# The multi-flavor Schwinger model with chemical potential

## Overcoming the sign problem with MPS

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## Outline



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Preliminary results



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 $(N-2)D^2d + 2Dd = O(ND^2d)$ 

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• Quantum information: Physically relevant states  $D \ll d^{\lfloor rac{N}{2} 
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#### Monte Carlo

Expectation values Correlation functions Time evolution Sign problem free 3 + 1 dimensions < × × <

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Bond dimension:

 $D \in [40, 220]$ 

→ Lattice spacing:  $x \in [9, 121]$ Volume:  $\frac{N}{\sqrt{x}} \in \{2, 6, 8\}$ 









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Data for fit

#### Massive case







#### Scaling with volume of the 1. jump



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- Good agreement with analytic prediction
- Sign problem can be overcome
- Readily extends to massive case



#### Outlook

- MPS are very versatile
  - Finite temperature
  - Dynamical problems
  - Non-abelian gauge models
  - Generalizations to higher dimensions exist



## Thank you for your attention!

More on Tensor Networks in Lattice Gauge Theory:

Plenary Talk by Dr. Shinji TAKEDA

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