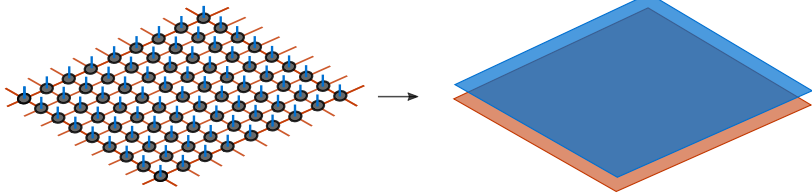


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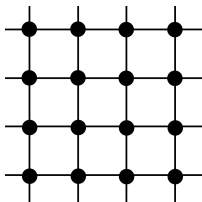
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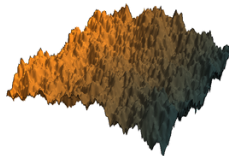


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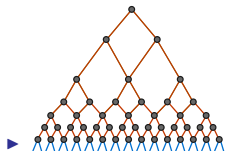
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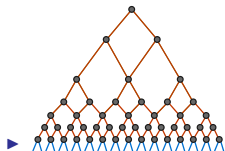
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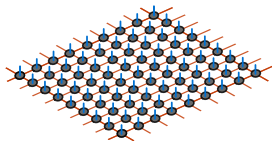
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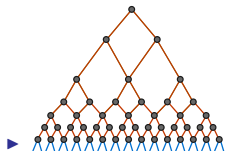
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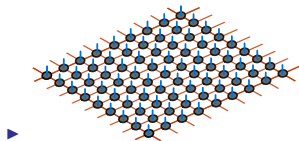
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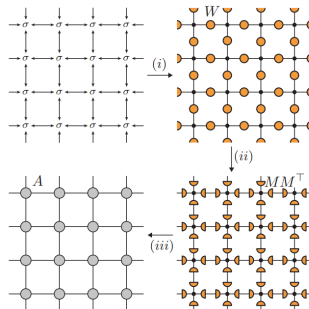


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## Tensor networks for partition functions $Z(\beta)$

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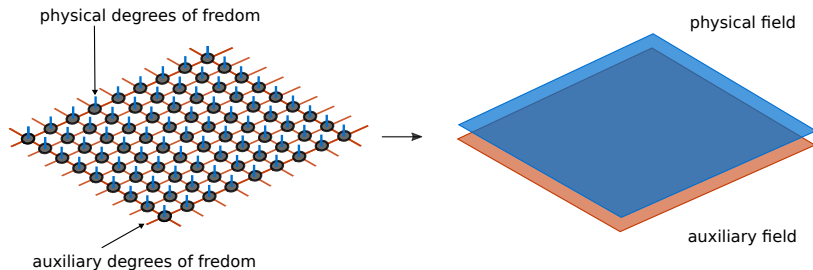
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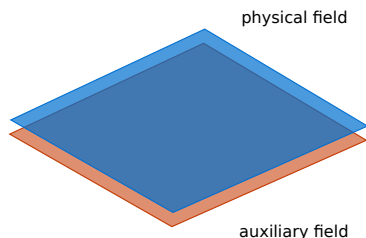
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## Why?

- ▶ **Trickiness** of  $d \geq 2$
- ▶ **Computations:** the continuum brings new methods (perturbative expansions, saddle point approximations, differential equations)
- ▶ **QFT:** apply directly to QFT, without discretization
- ▶ **Symmetries:** Implement Euclidean / Translation invariance exactly
- ▶ **Holography:** (?) Construct better toy models





# Matrix product states

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n = \pm 1} c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} |i_1, \dots, i_n\rangle$$

## Matrix Product States (MPS)

$$|A, L, R\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \langle L | A_{i_1}(1) A_{i_2}(2) \cdots A_{i_n}(n) | R \rangle |i_1, \dots, i_n\rangle$$

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- ▶  $A$  is a  $2 \times D \times D$  tensor  $[A_i]_{k,l}$
- ▶  $|L\rangle$  and  $|R\rangle$  are  $D$ -vectors.

◇  $n \times 2 \times D^2$  parameters instead of  $2^n$

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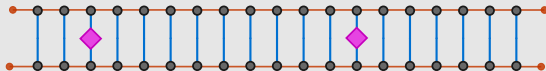
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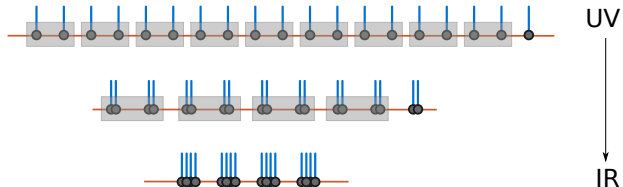
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$\Phi =$   and  $\Phi_{\odot} =$  

Contraction for a  $d = 1$  system  $\sim$  open-system dynamics in  $d = 0$ .

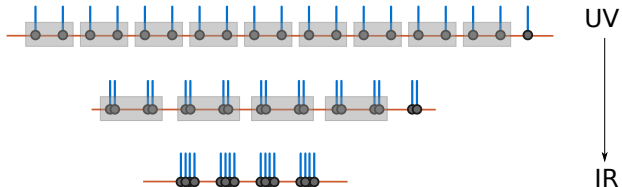
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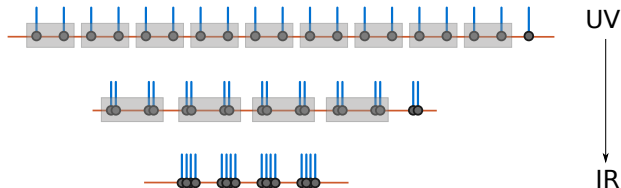
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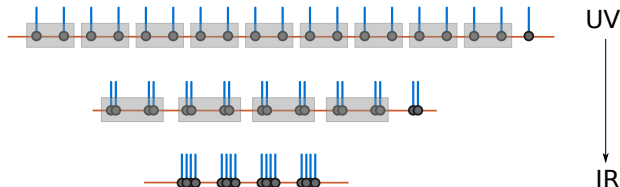
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## Informal cMPS definition

$$A_0 = \mathbb{1} + \varepsilon Q$$

$$A_1 = \varepsilon R$$

$$A_2 = \frac{(\varepsilon R)^2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

...

$$A_n = \frac{(\varepsilon R)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

...

so we go from  $\infty$  to 2 matrices

Fixed by:

- Finite particle number

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \square & \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \end{array} \propto 1$$

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- Consistency

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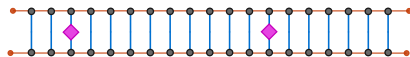
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## Computations

Thermodynamic limit

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \mathcal{O}(y) \rangle = \text{tr} \left( \Phi_{\mathcal{O}} \cdot e^{-(y-x)T} \Phi_{\mathcal{O}} \cdot \rho_{\text{stat}} \right)$$

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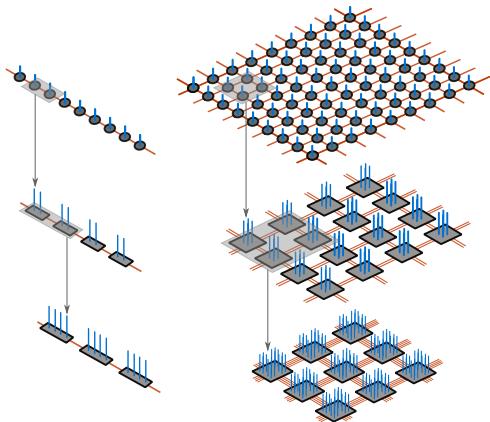
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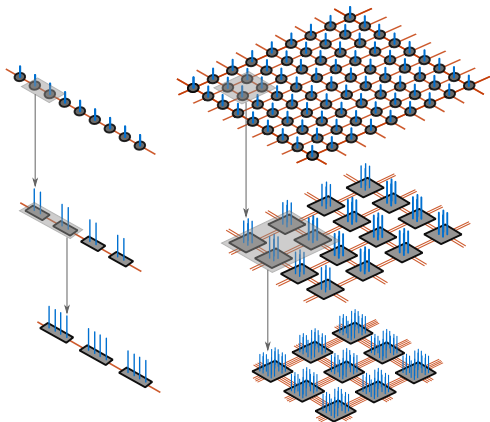
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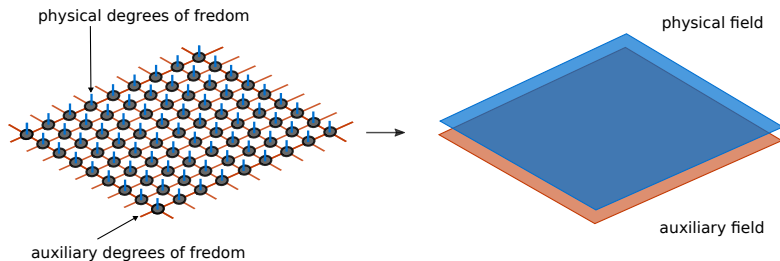


Upon blocking:

- ♣ The **physical** Hilbert space dimension  $d$  increases (idem cMPS  $\Rightarrow$  physical field)
- ♣ The **bond** dimension  $D$  increases too



# Foreshadowing



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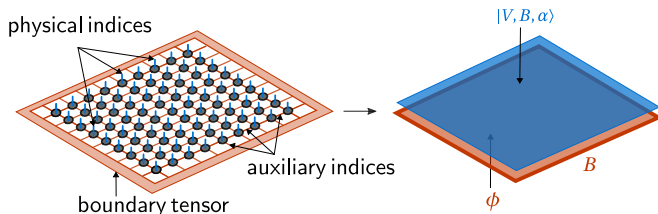
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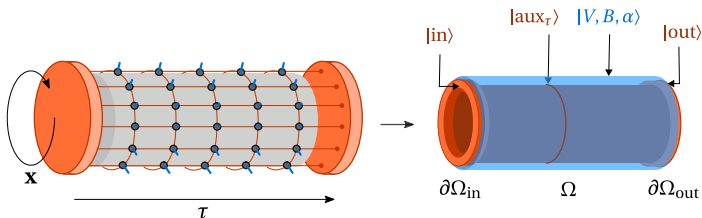


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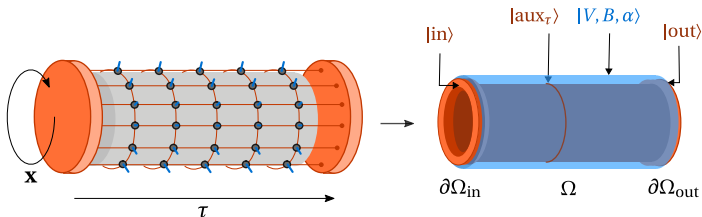
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where:

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$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega^n} \frac{\varphi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{n!} \psi^\dagger(x_1) \cdots \psi^\dagger(x_n) |0\rangle$$

where  $\varphi_n$  is a symmetric  $n$ -particle wave-function

Physical wave-function correlation function of the auxiliary field:

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \langle \alpha[\phi(x_1)] \alpha[\phi(x_2)] \cdots \alpha[\phi(x_n)] \rangle$$

## Operator representation

### Functional integral representation

$$\blacktriangleright \langle \clubsuit \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S(\phi)} \clubsuit$$

♥ Extension of Moore-Read

$$\blacktriangleright \langle \clubsuit \rangle = \text{tr} \left[ \hat{B} \clubsuit \right]$$

$\blacktriangleright \alpha[\phi(x)] = \alpha[\hat{\phi}(x)]$  in (imaginary time) interaction representation

# Expressivity and stability

How big are cTNS?

## Stability

The sum of two cTNS of bond field dimension  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is a cTNS with bond field dimension

$$D \leq D_1 + D_2 + 1:$$

$$|V_1, \alpha_1\rangle + |V_2, \alpha_2\rangle = |W, \beta\rangle$$

## Expressiveness

All states in the Fock space can be approximated by cTNS:

- ▶ A field coherent state is a cTNS with  $D = 0$
- ▶ Stability allows to get all sums of field coherent states

**Note:** expressiveness can also be obtained with  $D = 1$ . Flexibility in  $D$  makes the expressivity higher for  $V$  and  $\alpha$  fixed degree.

# Computations

$$|V, B, \alpha\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, B(\phi|_{\partial\Omega}) \exp \left\{ - \int_{\Omega} d^d x \, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^D [\nabla \phi_k(x)]^2 \right. \\ \left. + V[\phi(x)] - \alpha[\phi(x)] \psi^\dagger(x) \right\} |0\rangle$$

## Gaussian cTNS

If:

$$V(\phi) = V^{(0)} + V_k^{(1)} \phi_k + V_{k\ell}^{(2)} \phi_k \phi_\ell$$

$$\alpha(\phi) = \alpha^{(0)} + \alpha_k^{(1)} \phi_k$$

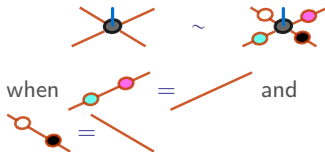
then  $|V, \alpha, B\rangle$  is a Gaussian state



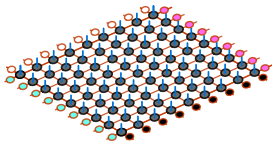
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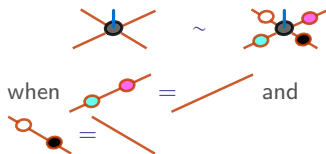
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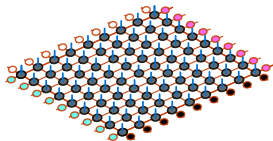
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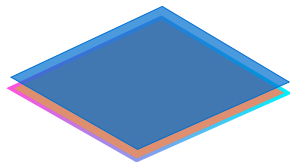


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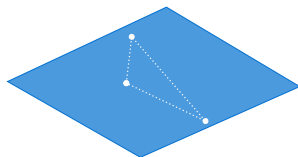
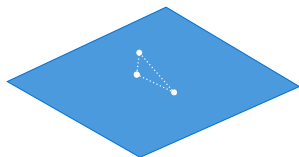
$$V(\phi) \rightarrow V(\phi) + \nabla \cdot \mathcal{F}[x, \phi(x)]$$

Just Stokes' theorem. If  $\Omega$  has a boundary  $\partial\Omega$ :

$$\mathcal{D}[\phi] \exp \left\{ \oint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{d}^{d-1}x \mathcal{F}[x, \phi(x)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(x) \right\}$$



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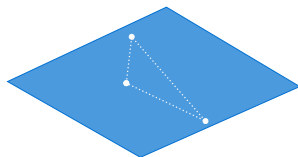
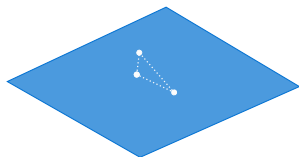


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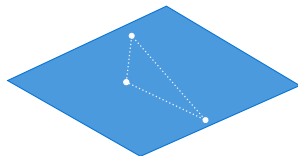
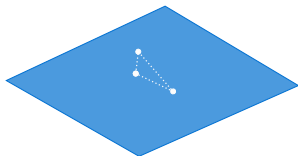
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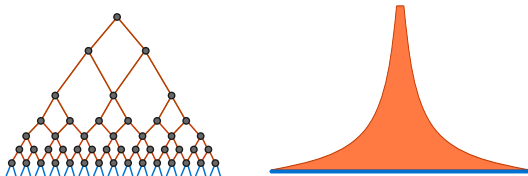
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**Example:**  $\alpha[x, \phi, \nabla\phi]$  localized on the boundary and hyperbolic metric  $g$ :



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