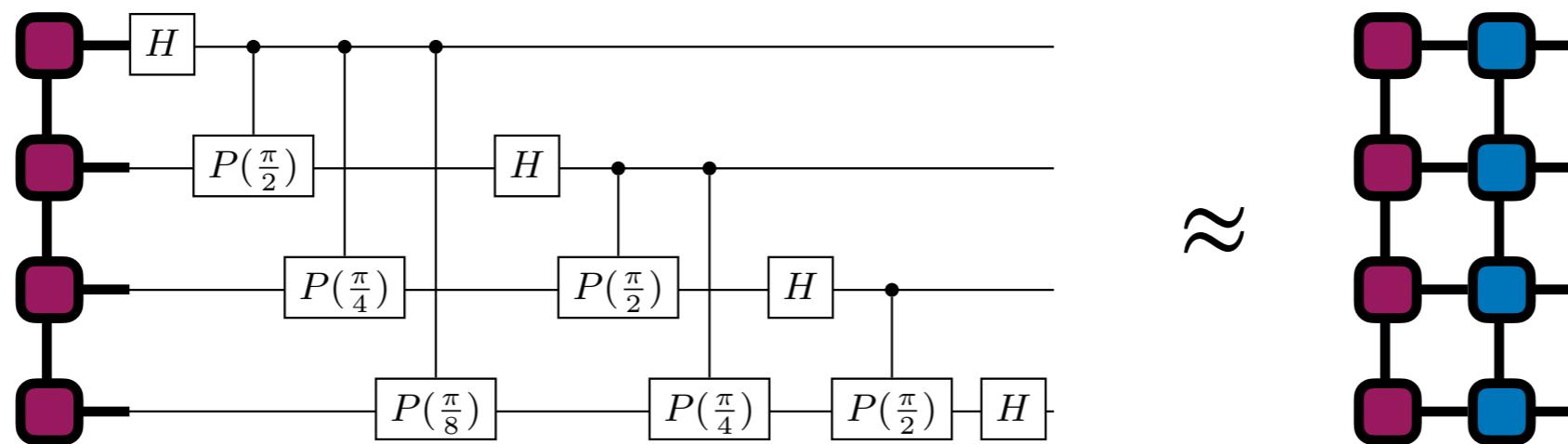


# Time Evolution with Tensor Networks



# Tensor Network Algorithms

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**time evolving tensor networks**

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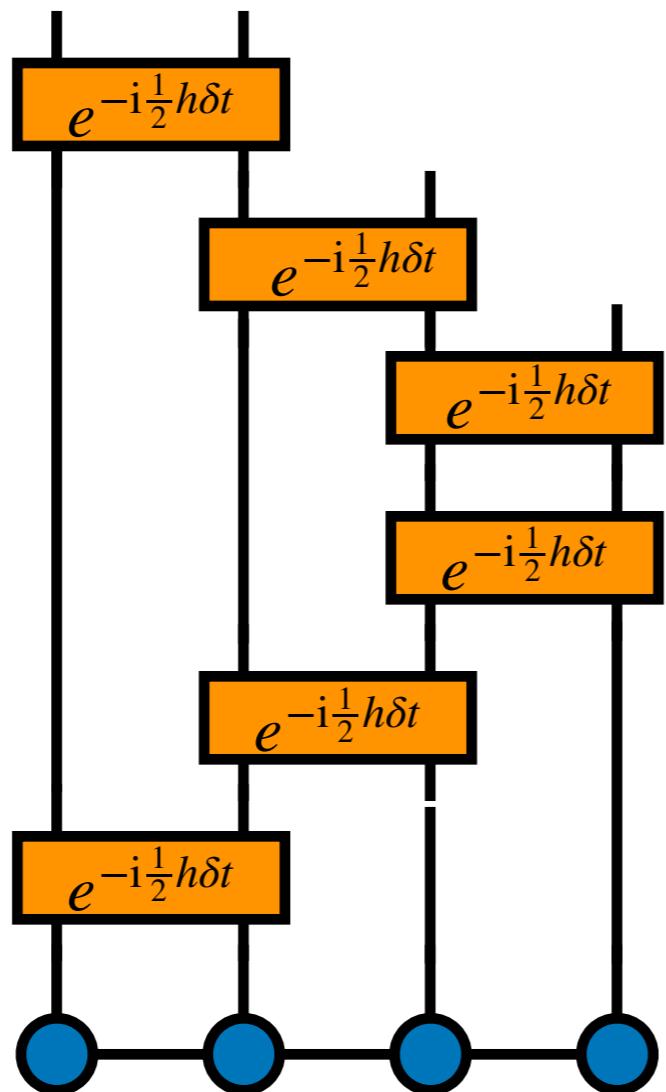
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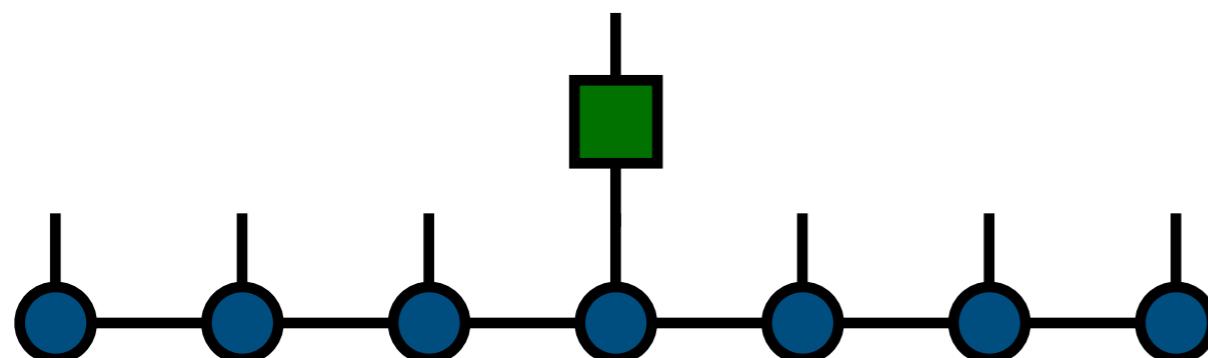
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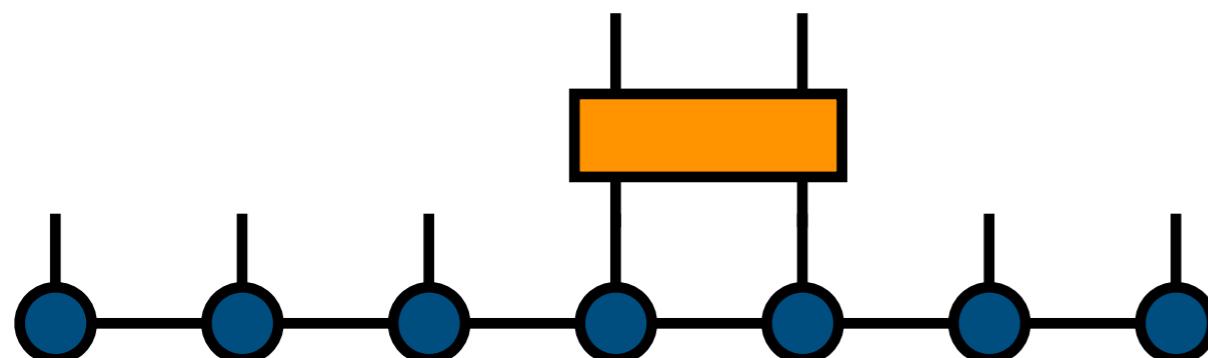
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TEBD = controlled application of one-qubit and two-qubit gates to an MPS



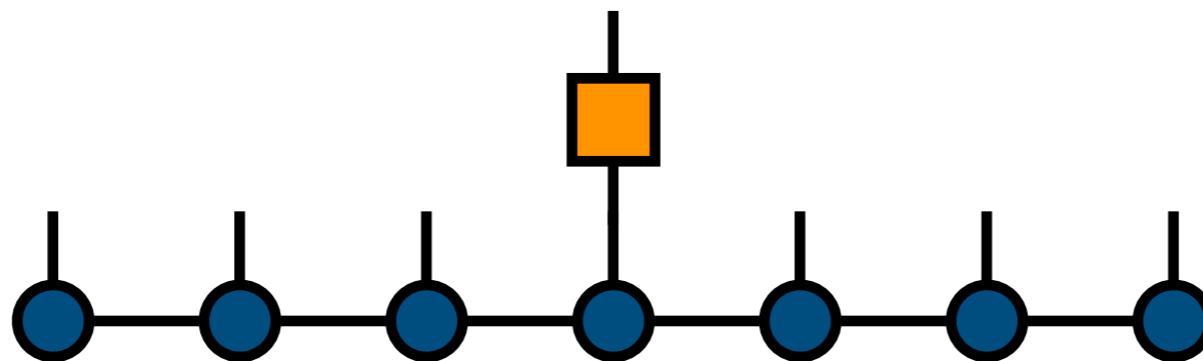
one-qubit gate is exact



two-qubit gate incurs  
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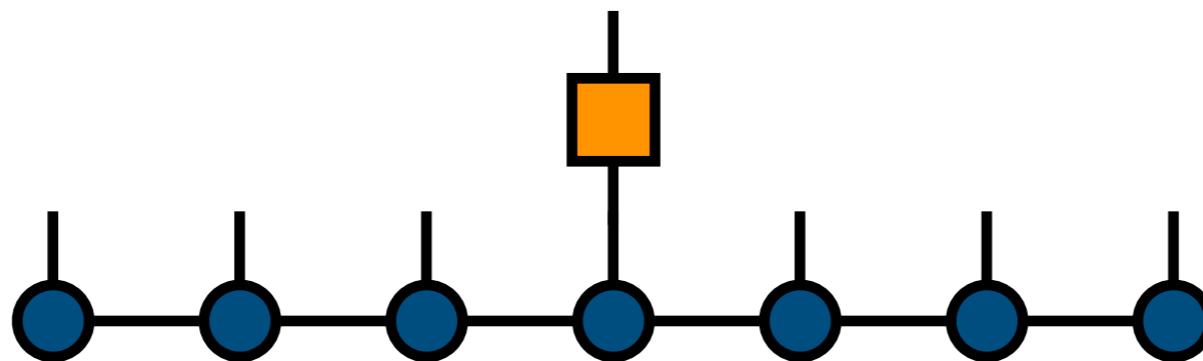
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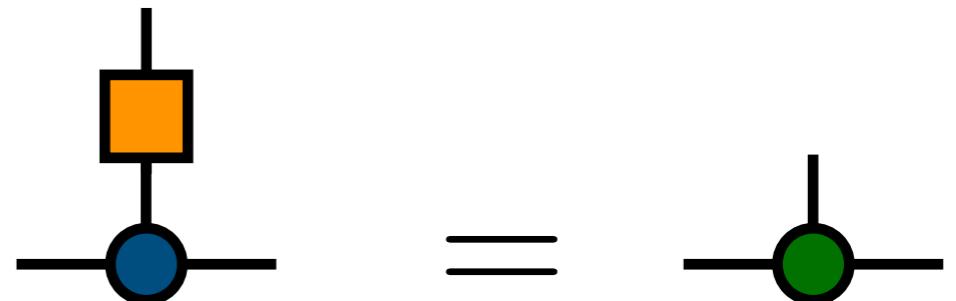


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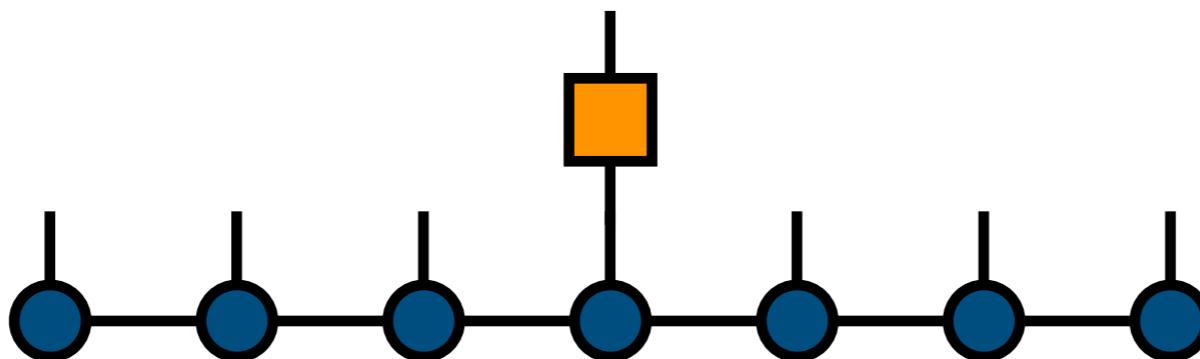


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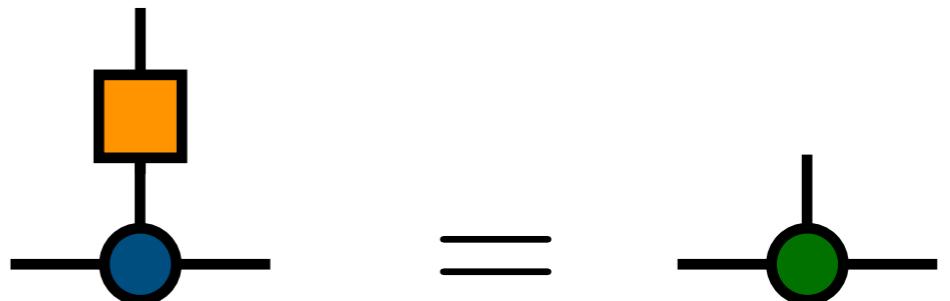


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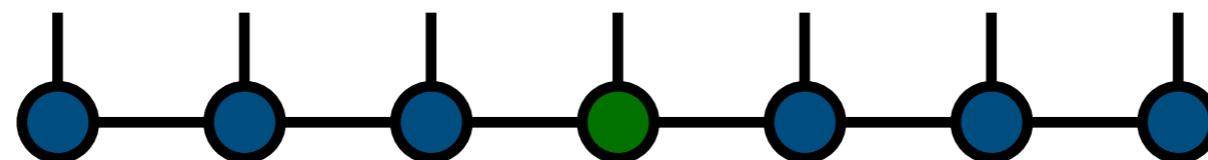
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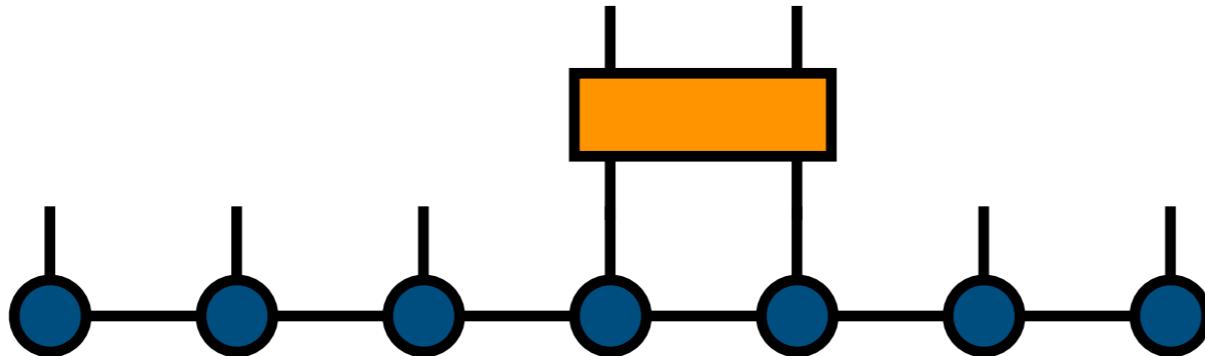


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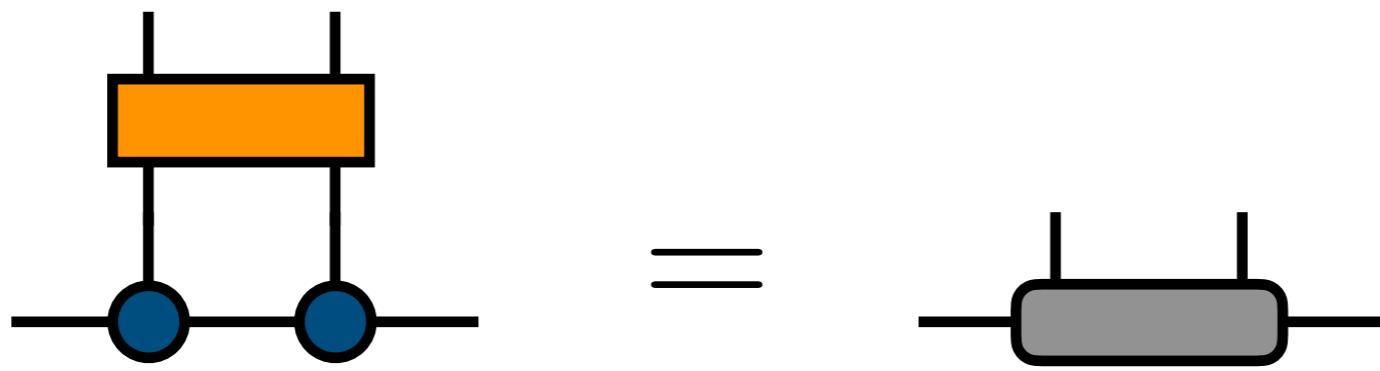


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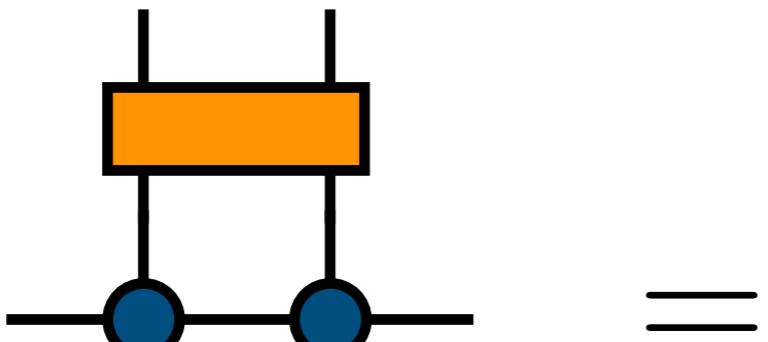


Operate on two tensors:



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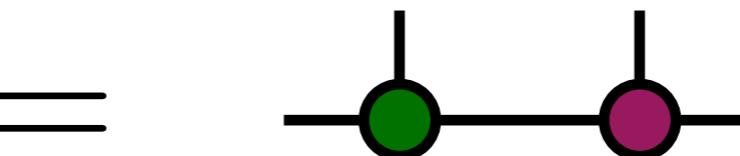
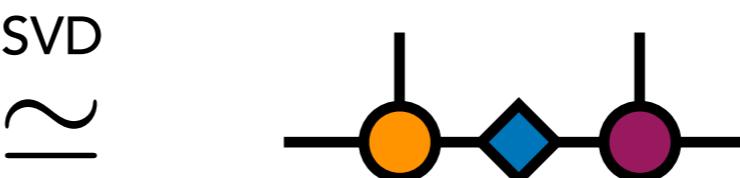
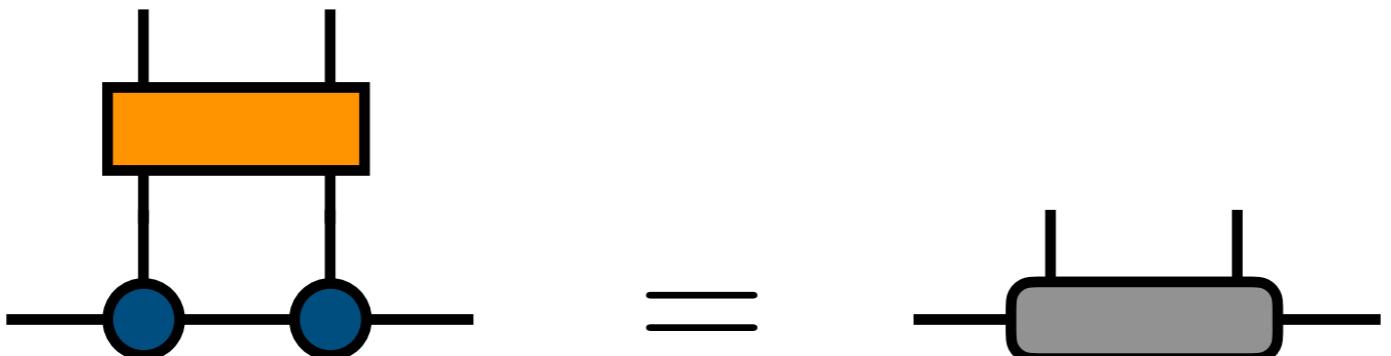
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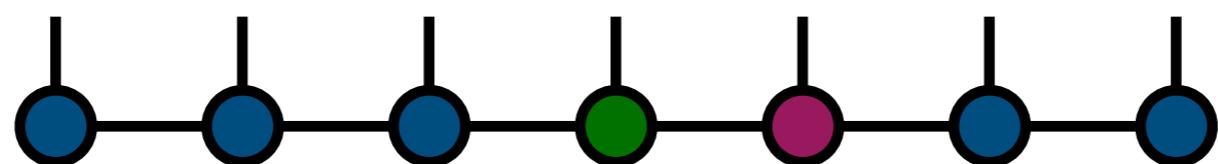


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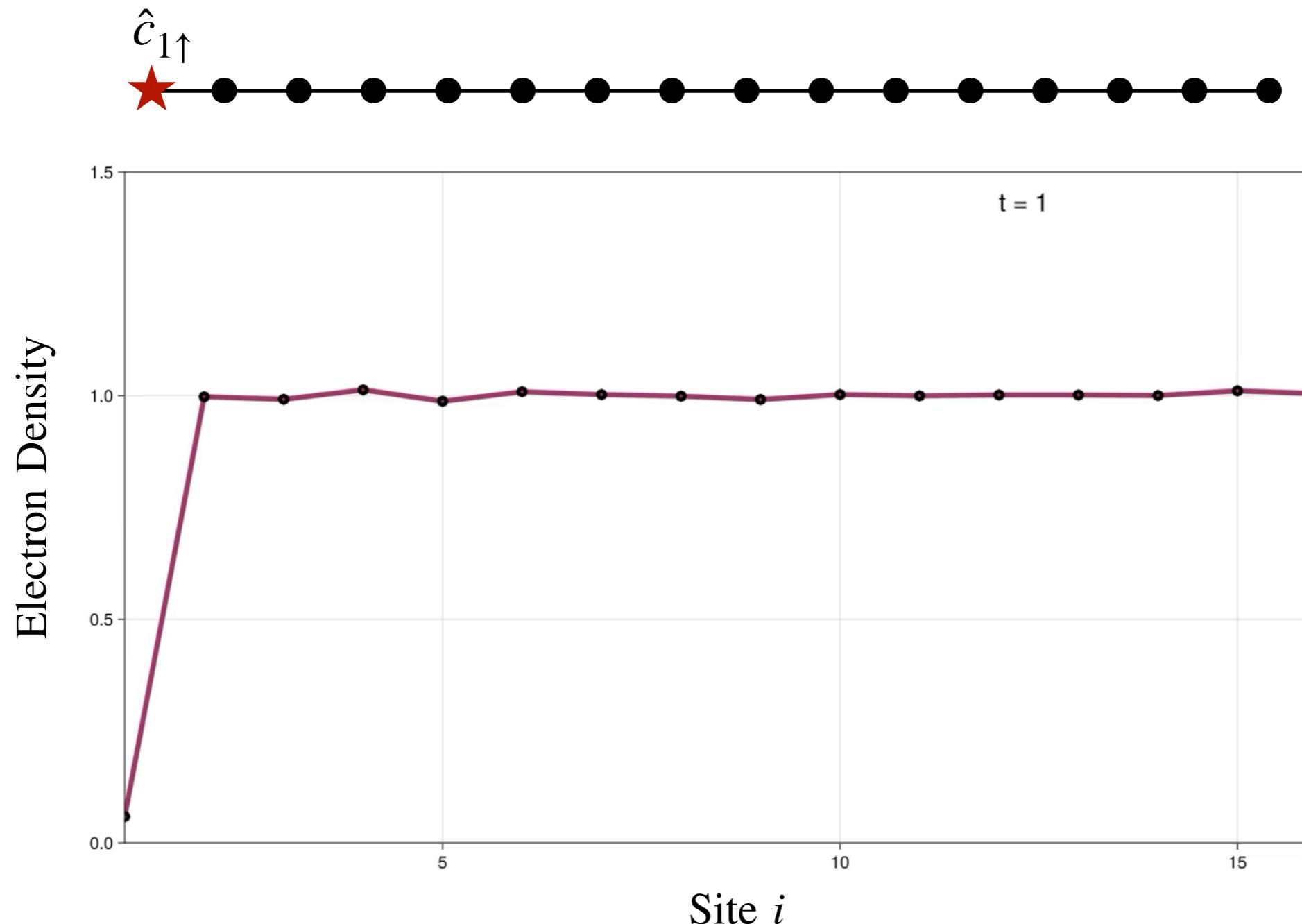


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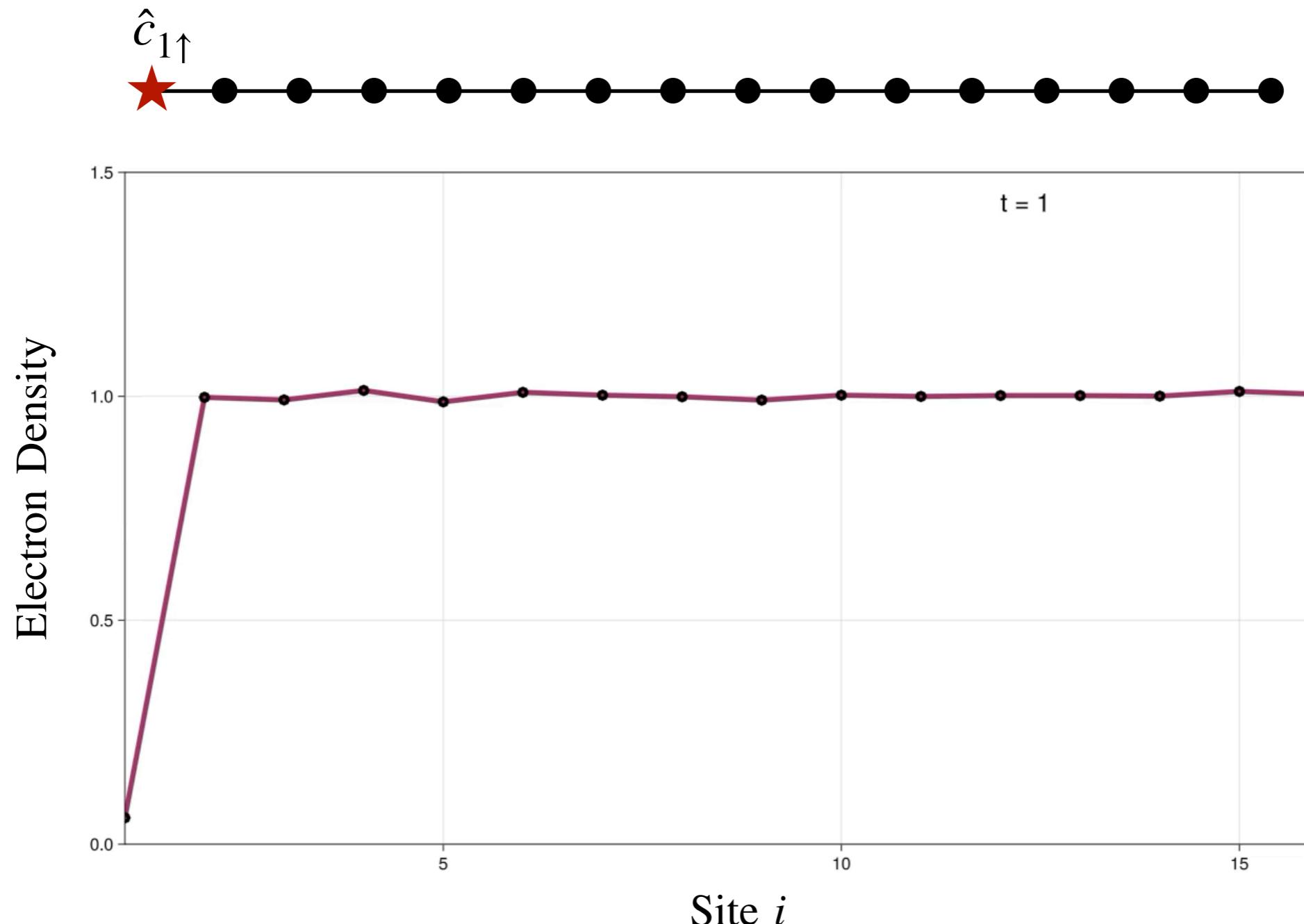
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- Lets us handle long range interactions

# Tensor Network Algorithms

## TDVP algorithm

Time evolve via a DMRG-like sweeping procedure

Start with the full Hamiltonian

$$H = \text{---} | \bullet | \text{---}$$

Can be a local or non-local Hamiltonian now

# Tensor Network Algorithms

## TDVP algorithm [1]

$$H = \begin{array}{ccccccc} & | & | & | & | & | & | \\ \bullet & - & \bullet & - & \bullet & - & \bullet \\ & | & | & | & | & | & | \end{array}$$

Solve the Schrödinger equation in the manifold of MPS of fixed bond dimension  $\chi$

$$\frac{d|\psi(t)\rangle}{dt} = -i\mathcal{P}_{|\psi(t)\rangle} H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$\mathcal{P}_{|\psi(t)\rangle}$  is the projector onto the tangent space of this manifold for the current state

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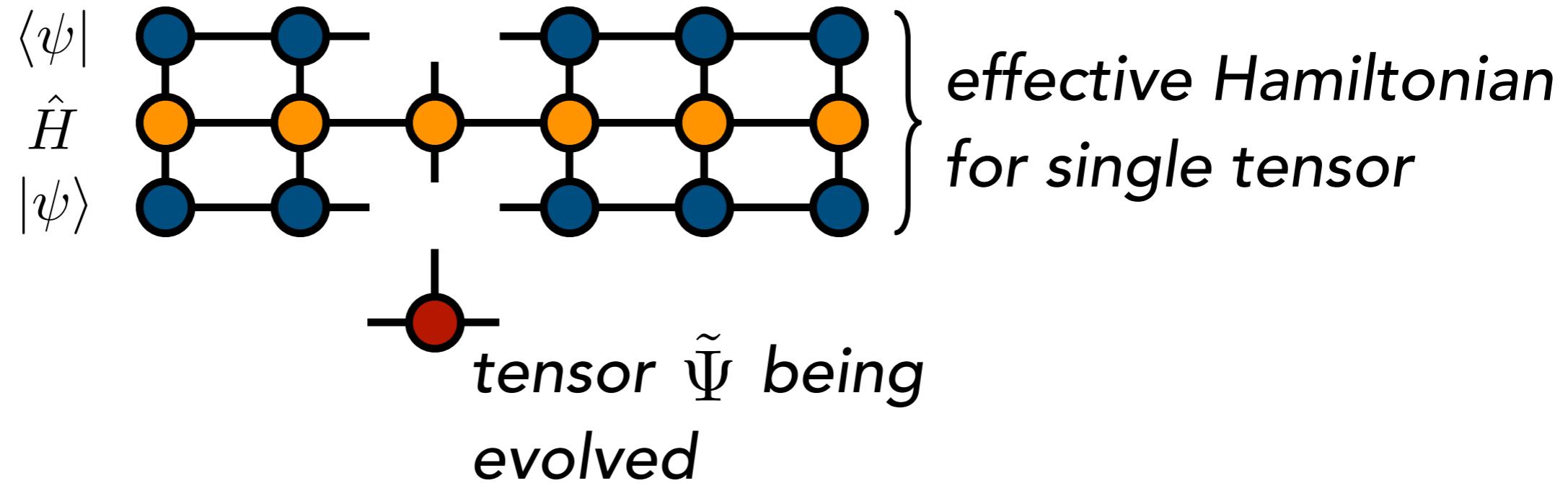
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At each configuration, integrate time forward by small amount

Solving:

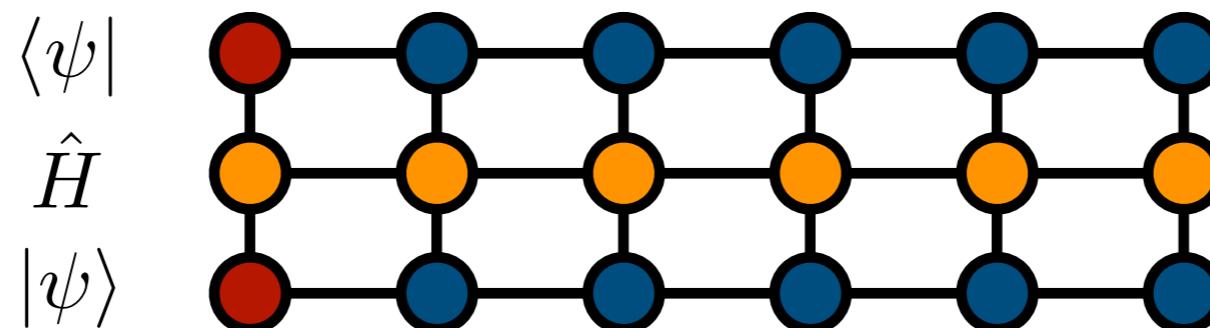
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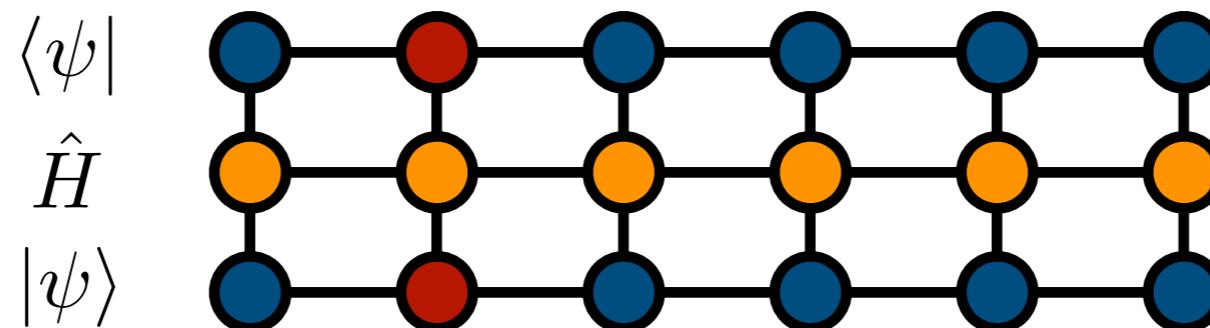
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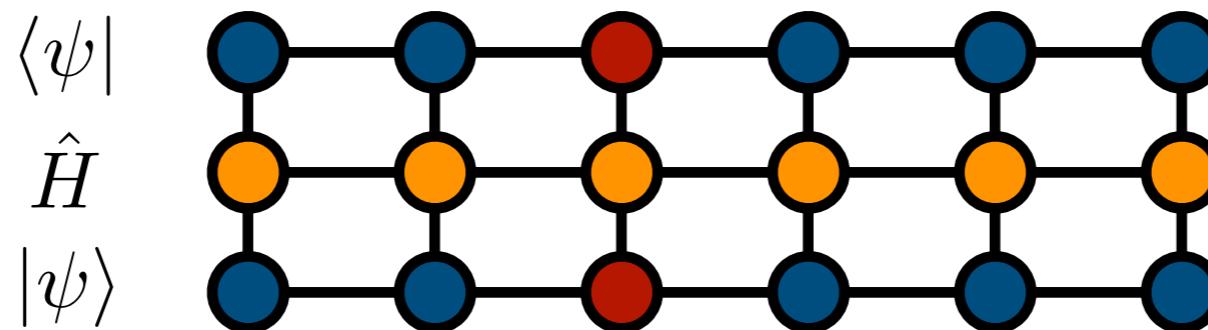
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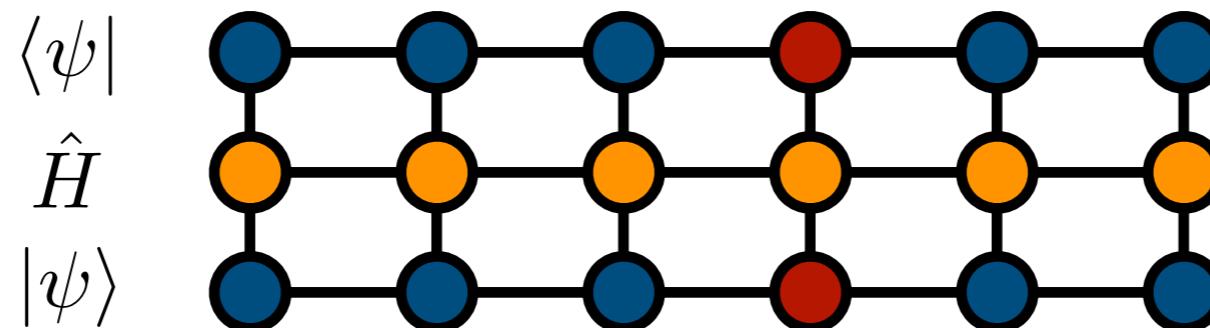
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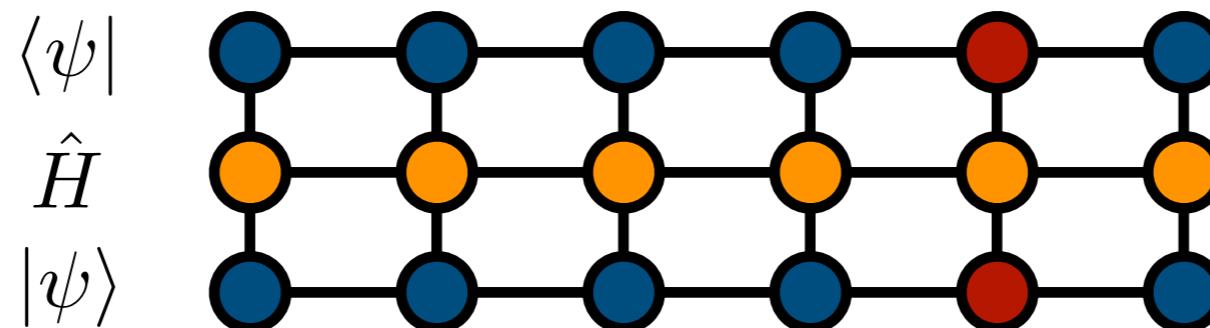
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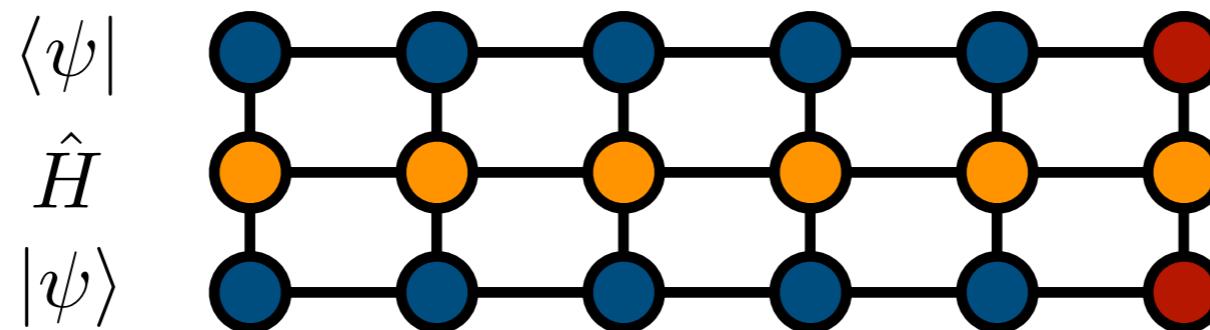
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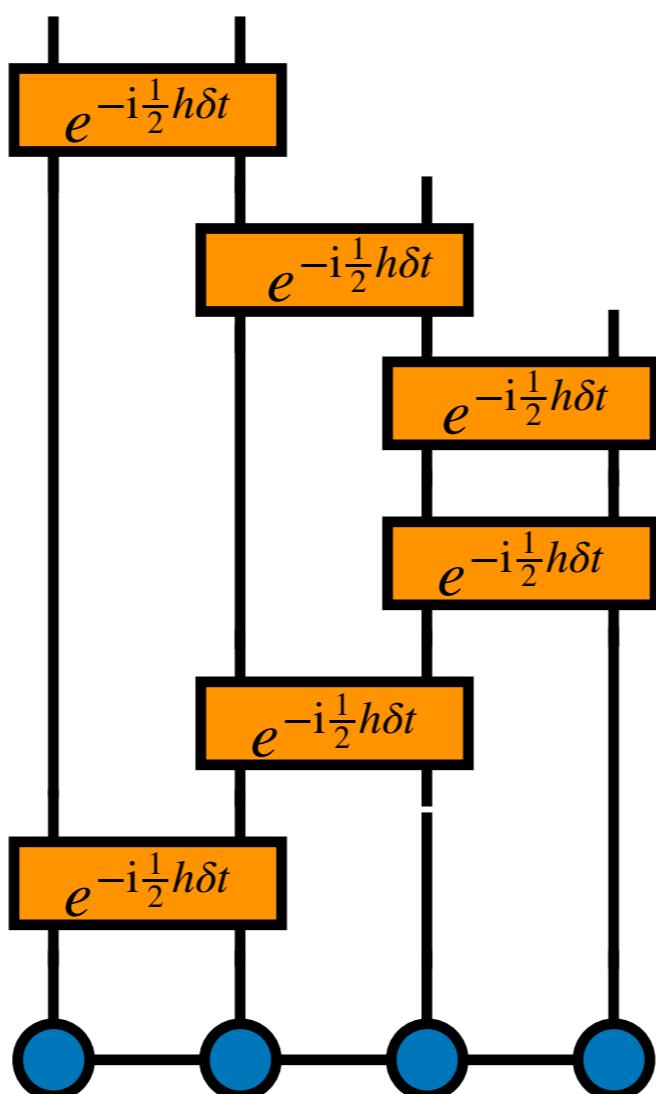
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- Sweeping algorithm, like DMRG. One-site version (fixed bond dimension) and two-site (adaptive bond dimension) versions exist.
- Scales as  $\mathcal{O}(L\chi^3 t)$  for a fixed total time  $t$ , just like TEBD.
- Handles long-range interactions
- “State-of-the-art” for time evolving an MPS

# TDVP and TEBD Applications

What can we do with these time-evolution algorithms?

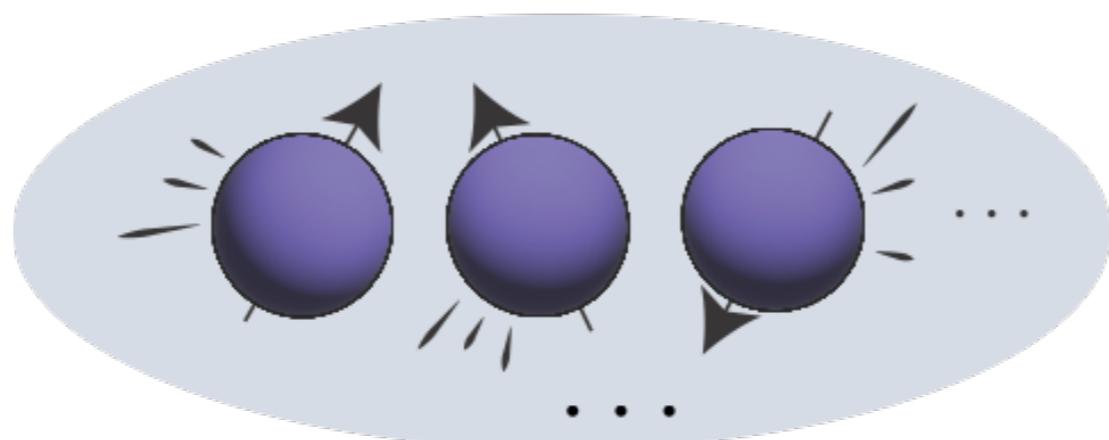
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Quenches are the immediate use case of TEBD and TDVP

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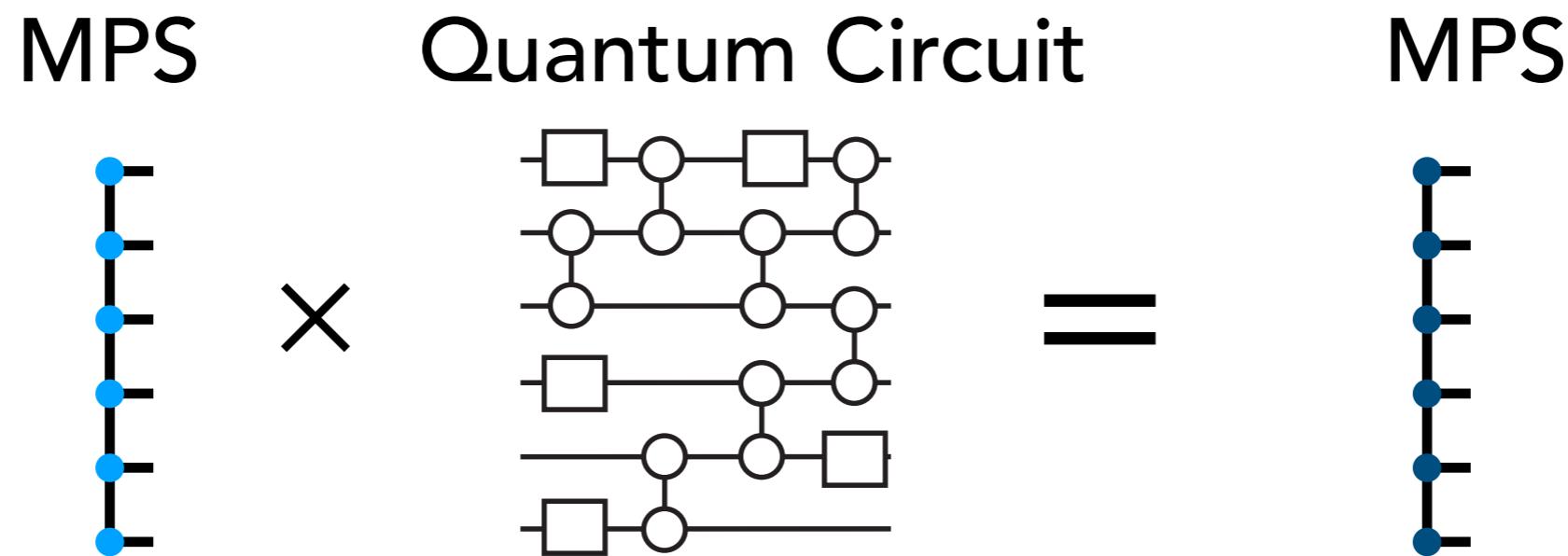


Algorithm Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(L\chi^3 t)$

Out-of-equilibrium physics is a very rich,  
active research topic

# TDVP and TEBD Applications

Simulating quantum circuits is possible with TEBD



Can even sample perfectly  $x \sim P(x) = |\langle x | \psi \rangle|^2$  from an MPS  $|\psi\rangle$  in  $\mathcal{O}(L\chi^3)$  time

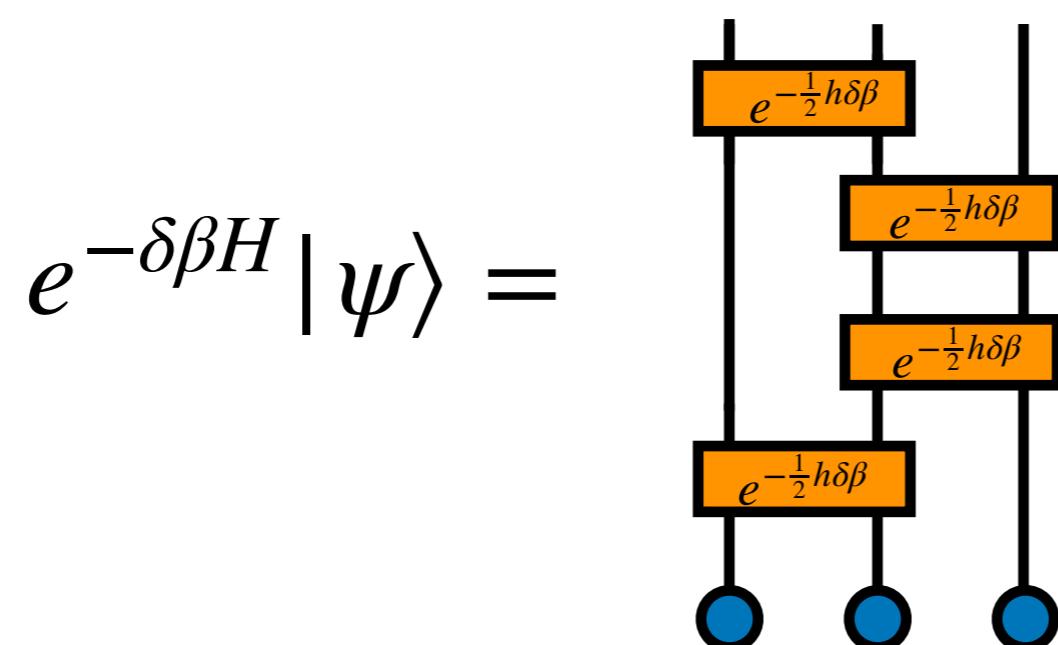
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# TDVP and TEBD Applications

## Imaginary time evolution (TEBD or TDVP)

We can evolve in imaginary time with  $t \rightarrow i\beta$  to get ground states or even thermal states (by evolving an MPO)

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\beta H} |\psi\rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n e^{-\delta\beta H} |\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_{GS}\rangle$$



# TDVP and TEBD Applications

We can even do finite temperature whilst staying in the pure state picture

First observe, for any basis,  $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$

$$e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sum_i \underbrace{e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \hat{H}} |i\rangle \langle i| e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \hat{H}}}_{\text{Freedom to choose these}} \propto \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle \langle \phi_i|$$

Freedom to choose these  $|\phi_i\rangle \propto e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \hat{H}} |i\rangle$

We have

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Obtain observables as

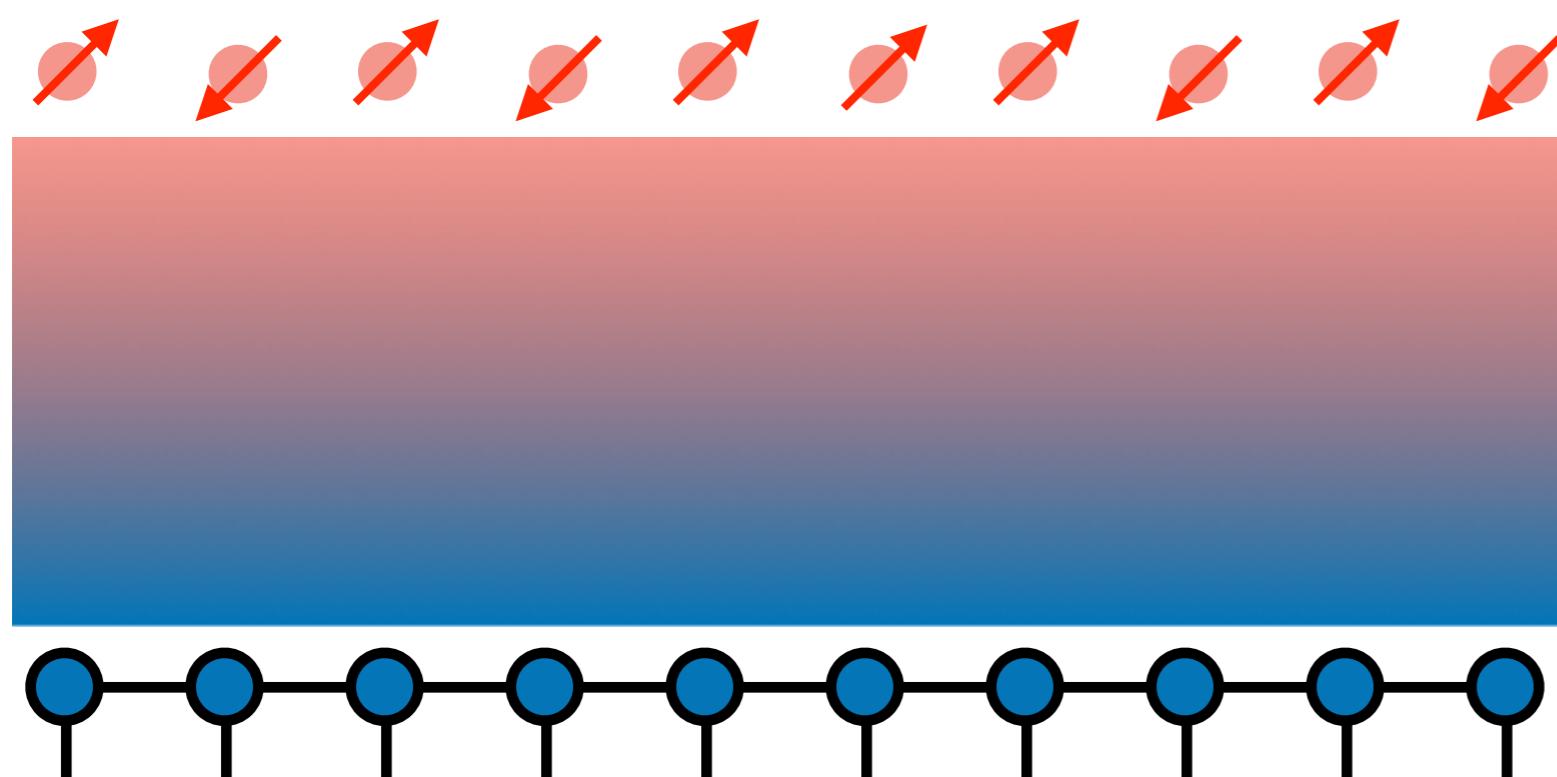
$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \hat{A}] = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_i P_i \langle \phi_i | \hat{A} | \phi_i \rangle$$

↑  
an average over  
pure states

Expanding  $e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \propto \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$

To give tensor networks their best chance

choose  $|\phi_i\rangle \propto e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}|i\rangle$  to "descend" from  
untentangled (zero-entanglement) states



*Unentangled product state*

$e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}$

*Modestly entangled state*

- Solved problem of representing  $|\phi_i\rangle \propto e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}|i\rangle$  (choose  $|i\rangle$  as product states)

One more **problem**: too many states –  
there are exponentially many  $|i\rangle$  and thus  $|\phi_i\rangle$

- Solution: sample over the  $|i\rangle$

$$|i_1\rangle \xrightarrow{e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}} |\phi_1\rangle$$

$$p(\phi_1 \rightarrow i_2) = |\langle i_2 | \phi_1 \rangle|^2$$

$$|i_2\rangle \xrightarrow{e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}} |\phi_2\rangle$$

$$p(\phi_2 \rightarrow i_3) = |\langle i_3 | \phi_2 \rangle|^2$$

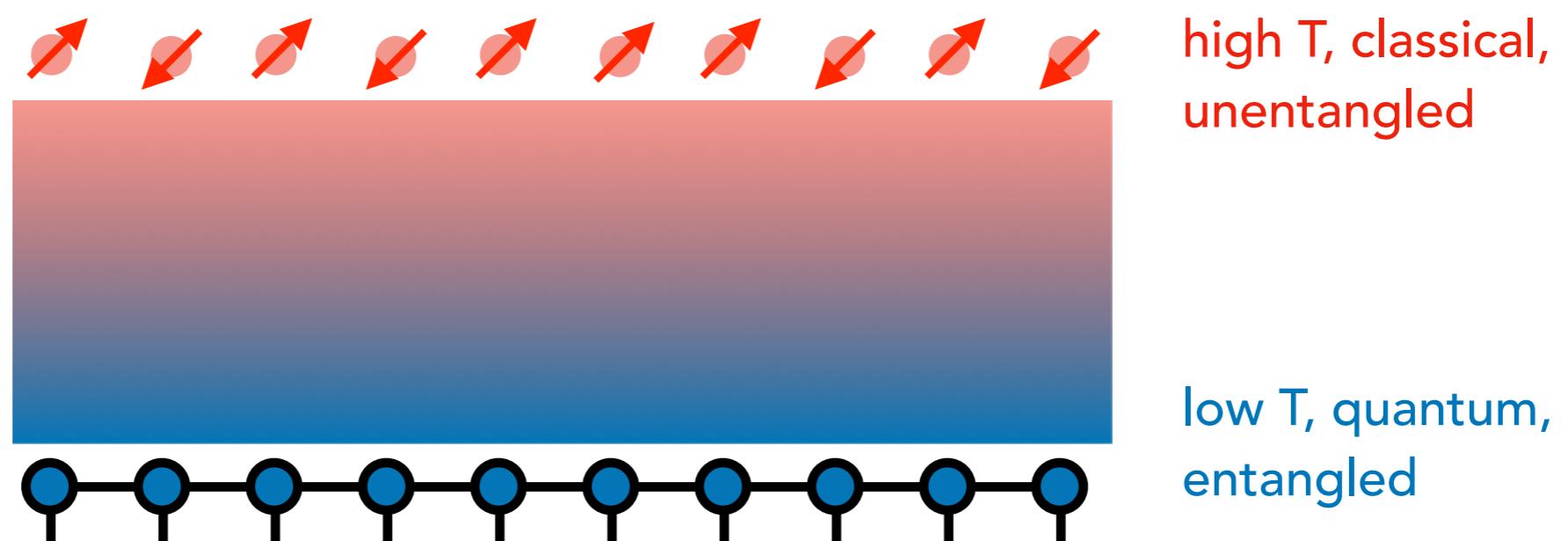
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Algorithm just described named  
*minimally entangled typical thermal states (METTS)*<sup>1,2</sup>

$$|\phi_i\rangle \propto e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}\hat{H}}|i\rangle \quad \text{METTS wavefunction}$$

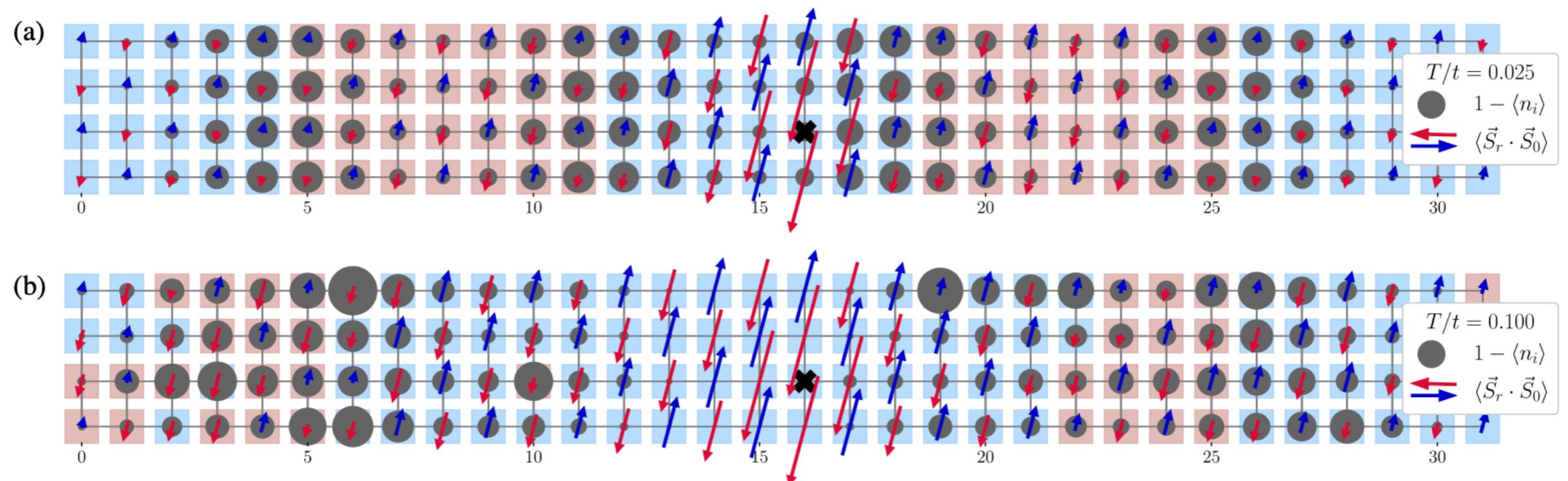
Quantum Monte Carlo where samples are  
*entangled wavefunctions*, not classical configurations

Classicality of METTS depend on T



# Minimally entangled typical thermal states (METTS)

Used by researchers here at CCQ to study finite temperature electronic systems [1]:



[1] A. Wietek et al, PRX 11 (2021)

## Further Applications of TDVP and TEBD

- Open Quantum Systems  $\rho(t) = \exp(\mathcal{L}t)\rho(0)$
- Green's functions
- OTOCS (Out-of-time ordered correlators)
- Many more...
- Now lets do some time evolution with [ITensorMPS.jl](#)