# QUANTUM INFORMATION METHODS FOR LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

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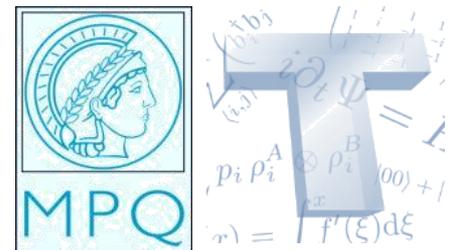
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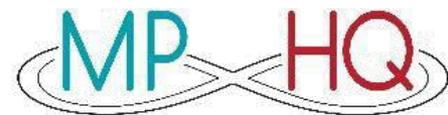
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    → **Hard to treat numerically in some cases** (sign problem in fermionic scenarios, real time evolution)

Problems of conventional LGT techniques

- **Real-Time evolution:**
  - Not available in Wick rotated, Euclidean spacetimes, used in conventional Monte-Carlo path integral LGT calculations

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  - Appears in several scenarios with fermions (finite density), represented by Grassman variables in a Wick-rotated, Euclidean spacetime

Quantum Simulation and Tensor Networks for Lattice Gauge Theories

- An active, rapidly growing research field

- **Quantum Simulation for LGTs** (around 8 years):
  - MPQ Garching & Tel Aviv University
  - IQOQI Innsbruck & Bern (Zoller, Wiese, Blatt)
  - ICFO, Barcelona (Lewenstein)
  - Heidelberg (Berges, Oberthaler)
  - Iowa (Meurice)
  - Bilbao (Solano)
  - …

- **Tensor Networks for LGTs** (around 6 years):
  - MPQ Garching & DESY
  - Ghent (Verstraete)
  - ICFO (Lewenstein)
  - IQOQI, Bern, Ulm (Zoller, Wiese, …)
  - Mainz (Orus)
  - …

Quantum Simulation

- **Take a model, which is either**
  - **Theoretically unsolvable**
  - **Numerically problematic**
  - **Experimentally inaccessible**

- **Map it to a fully controllable quantum system – quantum simulator**

- **Study the simulator experimentally**

Quantum Simulation of LGTs

- **Real-Time evolution:**
  - Not available in Wick rotated, Euclidean spacetimes, used in conventional Monte-Carlo path integral LGT calculations
  - Exists by default in a real experiment done in a **quantum simulator**: prepare some initial state and the appropriate Hamiltonian (in terms of the simulator degrees of freedom), and let it evolve

- **Sign problem:**
  - Appears in several scenarios with fermions (finite density), represented by Grassman variables in a Wick-rotated, Euclidean spacetime
  - In real experiments, as those carried out by a **quantum simulator**, fermions are simply fermions, and no path integral is calculated: **nature does not calculate determinants**.

Tensor Networks

- The **number of variables** needed to describe states of a many-body system **scales exponentially** with the system size. This makes it hard to simulate large systems (classically).

- **Tensor networks** are Ansätze for describing and solving **many body states**, mostly on a lattice, for either **analytical or numerical** studies, based on contractions of **local tensors that depend on few parameters**.

- In spite of their **simple description**, tensor network states describe and approximate **physically relevant states of many-body systems**.

Tensor Network Studies of LGTs

- **Real-Time evolution:**

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  - Calculations in **quantum Hilbert spaces**, where states evolve in real time, instead of in Wick-rotated statistical mechanics analogies.

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  - Calculations in **quantum Hilbert spaces**: fermions are fermions, no integration over time dimension. If the problem arises, it can be the result of using a particular method, nothing general.

Hamiltonian LGT - Degrees of Freedom

- **The lattice is spatial**: time is a continuous, real coordinate.

- **Matter particles** (fermions) – on the **vertices**.

- **Gauge fields** – on the lattice's **links**
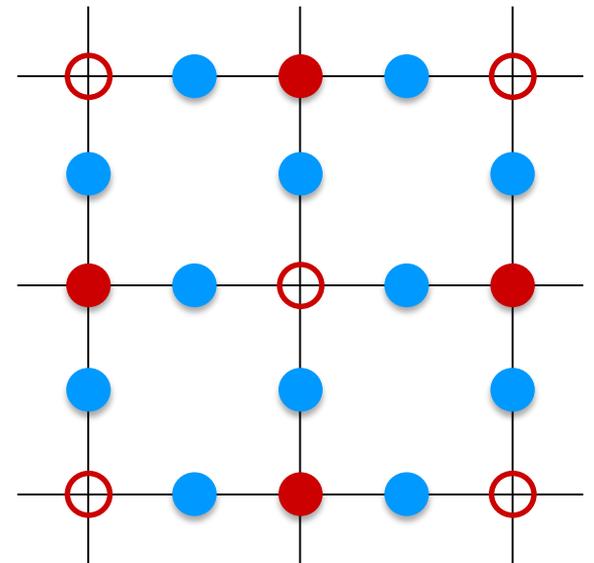
Gauge Transformations

- Act on both the **matter** and **gauge** degrees of freedom.

- **Local** : a unique transformation (depending on a unique element of the **gauge group**) may be chosen for each site

- The states are **invariant under each local transformation separately**.

$$\hat{\Theta}_g\left(\mathbf{x}\right) = \prod_{k=1\ldots d} \left(\widetilde{\Theta}_g\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\Theta_g^\dagger\left(\mathbf{x}-\hat{\mathbf{k}},k\right)\right)\check{\theta}_g^\dagger\left(\mathbf{x}\right)$$
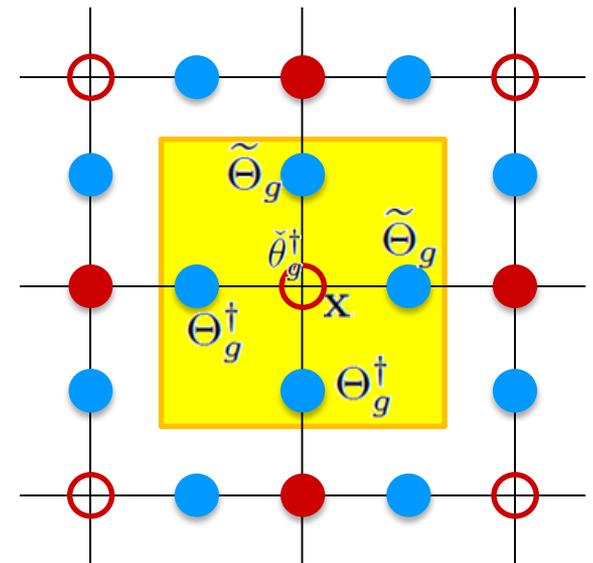
Symmetry → Conserved Charge

- **Transformation rules on the links**

$$\{|g\rangle\}_{g \in G}$$

$$\Theta_g |h\rangle = |hg^{-1}\rangle \quad \Theta_g = e^{i\phi_a(g)R_a}$$

$$\widetilde{\Theta}_g |h\rangle = |g^{-1}h\rangle \quad \widetilde{\Theta}_g = e^{i\phi_a(g)L_a}$$
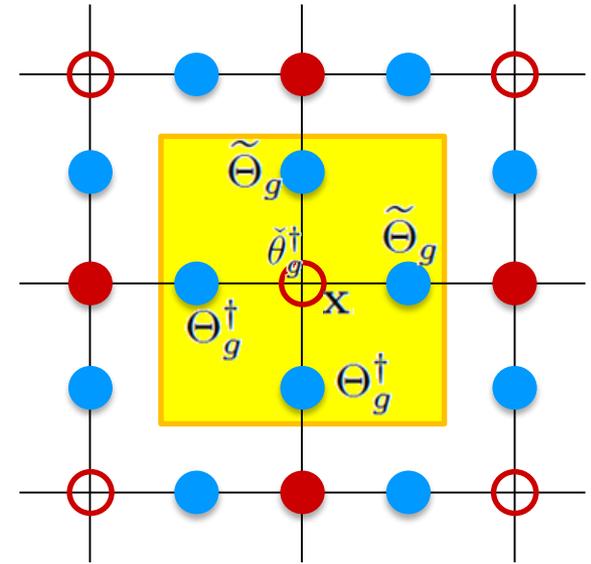
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$$\hat{\Theta}_g(\mathbf{x}) |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi\rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, g$$

- **Generators → Gauss law , left and right E fields:**

$$G_a(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1\ldots d} \left(L_a(\mathbf{x}, k) - R_a \left(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}, k \right) \right) - Q_a(\mathbf{x})$$

$$G_a(\mathbf{x}) |\Psi\rangle = 0 \quad [G_a(\mathbf{x}), H] = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, a$$

Structure of the Hilbert Space

- Generators of gauge transformations (cQED):

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \mathrm{div}L(\mathbf{x}) - Q(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\equiv \sum_k \left(L_k(\mathbf{x}) - L_k(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k) \right) - Q(\mathbf{x})$$

Gauss' Law $\quad G(\mathbf{x})|\psi\rangle = q(\mathbf{x})|\psi\rangle$

Sectors with fixed
Static charge
configurations
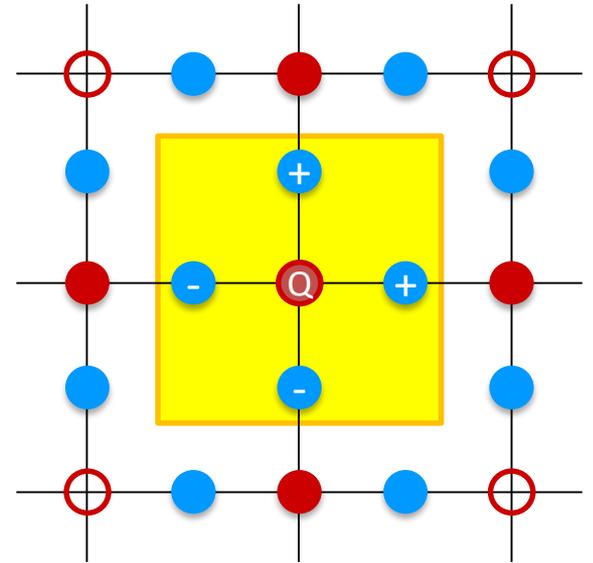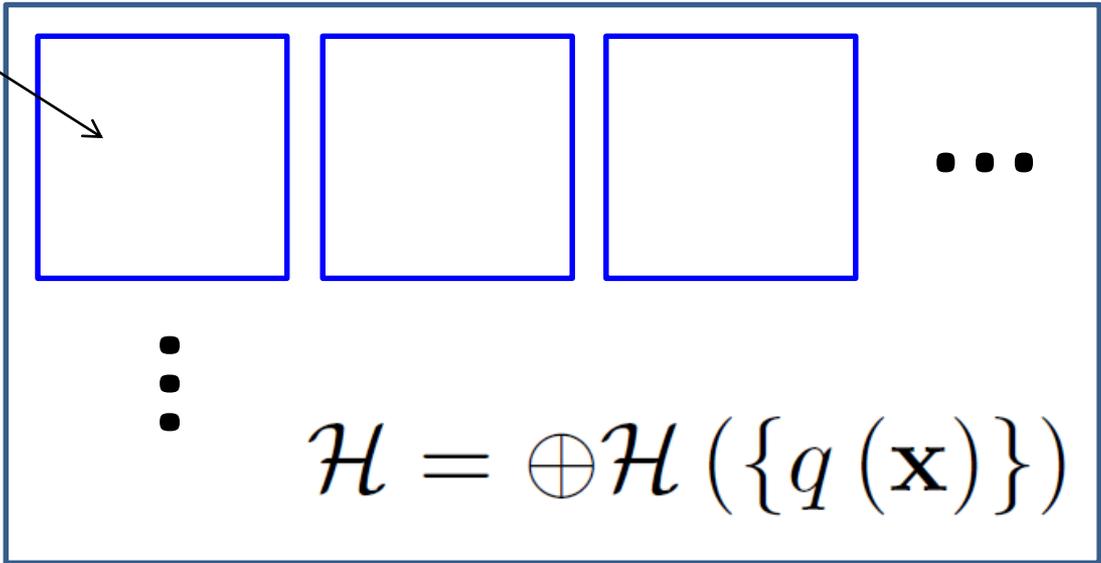
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$$\mathcal{H} = \oplus \mathcal{H}\left(\{q(\mathbf{x})\}\right)$$

Allowed Interactions

- Must preserve the symmetry – commute with the "Gauss Laws" (generators of symmetry transformations)
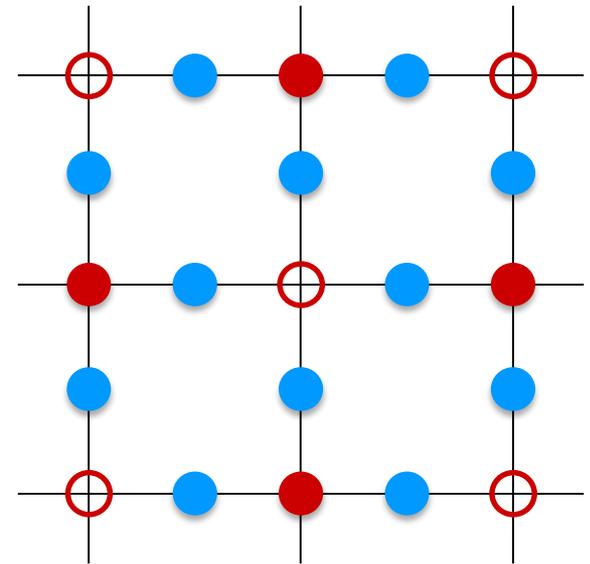
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- First option: Link (**matter**-**gauge**) interaction:

$$\psi_m^\dagger \left(\mathbf{x}\right) U_{mn} \left(\mathbf{x}, k\right) \psi_n \left(\mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}\right)$$

  – A **fermion** hops to a **neighboring site**, and the **flux on the link in the middle changes** to preserve **Gauss laws on the two relevant sites**
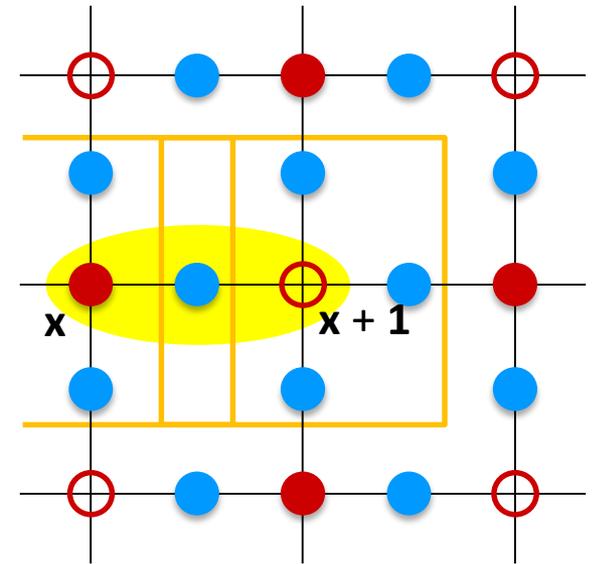
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- <u>Second option</u>: plaquette interaction:

$$\text{Tr}\left(U(\mathbf{x}, 1)U(\mathbf{x}+\hat{1}, 2)U^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}+\hat{2}, 1)U^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}, 2)\right)$$

  – The **flux on the links of a single plaquette changes** such that the **Gauss laws on the four relevant sites** is preserved.

  – **Magnetic interaction.**
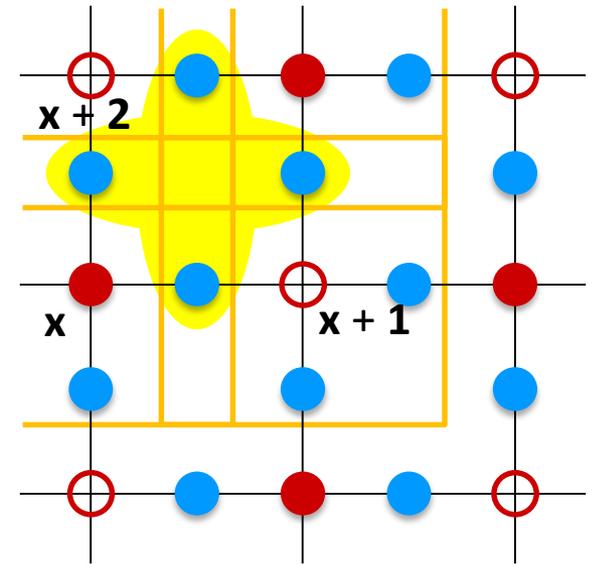
Quantum Simulation of LGT

- Theoretical Proposals:
  - Various gauge groups:
    - Abelian (U(1), $\mathbf{Z}_N$)
    - non-Abelian (SU(N)…)
  - Various simulating systems:
    - Ultracold Atoms
    - Trapped Ions
    - Superconducting Qubits
  - Various simulation approaches:
    - Analog
    - Digital

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

Confinement and Lattice Quantum-Electrodynamic Electric Flux Tubes Simulated with Ultracold Atoms

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We propose a method for simulating $(2+1)$D compact lattice quantum-electrodynamics, using ultracold atoms in optical lattices. In our model local Bose-Einstein condensates' (BECs) phases correspond to the electromagnetic vector potential, and the local number operators represent the conjugate electric field. The well-known gauge-invariant Kogut-Susskind Hamiltonian is obtained as an effective low-energy theory. The field is then coupled to external static charges. We show that in the strong coupling limit this gives rise to "electric flux tubes" and to confinement. This can be observed by measuring the local density deviations of the BECs, and is expected to hold even, to some extent, outside the perturbative calculable regime.

LETTER

Real-time dynamics of lattice gauge theories with a few-qubit quantum computer

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Ultracold Atoms in Optical Lattices

- Atoms are cooled and trapped in periodic potentials created by laser beams.

- Highly controllable systems:
    - Tuning the laser beams → shape of the potential
    - Tunable interactions (S-wave collisions among atoms in the ultracold limit tunable with Feshbach resonances, external Raman lasers)
    - Use of several atomic species → different internal (hyperfine) levels $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ may be used, experiencing different optical potentials
    - Easy to measure, address and manipulate

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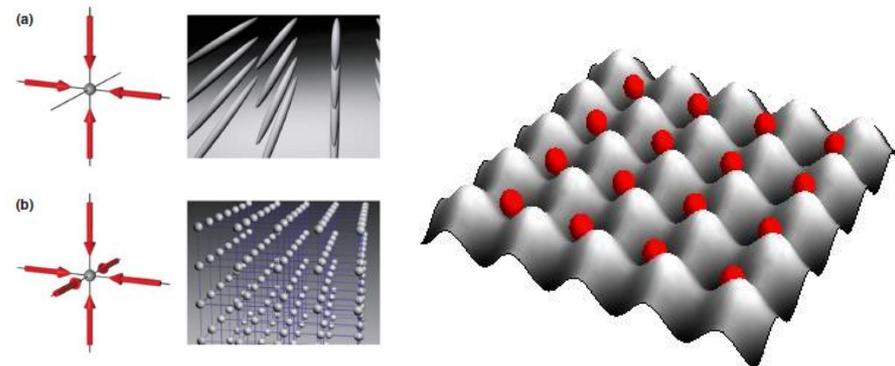
QS of LGTs with Ultracold Atoms in Optical Lattices

- **Fermionic** matter fields
- (Bosonic) gauge fields

(a)

$\psi_{\mathbf{n}}$ $U_{\mathbf{n},k}$ $\psi_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{\mathbf{k}}}$

(b)
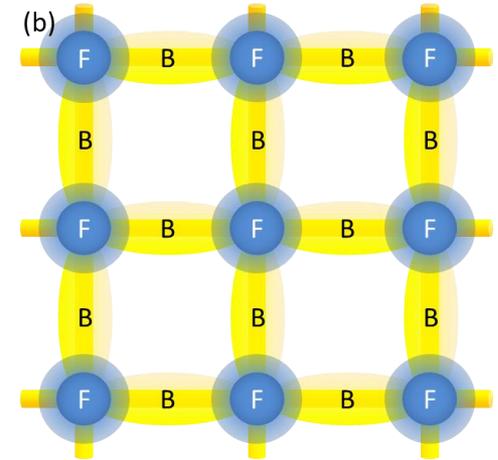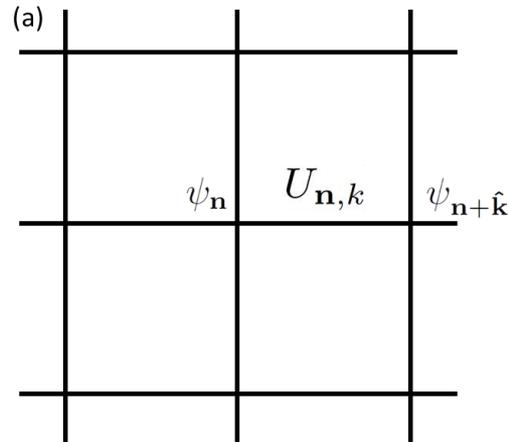
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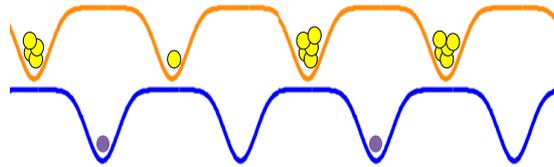
Atomic internal (**hyperfine**) levels

0 (ultracold)

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} \qquad \mathbf{F}^2|F, m_{\mathrm{F}}\rangle = F(F+1)|F, m_{\mathrm{F}}\rangle \qquad F_z|F, m_{\mathrm{F}}\rangle = m_{\mathrm{F}}|F, m_{\mathrm{F}}\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \Phi_\alpha^\dagger(\mathbf{x})\left(\delta^{\alpha\beta}\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V_{\mathrm{op}}^\alpha(\mathbf{x}) + V_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{x}) \right) + \Omega^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}) \right)\Phi_\beta(\mathbf{x})$$

$$+ \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta} \int \mathrm{d}^3 x' \, \Phi_\alpha^\dagger(\mathbf{x}')\Phi_\beta^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')\Phi_\gamma(\mathbf{x})\Phi_\delta(\mathbf{x}')$$

Analog Approach I: Effective Local Gauge Invariance

<u>Gauss law</u> is added to the Hamiltonian as a constraint (penalty term).

Leaving a gauge invariant sector of Hilbert space costs too much Energy.

<u>Low energy sector with an effective gauge invariant Hamiltonian.</u>

Emerging plaquette interactions (second order perturbation theory).

Other sectors

No static charges
Gauge invariant sector

$$\Delta \gg \delta E$$

$$\delta E$$
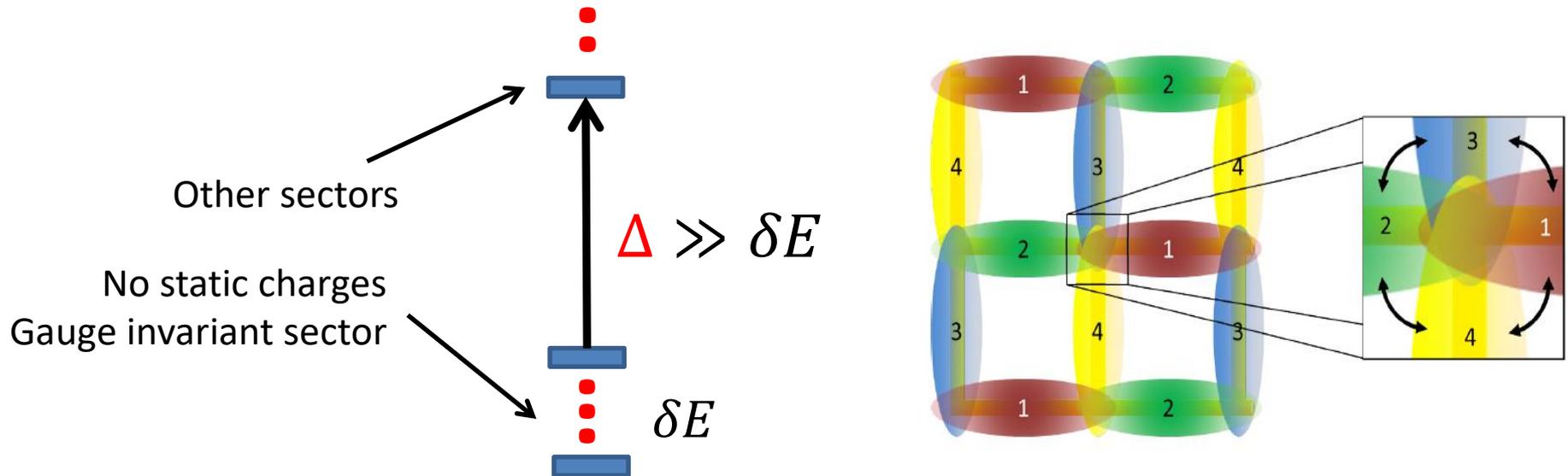
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Analog Approach II:
Atomic Symmetries → Local Gauge Invariance
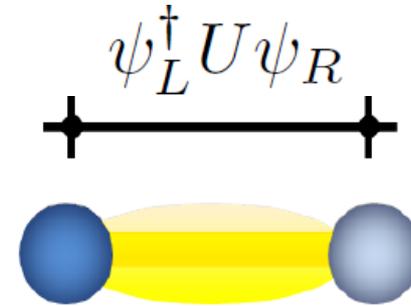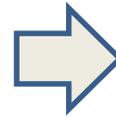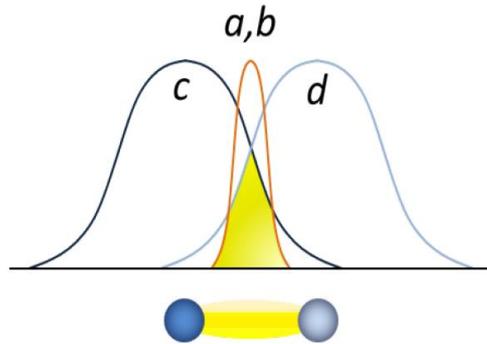
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Atomic boson-fermion collisions

Hyperfine angular momentum conservation

Fermionic atoms c,d (or more)

(Generalized) Schwinger algebra, constructed out of the bosonic atoms a,b (or more)

Link gauge-matter interactions

Gauge invariance / charge conservation

Fermionic matter

Gauge field operator U

Gauge invariance is a fundamental symmetry of the quantum simulator.

Applicable for U(1), SU(N) etc. with truncated local Hilbert spaces.
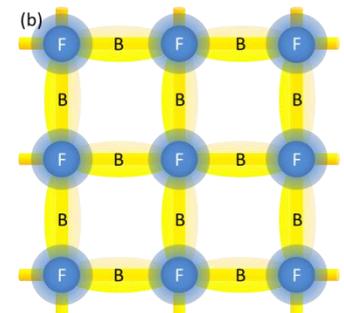
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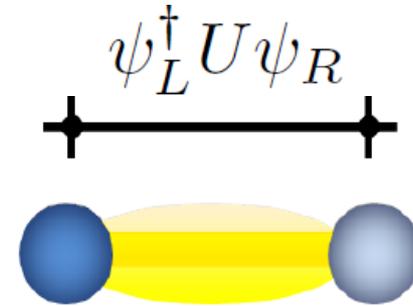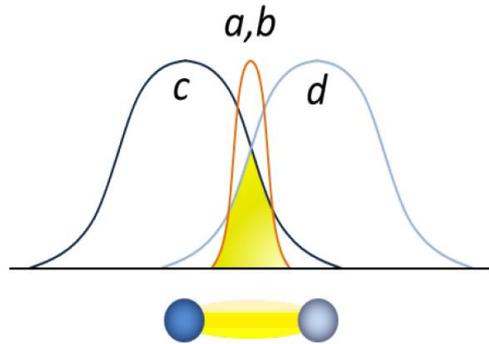
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Calculations applying our scheme towards an experiment: **Kasper, Hebenstreit, Jendrzejewski, Oberthaler, Berges**, NJP 19 023030 (2017) – very exciting results
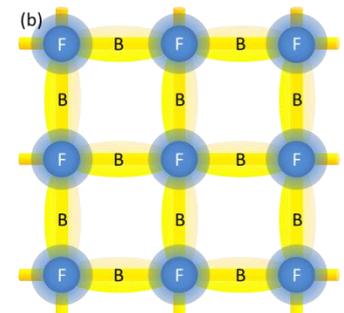
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Further Dimensions → Plaquette Interactions

$$\sum_{\text{plaquettes}} \left(\text{Tr}\left(U_1 U_2 U_3^\dagger U_4^\dagger \right) + h.c. \right)$$

1d elementary link interactions are **already gauge invariant**

Auxiliary fermions:

Heavy,
constrained to "sit"
on special vertices

- Virtual processes

- Valid for any gauge group,
  once the link interactions
  are realized
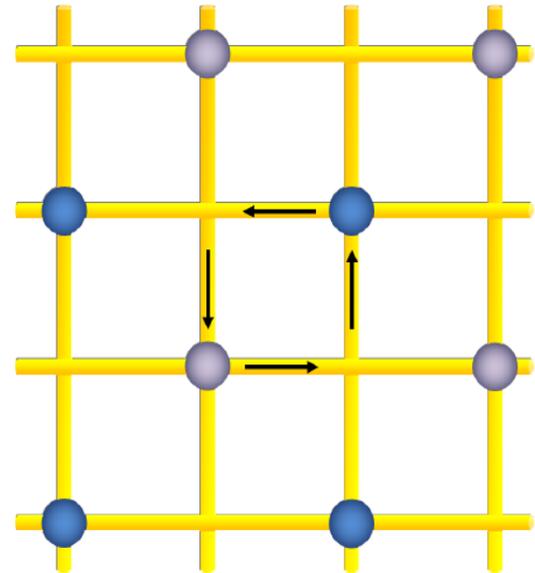
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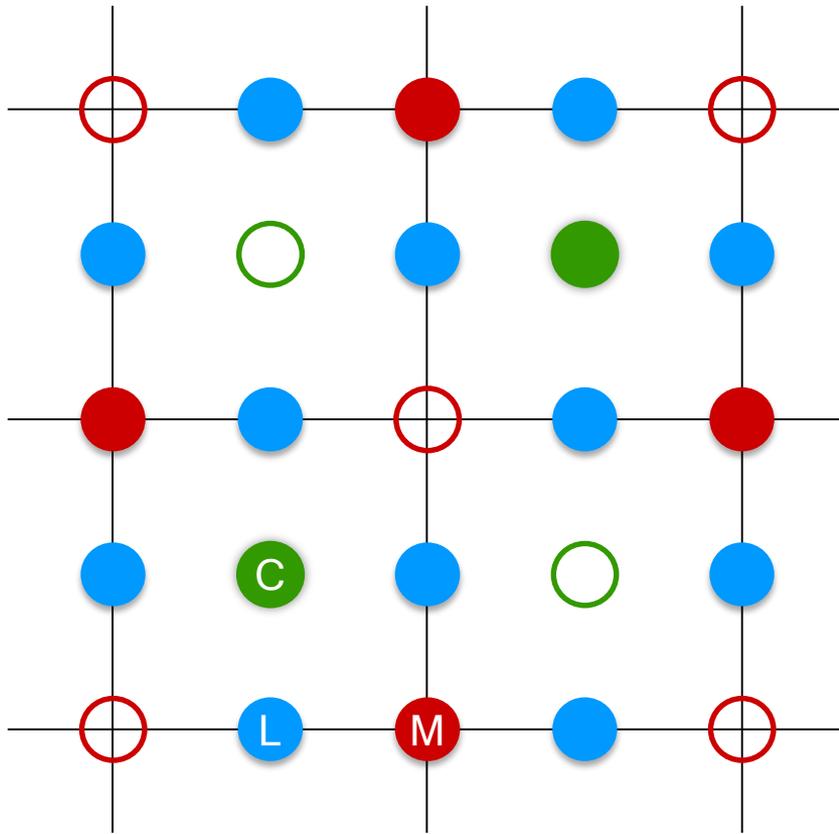
Trotterized time evolution:

$$e^{-i\Sigma_j H_j T} = \lim_{M \to \infty} \left(\Pi_j e^{-iH_j \frac{T}{M}} \right)^M$$

Matter Fermions
Link (Gauge) degrees of freedom
**Control degrees of freedom**

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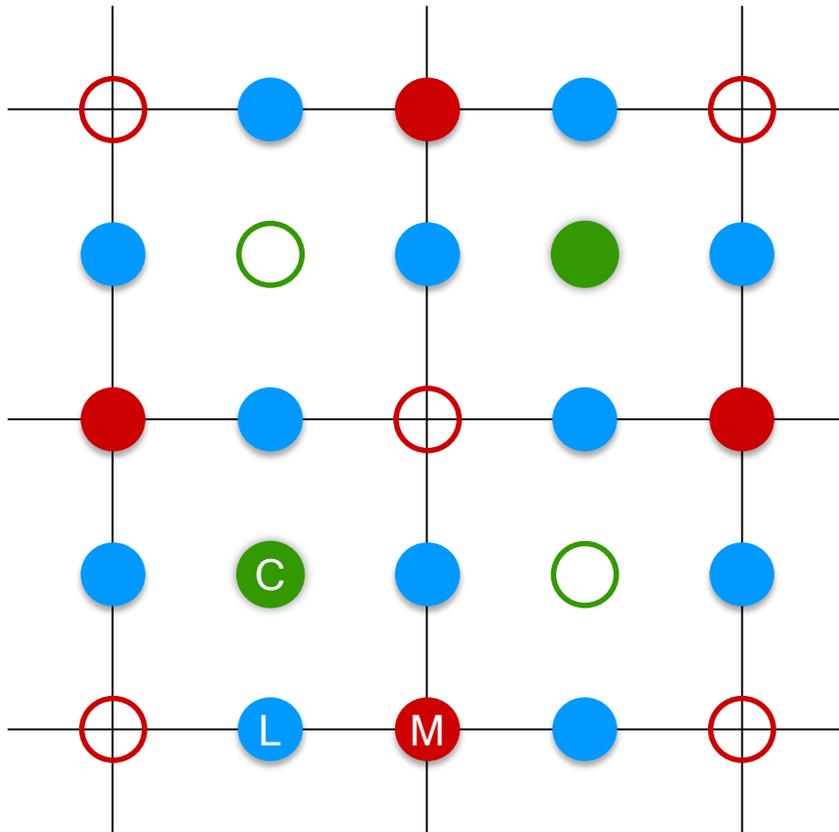
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Entanglement is created and undone between the control and the physical degrees of freedom.

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Plaquettes: Four-body Interactions

Two-body interactions → four-body interactions

$$\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}^\dagger = \left|\widetilde{\uparrow}\right\rangle\left\langle\widetilde{\uparrow}\right| + \sigma^x \otimes \left|\widetilde{\downarrow}\right\rangle\left\langle\widetilde{\downarrow}\right|$$
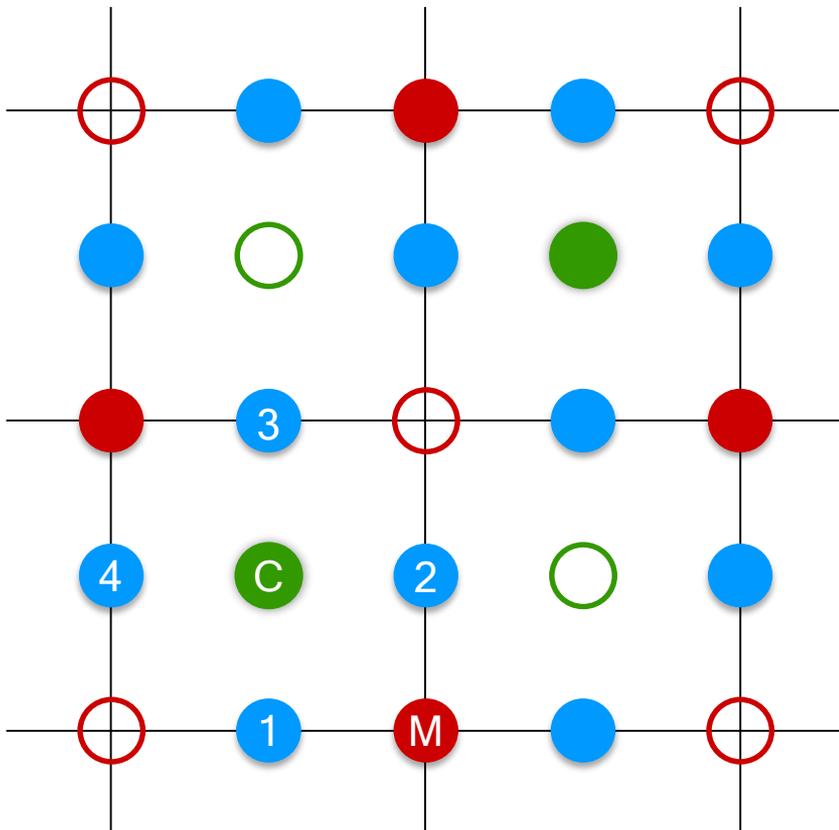
$$S_\square = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|\widetilde{\uparrow}\right\rangle + \sigma_\square^x \otimes \left|\widetilde{\downarrow}\right\rangle\right)$$

$$\widetilde{\sigma}^x S_\square = S_\square \sigma_\square^x$$

$$e^{-i\lambda\widetilde{\sigma}^x\tau} S_\square = S_\square e^{-i\lambda\sigma_\square^x\tau}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_4\mathcal{U}_3\mathcal{U}_2^\dagger\mathcal{U}_1^\dagger e^{-i\lambda\widetilde{\sigma}^x\tau}\mathcal{U}_1\mathcal{U}_2\mathcal{U}_3^\dagger\mathcal{U}_4^\dagger\left|\widetilde{in}\right\rangle = \left|\widetilde{in}\right\rangle e^{-i\lambda\sigma_\square^x\tau}$$

- A "Stator" (state-operator)

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Further generalization

Any gauge group

$$S = \int dg \, |g_A\rangle \langle g_A| \otimes |g_B\rangle$$

$$\left(U^j_{mn}\right)_B S = S \left(U^j_{mn}\right)_A$$

$$S_\square = \mathcal{U}_\square \left|\widetilde{in}\right\rangle \equiv \mathcal{U}_1 \mathcal{U}_2 \mathcal{U}_3^\dagger \mathcal{U}_4^\dagger \left|\widetilde{in}\right\rangle$$

$$\text{Tr}\left(\widetilde{U^j} + \tilde{U}^{j\dagger}\right) S_\square = S_\square \text{Tr}\left(U_1^j U_2^j U_3^{j\dagger} U_4^{j\dagger} + H.c.\right)$$

Feasible for finite or truncated infinite groups

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Is it necessary to use cold atoms?

- **Cold atoms** offer a **combination of fermionic and bosonic degrees of freedom**, which makes them useful for the quantum simulation of gauge theories with **fermionic matter in 2+1d and more**.

- Using systems that **do not offer fermionic degrees of freedom**, one can simulate
  - **Pure gauge theories** could be simulated using other architectures – e.g. trapped ions (Innsbruck), superconducting qubits (Bilbao),…
  - **1+1d gauge theories with matter**, using Jordan-Wigner transformations (like in the trapped ions **Innsbruck experiment**).
  - **Something else?!**

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Do we really need fermions?

- Fermions are subject to a **global Z_2 symmetry** (parity superselection)

- If this symmetry is made **local** (which happens naturally in a lattice gauge theory whose gauge group contains $\mathbf{Z}_2$ as a normal subgroup), it can be used for **locally transferring the statistics information to the gauge field, leaving one with hard-core bosonic matter (spins)**

$$\psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) = c(\mathbf{x})\,\eta^\dagger(\mathbf{x})$$

Majorana
Fermion:
Statistics

Hardcore
Boson:
Physics

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- With a **local unitary transformation** which is independent of the space dimension, one can remove the fermions from the Hamiltonian, and stay with **hard-core bosonic matter** and **electric field dependent signs** that preserve the statistics.

$$\epsilon \sum_{\mathbf{x},i=1,2} \left(\psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, i) \psi(\mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i) + h.c \right)$$

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Unitary transformation
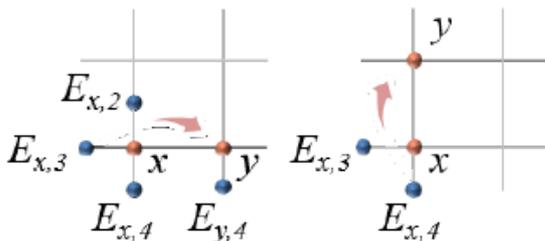
$$\xi_h = e^{i\pi(E_{x,2} + E_{x,3} + E_{x,4} + E_{y,4})}$$

$$\xi_v = e^{i\pi(E_{x,3} + E_{x,4})}$$

$$-i\epsilon \sum_{\mathbf{x},i=1,2} \left(\xi_i \sigma_+(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, i) \sigma_-(\mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i) + h.c \right)$$

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- With a **local unitary transformation** which is independent of the space dimension, one can remove the fermions from the Hamiltonian, and stay with **hard-core bosonic matter** and **electric field dependent signs** that preserve the statistics.

- This is possible for any lattice gauge theory that **contains Z_2 as a normal subgroup** (U(1), U(N), SU(2N)...)

- Otherwise, an **auxiliary Z_2 gauge field** without dynamics could be introduced for the trick; also for a pure fermionic theory (no gauge field) that could be minimally coupled.

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- This procedure opens the way for **quantum simulation of lattice gauge theories with fermionic matter in 2+1d and more**, even with **simulating systems that do not offer fermionic degrees of freedom**.

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PEPS

- **Projected Entangled Pair States**: a particular tensor network construction, that
  - Allows to **encode and treat symmetries** in a very natural way.
  - Has, by construction, a **bipartite entanglement area law**, and therefore is suitable for describing "physically relevant" states.
  - Offers new approaches for the **study of phase diagrams and other properties of many body systems**.

- In 1 space dimension – **MPS (Matrix Product States)**

PEPS

- Constructed out of local ingredients that include **physical** and **auxiliary** degrees of freedom.
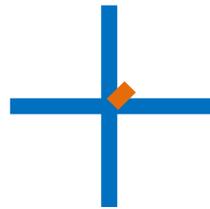
$$A(\mathbf{x})|\Omega\rangle$$
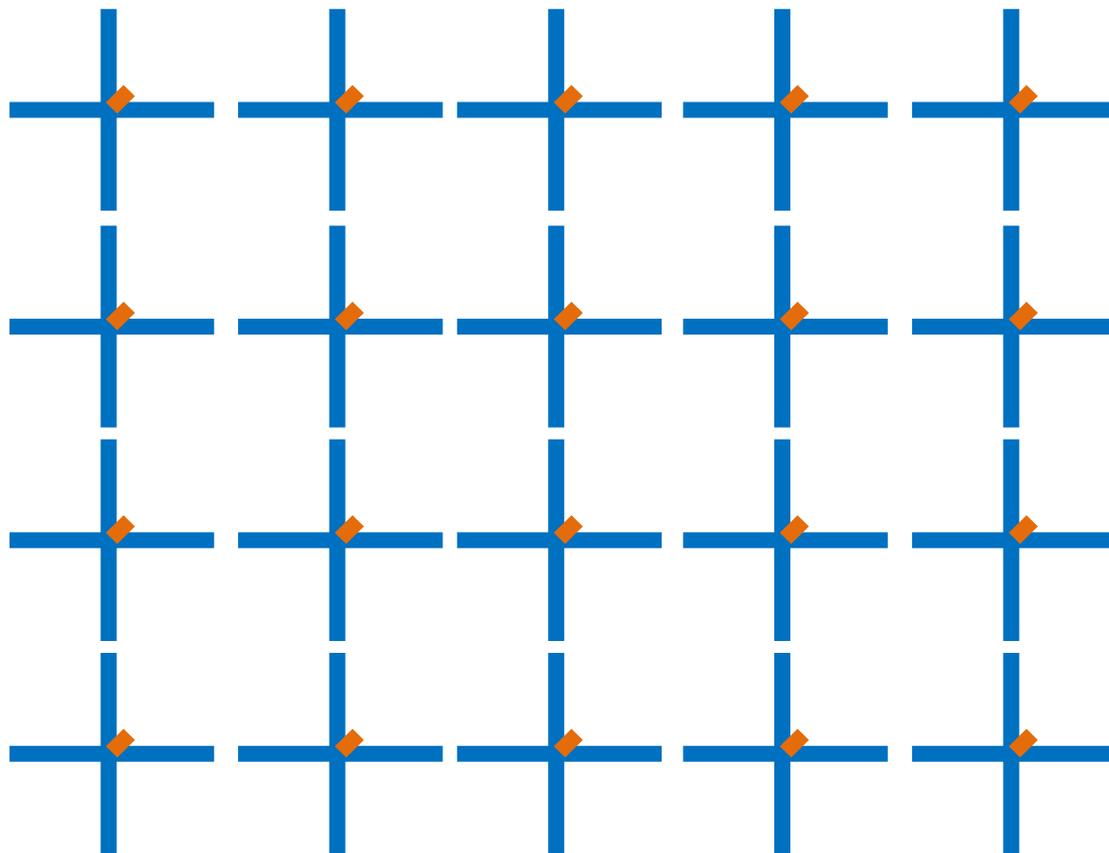
$$\prod_{\mathbf{x}} A\left(\mathbf{x}\right)\left|\Omega\right\rangle$$

- A **physical** only state remains out of projecting pairs of **auxiliary** degrees of freedom, on the two sides of a link, onto maximally entangled states.
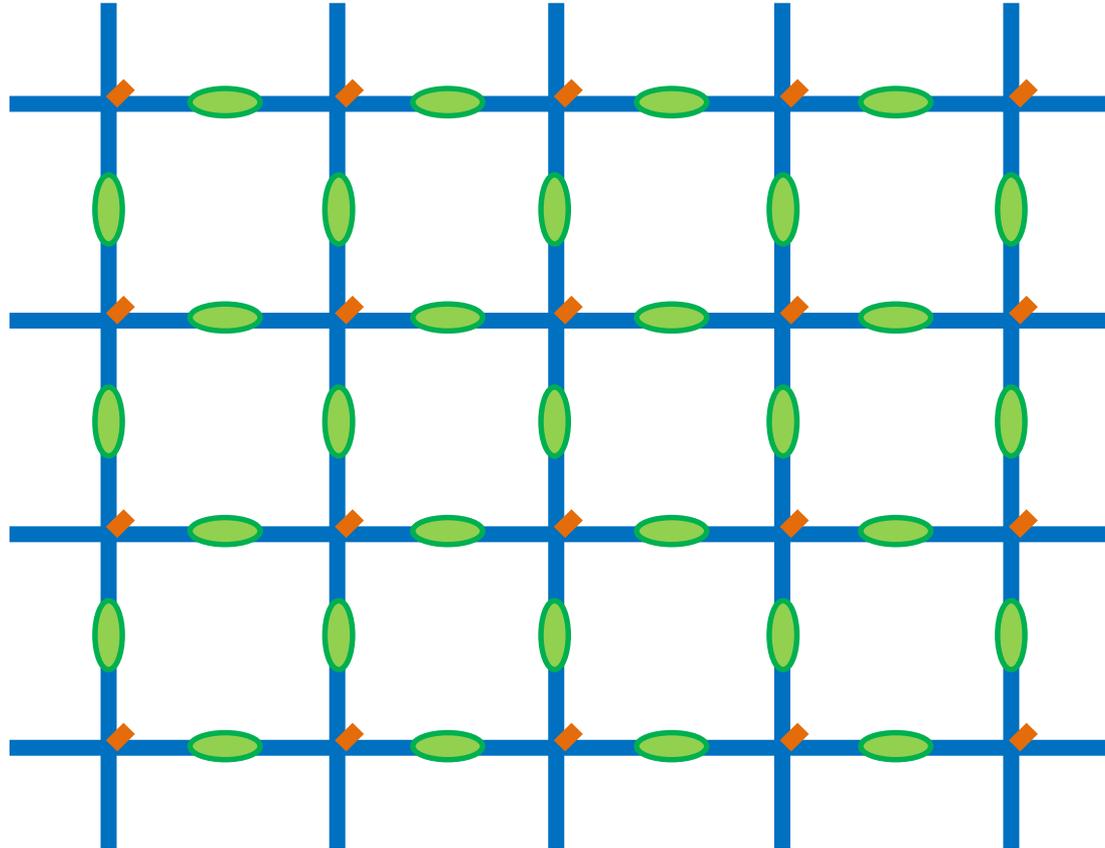
$$|\psi_0\rangle = \langle\Omega_v| \prod_\ell \omega_\ell \prod_{\mathbf{x}} A(\mathbf{x}) |\Omega\rangle$$

- An entanglement area law is satisfied by construction.
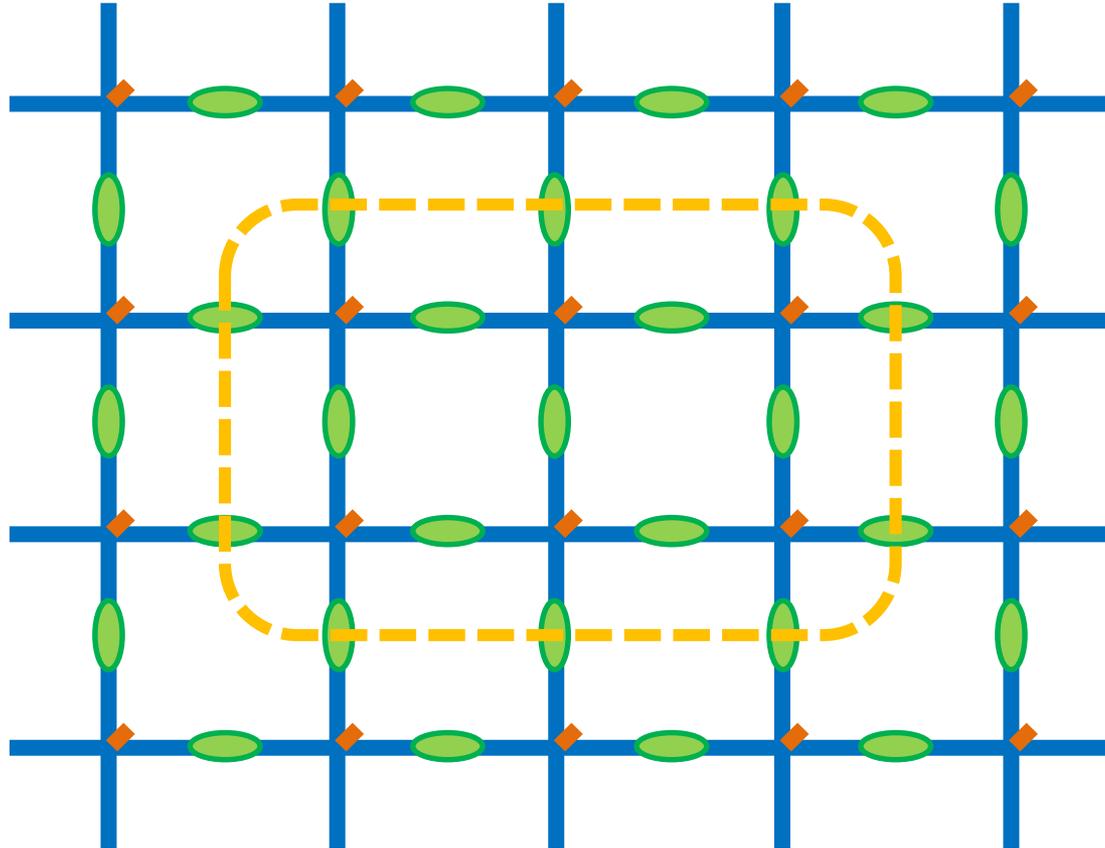
- Demanding global symmetry:

  - Acting with a group transformation on the **physical** degrees of freedom is equivalent to acting on the **auxiliary** ones.
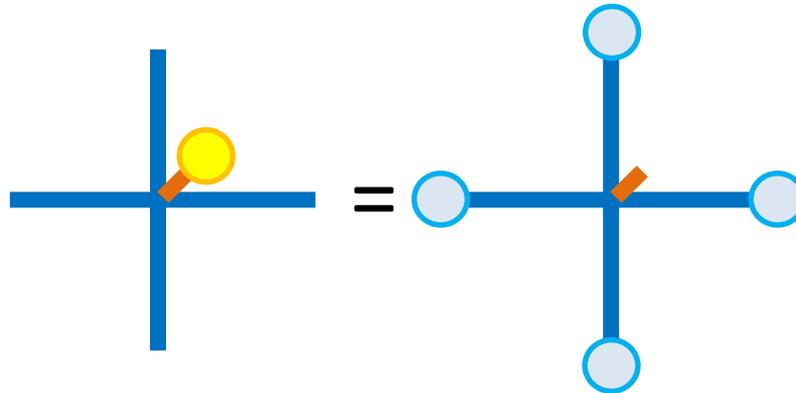
 - Projectors are invariant under group actions from both sides.

Global Transformation: $e^{i\Lambda\sum\limits_{\mathbf{x}}Q(\mathbf{x})}|\psi_0\rangle$
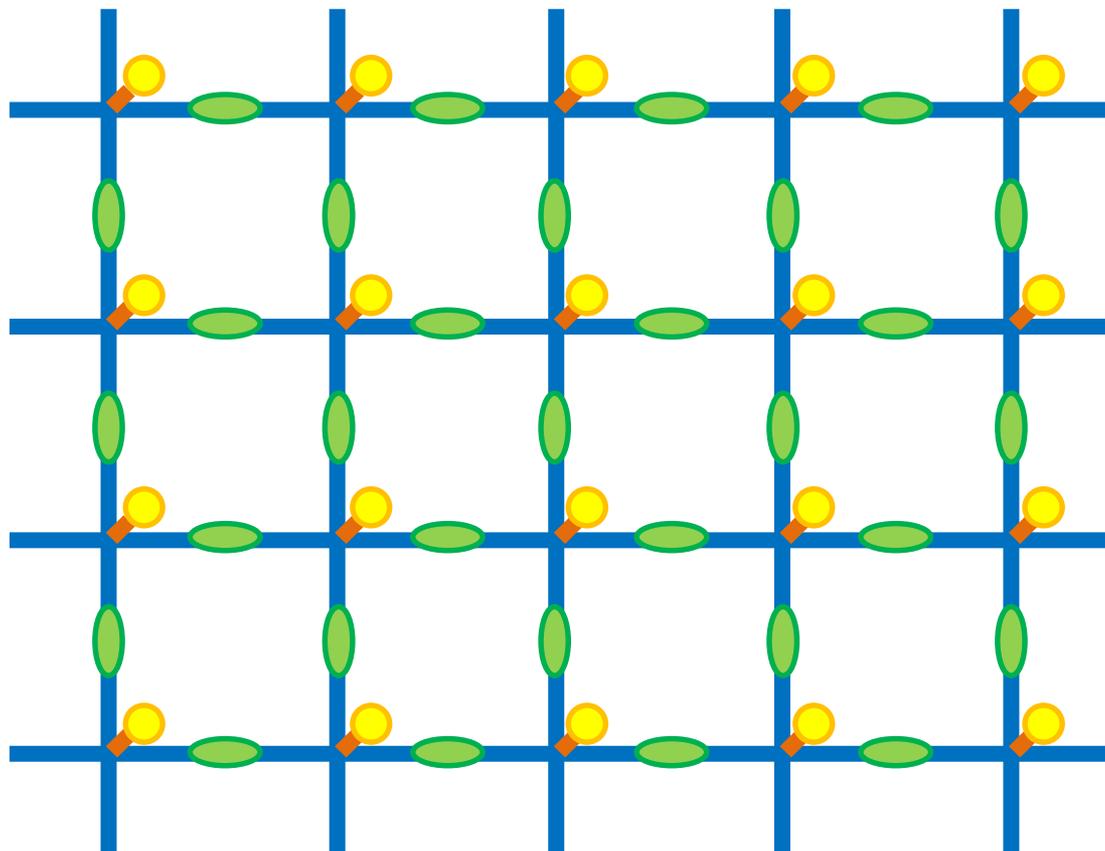
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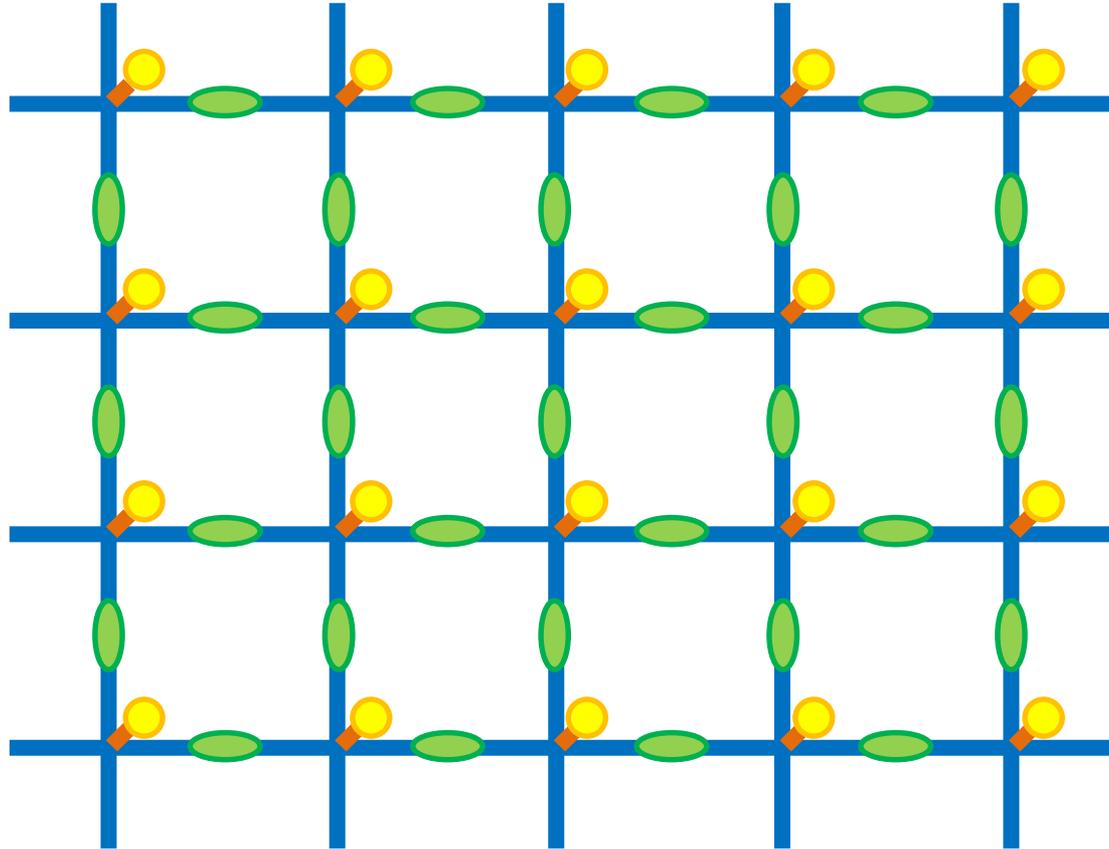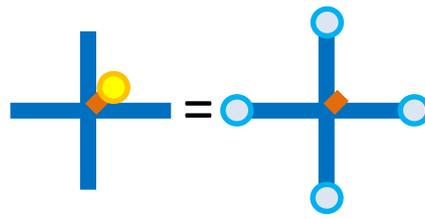
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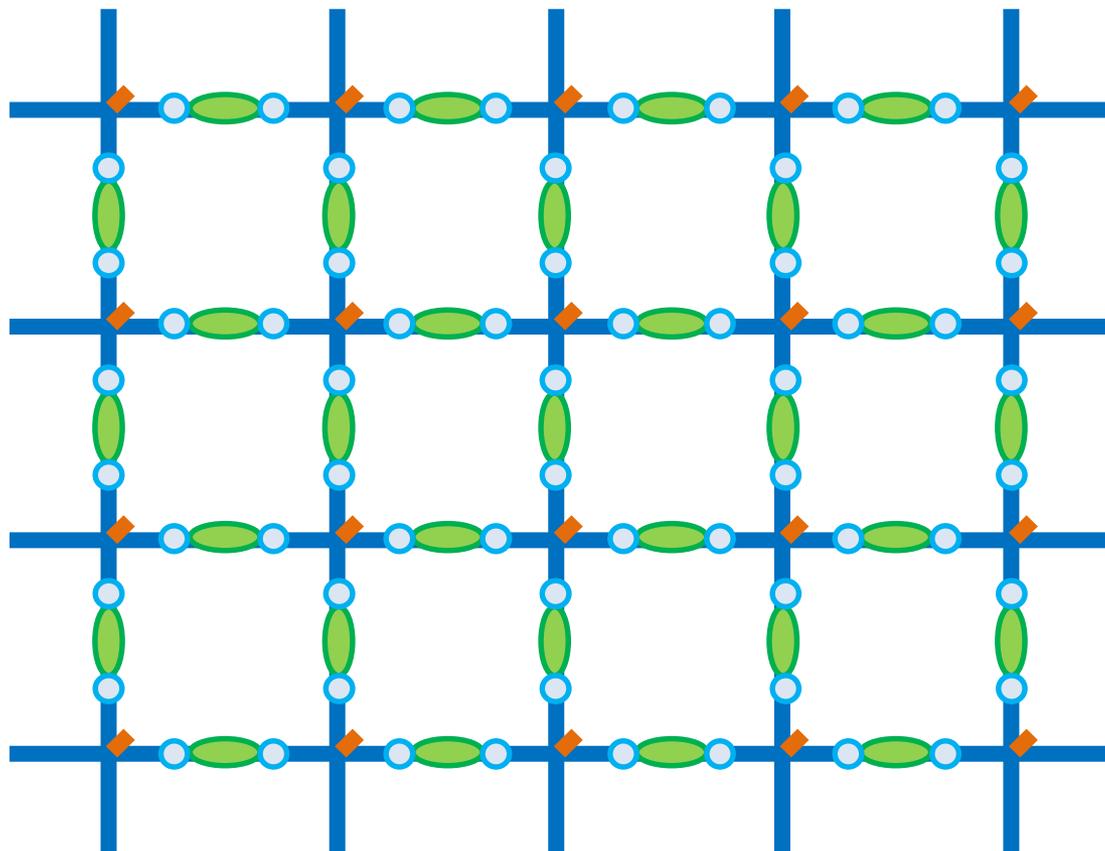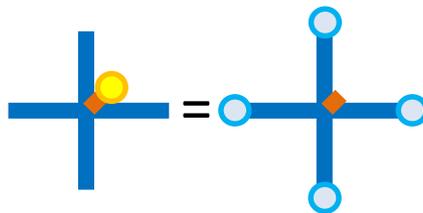
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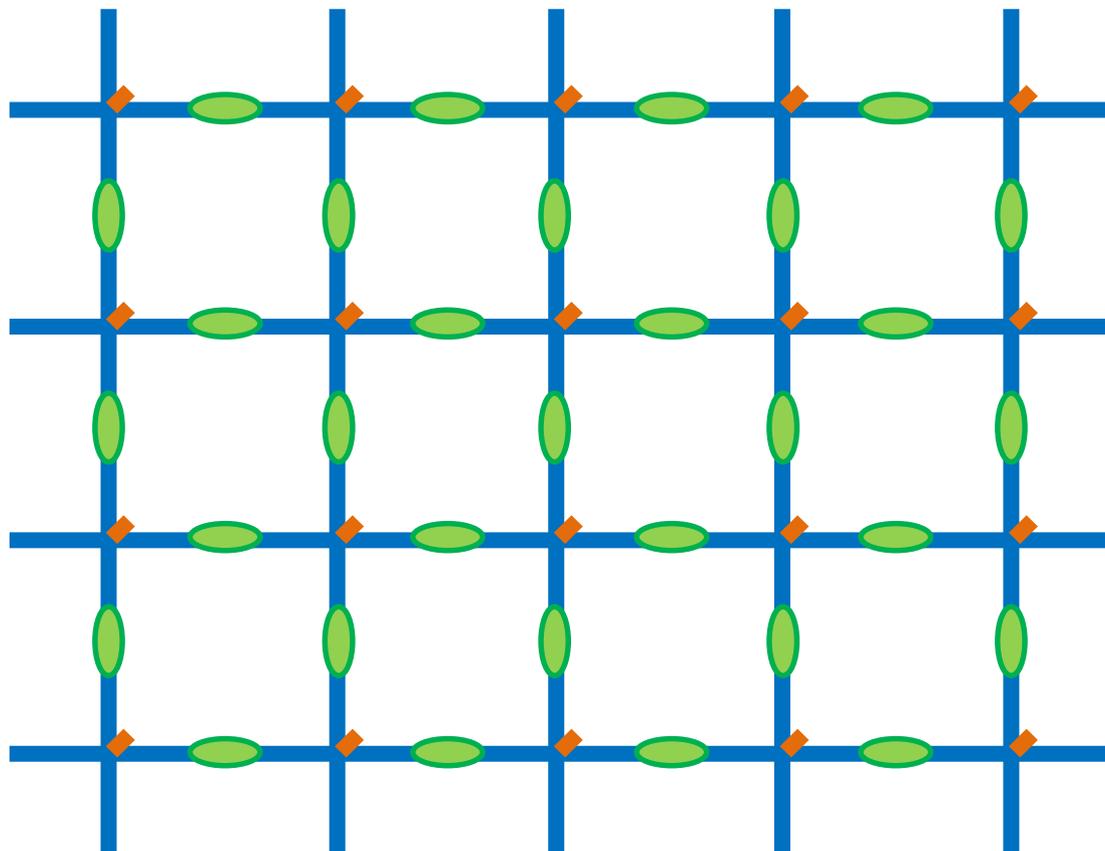
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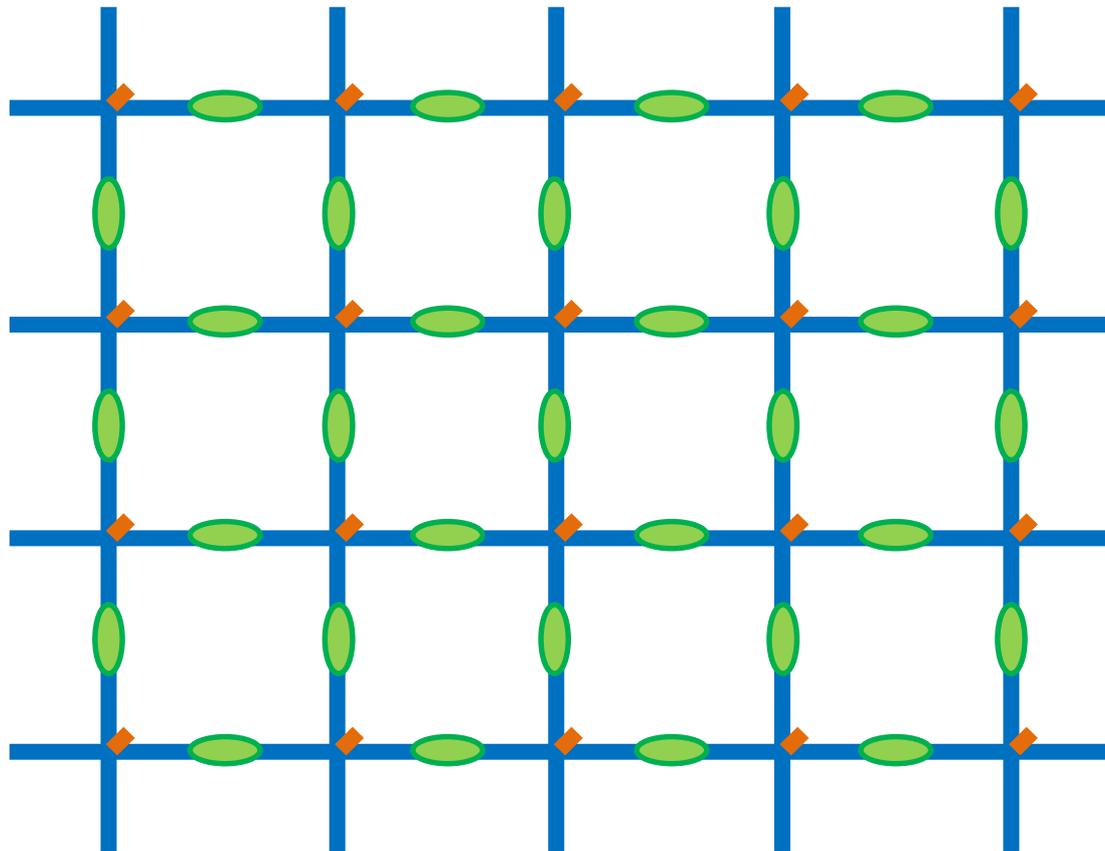
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Virtual vs. Physical Gauge Invariance

Virtual- PEPS

Physical – LGT states
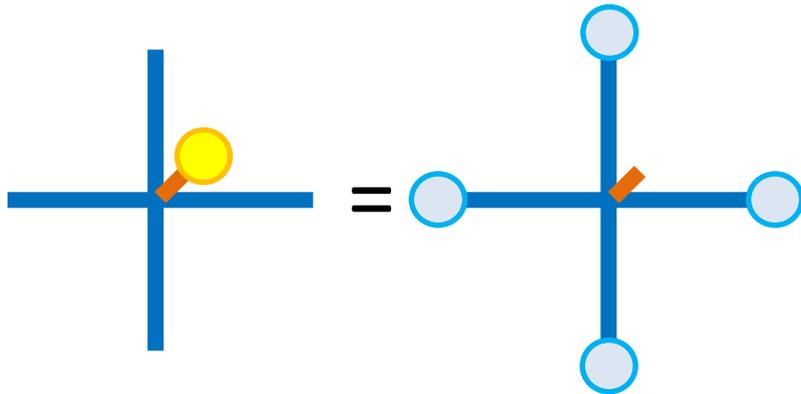
Physical charge, but auxiliary electric fields: local symmetry exists, but it auxiliary/virtual. The physical symmetry is global, after the bonds projection.
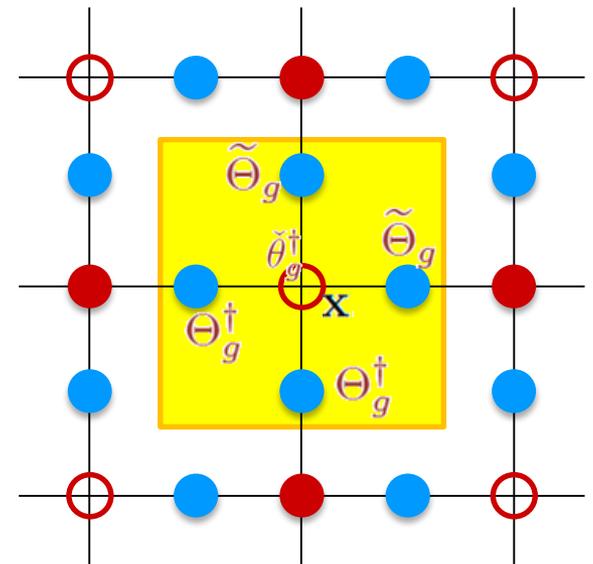
$$\hat{\Theta}_g\left(\mathbf{x}\right) = \prod_{k=1\ldots d}\left(\widetilde{\Theta}_g\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\Theta_g^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{x}-\hat{\mathbf{k}},k\right)\right)\breve{\theta}_g^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{x}\right)$$

$$\hat{\Theta}_g\left(\mathbf{x}\right)\left|\Psi\right\rangle = \left|\Psi\right\rangle \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, g$$

Gauging the PEPS: minimal coupling of a state

- Lift the **virtual** symmetry to be **physical**:
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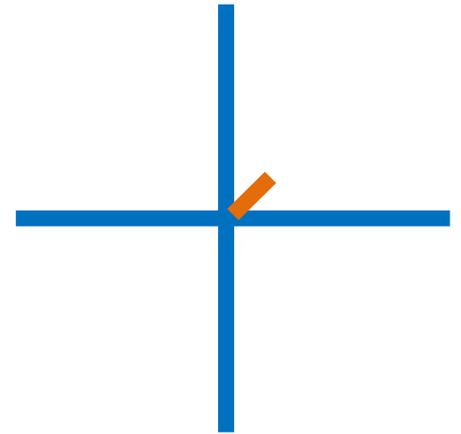
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- Step 1: Introduce **gauge field Hilbert spaces** on the links. Add (by a tensor product) the gauge field singlet states:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \langle \Omega_v | \prod_\ell \omega_\ell \prod_{\mathbf{x}} A(\mathbf{x}) |\Omega\rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

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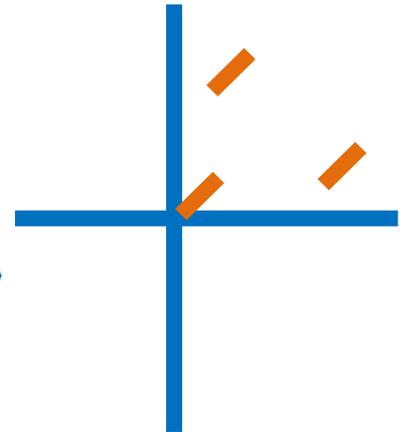
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- Step 2: Entangle the **auxiliary degrees** on the outgoing links with the **gauge fields**, by a unitary **gauging transformation** (map the auxiliary electric field information to the physical one)

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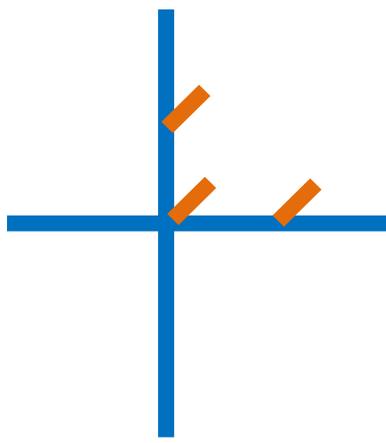
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Building block of a globally invariant PEPS
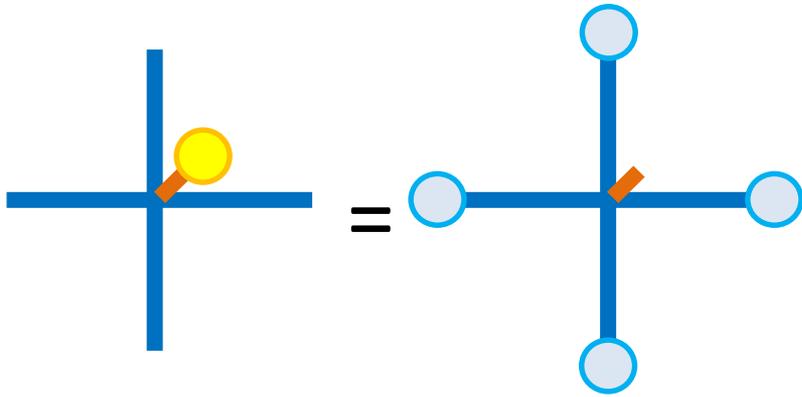
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Gauging Transformation

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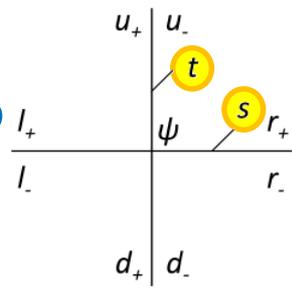
- The state is not Gaussian anymore, but rather a "generalized Gaussian state"

- Gaussian mapping and formalism are generally not valid, but **the parameterization of the original states "survives"**:

  - Translation invariance → Charge conjugation

  - Rotation invariance → Rotation invariance

  - Global invariance → Local gauge invariance:

    - "Virtual Gauss law" → Physical Gauss laws

$$\widetilde{\Theta}_g^r \, \widetilde{\Theta}_g^u \, \Theta_g^{l\dagger} \, \Theta_g^{d\dagger} \, \Theta_g^{\dagger p}$$

$$\hat{\Theta}_g(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{k=1\ldots d} \left(\widetilde{\Theta}_g(\mathbf{x}, k) \, \Theta_g^\dagger\left(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}, k\right) \right) \check{\theta}_g^\dagger(\mathbf{x})$$

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Example: The phases of the pure gauge theory – $U(1)$

B,C,D – clear results from the Wilson loops (also from other computations, such as the Creutz parameter)

A,D – also some analytical results from $1/z$ or $1/y$ expansions.

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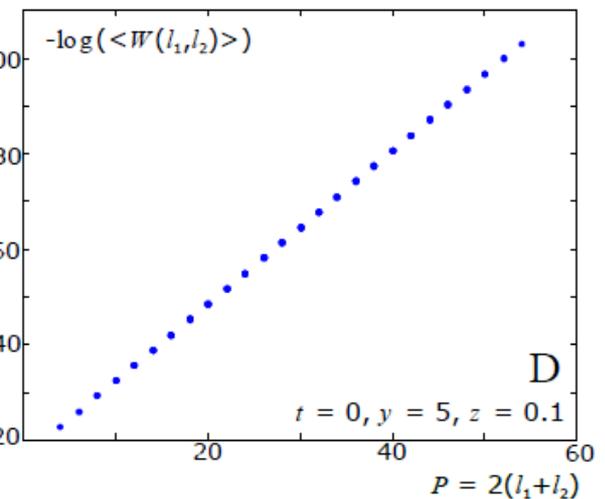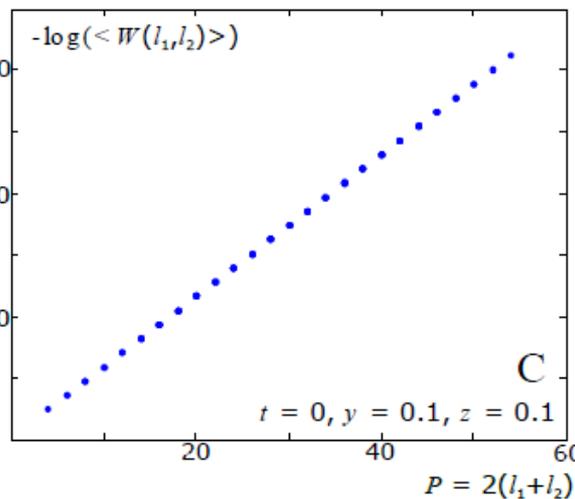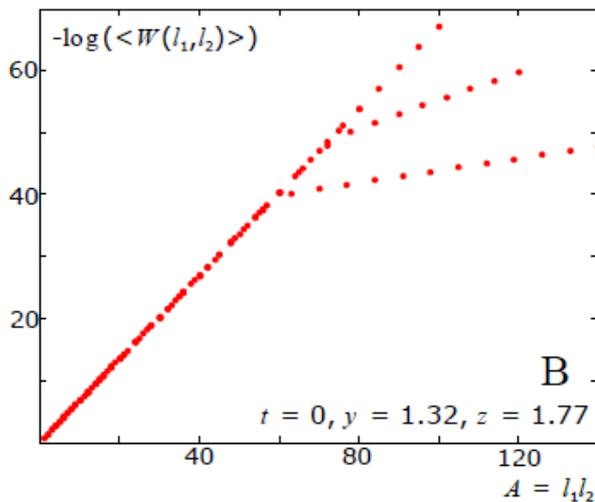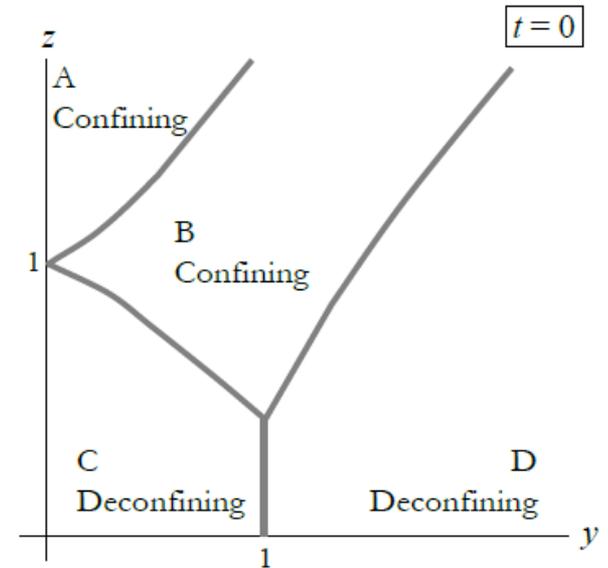
Example: The phases of the pure gauge theory – *SU*(2)

Perimeter law everywhere (Numerical calculation + perturbative expansions where applicable)

I – gapped – "Higgs"-like
II – gapless – "Coulomb"-like

Supported by flux line configuration observations:

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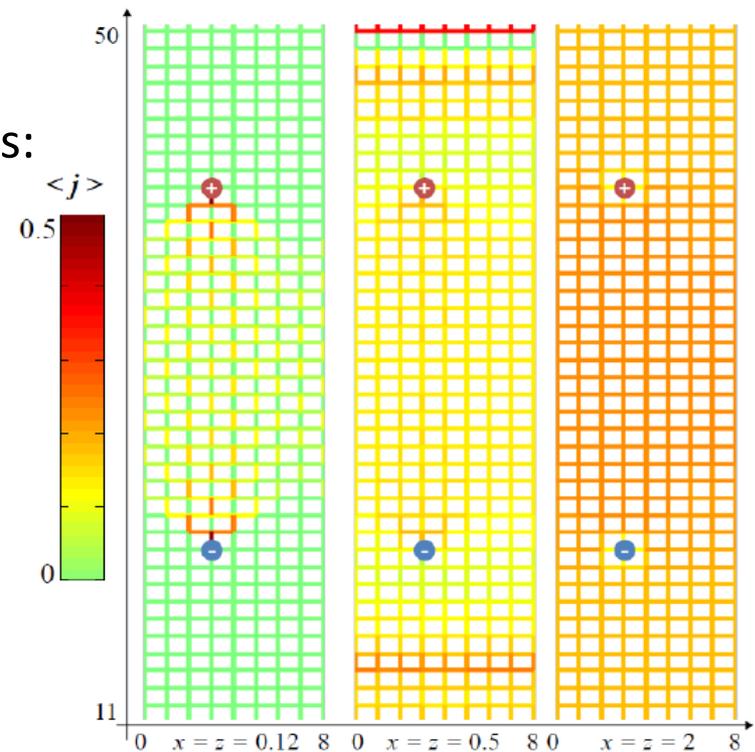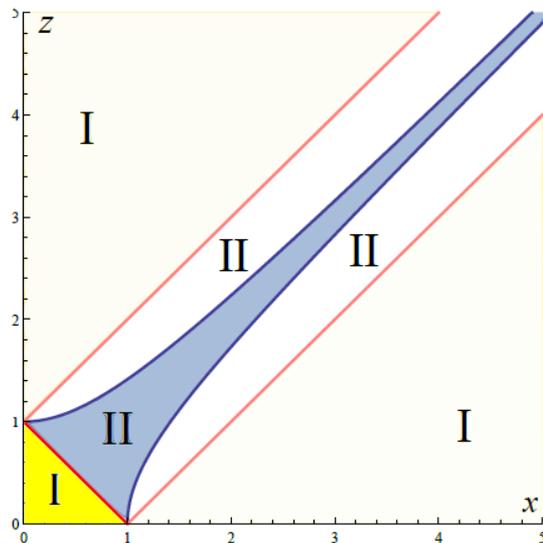
MPS – Numerical Approach

- **Mostly in 1+1d**, combining MPS (Matrix Product States) with White's **DMRG (Density Matrix Renormalization Group)**; have been widely and successfully used for various many body models, mostly from condensed matter, for
  - Variational studies of ground states
  - Thermal equilibrium properties
  - Dynamics

- Very successfully applied to 1+1d lattice gauge theories

- High dimensional generalizations: challenging and demanding scaling, generally unavailable (see, however, recent works by Corboz)

Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

- It is possible to express our states in **a basis**, that allows one to perform **efficient Monte-Carlo calculations**

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G}\,|\mathcal{G}\rangle\,|\psi\,(\mathcal{G})\rangle$$

- $|\mathcal{G}\rangle$ is a **fixed configuration state of the gauge field on the links**.

$$|\mathcal{G}\rangle \equiv \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x},k}|g\,(\mathbf{x},k)\rangle \qquad \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} = \prod_{\mathbf{x},k}dg\,(\mathbf{x},k)$$

$$\langle\mathcal{G}'|\mathcal{G}\rangle = \delta\,(\mathcal{G}',\mathcal{G})$$

- $|\psi\,(\mathcal{G})\rangle$ is a **fermionic Gaussian state**, representing **fermions coupled to a static, background gauge field** $\mathcal{G}$.

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- Configuration states are eigenstates of functions of group element operators:

$$U_{mn}^{j}\,|g\rangle = D_{mn}^{j}\left(g\right)\,|g\rangle \qquad\qquad |\mathcal{G}\rangle \equiv \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x},k} |g\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\rangle$$

$$F\left(\left\{U_{mn}^{j}\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\right\}\right)|\mathcal{G}\rangle = F\left(\left\{D_{mn}^{j}\left(g\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\right)\right\}\right)|\mathcal{G}\rangle$$

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Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

- Wilson Loops:

$$W(C) \;=\; \text{Tr}\left(\prod_{\{\mathbf{x},k\}\in C} U(\mathbf{x},k)\right)$$

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- **The fermionic calculation is easy, through the gaussian formalism: very efficient, no sign problem**

Monte Carlo integration!

Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

- The method is extendable to further physical observables (e.g. mesonic operators and electric energy operators), always involving the **probability density function**

$$p\left(\mathcal{G}\right) = \frac{\langle\psi\left(\mathcal{G}\right)|\psi\left(\mathcal{G}\right)\rangle}{\int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G}' \langle\psi\left(\mathcal{G}'\right)|\psi\left(\mathcal{G}'\right)\rangle}$$

  and possibly elements of the **covariance matrix of the Gaussian state** $|\psi\left(\mathcal{G}\right)\rangle$, which could be calculated very efficiently.

- **It is possible to contract gauged Gaussian fPEPS beyond 1+1d, and without the sign problem of conventional LGT methods (it is not a Euclidean path integral).**

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Illustration: phase diagram of pure gauge Z_3 PEPS in 2+1d

$$_z \langle U(0,1) U(e_1,2) U^\dagger(e_2,1) U^\dagger(0,2) \rangle_z$$

$$\langle W_L \rangle = \left\langle \prod_{m=0}^{7} U(me_1,1) \right\rangle$$

MC, 8x8
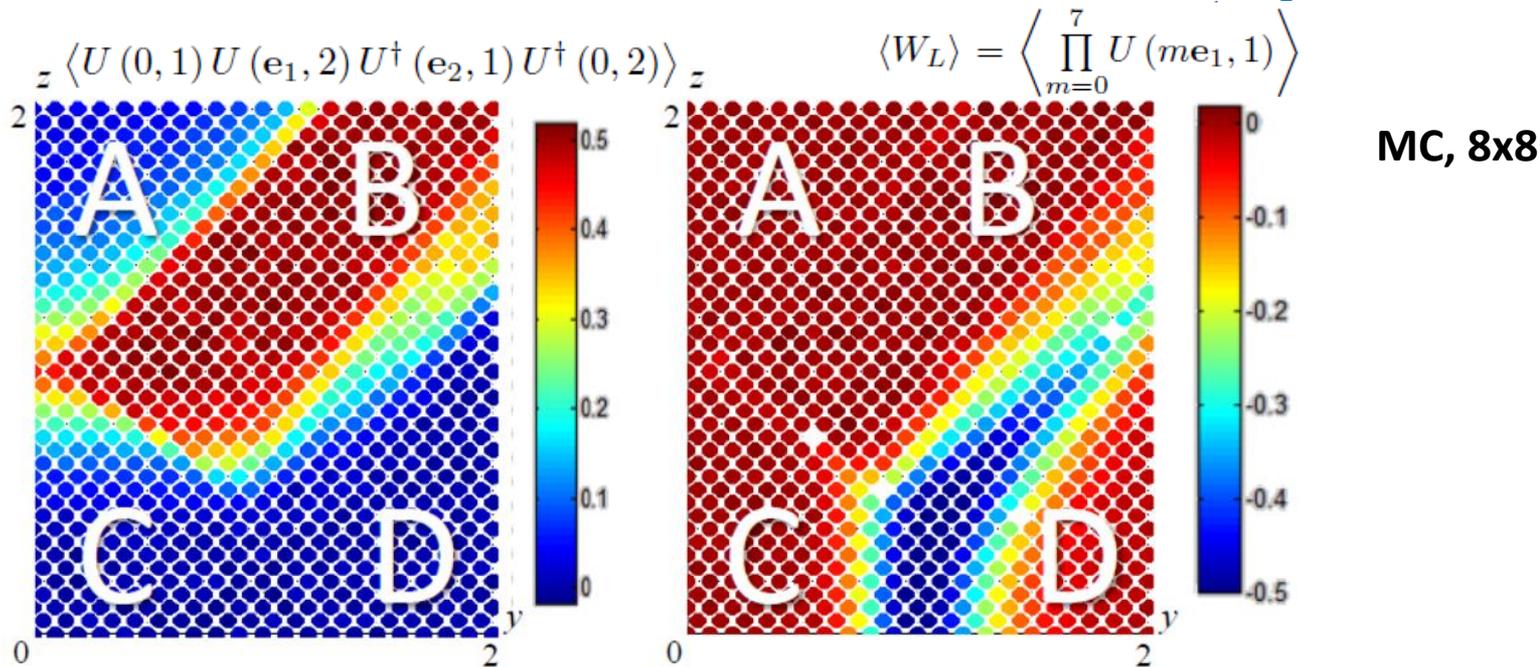
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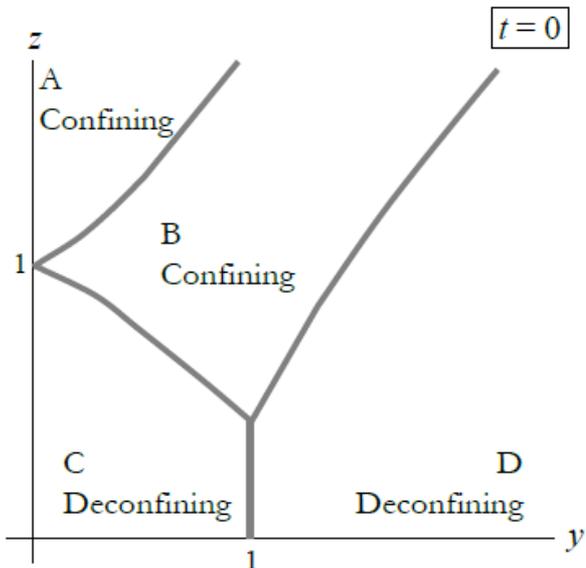
Exact contraction

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Summary

- **Lattice gauge theories** may be simulated by **ultracold atoms** in optical lattices. **Gauge invariance** may be obtained using several methods.

- **PEPS** are very useful for the study of many body systems with symmetries – **even when the symmetries are local**.

- The **gauged gaussian fermionic PEPS** construction could be **combined with Monte Carlo methods** for numerical studies in **larger systems and higher dimensions**, without the sign problem, and overcoming the scaling problems of extending MPS+DMRG to more than 1+1d.