

Renormalization group using tensor networks

Slava Rychkov

Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques,
Bures-sur-Yvette



Renormalization Group from 1970s until today

- **Perturbative RG in field theory**

 - 4- ϵ expansion [Wilson, Fisher 1972](#)

 - Still a valuable tool

- **Numerical RG for quantum Hamiltonians**

 - Kondo model [Wilson RMP 1975](#)

 - Flawed for lattice models => DMRG/MPS [White 1993](#)

- **Real-space RG for stat-phys spin models**

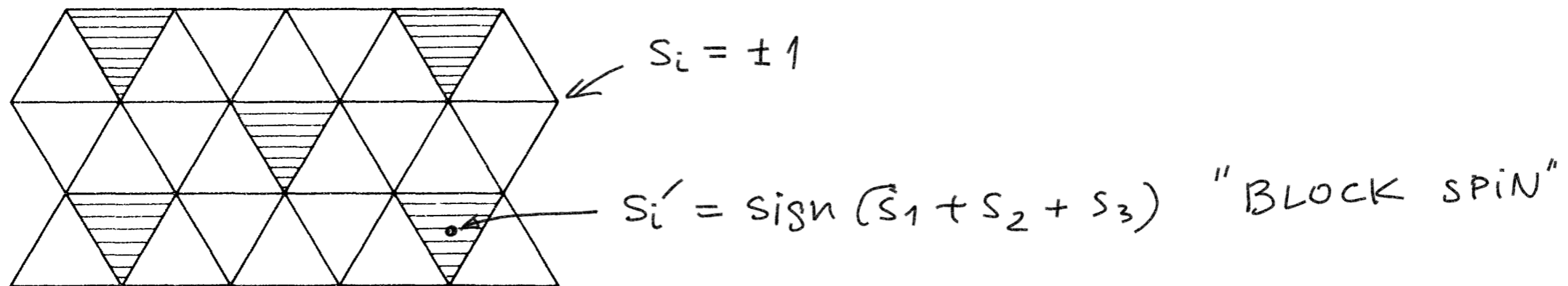
 - [Niemeijer, van Leeuwen 1973](#), [Wilson RMP 1975](#)

 - Nothing fundamentally wrong, but challenging to implement

- ...

Real-space RG

Niemeijer, van Leeuwen 1973



$$\sum_{\{s\}} e^{H[\{s\}]} = \sum_{\{s'\}} \underbrace{\sum_{\{s\} \text{ compatible with } \{s'\}} e^{H[\{s\}]}}_{\text{RG}} =: e^{H'[\{s'\}]}$$

Z is preserved

Conjecture: For any **fixed** $\{s'\}$, the system of $\{s\}$ spins has finite correlation length **even @ $T=T_c$** (e.g. Kennedy 1992)

$\Rightarrow H'[\{s'\}]$ exists and is short-range (with exponential tails)







But to compute it one must perform an infinite sum over $\{s\}$:(

Results for the 2D Ising critical exponents, triangular lattice

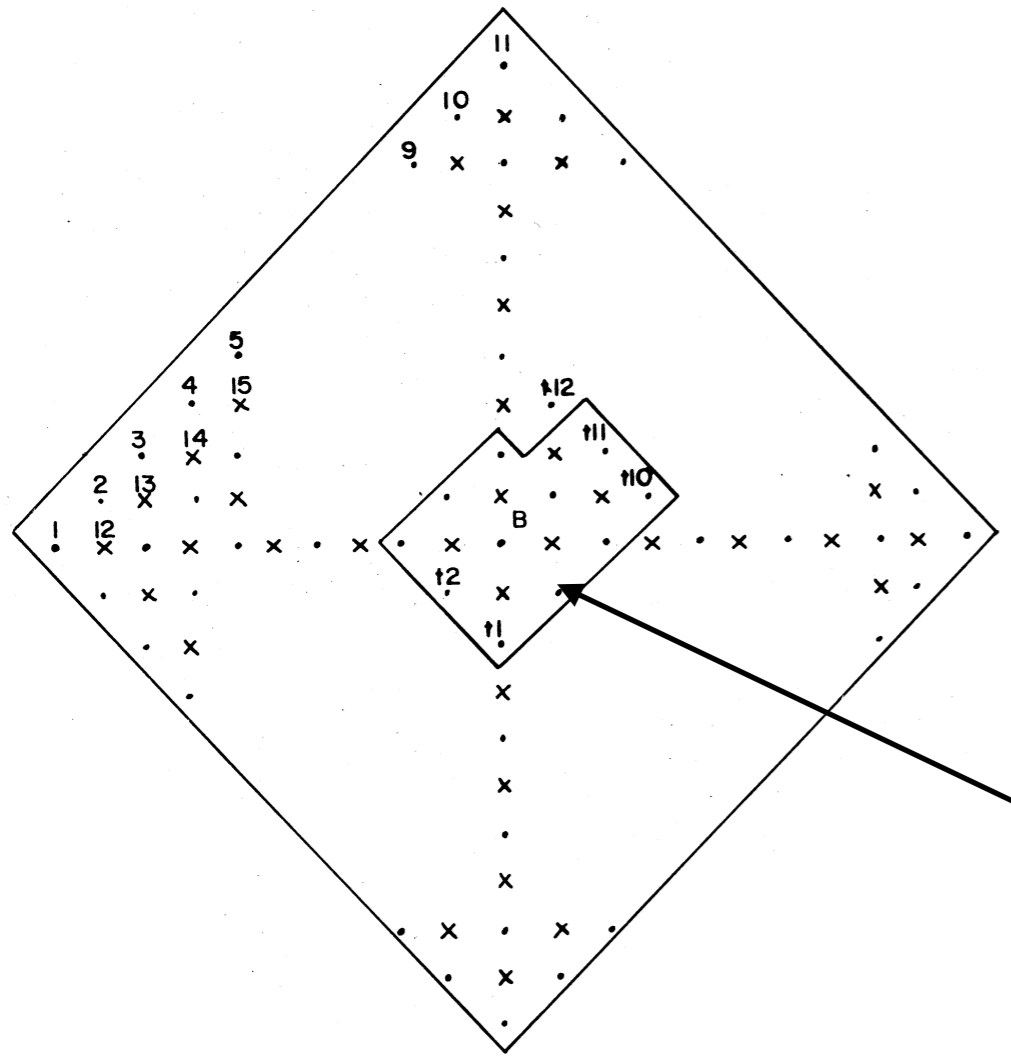
482 Th. Niemeijer and J. M. J. van Leeuwen

Domb et al, vol.6

TABLE IV. The eigenvalues and critical temperatures in the successive approximations as obtained by Niemeijer and van Leeuwen (1973). The results of the six-cell cluster have been obtained by Subbarao (1975).

CLUSTER	γ_T	γ_H	K_C
	.7908	2.0217	0.365
	.7394	1.6688	0.255
	.8177	1.7562	0.253
	1.0518	1.9232	0.281
	1.0518	1.9219	0.281
	1.0281	1.87375	0.27416
EXACT	1.000	1.87500	0.27465

11 couplings



217 couplings fitting into this region

Fixed-point Hamiltonian:

TABLE III. Dominant spin couplings in the fixed point Hamiltonian for $K^* = 0.2817$. The spin numbering shown in Fig. 7.

Spin product	Coefficient	Spin product	Coefficient
$s_1 s_2$	0.281758	$s_1 s_2 s_3 s_5$	0.001762
$s_1 s_5$	0.095562	$s_1 s_2 s_5 s_6$	-0.001615
$s_1 s_2 s_4 s_5$	-0.017242	$s_2 s_4 s_6 s_7$	-0.001045
$s_1 s_3$	0.008422	$s_1 s_3 s_4 s_5$	-0.001023
$s_1 s_6$	0.004704	$s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4$	0.000736
$s_2 s_4 s_6 s_8$	-0.004008	$s_1 s_3 s_4 s_6$	-0.000612
$s_2 s_5 s_6 s_7$	0.001803	$s_1 s_5 s_6 s_7$	0.000575

Critical exponents:

K^*	ρ^*	η	ν	h_1
0.2384	1.030	0.17	0.95	0.0287
0.2618	1.041	0.23	0.984	0.0085
0.2897	1.044	0.2486	1.002	0.0013
0.2992	1.04421	0.2497	0.998	0.0012
0.3104	1.04422	0.2497	0.988	0.0021
0.3306	1.04417	0.2494	0.97	0.0059

Open problem 0

Reproduce/improve Wilson's results on modern computers

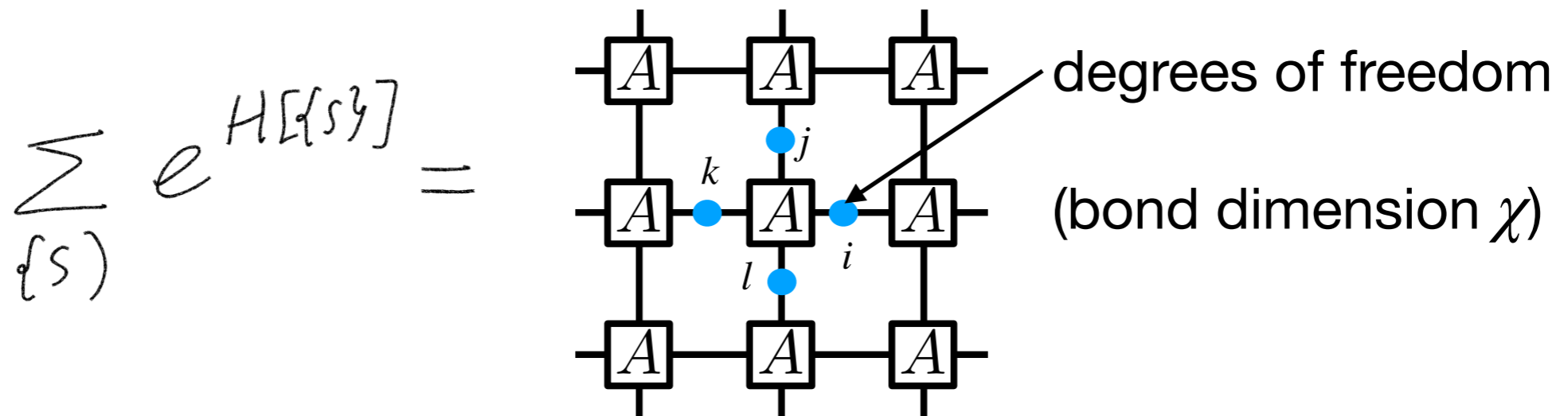
“Calculations were performed on a CDC 7600 computer:
one iteration of the transformation required 3.3 sec”

“The author found many ways to increase the efficiency
of the program<...>
Further details of simplifications like this will
not be reported here.”

RG using tensor networks

Levin-Nave PRL 2006
talk Levin 2007

Rewrite Z as a tensor network contraction



Exercise: Do this for NN Ising model, with $\chi = 2$.

At least 2 inequivalent solutions, one rotating the lattice by 45 degrees

RG map: $\mathcal{R} : A \mapsto A'$

so that $Z(A, N \times M) = Z(A', \frac{N}{b}, \frac{M}{b})$

b - scale factor

Real space RG

Tensor network RG

$$Z' = Z$$

$$H \rightarrow H'$$

$$A \rightarrow A'$$

H becomes nonlocal \Rightarrow truncate

$$\chi' > \chi$$

\Rightarrow truncate

Measure of error of free energy

sum of truncated couplings

$$H = \sum_X K_X \prod_{x \in X} S_x$$

$$\|H\| = \sum_{X \ni x_0} \frac{|K_X|}{|X|}$$

change in Hilbert-Schmidt norm (?)

$$\varepsilon = \|A' - A'_{\text{trunc}}\|$$

See Griffiths in Domb et al vol. 1

Open problem 1

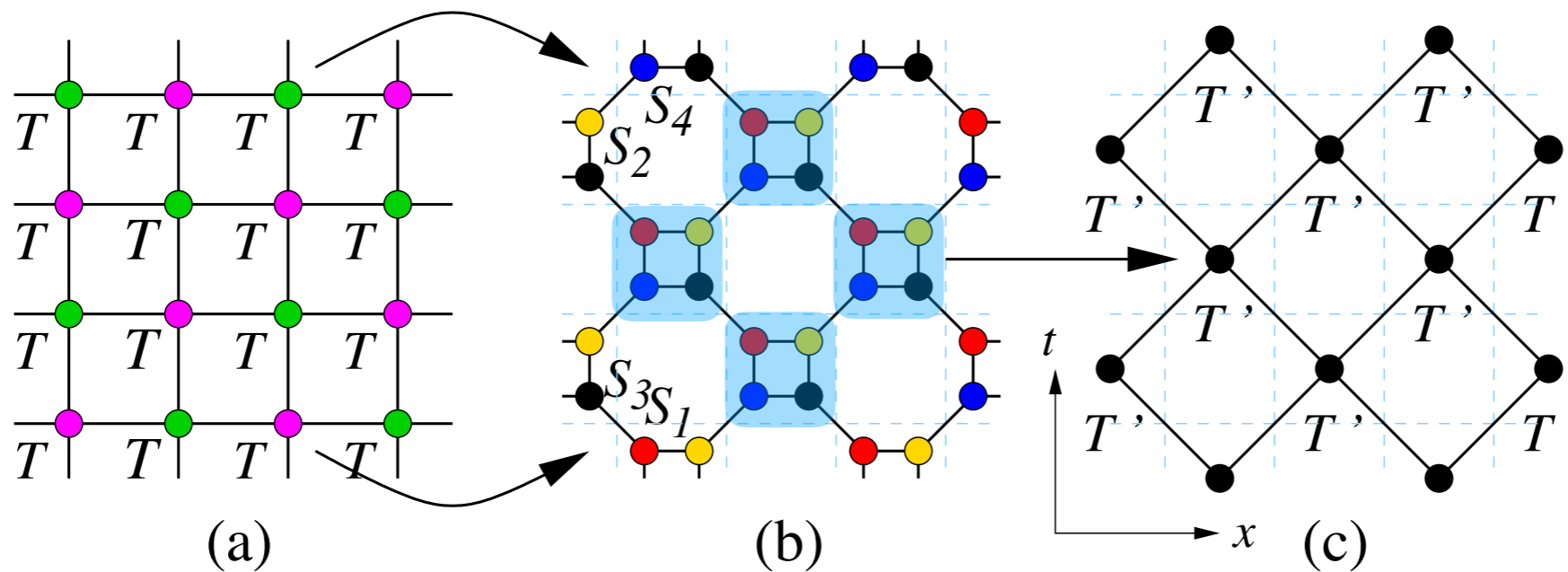
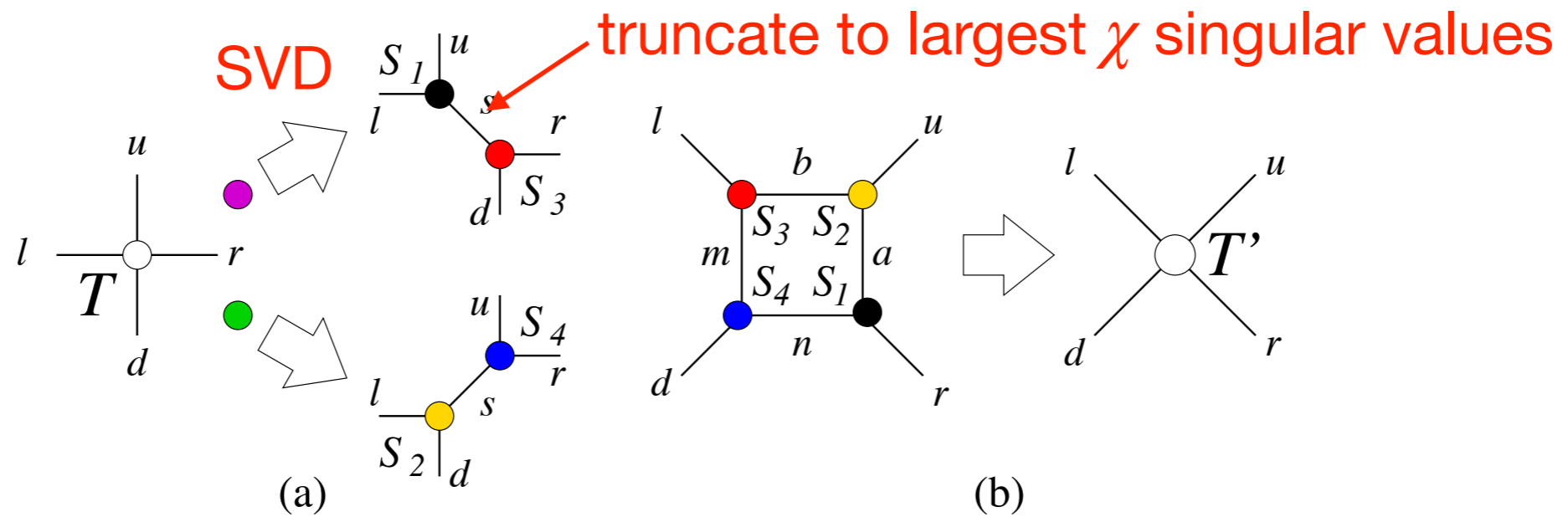
Conjecture: Free energy estimate for tensor networks

Under some natural conditions on A , free energy per site:

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^2} \log Z[A, L \times L]$$

exists and varies continuously in A in Hilbert-Schmidt norm

TRG algorithm of Levin-Nave



Figs from Gu, Wen 2009

TRG illustrates features of all tensor RG algorithms:

- Perform local changes in the network structure without modifying Z
- Truncate (in numerical studies) *Hope:* local truncation error small => global will also be small
- **Reconnection** - tensors are regrouped/contracted in a different order
- The number of tensors is reduced

Free energy computation using TRG

2D NN Ising @ $\beta \Rightarrow$ transform to TN; write initial tensor as

$$A_{NN}(\beta) = e^{f_0} A_0, \quad \|A_0\| = 1$$

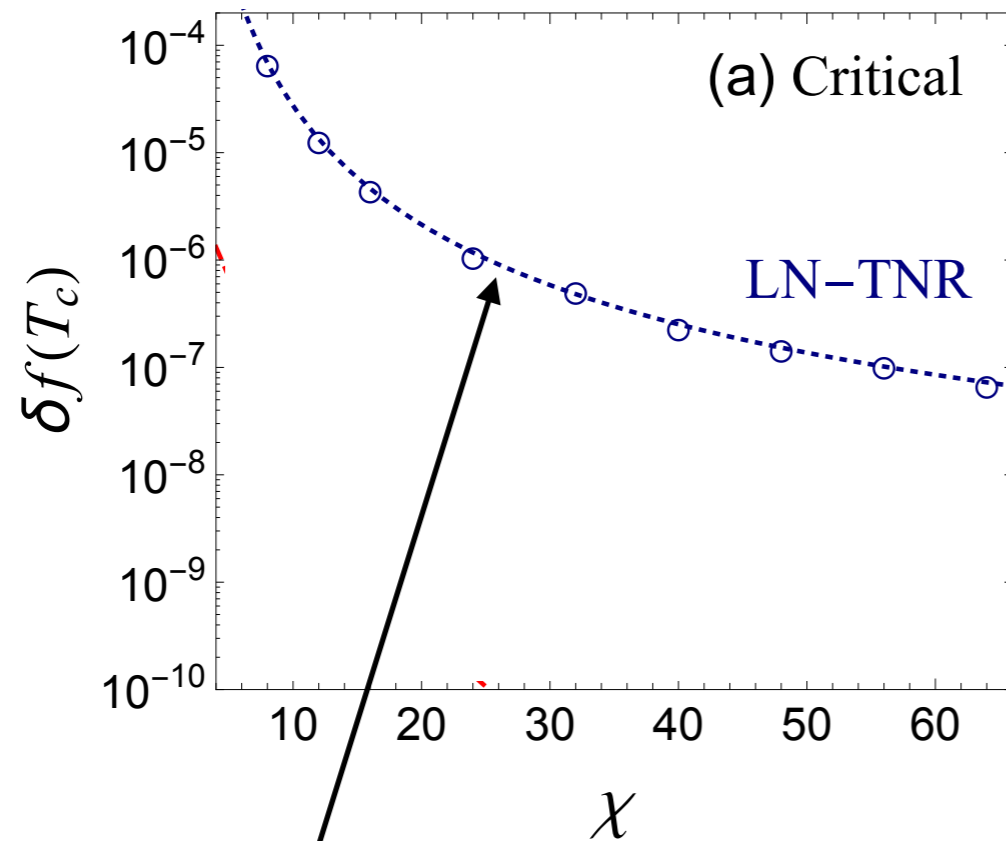
$$\begin{aligned} & Z(e^{f_0} A_0, L \times L) \\ &= e^{f_0 \text{Vol}} Z(A_0, L \times L) \\ &= e^{f_0 \text{Vol}} Z(A'_0, \frac{L}{b} \times \frac{L}{b}) \quad \downarrow \text{TRG} \\ &= e^{(f_0 + \frac{f_1}{b^2}) \text{Vol}} Z(A_1, \frac{L}{b} \times \frac{L}{b}) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A'_0 &= e^{f_1} A_1 \\ \|A_1\| &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

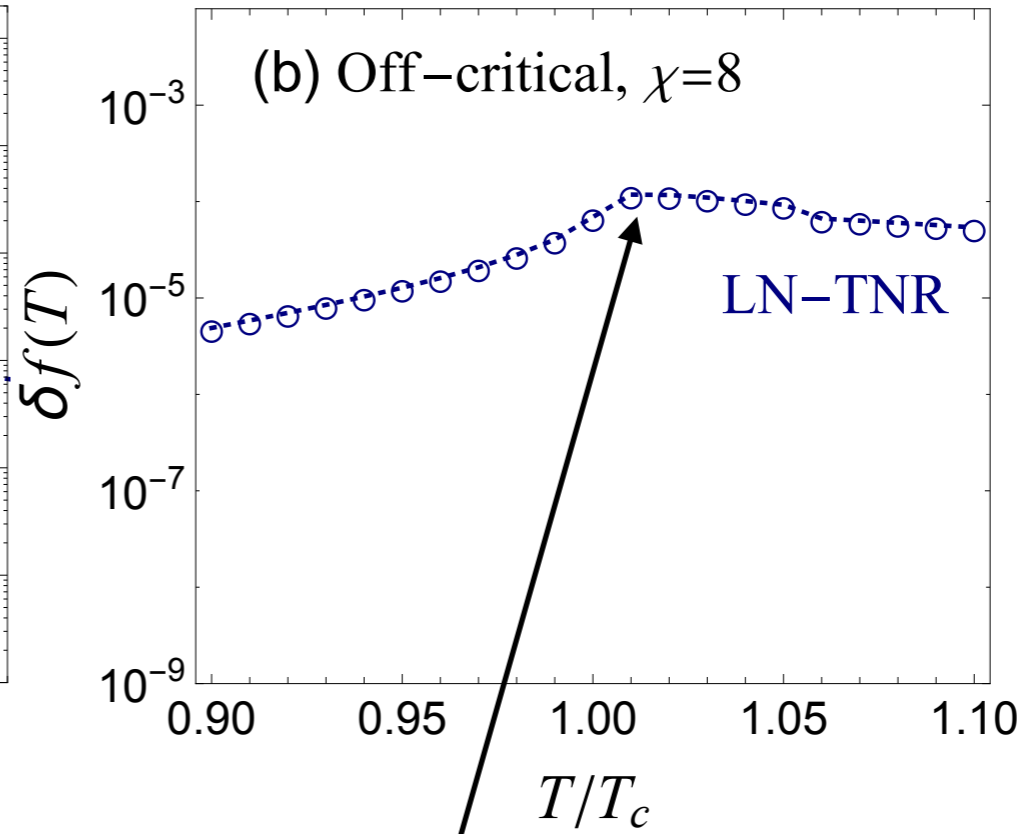
$$\Rightarrow f = f_0 + \frac{f_1}{b^2} + \frac{f_2}{b^4} + \dots$$

Error in free energy of TRG

Fig from Yang, Gu, Wen 2015



Error decreases with χ

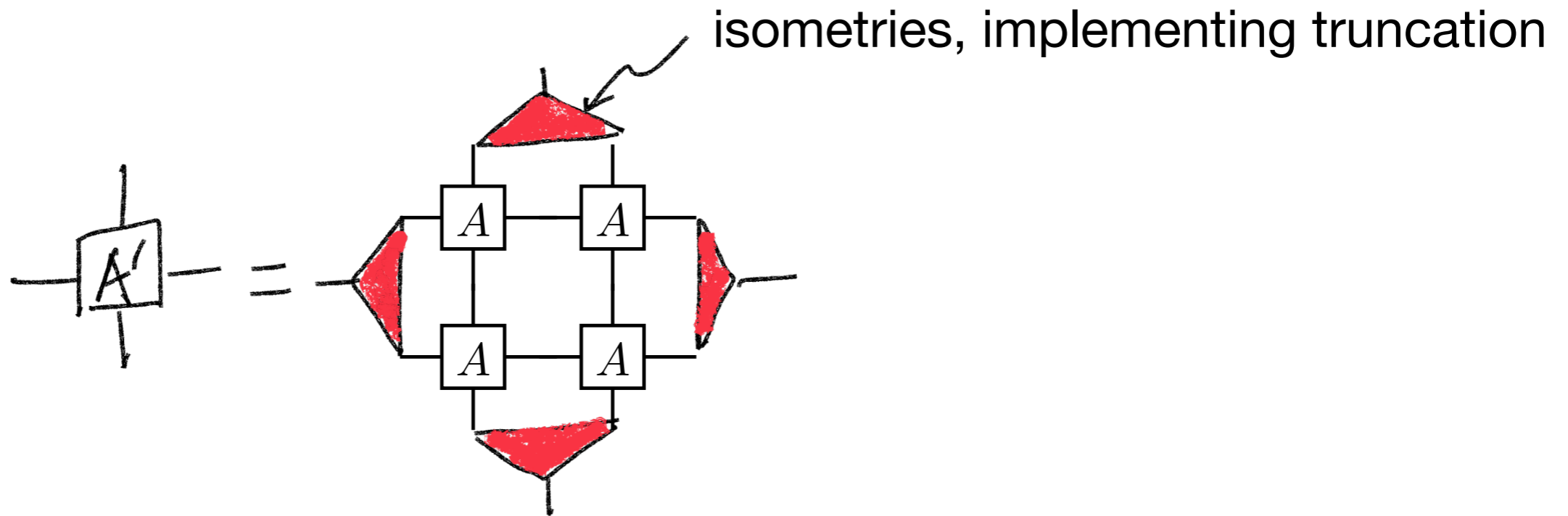


$T=T_c$ is more challenging

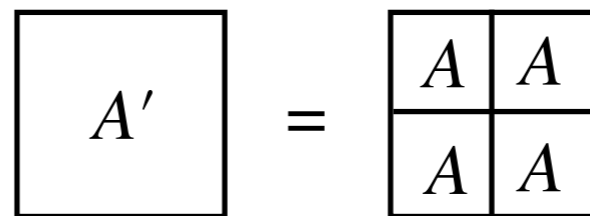
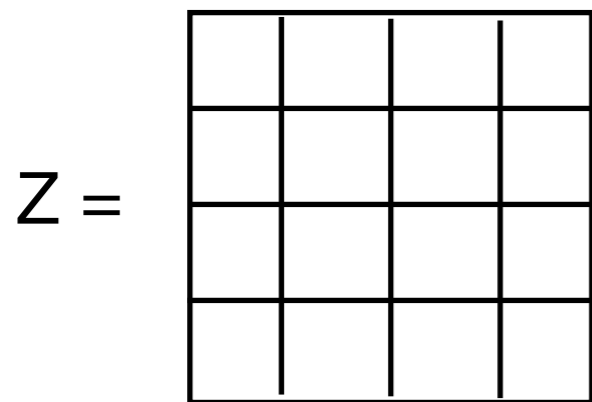
Entanglement structure of TRG talk by Levin, 2007

TRG belongs to a group of algorithms without disentangling (like SRG, HOTRG...)

In essence, they all carry out simple coarse-graining step:



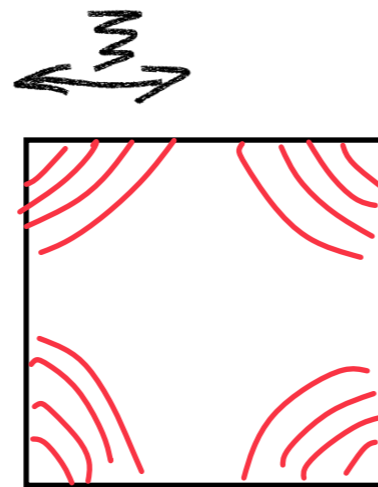
Without truncation:



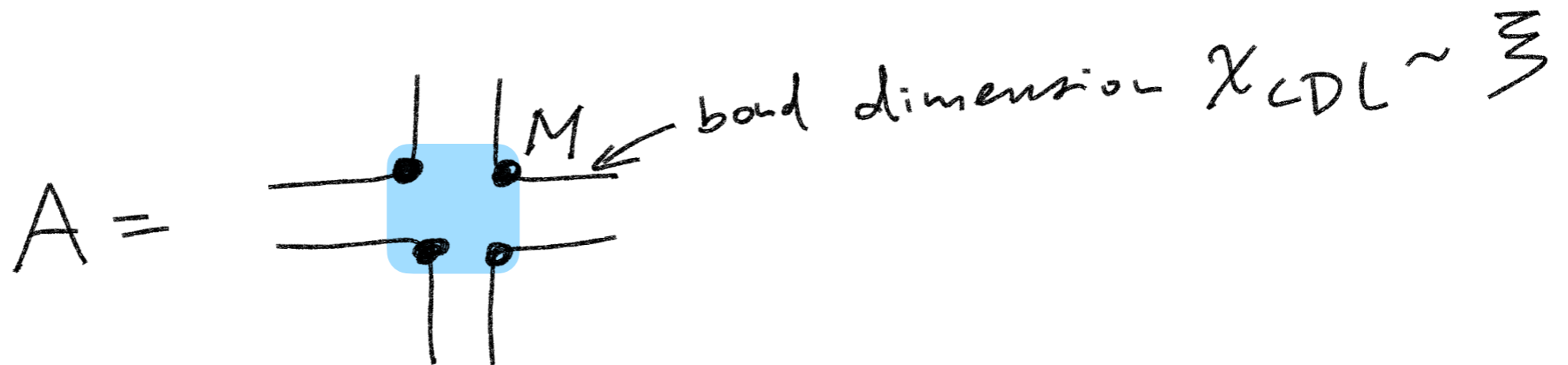
View the tensor obtained after many RG steps as a “ground state wavefunction”

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \alpha \\
 \delta \quad \square \quad \beta \\
 \gamma
 \end{array}
 \quad =: \Psi_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$$

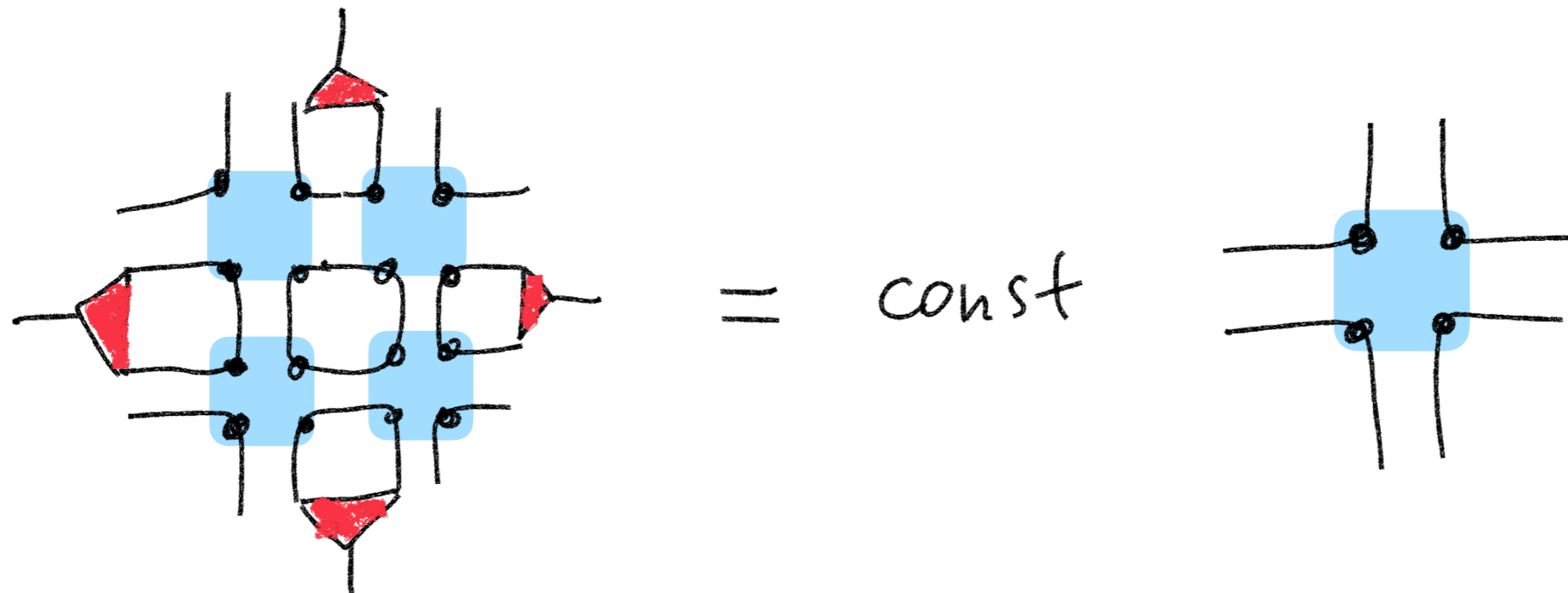
In the gapped phase we expect to be able to decompose Ψ as



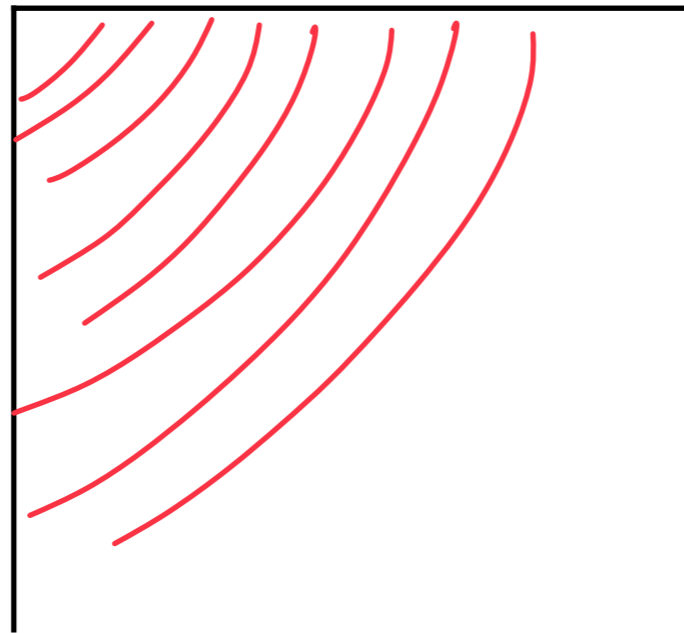
This is called **Corner-Double-Line (CDL)** tensor:



CDL tensors are fixed points of the coarse-graining step:

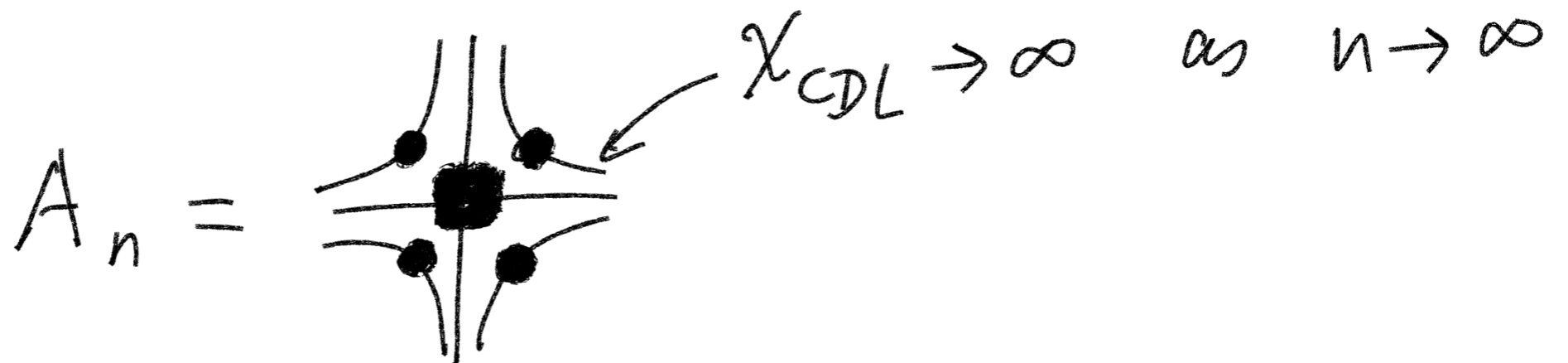


At the critical point $\xi = \infty$



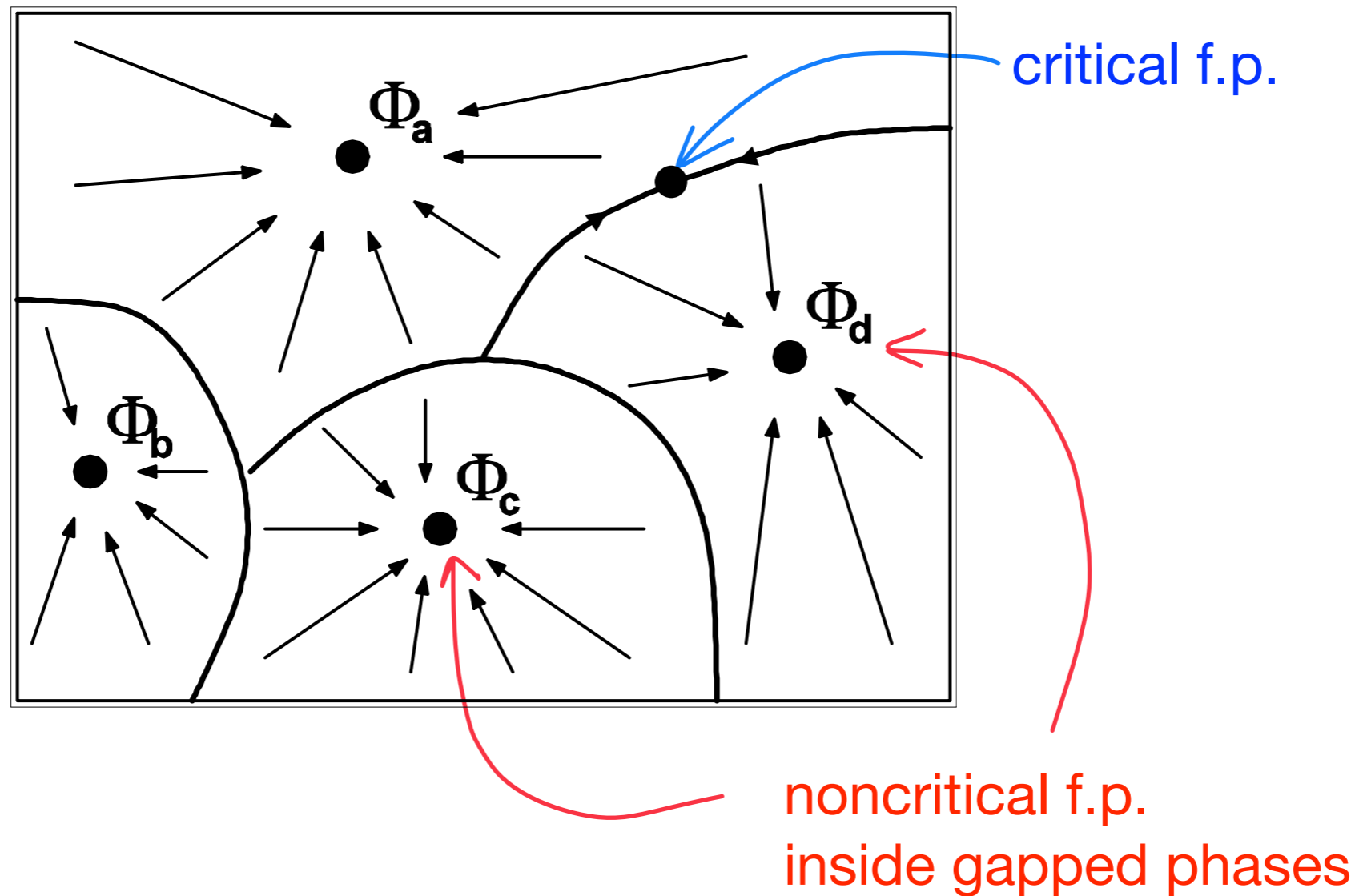
By conformal invariance, Corner Transfer Matrix has spectrum quantized in units of $1/\log L \rightarrow 0$
[Peschl, Truong 1987](#)

We expect after many RG steps:



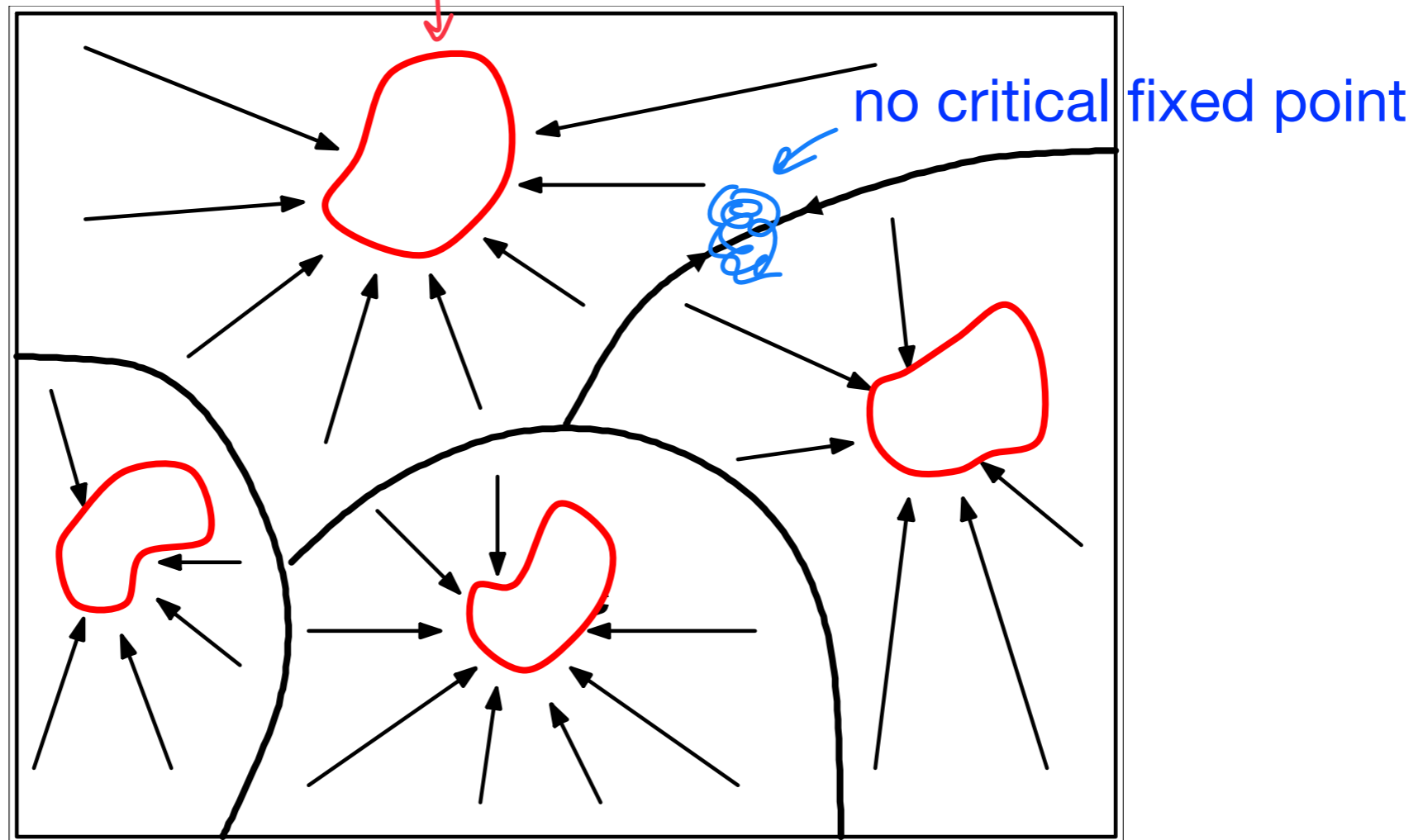
Fixed point structure (desired)

Want to use (tensor) RG fixed points to classify phases:



Instead, Fixed point structure for TRG

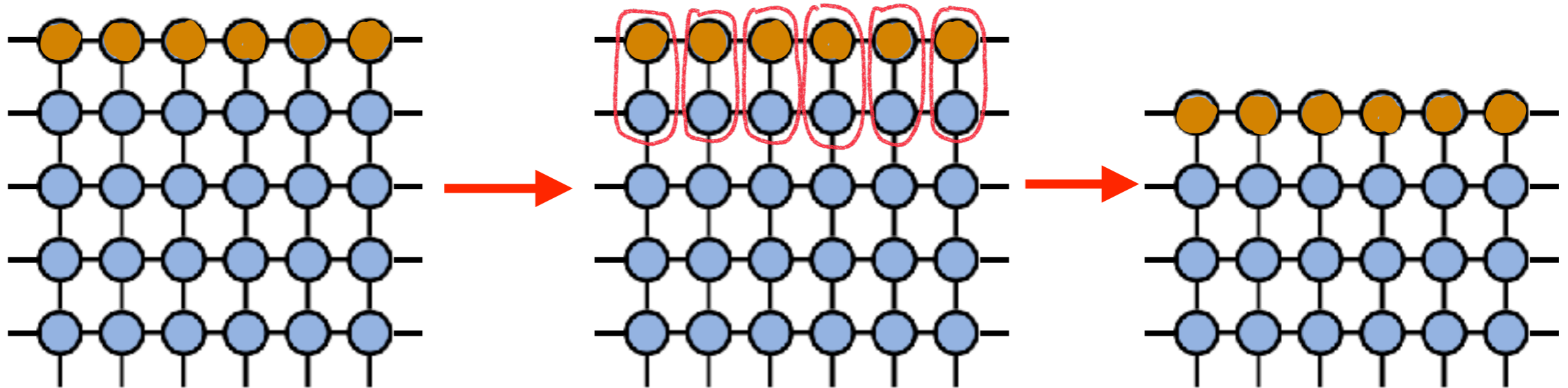
CDL tensors fixed points



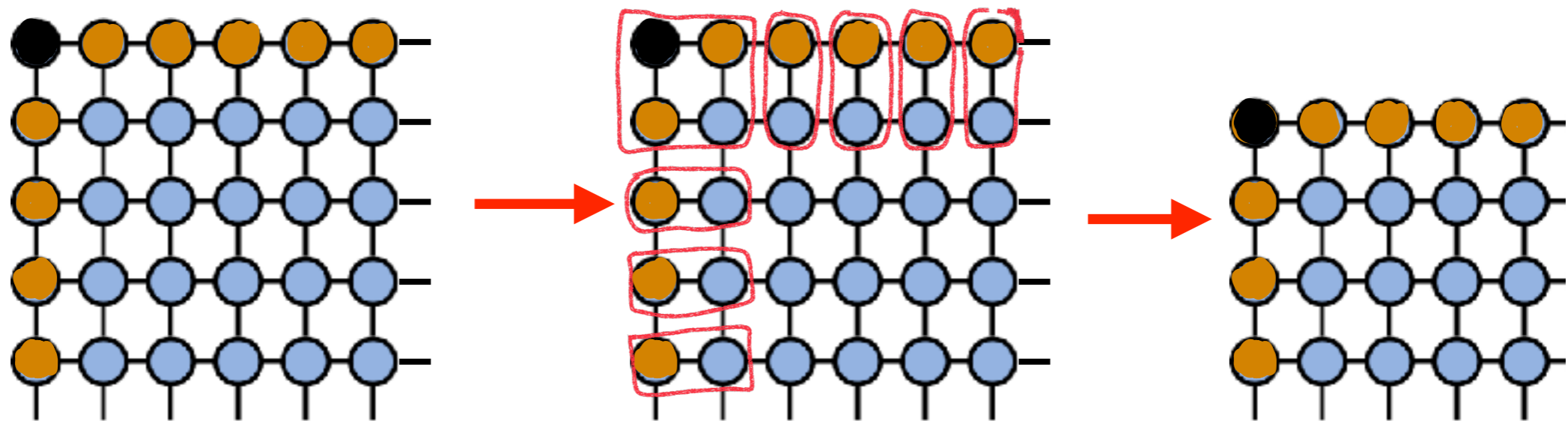
To resolve these issues, need disentangling (L2)

Other techniques for calculating partition functions

Row-by-row:



Corner transfer matrix:



May also benefit from disentanglement