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# Resonating valence bond states in the PEPS formalism

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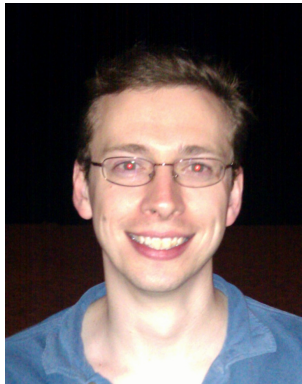
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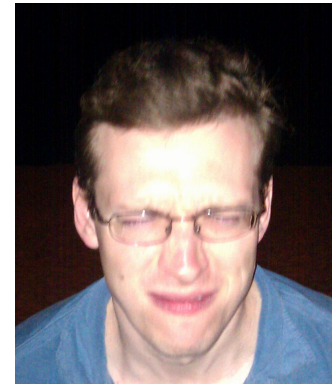
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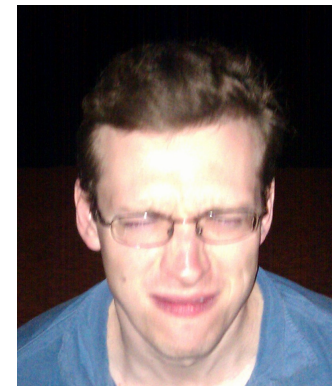
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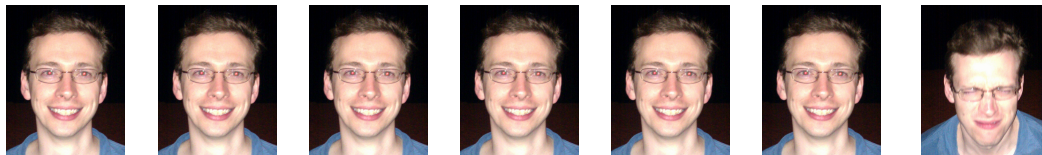


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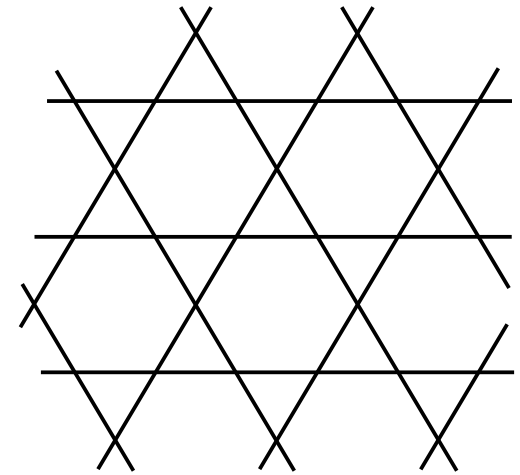
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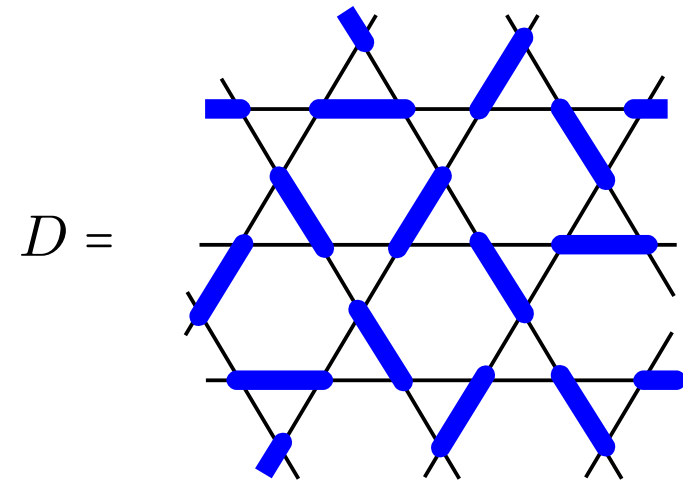


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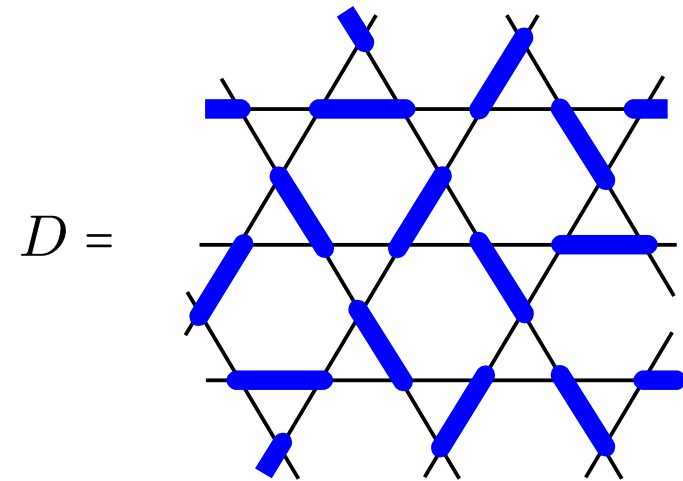


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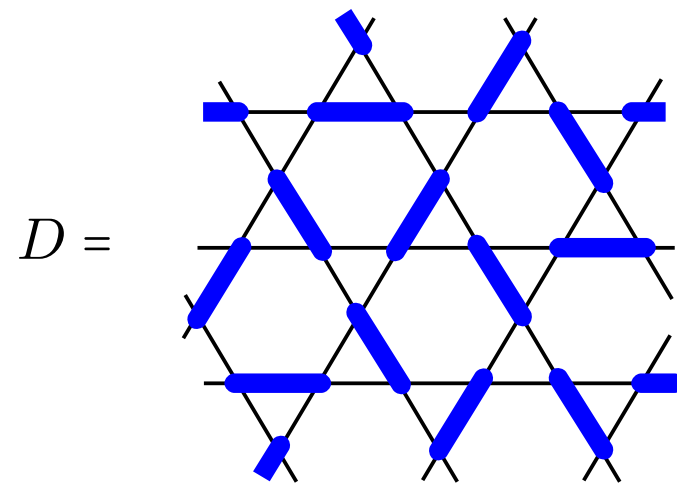


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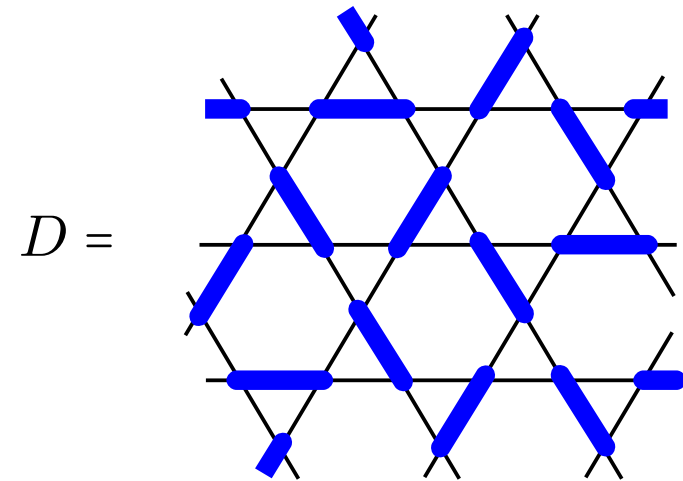
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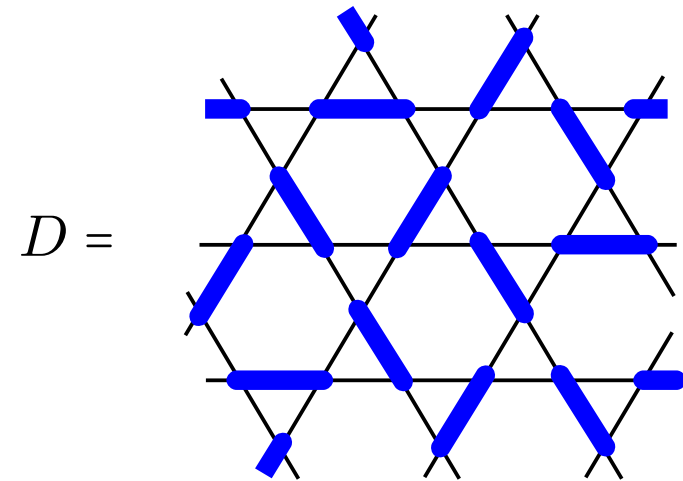
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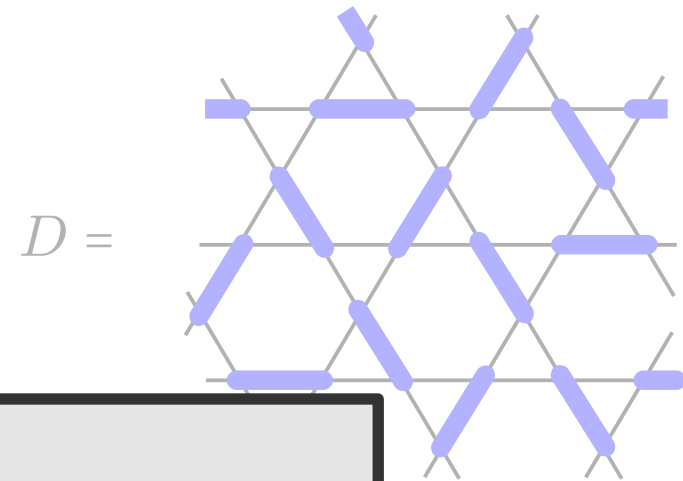
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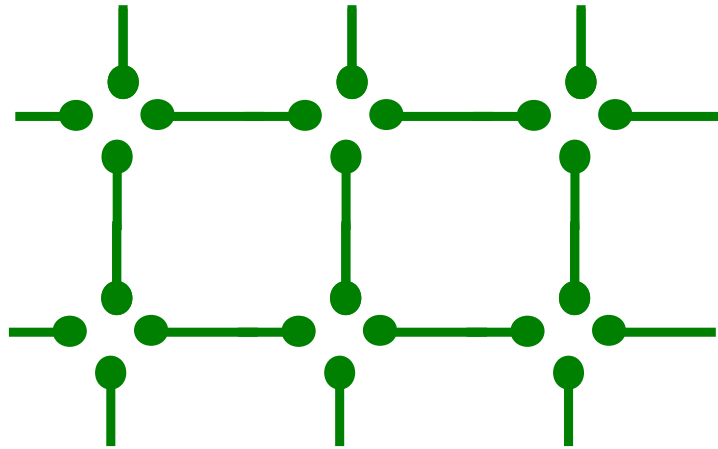
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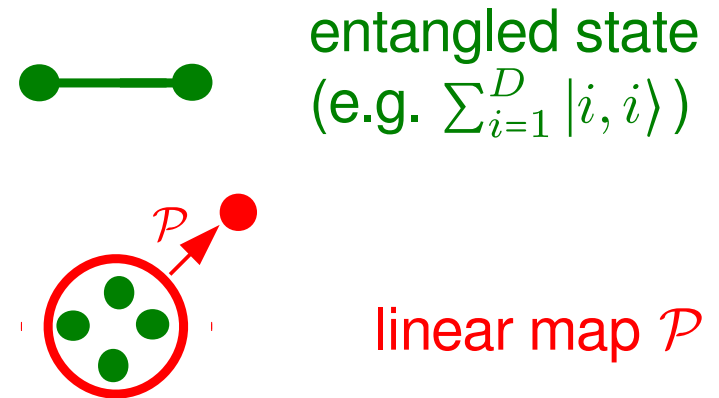
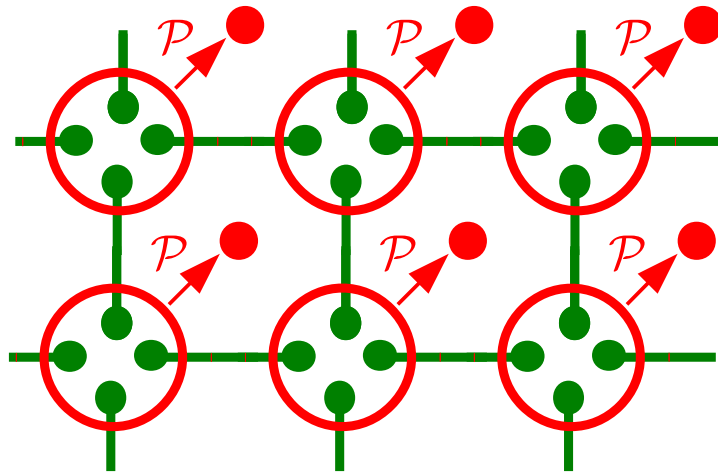
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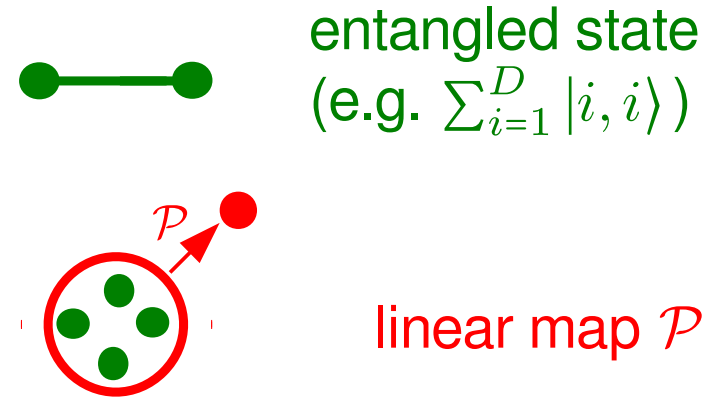
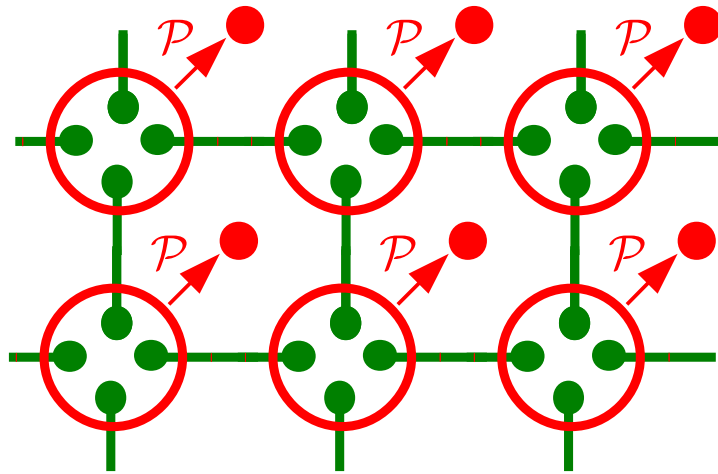
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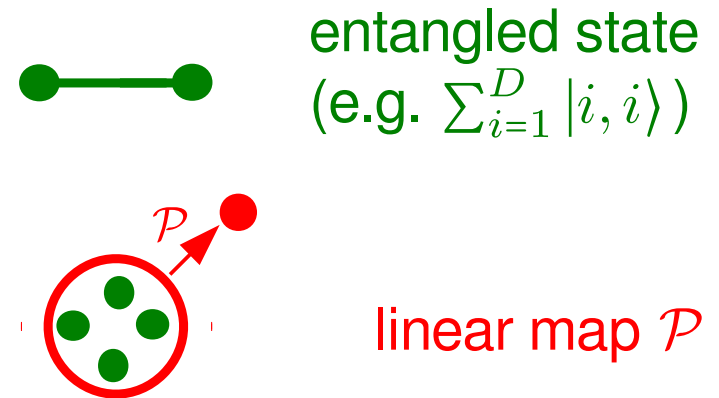
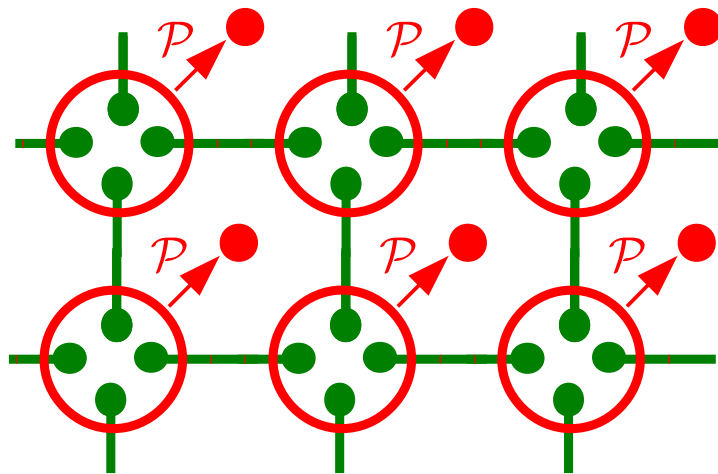
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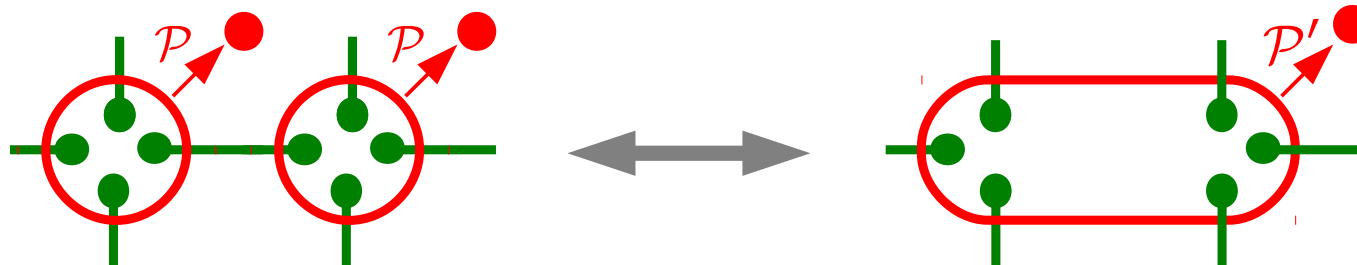
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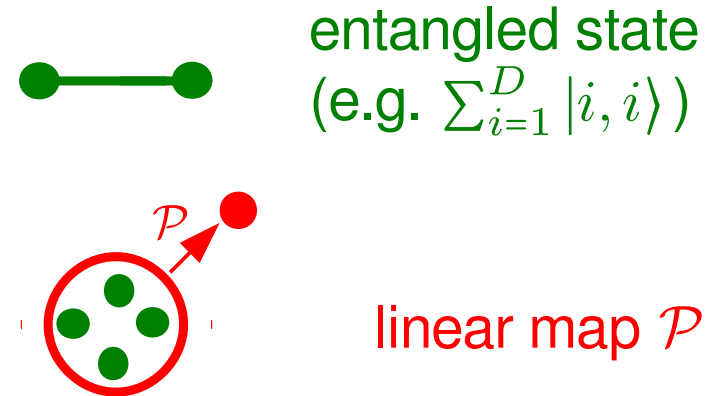
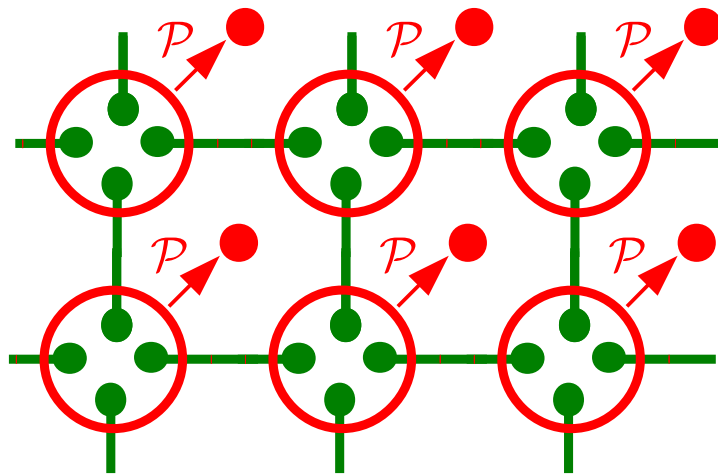
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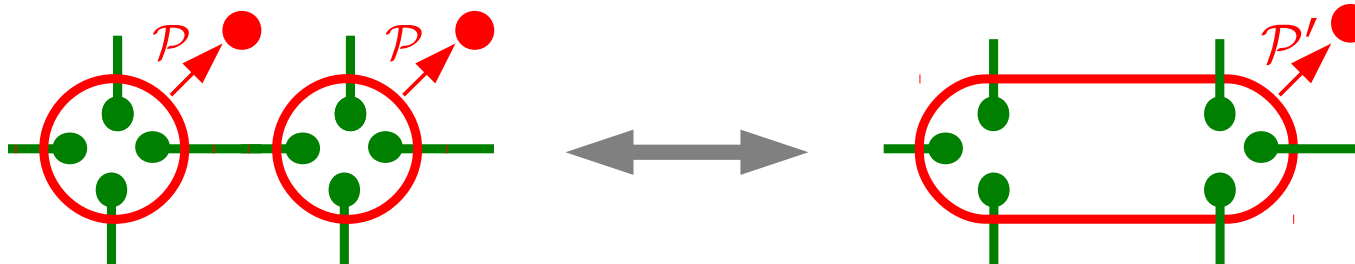
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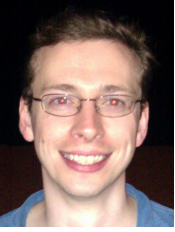
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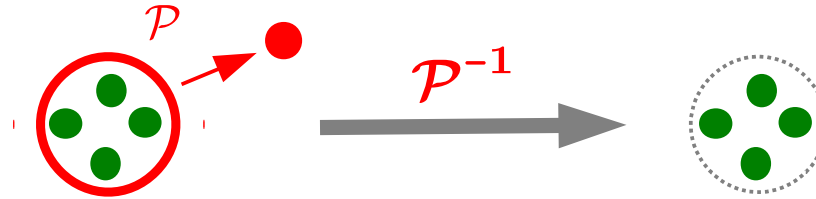


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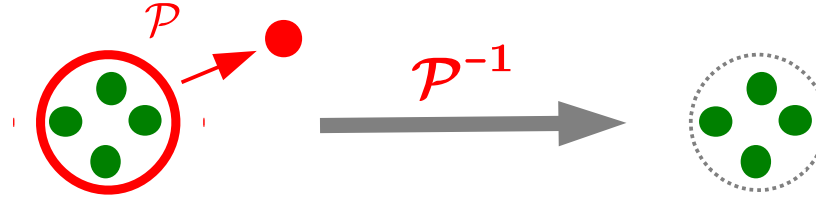


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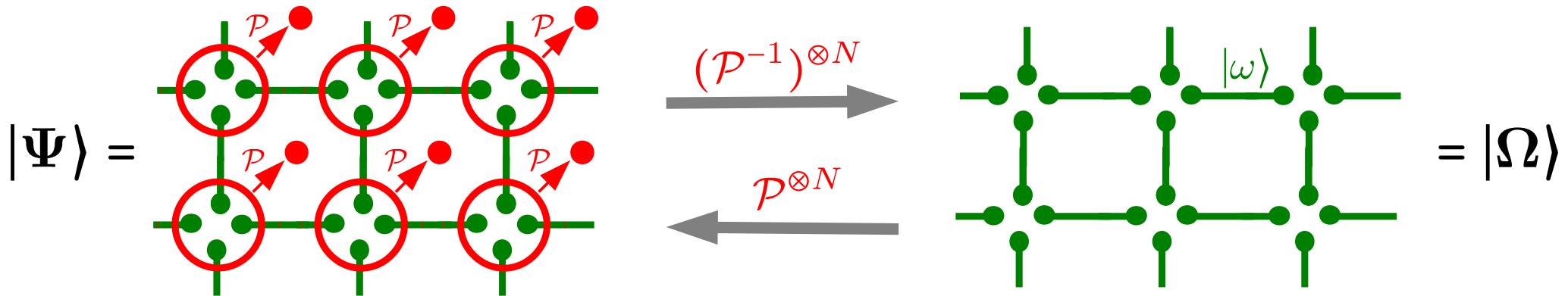
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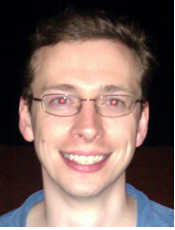
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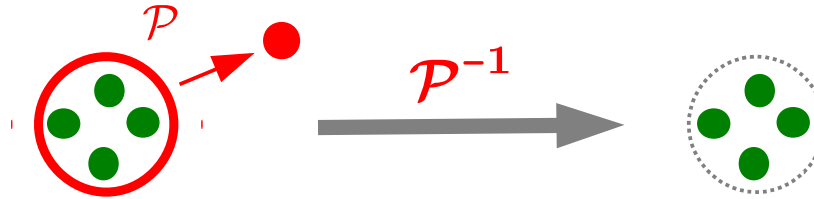
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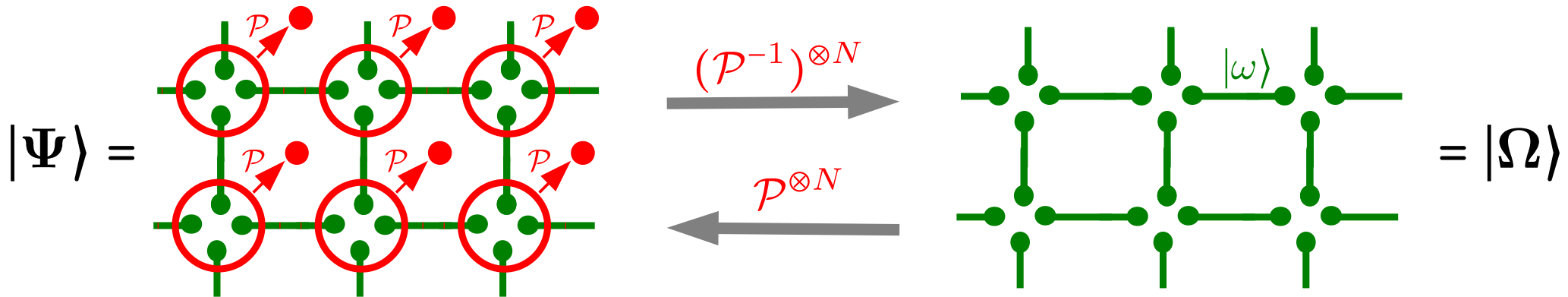
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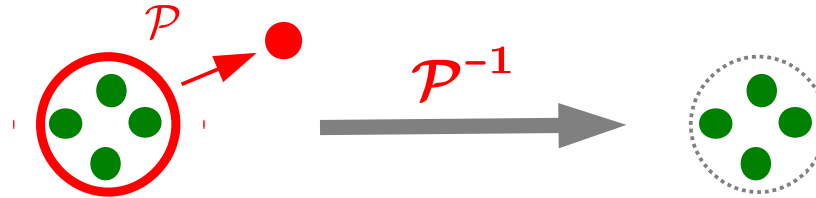
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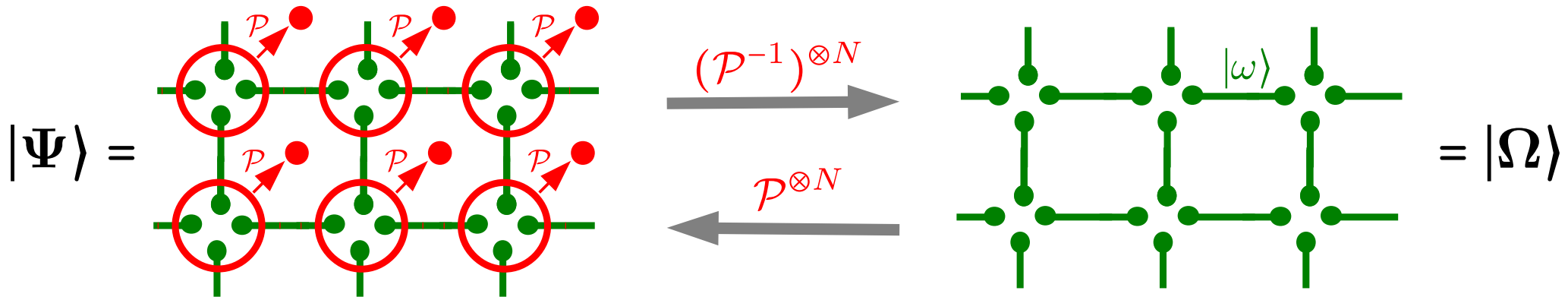
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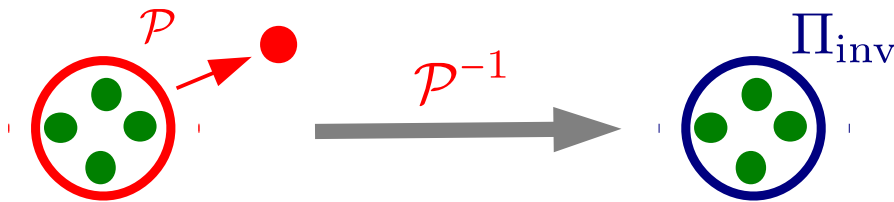
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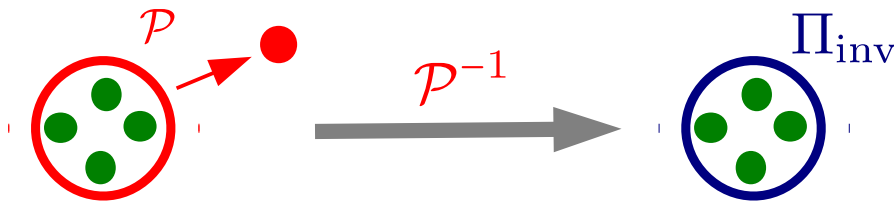


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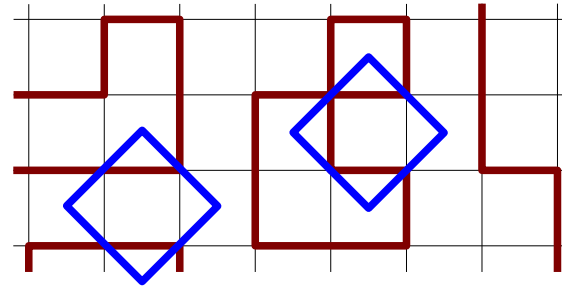
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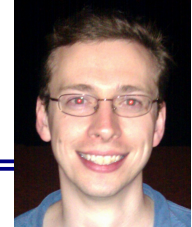
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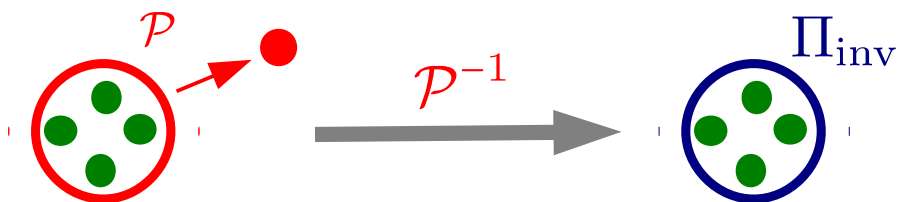


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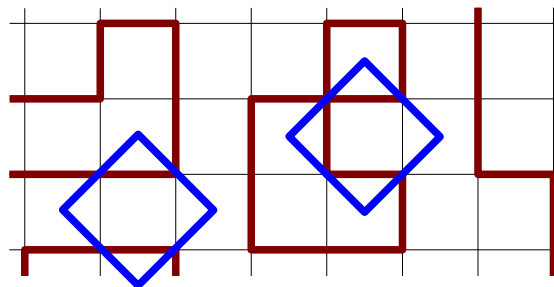
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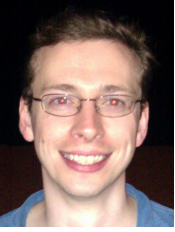
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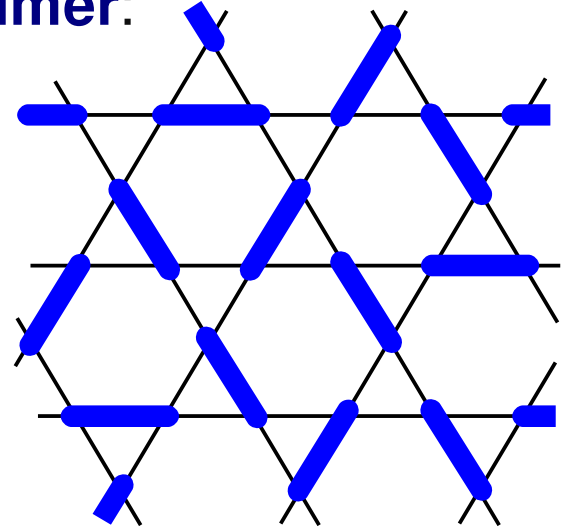


- $G$ -injectivity  $\Rightarrow$  PEPS is ground state of **local parent Hamiltonian** with **topological ground space degeneracy**  
(Proof: e.g. for  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -injectivity  $\rightarrow$  reversible mapping to Toric Code state + Hamiltonian)
- structure of ground space etc. is inherited from Toric Code

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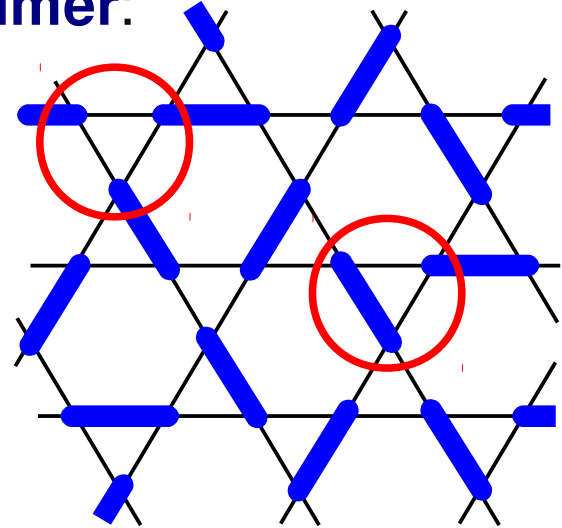
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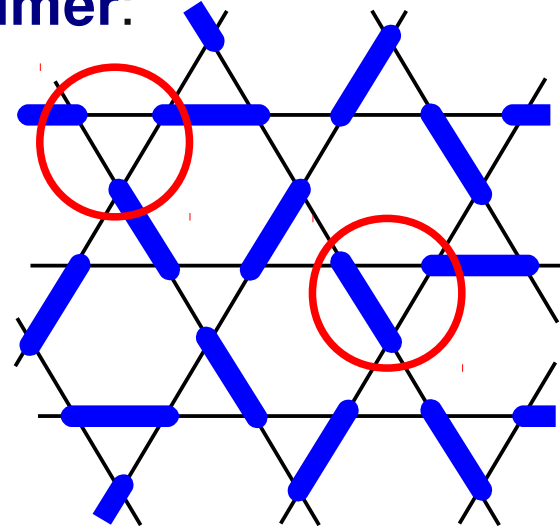
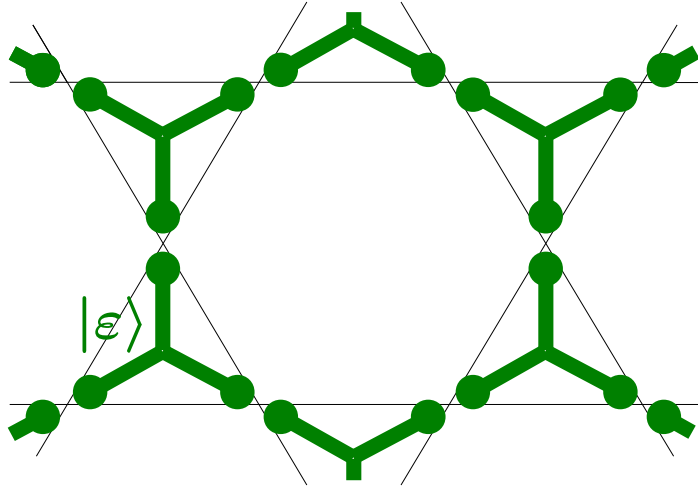
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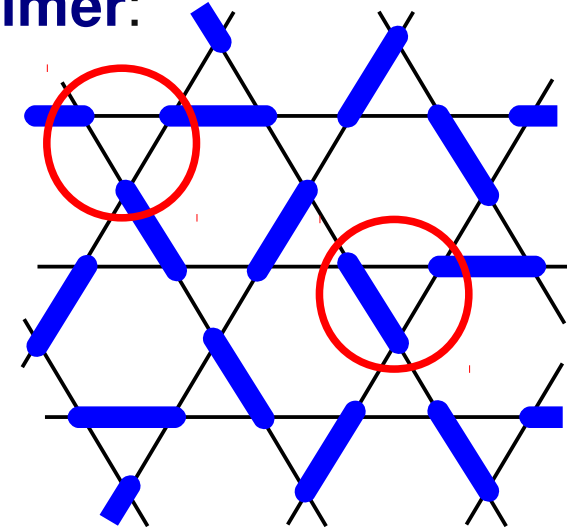
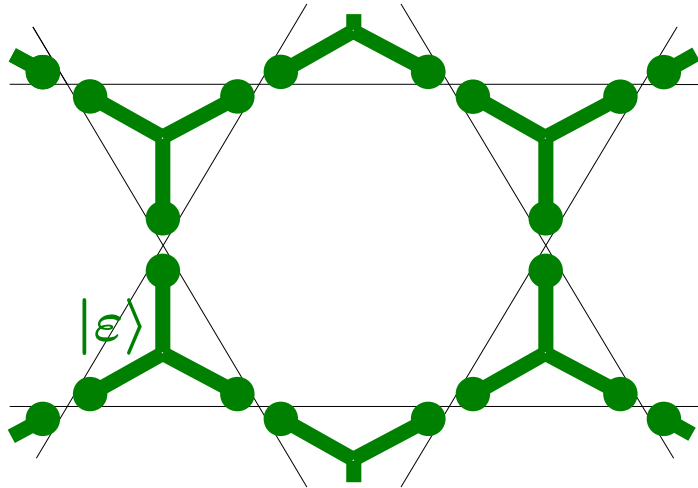
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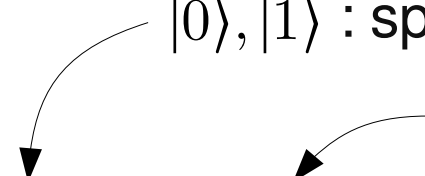


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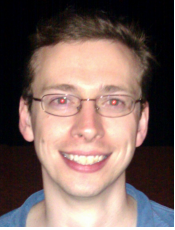
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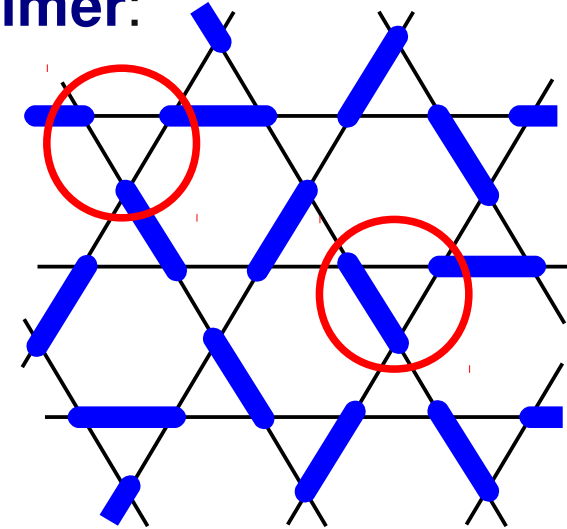
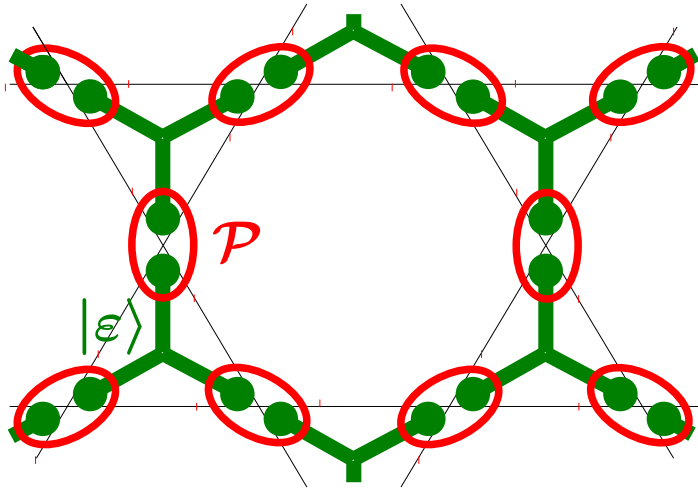
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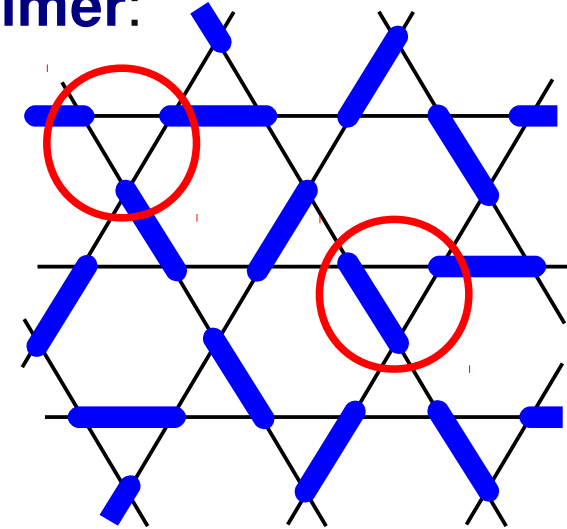
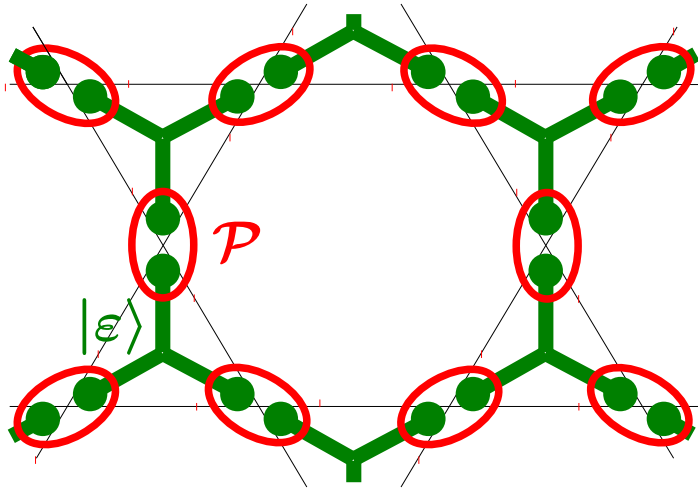
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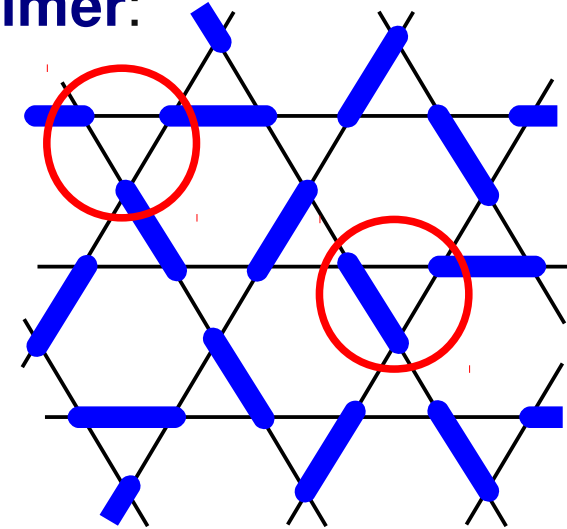
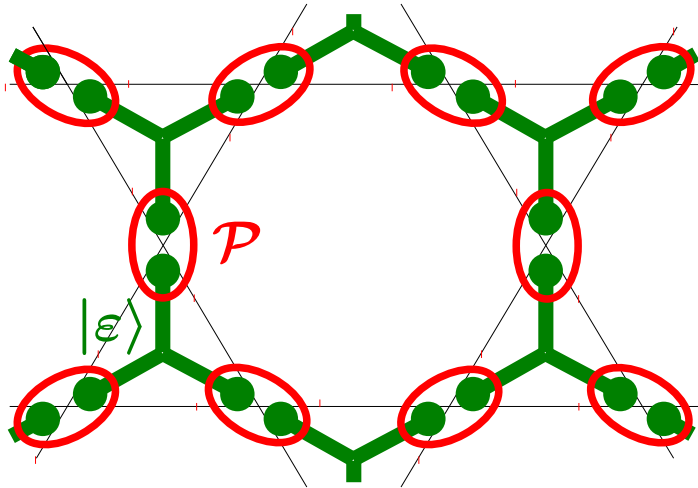
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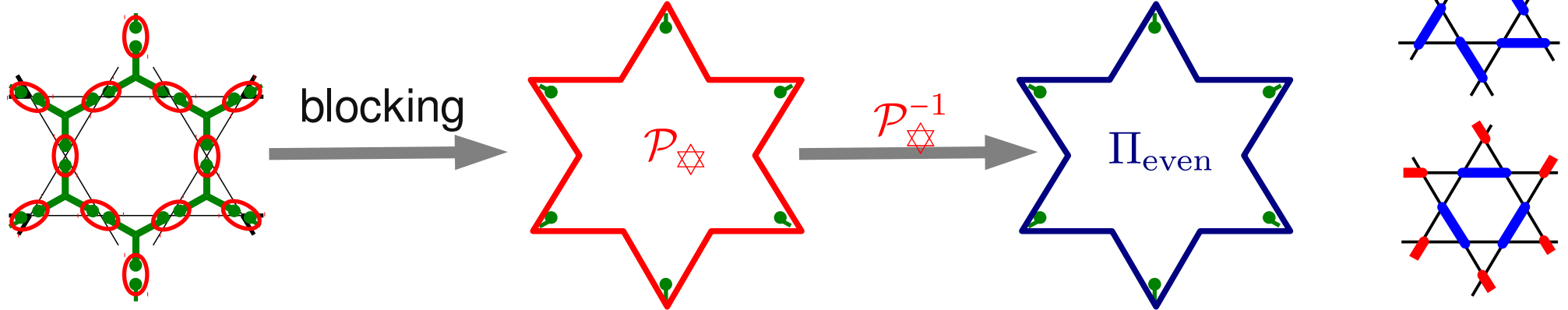
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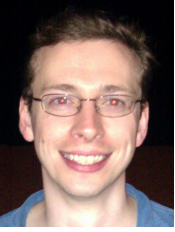
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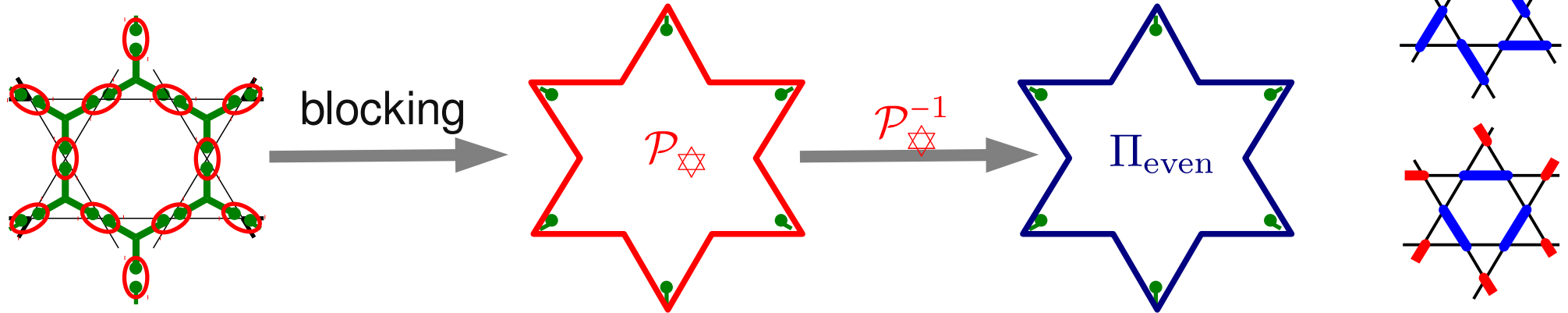
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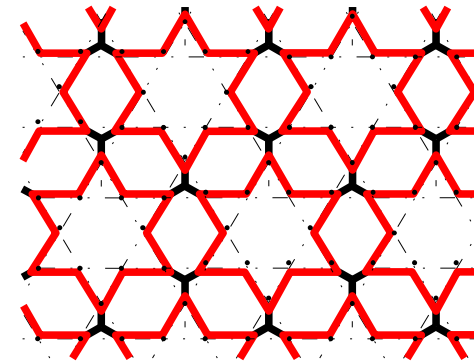
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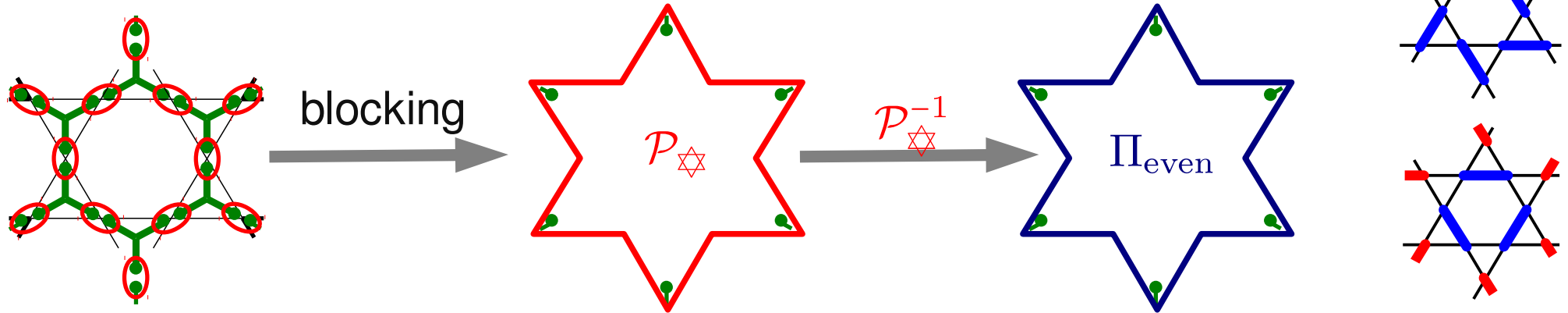
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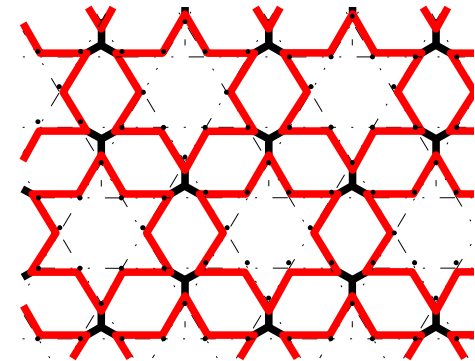
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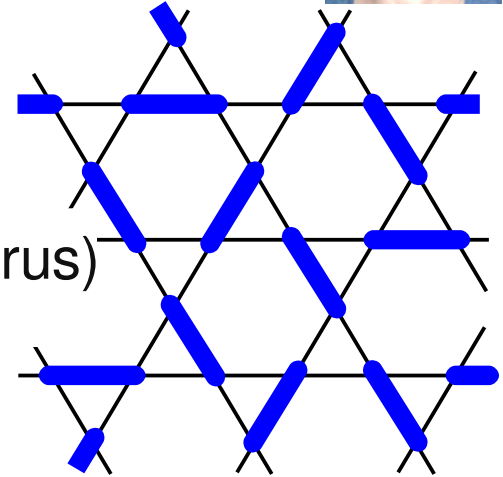


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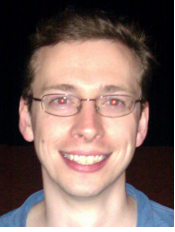


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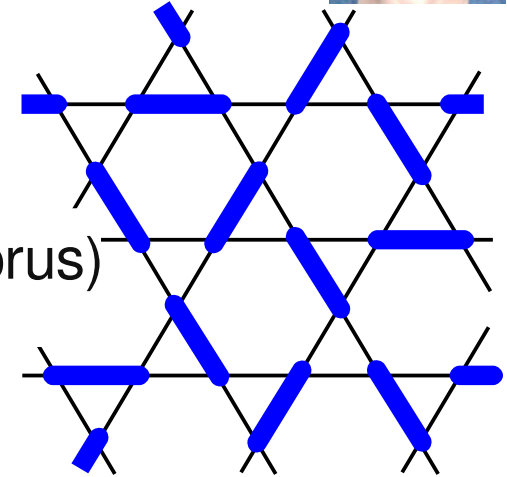


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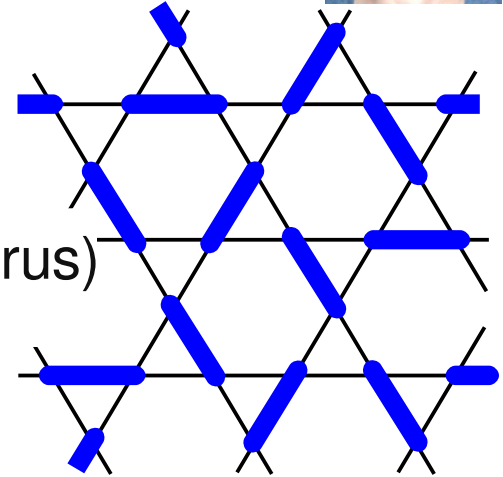
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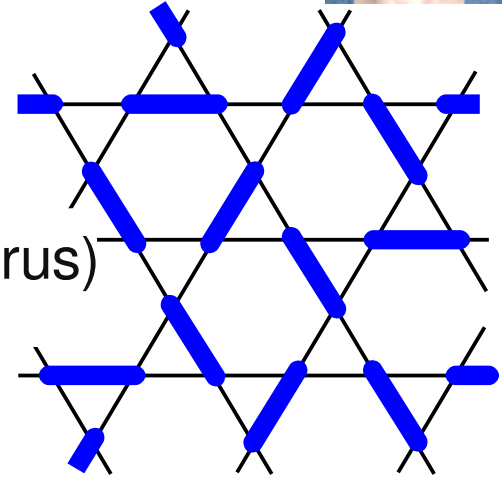
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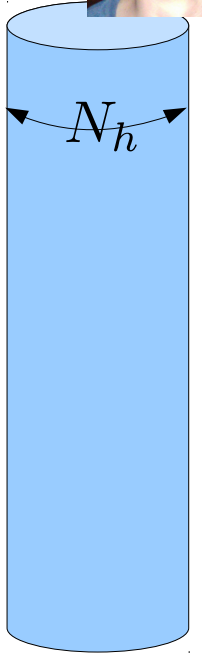


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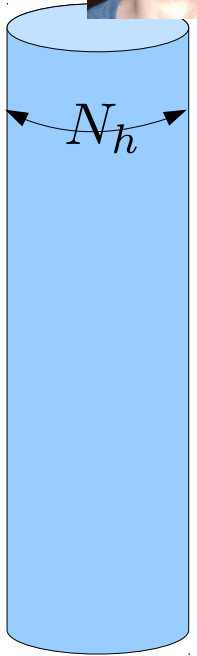
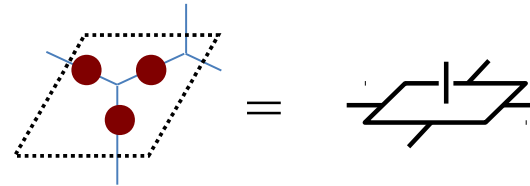
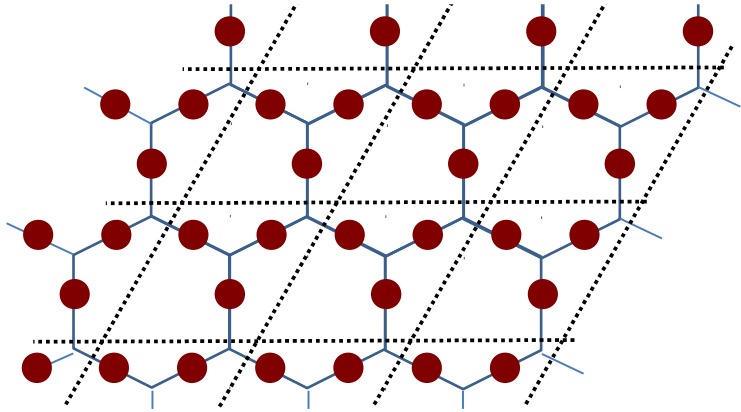


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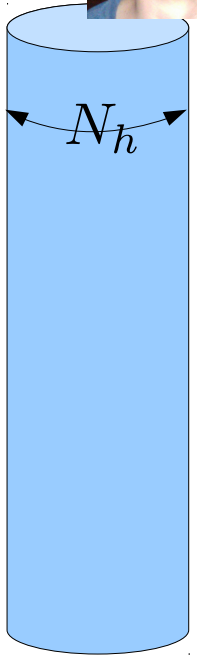
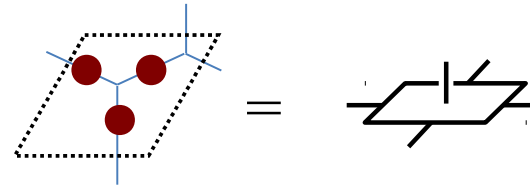
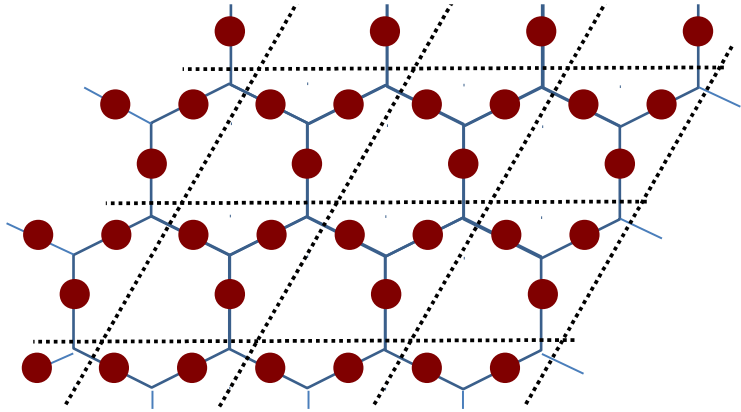
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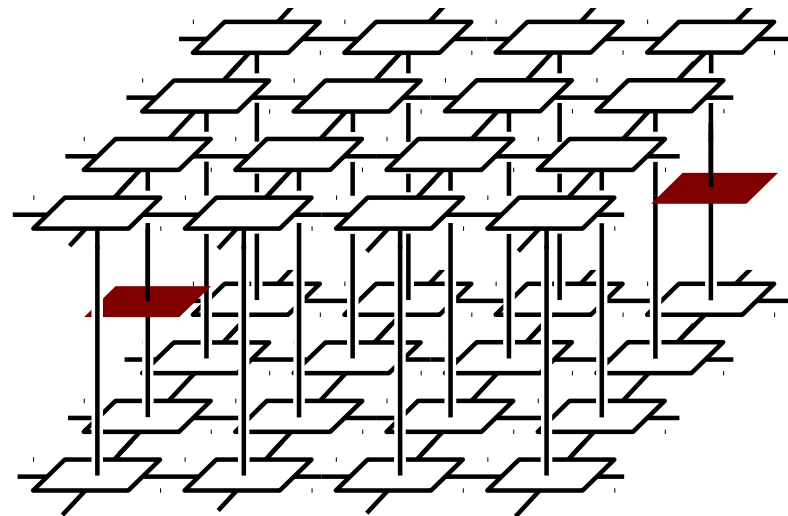
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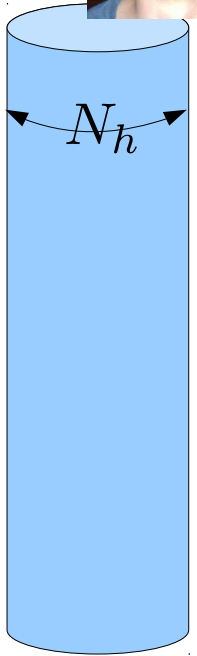
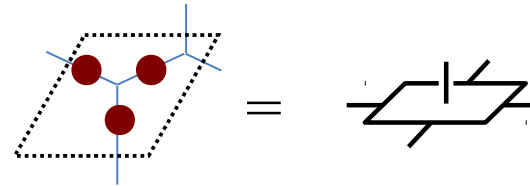
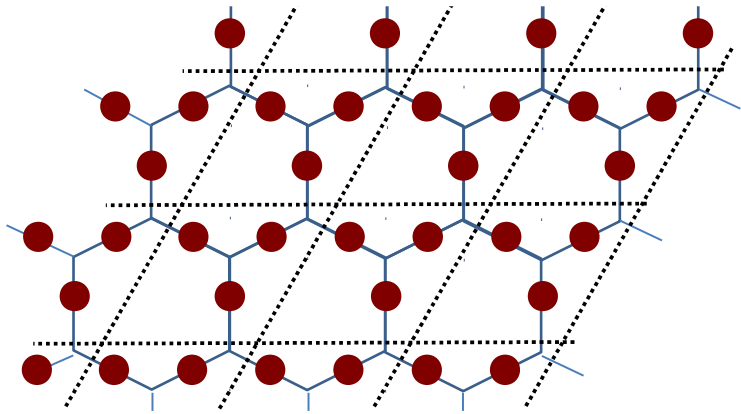
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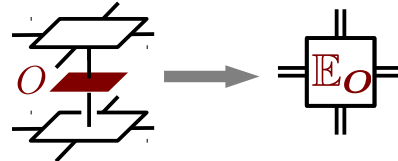
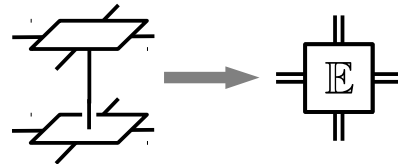
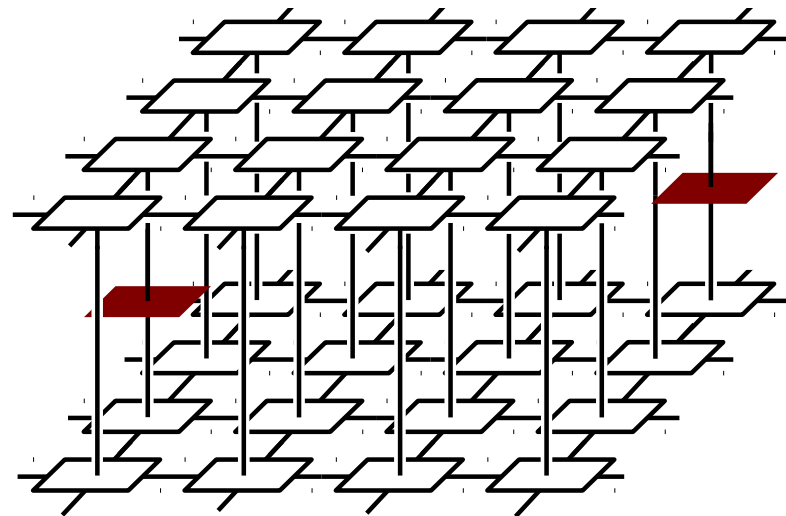
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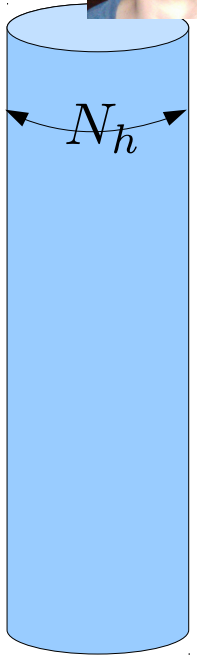
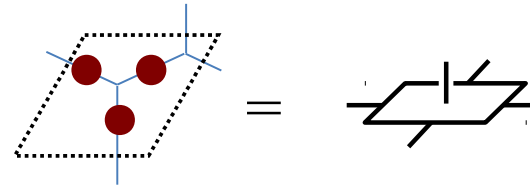
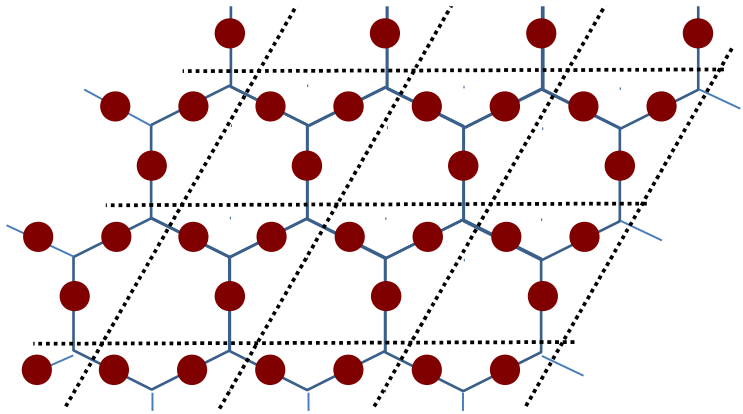
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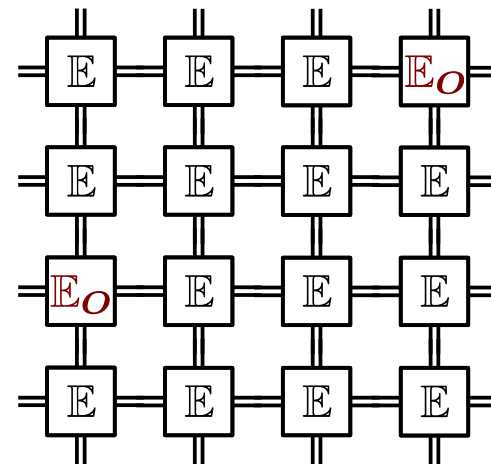
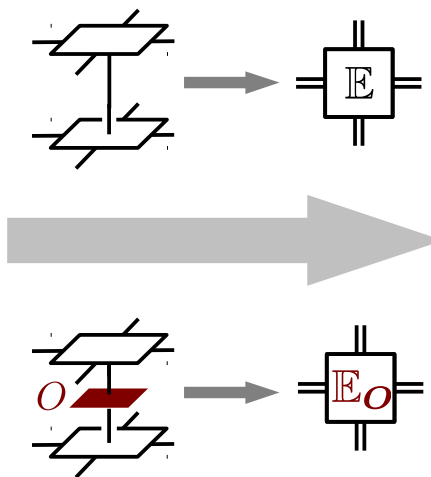
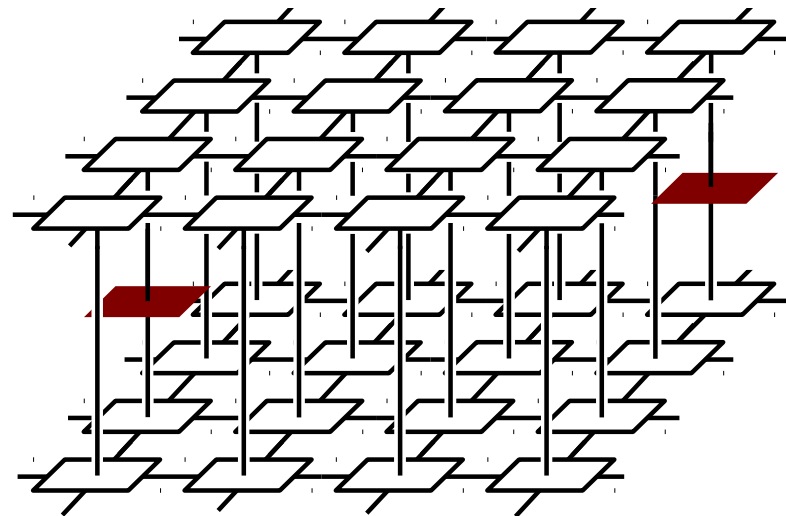
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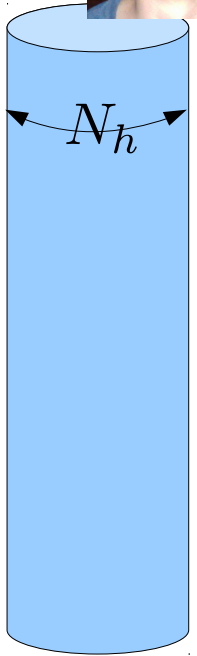
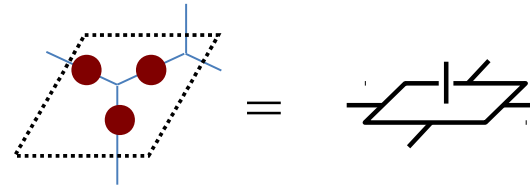
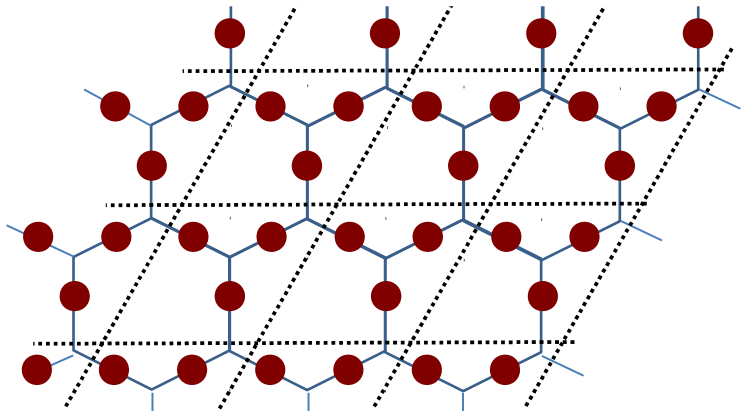
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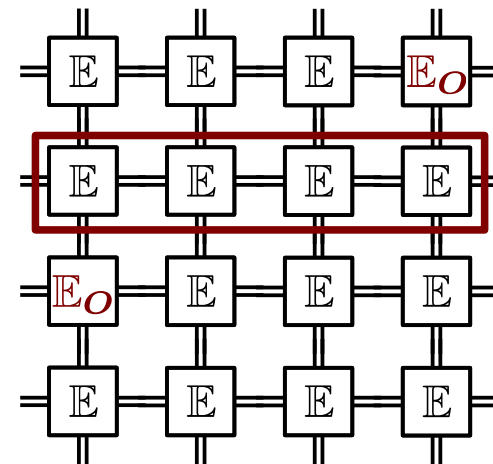
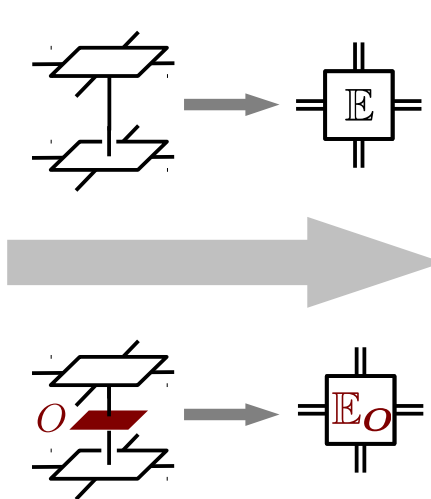
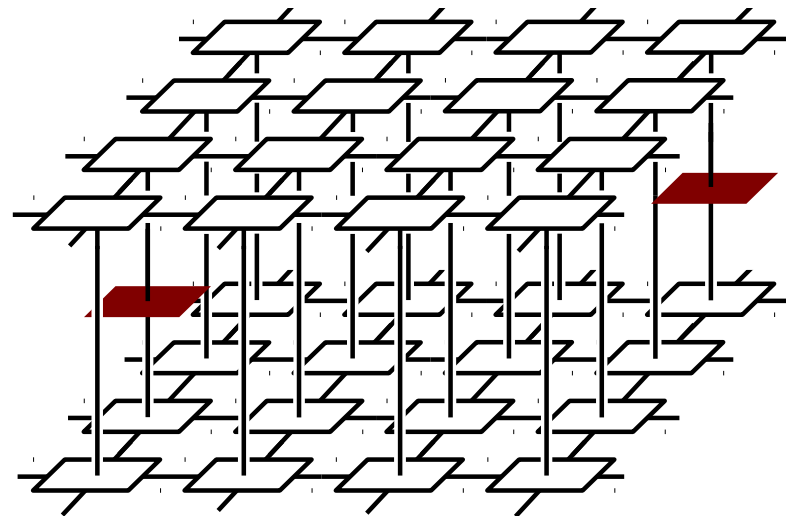
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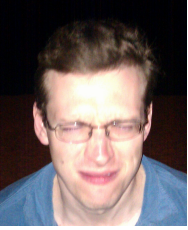


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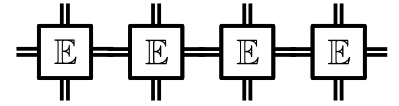
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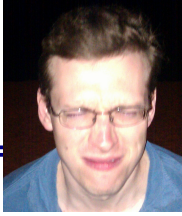


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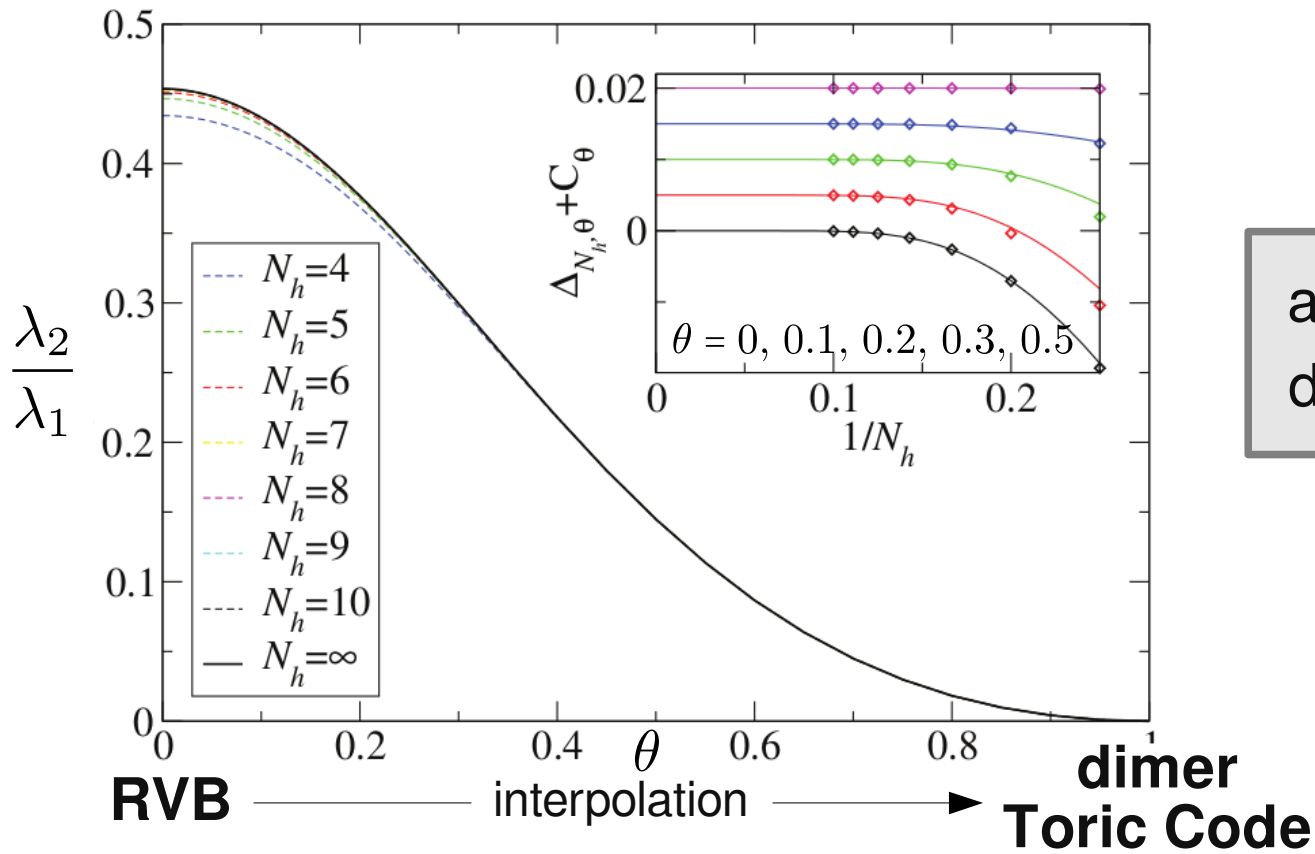
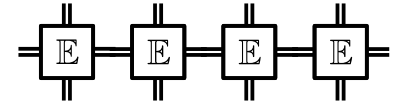




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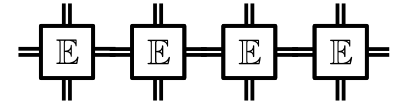


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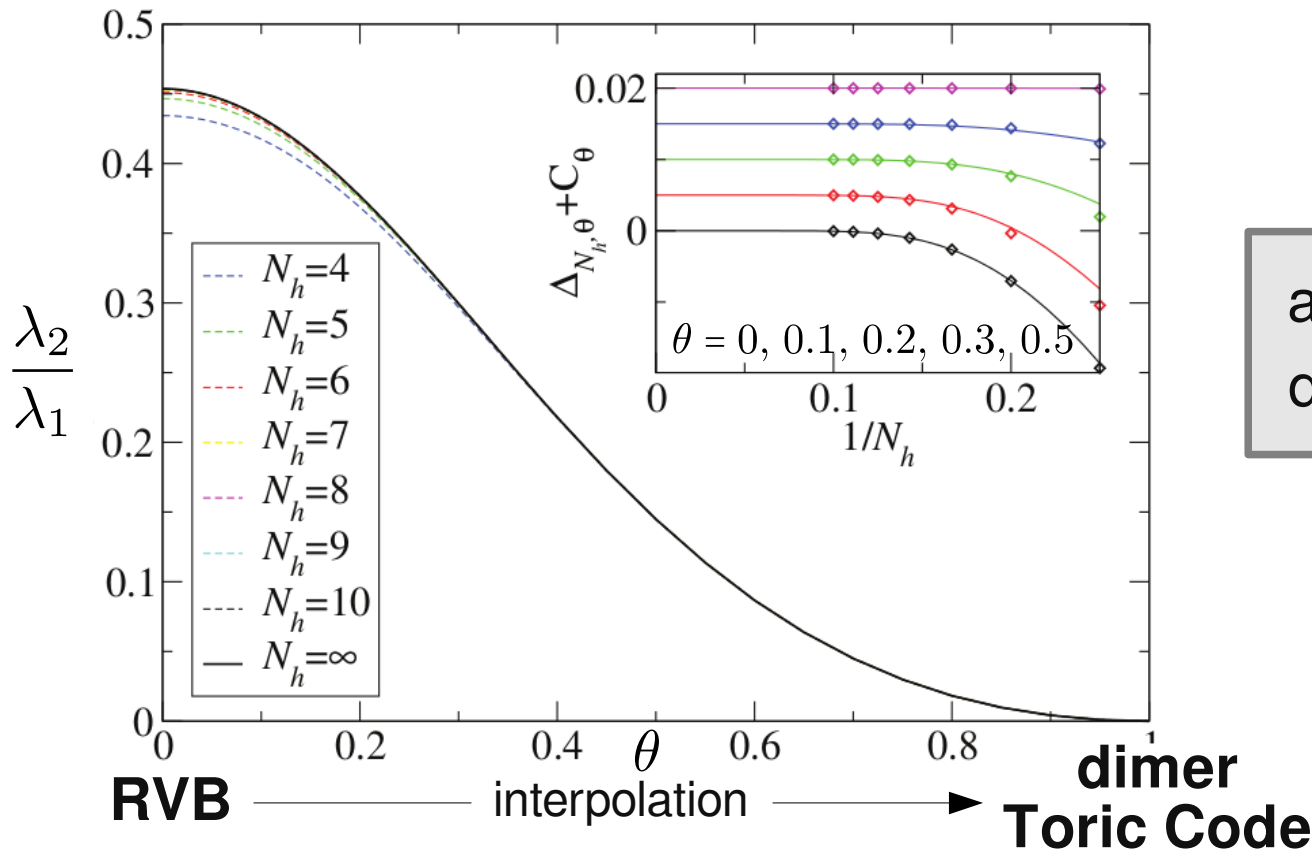


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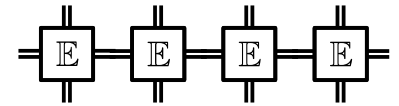
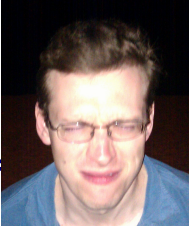
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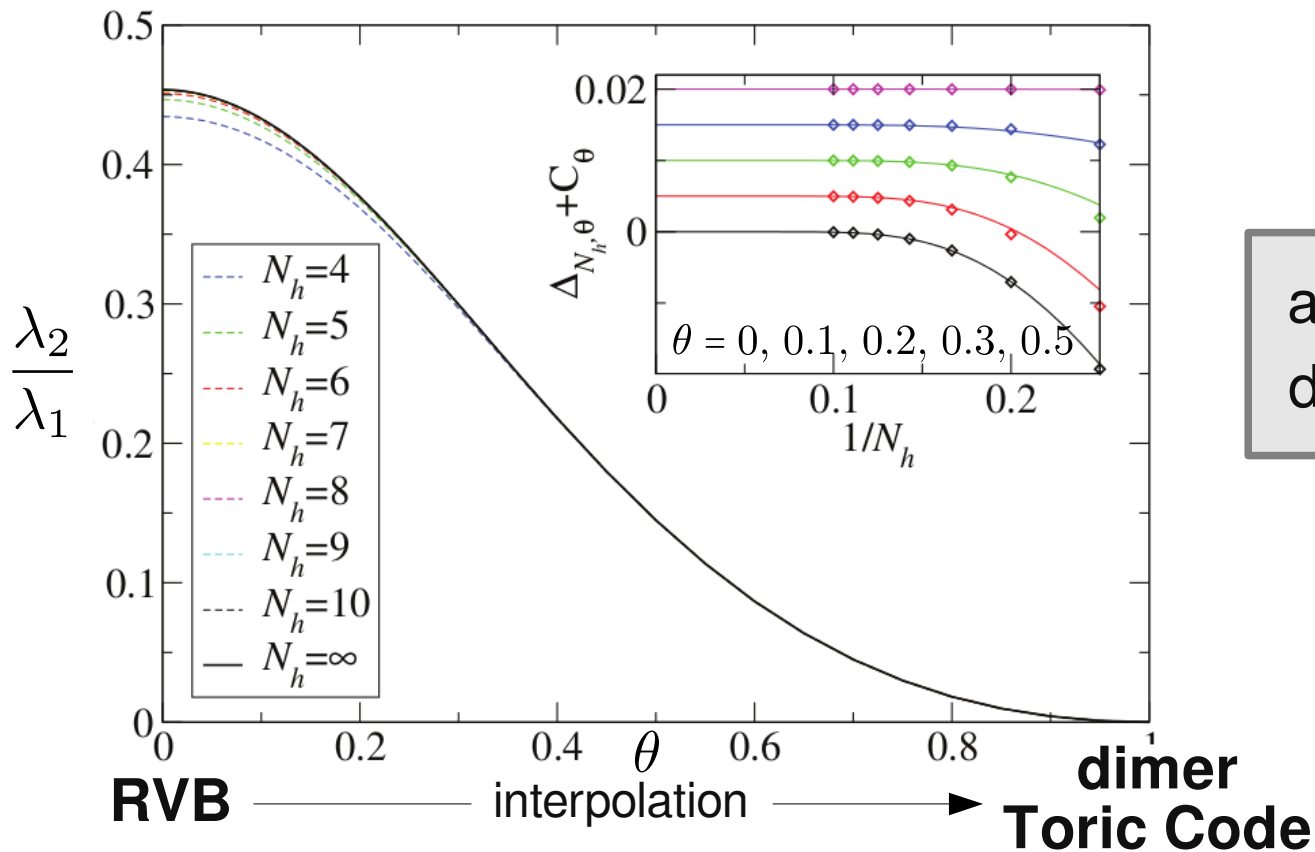
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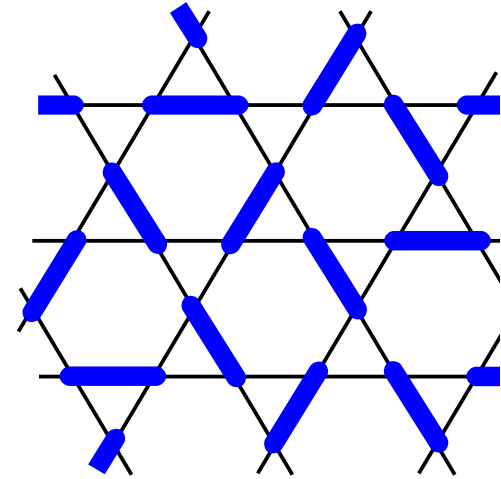
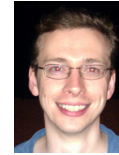
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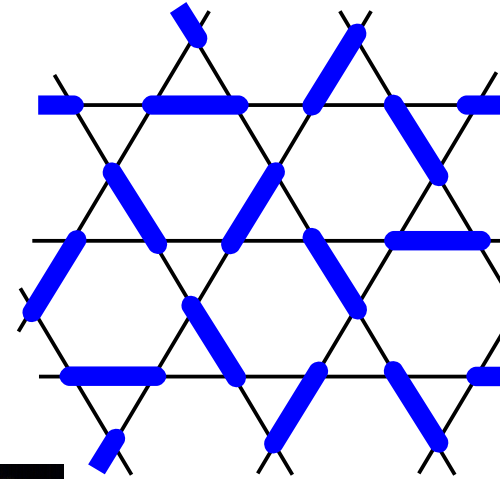
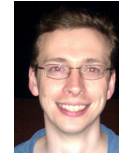


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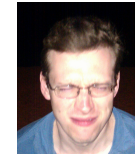
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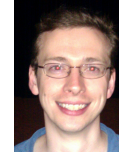


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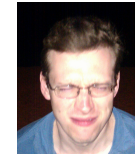
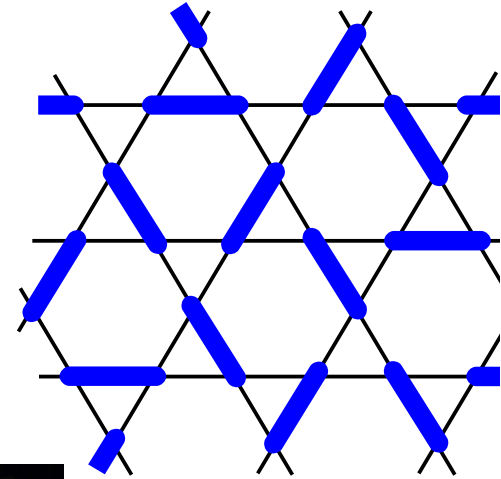
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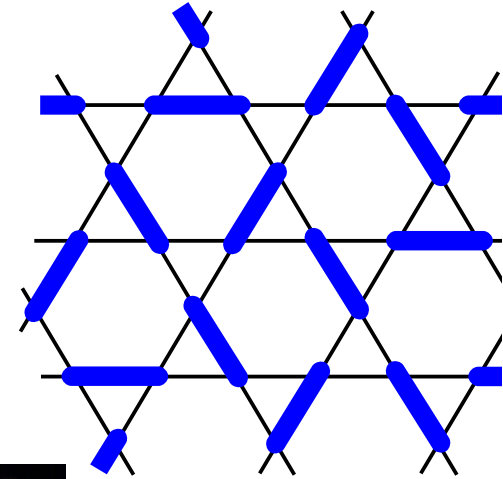
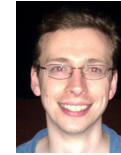
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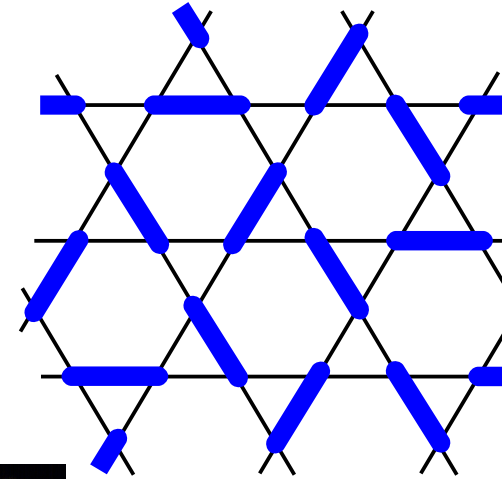
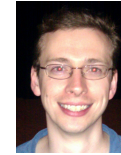


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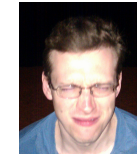
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