

# Light cone tensor network and time evolution

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TNS are very useful in the quantum many-body context...

works for GS, low energy, thermal equilibrium...

Verstraete, Cirac, PRB 2006 Hastings PRB 2006  
Hastings J. Stat. Phys 2007 Molnar *et al.* PRB 2015

area laws

applicability for QFT problems

LGT: systematically probed in 1D, progress in 2D

review: MCB, K. Cichy arXiv:1910.00257

suitable for other QFT problems arXiv:1908.04536,1912.08836

high energy eigenstates, quenches...

Osborne, PRL 2006  
Schuch *et al.*, NJP 2008

Vidmar *et al.*, PRL 2017

volume law

entanglement growth in non-equilibrium  
scenarios limits the applicability of MPS

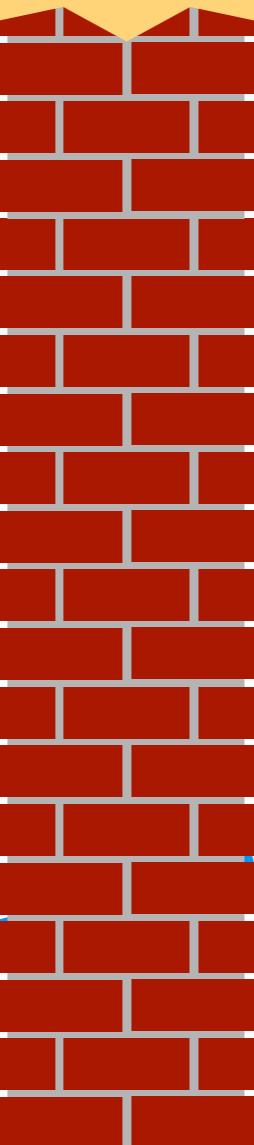
fundamental questions: thermalization, ETH...

# global quench in 1D

$D_{\min}(t) \sim e^{\alpha t}$   
Osborne, PRL 2006  
Schuch et al., NJP 2008

$S(t) \propto t$

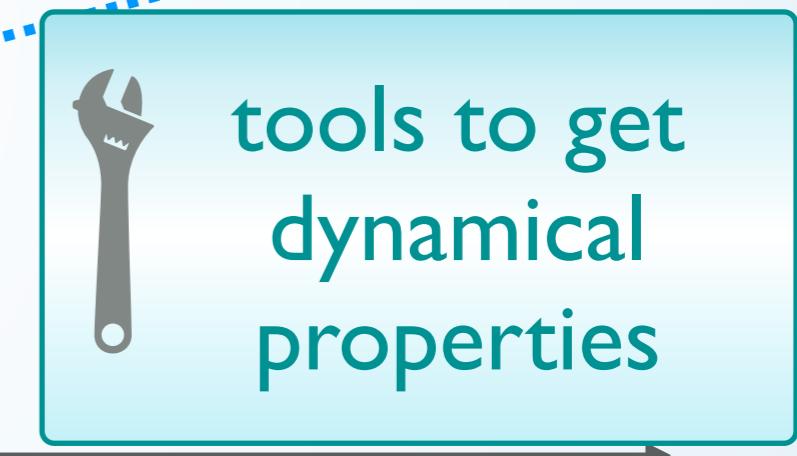
entanglement  
barrier



TNS challenge:  
getting around this  
limitation

some recent progress White et al PRB 2018

Dubai JPhysA 2017  
Leviatan et al. 2017  
Surace et al. 2018  
Rakovszky et al 2022



$t = 0$

product state



easy to write as MPS

$t = \infty$

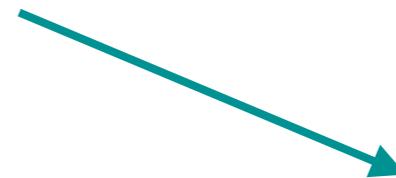
local  
observables

thermal states



well approximated as MPO

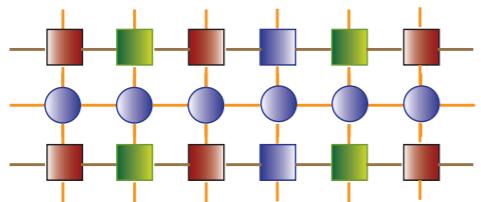
alternative: give up  
description of the full state



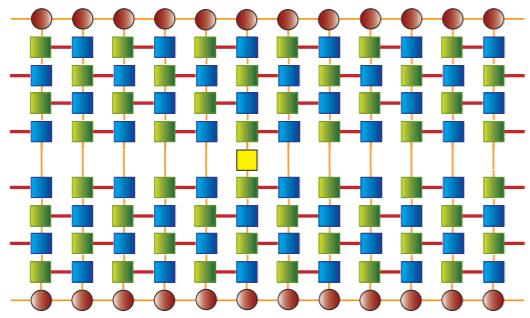
light-cone TN for  
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evolution of local  
observables

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evolving operators: Heisenberg picture Hartmann et al, PRL 2009



observables as TN to contract



also for mixed states.  
operator space entanglement  
**light-cone TN for  
non-equilibrium**  
Prosen, Pizorn, PRL 2008

evolution of local  
observables

different entanglement quantities

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MCB, Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac, PRL 2009

Müller-Hermes et al., NJP 2012

Hastings, Mahajan 2014

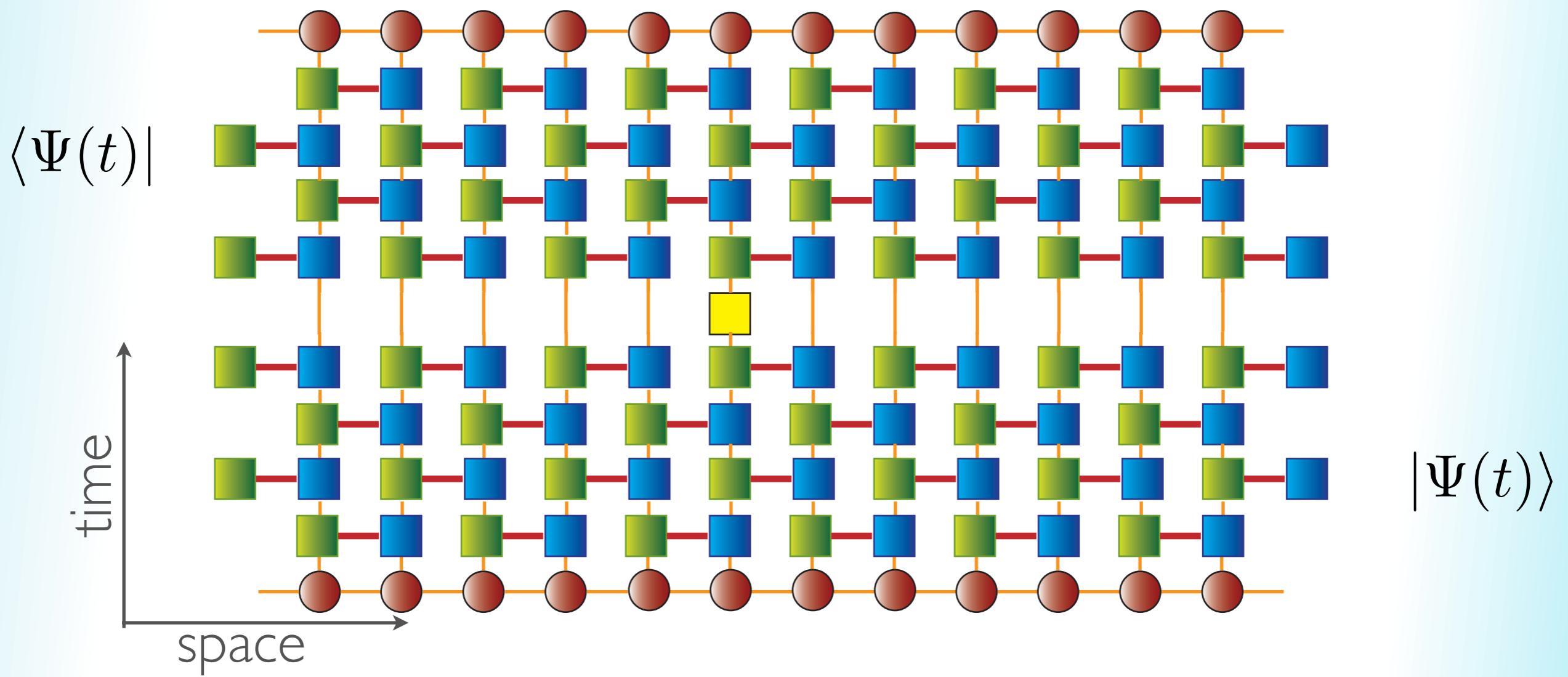
Frías-Pérez, MCB PRB 2022

# time-dependent observable as a TN

TN describe  
observables, not  
states

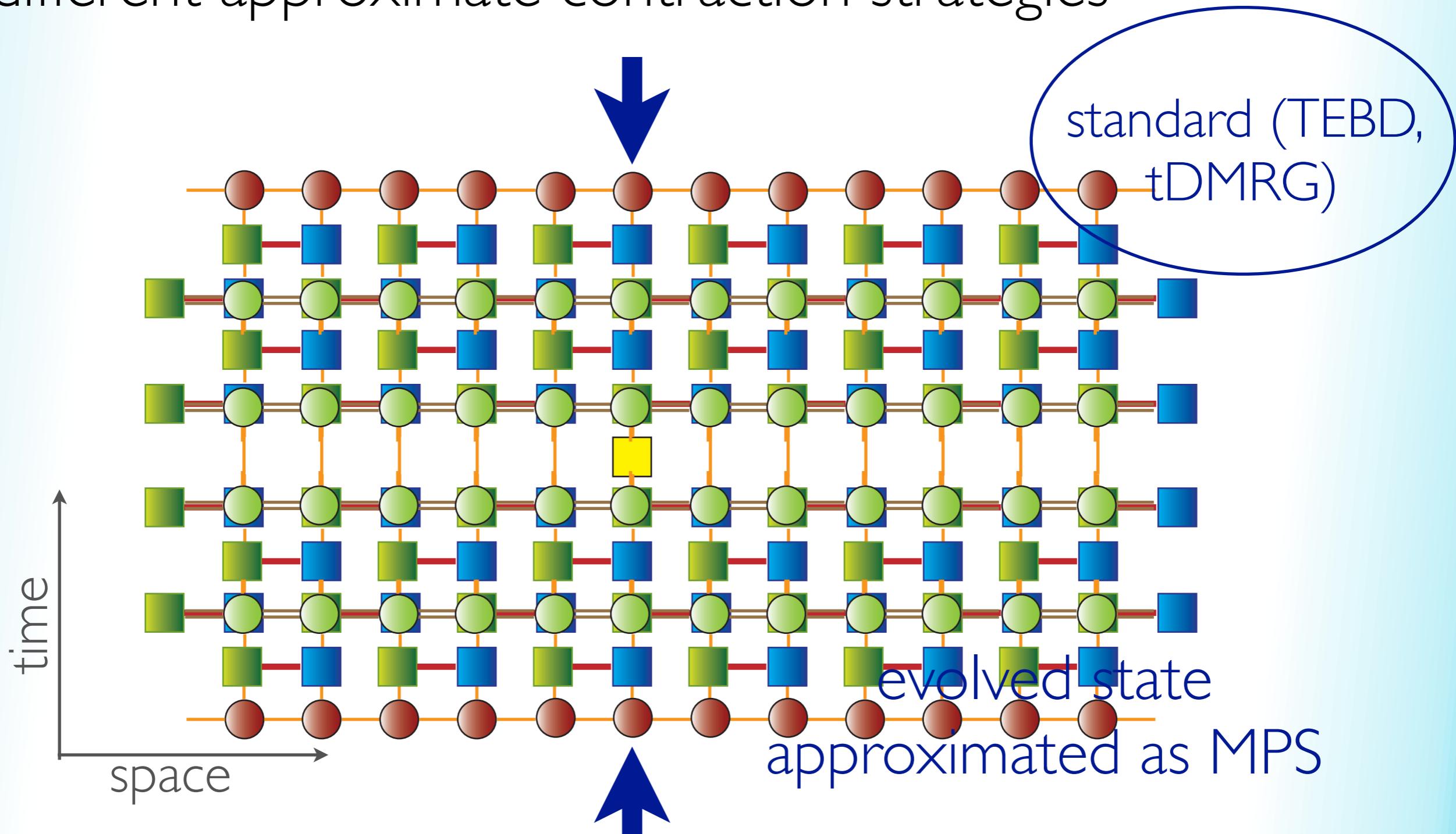
$$\langle \Psi(t) | O | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

exact contraction  
not possible  
#P complete



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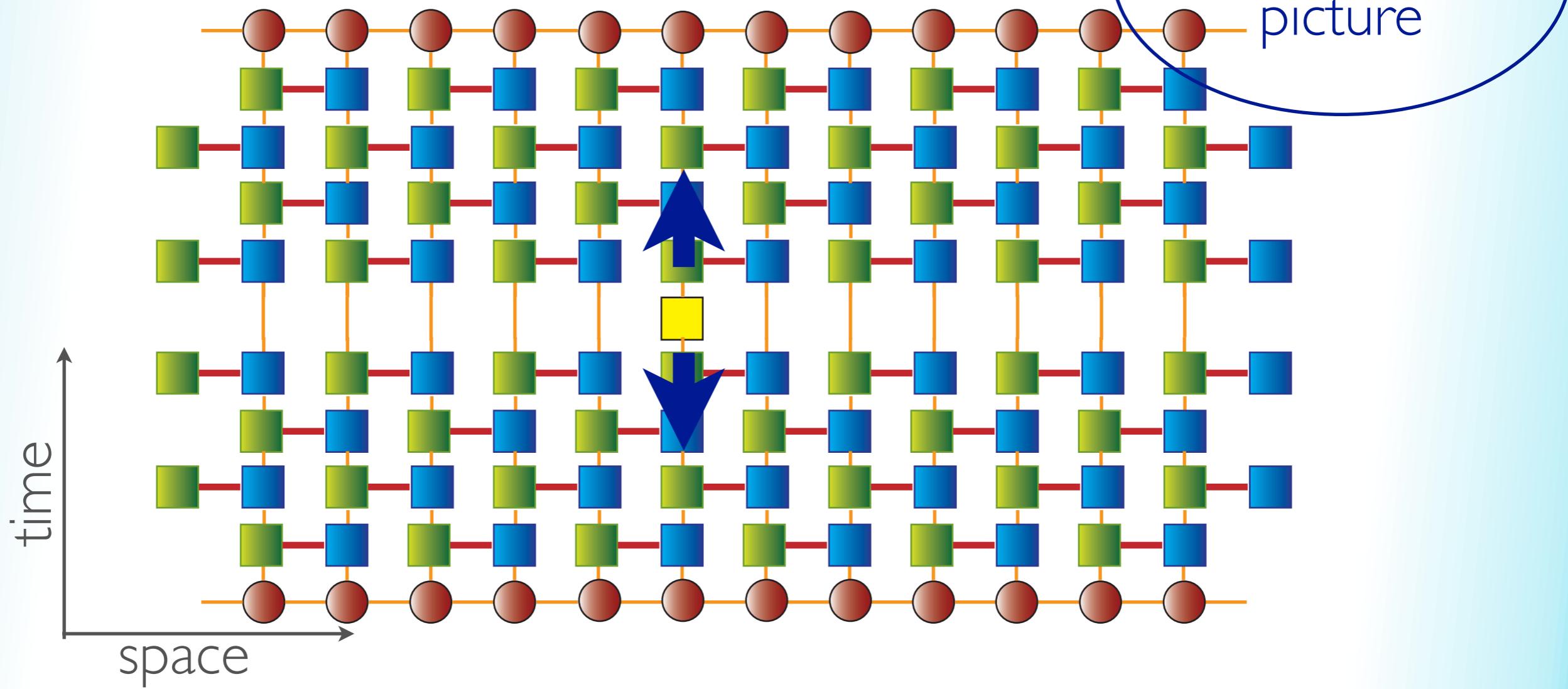
different approximate contraction strategies



# time-dependent observable as a TN

different approximate contraction strategies  
evolved operator as

MPO



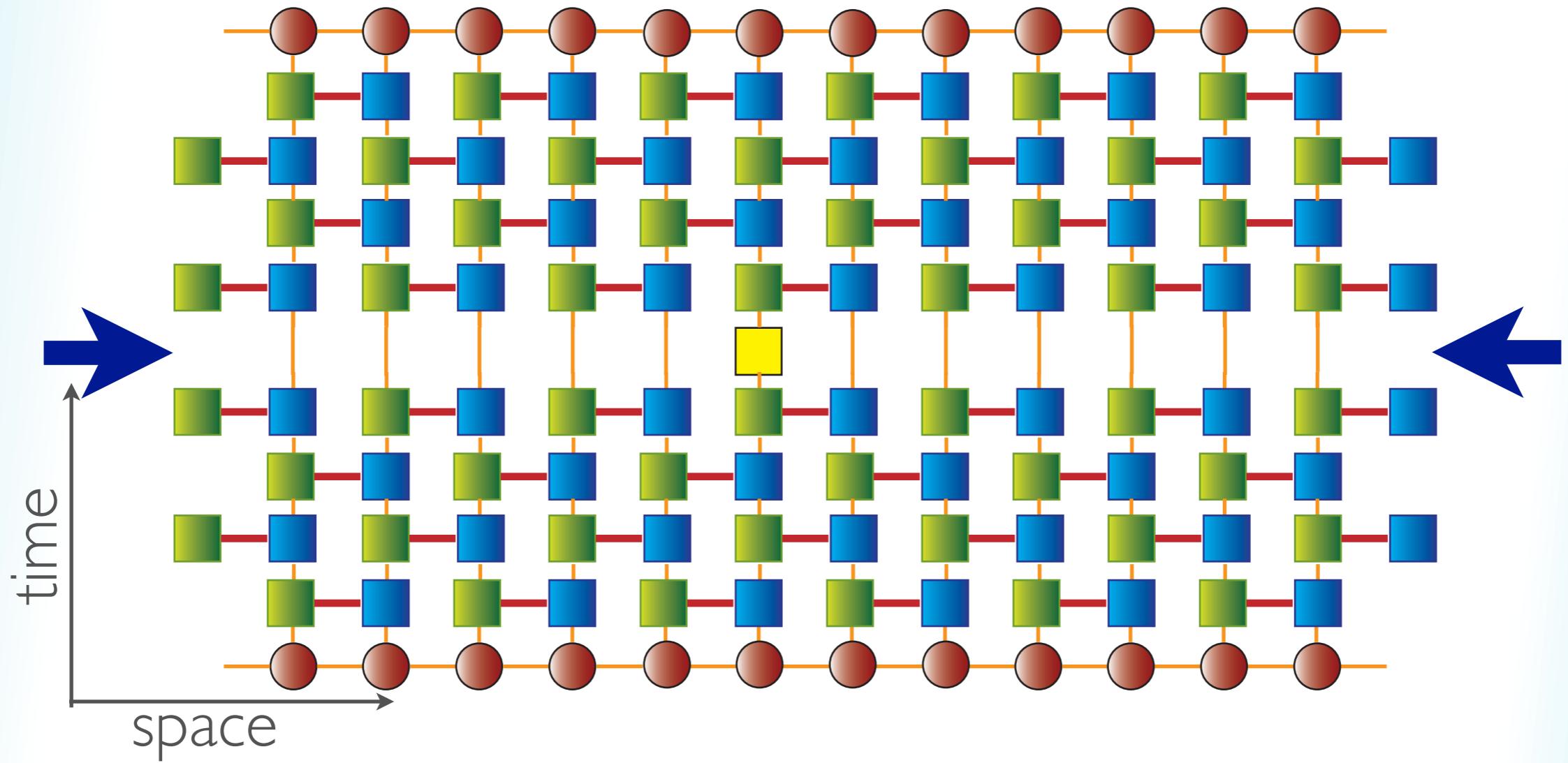
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for infinite systems, transverse folding approach

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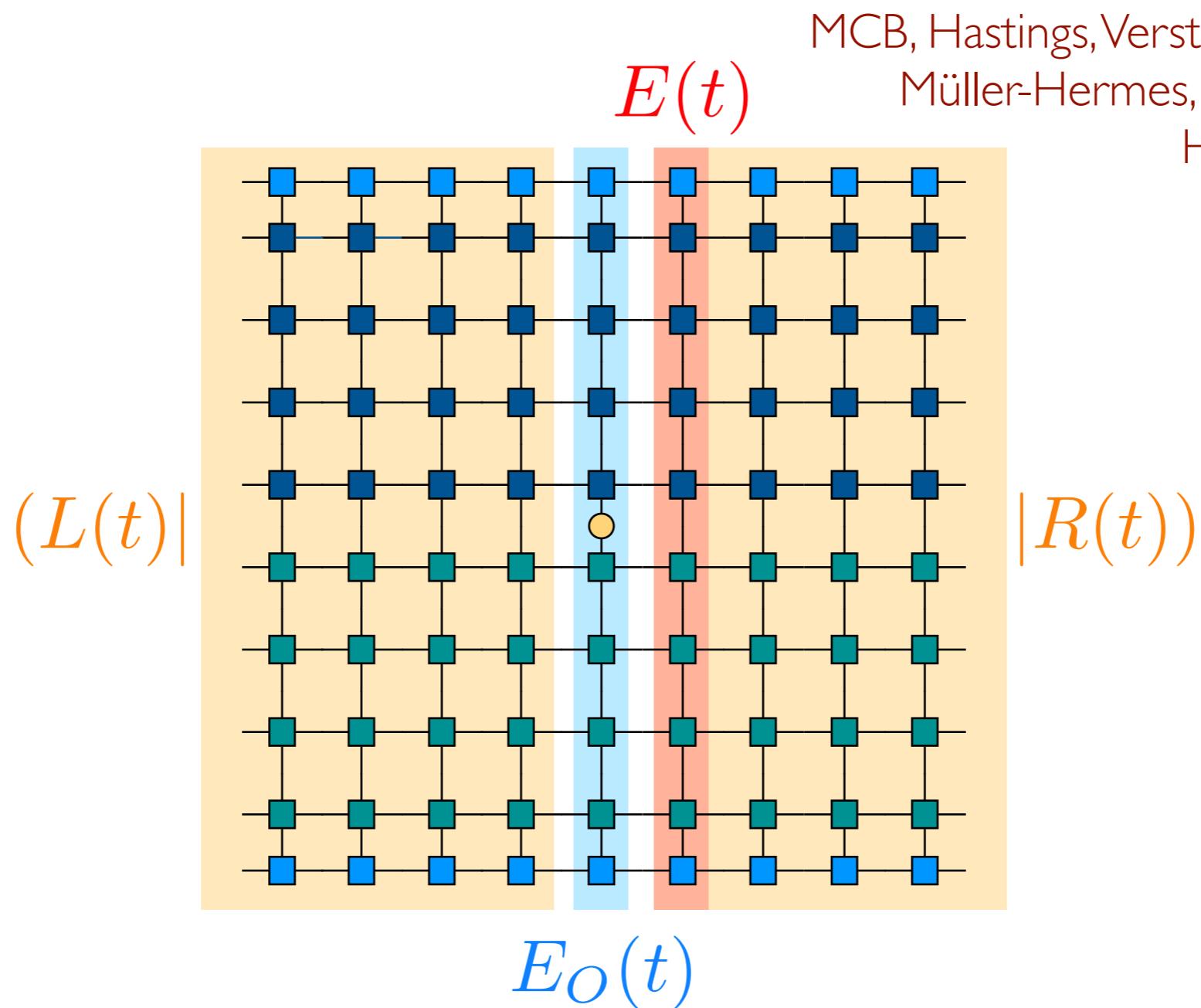
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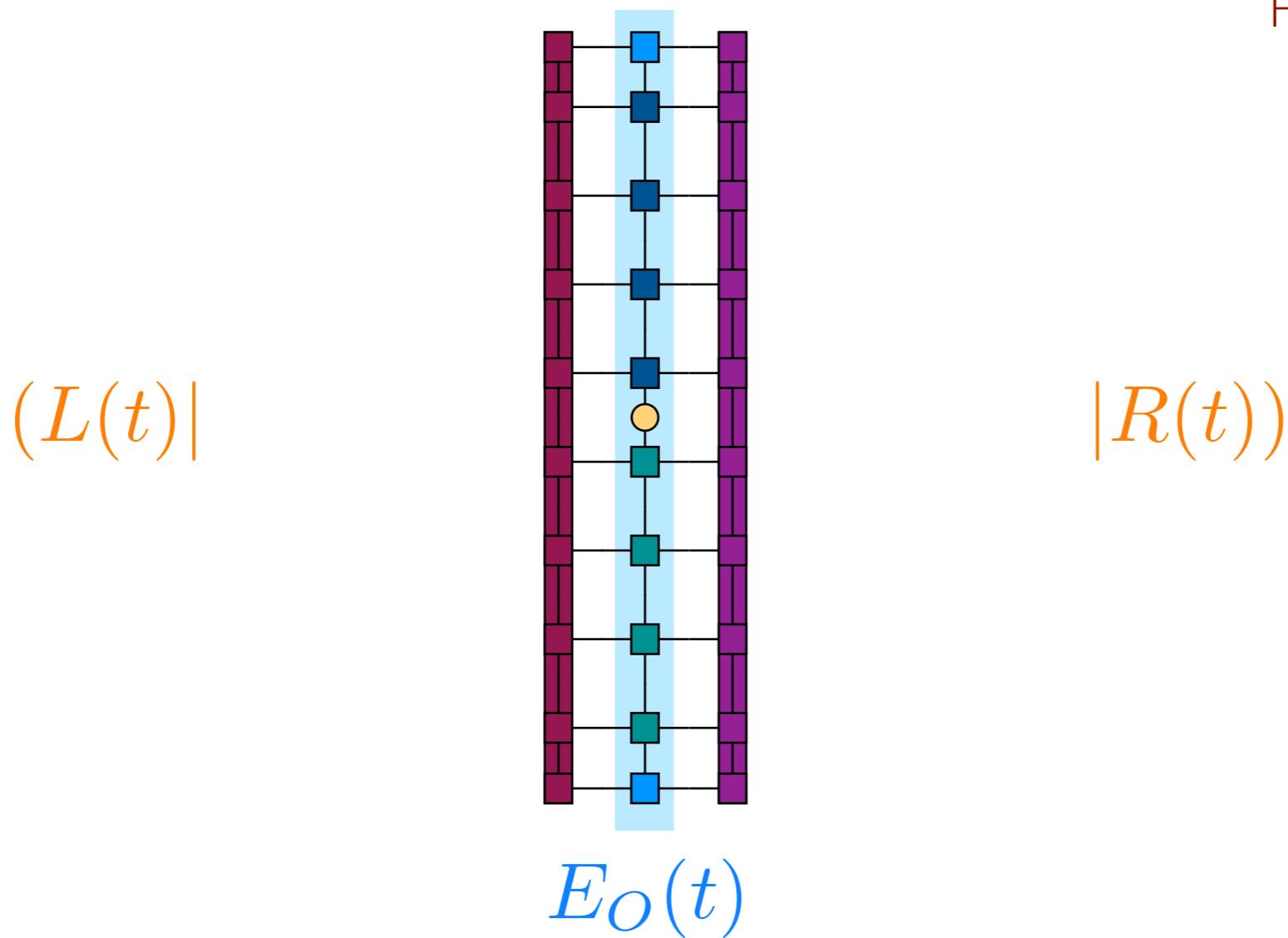
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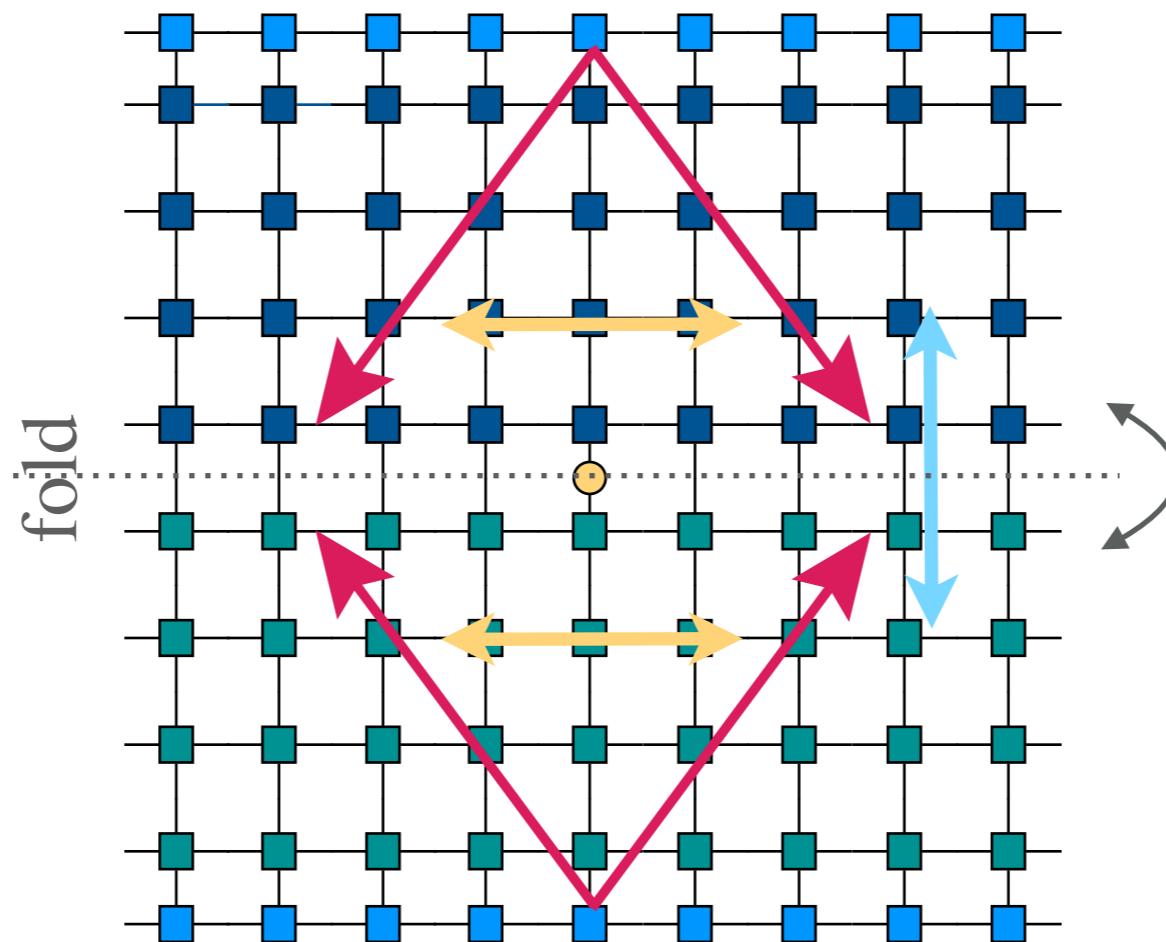
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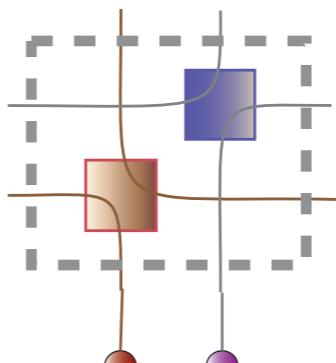
# transverse folding approach

intuition: model free propagating excitations



# transverse folding approach

intuition: toy model



$$|\ell\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle + |\bar{\ell}\rangle \otimes |r\rangle$$

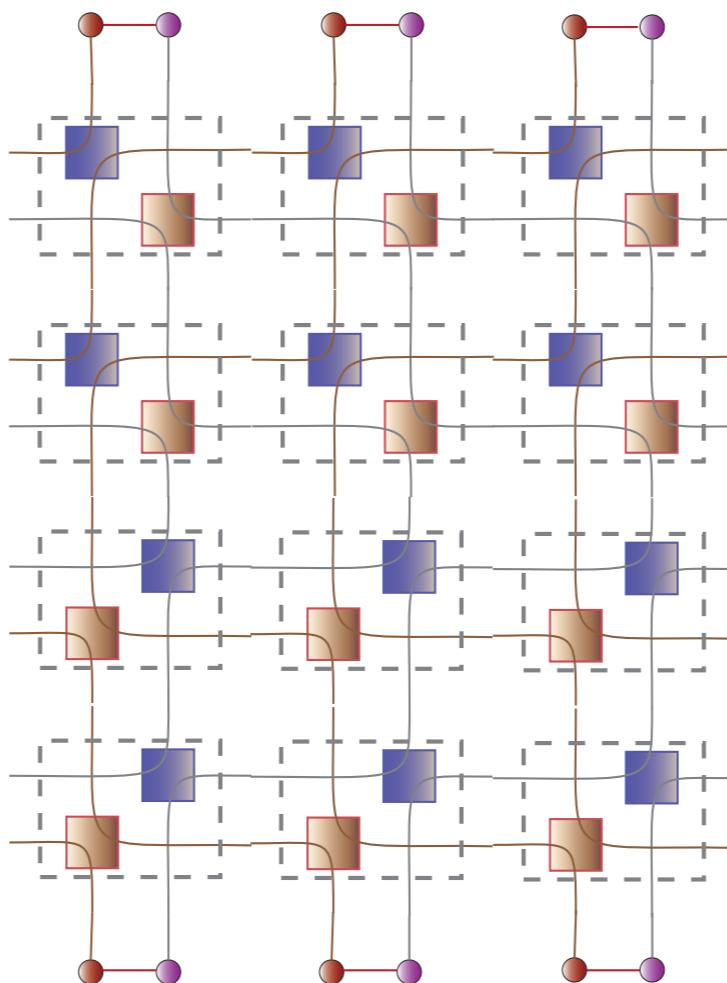
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dual unitary circuit

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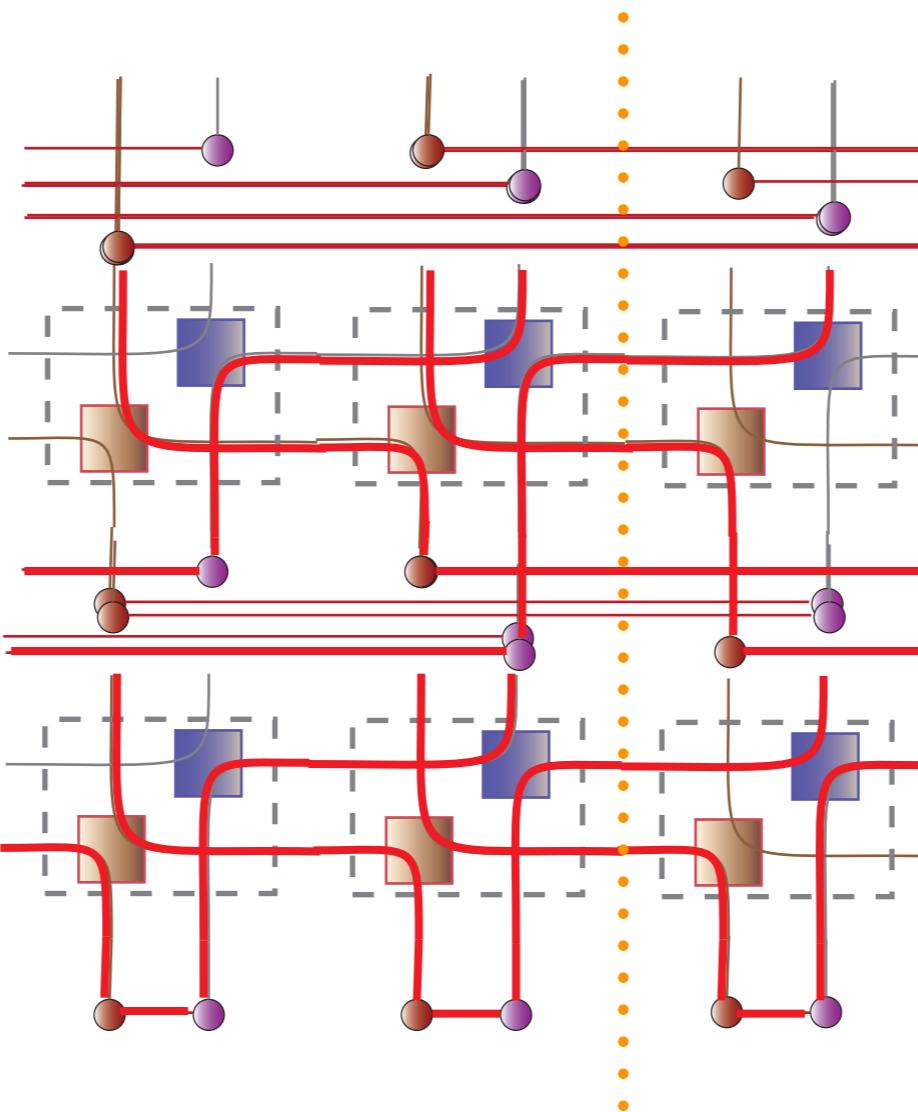
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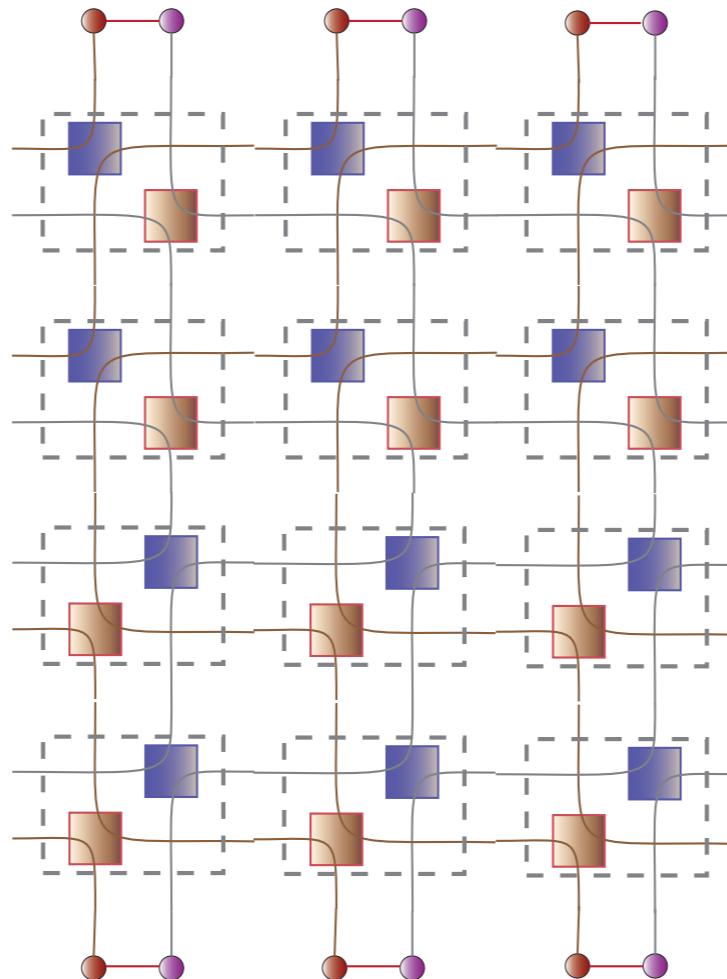


$$|\ell\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |0\rangle \otimes |r\rangle$$

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# transverse folding approach

intuition: toy model  
time direction

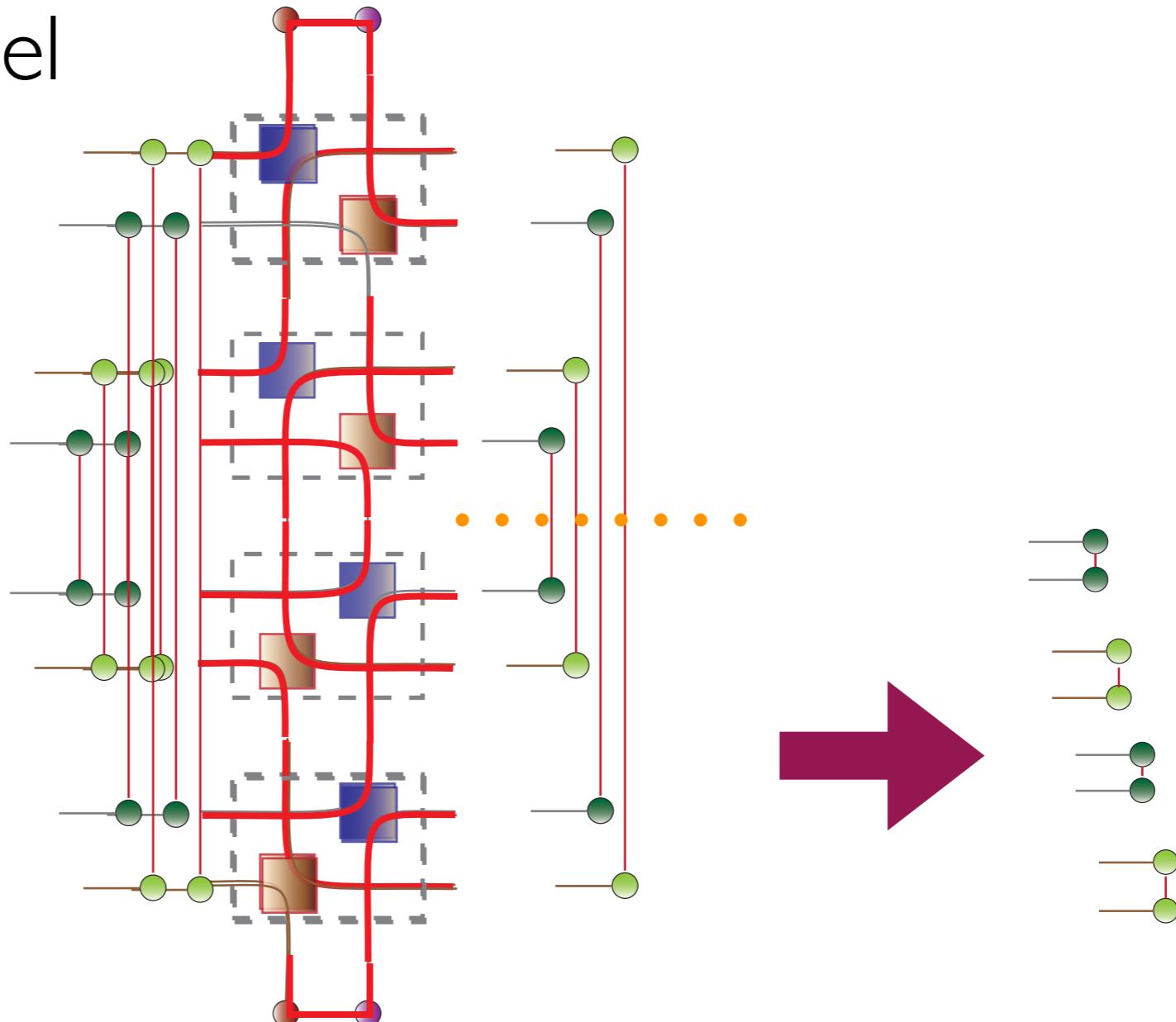


# transverse folding approach

intuition: toy model  
time direction

entanglement also  
in the transverse  
eigenvector

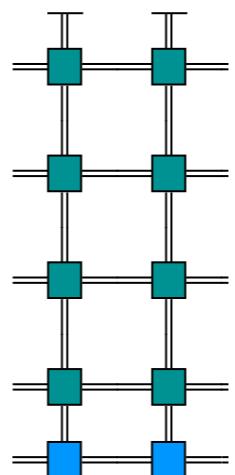
folding can reduce  
the entanglement in  
this case



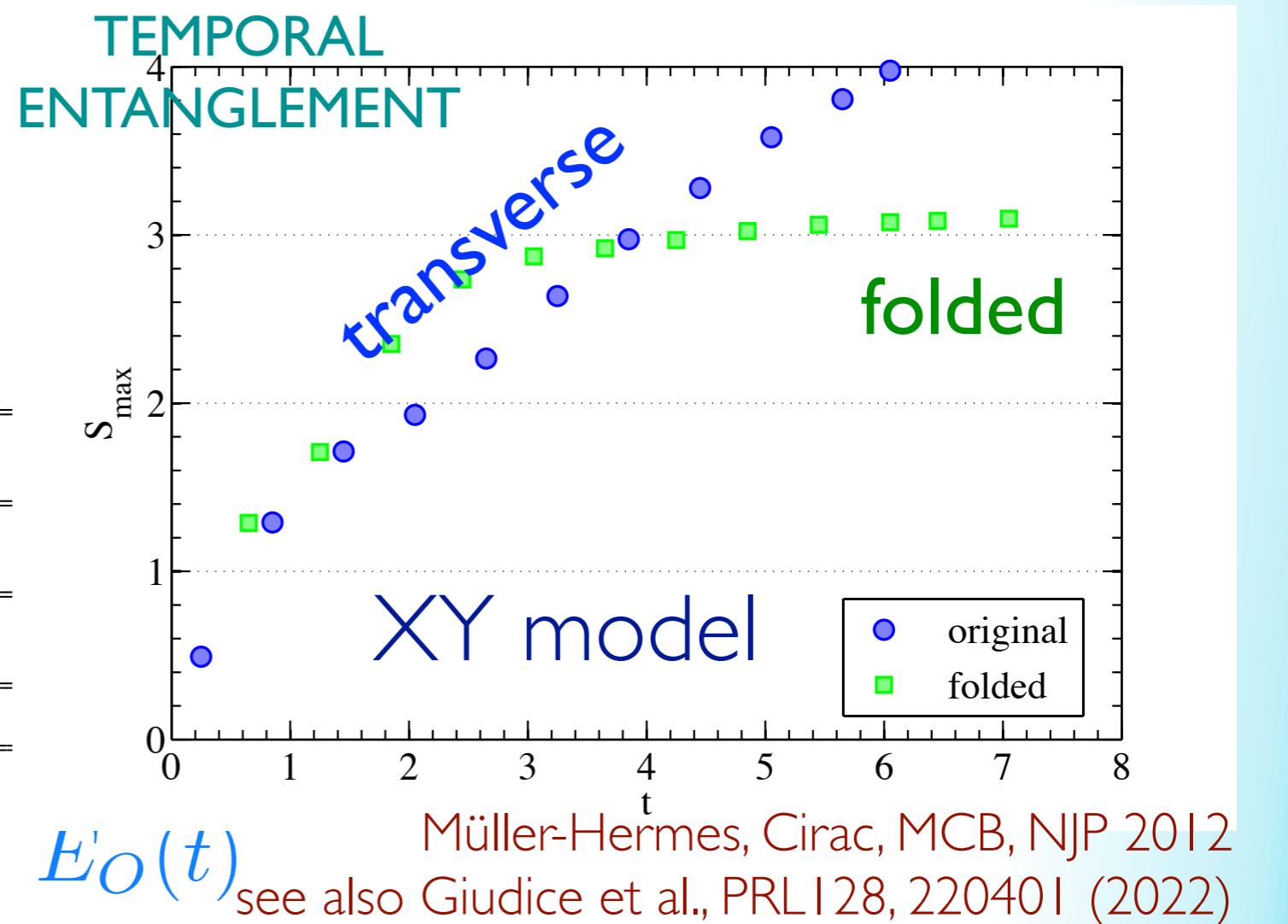
# transverse folding approach

## free propagating excitations

recent interest: influence functional  
Sonner et al, Ann. Phys 2021  
Lerose et al. PRX 2021  
Ye, Chan, J. Chem. Phys. 2021



closest real case: global quench  
in free fermionic models



# transverse folding approach

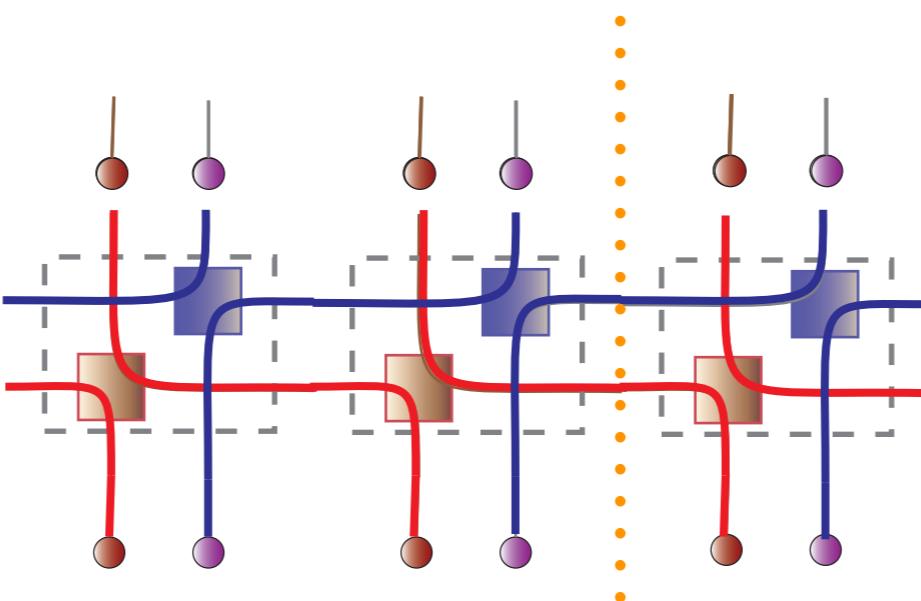
intuition: toy model

a second case

$$|\ell\rangle \otimes |r\rangle$$

eigenstate of the  
evolution

no entanglement  
created in space

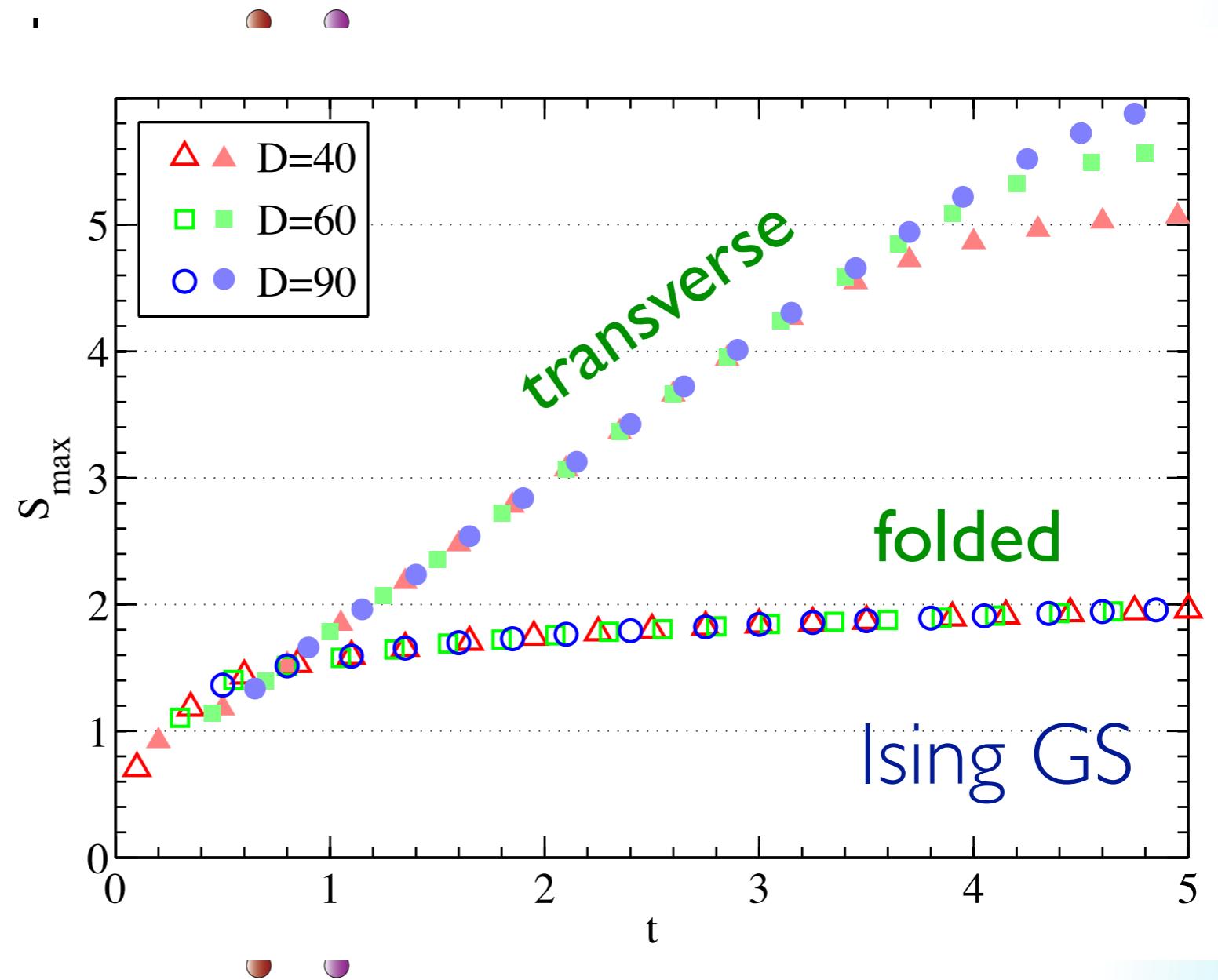


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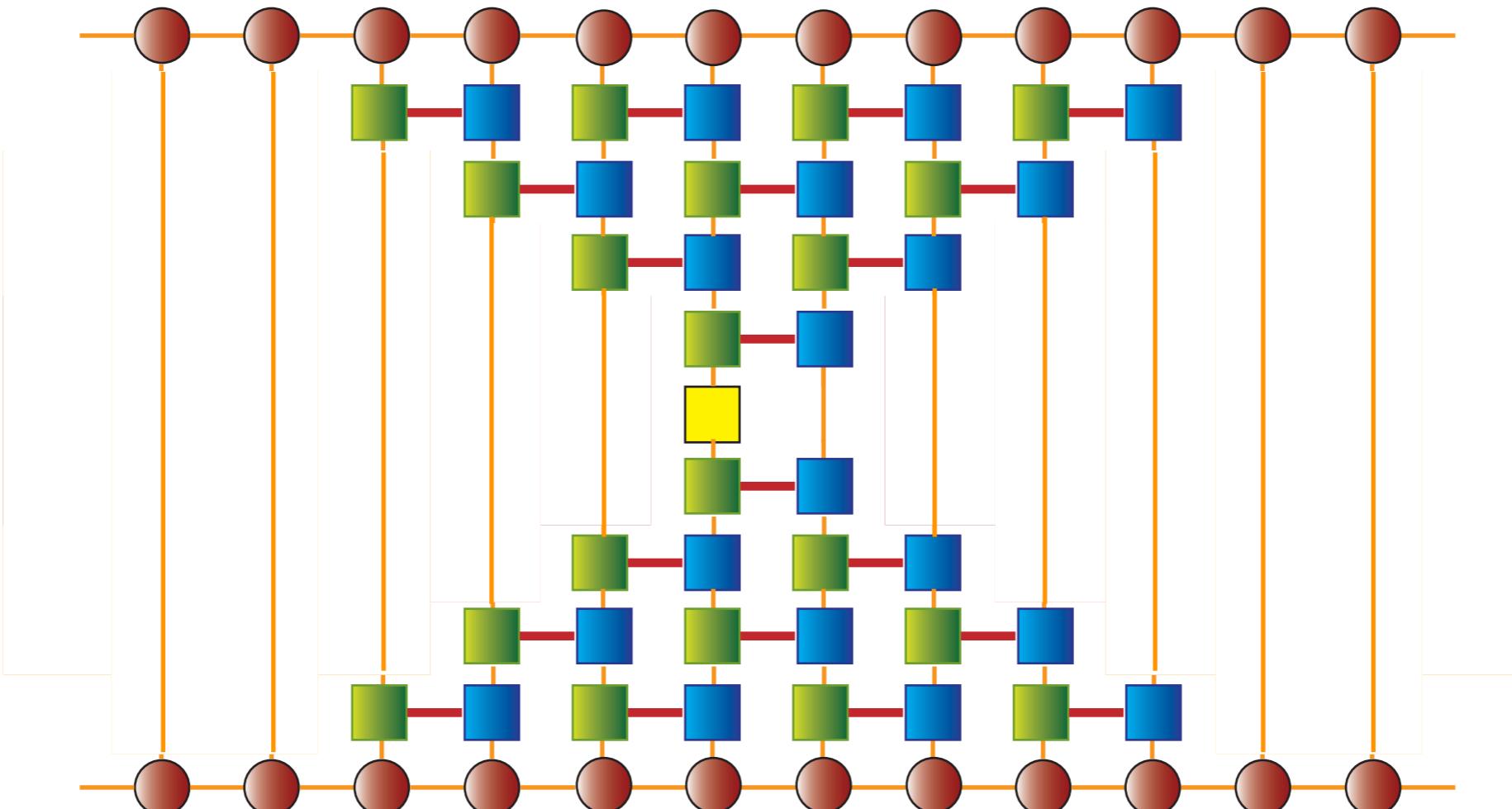
fast growing  
entanglement in  
transverse  
direction

folding works



# transverse folding + light cone

cancelling local unitaries



# transverse folding + light cone = TLCC

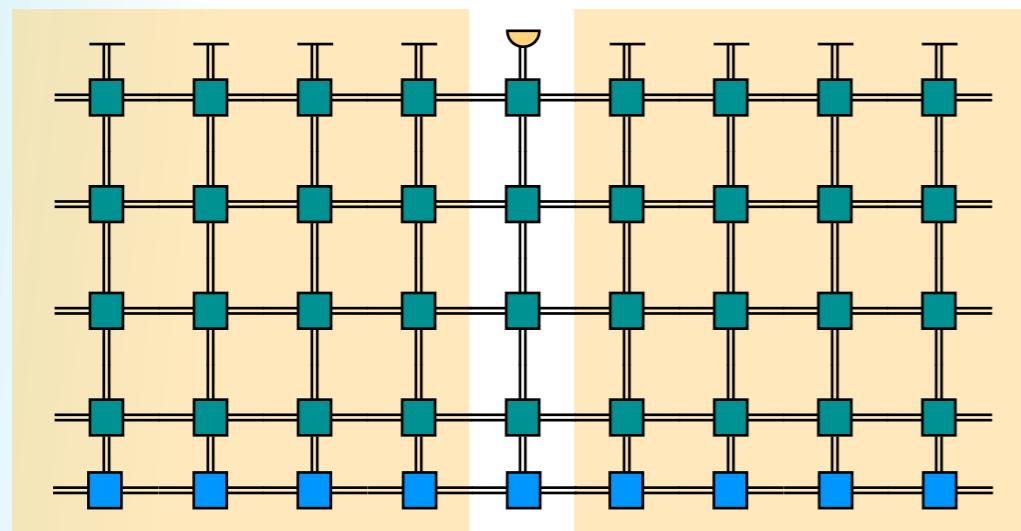
cancelling local unitaries

gain in efficiency

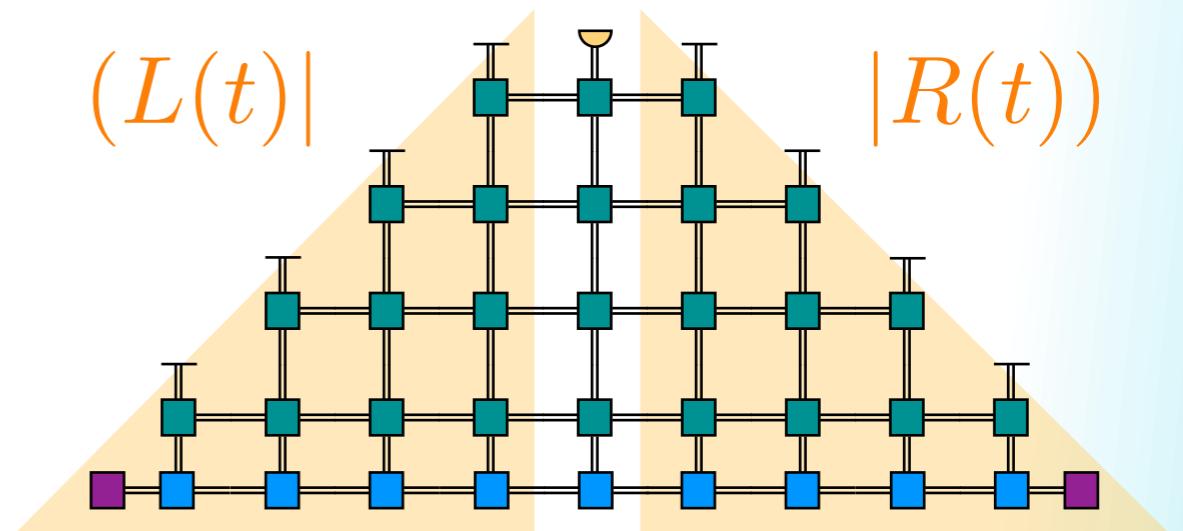
systematic increment of  $t$

improved convergence with  
Hastings' truncation

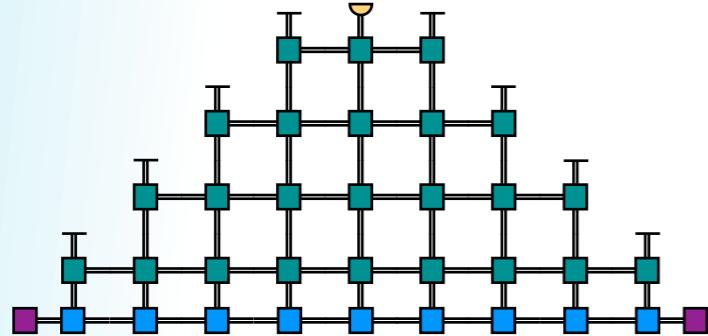
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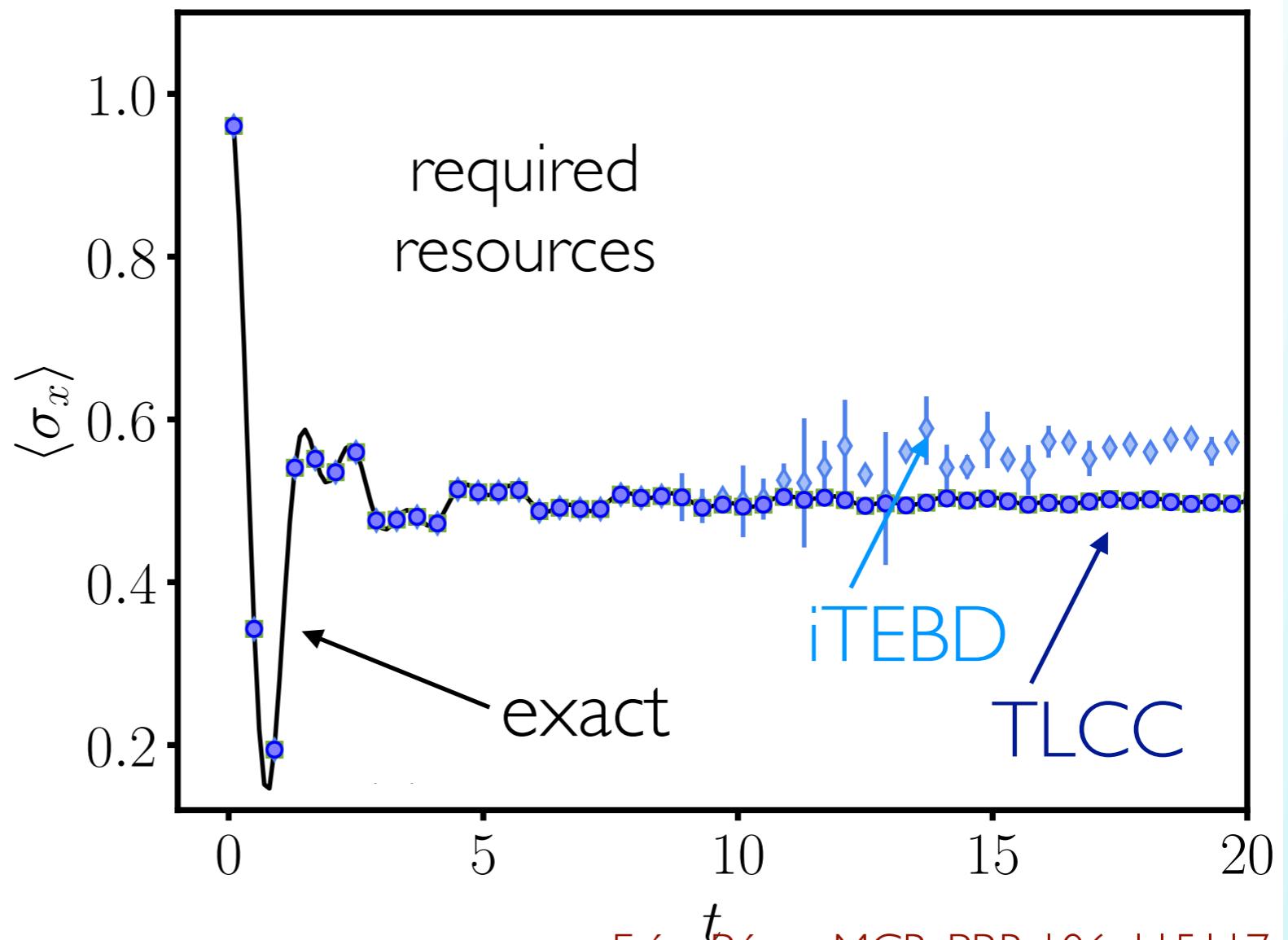


$$(J, g, h) =$$

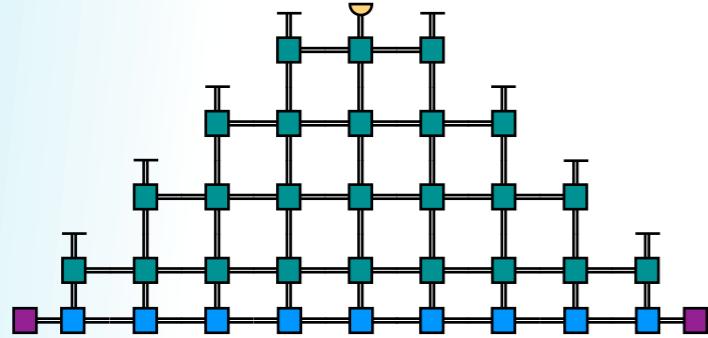
$$(1, 0.5, 0)$$

quench from  $|X+\rangle$

$$H_{\text{Ising}} = J \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_z^{[i]} \sigma_z^{[i+1]} + g \sum_i \sigma_x^{[i]} + h \sum_i \sigma_z^{[i]}$$



# transverse folding + light cone = TLCC



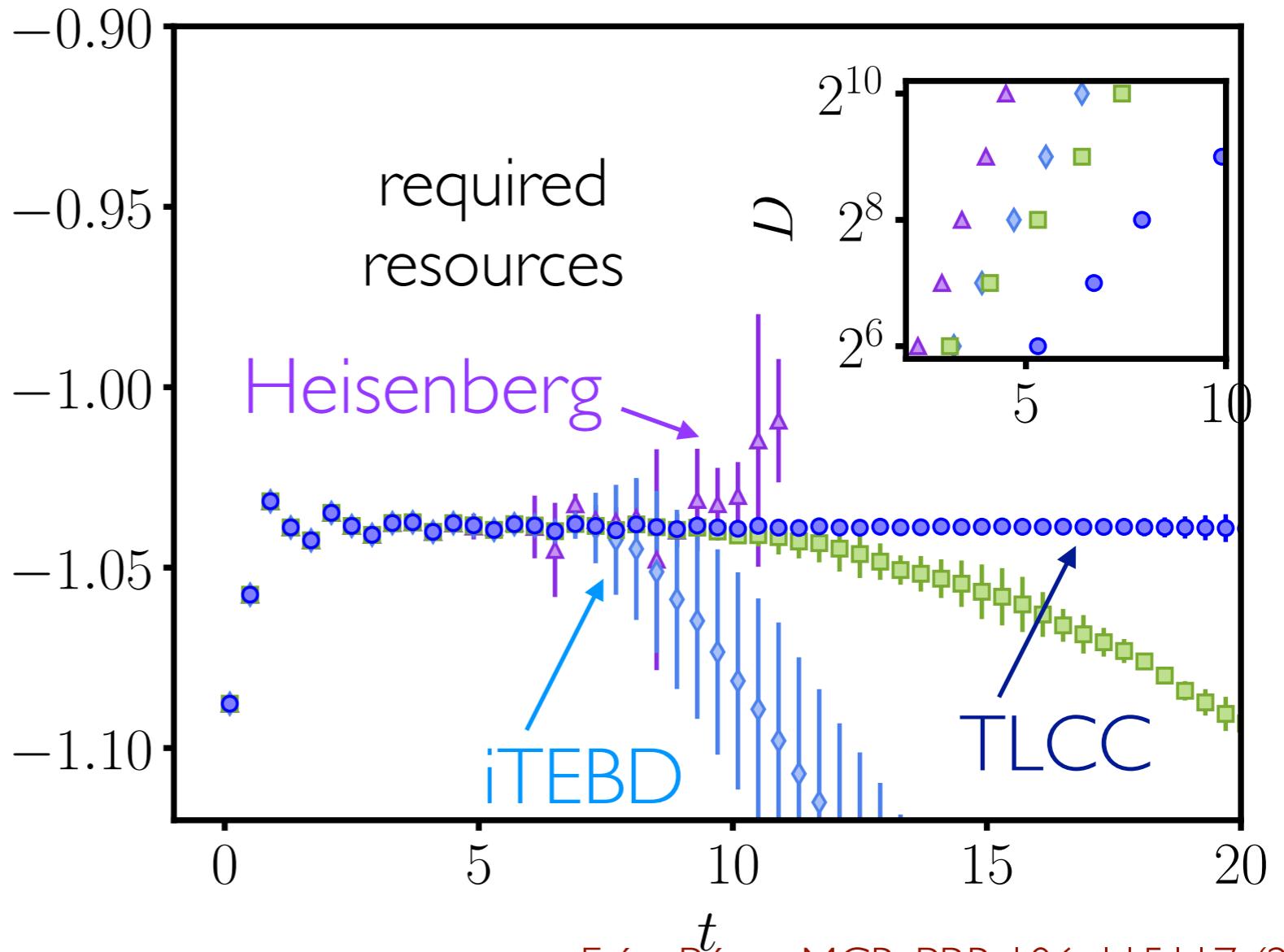
$(J, g, h) =$

$(1, -1.05, 0.5)$

$\langle H \rangle$

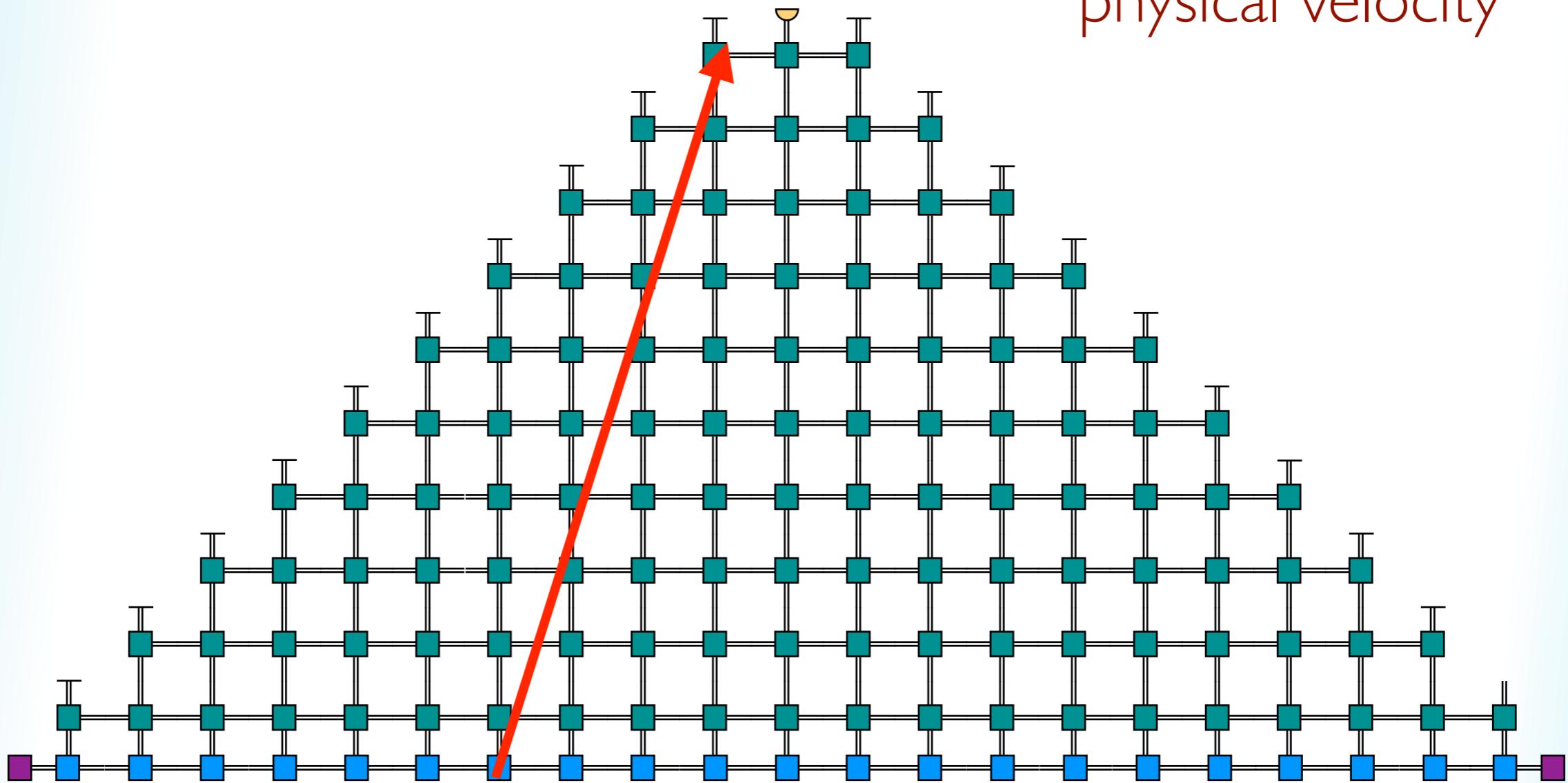
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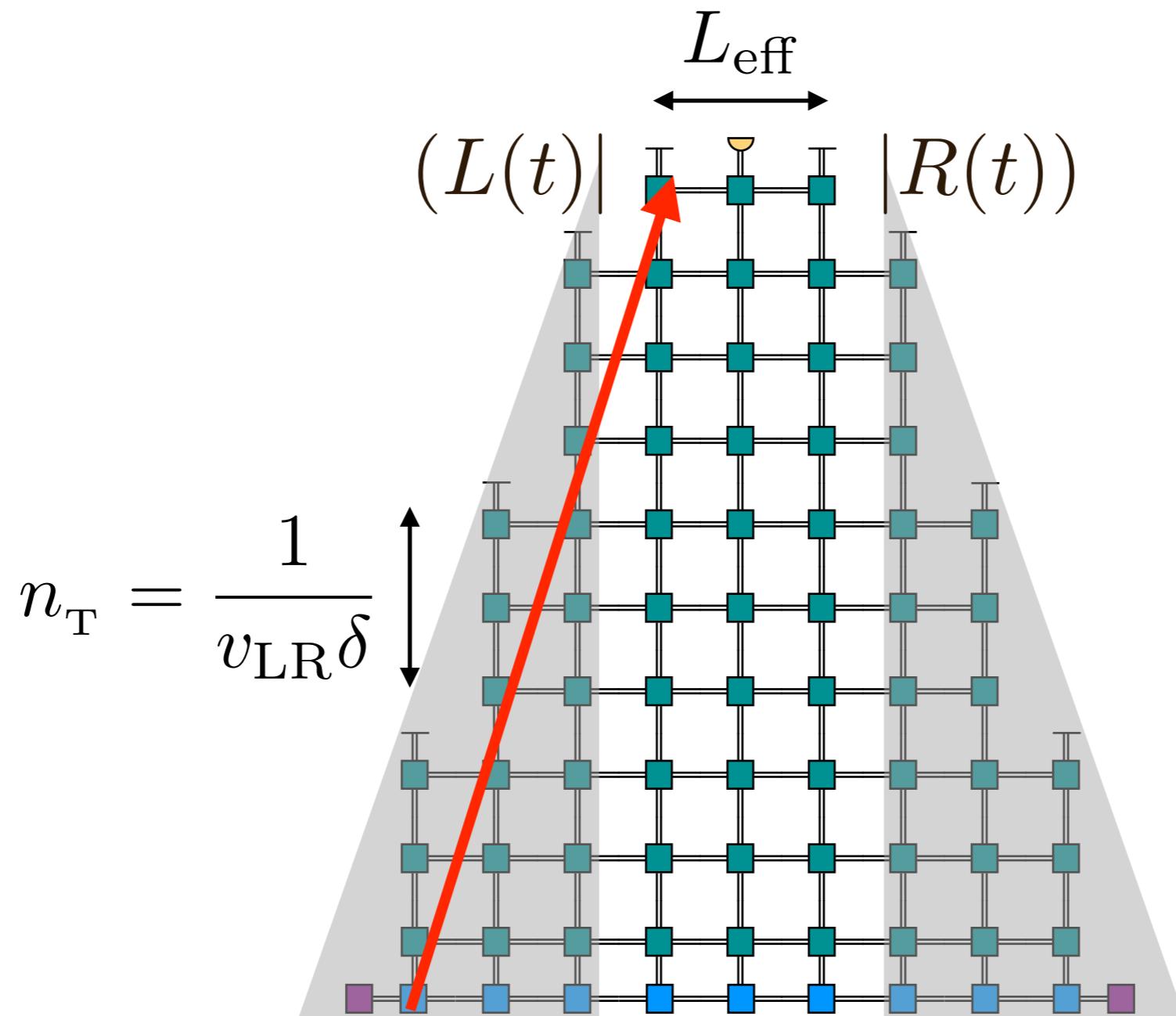


# physical light cone

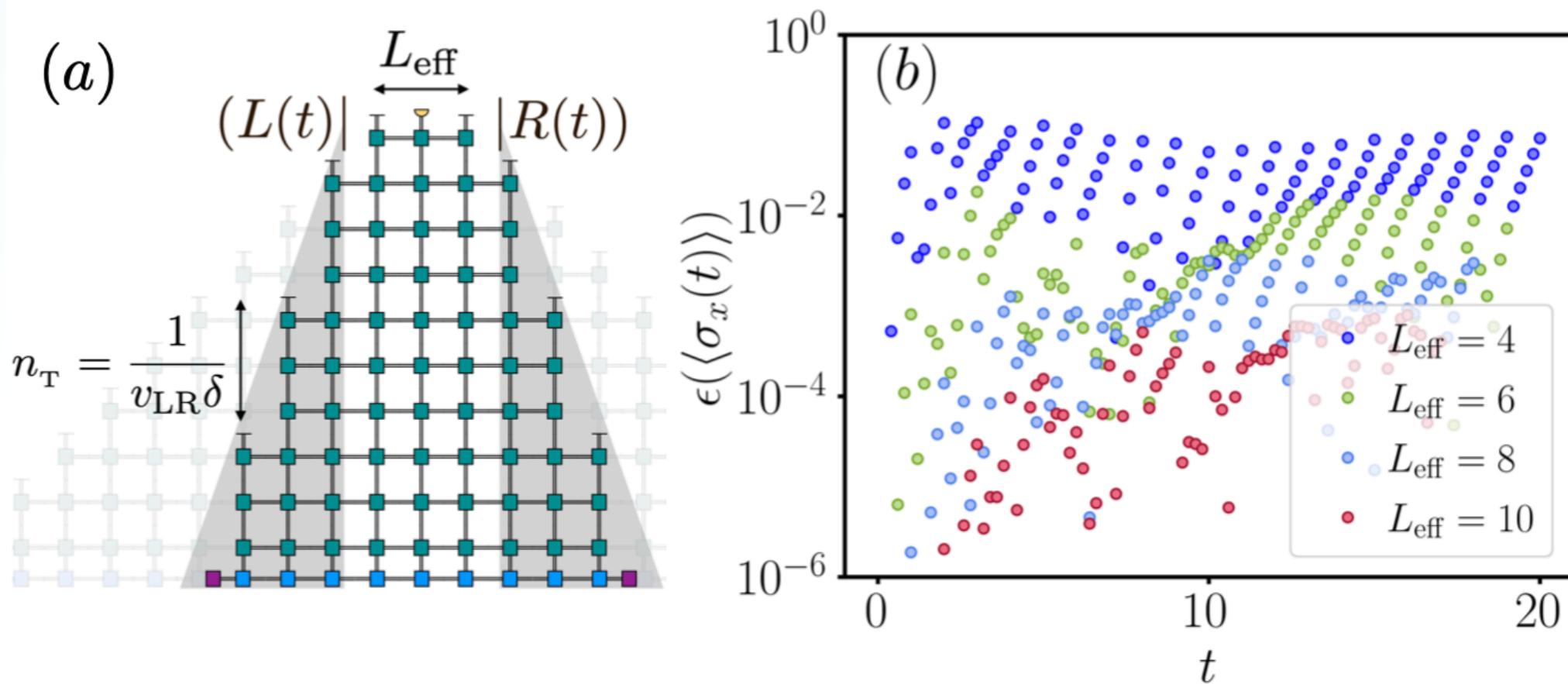
Lieb-Robinson: maximal physical velocity



# physical light cone



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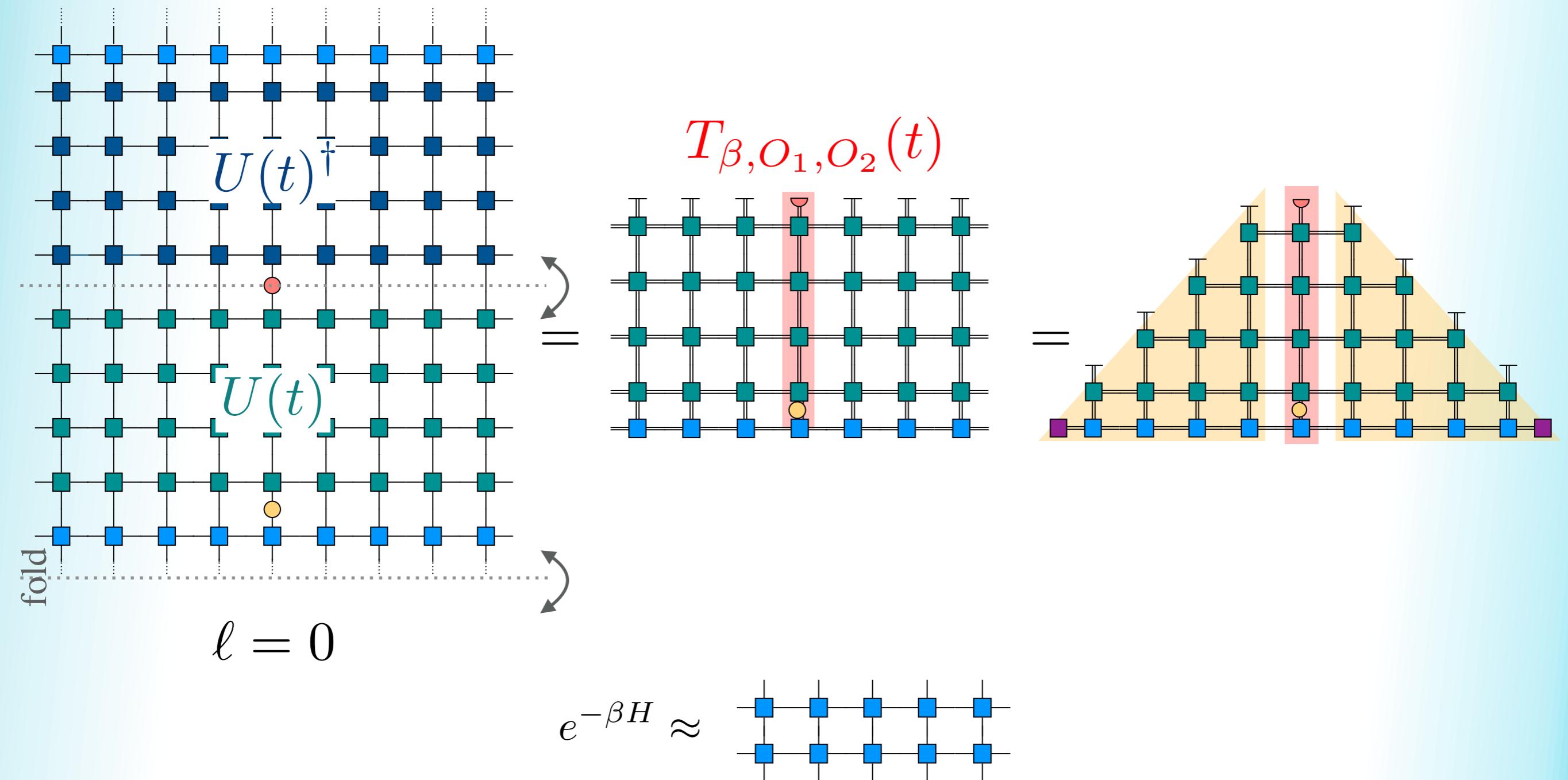


LC with exponential corrections  
finite size window to decrease error

light cone can be exploited for other  
quantities

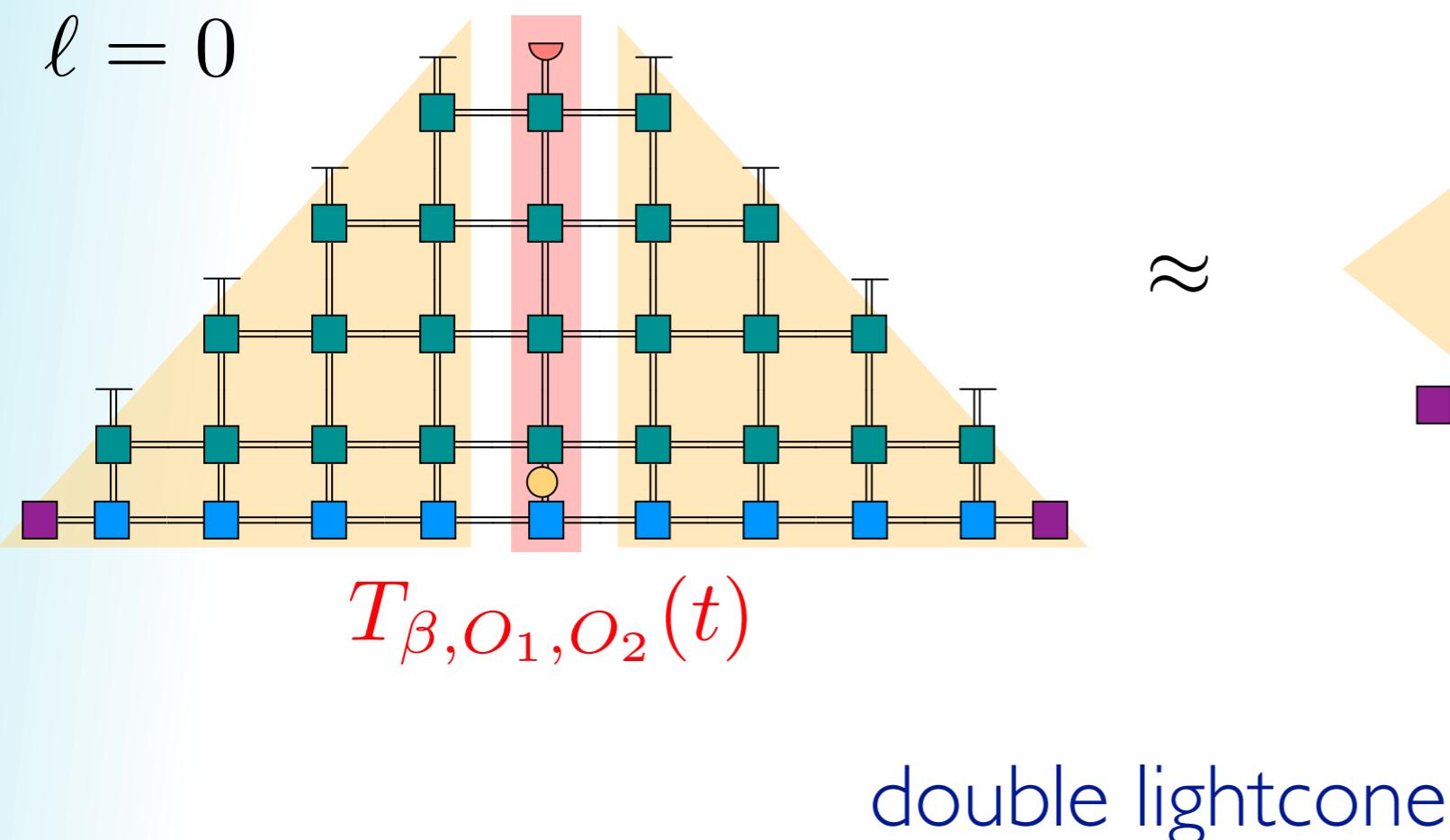
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$$C_{1,2}(t, \ell, \beta) = \text{tr}(\rho_\beta O_2^{[\ell]}(t) O_1^{[0]}(0))$$

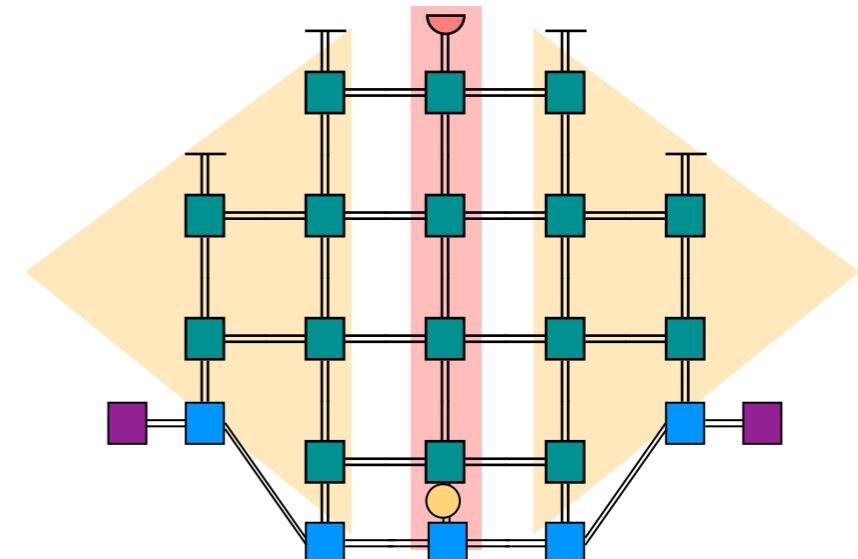


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$\approx$

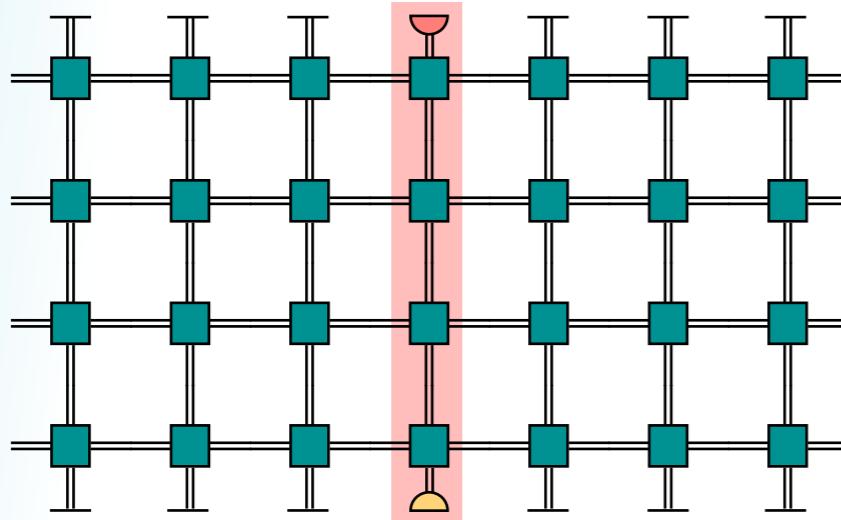


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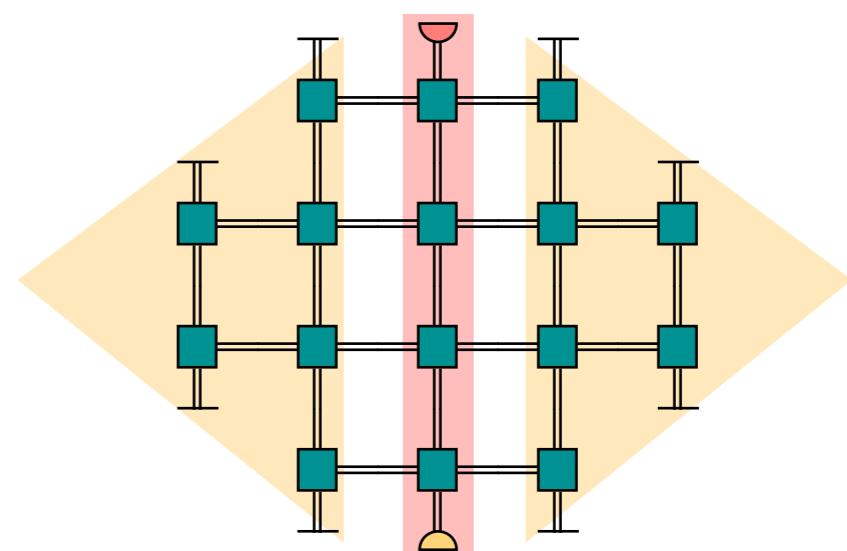
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$\ell = 0$



$T_{\beta=0, O_1, O_2}(t)$

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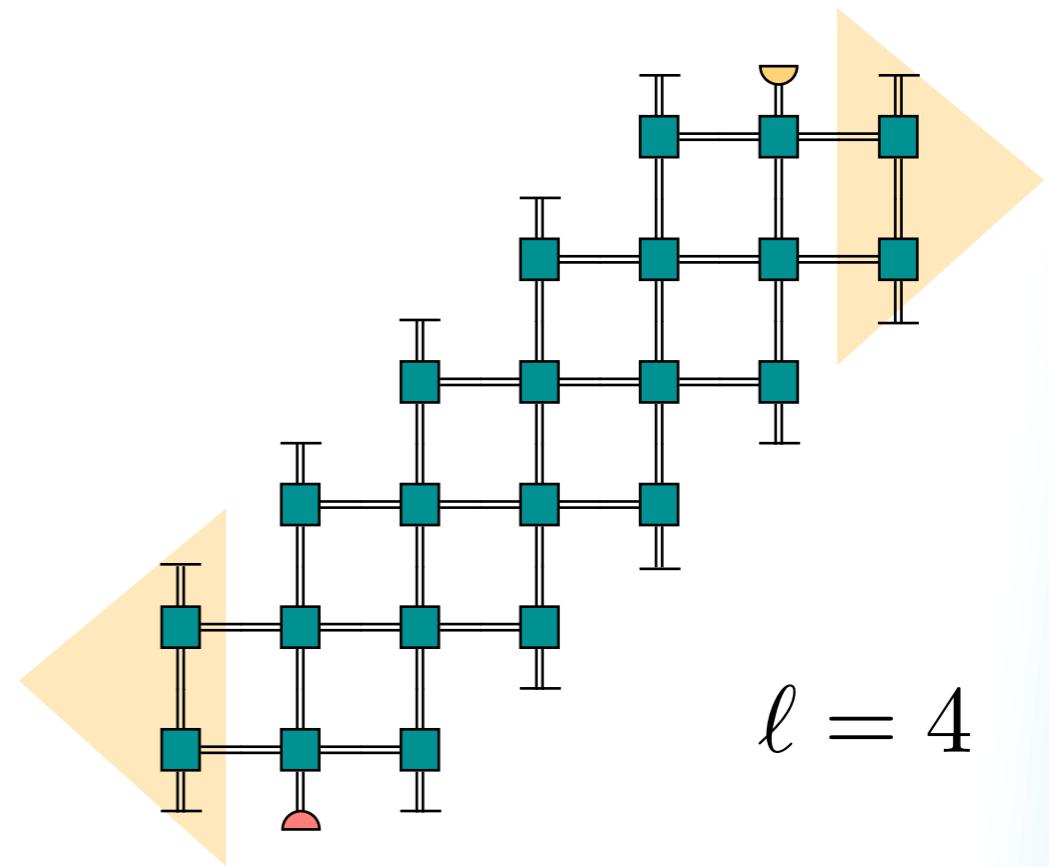
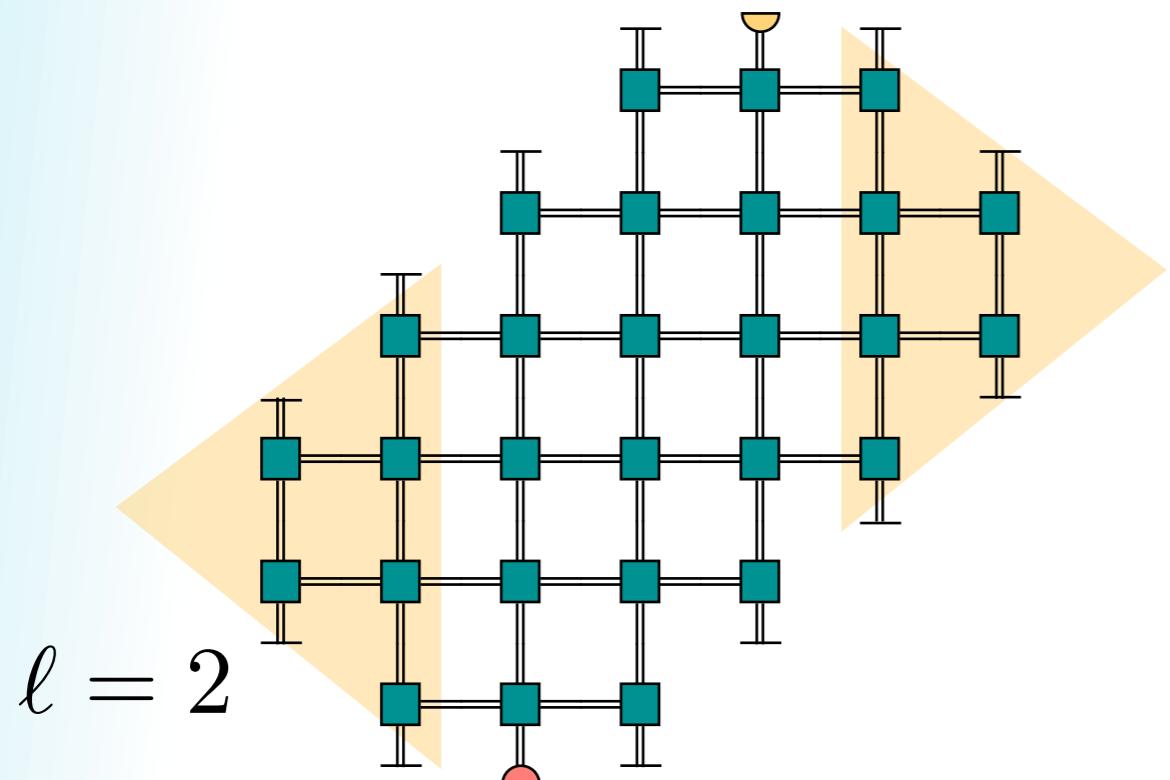


infinite temperature

$\beta = 0$

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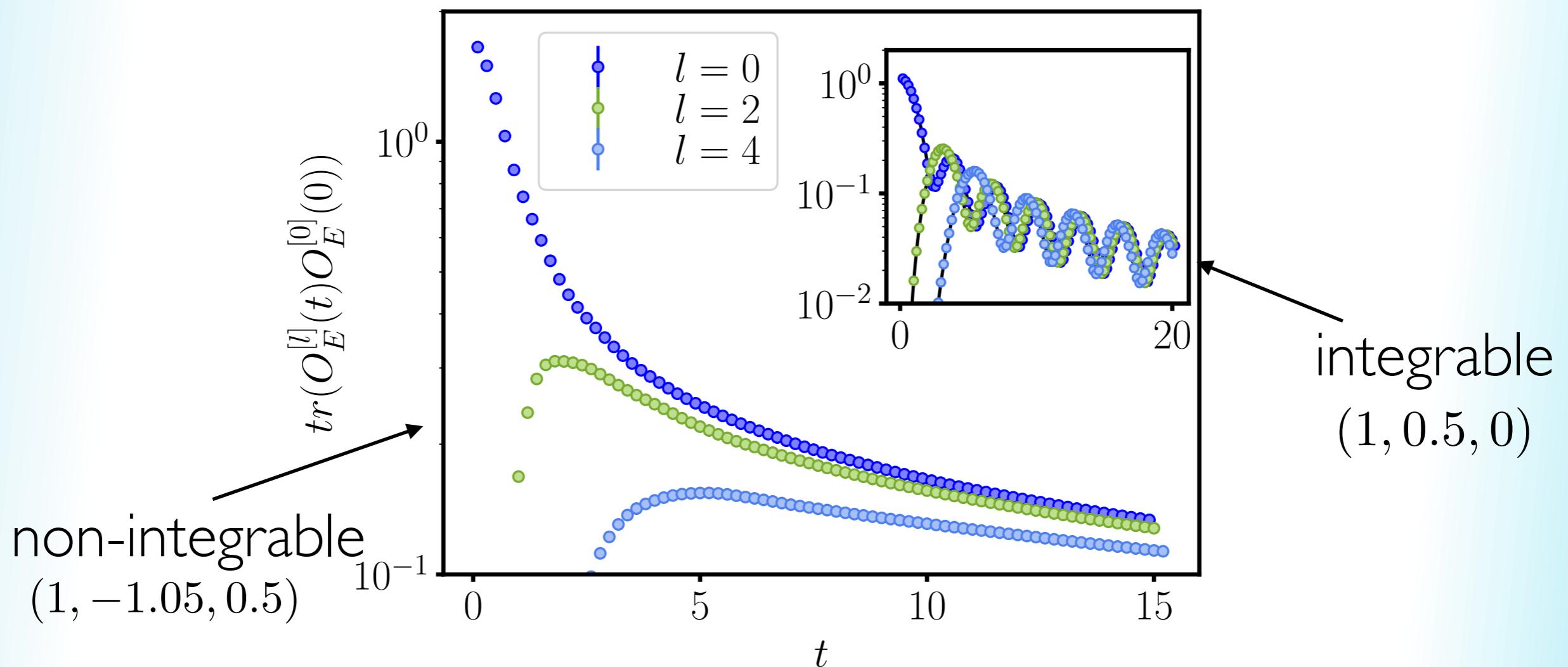


arbitrary distance

# computing response functions

tilted Ising  
energy density  
infinite temperature

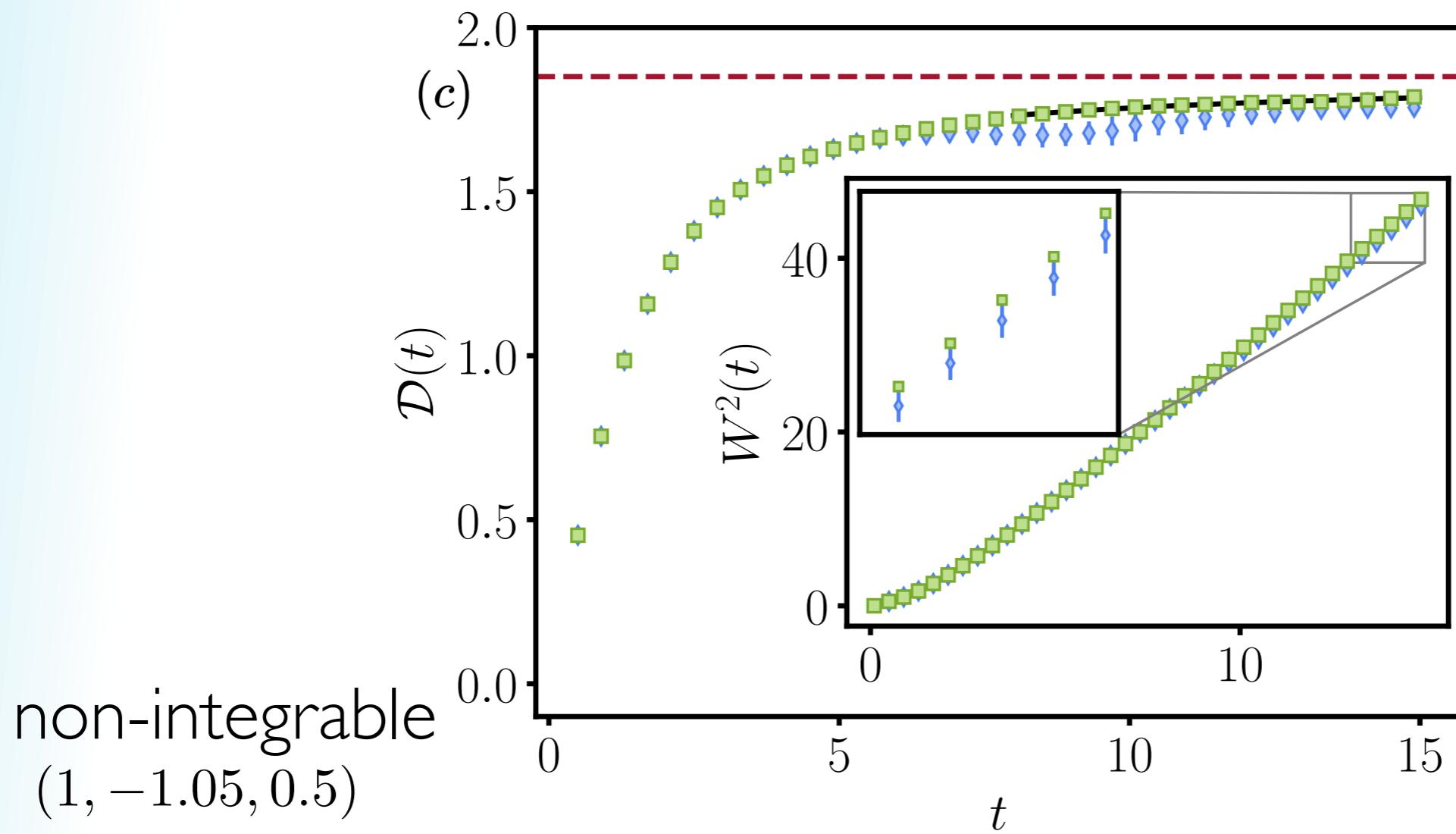
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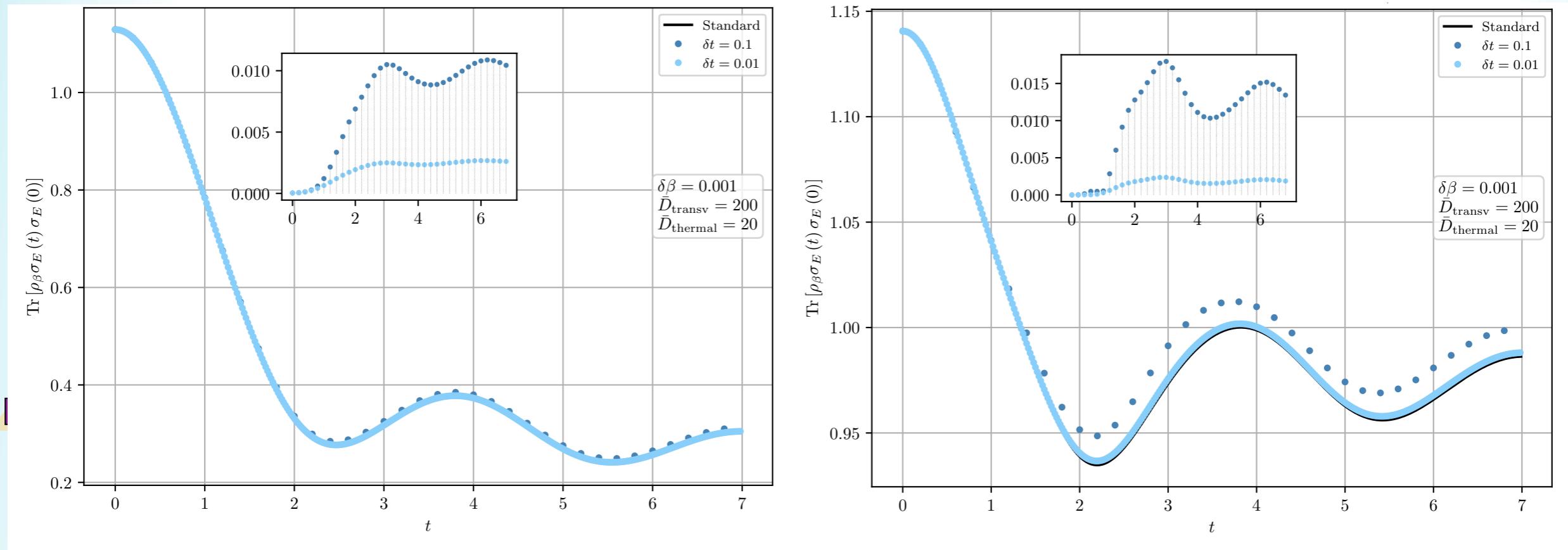
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diffusion  
constant

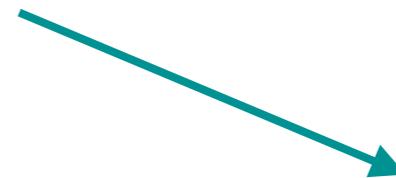
# finite temperature

$$C_{1,2}(t, \ell, \beta) = \text{tr}(\rho_\beta O_2^{[\ell]}(t) O_1^{[0]}(0))$$



double lightcone more efficient but only approximate  
systematical improvement with Trotter step

alternative: give up  
description of the full state



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non-equilibrium  
evolution of local  
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# exploring properties of quantum many-body systems at finite energy density spectral properties of the QMB Hamiltonian **generalized** **density of states**

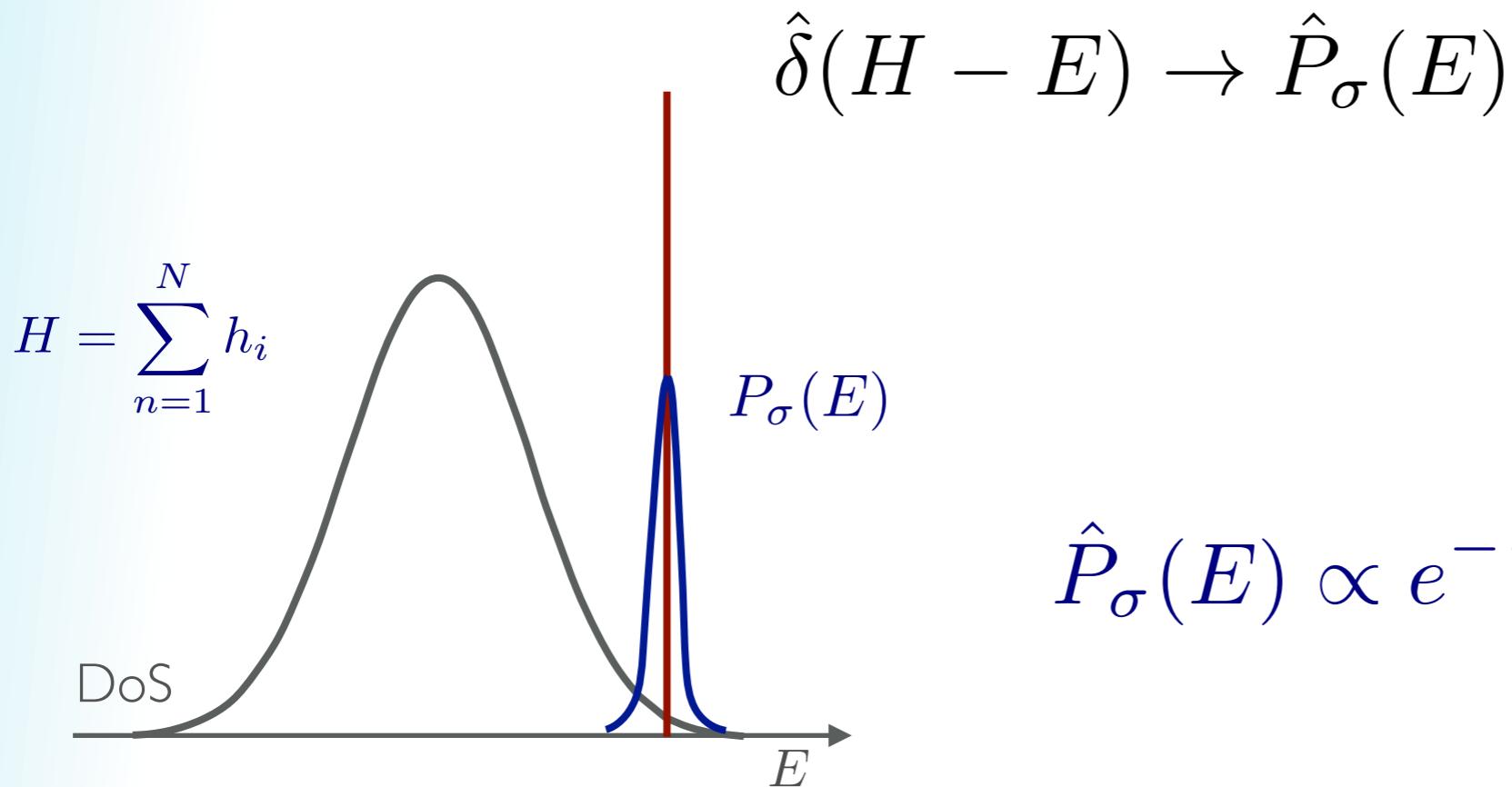
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**Lu, MCB, Cirac, PRX Quantum 2, 02032 (2021)**  
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can be connected to  
equilibrium and non-equilibrium properties

# generalized density of states

$$\sum_n \delta(E - E_n) \langle E_n | O | E_n \rangle = \text{tr} \left( O \hat{\delta}(H - E) \right)$$



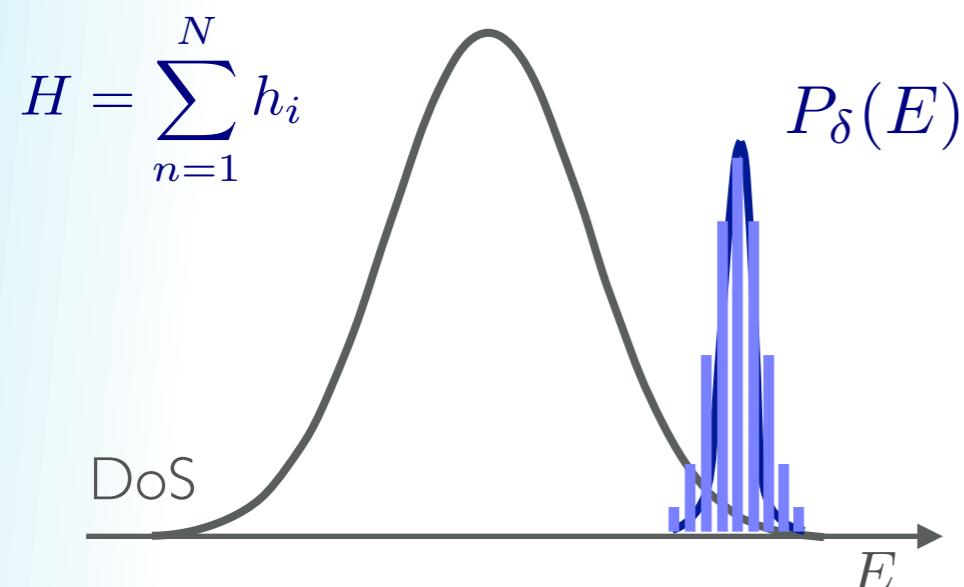
# energy filter

## 1 filter as ensemble

diagonal in energy eigenbasis  $\Rightarrow$  microcanonical

$$\frac{\text{tr} (OP_\delta(E))}{\text{tr} P_\delta(E)} \Rightarrow O(E)$$

$$\text{tr} P_\delta(E) \Rightarrow \text{DOS}$$



equivalent to diagonal ensemble of  
a certain pure state

reached only after long  
time evolution

# energy filter

## 2 filtering a state

decrease energy variance  $\Rightarrow$  microcanonical

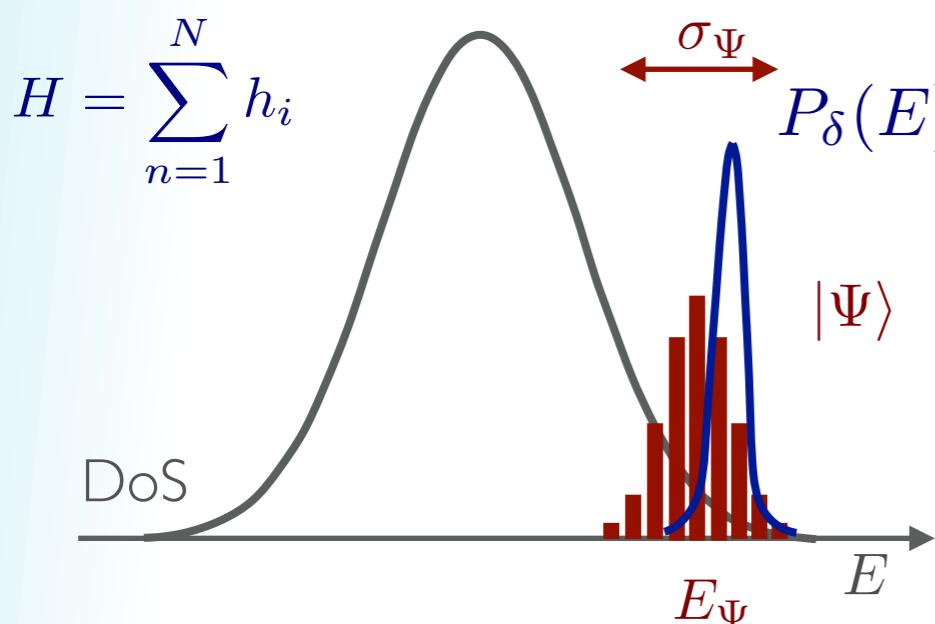
$$\langle P_\delta(E)\Psi|O|P_\delta(E)\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow O(E)$$

$$\langle\Psi|P_\delta(E)|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow \text{LDOS}$$

**BUT** in general, entanglement of filtered state grows

$$S \leq \frac{k_1}{\delta} + \log \sqrt{N} + k_2$$

MCB, Huse, Cirac, PRB 101, 144305 (2020)

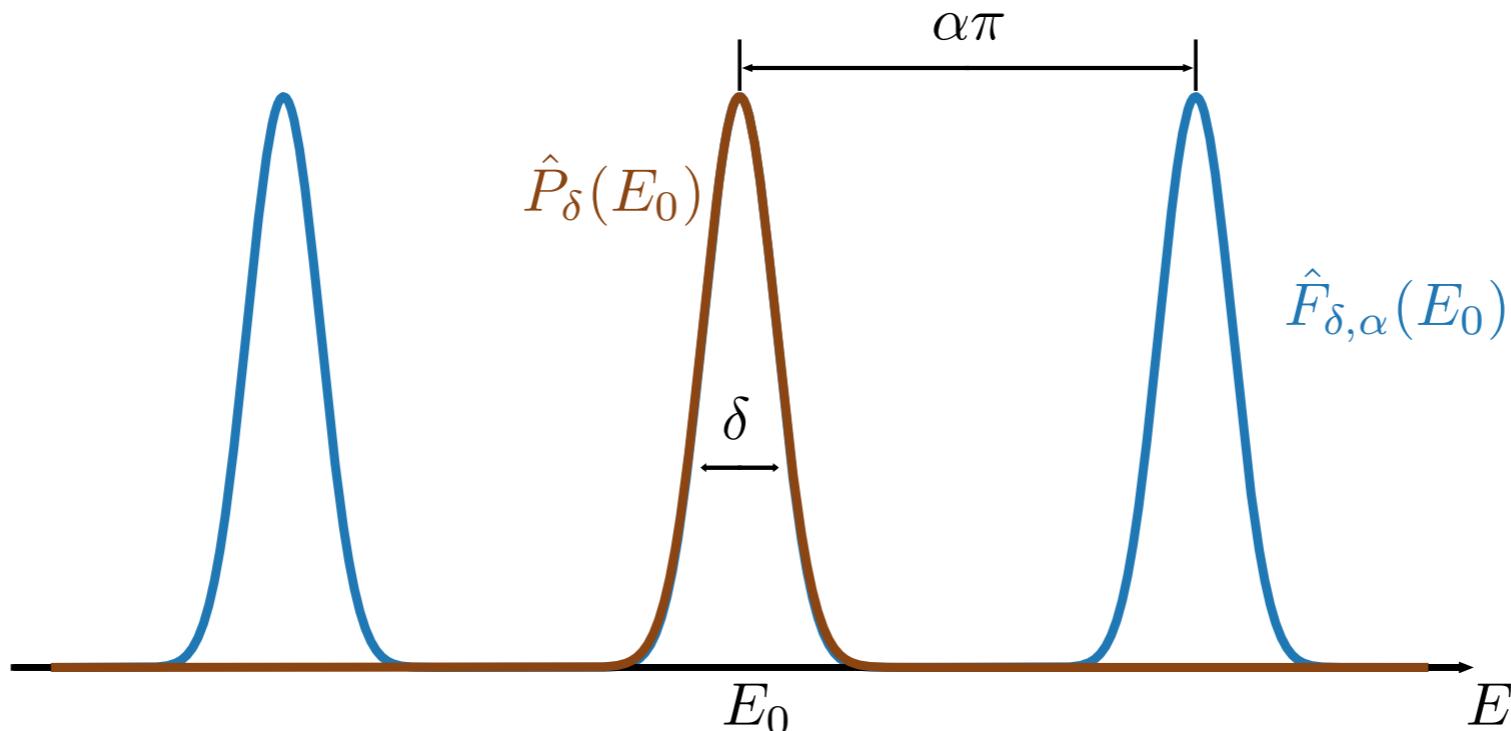


Lu et al. PRX Q2, 02032 (2021); Yang et al PRB 106, 024307 (2022)

# implementing the filter

Gaussian operator  $\Rightarrow$  not local  
 $\Rightarrow$  cosine approximation

$$\cos^M(x) \approx e^{-Mx^2/2} \quad x < \pi/2$$



# implementing the filter

Gaussian filter  $\Rightarrow$  approximated by series of evolutions

$$\exp \left[ -\frac{(H - E)^2}{2\delta^2} \right] \approx \sum_{m=-R}^R c_m e^{-i2mE/\alpha} e^{i2mH/\alpha}$$

scaling factor  $\alpha \sim N, \sqrt{N}$

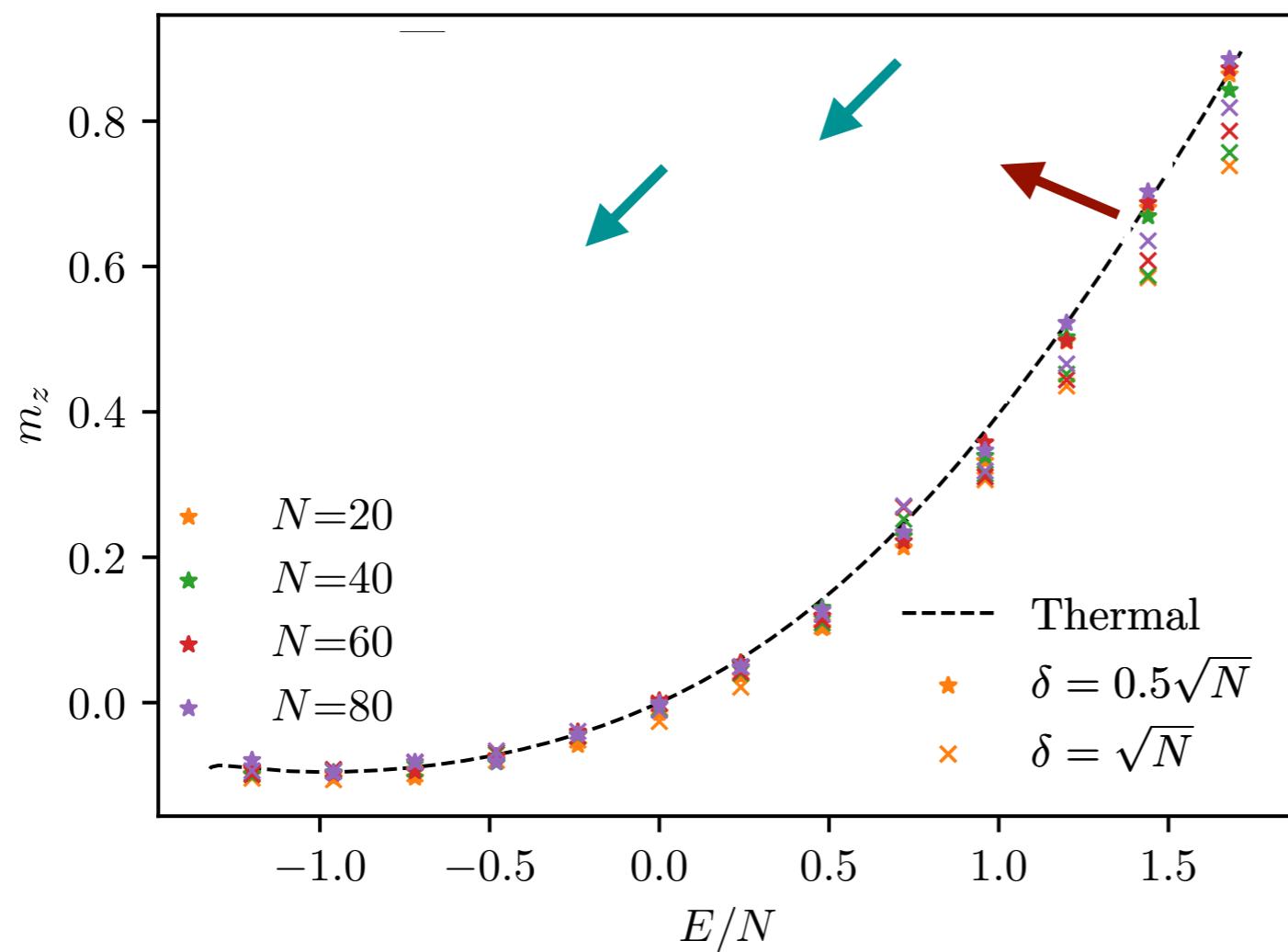
largest time  $t_{\max} = \frac{2x}{\delta}$

nr of terms  $R = \frac{x\alpha}{\delta}$

can be run in a quantum simulator  
or simulated with TNS

# classical (TNS) simulation

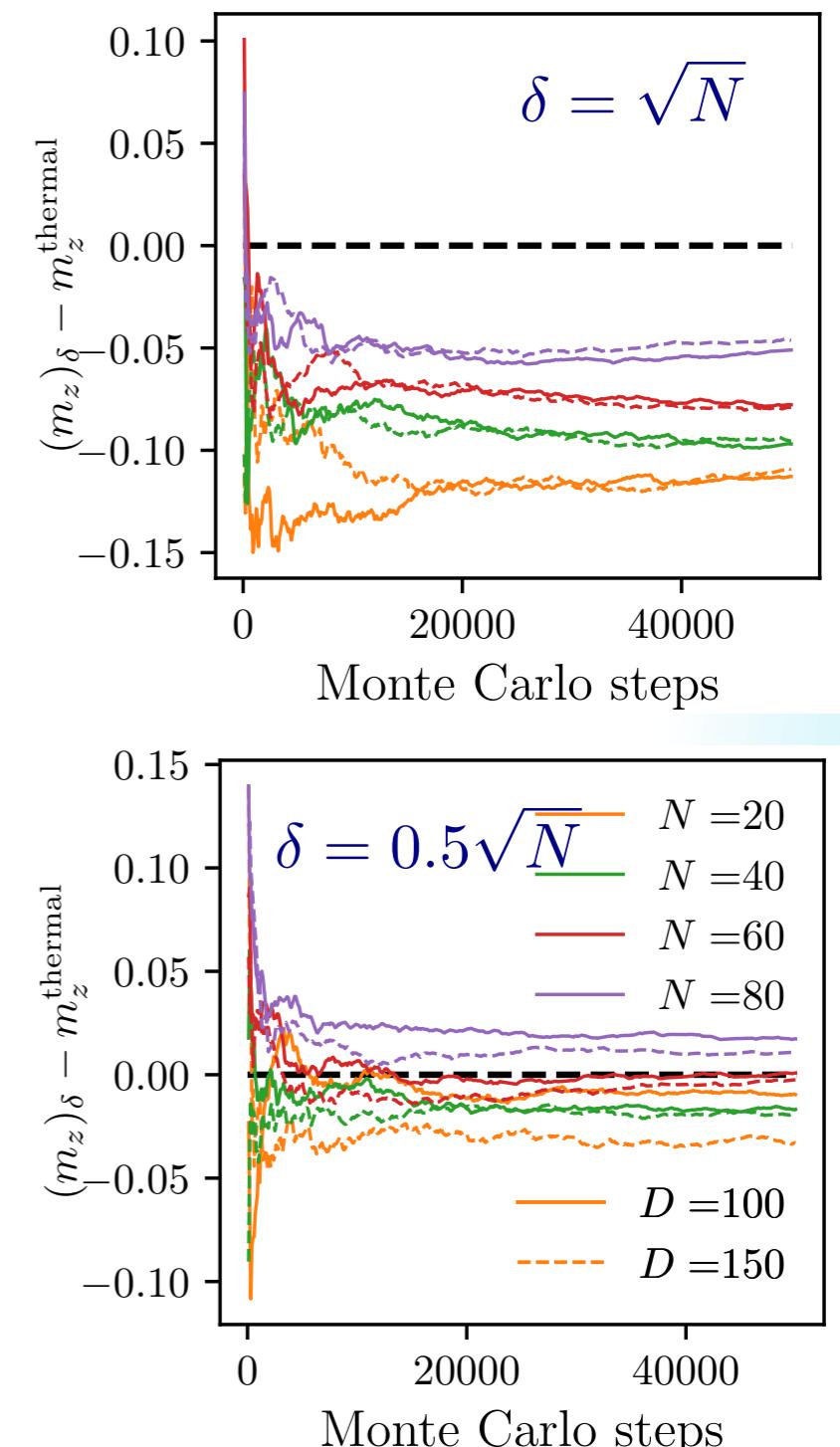
non-integrable Ising model



microcanonical properties

average magnetization

MPO + sampling over product states





## alternative use of TN to get dynamical properties

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key: entanglement in space vs time

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light cone TN contraction improved efficiency

global quenches and thermal correlators

physical upper-bound for velocity can be used

also in this spirit:  
spectral properties of a  
QMB Hamiltonian

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