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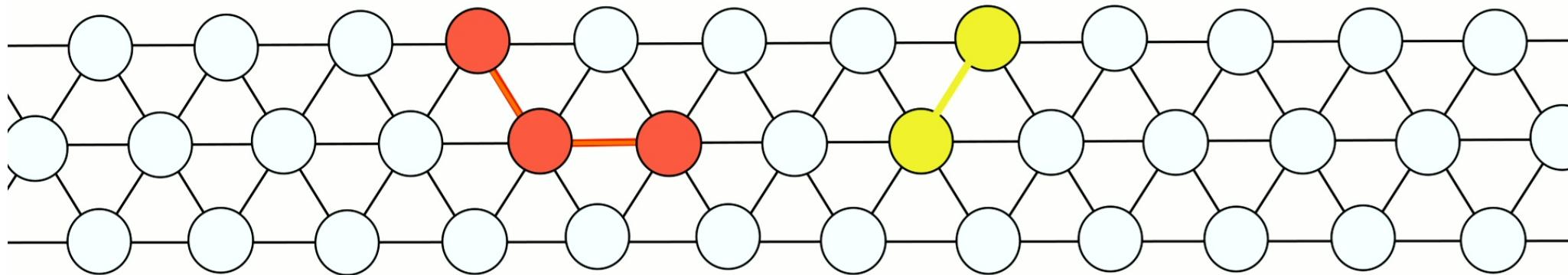
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Abstract: Variational methods have proven to be excellent tools to approximate the ground states of complex many-body Hamiltonians. Generic tools such as neural networks are extremely powerful, but their parameters are not necessarily physically motivated. Thus, an efficient parametrization of the wave function can become challenging. In this talk I will introduce a neural-network-based variational ansatz that retains the flexibility of these generic methods while allowing for a tunability with respect to the relevant correlations governing the physics of the system. I will illustrate the ansatz on a model exhibiting topological phase transitions: The toric code in the presence of magnetic fields. Additionally, I will talk about the use of variational wave functions to gain physical insights beyond lattice models, in particular for the real use-case of two-dimensional materials.

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Part I: Variational wave-functions: Neural Networks and physical intuition

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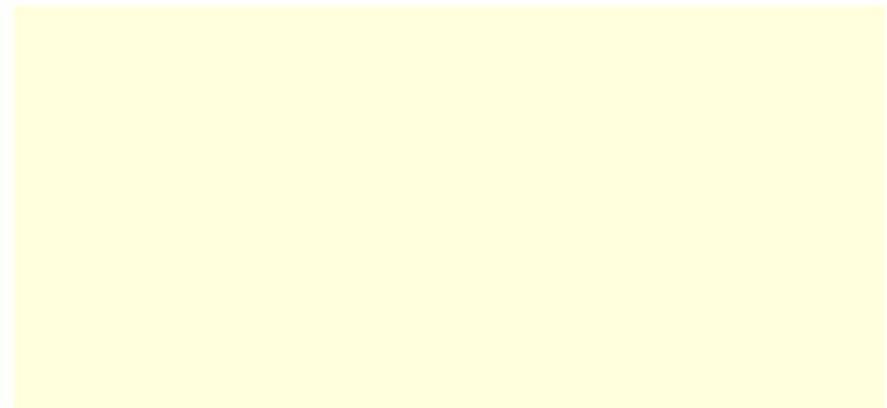
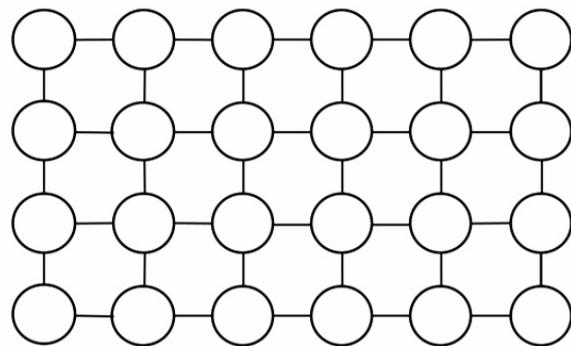
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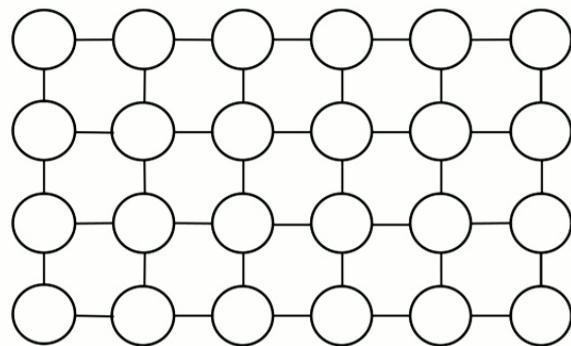
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Physical states

↳ Poly( $N$ ) parameters?

# Variational formulation

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_S \Psi(S) |S\rangle$$

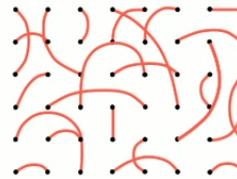


parametrize:  $\Psi(S) \approx \Psi_W(S)$

## Variational principle

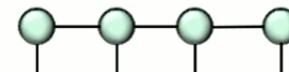
$$E_{var}(W) = \frac{\langle \Psi_W | H | \Psi_W \rangle}{\langle \Psi_W | \Psi_W \rangle} \geq E_G$$

## Variational wave functions



[P Anderson, Science (1987)]

[R Jastrow, PR (1955)]

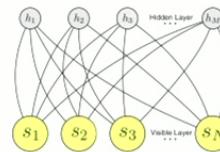


Motivated by physics of model:  
RVB, Slater-Jastrow...

Area law entanglement:  
MPS, PEPS...

[A Klümper et al., J. Phys. A (1991)]

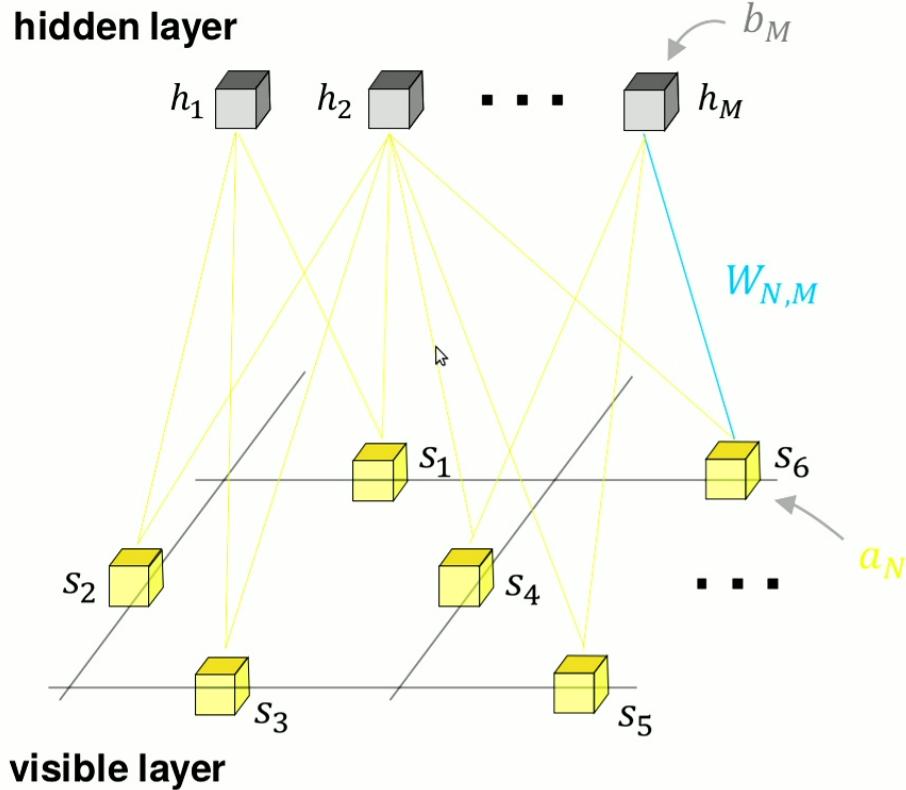
[S R White, PRL (1992)], [R Orus, AoP (2014)]



Generic:  
Neural Networks

[G Carleo and M Troyer, Science (2017)]

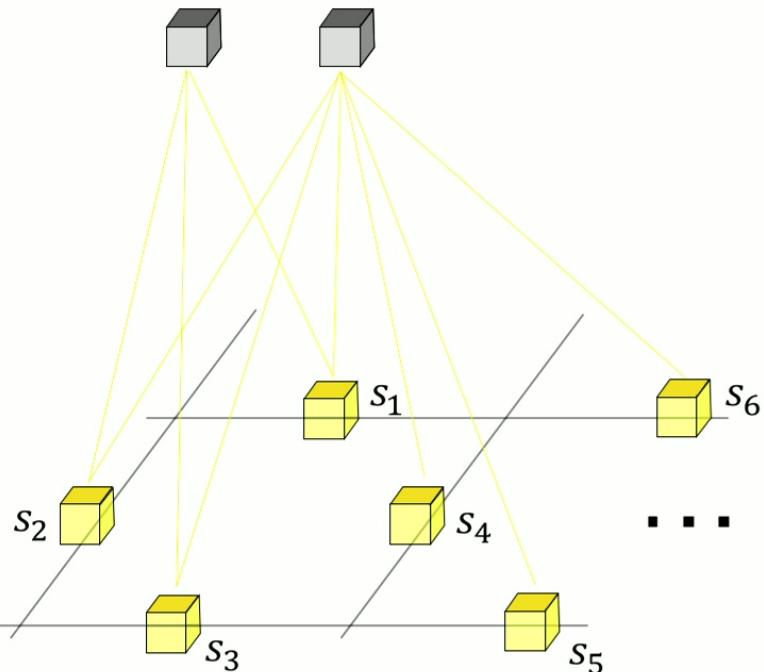
# Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)



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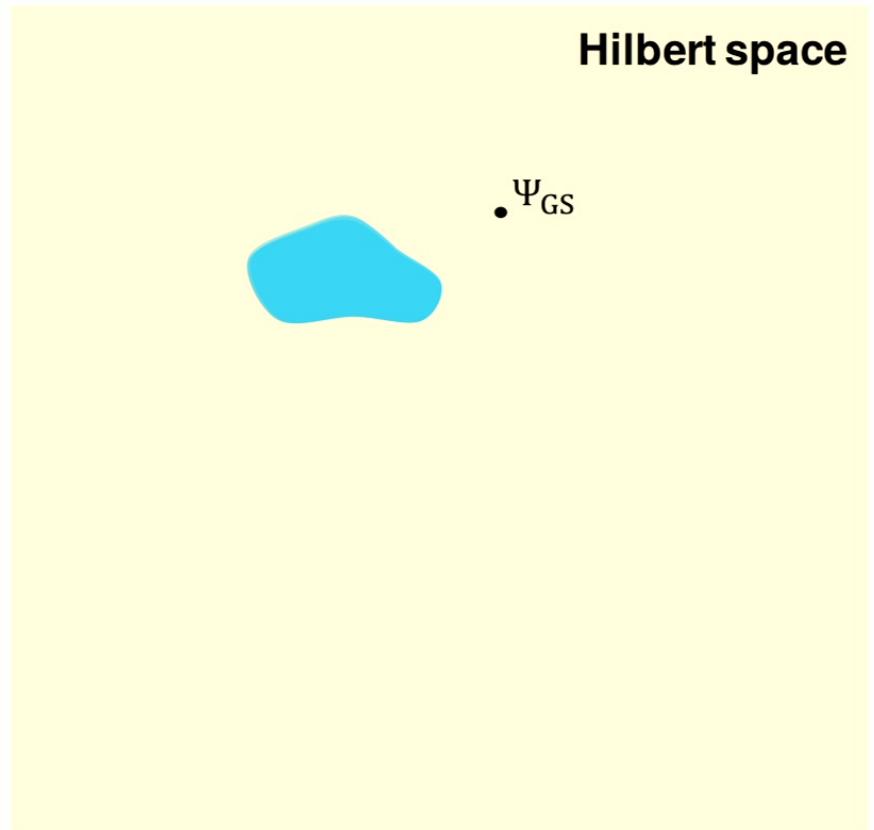
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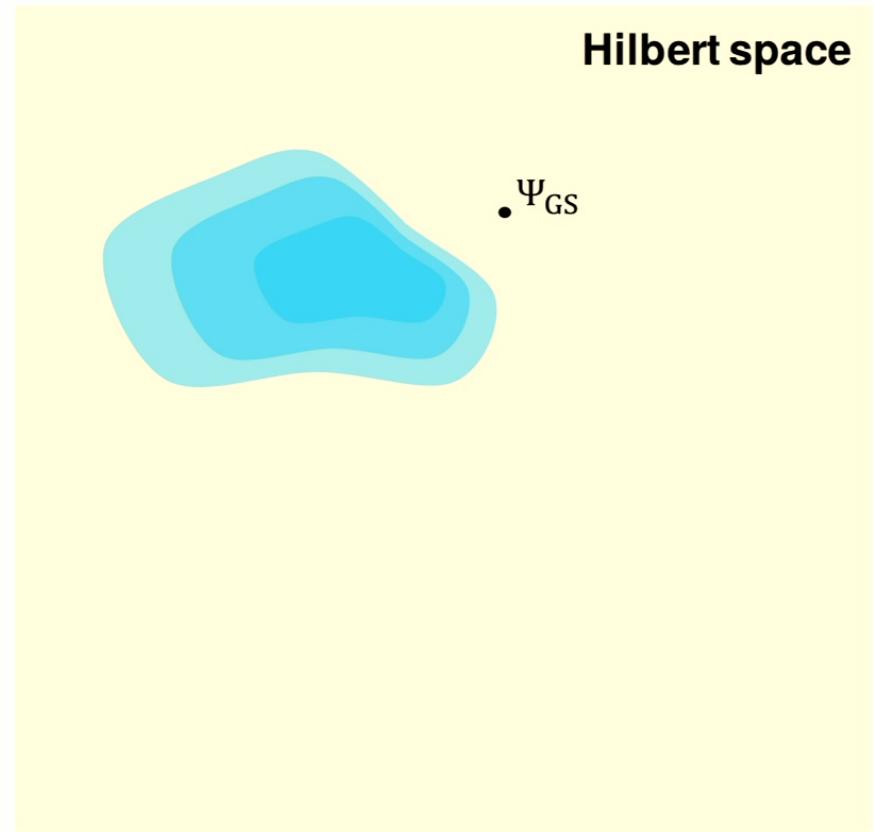
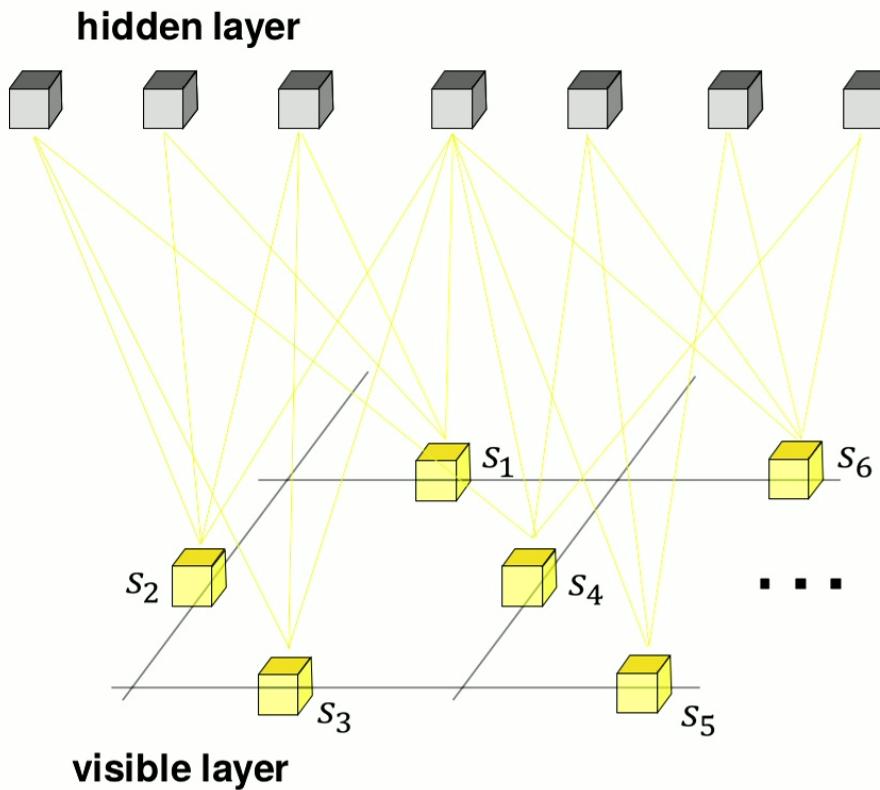


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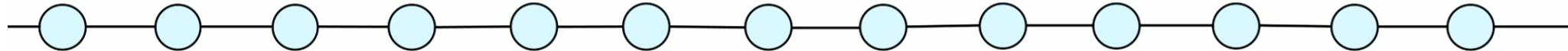
Hilbert space



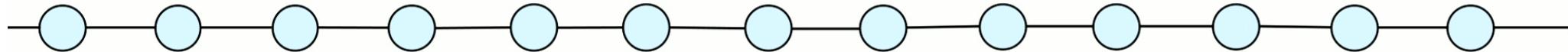
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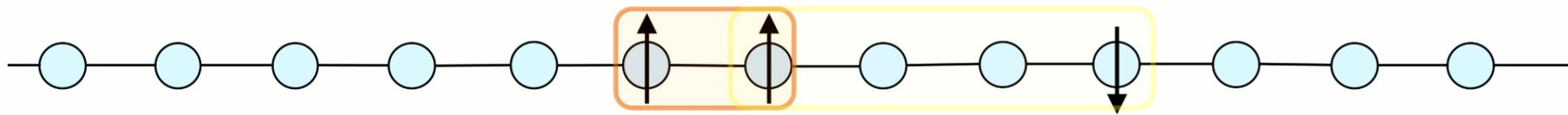
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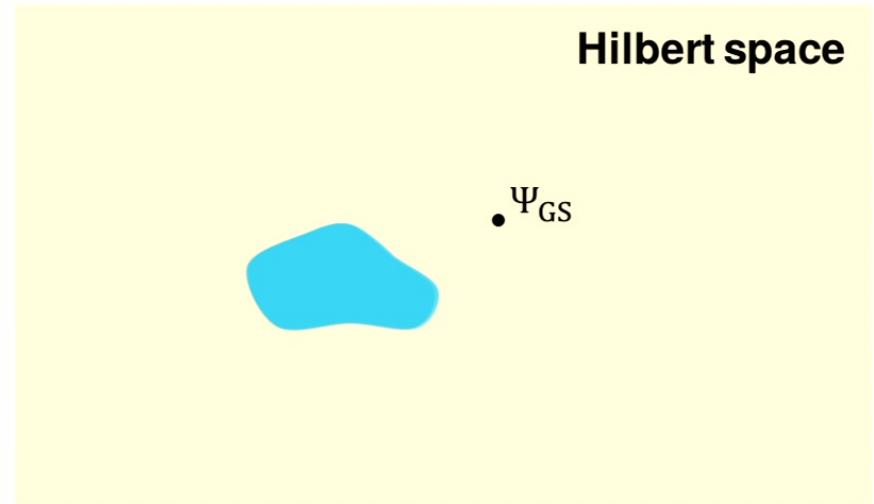
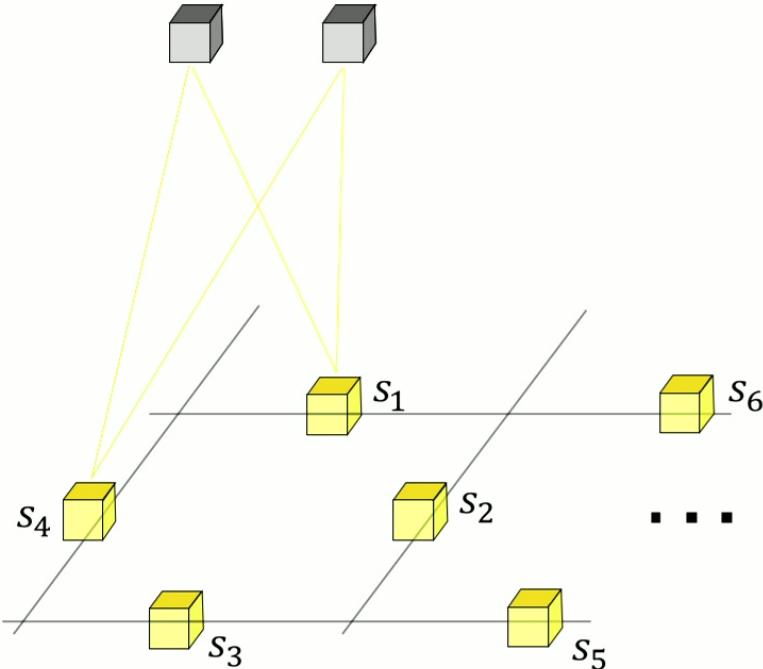
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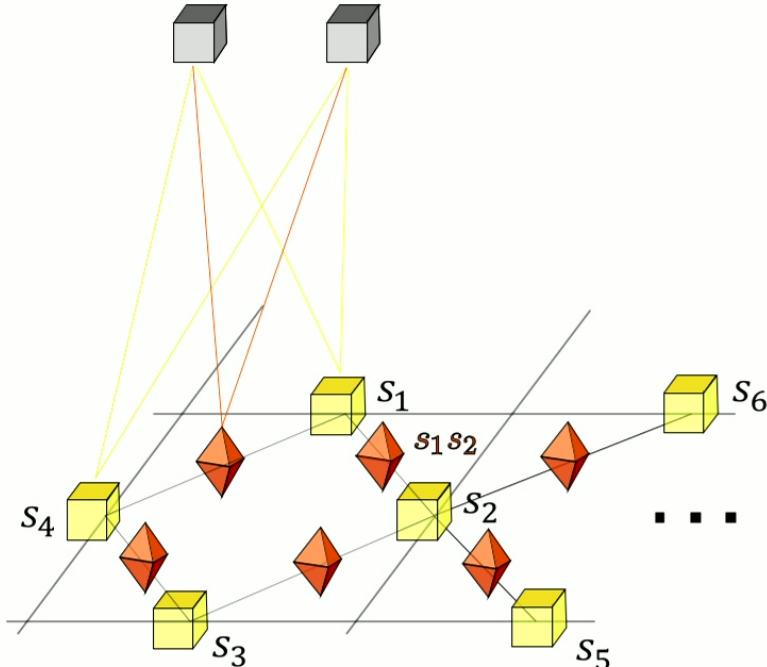
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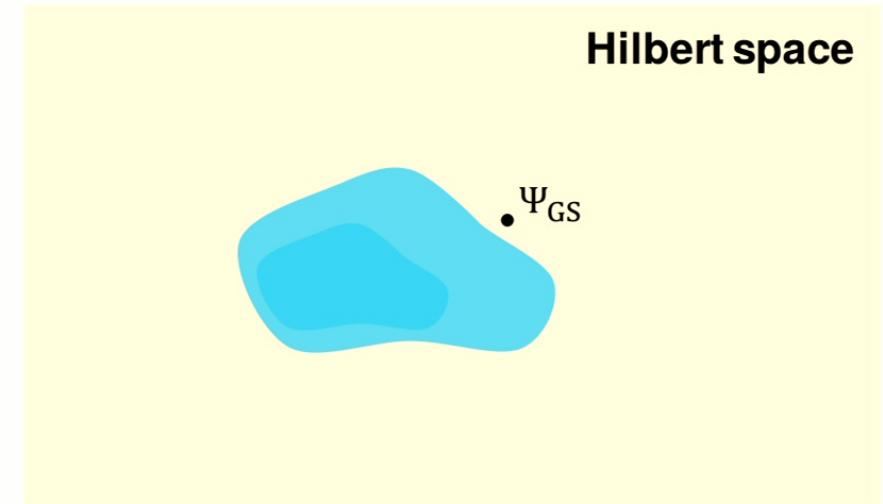
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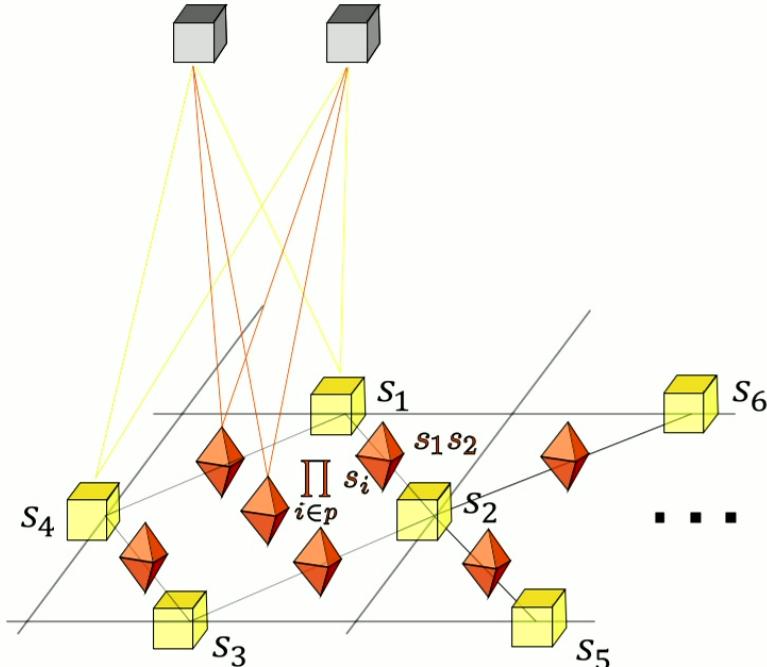
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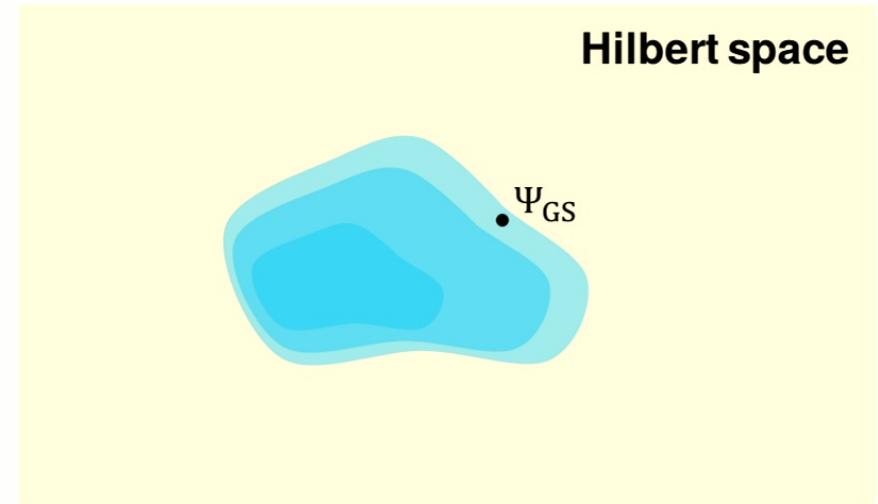
- Introduce Correlators  $C_i = s_{i_1} \cdot \dots \cdot s_{i_n}$  to the visible layer

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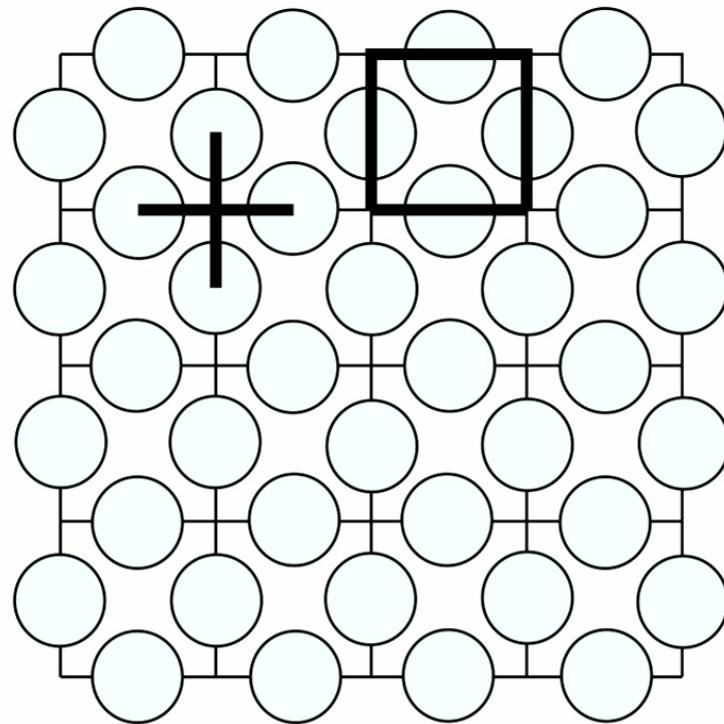
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# Toric code model

$$H_{TC} = - \sum_s A_s - \sum_p B_p$$

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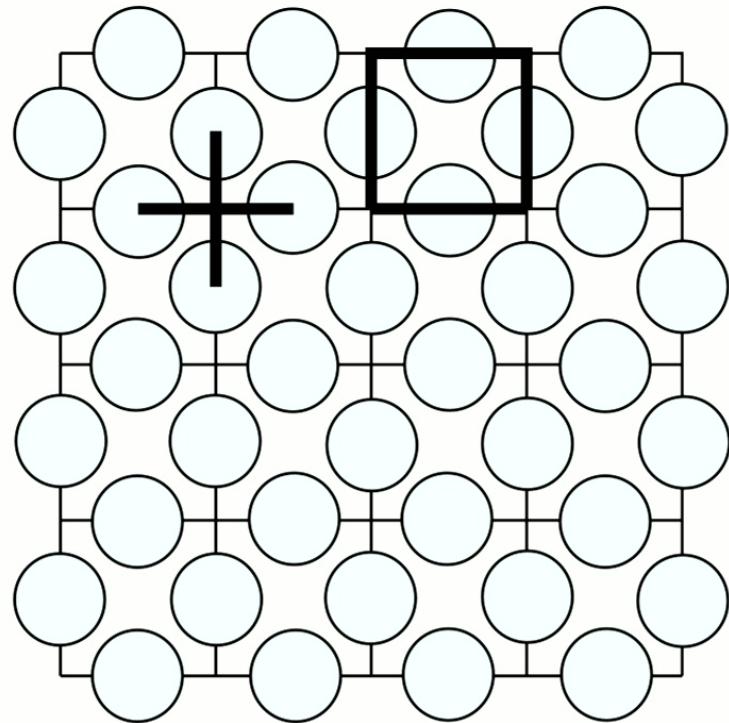
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[AY Kitaev, Ann. Phys. (2003)]

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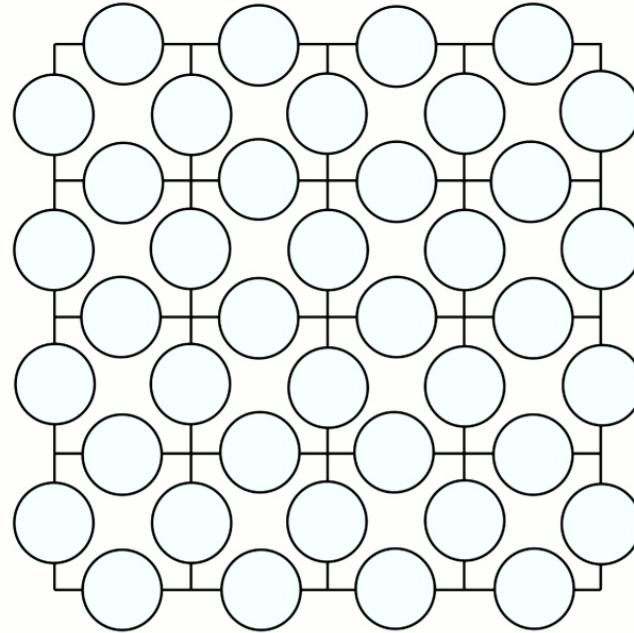


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→ How stable is the topological phase against perturbations?

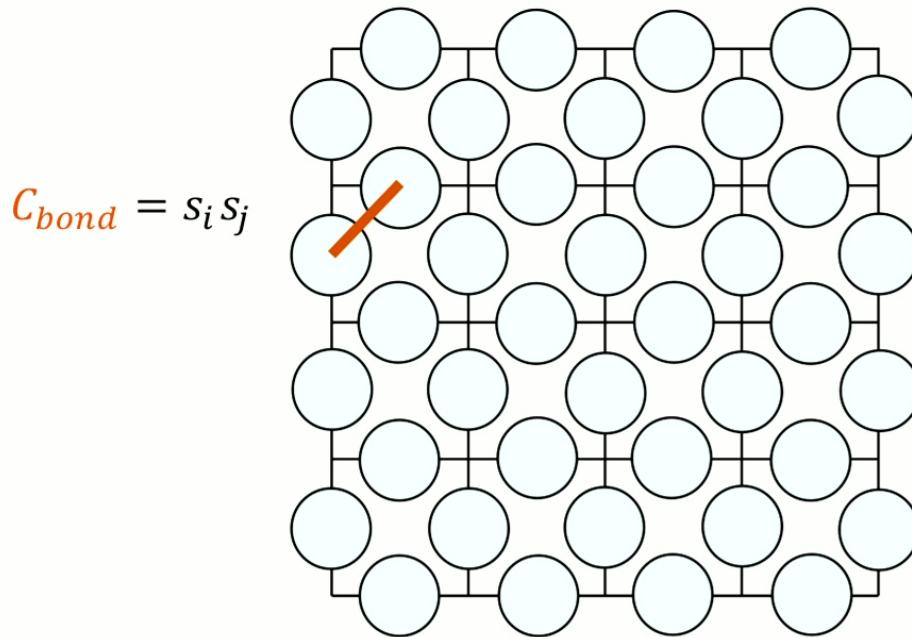
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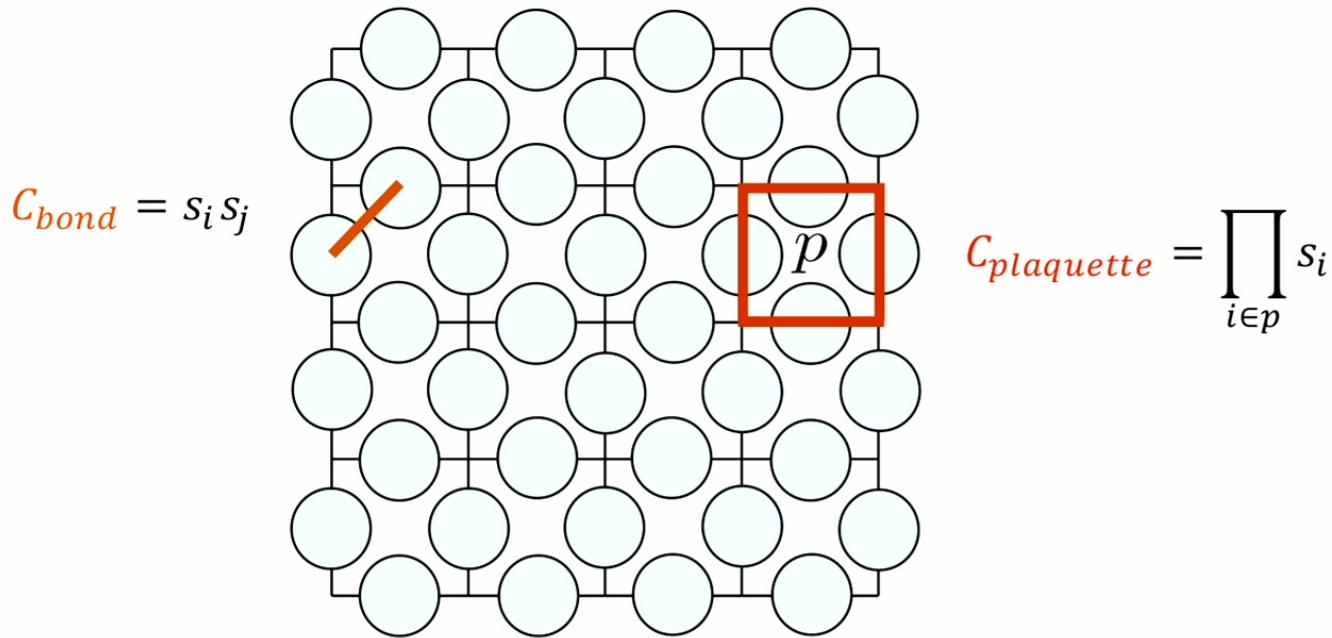
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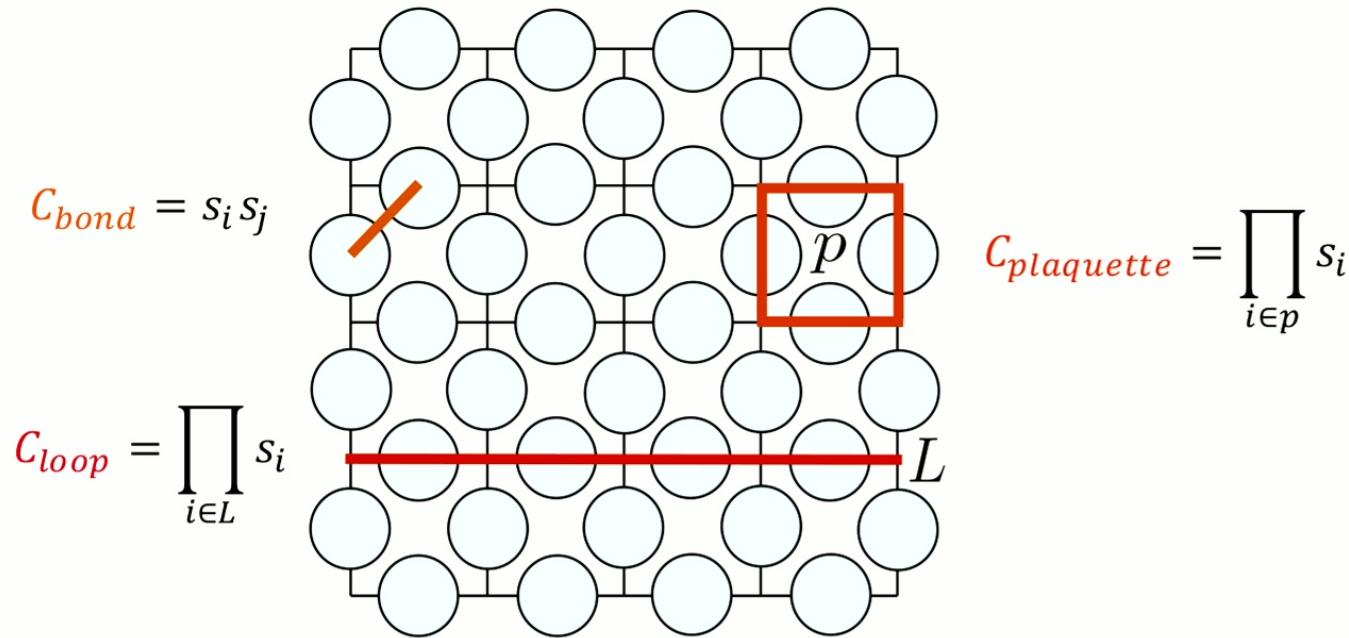
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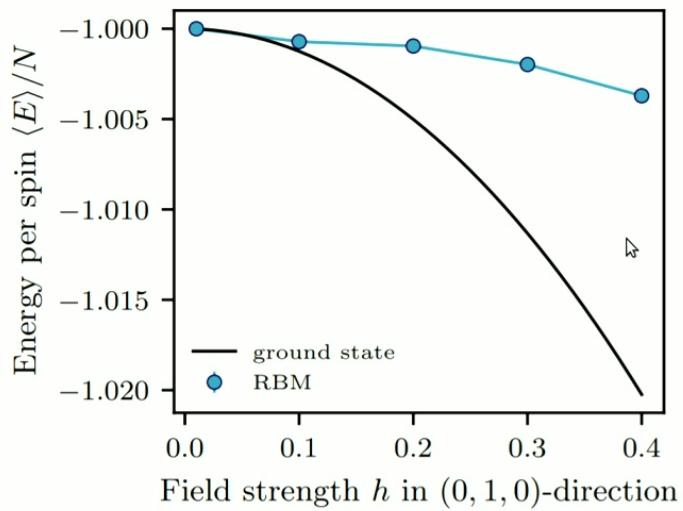
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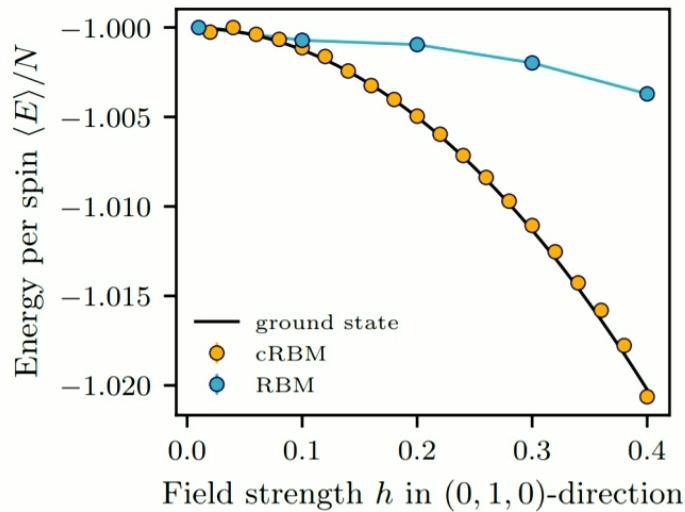


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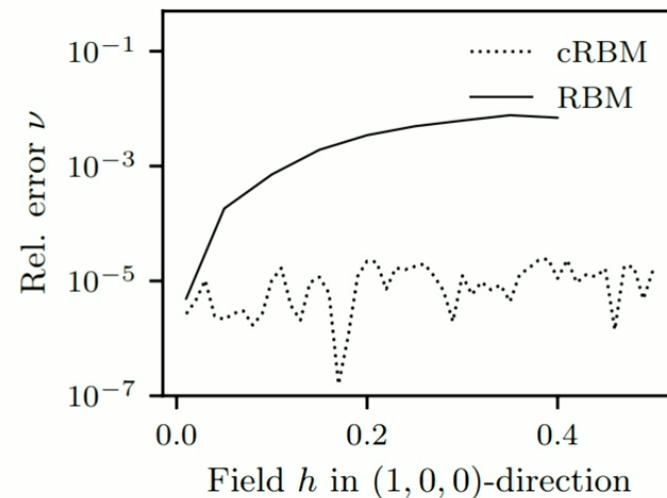
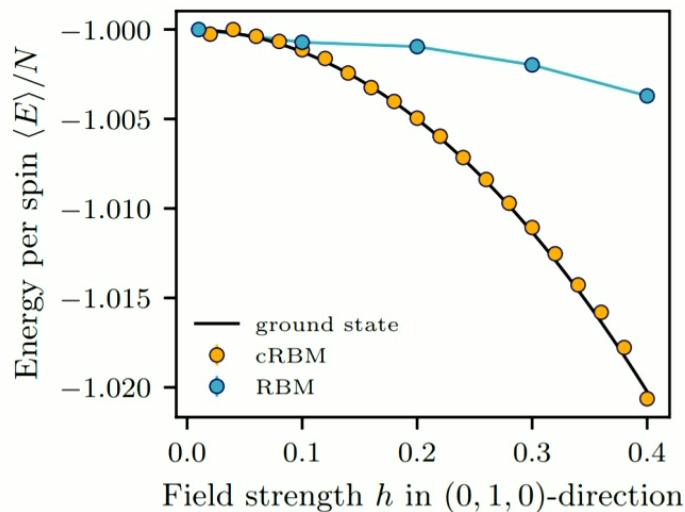
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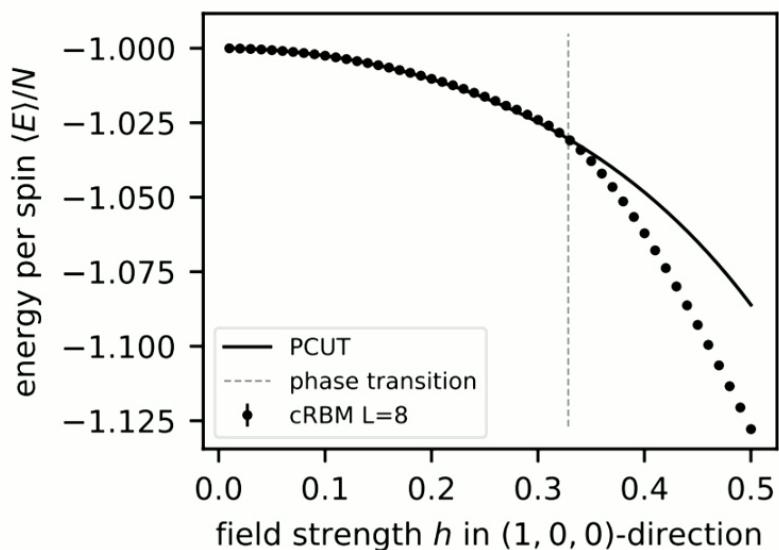


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→ Introducing correlators improves precision by **several orders of magnitude**

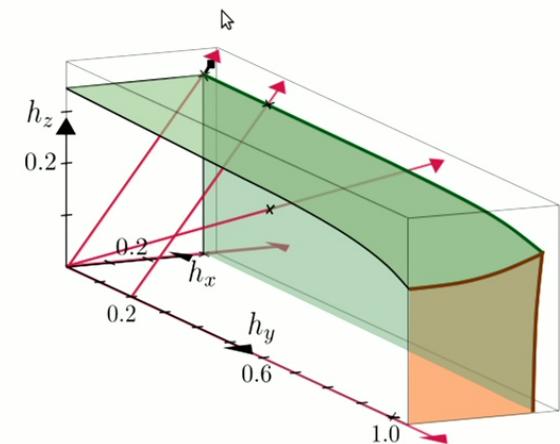
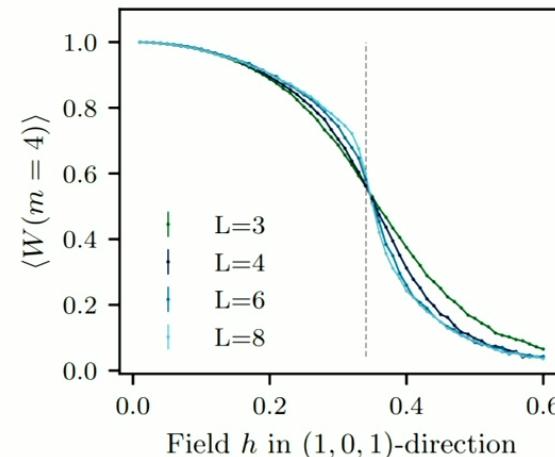
# Scaling and topological phases



probe phase diagram

→

Wilson loops:  $\langle W \rangle = \langle \prod_{i \in \text{loop}} \sigma_i^z \rangle$



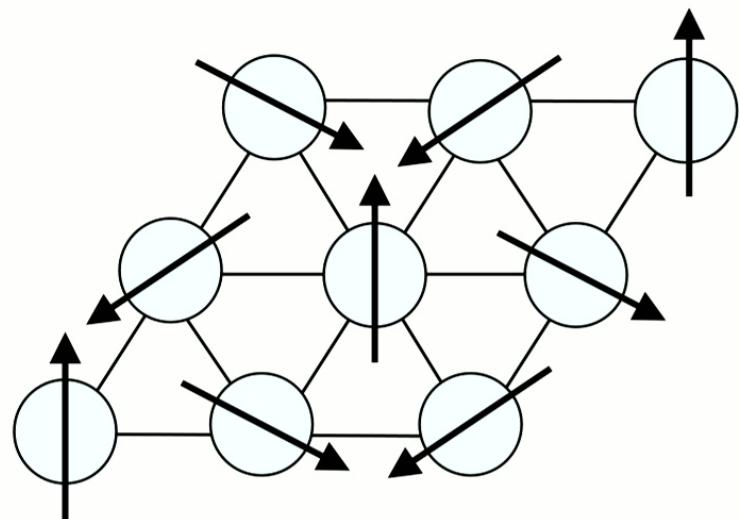
- Beyond exact diagonalization:  
Compare with perturbation theory

## Testing correlated RBMs on

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# Heisenberg model on the triangular lattice

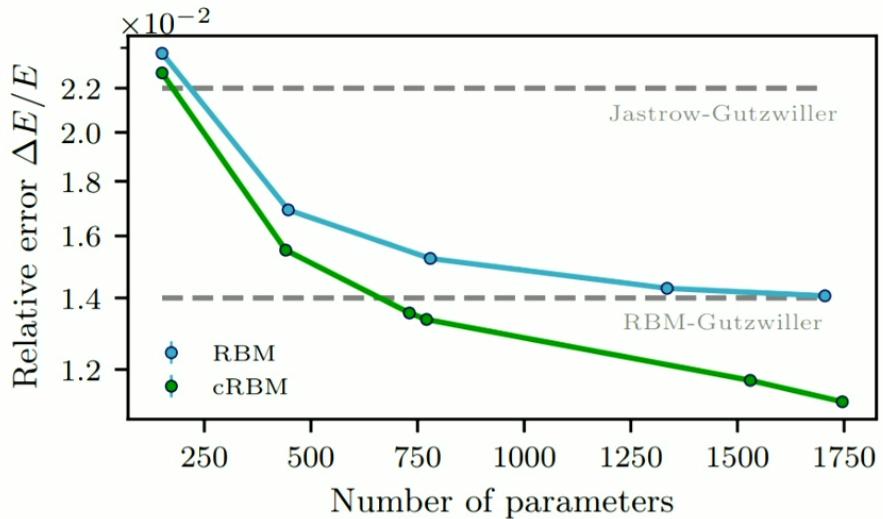
$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{S}_i \cdot \hat{S}_j, \quad \text{antiferromagnetic coupling: } J > 0$$



- Frustrated: classical Neel order unstable quantum fluctuations
- “Two types” of sign problem

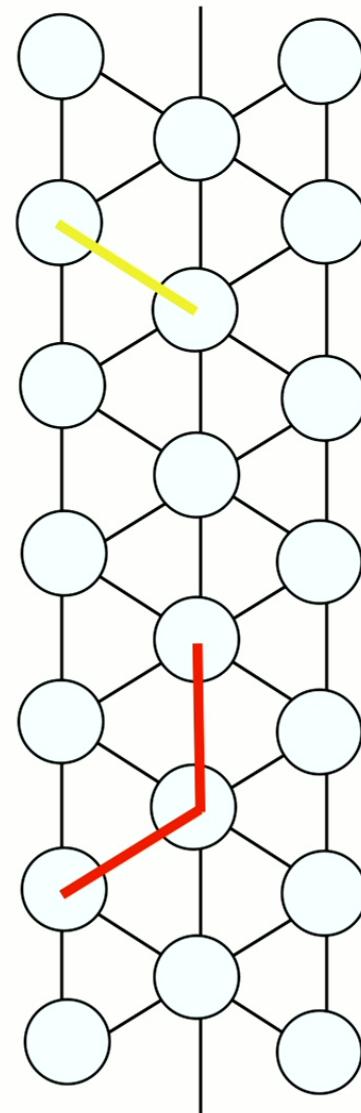
[L Capriotti *et al.*, PRL (1999), [L Capriotti, IJMP B (2001)]

## cRBMs for the Heisenberg model



$$C^{bond} = s_l s_k$$

$$C^{3-body} = s_l s_k s_m$$

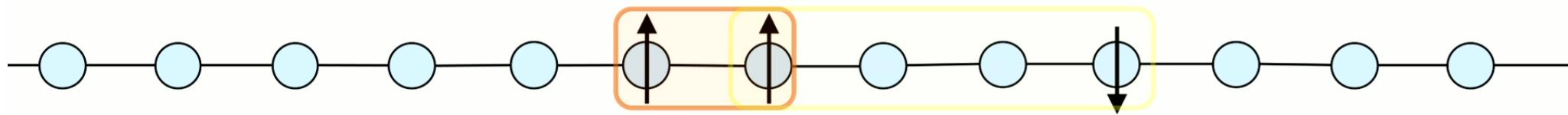


→ Including bond correlators  $C^{bond}$  and 3-body correlators  $C^{3-body}$  improves precision!

# Summary and Outlook: Part I

[AV, E Greplova, NH Lindner and SD Huber, **PRR 4 (2022)**]

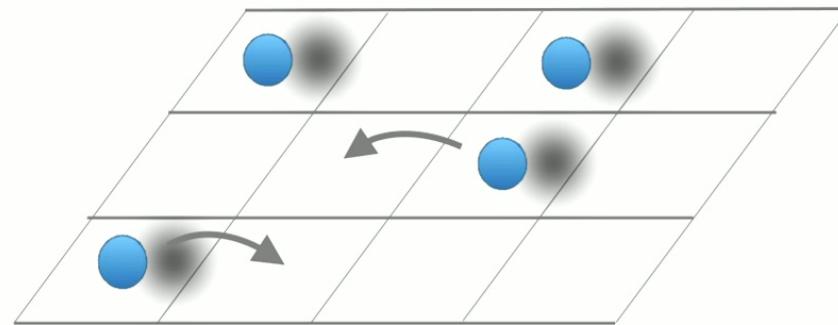
- Capitalizing on physical intuition: including correlators
- Obtain highly accurate ground- and excited states
- Applicable to further models: Frustrated Heisenberg, transverse-field Ising...



Part I: Variational wave-functions: Neural Networks and physical intuition

Part II: Variational wave-functions: Physical insights beyond lattice models

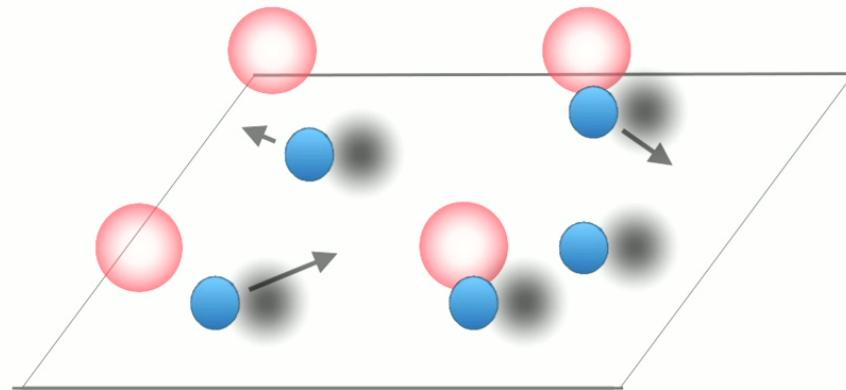
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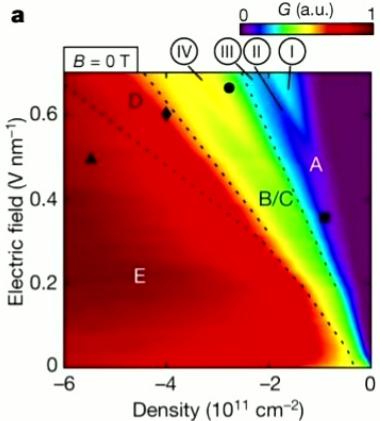
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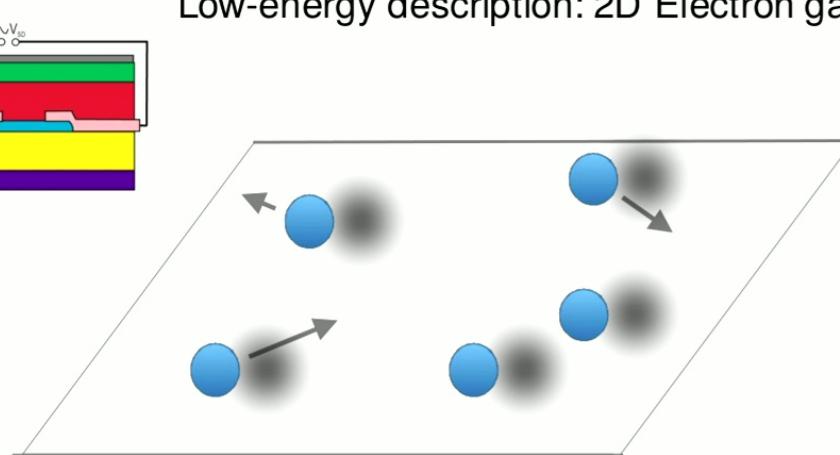
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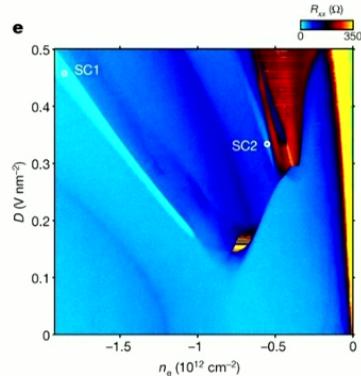
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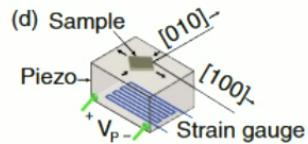


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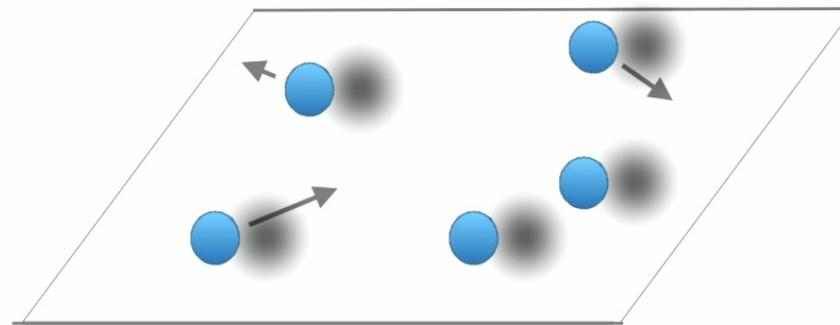
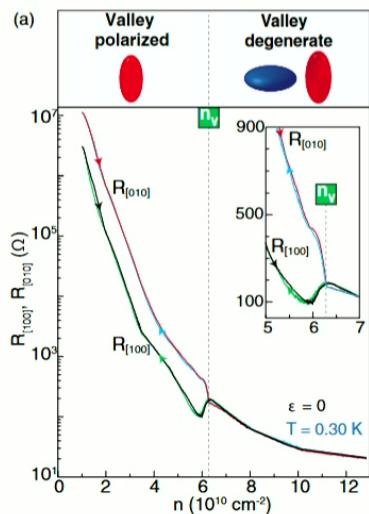


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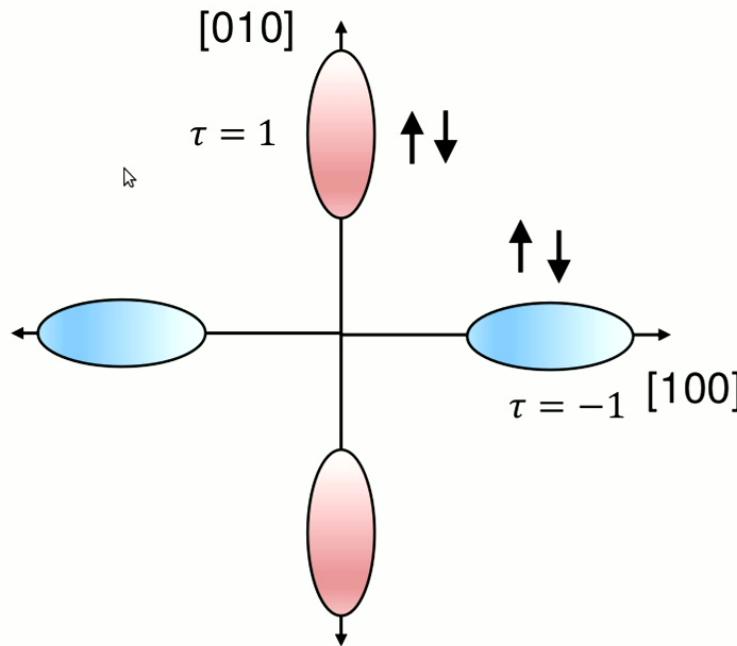
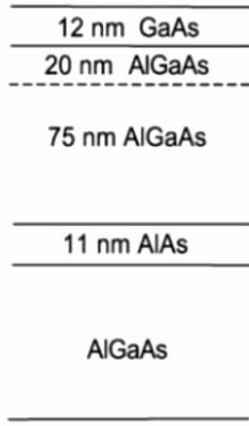


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# AlAs quantum well



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GaAs:  $m^* = 0.067 m_e$

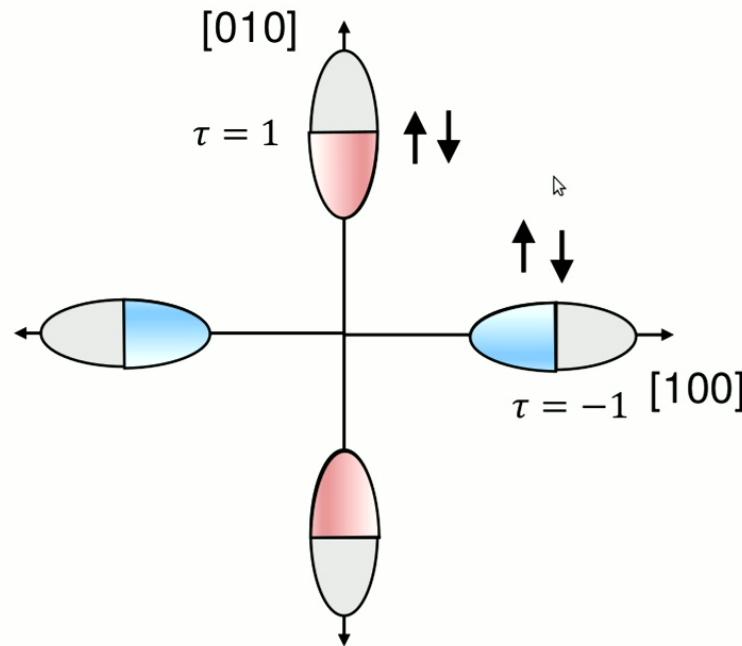
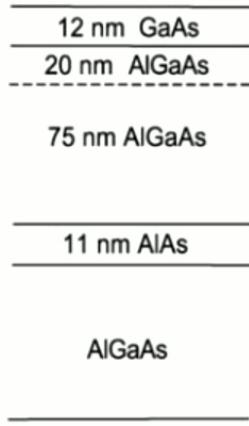
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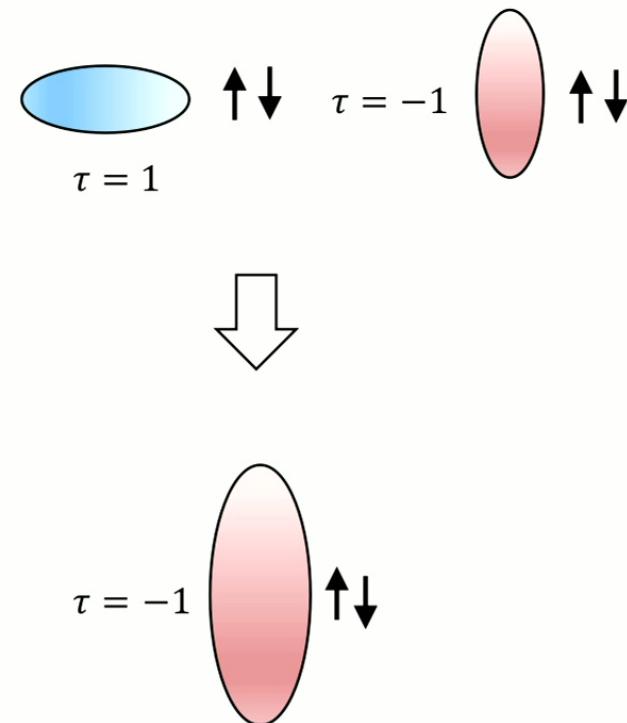
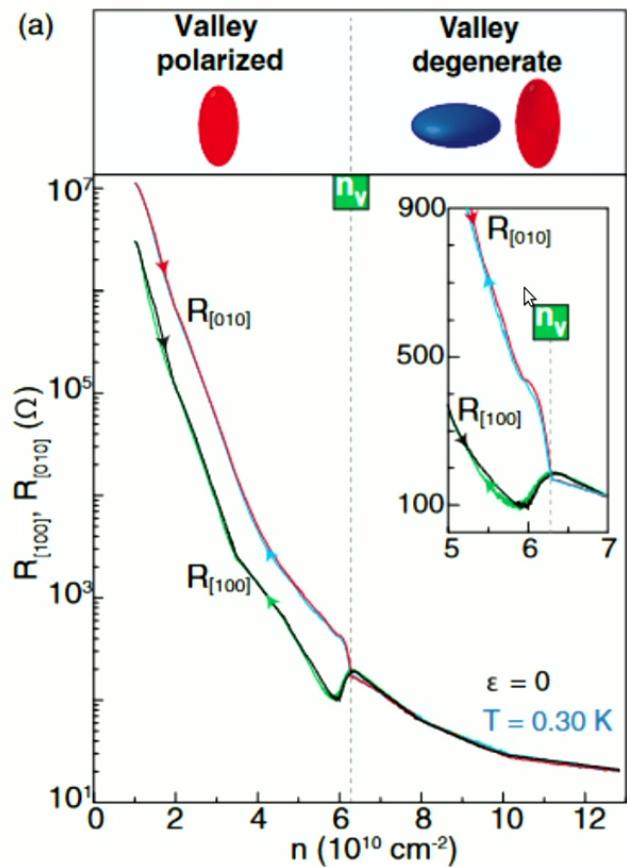
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# Spontaneous valley-polarization in AlAs



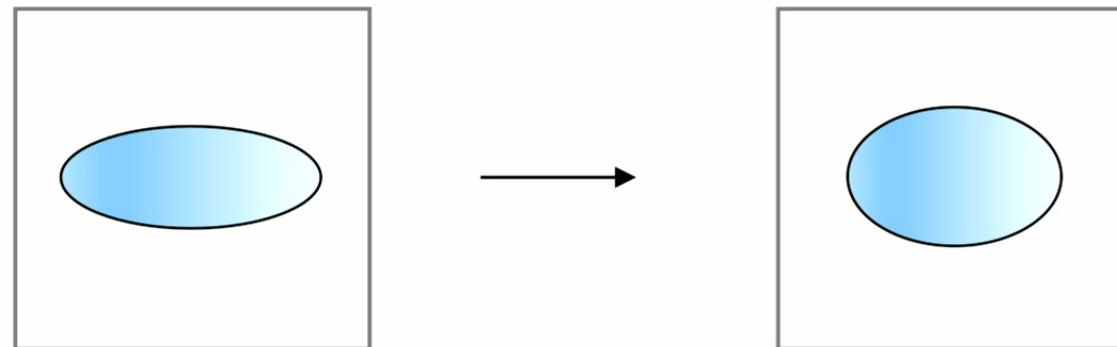
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# Hartree-Fock approach

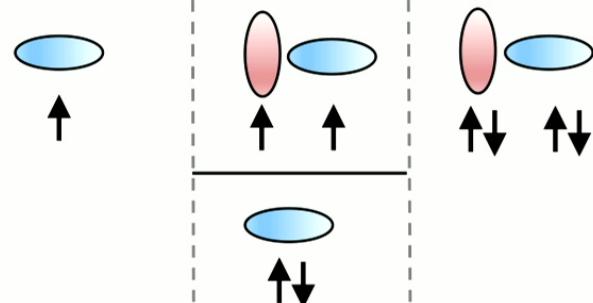
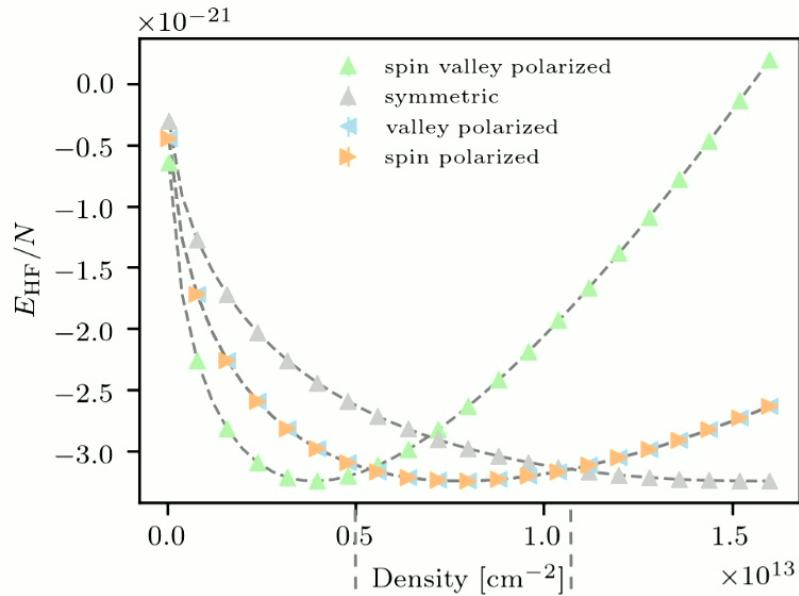
- Non-interacting ground state
- Fluid phase:  $\Phi_i(r_j) = e^{ik_i r_j}$

$$E_{var} = \frac{\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = E_{kin} + E_{Hartree} - E_{exchange}$$

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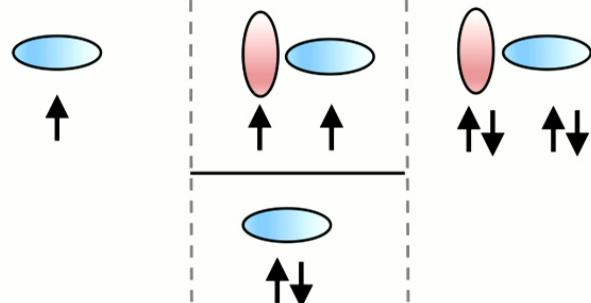
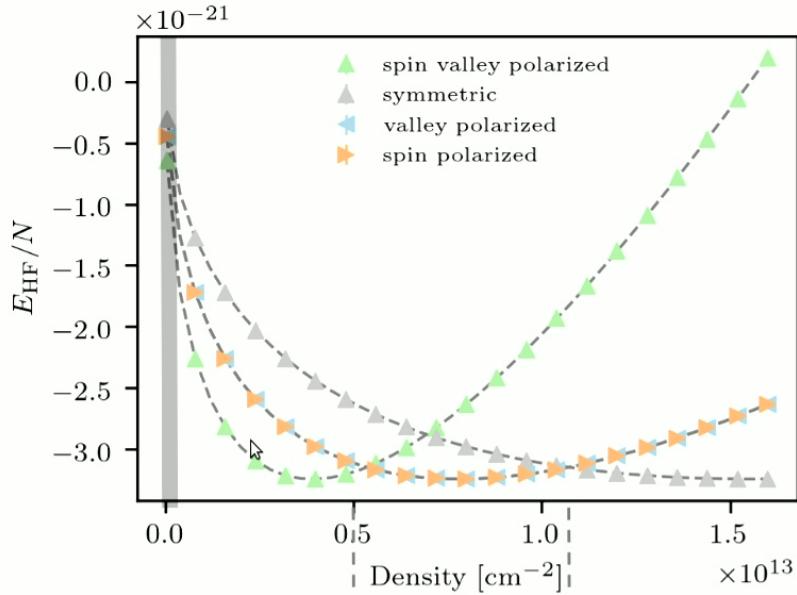


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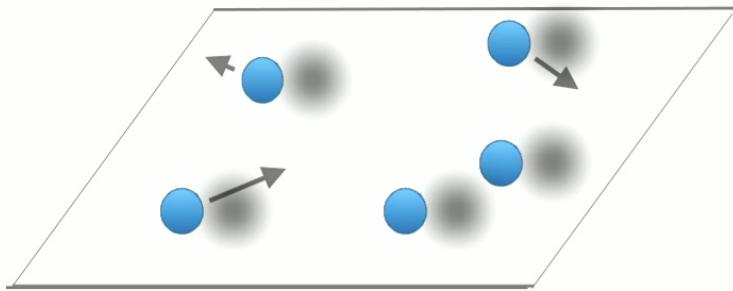
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→ Need approach beyond mean-field!

# Real-space variational Monte Carlo in the continuum



$$\Psi(r_1, \dots r_N) = e^{-J(r_1, \dots r_N)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_1(r_1) & \dots & \Phi_1(r_N) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Phi_N(r_1) & \dots & \Phi_N(r_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

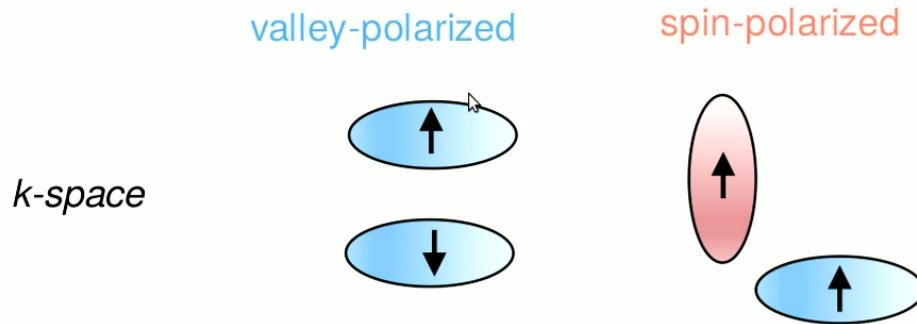
exchange/ correlation hole

$$H(r_1, \dots r_N) = \sum_i \frac{1}{2m_i} \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} U(|r_i - r_j|)$$

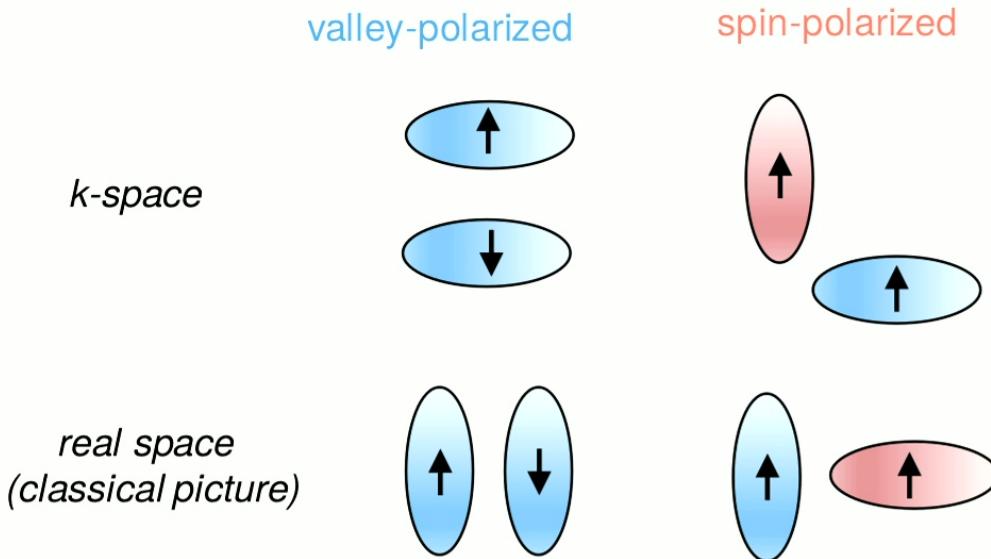
- Jastrow factor:  $J(r_1, \dots r_N) = \sum_{i < j} u_{\sigma_i \tau_i \sigma_j \tau_j} (|r_i - r_j|) + \dots$

**parametrization**  
 optimize using VMC

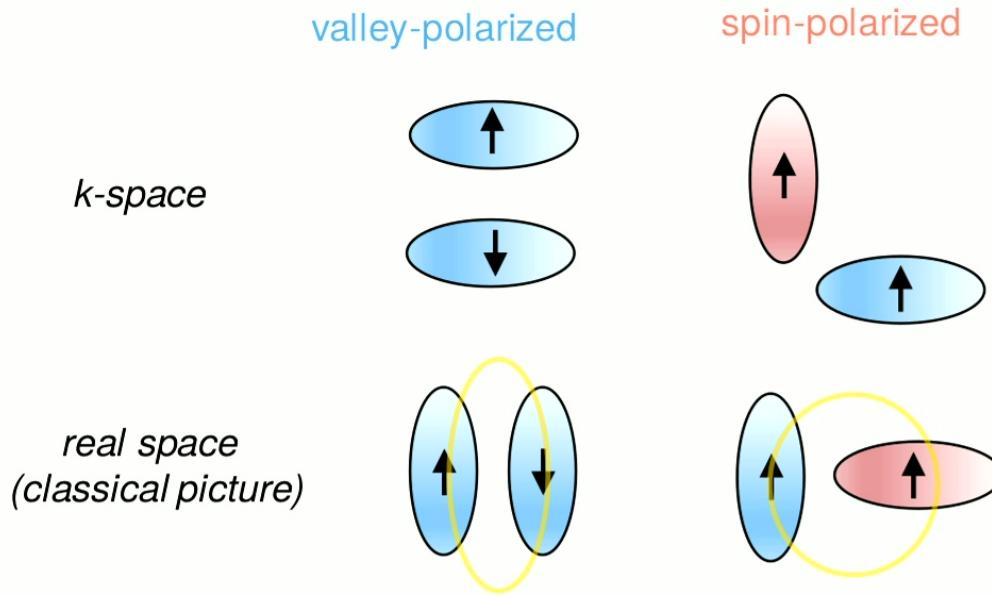
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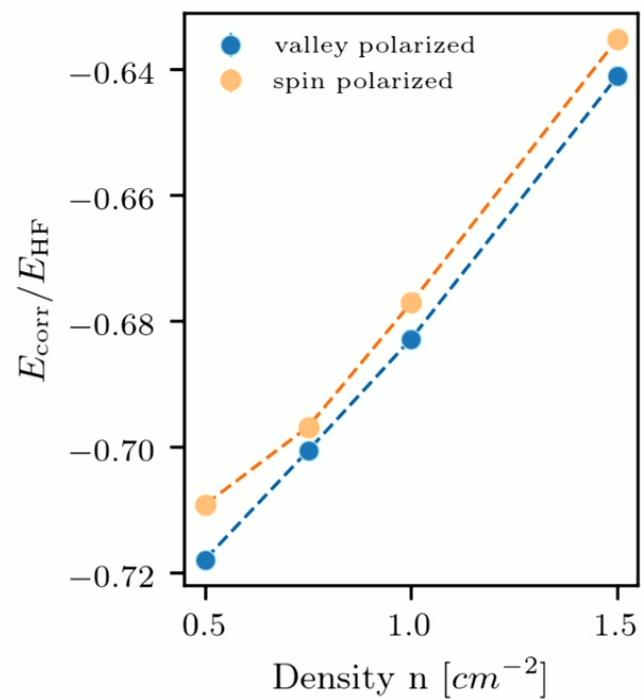
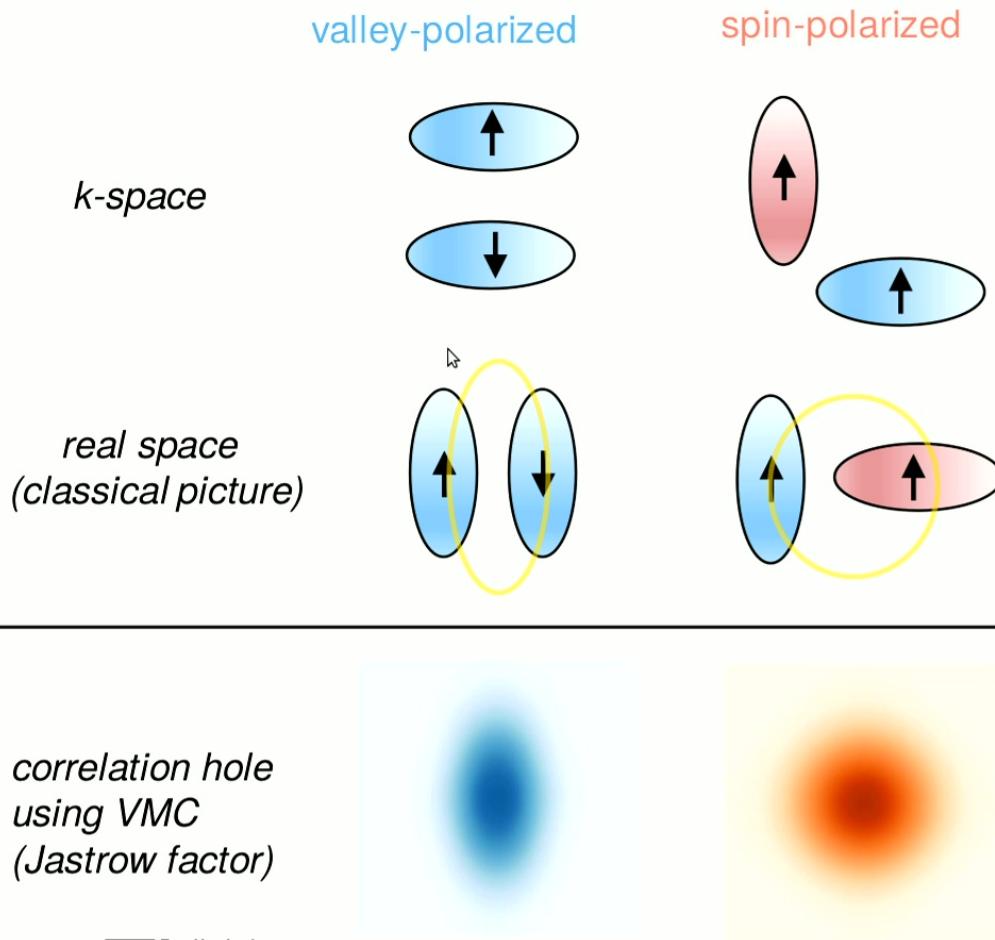
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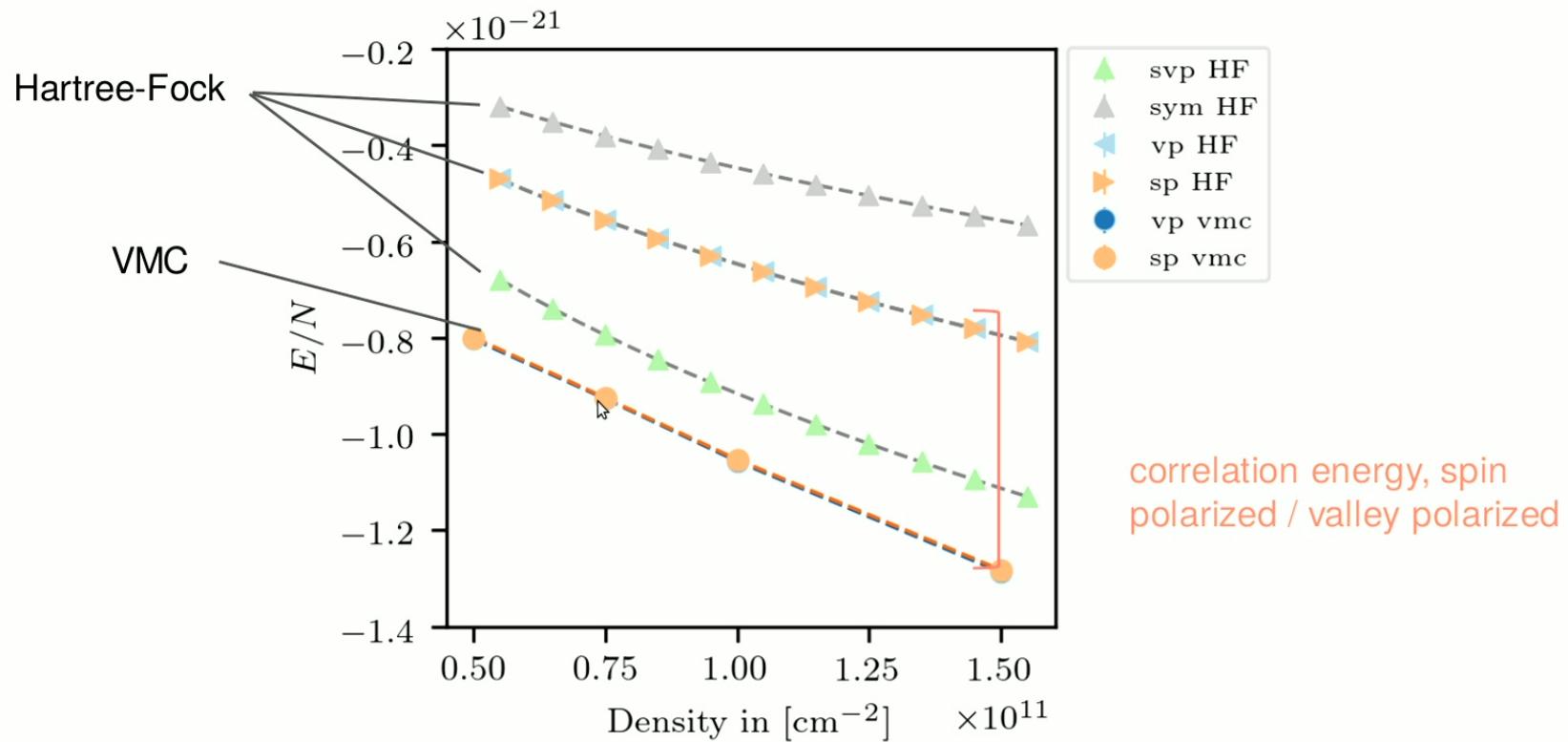
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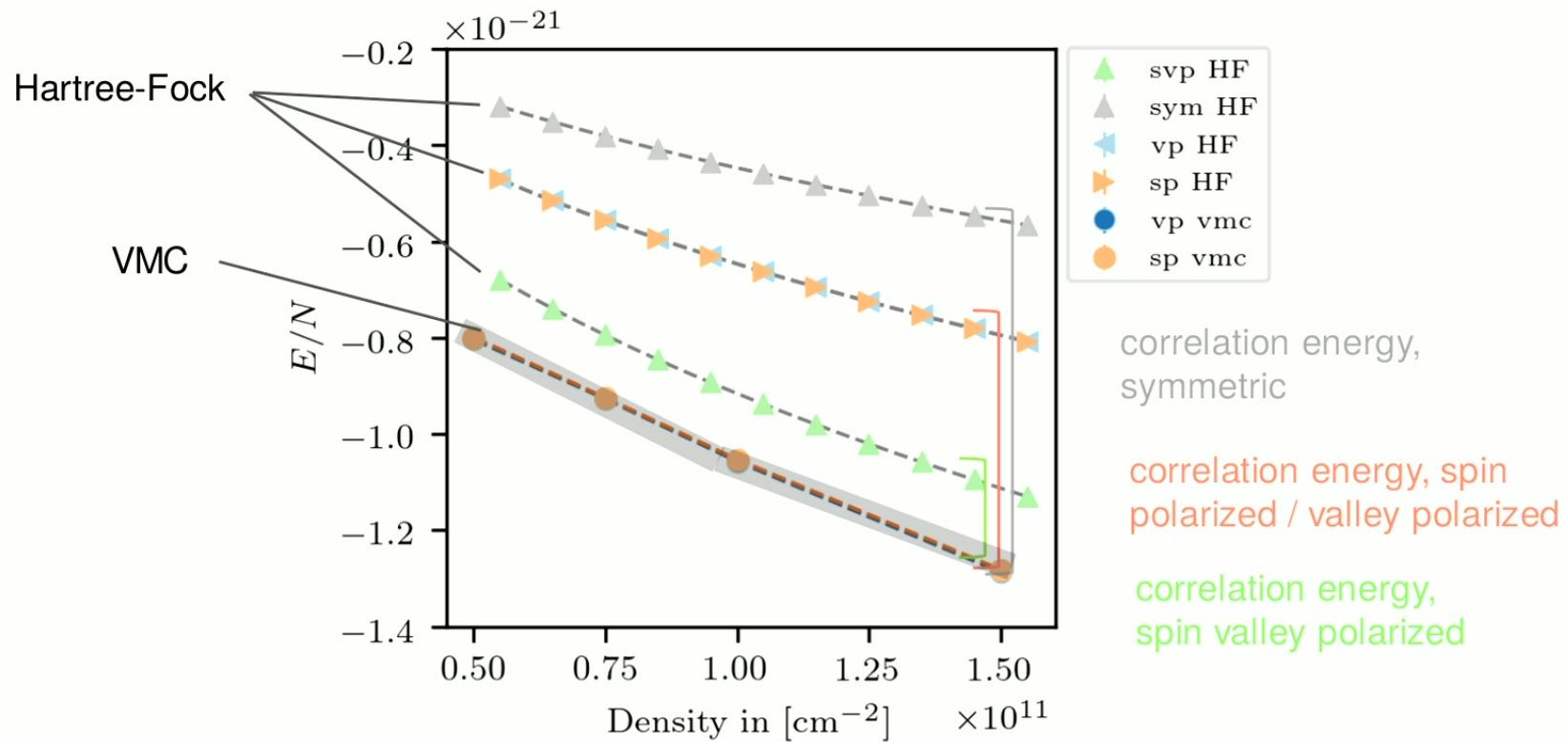
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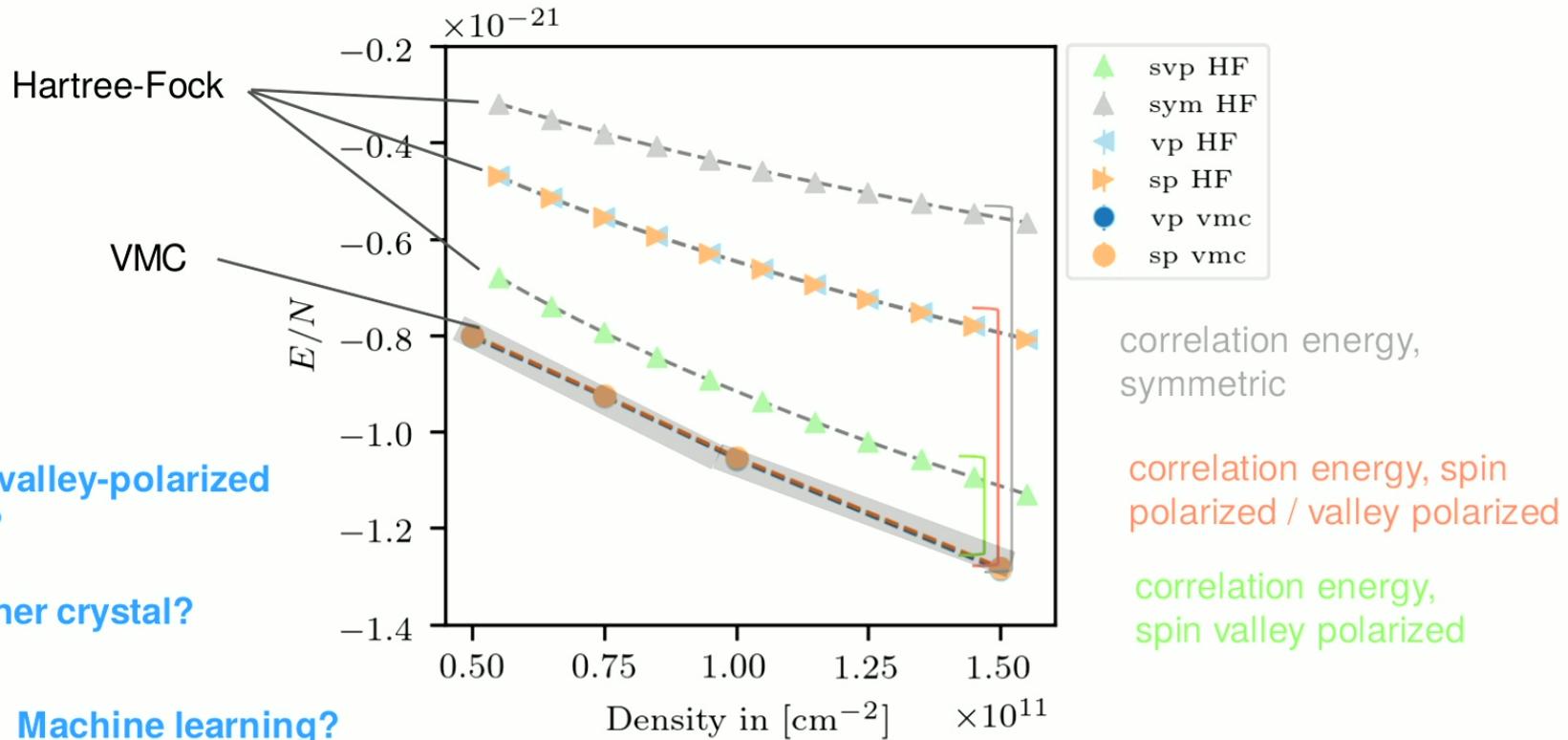


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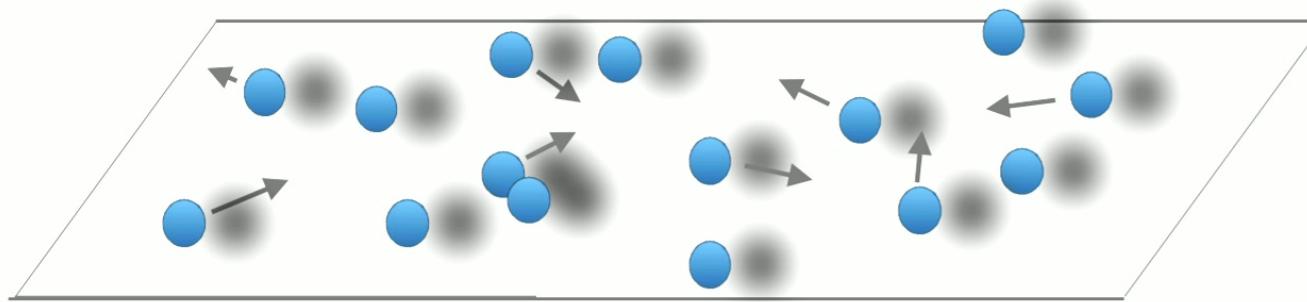
Stable valley-polarized phase?

Wigner crystal?

Machine learning?



## Summary and Outlook: Part II



- Strongly correlated systems: Methods beyond mean-field required
- Valley polarization explainable through correlation effects
- Complete phase diagram: Machine learning?