

Relativity principle without space-time

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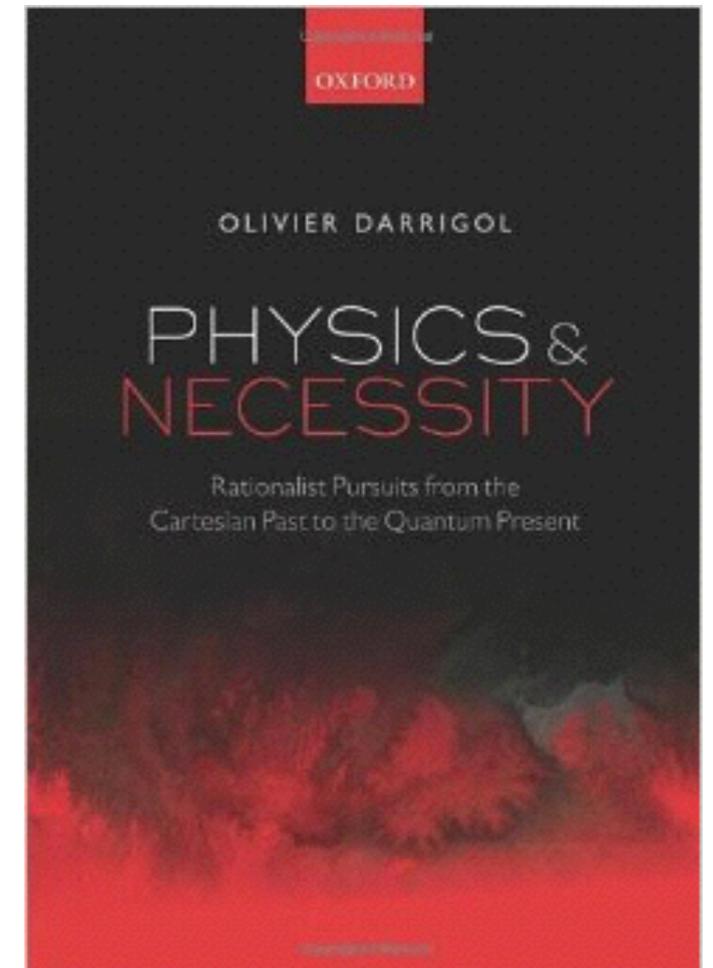
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Principles for Quantum Theory



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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



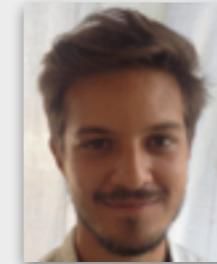
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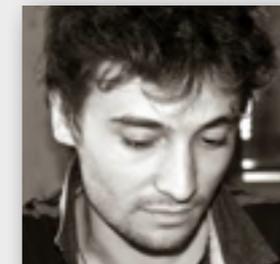
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add principles

Min algorithmic complexity principle

- homogeneity
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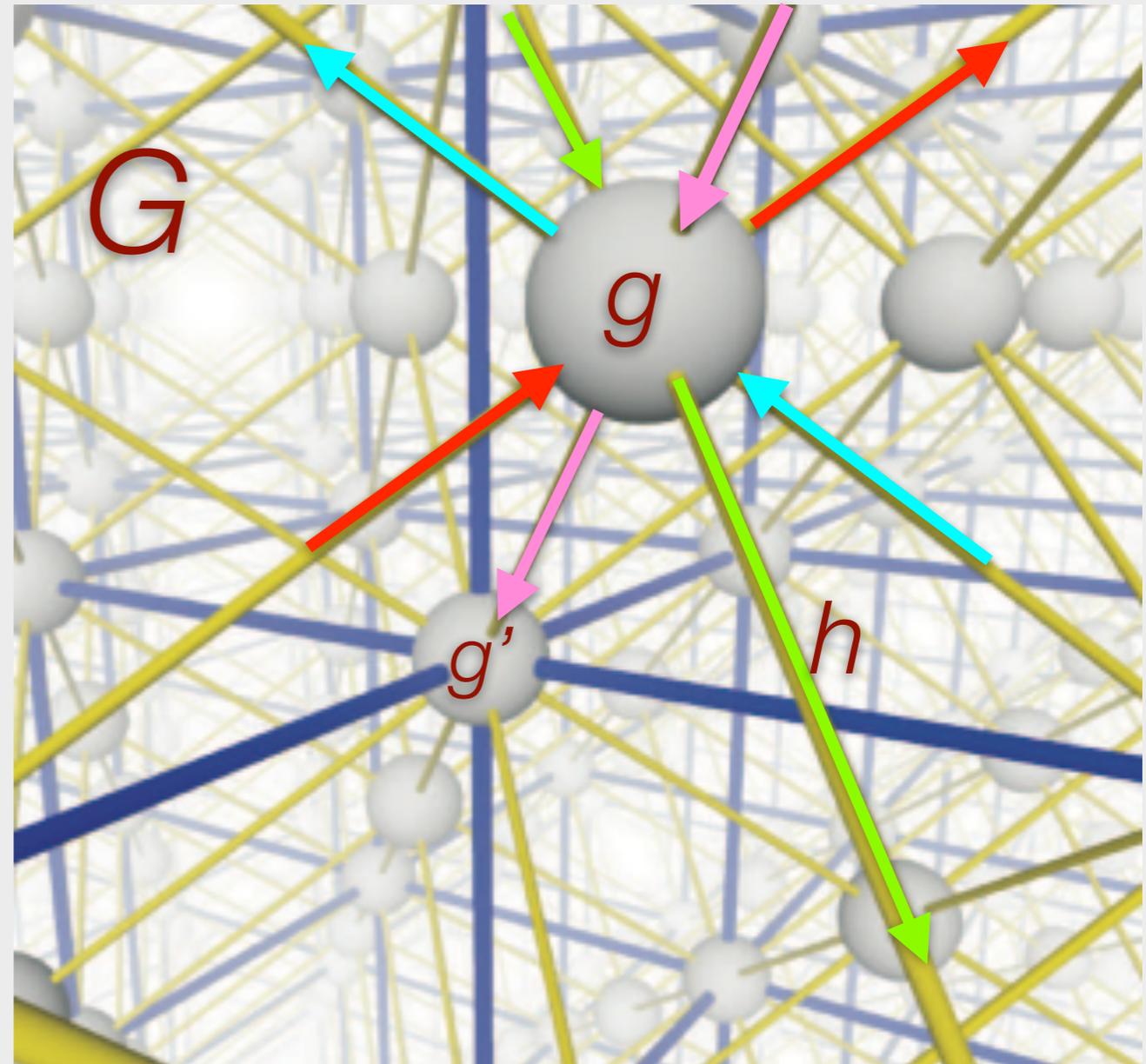
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Restrictions

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 $s_{g'} \times s_g$ transition matrices $A_{gg'}$ with evolution from step t to step $t + 1$ 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>$A_{gg'} \neq 0 \iff A_{g'g} \neq 0$: g' and g are interacting</p> <p>$S_g \leq k < \infty$ for every $g \in G$, where $S_g \subseteq G$ set of cells g' interacting with g</p>
homogeneity	<p>All cells $g \in G$ are equivalent $\implies S_g , s_g, \{A_{gg'}\}_{g' \in S_g}$ independent of g</p> <p>Identify the matrices $A_{gg'} = A_h$ for some $h \in S$ with $S = S_g$</p> <p>Define $gh := g'$ if $A_{gg'} = A_h$ and define $A_{g'g} := A_{h^{-1}}$</p>

Linearity \implies Quantum Walk (free QFT)

Quantum Cellular Automaton

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

Fock space \implies von Neumann algebra

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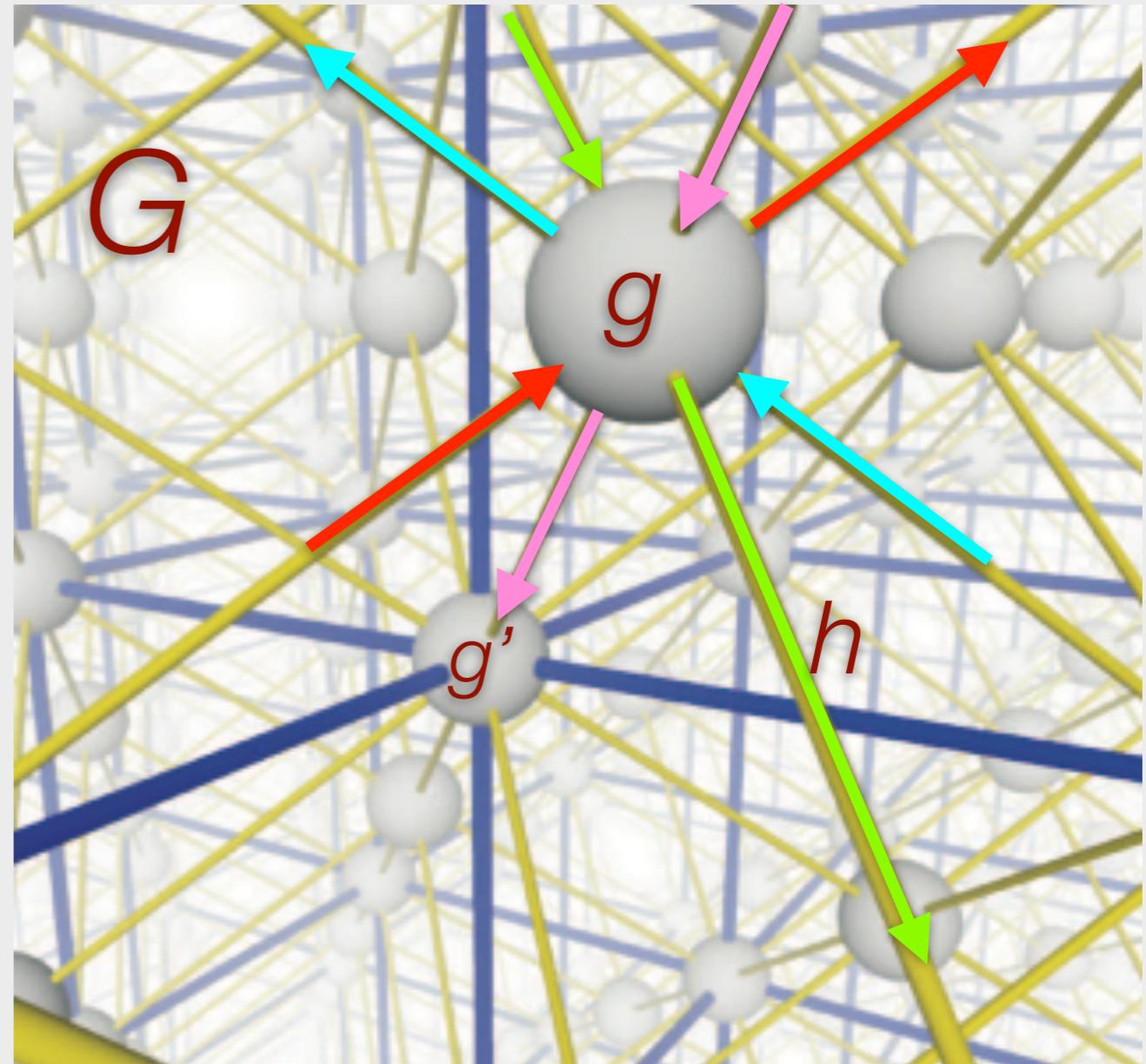
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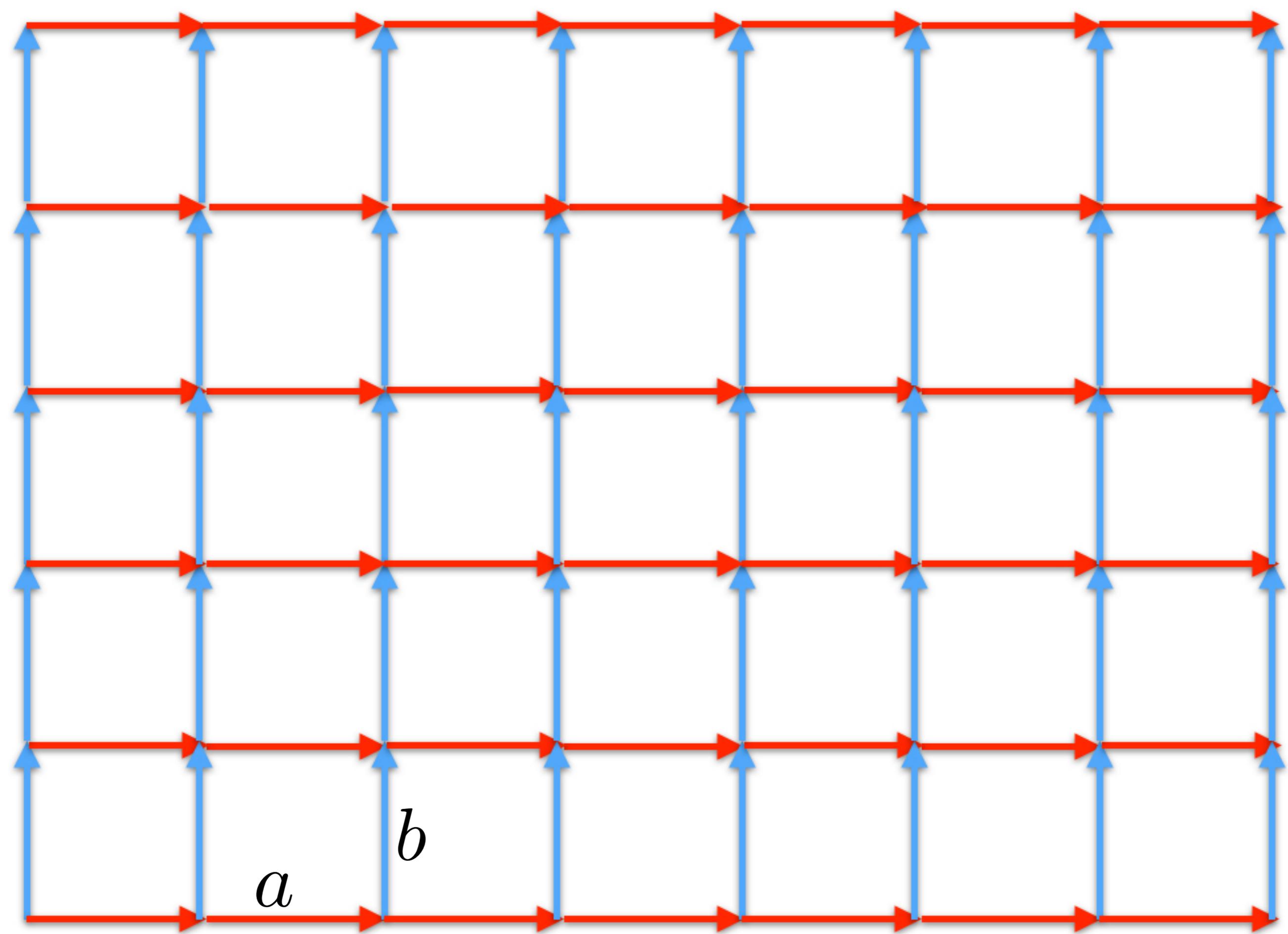
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G virtually Abelian

(geometric group theory)



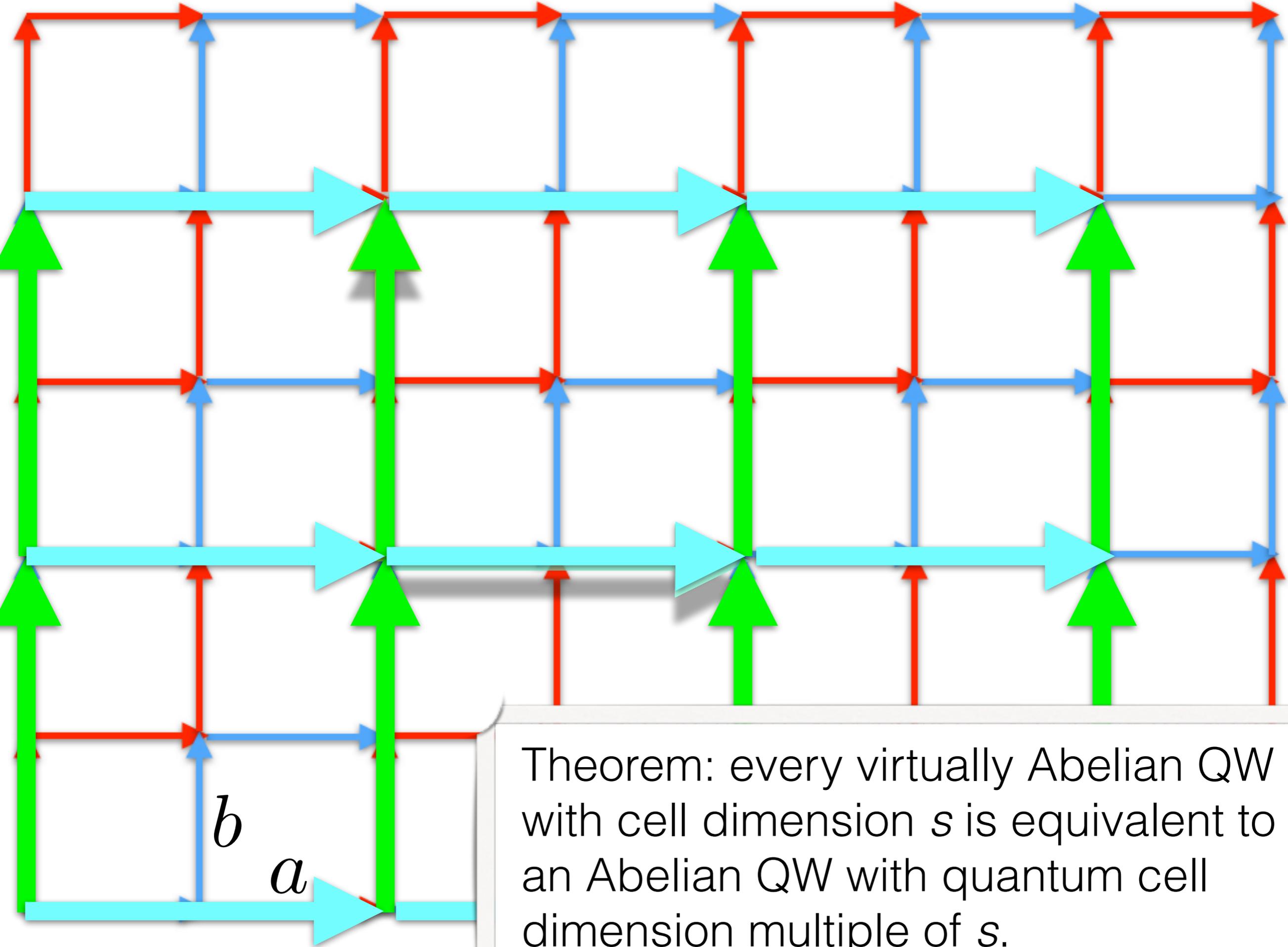
$$G = \langle h_1, h_2, \dots \mid r_1, r_2, \dots \rangle =: \langle S_+ \mid R \rangle$$



a

b

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



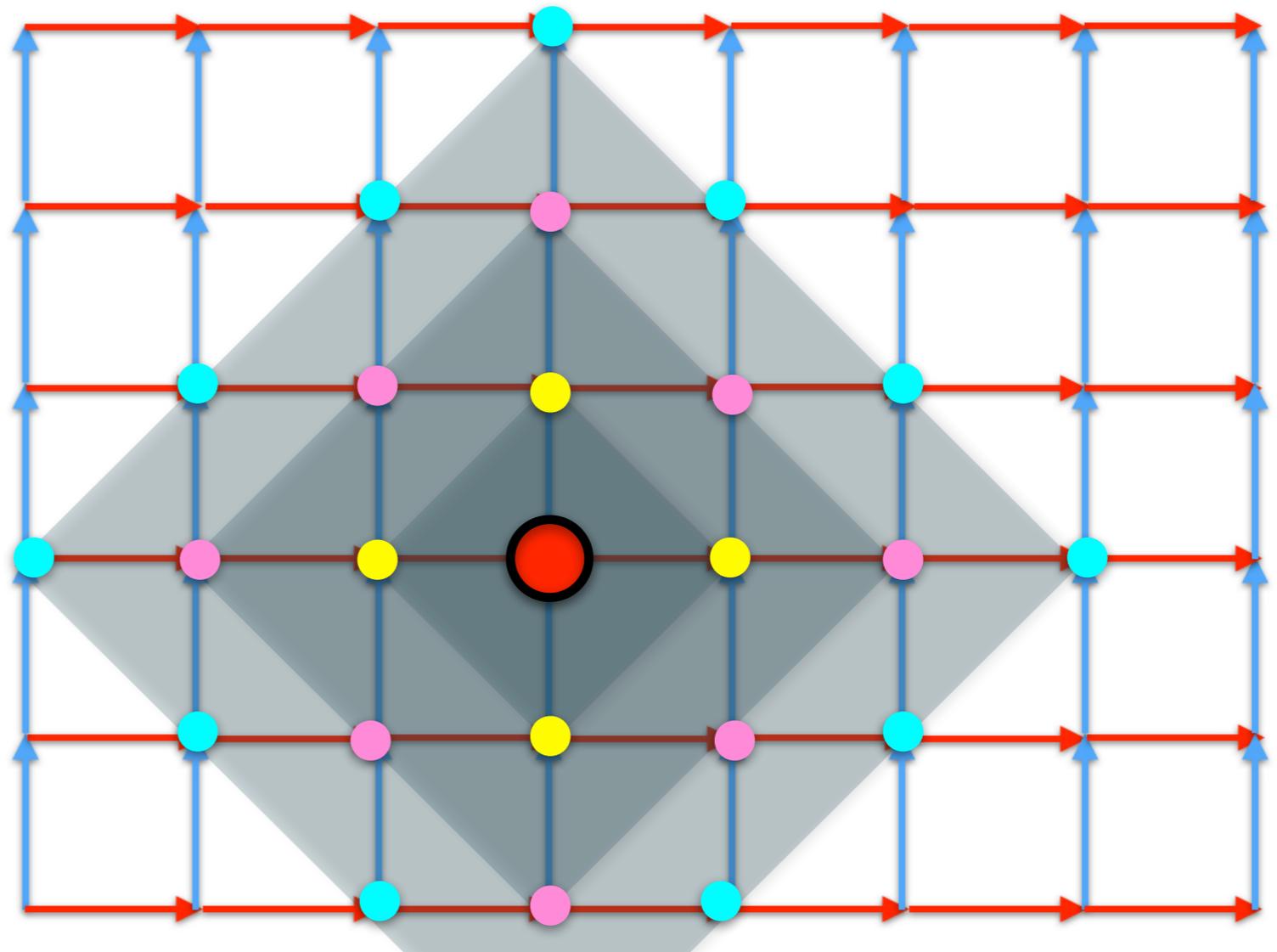
Theorem: every virtually Abelian QW with cell dimension s is equivalent to an Abelian QW with quantum cell dimension multiple of s .

Quantum walk on Cayley graph

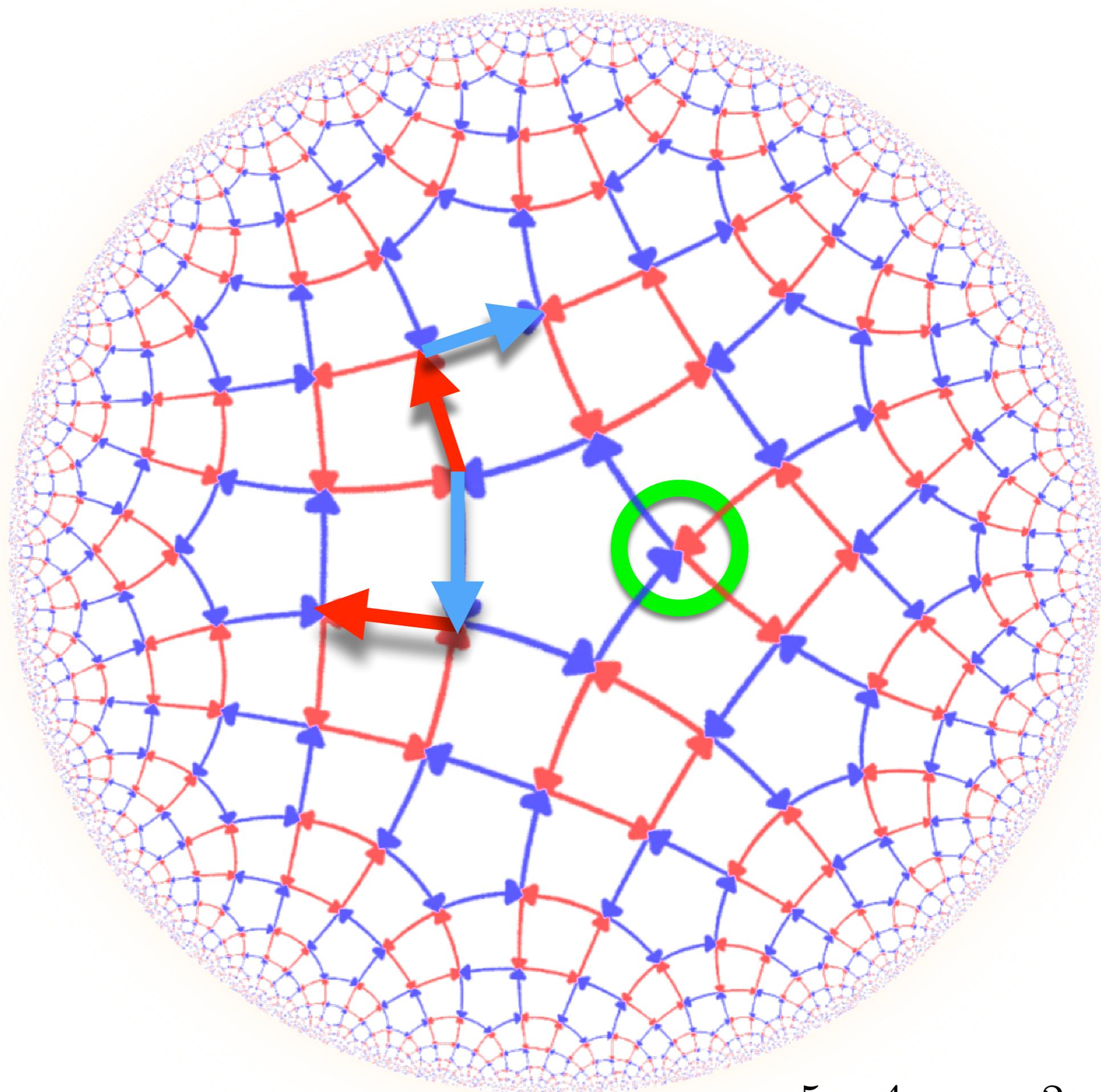
Theorem: A group is quasi-isometrically embeddable in \mathbb{R}^d iff it is virtually Abelian

Virtually Abelian groups have polynomial growth (Gromov)

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

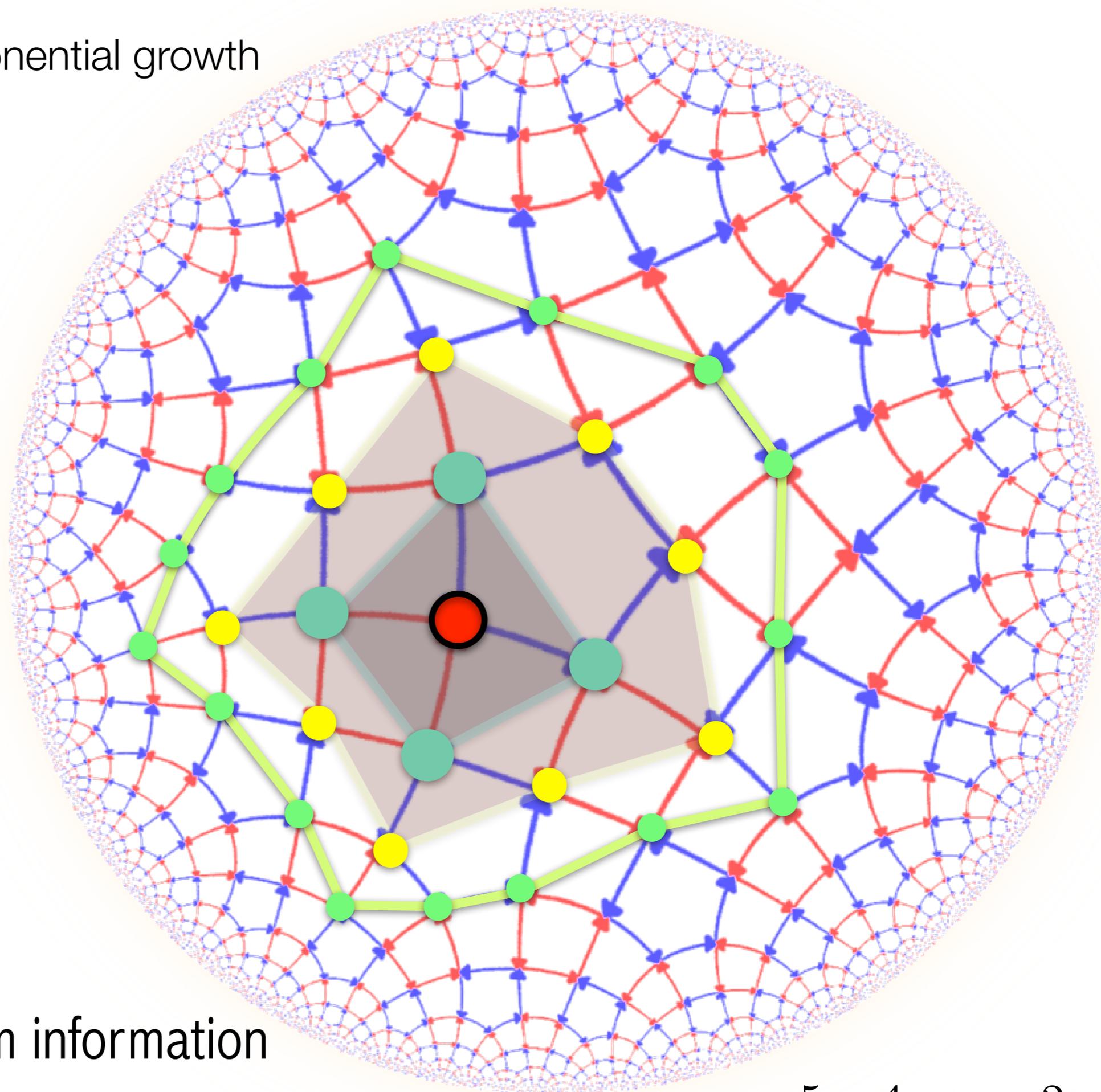


- G hyperbolic



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

- G hyperbolic \rightarrow exponential growth



points $\sim \exp(r)$

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

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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:

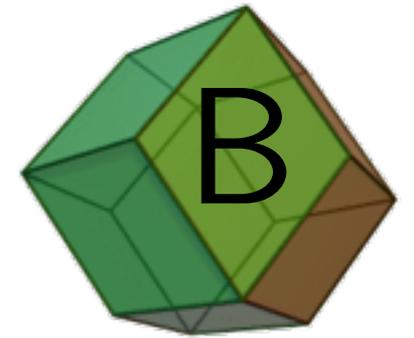
- i) uv divergencies
- ii) localization issue
- iii) Path-integral

6. Fully-fledged theory to evaluate cutoffs

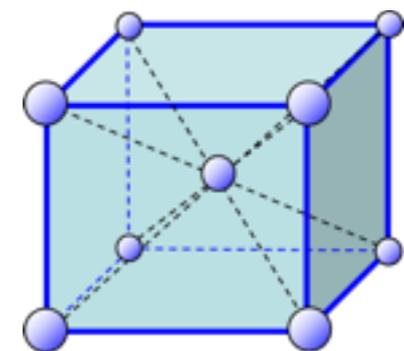
The Weyl QCA

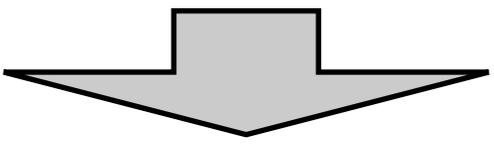
☞ Minimal dimension for nontrivial unitary A : $s=2$

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



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




 Two QCAs
 connected
 by P

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

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

The Weyl QCA

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

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

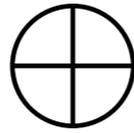
$$k \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad i\partial_t\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm \cdot \mathbf{k} \psi \quad \text{Weyl equation!} \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm := (\sigma_x, \pm\sigma_y, \sigma_z)$$

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Dirac QCA



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

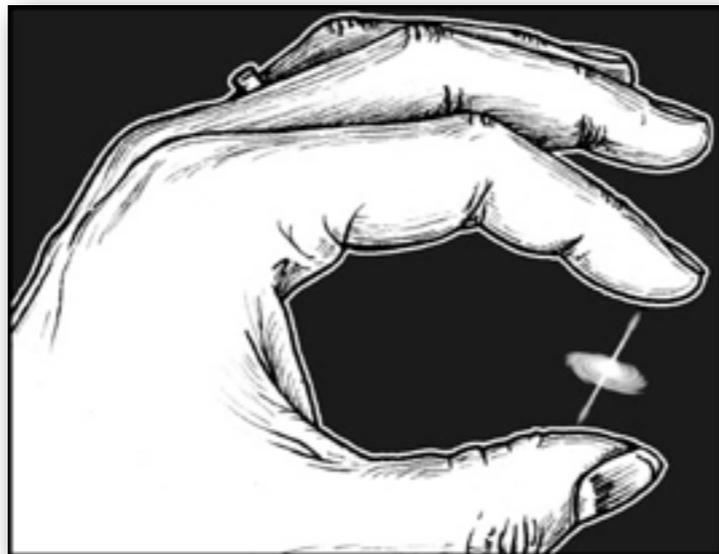
$$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} & imI \\ imI & nA_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm}$ 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

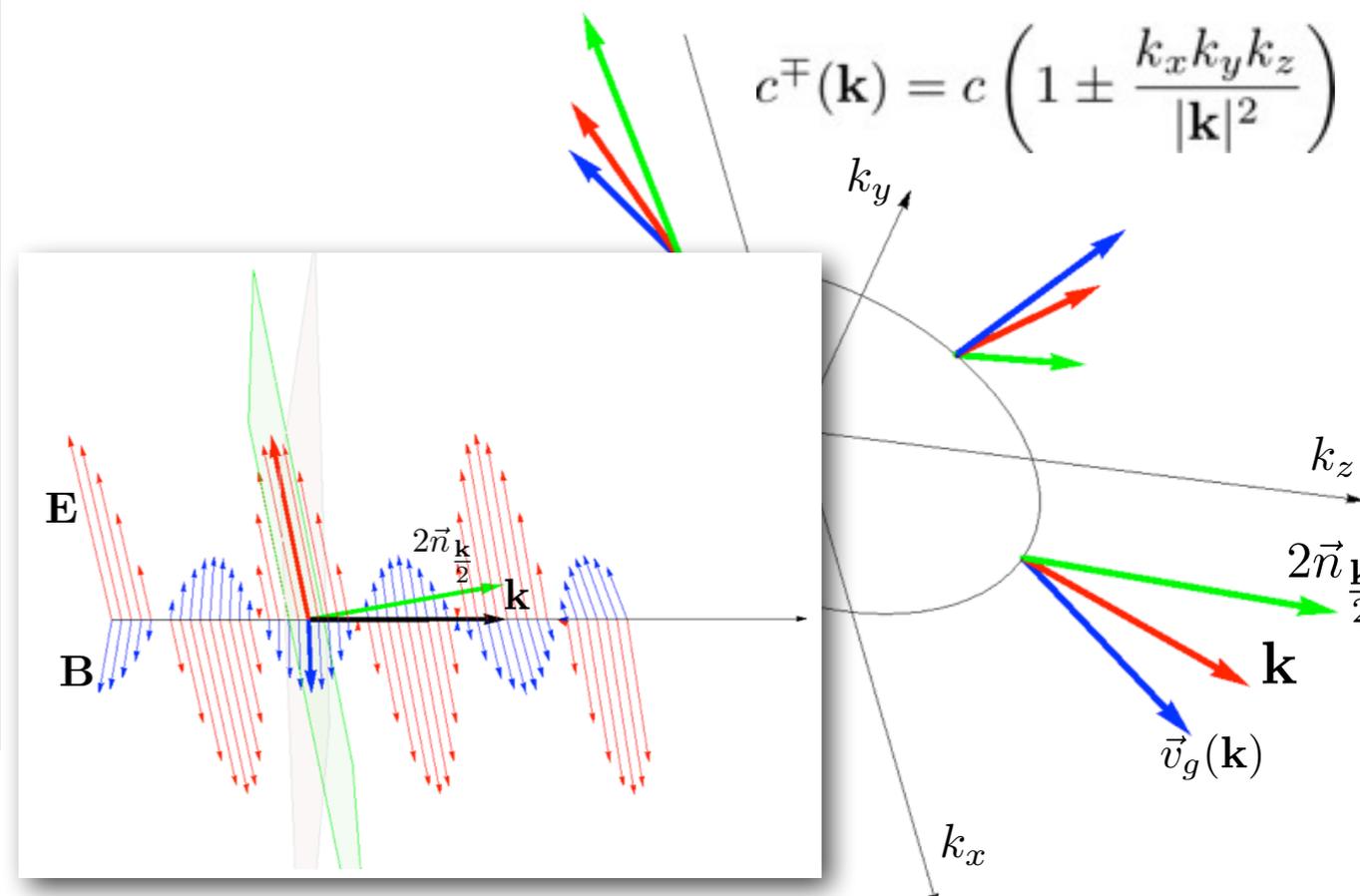


$$M_{\mathbf{k}} = A_{\mathbf{k}} \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}^*$$

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

Maxwell in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$

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



Exact solution of Dirac (d=1) and Weyl (d=1,2,3)

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

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

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

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

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

The LTM standards of the theory

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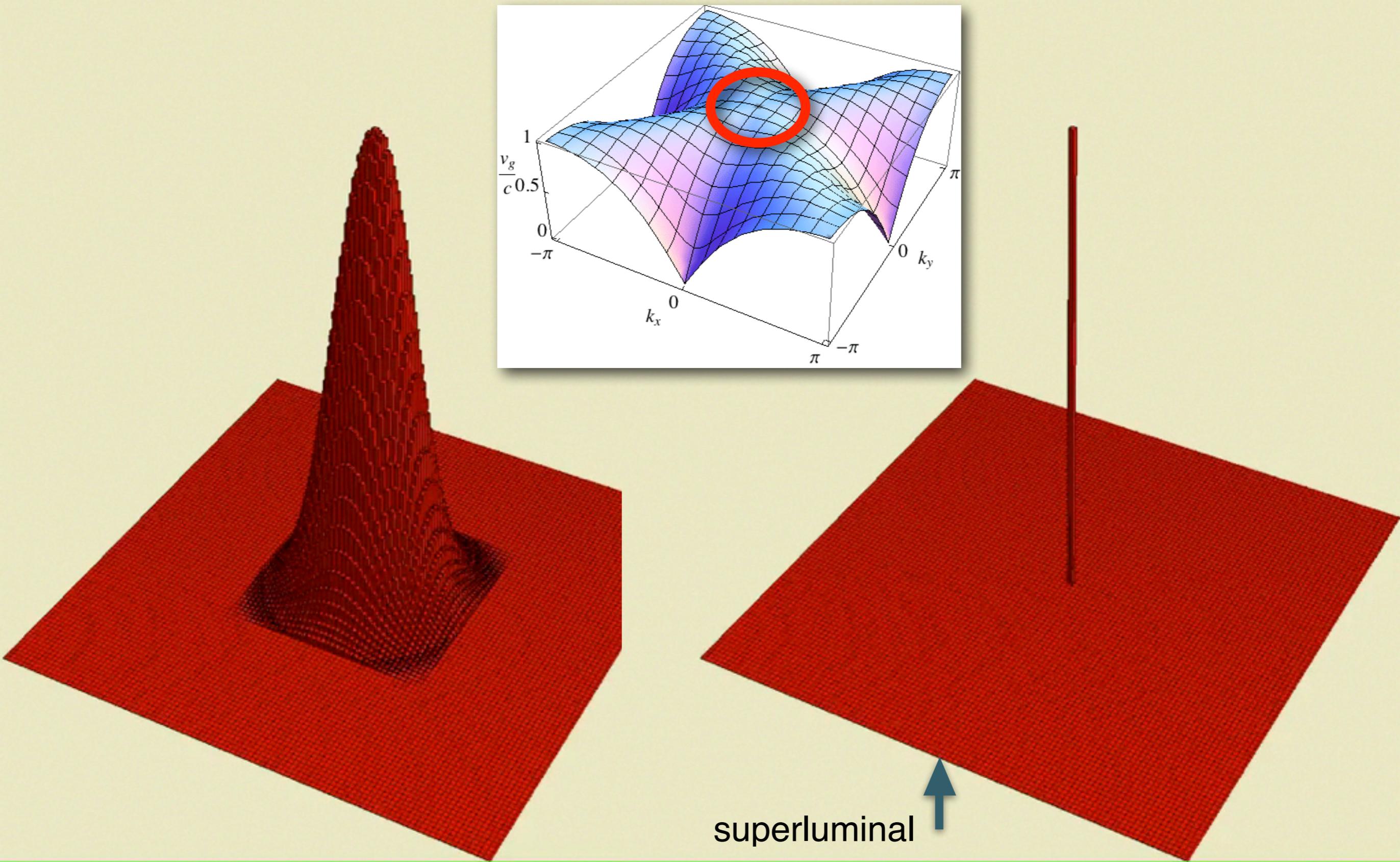
fidelity with Dirac for a narrowband packets in the relativistic limit $k \simeq m \ll 1$

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

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

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*

The relativity principle

Virtually Abelian QW

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

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

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

\mathbf{T} traceless $T := (I, \mathbf{T}) = (T^{\mu})$ 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 irrep



$\omega_l(\mathbf{k})$ 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 (gen. non continuous) over $[-\pi, \pi] \times \mathbf{B}$

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

Covariance/symmetry of the dynamics:

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

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

Γ_β and $\tilde{\Gamma}_\beta$ generally depending also on (ω, \mathbf{k}) (continuously)

→ \mathbb{G}_0 id-component of \mathbb{G} preserve the branches

→ change of reference-frame just a reshuffling of irreps:

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

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

→ the definition of the change of reference-frame is the same for the whole class of virtually Abelian QW

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

Symmetries and Relativity Principle

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

Simplest symmetry: “gauge” transformation

$$\omega' = \omega, \quad \mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{k}, \quad \Gamma_{\lambda, k} = \tilde{\Gamma}_{\lambda, k} = e^{i\lambda(\mathbf{k})}$$

(includes the group of “translations” of the Cayley graph)

Relativity Principle for Weyl QW

Weyl QW

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

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \omega - |\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} (\omega, \mathbf{k}) &\in \text{Disp}(A) \subset [-\pi, \pi] \times B \\ (\sin \omega, \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k})) &\in \mathbb{M}^4 \text{ light-like} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow p_{\mu}^{(f)} \sigma^{\mu} \psi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0$$

for suitable choice of $f(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ and L_{β} matrix of the Lorentz group one has:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta}^{(f)} := \mathcal{D}^{(f)-1} L_{\beta} \mathcal{D}^{(f)} \quad \text{is well defined on } \text{Disp}(A)$$

Relativity Principle for Weyl QW

Non-linear Lorentz group

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

acting on $[-\pi, \pi] \times \mathbb{B}$

leaving $\text{Disp}(A)$ invariant

L_β linear Lorentz

$$\mathcal{D}^{(f)}(k_\mu) = p_\mu^{(f)}$$

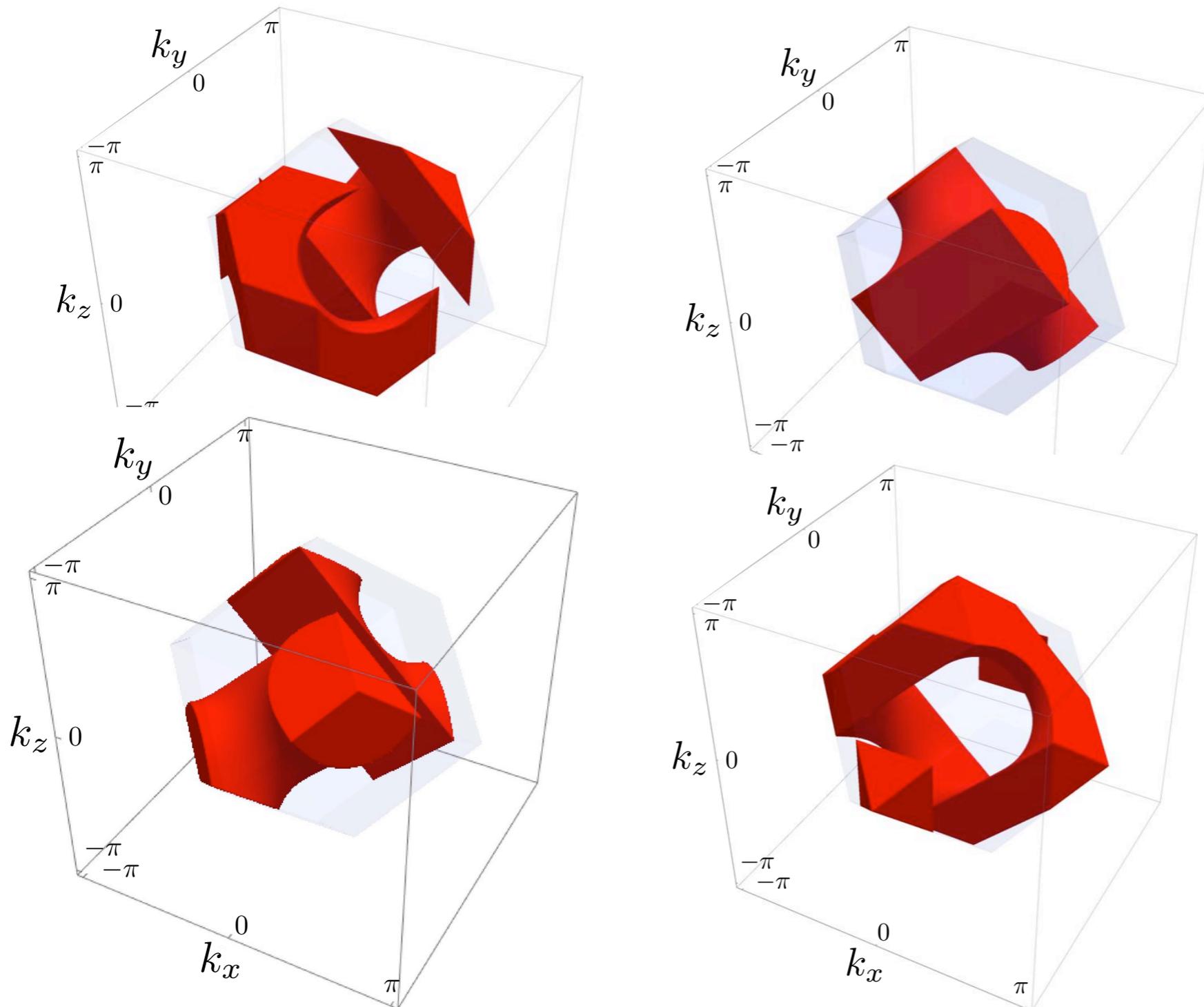
Relativistic covariance of dynamics

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

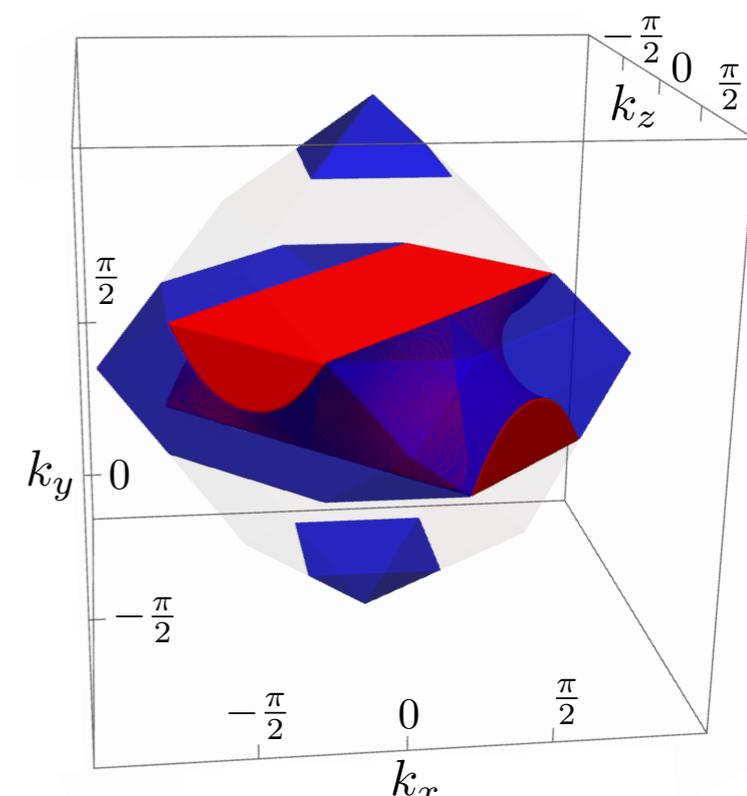
$\Lambda_\beta \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ independent of (k_μ)

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:

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

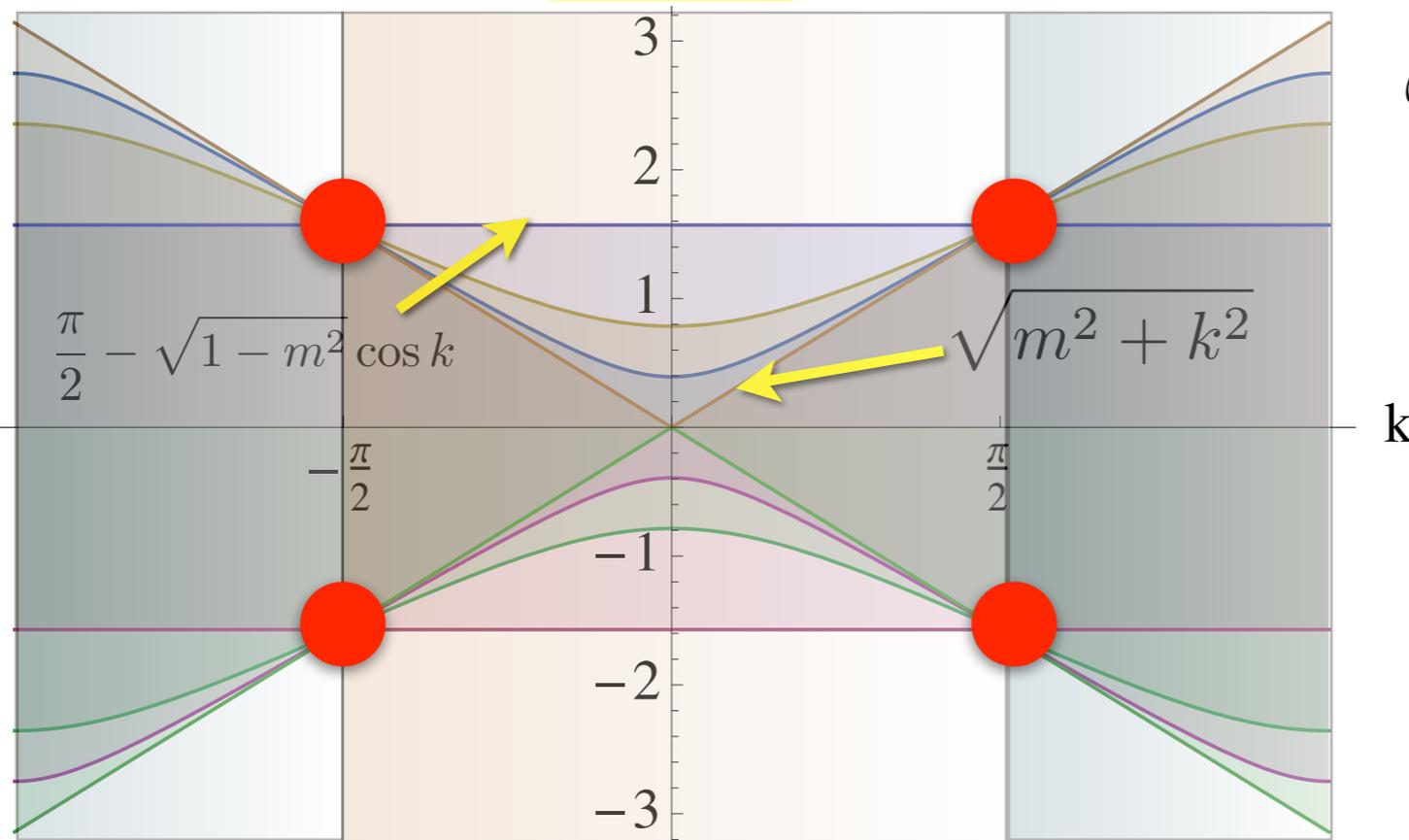
➡ $SO(1, 4)$ invariance

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

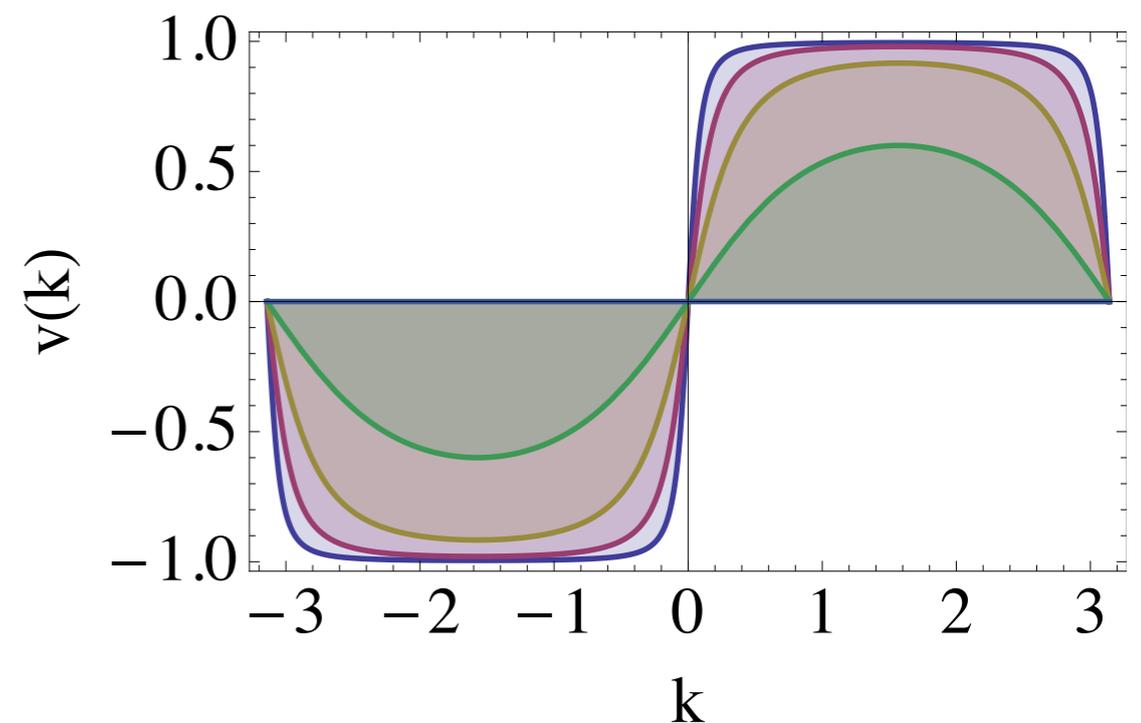
Nonlinear Lorentz for Dirac d=1

Transformations that leave the dispersion relation invariant

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



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

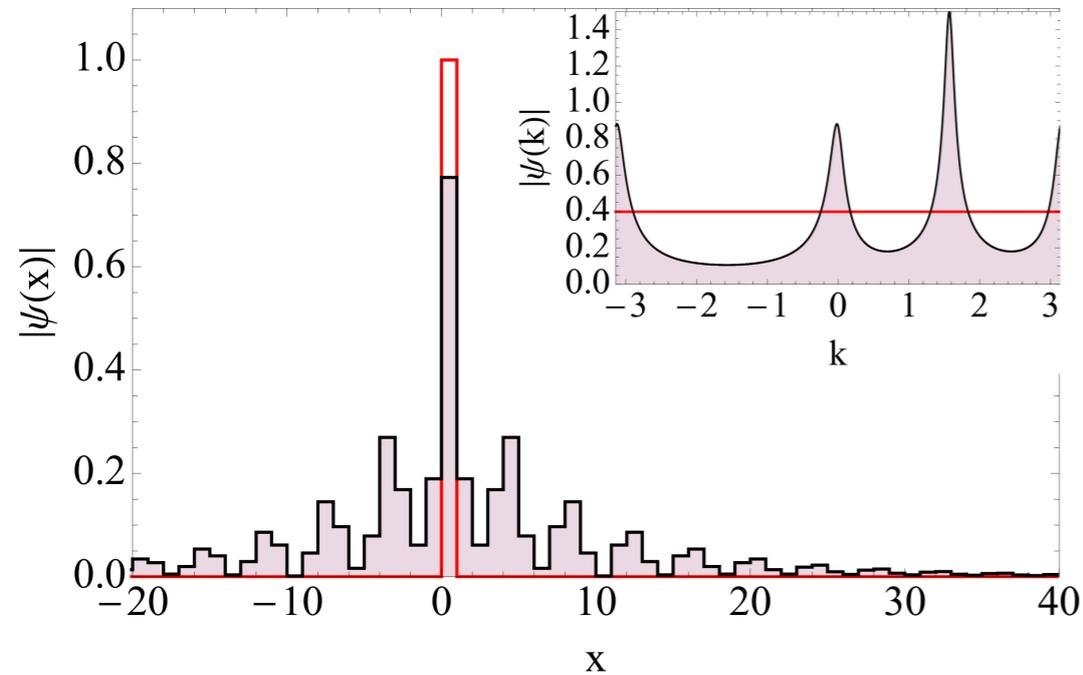


$$\omega' = \arcsin [\gamma (\sin \omega / \cos k - \beta \tan k) \cos k']$$

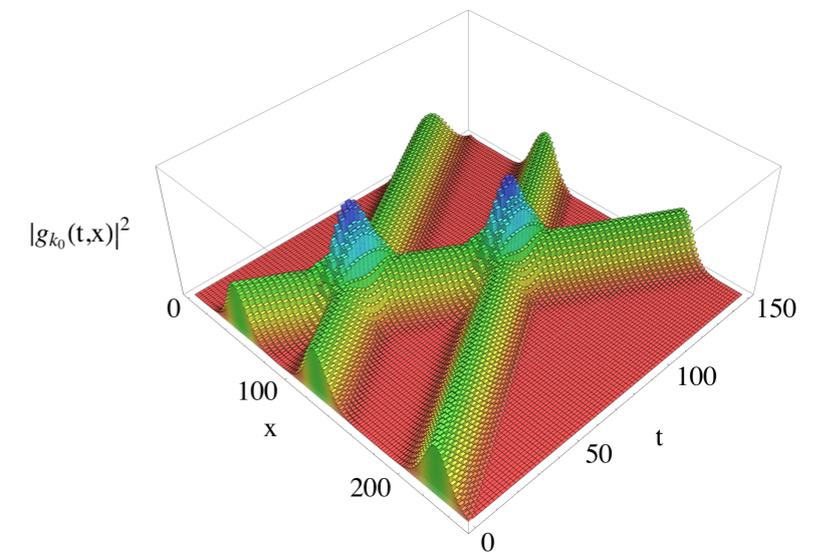
$$k' = \arctan [\gamma (\tan k - \beta \sin \omega / \cos k)]$$

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

Planck-scale effects: Lorentz covariance distortion

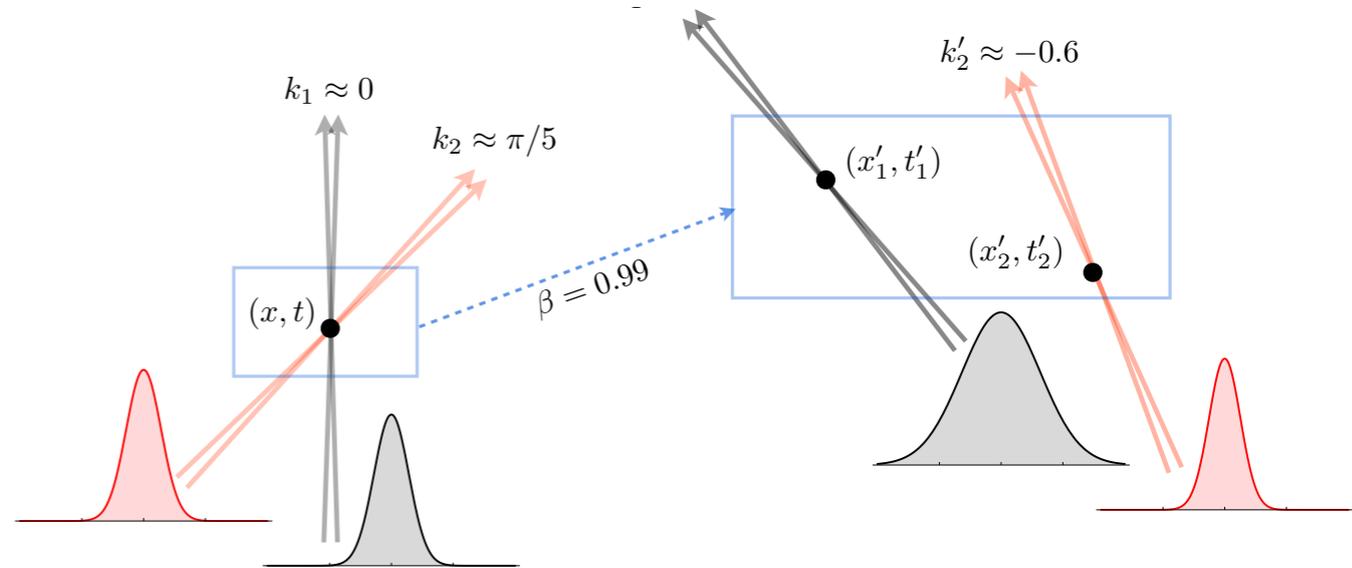


For narrow-band states we can linearize Lorentz transformations around $k=k_0$ and we get k -dependent Lorentz transformations



Delocalization under boost

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



Relative locality

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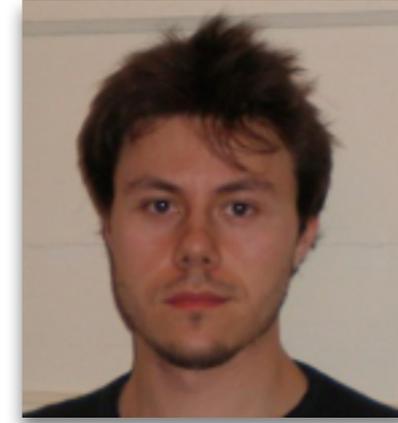
Time is real
space is an illusion!



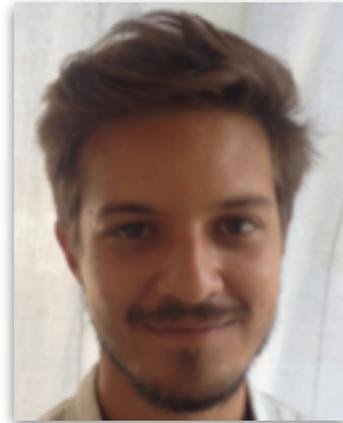
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