

Relativity principle without space-time

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Physics as an axiomatic theory

with thorough physical interpretation

Principles for Quantum Theory



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Informational derivation of quantum theory

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We derive quantum theory from purely informational principles. Five elementary axioms—causality, perfect distinguishability, ideal compression, local distinguishability, and pure conditioning—define a broad class of theories of information processing that can be regarded as standard. One postulate—purification—singles out quantum theory within this class.

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Principles for Quantum Theory

P1. Causality

P2. Local discriminability

P3. Purification

P4. Atomicity of composition

P5. Perfect distinguishability

P6. Lossless Compressibility

Book from CUP soon!

Principles for Mechanics



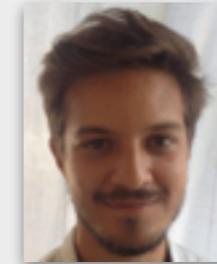
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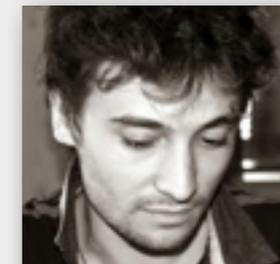
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- *Mechanics (QFT) derived in terms of countably many quantum systems in interaction*

add principles

Min algorithmic complexity principle

- homogeneity
- locality
- reversibility

Principles for Quantum Field Theory

- QFT derived in terms of countably many quantum systems in interaction

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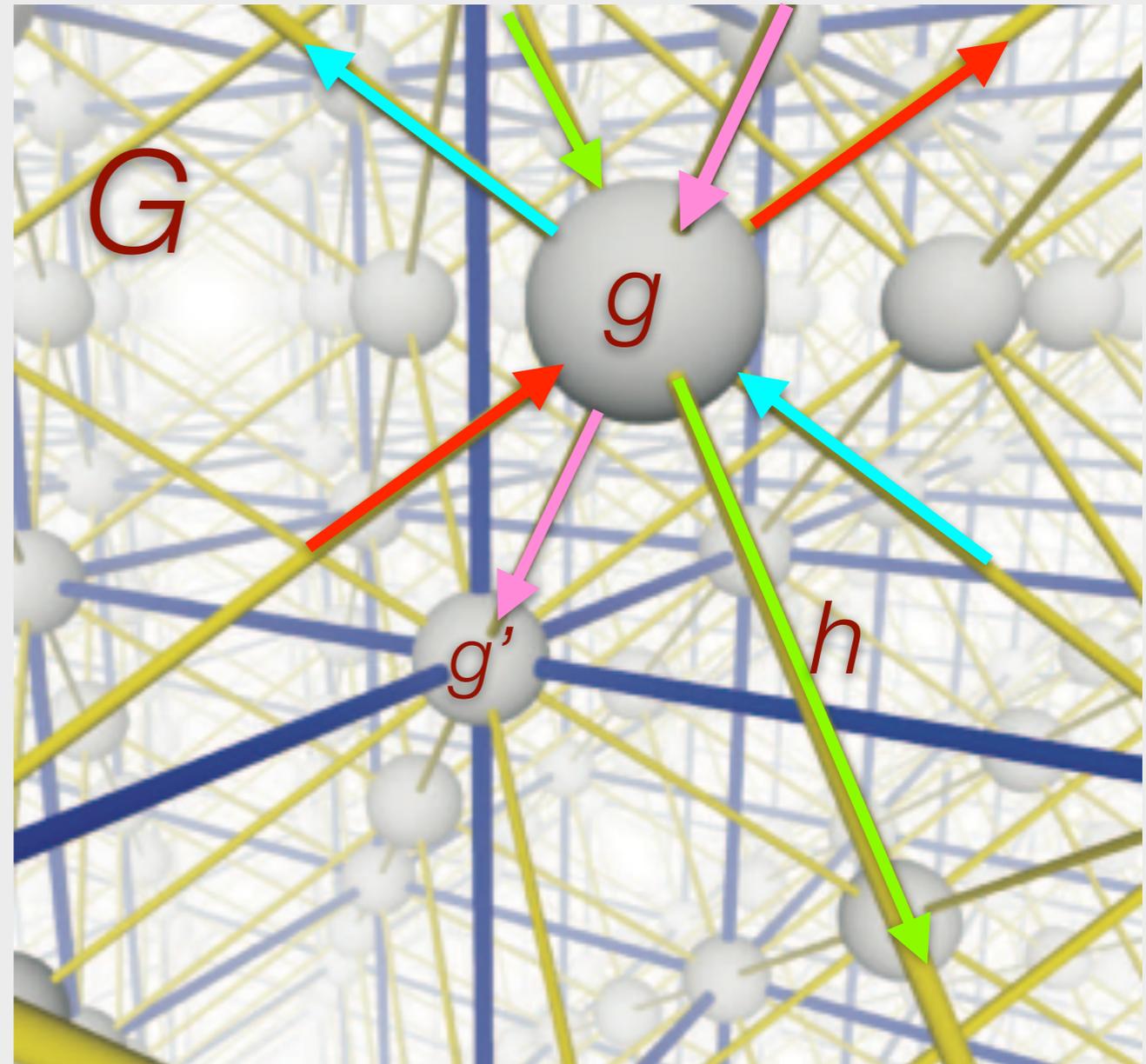
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- linearity
- isotropy
- minimal-dimension
- Cayley qi-embedded in R^d

Restrictions



$$G = \langle h_1, h_2, \dots \mid r_1, r_2, \dots \rangle =: \langle S_+ \mid R \rangle$$

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Linearity (free QFT)

Quantum Cellular Automaton \Rightarrow Quantum Walk

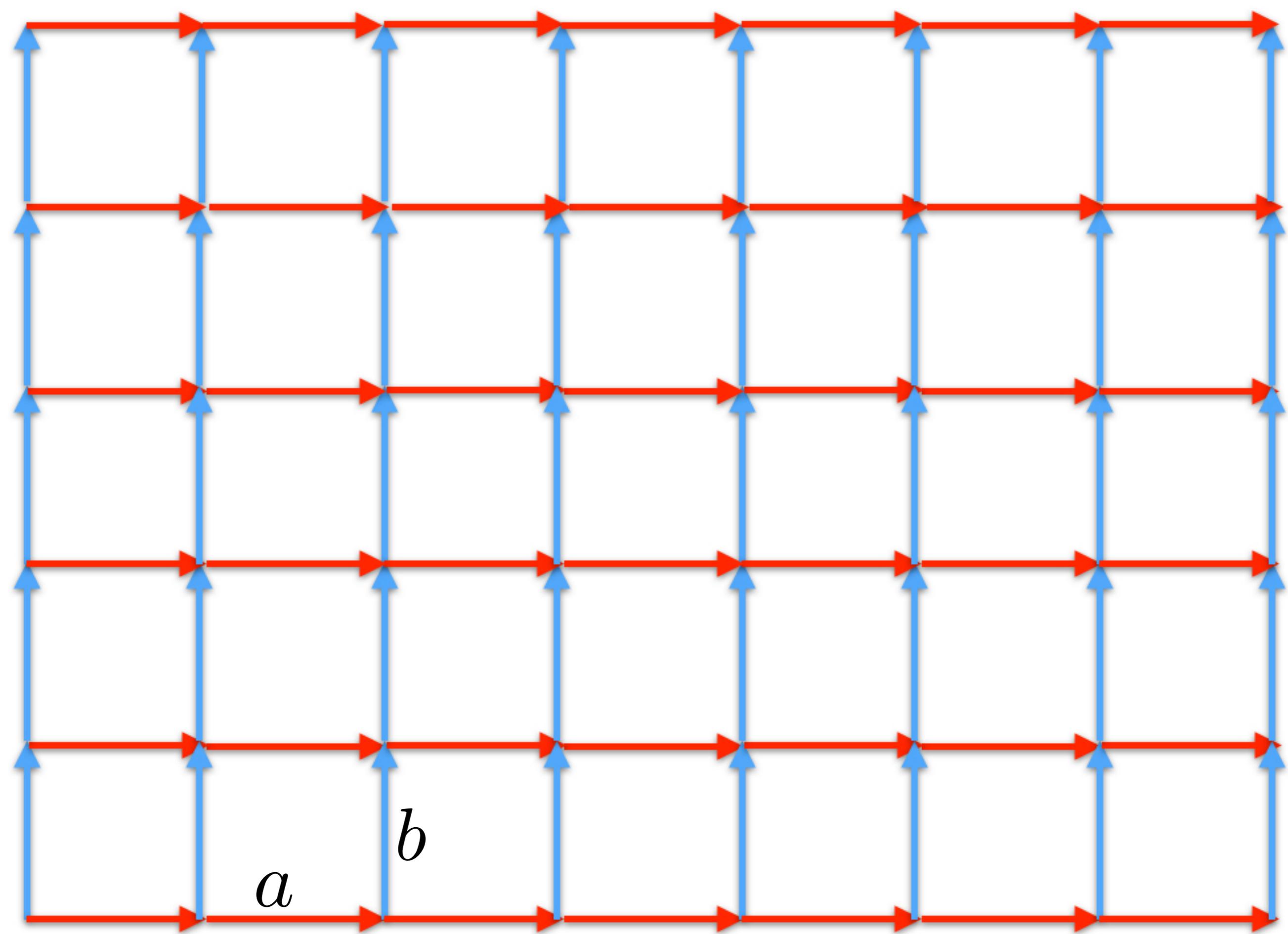
$$U\psi U^\dagger = A\psi$$

von Neumann algebra \Rightarrow Fock space

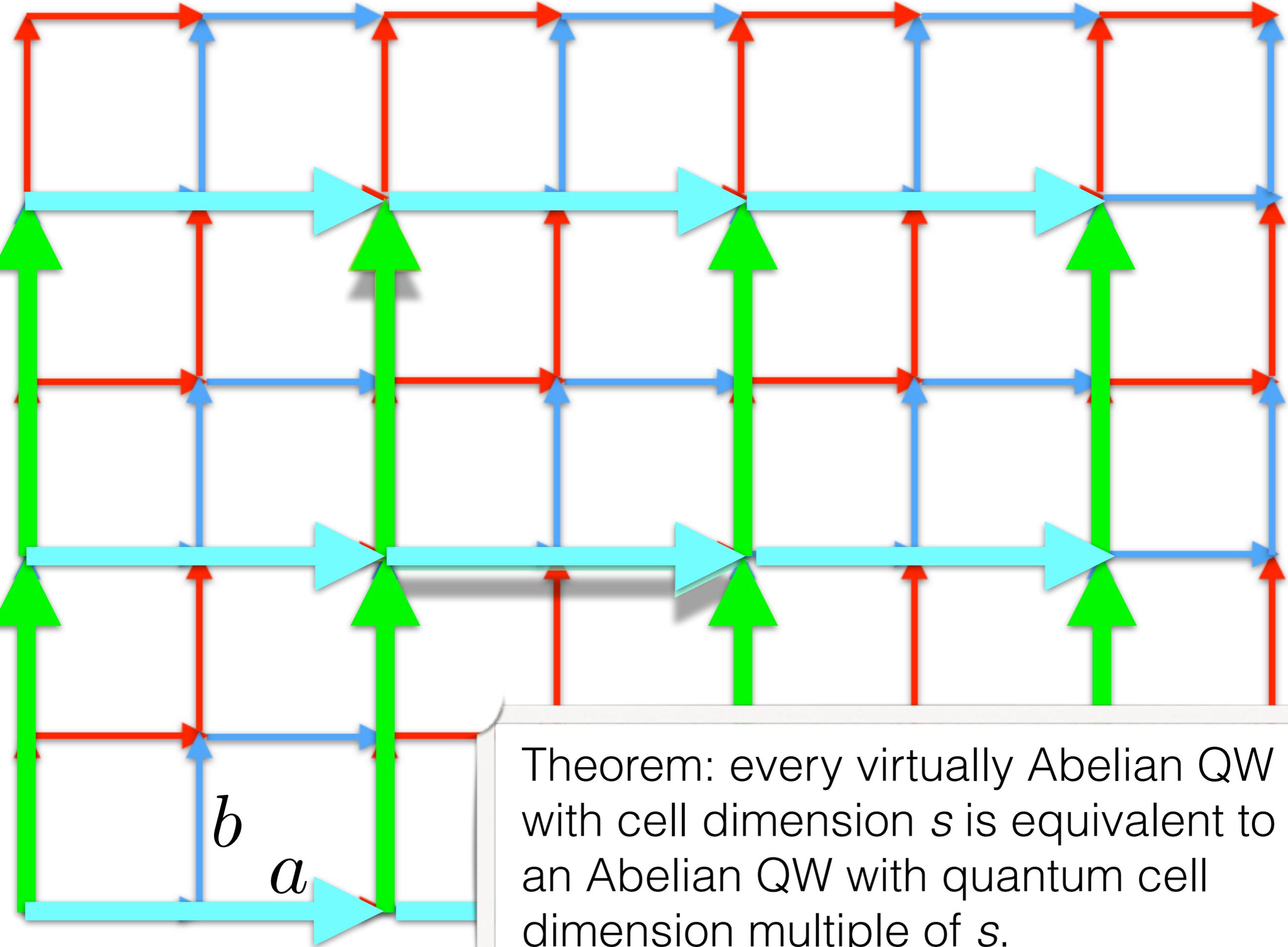
Isotropy

- There exists a group L of permutations of S_+ , transitive over S_+ that leaves the Cayley graph invariant
- a nontrivial unitary s -dimensional (projective) representation $\{L_l\}$ of L such that:

$$A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h = \sum_{h \in S} T_{lh} \otimes L_l A_h L_l^\dagger$$



$$G = \langle a, b | aba^{-1}b^{-1} \rangle \equiv \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

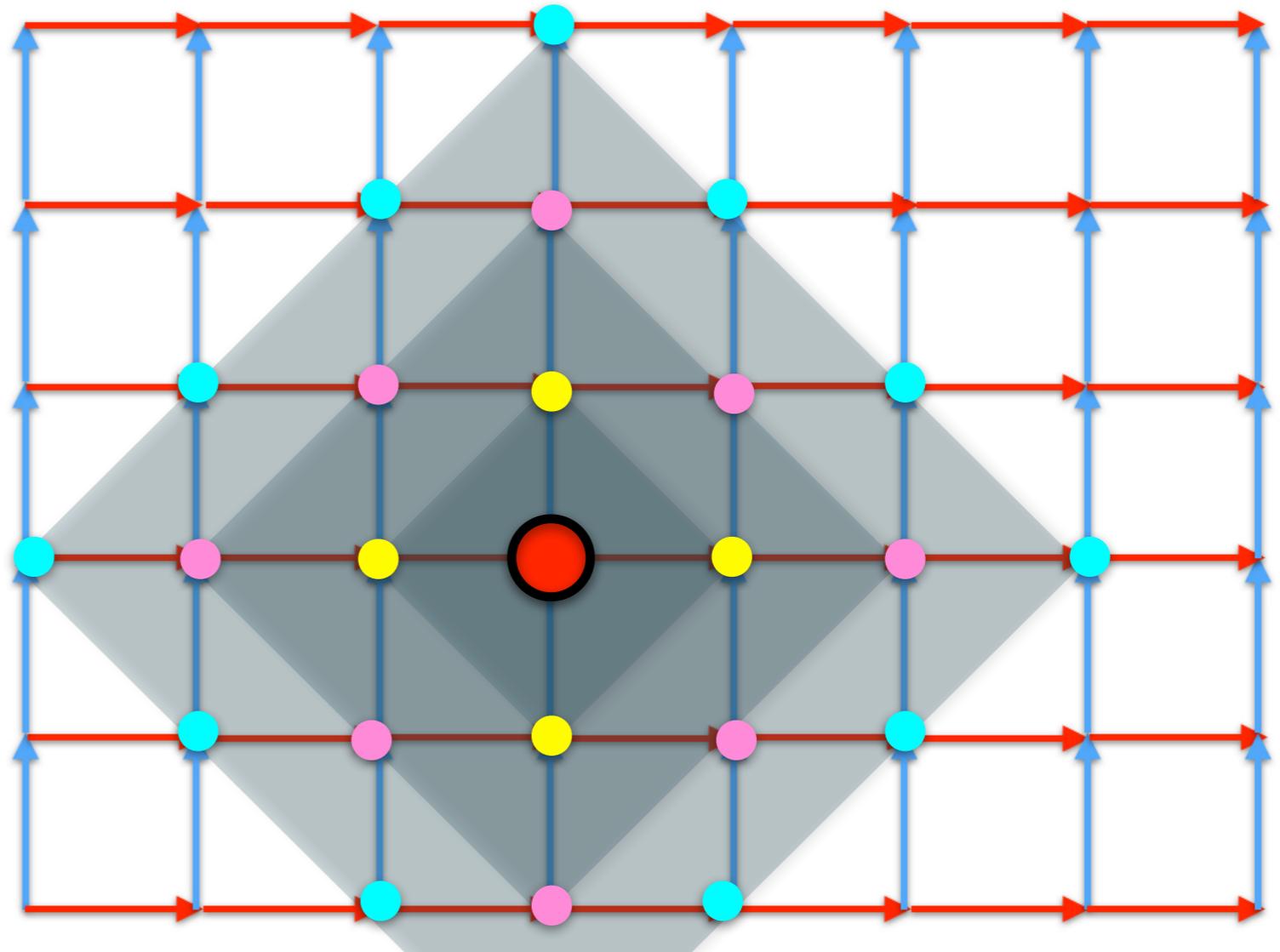


Quantum walk on Cayley graph

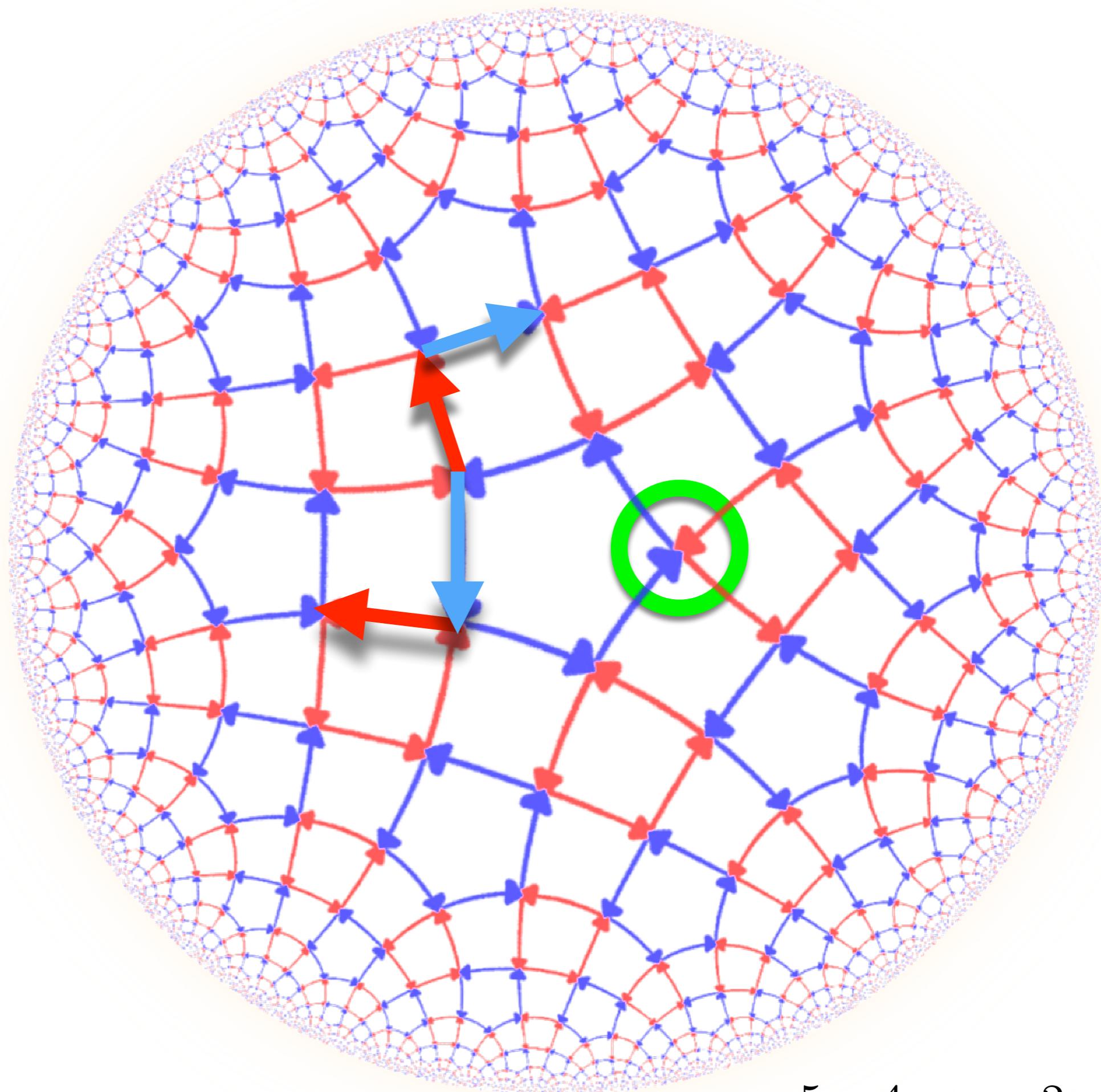
Theorem: A group is quasi-isometrically embeddable in \mathbb{R}^d iff it is virtually Abelian

Virtually Abelian groups have polynomial growth (Gromov)

points $\sim r^d$

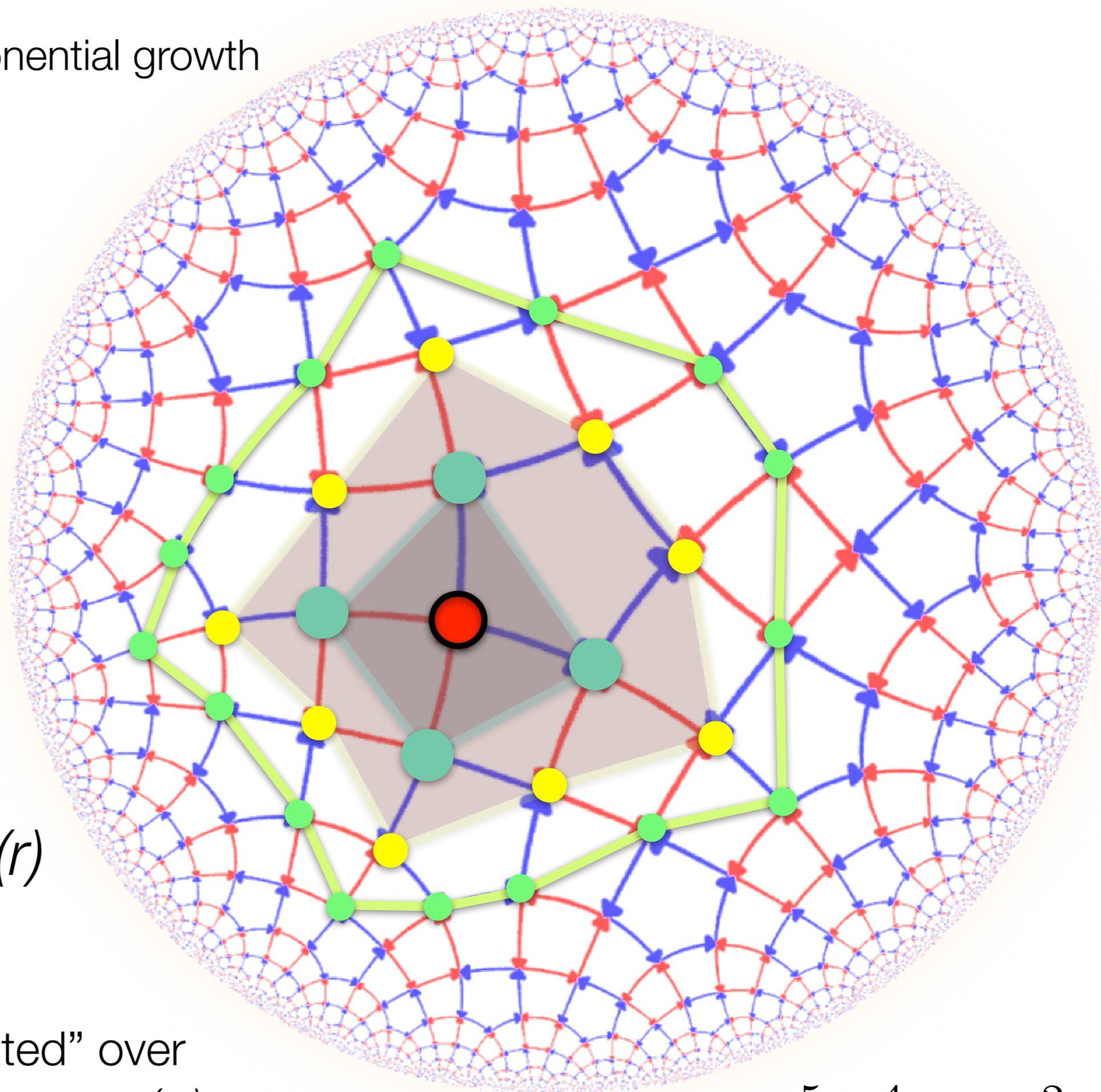


- G hyperbolic



$$G = \langle a, b | a^5, b^4, (ab)^2 \rangle$$

- G hyperbolic \rightarrow exponential growth



points $\sim \exp(r)$

information “transmitted” over
the graph decreases as $\exp(-r)$

$$G = \langle a, b | a^5, b^4, (ab)^2 \rangle$$

Informationalism: Principles for QFT

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G virtually Abelian

- *Relativistic regime* ($k \ll 1$): free QFT (Weyl, Dirac, and Maxwell)
- *Ultra-relativistic regime* ($k \sim 1$) [Planck scale]: nonlinear Lorentz

- QFT derived:

- without assuming Special Relativity
- without assuming mechanics (quantum *ab-initio*)

- QCA is a discrete theory

Motivations to keep it discrete:

1. Discrete contains continuum as special regime
2. Testing mechanisms in quantum simulations
3. Falsifiable discrete-scale hypothesis
4. Natural scenario for holographic principle
5. Solves all issues in QFT originating from continuum:

- i) uv divergencies
- ii) localization issue
- iii) Path-integral

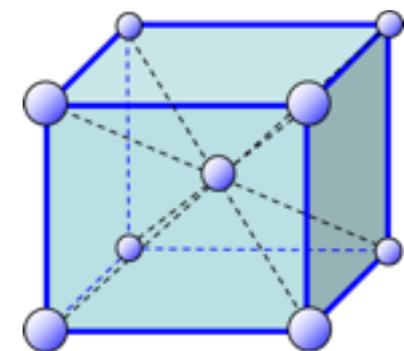
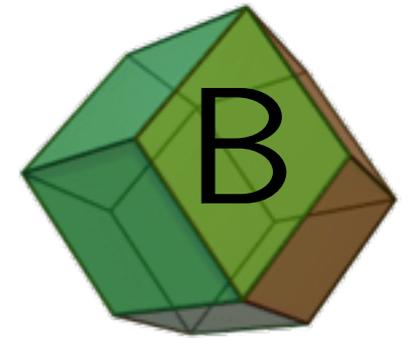
6. Fully-fledged theory to evaluate cutoffs

The Weyl QCA

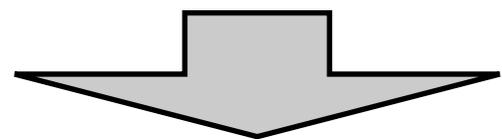
☞ Minimal dimension for nontrivial unitary Abelian QW is $s=2$

Qi-embeddability in R^3

- Uni+Iso \Rightarrow the only possible Cayley is the BCC!!
- Iso \Rightarrow Fermionic ψ ($d=3$)



Unitary operator: $A = \int_B^{\oplus} d\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}}$



Two QWs
connected
by P

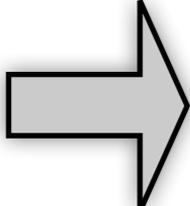
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = & -i\sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \\
 & \mp i\sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\
 & -i\sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \\
 & + I (c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)
 \end{aligned}$$

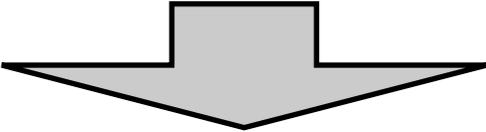
$$\begin{aligned}
 s_{\alpha} &= \sin \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}} \\
 c_{\alpha} &= \cos \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Weyl QCA

$$i\partial_t\psi(t) \simeq \frac{i}{2}[\psi(t+1) - \psi(t-1)] = \frac{i}{2}(A - A^\dagger)\psi(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{2}(A_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm - A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger}) = & + \sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \quad \text{“Hamiltonian”} \\ & \pm \sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ & + \sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \end{aligned}$$

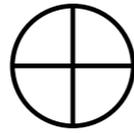
$k \ll 1$  $i\partial_t\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm \cdot \mathbf{k} \psi$  Weyl equation! $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm := (\sigma_x, \pm\sigma_y, \sigma_z)$


Two QCAs
connected
by P

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm = & -i\sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \\ & \mp i\sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ & -i\sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \\ & + I (c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_\alpha &= \sin \frac{k_\alpha}{\sqrt{3}} \\ c_\alpha &= \cos \frac{k_\alpha}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Dirac QCA



Local coupling: $A_{\mathbf{k}}$ coupled with its inverse with off-diagonal identity block matrix

$$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} & imI \\ imI & nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n^2 + m^2 = 1$$

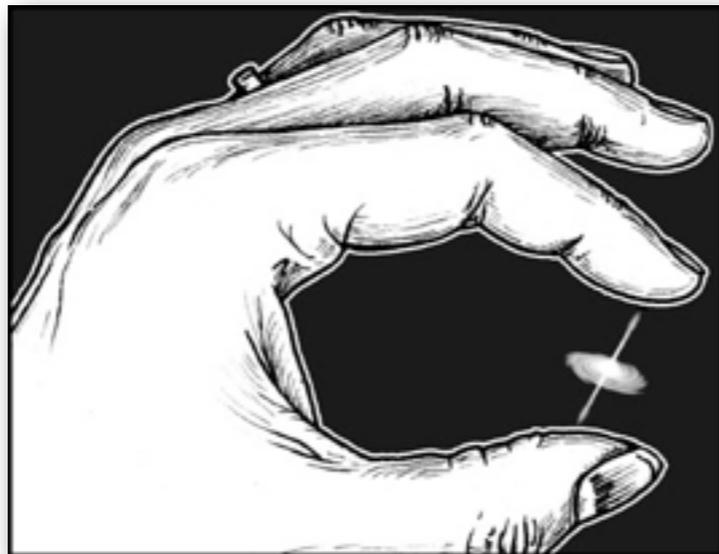
$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm}$ CPT-connected!

$$\omega_{\pm}^E(\mathbf{k}) = \cos^{-1} [n(c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)]$$

Dirac in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$

$m \leq 1$: mass

n^{-1} : refraction index



Maxwell QCA



$$M_{\mathbf{k}} = A_{\mathbf{k}} \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}^*$$

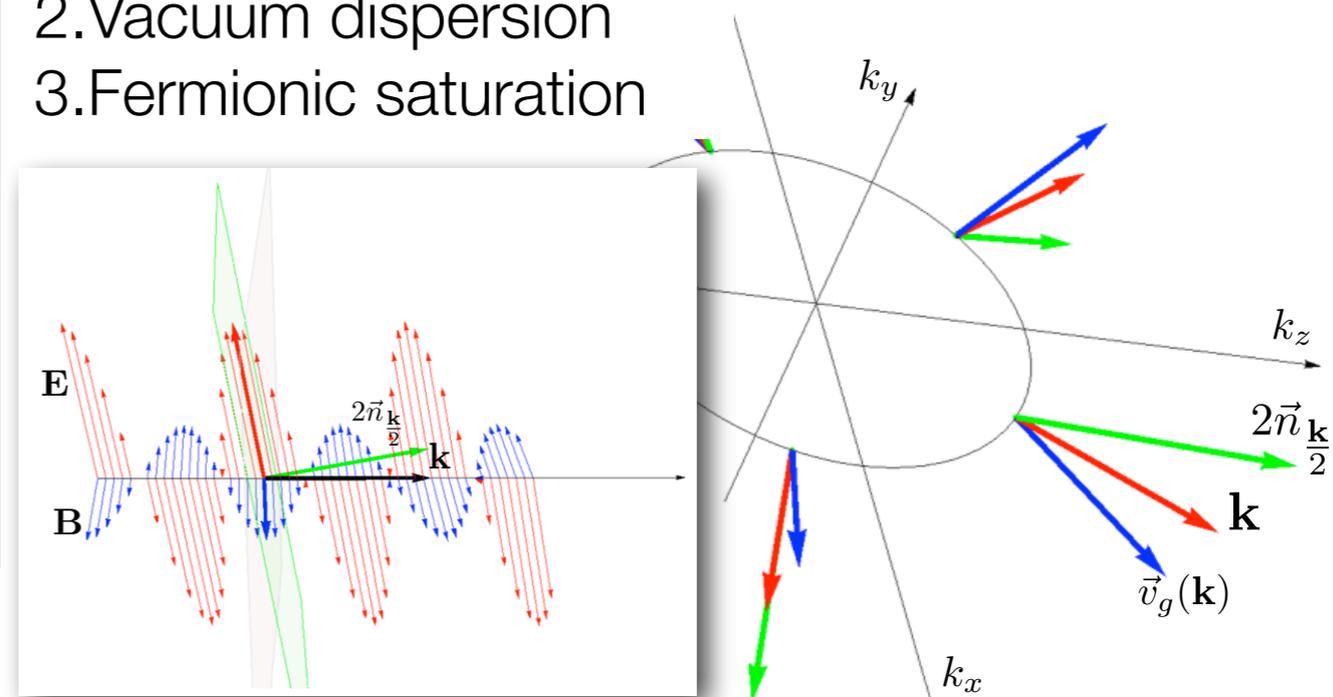
$$F^{\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{2\pi} f(\mathbf{q}) \tilde{\psi}(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} - \mathbf{q}) \sigma^{\mu} \varphi(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} + \mathbf{q})$$

Maxwell in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$

Boson: emergent from entangled Fermions
(De Broglie neutrino-theory of photon)

$$c^{\mp}(\mathbf{k}) = c \left(1 \pm \frac{k_x k_y k_z}{|\mathbf{k}|^2} \right)$$

1. Vacuum birefringence
2. Vacuum dispersion
3. Fermionic saturation



The LTM standards of the theory

Dimensionless variables

$$x = \frac{x_{[m]}}{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t = \frac{t_{[sec]}}{\mathbf{t}} \in \mathbb{N}, \quad m = \frac{m_{[kg]}}{\mathbf{m}} \in [0, 1]$$

Relativistic limit: $\rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{t} \quad \mathbf{\hbar} = \mathbf{m} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{c}$

Measure \mathbf{m} from mass-refraction-index

$$\rightarrow n(m_{[kg]}) = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_{[kg]}}{\mathbf{m}}\right)^2}$$

Measure \mathbf{a} from light-refraction-index

$$\rightarrow c^{\mp}(k) = c \left(1 \pm \frac{k}{\sqrt{3}k_{max}}\right)$$

The relativity principle

Symmetries and Relativity Principle

Looking for changes of reference-frames that leaves the dynamics invariant

Change of reference-frame = special change of representation

VA QWs

$$A = \int_B^{\oplus} d\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{T} := \frac{i}{2} (A_{\mathbf{k}} - A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}) \text{ "Hamiltonian"}$$

$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})$ analytic in \mathbf{k}

$(I, \mathbf{T}) = (T^{\mu})$ Hermitian basis for $\text{Lin}(\mathbb{C}^s)$

Dynamics: eigenvalue equation

$$A_{\mathbf{k}} \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = e^{i\omega} \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$



$$(\sin \omega I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{T}) \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0$$

For each value of \mathbf{k} there are at most s eigenvalues $\{\omega_l(\mathbf{k})\}$

$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})$ analytic in \mathbf{k} + finite-dim irreps.



$\omega_l(\mathbf{k})$ continuous

dispersion relations branches

Symmetries and Relativity Principle

Change of reference-frame: $(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \rightarrow (\omega', \mathbf{k}') = \mathcal{L}_\beta(\omega, \mathbf{k})$

\mathcal{L}_β invertible (generally non continuous) over $[-\pi, \pi] \times \mathbb{B}$

→ $\{\mathcal{L}_\beta\}_{\beta \in \mathbb{G}}$ \mathbb{G} group (including space-inversion, charge conjugation,...)

Symmetry of the dynamics:

there exists a pair of invertible matrices Γ_β and $\tilde{\Gamma}_\beta$ such that the following identity holds:

$\tilde{\Gamma}_\beta, \Gamma_\beta$ can also contain LUs, gauge-transforms, ...

$$(\sin \omega I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{T}) = \tilde{\Gamma}_\beta^{-1} (\sin \omega' I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}') \cdot \mathbf{T}) \Gamma_\beta$$

Γ_β and $\tilde{\Gamma}_\beta$ continuous functions of (ω, \mathbf{k})

→ \mathbb{G}_0 (id-component of \mathbb{G}) preserves the branches

change of reference-frame = $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}'(\mathbf{k})$

$$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}'(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = (\omega(\mathbf{k}'), \mathbf{k}'(\mathbf{k}))$$

→ change of reference-frame = reshuffling $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}'(\mathbf{k})$ of irreps. holds for the whole class of VA QW

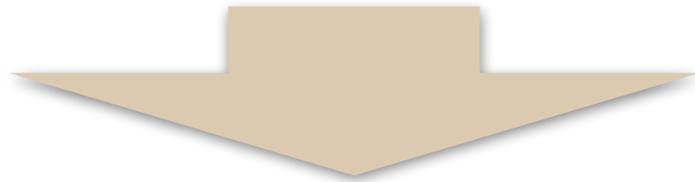
\mathbb{G}_0, \mathbb{G} depend on the QW!

Relativity Principle for Weyl QW

$$p^{(f)} := f(\omega, \mathbf{k})(\sin \omega, \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}))$$

$$p_\mu p^\mu = 0 \text{ on } \text{Disp}(A)$$

$$p_\mu^{(f)} \sigma^\mu \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0 \text{ “4-momentum”}$$



Non-linear Lorentz group

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta^{(f)} := \mathcal{D}^{(f)-1} L_\beta \mathcal{D}^{(f)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{(f)} : (\omega, \mathbf{k}) \mapsto p^{(f)}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

acting on $[-\pi, \pi] \times B$

$\text{Disp}(A)$ invariant $\rightarrow L_\beta$ Lorentz

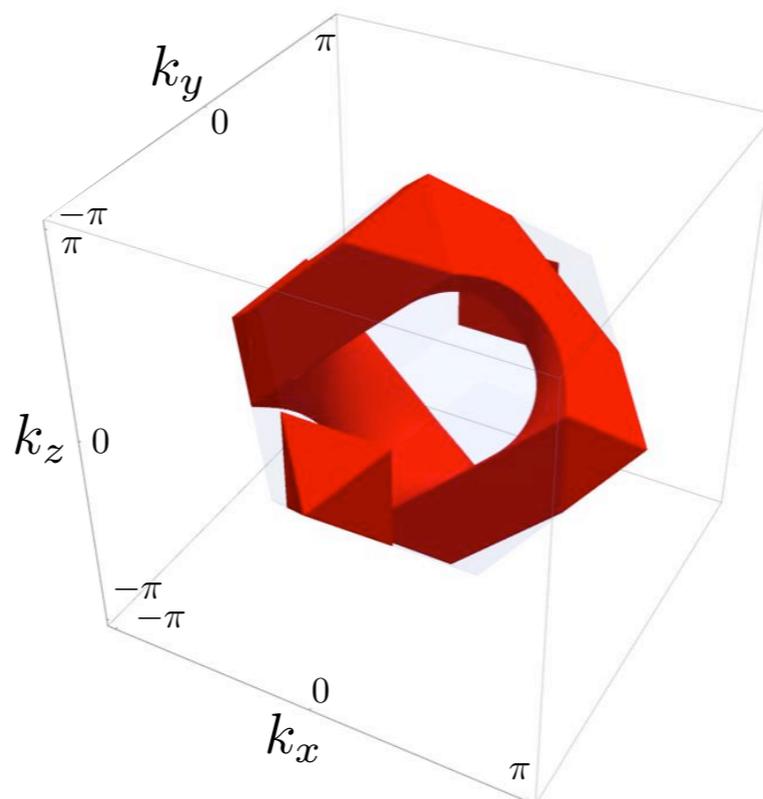
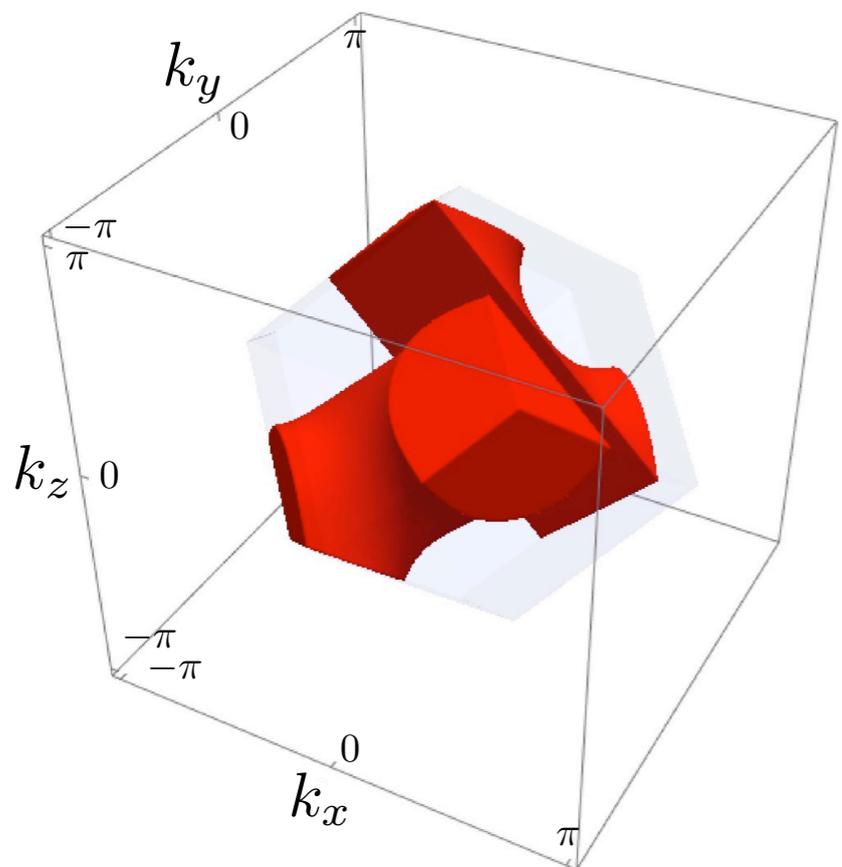
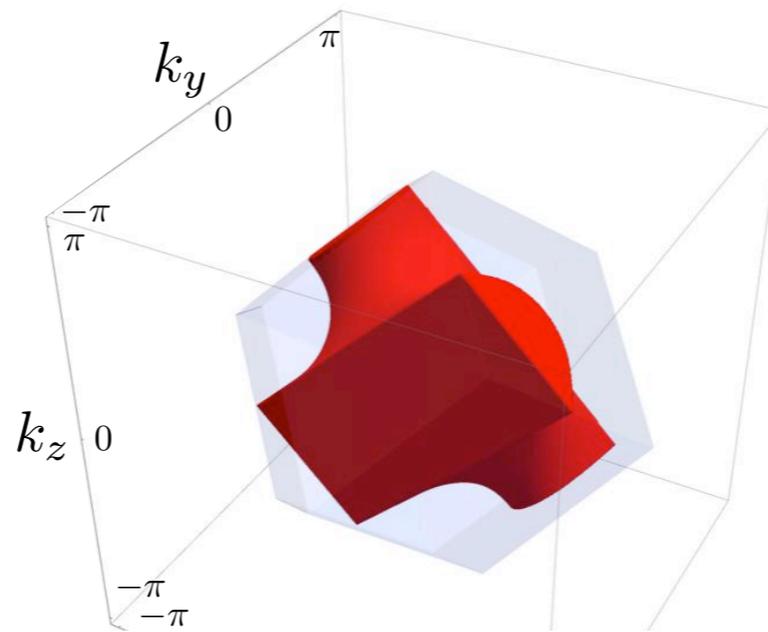
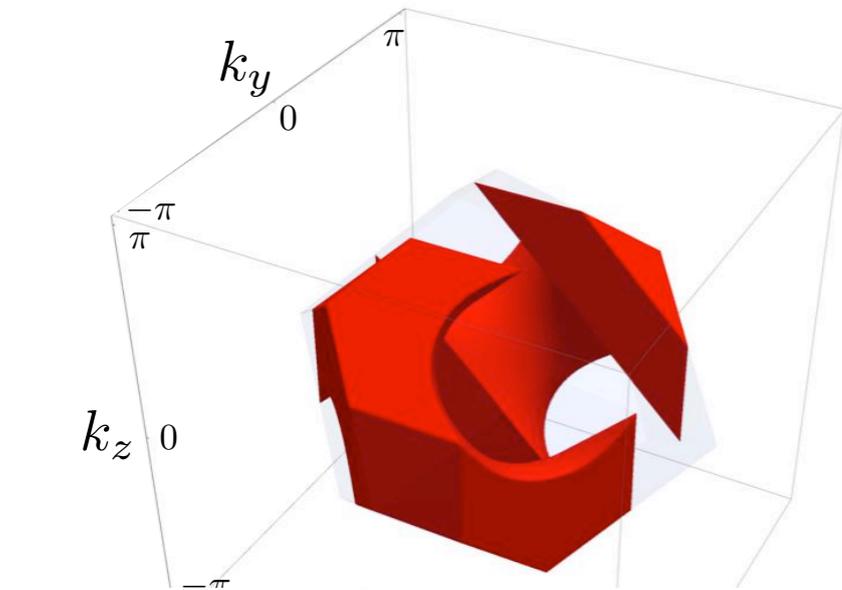
Relativistic covariance of dynamics

$$(\sin \omega I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \tilde{\Lambda}_\beta^\dagger (\sin \omega' I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}') \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \Lambda_\beta$$

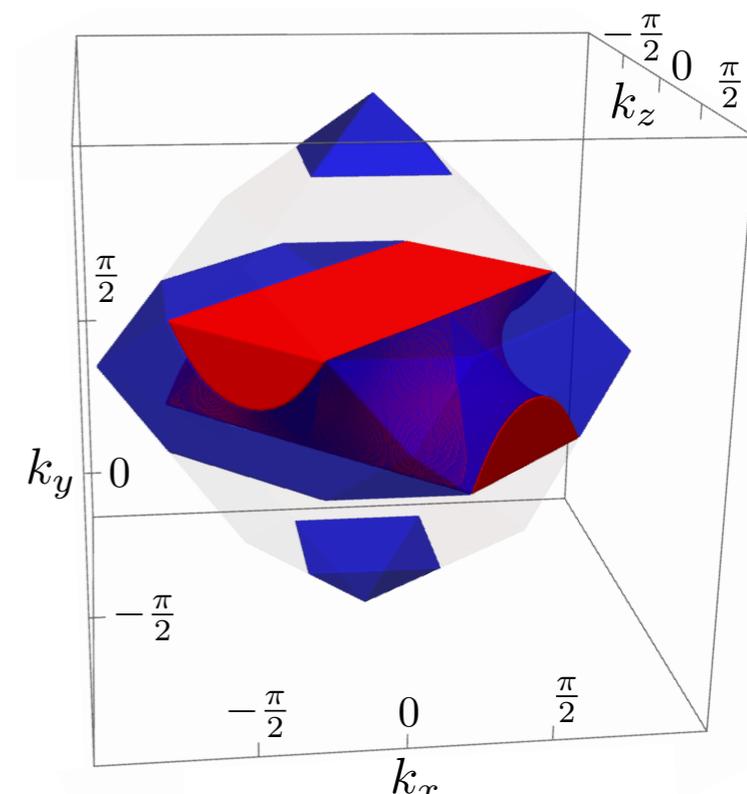
$\Lambda_\beta \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ independent of (k_μ)

Relativity Principle for Weyl QW

Includes the group of “translations” of the Cayley graph: \mathbb{G}_0 is the Poincaré group



The Brillouin zone separates into **four invariant regions** diffeomorphic to balls, corresponding to four different **particles**.



Relativity Principle for Dirac QW

Dirac automaton: De Sitter covariance (non linear)

Covariance for Dirac QCA cannot leave m invariant

invariance of de Sitter norm:

$$\text{Disp}(A): \quad \sin^2 \omega - (1 - m^2)|\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})|^2 - m^2 = 0$$

➡ $SO(1, 4)$ invariance

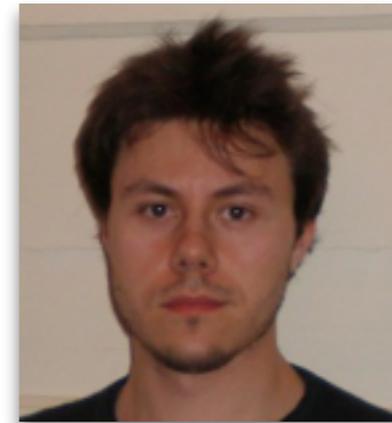
$$SO(1, 4) \longrightarrow SO(1, 3) \quad \text{for } m \rightarrow 0 \quad \mathcal{O}(m^2)$$



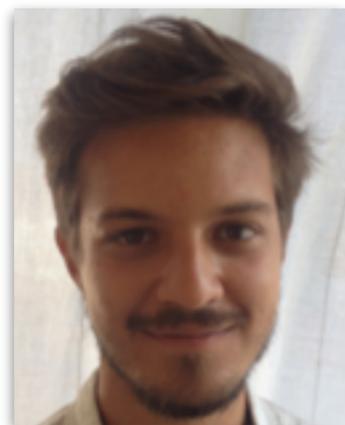
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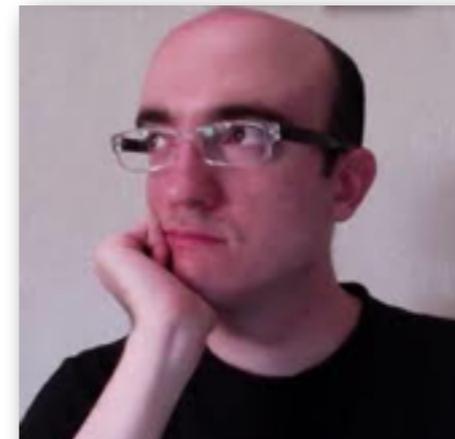
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