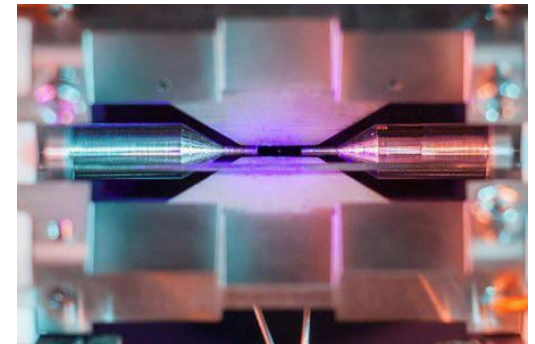
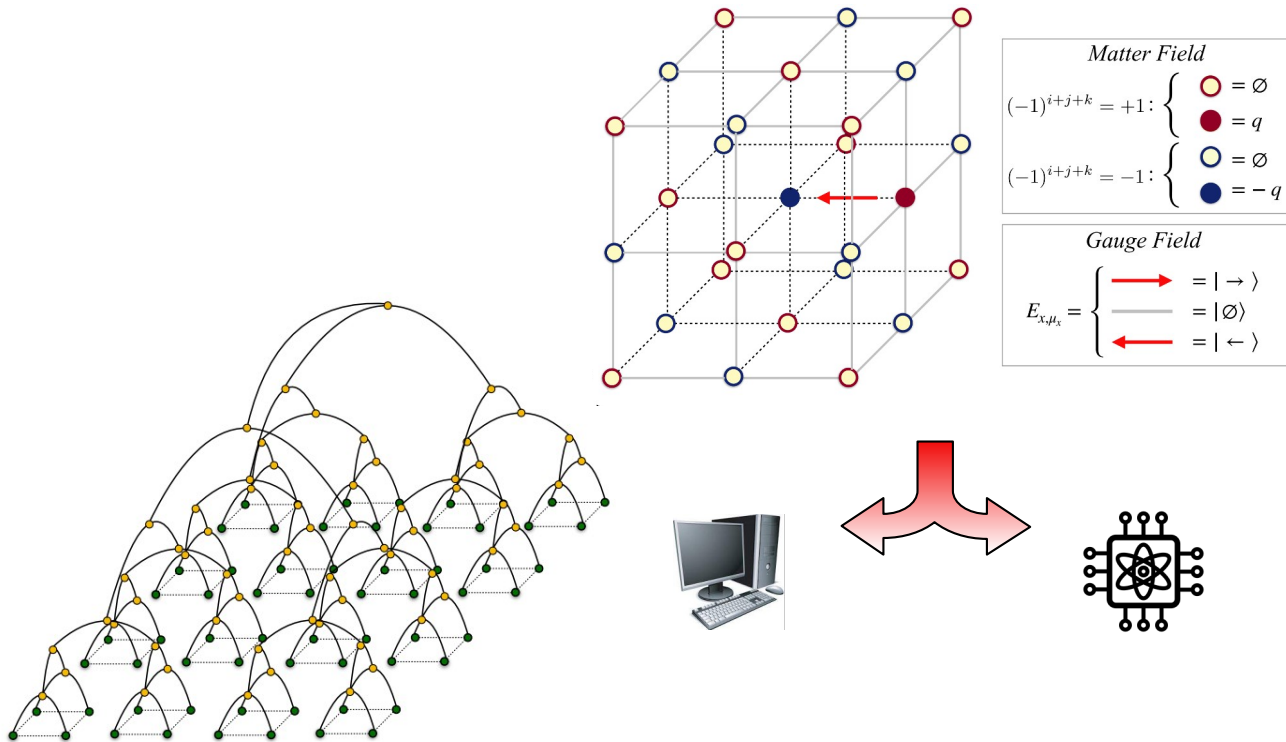


# Advances in the Simulation of Hamiltonian Lattice Gauge Theories



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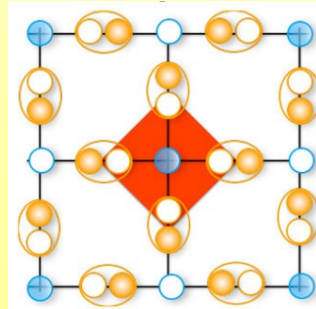
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# LGT are almost everywhere in theoretical physics!

As emergent theories in condensed matter: **high-T<sub>c</sub> superconductors, frustrated systems, spin liquids.**



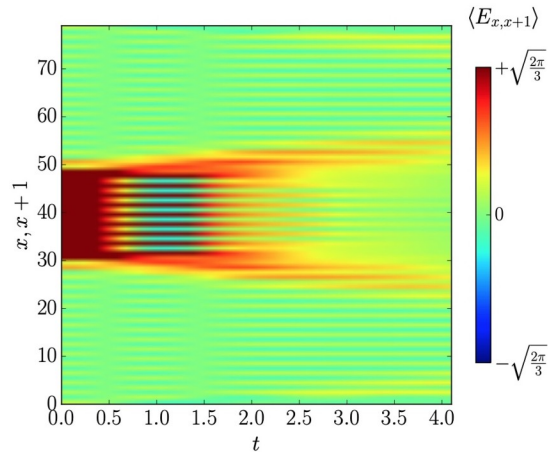
As fundamental description in particle physics: **Standard Model**

	mass →	+2.3 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	+1.275 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	+173.07 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0	+126 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0	0
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	0
	<b>u</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>H</b>	
	up	charm	top	gluon	Higgs boson	
	-4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	+95 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	+4.18 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0		
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0		
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		
	<b>d</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>γ</b>		
	down	strange	bottom	photon		
	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	105.7 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.777 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	91.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>		
	-1	-1	-1	0		
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	<b>e</b>	<b>μ</b>	<b>τ</b>	<b>Z</b>		
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	<2.2 eV/c <sup>2</sup>	<0.17 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	<15.9 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	80.4 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>		
	0	0	0	±1		
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		
	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b>	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b>	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b>	<b>W</b>		
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- They are extremely demanding from a numerical point of view.
- Powerful numerical methods, such as Monte Carlo, fail in several regimes of finite-density or for non-equilibrium phenomena (sign-problem).
- Ideal goal for quantum-inspired efficient algorithms and quantum simulation/computation!

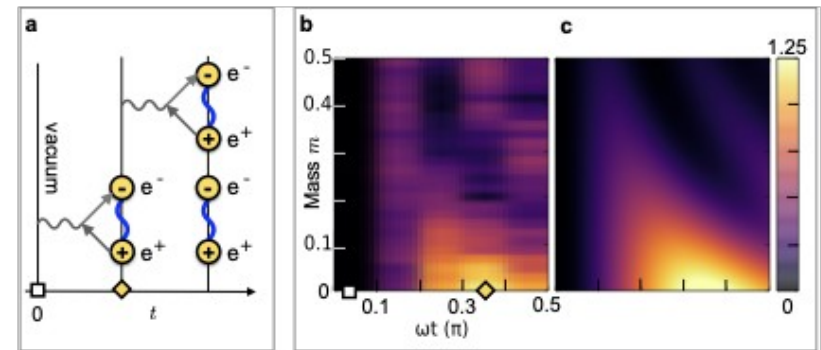
# Quantum Technologies for LGT

Efficient quantum-inspired algorithms:  
Tensor Networks (no sign-problem)



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First implementation of U(1) LGT on  
digital quantum computer



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## Simulating Lattice Gauge Theories within Quantum Technologies

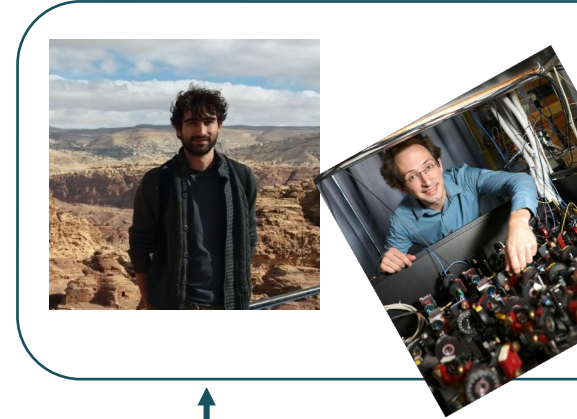
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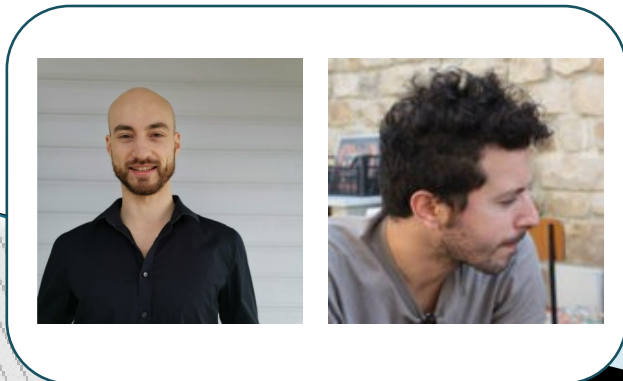
Non-Abelian



Classical  
Simulation  
(Tensor Networks)



Quantum  
Simulation  
(Trapped ion qudits)



Abelian



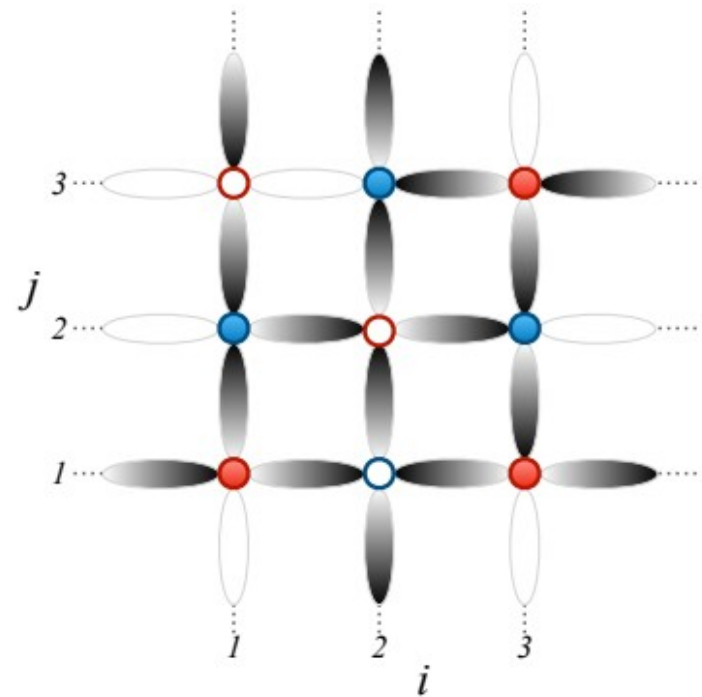
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*Suitable for:*  
Real time dynamics

*Requirements:*  
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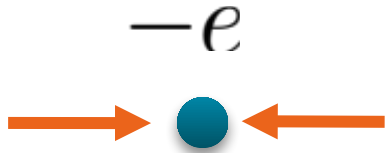


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Leptons and quarks are fermions

Tensor Networks and Quantum Simulators *could* take care of fermionic statistics<sup>4,5</sup>

...or we simply **eliminate** the fermionic statistics!!!

[4] Phys. Rev. B 80, 165129 (2009)

[5] arXiv:2303.08683 (2023)

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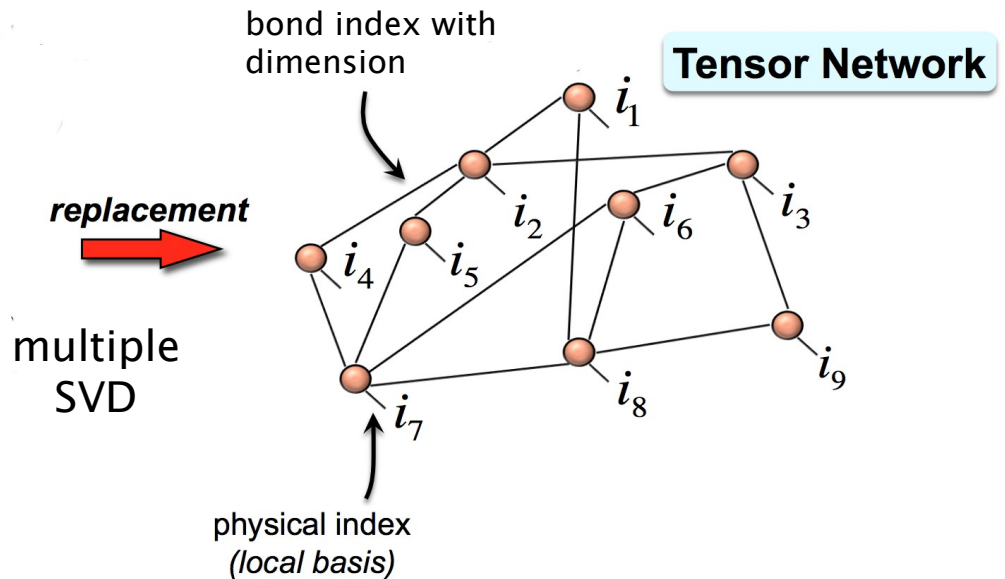
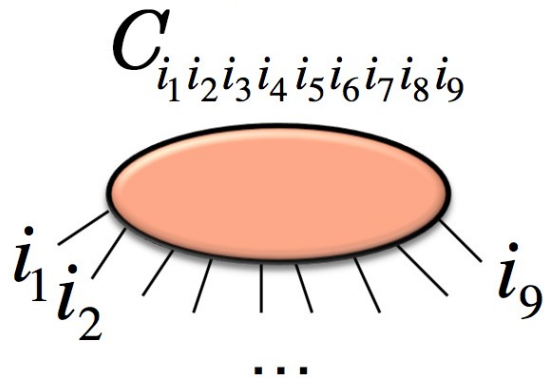
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d-level systems

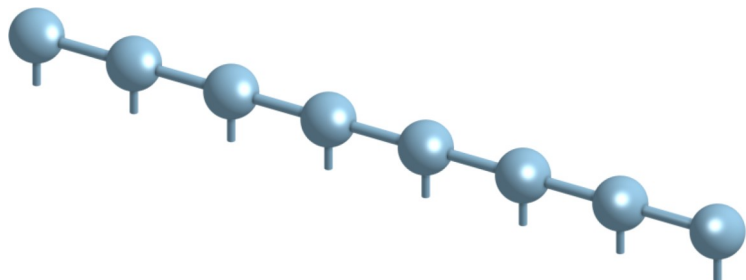
Tensor (multidimensional array of complex numbers)



representation,  
exponentially large in the  
system size. Inefficient.

Physical indices with dimension .  
Bond indices with dimension .  
The number of parameters is

# Examples



Matrix Product States (MPS)

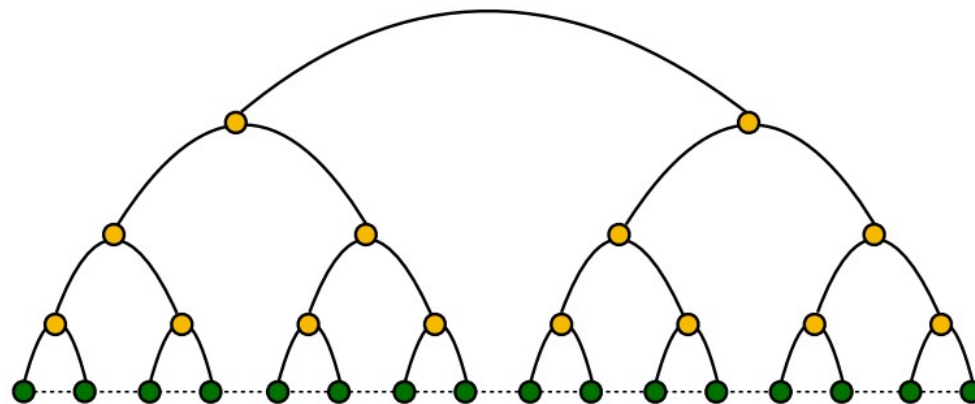
$$\text{minimize } E = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$$

$$O(\chi^3)$$

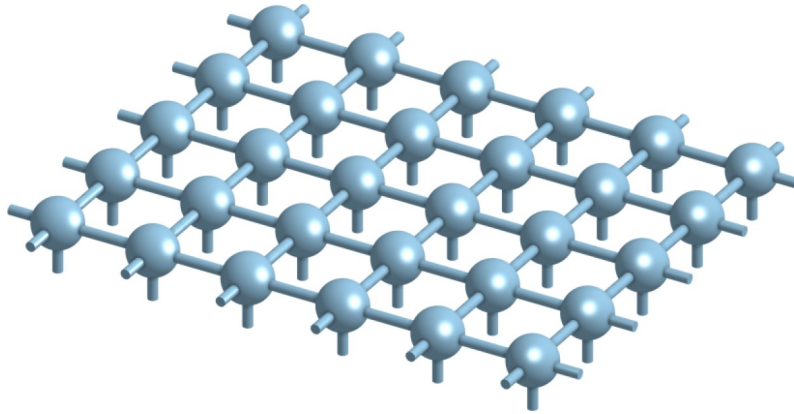
Tree Tensor Networks (TTN)

$$O(\chi^4)$$

- strong connectivity
- distance between two lattice sites scales logarithmically within the network



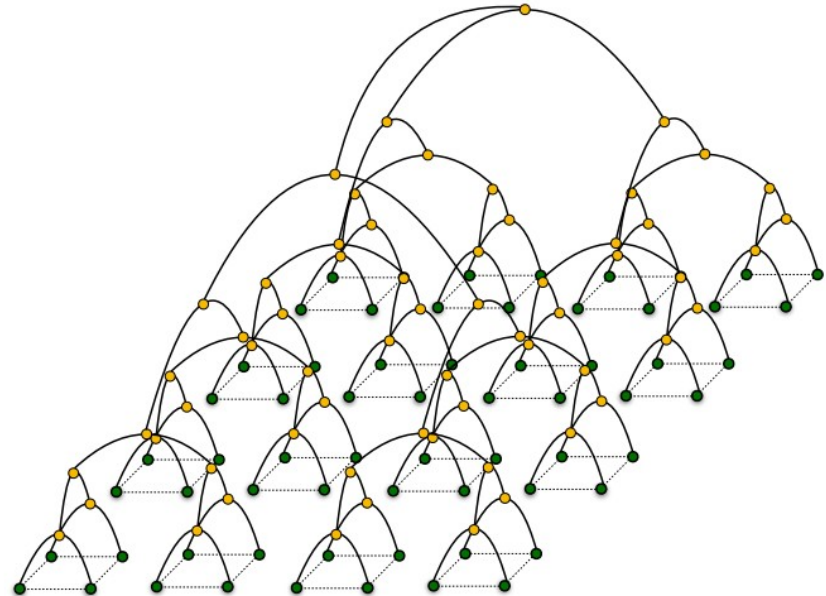
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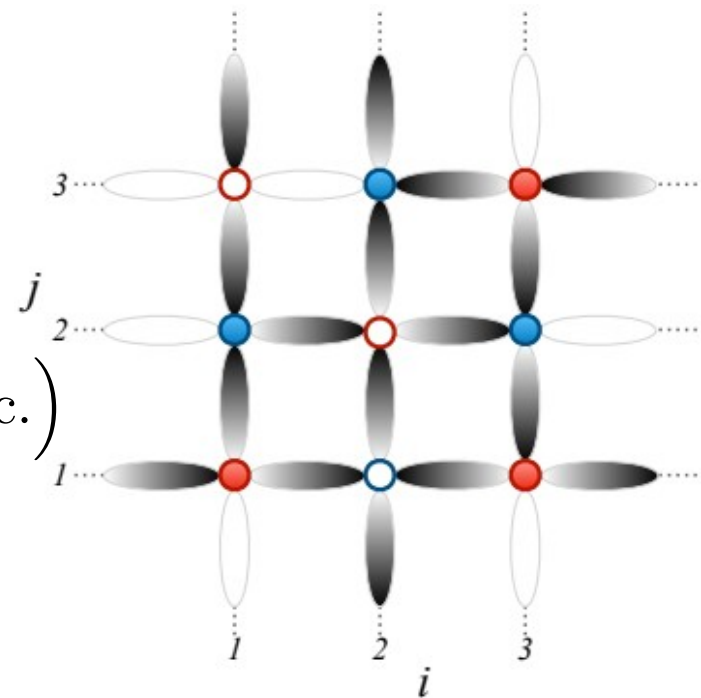
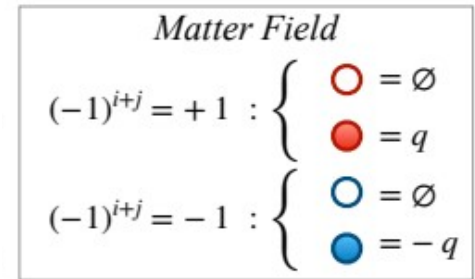




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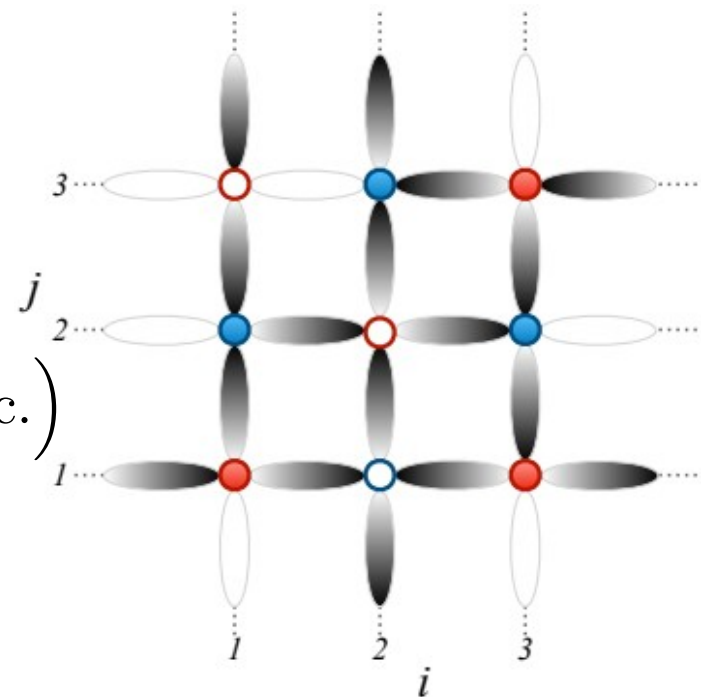
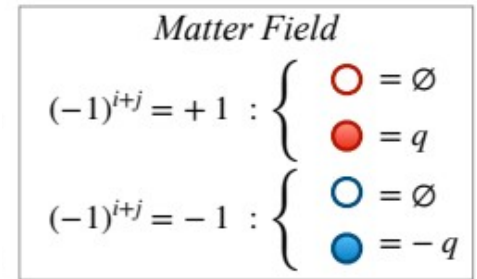
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Tricky. Let's delve deeper

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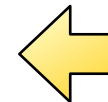
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Fermion

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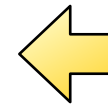
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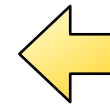
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“Whatever”  
Fermion

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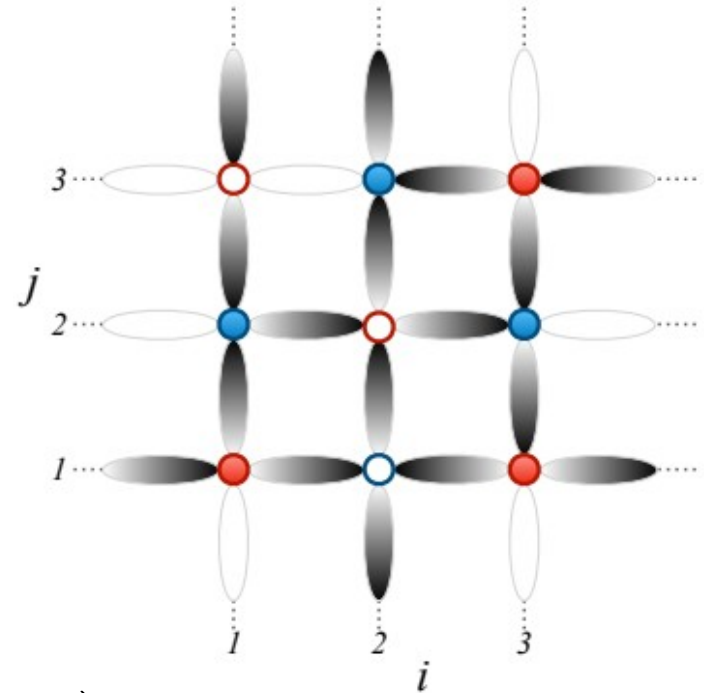
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Majo. Fermion  $\hat{\psi}_M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_F$

Practical formalism to define exotic fermions

# Where were we? Oh right...

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Gauge Field Operators

$$\hat{U}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu}, \hat{E}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu}$$

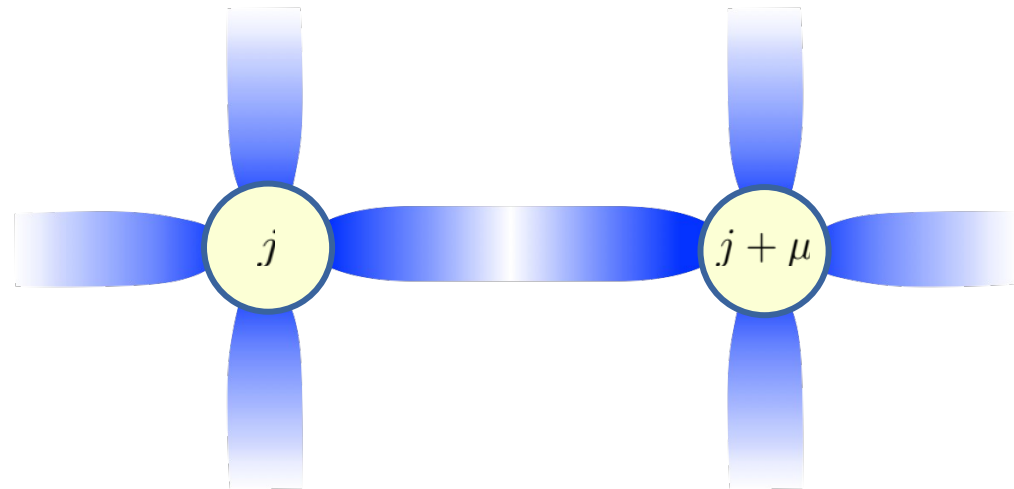
act on gauge fields, sitting on the lattice bonds



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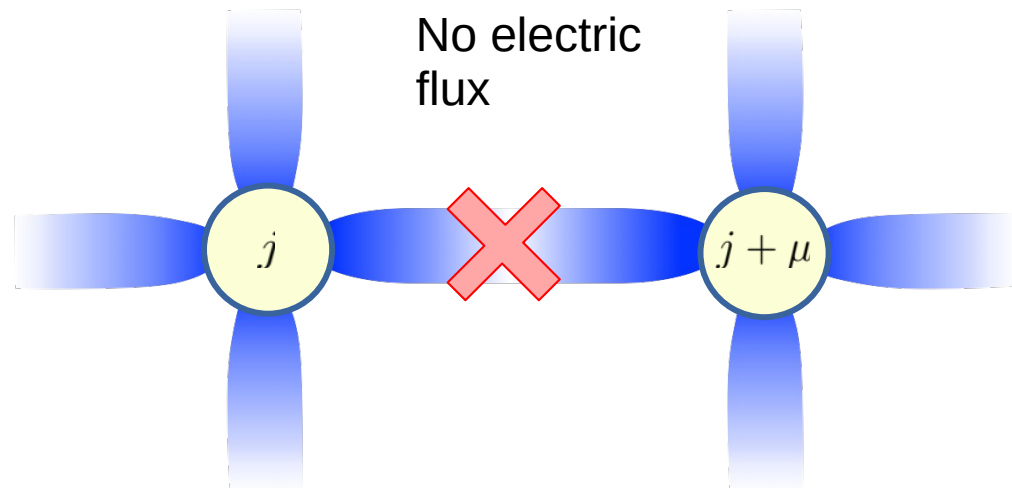
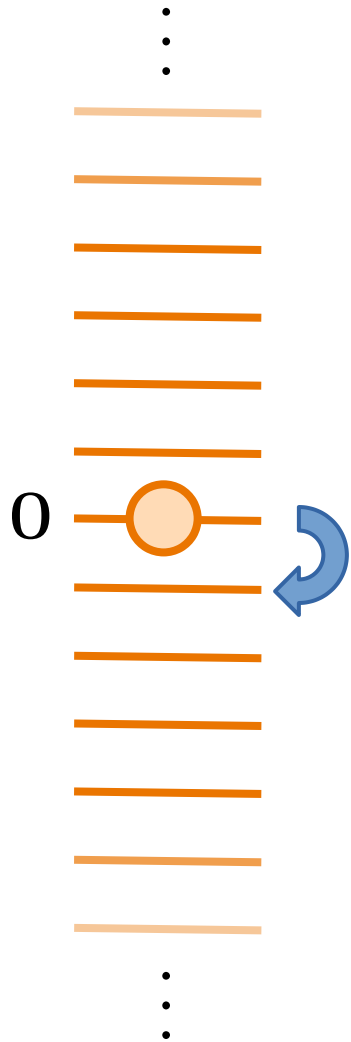
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Infinite ladder of quantum levels:  
Eigenstates of  $\hat{E}_{\mathbf{j},\mu}$   
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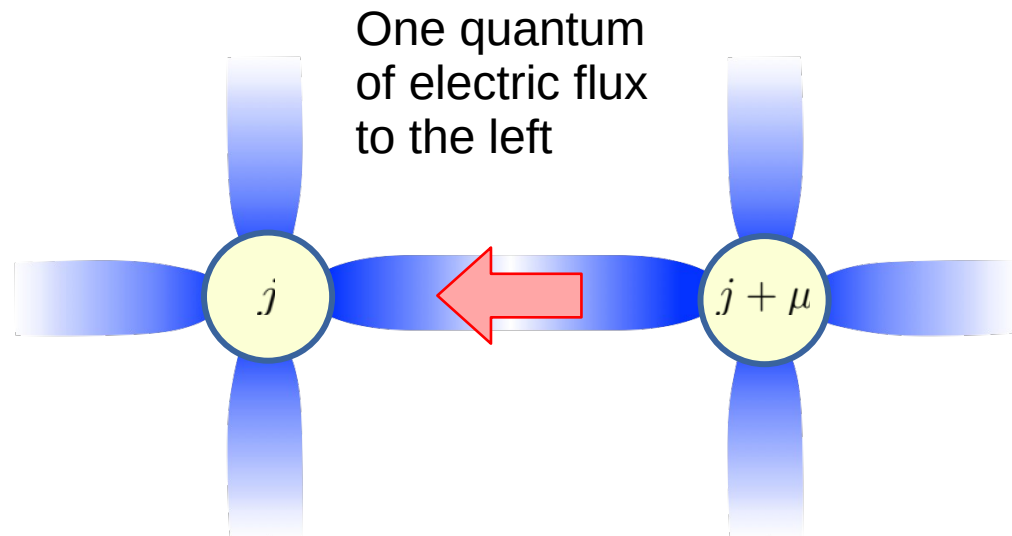
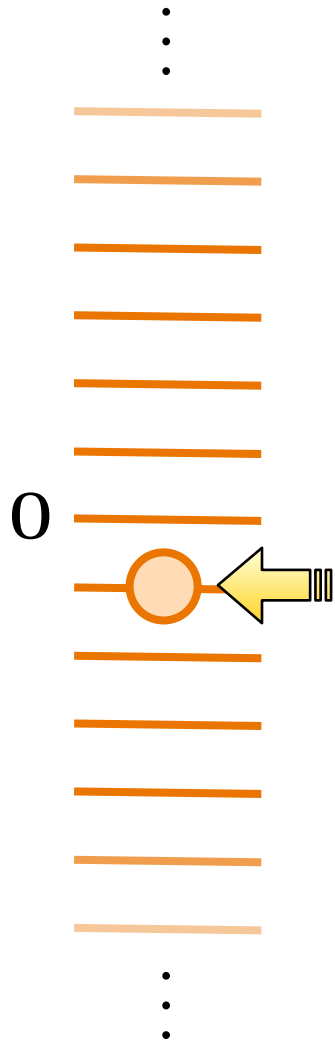
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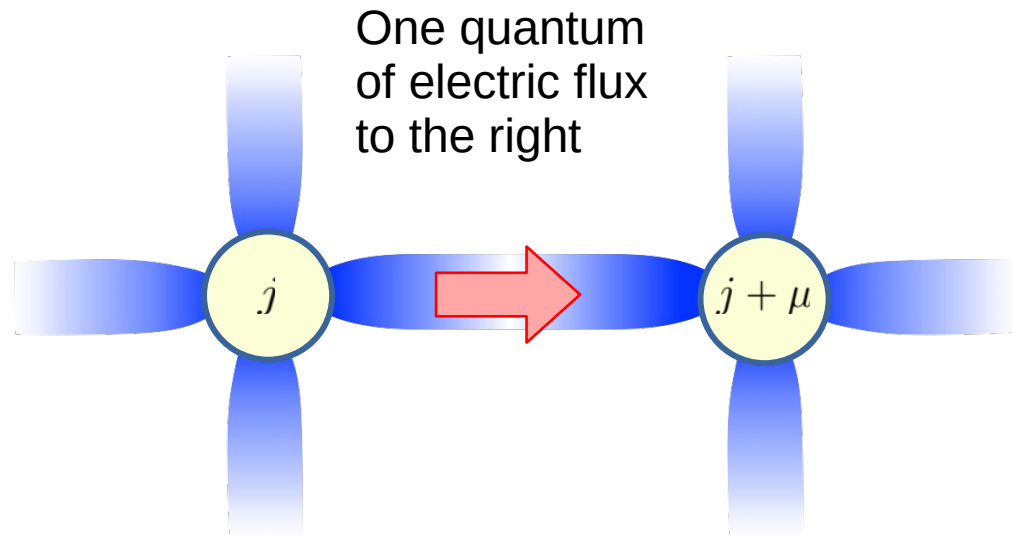
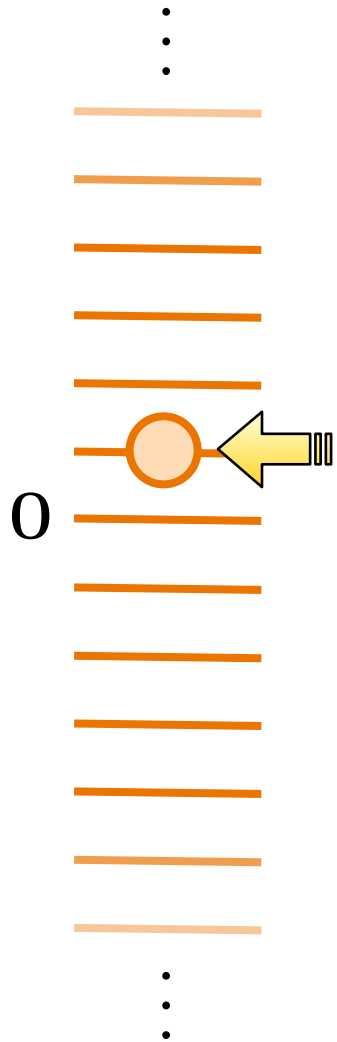
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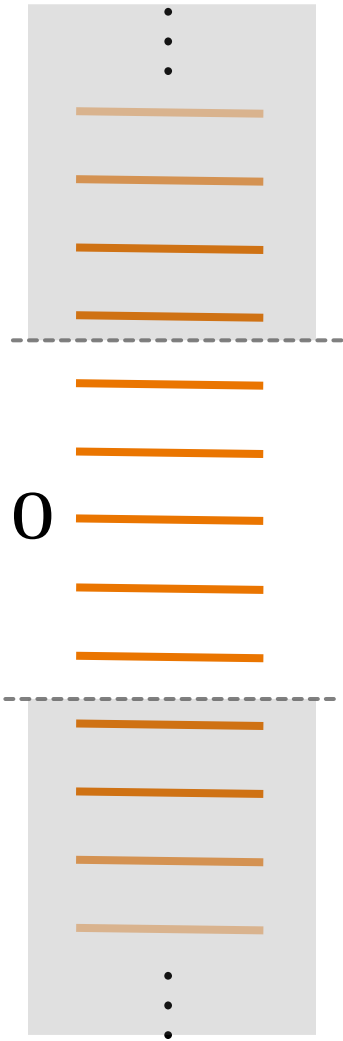
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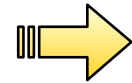
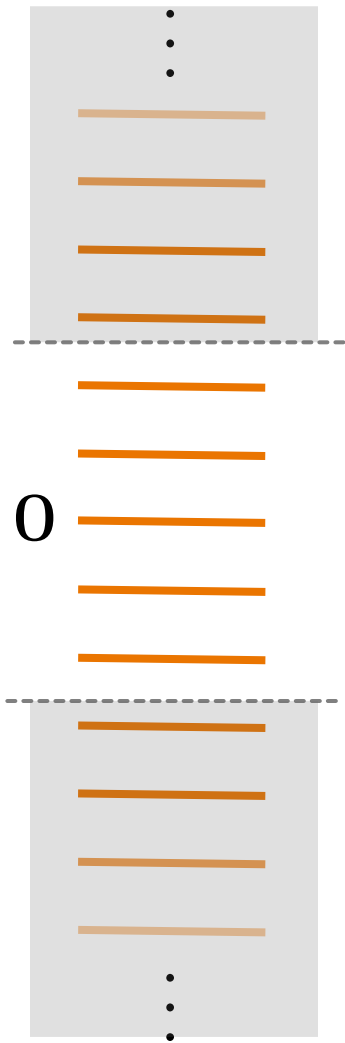


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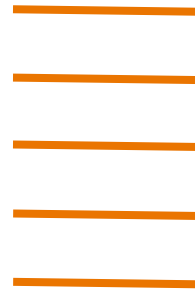
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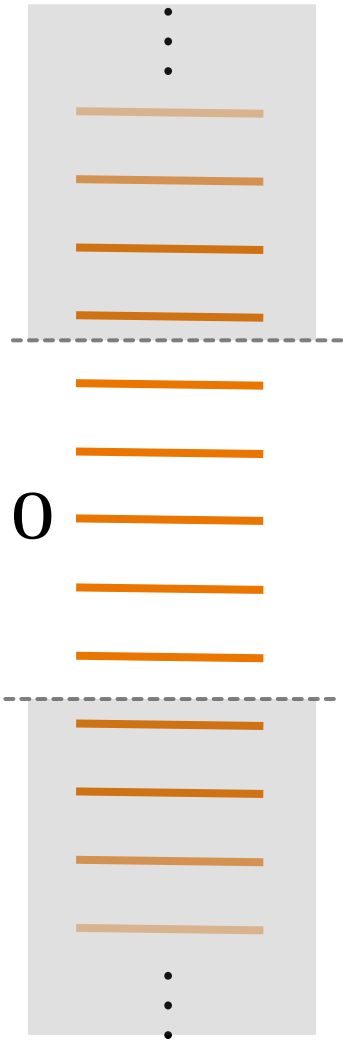
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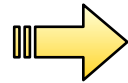
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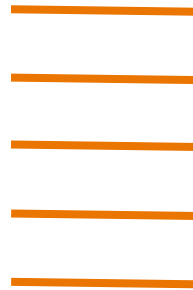
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Replace e.g.

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$$\hat{U} \rightarrow \frac{1}{s} \hat{S}^-$$

Unitarity is sacrificed, the rest is fine

Other strategies are known: e.g.

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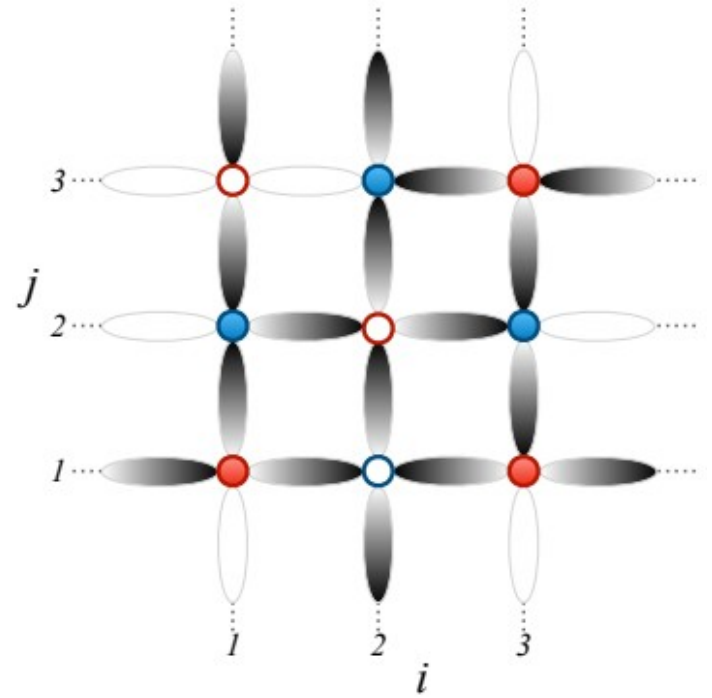
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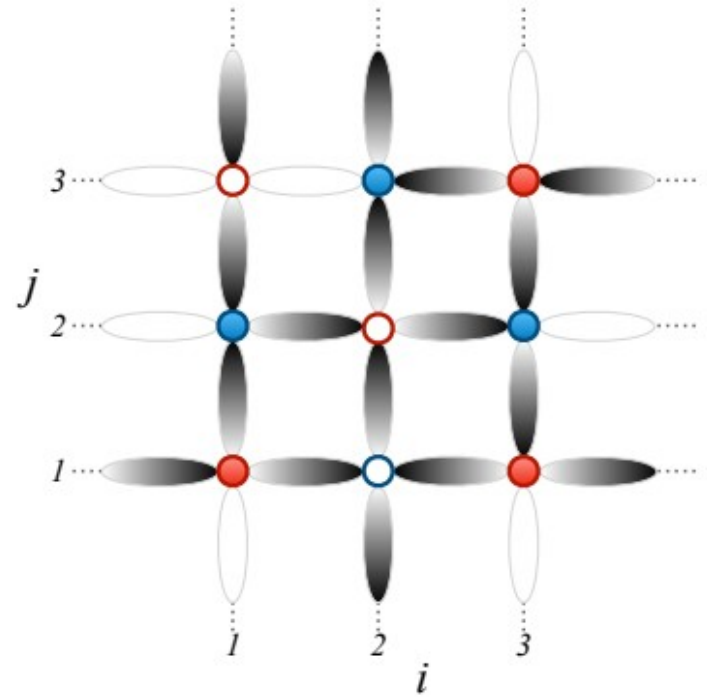
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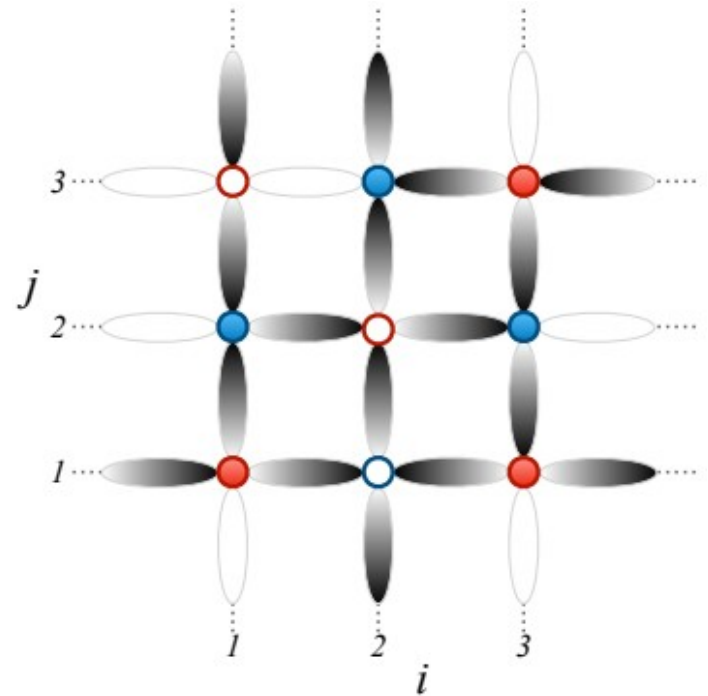
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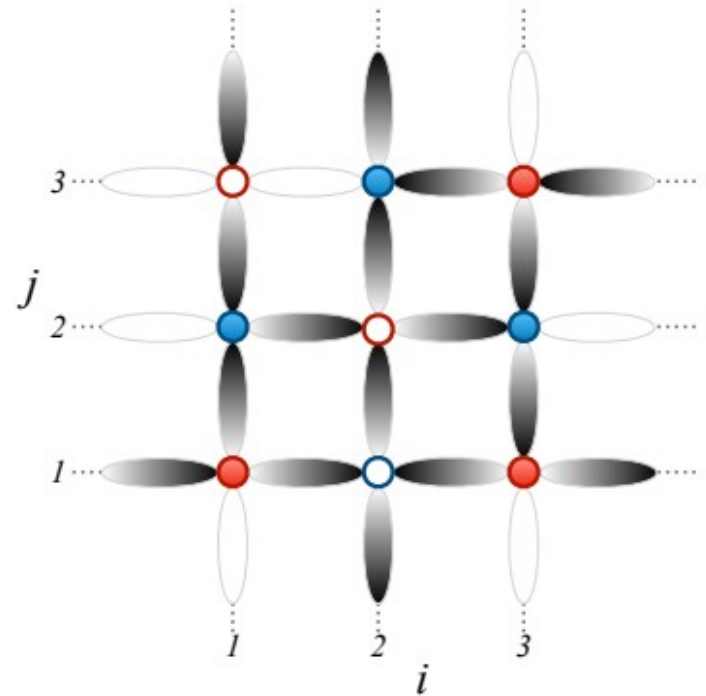
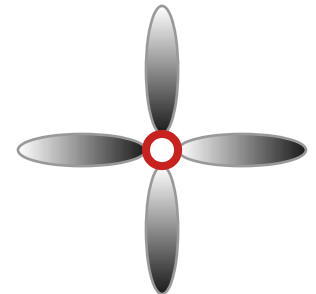
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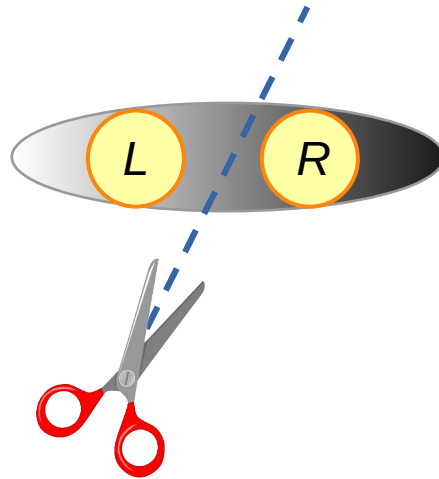
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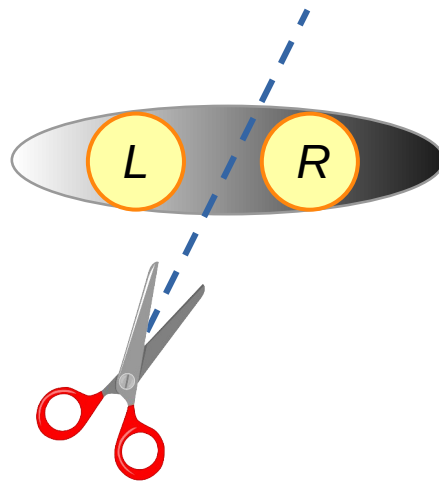
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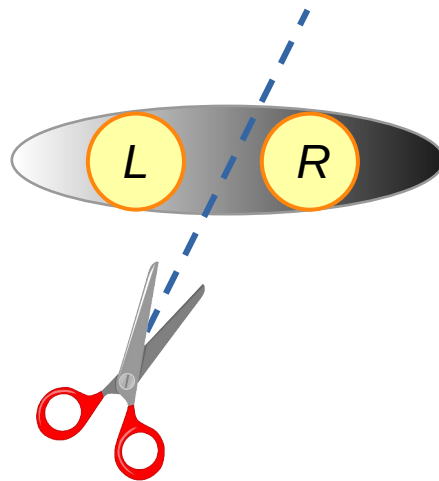
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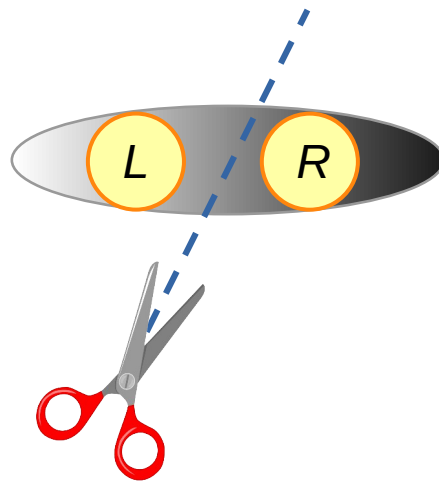
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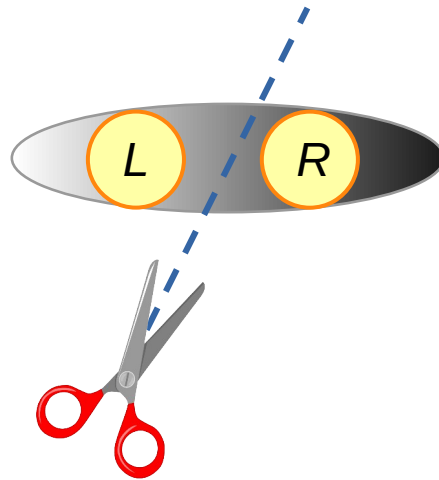
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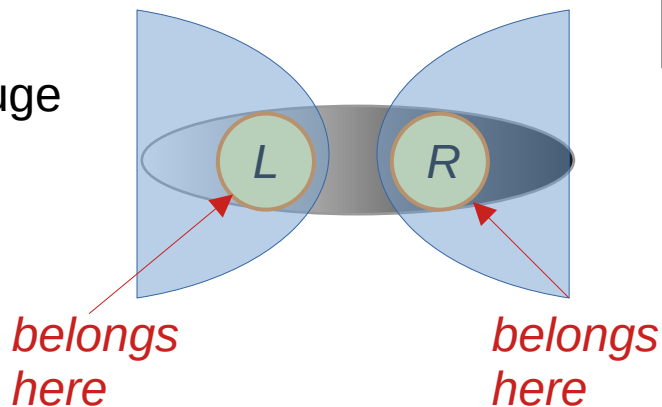
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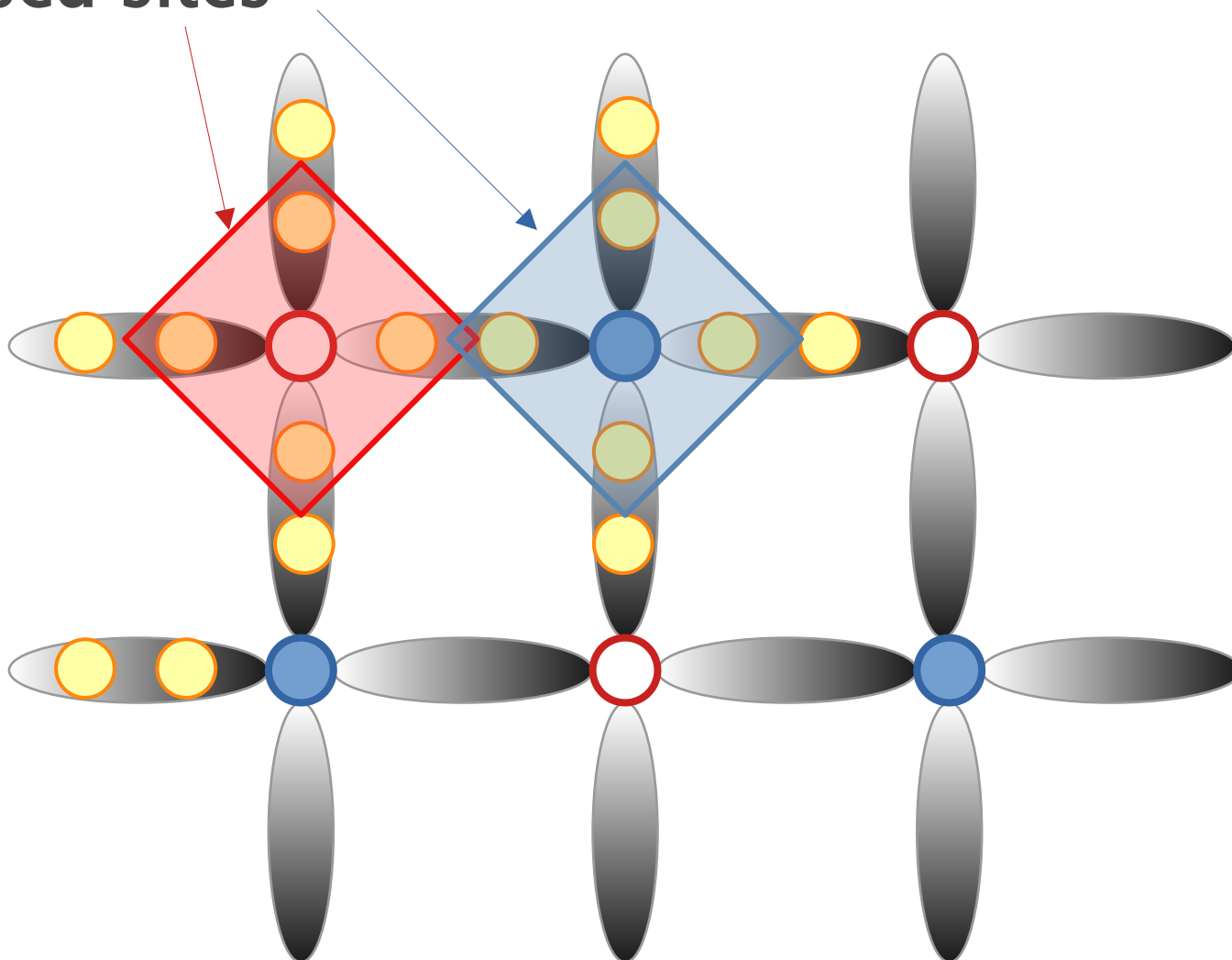
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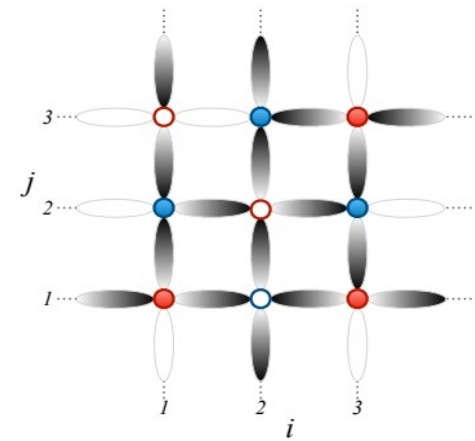
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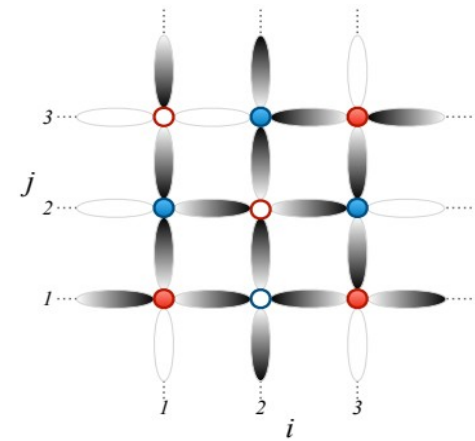
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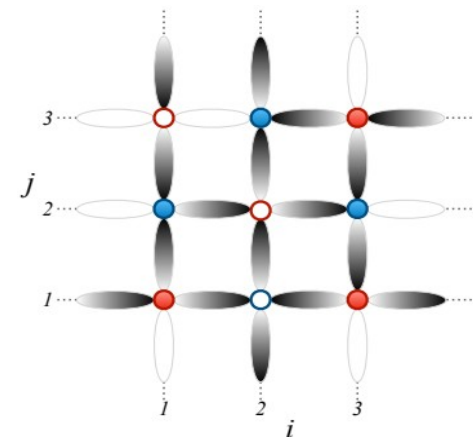
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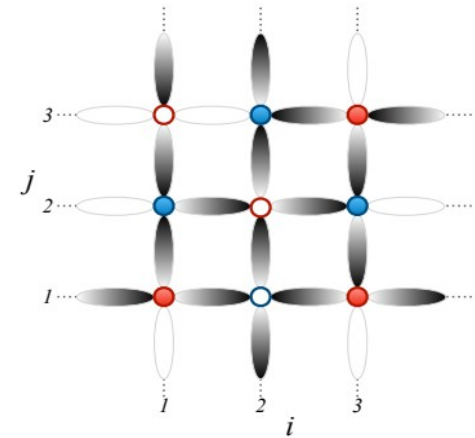


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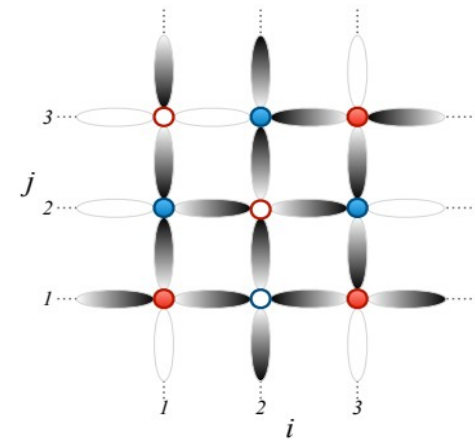
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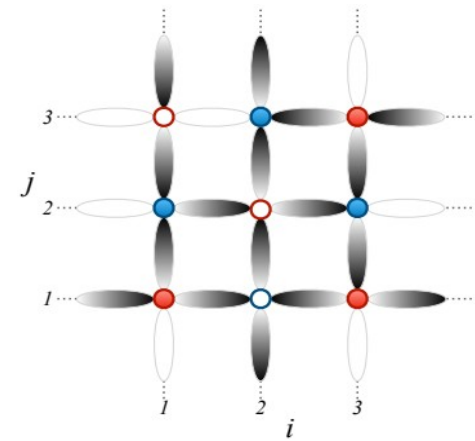
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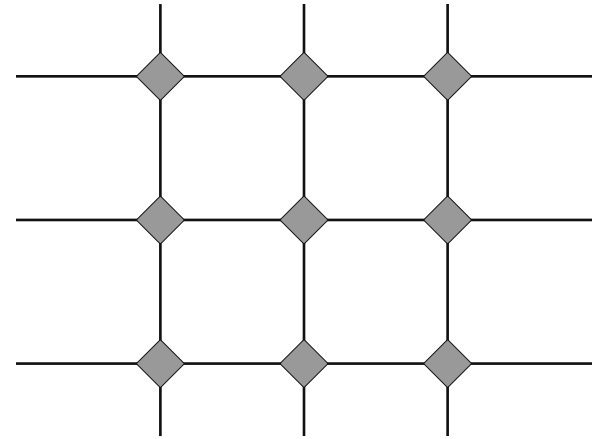


Now everything *mutually* commutes

$$\left[ \hat{Q}_{\mathbf{j}, \pm\mu_1}, \hat{Q}_{\mathbf{j}' \neq \mathbf{j}, \pm\mu_2}^{(\dagger)} \right] = \left[ \hat{C}_{\mathbf{j}, \dots}, \hat{C}_{\mathbf{j}' \neq \mathbf{j}, \dots}^{(\dagger)} \right] = \left[ \hat{Q}_{\mathbf{j}, \dots}, \hat{C}_{\mathbf{j}' \neq \mathbf{j}, \dots}^{(\dagger)} \right] = 0$$

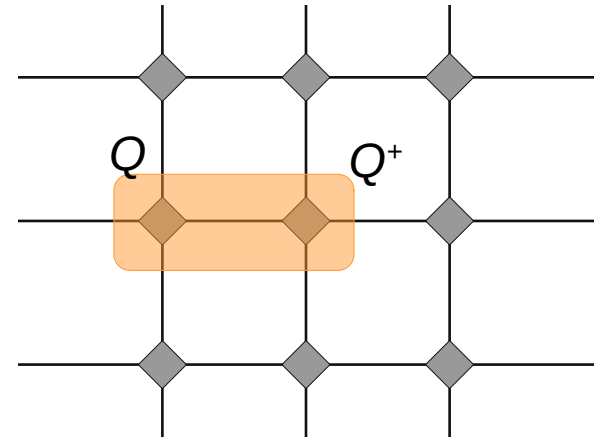
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- Like a spin lattice (with large spins)



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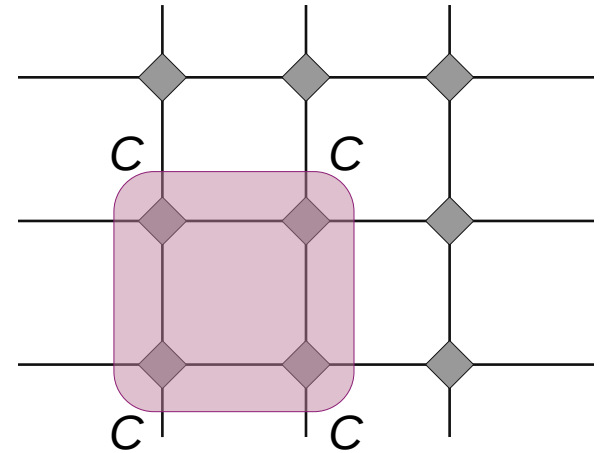
- Like a spin lattice (with large spins)
- Nearest Neighbor interaction





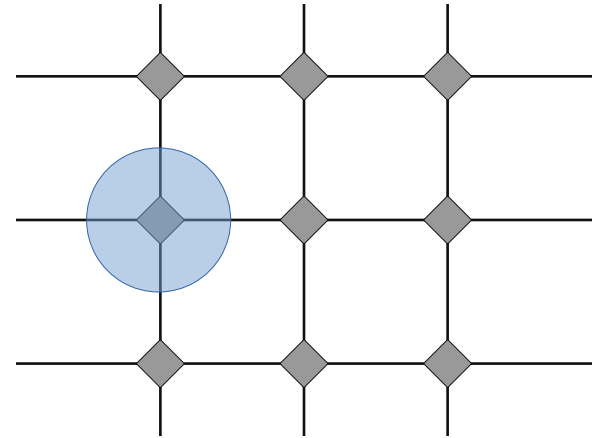
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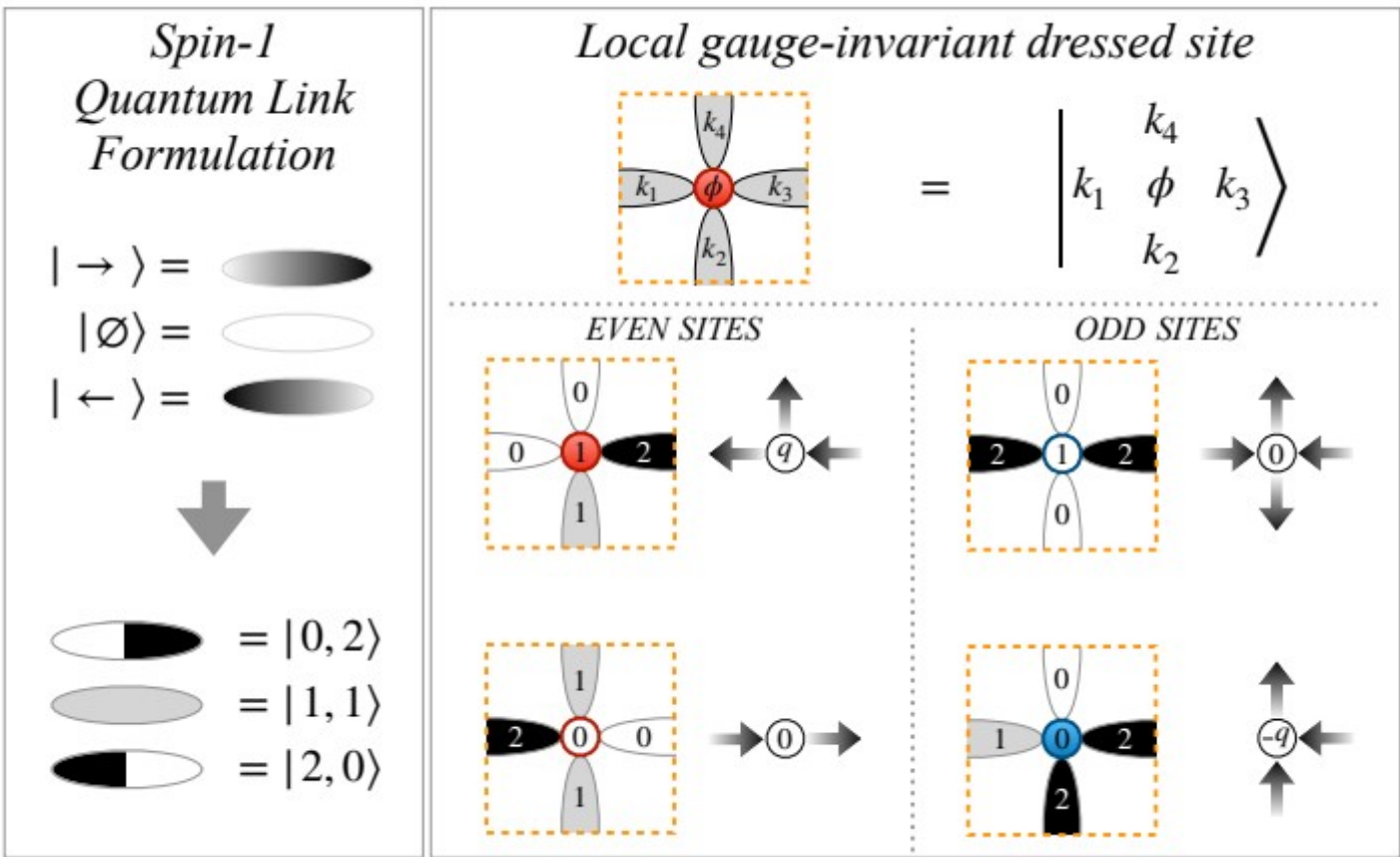
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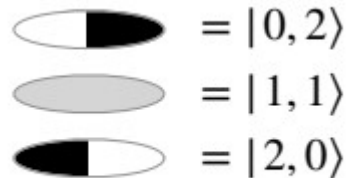
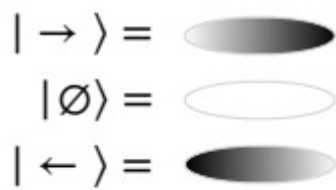
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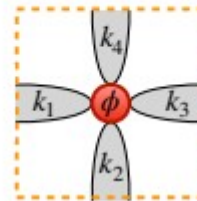
Local dimension  $(2+1)D = 35$

# A simple square lattice (of dressed sites)

- L *Spin-1*
- N *Quantum Link*
- F *Formulation*
- C
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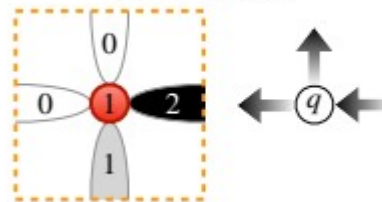


*Local gauge-invariant dressed site*

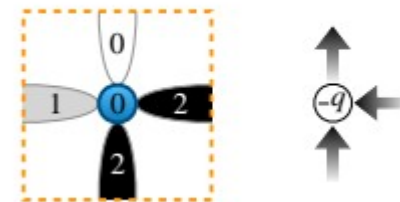
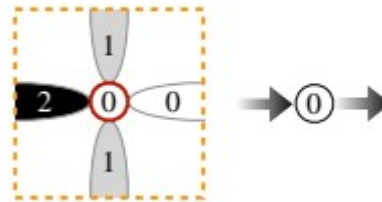
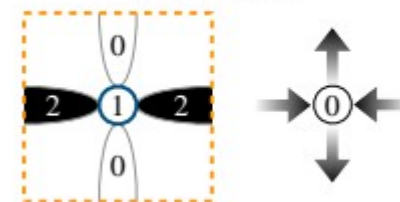


$$= \left| \begin{array}{c} k_4 \\ k_1 \quad \phi \quad k_3 \\ k_2 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

*EVEN SITES*



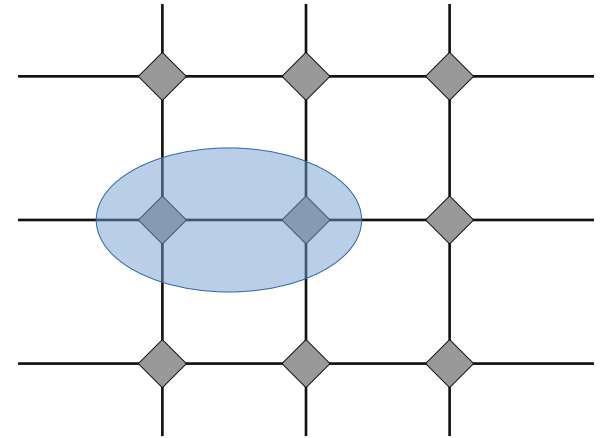
*ODD SITES*



Local dimension  $(3+1)D = 267$

# A simple square lattice (of dressed sites)

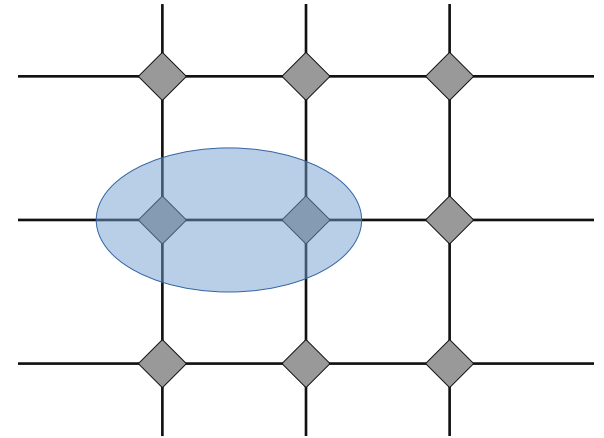
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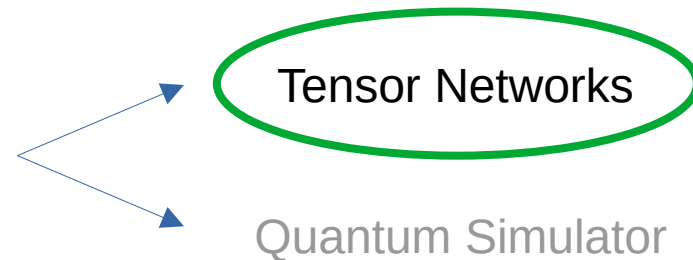
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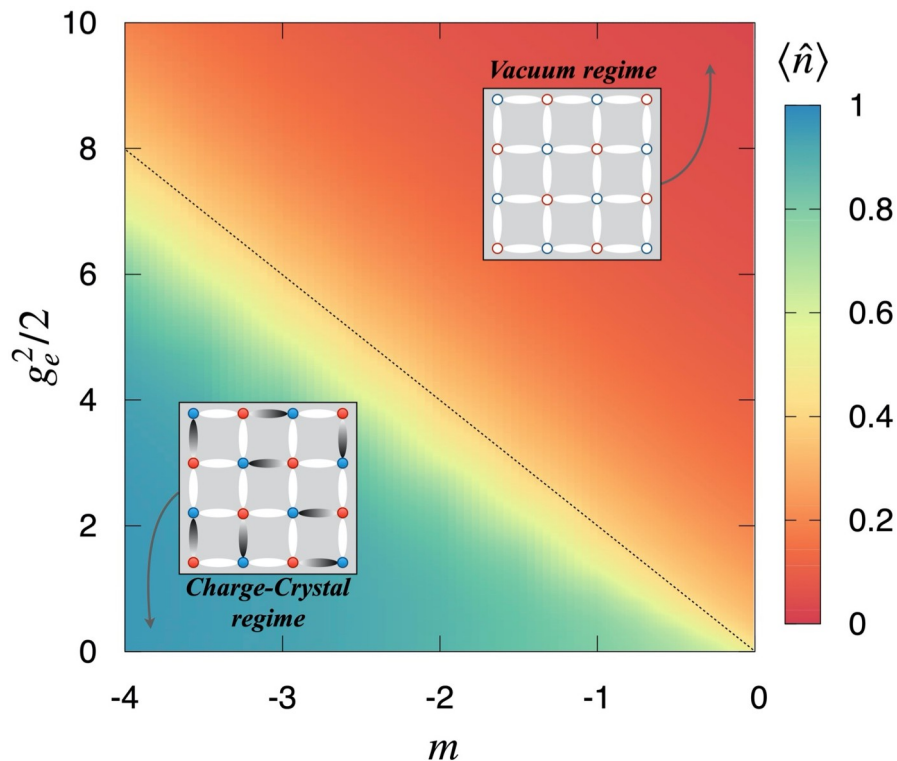
READY  
For simulation



Tensor Networks

Quantum Simulator

(2+1)D: Ground-state properties as a function of  $m$  and  $g_e^2/2$  without magnetic terms

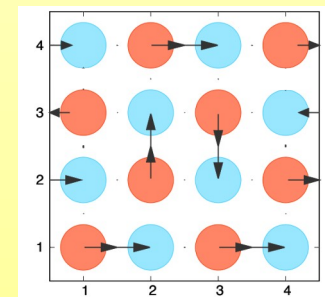


$$g_e^2/2 \gg 2|m|$$

Vacuum phase: no particles,  
no field excitations

$$-2m \gg g_e^2/2 > 0$$

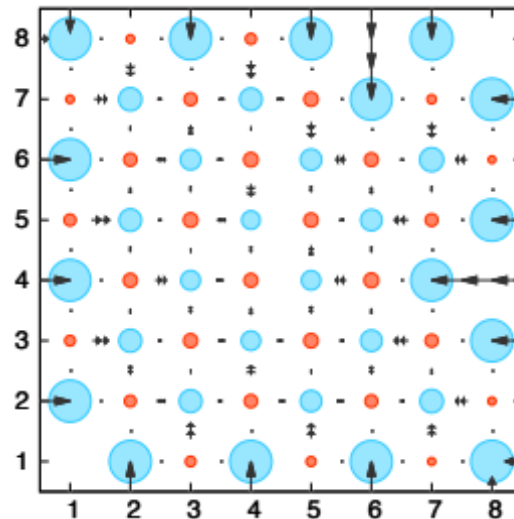
Charge-Crystal Phase:  
particle-antiparticle dimers



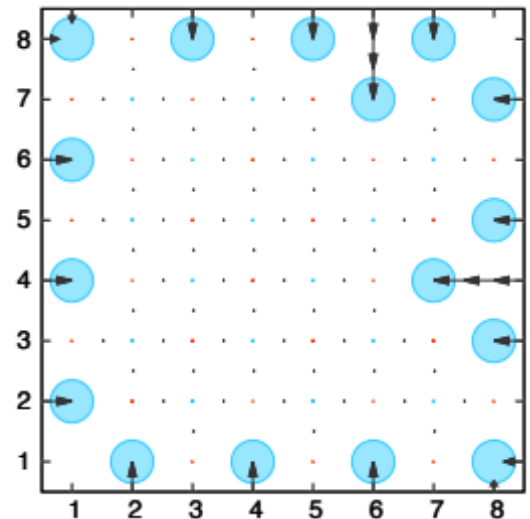
## (2+1)D: Finite Charge Density Sector

$$Q = -16$$

Charge imbalance into the system: very challenging for Monte Carlo techniques (sign problem)



$g_e^2/2 = 2, m = -1$   
near the critical line

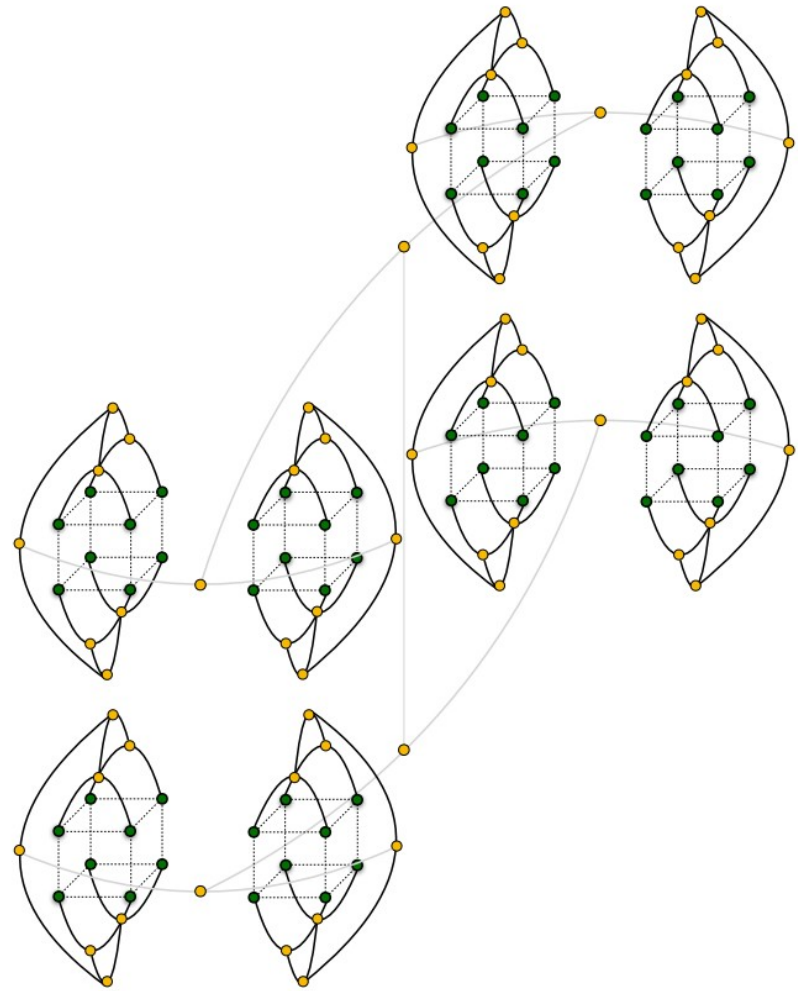
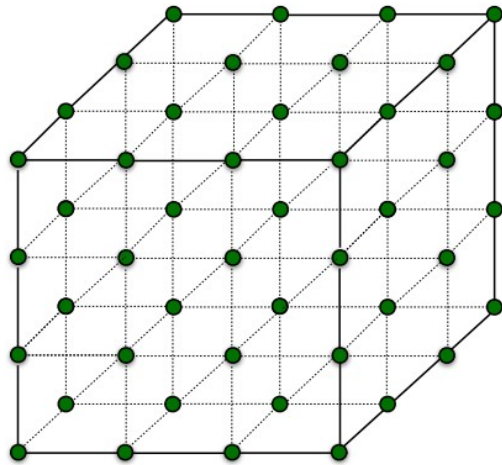


$g_e^2/2 = 2, m = 5$   
deep in the vacuum phase

Charges forced to reach the boundaries to minimise the electric energy



# Tree Tensor Networks in 3D



Sign-problem-free approach!

The optimization still has a complexity

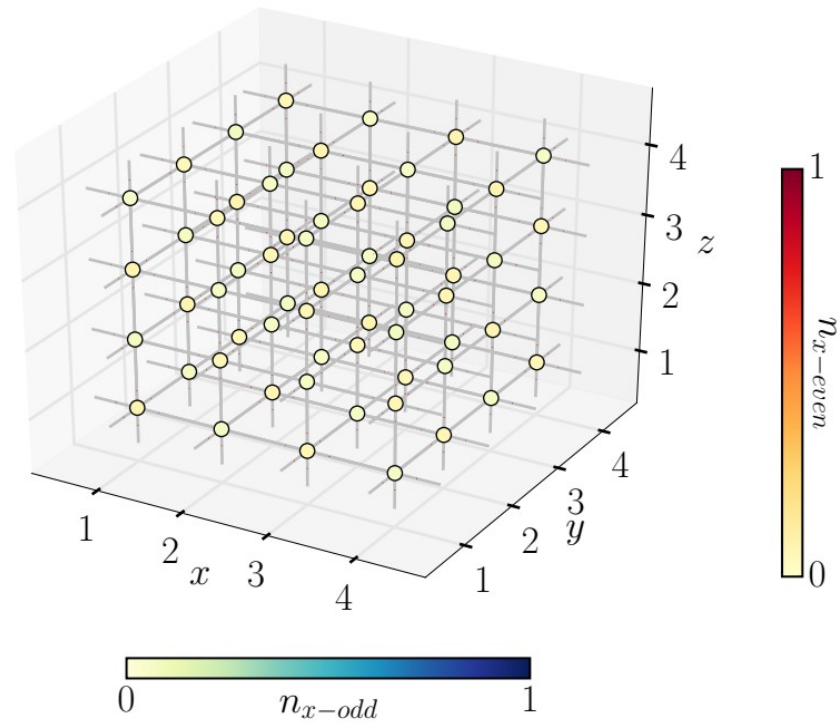
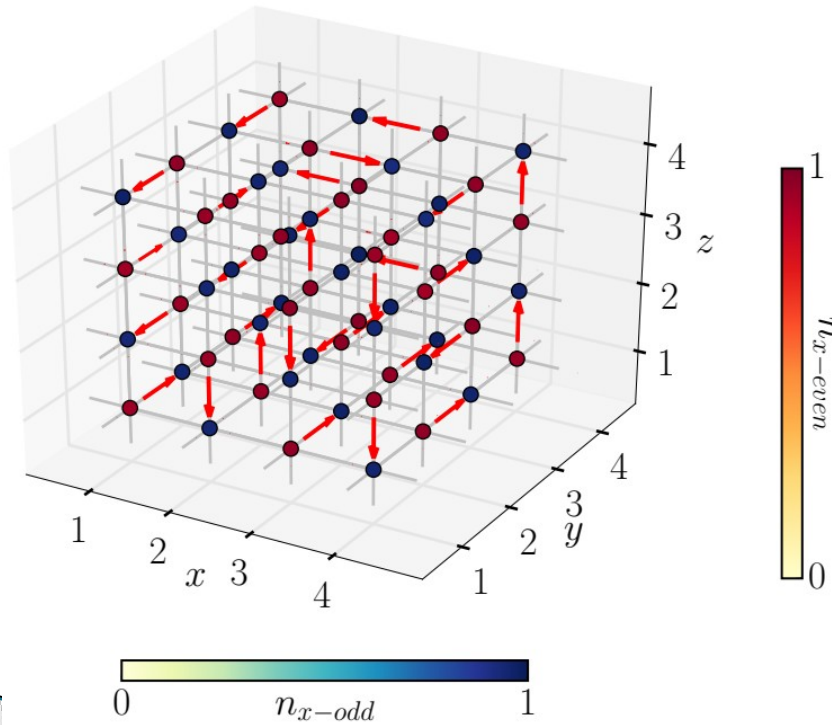
# (3+1)D: Local configurations of matter and gauge fields

$$-2m \gg g_e^2/2 > 0$$

Charge-Crystal Phase:  
particle-antiparticle dimers

$$g_e^2/2 \gg 2|m|$$

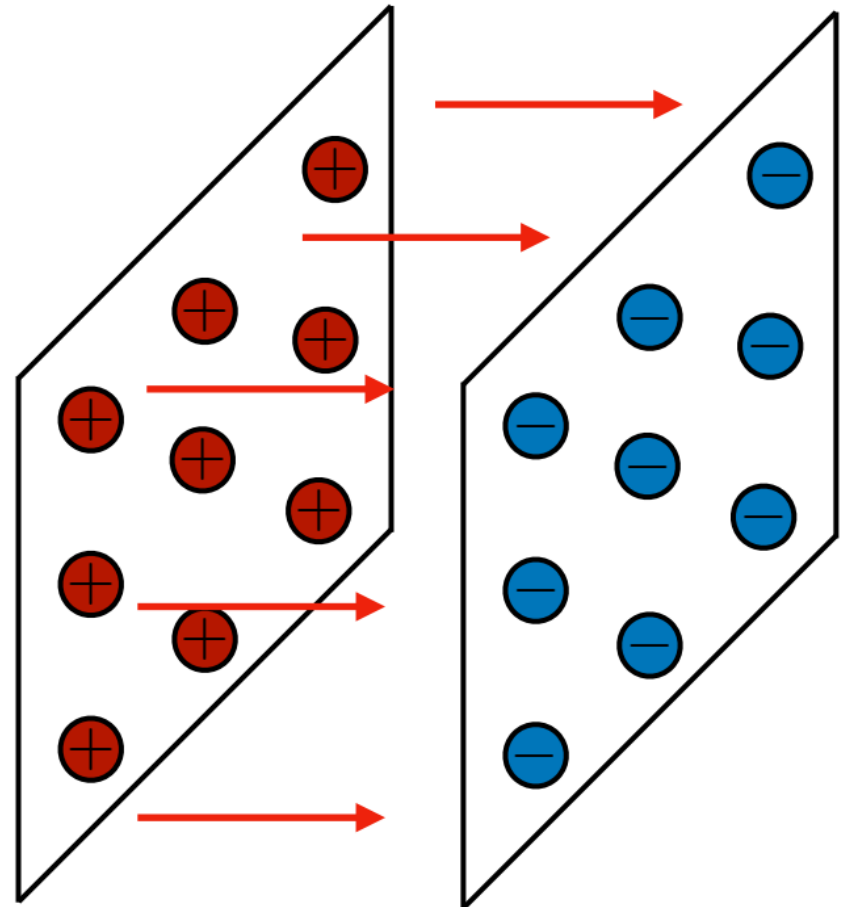
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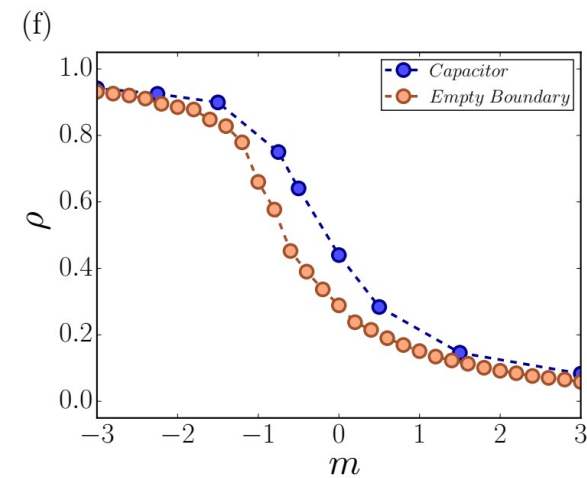
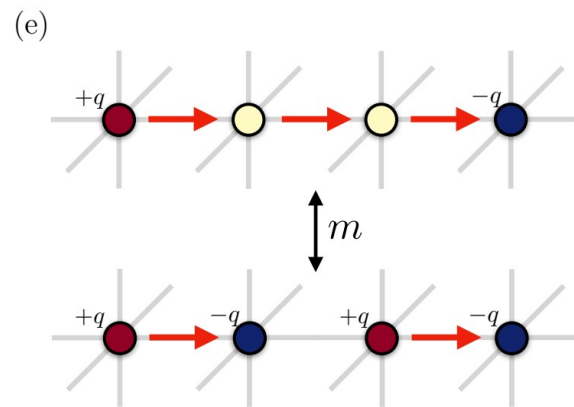
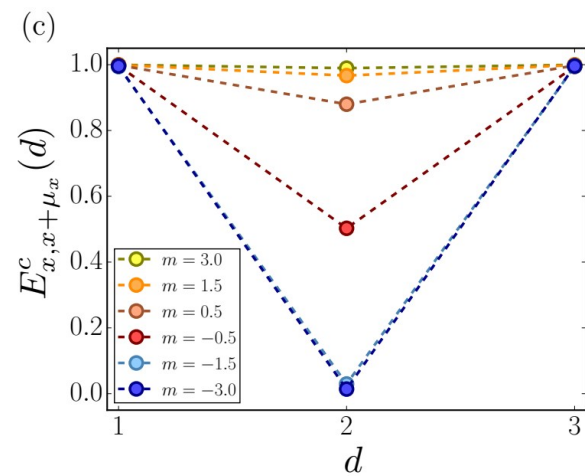
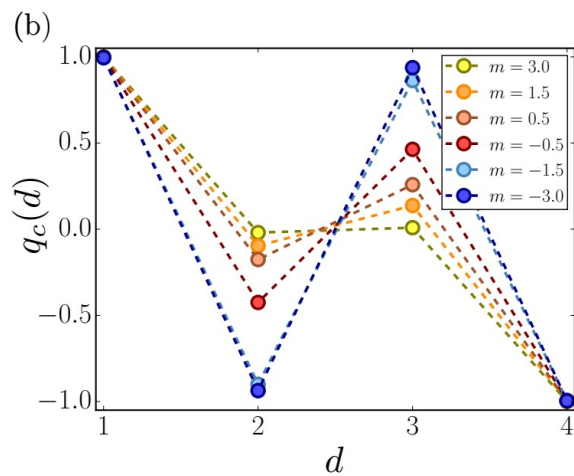
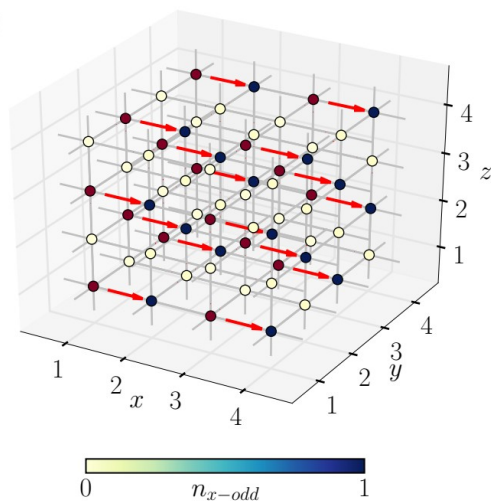
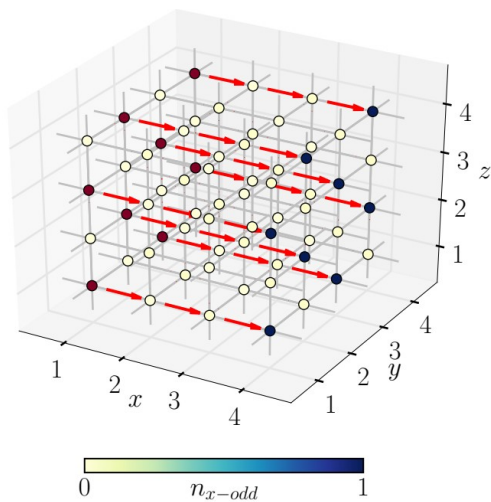
## (3+1)D: Quantum Capacitor

Our approach is very flexible to simulate different geometries and charge-configurations.

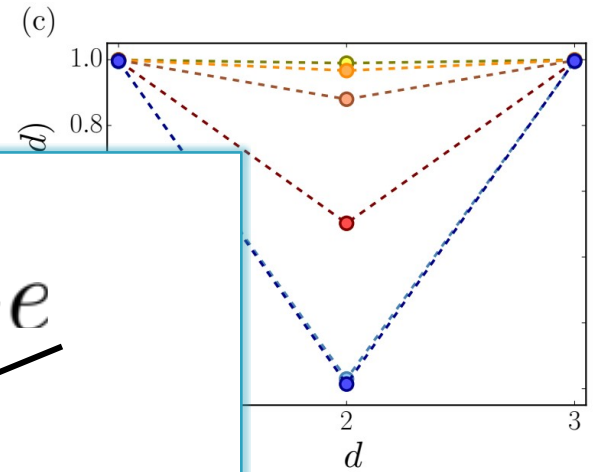
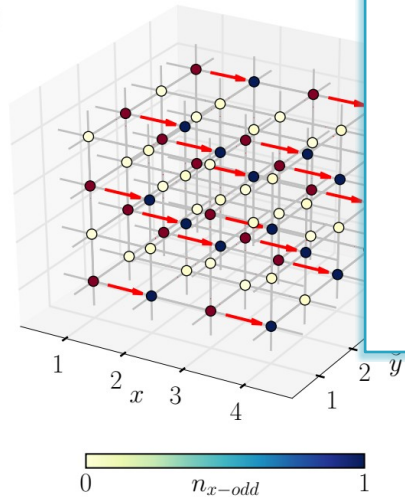
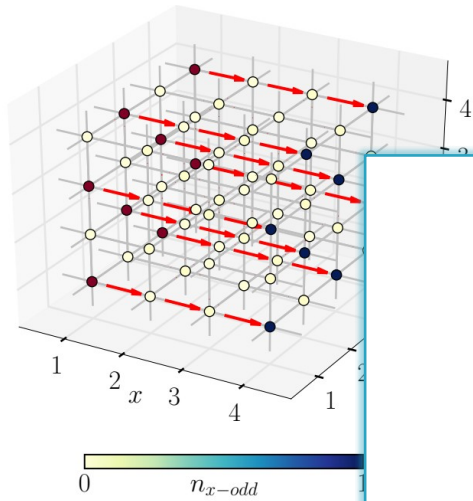
Field-screening and equilibrium string-breaking properties in presence of external field.



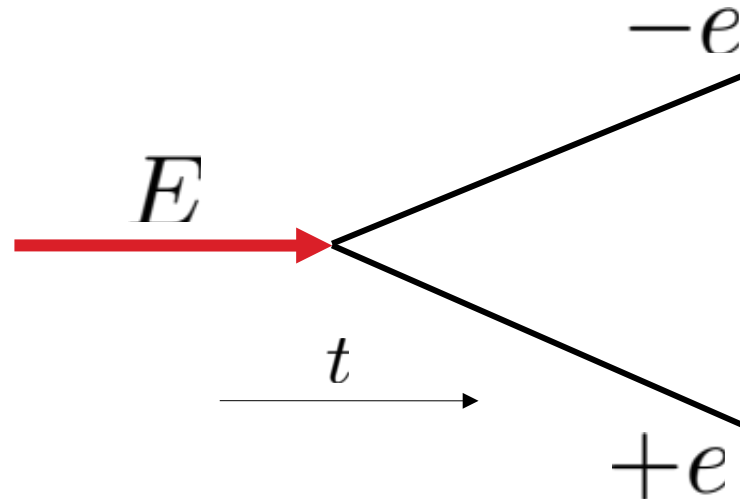
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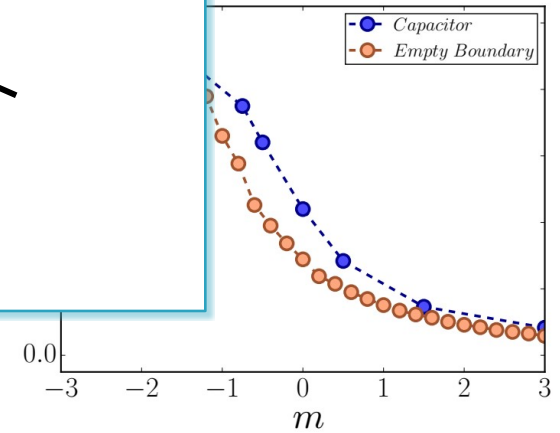
# (3+1)D: Quantum Capacitor



## Schwinger Effect



$$E_c = m^2/e \approx 10^{18} \text{ V/m}$$



## (3+1)D: Confinement Properties

$$g_m^2 = 8/g_e^2$$

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{x,\mu} \left( \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{U}_{x,\mu} \hat{\psi}_{x+\mu} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

$$+ m \sum_x (-1)^x \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x + \frac{g_e^2}{2} \sum_{x,\mu} \hat{E}_{x,\mu}^2$$

$$- \frac{g_m^2}{2} \sum_x \left( \square_{\mu_x, \mu_y} + \square_{\mu_x, \mu_z} + \square_{\mu_y, \mu_z} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

Plaquette terms

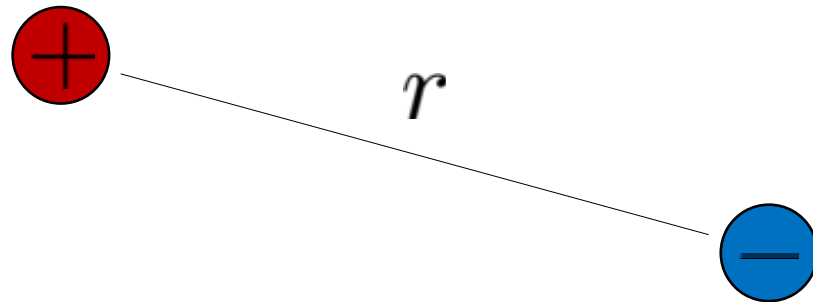
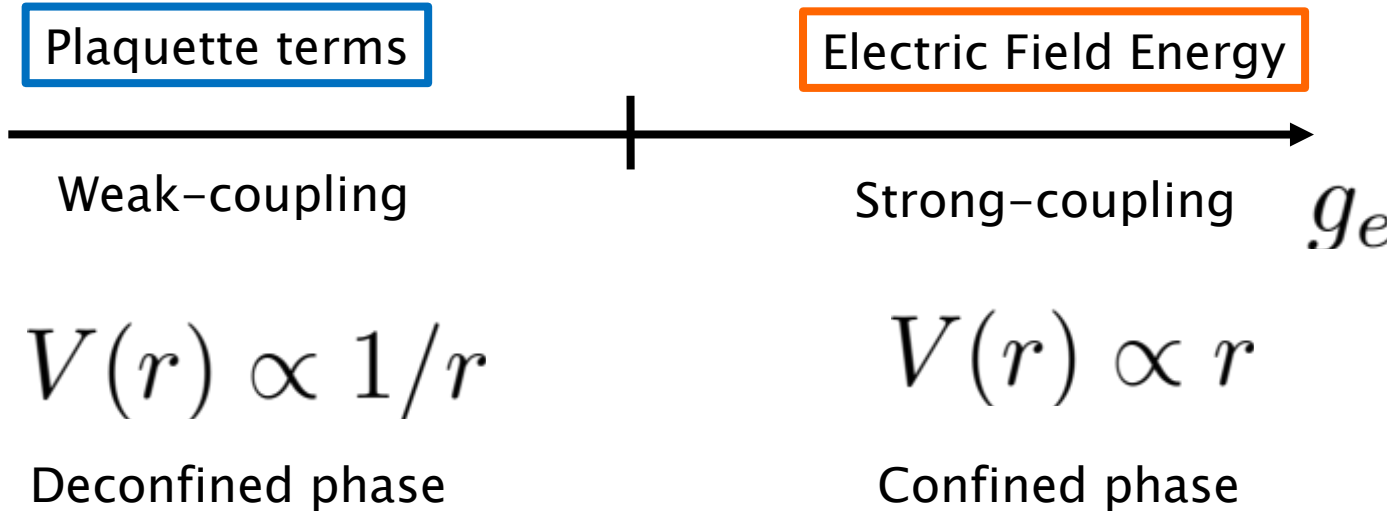
Electric Field Energy

Weak-coupling

Strong-coupling

$g_e$

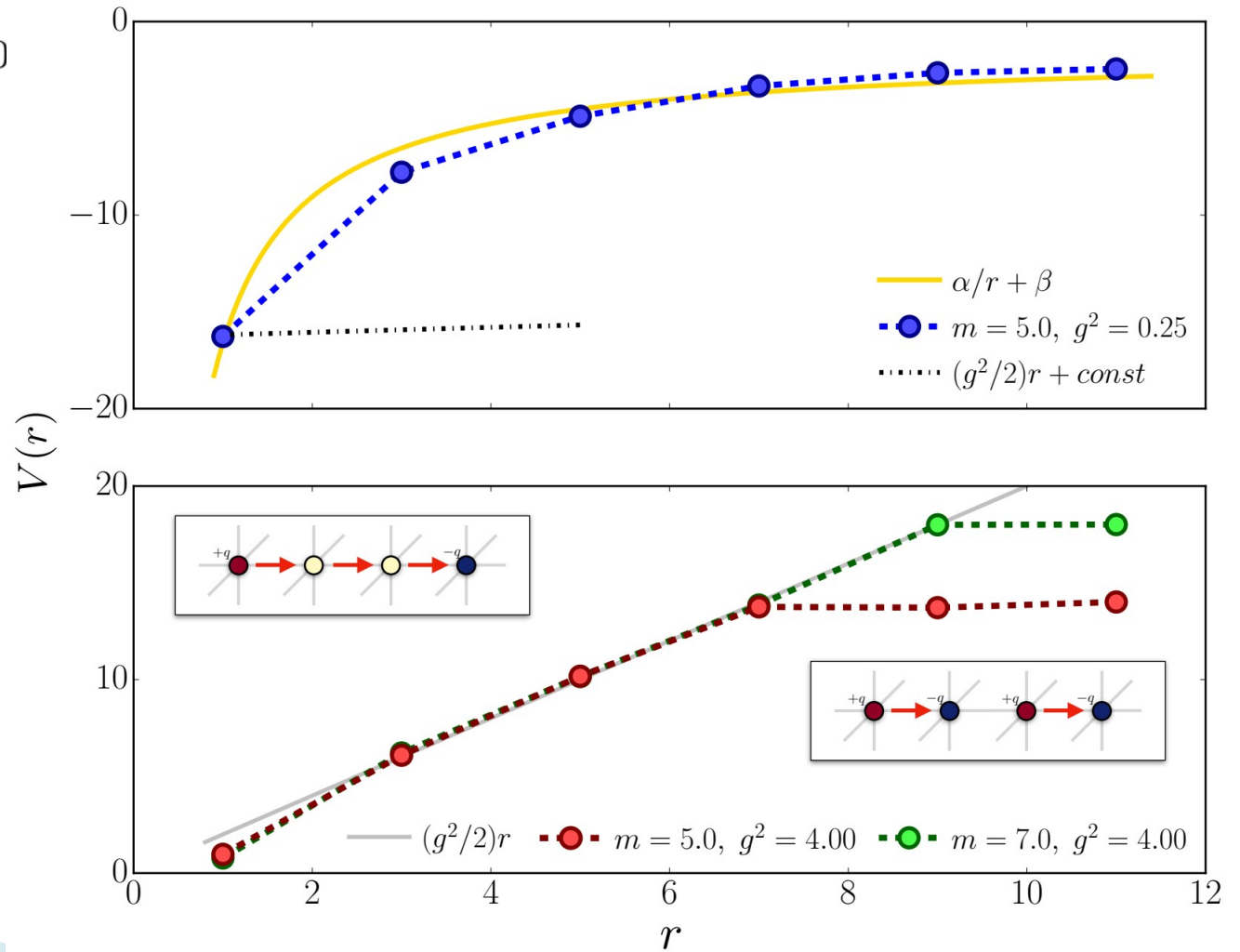
# Confinement Properties



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$$V(r) = E(r) - E_0$$

Weak-coupling



Strong-coupling



# Going non-Abelian: the Yang-Mills theory

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{QED}} = & \frac{c\hbar}{2a} \sum_{\mathbf{j}, \mu, a, a'} \left( e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{j}\mu}} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{j}, a}^\dagger \hat{U}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu; a, a'} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{j}+\mu, a'} + \text{H.c.} \right) \\ & + m_e c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{j}, a} (-1)^{j_x + j_y} \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{j}, a}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{j}, a} \\ & + g_{\text{YM}}^2 \frac{c\hbar}{2a} \sum_{\mathbf{j}, \mu} \hat{C}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu}^{(2)} \\ & - \frac{1}{g^2} \frac{c\hbar}{2as^4} \sum_{\mathbf{j}, a_1 \dots a_4} \left( \hat{U}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu_x; a_1, a_2} \cdots \hat{U}_{\mathbf{j}, \mu_y; a_1, a_4}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Matter has SU(N) color, the theory is color-invariant.

Similar manipulation as the QED case can be made.

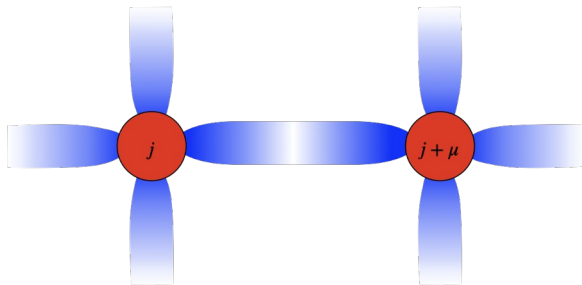
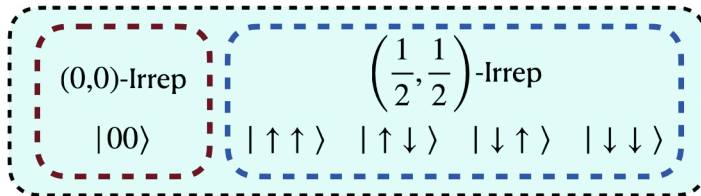
# Giovanni's Talk

SU(2) Lattice Yang-Mills in (2+1)D

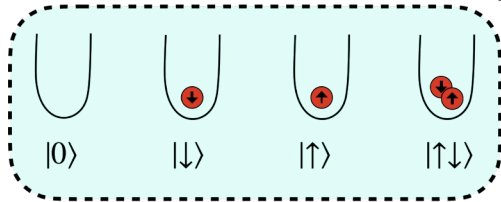


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5d SU(2) Gauge Link Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_G$



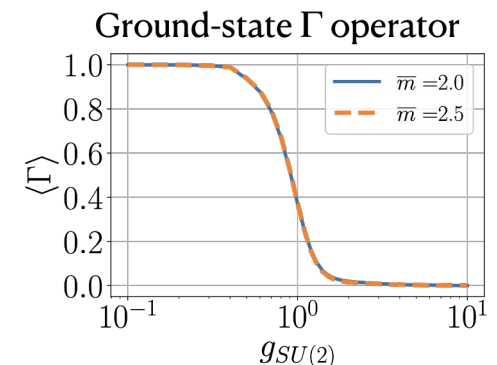
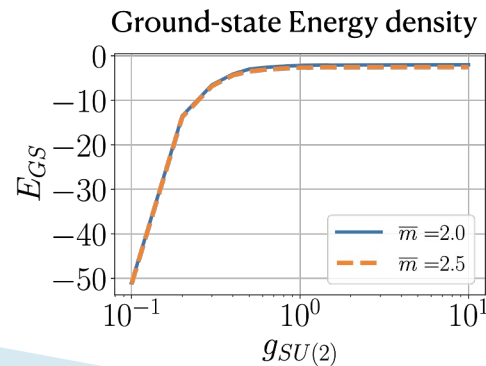
4d-Matter Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_M$



$$H_{\text{LYM-SU}(2)}^{2D} = \frac{c\hbar}{2a} \sum_j \left( -iQ_{j,\mu_x}^\dagger Q_{j+\mu_x, -\mu_x} - (-1)^{j_x+j_y} Q_{j,\mu_y}^\dagger Q_{j+\mu_y, -\mu_y} + \text{H.c.} \right) + mc^2 \sum_j (-1)^{j_x+j_y} D_j + H_{\text{pure}} + H_{\text{penalty}}$$

$$H_{\text{pure}} = \frac{3c\hbar g_{\text{SU}(2)}^2}{16a} \sum_j \Gamma_j - \frac{4c\hbar}{ag_{\text{SU}(2)}^2} \sum_j \left( C_{j,\mu_x\mu_y} C_{j+\mu_x, -\mu_x} C_{j+\mu_x+\mu_y, -\mu_x-\mu_y} C_{j+\mu_y, -\mu_y\mu_x} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

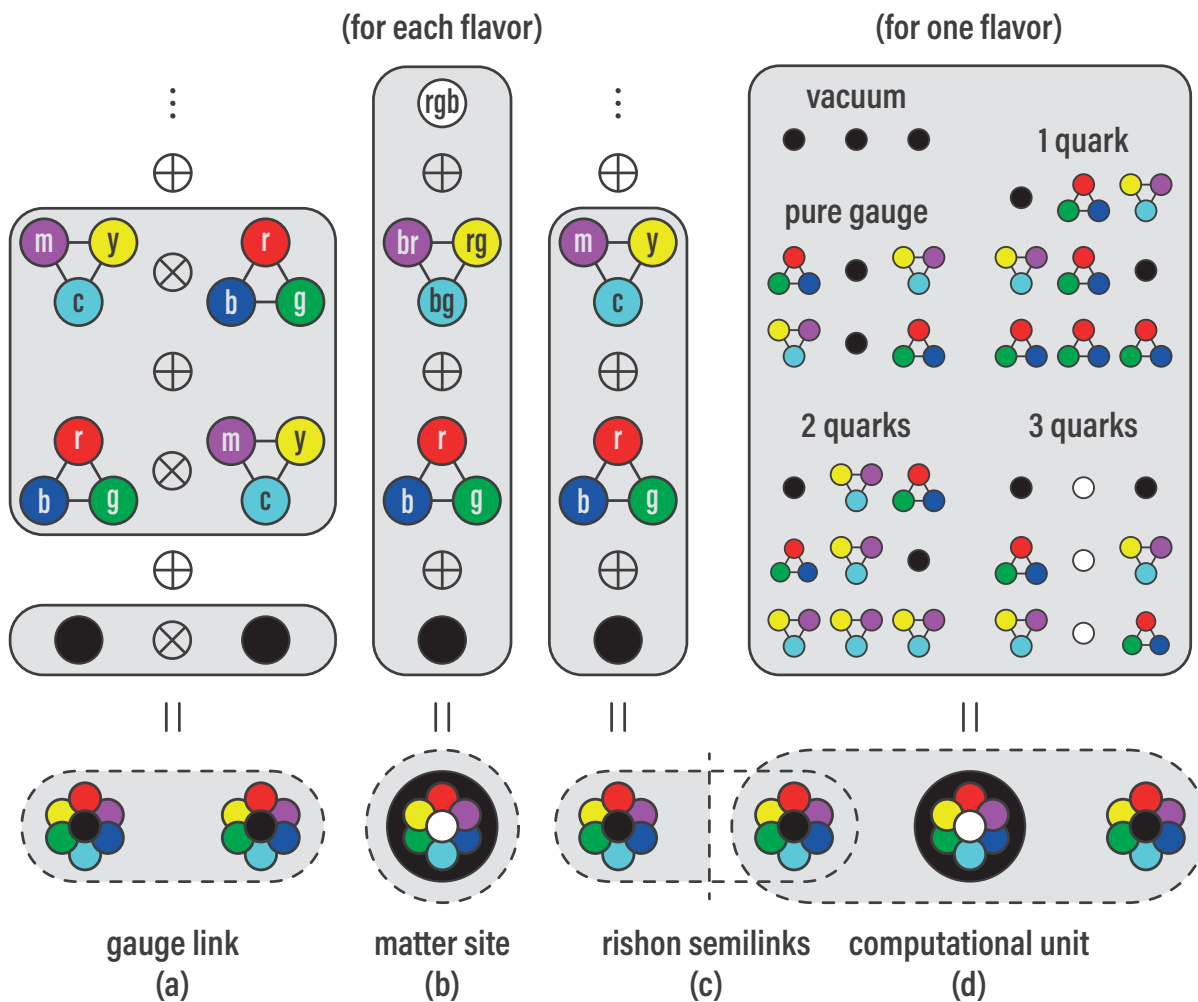
$$H_{\text{penalty}} = -\eta \sum_j \left[ W_{j,\mu_x} W_{j+\mu_x, -\mu_x} - W_{j,\mu_y} W_{j+\mu_y, -\mu_y} \right]$$



# MarcoRigo's Talk



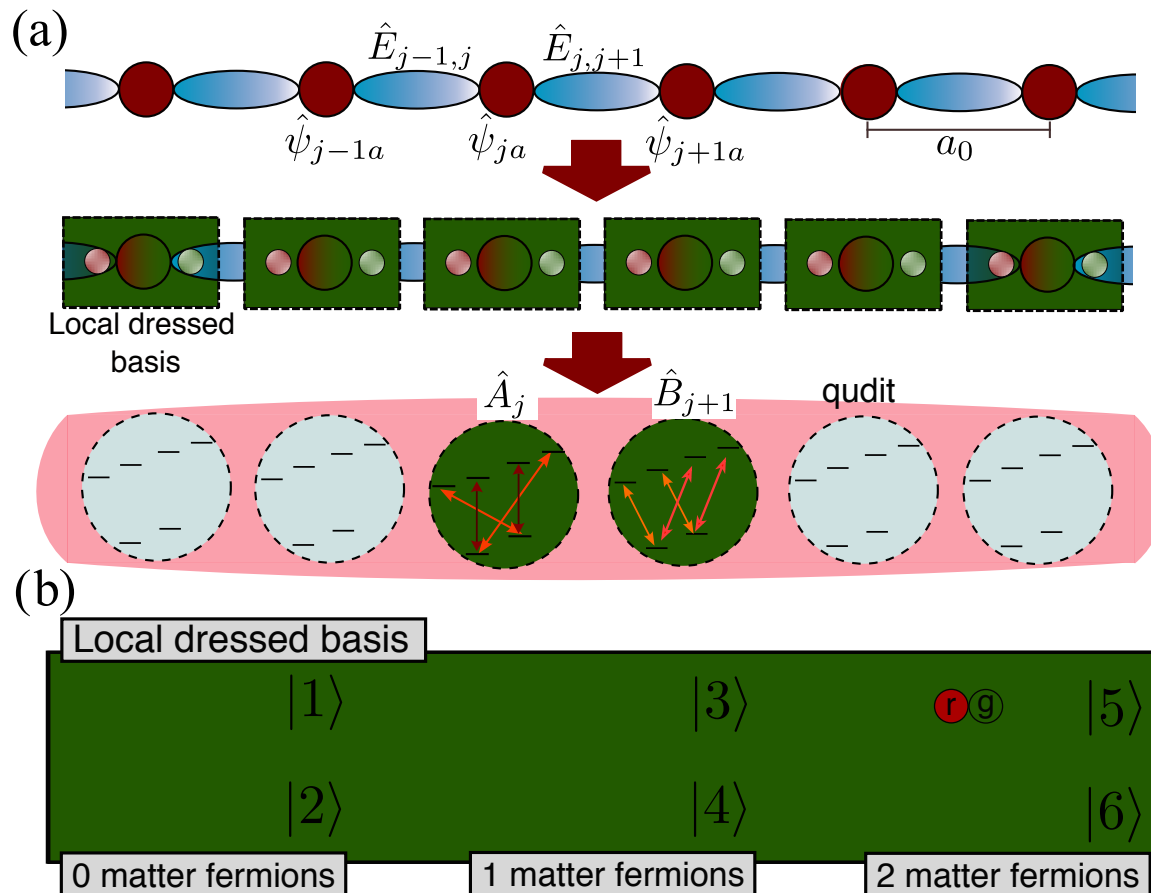
**MARCO RIGOBELLO**  
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SU(3) with 2 flavors in 1+1D

# Work in progress

SU(2) Yang-Mills in 1+1D (Hardcore gluons) is mapped into a model of Qudits  $d = 6$



Perfect for trapped ion qudits  
(See Martin's Talk)

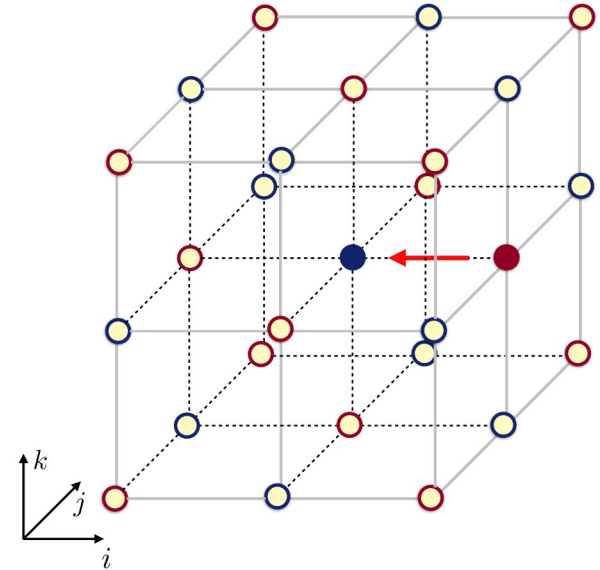
# Conclusions

Tensor  
Network  
Simulation

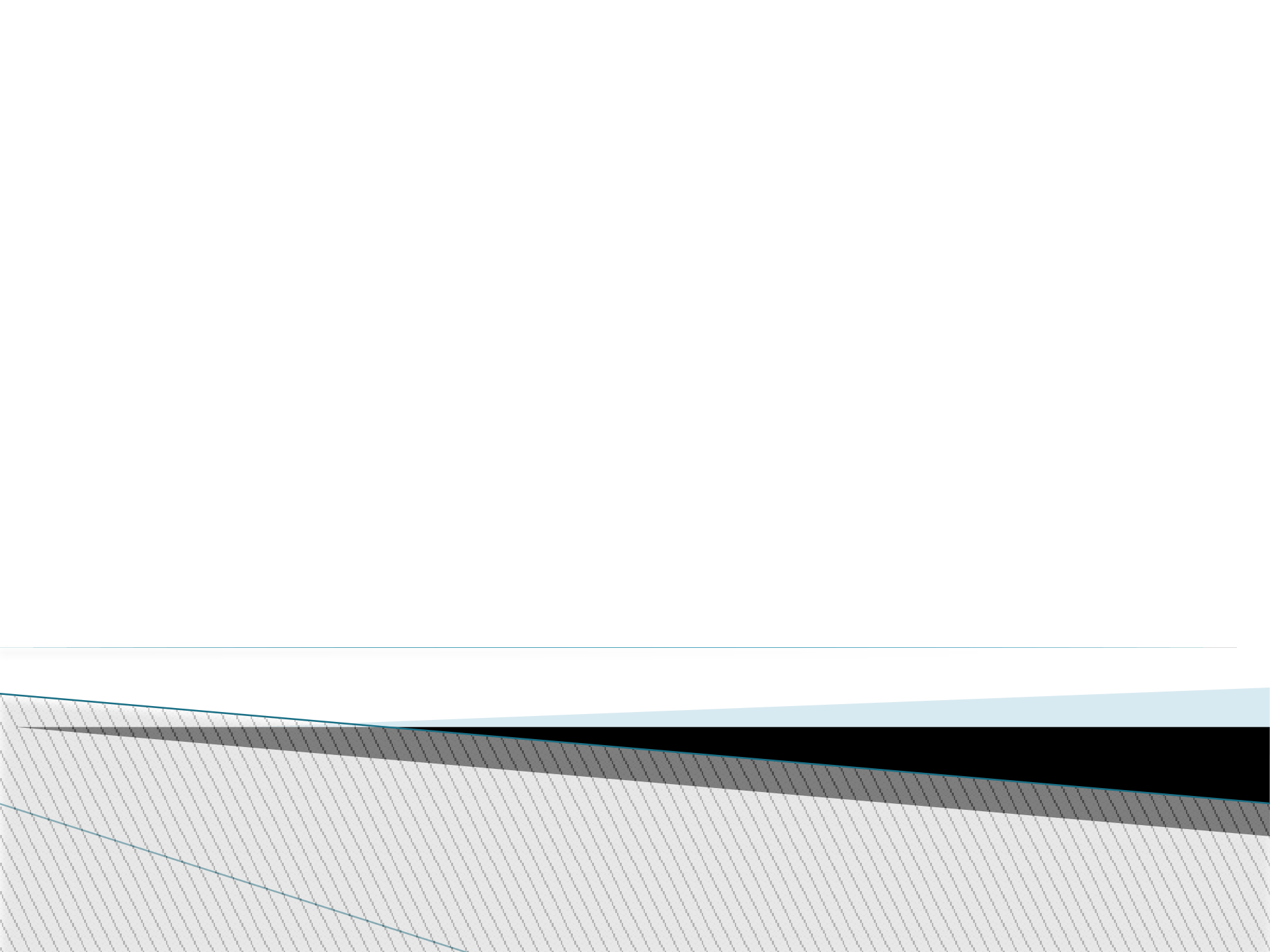


Quantum  
Simulation

- Hamiltonian LGTs are an excellent formalism to complement MonteCarlo
- Several LGT models allow us to eliminate fermionic matter.
- Short-term goal: Real time simulation of scattering processes
- Long-term goal: tensor networks and quantum simulation of QCD.



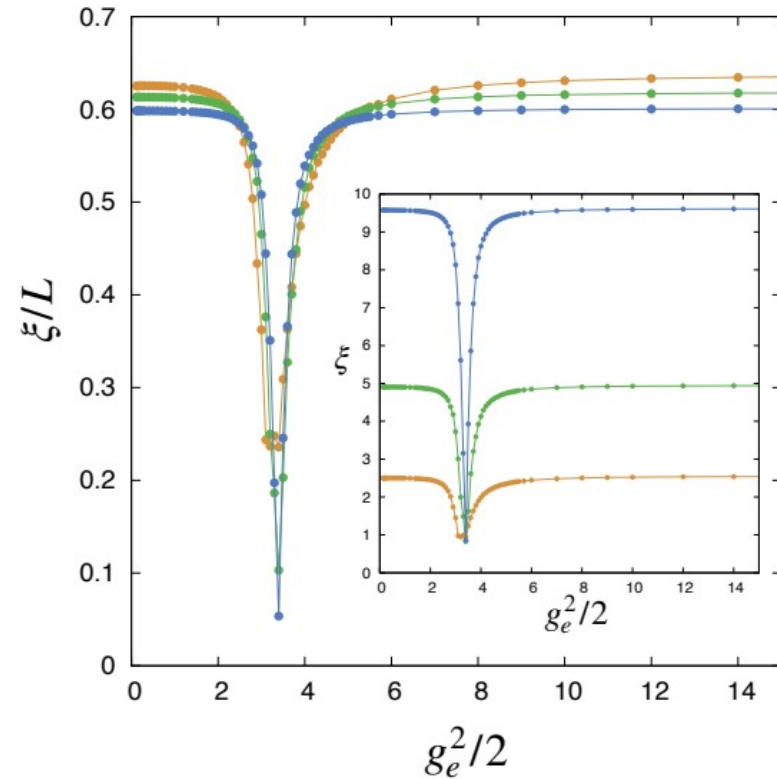
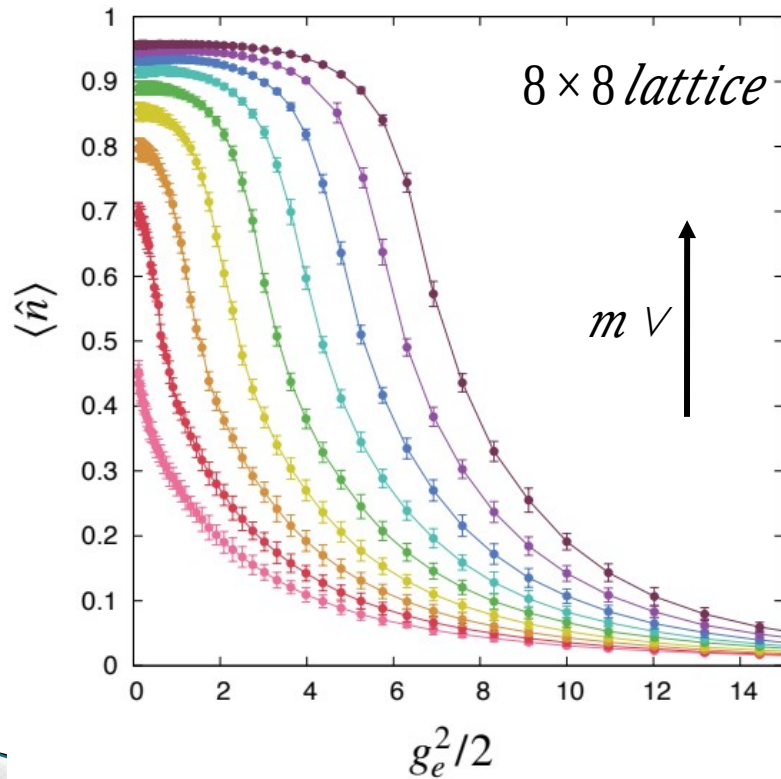
**THANK YOU**



# Ground-state properties as a function of $g_e$ and $m$ without magnetic terms

$m \in \{-0.01, -0.5, -1, -1.5, -2, -2.5, -3, -3.5, -4\}$

$4 \times 4$  (orange),  $8 \times 8$  (green),  $16 \times 16$  (blue)

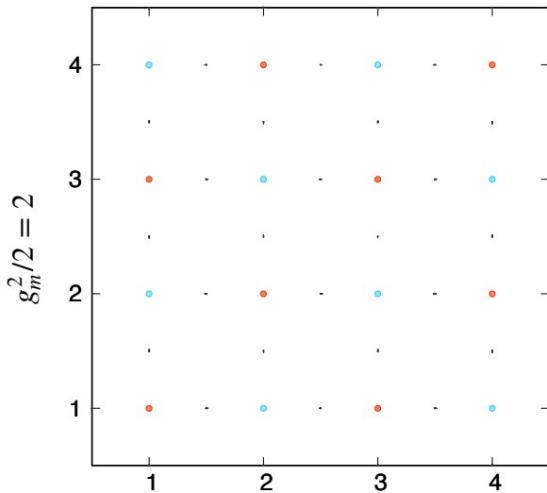




# Finite magnetic-coupling effects

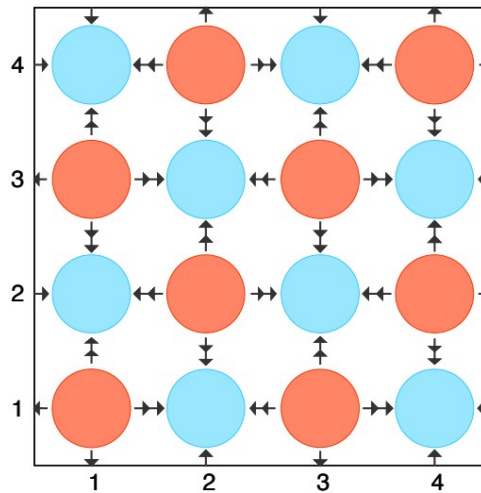
*Vacuum regime*

$$g_e^2/2 = 8, \quad m = -1$$



*Charge-crystal regime*

$$g_e^2/2 = 1, \quad m = -4$$



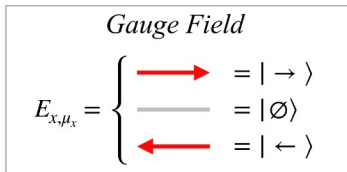
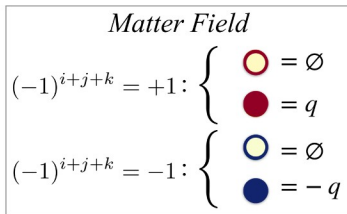
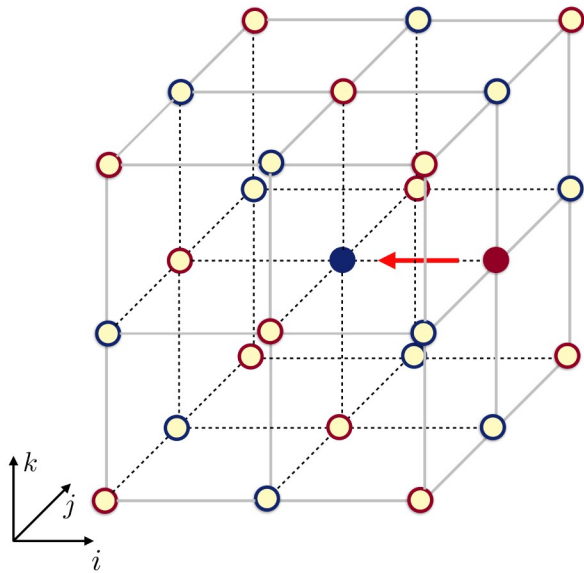
$$g_e^2/2 \gg 2|m|$$

No changes affecting the vacuum configuration

$$-2m \gg g_e^2/2 > 0$$

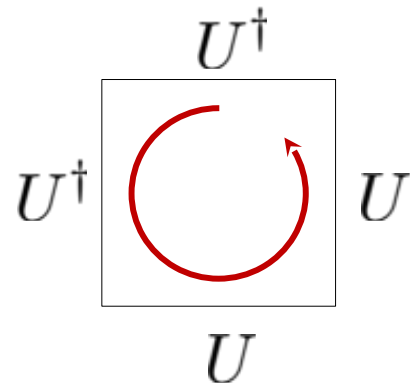
Nontrivial reorganisation of the electric fields, global entangled state of gauge fields

# Lattice QED in (3+1)D

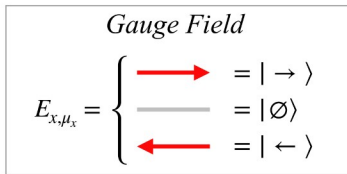
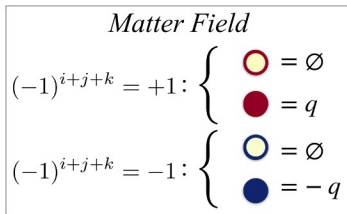
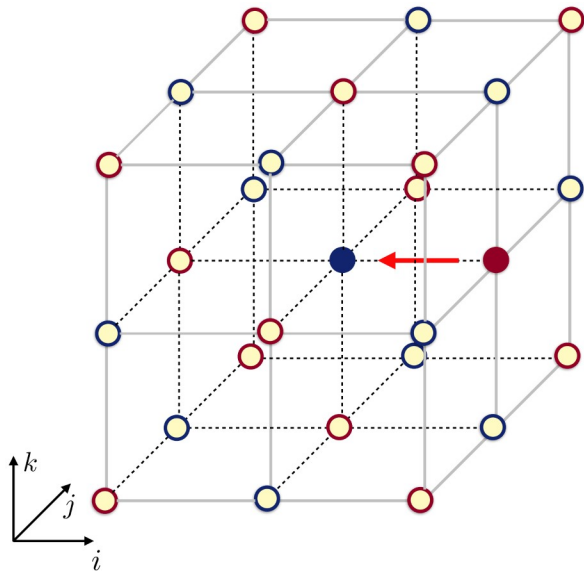


$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{x,\mu} \left( \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{U}_{x,\mu} \hat{\psi}_{x+\mu} + \text{H.c.} \right) + m \sum_x (-1)^x \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x + \frac{g_e^2}{2} \sum_{x,\mu} \hat{E}_{x,\mu}^2 - \frac{g_m^2}{2} \sum_x \left( \square_{\mu_x,\mu_y} + \square_{\mu_x,\mu_z} + \square_{\mu_y,\mu_z} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

$$\square_{\mu_x,\mu_y} = U_{x,\mu_x} U_{x+\mu_x,\mu_y} U_{x+\mu_y,\mu_x}^\dagger U_{x,\mu_y}^\dagger$$



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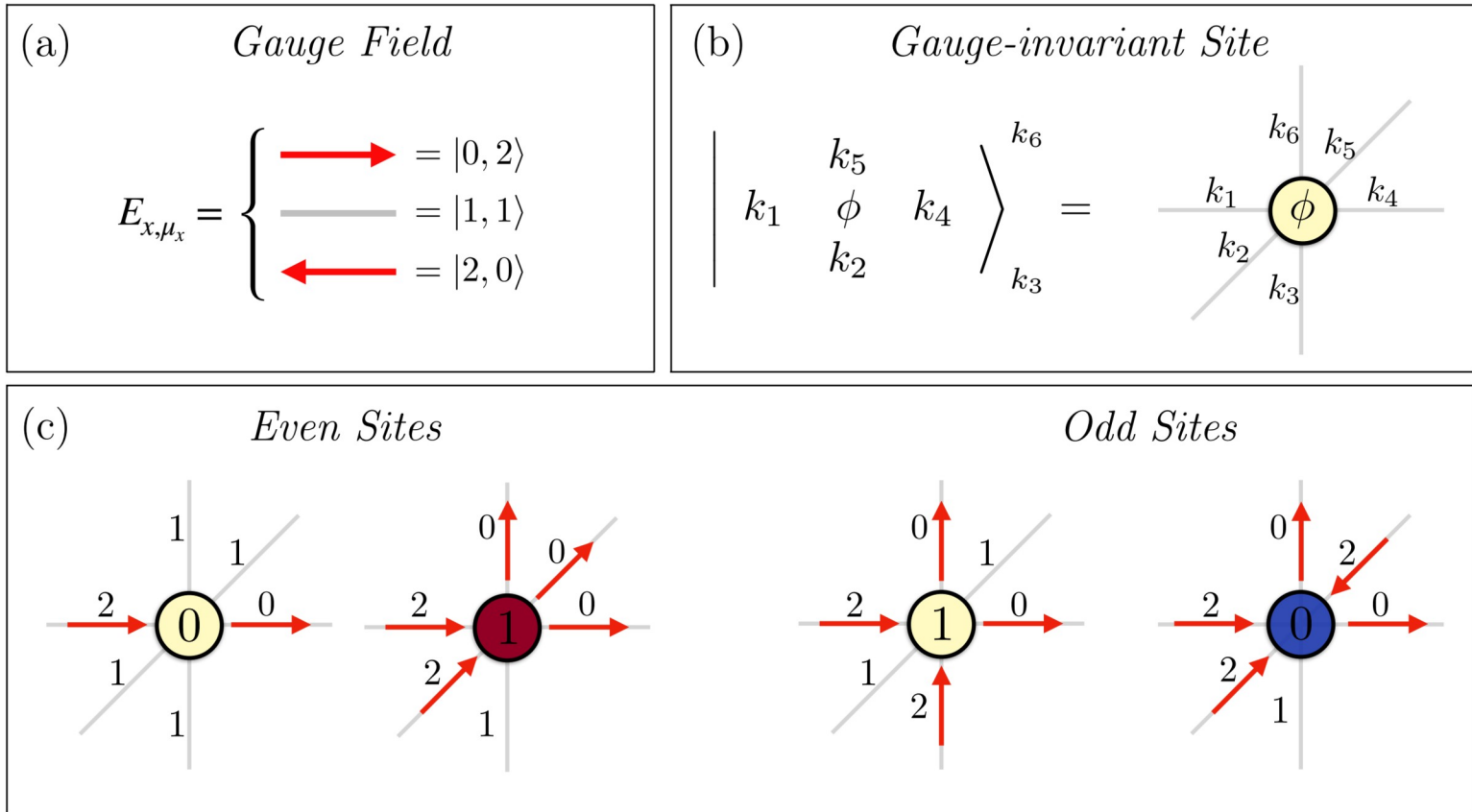
$$- \frac{g_m^2}{2} \sum_x \left( \square_{\mu_x,\mu_y} + \square_{\mu_x,\mu_z} + \square_{\mu_y,\mu_z} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

Quantum Link Model  
discretization of Gauge Fields

$$\hat{E}_{x,\mu} \rightarrow \hat{S}_{x,\mu}^z$$

$$\hat{U}_{x,\mu} \rightarrow \hat{S}_{x,\mu}^+ / s,$$

$$\hat{G}_x = \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x - \frac{1 - p_x}{2} - \sum_{\mu} \hat{E}_{x,\mu} \quad \hat{G}_x |\Phi\rangle = 0 \quad \forall x$$



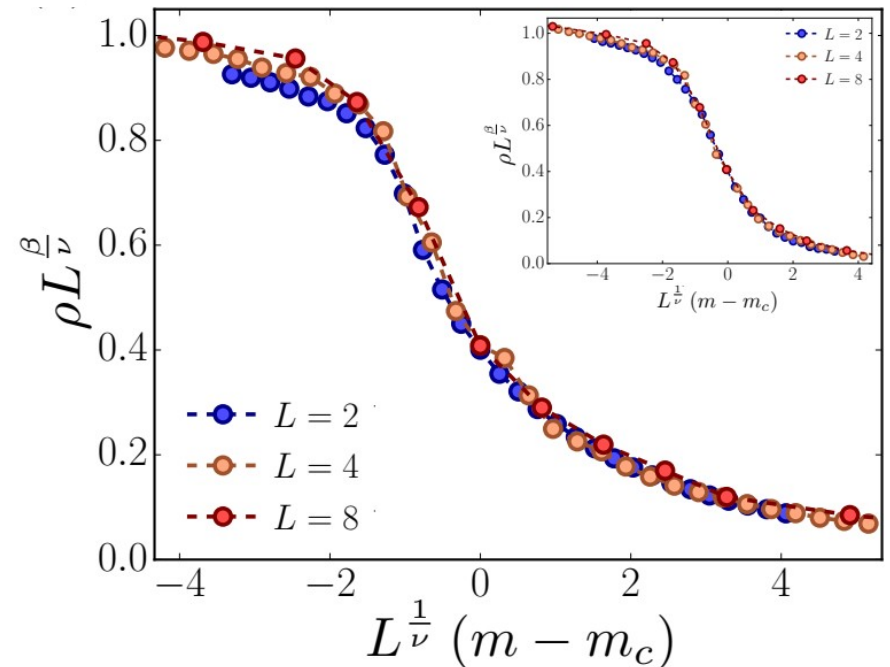
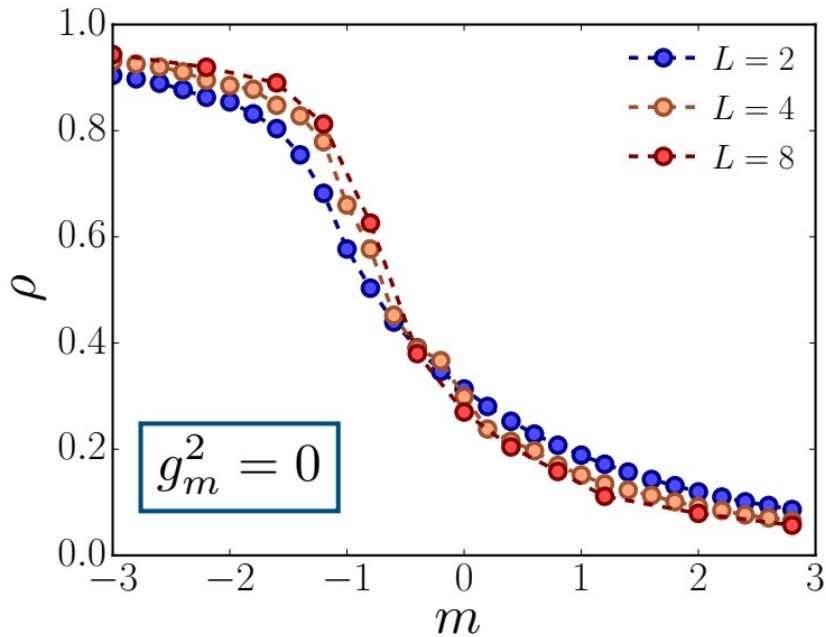
$$\dim H_x = 267$$

just for comparison, like a spin system with

# Ground state properties for

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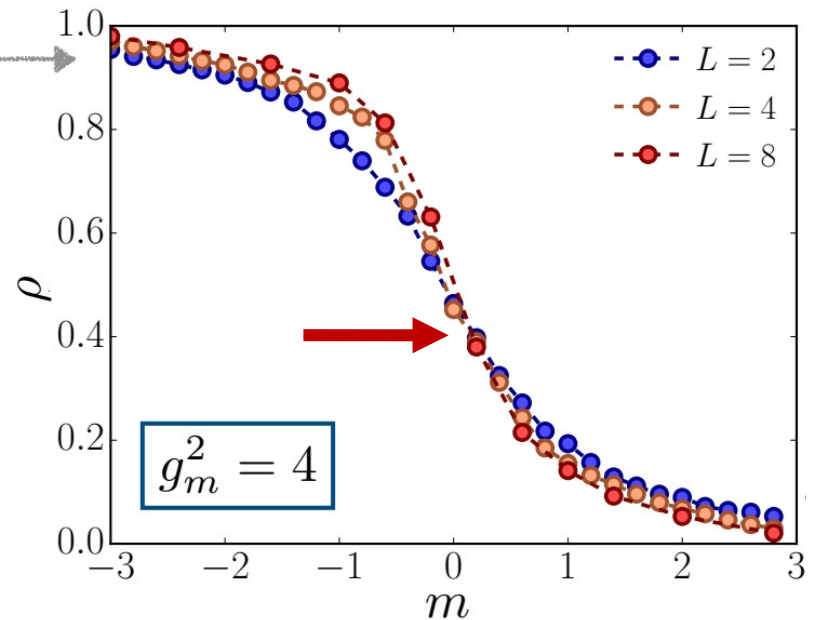
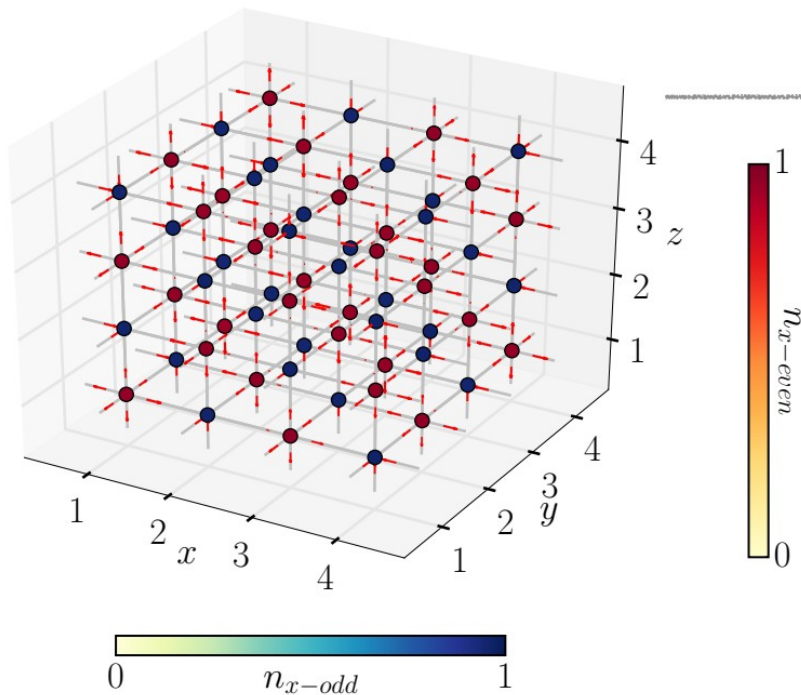
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## Confinement Properties

$$g_m^2 = 8/g_e^2$$

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{x,\mu} \left( \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{U}_{x,\mu} \hat{\psi}_{x+\mu} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

$$+ m \sum_x (-1)^x \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x + \frac{g_e^2}{2} \sum_{x,\mu} \hat{E}_{x,\mu}^2$$

$$- \frac{g_m^2}{2} \sum_x \left( \square_{\mu_x, \mu_y} + \square_{\mu_x, \mu_z} + \square_{\mu_y, \mu_z} + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

Plaquette terms

Electric Field Energy

Weak-coupling

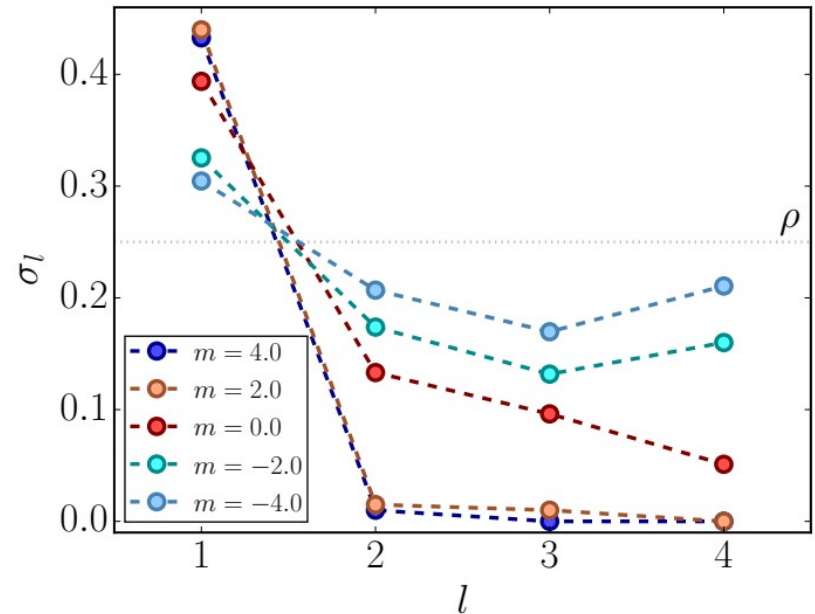
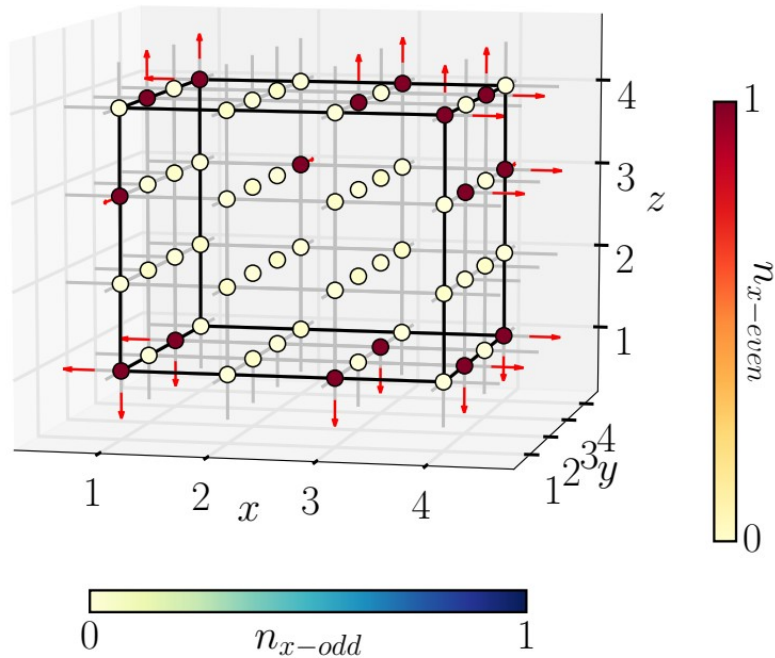
Strong-coupling

$g_e$

# Finite Density

$$L = 4, Q = 16, \rho = 1/4$$

$$L = 8, Q = 128, \rho = 1/4$$



$$\sigma(l) = \frac{1}{A(l)} \sum_{x \in A(l)} \langle \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x \rangle$$



# Tensor Networks – Scattering dynamics



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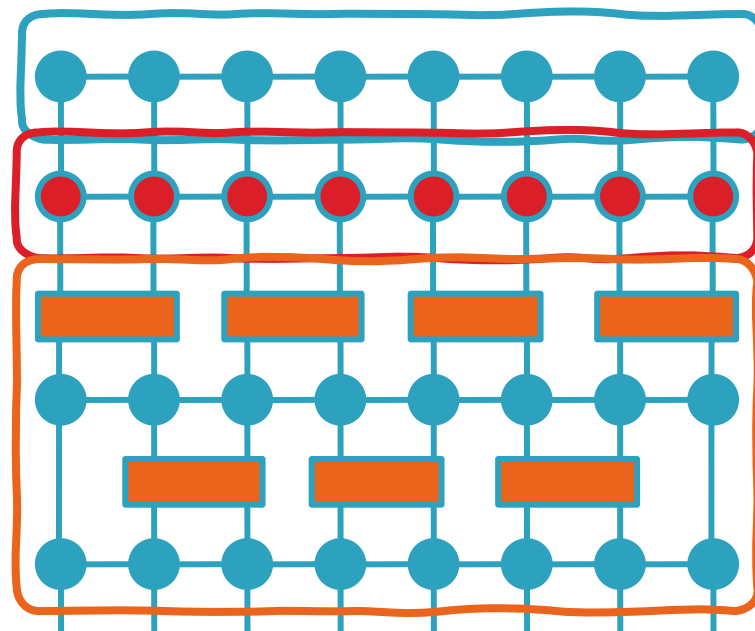
$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_x \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{U}_{x,x+1} \hat{\psi}_{x+1} + \text{h.c.} + m \sum_x (-1)^x \hat{\psi}_x^\dagger \hat{\psi}_x + \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_x \hat{E}_{x,x+1}^2$$



interacting vacuum MPS via DMRG

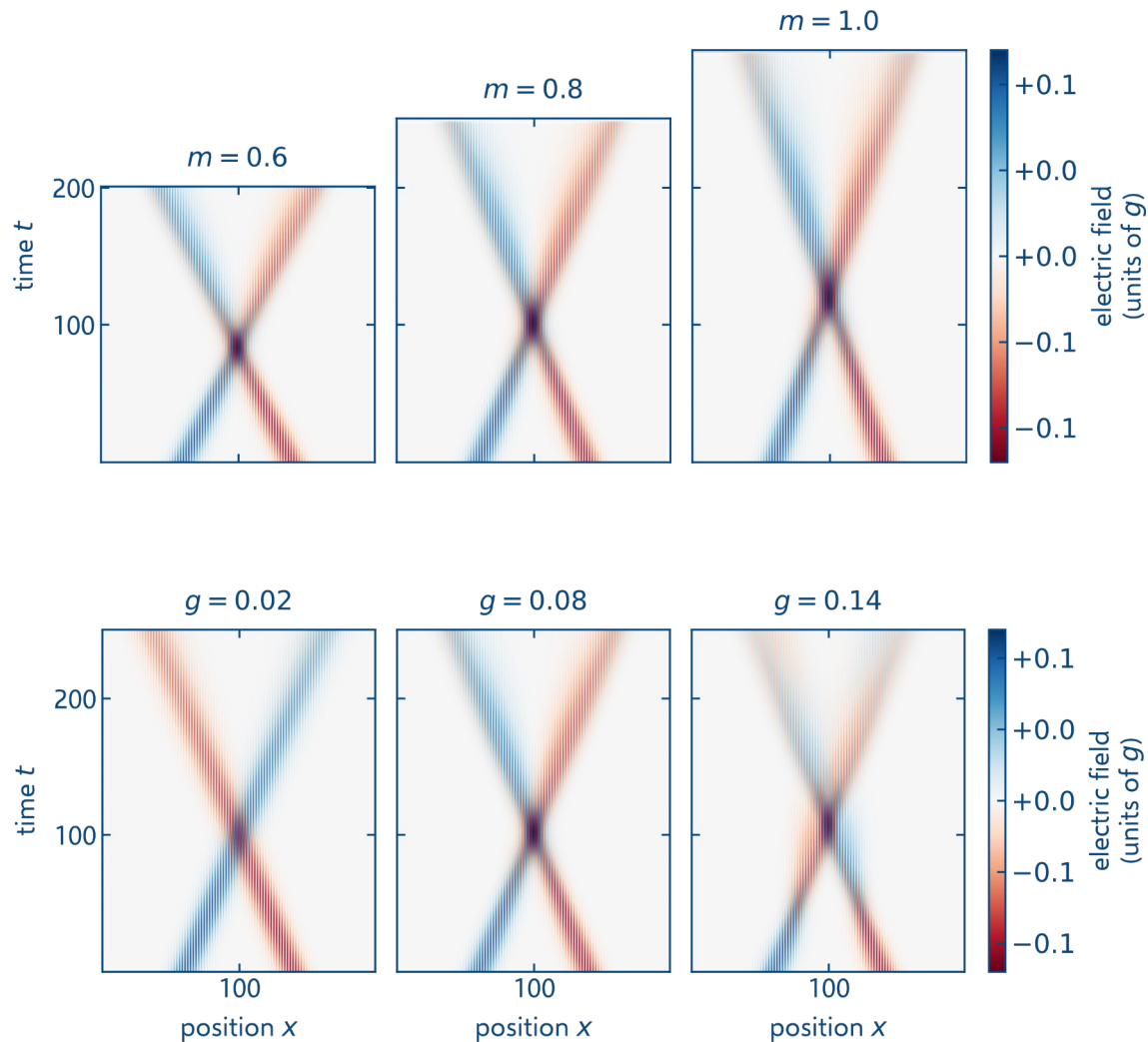
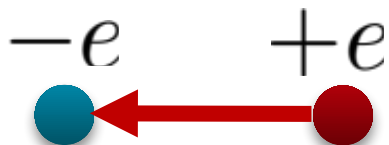
initial state via wave packet creation MPOs

time evolution via TEBD & observables

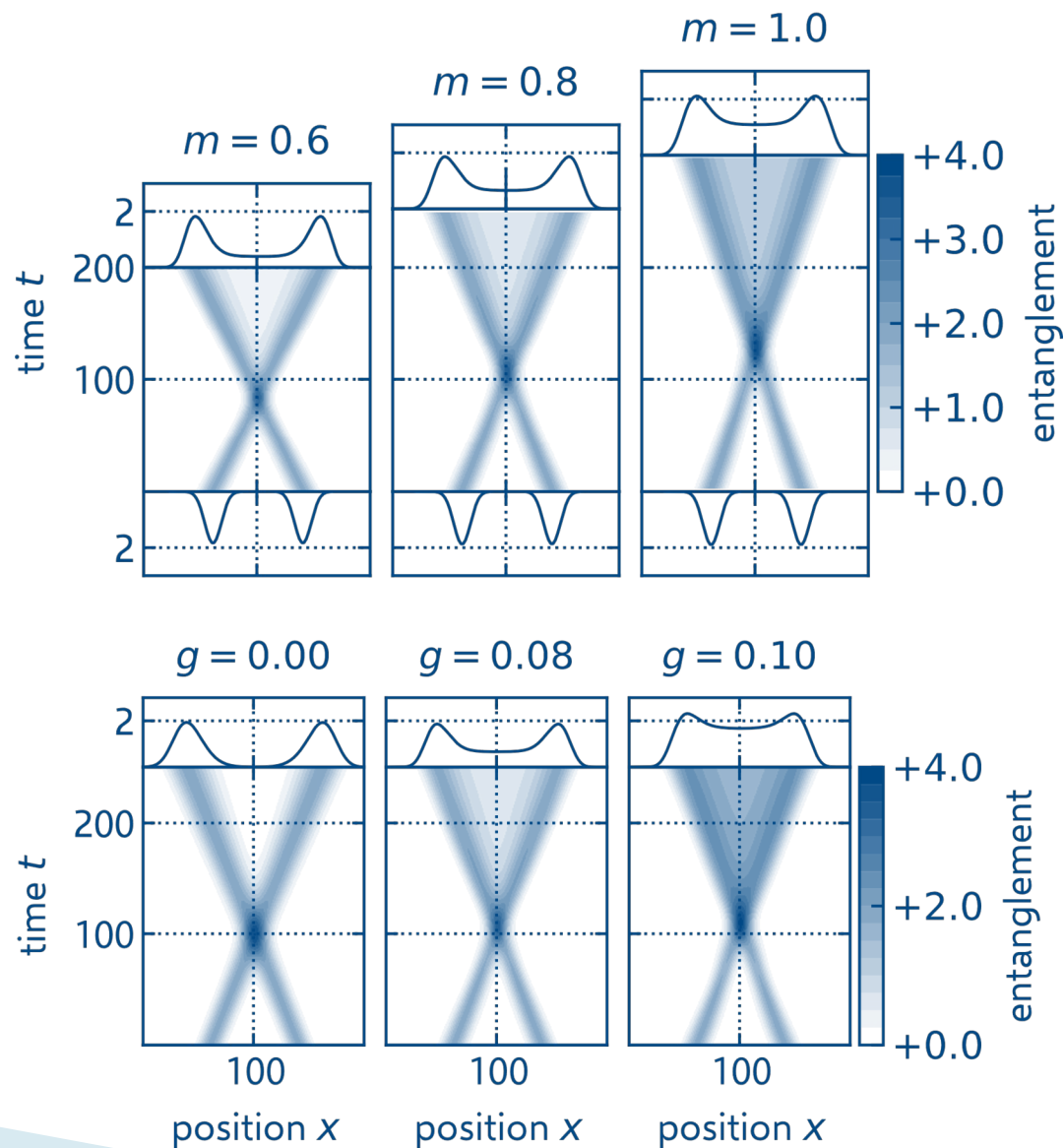
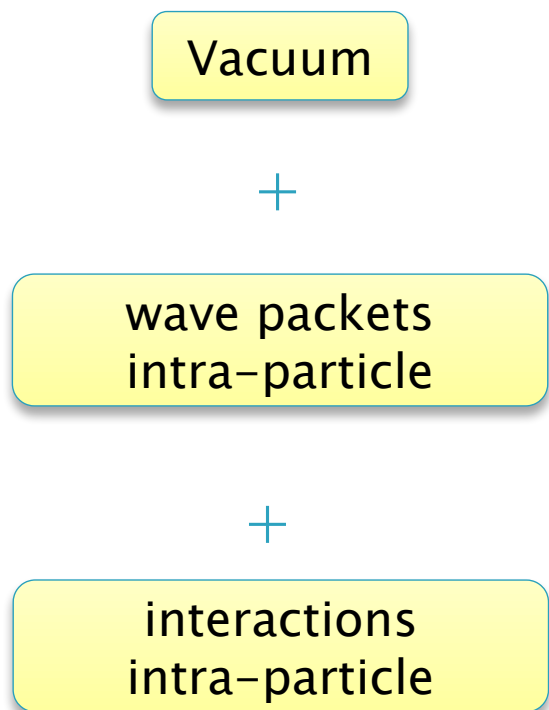


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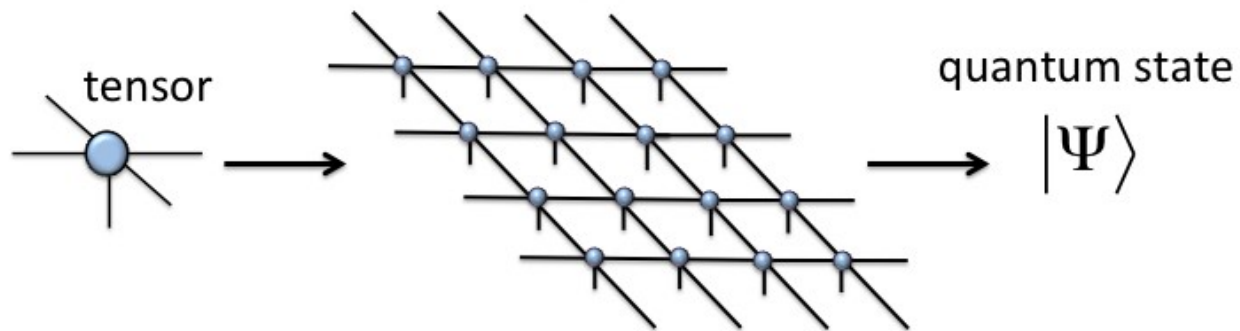
Mesons with opposite momenta and internal electric fields



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# Tensor Networks



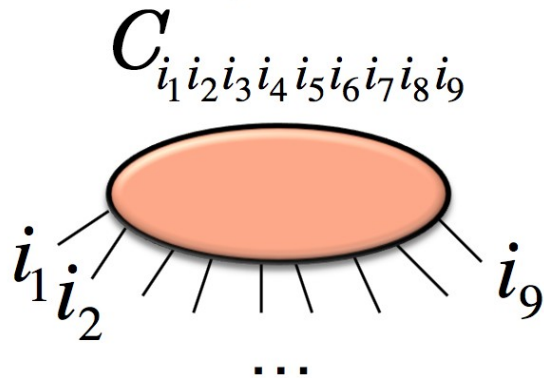
The wave function is described by a network of interconnected tensors.

The network pattern represents directly the amount of entanglement of the state.

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} C_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} |i_1\rangle \otimes |i_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |i_N\rangle$$

d-level systems

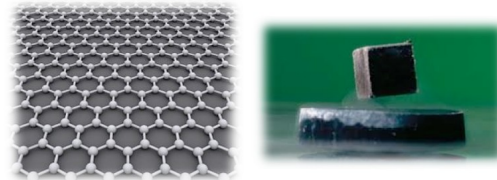
Tensor (multidimensional array of complex numbers)



representation, exponentially large in the system size. Inefficient.

System of  $N$  spins 1/2

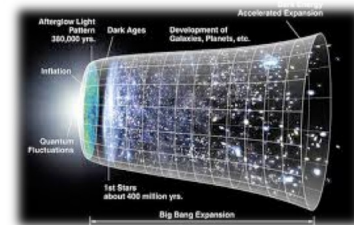
Everyday material,  $N \sim$  Avogadro number  $\sim O(10^{23})$



Number of basis states in the Hilbert space  $\sim O(10^{10^{23}})$

Compare to...

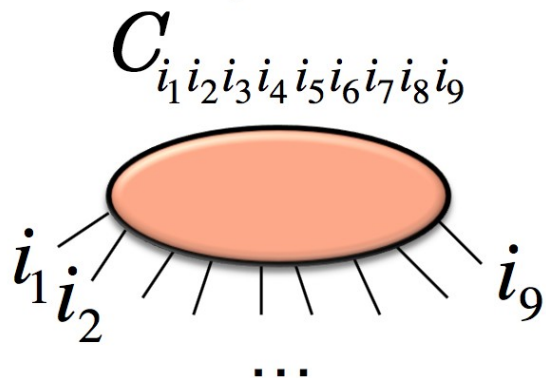
Number atoms in the observable universe  $\sim O(10^{80})$



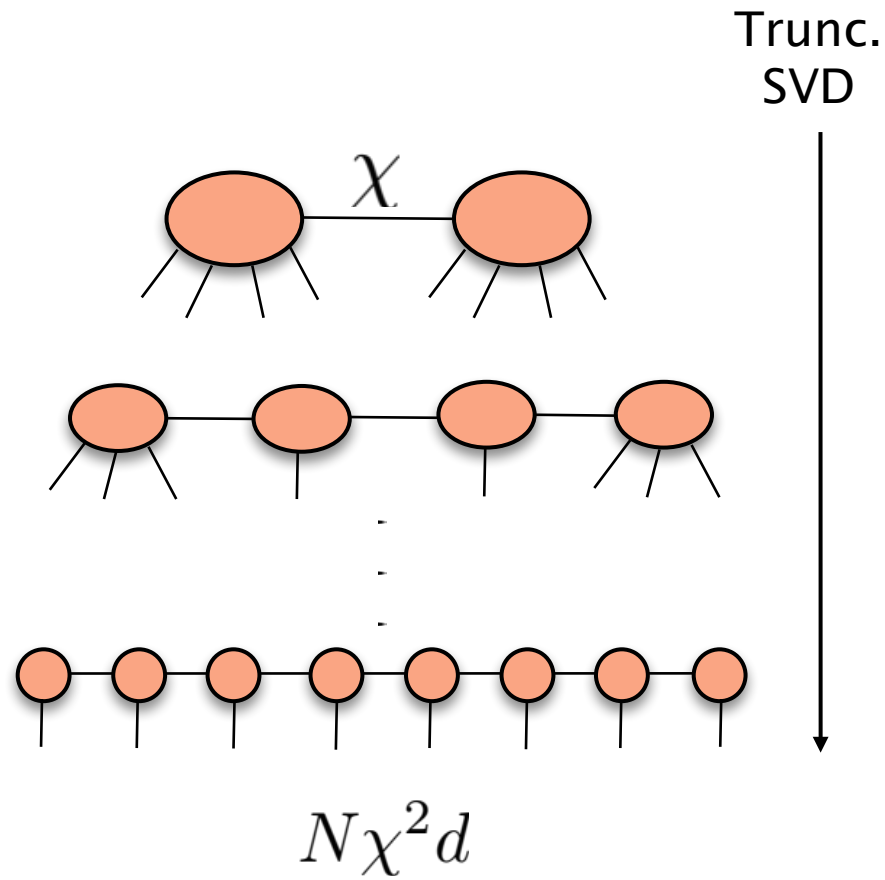
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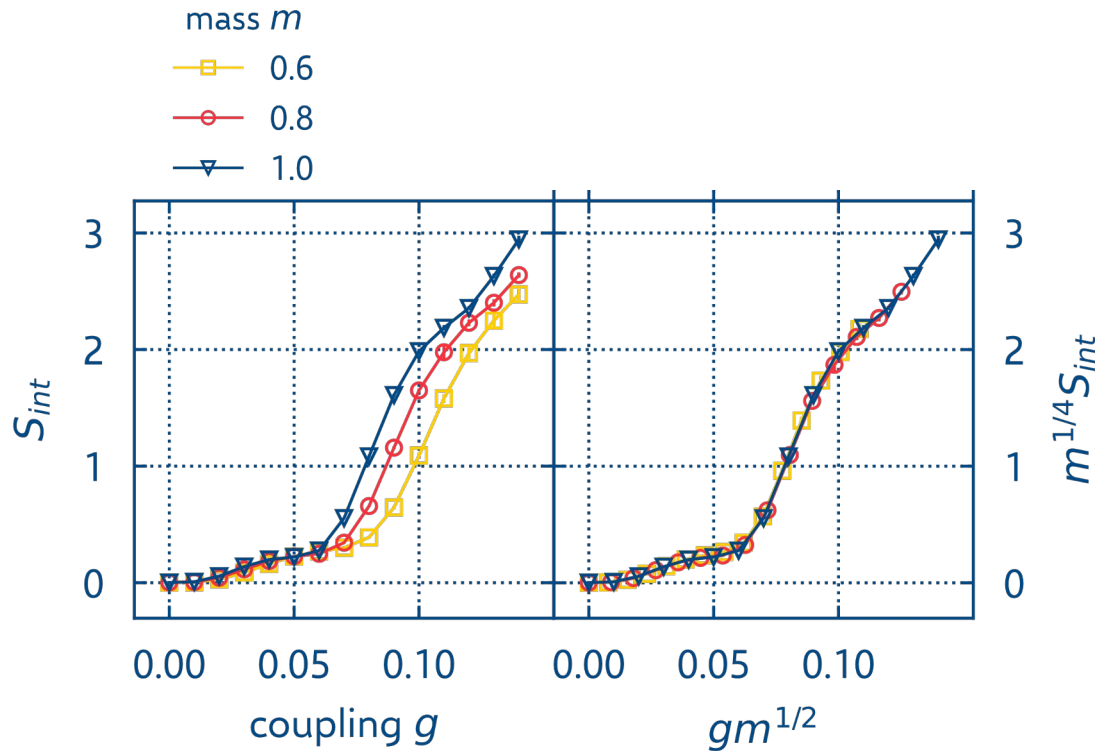


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$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s_i\}, \{\alpha_i\}} A_{\alpha_1}^{(s_1)} A_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}^{(s_2)} \dots A_{\alpha_{N-1}}^{(s_N)} |s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N\rangle$$

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scaling relation

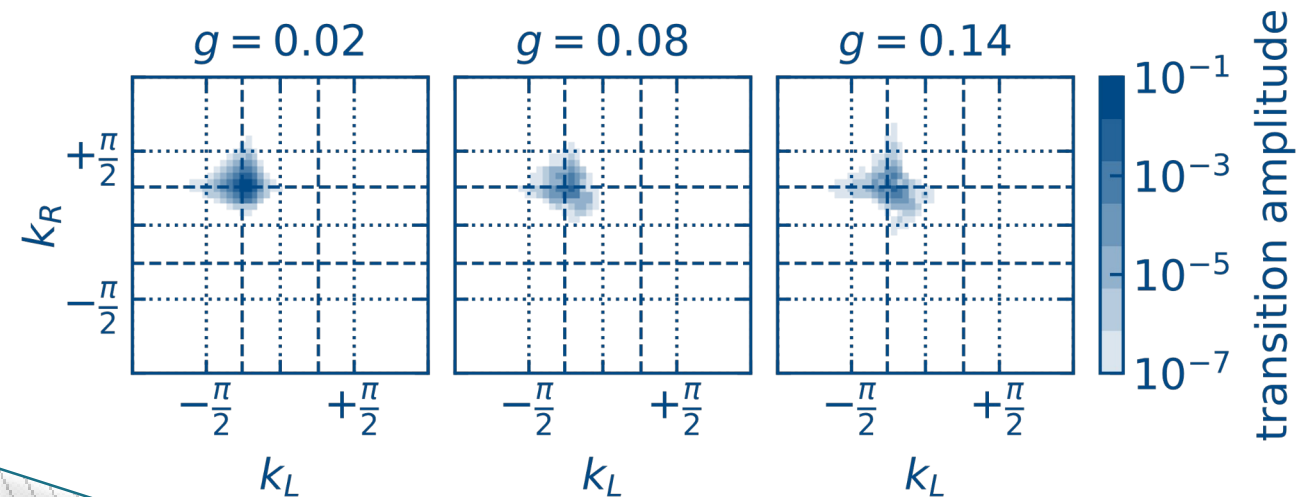
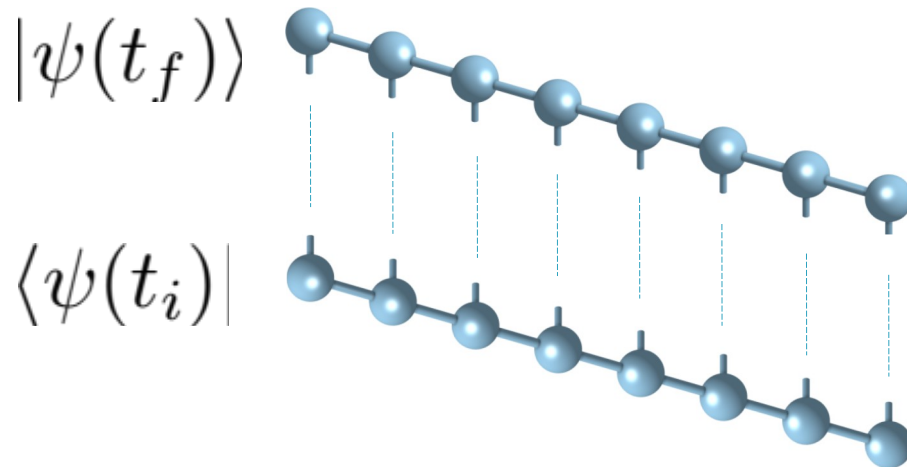
is independent

two regimes

appearance of new effective  
d.o.f.

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overlap of final state with  
pair of meson wave packet



~ S-matrix elements