

Title: Simulation of Fermionic and Frustrated Systems with 2D Tensor Networks

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Abstract: The study of fermionic and frustrated systems in two dimensions is one of the biggest challenges in condensed matter physics. Among the most promising tools to simulate these systems are 2D tensor networks, including projected entangled-pair states (PEPS) and the 2D multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA), which have been generalized to fermionic systems recently.

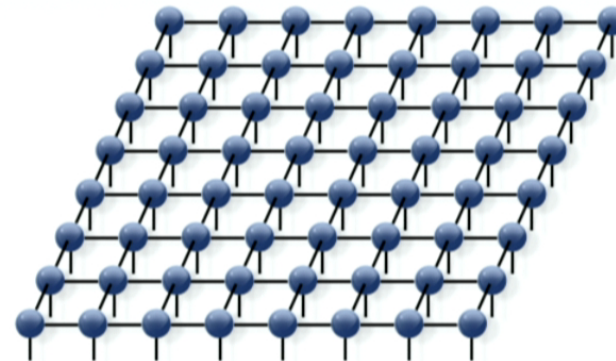
In the first part of this talk I will present a simple formalism how to include fermionic statistics into 2D tensor networks. The second part covers recent simulation results showing that infinite PEPS (iPEPS) can compete with the best known variational methods. In particular, for the t-J model and the SU(4) Heisenberg model iPEPS yields better variational energies than obtained in previous variational- and fixed-node Monte Carlo studies. Future perspectives and open problems are discussed.

# Simulation of fermionic and frustrated lattice models with 2D tensor networks

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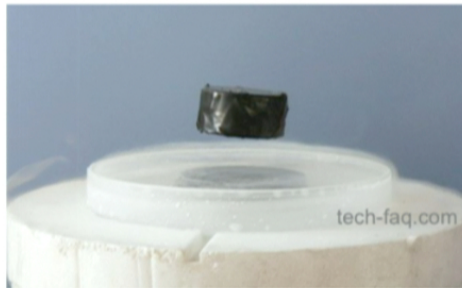
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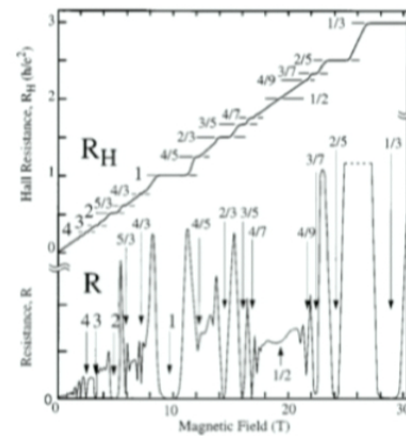


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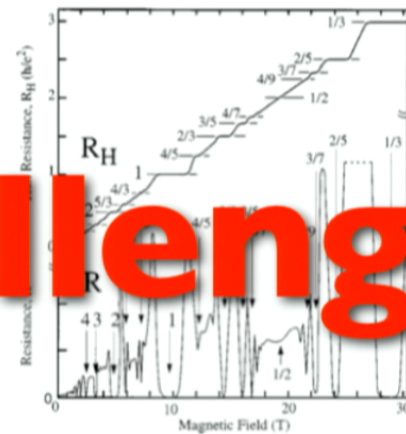


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# Quantum Monte Carlo

**Main idea: Statistical sampling** of the exponentially large configuration space

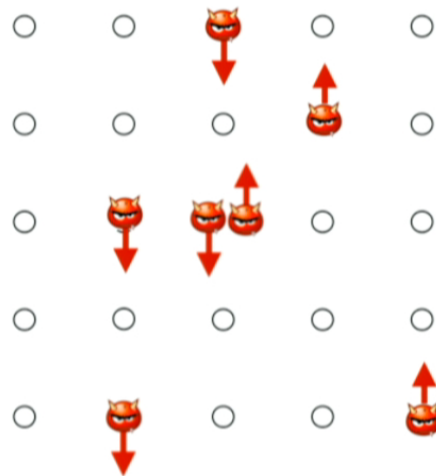
✓ **Very** powerful!



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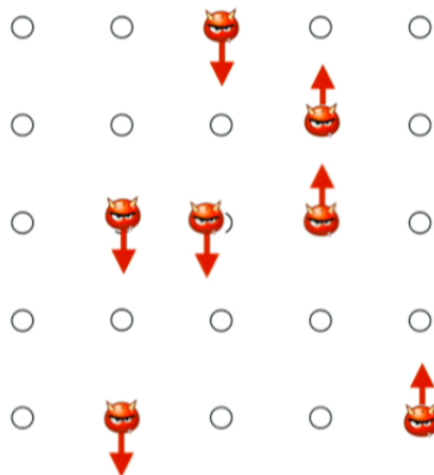
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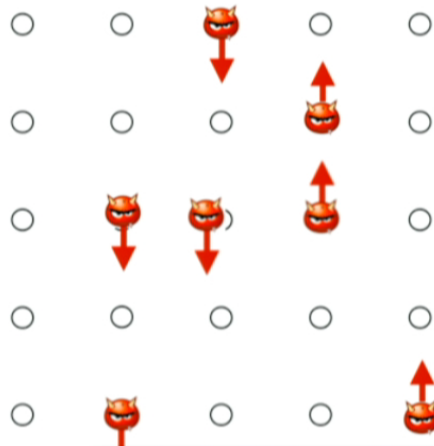
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## Methods to study strongly correlated fermions in 2D

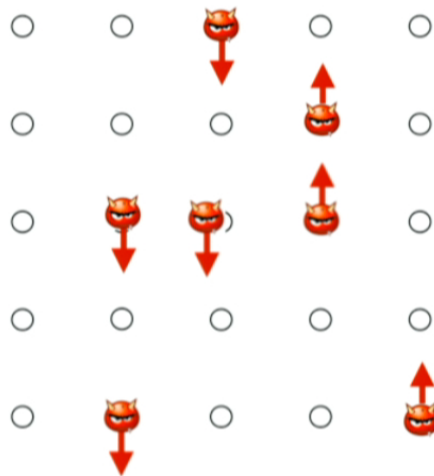
- ▶ Exact diagonalization of small systems
- ▶ Density matrix renormalization group (small 2D systems / ladders)
- ▶ Variational approaches
- ▶ (Cluster) dynamical mean field theory
- ▶ Fixed-node Monte Carlo
- ▶ Diagrammatic Monte Carlo
- ▶ Gaussian Monte Carlo
- ▶ ... and more ...



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➔ **Still controversial!!**

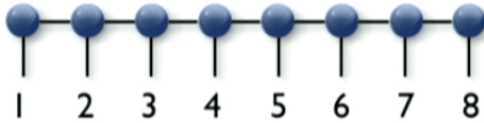


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Matrix-product state



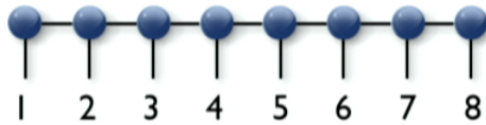
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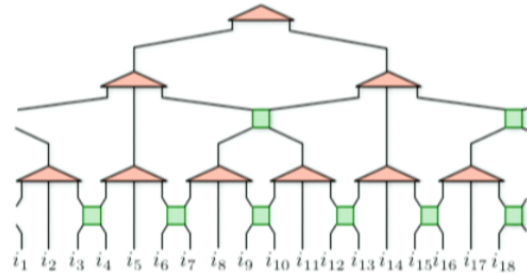
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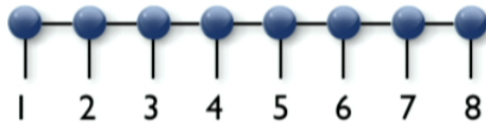
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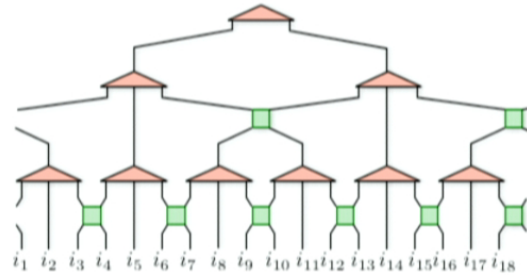
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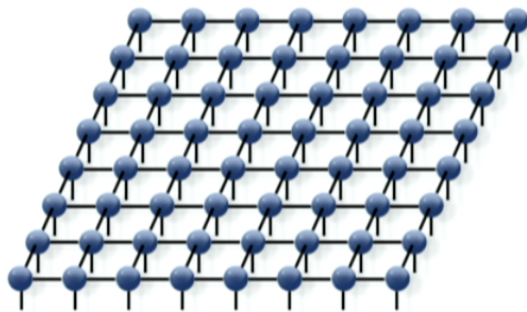
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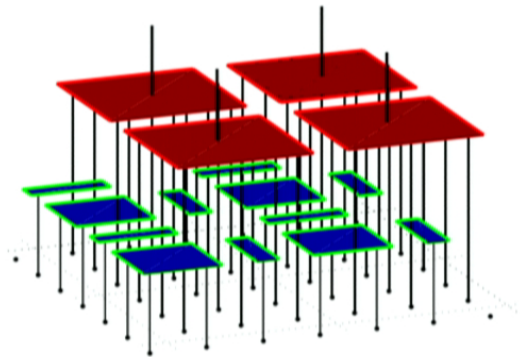
**2D**

**(i)PEPS**

(infinite) projected entangled-pair state



**2D MERA**



**and more**

- ▶ 2D tree tensor network
- ▶ String-bond states
- ▶ Entangled-plaquette states
- ▶ ...

## Fermions with 2D tensor networks

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Before April 2009: **NO!**

Since April 2009: **YES!**

### **Different formulations:**

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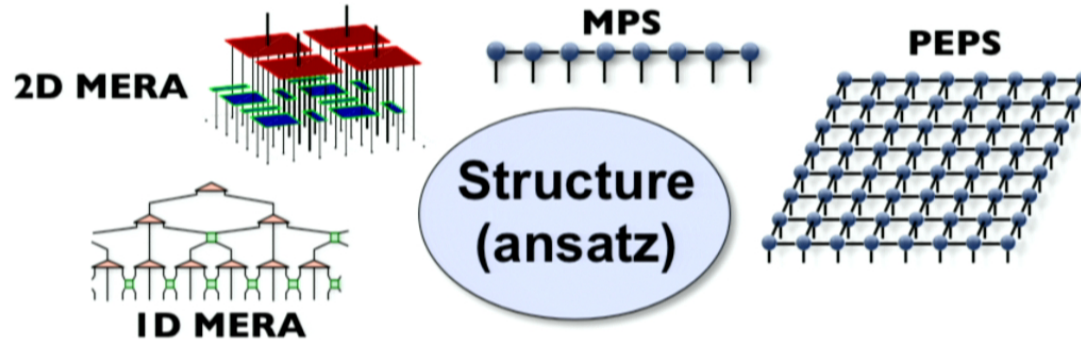
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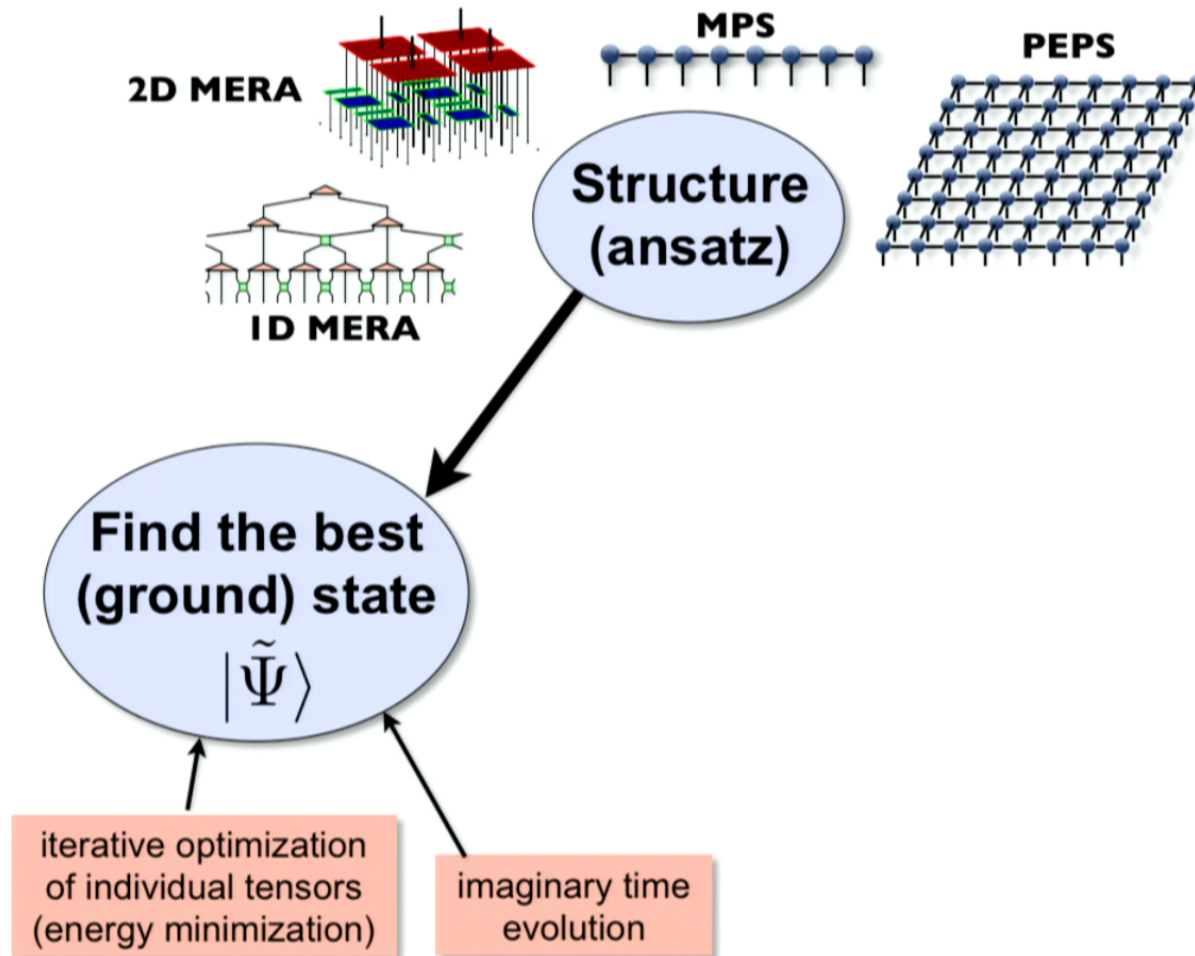
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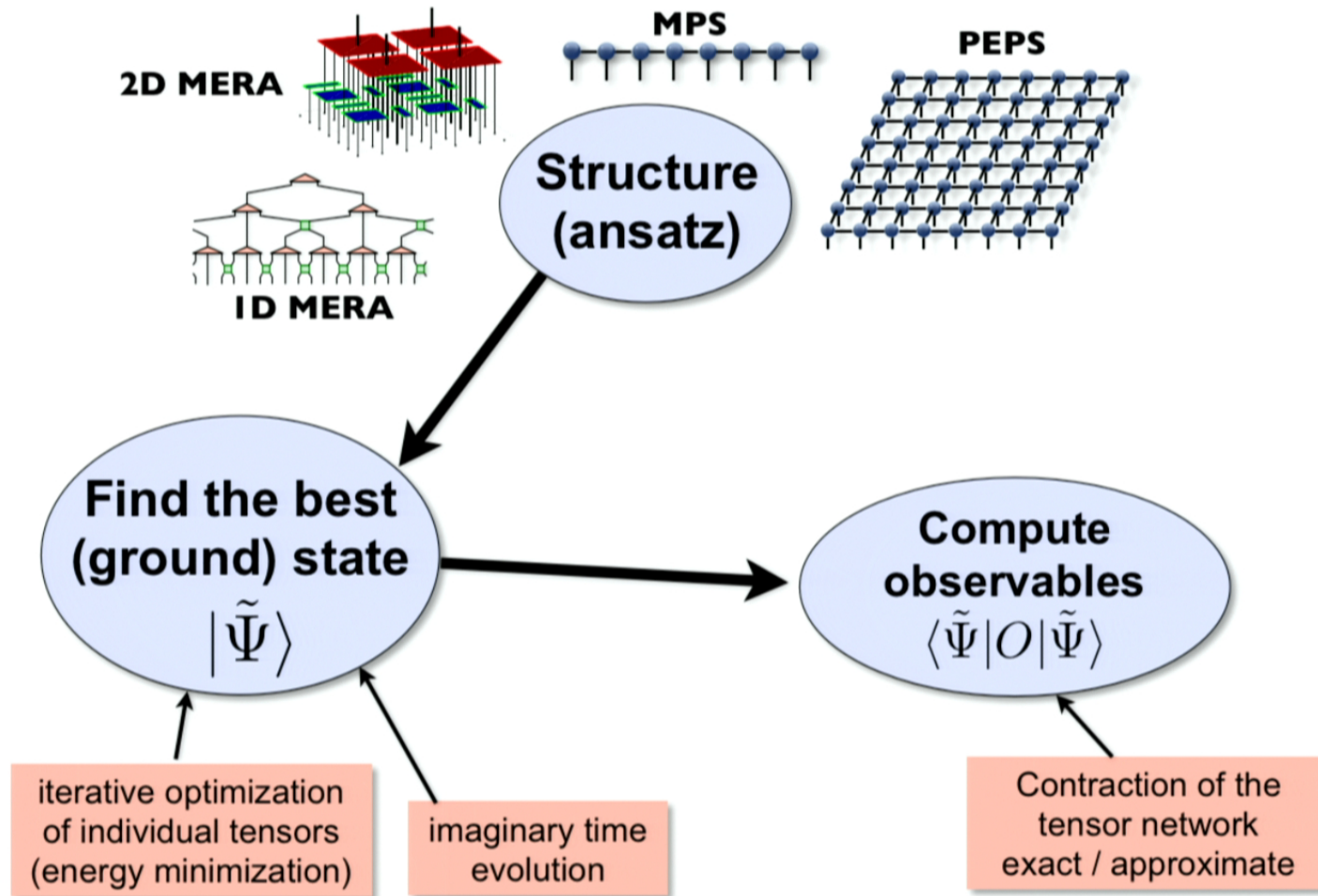


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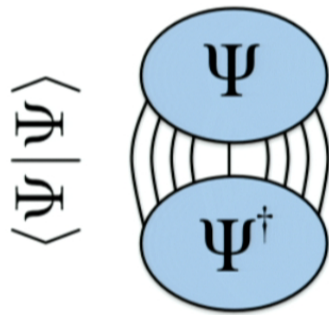
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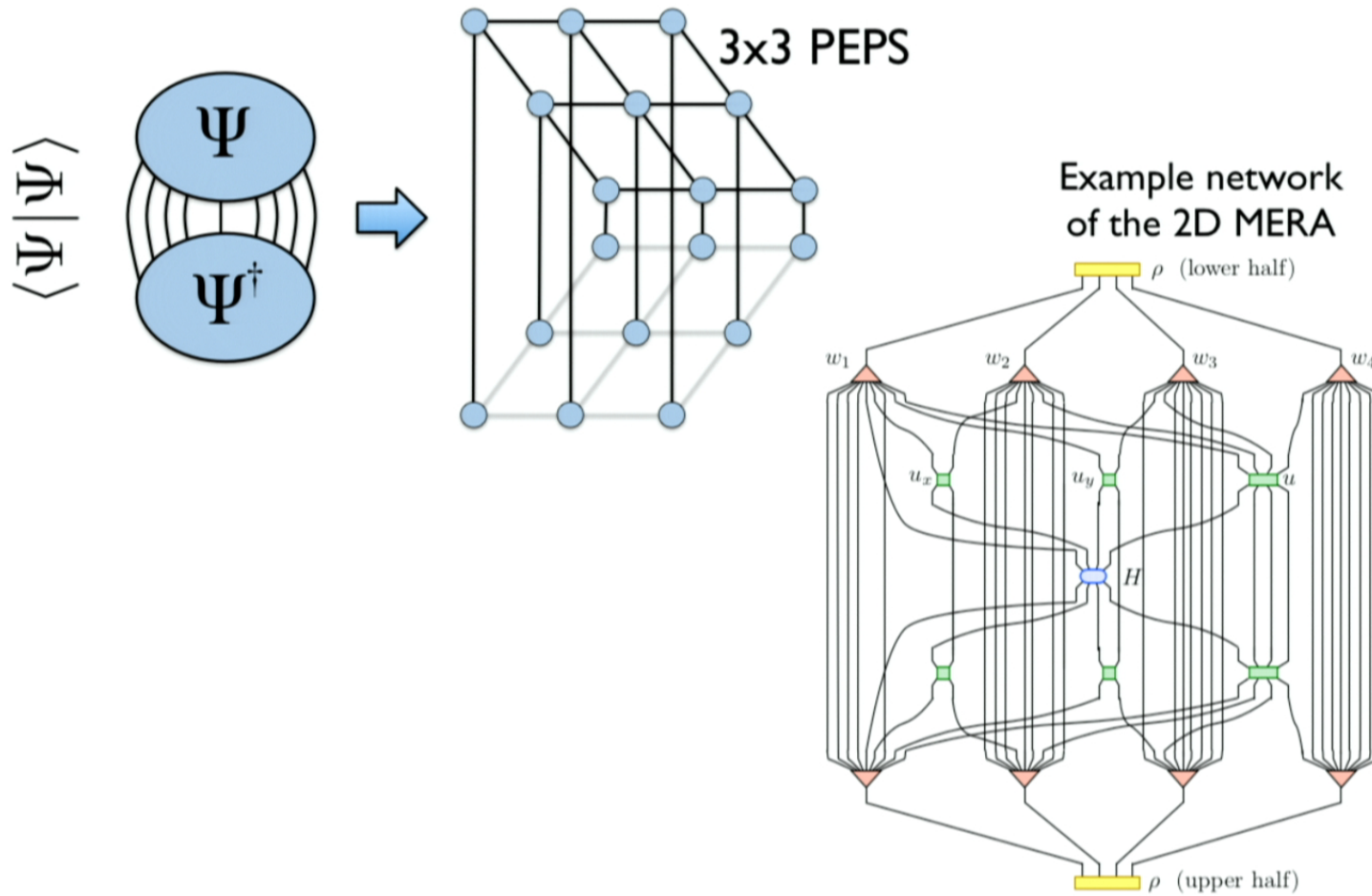
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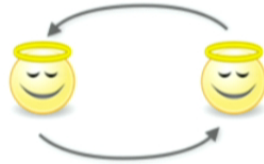




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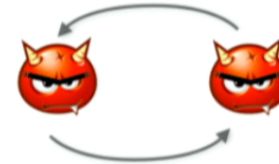
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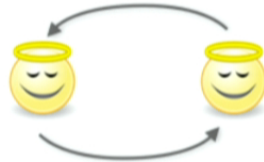


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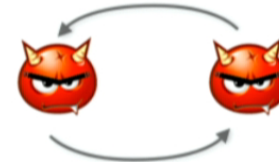


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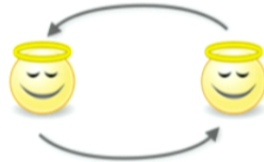




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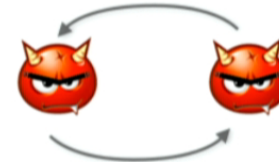


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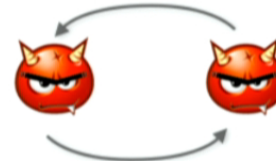
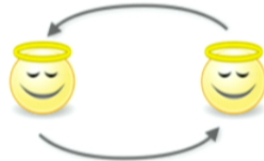
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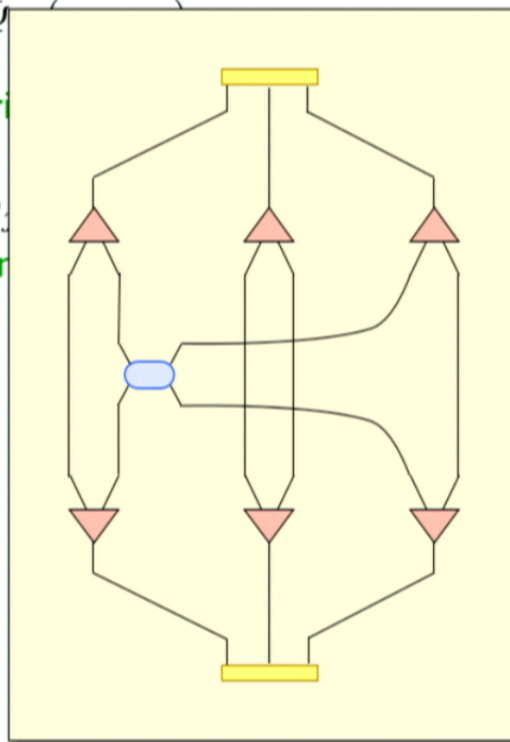
operators commute

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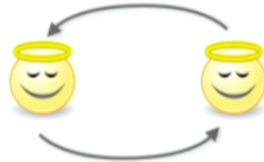




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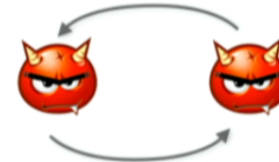


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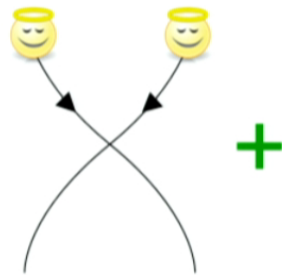
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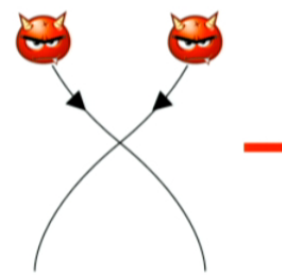
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Crossings  
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ignore crossings

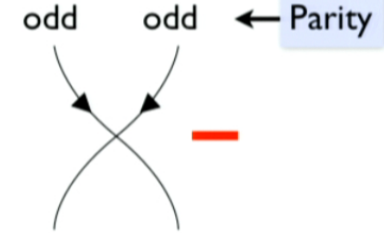
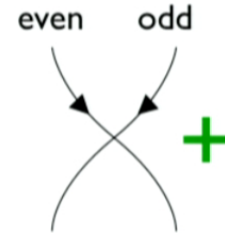
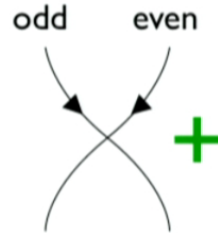
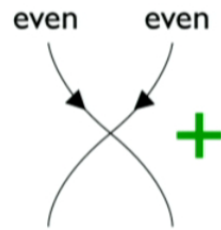


**take care!**

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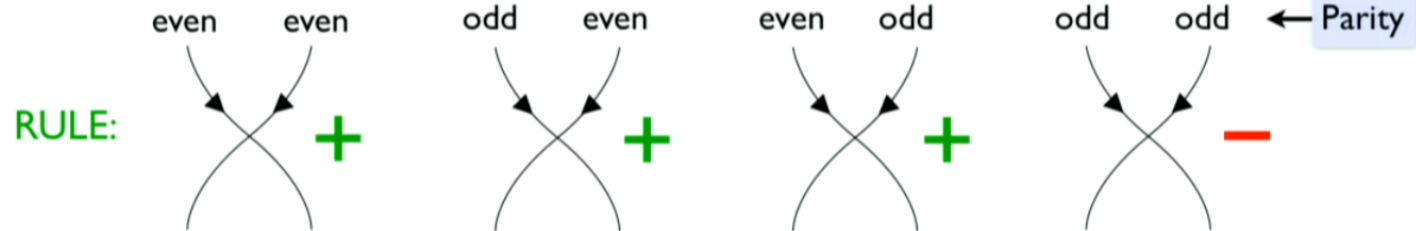
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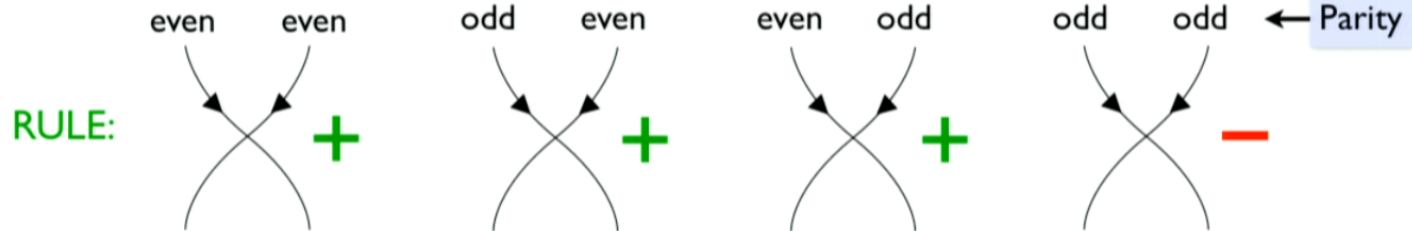
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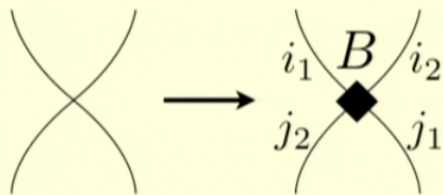
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Replace crossing by **swap tensor**



$$B_{j_2 j_1}^{i_1 i_2} = \delta_{i_1, j_1} \delta_{i_2, j_2} S(P(i_1), P(i_2))$$

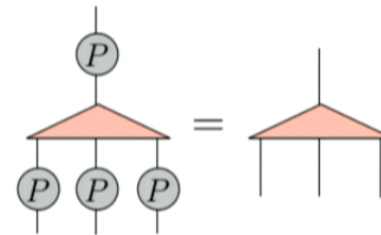
$$S(P(i_1), P(i_2)) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } P(i_1) = P(i_2) = -1 \\ +1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- Fermionic systems exhibit **parity symmetry!**  $[\hat{H}, \hat{P}] = 0$

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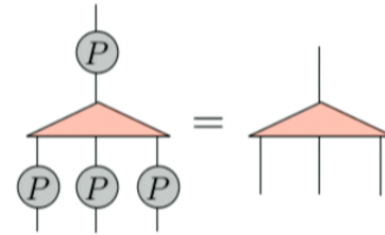


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- Decomposing local Hilbert spaces into even and odd parity sectors

$$\mathbb{V} = \underbrace{\mathbb{V}(+)_{\text{even}} \oplus \mathbb{V}(-)_{\text{odd}}}$$

- Label state by a composite index

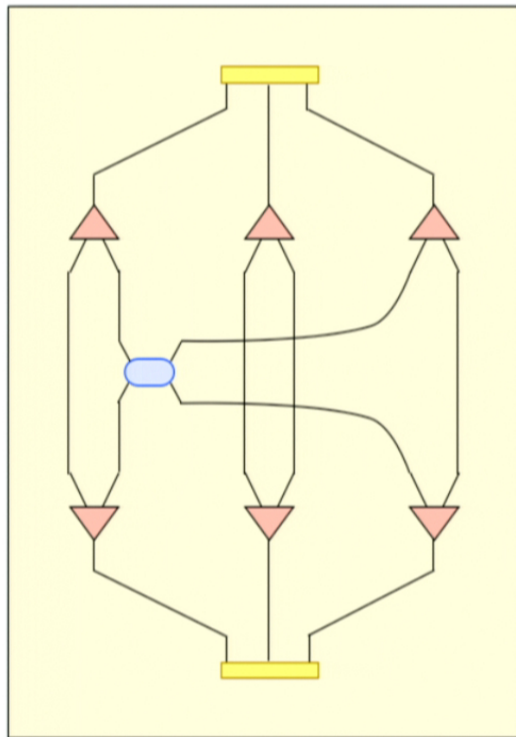
$$i = (p, \alpha_p)$$

parity sector  $\swarrow$   $\nwarrow$  enumerate states in parity sector p  
 $\searrow$   $\swarrow$

- ➡ tensor with a block structure (similar to a block diagonal matrix)
- ➡ Easy identification of the parity of a state!

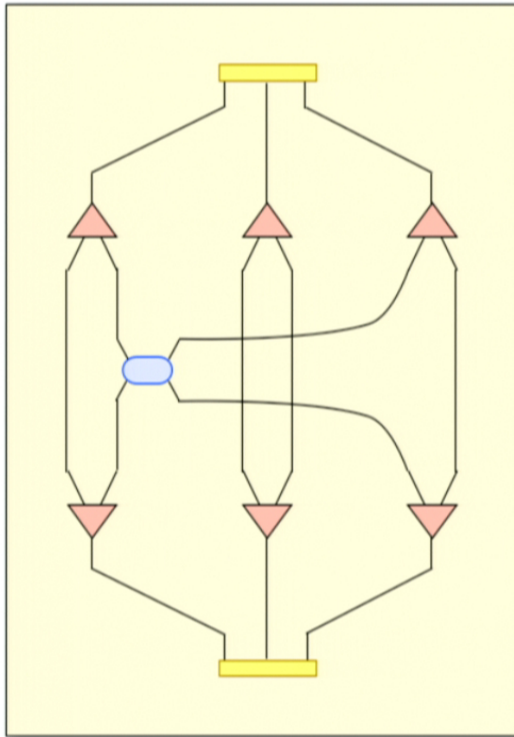
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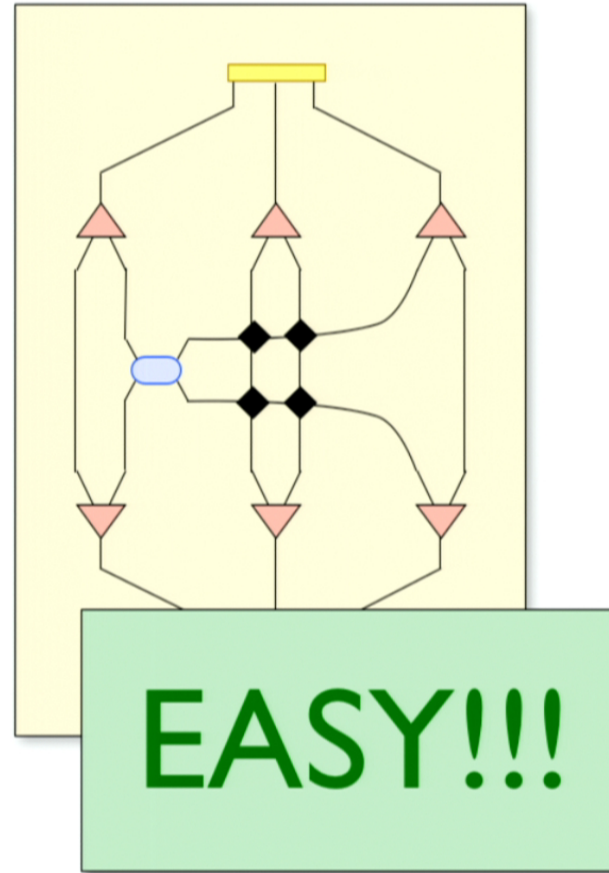


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Fermionic tensor network



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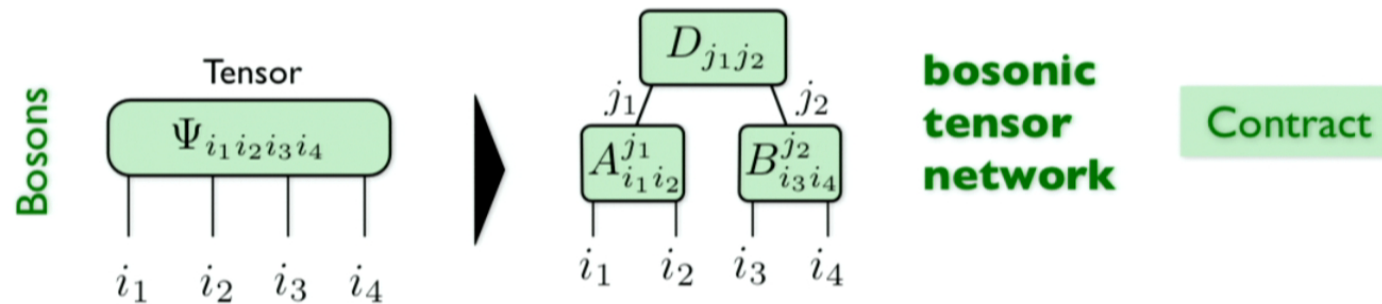
State of 4 site system  $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \Psi_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} |i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4\rangle$

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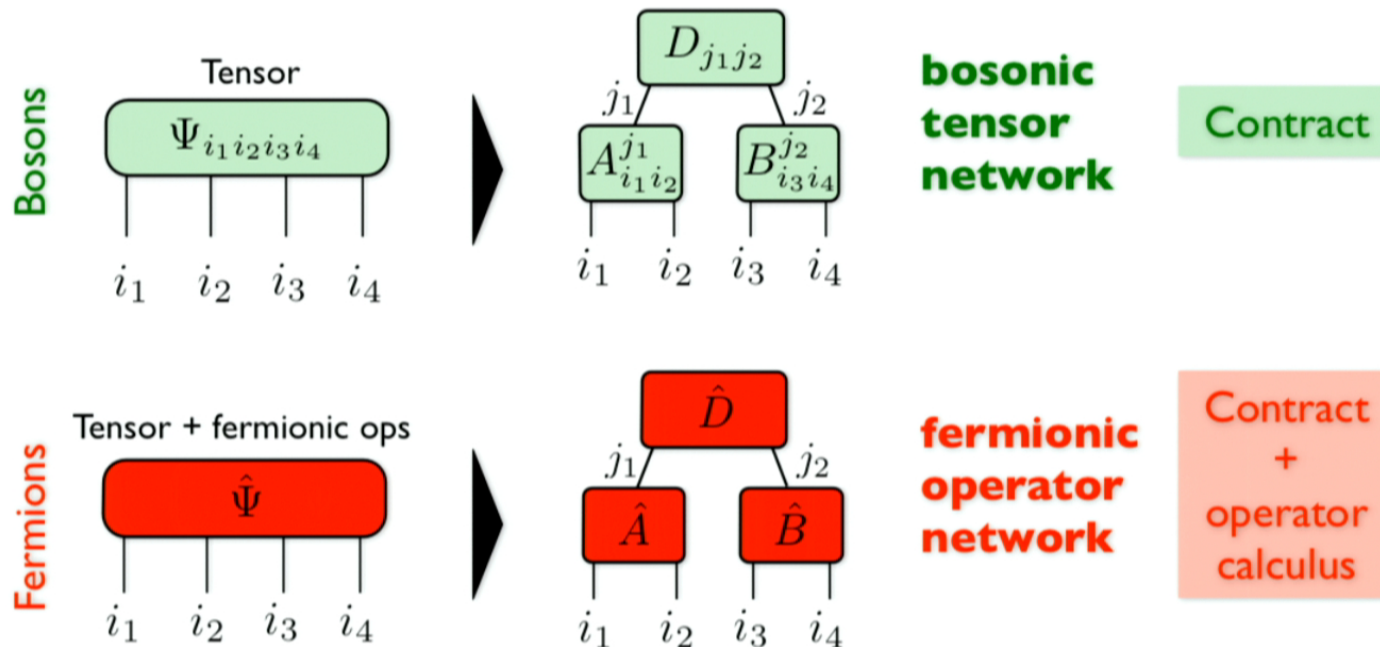
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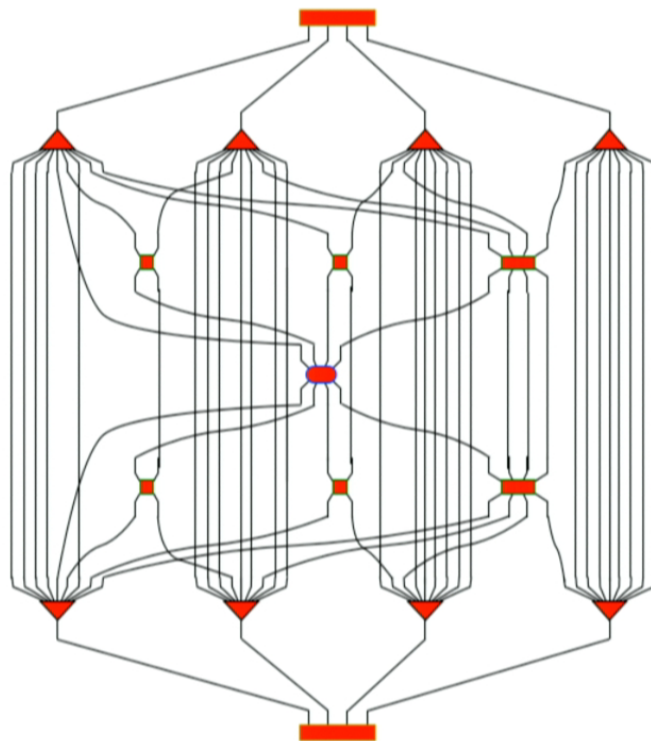
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$$\hat{A} = A_{i_1 i_2}^{j_1} |i_1 i_2\rangle \langle j_1| = A_{i_1 i_2}^{j_1} \hat{c}_1^{\dagger i_1} \hat{c}_2^{\dagger i_2} |0\rangle \langle 0| \hat{c}_1^{j_1}$$

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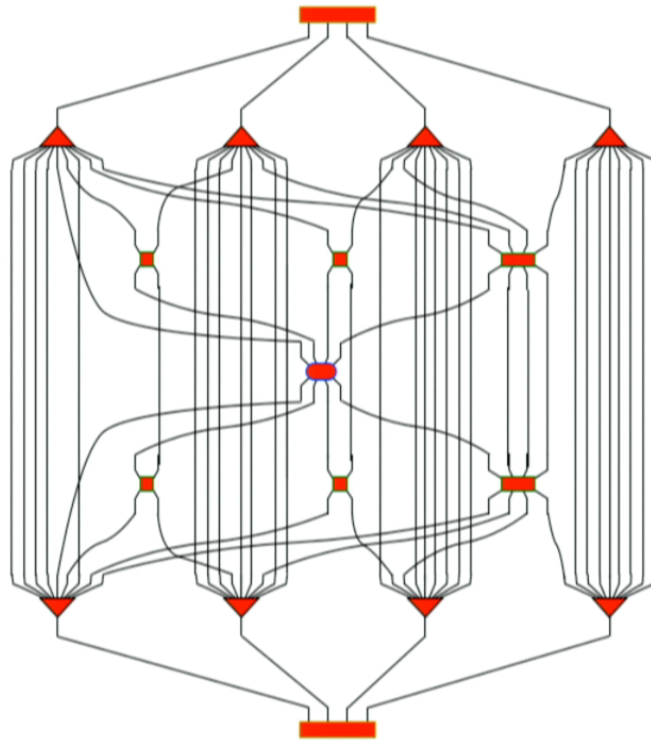
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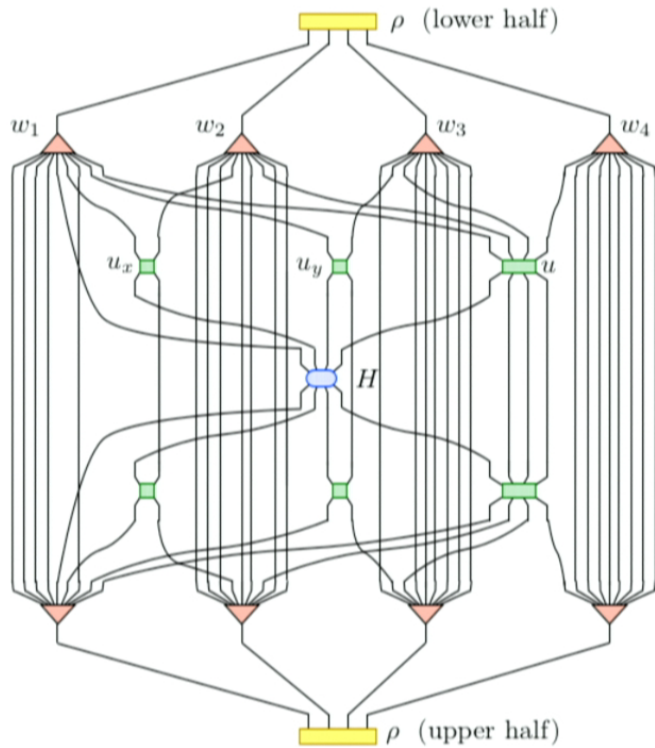
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**Use anticommutation rules to evaluate fermionic operator network:**



**Easy solution:**  
Map it to a tensor network by replacing crossings by swap tensors

## Cost of fermionic tensor networks??



First thought:

Many crossings  $\rightarrow$  many more tensors

$\rightarrow$  **larger computational cost??**

## The “jump” move



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- Jumps over tensors leave the tensor network **invariant**
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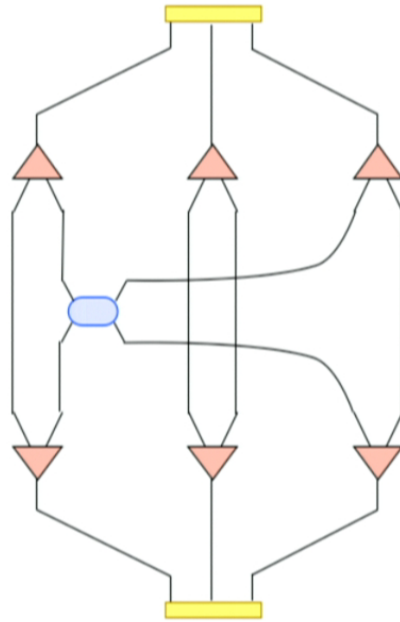


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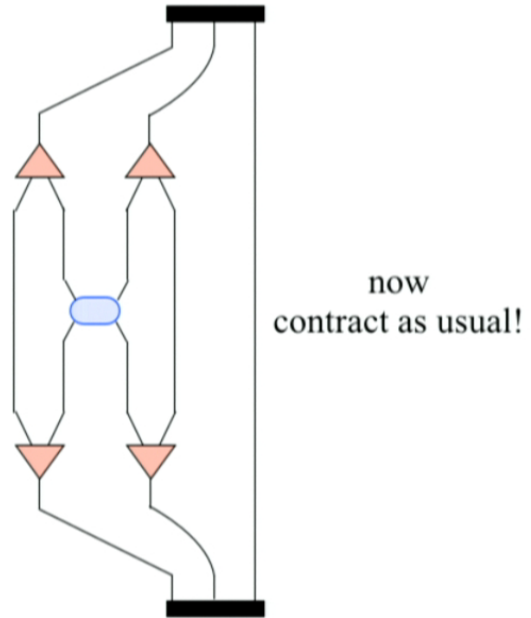
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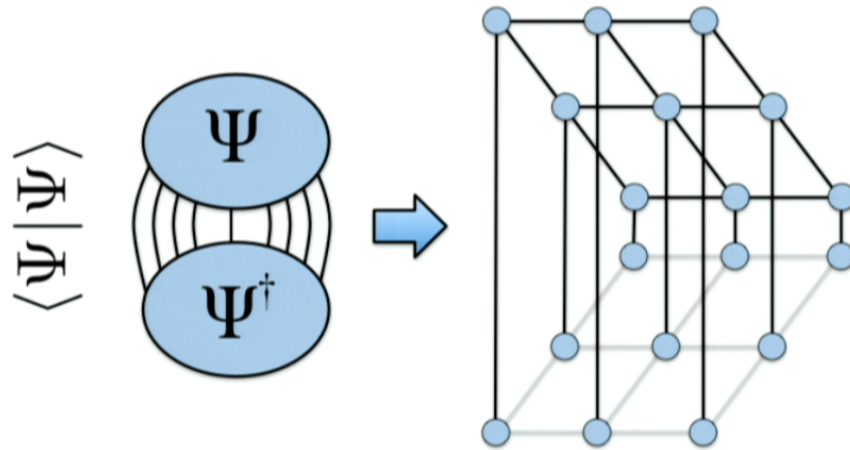


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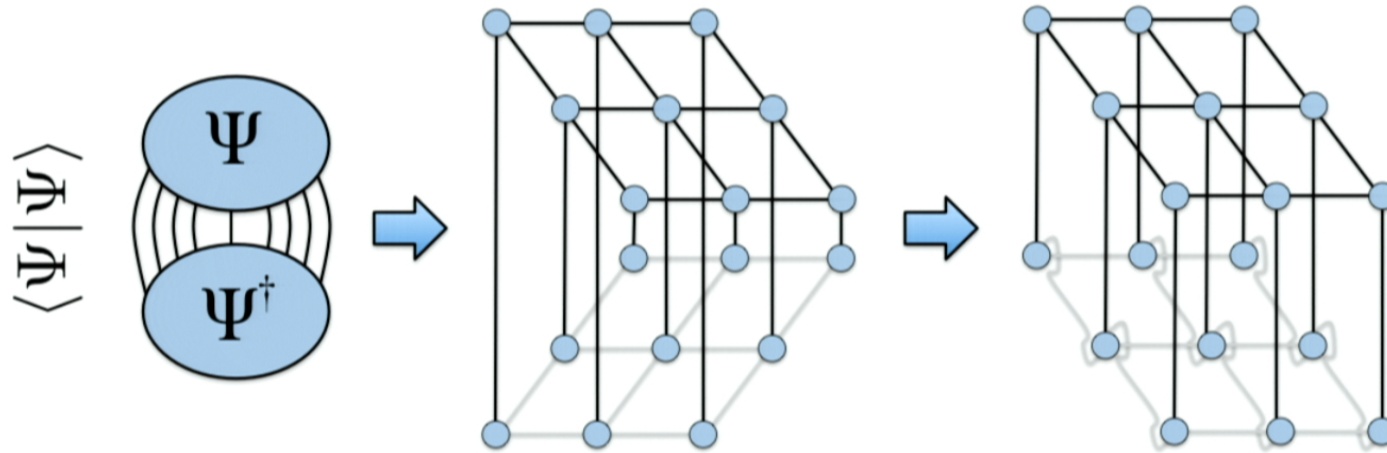




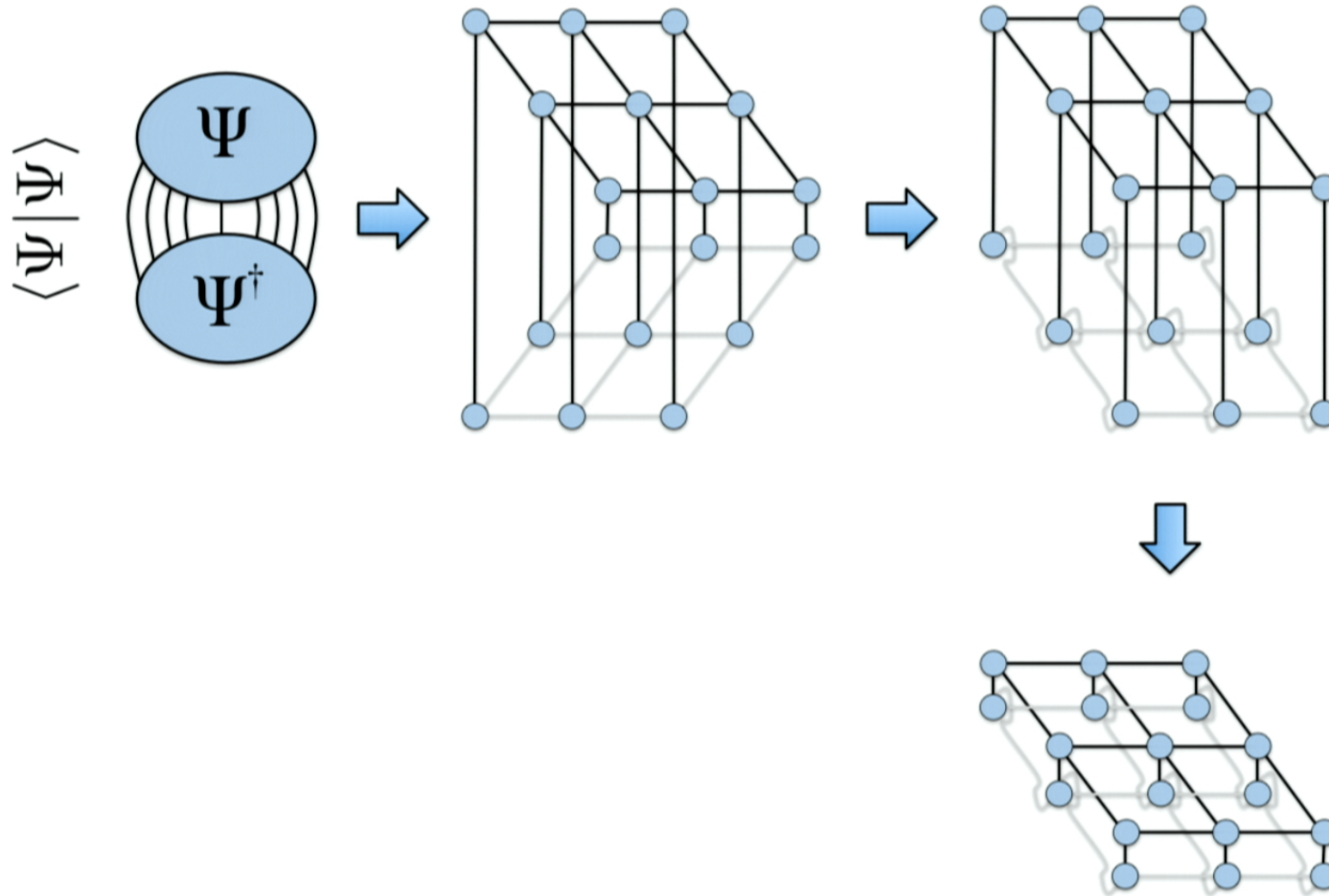
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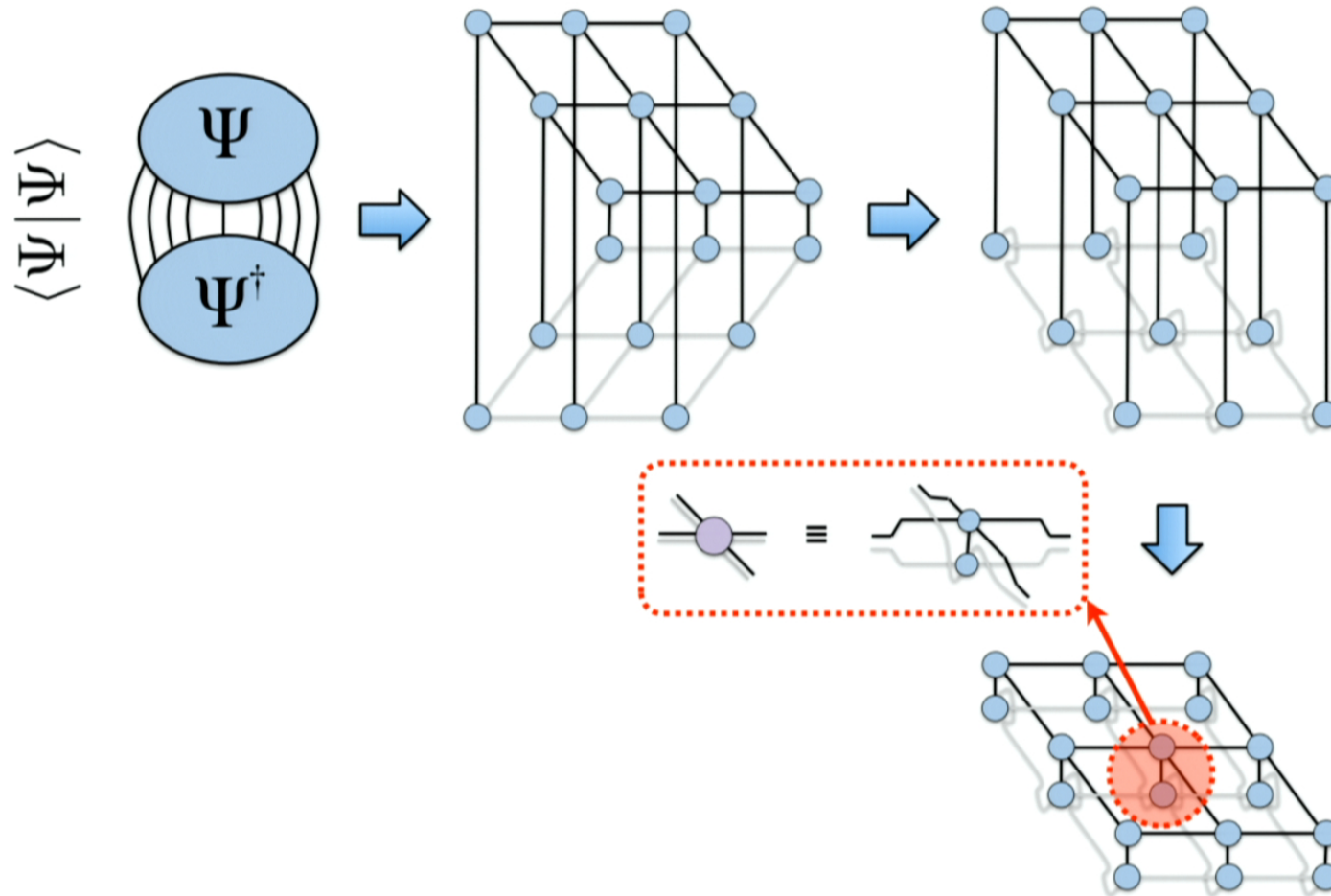
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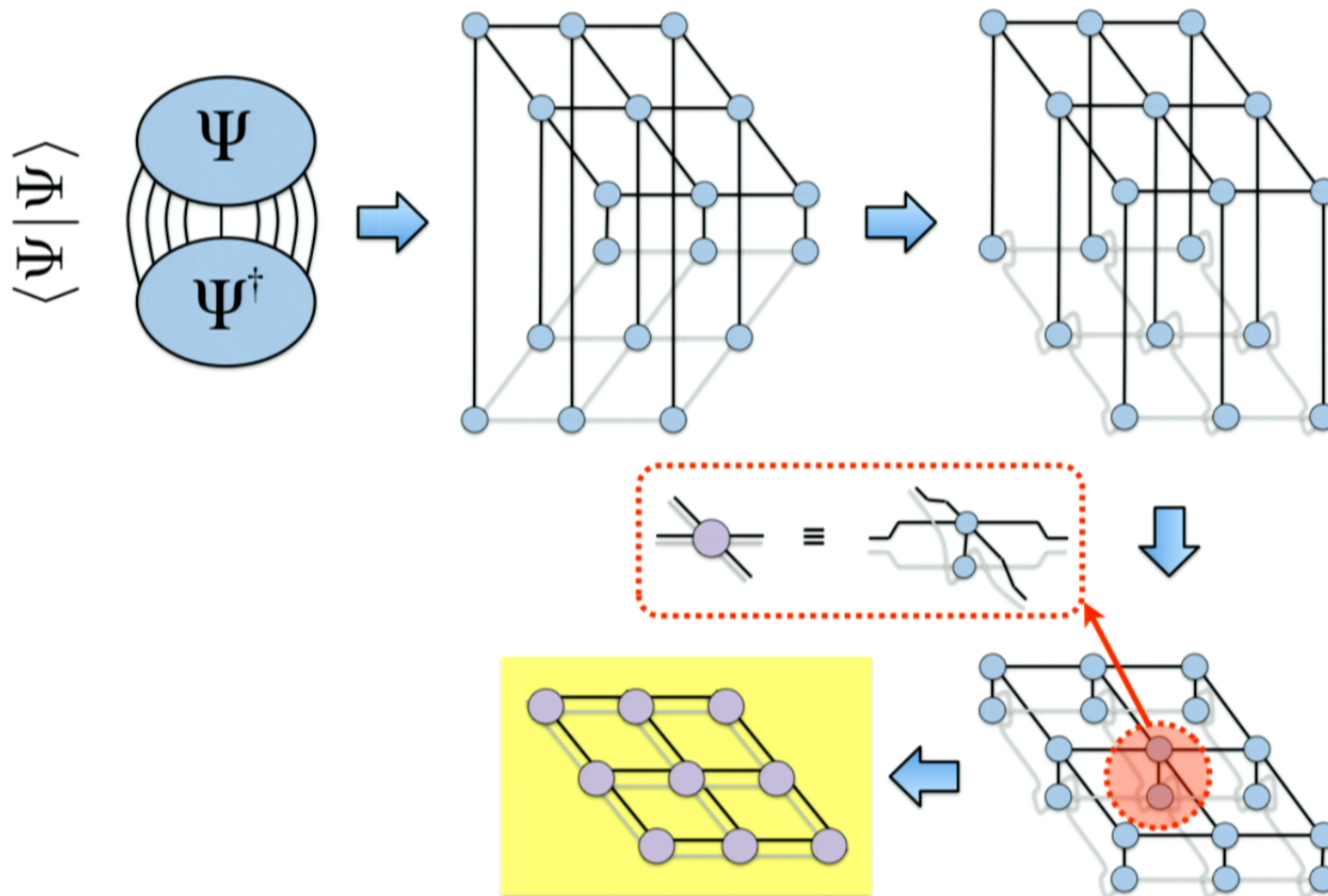
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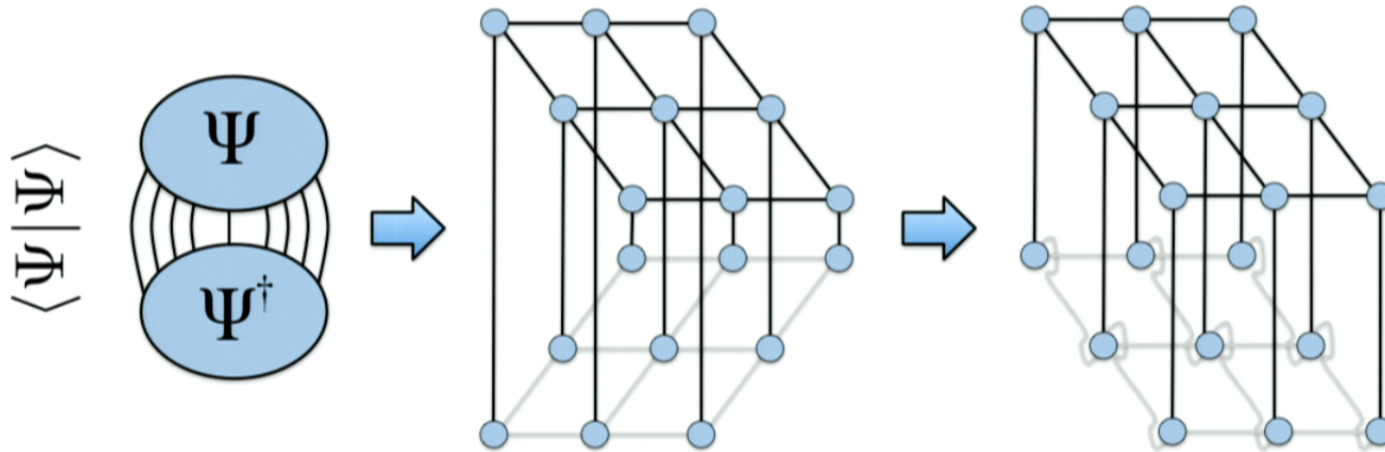
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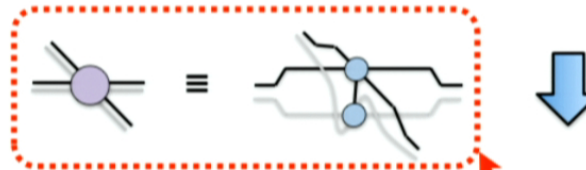
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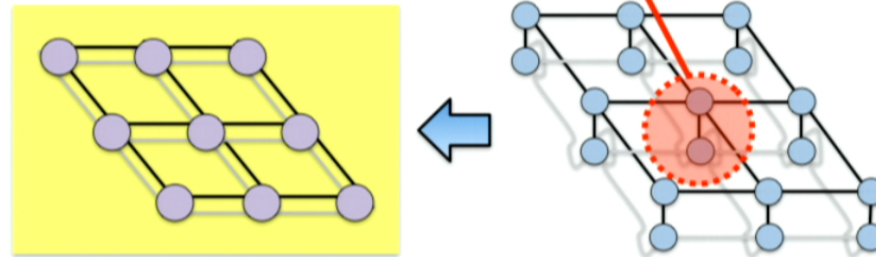
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► Fermionic character taken into account **locally!**



► **No** crossings left!





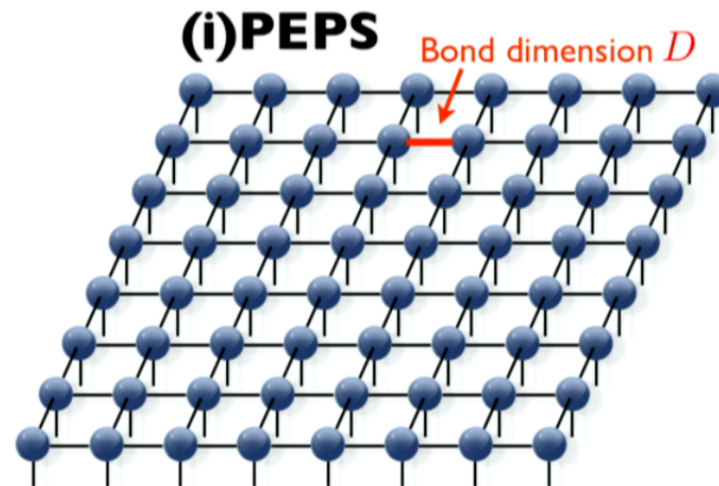
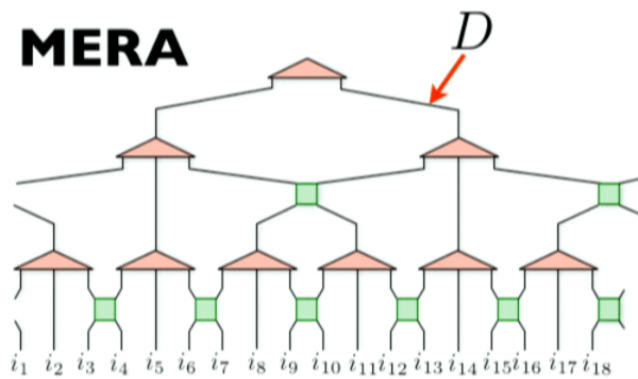
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→ Simulate fermionic systems with 2D tensor networks



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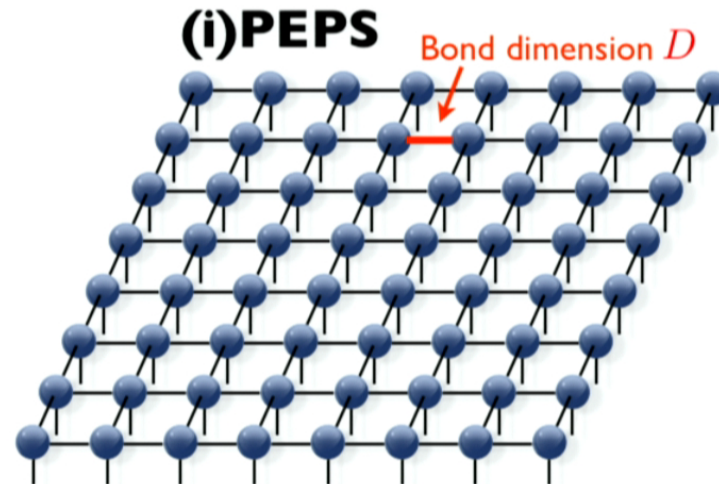
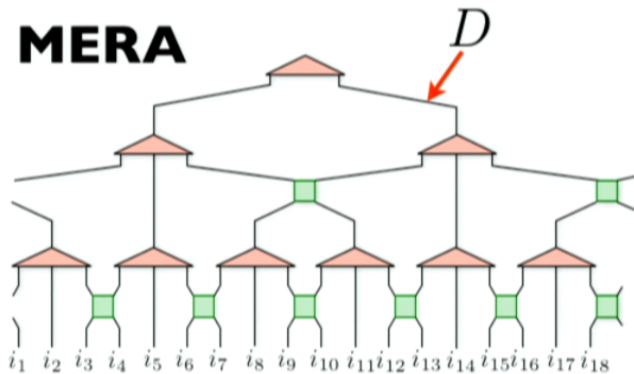
PEPS:  $k \approx 10 \dots 12$

2D MERA:  $k = 16$

polynomial scaling  
but large exponent!

- How large does  $D$  have to be?

▶ It depends on the amount of entanglement in the system!

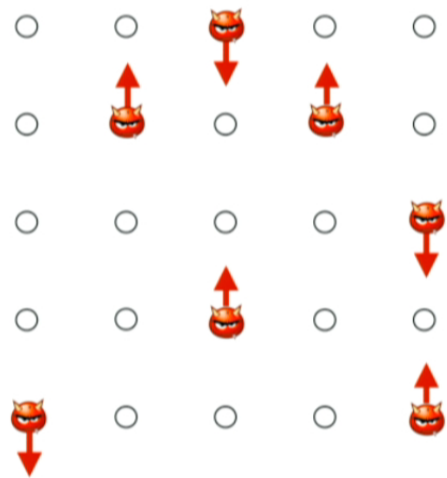


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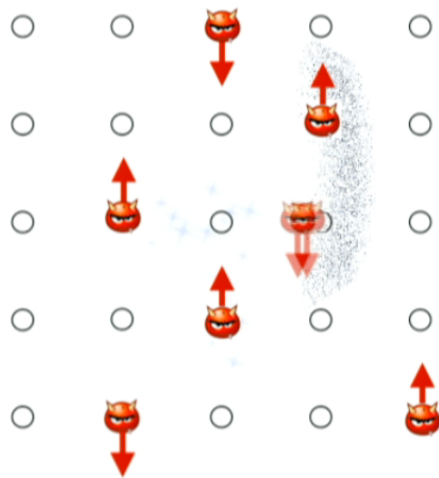


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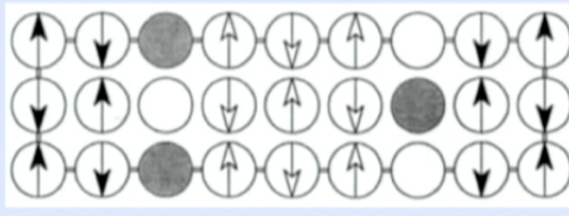
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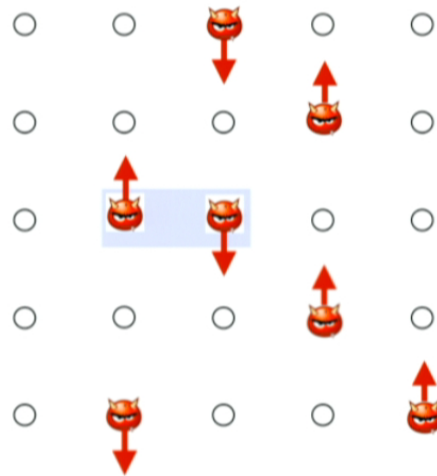
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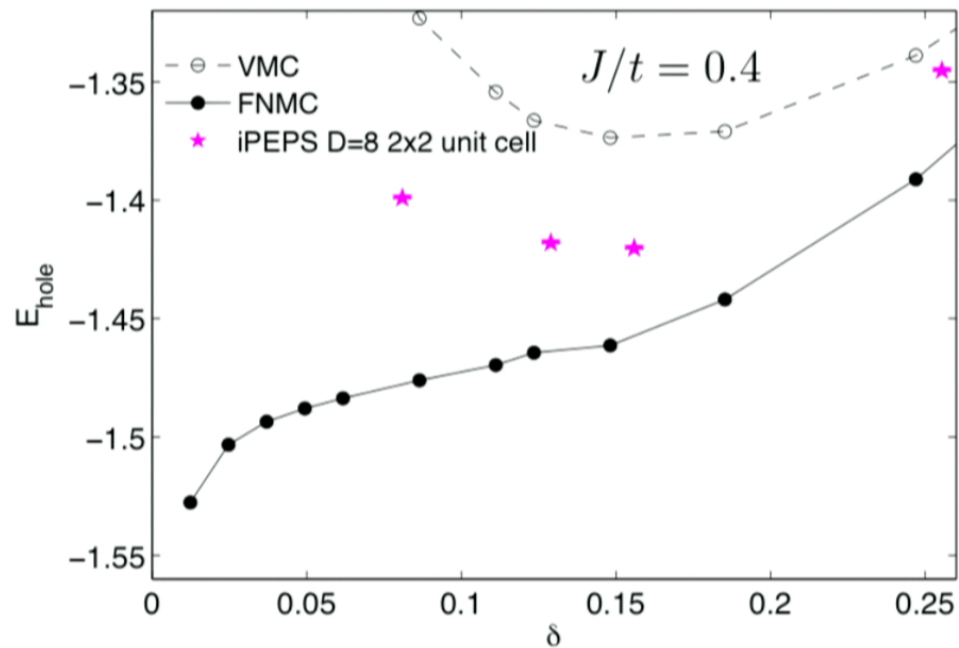
DMRG (wide ladders): **YES!**

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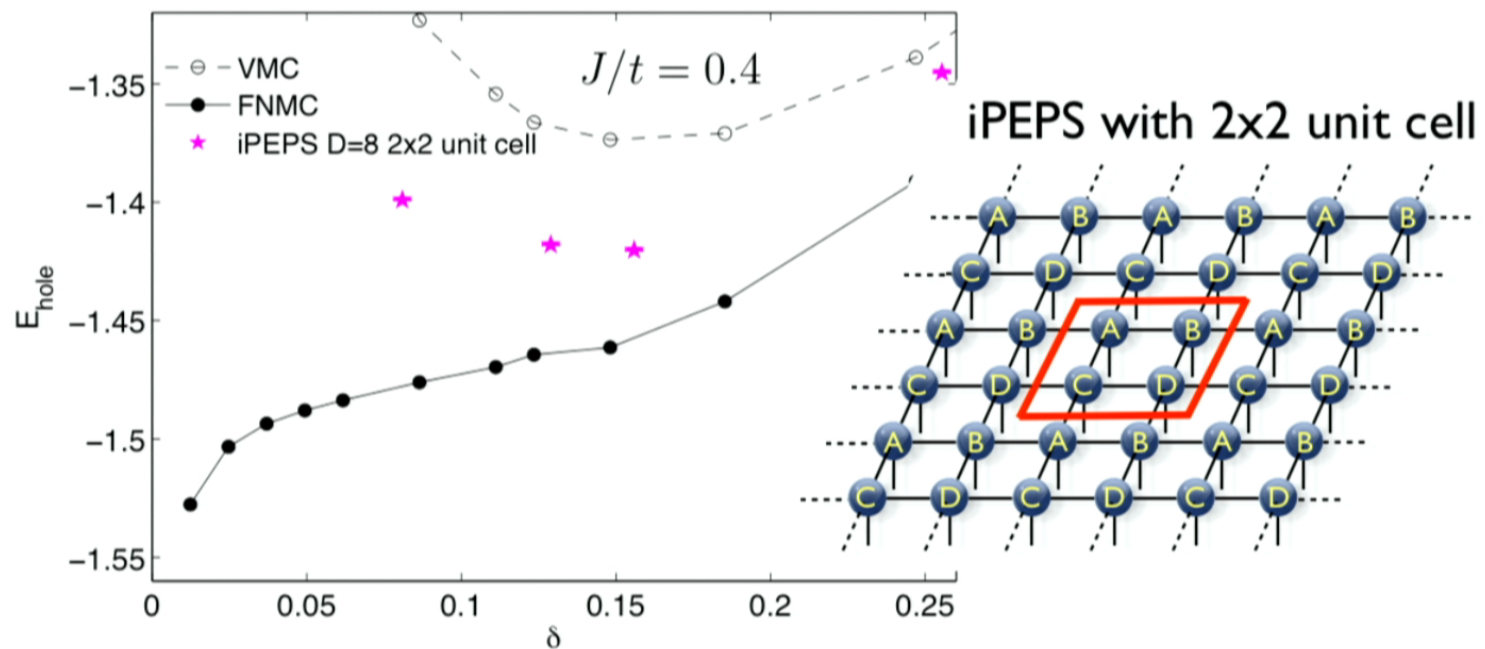




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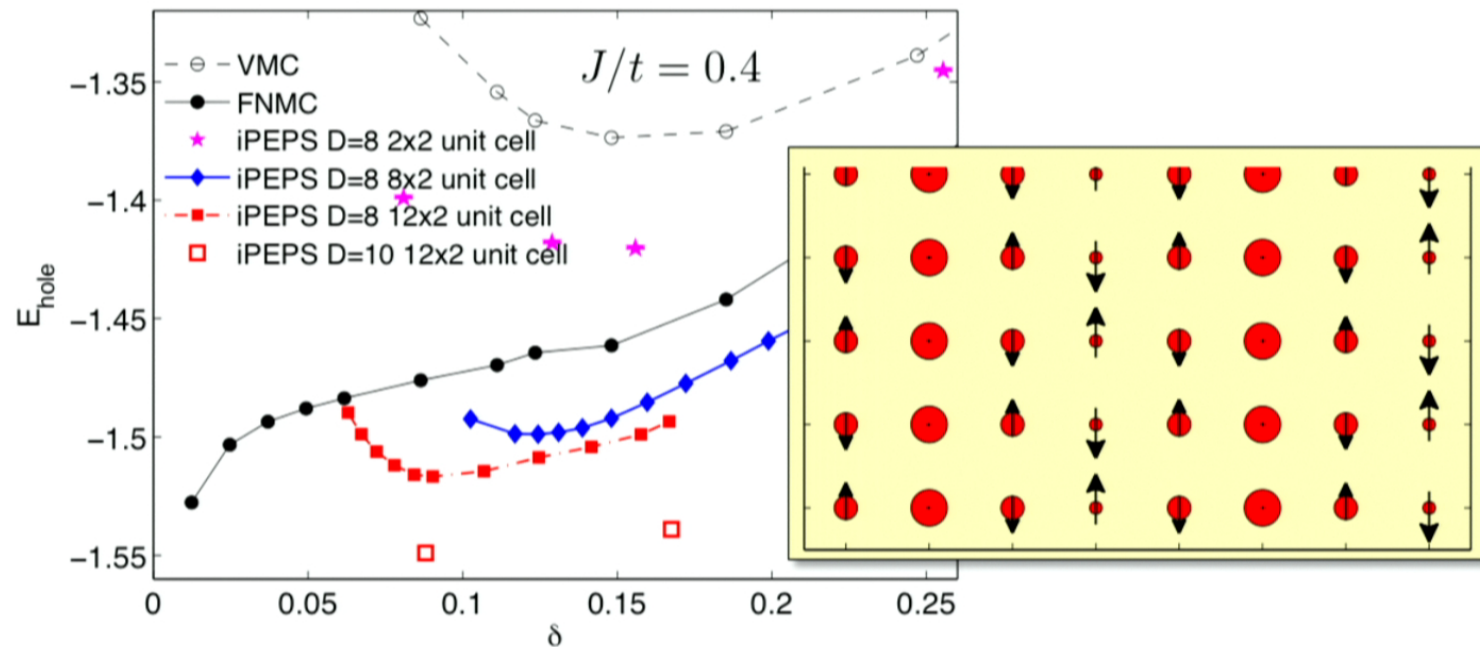
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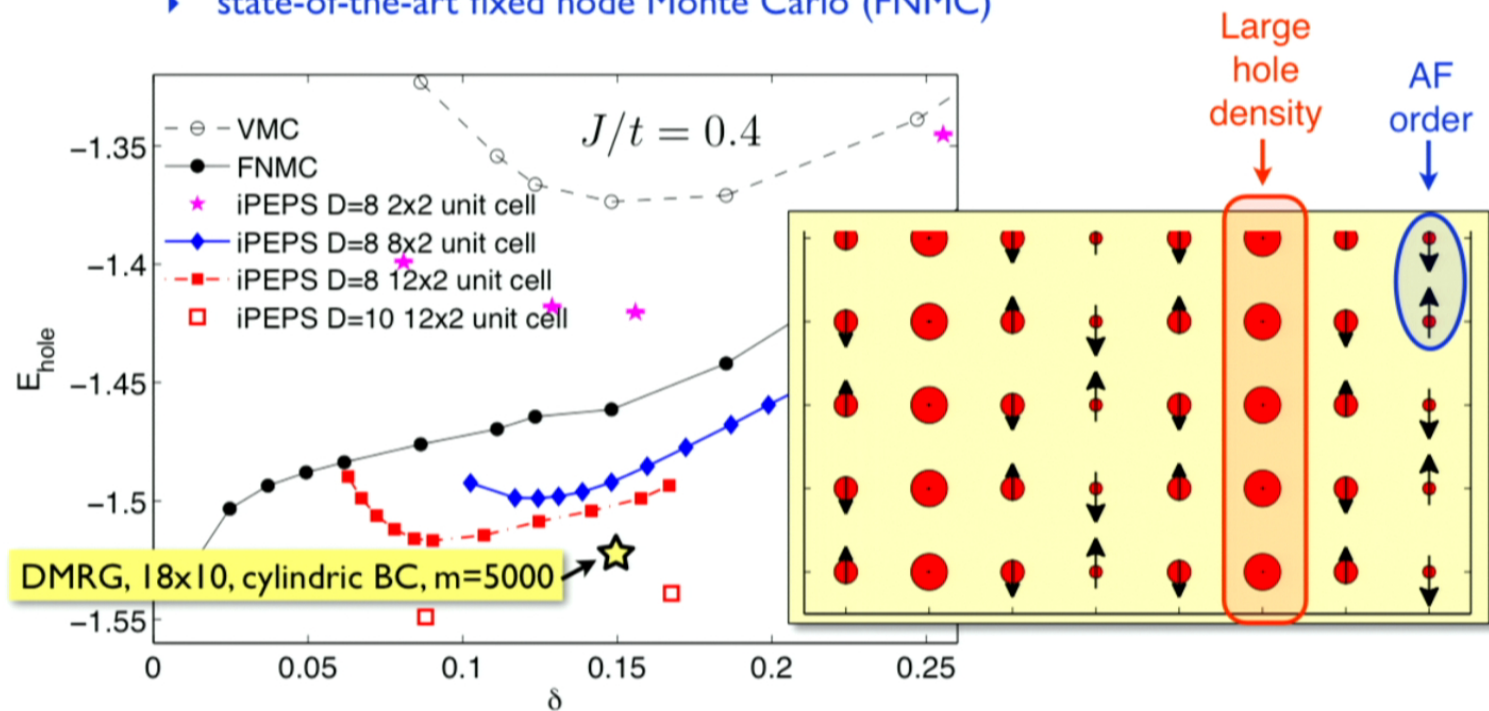


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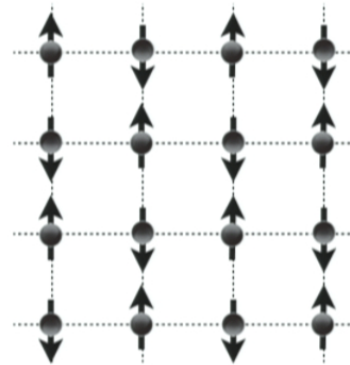


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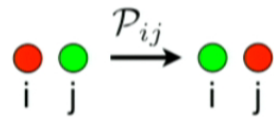
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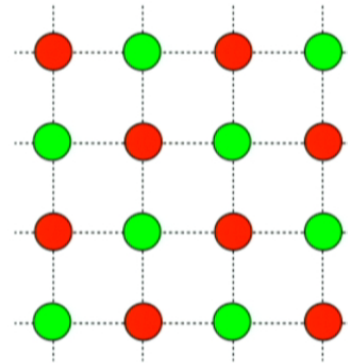
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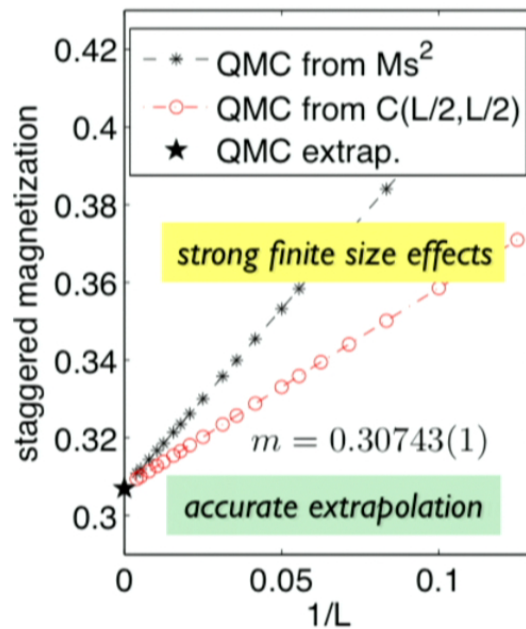
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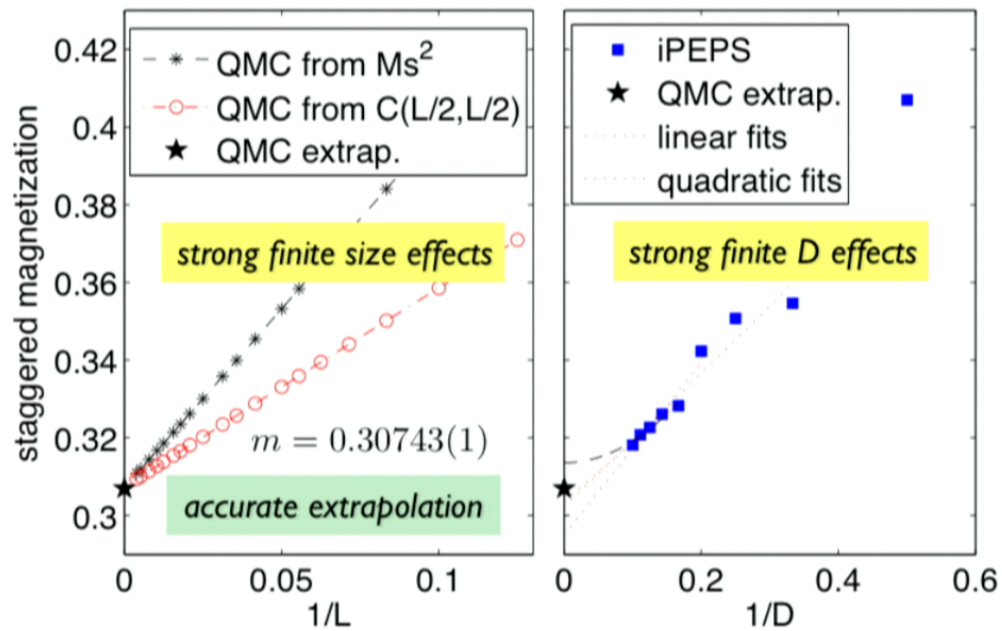
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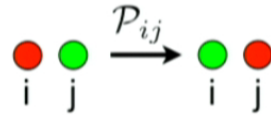
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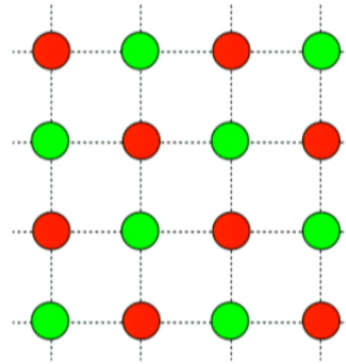


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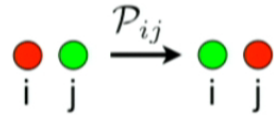
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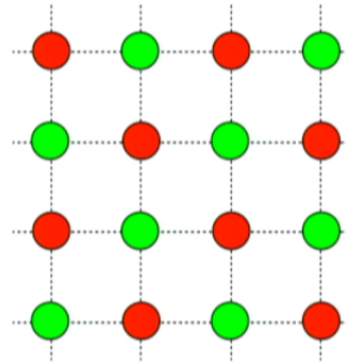
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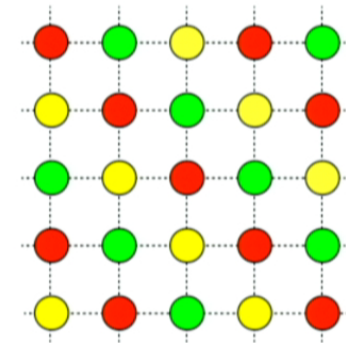
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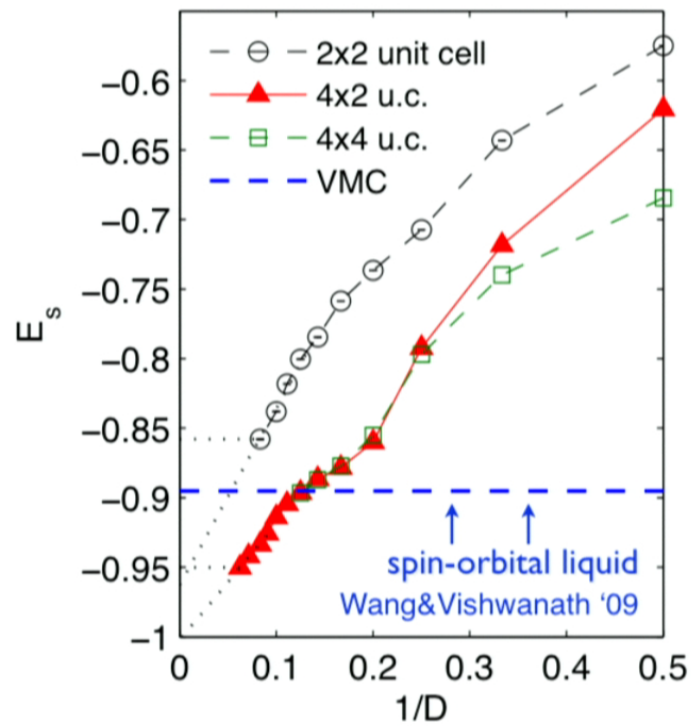
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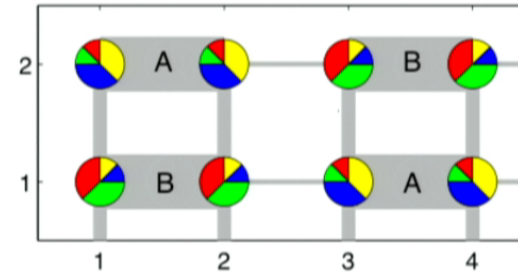
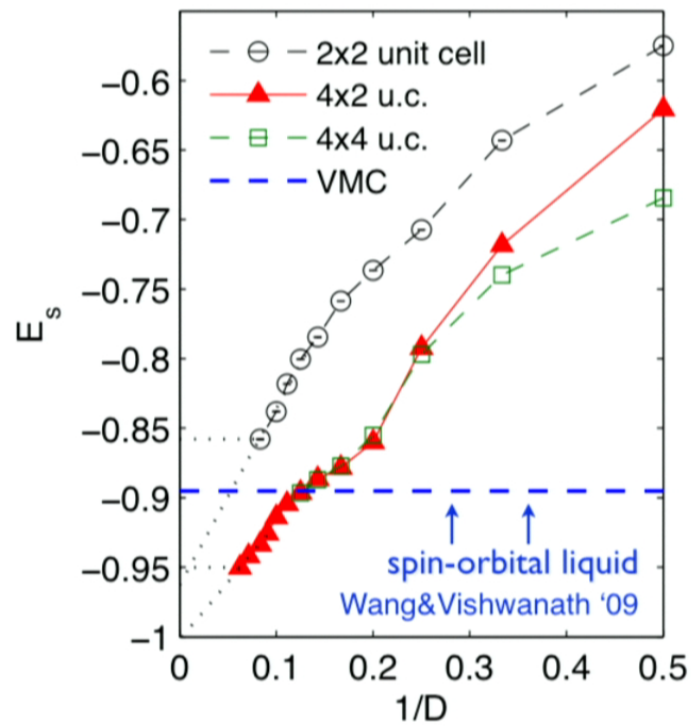
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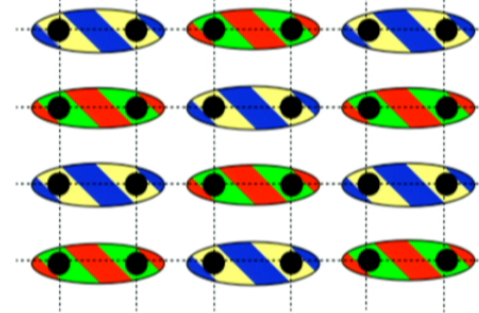


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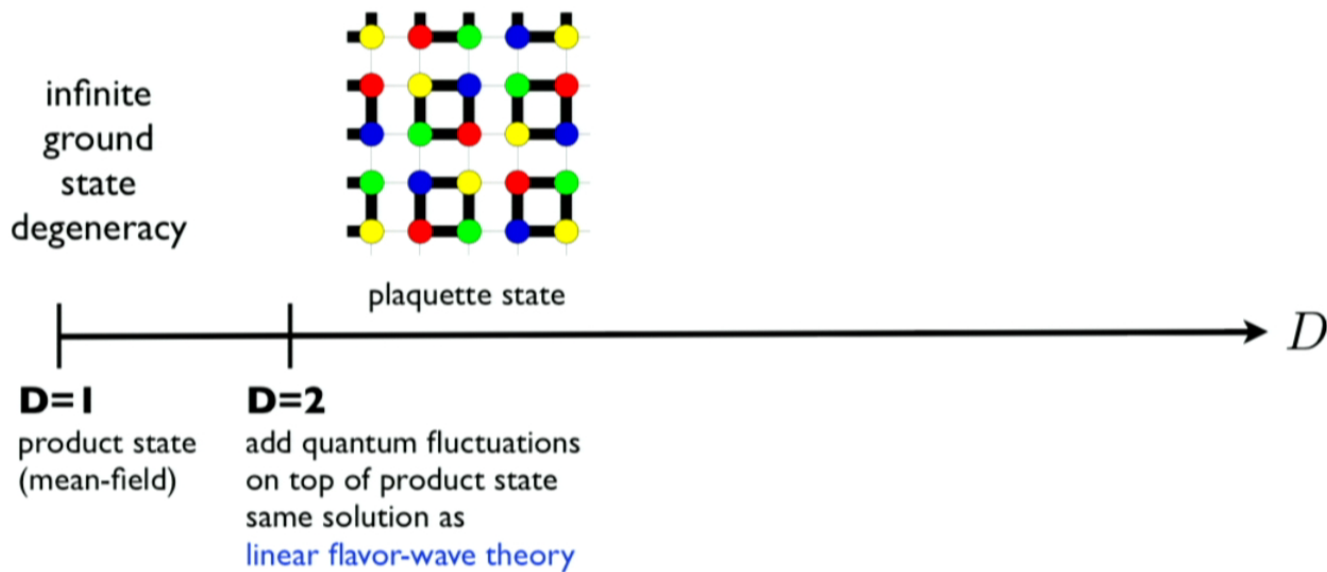


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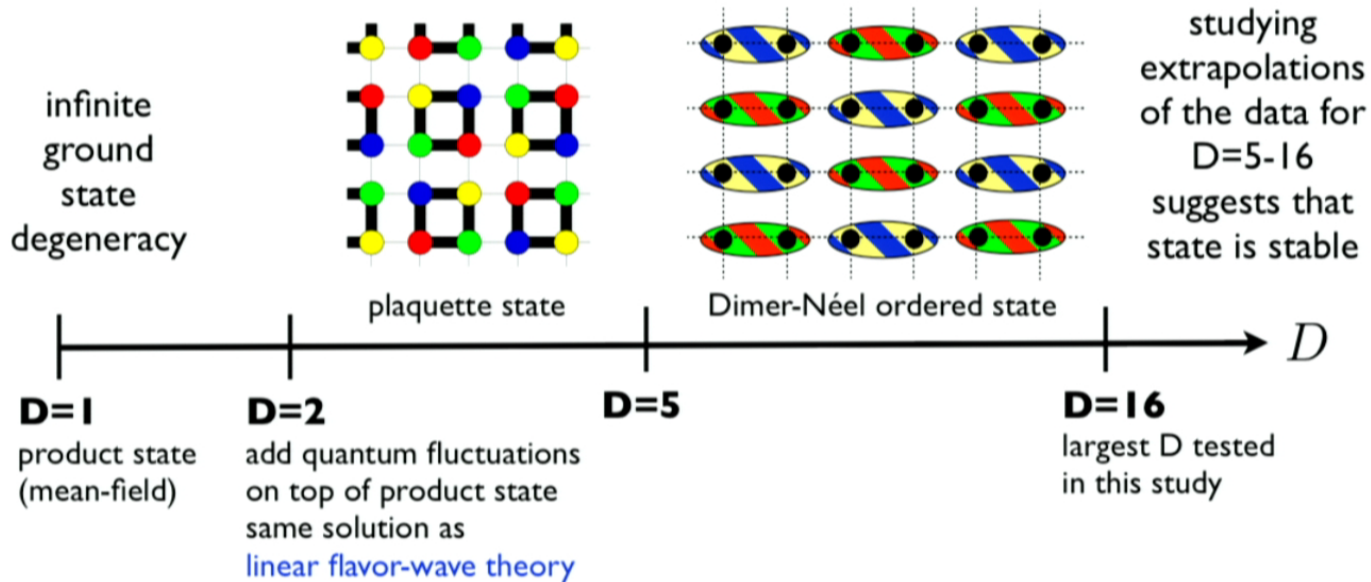




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