

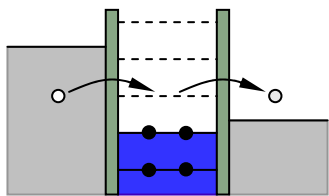
# Really (!) Useful Quantum Information Theory: Matrix Product States for Quantum Impurity Models

## NRG meets DMRG

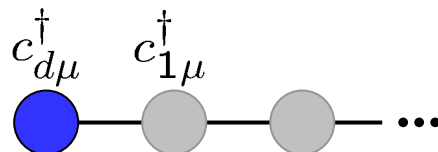
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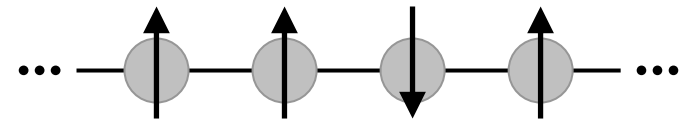
Quantum impurity models



Numerical Renormalization Group (NRG), Wilson 1975



Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG), White 1992  
quantum chains (spin, Hubbard, ...)



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# Outline



Acronyms:

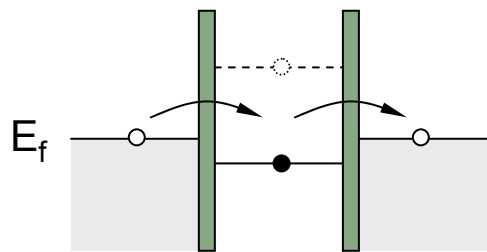
NRG = Numerical Renormalization Group (Wilson, 1975)

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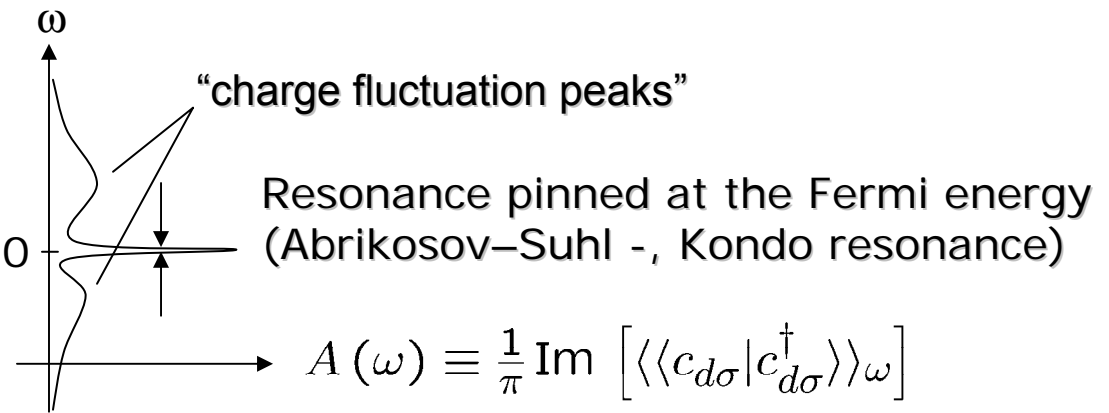
- ❑ Motivation, Goals
- ❑ Brief NRG review
- ❑ Central Idea: NRG produces Matrix Product State (MPS)
- ❑ Relation to DMRG
- ❑ Advantages of Matrix Product Formulation of NRG: Greater Flexibility
- ❑ Outlook: real-time evolution within DMRG framework

# What one wants

## □ Spectral Function



$$G_{\sigma}^c(t) \equiv \langle \langle c_{d\sigma} | c_{d\sigma}^{\dagger} \rangle \rangle_t \equiv \vartheta(t) \langle 0 | \{ c_{d\sigma}(t), c_{d\sigma}^{\dagger} \} | 0 \rangle$$



## □ Correlation functions

## □ Dynamic properties

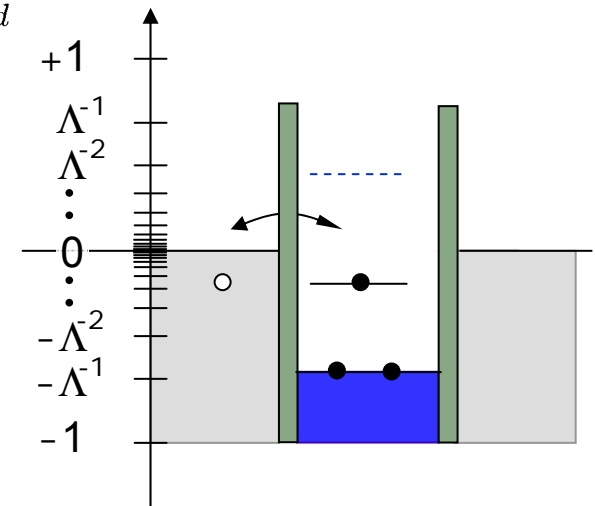
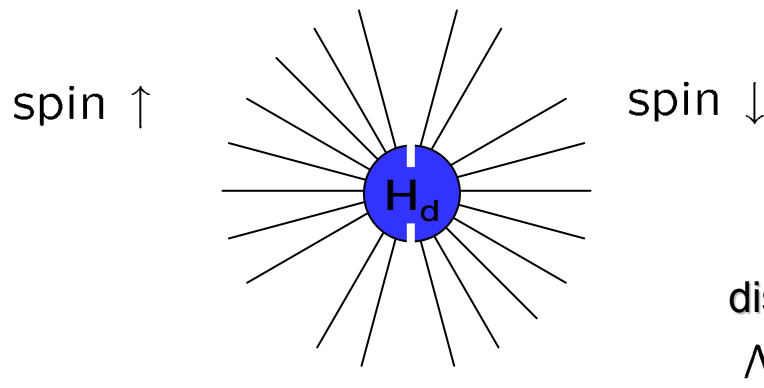
- ▶ through spectral function (Greens function for  $\omega \neq 0$ )
- ▶ real-time simulation of strongly correlated systems using DMRG methods (Kollath, Schollwöck, White, Vidal 2004)

real-time evolution within NRG framework (F. Anders, 2005)

# Quantum Impurity Systems (AM)

## The Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_A = \underbrace{\sum_{\mu} \epsilon_d c_{d\mu}^{\dagger} c_{d\mu} + \frac{U}{2} \hat{n}_d (\hat{n}_d - 1)}_{\equiv H_{\text{dot}}} + \int d\epsilon \epsilon a_{\epsilon\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\epsilon\mu} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Gamma}{\pi}\right)^{1/2}}_{\Gamma \equiv \pi \rho V_d^2} \int d\epsilon (a_{\epsilon\mu}^{\dagger} c_{d\mu} + c_{d\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\epsilon\mu})$$



logarithmic discretization + tridiagonalization  
 → Wilson chain:

$$\mathcal{H}_A = H_{\text{dot}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\Gamma}{\pi}} (f_{0\mu}^{\dagger} c_{d\mu} + c_{d\mu}^{\dagger} f_{0\mu}) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\Lambda}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\xi_n}{\Lambda^{n/2}} (f_{n\mu}^{\dagger} f_{n+1,\mu} + f_{n+1,\mu}^{\dagger} f_{n\mu})$$

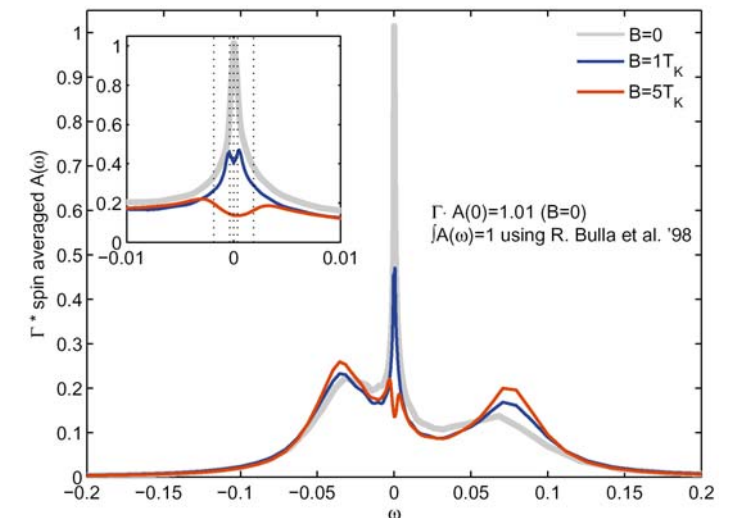
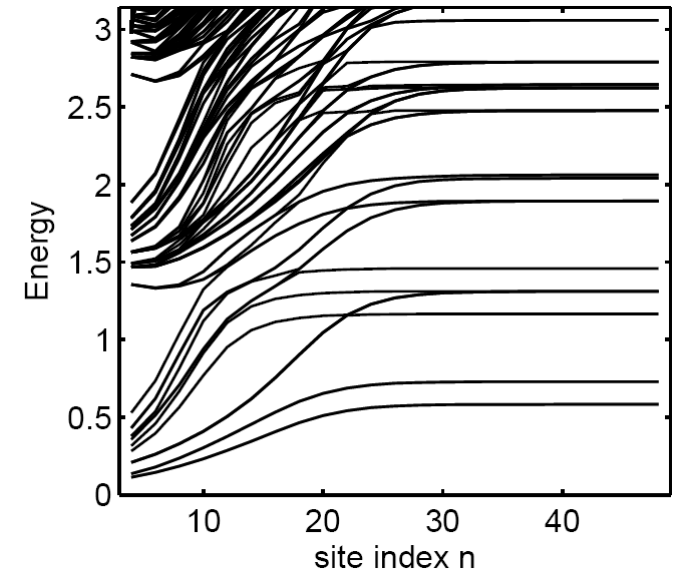
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 —

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_n = 1$$

# Typical Results

Flow diagram for finite size spectrum:  
Useful for characterizing fixed points,  
Extracting critical exponents,  
Phase shifts (for  $T=0$  transport)

Impurity spectral function  
(at zero or finite temperature):  
Characterizes impurity dynamics,  
(needed for  $T \neq 0$  transport)



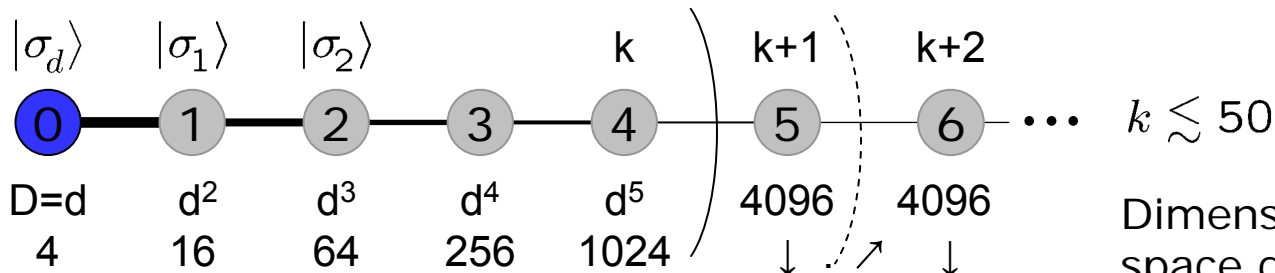
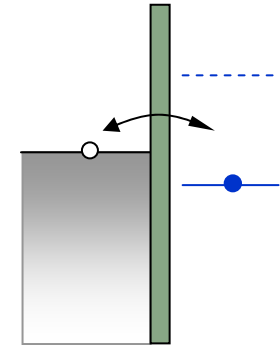
# Brief NRG Review (rephrased in modern terms) K.G. Wilson, Rev. Mod. Phys. 47, 773 (1975)

NRG obtains the low energy states iteratively

„decoupling of different energy scales“

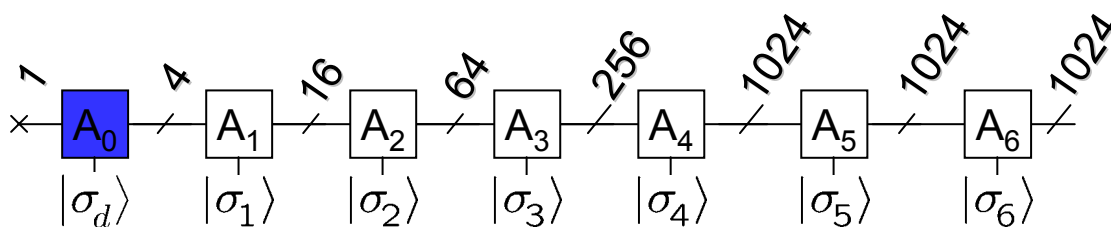
**Example:** Anderson model (nearest neighbor coupling only)

Local state space (d=4):  $|\sigma\rangle = \{|0\rangle, |\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle\}$



Dimension of full Hilbert space grows like  $4^k!$

truncate to lowest  $D=1024$



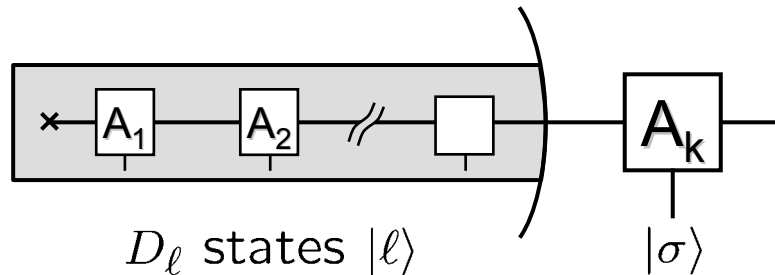
NRG generates a

**Matrix Product State**  
(d matrices for every site k)

$$|n\rangle_5 \equiv a_{1i}^{\sigma_d} | \sigma_d \rangle a_{ij}^{\sigma_1} | \sigma_1 \rangle a_{jk}^{\sigma_2} | \sigma_2 \rangle a_{kl}^{\sigma_3} | \sigma_3 \rangle a_{lm}^{\sigma_4} | \sigma_4 \rangle a_{mn}^{\sigma_5} | \sigma_5 \rangle \cdots \equiv \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \prod_k A_k[\sigma_k] | \sigma_d, \sigma_1, \dots \rangle$$

# Key Observation

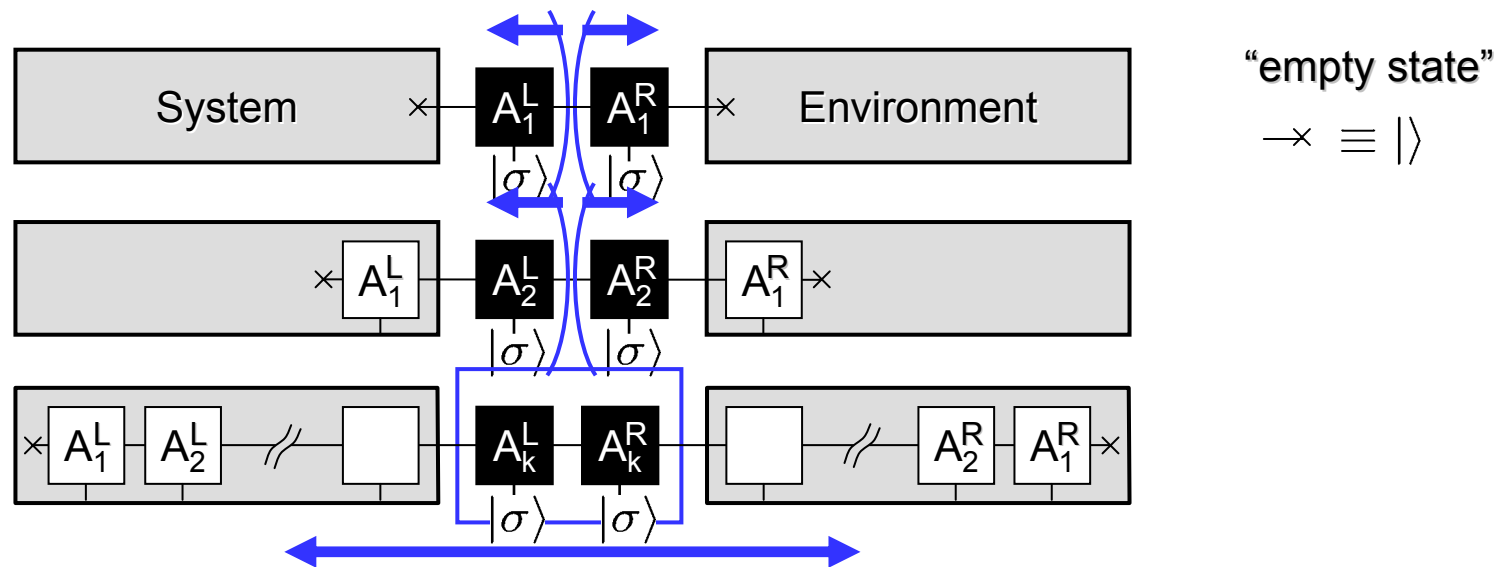
- NRG generates a Matrix Product State (MPS)



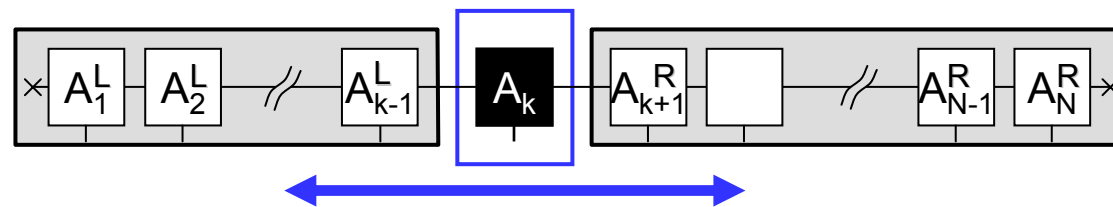
- Use this MPS structure for variational optimization
  - ↳ equivalent to **one-site finite-size DMRG** with open boundary conditions
- Variational structure lifts strict NRG constraints
  - ★ one can optimize initial NRG-MPS by subsequent variational sweeping
  - ★ allows arbitrary discretization scheme of the conduction band
  - ★ allows for more flexible MPS structure beyond 1D (star geometry)

# DMRG (Primer)

- Infinite-size DMRG (1D-systems with nearest neighbor cpl.)



- Finite-size DMRG
- Variational MPS = 1-site finite-size DMRG



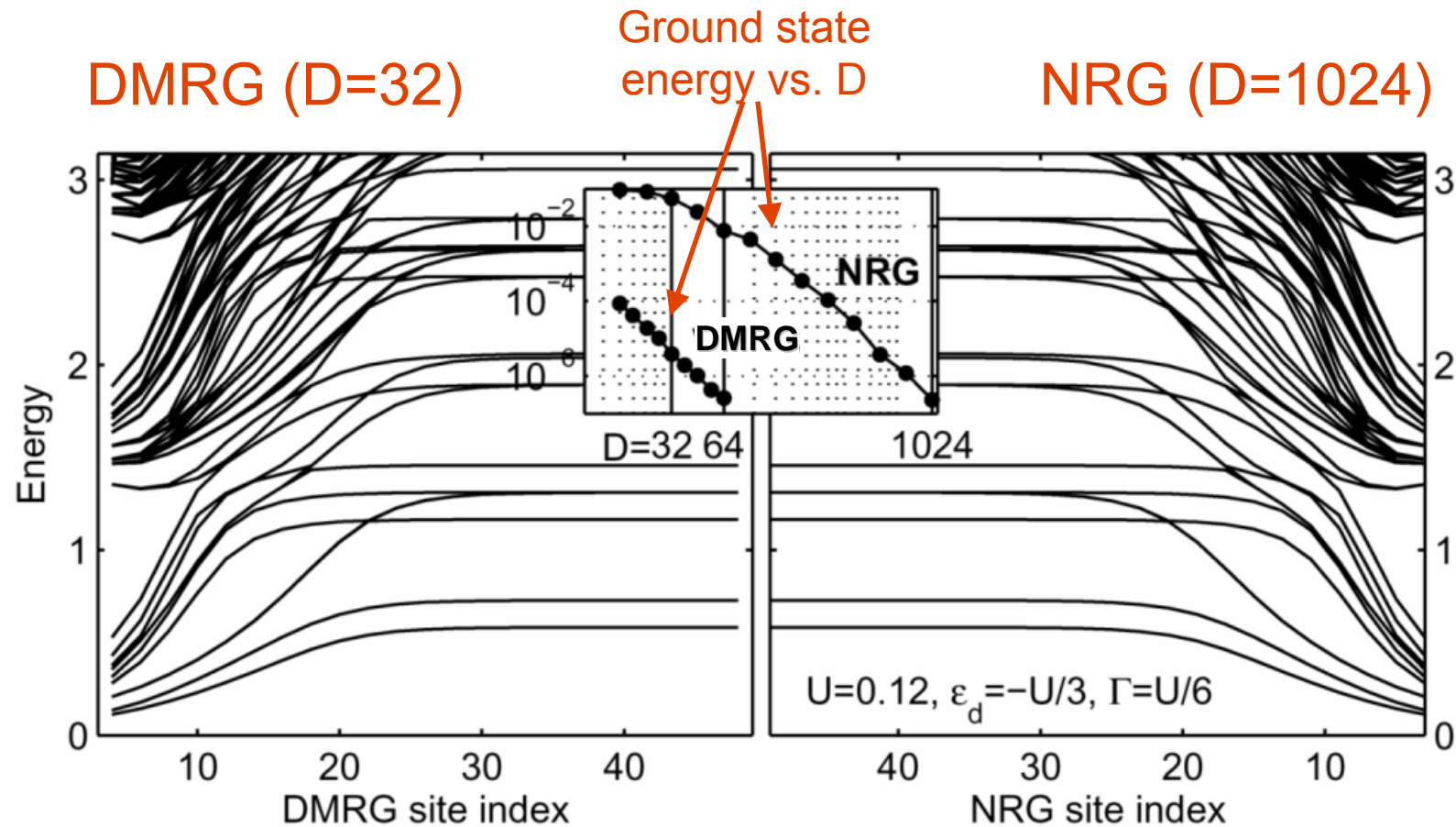
strictly variational within the space of MPS



# Does it work in practice?

# Flow of Eigenenergies under Renormalization

Anderson Model



$D$  = effective number of states kept per iteration

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# Spectral Function

$$G_{\sigma}(\omega > 0)_{T=0} = \langle \psi_0^N | c_{\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{H} - (E_0^N + \omega + i\eta)} \cdot c_{\sigma}^{\dagger} | \psi_0^N \rangle$$

$$A_{\sigma}(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{\sigma}(\omega)$$

$$(H - z) |\chi\rangle = |c\rangle \quad \text{“}Ax=b\text{”}$$

→ solve iteratively, i.e. by sweeping

## □ Challenge

- ★ need very small  $\eta$  to resolve sharp features (Kondo resonance)

$$\eta \lesssim T_K \text{ for } \omega \simeq 0$$

thus  $1/(H-z)$  can become rather ill-conditioned

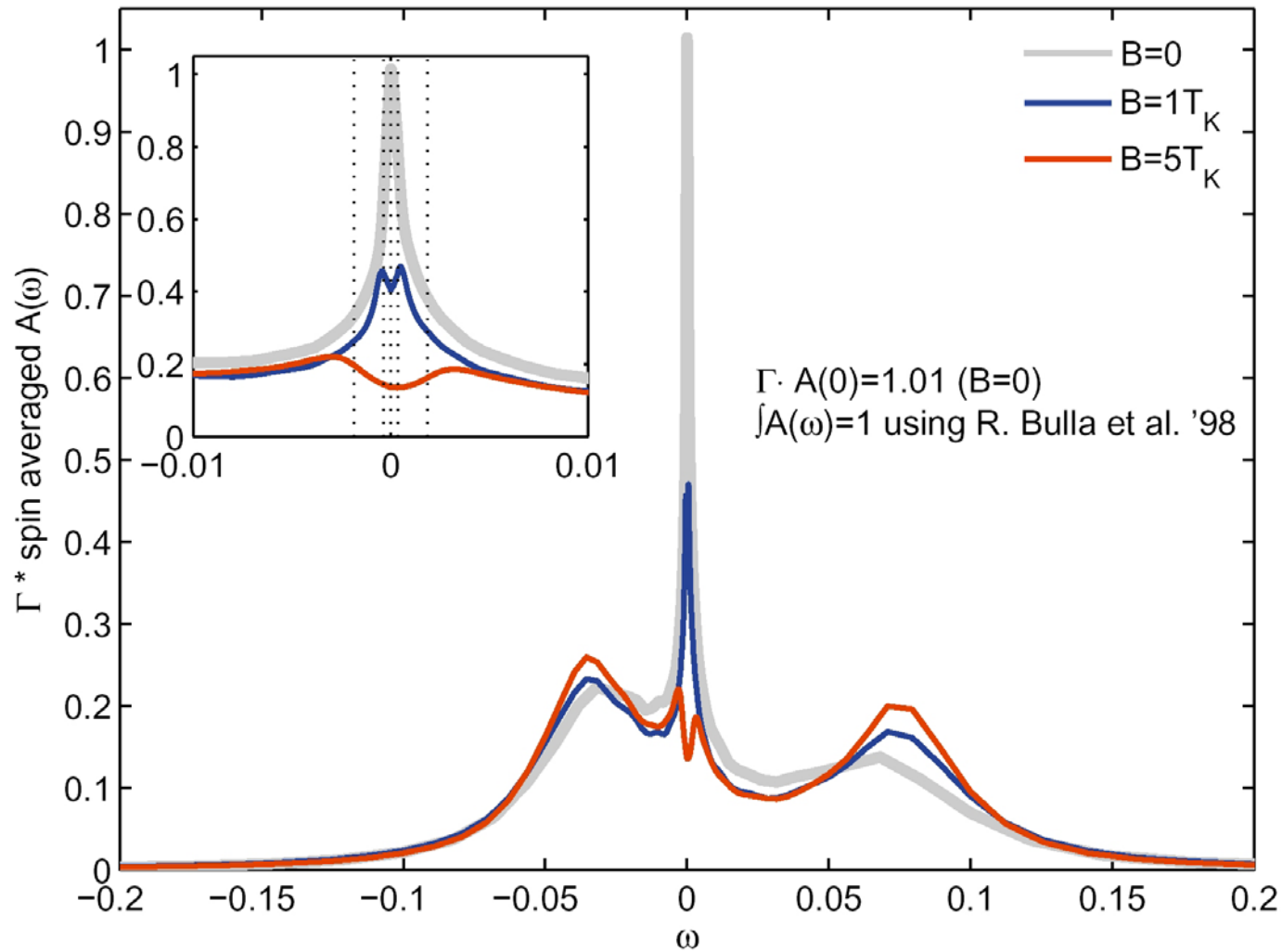
## □ In practice

- ★ use variable broadening:  $\eta \sim 0.4 \omega$  (in analogy to log-gauss broadening in NRG)
- ★ get smoother spectral function by calculating self-energy using  $F(\omega)$

Bulla (1998), Raas, Anders (2005)

$$F_{\sigma}(\omega > 0)_{T=0} = \langle c | \hat{n}_{\bar{\sigma}} | \chi_{\sigma}(\omega) \rangle$$

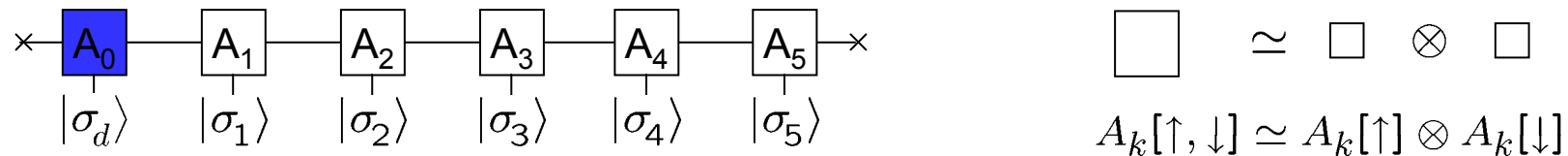
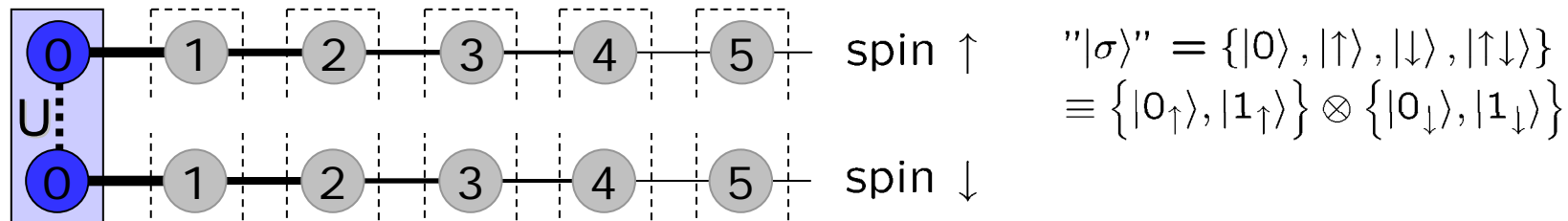
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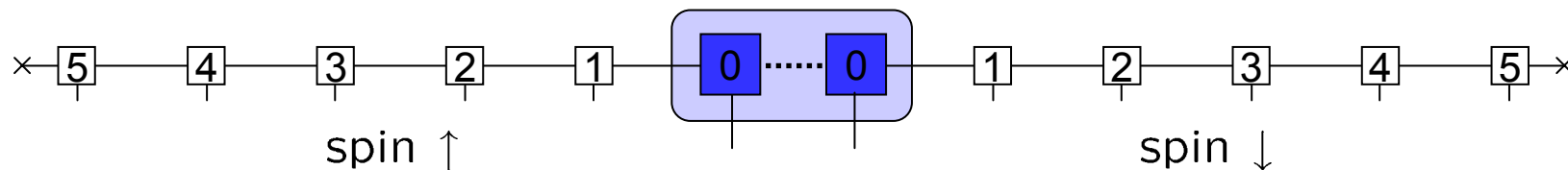
# Advantage of MPS Formulation: Greater Flexibility!

# Variational procedure loosens NRG constraints

- Unfolding the spins within NRG chain  
(completely violates basic NRG constraints!)

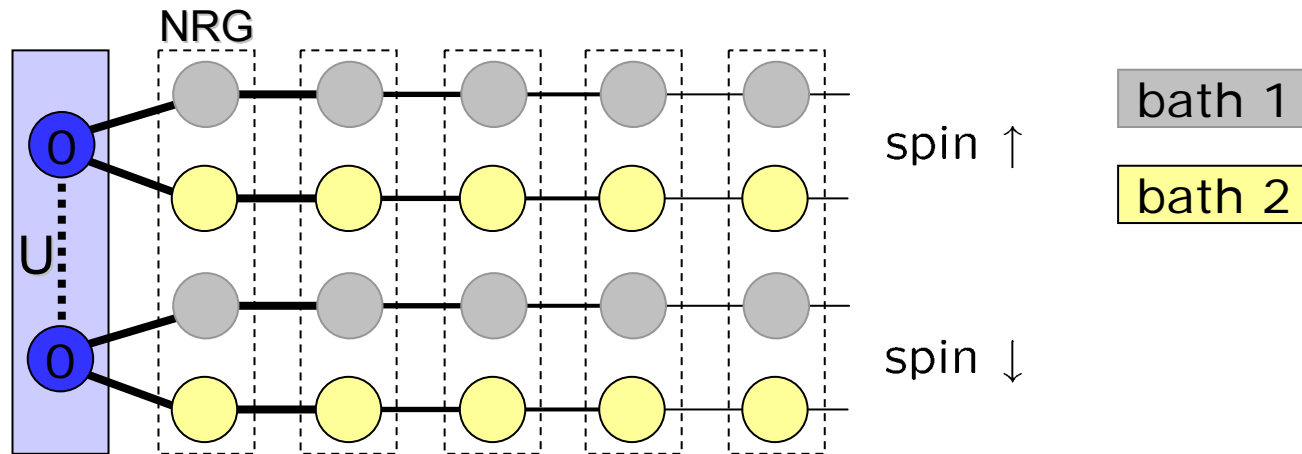


- ★ well-known mapping onto **XX spin Hamiltonian**



# Prospects

## Multi-channel impurity models



### Computational complexity

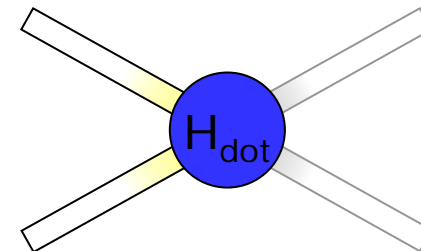
with  $K$  = number of channels  
and  $d=2$  for single fermionic state  $K=2$

$$d_{\text{NRG}} = d^{2K} \quad 16$$

$$d_{\text{DMRG}} = d \quad 2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\text{DMRG}} \sim (D_{\text{NRG}})^{\frac{1}{2K}} \quad 10\,000 \rightarrow 10 (!!)$$

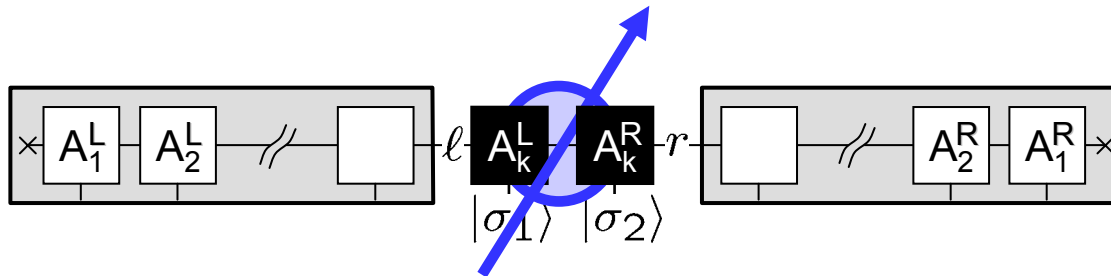
### Star geometry (quasi 1D-MPS)



NB! computational cost scales like  $D^3$  (!!)

# Benefit : Resource Efficiency

- control on DMRG truncation error allows optimization of D  
i.e. by looking at bipartite entanglement using reduced density matrix



MPS state decomposition around site (k,k+1)

$$|\Psi_k\rangle = \sum_{lr\sigma_1\sigma_2} a_{lr\sigma_1\sigma_2}^{(k)} |lr\sigma_1\sigma_2\rangle_k$$

Reduced density matrix

$$\rho_{\text{red}}^{(k,L)} \equiv \text{tr}_{\{r,\sigma_2\}} (|\Psi_k\rangle \langle \Psi_k|) = \sum_{l\sigma_1, l'\sigma'_1} \rho_{l\sigma_1, l'\sigma'_1}^{(k,L)} |l\sigma_1\rangle \langle l'\sigma'_1|$$

Bipartite entanglement

$$S_k = \sum_{\alpha} \varrho_{\alpha}^{(k)} \log \varrho_{\alpha}^{(k)}$$

Estimate of optimal D

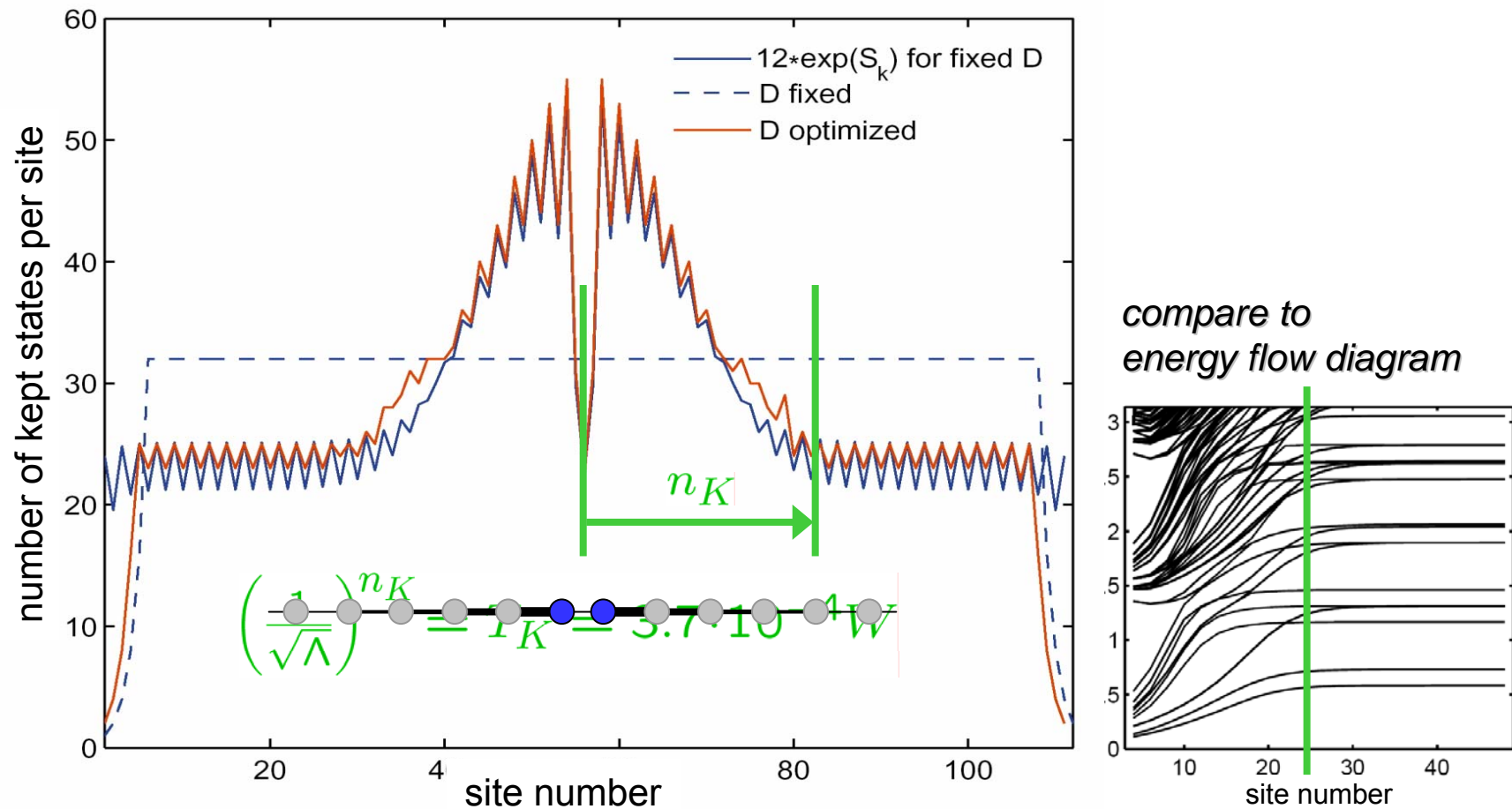
$$D_{\text{opt}}^{(k)} \approx \text{const} \cdot e^{S_k}$$

(const ~10 since spectrum typically falls off exponentially)



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# Prospects

- Flexibility in discretizing the conduction band
  - ▶ variational structure implies: no strict reliance on energy scale separation!  $\Lambda \rightarrow 1$
  - ▶ any discretization scheme is possible
  - ▶ models with arbitrary band structure can be treated more accurately
  - ▶ great potential for dynamical mean field theory applications
  
- Time-dependence
- Out-of-equilibrium

# Prospect: Time dependence using MPS

- Schrödinger equation (Crank-Nicholson)

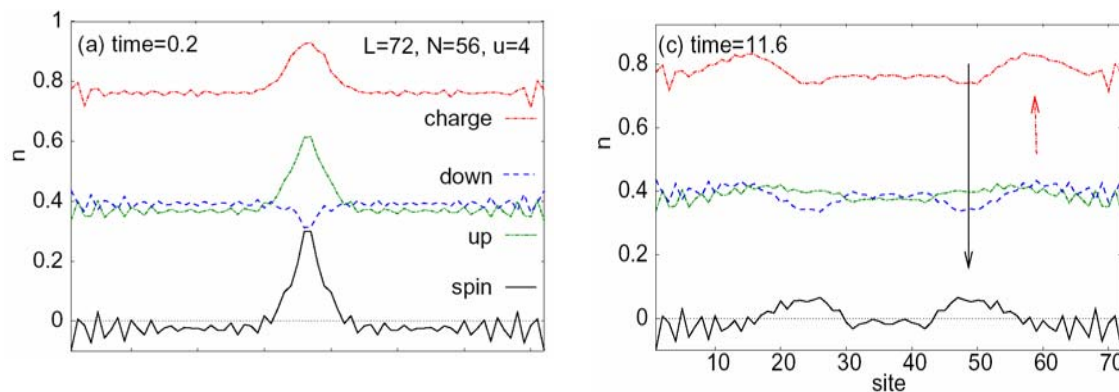
$$i\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = H|\psi\rangle$$

- (higher-order) Suzuki-Trotter decomposition

$$|\psi(t + dt)\rangle = U|\psi\rangle \text{ with } U = e^{-iHdt}$$

- search in recent literature

- ★ Collapse and Revival Starting from a Luttinger Liquid (Manmana, Noack 2006)
- ★ Real-time dynamics in spin-1/2 chains with adaptive time-dependent DMRG (Gobert 2005)
- ★ Spin-Charge Separation in Cold Fermi Gases: A Real Time Analysis (Kollath 2005)



# Outlook

Matrix Product States Technology is a powerful tool for numerically describing quantum impurity models

Close connection to DMRG methodology means: all DMRG tricks can be fruitfully employed here, too!

- ★ very clear conceptual structure (MPS)
- ★ Optimization of numerical resources using quantum information concepts
- ★ simulating real-time evolution

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