

Advancing the optimization of iPEPS: Direct energy minimization with automatic differentiation



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Intro: Spin Models

Many-body electron problem **is reduced** to interacting magnetic moments (**spins**) ...

$$H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{1,ij} S_i \cdot S_j + \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle} J_{2,ij} S_i \cdot S_j + \dots$$
$$+ \sum_{\langle i,j,k,l \rangle} Q_{ijkl} (S_i \cdot S_j) (S_k \cdot S_l) + \dots$$

... usually arranged on a regular **lattice**

Rich physics – Landau symm. breaking theory, deconfined critical point, topological order, ...

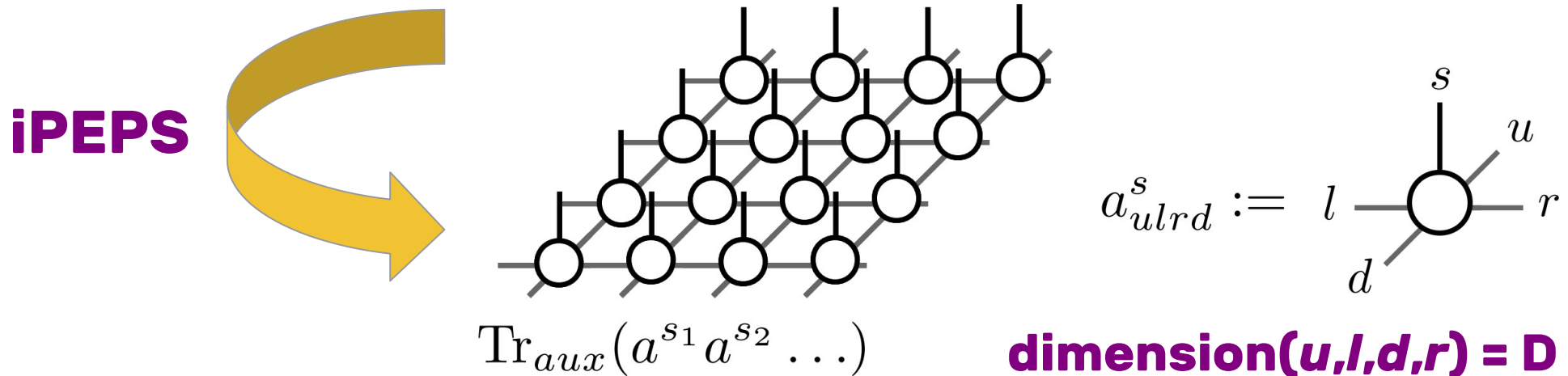
Intro: Tensor Networks

Variational states targeting GS lattice models

F. Verstraete and J. I. Cirac, arXiv:cond-mat/0407066, (2004)

- **area law** by construction
- no sign problem
- **no FS effects**
- can break or impose **lattice symmetries** and/or **internal symmetries**

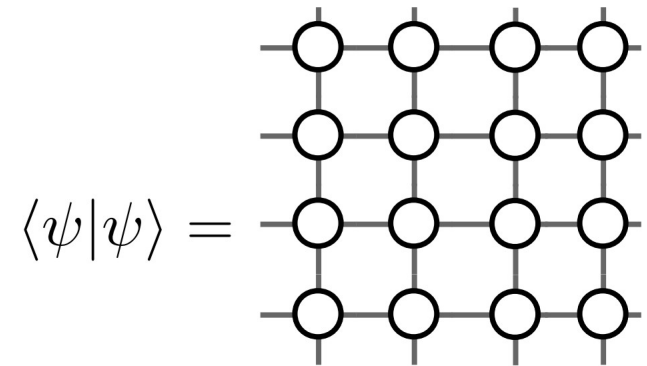
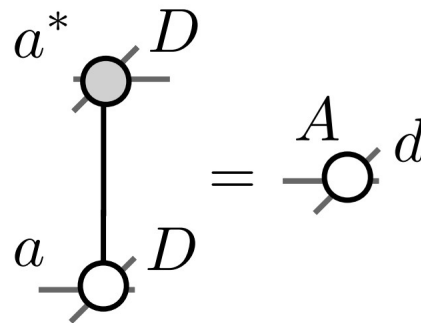
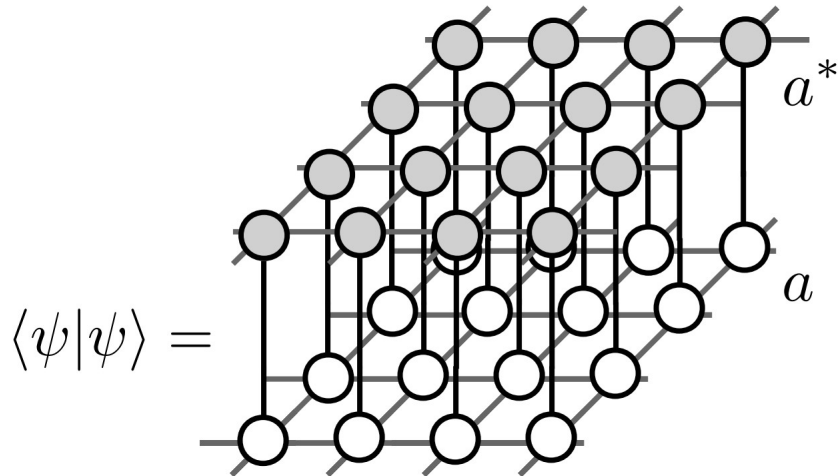
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1 s_2 \dots} c_{s_1 s_2 \dots} |s_1 s_2 \dots\rangle \quad \# \text{parameters: } 2^{\# \text{spins}}$$



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1 s_2 \dots} \text{Tr}_{aux}(a^{s_1} a^{s_2} \dots) |s_1 s_2 \dots\rangle \quad \# \text{parameters: } 2D^4 \text{ per tensor}$$

Observables of iPEPS

Expectation values must be **approximated**



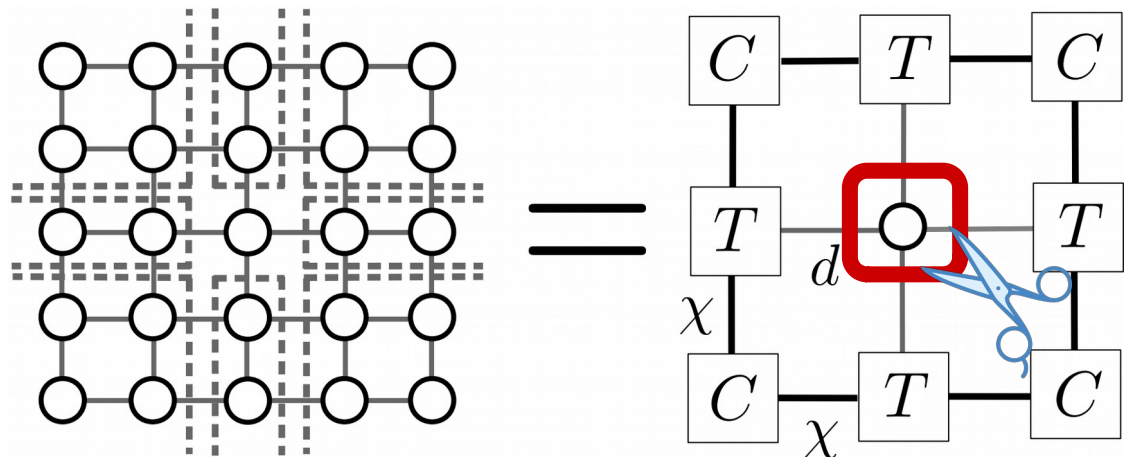
Construct **environment**

- corners **C**
- half-row/-columns **T**

Baxter, J. Stat. Phys. 17, 1 (1977)

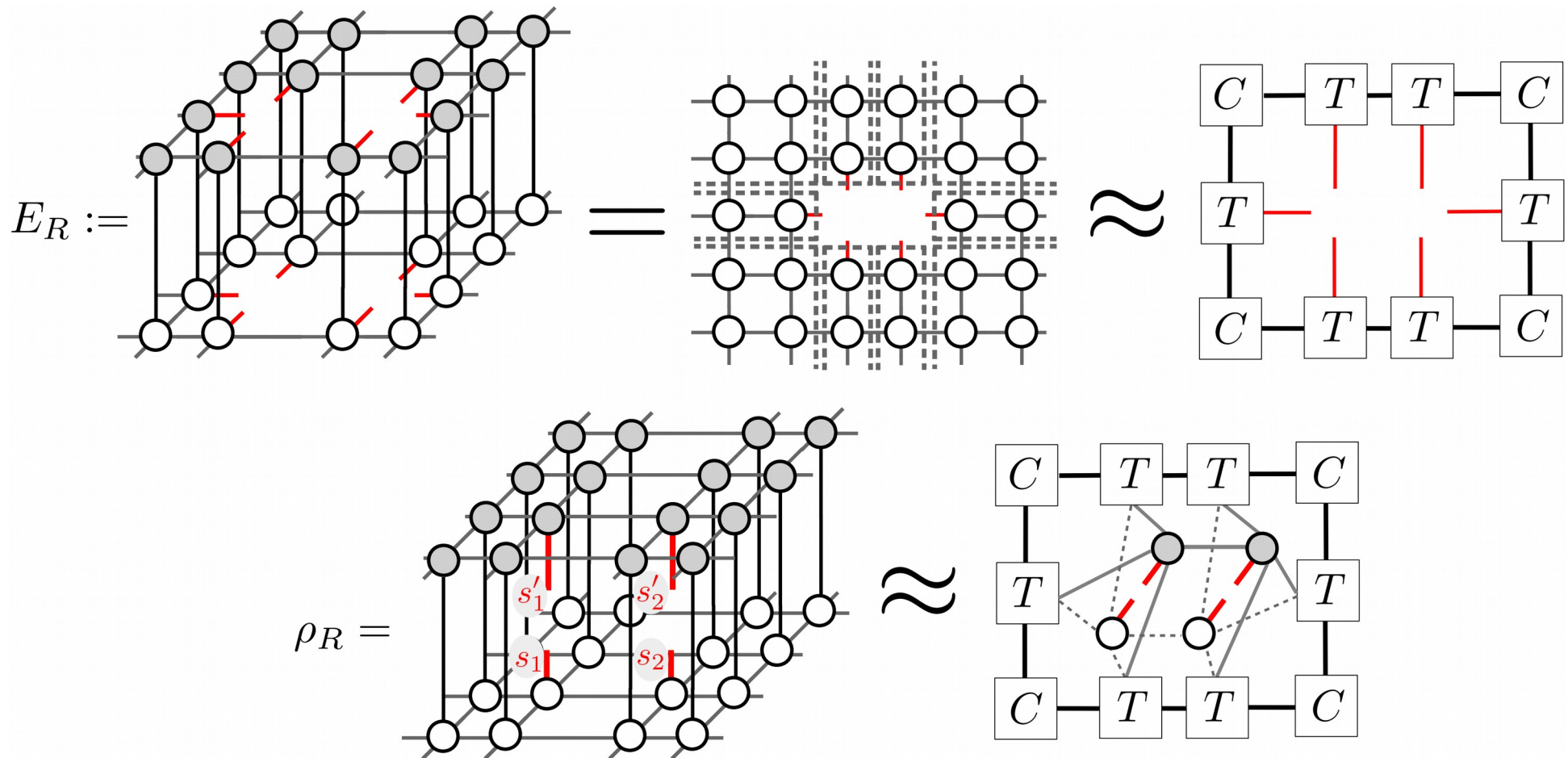
New control parameter:

env. dimension χ



Observables of iPEPS

From **reduced environments** (E_R) of region R build **reduced density matrices** (ρ_R) of region R



Any observable inside the region R is: $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\chi \approx \text{Tr}(\rho_R(\chi) \mathcal{O})$

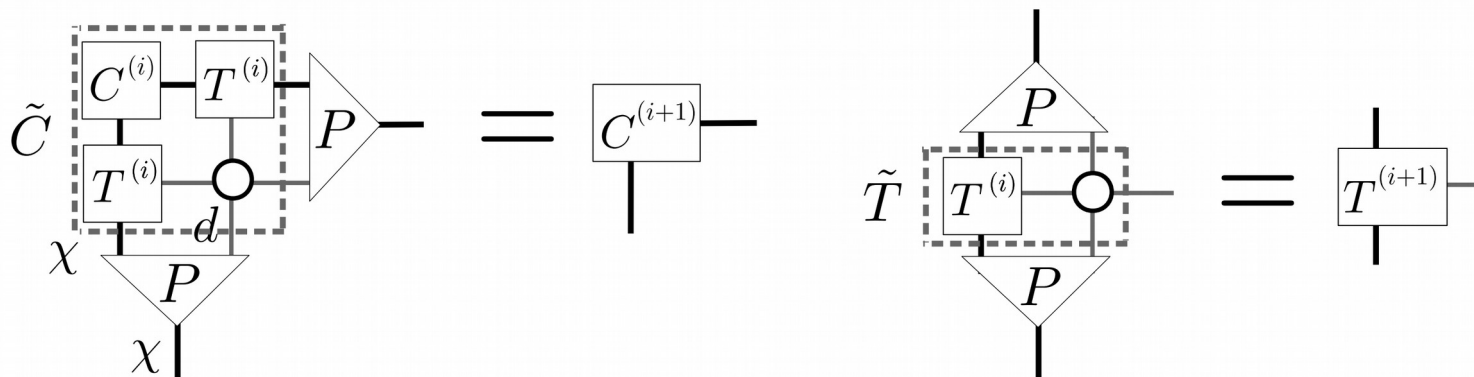
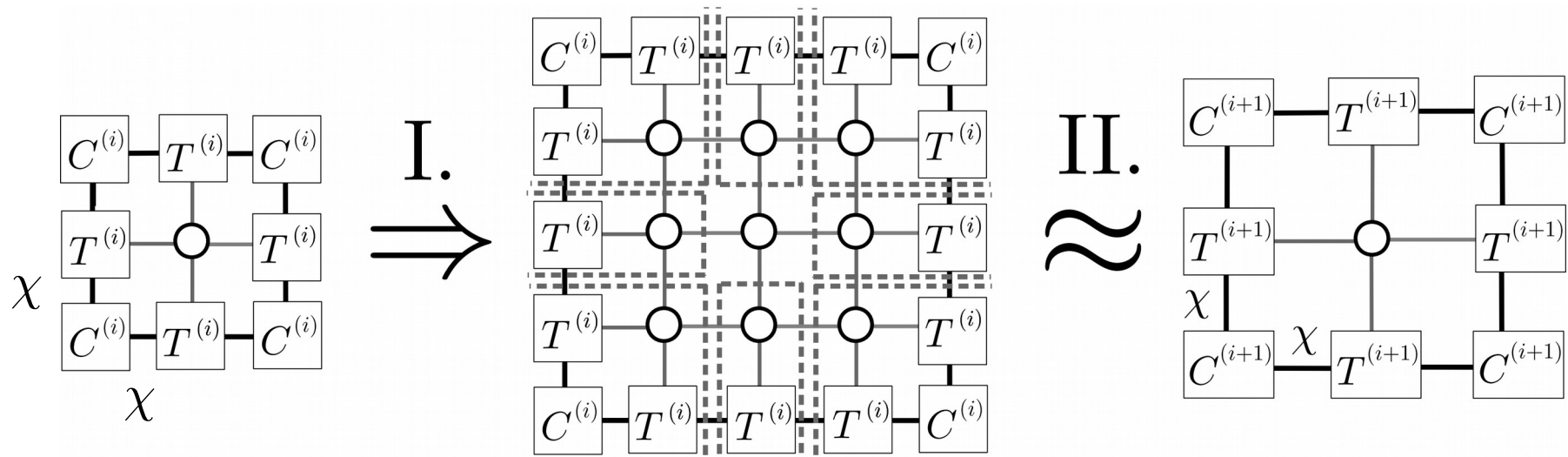
Corner Transfer Matrix

Corner transfer matrix renormalization group (**CTMRG**)

Complexity $\mathcal{O}(\chi^3 D^6)$

T. Nishino and K. Okunishi, JPSJ 65, 891 (1996), R. Orús and G. Vidal, Phys. Rev. B 78, 155117 (2008)

Corboz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 046402, (2014)



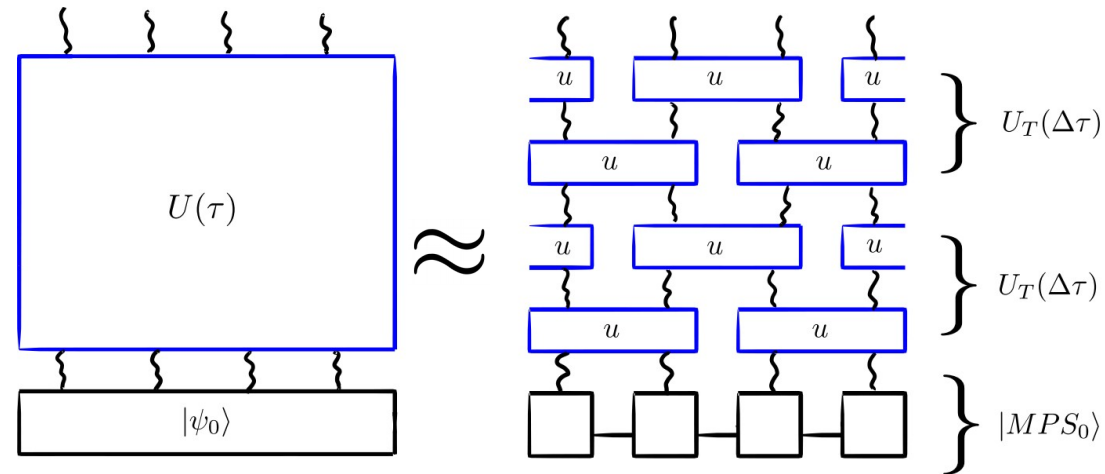
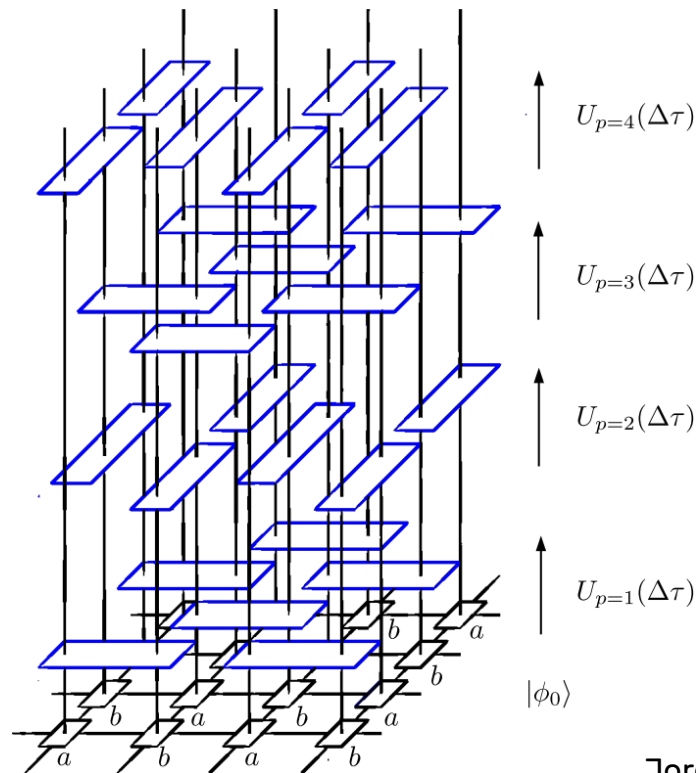
... iterate until **fixed point** C,T

Optimization I

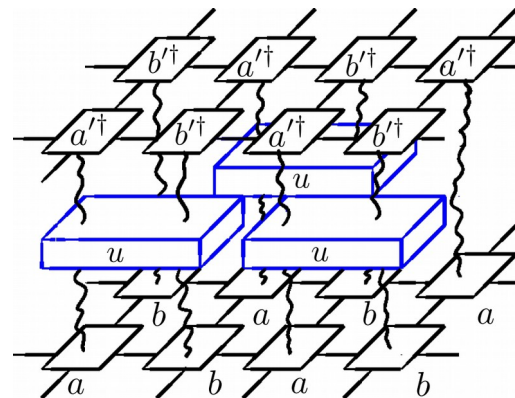
Warning: **Optimization is hard!**

(I) Find the **fixed point** of **imag. time evolution** ...

$$U(\tau) = \exp(-\tau H)$$



... use **Trotter decomposition**

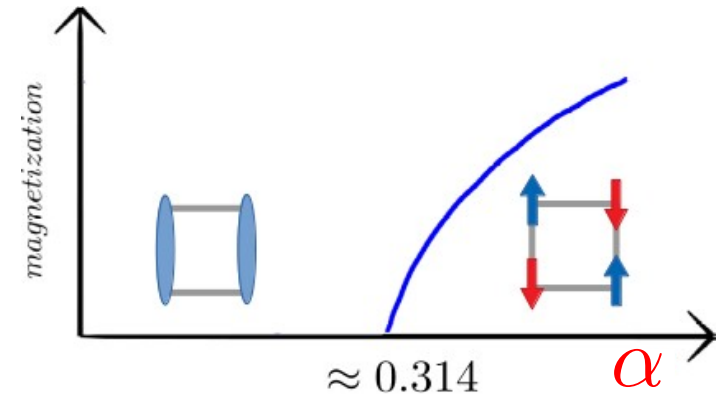


Simple and
Full Update
contract
layer by layer

Coupled Spin-1/2 Ladders

Non-frustrated model featuring transition from **Néel phase** to **paramagnet**

$$H = J \sum_r \vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r+\hat{x}} + J \sum_{r|r_y \in \text{even}} \vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r+\hat{y}} + \alpha \sum_{r|r_y \in \text{odd}} \vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r+\hat{y}}$$

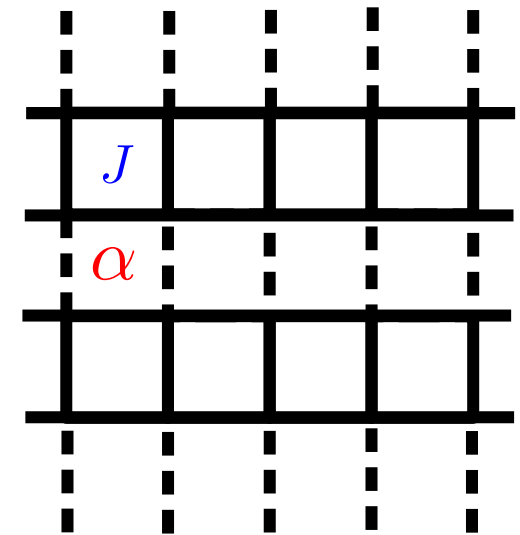


For small inter-ladder coupling α

- GS is a **gapped** and **paramagnetic**
- **"VBS"** - Singlets form along rungs of the ladder

Continuous phase transition at $\alpha_c \approx 0.314$

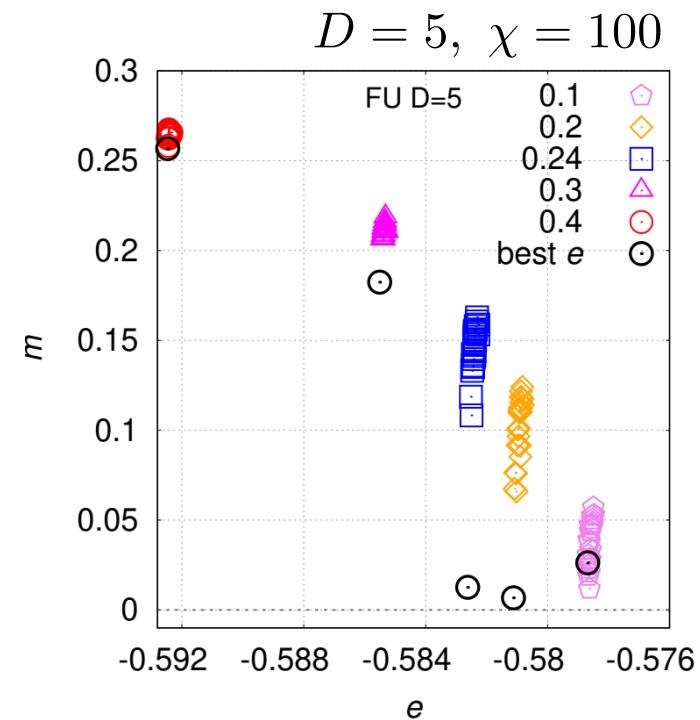
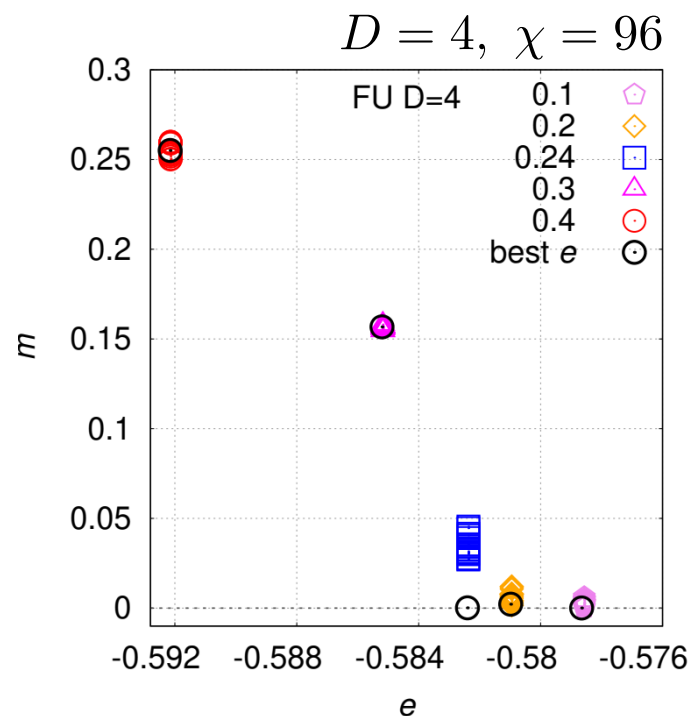
QMC: M. Matsumoto et. al, PRB 65 (2001); L. Capriotti, F. Becca, PRB 65 (2002)



Realized in $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{CuBr}_4$ Hong et al., Nat. Phys. 13, 2017;

Coupled Ladders: Full Update

- Initialize by a set of 24 VBS states with noise
- Fast-full update (FFU), use adaptive timestep



Large α (Néel):

JH and F. Becca, Phys. Rev. B 100, 054429 (2019)

- FU shows **narrow distributions of minima** (in e and m)
- slight quantitative difference between **D=4** and **D=5**

Small α (paramagnet):

- **striking difference** between FU for **D=4** and **D=5**
- at **D=5** minima are **broadly distributed in magnetization** !

Optimizing II

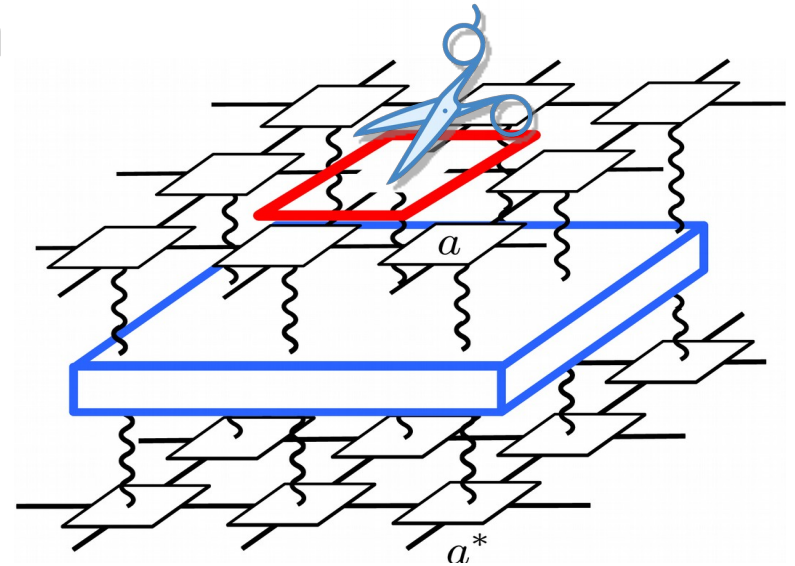
(II) Direct energy minimization

$$\min \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$$

1. get **gradient**

$$\partial_a \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$$

2. steepest descent, CG, L-BFGS, ...



Caveat: How to evaluate the gradient for iPEPS ?

- **Finite-Difference:** simple, but only for few parameters
D. Poilblanc and M. Mambrini, Phys. Rev. B 96, 014414 (2017)
- **Summation schemes:** harder with increasing range of H -terms
P. Corboz, Phys. Rev. B 94, 035133 (2016); Vanderstraeten et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 155123 (2016)
- **Algorithmic differentiation (AD):** ???
Liao et al., Phys. Rev. X 9, 031041 (2019)

Primer: Algorithmic differentiation

Central question:



How to evaluate the gradient of a complicated scalar function of many variables ?

Simple model of a variational energy:

$$E : \mathbb{R}^N \xrightarrow{F^1} \mathbb{R}^{M_2} \xrightarrow{F^2} \mathbb{R}^{M_3} \xrightarrow{F^3} \mathbb{R}^{M_4} \xrightarrow{F^4} \mathbb{R}$$

$$F^4(F^3(F^2(F^1(\mathbf{x})))) = F^4(F^3(F^2(\mathbf{v}^2))) = F^4(F^3(\mathbf{v}^3)) = F^4(\mathbf{v}^4) =: E$$

Option 1: **Finite difference**

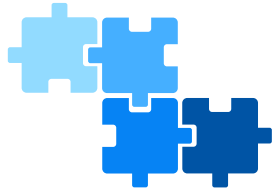
pick a direction \mathbf{e}_i in the space of parameters and a small h

$$(\mathbf{g}_0)_i \approx \frac{E(\mathbf{x}_0 + h\mathbf{e}_i) - E(\mathbf{x}_0)}{h},$$

- finite precision error, **complexity $\mathbf{O(N)} \times \mathbf{O(E)}$**

Primer: Algorithmic differentiation

Core premise of Algorithmic differentiation:



Functions are ultimately composed of (many) simple operations as +, -, /, *, exp, log, sin, ...

Assume that **Jacobians** are known: $J^n(\mathbf{v}_0^n) = \left. \left(\frac{\partial F^n}{\partial \mathbf{v}^n} \right) \right|_{\mathbf{v}^n = \mathbf{v}_0^n}$.

The **forward mode** AD

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_0 \equiv \mathbf{v}_0^1 &\rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^2 = F^1(\mathbf{v}_0^1) && \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^3 = F^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2) && \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^4 = F^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3) \\ &\rightarrow E = F^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4), \\ \mathbf{e}_i \equiv \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^1 &\rightarrow \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^2 = J^1(\mathbf{v}_0^1) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^1 && \rightarrow \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^3 = J^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^2 && \rightarrow \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^4 = J^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^3 \\ &\rightarrow (\mathbf{g}_0)_i = J^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4) \cdot \mathbf{g}_{0,i}^4. \end{aligned}$$

In short: $(\mathbf{g}_0)_i = J^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4) \cdot (J^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3) \cdot (J^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2) \cdot (J^1(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{e}_i)))$ Cost: **O(N) x O(E)**

Primer: Algorithmic differentiation

The **reverse mode** AD

I. Evaluate $E(\mathbf{x}_0)$ and **store all the intermediate variables**

$$\mathbf{x}_0 \equiv \mathbf{v}_0^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^2 = F^1(\mathbf{v}_0^1) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^3 = F^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_0^4 = F^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3) \rightarrow E = F^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4)$$

II. Accumulate the gradient in the reverse order

$$1 \cdot J^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^4 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^4 \cdot J^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^3 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^3 \cdot J^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^2 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^2 \cdot J^1(\mathbf{x}_0) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0$$

Observe: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0$ holds all components of the gradient

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 \cdot \mathbf{e}_i = (((J^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4) \cdot J^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3)) \cdot J^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2)) \cdot J^1(\mathbf{x}_0)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_i = (\mathbf{g}_0)_i$$

Define vector-matrix products - **Adjoint functions**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F}^n : \mathbb{R}^{M_n} \times \mathbb{R}^{M_{n+1}} &\xrightarrow{\bar{F}^n} \mathbb{R}^{M_n} \\ \bar{F}^n(\mathbf{v}^n, \bar{\mathbf{v}}^{n+1}) &:= \bar{\mathbf{v}}^{n+1} \cdot J^n(\mathbf{v}^n) = \bar{\mathbf{v}}^n \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} &F^4(F^3(F^2(F^1(\mathbf{x}_0)))) \\ &\bar{F}^1(\mathbf{x}_0, \bar{F}^2(\mathbf{v}_0^2, \bar{F}^3(\mathbf{v}_0^3, \bar{F}^4(\mathbf{v}_0^4, 1)))) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 \end{aligned}$$

Primer: Algorithmic differentiation

A (central) example of the **adjoint function**

$$C = f(A, B) \longrightarrow dC = \frac{\partial f}{\partial A} dA + \frac{\partial f}{\partial B} dB \quad E = E(C) \longrightarrow dE =: Tr \left(\overline{C}^T dC \right)$$

$$dE = Tr \left(\overline{C}^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial A} dA \right) + \left(\overline{C}^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial B} dB \right) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \overline{A} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial A} \right)^T \overline{C} \\ \overline{B} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial B} \right)^T \overline{C} \end{cases}$$

Take **matrix multiplication** (= tensor contraction)

$$C = AB \longrightarrow dC = dAB + AdB \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \overline{A} = \overline{C} B^T \\ \overline{B} = A^T \overline{C} \end{cases}$$

Many other matrix functions (ED, SVD, Inverse, ...)

M. Giles, <https://people.maths.ox.ac.uk/gilesm/files/NA-08-01.pdf>

Fresh developments: Complex SVD, Lanczos, ...

Z.Q. Wan, S.X. Zhang arXiv:1909.02659, H. Xie, J.G. Liu, L. Wang arXiv:2001.04121

Algorithmic Differentiation

- Both **Forward mode** and **Reverse mode** evaluate derivatives with **machine precision**



- **Forward mode** has complexity $O(N) * O(E)$



- **Reverse mode has complexity $O(1) * O(E)$**

- Caveat: Memory requirements **are not bounded** !
- Implemented in major machine-learning frameworks: **TensorFlow**, **PyTorch**, ...

... or in one of the libraries for your favorite language Fortran, C++, Julia, etc. (see <http://www.autodiff.org>)

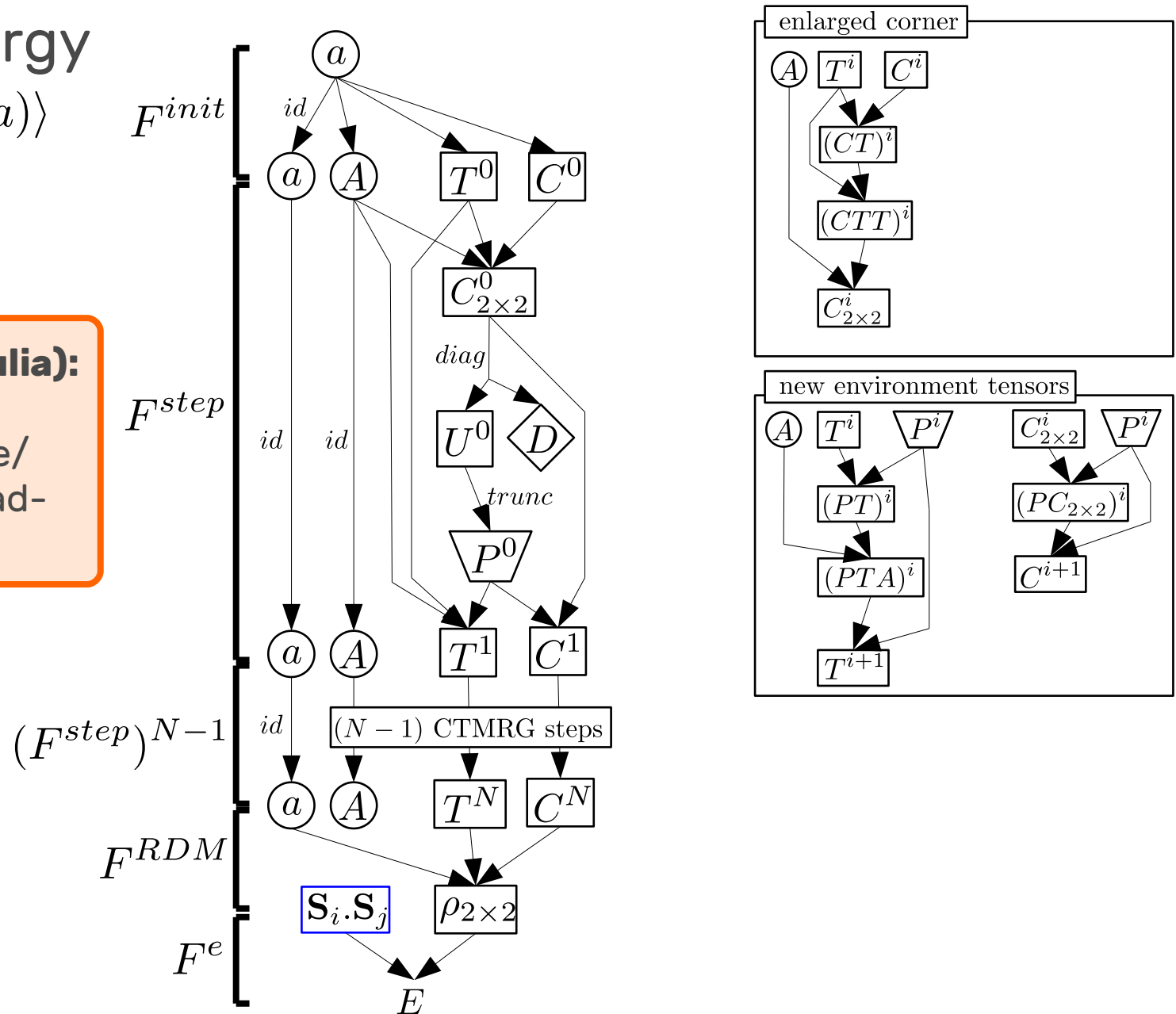
J1-J2 Model: Energy as DAG

Variational energy

$$E(a) = \langle \psi(a) | H | \psi(a) \rangle$$

Great hands-on (in Julia):

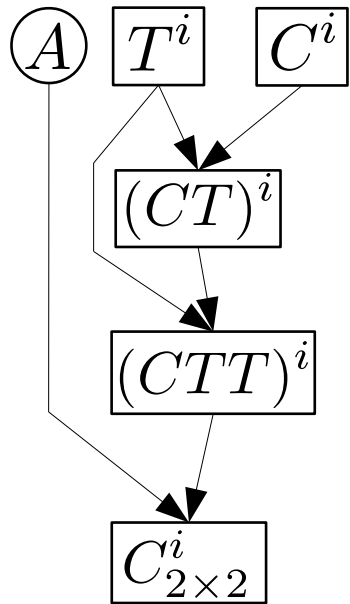
<http://blog.rogerluo.me/2018/10/23/write-an-ad-in-one-day/>



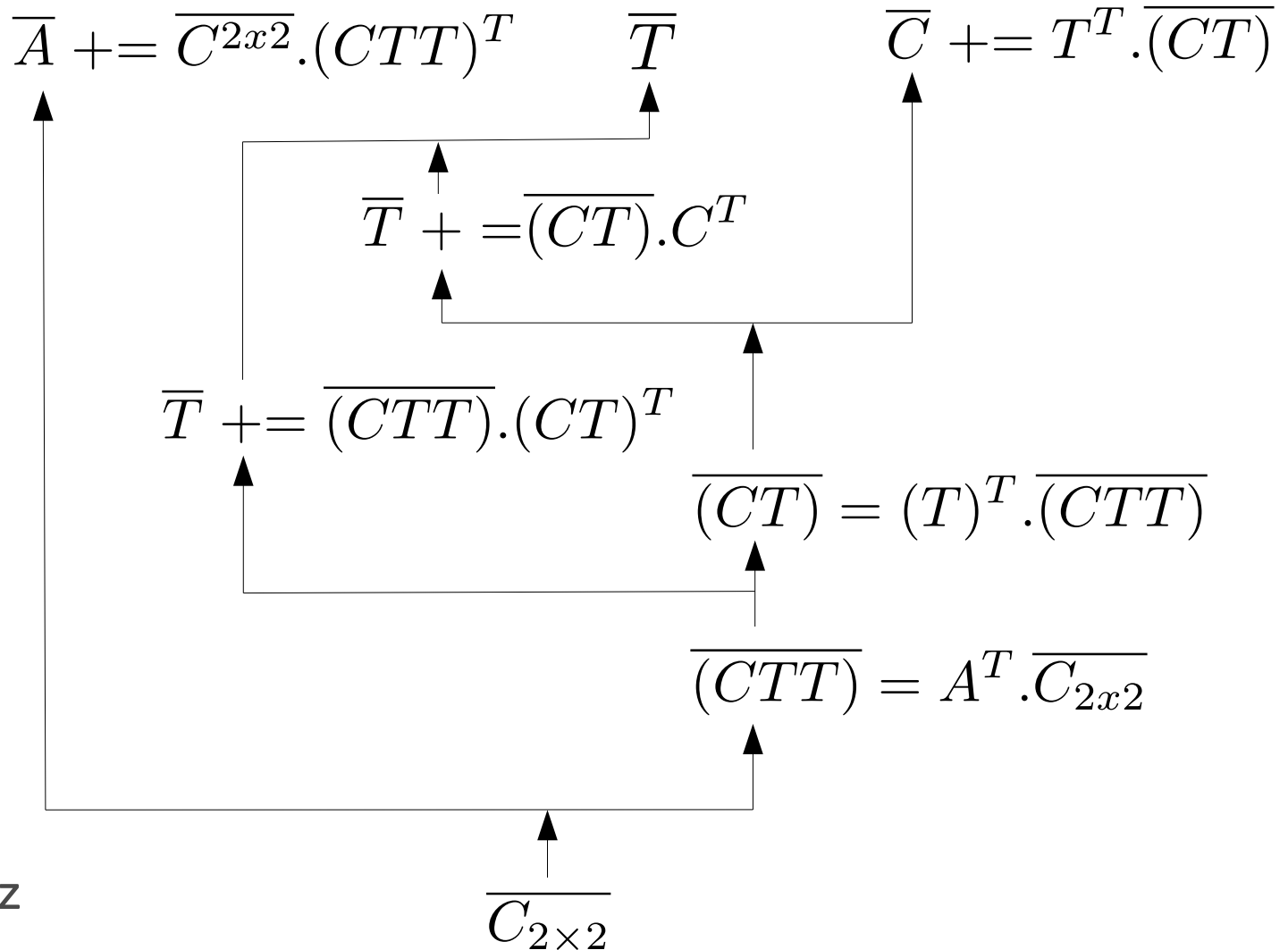
J1-J2 Model: Energy as DAG

Enlarged corner

Forward



Backward



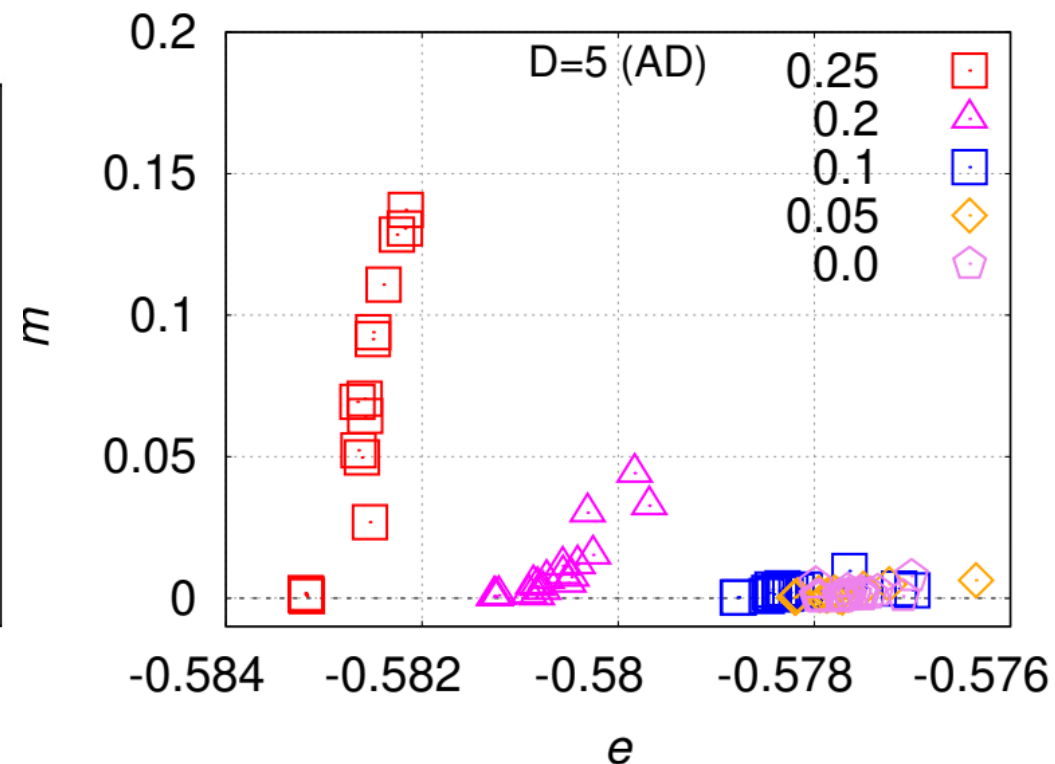
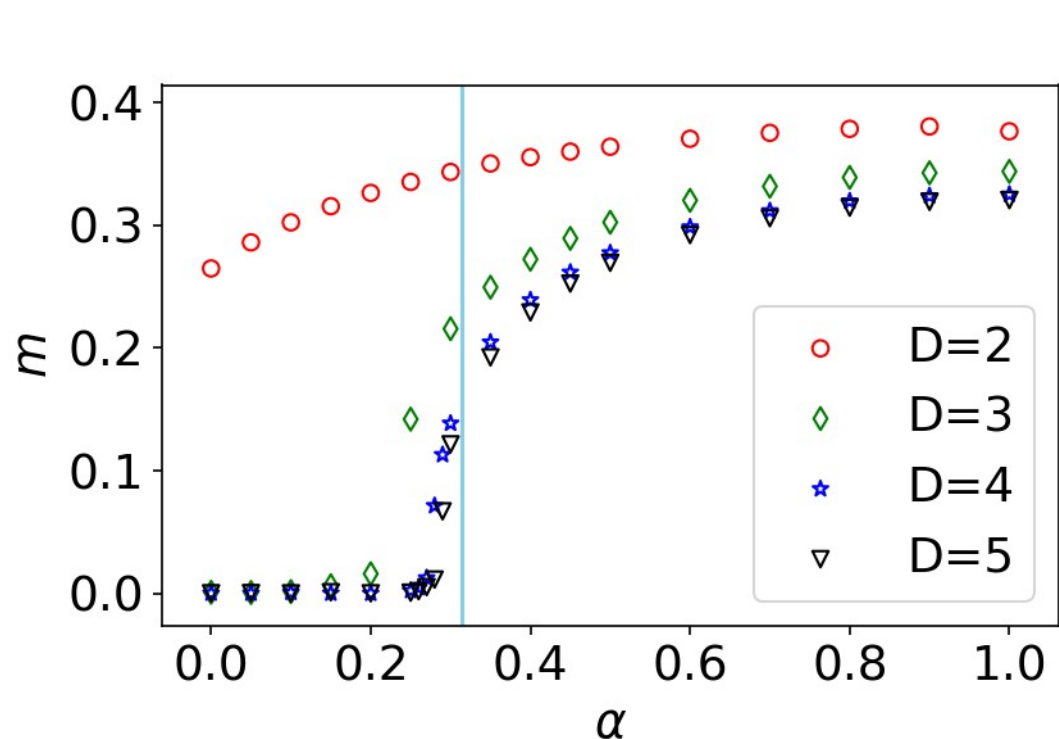
Analogy ?

S.P.G. Crone, P. Corboz
arXiv:1912.00908

Ladders: Revisited with AD

Identical protocol: Initialize by a set of 24 VBS states with noise

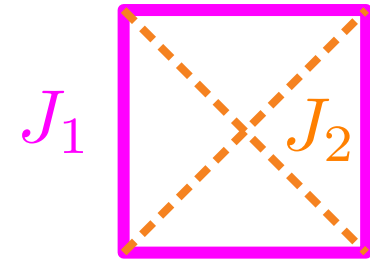
- energy minimization gives sound result even at **D=3** !
- at **D=5**, despite **rough landscape** the expected magnetization curve is recovered



Intro: Square Lattice J1-J2 Model

Prototypical example of a frustrated magnet

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i \cdot S_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle} S_i \cdot S_j$$

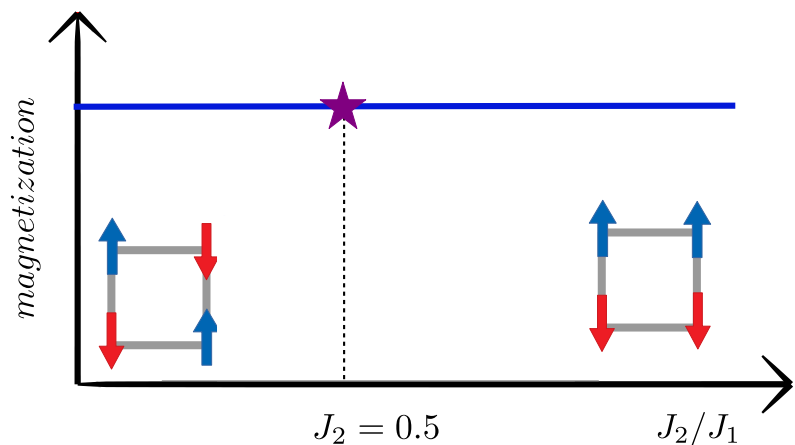


- Classically: transition at $J_2/J_1 = 0.5$

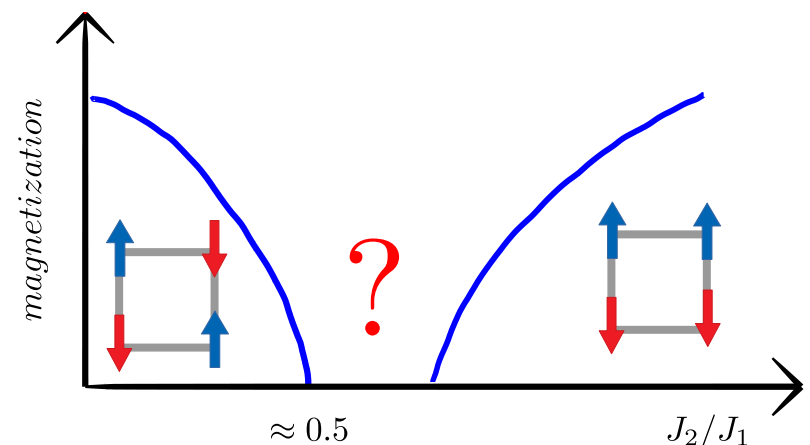
Spin waves:

P. Chandra and B. Doucot, Phys. Rev. B 38, 9335 (1988)

- Transition** from **Néel** to **paramagnetic** phase near maximally frustrated point $J_2/J_1 \approx 0.5$
- For $J_2/J_1 \gtrsim 0.6$ system orders again in stripes



\Rightarrow
 QM



Intro: Square Lattice J1-J2 Model

Open question: the intermediate phase ?

Spin liquid: gapless $U(1)$, gapped \mathbb{Z}_2 , gapless \mathbb{Z}_2

DMRG: Jiang et al., Phys. Rev. B 86, 024424 (2012)

VMC: Hu et al., Phys. Rev. B 88, 060402 (2013)

PFFRG: Herring et al., Phys. Rev. B 99, 100405(R) (2019)

PEPS: Liu et al., Phys. Rev. B 98, 241109(R) (2018)

iPEPS: D. Poilblanc and M. Mambrini, Phys. Rev. B 96, 014414 (2017)

Valence bond solids: columnar, plaquette

PEPS: Wang et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 075143 (2016)

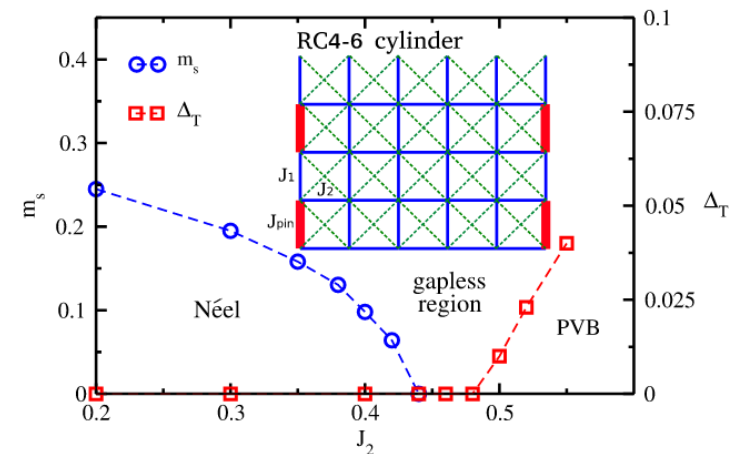
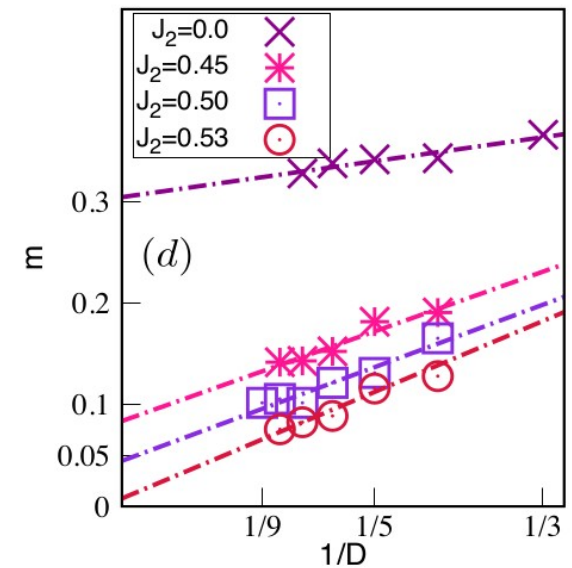
iPEPS: R. Haghshenas and D. N. Sheng, Phys. Rev. B 97, 174408 (2018)

Gapless spin liquid into VBS

DMRG: L. Wang and A. Sandvik, PRL 121, 107202 (2018)

Gapless(?) spin liquid into Plaquettes

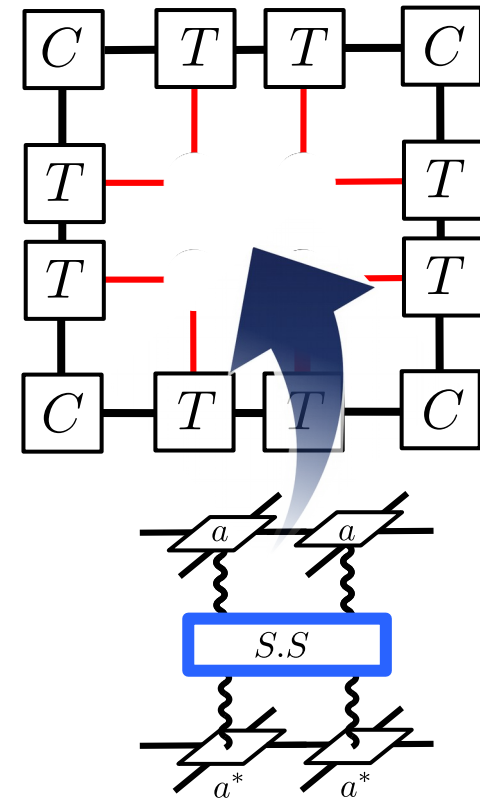
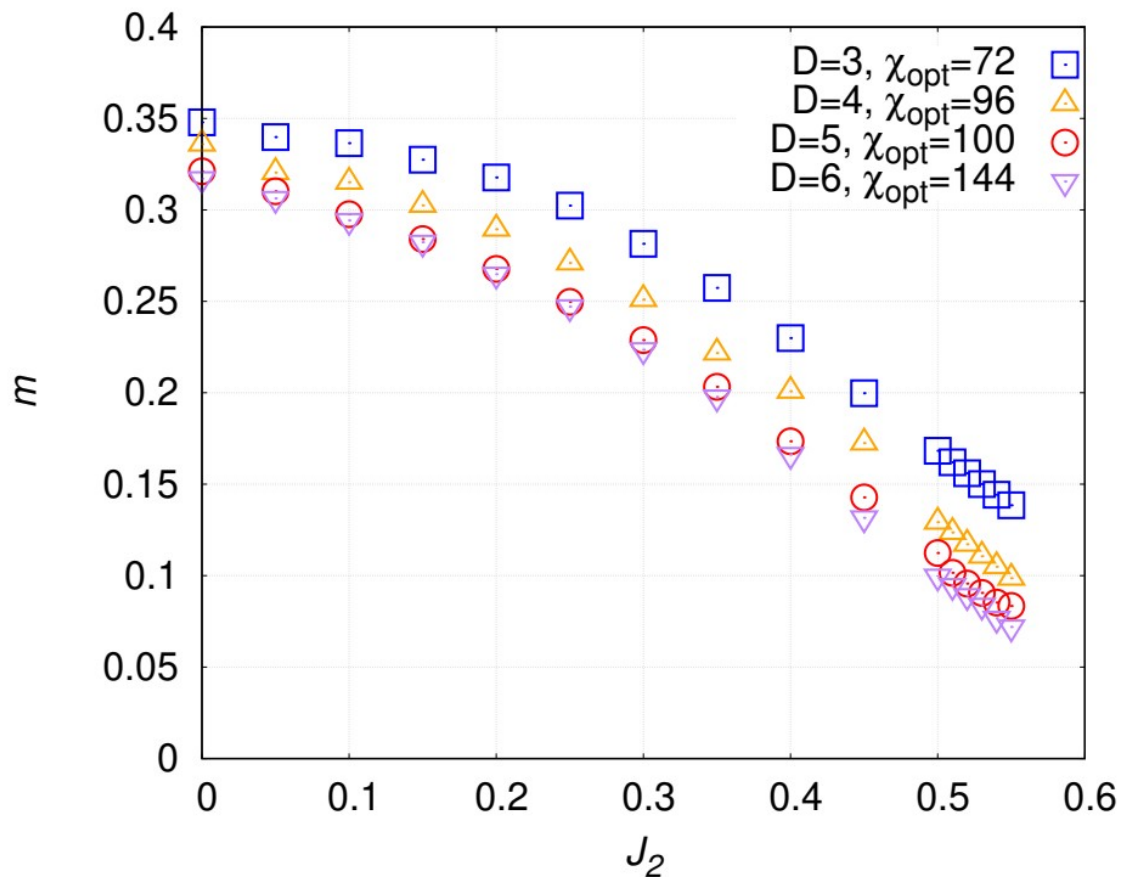
DMRG: Gong et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 027201 (2014)



J1-J2 Model: Phase diagram with AD

Gradient of the energy is obtained by AD

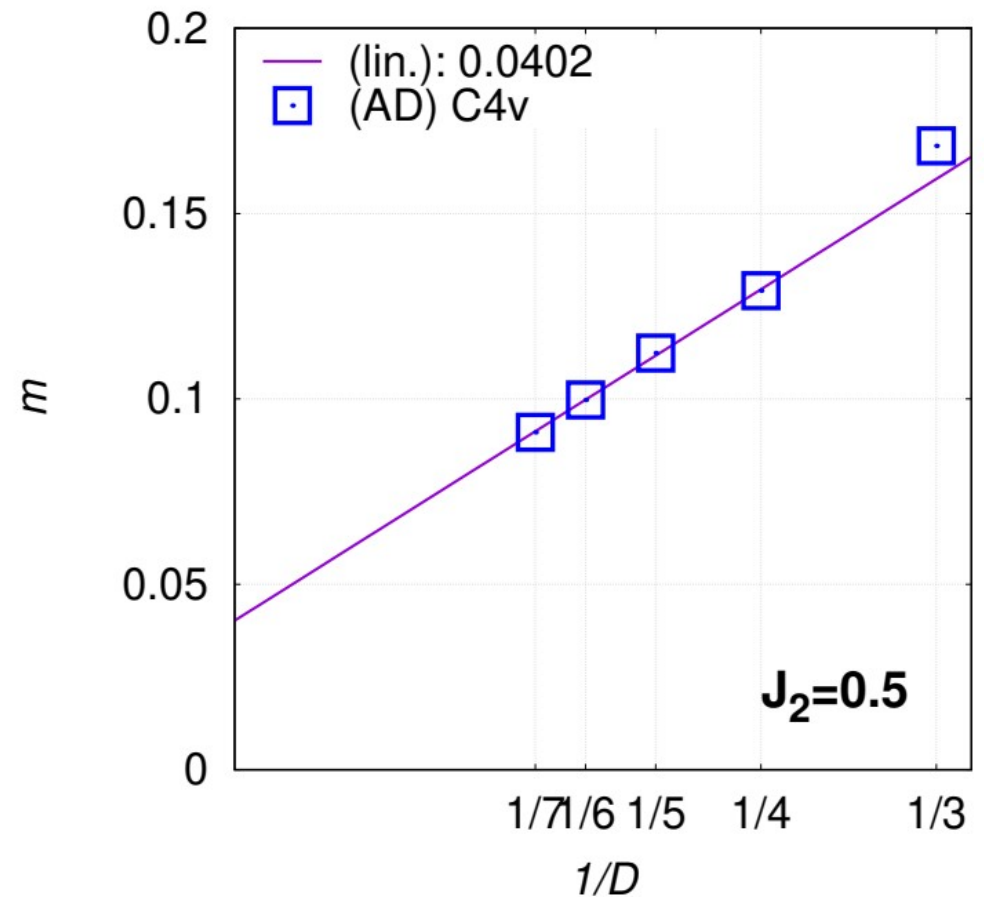
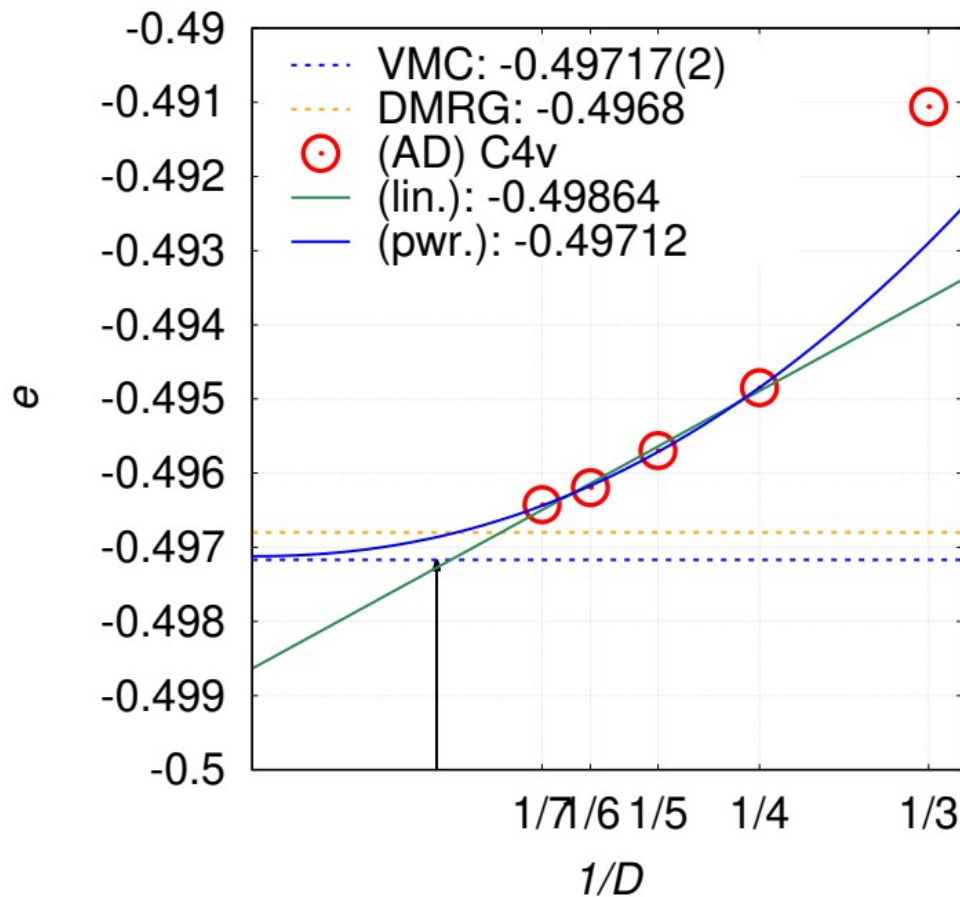
- iPEPS: **single C_{4v} invariant tensor**
- several random tensors initializations
- χ used in optimization: 72, 96, 100 and 144



J1-J2 Model: Highly-frustrated

Analysis at highly-frustrated point $J_2=0.5$

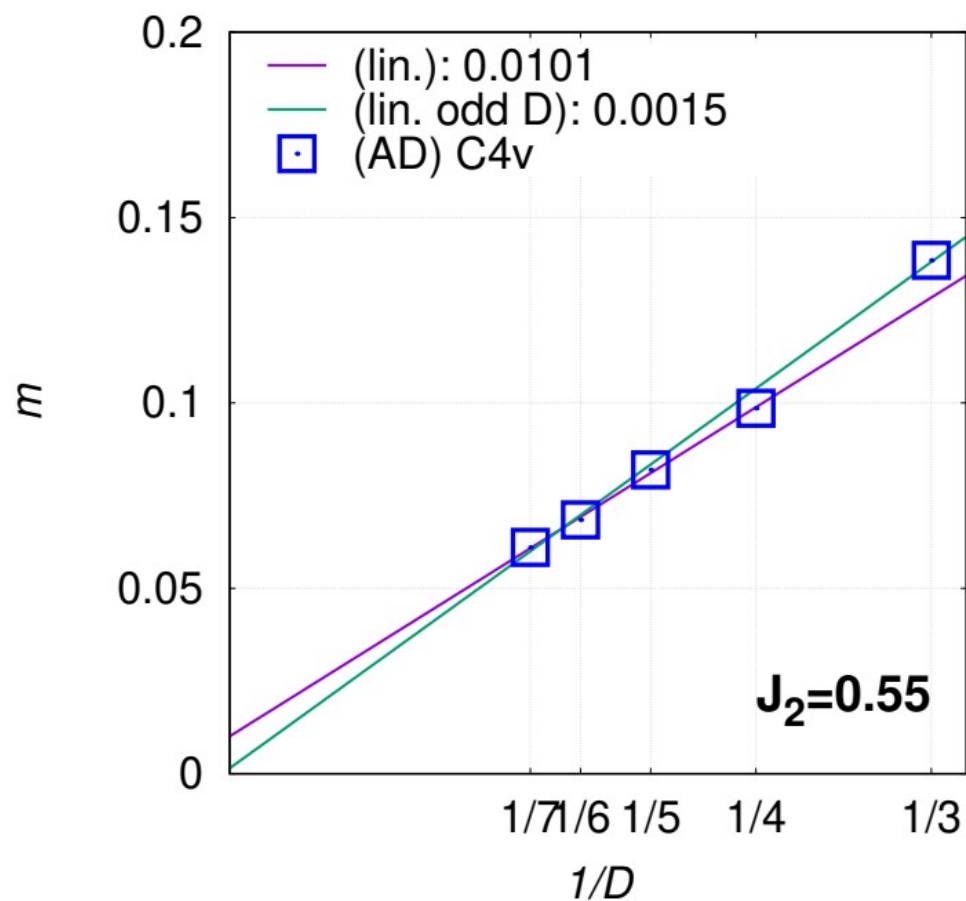
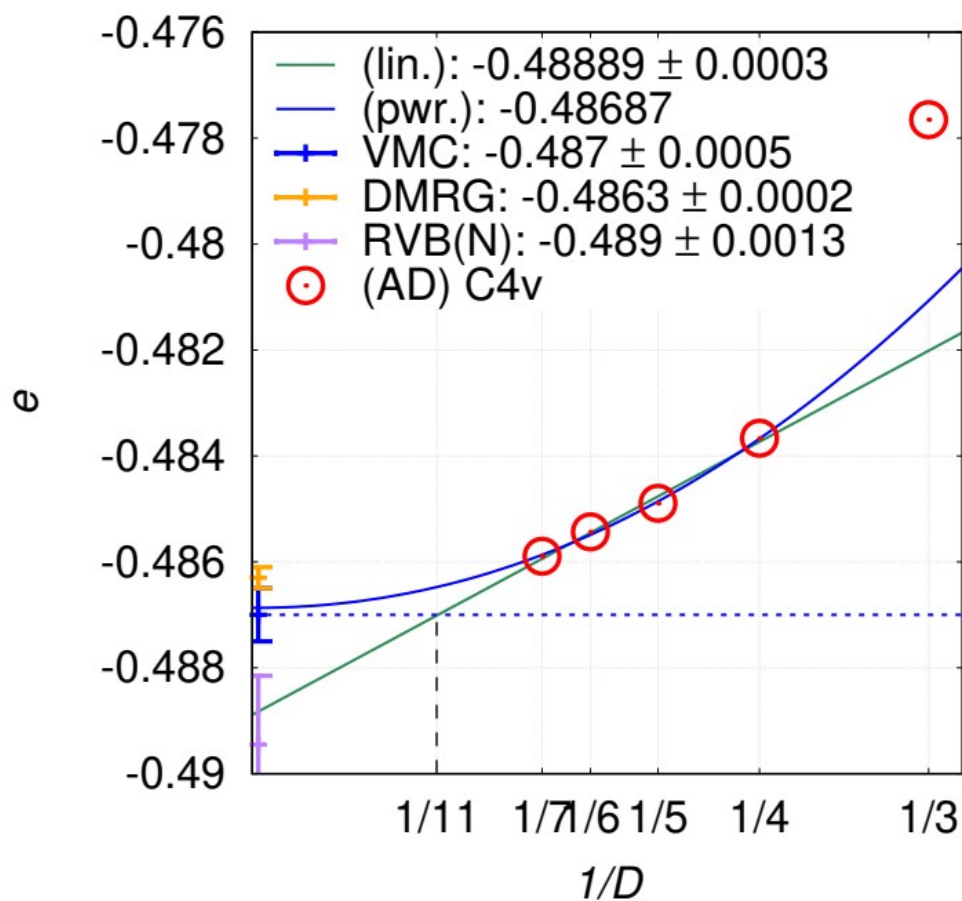
- power law extrapolation of energy compatible with VMC
- **small but finite** magnetization



J1-J2 Model: Deep in the phase

Analysis at point $J_2=0.55$, inside non-magnetic region

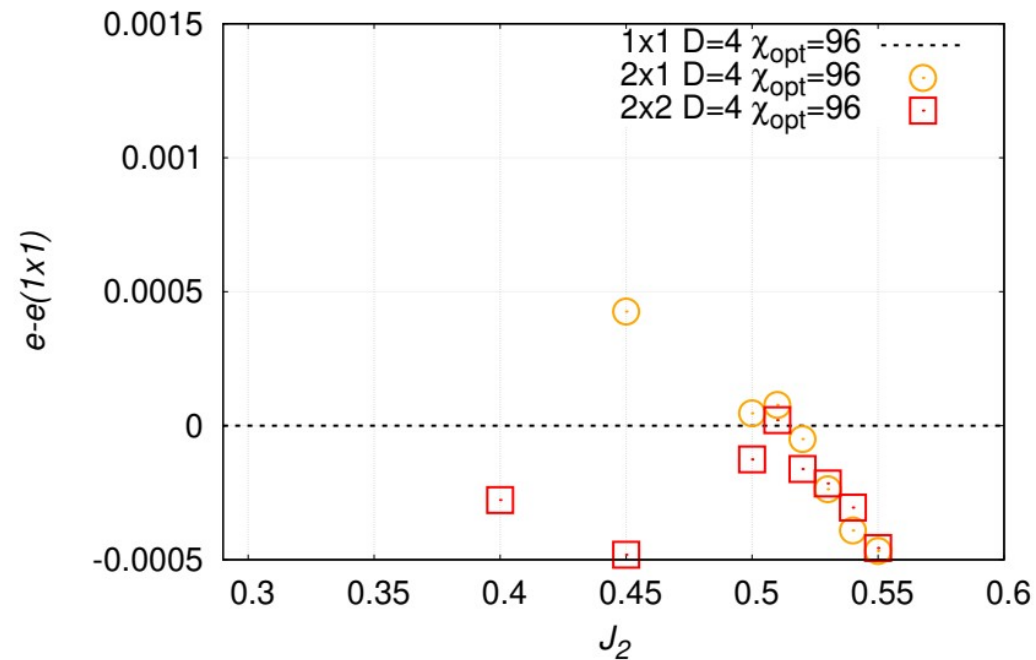
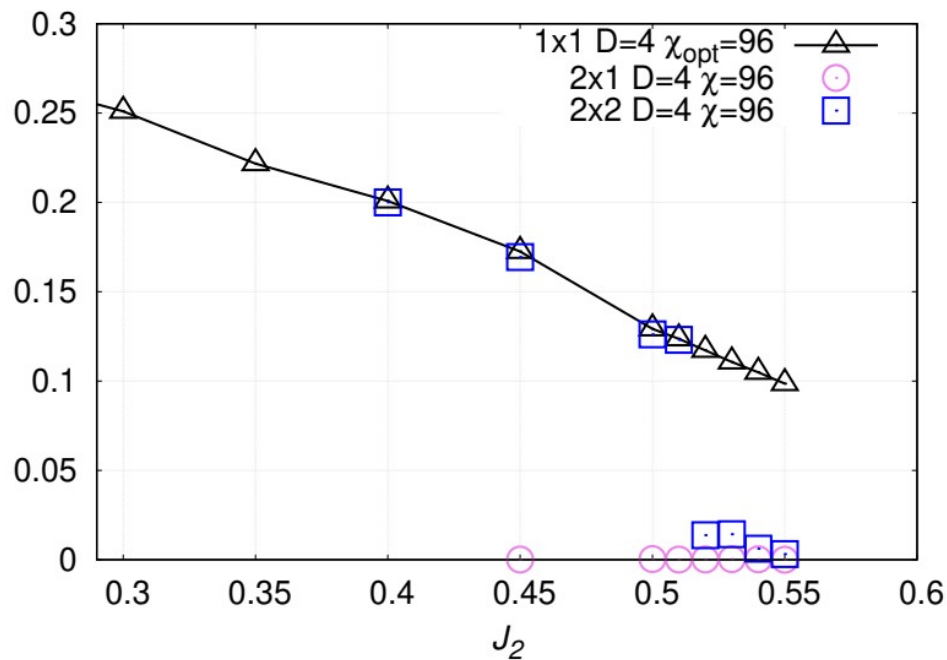
- **very good** iPEPS variational energy
- odd-D data point to non-magnetic GS



J1-J2 Model: Spin-liquid vs VBS

Generalize to larger unit cells – **2x1, 2x2**

- **transition to VBS** at $J_2 \approx 0.52$ (1st order ?)
- Finite-D effect or genuine order in thermodynamic limit ?



J1-J2 Model vs J-Q Model

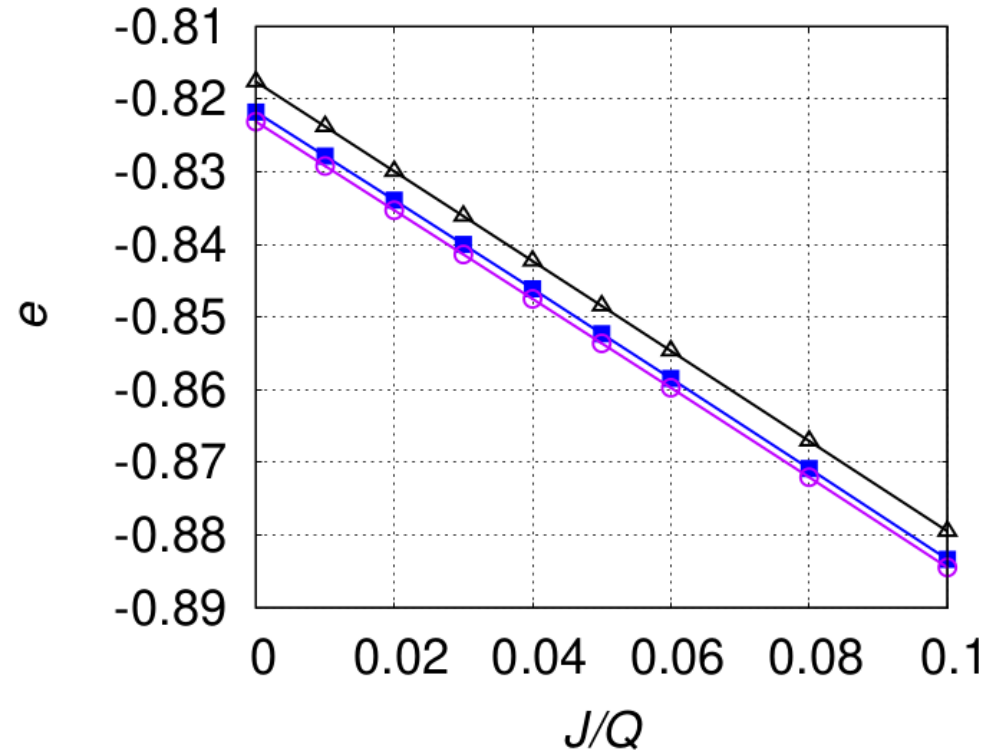
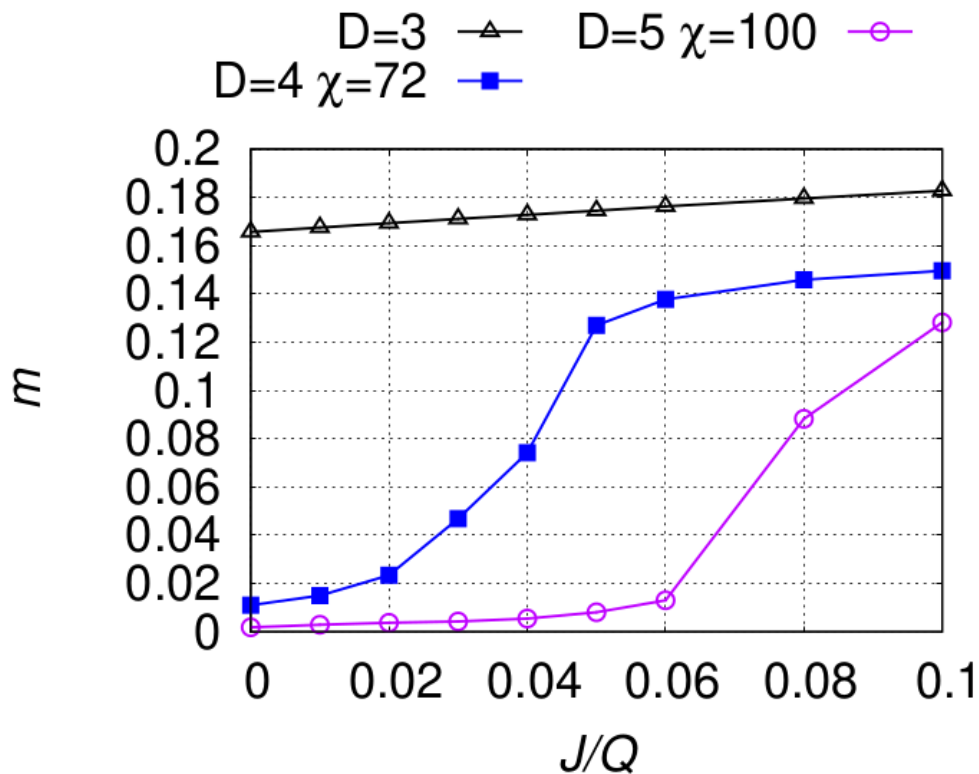
J-Q model

$$J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - Q \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - 1/4)(\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l - 1/4)$$

DQCP around $J/Q = 0.04$

(A. Sandvik PRL 98, 227202 (2007))

- [Prelim.] Finite-D seems to converge toward a sharp feature



Concluding remarks I

Open-source suite of codes: **tn-torch**



github.com/jurajHasik/tn-torch

J. Hasik and G. Mbeng

CTM + AD optimization based on PyTorch with CPU and/or GPU (<https://pytorch.org/>)

- CTM for **arbitrary unit cells**
- Examples for NN, NNN, plaquette, ...
- Some extra stuff: correlation functions, transfer matrix spectrum, ...

Concluding remarks II

Optimization with FU can be problematic

Gradient optimization (with AD) is a way forward

- easy to extend beyond the nearest-neighbour Hamiltonians
- highly-optimized implementation out-of-the box (TensorFlow, PyTorch, ...)

iPEPS + AD: a step closer to DMRG-like variational method in two dimensions

Devil is in the details: adjoint for iterative SVD / ED, not enough memory, derivative at the fixed point ?, ...