

# Numerical methods for low-dimensional quantum spin systems

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# Numerical methods: Overview

## A) Wave-function based approaches:

$$H|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

→ **Exact diagonalization:  $L \sim 42$**

Sandvik, AIP Conf. Proc. 1297, 135 (2010), Prelovšek, Bonča, arXiv:1111.5931

→ **Density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) method:  $L \sim 100$**

Schollwöck Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 259 (2005) & Ann. Phys. (NY) 326, 96 (2011)

## B) Partition function-based techniques:

$$Z(\beta) = \exp(-\beta H)$$

→ **Quantum Monte Carlo – Stochastic Series Expansion**

→ **Series Expansion**

see, e.g., Oitmaa, Hamer, Zheng:

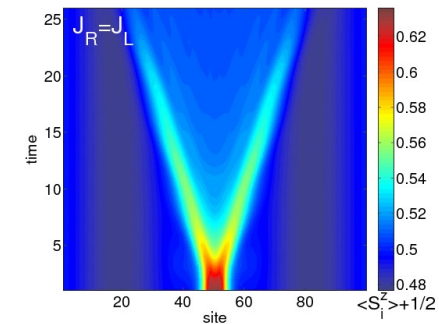
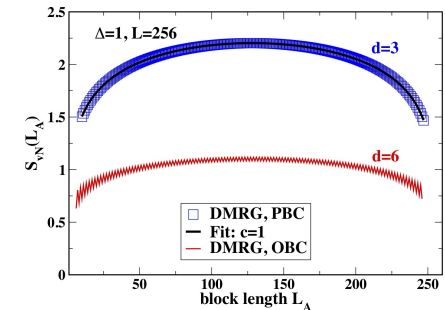
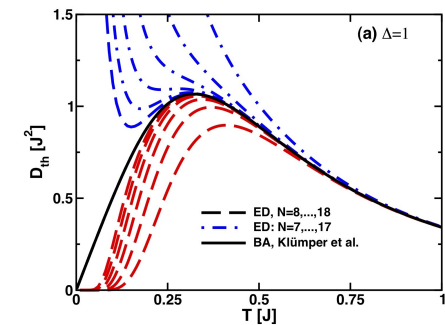
*Series Expansion Methods for Strongly Interacting Lattice Models*

# Outline

**Part 1: Exact diagonalization**  
Lanczos and complete ED  
Thermodynamics  
Transport coefficients

**Part 2: DMRG**  
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Correlation functions

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Spectral functions  
Finite temperatures  
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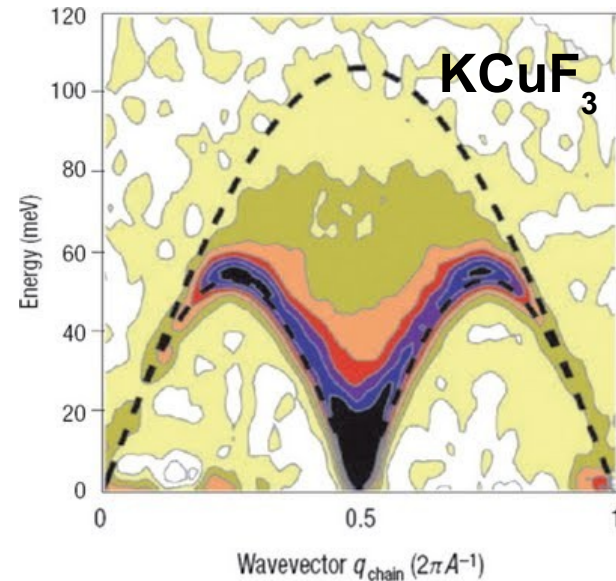


# Heisenberg model

$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$$

1D, spin-1/2 XXZ chain:

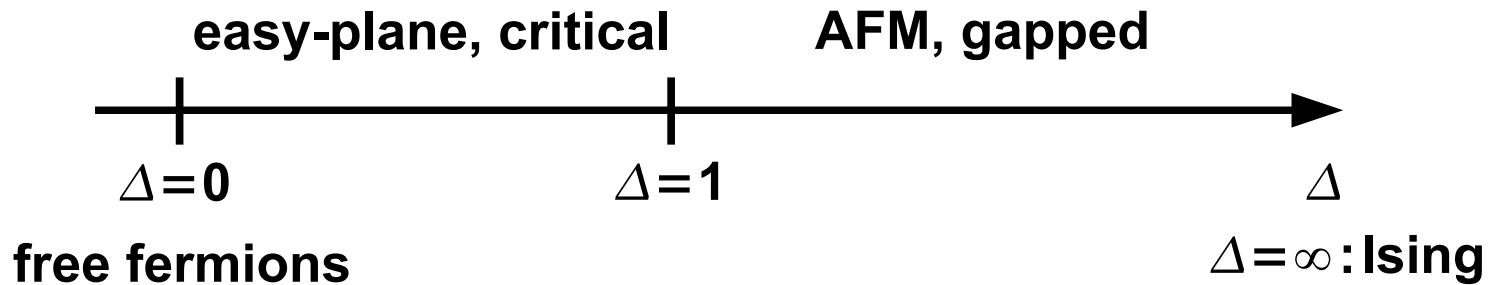
$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^- + \text{h.c.}) + \Delta \mathbf{S}_i^z \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^z \right]$$



Tennant, Perring, Cowley, Nagler PRL 1993

Quantum phases:

Excitations: Spinons

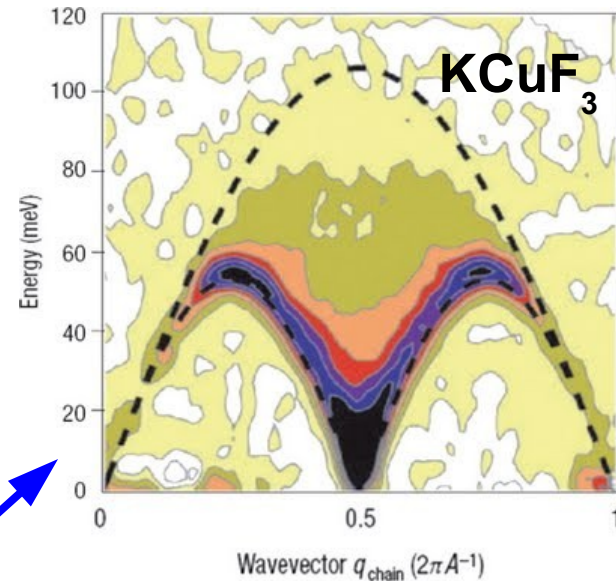


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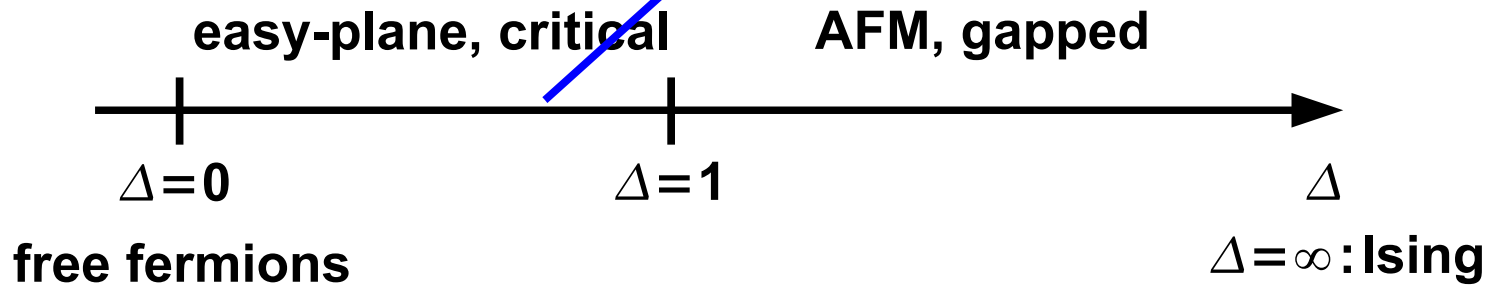
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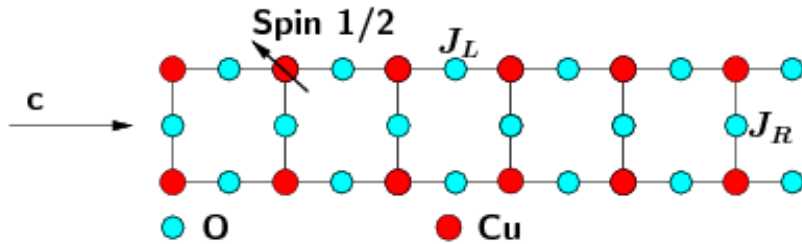
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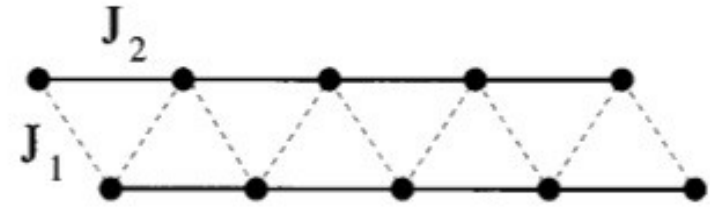
# Lattice geometries

Lattice: any quasi-1D system:



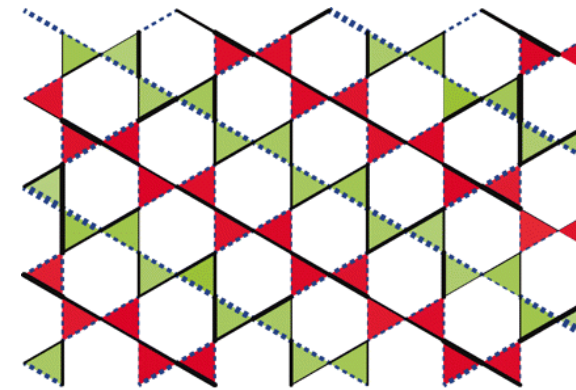
Ladders Noack, White, Dagotto, ...

Frustrated systems

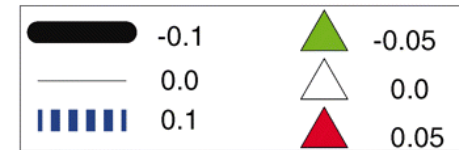


White, Affleck PRB 1996

Zylinders (2D), e.g. Kagome Square lattice



White, Chernyshev PRL 2008  
Yan, Huse, White Science 2011



# Part 1: Exact diagonalization

# Lanczos algorithm

Original Hamiltonian

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} & \dots & h_{1,n-1} & h_{n,n} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} & \dots & h_{2,n-1} & h_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ h_{n-1,1} & h_{n-1,2} & \dots & h_{n-1,n-1} & h_{n-1,n} \\ h_{n,1} & h_{n,2} & \dots & h_{n,n-1} & h_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

dim = 2<sup>L</sup>

Tridiagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \beta_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \beta_0 & \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \beta_1 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \beta_{d-2} & \alpha_{d-1} & \beta_{d-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & \beta_{d-1} & \alpha_d \end{pmatrix}$$

dim ~ 10<sup>2</sup>...10<sup>3</sup>

diagonal

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & E_2 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & E_{d-1} & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & d_d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\psi_n\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\dots\rangle$$

Krylov basis |f<sub>i</sub>⟩

$E_0, |\psi_0\rangle$

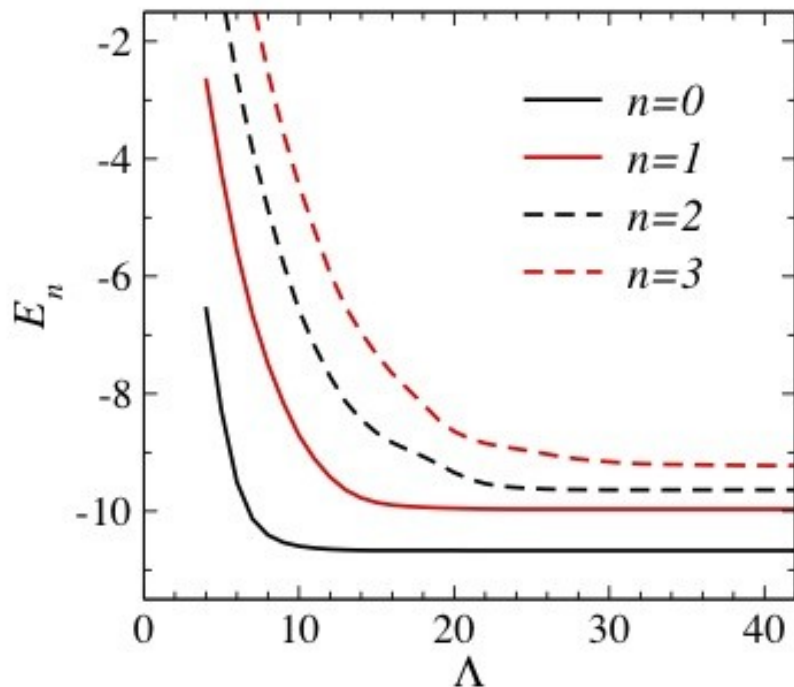
$$|f_{i+1}\rangle = H|f_i\rangle - \alpha_i|f_i\rangle - \beta_{i-1}^2|f_{i-1}\rangle$$

(random |f<sub>0</sub>⟩)



# Lanczos algorithm

## Convergence



(dim of tri-diag matrix)

24 sites, Sandvik, AIP Conf. Proc. 2011

## This works because

$$\mathbf{H}|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{H}^\Lambda|\psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\text{dim}-1} c_n E_n^\Lambda |\psi_n\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow c_{\max} E_{\max} \left[ |\psi_{\max}\rangle + \sum_{n \neq \max} \frac{c_n}{c_{\max}} \left( \frac{E_n}{E_{\max}} \right)^\Lambda |\psi_n\rangle \right]$$

→ Method projects out states with small eigenvalues  $|E_n| < |E_{\max}|$

Works well for sparse matrices  
Problem: orthogonality of states

# Exploiting symmetries

$$[H, Q] = 0$$

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**Block-diagonal matrix:  
Diagonalize blocks separately**

**Typically:**

- Total  $S^z$
- Translational invariance
- Spin-inversion
- $SU(2)$
- ...

**State-of-the-art:**

**L~42 sites**

Richter, Schulenburg, Honecker, Schmalfuß  
Phys. Rev. B 70, 174454 (2004)  
Laeuchli, unpublished

For applications, see Prelovšek, Bonča, arXiv:1111.5931, Dagotto RMP 1994

# Complete diagonalization

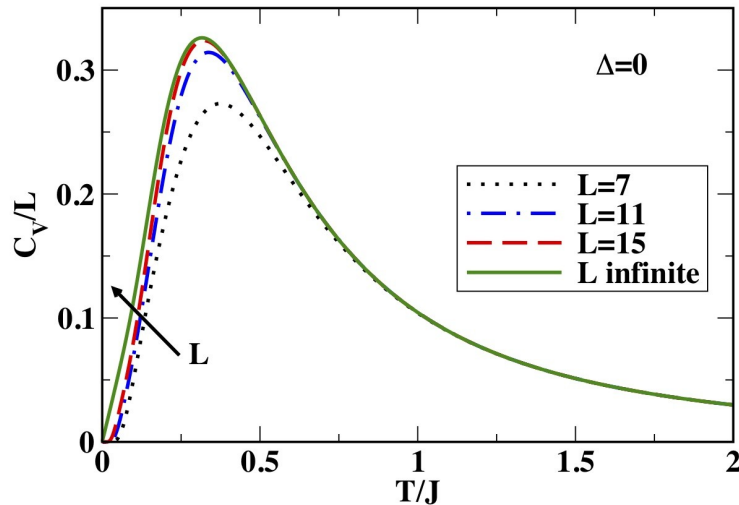
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- Problem is – again – to set-up H in block-diagonal form  
lapack does the rest
- Finite temperatures

# Examples: Thermodynamics

## XXZ chain at $\Delta=0$

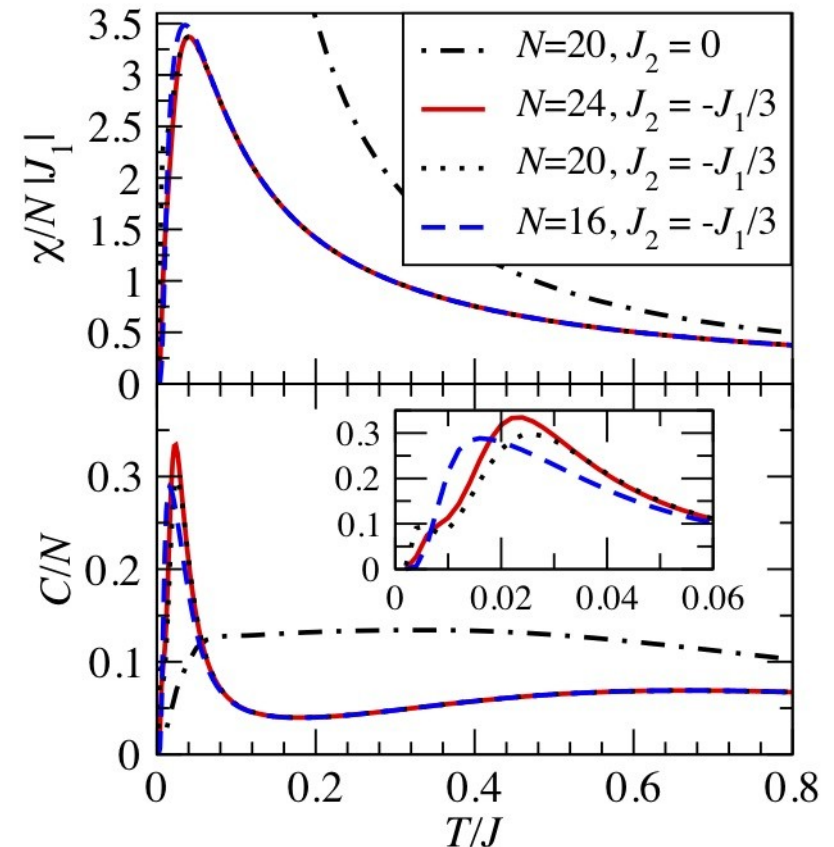
$$C_V = \frac{\langle H^2 \rangle - \langle H \rangle^2}{(k_B T)^2}; \langle H \rangle = \sum_n E_n \frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z(\beta)}$$



Hauschild, Bachelor thesis, LMU 2012

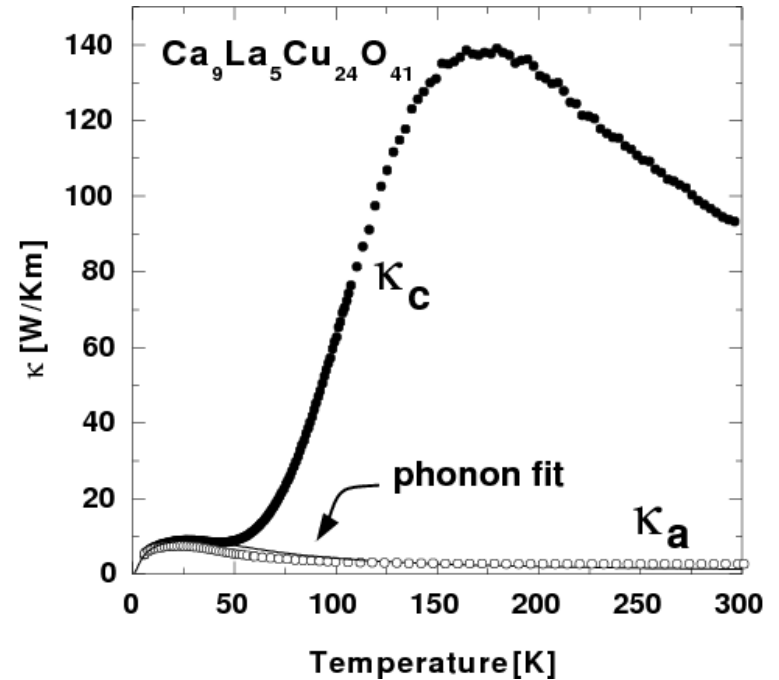
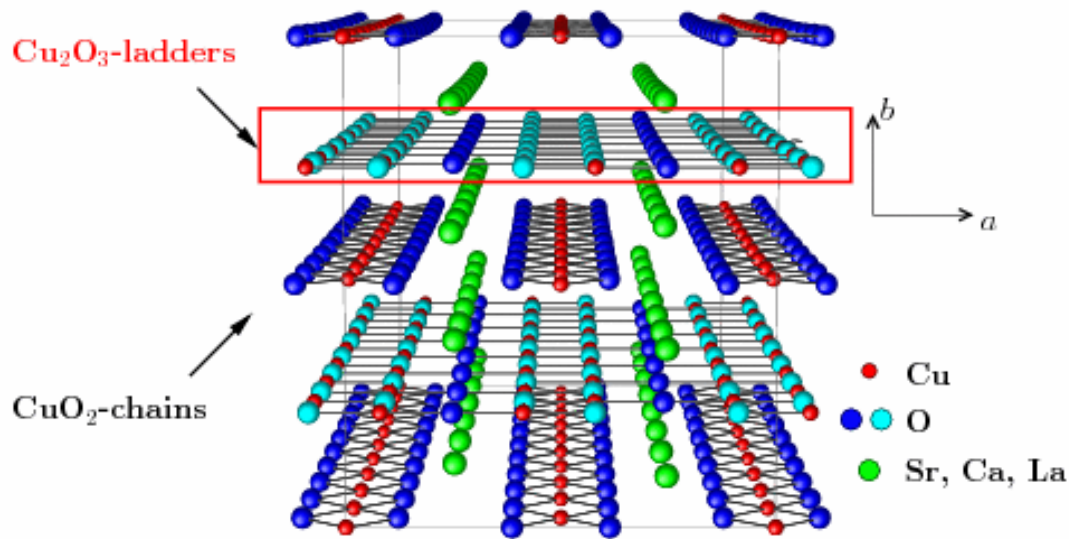
## Frustrated FM chain

$L \leq 24$

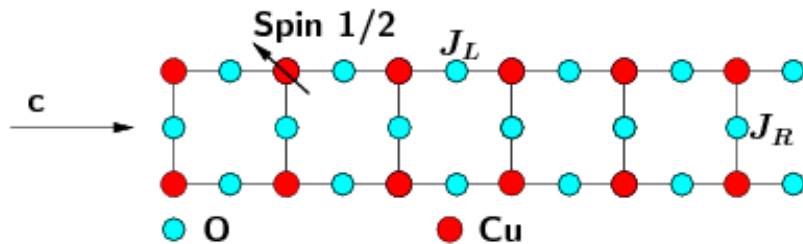


HM, Honecker, Vekua PRB 74, 020403 (2006)

# Magnetic heat transport in ladder systems



spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  moments on Cu sites



Large “magnon”  
thermal conductivity

Hess et al. PRB 2001

Theory on ladders: HM et al. PRB 2003;  
Zotos PRL 2004; Boulat et al. PRB 2007

# Examples: Transport coefficients

## Thermal conductivity

$$\kappa(\mathbf{T}, \omega) = \mathbf{D}_{\text{th}}(\mathbf{T}) \delta(\omega)$$



divergent because

$$[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{E}}] = 0$$

Zotos, Naef, Prelovšek  
PRB 1997

## Spin conductivity

$$\sigma(\mathbf{T}, \omega) = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{T}) \delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$



$$\langle \mathbf{S}^z \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{s}} > 0$$

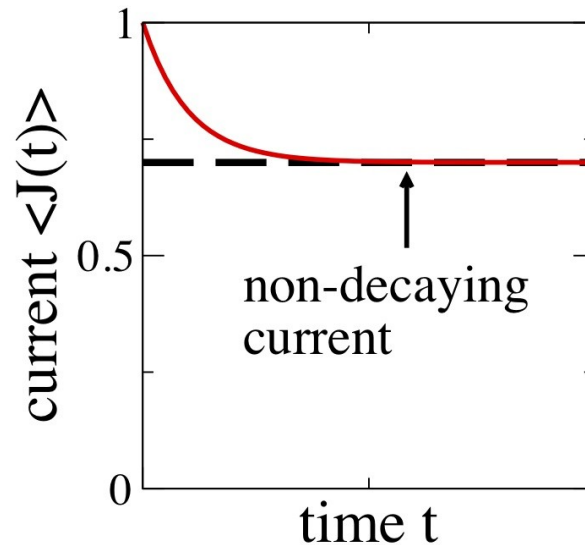
Zotos et al.  
PRB 1997

$$\langle \mathbf{S}^z \rangle = 0$$

Drude weight

non-zero for  $|\Delta| < 1$

$\Delta = 1$  still controversial



→ Ballistic transport at finite  $T$

→ Prosen's talk!

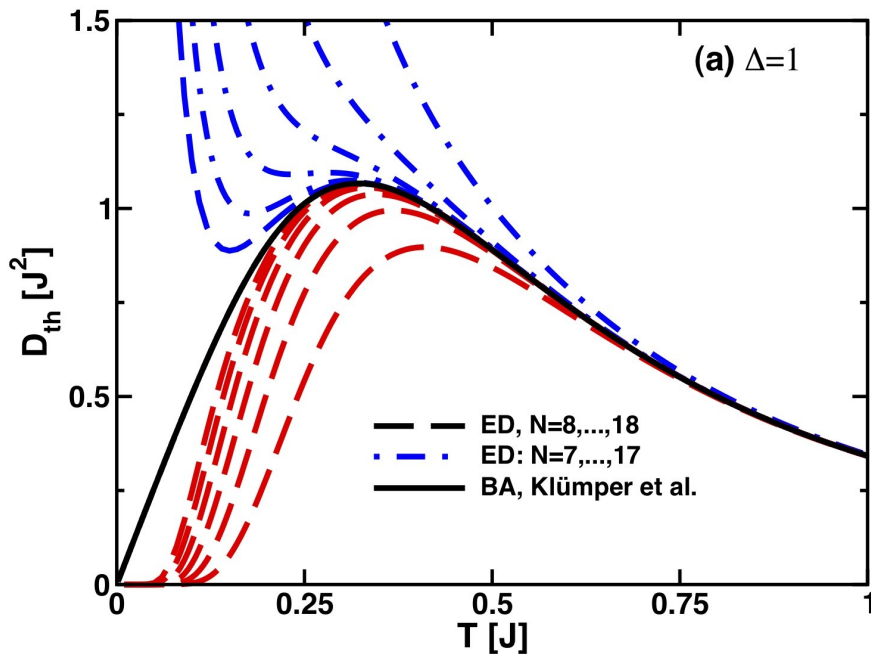
PRL 2011

$$\sigma(\omega) \sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \int_0^{\beta} d\tau \langle \mathbf{J} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{t} + i\tau) \rangle$$

# Examples: Transport coefficients

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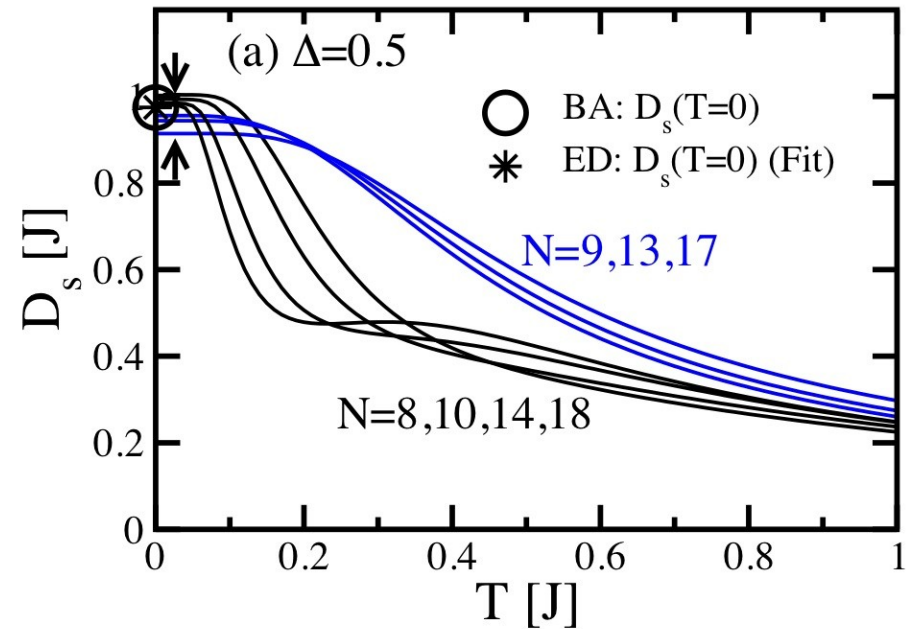
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HM, Honecker, Cabra, Brenig PRB 2002  
Klümper, Sakai J Phys. A 2002

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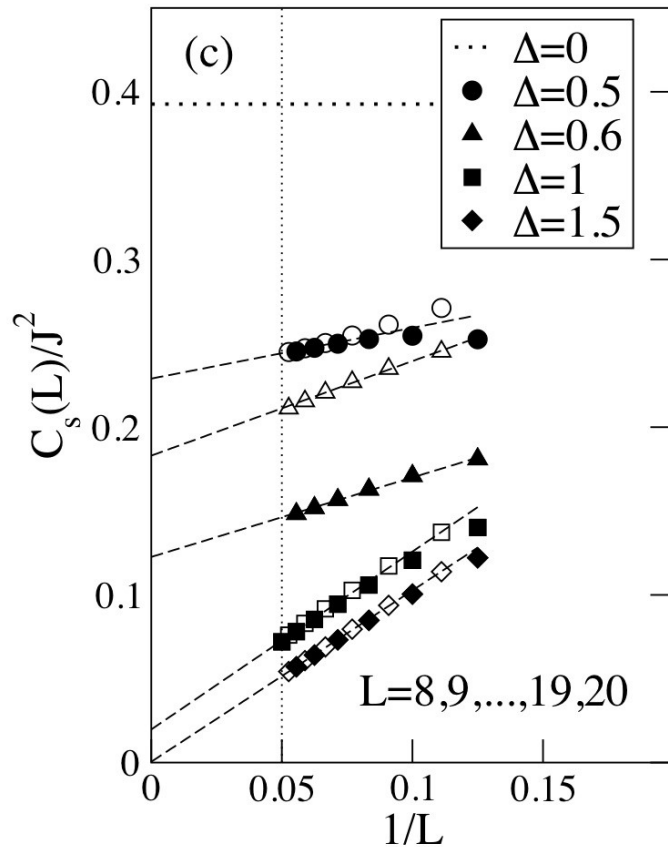
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HM, Honecker, Cabra, Brenig PRB 2003

# Examples: Spin Drude weight

$$D_s = \frac{\pi \beta}{LZ(\beta)} \sum_{S^z} \sum_{\substack{n,m \\ E_n = E_m}} e^{-\beta E_n} |\langle n | J | m \rangle|^2$$



Finite-size scaling at infinite T for  $|\Delta| \leq 1$ :

$$C_s = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} [TD_s(T)] > 0$$

HM, Honecker, Cabra, Brenig PRB 2003  
HM, Honecker, Brenig EPJST 2007

At  $\Delta=1$ , using canonical ensemble in  $S^z=1/2$ :

$$C_s \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

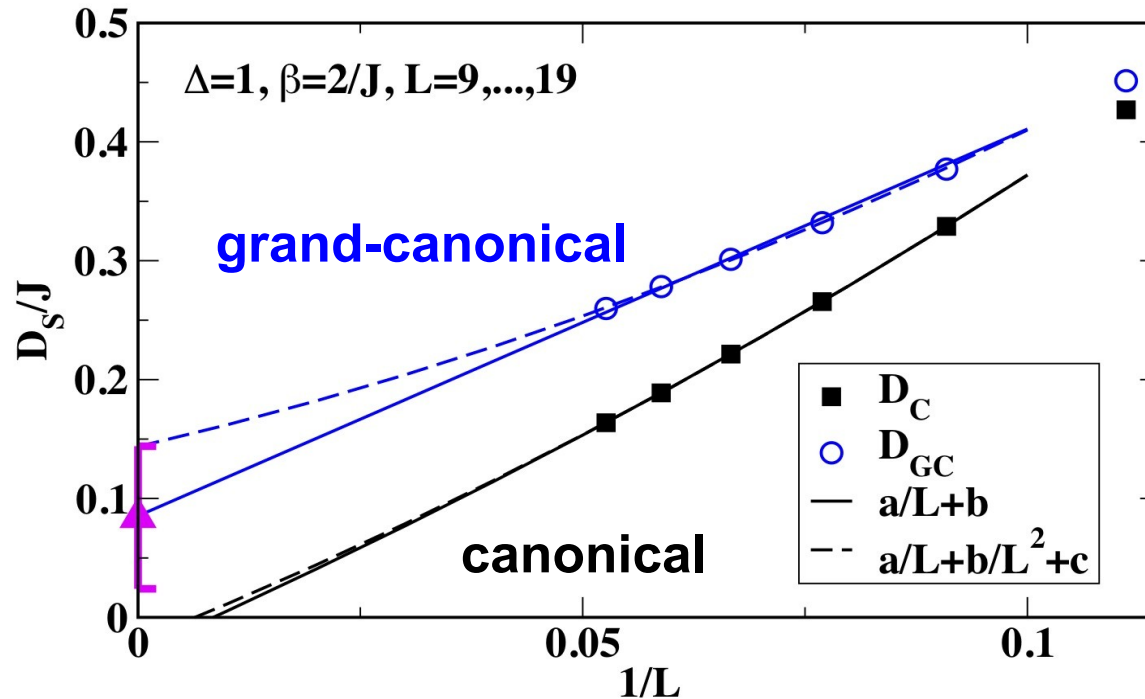
Herbrych, Prelovšek, Zotos PRB 2011  
Agrees with Zotos PRL 1999

See also Zotos, Prelovšek PRB 1996, Narozhny et al PRB 1998



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**We need a theory for  $D_s = D_s(L)$ !**  
**... so the Drude weight story continues ...**

# Examples: Transverse current-autocorrelations

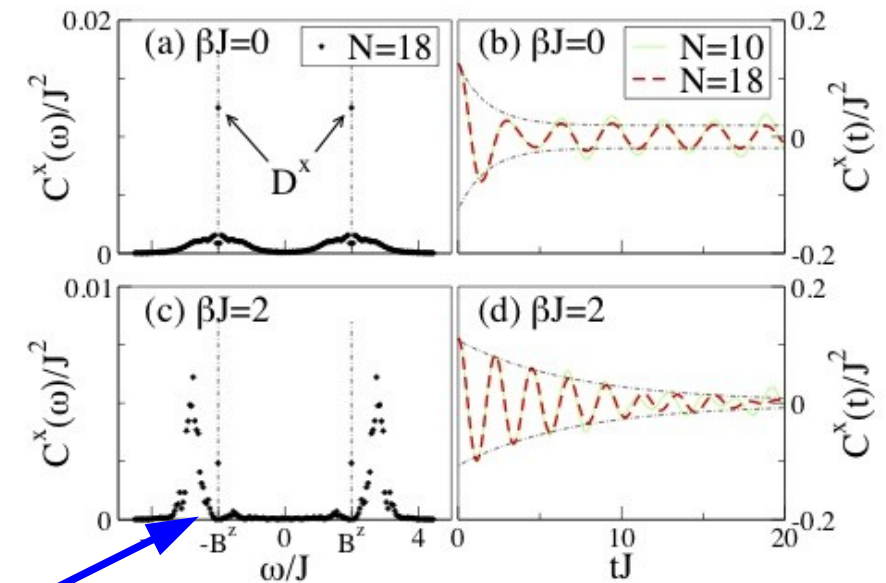
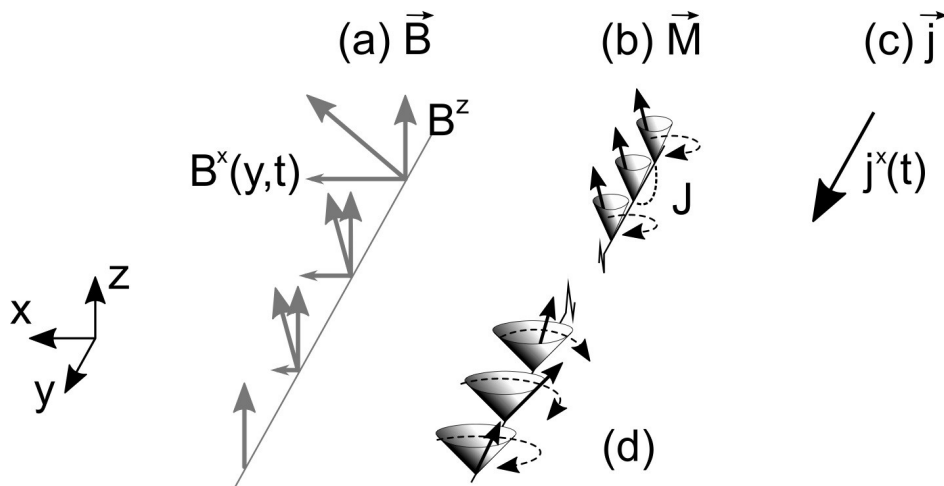
$$\vec{j} = i \sum_r \vec{s}_r \times \vec{s}_{r+1}$$

Usually:

$$C^Z(t) = \langle j^Z(t) j^Z \rangle = C^X(t) = \langle j^X(t) j^X \rangle$$

$B^Z \neq 0$

$$C^Z(t) \neq C^X(t)$$

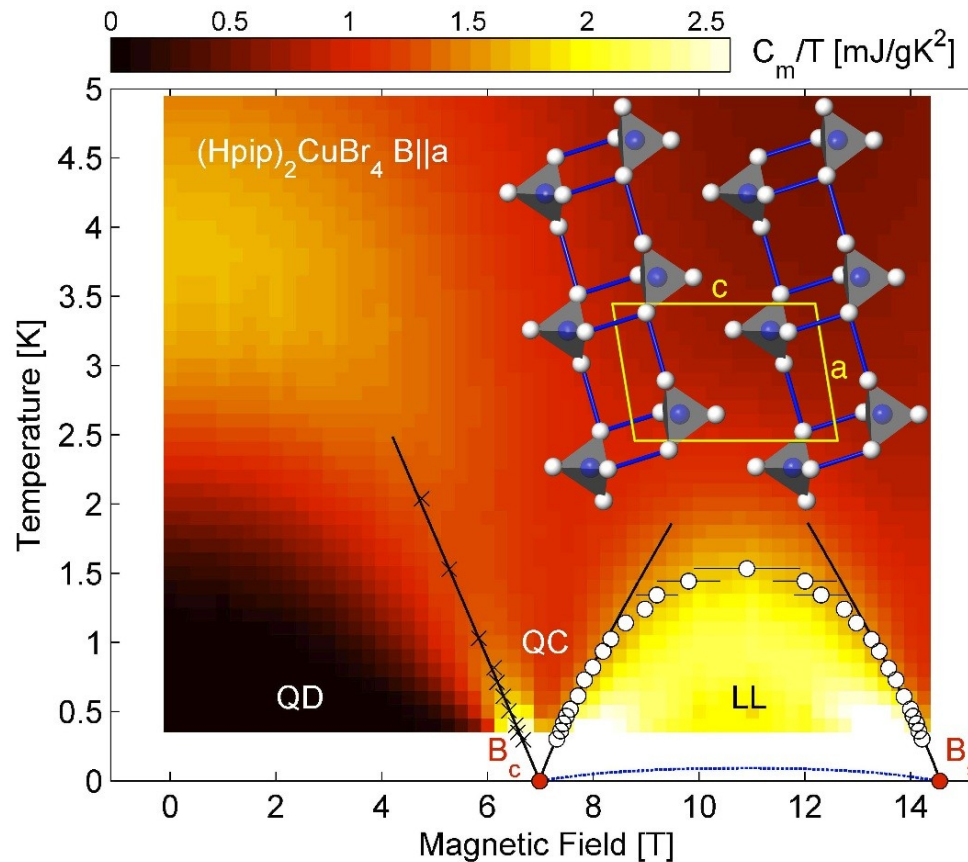
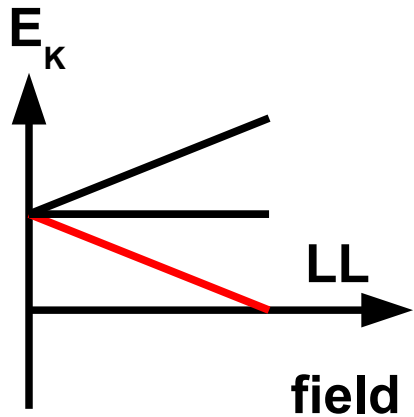


→ Non-trivial oscillation at frequency different from Larmor frequency

Steinigeweg, Langer, HM, McCulloch, Brenig PRL 2011

# Transport in field-induced gapless phases

A spin ladder material with  $J_{\text{leg}} < J_{\text{rung}}$ :  $(\text{Hpip})_2\text{CuBr}_4$



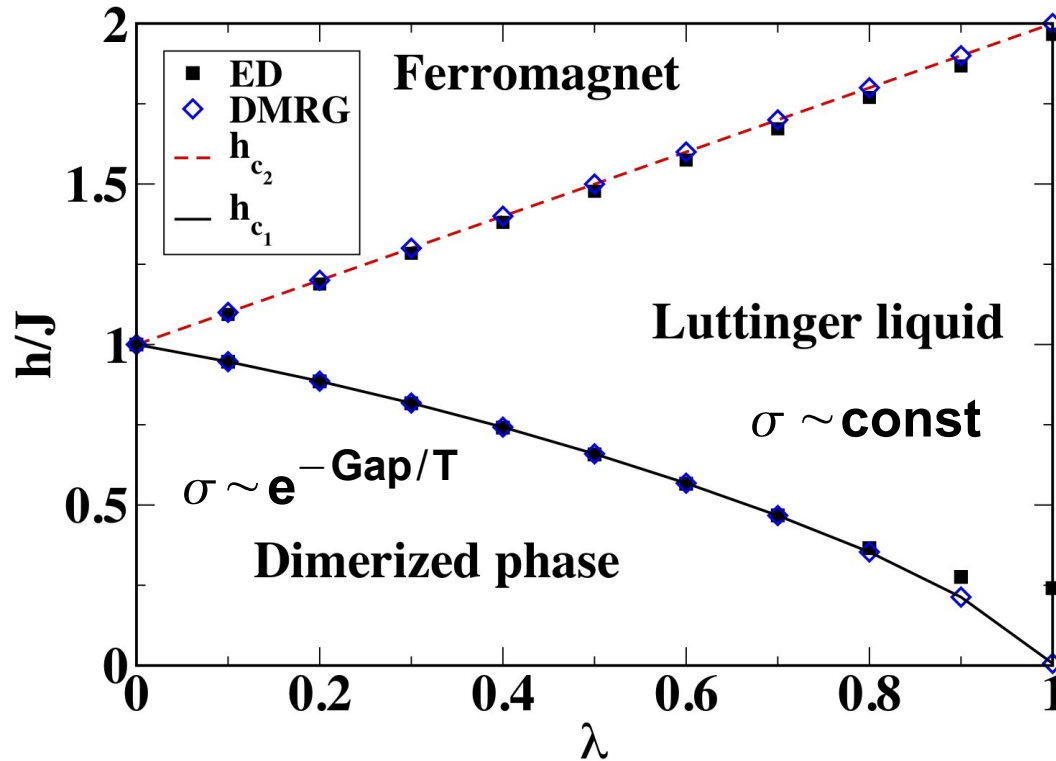
$J_{\text{rung}} \sim 13\text{K}$   
 “small”  
 - compared to  
 telephone-#  
 compounds  
 $J \sim 1000\text{K}$   
 → no field-dependence  
 of  $\kappa$  in the latter  
 Hess et al. PRB 2001

Rüegg et al. PRL 2008; Klanjsek et al. PRL 2008

# Example: Dimerized spin-1/2 chain

$$H = J \sum_i (\vec{S}_{2i} \vec{S}_{2i+1} + \lambda \vec{S}_{2i+1} \vec{S}_{2i+2}) - h S_{\text{total}}^z$$

J      λJ



With  $\lambda=0.5$ :  
 Spin gap 0.66J  
 $h_{\text{sat}} = 1.48J$

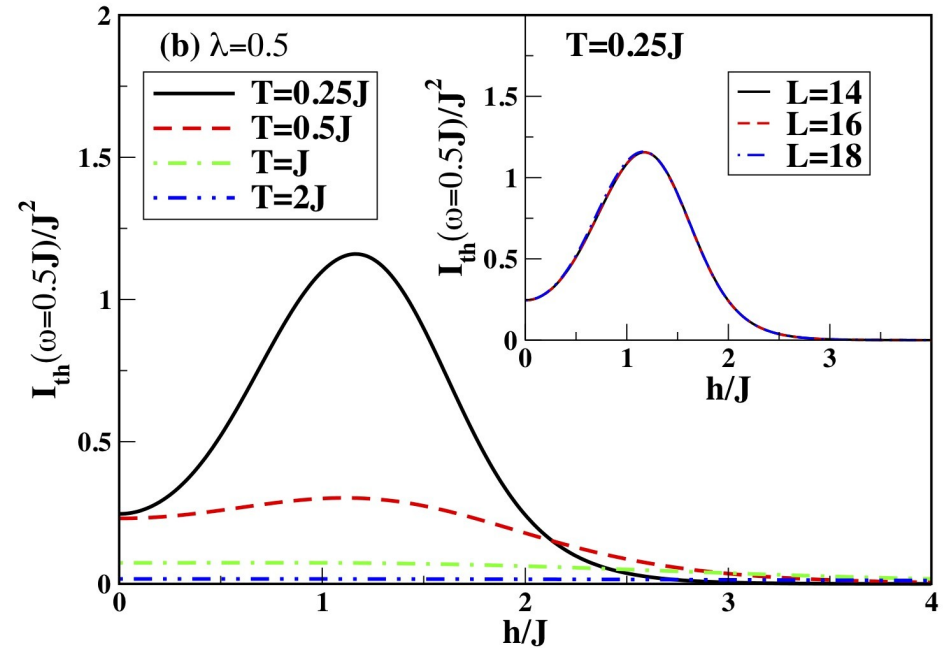
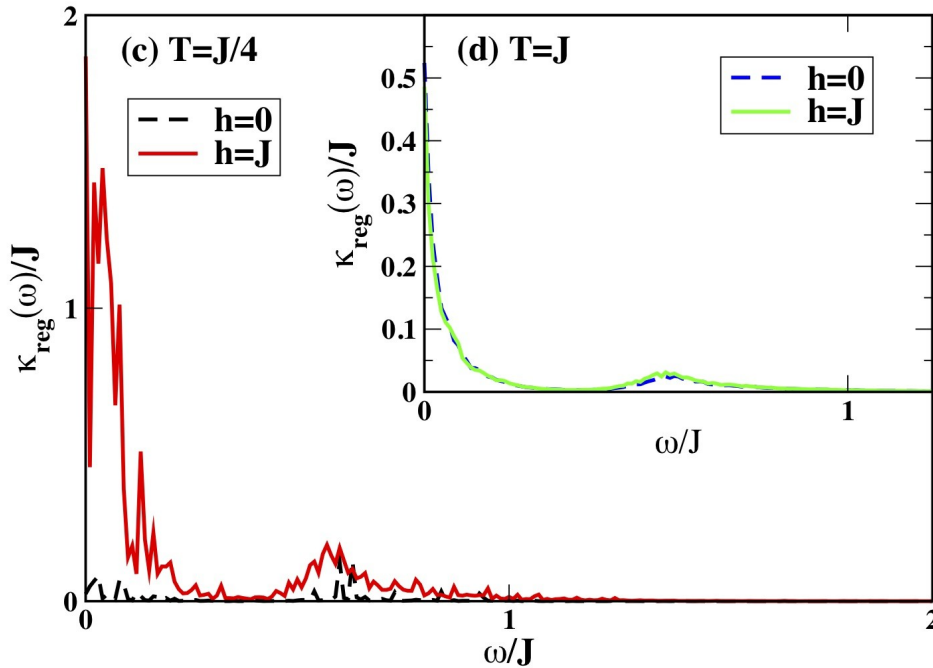
$$\sigma(\omega) = D_s \delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$

We'll look at:  
**Heat conductivity  $\kappa(\omega)$**

Phonons not included here  
 Rozhkov, Chernyshev, PRL 2005  
 Boulat et al. PRB 2007

T=0 phase diagram:  
 Cabra & Grynberg PRB 1999, Honecker PRB 1999

# Heat conductivity: Spectrum

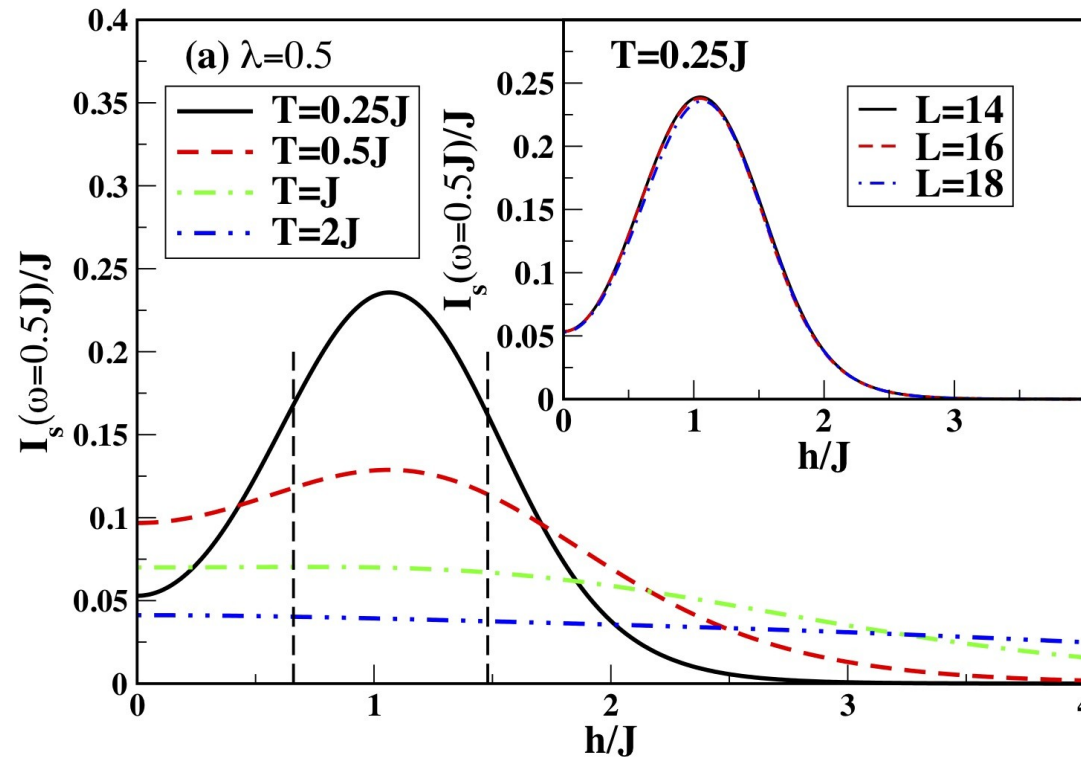


→ Spectral weight increases at low-frequencies  $\omega < \text{gap} = 0.66J$   
upon entering into LL phase  
So far, nothing seen in experiments

Sologubenko et al. PRB 2009

Langer, Darradi, HM, Brenig PRB 2010

# Integrated spectral weight



→ Increase above field-induced phase even at elevated T

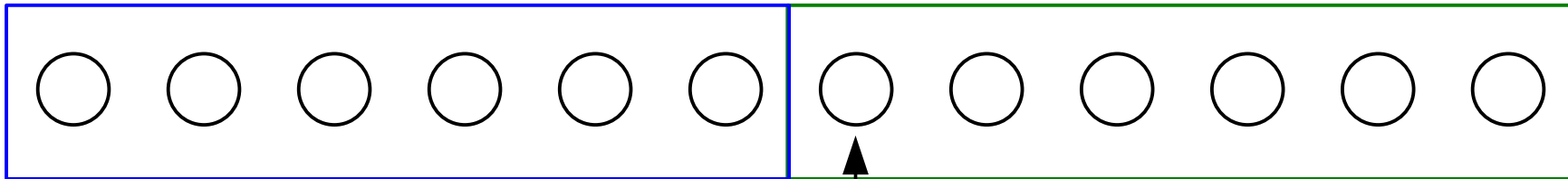
$$I_s(\omega) = \int_{-\omega}^{\omega} d\omega' \Re[\sigma(\omega')]$$

Langer, Darradi, HM, Brenig PRB 2010

# Part 2: Density matrix renormalization group

# Fundamental problem

Length  $L \rightarrow$



Local Hilbert space: Dim =  $d$

Hilbert space grows exponentially fast:

$$\text{dim} = d^L$$

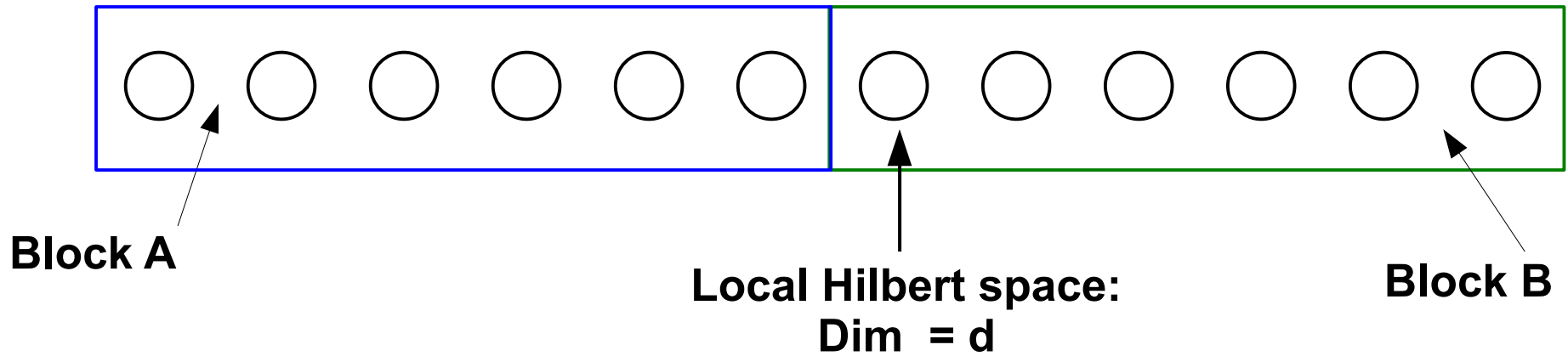
Typical Hamiltonian: spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  ( $d=2$ ); Fermi-Hubbard ( $d=4$ ); ...

$$H = J \sum_i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$$



# Basics of DMRG

Length  $L \rightarrow$



$$H_0 |\psi\rangle_0 = E_0 |\psi\rangle_0$$

White Phys. Rev. Lett. 1992  
Schollwöck Rev. Mod. Phys. 2005

**Matrix-Product-State  
dimension  $m$**   
Rommer, Östlund PRL 1995, PRB  
1997

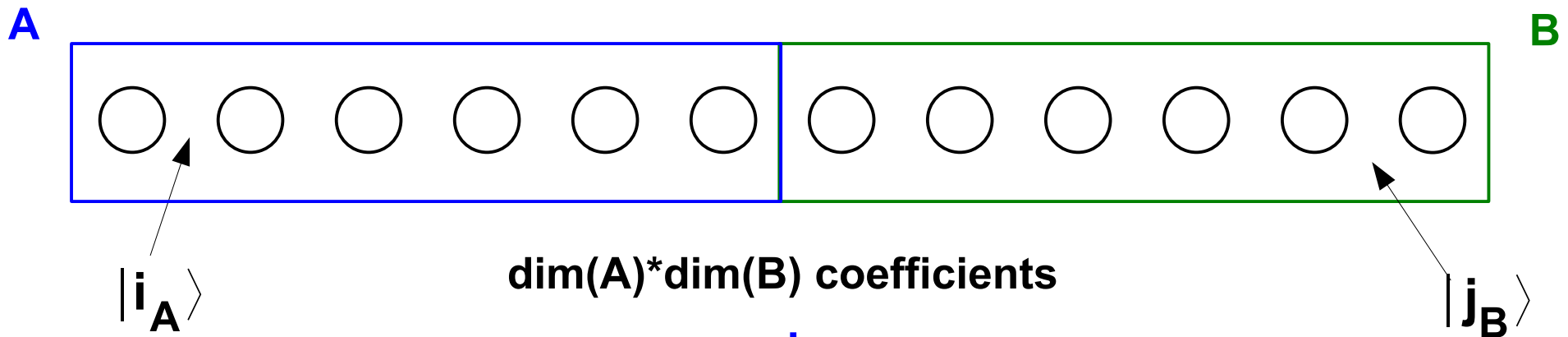
**Reduced density matrix**

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$$

**Entanglement**

$$S_{vN} = -\text{tr}[\rho_A \ln(\rho_A)]$$

# Basics of DMRG



$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} |i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B$$

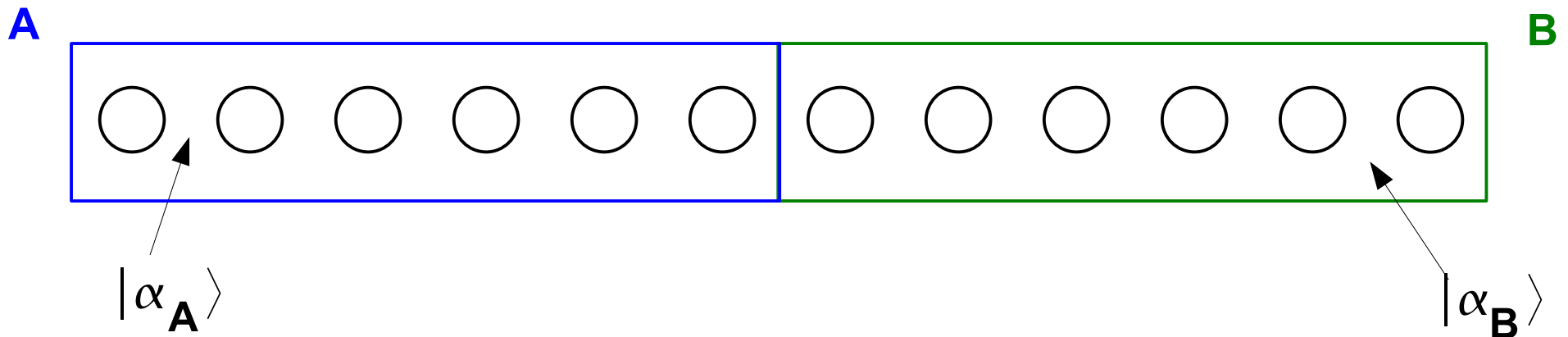
Singular value decomposition:

$$C = U \cdot S \cdot V^\dagger$$

In these new basis sets:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^s \lambda_\alpha |\alpha\rangle_A \otimes |\alpha\rangle_B \quad \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_s > 0$$

# Basics of DMRG



Approximation: discard states with smallest  $\lambda_\alpha$

$$|\psi_0\rangle \approx |\psi_m\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \lambda_\alpha |\alpha_A\rangle \otimes |\alpha_B\rangle$$

$$m \sim 10^3 \ll \min[\dim(\mathbf{A}), \dim(\mathbf{B})]$$

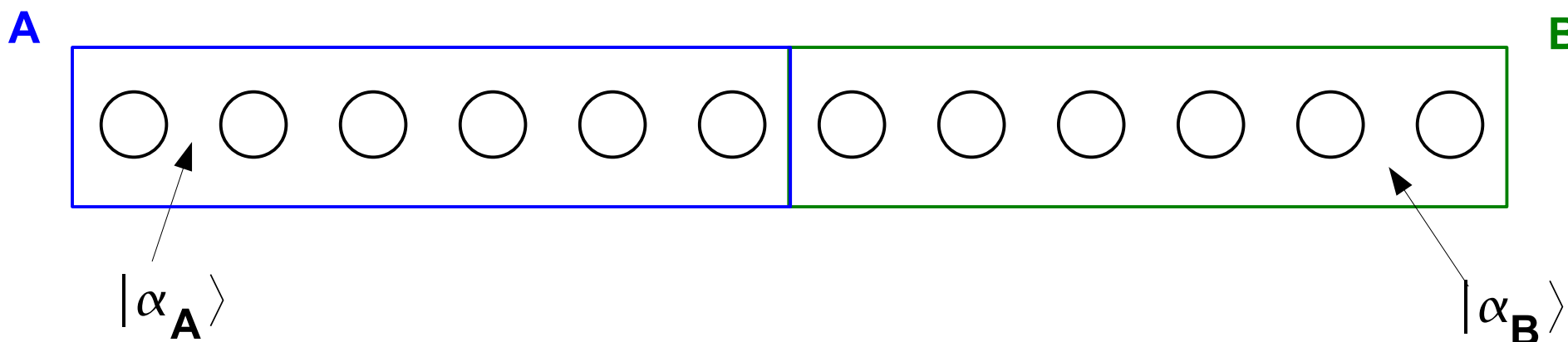
Error  $\sim$  discarded weight

$$\langle \psi_m | \psi_m \rangle = 1 -$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=m+1} \lambda_\alpha^2$$

$\delta \rho$

# Where is the density matrix?



**Reduced density matrix of block A:**

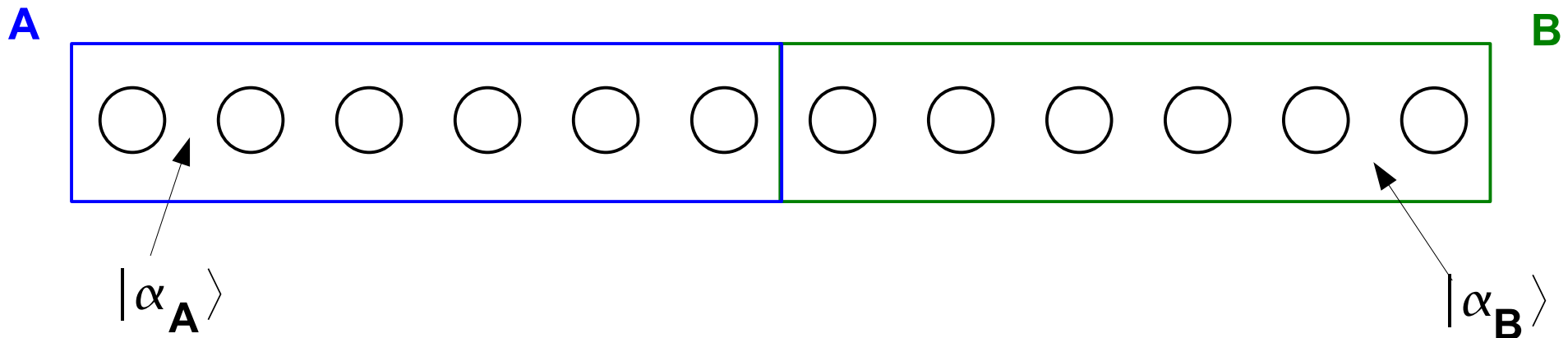
$$\rho = |\psi_m\rangle\langle\psi_m| \Rightarrow \rho_A = \text{tr}_B(\rho) = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha}^2 |\alpha_A\rangle\langle\alpha_A|$$

**→ DMRG truncates in the eigenbasis of reduced DM!**

$$\langle \mathbf{O}_A \rangle = \text{tr}_A[\rho_A \mathbf{O}_A] = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha}^2 \langle \alpha_A | \mathbf{O}_A | \alpha_A \rangle$$

White PRL 1992, PRB 1993  
Schollwöck Rev. Mod. Phys. 2005

# Basics of DMRG



$$|\psi_0\rangle \approx |\psi_m\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \lambda_{\alpha} |\alpha_{\mathbf{A}}\rangle \otimes |\alpha_{\mathbf{B}}\rangle$$

- 1) **Mathematically: This is the best possible approximation (under the condition of keeping m states)**
- 2) **When is this a good – useful – approximation?**
- 3) **Can an efficient algorithm be designed? Yes, CPU~m<sup>3</sup>**

Schollwöck Rev. Mod. Phys. 2005

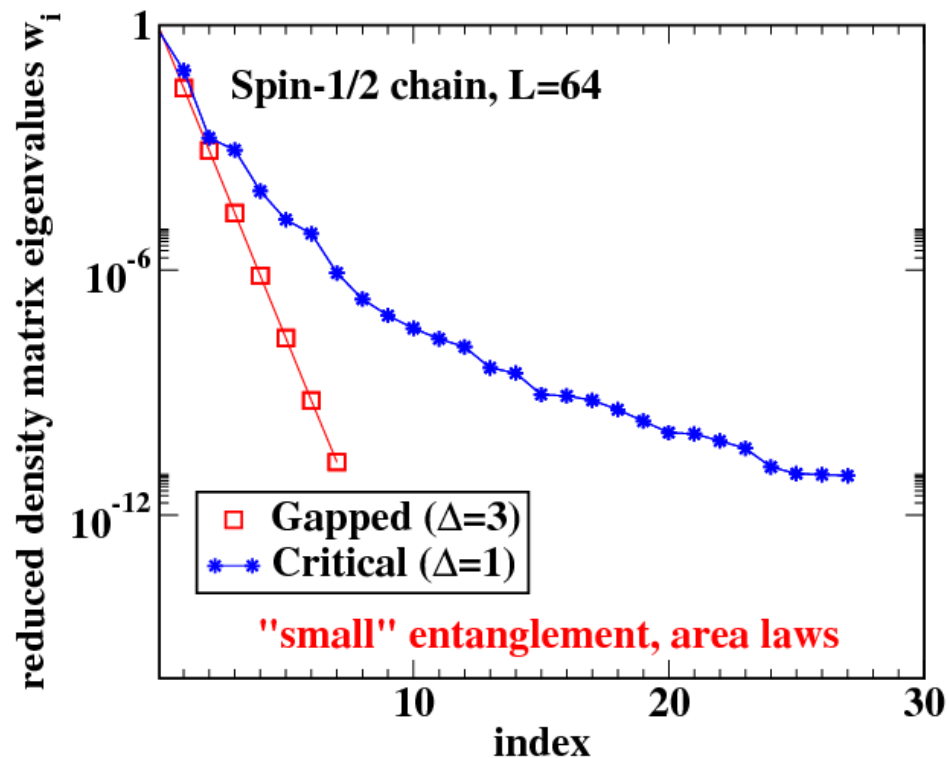
# When does it work, and when not?

$$|\psi_0\rangle \approx |\psi_m\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \lambda_{\alpha} |\alpha_{\mathbf{A}}\rangle \otimes |\alpha_{\mathbf{B}}\rangle$$

Singular values  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  have to decay sufficiently fast!

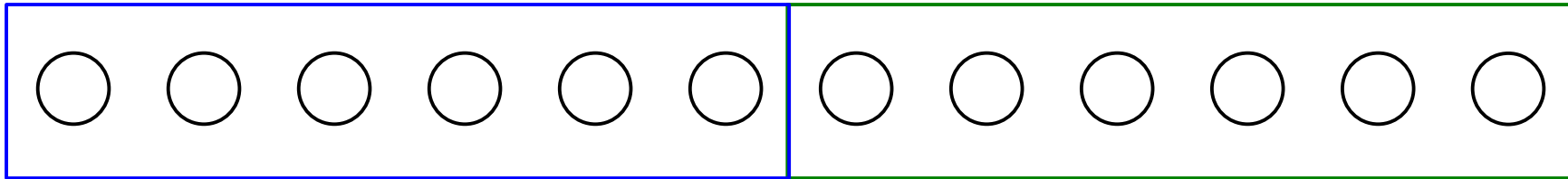
Example: ground state of

$$H = J \sum_i \left[ (\mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^- + \text{h.c.})/2 + \Delta \mathbf{S}_i^z \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^z \right]$$



Kaulke, Peschel EPJB 1998,  
Peschel, Kaulke, Legeza Ann. Phys. 1999

# When does it work, and when not?



Von-Neumann entropy:

$$S_{\text{vN}} = -\text{tr}[\rho_A \ln(\rho_A)] = -\sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha}^2 \ln(\lambda_{\alpha}^2)$$

Flat distribution:

$$\lambda_{\alpha}^2 \sim \frac{1}{m} \Rightarrow m_{\infty} e^{S_{\text{vN}}(L)}$$

Ground states in 1D -  
mildly entangled wave functions:

$$S_{\text{vN}} \sim \text{const.} \quad (L_A > \xi)$$

$$S_{\text{vN}} \sim \log L_A \quad (\text{critical systems})$$

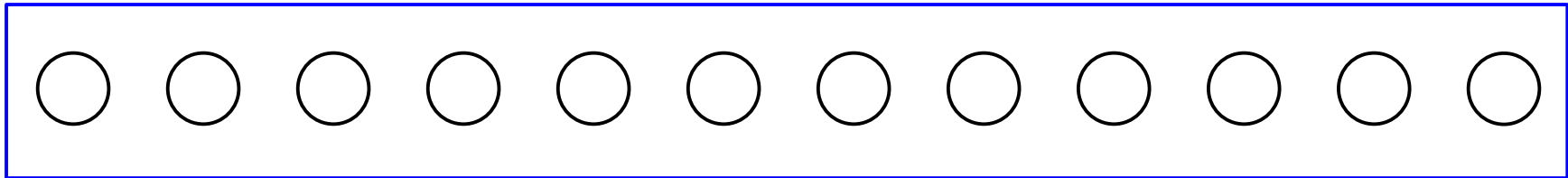
More general: Area law

$$S_{\text{vN}} \sim L^{D-1}$$

$$S_{\text{vN}} \sim L \quad (2D)$$

Review: Eisert, Cramer, Plenio RMP 2010

# DMRG operates on Matrix Product States



$$\mathbf{c}_{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_L} = \sum_{\alpha_1} \sum_{\alpha_2} \dots \sum_{\alpha_{L-1}} \sum_{\alpha_{L-1}} \mathbf{A}_{\alpha_1}^{\sigma_1} \mathbf{A}_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{\sigma_2} \dots \mathbf{A}_{\alpha_{L-2} \alpha_{L-1}}^{\sigma_{L-1}} \mathbf{A}_{\alpha_{L-1}}^{\sigma_L}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{L-1} \sigma_L} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_1} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_2} \dots \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_{L-1}} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_L} |\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{L-1} \sigma_L\rangle$$

→ **Matrix Product States**

**DMRG approximation:**  
**Work with matrices with a maximum dimension m**

Rommer, Östlund PRL 1995, PRB 1997  
Schollwöck Ann. Phys. 2011

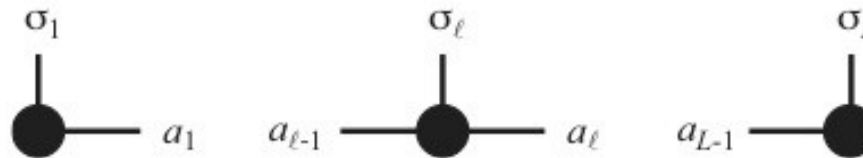


# Matrix Product States: Graphical representation

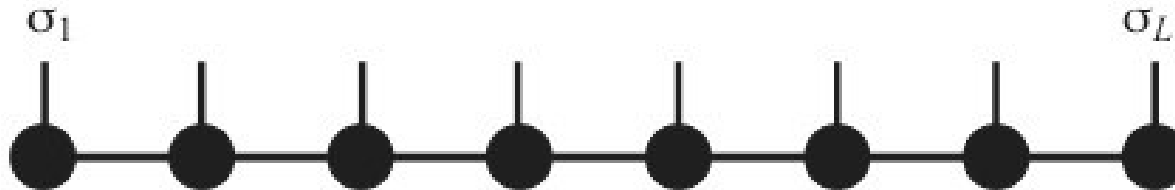
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{L-1} \sigma_L} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_1} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_2} \dots \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_{L-1}} \mathbf{A}^{\sigma_L} |\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{L-1} \sigma_L\rangle$$

→ Matrix Product States

A-matrices

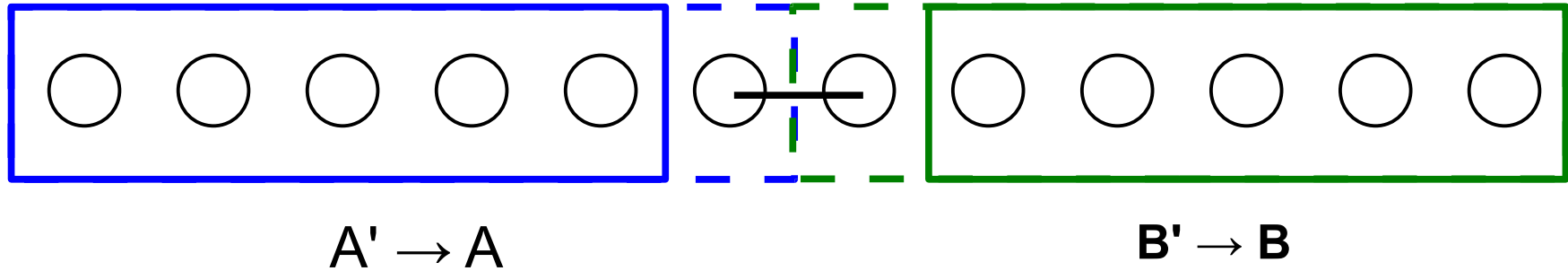


MPS



Figures from Schollwöck Ann. Phys. 2011

# DMRG Algorithm



**Initial guess: From small systems!**

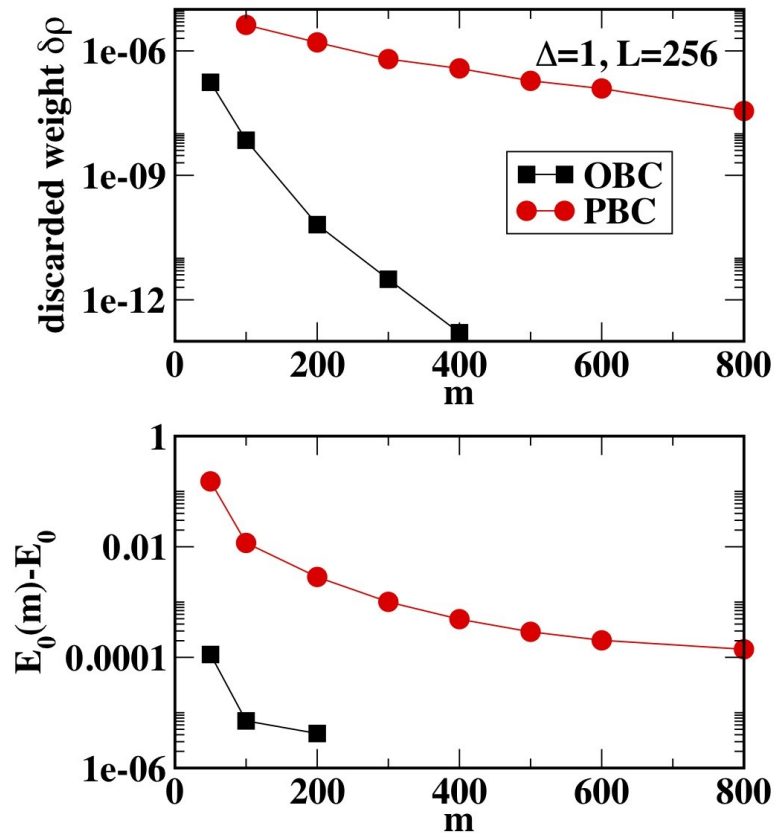
- 1) **Get ground-state of super-block from Lanczos**
- 2) **Form reduced DM  $\rho_A$  from  $|\psi_0\rangle$**
- 3) **Diagonalize  $\rho_A$**
- 4) **Rotate all operators into eigen-basis of  $\rho_A$**
- 5) **Truncate in that basis**
- 6) **Rotate  $|\psi_0\rangle$  into basis of next bipartition**

White PRL 1992, PRB 1993  
In MPS language: McCulloch J. Stat. Mech. 2007

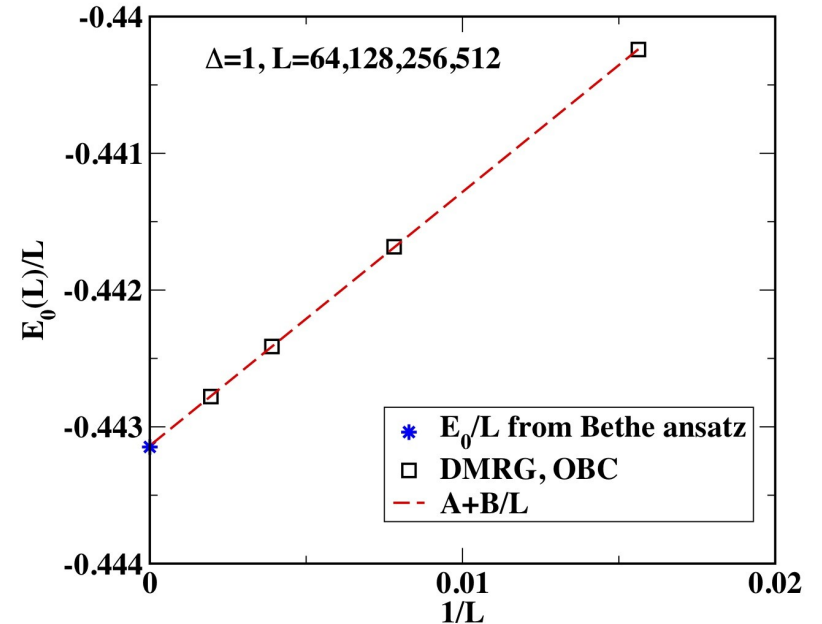
# DMRG at work: Ground-state energy

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{s}_i^+ \mathbf{s}_{i+1}^- + \text{h.c.}) + \Delta \mathbf{s}_i^z \mathbf{s}_{i+1}^z \right] - h \sum_i \mathbf{s}_i^z$$

## Convergence with #states m

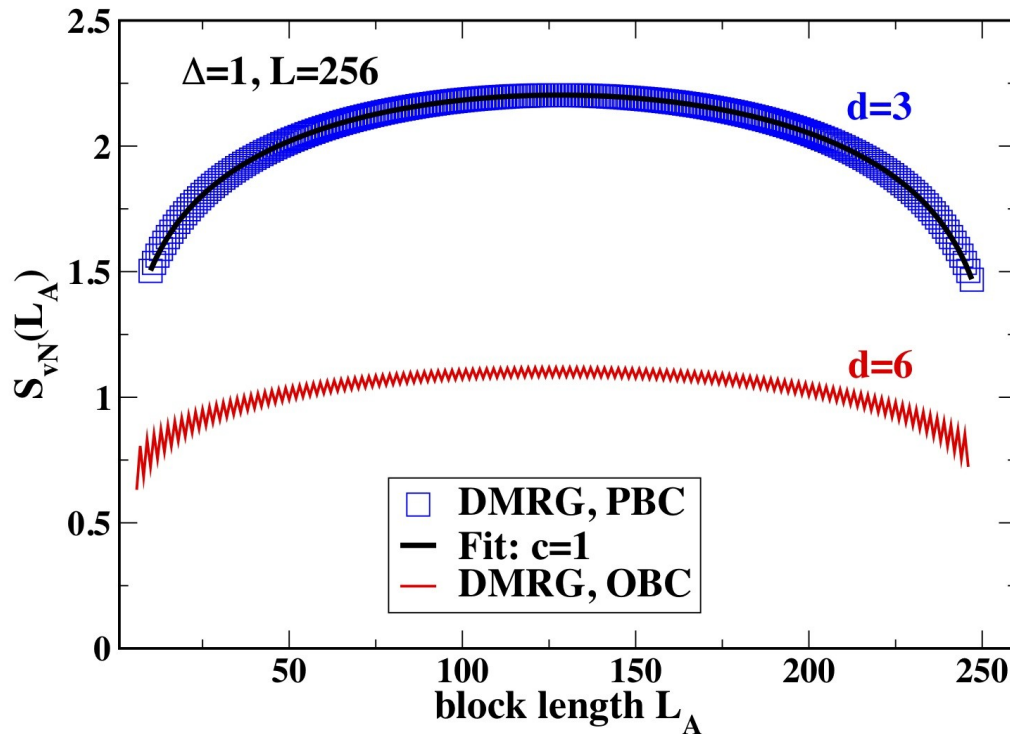
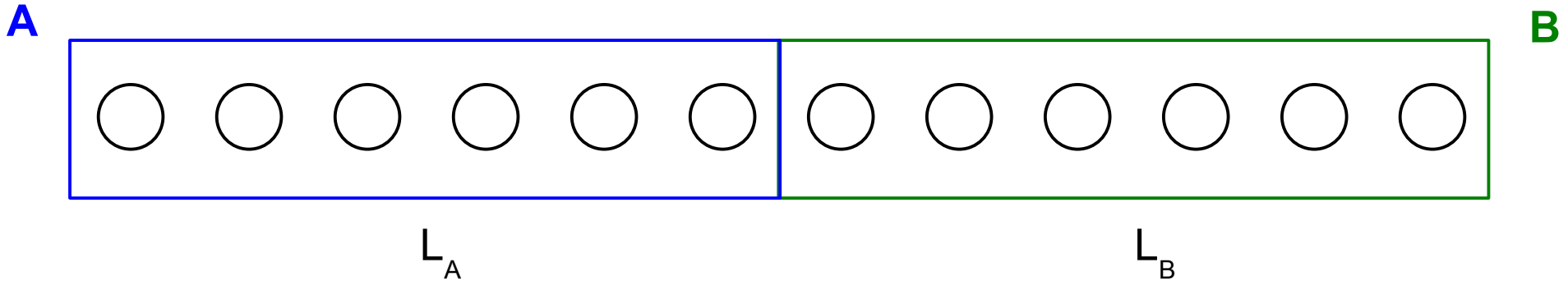


## Ground-state energy infinite system



$$\frac{E_0}{LJ} = -\ln(2) + \frac{1}{4} \approx -0.4431(4)$$

# DMRG at work: Entanglement entropy



## Scaling of von-Neumann entropy

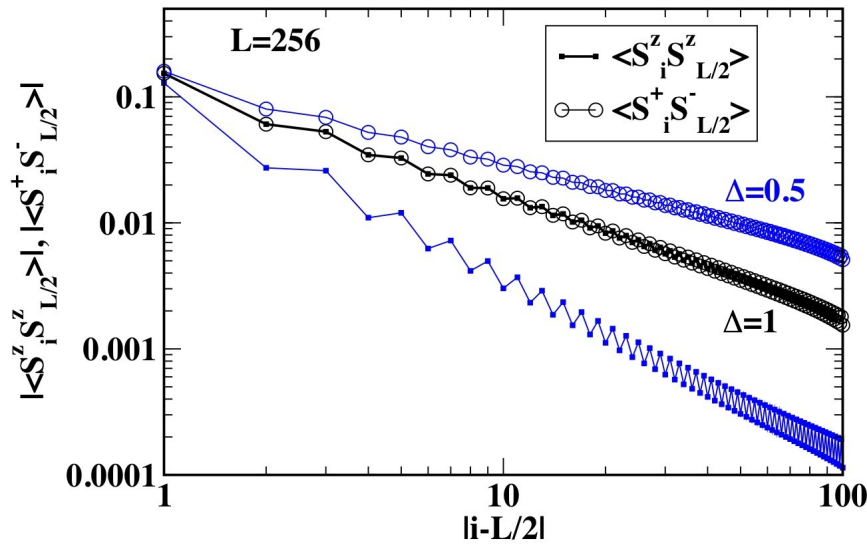
$$S_{\text{vN}}(L_A) = \frac{c}{d} \ln \left( \frac{\pi}{L} \sin(\pi L_A/L) \right) + g$$

→ central charge:  $c=1$

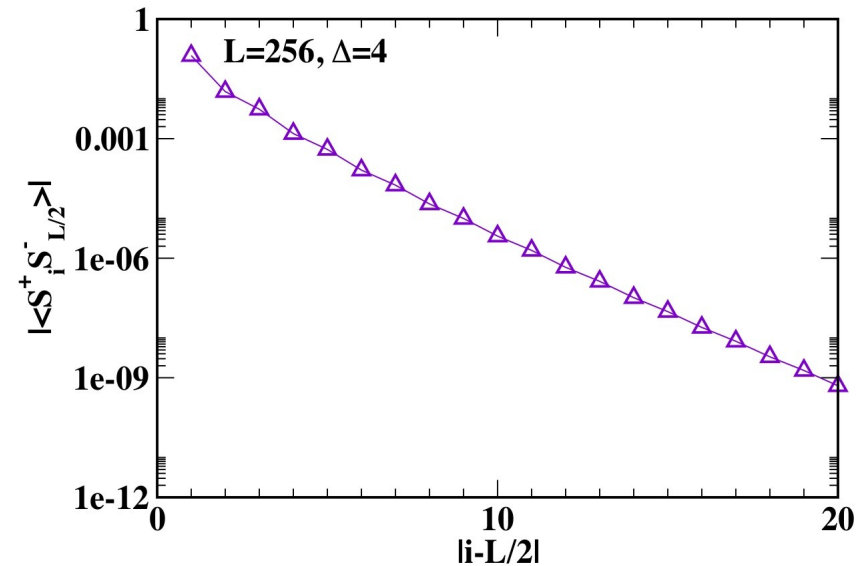
Calabrese, Cardy, J. Stat. Mech. (2004) P06002  
Vidal, Latorre, Rico, Kitaev, PRL 2003

# DMRG at work: Correlation functions

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^- + \text{h.c.}) + \Delta \mathbf{S}_i^z \mathbf{S}_{i+1}^z \right] - h \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i^z$$



→ **Power-law decay, for  $\Delta < 1$ , longitudinal correlations decay faster**



→ **Exponential decay of transverse correlations**

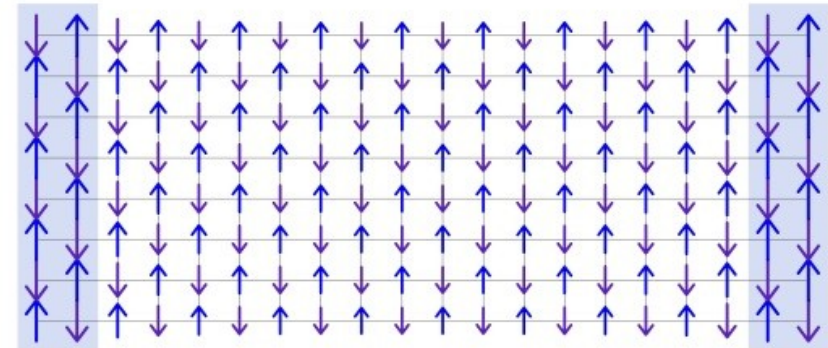
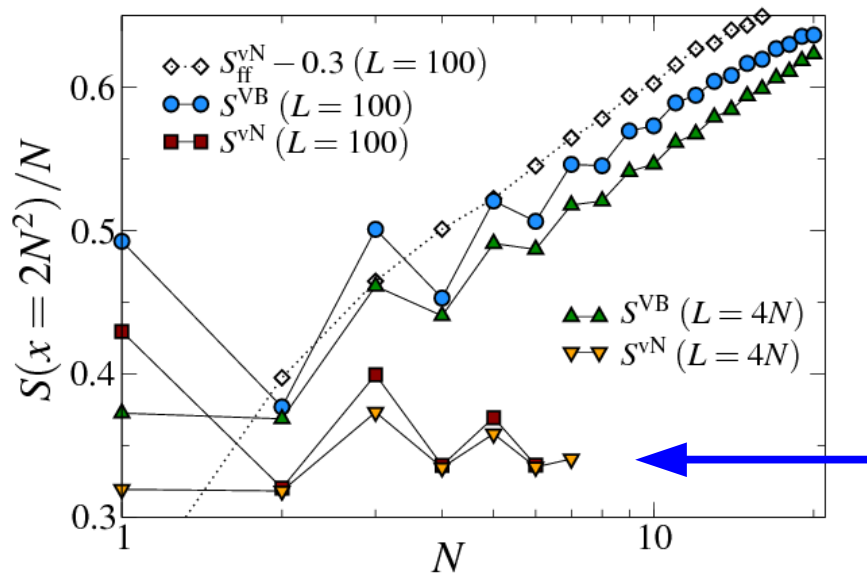
# DMRG for two-dimensional systems

$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

2D square lattice: Néel state

N-leg ladders

DMRG on cylinders



Stoudenmire, White  
Ann. Rev. Cond. Matt. Phys 2012

**Magnetic moment:**

$$M_0 = 0.3067 \text{ (DMRG)}$$

$$M_0 = 0.3070(3) \text{ (SSE)}$$

White, Chernyshev PRL 2007  
SSE: Sandvik PRB 1997

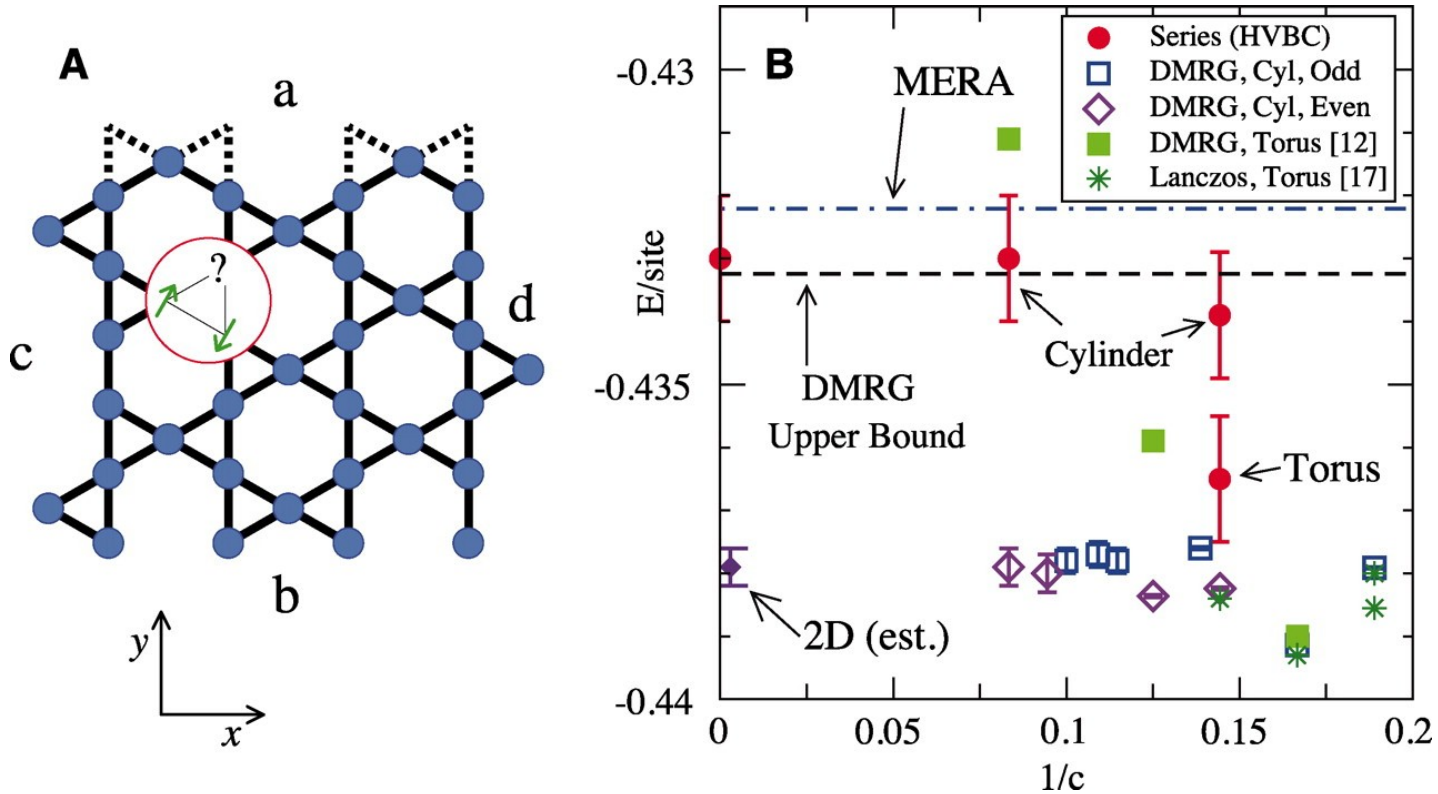
→ Area law  
seems valid

$$S_{\text{vN},L} \sim L^{d-1}$$

Kallin, Gonzalez, Hastings, Melko PRL 2009

# Kagome lattice

Frustrated lattice → sign problem, QMC not applicable



→ Interpretation: gapped topological spin liquid

Yan, Huse, White Science 2011  
 Depenbrock, McCulloch, Schollwöck arxiv:1205.4858

# Part 3: Time-dependent DMRG



# Time evolution via Trotter-Suzuki

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp(-iHt) |\psi(t=0)\rangle$$

$$H = \sum_{\text{bonds}} h_{i,i+1} = \sum_{\text{odd bonds}} h_{i,i+1} + \sum_{\text{even bonds}} h_{i,i+1}$$

## 1) M time slices (exact)

$$e^{-iHt} = (e^{-iH\delta t})^M$$

$$t = M * \delta t$$

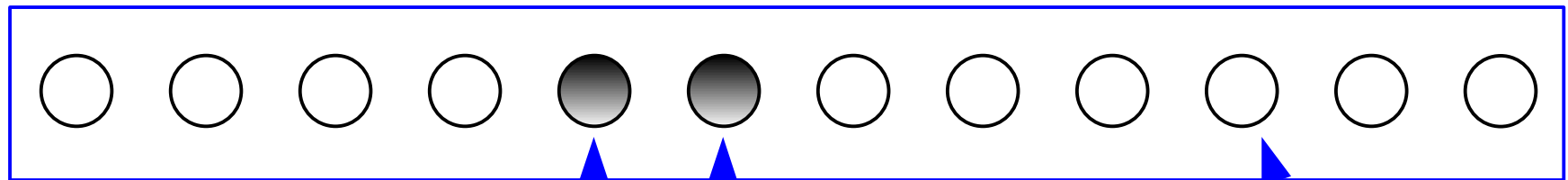
## 2) Trotter-Suzuki approximation

$$e^{-iH\delta t} \approx e^{-iH_{\text{odd}}\delta t} \cdot e^{-iH_{\text{even}}\delta t}$$

## 3) Factorize exponentials (exact)

$$e^{-iH_{\text{odd}}\delta t} = \prod_{\text{odd bonds}} e^{-ih_{i,i+1}\delta t} = \prod U_{i,i+1}$$

# Time-dependent DMRG



$|\sigma_i\rangle$   $|\sigma_{i+1}\rangle$

Local Hilbert space:  
Dim = d

$$e^{-ih_{i,i+1}\delta t} = U_{(\sigma_1\sigma_2)(\sigma'_1\sigma'_2)}$$

$(d_i d_{i+1})^*(d_i d_{i+1})$   
matrix

- **tDMRG** amounts to applying a set of unitaries  
(two-site gates) to a **MPS** + truncation  
(dim(MPS) grows by applying **U**)  
**U** can be cast into the form of an Matrix-Product-Operator

# Time-dependent DMRG: Graphical representation

1) All  $U_{\text{odd}}$   
applied  
to MPS

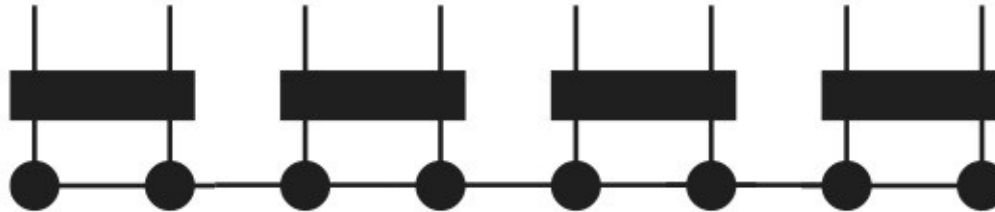
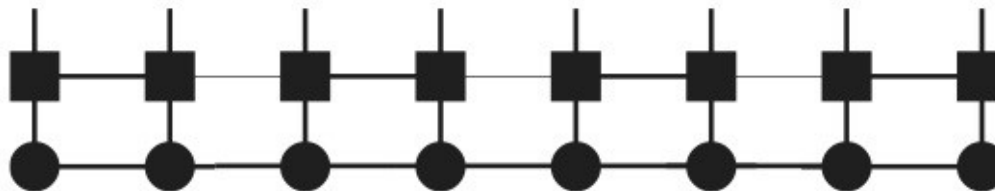


Figure from  
Schollwöck  
Ann. Phys. 2011

2) Regain  
MPS form:

$\text{dim} = d^2 m$



3) Truncate back to max. dimension  $m$  using SVDs

4) Apply all  $U_{\text{even}}$

TEBD: Vidal PRL 91, 147902 (2003); PRL 93, 040502 (2004)  
tDMRG: Daley, Kollath, Schollwöck, Vidal J. Stat. Mech (2004) P04005  
White, Feiguin Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 076401 (2004)  
tMPS: Verstraete, Garcia-Ripoll, Cirac PRL 93, 207204 (2004)

# Time-dependent DMRG: Simulability, errors

Initial state:

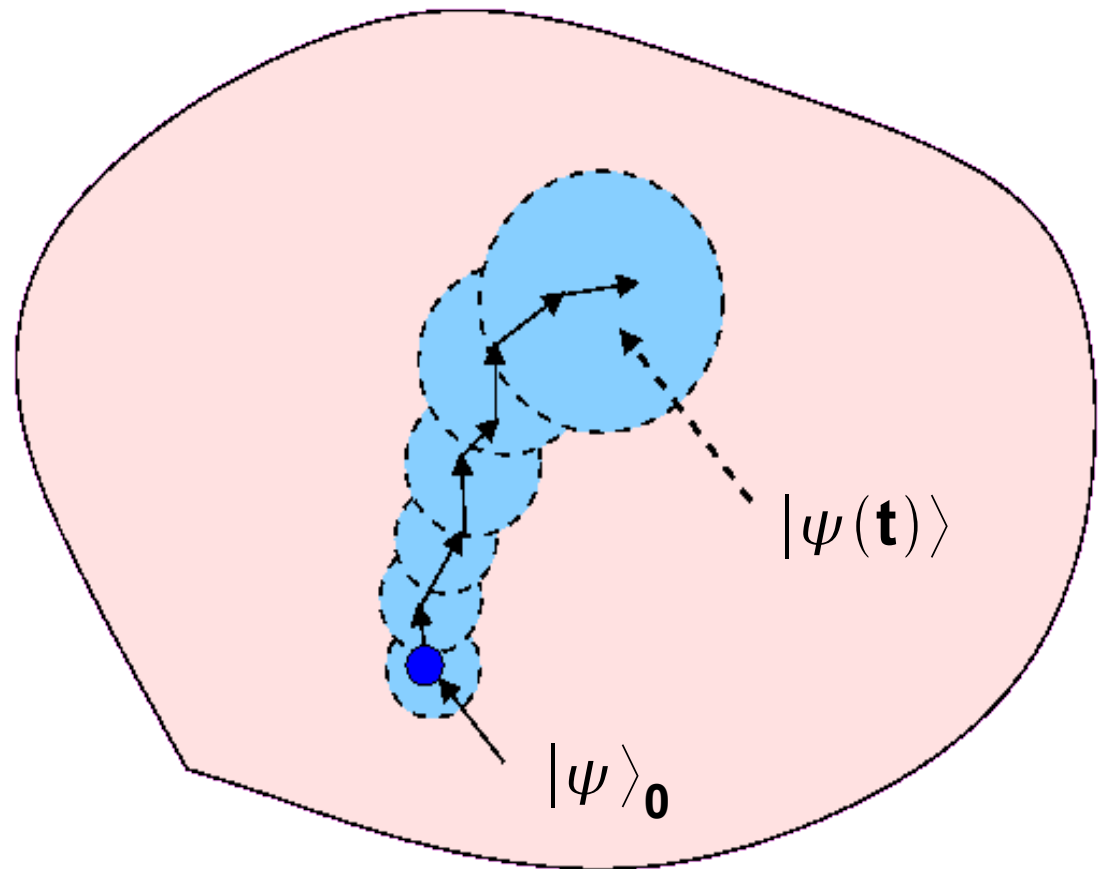
$$H_0 |\psi\rangle_0 = E_0 |\psi\rangle_0$$

Time  $t=0^+$ :  $H_0 \rightarrow H$

$$|\psi(\mathbf{t})\rangle = \exp(-iHt/\hbar) |\psi\rangle_0$$

→ Explores Hilbert space

$$m \propto e^{S_{vN}}$$



## Time evolution

(worst case):  $S_{vN,x}(t) \sim t$

Calabrese Cardy JstatM P04010 (2006)  
Osborne PRL 97, 157202 (2006)

Stricter criteria using Renyi entropies:

Schuch, Wolf, Verstraete, Cirac, PRL 100, 030504 (2008)

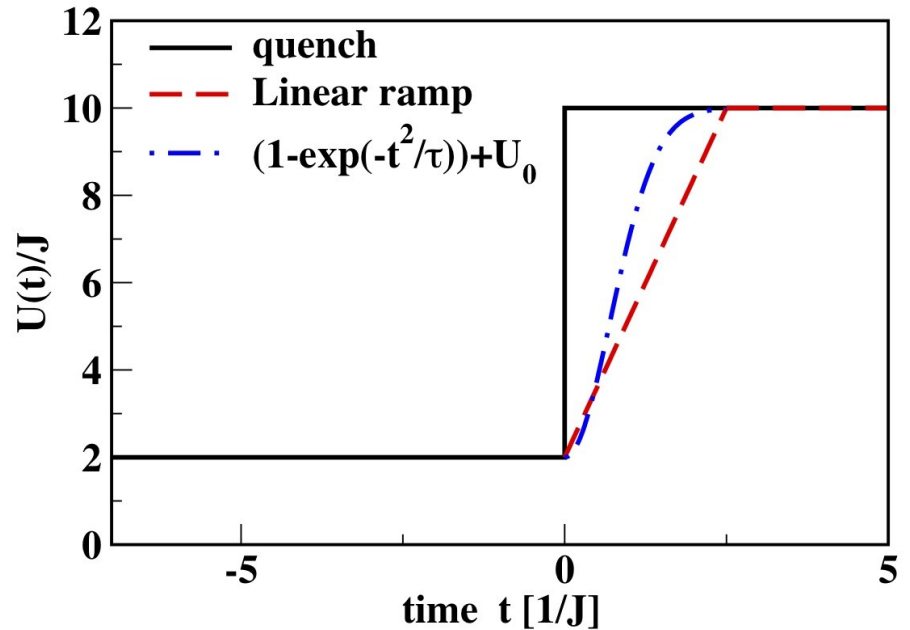
# Example: Fermi-Hubbard model

$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (c_{i+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + \sum_i U_i(t) n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

1) Global quench:  $U_i \rightarrow U'_i$

2) Linear ramp  $U(t) = at + b$

3) Local quench:  $U_{i=i'} \rightarrow U'_{i=i'}$



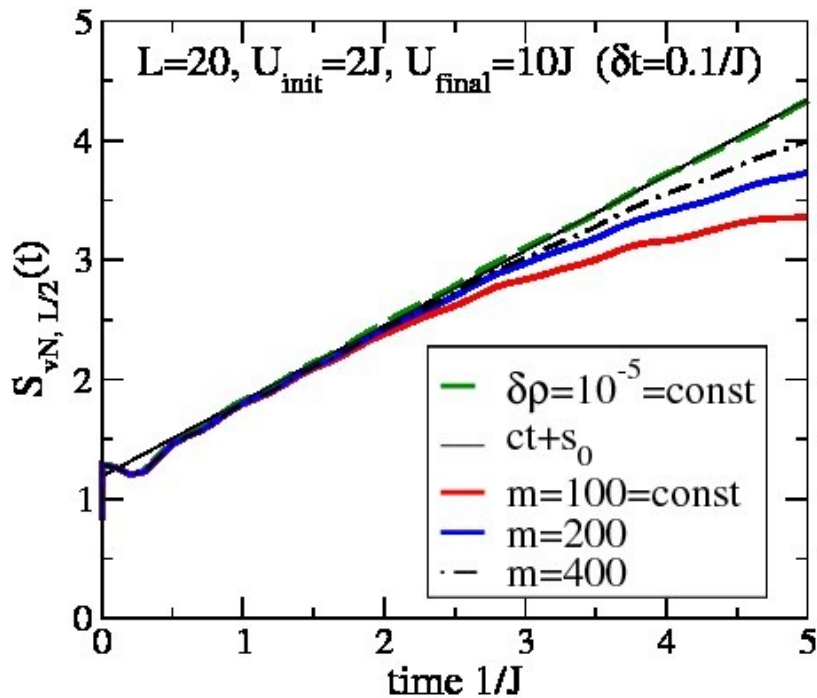
# Constant m vs constant discarded weight

$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (c_{i+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + \sum_i U_i(t) n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

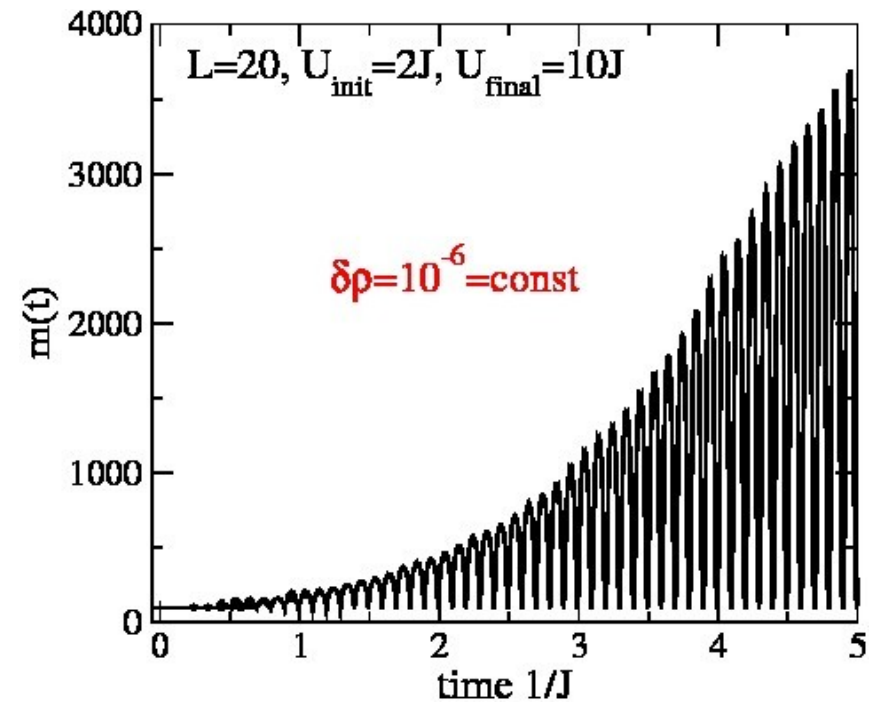
Global quench:  $U_{\text{init}} = 2J$ ,  $U_{\text{final}} = 10J$



$$S_{\text{vN}} \sim t$$



$m=\text{const}$ : Run-away error

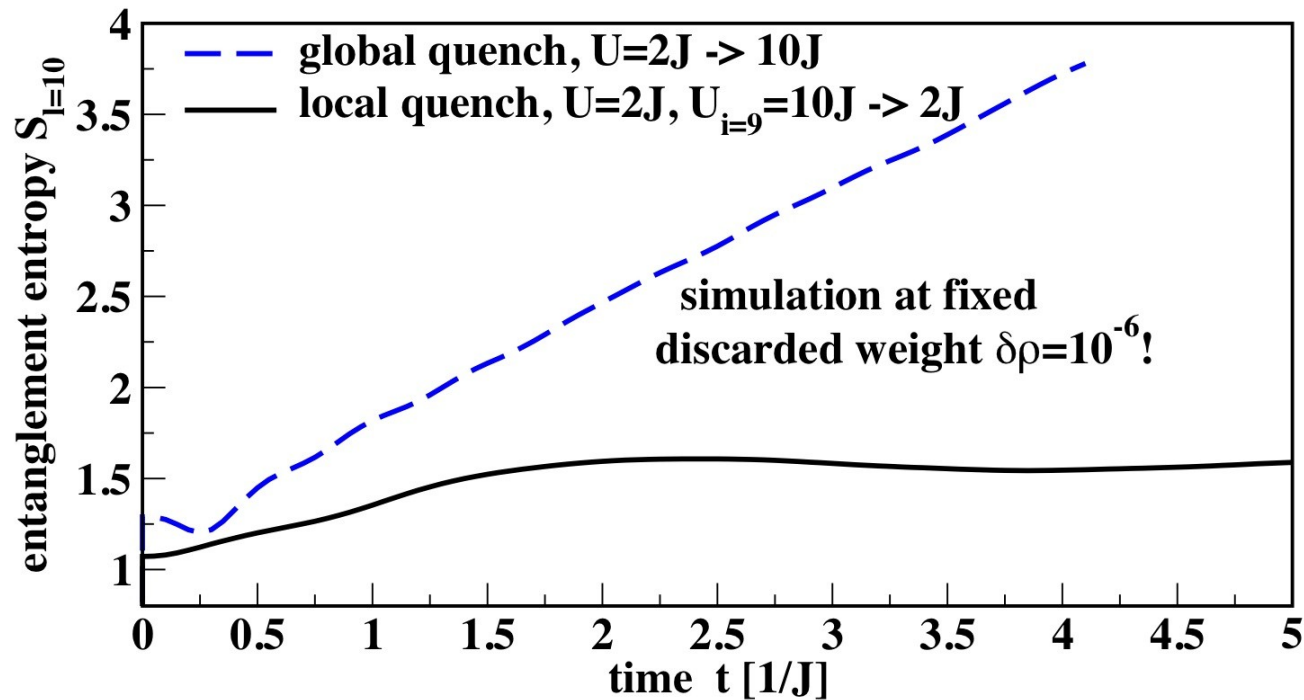


$\delta\rho=\text{const}$ :  $m$  grows

# Entanglement growth: Global vs local quenches

$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + \sum_i U_i(t) n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

Global quench:  $U_i \rightarrow U'_i$  vs local quench:  $U_{i=i'} \rightarrow U'_{i=i'}$

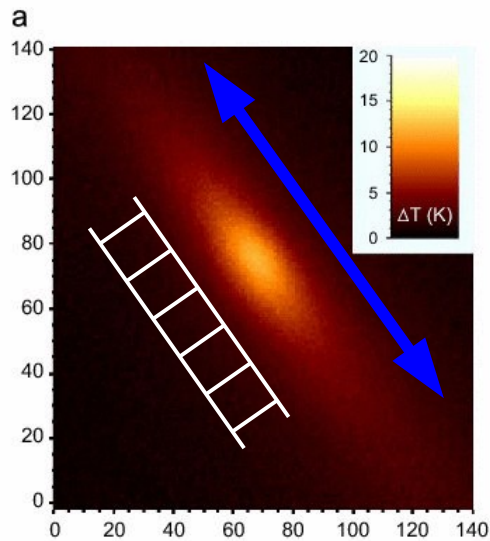


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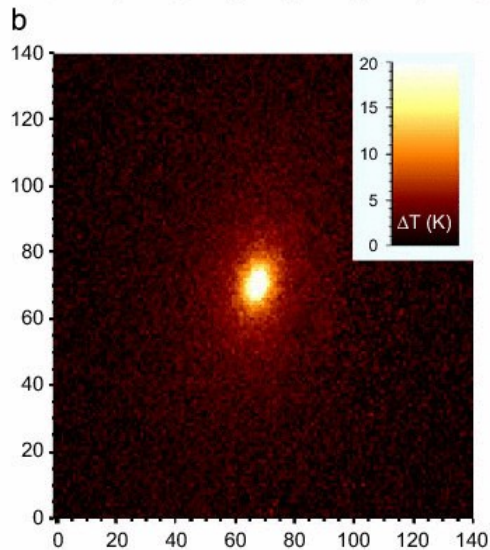
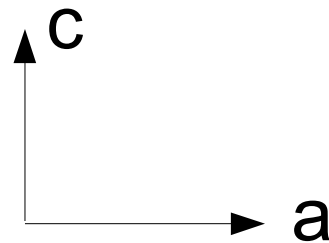
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De Chiara et al. JstatM 2006, Calabrese, Cardy JStatM 2005, JStatM 2007, Cazalilla PRL 2006;  
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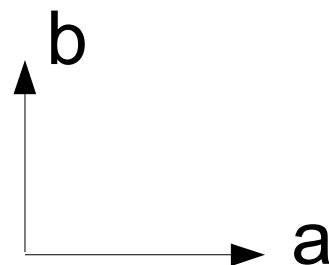
# Time-resolved experiments on heat transport



c-axis:  
ladders!



top view:  
ladder  
plane

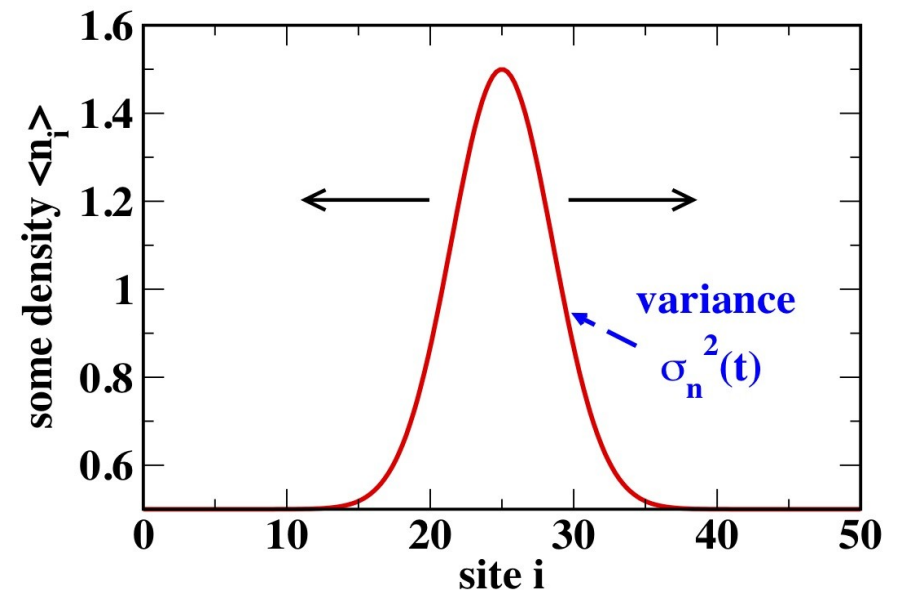


- Real-time spin dynamics in pure spin systems: chains & ladders @  $T=0$

Langer, HM, Gemmer, McCulloch, Schollwöck  
PRB 2009

- Real-time energy dynamics

Langer, Heyl, McCulloch, HM 2011



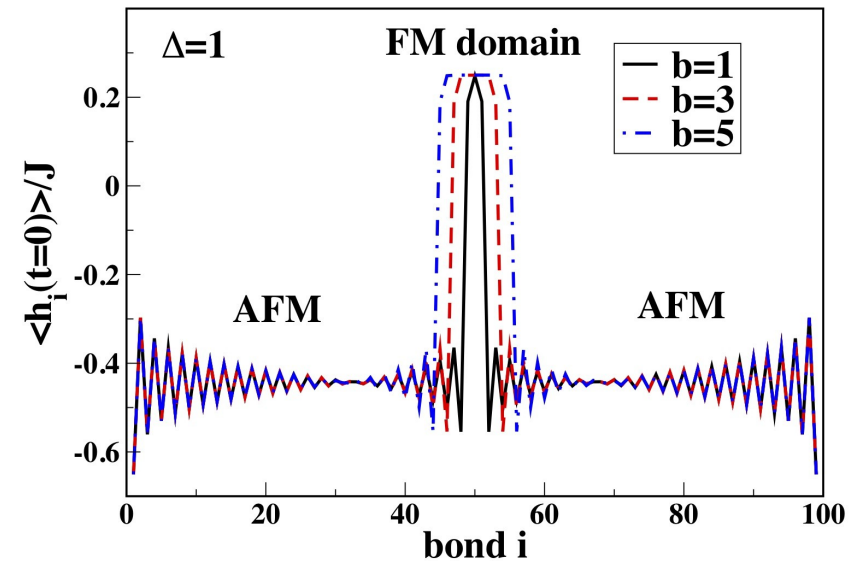
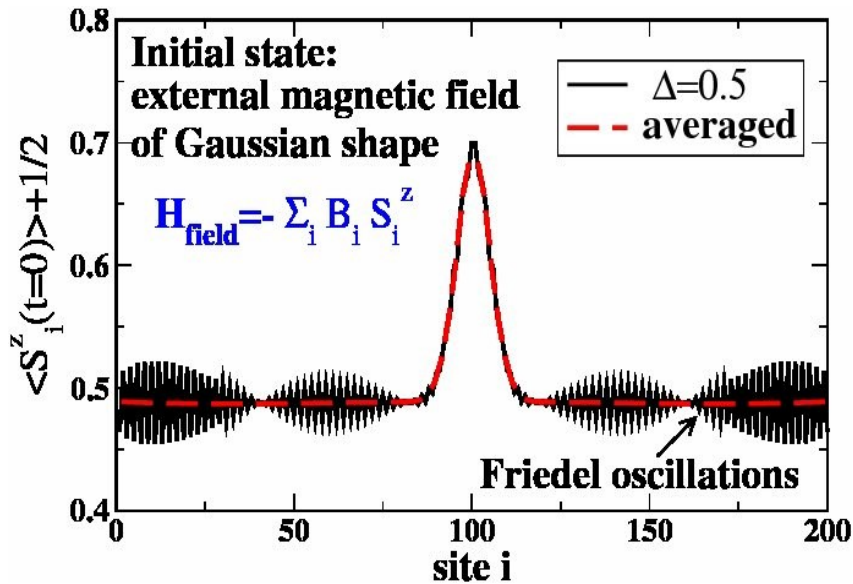
Otter et al. JMMM 2009



# Example: Dynamics of density or spin density excitations

Spin and energy dynamics:

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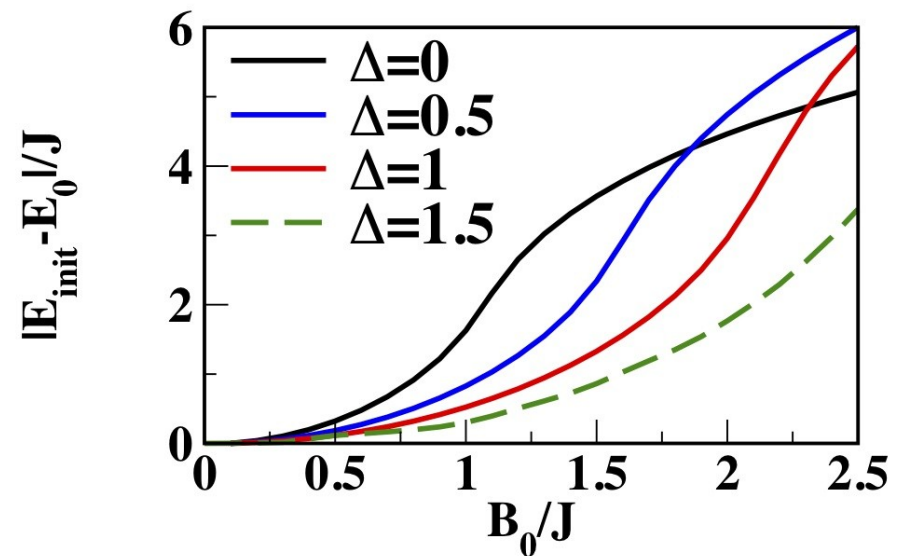
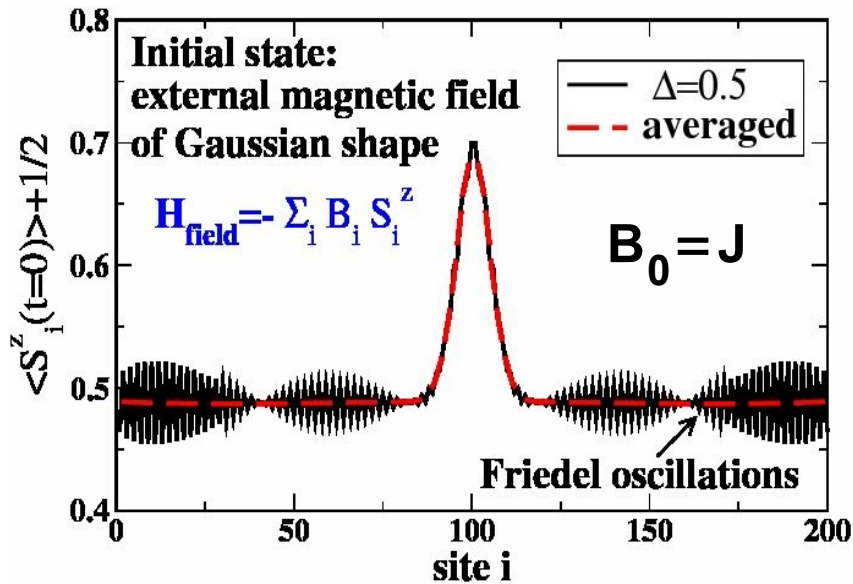


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Spin and energy dynamics:

$$B_i = B_0 \exp(-(i-i_0)^2 / \sigma_B^2)$$

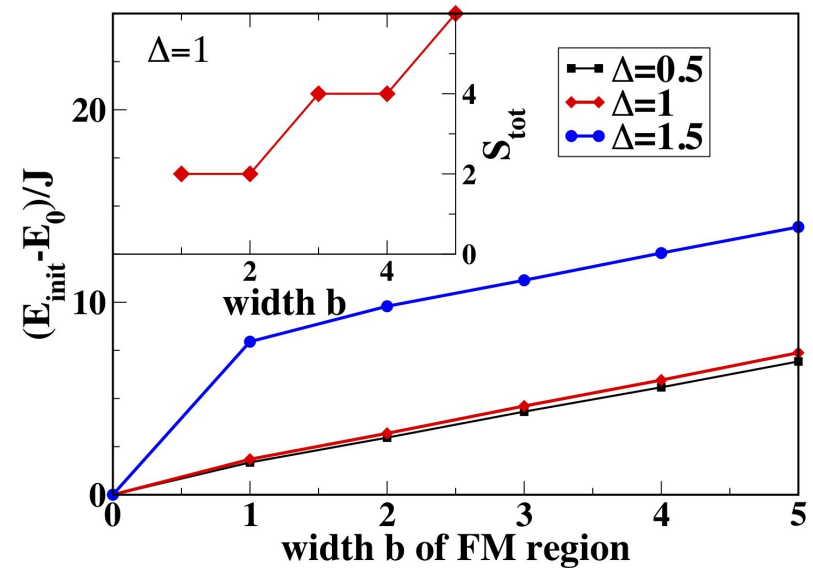
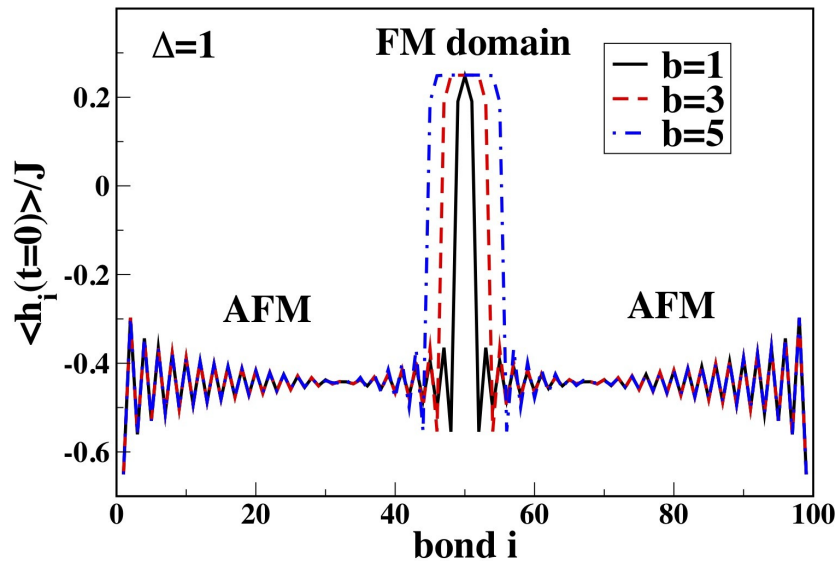


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Only energy dynamics:

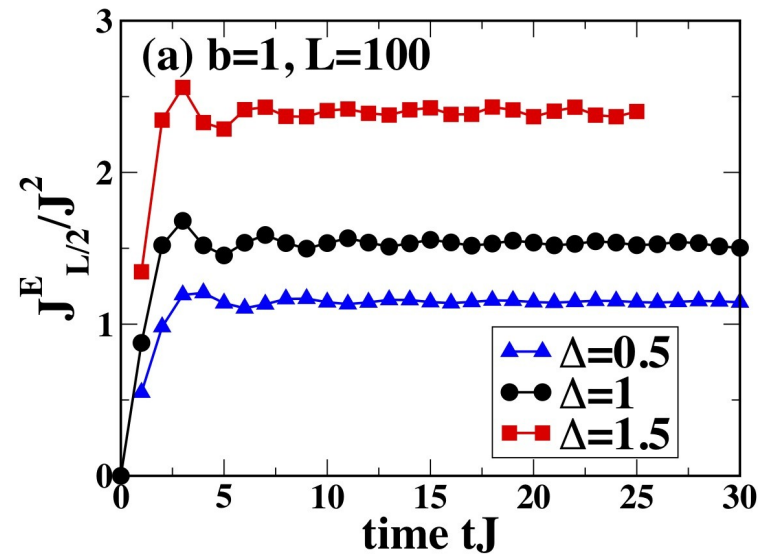
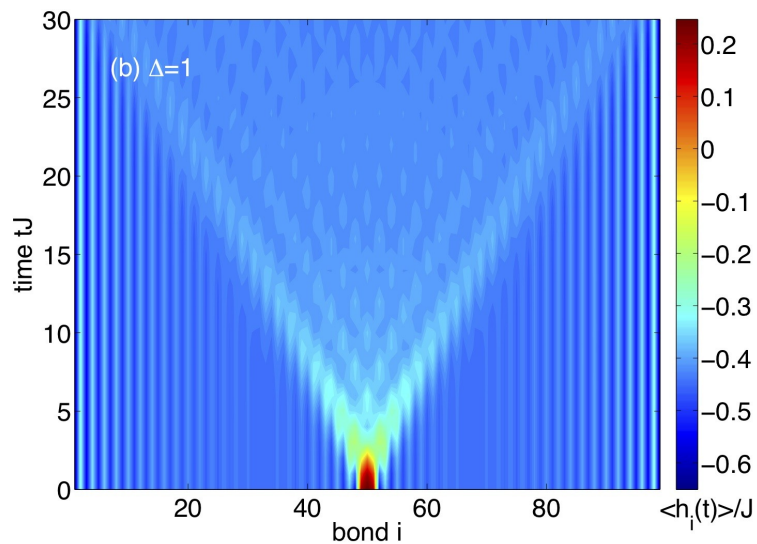
$$\langle S_i^z(t) \rangle = \text{const}$$



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Real-time dynamics of bond-energies and energy current:



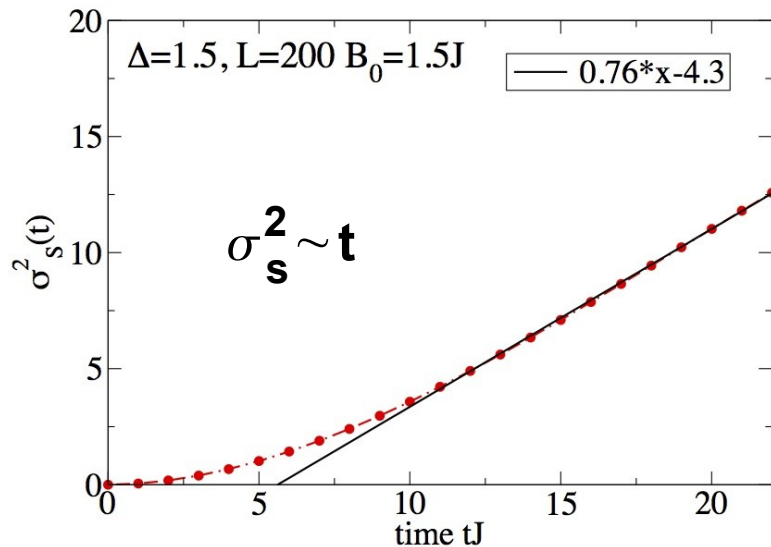
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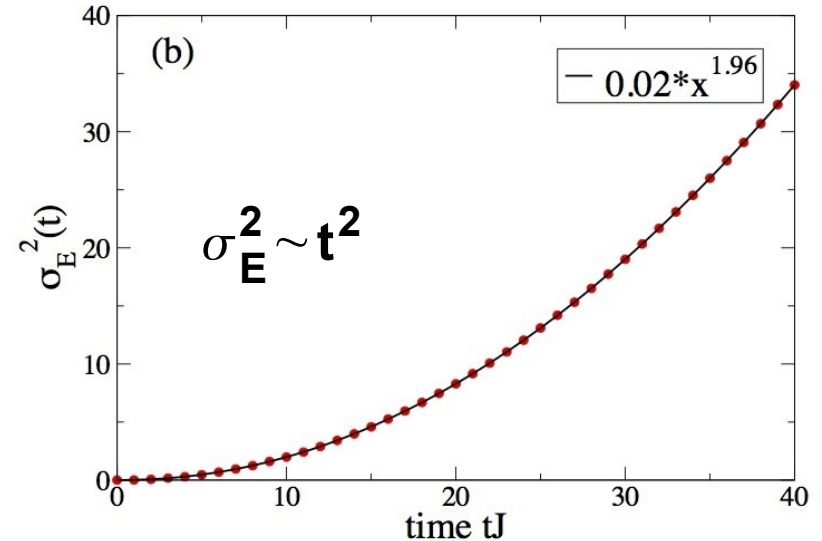
Spin and energy dynamics in the massive phase  $\Delta > 1$ :

$$\sigma_s^2(t) \sim \sum_i \langle \mathbf{S}_i^z(t) \rangle (i - i_0)^2$$

$$\sigma_E^2(t) \sim \sum_i \langle h_i(t) \rangle (i - i_0)^2$$



Spin: not ballistic – diffusive!?



Energy: ballistic

Langer, HM, Gemmer, McCulloch, Schollwöck, PRB 2009; Langer, Heyl, McCulloch, HM PRB 2012  
Jesenko, Znidaric PRB 2012

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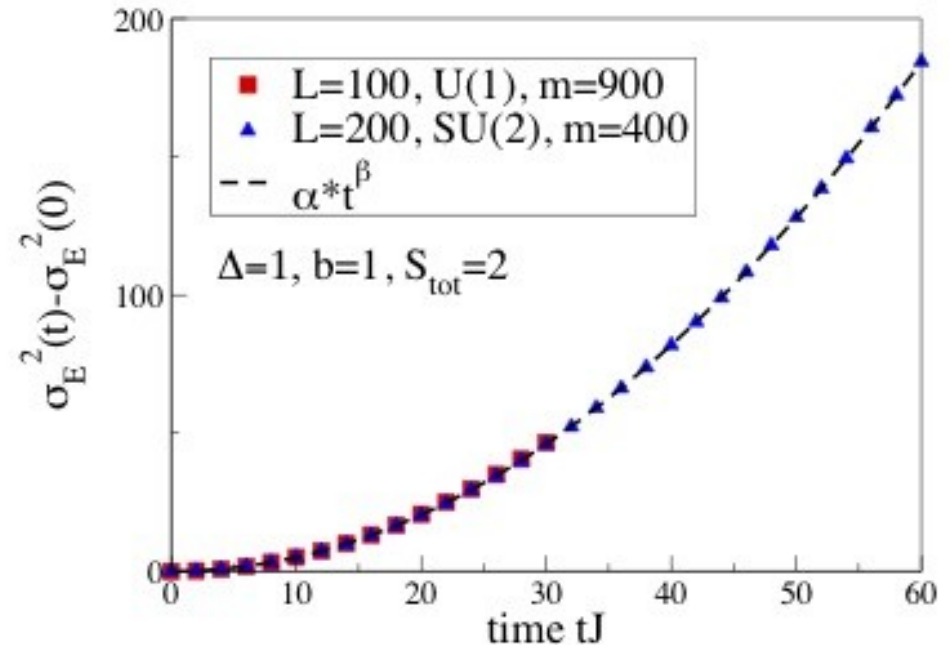
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If possible: Exploiting SU(2) symmetry allows one to go to at least twice as long time-scales!

$tJ \sim 60$

McCulloch, Gulasci EPL 2002



Langer, Heyl, McCulloch, HM PRB 2012

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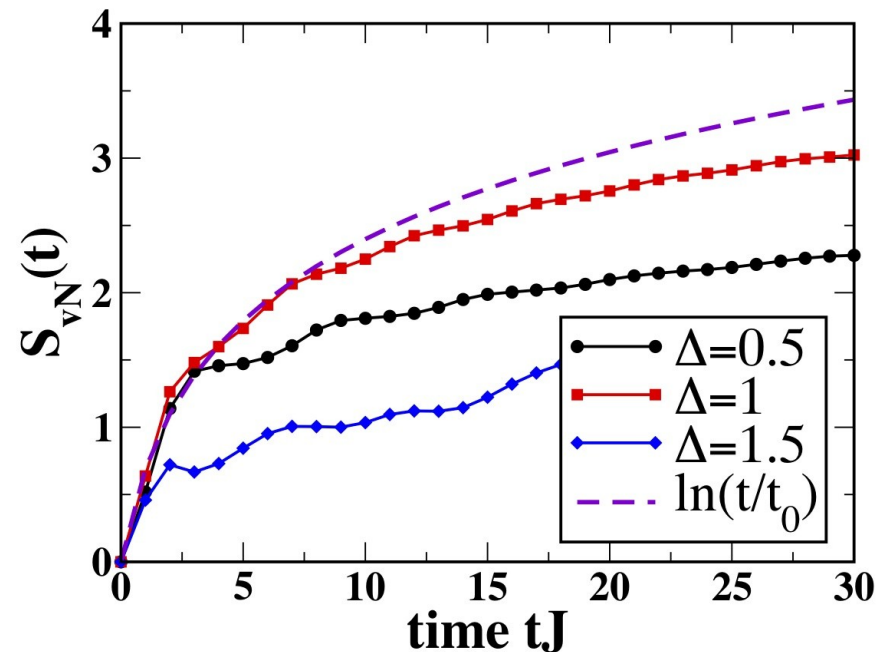
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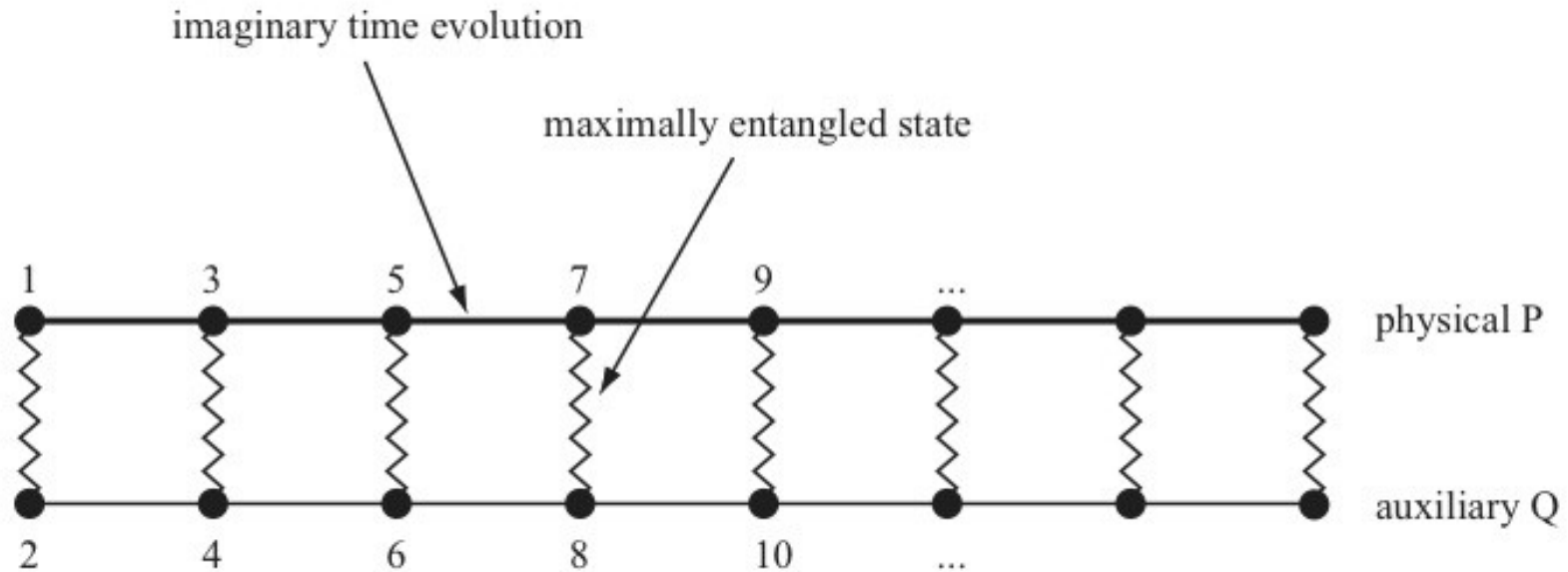
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# Finite-temperature methods: Purification



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$$\hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{P}} = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbf{s}_{\alpha}^2 |\alpha_{\mathbf{P}}\rangle \langle \alpha_{\mathbf{P}}| \rightarrow |\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbf{s}_{\alpha} |\alpha_{\mathbf{P}}\rangle |\alpha_{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle \rightarrow \hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{P}} = \text{tr}_{\mathbf{Q}} |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$$

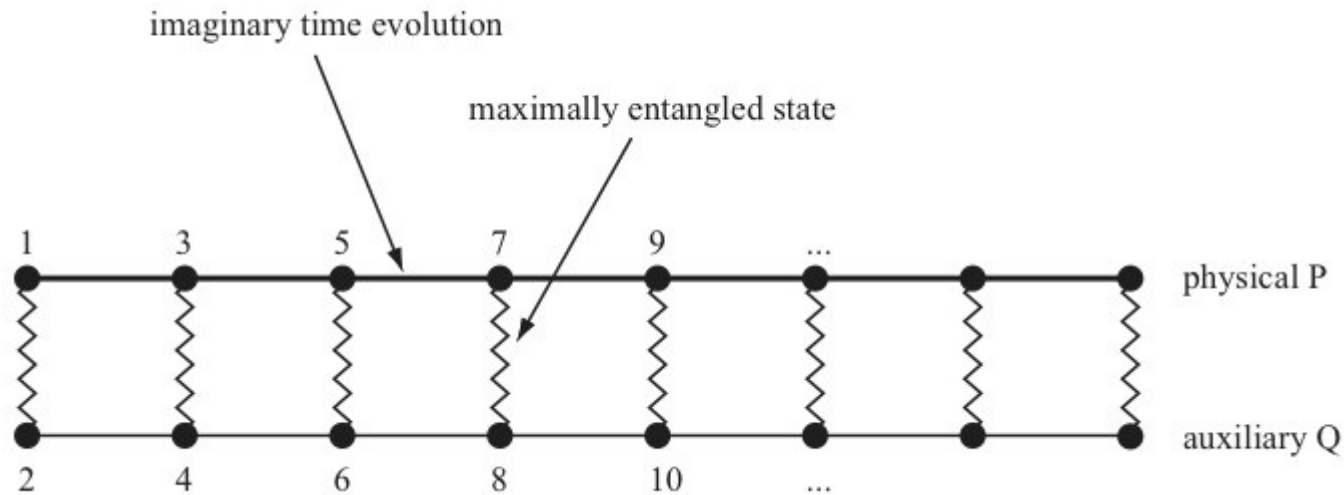
$$\hat{\rho}_{\beta} = \mathbf{Z}(\beta)^{-1} \mathbf{e}^{-\beta \mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{Z}(\beta)^{-1} \mathbf{e}^{-\beta \mathbf{H}/2} \hat{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{e}^{-\beta \mathbf{H}/2}$$

→ We only need purification of infinite-T DM:  $\hat{\mathbf{1}} = \mathbf{Z}(0) \hat{\rho}_0$

Verstraete, Garcia-Ripoll, Cirac PRL 2005, Feiguin, White PRB 2005



# Finite-temperature methods: Purification



Choose an initial state at  $\beta=0$ :  
Maximally entangled

$$|\psi(\beta=0)\rangle = \prod_i \sum_{s_i} |s_i \tilde{s}_i\rangle$$

Evolve in imaginary time:

$$|\psi(\beta)\rangle = e^{-\beta H/2} |\psi(\beta=0)\rangle$$

At desired  $\beta$ , evolve in real time:

$$|\psi(\mathbf{t})\rangle_\beta = e^{-iHt} |\psi(\beta)\rangle$$

Unitary trafo on *ancillas*: disentangler!

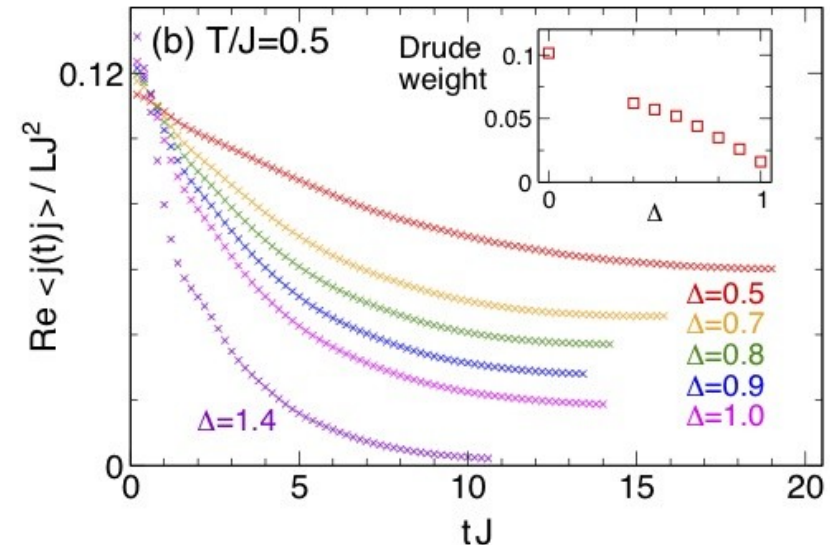
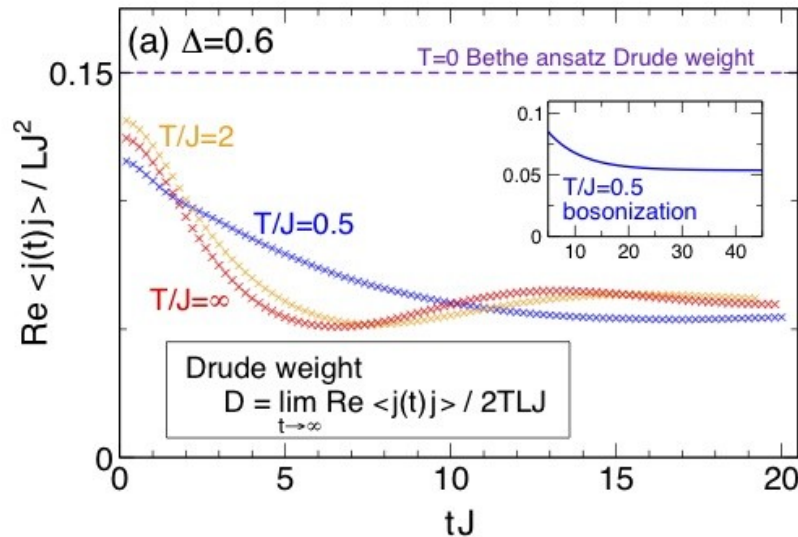
$$U_{\text{aux}} = e^{+iHt}$$

Verstraete, Garcia-Ripoll, Cirac PRL 2005,  
Feiguin, White PRB 2005

Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012  
Barthel, Schollwöck, White PRB 2009

# Current-current correlation functions

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{s}_i^+ \mathbf{s}_{i+1}^- + \text{h.c.}) + \Delta \mathbf{s}_i^z \mathbf{s}_{i+1}^z \right]$$



If Drude  $D_s$  weight finite, then:

$$C(t) = \langle j(t)j \rangle \rightarrow D_s$$

Finite-T tDMRG:

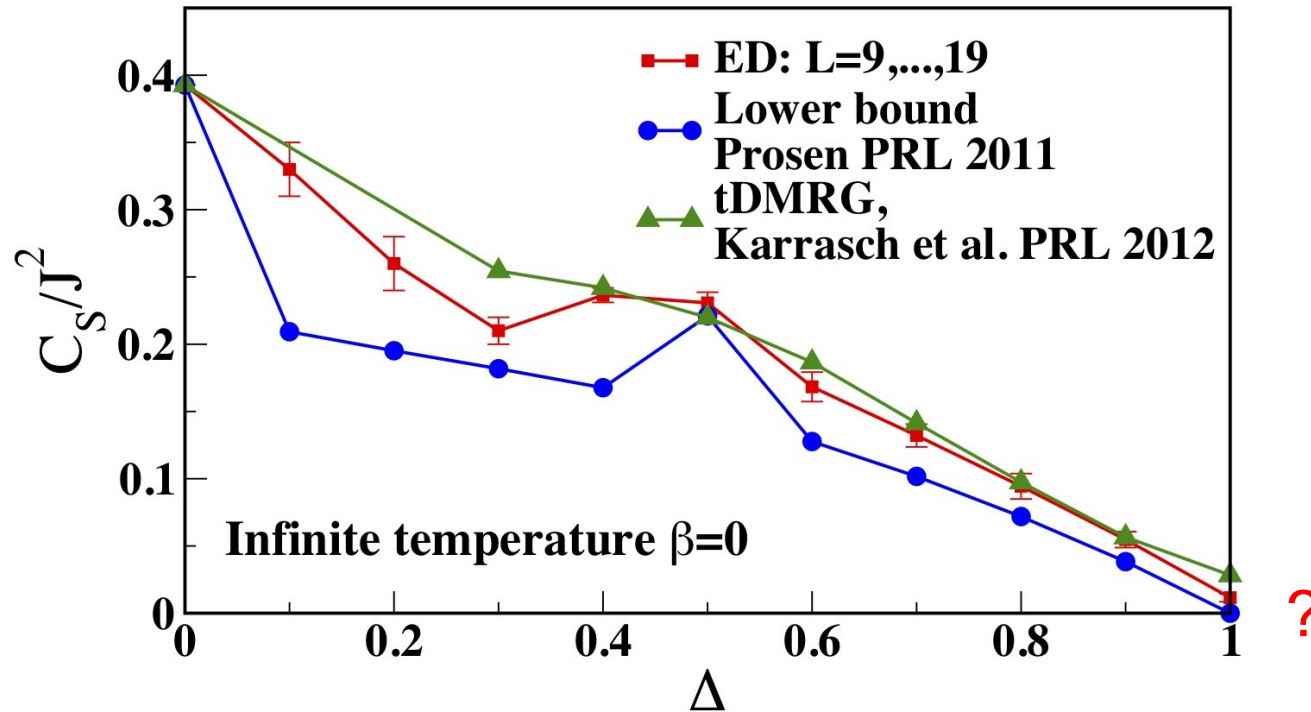
$$D_s(T > 0) > 0 \text{ for } |\Delta| \leq 1$$

Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012

(exceeds Sirker, Pereira, Affleck PRL 2009 by a factor of 2)

# Spin Drude weight: Comparison with ED

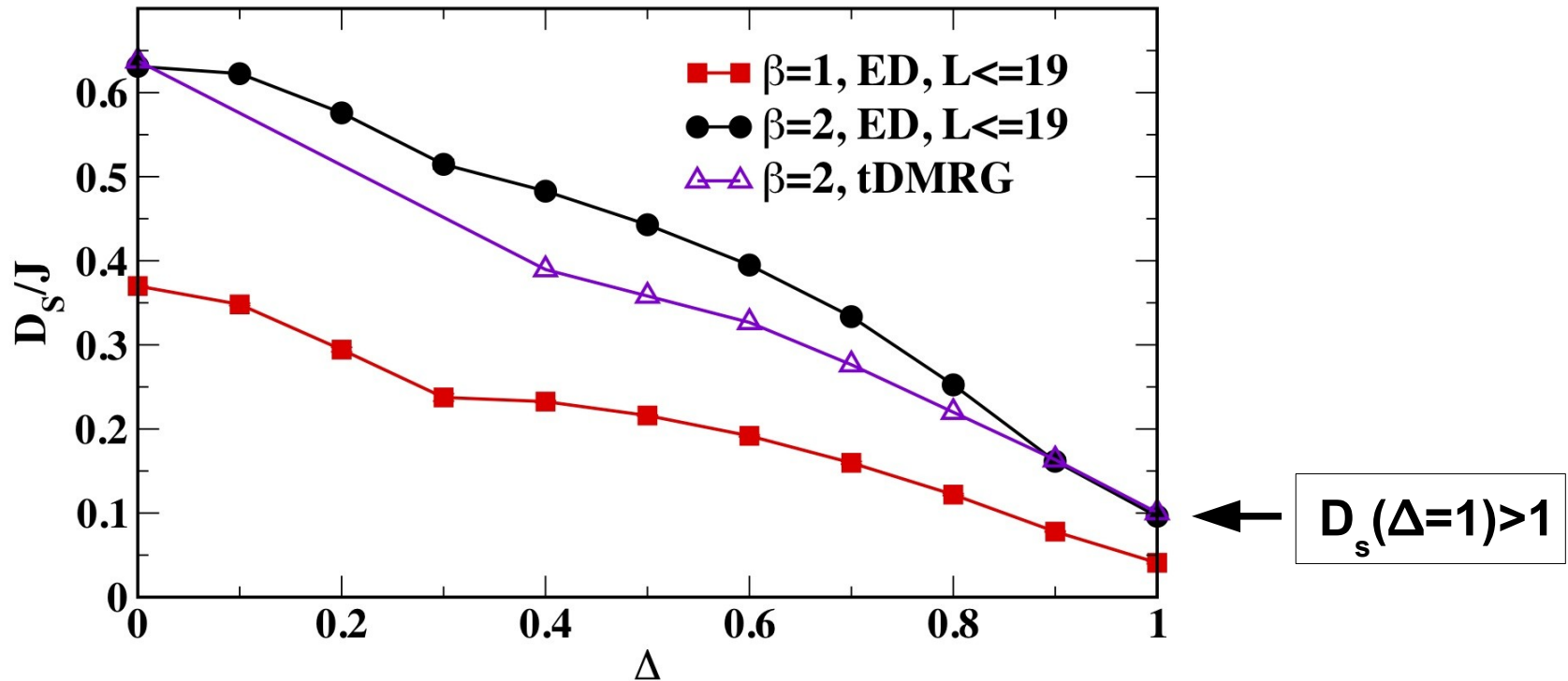
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ED: extrapolated in  $1/L$ ,  $L$  odd only, “grand-canonical”  
 → Fairly good agreement at commensurate  $\Delta$

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- Yet the extrapolation function needs justification
- Discrepancy with extrapolation of canonical data remains  
Herbrych et al. PRB 2011
- Error bars for the tDMRG?

# Outlook: Beating the entanglement growth & Finite temperature

## 1) Transverse-folding method

Banuls, Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac Phys. Rev. Lett. 2009

## 2) TD-DMRG in the Heisenberg picture

Hartmann, Prior, Clark, Plenio Phys. Rev. Lett. 2009  
Znidaric, Prosen J. Stat, Mech 2009

## 3) Finite-temperatures: need mixed states instead of pure states !

Using **purification** Feiguin, White Phys. Rev. B 2005

Zwolak, Vidal Phys. Rev. Lett. 2004

Verstraete, Garcia-Ripoll, Cirac Phys. Rev. Lett. 2004

Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012

Using **transfer-matrix RG**: Sirker, Klümper Phys. Rev. B 2005

**Minimally entangled states – Metts**: White Phys. Rev. Lett. 2009

Stoudemire, White New. J. Phys. 2010

Simulating **master equations**:

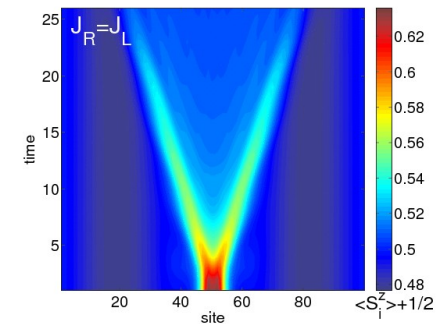
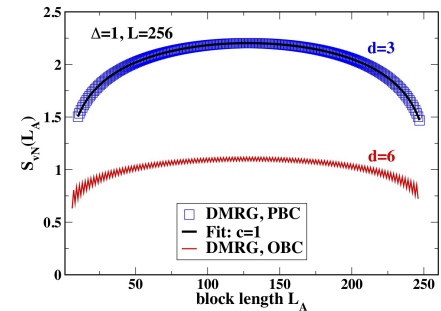
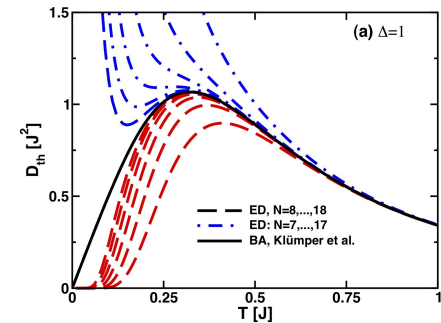
Kantian, Dalmonte, Diehl, Hofstetter, Zoller, Daley Phys. Rev. Lett. 2009

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# Summary

- **Exact diagonalization**
- **DMRG**
- **Time-dependent DMRG**
- **Selected applications:**
  - current-current correlations
  - Drude weight
  - thermodynamics
  - real-time dynamics

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