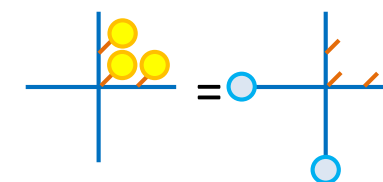
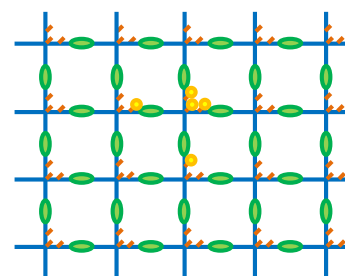
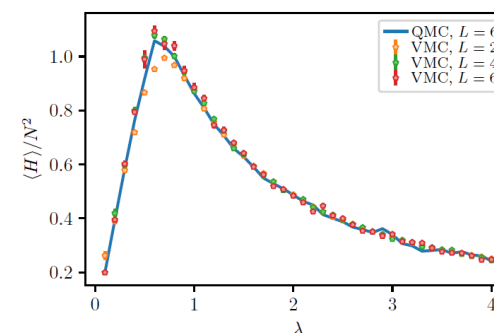
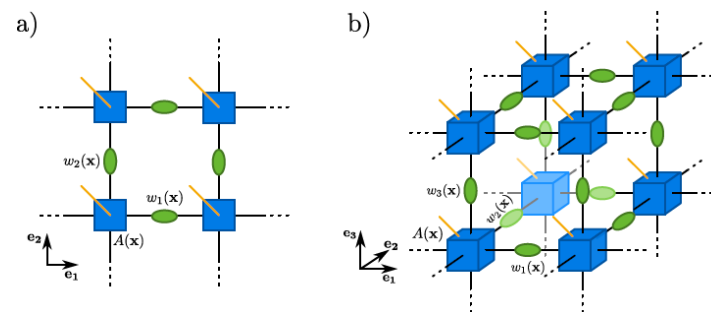


Gauged Gaussian PEPS

A tensor network approach based on sign-problem free Monte-Carlo for studying lattice gauge theories beyond 1+1d

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Gauge Theories are challenging:

- Local symmetry → many constraints
- Involve non-perturbative physics
 - Confinement of quarks → hadronic spectrum
 - Exotic phases of QCD (color superconductivity, quark-gluon plasma)
- Hard to treat experimentally (strong forces)
- Hard to treat analytically (non perturbative)
- Lattice Gauge Theory (Wilson, Kogut-Susskind...)
 - Lattice regularization in a gauge invariant way

Conventional LGT techniques

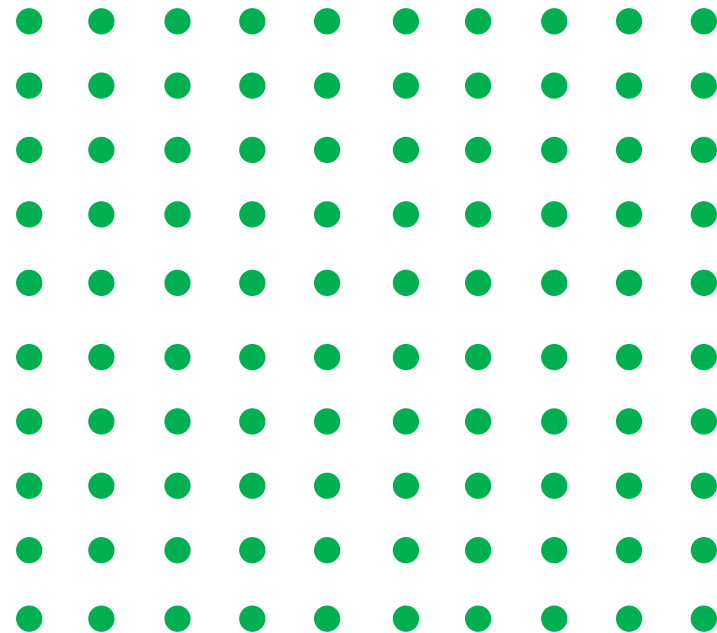
- Discretization of both space and time
- Monte Carlo computations on a Wick-rotated, Euclidean lattice

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$$\xrightarrow[t \rightarrow -i\tau]{} \frac{\int \mathcal{D}\phi A(\phi) e^{-S_E}}{\int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S_E}} \equiv \int \mathcal{D}\phi A(\phi) p(\phi)$$

- **Very (very) successful for many applications, e.g. the hadronic spectrum**
- **Problems:**
 - **Real-Time evolution:**
 - Not available in Wick rotated, Euclidean spacetimes, used in conventional Monte-Carlo path integral LGT calculations
 - **Sign problem:**
 - Appears in several scenarios with fermions (finite density), represented by Grassman variables in a Wick-rotated, Euclidean spacetime
- **New approaches: quantum simulation and computation, tensor networks.**

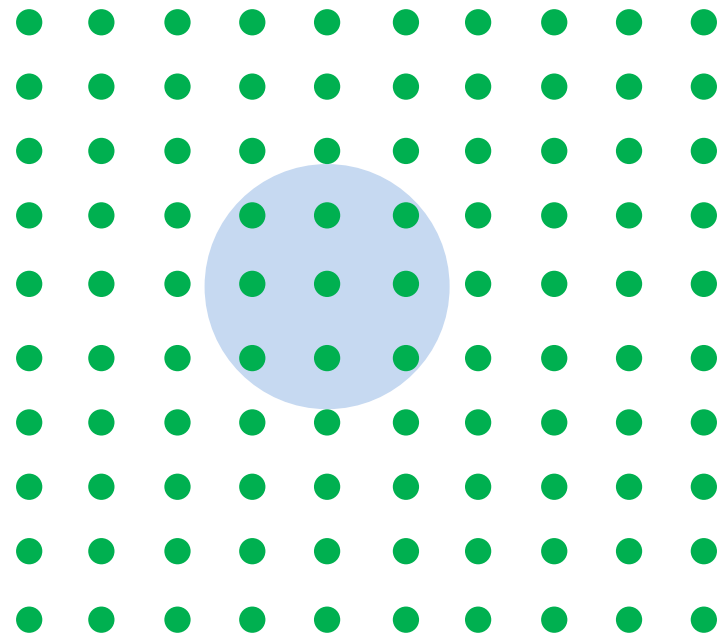
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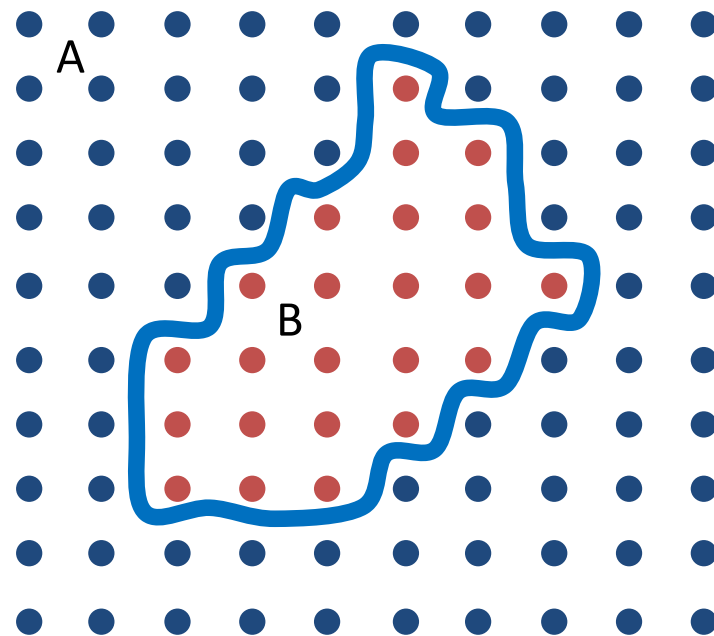
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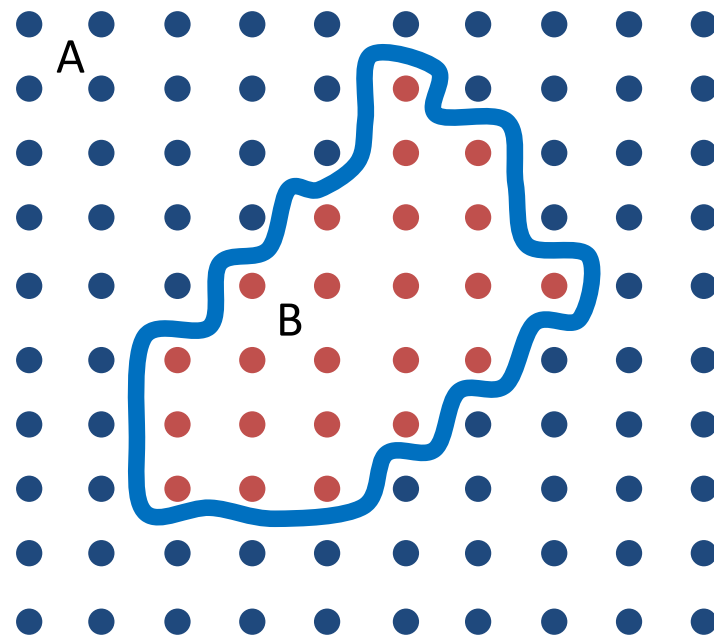
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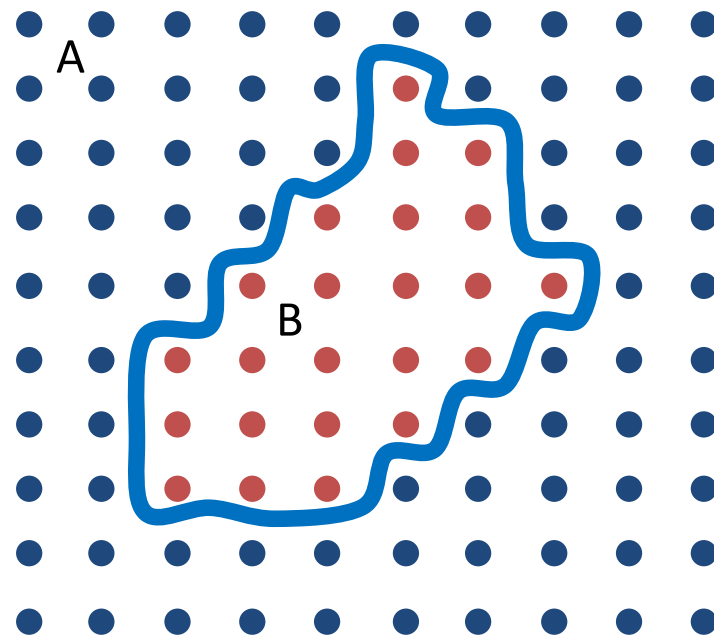
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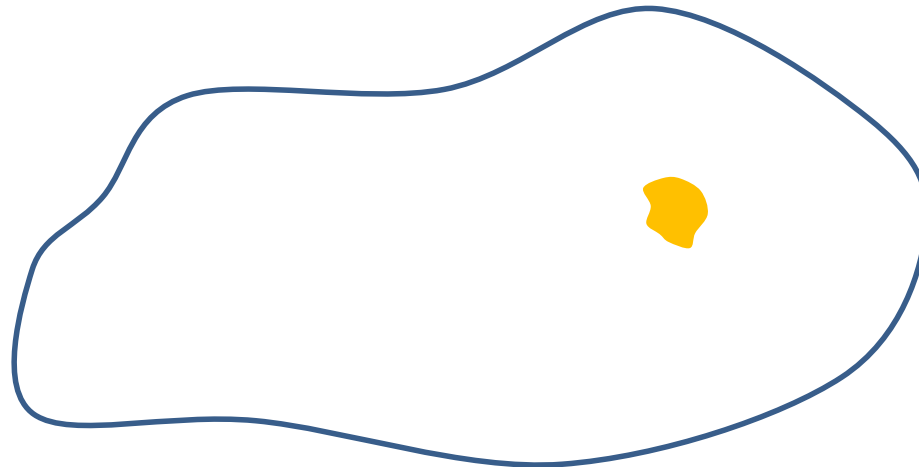
$$S \propto \text{Area (Boundary)}$$



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Physically relevant corner of the Hilbert space



Tensor Network States

- 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 network states** are ansatz states for **many body systems**, 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**.

Relevant reviews:

Schollwöck, Ann. Phys. 2011

Orus, Ann. Phys. 2014

Cirac, Perez-Garcia, Schuch, Verstraete, RMP 2021

Tensor Network Studies of LGTs

- **Real-Time evolution:**
 - Not available in Wick rotated, Euclidean spacetimes, used in conventional Monte-Carlo path integral LGT calculations
 - Calculations in **quantum Hilbert spaces**, where states evolve in real time, instead of in Wick-rotated statistical mechanics analogies.
- **Sign problem:**
 - Appears in several scenarios with fermions (finite density), represented by Grassman variables in a Wick-rotated, Euclidean spacetime
 - 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.

MPS & LGT – Numerical Approach

- **Mostly in 1+1d**, combining MPS (Matrix Product States) with **DMRG (Density Matrix Renormalization Group)**; have been widely and successfully used for various many body models, mostly from condensed matter.
- **Very successfully applied to 1+1d lattice gauge theories**, including finite chemical potential and real time evolution (string breaking) for Abelian and non-Abelian theories
 - Bañuls, Cichy, Cirac, Kühn, Jansen, Saito...
 - Dalmonte, Montangero, Pichler, Rico, Silvi, Tschirsich, Zoller...
 - Buyens, Haegeman, Hebenstreit, van Acoleyen, Verschelde, Verstraete...
 - Borla, Moroz, Grusdt, Verresen... (rather more CM-like)
- High dimensional generalizations: challenging and demanding scaling; works nicely for ladders, cylinders etc.

See the review paper by Bañuls and Cichy, Rep. Prog. Phys. 83 024401 (2020) and refs. therein

Tensor Field Theory

A non-Hamiltonian, Euclidean (path integral) approach

See e.g. the review of Meurice, Sakai and Unmuth-Yockey (Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 025005)

Hamiltonian LGT TNs in 2+1d and more

- **Tagliacozzo, Vidal**, Entanglement renormalization and gauge symmetry, PRB 2011
 - Pure gauge, Z_2
- **Tagliacozzo, Celi, Lewenstein**, Tensor Networks for Lattice Gauge Theories with Continuous Groups, PRX 2014
 - Pure gauge, continuous groups

Gauging globally invariant (“matter”) PEPS to locally invariant LGT PEPS – introducing gauge fields which lift the symmetry to a local one

- **Haegeman, Van Acoleyen, Schuch, Cirac, Verstraete**, Gauging Quantum States: From Global to Local Symmetries in Many-Body Systems, PRX 2015
 - Gauge field Hilbert space = Matter Hilbert Space (Higgs-like theories)
- **Zohar, Burrello**, Building projected entangled pair states with a local gauge symmetry, NJP 2016
 - Different Gauge Field Hilbert spaces, allowing for fermionic constructions (matching the standard model content)

Hamiltonian LGT TNs in 2+1d and more

iPEPS:

- **Zapp and Orus**, Tensor network simulation of QED on infinite lattices: learning from (1+1)d, and prospects for (2+1)d, PRD 2014
- **Robaina, Bañuls, Cirac**, Simulating 2+1d Z3 lattice gauge theory with iPEPS, PRL 2021

Tree tensor networks:

- **Felser, Silvi, Collura, Montangelo**, Two-dimensional quantum-link lattice Quantum Electrodynamics at finite density, PRX 2020
- **Magnifico, Felser, Silvi, Montangelo**, Lattice Quantum Electrodynamics in (3+1)-dimensions at finite density with Tensor Networks, Nat. Comm. 2021
- **Montangelo, Rico, Silvi**, Loop-free tensor networks for high-energy physics, Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A, 2022
- **Catataldi, Magnifico, Silvi, Montangelo**, (2+1)D SU(2) Yang-Mills Lattice Gauge Theory at finite density via tensor networks, Phys. Rev. Research 6, 033057 (2024)
- **Magnifico, Catataldi, Rigobello, Majcen, Jaschke, Silvi, Montangelo**, Tensor Networks for Lattice Gauge Theories beyond one dimension: a Roadmap, arXiv:2407.03058(2024)

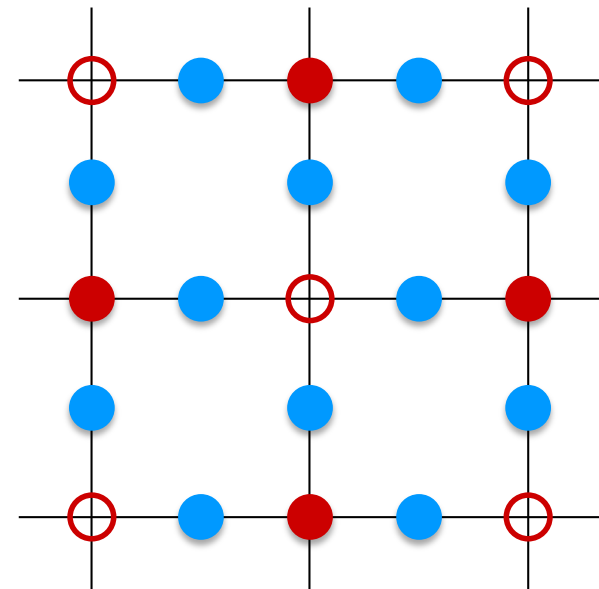
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- **Zohar, Cirac**, Combining tensor networks with Monte Carlo methods for lattice gauge theories, PRD 2018
- **Emonts, Bañuls, Cirac, Zohar**, Variational Monte Carlo simulation with tensor networks of a pure gauge Z3 theory in 2+1d, PRD 2020
- **Emonts, Kelman, Borla, Moroz, Gazit, Zohar**, Finding the ground state of a lattice gauge theory with fermionic tensor networks: A 2+1-D Z2 demonstration, PRD 2023
- **Kelman, Borla, Elyovich, Gomelski, Roose, Emonts, Zohar**, Gauged Gaussian PEPS - A High Dimensional Tensor Network Formulation for Lattice Gauge Theories, arXiv:2404.13123, 2024 (accepted to PRD)

The LGT Hilbert Space

- **The lattice is spatial:** time is a continuous, real coordinate.
- **Matter particles (fermions) – on the vertices.**
- **Gauge fields – on the lattice's links**

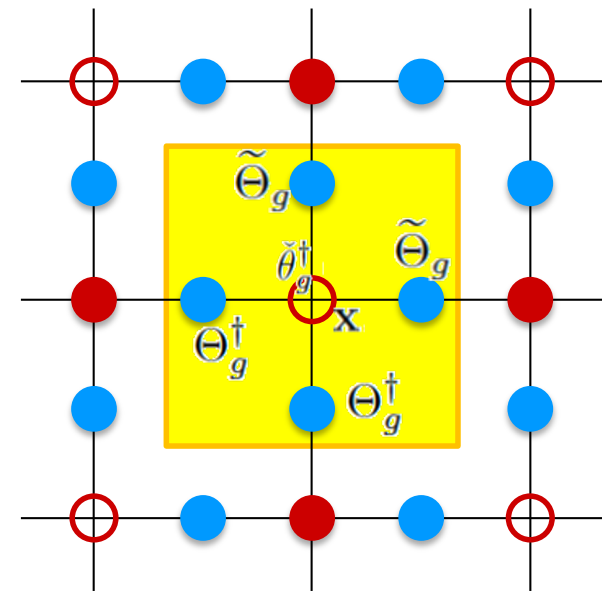
- Hamiltonian picture → Hilbert space
→ Natural way to describe constraints



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.**

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



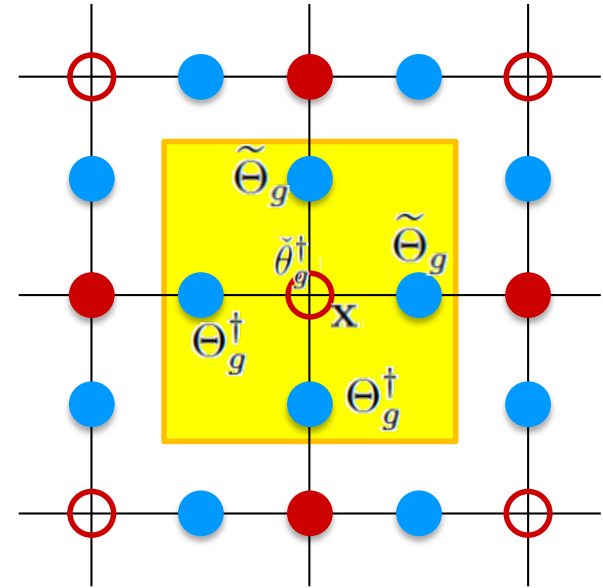
Symmetry \rightarrow Conserved Charge

- Transformation rules on the links

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

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

$$\tilde{\Theta}_g |h\rangle = |g^{-1}h\rangle \quad \tilde{\Theta}_g = e^{i\phi_a(g)L_a}$$



- Gauge Transformations:

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

- Generators \rightarrow Gauss law, left and right E fields:

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

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

PEPS

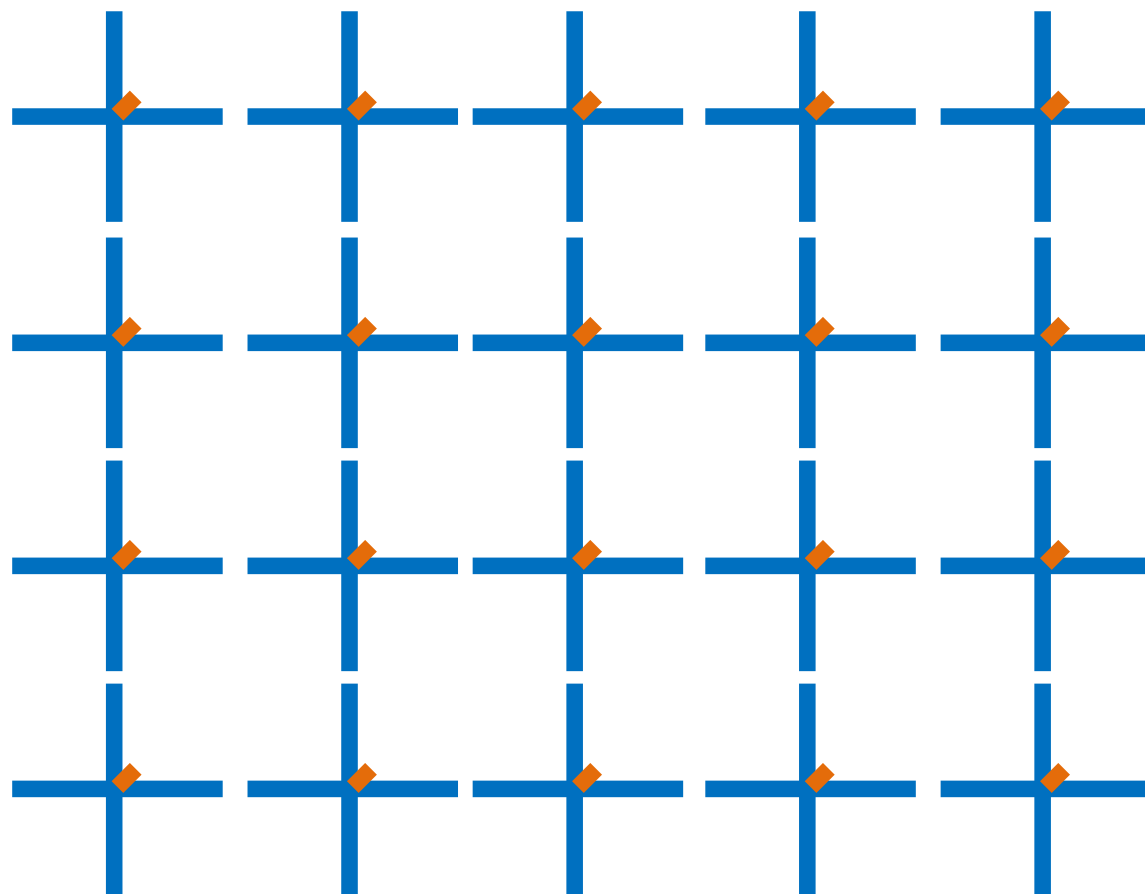
- **Projected Entangled Pair States:** a particular tensor network construction, that
 - Allows to **encode and treat symmetries** in a very natural way.
 - Has, by construction, a **bipartite entanglement area law**, and therefore is suitable for describing “physically relevant” states.
 - Offers new 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.

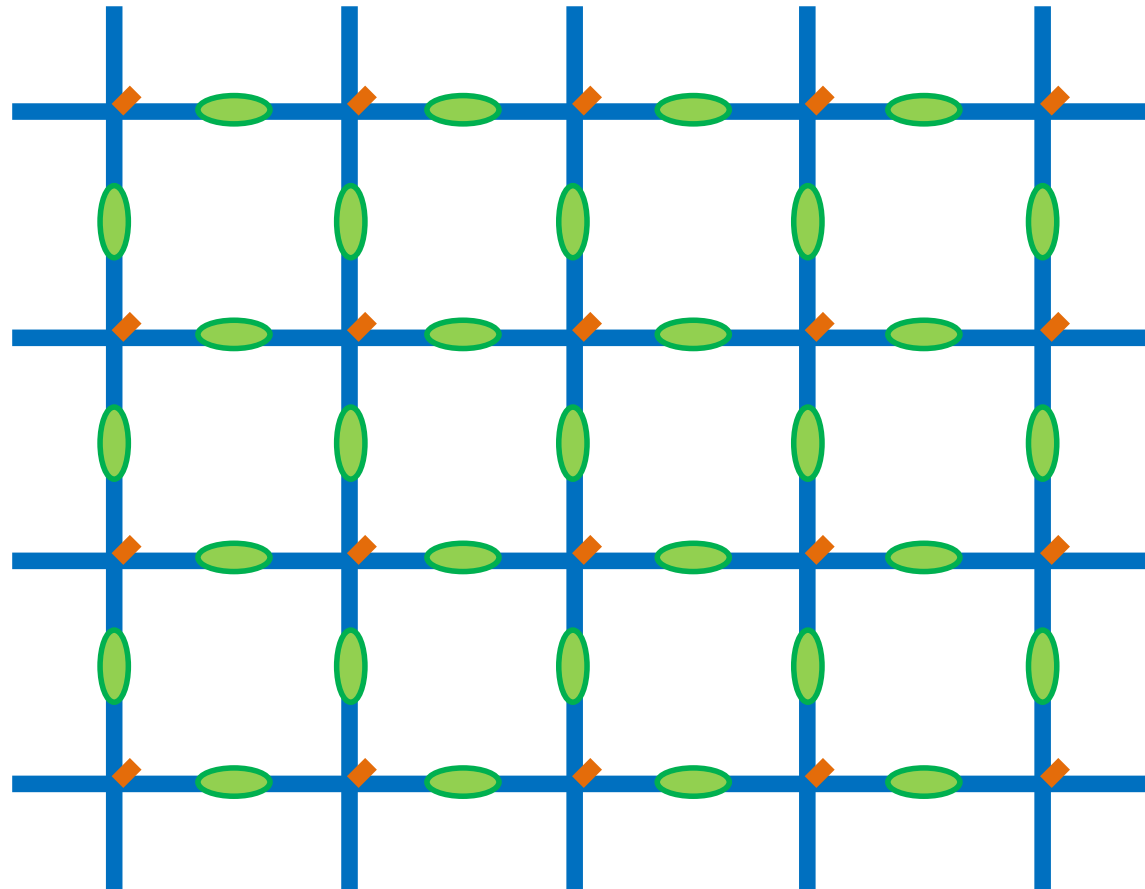


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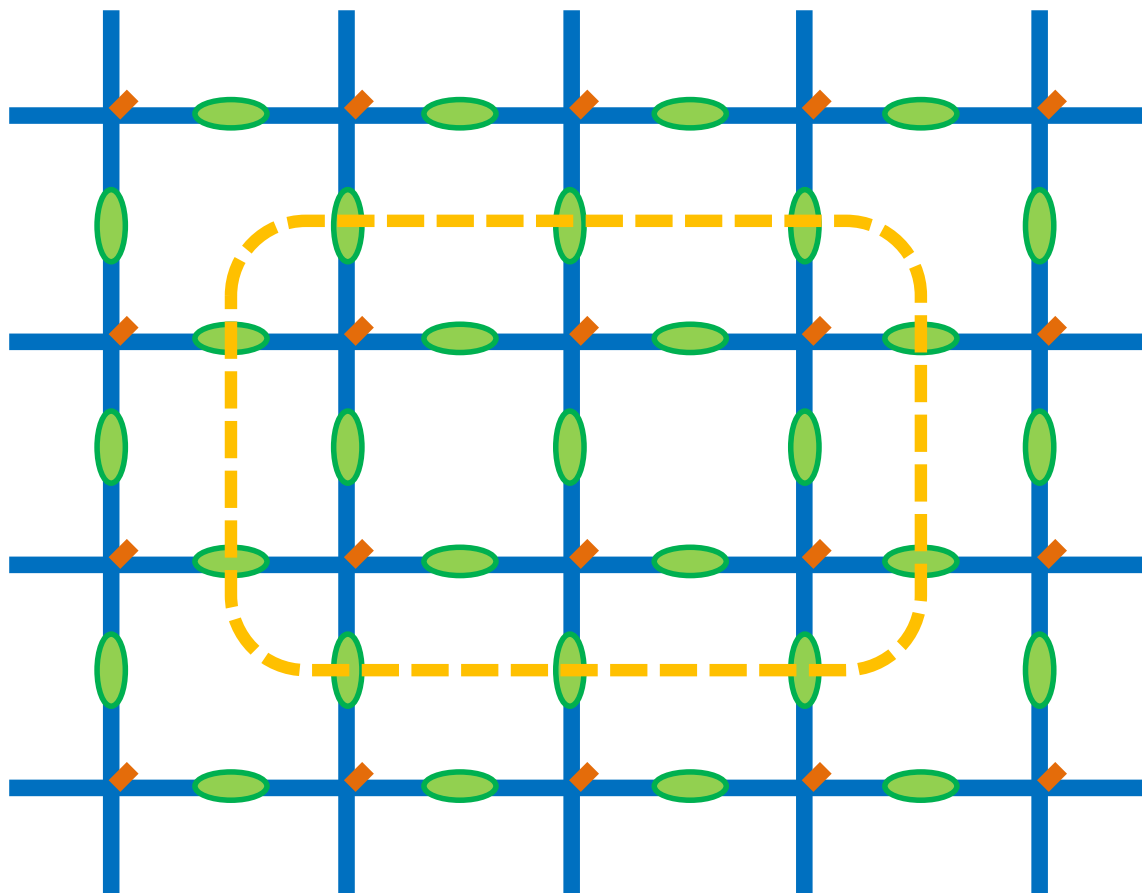
$$\prod_{\mathbf{x}} A(\mathbf{x}) |\Omega\rangle$$

- A **physical** only state is obtained out of projecting pairs of **auxiliary** degrees of freedom, on the two sides of a link, onto maximally entangled states.

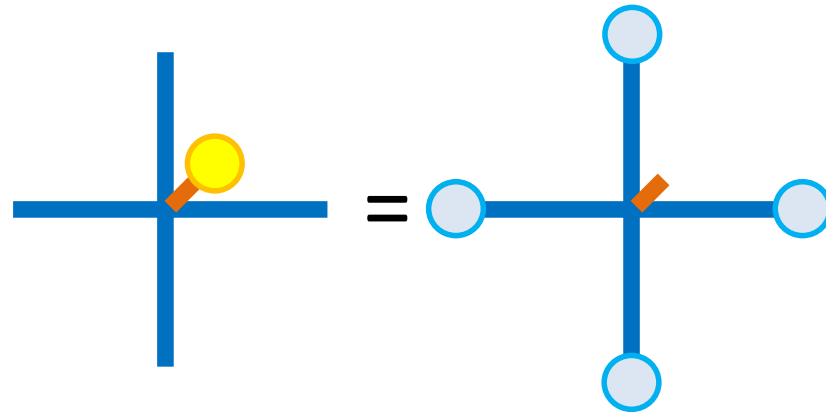


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- An entanglement area law is satisfied by construction.



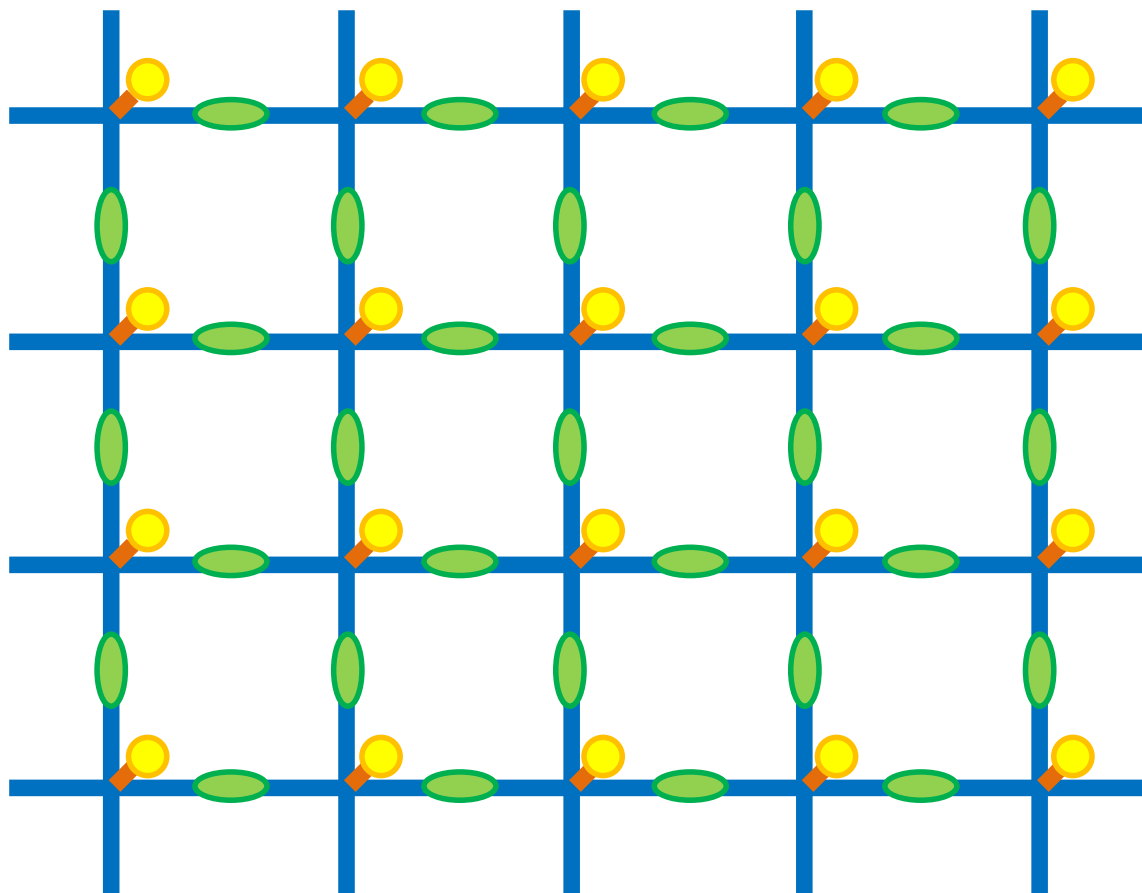
- Demanding global symmetry:
 - Acting with a group transformation on the **physical** degrees of freedom is equivalent to acting on the **auxiliary** ones.



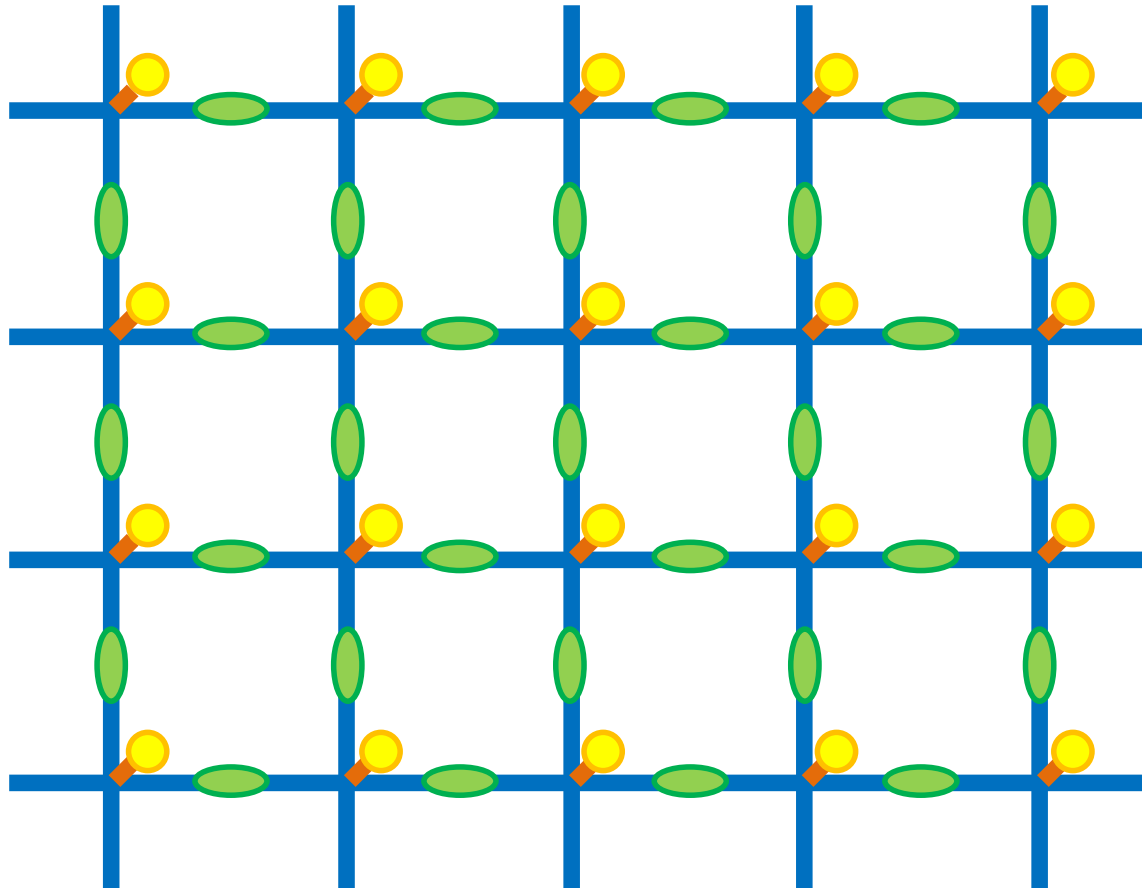
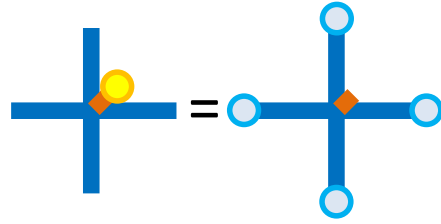
- Projectors are invariant under group actions from both sides.



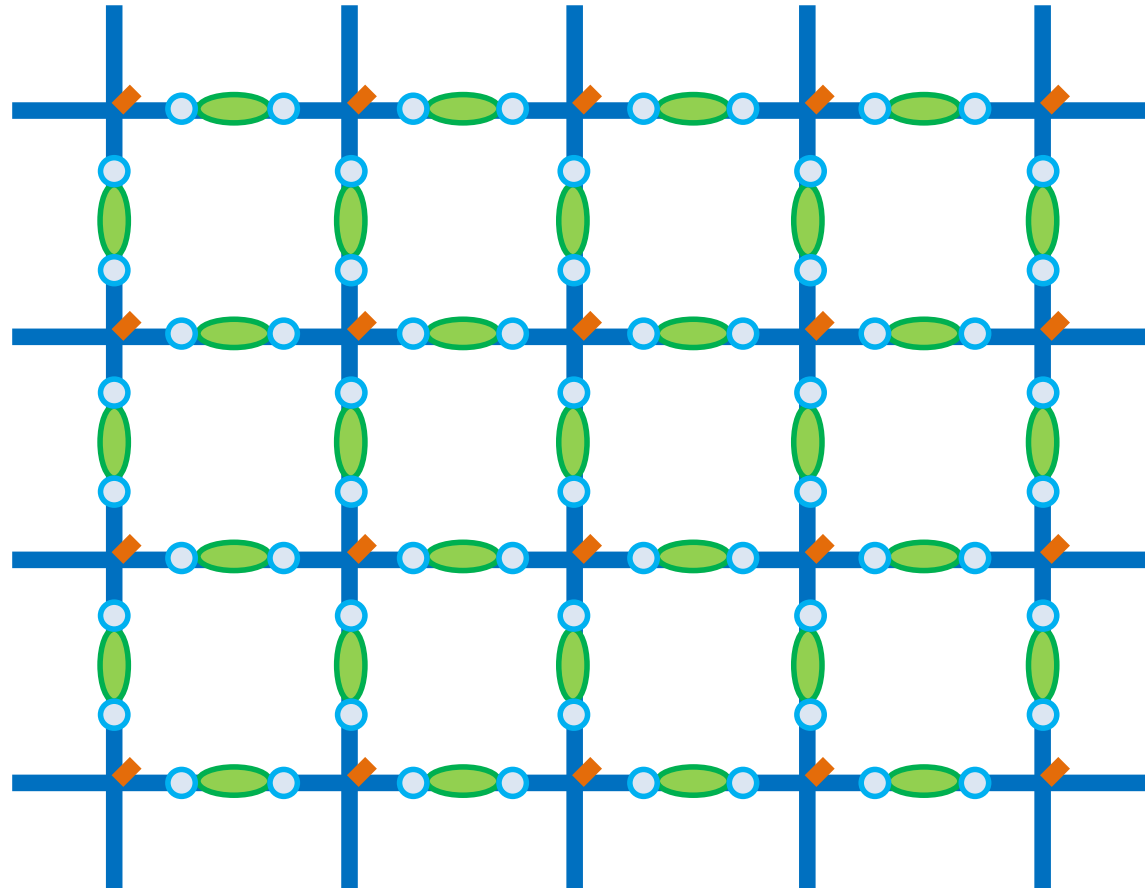
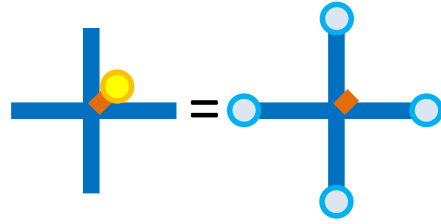
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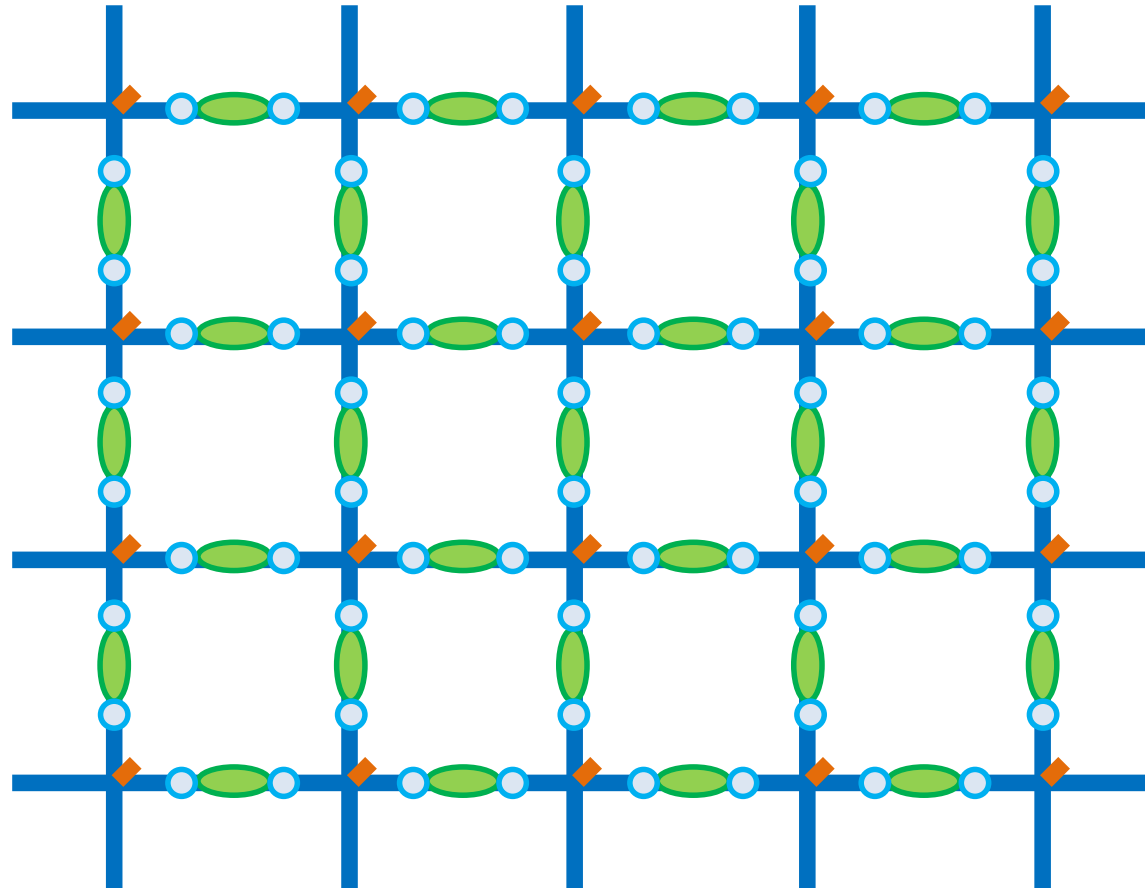
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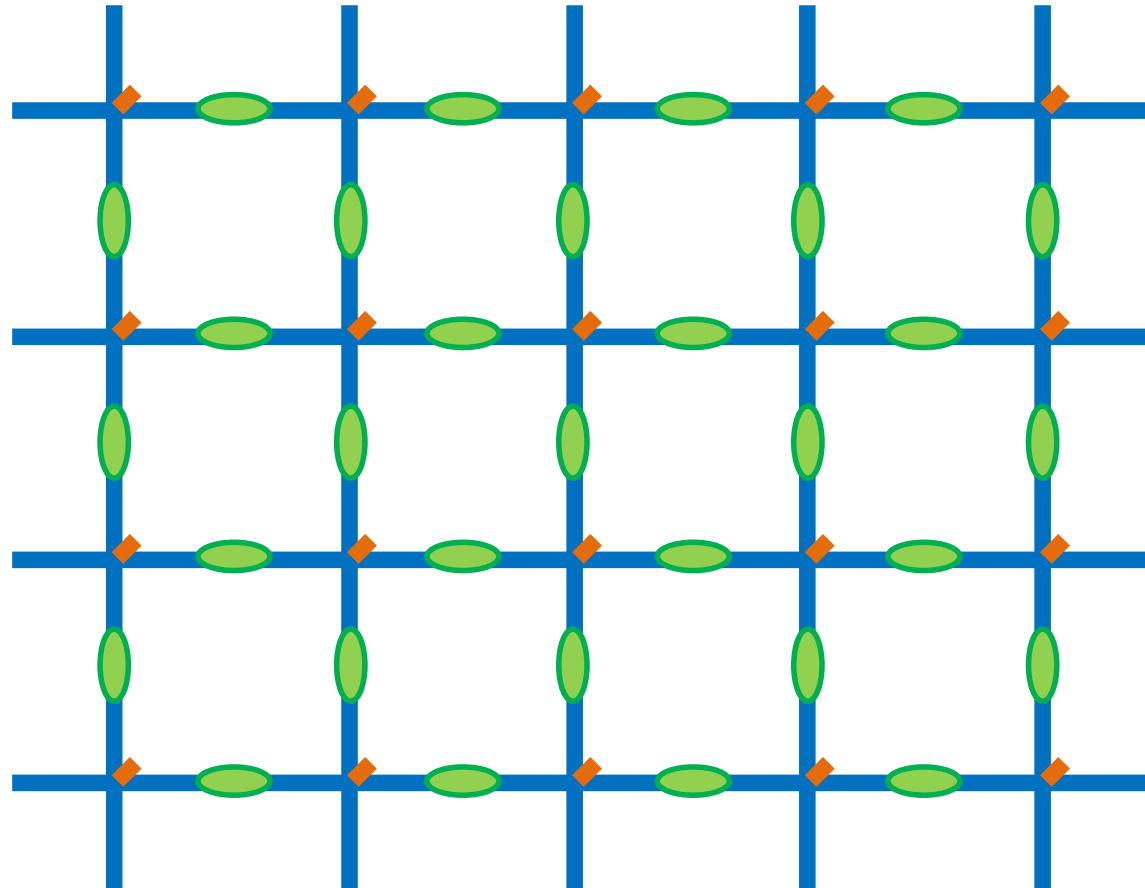
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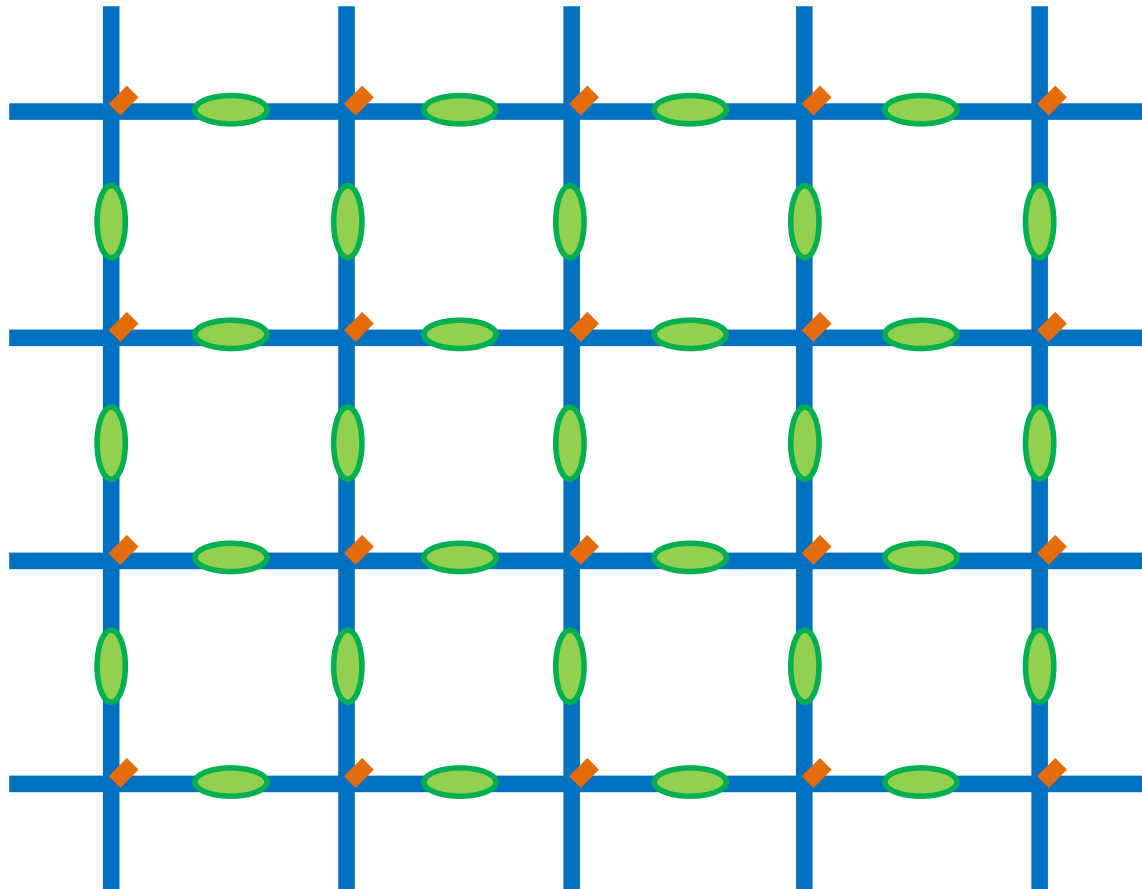


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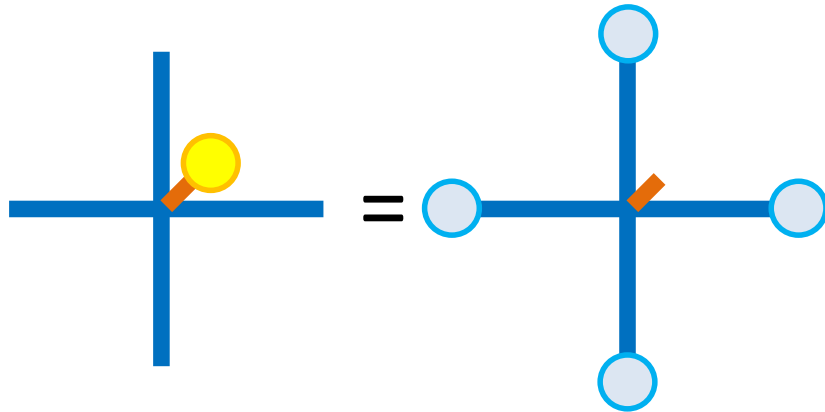
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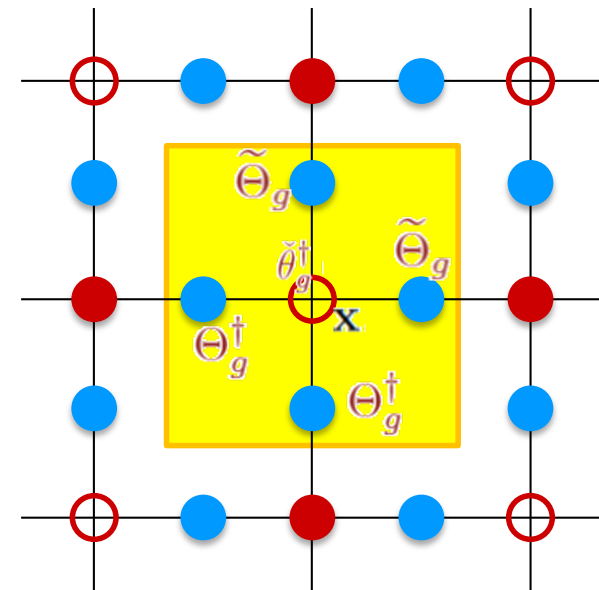
Virtual vs. Physical Gauge Invariance

Virtual - PEPS



Physical charge, but auxiliary electric fields: local symmetry exists, but it is auxiliary/virtual. The physical symmetry is global, after the bonds projection.

Physical – LGT states



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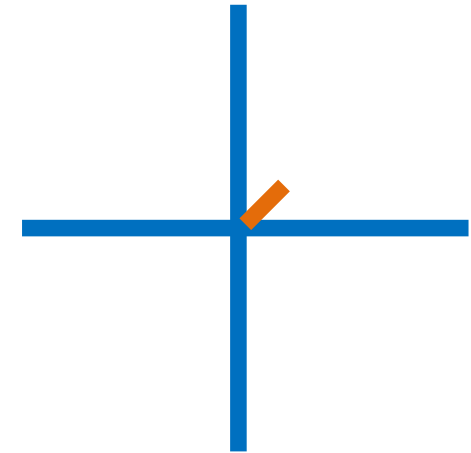
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Fundamental analogy between PEPS and LGTs
- making PEPS a suitable ansatz

Gauging the PEPS: minimal coupling of a state

- Lift the **virtual** symmetry to be **physical**:
Lift the **global** symmetry to a **local** one.

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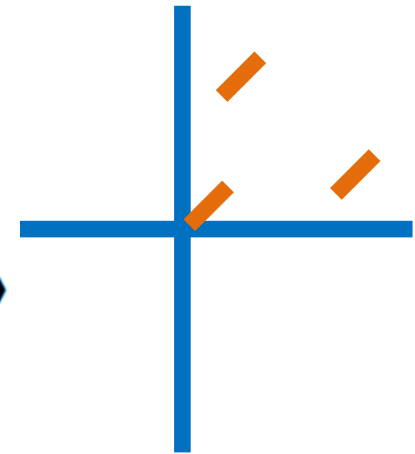
Gauging the PEPS: minimal coupling of a state

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- Step 1: Introduce **gauge field Hilbert spaces** on the links. Add (by a tensor product) the gauge field singlet states:

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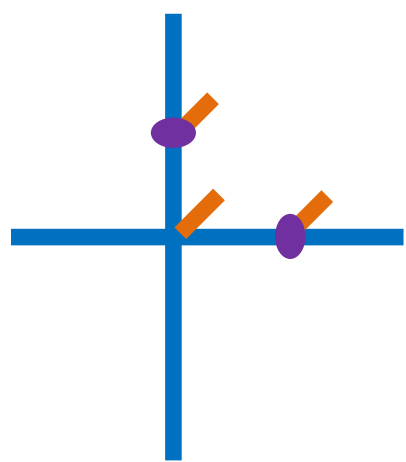
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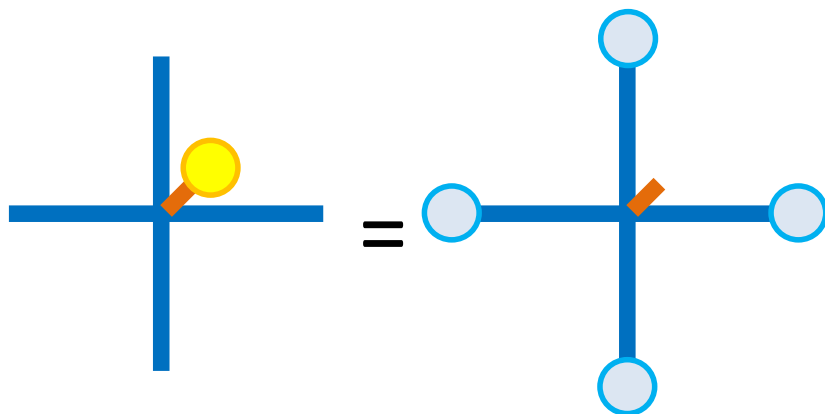
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- Step 2: Entangle the **auxiliary degrees** on the outgoing links with the **gauge fields**, by a unitary **gauging transformation** (map the auxiliary electric field information to the physical one).

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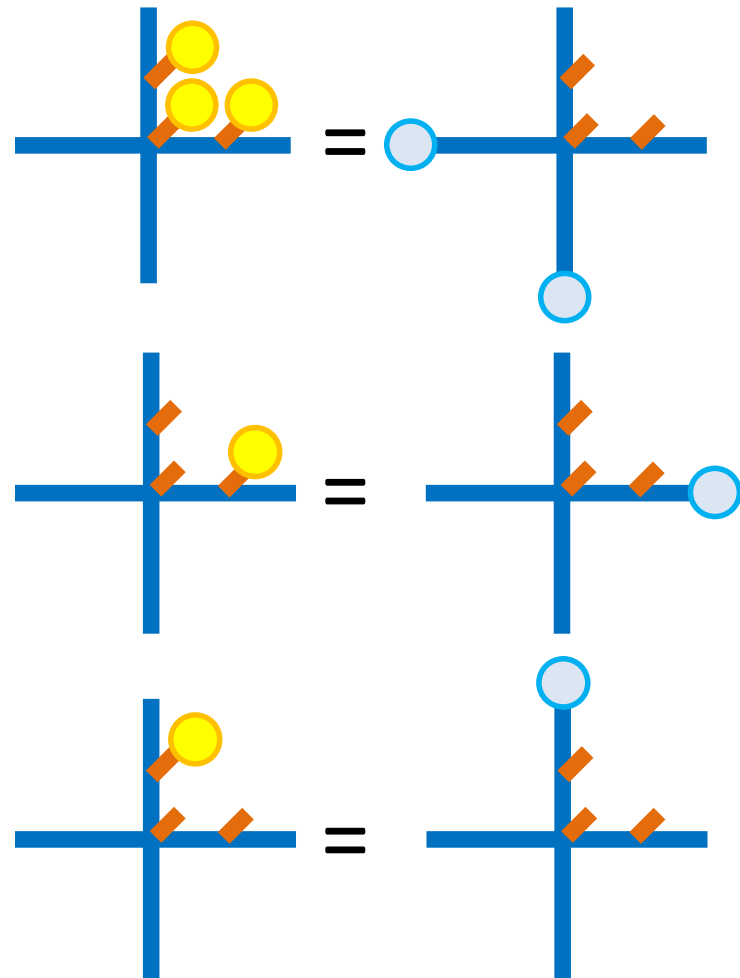
Building block of a globally invariant PEPS



Gauging Transformation



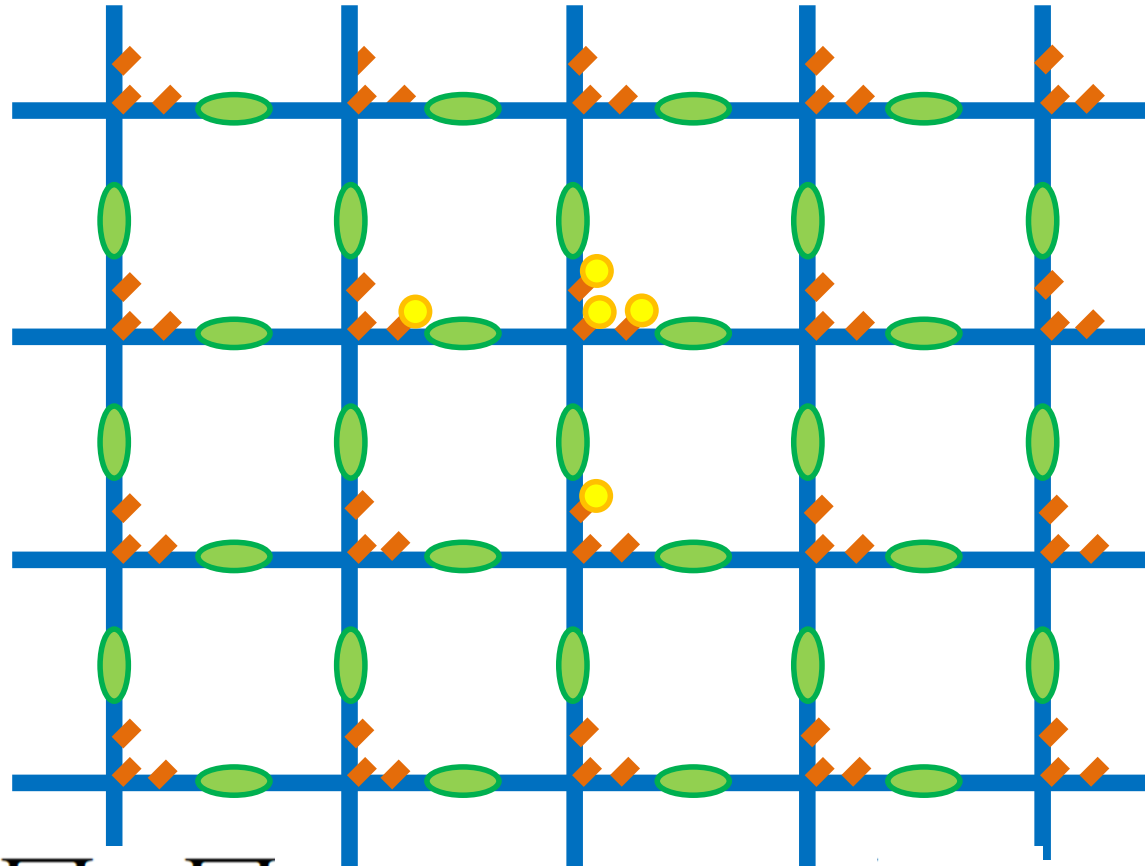
Building block of a globally invariant PEPS (gluing together the matter and gauge field tensors)



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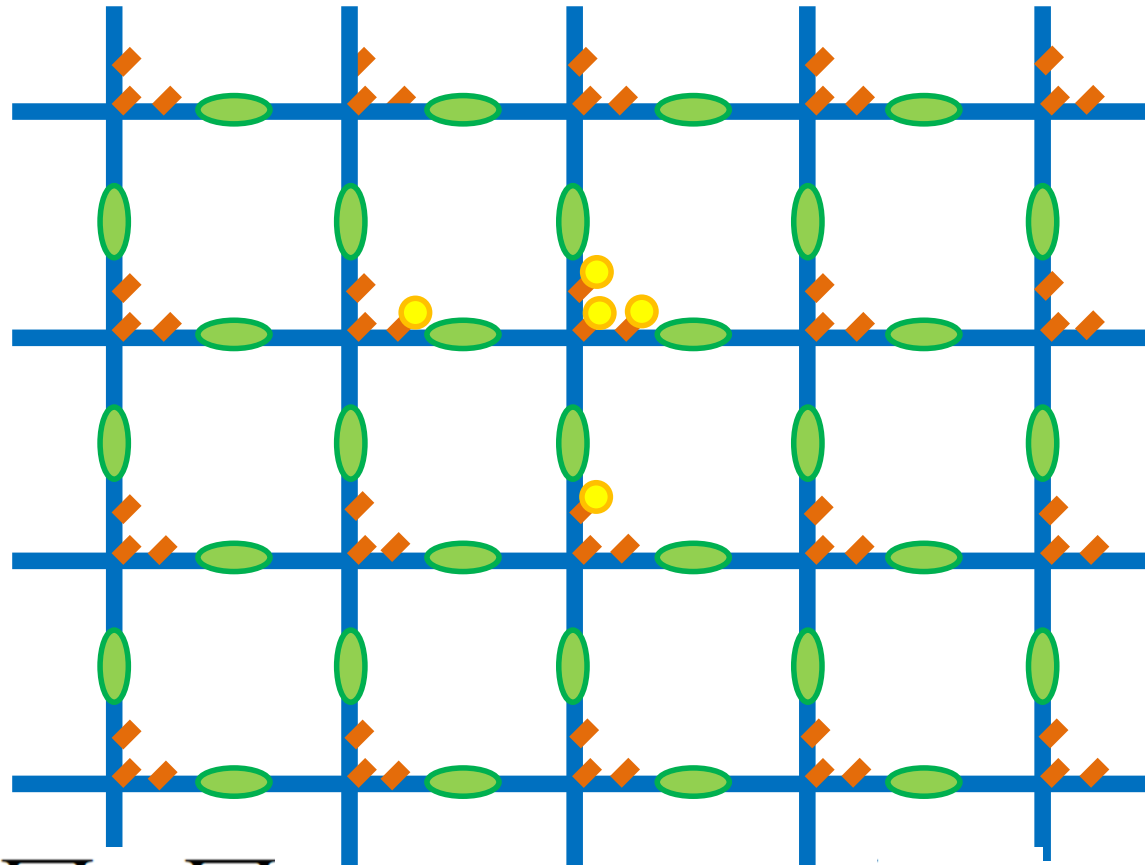
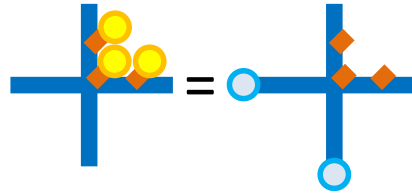
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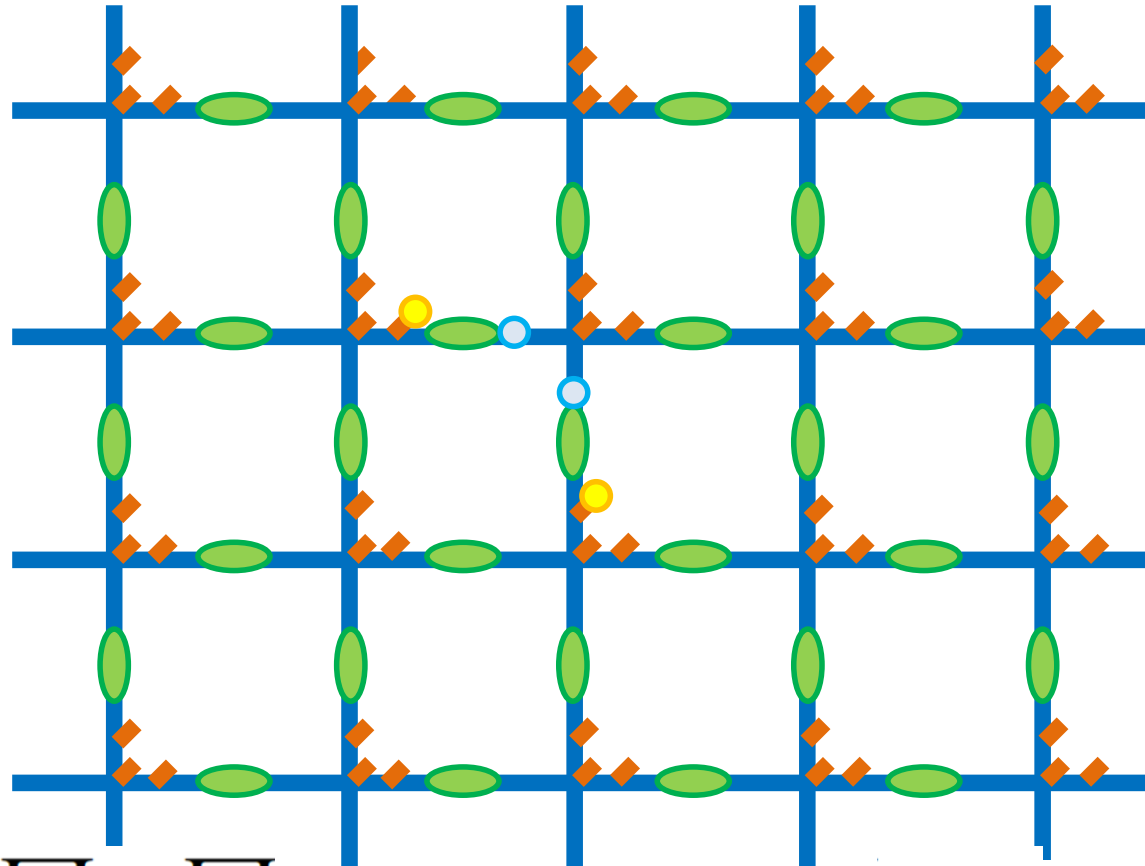
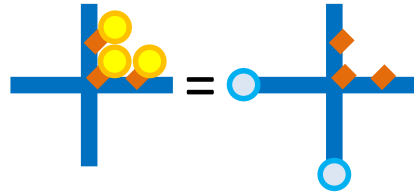
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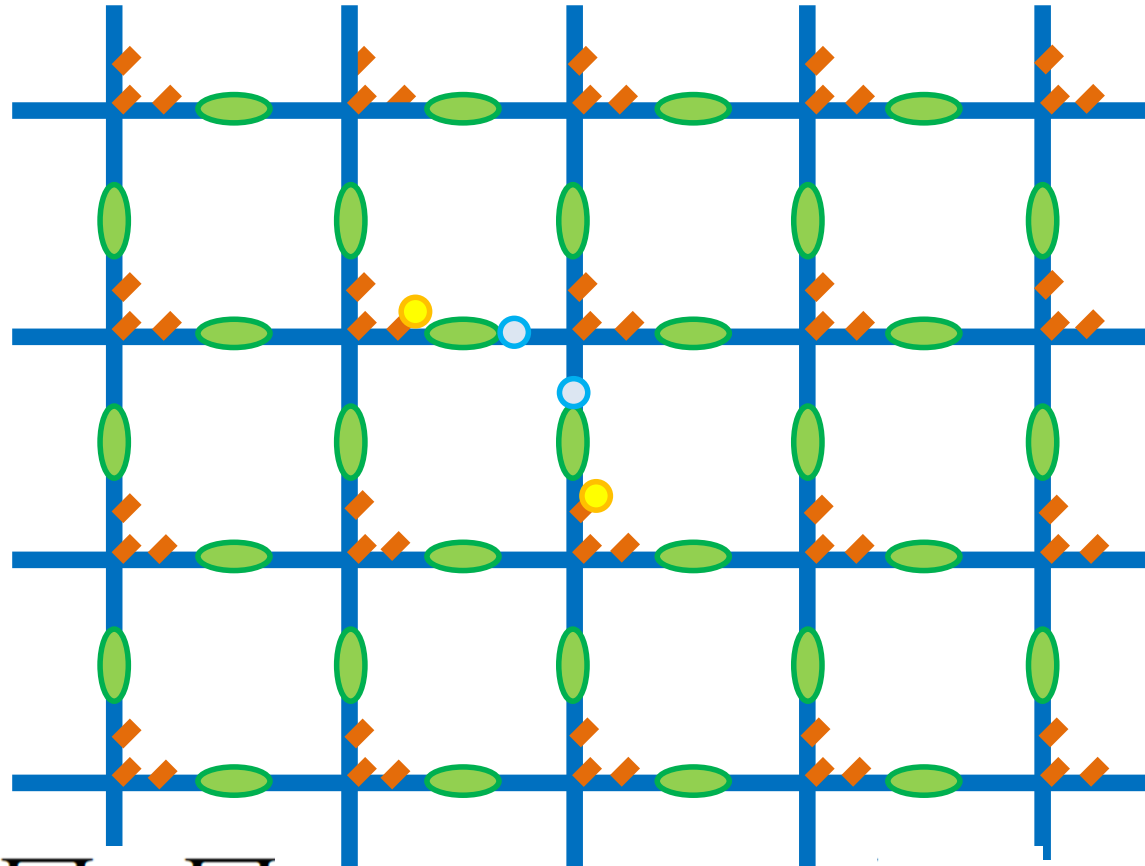
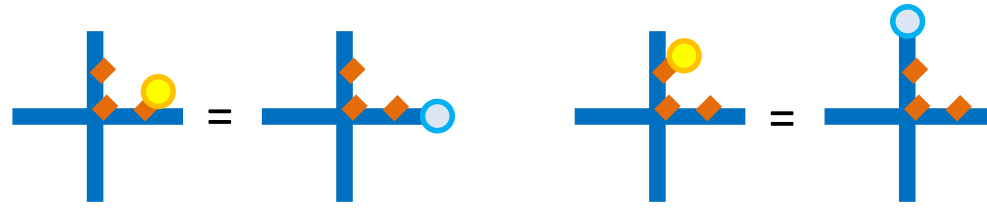
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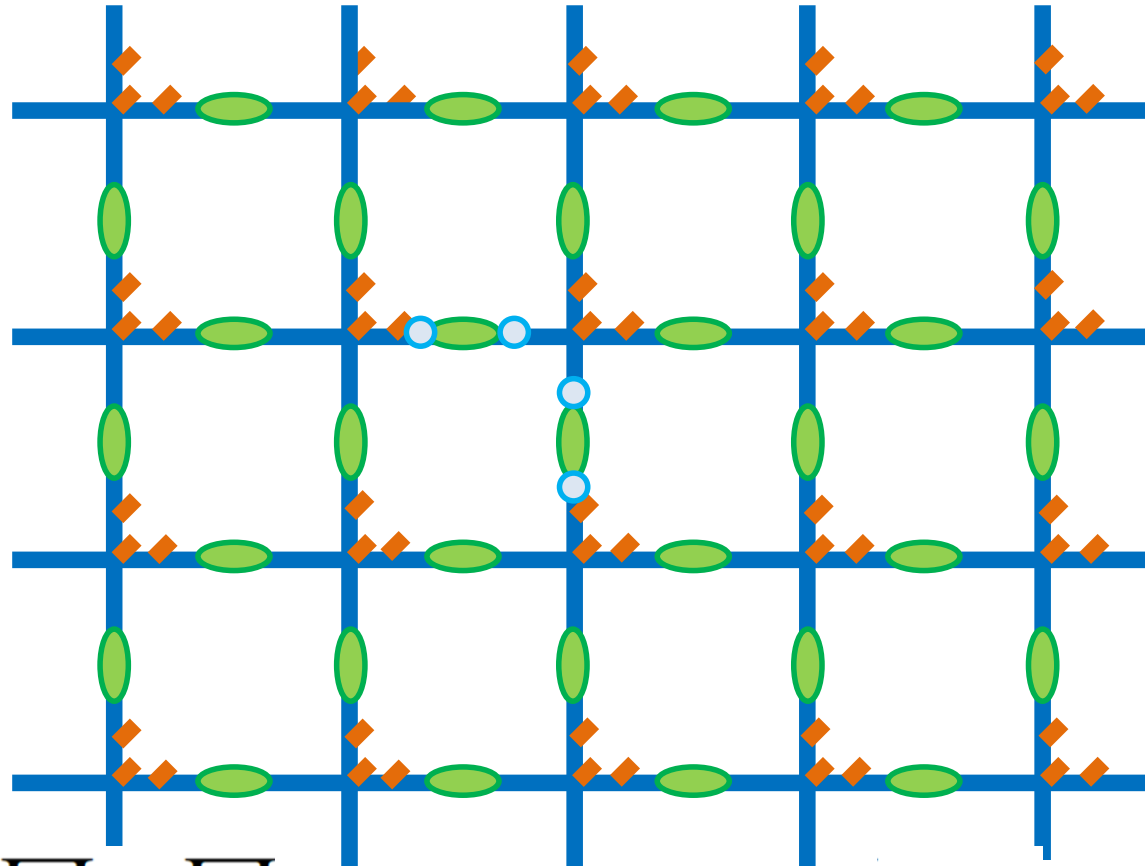
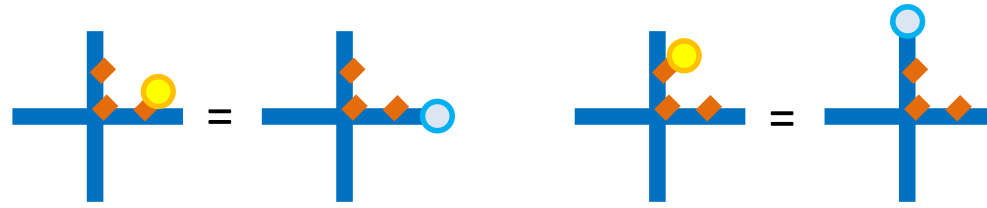
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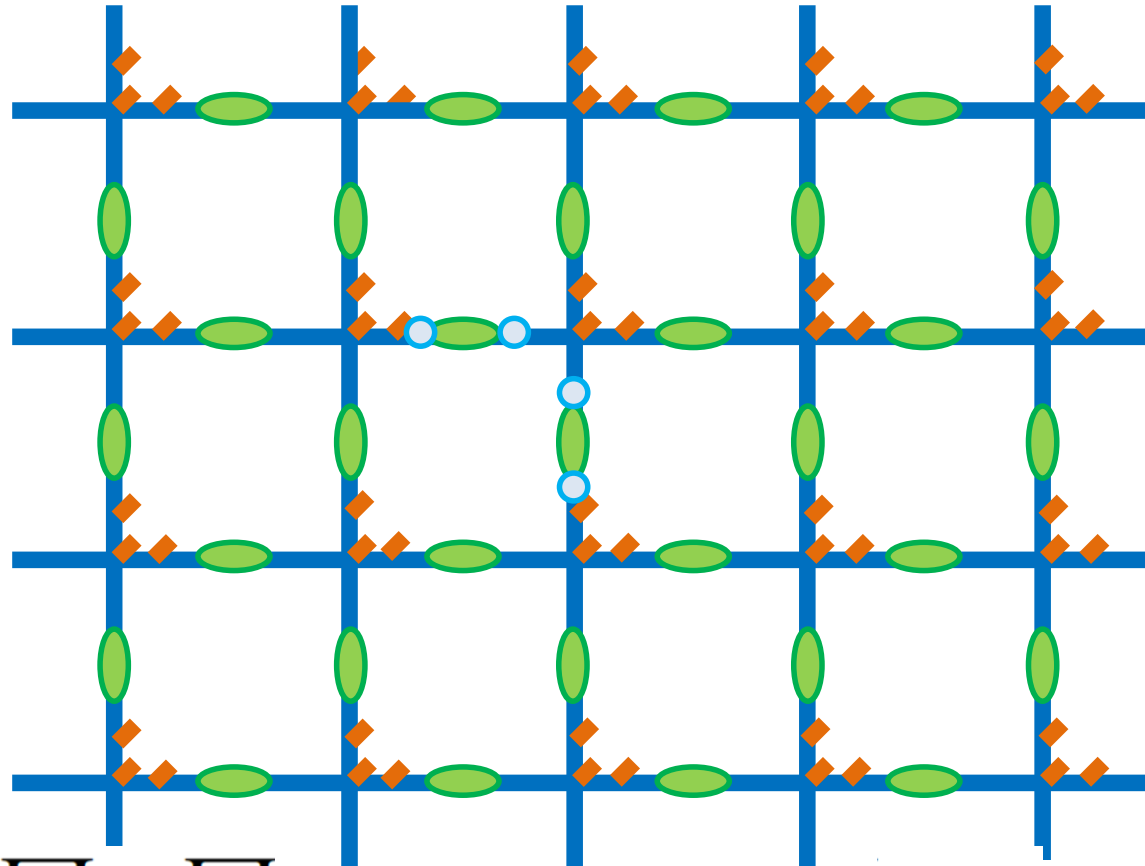


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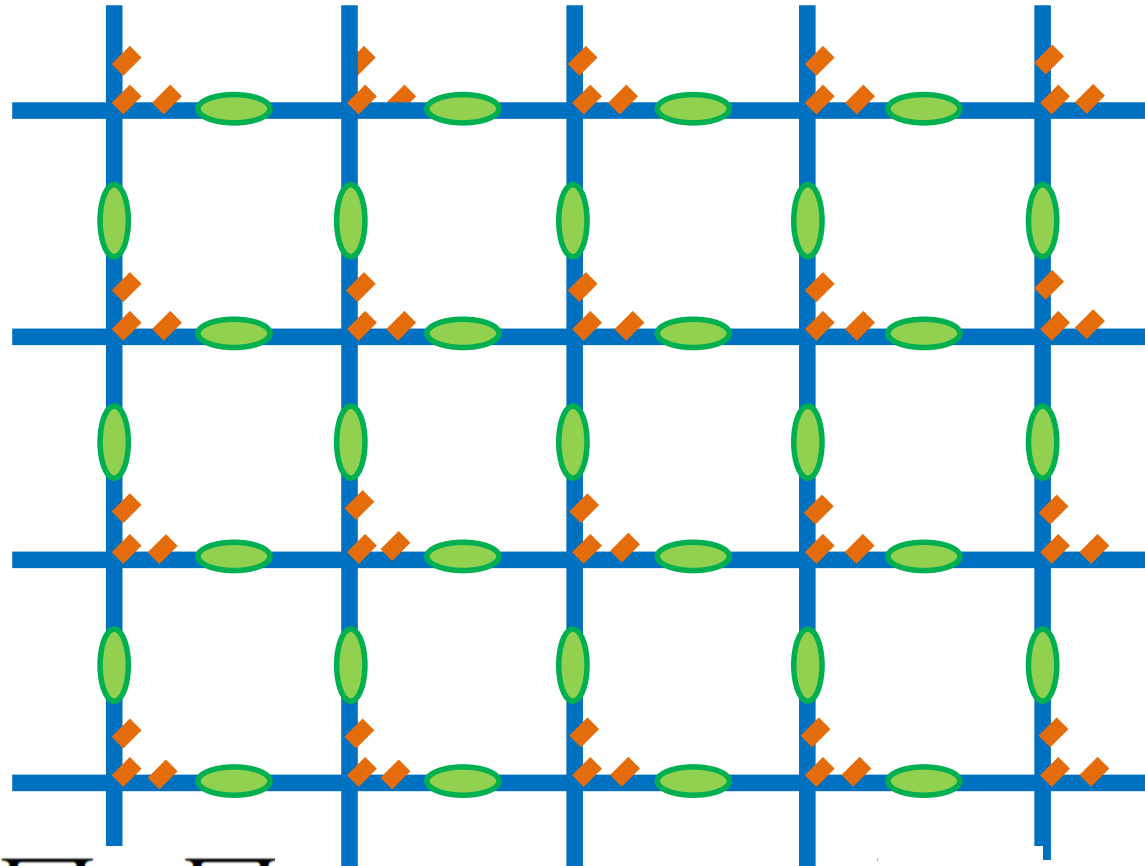


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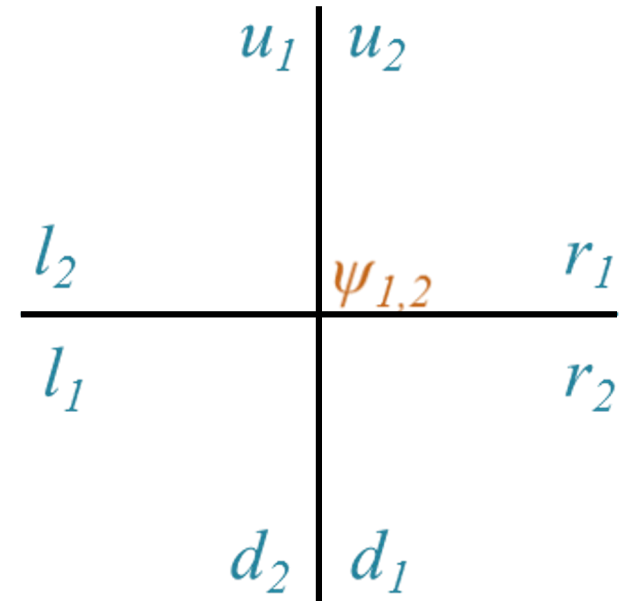
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The PEPS ingredients

- At each site –
 - **Physical fermions**
 - For example,
 - 1 For $U(1)$
 - 2 For $SU(2)$, in the fundamental rep.
 - **Virtual fermions** on the legs (e.g. 2 per leg, 8 in total)
- The local **Gaussian state** involving both physical and virtual modes is created from the Fock vacuum with

$$A = \exp \left(\sum_{ij} T_{ij} \alpha_i^\dagger \alpha_j^\dagger \right)$$



Magnetic Basis

- The physical Hilbert space: $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}(\{q(\mathbf{x})\}) \subset \mathcal{H}_{\text{gauge}} \times \mathcal{H}_{\text{matter}}$
- Gauge field configuration states:

$$|\mathcal{G}\rangle = \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x}, k} |g(\mathbf{x}, k)\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} = \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x}, k} dg(\mathbf{x}, k)$$

- **General gauge invariant state:**

$$|\psi\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} |\mathcal{G}\rangle_{\text{Gauge}} |\psi(\mathcal{G})\rangle_{\text{Matter}}$$

Where $|\psi(\mathcal{G})\rangle$ represents matter coupled to an external (classical) gauge field \mathcal{G} .

- E.g. for $U(1)$: $|\Phi\rangle = \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x}, k} |\phi(\mathbf{x}, k)\rangle$

$$\mathcal{D}\Phi = \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x}, k} d\phi(\mathbf{x}, k)$$

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Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

- Expressing our states in the **magnetic basis** that allows us 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**.

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

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

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

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$$U |\phi\rangle = e^{i\phi} |\phi\rangle \qquad |\Phi\rangle = \bigotimes_{\mathbf{x}, k} |\phi(\mathbf{x}, k)\rangle$$

$$F(\{U(\mathbf{x}, k)\}) |\Phi\rangle = F(\{e^{i\phi(\mathbf{x}, k)}\}) |\Phi\rangle$$

Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

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

- exp. value for $|\Psi\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} |\mathcal{G}\rangle |\psi(\mathcal{G})\rangle$:

$$\langle W \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} \text{Tr} \left(\prod_{\{\mathbf{x}, k\} \in C} D(g(\mathbf{x}, k)) \right) \langle \psi(\mathcal{G}) | \psi(\mathcal{G}) \rangle}{\int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{G} \langle \psi(\mathcal{G}) | \psi(\mathcal{G}) \rangle}$$

- The function

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

is a probability density.

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- The fermionic calculation is easy, through the gaussian formalism: very efficient
- No sign problem: the probability density is obtained from a norm of a state, and thus is real and positive.

 Monte Carlo integration!

Monte Carlo with gauged Gaussian fPEPS

- The method is extendable to further physical observables, always involving the **probability density function**

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

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

- For example, mesonic operators $M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, C) = \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \prod_{\ell \in C} U(\ell) \psi(\mathbf{y})$

$$\langle M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, C) \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi p(\Phi) e^{i \sum_{\ell \in C} \phi(\ell)} \frac{\langle \psi(\Phi) | \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) | \psi(\Phi) \rangle}{\langle \psi(\Phi) | \psi(\Phi) \rangle}$$

(given for U(1) for simplicity).

- **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).**

First benchmark: pure gauge Z_3 PEPS in 2+1d

$$P_\ell^N = Q_\ell^N = 1 \quad P_\ell^\dagger P_\ell = Q_\ell^\dagger Q_\ell = 1$$

$$P_\ell^\dagger Q_\ell P_\ell = e^{i\delta Q_\ell} \quad \delta = \frac{2\pi}{N}$$

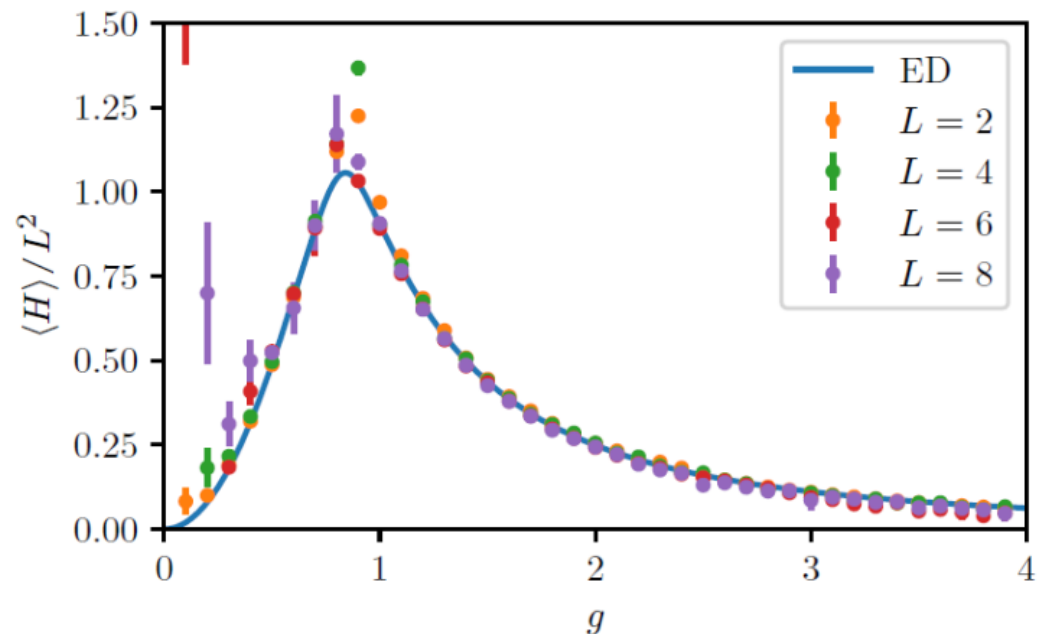
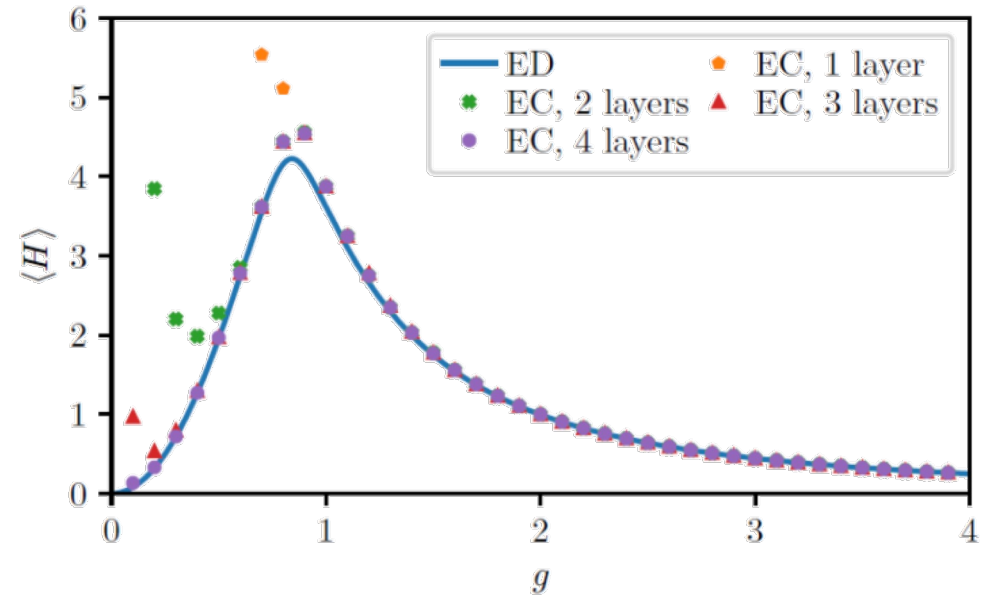
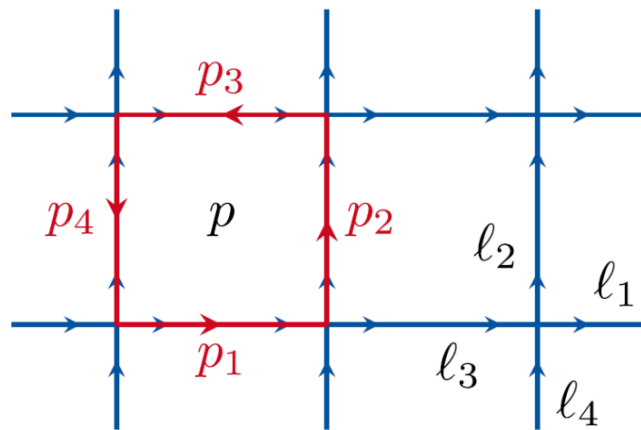
$$H = H_E + H_B$$

$$= \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_\ell [2 - (P_\ell + P_\ell^\dagger)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2g^2} \sum_p [2 - (Q_{p_1}^\dagger Q_{p_2}^\dagger Q_{p_3} Q_{p_4} + \text{H.c.})]$$

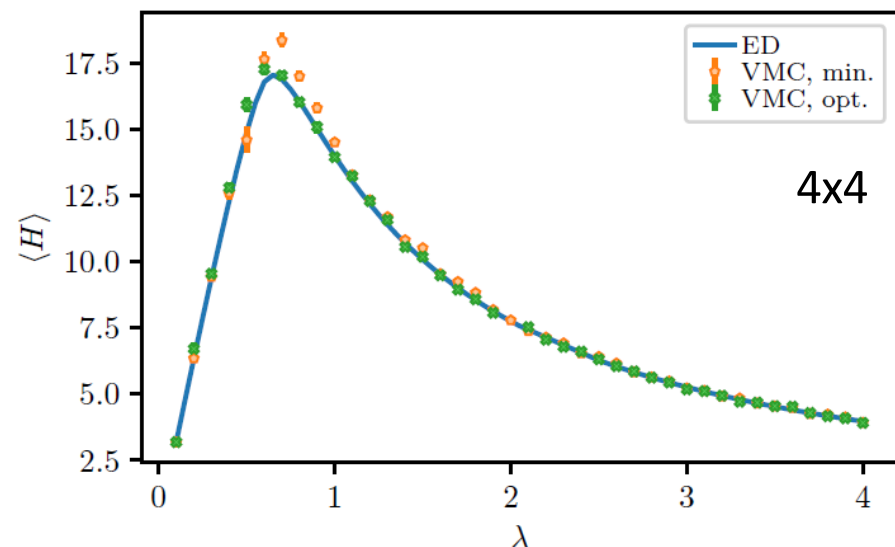
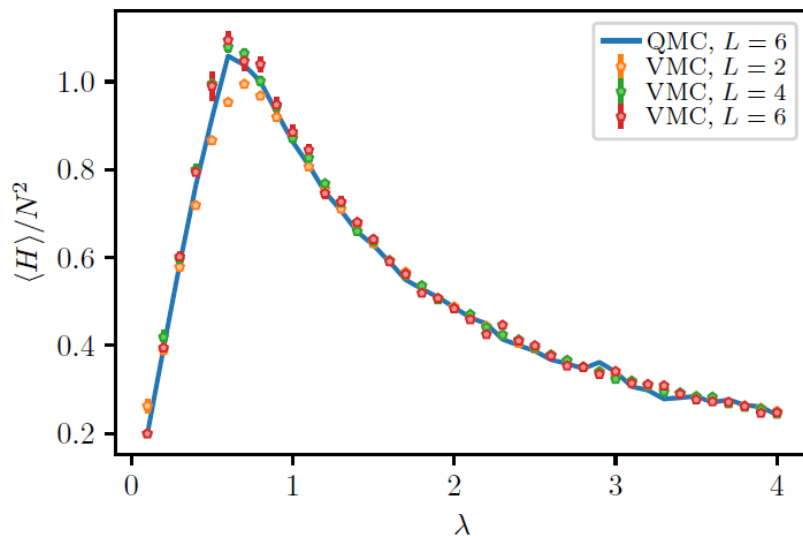
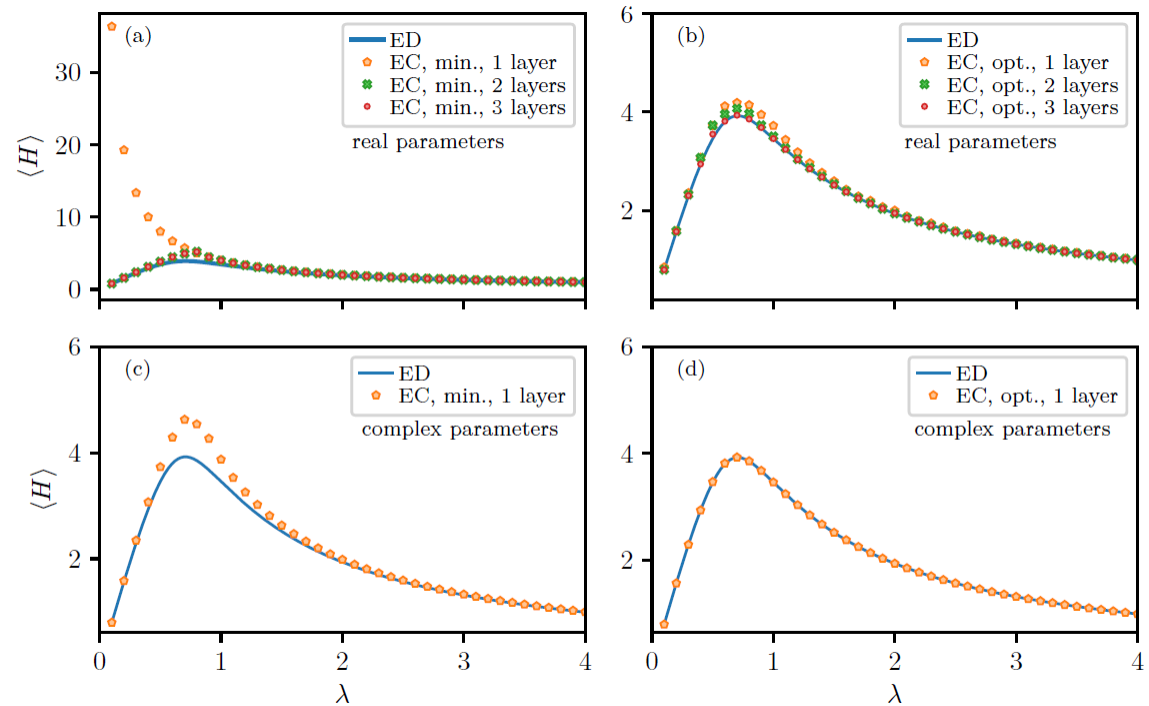
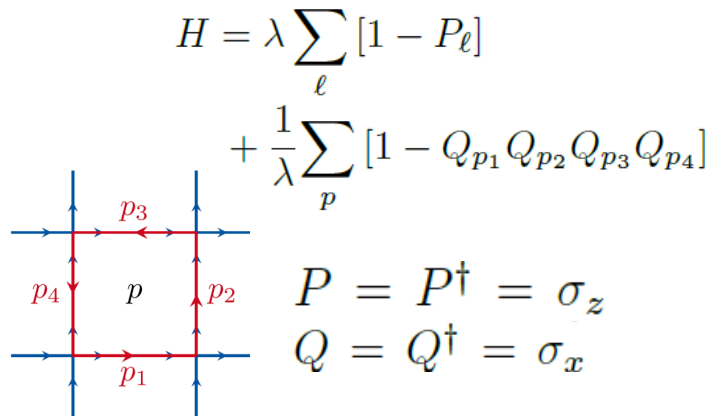
$$\Theta(\mathbf{x}) = P_{\mathbf{x},r} P_{\mathbf{x},u} P_{\mathbf{x}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1,r}^\dagger P_{\mathbf{x}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2,u}^\dagger$$

$$[\Theta(\mathbf{x}), H] = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$$



Improved Algorithm + Benchmark: pure gauge Z_2 PEPS in 2+1d

- Solved a numerical bottleneck (Pfaffians)
- Improved the ansatz states analytically



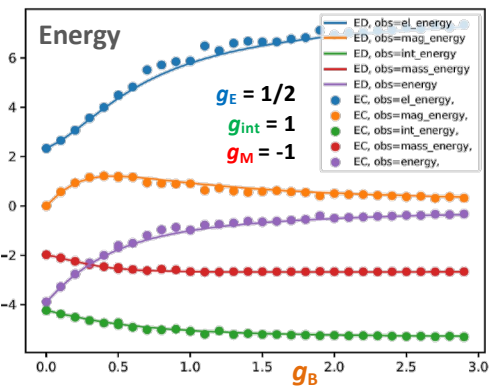
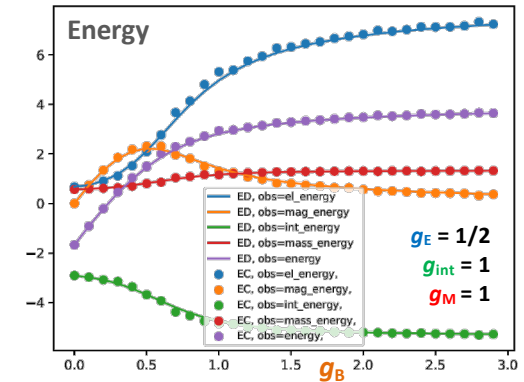
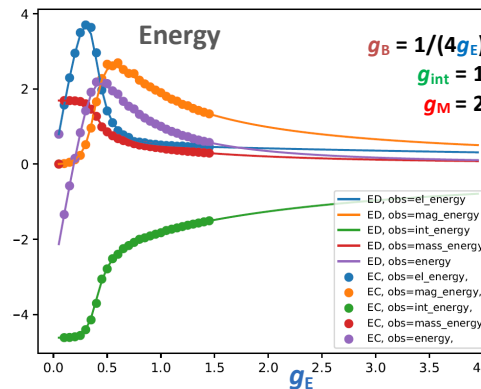
Non-published Preliminary Results – Numerics

- Z_2 in 2+1-D with a single fermionic flavor
- Early results, exact contraction, 2x2

Next steps: larger systems with Monte-Carlo; two flavors

First expected breakthrough: introduction of a chemical potential, into a sign-problem regime

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= g_E H_E && \text{Electric} \\
 + g_B H_B &&& \text{Magnetic} \\
 + g_{int} H_{int} &&& \text{Interaction} \\
 + g_M H_M &&& \text{Mass}
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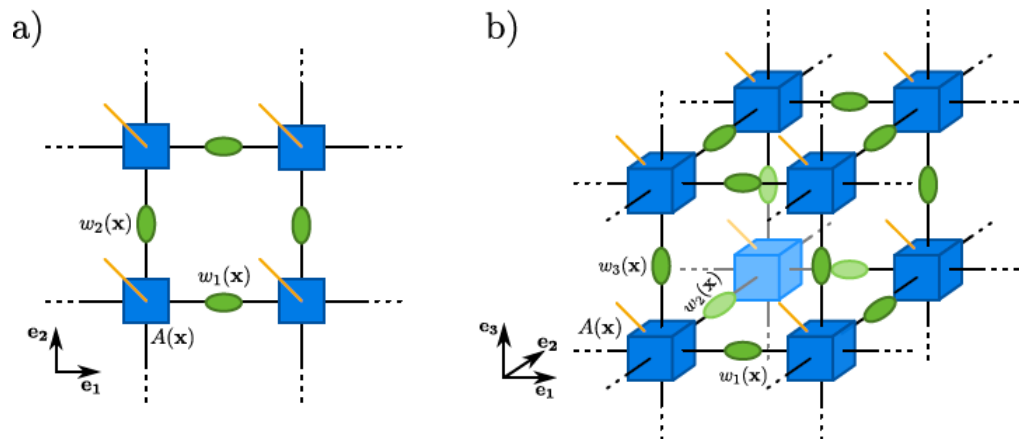


Soon:

- Kelman, Borla, Emonts, Zohar – Z_2 with fermions

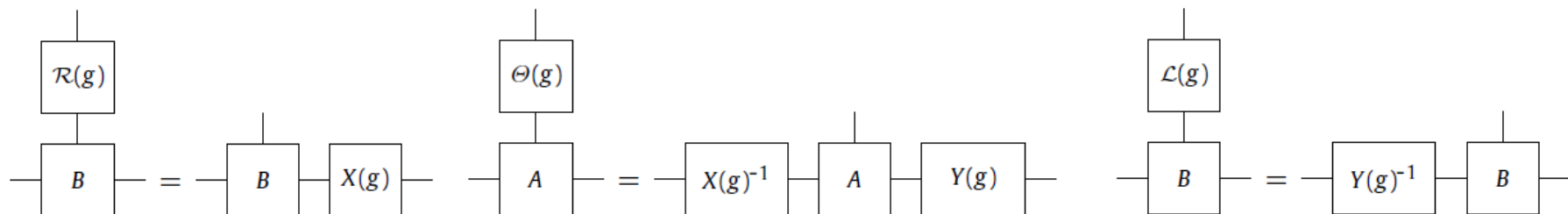
Analytics 1: 3+1-d: fermions ready for gauging

- The Gaussian fermionic PEPS formalism can be extended in a straight forward way to three space dimensions.
- As expected, “spin” emerges from demanding lattice rotation invariance; assuming very naively that the fermions are “spinless” leads to Kogut’s staggering.
- It is possible to formally express the ground states of lattice Dirac Hamiltonians exactly as such states.
- Gauging can be done exactly the same, as well as Monte-Carlo sampling; the dependence on the dimension is indirect, only through the number of links to be integrated.
- To be continued



Analytics 2: Is this the way to gauge?

- We have shown that the current gauging mechanism produces LGT state with proper gauge invariance. But does this cover all the options for gauge invariant PEPS?
- YES!
 - It was rigorously proven for MPS (PEPS in one space dimension) that once simple physical and mathematical properties (injectivity etc) are satisfied, gauge invariance implies the described PEPS structure.
 - Kull, Molnar, Zohar, Cirac, Ann. Phys 386, 199-241 (2017)



- Recently completed a proof of the theorem for higher dimensions and arbitrary geometries.
 - Blunik, Garre-Rubio, Molnar, Zohar – soon!



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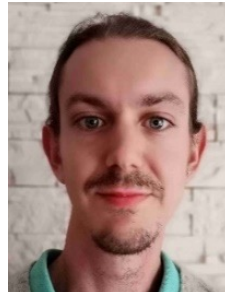
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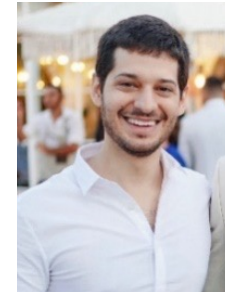
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- Roose, Zohar – analytical study of the ansatz suitability
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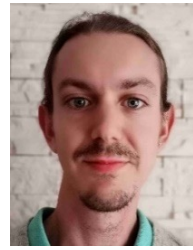
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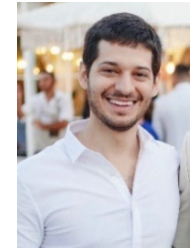
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