

# Quantum Field Theory from general principles results in a quantum cellular automaton theory

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# Principles for Quantum Theory

- The experience in Quantum Information has led us to look at Quantum Theory (QT) under a completely new angle
- QT is a *theory of information*



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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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P1. Causality

P2. Local discriminability

P3. Purification\*

P4. Atomicity of composition

P5. Perfect distinguishability

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Book from CUP soon!

# Operational Probabilistic Theory

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The framework

Logic  $\subset$  Probability  $\subset$  OPT

joint probabilities + connectivity

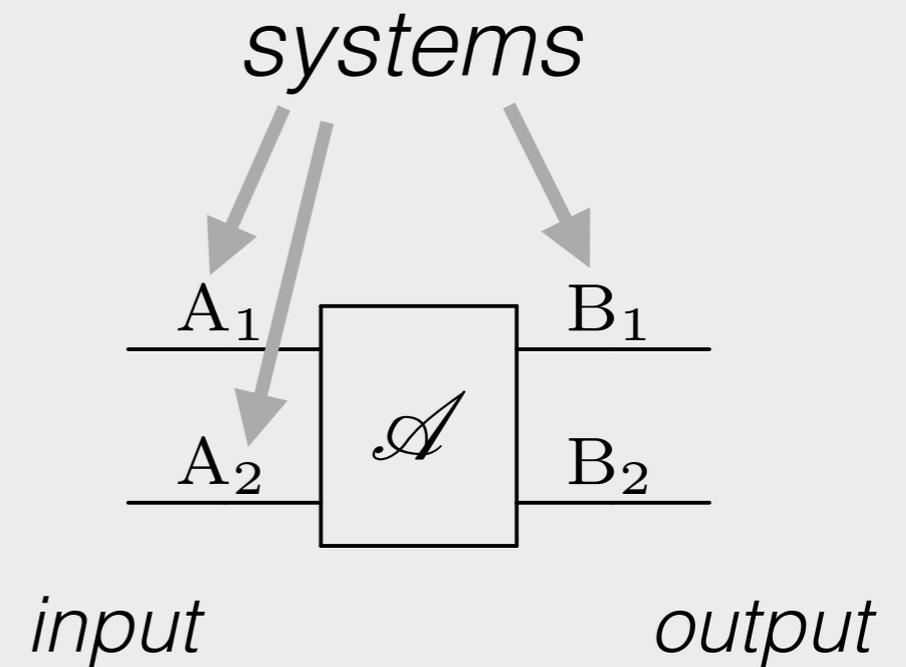
$$p(i, j, k, \dots | \text{circuit})$$

Marginal probability

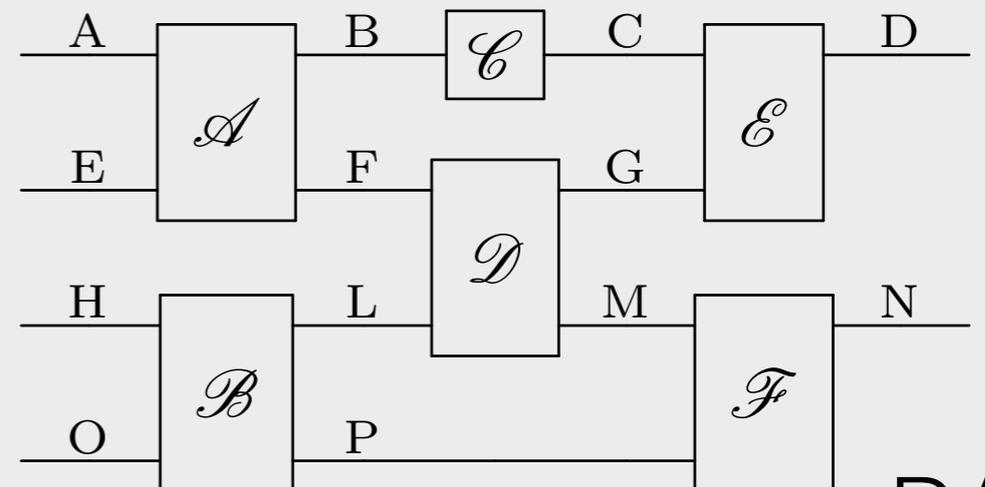
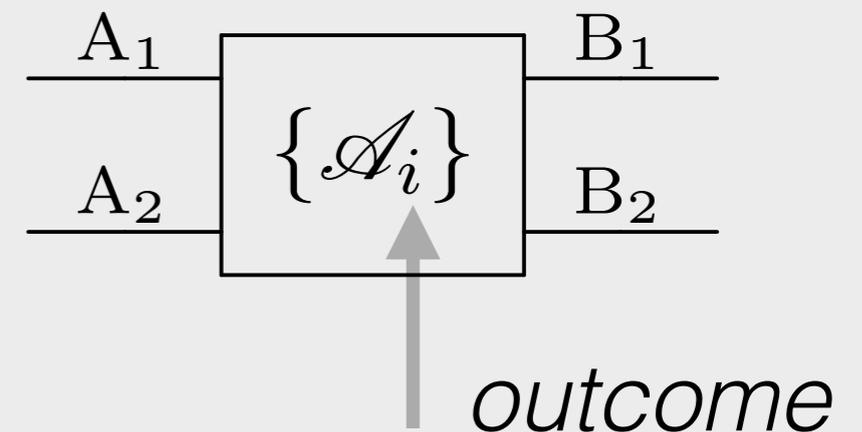
$$\sum_{i, k, \dots} p(i, j, k, \dots | \text{circuit}) =$$

$$p(j | \text{circuit})$$

Event



Test



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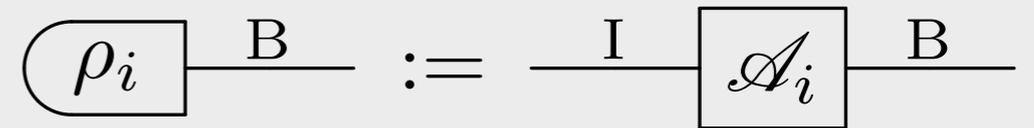
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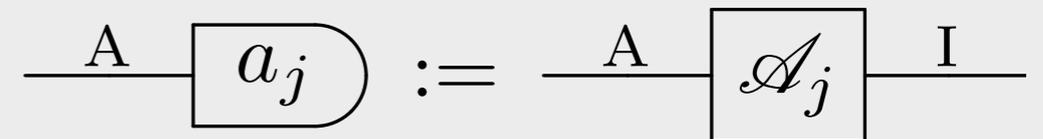
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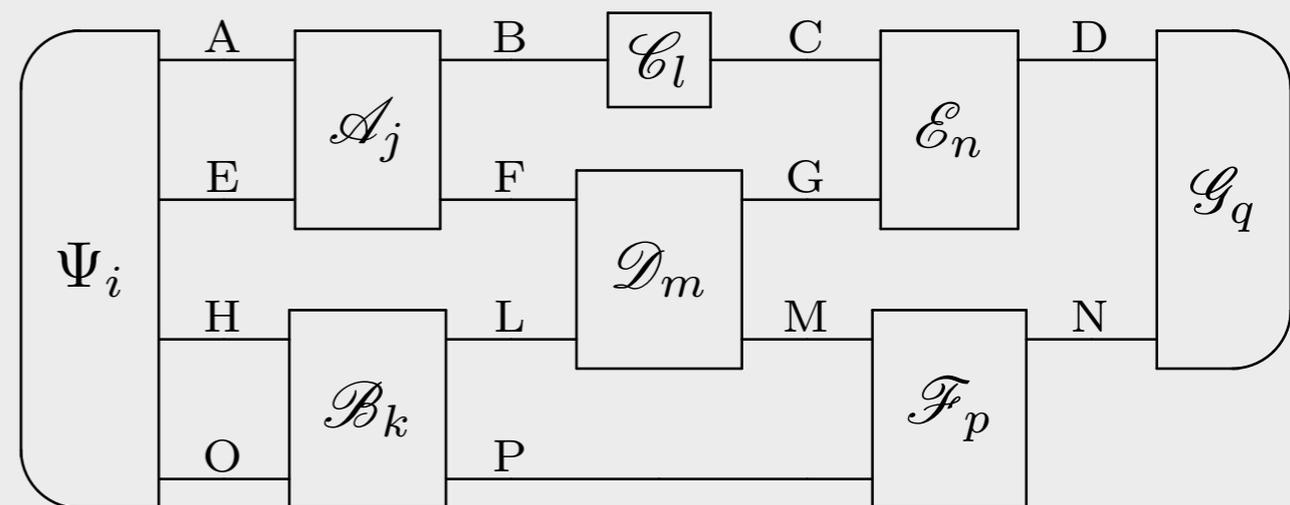


preparation



observation

$$p(i, j, k, l, m, n, p, q | \text{circuit})$$



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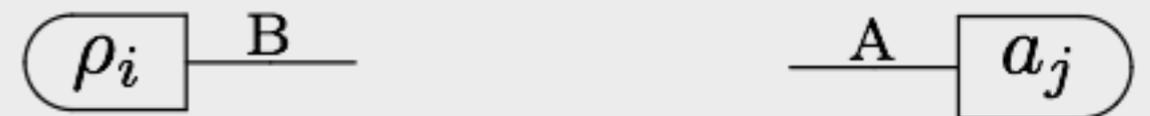
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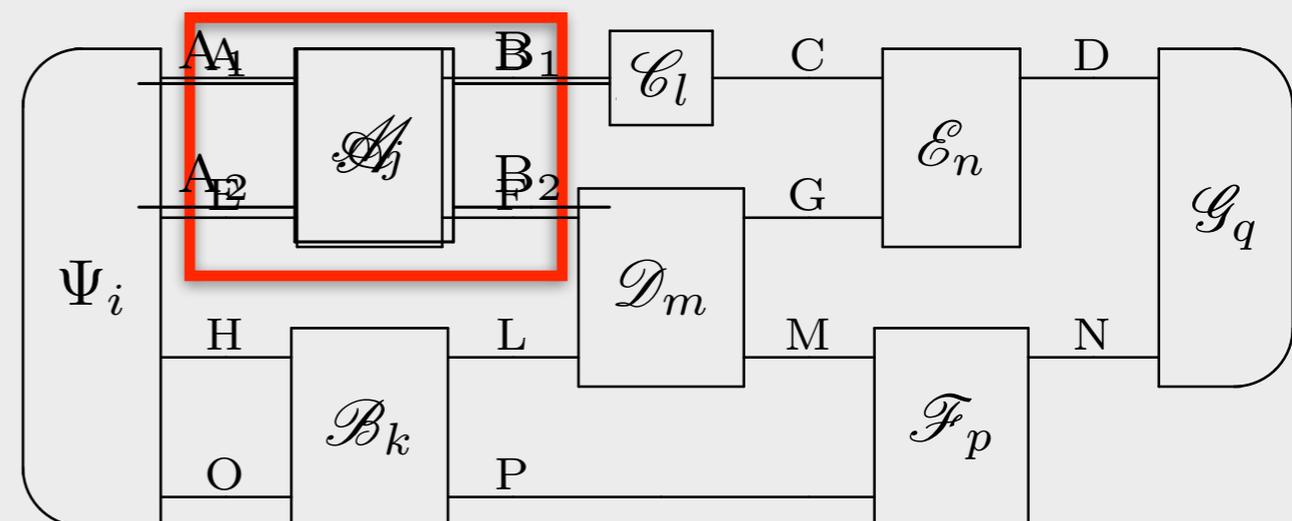
*transformation*



*state*

*effect*

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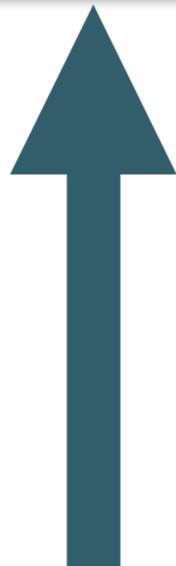
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**monoidal category theory**

Multiplication of closed circuits

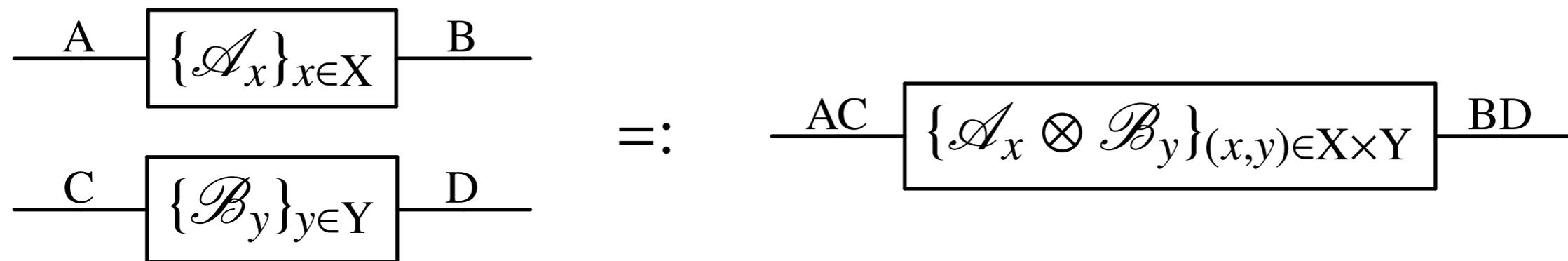
$$\begin{array}{c} \rho_{i_1} \text{---} A \text{---} a_{i_2} \\ \sigma_{j_1} \text{---} B \text{---} b_{j_2} \end{array} = \rho_{i_1} \text{---} A \text{---} a_{i_2} \sigma_{j_1} \text{---} B \text{---} b_{j_2}$$
$$= p(i_1, i_2) q(j_1, j_2)$$



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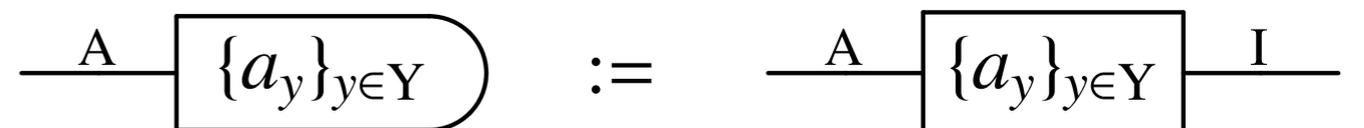
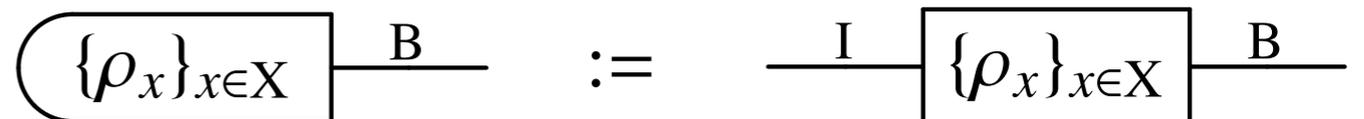
Parallel composition (associative)



$$AB = BA$$

$$AI = IA = A$$

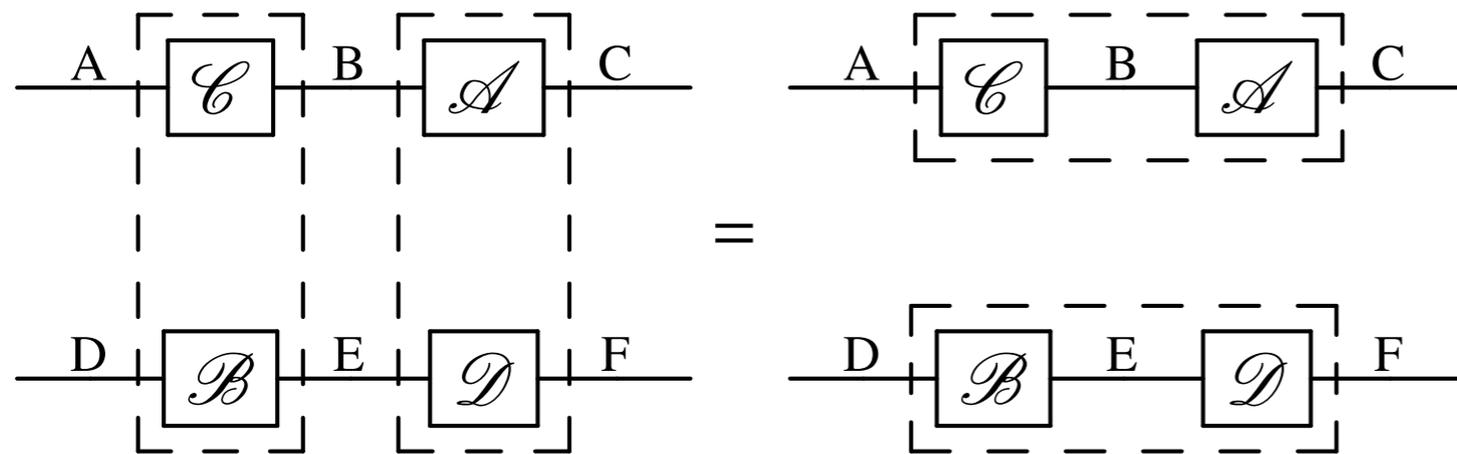
$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$



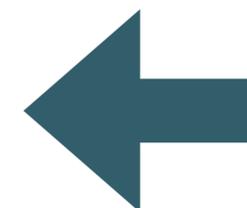
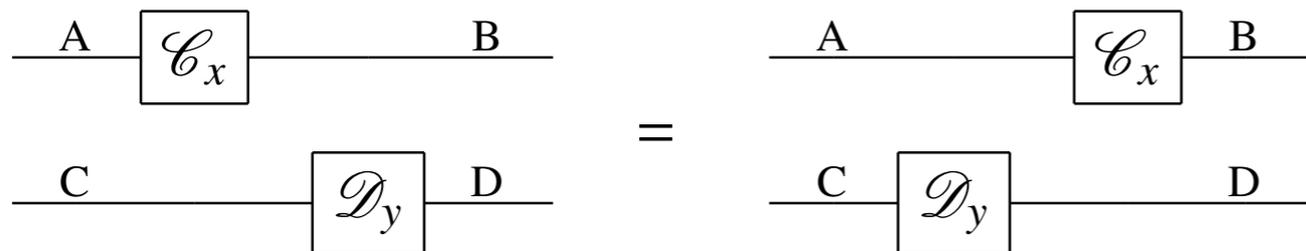
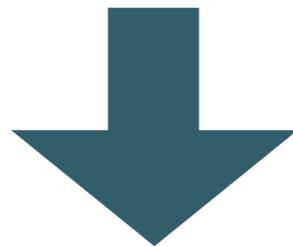
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Sequential and parallel compositions commute



$$(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{D}) \circ (\mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{B}) = (\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{C}) \otimes (\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{B})$$



wire-stretching  
(foliations)

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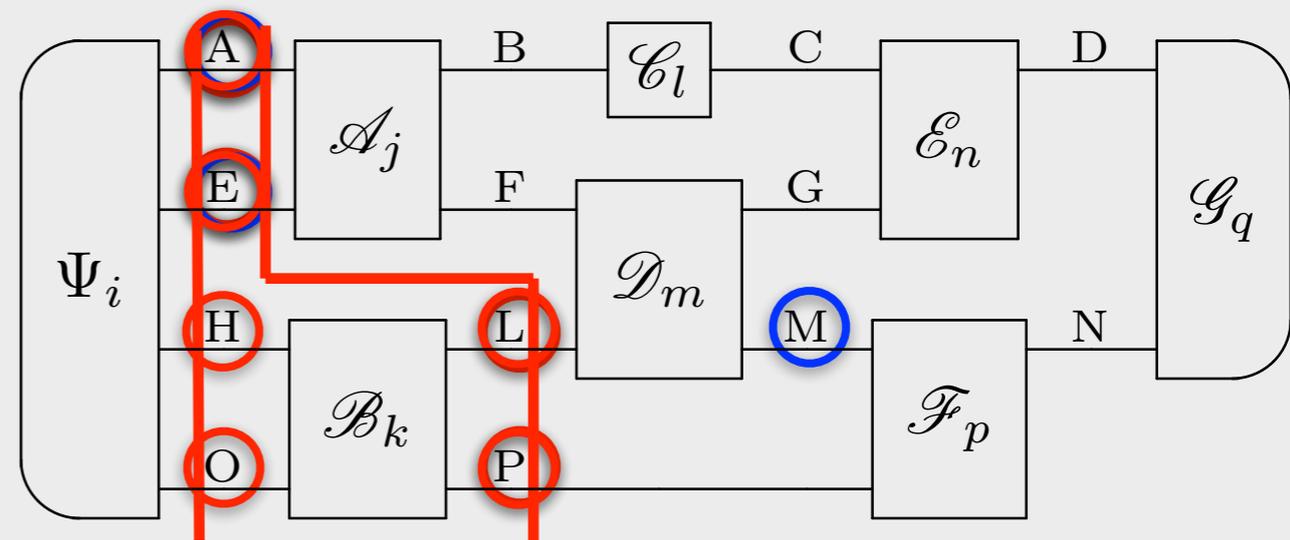
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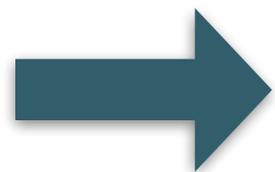
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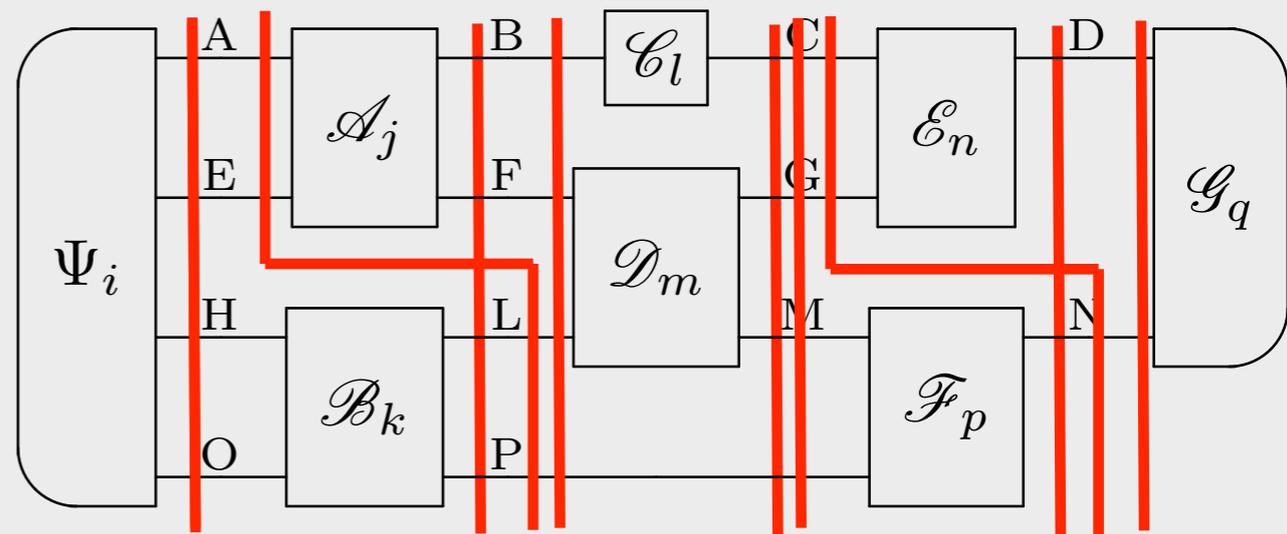
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Maximal set of independent systems = "leaf"



Foliation

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# Operational Probabilistic Theory

States are functionals for effects

States are separating for effects

Effects are functionals on states

Effects are separating for states

Embedding in real vector spaces

$\text{St}(A)$ ,  $\text{St}_1(A)$ ,  $\text{St}_{\mathbb{R}}(A)$

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Dimension  $D_A$

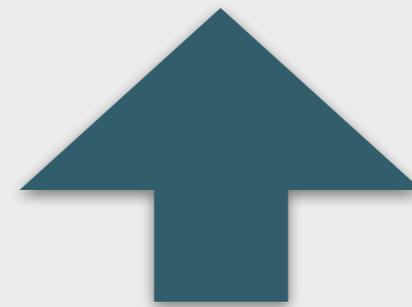
$$\text{Eff}_{\mathbb{R}}(A) = \text{St}_{\mathbb{R}}(A)^{\vee}$$

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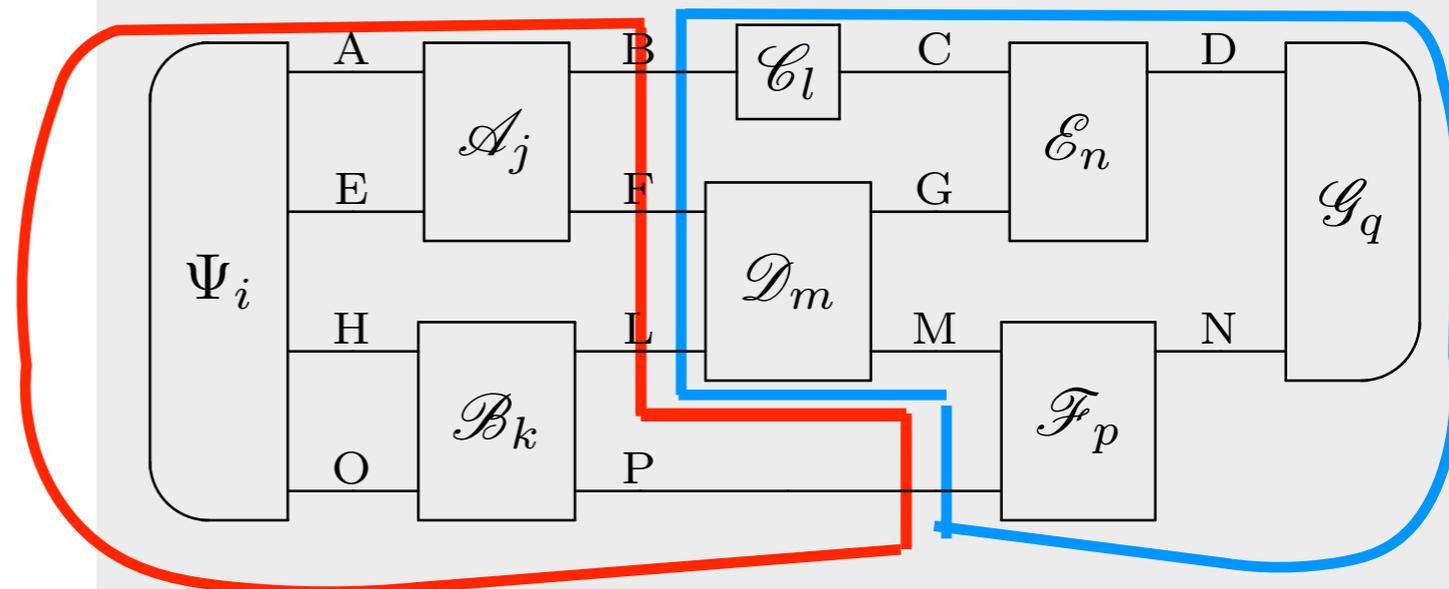
Pairing notation:

$$\rho \in \text{St}(A), a \in \text{Eff}(A), \quad \boxed{\rho} \xrightarrow{A} \boxed{a} = (a|\rho)$$

$$\boxed{(\Psi_i, \mathcal{A}_j, \mathcal{B}_k)} \xrightarrow{\text{BFLP}} \boxed{(\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{F}_p, \mathcal{C}_l, \mathcal{E}_n, \mathcal{G}_q)}$$



$$p(i, j, k, l, m, n, p, q | \text{circuit})$$



# Operational Probabilistic Theory

$$\{\mathcal{T}_i\}_{i \in \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, i_{n+1}, i_{n+2}, \dots, \dots\}}$$

$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{j_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{j_2} \quad \dots$

Coarse-graining  $\downarrow$        $\uparrow$  Refinement

$$\{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_j\}_{j \in \{j_1, j_2, \dots\}}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{T}}_S = \sum_{i \in S} \mathcal{T}_i$$

Partial ordering

Conditioned test (needs causality)

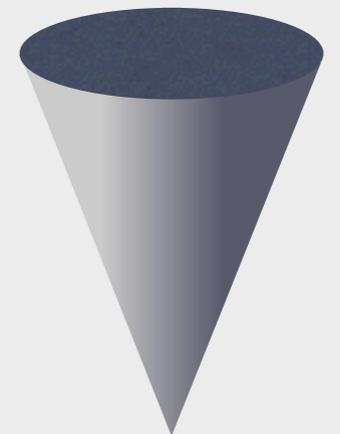
$$A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_i} \text{---} B \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{D}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} C \quad := \quad A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{D}_{j_i}^{(i)} \circ \mathcal{C}_i} \text{---} C$$

Circuit multiplication: randomize tests

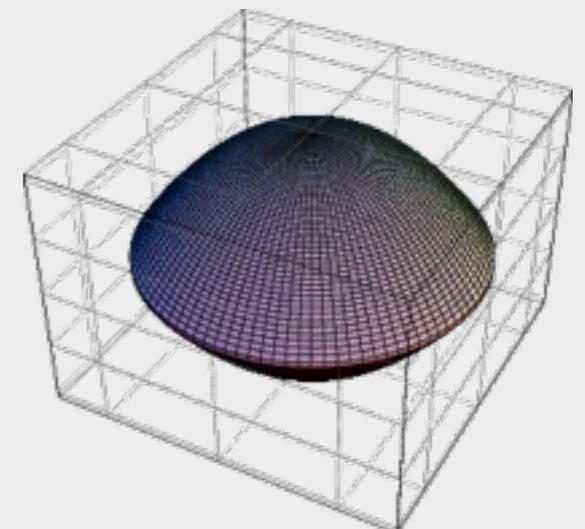
$$p_i \text{---} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} B \quad := \quad \begin{array}{c} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} B \\ \text{---} I \text{---} \boxed{p_i} \text{---} I \end{array}$$



Cone structure



Convex structure



# Operational Probabilistic Theory

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## State tomography

$\{l_i\}_{i \in X} \subseteq \mathbf{Eff}(A)$  separating for states  $\rightarrow$  span  $\mathbf{Eff}(A)$



$$\forall a \in \mathbf{Eff}(A), a = \sum_{i \in X} c_i(a) l_i \quad c_i \in \mathbf{St}_{\mathbb{R}}(A).$$

$\{c_i\}_{i \in X}$  is a *dual set* for  $\{l_i\}_{i \in X}$

$\rho \in \mathbf{St}_1(A)$  deterministic

$$\forall a \in \mathbf{Eff}_{\mathbb{R}}(A), (a|\rho) = \sum_{i \in X} c_i(a) (l_i|\rho) \quad \text{state-tomography}$$



$\{l_i\}_{i \in X}$  *informationally complete* for states

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$\{\rho_0, \rho_1\} \subseteq \text{St}(A)$     preparation test

$\{a_0, a_1\}$                     observation test

success probability of discrimination

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{succ}} &= (a_0|\rho_0) + (a_1|\rho_1) \\ &= (a|\rho_0) + (a_1|\rho_1 - \rho_0) \\ &= (a|\rho_1) + (a_0|\rho_0 - \rho_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[1 + (a_1 - a_0|\rho_1 - \rho_0)] \end{aligned}$$

$$a := a_0 + a_1$$

## Metric

$$p_{\text{succ}}^{(\text{opt})} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \|\rho_1 - \rho_0\|]$$

$$\|\delta\| := \sup_{\{a_0, a_1\}} (a_0 - a_1|\delta),$$

$$\|\delta\| = \sup_{a_0 \in \text{Eff}(A)} (a_0|\delta) - \inf_{a_1 \in \text{Eff}(A)} (a_1|\delta)$$

monotonicity

$$\mathcal{C} \in \text{Transf}_1(A, B)$$

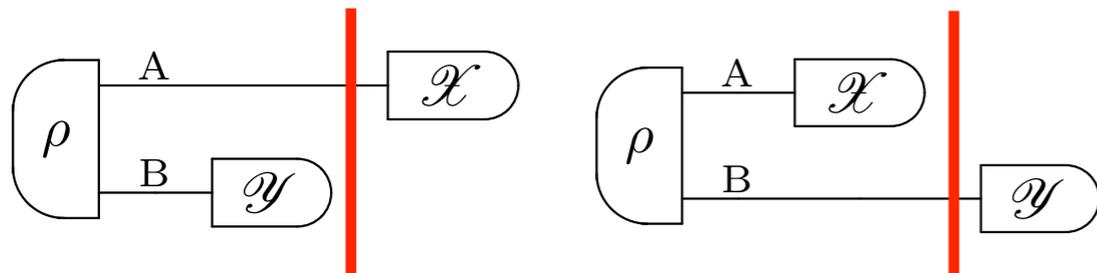
$$\|\mathcal{C}\delta\|_B \leq \|\delta\|_A$$

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The probability of preparations is independent of the choice of observations

no signaling without interaction

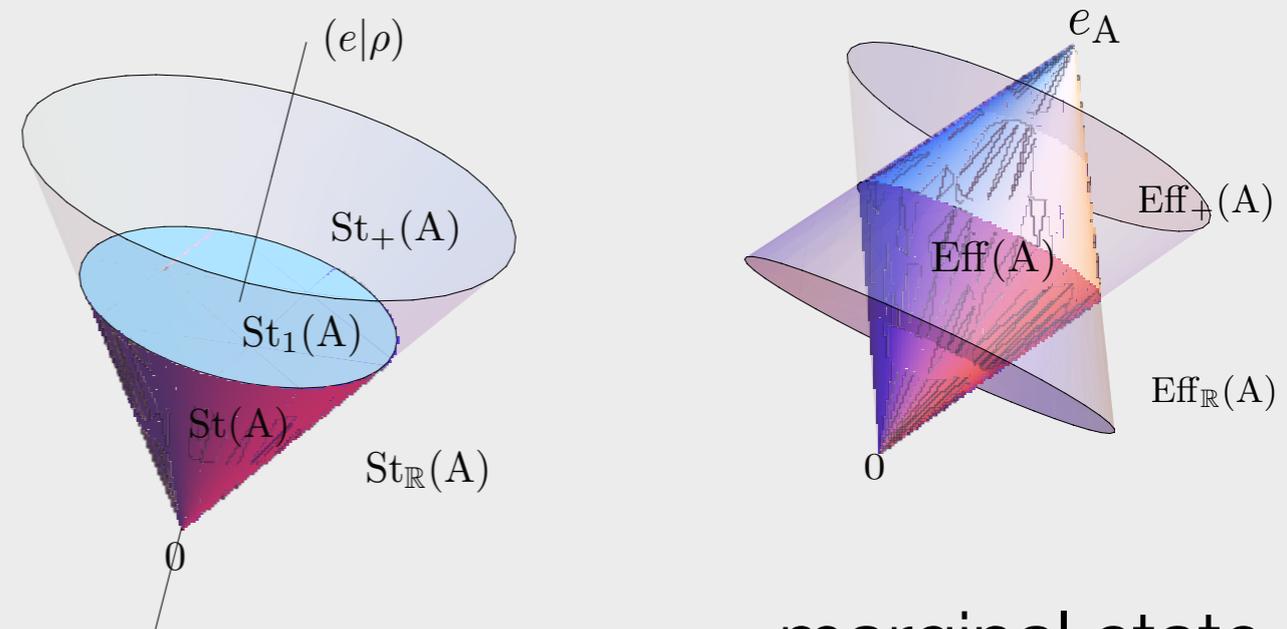


$$p(i, j | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) := (a_j | \rho_i)$$



$$p(i | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = p(i | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}') = p(i | \mathcal{X})$$

Iff conditions: a) the deterministic effect is unique; b) states are “normalizable”



marginal state

$$\sigma \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \\ e \end{matrix} =: \rho \begin{matrix} A \\ \end{matrix}$$

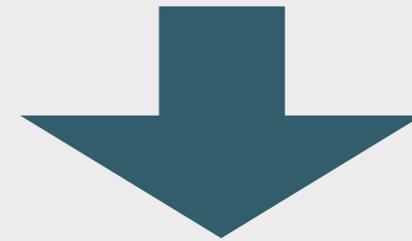
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It is possible to discriminate any pair of states of composite systems using only local measurements.

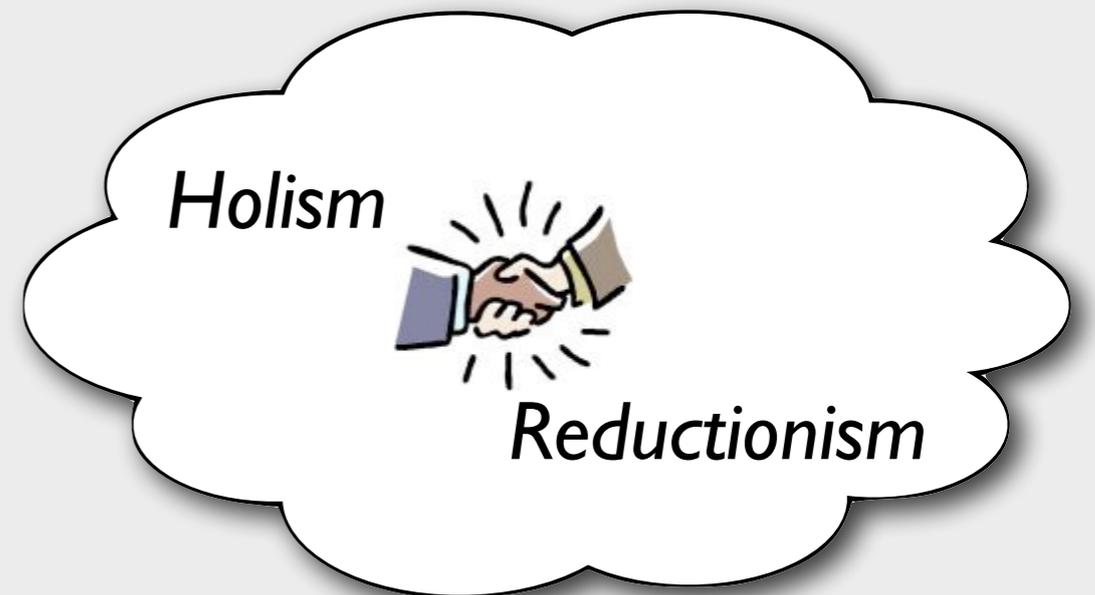
Origin of the complex tensor product

$$\left( \rho \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \right) \neq \left( \sigma \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \rho \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \\ a \\ b \end{array} \right) \neq \left( \sigma \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \\ a \\ b \end{array} \right)$$



Local characterization of transformations

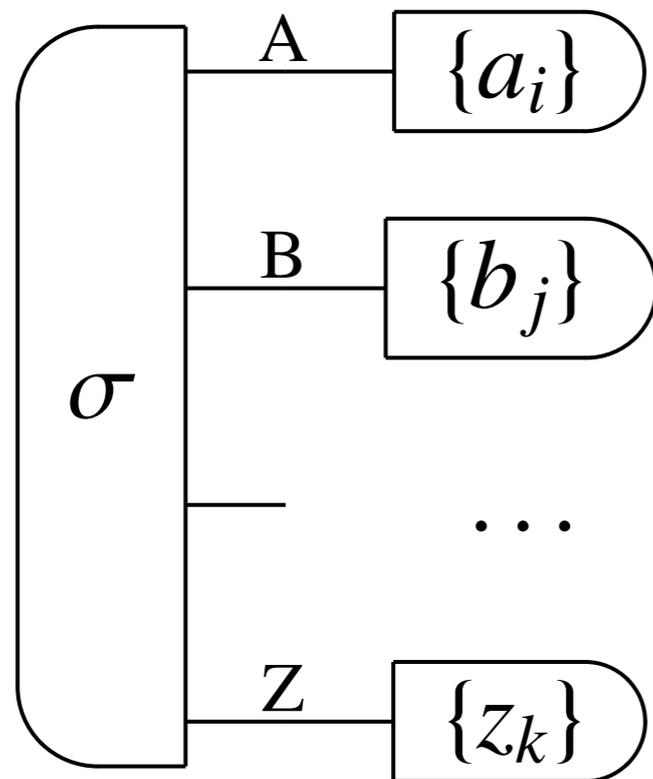
$$\left( \Psi \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{A} \\ B \end{array} \begin{array}{c} A' \\ a \\ b \end{array} = \left( \rho_b \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{A} \\ B \end{array} \begin{array}{c} A' \\ a \end{array}$$



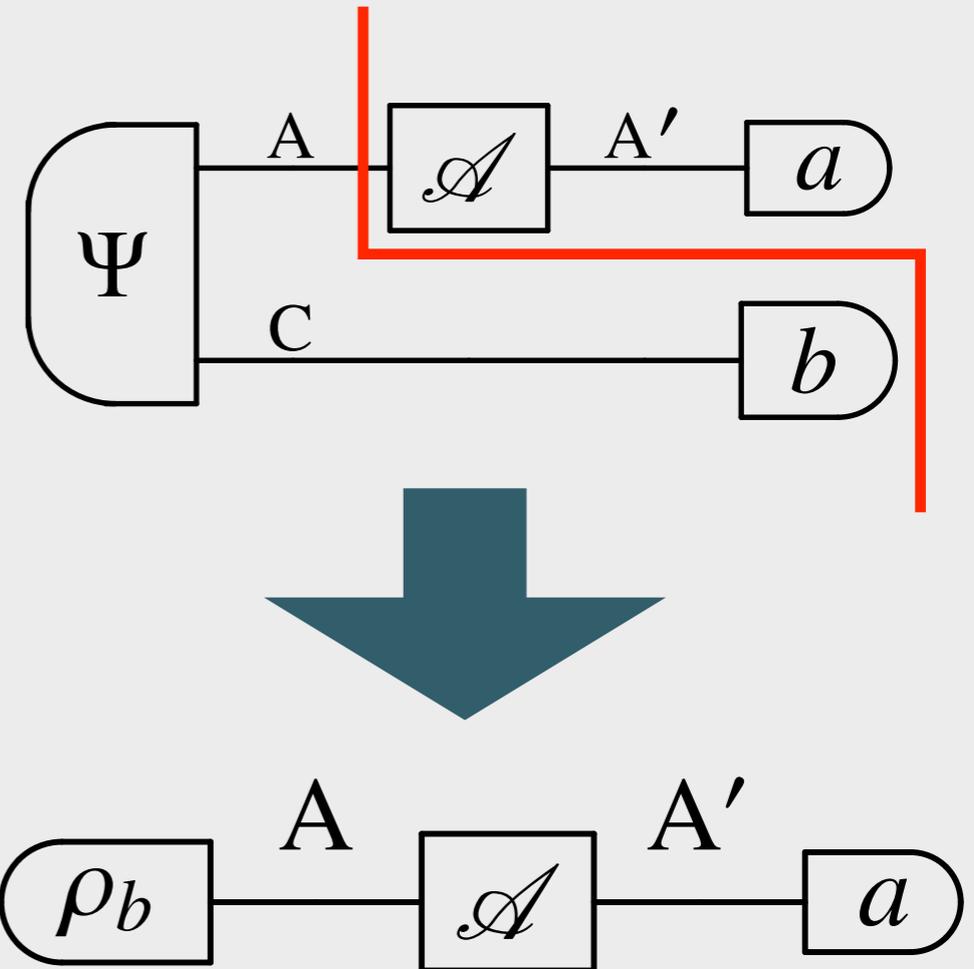
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Local effects are separating for joint states



# Tomography



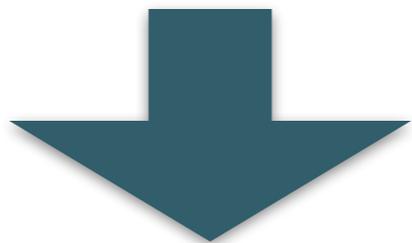
Counter-examples: Real QT, Fermionic QT

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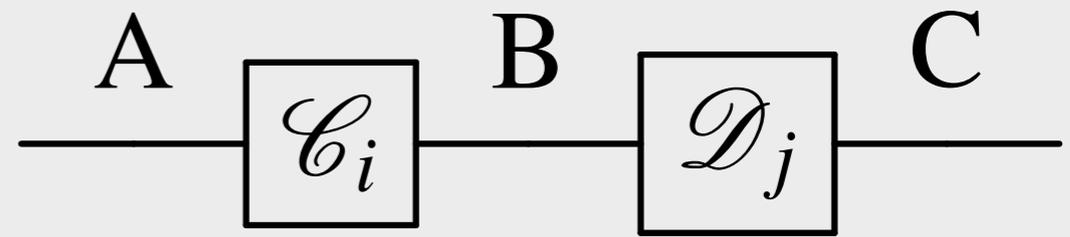
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The composition of two atomic transformations is atomic



Complete information can be accessed on a step-by-step basis

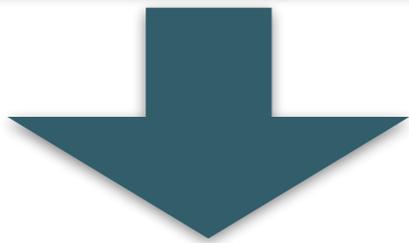


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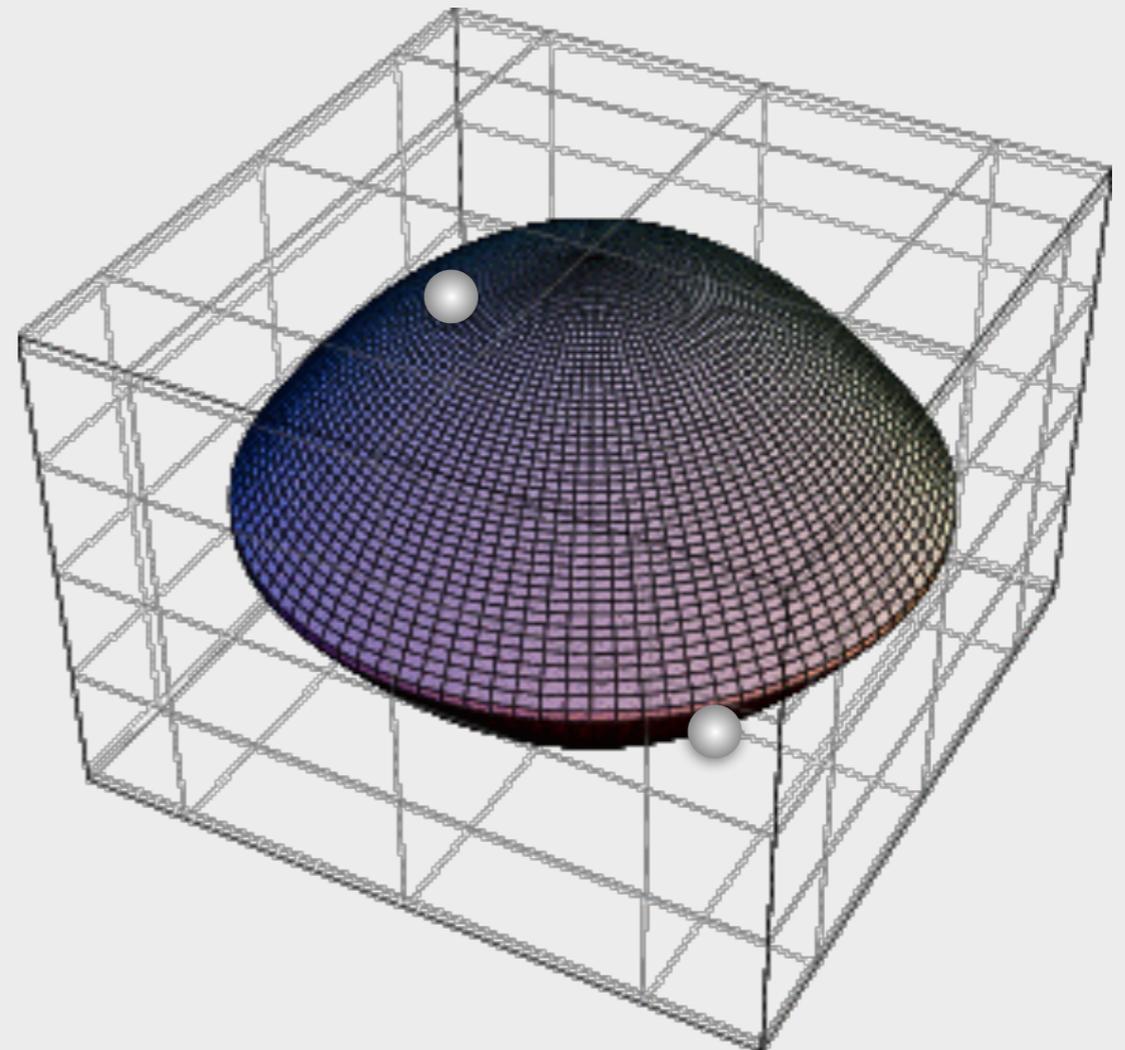
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Every state that is not completely mixed (i.e. on the boundary of the convex) can be perfectly distinguished from some other state.



Falsifiability of the theory

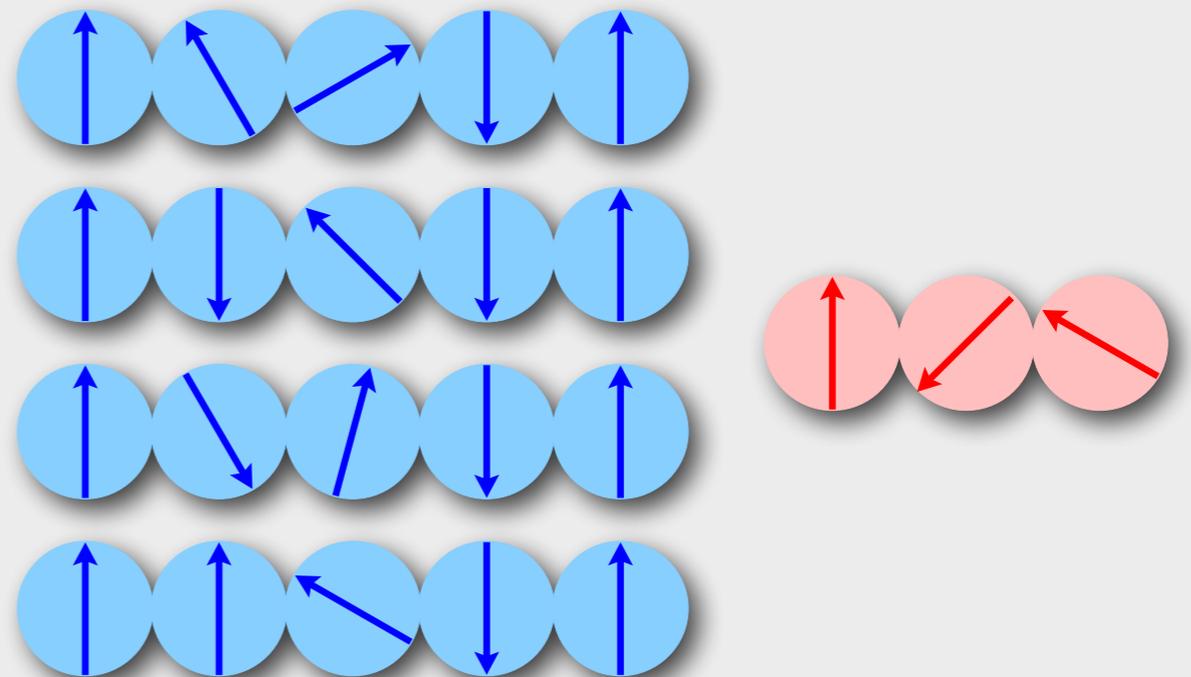
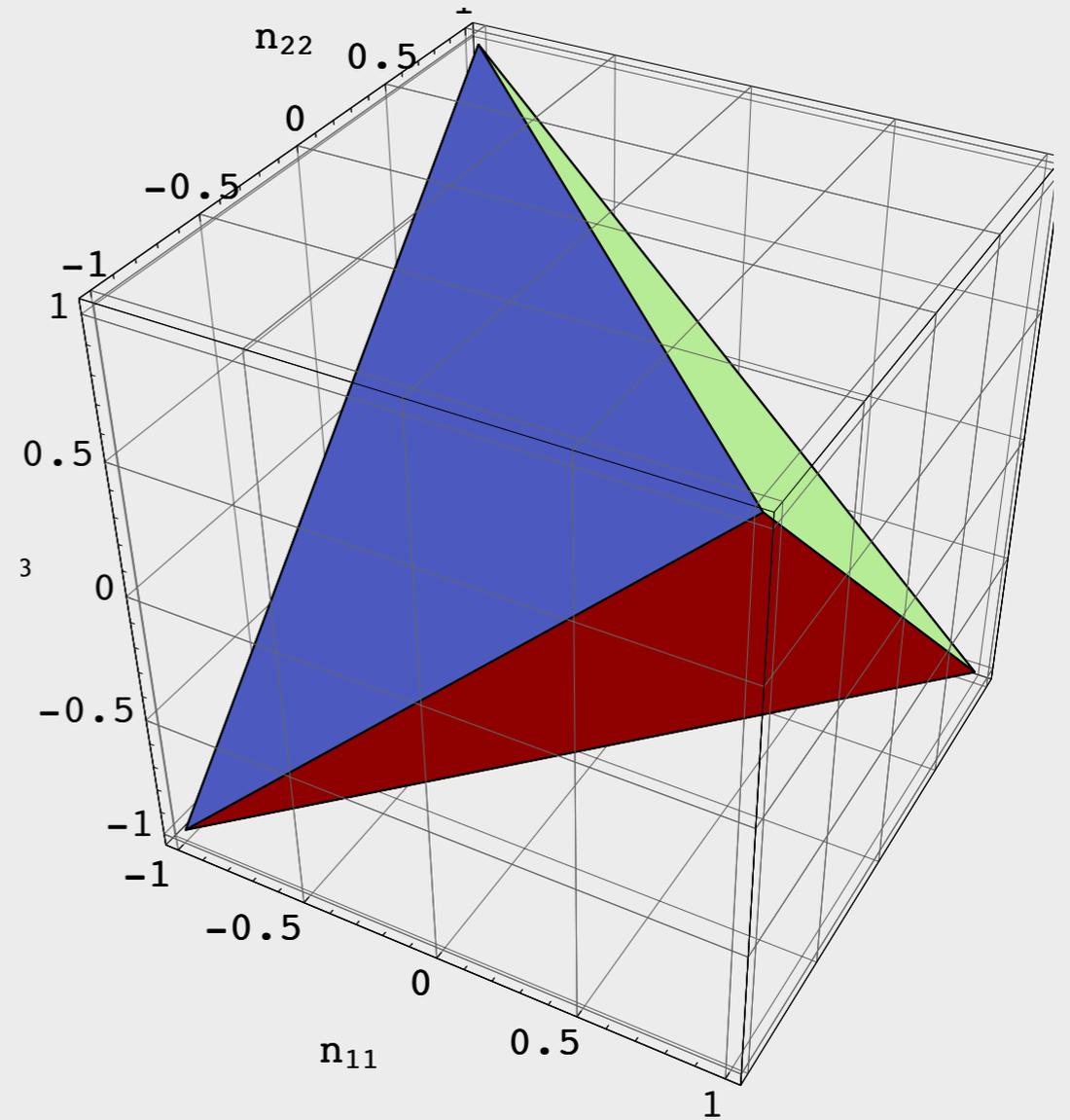


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For states that are not completely mixed there exists an ideal compression scheme

Any face of the convex set of states is the convex set of states of some other system



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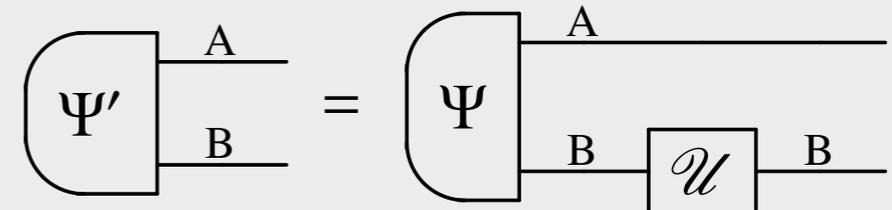
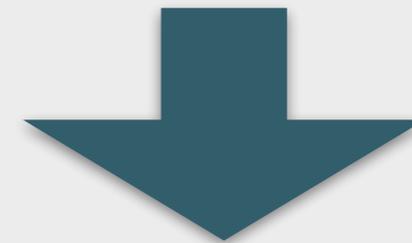
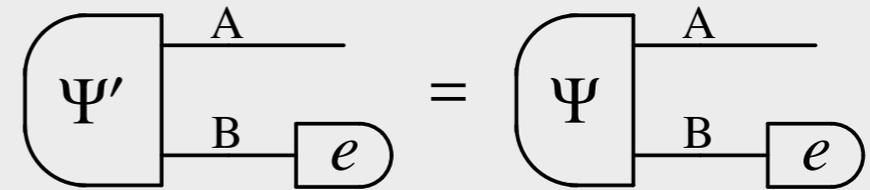
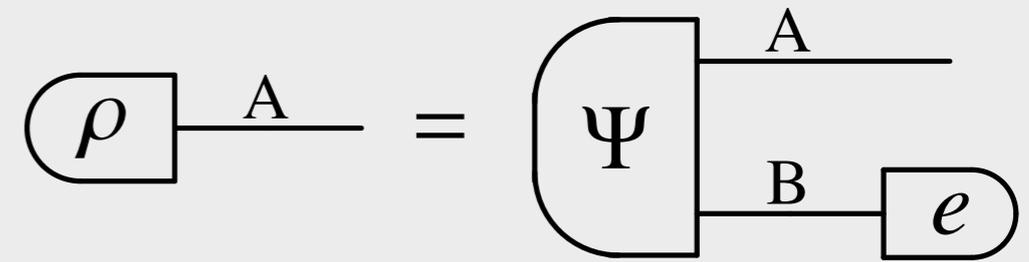
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Purification establishes an interesting correspondence between transformations and states. This is easy to see: let us take a set of states  $\{\alpha_x \mid x \in X\}$  that span the whole state space of system A and a set of positive probabilities  $\{p_x\}_{x \in X}$ . Then, take a purification of the mixed state  $\rho = \sum_x p_x \alpha_x$ —say  $\Psi \in \text{PurSt}(AB)$ . Now, if two transformations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}'$  satisfy  $(\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi = p_x \Psi$  and  $(\mathcal{A}'_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi = p_x \Psi$ , hence, each unnormalized state  $(\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi$  must be proportional to  $\Psi$ . Precisely, there must be a set of probabilities  $\{p_x\}$  such that  $(\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi = p_x \Psi$ . Since the map  $\mathcal{A} \mapsto (\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi$  is injective (see Sect. 8.6), we conclude that  $\mathcal{A}_x = p_x \mathcal{I}_A$ . In other

it is clear that  $\mathcal{A}$  must be equal to  $\mathcal{A}'$ , namely the correspondence  $\mathcal{A} \mapsto (\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi$  is injective.

## Consequences

1. **Existence of entangled states:**  
the purification of a mixed state is an entangled state;  
the marginal of a pure entangled state is a mixed state;
2. Every two normalized pure states of the same system are connected by a reversible transformation

$$\boxed{\psi'} \text{---} B = \boxed{\psi} \text{---} B \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{U}} \text{---} B$$

3. **Steering:** Let  $\Psi$  purification of  $\rho$ . Then for every ensemble decomposition  $\rho = \sum_x p_x \alpha_x$  there exists a measurement  $\{b_x\}$ , such that

$$\boxed{\Psi} \begin{array}{l} \text{---} A \\ \text{---} B \end{array} \text{---} \boxed{b_x} = p_x \boxed{\alpha_x} \text{---} A \quad \forall x \in X$$

4. **Process tomography (faithful state):**

$$\boxed{\Psi} \begin{array}{l} \text{---} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{A}} \text{---} A' \\ \text{---} B \end{array} = \boxed{\Psi} \begin{array}{l} \text{---} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{A}'} \text{---} A' \\ \text{---} B \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{A} \rho = \mathcal{A}' \rho \quad \forall \rho$$

5. **No information without disturbance**

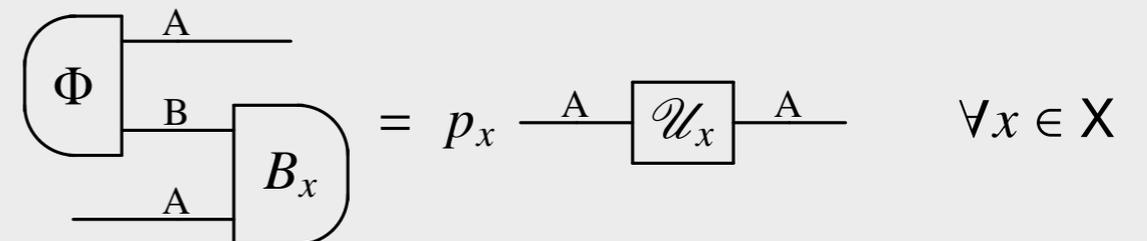
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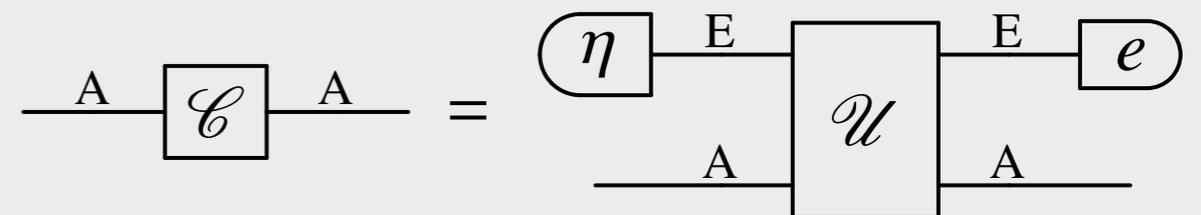
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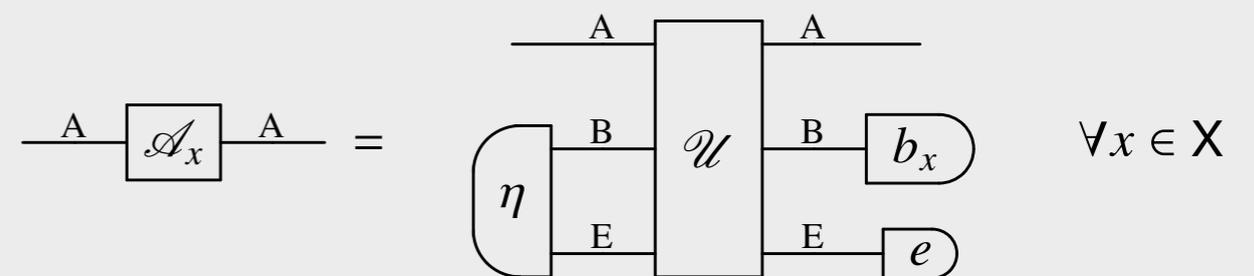
### 6. Teleportation



### 7. Reversible dilation of "channels"



### 8. Reversible dilation of "instruments"

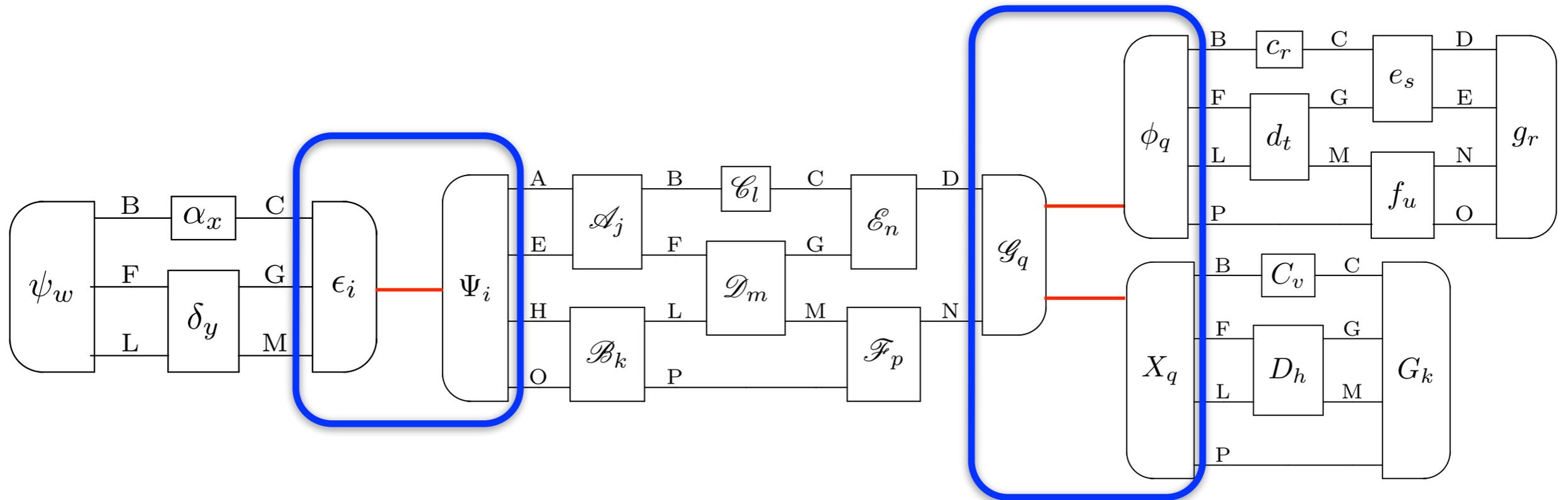


### 9. State-transformation cone isomorphism

### 10. Rev. transform. for a system make a compact Lie group

# On the von Neumann postulate

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# Principles for Quantum Theory

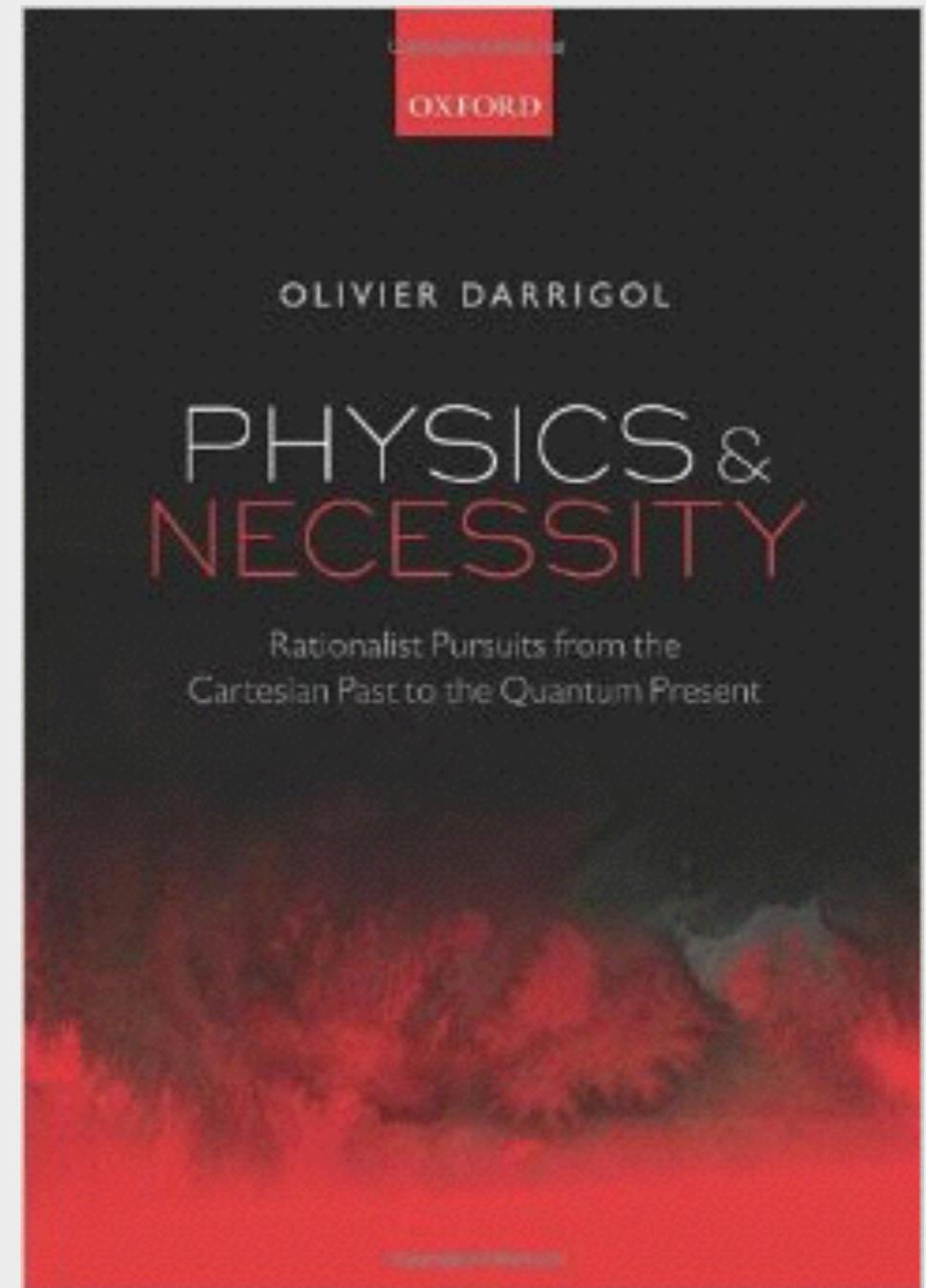
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- P1. Causality
- P2. Local discriminability
- P3. Purification
- P4. Atomicity of composition
- P5. Perfect distinguishability
- P6. Lossless Compressibility

*Epistemological* principles

Are they *necessary*?

*Fermionic quantum theory*?



# Informationalism: Principles for QFT

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add principles

Min algorithmic complexity principle

- homogeneity
- locality
- reversibility
- linearity
- isotropy
- minimal-dimension
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Restrictions

Cells labeled by  $g \in G$ ,  $|G| \leq \aleph$ ;  $\psi_g \in \mathbb{C}^{s_g}$ ,  $0 < s_g < \infty$

linearity	<p>The interaction between systems is described by <math>s_{g'} \times s_g</math> <b>transition matrices <math>A_{gg'}</math></b> with evolution from step <math>t</math> to step <math>t + 1</math> given by</p> $\psi_g(t + 1) = \sum_{g' \in G} A_{gg'} \psi_{g'}(t)$
unitarity	$\sum_{g'} A_{gg'} A_{g''g'}^\dagger = \sum_{g'} A_{gg'}^\dagger A_{g''g'} = \delta_{gg''} I_{s_g}$
locality	<p><math>A_{gg'} \neq 0 \iff A_{g'g} \neq 0</math>: <math>g'</math> and <math>g</math> are <i>interacting</i></p> <p><math> S_g  \leq k &lt; \infty</math> for every <math>g \in G</math>, where <math>S_g \subseteq G</math> set of cells <math>g'</math> interacting with <math>g</math></p>
homogeneity	<p>All cells <math>g \in G</math> are equivalent  <math>\implies  S_g , s_g, \{A_{gg'}\}_{g' \in S_g}</math> independent of <math>g</math></p> <p>Identify the matrices <math>A_{gg'} = A_h</math> for some <math>h \in S</math> with <math> S  =  S_g </math></p> <p>Define <math>gh := g'</math> if <math>A_{gg'} = A_h</math> and define <math>A_{g'g} := A_{h^{-1}}</math></p> <p>A sequence of transitions <math>A_{h_N} A_{h_{N-1}} \dots A_{h_1}</math> connects <math>g</math> to itself, i.e. <math>gh_1 h_2 \dots h_N = g</math>, then it must also connect any other <math>g' \in G</math> to itself, i.e. <math>g' h_1 h_2 \dots h_N = g'</math></p>
all 4 principles together	<p>The following operator over the Hilbert space <math>\ell^2(G) \otimes \mathbb{C}^s</math> is unitary</p> $A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h,$ <p>where <math>T</math> is the right-regular representation of <math>G</math> on <math>\ell^2(G)</math> acting as <math>T_g  g'\rangle =  g'g^{-1}\rangle</math></p>

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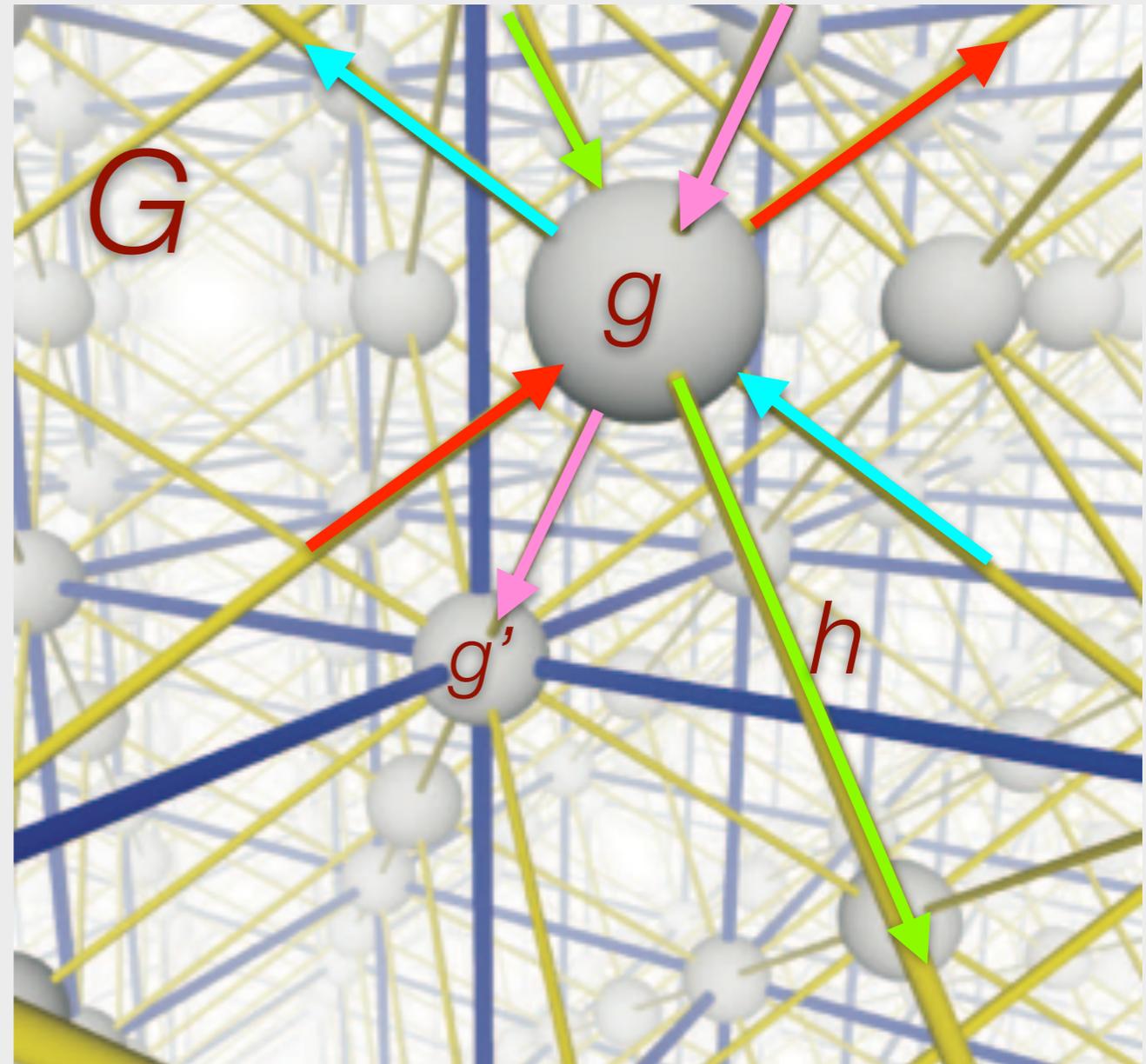
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$G$  virtually Abelian

(geometric group theory)



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

# Sketch of derivation of QW on Cayley

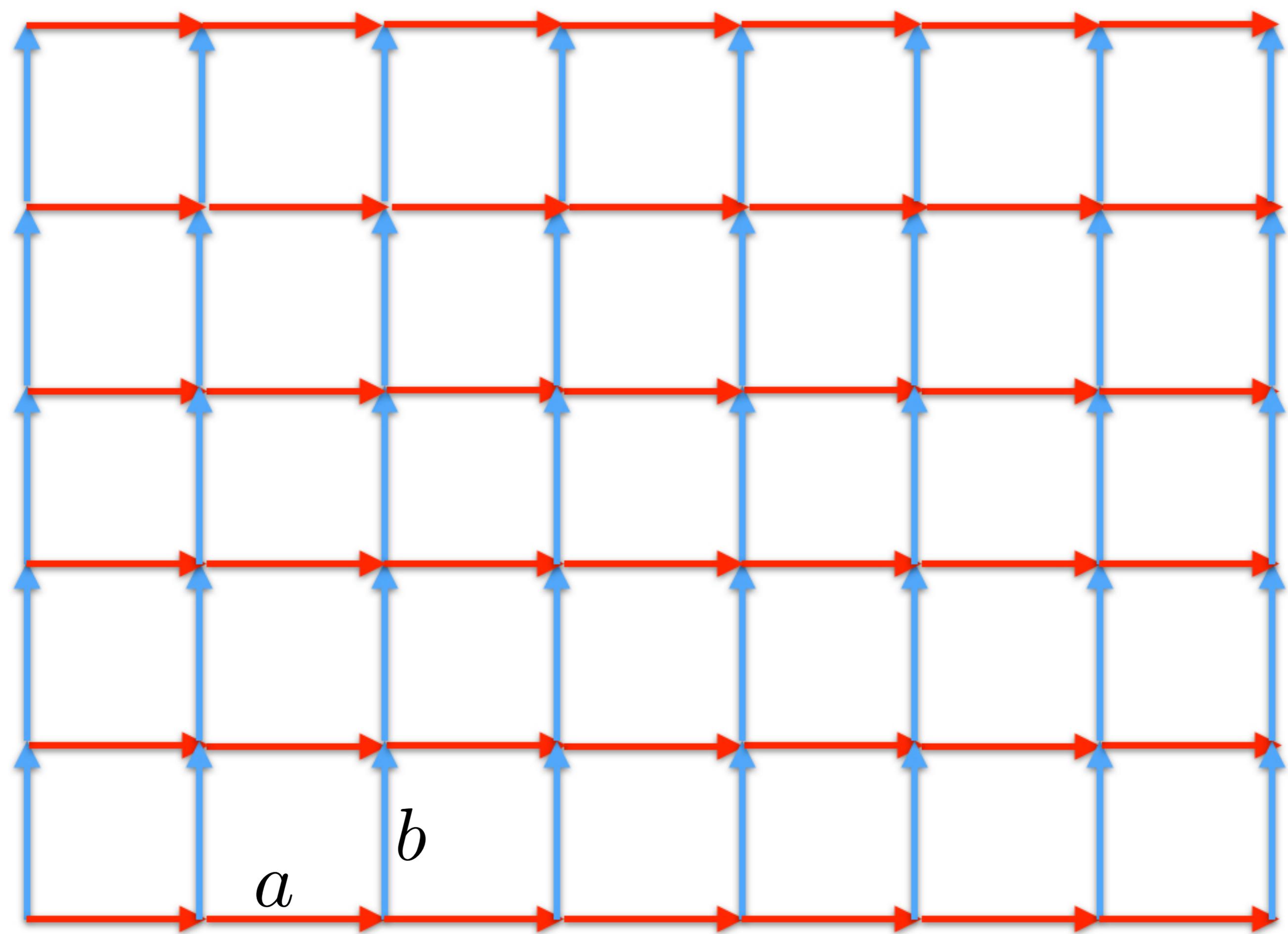
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The homogeneity requirement means that all the sites  $g \in G$  are equivalent. In other words, the evolution must not allow one to discriminate two sites  $g$  and  $g'$ . In mathematical terms, this requirement has three main consequences. The first one is that the cardinality  $|S_g|$  is independent of  $g$ . The second one is that the set of matrices  $\{A_{gg'}\}_{g' \in S_g}$  is the same for every  $g$ , whence we will identify the matrices  $A_{gg'} = A_h$  for some  $h \in S$  with  $|S| = |S_g|$ . This allows us to define  $gh = g'$  if  $A_{gg'} = A_h$ . In this case, we also formally write  $g = g'h^{-1}$ . Since for  $A_{gg'} \neq 0$  also  $A_{g'g} \neq 0$ , clearly if  $h \in S$  then also  $h^{-1} \in S$ . The third consequence is that, whenever a sequence of transitions  $h_1 h_2 \cdots h_N$  with  $h_i \in S$  connects  $g$  to itself, i.e.,  $gh_1 h_2 \cdots h_N = g$ , then it must also connect any other  $g' \in G$  to itself, i.e.,  $g' h_1 h_2 \cdots h_N = g'$ .

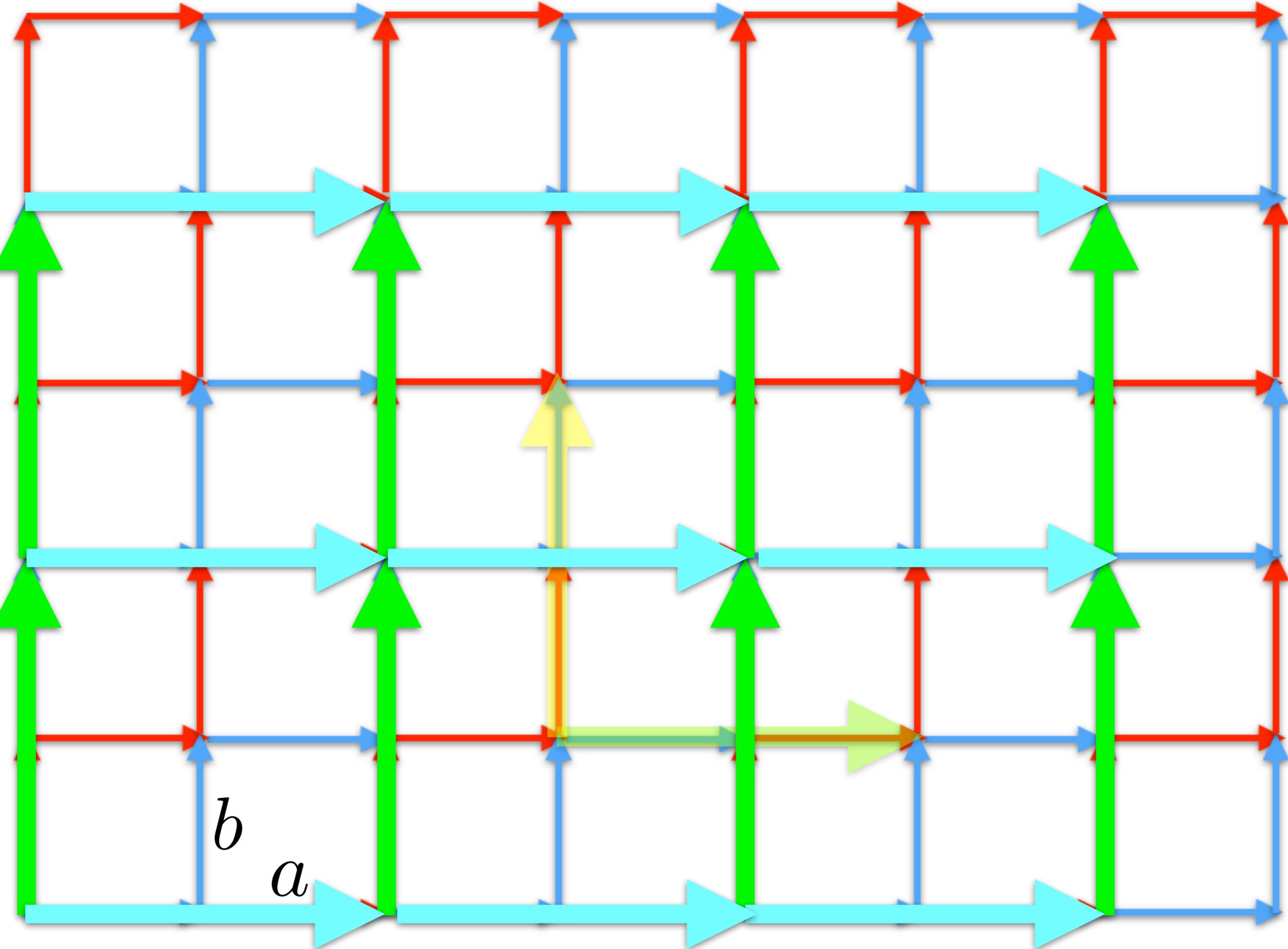
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We now define the graph  $\Gamma(G, S)$ , where the vertices are elements of  $G$ , and edges correspond to couples  $(g, g')$  with  $g' = gh$ . The edges can then be colored with  $|S|$  colors, in one-to-one correspondence with the transition matrices  $\{A_h\}_{h \in S}$ . It is now easy to verify that either the graph  $\Gamma(G, S)$  is connected or it consists of  $n$  disconnected copies of the same connected graph  $\Gamma(G_0, S)$ . Since the information in  $G$  is generally redundant, consisting of  $n$  identical and independent copies of the same QCA with cells belonging to  $G_0$ , from now on we assume that the graph  $\Gamma(G, S)$  is connected. One can now prove that such a graph represents the Cayley graph of a finitely presented group with generators  $h \in S$  and relators corresponding to the set  $R$  of strings of elements of  $S$  corresponding to closed paths. More precisely, we define the free group  $F$  of words with letters in  $S$  and the free subgroup  $H$  generated by words in  $R$ ; it is easy to check that  $H$  is normal in  $F$ , thanks to homogeneity. The group  $G$  with Cayley graph  $\Gamma(G, S)$  coincides with  $F/N$ .



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



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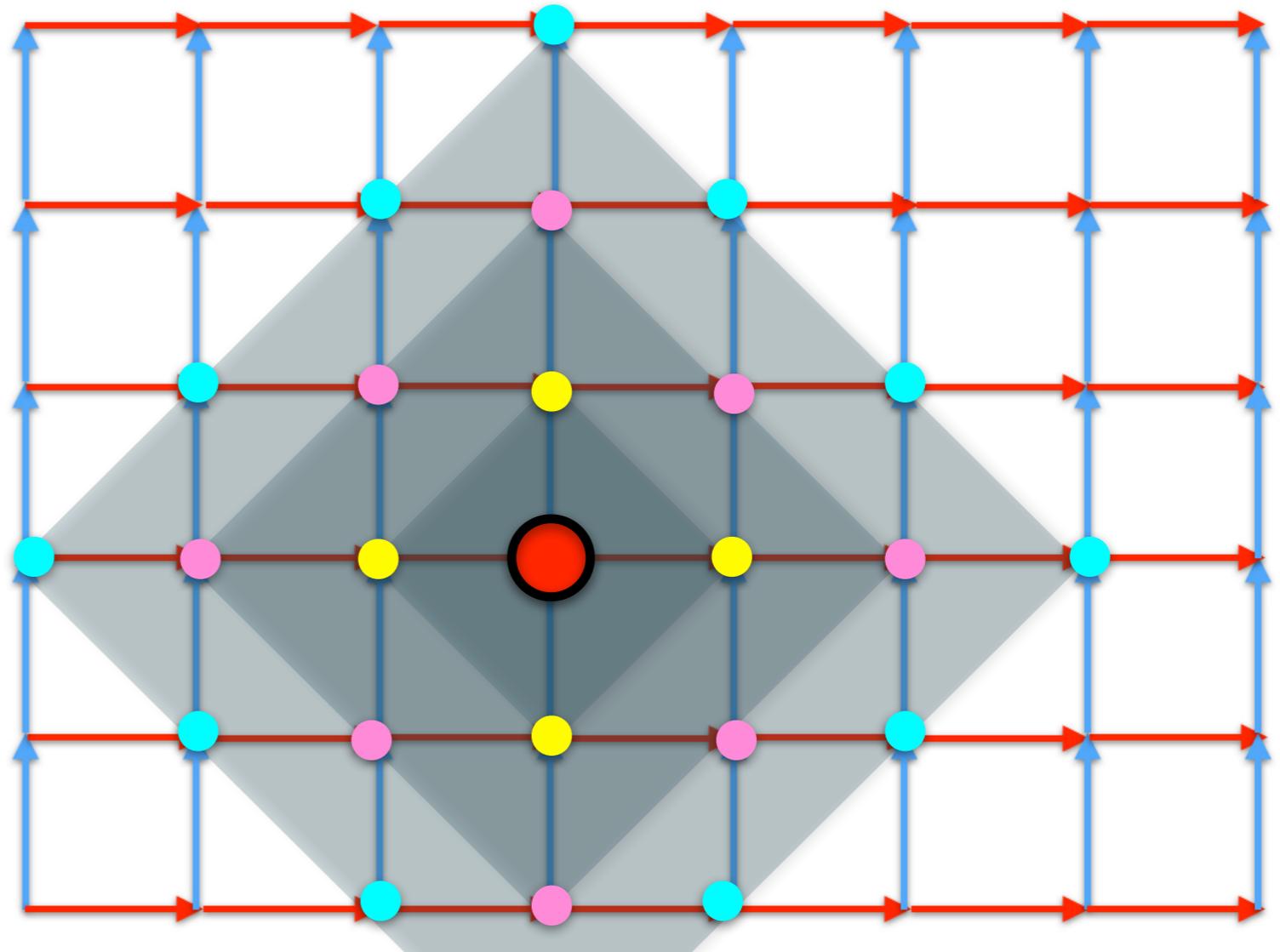
# Quantum walk on Cayley graph

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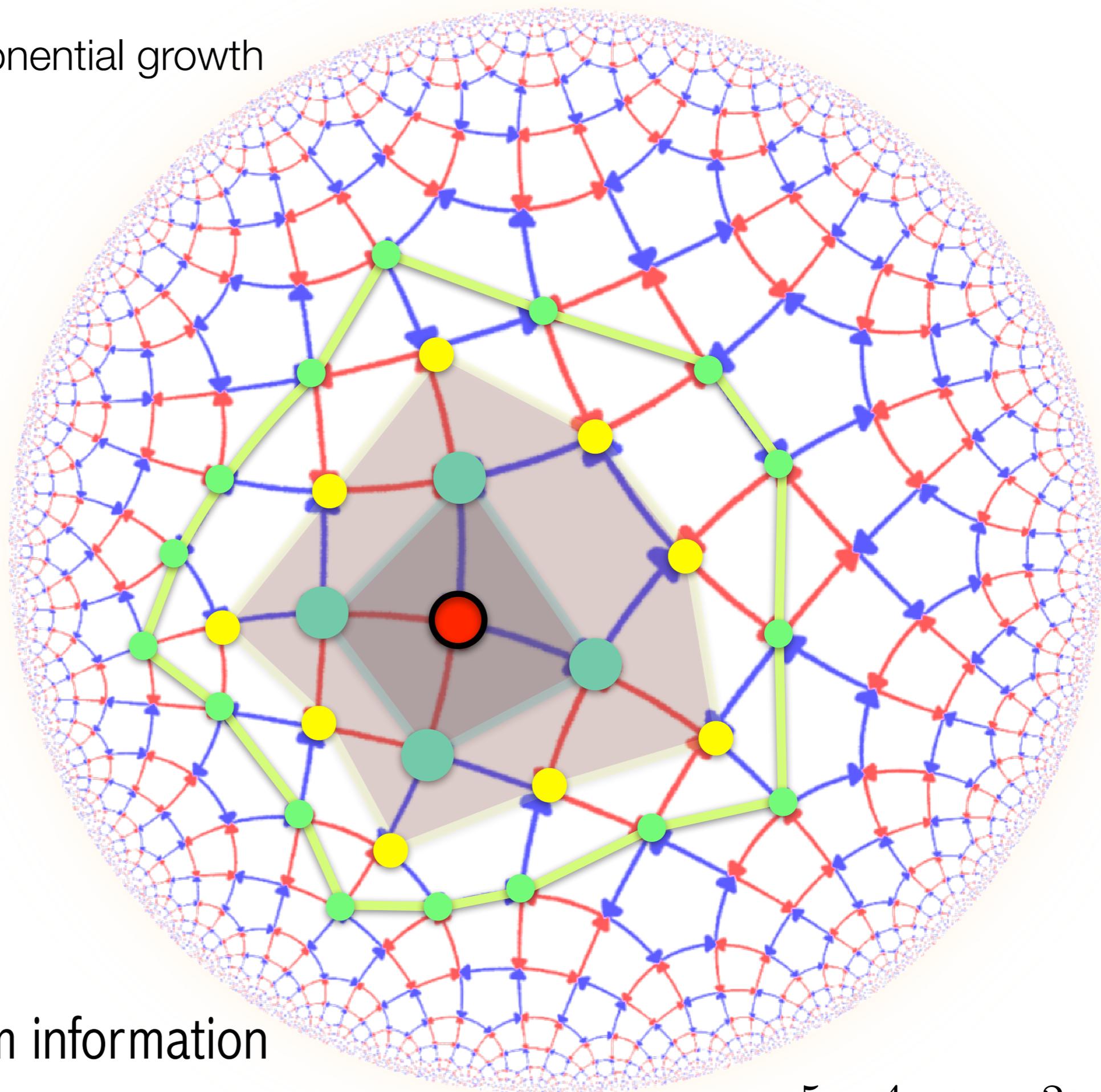
**Theorem (Gromov):** A group is quasi-isometrically embeddable in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  iff it is virtually Abelian

Virtually Abelian groups have polynomial growth

$$\# \text{ points} \sim r^d$$



•  $G$  hyperbolic  $\rightarrow$  exponential growth



# points  $\sim \exp(r)$

transmitted quantum information  
decrease as  $\exp(-r)$

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

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## 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:

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

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- *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

# Quantum walk on Cayley graph

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**Definition 2** (Quantum walk on Cayley graph). An  $s$ -dimensional quantum walk on the Cayley graph (QWCG)  $\Gamma(G, S_+)$  of the finitely presented group  $G$  is the quadruple

$$Q = \{G, S_+, s, \{A_h\}_{h \in S}\}, \quad (3)$$

where

- (1)  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (2)  $\forall h \in S, A_h \in \mathbb{M}_s(\mathbb{C})$  ( $s \times s$  complex matrices);  $A_h$  are called *transition matrices*.
- (3) the following operator is unitary over  $\mathcal{H}_Q := \ell^2(G) \otimes \mathbb{C}^s$

$$A_Q = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h, \quad (4)$$

**Lemma 1.**  $A$  is unitary if and only if all the following equations hold

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{h \in S} A_h^\dagger A_h = \sum_{h \in S} A_h A_h^\dagger = I_s, \\ \forall g \in S^2 / \{e\}, \quad \sum_{h, h' \in S, hh'^{-1}=g} A_h^\dagger A_{h'} = \sum_{h, h' \in S, hh'^{-1}=g} A_{h'} A_h^\dagger = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (5)$$

**Lemma 2.**  $A_h^\dagger A_{h'} = 0$  if  $hh'$  is not a subword of a relator  $r$  with  $\|r\| = 4$ ,  $\|\cdot\|$  denoting the word metric on  $G$ .

# Quantum walk on Cayley graph

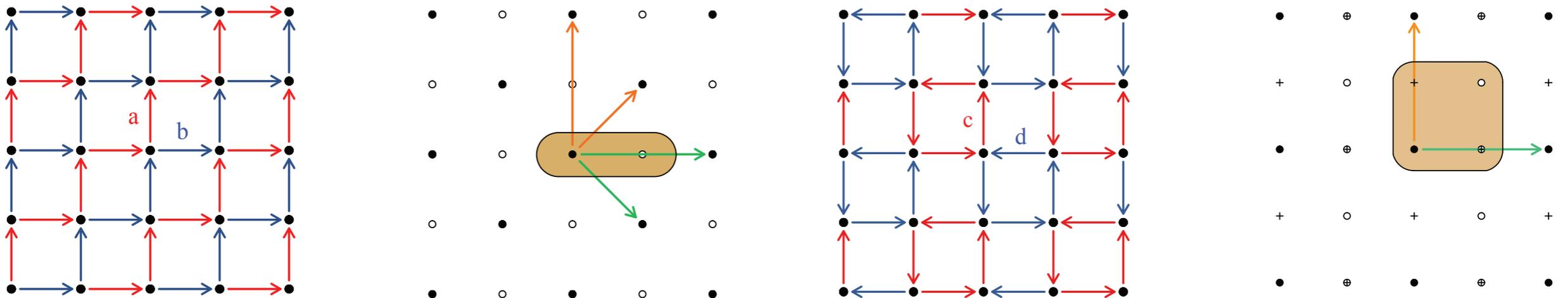
**Remark 2.** One can prove that for QWCG  $Q = (G, S_+, s, \{A_h\}_{h \in S})$  with  $G$  virtually Abelian there exists a quantum walk  $Q' = (H, S_+^H, s \cdot i_H, \{B_h\}_{h \in S^H})$  with Abelian  $H \subset G$ , with finite index  $i_H$ , such that

$$A_{Q'} = V A_Q V^\dagger, \quad \text{with } V : u_{g_i a} \otimes \psi \mapsto V u_{g_i a} \otimes \psi = v_a \otimes e_i \otimes \psi, \quad (13)$$

with  $\{g_i\}_{i=1, \dots, i_H}$  being coset representatives,  $v_a$  with  $a \in H$  canonical orthonormal basis of  $\ell^2(H)$ ,  $\{e_i\}_{i=1, \dots, i_H}$  canonical basis in  $\mathbb{C}^{i_H}$ ,  $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^s$ , and  $V$  isomorphism between  $\ell^2(G) \otimes \mathbb{C}^s$  and  $\ell^2(H) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{s \cdot i_H}$ .

$$\langle a, b \mid a^2 b^{-2} \rangle$$

$$\langle c, d \mid c^4, d^4, (cd)^2 \rangle$$



[Danny Calegary] For isotropic  $Q$  with isotropy group  $L$ , one can choose  $H$  with  $i_H \geq |L|$ , and consider the orbit of  $H$  under the action of  $L$ . Then  $H$  is still symmetric.

# Quantum Cellular Automaton

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Linearity  $\Rightarrow$

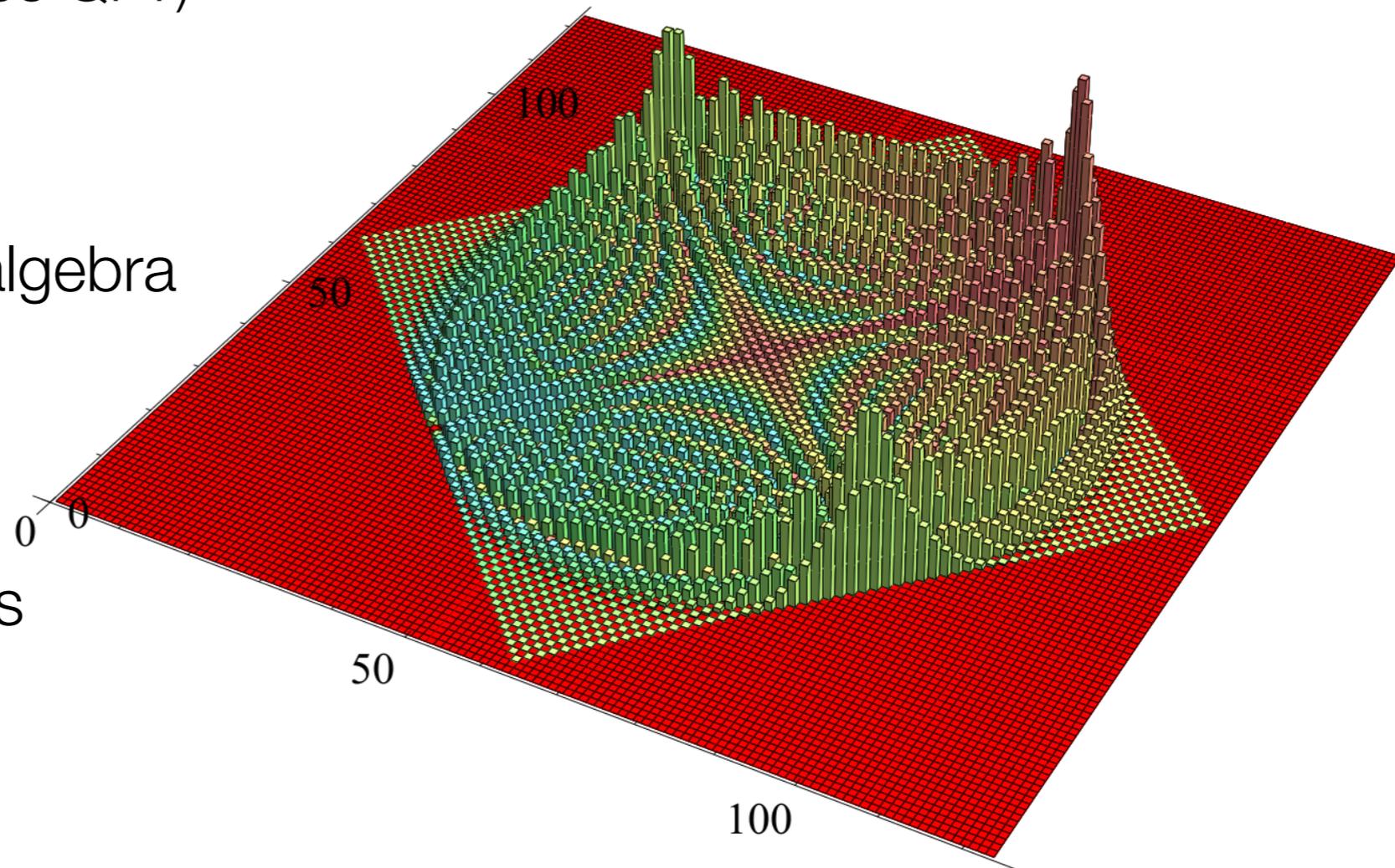
Quantum Cellular Automaton (free QFT)

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

Fock space  $\Rightarrow$  von Neumann algebra

Isotropy  $\Rightarrow$  statistics

Minimal dimension  $\Rightarrow$  Fermions

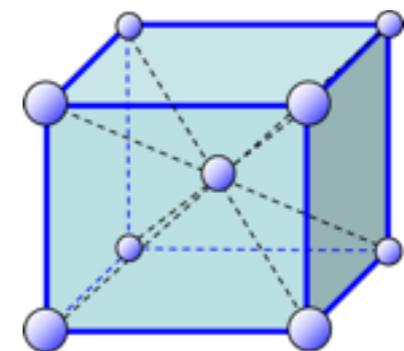
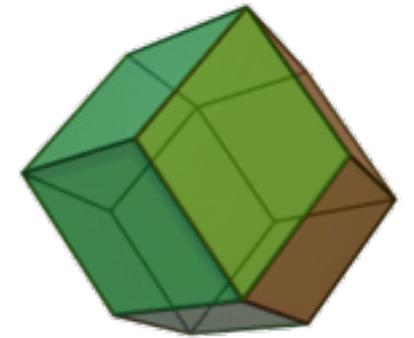


# The Weyl QCA

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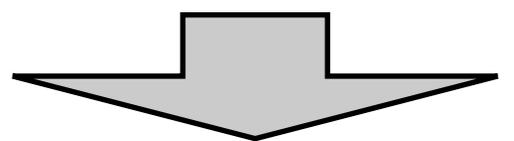
☞ Minimal dimension for nontrivial unitary  $A$ :  $s=2$

- Unitarity  $\Rightarrow$  for  $d=3$  the only possible  $G$  is the BCC!!
- Isotropy  $\Rightarrow$  Fermionic  $\psi$  ( $d=3$ )



Unitary operator:

$$A = \int_{\text{B}} d^3 \mathbf{k} |\mathbf{k}\rangle \langle \mathbf{k}| \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}$$



Two QCAs  
connected  
by P

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

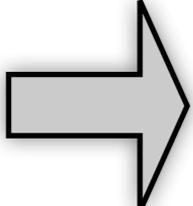
$$s_{\alpha} = \sin \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ c_{\alpha} = \cos \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

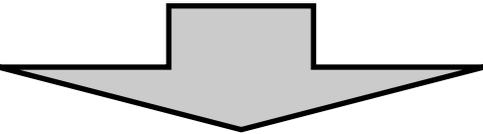
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$$i\partial_t\psi(t) \simeq \frac{i}{2}[\psi(t+1) - \psi(t-1)] = \frac{i}{2}(A - A^\dagger)\psi(t)$$

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

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

  
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# Exact solution of Dirac Quantum Walk

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The analytical solution of the Dirac automaton can also be expressed in terms of Jacobi polynomials  $P_k^{(\zeta, \rho)}$  performing the sum over  $f$  in Eq. (16) which finally gives

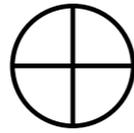
$$\psi(x, t) = \sum_y \sum_{a, b \in \{0, 1\}} \gamma_{a, b} P_k^{(1, -t)} \left( 1 + 2 \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^2 \right) A_{ab} \psi(y, 0),$$

$$k = \mu_+ - \frac{a \oplus b + 1}{2},$$

$$\gamma_{a, b} = -(\mathrm{i}^{a \oplus b}) n^t \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{2+a \oplus b} \frac{k! \left( \mu_{(-)ab} + \frac{\overline{a \oplus b}}{2} \right)}{(2)_k}, \quad (18)$$

where  $\gamma_{00} = \gamma_{11} = 0$  ( $\gamma_{10} = \gamma_{01} = 0$ ) for  $t + x - y$  odd (even) and  $(x)_k = x(x + 1) \cdots (x + k - 1)$ .

# Dirac QCA



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

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

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

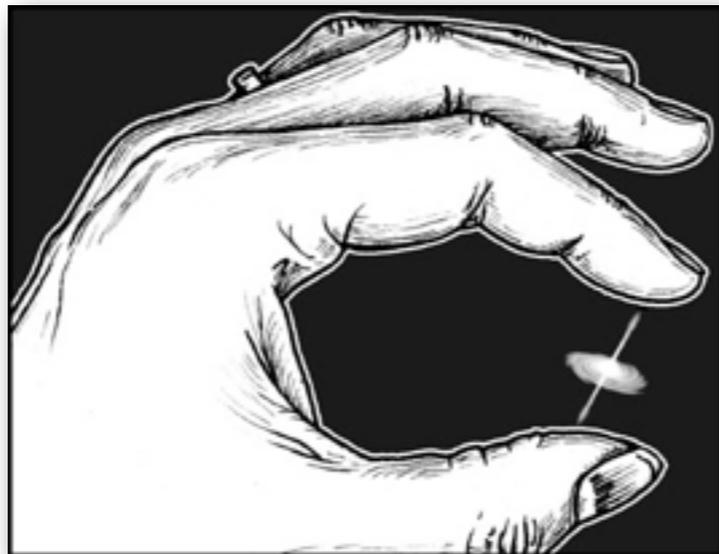
$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm}$  CPT-connected!

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

Dirac in relativistic limit  $k \ll 1$

$m \leq 1$ : mass

$n^{-1}$ : refraction index



# Maxwell QCA



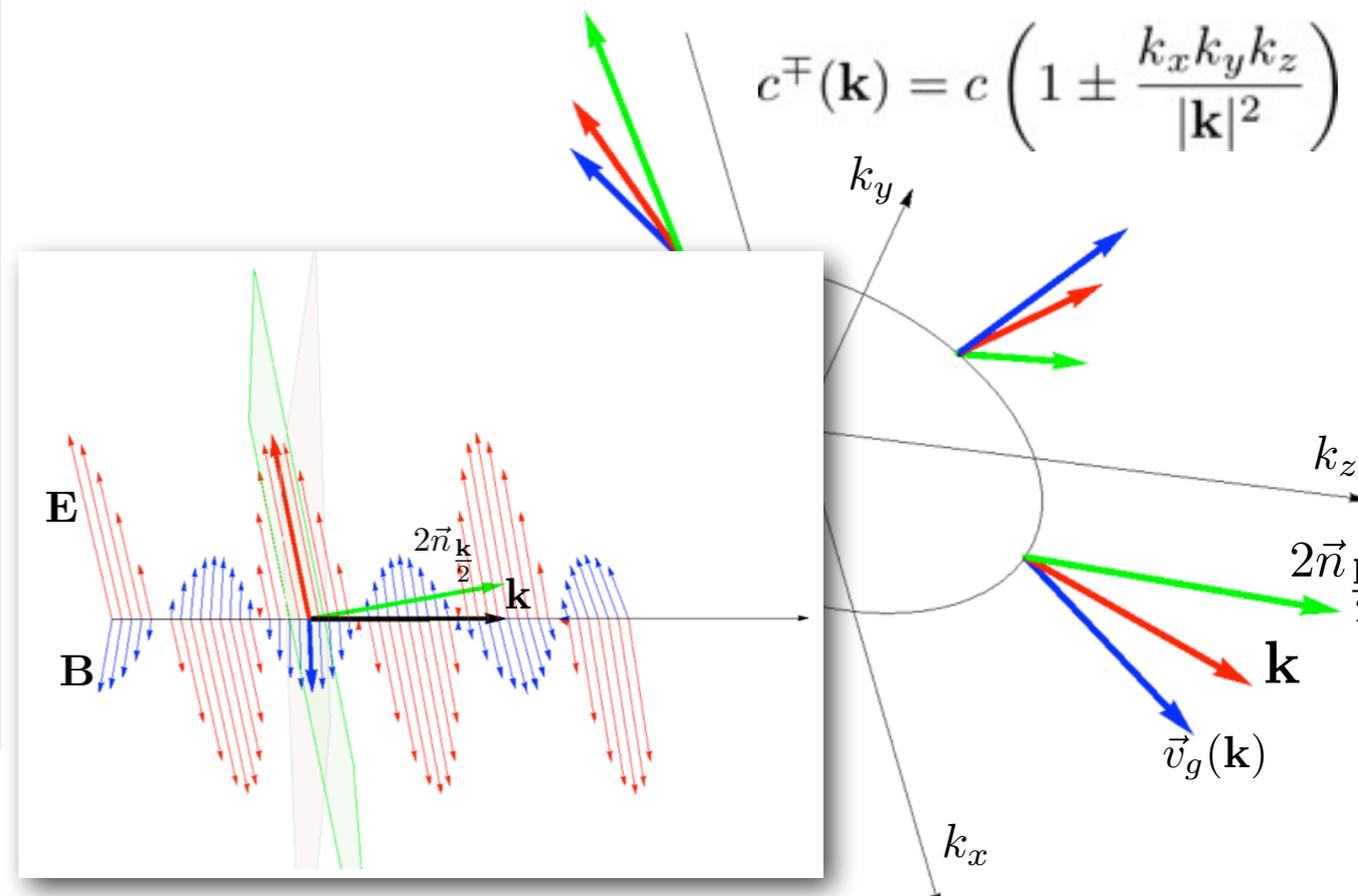
$$M_{\mathbf{k}} = A_{\mathbf{k}} \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}^*$$

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

Maxwell in relativistic limit  $k \ll 1$

Boson: emergent from convolution of fermions  
(De Broglie neutrino-theory of photon)

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



# The LTM standards of the theory

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Dimensionless variables

$$x = \frac{x_m}{a} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t = \frac{t_s}{t} \in \mathbb{N}, \quad m = \frac{m_g}{m} \in [0, 1]$$

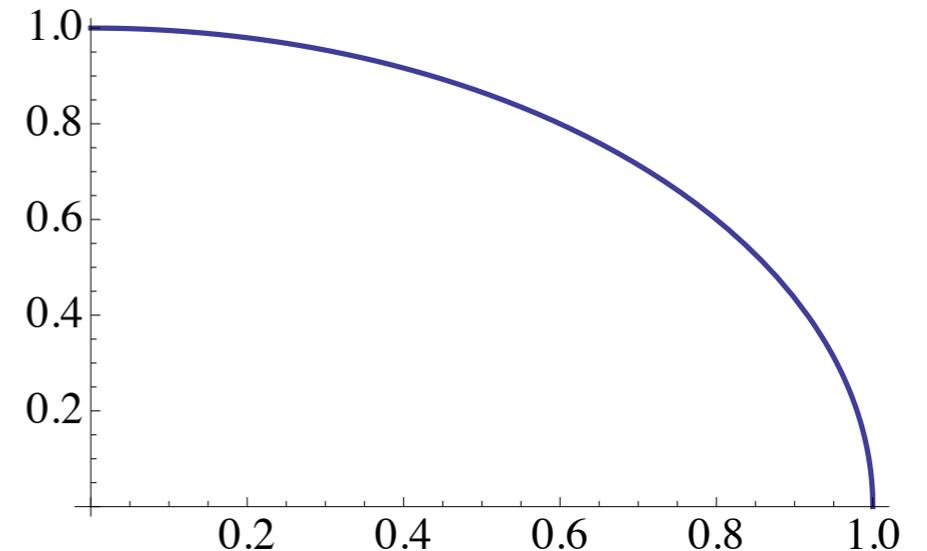
Relativistic limit:  $\rightarrow c = a/t \quad \hbar = mac$

Measure  $m$  from mass-refraction-index

$$\rightarrow n(m_g) = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_g}{m}\right)^2}$$

Measure  $a$  from light-refraction-index

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



# Dirac emerging from the QCA

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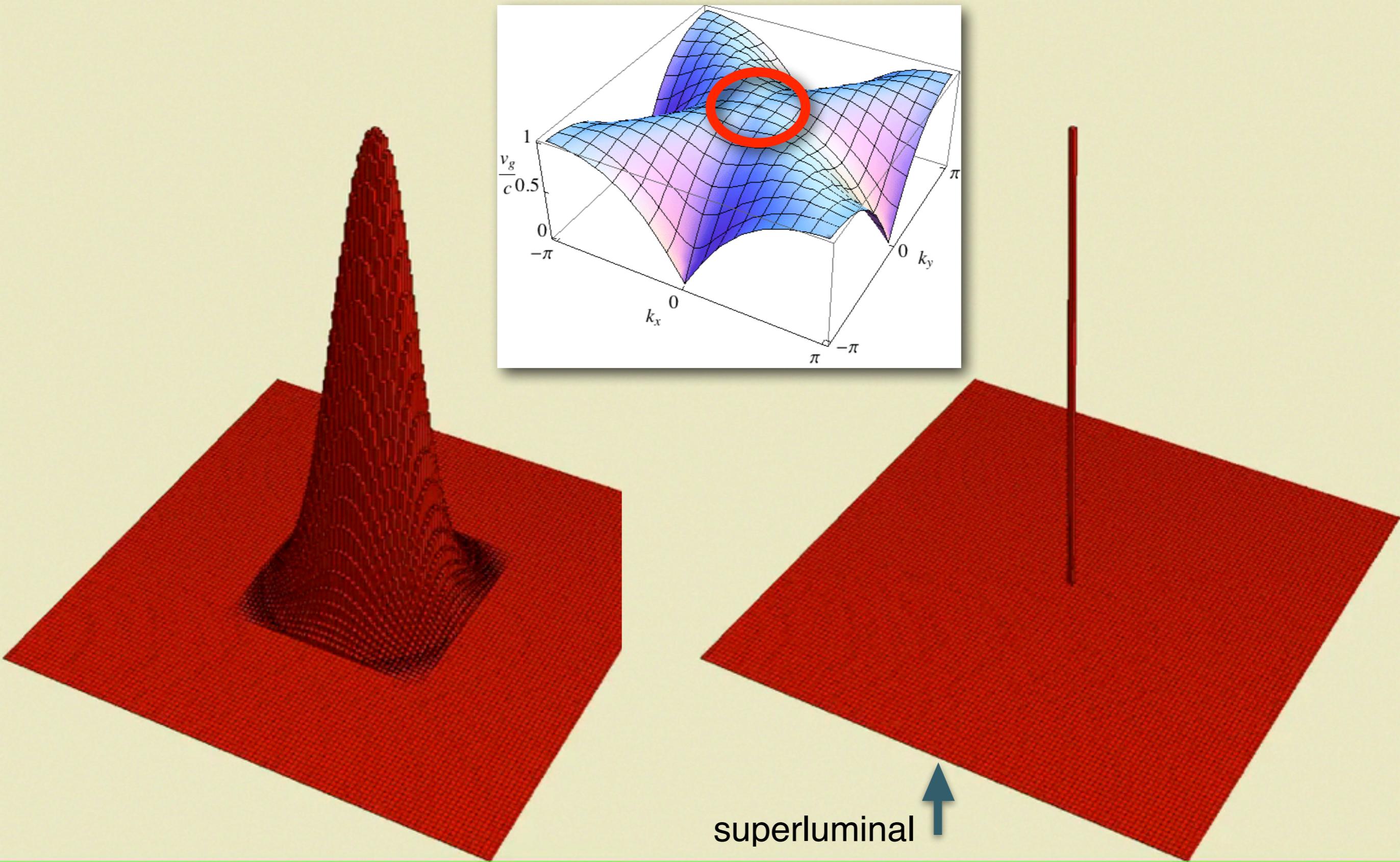
fidelity with Dirac for a narrowband packets in the relativistic limit  $k \simeq m \ll 1$

$$F = |\langle \exp[-iN\Delta(\mathbf{k})] \rangle|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\mathbf{k}) &:= \left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \omega^E(\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}k_x k_y k_z}{\left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{3(k_x k_y k_z)^2}{\left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{24} \left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(k^4 + N^{-1}k^2) \end{aligned}$$

relativistic proton:  $N \simeq m^{-3} = 2.2 * 10^{57} \Rightarrow t = 1.2 * 10^{14} \text{ s} = 3.7 * 10^6 \text{ y}$

UHECRs:  $k = 10^{-8} \gg m \Rightarrow N \simeq k^{-2} = 10^{16} \Rightarrow 5 * 10^{-28} \text{ s}$



## 2d automaton

- Evolution of a *narrow-band particle-state*
- Evolution of a *localized state*

# Case of study: Relativity Principle without kinematics

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

decomposition into irreps. of  $G$



multiplicity (internal symmetries, matter-antimatter)

Dynamics (QCA eigenvalue equation)

$$\mathcal{H}_\omega = \{\psi \in \mathcal{F} : A\psi = e^{i\omega}\psi\} = \text{Ker}[A - e^{i\omega}I] = \int_B^{\oplus} d\mathbf{k} \text{Ker}[A_{\mathbf{k}} - e^{i\omega}I]$$

dispersion relations  $\omega = \omega_l(\mathbf{k}), l = 1, \dots, r$

Reference-frame: particular decomposition into irreps. preserving dispersion relation

Change of frame (boost, ...)  $\mathbf{k}' = f(\mathbf{k}) \longrightarrow (\omega', \mathbf{k}') = (\omega(f(\mathbf{k})), f(\mathbf{k}))$

**Relativity principle**

$$A_{\mathbf{k}} - e^{i\omega}I = \tilde{\Lambda}_f^{-1} (A_{\mathbf{k}'} - e^{i\omega'}I) \Lambda_f, \quad \Lambda_f = \Lambda_f(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \in \text{SL}_{sr}(\mathbb{C})$$

# Case of study: Relativity Principle without kinematics

## Weyl QCA

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^+ = \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^- = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T$$

$$c_\alpha := \cos(k_\alpha/\sqrt{3})$$

$$s_\alpha := \sin(k_\alpha/\sqrt{3})$$

$$\alpha = x, y, z$$

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm := \lambda^\pm(\mathbf{k})I - i\mathbf{n}^\pm(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm$$

$$\mathbf{n}^\pm(\mathbf{k}) := \begin{pmatrix} s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z \\ c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z \\ c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^\pm(\mathbf{k}) := (c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)$$

eigenvalue equation

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



$$\sin^2 \omega - |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})|^2 = 0 \quad \text{dispersion relations} \quad (\sin \omega, \mathbf{n}) \in \mathbb{M}^4$$

## **Relativity principle**

$$(\sin \omega I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \Lambda^\dagger (\sin \omega' I - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}') \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \Lambda \quad \Lambda = \Lambda(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

# Case of study: Relativity Principle without kinematics

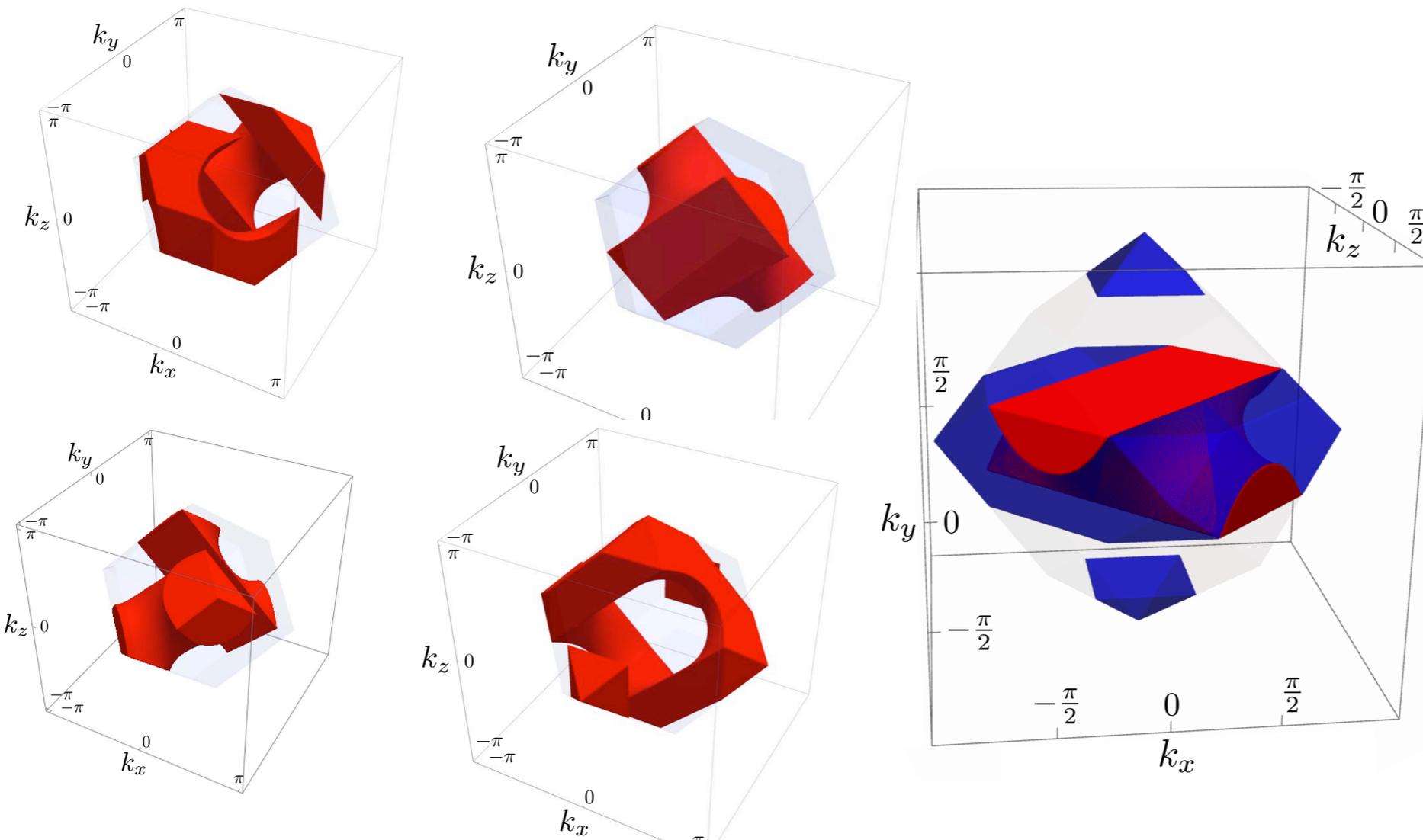
Action on  $(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$  given by the *non-linear representation of the Lorentz group*

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta := \mathcal{D}^{-1} \circ L_\beta \circ \mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) := w(\omega, \mathbf{k})(\sin \omega, \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k}))$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \mapsto \Lambda \psi(\mathbf{k}', \omega')$$

$\Lambda$  independent on  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\omega$



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

# Case of study: Relativity Principle without kinematics

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Dirac automaton: De Sitter covariance

Covariance for Dirac QCA cannot leave  $m$  invariant

invariance of de Sitter norm:

$$\sin^2 \omega - (1 - m^2)|\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})|^2 - m^2 = 0$$

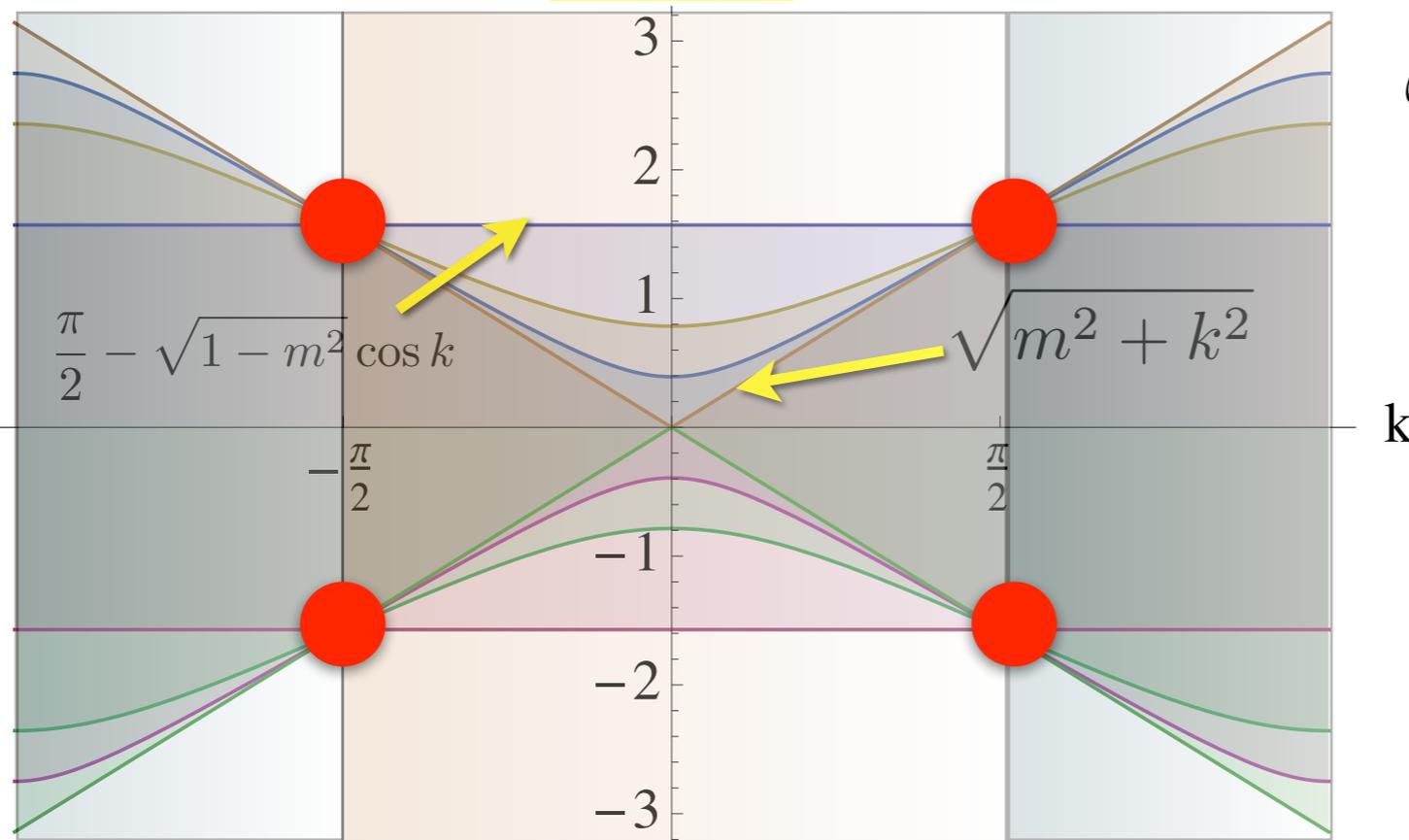
➡  $SO(1, 4)$  invariance

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

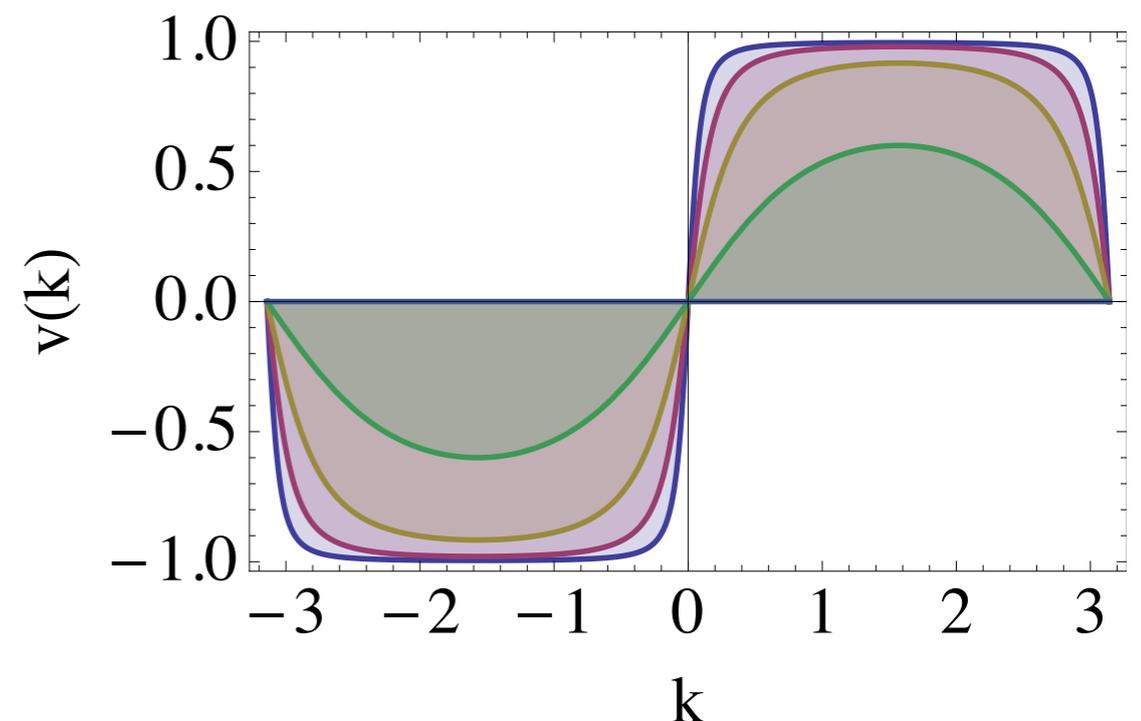
# Planck-scale effects: Lorentz covariance distortion

Transformations that leave the dispersion relation invariant

$$\omega^{(\pm)}(\mathbf{k})$$



$$\omega_E(k) := \pm \cos^{-1}(\sqrt{1 - m^2} \cos k)$$

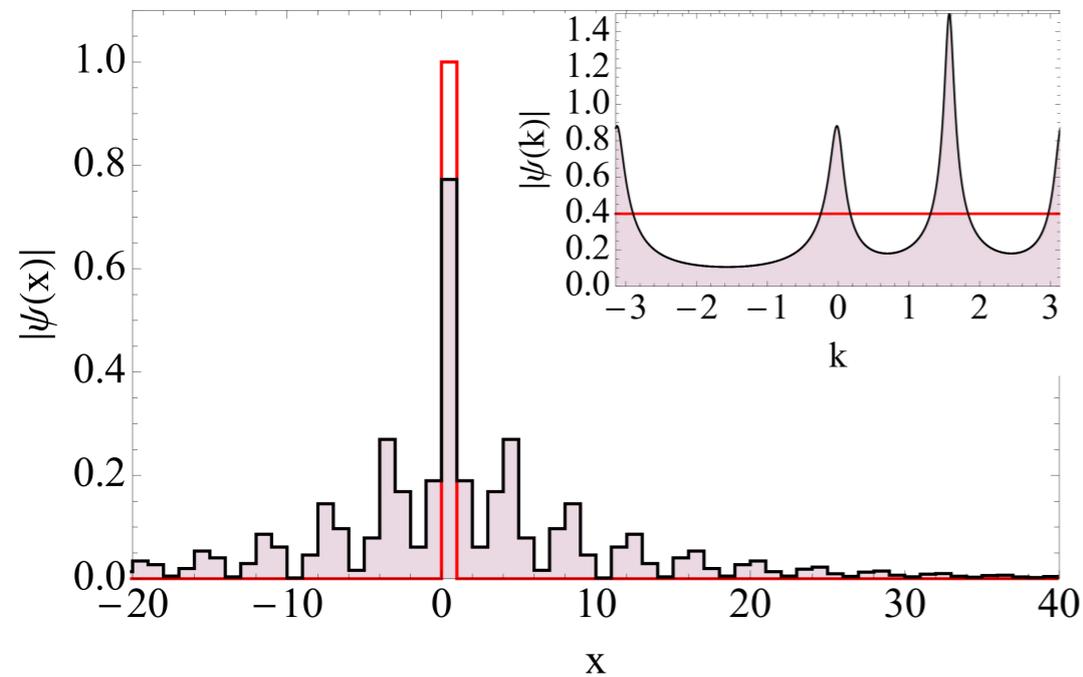


$$\omega' = \arcsin [\gamma (\sin \omega / \cos k - \beta \tan k) \cos k']$$

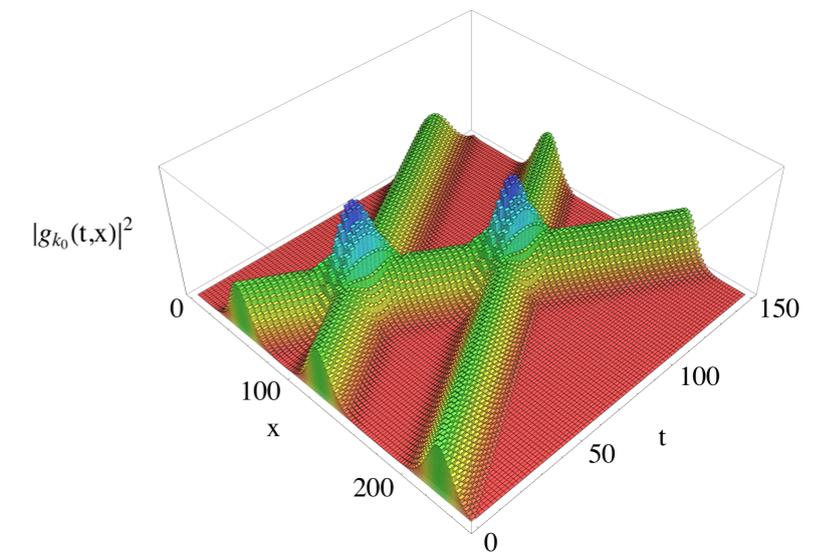
$$k' = \arctan [\gamma (\tan k - \beta \sin \omega / \cos k)]$$

$$\gamma := (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$$

# Planck-scale effects: Lorentz covariance distortion

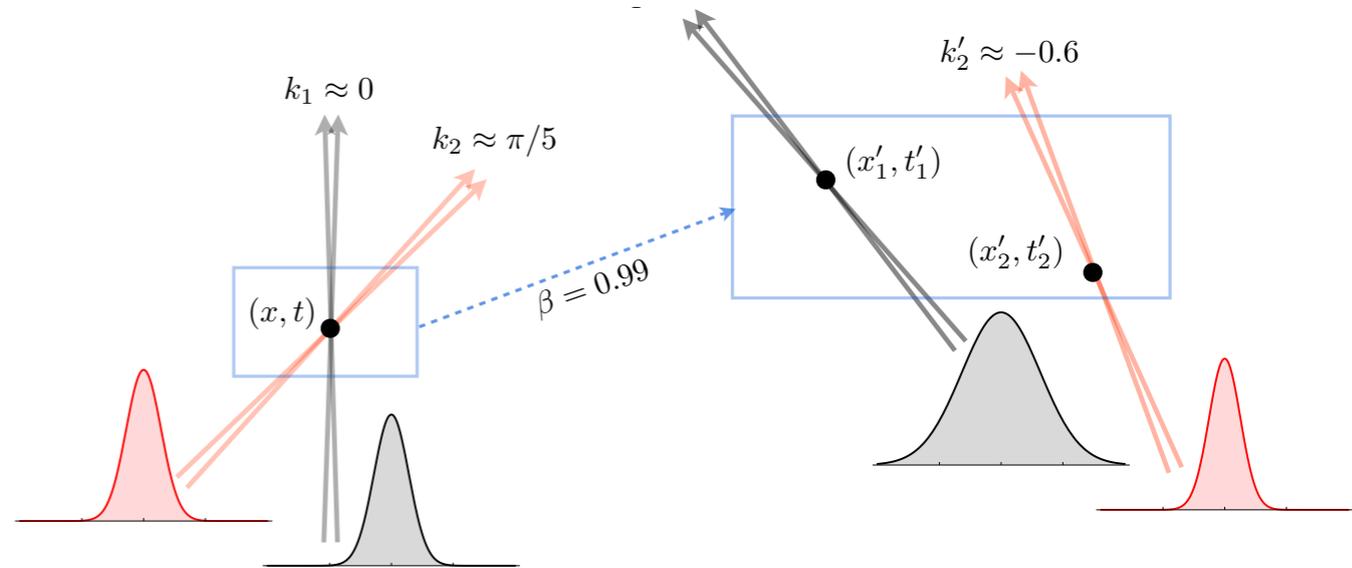


For narrow-band states we can linearize Lorentz transformations around  $k=k_0$  and we get  $k$ -dependent Lorentz transformations



Delocalization under boost

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi\rangle &= \int dk \mu(k) \hat{g}(k) |k\rangle \xrightarrow{L_\beta^D} \int dk \mu(k) \hat{g}(k) |k'\rangle = \\
 &= \int dk \mu(k') \hat{g}(k(k')) |k'\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



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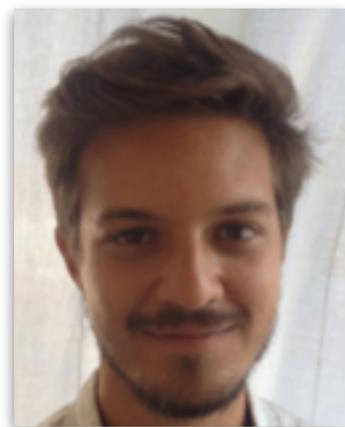
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