

# Tensor Networks Can Resolve Fermi Surfaces

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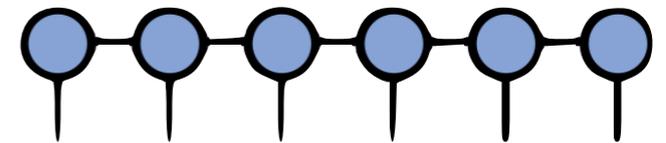
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# Tensor networks

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In 1D: matrix product states (MPS)

⇒ area law of entanglement scaling



- gapped ground states of local hamiltonians
- many rigorous results  
(Hastings, Verstraete, Cirac, Wolf, Perez-Garcia, Schuch, Arad, Kitaev, Landau, Vazirani, Huang, ...)
- numerically confirmed by 30 years of DMRG

# Tensor networks

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In 1D: critical point  $\approx$  conformal field theory

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \log(L/a)$$

Finite bond dimension

$\Rightarrow$  finite entanglement

$\Rightarrow$  finite correlation length

$\Rightarrow$  finite size scaling

$\Rightarrow$  finite entanglement scaling, scaling hypothesis

$$\xi \sim D^\kappa \quad \kappa = \frac{6}{c(\sqrt{12/c+1})}$$

$$D \underset{\sim}{\gtrsim} (L/a)^{\frac{c}{6} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{12}{c}}\right)}$$

Nishino et al, Tagliacozzo et al, Pollmann et al,  
Pirvu et al, McCulloch et al, Vanhecke et al, ...

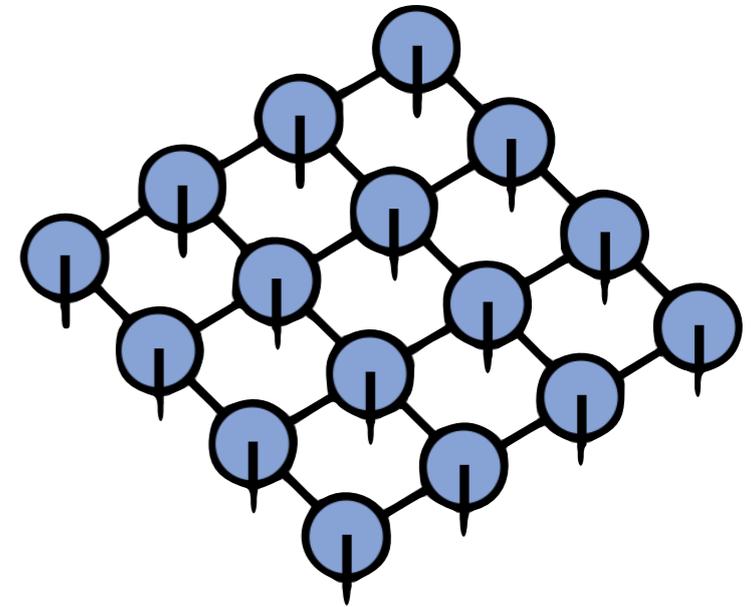
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In 2D: projected entangled-pair states (PEPS)

⇒ area law of entanglement scaling

- short-range entangled states (topologically trivial)
- PEPS representation of Levin-Wen string nets (non-chiral topological order)
- Certain scale-invariant states (Rokhsar-Kivelson / quantum Lifshitz)
- Certain chiral states (Dubail, Read, Wahl, Tu, Schuch, Cirac, Poilblanc, ...)



# Tensor networks

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In 2D: entanglement scaling in critical points

→ typical critical point  $S \sim L + O(\log L)$

P Corboz, P Czarnik, G Kapteijns, and L Tagliacozzo, Phys Rev X 8, 031031 (2018)

M Rader and A Läuchli, Phys Rev X 8, 031030 (2018)

P Czarnik and P Corboz, Phys Rev B 99, 245107 (2019)

B Vanhecke, J Hasik, F Verstraete, and L Vanderstraeten, Phys Rev Lett 129, 200601 (2022)

→ Fermi surface  $S \sim L \log L$

**Can PEPS capture the physics of Fermi surfaces in some scaling limit?**

# Gaussian fermionic PEPS

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Fermionic versions of PEPS can be introduced using swap gates, Grassman numbers, graded vector spaces, ...

Reproduction of Fermi surfaces can be studied with free fermions

→ Restriction to Gaussian, fermionic PEPS

C Kraus, N Schuch, F Verstraete, and I Cirac, Phys Rev A 81, 052338 (2010)

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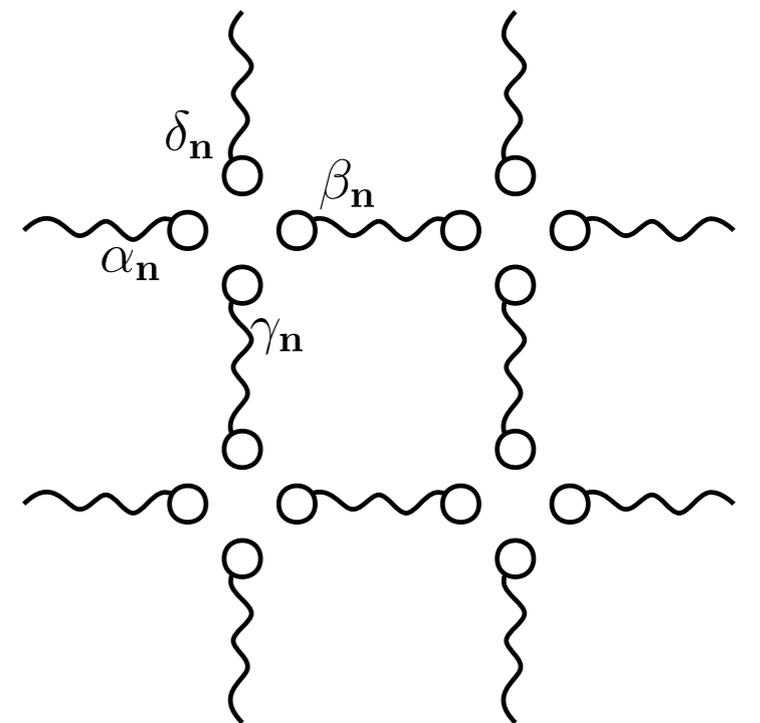
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Create input state with virtual fermions entangled in pairs

$$|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = \prod_{\mathbf{n}} H_{\mathbf{n}} V_{\mathbf{n}} |0\rangle$$

$$H_{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \beta_{\mathbf{n}}^{\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{n}\rightarrow}^{\dagger} \right)$$

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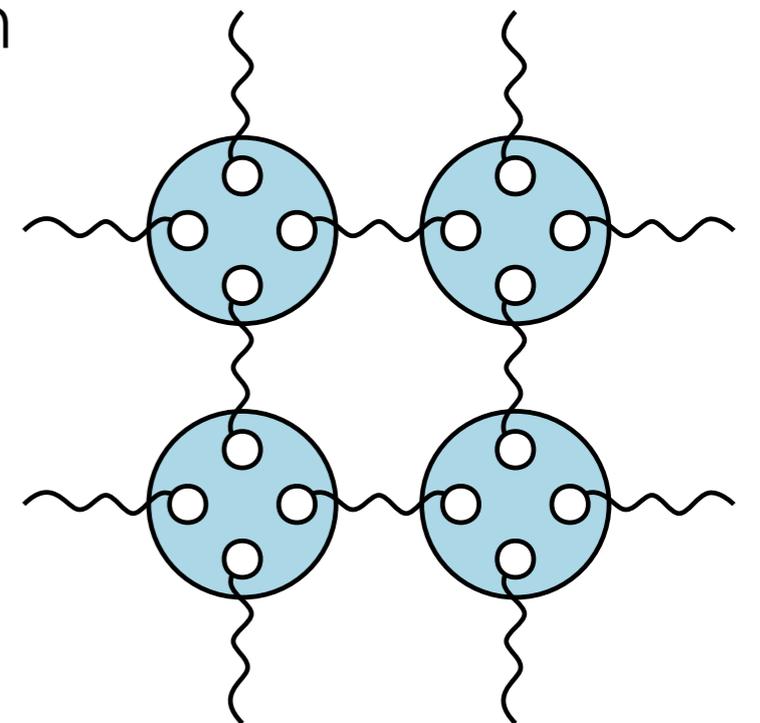
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Project this  $|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$  locally to the physical level with

$$A_{\mathbf{n}} = [A_{\mathbf{n}}]_{lrdu}^k a_{\mathbf{n}}^{\dagger k} \alpha_{\mathbf{n}}^l \beta_{\mathbf{n}}^r \gamma_{\mathbf{n}}^d \delta_{\mathbf{n}}^u$$

$$\Rightarrow |\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = \langle 0 |_{\text{virt}} \prod_{\mathbf{n}} A_{\mathbf{n}} |\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

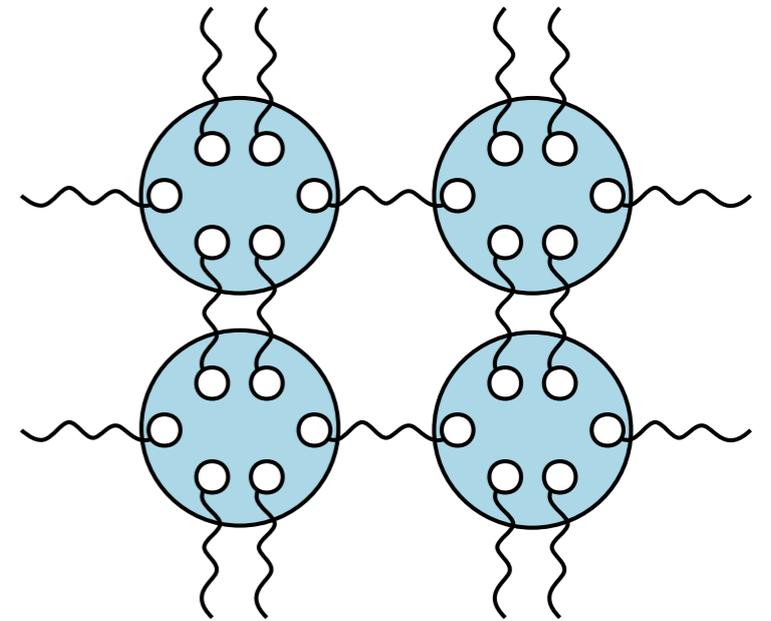


# Gaussian fermionic PEPS

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$n_i$  virtual pairs in direction  $i$

$$\Rightarrow D_i = 2^{n_i}$$



Both  $|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$  and  $|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle$  are Gaussian and translation invariant

$\Rightarrow$  completely characterized by  $G_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{i}{2} \langle [d_{\mathbf{k}}^i, d_{\mathbf{k}}^{j\dagger}] \rangle$

$$d_{\mathbf{k}}^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{n}} c_{\mathbf{n}}^i$$

$$c_{\mathbf{n}}^1 = a_{\mathbf{n}}^\dagger + a_{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$c_{\mathbf{n}}^2 = -i (a_{\mathbf{n}}^\dagger - a_{\mathbf{n}})$$

# Gaussian fermionic PEPS

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$$G_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{k}) = \left( \bigoplus_i \begin{pmatrix} & e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} \\ -e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} & \\ & -e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} \\ & & e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} \end{pmatrix}^{\oplus n_i} \right)$$

$$G_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{k}) = A - B(D - G_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{k}))^{-1}C$$

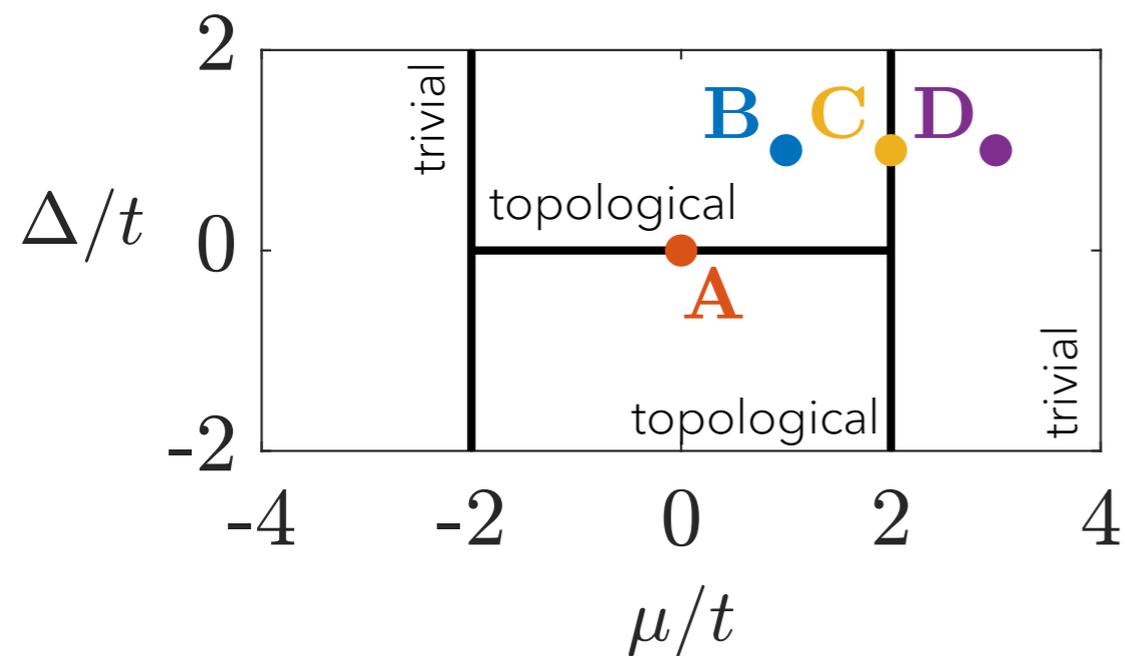
→ Schur complement formula parametrized by

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = -X^T$$

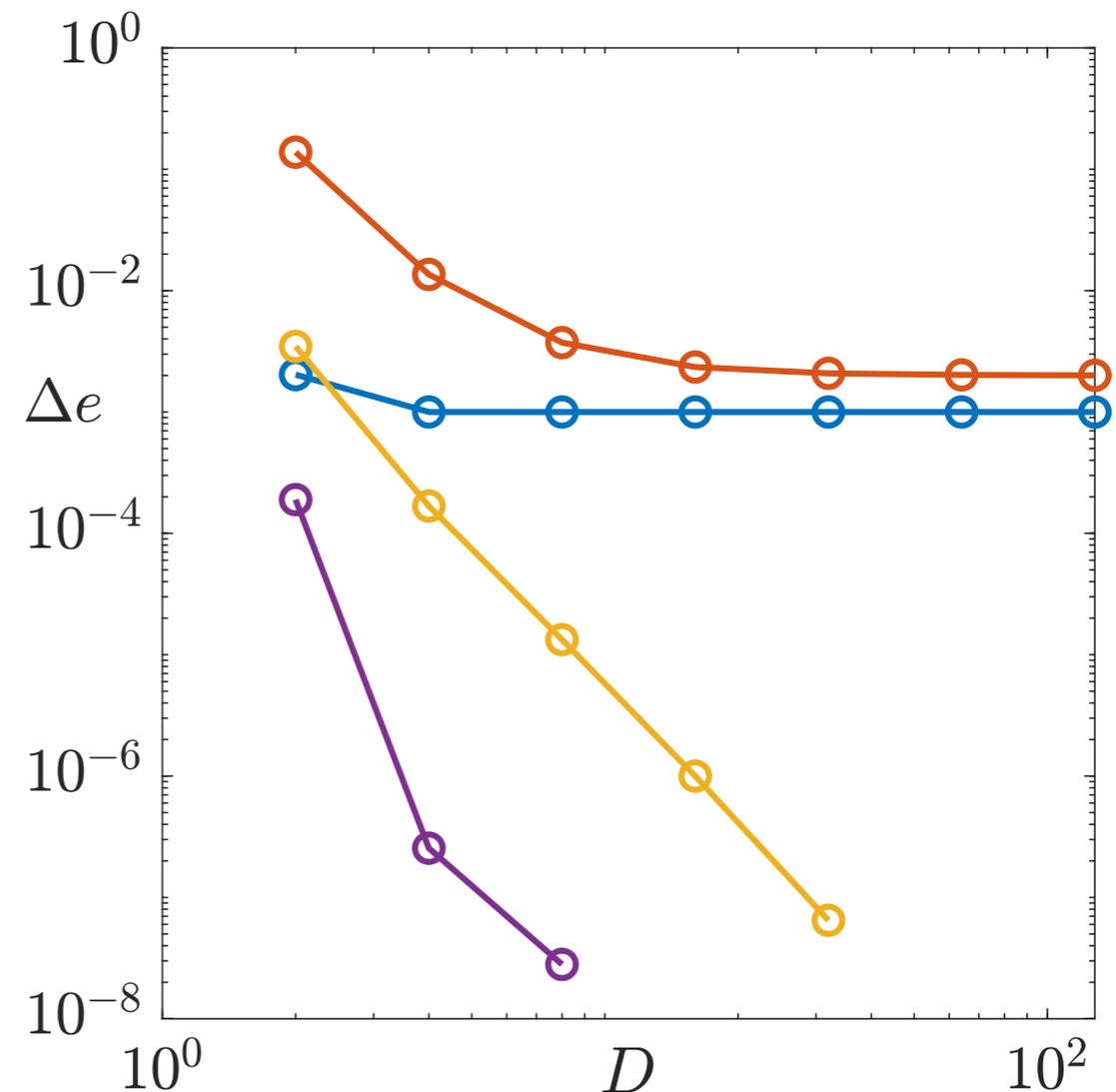
→ Energy density is linear in  $G_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{k})$  and can be minimized w.r.t.  $X$

# 1d example: Kitaev chain

$$H = - \sum_n (t a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} + h.c.) - \mu \sum_n a_n^\dagger a_n - \sum_n (\Delta a_n^\dagger a_{n+1}^\dagger + h.c.)$$



Fixed energy errors in (and between) topological phases?



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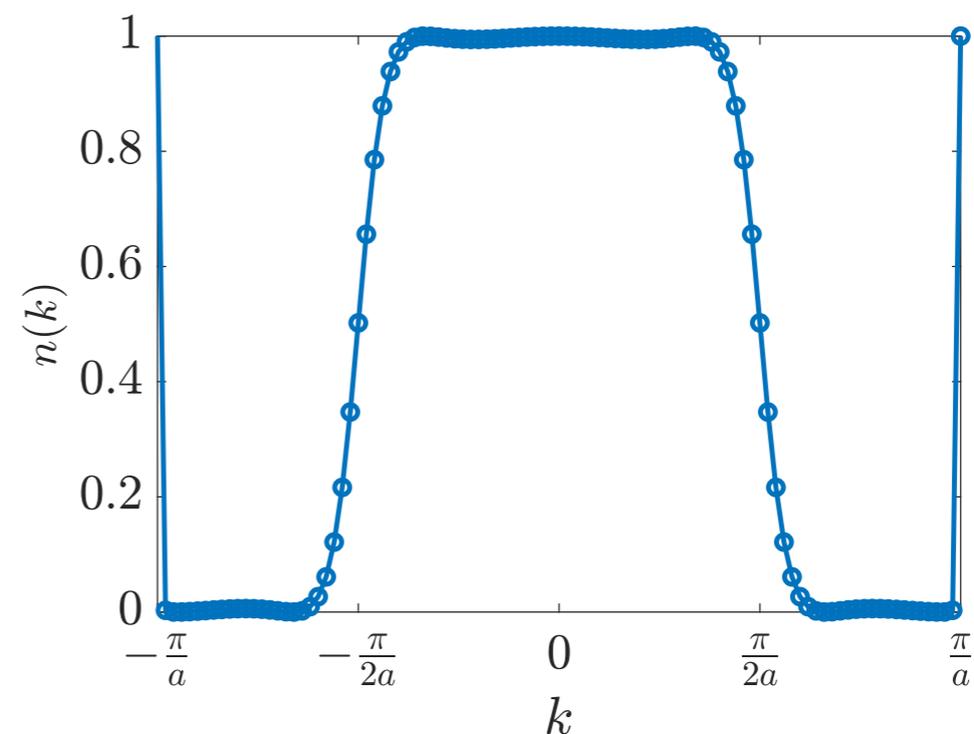
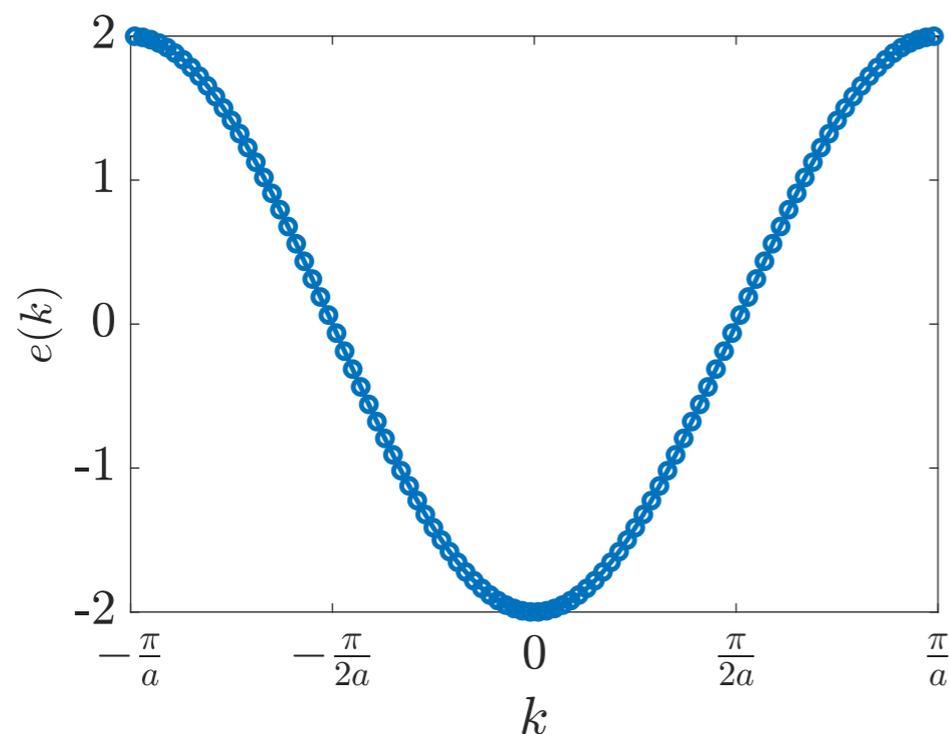
Real-space correlation matrix is real  $\Rightarrow G(-\mathbf{k}) = G^*(\mathbf{k})$

In time reversal invariant momenta ( $\mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{k}$ ): real  $G(\mathbf{k})$

$\Rightarrow$  definite parity:  $P_{\mathbf{k}} = \text{Pf}(G(\mathbf{k})) = \pm 1$

$\Rightarrow$  input state:  $P_{\text{in}\mathbf{k}} = \text{Pf}(G_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{k})) = -1$

$\Rightarrow$  Gaussian fermionic MPS:  $P_{\text{out}\mathbf{k}} = \langle (-1)^{a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}}} \rangle = \pm P_{\text{in}\mathbf{k}}$

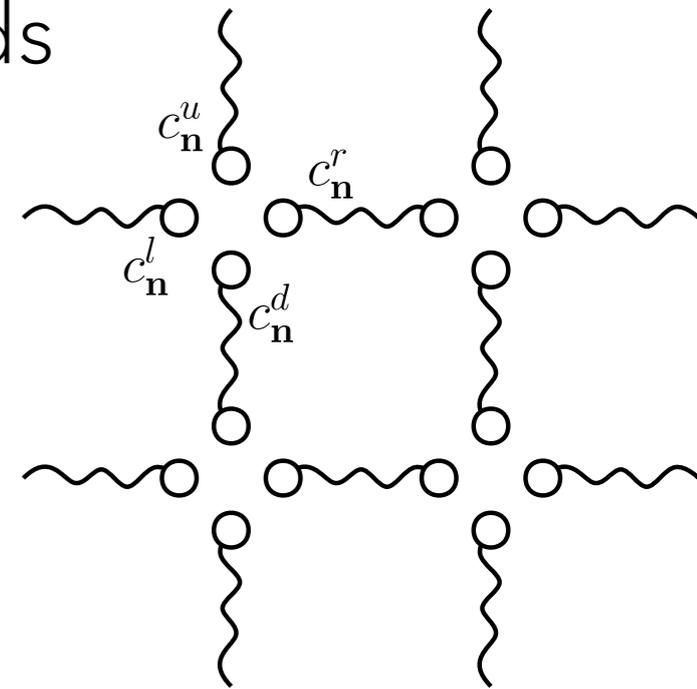


# Gaussian fermionic PEPS: update

More elementary ansatz based on Majorana bonds

$$G_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{k}) = \bigoplus_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} \\ -e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{a}_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\oplus\chi_i}$$

$$D_i = \sqrt{2}^{\chi_i}$$



Parity depends on bond dimension!

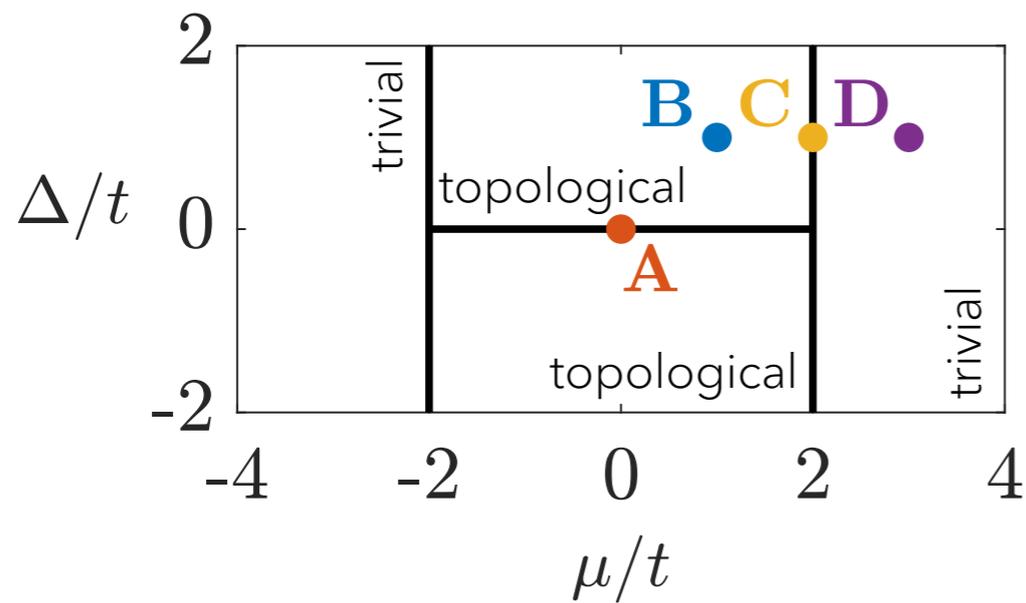
$$P_{\text{in}\mathbf{0}} = \text{Pf}(G_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{0})) = 1$$

$$P_{\text{out}\mathbf{k}} = \langle (-1)^{a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}}} \rangle = \pm P_{\text{in}\mathbf{k}}$$

$$P_{\text{in}\frac{\mathbf{b}_i}{2}} = \text{Pf}\left(G_{\text{in}}\left(\frac{\mathbf{b}_i}{2}\right)\right) = (-1)^{\chi_i}$$

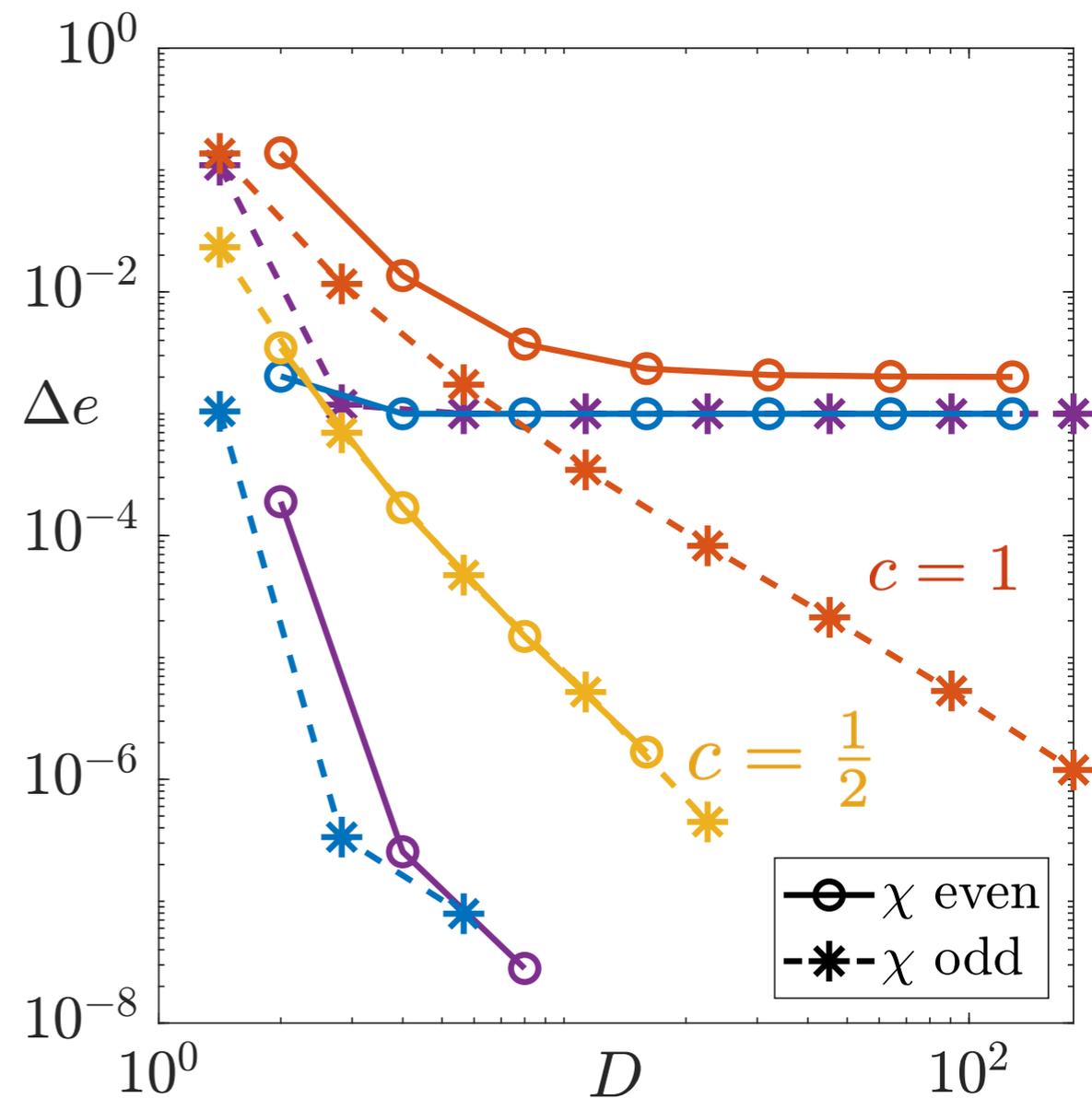
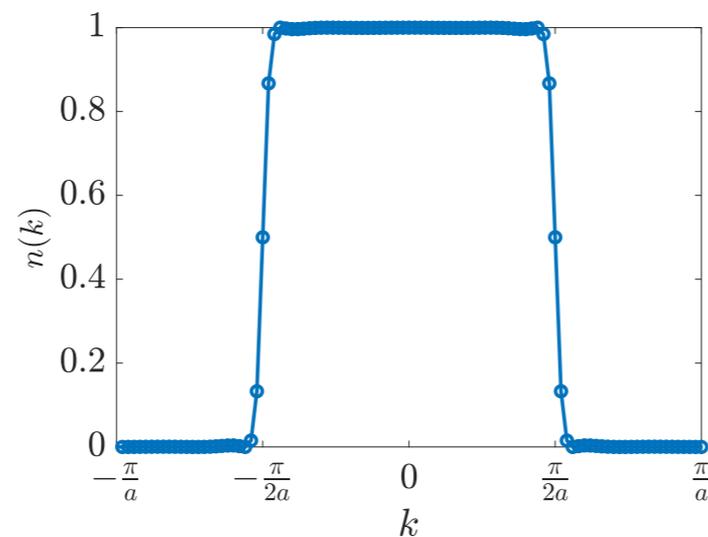
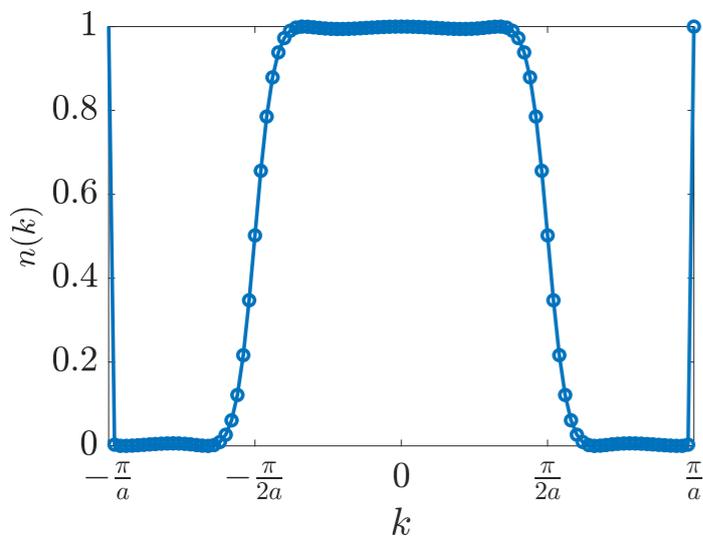
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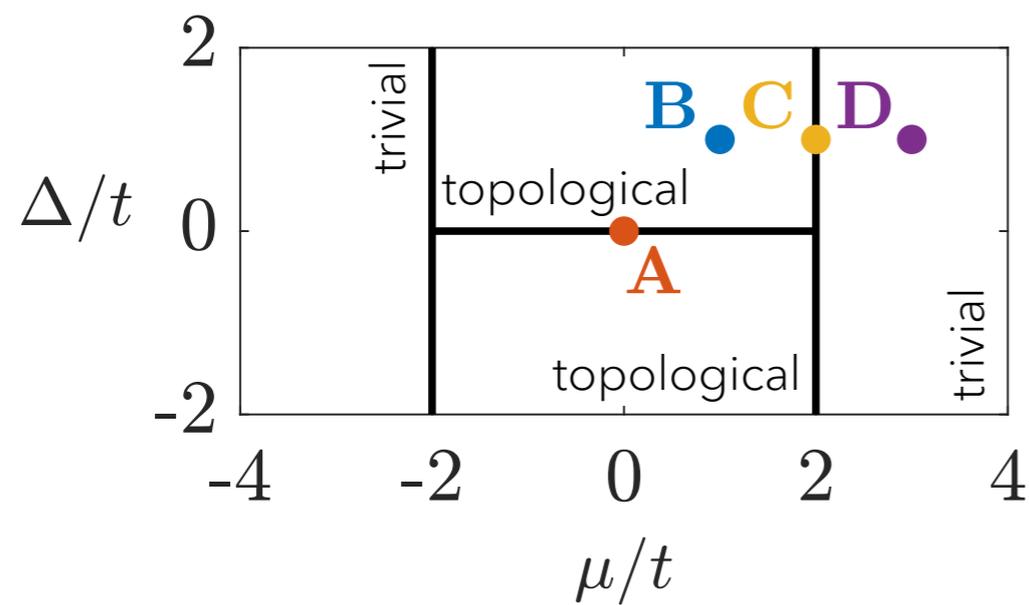
$\chi = 4$

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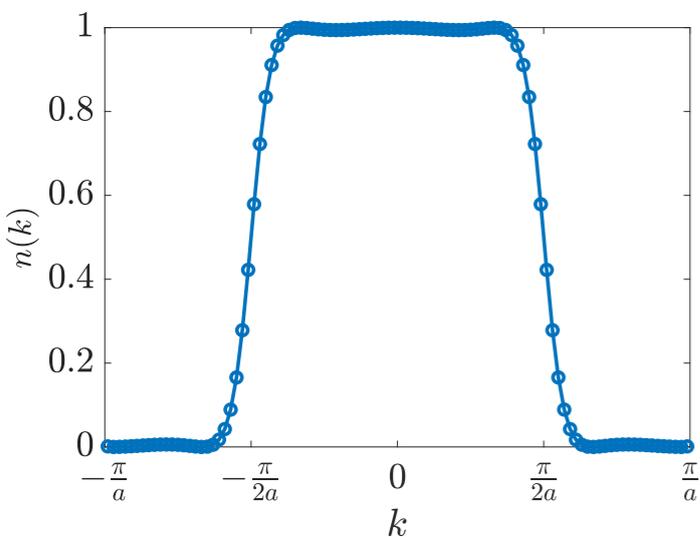


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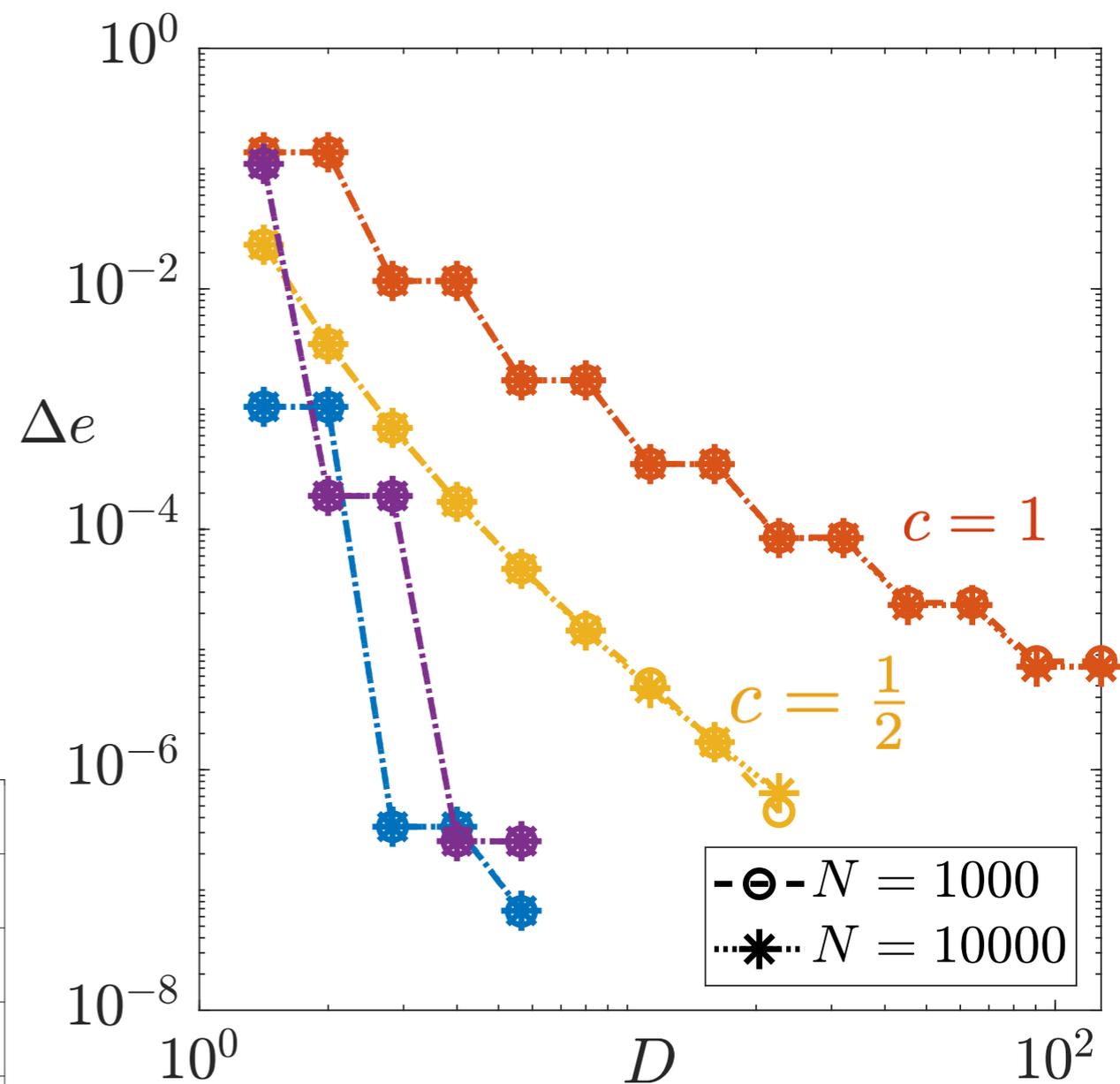
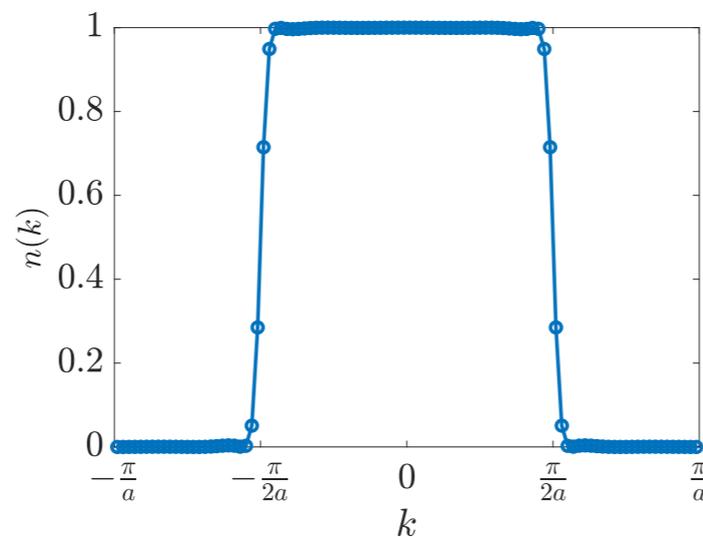
Anti-periodic boundary conditions



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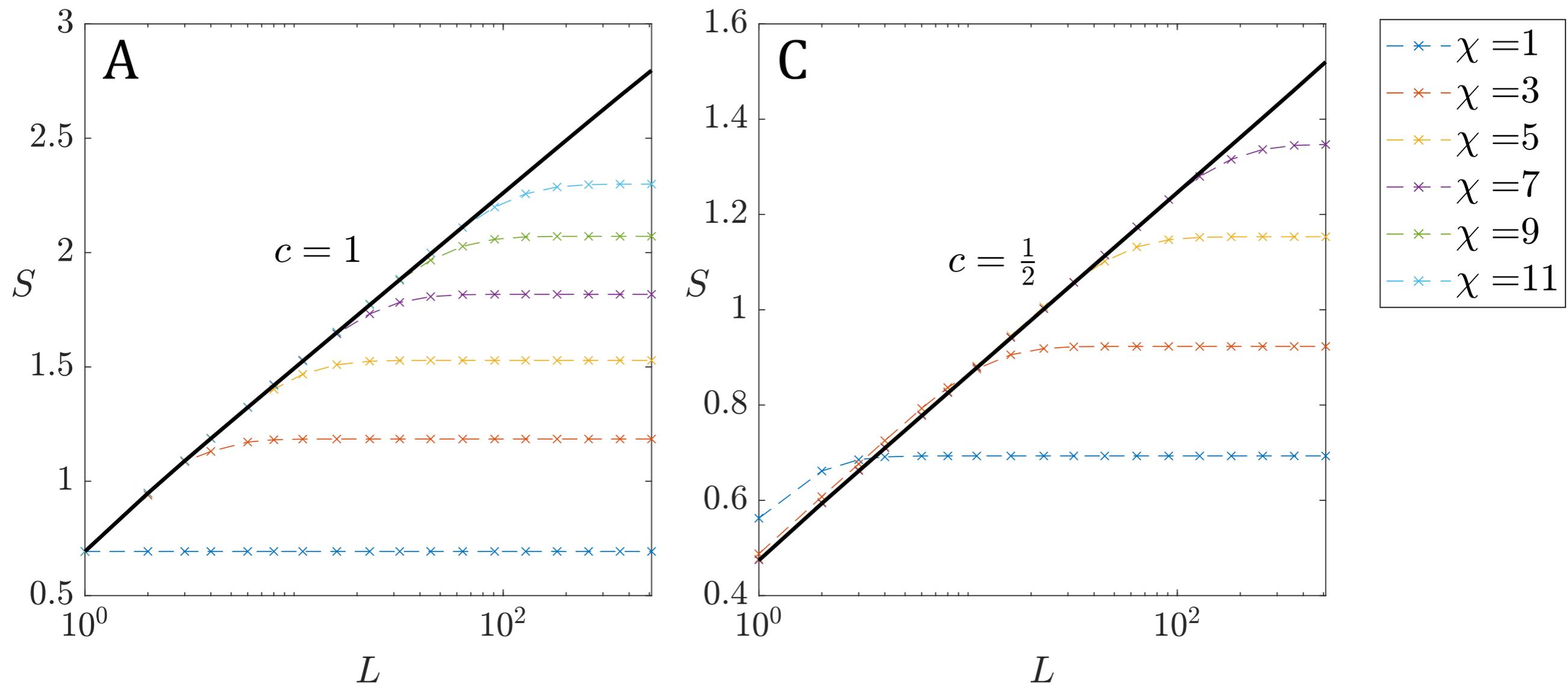


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Entanglement scaling in critical points



# Fermi surface in 2d

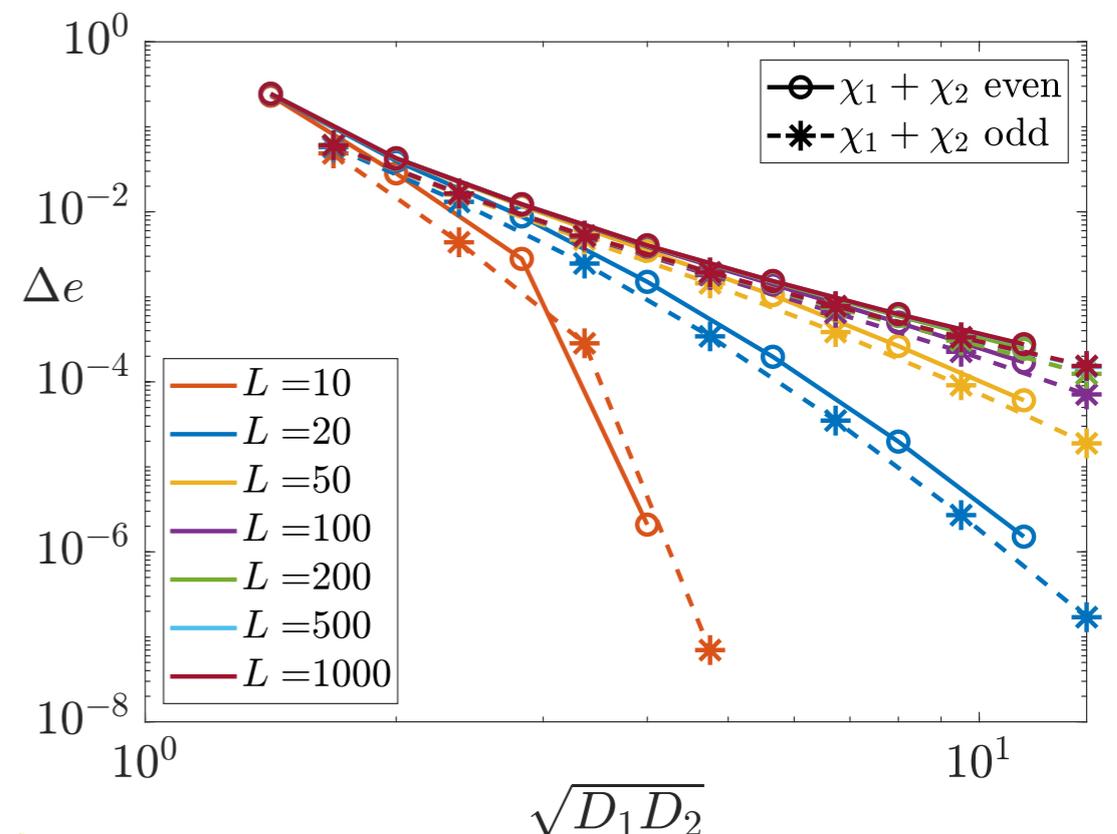
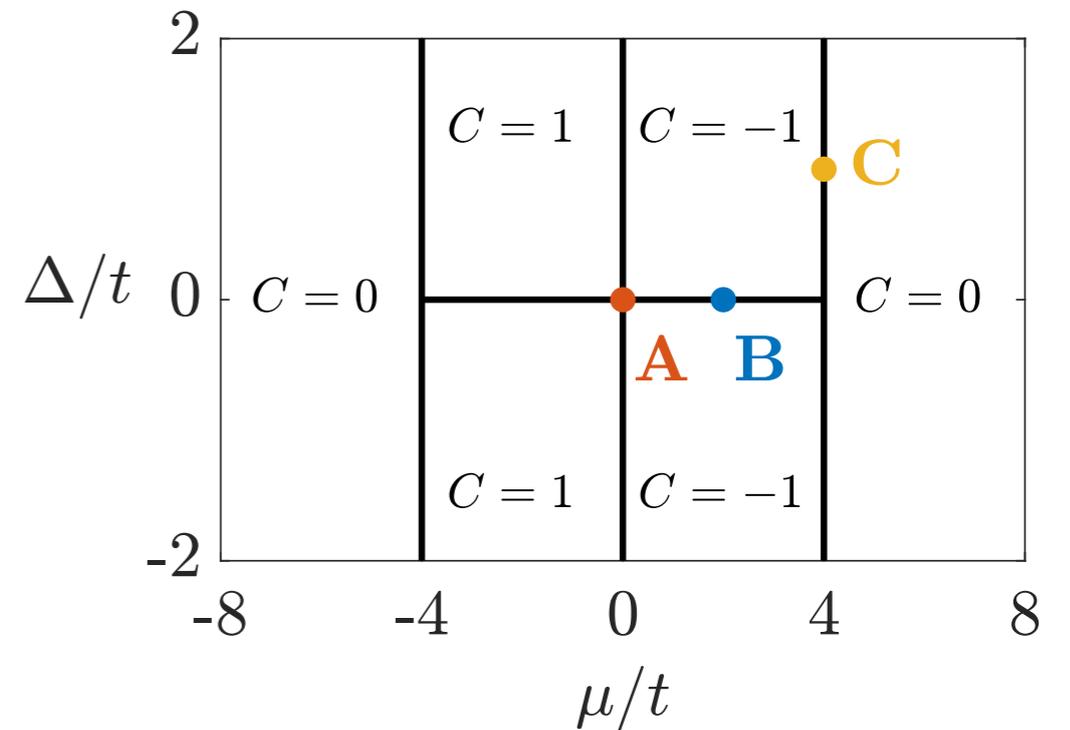
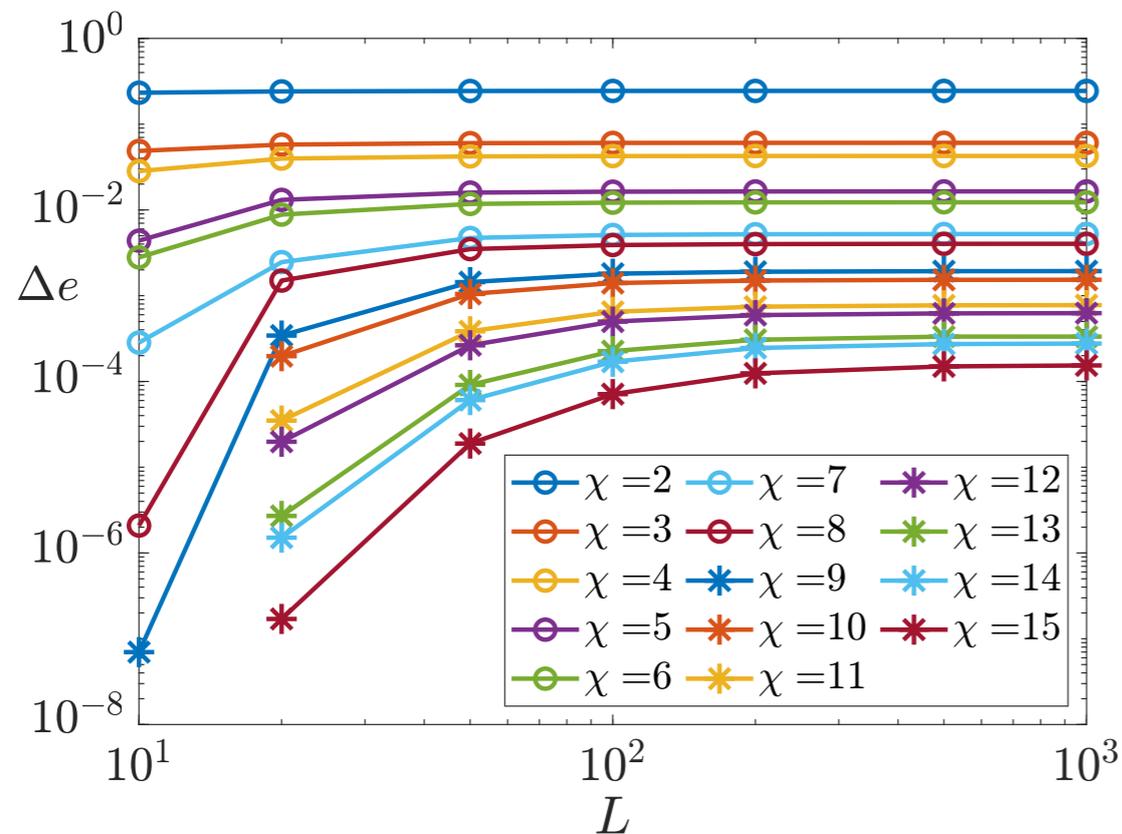
p-wave superconductor

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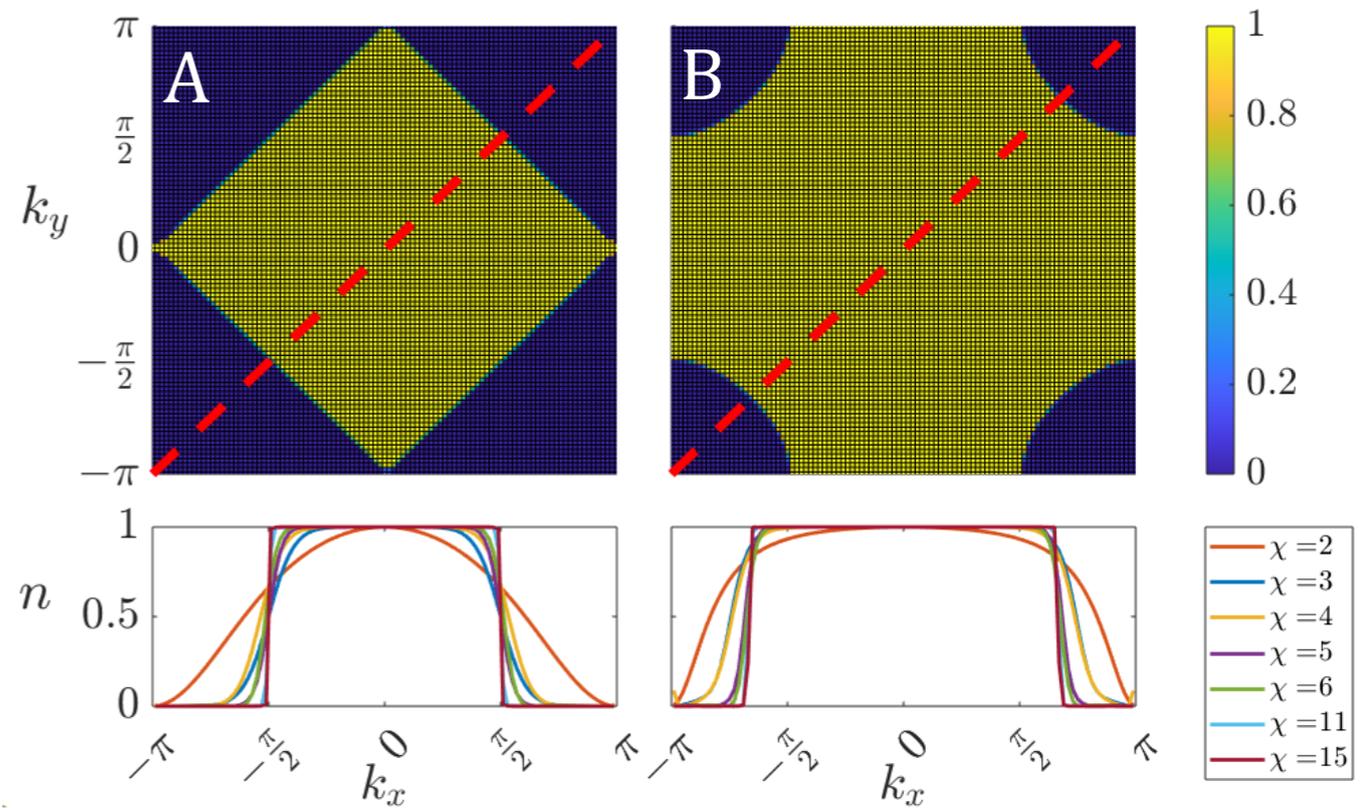
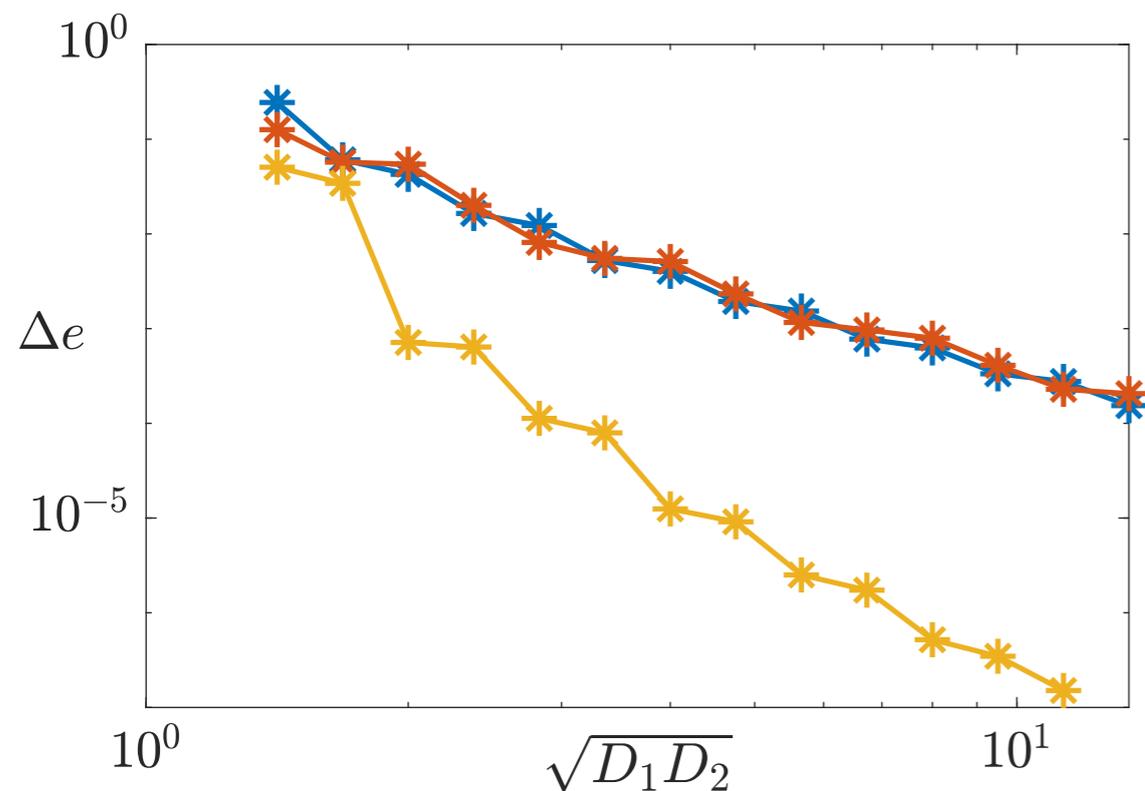
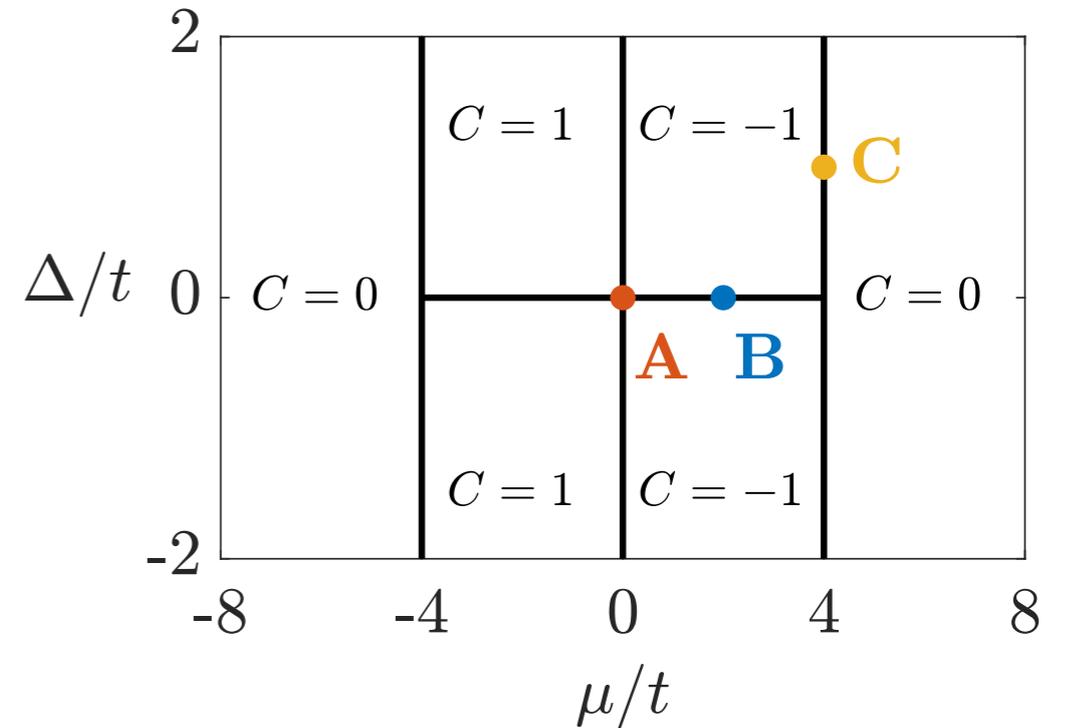
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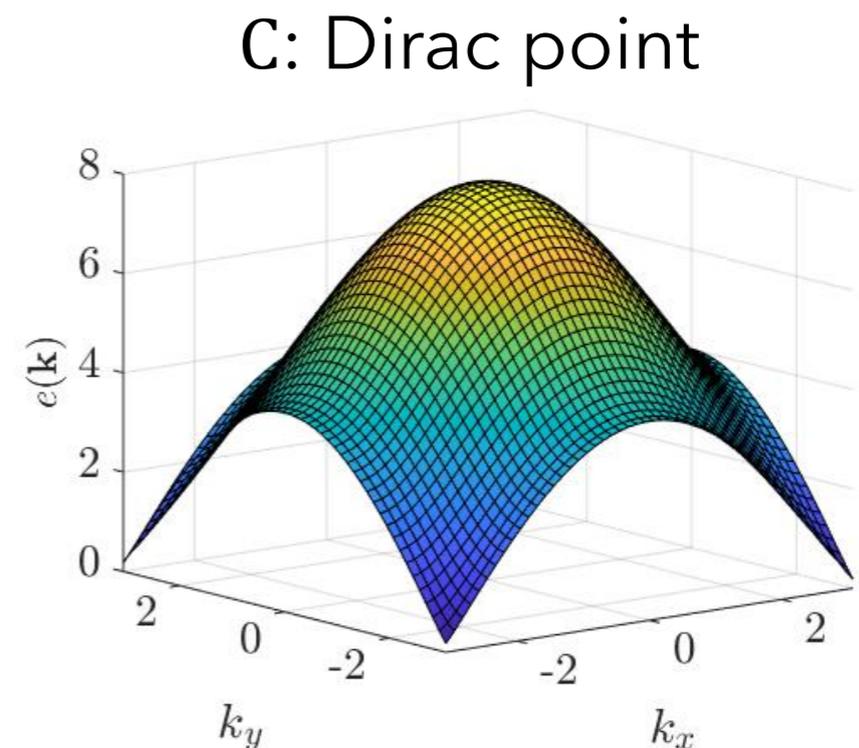
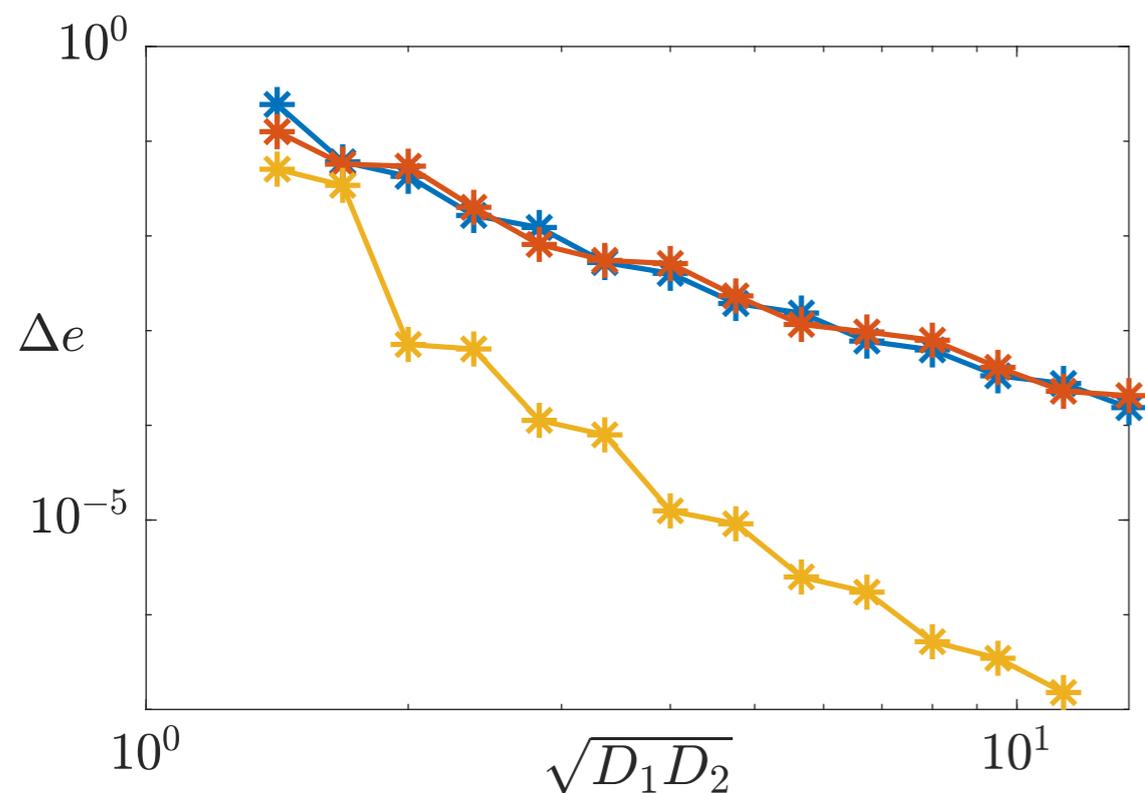
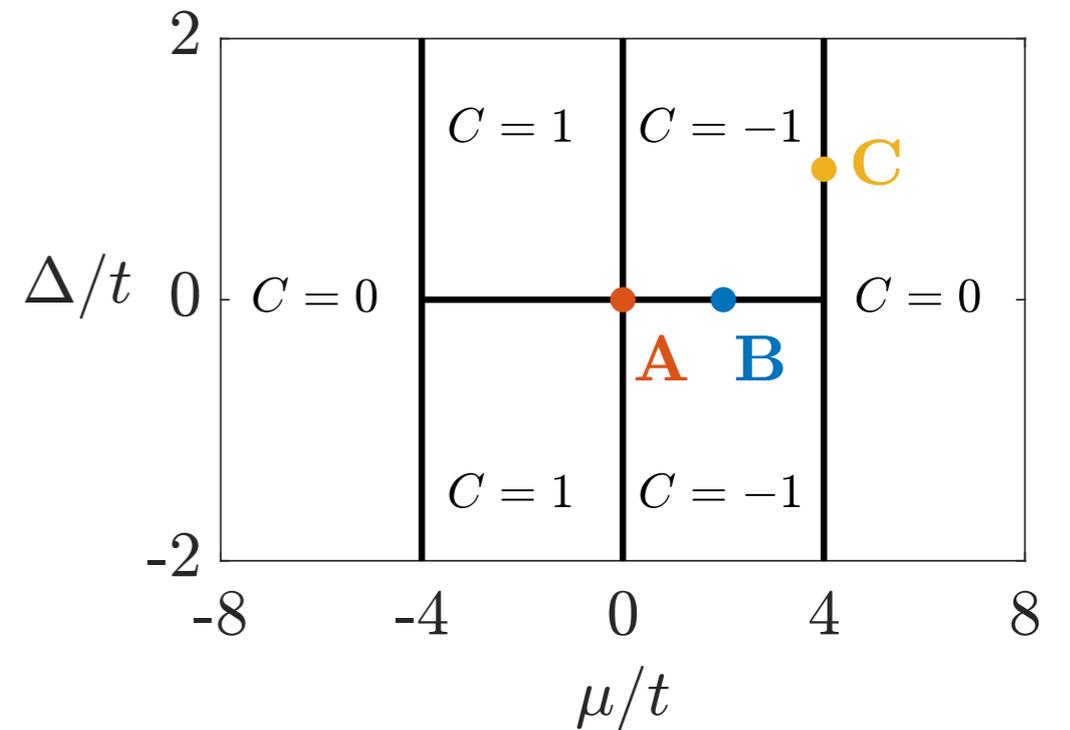
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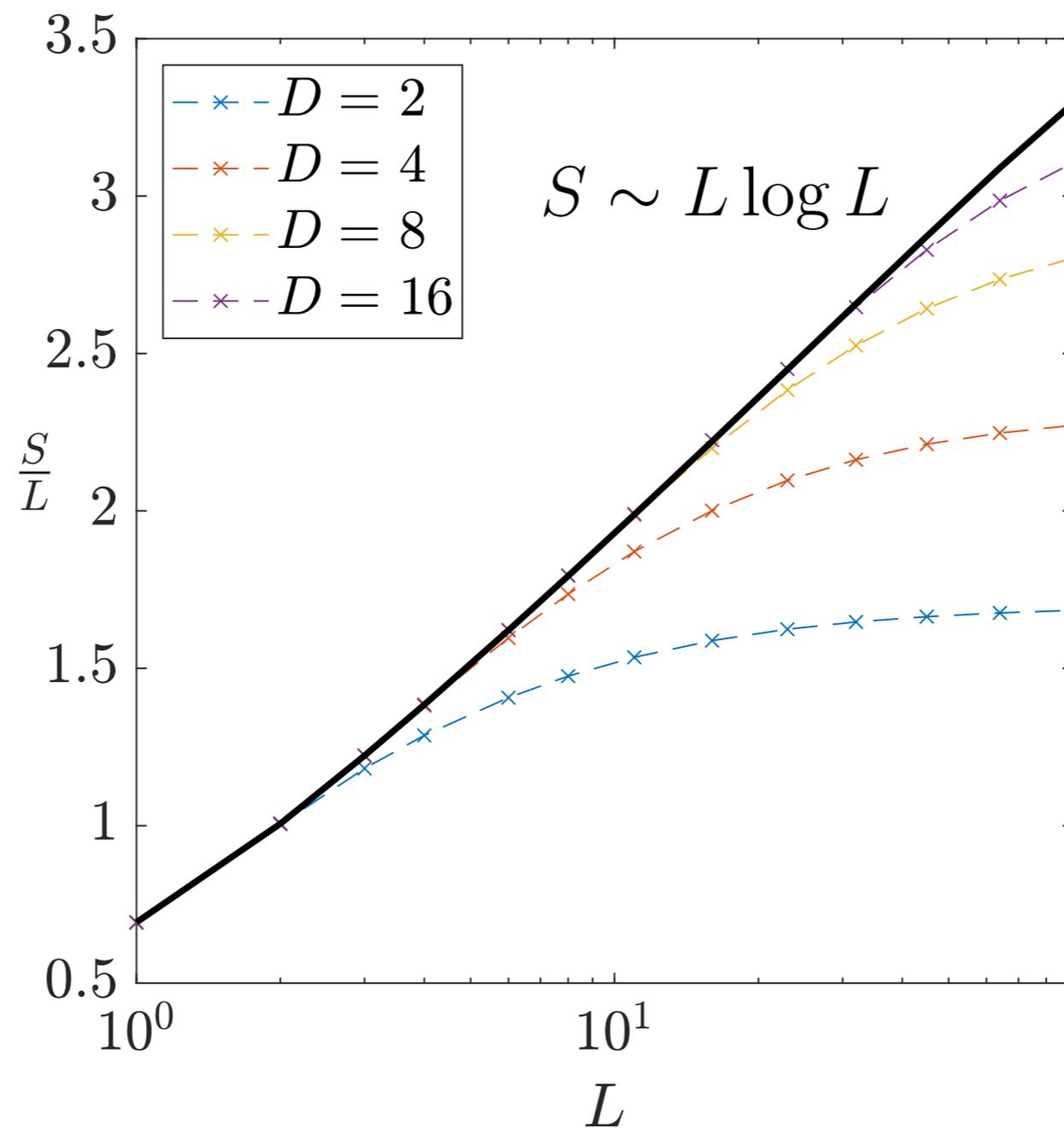
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# Fermi surface in 2d

Entanglement scaling



# Topological considerations

Parity restrictions yield obstruction

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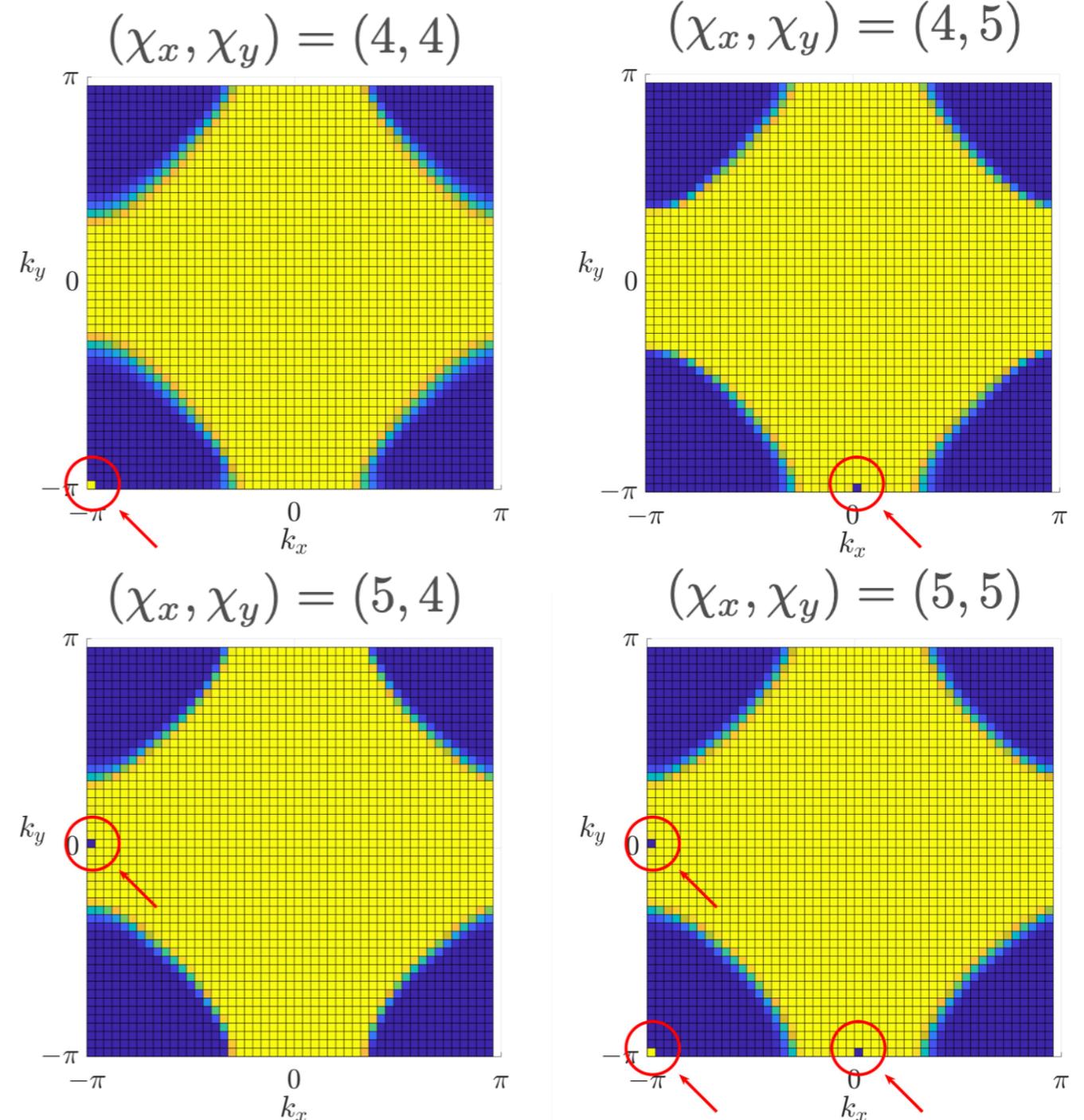
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Gaussian fPEPS:  $2^{2^d}$

General Gaussian:  $2^{d+1}$

→ Physical significance?



# Topological considerations

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General quadratic model

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \Upsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger H_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) \Upsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + E$$



$$\tilde{\Upsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} = U^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \Upsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} e(\mathbf{k}) & \\ & -e(-\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} + E$$

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger e(\mathbf{k}) \tilde{a}_{\mathbf{k}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \text{tr}(e(\mathbf{k})) + E$$

$$H_{\text{BdG}}(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \Xi(\mathbf{k}) & \Delta(\mathbf{k}) \\ -\Delta^*(-\mathbf{k}) & -\Xi^T(-\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Xi^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) = \Xi(\mathbf{k}) \quad \Delta(\mathbf{k}) = -\Delta^T(-\mathbf{k})$$

$$U(\mathbf{k}) = (U_+(\mathbf{k}) \quad U_-(\mathbf{k}))$$

(Majorana) Chern number

$$C = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\text{BZ}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial k_x} \text{tr}(A_y(\mathbf{k})) - \frac{\partial}{\partial k_y} \text{tr}(A_x(\mathbf{k})) \right) dk_x dk_y$$

$$A_i^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = \langle u_-^\alpha(\mathbf{k}) | \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i} | u_-^\beta(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

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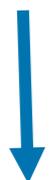
Dimensional reduction

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appropriate gauge:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial k_y} \text{tr} (A_x(\mathbf{k})) = 0$

$$C = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_x} \text{CS}_1(k_x) dk_x$$



$$\text{CS}_1(k_x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{i}{2\pi} \text{tr} (A_y(\mathbf{k})) dk_y$$

for  $k_x = 0, \pi$ :

$$\exp(-2\pi i \text{CS}_1(k_x)) = P_{(k_x,0)} P_{(k_x,\pi)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow e^{i\pi C} = P_{(0,0)} P_{(\pi,0)} P_{(0,\pi)} P_{(\pi,\pi)}$$

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Odd Majorana Chern numbers require obstructed parities

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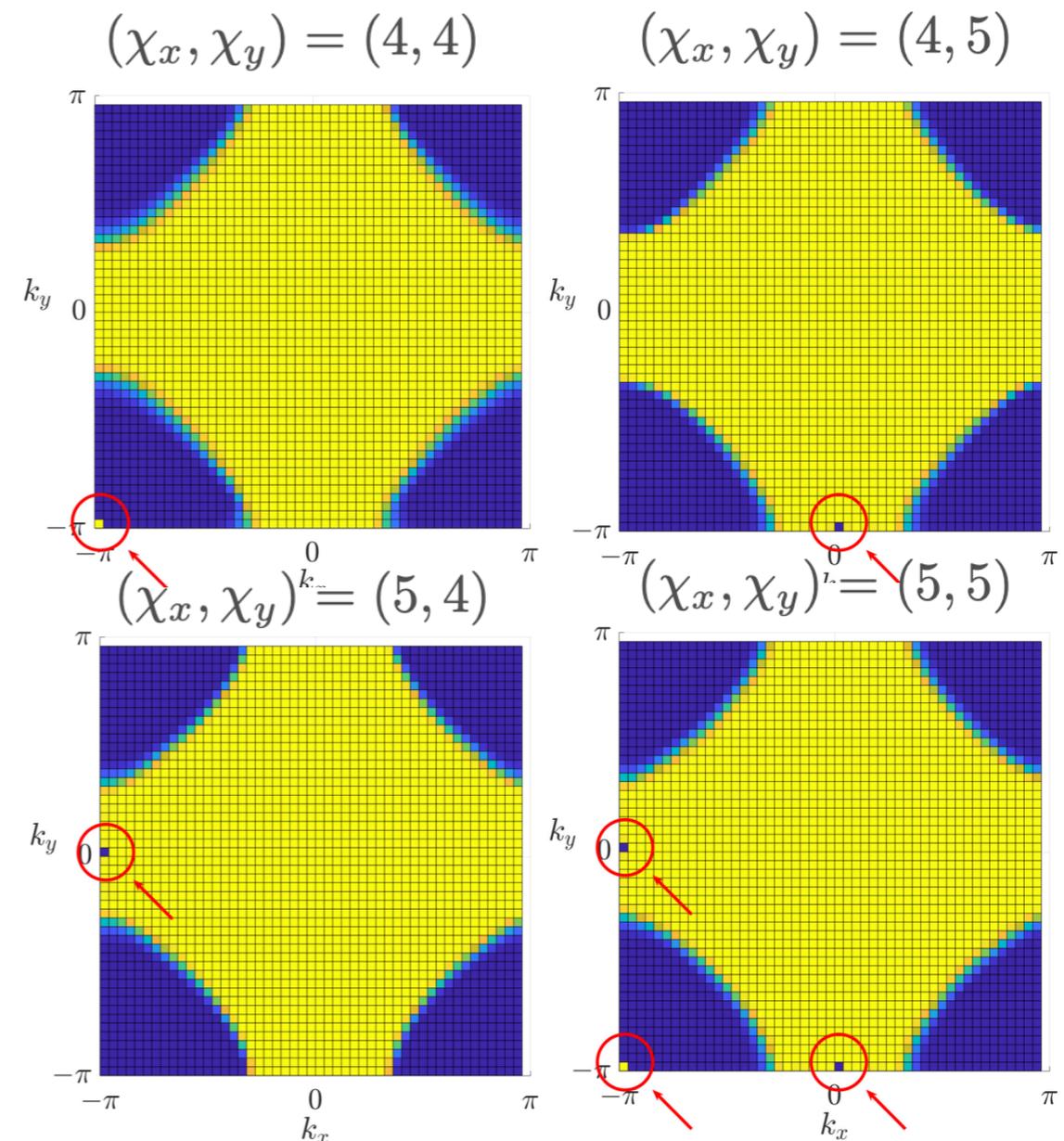
PEPS becomes singular with critical correlations to realize chirality

→ No-go theorem

N Read and J Dubail, PRB (2015)

→ Exact criticality at low D

T B Wahl, H Tu, N Schuch and J I Cirac, PRL (2013)



# Outlook and Conclusions

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- PEPS can capture 2D quantum criticality in an efficient scaling limit
- Fermi surfaces do not pose intrinsic difficulties
- Topology of nearby gapped phases can lead to obstructions

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Open questions and further research:

- Characterize the nature of the entanglement scaling/  
come up with scaling hypothesis
- Extract generic tensor from the Gaussian ansatz
  - Use this as initial guess → interactions
  - Apply Gutzwiller projection → relevant interacting states
- Obstructions and interplay with symmetries, characterization, ...