

# Towards a Field Theory over Tensor Network States

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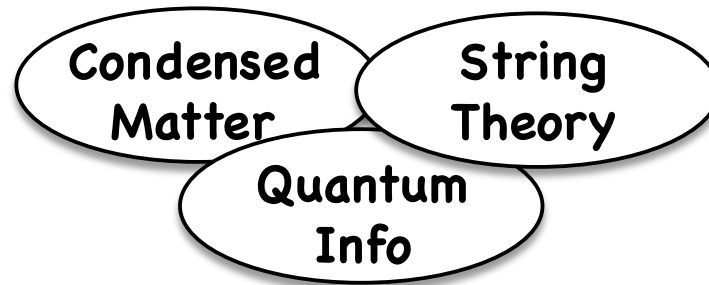
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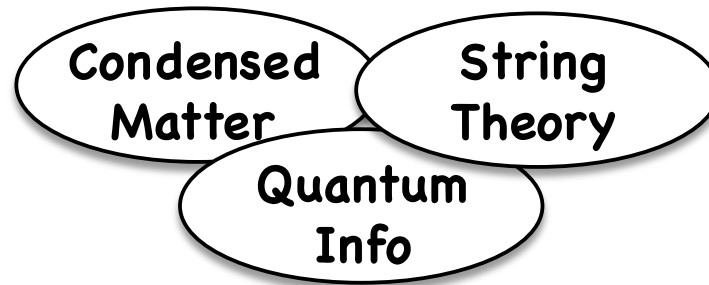


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  - Holography vs hierarchical tensor networks
  - Is Holography an entanglement ansatz?
  - Can we capture new strongly-correlated phases?
- Ideas formulated in very different language



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**Need to develop a common Language**  
**Import insights of tensor networks to field theory**



## Outline:

- **Background**

  - Variational States in Condensed Matter  
Tensor Networks  
RG and Hierarchical Tensor Networks

- **Towards a Field Theory Over Tensor Networks**

  - Goal and Key steps  
Formulating the Field Theory  
Interpretations and Applications  
Extensions to Higher Dimensions  
Extension to Critical Systems

- **Conclusions**

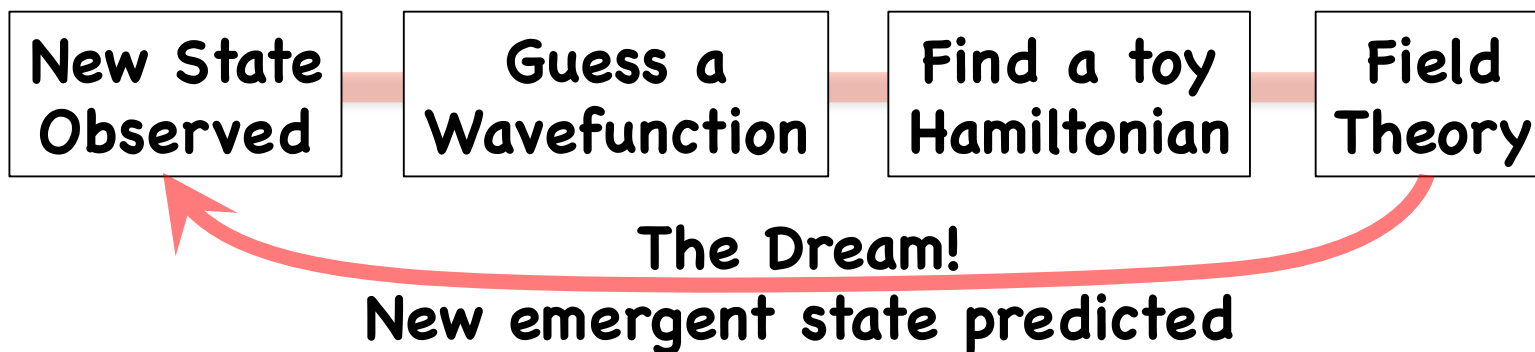


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## Variational States in Condensed Matter



### Examples:

FQHE: Expt[DPvK]→Exact Diag→Wavefunction[Laughlin]→Hamiltonian [Haldane]  
→Composite Fermion Picture[Jain/Read]→Field Theory[Lopez/Fradkin]  
BCS: Experiment → Toy Hamiltonian → Guess wavefunction → Field Theory

### Exceptions:

Haldane Conjecture → Field Theory → Expt  
Topological Insulator → Toy Hamiltonian → wavefunction → experiment  
Bethe Ansatz: variational wavefunction → tremendous power in 1d  
Conformal Field Theory, Renormalisation Group... etc. etc.

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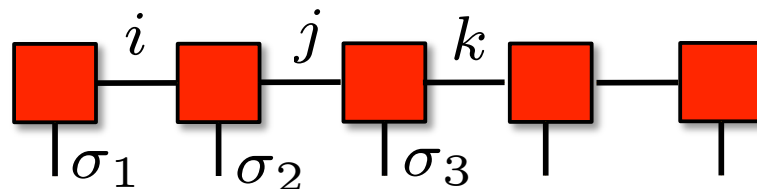
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## Tensor Networks

- Class of variational wavefunctions
- Embody insights about entanglement structure
- Describe groundstates of local Hamiltonians efficiently
- Exact for some model  $H$  (AKLT, Majumdar-Ghosh, etc)
- **Matrix Product States (1d tensor network)**

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} A_i^{\sigma_1} A_{ij}^{\sigma_2} A_{jk}^{\sigma_3} A_{kl}^{\sigma_4} \dots |\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4, \dots\rangle$$

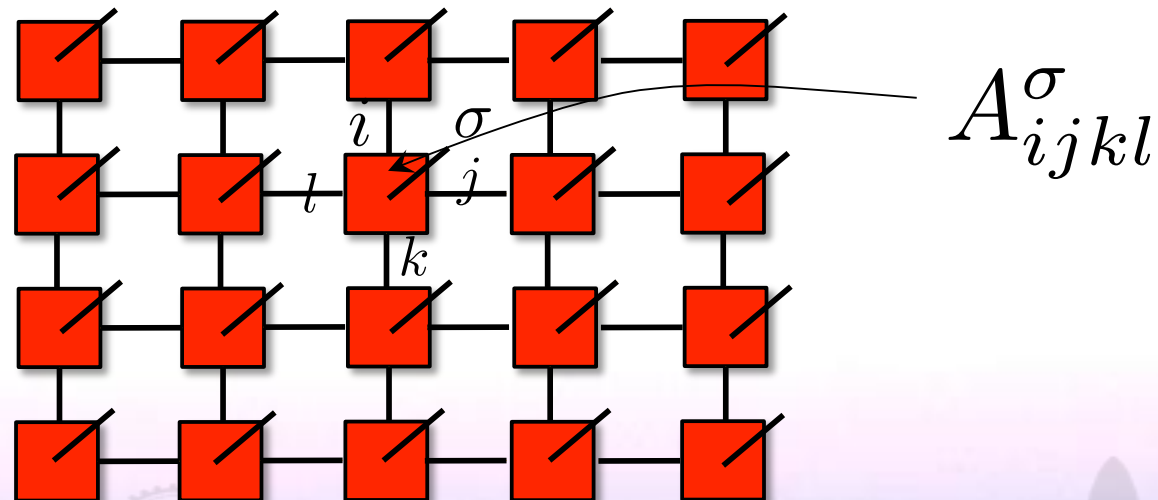


- MPS is a restricted sum of product states
- MPS dense on Hilbert space

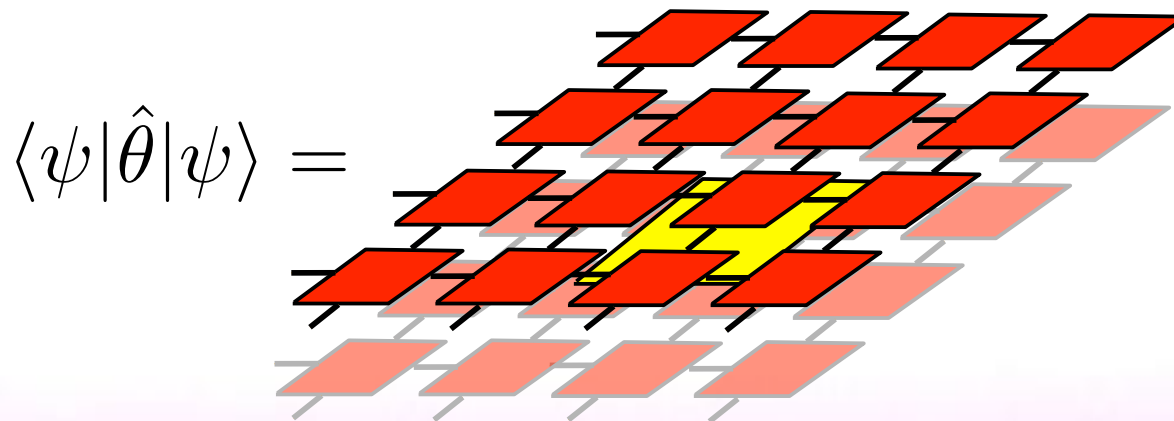
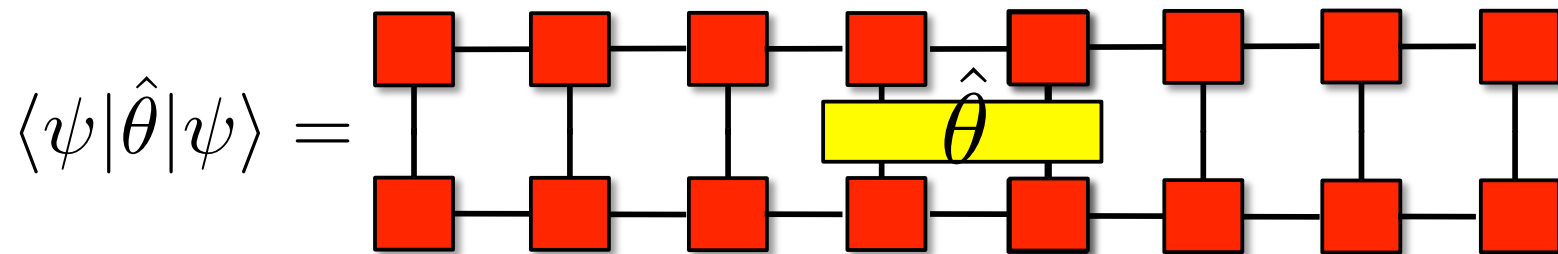


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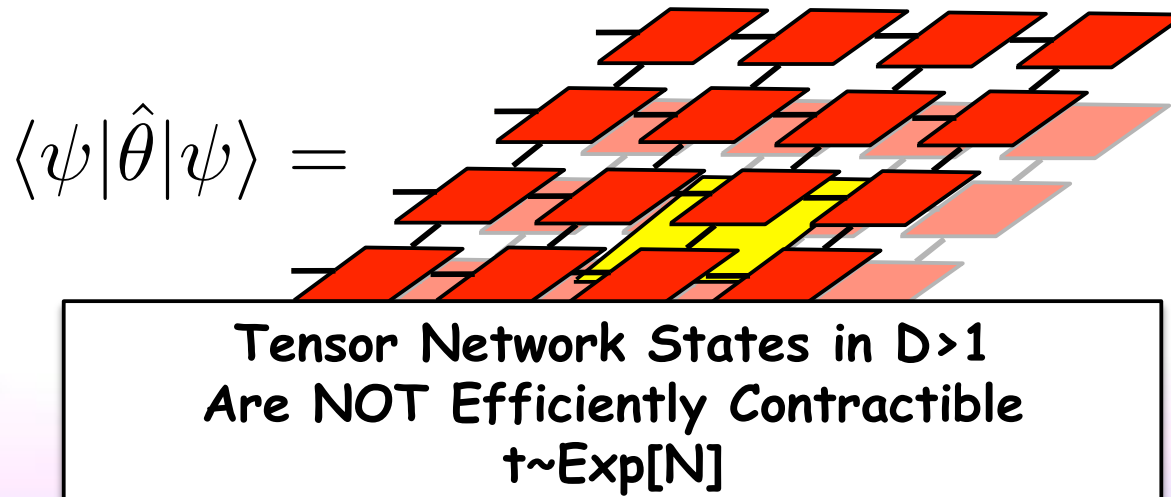
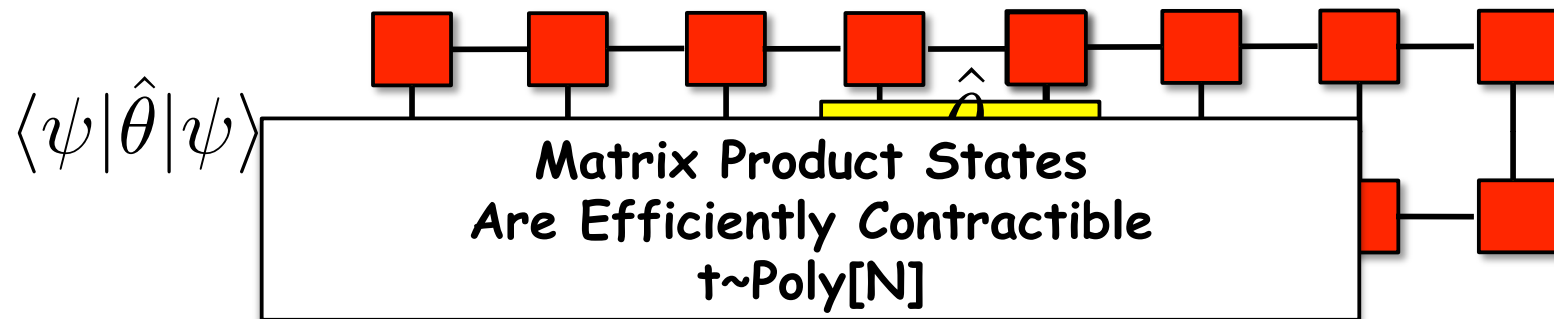
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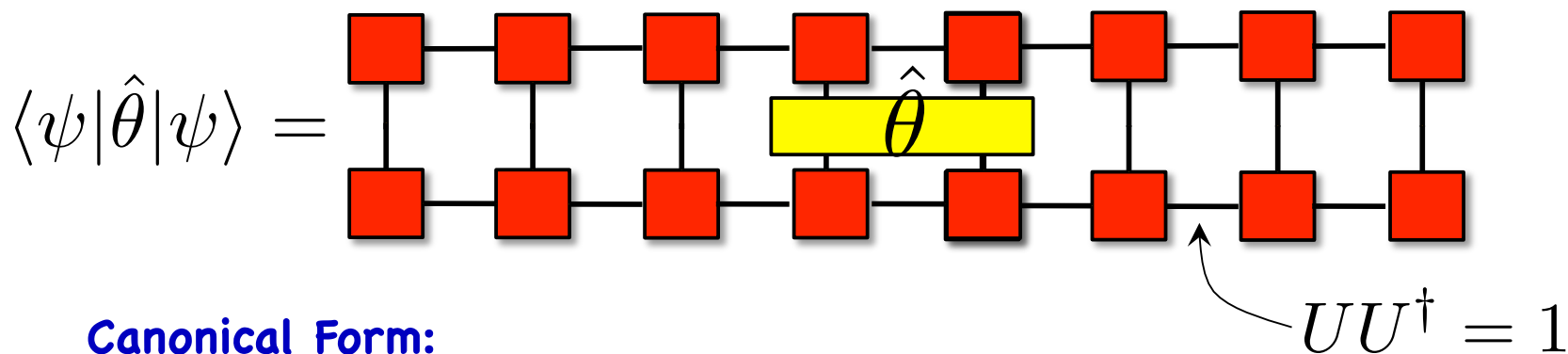


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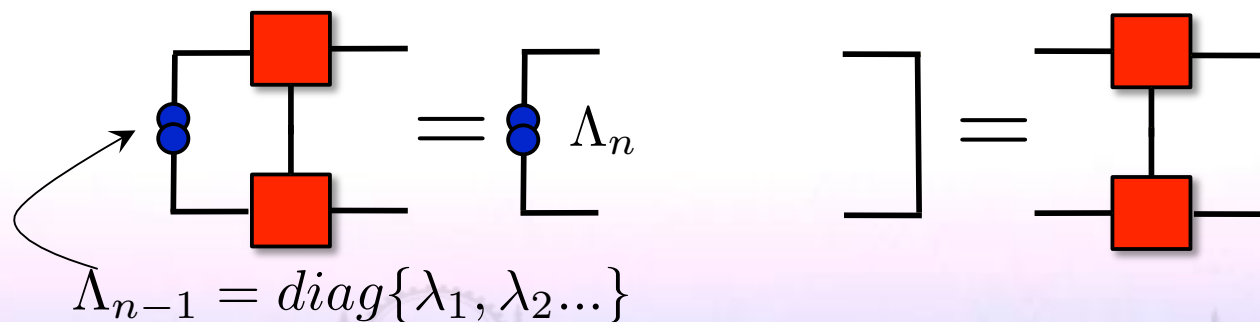


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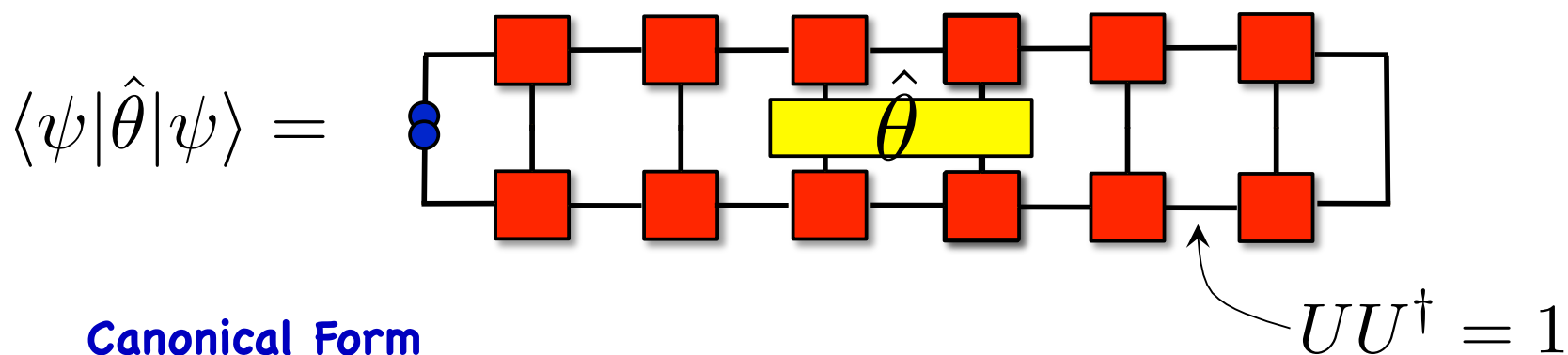


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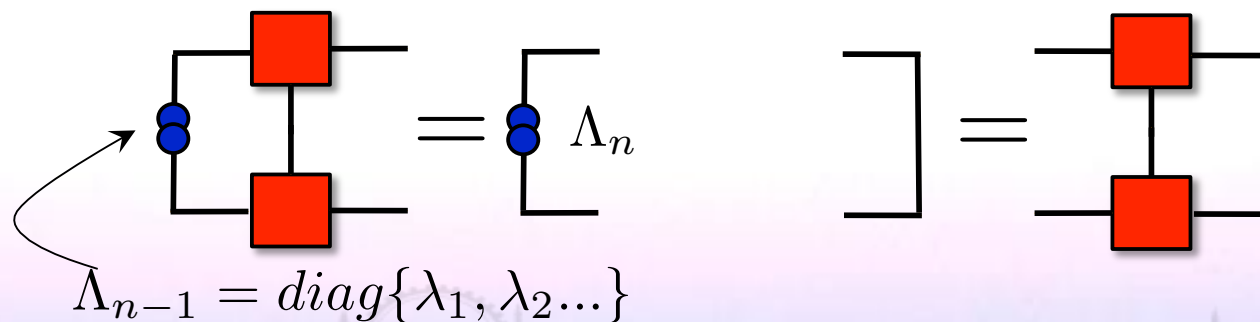


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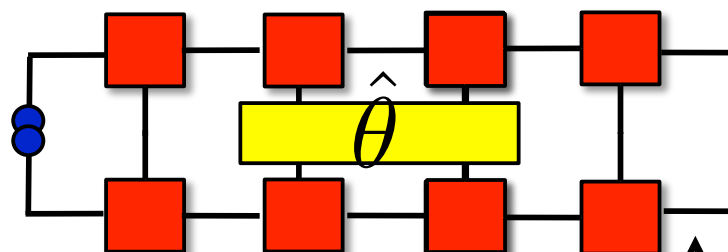
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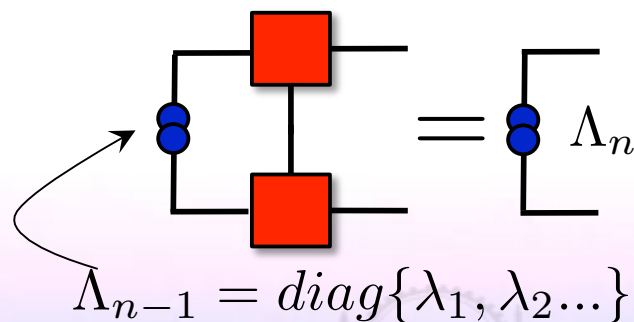
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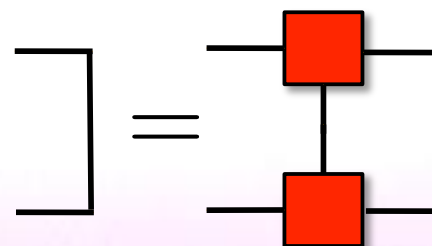
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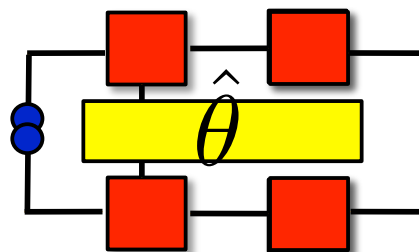
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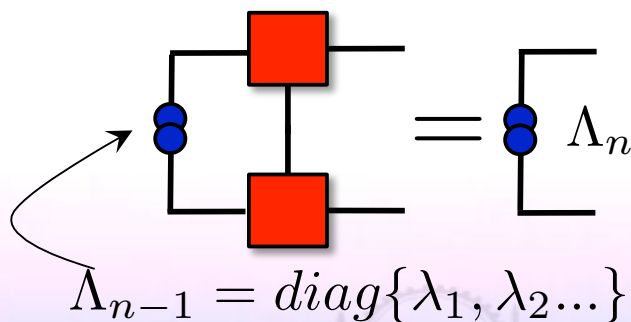
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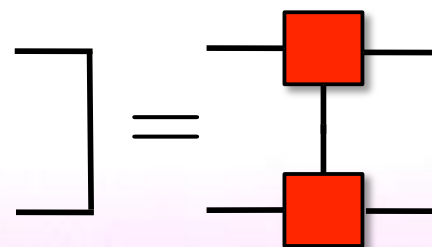
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vs

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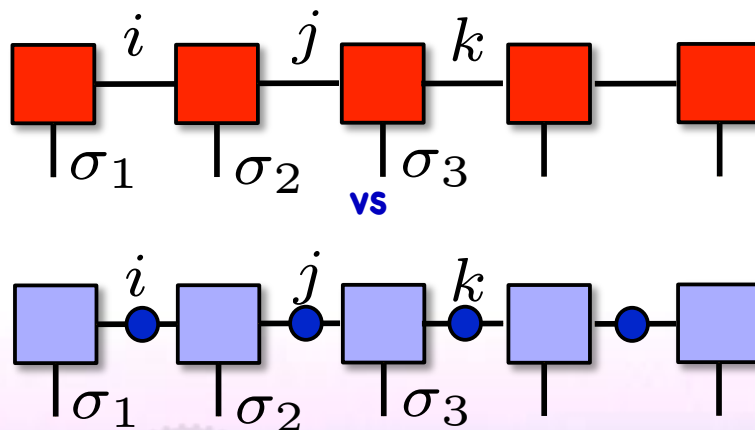


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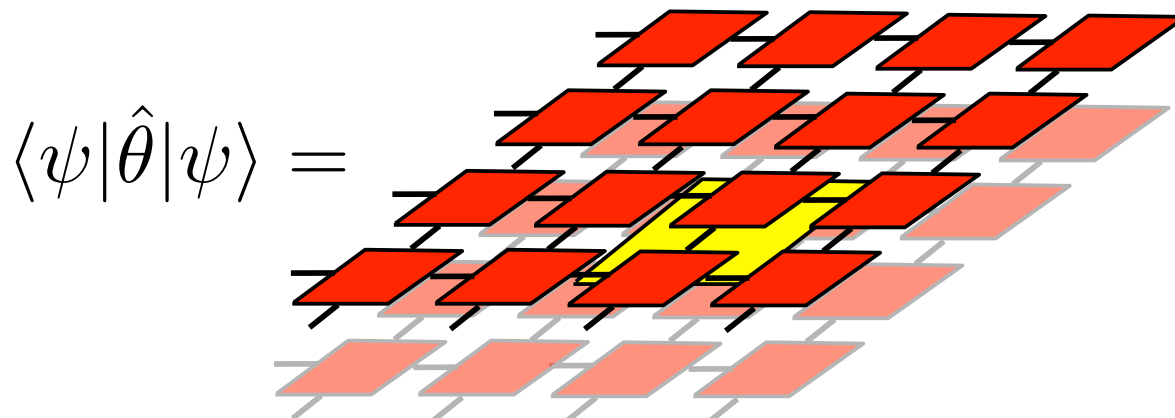
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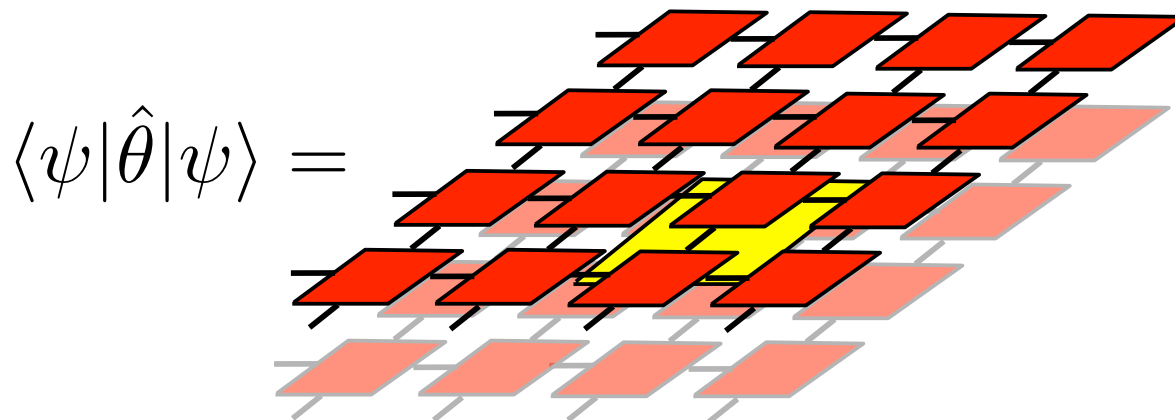
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Tensor Network States in  $D > 1$   
Are NOT Efficiently Contractible  
 $t \sim \text{Exp}[N]$

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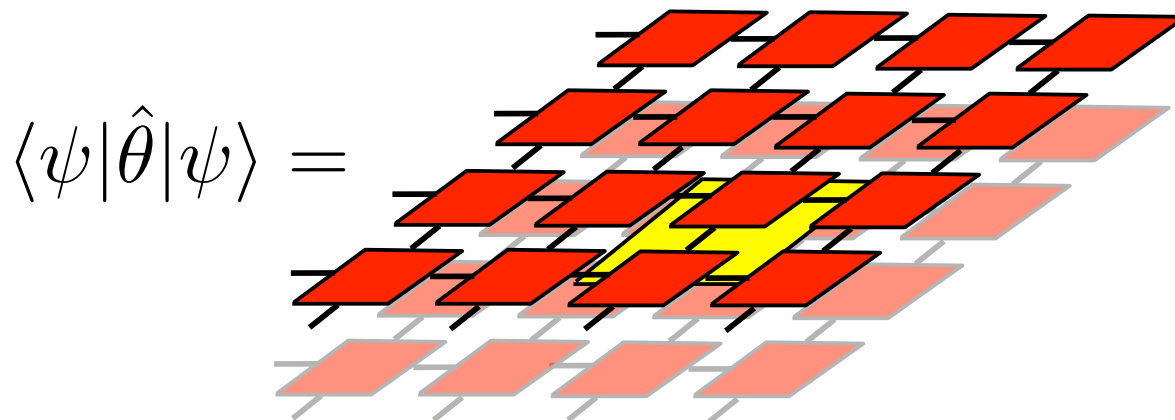


- Physically, expect entanglement to decay, so should be local
- Obey area laws by construction
- Numerically, various approximation schemes seem to work
- Similar to maximally localised Wannier orbitals?

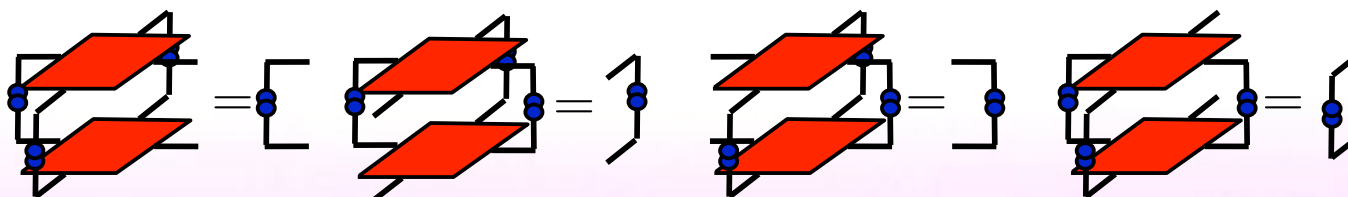
[Mazari et al  
Rev Mod Phys (2012)]

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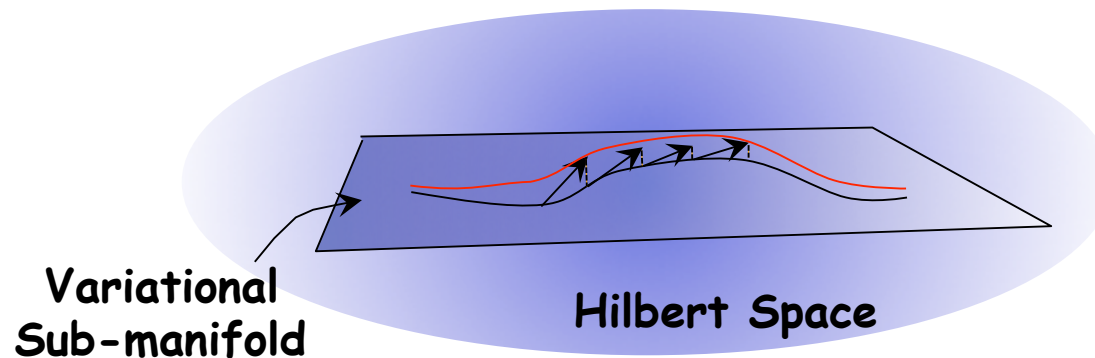


### Quasi-Canonical Form:



## Time dependence of Tensor Network States

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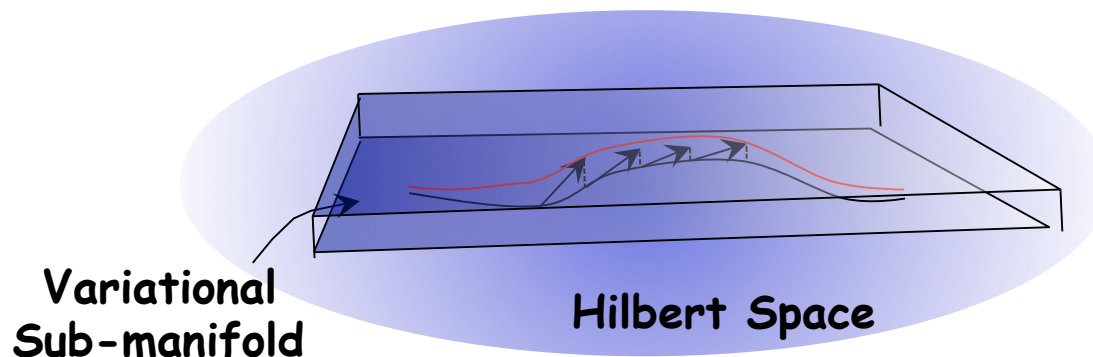
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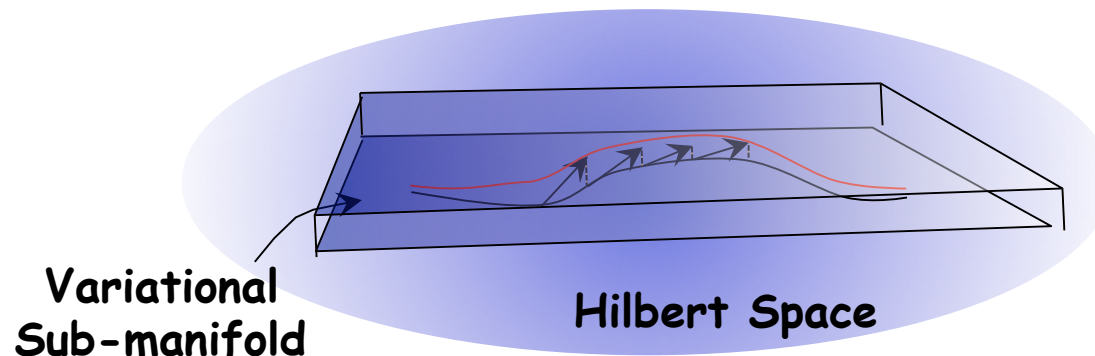
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## Variational Manifold vs Classical Phase space

$$\langle \partial_{\bar{A}_i} \psi | \partial_{A_j} \psi \rangle \dot{A}_j = i \langle \partial_{\bar{A}_i} \psi | \hat{\mathcal{H}} | \psi \rangle$$



TDVP is a semi-classical equation of motion  
Variational manifold is a semi-classical phase space  
Tensors are semi-classical collective coordinates

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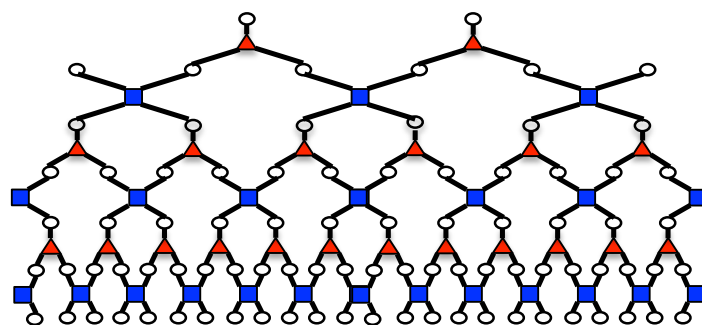


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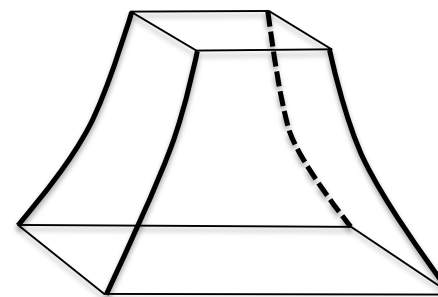
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**MERA (multi-scale entanglement renormalisation ansatz)**

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**Similarity to AdS [Swingle Phys Rev D86, 065007 (2012); ArXiv1209.3304]**

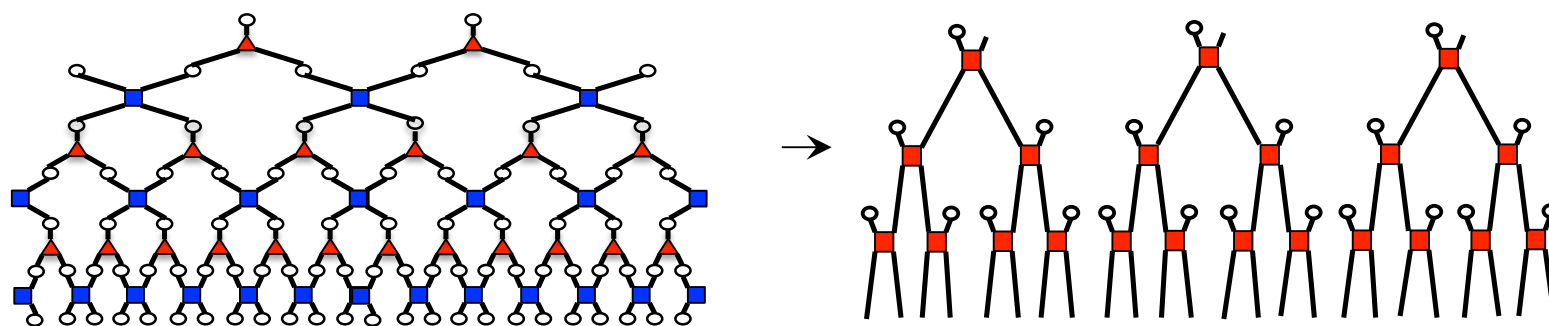
- Extends 1d-2d
- Extra dimension - entanglement RG scale
- Entanglement minimal surface [Ryu, Takayanagi PRL 96, 181602 (2006)]
- Finite T  $\rightarrow$  finite extent

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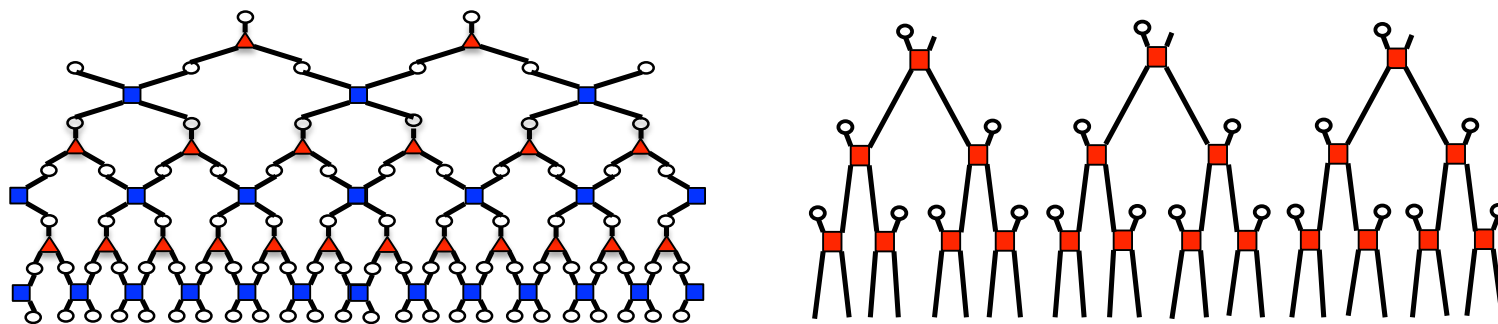
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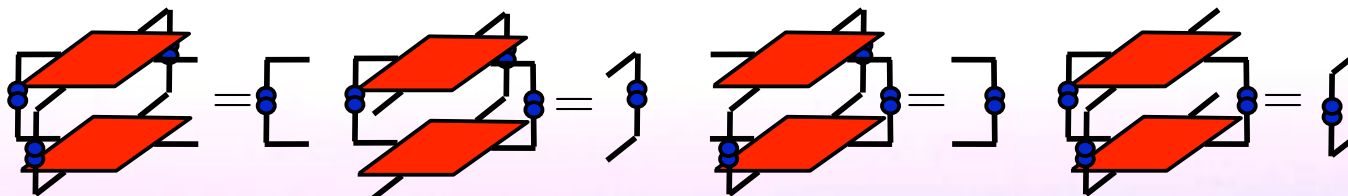
### Exact Holographic mapping [Xiao-Liang Qi arXiv:1309.6282]

- Unitary transformation to disk
- Wavelet transform on Cayley tree
- Residual entanglement  $\rightarrow$  metric





**Tensor Networks harbour deep insights  
Import to field theory**



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### Goal and Key Steps

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**Goal:** Import insights from tensor networks into a Field theory over tensor network states

$$\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}} = \int [DA] e^{-\mathcal{S}[A]}$$


MPS data

## Advantages

- Saddle points  $\Rightarrow$  TDVP (time-dependent variational principle)
- Fluctuations – expansion about saddle or increase bond order
- Field theory treatment of gauge freedoms in MPS?
- Extension to higher dimensions?
- Various potential applications...

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- Saddle point
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**Q. What is the Measure?**

**Q. What is the Berry Phase?**

**Q. Is the theory local?**

(principle)

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## Gauge Fixing, Locality and General Parameterization

Local Field Theory => Gauge Fix to Canonical Form

- **Canonical Equations**

$$\sum_{\sigma} A^{\sigma\dagger} \Lambda_{n-1} A^{\sigma} = \Lambda_n \quad \sum_{\sigma} A^{\sigma} A^{\sigma\dagger} = 1$$


- **General Parameterization**

$$A^{\sigma} = N^{\sigma} U^{\sigma}, \quad \sum_{\sigma} U^{\sigma\dagger} N^{\sigma\dagger} \Lambda_{n-1} N^{\sigma} U^{\sigma} = \Lambda_n$$

Diagonal matrix  
of spin coherent  
state spinors

SU(N)/DU(N)


Residual canonical equations



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- **Bond Order 2 Parameterization**

$$N^{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1^{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & n_2^{\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U^{\sigma} = \cos \theta^{\sigma} / 2 + i \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{u} \sin \theta^{\sigma} / 2$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$$

$$d\Lambda_n = \sum_{\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma} \cos \theta_{\sigma}$$

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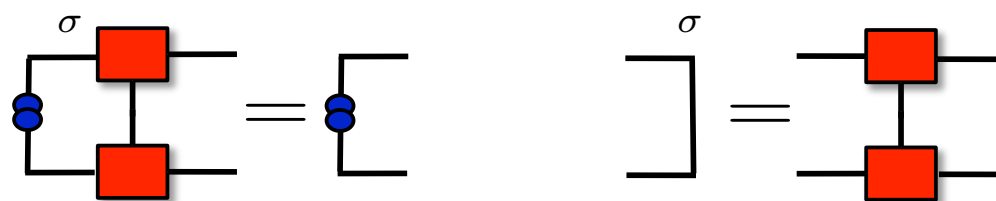
$$\Lambda_n = (\mathbb{1} + \tau_z d\Lambda_n) / 2$$

$$2\Gamma_n = [d\Lambda_{n-1}(1 + \sigma \bar{n}^z) + \sigma \Delta n^z / 2]$$

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- General Bond Order - split into SU(2) subgroups

$$N^{\sigma} = \text{diag}(n_1^{\sigma}, n_2^{\sigma}, \dots)$$

$$U^{\sigma} = \prod_l e^{i\theta^{\sigma} \mathbf{v}_l^{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} / 2}$$

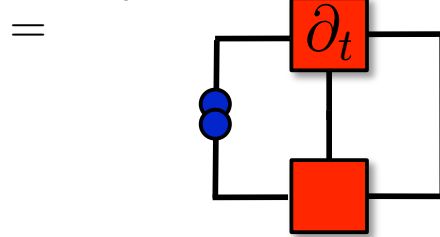
$$d\Lambda_n^i = \sum_{\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma, j} \left( \prod_l^{\rightarrow} e^{\theta^{\sigma} \mathbf{v}_l^{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{f}} \right)_{j, i}$$

$$\Gamma^{\sigma, j} = \text{Tr} \left[ \tau_j \Lambda_{n-1} N^{\sigma\dagger} N^{\sigma} \right] \quad [\tau_i, \tau_j] = 2i f_{ijk} \tau_k \quad \Lambda_n = \frac{1 + \sum'_{\beta_d} d\Lambda_n^{\beta_d} \tau_{\beta_d}}{2}$$

## Berry Phase

- Contribution from  $n^{\text{th}}$  site in chain

$$\langle \psi | \partial_t \psi \rangle_n = \sum_{\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[ A_n^{\sigma \dagger} \Lambda_{n-1} \partial_t A_n^{\sigma} \right]$$



$$= \sum_{\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[ U_n^{\sigma \dagger} N_n^{\sigma \dagger} \Lambda_{n-1} \partial_t (N_n^{\sigma} U_n^{\sigma}) \right]$$

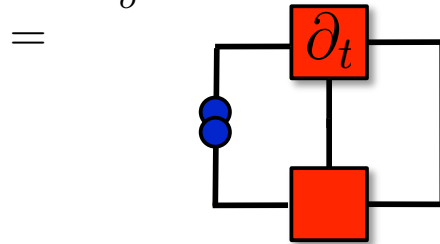
$$= \sum_{\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[ \Lambda_{n-1} N_n^{\sigma \dagger} \partial_t N_n^{\sigma} \right] + \sum_{\sigma} \text{Tr} \left[ U_n^{\sigma \dagger} \left( \Lambda_{n-1} N_n^{\sigma \dagger} N_n^{\sigma} \right) \partial_t U_n^{\sigma} \right]$$



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**Bond Order 2**

$$= \sum_n \left[ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} \Lambda_{n-1}^{\alpha} \langle \mathbf{n}^{\alpha} | \partial_t \mathbf{n}^{\alpha} \rangle + \partial_t \phi (d\Lambda_n - d\Lambda_{n-1}) \right]$$

**General**

$$= \sum_n \left[ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} \Lambda_{n-1}^{\alpha} \langle \mathbf{n}^{\alpha} | \partial_t \mathbf{n}^{\alpha} \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^{\chi(\chi-1)} \partial_t \phi_i u_{\gamma}^i (d\Lambda_n^{\gamma} - d\Lambda_{n-1}^{\gamma}) \right]$$

$\gamma$  Labels diag generators  
 $i$  Labels SU(2) subgroups

$$\Lambda_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbb{1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\chi-1} \tau_i d\Lambda_n^i \right) \quad u_i^{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\tau_{\gamma}^z, \tau_i]$$

## Gauge Fixing

- **Canonical constraints**

$$d\Lambda_n = \sum_{\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma} \cos \theta_{\sigma} , \quad 0 = \sum_{\sigma} \Gamma^{\sigma} \sin \theta_{\sigma}$$

**Iteratively defines  $d\Lambda_n$ ,  
(together with def'n of  $\Gamma^{\sigma}$ )**

**Fixes  $\theta^{\downarrow}$ , given  $\theta^{\uparrow}$**

$$d\Lambda_n \equiv d\Lambda_n(\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \theta^{\uparrow}\}) \quad \theta^{\downarrow} \equiv \theta^{\downarrow}(\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \theta^{\uparrow}\})$$

- **Gauge fixing**

$$\mathbb{1} = \int D\Lambda D\theta^{\downarrow} \delta[\theta^{\downarrow} - \theta^{\downarrow}(\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \theta^{\uparrow}\})] \delta[d\Lambda_n - d\Lambda_n(\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \theta^{\uparrow}\})]$$

$$D\mathbf{n}D\chi D\theta^{\sigma} D\psi \iff D\mathbf{n}D\chi D\theta^{\uparrow} D\psi \iff D\mathbf{n}D\chi D\Lambda D\psi$$

## Interesting Special Cases

- **Maximally Entangled States**  $\Lambda \propto \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow A^\sigma = N^\sigma U$

$$\langle \psi | \partial_t \psi \rangle = \frac{1}{\chi} \sum_n \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} \langle \mathbf{n}^\alpha | \partial_t \mathbf{n}^\alpha \rangle$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{\mathcal{H}} | \psi \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \sum_n J \sigma_n \cdot \sigma_{n+1} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n J |U_{\alpha,\beta}|^2 \mathbf{n}_n^\alpha \mathbf{n}_{n+1}^\beta$$

- **Spatially Uniform**

$$\langle \psi | \partial_t \psi \rangle = \sum_n \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} \Lambda^\alpha \langle \mathbf{n}^\alpha | \partial_t \mathbf{n}^\alpha \rangle$$

- In both Cases, Effectively  $\chi$  replicas of system
- glued together with  $SU(\chi)$  field
- No intrinsic dynamics for  $U$ 
  - Behaves as fancy Lagrange multiplier (maximally entangled)
  - Inherited through those of  $N^\sigma$  (spatially uniform case)



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  - May use simultaneously
  - Accommodate different effects
  - If dominant effects captured by ii. + scaling  $\Rightarrow$  AdS?



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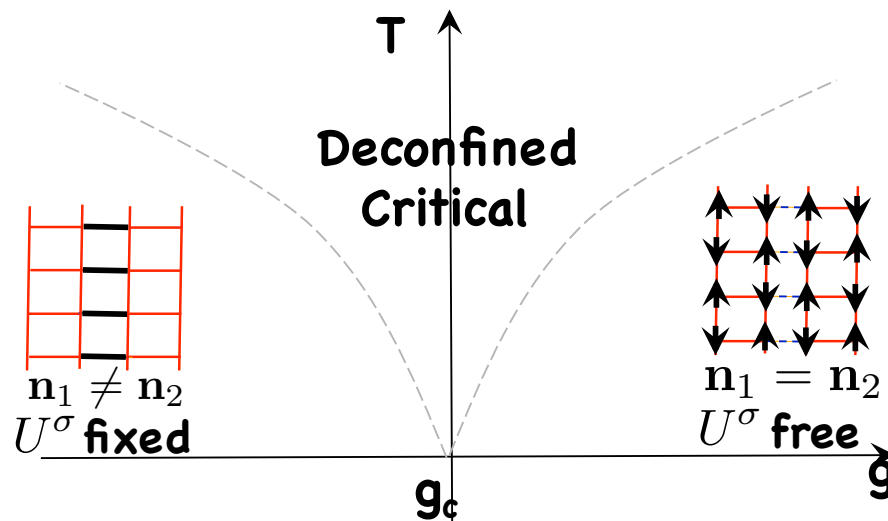
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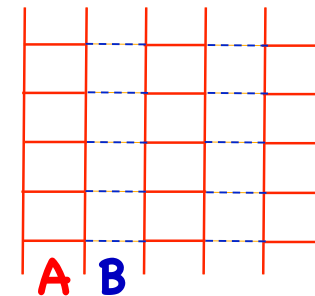
Q. Is holography an ansatz for the entanglement structure of the dominant saddle point?



## Deconfined Criticality



$$\mathcal{H} = g \sum_{\langle ij \rangle}^A J \hat{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{\sigma}_j + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle}^B J \hat{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{\sigma}_j$$



- [Senthil et al, Science 303, 1490 (2004)]
- Critical theory not described by order parameter fluctuations
- Gauge fields/Lagrange multipliers determine critical behaviour
- MPS states may characterize both sides at low bond order
- Certain MPS degrees of freedom soften at transition
- => MPS field theory dual to gauge theory?
- => Ginzburg-Landau description of transition in terms of MPS fields

## Potential Applications

### Extended Truncated Wigner Approximation

- Propagates density matrix using saddle-point approx to Keldysh

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = \int D\psi_+\psi_-\hat{\rho}(0)e^{-iS_++iS_-}$$

- All entanglement contained in  $\hat{\rho}(0) = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|$
- Propagate  $|\psi_{\alpha}\rangle$  independently
- Perturbative corrections increase Schmidt rank [Polkovnikov PRA68, 053604 (2003)]

### Alternative

- Propagate with saddle points of MPS Keldysh
  - i. Decompose  $\hat{\rho}(0)$  over product states – propagate with MPS saddle point  
=>Allows entanglement to grow to some limit
  - ii. Decompose  $\hat{\rho}(0)$  over MPS – propagate with MPS saddle point  
=>Allows restructuring of entanglement

**Q. Late time hydrodynamics of eigenstate thermalization?**

## Potential Applications

### Fluctuation corrections to MPS time evolution

- Two ways to include fluctuations about saddle point
- Re-summing the effects of fluctuations (usual field theory)
- Increasing bond order
- Re-summing fluctuations may improve low bond-order saddle point and fidelity of time evolution over low bond order states

**Q. Fluctuation Corrections to MPS?**

### Many body localization

- Product state field theory – saddle points describe low energy
- Many body localization is a dynamical phase transition through spectrum
- MPS field theory may permit description of dynamics higher in the spectrum.

**Q. Field Theory of mid-spectrum states?**



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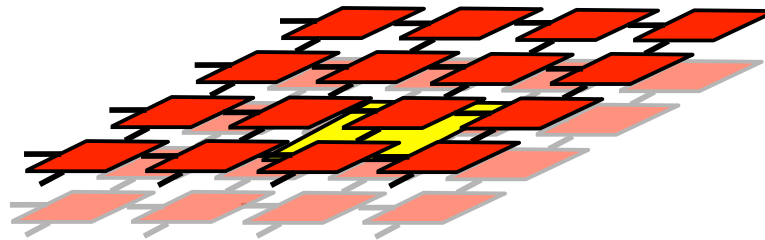


## Extension to Higher Dimensions

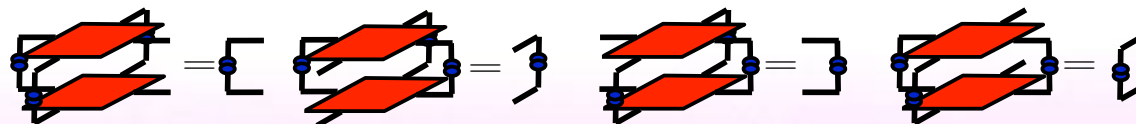
Fundamental difficulty...

- No canonical form in higher dimensions
- Action not local in terms of A
- Decay of entanglement suggests approximately true
- Quasi canonical form
- Connection to multi-band Wannier functions
- [Marzari et al RevModPhys84, 1419 (2012)]?

$$\langle \psi | \hat{\theta} | \psi \rangle =$$



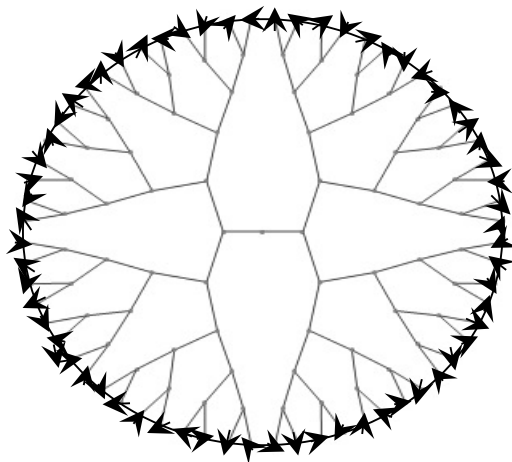
Quasi-Canonical Form:



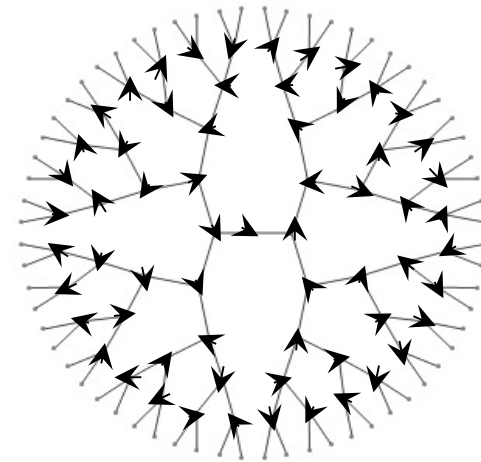


## Extensions to Critical Systems

- Various RG Schemes
- MERA (multiscale entanglement renormalization ansatz) [Vidal, PRL99, 220405(2007)]
- TRG (tensor RG) [Verstrate et al, Adv. Phys 57, 143 (2008)]
- SRG (second RG) [Xie et al PRL103, 16069 (2009)]
- HOTRG (higher order TRG) [Xie et al PRB86, 045139 (2012)]
- Exact Holographic Mapping [Xiao-Liang Qi[ArXiv:1309.6282]



Wavelet/RG trans  
of boundary  $|\psi\rangle, \hat{\mathcal{H}}$   
and  $\hat{\theta}$  to bulk



- Relation to AdS/CFT [Swingle, Phys. Rev. D 86, 065007 (2012), ArXiv:1209.3304]
- Applying RG to field theory over MPS  $\rightarrow$  [S.-S. Lee, NPB 832, 56 (2010); 851, 143 (2011)]

## Conclusions

### So Far

- Field Theory over Tensor Network States

$$\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}} = \int [DA] e^{-S[A]}$$

MPS data



- Imports insights about entanglement to field theory
- Managed for 1d – exploring potential applications

### Future

- RG→ describing both renormalization of fluctuations and entanglement structure?
- Extension to higher dimensions and critical theories?
- Links to AdS/CFT?

