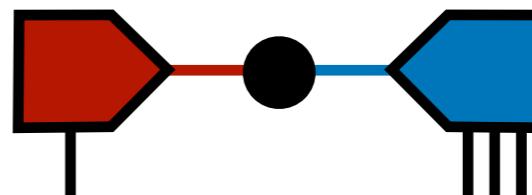


$= \quad U_1 \quad U_2 \quad (S_2 V_2^T)$

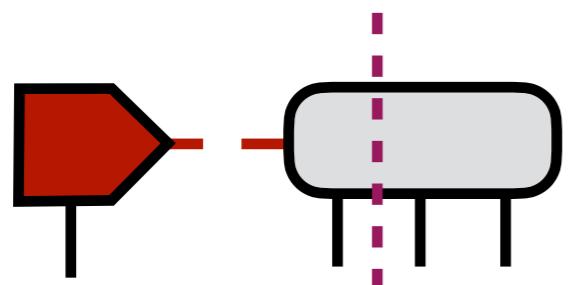
5. Finally SVD $(S_2 V_2^T)$



SVD
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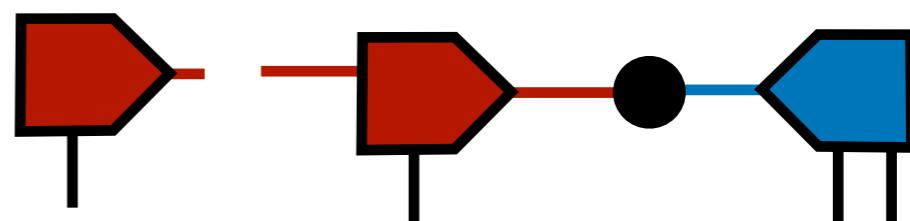


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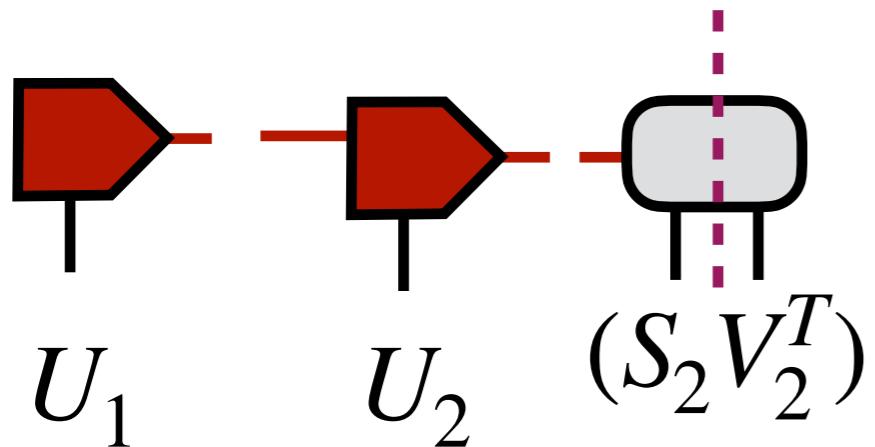


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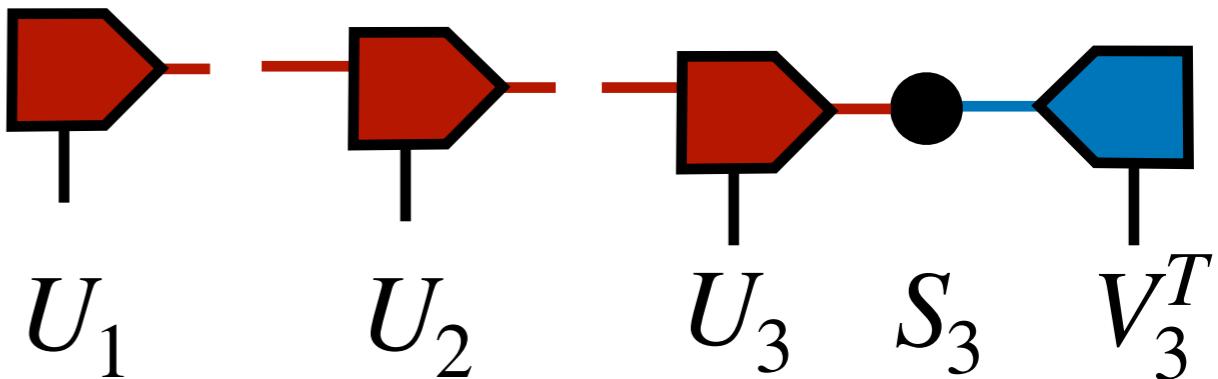
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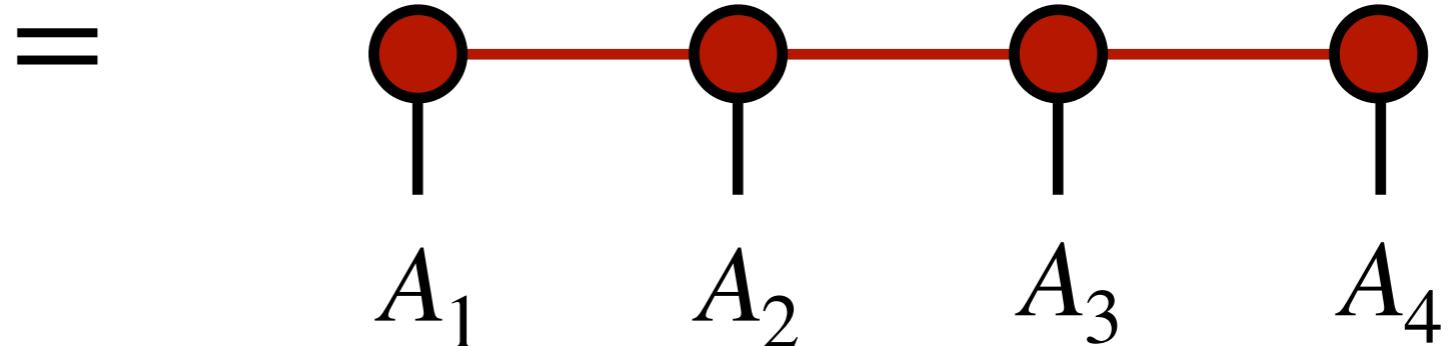
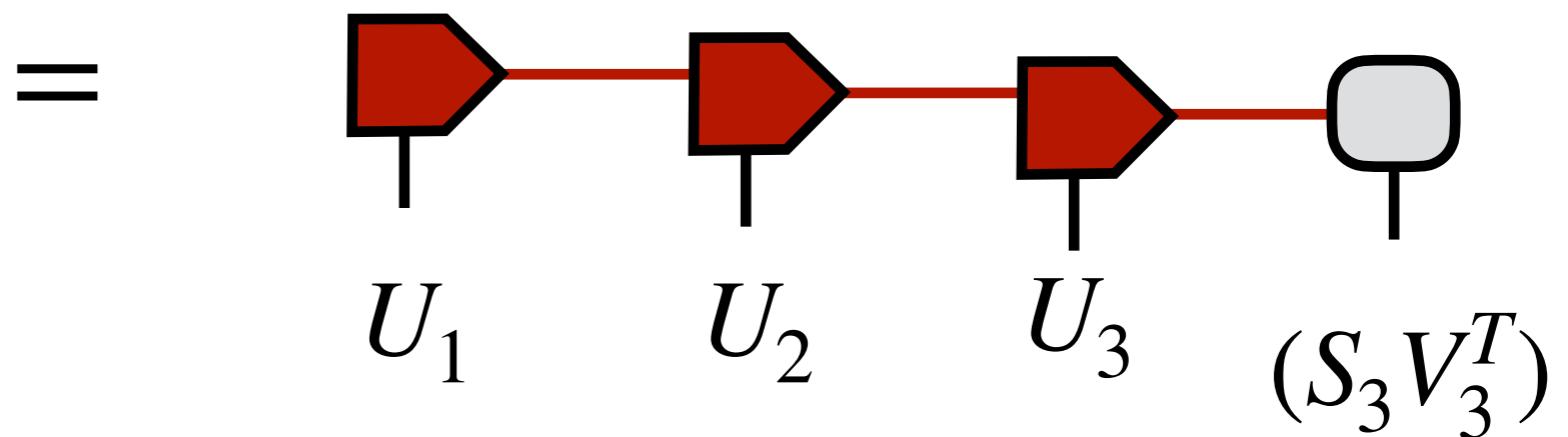
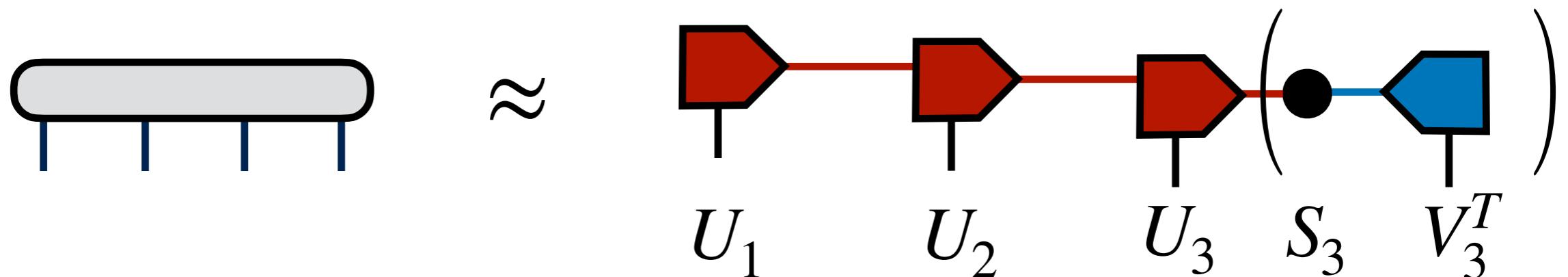


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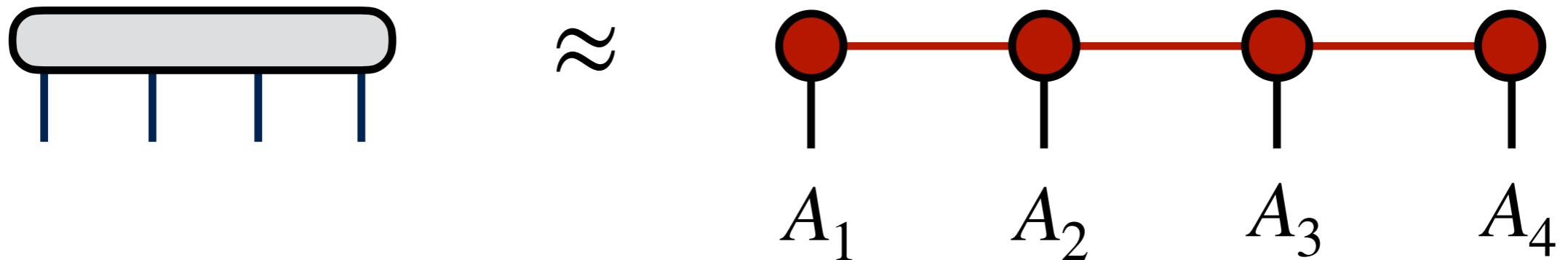


$U_1 \quad U_2 \quad U_3 \quad S_3 \quad V_3^T$

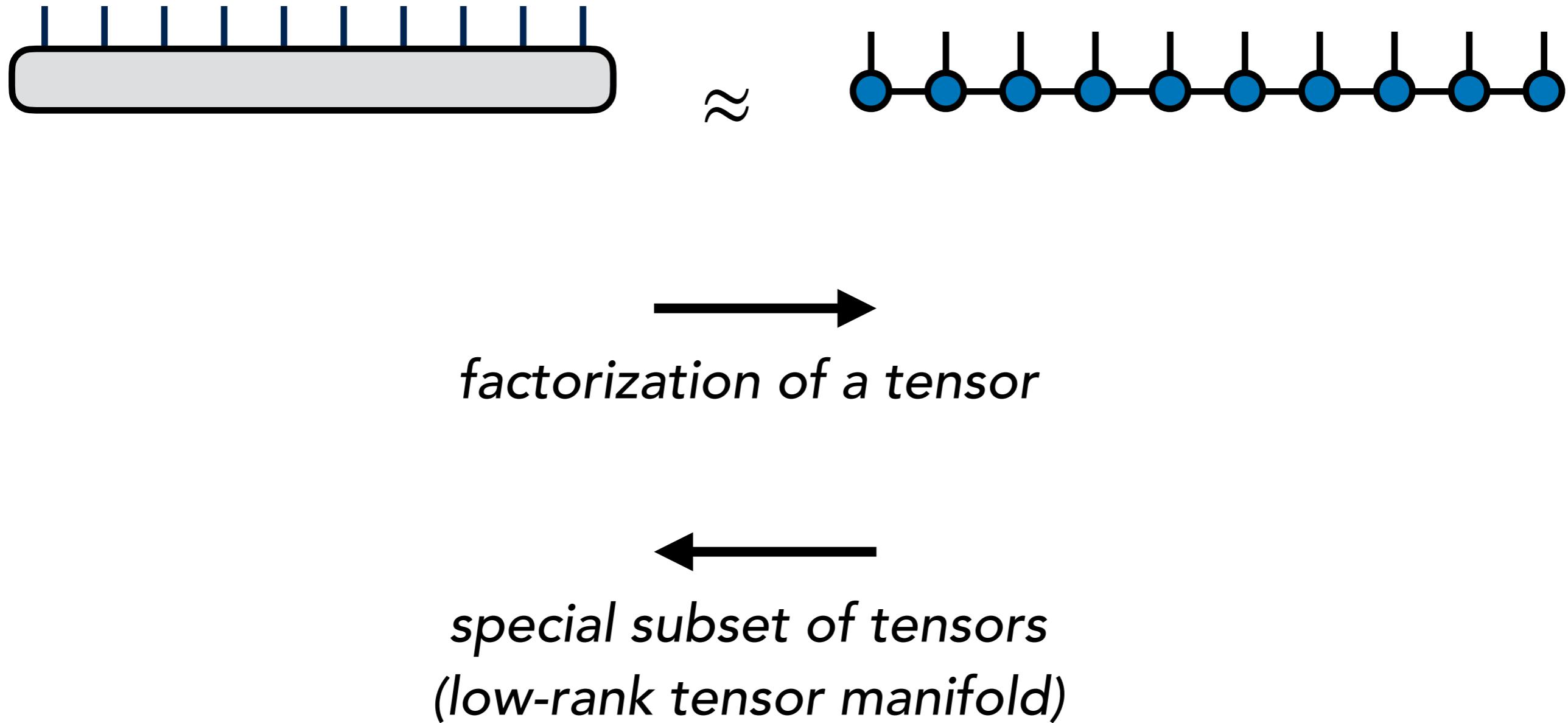
6. Interpret result as a tensor network



This decomposition is called a
"matrix product state" (MPS)

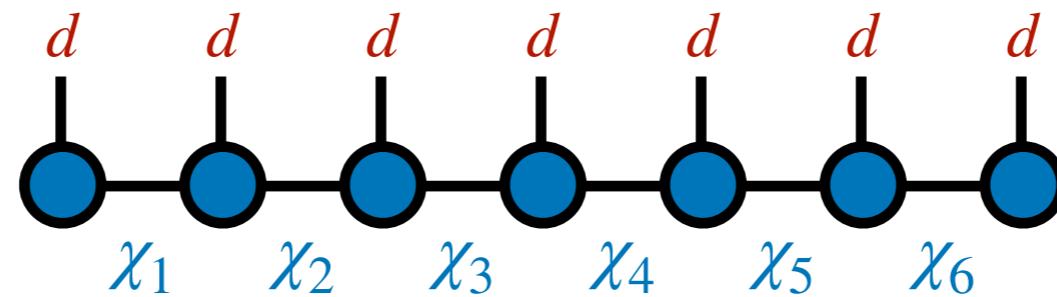


Two views of matrix product states



Matrix product state (MPS) tensor network

Size of a matrix product state (MPS)



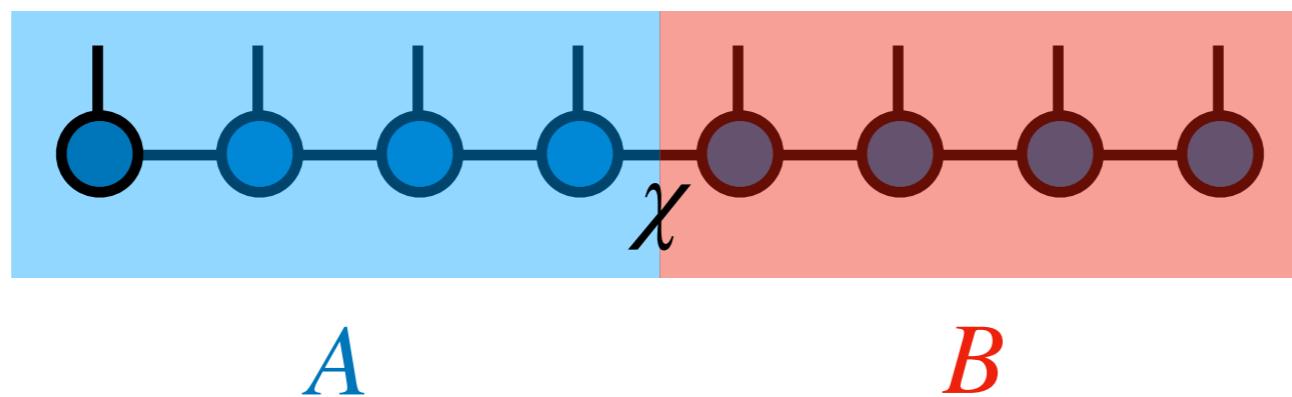
N tensors of size $\chi \cdot d \cdot \chi = d\chi^2$

Memory cost: $N d \chi^2$ ($\ll d^N$)

Matrix product state (MPS) tensor network

What governs bond dimensions?

Divide sites into regions **A** and **B**



Can show $\chi \geq \exp(S)$

Where S is the entanglement entropy* between **A** and **B**

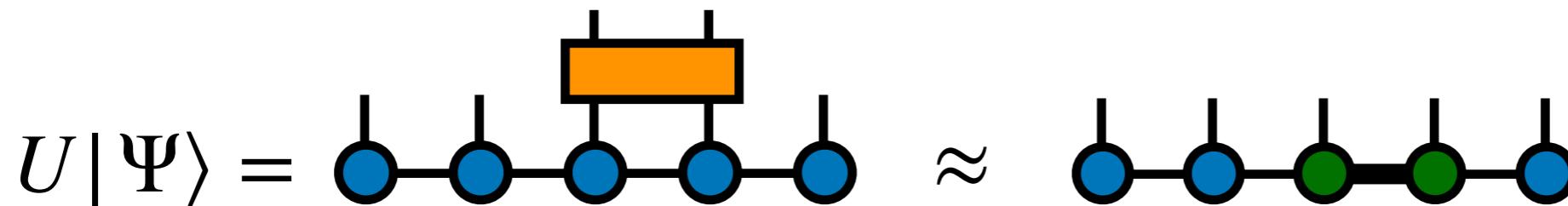
More entanglement \implies larger bond dimensions

* von Neumann entanglement entropy

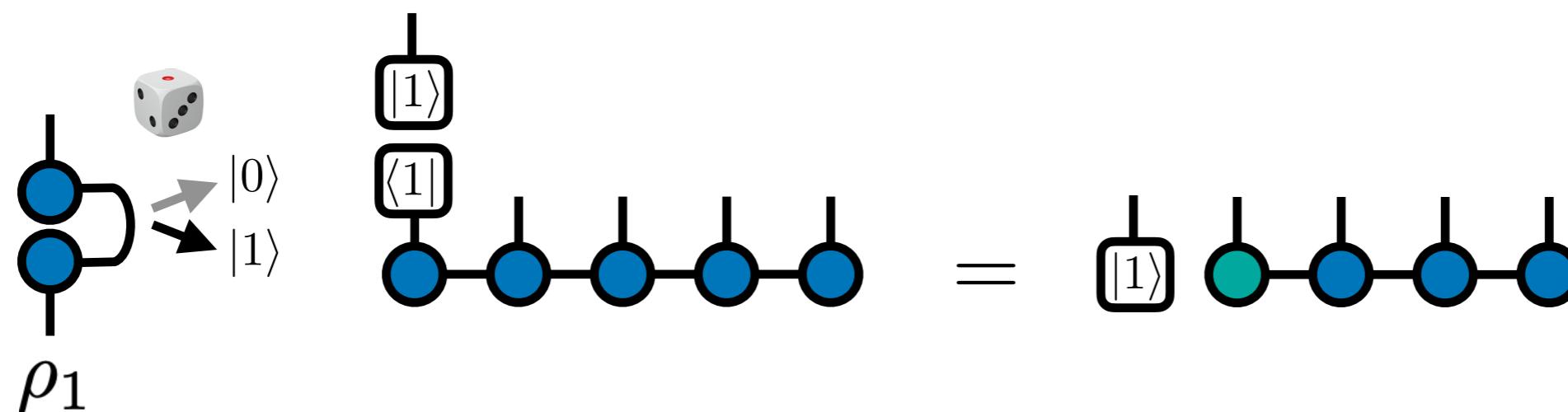
Tensor Networks

Many efficient algorithms for tensor networks

Applying quantum gates (time evolution)



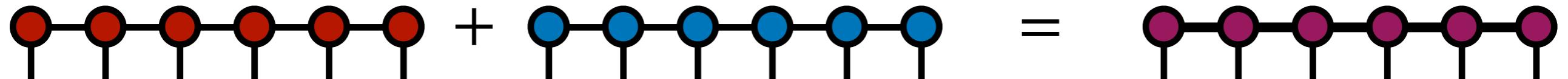
"Perfect sampling" from MPS tensor networks



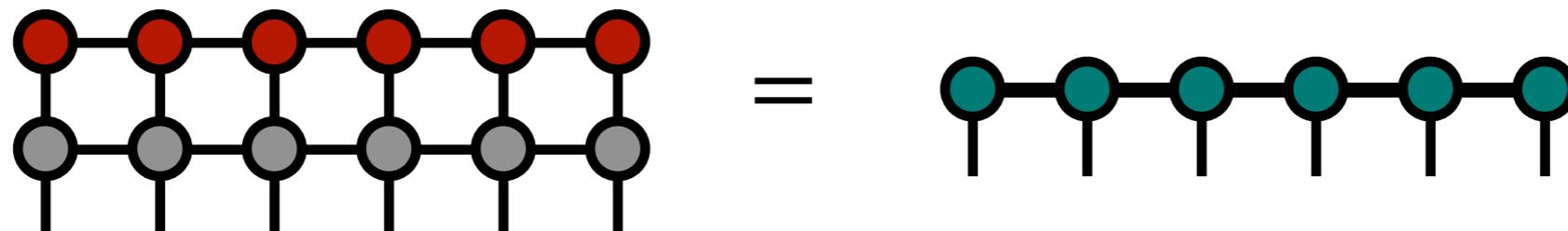
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Summing MPS in compressed form



Multiply by other networks (MPO operator \times MPS)

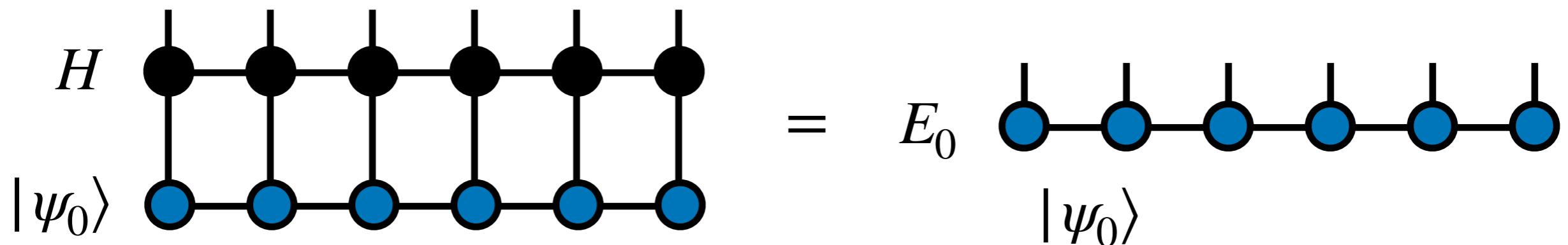


Tensor Networks

Many efficient algorithms for tensor networks

Let's study an important algorithm more fully...

DMRG algorithm



Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG)

DMRG Algorithm

The seminal tensor network algorithm is **DMRG** [1,2] (density matrix renormalization group)

Given a Hamiltonian H

Find ground state and its energy

$$\min_{\psi} \frac{\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = E_0$$

[1] White, PRL 69, 2863 (1992)

[2] Schollwöck, Annals of Phys. 326, 96 (2011)

DMRG Algorithm

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Given a Hamiltonian H

Equivalent to finding 'dominant' eigenvector

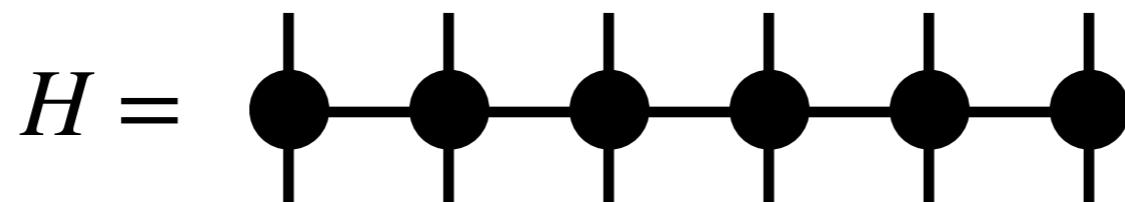
$$H|\psi\rangle = E_0|\psi\rangle$$

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DMRG Algorithm

For most common Hamiltonians H ,
we can write H as a tensor network



A matrix product operator (MPO) network

MPO Tensor Network

Easiest to understand as operator-valued matrices

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} Z_j Z_{j+1} + \sum_{j=1}^N X_j = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a 1D chain of } N \text{ sites. Each site is a black circle with two vertical lines extending from it. The chain has arrows at both ends pointing right.} \\ \leftarrow \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \rightarrow \end{array}$$

$$\bullet = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ Z & 0 & 0 \\ X & Z & I \end{bmatrix}$$

This means

$$2 \bullet 1 = Z$$

$$3 \bullet 1 = X \quad \text{etc.}$$

MPO Tensor Network

Verify formula for Ising model + transverse field

$$H = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \textcircled{\text{L}} \\ | \\ \textcircled{\text{R}} \\ | \end{array}$$

$$= [0 \ 0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_1 & 0 & 0 \\ X_1 & Z_1 & I_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 & 0 \\ Z_2 & 0 & 0 \\ X_2 & Z_2 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

MPO Tensor Network

Verify formula for Ising model + transverse field

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$$= X_1 I_2 + Z_1 Z_2 + I_1 X_2$$

MPO Tensor Network

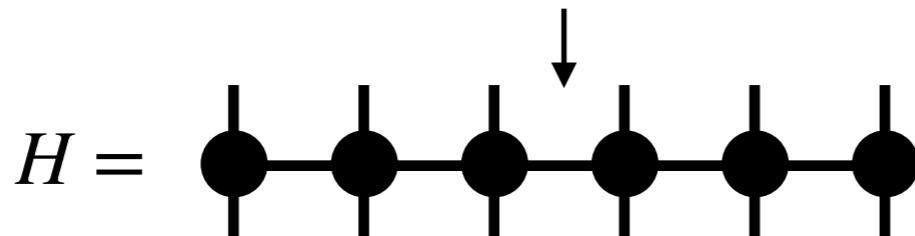
Example in ITensor for Ising spin chain

$$H = \sum_j Z_j Z_{j+1} - h \sum_j X_j$$

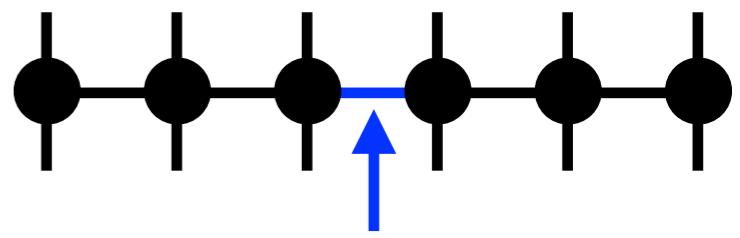
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sites = siteinds("S=1/2",N)
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terms = OpSum()
for j=1:N-1
    terms += "Z",j, "Z",j+1
end
for j=1:N
    terms -= h,"X",j
end
```

```
H = MPO(terms,sites)
```



MPO Tensor Network



Common MPO bond dimensions – 1D

- Transverse-field Ising

$$H = \sum_j Z_j Z_{j+1} - h \sum_j X_j$$

bond dimension 3

- Heisenberg model

$$H = \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1}$$

bond dimension 5

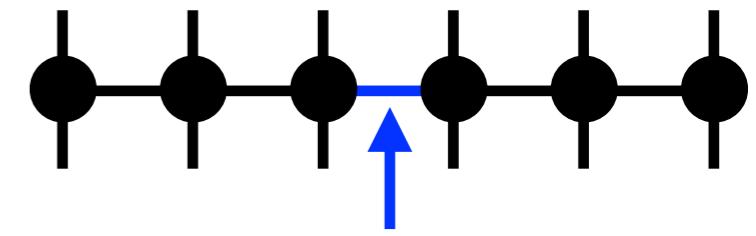
- Hubbard model

$$H = -t \sum_{j,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + c_{j+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma})$$

bond dimension 6

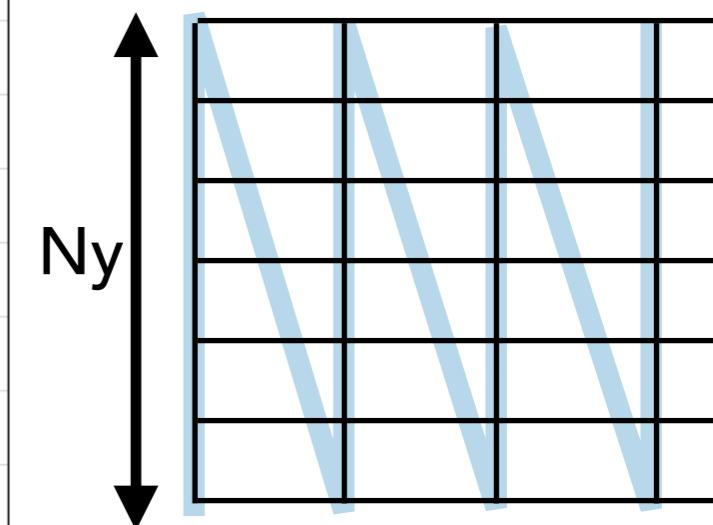
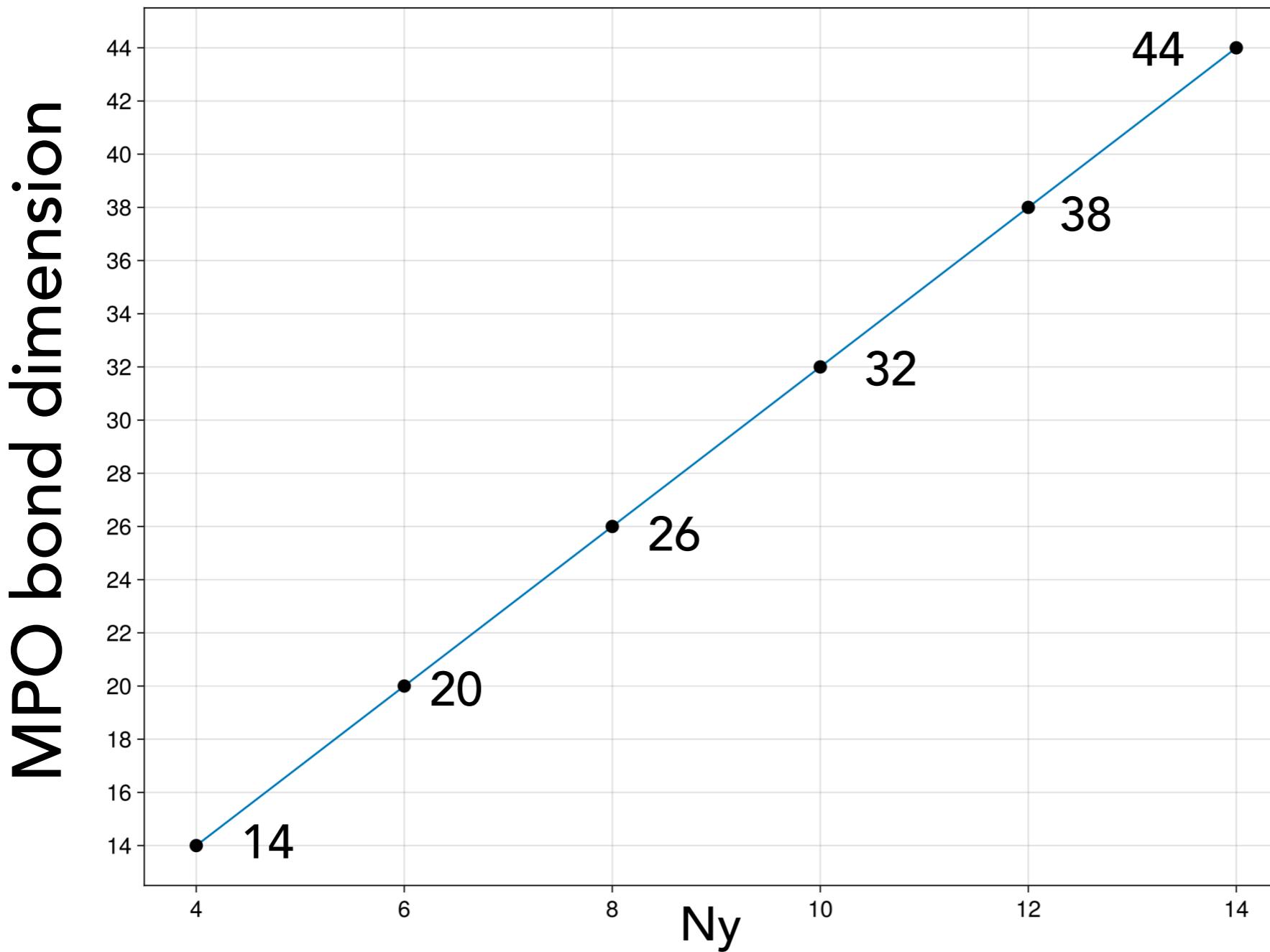
$$+ U \sum_j n_{j\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow}$$

MPO Tensor Network



Common MPO bond dimensions – 2D

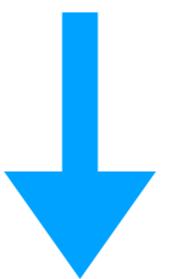
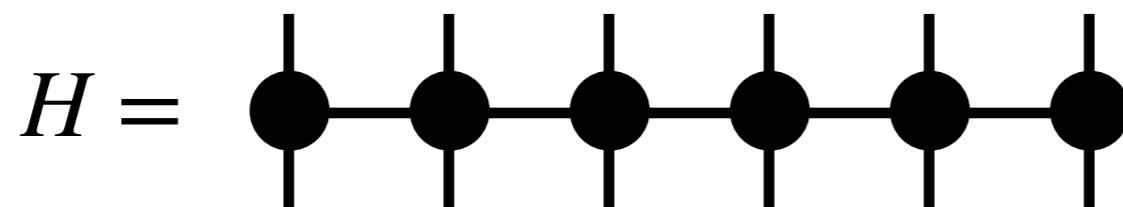
- Heisenberg model $H = \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1}$



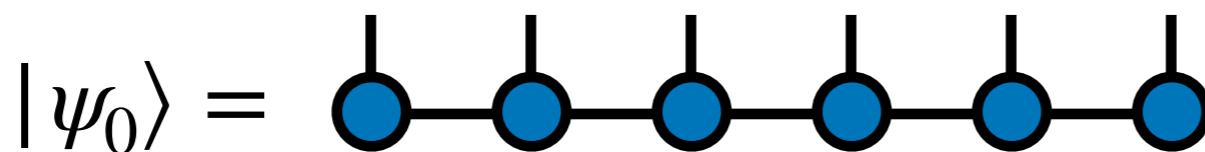
Tensor Network Algorithms

DMRG algorithm

DMRG finds ground state of H as MPS tensor network



DMRG

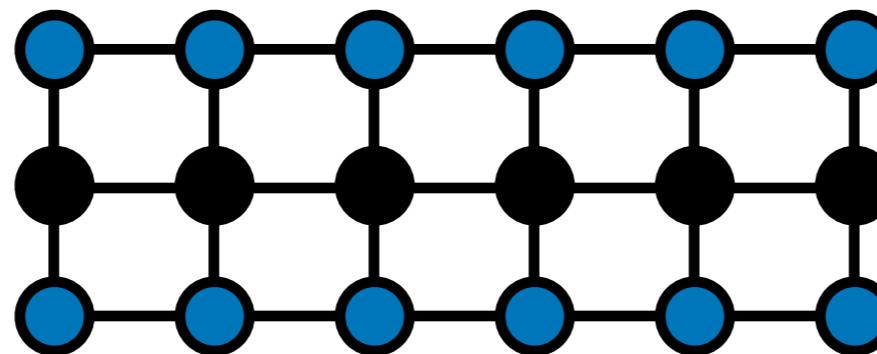


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DMRG algorithm

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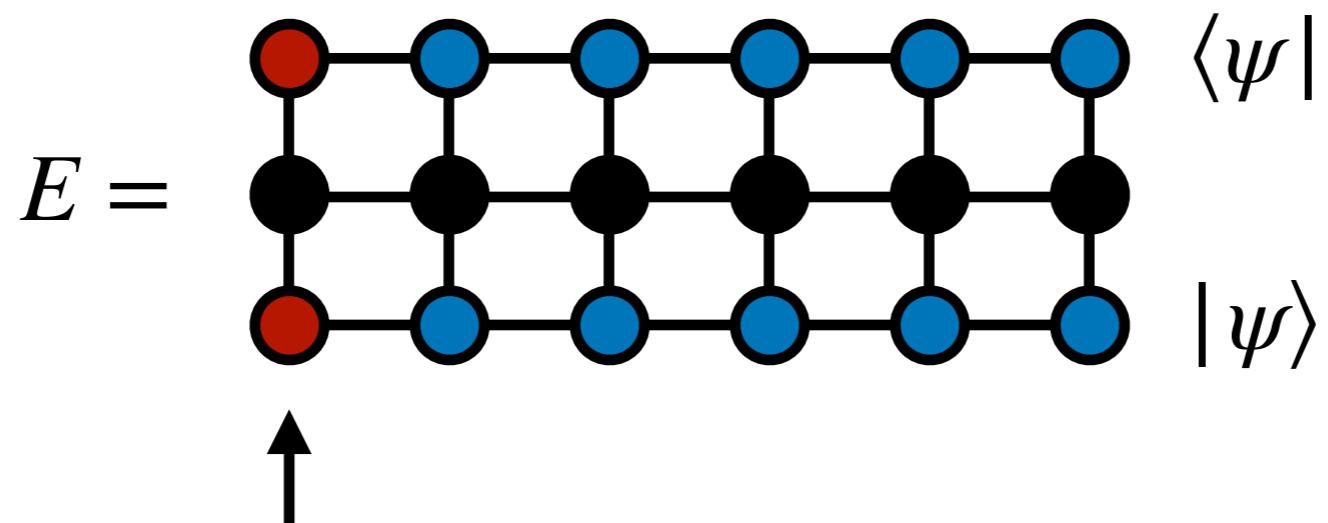
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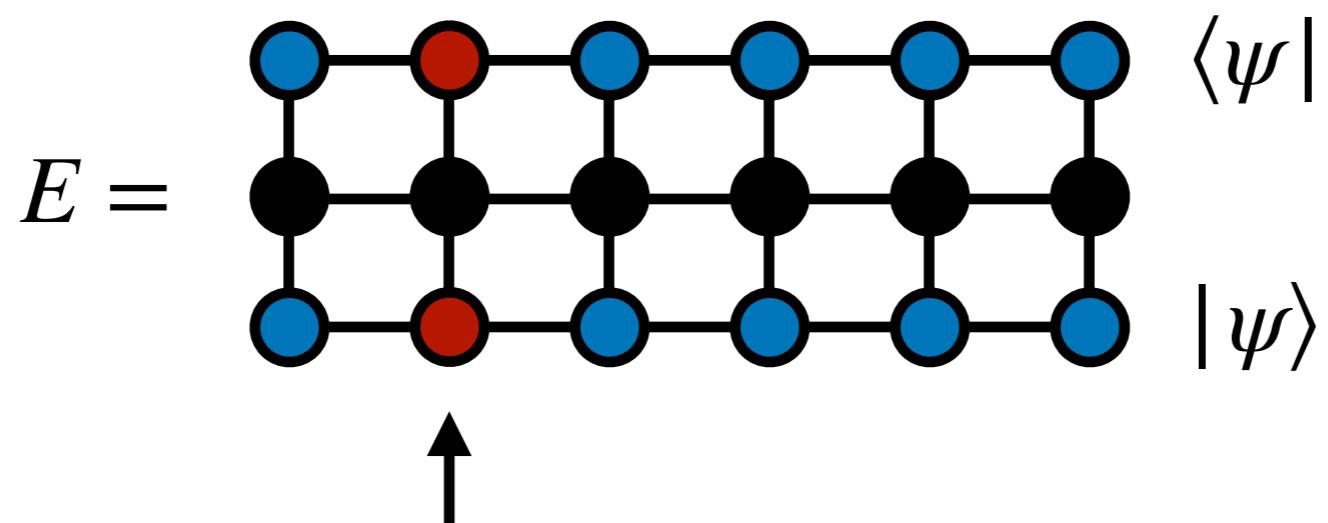
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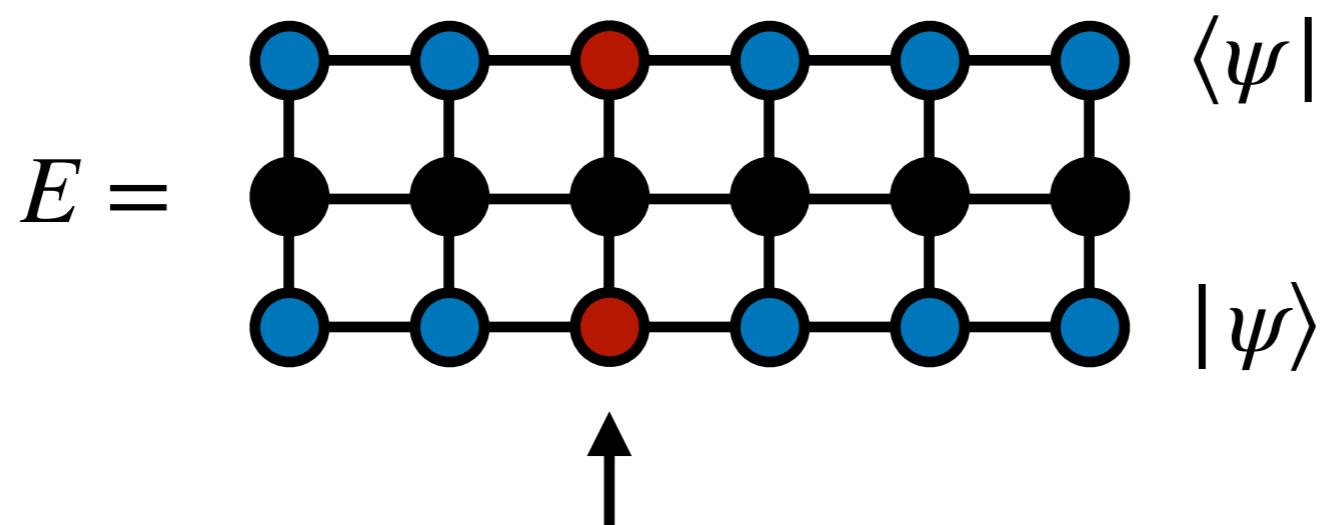
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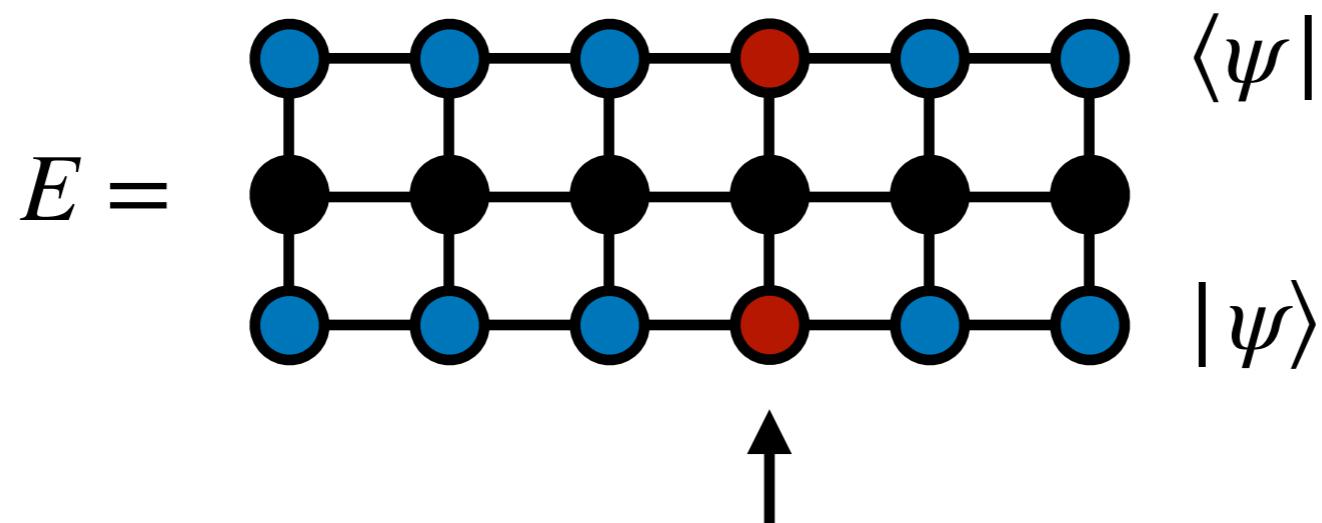
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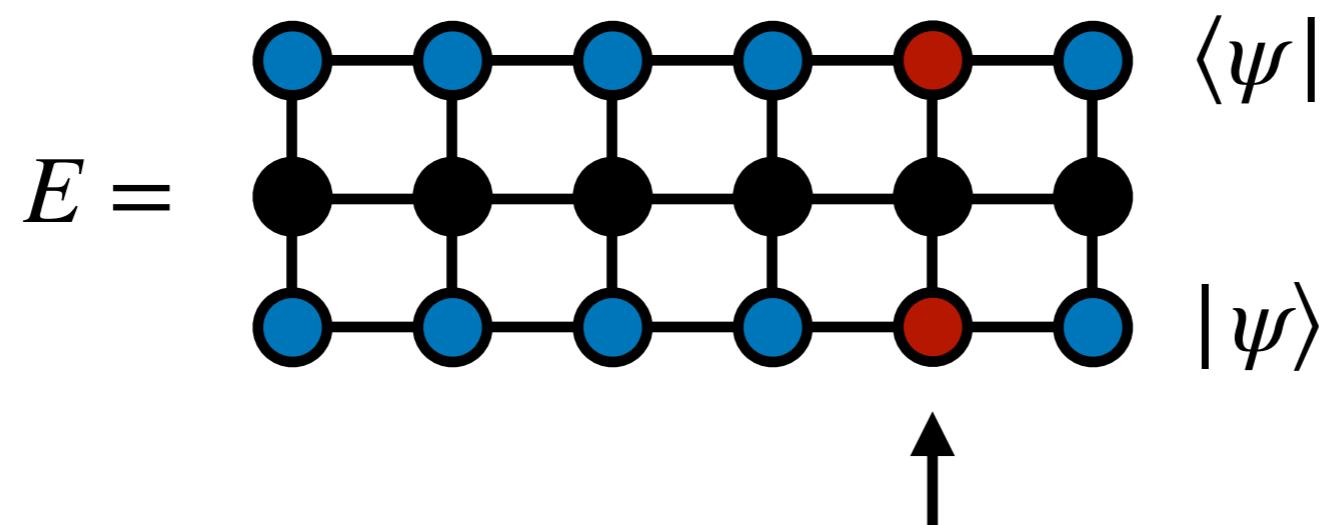
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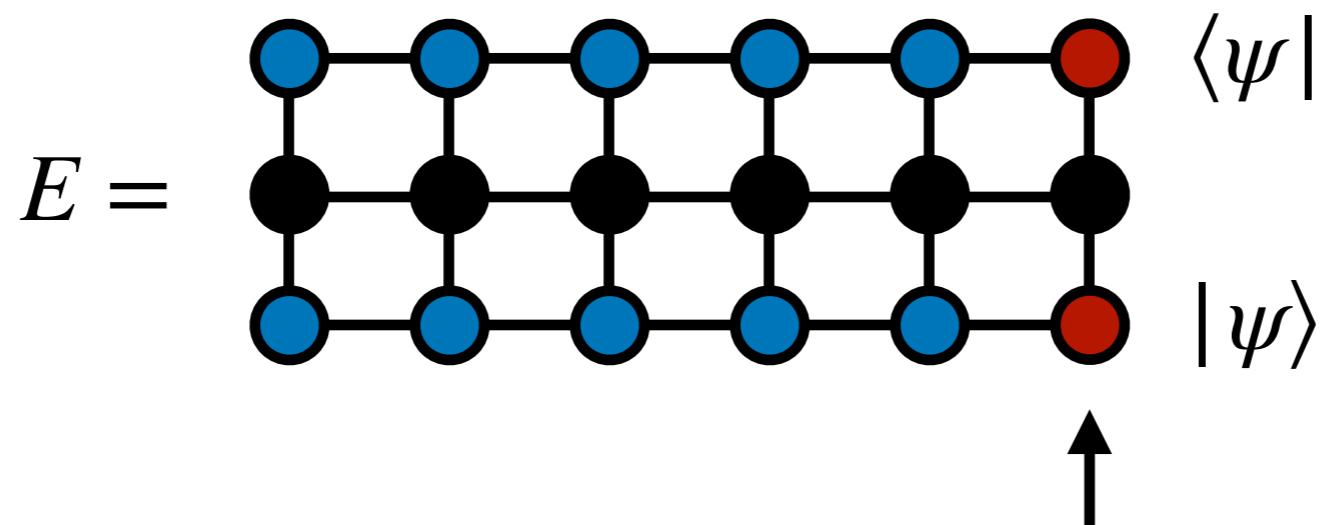
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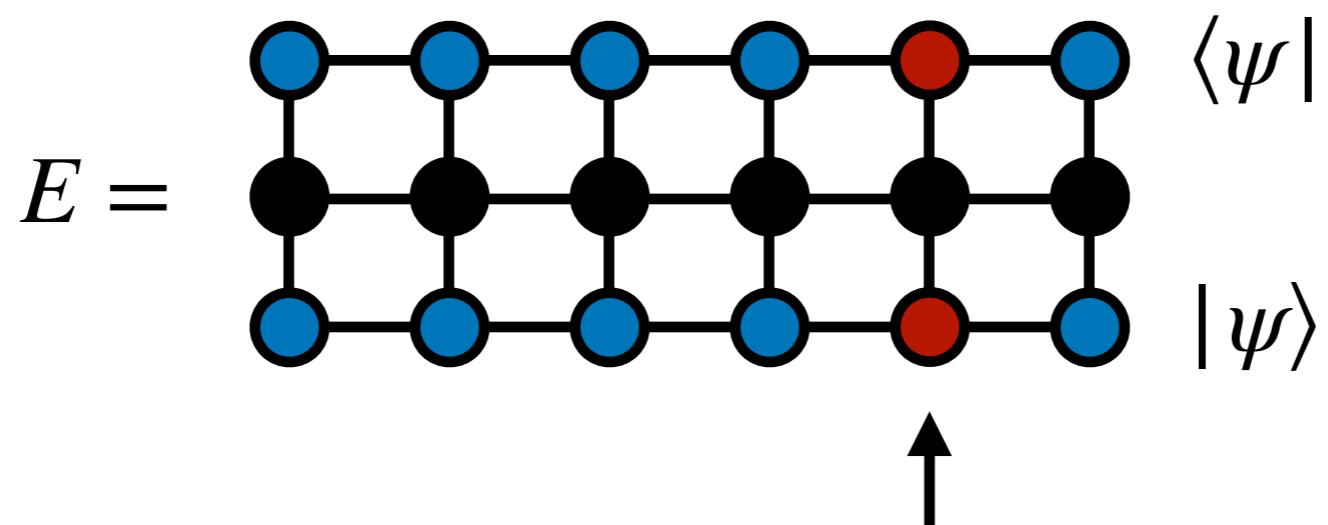
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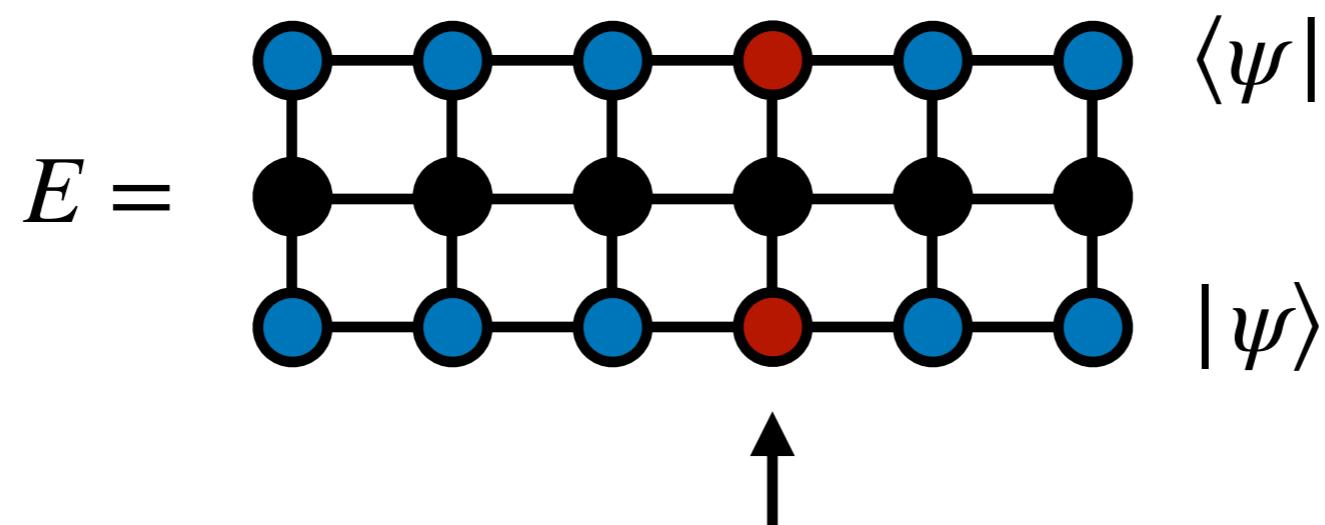
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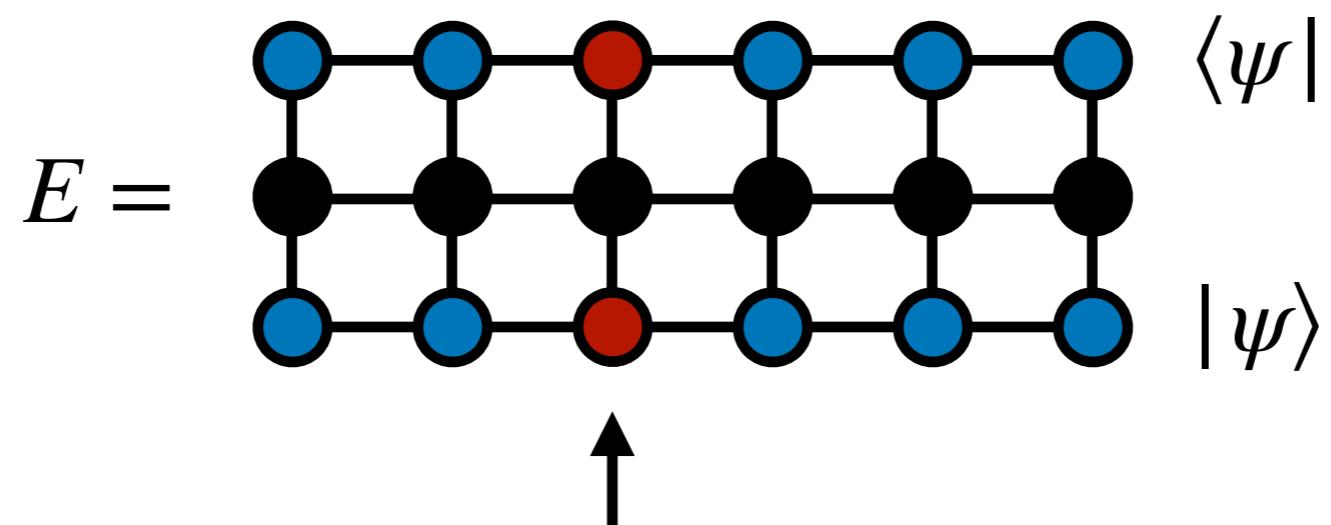
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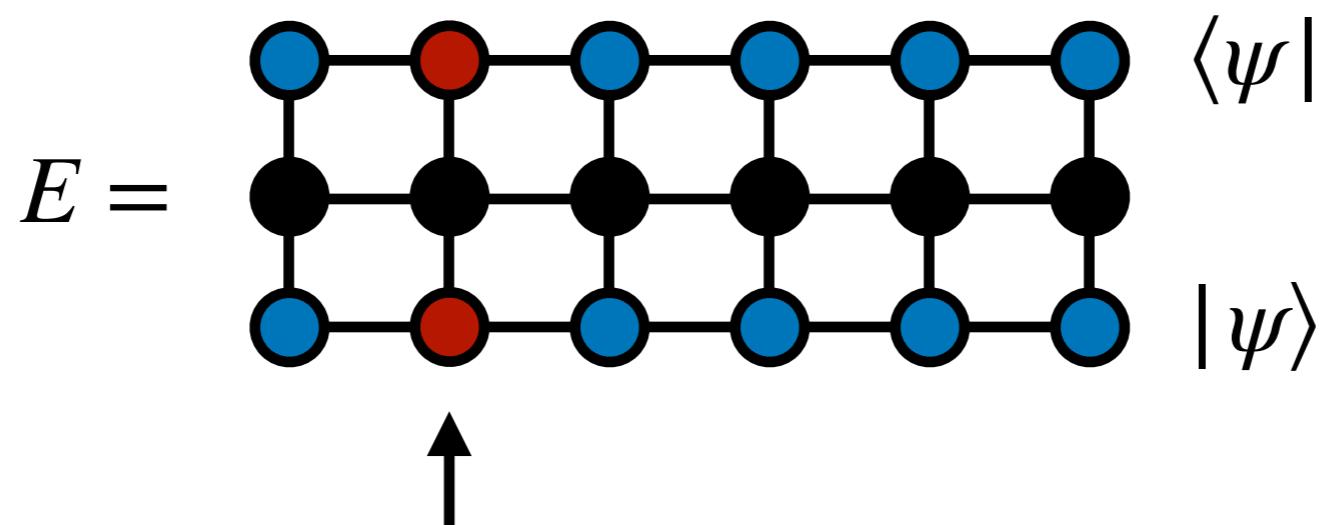
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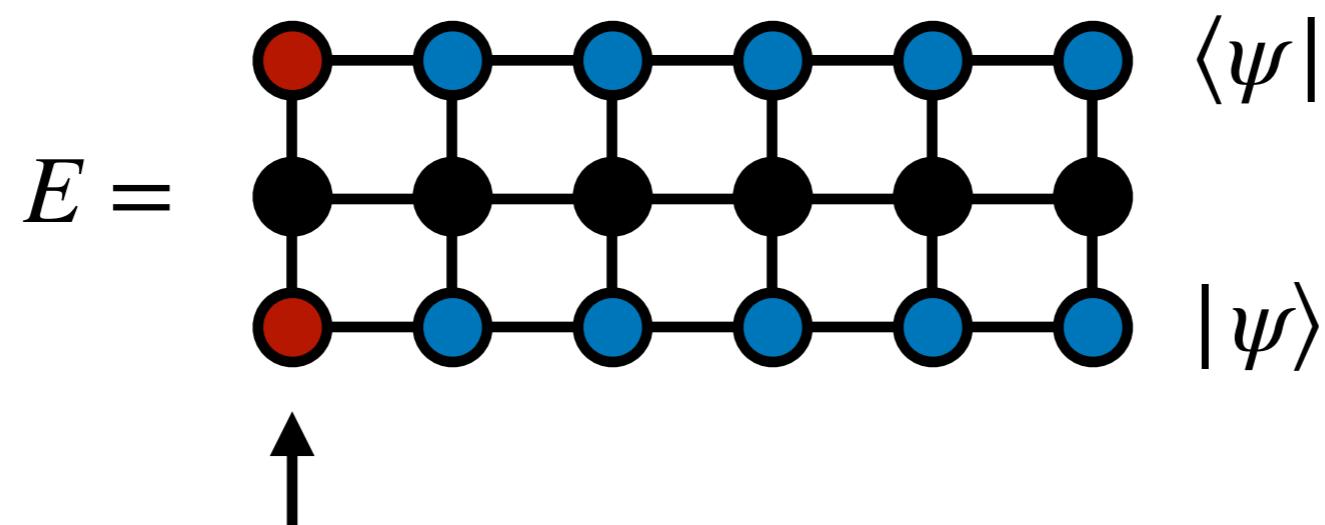
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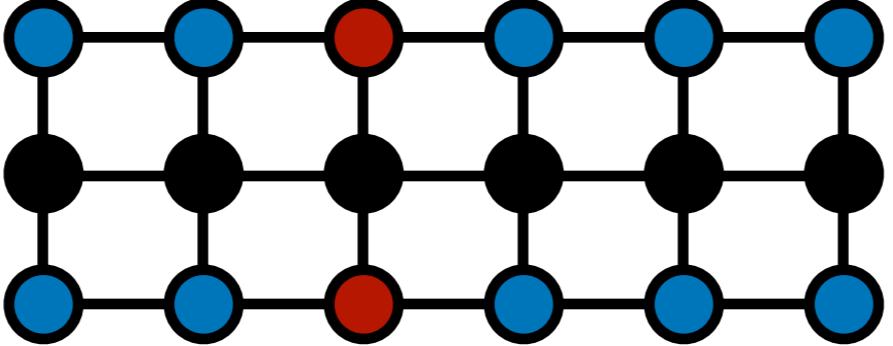
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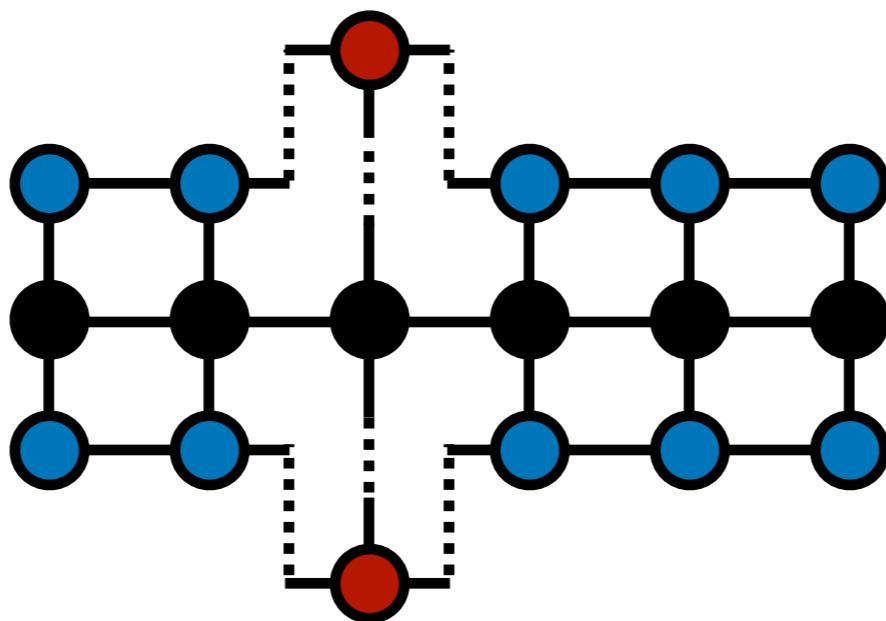
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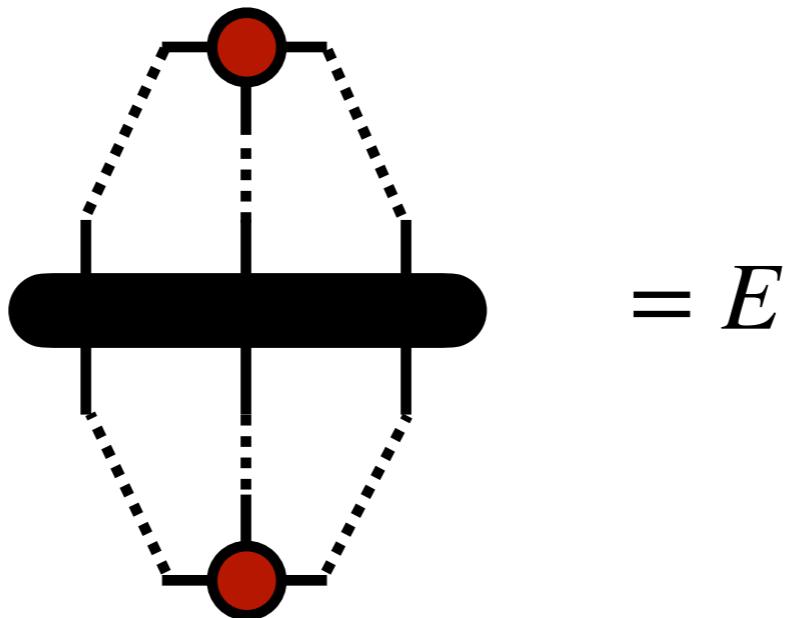


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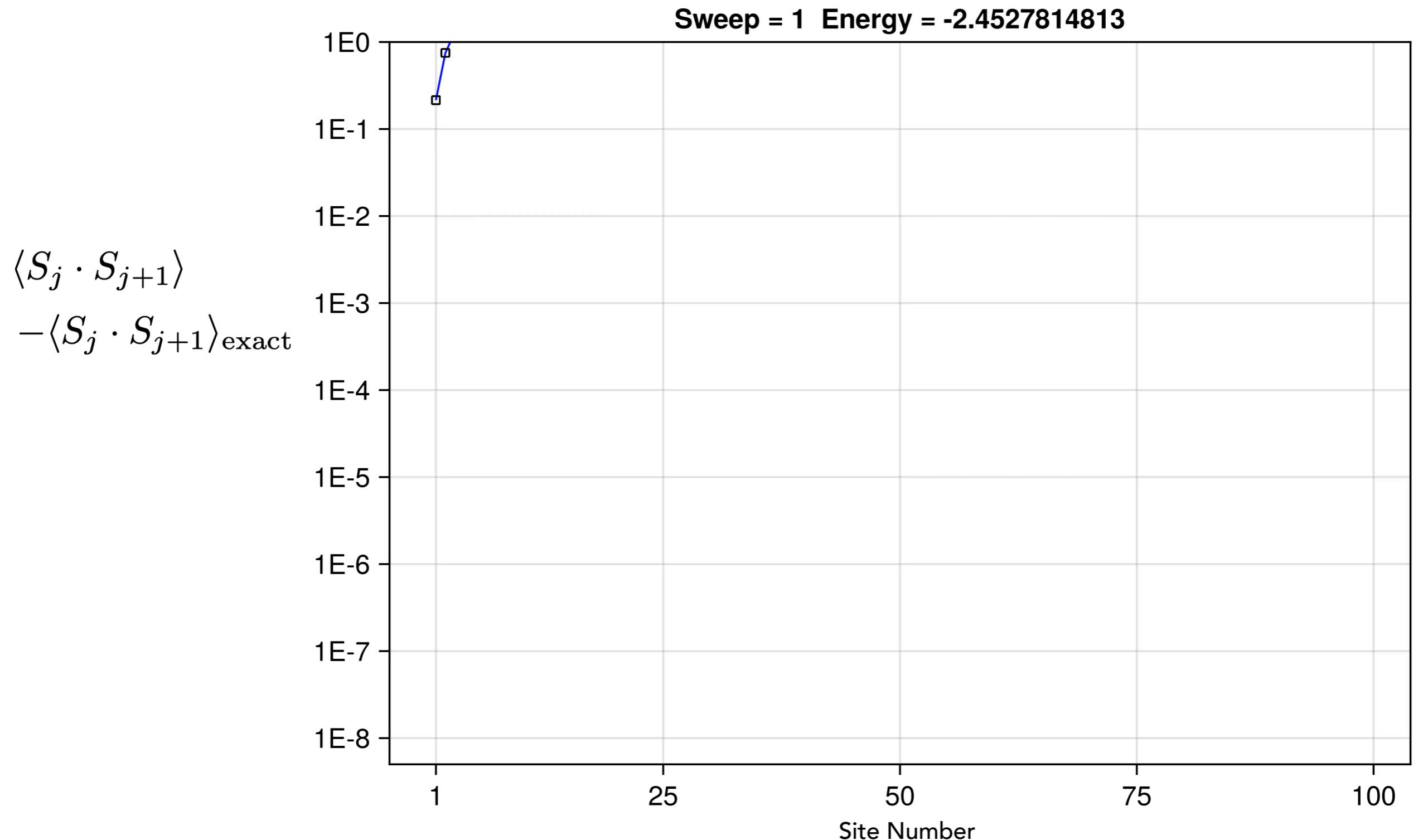
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DMRG solving S=1 Heisenberg chain $H = \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1}$
(Using error goal or cutoff = 1E-8)



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DMRG algorithm is extremely precise

Energy error vs number of 'sweeps' of DMRG

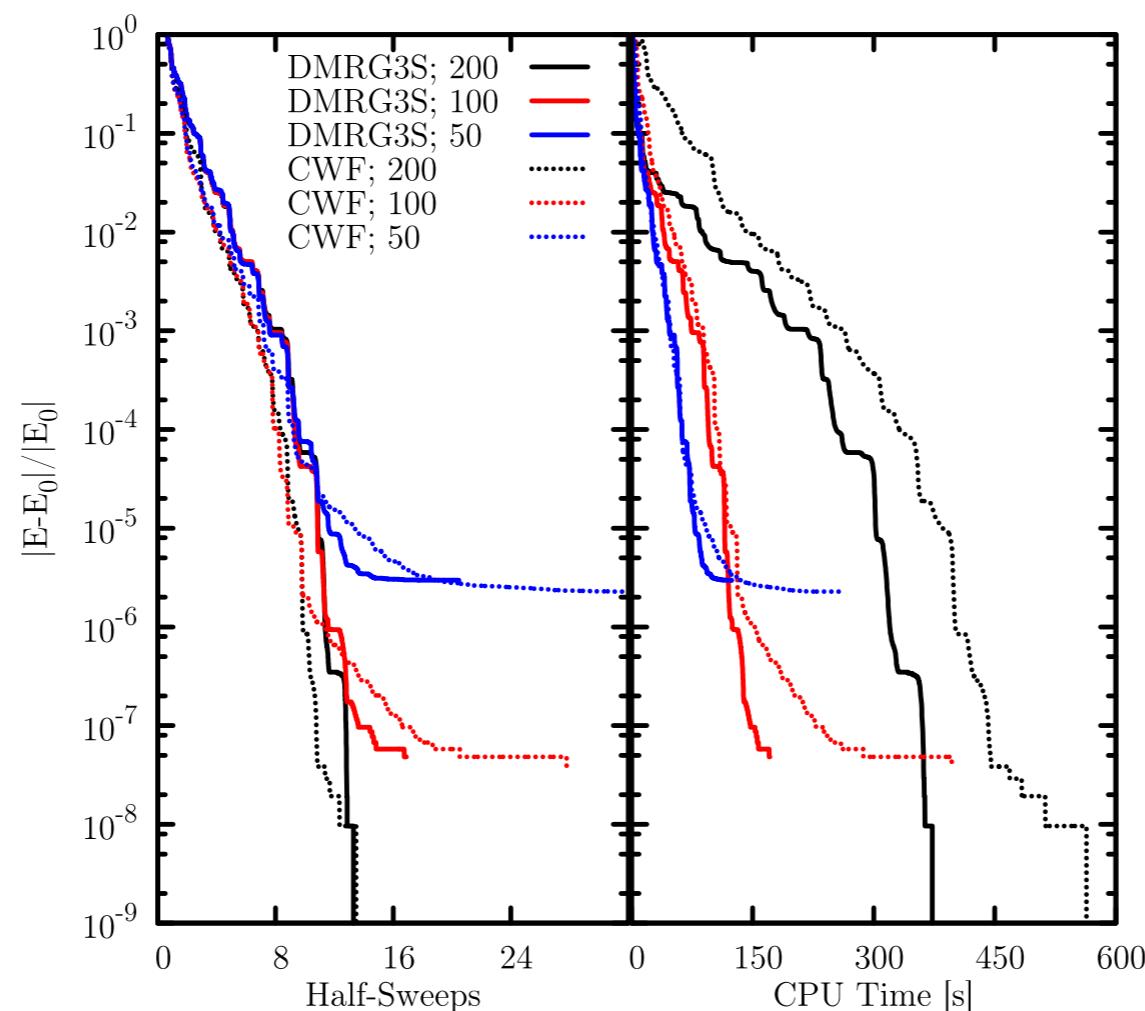
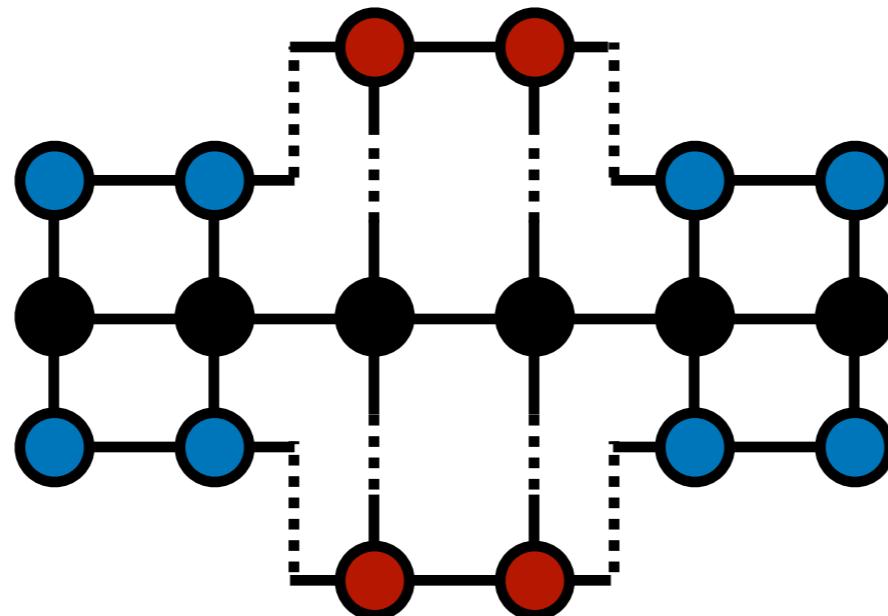


FIG. 4. (Color online) Bosonic system Eq. (41): normalized error in energy from CWF and DMRG3S as a function of sweeps (left) and CPU time used (right) for $m = 50, 100, 200$.

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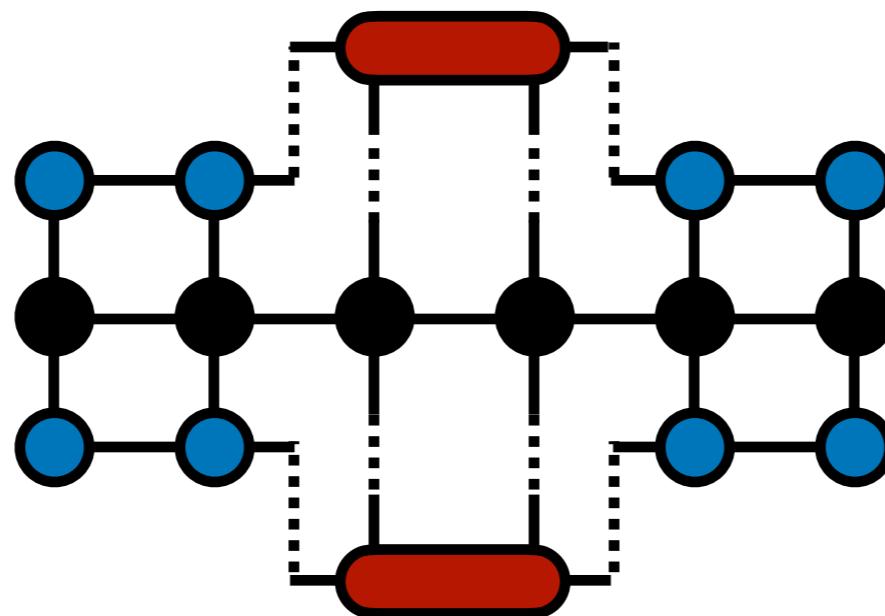
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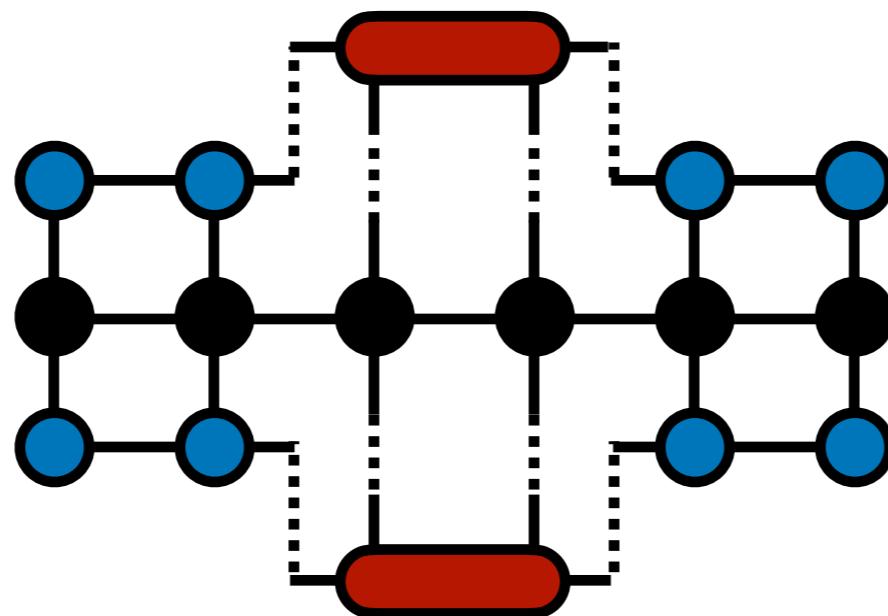
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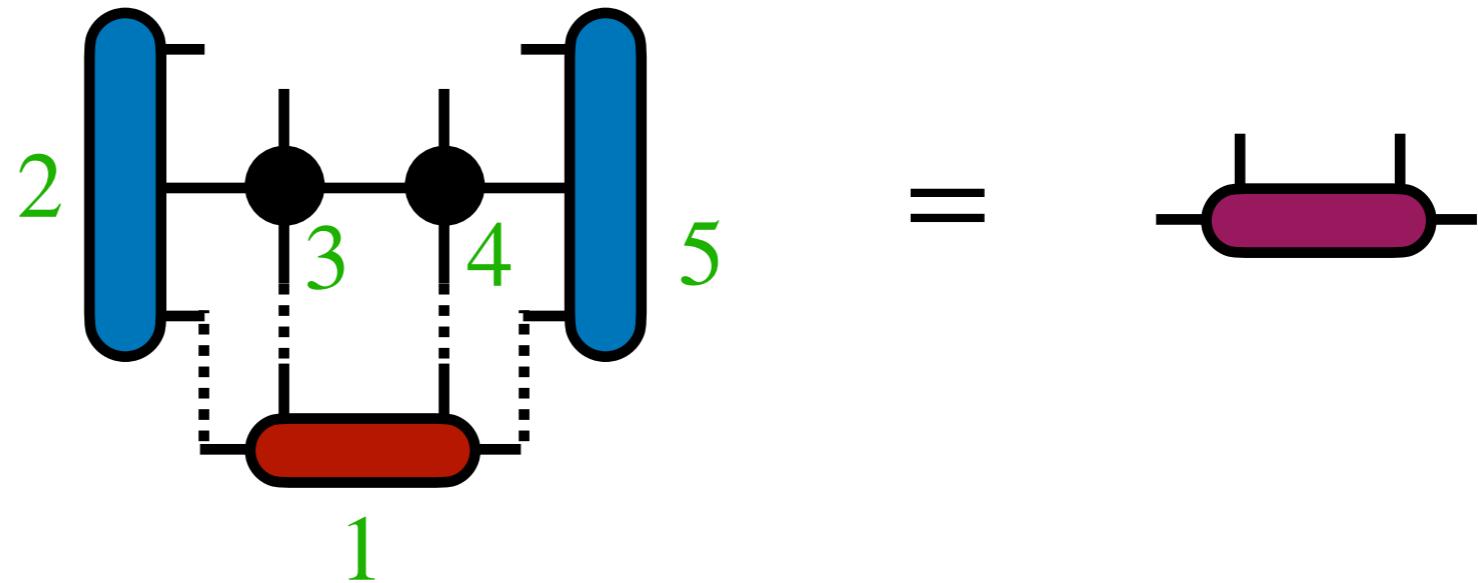
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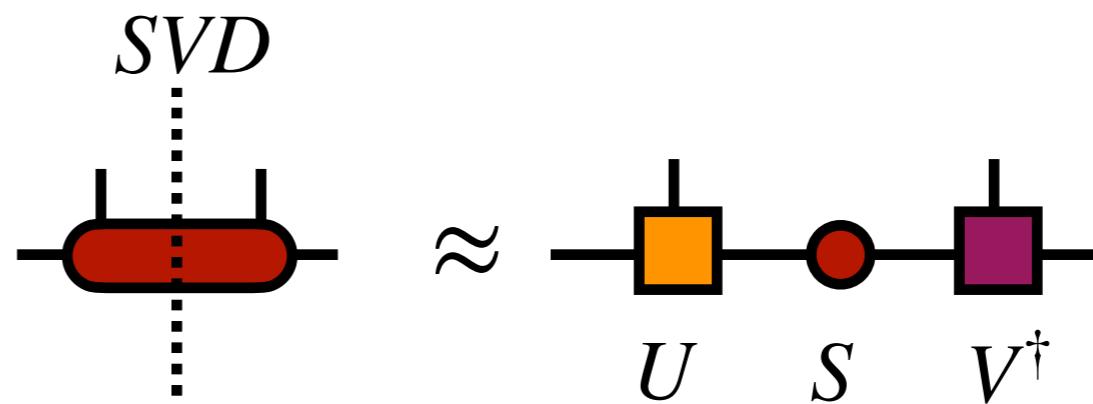


Lanczos / Krylov method to compute solution

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In practice, some important differences from above version

Bond dimension "adapted" afterward



DMRG is named after this step

Summary

Tensor networks can compress many-body states by an exponential amount

DMRG efficiently finds ground states as MPS tensor networks

Up Next

After a break, we will learn how to set up and run DMRG calculations using the ITensor software

Bonus Slides

Gauging Tensor Networks

Gauging Tensor Networks

Recall gauging in electromagnetism 

If one transforms:

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A} + \nabla f$$

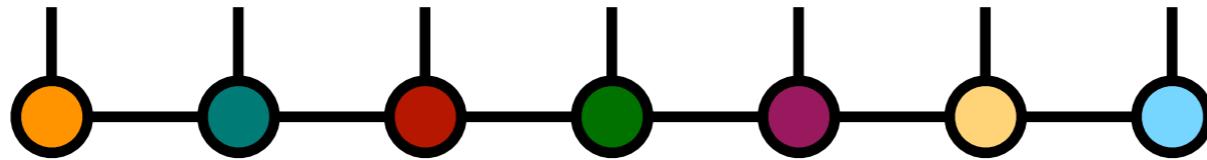
$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

Then physical observables **do not change**

Implies **redundancy** in the representation

Gauging Tensor Networks

Tensor networks likewise have a huge redundancy



They are "gauge theories" of quantum states

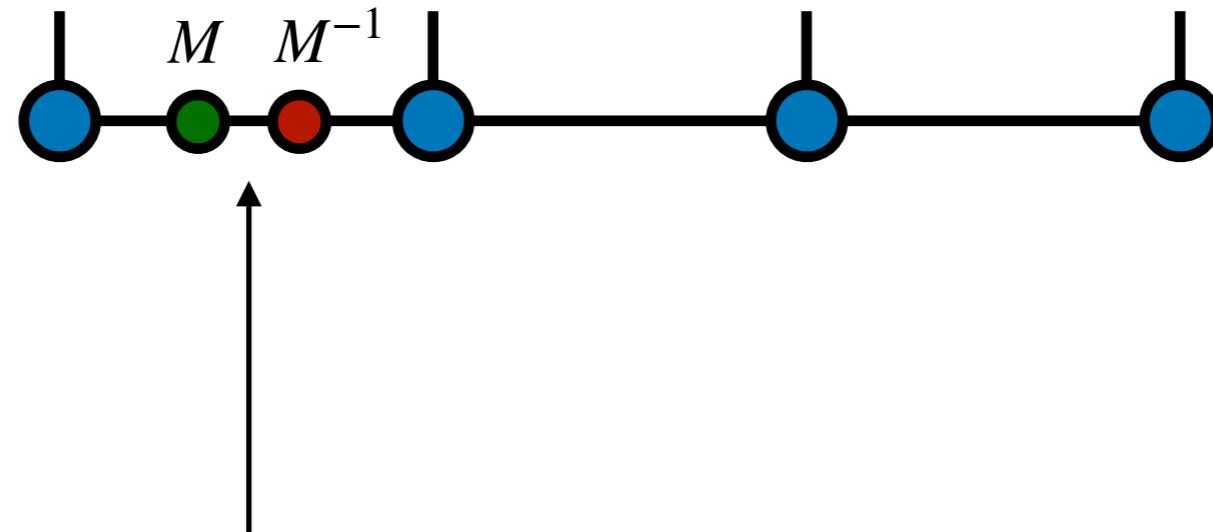
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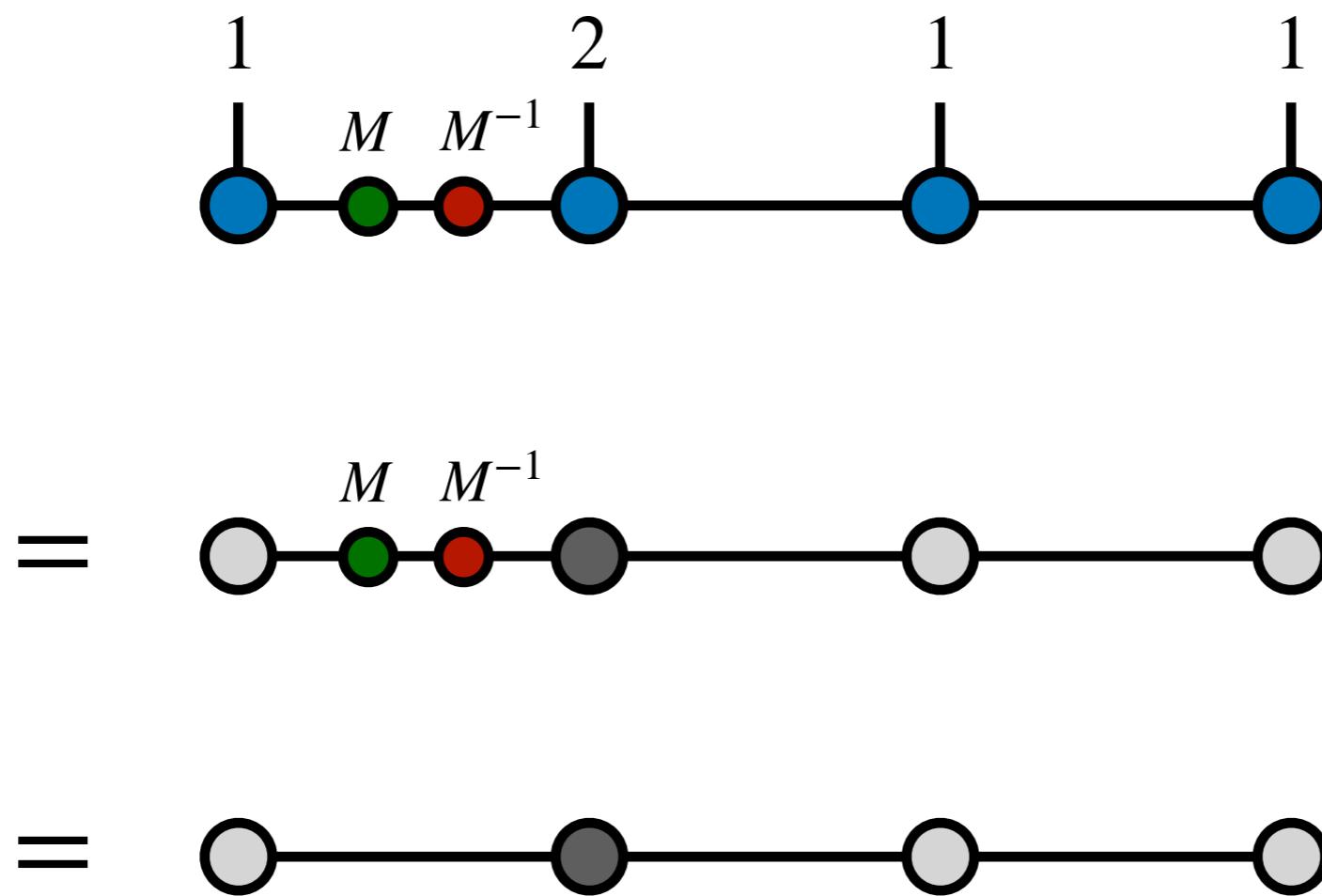
What are the gauge transformations of an MPS?



Insert resolution of identity $1 = MM^{-1}$

Gauging Tensor Networks

Check the tensor is unchanged – compute the T^{1211} element for example:



M and M^{-1} cancel out, proving each element unchanged

Gauging Tensor Networks

Can absorb "gauging" matrices into MPS



Different MPS representing the same tensor

Gauging Tensor Networks

What gauges are useful?

How does one compute useful gauges?

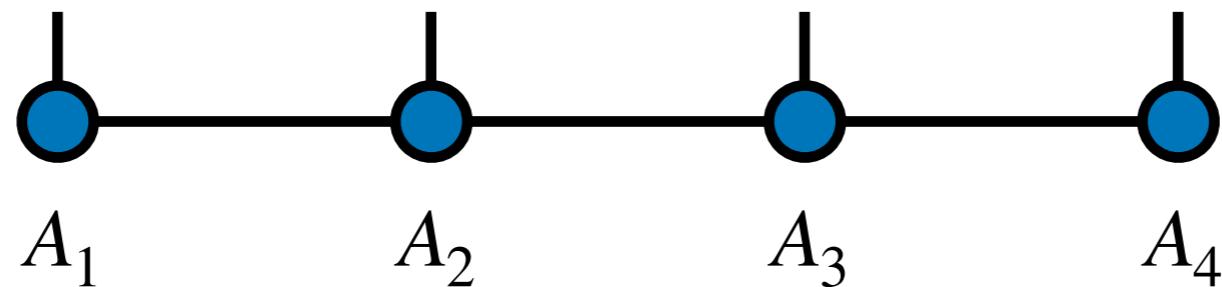
Interesting TN gauges related to:

- matrix factorizations
- quantum circuits

Orthogonal MPS Gauge

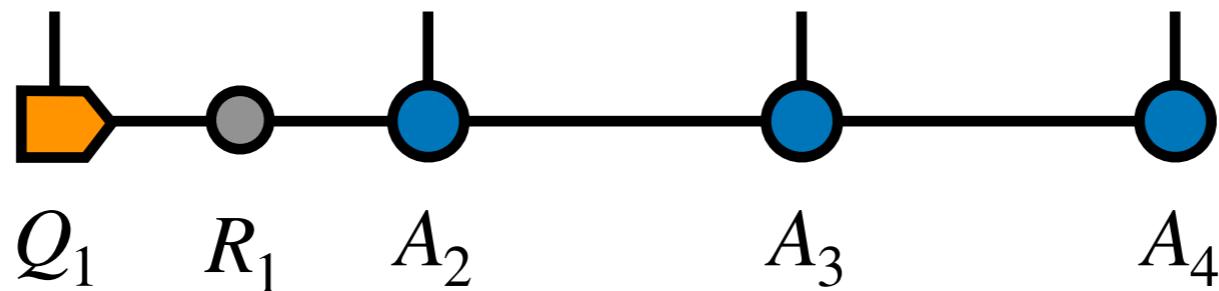
Let's find the "orthogonal" gauges of an MPS

Start from an arbitrary MPS

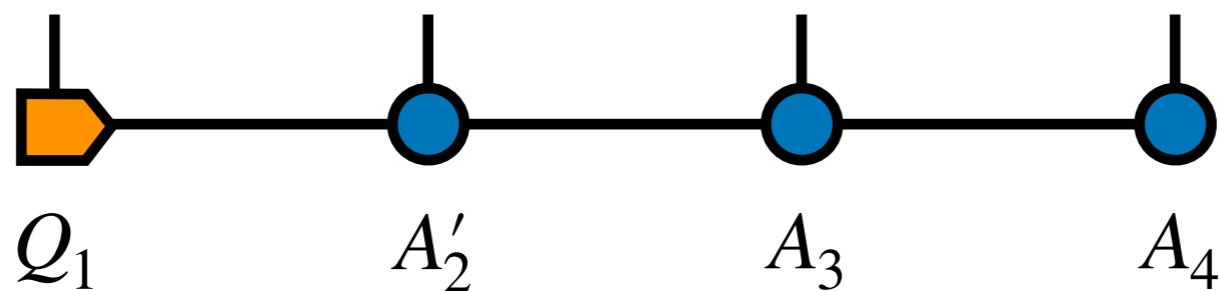


Orthogonal MPS Gauge

Now compute QR decomposition of $A_1 = Q_1 R_1$

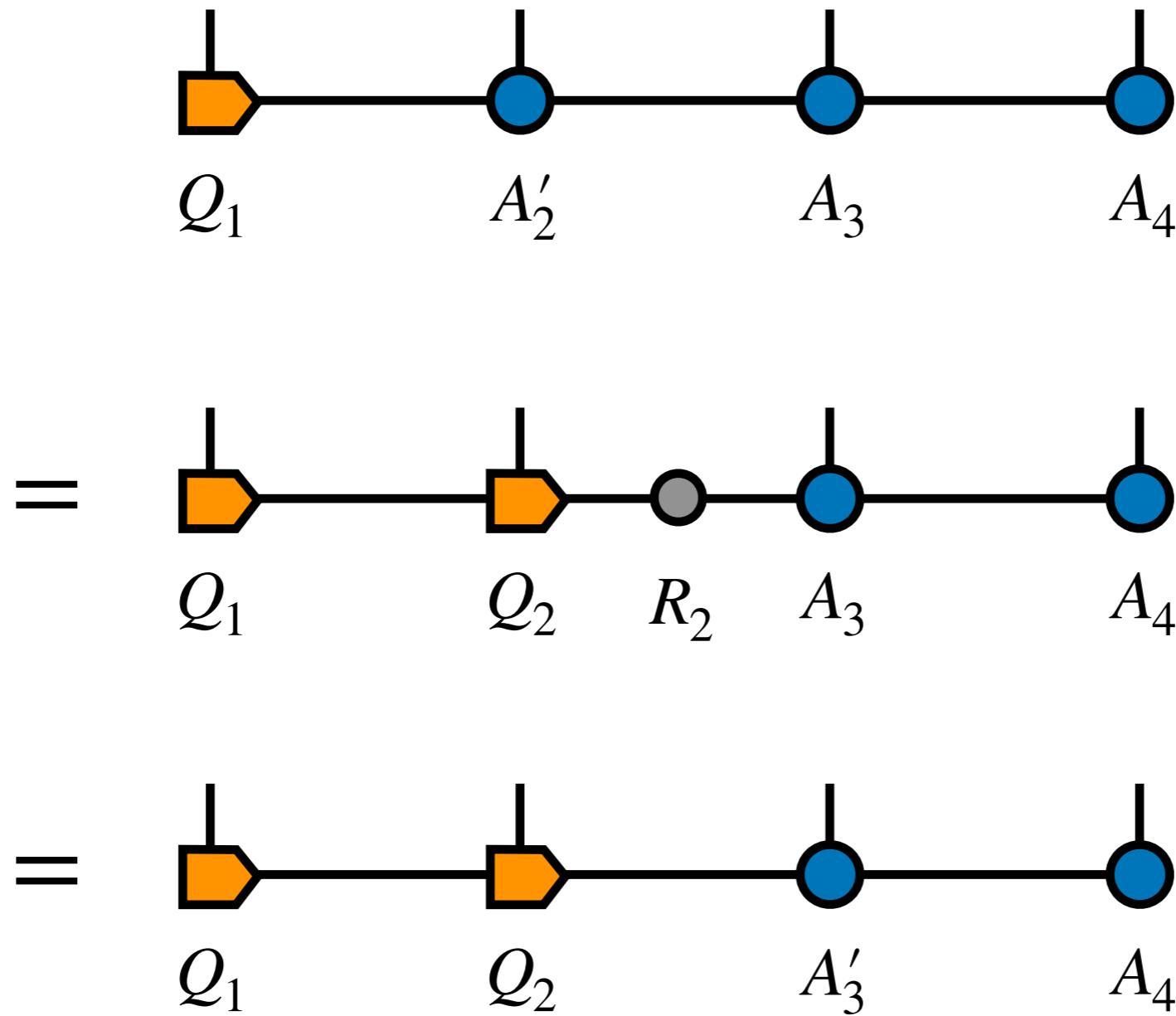


Multiply R_1 into A_2 to make A'_2



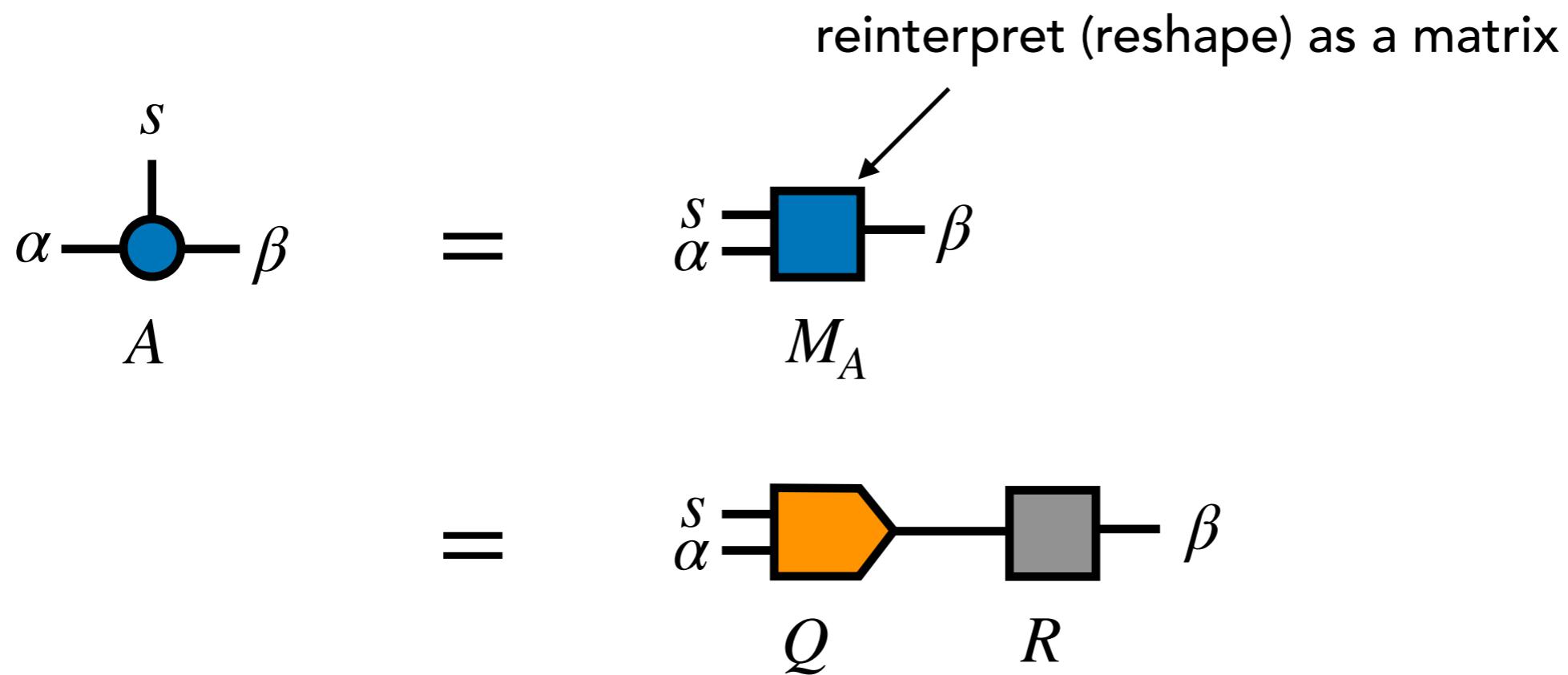
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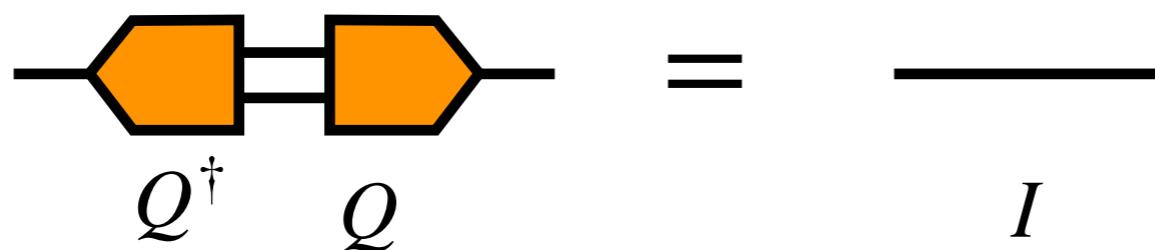


Orthogonal MPS Gauge

Recall QR of a tensor

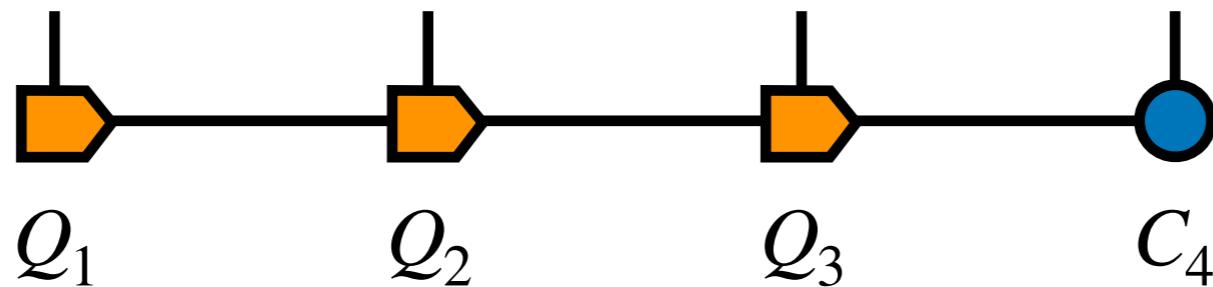


Q is an "isometric embedding" (isometry)



Orthogonal MPS Gauge

Continuing with more QR moves, one obtains



Call this "left orthogonal" gauge

Q tensors have "left orthogonality" property

$$Q_2^\dagger = \begin{array}{c} Q_2 \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{s,a} Q_{ba}^{\dagger s} Q_{ab'}^s = I_{bb'}$$

Orthogonal MPS Gauge

Challenge question:

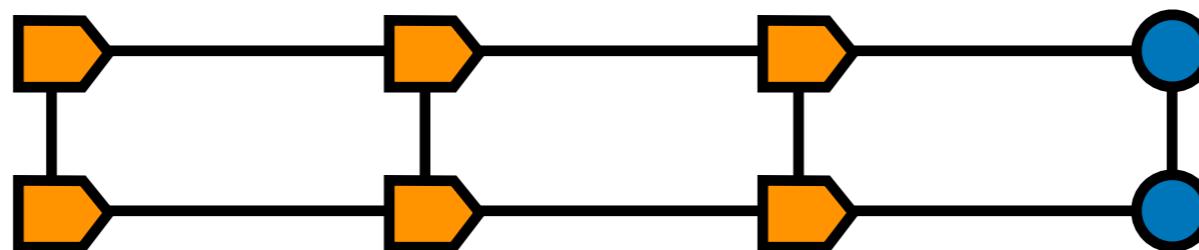
Why QR and not SVD?

What advantages/disadvantages might one find?

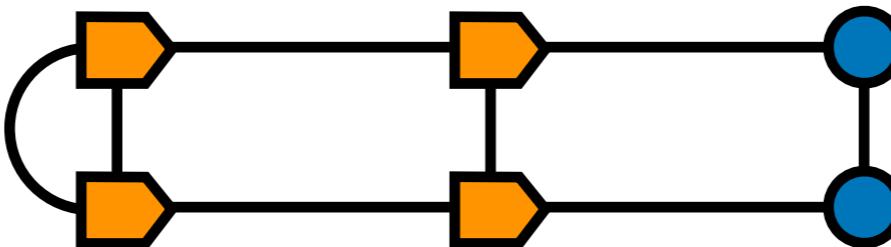
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Can deduce certain properties

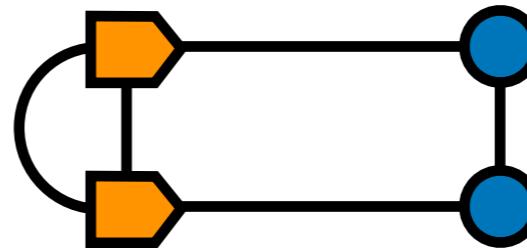
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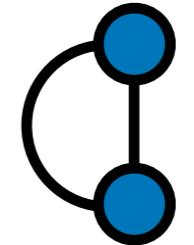
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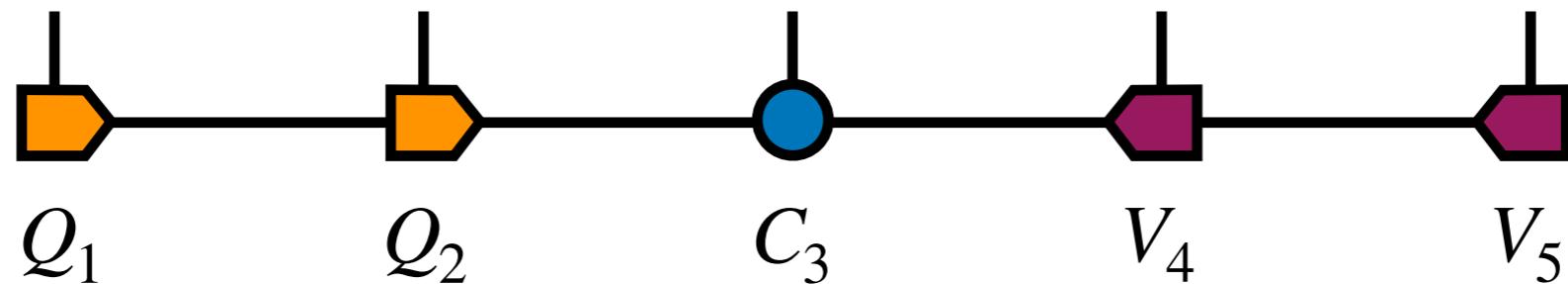


norm of state equals

norm of C_4

Orthogonal MPS Gauge

Can make "mixed" gauges too



$$Q_j^\dagger \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad = \quad \text{---} \quad Q_j$$

Diagram showing the conjugate transpose of a gauge element Q_j . It consists of two parallel horizontal lines. The top line has an orange hexagonal arrowhead at its left end. The bottom line has an orange arrowhead at its left end. A vertical line connects the two lines between the arrowheads. The entire diagram is followed by an equals sign and a simple horizontal line.

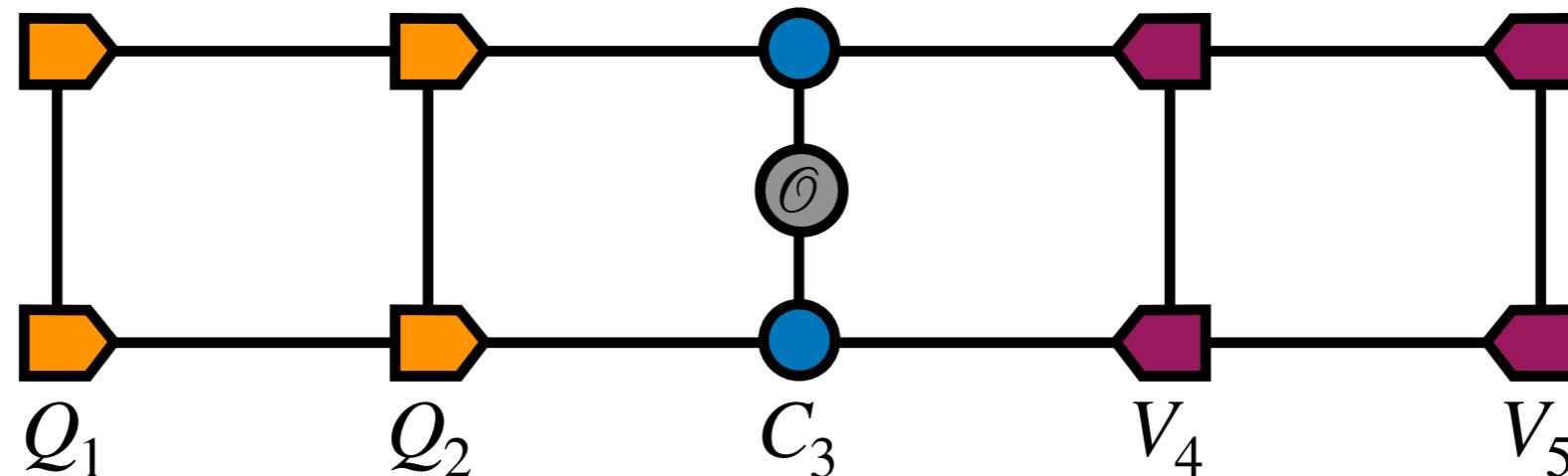
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Mixed gauges useful for expected values

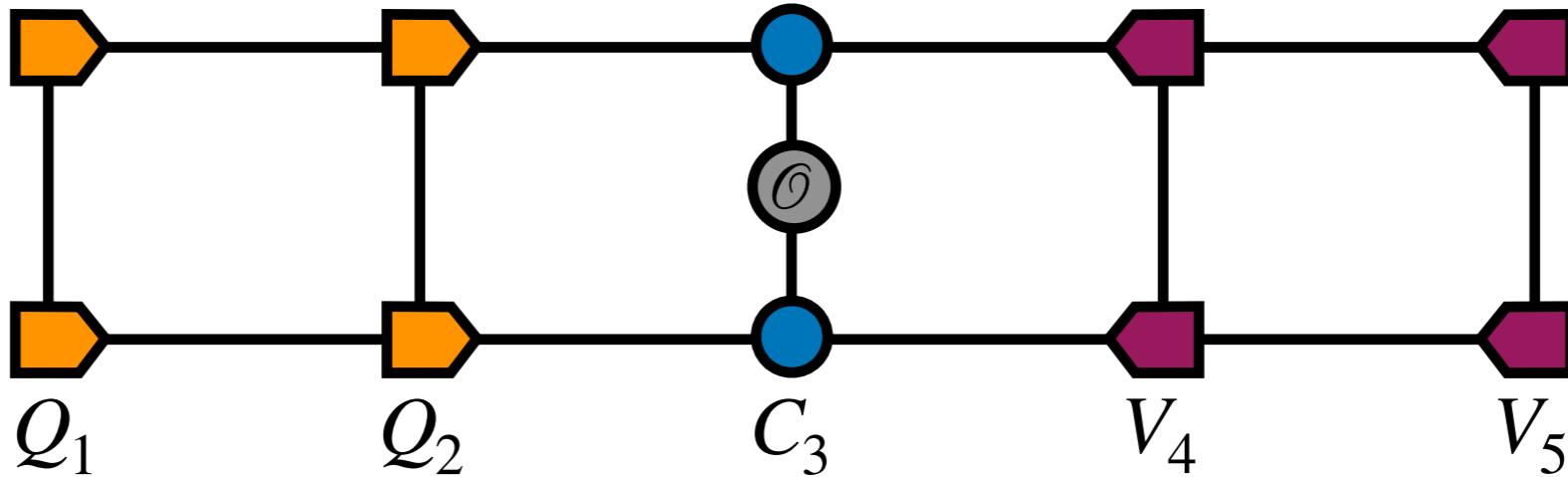
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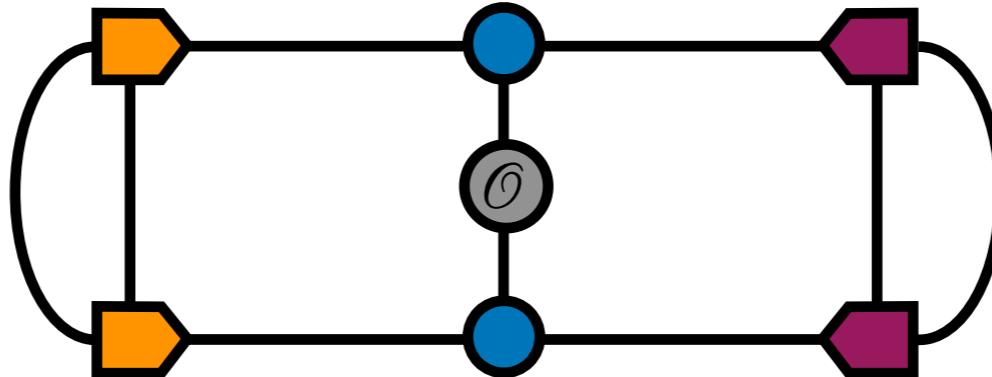
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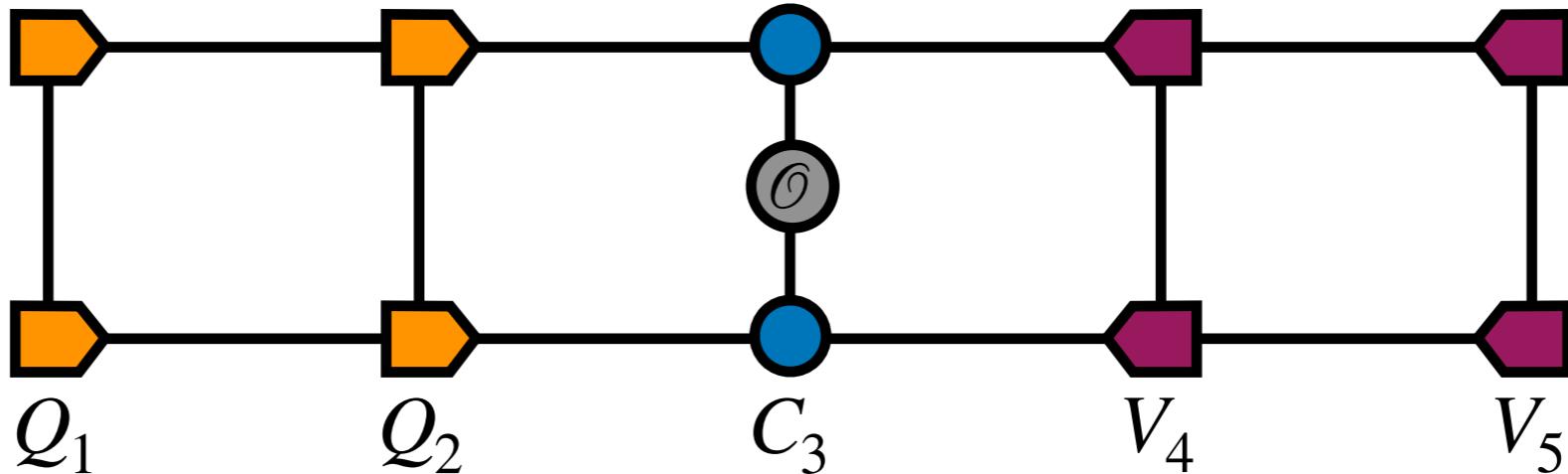
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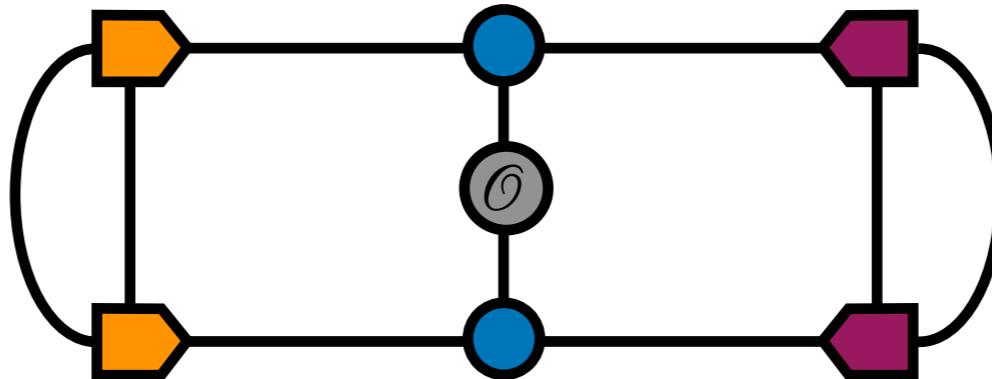
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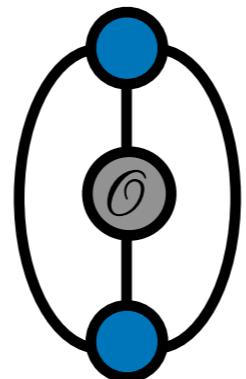
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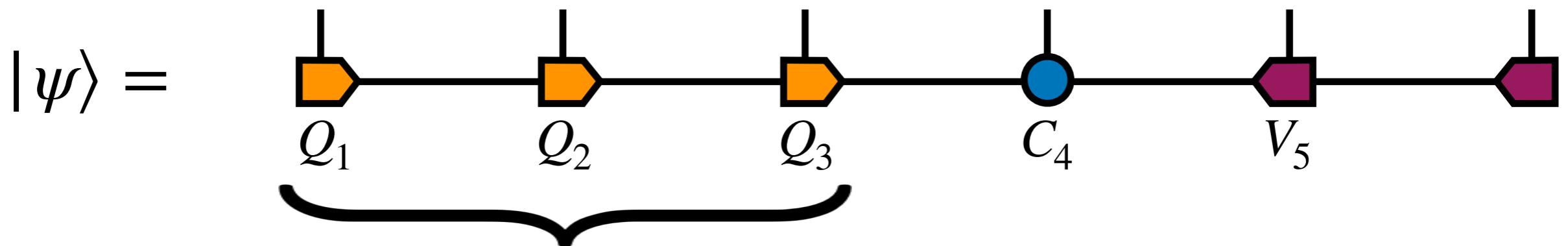
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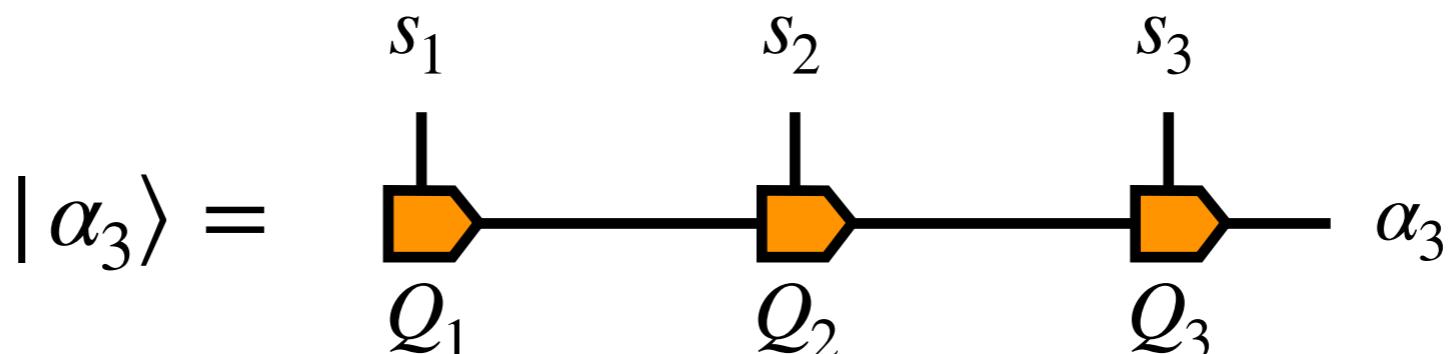
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Mixed gauges also give interesting interpretation of MPS

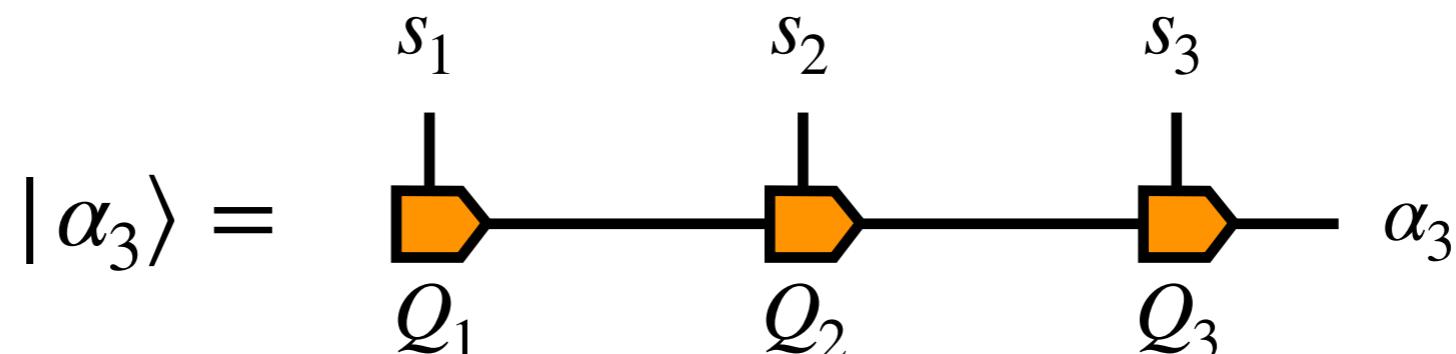


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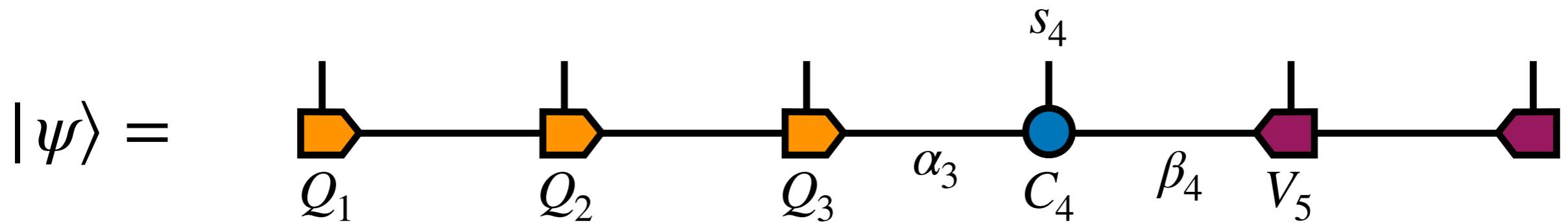
Compute overlap

$$\langle\alpha'_3|\alpha_3\rangle = \begin{array}{c} Q_1^\dagger \\ | \\ \text{orange hexagon} \\ | \\ Q_1 \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} Q_2^\dagger \\ | \\ \text{orange hexagon} \\ | \\ Q_2 \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} Q_3^\dagger \\ | \\ \text{orange hexagon} \\ | \\ Q_3 \end{array} \alpha'_3 = \begin{array}{c} Q_2^\dagger \\ | \\ \text{orange hexagon} \\ | \\ Q_2 \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} Q_3^\dagger \\ | \\ \text{orange hexagon} \\ | \\ Q_3 \end{array} \alpha'_3$$

$= \delta_{\alpha'_3 \alpha_3}$ orthonormal in the α'_3, α_3 labels

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Thus entire MPS can be viewed as following

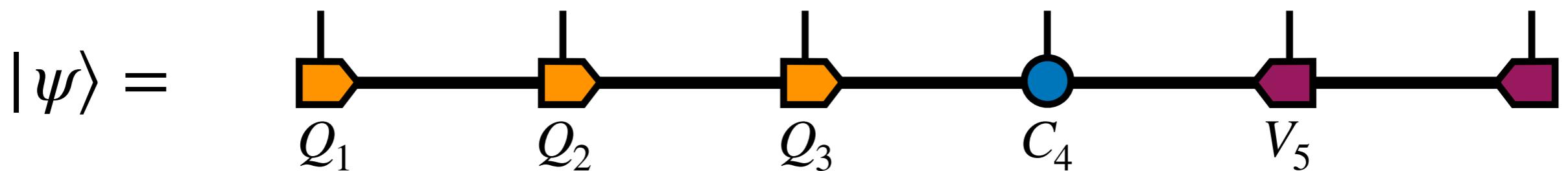


$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha_3 \beta_4} C_{\alpha_3 \beta_4}^{s_4} |\alpha_3\rangle |s_4\rangle |\beta_4\rangle$$

In a sense, C_4 is the whole tensor or wavefunction just written in a specific "many-body" basis

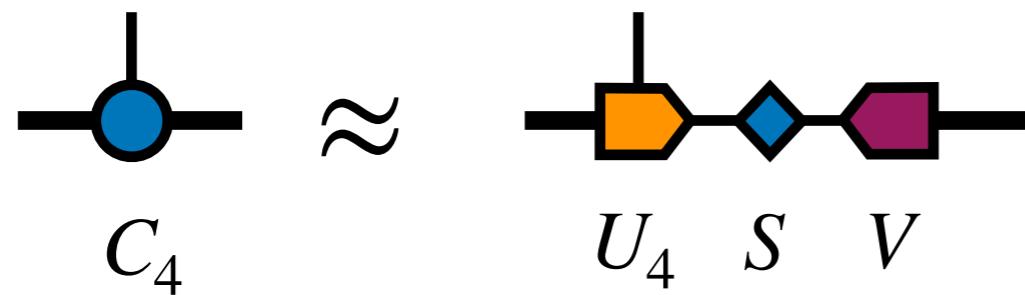
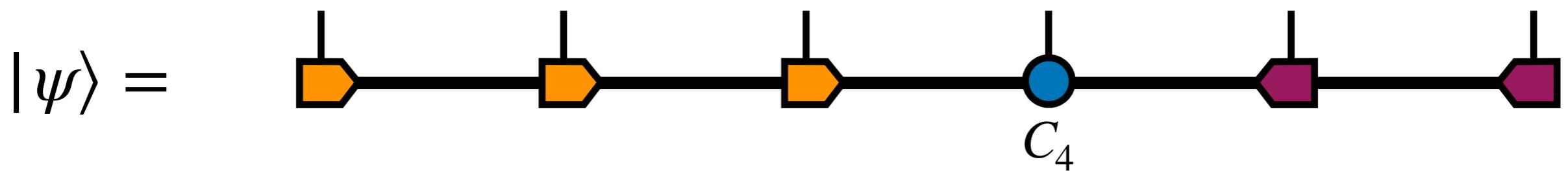
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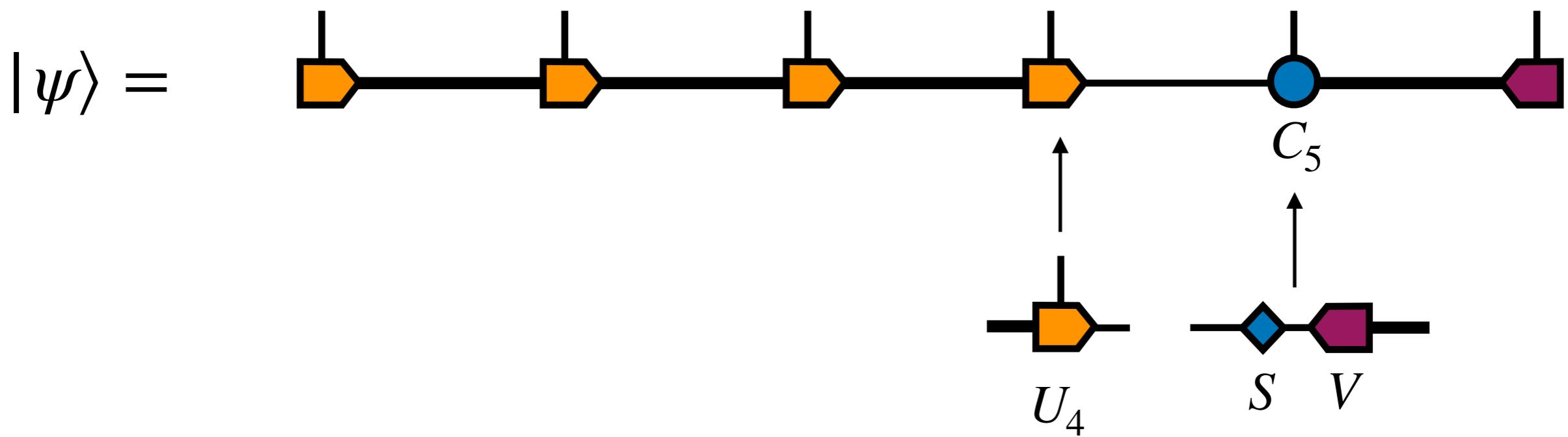
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Perform SVD of C_4 tensor – **truncate** small singular values

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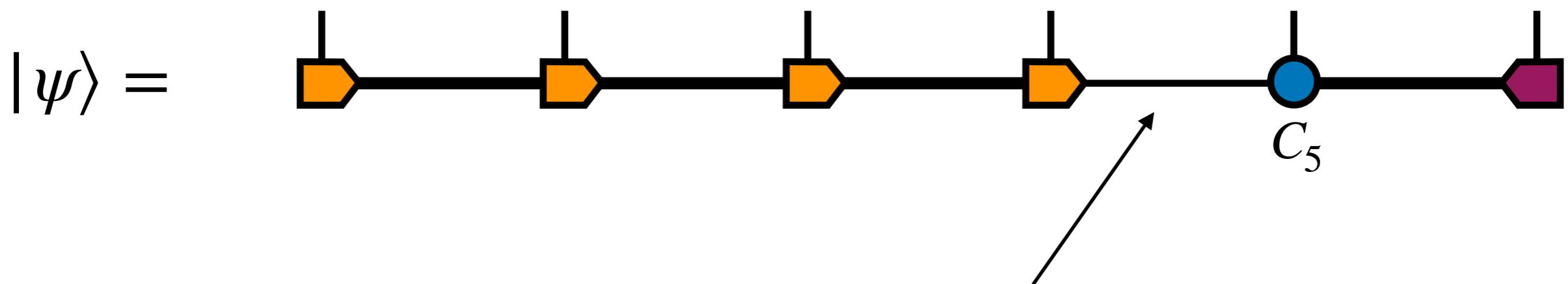
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Leave "U" behind, merge S^*V to form new "center"

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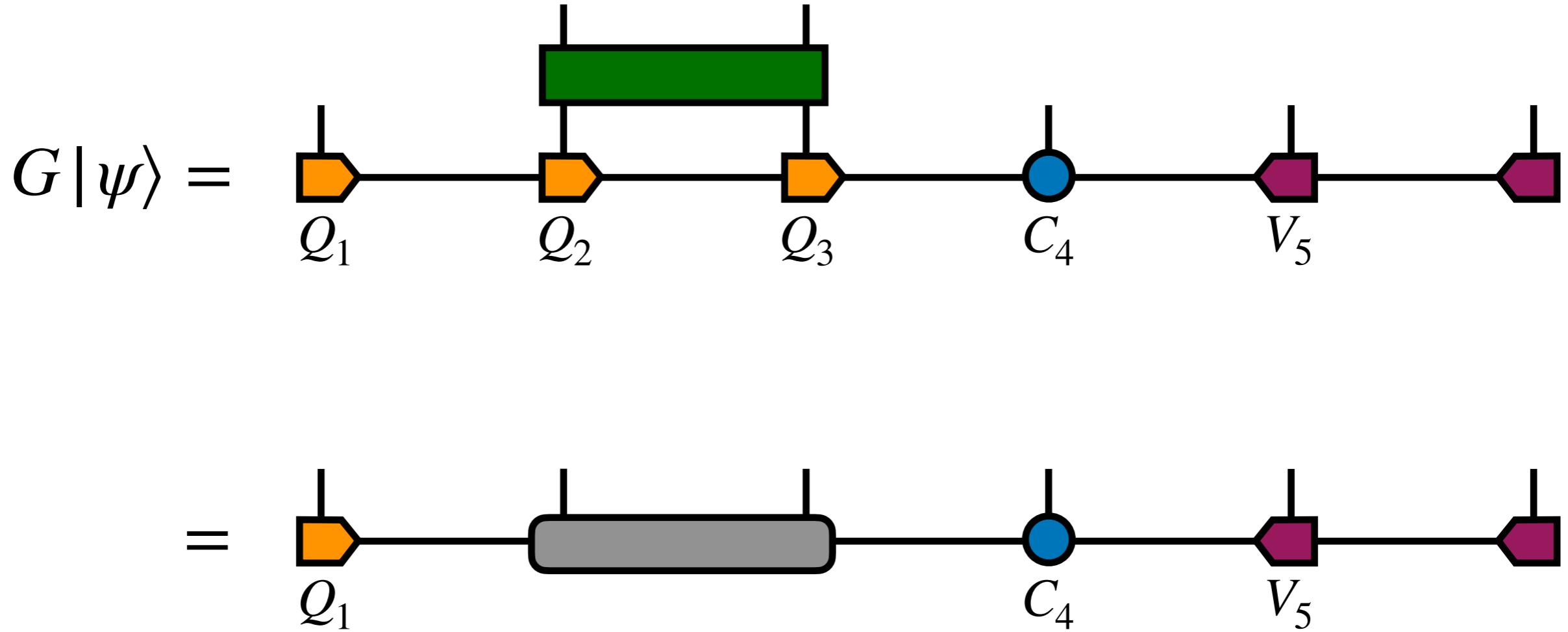
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Afterward, bond size has been reduced

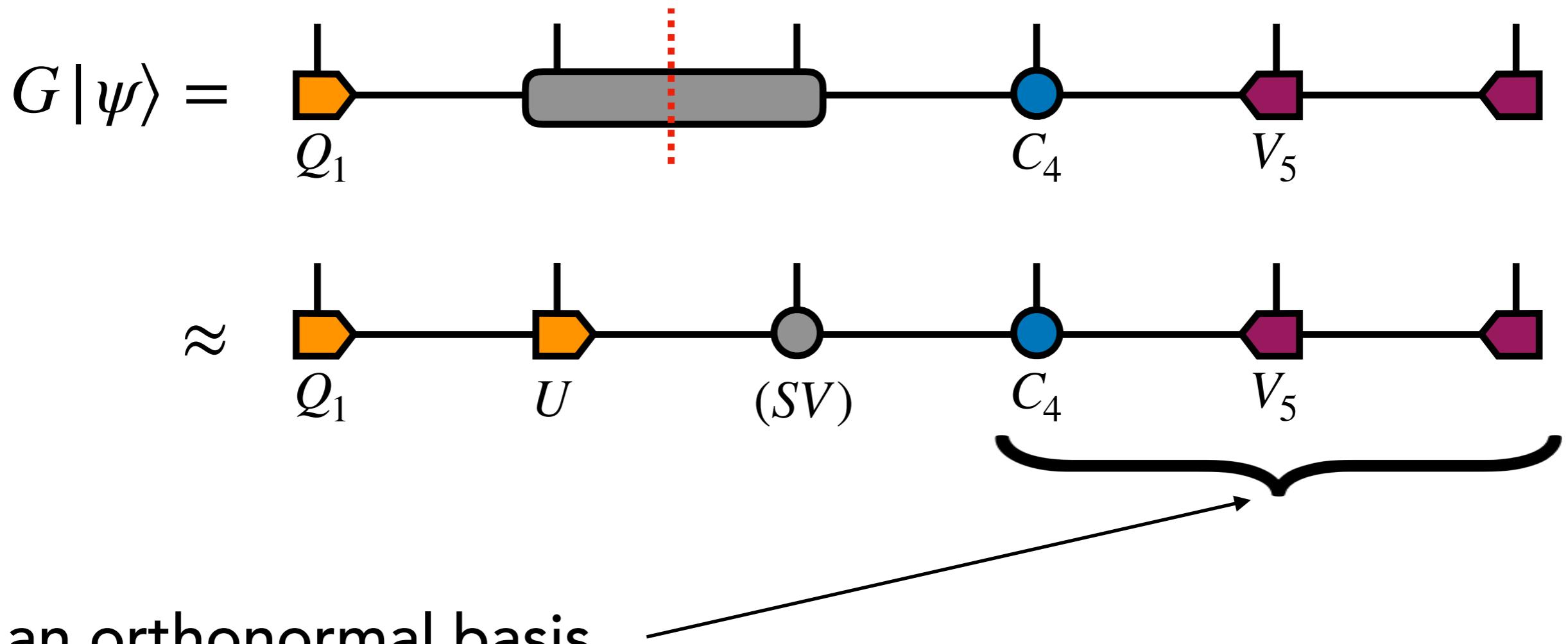
Importantly, truncation must happen within orthogonal gauge "center" – why?

Say we apply a gate away from the center



So far it is exact – no error

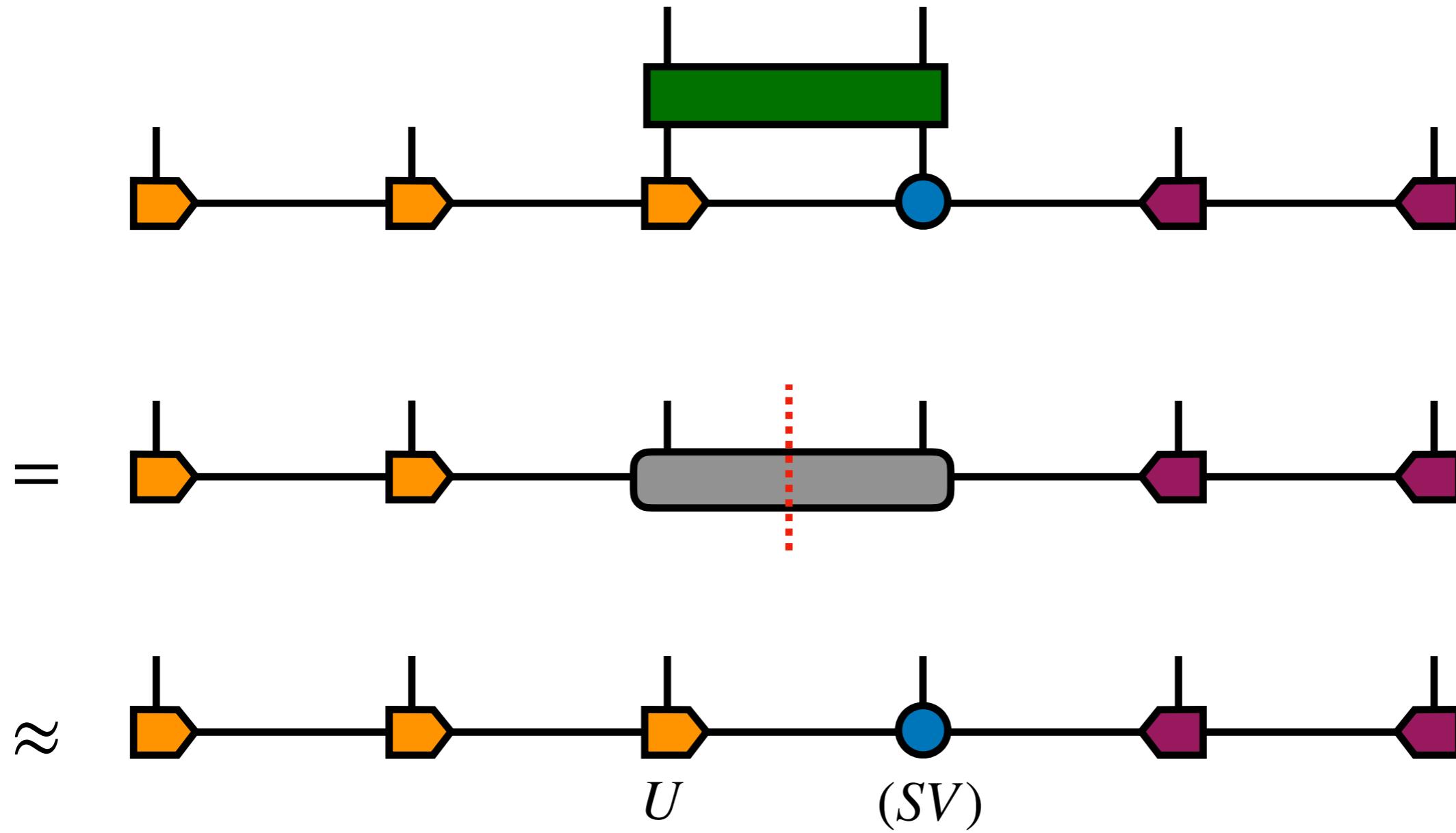
Now we can SVD & truncate small singular values



Not an orthonormal basis

Might make an **arbitrarily large** error

In contrast, truncating inside an orthonormal basis
is controlled



local SVD error = global error