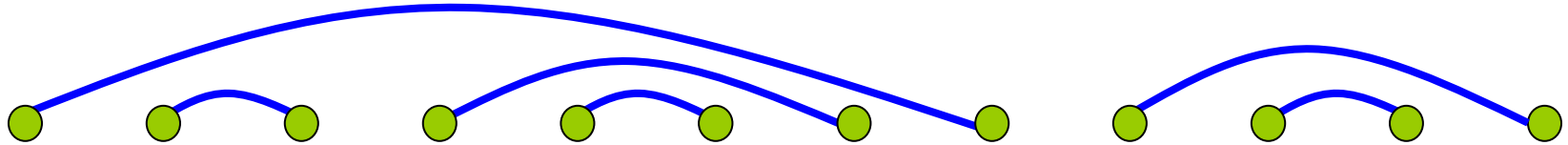


# Chains of “Interacting” Non-Abelian Quasiparticles

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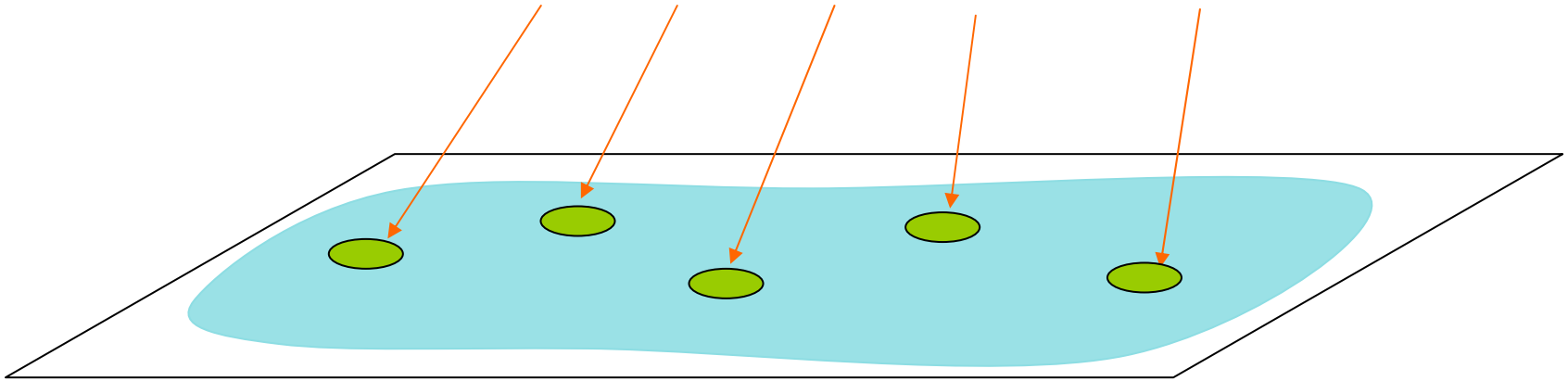
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# Non-Abelian FQH States (Moore, Read '91)

Fractionally charged quasiparticles



## Essential features:

A degenerate Hilbert space whose dimensionality is **exponentially large in the number of quasiparticles**.

States in this space **can only be distinguished by global measurements** provided quasiparticles are far apart.

# $SU(2)_k$ Non-Abelian Particles

1. Particles have topological charge  $s = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, \dots, k/2$



2. "Fusion Rule" for adding topological charge:

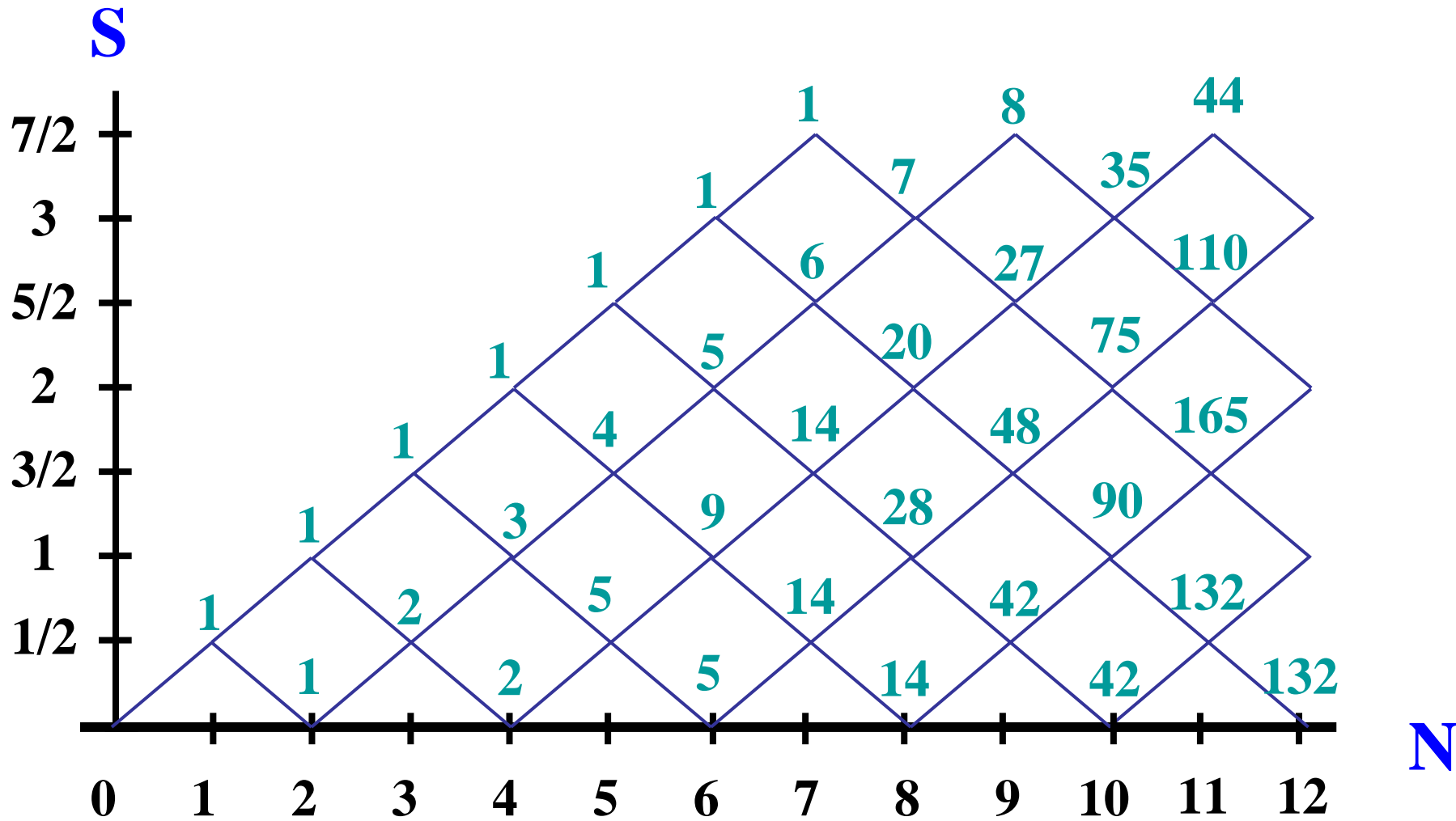
$$s_1 \otimes s_2 = |s_1 - s_2| \oplus (|s_1 - s_2| + 1) \oplus \dots \oplus \min[s_1 + s_2, \underline{k - (s_1 + s_2)}]$$

**For example:**  $\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 0 \oplus 1$

➔ Two ● particles can have total topological charge **0** or **1**.

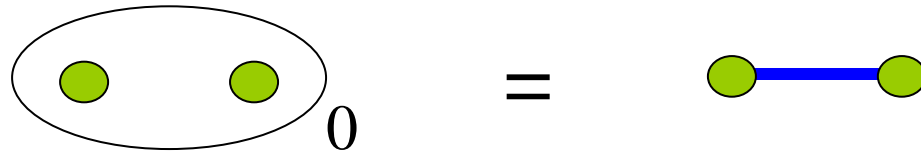
The diagram shows two terms separated by a plus sign. The first term is the Greek letter alpha followed by an oval containing two green circles, with a subscript 0 below the oval. The second term is the Greek letter beta followed by an oval containing two green circles, with a subscript 1 below the oval.

$k \rightarrow \infty$ ; Ordinary Spin-1/2 Particles

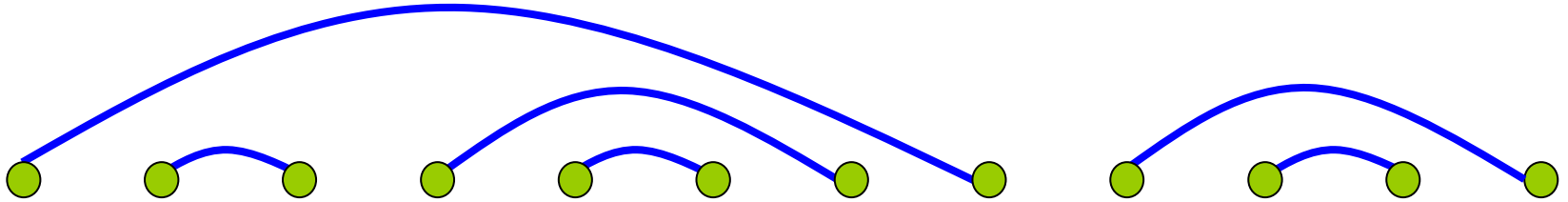


$\text{Dim}(N) \sim 2^N$

# Valence Bonds Basis



Non-crossing valence bond basis:

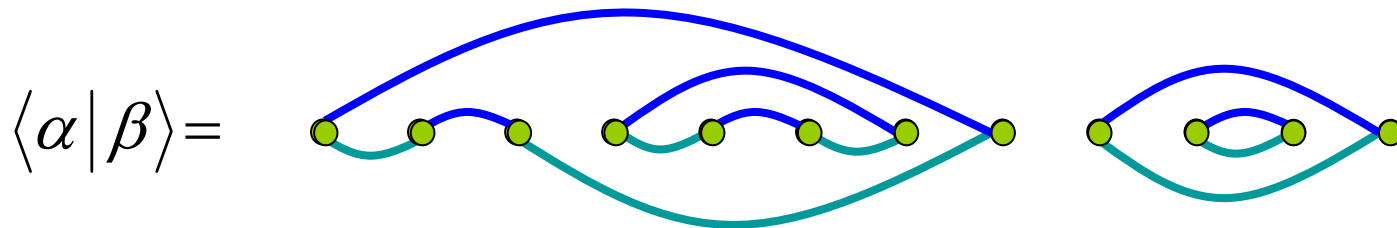
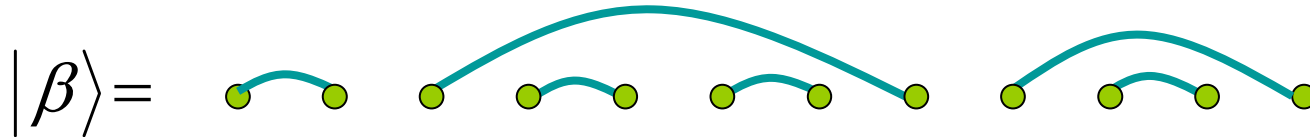
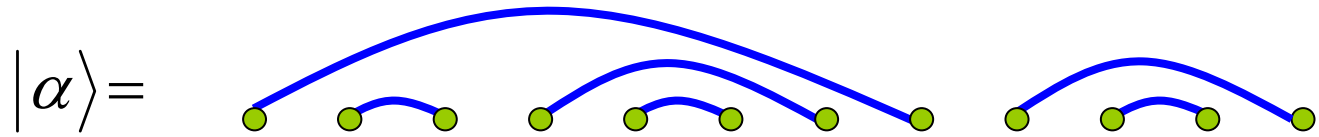


Any two particles connected by a bond form a singlet

Complete, linearly independent basis for the space of all singlet states.

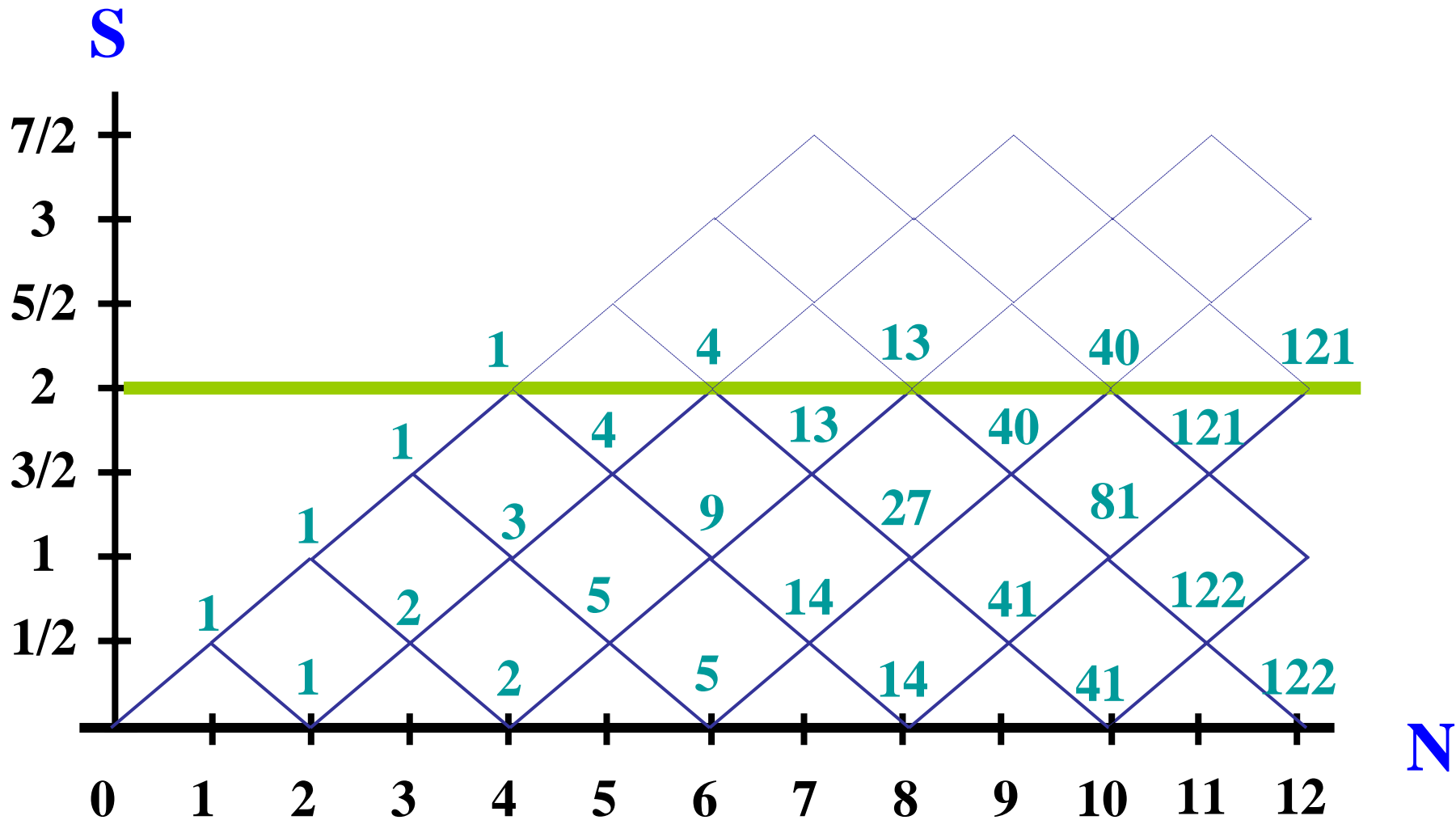
# Valence Bonds Basis

Nonorthogonal basis, but easy to compute with:



$$\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = 2^{N_{\text{loops}} - N/2} = 2^{3 - 12/2} = 1/8$$

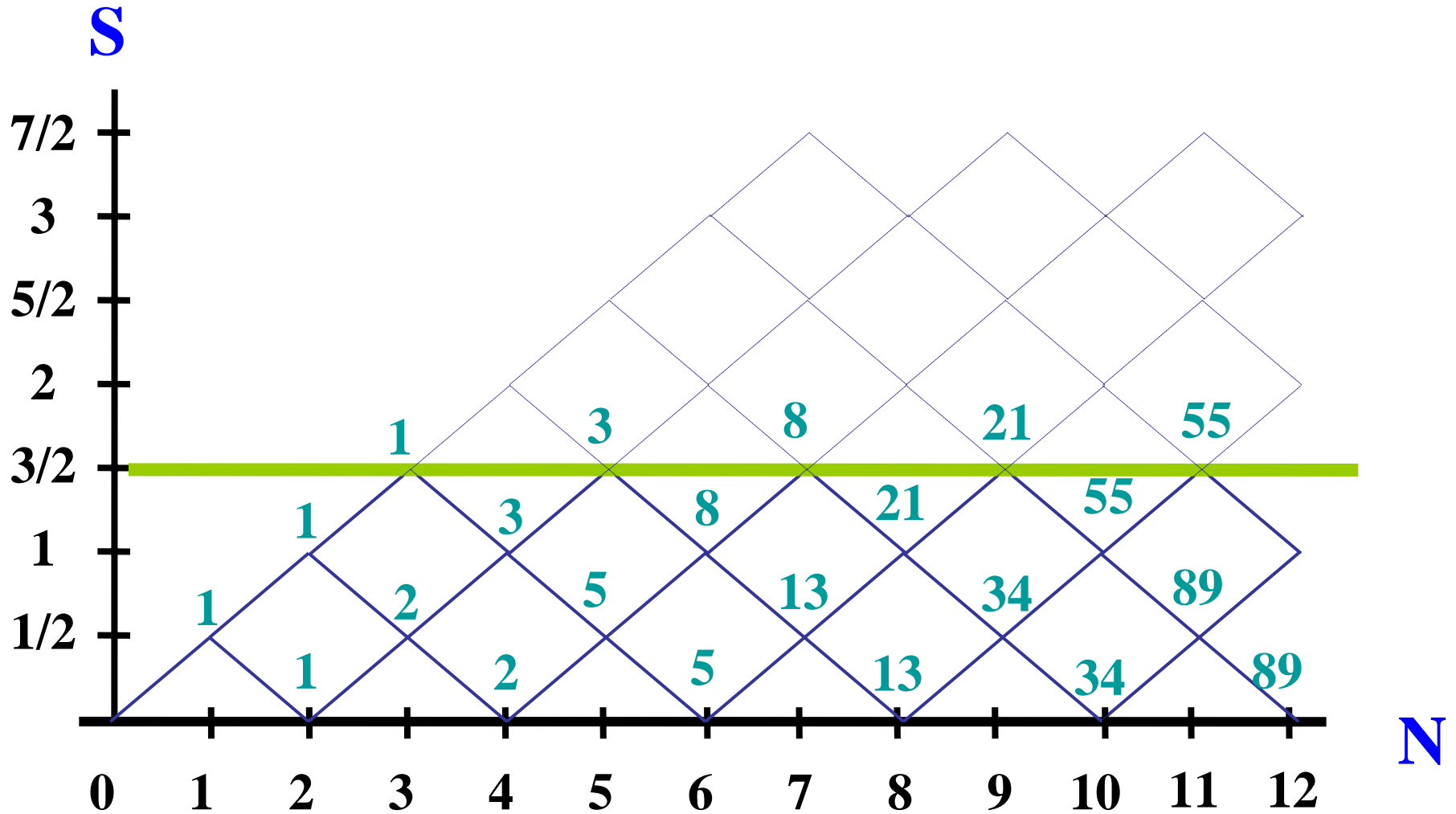
$$k = 4$$



$$\text{Dim}(\mathbf{N}) \sim 3^{N/2}$$

$$k = 3$$

( $\nu=12/5$  state?)

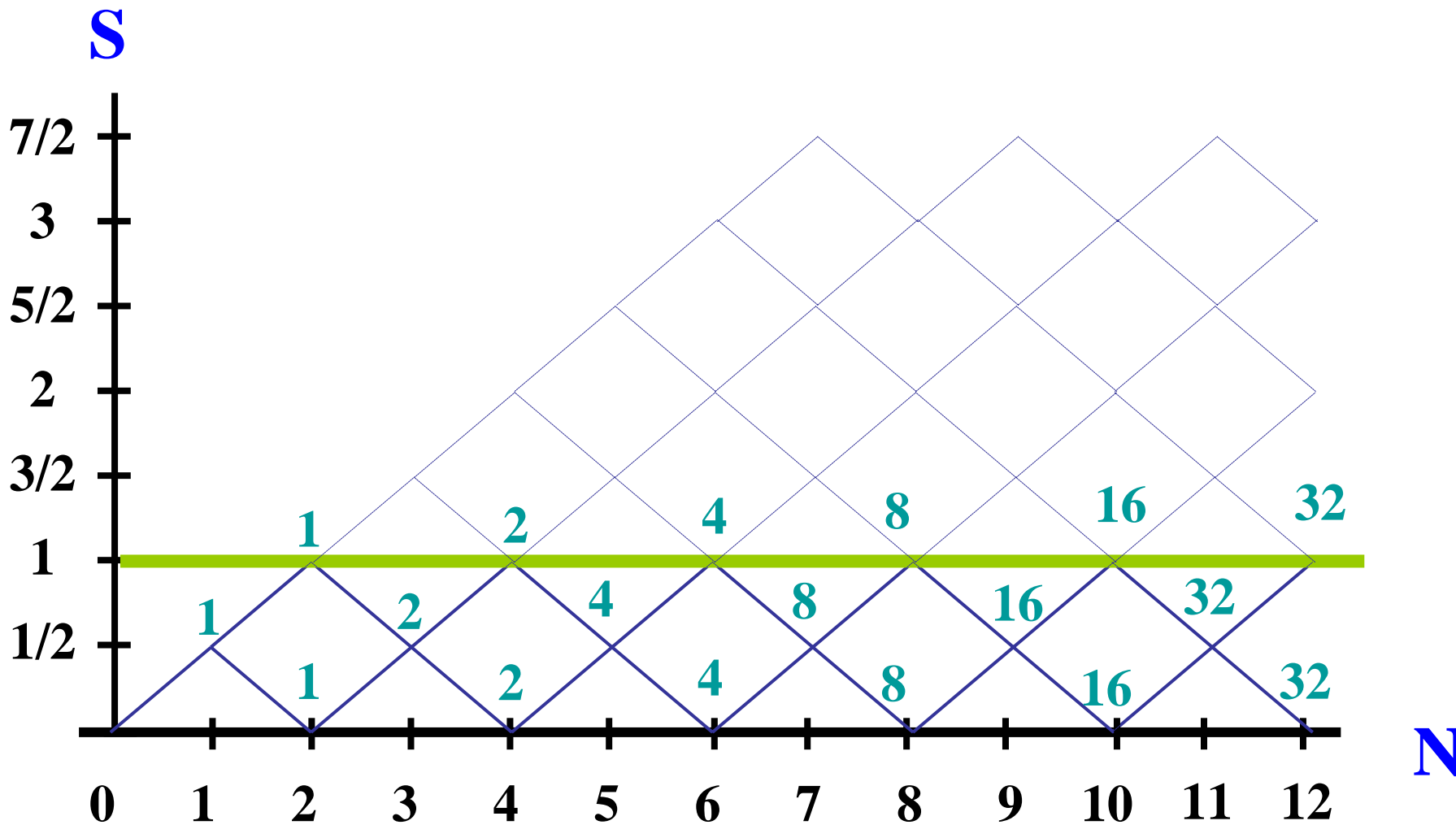


$$\text{Dim}(N) = \text{Fib}(N+1) \sim \phi^N$$



$$k = 2$$

( $\nu=5/2$  state)



$$\text{Dim}(\mathbf{N}) = 2^{N/2-1}$$

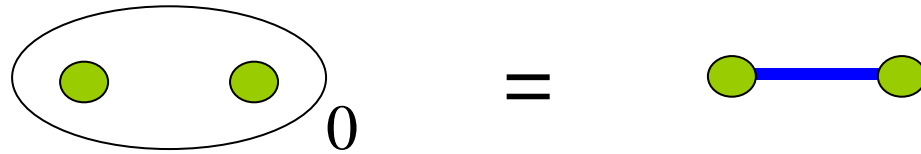
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Hilbert space of  $N$  particles with topological charge  $\frac{1}{2}$  grows asymptotically as  $d^N$  where  $d$  is the “quantum dimension” of the particles.

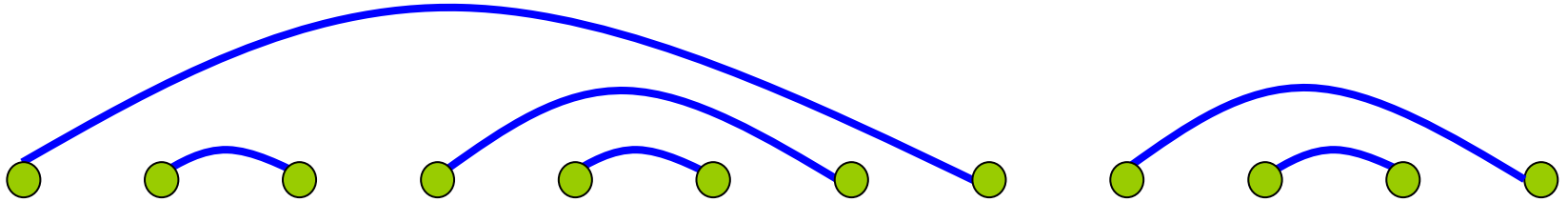
$$d = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{k+2}$$

$k$	$d$
2	$\sqrt{2}$
3	$\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$
4	$\sqrt{3}$
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# Valence Bonds Basis for $SU(2)_k$



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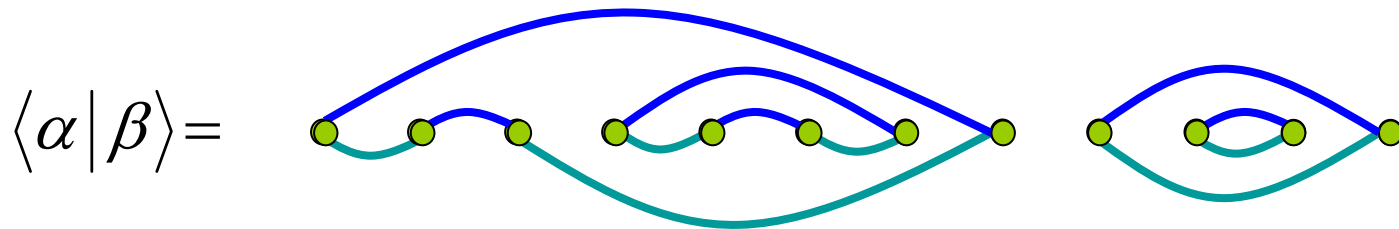
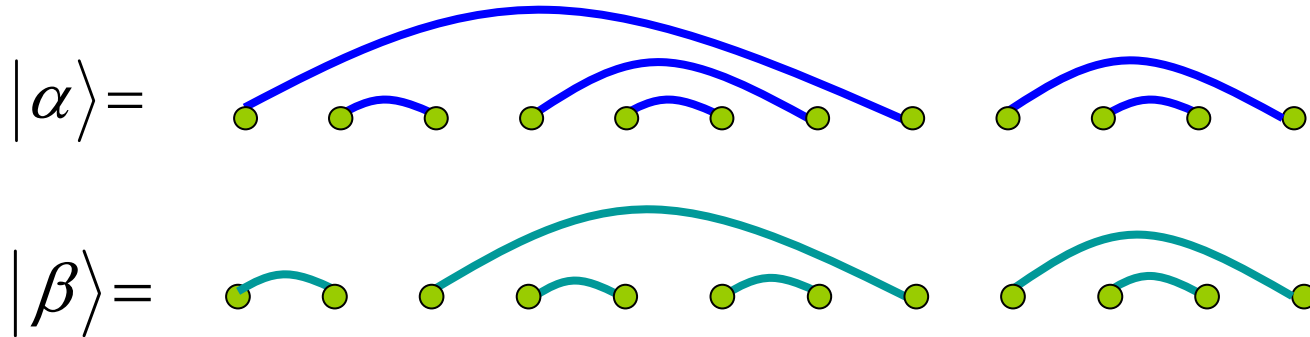


Any two particles connected by a bond fuse to trivial topological charge 0 if brought together.

A complete, but linearly dependent basis for the space of all states with total topological charge 0.

# Valence Bonds Basis for $SU(2)_k$

Again, nonorthogonal, but still easy to compute with:

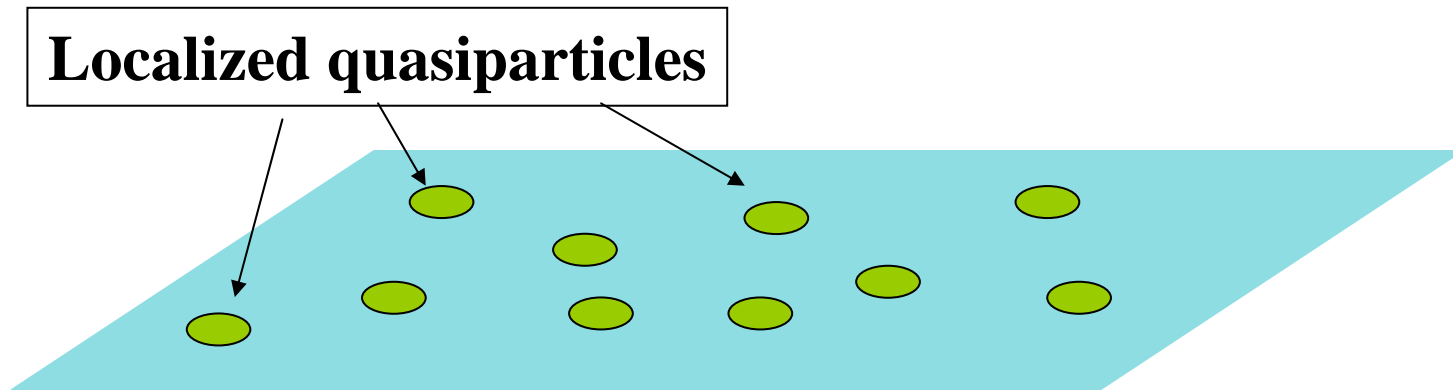


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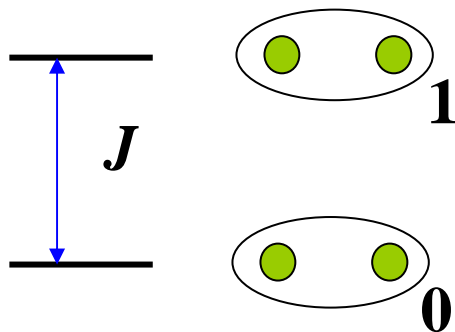
# Interacting Non-Abelian Anyons



Topological degeneracy is lifted when quasiparticles are close together (for FQHE states, this means within a few magnetic lengths).

Assume trivial topological charge is energetically favored:

energy ↑

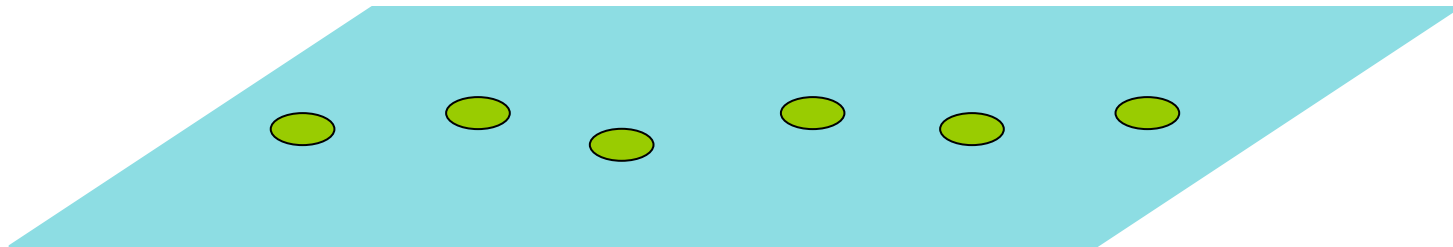


$$H = - \sum_{i,j} J_{i,j} \Pi_{i,j}^0 ; J_{i,j} > 0$$

Projection onto state of particle  $i$  and  $j$  with total topological charge  $0$ .

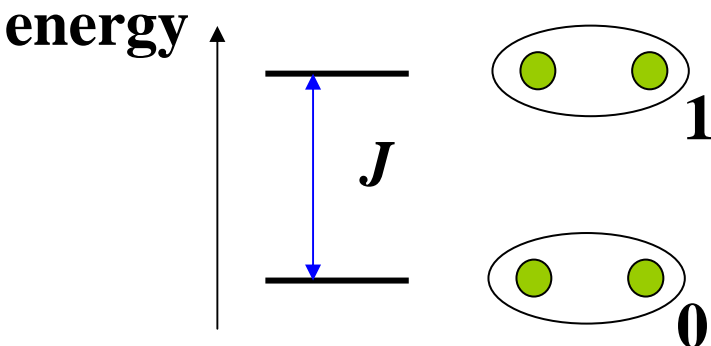
# Interacting Anyon Chain

(Feiguin et al., PRL 98, 160409 (2007).)



$$\dots \quad \bullet \quad J_{i-2} \quad \bullet \quad J_{i-1} \quad \bullet \quad J_i \quad \bullet \quad J_{i+1} \quad \bullet \quad J_{i+2} \quad \bullet \quad \dots$$

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$$(\Pi_i^0 \equiv \Pi_{i,i+1}^0)$$

# Uniform $SU(2)_k$ Chains

$k \rightarrow \infty$  Ordinary spin-1/2 AFM Heisenberg model:

$$H = -J \sum_i \Pi_i^0 = -J \sum_i \left( \frac{1}{4} - S_i \cdot S_{i+1} \right)$$

Conformally invariant quantum critical model with central charge:  $c=1$

Uniform  $SU(2)_k$  chains can be mapped onto exactly solvable **Andrews-Baxter-Forrester** models which realize minimal CFTs with central charges,

$$c = 1 - \frac{6}{(k+1)(k+2)} \quad (\text{Feiguin et al., PRL 98, 160409 (2007).})$$

$k \rightarrow \infty$	$c = 1$	Heisenberg Model
$k = 3$	$c = \frac{7}{10}$	Golden Chain
$k = 2$	$c = \frac{1}{2}$	Critical TFIM

# Random $SU(2)_k$ Chains

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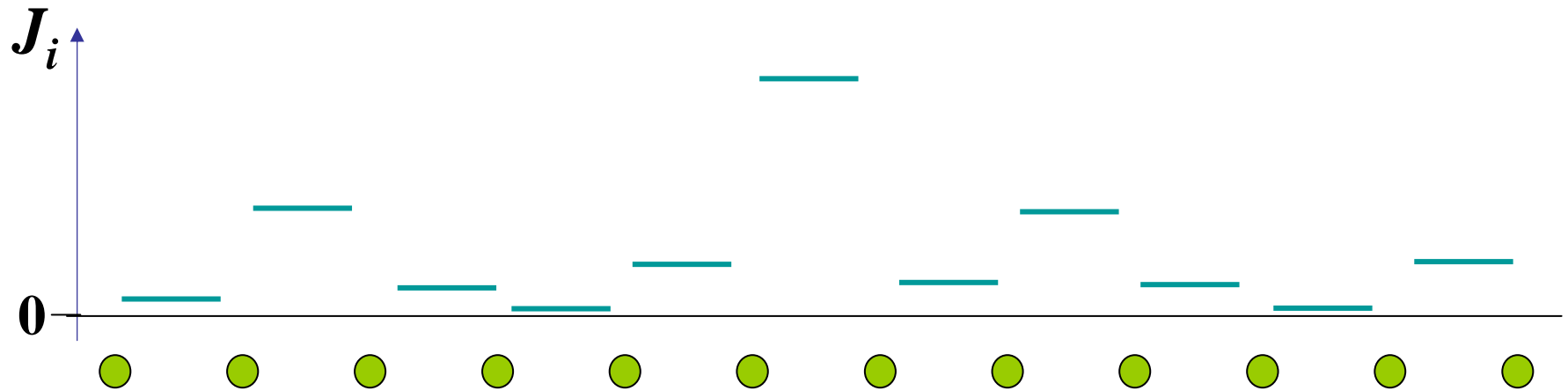




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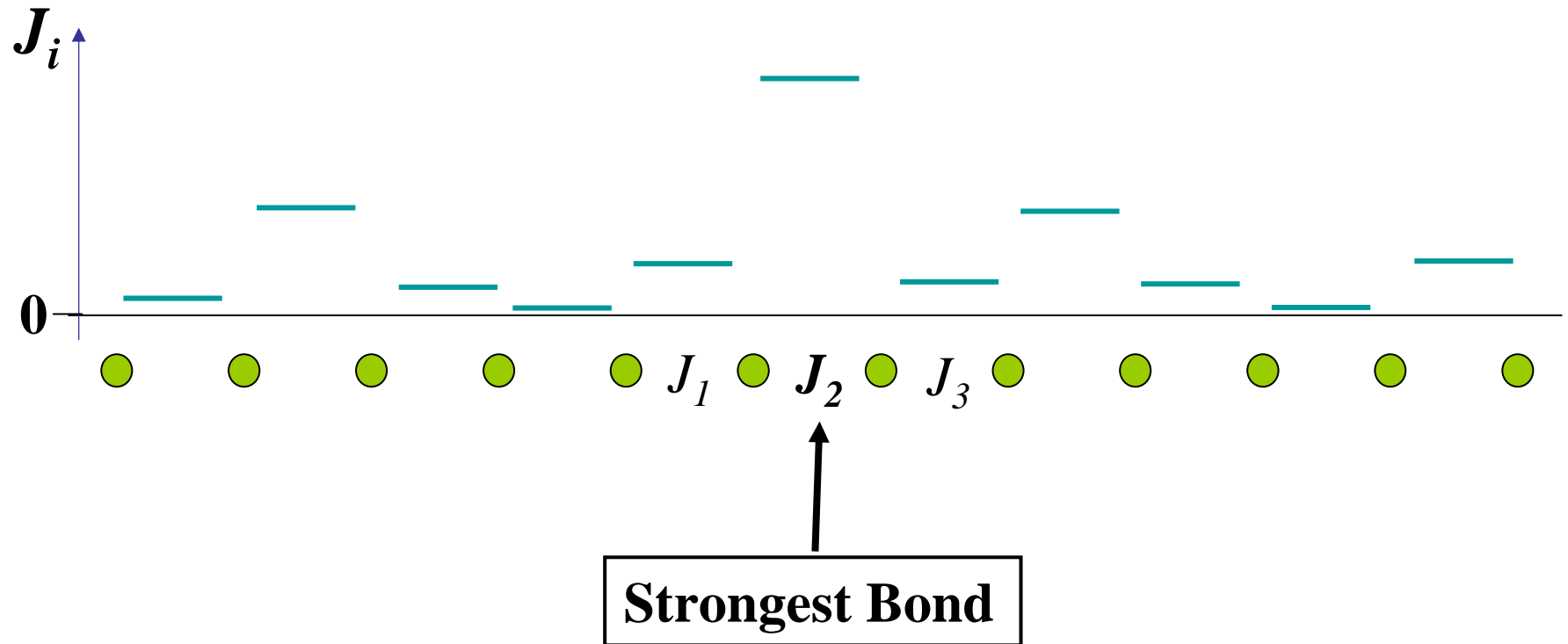
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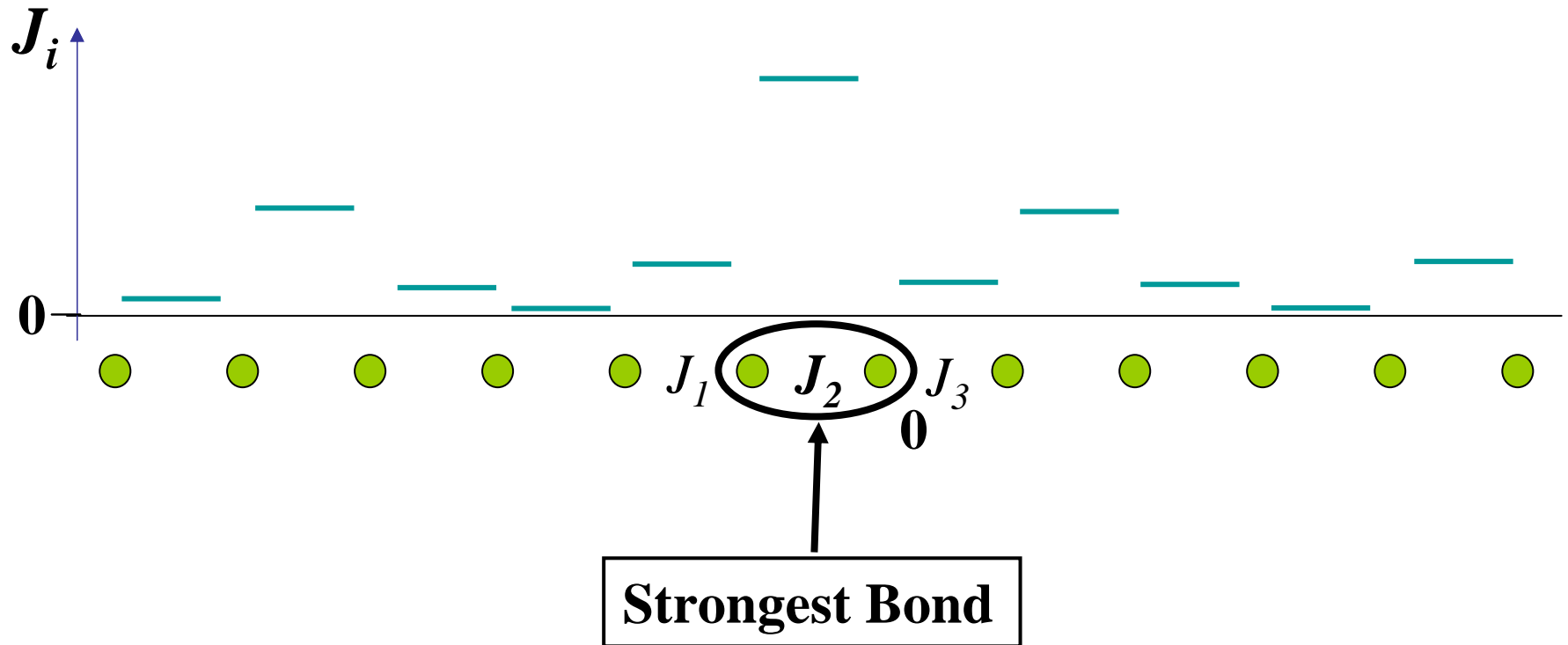
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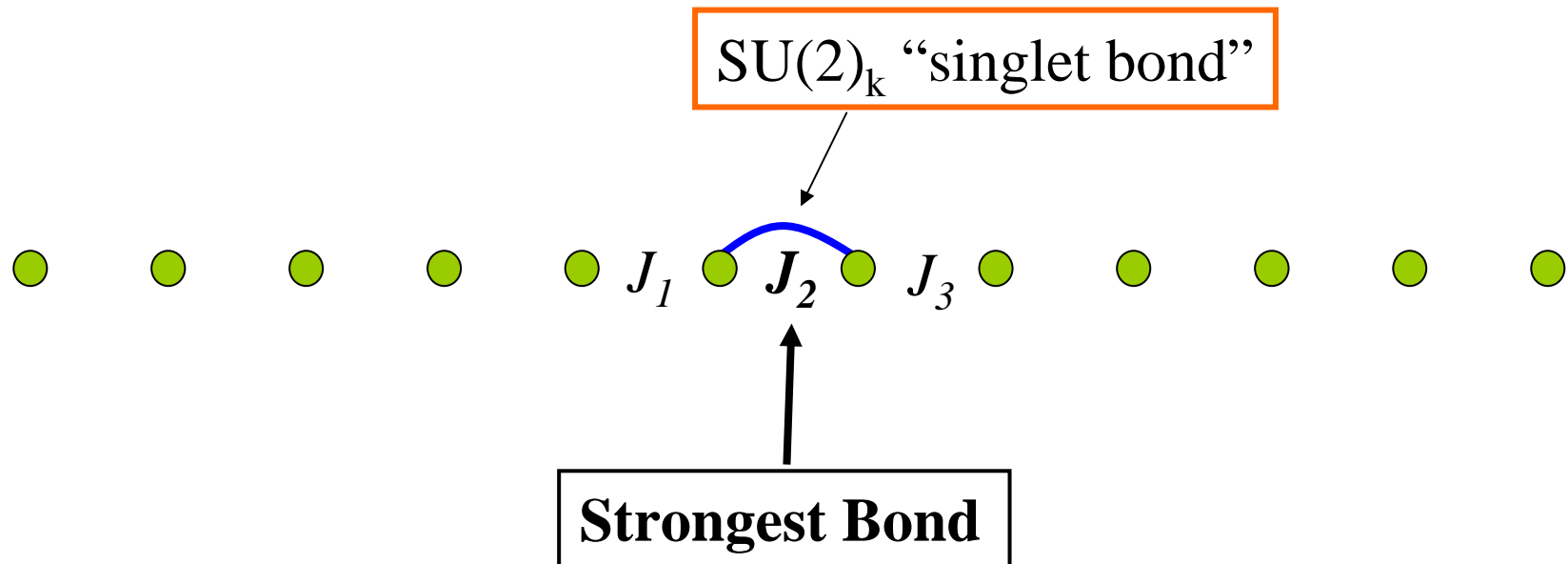
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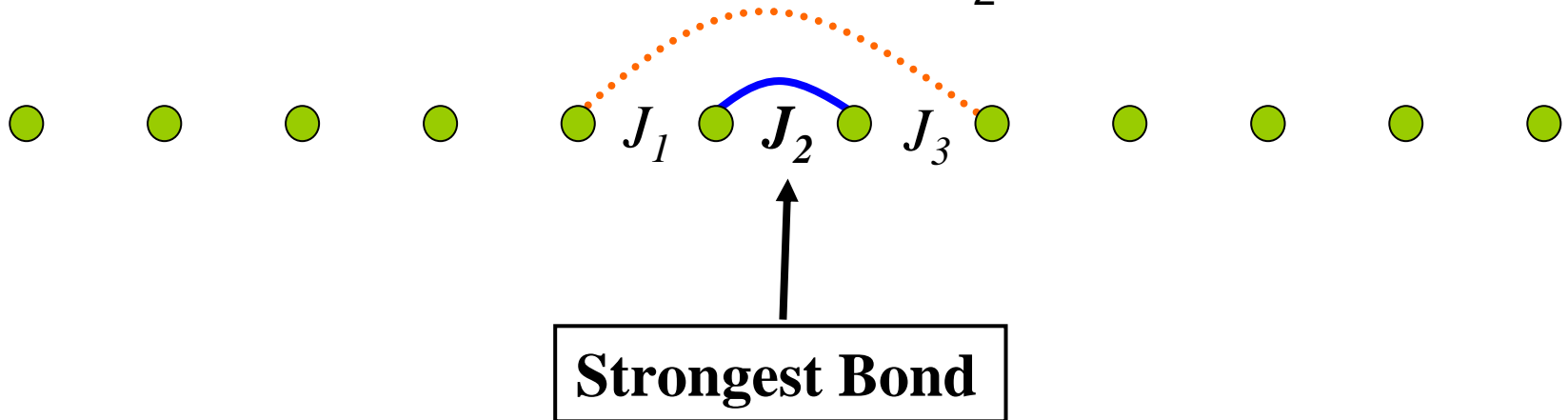
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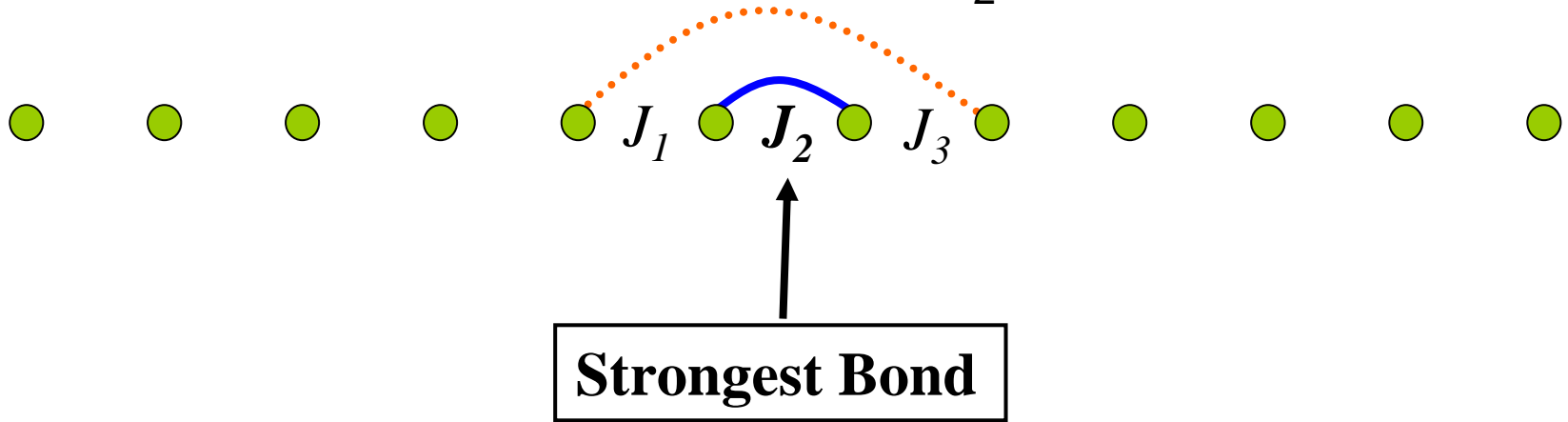
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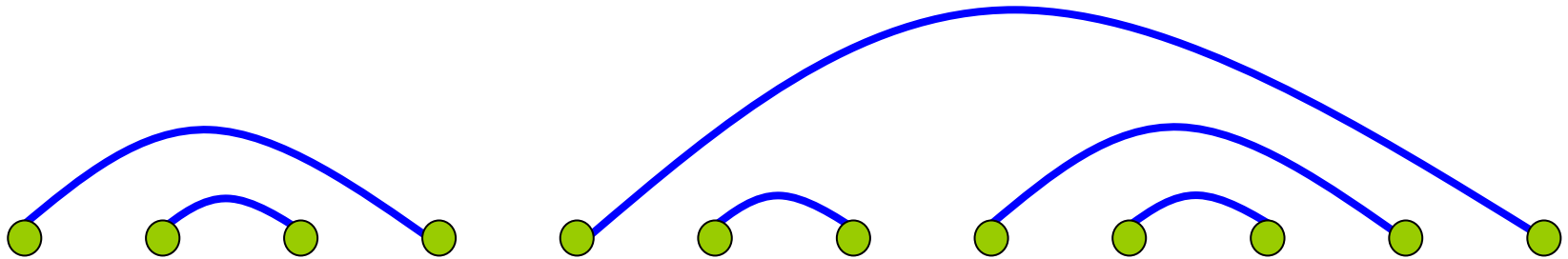
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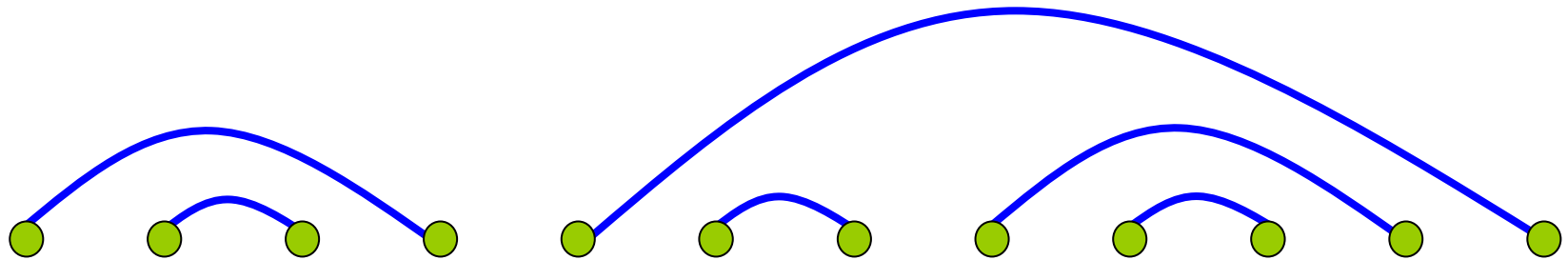
Random Singlet Phase for  $SU(2)_k$  particles: Bonds freeze into a particular non-crossing valence-bond state.

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Infinite Random Fixed Point (D. Fisher '94)

$$L^{1/2} \sim \ln \frac{1}{E} \quad \longrightarrow$$

**Specific Heat:**

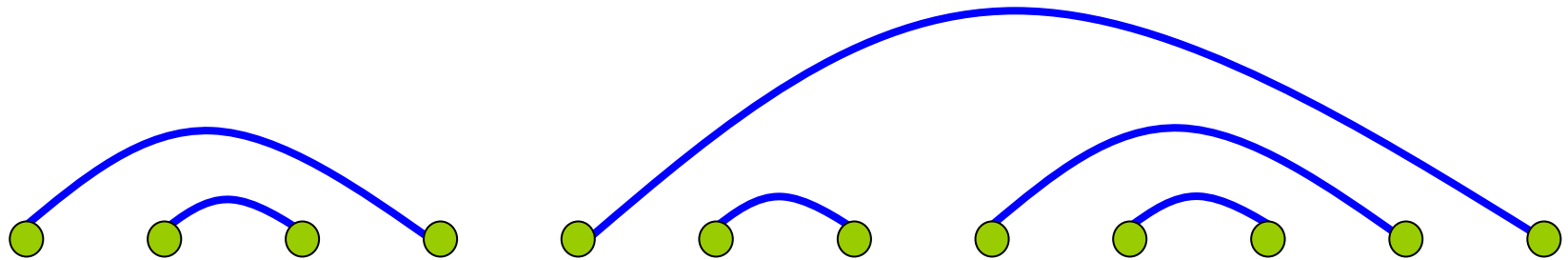
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w/ FM bonds (i.e. some  $J_i < 0$ ), for  $k=3$   $\longrightarrow$  New fixed point

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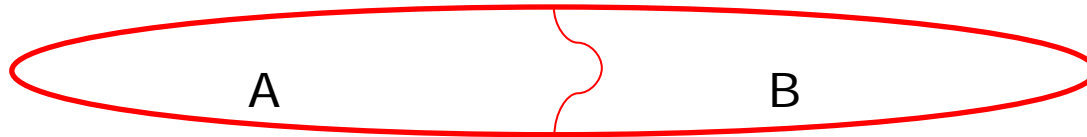
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(L. Fidkowski, G. Refael, NEB, J. Moore, arxiv:0807.1123)

# Entanglement Entropy

A quantum system composed of two parts: A and B



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [ |GS\rangle\langle GS| ] \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_A \equiv -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log_2 \rho_A]$$

**Reduced density matrix** **Entanglement entropy**

Simple example: An  $SU(2)$  singlet bond

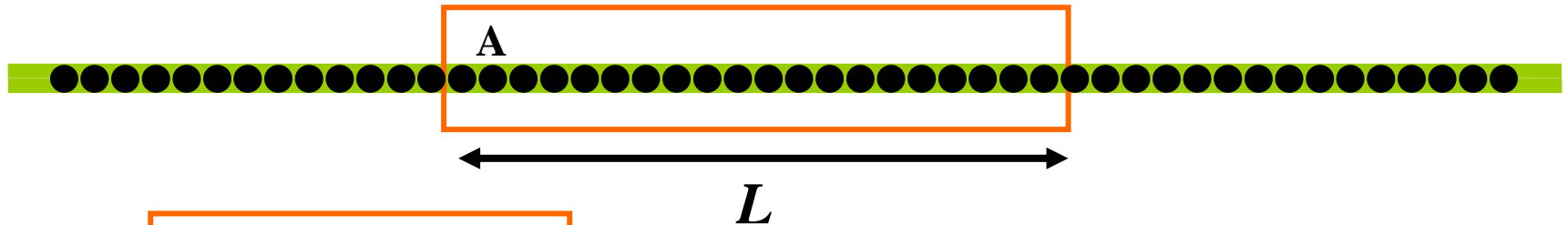
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \uparrow_A \downarrow_B - \downarrow_A \uparrow_B \right)$$

A diagram showing two green dots labeled 'A' and 'B' connected by a blue arc, enclosed in a red oval. A vertical orange line separates the two dots.

$$\rho_A = \frac{1}{2} | \uparrow_A \rangle \langle \uparrow_A | + \frac{1}{2} | \downarrow_A \rangle \langle \downarrow_A | \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{S_A = 1}$$

# Entanglement Entropy

At 1+1 dimensional conformally invariant quantum critical points, the entanglement entropy scales logarithmically with the size of region A with a universal coefficient:



$$S(L) \approx \frac{c}{3} \log_2 L$$

$c$  = central charge

(Holzhey et al. '94, Calabrese & Cardy '04)

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**For uniform Heisenberg model ( $c=1$ )**

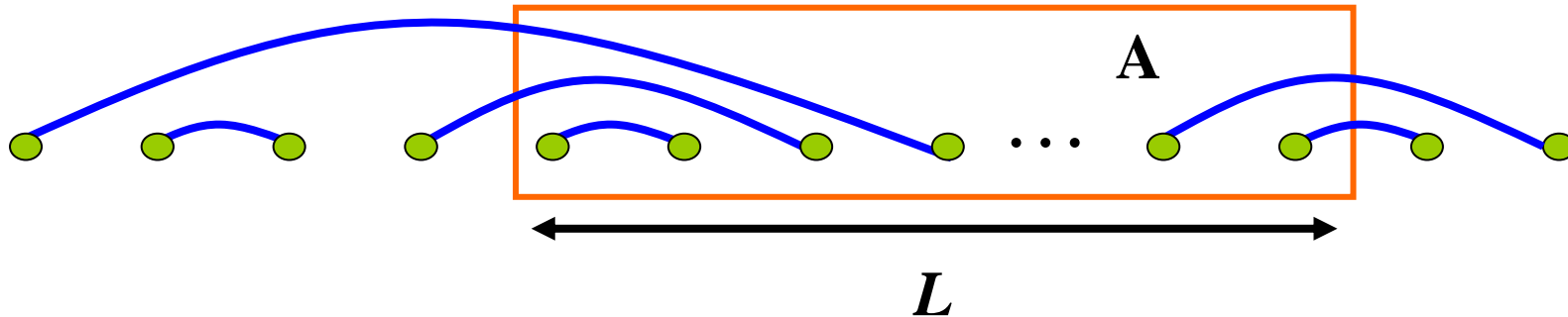
$$S(L) \approx \frac{1}{6} \log_2 L$$

**For uniform critical TFIM ( $c=1/2$ )**

# Entanglement Entropy of Random Spin-1/2 Chains

(Refael & Moore PRL 93, 260602 (2004))

In the random singlet phase the entanglement entropy also scales logarithmically with  $L$



Avg. # of bonds leaving region of length  $L \approx \frac{1}{3} \ln L = \frac{\ln 2}{3} \log_2 L$

$$S(L) \approx \underbrace{(\text{entropy per bond})}_1 \times \frac{\ln 2}{3} \log_2 L \approx \frac{\ln 2}{3} \log_2 L$$

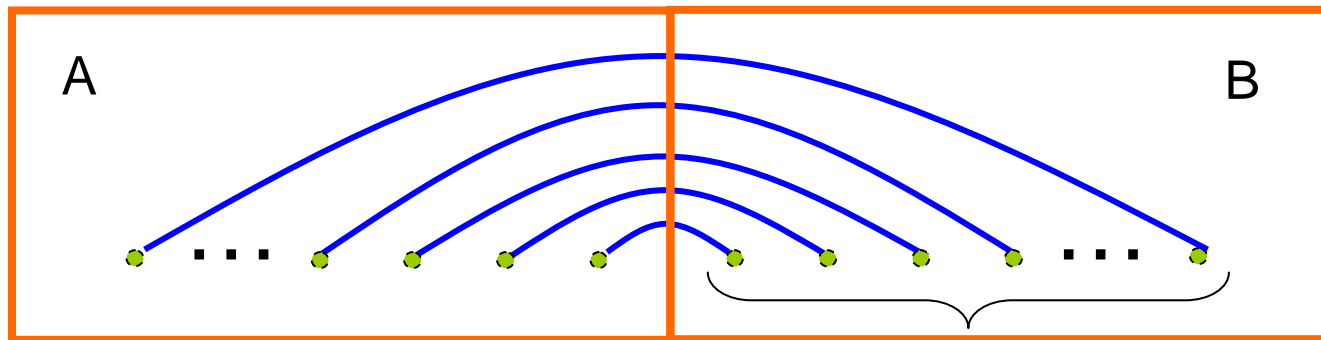
→ “effective” central charge:  $\tilde{c} = \ln 2$

# Entanglement Entropy of $SU(2)_k$ Singlet Bond

(NEB & Kun Yang, PRL 99, 140405 (2007))

For  $SU(2)_k$  random chains the only thing that is different is the entanglement per bond.

Imagine  $N \gg 1$  “singlet” pairs:



$N$  particles  
Dimensionality of Hilbert  
space  $\sim d^N$

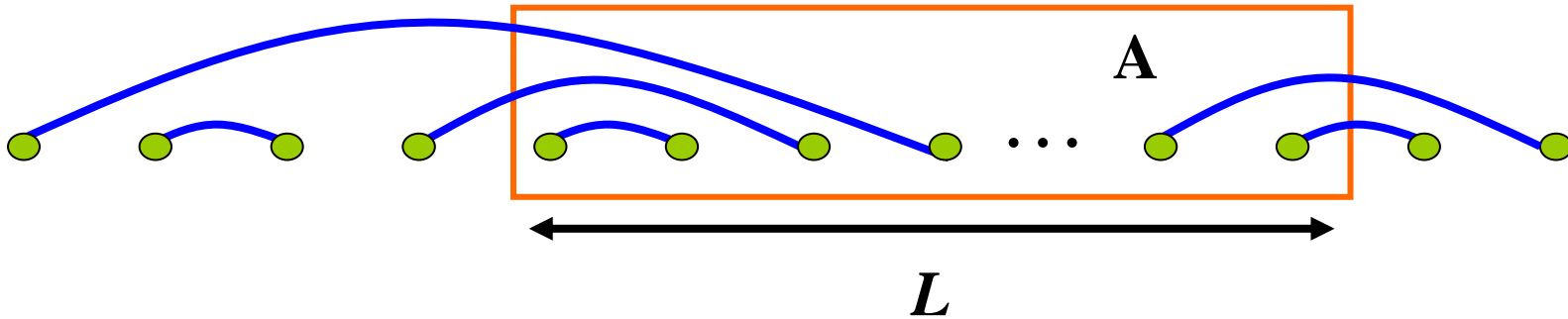
$$S_A \approx \log_2 d^N = N \log_2 d$$

$$\text{Entropy per bond} = \log_2 d$$

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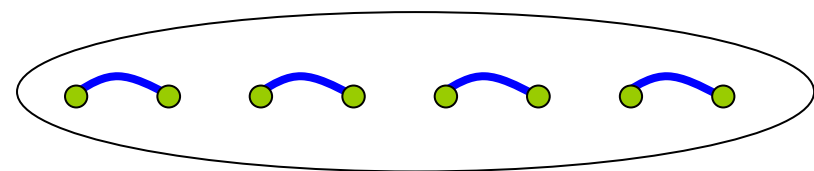
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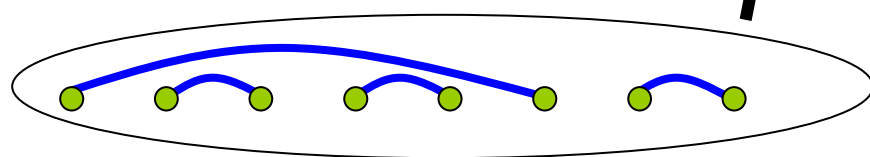
(Sandvik, PRL **95**, 207203 (2005))

**Idea:** Project out ground state of  $H$  by repeatedly applying  $-H$  to some initial valence-bond state  $|S_0\rangle$

$$(-H)^n |S_0\rangle = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_n} J_{i_1} \dots J_{i_n} \Pi_{i_1}^0 \dots \Pi_{i_n}^0 |S_0\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} w(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle$$



**Initial valence-bond state**



**Sum over “non-crossing”  
valence-bond states.**

Weight factors  $w(\alpha)$  are easy to compute and update for efficient Monte Carlo sampling. Straightforward to generalize to  $SU(2)_k$  particles.

# Valence-Bond Entanglement

(Alet, Capponi, Laflorencie, Matthieu, PRL 99, 117204 (2007))

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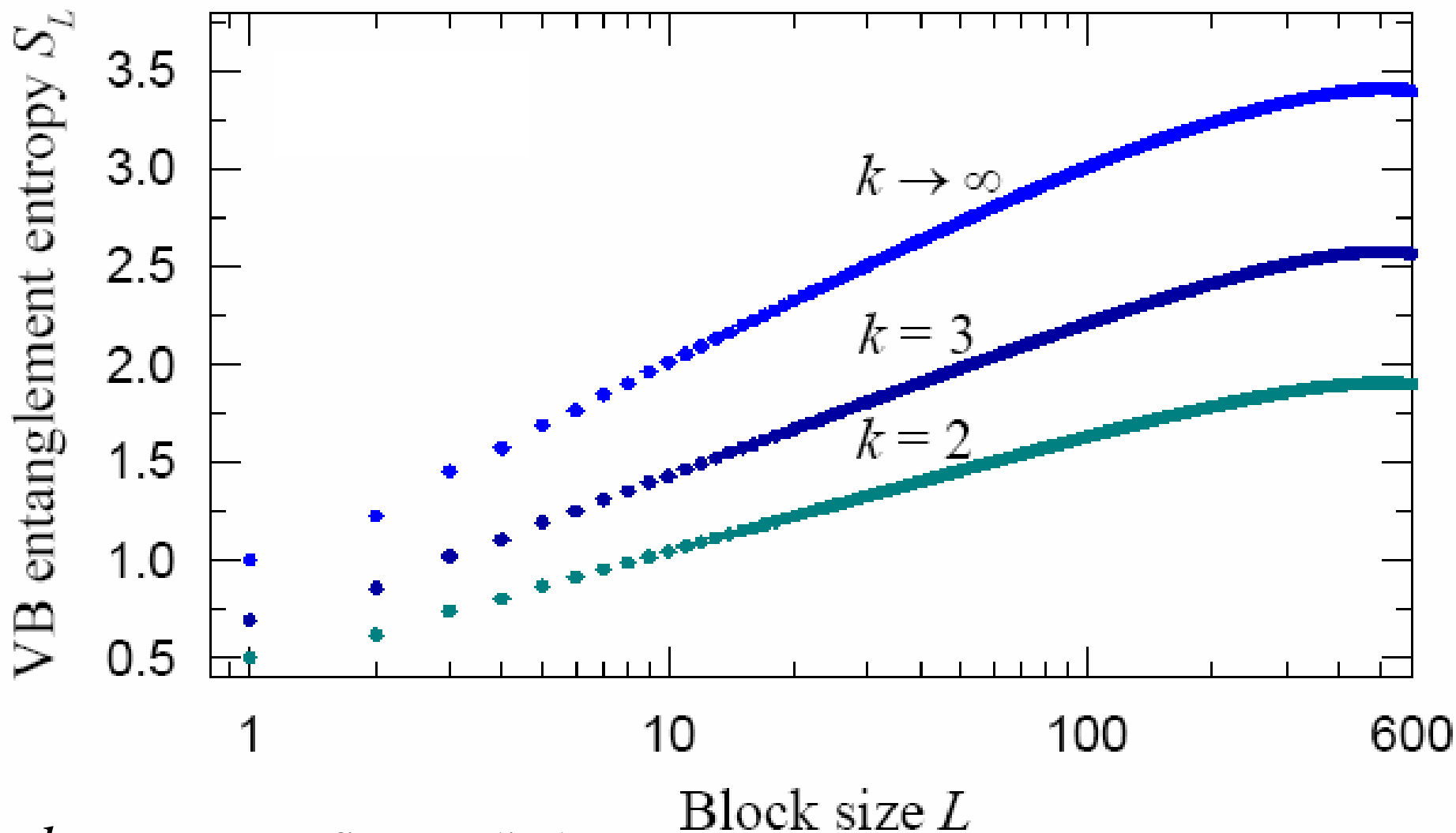
Exact result for uniform chains (Jacobsen & Saleur, PRL 100, 087205 (2008))

$$S_{VB}(L) \approx \underbrace{\frac{4 \ln d}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{k+1} \frac{d}{\sqrt{4-d^2}}}_{\text{Close to, but not exactly equal to } c/3} \log_2 L$$

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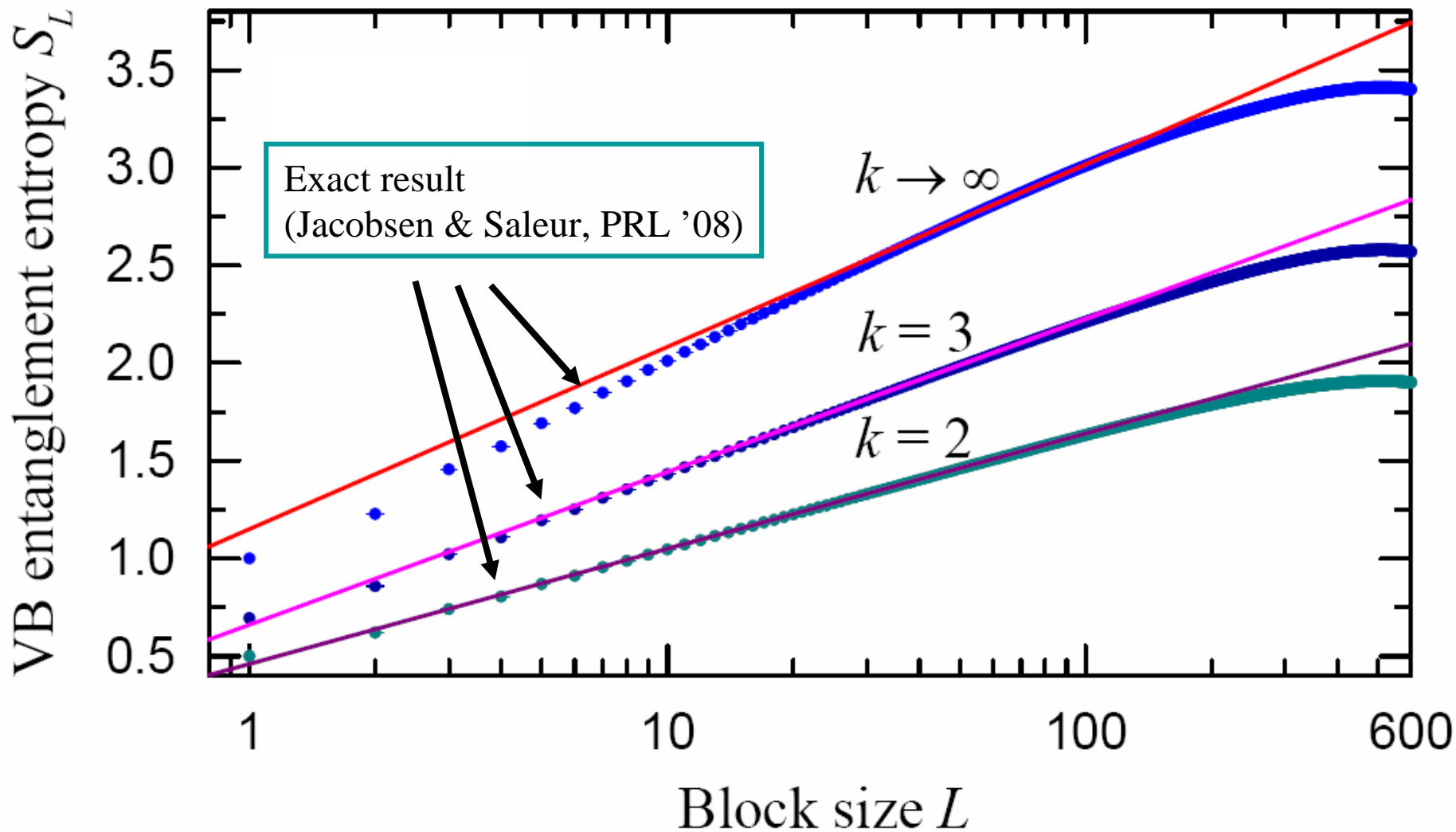
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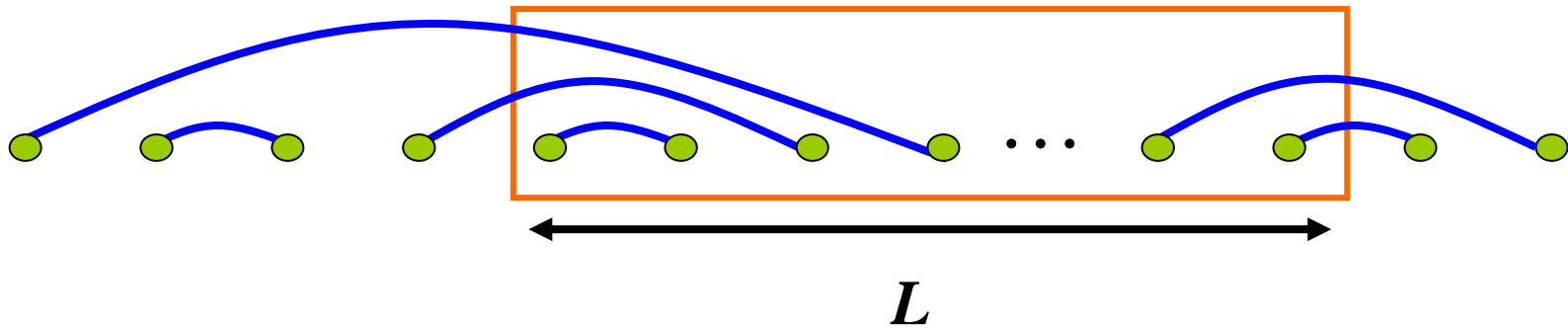
If bonds “freeze” on long length scales then  $S_{VB}(L)$  should show the same scaling as the “true” entanglement  $S(L)$  for large  $L$ .

→ **For random chains expect:**

$$S_{VB}(L) \approx \frac{\ln d}{3} \log_2 L$$

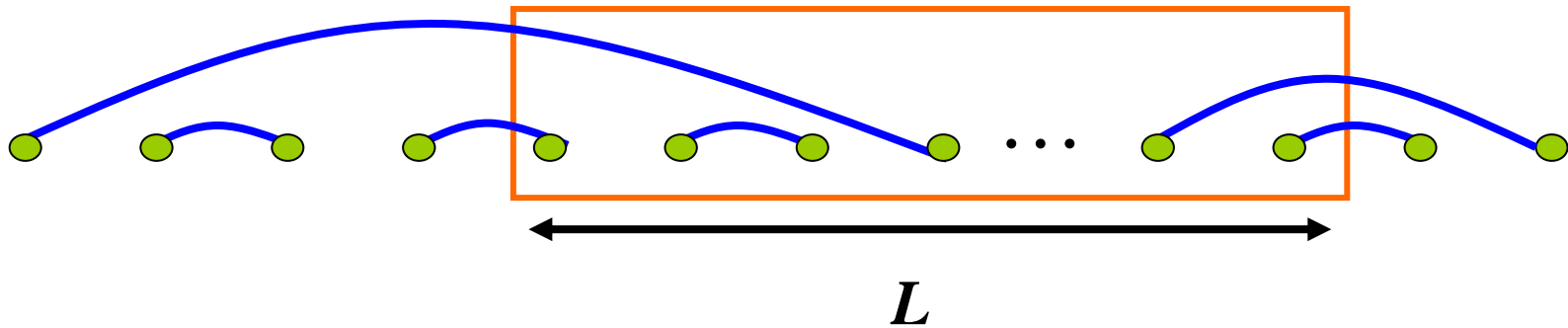
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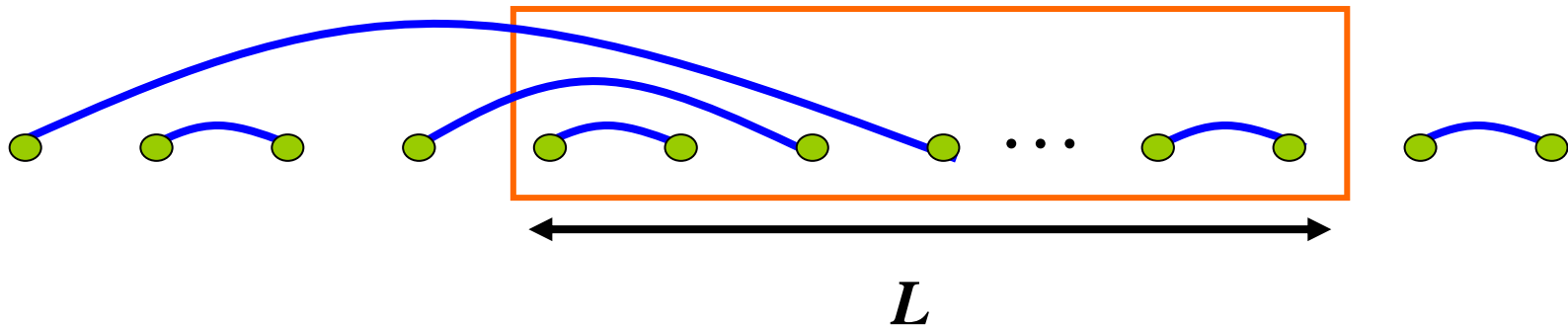
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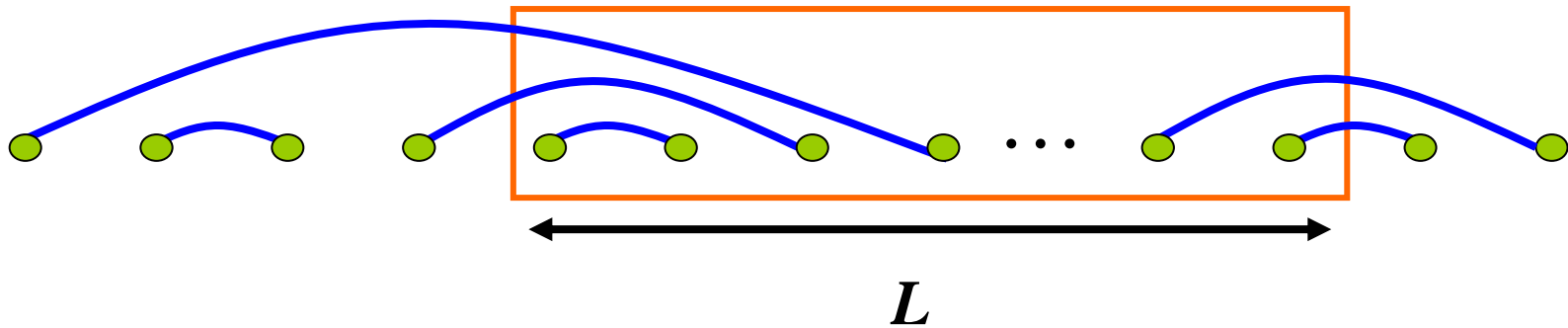
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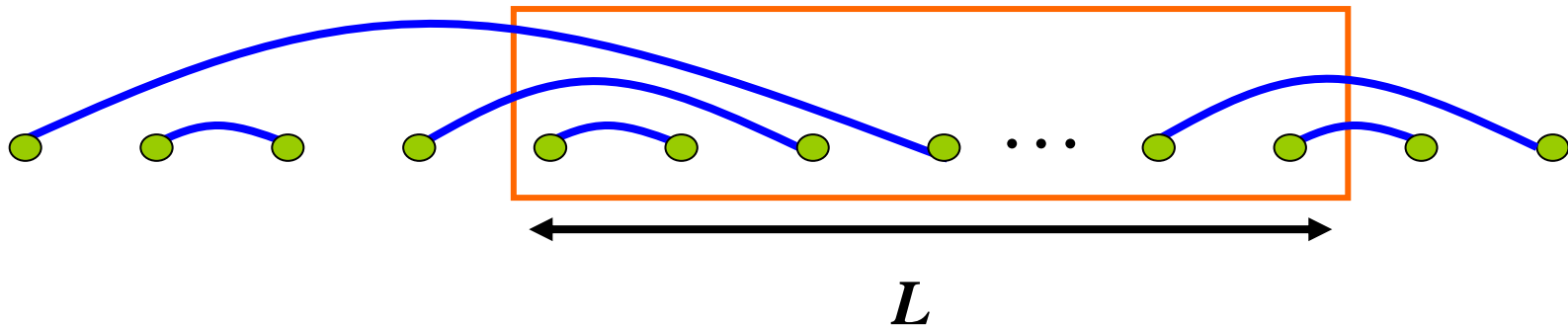
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If bonds are frozen, only fluctuations near boundary of region change the number of bonds leaving that region.

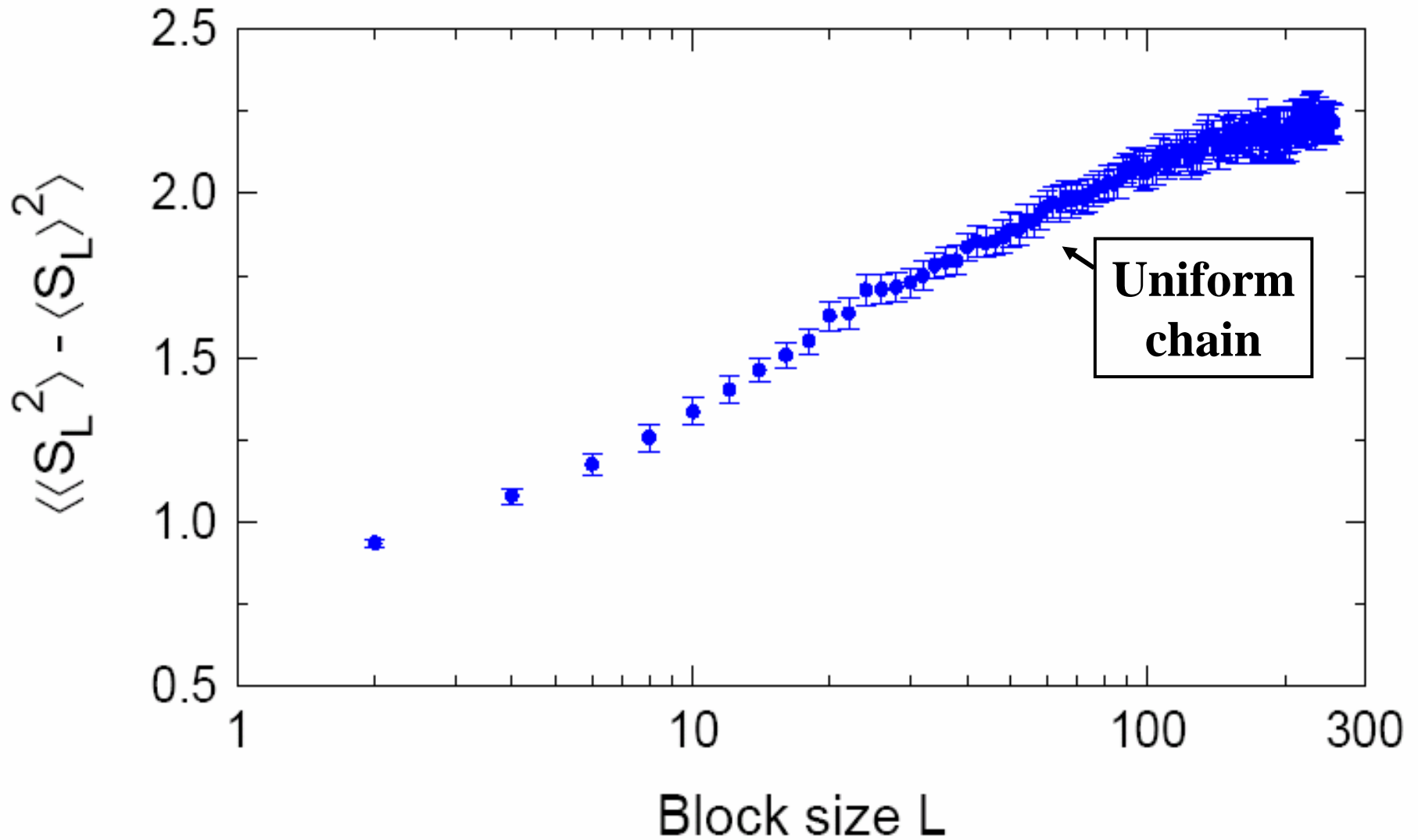
$$\sigma_n^2 = \left\langle \underbrace{\langle n_L^2 \rangle - \langle n_L \rangle^2}_{\text{Average over disorder}} \right\rangle$$

**Bond fluctuations for particular realization of disorder**

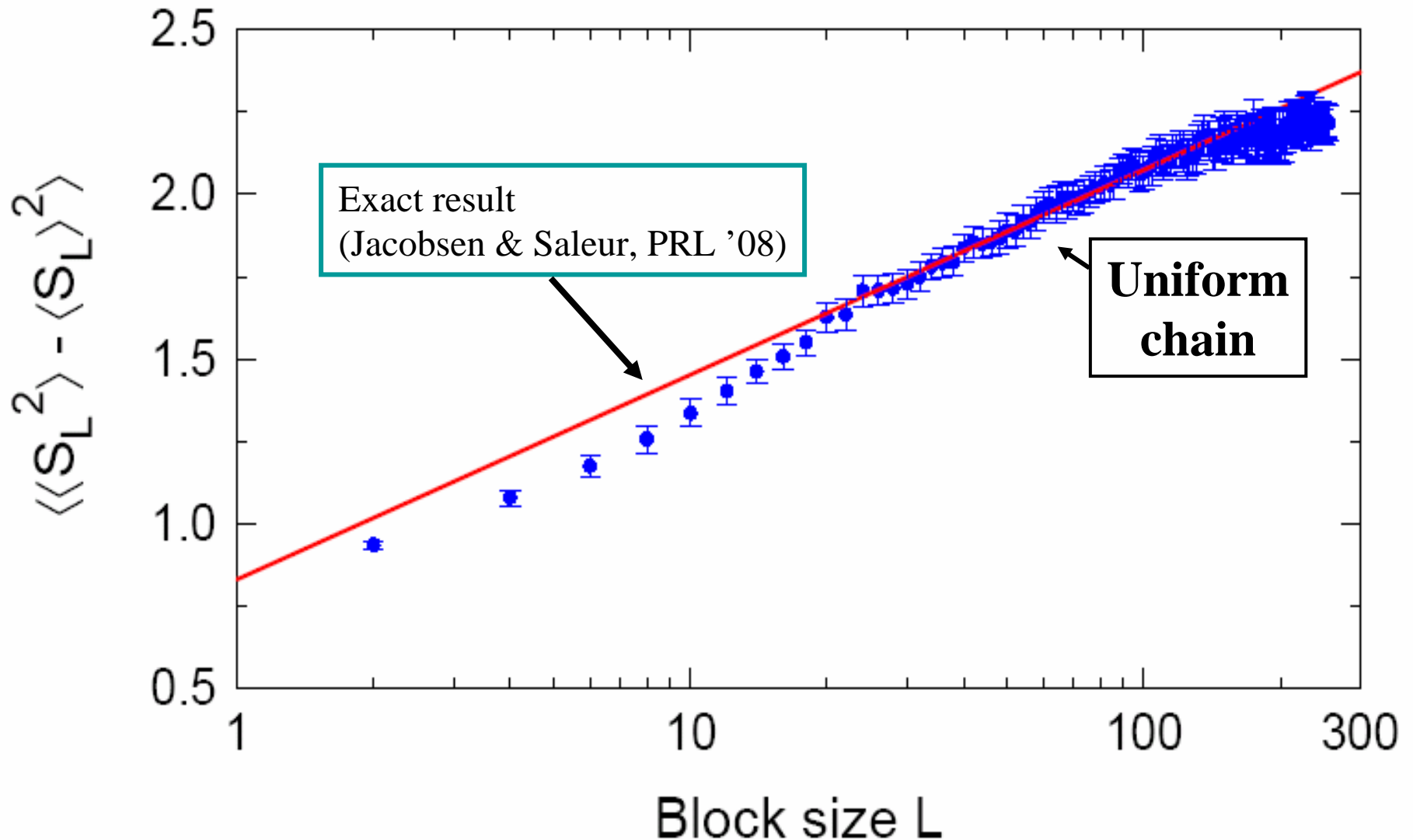
Expect  $\sigma_n^2$  to be independent of  $L$  for large  $L$  if bonds freeze.



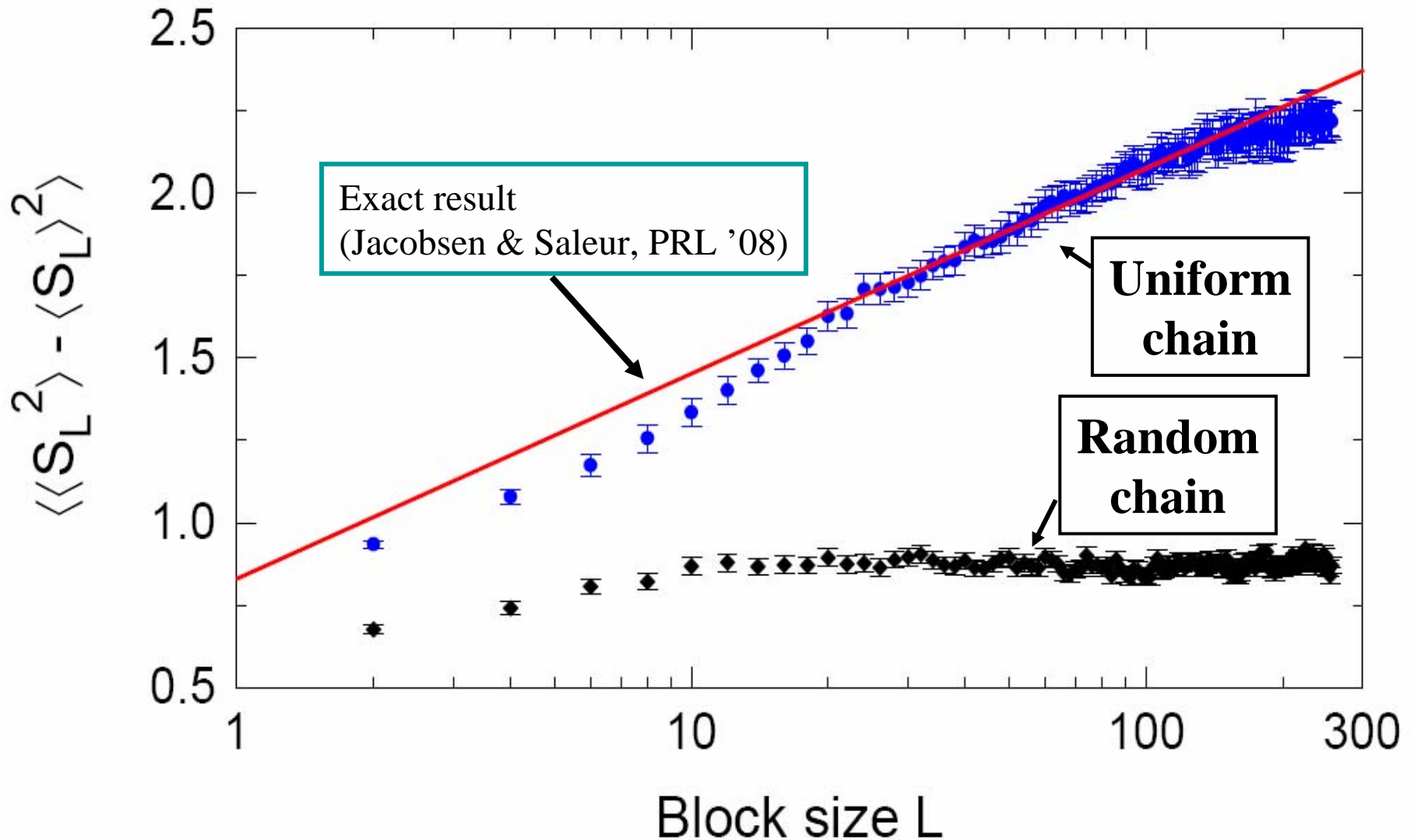
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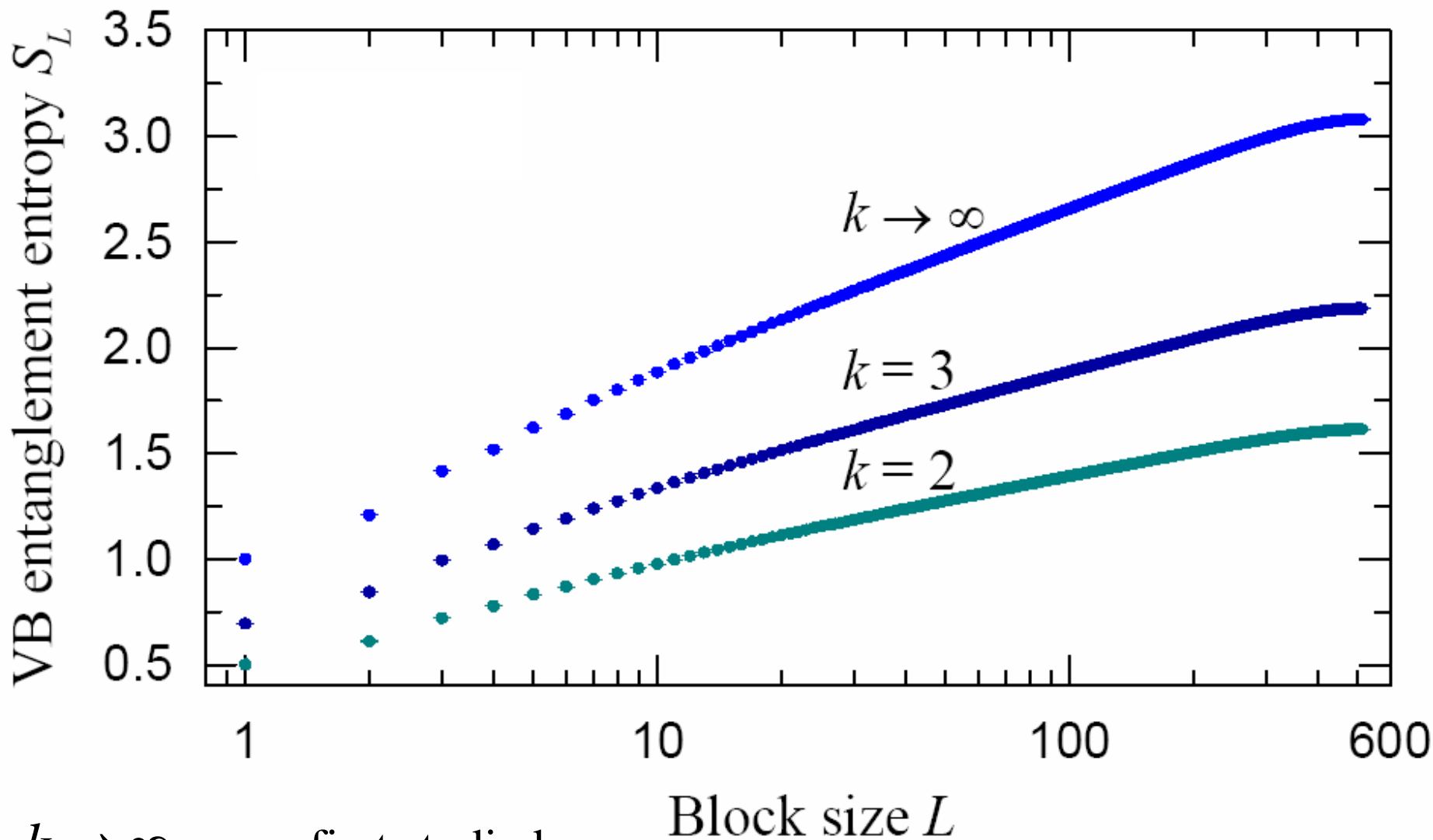
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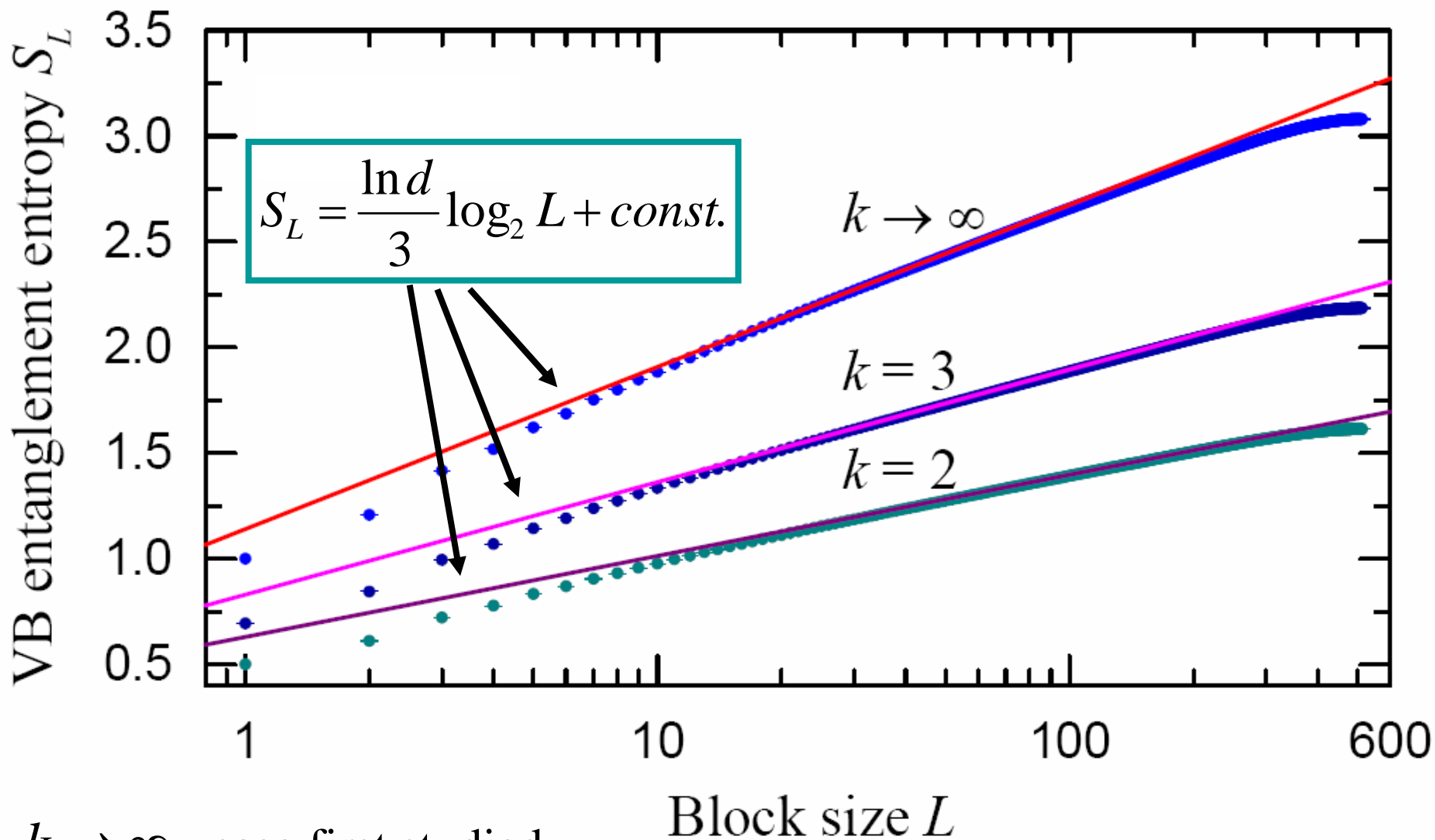
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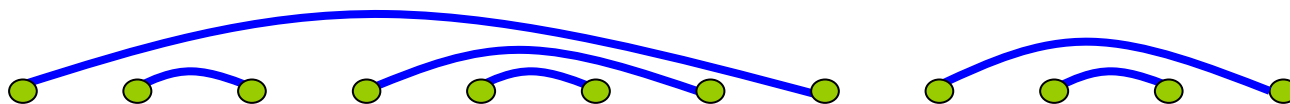
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# Conclusions

There is a close analogy between the properties of  $SU(2)_k$  non-Abelian quasiparticles and ordinary spin-1/2 particles.

Chains of interacting non-Abelian particles can enter “random singlet phases,” analogous to those arising in random spin-1/2 chains.



Universal entanglement scaling.

$$S(L) \approx \frac{\ln d}{3} \log_2 L$$

