

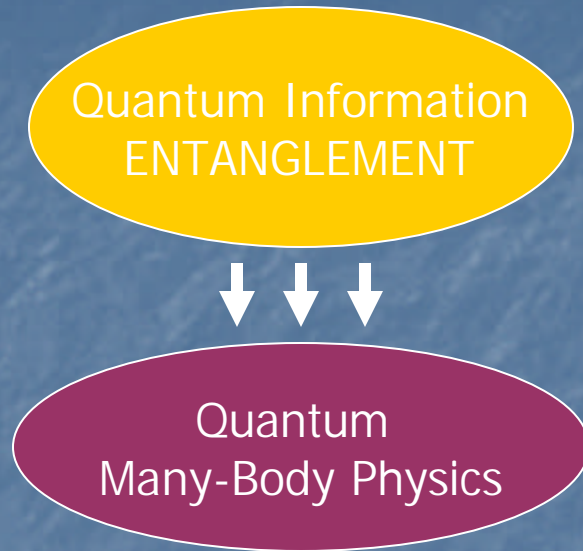
# Entanglement, quantum critical phenomena and efficient simulation of quantum dynamics

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# outline



## Efficient classical simulation of quantum dynamics

- Critical and non-critical spin chains.
- Non-critical spin lattices in 2D, 3D.

## Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

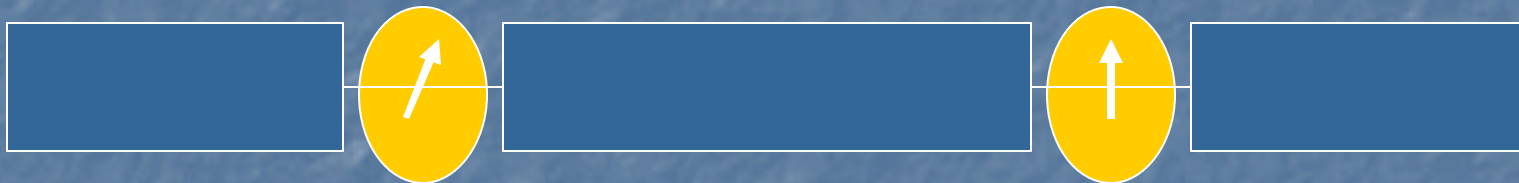
- Scaling of entanglement in critical and non-critical spin chains.
- Emergence of universality at a quantum critical point.
- Connection to conformal field theory, irreversibility of RG flow.
- Entanglement in spin lattices.
- Failure of the DMRG method.

# Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

Vidal, Latorre, Rico, Kitaev, quant-ph/0211074 (to appear in Phys. Rev. Lett.)  
Latorre, Rico, Vidal, quant-ph/0304098

## Measures of entanglement in a quantum spin chain

$T=0$ , ground state

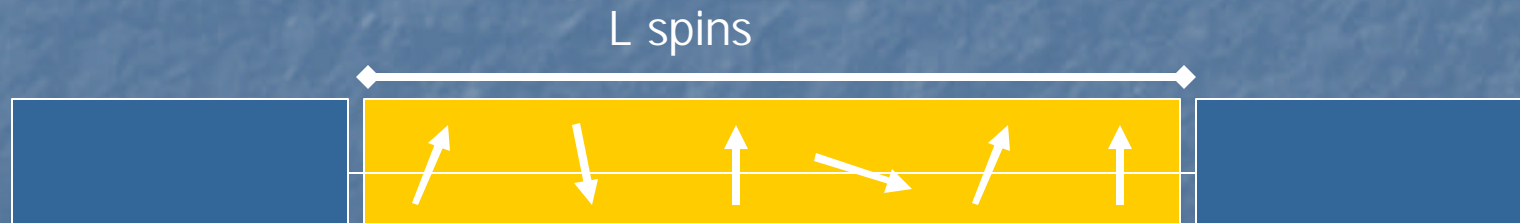


*concurrence* (entanglement between two spins)

Osterloh, Amico, Falci and Fazio, Nature 2002

Osborne and Nielsen, Phys. Rev. A 2002

***Our approach:***



*entropy  $S_L$  of a block of  $L$  spins*

(Entanglement between block of spins and rest of the chain)

# Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

*XY model* with magnetic field

[including *XX model* and *Ising model*]

$$H_{XY} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{(1+g)}{2} \mathbf{s}_l^x \mathbf{s}_{l+1}^x + \frac{(1-g)}{2} \mathbf{s}_l^y \mathbf{s}_{l+1}^y + I \mathbf{s}_l^z \right)$$

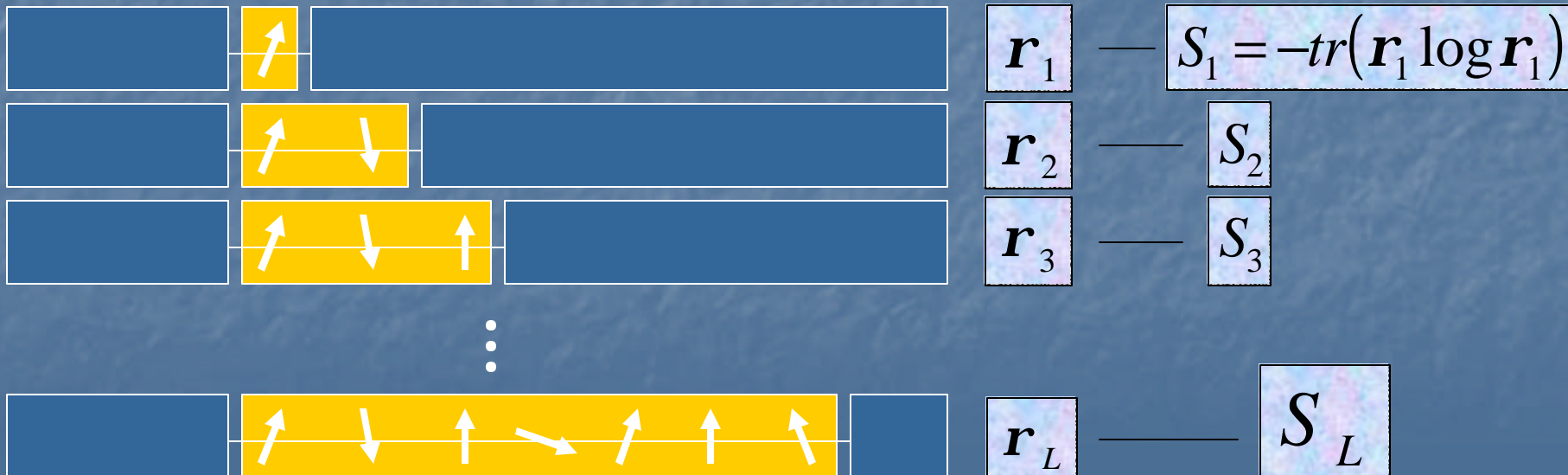
Ground state:

XY model: Lieb, Schultz and Mattis, Ann. Phys. (1961)

XY model with magnetic field: Barouch and McCoy, Phys. Rev. A (1971)

$$|\Psi_g\rangle$$

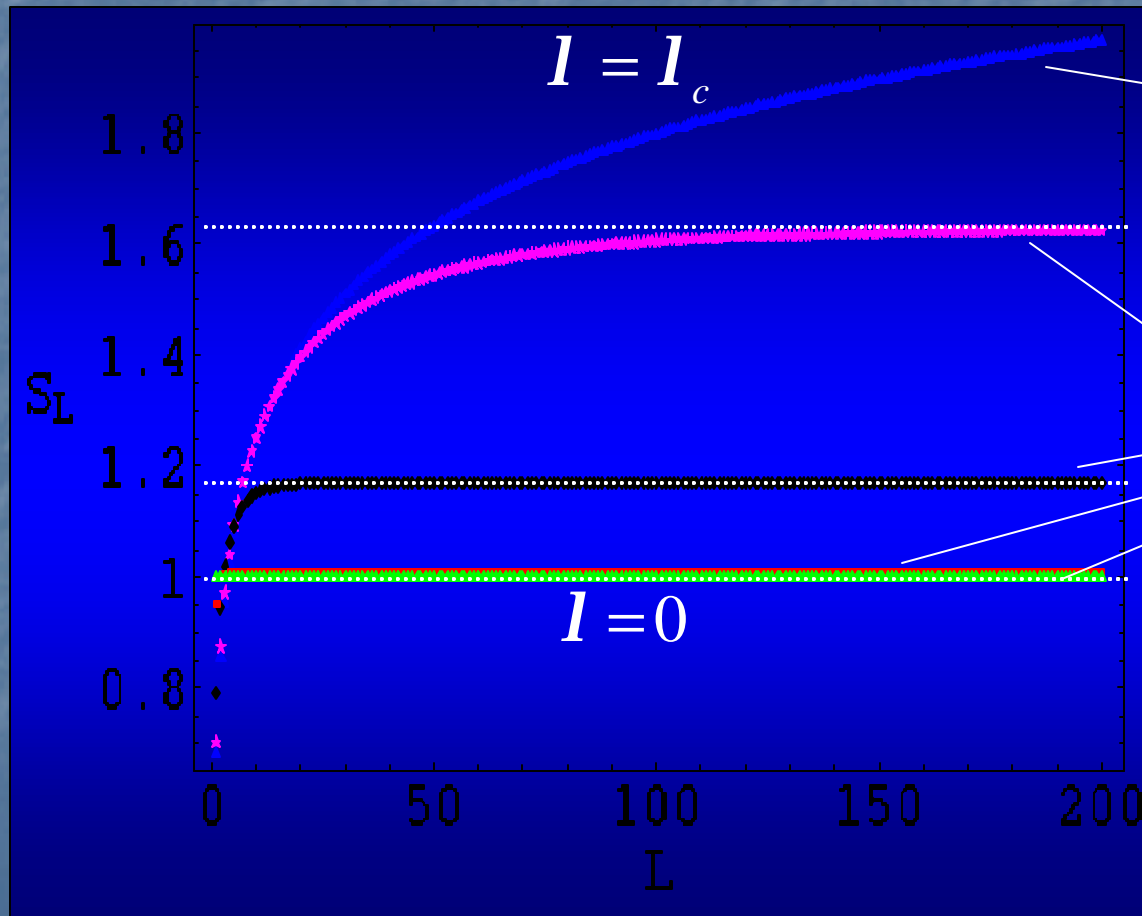
gaussian in fermionic modes (efficient description)



# Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

## Scaling of entanglement in critical and non-critical spin chains

Ising model for different values of the magnetic field  $I$



critical  
chain

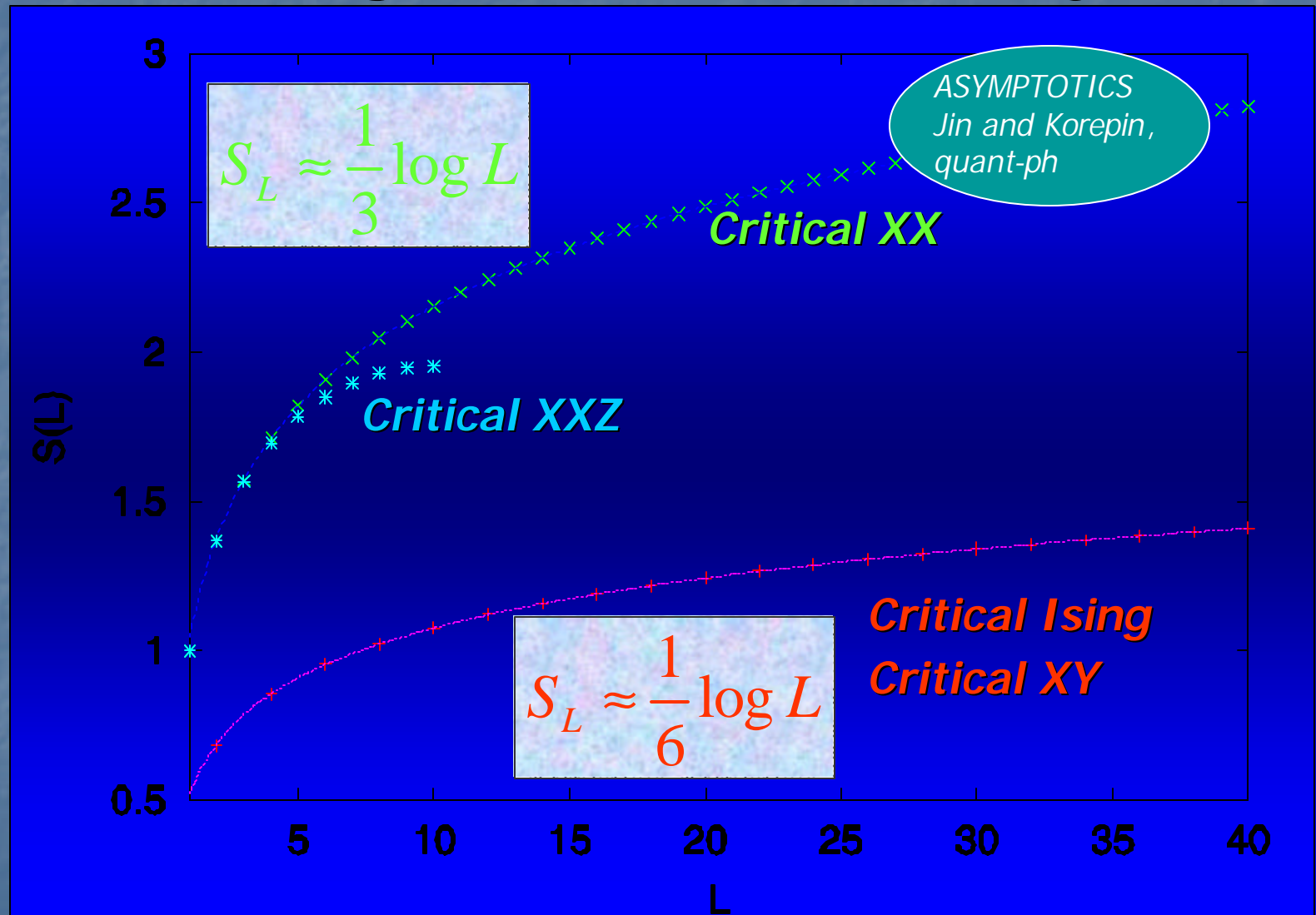
$$S_L \approx \frac{1}{6} \log L$$

non-critical  
chains

$$S_L \leq S^*(I)$$

# Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

## Emergence of Universality



# Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

## Extra bonus!

- Connection to conformal field theory

Srednicki, PRL 71 (1993)

geometric  
entropy

$$S_L \approx \frac{c + \bar{c}}{6} \log L$$

central charge

Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek,  
Nucl. Phys. B (1994)

Fiola, Preskill, Strominger,  
Trivedi, Phys Rev D (1994)

- C-theorem

Entanglement decreases  
under RG flow

Zamolodchikov, JETP Lett (1986)

Capelli, Friedan, Latorre, Nucl. Phys. B (1991)

Forte, Latorre, Nucl. Phys. B (1998)

- Spin lattices in  $D > 1$  dimensions

"Area" law

$$S_L \approx L^{D-1}$$

Srednicki, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1993)

- Failure of White's DMRG numerical method in 2D,3D

# of eigenvectors of  $r_L$

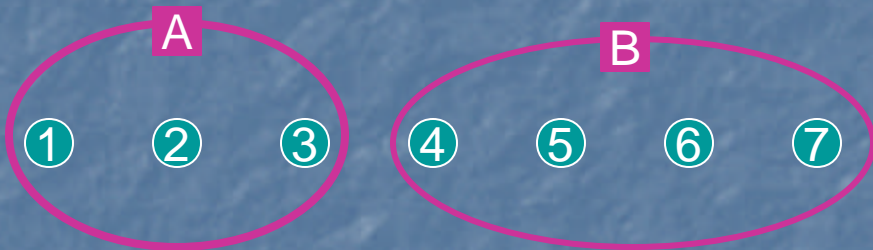
$$m \approx 2^{S_L}$$

|        | non-critical | critical |
|--------|--------------|----------|
| 1D     | ✓            | ✓ ×      |
| 2D, 3D | ×            | ×        |

# Efficient classical simulation of quantum dynamics

Vidal, quant-ph/0211074  
Vidal, in preparation

## Measure of multipartite entanglement



Schmidt decomposition

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{a=1}^{c_A} I_a |\Phi_a^{[A]}\rangle |\Phi_a^{[B]}\rangle$$

Schmidt rank

$$c_A$$

$$c \equiv \max_A c_A$$

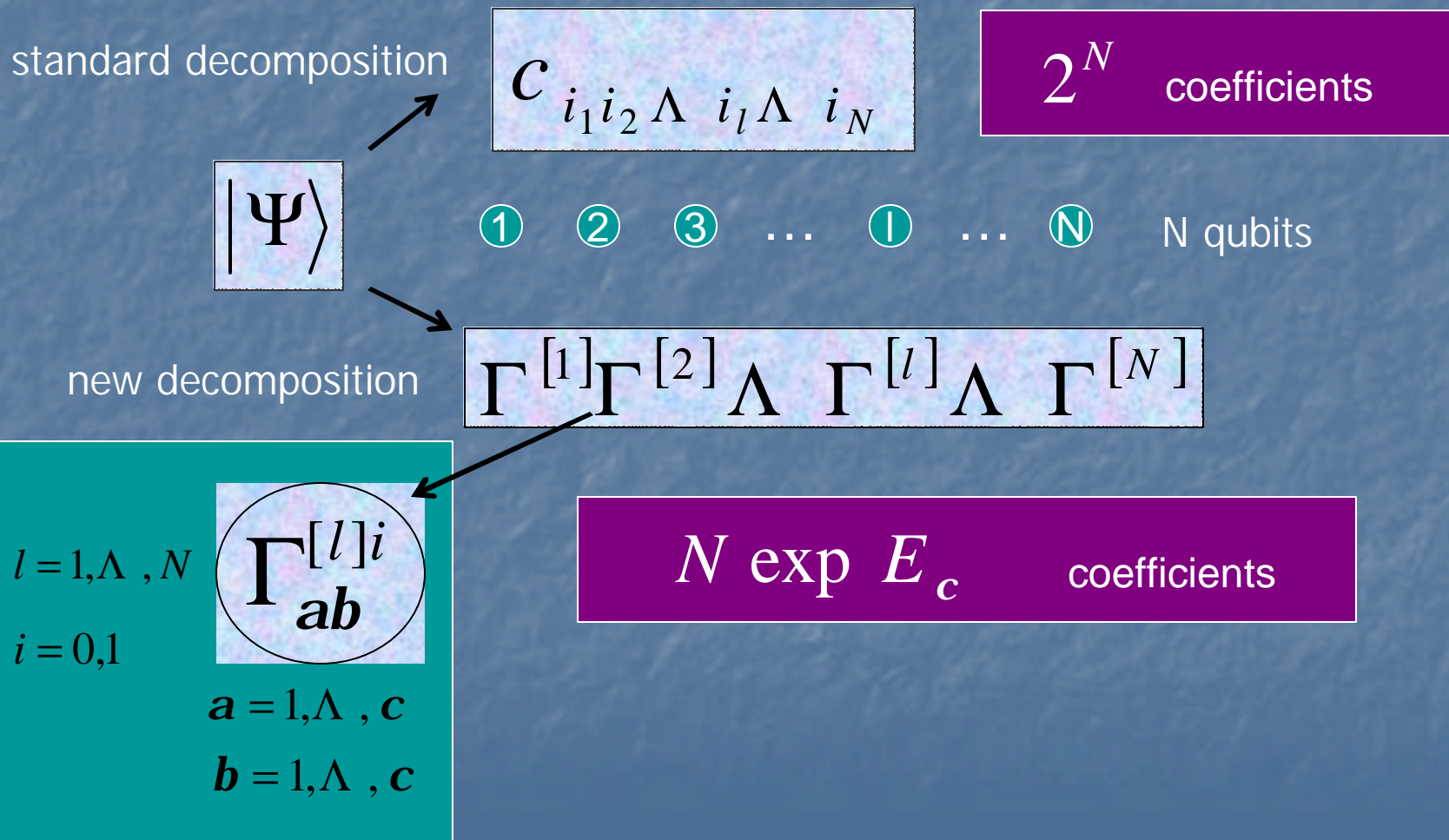
$$E_c \equiv \log_2 c$$

- Only vanishes for product (*i.e.* unentangled) states
- Additive under tensor product
- Non-increasing under LOCC (even under SLO)



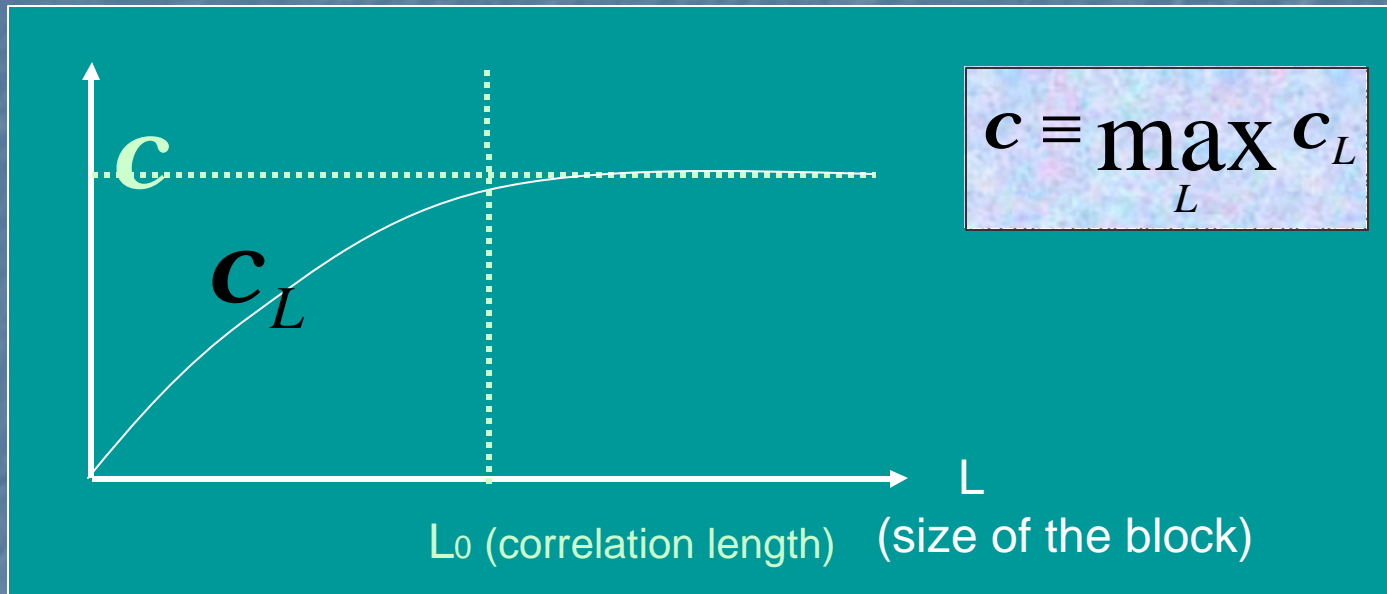
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## Decomposition of N-qubit states



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## Non-critical spin chain



saturation of  $c_L \rightarrow O(N)$  parameters to describe  $N$  spins

# Efficient classical simulation of quantum dynamics

| N spins                | cost of simulation   |  |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Non-critical 1D system | $O(N)$               |  |
| Critical 1D system     | $O(N^q)$ $q > 1$     |  |
| Non-critical 2D system | $O(N \exp \sqrt{N})$ | alternative method<br>$O(N)$<br>for non-critical systems |
| Critical 2D system     |                      |  |
| Non-critical 3D system | $O(N \exp N^{2/3})$  |  |
| Critical 3D system     |                      |  |

# summary

Entanglement  
in  
Quantum Many-Body  
Physics

descriptive

## Classical simulation of quantum dynamics

- Critical and non-critical spin chains.
- Non-critical spin lattices in 2D, 3D.

constructive

## Entanglement in quantum phase transitions

- Scaling of entanglement in critical and non-critical spin chains.
- Emergence of universality at a quantum critical point.

- Conformal field theory
- Monotonicity under RG flow.
- 2D,3D systems.
- Failure DMRG method.