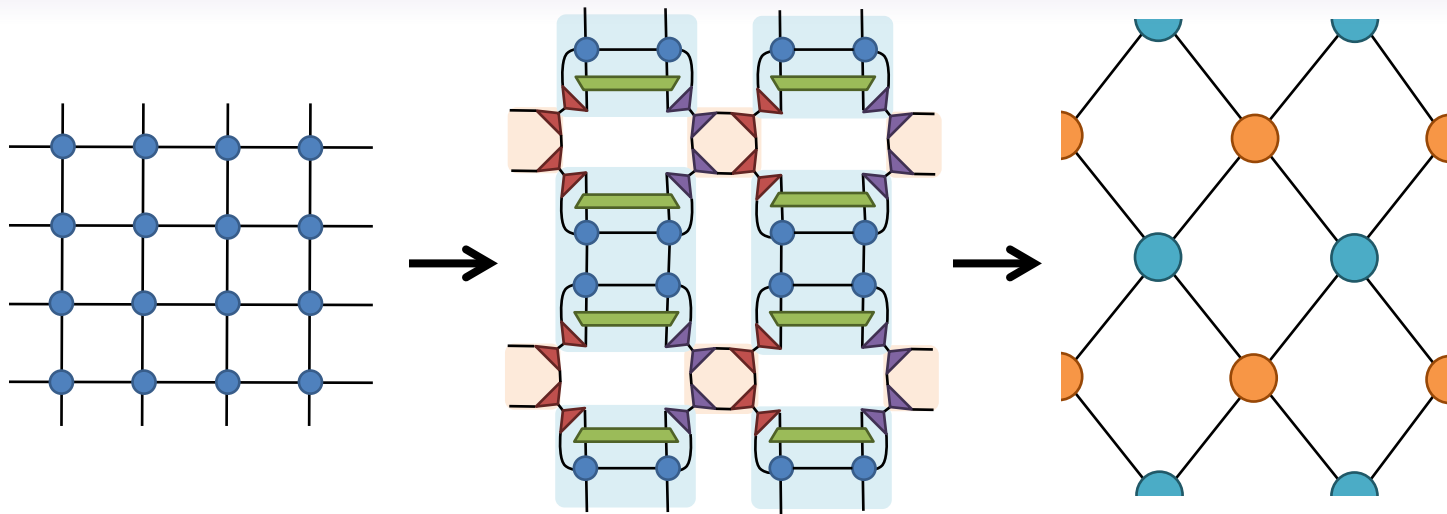


# Disentangling Tensor Networks



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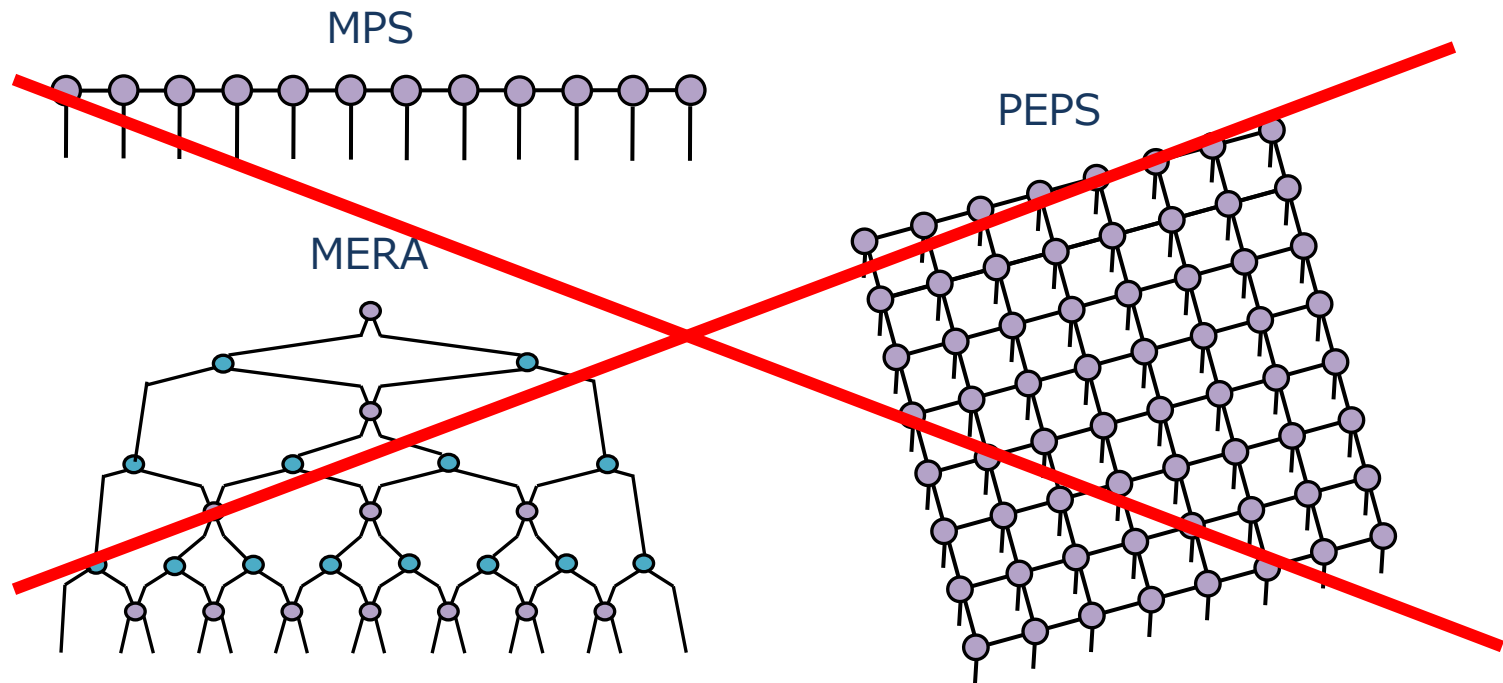
Tensor Network Renormalization, arXiv:1412.0732



# Overview

Proper consideration of **entanglement** is important in the study of quantum many-body physics

**Tensor Network Ansatz:** wavefunctions designed to reproduce ground state entanglement scaling



Today: consideration of entanglement in designing a **real-space renormalization** transformation

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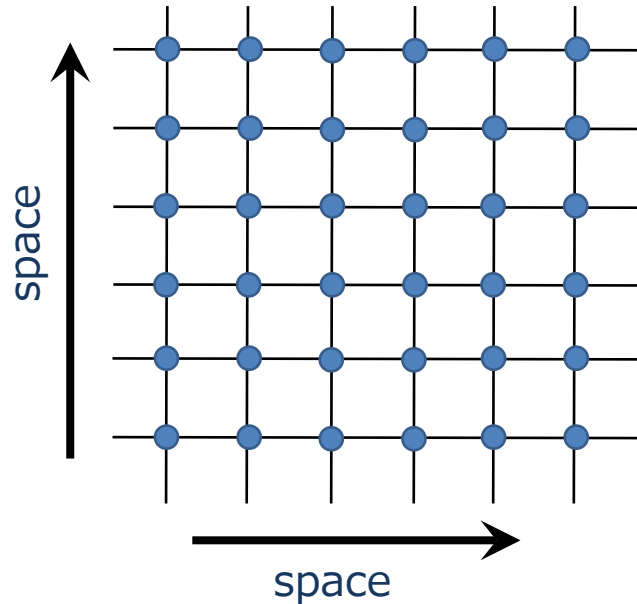
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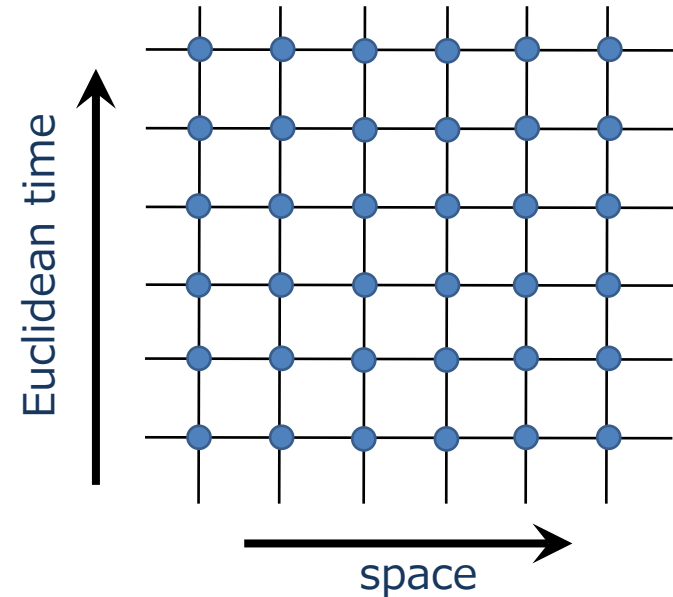
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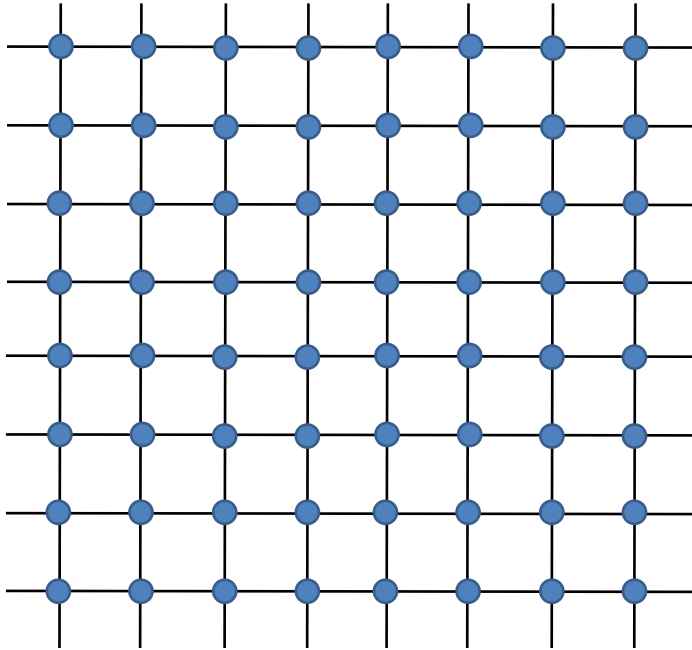
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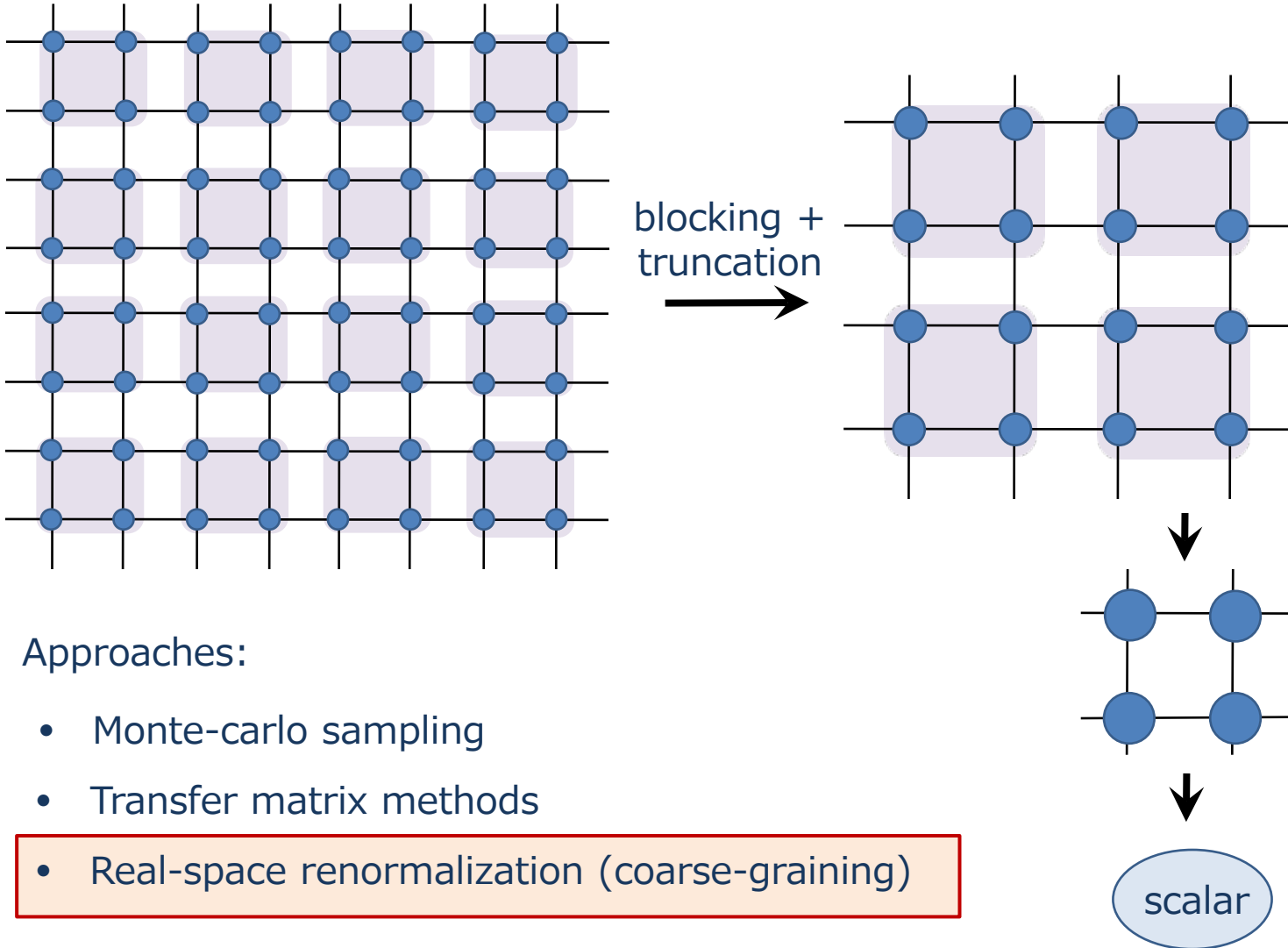
i.e. could represent an  
expectation value in the  
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Approaches:

- Monte-carlo sampling
- Transfer matrix methods
- Real-space renormalization (coarse-graining)

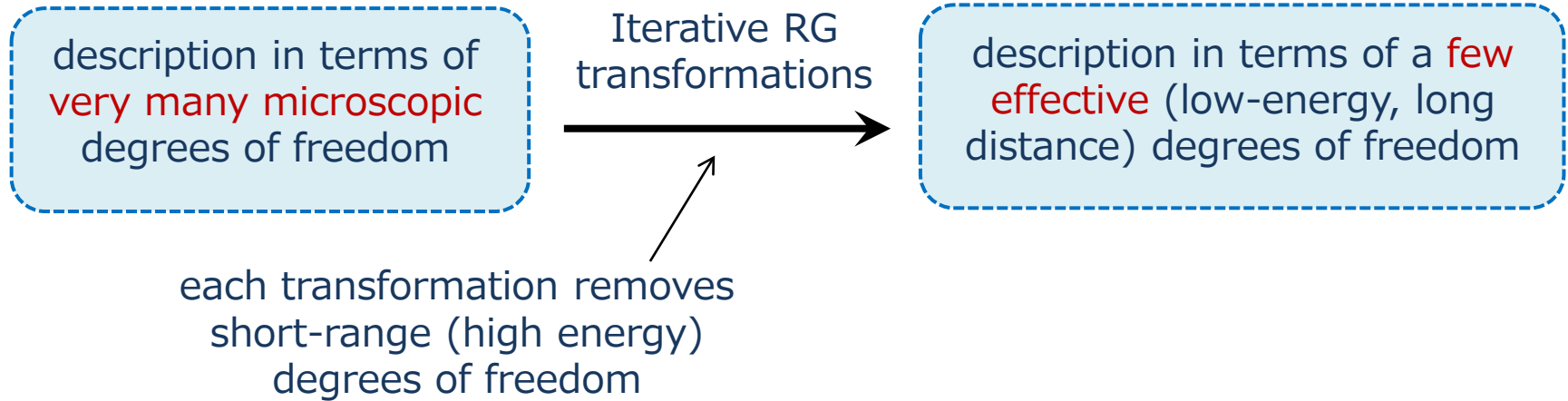
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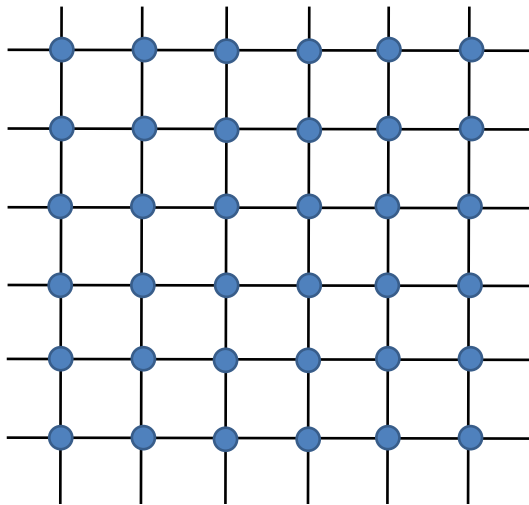


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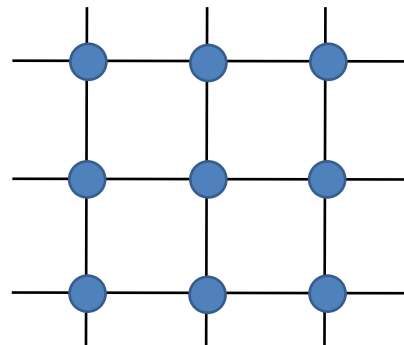
Basic idea of RG:



**initial description**



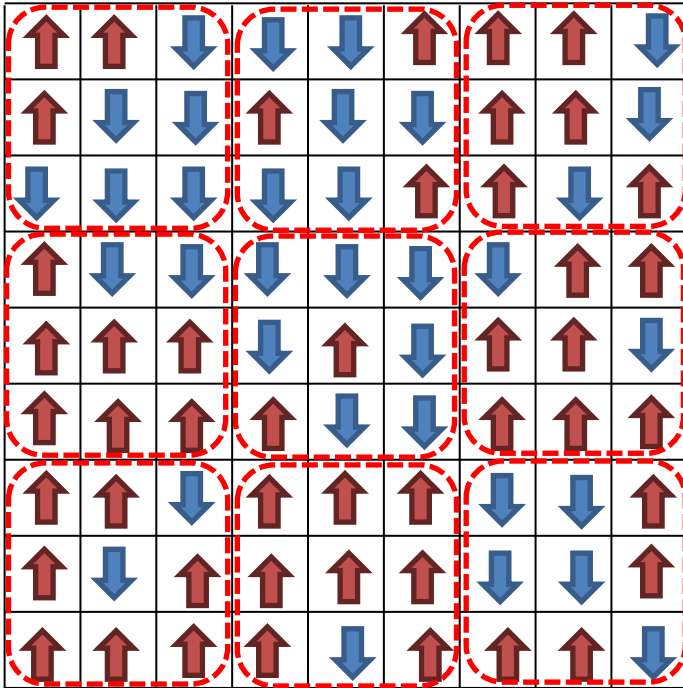
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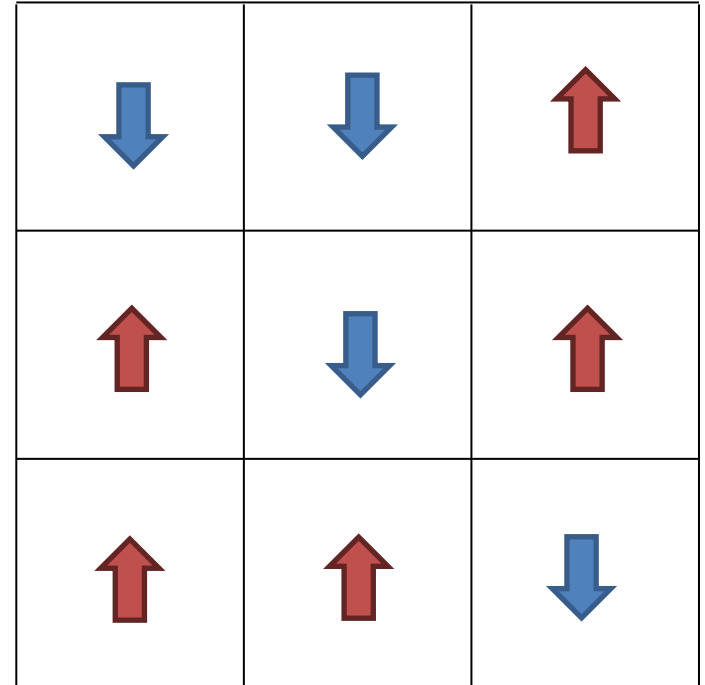
Early real-space RG: Kadanoff's "spin blocking" (1966)

lattice of classical spins



initial description:  $H(T, J)$

coarser lattice



renormalized parameters:  $H(T', J')$

...successful only for certain systems



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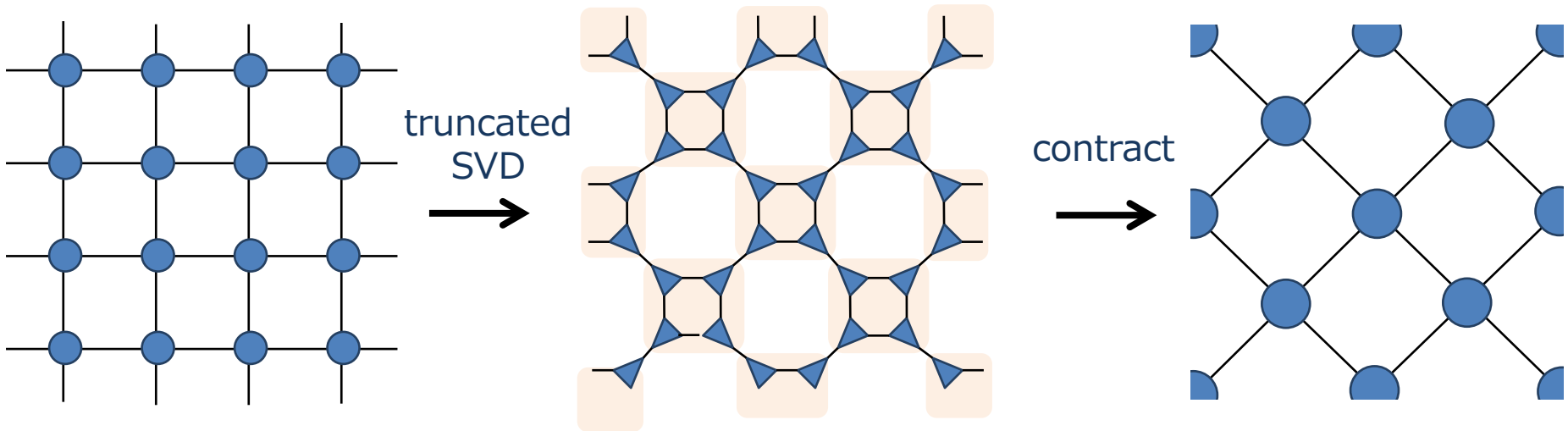
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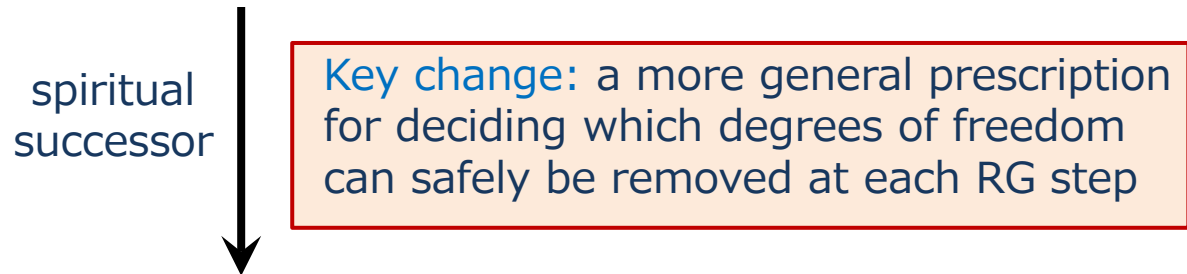
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+ many improvements and generalizations:

Xie, Jiang, Weng, Xiang (2008): “Second Renormalization Group (SRG)”

Gu, Levin, Wen (2008): “Tensor Entanglement Renormalization Group (TERG)”

Gu, Wen (2009): “Tensor Entanglement Filtering Renormalization(TEFR)”

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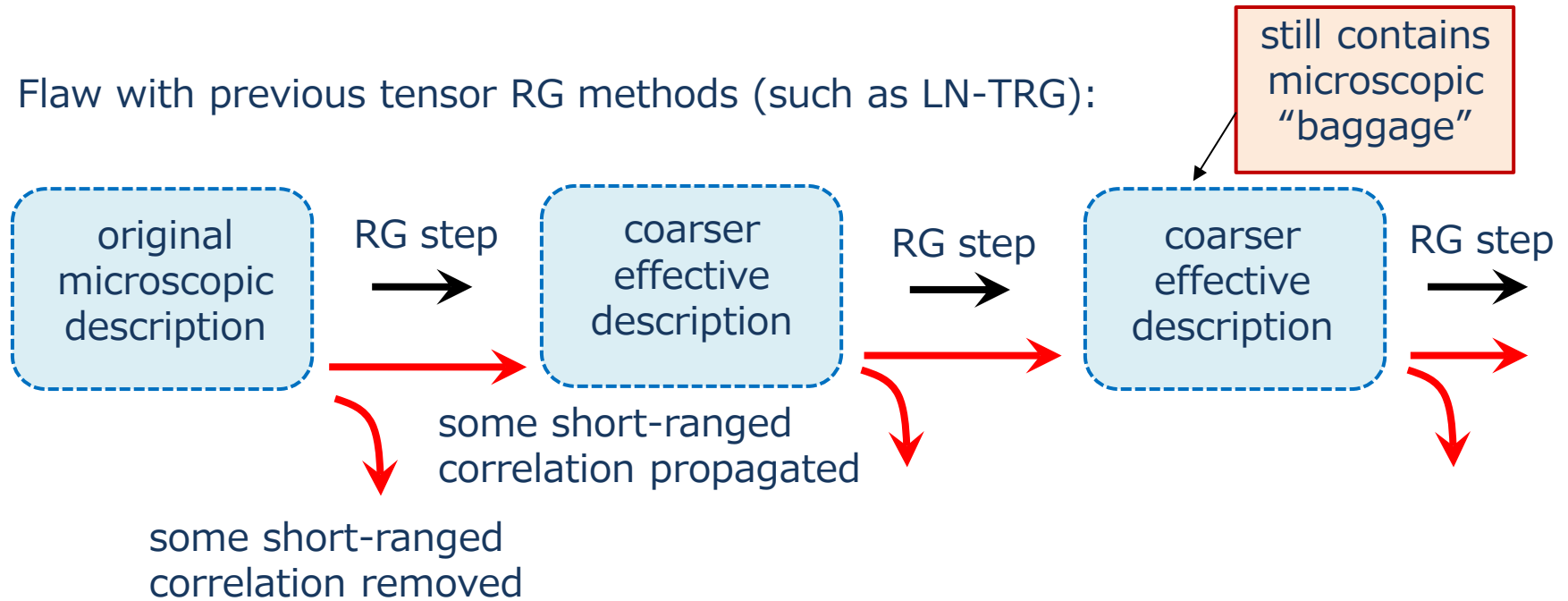
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**Today:** introduce new method of tensor RG (for partition functions and path integrals) that resolves significant **computational and conceptual problems** of previous approaches

# Overview

Flaw with previous tensor RG methods (such as LN-TRG):



**Flaw:** each RG step removes some (but not all) of the short-ranged degrees freedom

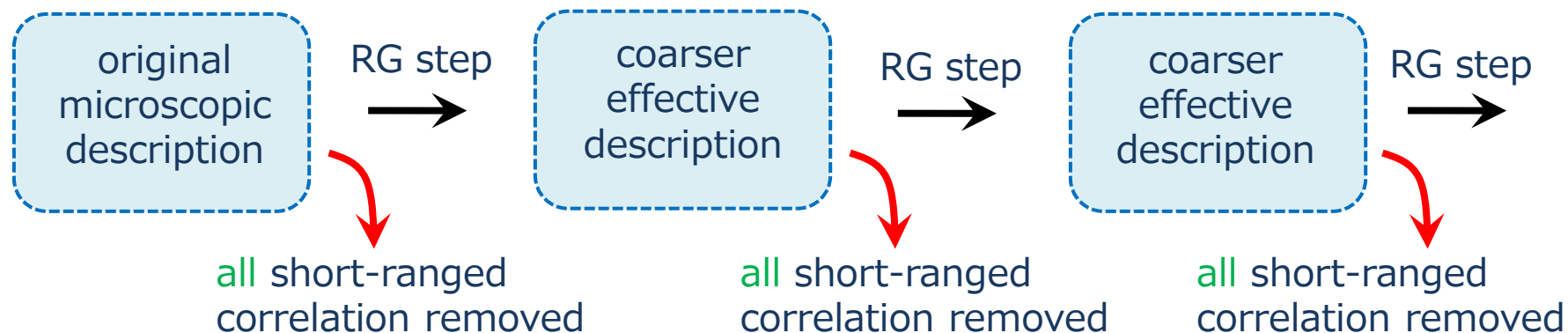
## Consequences:

- Accumulation of short ranged detail can cause computational breakdown; cost scales **exponentially** in RG step! ❌
- Effective theory still contains **unwanted microscopic detail**; one does not recover proper structure of RG fixed points ❌

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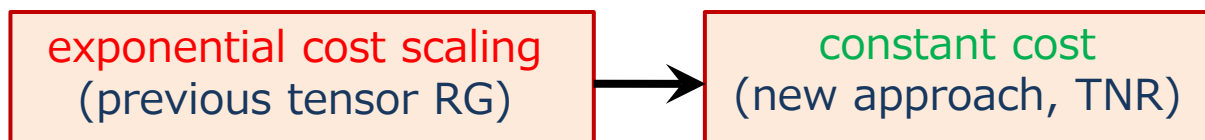
New approach: “**Tensor Network Renormalization (TNR)**” arXiv:1412.0732

A way of implementing real-space RG that addresses **all short-ranged degrees of freedom** at each RG step



## Advantages:

- **Proper RG flow is achieved**, TNR reproduces the correct structure of RG fixed points
- Prevents harmful accumulation of short-ranged detail, allowing for a sustainable RG flow:



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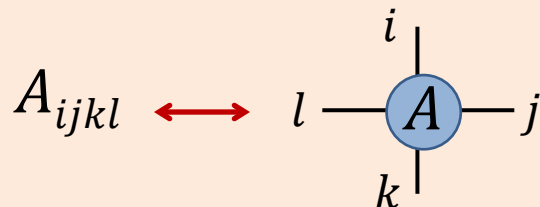
# Overview: Tensor Networks

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dimension

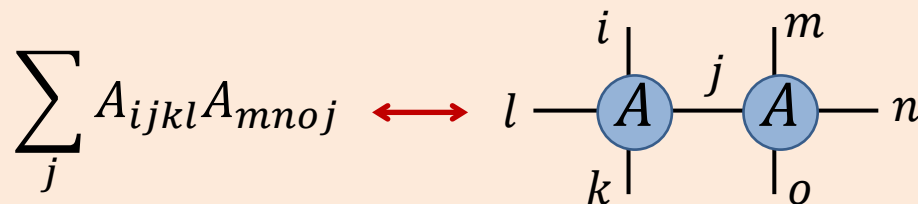
Let  $A_{ijkl}$  be a four index tensor with  $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \chi\}$

i.e. such that the tensor is a  $\chi \times \chi \times \chi \times \chi$  array of numbers

Diagrammatic notation:



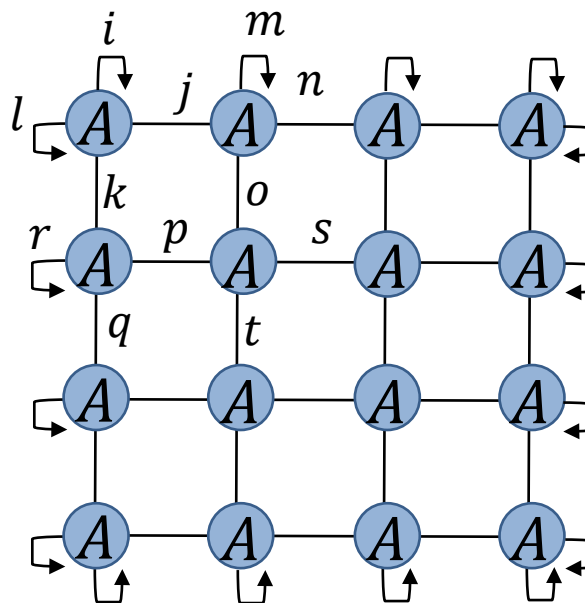
Contraction of two tensors:



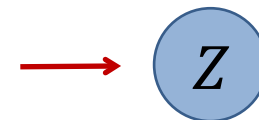
Square lattice network (PBC):

$$\sum_{ijklmn\dots} A_{ijkl} A_{mnoj} A_{kpqr} A_{ostp} \dots$$

$$\equiv \text{tTr} \left( \bigotimes_{x=1}^N A \right) = Z$$

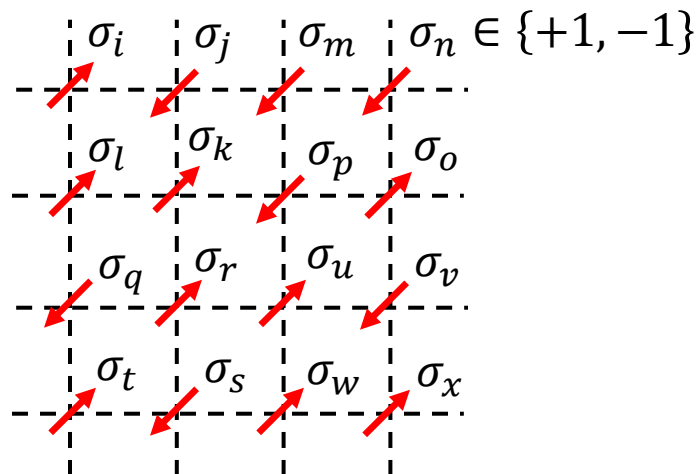


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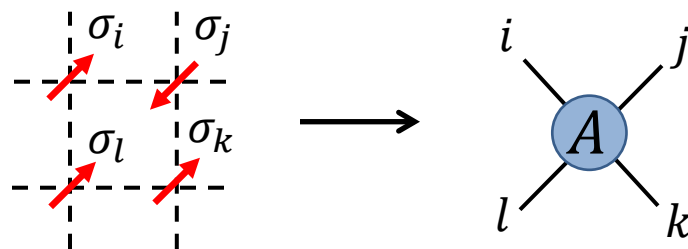


# Partition functions as Tensor Networks

Square lattice of Ising spins:



Encode the Boltzmann weights of a plaquette of spins in a four-index tensor



Hamiltonian functional for Ising ferromagnet:

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Partition function:

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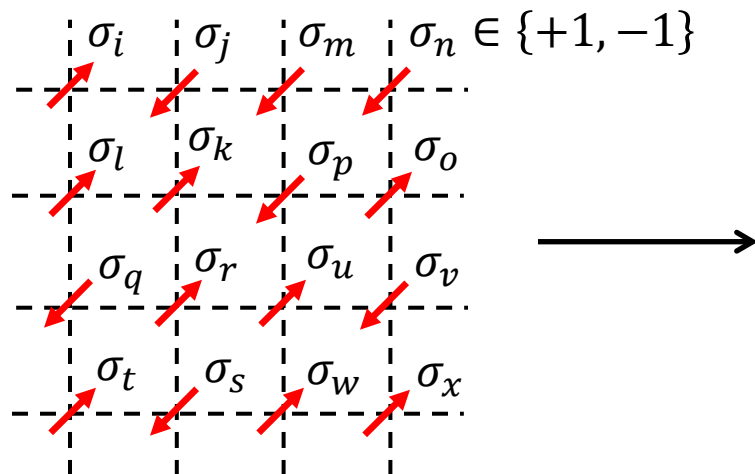
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$$A_{ijkl} = e^{(\sigma_i \sigma_j + \sigma_j \sigma_k + \sigma_k \sigma_l + \sigma_l \sigma_i)/T}$$



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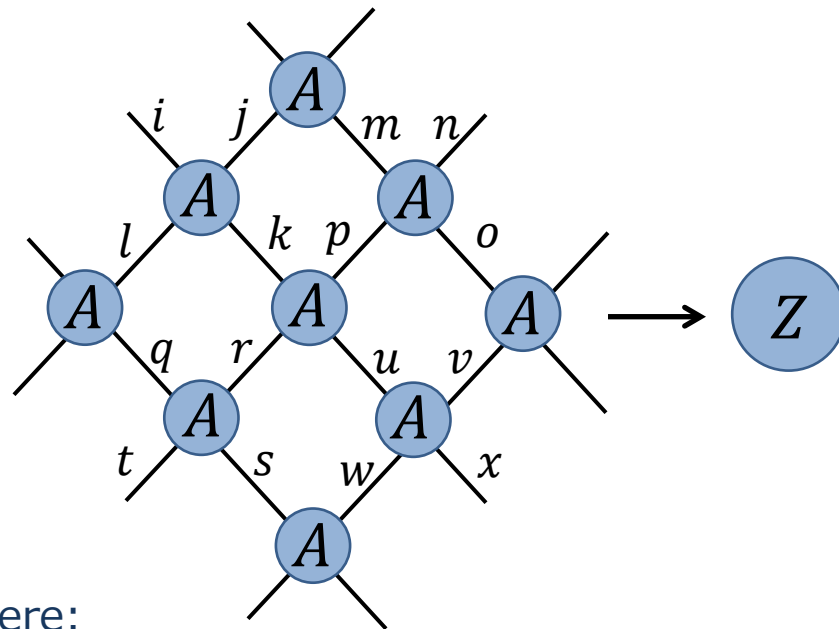


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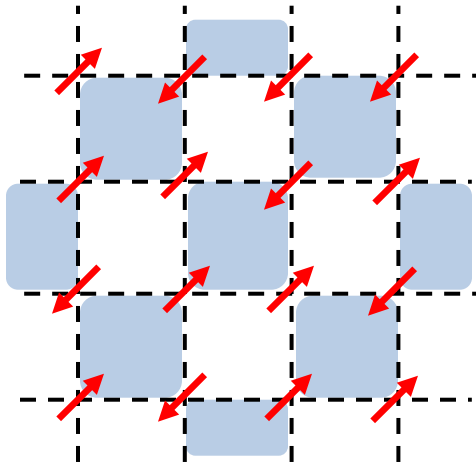


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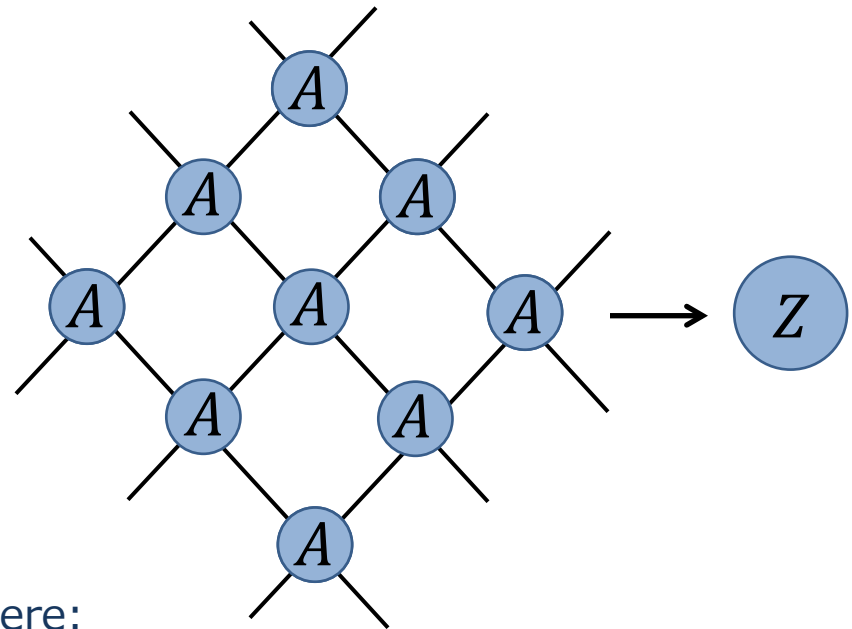
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← Partition function given by contraction of tensor network

# Path Integrals as Tensor Networks

Nearest neighbour Hamiltonian for a 1D quantum system:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \sum_r h(r, r+1) = \sum_{r \text{ even}} h(r, r+1) + \sum_{r \text{ odd}} h(r, r+1) \\ &= H_{\text{even}} + H_{\text{odd}} \end{aligned}$$

Evolution in imaginary time yields projector onto ground state:

$$|\psi_{\text{GS}}\rangle\langle\psi_{\text{GS}}| = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-\beta H}]$$

Expand in small time steps:

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-\beta H}] = e^{-\tau H} e^{-\tau H} e^{-\tau H} e^{-\tau H} \dots$$

Suzuki-Trotter expansion:

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Separate Hamiltonian into even and odd terms:

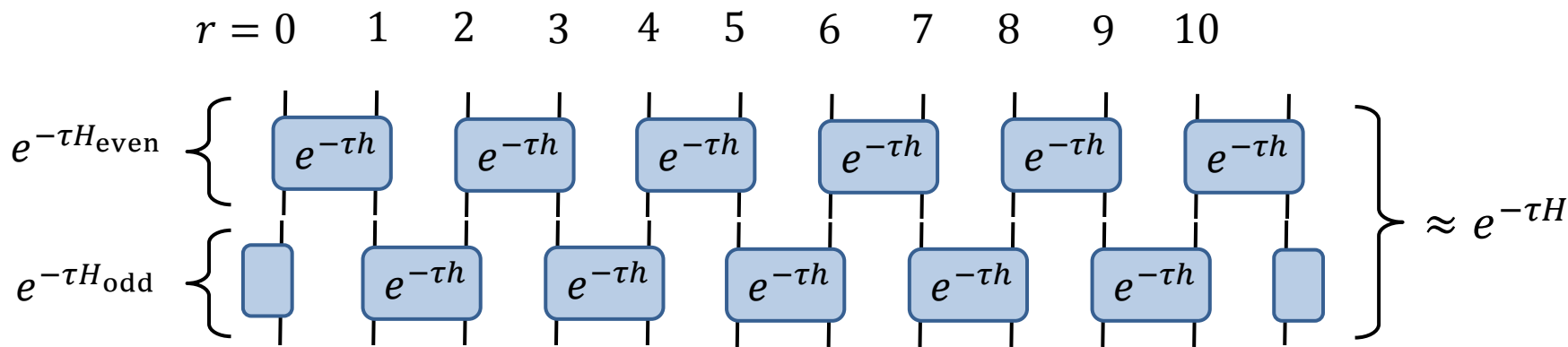
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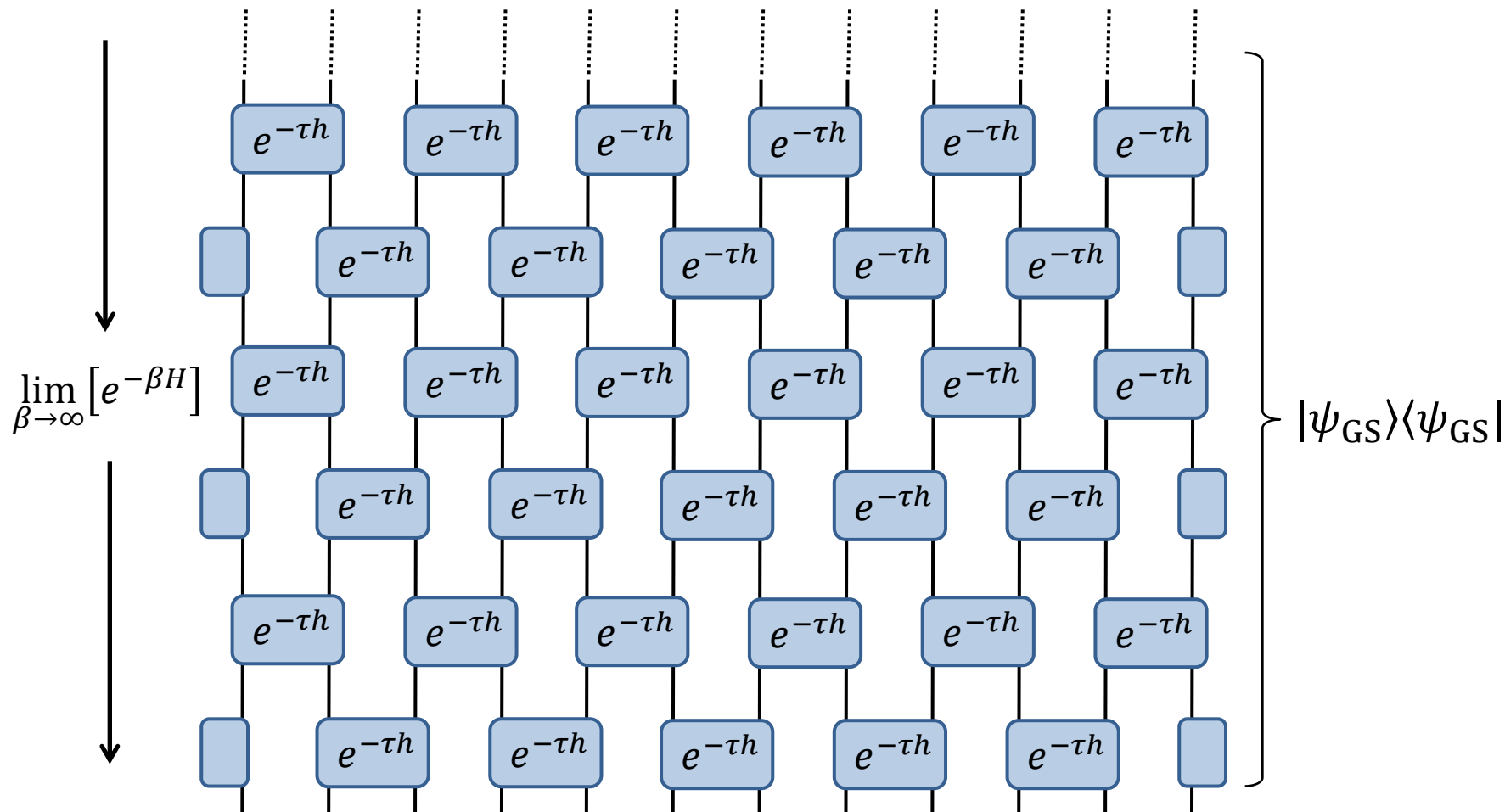
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Exponentiate even and odd separately :



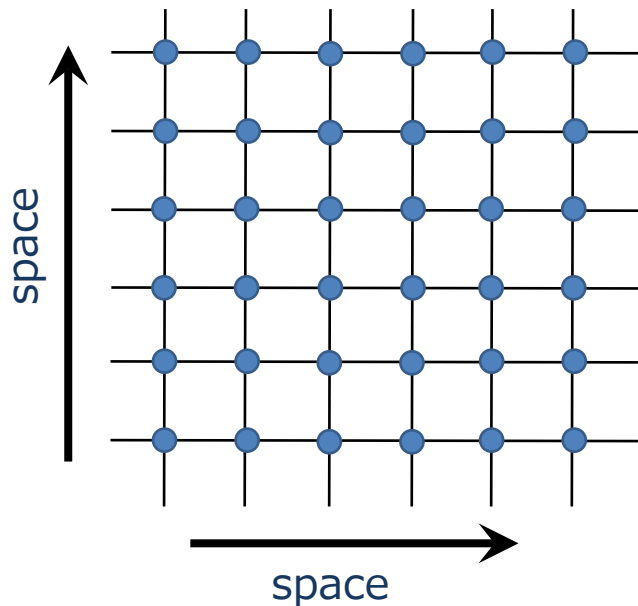
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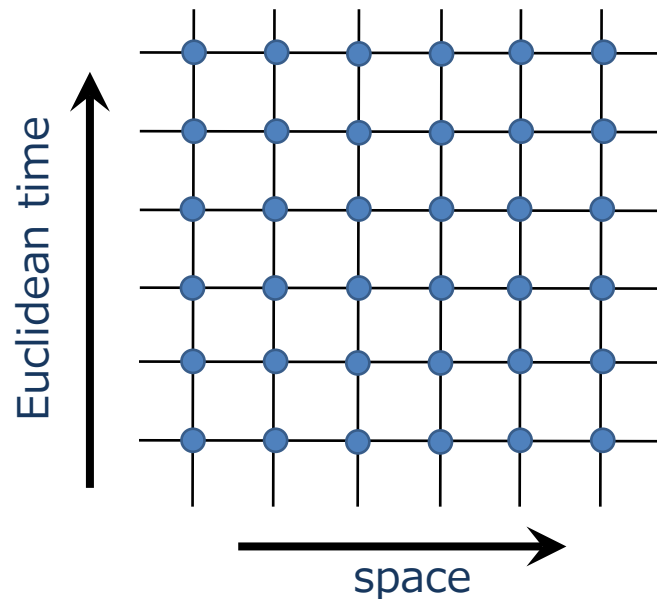
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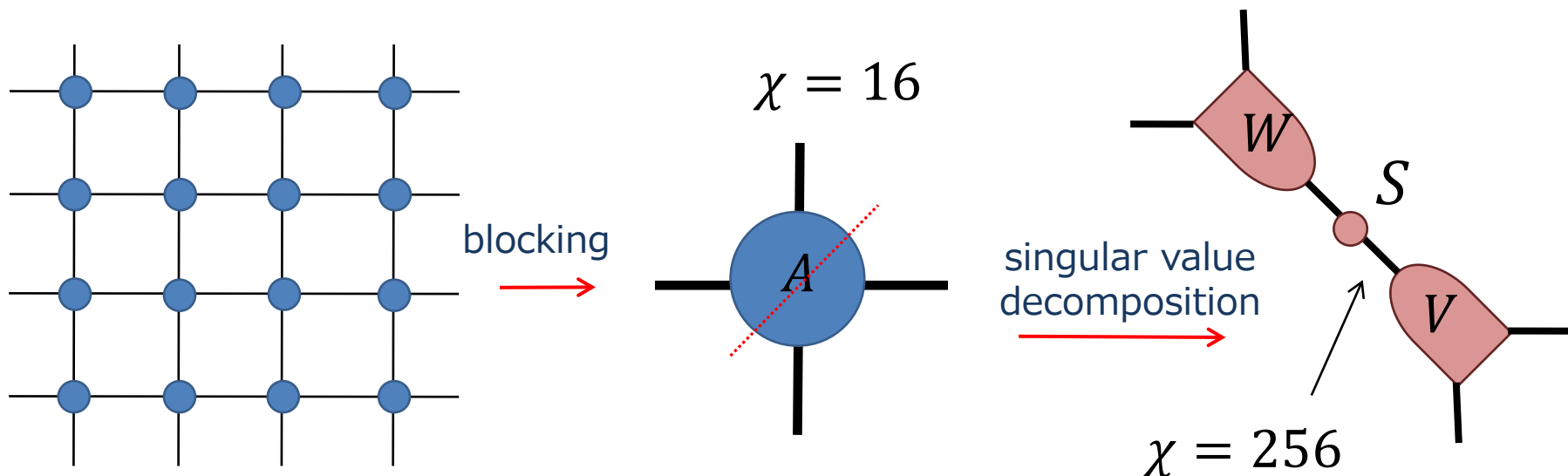
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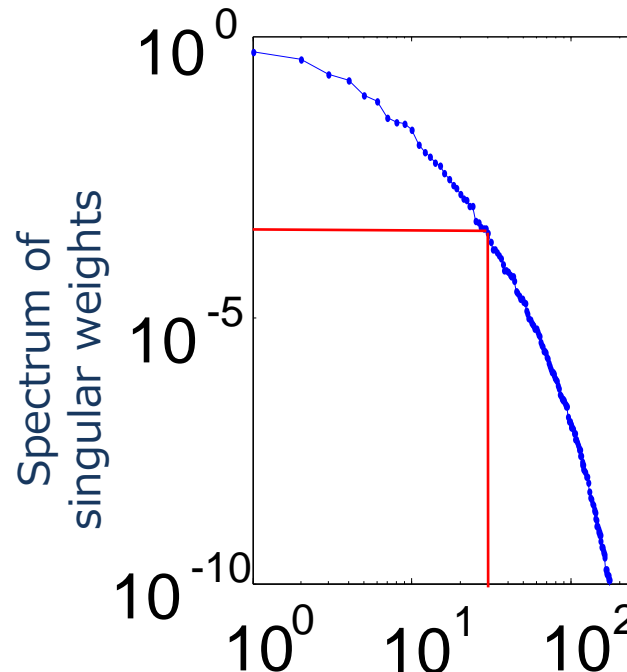
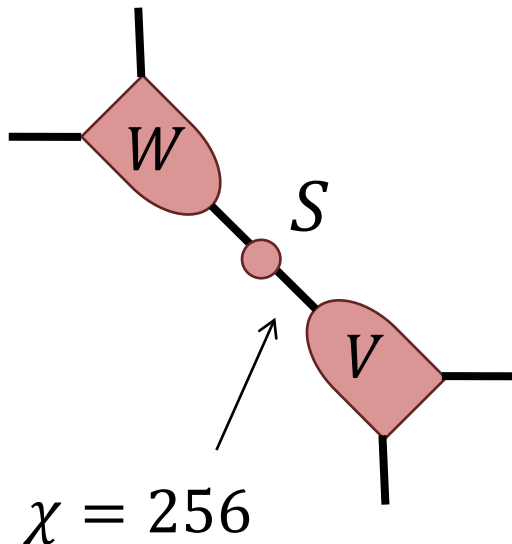
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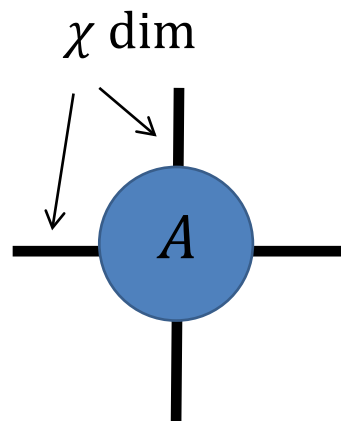
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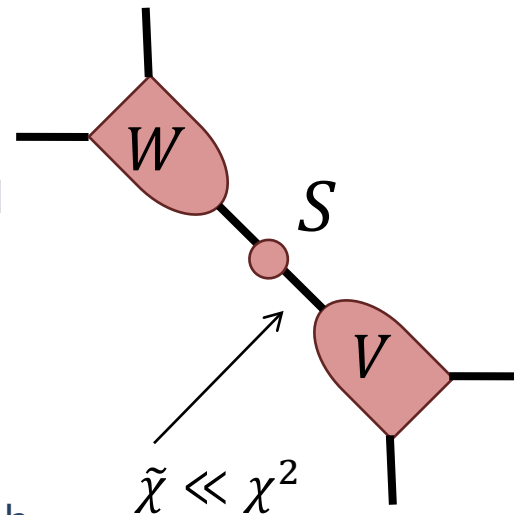
Only keeping the largest 30 singular values yields truncation error ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ):

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discard singular values  
smaller than desired  
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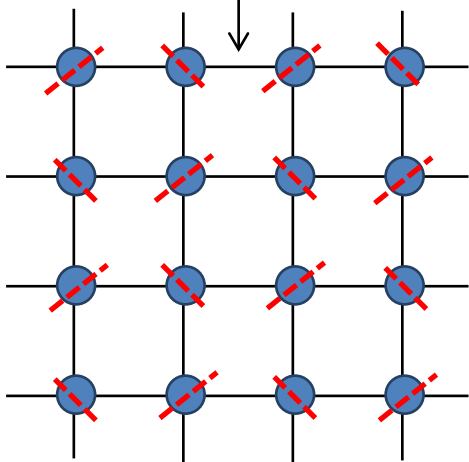


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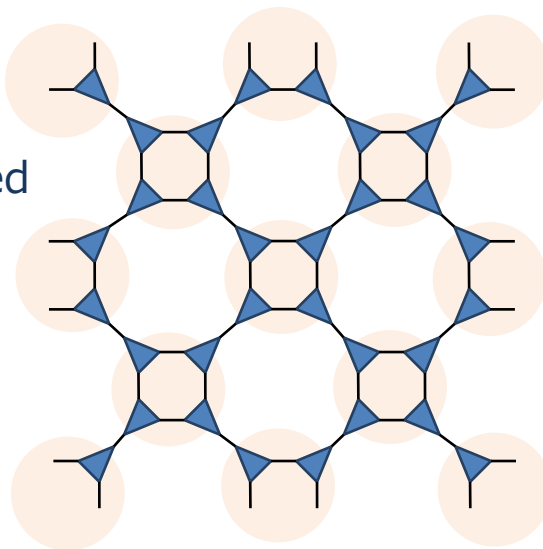


**Tensor Renormalization Group (LN-TRG)** works through  
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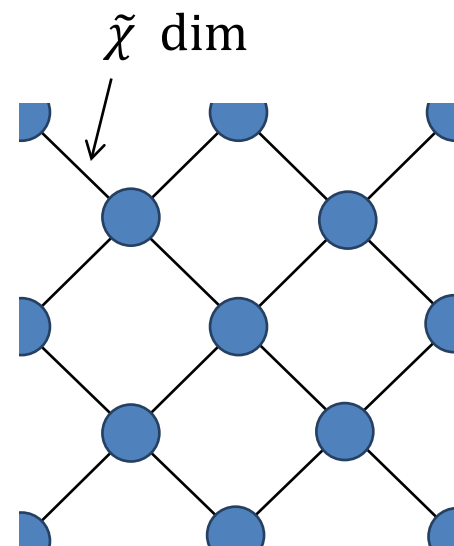
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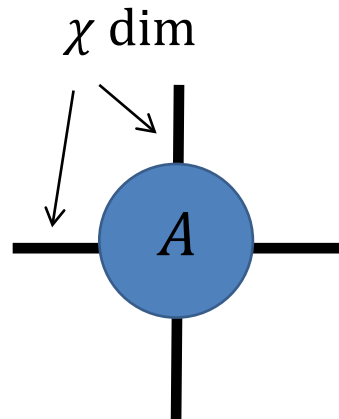


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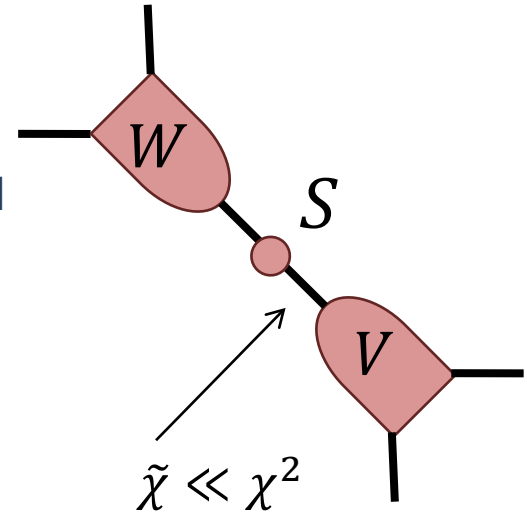
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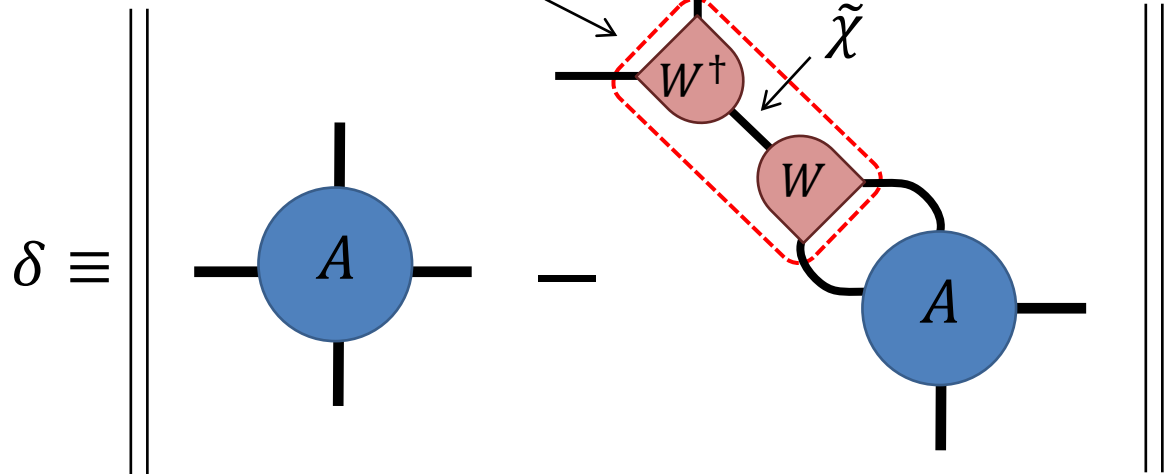


## alternative approach:

implement truncation through  
projector of the form  $W^\dagger W$  for  
isometric  $W$

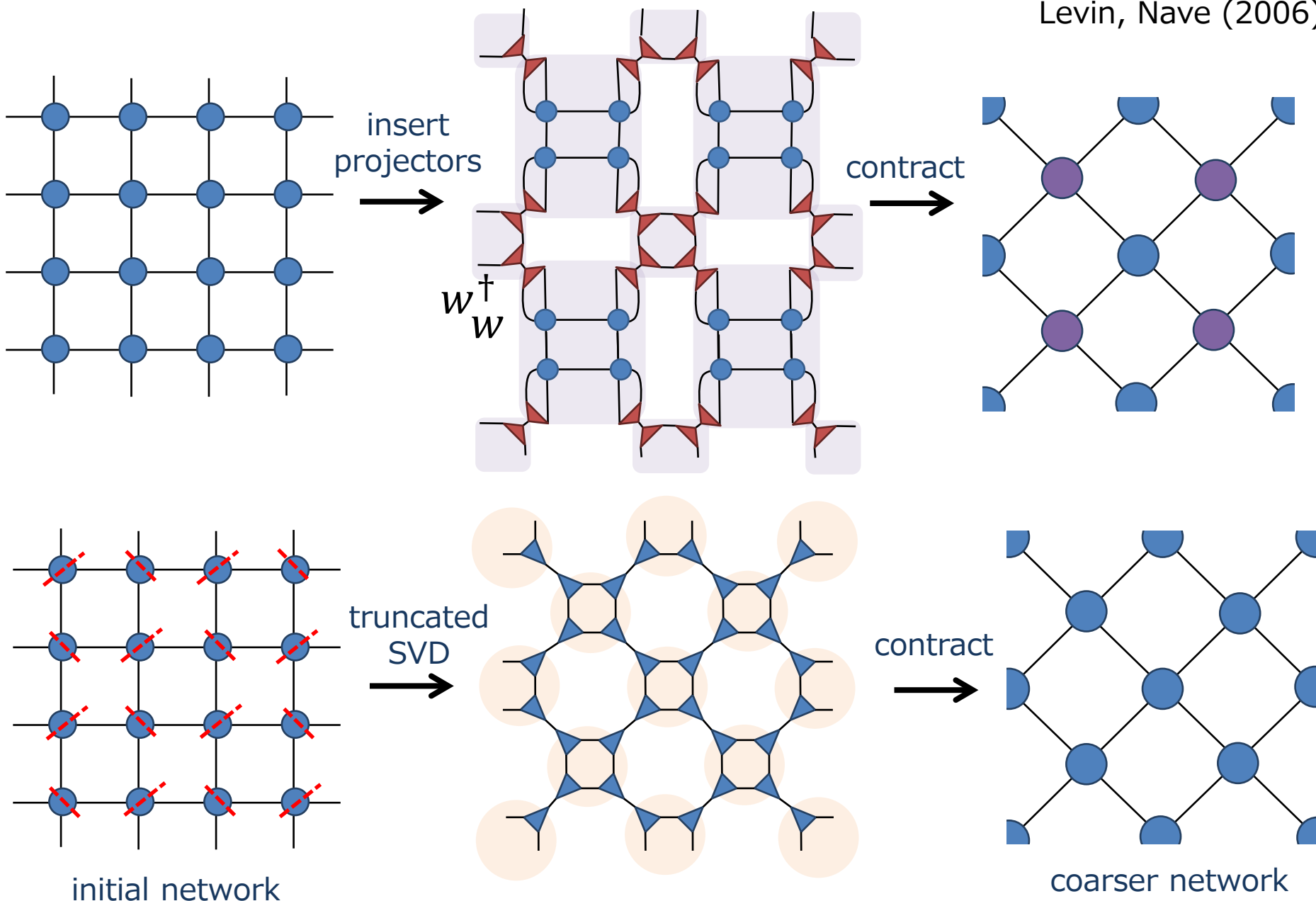
i.e. choose isometry  $W$   
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projector acts as a  
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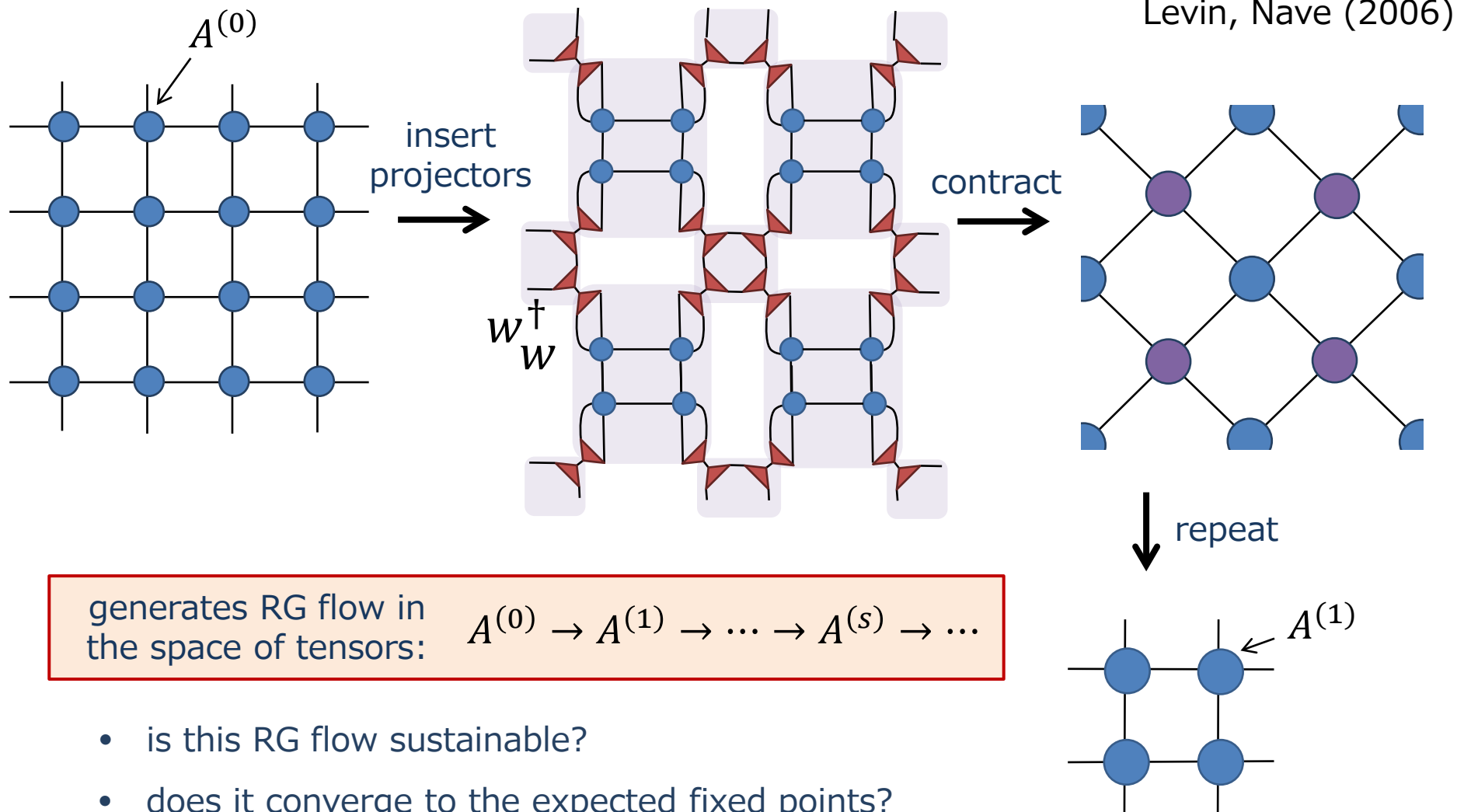


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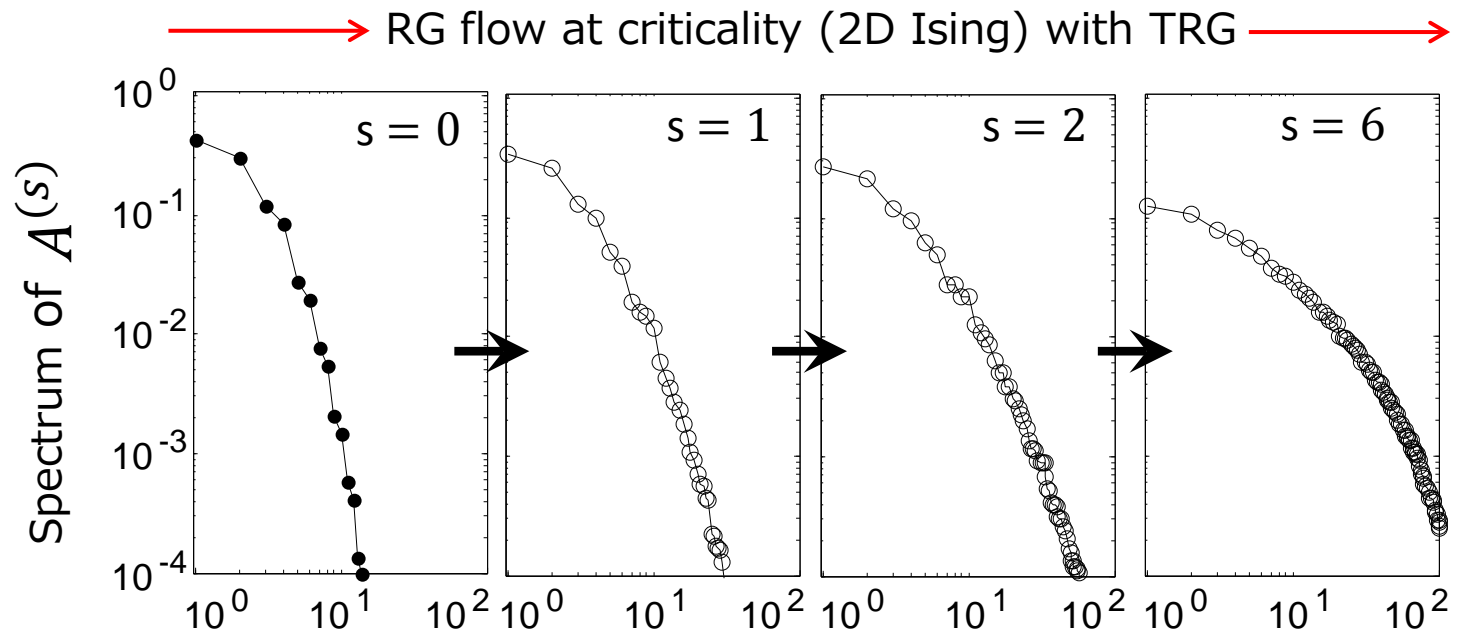


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RG flow in the space of tensors:  $A^{(0)} \rightarrow A^{(1)} \rightarrow A^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{(s)} \rightarrow \dots$



Bond dimension  $\chi$  required for truncation error  $< 10^{-3}$ :  $\sim 10 \rightarrow \sim 20 \rightarrow \sim 40 \rightarrow > 100$

Cost of iteration:  $O(\chi^6)$   $1 \times 10^6 \rightarrow 6 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 4 \times 10^9 \rightarrow > 10^{12}$

Cost of LN-TRG scales exponentially with RG iteration! ❌

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Consider 2D classical Ising ferromagnet at temperature  $T$ :

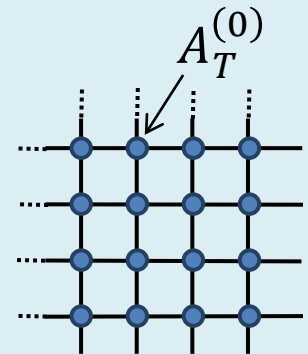
Phases:

$T < T_C$  ordered phase

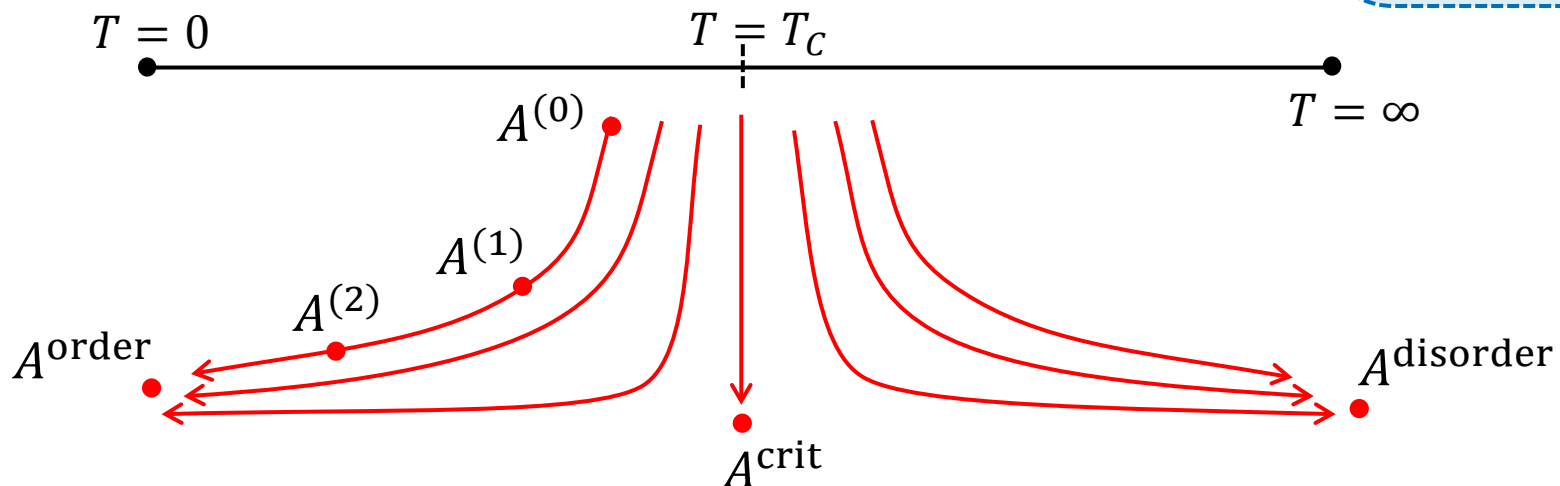
$T = T_C$  critical point (correlations at all length scales)

$T > T_C$  disordered phase

Encode partition function (temp  $T$ ) as a tensor network:

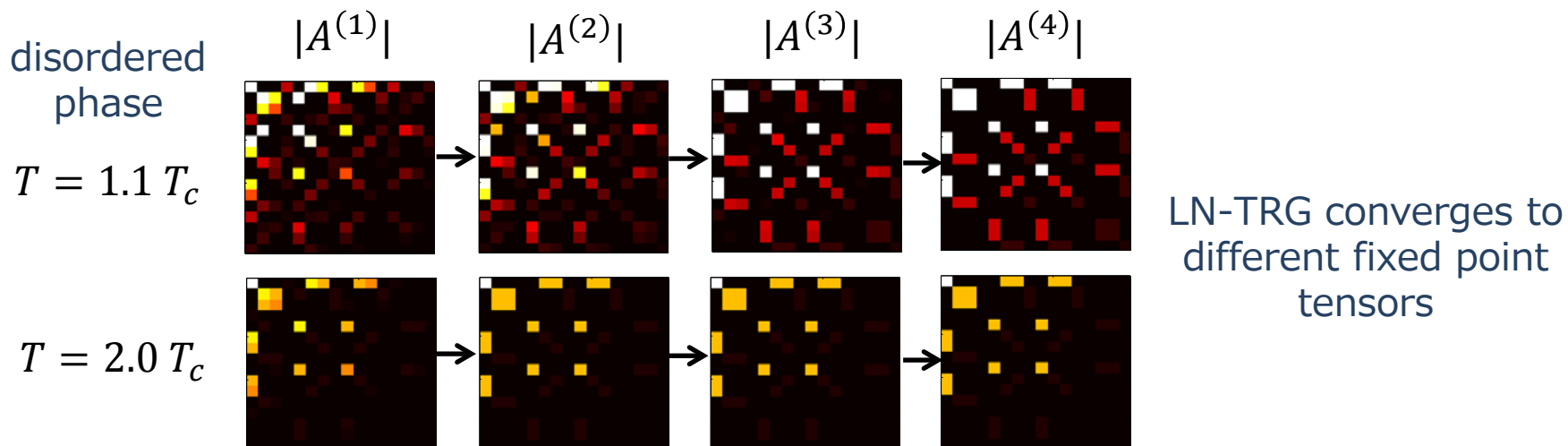


Proper RG flow:

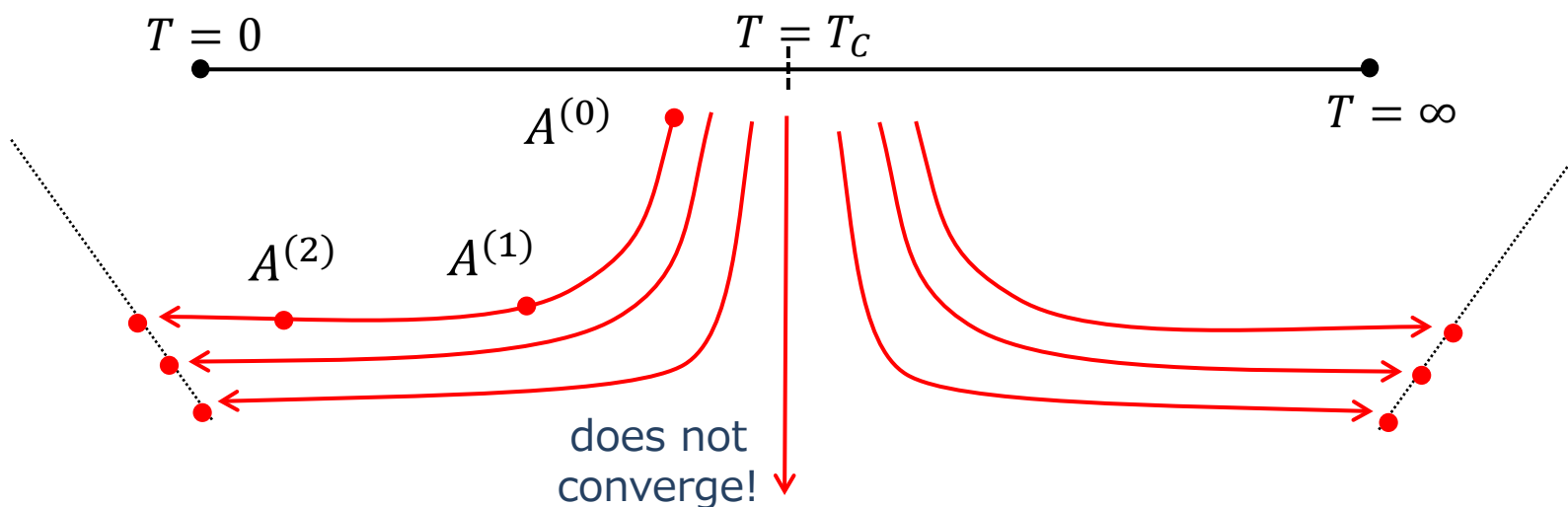


# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

Numerical results, Tensor renormalization group (**LN-TRG**):



LN-TRG does not give proper RG flow:

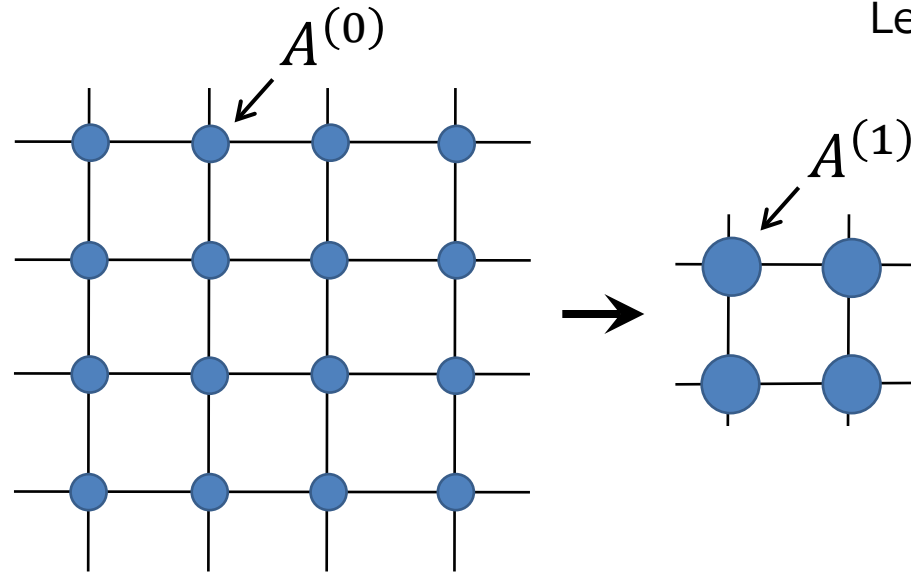




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LN-TRG generates an  
RG flow in the space  
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LN-TRG can be very powerful and useful numerically but...

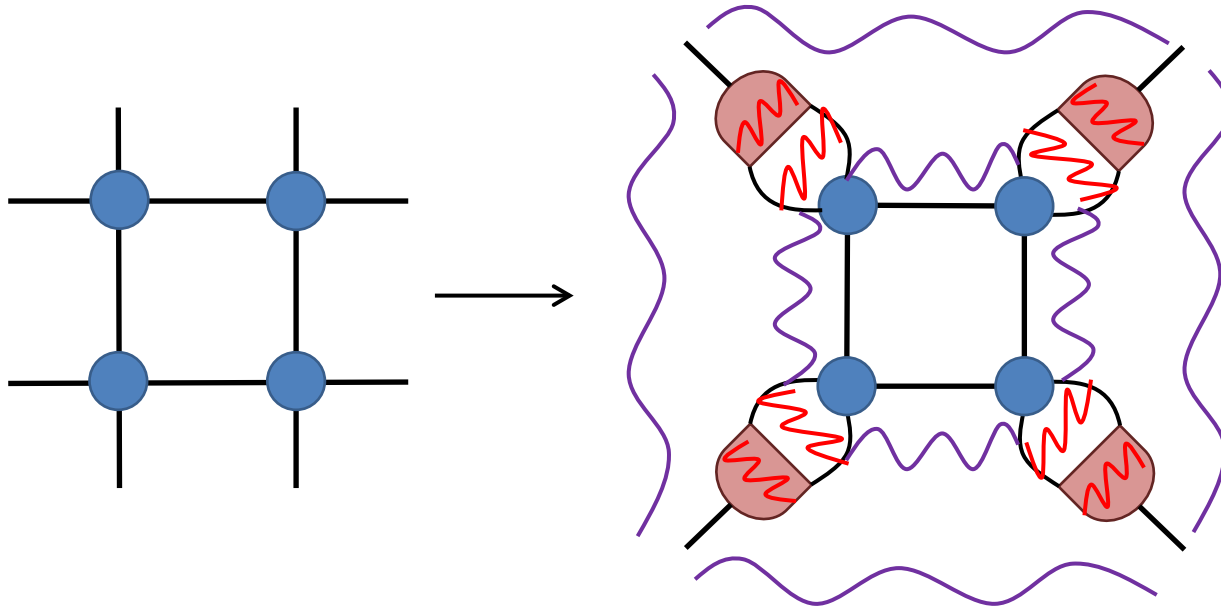
- does not reproduce a proper RG flow
- computational breakdown when near or at criticality

can we understand this?

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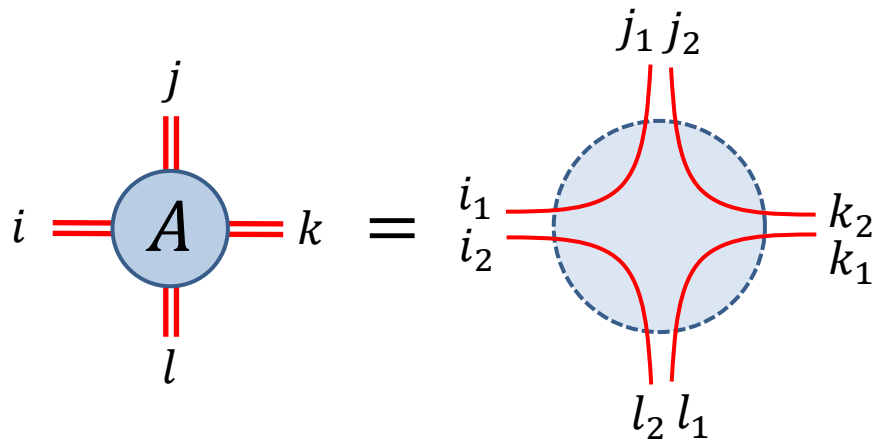
basic step  
of LN-TRG:



- isometries remove some (but not all!) short-ranged correlated degrees of freedom
- **LN-TRG fails to remove** some short-ranged correlations, which propagate to next length scale

**Example: corner-double line (CDL) tensors**

# Fixed points of LN-TRG



Imagine “A” is a special tensor such that each index can be decomposed as a product of smaller indices,

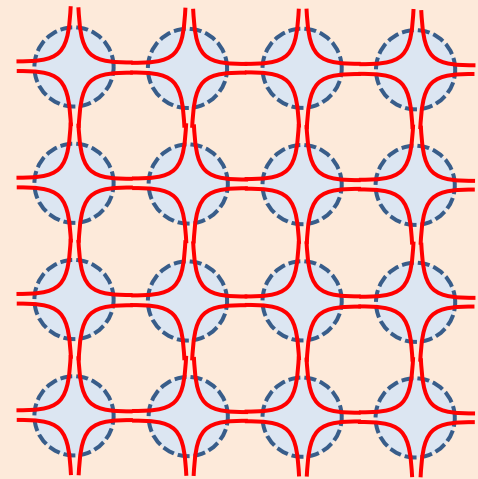
$$A_{ijkl} = A_{(i_1 i_2)(j_1 j_2)(k_1 k_2)(l_1 l_2)}$$

such that certain pairs of indices are perfectly correlated:

$$A_{(i_1 i_2)(j_1 j_2)(k_1 k_2)(l_1 l_2)} \equiv \delta_{i_1 j_1} \delta_{j_2 k_2} \delta_{k_1 l_1} \delta_{l_2 i_2}$$

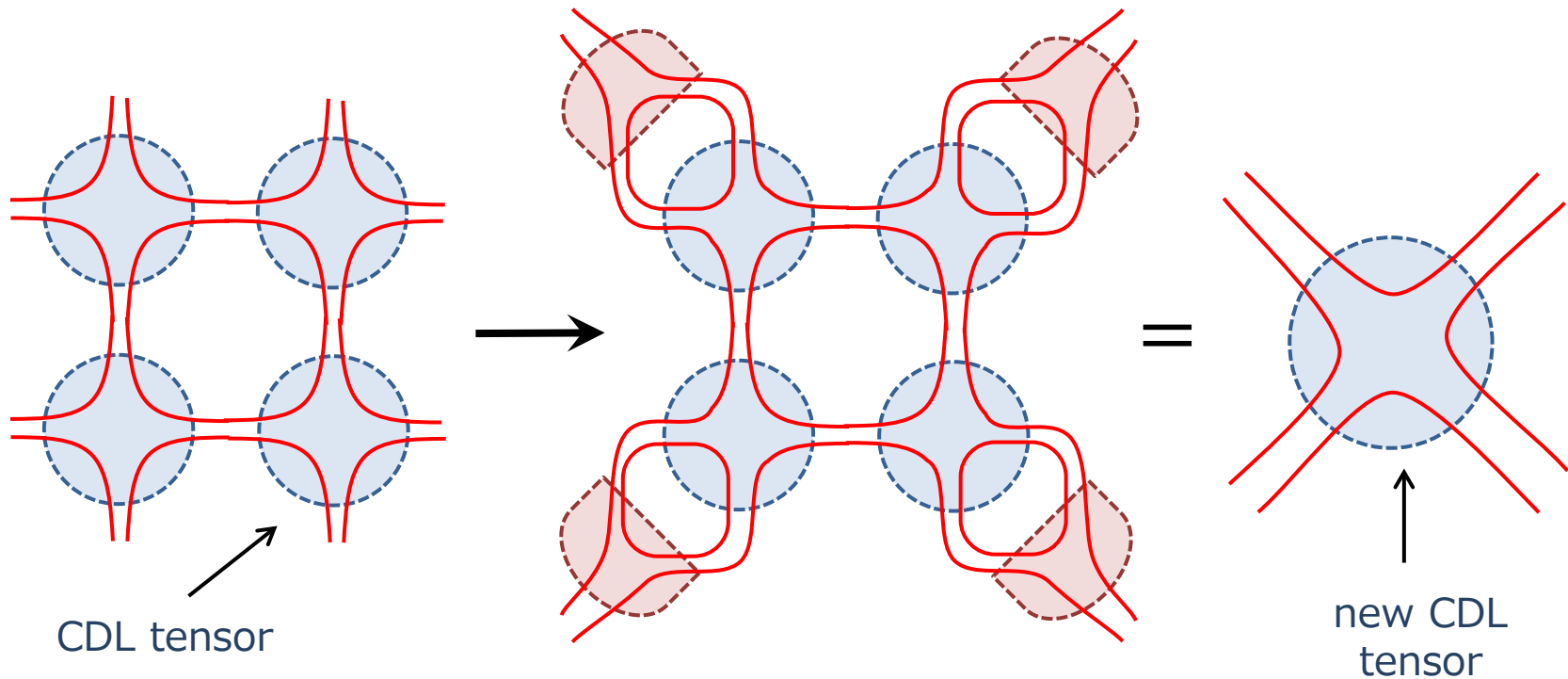
These are called **corner double line** (CDL) tensors. CDL tensors are fixed points of TRG.

Partition function built from CDL tensors represents a state with short-ranged correlations



# Fixed points of LN-TRG

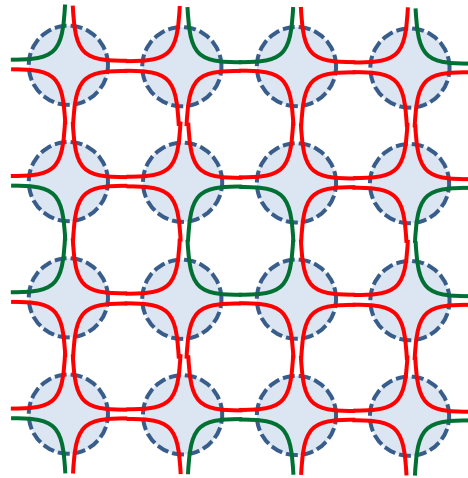
single iteration of LN-TRG:



Some short-ranged always  
correlations remain under LN-TRG!

# Fixed points of LN-TRG

short-range correlated



→ LN-TRG →

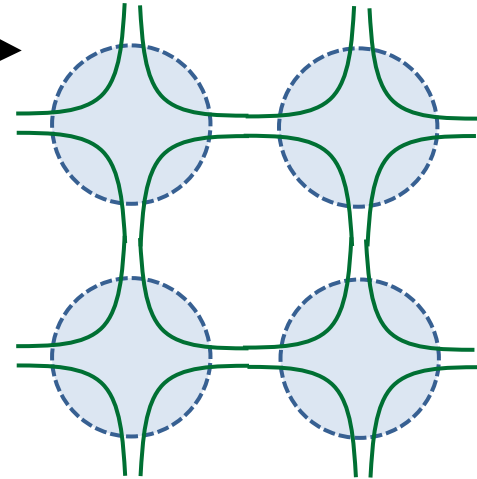
propagated



removed



short-range correlated



TRG removes some short ranged correlations, but...

others are **artificially promoted** to the next length scale

- always retains some of the microscopic (short-ranged) details
- can cause computational breakdown when near criticality

Is there some way to 'fix' tensor renormalization such that **all short-ranged** correlations are addressed?

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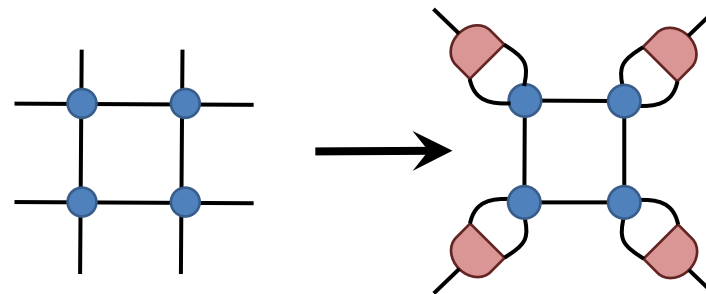
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# Tensor Network Renormalization

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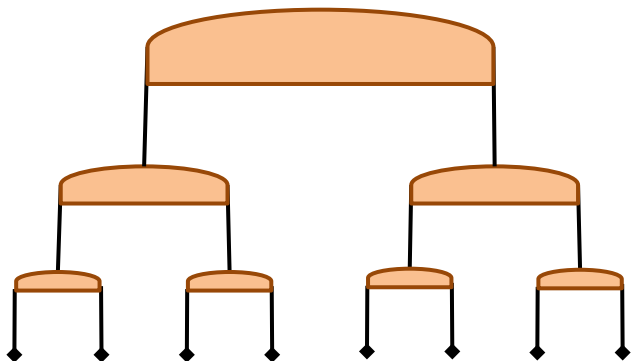
previous RG schemes for tensor networks based upon **blocking**:

i.e. isometries responsible for combining and truncating indices

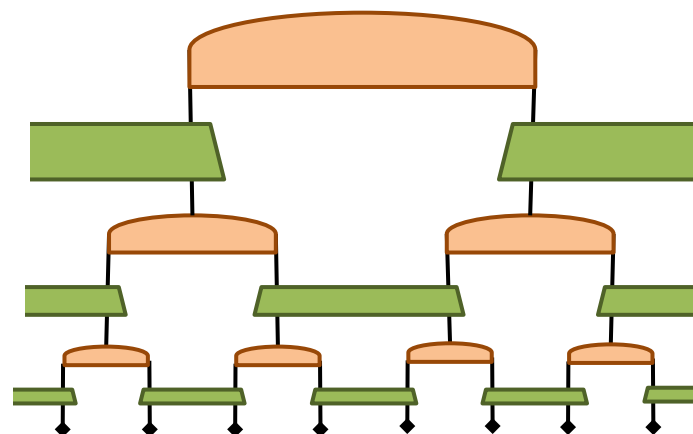


but blocking alone fails to remove short-ranged degrees of freedom...  
...can one incorporate some form of **unitary disentangling** into a tensor RG scheme?

Tree tensor network (TTN)

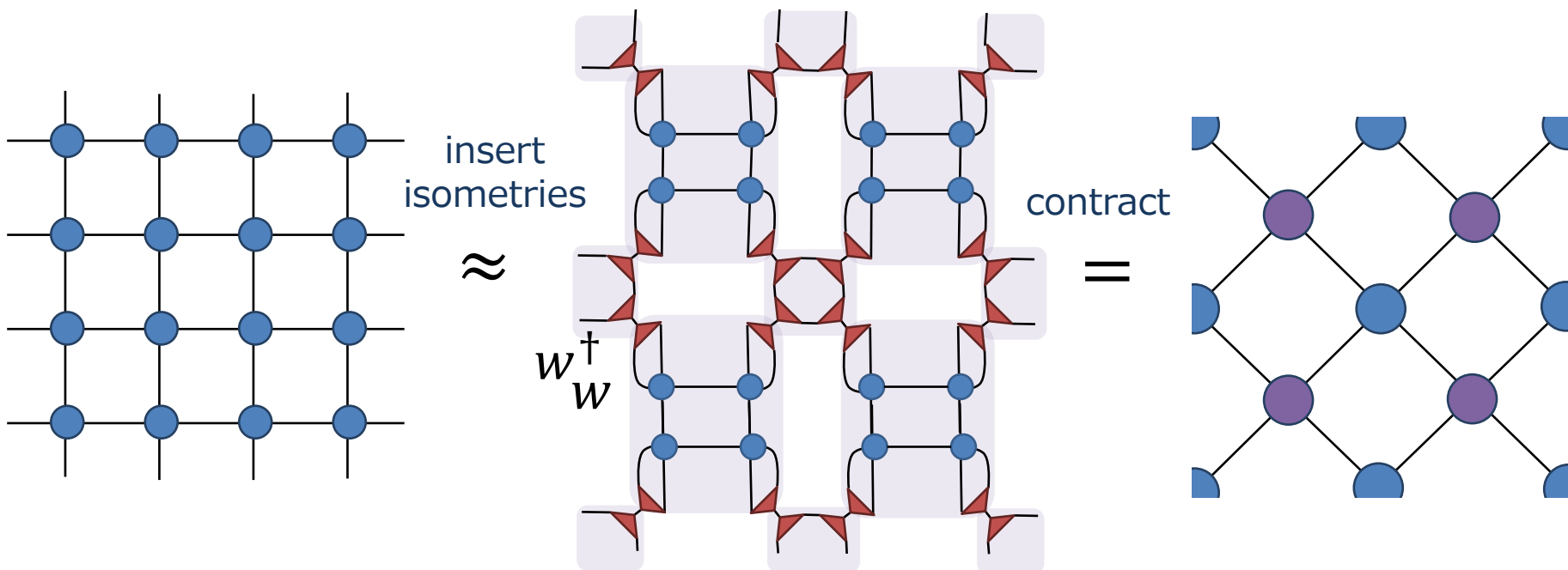


Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)



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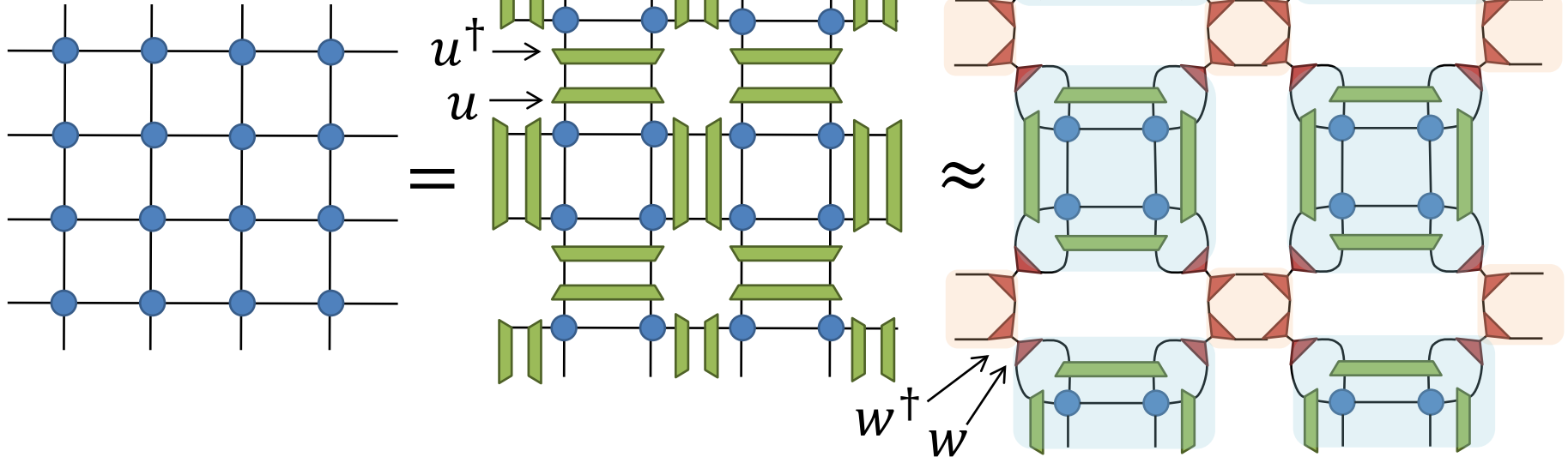




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initial square lattice  
tensor network:

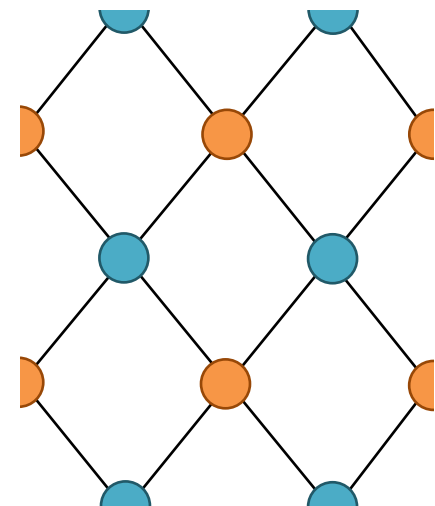


**exact step:** insert conjugate  
pairs of unitaries:  $u^\dagger u = I$

**approximate step:** insert  
conjugate pairs of isometries:  $w^\dagger w$

**exact step:** contract

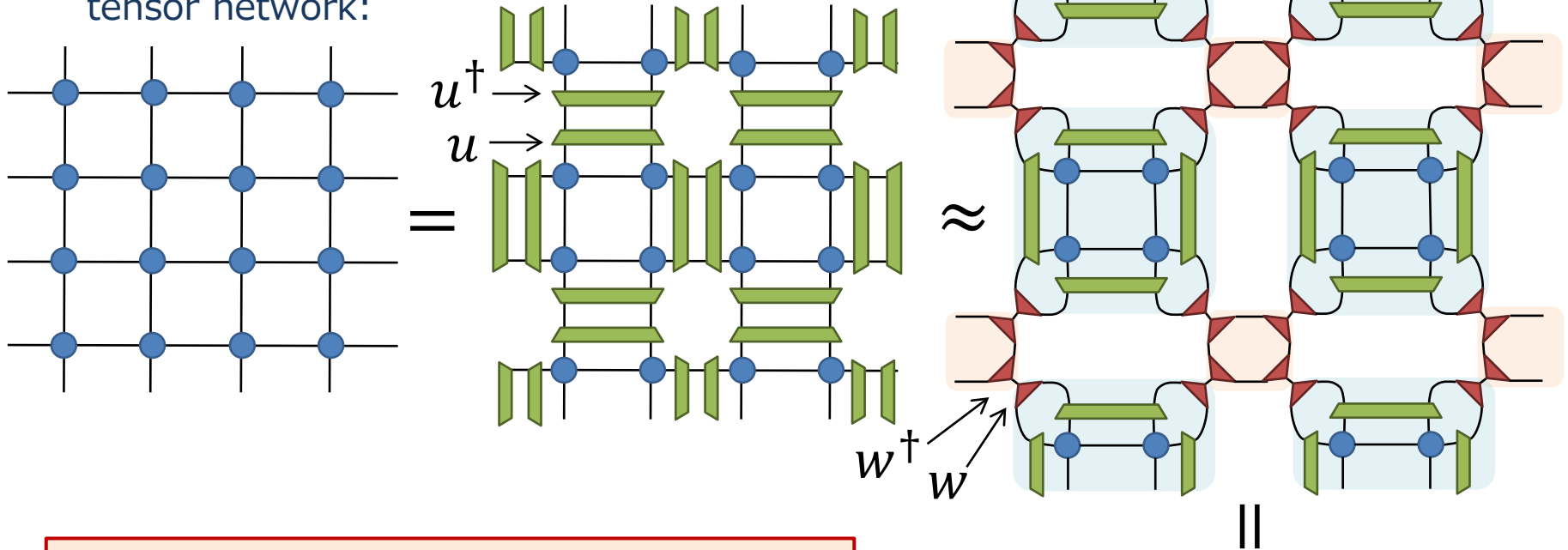
coarser  
network:



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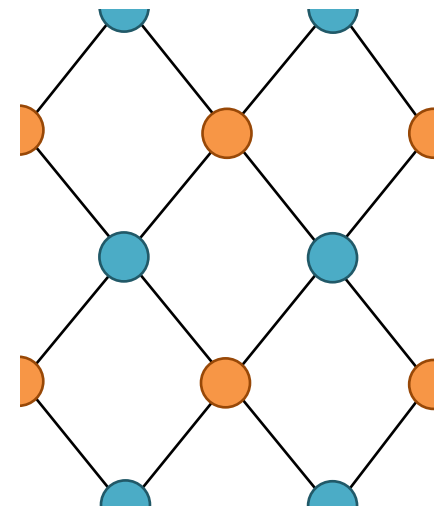
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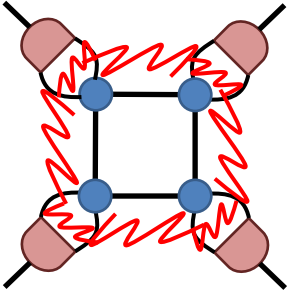
is it possible that the additional  
**disentangling step** is enough to remove  
all short-ranged degrees of freedom?

coarser  
network:



# Corner double line tensors revisited

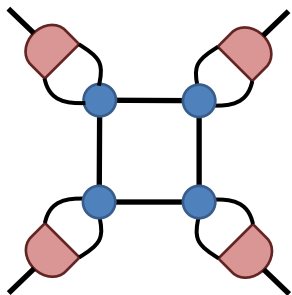
Isometries only  
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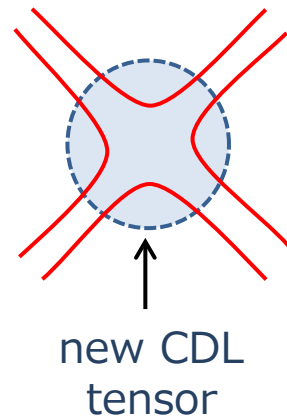
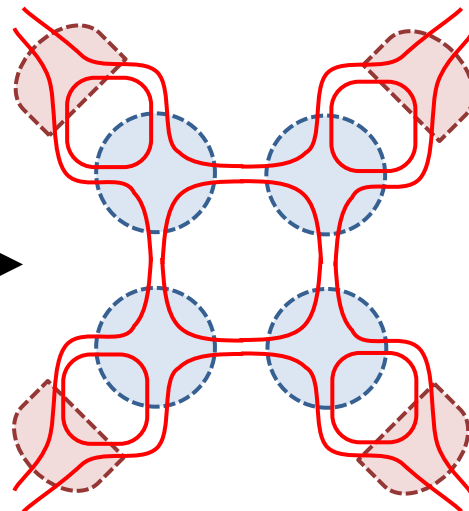
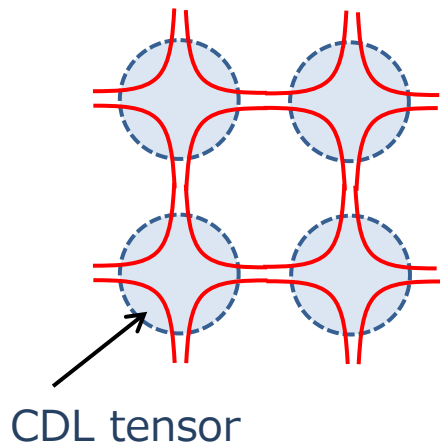
- can remove some short-ranged correlated degrees of freedom
- but fails to remove others

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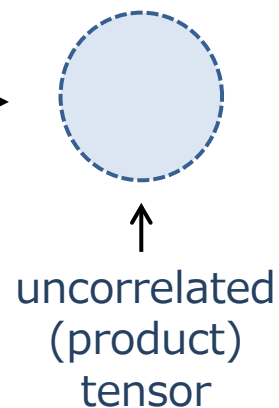
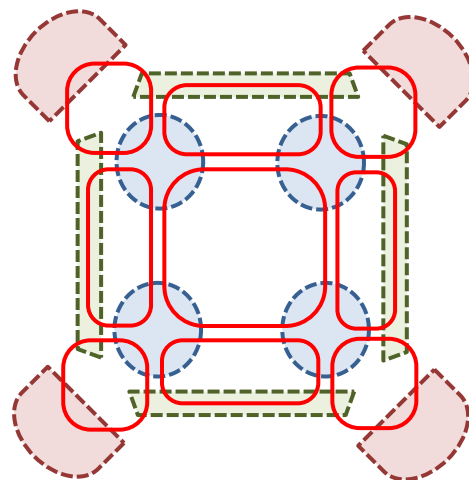
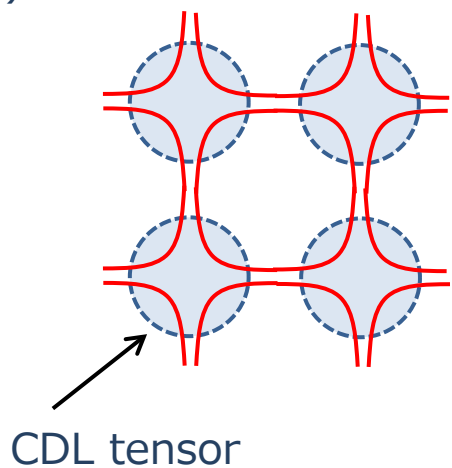
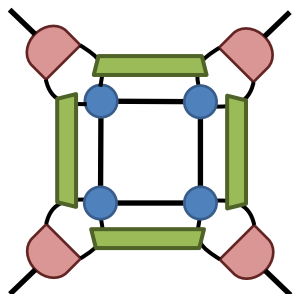
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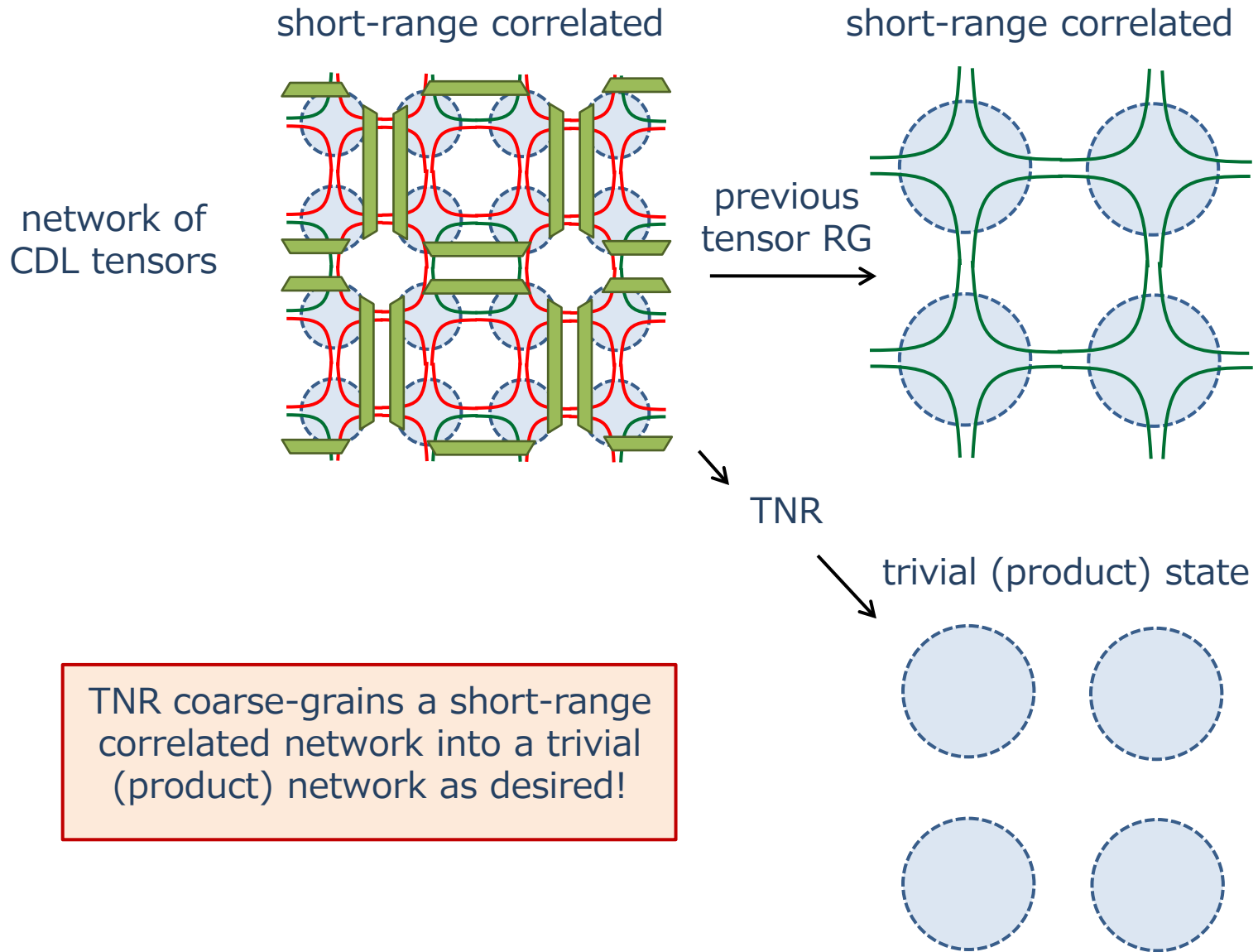
example: corner double line (CDL) tensors



Isometries and  
Disentanglers (TNR)



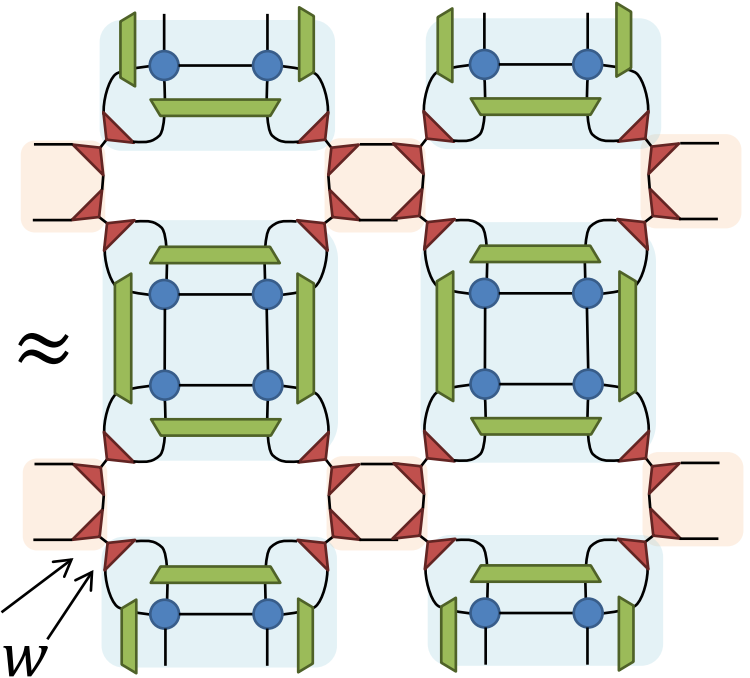
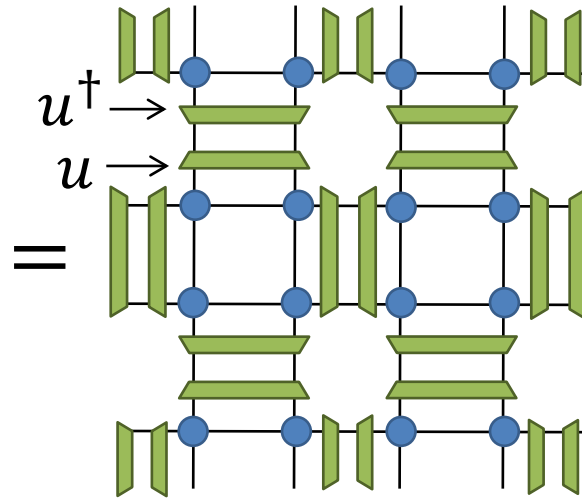
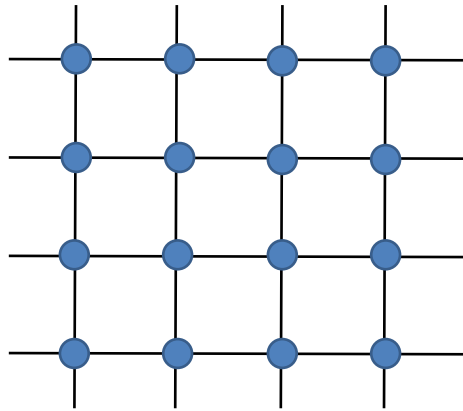
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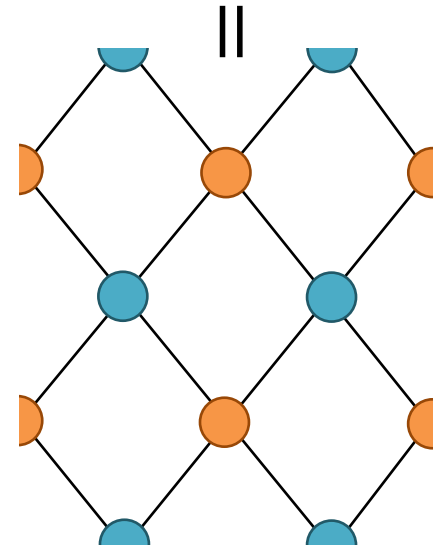
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$w^\dagger$   
 $w$

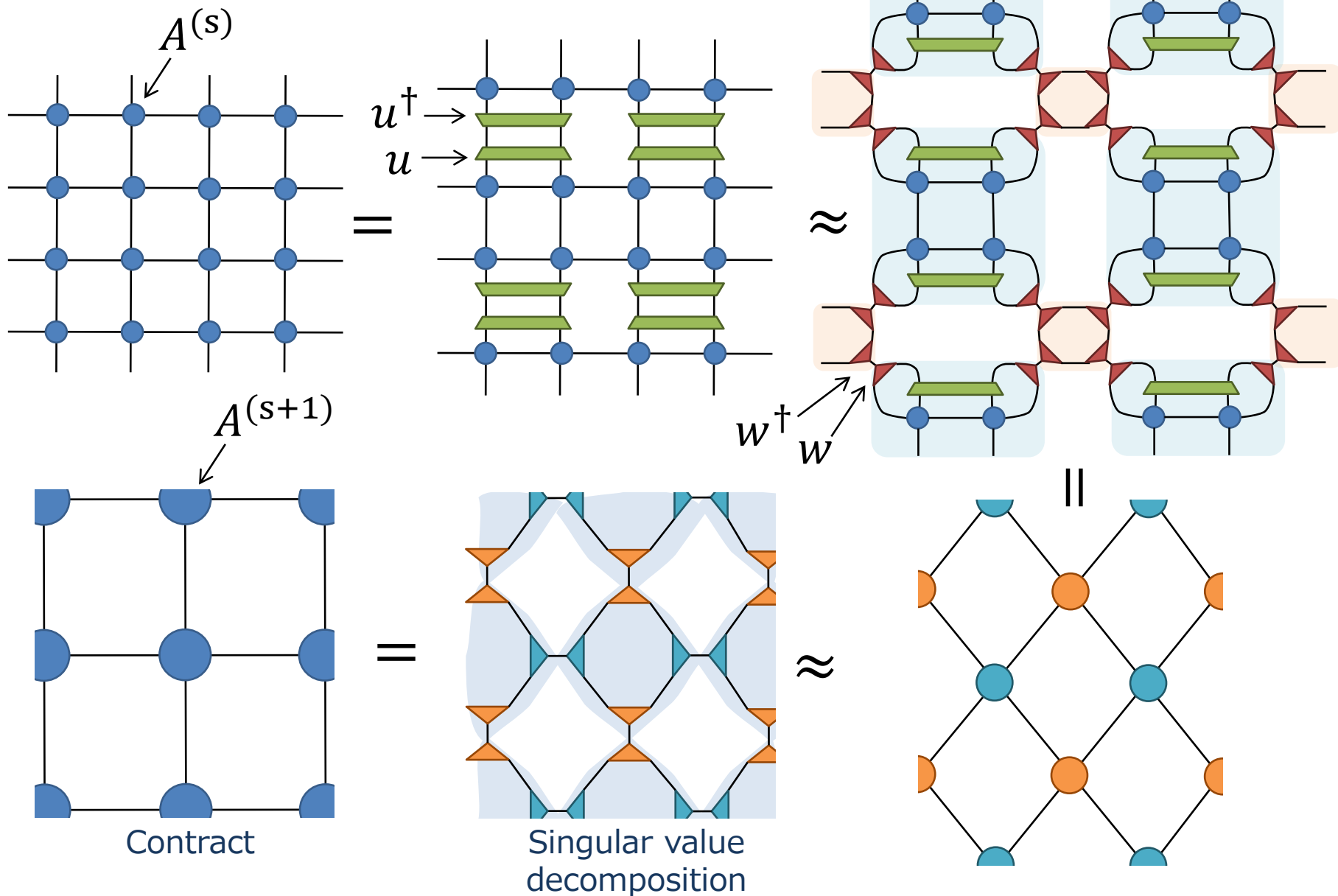
**slight modification:** we want to  
include the **minimal amount of  
disentangling** (sufficient to address  
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network



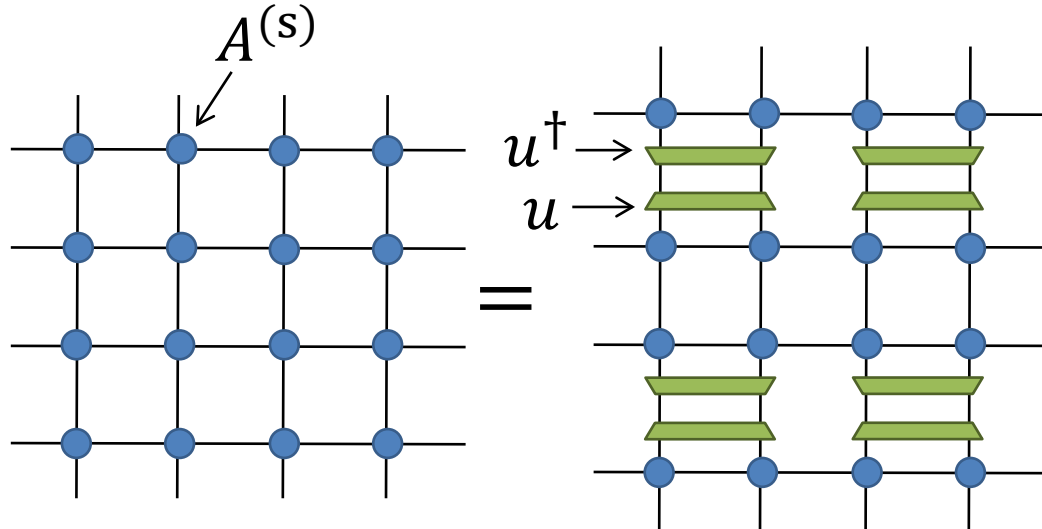
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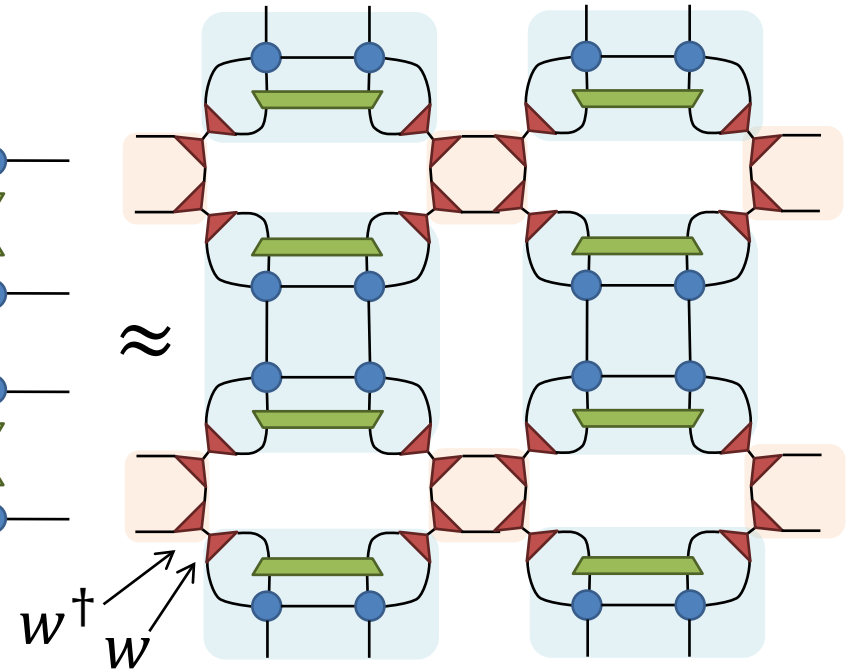


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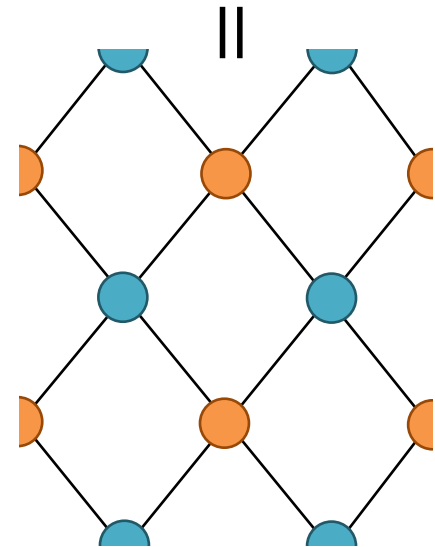
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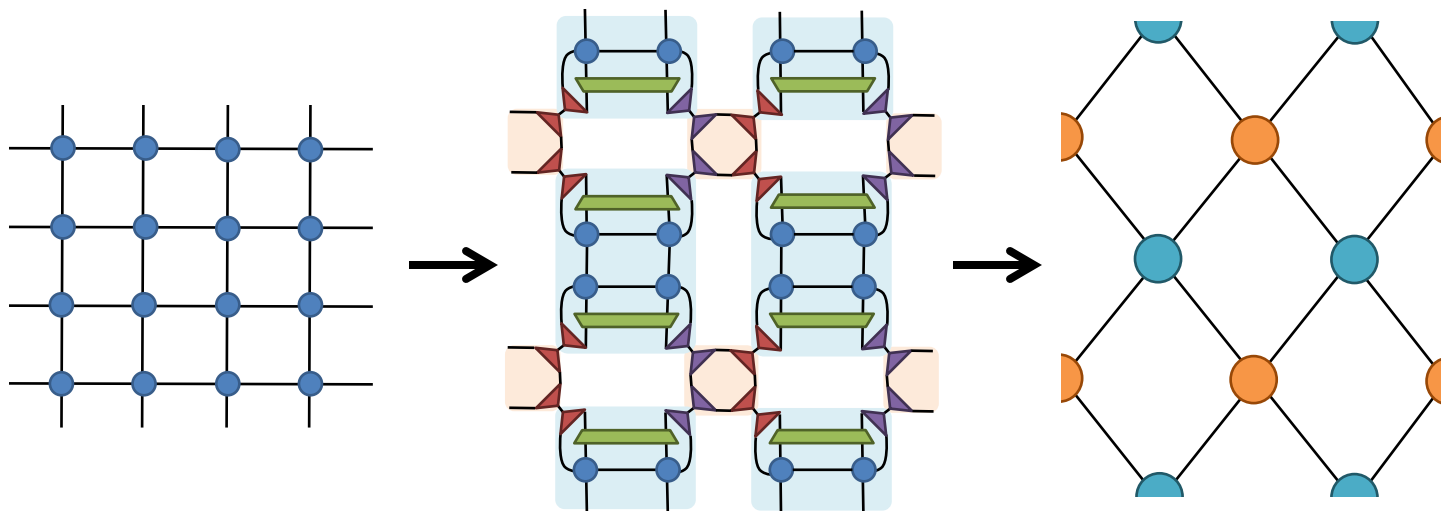
**optimization:** choose unitary ' $u$ ' and isometric ' $w$ ' to minimize the truncation error  $\delta$



$$\delta \equiv \left\| \begin{array}{c} u \\ \text{---} \\ A \quad A \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} w^\dagger \\ \text{---} \\ w \end{array} \right\|$$







## Tensor network renormalization (TNR):

RG for tensor networks designed to address **all short-ranged degrees of freedom** at each step

- works in simple examples (networks with only short-range correlations)
- does it work in more challenging / interesting cases? (such as in critical systems, which possess correlations at all length scales)

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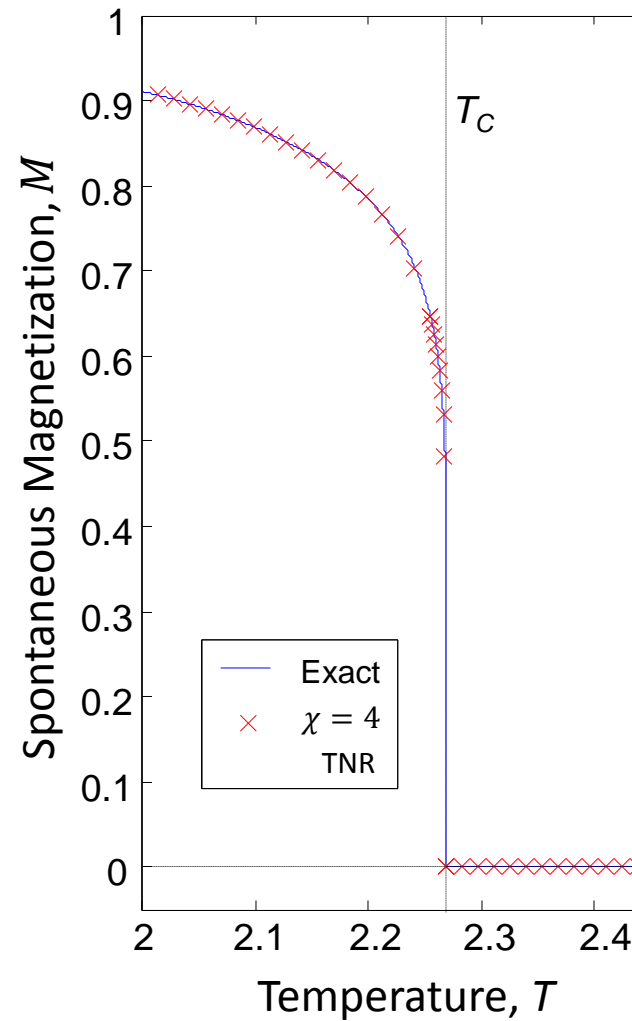
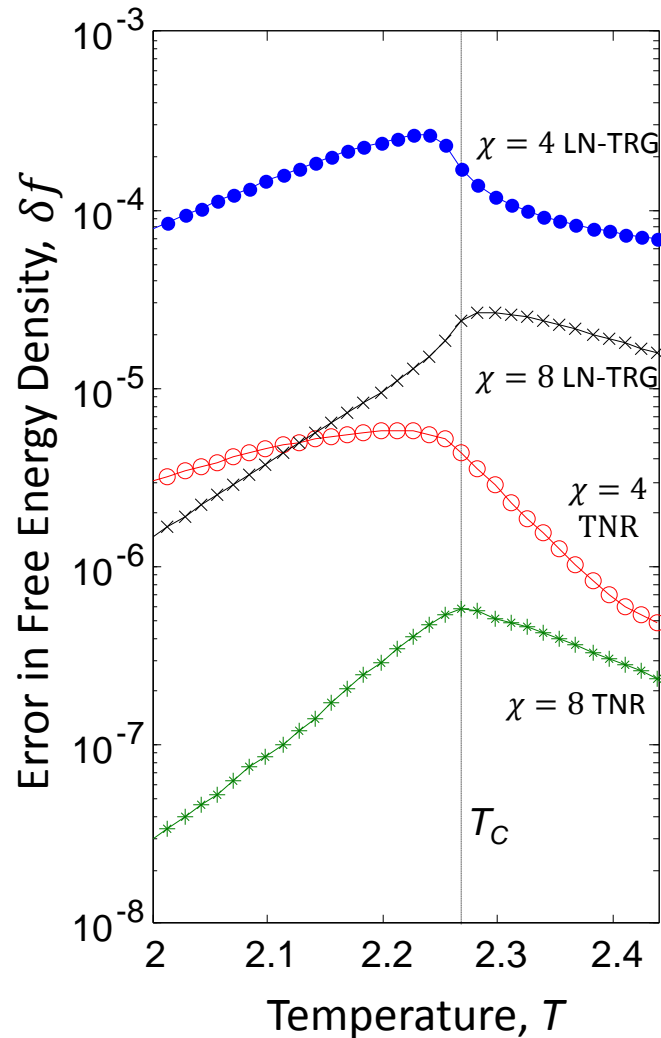
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# Benchmark numerics:

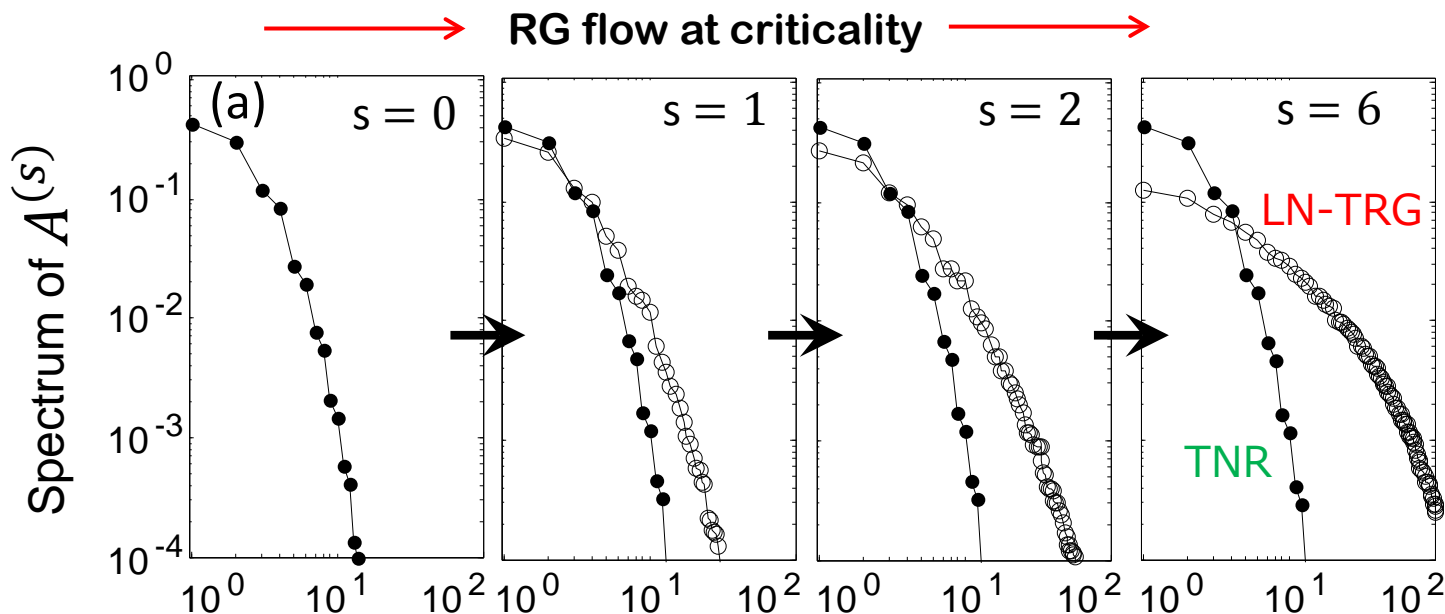
2D classical Ising model on lattice of size:  $2^{12} \times 2^{12}$



# Sustainable RG flow

Does TRG give a sustainable RG flow?

Old approach (LN-TRG)  
vs new approach (TNR)



Bond dimension  $\chi$  required to maintain fixed truncation error ( $\sim 10^{-3}$ ):

LN-TRG:	$\sim 10$	→	$\sim 20$	→	$\sim 40$	→	$> 100$
TNR:	$\sim 10$	→	$\sim 10$	→	$\sim 10$	→	$\sim 10$

Computational costs:

LN-TRG, $O(\chi^6)$	:	$1 \times 10^6$	→	$6 \times 10^7$	→	$4 \times 10^9$	→	$> 10^{12}$
TNR $O(k\chi^6)$	:	$5 \times 10^7$	→	$5 \times 10^7$	→	$5 \times 10^7$	→	$5 \times 10^7$

exponential

constant

# Tensor Renormalization Group (LN-TRG)

RG flow in the space of tensors:  $A^{(0)} \rightarrow A^{(1)} \rightarrow A^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{(s)} \rightarrow \dots$

Consider 2D classical Ising ferromagnet at temperature  $T$ :

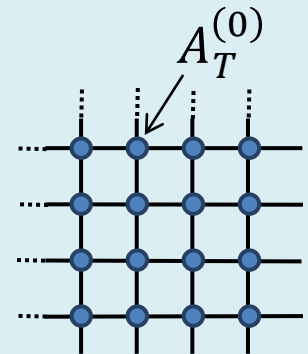
Phases:

$T < T_C$  ordered phase

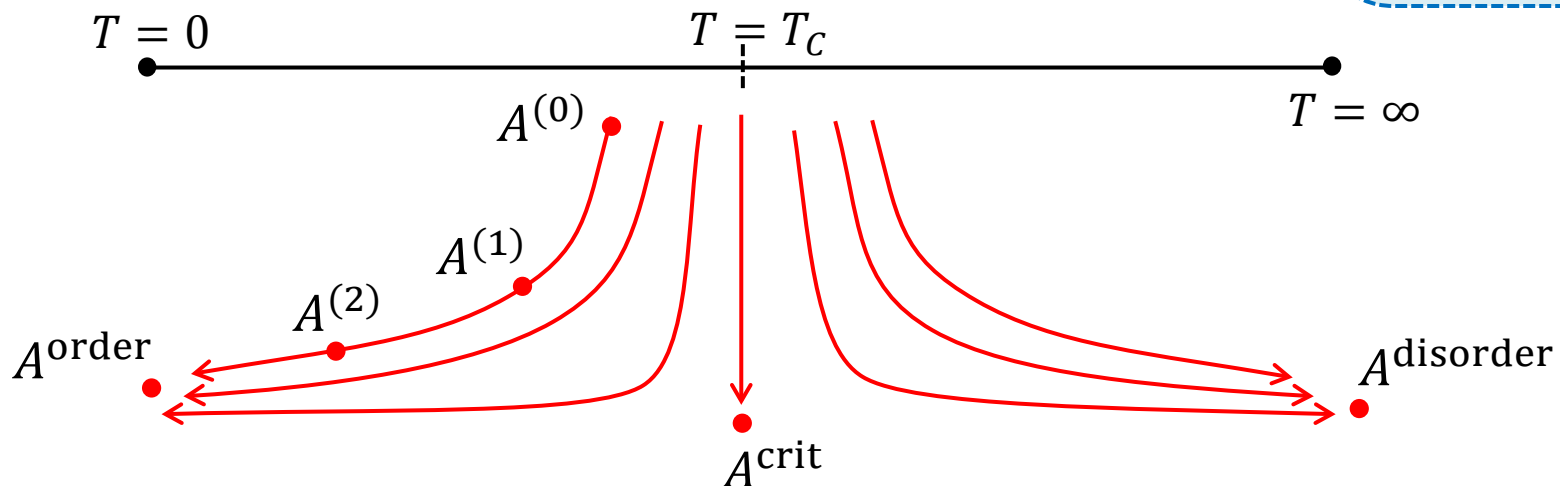
$T = T_C$  critical point (correlations at all length scales)

$T > T_C$  disordered phase

Encode partition function (temp  $T$ ) as a tensor network:

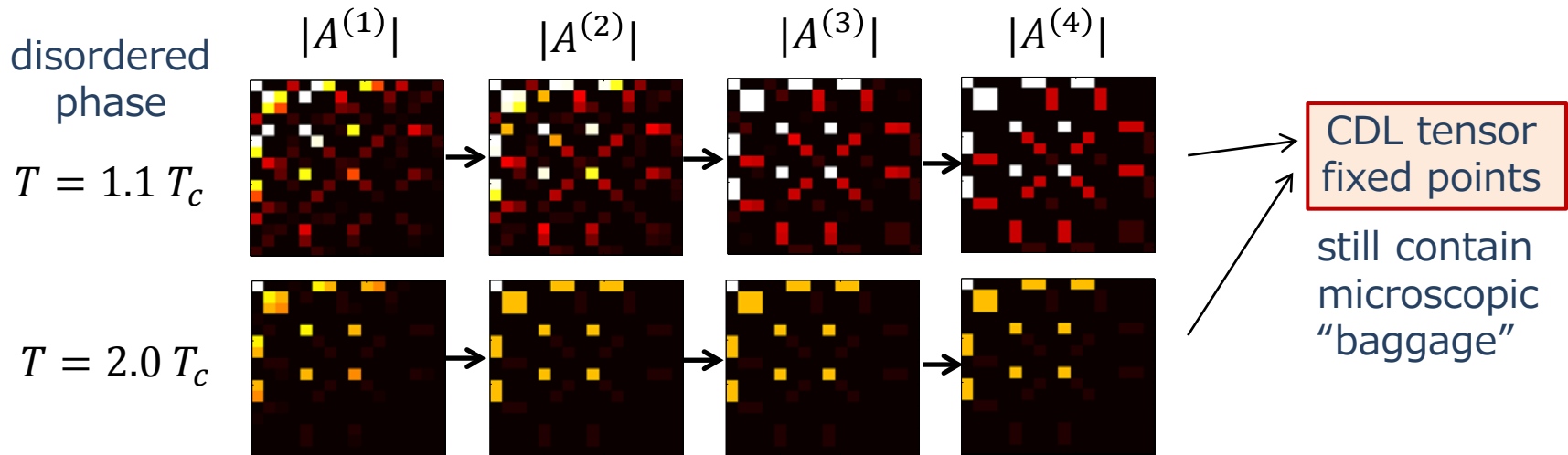


Proper RG flow:

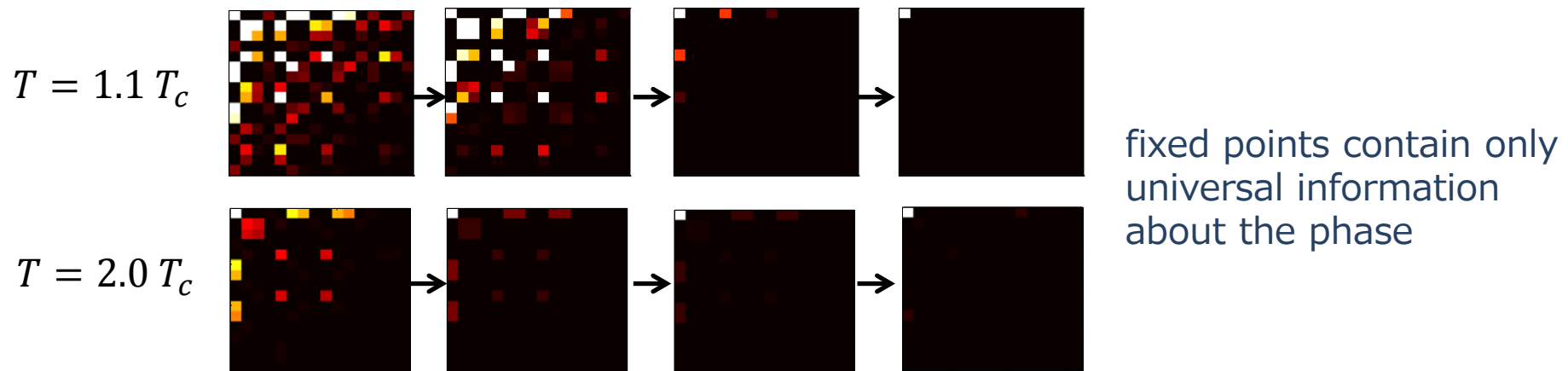


# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

**Old Approach:** Tensor renormalization group (**LN-TRG**):



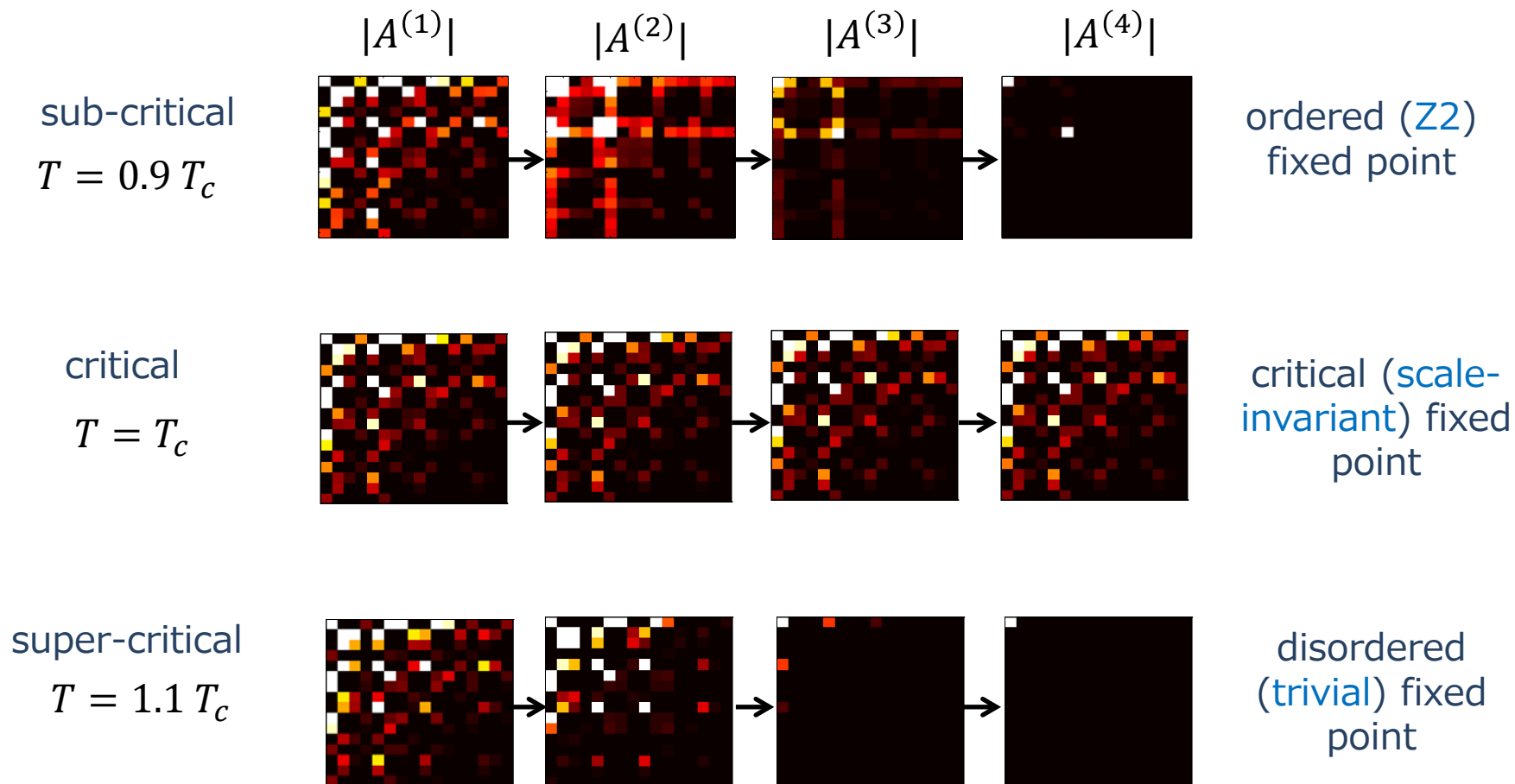
**New Approach:** Tensor Network Renormalization (**TNR**):



# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

New Approach: Tensor Network Renormalization (TNR):

- Converges to one of three RG fixed points, consistent with a proper RG flow



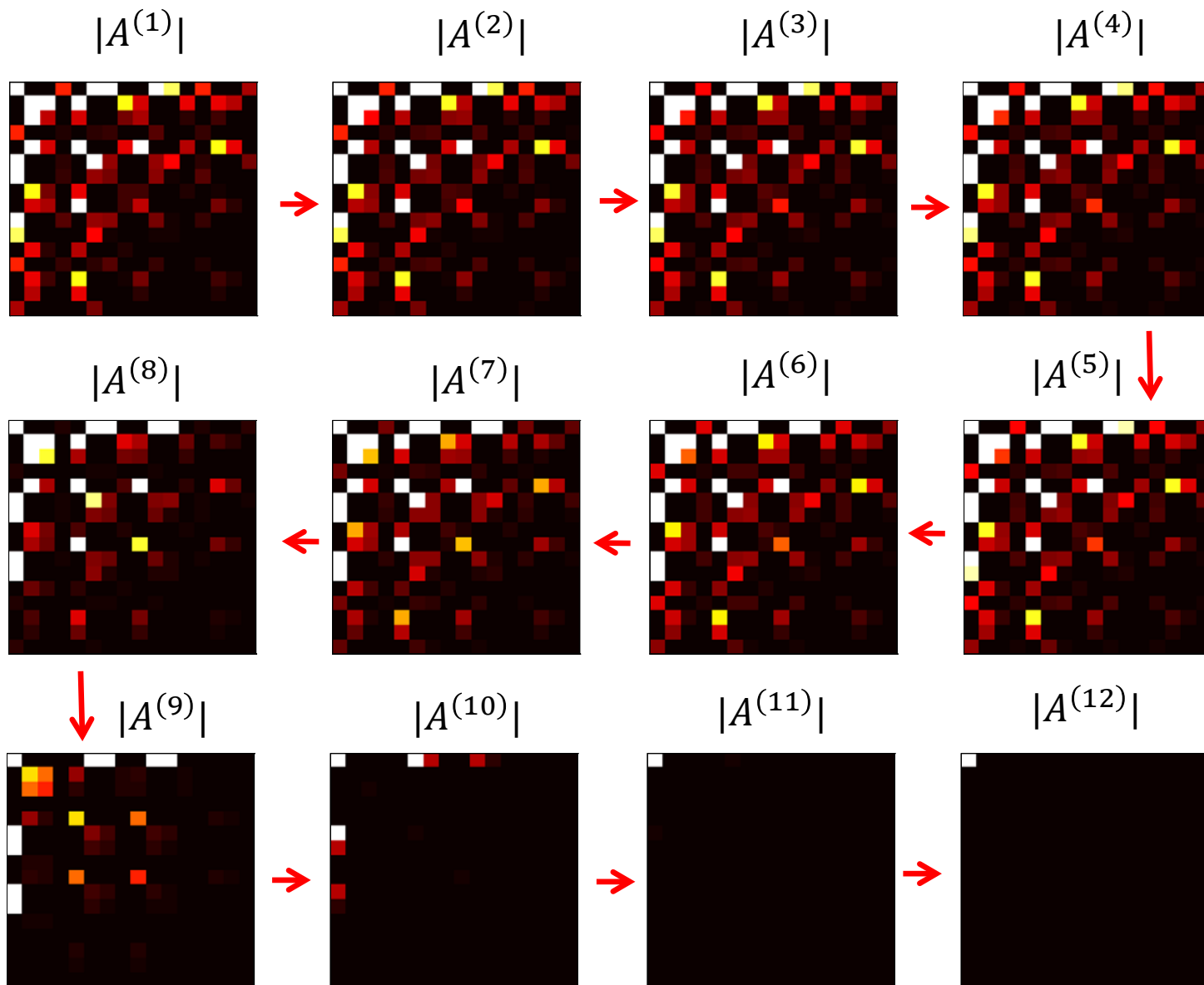
# Proper RG flow: 2D classical Ising

more difficult!

$$T = 1.002 T_c$$

TNR bond  
dimension:

$$\chi = 4$$





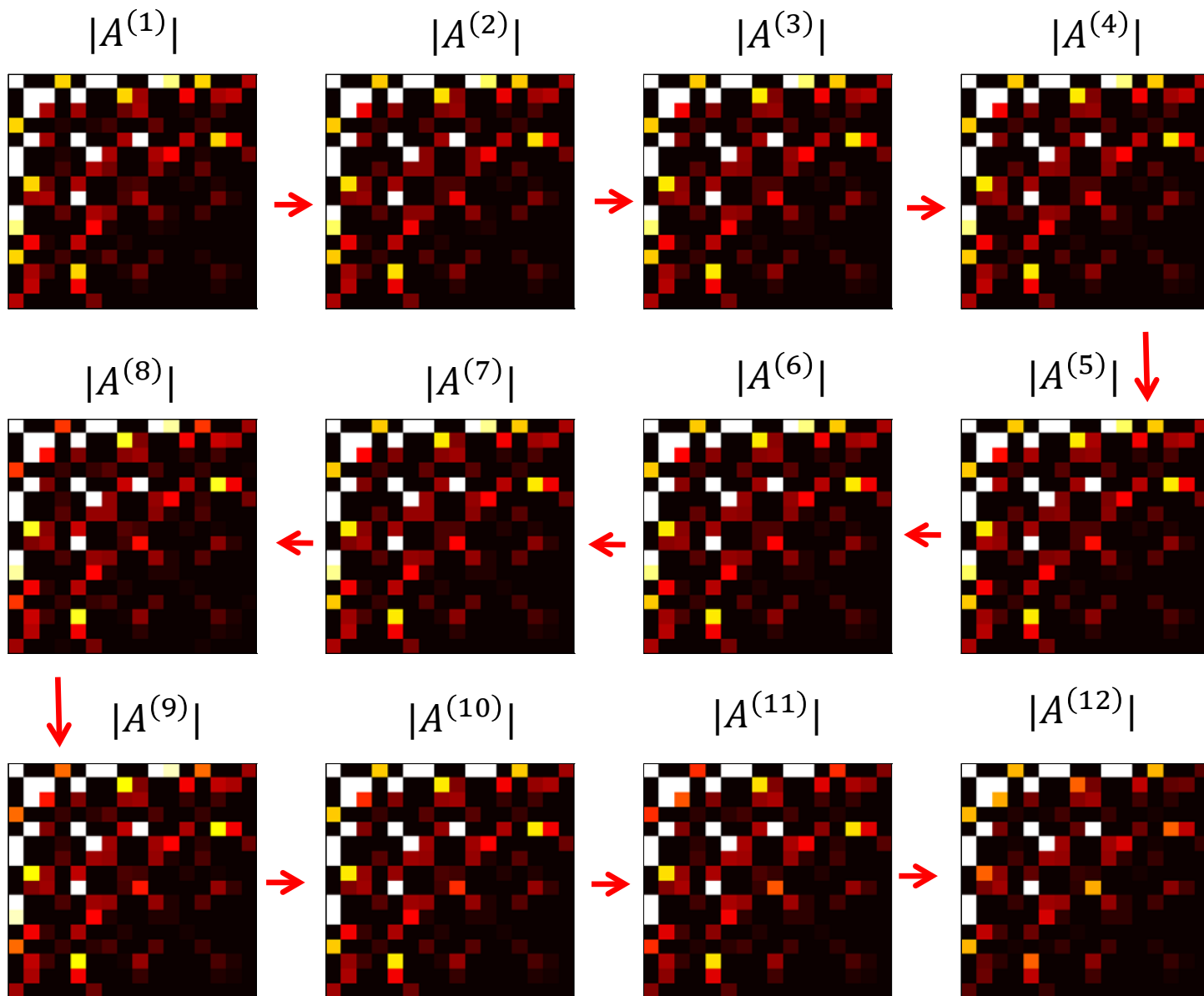
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critical point:

$$T = T_c$$

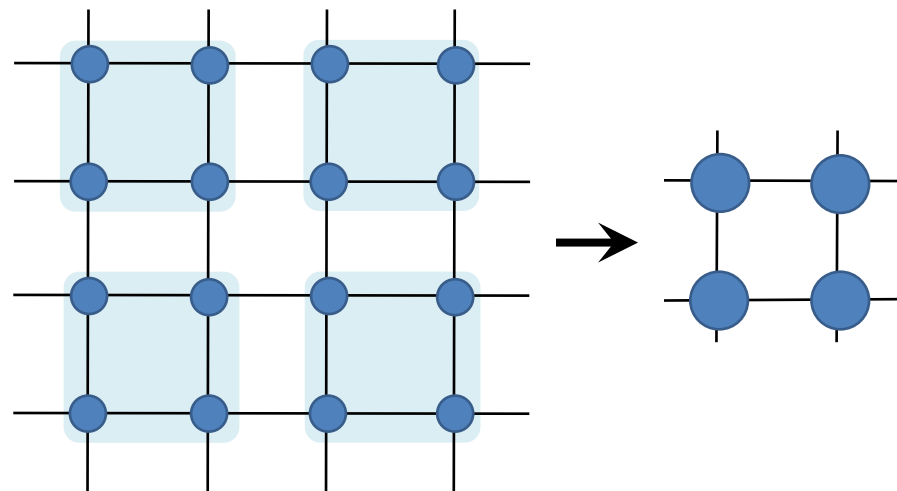
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# Summary

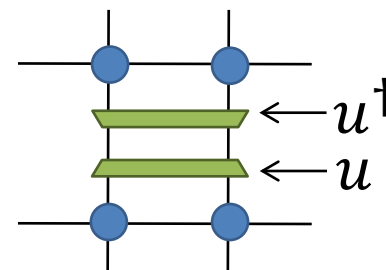
- We have discussed implementation of real-space RG for tensor networks
- Demonstrated that previous methods (e.g. Levin Nave TRG) do not generate a proper RG flow



**cause:** failure to address all short-range degrees of freedom at each RG step

## Tensor Network Renormalization, arXiv:1412.0732

uses **disentangling** to address all short-range degrees of freedom at each RG step



- Proper RG flow: correct structure of RG fixed points
- Computationally sustainable RG flow

**future work:** implementation in higher dimensions, for contraction of PEPS, for study of impurity CFTs...

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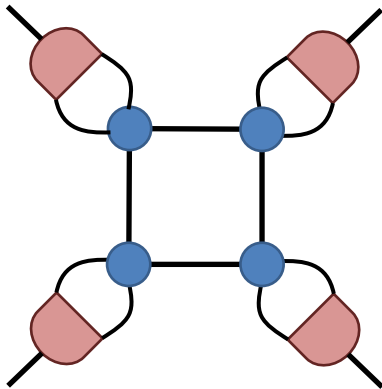
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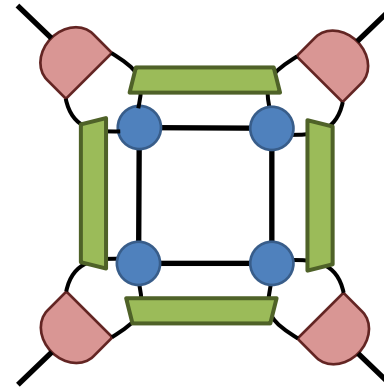
(Evenbly, Vidal, arXiv:1502.05385)

Tensor Renormalization  
Group (LN-TRG)



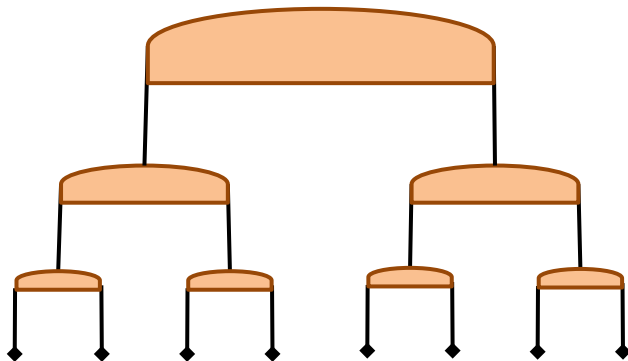
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Tensor Network  
Renormalization (TNR)



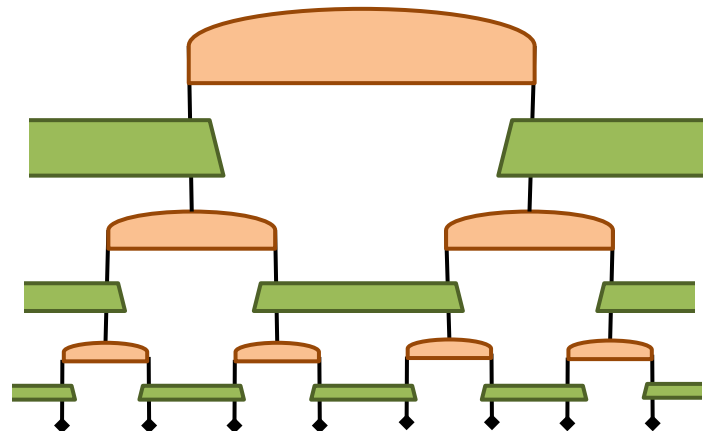
Analogous to:

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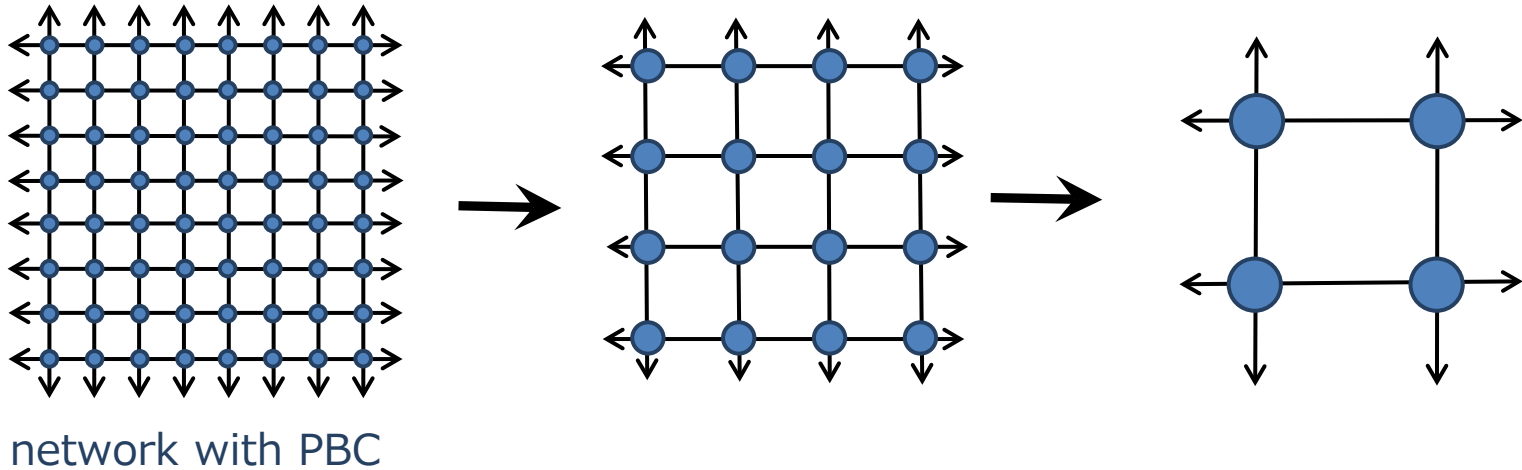


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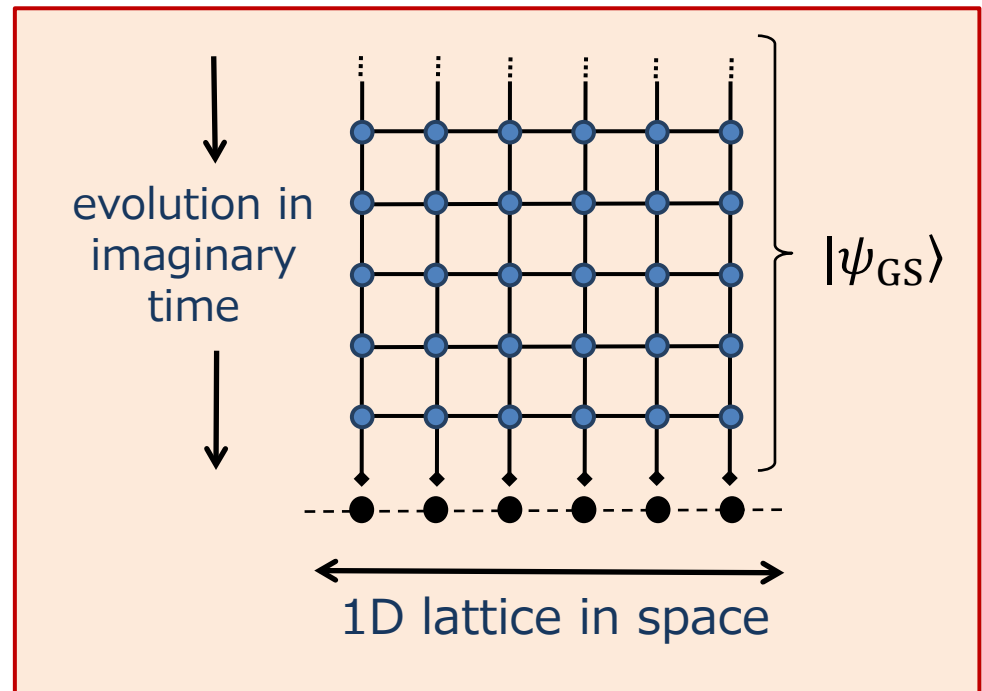
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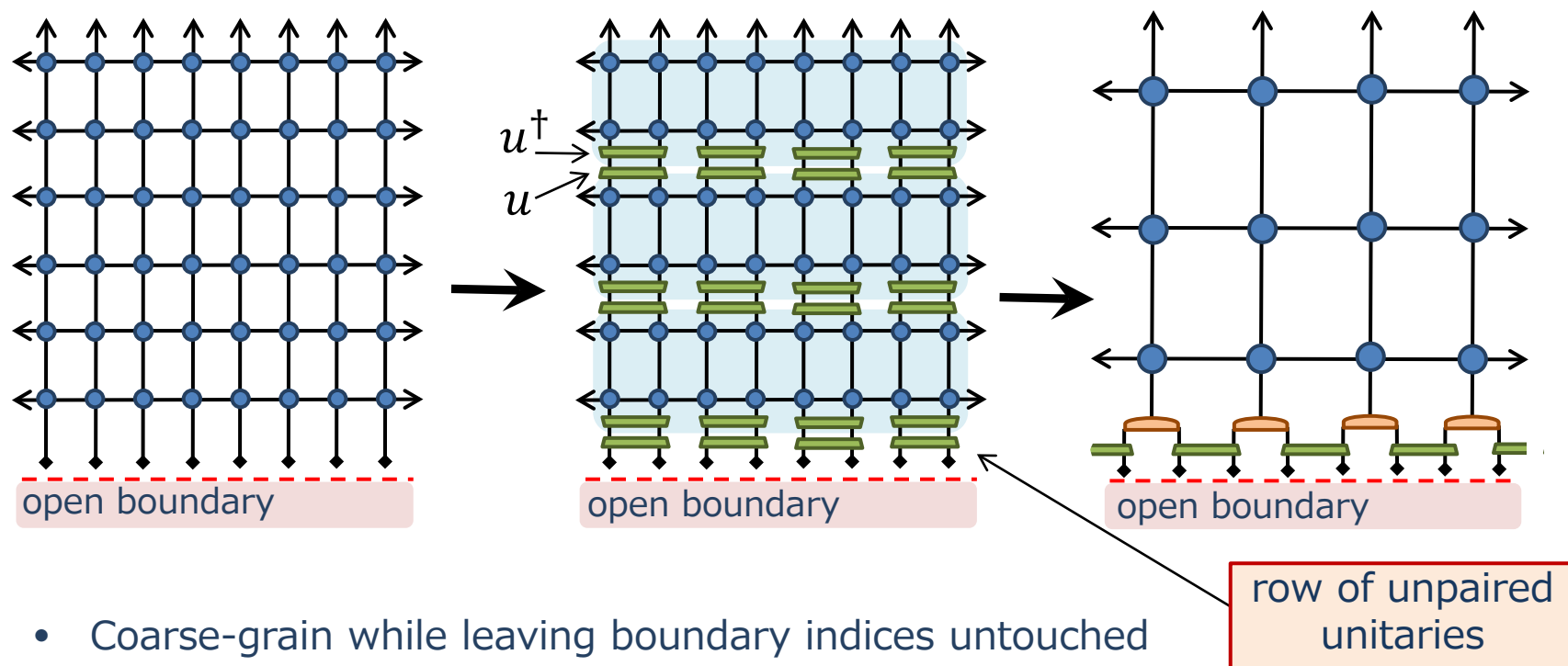
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open boundaries?

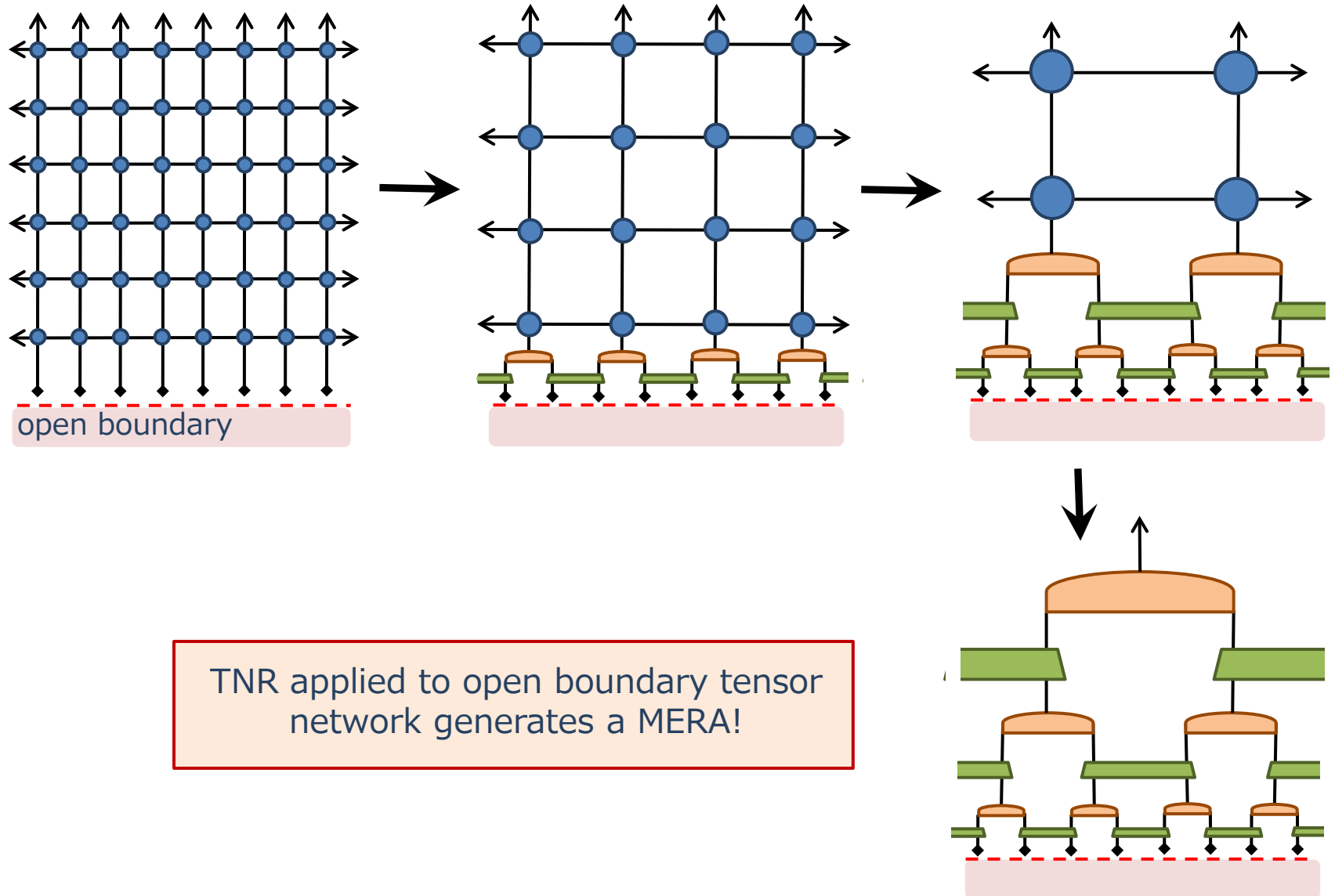


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- Coarse-grain while leaving boundary indices untouched
- Disentanglers and isometries are inserted in conjugate pairs, eventually becoming a part of the coarse-grained tensors
- But a row of **unpaired** disentanglers and isometries remains on the open boundary...

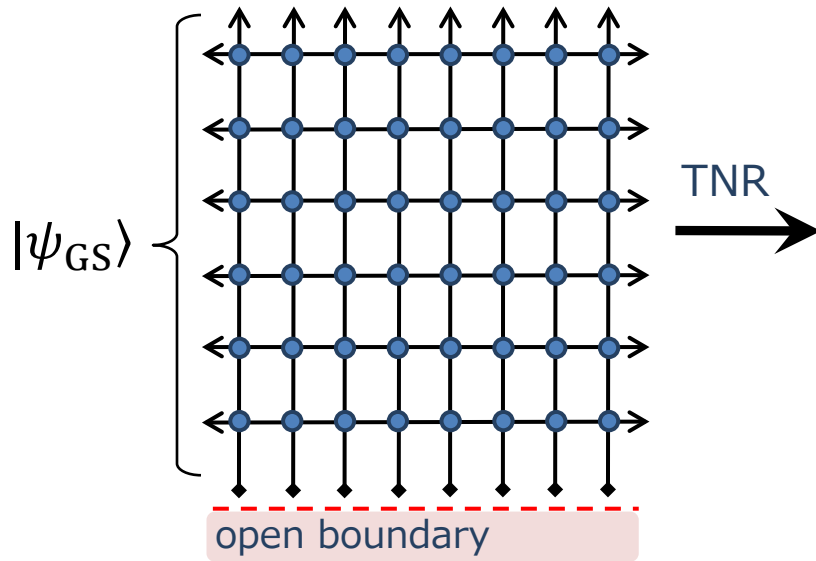
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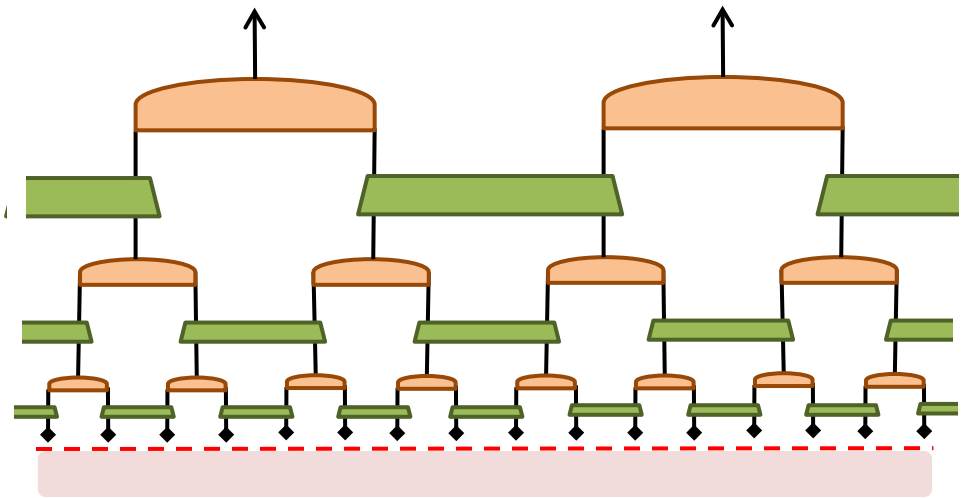
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exact representation of ground state as a path integral



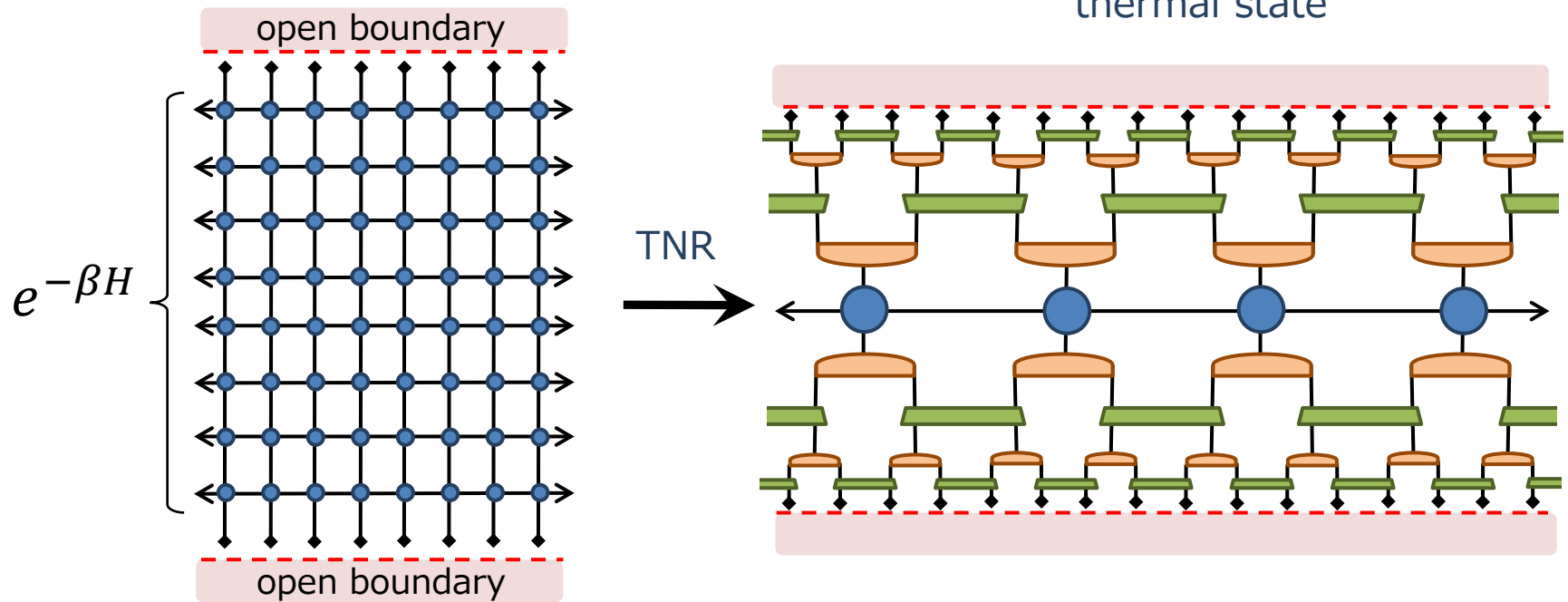
Approximate representation of ground state (MERA)





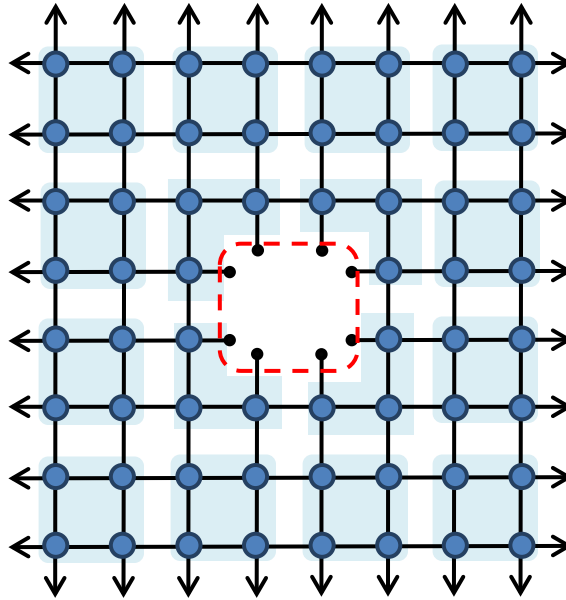
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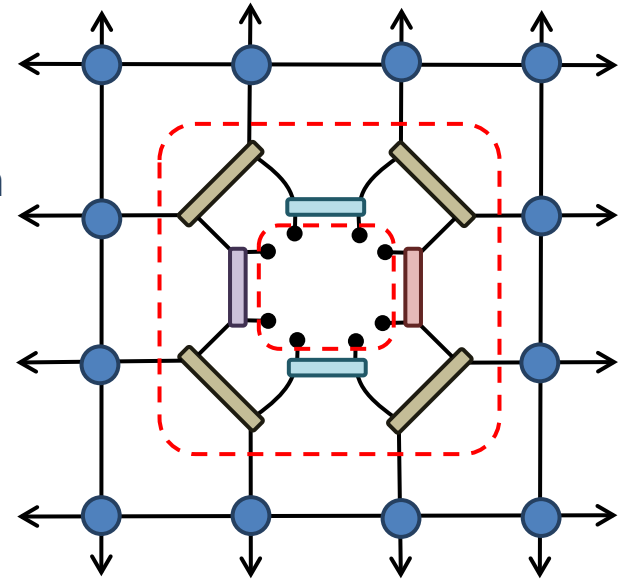


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Tensor network with open 'hole':



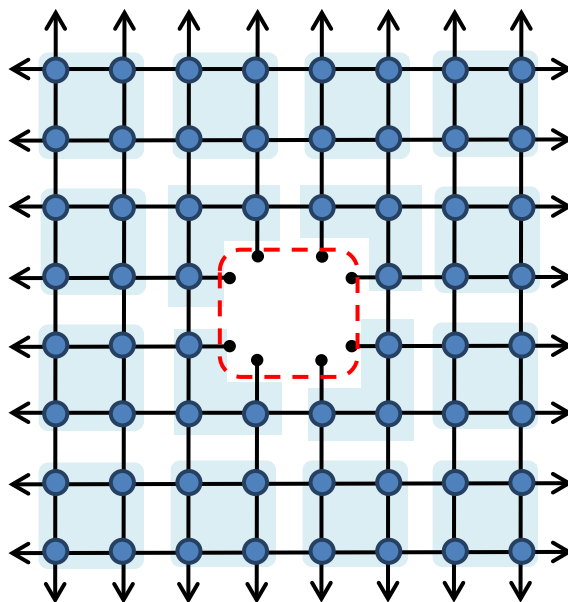
iteration  
of TNR



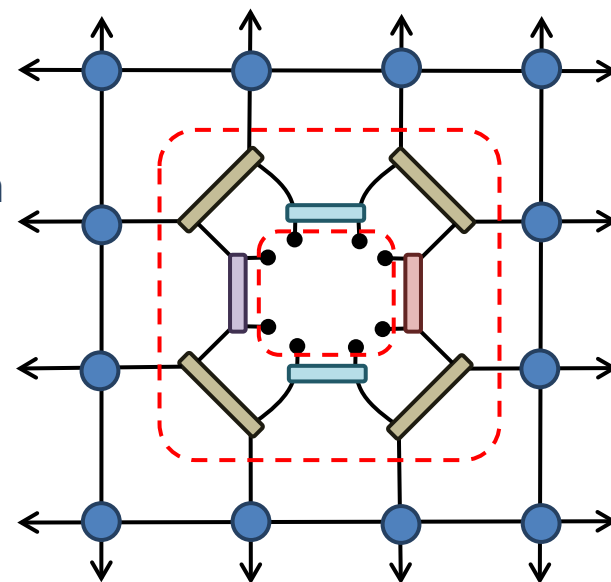
coarse-grain as much as possible  
(subject to leaving indices  
around the hole untouched)

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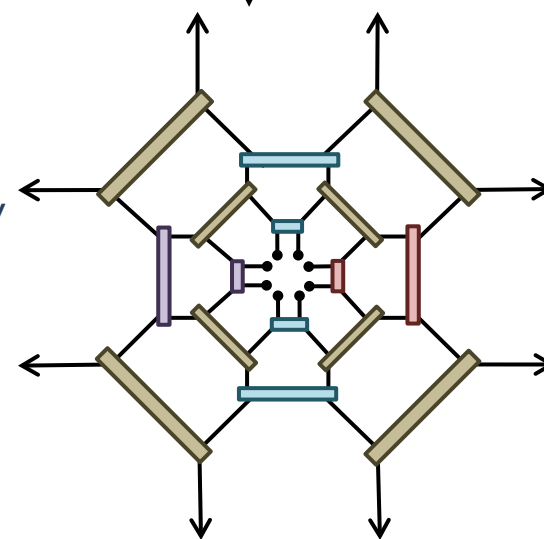
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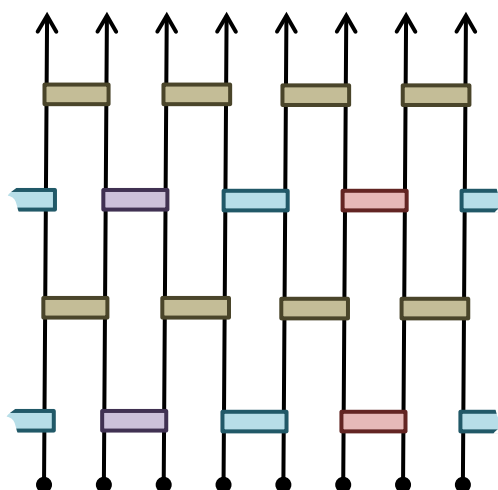
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many  
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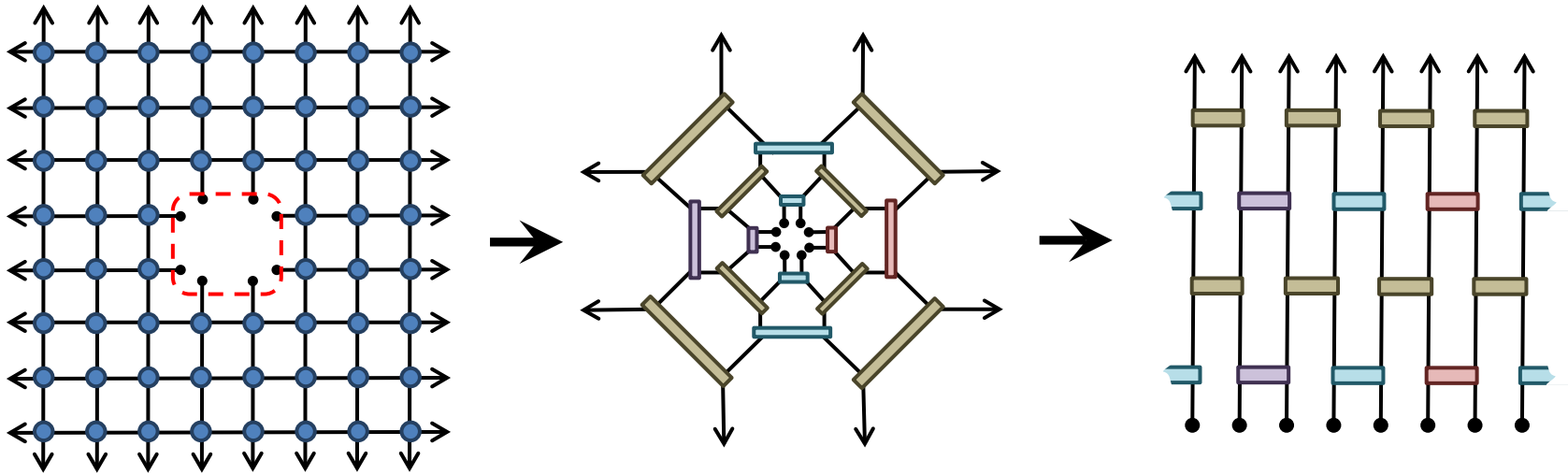


drawn  
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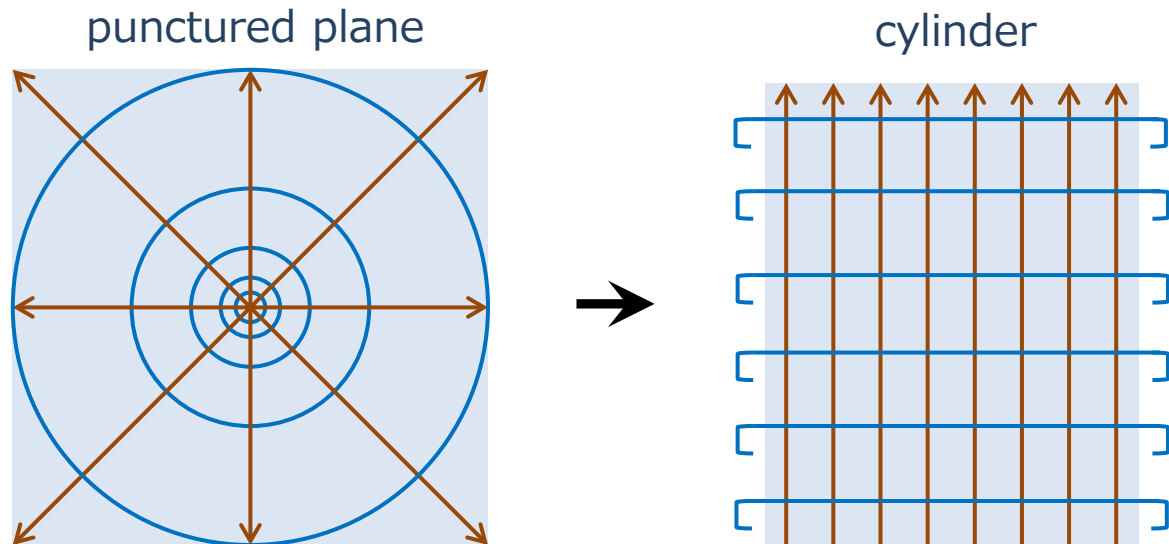


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TNR for network with hole:

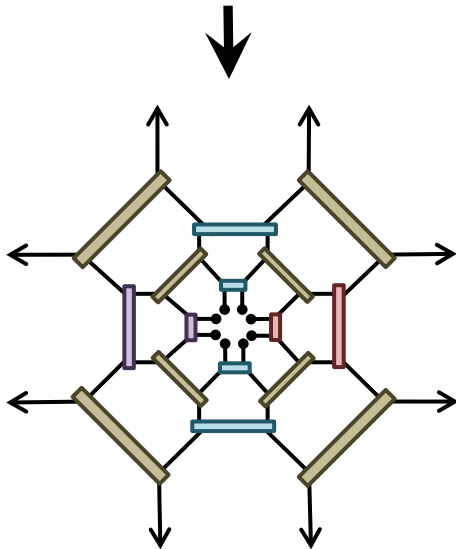
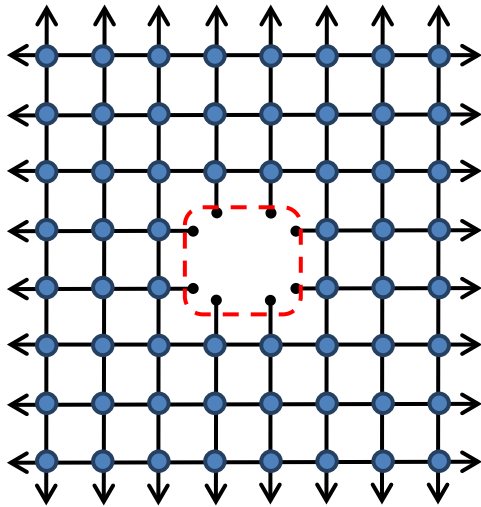


Logarithmic transform in CFT:



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diagonalize transfer operator:

Scaling dimensions from partition function of critical Ising

