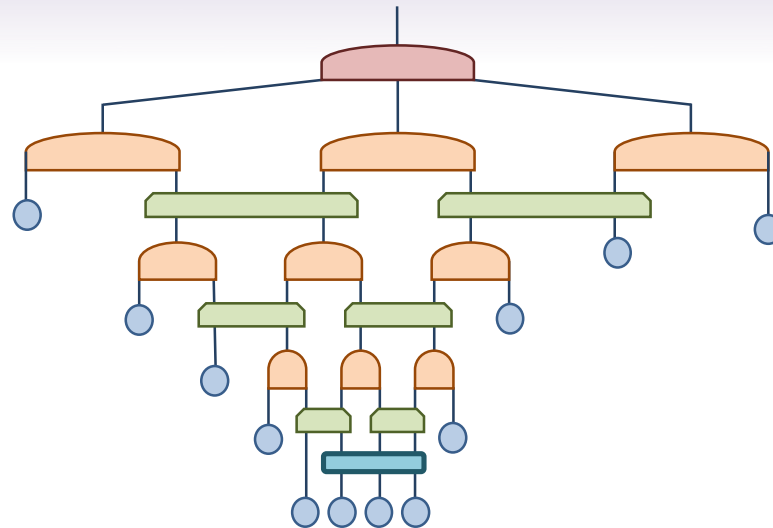


# Efficient use of tensor networks for tasks in supervised learning



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## Before we begin... some advertisements...

### **Faculty Position - Tenured/Tenure Track Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics (Georgia Institute of Technology)**

The School of Physics of the Georgia Institute of Technology invites applications for a faculty position in Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Physics and related areas in Quantum Information Sciences (QIS), beginning Fall 2020. Appointments at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor level will be considered, depending on qualifications.

### **Postdoc Position – within my group (Georgia Institute of Technology)**

I am looking for a postdoc to join my group sometime in 2020 for a 2 year term. Applicants should have interest and experience in either tensor networks or some area of quantum info.

Come be my research gremlin in the  
tensor network mines of Atlanta!

# Before we begin... some more advertisements...

Research website: [www.tensors.net](http://www.tensors.net)

A website designed to help people get started with the **practical aspects** of implementing tensor network algorithms:

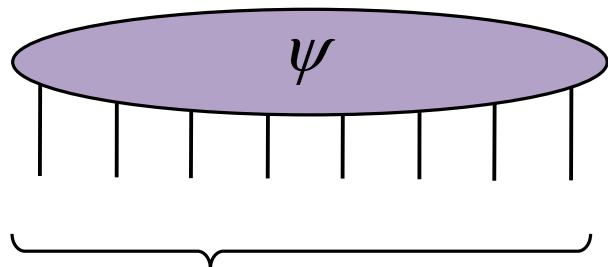
- has tutorials with code examples which detail the basic skills (i.e. contracting a network)
- has example codes of many tensor network algorithms (**Exact Diagonalization, DMRG, TEBD, MERA, boundary MERA, TRG, TNR, PEPS**)
- all codes are available in MATLAB, Python and Julia languages

I have made an app called “TensorTrace” for designing and implementing tensor networks! Beta version available at:

[www.tensortrace.com](http://www.tensortrace.com)

# Big Picture Overview: Tensor Networks

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(describes state of lattice system)

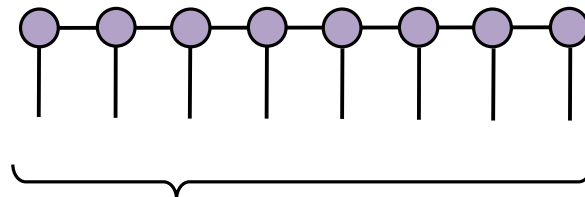


$N$  - body system

Complicated object!  
 $\exp(N)$  parameters



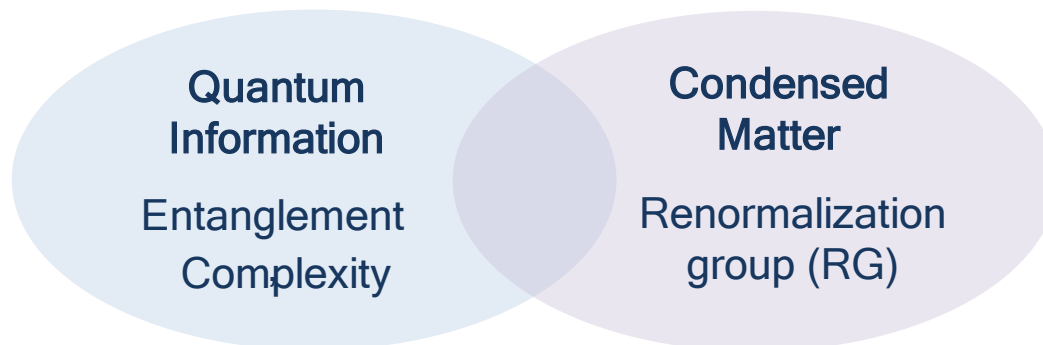
Tensor network  
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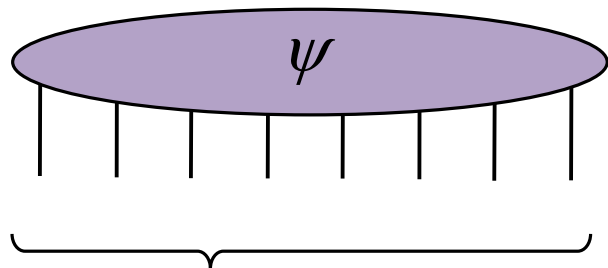
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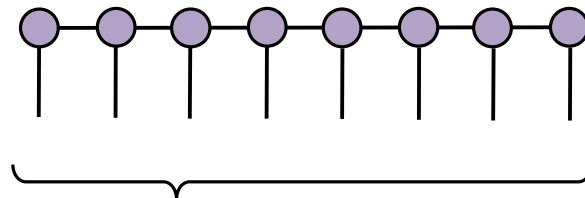


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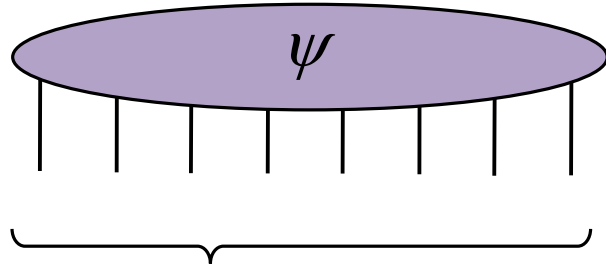
**Practical goal:** efficient **numeric tools** for classical simulation of quantum many-body systems

**Theoretic goal:** better understanding of many-body ground states

- Classification of phases of matter
- Which classes of quantum system can be efficiently simulated?
- Entanglement structure in many-body systems

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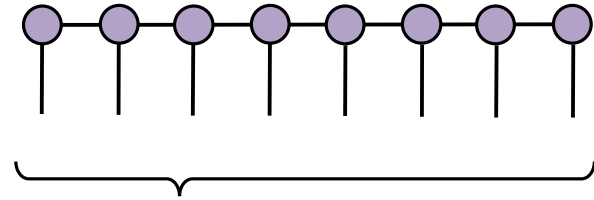


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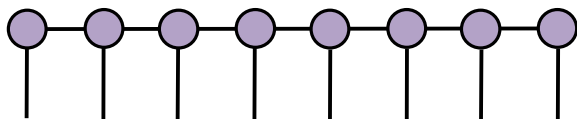
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A tensor network is a **compressed** representation of some **correlated data**

↑  
Compression based on  
tensor decompositions

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Coefficients of a many-  
body wavefunction

# Big Picture Overview: Tensor Networks



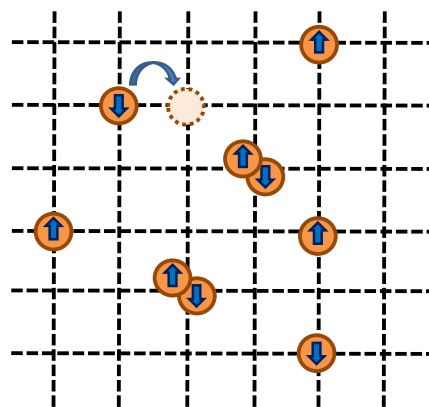
Study of quantum many-body systems

**Tensor Network**

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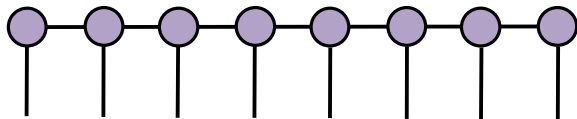
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Tensor network formalism  
has a wide variety of uses!



(e.g. interacting  
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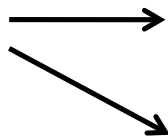


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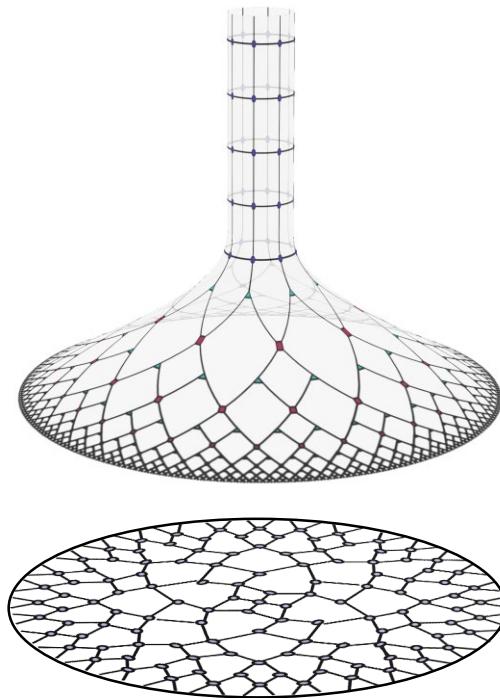
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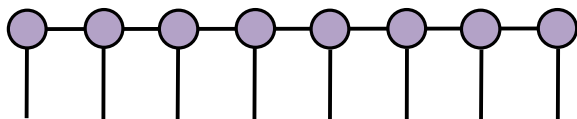
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(network as a discretization  
of space-time)



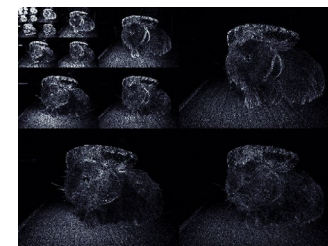
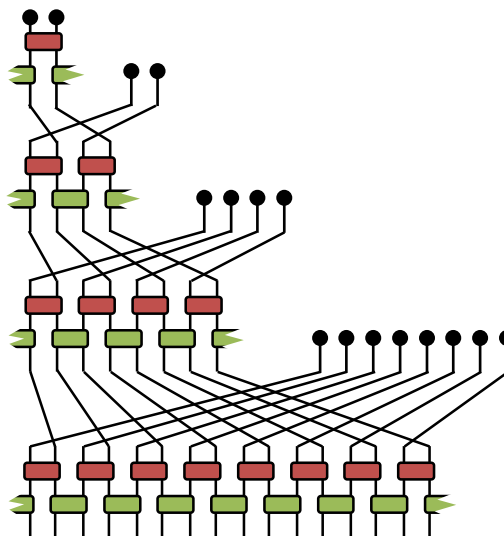
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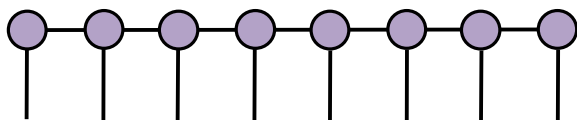
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(e.g. image compression)

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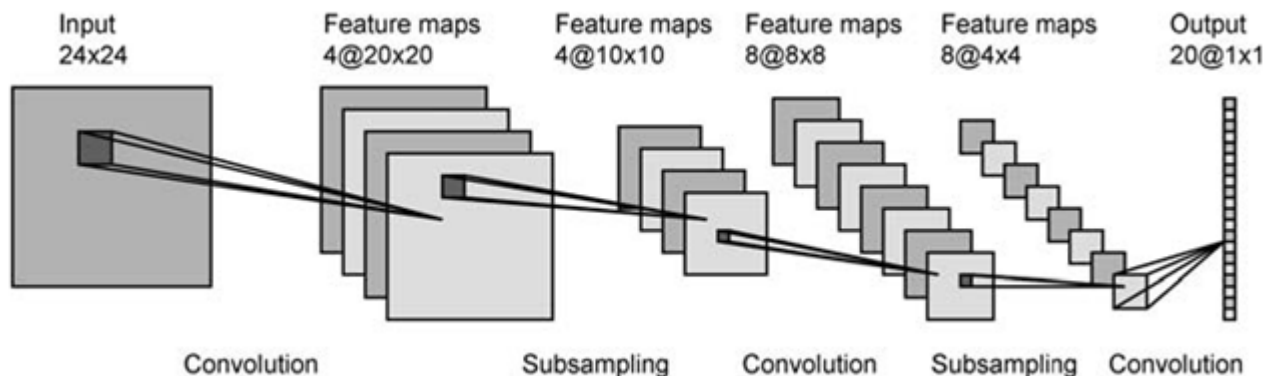
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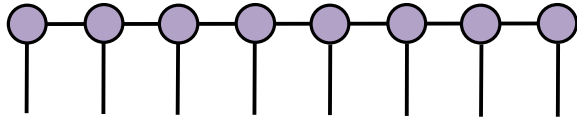
**Machine learning**: neural networks

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(e.g. convolutional neural network)

# Big Picture Overview: Tensor Networks

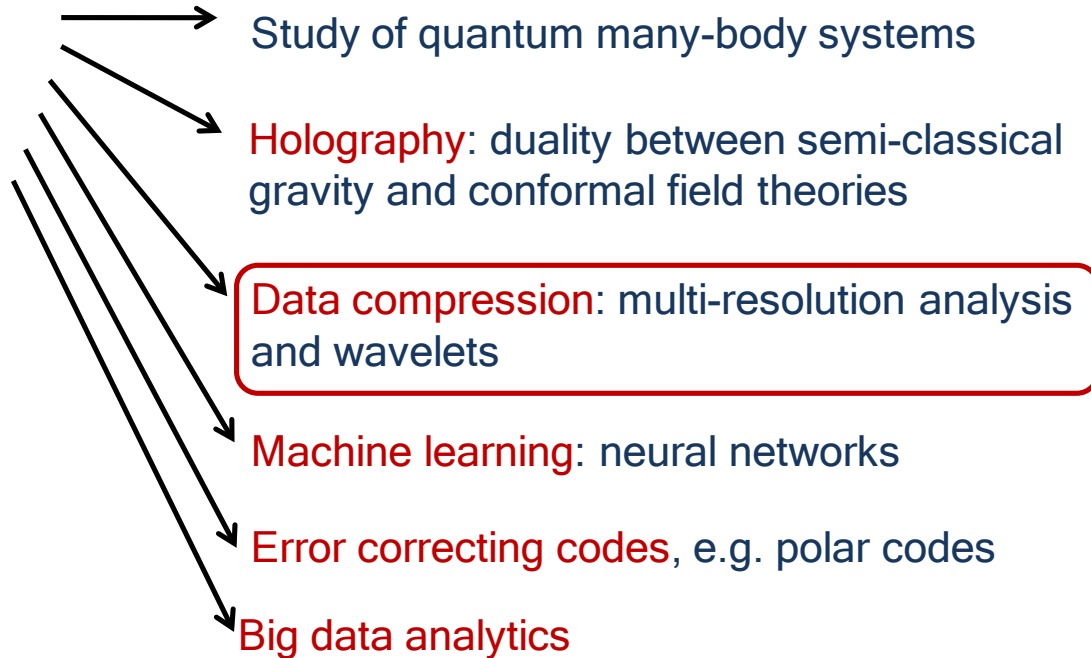


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+ many more!

Ideas developed in the context of **entanglement** and efficient representation of quantum **wavefunctions** are useful in many areas outside of physics

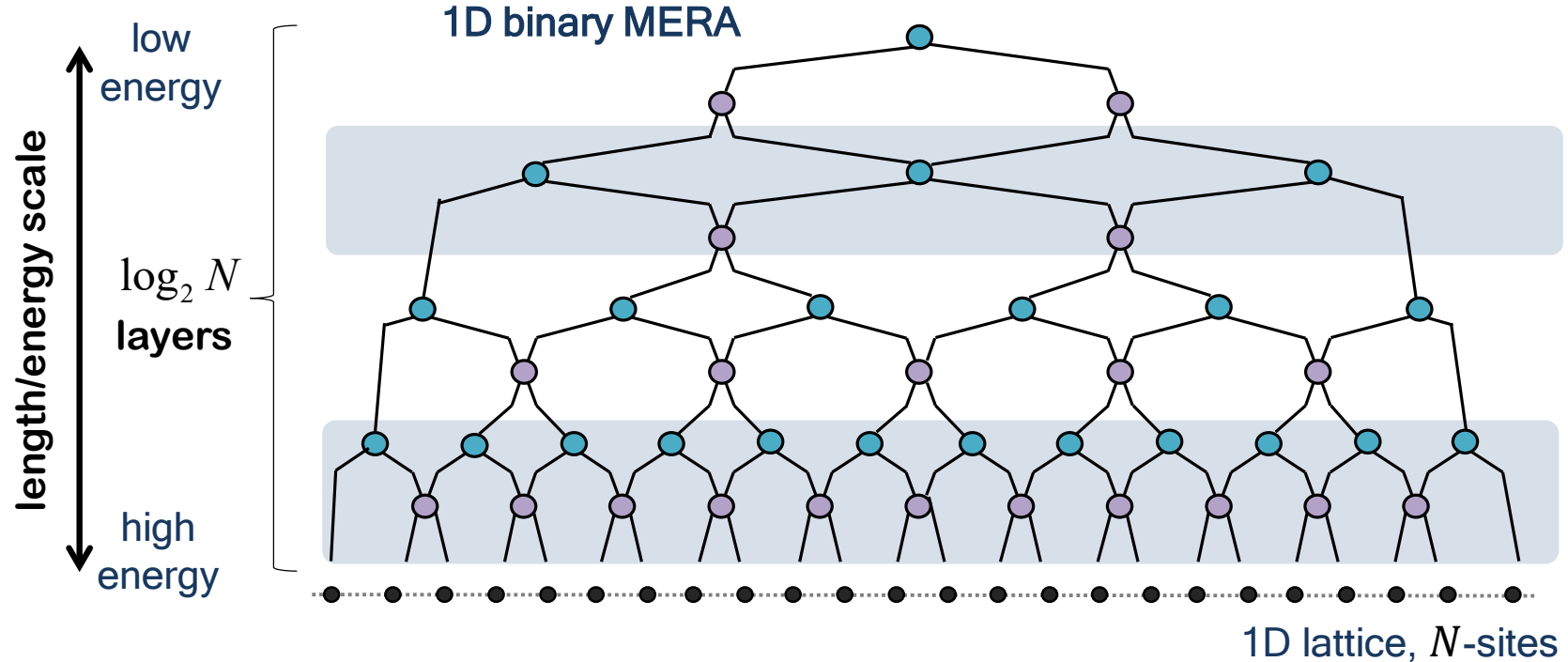
G.E., Steven. R. White, **Phys. Rev. Lett** **116**, 140403 (2016)

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J. Haegeman, B. Swingle, M. Walter, J. Cotlet, G.E., V. Scholz, **Phys. Rev. X** **8**, 111003 (2018)

# Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)

G. Vidal, PRL 101, 110501 (2008)



3-index tensors  
“isometries”



$\chi^3$  parameters

4-index tensors  
“disentangler”



$\chi^4$  parameters

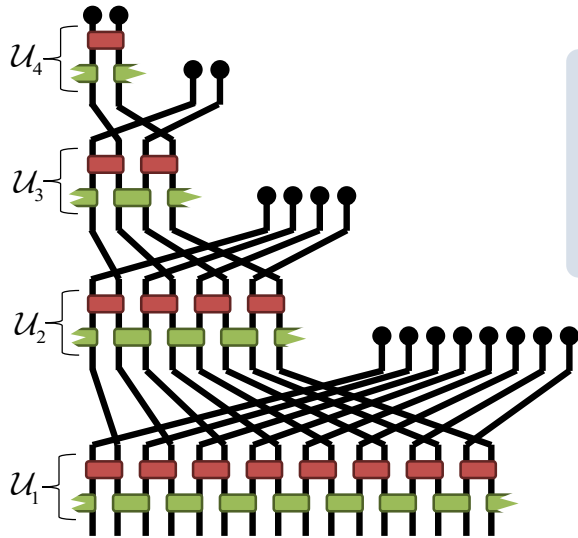
Multi-scale decomposition of the wavefunction:

- lower layers encode **short-ranged** (high energy) properties of the state
- higher layers encode **long-ranged** (low energy) properties of the state

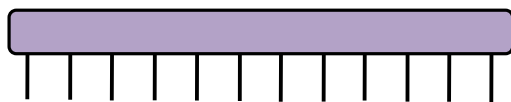
# Wavelets and tensor networks

**MERA** : multi-scale decomposition of many-body wavefunction

Long scale info  $\longleftrightarrow$  Tensor Network  $\longleftrightarrow$  Short scale info



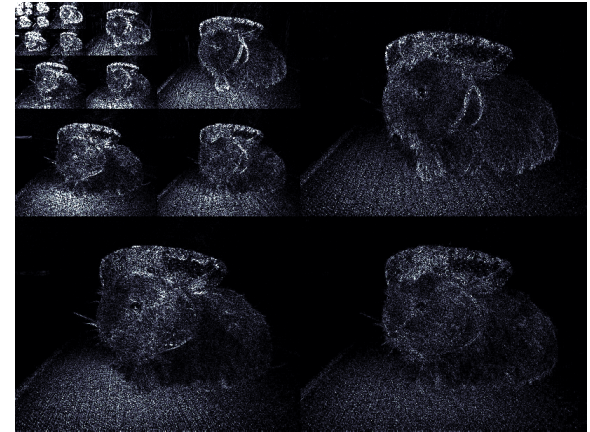
Proposal by **Steve White**: wavelets and MERA are connected



Many-body wavefunction

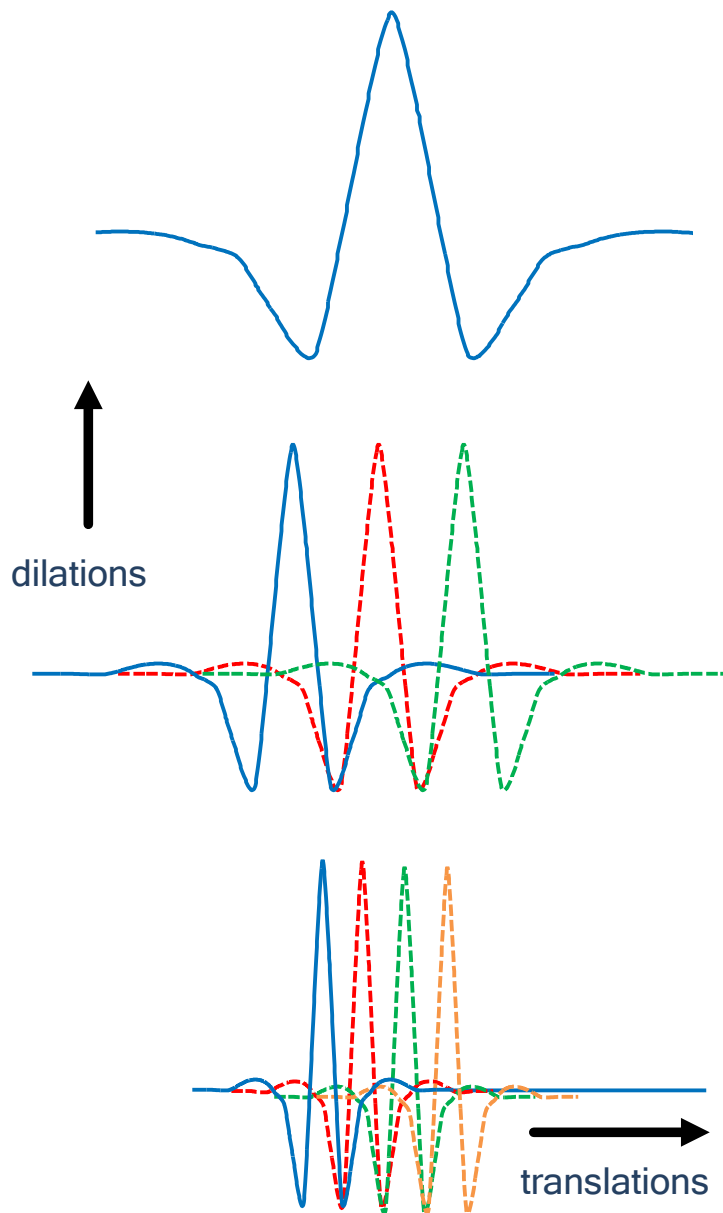
**Discrete wavelet transform**: multi-resolution analysis of classical data

Long scale info  $\longleftrightarrow$  Wavelet basis  $\longleftrightarrow$  Short scale info



Image

# Introduction to Wavelets



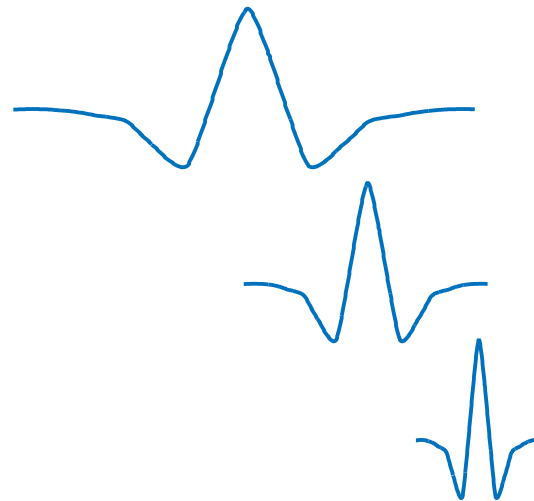
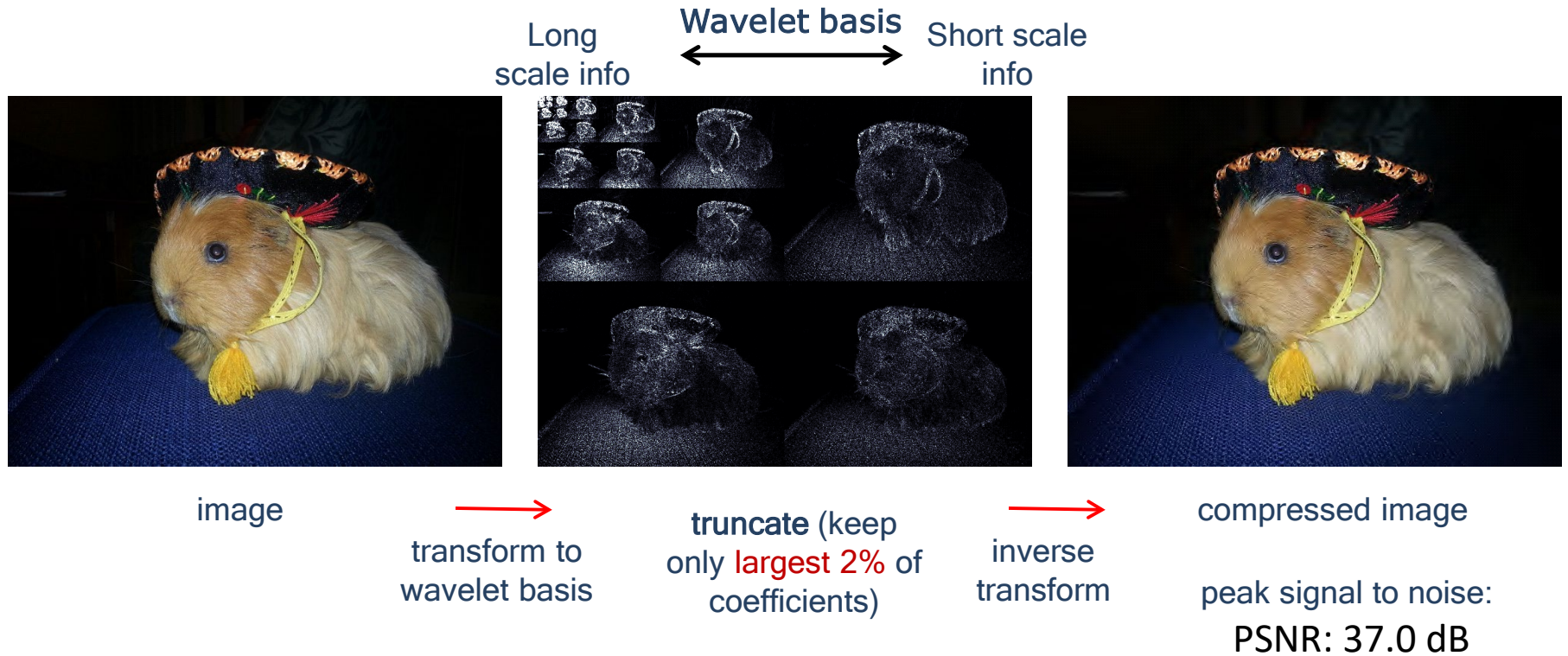
## Wavelet basis

- basis consists of translations and dilations of a wavelet function
- is a multi-resolution analysis (MRA)

**Wavelets** are a **good compromise** between real-space and Fourier-space representations

- compact in **real-space** and in **frequency-space**
- developed by **math** and **signal processing** communities in late 80's
- applications in **signal and image processing**, data compression (e.g. JPEG2000 image format)

# Image compression with wavelets

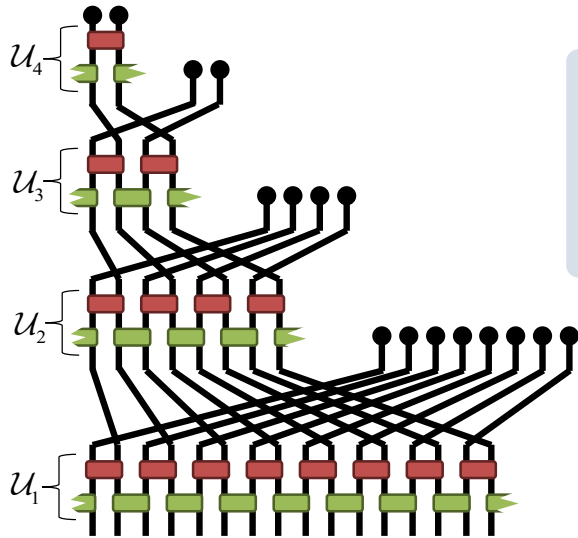


This is the key part of **JPEG2000** format, and many other standards for **image, audio and video compression**

# Wavelets and tensor networks

**MERA** : multi-scale decomposition of many-body wavefunction

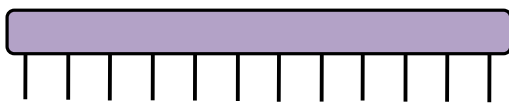
Long scale info  $\longleftrightarrow$  Tensor Network  $\longleftrightarrow$  Short scale info



Many concrete connections can be made



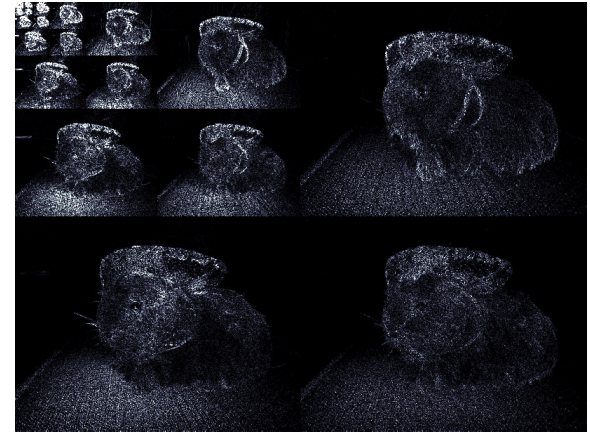
studying these connections proved very useful!



Many-body wavefunction

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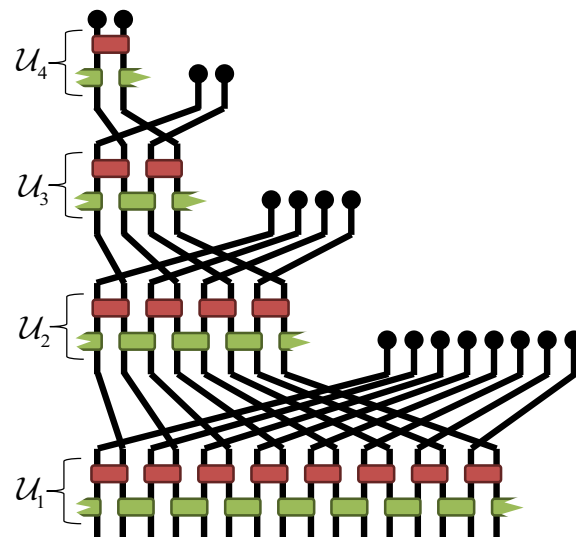
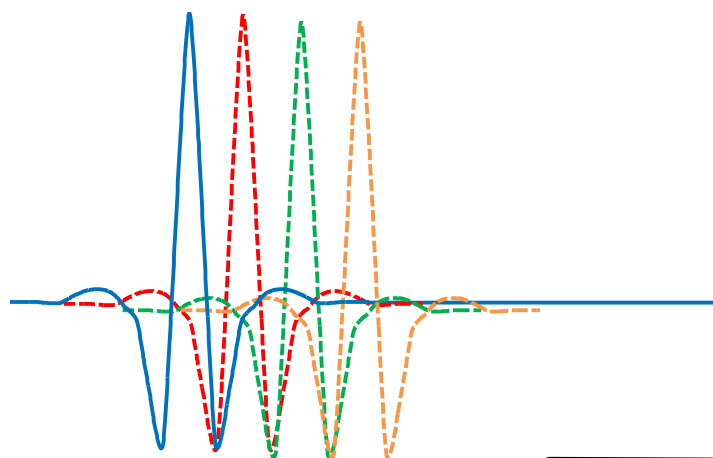
Image



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**Discrete wavelet transform:** multi-resolution analysis of classical data

**MERA :** multi-scale decomposition of many-body wavefunction



First analytic MERA for critical states

G.E., Steven. R. White, **Phys. Rev. Lett** **116**, 140403 (2016)

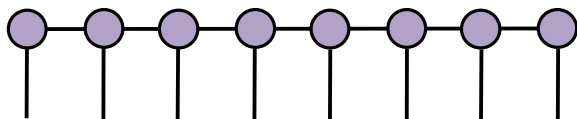
First rigorous error bounds for MERA accuracy

J. Haegeman, B. Swingle, M. Walter, J. Cotlet, G.E., V. Scholz, **Phys. Rev. X** **8**, 111003 (2018)

Ideas from tensor networks used to construct  
**new and improved** wavelet transformations

G.E., Steven. R. White, **Phys. Rev. A** **97**, 052314 (2018)

# Other Applications of Tensor Networks



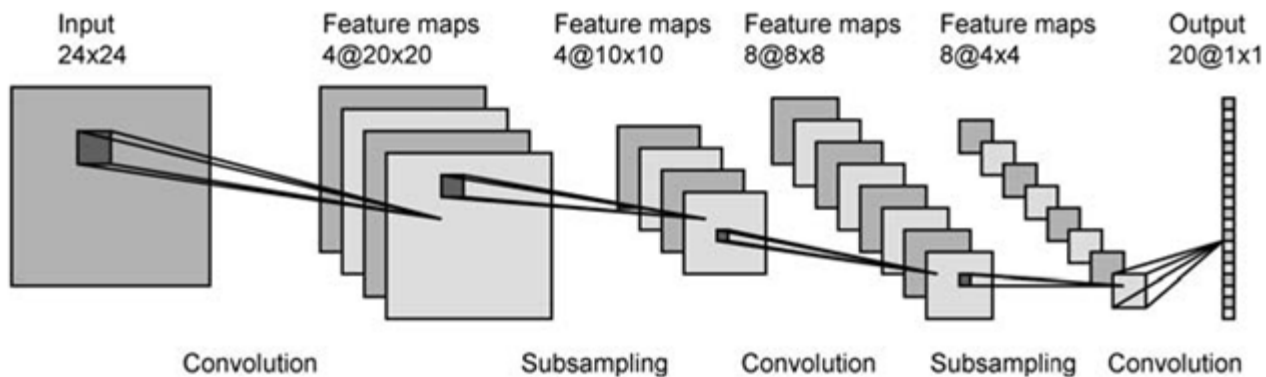
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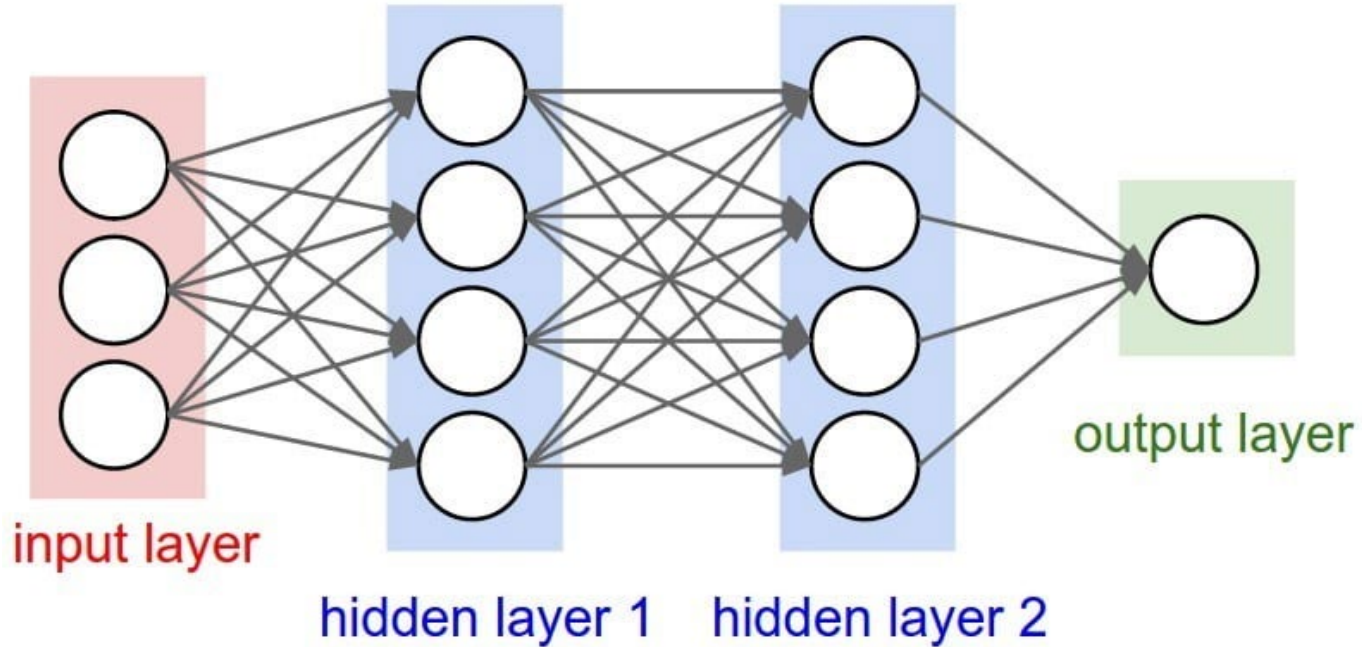
**Data compression**: multi-resolution analysis and wavelets

**Machine learning**: neural networks



# Machine Learning and tensor networks

In recent times deep **neural networks** have been spectacularly successful



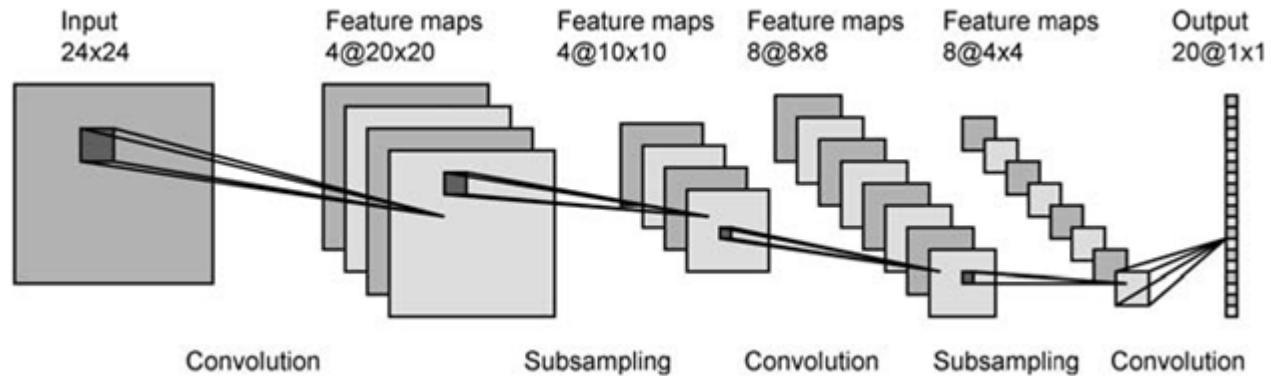
Superficially deep neural networks look very similar to tensor networks. Are there connections?

Can ideas from machine learning be used to **improve simulation algorithms** for quantum systems?

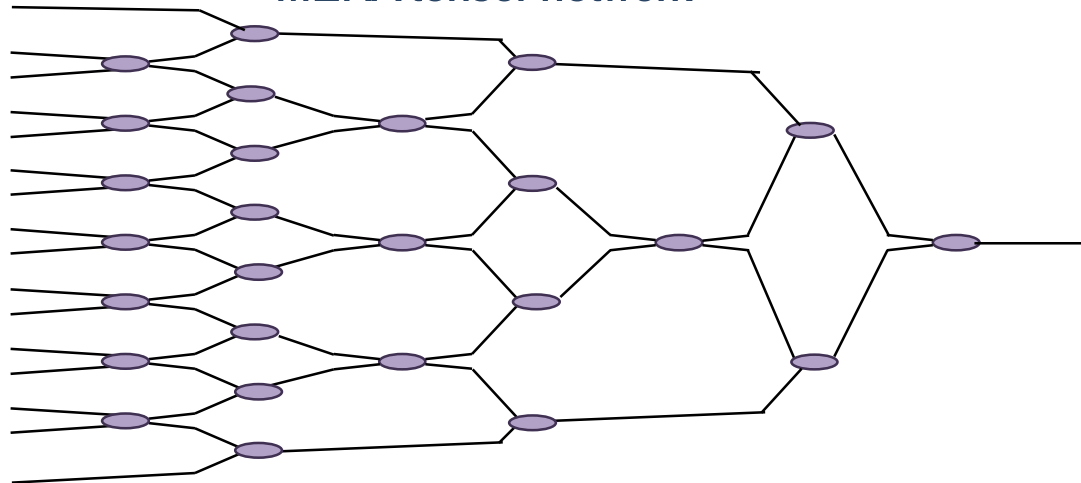
Can ideas from tensor networks be used to **improve machine learning** and neural networks?

# Machine Learning and tensor networks

## Convolutional neural network (CNN)



## MERA tensor network



convolutional neural networks are structurally very similar to MERA tensor network!

# Papers using tensor network machine learning

## Expressivity & priors of TN based models

- Levine et al., "Deep Learning and Quantum Entanglement: Fundamental Connections with Implications to Network Design" arxiv:1704.01552
- Cohen, Shashua, "Inductive Bias of Deep Convolutional Networks through Pooling Geometry" arxiv:1605.06743
- Cohen et al., "On the Expressive Power of Deep Learning: A Tensor Analysis" arxiv:1509.05009

## Generative Models

- Han et al., "Unsupervised Generative Modeling Using Matrix Product States" arxiv:1709.01662
- Sharir et al., "Tractable Generative Convolutional Arithmetic Circuits" arxiv:1610.04167

## Supervised Learning

- Novikov et al., "Expressive power of recurrent neural networks", arxiv:1711.00811
- Liu et al., "Machine Learning by Two-Dimensional Hierarchical Tensor Networks: A Quantum Information Theoretic Perspective on Deep Architectures", arxiv:1710.04833
- Stoudenmire, Schwab, "Supervised Learning with Quantum-Inspired Tensor Networks", arxiv:1605.05775
- Novikov et al., "Exponential Machines", arxiv:1605.03795

# Related uses of tensor networks

## Compressing weights of neural nets (& other models)

*Yu et al., Advances in Neural Information Processing (2017), arxiv:1711.00073*

*Izmailov et al., arxiv:1710.07324 (2017)*

*Yang et al., arxiv:1707.01786 (2017)*

*Garipov et al., arxiv:1611.03214 (2016)*

*Novikov et al., Advances in Neural Information Processing (2015) (arxiv:1509.06569)*

## Large scale linear algebra (PCA/SVD)

*Lee, Cichocki, arxiv: 1410.6895 (2014)*


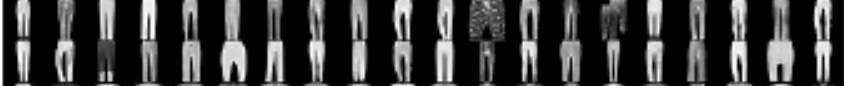








## Feature extraction & tensor completion

*Bengua et al., arxiv:1606.01500, arxiv:1607.03967, arxiv:1609.04541 (2016)*

*Phien et al., arxiv:1601.01083 (2016)*

*Bengua et al., IEEE Congress on Big Data (2015)*

# Machine learning test problem: Fashion MNIST

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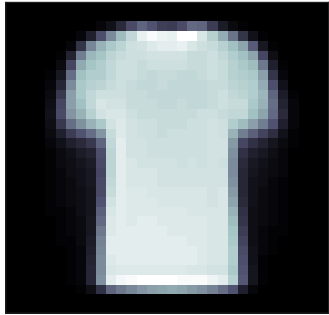
Test Problem:  
Fashion MNIST database

- 10 classes of clothing
- 60,000 training images
- 10,000 test images

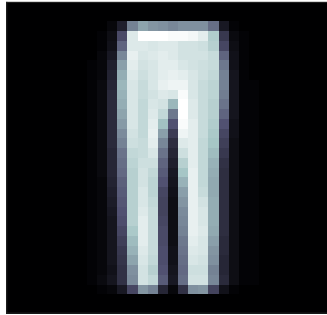
Goal: train a program to properly  
classify the test images

**Simplest approach:** compare test images again the  
“average” of all training images in a given category  
(related to principle component analysis)

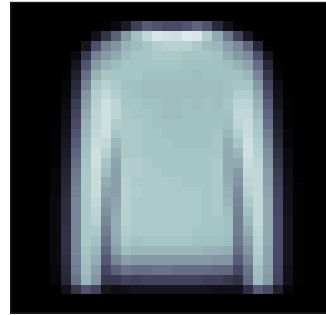
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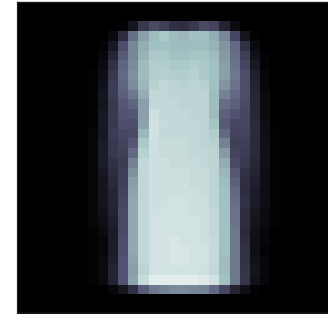
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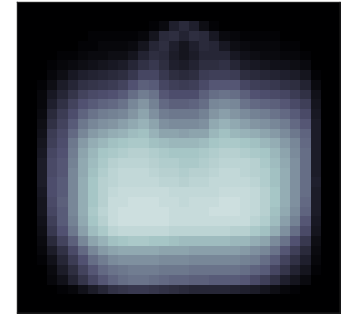
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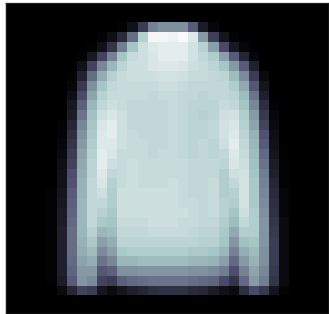
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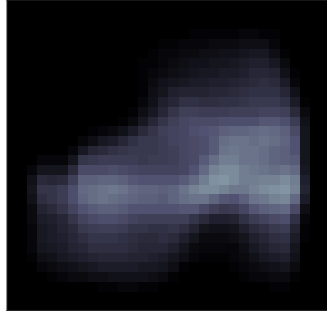
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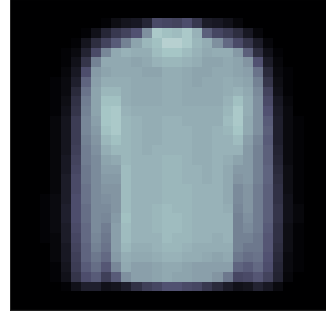
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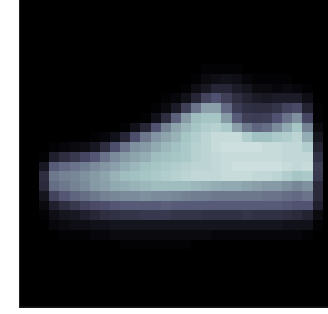
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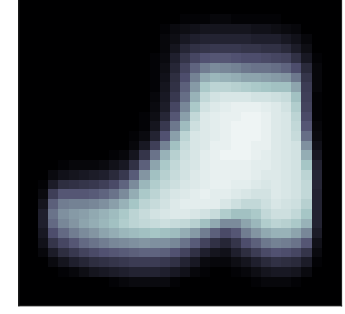
Sandal



Shirt



Sneaker



Ankle boot











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- gives 66% correct

More advanced machine learning approaches?



# Convolutional Neural Networks

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Fashion MNIST test problem:  
some benchmarks (no preprocessing)

- XGBoost (89.8%)
- AlexNet (89.9%)
- two-layer CNN trained with Keras (87.6%)
- GoogLeNet (93.7%)

Can **tensor network methods** be applied to this problem (and other machine learning problems)?

Original study by Miles Stoudenmire

E. M. Stoudenmire, Quantum Sci. and Technol. 3, 034003 (2018)

Reproduced using a similar method by me!

# Tensor networks for image classification

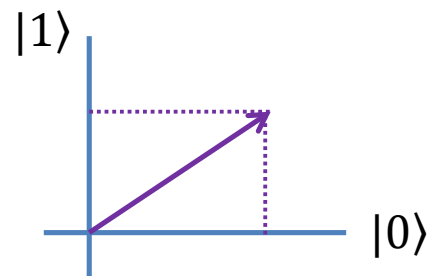
$\alpha = 0$   $\alpha = 1$



Greyscale pixel

$\rightarrow |\psi_i\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_i}{2}\right)|0\rangle + \sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_i}{2}\right)|1\rangle$

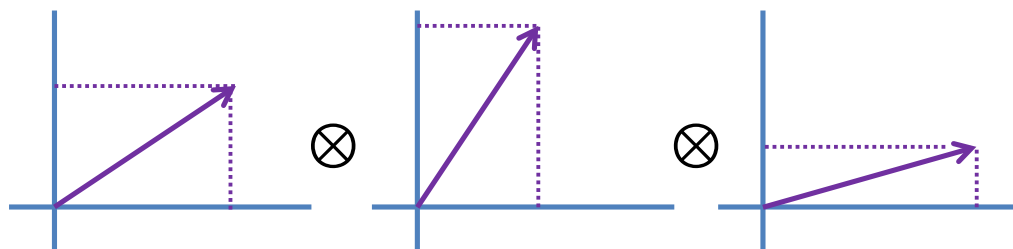
Qubit state (vector in d=2 dims)













Greyscale image (N pixels)

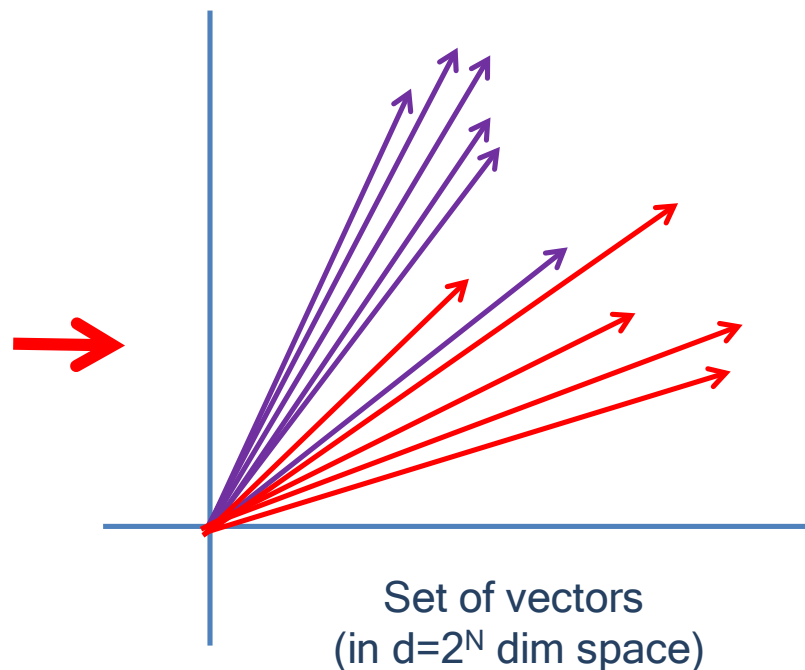
$\rightarrow |\Psi\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle \otimes |\psi_3\rangle \otimes |\psi_4\rangle \otimes \dots$

Product state (vector in d=2<sup>N</sup> dims)

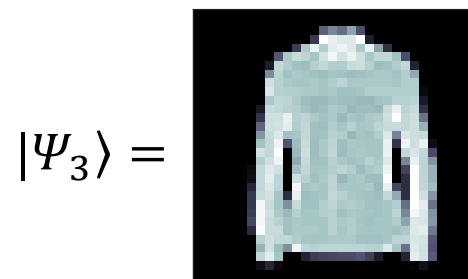
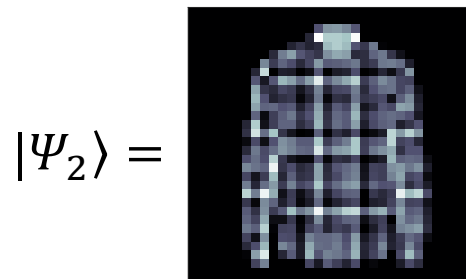


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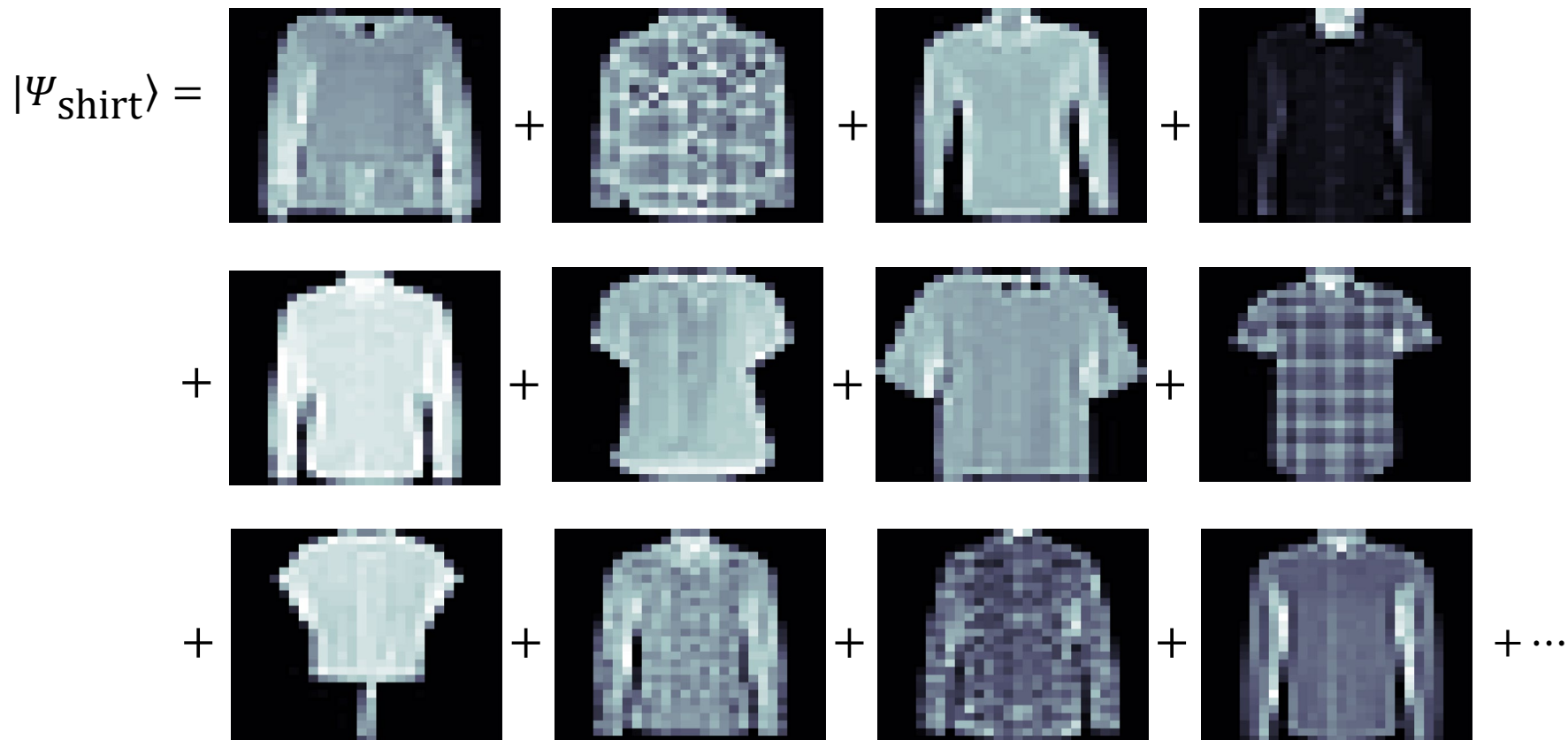
Each test image is a product state on a 2D lattice of qubits:



Can we form the (entangled) **superposition** of all images from a given class?

# Tensor networks for image classification

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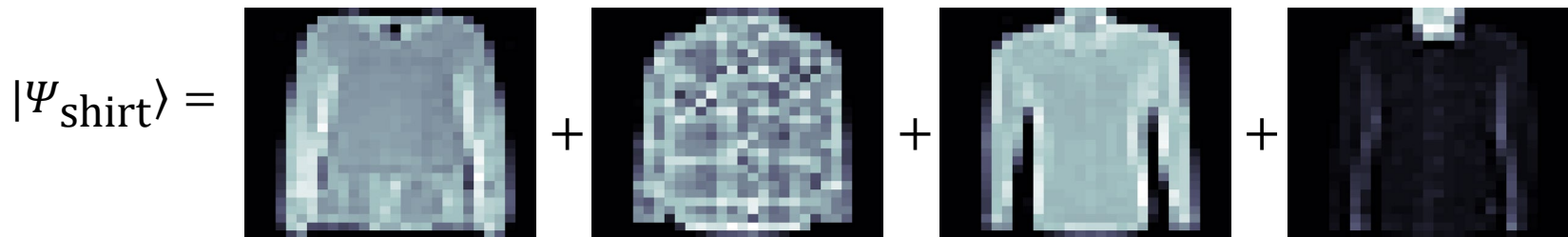


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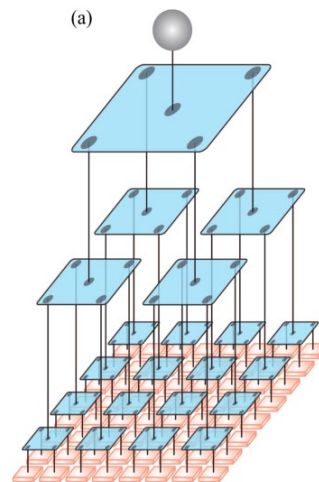


Image classification problem













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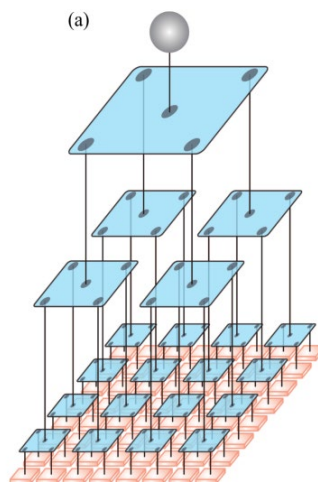
# Tensor networks for image classification

Label	Description	Examples
0	T-Shirt/Top	
1	Trouser	
2	Pullover	
3	Dress	
4	Coat	
5	Sandals	
6	Shirt	
7	Sneaker	
8	Bag	
9	Ankle boots	

Fashion MNIST test problem:  
some benchmarks (no preprocessing)

- XGBoost (89.8%)
- AlexNet (89.9%)
- two-layer CNN trained with Keras (87.6%)
- GoogLeNet (93.7%)

Tree tensor network  
(4-to-1 blocking scheme)



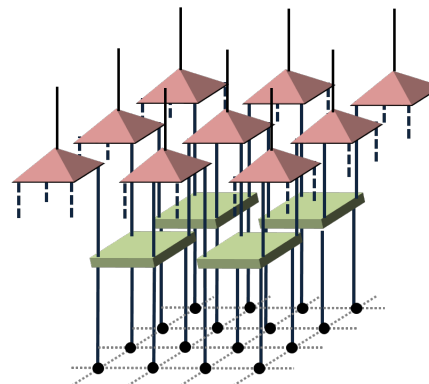
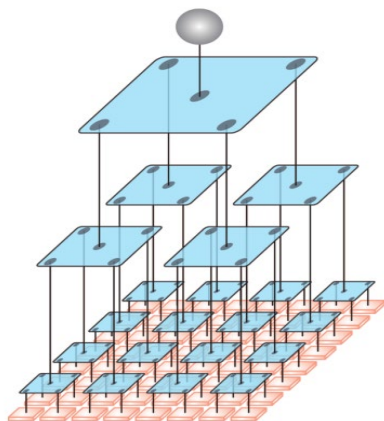
bond dim  $\chi = 64$   
training time  $\sim 60$ min (laptop)

- gives 89.5% correct

# Tensor networks for image classification



# Tensor networks for image classification



Can we instead use a **multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)**?

**Tree tensor network (TTN)** +  
standard tensor network  
optimization strategies



Performs quite well in  
benchmark image  
classification problem

Why?

- MERA are expected to **greatly outperform** a TTN for a 2D problem
- MERA are the natural analogue to convolutional neural networks (CNNs)

There are some problems with trying to use a MERA!

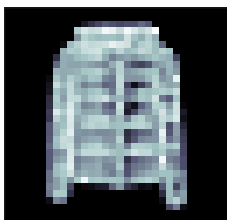
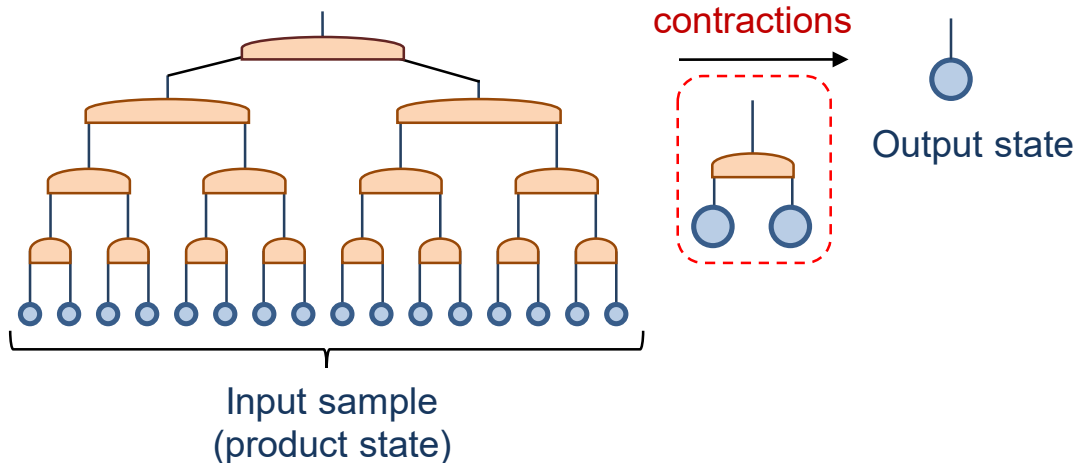
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- (2) Conceptual problem



# Tensor networks for machine learning

(1) Computational problem

Classification with a (trained) TTN:



Which category does  
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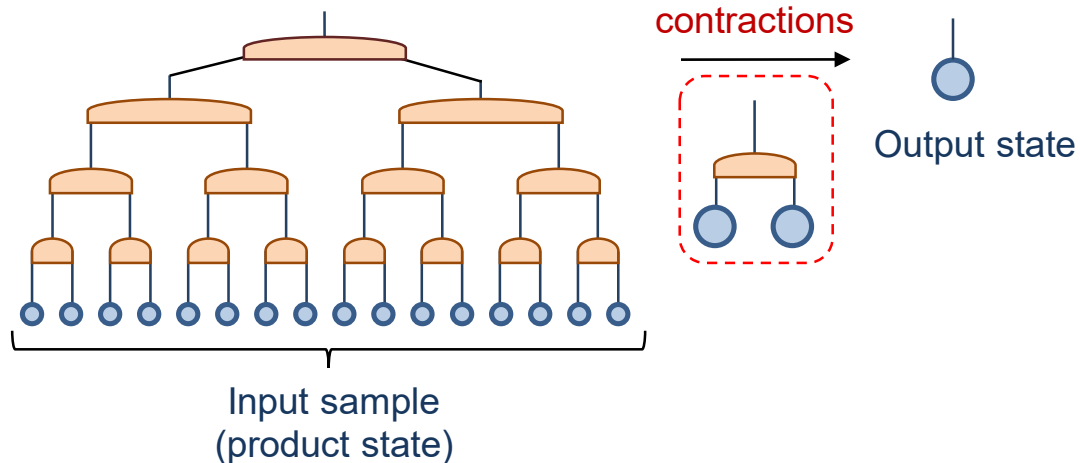
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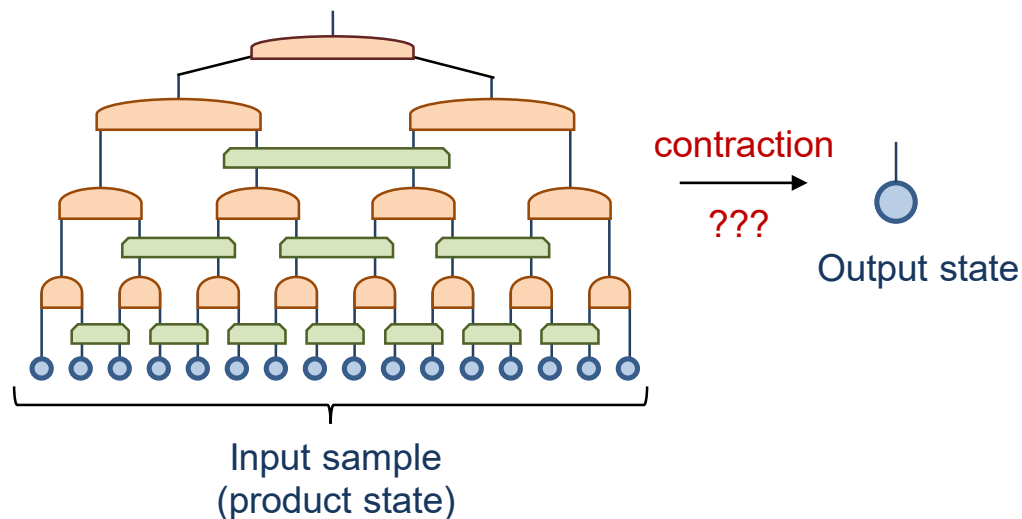
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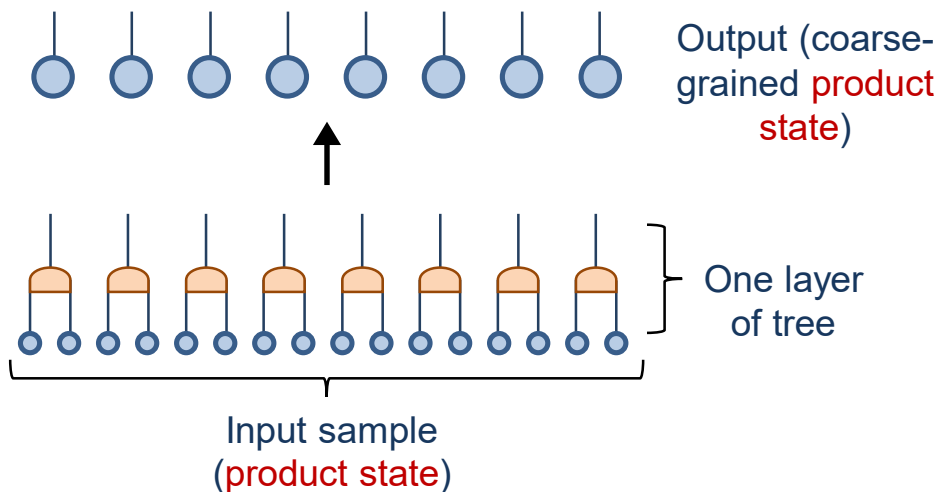


Contraction of MERA with a product state is **not efficient!**

- classification of samples is not efficient
- training (or optimization) of MERA cannot be done efficiently for large problems

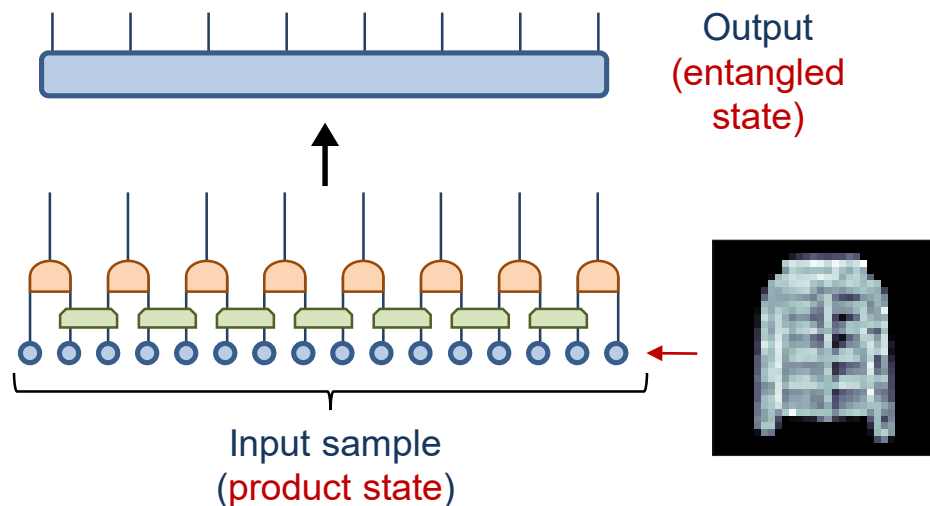
# Tensor networks for machine learning

## (2) Conceptual problem



TTN maps product states to product states

Each intermediate state can still be interpreted classically (i.e. as an image)



MERA maps product states to entangled states

Cannot relate intermediate states to classical data

Interpretability has been lost!

# Restricted class of tensor networks

Number-State Preserving Tensor Networks  
as Classifiers for Supervised Learning

G.E., arXiv:1905.06352 (2019)

Can we fix these problems?

Can we identify a **restricted class** of tensor network suited for machine learning tasks?

should be **efficiently contractible** against product states

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can be efficiently trained and applied as a classifier

should map **product states** into **product states**

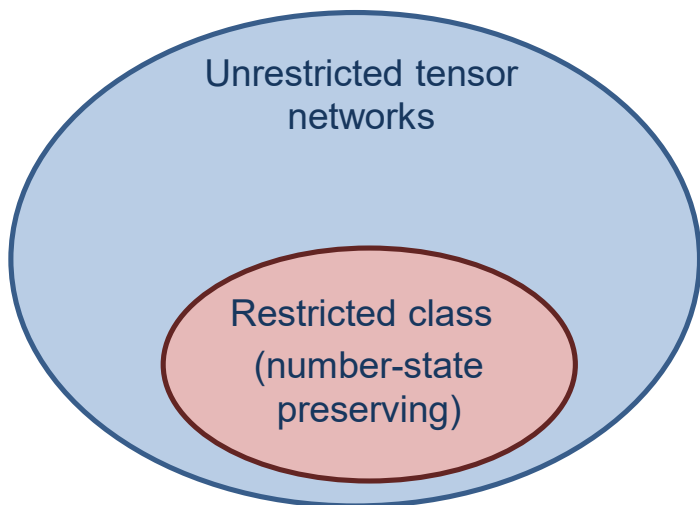
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preserves interpretation of states as classical data

Tensor networks are designed to represent **complex superpositions** of quantum states; they contain features that are not necessary if they are to be used as classifiers

$$|\Psi\rangle = c_0|\psi_0\rangle + c_1|\psi_1\rangle + c_2|\psi_2\rangle + \dots$$

It makes sense that we should seek a restricted class of network that contains only the structure we need

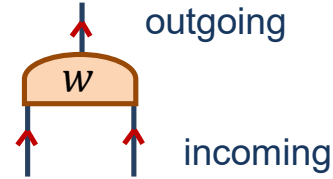


My proposal:

Restrict to **number state preserving** tensors

# Number state preserving tensors

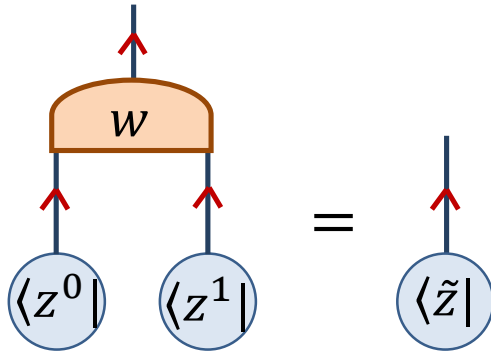
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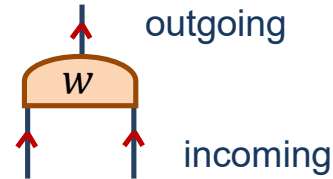


Mapping over all number states

$$\begin{array}{l}
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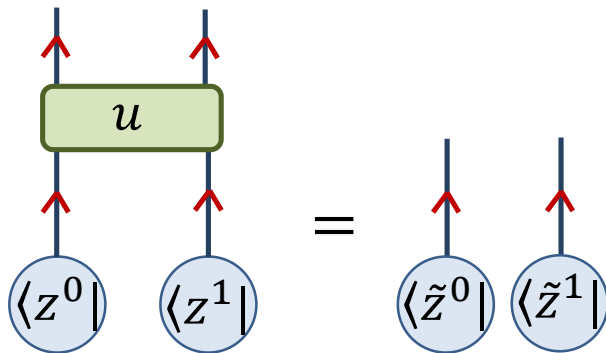
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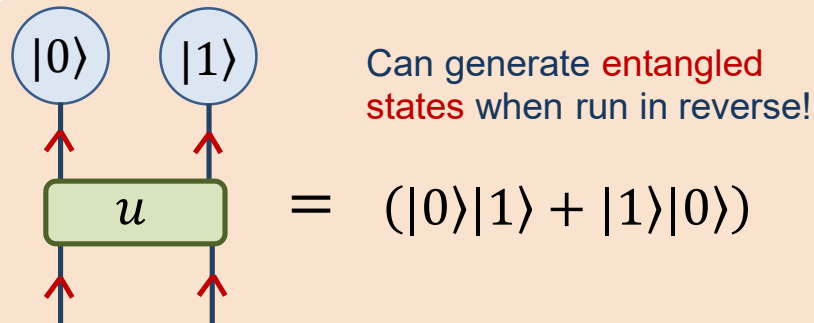
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 \end{array}$$

Reshaped as input-output matrix

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{output} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \text{input}
 \end{array}$$

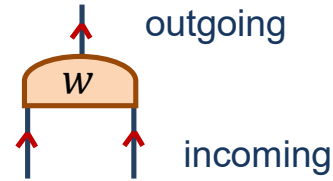
The matrix is shown with red boxes highlighting the first and third rows, and a purple box highlighting the second and third columns.



- only non-zero element per row allowed
- can have multiple non-zero elements per column

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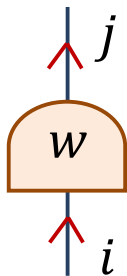
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**number-state preserving**



Tensor has only one element per row when reshaped into an input-output matrix

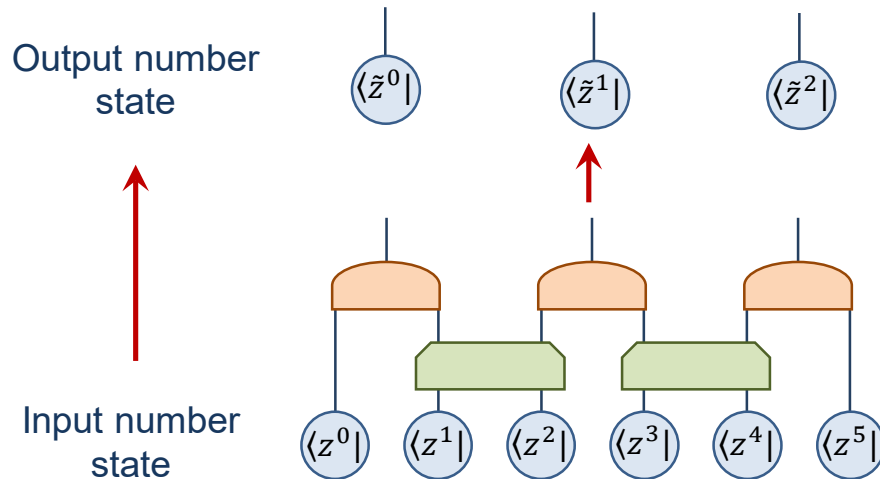
A final example:



$$w_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3/4 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{7}/4 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor 'w' is both **isometric** and number state preserving

# Number state preserving networks

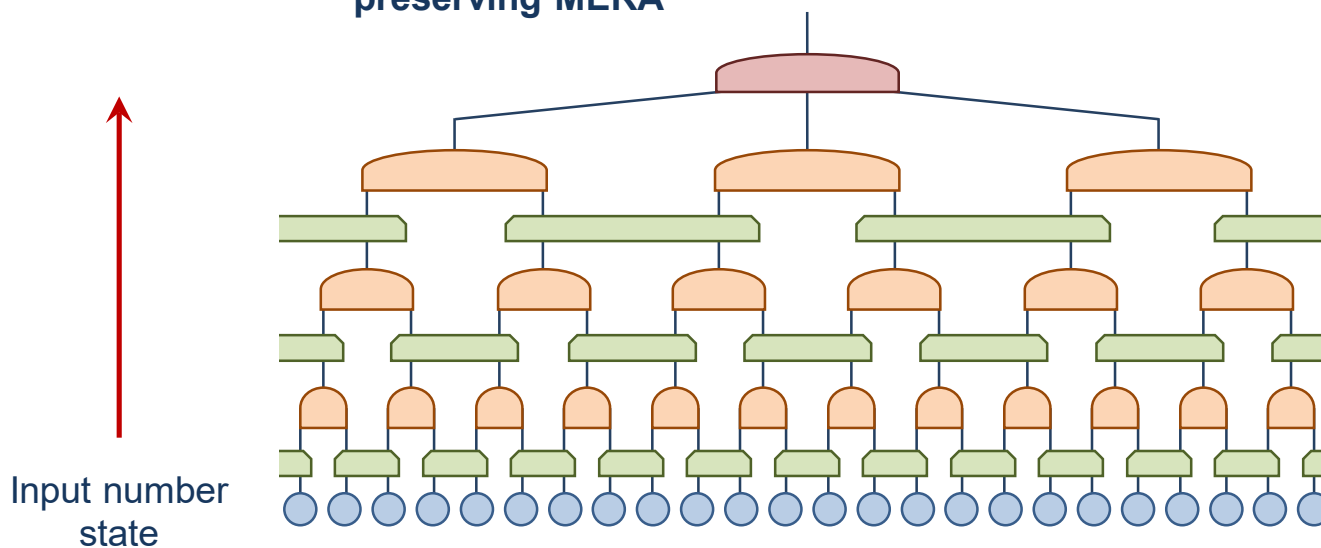


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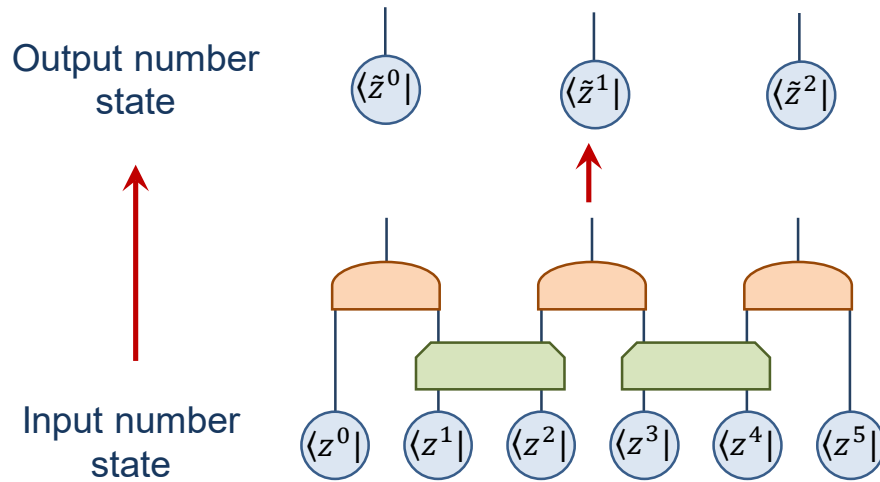
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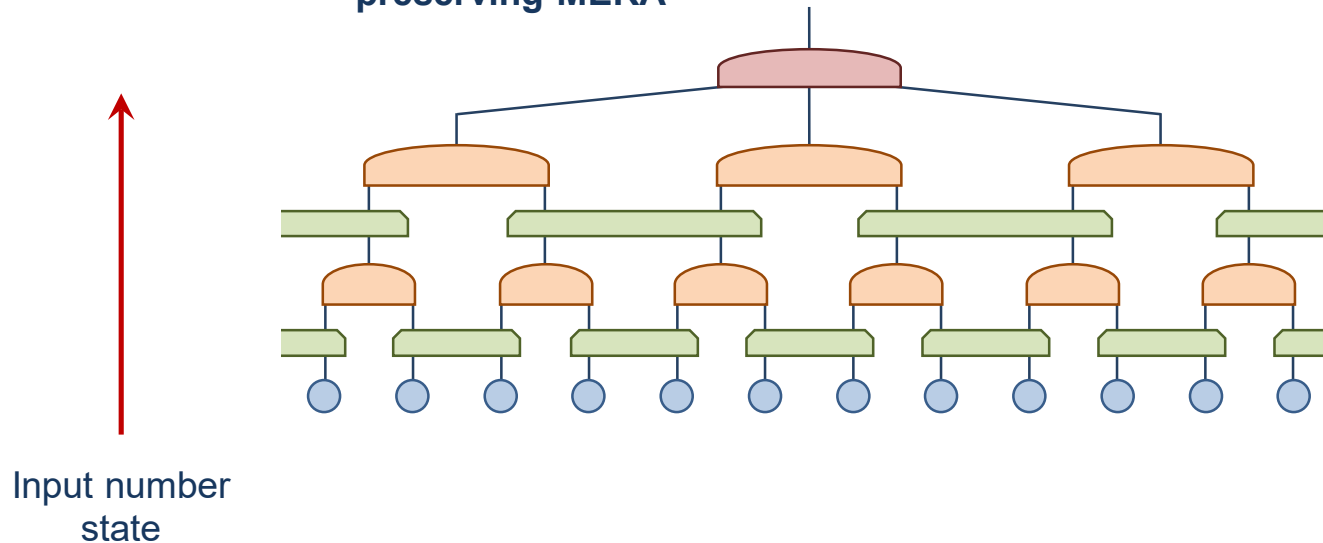


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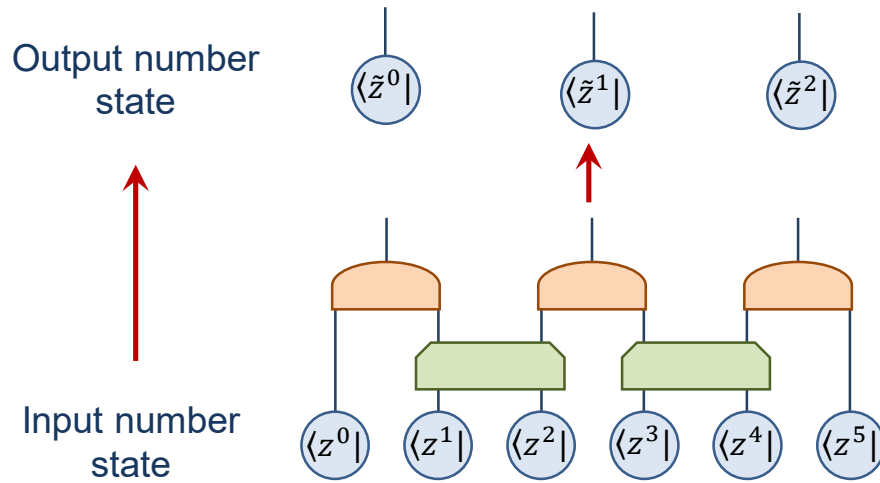


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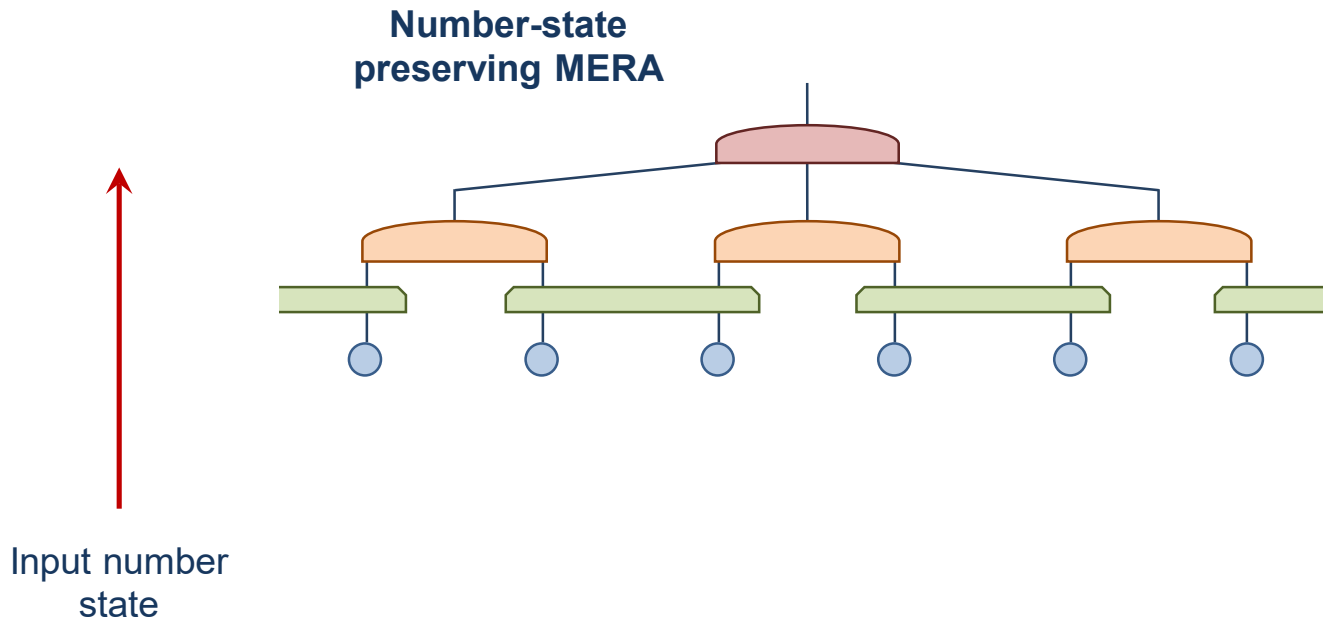
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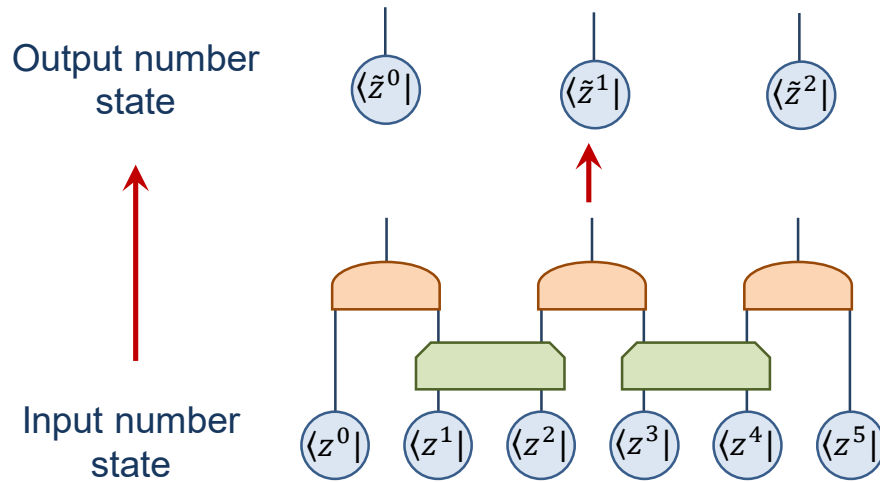
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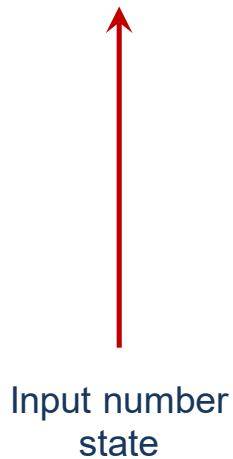
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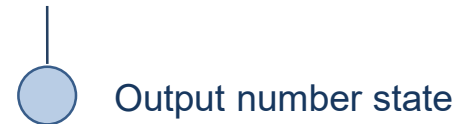
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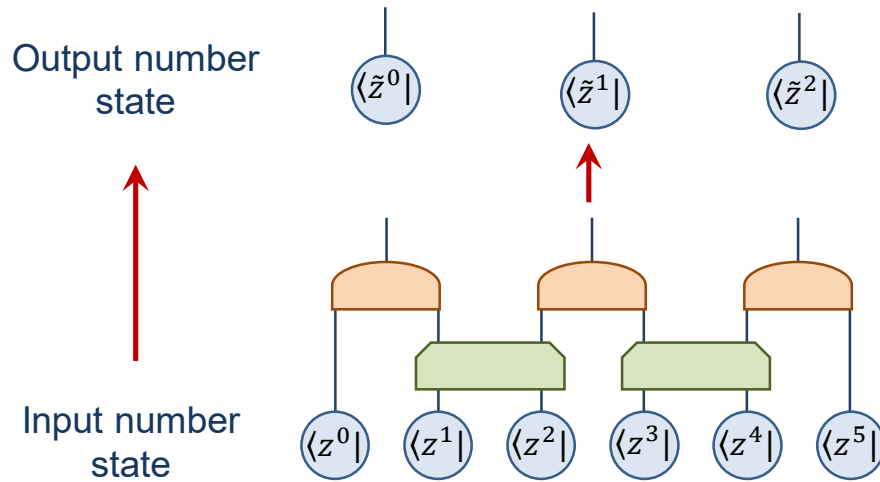
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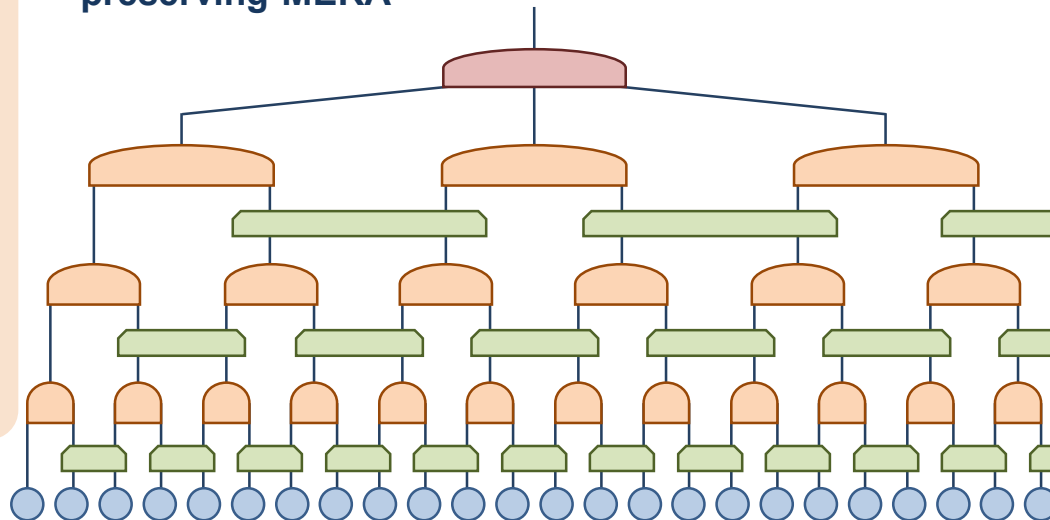
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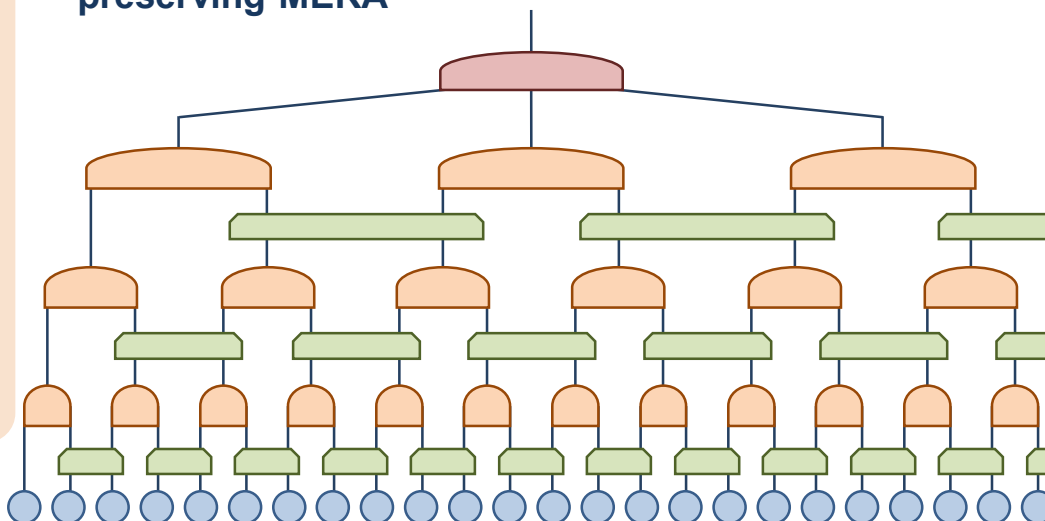
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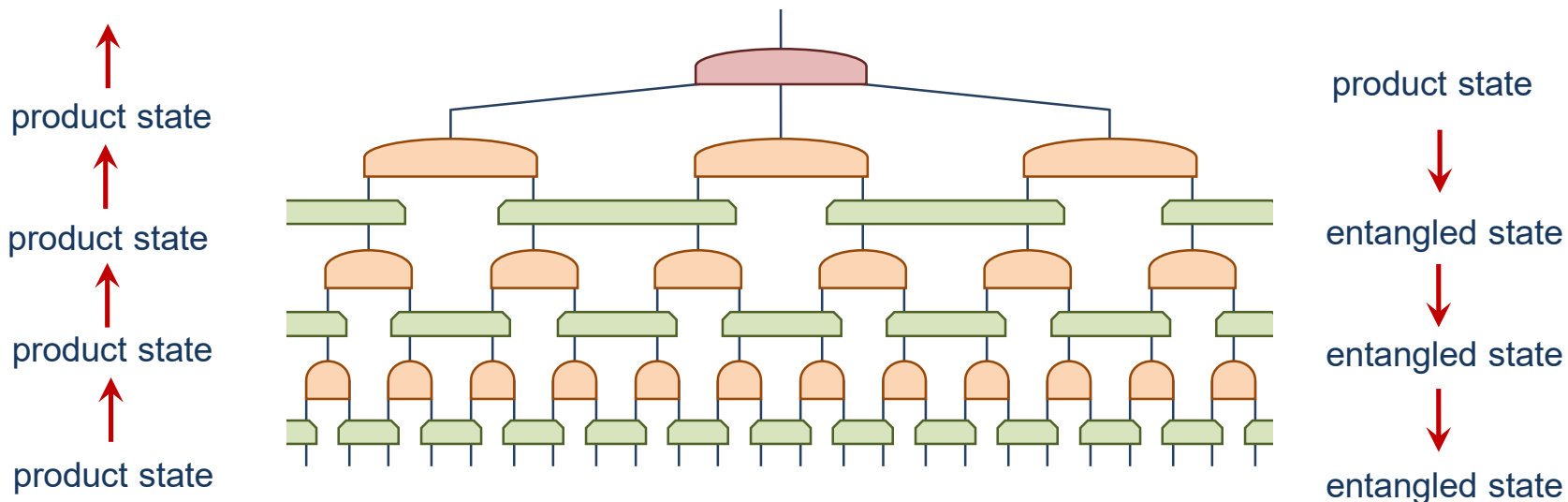
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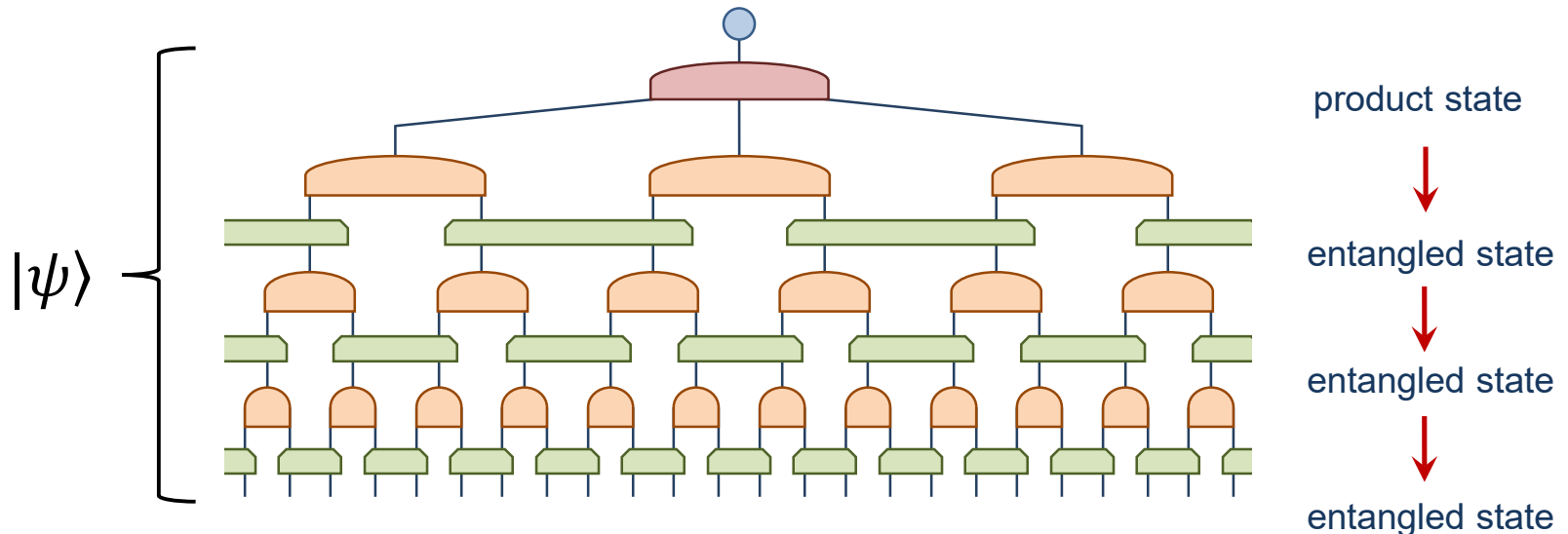
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## Exact holographic tensor networks for the Motzkin spin chain

R.N. Alexander, G.E., I. Klich arXiv:1905.06352 (2019)

Motzkin and Fredkin models are described by a local interaction on 1D spin chain (open BC):

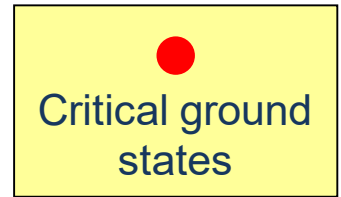
$$h_{[j,j+1,j+2]} = (1 + \sigma_j^z)(1 - \vec{\sigma}_{j+1} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{j+2}) + (1 - \vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{j+1})(1 - \sigma_{j+2}^z)$$

- possess **unique** ground state (but gapless excitations)
- ground states have **logarithmic scaling** of entanglement entropy

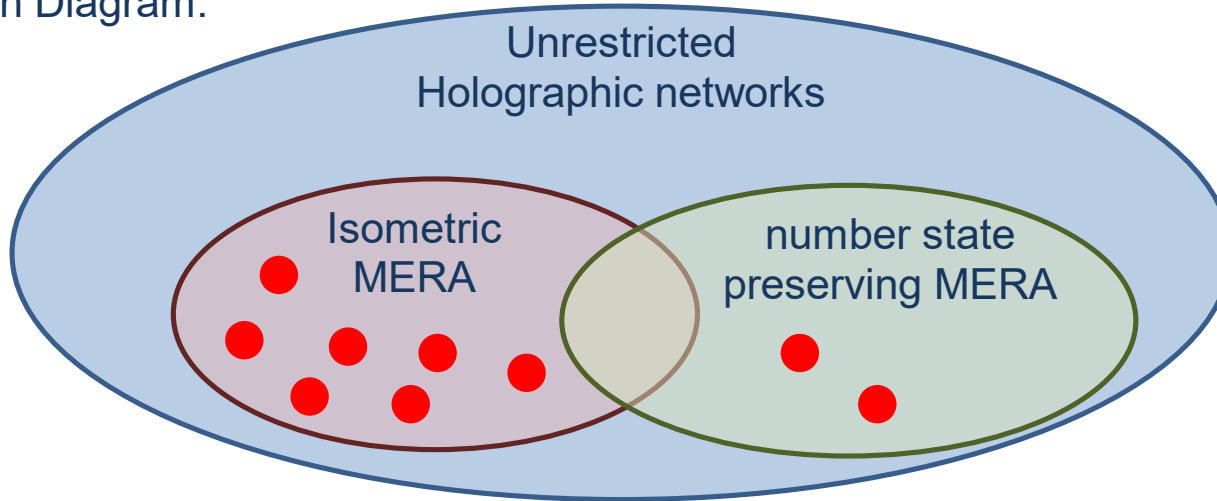
**Exact** description of ground states as number state preserving MERA!



# Number state preserving networks



Venn Diagram:



Number state preserving MERA can describe interesting entangled states!

## Open questions:

- What **properties differ** between isometric MERA and number state preserving MERA?
- What types of system **can or cannot** be described by number state preserving MERA?

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# Training tensor networks for classification tasks

## Supervised learning task:

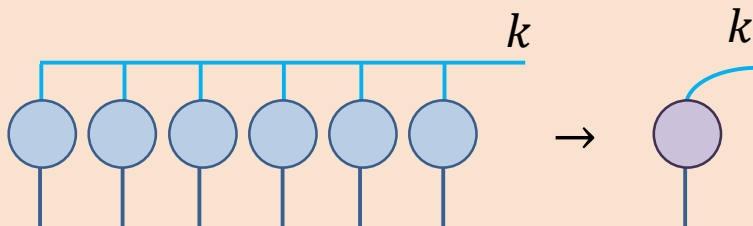
- assume we are given  $M$  training samples, each a vector of  $N$  integers, together with corresponding labels

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{samples} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [0,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,0,0] \rightarrow 0 \\ [1,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,1,0] \rightarrow 1 \\ [0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0] \rightarrow 0 \\ [1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0] \rightarrow 1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \text{labels} \end{array}$$

**Goal:** train a tensor network that matches samples to the correct labels

## Tensor encoding of problem:

each **sample** is a number state (with  $k$  an index over samples)

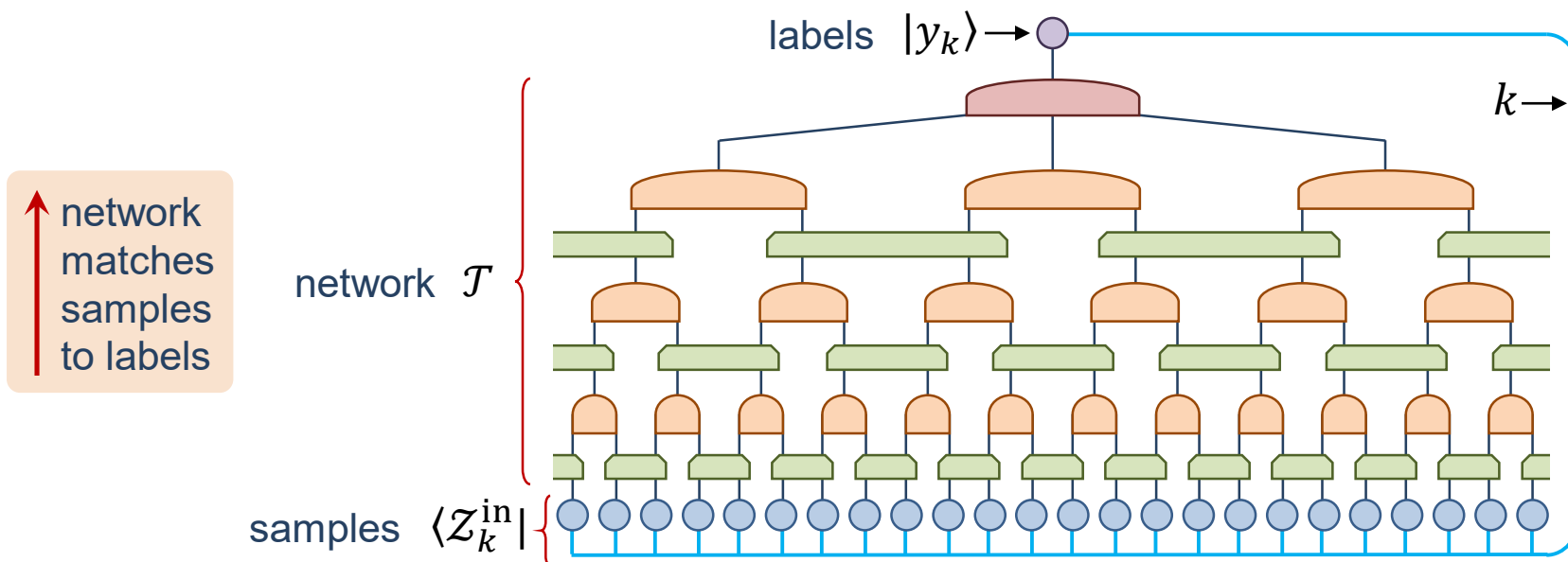


**labels** are single-site states

# Training tensor networks for classification tasks

Can we quantify how well the tensor network matches training samples to their labels?

Use fidelity: 
$$F = \sum_k \langle \mathcal{Z}_k^{\text{in}} | \mathcal{T} | y_k \rangle$$



Training the network for the supervised learning task

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Optimizing the tensors in the network to maximize the fidelity

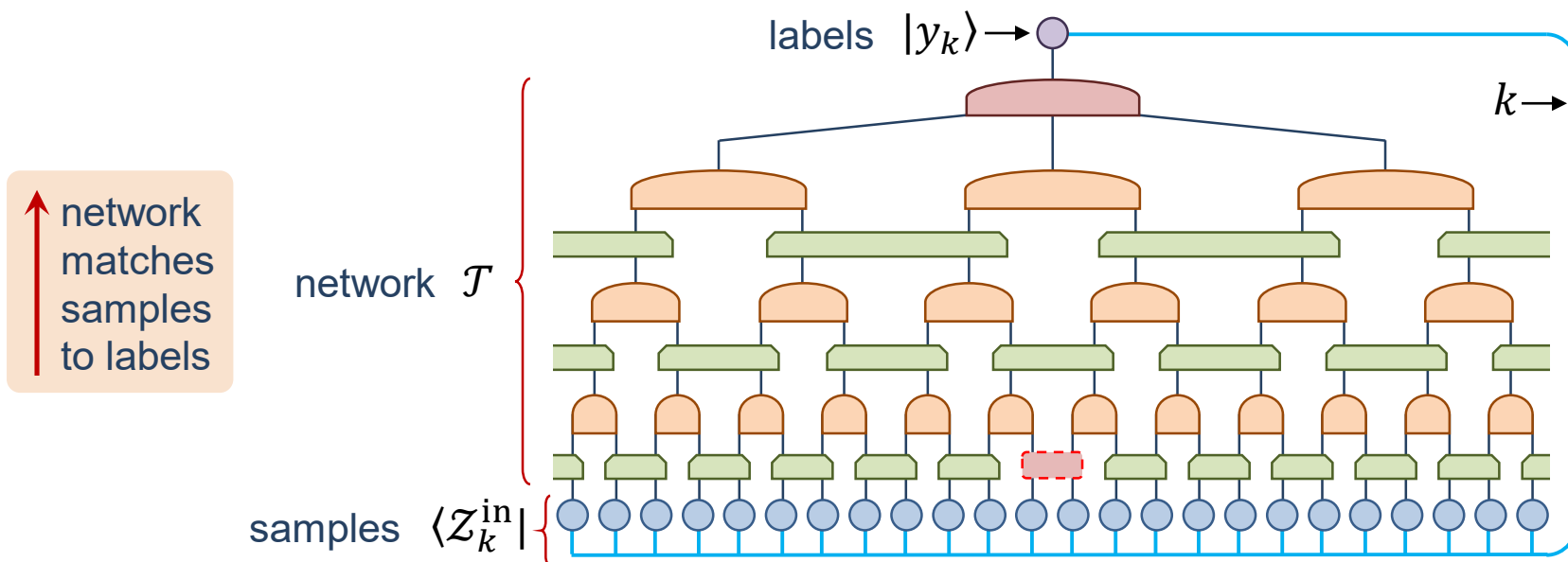
Use established methods (i.e. variational sweep):

- update one tensor at a time (first computing the tensor environment)
- sweep over all tensors and iterate until converged

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(or the **derivatives** of the fidelity w.r.t each tensor)

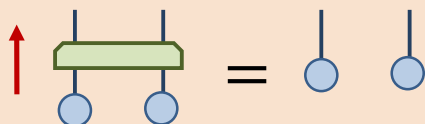
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# Evaluation of environments

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Simplifications due to number-state preserving tensors



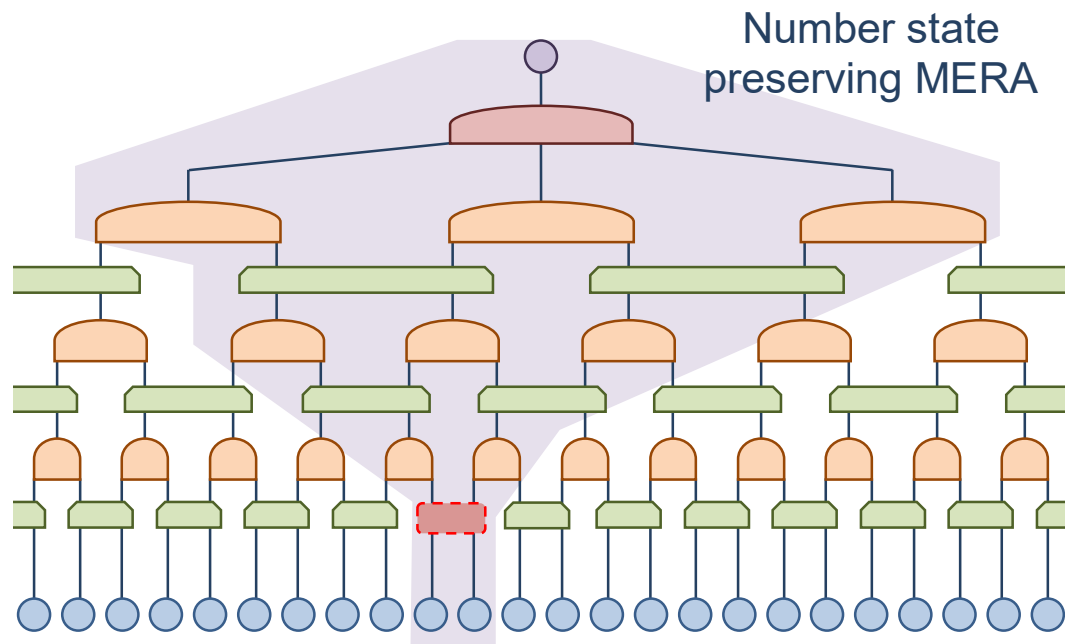
Simplified network has **finite tree-width**



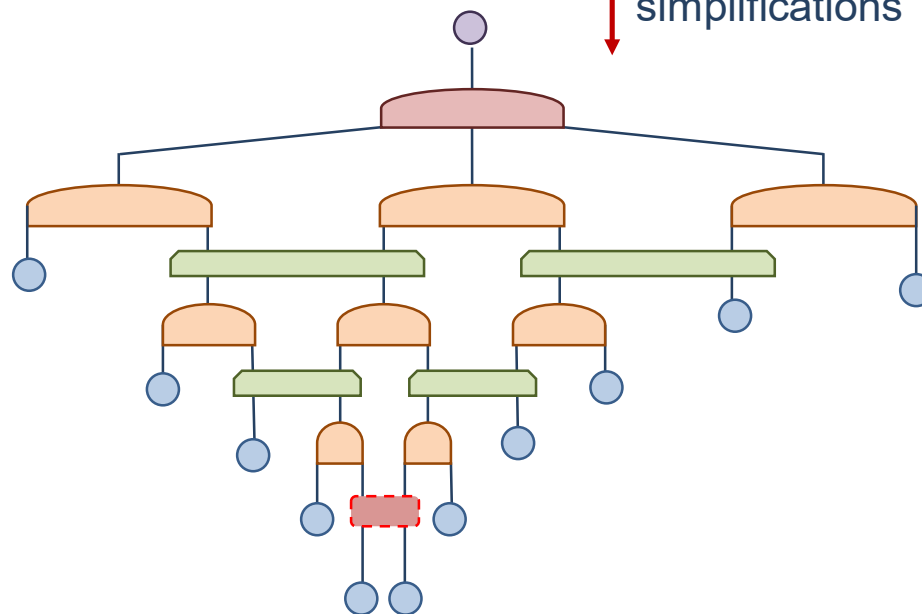
Derivatives can be evaluated at cost:  
 $O(\log(N))$



Network can be trained efficiently



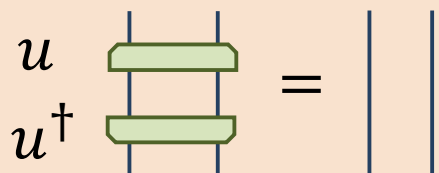
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# Evaluation of environments

## Isometric MERA:

Unitary / isometric constraints:



$\Rightarrow$

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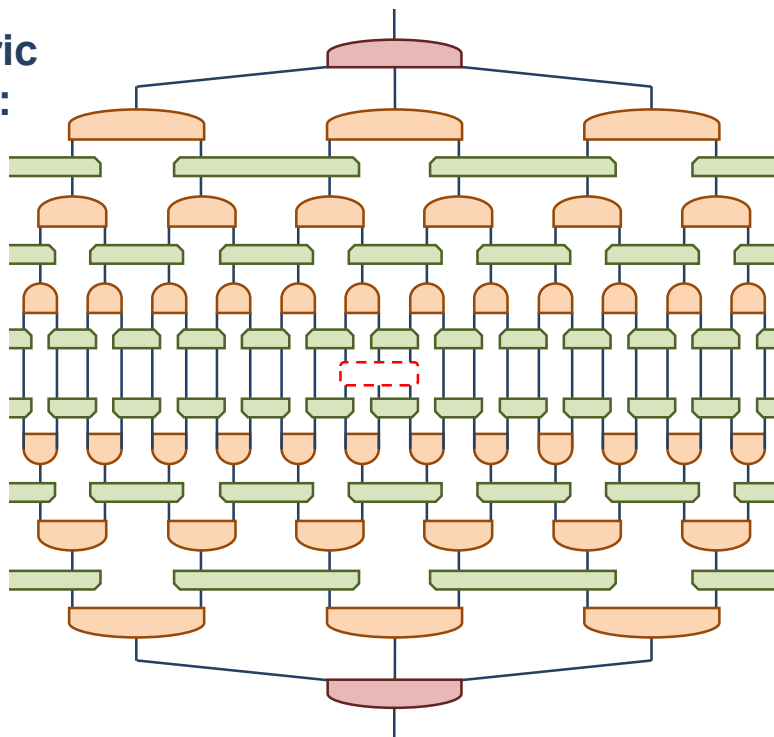
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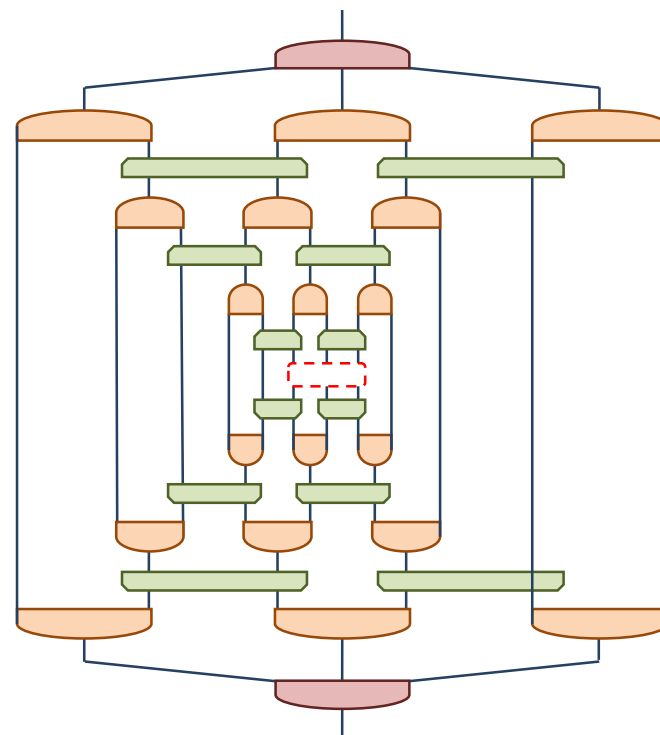
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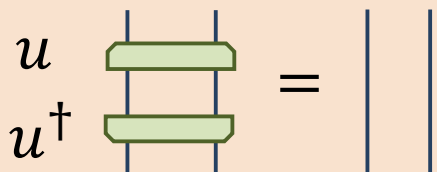
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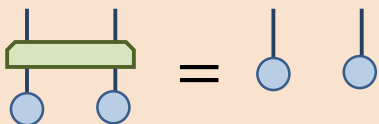
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**MERA with a product state**

$$\langle Z_{\text{product}} | h_{\text{local}} | \psi_{\text{MERA}} \rangle$$



Efficient training to **maximize fidelity** against ensemble of classical data

Number state preserving MERA seem to be a **natural choice** for machine learning tasks!

# Benchmark problem

So far:

- We have proposed a restricted class of tensor network state
- Argued that this class can still possess **interesting entanglement**
- Argues that this class can be **efficiently applied** as classifiers

How well do these ideas work in practice?

We should crawl before we try to walk. Lets consider a **toy supervised learning problem**



# Benchmark problem

Number-State Preserving Tensor Networks  
as Classifiers for Supervised Learning

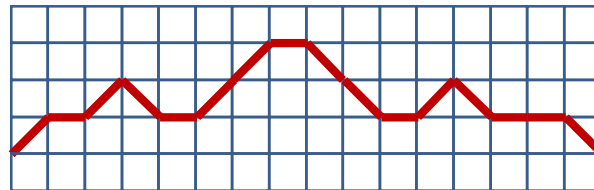
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## Height classification problem:

- Each 'pixel' of a sample is in state:  $z \in \{+, 0, -\}$
- Samples are labelled by whether the sum (under regular addition) of all pixels is positive, zero, or negative

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{samples} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [+ , 0 , - , 0 , - , 0 , + , + , 0 , 0] \rightarrow + \\ [0 , + , + , 0 , 0 , 0 , - , - , - , 0] \rightarrow - \\ [- , + , 0 , + , + , - , - , 0 , - , +] \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ labels} \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Related to height models (think of each sample as a path)



Why this problem? Given an ensemble of samples, the block entropy scales **logarithmically**:

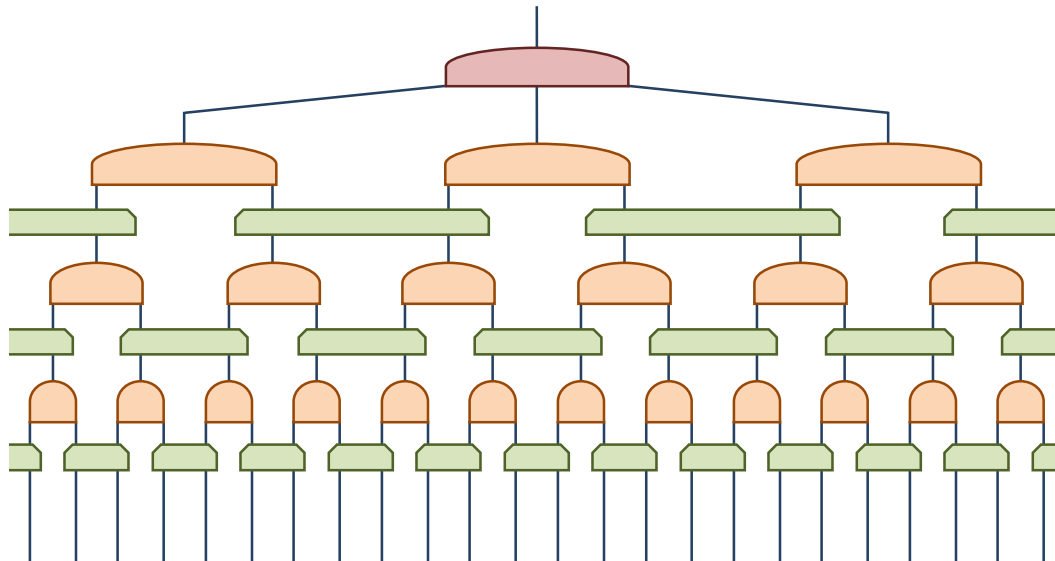
⇒ Tree Tensor Network should not work so well

⇒ MERA could work well

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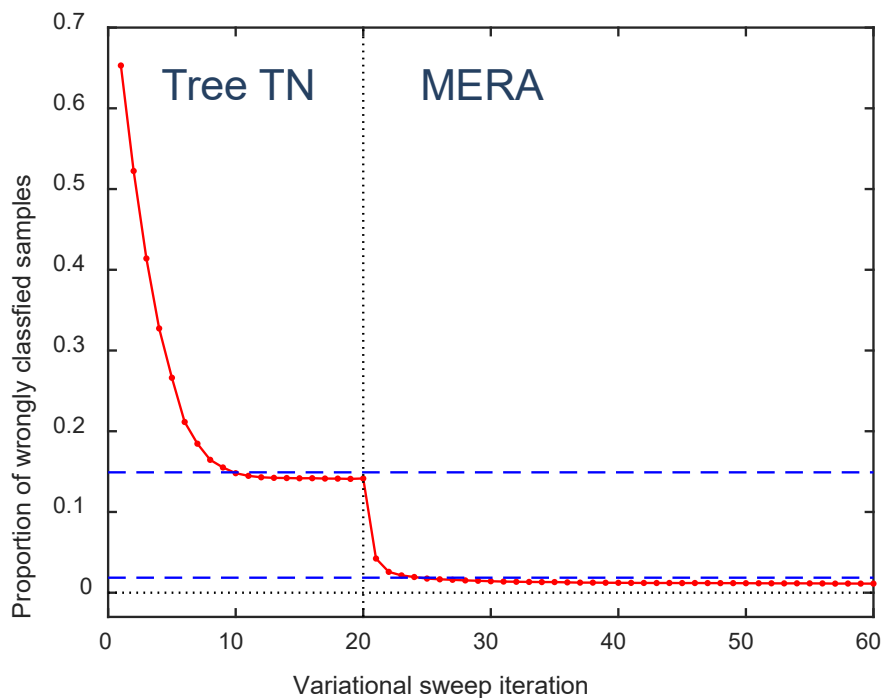


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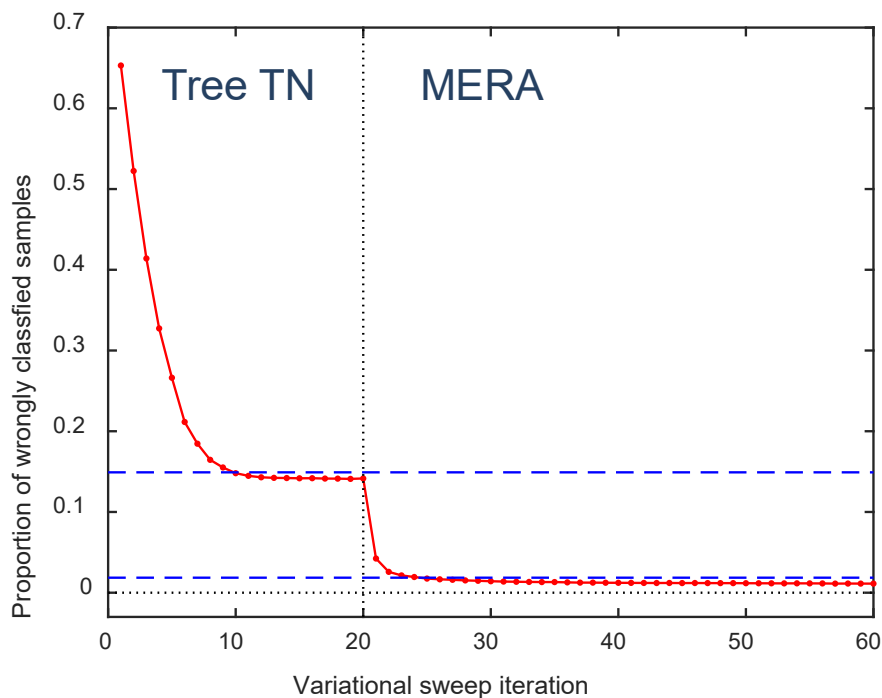
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- Optimization algorithm generally converges well and can easily be scaled to larger system sizes and higher bond dimensions
- Disentangled have a significant effect (MERA is vastly more accurate than a tree TN)
- Good generalization from training to test samples (i.e. we are not just overfitting to the training data)



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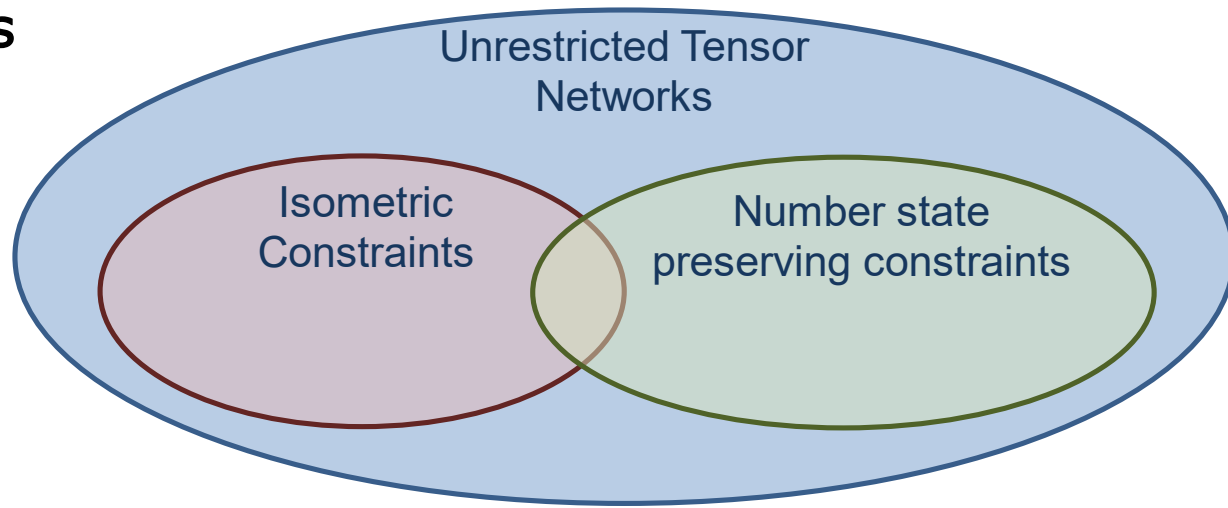
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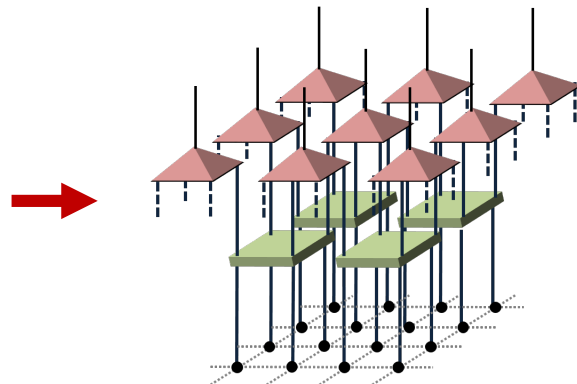
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# Conclusions



- number state preserving tensors seems to be a **natural restriction** for tensor networks when applying to classification problems
- we have **efficient training algorithms** for this class of network
- **performs well** in toy classification problems



Can we apply 2D MERA to difficult problems? In progress...

**Thanks!**