

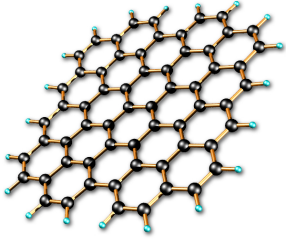
# **Matrix Product States and Tensor Network States**

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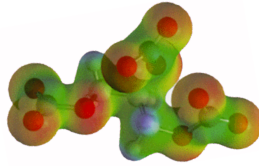
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# Overview

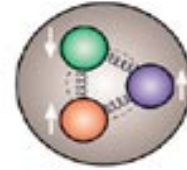
- **Quantum many-body systems** are all around!



condensed matter



quantum chemistry



high-energy physics

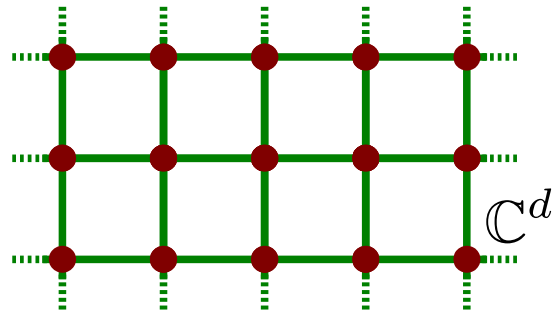
- Can exhibit **complex quantum correlations** (=multipartite entanglement)  
→ rich and unconventional physics, but difficult to understand!
- **Quantum information** and **Entanglement Theory**:  
**Toolbox** to characterize and utilize **entanglement**

**Aim: Study strongly correlated quantum many-body systems from the perspective of quantum information + entanglement theory.**

# **Entanglement structure of quantum many-body states**

# Quantum many-body systems

- Wide range of quantum many-body (QMB) systems exists
- Our focus: **spin models** (=qudits) on lattices:

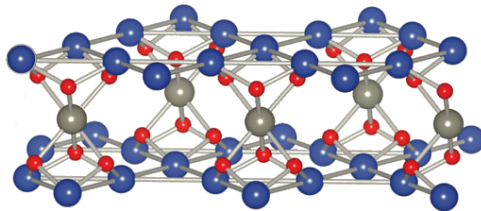


**local** interactions

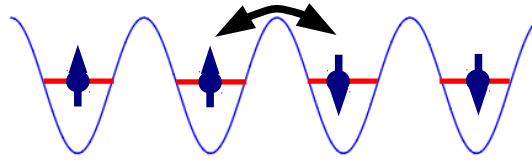
$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} h_{ij}$$

... typically  
**transl. invariant**

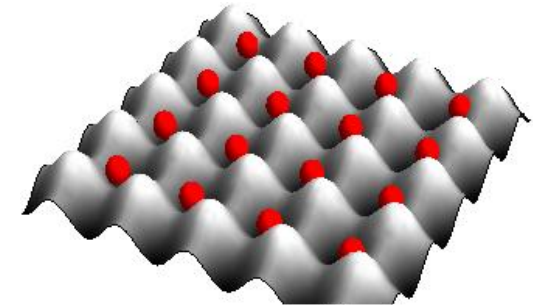
- Realized in many systems:



localized d/f electrons



half-filled band



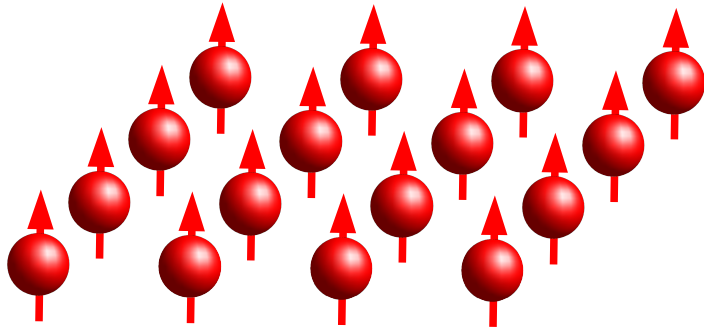
quantum simulators,  
e.g. optical lattices

- Especially interested in the **ground state**  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ ,  
i.e., the lowest eigenvector  $H |\Psi_0\rangle = E_0 |\Psi_0\rangle$

(It is the “most quantum” state, and it also carries relevant information about excitations.)

# Mean-field theory

- In many cases, **entanglement** in QMB systems is **negligible**
- System can be studied with **product state ansatz**



$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} h_{ij}$$

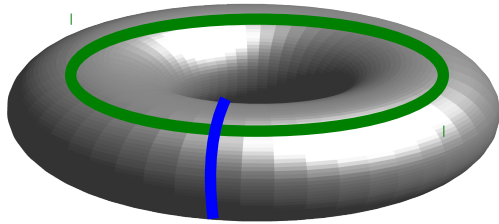
“mean field theory”

$$|\Phi\rangle = |\phi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle \otimes \dots$$

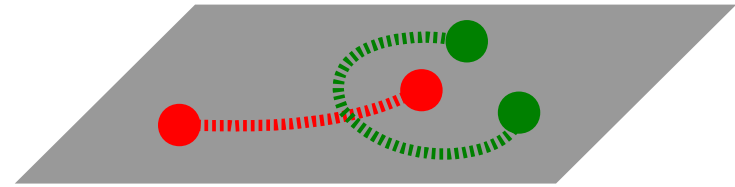
- Consequence of “**monogamy of entanglement**” (→ de Finetti theorem)
- 
- Behavior fully characterized by **a single spin**  $|\phi\rangle$  –
    - a **local property** (order parameter) → **Landau theory** of phases
  - Behavior insensitive to boundary conditions, topology, ...

# Exotic phases and topological order

- Systems exist which **cannot be described by mean field theory**



**degeneracy** depends on  
**global properties**



system supports  
**exotic excitations** (“anyons”)

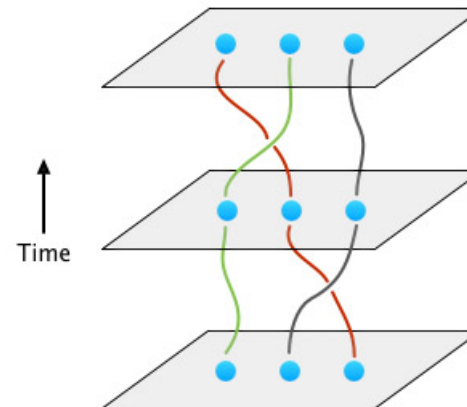
... e.g. Kitaev's “Toric Code”.

→ impossible within mean-field ansatz

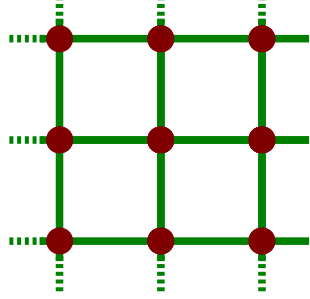
→ **ordering in entanglement**

→ To understand these systems: need to **capture their entanglement!**

- Useful as **quantum memories**  
and for **topological quantum computing**



# The physical corner of Hilbert space



- How can we describe **entangled QMB states**?
- general state of  $N$  spins:

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} c_{i_1 \dots i_N} |i_1, \dots, i_N\rangle \in (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes N} = \mathbb{C}^{(d^N)}$$

**exponentially large** Hilbert space!

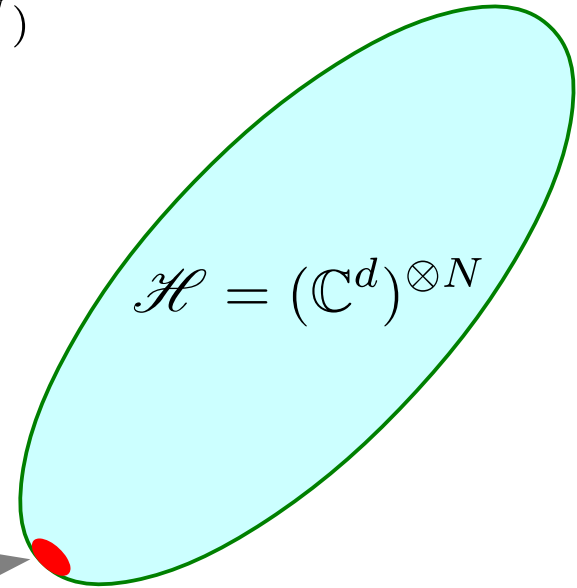


- but then again ...

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} h_{ij} \text{ has only } O(N) \text{ parameters}$$

→ ground state  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  must live in a small **“physical corner” of Hilbert space!**

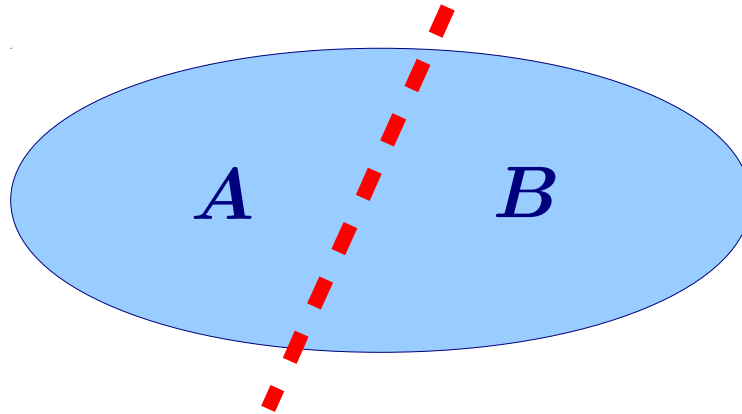
- Is there a “nice” way to **describe** states in the **physical corner**?  
→ use **entanglement structure!**



# Entanglement

- Consider **bipartition** of QMB system into A and B

$$|\Phi_{AB}\rangle =$$



Schmidt decomposition  $|\Phi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_k \sqrt{p_k} |\alpha_k\rangle_A |\beta_k\rangle_B$  ( $|\alpha_k\rangle, |\beta_k\rangle$  ONB)

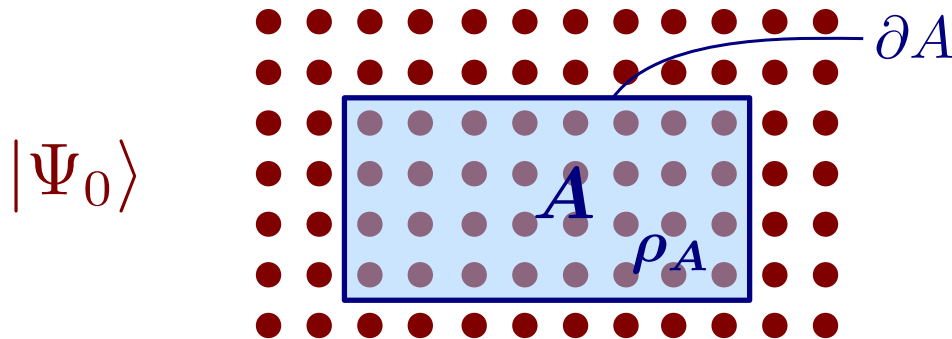
- Schmidt coefficients**  $p_k$  characterize bipartite **entanglement**  
more **disorder**  $\rightarrow$  more **entanglement**
- Measure of entanglement:

$$\text{Entanglement entropy } E(\Phi_{AB}) = S(\rho_A) = - \sum p_k \log p_k$$



# Entanglement structure: The area law

- How much is a region of a QMB system entangled with the rest?

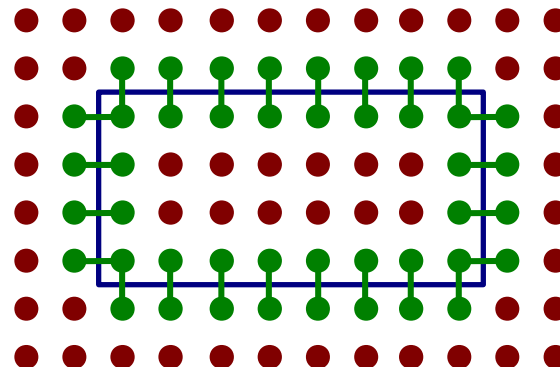


- entanglement entropy**  $S(\rho_A)$  of a region **scales as boundary** (vs. volume)

“area law” for entanglement

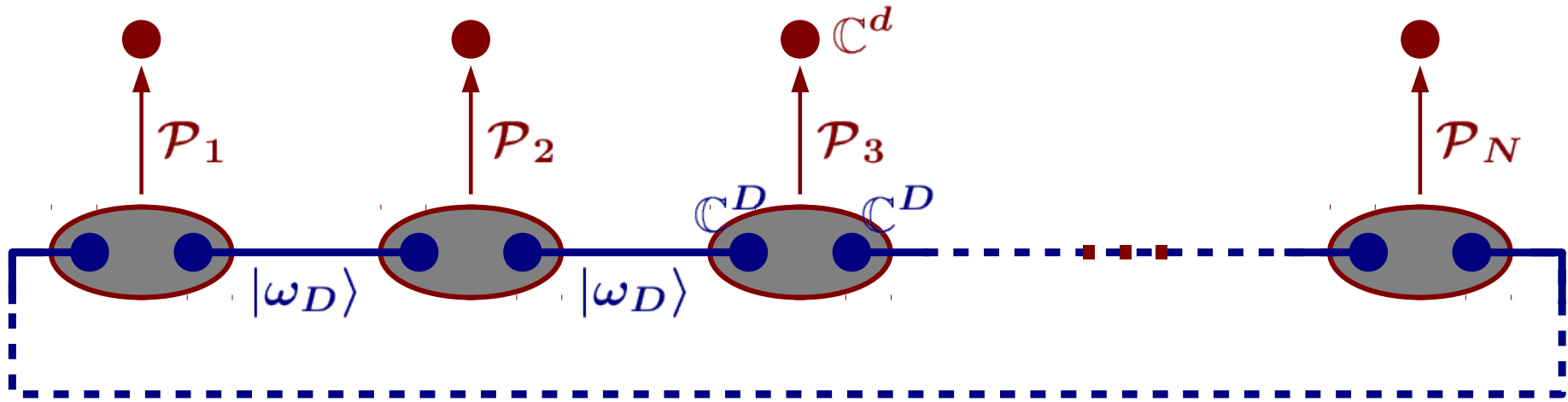
(for Hamiltonians with a **spectral gap**; but approx. true even without gap)

- Interpretation: entanglement is **distributed locally**



**One dimension: Matrix Product States**

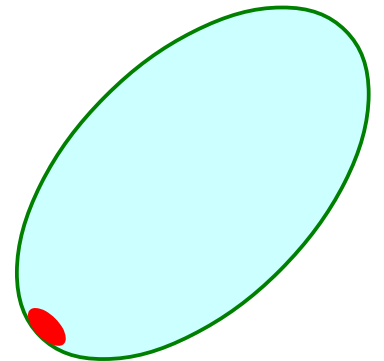
# An ansatz for states with an area law



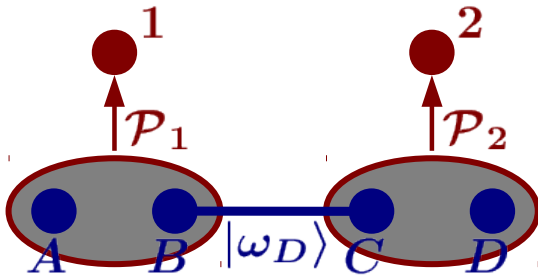
- each site composed of two **auxiliary particles** (“virtual particles”) forming max. entangled **bonds**  $|\omega_D\rangle := \sum_{i=1}^D |i, i\rangle$  ( $D$ : “bond dimension”)
- apply **linear map** (“projector”)  $\mathcal{P}_k : \mathbb{C}^D \times \mathbb{C}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|\psi\rangle = (\mathcal{P}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{P}_N) |\omega_D\rangle^{\otimes N}}$$

- 
- satisfies **area law** by construction
  - state characterized by  $\mathcal{P}_1, \dots, \mathcal{P}_N \rightarrow NdD^2$  parameters
  - family of states: enlarged by increasing  $D$



# Formulation in terms of Matrix Products



$$\mathcal{P}_s = \sum_{i, \alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha\beta}^{[s], i} |i\rangle \langle \alpha, \beta|$$

$A^{[s], i} : D \times D$  matrices

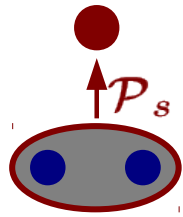
$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{P}_1 \otimes \mathcal{P}_2) |\omega_D\rangle &= \left[ \sum_{i, \alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha\beta}^{[1], i} |i\rangle_1 \langle \alpha, \beta|_{AB} \right] \left[ \sum_{j, \gamma, \delta} A_{\gamma\delta}^{[2], j} |j\rangle_2 \langle \gamma, \delta|_{CD} \right] \left[ \sum_k |k, k\rangle_{BC} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i, j, \alpha, \delta} \left[ \sum_{\beta} A_{\alpha\beta}^{[1], i} A_{\beta\delta}^{[2], j} \right] |i, j\rangle_{12} \langle \alpha, \delta|_{AD} \quad \beta = \gamma \\ &= \sum_{i, j, \alpha, \delta} (A^{[1], i} A^{[2], j})_{\alpha\delta} |i, j\rangle_{12} \langle \alpha, \delta|_{AD} \end{aligned}$$

- iterate this for the whole state  $|\psi\rangle = (\mathcal{P}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{P}_N) |\omega_D\rangle^{\otimes N}$ :

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} [A^{[1], i_1} A^{[2], i_2} \dots A^{[N], i_N}] |i_1, \dots, i_N\rangle \quad \text{“Matrix Product State” (MPS)}$$

(or  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} \langle l | A^{[1], i_1} A^{[2], i_2} \dots A^{[N], i_N} | r \rangle |i_1, \dots, i_N\rangle$  for open boundaries)

# Formulation in terms of Tensor Networks



$$\mathcal{P}_s = \sum_{i, \alpha, \beta} A_{\alpha, \beta}^{[s], i} |i\rangle \langle \alpha, \beta|$$

$$A_{\alpha\beta}^{[s], i} \equiv \alpha - \boxed{A^{[s]}} - \beta \quad \overset{i}{\uparrow}$$

- **Tensor Network** notation:

$$A_{\alpha\beta}^i \equiv \alpha - \boxed{A} - \beta \quad \overset{i}{\uparrow} \quad \sum_{\beta} A_{\alpha\beta}^i B_{\beta\gamma}^j \equiv \alpha - \boxed{A} - \beta - \boxed{B} - \gamma \quad \overset{j}{\uparrow}$$

$$\text{tr}[A^{[1], i_1} A^{[2], i_2} \dots A^{[N], i_N}] = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccccc} & i_1 & & i_2 & & i_3 & & & & i_N \\ & | & & | & & | & & & & | \\ \boxed{A^{[1]}} & \alpha & \boxed{A^{[2]}} & \beta & \boxed{A^{[3]}} & \dots & \boxed{A^{[N]}} \\ & | & & | & & & & & & | \\ & \text{---} & & \text{---} & & \text{---} & & & & \text{---} \end{array} \\ || \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} & i_1 & & i_2 & & i_3 & & \dots & & i_N \\ & | & & | & & | & & & & | \\ & \text{---} & & \text{---} & & \text{---} & & & & \text{---} \\ & & & & & & & c_{i_1, \dots, i_N} & & \end{array} \end{array}$$

- Matrix Product States can be written as

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} c_{i_1, \dots, i_N} |i_1, \dots, i_N\rangle \quad \text{with}$$

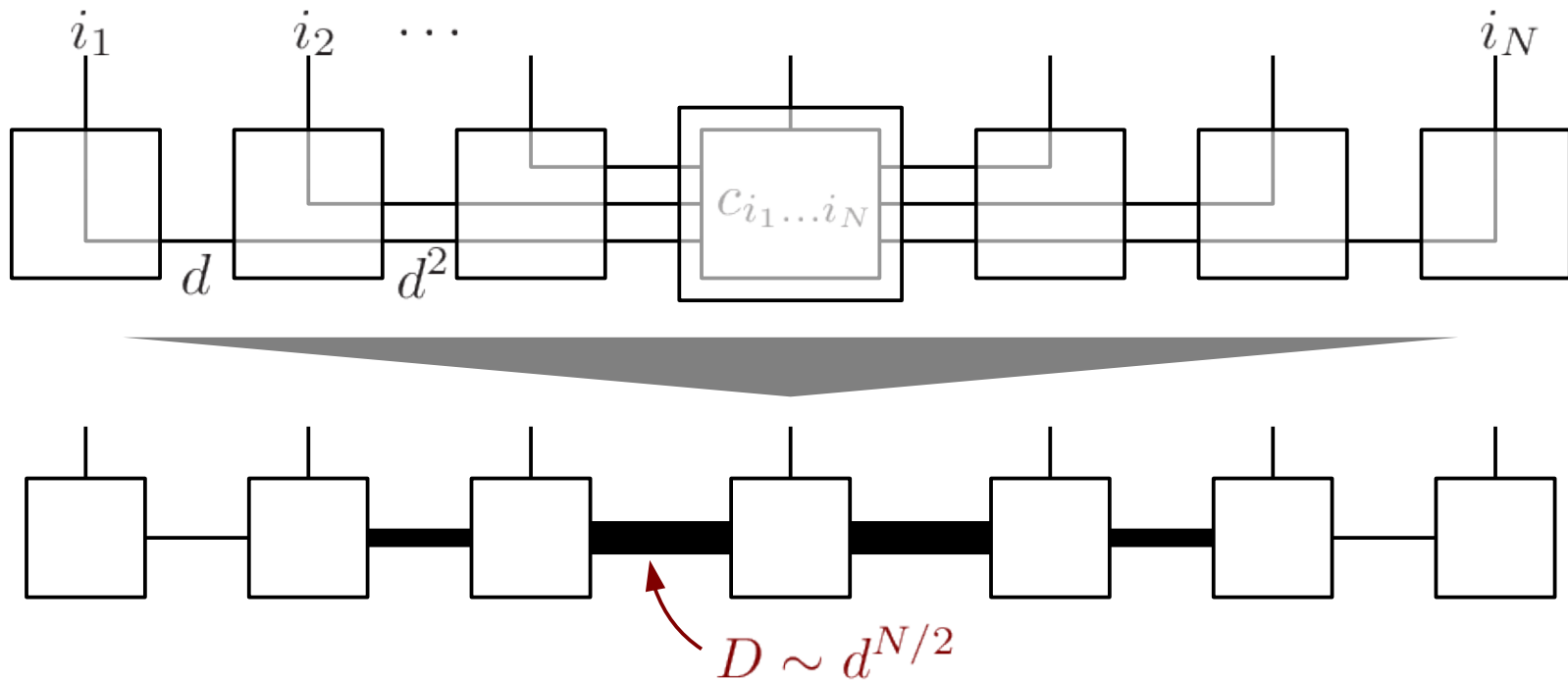
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**“Tensor Network States”**

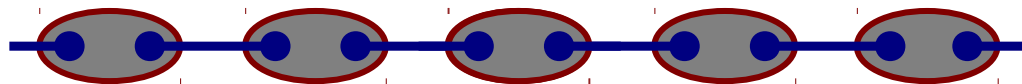
# Completeness of MPS

- MPS form a **complete family** – every state can be written as an MPS:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} c_{i_1 \dots i_N} |i_1, \dots, i_N\rangle$$

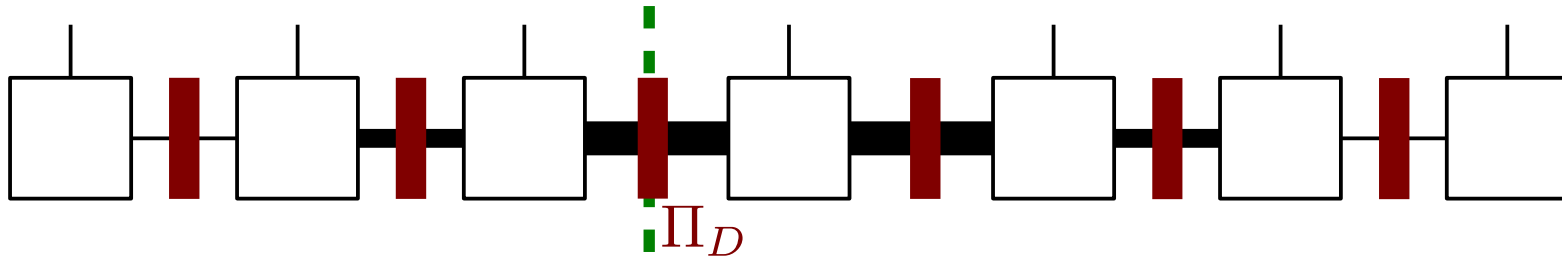


- Can be understood in terms of **teleporting**  $|\psi\rangle$  using the entangled bonds



# Approximation by MPS

- **General MPS** with possibly very **large bond dimension**



- **Schmidt decomposition** across some cut:

$$|\Phi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_k \sqrt{p_k} |\alpha_k\rangle |\beta_k\rangle$$

- Project onto  **$D$  largest Schmidt values**  $p_1, \dots, p_D$  :

$$\rightarrow \text{error } \epsilon(D) = \sum_{k>D} p_k$$

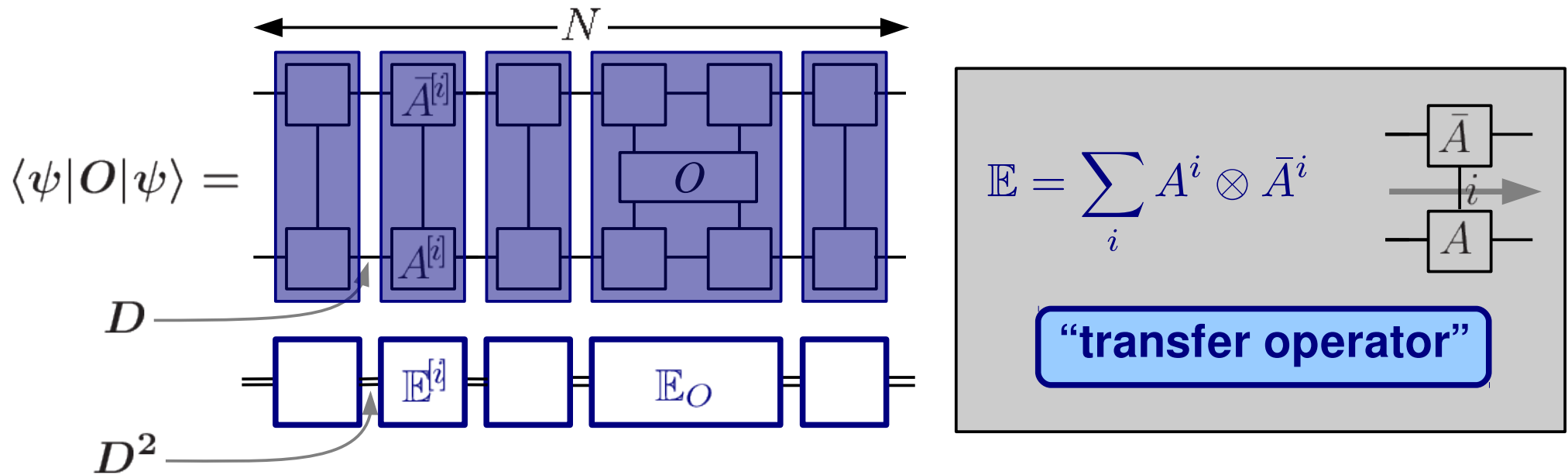
- **Rapidly decaying**  $p_k$  ( $\leftrightarrow$  bounded entropy): total error  $\sim \text{poly}(N, 1/D)$
- **Efficient approximation** of states with **area law** (and thus ground states)

**Matrix Product States can efficiently approximate states with an area law, and ground states of (gapped) one-dimensional Hamiltonians.**



# Computing properties of MPS

- Given an MPS  $|\psi\rangle$ , can we compute exp. values  $\langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle$  for local  $O$ ?

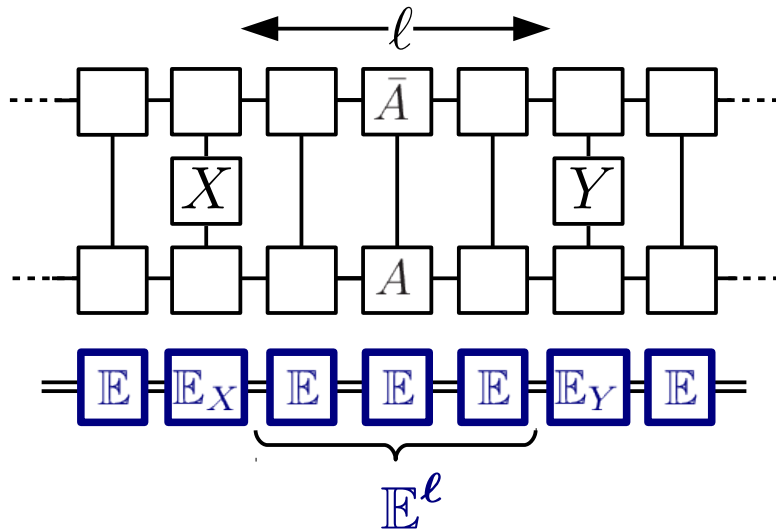


$$\langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle = [\mathbb{E}^{[1]}\mathbb{E}^{[2]}\dots\mathbb{E}^{[k-1]} \mathbb{E}_O \mathbb{E}^{[k+2]}\dots\mathbb{E}^{[N]}]$$

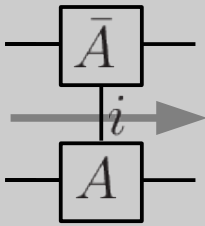
- computing  $\langle\psi|O|\psi\rangle$  = multiplication of  $D^2 \times D^2$  matrices  
 $\rightarrow$  computation time  $\propto N \cdot D^6 = \text{poly}(N)$
- OBC scaling:  $D^4$  [and if done properly, even  $D^5$  (PBC) and  $D^3$  (OBC)]

# The transfer operator

- consider **translational invariant** system:



$$\mathbb{E} = \sum_i A^i \otimes \bar{A}^i$$



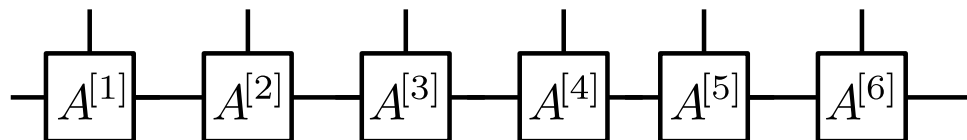
$$\mathbb{E} = \sum_k \lambda_k |r_k\rangle \langle l_k|$$

$$\mathbb{E}^\ell = \sum_k \lambda_k^\ell |r_k\rangle \langle l_k|$$

- spectrum of transfer operator** governs **scaling of correlations**
  - (a) largest eigenvalue unique: **exponential decay** of correlations
  - (b) largest eigenvalue degenerate: long-range correlations
- uniqueness of purification:  $\mathbb{E}$  contains **all non-local information** about state
- $\mathbb{E} = \sum A^i \otimes \bar{A}^i$  is Choi matrix of **quantum channel**  $\mathcal{E} : \rho \mapsto \sum A^i \rho (A^i)^\dagger$

# Numerical optimization of MPS

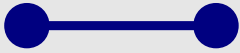
- MPS approximate ground states efficiently
- expectation values can be computed efficiently
- can we efficiently **find the**  $|\psi\rangle$  which **minimizes**  $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle$ ?



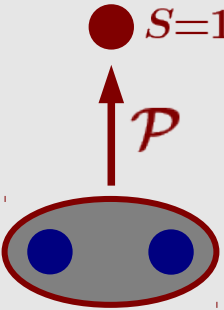
- various methods:
  - DMRG: **optimize sequentially**  $A^{[1]}, A^{[2]}, \dots$  & iterate
  - gradient methods: optimize all  $A^{[s]}$  **simultaneously**
  - hybrid methods
- ...  $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle$  is **quadratic in each**  $A^{[s]}$   $\rightarrow$  each step can be done efficiently
- **hard instances** exist (NP-hard), but methods practically **converge very well**
- **provably working** poly-time method exists

**MPS form the basis for powerful variational methods  
for the simulation of one-dimensional spin chains**

# Example: The AKLT state – a rotationally invariant model

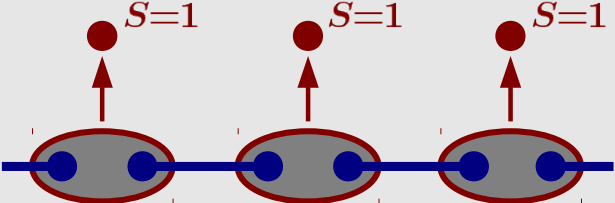


singlet  $|\omega\rangle = |01\rangle - |10\rangle$   
 $u \otimes u |\omega\rangle = |\omega\rangle$



$\mathcal{P}$  : projector onto the spin-1 representation of  $u \otimes u = 1 \oplus V_u$   
 (“  $\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 0 \oplus 1$  ”)  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(u \otimes u) = V_u \mathcal{P}$

$|\Psi\rangle = \mathcal{P}^{\otimes N} |\omega\rangle^{\otimes N}$



**“AKLT state”**  
 [Affleck, Kennedy, Lieb & Tasaki, '87]

- Resulting state is **invariant under  $SU(2)$**  (=spin rotation) by construction:

$$V_u^{\otimes N} |\Psi\rangle = (V_u \mathcal{P})^{\otimes N} |\omega\rangle^{\otimes N} = (\mathcal{P}(u \otimes u))^{\otimes N} |\omega\rangle^{\otimes N} = \mathcal{P}^{\otimes N} |\omega\rangle^{\otimes N} = |\Psi\rangle$$

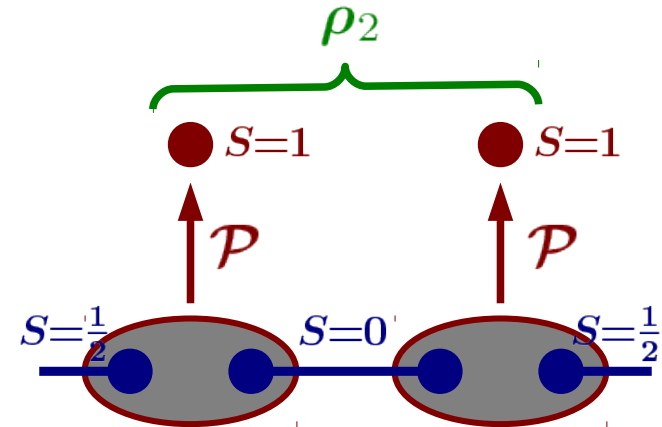
- Can construct states w/ symmetries by **encoding symmetries locally**

# The AKLT Hamiltonian

- consider **2 sites of AKLT model**

2 sites have spin  $1 \otimes 1 = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2$

**impossible!**



- $h := \Pi_{S=2} : h \geq 0$ , and  $h|\Psi_{\text{AKLT}}\rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow |\Psi_{\text{AKLT}}\rangle$  is a (frustration free) **ground state** of  $H = \sum h_i$   
 (frustration free = it minimized each  $h_i$  individually)

**“parent Hamiltonian”**

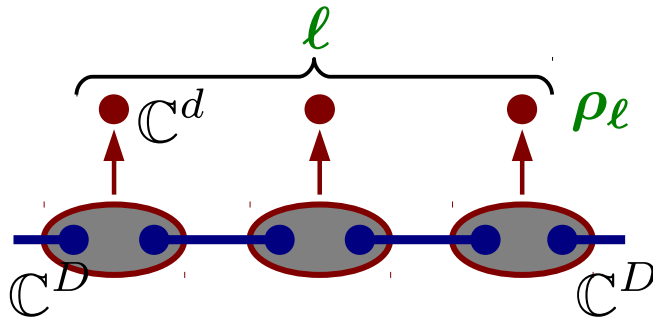
- $H$  **inherits spin-rotation symmetry** of state by construction

(specifically,  $h_i = \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1})^2] + \frac{1}{3}$  )

- One can prove:
  - $|\Psi_{\text{AKLT}}\rangle$  is the **unique ground state** of  $H$
  - $H$  has a **spectral gap** above the ground state

# Parent Hamiltonians

- A **parent Hamiltonian** can be constructed for any MPS:



$\rho_\ell$  lives in  $d^\ell$ -dimensional space

$D^2$  possible boundary conditions

choose  $\ell$  s.th.  $d^\ell > D^2 \rightarrow \rho_\ell$  doesn't have full rank

- Construct **parent Hamiltonian**  $h = \mathbb{1} - \Pi_{\ker(\rho_\ell)}$  ,  $H = \sum h$
- Can prove:
  - has **unique ground state**
  - has a **spectral gap** above the ground state
- This + ability of MPS to approximate ground states of general Hamiltonians  
 $\rightarrow$  MPS form right framework to **study physics of 1D QMB systems**

# MPS and symmetries

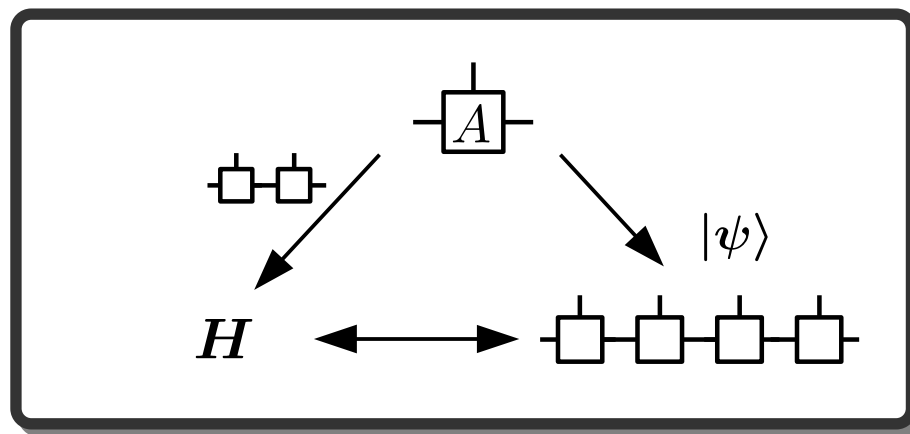
- **Symmetries in MPS** can always be **encoded locally**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---}^{u_g} &= V_g \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} V_g^\dagger \Rightarrow \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---}^{u_g} \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---}^{u_g} = V_g \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} \cancel{V_g^\dagger V_g} \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} V_g^\dagger = V_g \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} V_g^\dagger \\
 &\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow |\psi\rangle = u_g^{\otimes N} |\psi\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

and conversely

$$|\psi\rangle = u_g^{\otimes N} |\psi\rangle \Rightarrow \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---}^{u_g} = V_g \text{---} \boxed{\phantom{A}} \text{---} V_g^\dagger$$

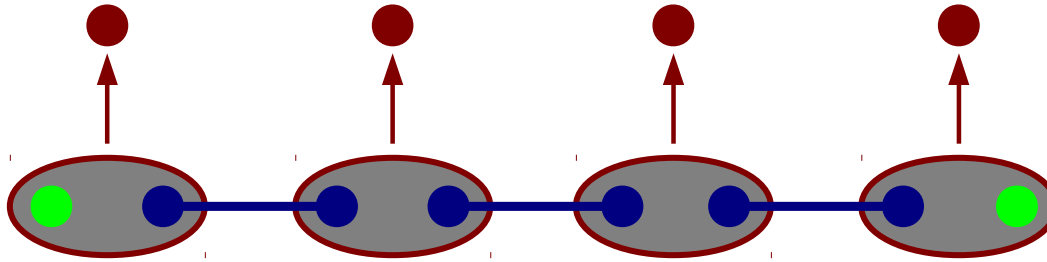
- Symmetries are **inherited by the parent Hamiltonian!**





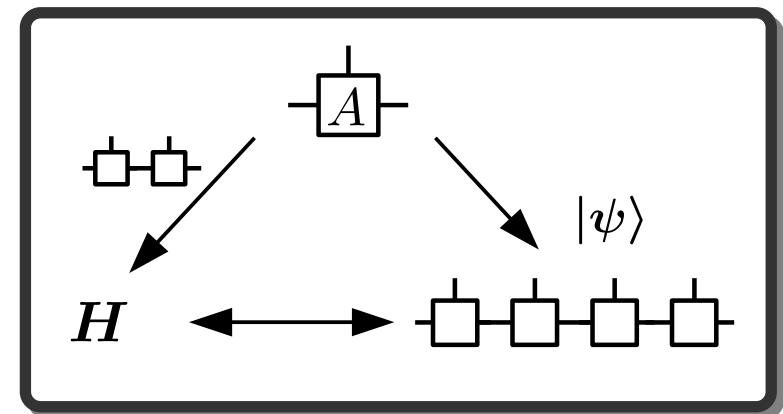
# Fractionalization

- Consider AKLT model on chain with **open boundaries**



- all choices of boundaries ● are **ground states** of parent Hamiltonian  
→ zero energy “**edge excitations**” with spin  $S = \frac{1}{2}$
- “**fractionalization**” of physical **spin**  $S = 1$  into  $S = \frac{1}{2}$  at the **boundary**  
→ impossible in mean-field theory  
→ **non-trivial “topological” phase** (“Haldane phase”)
- can prove: cannot smoothly connect MPS with integer and half-integer spin at edge  
→ **inequivalent phases!**

$$\begin{array}{c} u_g \\ | \\ \square \end{array} = V_g \begin{array}{c} | \\ \square \end{array} V_g^\dagger$$

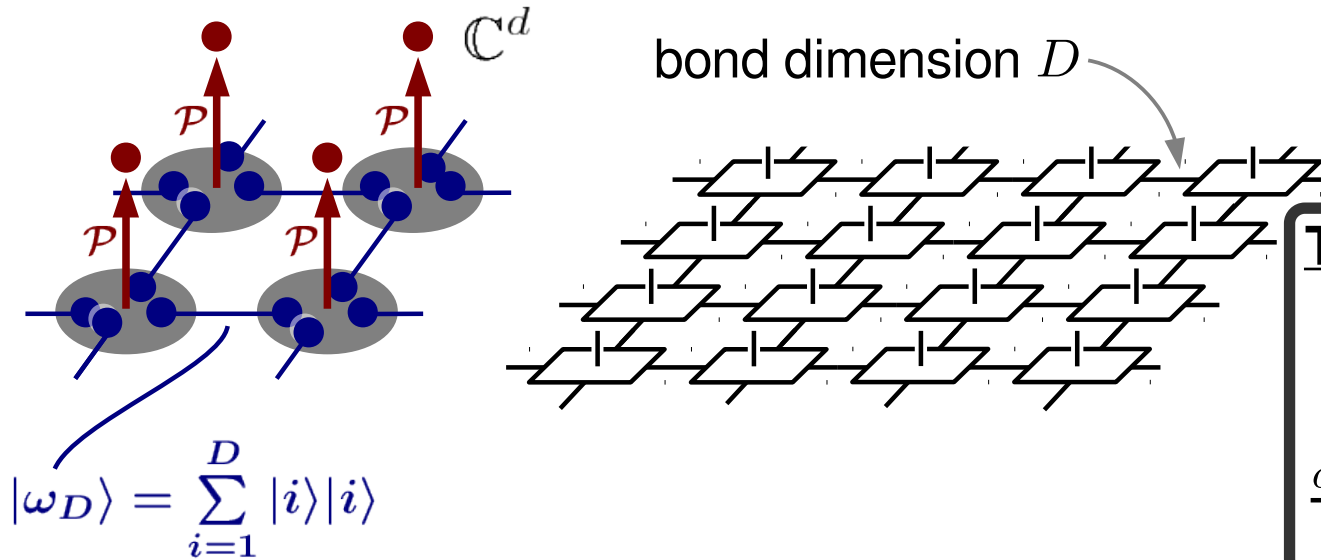


**MPS encode physical symmetries locally,  
and can be used to model physical systems  
and study their different non-trivial phases.**

**Two dimensions: Projected Entangled Pair States**

# Two dimensions: Projected Entangled Pair States

- Natural generalization of MPS to two dimensions:



## Tensor Network Notation:

$$\begin{array}{c} i \\ \alpha \quad \beta \\ \delta \quad \gamma \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ A \\ \diagdown \end{array} = A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i$$

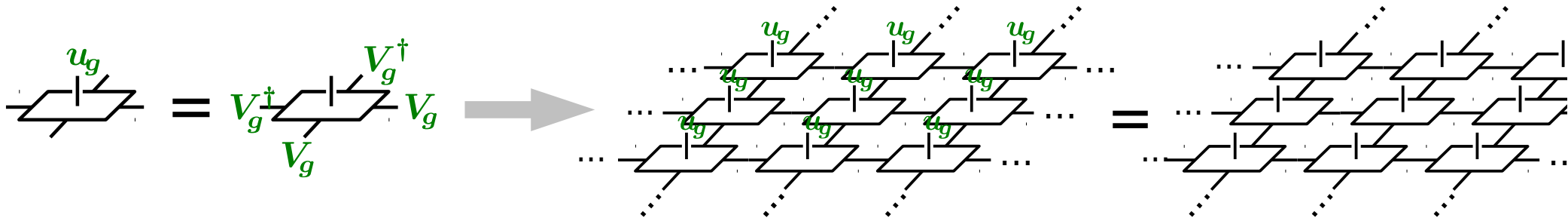
$$\begin{array}{c} i \quad \beta \\ \alpha \quad \delta \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ A \\ \diagdown \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i' \quad \beta' \\ \delta' \quad \gamma' \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ A \\ \diagdown \end{array} = \sum_{\gamma} A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i A_{\gamma\beta'\gamma'\delta'}^{i'}$$

## Projected Entangled Pair States (PEPS)

- approximate ground states** of local Hamiltonians well
- PEPS form a **complete family** with accuracy parameter  $D$ .
- PEPS can also be defined on **other lattices**,  
in **three and more dimensions**, even on **any graph**

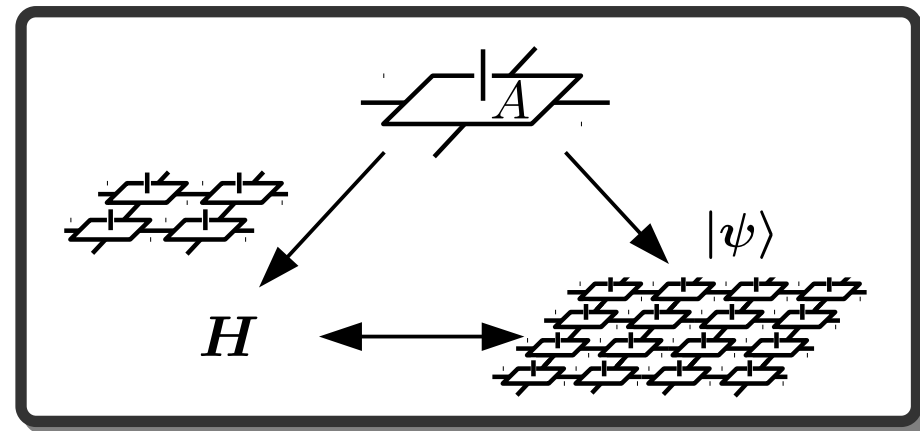
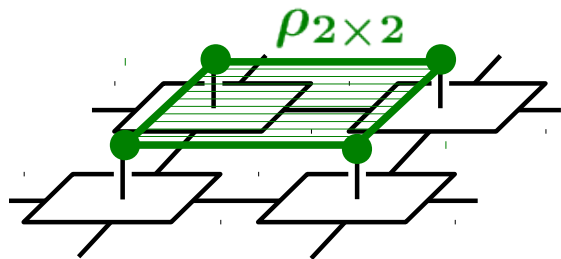
# 2D: Symmetries and parent Hamiltonians

- symmetries** can be encoded locally in **entanglement** degrees of freedom:



- however, a **general characterization** of inverse direction is **still missing** ... (but there are partial results)

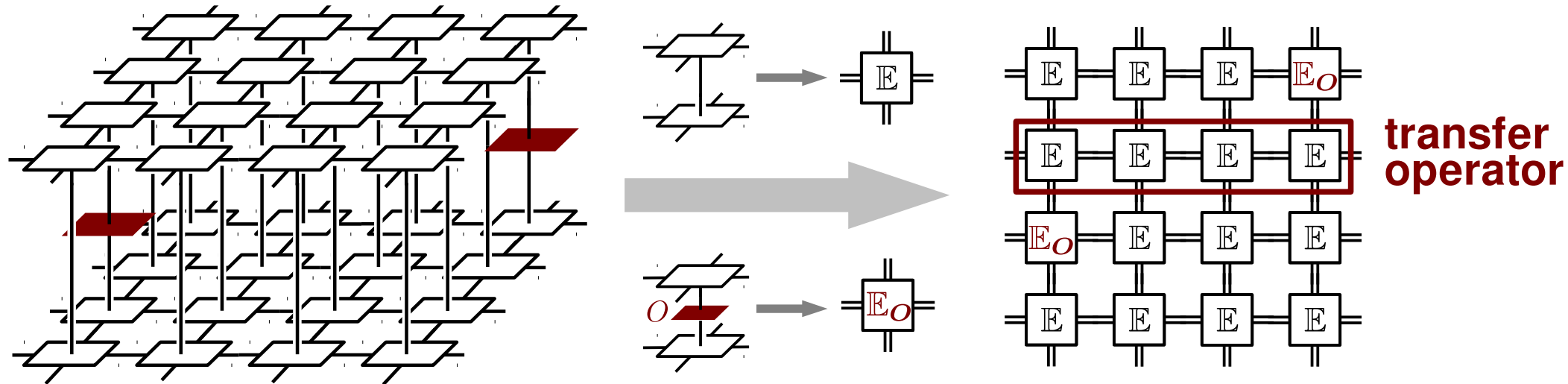
- we can also define **parent Hamiltonians**



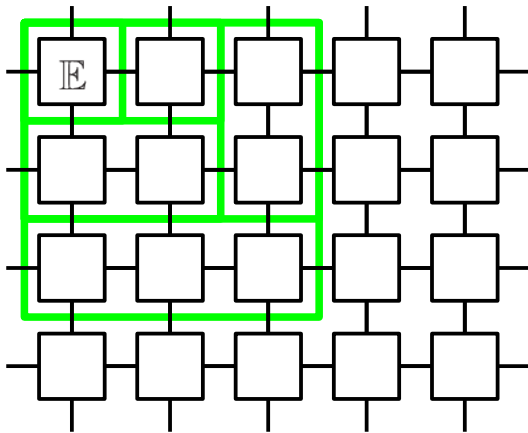
- again, a full characterization of **ground space and spectral gap** is missing ... (and again, there are partial results)

# Computational complexity of PEPS

- **expectation values** in PEPS (e.g. correlation functions):



- resembles 1D situation, but ...



... **exact contraction** is a **hard problem**  
(more precisely, #P-hard)

- **approximation methods** necessary – e.g. by again **using MPS**

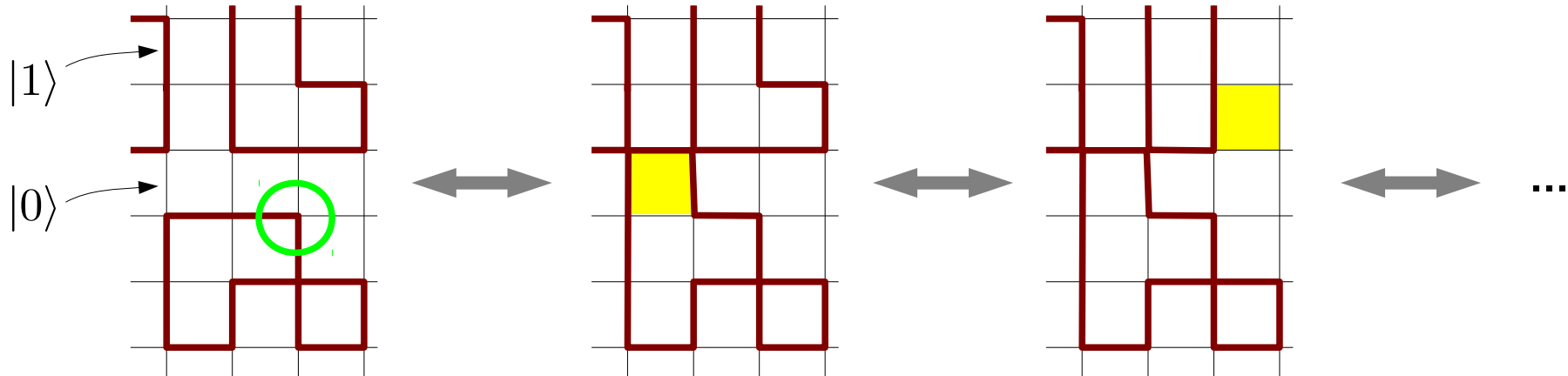
**Projected Entangled Pair States (PEPS)**  
approximate two-dimensional systems faithfully,  
can be used for numerical simulations,  
and allow to locally encode the physics of 2D systems.

# **Tensor Networks and Topological Order**

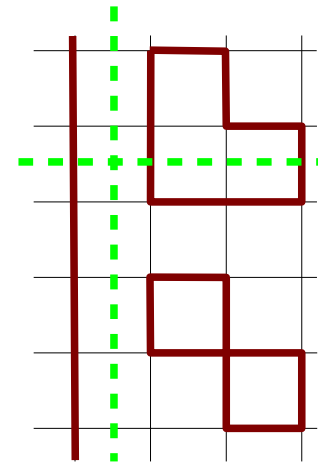


# The Toric Code model

- **Toric Code**: ground state = superposition of all **loop patterns**

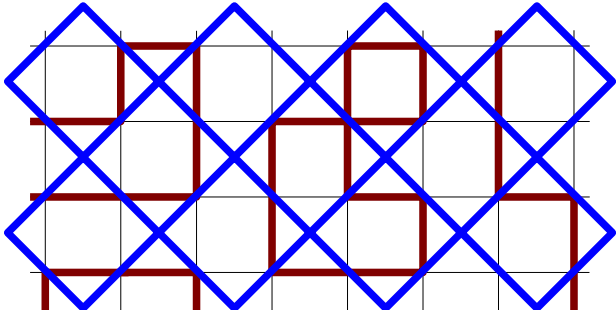


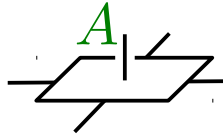
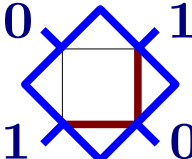
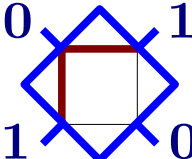
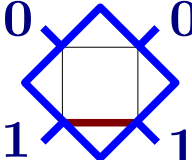
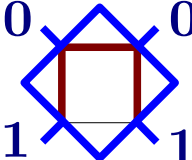
- Hamiltonian: (i) vertex term  $\rightarrow$  enforce **closed loops**  
(ii) plaquette term  $\rightarrow$  **fix phase** when flipping plaquette
- degenerate **ground states**:  
labeled by **parity of loops around torus**
- non-trivial **excitations**:  
(i) broken strings (come in pairs)  
(ii) wrong relative phase (also in pairs)



# Tensor networks for topological states

- Tensor network for Toric Code:

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- Toric Code tensor has  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  **symmetry** (=even parity):

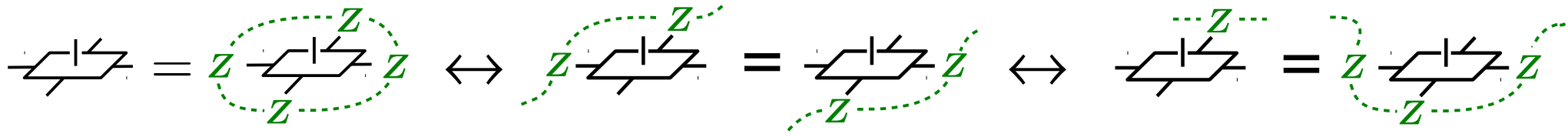
$$\text{[Diagram of a tensor with four legs]} = Z \cdot \text{[Diagram of a tensor with four legs]} \cdot Z$$

The diagram shows a tensor with four legs (two horizontal, two vertical) and a central vertical line. The equation states that this tensor is equal to the same tensor with a  $Z$  operator on each of its four legs.

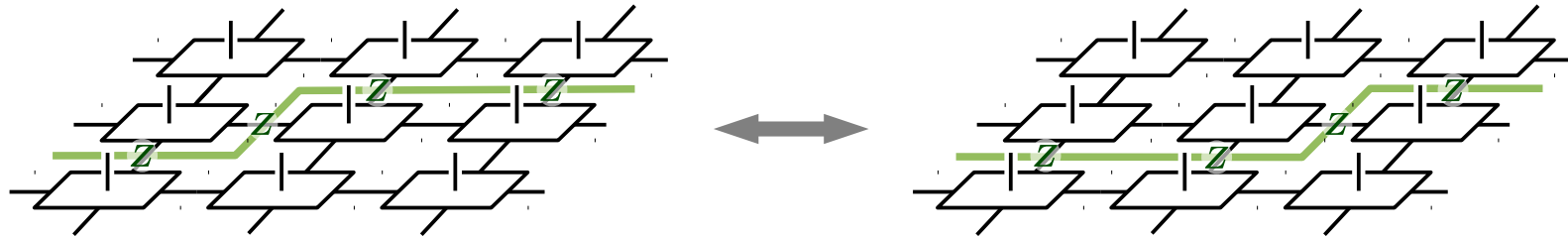
- What are consequences of such an **entanglement symmetry** in a PEPS?

# Entanglement symmetry and pulling through

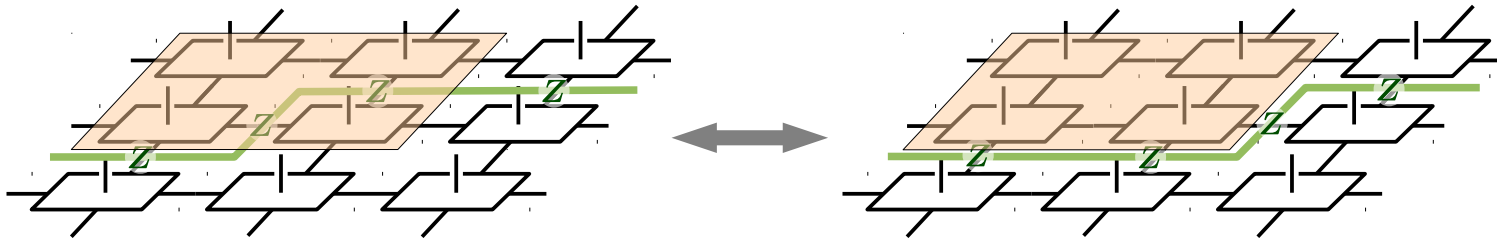
- Symmetry can be rephrased as “**pulling-through condition**”:



- pulling-through condition  $\Rightarrow$  **Strings can be freely moved!**



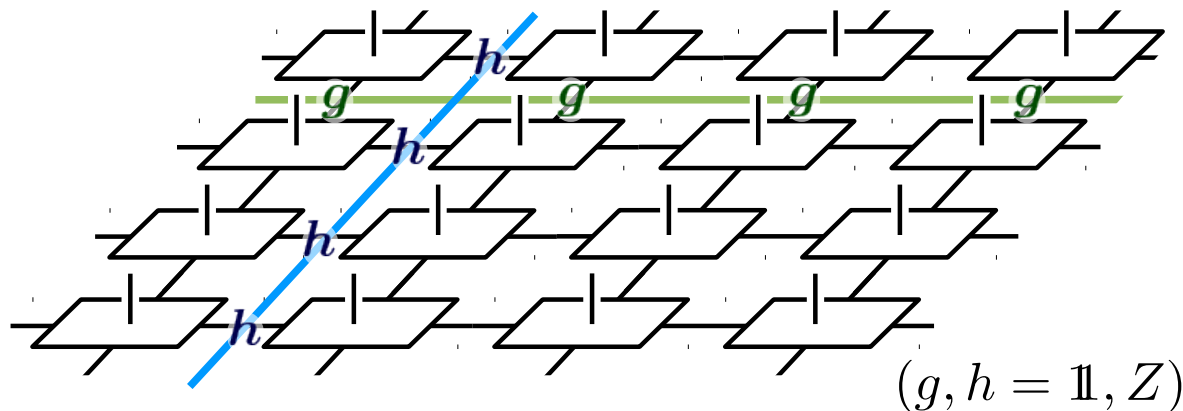
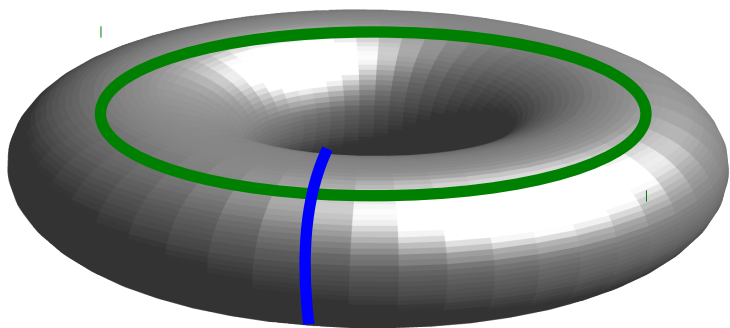
- Strings are **invisible locally** (e.g. to Hamiltonian)



- Note: Generalization of “**pulling-through condition**” allows to characterize **all known (non-chiral) topological phases**

# Topological ground space manifold

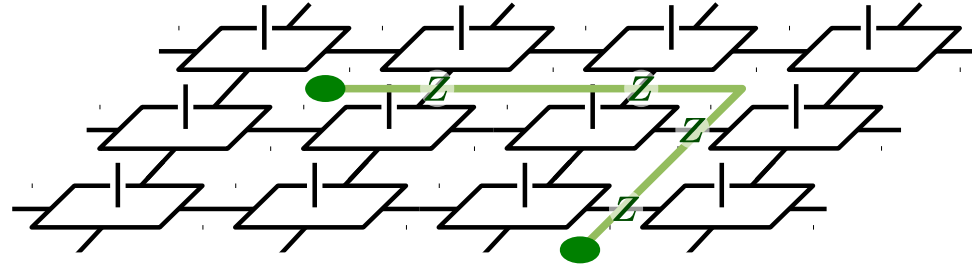
- Torus: **closed strings** yield **different ground states**



- **degeneracy** depends on **topology** (genus): **Topological order!**
  - **local characterization** of topological order
  - parametrization of **ground space manifold**  
based on **symmetry** of **single tensor**
  - gives us the tools to **explicitly construct & study ground states**
  - works for systems with **finite correlation length**

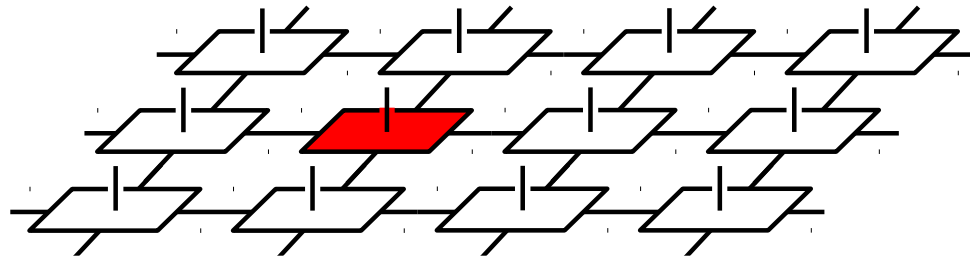
# Symmetries and excitations

- **Strings w/ open ends:**
  - endpoints = **excitations**
  - excitations come in **pairs**



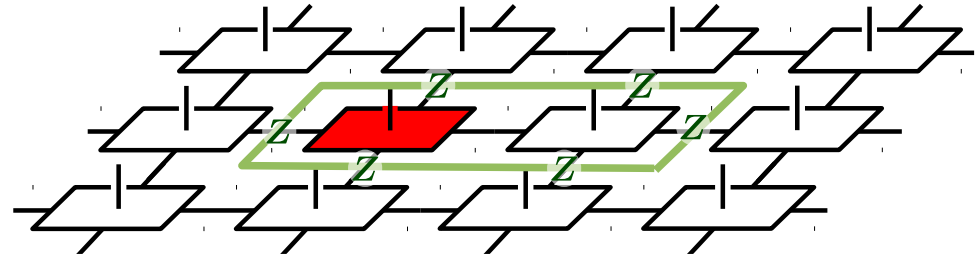
- tensors with odd parity:

$$\text{red square with vertical line} = - \text{green Z} \text{ (left) } \text{red square with vertical line} \text{green Z} \text{ (right) } \text{green Z} \text{ (bottom)}$$



- cannot be created locally
- must also come in **pairs**

- these two types of excitations have **non-trivial mutual statistics!**



- **modeling of anyonic excitations**
  - from local symmetries of tensor
- fully **local description** also at finite correlation length

**Topological order in PEPS can be comprehensively modeled based on a local entanglement symmetry.**

# Interplay of physical and entanglement symmetries

- spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  model: how can we **encode SU(2) symmetry**?

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \oplus 0 \\ \text{---} \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \text{---} \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \oplus 0 \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow V_g$  must **combine integer & half-integer representations!**

- constraint: number of half-integer representations must be odd

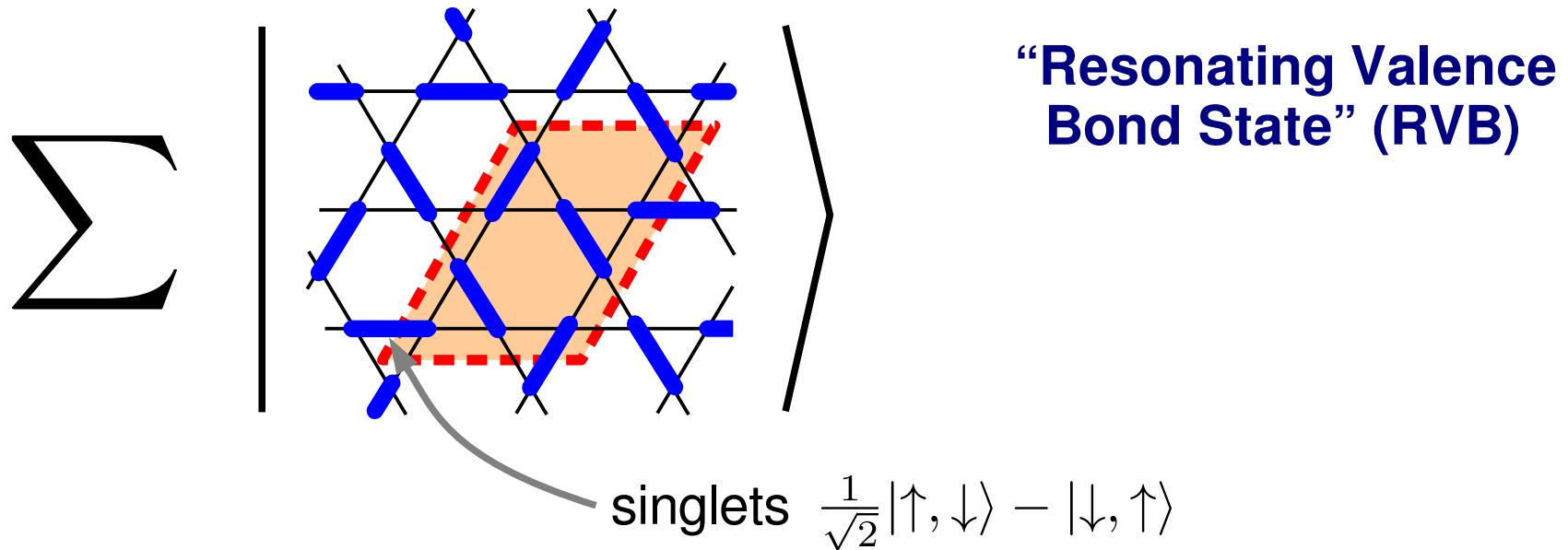
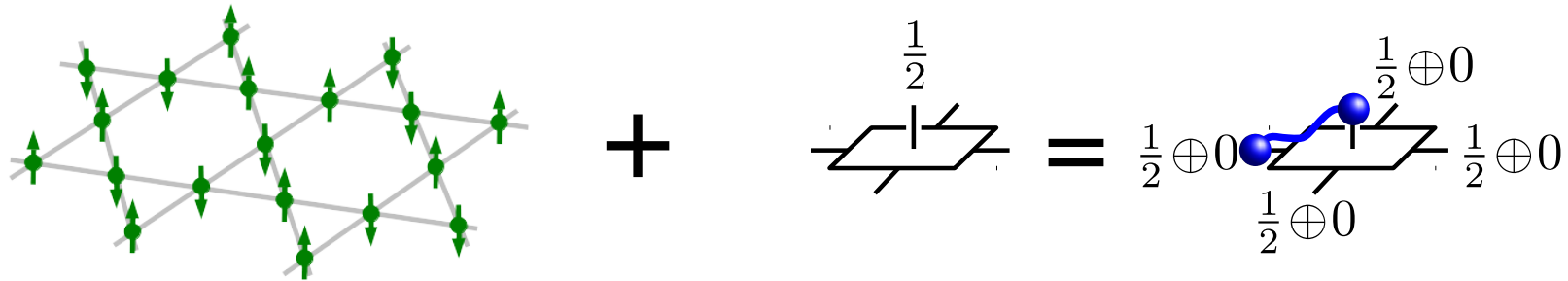
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} = - \begin{array}{c} Z \\ \text{---} \\ Z \end{array}$$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} S = \frac{1}{2} \\ S = 0 \end{array} \text{ counts half-int. spins}$$

- Entanglement symmetry** can **emerge** from physical symmetries
- Open: Full understanding of **interplay** between **physical and entanglement symmetries!**

# Example: Study of Resonating Valence Bond states

- **SU(2) invariant PEPS** on the kagome lattice:



- Natural interpretation of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  **constraint**: fixed parity of singlets along cut



# RVB and dimer models

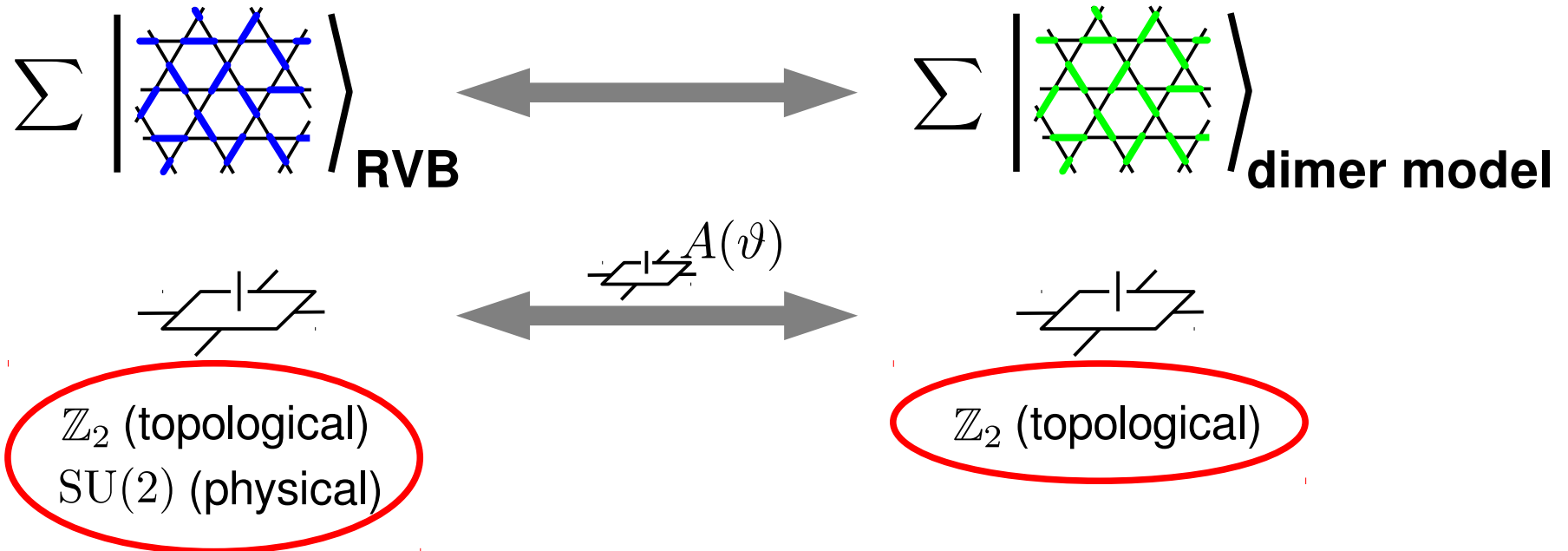
- RVB difficult to study:
  - configurations **not orthogonal**, negative signs
  - Topological? Magnetically ordered?

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{hexagon with blue dimer} \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{hexagon with blue dimer} \\ \hline \end{array} \right\rangle = \frac{2}{2^{\ell/2}}$$

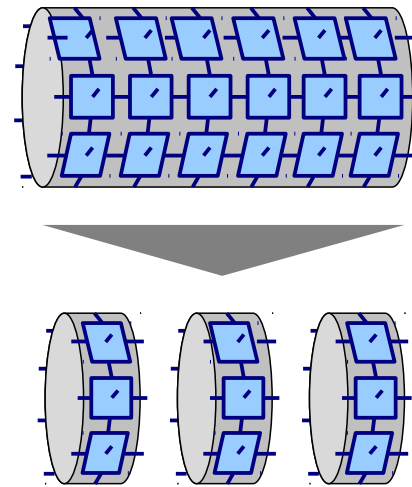
- resort to **dimer models** with orthogonal dimers
  - can be exactly solved
  - topologically ordered

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{hexagon with green dimer} \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{hexagon with green dimer} \\ \hline \end{array} \right\rangle = 0$$

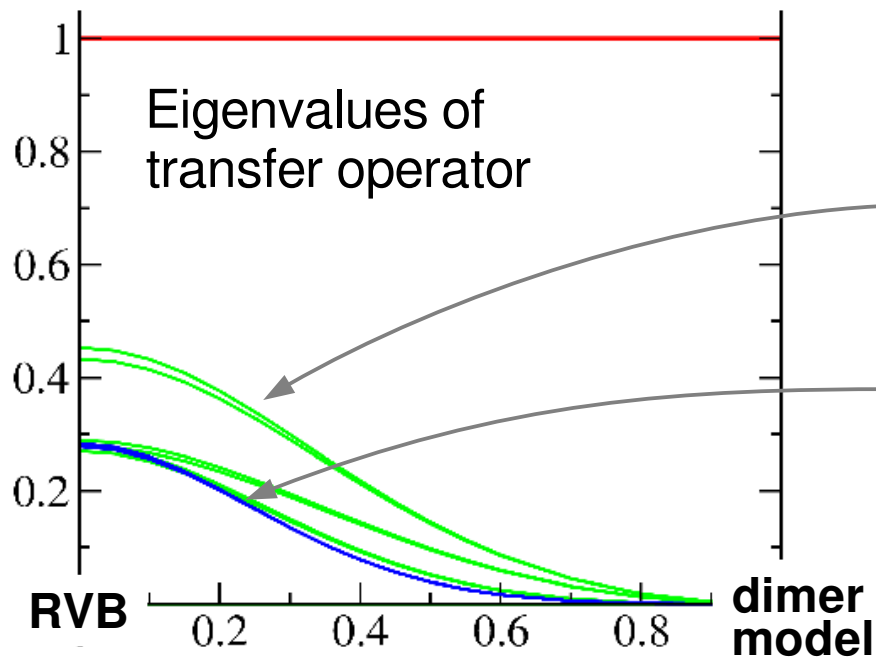
- **Interpolation** in PEPS (w/ smooth Hamiltonian!):



# Numerical study of the RVB state



- numerical study of interpolation  $\text{RVB} \leftrightarrow \text{dimer model}$
- “transfer operator”: - governs **all correlation functions**
  - **topological sector** labeled by symmetry



no overlap of topological sectors  
 $\Rightarrow$  **topologically ordered**

Finite correlation length  
 $\Rightarrow$  **no long range order**  
 $\Rightarrow$  spin liquid

$\Rightarrow$  RVB state on kagome lattice is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  **topological spin liquid**

- can be proven: **RVB** is (topo. degenerate) ground state of **parent Hamiltonian**

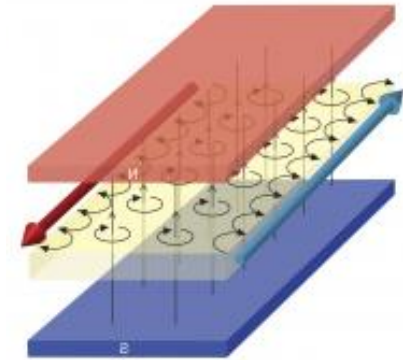
**PEPS allow to study the interplay of physical and entanglement symmetries and to separately analyze their effect.**

# **Tensor networks: boundary and entanglement**

# Edge physics of topological models

- Fractional Quantum Hall effect (FQHE):

edge exhibits **precisely quantized currents**  
which are **robust to any perturbation**



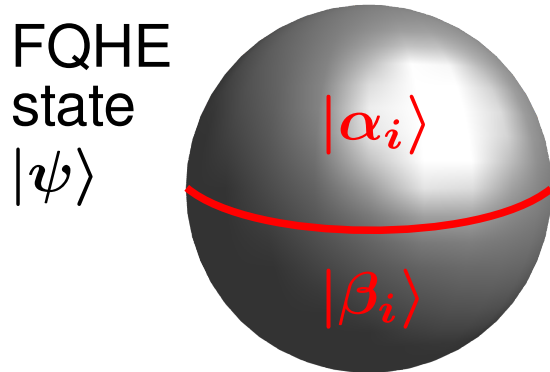
- Such a behavior **cannot occur** in a truly **one-dimensional system**:

Physics at the **edge** has an **anomaly**!

- Origin of anomalous edge physics: presence of **topologically entangled bulk**!
- **Nature of anomaly** characterizes **topological order** in the bulk

# Entanglement spectra

- Entanglement spectra: [Li & Haldane, PRL '08]



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum e^{-E_i} |\alpha_i\rangle \otimes |\beta_i\rangle$$

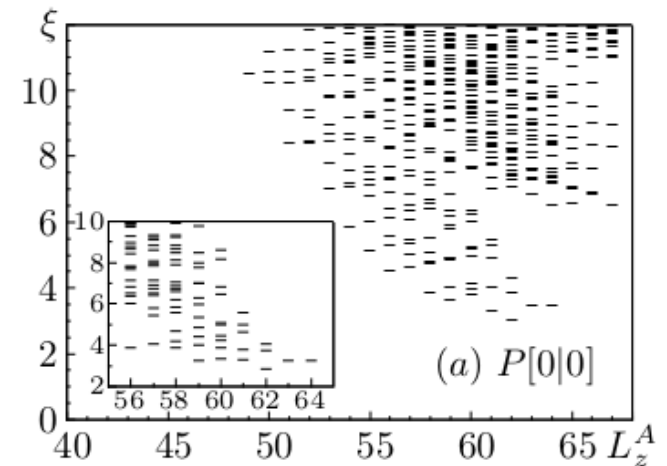
“**Entanglement spectrum (ES)**”  $E_i \equiv E_i(k)$

momentum  $k$  associated to 1D boundary

→ spectrum of 1D “entanglement Hamiltonian”?

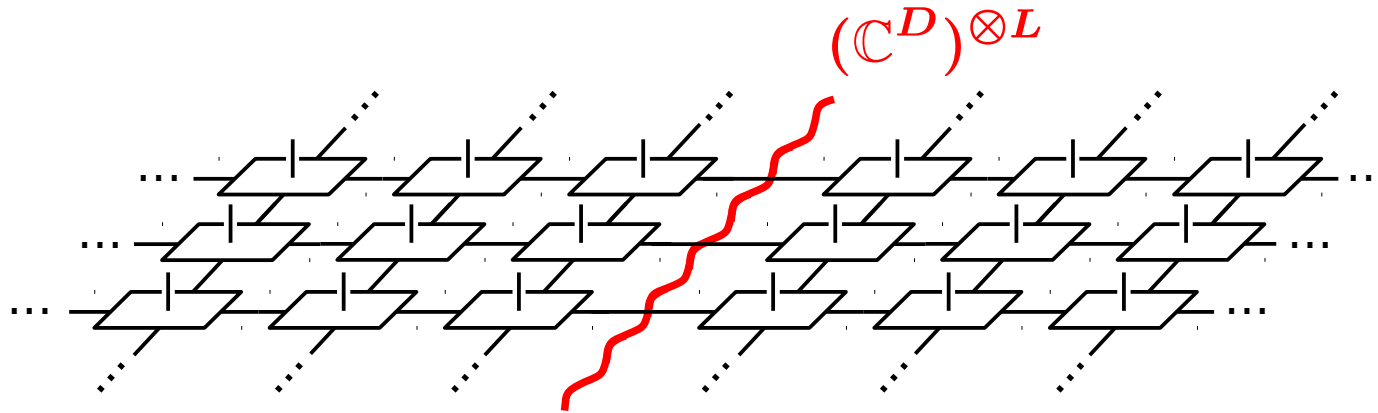
- FQHE: **Entanglement spectrum** resembles spectrum of anomalous edge theory (a conformal field theory)

→ Entanglement spectrum can help to **characterize topological phases**



- Can we understand the relation between **entanglement spectrum**, **edge physics**, and **topological order** in the bulk?
- Can we understand why the **entanglement spectrum** relates to a **1D system**?

# Bulk-edge correspondence in PEPS



- Bipartition  $|\Phi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |\alpha_i\rangle |\beta_i\rangle \rightarrow$  **entanglement** carried by **degrees of freedom  $i = (i_1, \dots, i_L)$  at boundary**

- Allows for direct derivation of **entanglement Hamiltonian**

$$e^{-H_{\text{ent}}} = \sigma$$

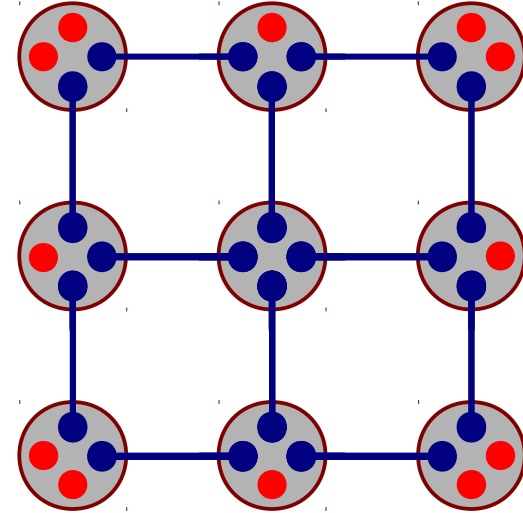
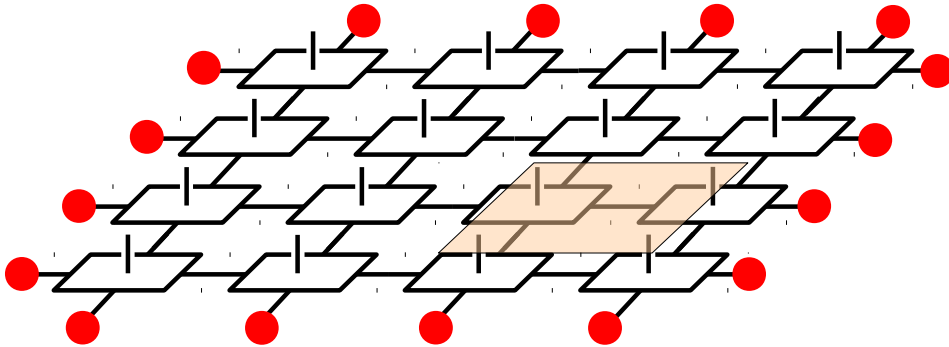
← lives on **entanglement degrees of freedom**

$\rightarrow H_{\text{ent}}$  has **natural 1D structure!**

- $H_{\text{ent}}$  **inherits all symmetries** from tensor

# Edge physics

- How to describe **low-energy edge physics** for parent Hamiltonian?

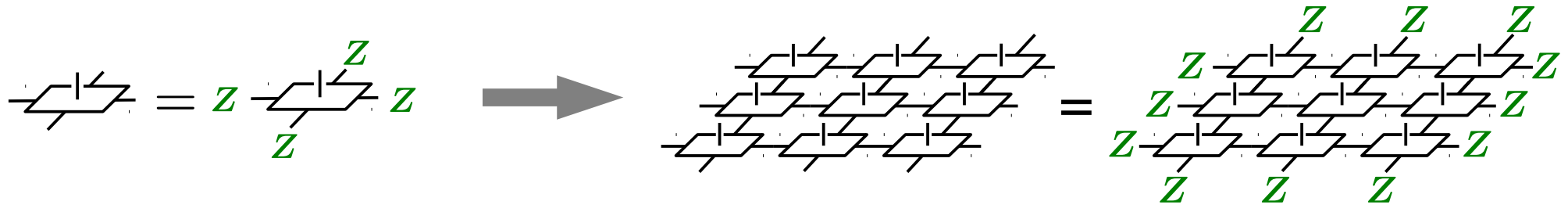


- Parametrized by choosing **all possible boundary conditions** ● !
- **Edge physics** lives on the **entanglement degrees of freedom**



# Topological symmetries at the edge

- **Entanglement symmetry** inherited by the **edge**:



- **global constraint** (here, parity) on entanglement degrees of freedom:  
Only **states in even parity sector** can appear at boundary!

→ **topological correction** to entanglement entropy

→ entanglement Hamiltonian has an anomalous term:

$$\rho = \Pi_{\text{even}} e^{-H} \Pi_{\text{even}} = e^{-H + \beta_{\text{topo}} \cdot H_{\text{topo}}}$$

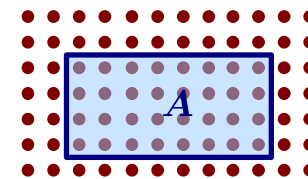
→ **edge physics constrained** to even parity sector: anomalous!

- **entanglement spectrum** and **edge physics** exhibit the same anomaly,  
which originates in the **topological order in the bulk**

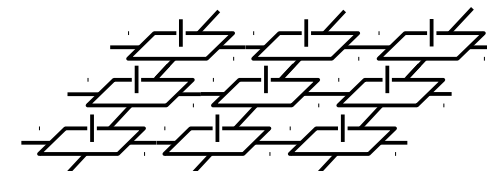
**PEPS provide a natural one-dimensional Hilbert space which describes the edge physics and entanglement spectrum, and yield an explicit connection between edge physics, entanglement spectrum, and bulk topological order.**

# Summary

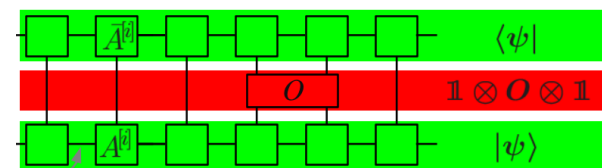
- **Entanglement** of quantum many-body systems: **Area law**



- **Matrix Product States** and **PEPS**:  
build entanglement locally



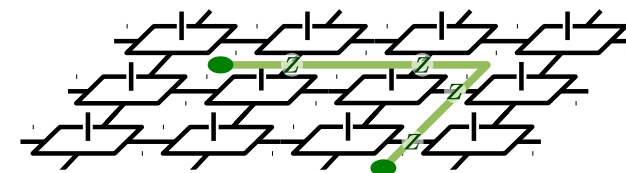
- Efficient approximation: powerful **numerical tool**



- Framework to **study structure** of many-body systems

$$u_g = V_g^\dagger V_g = V_g^\dagger V_g$$

- **Topological order**  $\leftrightarrow$  entanglement symmetry



- Explicit 1D Hilbert space for entanglement  
→ study of **entanglement spectra & edge physics**

