

# Projected Entangled Pair States for Lattice Gauge Theories with Dynamical Fermions

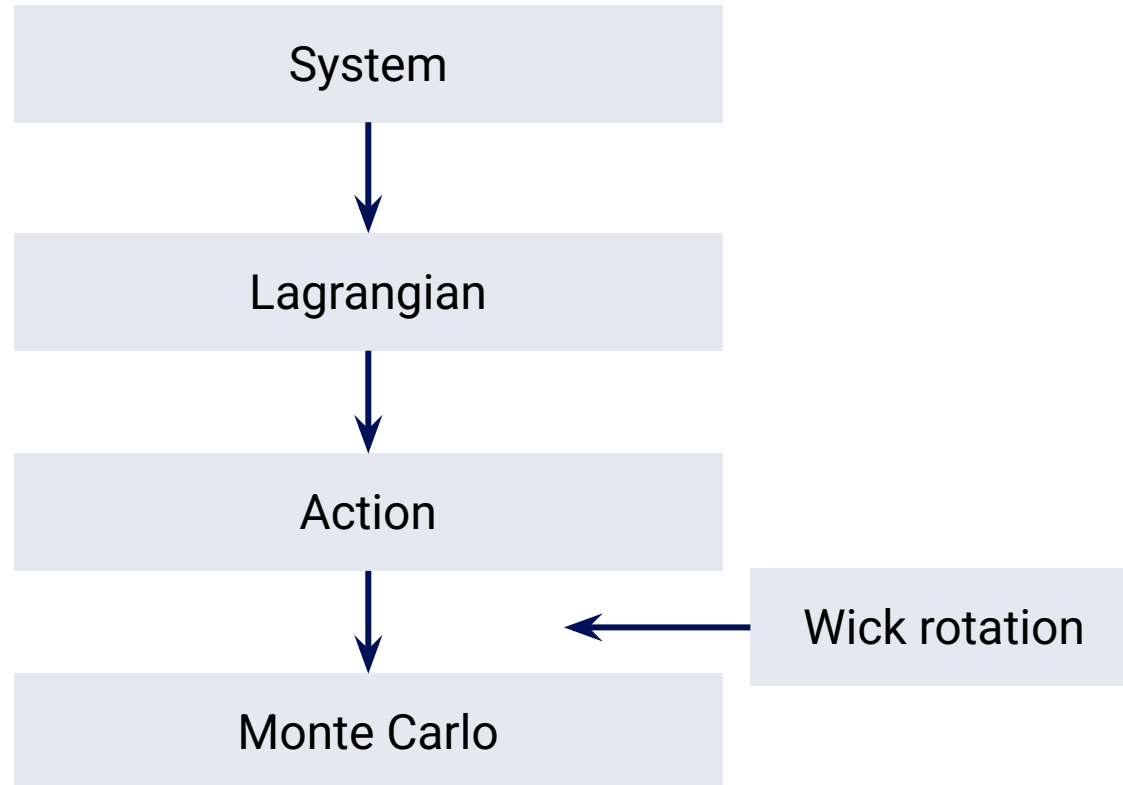
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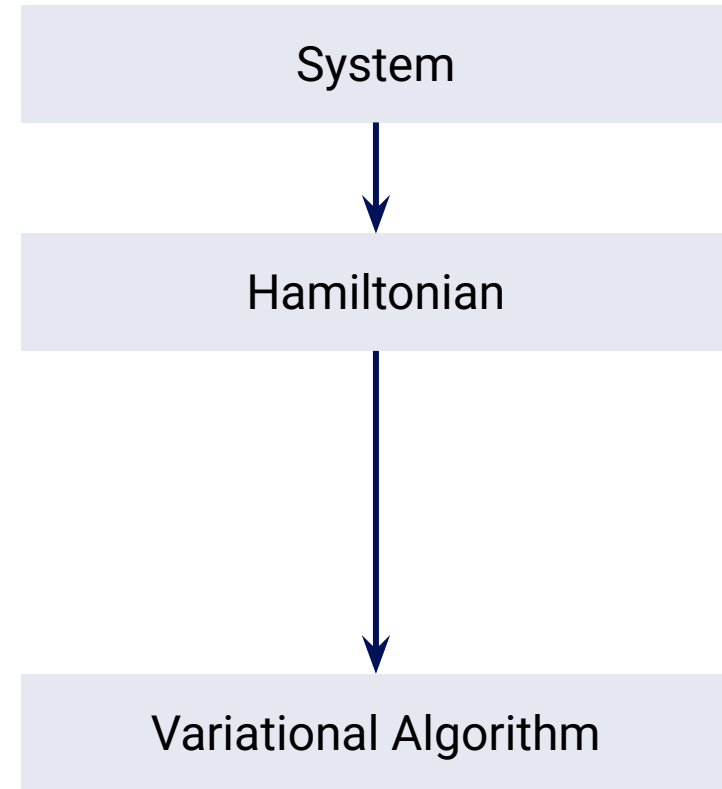
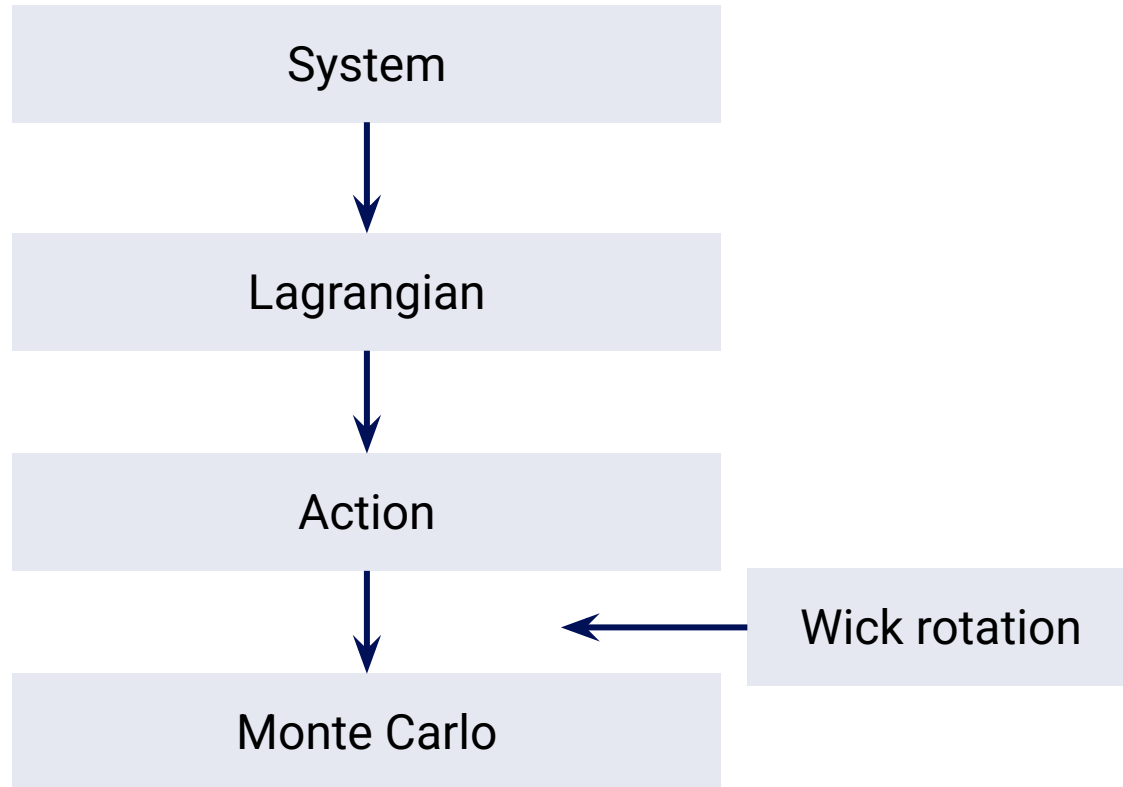
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# The usual pipeline

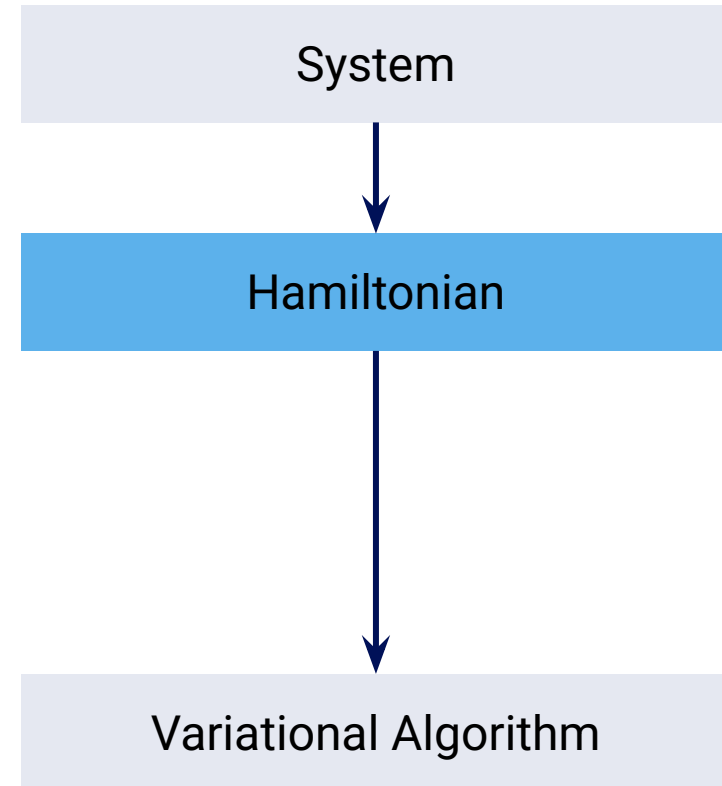
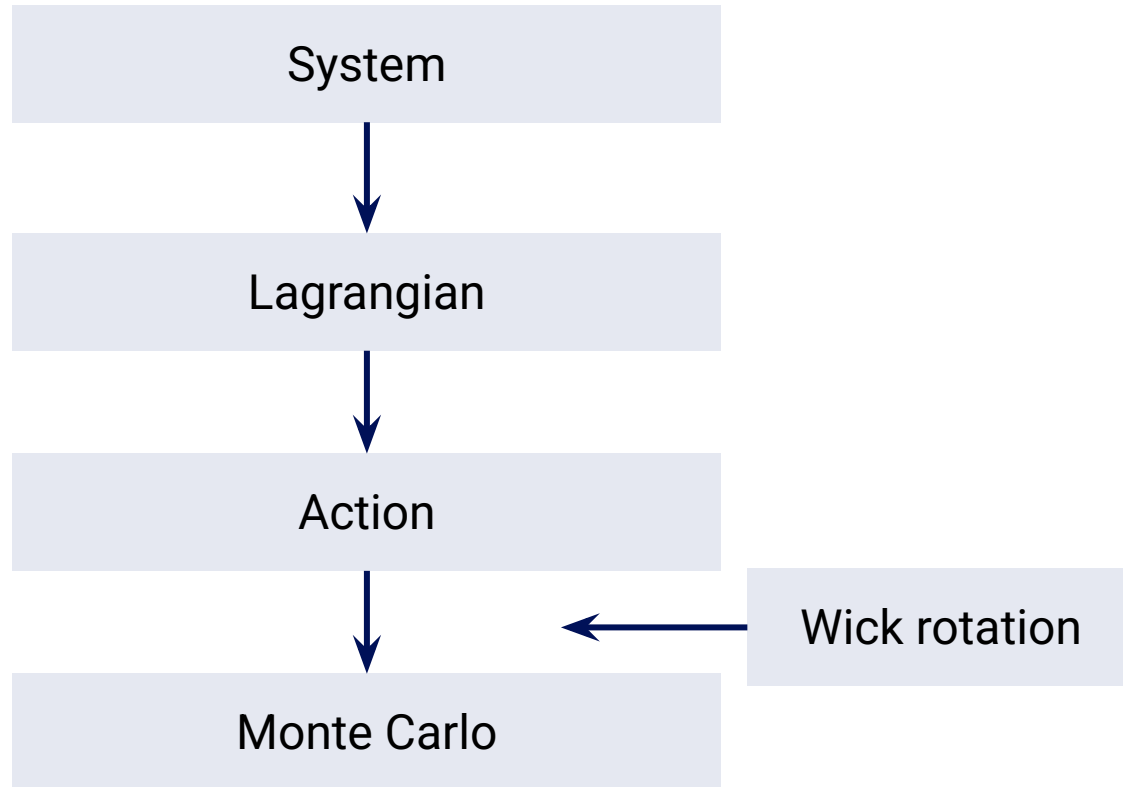


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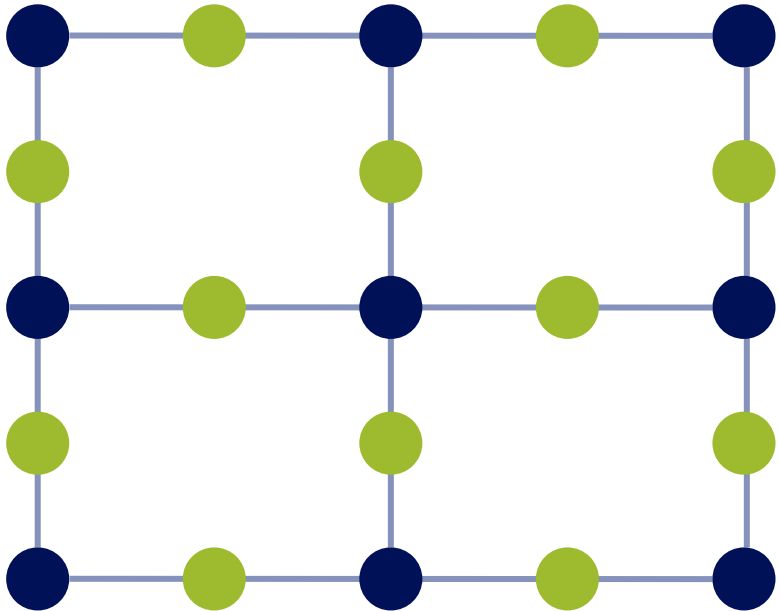
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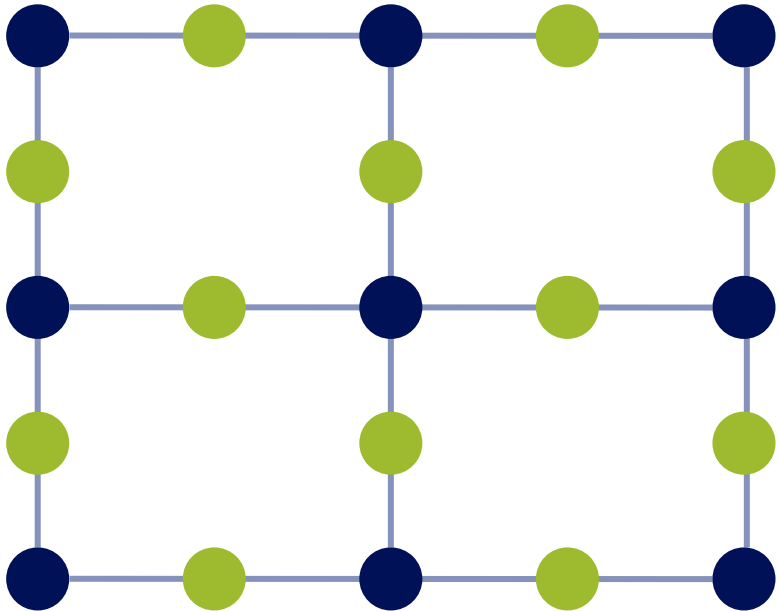
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## A general state

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int D\mathcal{G} |\mathcal{G}\rangle |\psi_F(\mathcal{G})\rangle$$

$$\text{with } D\mathcal{G} = \prod_{x,k} dg(x,k)$$

# Which way to go?

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# A wishlist

## General State Formulation

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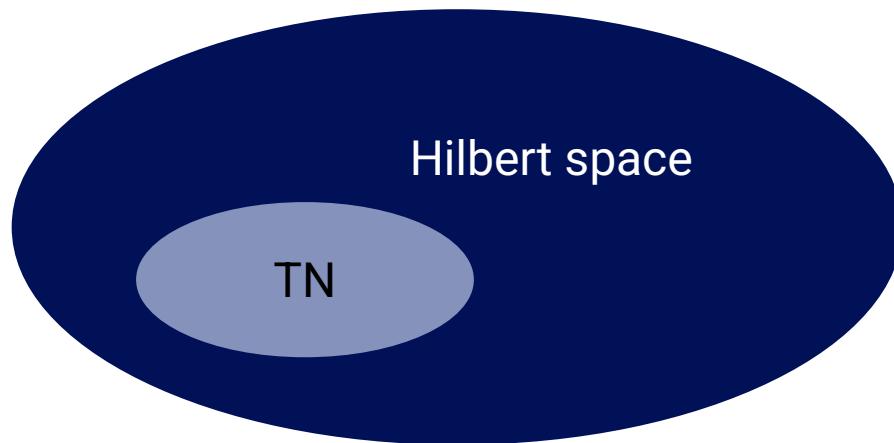
## ToDo List

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# Finding an Ansatz

## Idea

Use an Ansatz with polynomially many parameters although the Hilbert space has exponentially many states

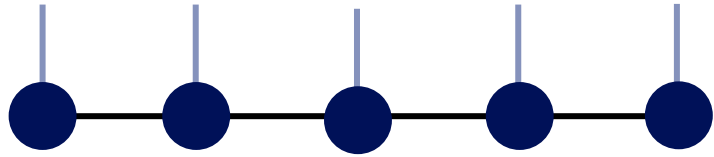


We explore only a small part of the Hilbert space

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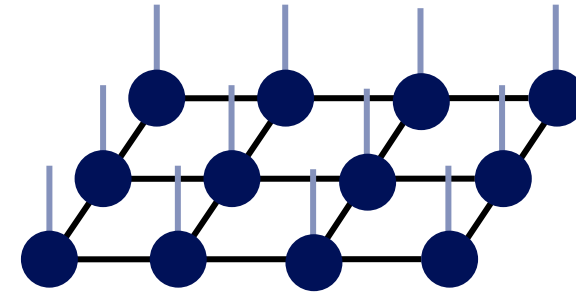
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# Different Families of Tensor Networks



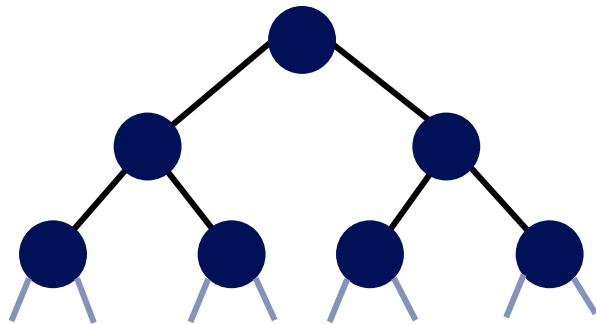
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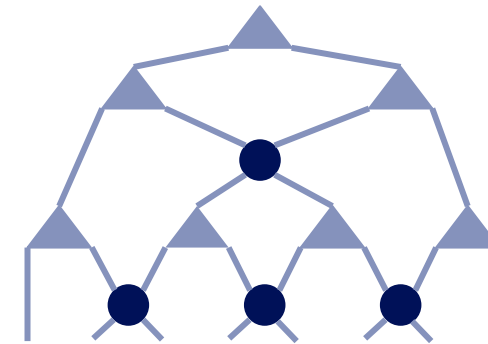
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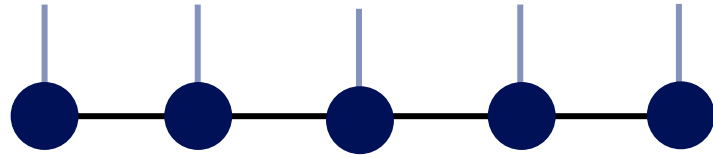
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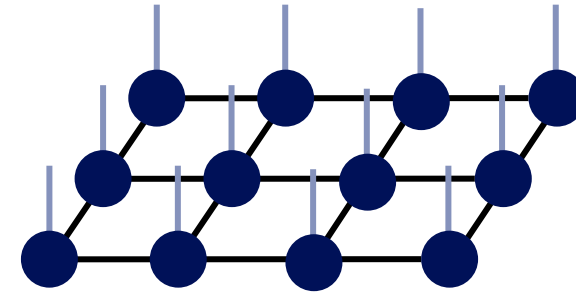
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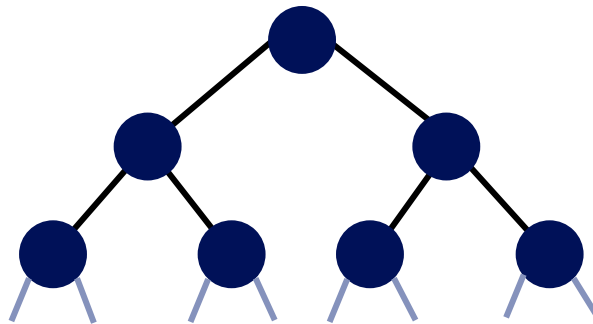
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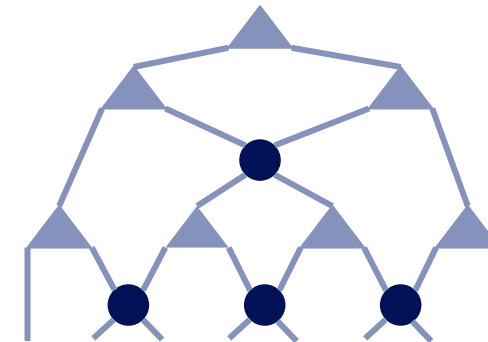
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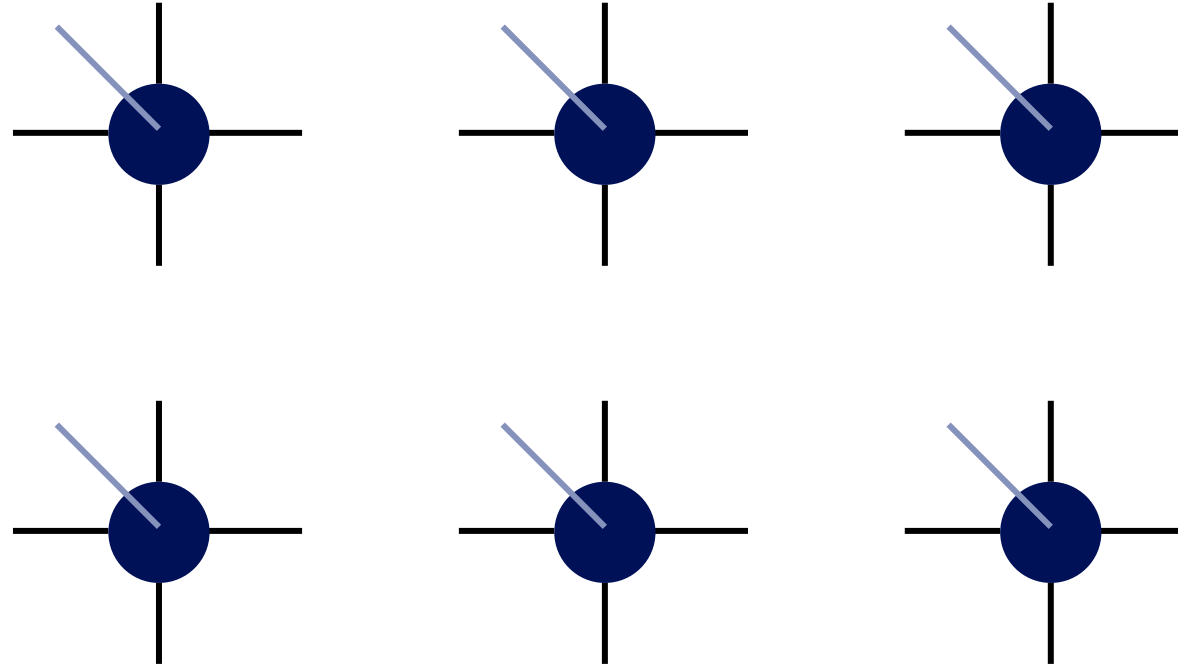
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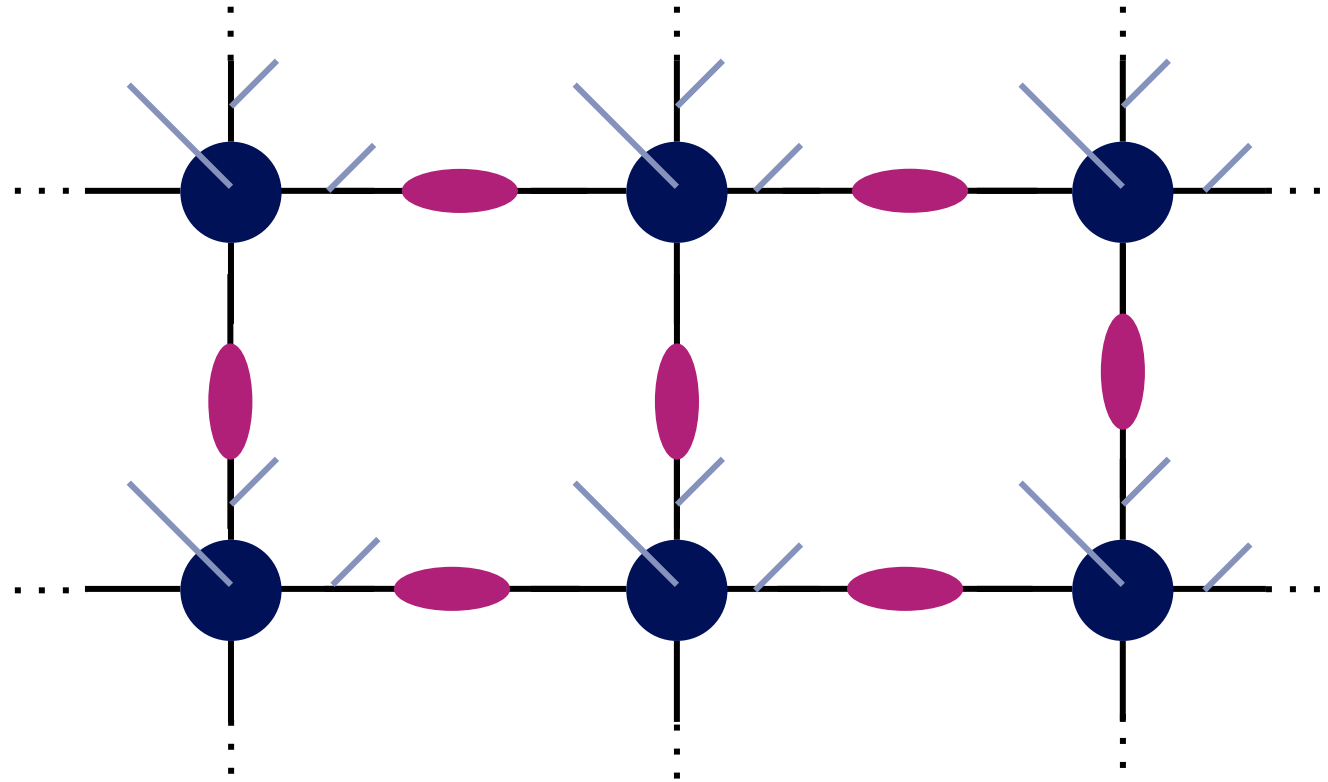
# Building a State – GGPEPS



Construction

$$\prod_x \mathcal{A}(x) |\Omega\rangle$$

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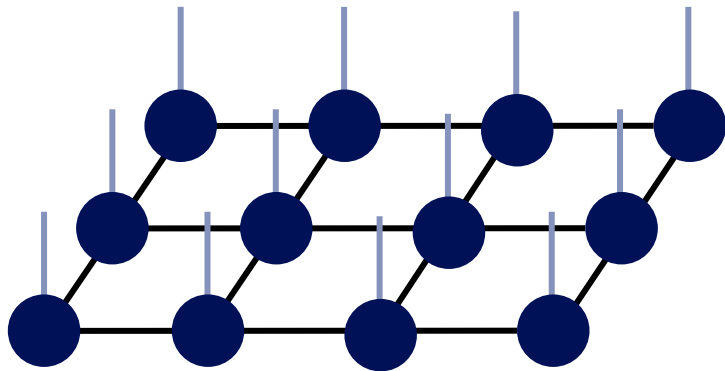
## Construction

$$|\psi_F(\mathcal{G})\rangle = \langle \Omega_v | \prod_{\ell} \omega_{\ell} \prod_{\ell} U_{\ell}(\mathcal{G}) \prod_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) | \Omega \rangle$$

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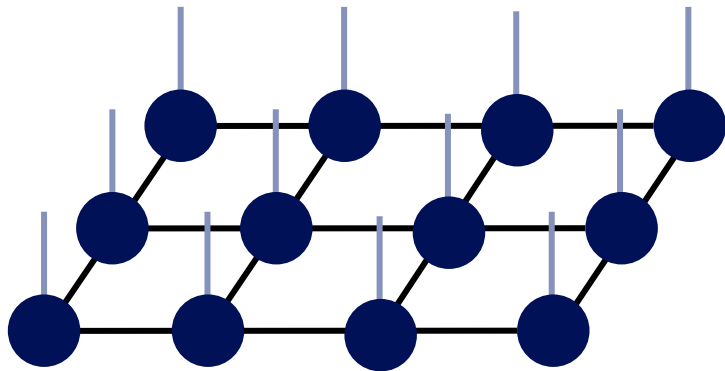


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$$p(\mathcal{G}) = \frac{\langle \psi_F(\mathcal{G}) | \psi_F(\mathcal{G}) \rangle}{\int D\mathcal{G}' \langle \psi_F(\mathcal{G}') | \psi_F(\mathcal{G}') \rangle}$$



**GGPEPS can be contracted via covariance matrices**



# Let's consider a Z<sub>2</sub> LGT with Fermions

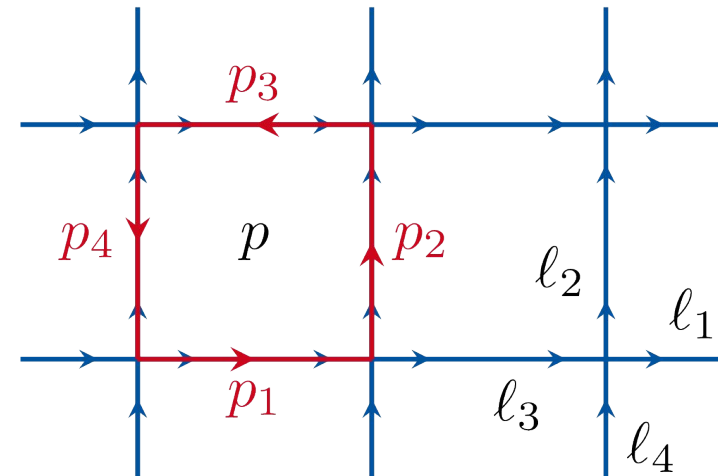
## Kogut Susskind Hamiltonian

$$H = g_E H_E + g_B H_B + g_I H_I + g_M H_M$$

$$H_E = \sum_{\ell} 2 [1 - \sigma_{\ell}^z]$$

$$H_B = \sum_p [1 - \sigma_{p_1}^x \sigma_{p_2}^x \sigma_{p_3}^x \sigma_{p_4}^x]$$

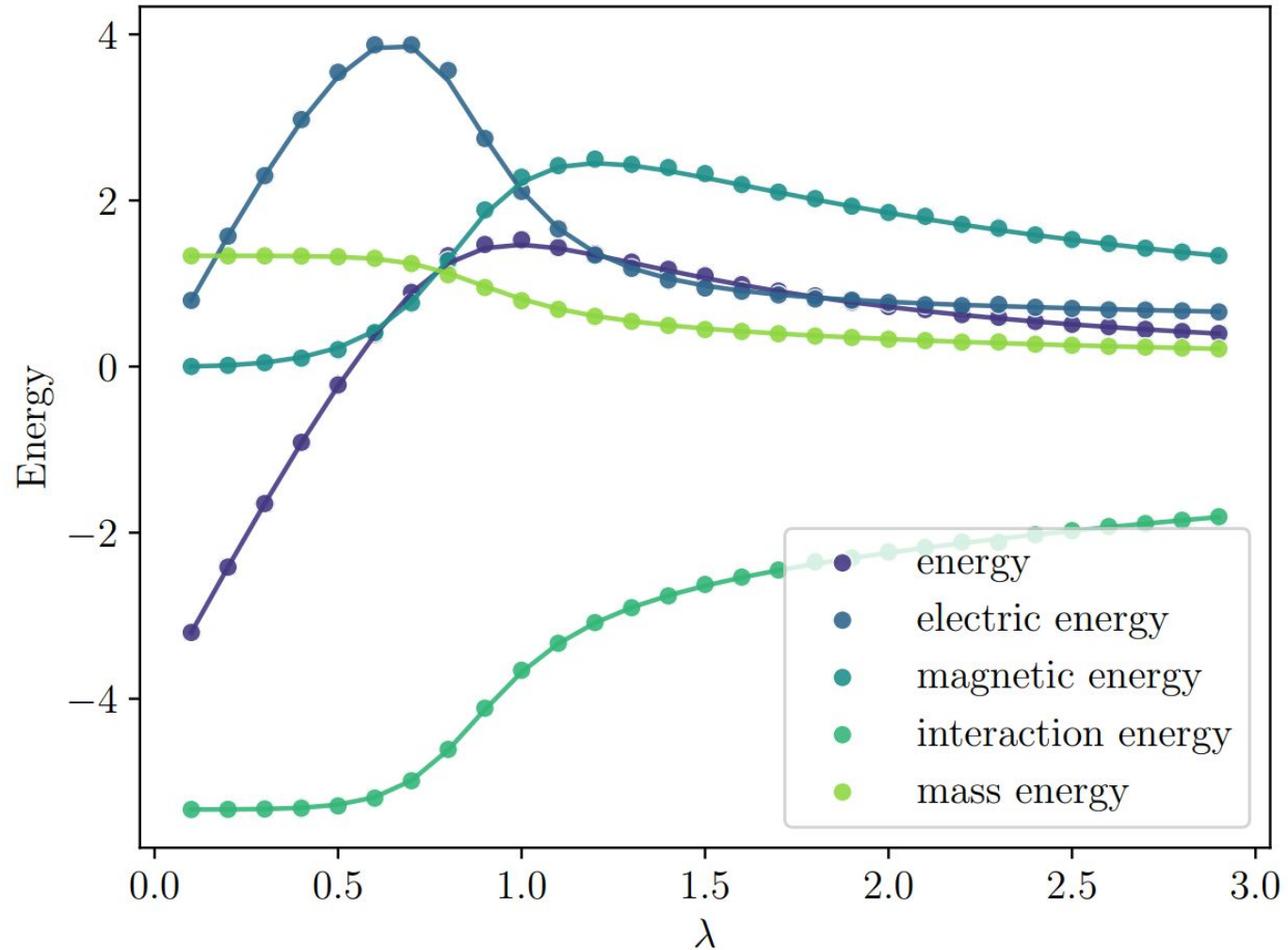
$$H_M = \sum_x \left( \frac{1}{2} + (-1)^x \psi^{\dagger}(x) \psi(x) \right)$$



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# Results – 2x2 Benchmark

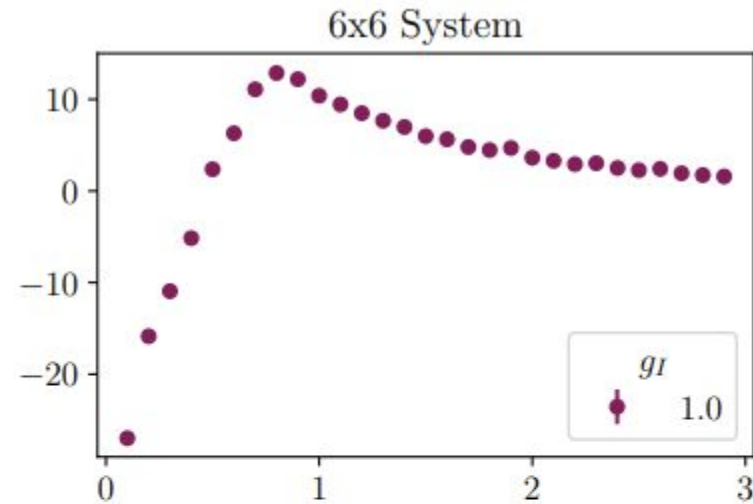
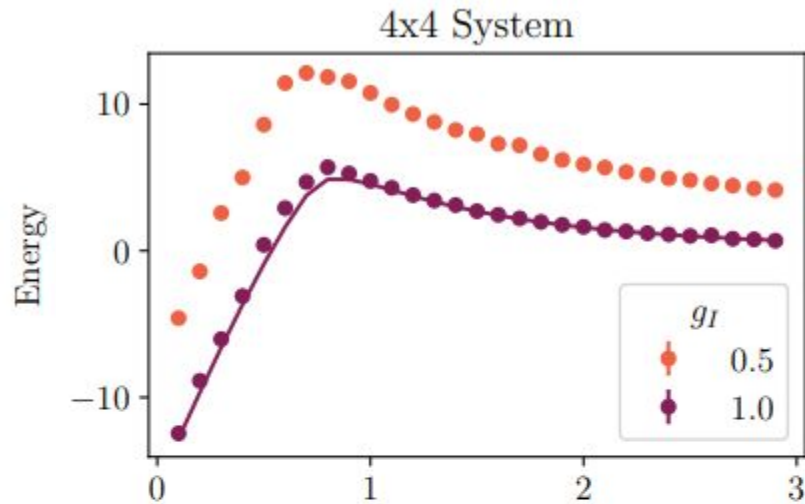


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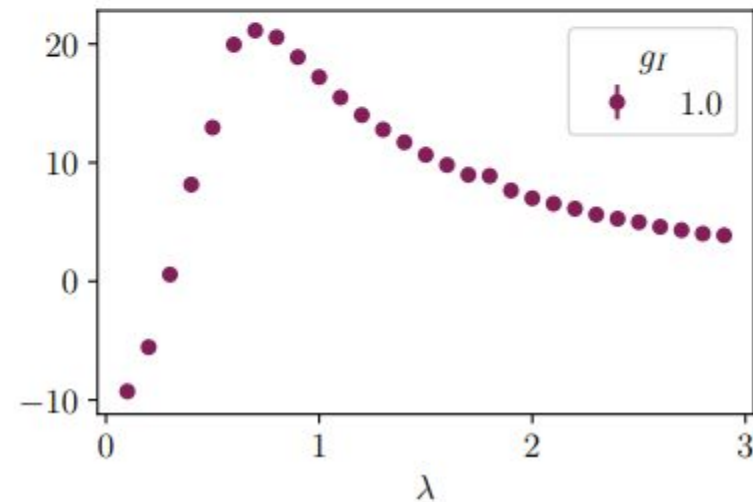
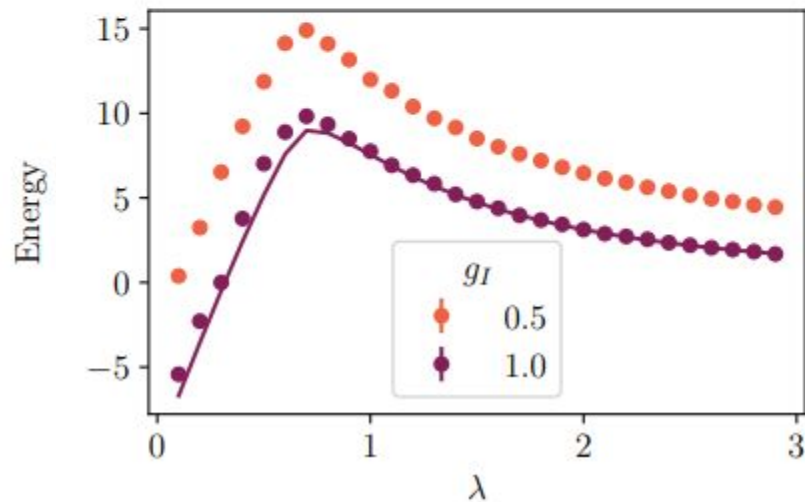
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# Results – Monte Carlo Sampling

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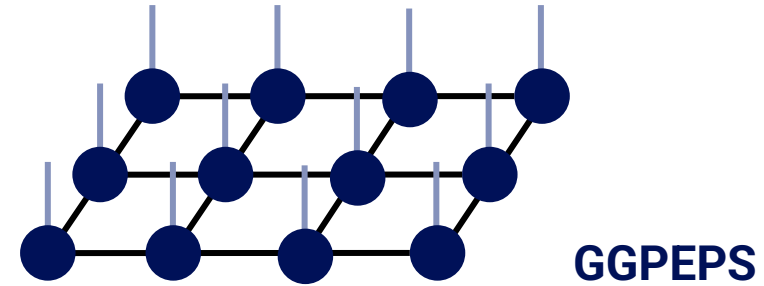
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# Summary

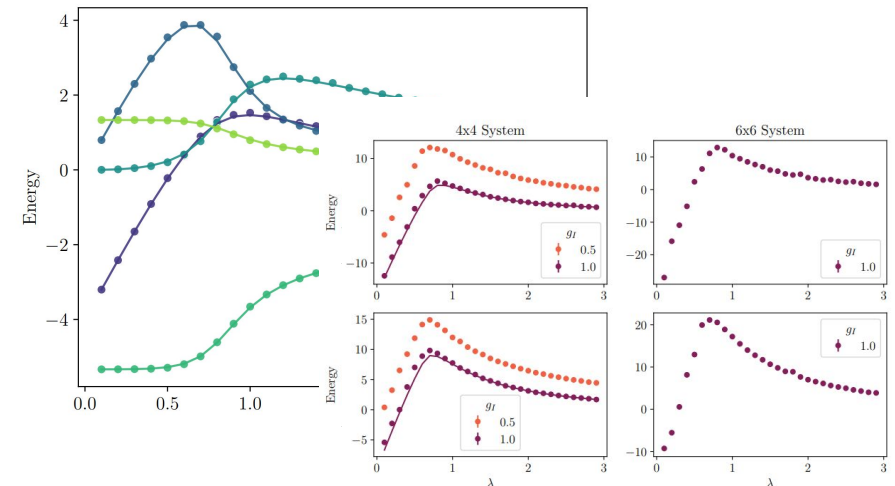
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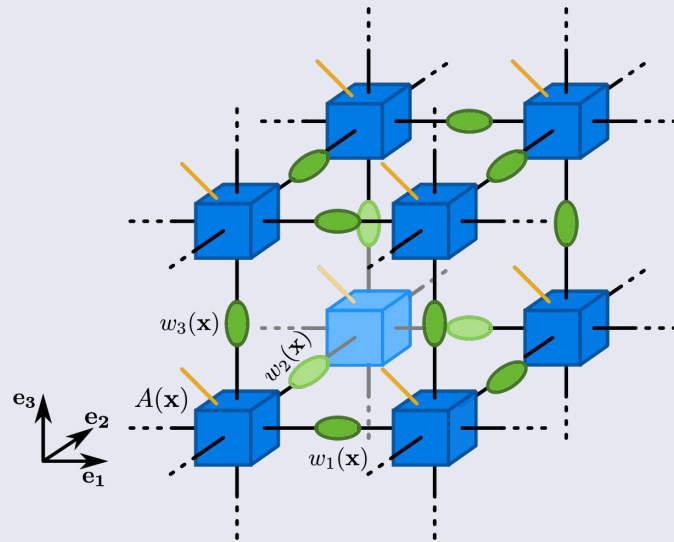


Covariance Matrices and Variational Monte Carlo Sampling



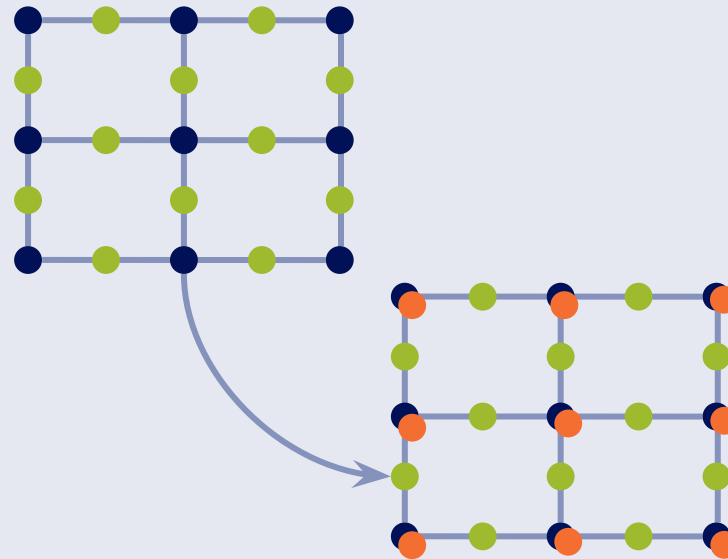
# What are the next steps?

Three spatial dimensions?



P. Emonts and E. Zohar, Phys. Rev. D 108, 014514 (2023).

Sign Problem affected cases?



Non-Abelian Gauge Groups?

$SU(2)$

$SU(3)$

E. Zohar and J. I. Cirac, Phys. Rev. D 97, 034510 (2018).

# Science is a team effort



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# Variational Approaches

## early works with DMRG/TNS

Bymes PRD (2002)  
Suihara NPB (2004)  
Tagliacozzo PRB (2011)  
Sugihara JHEP (2005)  
Meurice PRB (2013)

## 3+1 d

Magnifico et al., Nat. Comm. 12 (2021)

## 2+1 d

Felser et al., PRX 10 (2020)  
Robaina et al., PRL 126 (2021)  
Emonts et al., PRD 102 (2020)  
Kelman et al., PRD 110 (2024)

## Schwinger Model U(1) in 1+1 d

Banuls et al., JHEP 11 158 (2013)  
Rico et al., PRL (2014)  
Buyens et al., PRL (2014)  
Kühn et al., PRA 90 (2014)  
Banuls et al., PRD (2015)  
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Picher et al., PRX (2016)

## Non-Abelian in 1D string breaking dynamics

Kühn et al., JHEP 07 (2015)  
Silvi et al., Quantum (2017)  
Kühn et al., PRX (2017)

## SU(3) Quantum Link Model

Sivli et al. PRD (2019)

and more ...

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# The Algorithm

