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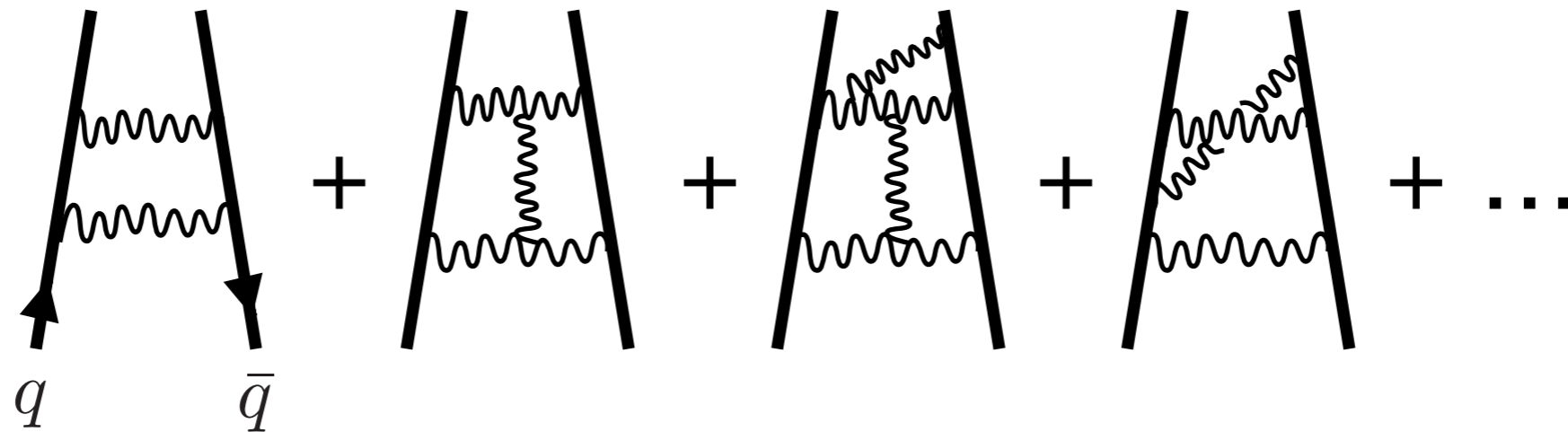
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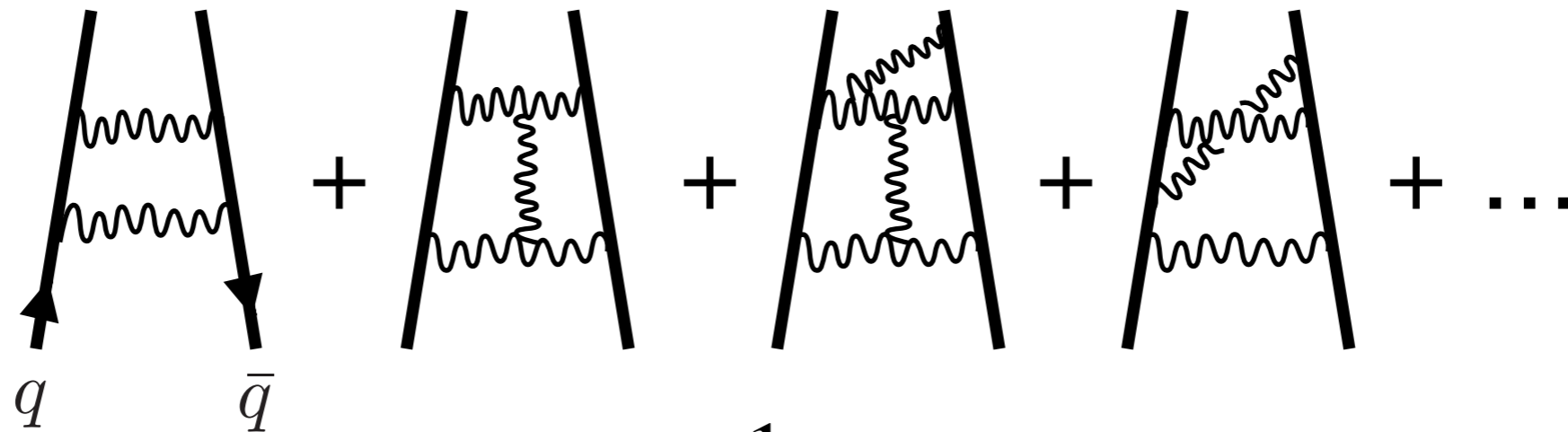
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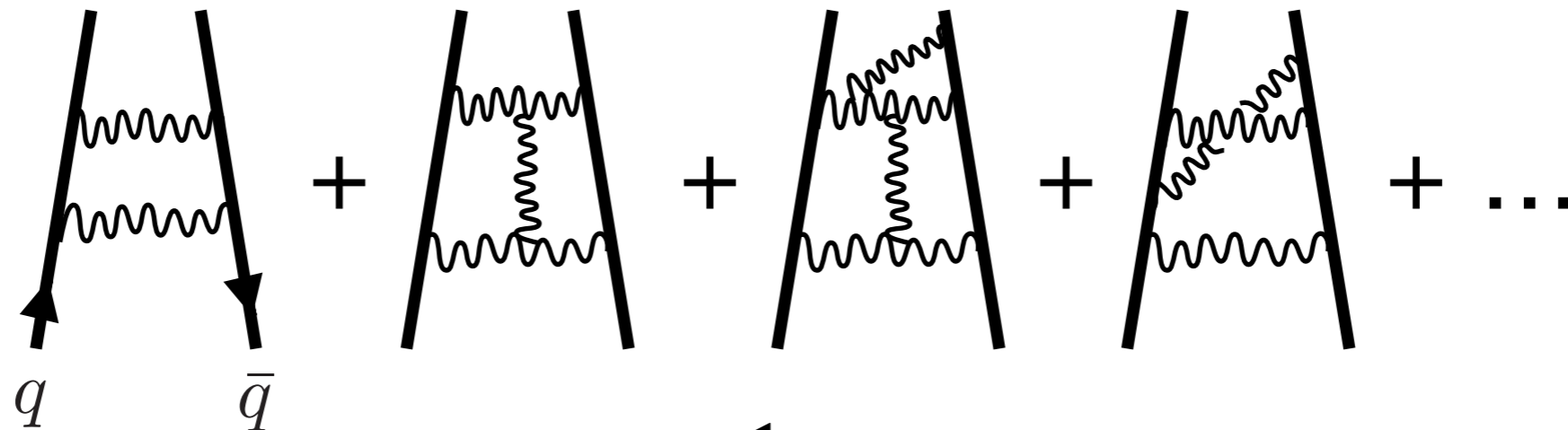
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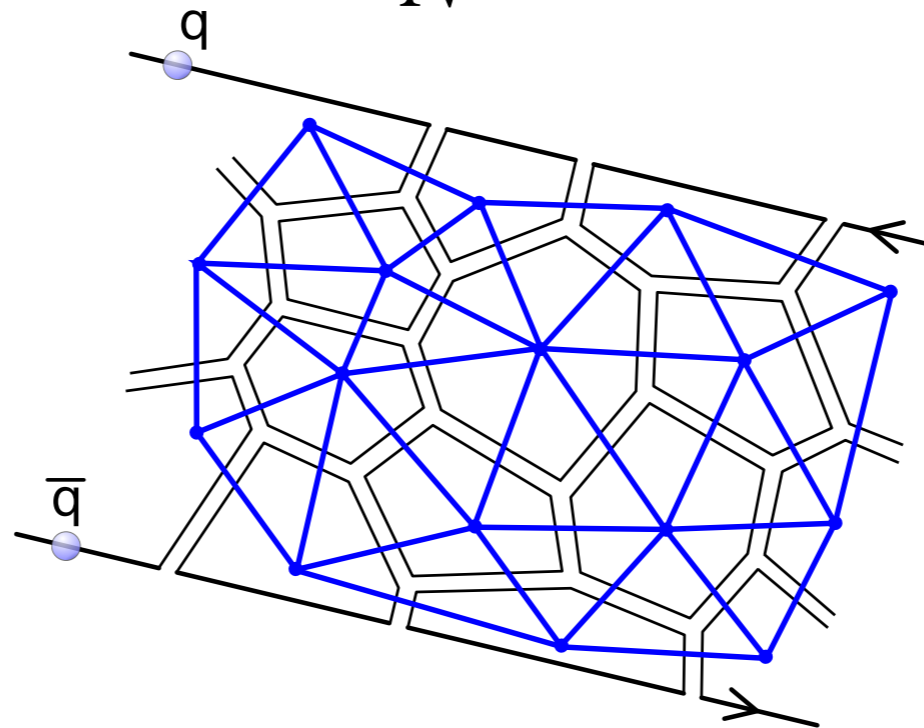
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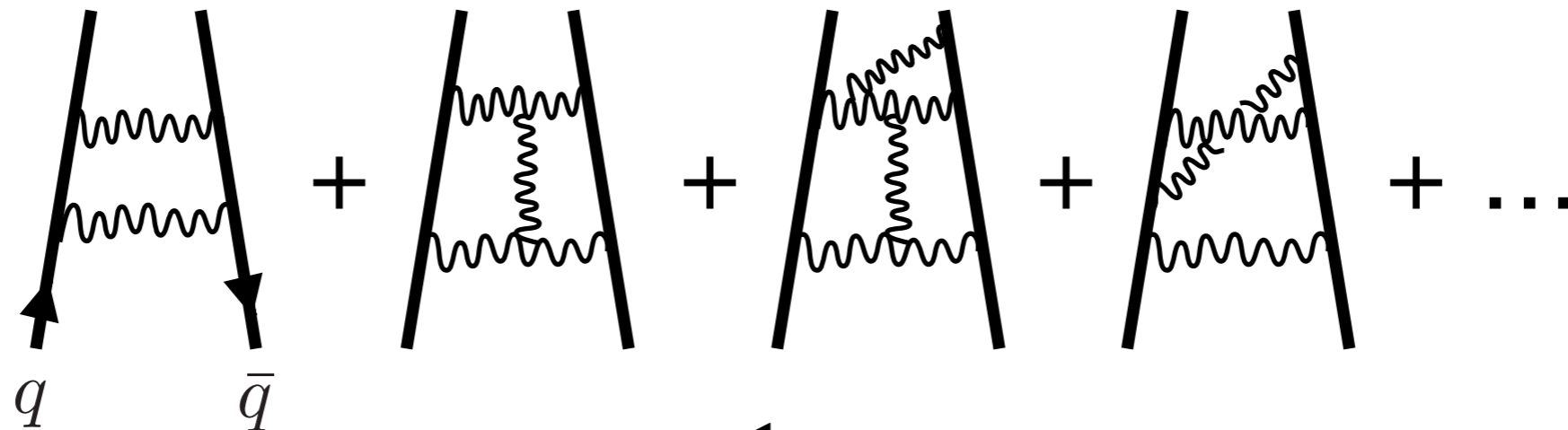
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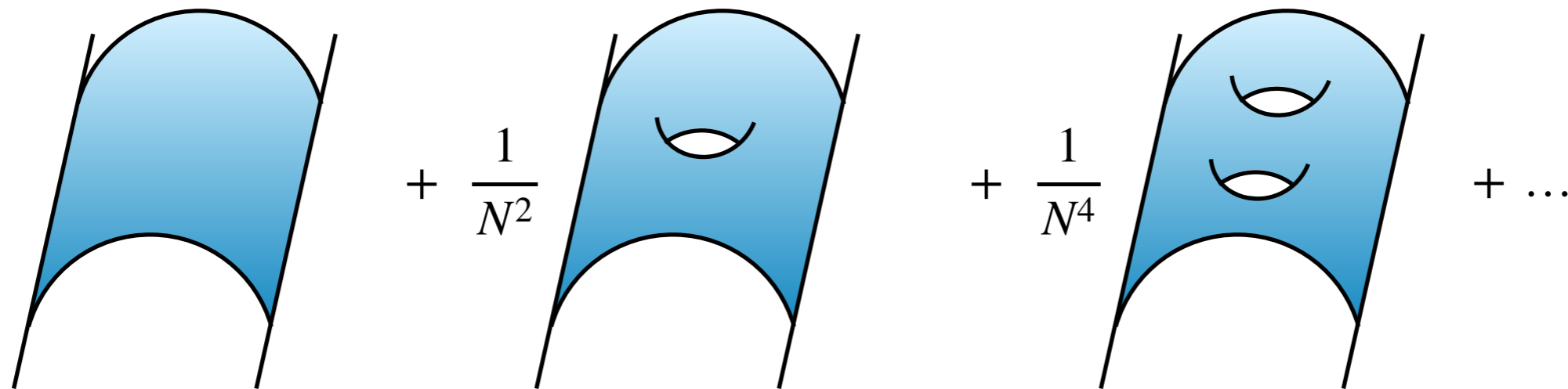
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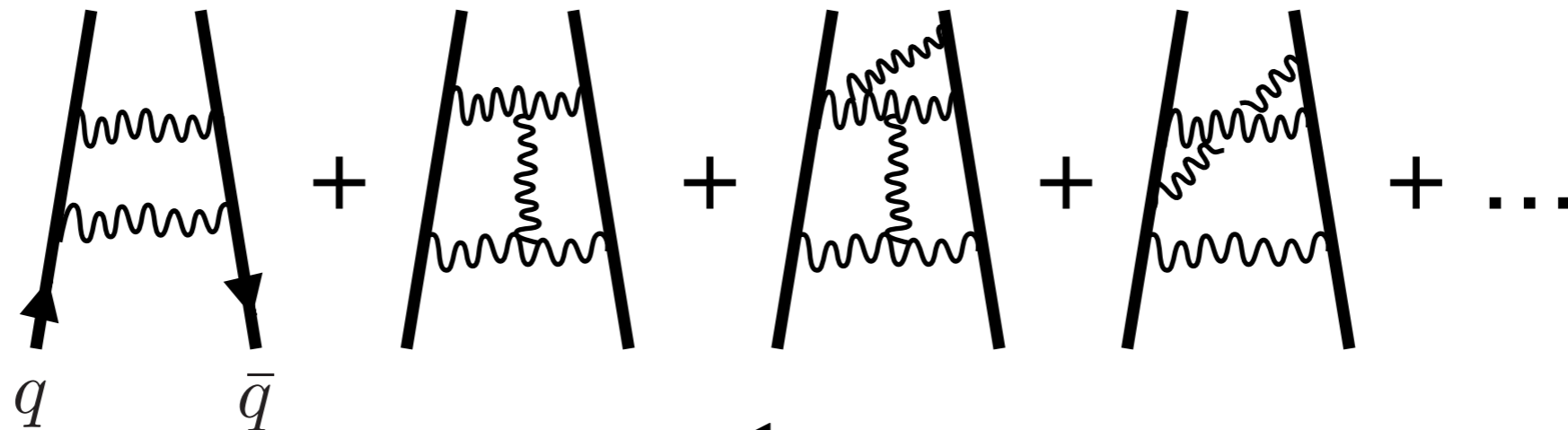
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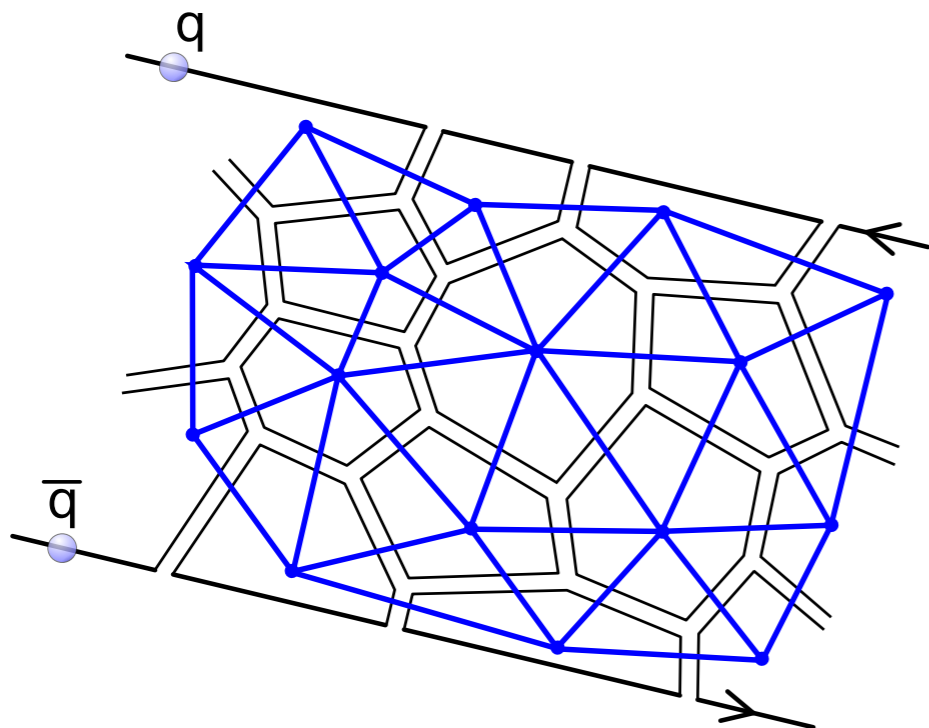
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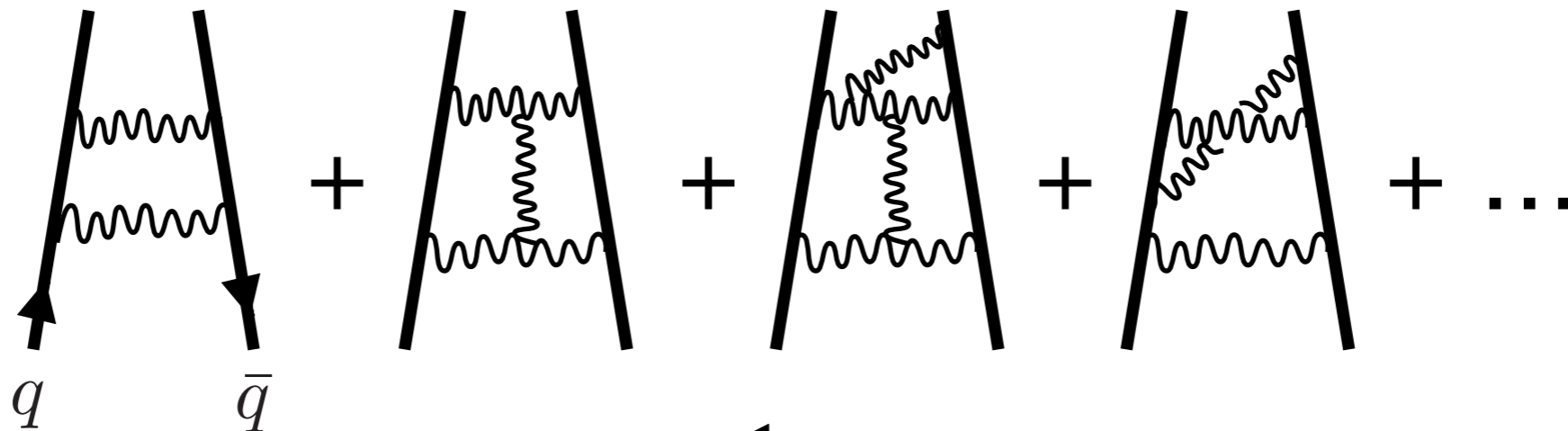




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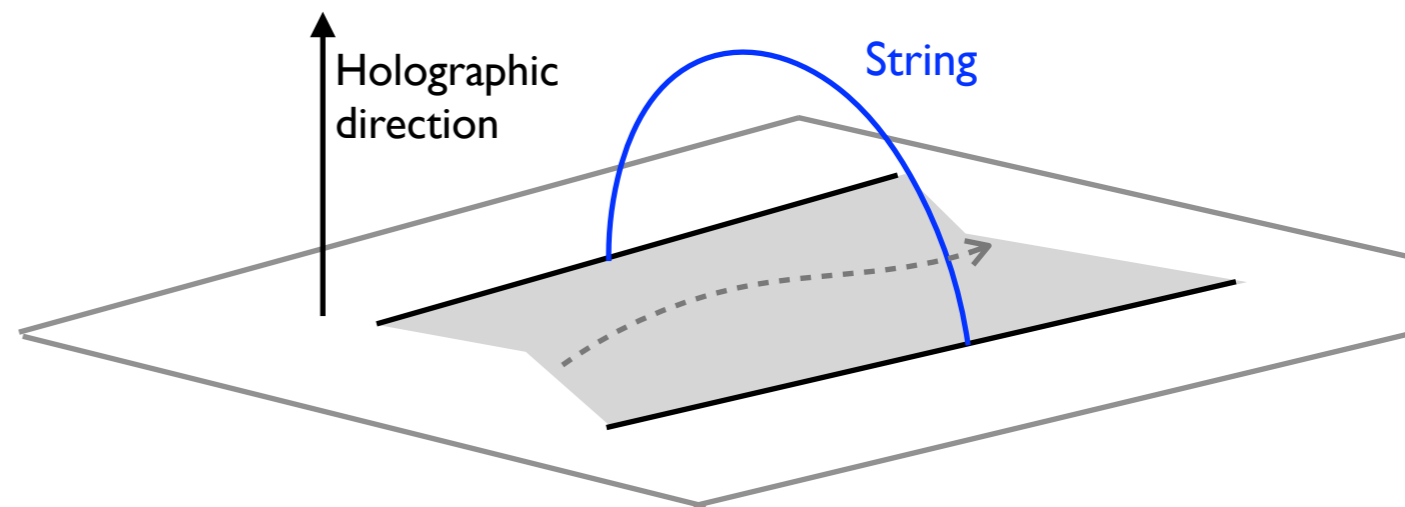
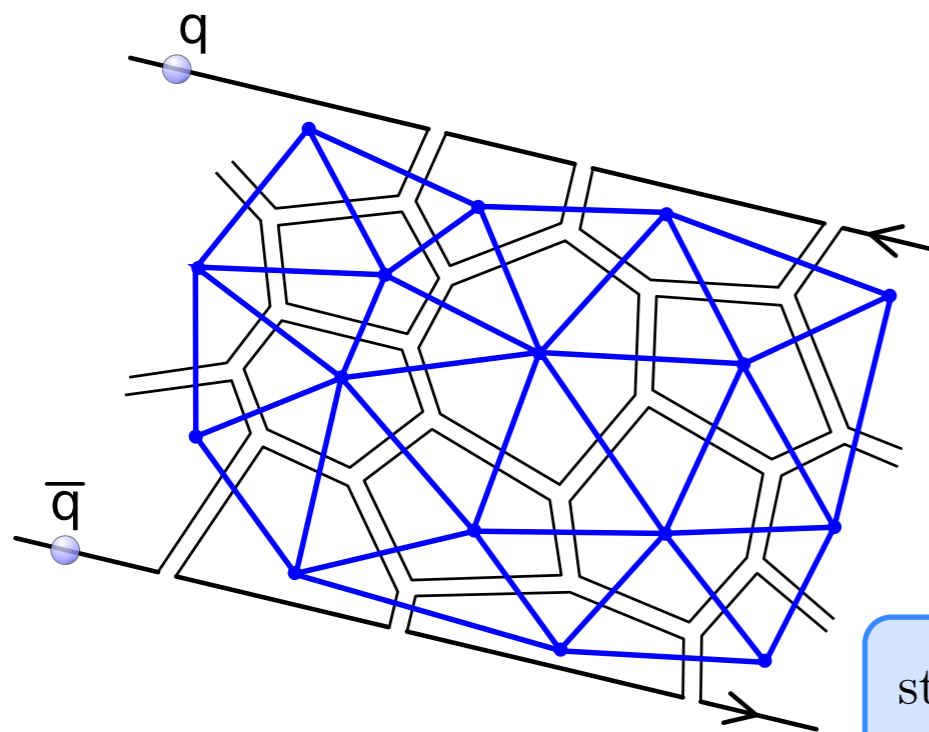
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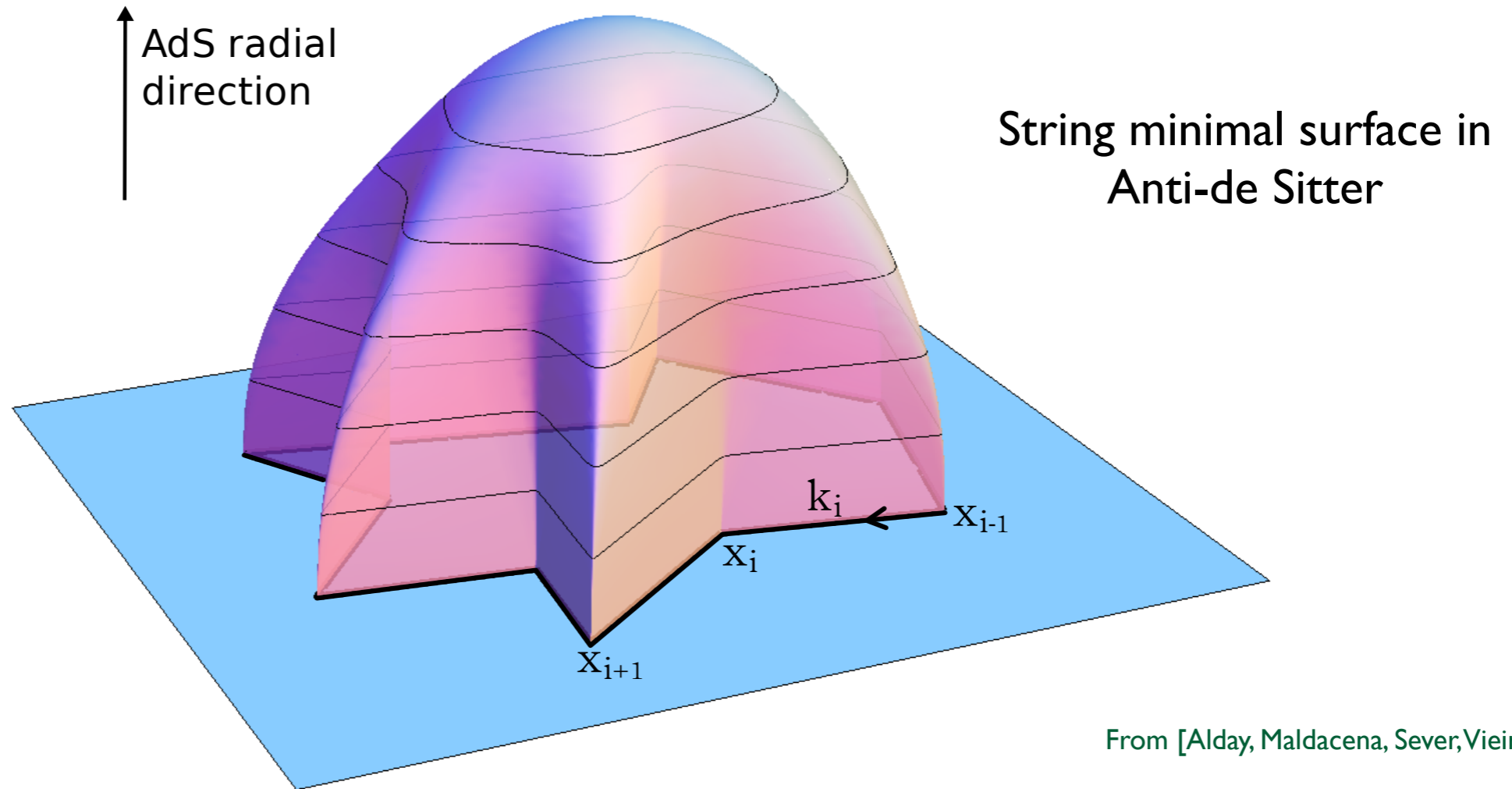
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At large 't Hooft coupling  $\lambda$  string tension is large and classical string surfaces dominate



In these theories, life is simple(r) both at weak and strong coupling

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**More symmetries than QCD**

e.g. scale invariance...

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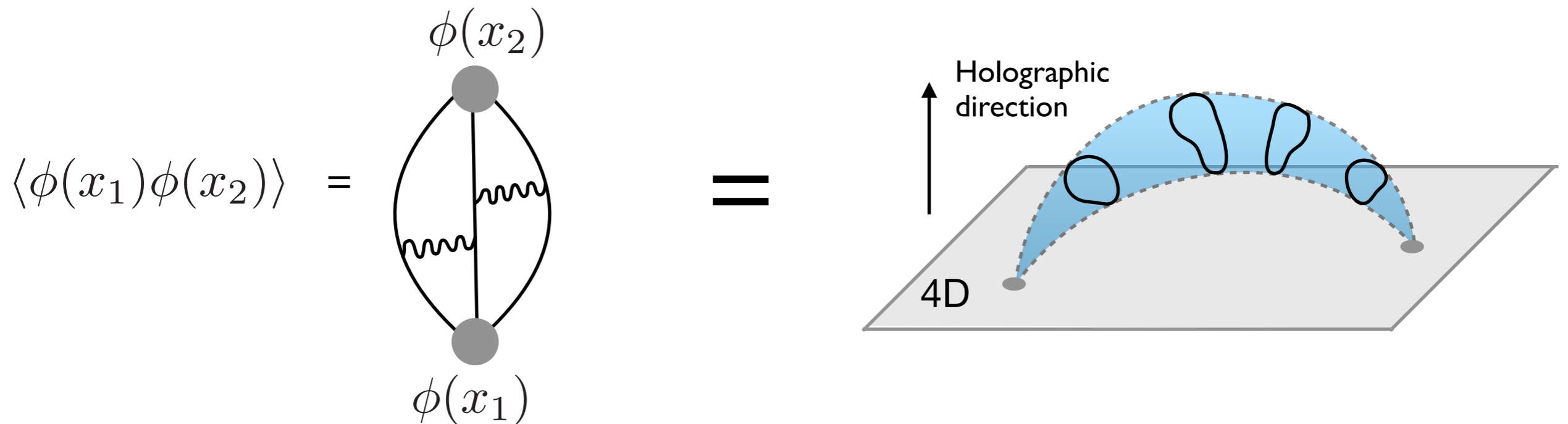
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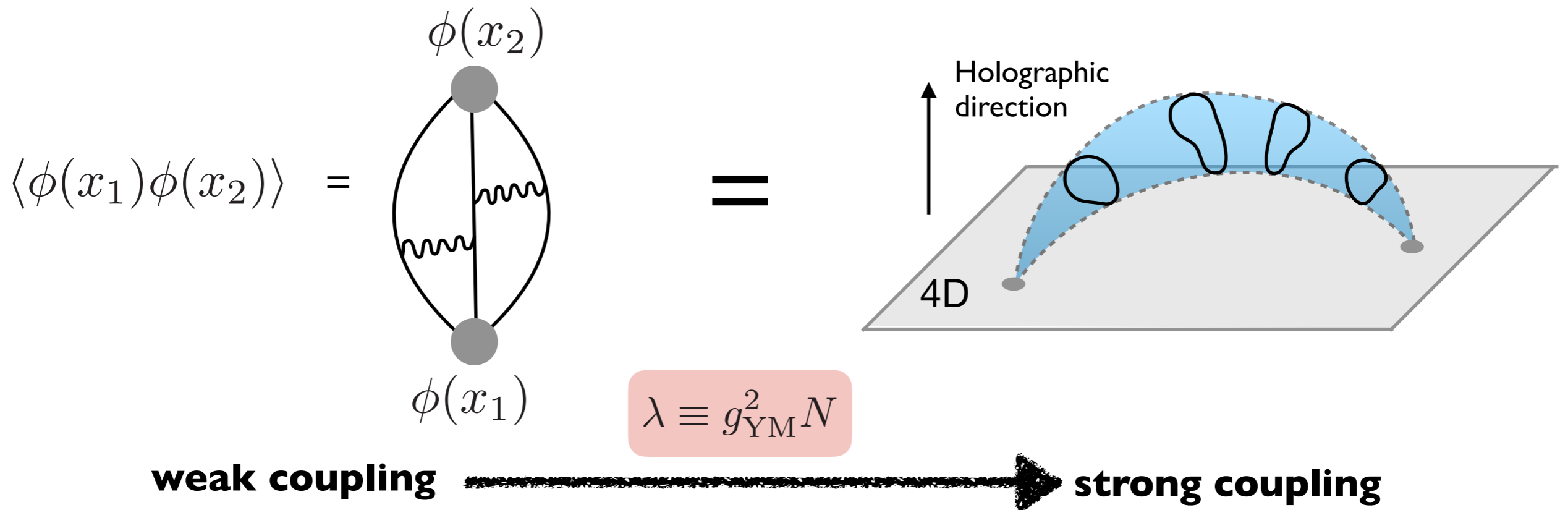
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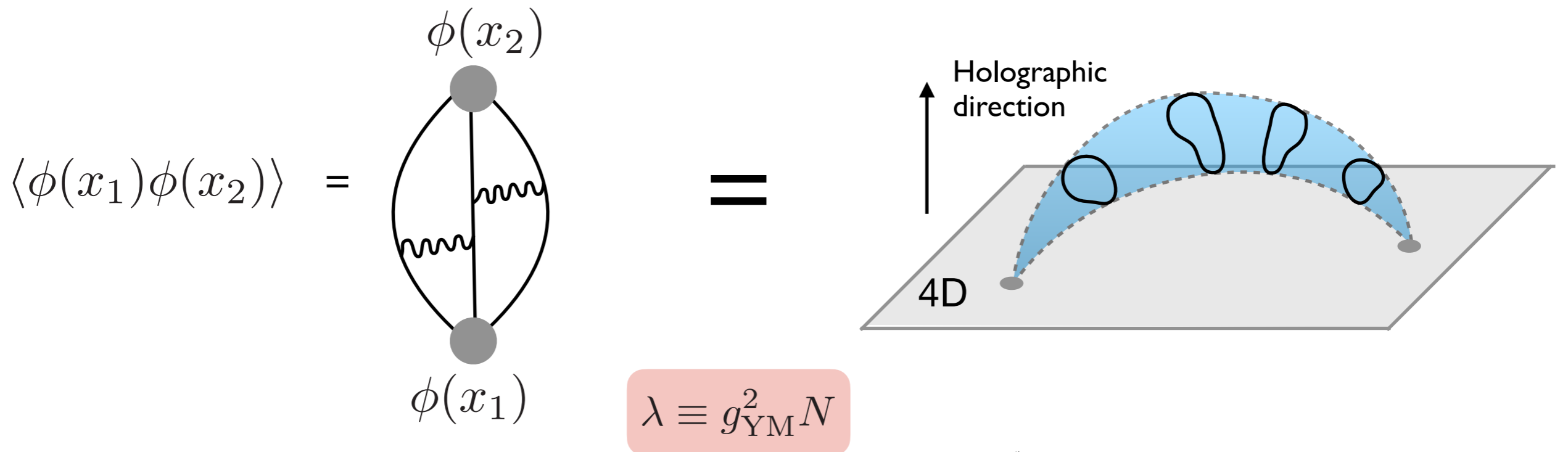
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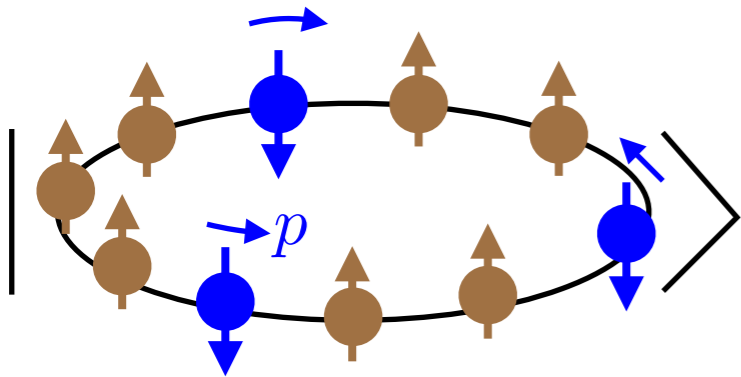
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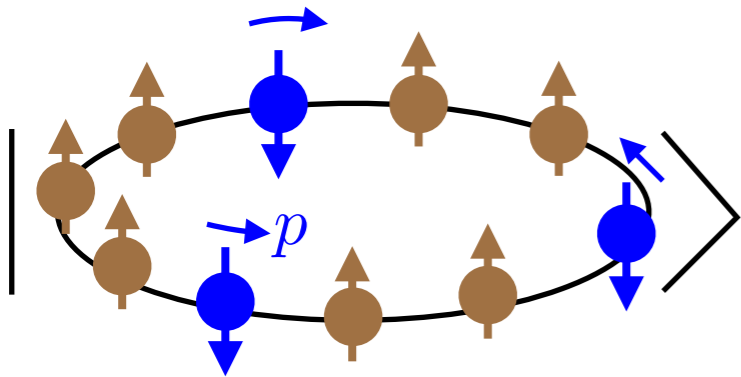
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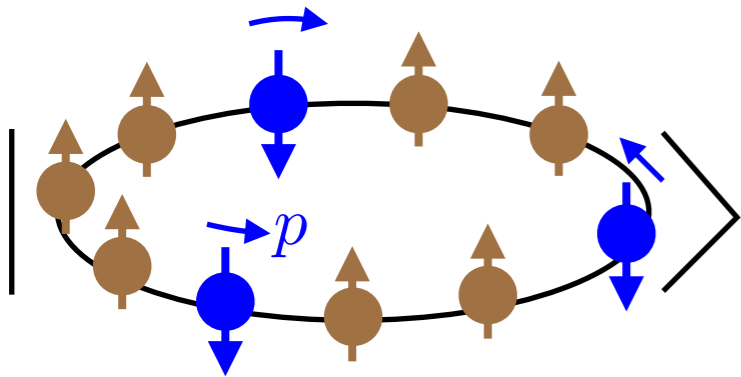
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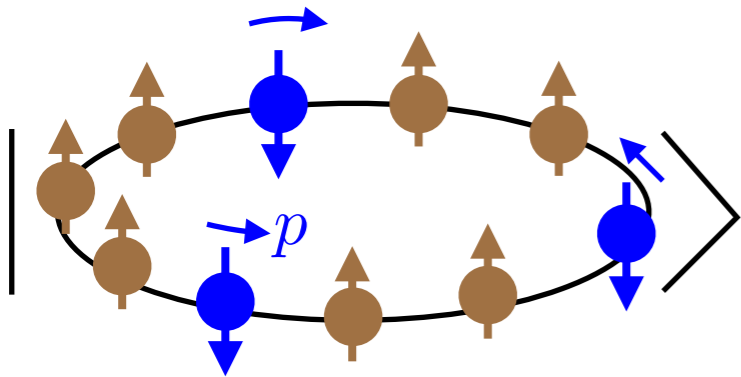
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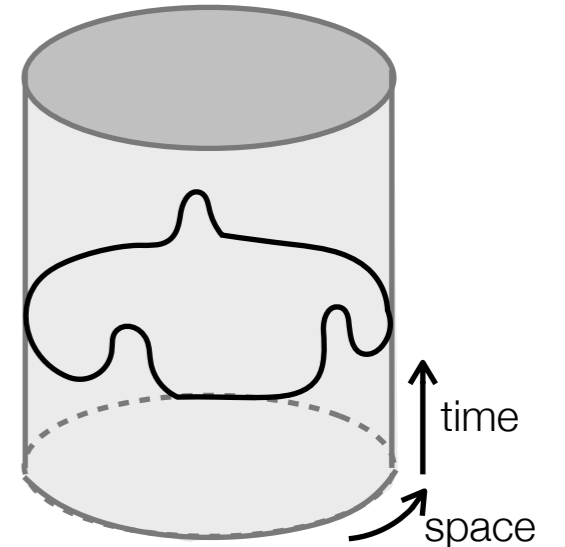
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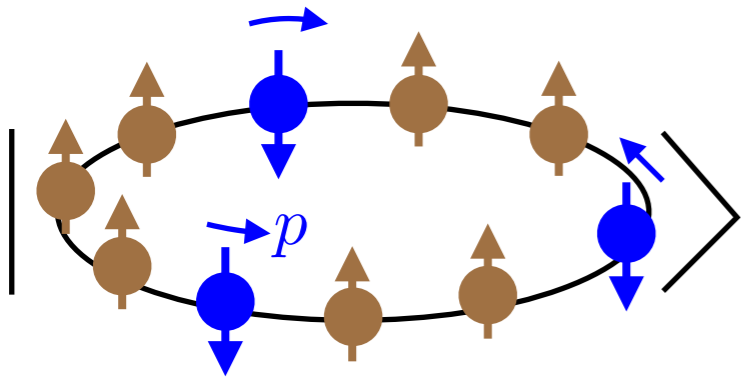
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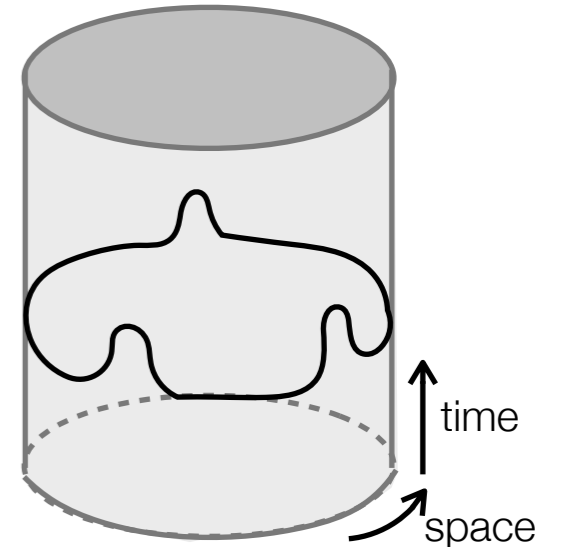
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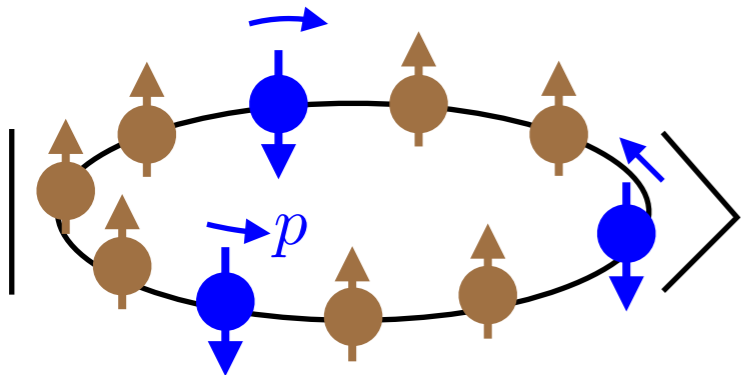


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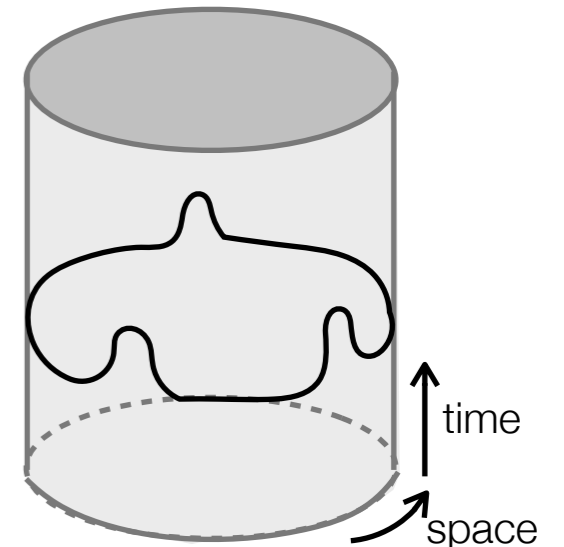
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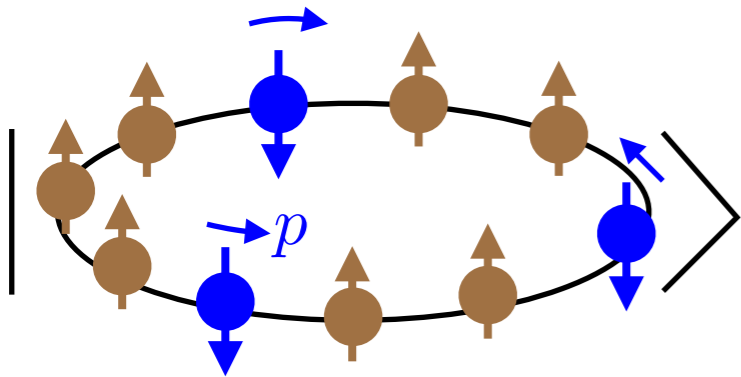
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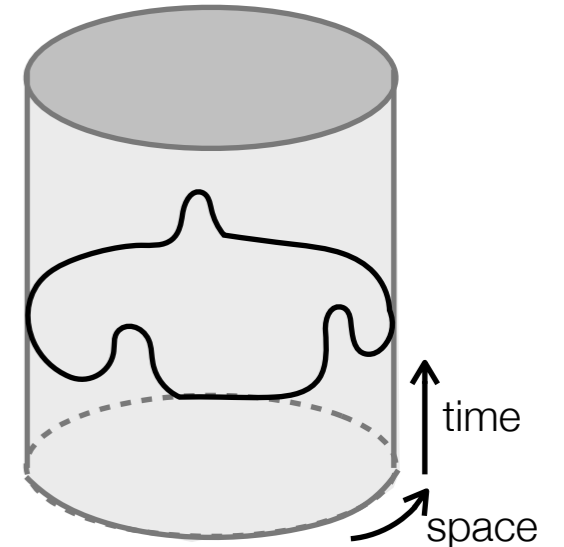
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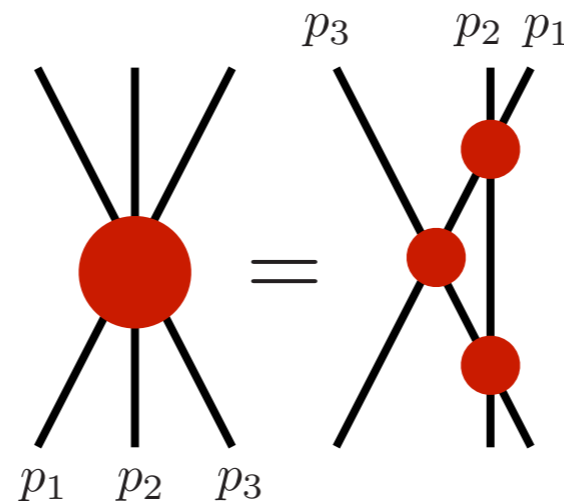


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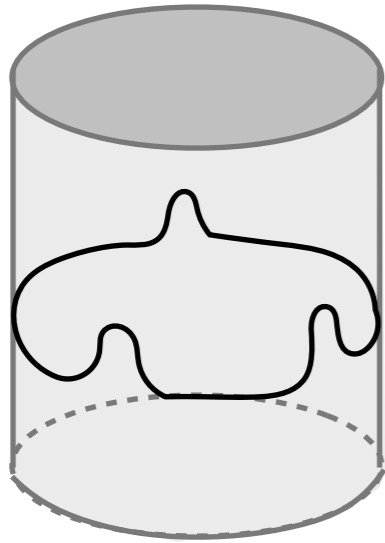
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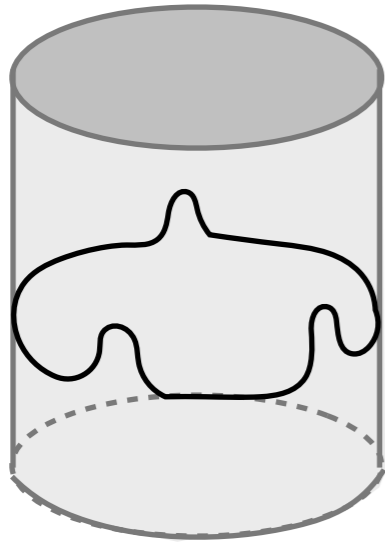


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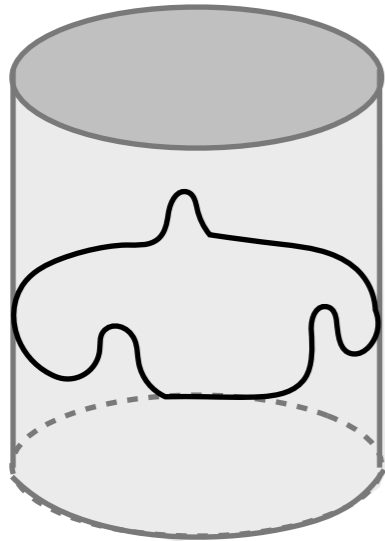
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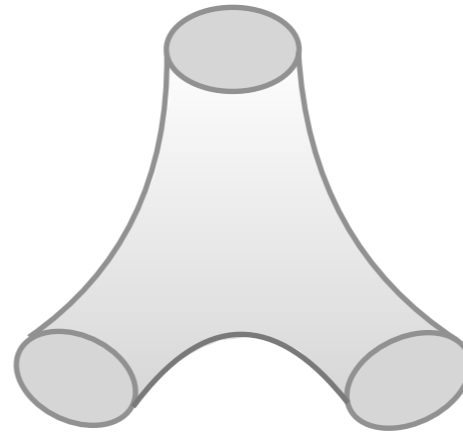
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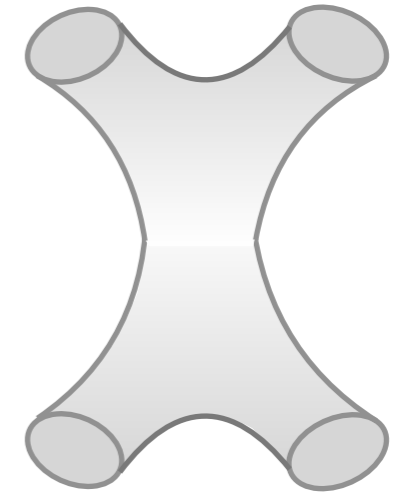
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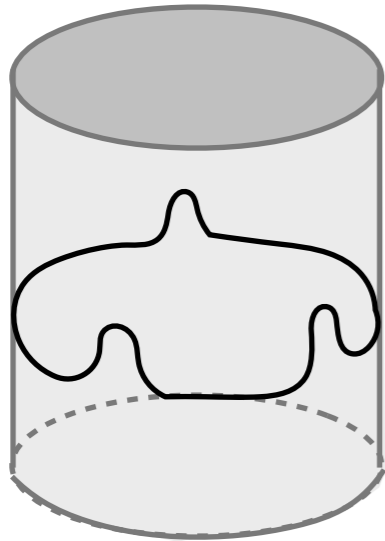
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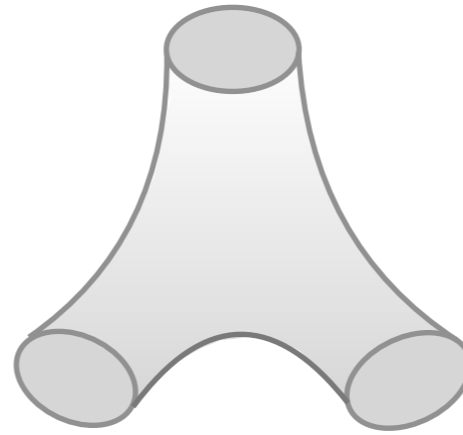
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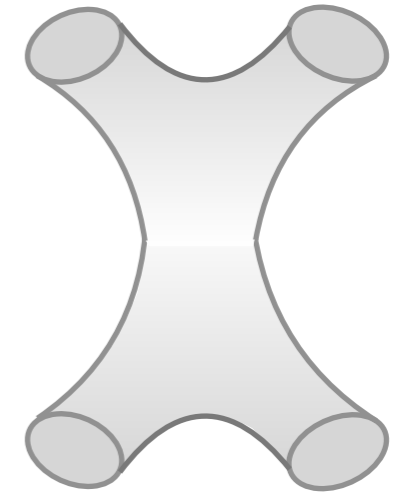
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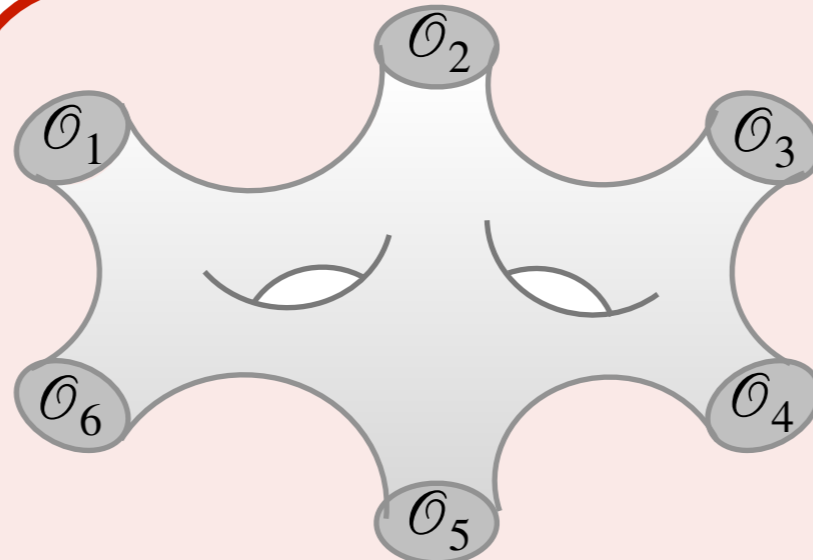


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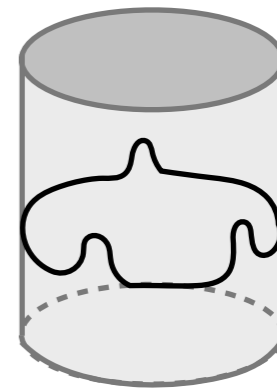
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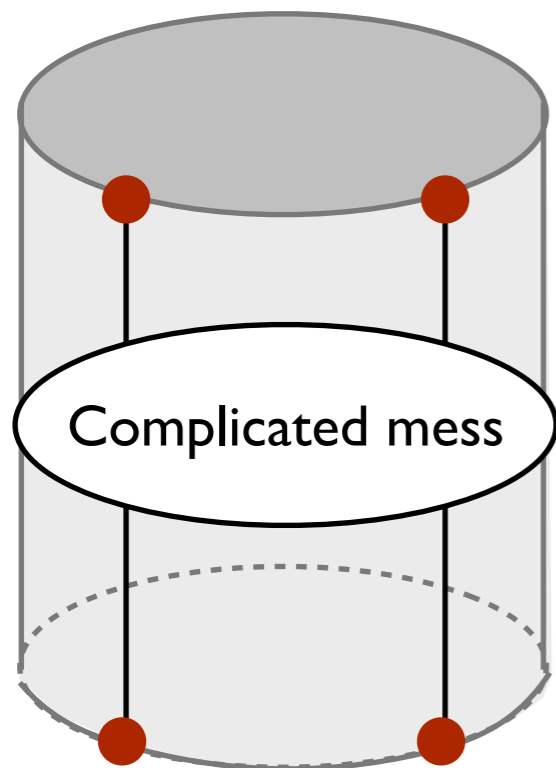
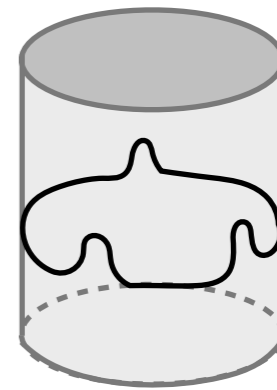
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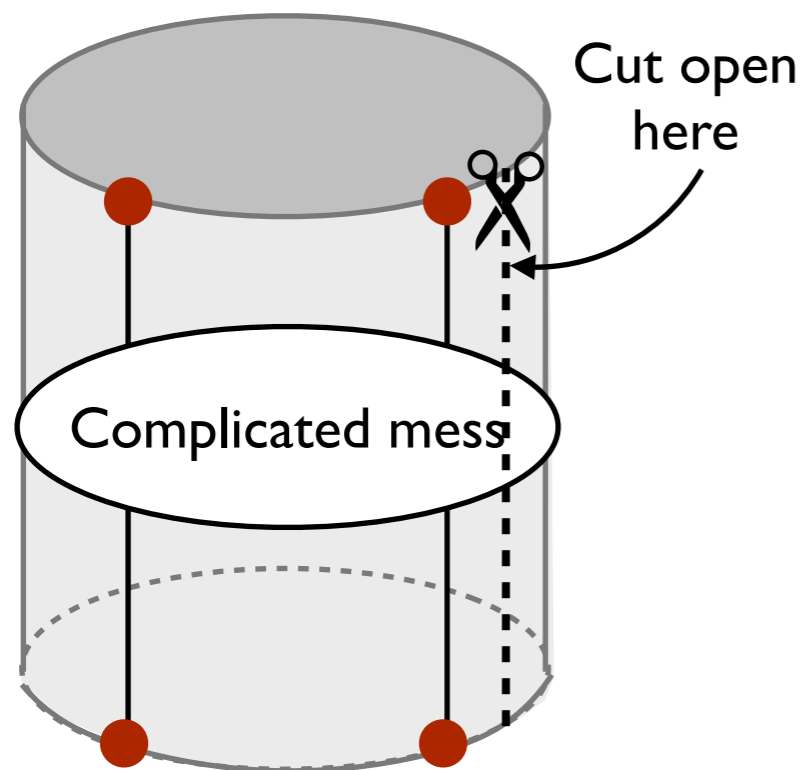
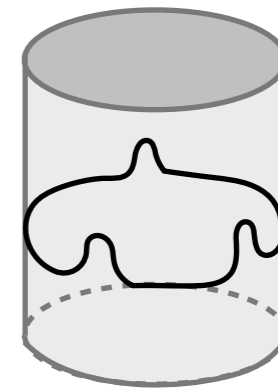
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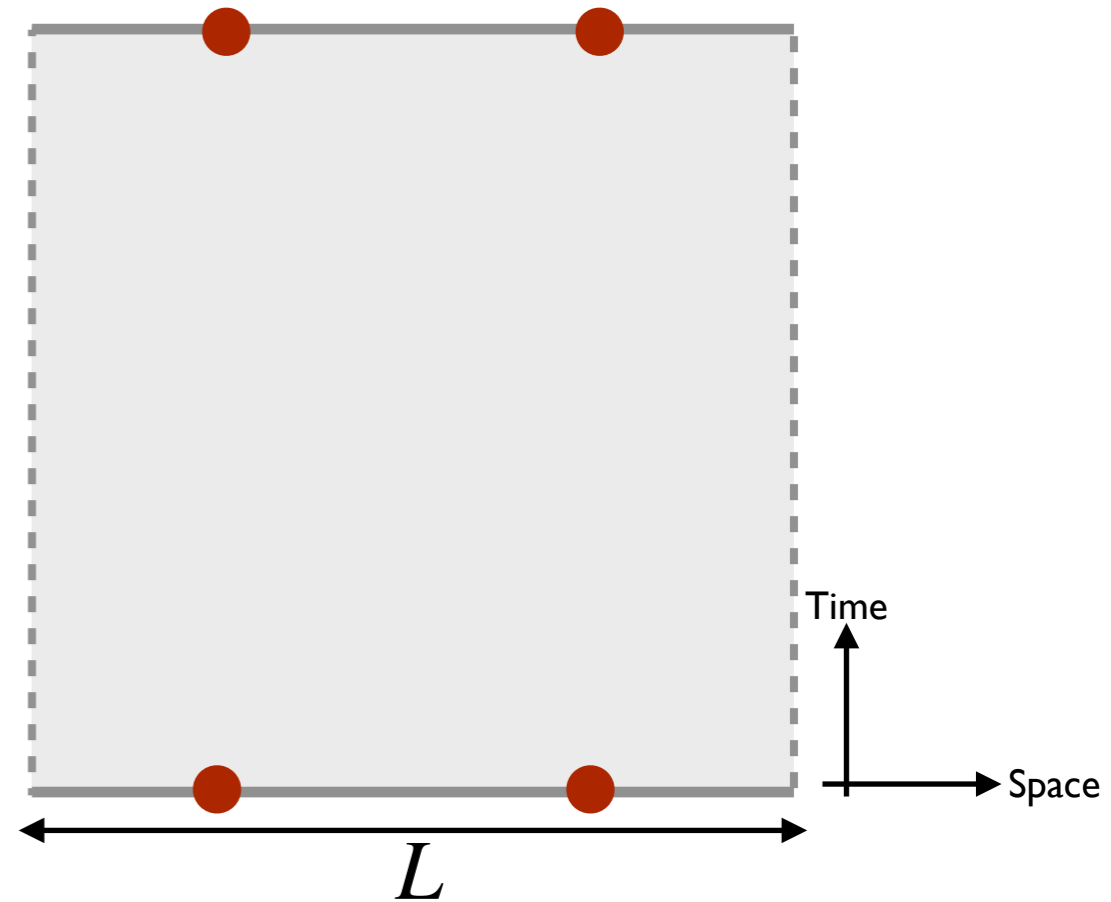
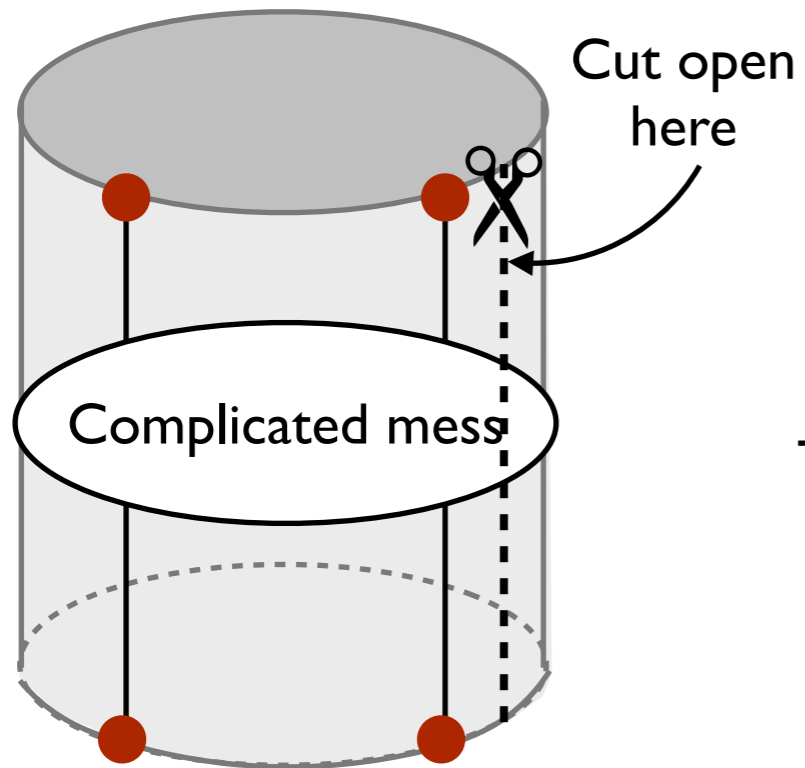
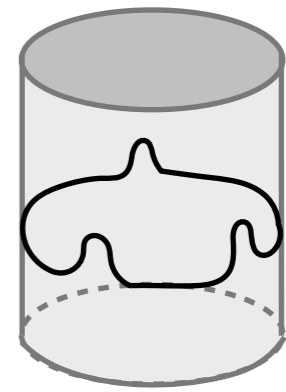
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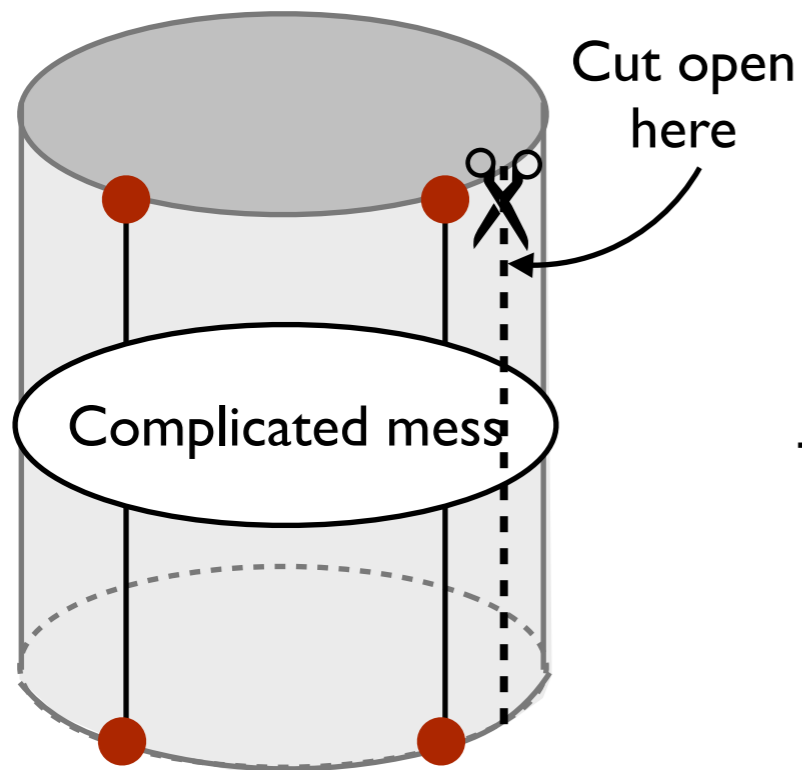
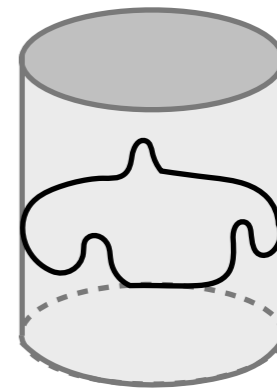
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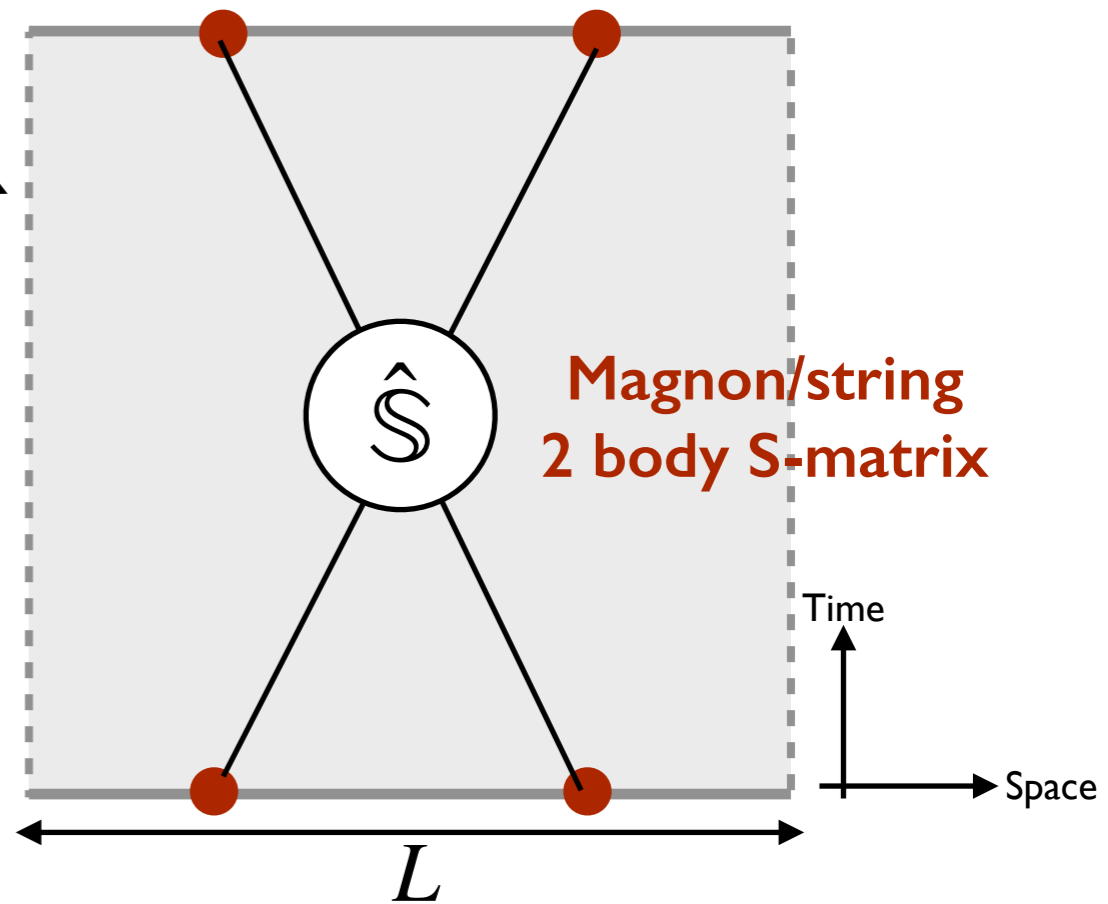
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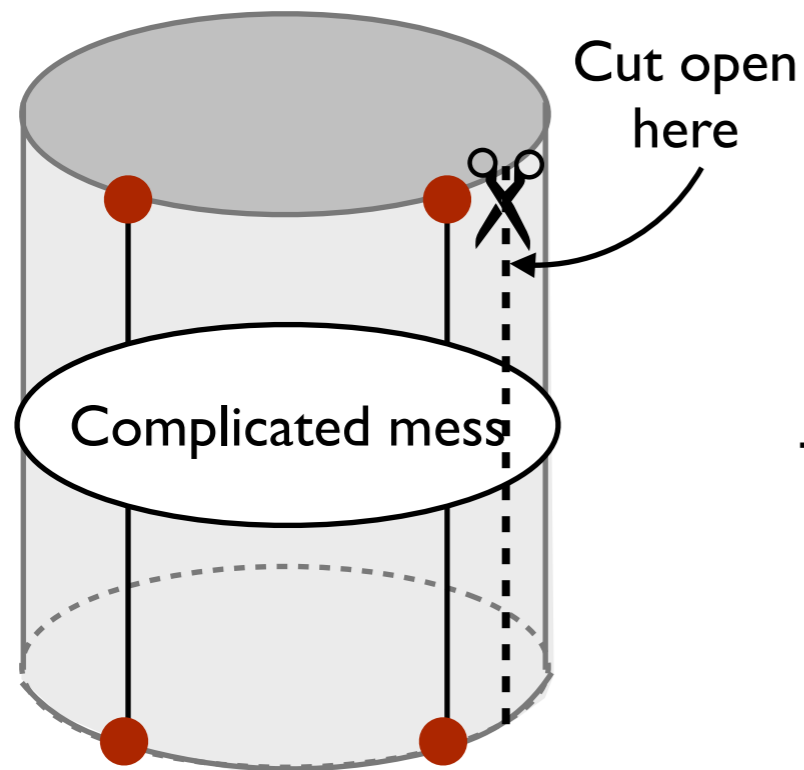
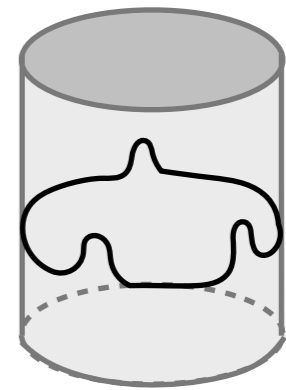


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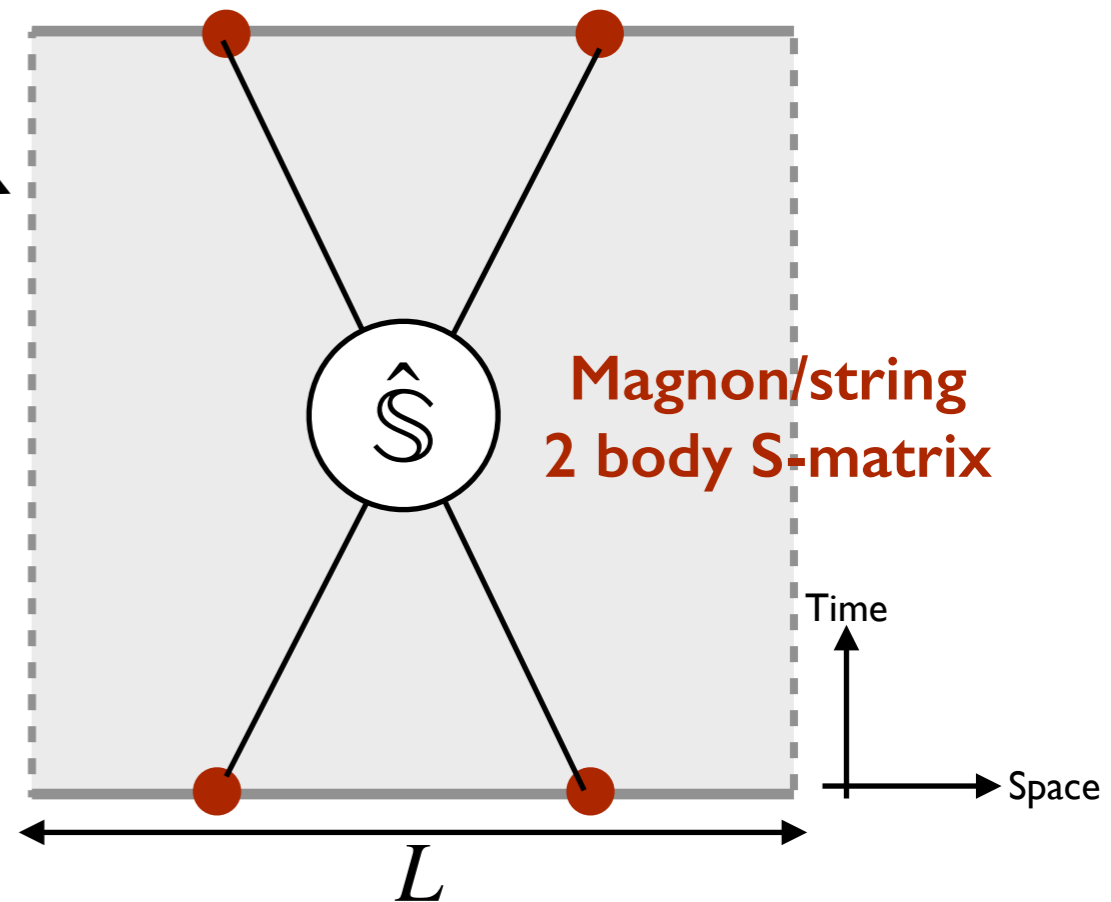


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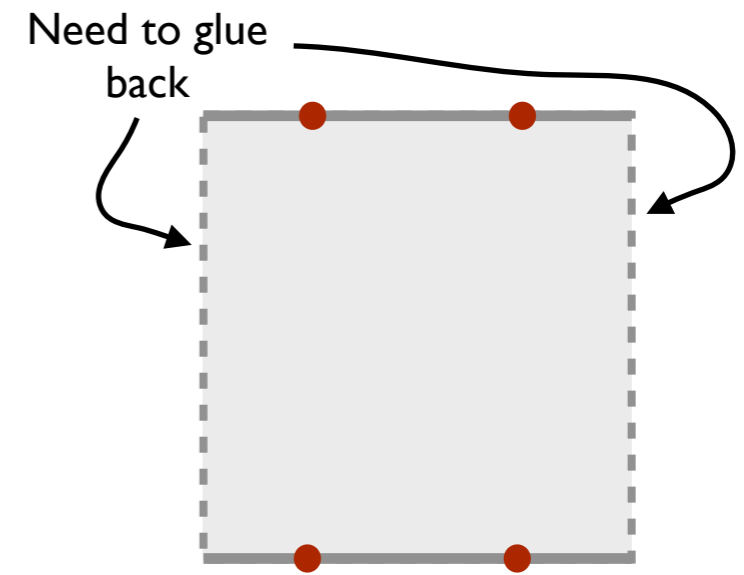


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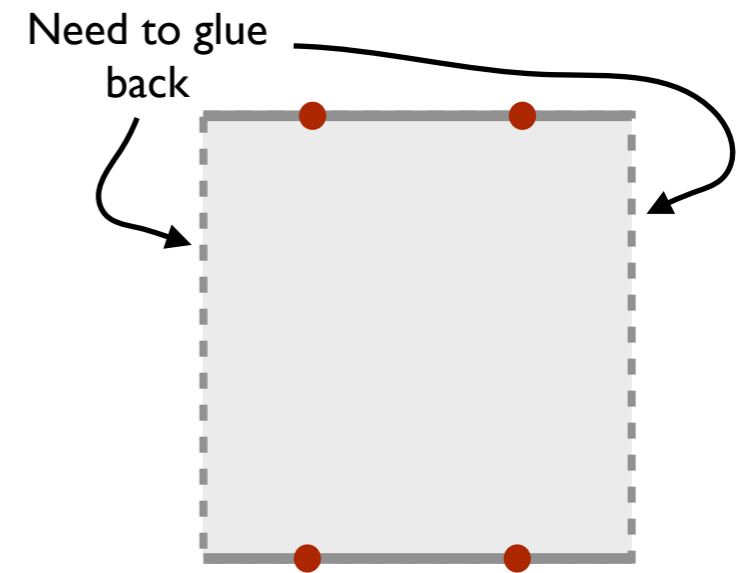
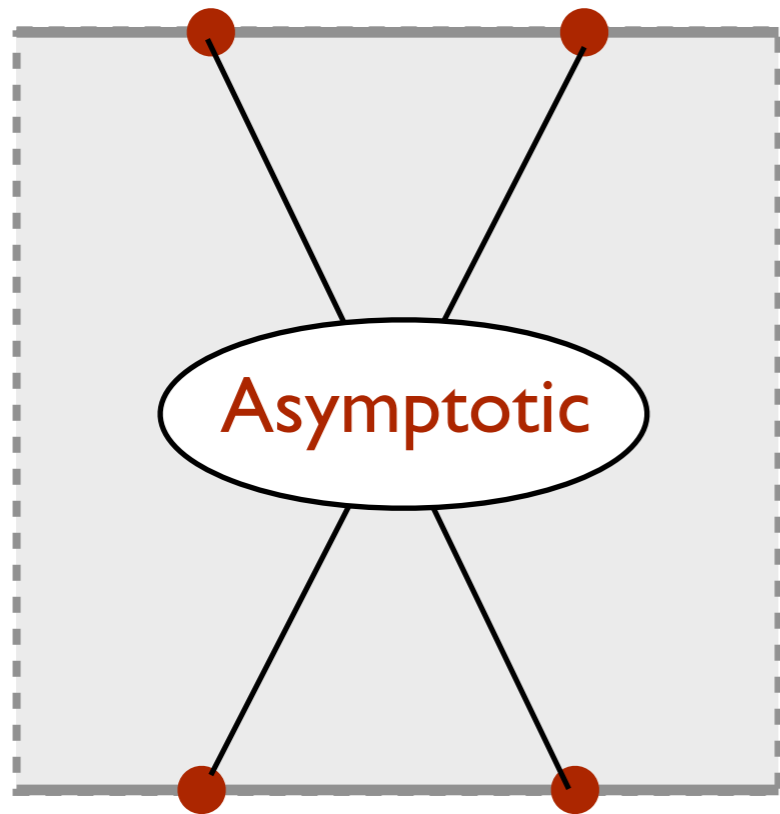
**Integrability:** Correct description up to exponentially small corrections in system size  $e^{-LE} \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^L)$  (also known as **wrapping**)



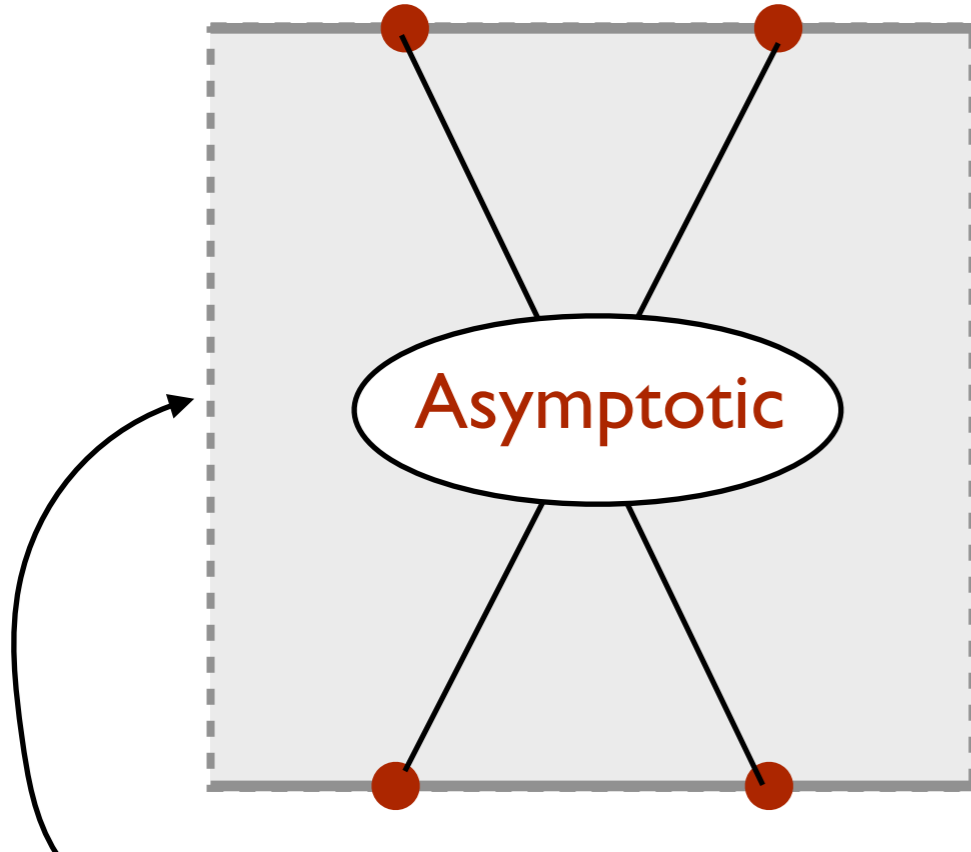
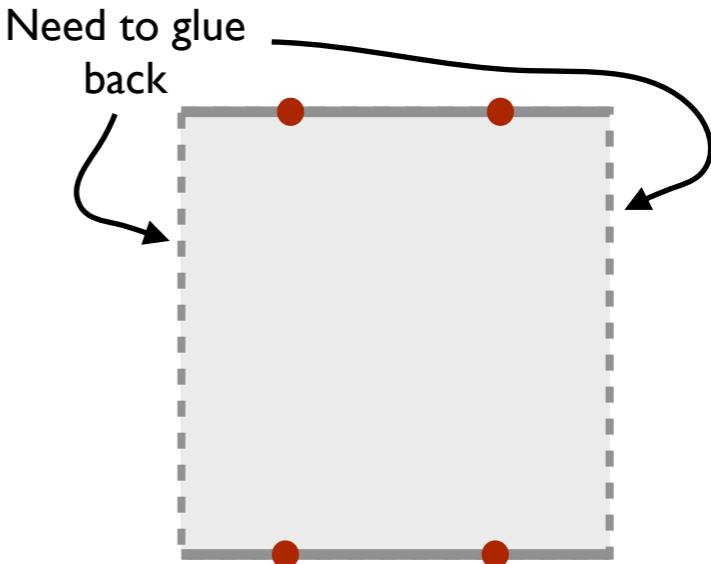
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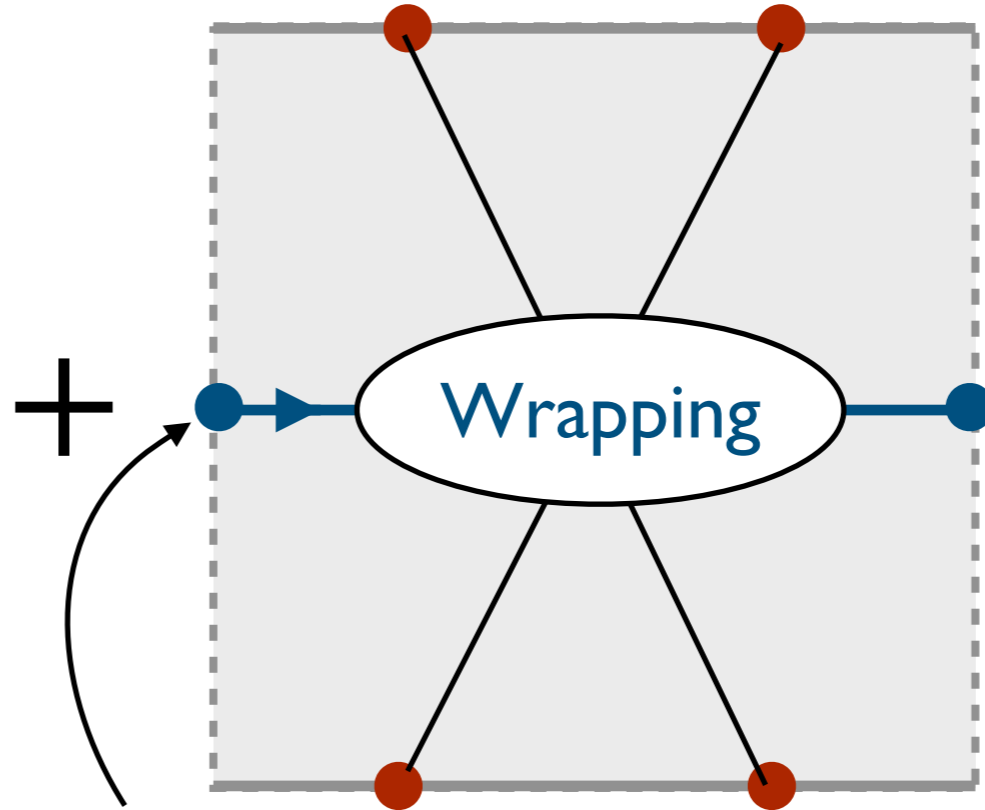
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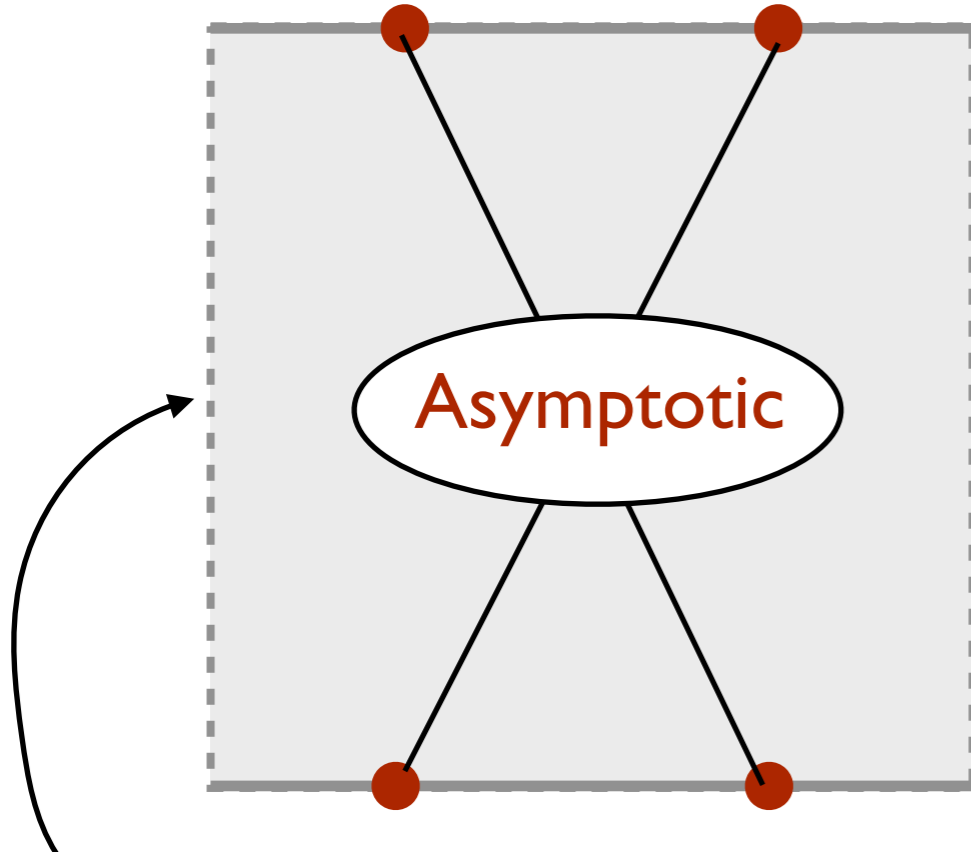
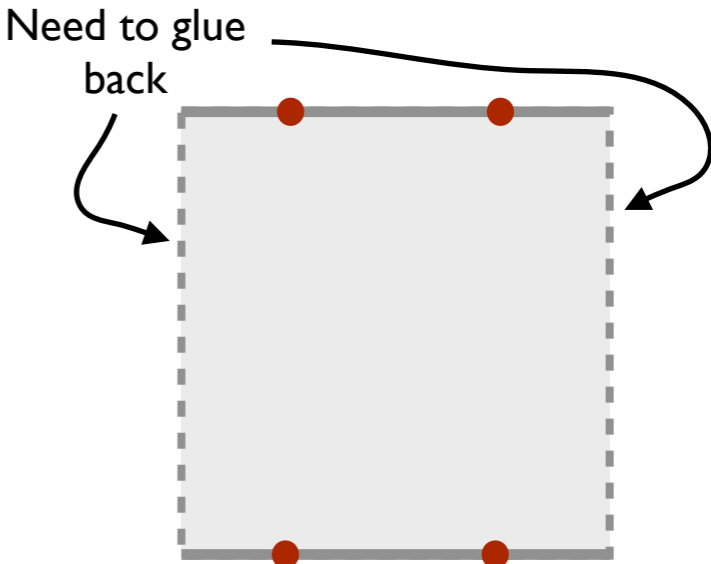


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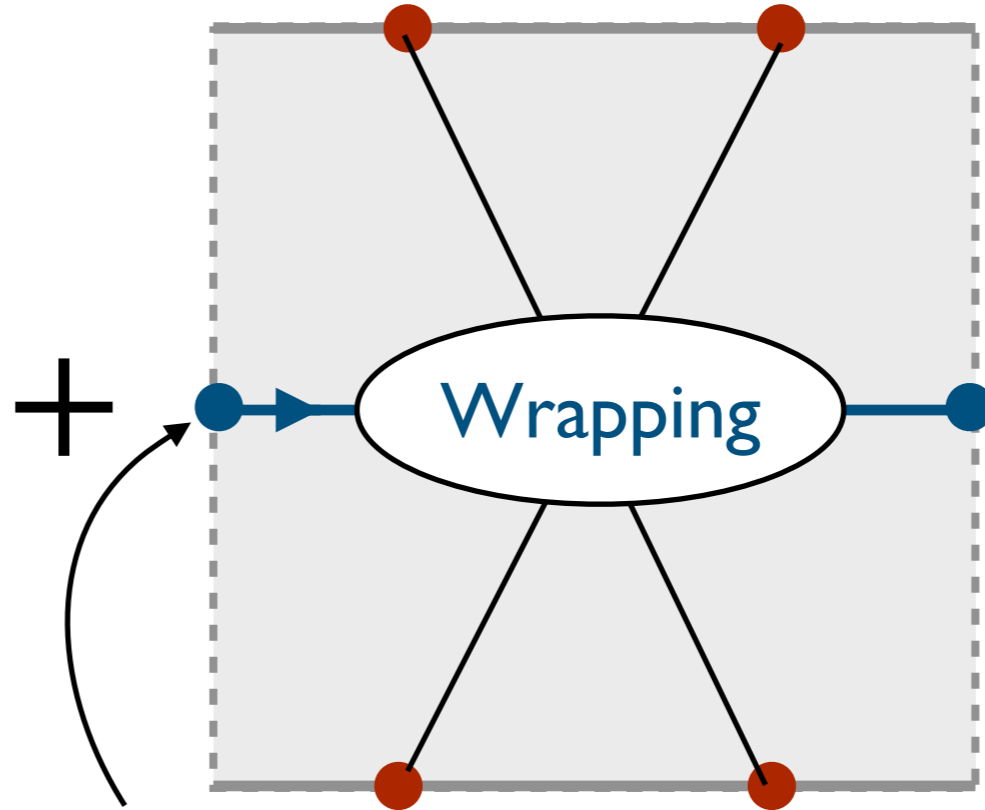


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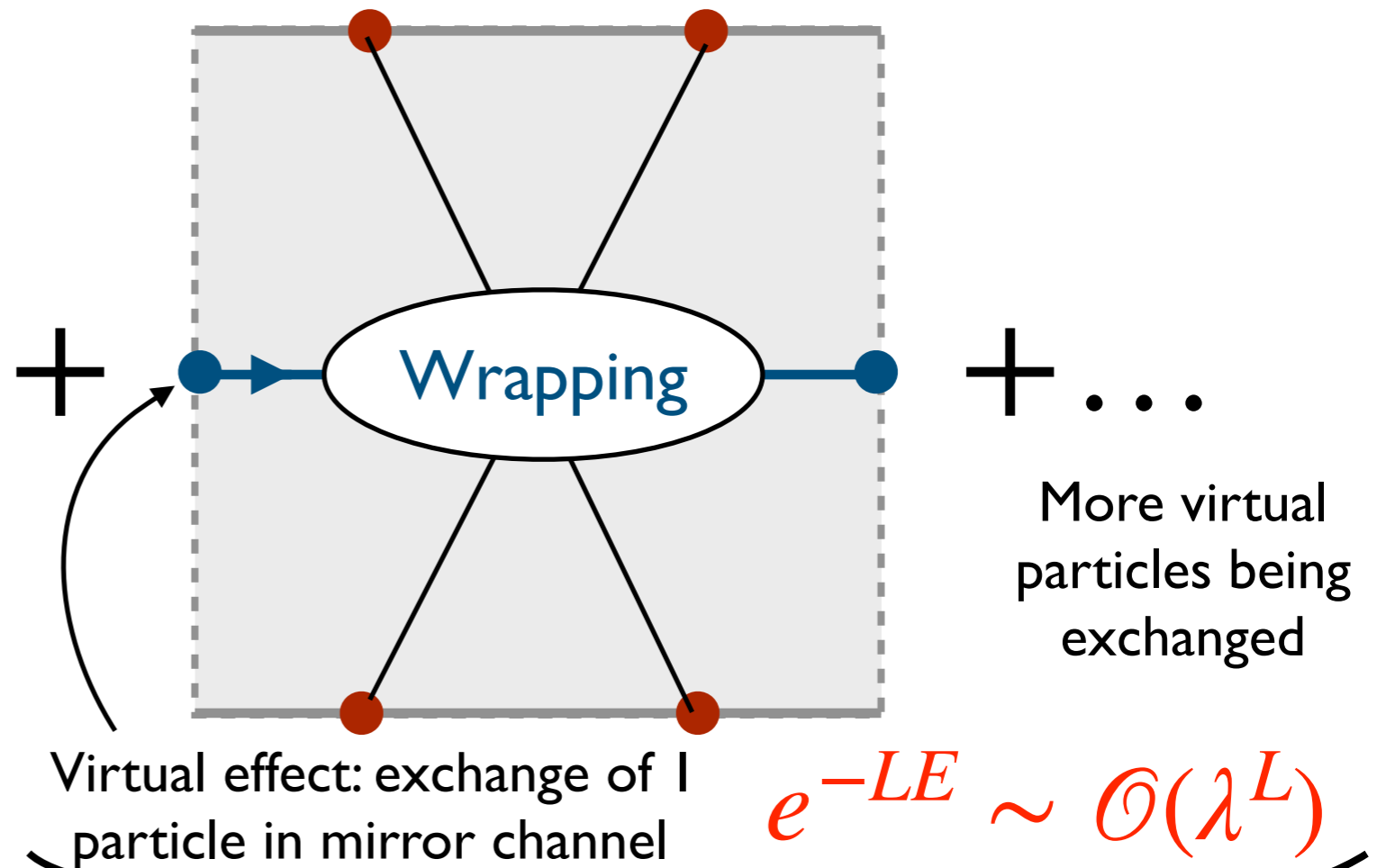
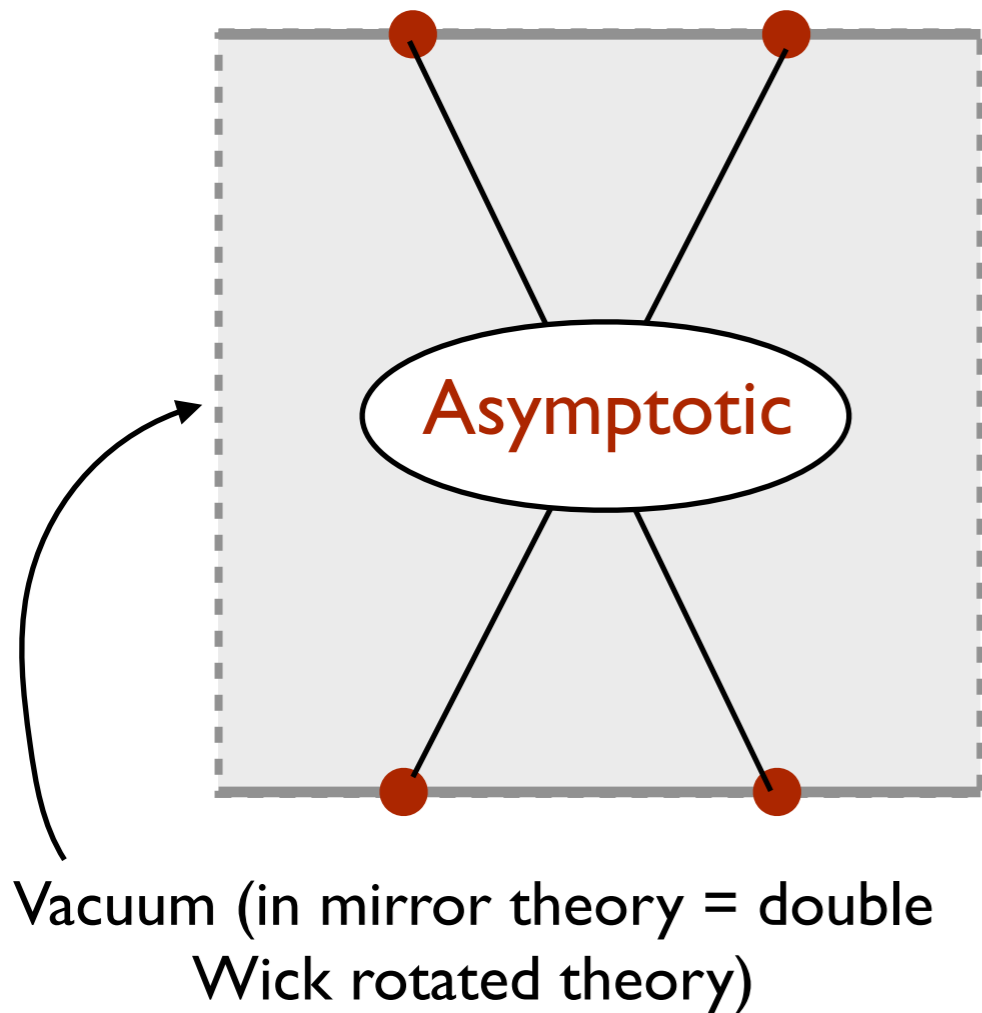
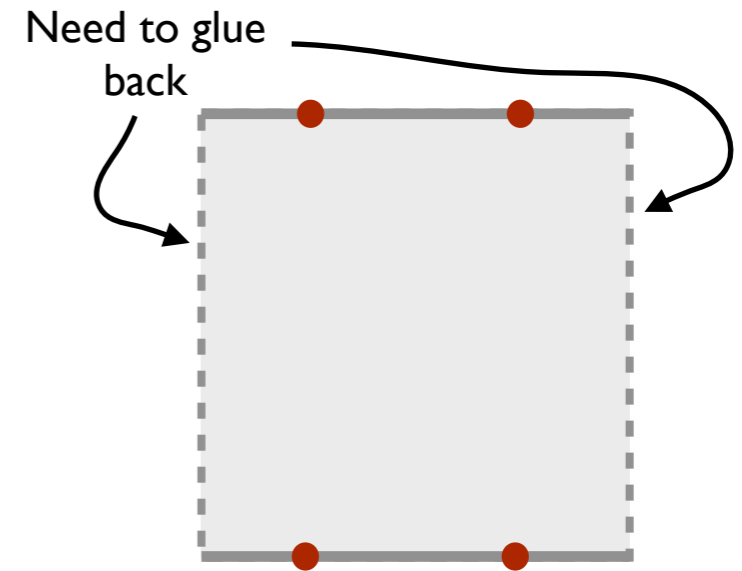
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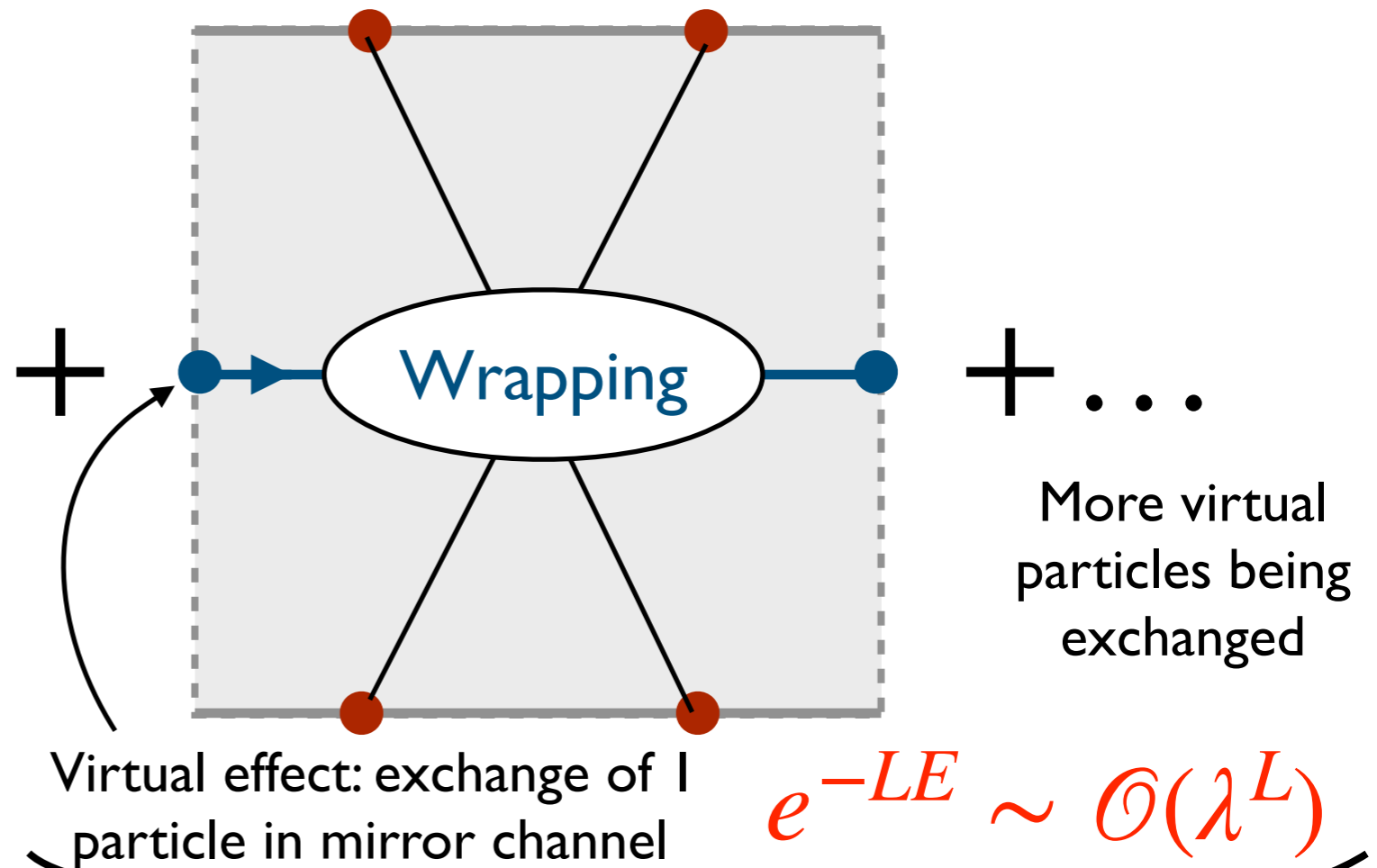
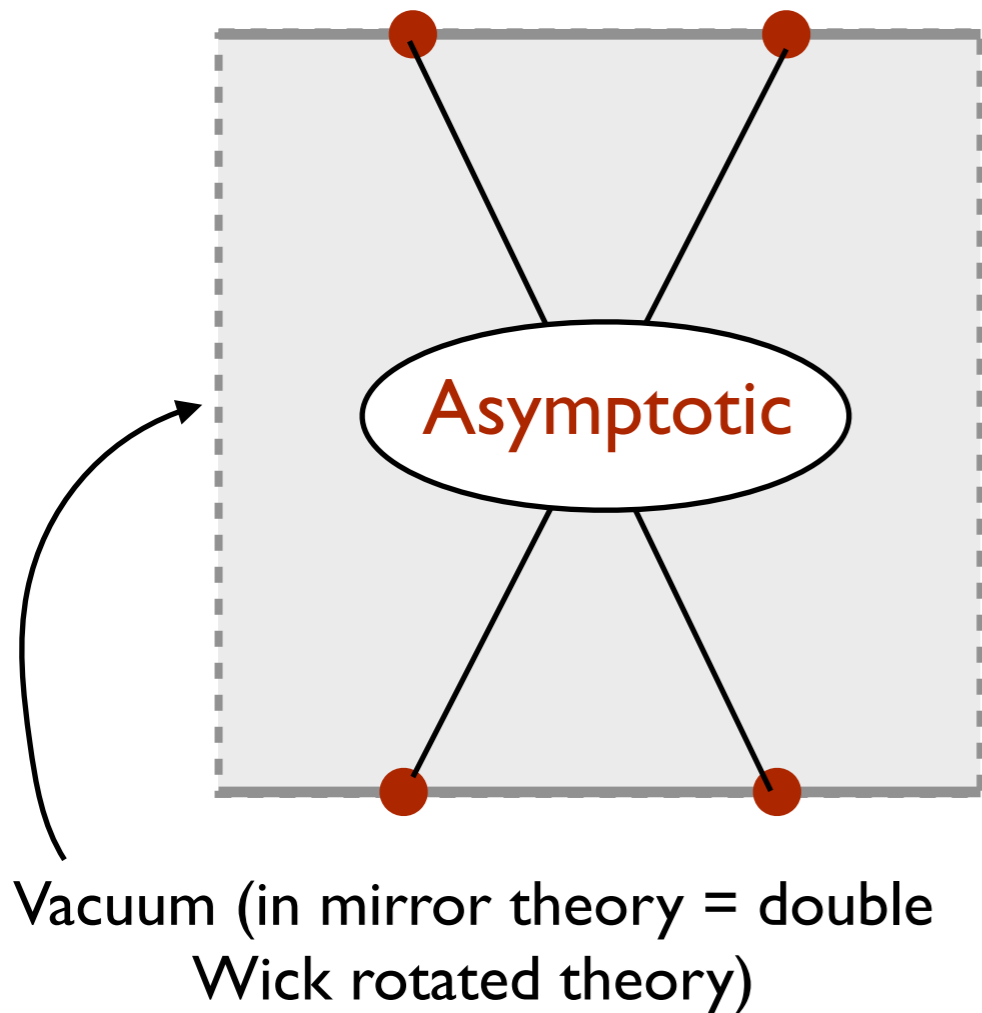
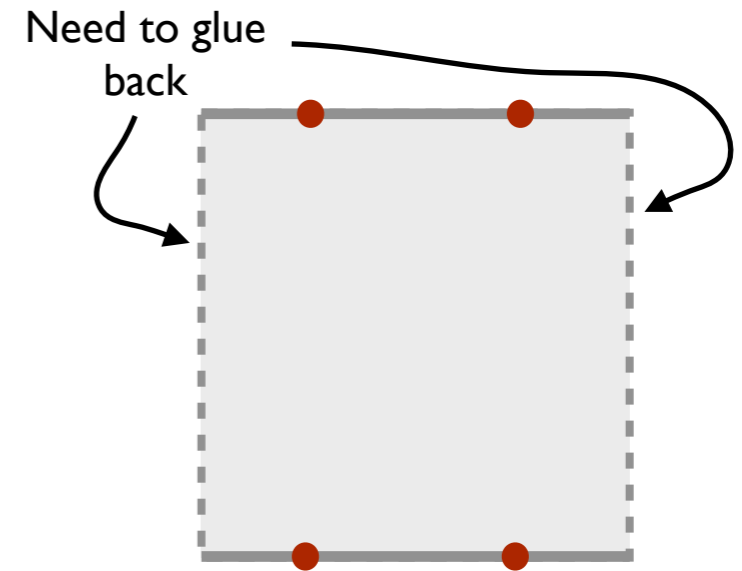
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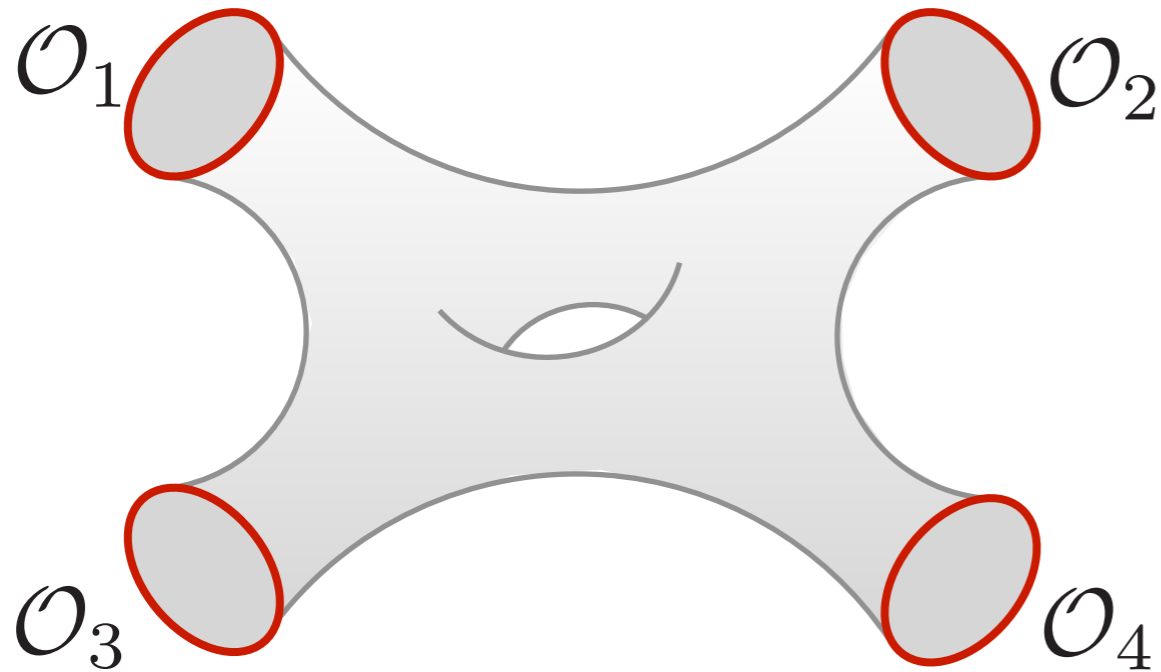
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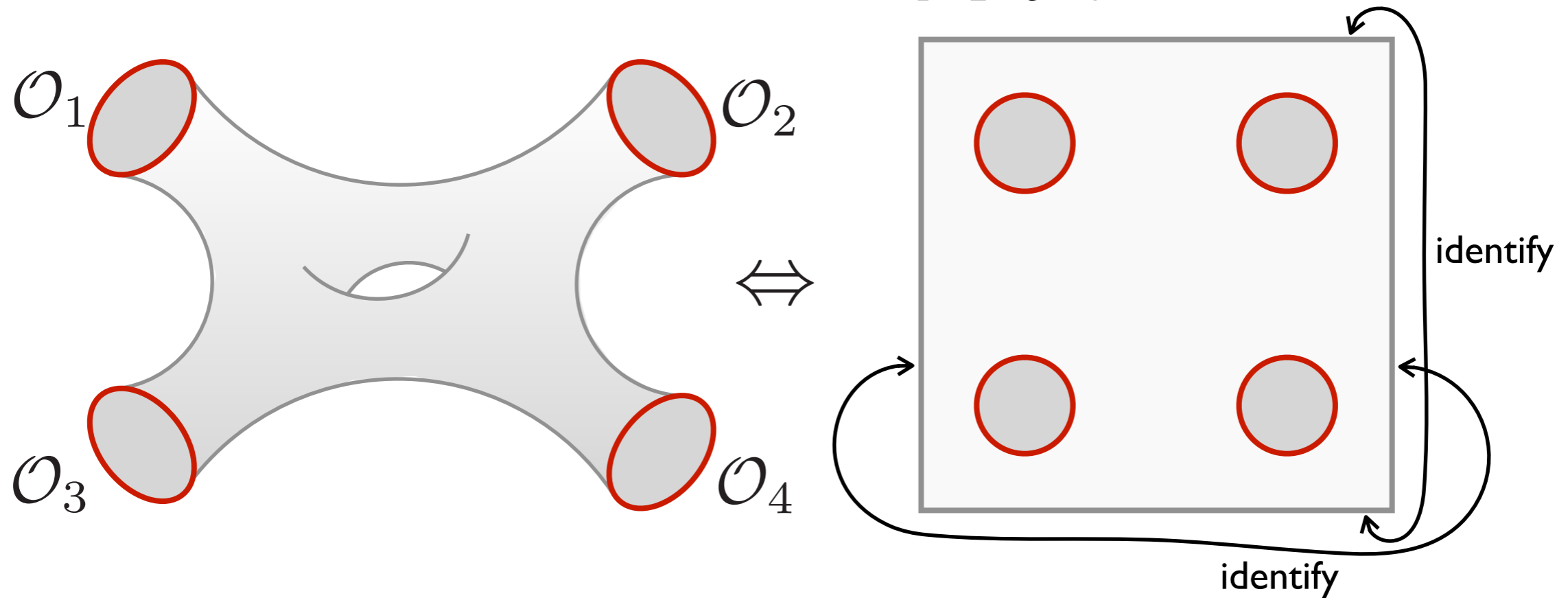
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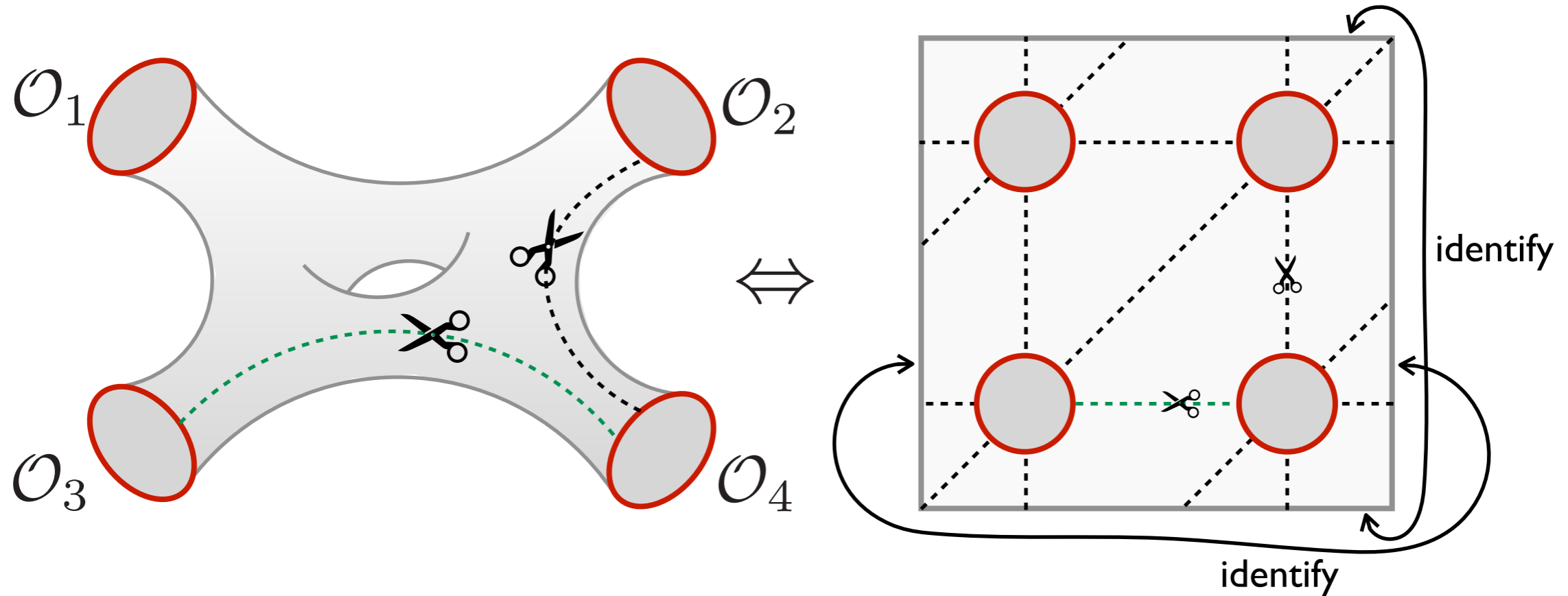
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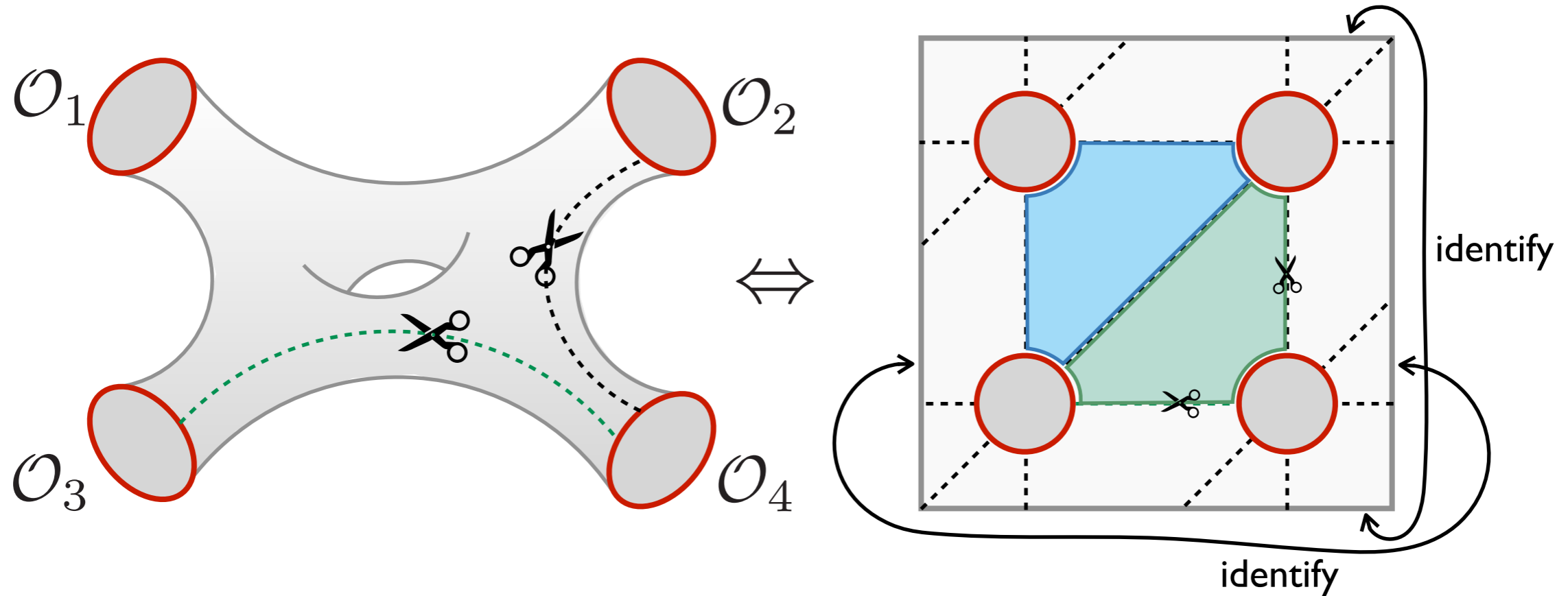
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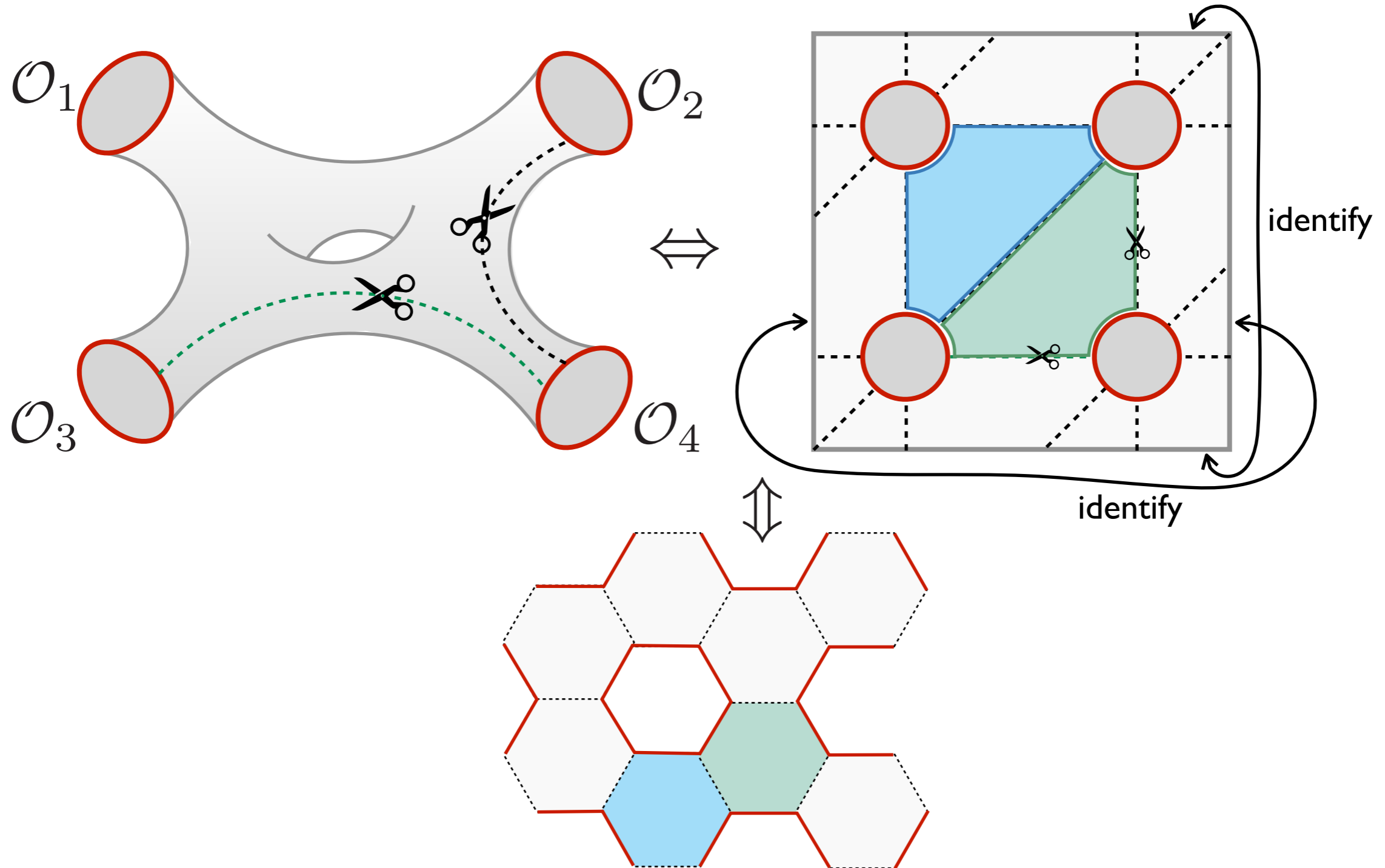
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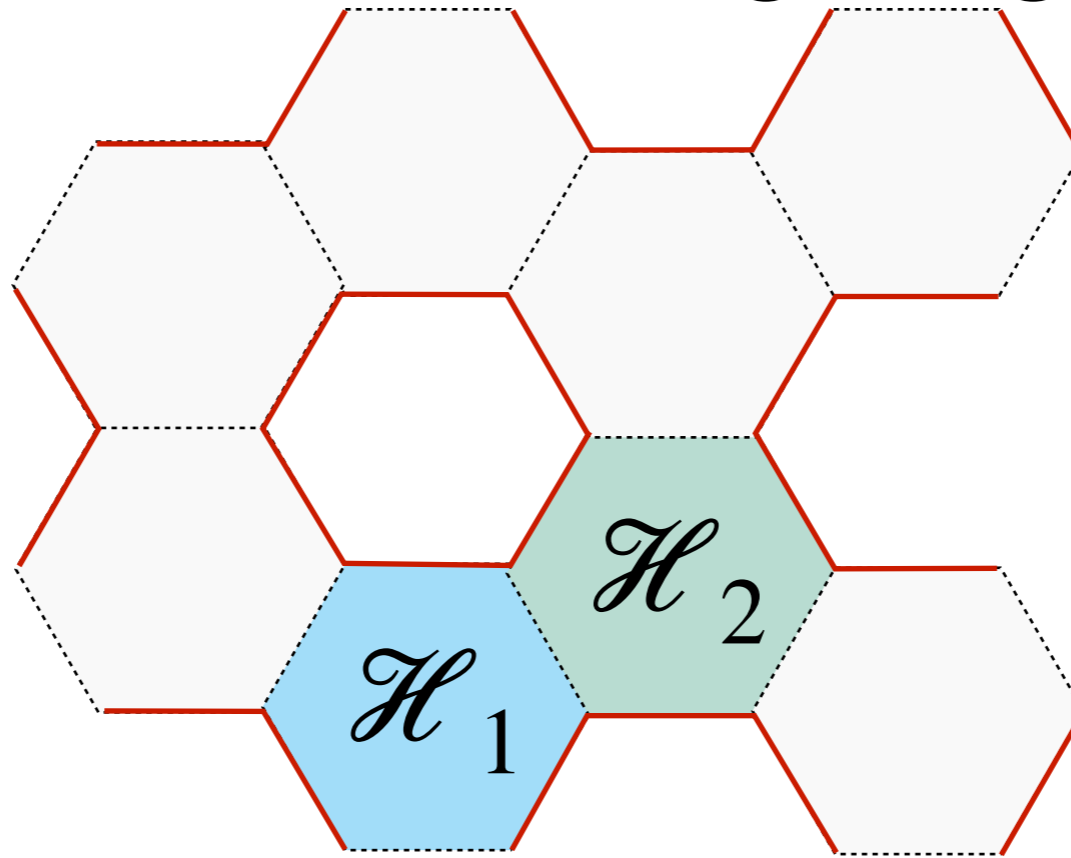
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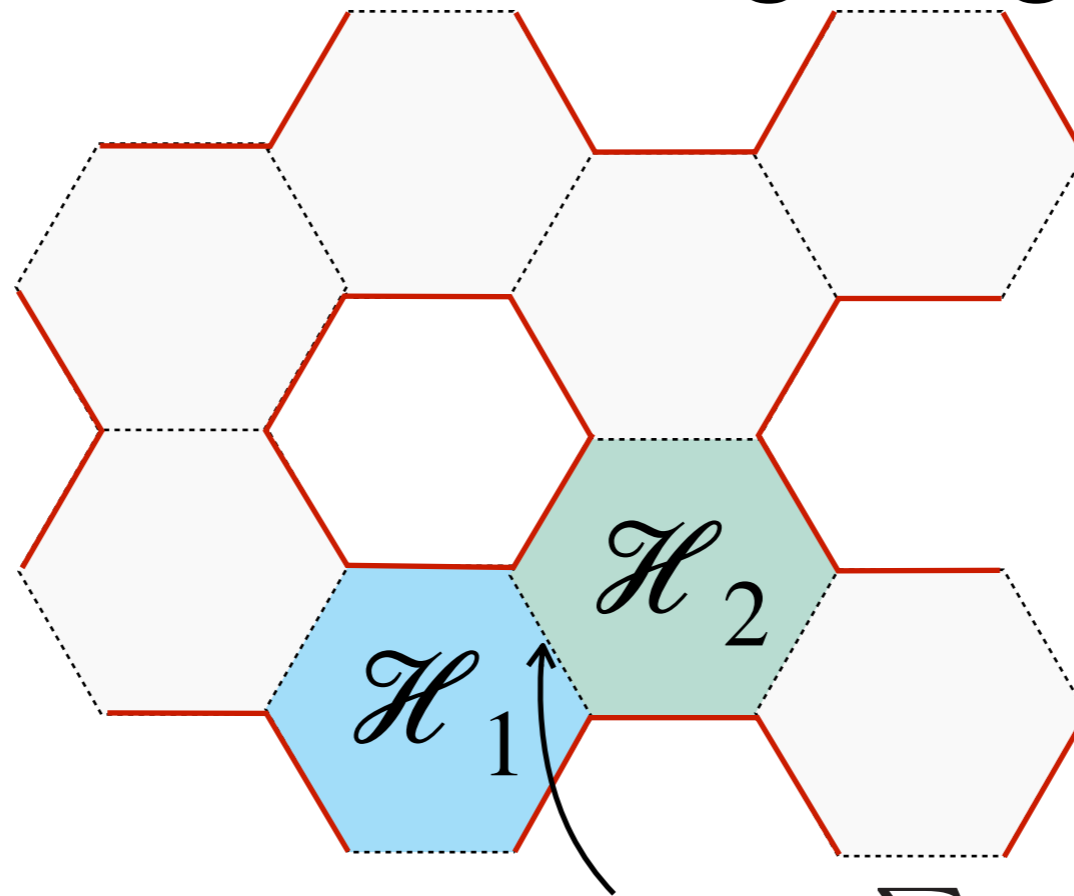
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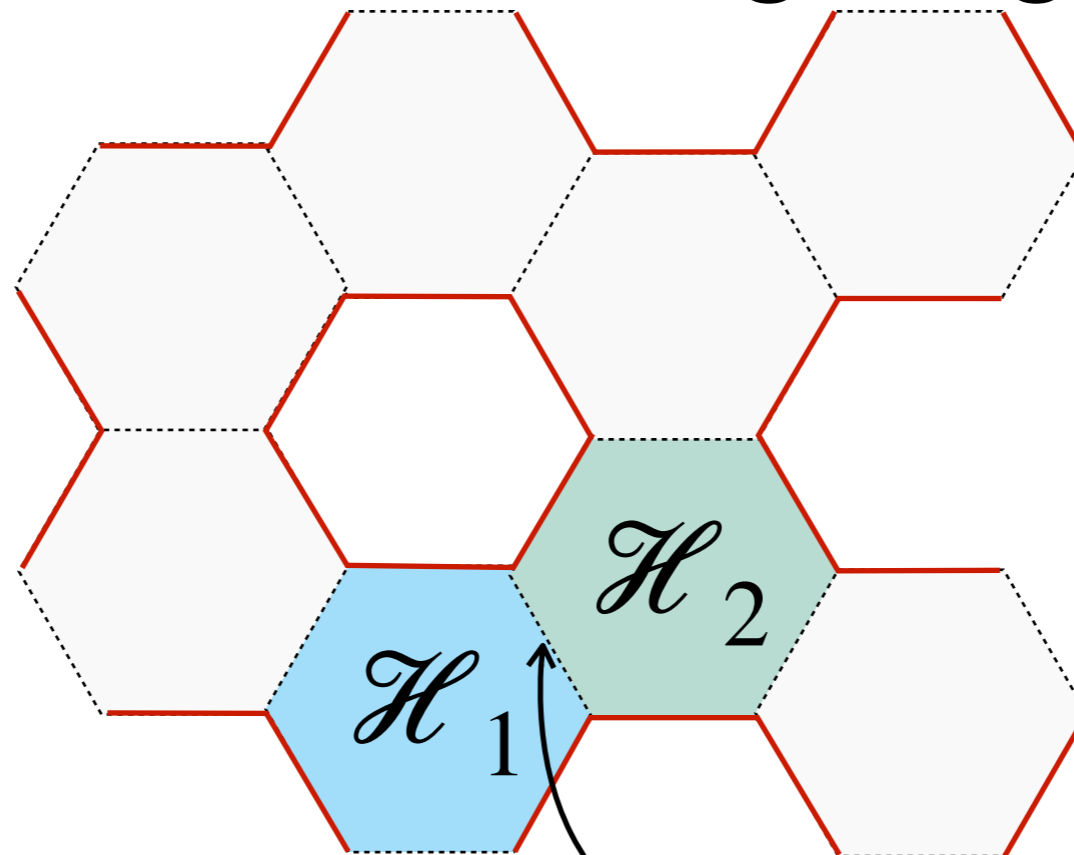


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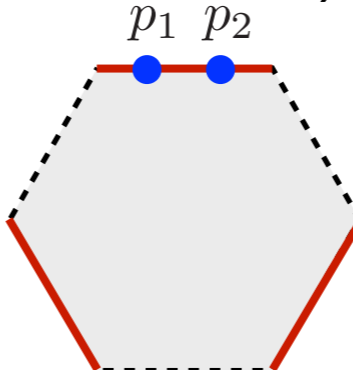
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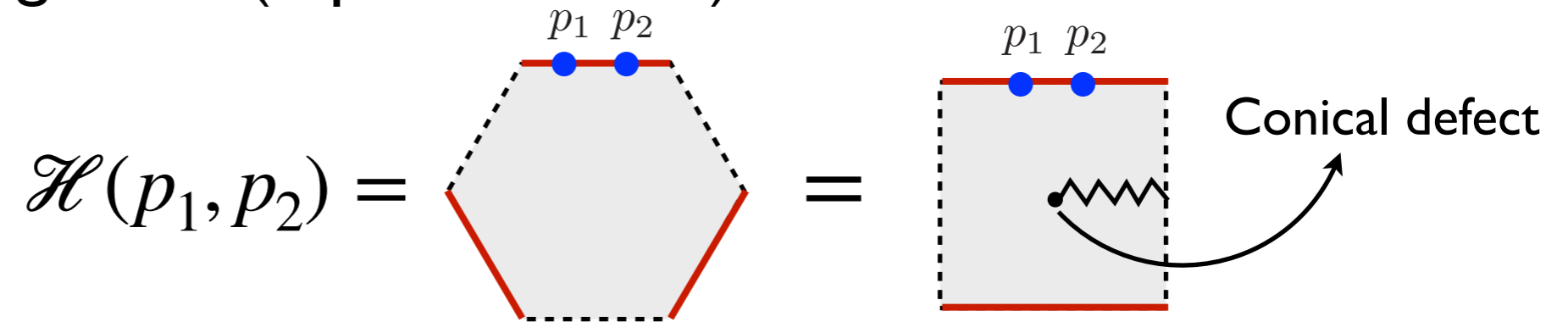
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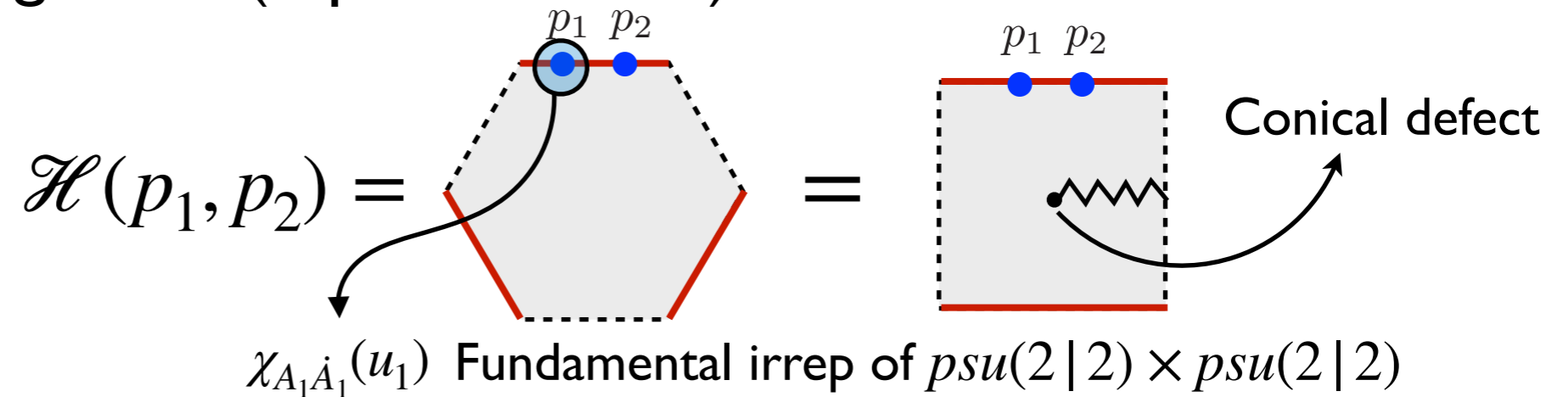
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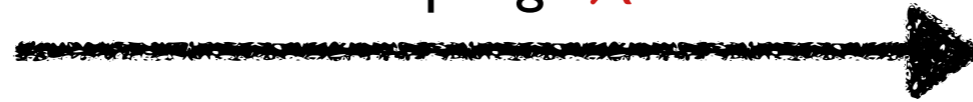
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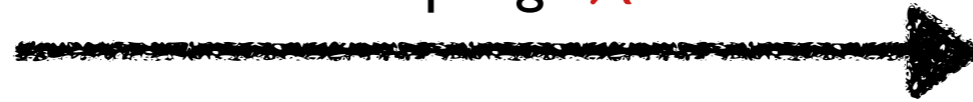
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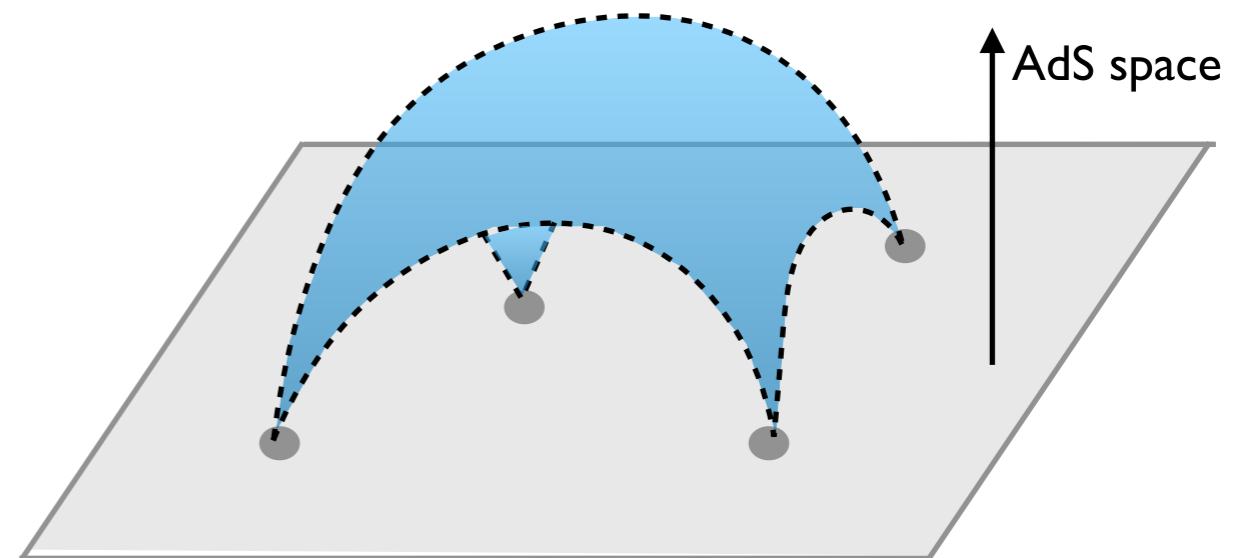
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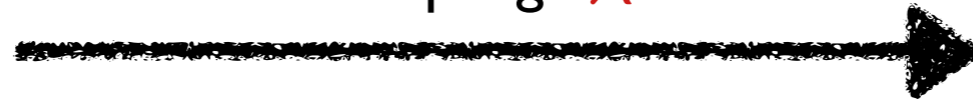


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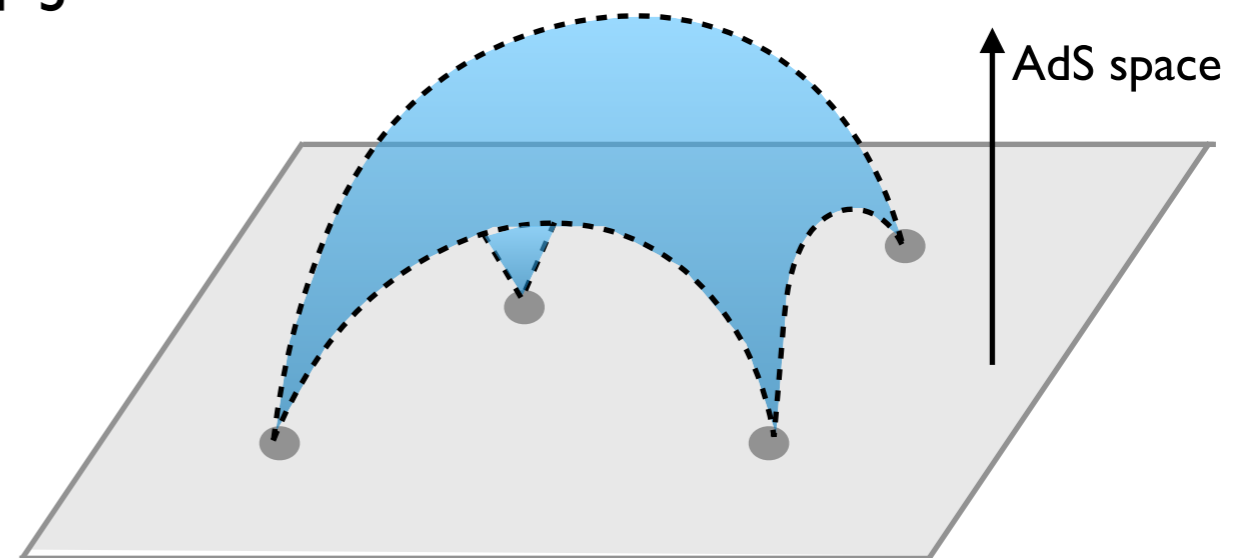
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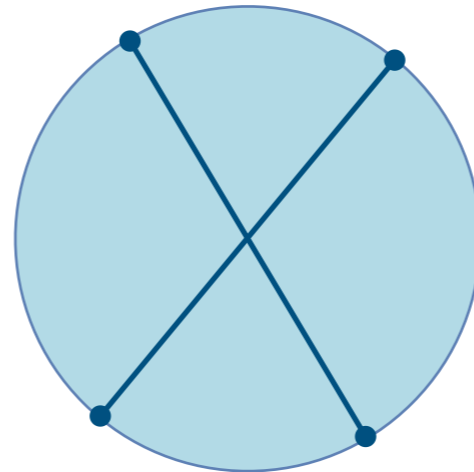
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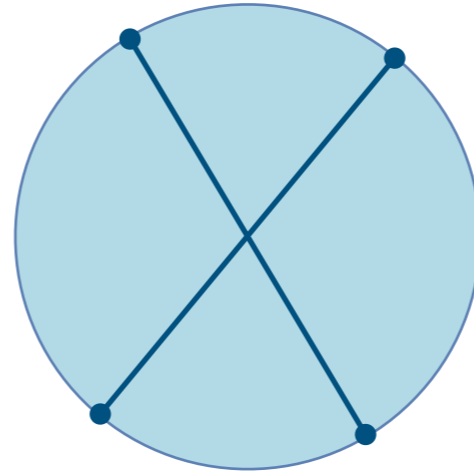
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(Euclidean)

- Locally conformally flat, but not globally
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# Why to study gauge theories on $\mathbb{RP}^4$ ?

- New setup of AdS/CFT, with exactly solvable tools like localization, integrability and bootstrap. New ingredients in holography.
- QFTs on unorientable manifolds: insight on time-reversal anomalies [Witten'16]
- CFT on  $\mathbb{RP}^d$ : conformal symmetry breaking
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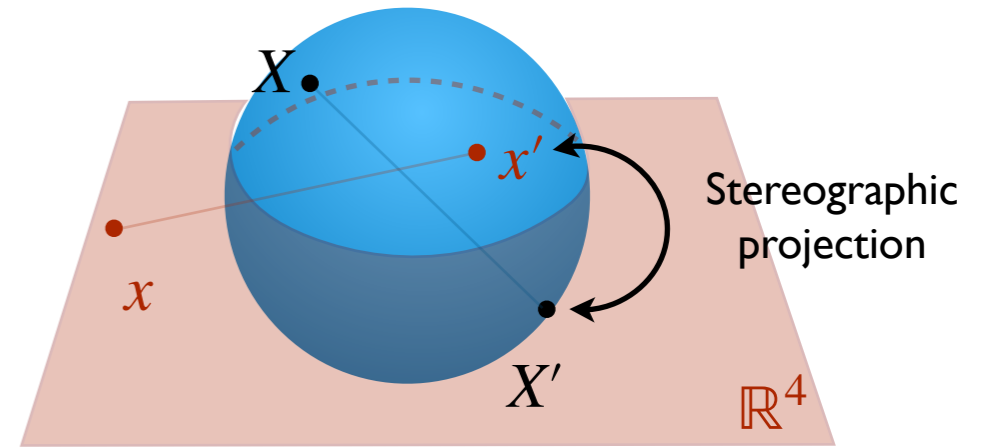


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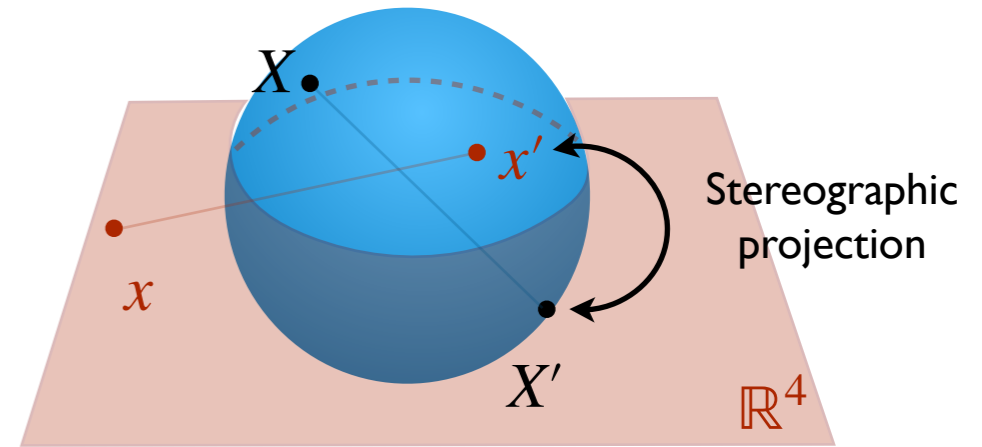


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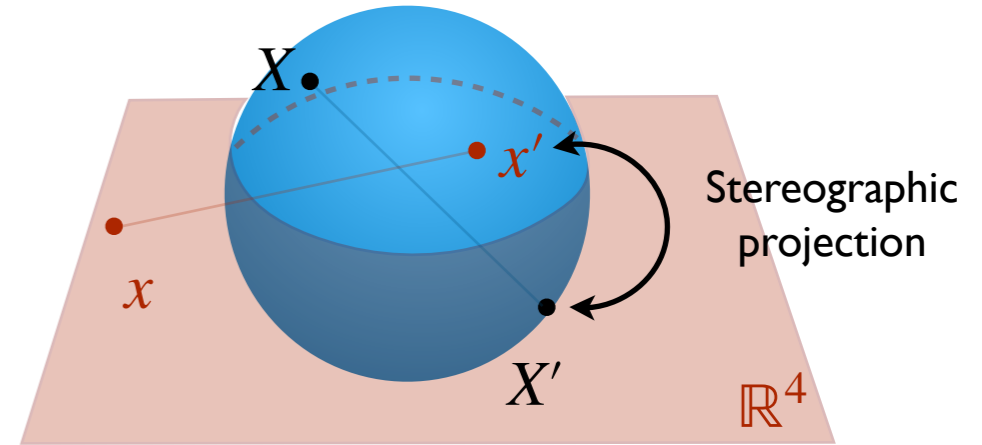
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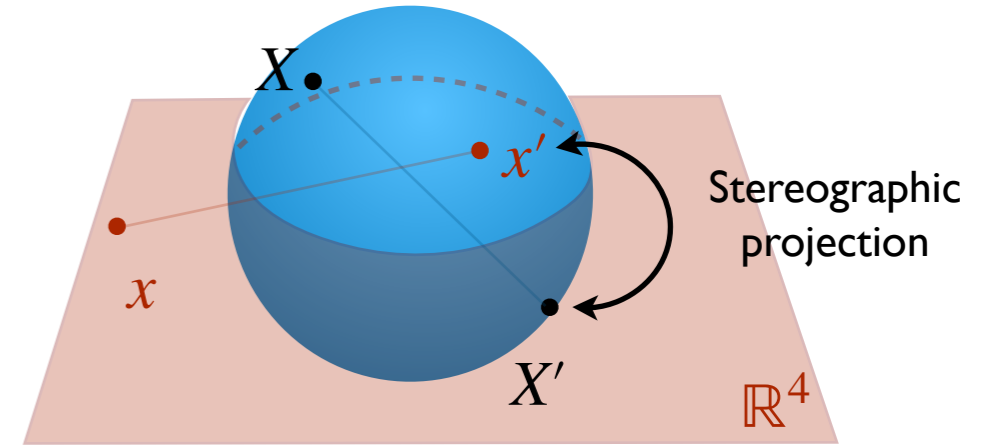
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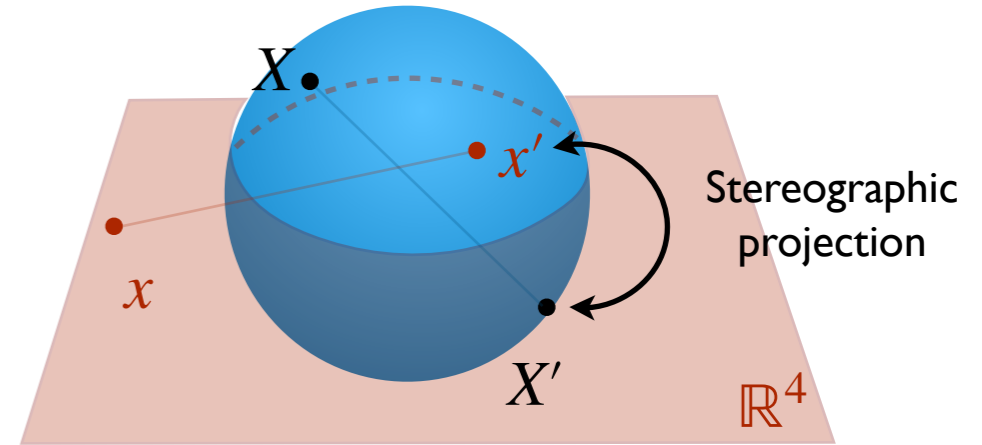
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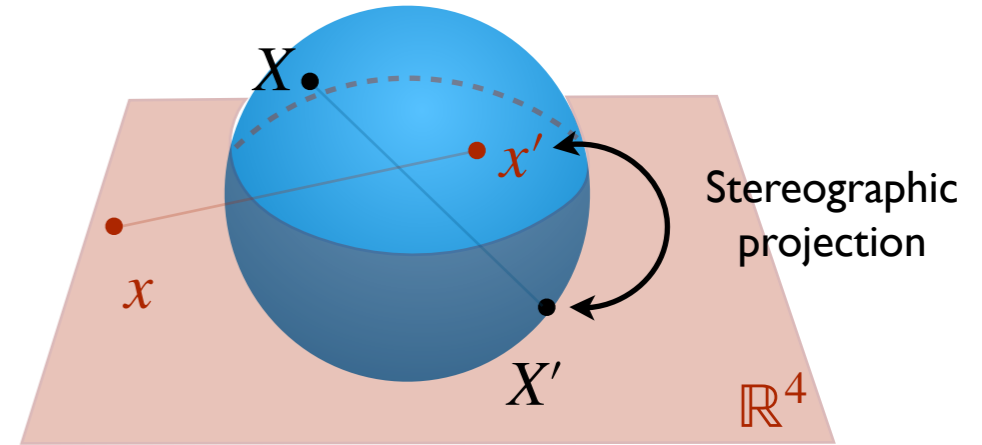
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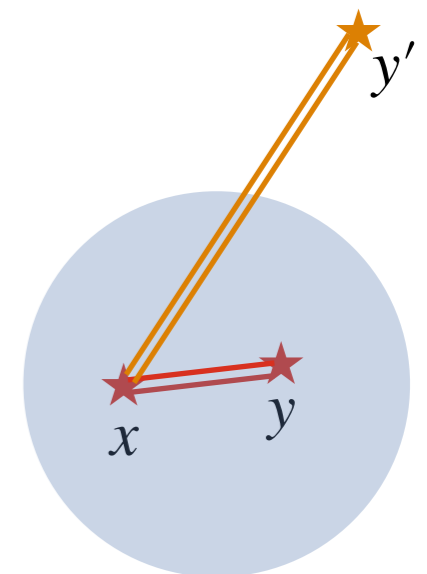
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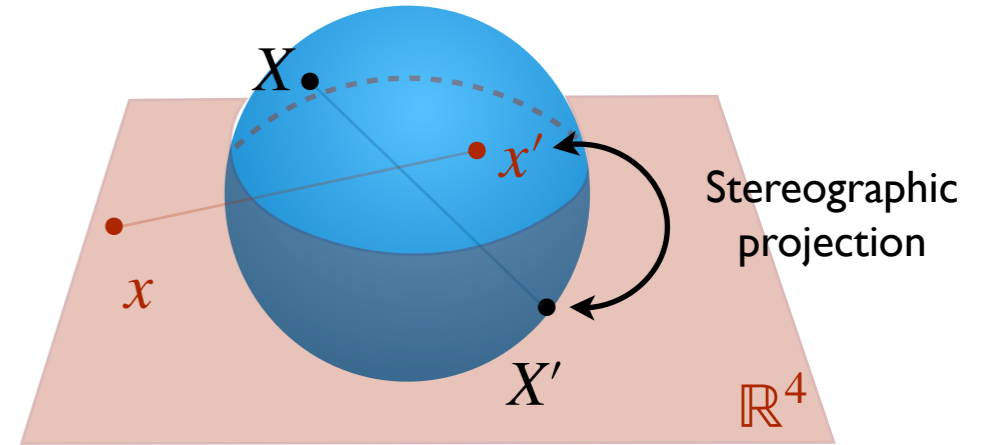


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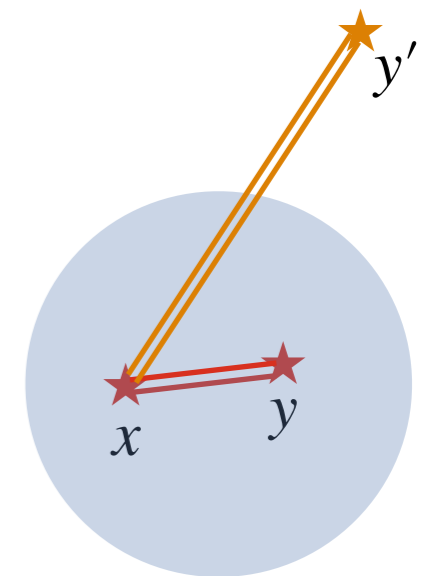
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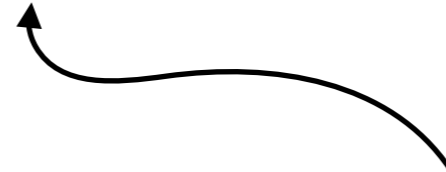
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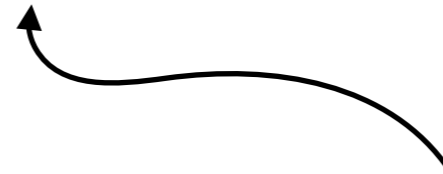


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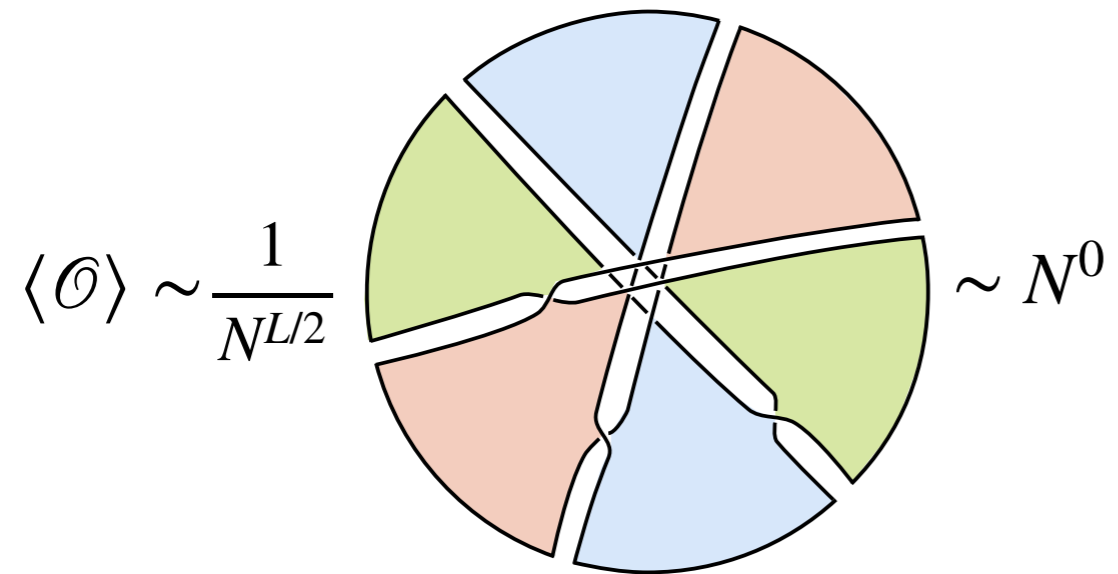
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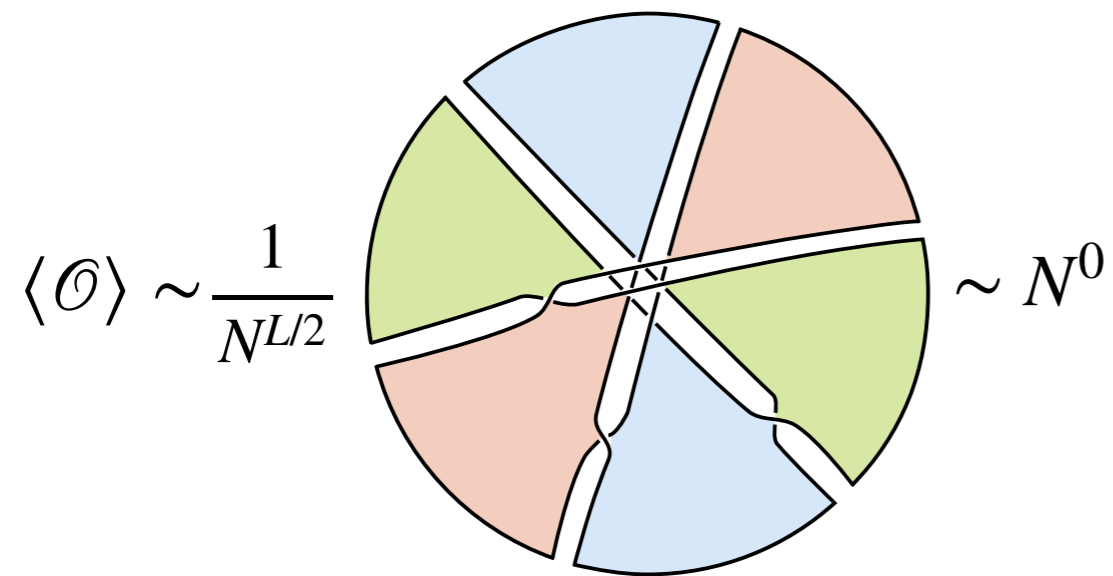




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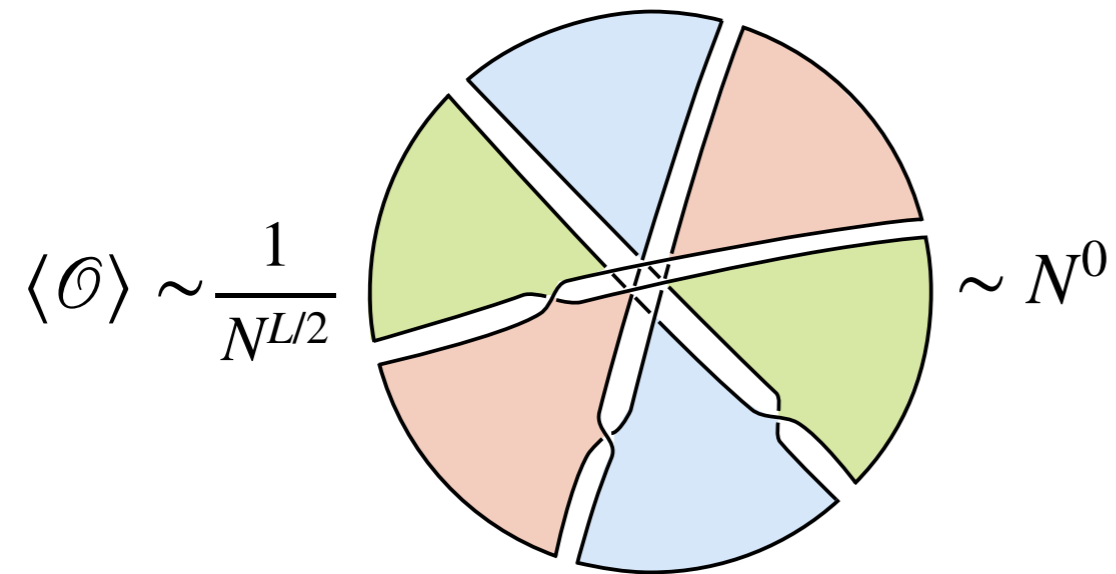


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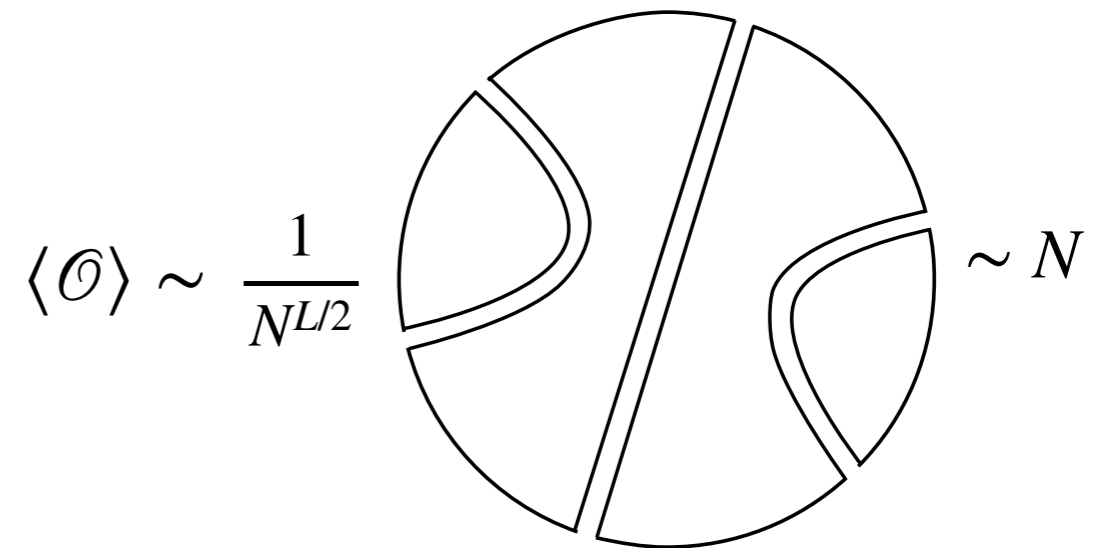
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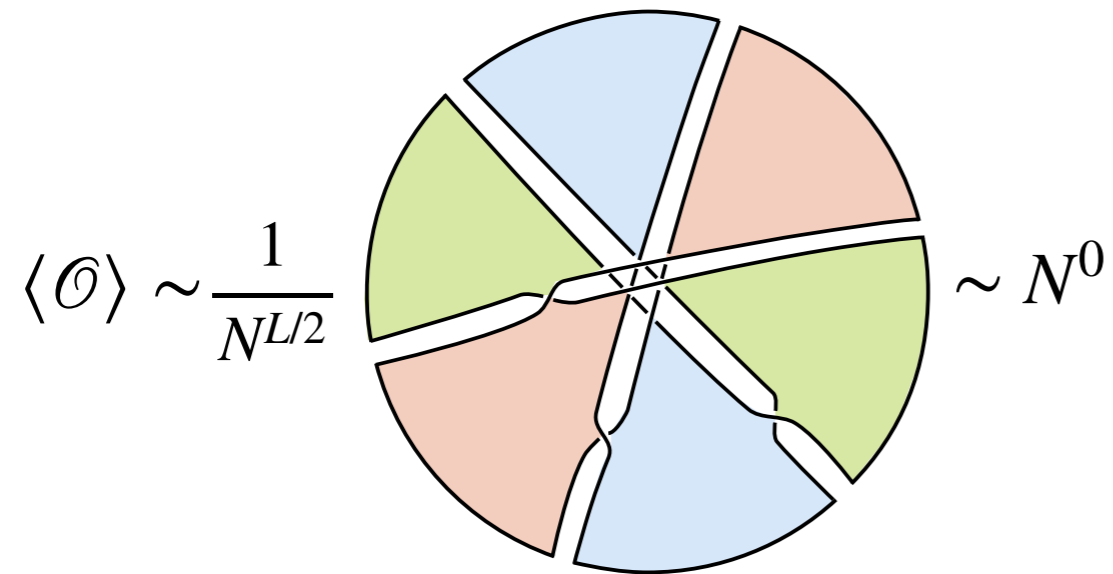


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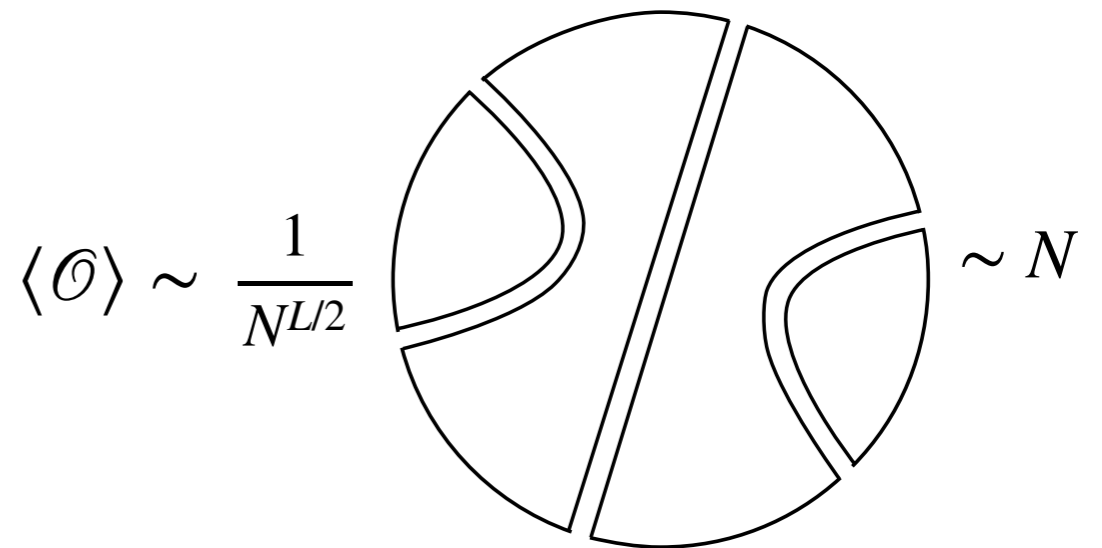
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**Background unchanged to leading order (apart from orientifold projection).  
Integrable setup!**

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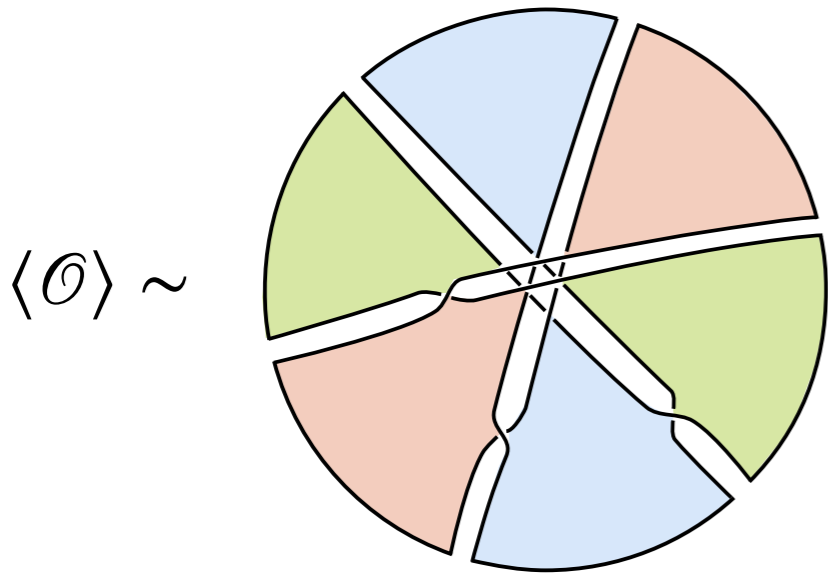


**New classical background!  
Asymptotic to  $AdS_5 \times S^5$**

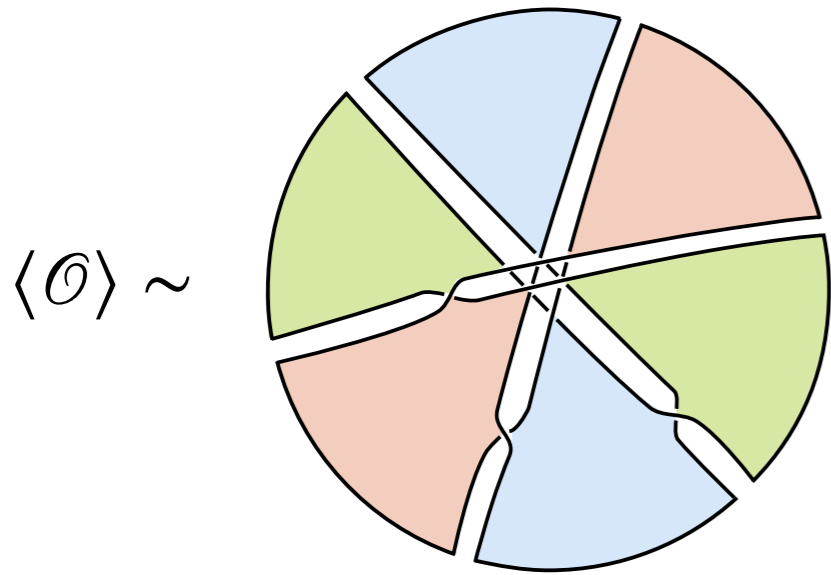
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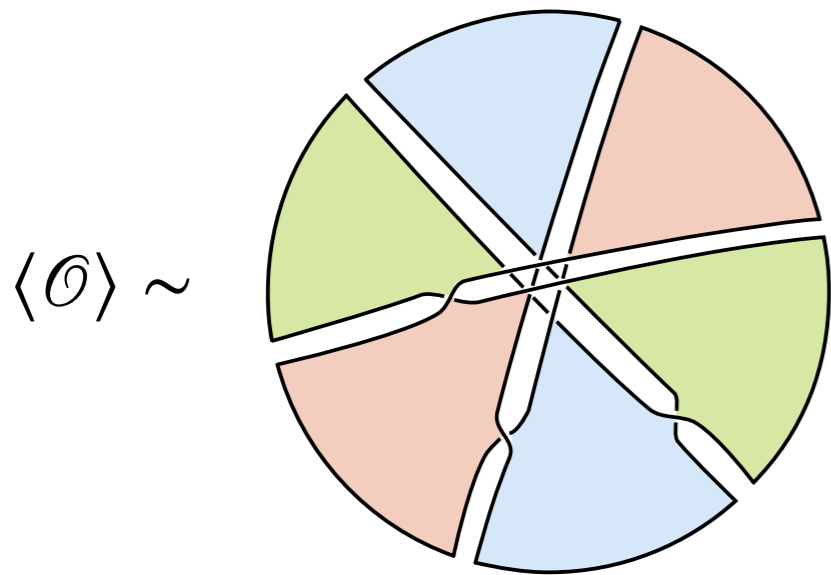


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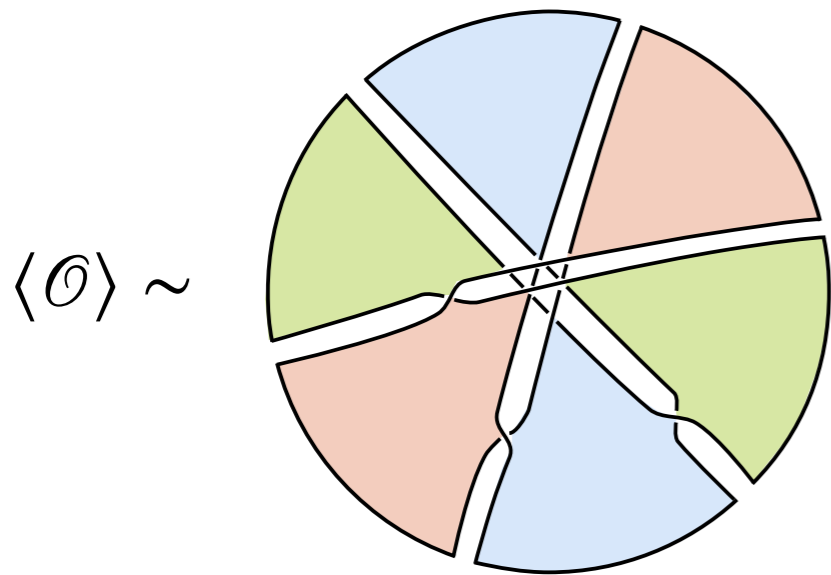
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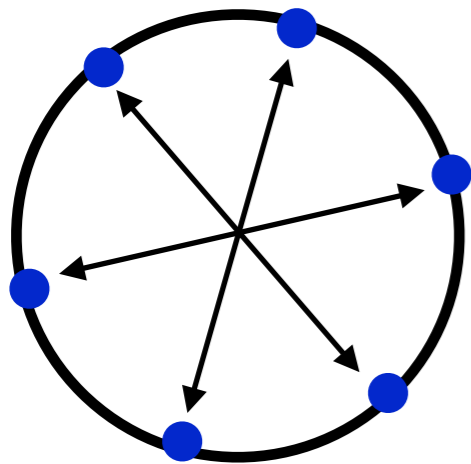


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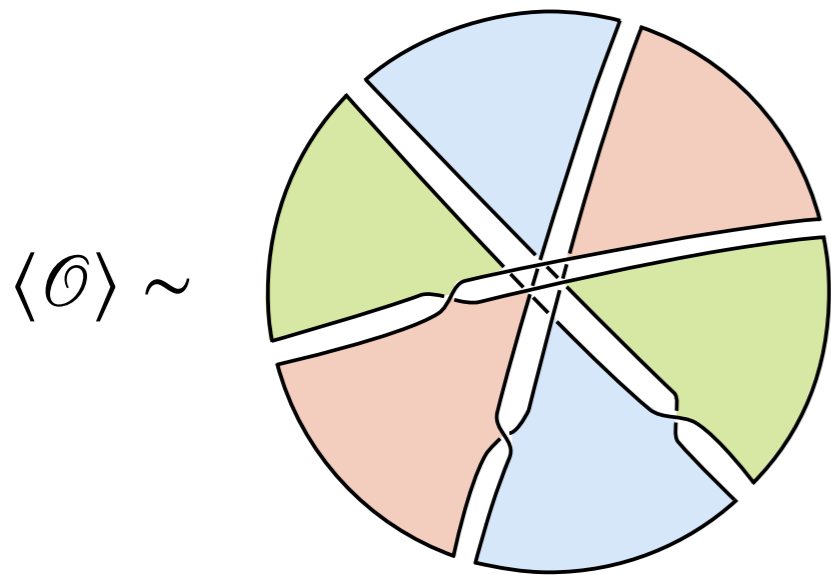
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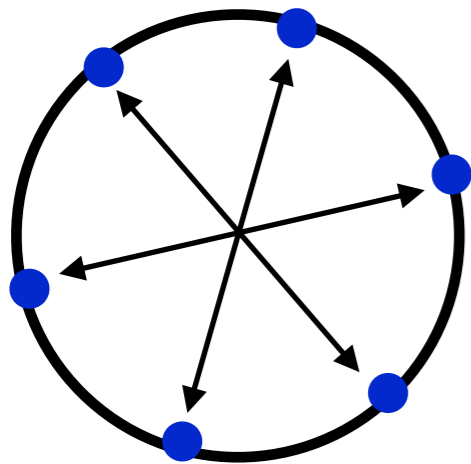


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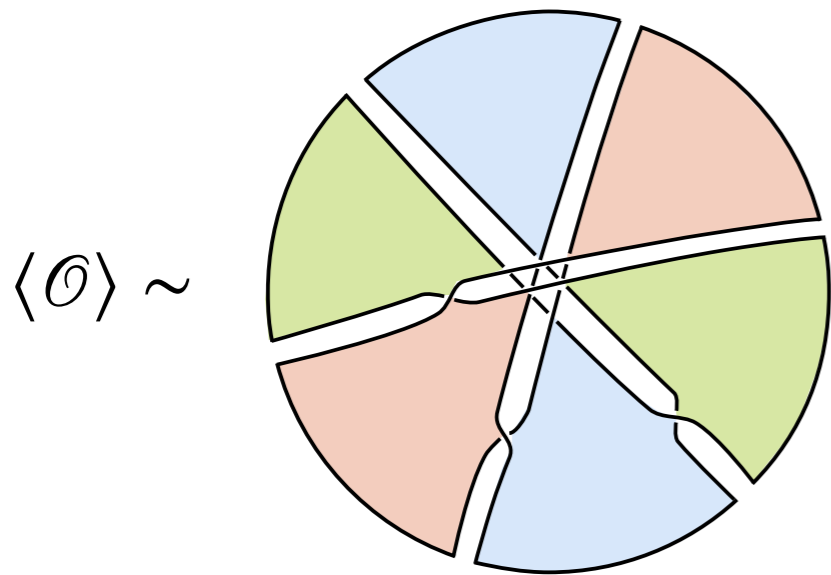
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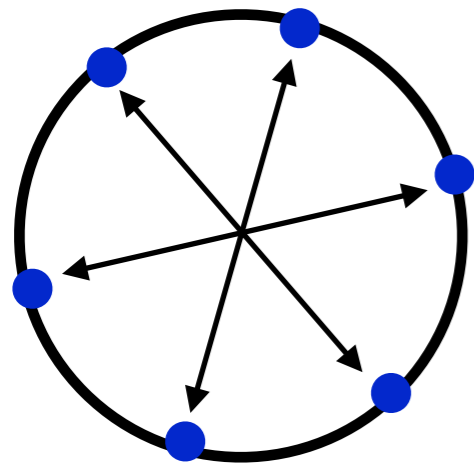


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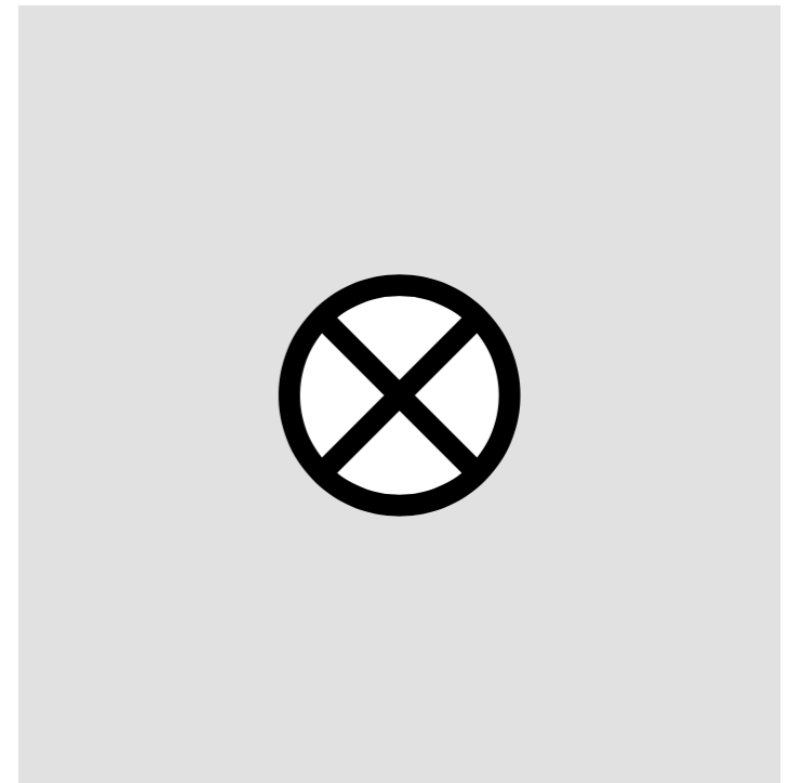
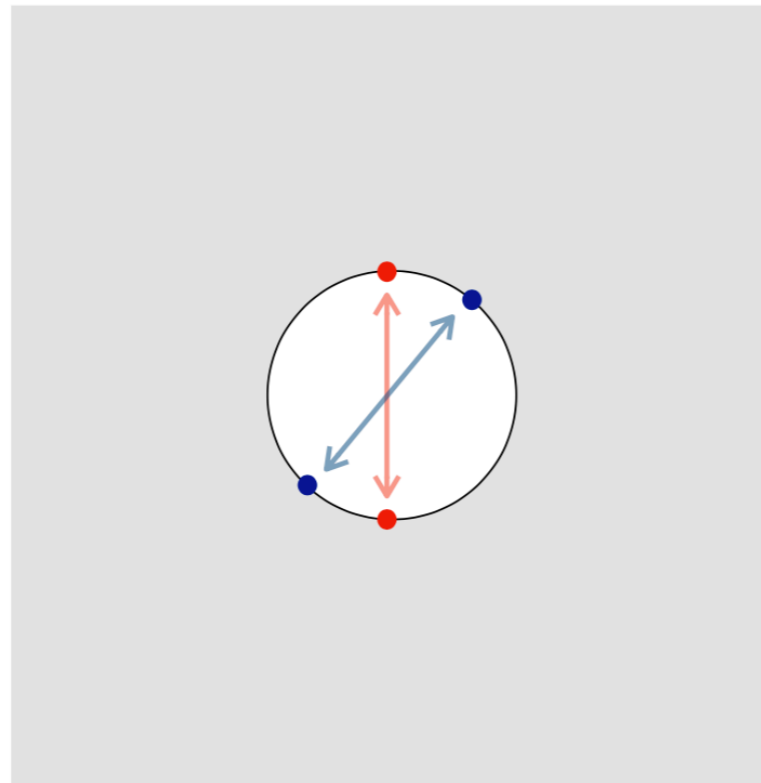
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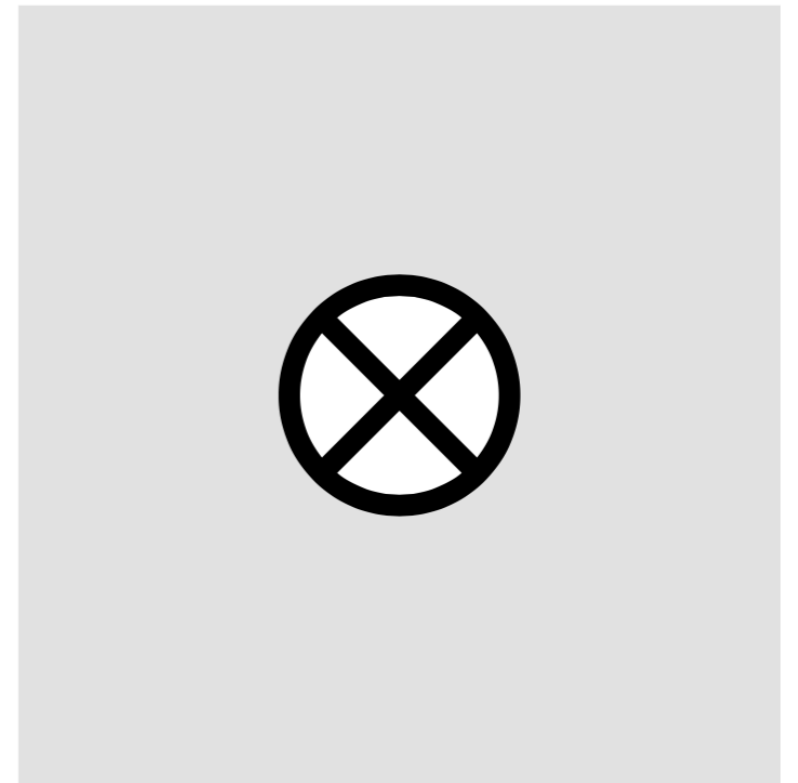
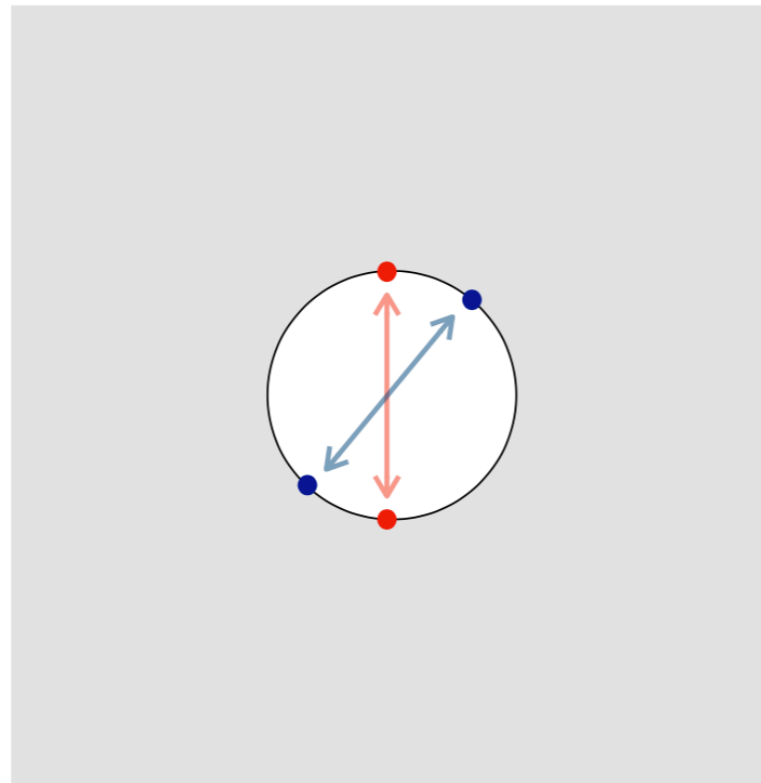


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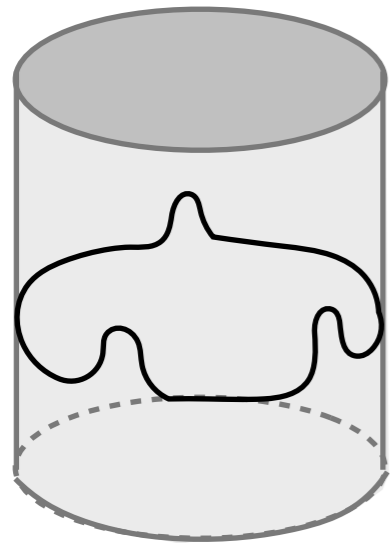
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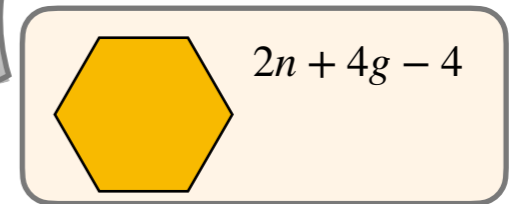
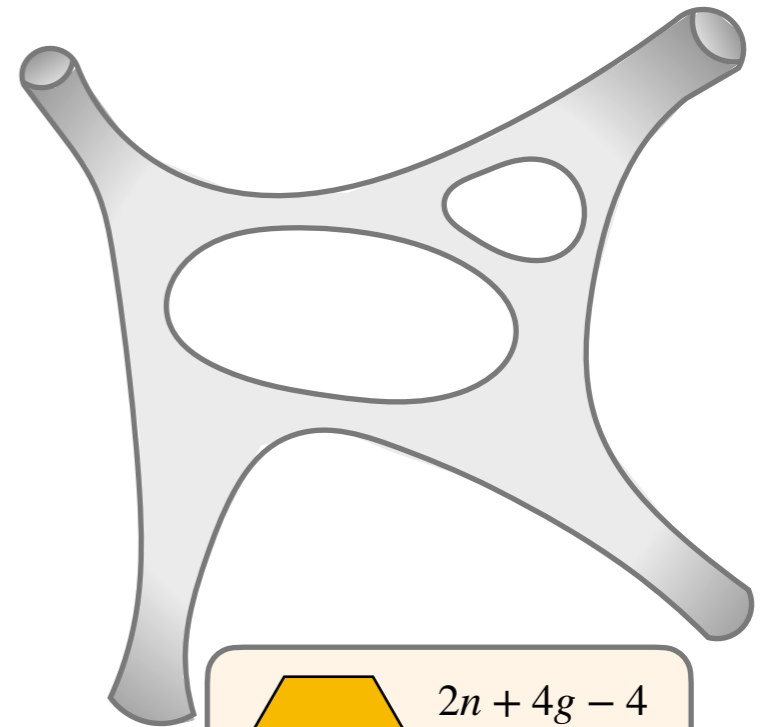
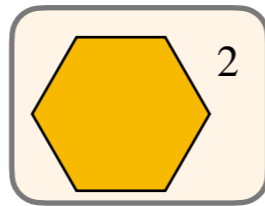
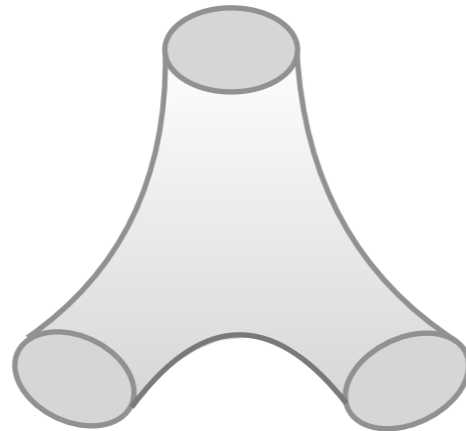
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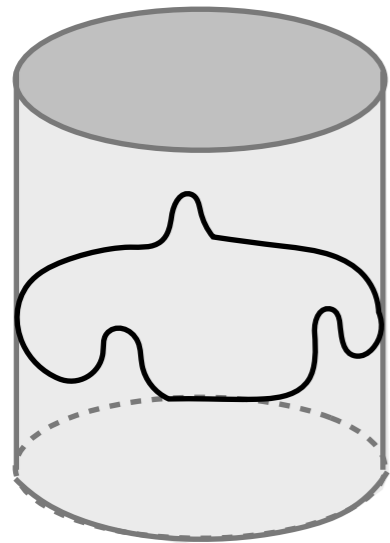


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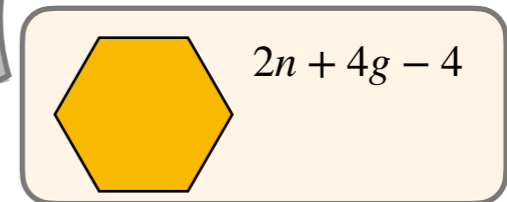
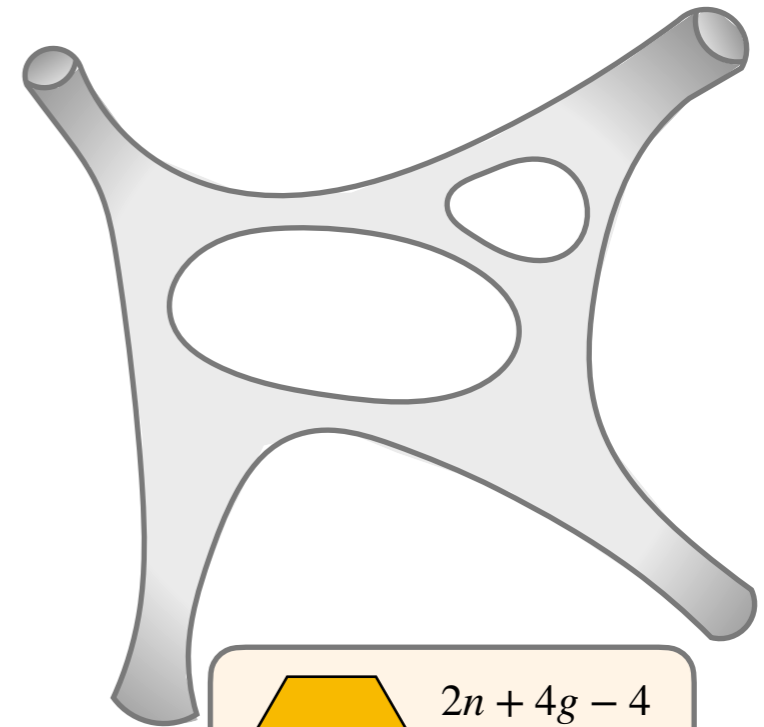
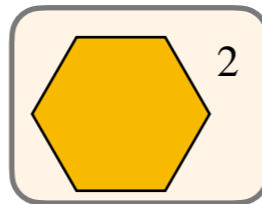
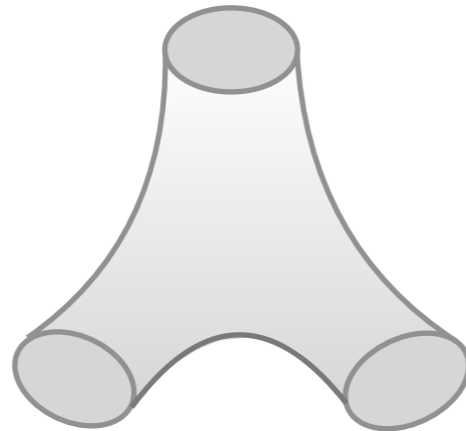




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- ❖ Lessons for orientifolds in curved backgrounds? Non-perturbative definition?

**Thank you!**

**Backup slides**

# Holographic Dual of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM on $\mathbb{RP}^4$ (without charge conjugation)

- New (euclidean) 1/2-BPS solution of 10D IIB supergravity (asymptotically AdS)

$$ds_{10D}^2 = \Delta^{1/4} \left( \underbrace{ds_{5D}^2}_{dr^2 + e^{2A} ds_{\mathbb{RP}^4}^2} + \frac{4}{g^2} \left( d\theta^2 + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{1 + \mathcal{K}_+ \cos^2 \theta} \underbrace{d\Omega_{S^2}^2}_{SO(3)} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \mathcal{K}_- \sin^2 \theta} \underbrace{d\Omega_{dS_2}^2}_{SO(2,1)} \right) \right)$$

Explicit functions of  $r$  and  $\mathcal{J}$

$$e^{2A} = \frac{\mathcal{J}^3}{4} \sinh 2r + \frac{1}{4} (2 - \mathcal{J}^3) \cosh 2r - \frac{1}{2}$$

Parametric family of backgrounds. Needs to be fixed by comparison to the gauge theory.

$\mathcal{J} \rightarrow 0$  Standard (euclidean)  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

- Solution contains explicit expressions for non-trivial dilaton,  $B_2$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_4$