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Higher Structures on Boundary Conformal Manifolds

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Apology

This talk is related to the generalized symmetry,
but I won't directly talk about symmetry itself.

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Q. Geometric Phase in Many-body system/Quantum Field Theory?

Plan of this talk

1. Multi-wavefunction overlap
2. Matrix Product Representation
3. Boundary Conformal Field Theory

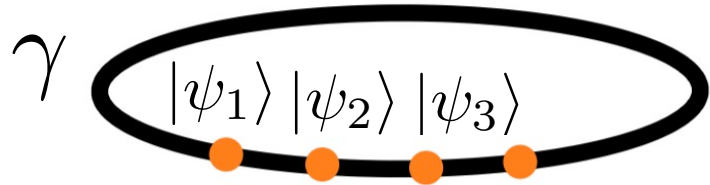
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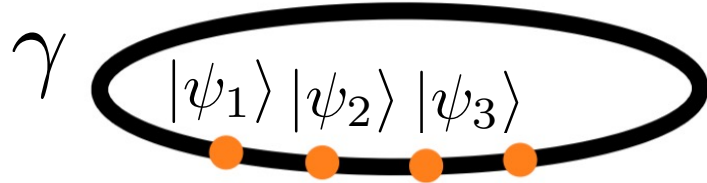
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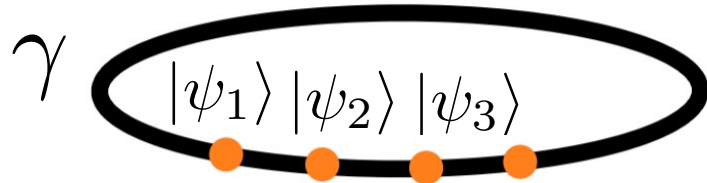


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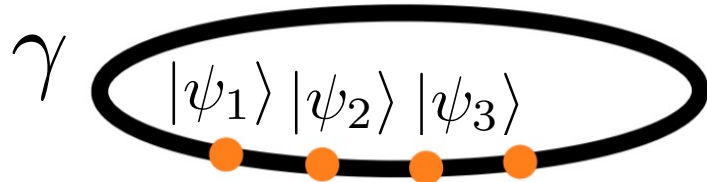
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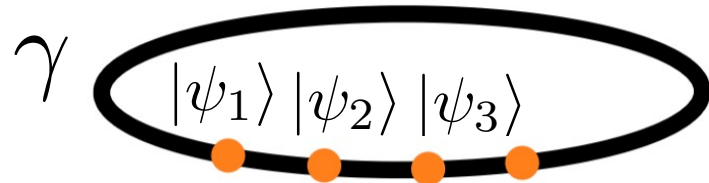
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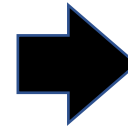
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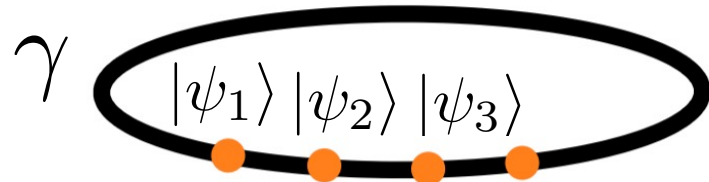

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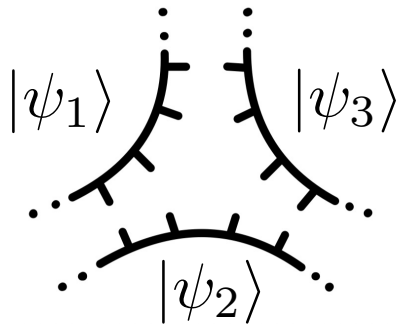
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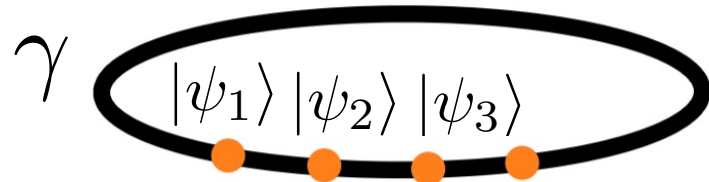
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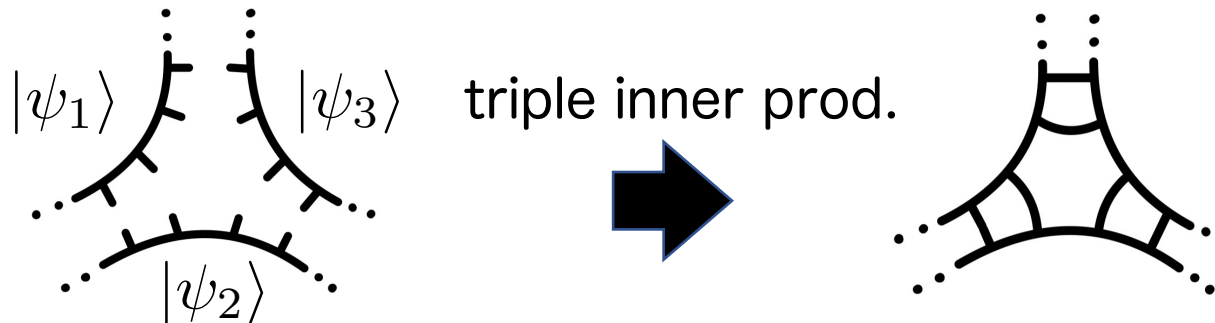
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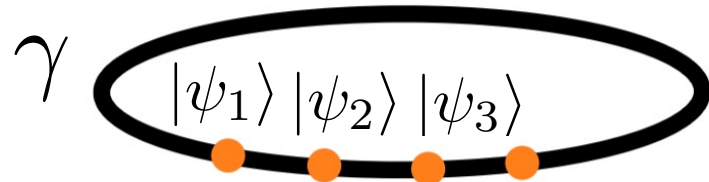
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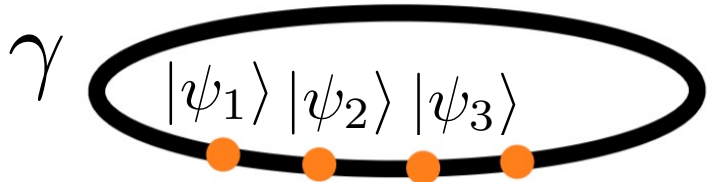
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Two implementations: (a) tensor network approach [arXiv:2304.05356](#)

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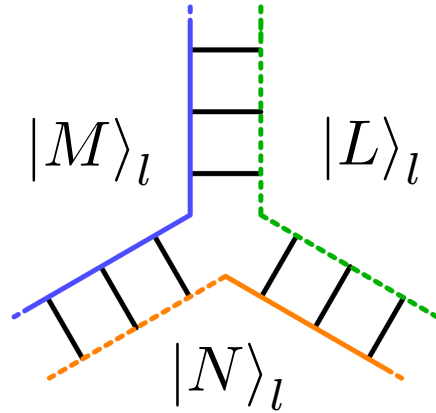
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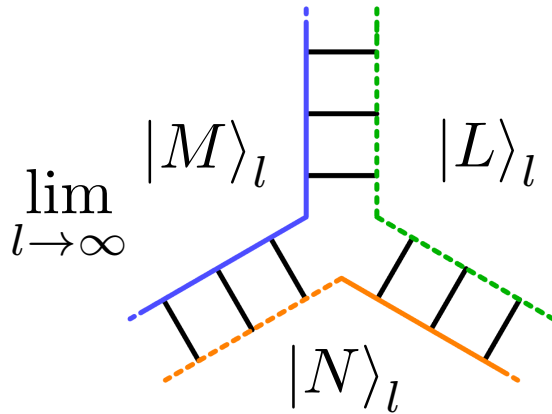
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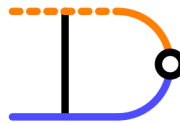
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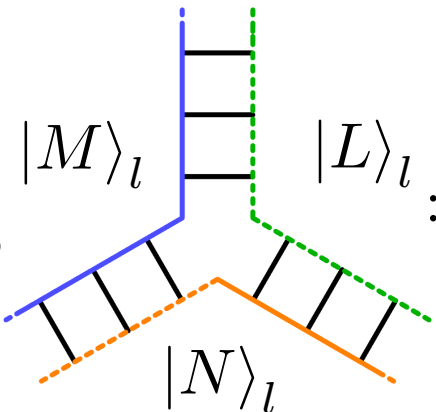
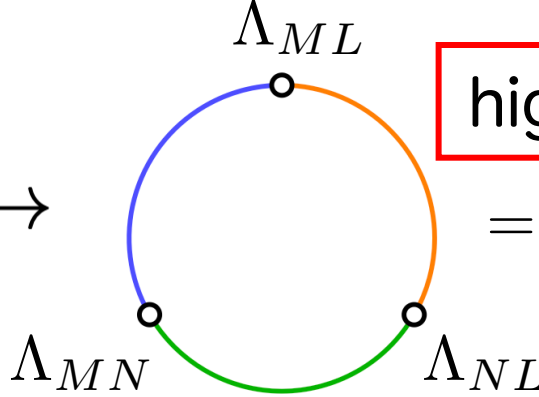
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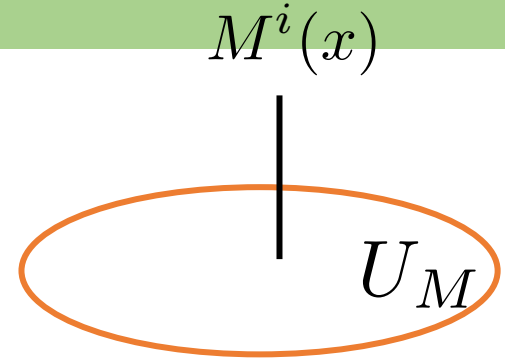
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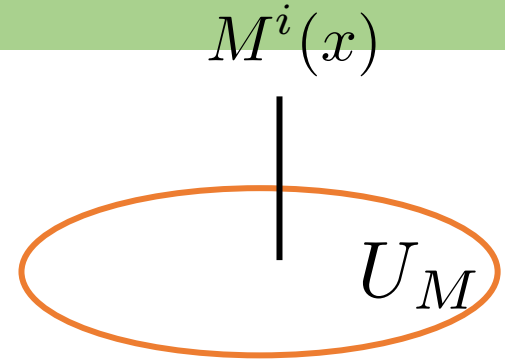
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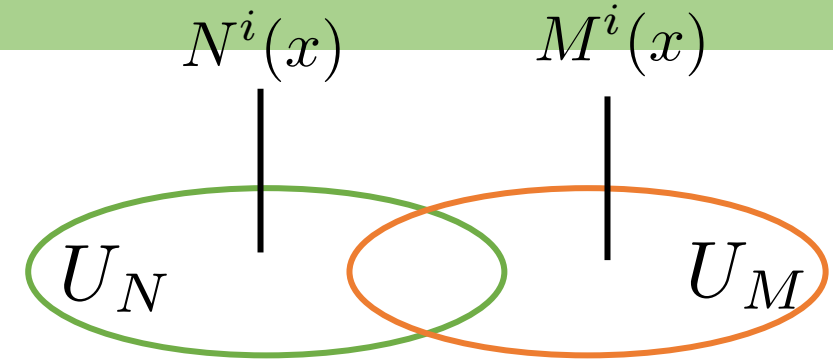
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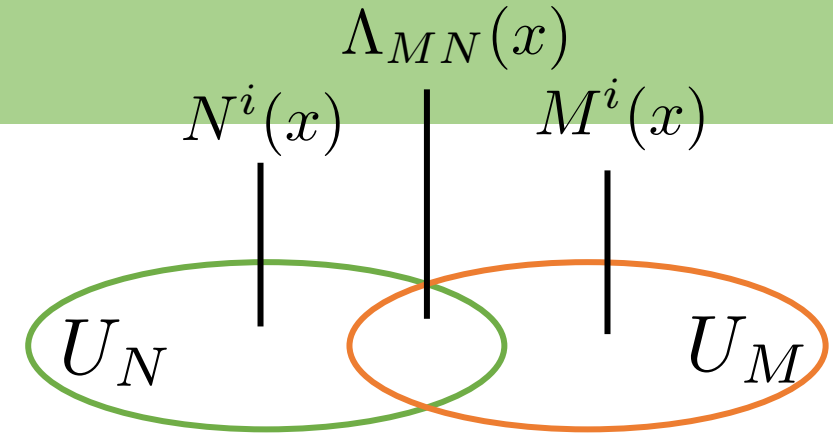
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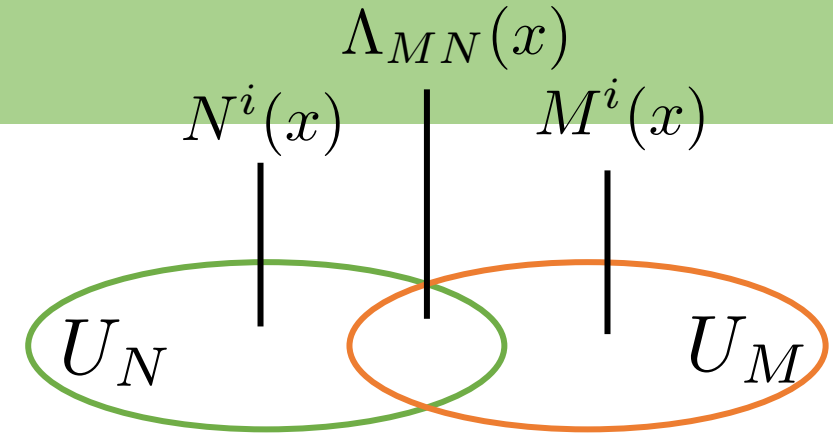
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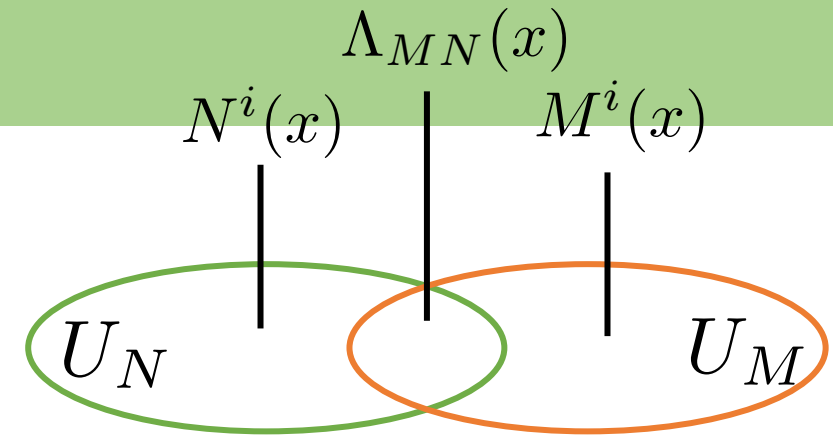
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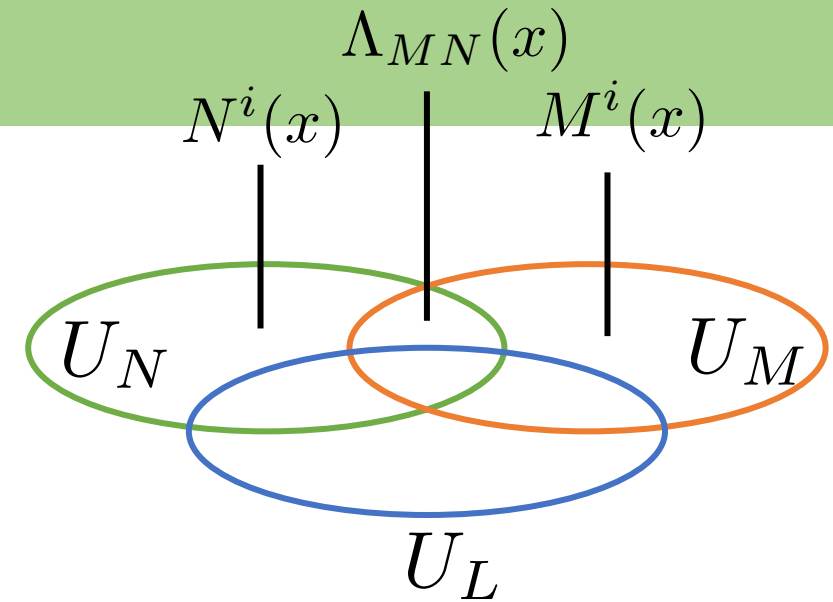
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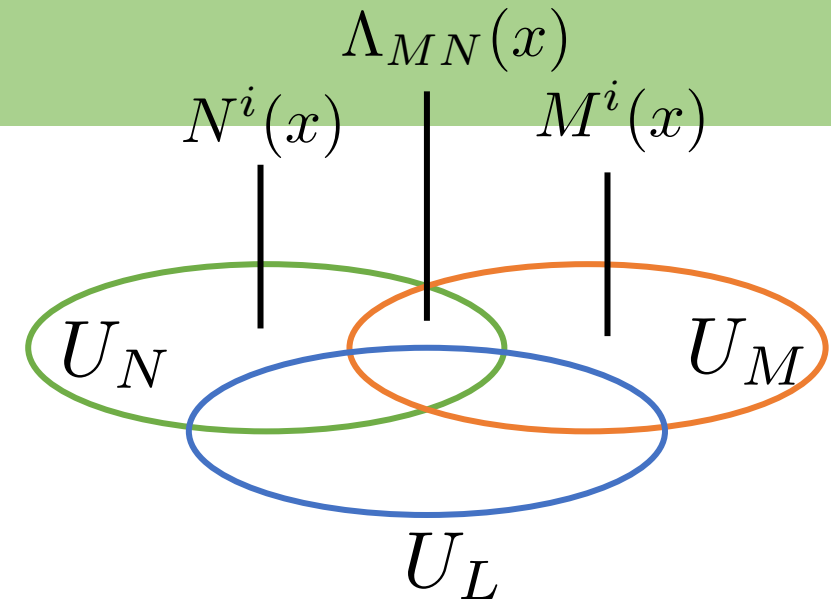
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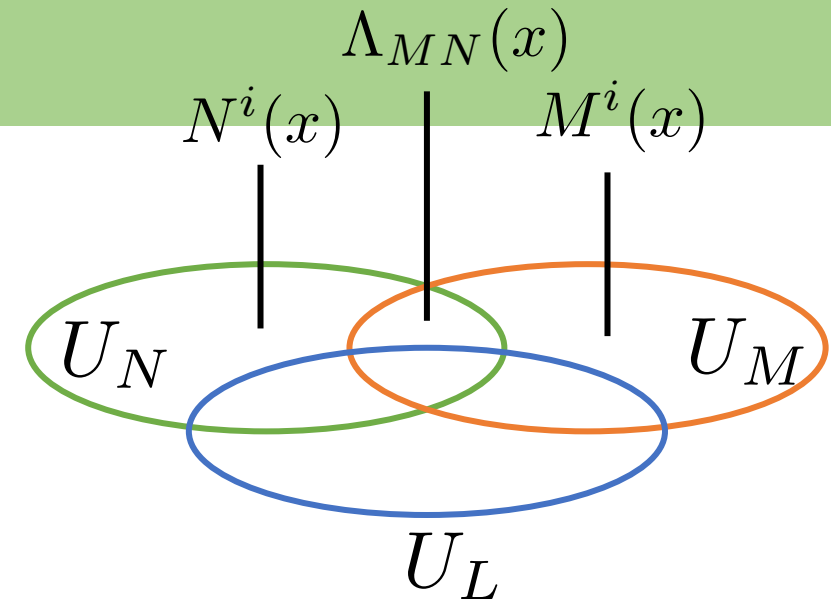
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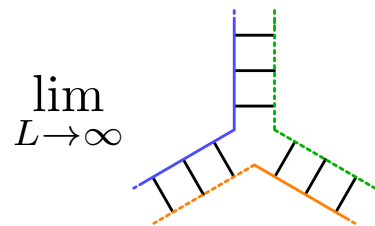
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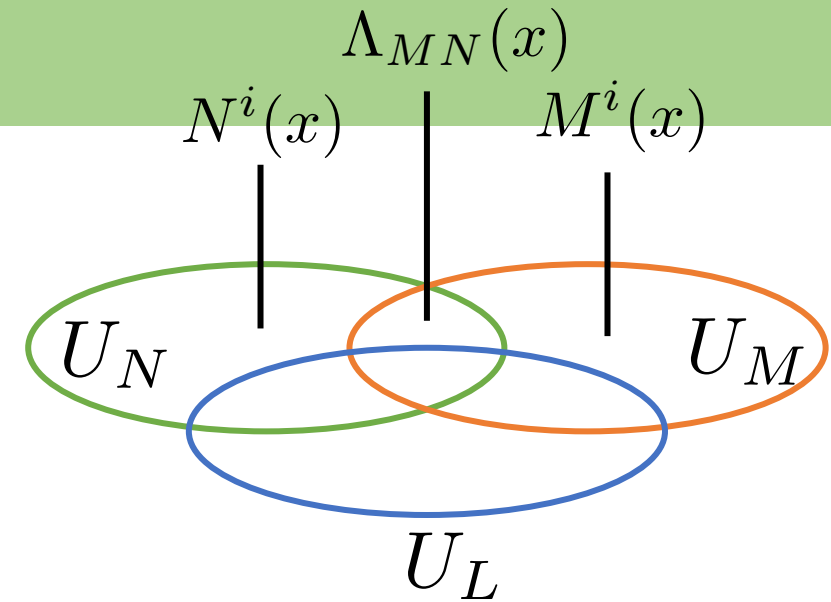
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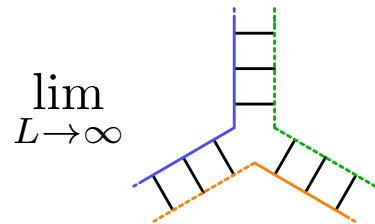
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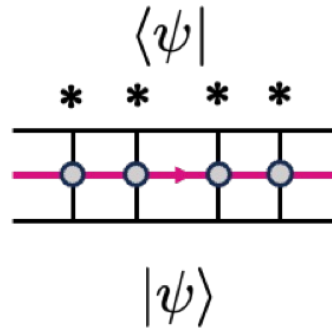
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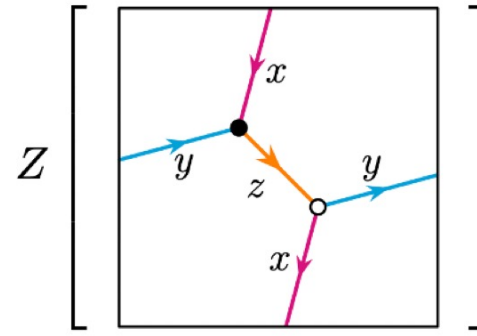
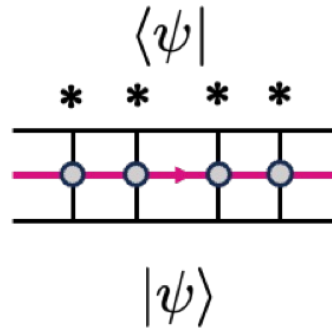
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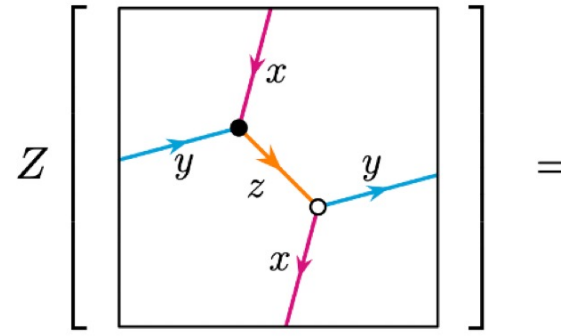
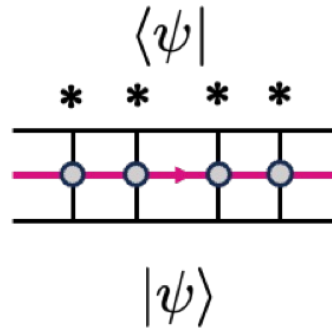
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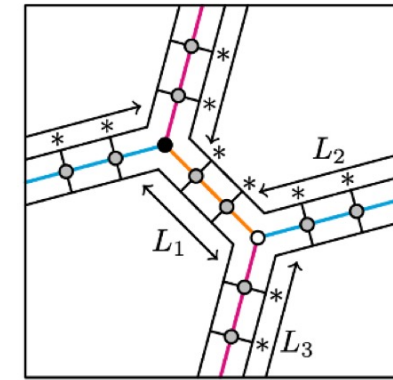
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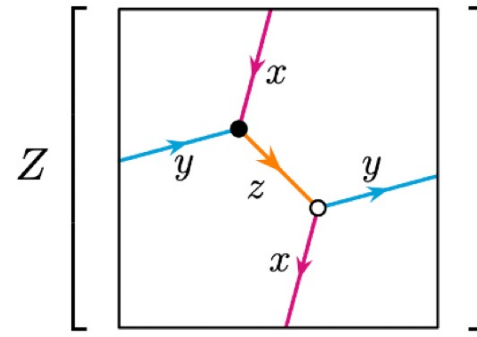
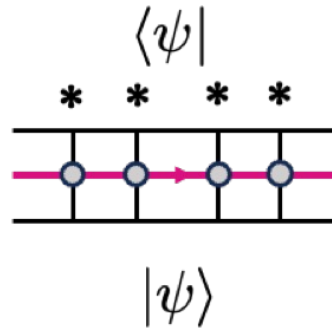
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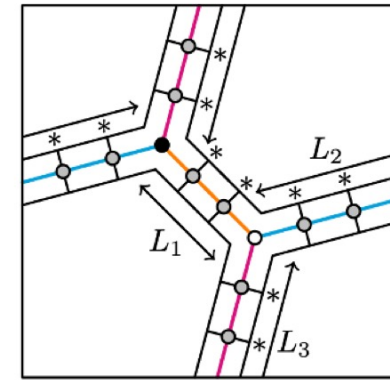
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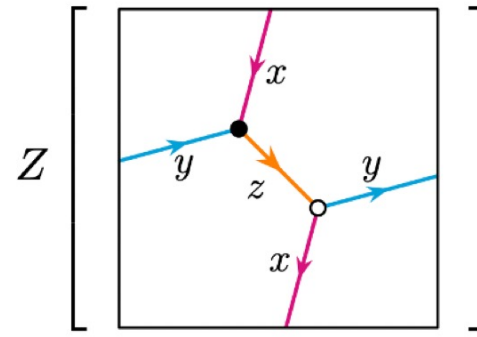
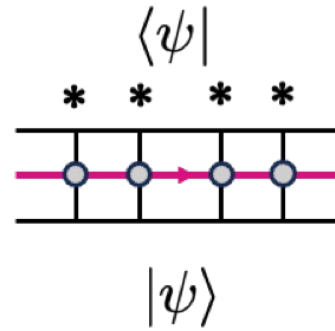
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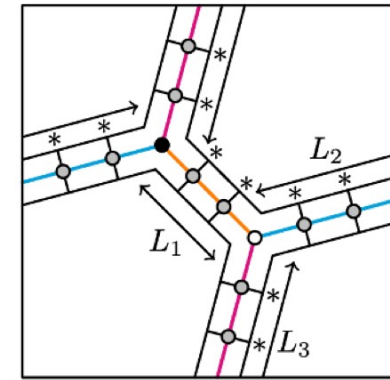
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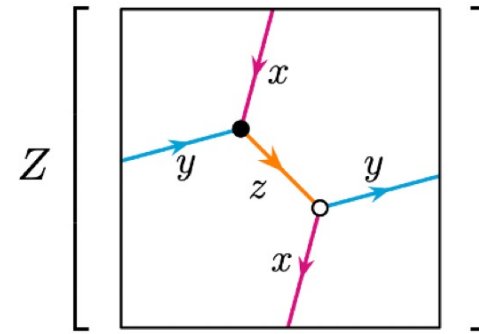
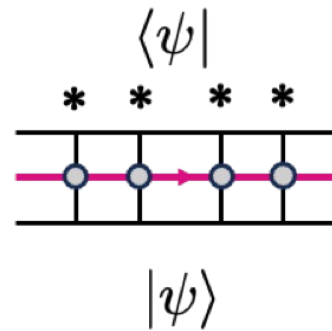
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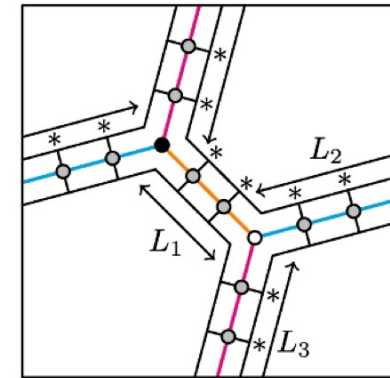
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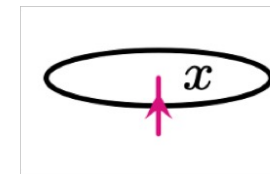
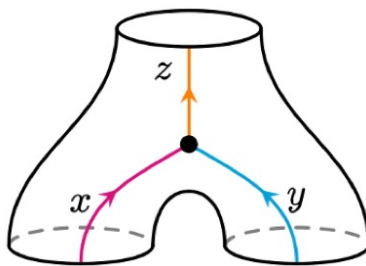
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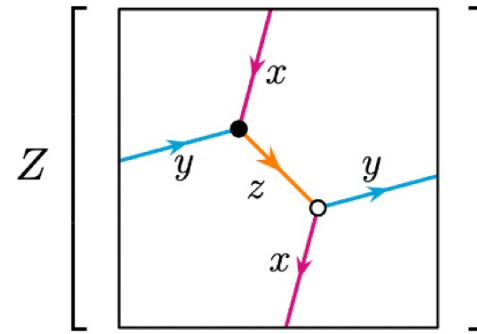
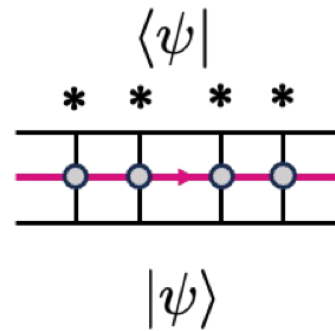
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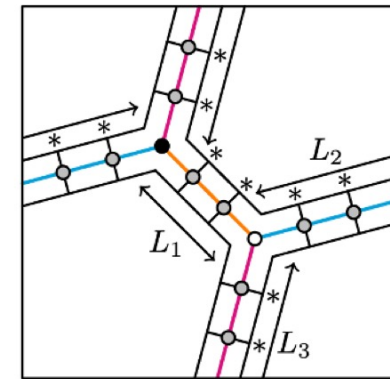
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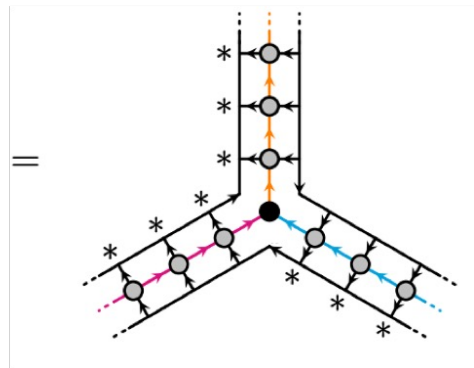
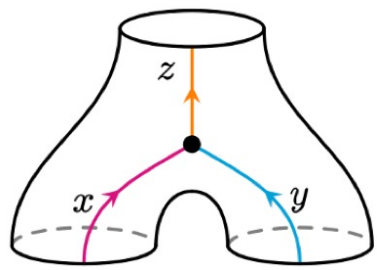
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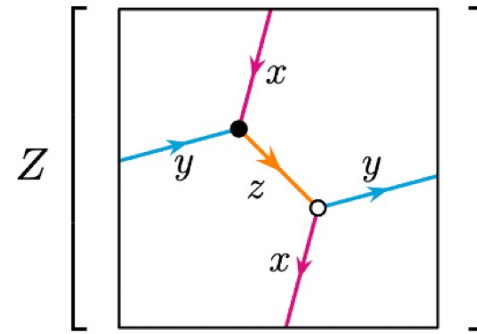
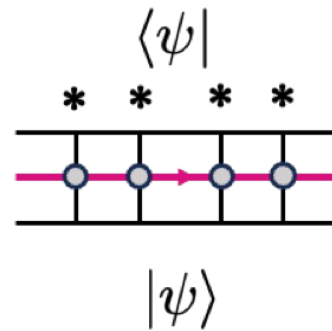
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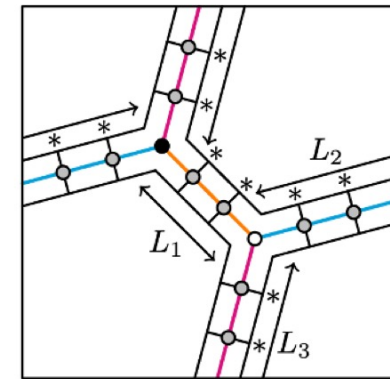
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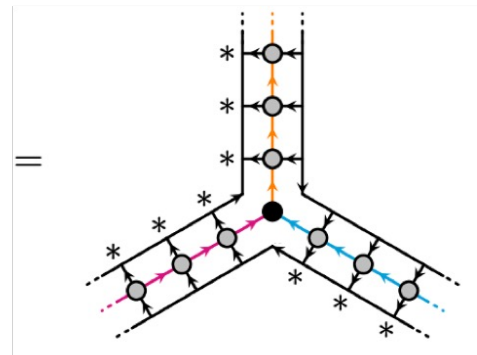
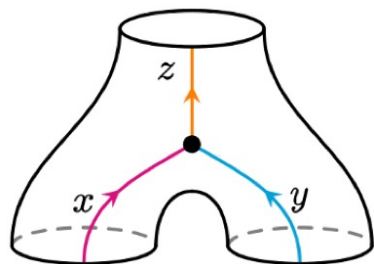
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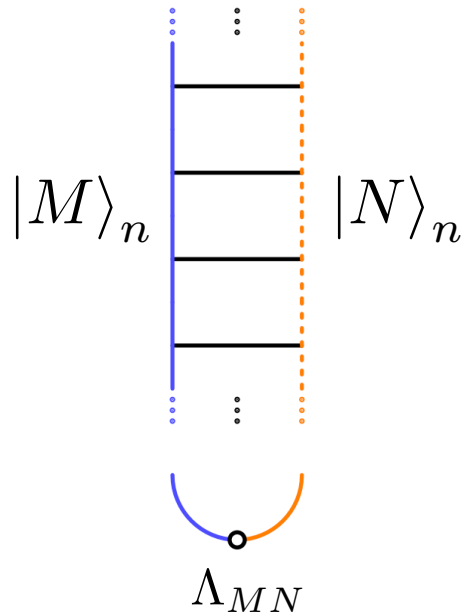
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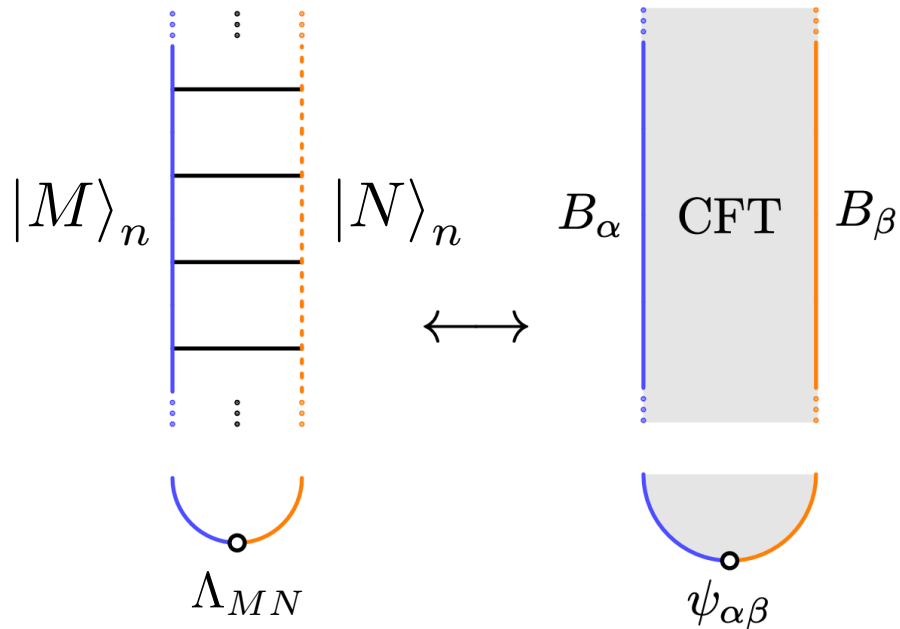
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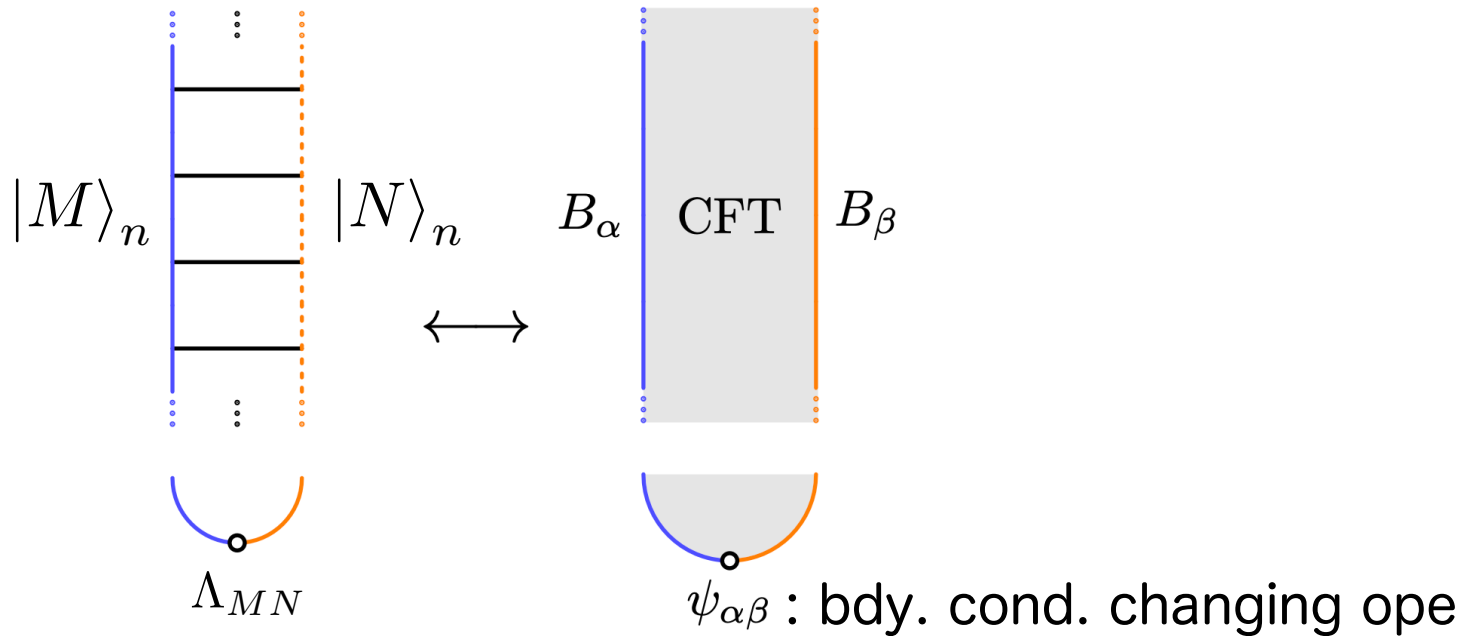
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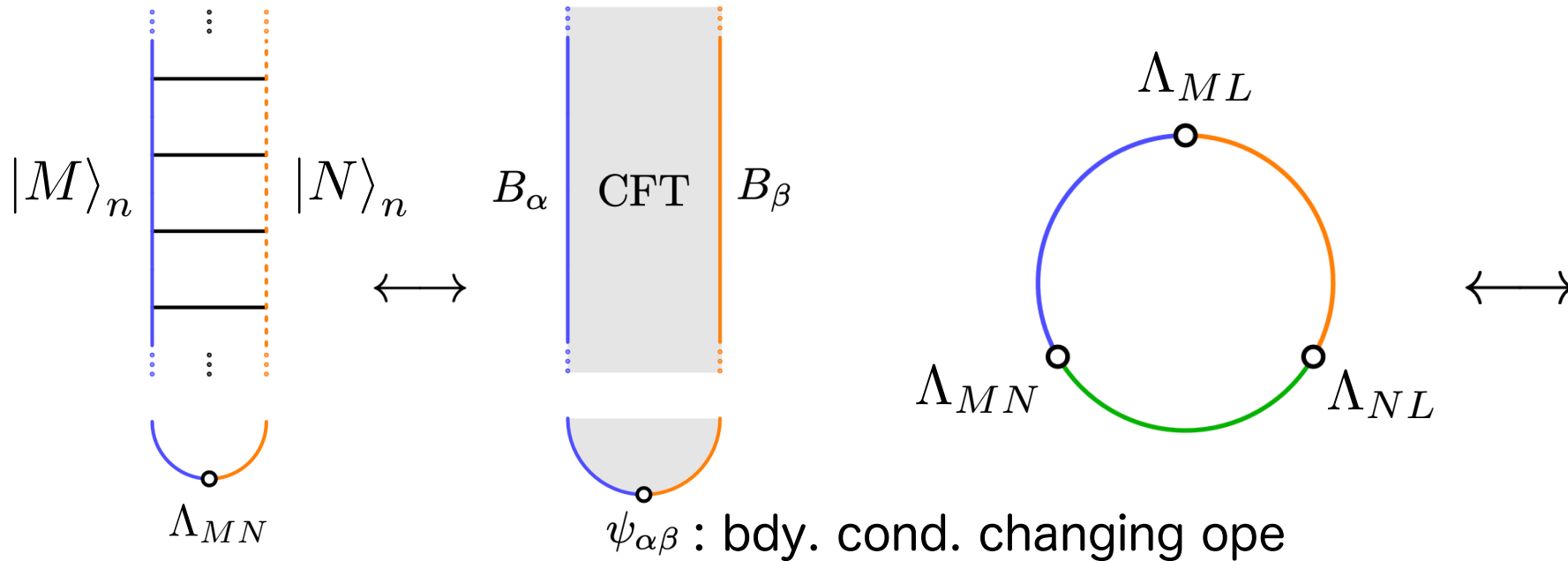
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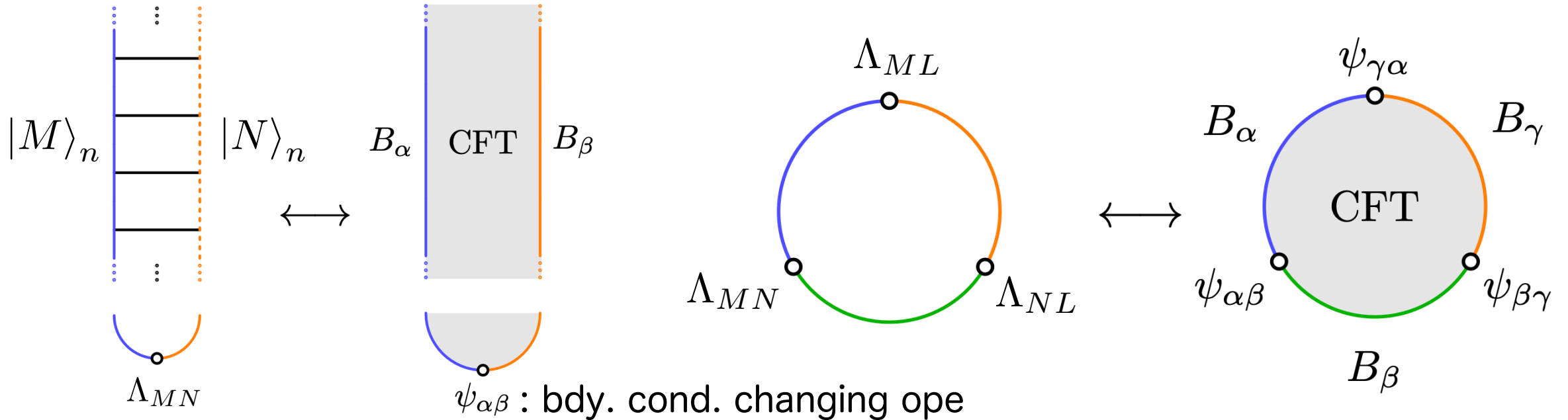
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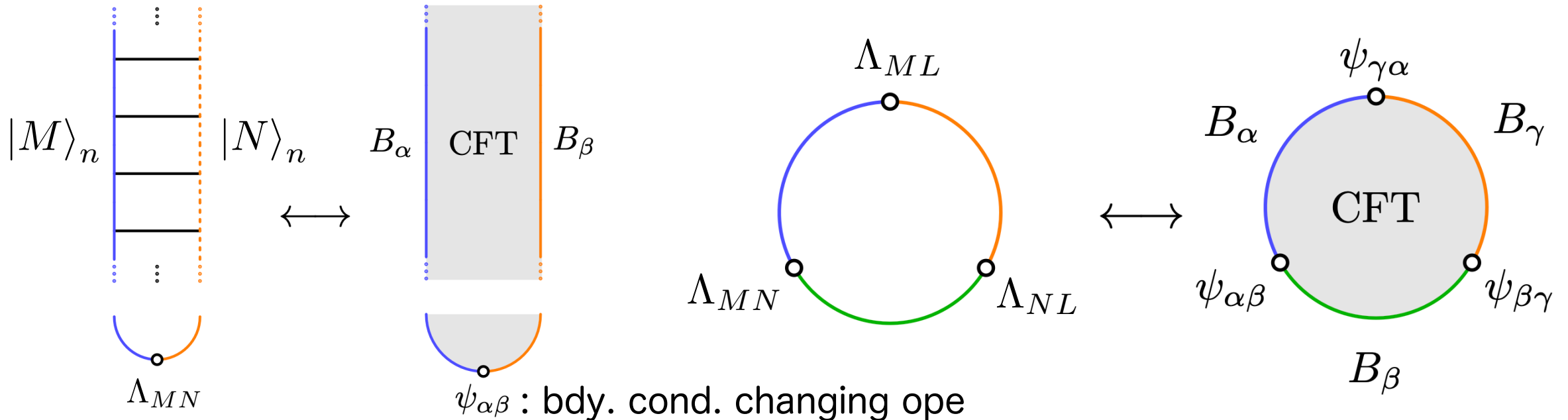
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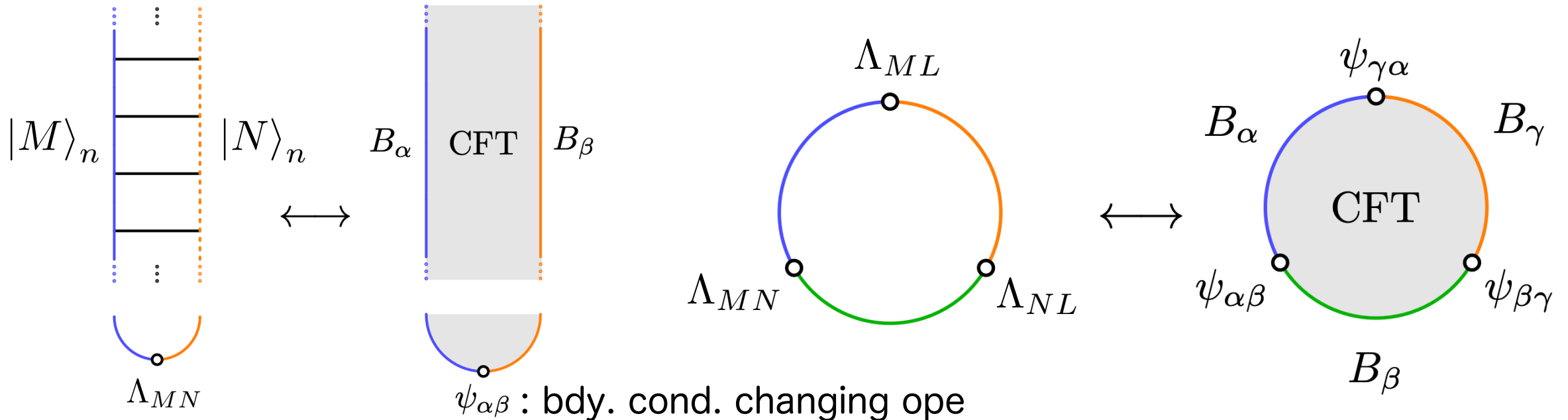
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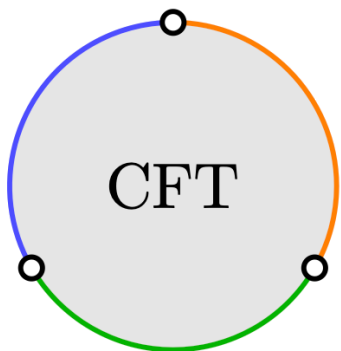
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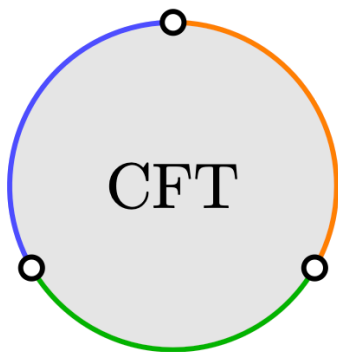
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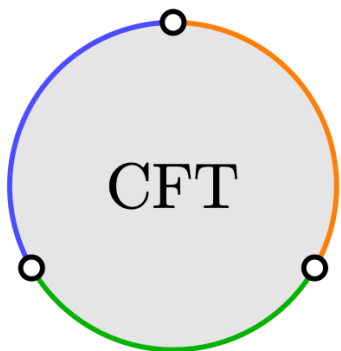
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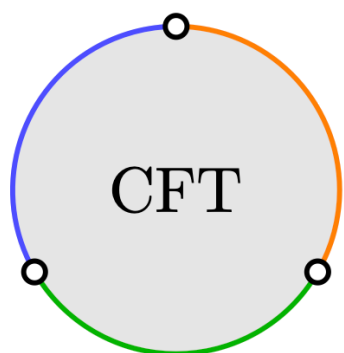
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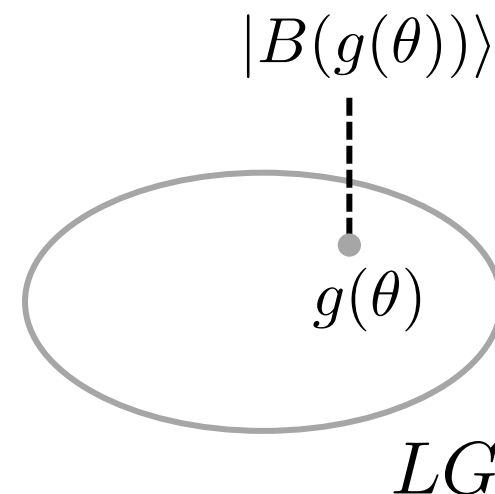
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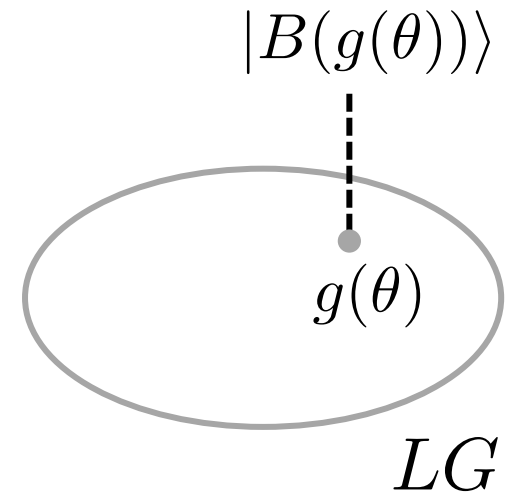
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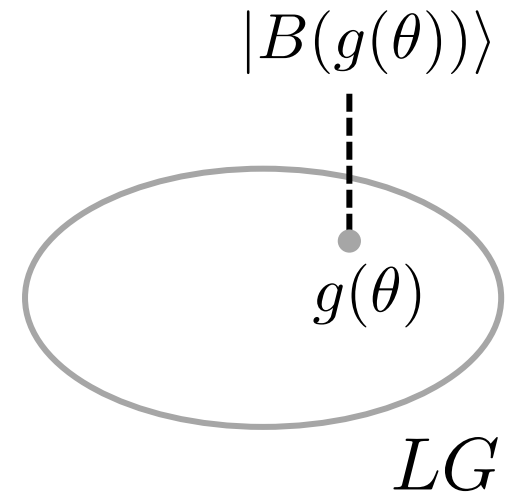
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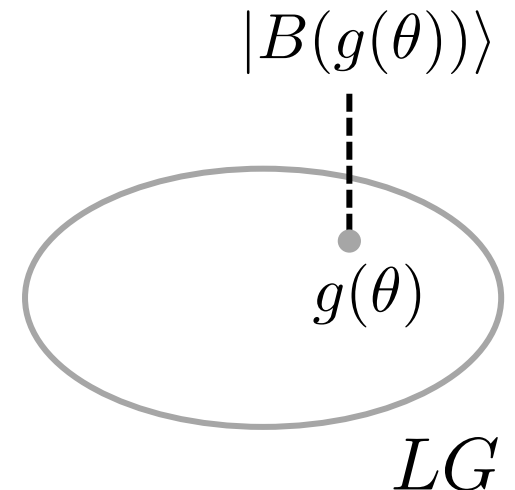
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Future work

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- Spelling out full higher structures on boundary conformal manifolds

Thank you!

Back-up

Injective MPS and Key properties

[D. Perez-Garcia, et.al., Quant. Inf. Comput. 7 (2007) 401]

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Injective MPS matrices:

M^i is injective if the following map is injective as a linear map:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) &\rightarrow \mathcal{L} \\ X &\mapsto \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_L} \text{tr}(X M^{i_1} \dots M^{i_L}) |i_1, \dots, i_L\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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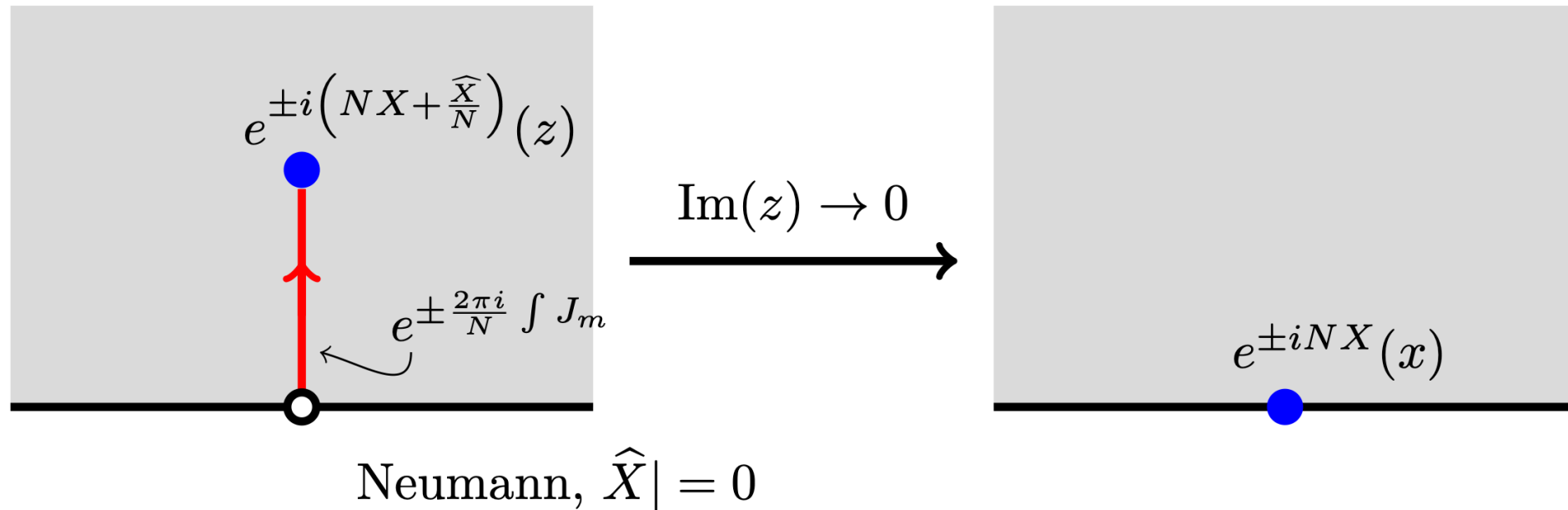
$$\iff \exists! U \in \text{PU}(n) \text{ s.t. } M^i = U N^i U^\dagger$$

(3) If two injective MPS matrices M^i, N^i generate the same state,
the mixed transfer matrix has unique fixed point Λ_{MN} .

Non-chiral deformation

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Perturbative computation

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Discussion: general dimension

	Underlying Geometry	Classification	tensor network
0+1d system	complex line bundle	$H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$	—
1+1d system	algebra bundle	$H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$	MPS
2+1d system	?? bundle	$H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$	PEPS

Conjecture: $K(\mathbb{Z}; d+2) = \text{BAut}(\mathcal{A}_{d+1})$. $\mathcal{A}_{d+1}$: “higher” algebra of a $d+1$ -d TN.

e.g. $d=0$ $K(\mathbb{Z}; 2) = \text{BAut}(\mathbb{C})$, $\mathbb{C}$: cpx. line spanned by the ground state.

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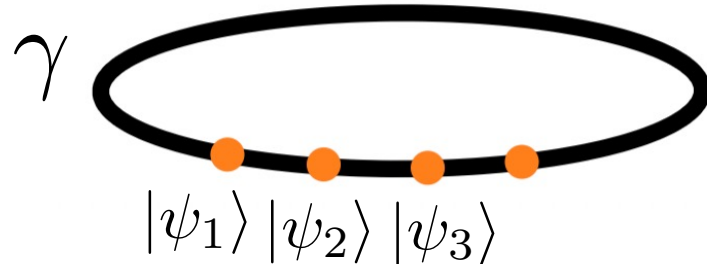
e.g. $d=2$ $K(\mathbb{Z}; 4) \stackrel{?}{=} \text{BAut}(\text{BiMod}(\mathcal{R}))$, $\text{BiMod}(\mathcal{R})$: cat. of bimodule over $\mathcal{R}$.
($\mathcal{R}$: type-III₁ v.N. alg.)

Can we construct $\text{BiMod}(\mathcal{R})$ from (2+1)-d PEPS?

Remark: Numerical Comp.

The inner product is important to compute the Berry phase.

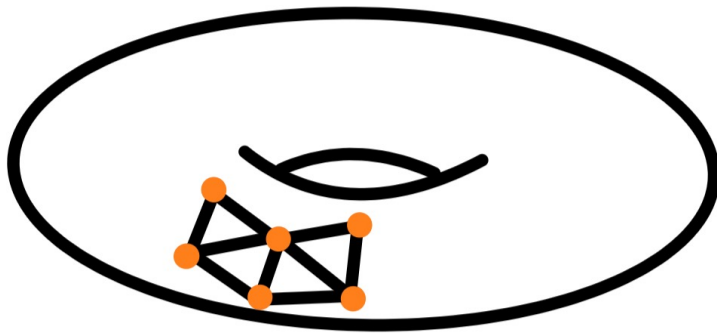
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$$\text{Berry phase} \doteq \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle \cdot \langle \psi_2 | \psi_3 \rangle \cdots \langle \psi_L | \psi_1 \rangle$$

We can compute the Berry phase numerically.

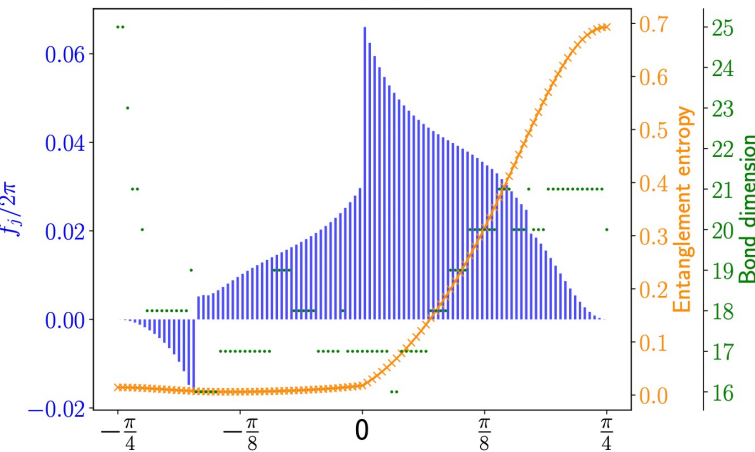
We generalized this method to the higher Berry phase.



$$\text{Higher Berry phase} \doteq \prod_{\triangle} (\text{Triple Inner Prod. of } |\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle, |\psi_3\rangle)$$

[K. Shiozaki, N. Heinsdorf, S. O., *Phys.Rev.B* 112 (2025) 3, 035154]

The total amount ends up with being quantized to 1.



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