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#### Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_{\langle n,m \rangle} h_{n,m}$$

#### Questions:

- Ground state:  $H | \Psi_0 \rangle = E_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle$
- Thermal state:  $\rho \propto e^{-H/T}$

• Dynamics: 
$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

Physical properties:

$$\langle \sigma_n \rangle, \langle \sigma_n \sigma_m \rangle, \dots$$



# QUANTUM MANY-BODY SYSTEMS EFFICIENT DESCRIPTIONS: LATTICES





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Problem:



- Exp. number of parameters.
- Exp. number of operations.





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Example: spin 1/2

 $\sigma^{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sigma^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sigma^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sigma^{3} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

General 2-body interactions:

$$H = \sum_{n,m=1}^{N} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=0}^{3} \lambda_{\alpha,\beta}^{n,m} \sigma_{\alpha}^{n} \otimes \sigma_{\beta}^{m}$$
$$\Psi_{0}(\lambda_{n,m}^{\alpha,\beta})$$

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Short-range, homogeneous

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#### Methods:



- Exact
- Monte Carlo.
- Perturbation expansions
- Density Functional Theory
- Dynamical Mean Field Theory
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- Variational
  - Mean Field, Hartree-Fock, BCS, Laughlin,
  - Tensor network states





We are interested in a "small corner" of Hilbert space



May be one can find an efficient description of those states:

- Few parameters (eg, scaling polynomically with N)
- Expectation values can be efficientily calculated.

Applications:

- Variational family: Numerical algorithms.
- Describe general properties.

But ... what is such a description?



## **TENSOR NETWORKS**



Novel descriptions:

- Efficient
- Intuition: entanglement
- No sign problem: frustrated spin and fermionic systems.
   Complementary to other methods (cf, Monte Carlo)
- Extension of DMRG, NRG and other renormalization methods



# QUANTUM INFORMATION EFFICIENT DESCRIPTIONS: LATTICES



## PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES

(Verstraete, IC 04)



Properties:

- Build to fulfill the area law
- Naturally arise in problems with short-range interactions.

They contain the relevant states for short-range interactions

- Infinite homogeneous systems:
  - Example: AKLT (in any dimension)
  - In a 2D square lattice: Vertex-Type Matrix Product Ansatz (Sierra and Martin-Delgado, 1998)

(different than Interaction-Round the Face used by Nishino and col)

(TNS = TPS)

- For 1D systems, they coincide with MPS (Zittart et al)
  - Infinite homogeneous systems FCS (Fannes, Nachtergaele and Werner 91).





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See: Cirac and Verstraete (J. Phys. A, 2009) Verstraete, Murg and Cirac (Adv. Phys, 2008)



OUTLINE



- EFFICIENT DESCRIPTIONS: PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES.
- AREA LAWS
- THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM:
- SYMMETRIES
- MPS and CONFORMAL FIELD THEORY MODELS
- OTHER METHODS: STRING-BOND AND PLAQUTTE STATES

# 1. EFFICIENT DESCRIPTIONS: PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES



The three levels are entangled states of many degrees of freedom We obtain them by projecting out the state:

$$|s\rangle = P |\Psi\rangle_{el-pos} \otimes |\Psi\rangle_{el-spin} \otimes |\Psi\rangle_{nuc-pos} \otimes |\Psi\rangle_{nuc-spin}$$
$$P_n : H_{el-pos} \otimes H_{el-spin} \otimes H_{nuc-pos} \otimes H_{nuc-spin} \to C^3$$





Let us consider our particles as composite objects



Spin 1/2 atoms is composed of electrons, protons, etc

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#### Example: GHZ state



Auxiliary construction:



We can specify the state by just giving  $P = |1\rangle\langle 1, 1| + |2\rangle\langle 2, 2|$ 



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- One can define them in any lattice in any dimension
- One can define them for Fermions too (Kraus, Schuch, Verstraete, IC, 09)

# 2. AREA LAWS: PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES



Guiding principle: Area law (Sredniky 93)



Area law:

$$S(\rho_A) < O(L^{d-1})$$

■ Conjecture:

All physically relevant states at T=0 fulfill this law (up to log corrections).







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## $S_A \square E(A,B) \leq \xi N_{\partial}$

In some way, the existence of a correlation length should give rise to the area law.







(Wolf, Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac 08)

## Finite T: quantum mutual information



$$I(A:B) \coloneqq S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) - S(\rho_{AB})$$

• It measures correlations, but is "stronger":

$$I(A:B) \ge \frac{1}{2} \| \rho_{AB} - \rho_A \otimes \rho_B \|_1^2 \implies I(A:B) \ge \frac{|\langle X_A \otimes Y_B \rangle - \langle X_A \rangle \langle Y_B \rangle|^2}{2 \| X_A \|^2 \| Y_B \|^2}$$

• The mutual information does not "overlook" correlations

(cf data-hidding states)

- it coincides with the entanglement entropy for T=0.
- It fulfills area laws for Gibbs states.
- Area law is a consequence of the decay of correlations.



AREA LAWS THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM

(Wolf, Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac 08)



i) Hamiltonian with short-range interactions:  $H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} h_{i,j}$ 

ii) Finite temperature. 
$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-H/k_B T}$$

$$I(A:B) \le \frac{\|h\|_{op}}{k_B T} N_{\partial}$$
 where  $N_{\partial} = \#$  particles at the border A-B





## PROOF:

• Main tool: FREE ENERGY:  $F(\rho) \coloneqq \langle H \rangle_{\rho} - k_{B}TS(\rho)$ 

MPQ

• Free energy is minimized by the Gibbs state:

min 
$$F(\rho) = F(\rho_T)$$
 where  $\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-H/k_B T}$ 

$$F(\rho_{AB}) \leq F(\rho_A \otimes \rho_B)$$

 $S(\rho_{A} \otimes \rho_{B}) - S(\rho_{AB}) \leq \frac{\langle H \rangle_{\rho_{A} \otimes \rho_{B}} - \langle H \rangle_{\rho_{AB}}}{k_{B}T}$   $I(A:B) \leq \frac{\langle H_{ab} \rangle_{\rho_{A} \otimes \rho_{B}} - \langle H_{ab} \rangle_{\rho_{AB}}}{k_{B}T}$   $\leq \frac{\| h \|_{op}}{k_{B}T} N_{\partial}$ 

 $H = H_A + H_B + H_{ab}$ 







**AREA LAWS** 

ORRELATIONS



(Wolf, Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac 08)



• For fixed B,  $I_L(B) \coloneqq I(A : B)$  decreases with L.

• We denote by  $\xi$ , the length L such that for all B (sufficiently large)

 $I_{L=\xi}(B) \leq \frac{1}{2} I_{L=0}(B) \qquad \qquad I_{L=0}(B_2)$ (i.e,  $\xi$  is the correlation length)  $I_{L=0}(B_1) \qquad \qquad \xi \qquad \qquad L$ 

If  $\xi$  is finite then  $I_{L=0}(B) \le 4\xi N_{\partial}$ 



# AREA LAWS CORRELATIONS

## PROOF:

The mutual information decreases with L.

 $I(A:B) \le I(Aa:B)$ 

But cannot decrease too much:

$$I(Aa:B) \le I(A:B) + 2S_a$$

We choose  $L = \xi$ 

$$I_{L=0}(B) \le I_{L=\xi}(B) + 2LN_{\partial} \le \frac{1}{2}I_{L=0}(B) + 2LN_{\partial}$$

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ID systems:

 $S_{\alpha}(\rho_L) \square \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log_2[tr(\rho^{\alpha})]$  Renyi entropies:

- Critical systems: CFT:  $S_{\alpha}(\rho_L) = \frac{c+c}{12} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right] \log_2 L$  (Vidal, Rico, Kitaev, Latorre) (Calbrese, Cardy, Korepin,..)

• Non-critical:  $S_{\alpha}(\rho_L) < C_{\alpha}$ 

#### Higher dimensions:

- Gaussian theories (Eisert et al)
- Spin/Fermionic systems (Wolf, Perez-Garcia et al, ...)





## PEPS is the natural family fulfilling the area law:



The mixed state version, also fulfills the area law.

They provide the natural way of expressing the area law

# 3. THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM: PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES





• Any action between two systems can be described in terms of ancillas:

(Kraus, Dur, Lewenstein, and IC 01, Verstraete and IC 04)



• Thermal states can be written in terms of a purification:







• Consider local Hamiltonians:  $H = \sum_{n} h_{n,n+1}$ • Let us assume that the h's commute:  $e^{-\beta H} = e^{-\beta h_{12}} e^{-\beta h_{23}} \dots e^{-\beta h_{N-1,N}}$   $e^{-\beta H}$   $e^{-\beta H}$   $e^{-\beta h_{12}} e^{-\beta h_{23}}$   $e^{-\beta h_{N-1,N}}$   $P_1 P_2$   $P_N$   $P_1 P_2$  $P_N$ 

• If the h's do not commute: 
$$e^{-\beta H} = \left[e^{-\beta h_{12}/M} e^{-\beta h_{23}/M} \dots e^{-\beta h_{N-1,N}/M}\right]^M$$

There are M bonds between neighbors, but they are weakly entangled It can be approximated with a single bond of dimension D.

- This argument has been made rigorous by Hasting (Hastings 06).
- It also works for Fermions (Kraus, Schuch, Verstraete, and IC 09).

# 4. SYMMETRIES: PROJECTED ENTANGLED-PAIR STATES



## SYMMETRIES TRANSLATIONS



**Translational:**  $T | \Psi \rangle = | \Psi \rangle$ 



- We choose all the P equal:
  - $P: C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \to C^2$
- A single operator P describes the whole system.
- All physical properties, including symmeries, are encapsultated in P.


# SYMMETRIES



• Local symmetries:  $u_g^{\otimes N} | \Psi \rangle = e^{i\theta_g} | \Psi \rangle$  where  $g \in G$ 

• For the PEPS:  $u_g P V_g^{\otimes 4} = e^{i\Phi_g} P$  where  $V_g$  is a D-dim representation.  $P: C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \otimes C^D \to C^2$ 

#### Applications:

• Lieb-Schultz-Mattis theorem: G = su(2) (Sanz, Perez-Garcia, Wolf, IC 08)

- For a 1D systems and semi-integer spin,  $V_g$  must be reducible.
- If reducible, then for any H for which  $\Psi~$  is the ground state, it must be degenerate.
- It also applies to higher dimensions.
- Extensions to other grups:  $u(1), Z^d, etc$
- String order, topological order, etc. (Perez-Garcia, Sanz, Wolf, Verstraete, IC 08)



- Since PEPS represent the states that appear in Nature, we should develop the theory of those states.
- Whatever we can show to hold for PEPS, it should be true in general (?).

### 5. CONFORMAL FIELD THEORIES: MATRIX PRODUCT STATES

(In collaboration with German Sierra, Madrid)



### MATRIX PRODUCT STATES 1 DIMENSION



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### 6. OTHER METHODS: STRING BOND AND PLAQUETTES



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#### SPINS:

- MERA (Vidal 07)
- PEPS + MONTECARLO (Schuch, Wolf, Verstraete, IC, 08)
- TNS + MONTECARLO (Sandvik and Vidal, 08)
- EPS + MONTECARLO (Mezzacapo, Bonisegni, Schuch, IC, 09)
- iMPS + MONTECARLO (Sierra, IC, 09)

FERMIONS:

- fPEPS (Kraus, Schuch, Verstraete, IC, 09, Corboz, Orus, Bauer, Vidal, 09)
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(Schuch, Verstraete, Wolf, and IC, 2008) (Sfondrini, Cerrillo, Schuch, IC, submitted)

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Heisenberg











- Quantum Mechanics" of PEPS:
  - Symmetries
  - Topological order
  - Excitations
  - Gaps
  - Criticality



- Proofs
- New families
- Different problems



New computational methods:







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