

# APPLYING TNS TO LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

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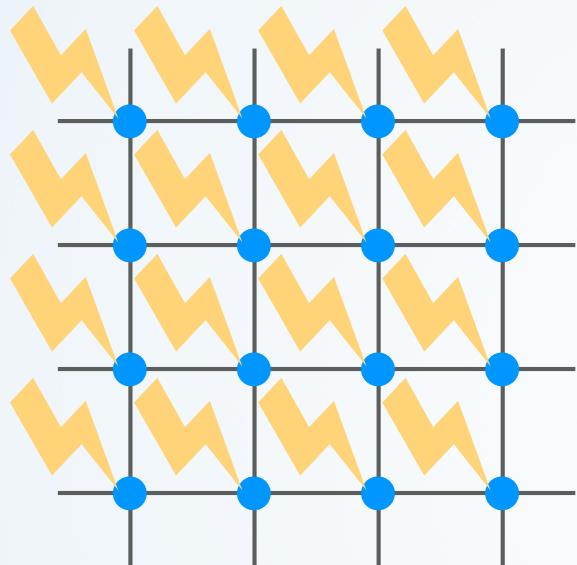


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WHAT ARE LGT?

theory with a local  
(gauge) symmetry

# ISING MODEL



$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z + g \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

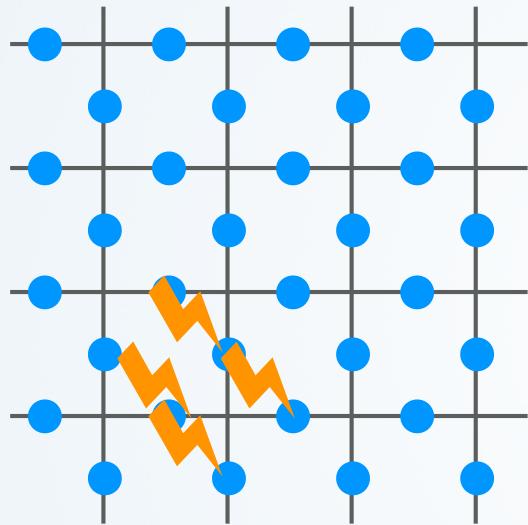
global  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry

$$U = \otimes_i \sigma_i^x$$

$$U \sigma_k^z U^\dagger = -\sigma_k^z \quad \text{flips all spins at once}$$

# ISING LATTICE GAUGE THEORY

Wenger 1971

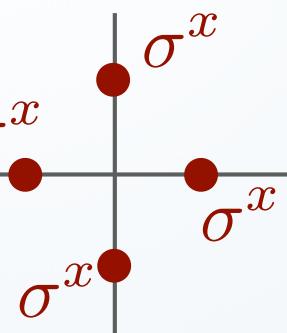


$$H = \sum_{\square} \sigma_{\ell_1}^z \sigma_{\ell_2}^z \sigma_{\ell_3}^z \sigma_{\ell_4}^z + g \sum_{\ell} \sigma_{\ell}^x$$

local  $Z_2$  symmetry

$$G_i \sigma_{\ell}^z G_i = -\sigma_{\ell}^z$$

$$G = \begin{array}{c} \sigma^x \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$[G_i, H] = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$G_i |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi\rangle \quad \text{Gauss' law}$$

phase transition: deconfined / confined

promoting a global symmetry to local

## gauging the symmetry

fundamental role in HEP

# QED

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi \quad \text{Dirac fermion}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{global U(1) symmetry} & \psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\theta}\psi(x) \\ \text{global phase} & \end{array}$$

$$\text{local U(1)} \quad \psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)}\psi(x)$$

$$\bar{\psi}\partial^\mu\psi \rightarrow \bar{\psi}(\partial^\mu + i\partial^\mu\theta)\psi$$

$$\text{solution} \quad \partial^\mu \rightarrow D^\mu = \partial^\mu + iA^\mu$$

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \partial^\mu\theta \quad \text{gauge field}$$

gauge invariant  
dynamical term

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu D^\mu\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

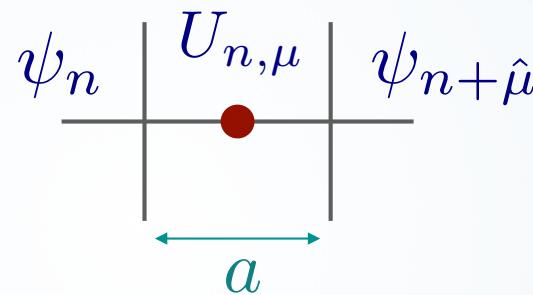
# WILSON'S LGT

Wilson 1974

discretized action → loses gauge invariance

discrete derivatives

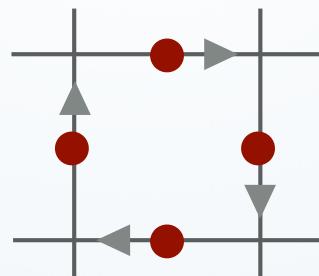
$$\frac{\psi_{n+\hat{\mu}} - \psi_{n-\hat{\mu}}}{2a}$$



$$\bar{\psi}_n \gamma_\mu U_{n,\mu} \psi_{n+\hat{\mu}}$$

$$U_{n,\mu} \rightarrow e^{ig\alpha_n} U_{n,\mu} e^{-ig\alpha_{n+\hat{\mu}}}$$

dynamics of gauge dof

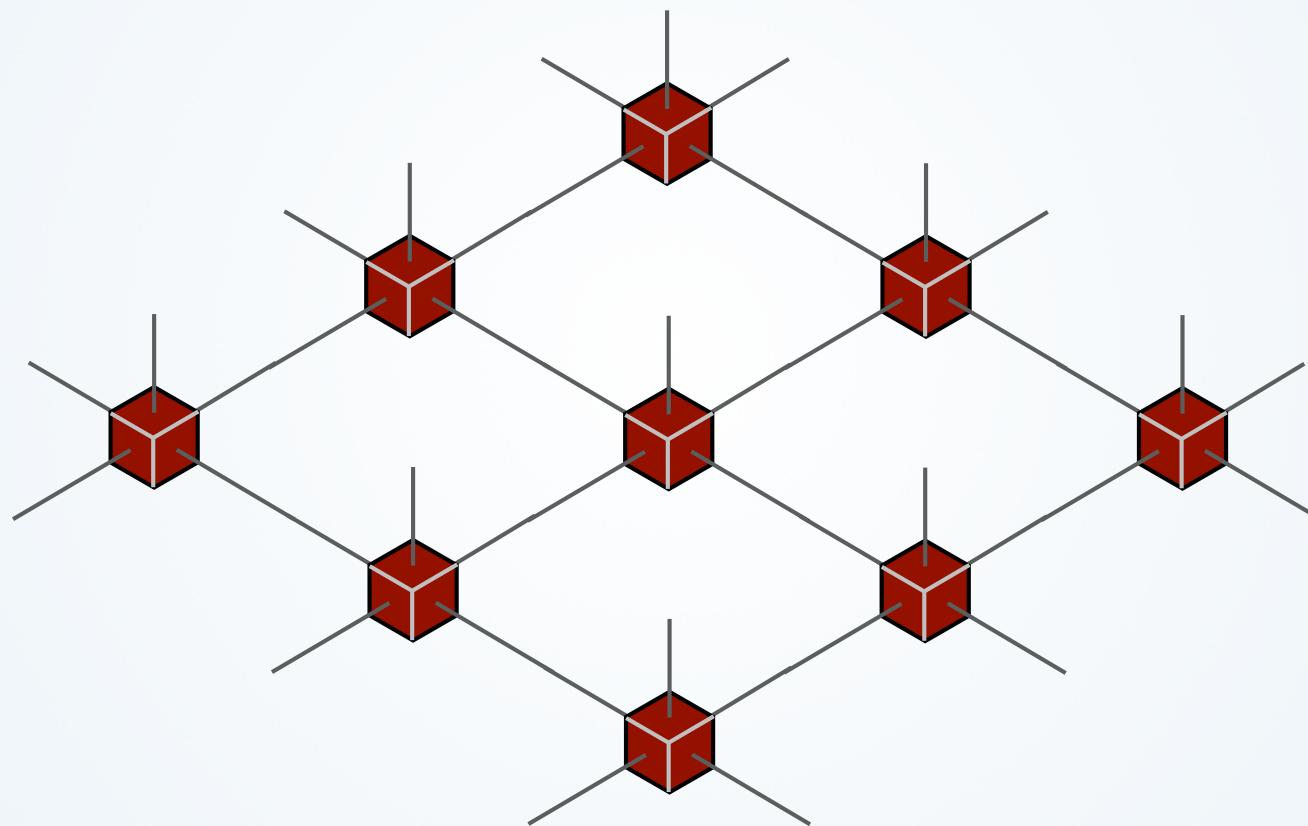


$$\text{Tr } (U_{\square}) + \text{h.c.}$$

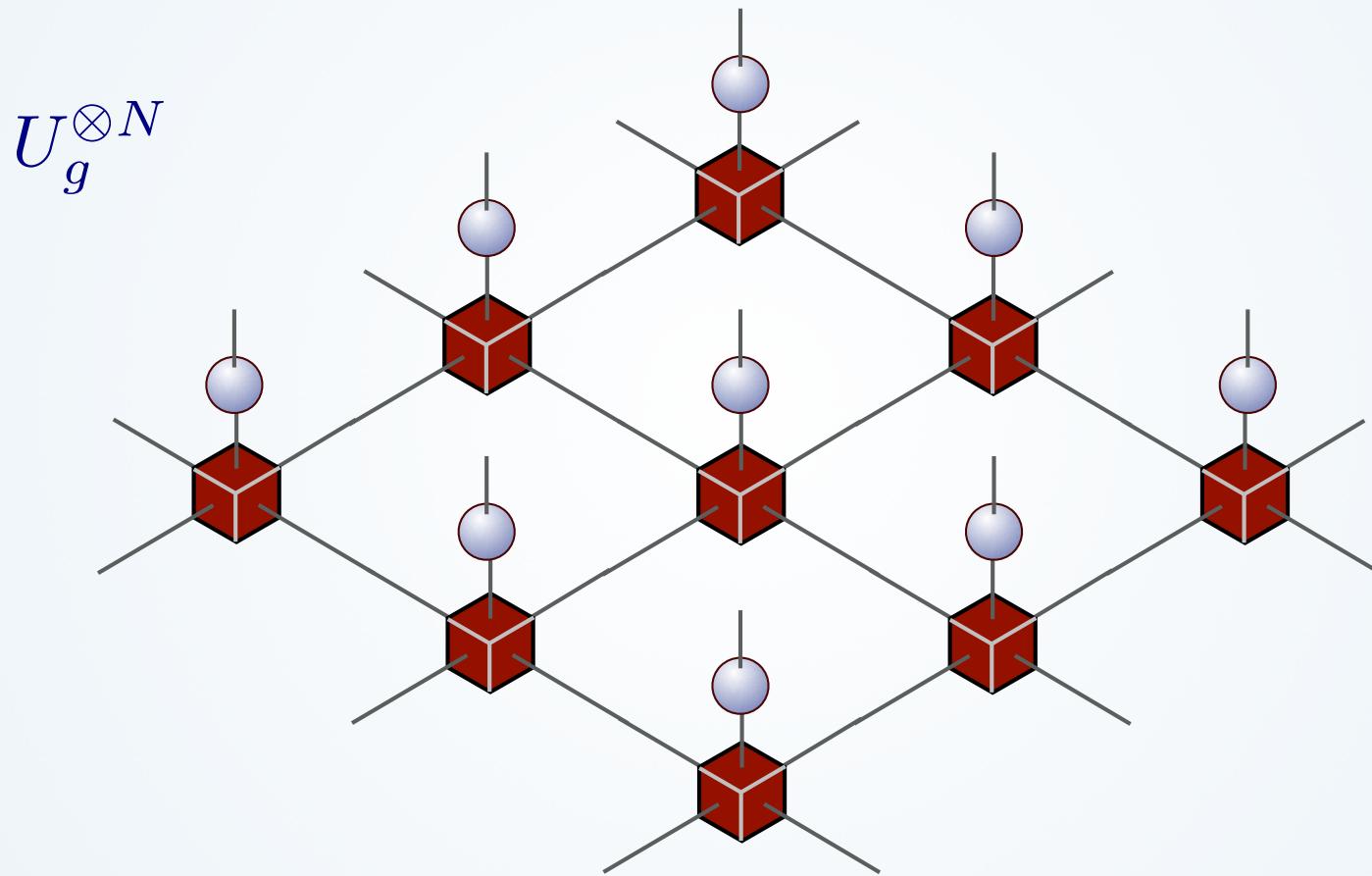
$$a \rightarrow 0$$

continuum QFT

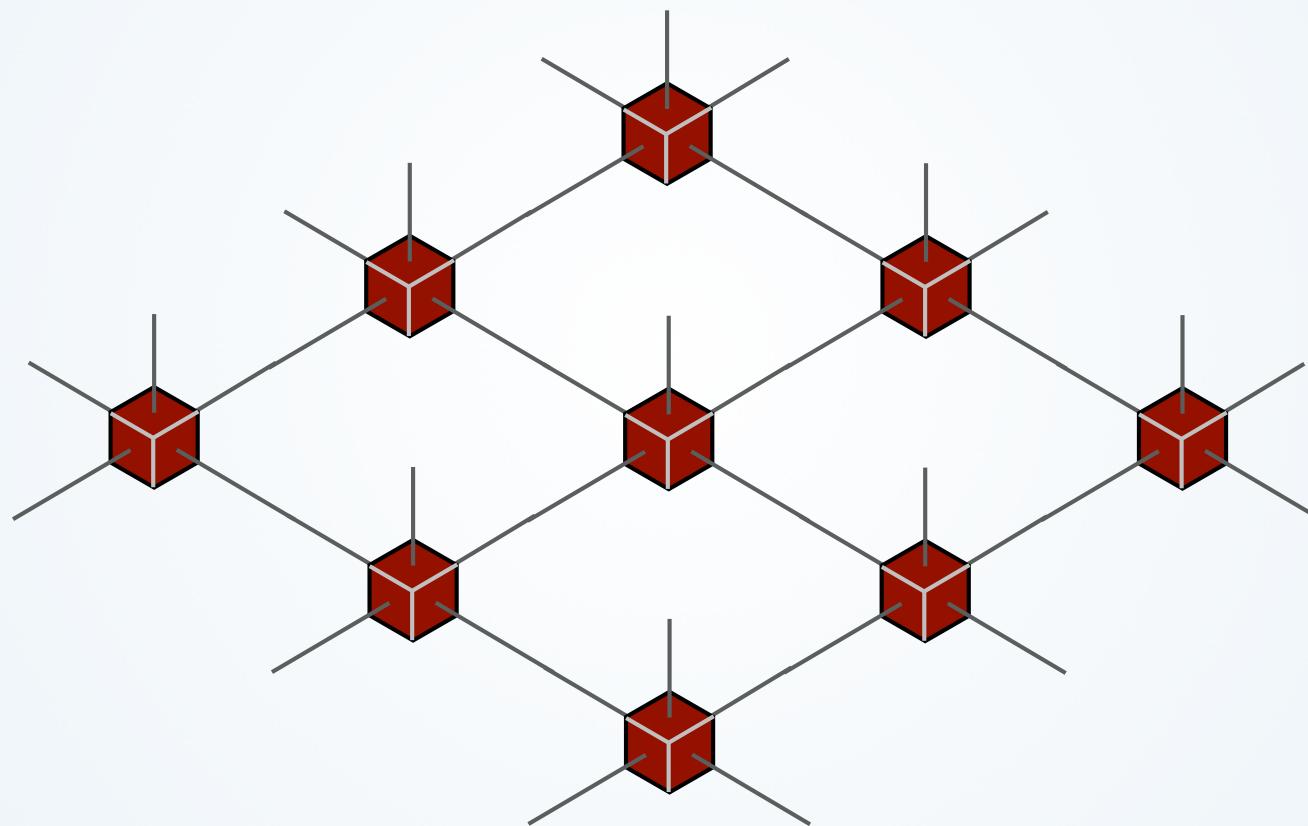
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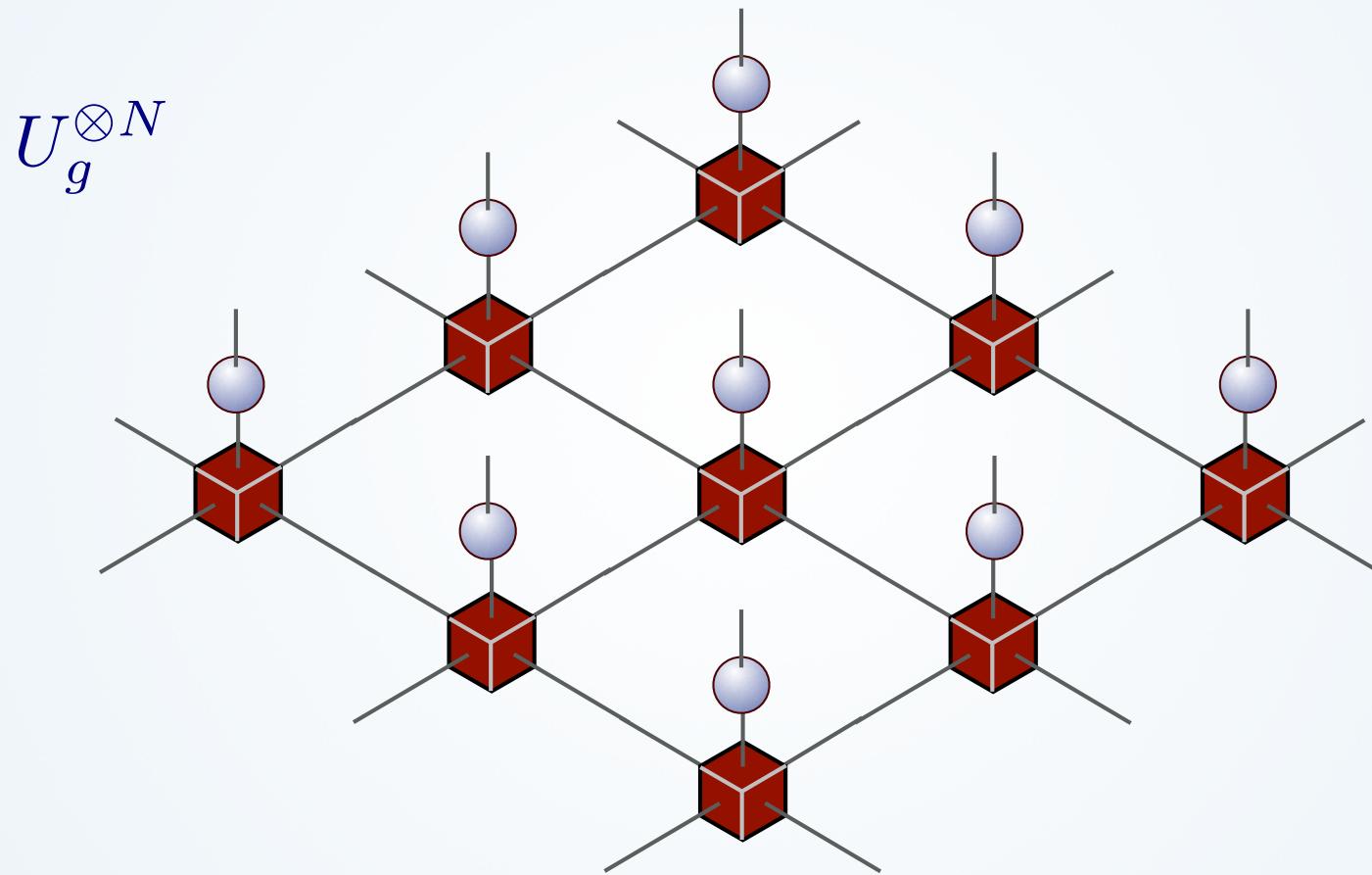
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state (globally) invariant  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$U_g = V_g^\dagger W_g^\dagger W_g V_g$$

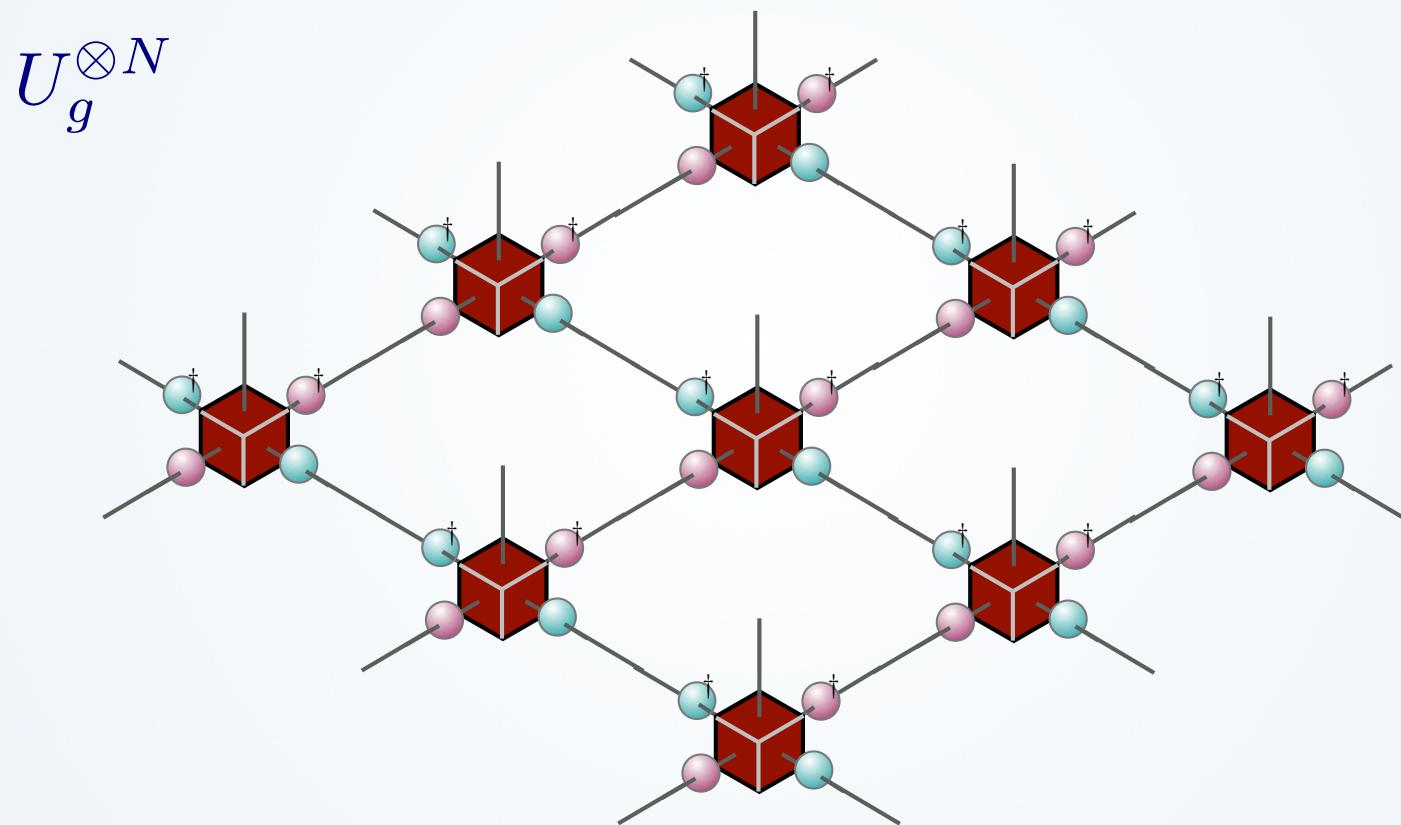
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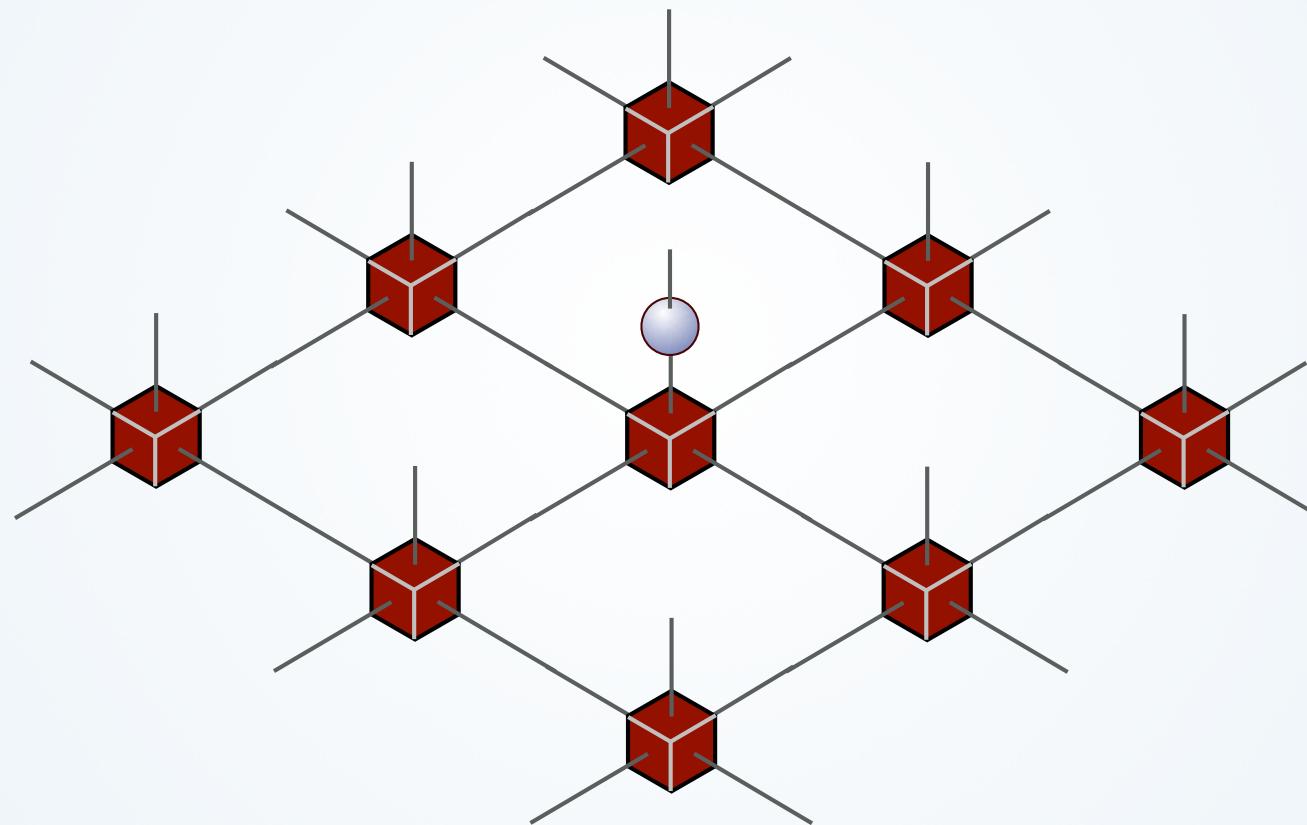
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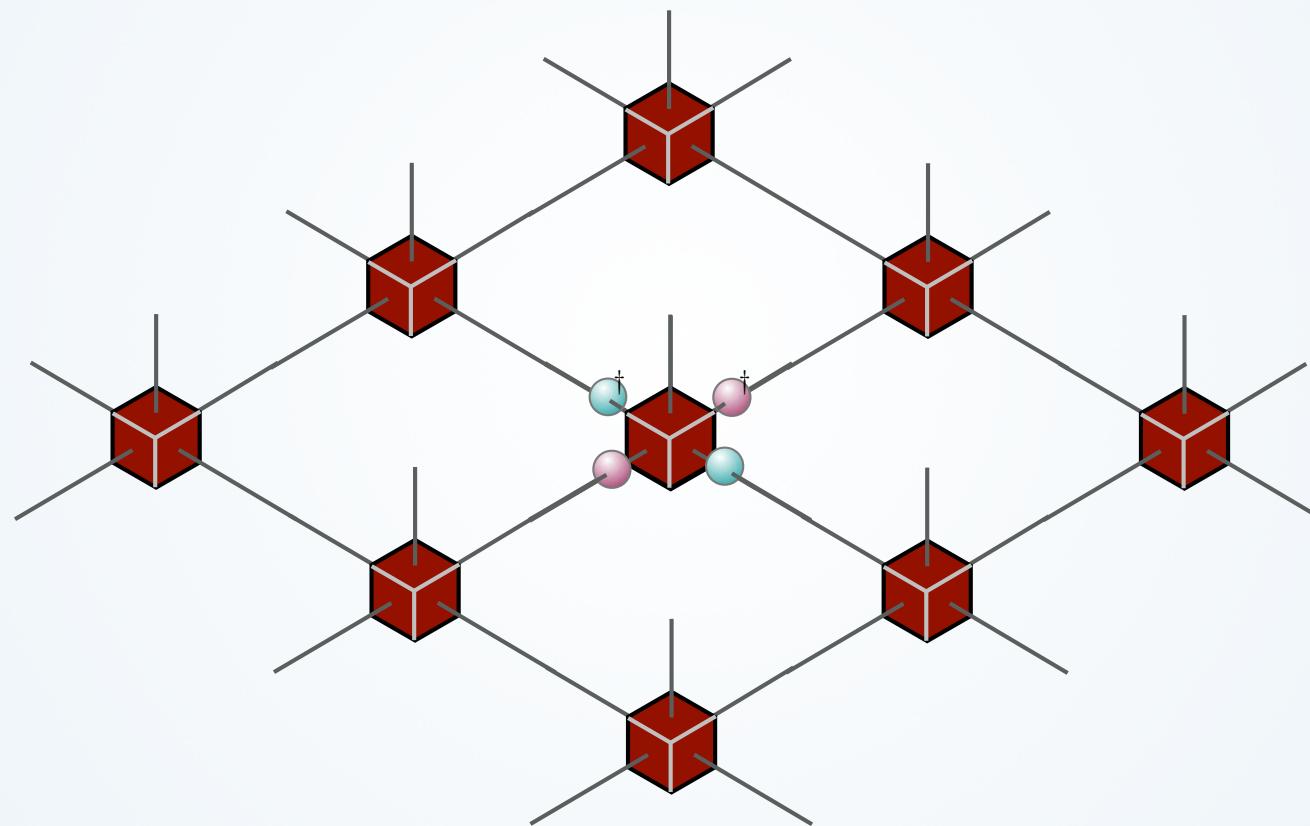


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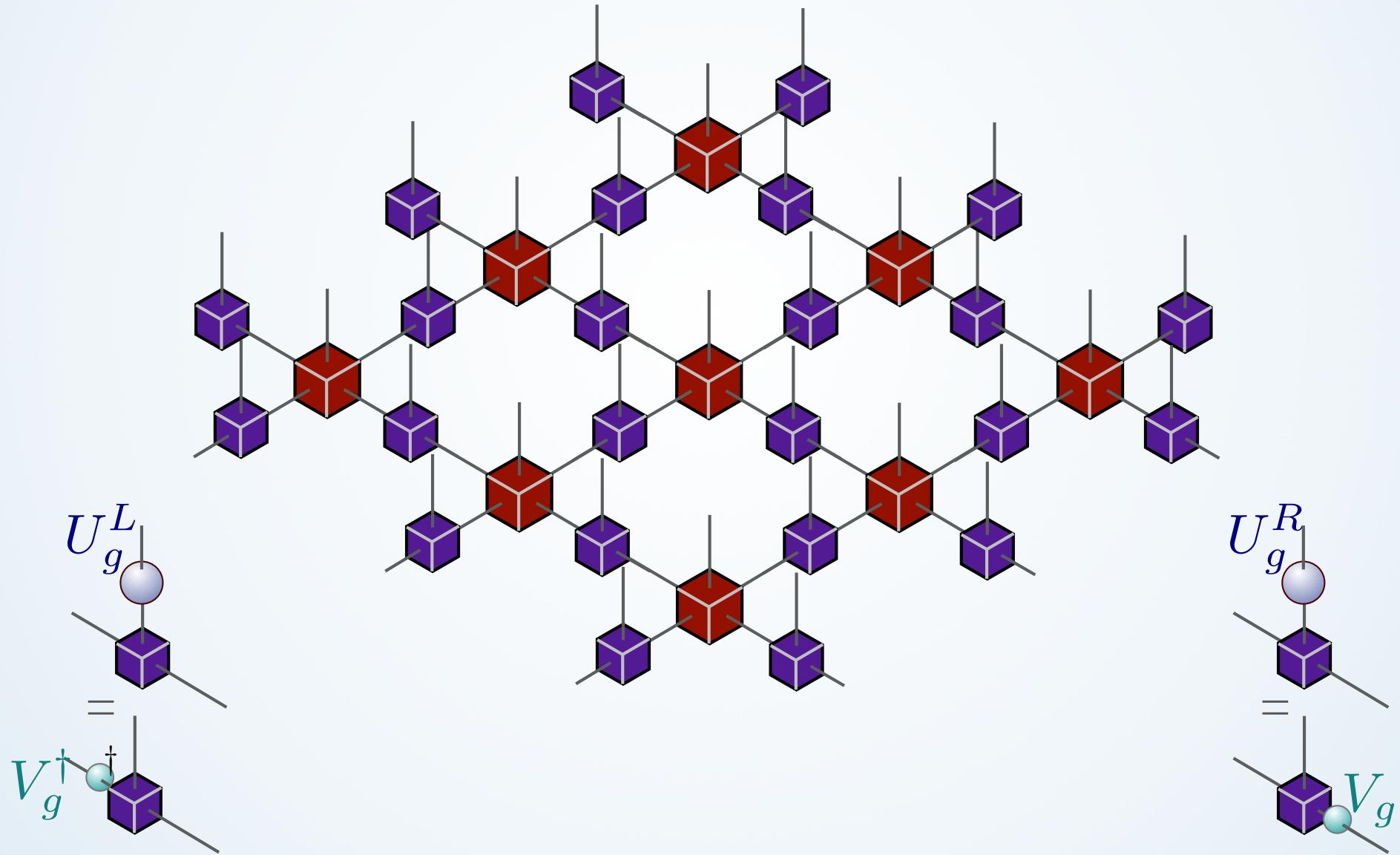
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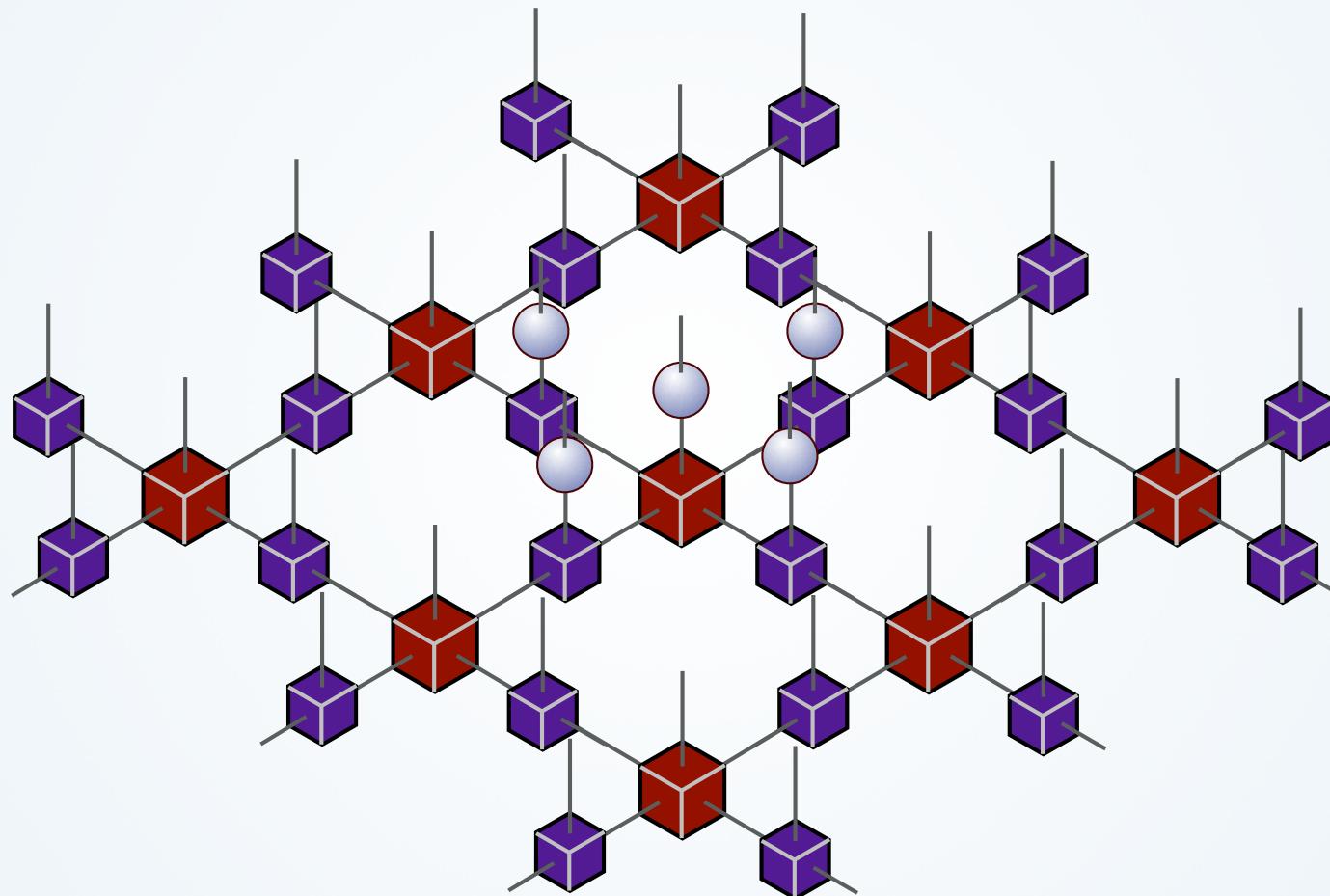
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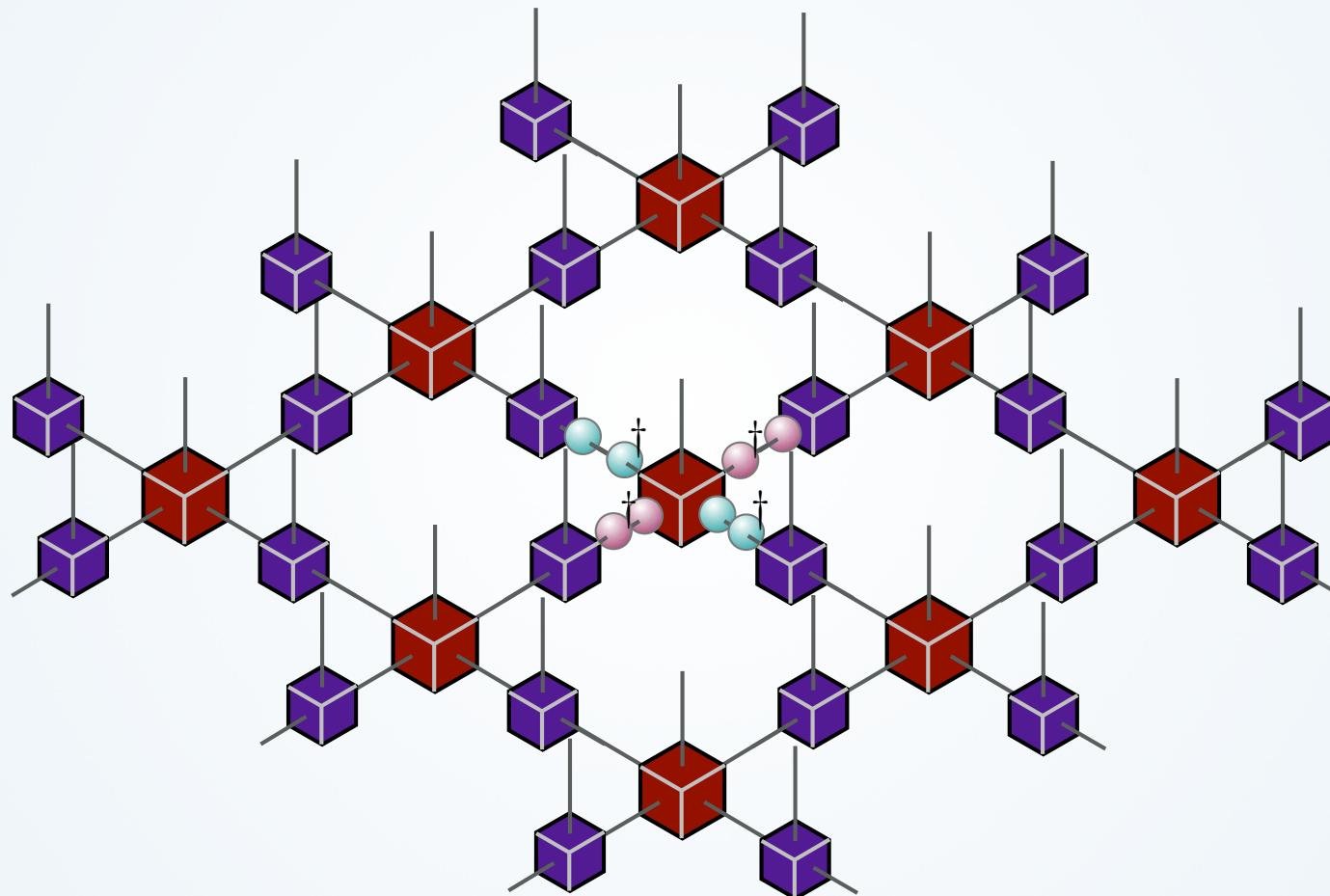
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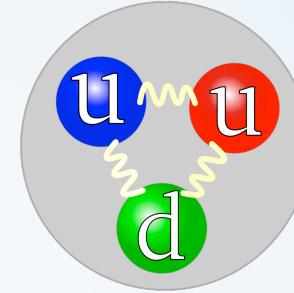


WHY LGT???

# Motivation for LGT: QCD

Wilson, 1974

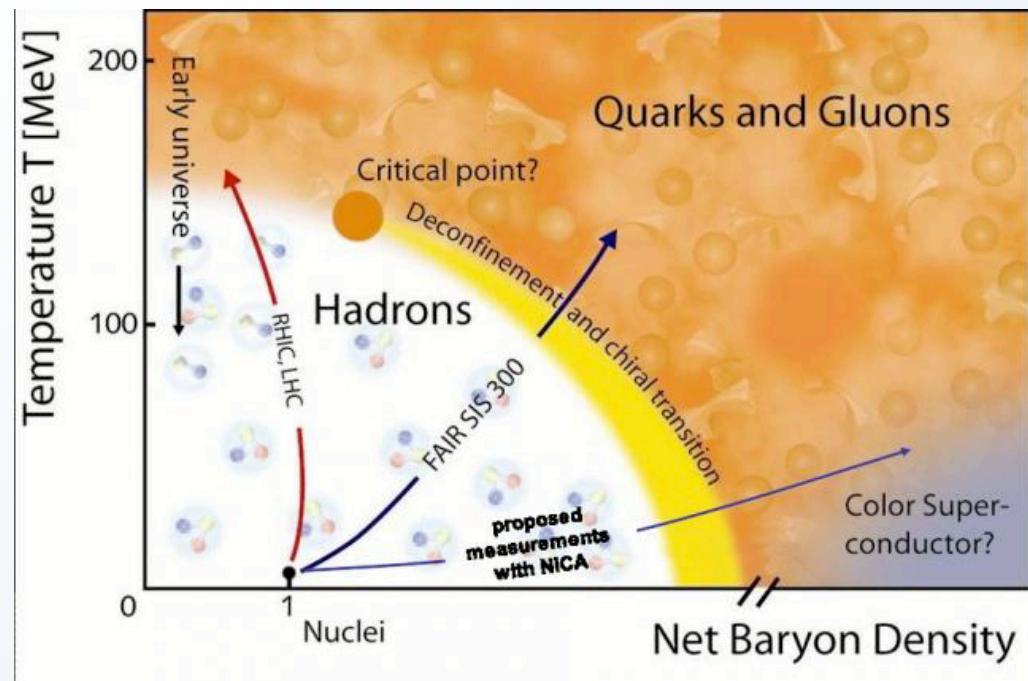
non perturbative at low energy



LQCD

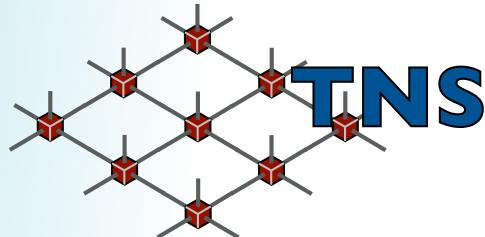
successful spectral calculations

limitations: time, finite density



WHY WITH TNS?

# A NATURAL CONNECTION



Non-perturbative for  
Hamiltonian systems

Extremely successful for  
1D systems (MPS)

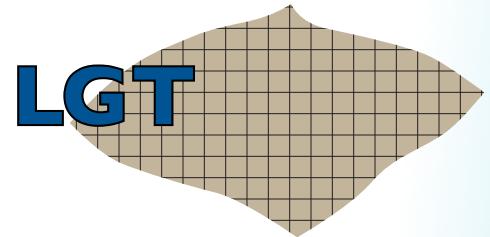
Consistent developments  
for higher dimensions

ground states

low-lying excitations

thermal states

time evolution



Non-perturbative way of  
solving QFT (QCD)

Mostly path-integral  
formalism & MC

4D lattice

spectrum

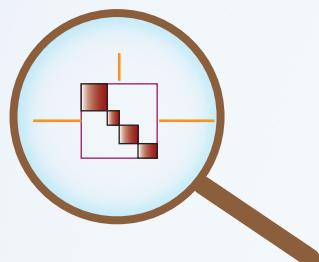
finite T

*big* 3+1 dimensional  
chemical potential  
time evolution

HOW TNS FOR LGT???

# USING TNS FOR QMB

a formal approach



classifying tensors

constructing states

great descriptive power: phases,  
topological chiral states, anyons...

tensor networks describe  
partition functions (observables)

need to contract a TN  
TRG approaches

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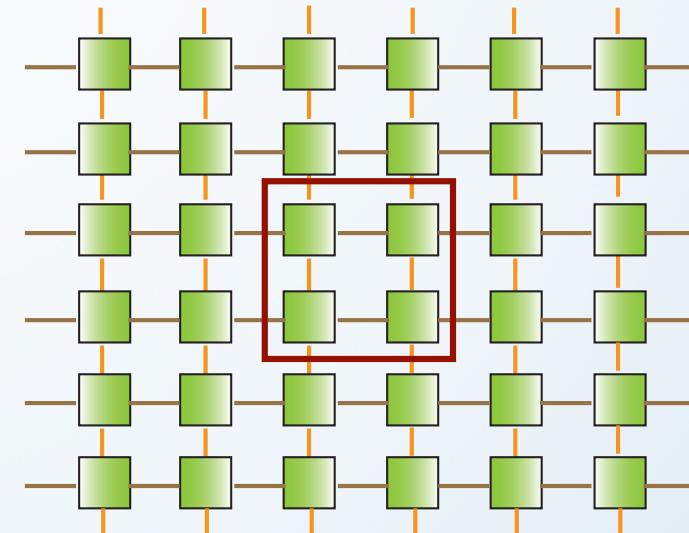
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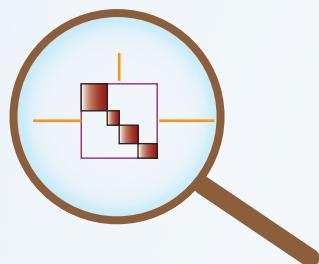
no sign problem

numerical algorithms



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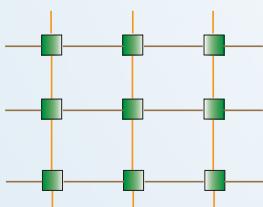


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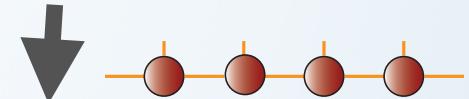
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TNS as ansatz for the state

efficient algorithms for GS, low  
excited states, thermal, dynamics

White PRL 1992; Schollwöck RMP 2011  
Vidal PRL 2003; Verstraete et al PRL 2004  
Verstraete et al Adv Phys 2008; Orús Ann Phys 2014

# USING TNS FOR LGT

formal approach

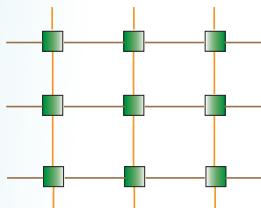
gauging the symmetry  
explicitly invariant states

general prescriptions, U(1), SU(2)

Tagliacozzo et al PRX 2014  
Haegeman et al PRX 2014  
Zohar et al Ann Phys 2015

numerical simulations

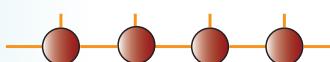
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TN describe partition functions (observables)

TRG approaches to classical and quantum models

Liu et al PRD 2013; Shimizu, Kuramashi, PRD  
2014; Kawauchi, Takeda 2015;  
review Meurice et al. 2010.06539



TN describe states



there is long way to go until LQCD

journey begins with I+ID steps

## early works with DMRG/TNS

Byrnes PRD2002; Sugihara NPB2004  
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## 3+1 dimensions

Magnifico et al. 2011.10658

## 2+1 dimensions

Falser et al. arXiv:1911.09693  
Robaina et al. PRL 126, 050401 (2021)  
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Non-Abelian in 1D  
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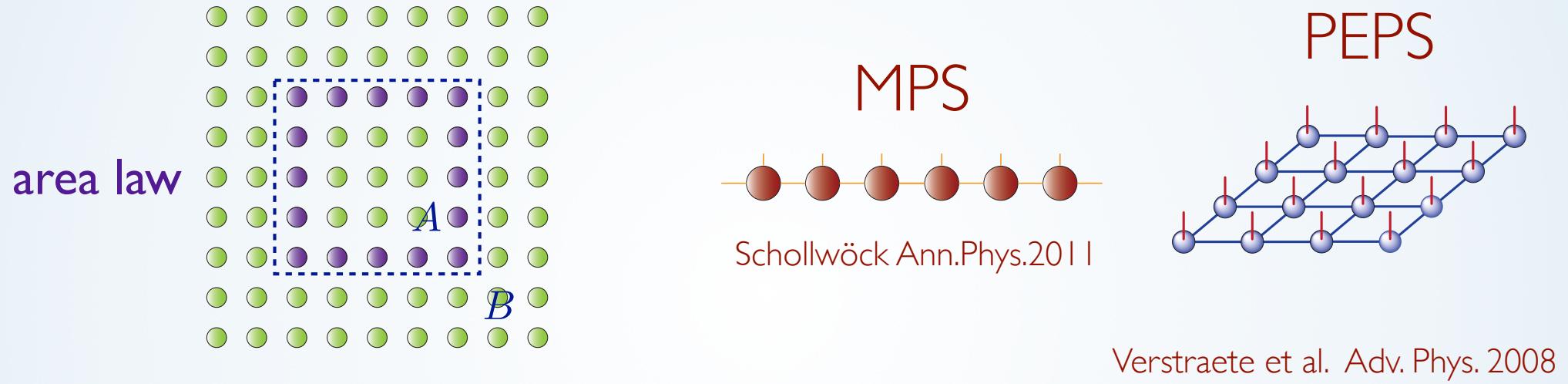
## SU(3)QLM

Silvi et al. PRD 2019

## finite density

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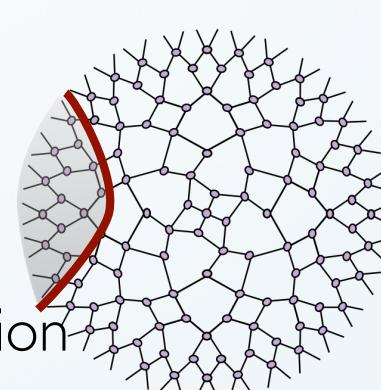
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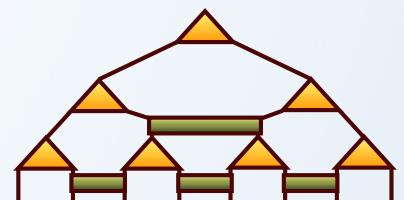
other TNS



suggested connection  
to AdS/CFT



Vidal PRL 2007 **MERA**



Nozaki et al JHEP 2012  
Bao et al PRD 2015

in principle, they can all be used for  
LGT simulations



# GENERAL STRATEGY

Hamiltonian formulation  
acting on a Hilbert space

→ choose proper basis

Finite dimensional degrees of freedom

fermions

→ ✓ no sign problem

gauge bosons require attention

→ truncating, integrating out (also QLinks)



Common ingredients for quantum simulation

Zohar et al. PRL 2010, 2012 ,  
Tagliacozzo et al., Nat. Comm. 2013  
Banerjee et al., PRL 2012

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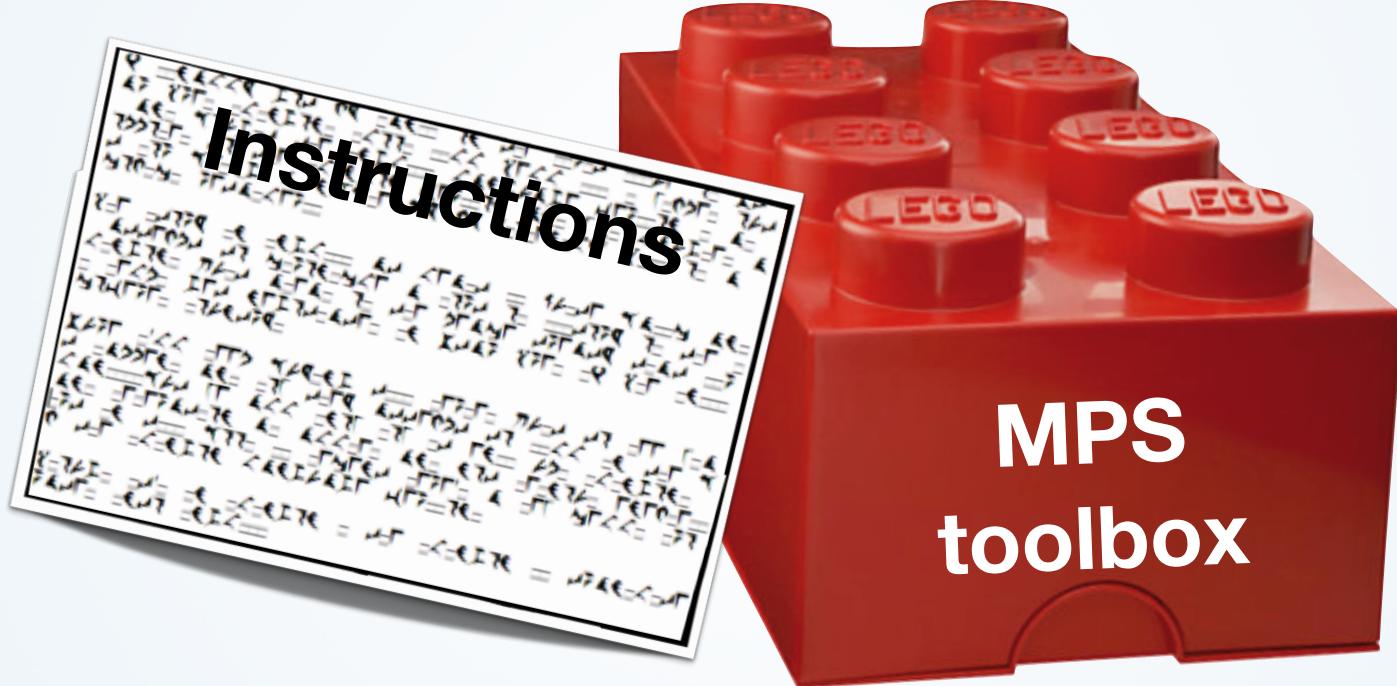
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## finite density

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start with the simplest case: ID (|+|)  
LGT

# MPS PROPERTIES

- MPS = Matrix Product States

MPS

good approximation of ground states

Verstraete, Cirac, PRB 2006

Hastings, J. Stat. Phys 2007

gapped finite range Hamiltonian  $\Rightarrow$   
area law (ground state)

Cramer, Eisert, Plenio, RMP 2009

efficient calculation of expectation values

exponentially decaying correlations

can be prepared efficiently

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH  
THEM?



# BASIC ALGORITHMS

variational minimization of energy

*local*  
Hamiltonian

$$H = \text{---} \square \text{---} \square \text{---} \square \text{---} \square \text{---} \square \text{---}$$

$$|E_0\rangle \simeq \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}$$

ground state  
excitations

apply local operators  $\rightarrow$  simulate time evolution

imaginary time  $\rightarrow$  ground state  
thermal state

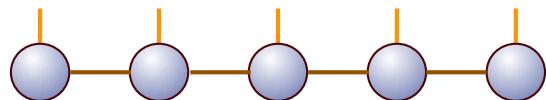


alternatively: TDVP

REGARDING DYNAMICS

# basic time evolution algorithms

initial MPS



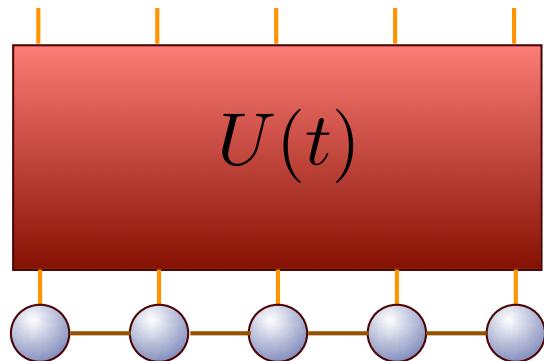
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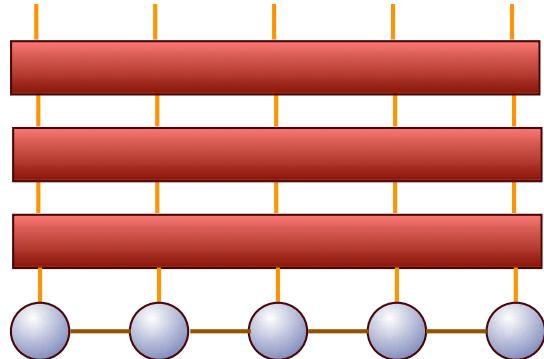
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discrete time

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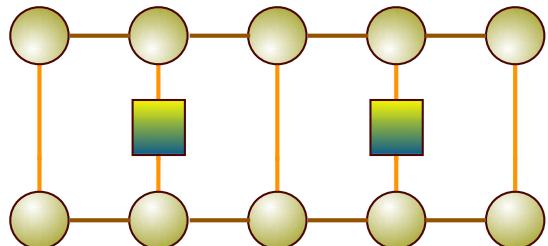
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time evolved state  
approximated by MPS



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alternative: TDVP Haegeman et al, PRL 2011

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$$U(t) \rightarrow [U(\delta)]^M$$

Suzuki-Trotter expansion

$$U(\delta) \approx e^{-iH_e\delta} e^{-iH_o\delta}$$

truncate bond dimension

iterate

compute observables

ALSO FOR MIXED STATES

# MIXED STATES

- MPO = Matrix Product Operator

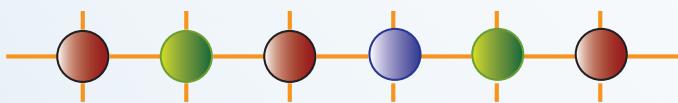
Similar problems can be attacked

equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  thermal states

imaginary time evolution

time-dependent  $\rightarrow$  real time evolution

unitary  $\rho(t) = U(t)\rho(0)U(t)^\dagger$



non-unitary

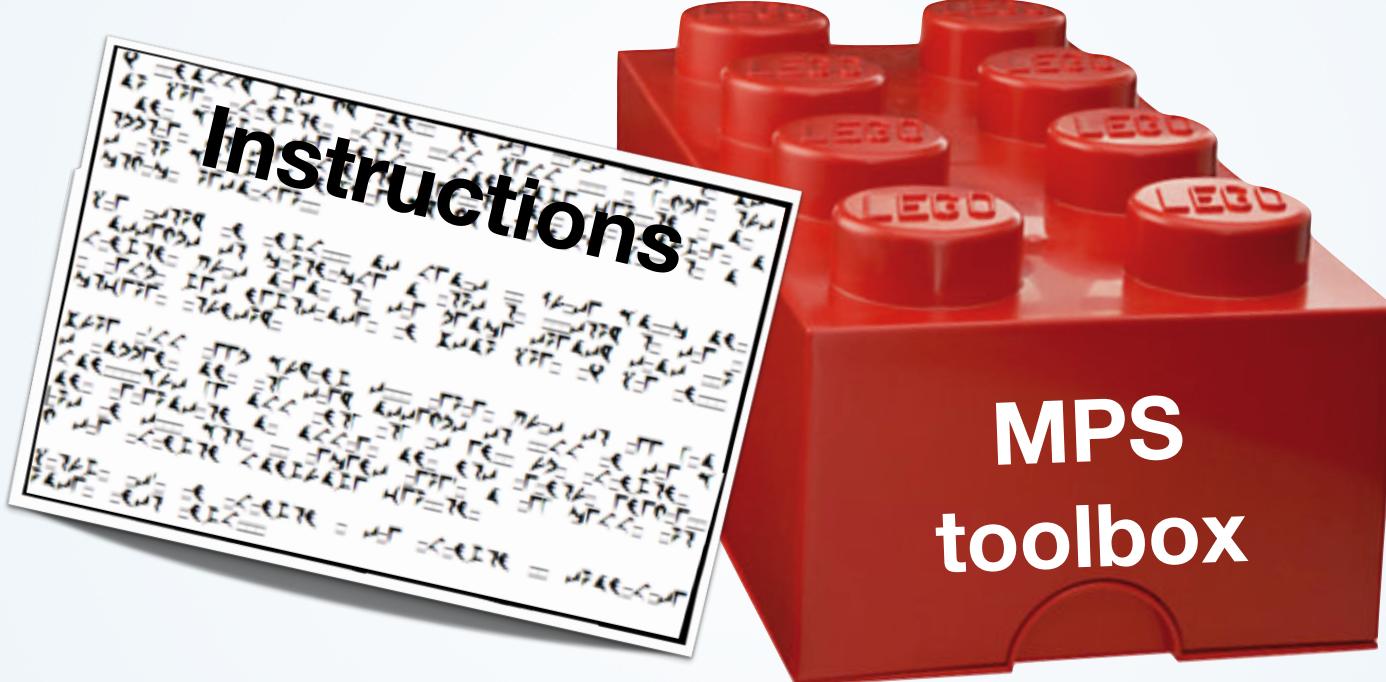
$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}(\rho)$$

Verstraete et al., PRL 2004

Prosen, Znidaric PRL 2008

Cai, Barthel, PRL 2013,...

# MPS toolbox



# In the rest of this talk...

Why using TNS/MPS for LGT? 

testbench:  
Schwinger model

{ spectral calculations  
finite temperature  
real-time  
chemical potential

higher dimensional problems

# SCHWINGER MODEL AS LABORATORY

# SCHWINGER MODEL

Schwinger '62

Simplest gauge theory with matter

QED in 1+1 dimensions

electrons & photons

Shows some of the features of *full* QCD

confinement → bound states (massive bosons)

fermion condensate

A testbench for lattice techniques

# SCHWINGER MODEL

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - g\gamma_\mu A^\mu - m)\Psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

in 1+1 D single adimensional parameter  $m/g$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2\delta_{\mu\nu}$$

U(1) gauge invariance

$$\Psi(x) \rightarrow e^{-ig\phi(x)}\Psi(x)$$

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu\phi(x)$$

equations of motion

$$\partial_\alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi_{,\alpha}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Phi} = 0 \quad \text{for } \Phi = A_\mu, \Psi$$

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - g\gamma^\mu A_\mu - m)\Psi = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\nu\Psi$$

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Hamiltonian formulation

$$A^0 = 0$$

$$E = -\dot{A}^1$$

$$H = \int dx \left[ -i\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1\partial_1\Psi + g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^1A_1\Psi + m\bar{\Psi}\Psi + \frac{1}{2}E^2 \right]$$

↗  
fermion  
kinetic term      ↗  
fermion-photon  
coupling      ↗  
fermion  
mass      ↗  
electrostatic  
energy

plus a constraint:  $\partial_1 E = g\bar{\Psi}\gamma^0\Psi$       Gauss' law

quantization

$$\begin{aligned} \{\Psi_i(x), \Psi_j^\dagger(y)\} &= \delta_{ij}\delta(x-y) \\ \{\Psi_i(x), \Psi_j(y)\} &= 0 \\ [A_1(x), E(y)] &= i\delta(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

discretize

# SCHWINGER MODEL

on the lattice

discrete Hamiltonian (staggered) formulation

$x$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \Psi^{(1)}(x) \\ \Psi^{(2)}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$



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fermionic operators

$$\{\Phi_m, \Phi_n\} = 0$$

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$$U(x, x + \epsilon) = e^{ig\epsilon A_1(x)}$$

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$$U_{n,n+1} = e^{i\theta_n}$$

$$\frac{1}{ga} \theta_n \rightarrow -A^1(x)$$

$$gL_n \rightarrow E(x)$$

$$[\theta_n, L_m] = ig\delta_{nm}$$

# SCHWINGER MODEL

discretized

on the lattice

$$H = -\frac{i}{2a} \sum_n (\phi_n^\dagger e^{i\theta_n} \phi_{n+1} - \text{h.c.}) + m \sum_n (-1)^n \phi_n^\dagger \phi_n + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_n L_n^2$$

plus constraint: Gauss' Law

spinless fermions

$$L_n - L_{n-1} = \phi_n^\dagger \phi_n - \frac{1}{2} [1 - (-1)^n]$$

1D spins  $\iff$  fermions: Jordan-Wigner  $\quad \phi_n = \prod_{k < n} (i\sigma_k^z) \sigma_n^-$

notice: not strictly  
necessary for TNS

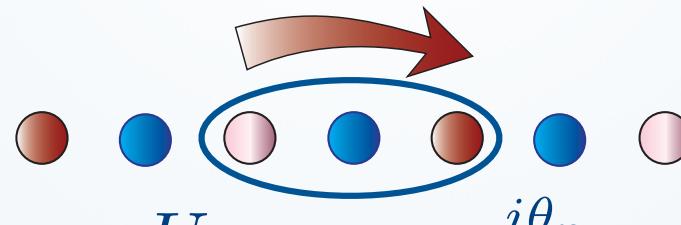
# SCHWINGER MODEL

on the lattice

Jordan-Wigner → spin model

$$H = \frac{1}{2a} \sum_n \left( \sigma_n^+ e^{i\theta_n} \sigma_{n-1}^- + \sigma_{n+1}^+ e^{-i\theta_n} \sigma_n^- \right)$$

$$+ \frac{m}{2} \sum_n (1 + (-1)^n \sigma_n^3) + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_n L_n^2$$



hopping

$$\frac{1}{ga} \theta_n \rightarrow -A^1(x)$$
$$gL_n \rightarrow E(x)$$

# SCHWINGER MODEL

continuum QED

$| + |$  space-time

$$\Psi(x) \quad A(x)$$

fermions  
photons

fermion mass  $m/g$   
adimensional

Hamiltonian  
+ Gauss law

on the lattice

discrete space-time

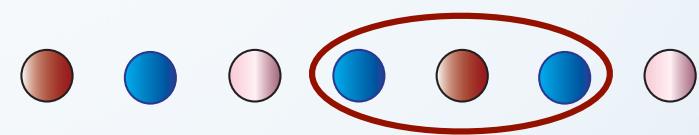
$$\Phi_n \quad \theta_n$$

continuum limit

lattice spacing  $ag \rightarrow 0$

spin Hamiltonian

+ Gauss law

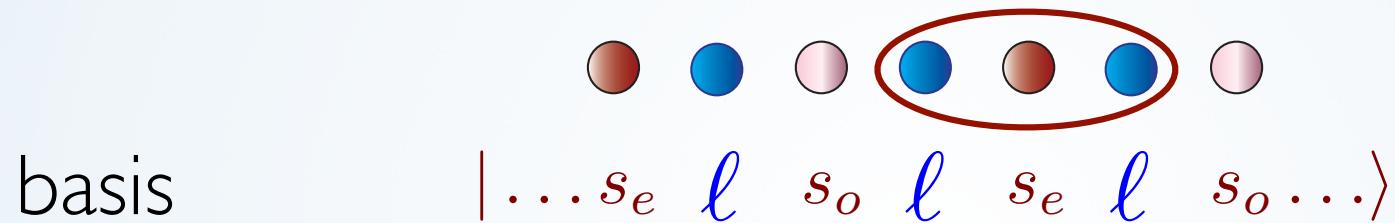


for a TNS we need a basis

# SCHWINGER MODEL

basis   $| \dots s_e \text{ } \ell \text{ } s_o \text{ } \ell \text{ } s_e \text{ } \ell \text{ } s_o \dots \rangle$

# SCHWINGER MODEL



but Gauss' law fixes photon content

$$L_n - L_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} [\sigma_n^3 + (-1)^n]$$

# SCHWINGER MODEL



basis  $| \dots s_e \quad s_o \quad s_e \quad s_o \dots \rangle$

but Gauss' law fixes photon content

$$L_n = \ell_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \leq n} \sigma_n^3 + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$  eliminate gauge dof

introducing long range interactions

# SCHWINGER MODEL

MPS representation for OPEN BOUNDARIES

$$|\ell_0 \dots s_e \ s_o \ s_e \ s_o \dots \rangle \quad \text{non-local terms}$$

$$L_n = \ell_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \leq n} \sigma_n^3$$

Long range interactions

$$\sum_n \sum_{k < n} (N - n) \sigma_k^3 \sigma_n^3$$

can be written as a MPO of D=5

both possibilities

# SCHWINGER MODEL

on the lattice

basis  $| \dots s_e \ell s_o \ell s_e \ell s_o \dots \rangle$  all terms  
are local

infinite dimensional: truncation

Gauss' law needs to be imposed

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or integrating out the gauge dof

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exact physical subspace

✗ does not generalize to bigger dimensions