Free fermion entanglement renormalization from wavelets

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& with Scholz, Swingle, Witteveen (forthcoming)

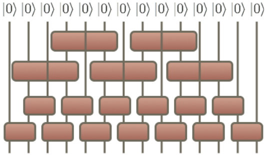
Tensor network states

Efficient variational classes for many-body quantum systems:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1,\ldots,i_n} \Psi_{i_1,\ldots,i_n} |i_1,\ldots,i_n\rangle$$

e.g.

matrix product states



MERA

- can have interpretation as quantum circuit

Useful theoretical formalism:

- geometrize entanglement structure: *generalized area law*
- bulk-boundary dualities: *lift physics to the virtual level*
- quantum phases, topological order, RG, holography, ...

Tensor networks and quantum field theories

- tensor networks are discrete and finite representations
- quantum field theories are infinite and defined in the continuum

Two successful approaches:

- *Lattice:* MPS, PEPS, MERA, ...
- *Continuum:* cMPS, cMERA, ...

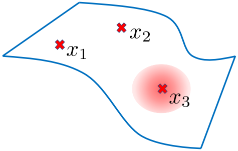
Guiding questions:

- *How to measure goodness of approximation?*
- *What do tensor networks really capture?*
- *Why do tensor networks work so well?*

Tensor networks for correlation functions

Given many-body system in state ρ and choice of operators $\{O_\alpha\}$, define correlation function:

$$C(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n) = \mathrm{tr}[\rho O_{\alpha_1} \cdots O_{\alpha_n}]$$



Goal: Design tensor network for correlation functions!

- unified perspective: system can be continuous, discreteness imposed by how we probe it
- tensor network for state sufficient, but likely not optimal
- in lattice models can recover state, but *only* for complete set of $\{O_\alpha\}$

Examples: Zaletel-Mong (MPS/q. Hall states), König-Scholz (MPS/CFTs), cf. quantum marginal problem

Our results

We construct tensor networks for free fermion systems:

- 1D Dirac fermions on lattice & continuum
- non-relativistic 2D fermions on lattice (Fermi surface)

Key features:

- tensor networks that target correlation functions
- rigorous approximation guarantees
- quantum circuits that 'renormalize entanglement': (branching) MERA
- explicit circuit construction, no variational optimization required

We achieve this using insight from signal processing: wavelet theory.

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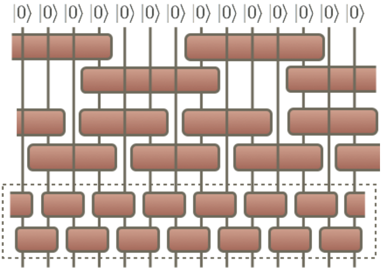

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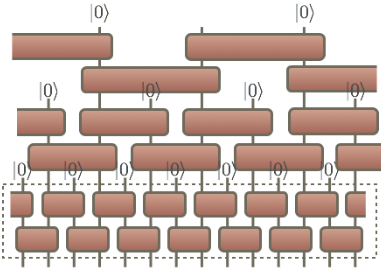

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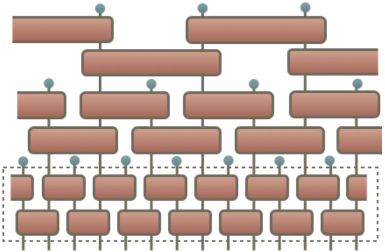

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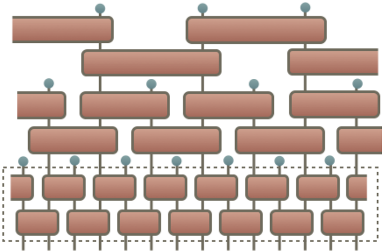

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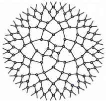

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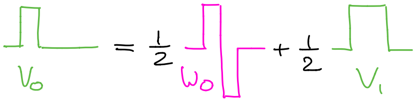

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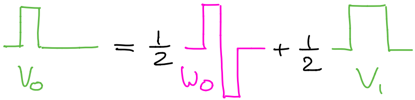

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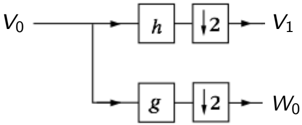

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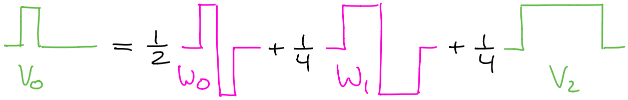

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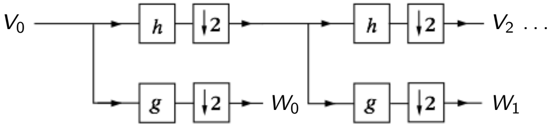

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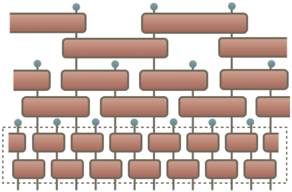
MERA and wavelets

Key insight: Second quantizing 1D wavelet transform $\rightsquigarrow$ MERA circuit!



- in fact, obtain 'holographic' mapping (Qi)
- length of classical filter $\widehat{=}$ depth of quantum circuit (Evenbly-White)

Ansatz: To construct free-fermion ground states, design wavelet transforms that target positive/negative energy modes.

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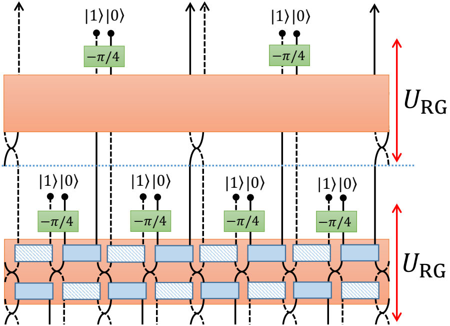

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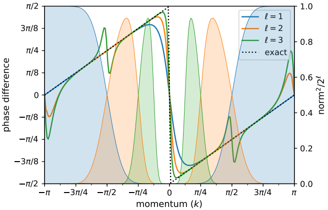

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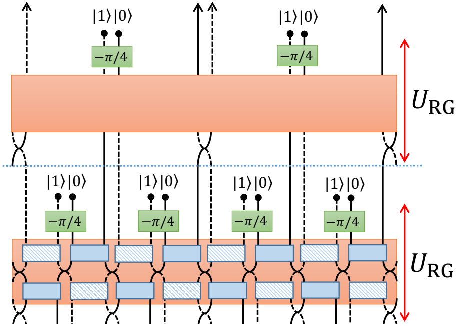

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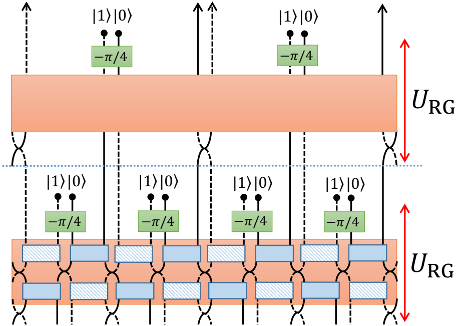

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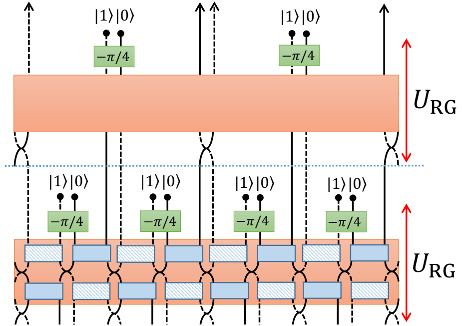

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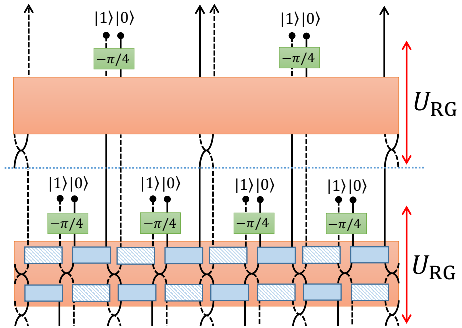

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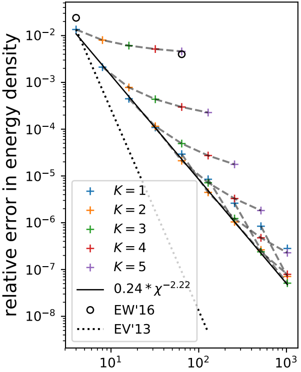
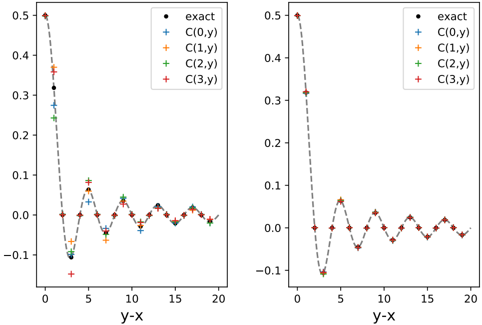


Green's function $C(x,y) = \langle a_x^\dagger a_y \rangle$



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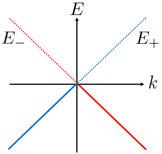

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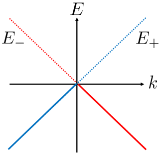

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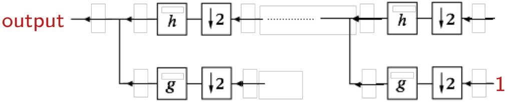

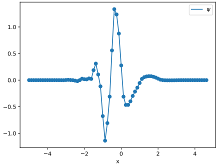

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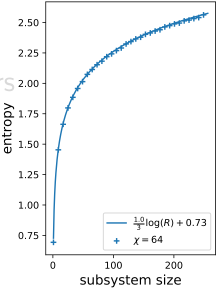

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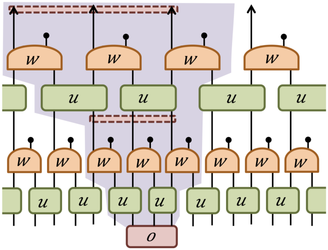

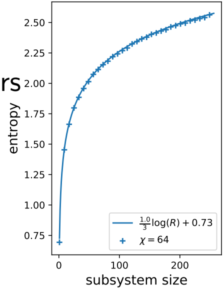

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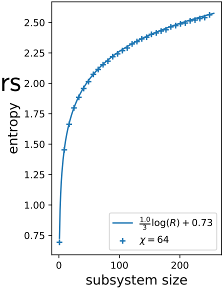

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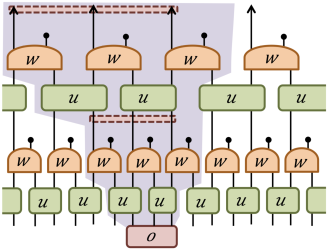

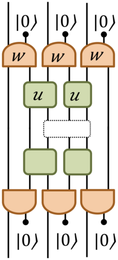

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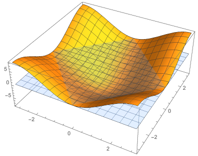

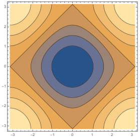

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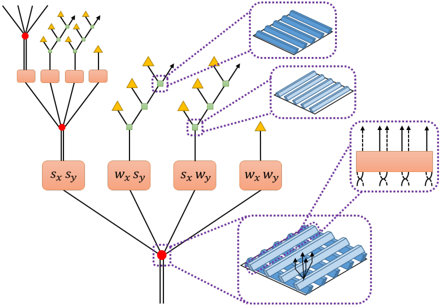
Natural construction: Tensor product of wavelet transforms!

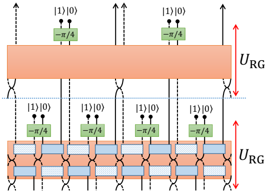
$$W\psi = \psi_s \oplus \psi_w \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad (W \otimes W)\psi = \psi_{ss} \oplus \psi_{ws} \oplus \psi_{sw} \oplus \psi_{ww}$$

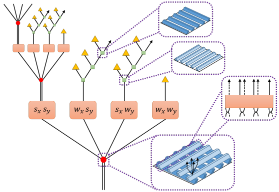
After second quantization, obtain variant of branching MERA (Evenbly-Vidal):



Similar approximation theorem holds.

Summary and outlook





Entanglement renormalization for free fermions (lattice and continuum):

- Rigorous approximation of correlation functions
- Explicit quantum circuits from wavelet transforms

Outlook:

- Thermal states, WZW CFTs (w/ Scholz, Swingle, Witteveen), . . .
- Massive theories, Dirac cones, . . . , interacting theories?
- Building block? Starting point for variational optimization?

Thank you for your attention!