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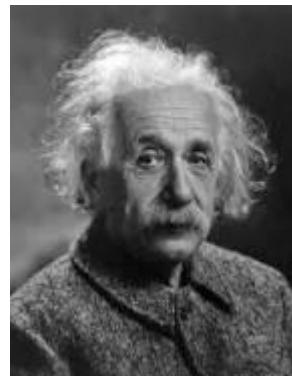
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# Quantum Mechanics

1920-1930



Niels Bohr



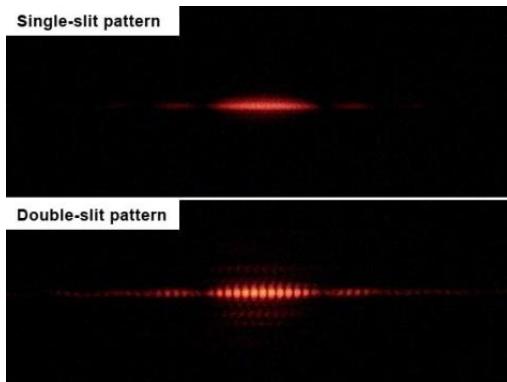
Albert Einstein



Wolfgang Pauli

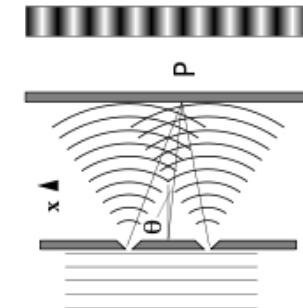


Paul Dirac



$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = \hat{H}\Psi$$

Schrodinger equation



Erwin Schrodinger



Enrico Fermi



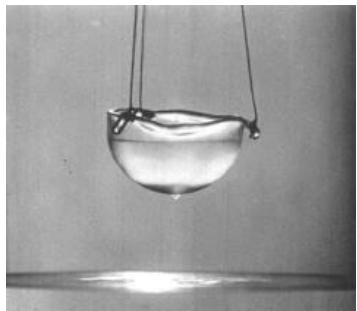
Werner Heisenberg



Richard Feynman

# Exotic phases of quantum matter:

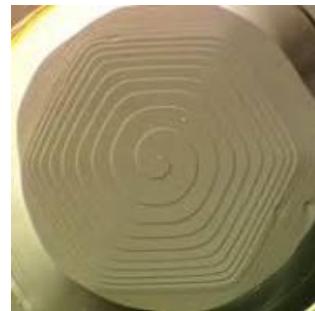
Collective quantum many-body phenomena



superfluids



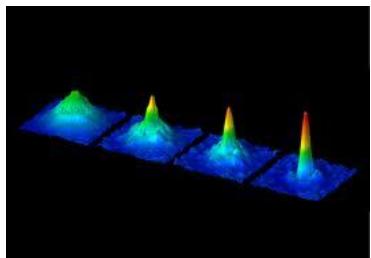
superconductors



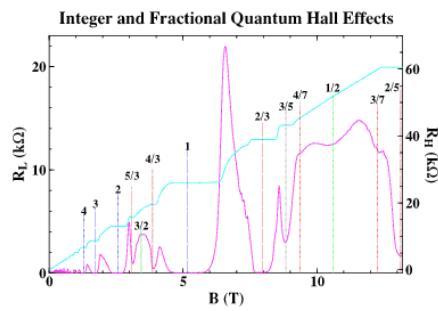
supersolids (?)



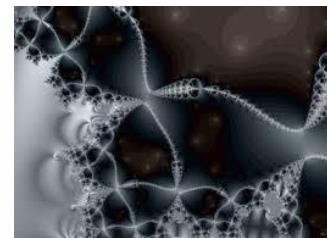
spin liquids



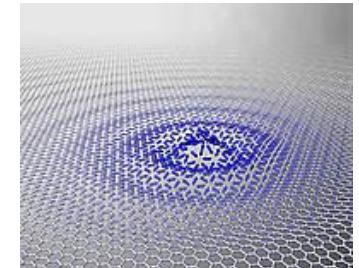
Bose-Einstein  
condensation



fractional quantum  
Hall effect



quantum criticality



topological order

# There is a problem...

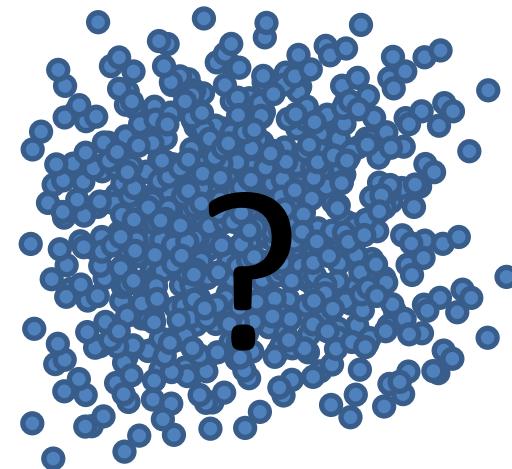


“The fundamental laws necessary for the mathematical treatment of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty lies only in the fact that application of these laws leads to equations that are too complex to be solved.”

Paul Dirac

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = \hat{H}\Psi$$

Schrodinger equation



## Emergence:

long-distance physics is often radically different from short-distance physics

# ... and there is a solution: the Renormalization Group

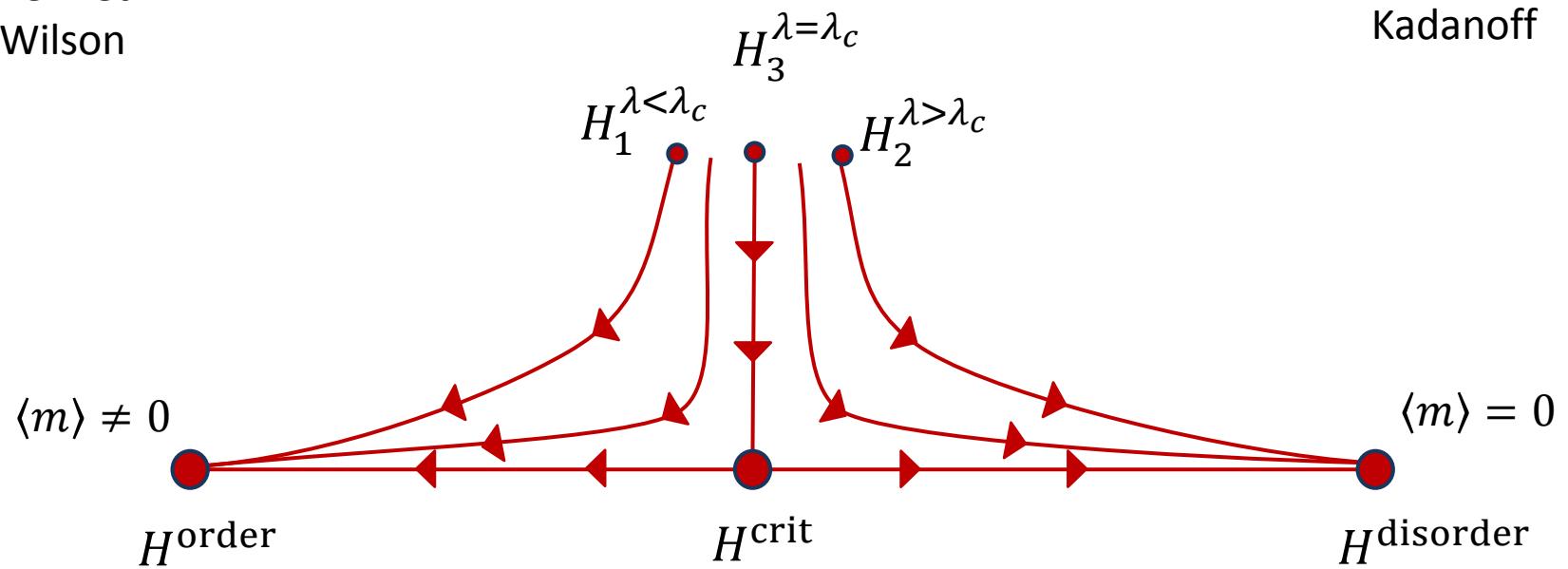


Kenneth  
Wilson



Leo  
Kadanoff

Renormalization group flow:

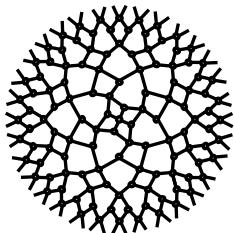


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Nice! But how do we do this in practice?

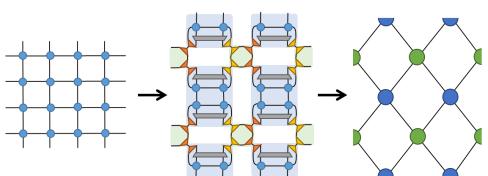
## Outline of this talk

- entanglement renormalization (old stuff)



Real space RG transformation for  
→ ground state wave-functions  
→ Hamiltonians

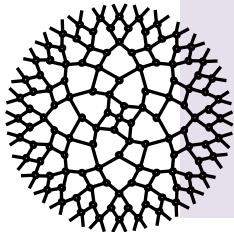
- tensor network renormalization (new stuff)



- Real space RG of Euclidean path integral [arXiv:1412.0732](#)
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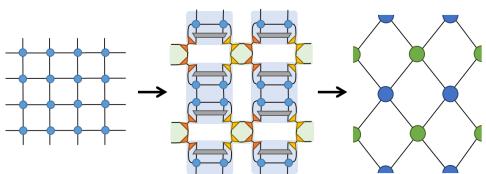
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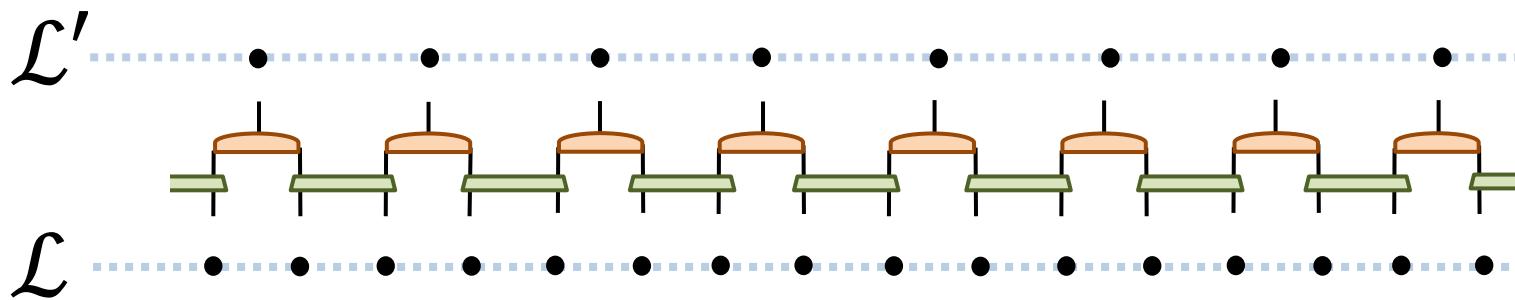
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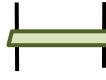
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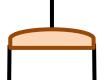


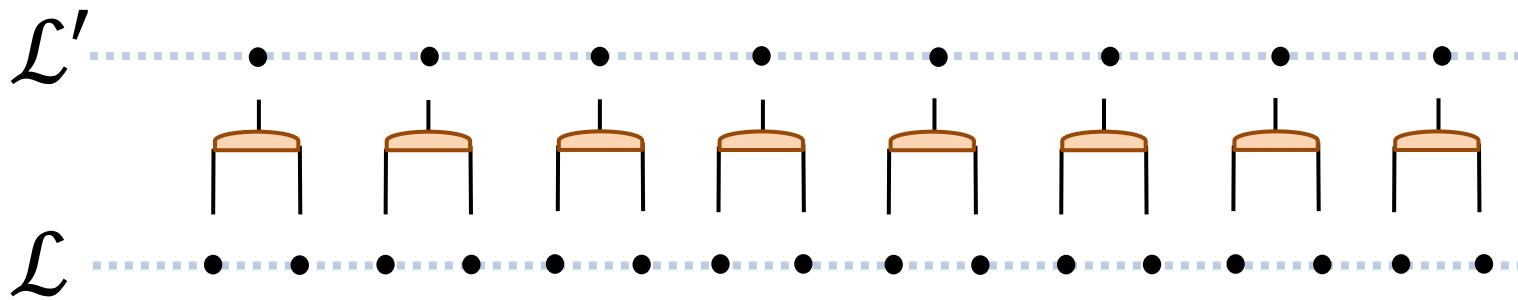
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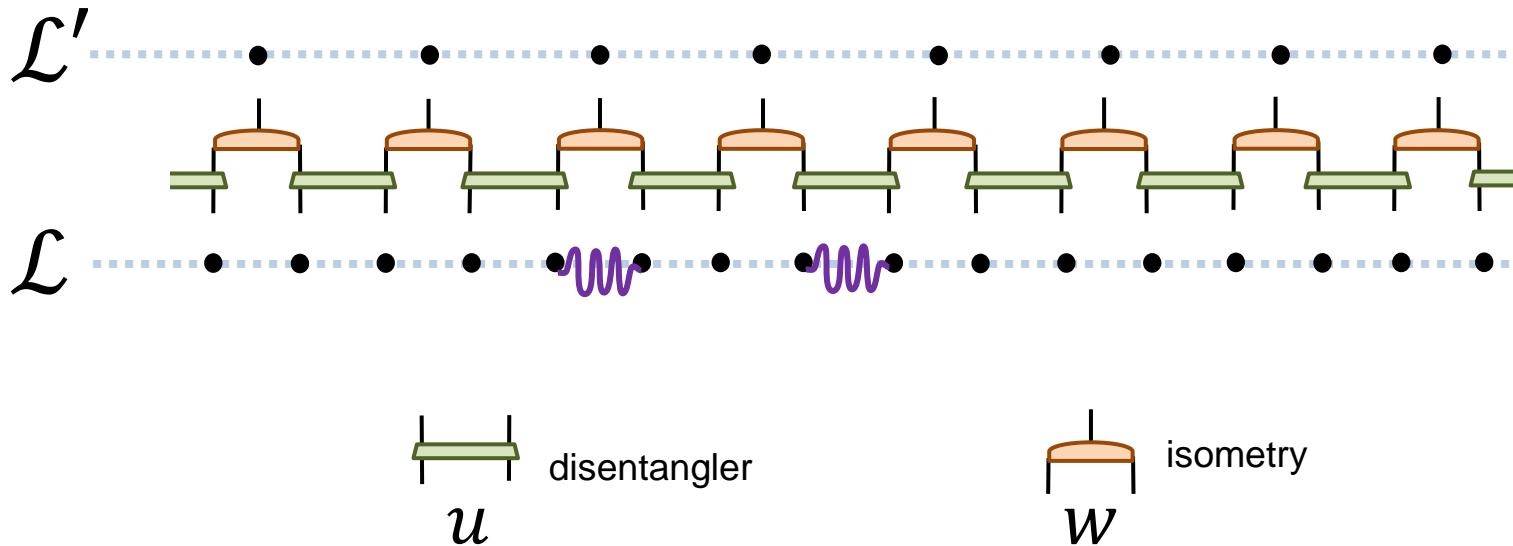
 disentangler  
 $u$

 isometry  
 $W$

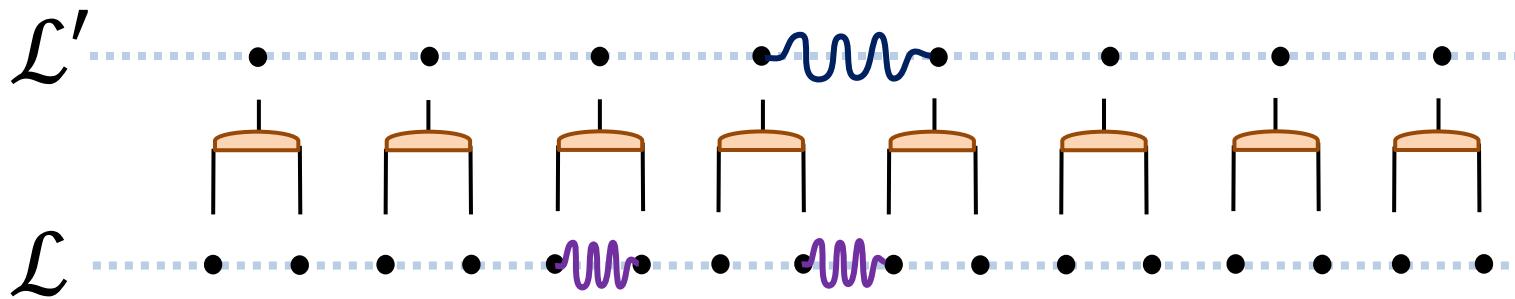


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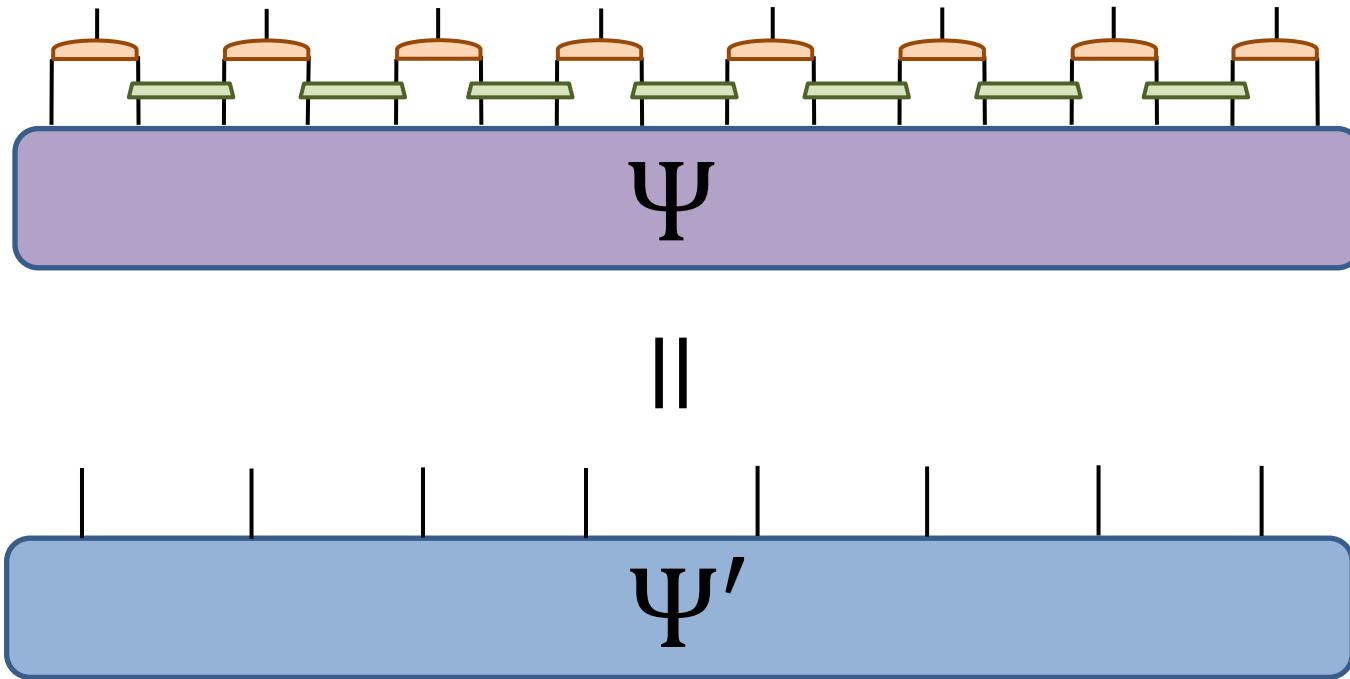
- removal of all short-range entanglement



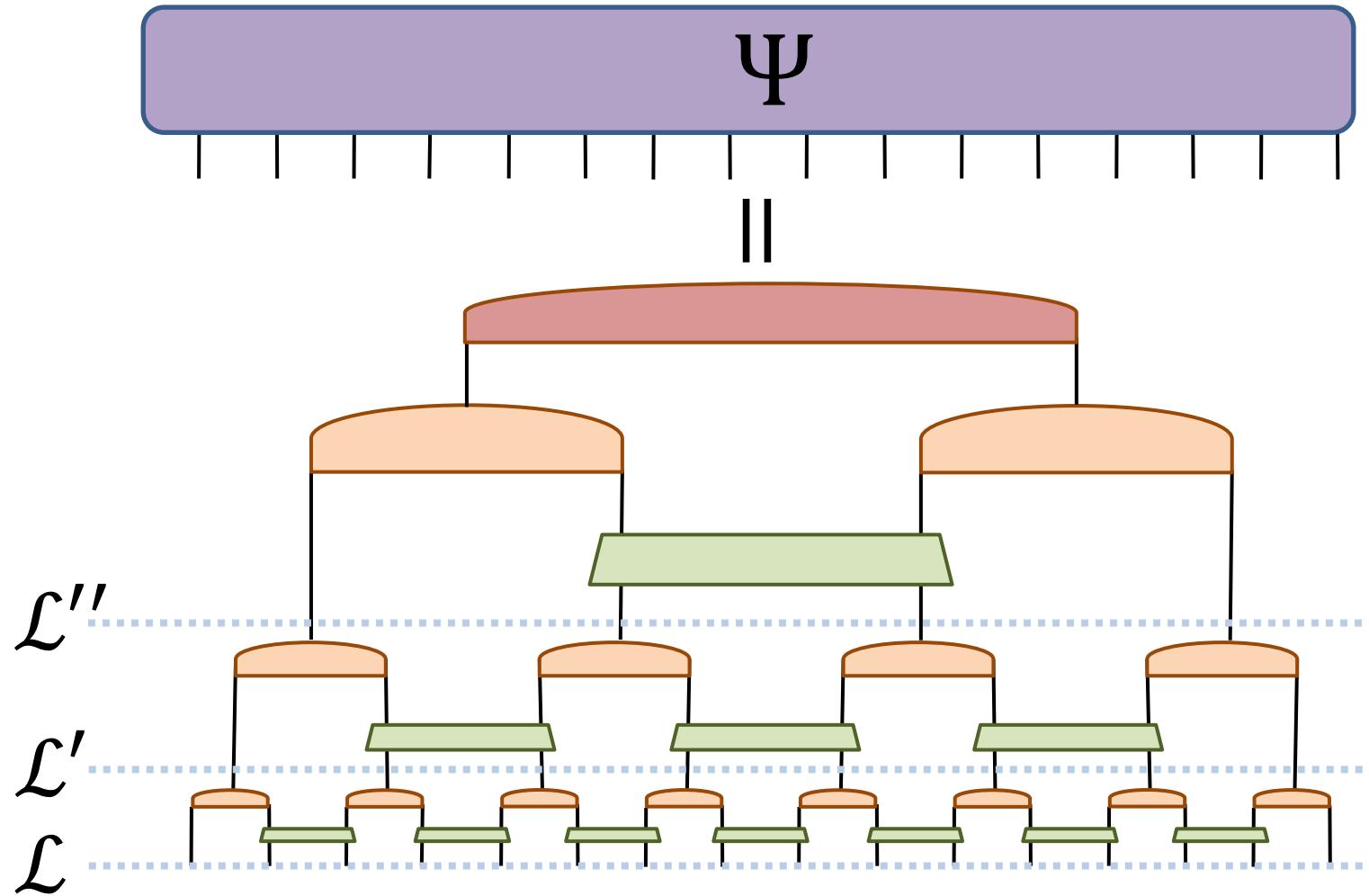
- some short-range entanglement is not removed



# RG transformation on ground state wave-functions



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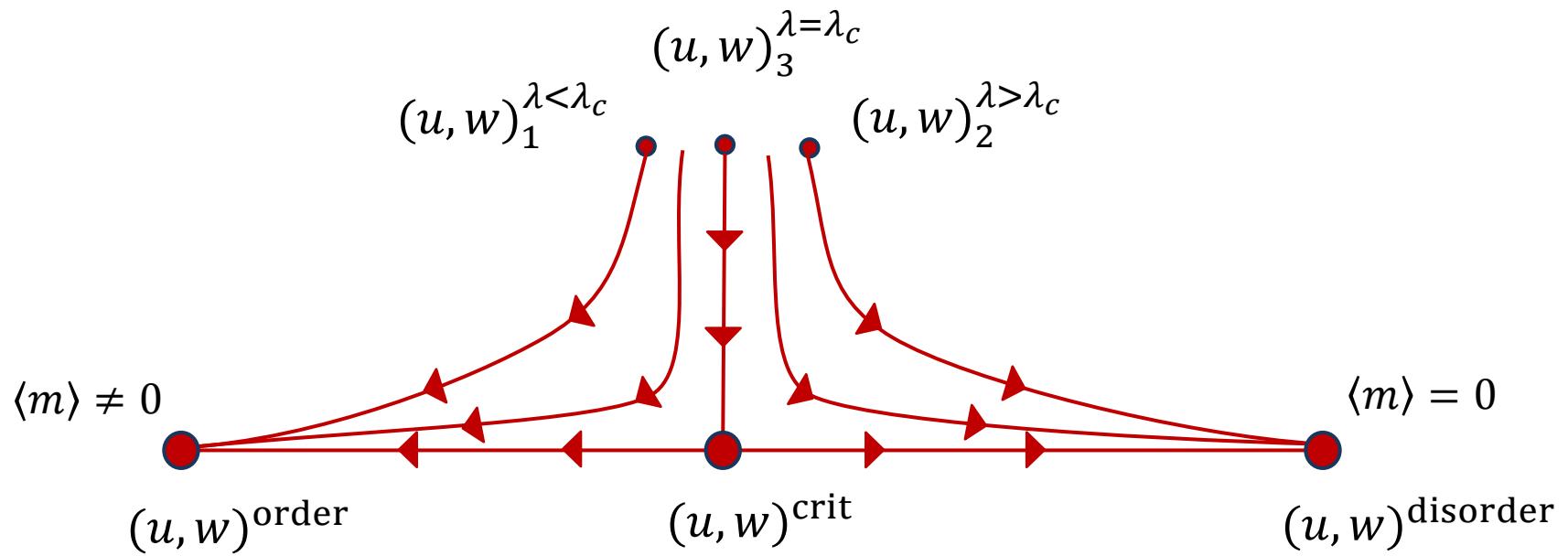
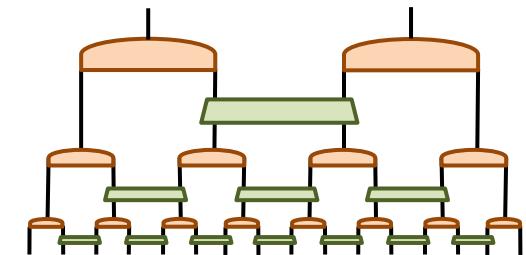
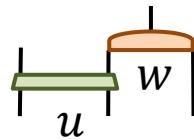


Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)

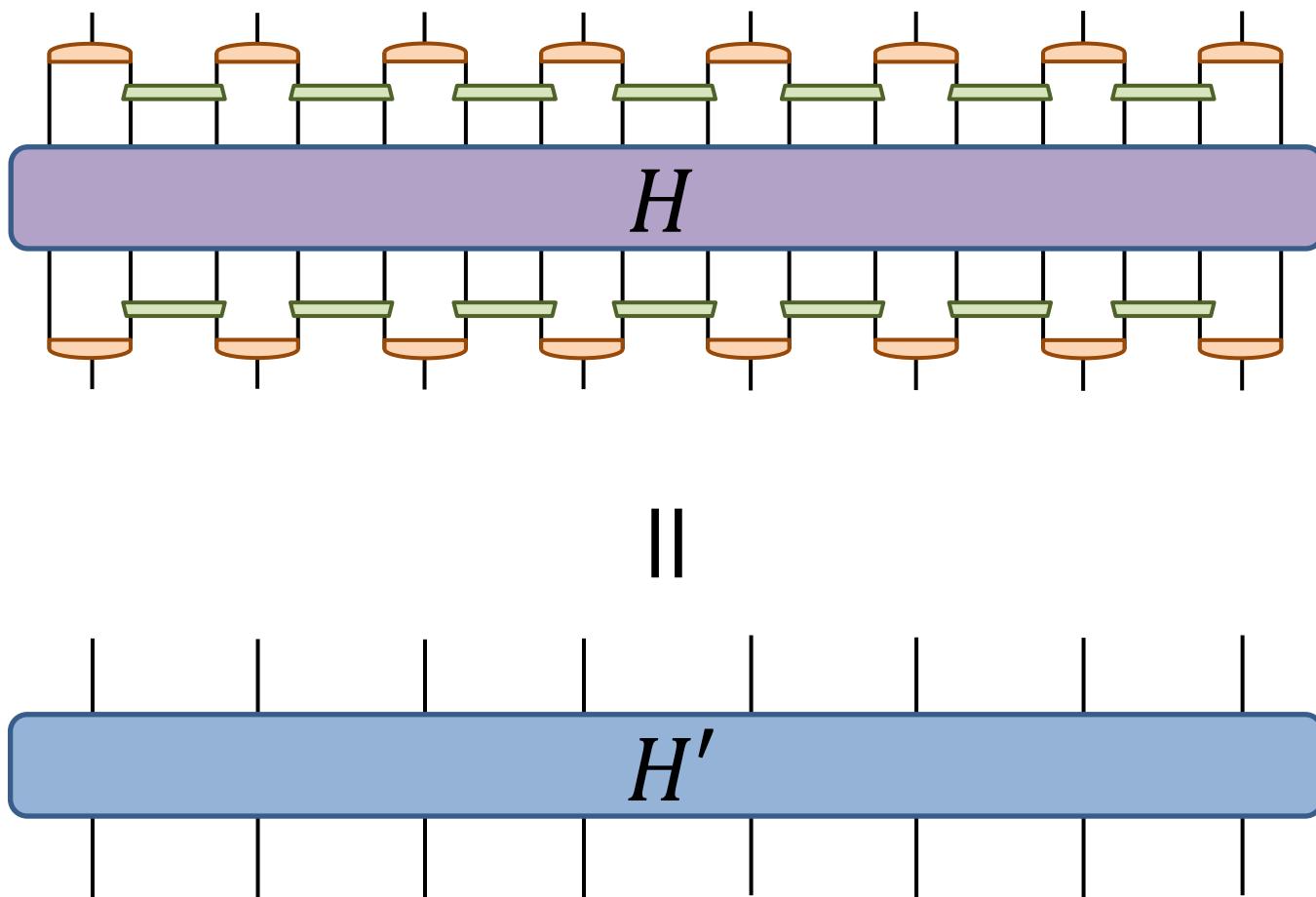
- topological order
- quantum criticality
- holography

RG flow in the space of wave-functions,

as parameterized by tensors  $u, w$

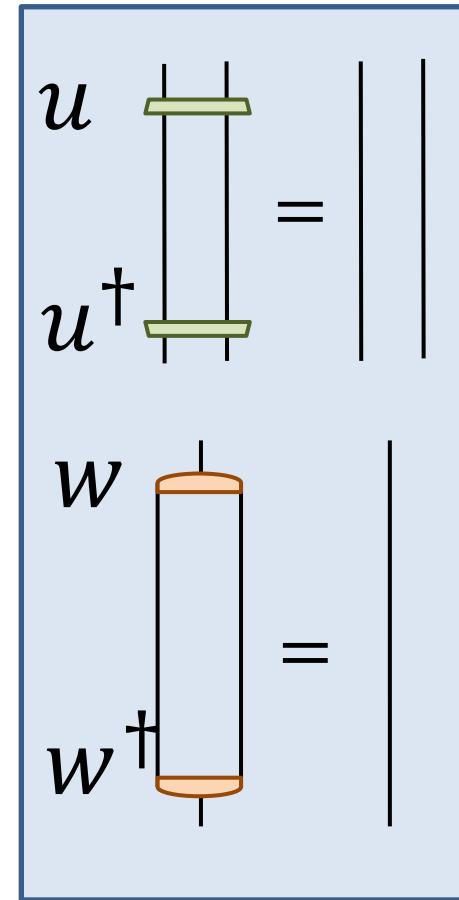
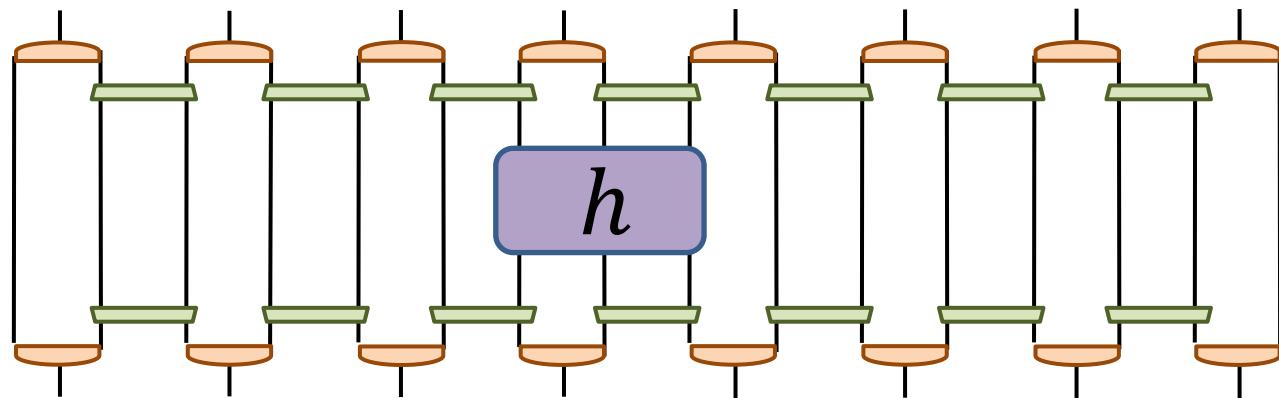


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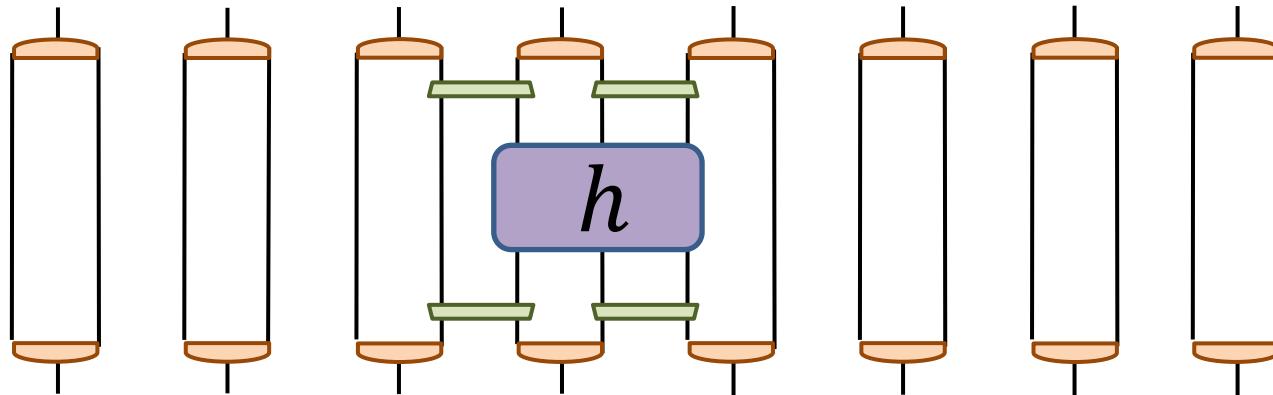


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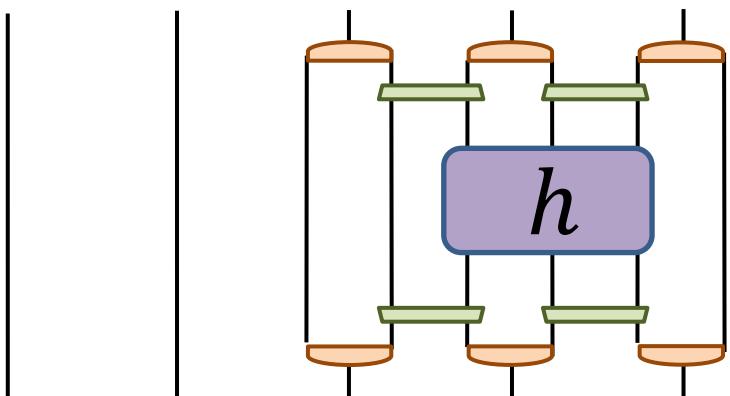
Local Hamiltonian  $H = \sum_i h_i$

The diagram shows the decomposition of a local Hamiltonian  $H$  into unitary operators  $u$  and  $u^\dagger$ , and a weight  $w$ . The top part shows  $u$  and  $u^\dagger$  as vertical bars with a central green horizontal bar, followed by an equals sign and two vertical bars. The bottom part shows  $w$  and  $w^\dagger$  as vertical bars with a central orange horizontal bar, followed by an equals sign and two vertical bars.

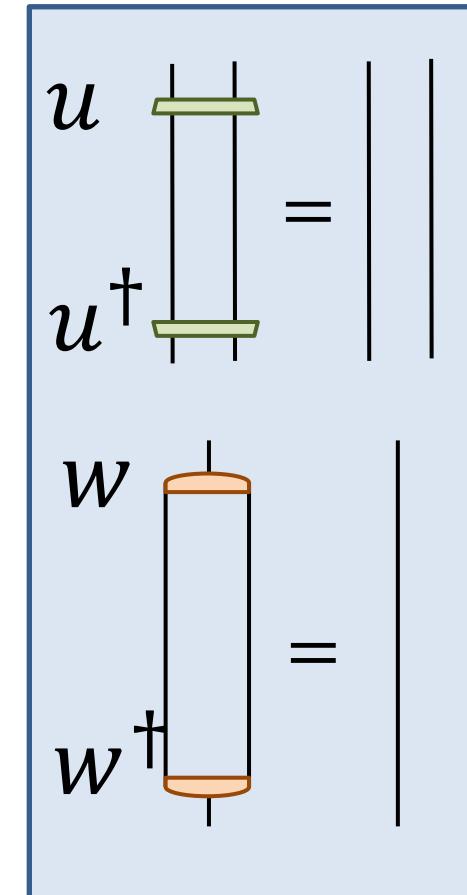
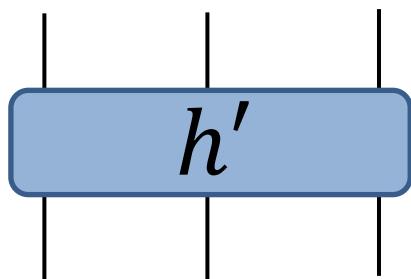
$$H = u u^\dagger + w w^\dagger$$

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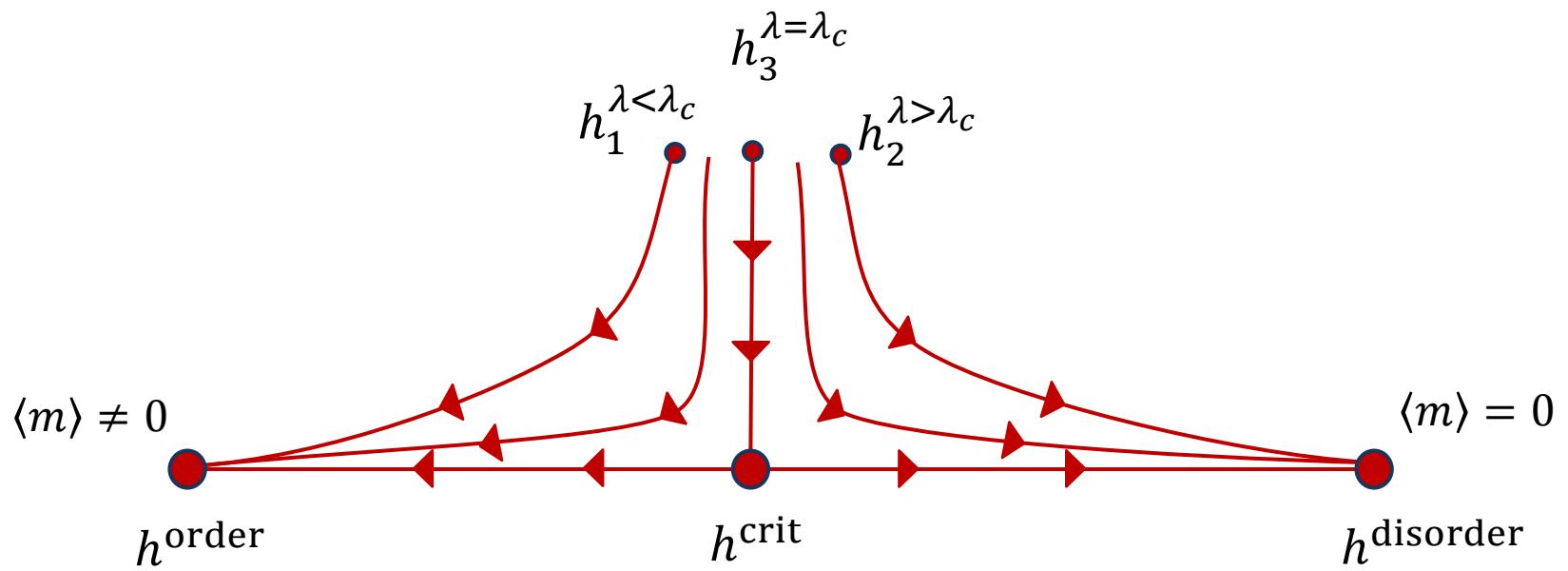
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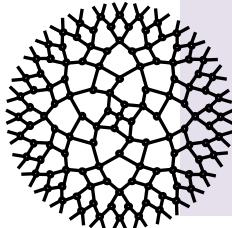
RG flow in the space of local Hamiltonians,

as parameterized by a strictly local Hamiltonian term  $h$

$$H = \sum_i h_i$$



- entanglement renormalization (old stuff)



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## MANY OPEN QUESTIONS

RG on Euclidean path integral  
(Hamiltonian → Lagrangian)

MERA for thermal states?  
Classical partition functions?

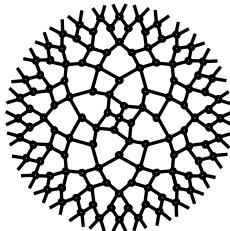
When is MERA  
a good approximation?

Theory of minimal updates  
(impurities, boundaries, etc)

Better algorithms?  
(→ branching, 2D)

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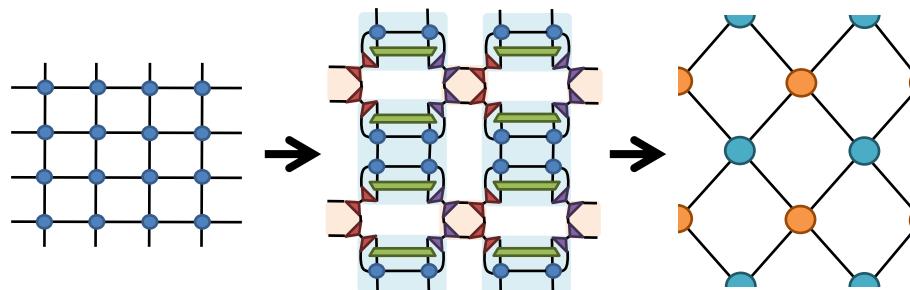
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# Tensor network renormalization (new stuff)

local  
Hamiltonian

$$H$$

ground state

$$|\Psi\rangle$$

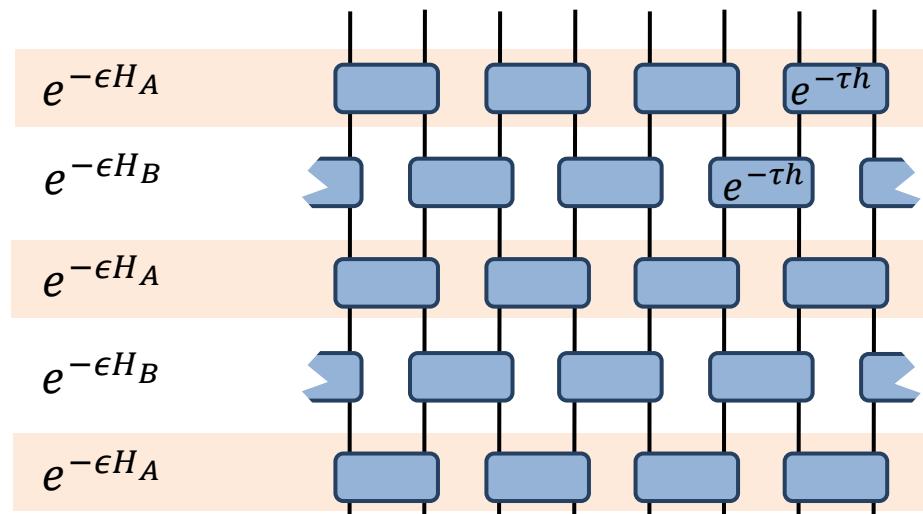
$$|\Psi\rangle = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\beta H} |\phi_0\rangle}{||e^{-\beta H} |\phi_0\rangle||}$$

Suzuki-Trotter  
decomposition

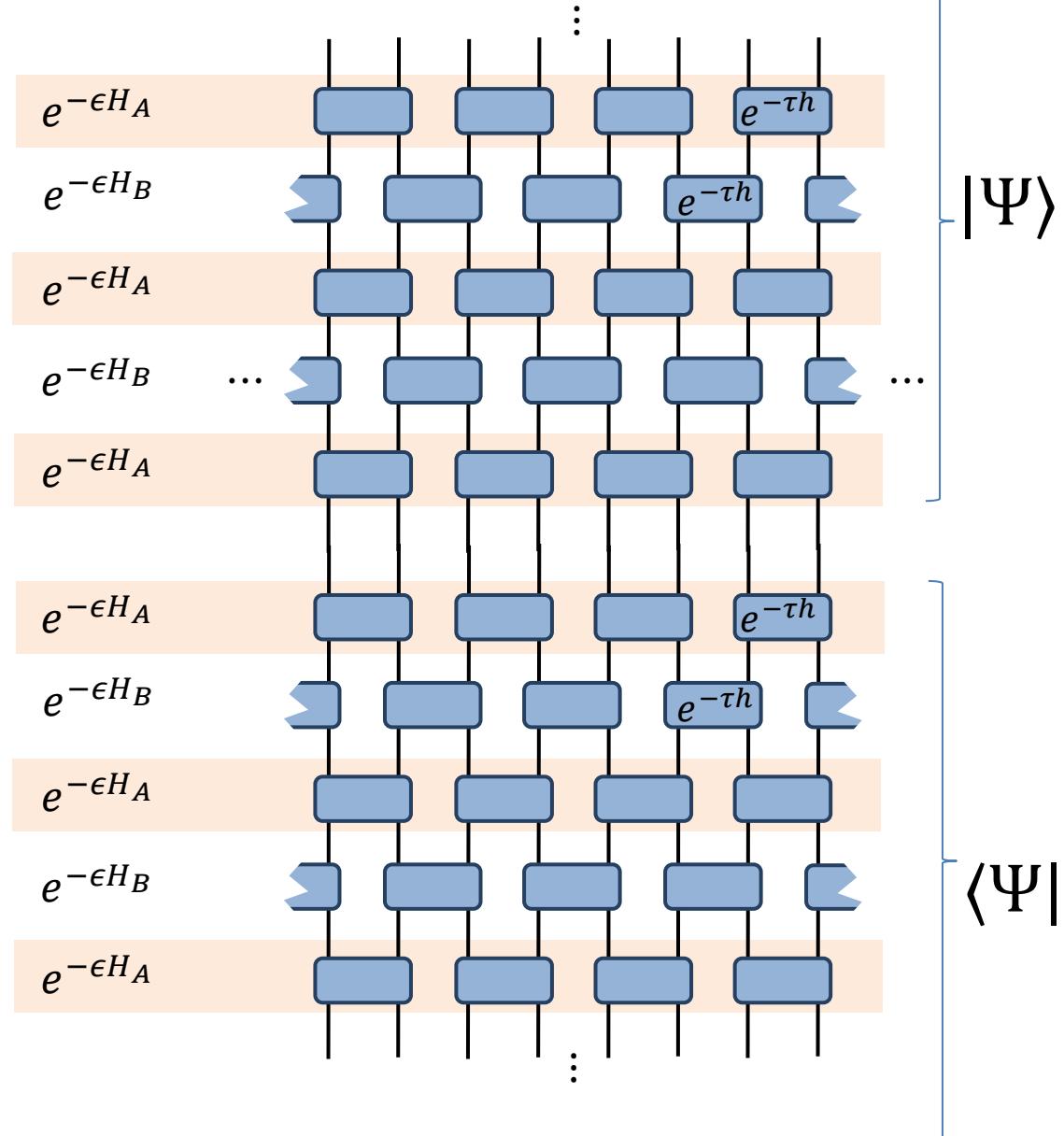
$$e^{-\beta H} \approx e^{-\epsilon H_A} e^{-\epsilon H_B} e^{-\epsilon H_A} e^{-\epsilon H_B} \dots$$

$$H_A = \sum_{i \text{ odd}} h_{i,i+1}$$

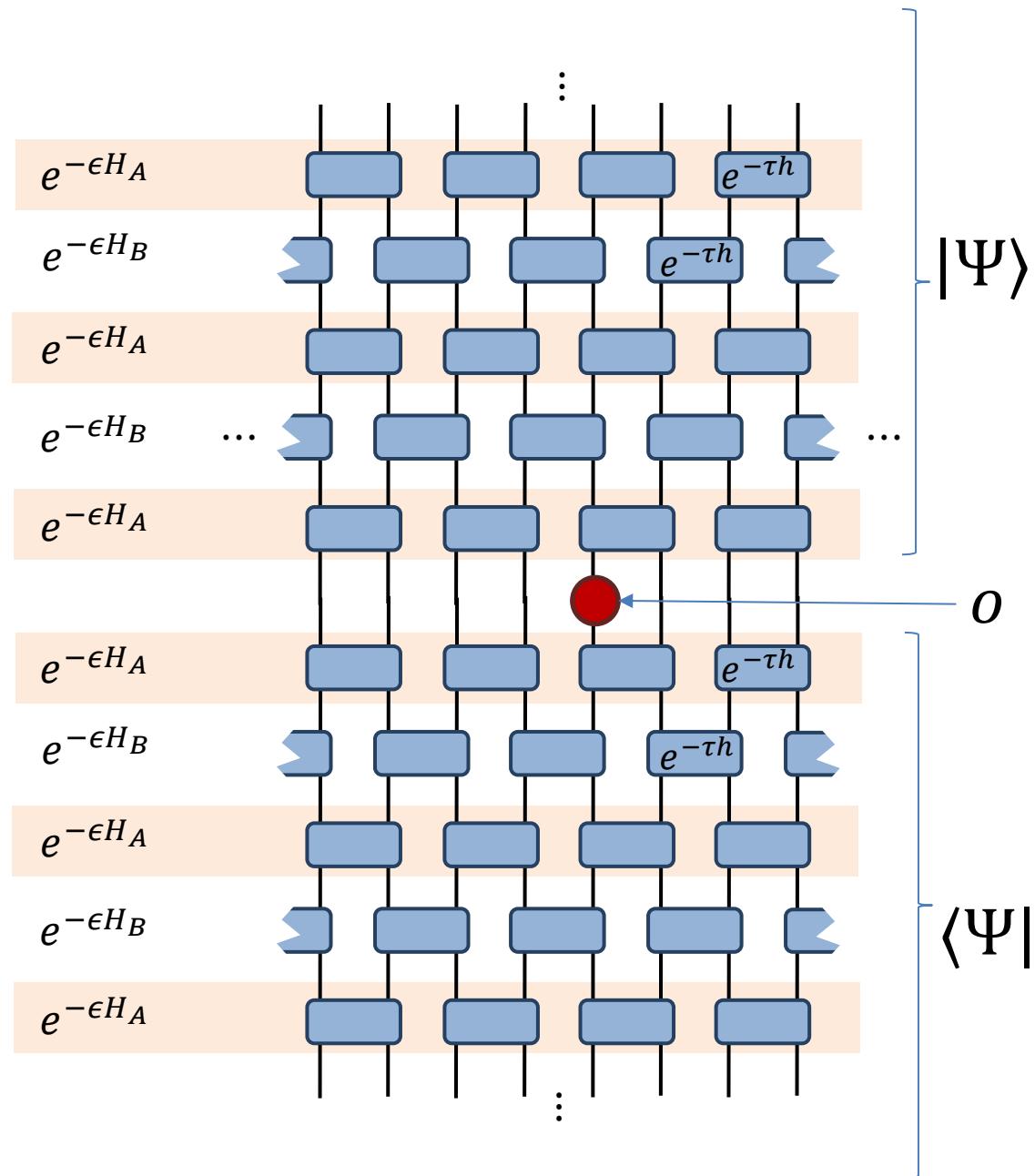
$$H_B = \sum_{i \text{ even}} h_{i,i+1}$$

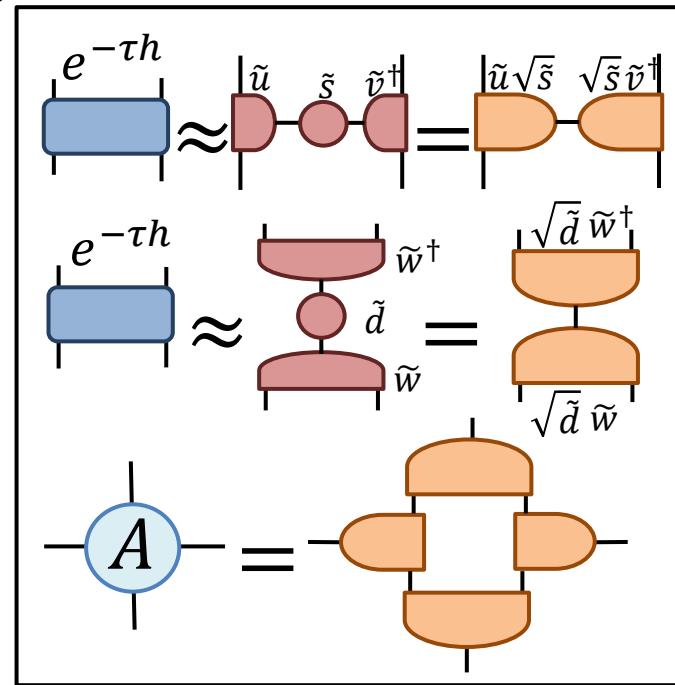
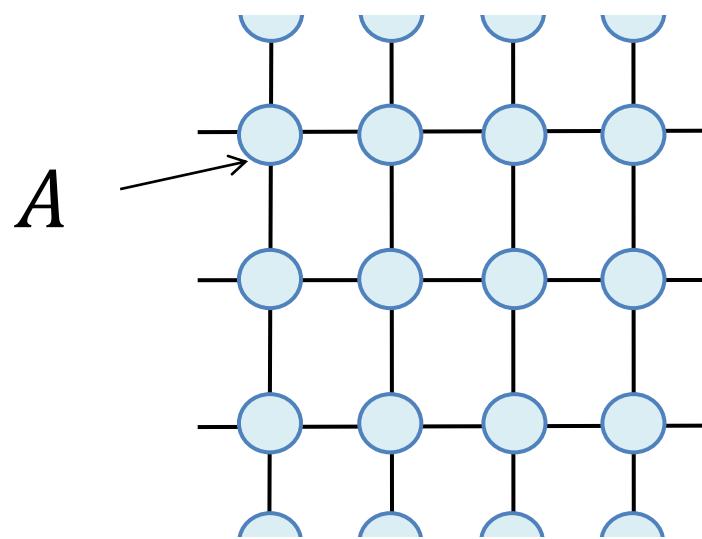
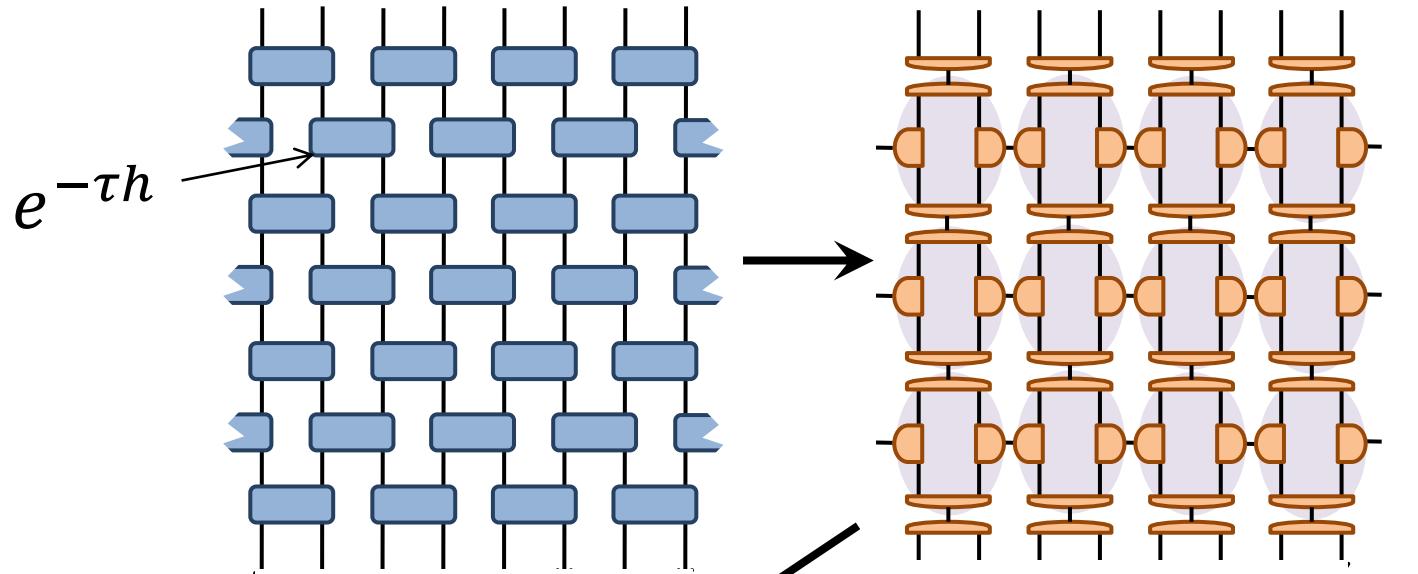


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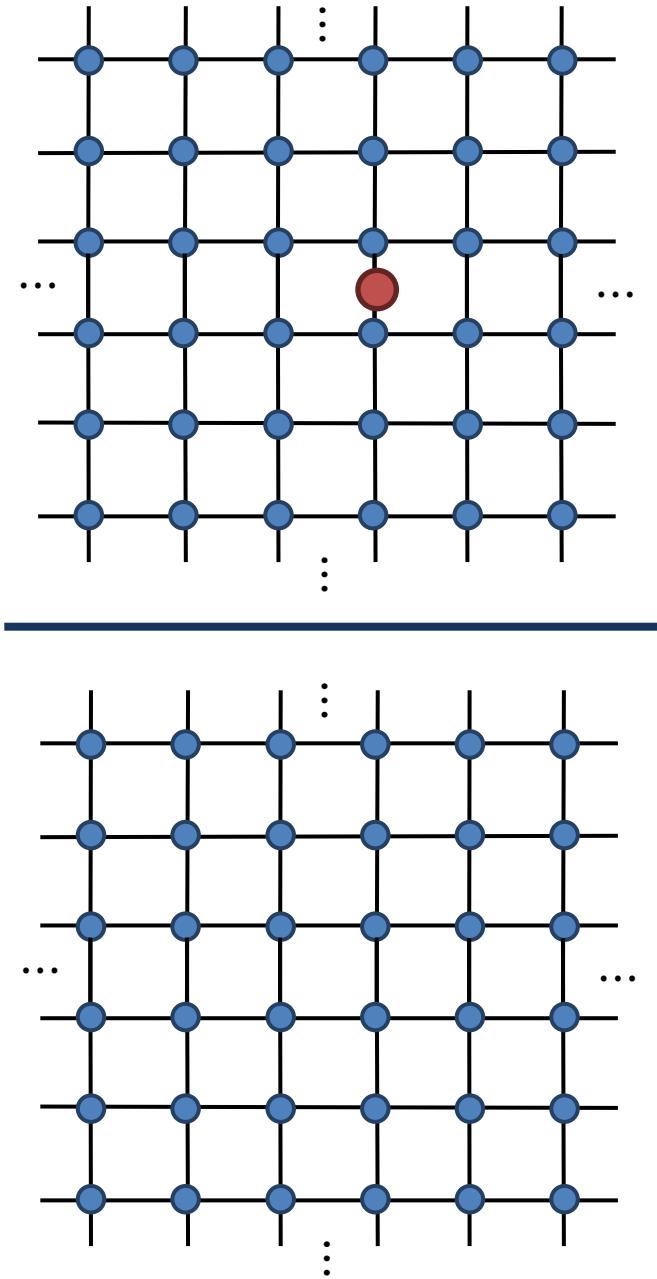


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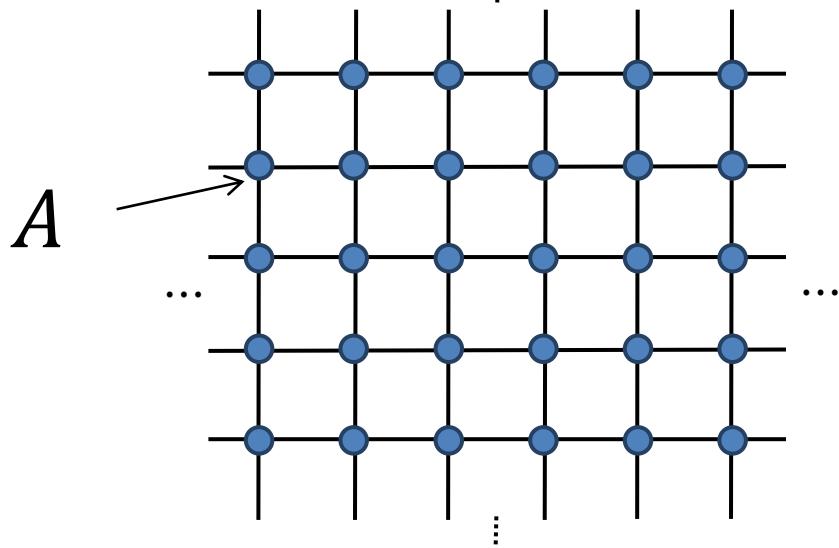




$$\frac{\langle \Psi | o | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} =$$

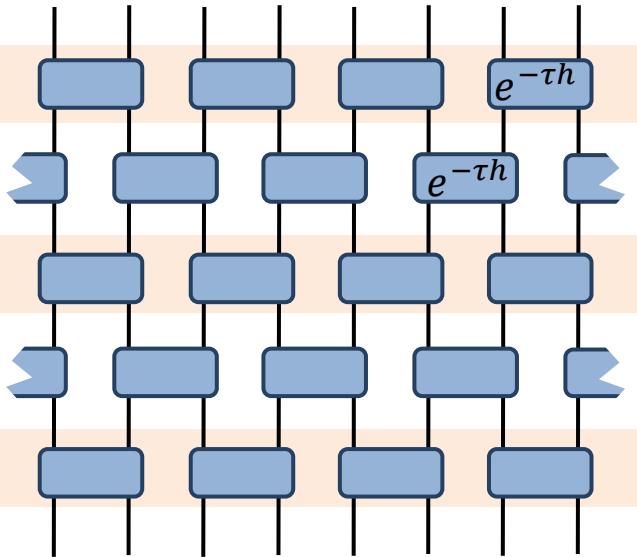


## Tensor network



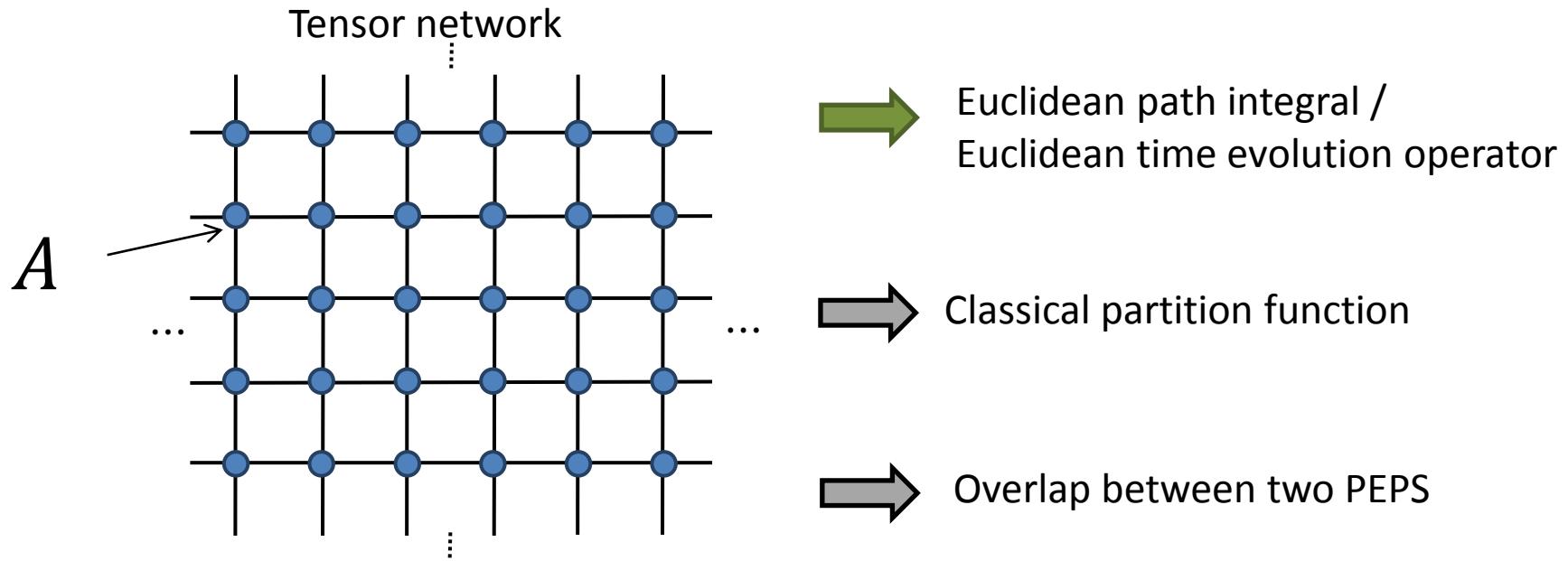
- Euclidean path integral /  
Euclidean time evolution operator
- Classical partition function
- Overlap between two PEPS

## Monte Carlo sampling



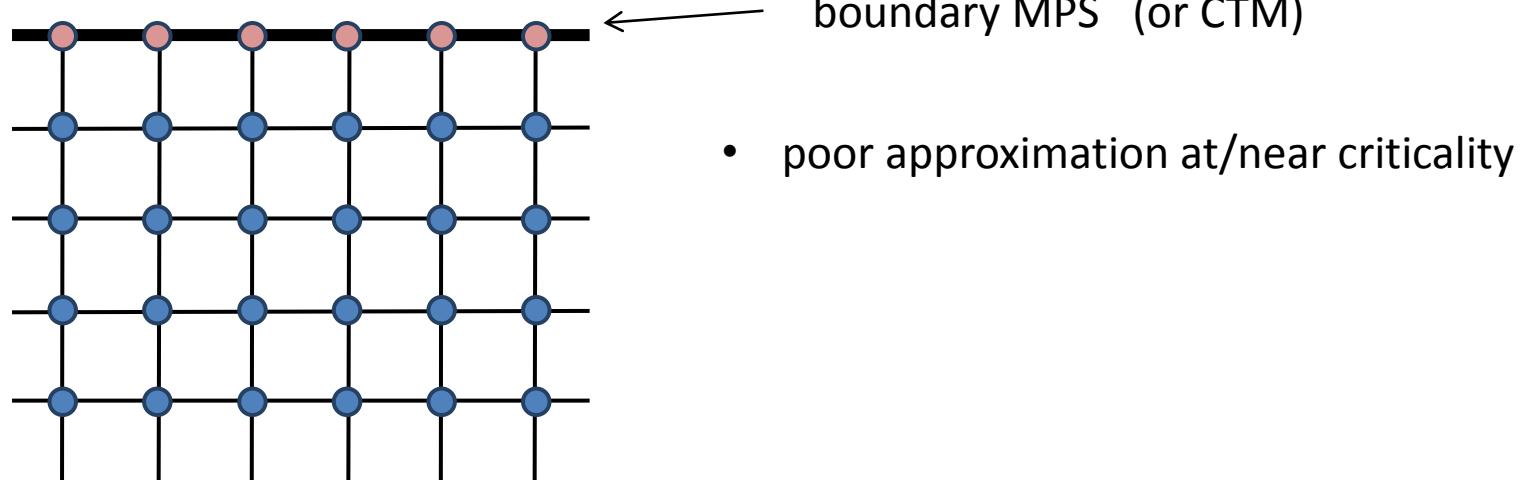
Plan: sample important amplitudes!

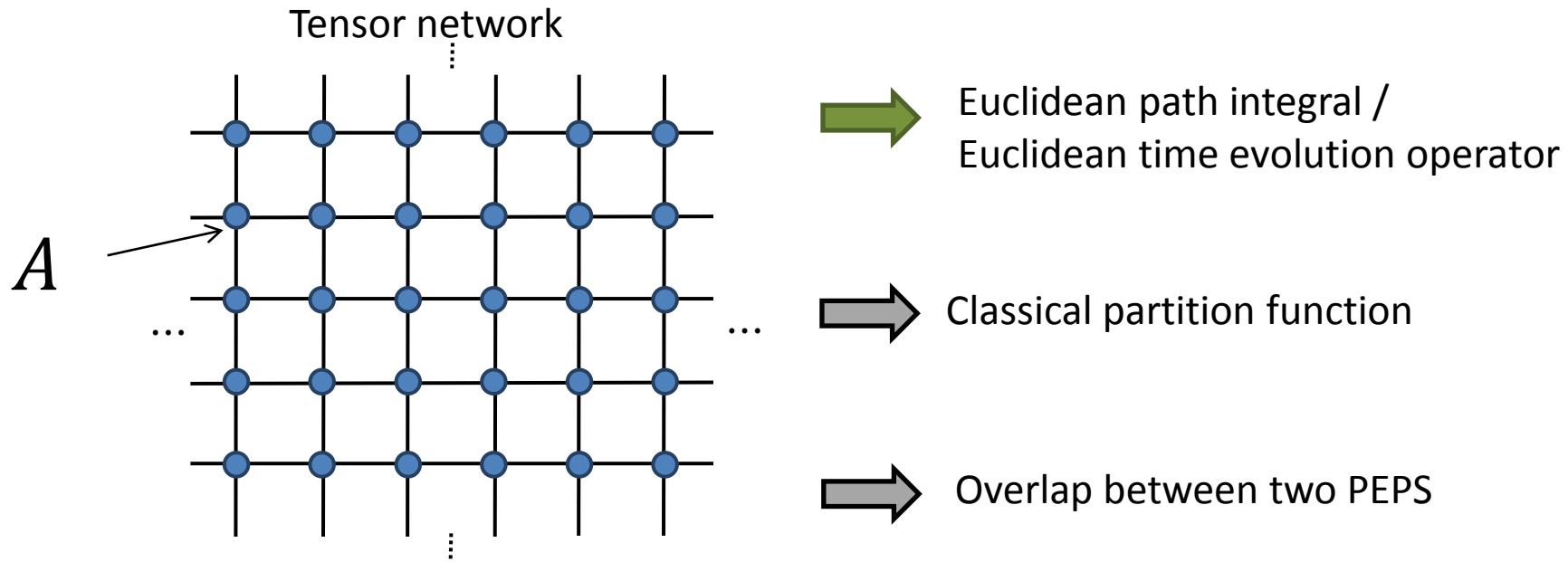
- sampling error
- (sign problem!)



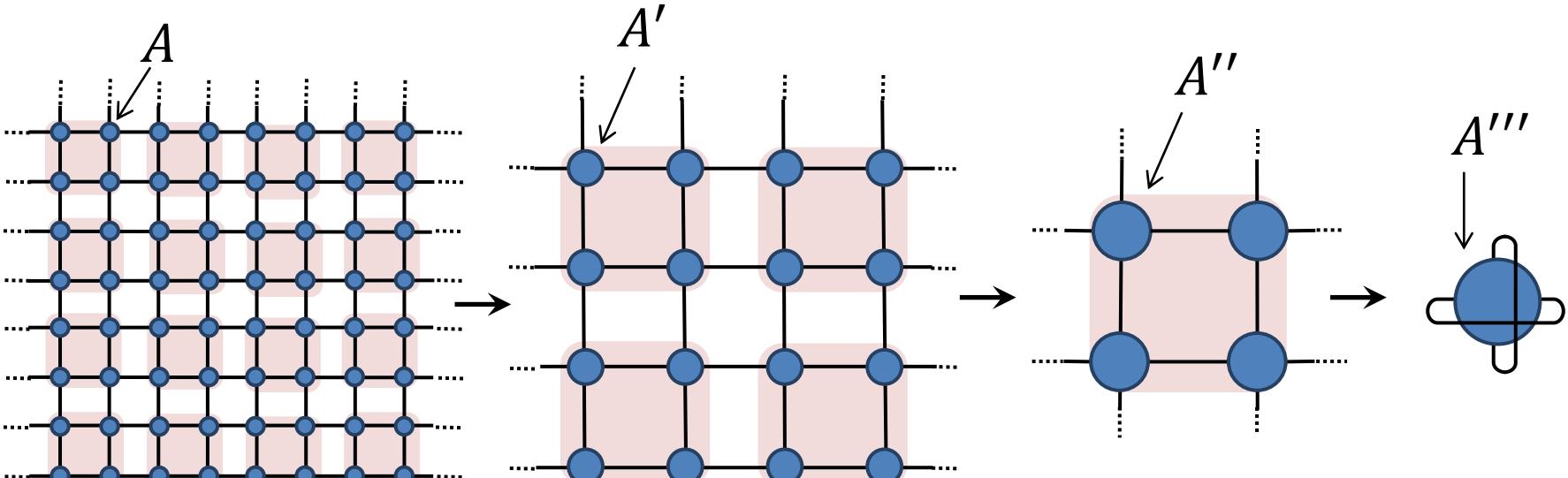
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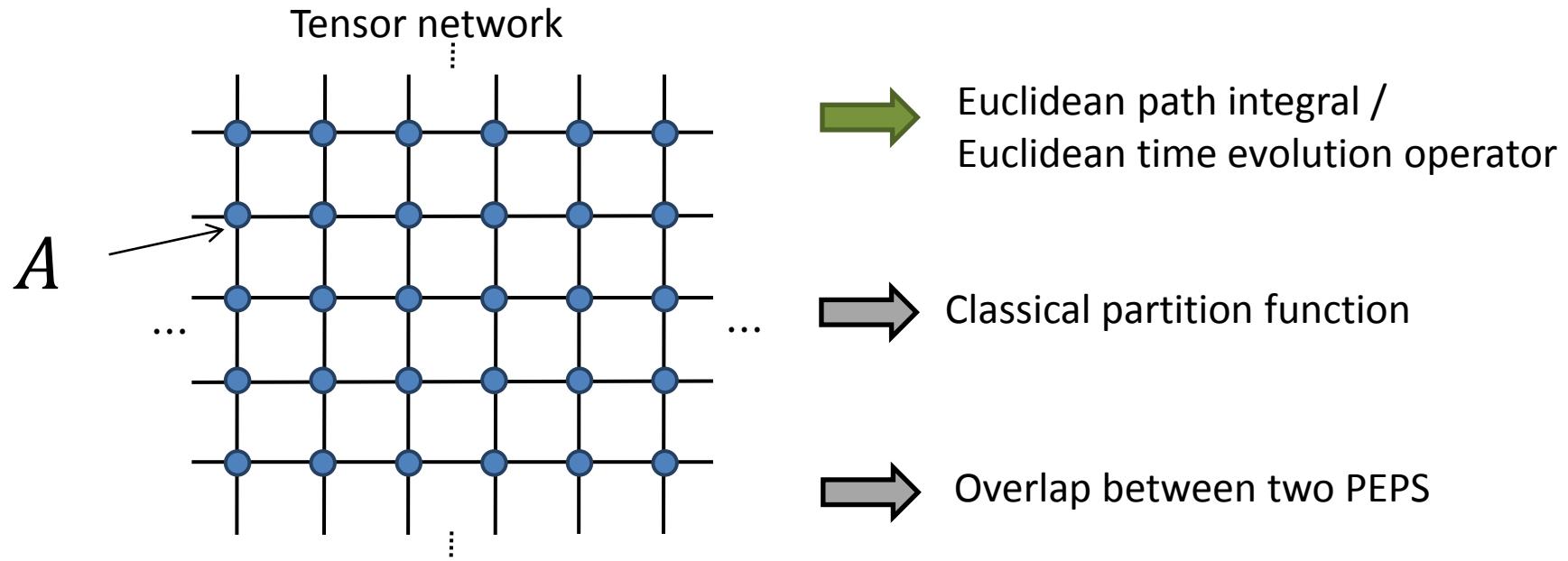
Plan: sum over all amplitudes





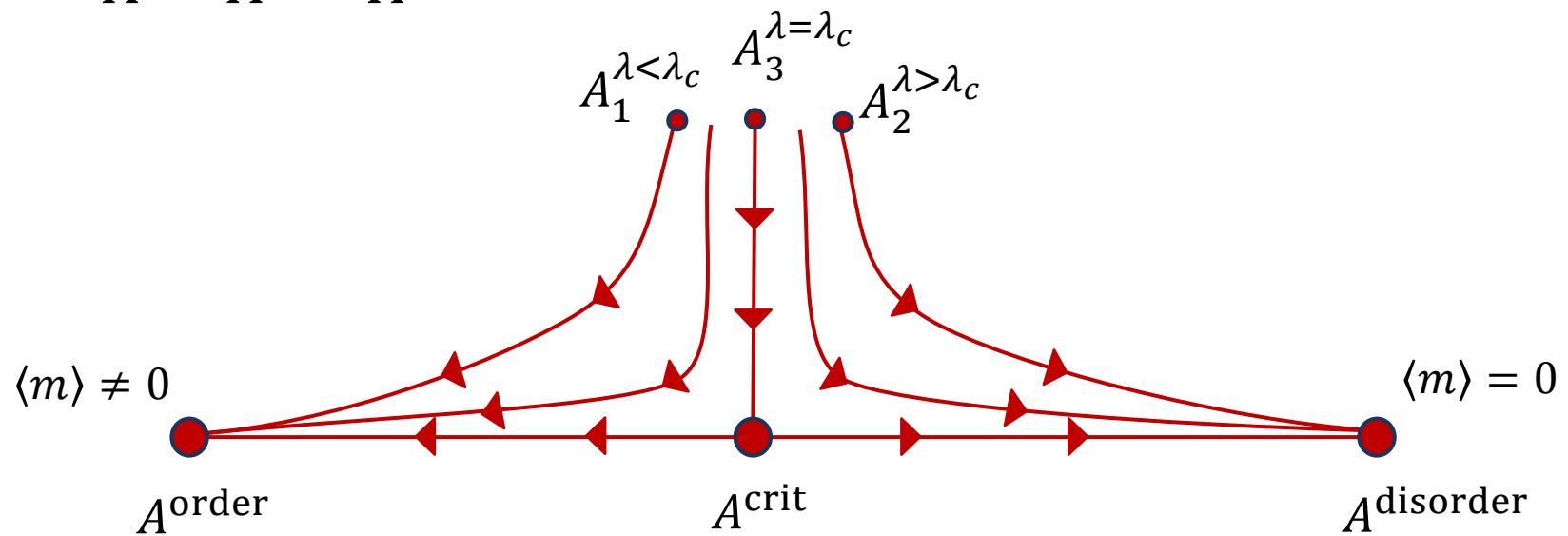
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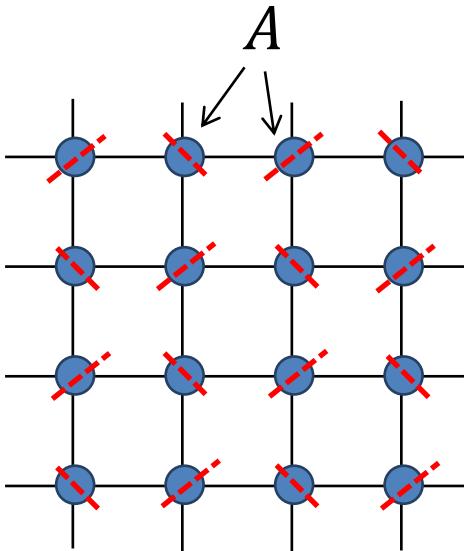
Can we define an RG flow in the space of tensors  $A$  ?

$$A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow \dots$$



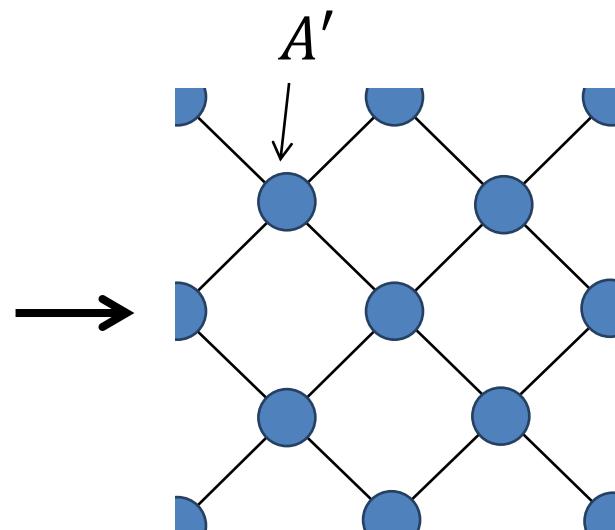
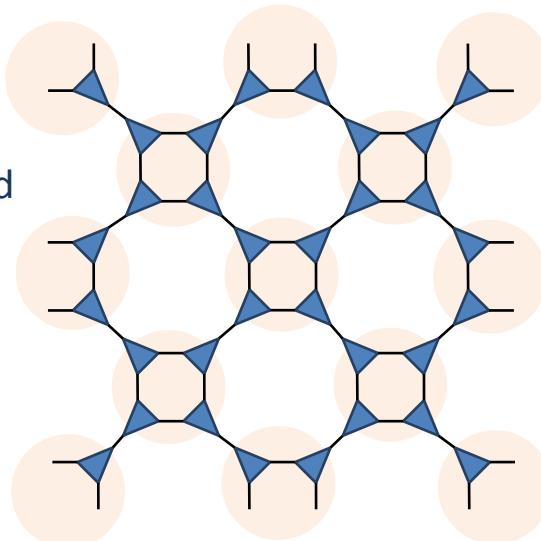
# Tensor Renormalization Group (TRG)

(Levin, Nave, 2006)

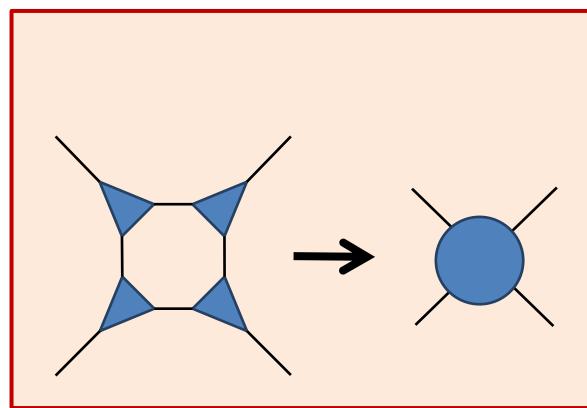
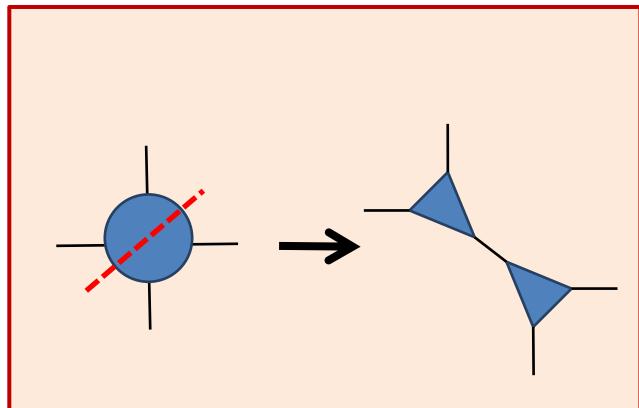


initial  
tensor network

truncated  
SVD



coarse-grained  
tensor network



# Tensor Renormalization Group (TRG)

(Levin, Nave, 2006)

Accurate results for gapped 1D systems

Many improvements and generalizations:

- Second Renormalization Group (SRG) (Xie, Jiang, Weng, Xiang, 2008)
- Tensor Entanglement Filtering Renormalization (TEFR) (Gu, Wen, 2009)
- Higher Order Tensor Renormalization Group (HOTRG) (Xie, Chen, Qin, Zhu, Yang, Xiang, 2012)  
+ many more...

Improved accuracy, extensions to 2D systems (!?), etc

However, TRG fails to remove some of the short-range correlations.

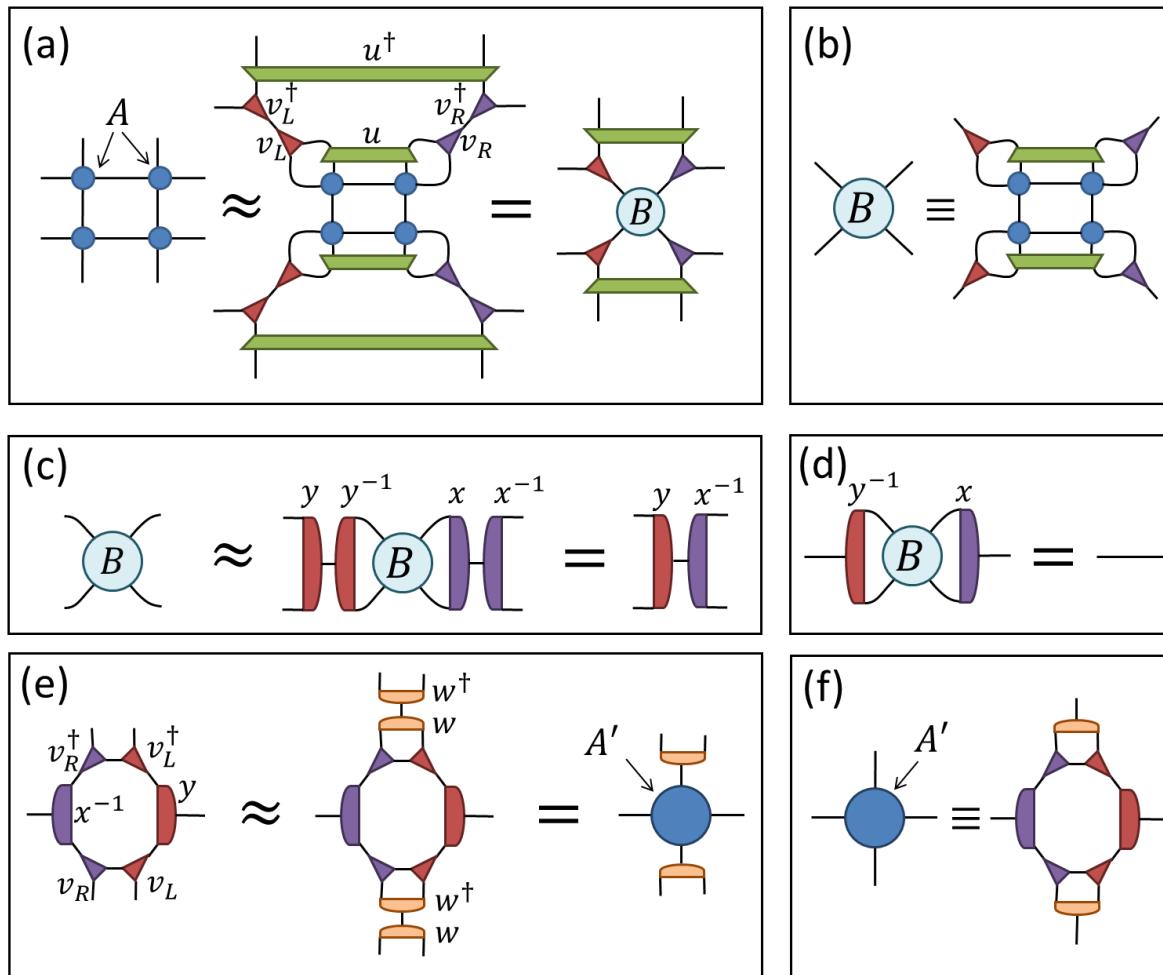
- Not a proper RG flow (wrong structure of fixed points)
- Computationally not sustainable at quantum criticality

# Tensor Network Renormalization

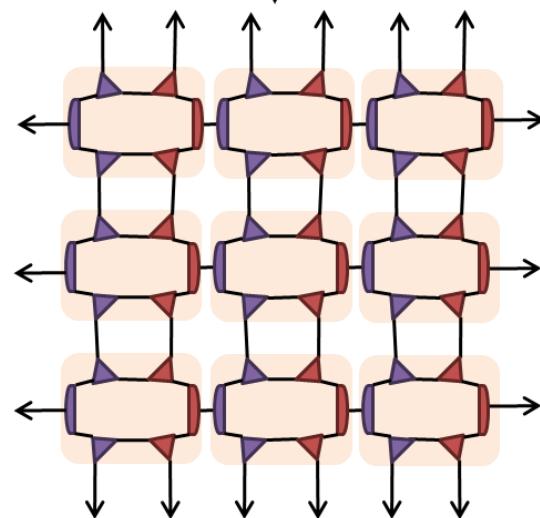
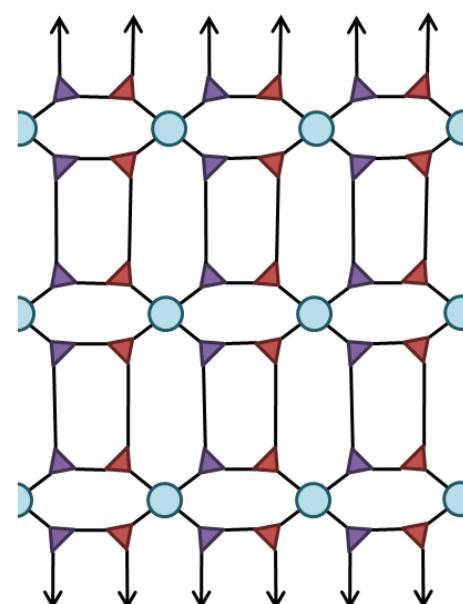
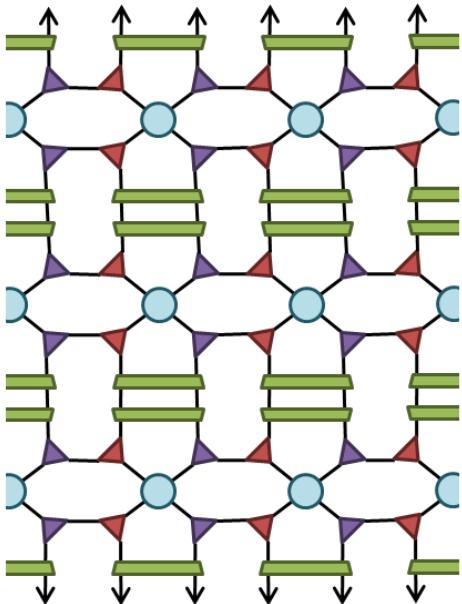
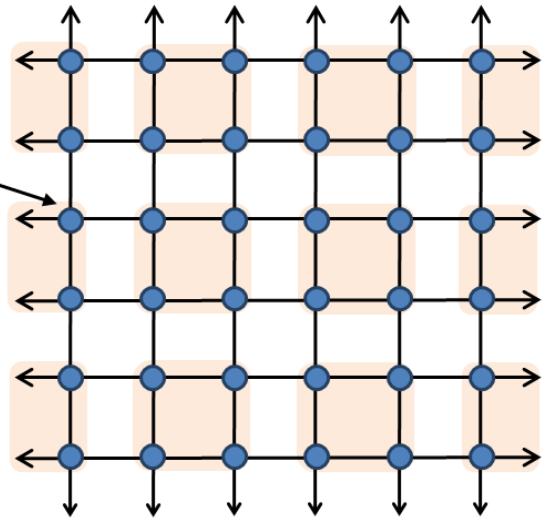
(Evenbly, Vidal, 2014)

Introduce disentanglers to remove all short-range correlations.

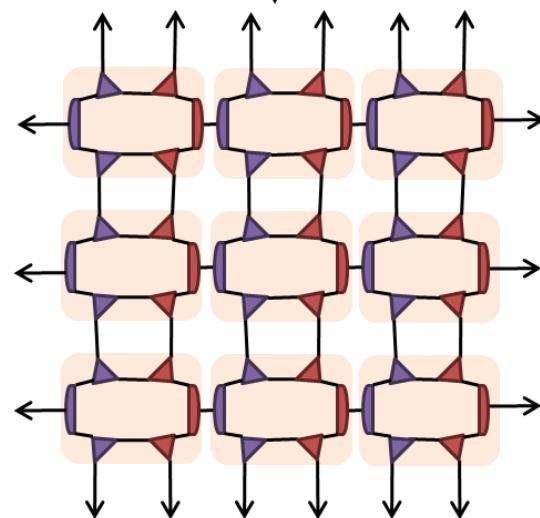
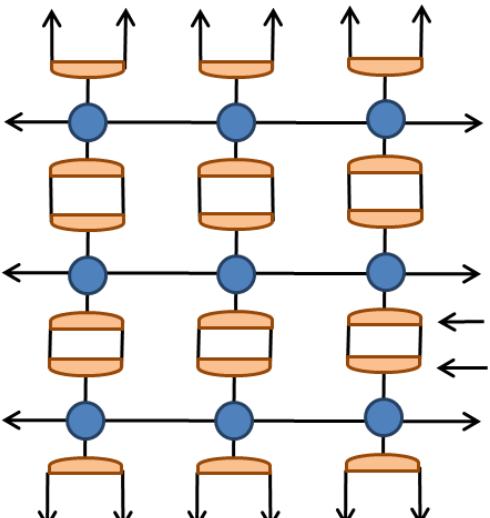
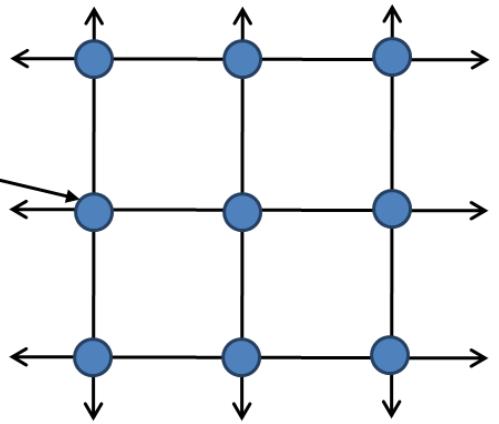
- Proper RG flow (correct structure of fixed points)
- Works near/at quantum criticality
- Can be generalized to  $D > 1$  dimensions



$A$



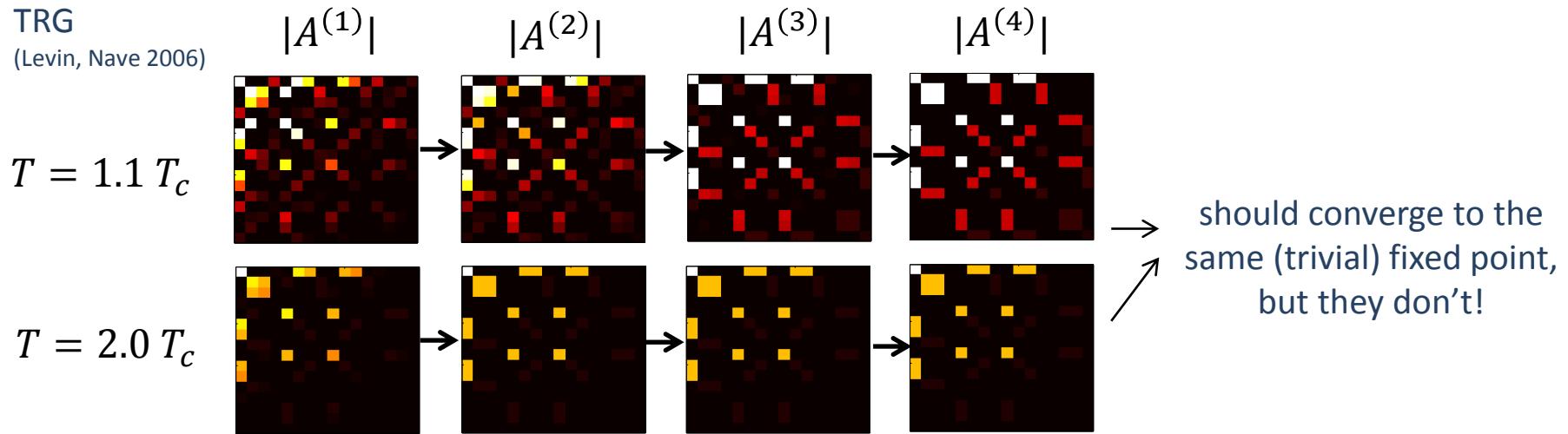
$A'$



# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

e.g. disordered phase  $T > T_c$

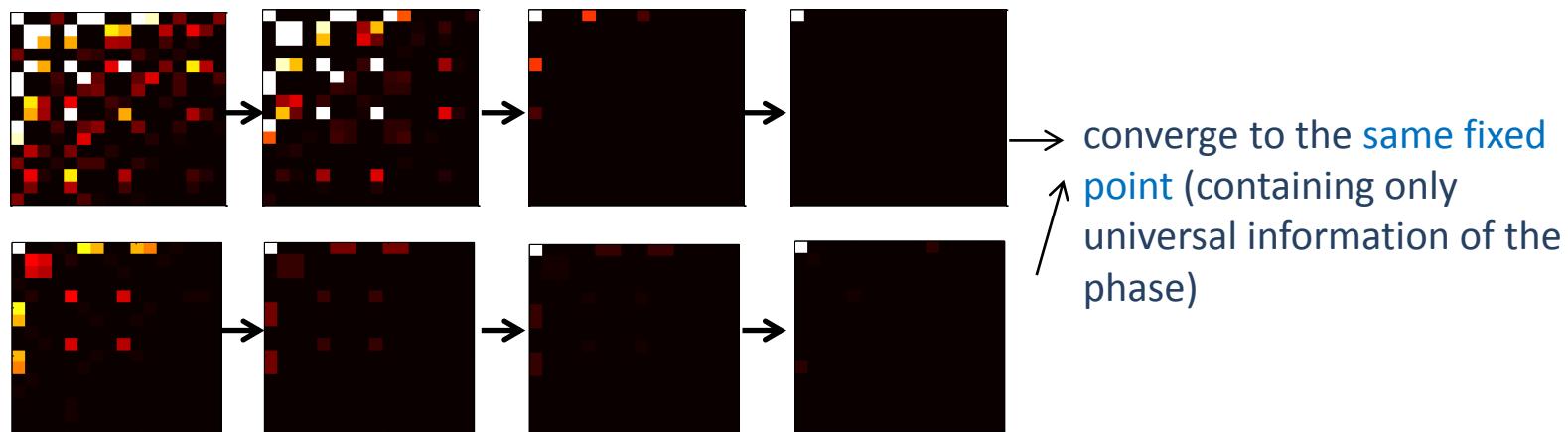
TRG  
(Levin, Nave 2006)



TNR  
(new)

$T = 1.1 T_c$

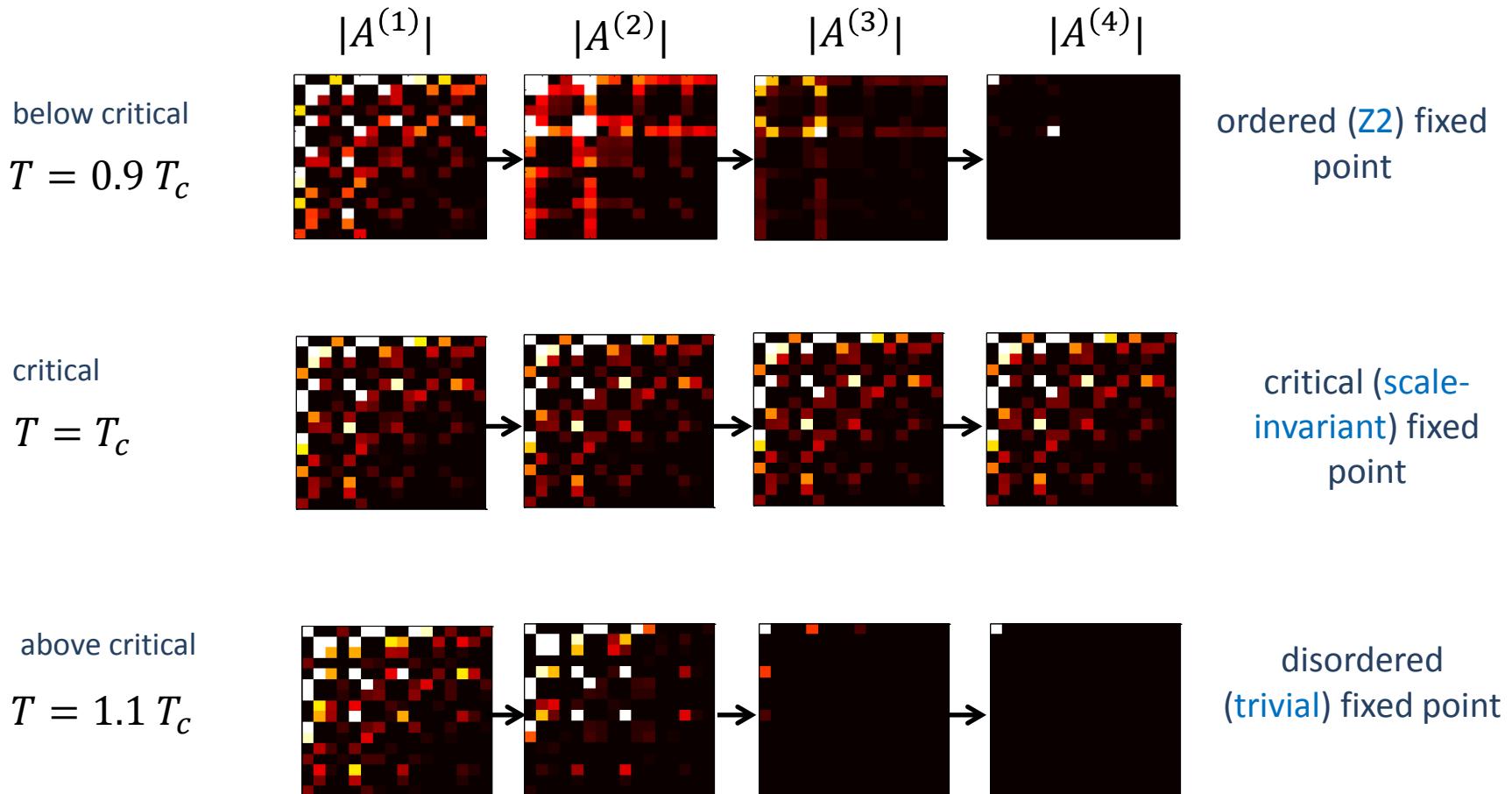
$T = 2.0 T_c$



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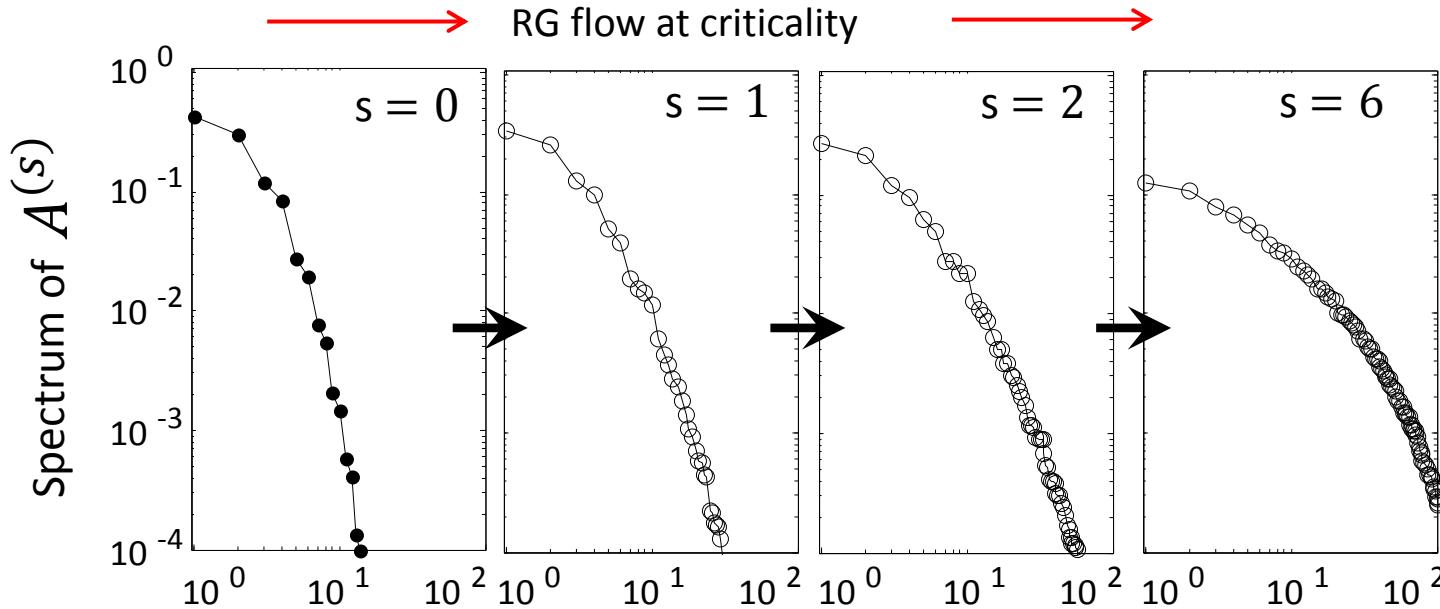
Tensor Network Renormalization (TNR):

- Converges to one of three RG fixed points, consistent with a proper RG flow



# Sustainable RG flow: 2D classical Ising

Does TRG give a sustainable RG flow?



Bond dimension  $\chi$  required to maintain fixed truncation error ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ):

TRG:       $\sim 10$  →  $\sim 20$  →  $\sim 40$  →  $> 100$

Computational cost:

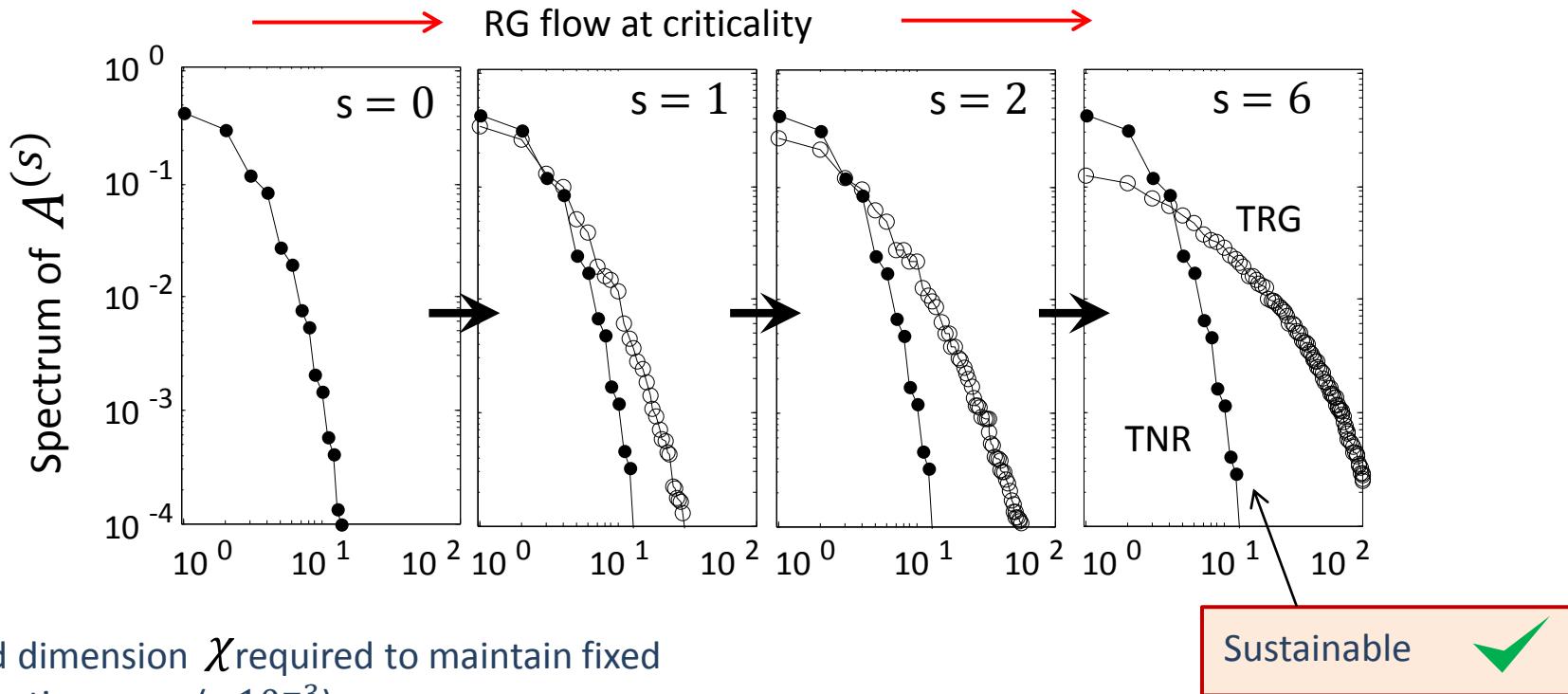
TRG  $O(\chi^6)$ :       $1 \times 10^6$  →  $6 \times 10^7$  →  $4 \times 10^9$  →  $> 10^{12}$

Cost of TRG scales exponentially with RG iteration!



# Sustainable RG flow: 2D classical Ising

Does TRG give a sustainable RG flow?



Bond dimension  $\chi$  required to maintain fixed truncation error ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ):

TRG:  $\sim 10 \rightarrow \sim 20 \rightarrow \sim 40 \rightarrow > 100$

TNR:  $\sim 10 \rightarrow \sim 10 \rightarrow \sim 10 \rightarrow \sim 10$

Computational costs:

TRG  $O(\chi^6)$ :  $1 \times 10^6 \rightarrow 6 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 4 \times 10^9 \rightarrow > 10^{12}$

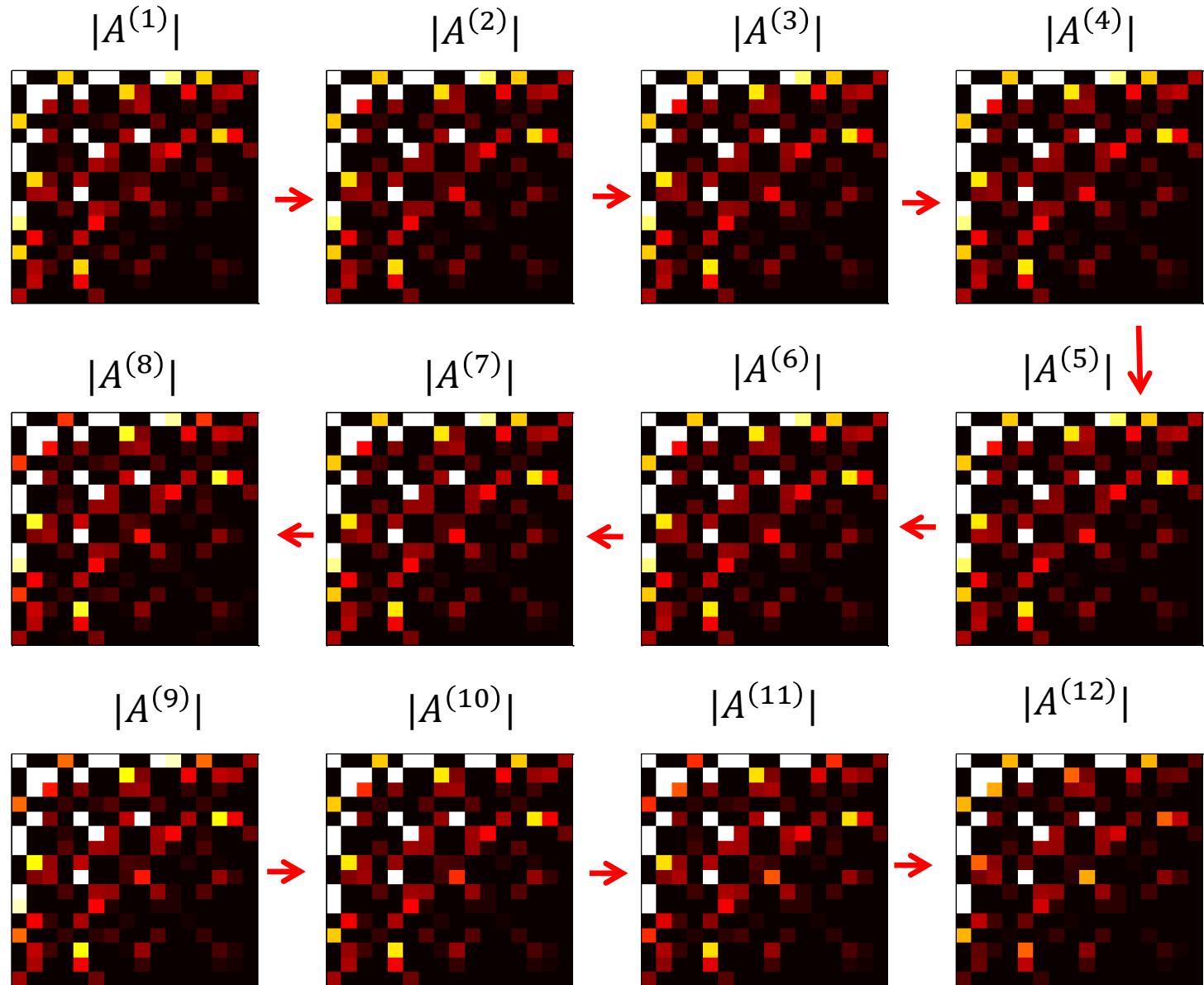
TNR  $O(k\chi^6)$ :  $5 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 5 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 5 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 5 \times 10^7$

# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

**critical point:**

$$T = T_c$$

TNR bond dimension:  
 $\chi = 4$



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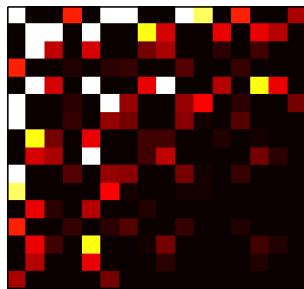
more difficult!

$T = 1.002 T_c$

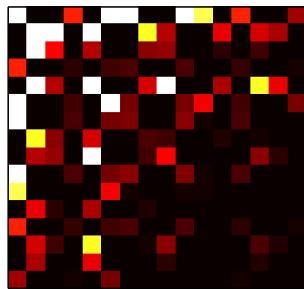
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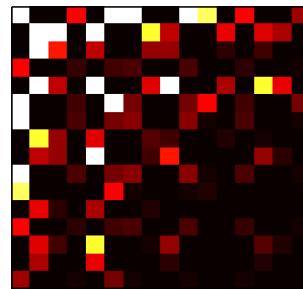
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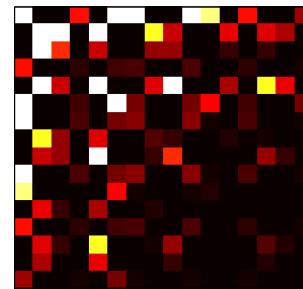
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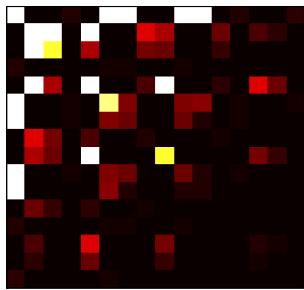
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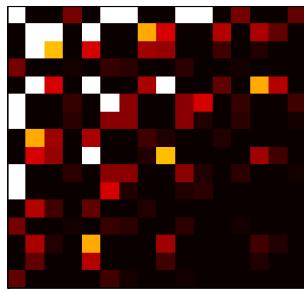
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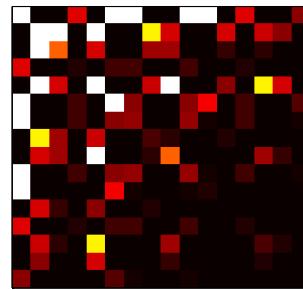
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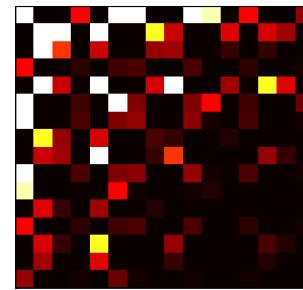
$|A^{(7)}|$



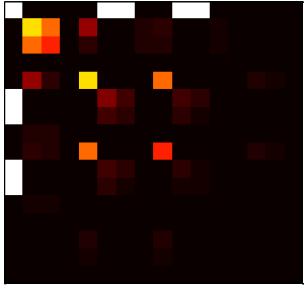
$|A^{(6)}|$



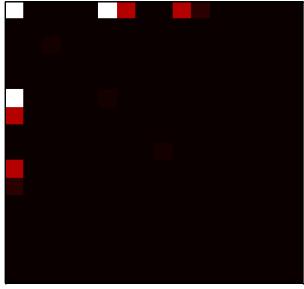
$|A^{(5)}|$



$|A^{(9)}|$



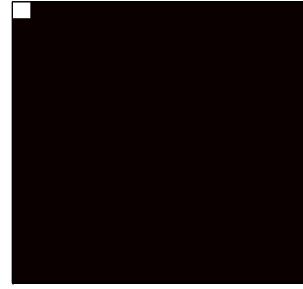
$|A^{(10)}|$



$|A^{(11)}|$

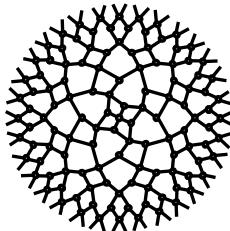


$|A^{(12)}|$



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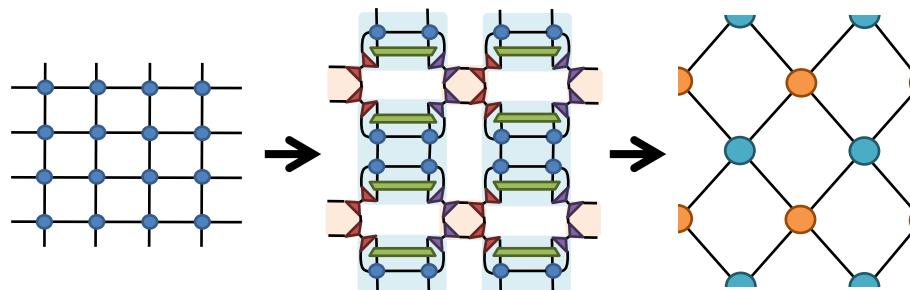
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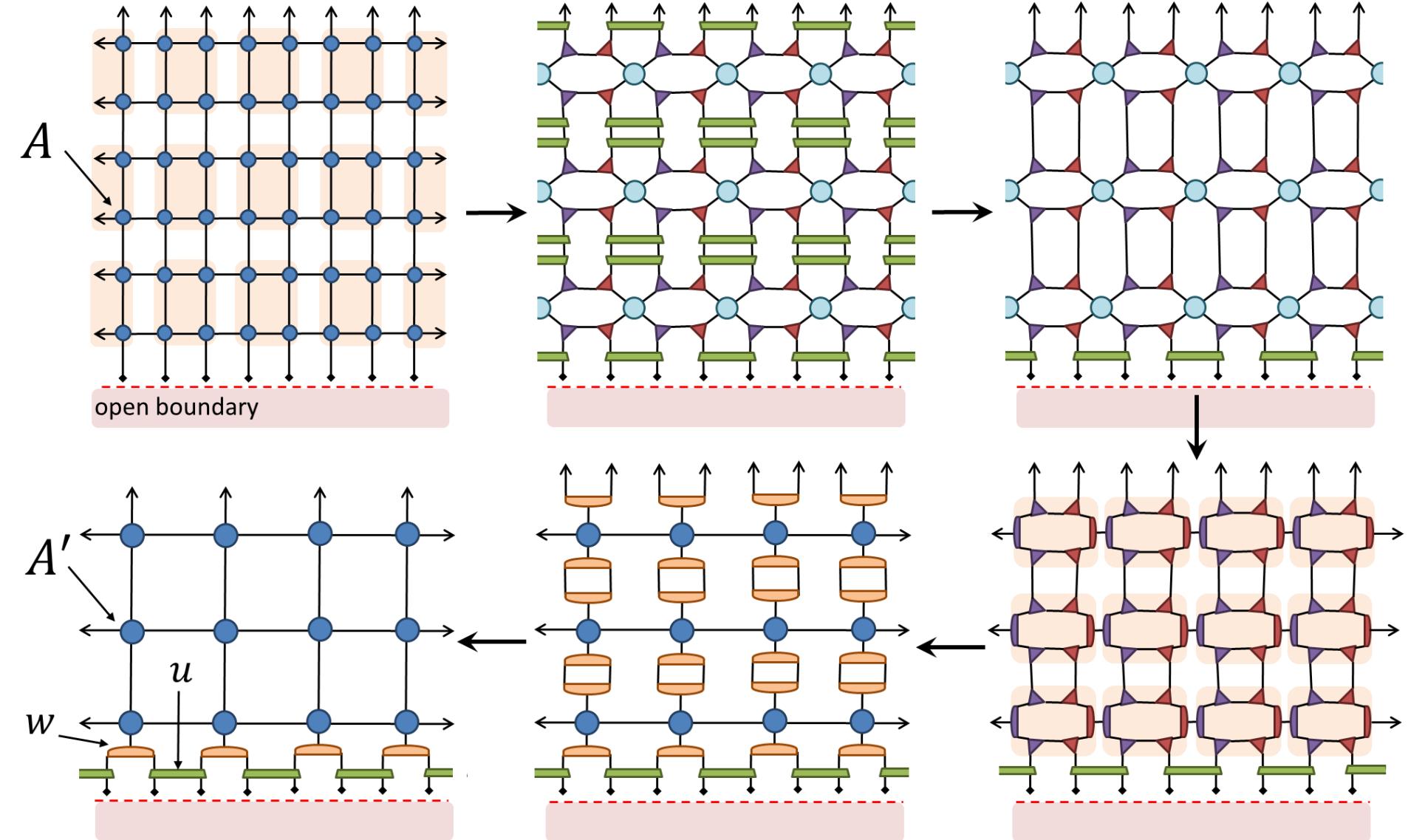
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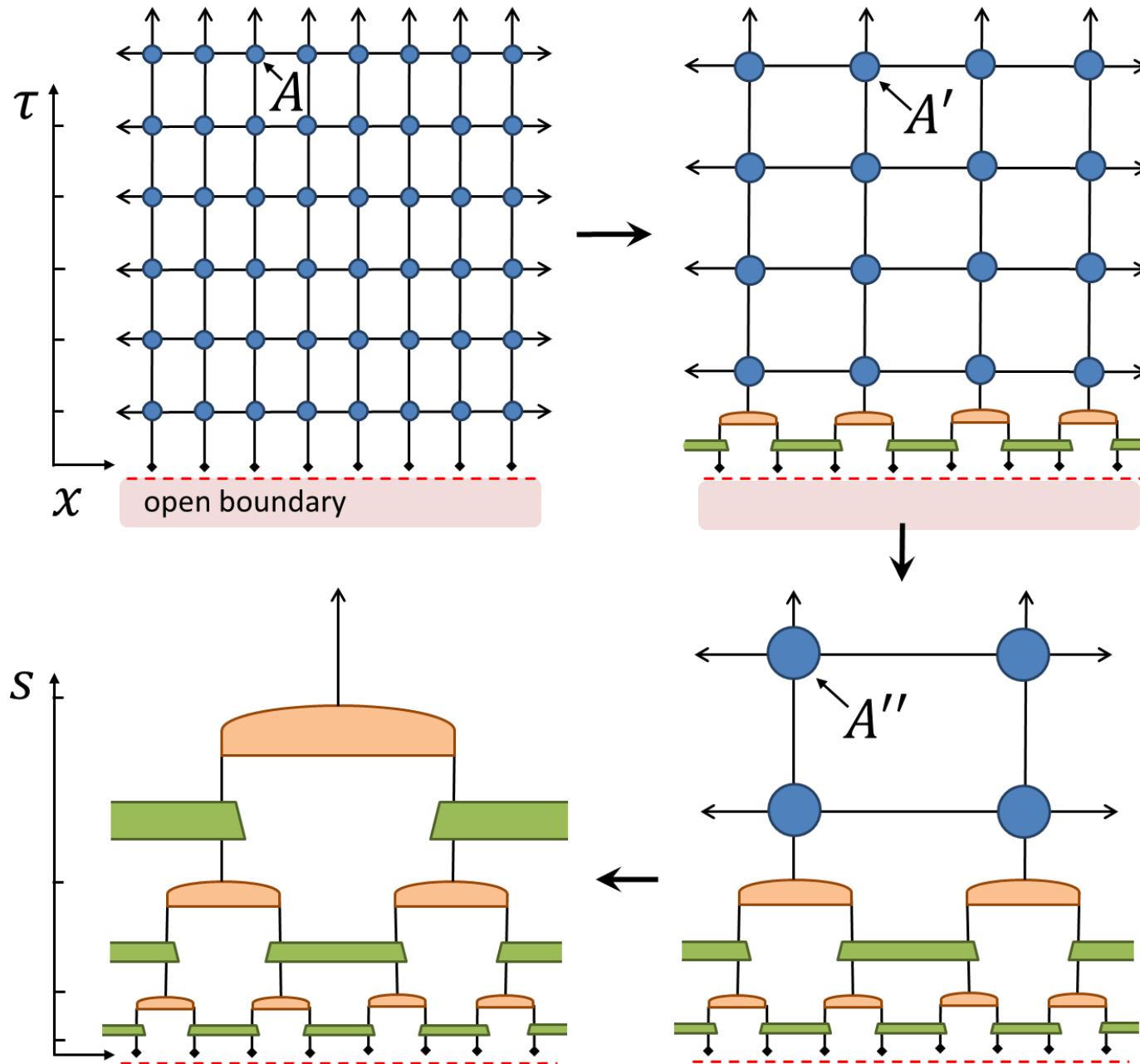
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## Traditional perspective

MERA as a  
variational class of  
many-body states



## New perspective

MERA as a byproduct  
of tensor network  
renormalization (TNR)

- reshape an existing representation of the ground state
- TNR truncation errors: accuracy certificate

energy minimization



trace optimization

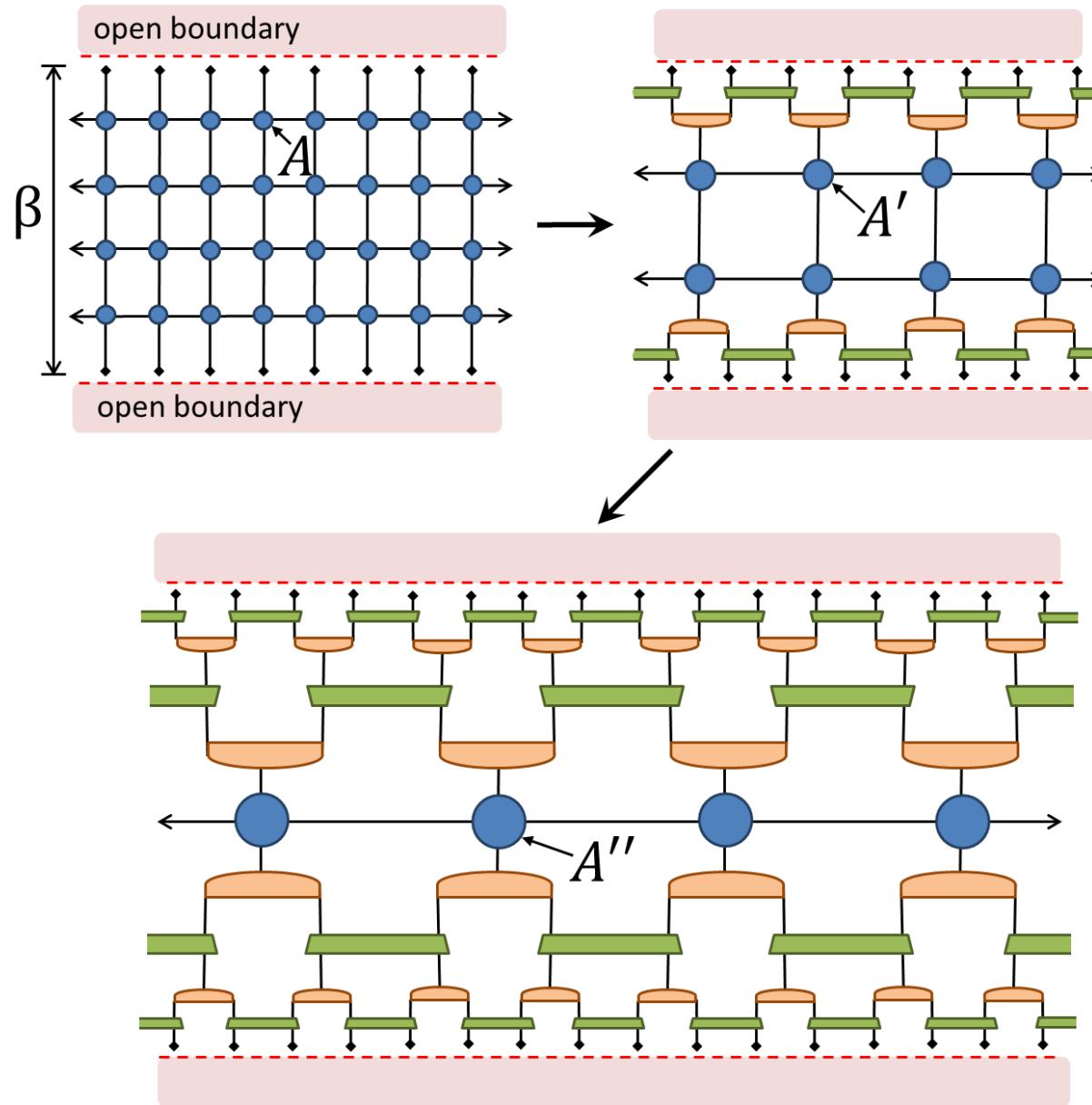
- 1000's of iterations on scale
- non-local in scale

- 1 iteration on scale
- local in scale

# Extra bonus: thermal MERA

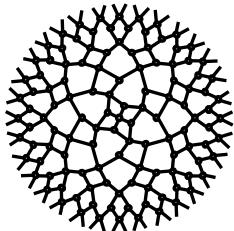
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$$e^{-\beta H}$$



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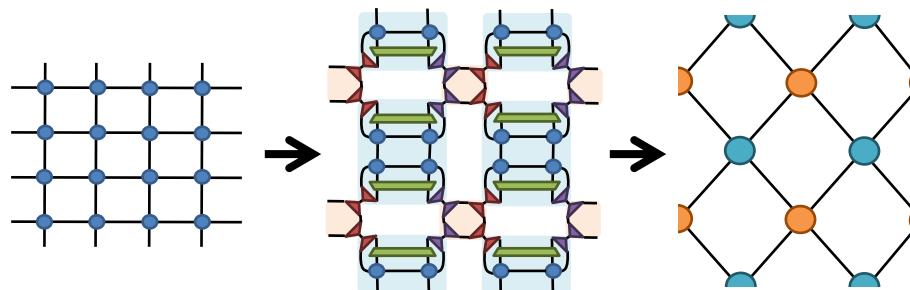
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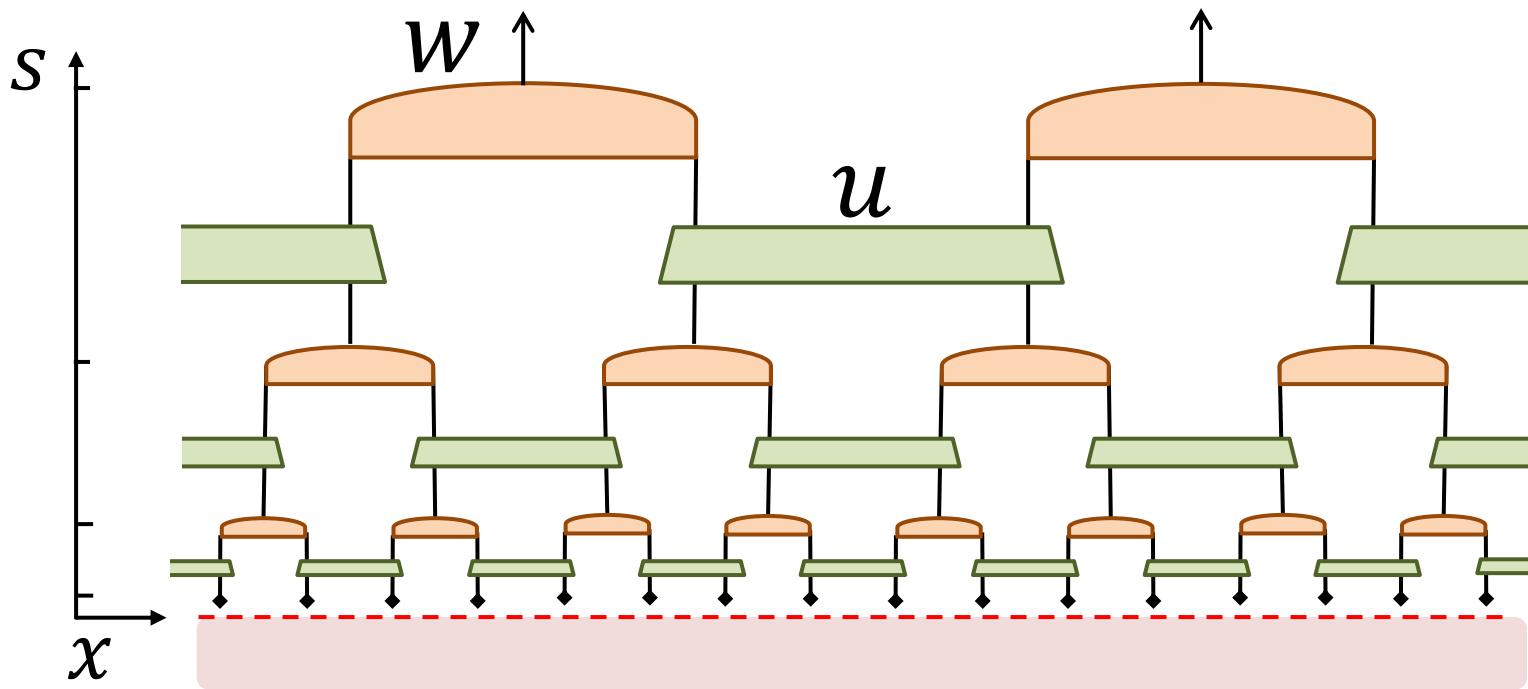
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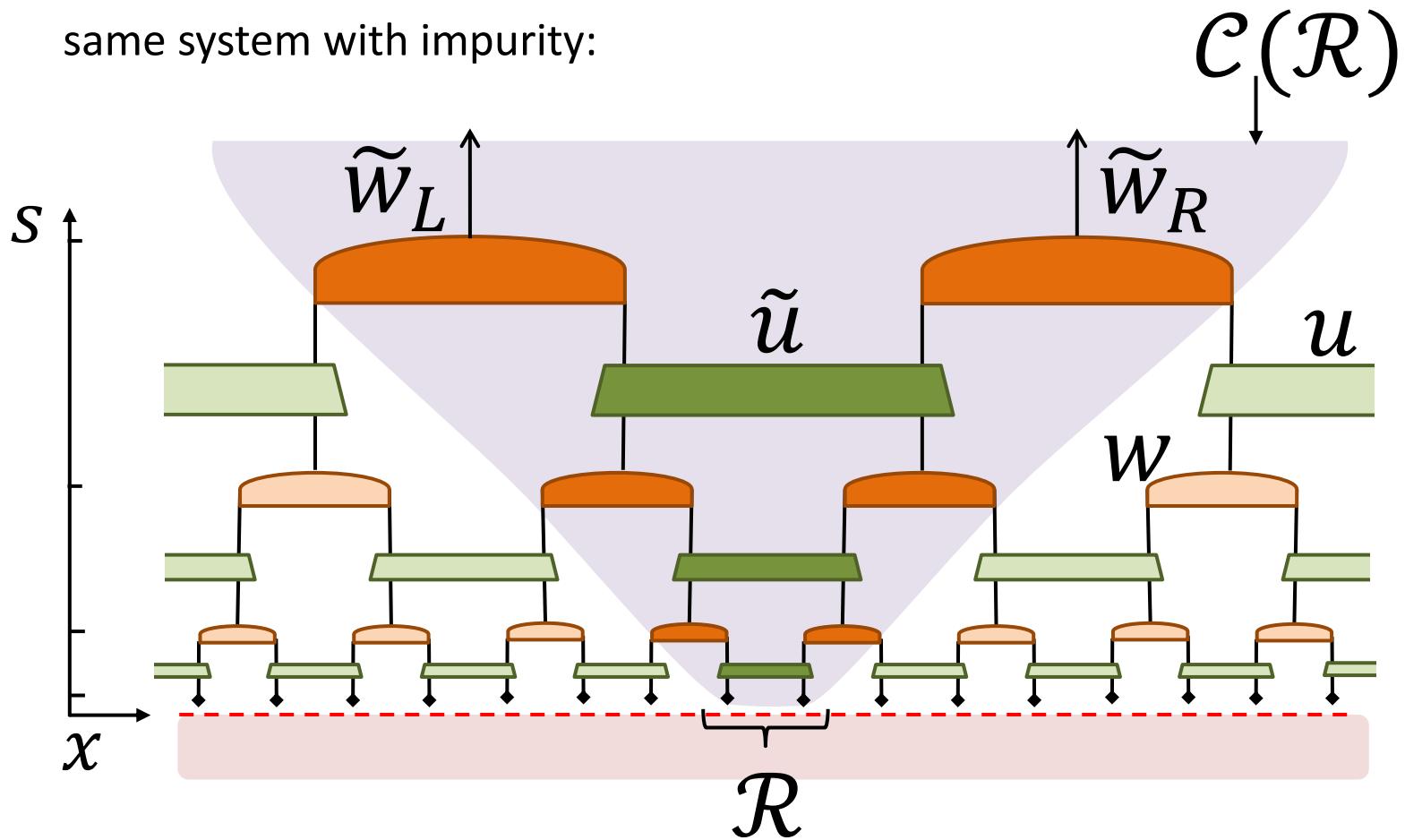
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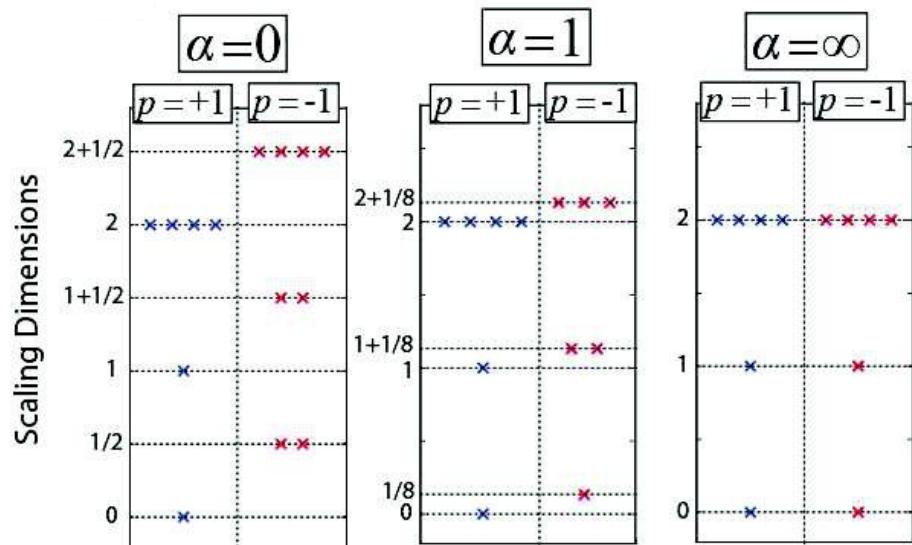
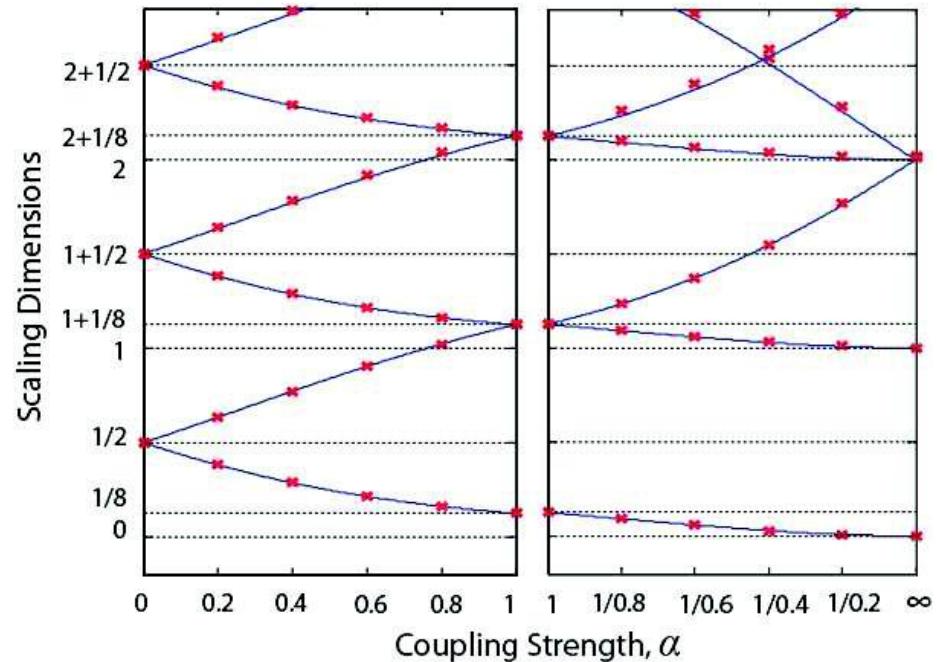
same system with impurity:



Example: critical Ising model  
with one modified bond

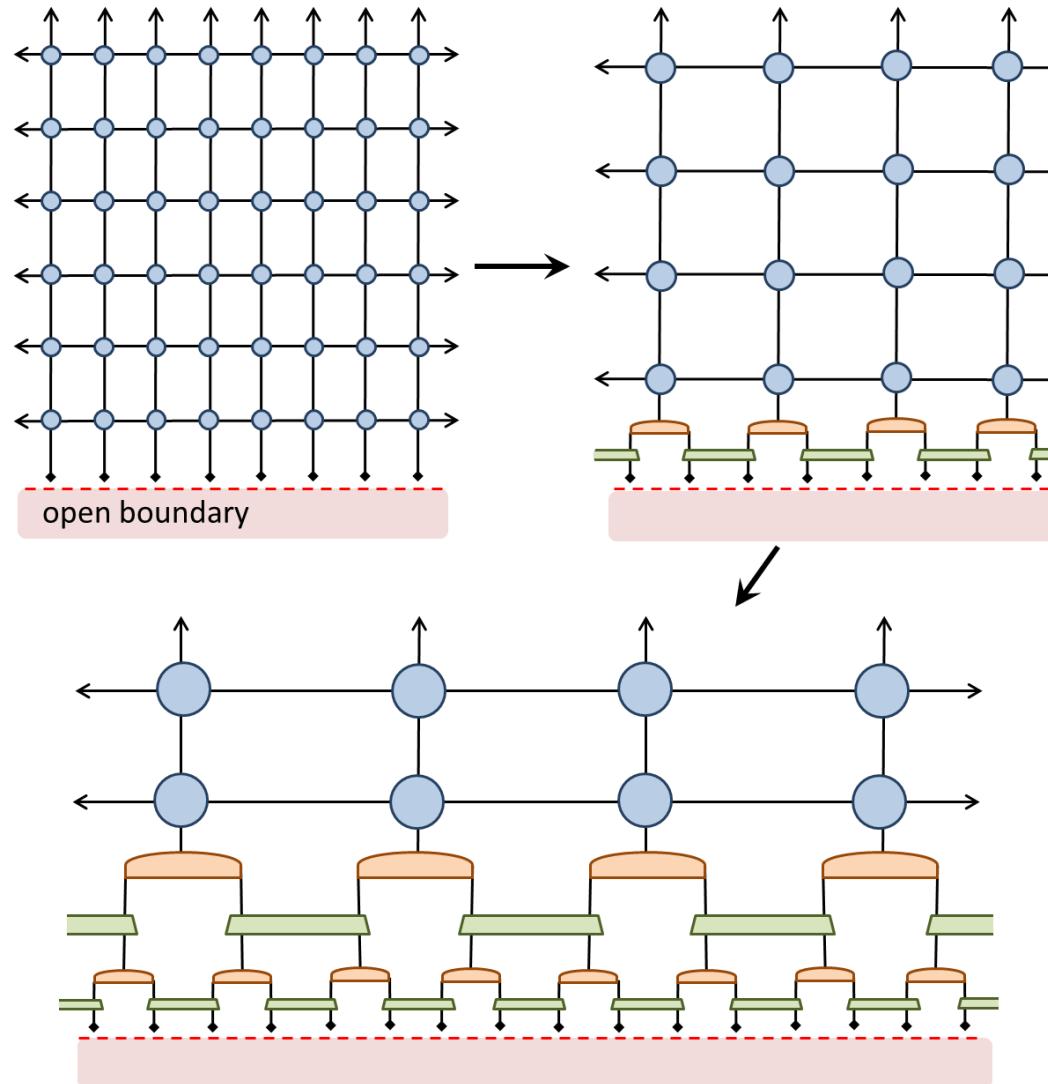
$$H = \sum_i (-X_r X_{r+1} + Z_r)$$

$$H^{imp} = (1 - \alpha)X_0 X_1$$



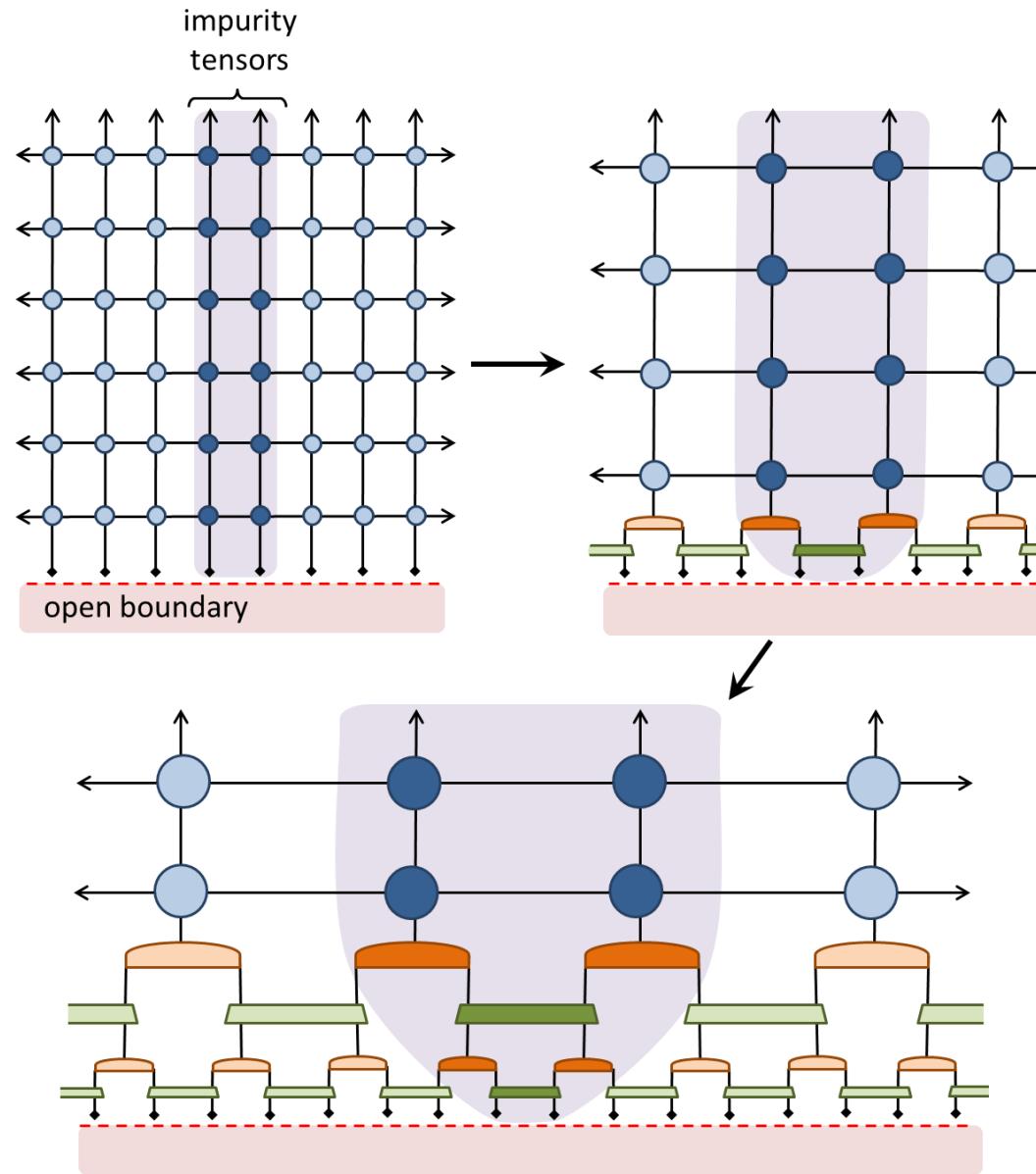
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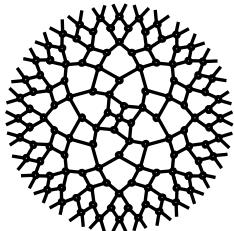
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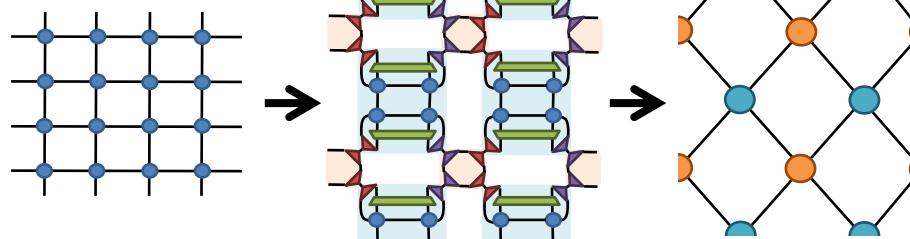
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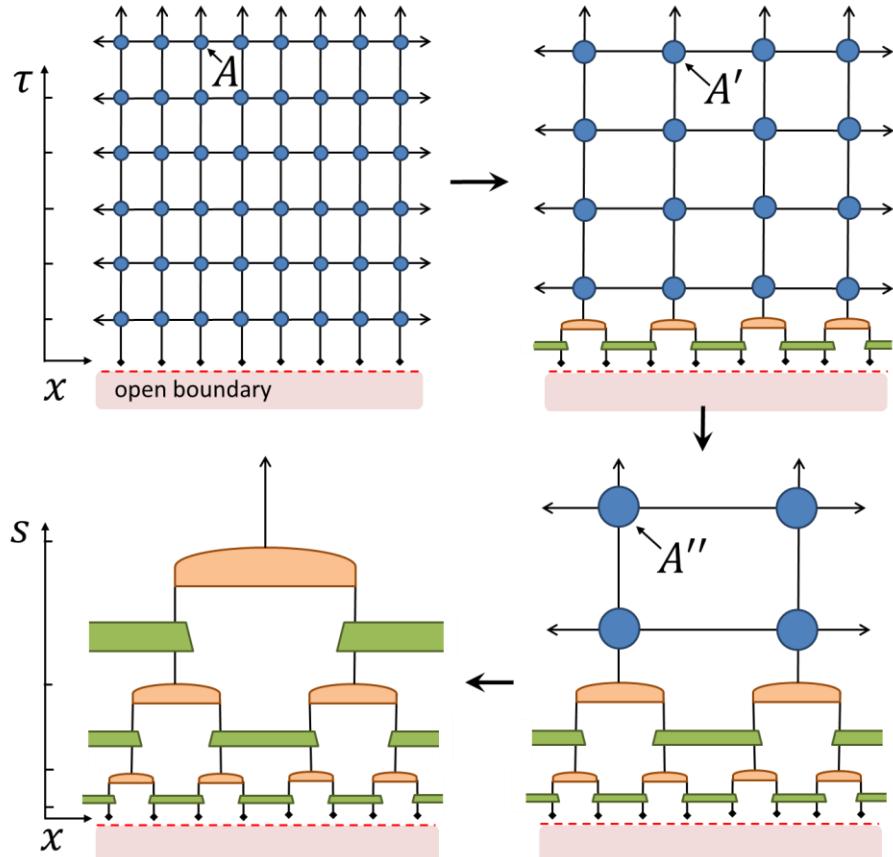
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Holographic description

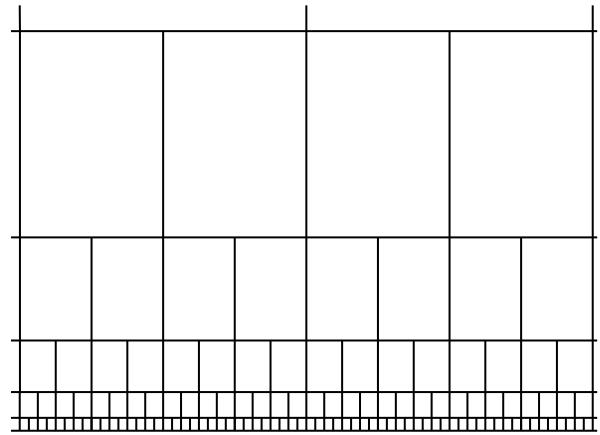
Conformal transformation 1:

Upper half-plane to  $AdS_2$

$$dx^2 + d\tau^2 = \tau^2 \left( \frac{dx^2}{\tau^2} + \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau^2} \right)$$

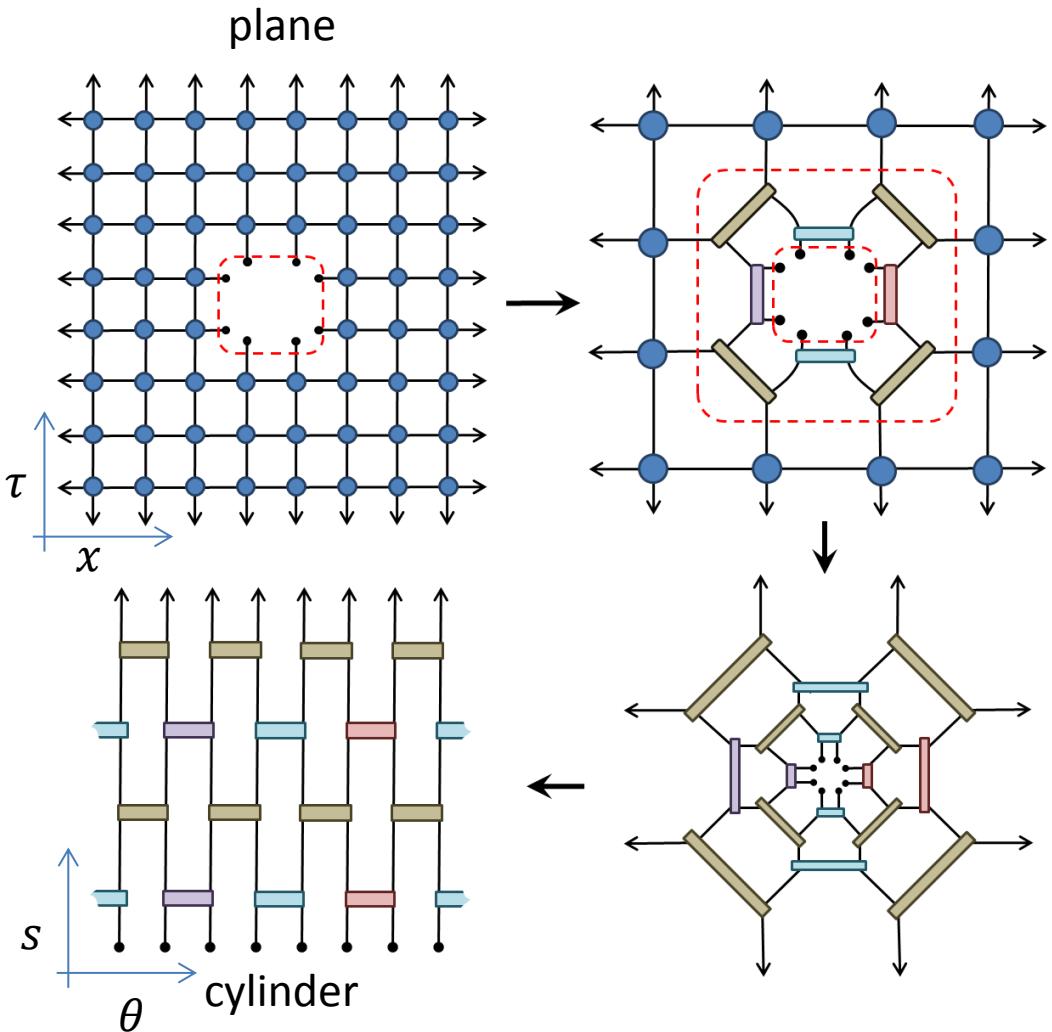
$$\rightarrow \left( \frac{dx^2}{\tau^2} + \frac{d\tau^2}{\tau^2} \right) = \frac{dx^2}{2^{2s}} + ds^2$$

$$s = \log_2(\tau)$$



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- Extraction of scaling dimensions

Conformal transformation 2:

Plane to cylinder

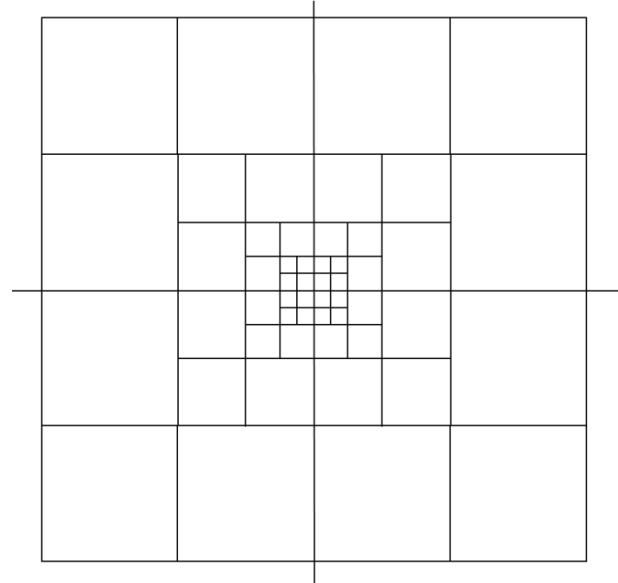
(radial quantization in CFT)

$$z \equiv x + i\tau$$

$$z = 2^w$$

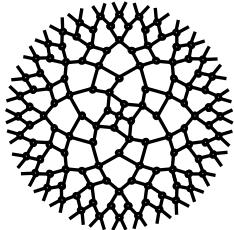
$$w \equiv s + i\theta$$

$$s \equiv \log_2(x^2 + \tau^2)$$



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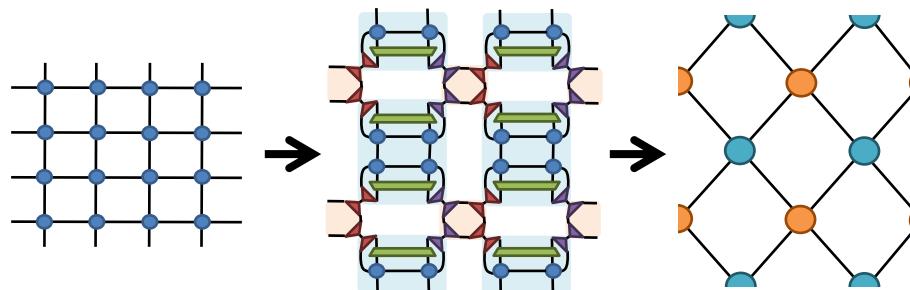


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