



RG flow is Lindbladian  
evolution



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**Results:** A fully nonpert. framework for RG that

- 1) Incorporates & generalizes continuous tensor networks
- 2) Provides net of approx. local QEC codes
- 3) Manifestly erases information, has a zoo of RG monotones

RG flow eq: Lindblad master eq.

In fact, high-energy people already know it

**Exact RG of Polchinski applied to density matrices**

## Motivation: Why is this interesting?

- 1) Unifies diff. approaches to RG
  - Tensor Network RG
  - Momentum shell integration
  - Holographic RG
- 2) Generalizes cont. Tensor networks to interdigit regime
- 3) Generalizes connection between holographic RG, radial direction & QEC to general QFT
- 4) Makes the info. loss along the RG & RG monotonic manifest (new C-theorem?)

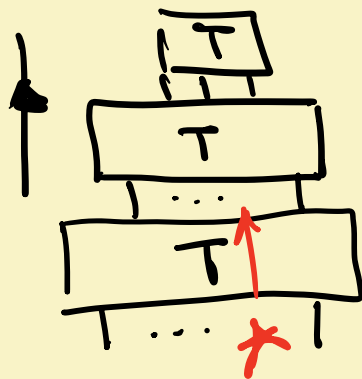
## Outline

- 1) Review of approaches to RG on a lattice  
Problems in the continuous limit
- 2) RG is a net of approx. local QEC codes
- 3) ERG For density matrices is given by Markov master eq. (Lindbladian)

# 1) Approach to RG on lattice

State RG: ! Kadanoff's spin-blocking

Real-space



1st connection

to error correl:



net of Approx. Local classical GC code

local UV errors: noise IR data is protected

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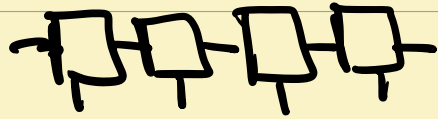
Properties:

- isometric
- Multi-layer

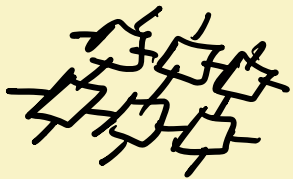
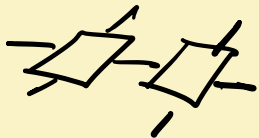
subalgebra of observables at each level (scale)

$$A_1 C A_2 C A_3 C \dots C A_\infty$$

local UV errors become exponentially weak in the IR;



Partition Function



DMRG (1d Quaton)

white

effective action  
Coarse-graining partition function

Levin, Nave

Partition function of classical 2d model

or

Path-integral of 1d quaton system  
(SVD)

Problems of 1 & 2 & 3

- Remaining short range correl.
- do not capture near criticality physics

Near Criticality: emergent discrete geom.

1. MERA  
Vidal



2. Tensor network renormalization (TNRG)  
Vidal, Evensby

TNR yields MERA on the boundary

→ MERA

TNR → Euclidean Path integral

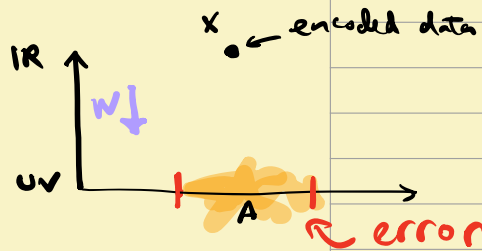
# Approx. local QEC in MERA

Kim, Kastoryano

$$\frac{l_{UV}}{l_{IR}} = e^s$$

$$W: \mathcal{H}_{IR} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{UV}$$

isometries:  $\begin{cases} \text{disentangles} \\ \text{coarse grainings} \end{cases}$



CMERA

$$R(\mathcal{O}_U) = W^\dagger \mathcal{O}_U W \quad \text{scaling map}$$

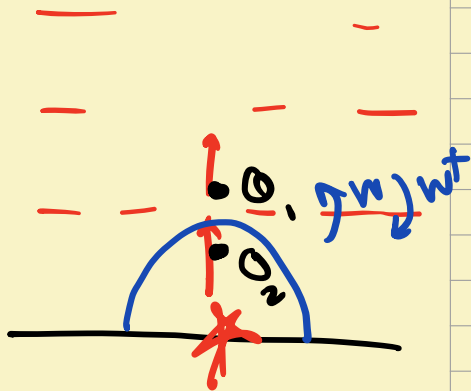
$$R(\mathcal{O}_\Delta) = e^{-s\Delta} \mathcal{O}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{conf. primary}$$

dimensions:  $\downarrow$  conf. dimension

RG flow of local density matrices  
is a superoperator whose eigenstates  
are conf. primaries



# Holographic RG Flow



- RG flow is radial evolution  
de Boer, Verlinde, Verlinde

building on RT formula

- QEC in Holography

Almheiri, Dong, Harlow

A net of QEC codes protected  
against UV noise (erasure)

Knill-Laflamme eq.

$$\mathbb{P} \otimes_2 \mathbb{P} \simeq \mathbb{P} \quad \text{approx. Knill-Laflamme}$$

$$w^\dagger w = \mathbb{P}$$

# Continuum Limit

Near cont. phase transitions  
correl. length  $\rightarrow \infty$  cont. limit

Haegeman, et. al.

CMGRA; unitary tensor network

Evenly, Vidal

CTNR:

$$\phi_{\hat{\Lambda}}(x) = \int \mu_{\hat{\Lambda}}(x-y) \phi_{\hat{\Lambda}}(y)$$

\* both free & including even part.  
interaction proved hard

$\rightarrow$  still proposal:

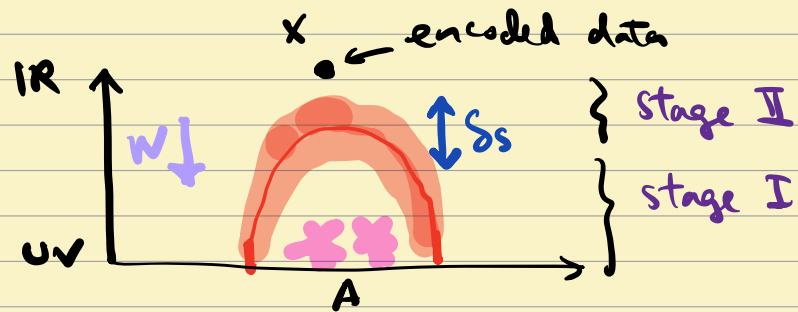
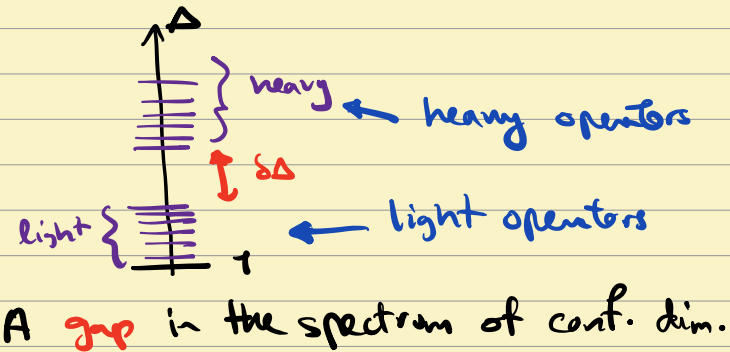
\* Tadashi & friends: motivated by holography

CTNR  $\rightarrow$  CMGRA  
Vidal, Evenly

## 2) cMERA is a net of approx. local QEC codes (2112.05099)

error:

$$\int_{g \in A} \mathcal{O}_H(g) f(g)$$



Stage I: support of operators  
shrink exponentially fast

Stage II: norm of the heavy  
operator falls off exponentially  
fast with the gap

# State vs. Partition function RG

State RG : real space  $P(\mu; \Lambda)$   
 $P(\mu; \Lambda)$

$$\mu = e^{-s} \Lambda \quad \partial_s P_s = \dots \quad \partial_s P_s = \dots$$

Partition function RG :

effective  $\partial_s Z[\mu; \Lambda]$

$\log Z = S_{\text{eff}}$  quantum

free energy classical

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Path-integrals with  
boundaries give states

3) Exact RG: nonpert. RG in cont. limit

Polchinski

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \int (\partial_\mu \phi) K^{-1} \left( \frac{-\partial^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) (\partial^\mu \phi) + S_{\text{int}} + \int J \phi$$

smooth cutoff

$$K^{-1} \left( \frac{p^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \phi(-p) \phi(p)$$

for  $\frac{p^2}{\Lambda^2} \gg 1$   $S_{\text{free}} \gg 1$

$$e^{-S_{\text{free}}} \rightarrow 0$$



$$0 = \Lambda \partial_\Lambda Z = \int D\phi \left( \Lambda \partial_\Lambda S_0 + \Lambda \partial_\Lambda S_I \right)$$

$$G^{-1} = K^{-1} \delta^2$$

$$\wedge \partial_{\wedge} S_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta \phi} \cdot \wedge \partial_{\wedge} G \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta \phi}$$

Schwinger-Dyson  $\odot \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta \phi} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{O}}{\delta \phi} - \odot \frac{\delta S_I}{\delta \phi}$

$$\wedge \partial_{\wedge} S_I = -\wedge \partial_{\wedge} S_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta S_I}{\delta \phi} \wedge \partial_{\wedge} G \frac{\delta S_I}{\delta \phi} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \frac{\delta^2 S_I}{\delta \phi \delta \phi} \wedge \partial_{\wedge} G \right)$$

$\beta$ -Function

↙

$$D_\Lambda^2 = \kappa^{-1} \left( z^2 \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) (-\partial_t^2 + \vec{\nabla}^2)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \kappa(s) = 0 \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \kappa(s) = 1$$

$$S[\phi] = -\frac{1}{2z^{d-2}} \left( \int_{\mathcal{M}} \phi \cdot D^2 \phi - \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \phi \cdot \kappa^{-1} \partial_t \phi \right)$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \Lambda \rightarrow e^{-s} \Lambda$$

$$\text{Step 2: (sym): } z \rightarrow e^s z$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow e^s \Lambda$$

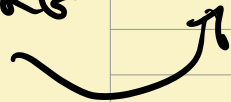
$$\phi \rightarrow e^{s \frac{(d-2)}{2}} \phi$$

$$\langle \phi | \Omega[\Lambda, z] \rangle = \langle e^{s \frac{(d-1)}{2}} \phi | \Omega[\Lambda e^s, e^s z] \rangle$$

# ERG for wavefunctionals

Fliss, Leigh, Parnikar

ERG



acts as unitary flow  
on the boundary Hilbert  
space

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diff. regul. for  $\partial_t$  &  $\vec{\nabla}$

$$\vec{D}^2 = -K_0^{-1} \partial_t^2 + R_s^{-1} \vec{\nabla}^2 \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K_0}{R_s}} \rho$$

Majic

CMERA

Zoo, Garahl, Vidal



under the RG two steps

$$\partial_s \langle \varphi | \Omega[\sigma] \rangle = \langle \varphi | \left( -\frac{\tau_m}{m} \left( \tilde{\beta}[\sigma] \frac{\delta}{\delta \sigma} + i\hat{K} + i\hat{L} \right) | \Omega[\sigma] \rangle \right)$$

↑  
sources

$$\tilde{\beta}[\sigma] = J \cdot \Lambda_{\Lambda}(\bar{0}^{-2}) \cdot J$$

$$\hat{K} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\vec{x}, \vec{x}'} g_{\frac{1}{2}}(\vec{r}) \left( \hat{\varphi}(\vec{x}) \hat{\pi}(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) + h.c. \right)$$

$$g_{\frac{1}{2}} = \Lambda_{\Lambda} \log K$$

$$\hat{L} = \frac{d-2}{4} \int_{\vec{x}} \left( \hat{\varphi}(\vec{x}) \nabla^2(\vec{x}) + h.c. \right)$$

+

$\rho$

$$\frac{d}{ds} \rho = i [\hat{k} + \hat{L}, \rho] + D(\rho)$$

+

$$D(\rho) \sim \begin{aligned} & \varphi \rho \varphi \quad \pi \varphi \pi \quad \varphi \rho \pi \\ & \pi \rho \varphi - \underbrace{\{ \varphi^2, \rho \} - \{ \pi^2, \rho \}}_{\text{normalization}} \end{aligned}$$

$$a(\vec{p}; \lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{g(\vec{p}; \lambda)}{2}} \hat{\varphi}(\vec{p}) + i \sqrt{\frac{1}{2g(\vec{p}; \lambda)}} \hat{a}(\vec{p})$$

↑  
effective at each  $\lambda$

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \pm 1$$

$$\Delta_{\pm}(\vec{p}) = \Lambda_{\pm} \gamma K\left(\frac{p^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$$

$$D(\rho) = \int_{\vec{p}} \Delta_{\pm}(\vec{p}) \left( \sigma_{+} (a_{\rho} a^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{a^{\dagger} a, \rho\}) + \sigma_{-} (a^{\dagger} a - \frac{1}{2} \{a, \rho\}) \right)$$

• Comments:

emission

absorption

$\sigma_{+}, \sigma_{-}$ : quantum detailed balance

• Lindblad eq (scale-dep.)

• Markovian; memoryless

dissipative: any dist. measure is a monotone

## Conclusion:

ERG flow of density matrices is given by Lindblad master eq.

this unifies various approach to RG, connects to quantum Error Correction codes & makes the ERG monotones manifest.