# Towards tensor renormalization group study of lattice QCD

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# Lattice QCD

- non-perturbative formulation for quantum chromodynamics
- 4D Euclidean  $SU(3)$  gauge theory with Nf=2,3
	- ➢ Higher dimensions, Non-abelian, Multiple flavors
- MC computation suffers from the sign problem at finite θ and finite density



• MC computation also suffers from the topology freezing problem toward continuum limit

> So far, we do not have a universal method that avoids all the problems...

# Tensor renormalization group (TRG)

- An alternative to Monte Carlo methods based on coarse graining
- No sampling  $=$  No sign problem
- Can access large volumes with log cost
- Can handle fermion/Grassmann numbers directly; Grassmann TRG



[Figures from Okunishi-Nishino-Ueda; 2022]

### Progress toward TRG study of Lattice QCD



# **Challenges**

- TRG can be challenging when the local Hilbert space is large
- By that, I meant QCD
	- ➢ Multiple fermion flavors ==> dimension ~ exp(k*Nf*)
	- $\geq$  Non-abelian gauge symmetry  $==$  Redundancy in the TN

I will talk about my works on these two directions.

# **Outline**

- Part I: Multi-flavor gauge theory
	- The multi-layer formulation
	- Initial tensor compression
	- Result: *finite density* N<sub>f</sub> flavor 2D  $Z_N$  theory
- Part II: Armillary sphere formulation
	- Degeneracy in the tensor network
	- Reduced tensor network formulation
	- Result: 3D SU(2) & SU(3) thoery

# Part I: Multi-layer construction for multi-flavor gauge theory

Based on [JHEP11(2023)187], with **Jun Nishimura** (KEK) and **Kouichi Okunishi** (Niigata U)

# Multi-flavor gauge theory

- The number of tensor legs increases with the number of flavors
- This makes it difficult to consider multi-flavor theory in the tensor network
- This can be avoided by separating flavor d.o.f. from each other

Similar ideas:

- Domain wall fermions (flavor = extra dim)
- MPO-like decomposition (Akiyama; 2023)



# Multi-flavor gauge theory

Separate the layers analytically

$$
Z = \int D\varphi \prod_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\rm f}} \left( D\varphi^{(\alpha)} D\psi^{(\alpha)} D\bar{\psi}^{(\alpha)} \right) \delta(\varphi^{(\alpha)} - \varphi) e^{\sqrt{\sum_{\alpha} S^{(\alpha)}}}
$$
\nlocal action for each flavor  
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$$
U_{x,\mu} = \exp(iaA_{x,\mu}) \equiv \exp(i\varphi_{x,\mu})
$$
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$$
\downarrow \qquad \qquad S^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{N_{\rm f}} S_{\rm gauge}[\varphi^{(\alpha)}] + \sum_{x \in \Lambda_2} \bar{\psi}_x^{(\alpha)} \psi^{(\alpha)} \psi_x^{(\alpha)}
$$
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\neach layer for each flavor  
\nlink  
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\downarrow \qquad \qquad \bullet
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\nconnected via delta functions  
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$$
\alpha = 3
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\nGrassmann tensors handle  
\nfermions directly\n
$$
\alpha = 1
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## Quick intro: Grassmann tensors



#### Grassmann tensor contraction



$$
C_{IJK} = \sum A_{ILK} B_{JLSJKL}
$$

$$
s_{JKL} = \sigma_L \times (-)^{p(L)(p(J) + p(K)) + p(J)p(K)}
$$

### GrassmannTN: a python package for Grassmann TRG / DMRG



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## Tensor compression

#### Proposed compression scheme:



Isometries are first applied around the Grassmann tensor *S*: a → b Then another set is applied around the whole tensor:  $b \rightarrow c$ 

# Compression performance

#### Physical parameters



All of these compressions are done without any spectrum truncation! Such high performance is due to the sparse nature of fermions.

## Finite density and Silver Blaze



## Part II: Armillary sphere Non-abelian gauge theory in higher dimensions

Based on [PTEP 2024 (2024) 7, 073B05] (Formulation) and [arXiv:2406.16763] (Numerical) with **Kouichi Okunishi** (Niigata U)

## Why is non-abelian tensor network difficult?

Internal symmetry in SU(N) is a redundancy in the tensor network that cannot be truncate by an SVD



The entanglement structure is nonlocal...



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### Character expansion

• Lesson from  $1+1D$ : the (matrix) index loops can be traced out if we use character expansion

[Hirasawa, Matsumoto, Nishimura, **A.Y.**; 2021]

• Degeneracy is completely eliminated



Can we do the same thing for any dimension?

#### Yes! There is a similar closed network in any dimension Which we call the armillary sphere





This was first noticed by [Oeckl & Pfeiffer; 2001] in the context of the spin foam model.  $19$ 

Step 1: perform character expansion on the Boltzmann weight



#### Step 2: perform group integral on each link variable



Note: matrix indices (thin lines) are neatly separated into two layers

#### Step 3: Contract the matrix indices



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### Result: singular value spectrum



Singular value spectrum of the initial tensor do not have large degeneracy

### Result: average plaquette @ zero temperature

ATRG;  $V = 16^3$ ;  $D_{cut} = 16$ pure 2+1D SU(2) and SU(3) gauge theory

Average plaquette – consistent with strong coupling expansion



### Result: deconfinement @ finite temperature

TRG;  $V = 1 \times 1024^2$ ;  $D_{cut} = 64$ 





- TRG is a promising methods for studying lattice theories
- We address 2 challenging aspects toward lattice QCD
	- ➢ Multiple fermion flavors can be handled with Grassmann Tensors with multi-layer construction
	- ➢ Degeneracy in non-abelian tensor network can be eliminated with the armillary sphere technique

### Future prospects

- Can we reduce the tensor network without character expansion? (Some variation of Gilt-TNR?) [Hauru,Delcamp,Mizera; 2017]
- Armillary sphere method with matter fields?
- More in-depth analysis (physical interpretation?)
- $\cdot$  4D gauge theory  $+$  theta term
- $\bullet$  Ftc.