

Title: Grasping quantum many-body systems in terms of tensor networks

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Abstract: This talk will be concerned with three new results (or a subset thereof) on the idea of grasping quantum many-body systems in terms of suitable tensor networks, such as finitely correlated states (FCS), tree tensor networks (TTN), projected entangled pair states (PEPS) or entanglement renormalization (MERA). We will first briefly introduce some basic ideas and relate the feasibility of such approaches to entanglement properties and area laws.

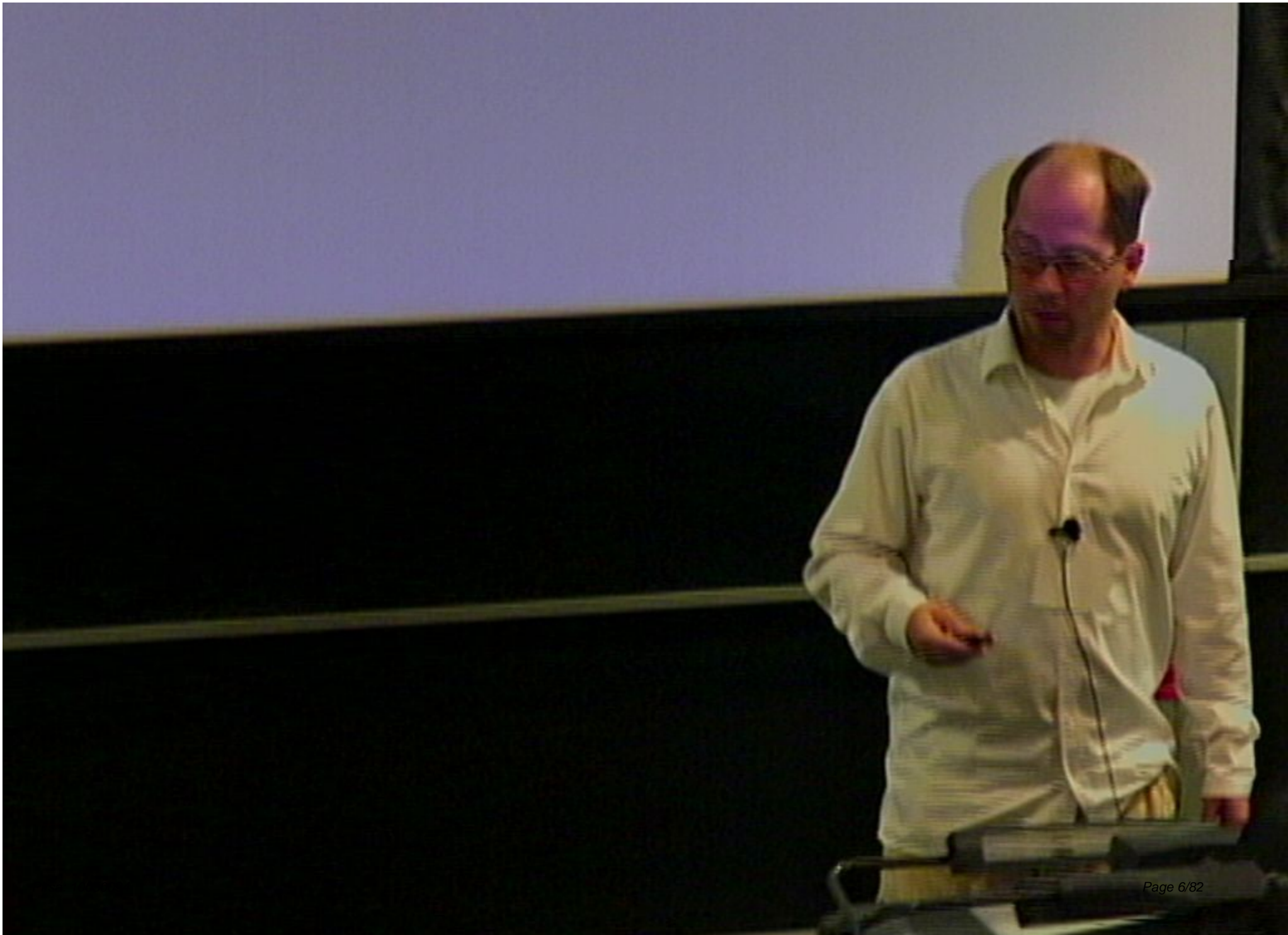
We will then see that (a) surprisingly, any MERA can be efficiently encoded in a PEPS, hence in a sense unifying these approaches. (b) We will also find that the ground state-manifold of any frustration-free spin-1/2 nearest neighbor Hamiltonian can be completely characterized in terms of tensor networks, how all such ground states satisfy an area law, and in which way such states serve as ansatz states for simulating almost frustration-free systems. (c) The last part will be concerned with using flow techniques to simulate interacting quantum fields with finitely correlated state approaches, and with simulating interacting fermions using efficiently contractible tensor networks.

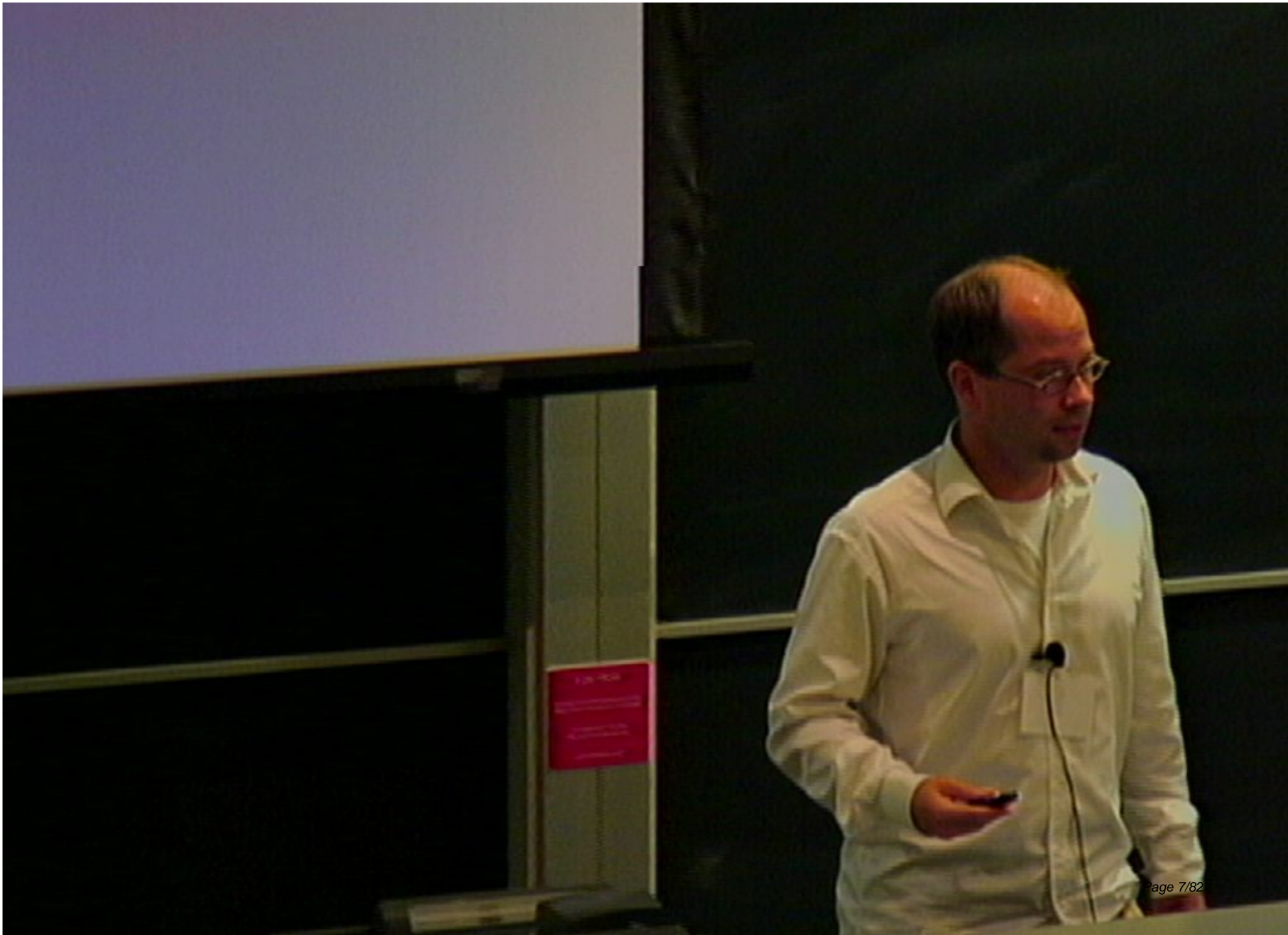












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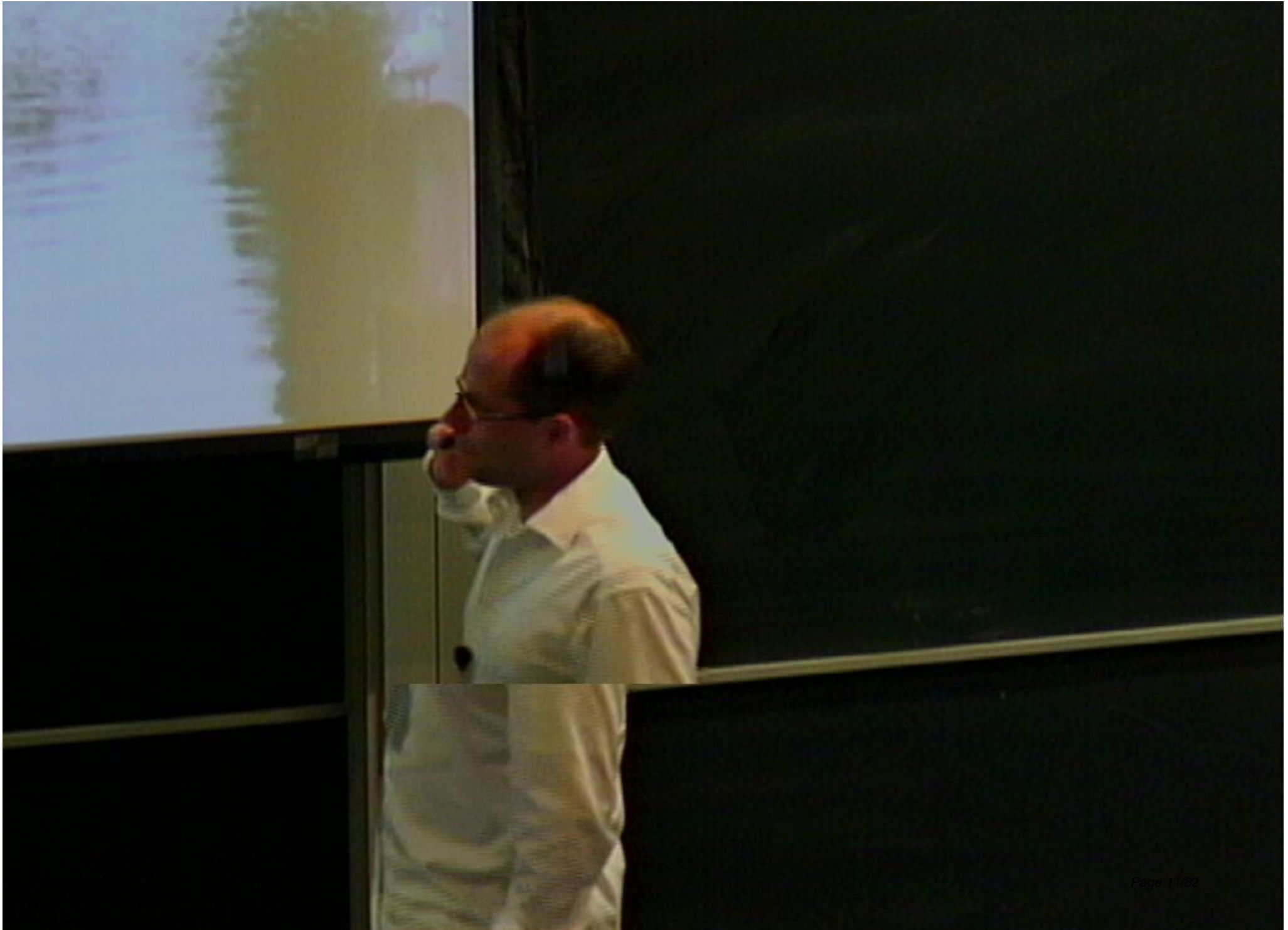




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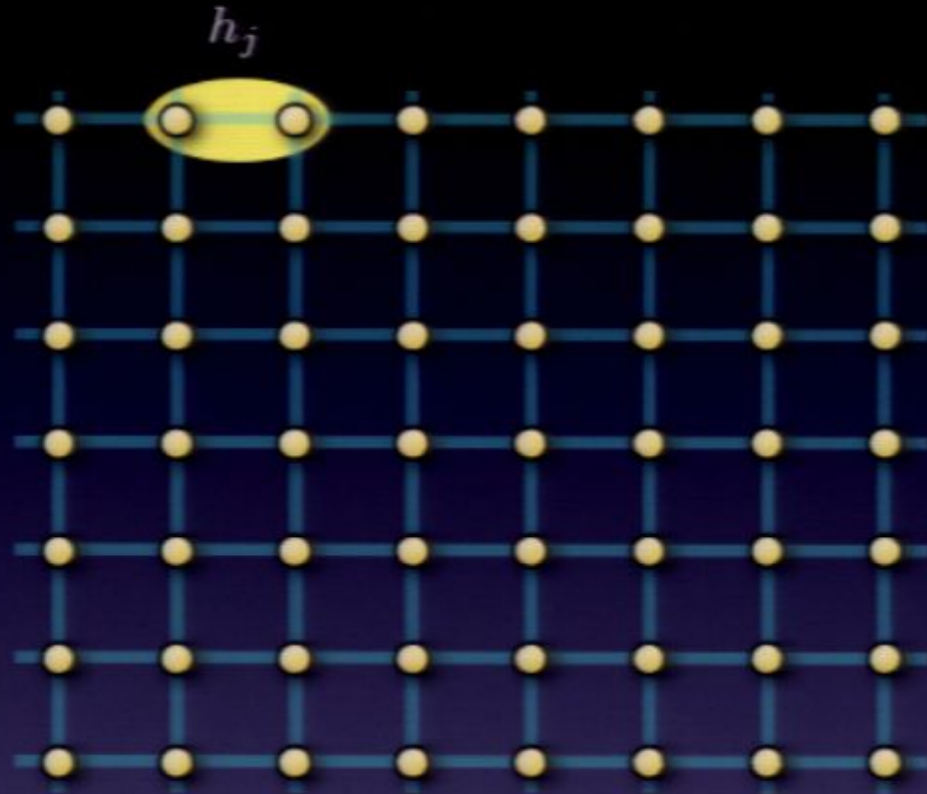
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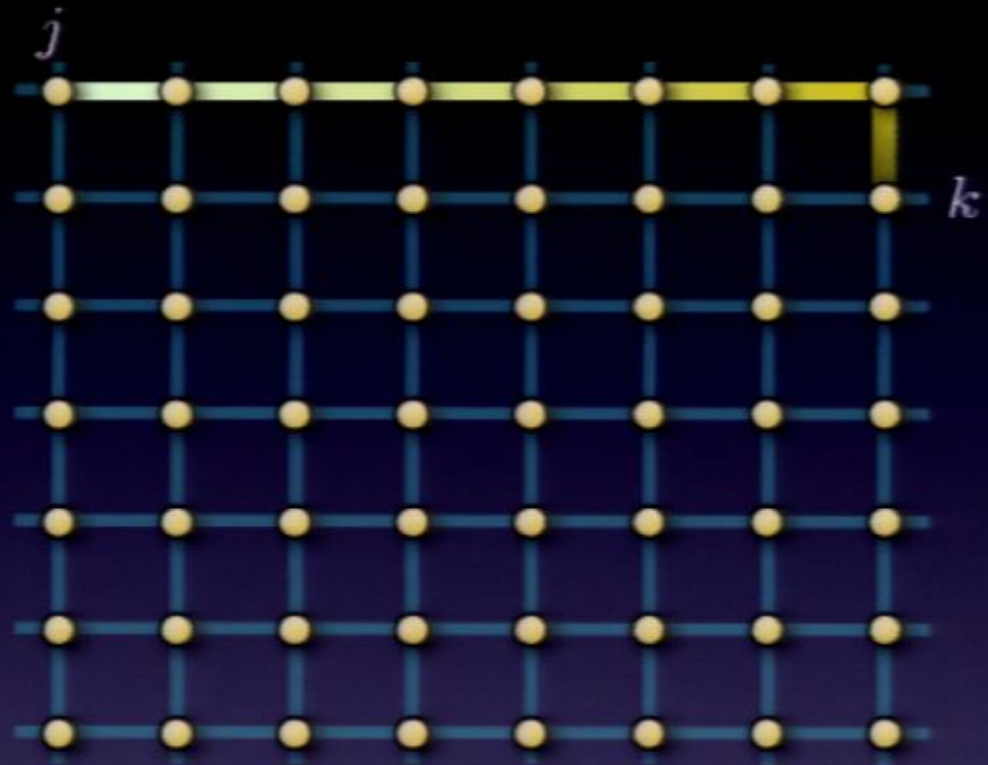
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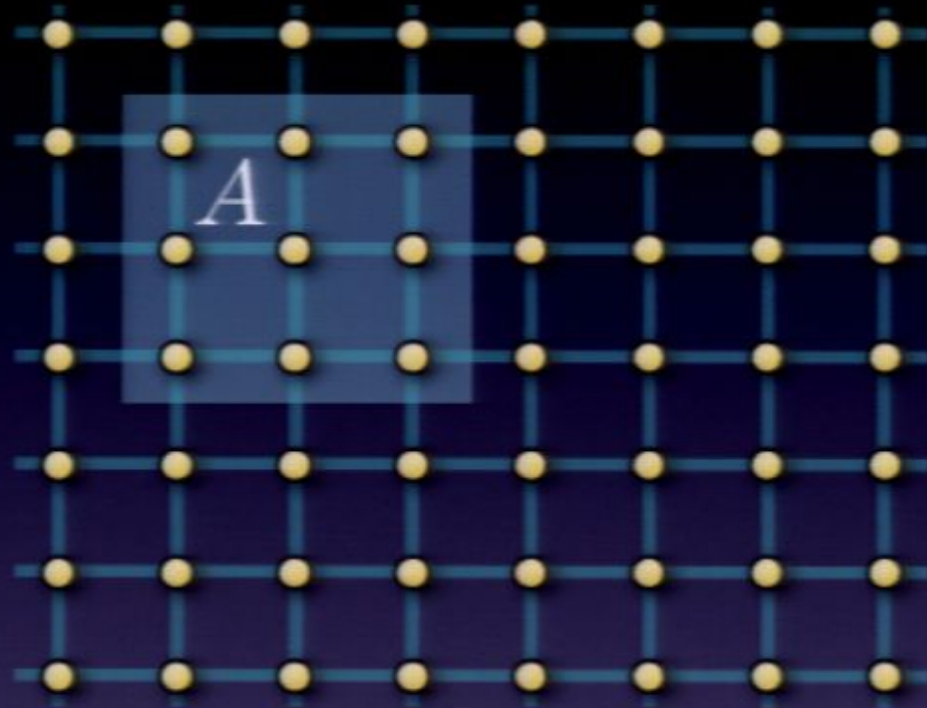


**Correlation functions** decay with distance, for gapped (non-critical) models even exponentially

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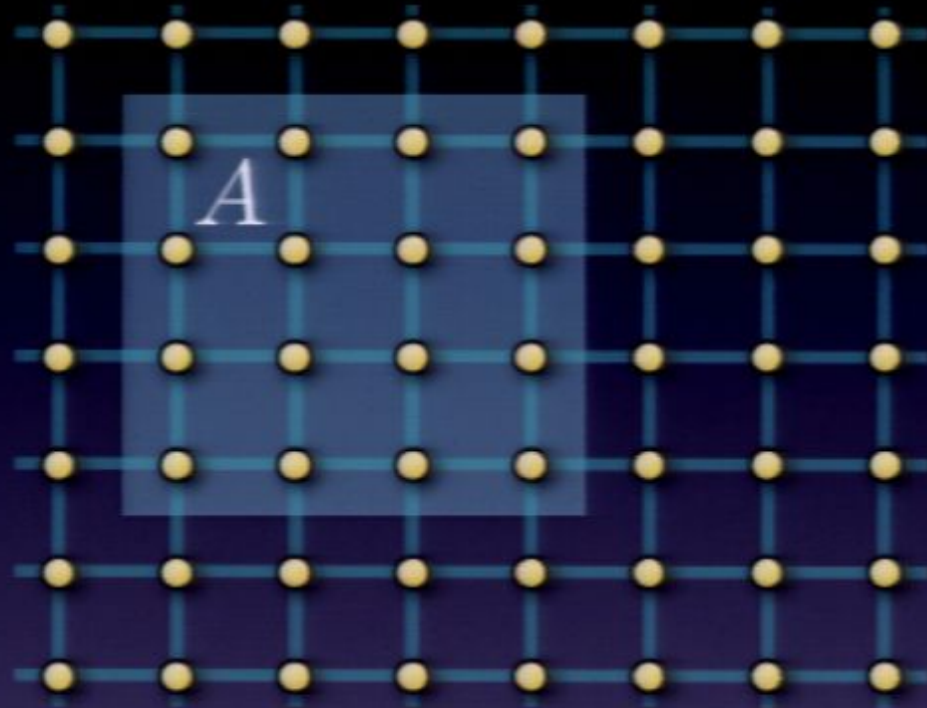
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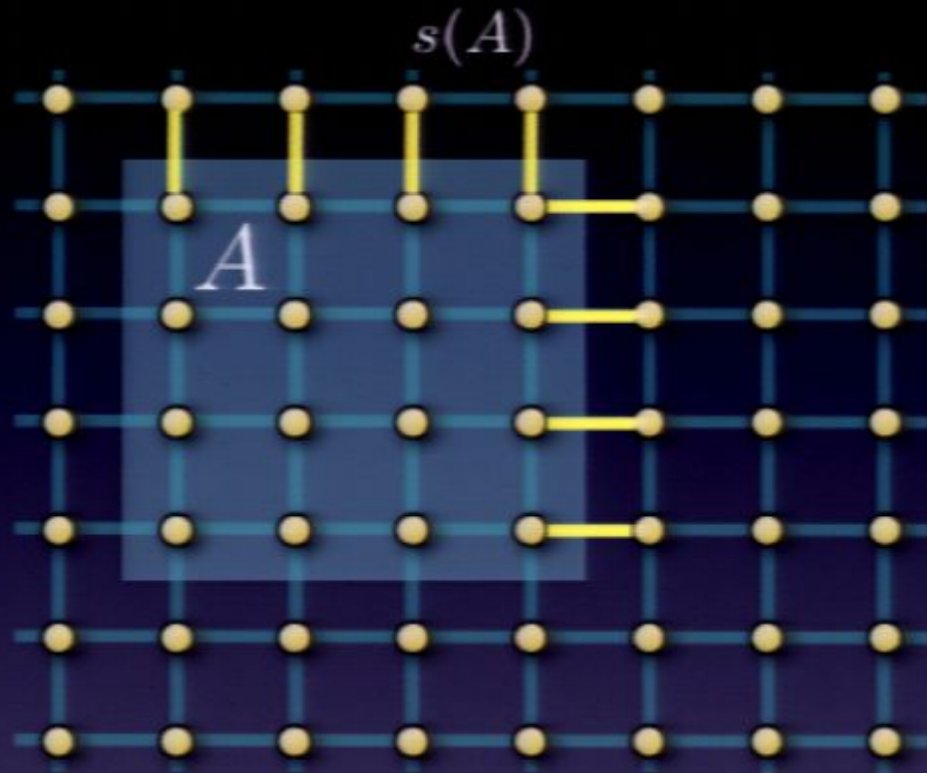


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"Naive answer": Should be extensive, i.e., **volume law**



Correct answer: **Entanglement scales like boundary area ("area law")**



**Observation I:** For ground states of either **free bosonic** on an arbitrary lattice (graph) or an **arbitrary** gapped strongly correlated systems in 1D, or **time-evolved** systems, for some constant  $c > 0$ ,  $S(\rho_A) \leq cs(A)$

*Area laws for the entanglement entropy (with Cramer, Plenio), Rev Mod Phys 82, 277 (2010)*

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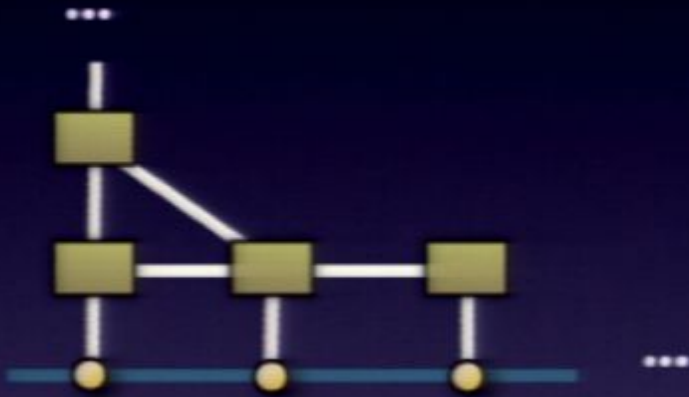
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• **Tensor network states** (MPS, PEPS, TTN, MERA, IPEPS, cMPS) usually parametrize such low entropy states

(see Ignacio's, Frank's, Guifre's talks today)





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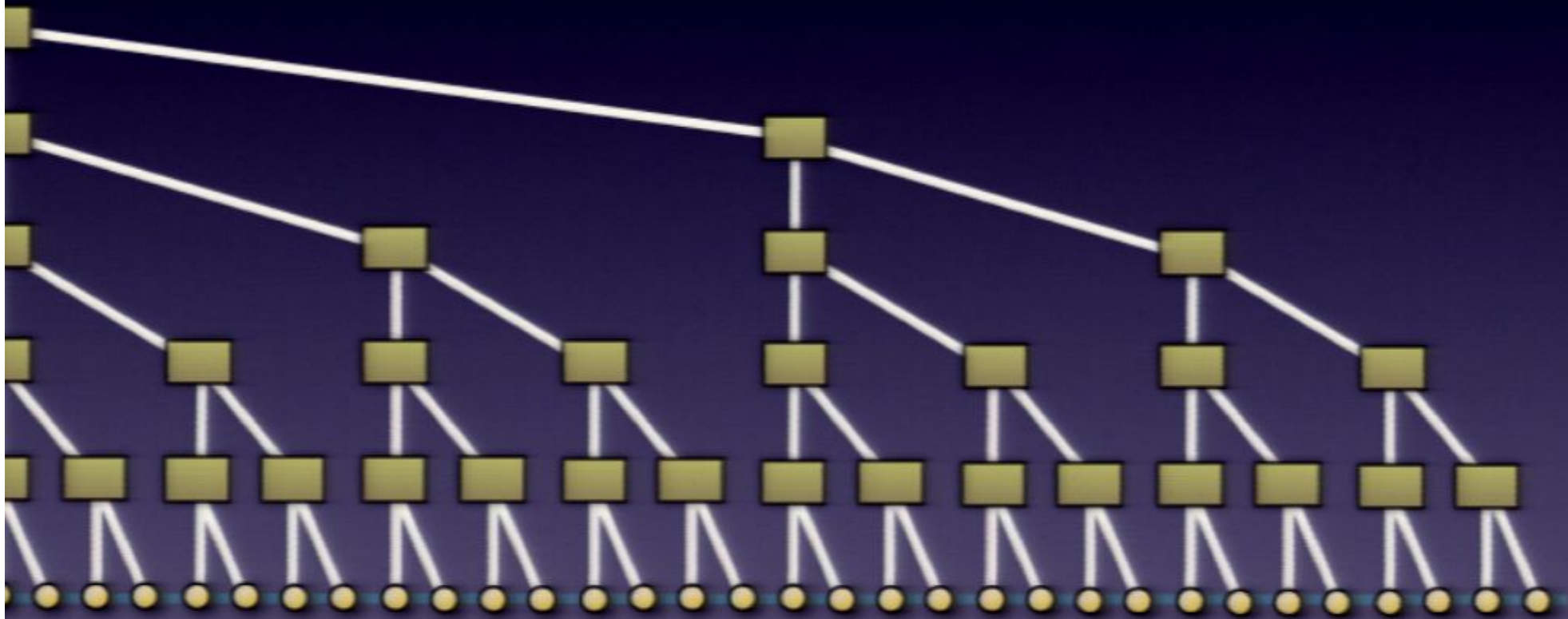


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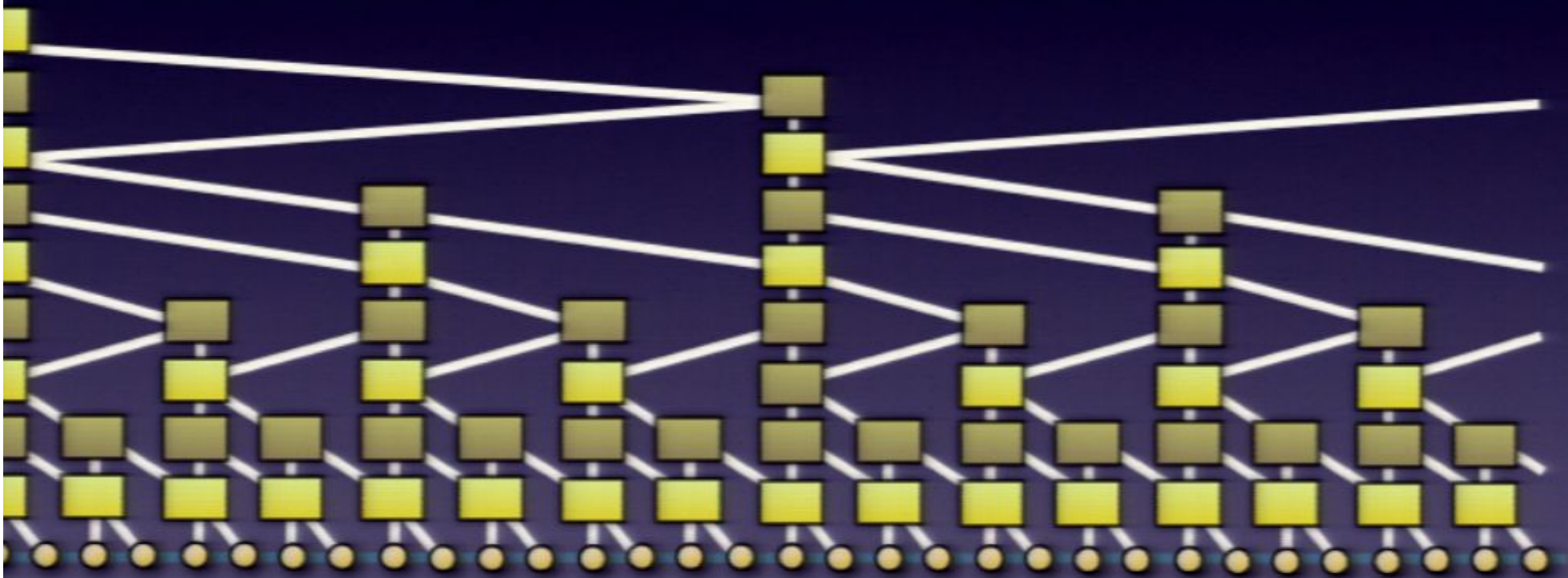
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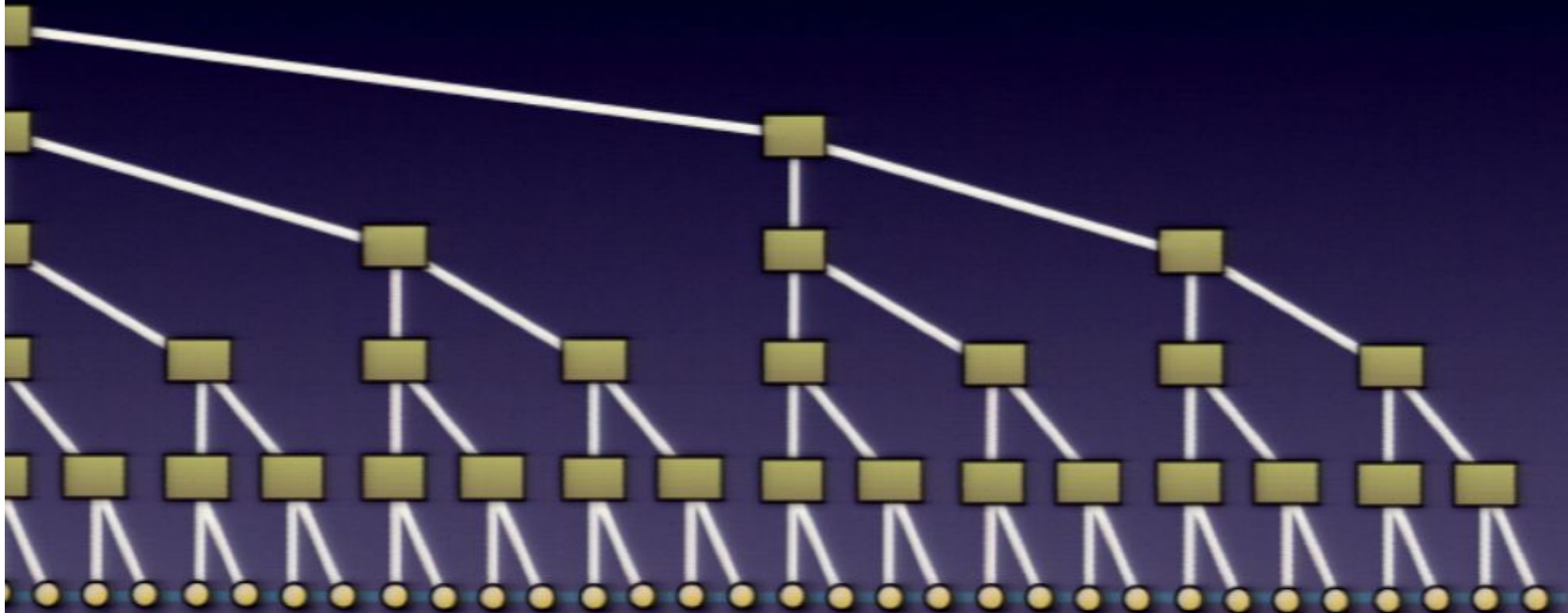
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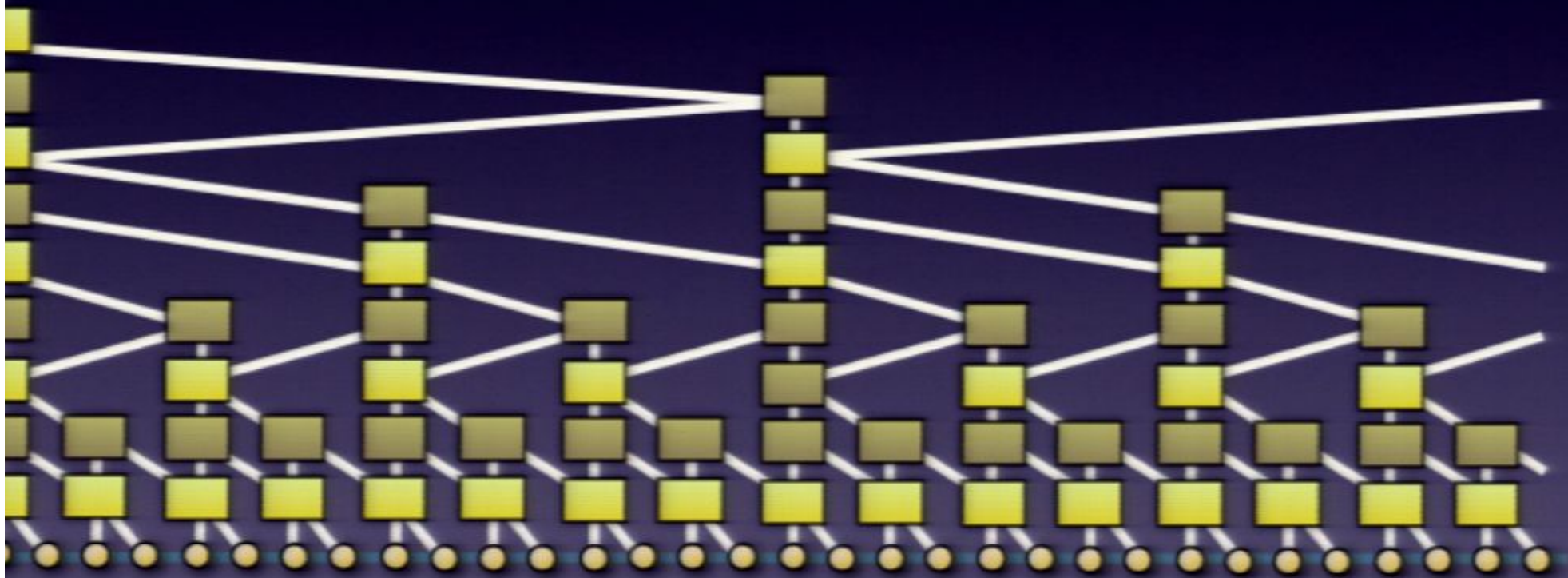
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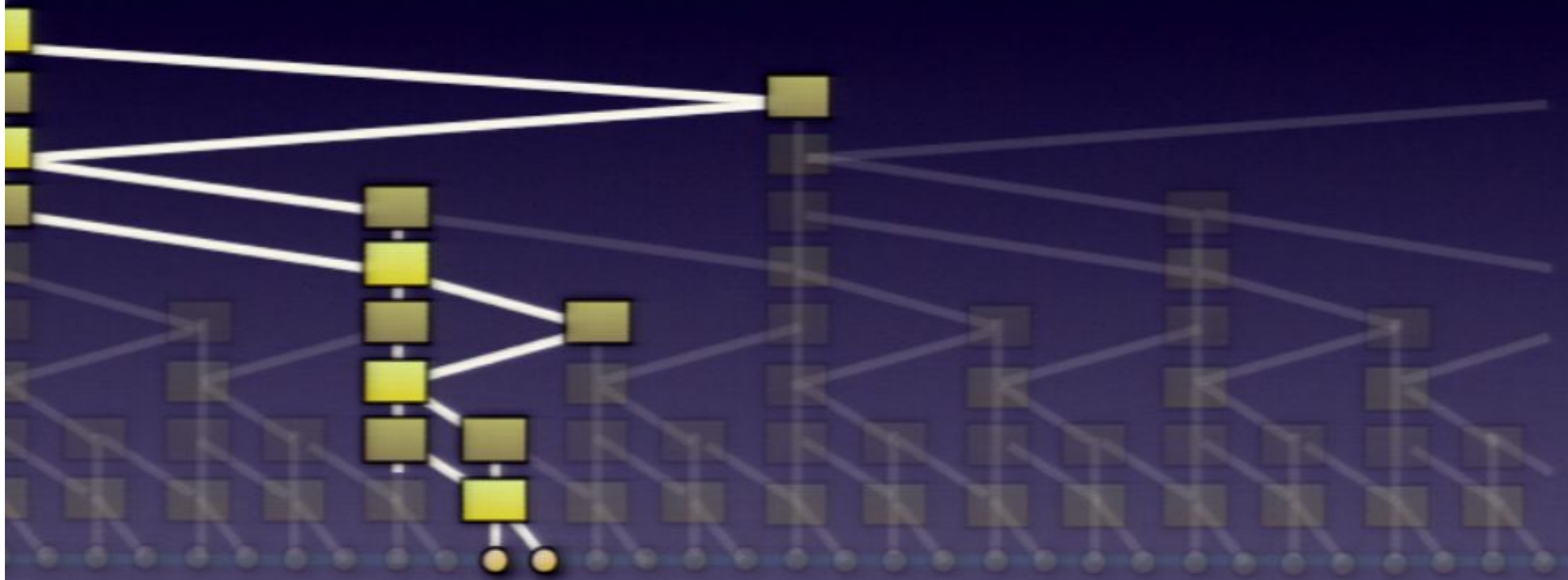
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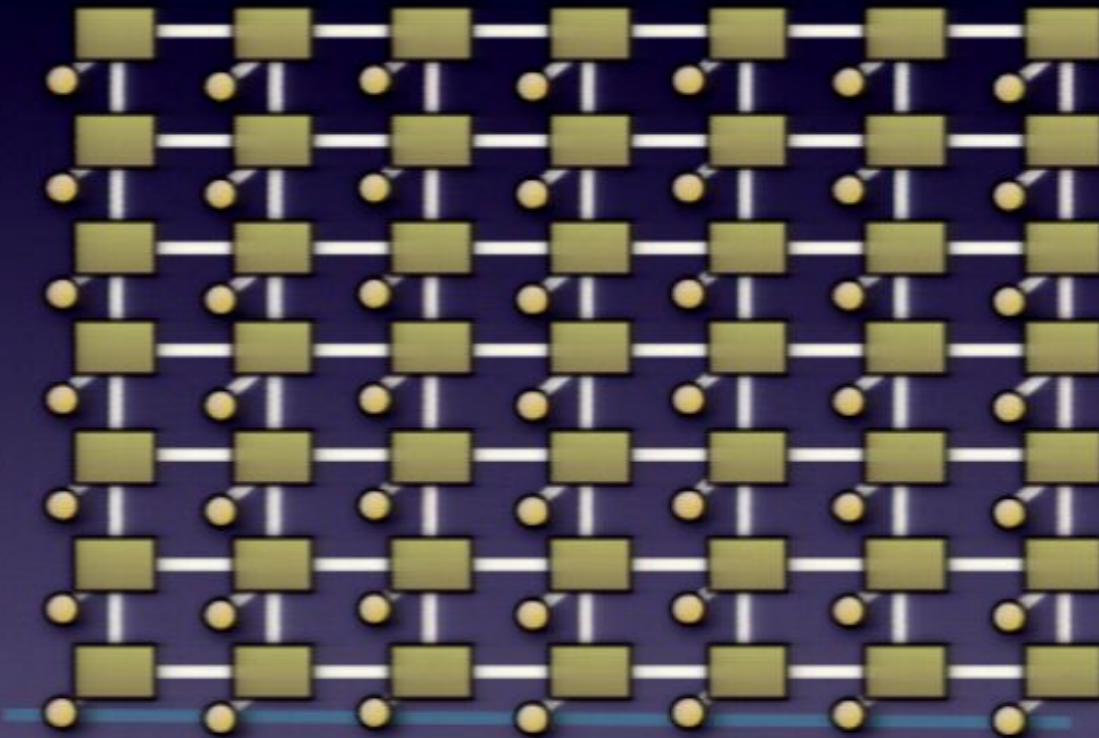


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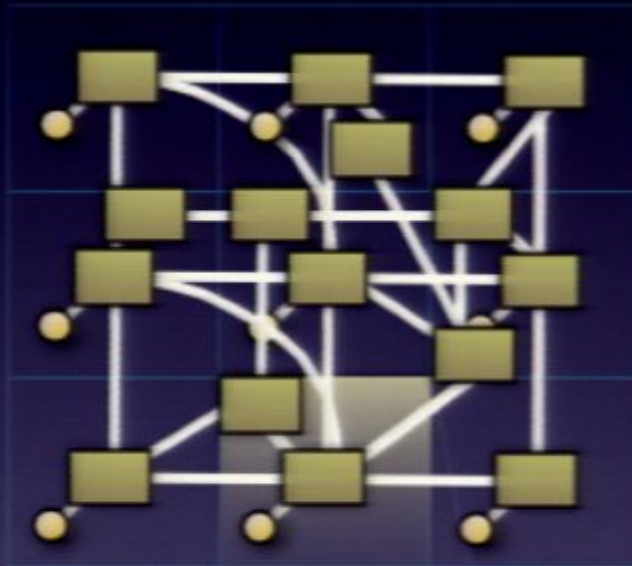
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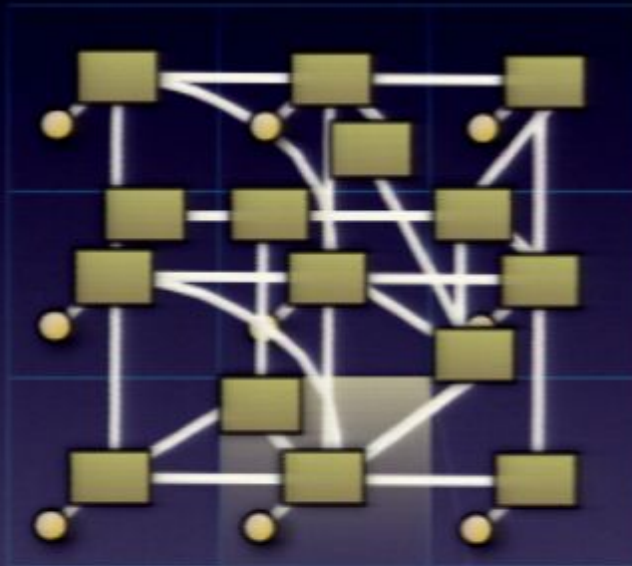
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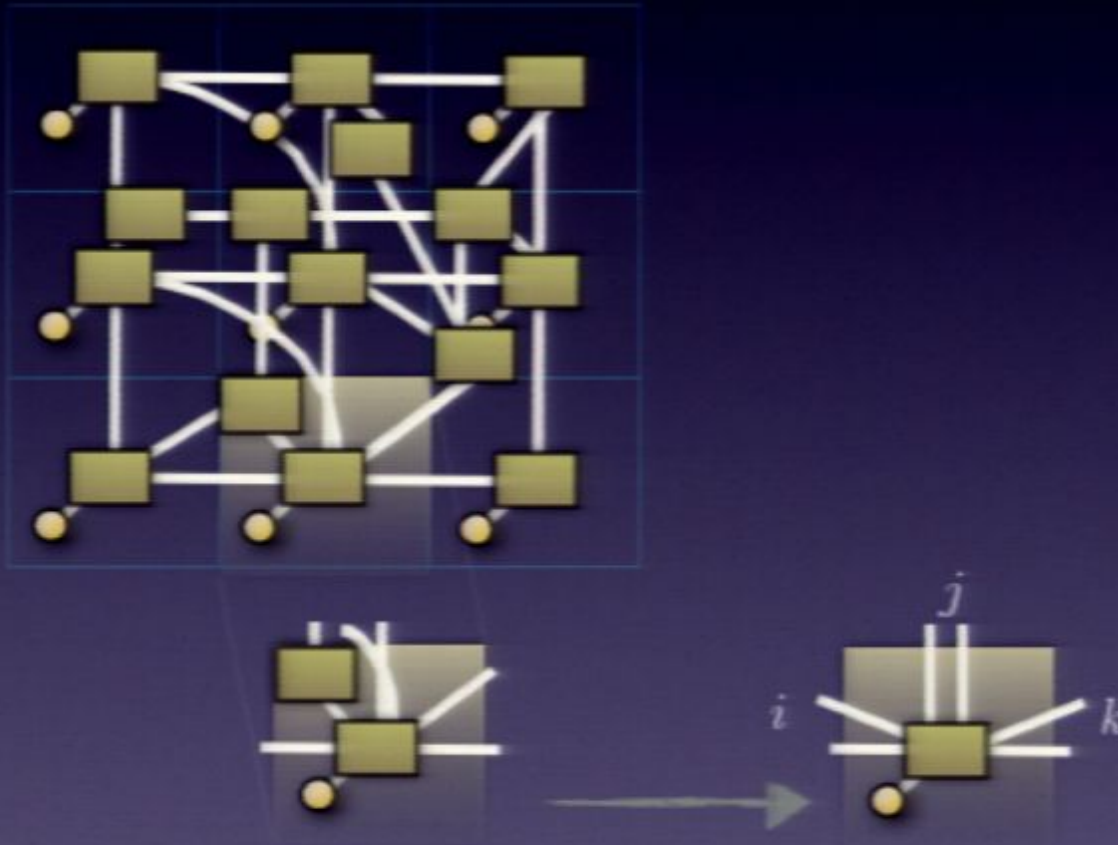
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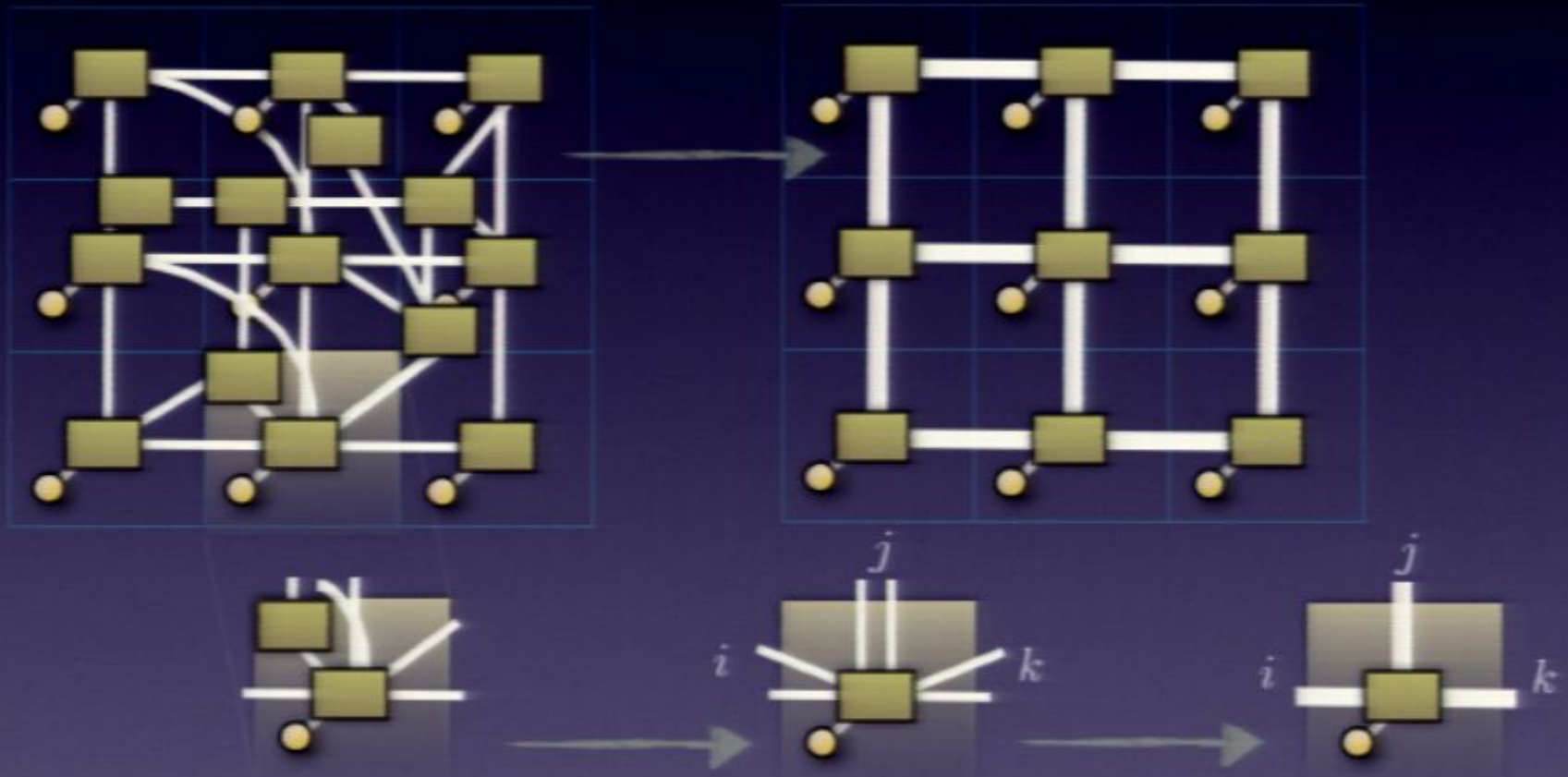
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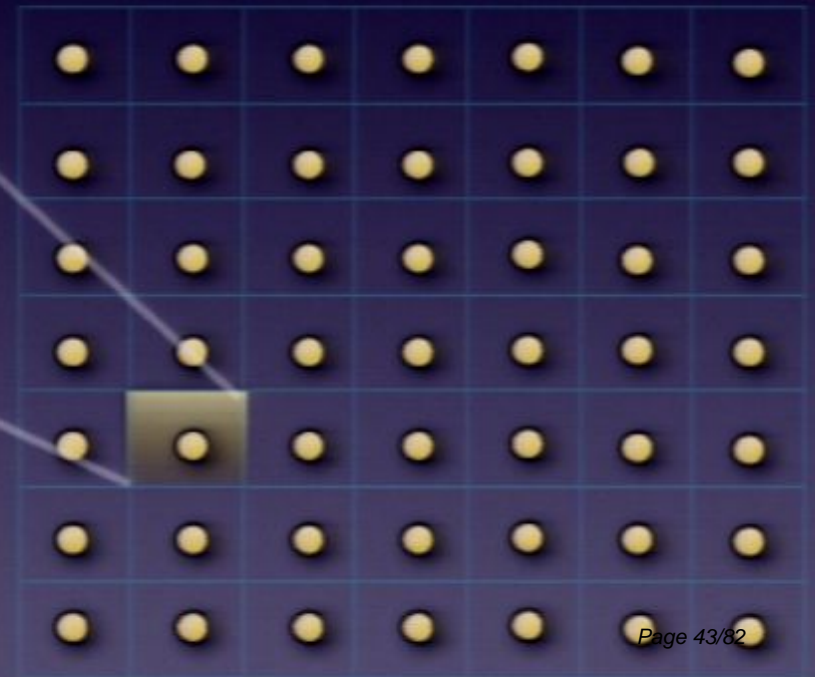
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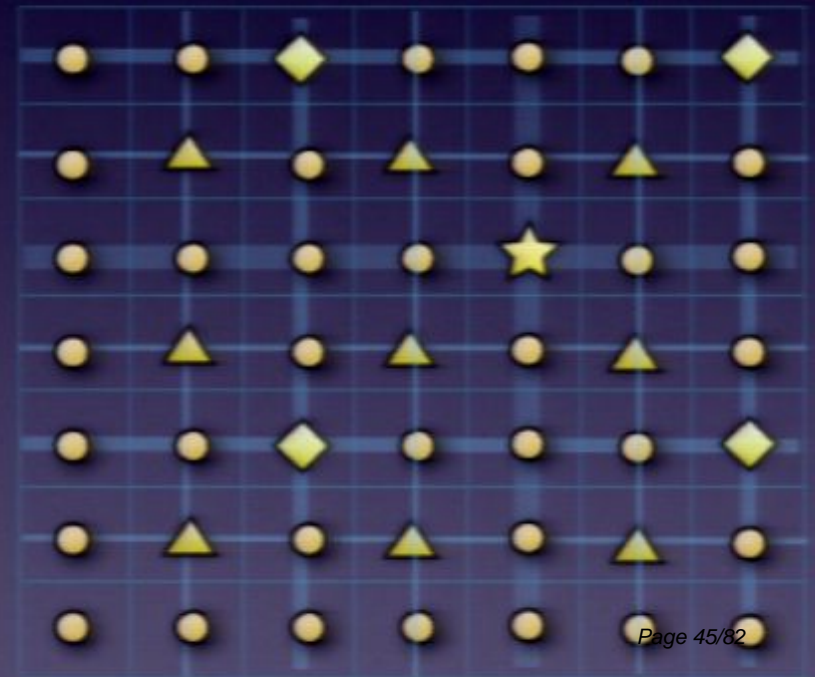
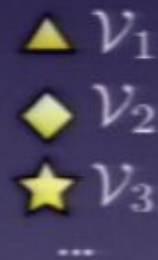
Finding **paths**: Possible positions  $\mathcal{V}_\tau = \{\mathbf{r}_\tau(\mathbf{n}) : \mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{L}_\tau\}$  of layer  $\tau$

Assign contraction lines to  $L_1$ -shortest path in  $\mathcal{V}_\tau \cup \mathcal{V}'_\tau$  for contraction lines between  $\tau$  and  $\tau'$  forming edge sets  $\mathcal{E}_\tau, \mathcal{E}_{\tau'}$

**Can show:** Gives rise to PEPS with bond dimension bounded from above by

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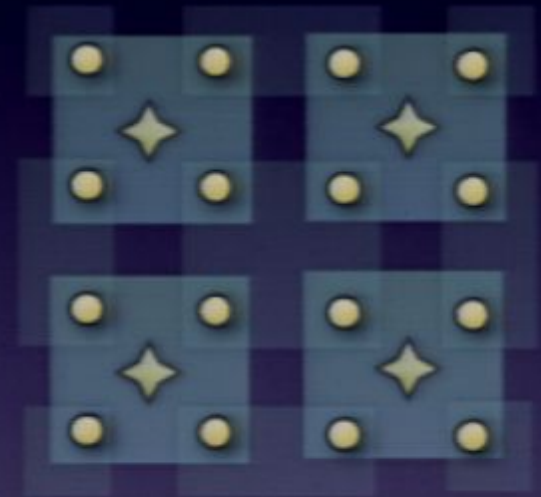
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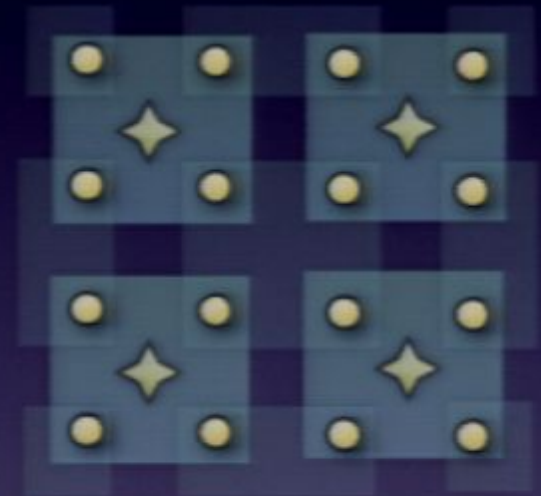
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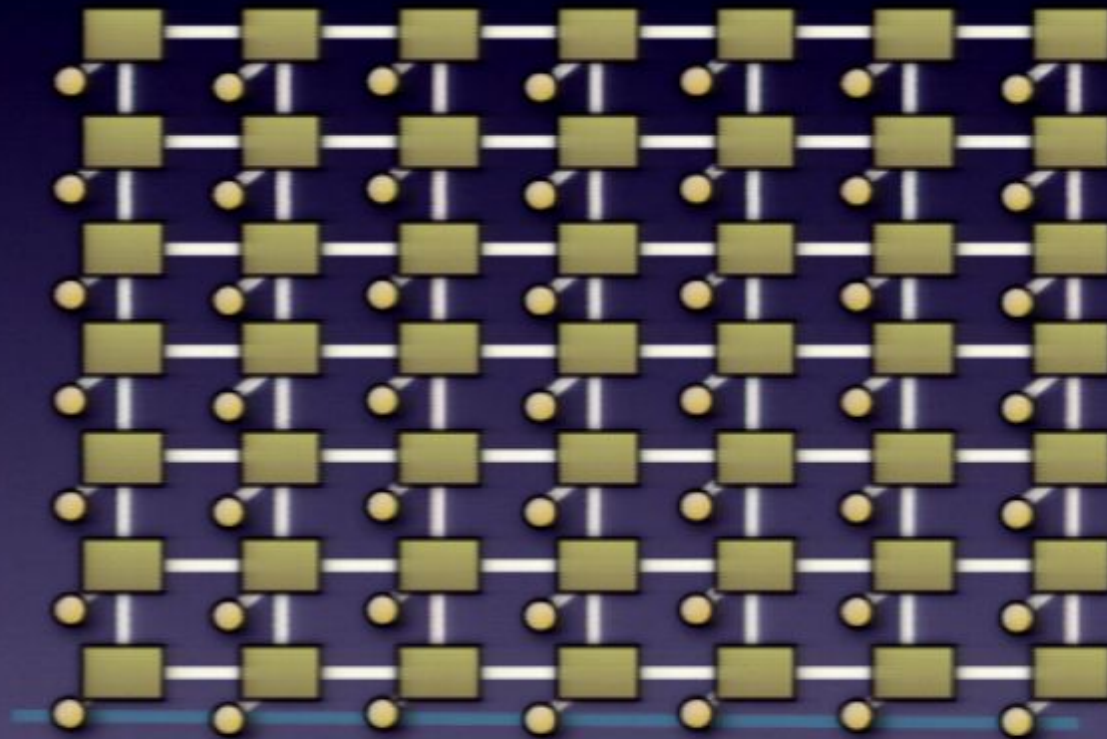
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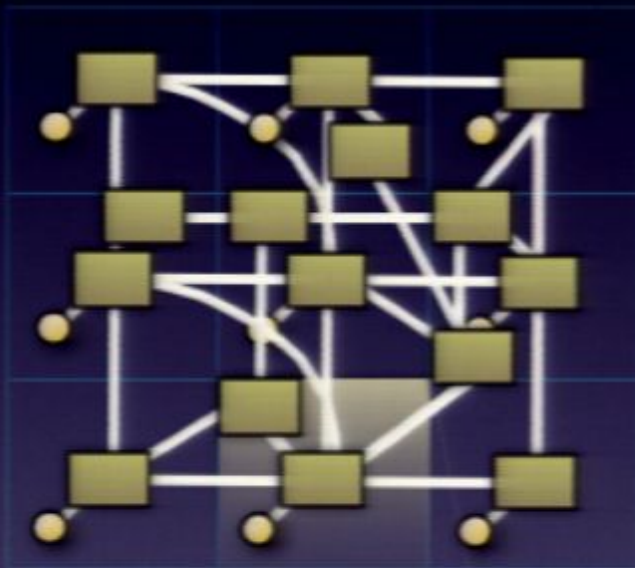
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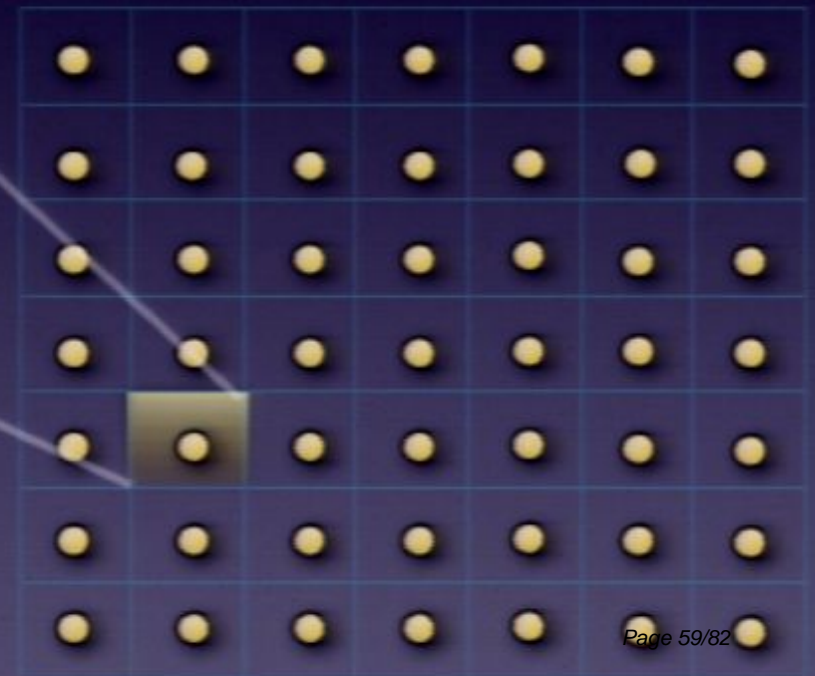
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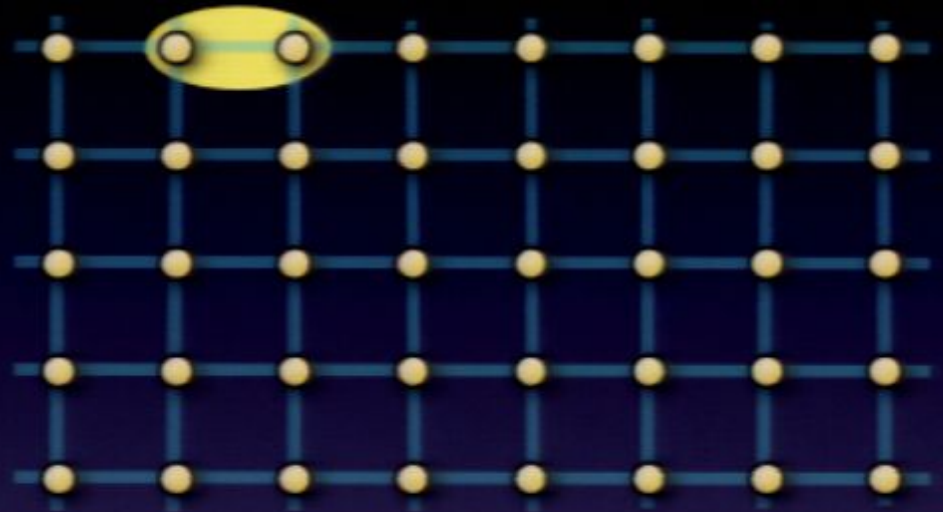
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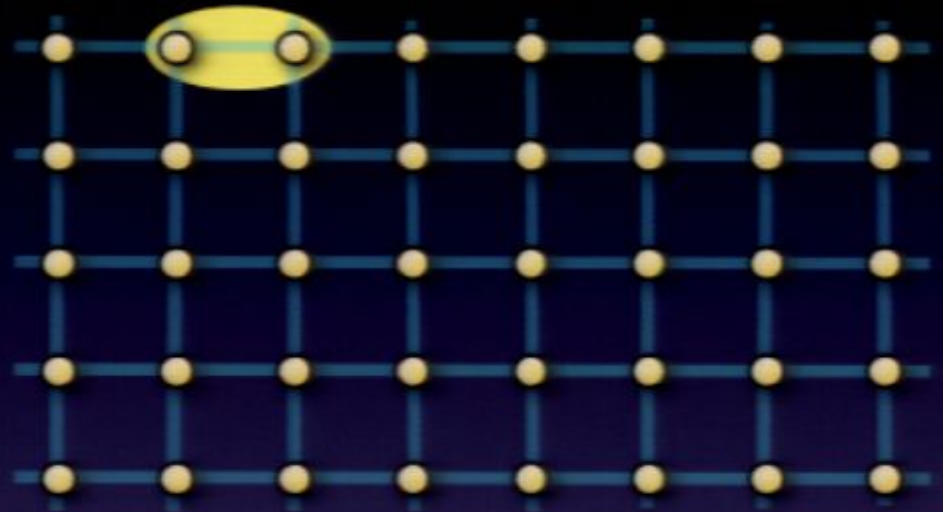
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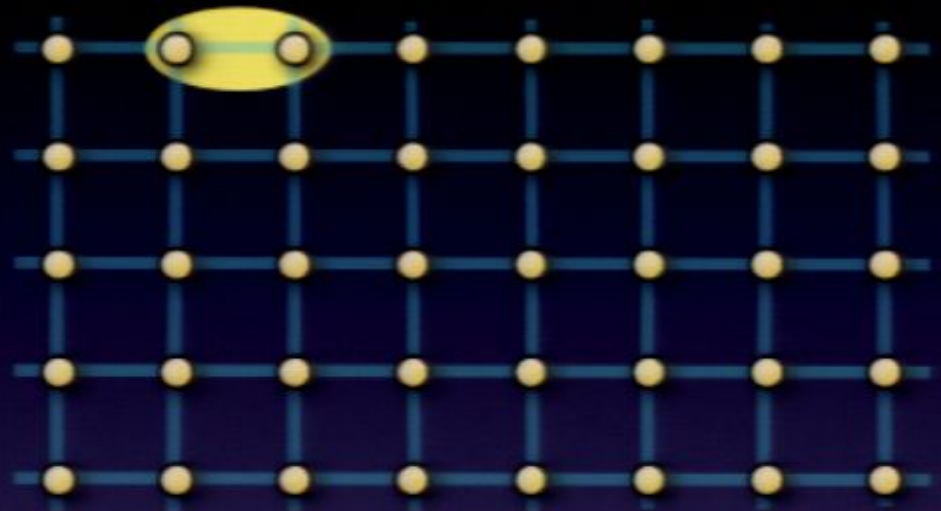
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• **Reminder:** Hamiltonian  $H = \sum_{\{a,b\}} h_{a,b}$  is **unfrustrated** if not only

$H|\psi\rangle = 0$  for every  $|\psi\rangle \in M$  (GS manifold), but

$h_{a,b}|\psi\rangle = 0$  for all  $|\psi\rangle \in M$  and all  $h_{a,b}$

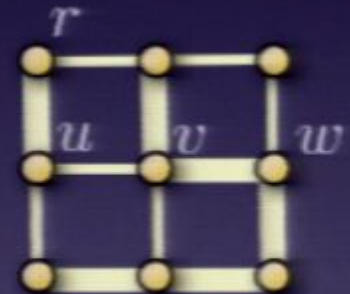


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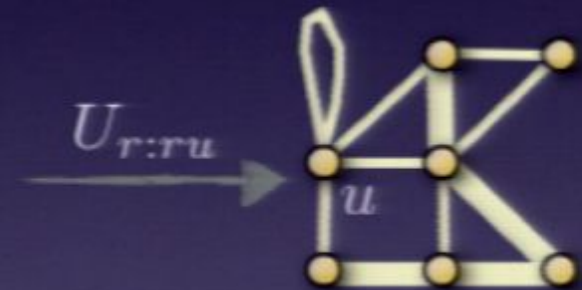


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Consider new Hamiltonian  $H' = U_{u:u,v}^\dagger H U_{u:u,v}$

If encounter **single-spin** operator  $h_u$  then delete isometrically to new Hamiltonian  $H' = (\langle \psi |_u \otimes \mathbf{1}) H (|\psi \rangle_u \otimes \mathbf{1})$




Prove that for our purposes, **contraction-order** does not matter

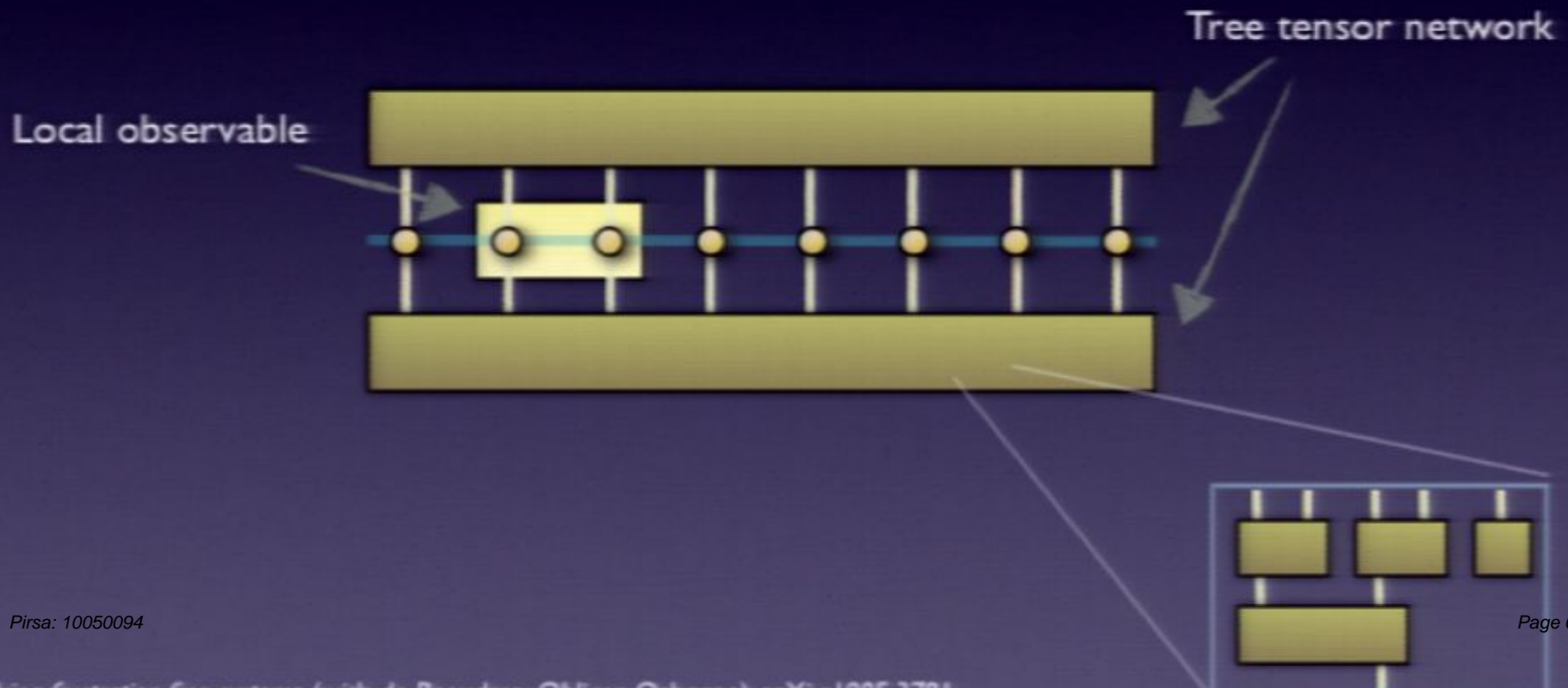
Prove that property of being **"natural"** is conserved (somewhat technical)

Find normal form of Hamiltonian of rank-1,  $h_{a,b} = |\beta_{a,b}\rangle\langle\beta_{a,b}|$  closed under

$$\langle\beta'_{a,c}| = (\langle\beta_{a,b}| \otimes \langle\beta_{b,c}| (\mathbf{1} \otimes |\psi^-\rangle \otimes \mathbf{1}))$$

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- **Ground space** of this remaining core of  $|V_c|$  spins is image of a symmetric subspace  $\text{Sym}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes |V_c|})$  under known local invertible transformations

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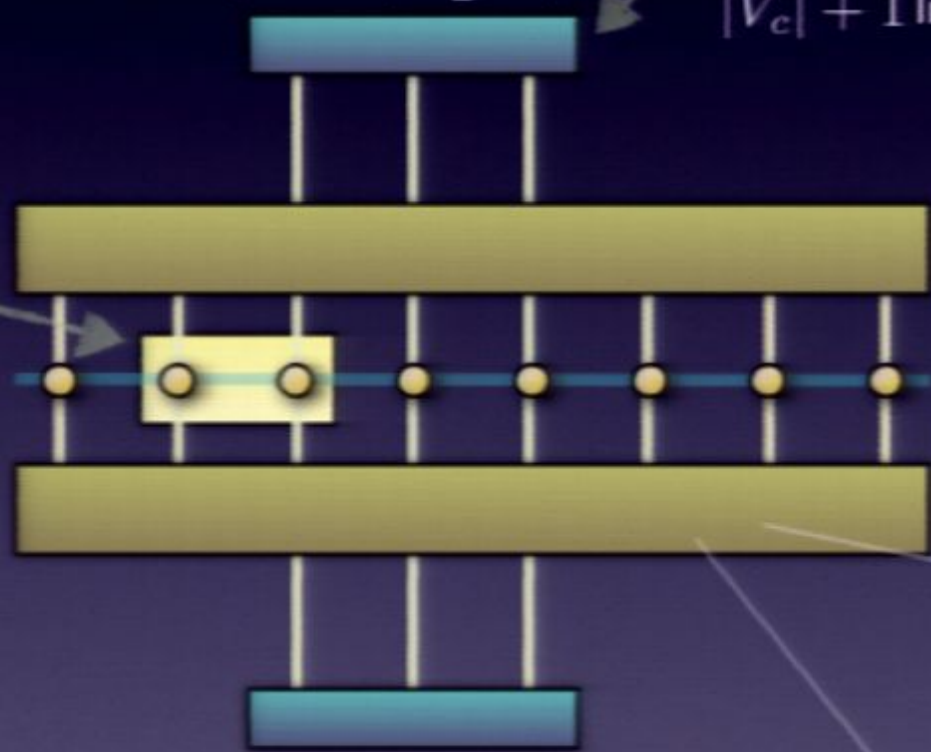
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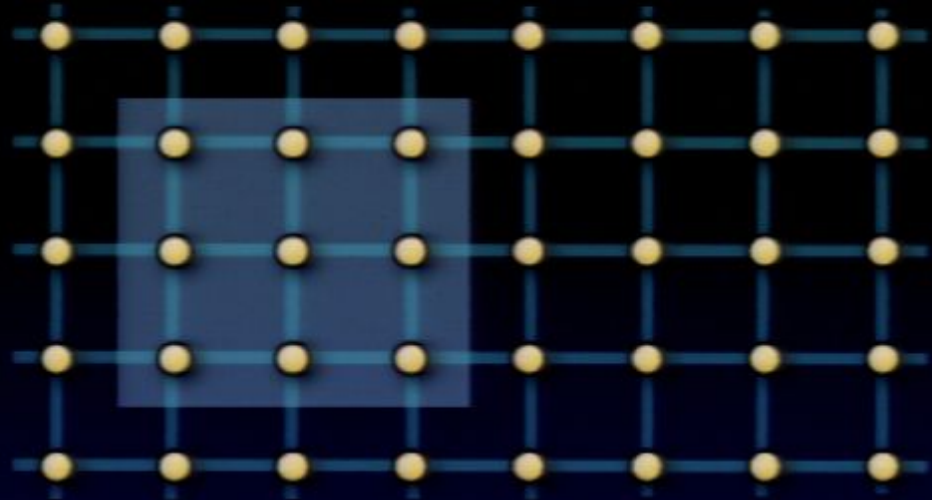
$$\text{Symm}(\mathcal{H}_2^{\otimes V_c})$$

Symmetric subspace, get ONB from symbolic Gram-Schmidt from any  $|V_c| + 1$  linearly independent products

Local observable

Tree tensor network





- **Observation 5:** All such ground states satisfy **area laws**, now for mixed-state entanglement
- Novel class of models for which area law is known
- **Proof:** For each connected component of interaction graph, explicitly bound maximum Schmidt rank

## Observation 6: Provides ansatz class of **almost frustration-free models**

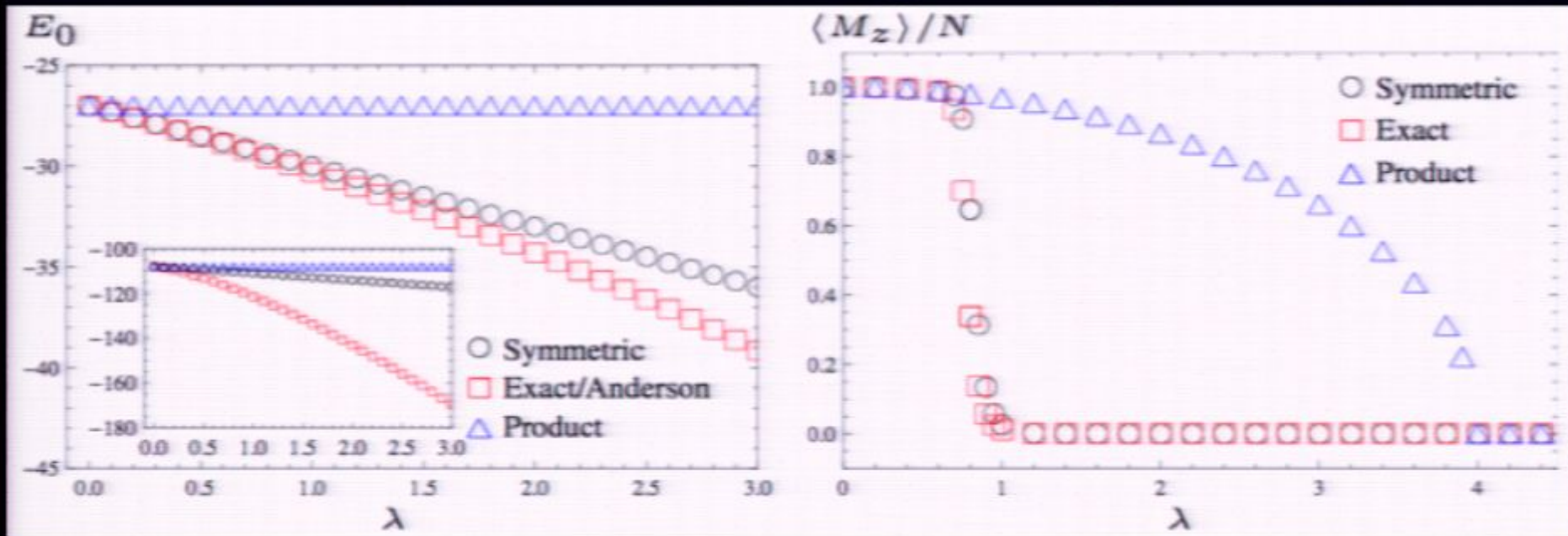
Consider  $H = H_0 + \lambda V$ ,  $H_0$  unfrustrated, small examples:

GS energy of XXZ model on 3x3 torus

$$h_{i,j} = -X_i X_j - Y_i Y_j - (1 - \lambda) Z_i Z_j$$

Magnetization in 4x4 Ising model

$$h_{i,j} = -Z_i Z_j \quad h_i = -\lambda X_i$$



- Sample from GS manifold of exactly frustration-free system
- Very **simple**, but significantly outperforms Gutzwiller mean field



- **Lesson:** Such frustration-free models can be solved exactly
- Instance of **real-space renormalization** which is exact
- "Tensor networks with an input"

**Outlook: What else ...**

**Fermionic tensor networks and quantum fields**

*holographic quantum states (with Osborne, Verstraete), arXiv:1005.1268*

*Unitary circuits for simulating strongly correlated fermions (with Pineda, Barthel), arXiv:0905.0669*

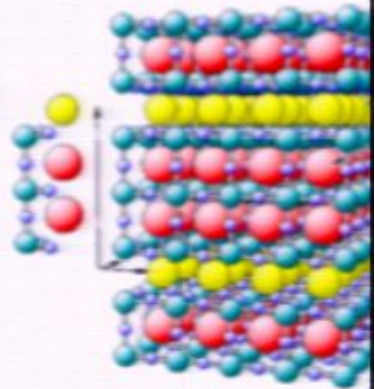
*Contraction of fermionic operator circuits and the simulation of strongly correlated fermions*

*(with Barthel, Pineda), Phys. Rev. A **80**, 042333 (2009)*

**Continuum limits** of MPS for quantum fields, long-range interactions and free models (see Frank's talk)

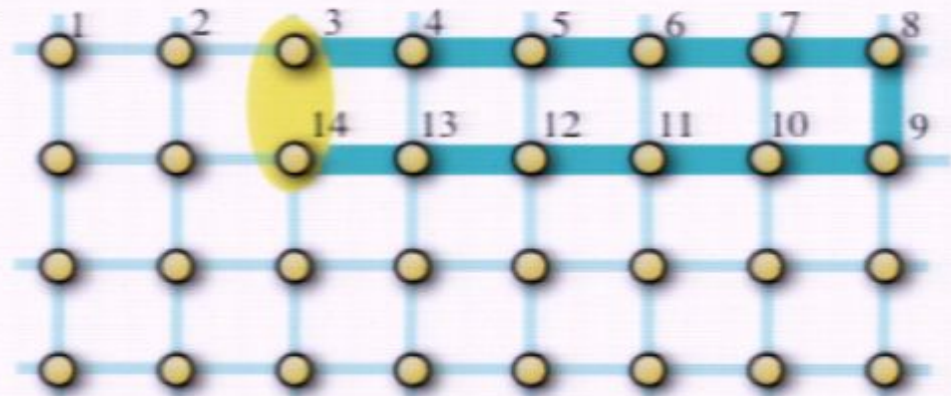
**Tensor networks for fermionic models** (Hubbard/spinless models)?

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} (f_{i,\sigma}^\dagger f_{j,\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow} - \mu \sum_{i,\sigma} n_{i,\sigma}$$



**Problem:** Naive mapping from fermionic model to spin models creates **non-local strings** under Jordan-Wigner rendering contraction inefficient

$$J_{O_j} f_{O_k}^\dagger = \sigma_j^- \otimes \bigotimes_{j < l < k} \sigma_l^z \otimes \sigma_k^+$$



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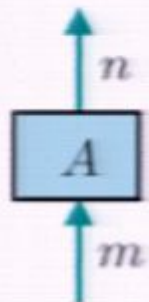
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**Role of parity: Causal cone of MERA** is the same for fermions as for spins



- **Overcome fixed order of modes:**

- Jordan-Wigner transformations **local** in space and time: e.g., for given order  $m : \{1, \dots, |m|\} \rightarrow m$ ,  $n : \{1, \dots, |n|\} \rightarrow n$  in spin representation

$$J_{n,m}(A) = \sum_{n,m} |n\rangle_n \langle n|A|m\rangle_m \langle m|$$

$$|m\rangle_m \in \mathcal{F}_m, |n\rangle_n \in \mathcal{F}_n, |m\rangle \in (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes |m|}, |n\rangle \in (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes |n|}$$

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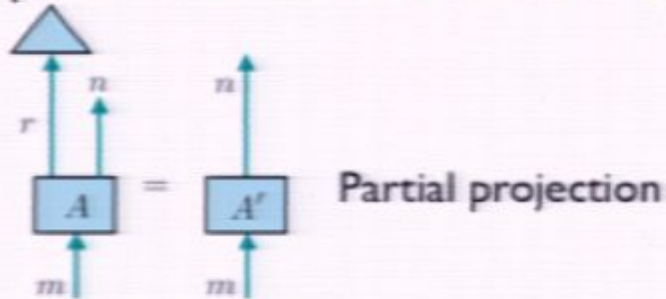
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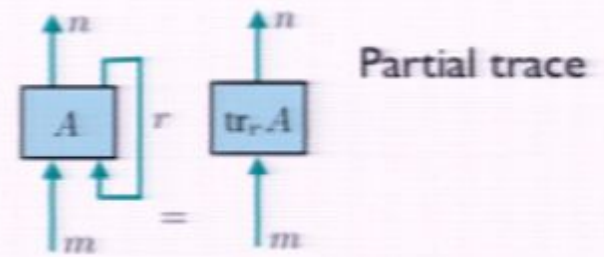
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Set of complete **fermionic contraction** rules:



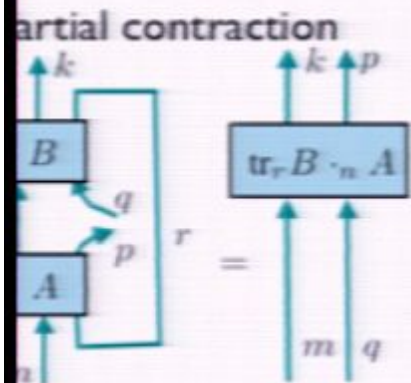
Partial projection

$$\langle J_{n,m}(A') | m \rangle = \langle r', n | J_{n,m}(A) | m \rangle$$



Partial trace

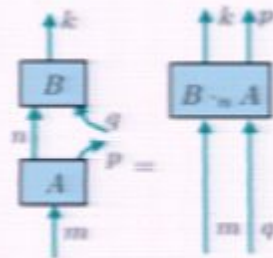
$$\langle n | J_{n,m}(\text{tr}_r A) | m \rangle = \langle n, r | J_{n,m}(A) | m, r \rangle$$



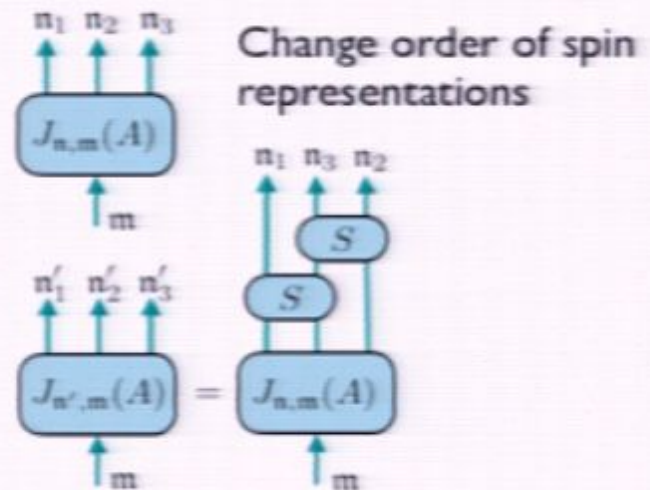
$$\langle k, p | J_{n,m}(C) | m, q \rangle$$

$$(-1)^{p(q)} \cdot \langle k, r | B | n, q \rangle \langle n, p | A | m, r \rangle$$

Partial multiplication



$$\langle k, p | B \cdot_n A | m, q \rangle = (-1)^{p(q)} \langle k | B | n, q \rangle \langle n, p | A | m \rangle$$



$$S = |0, 0\rangle\langle 0, 0| - |1, 1\rangle\langle 1, 1| + |0, 1\rangle\langle 1, 0| + |1, 0\rangle\langle 0, 1|$$

• **Observation 6:** Fermionic tensor networks can be contracted with the same efficiency (at most small constant overhead) compared to spin models

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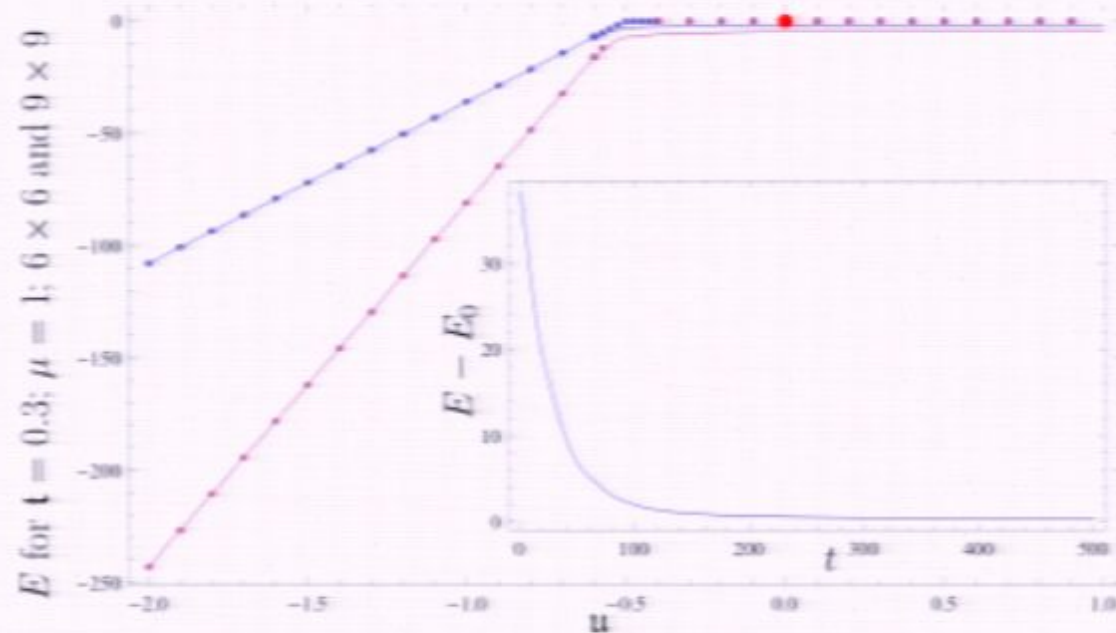
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## Now careful **numerical benchmarking** (MERA)

- Benchmarking, comparison with exact diagonalization on 25 fermions, free models
- Promising results, tricky to get large bond dimension, good for small hopping



$$H = t \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} (f_j f_k + h.c.) + \sum_j f_j f_j + u \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} f_j f_j f_k f_k$$

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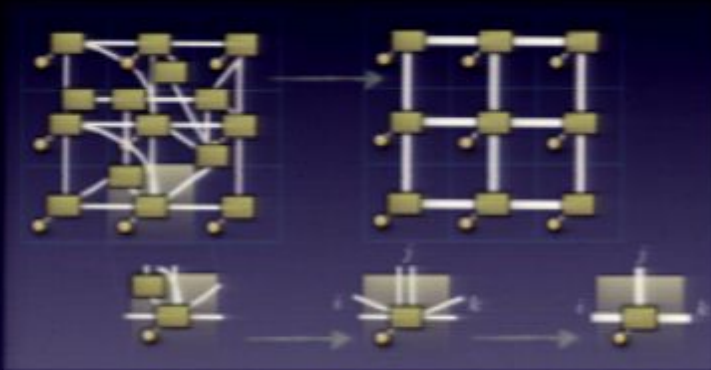
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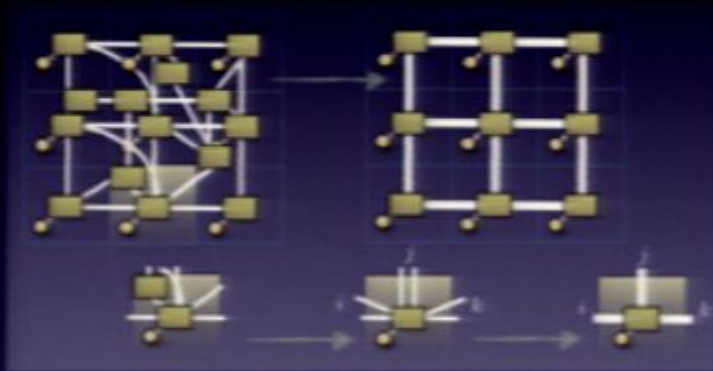
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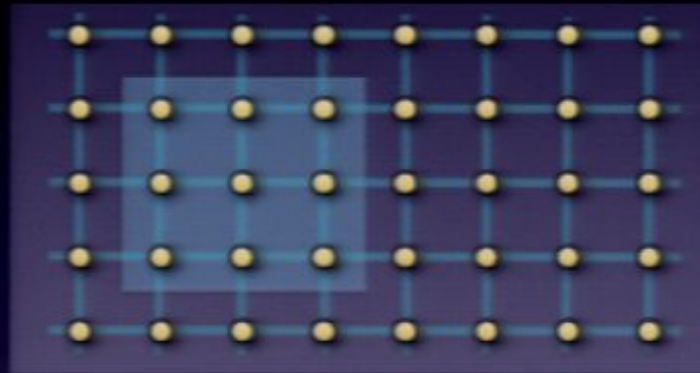


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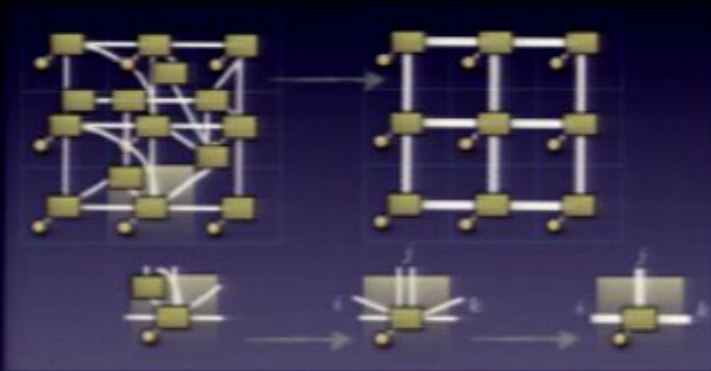


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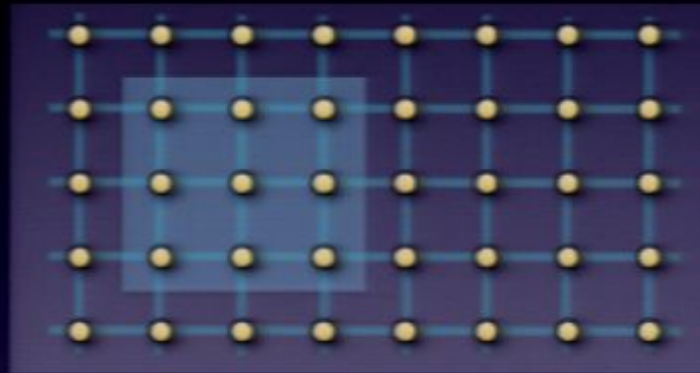


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## A glimpse of simulating fermionic systems

