

Diagonalization Solvers for Electronic Collective Phenomena in Nanoscience

Time, Temperature, and Dynamics in the Density Matrix Renormalization Group Algorithm

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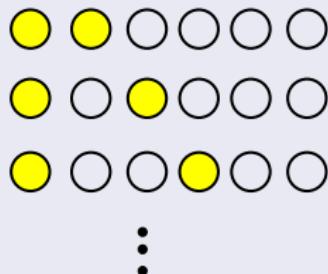
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Example: 6 sites, 2 electrons leads to $C_2^6 = 15$ states

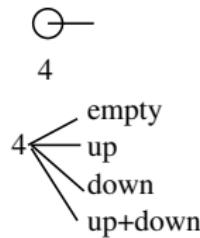


What does exponential mean?

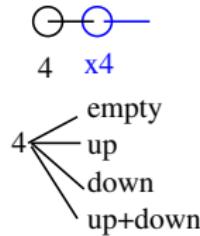
- Assume N_f “flavors” or orbitals (including spin), N sites
- Assume no symmetries (won’t change the argument much)
- Then complexity is $2^{N \times N_f}$.
- Assume a more or less realistic problem: $N_f = 10$, $N = 10$
- Exact diagonalization would take $\approx 10^6$ billion years to complete
- Problem not even in NP (!)



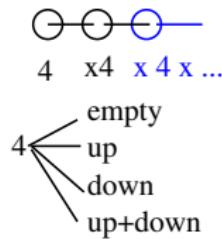
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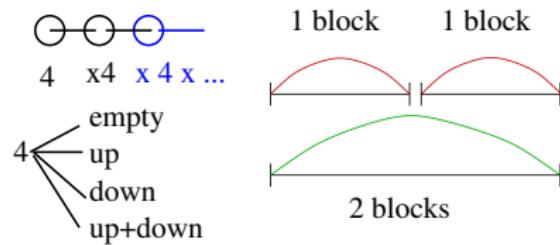
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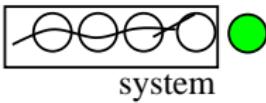
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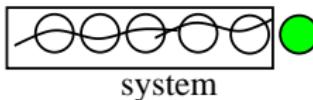
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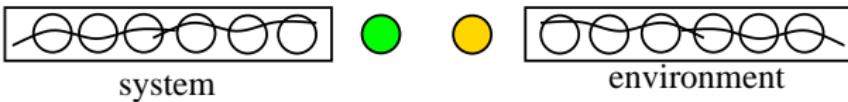
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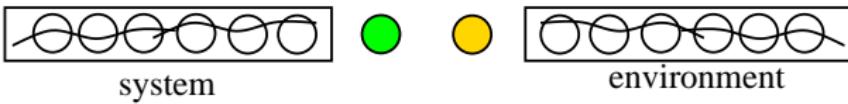
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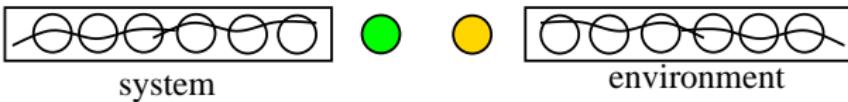
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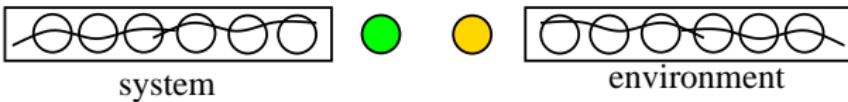
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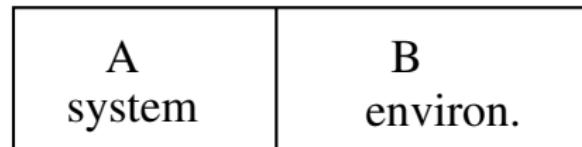
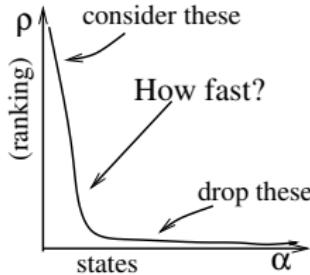
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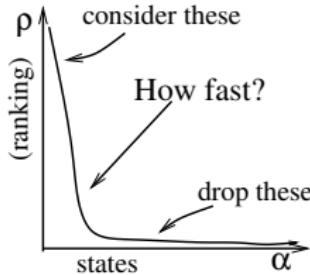
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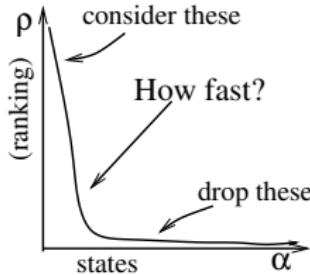
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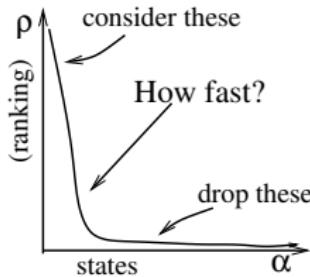


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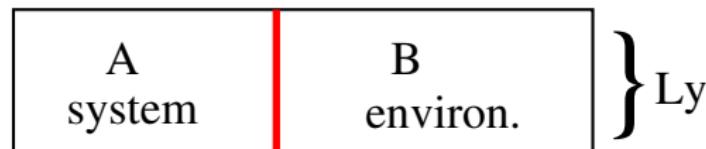
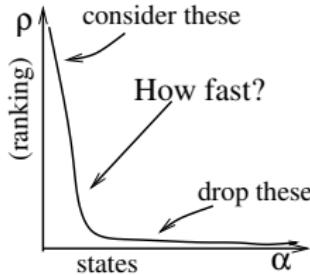
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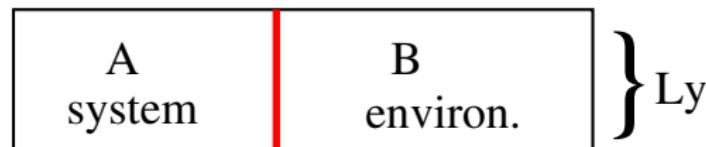
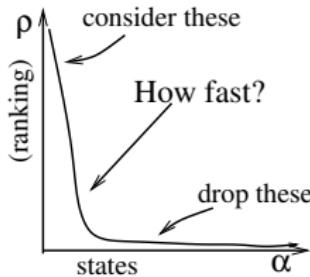
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You: Hey! You're handwaving!

Me: OK, OK, see: [J. Eisert et al., Rev. Mod. Phys., 2010]



Applications of the DMRG

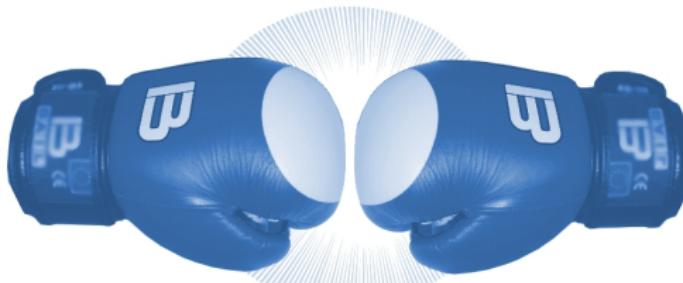
- Spin systems (quantum Heisenberg model, etc.)
- Fermionic systems (Hubbard, t-J, etc.)
- Quantum chemistry,
[White and Martin, J. Chem. Phys. 1999]
- Polymers, [LetPetit and Pastor, PRB 1997]

DMRG vs. QMC

Only two non-perturbative methods

Item	DMRG	QMC
Complexity	Pol. in 1D, Exp. in 2D	Pol., Exp. if SP ^a
Real time and freq.	Yes	No
Finite temperature	Maybe	Yes
Active Research	Yes	Yes

^aSP stands for Sign Problem



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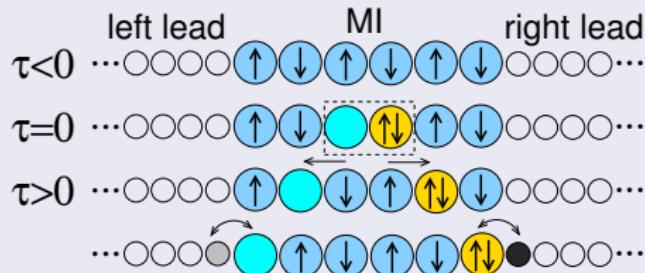
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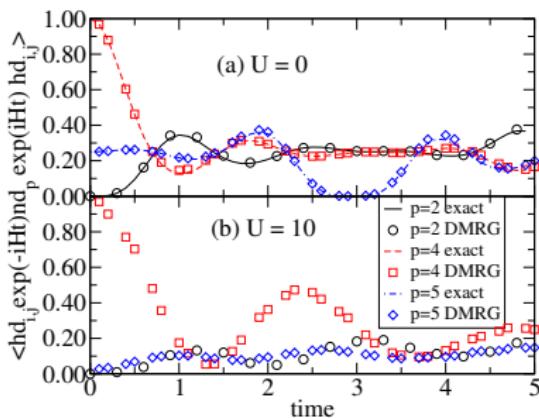
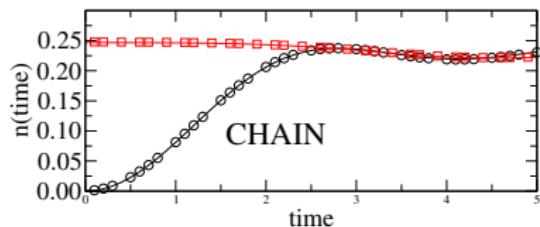
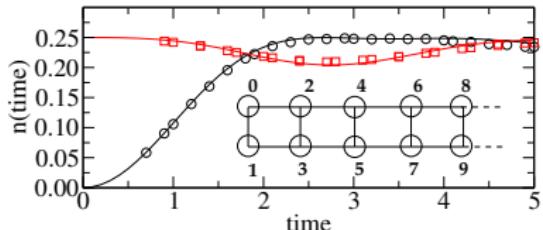
Time propagation of an electronic excitation



[From L.G.G.V. Dias Da Silva et al., PRB 2010]



Time Evolution: Accuracy



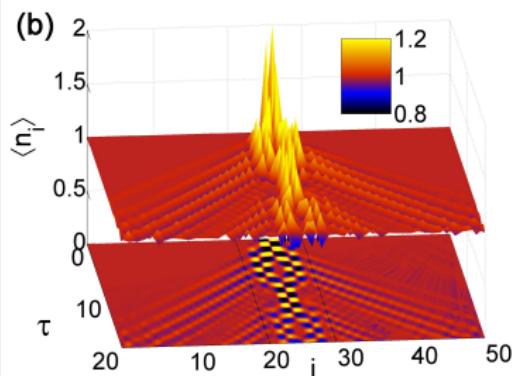
[Alvarez et al, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1103.5391>]



Time Evolution: Mott Insulators for Solar Cells¹

Our theory work:

Past:[Dias Da Silva, PRB 2010]



Present: Layered geometries

¹See [E. Manousakis, PRB 2010]
for a review and references therein



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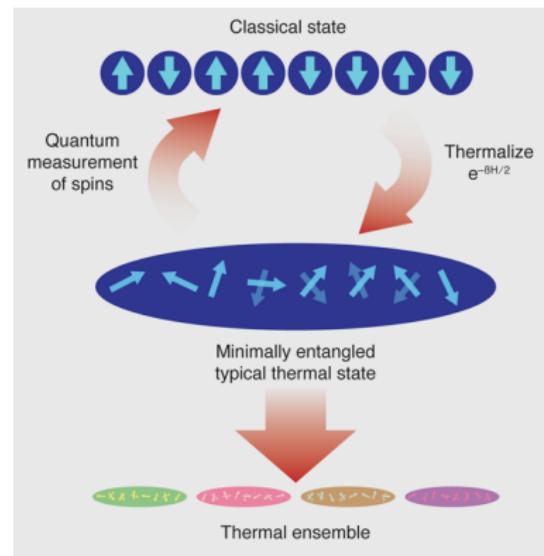
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[S. R. White, PRL 2009]



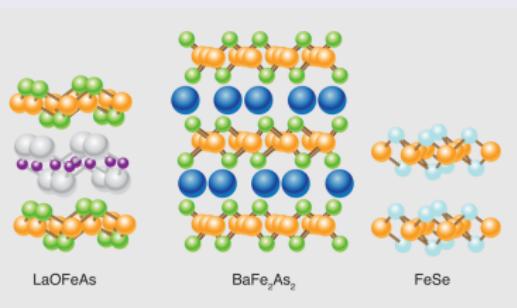
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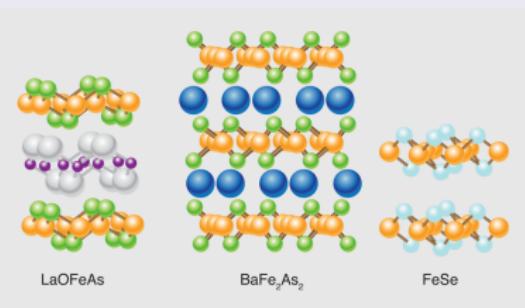
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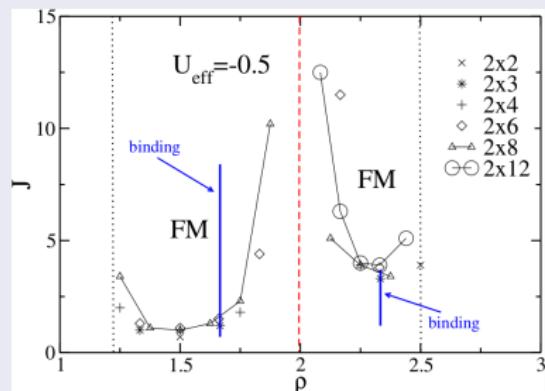
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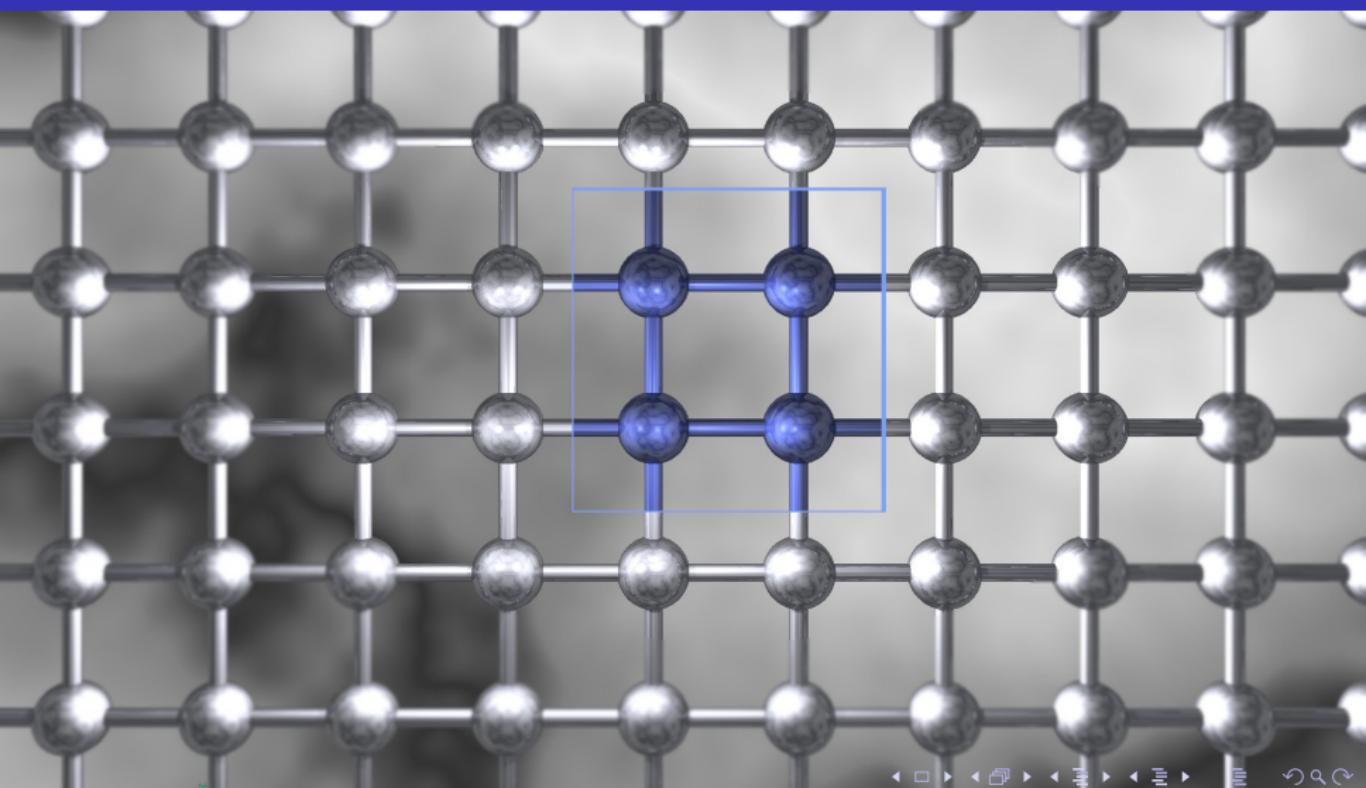


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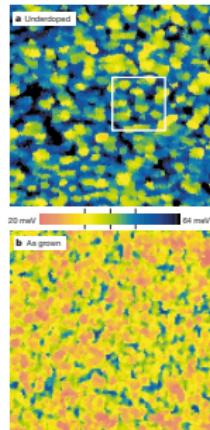
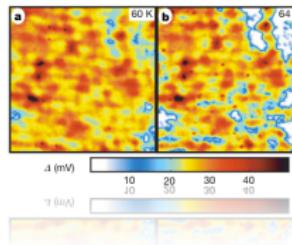
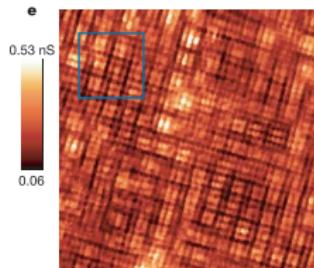


Dynamics: Use DMRG as an cluster solver



Emergence: Electronic Inhomogeneities in Cuprates

- Spin and charge stripes, [Tranquada et al., '95; Mook et al., '00]
- Checkerboard charge modulations, [Hanaguri, Davis et al., '04]
- Random superconducting gap modulations, [Lang, Davis et al., '02; Gomes, Yazdani et al., '07]



Emergence: Caution: Philosophy ahead



Emergence: Tigers are real²

An emerging object



- Reductionism
- Fuzziness (~~not well defined~~)
- Independent **reality** instead

²[From D. Wallace, Decoherence and Ontology, in Saunders, Barrett, Kent, and Wallace (ed.), *Many Worlds? Everett, Quantum Theory, and Reality*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2010]

Summary

Our Interests and Future Research

- DMRG: Time: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1103.5391>
- DMRG: Temperature
<http://physics.aps.org/articles/v2/39>
- DMRG: Dynamics DMRG as an cluster solver

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