

Workshop on
Quantum Information Science
and Many-Body Physics

Entanglement Renormalization,
critical phenomena and CFT

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Outline

MERA = Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz

Entanglement Renormalization/MERA

- Renormalization Group (RG) transformation
- Quantum Computation

Scale invariant MERA \leftrightarrow RG fixed point

(• non-critical fixed point \leftrightarrow topological order \leftrightarrow TQFT)

• critical fixed point \leftrightarrow continuous quantum phase transition

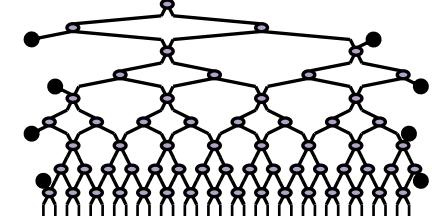
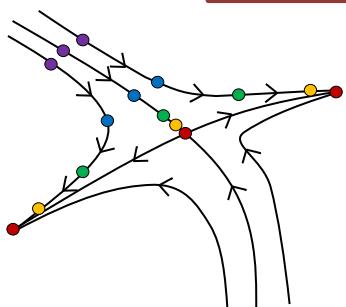
- bulk
 - boundary
 - defect
- (local/non-local)

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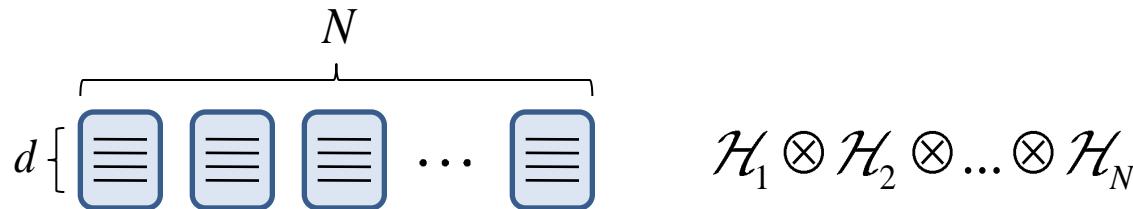
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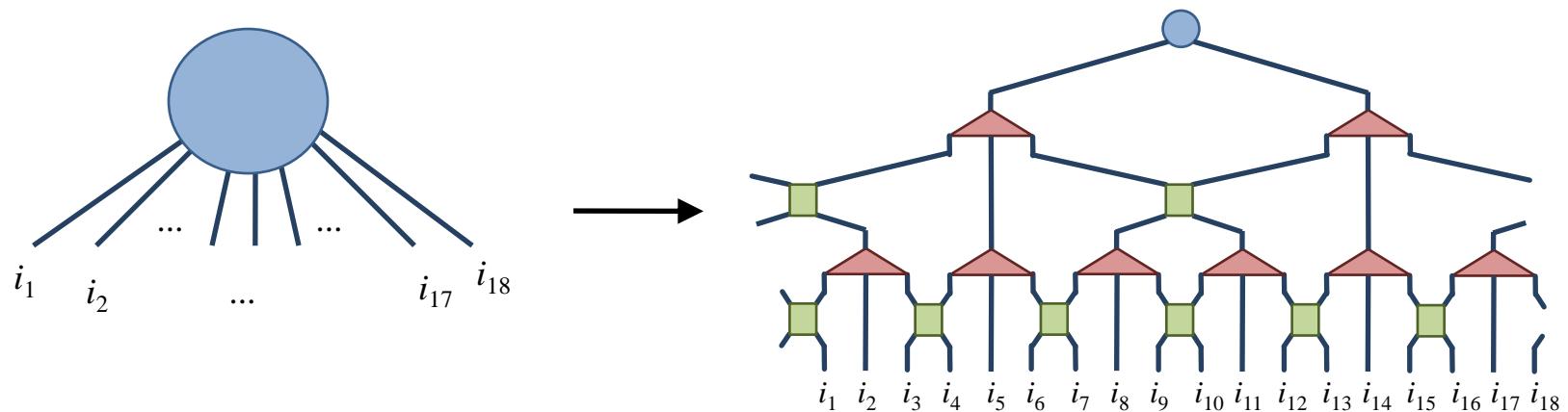
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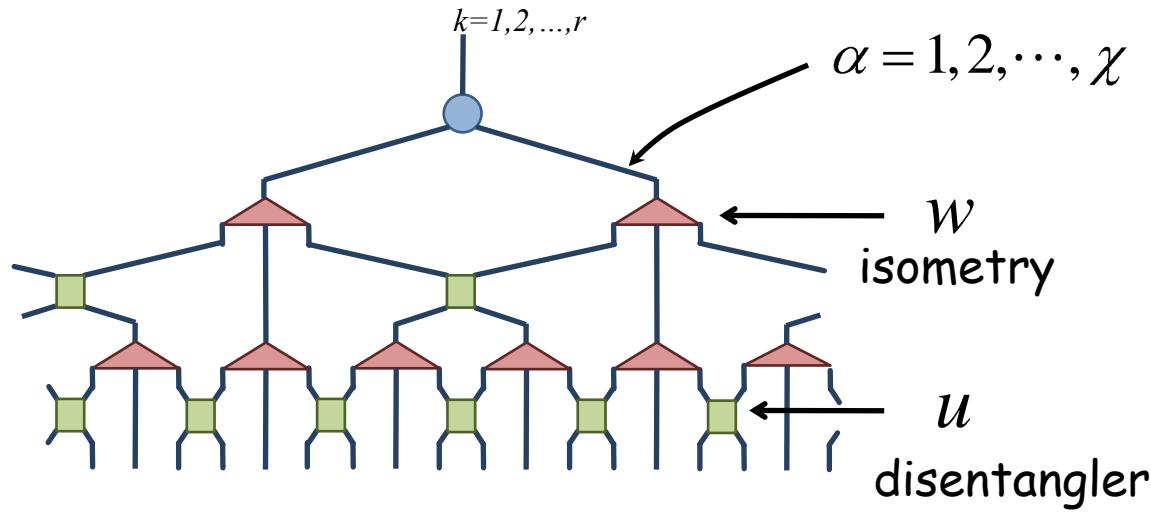
- Lattice with N sites



$$|\Psi_{GS}\rangle = \sum_{i_1=1}^d \sum_{i_2=1}^d \dots \sum_{i_N=1}^d c_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} |i_1\rangle |i_2\rangle \dots |i_N\rangle$$



MERA (multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz)



$$u \quad u^\dagger \quad = \quad | \quad I$$

A circuit diagram enclosed in a yellow box. It shows two vertical lines representing the input and output of the operator u . Between them is a sequence of four boxes: a green square (disentangler), a blue hexagon, another green square, and a blue hexagon. The entire diagram is followed by an equals sign and a vertical bar representing the identity operator I .

disentangler

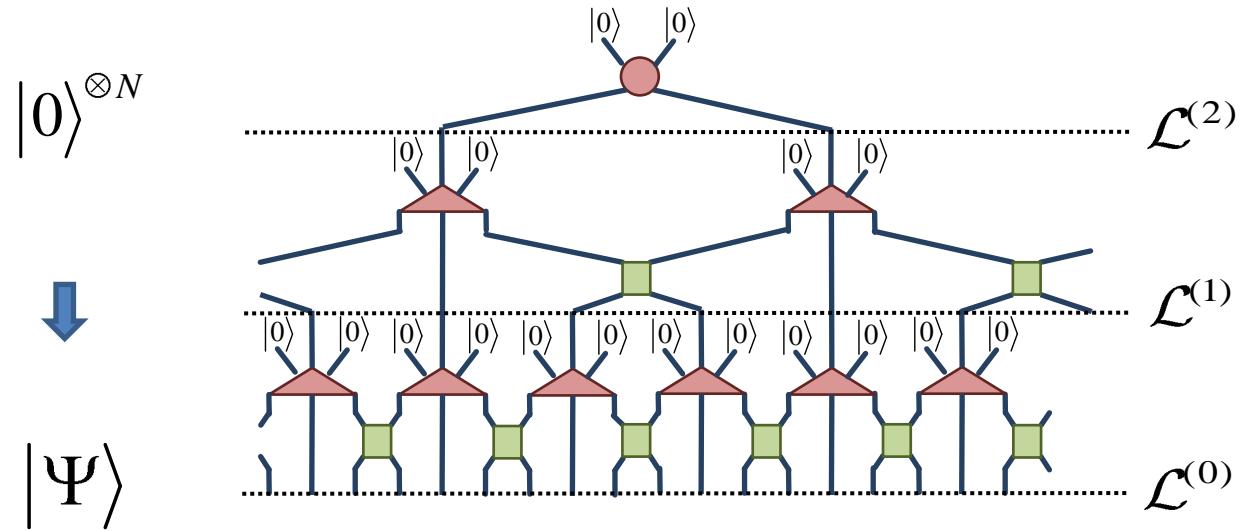
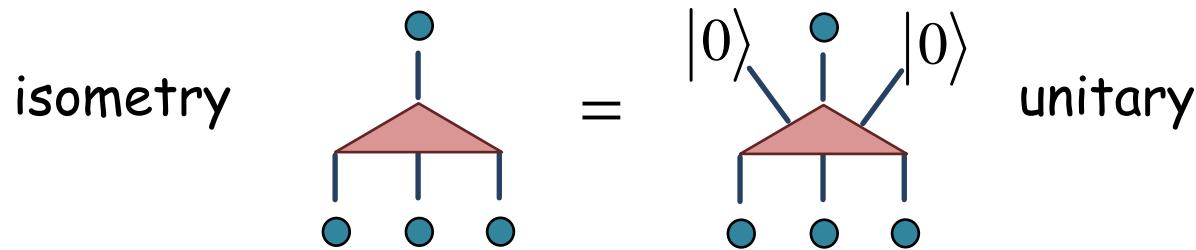
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isometry

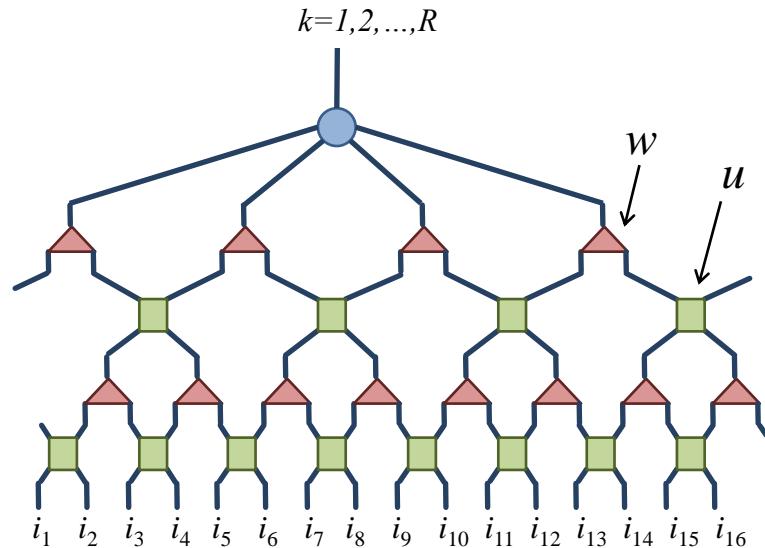
MERA as a quantum circuit

$$|\Psi\rangle \dots \text{---} \mathcal{L}$$

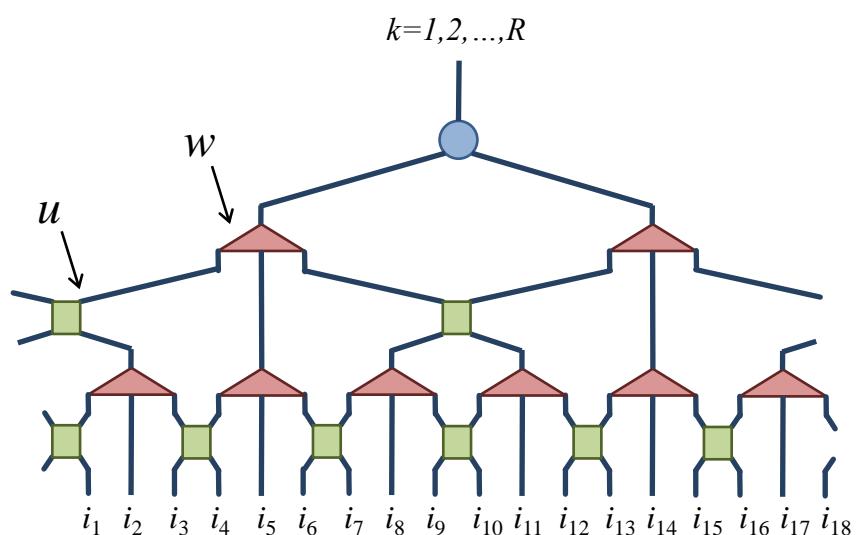


- Many possibilities

examples: binary 1D MERA



ternary 1D MERA

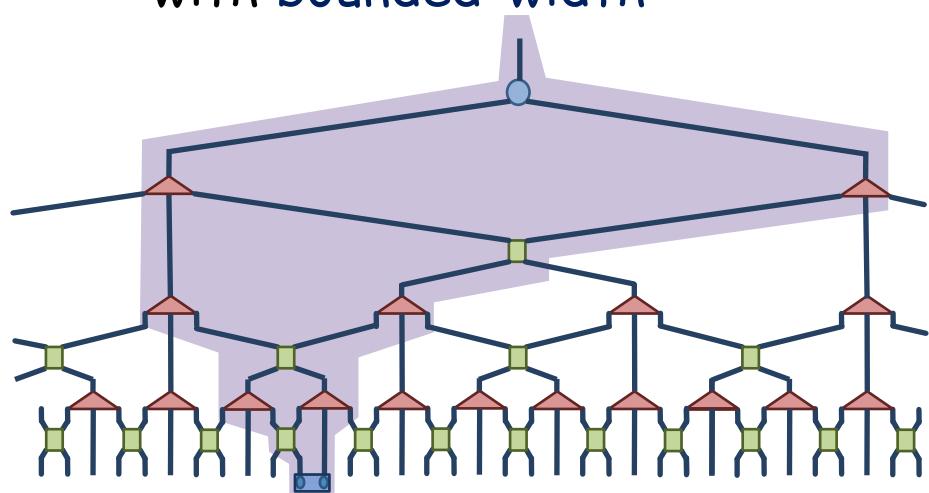


- Defining properties:

1) isometric tensors

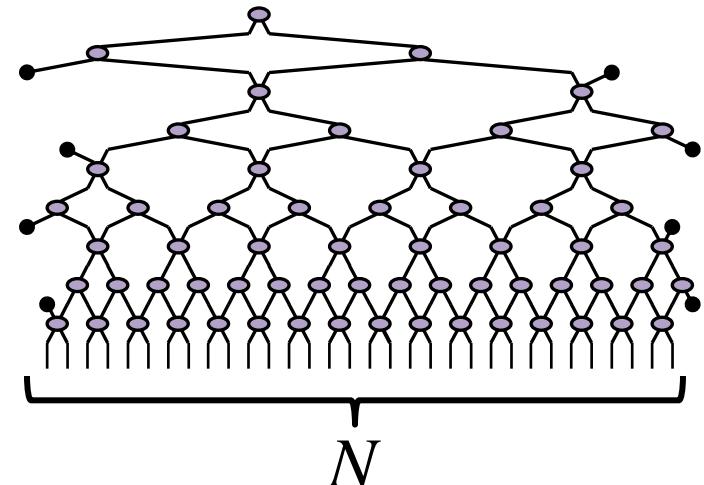
$$g \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad g^\dagger \quad = \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad I$$

2) past causal cone
with bounded 'width'

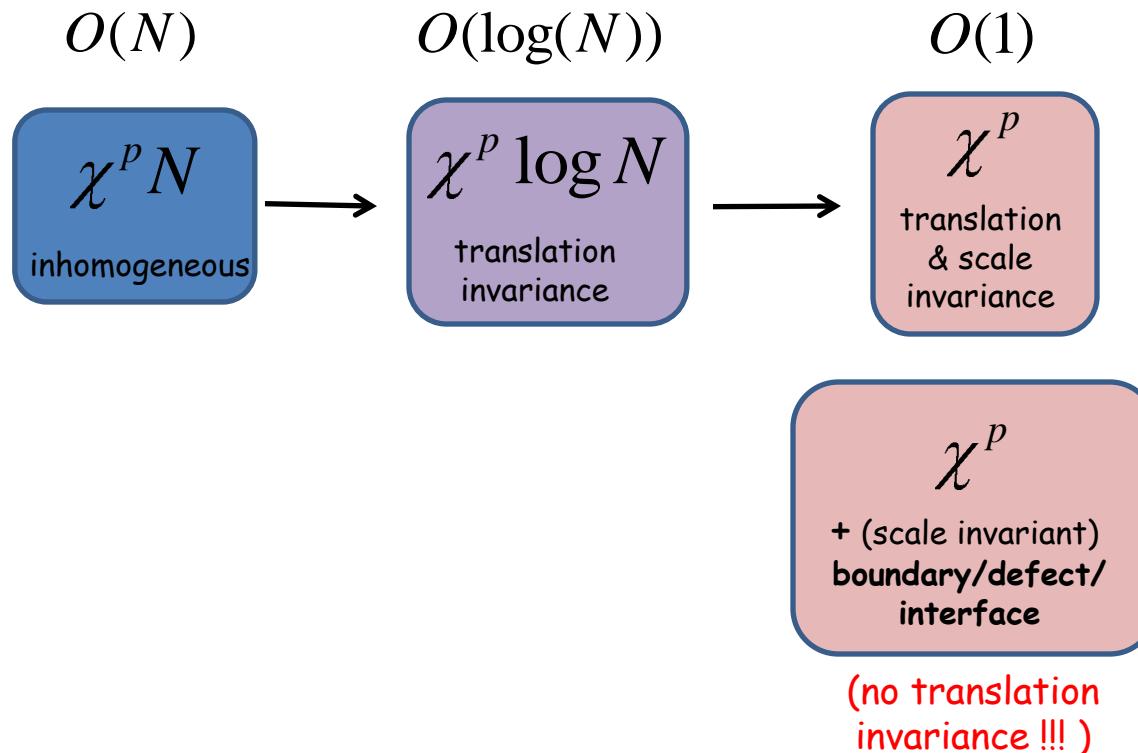


What is the MERA useful for?

- ground states/low energy subspaces in 1D, 2D lattices
- at criticality: critical exponents/CFT



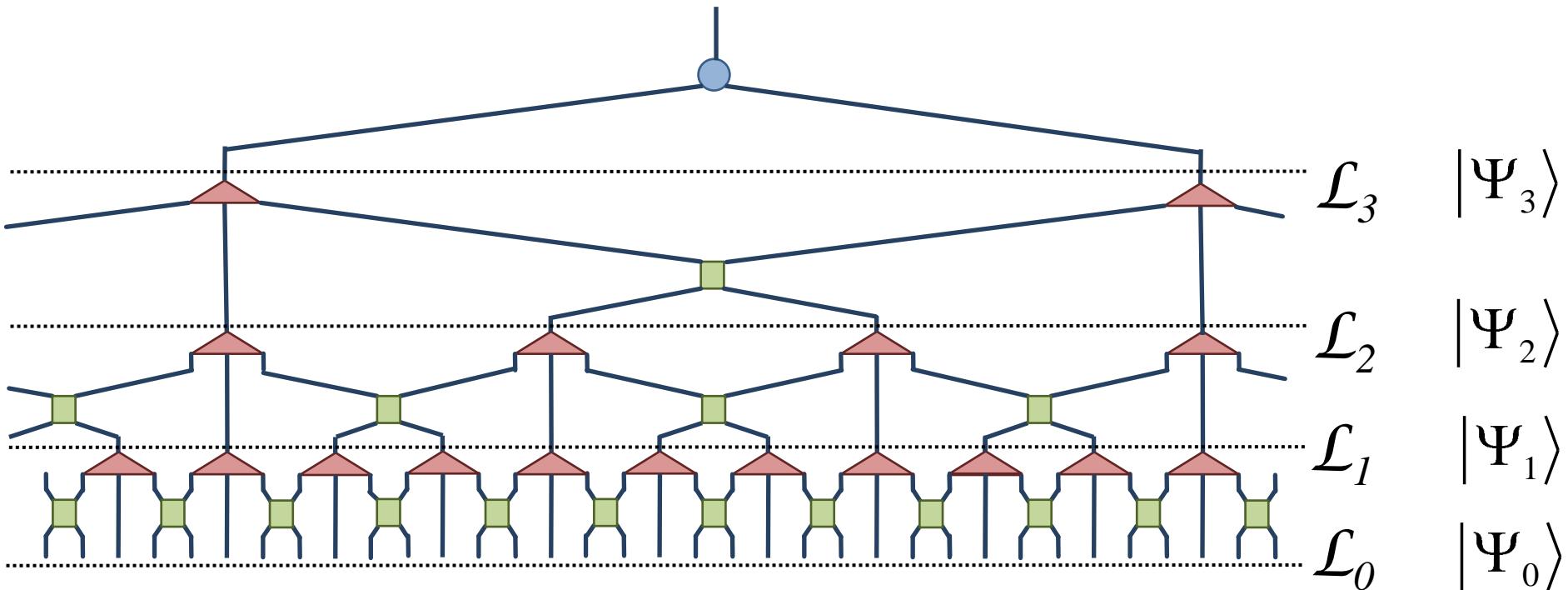
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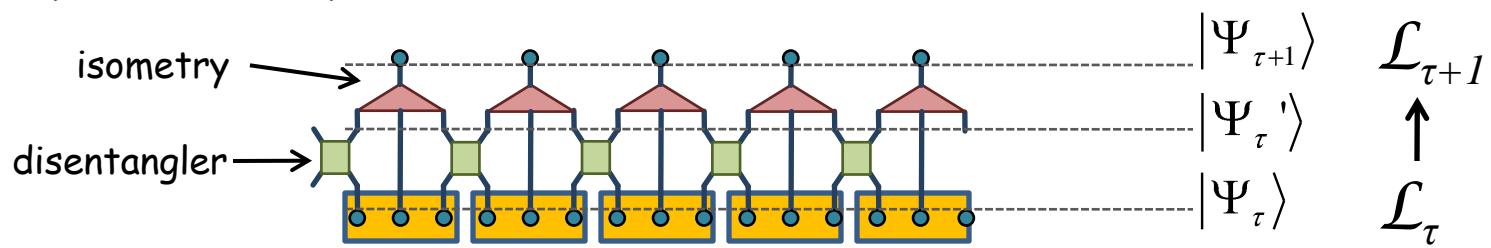
RG transformation

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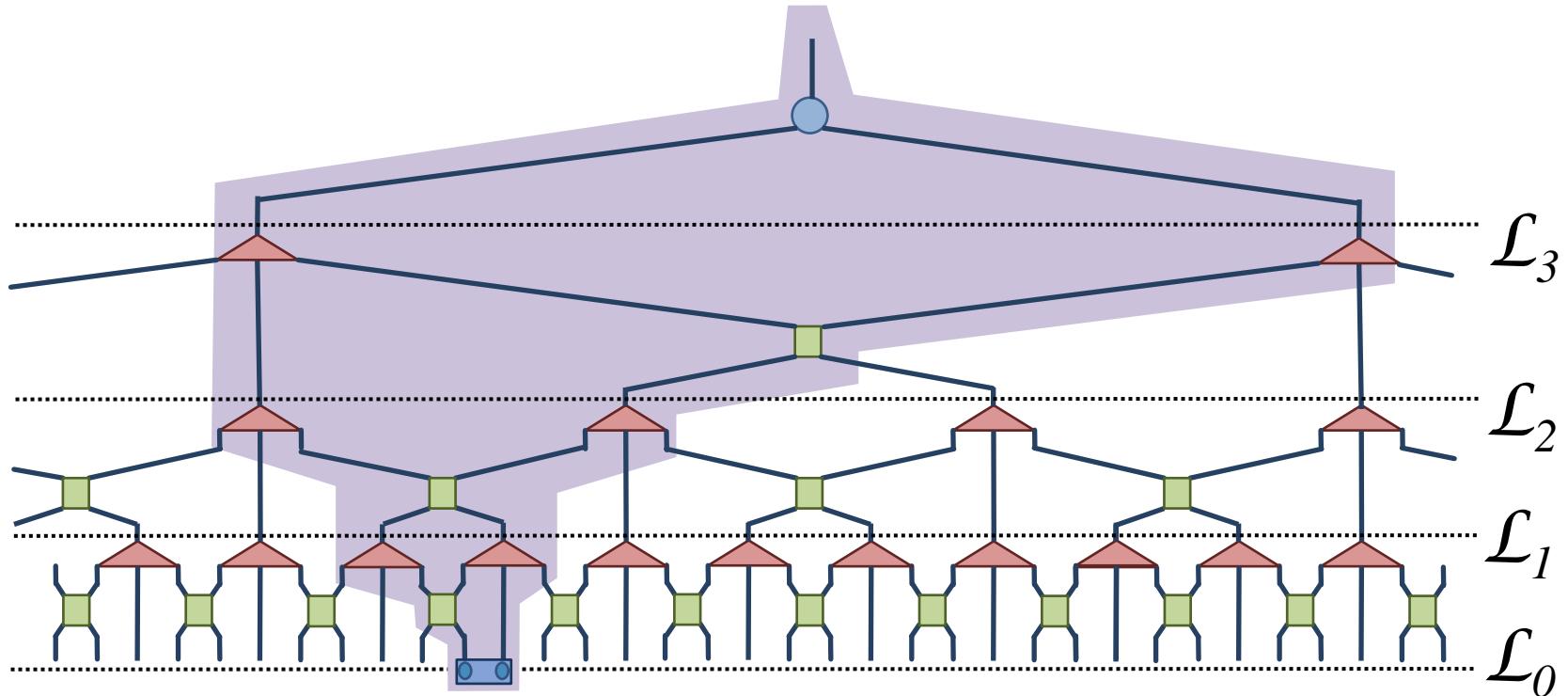


Entanglement renormalization

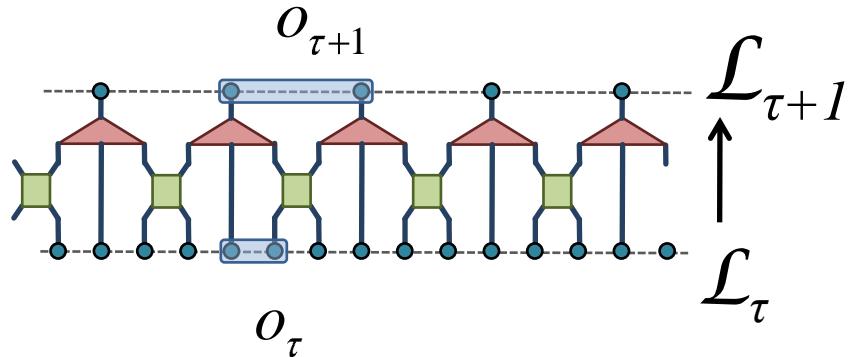


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- transformation of local operators

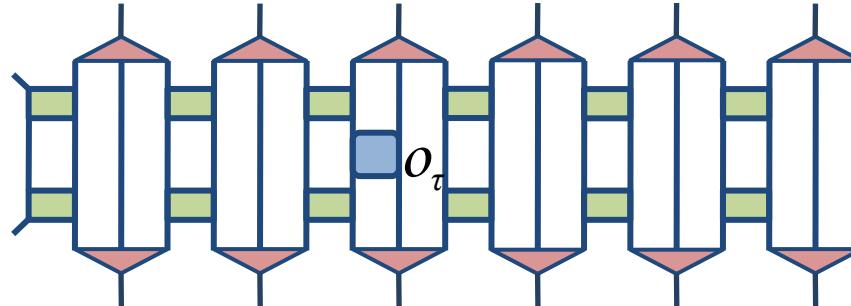


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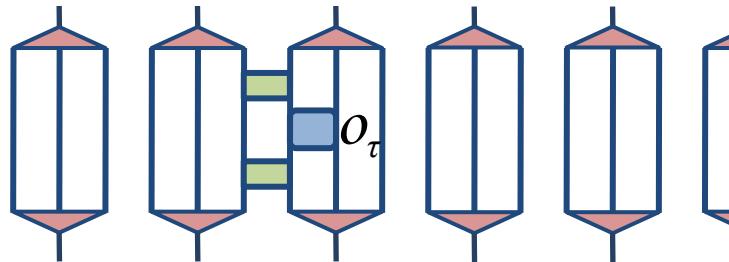
$$\mathcal{L}_\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\tau+1}$$

$$O_\tau \rightarrow O_{\tau+1}$$



disentangler

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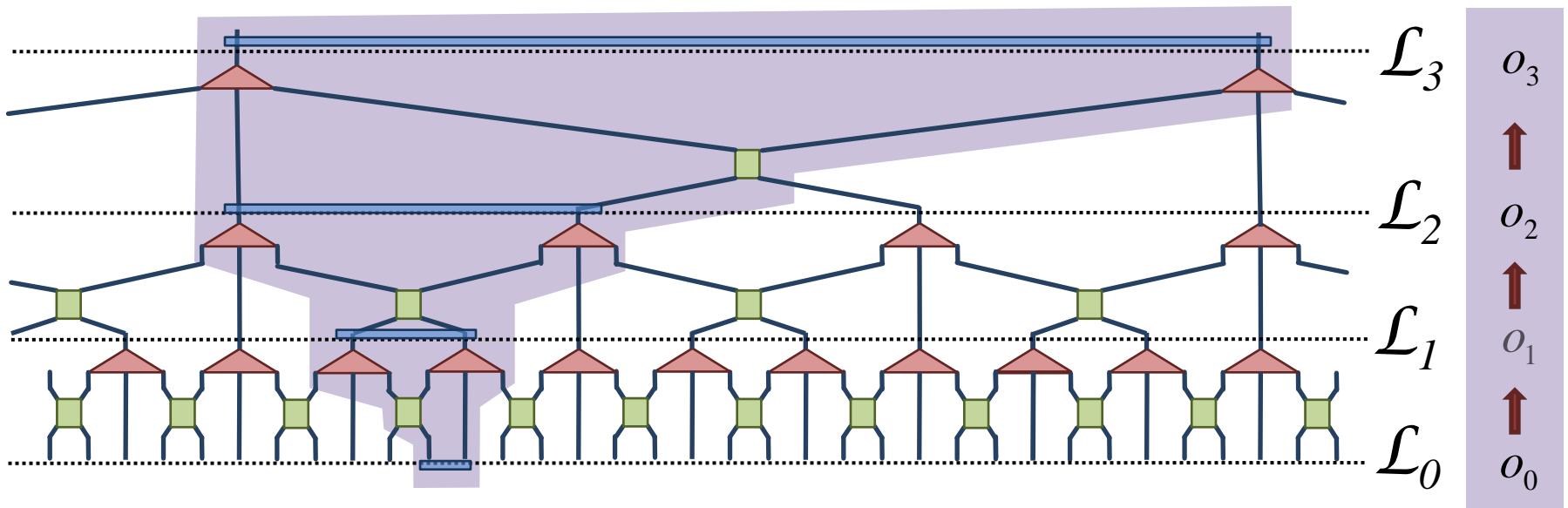


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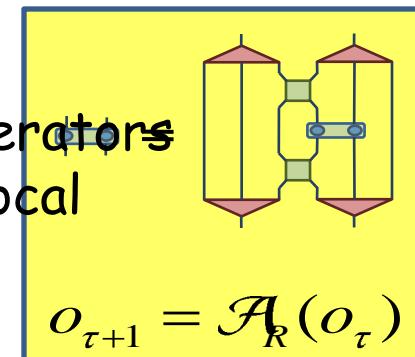
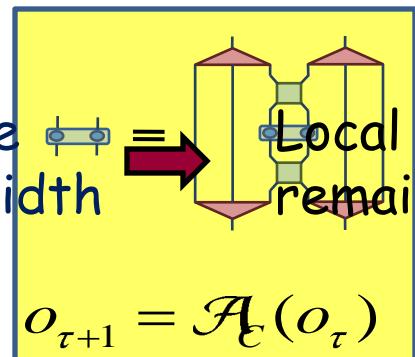
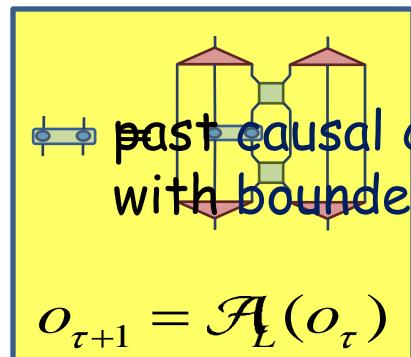
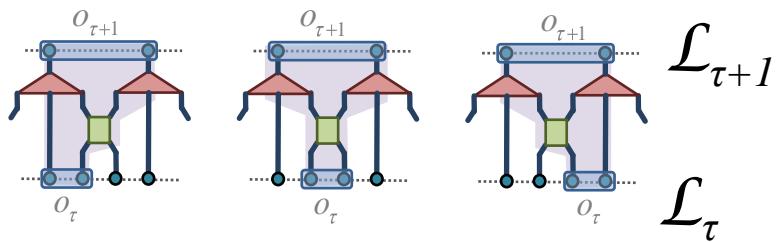
$$O_{\tau+1} \equiv \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

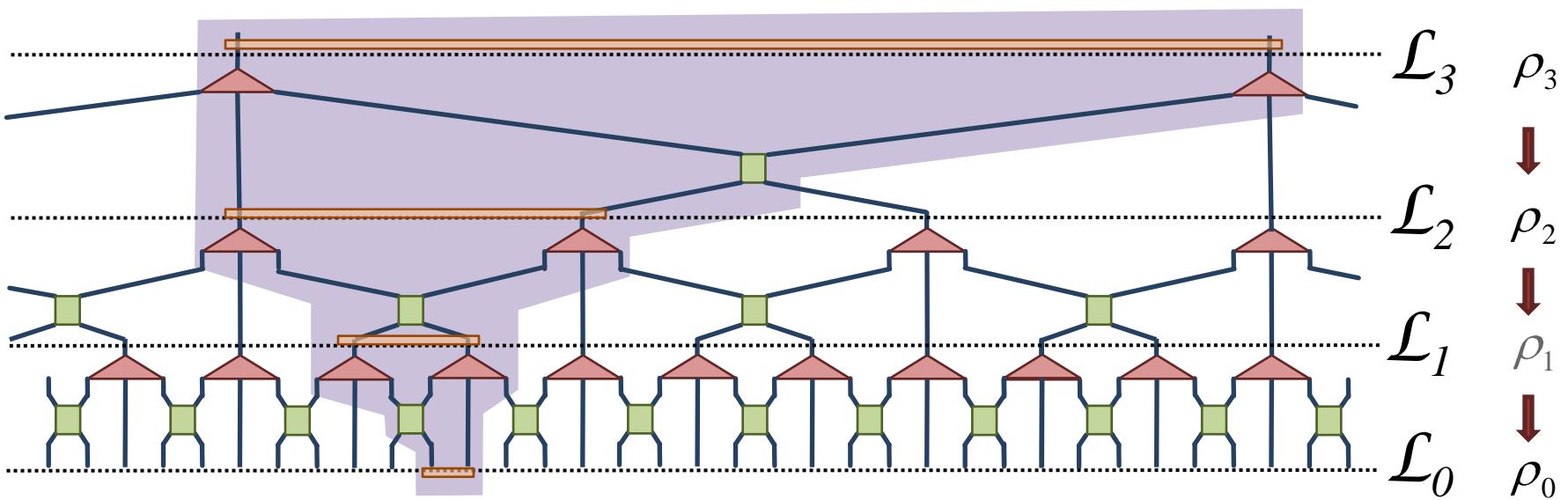
Ascending superoperator



- ascending superoperator $o_{\tau+1} = \mathcal{A}(o_\tau)$

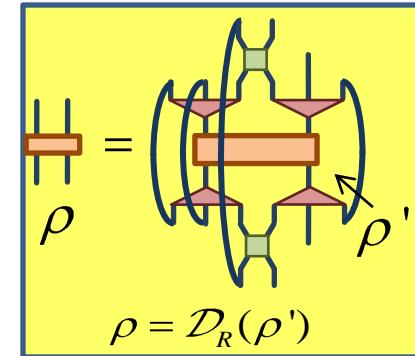
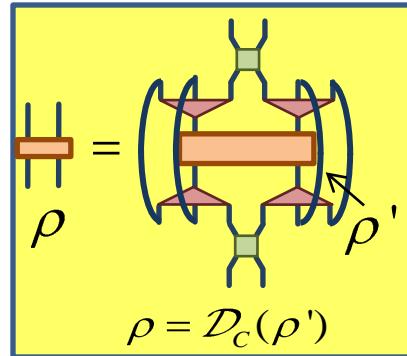
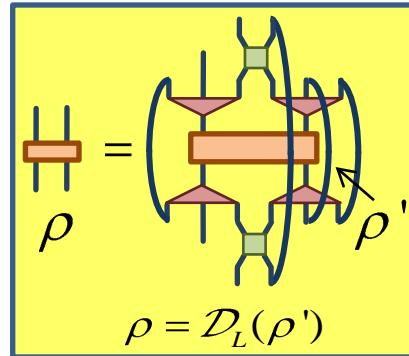
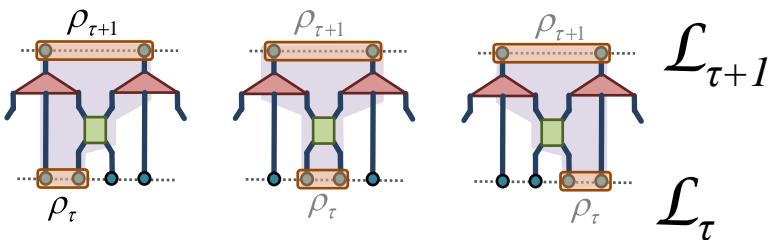
$$o_0 \rightarrow o_1 \rightarrow o_2 \rightarrow \dots$$



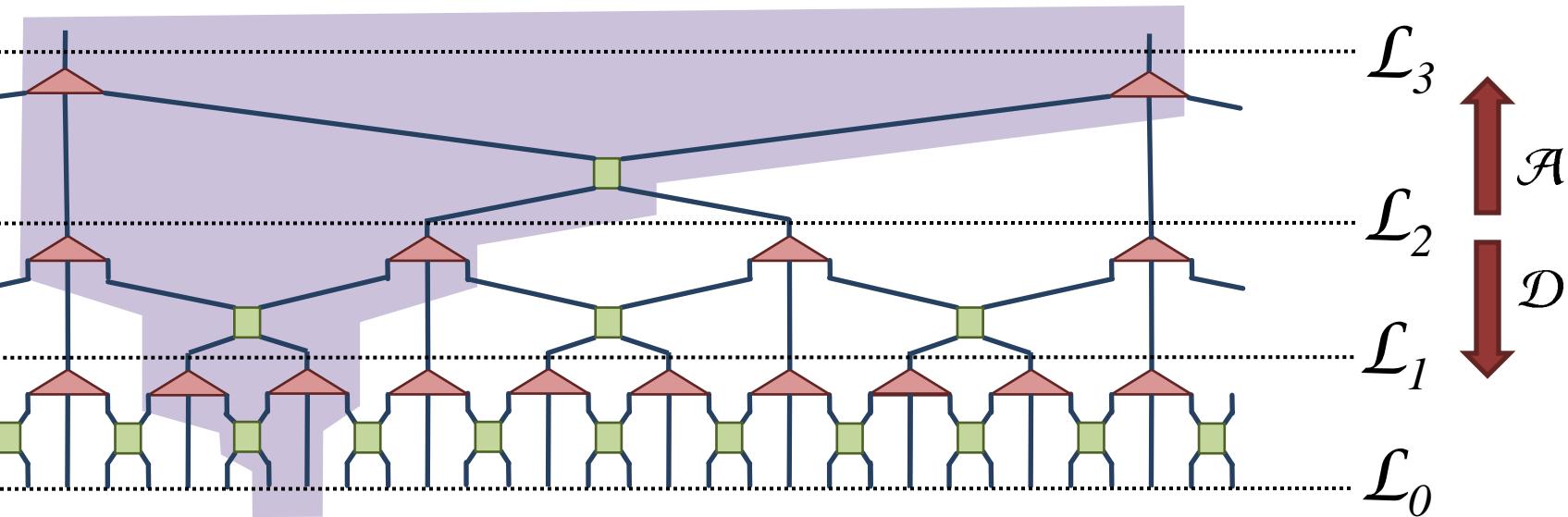


• descending superoperator $\rho_\tau = \mathcal{D}(\rho_{\tau+1})$

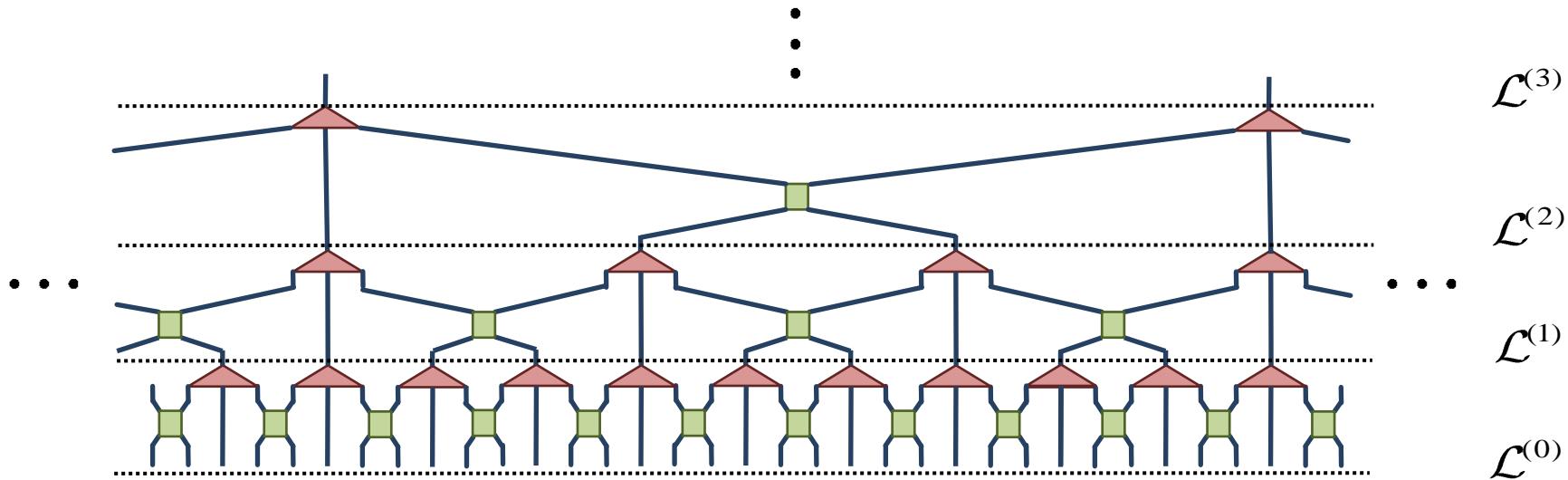
$$\rho_0 \rightarrow \rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_2 \rightarrow \dots$$



- Description of the system at different length scales
- Ascending and descending super-operators:
change of length scale (or time in a quantum computation)



Scale invariant MERA



critical systems
(1D)

critical exponents
OPE, CFT

boundary & defects
non-local operators

topologically
ordered systems
(2D)

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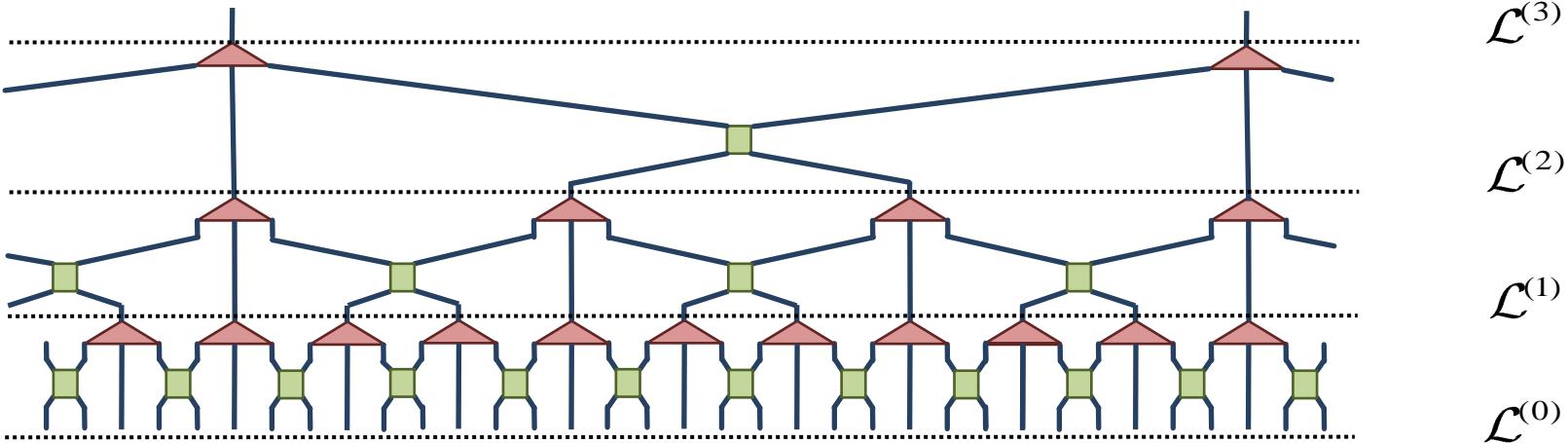
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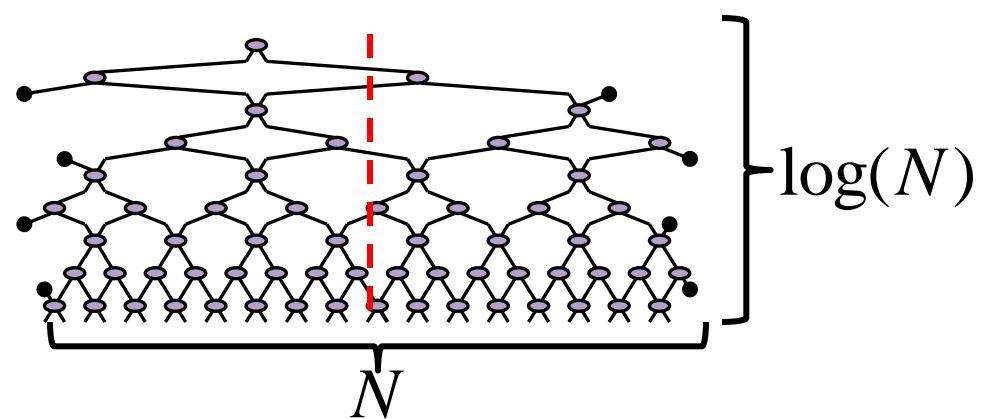
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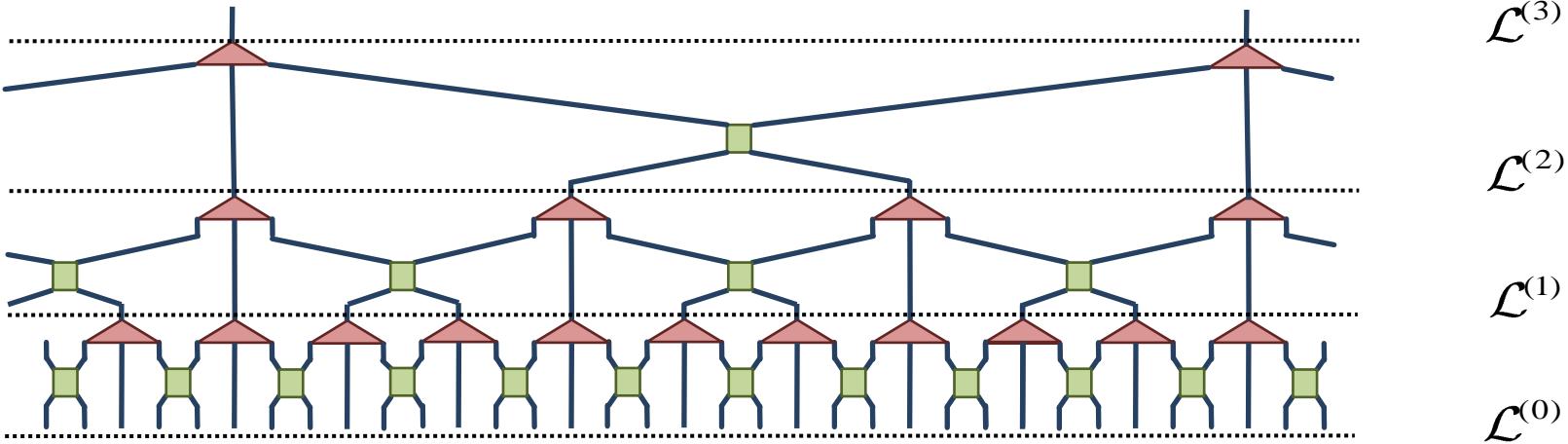
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- proper scaling of entanglement entropy

$$S_{N/2} \sim \log(N)$$



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constant
ascending
superoperator \mathcal{A}

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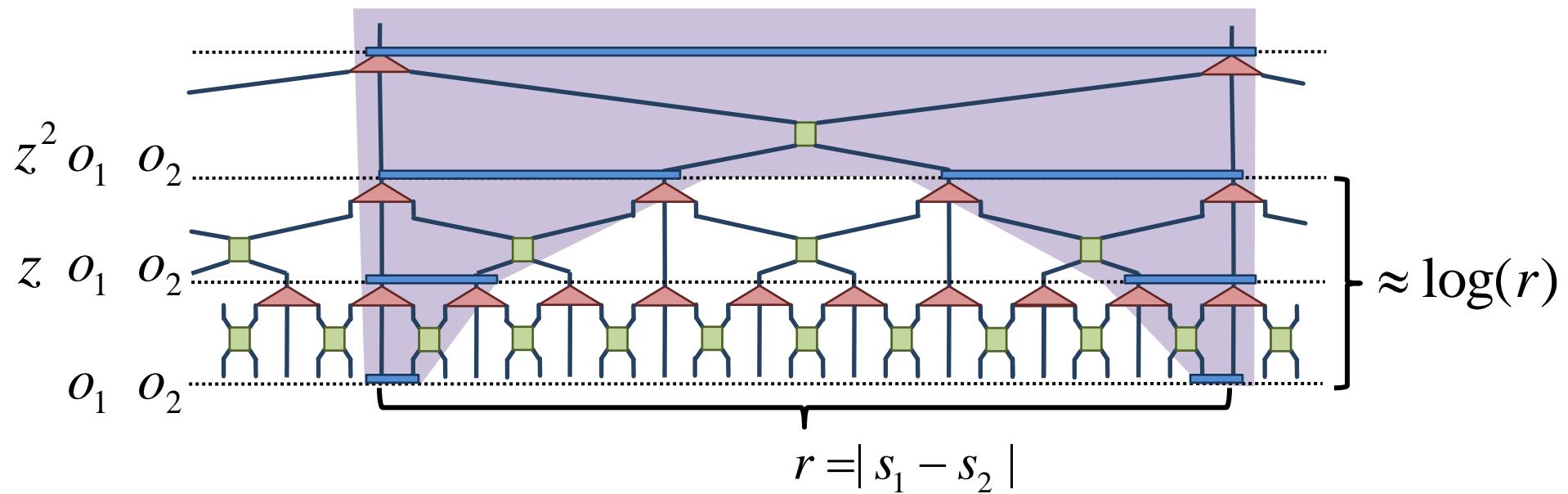
$$o \rightarrow o' \rightarrow o'' \rightarrow \dots$$

scaling
superoperator \mathcal{S}

Scale invariant MERA

- polynomial decay of correlations

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$$C_2(s_1, s_2) \approx z^{\log(r)} = r^{\log(z)} = r^{-q}, \quad q \equiv -\log(z)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(o_1) = \sqrt{z} o_1 \quad \mathcal{S}(o_2) = \sqrt{z} o_2$$

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Critical exponents can be extracted from the scaling superoperator (= quMERA channel, MERA transfer map)

- Connection to Conformal Field Theory

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spin lattice
at quantum
critical point



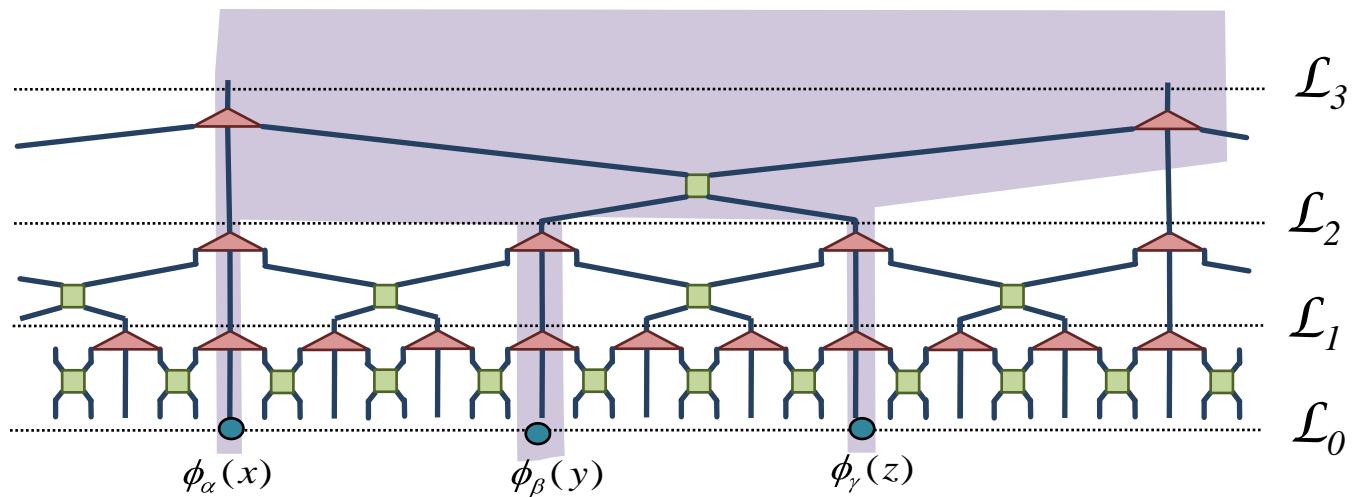
CFT

- central charge c
 - primary fields ϕ_α^p
conformal dimensions $(h_\alpha^p, \bar{h}_\alpha^p)$

$$\Delta_\alpha^p = h_\alpha^p + \bar{h}_\alpha^p$$
 - operator product expansion OPE
- $$\phi_\alpha^p \times \phi_\beta^p \approx C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \phi_\gamma^p$$

- operator product expansion OPE
from three point correlators

$$\phi_\alpha^p \times \phi_\beta^p \approx C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \phi_\gamma^p$$



$$\langle \phi_\alpha(x) \phi_\beta(y) \phi_\gamma(z) \rangle = \frac{C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}}{|x-y|^{\Delta_\alpha + \Delta_\beta - \Delta_\gamma} |y-z|^{\Delta_\beta + \Delta_\gamma - \Delta_\alpha} |z-x|^{\Delta_\gamma + \Delta_\alpha - \Delta_\beta}}$$

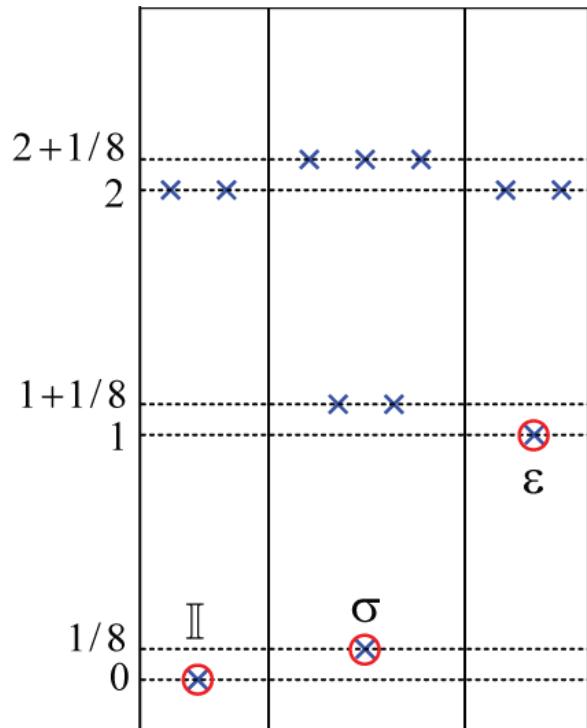
Scale invariant MERA (bulk)

- Example: Ising model

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$$\chi=36 \quad \tilde{\chi}=20$$

scaling operators/dimensions:



	scaling dimension (exact)	scaling dimension (MERA)	error
identity $I \rightarrow$	0	0	---
spin $\sigma \rightarrow$	0.125	0.124997	0.003%
energy $\epsilon \rightarrow$	1	0.99993	0.007%
	1.125	1.12495	0.005%
	1.125	1.12499	0.001%
	2	1.99956	0.022%
	2	1.99985	0.007%
	2	1.99994	0.003%
	2	2.00057	0.03%

- Operator product expansion (OPE):

$$C_{\alpha\beta\mathbb{I}} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad C_{\sigma\sigma\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2}$$

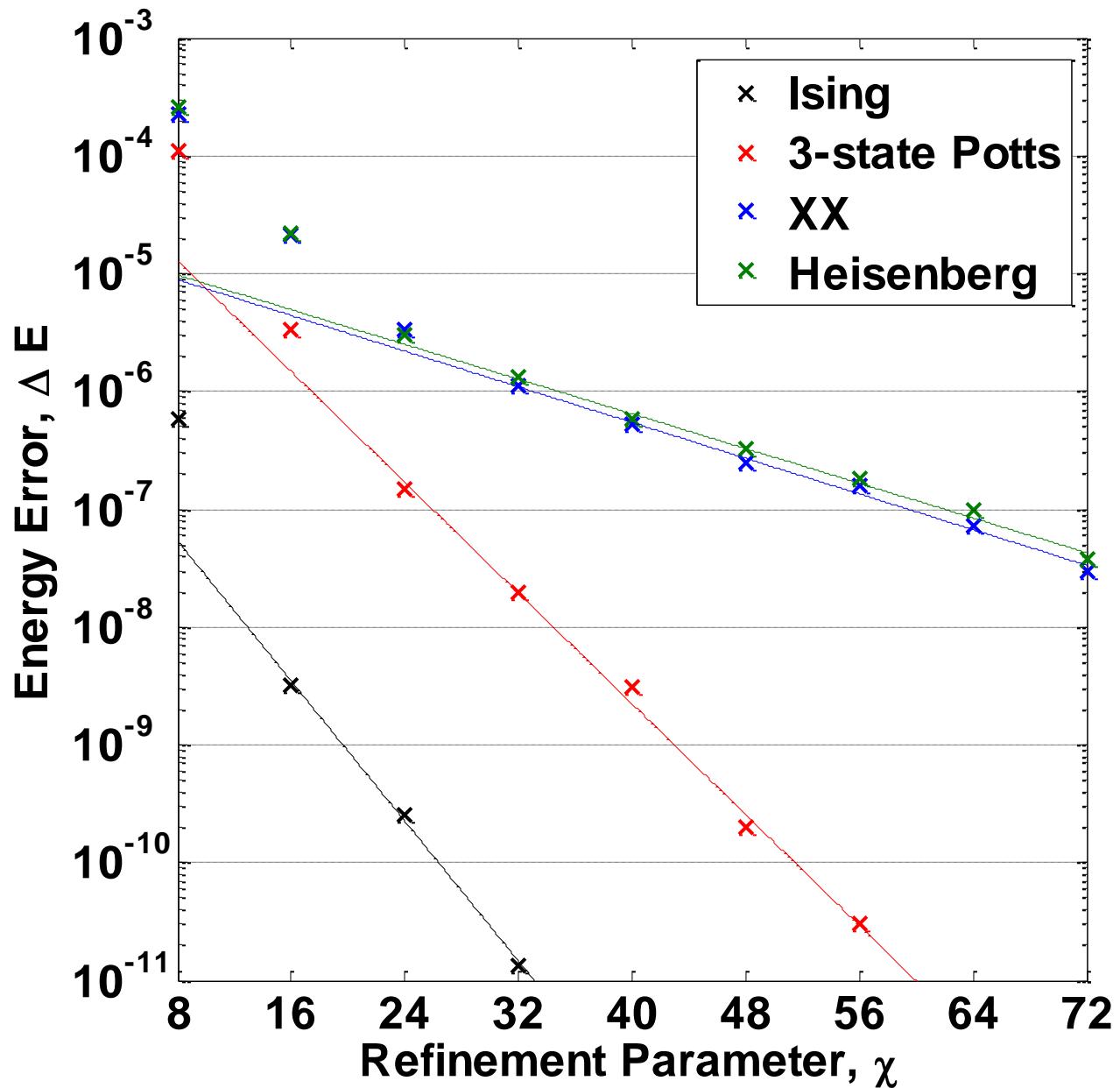
$$(\pm 5 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$C_{\sigma\epsilon\epsilon} = C_{\sigma\sigma\sigma} = C_{\epsilon\epsilon\epsilon} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

fusion rules	$\epsilon \times \epsilon = \mathbb{I}$
	$\sigma \times \sigma = \mathbb{I} + \epsilon$
	$\sigma \times \epsilon = \sigma$

- Example: other models



Recent developments:

- non-local scaling operators (bulk)
- boundary critical phenomena
- defects (in bulk)

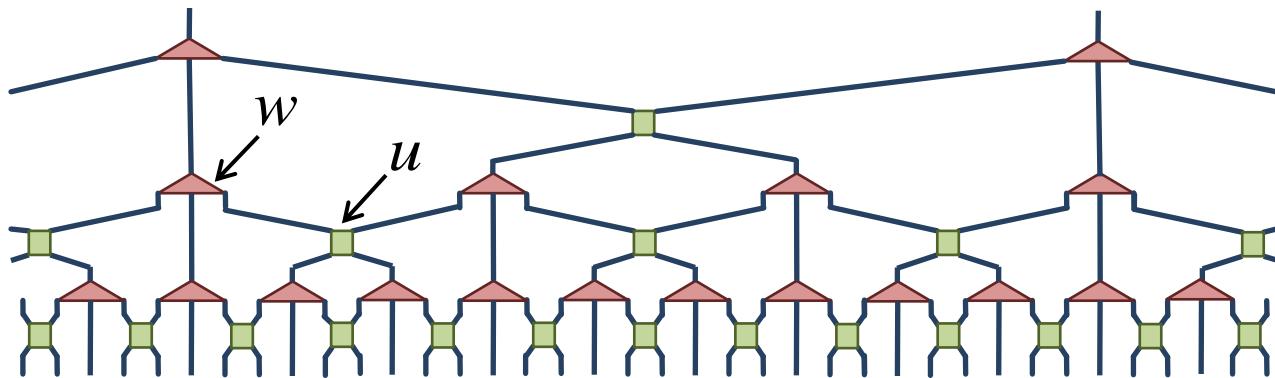
Non-local scaling operators

Evenbly, Corboz, Vidal, arXiv: 0912.2166

- global symmetry G

$$V_g^{\otimes N} H V_g^{\dagger \otimes N} = H \quad g \in G$$

[example $H_{\text{Ising}} \equiv -\sum X_i X_{i+1} - \sum Z_i$ $Z^{\otimes N} H_{\text{Ising}} Z^{\otimes N} = H_{\text{Ising}}$]



- G -symmetric MERA

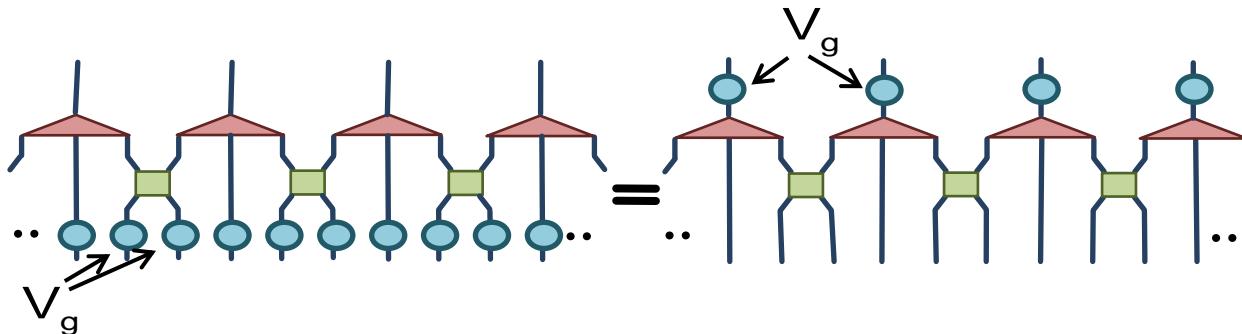
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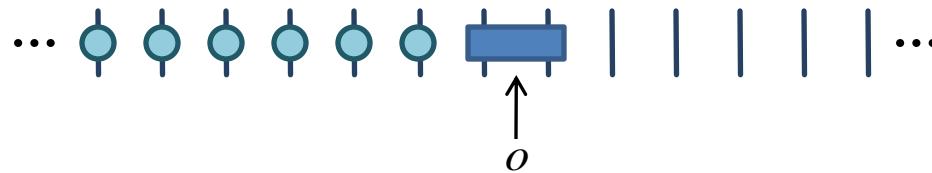
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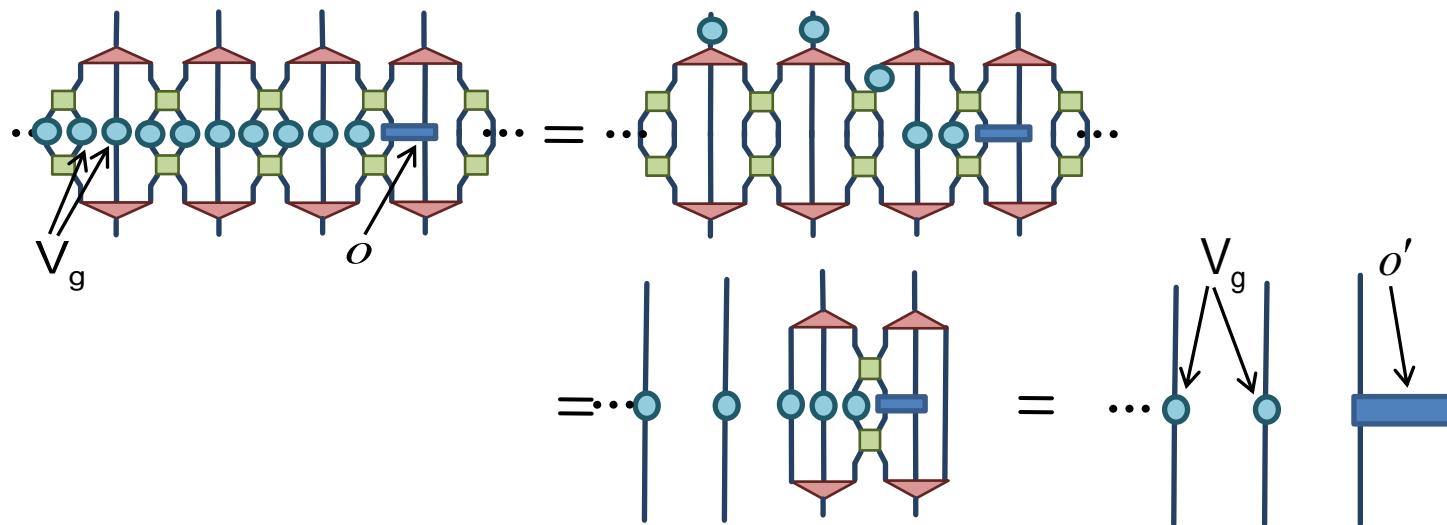
- “the symmetry commutes with the coarse-graining”



- non-local operators of the form



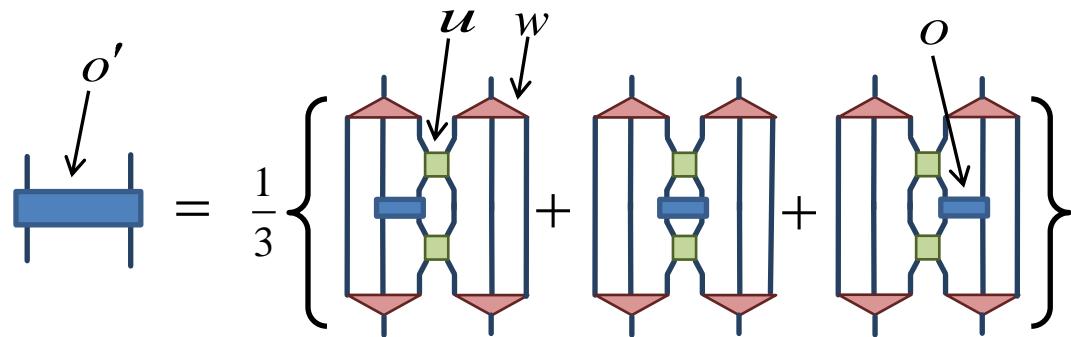
can be “locally” coarse-grained



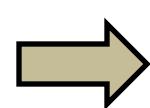
- local scaling operators

$$o' = \mathcal{S}(o)$$

scaling superoperator



$$\mathcal{S}(\phi_\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha \phi_\alpha$$



$$\begin{aligned} \phi_\alpha \\ \Delta_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

scaling operator

scaling dimension

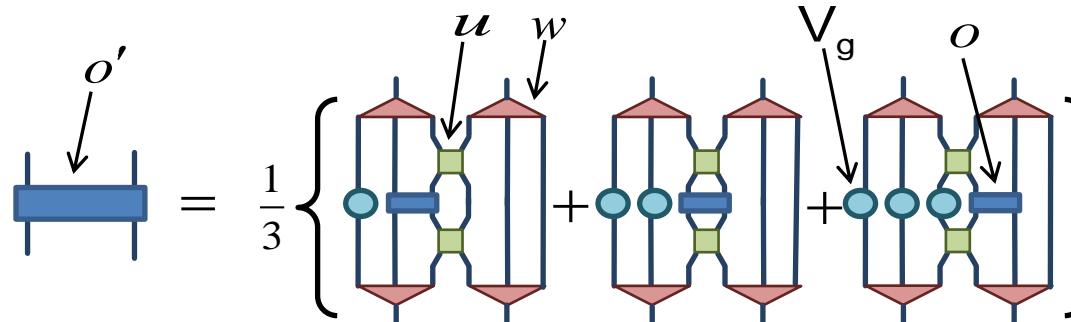
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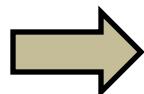
- non-local scaling operators

$$o' = \mathcal{S}_g(o)$$

modified scaling
superoperator



$$\mathcal{S}_g(\phi_{g,\alpha}) = \lambda_{g,\alpha} \phi_{g,\alpha}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{g,\alpha} \\ \Delta_{g,\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

non-local scaling
operator

scaling dimension

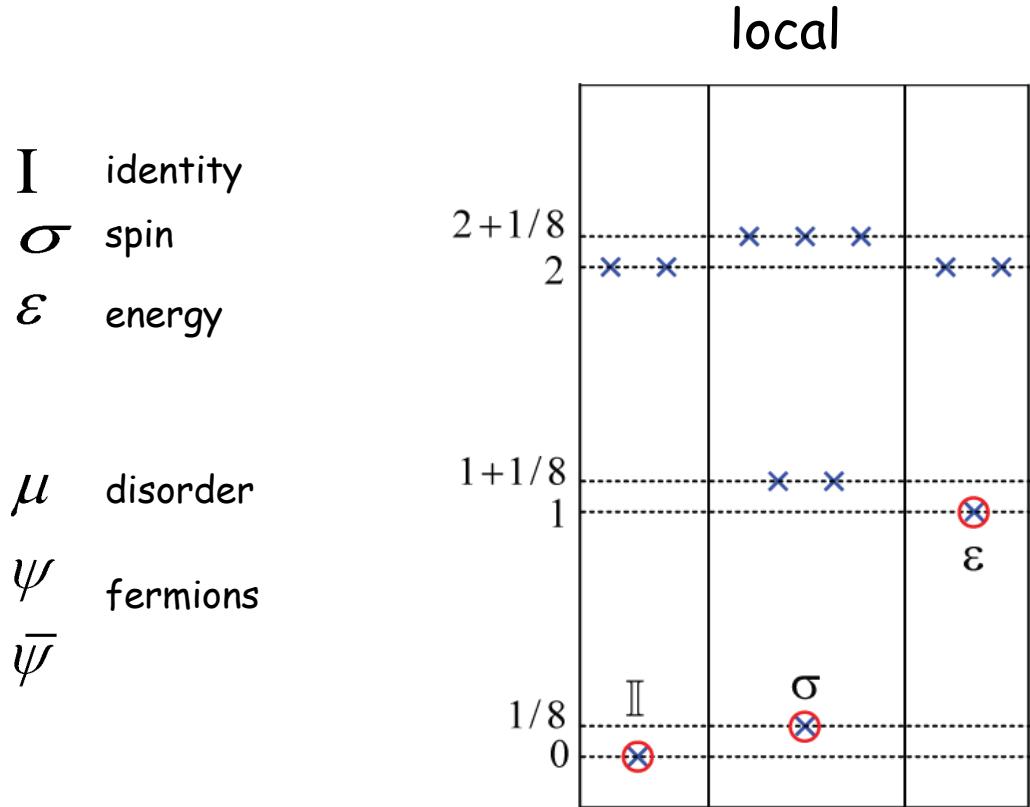
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Non-local scaling operators

Scale invariant MERA (bulk)

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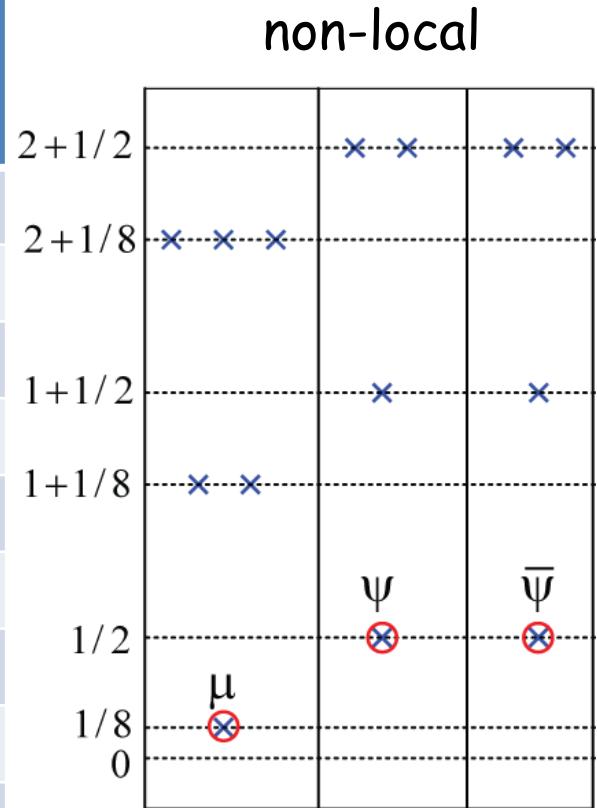


Non-local scaling operators

Scale invariant MERA (bulk)

- Example: Ising model

	scaling dimension (exact)	scaling dimension (MERA)	error
disorder	$\mu \rightarrow$	1/8	0.0002%
fermions	$\psi \rightarrow$	1/2	<10 ⁻⁸ %
	$\bar{\psi} \rightarrow$	1/2	<10 ⁻⁸ %
		1+1/8	1.124937
		1+1/2	1.49999
		1+1/2	< 10 ⁻⁵ %
		2+1/8	2.123237
		2+1/8	0.083 %
		2+1/8	0.006 %
		2+1/8	0.023 %



Non-local scaling operators

Scale invariant MERA (bulk)

- Example: Ising model

OPE for local & non-local primary fields

$$C_{\varepsilon\sigma\sigma} = 1/2$$

$$C_{\varepsilon\psi\bar{\psi}} = i$$

$$C_{\varepsilon\mu\mu} = -1/2$$

$$C_{\varepsilon\bar{\psi}\psi} = -i \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$C_{\psi\mu\sigma} = e^{-i\pi/4} / \sqrt{2} \quad (\pm 6 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$C_{\bar{\psi}\mu\sigma} = e^{i\pi/4} / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\{\mathbf{I}, \varepsilon, \sigma, \mu, \psi, \bar{\psi}\}$$

local and
semi-local
subalgebras

$$\{\mathbf{I}, \varepsilon\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{I}, \varepsilon, \sigma\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{I}, \varepsilon, \mu\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{I}, \varepsilon, \psi, \bar{\psi}\}$$

fusion rules

$$\varepsilon \times \varepsilon = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\sigma \times \sigma = \mathbf{I} + \varepsilon$$

$$\sigma \times \varepsilon = \sigma$$

$$\mu \times \mu = \mathbf{I} + \varepsilon$$

$$\mu \times \varepsilon = \mu$$

$$\psi \times \psi = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\bar{\psi} \times \bar{\psi} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\psi \times \bar{\psi} = \varepsilon$$

$$\psi \times \varepsilon = \bar{\psi}$$

$$\bar{\psi} \times \varepsilon = \psi$$

...

- Example:
quantum XX model

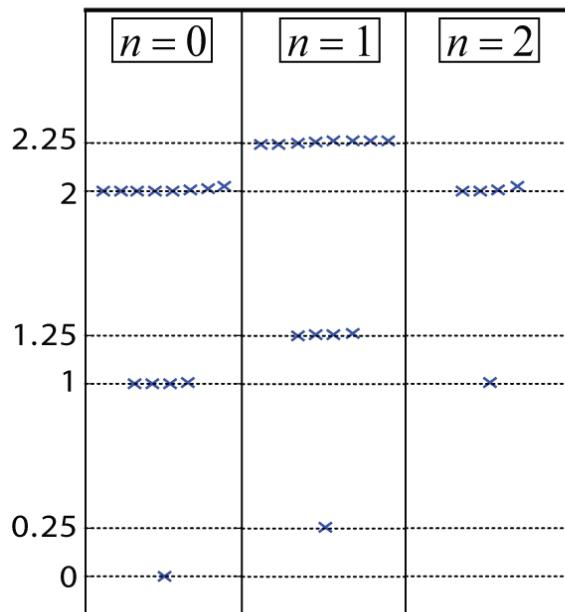
$$H_{\text{XX}} \equiv -\sum (X_i X_{i+1} + Y_i Y_{i+1})$$

$G = U(1)$ symmetry

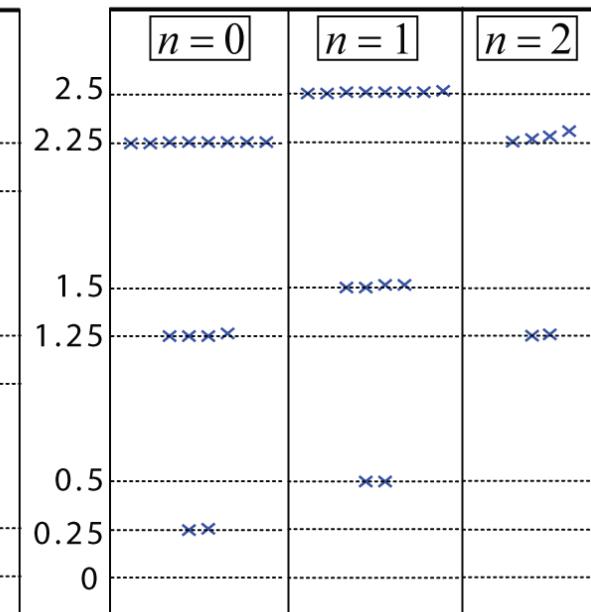
$$\chi=54 \quad \tilde{\chi}=32$$

(exploiting $U(1)$ symmetry)

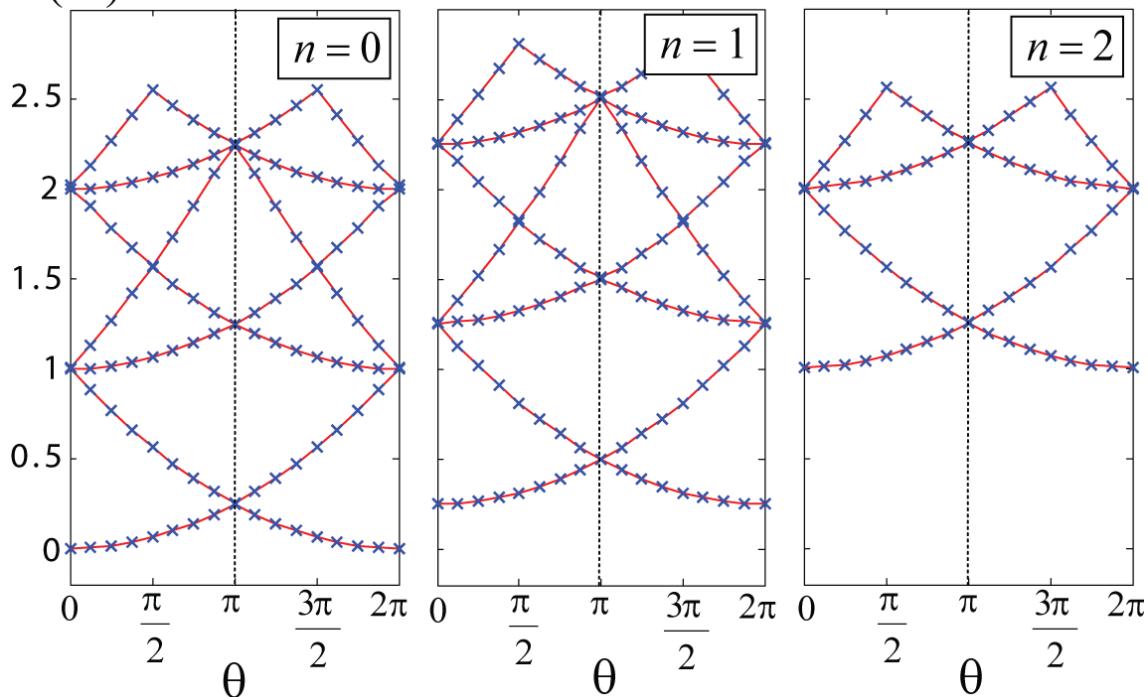
(i) $\theta = 0$



(ii) $\theta = \pi$



(iii)

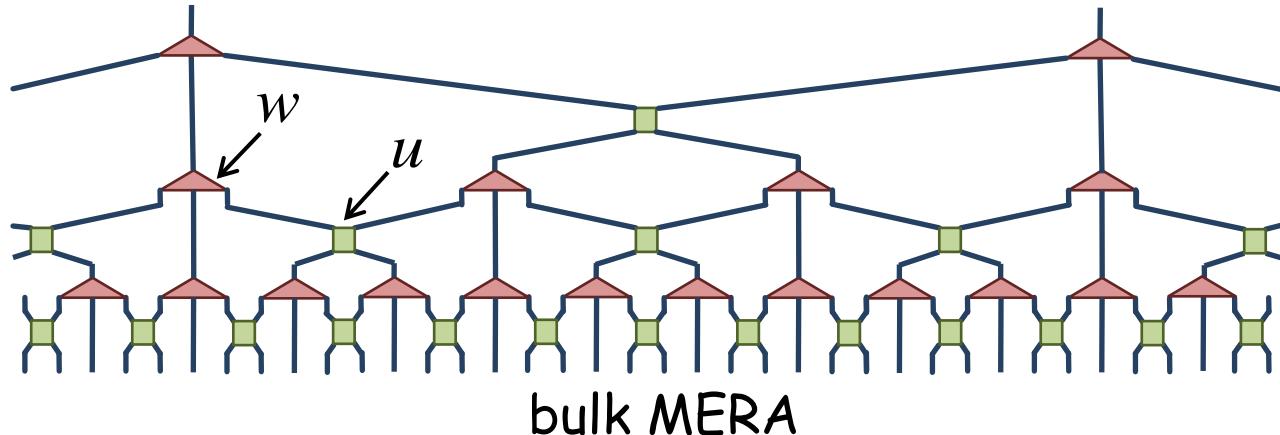


Boundary critical phenomena

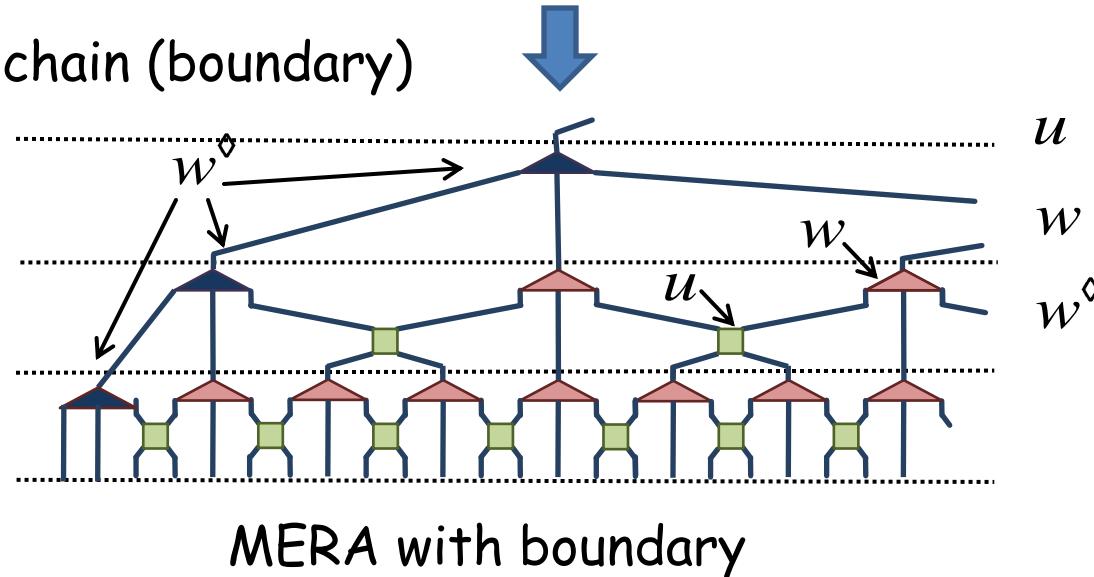
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- infinite chain (bulk)

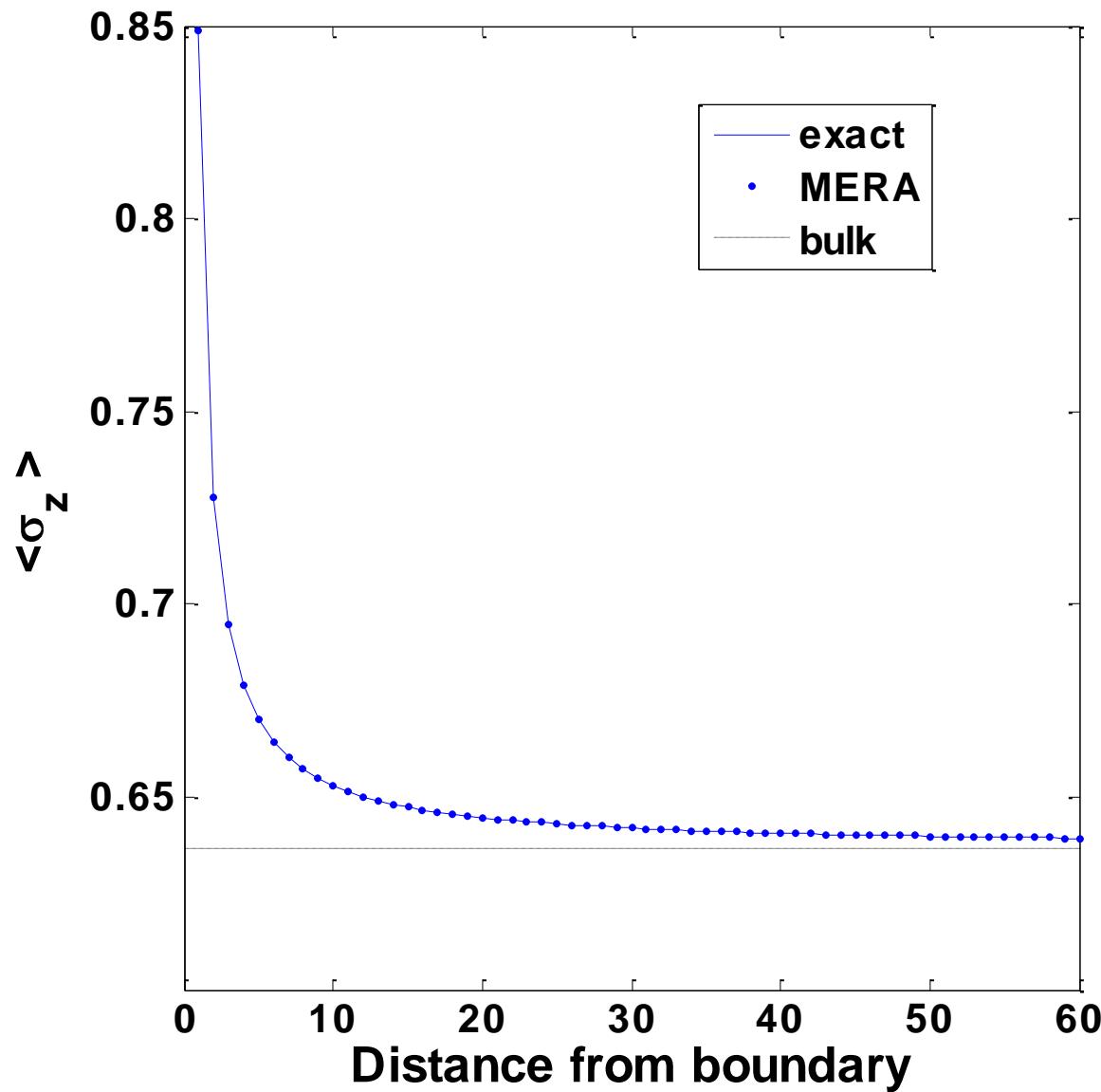


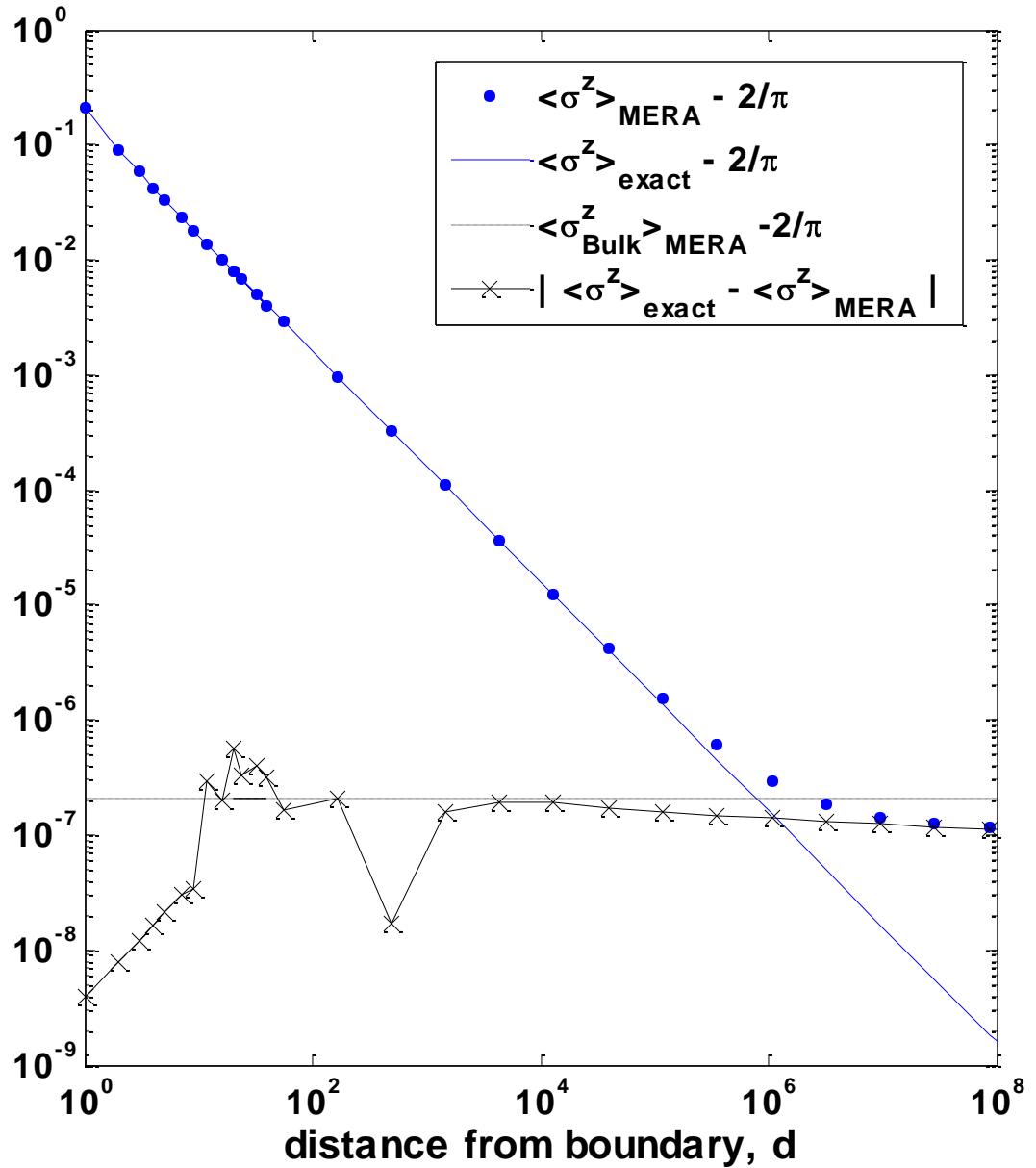
- semi-infinite chain (boundary)



- Example:
Ising model

Free boundary conditions: local magnetization





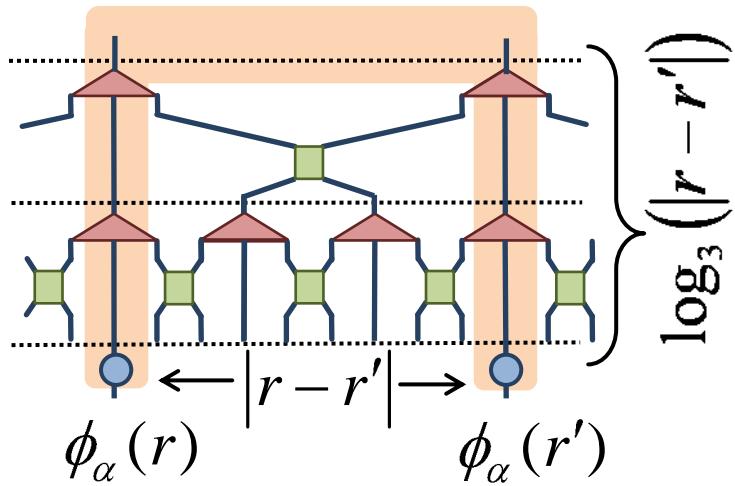
- Boundary effects still noticeable far away from the boundary
- MERA gets correct magnetization everywhere (approx. same accuracy as with bulk MERA without boundary)

Bulk expectation values in the presence of a boundary

- bulk

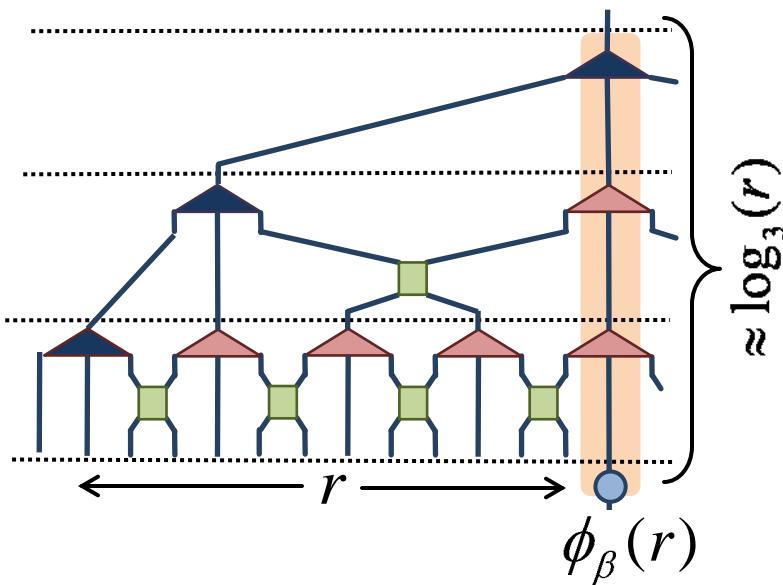
$$\langle \phi_\alpha(r) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \phi_\alpha(r) \phi_\alpha(r') \rangle = \frac{1}{|r - r'|^{2\Delta_\alpha}}$$

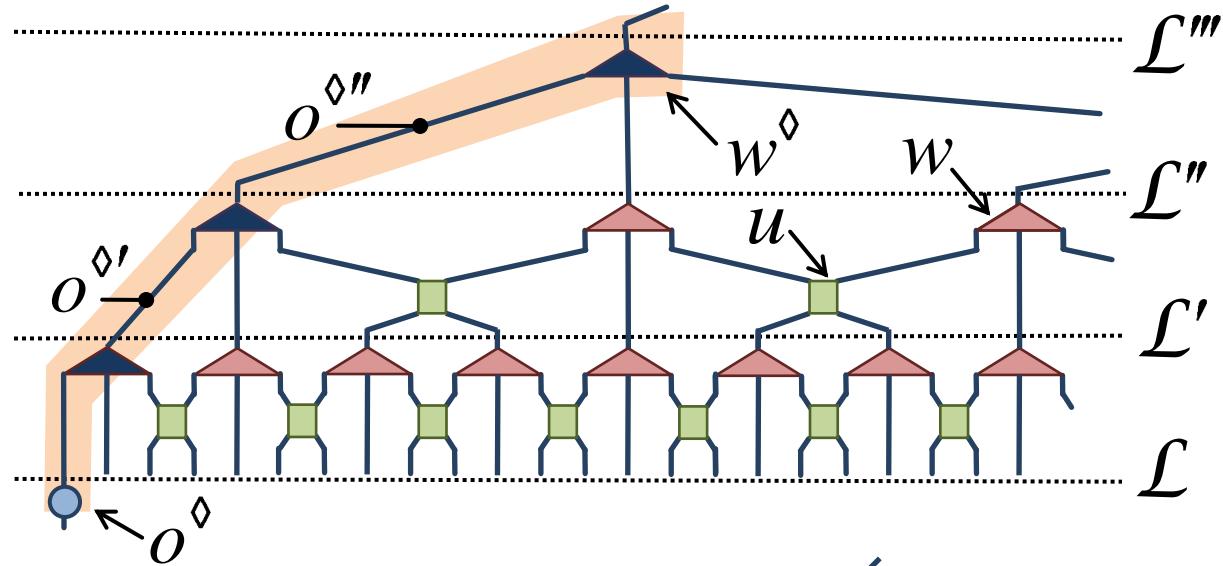


- boundary

$$\langle \phi_\alpha(r) \rangle \approx \frac{1}{|r|^{\Delta_\alpha}}$$

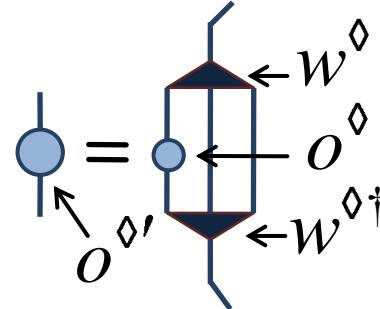


Boundary scaling operators/dimensions

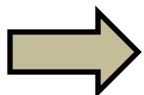


boundary scaling
superoperator

$$O^{\diamond\prime} = \mathcal{S}^\diamond(O^\diamond)$$



$$\mathcal{S}^\diamond(\phi_\alpha^\diamond) = \lambda_\alpha^\diamond \phi_\alpha^\diamond$$



$$\phi_\alpha^\diamond$$

boundary scaling
operator

$$\Delta_\alpha^\diamond$$

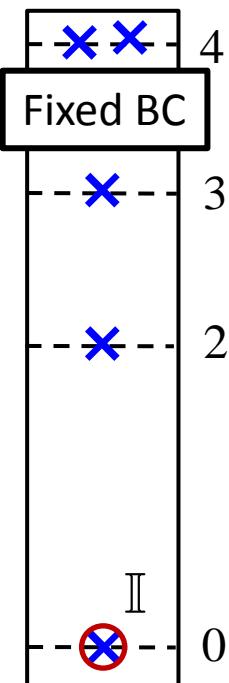
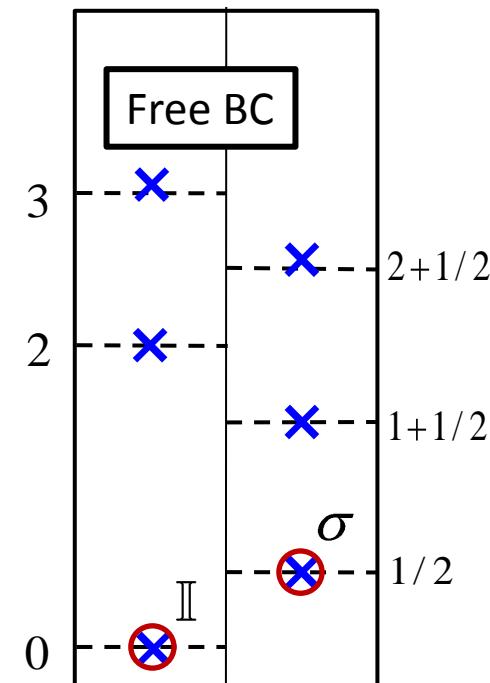
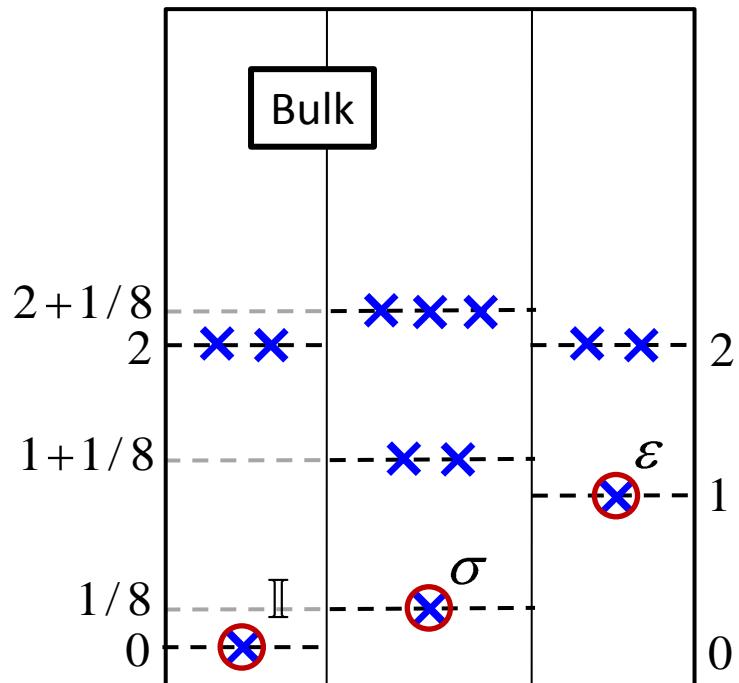
boundary scaling
dimension

$$\phi_\alpha^\diamond \rightarrow 3^{-\Delta_\alpha^\diamond} \phi_\alpha^\diamond$$

$$\Delta_\alpha^\diamond \equiv -\log_3 \lambda_\alpha^\diamond$$

Boundary scaling operators/dimensions

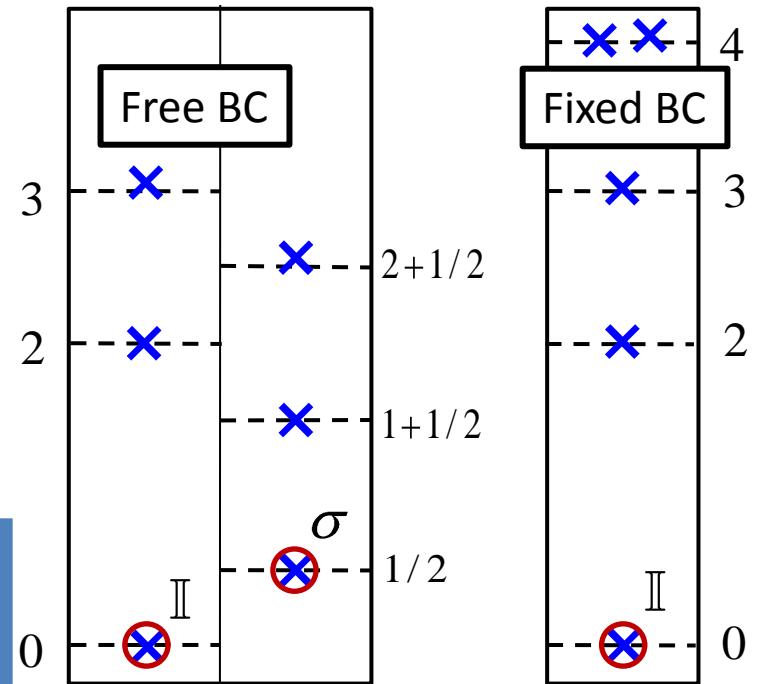
- Example:
Ising model



Boundary scaling operators/dimensions

Free BC

	scaling dimension (exact)	scaling dimension (MERA)	error
identity I \rightarrow	0	0	---
spin $\sigma \rightarrow$	1/2	0.499	0.2%
	1+1/2	1.503	0.18%
	2	2.001	0.07 %
	2+1/2	2.553	2.1%

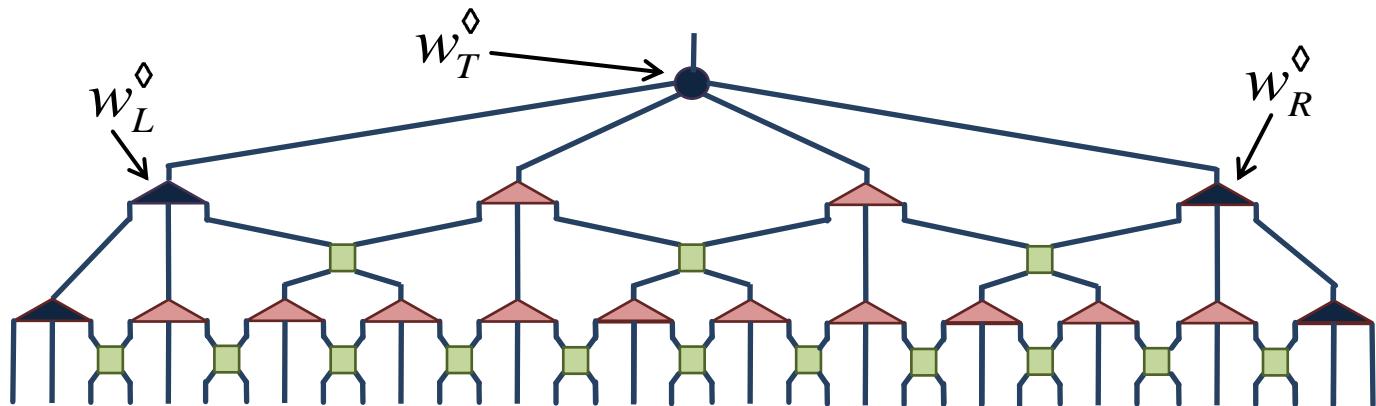


Fixed BC

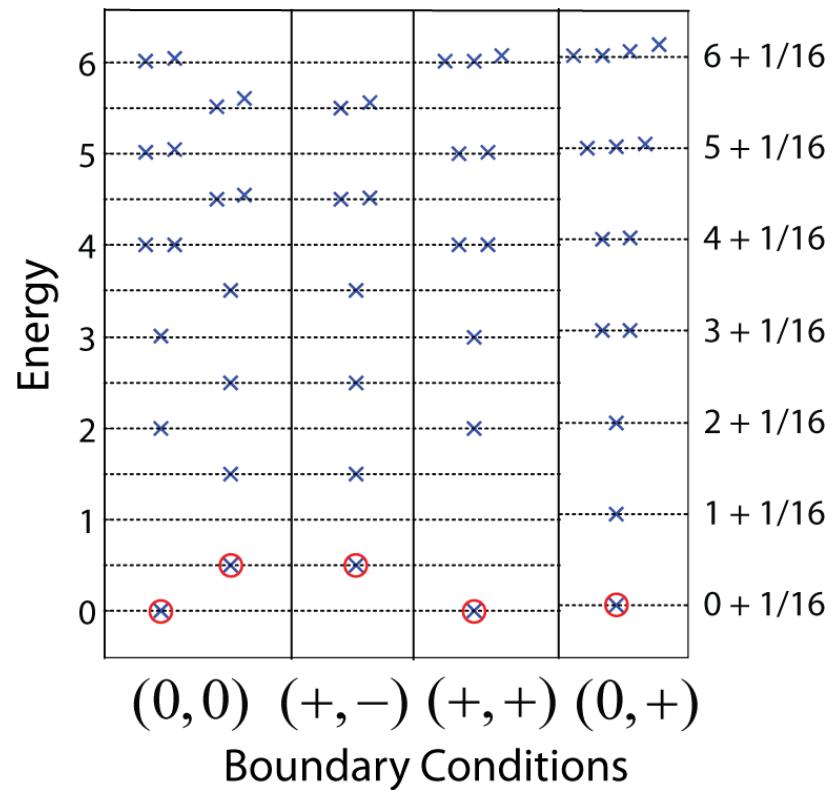
	scaling dimension (exact)	scaling dimension (MERA)	error
identity I \rightarrow	0	0	---
	2	1.992	0.4%
	3	2.998	0.07%
	4	4.005	0.12 %
	4	4.062	1.5%

Finite system with two boundaries

- finite MERA with two boundaries

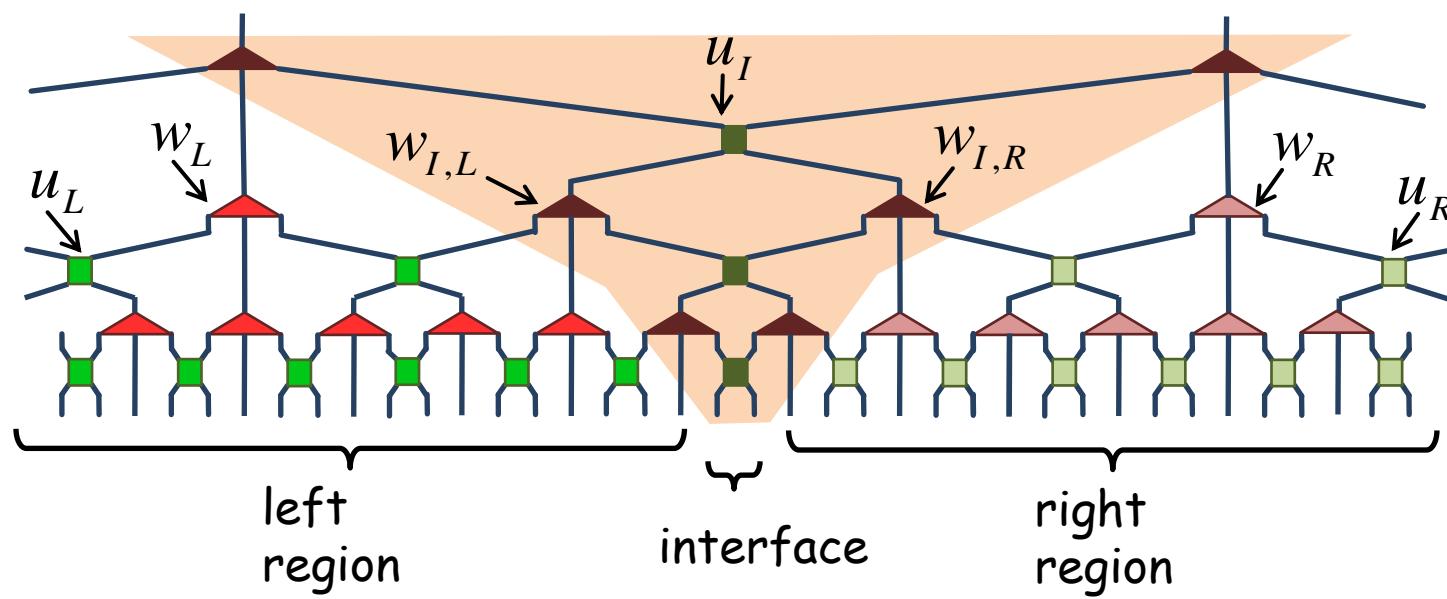
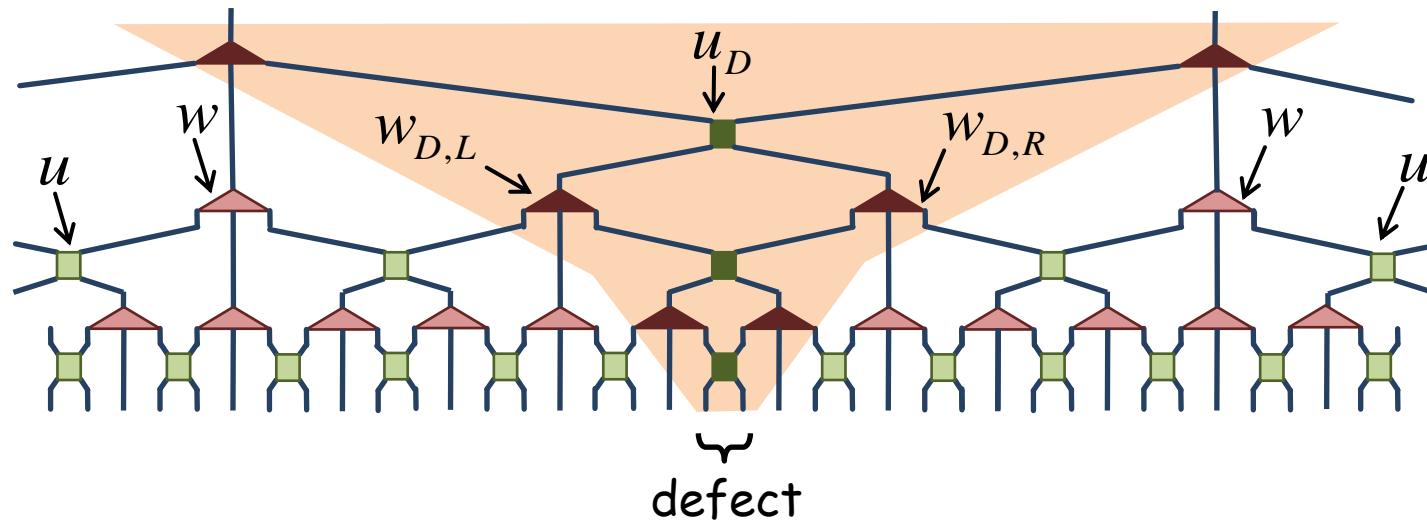


- Energy spectrum

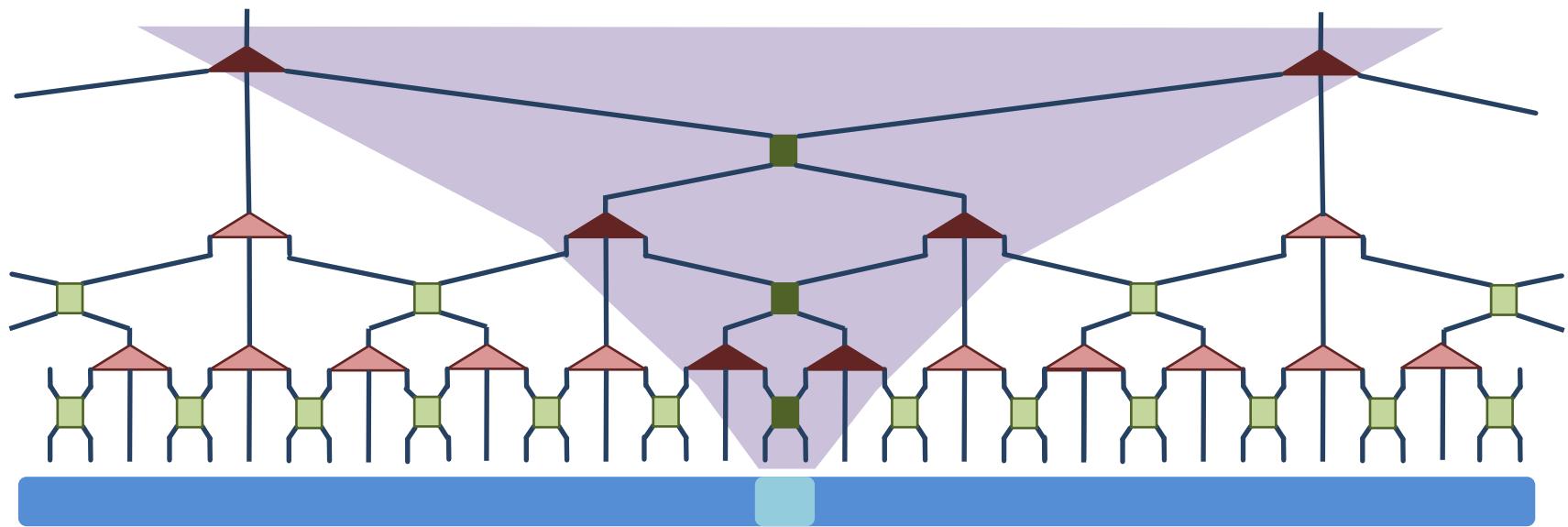


defect / interface

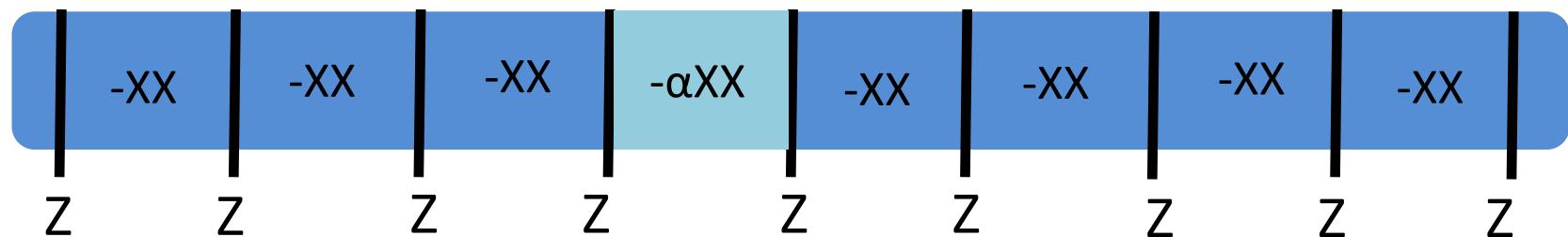
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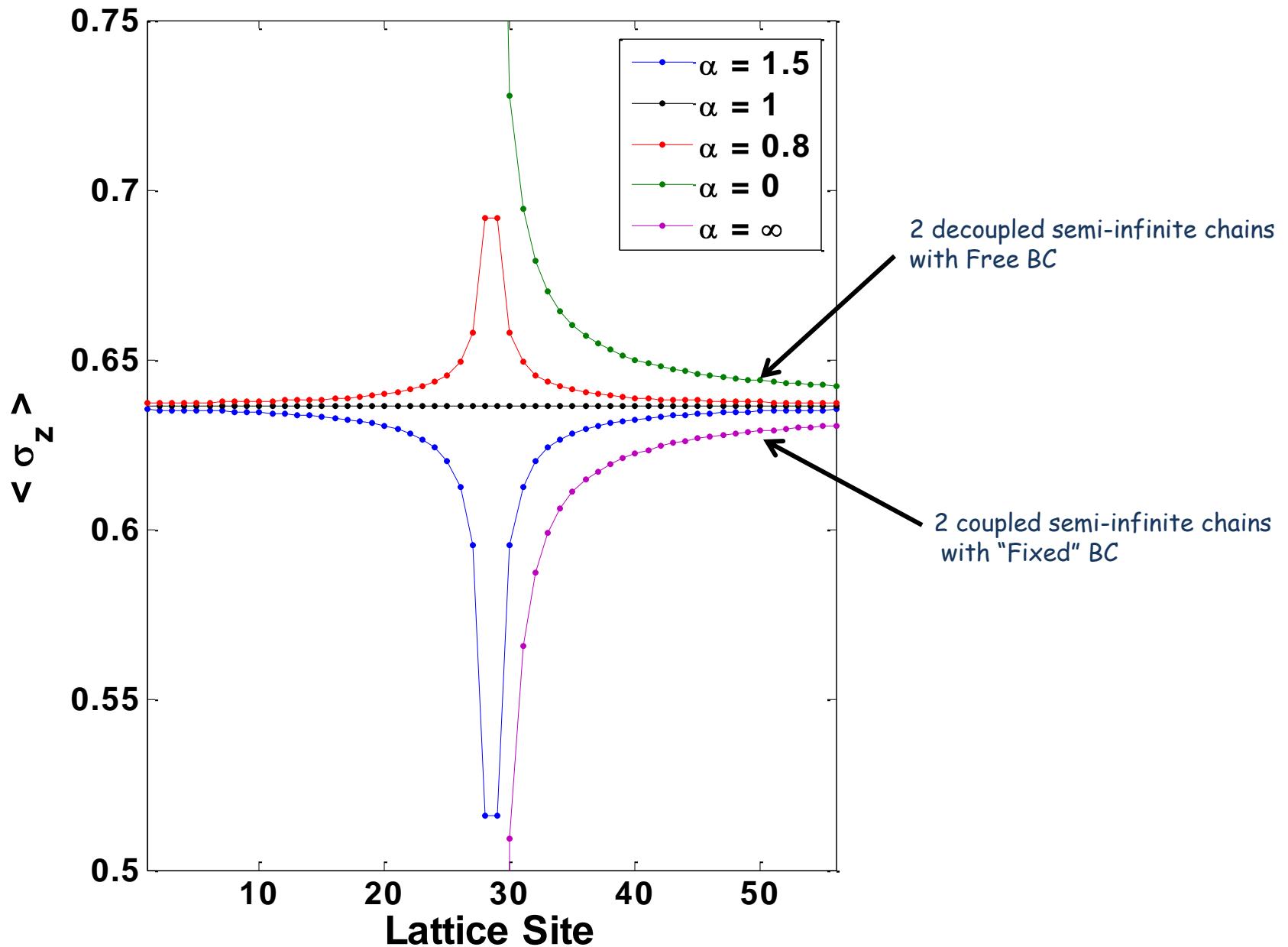


Lattice Defects:



Hamiltonian:

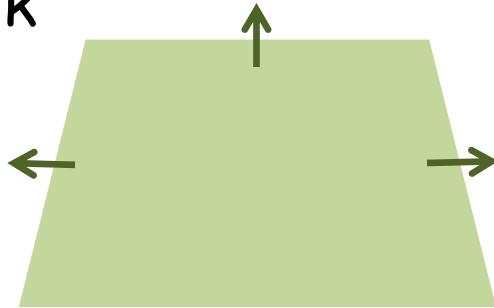




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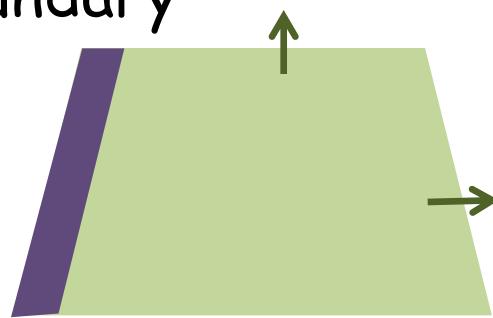
scale invariant MERA,
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- Bulk

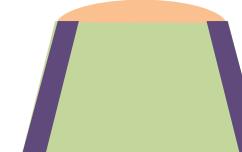


- (local & non-local) scaling operators/dimensions
- CFT: primary fields and OPE

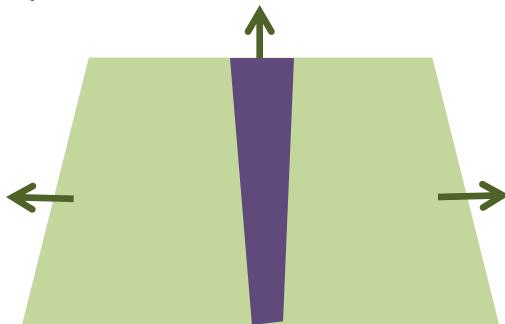
- Boundary



- boundary scaling operators
- BCFT: primary fields and OPE
- finite system with two boundaries



- Defect



- defect scaling operators/dimensions
- interface

