

# Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill bosonic error correcting codes: a lattice perspective

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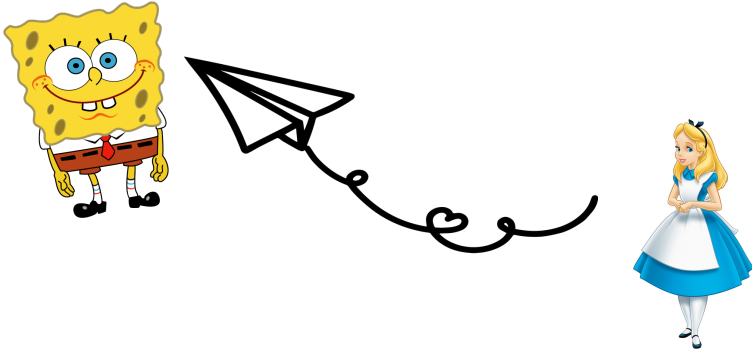


# Outline

- 1) Introduction and motivation
- 2) Some definitions : Lattices in a nutshell
- 3) Results : Lattice bases and symplectically equivalent codes
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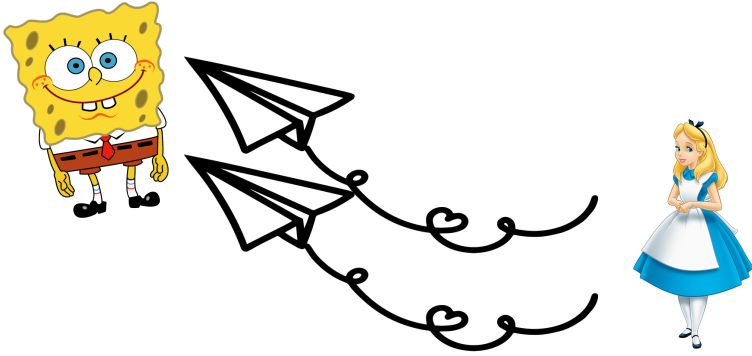
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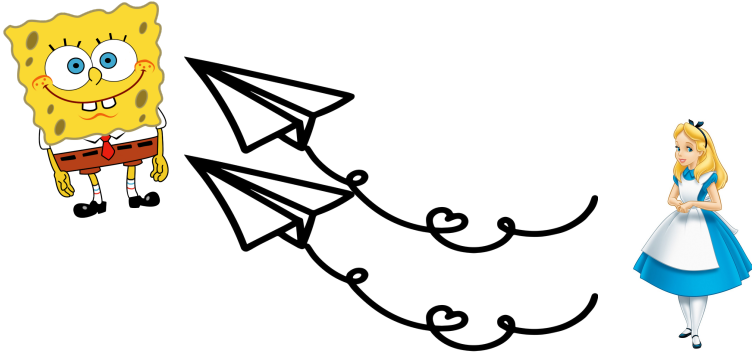


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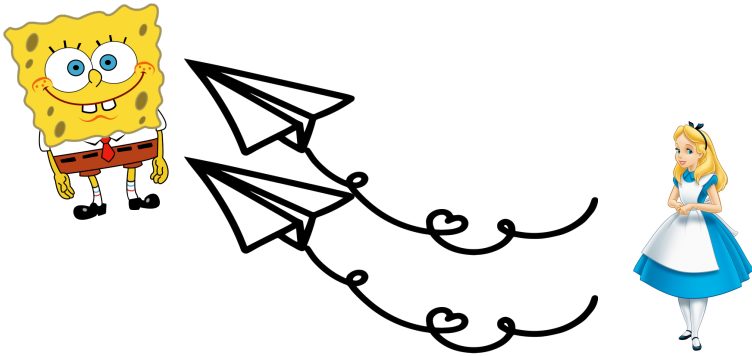
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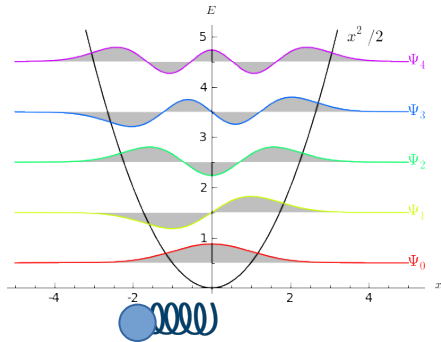
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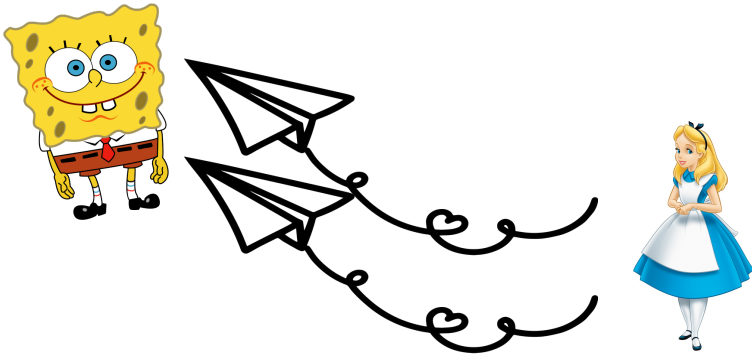
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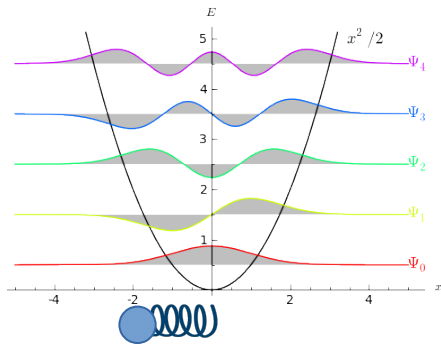
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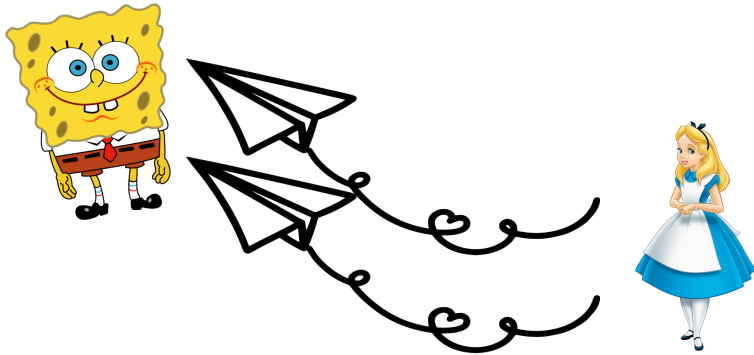
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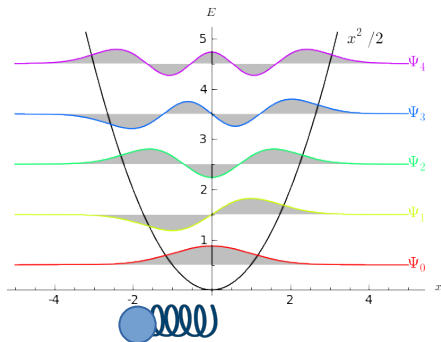
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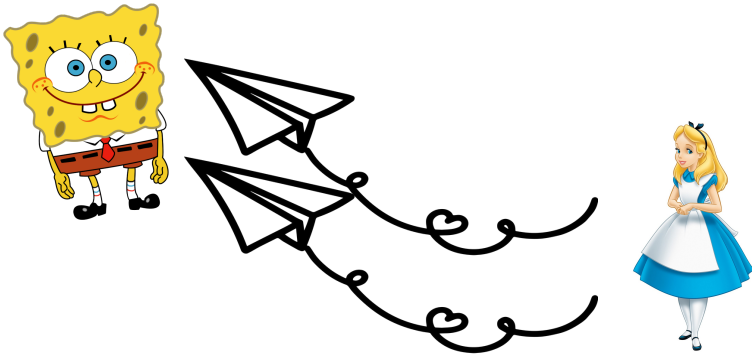
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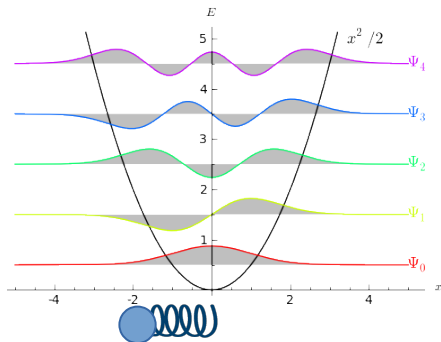
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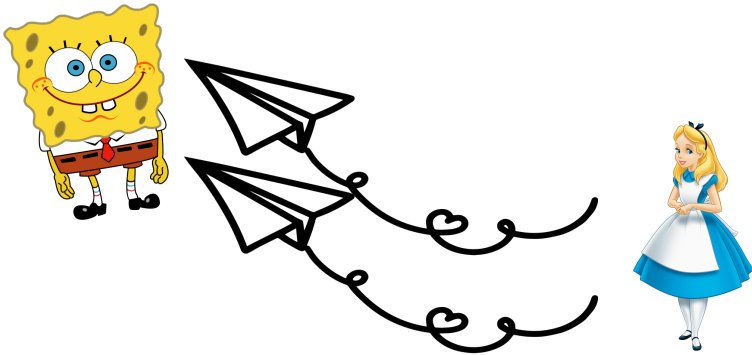
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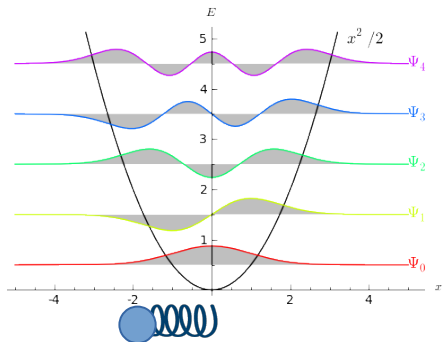
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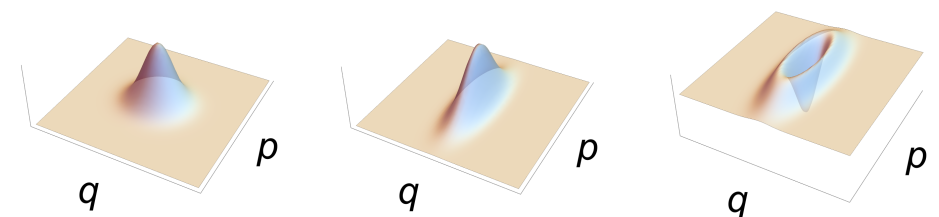
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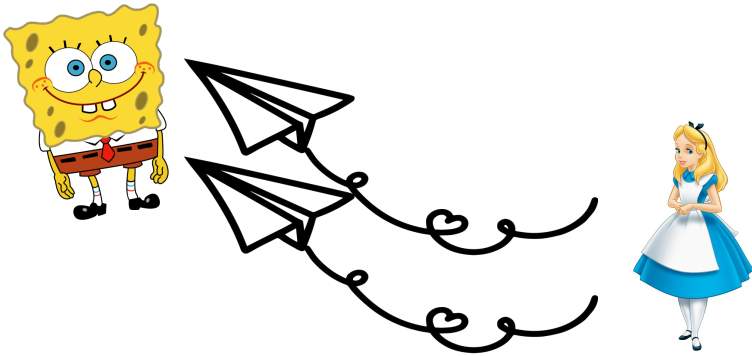
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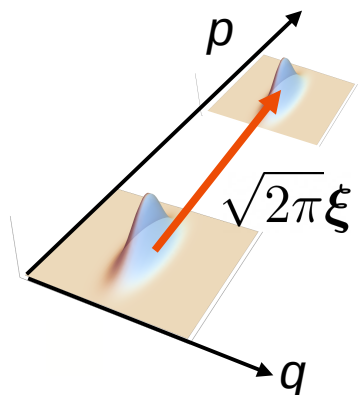
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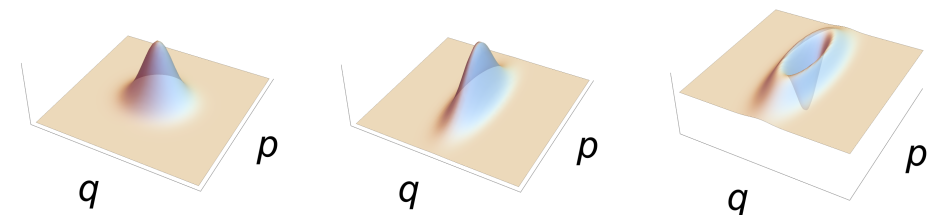
Displacements :

$$D^\dagger(\xi) \hat{x} D(\xi) = \hat{x} + \sqrt{2\pi} \xi$$

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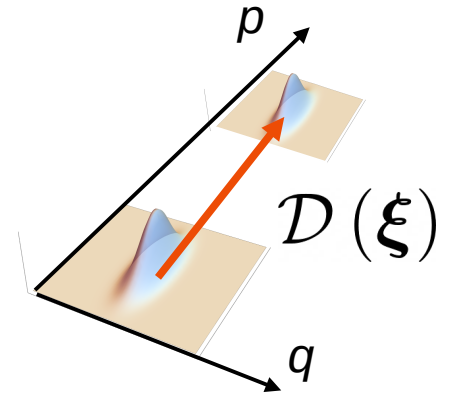
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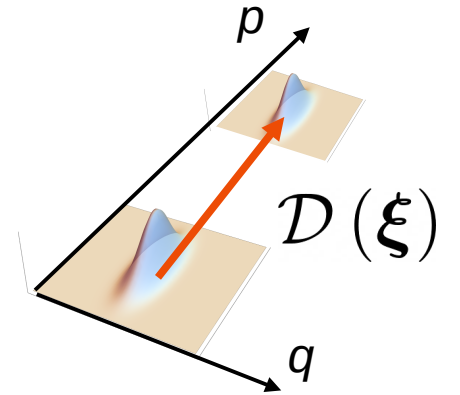
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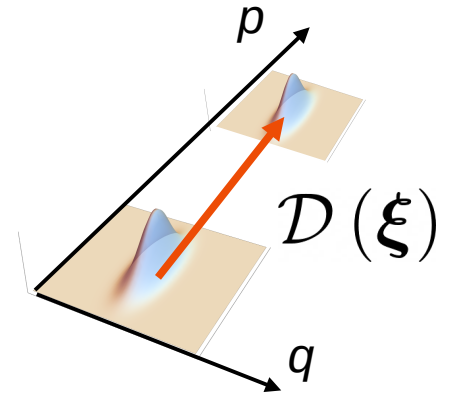
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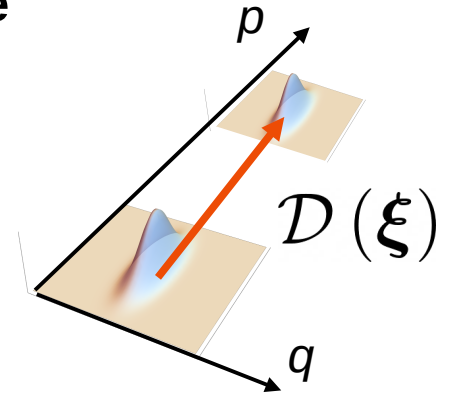
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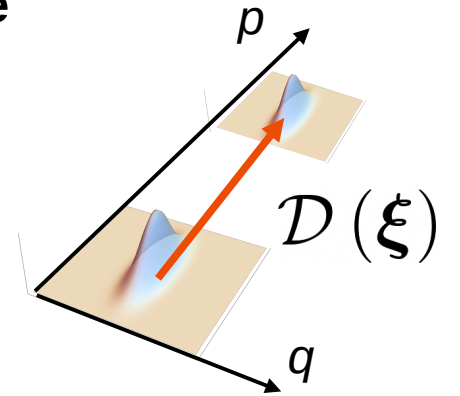
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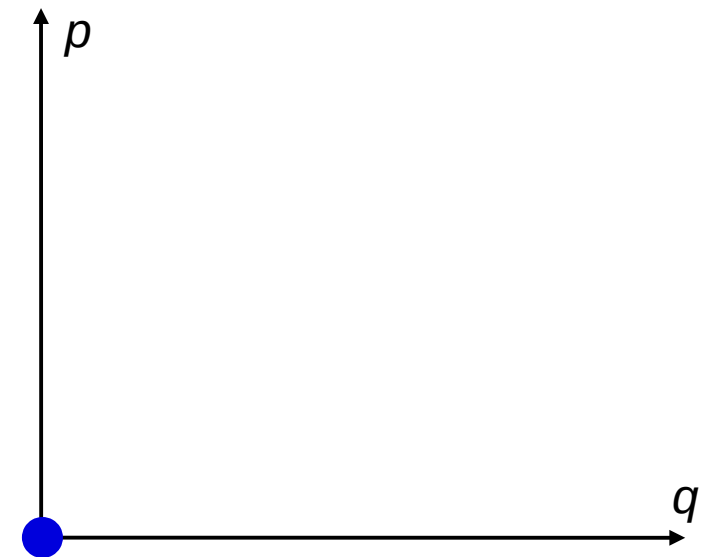
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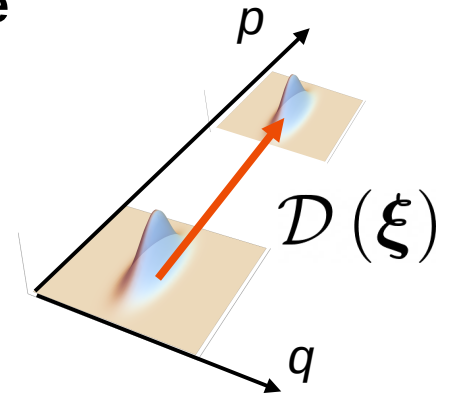
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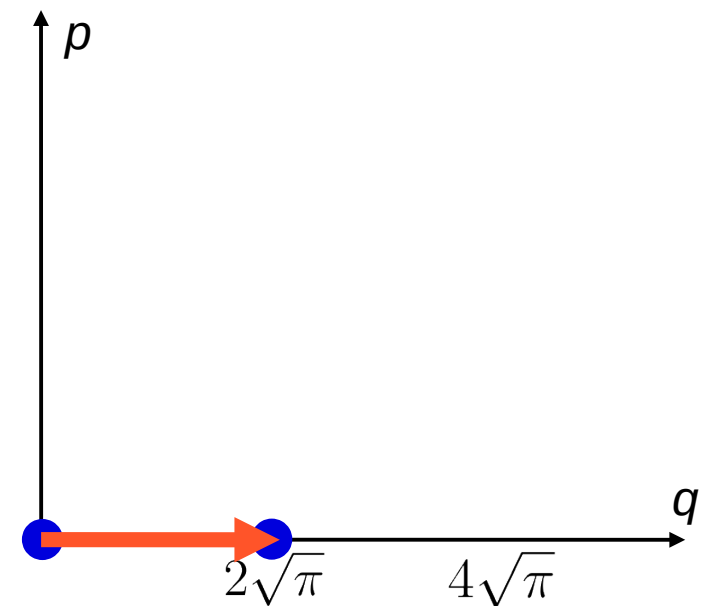
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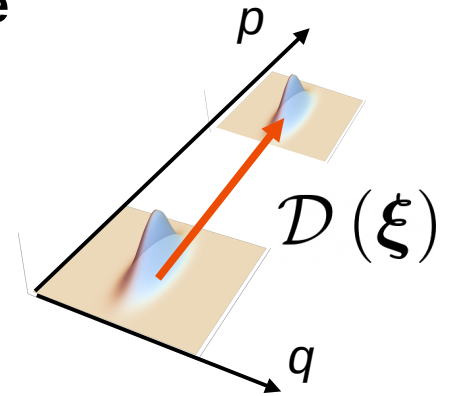
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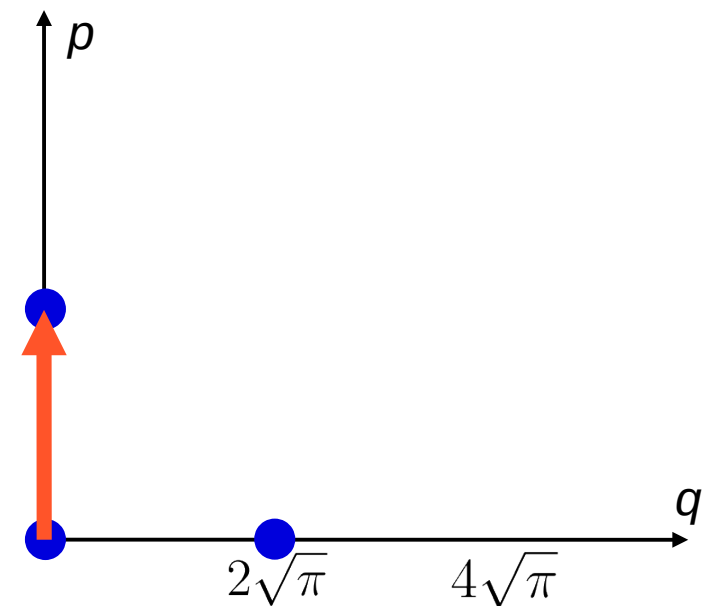
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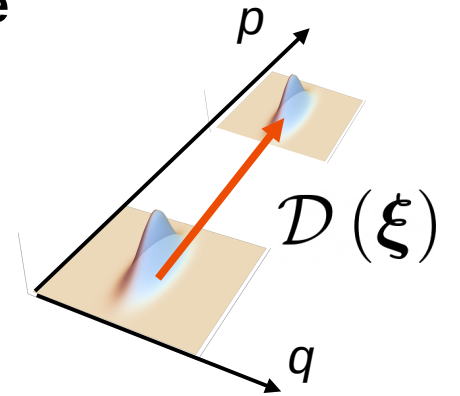
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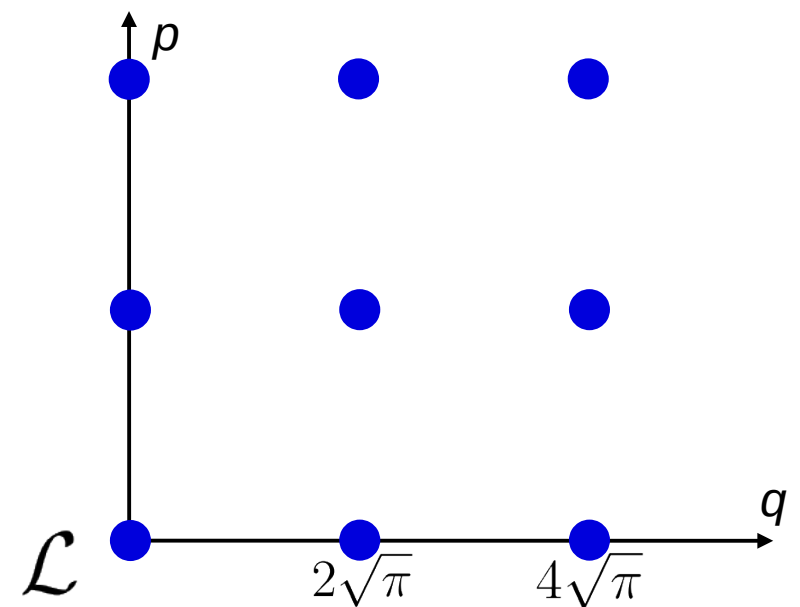
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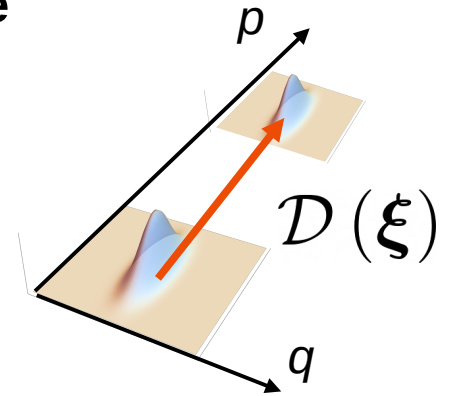
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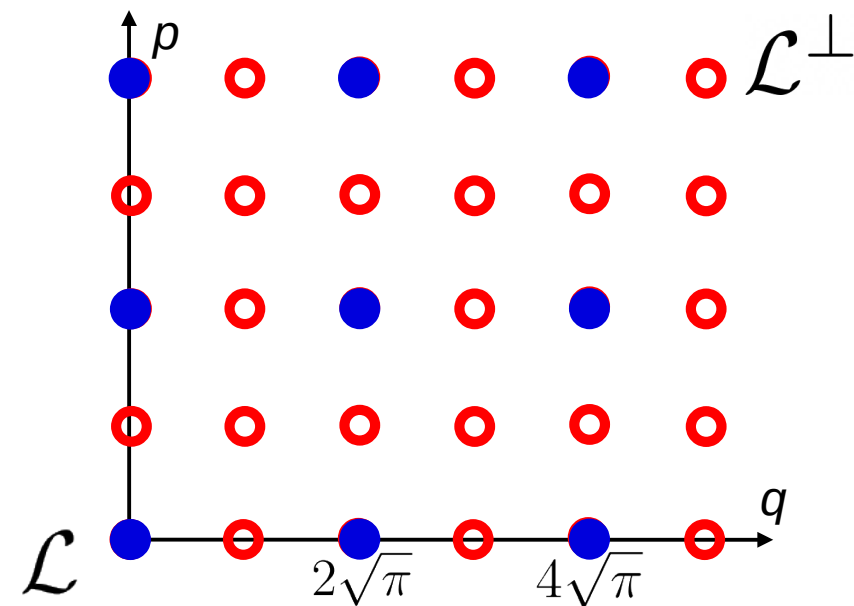
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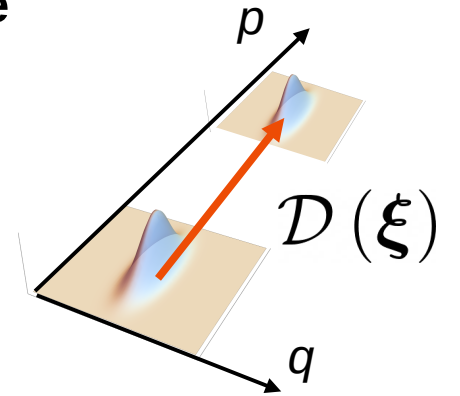
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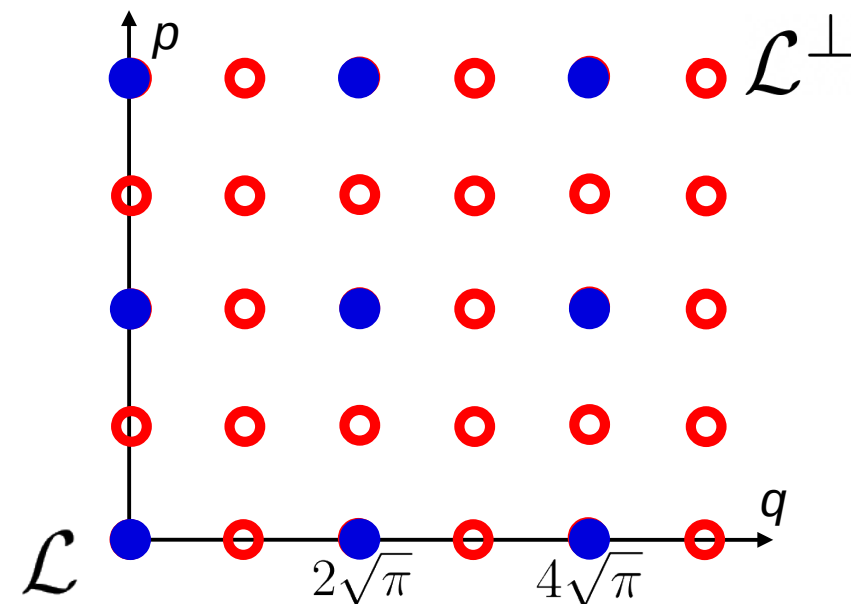
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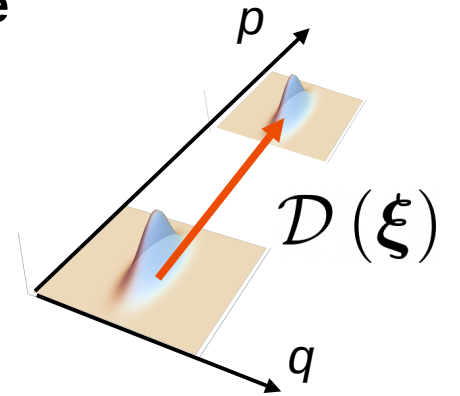
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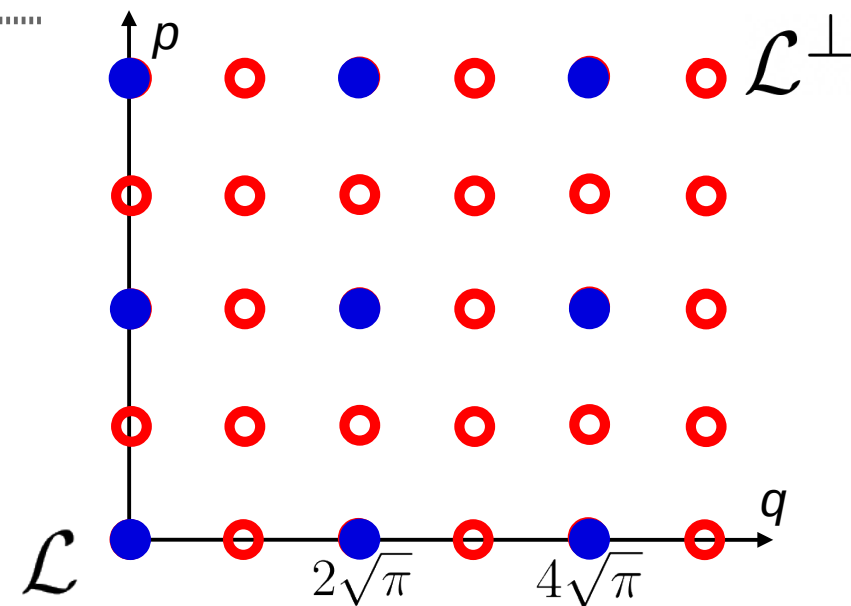
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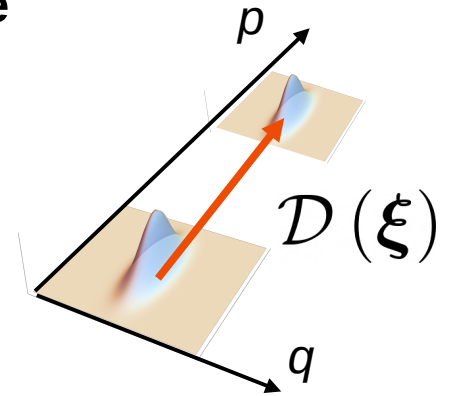
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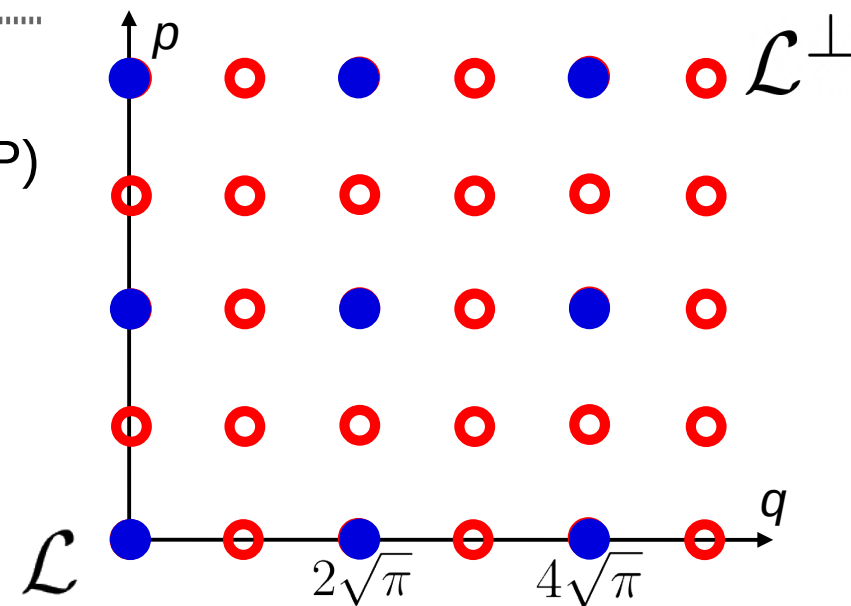
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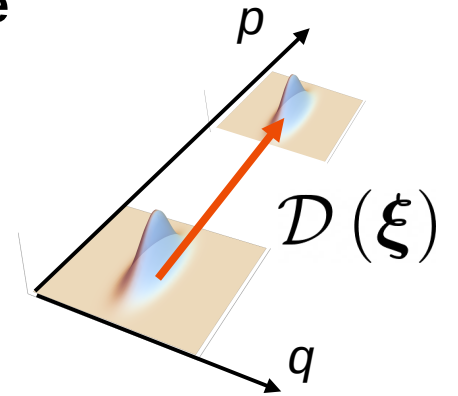
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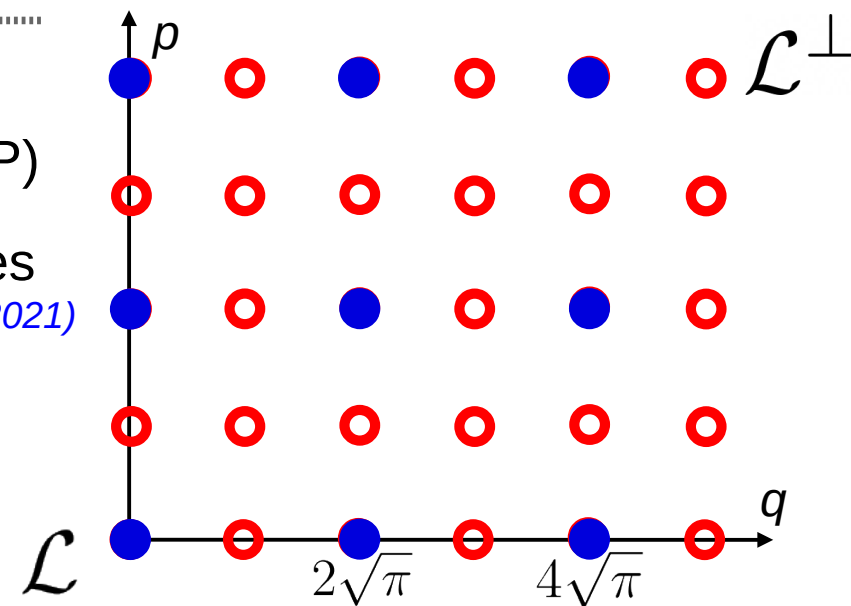
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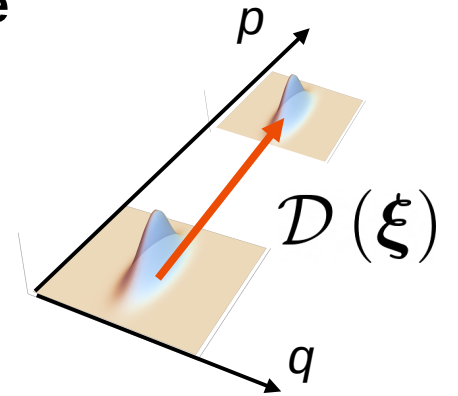
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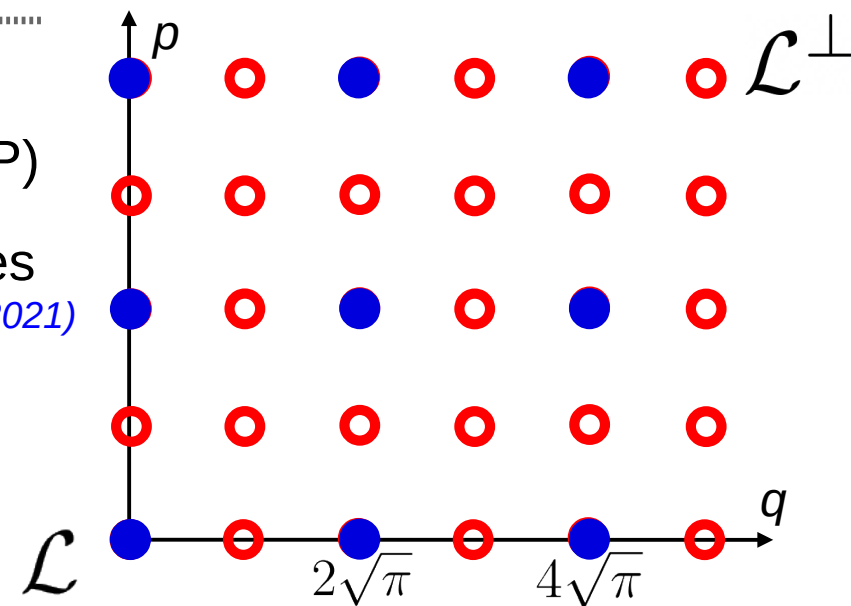
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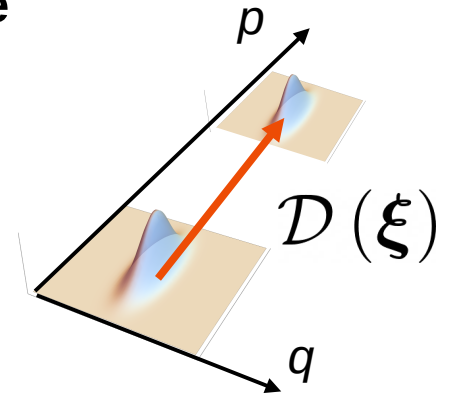
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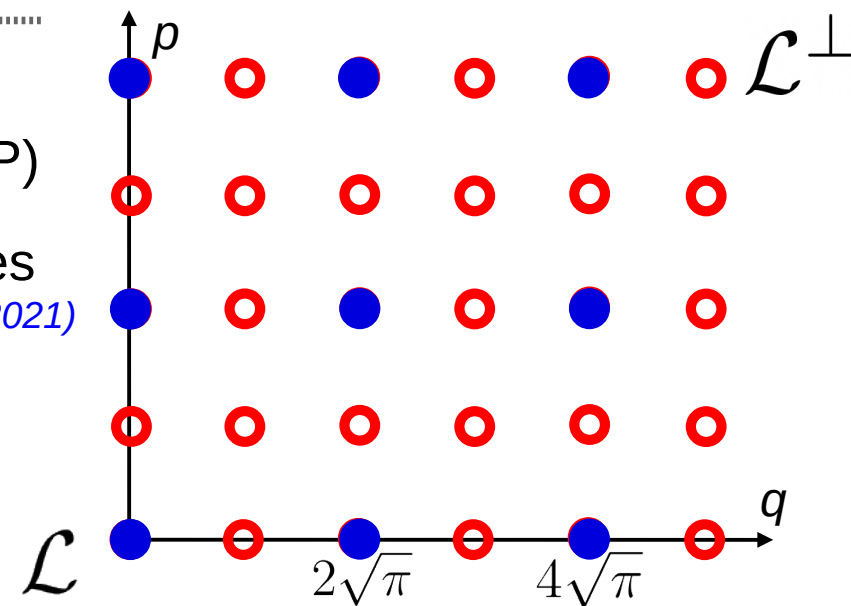
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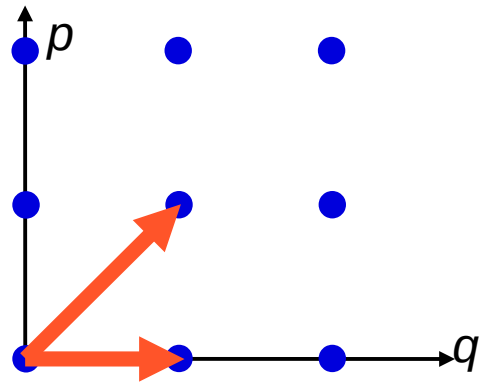
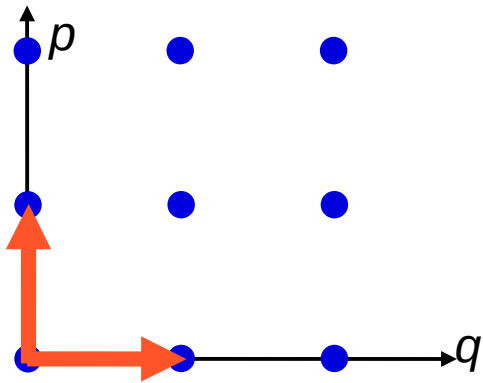
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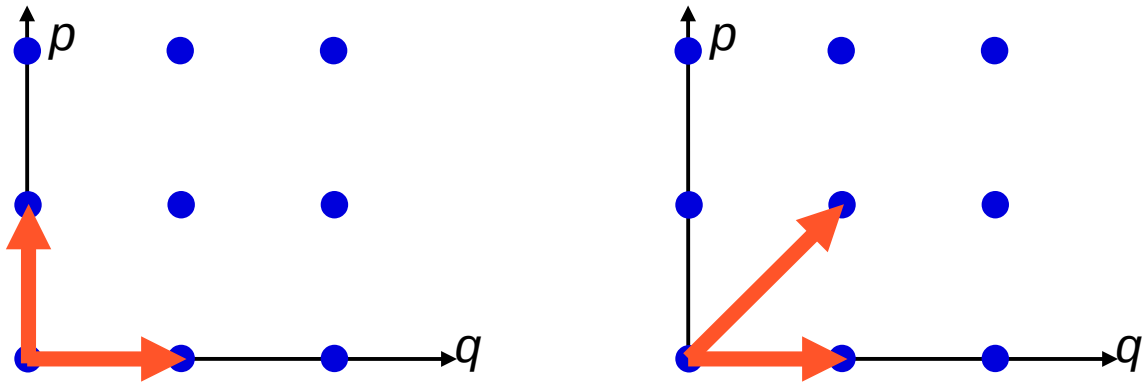
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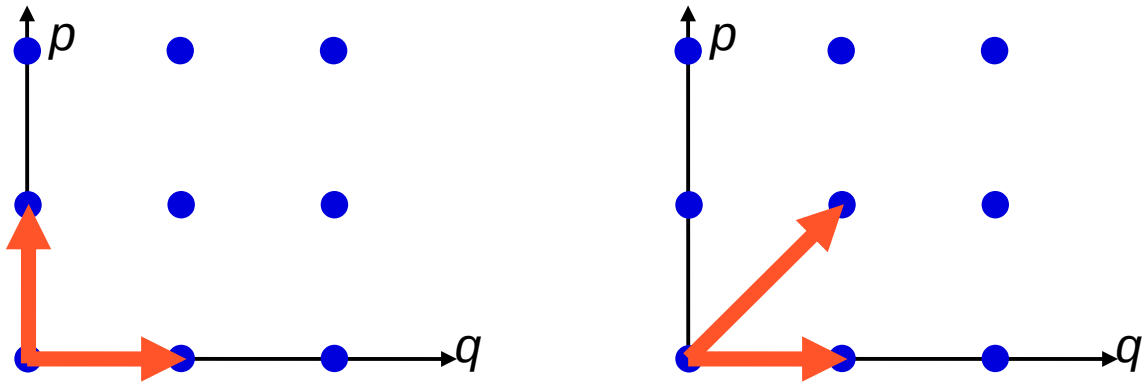
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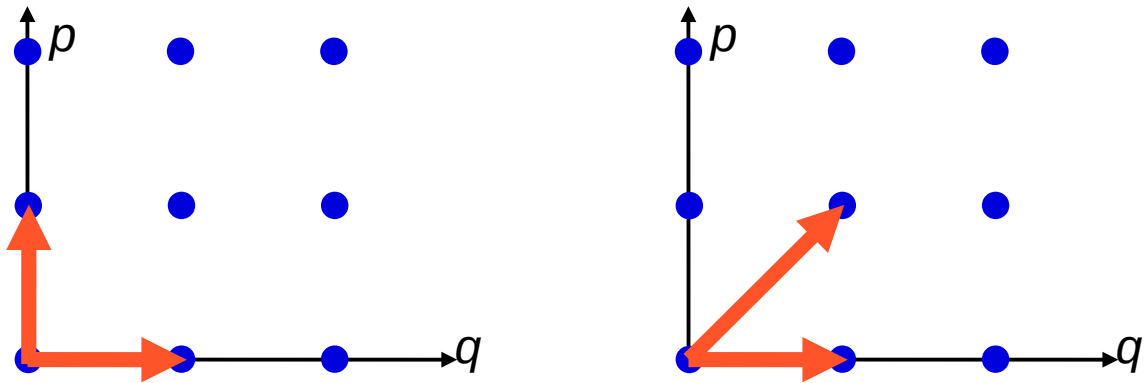
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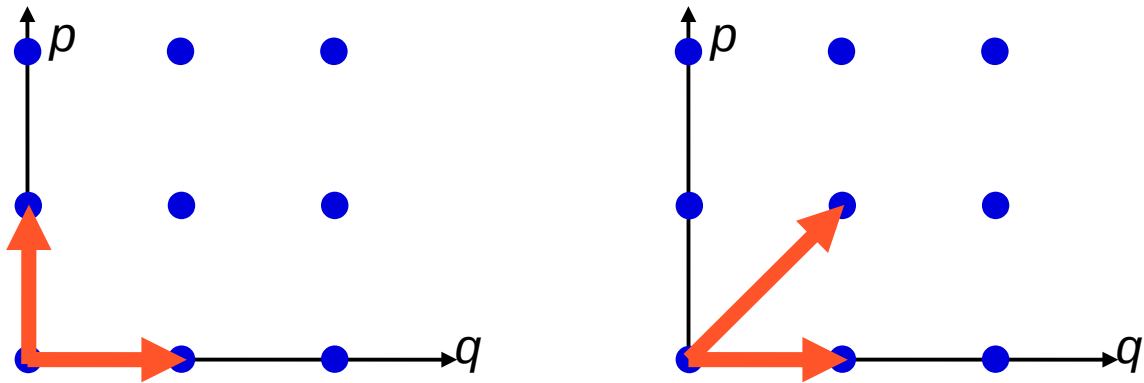
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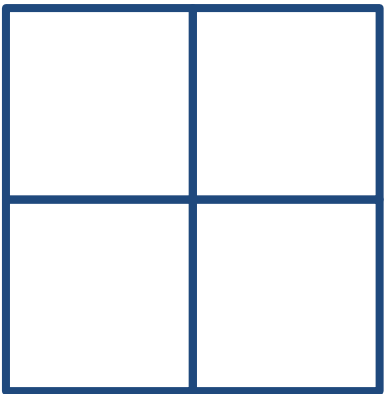
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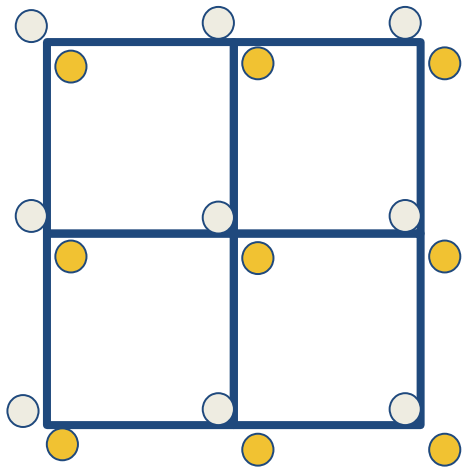


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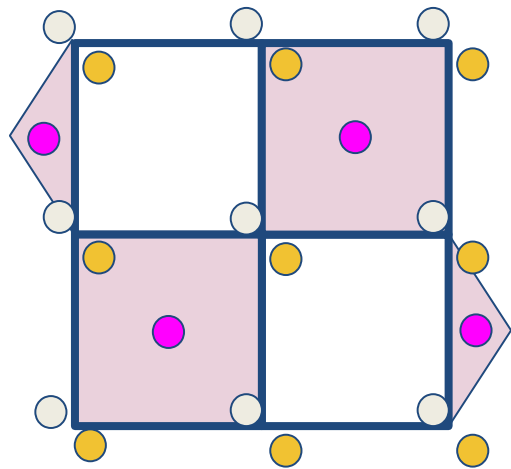
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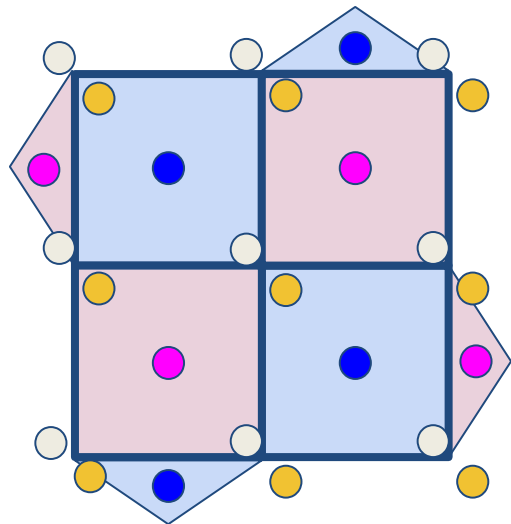
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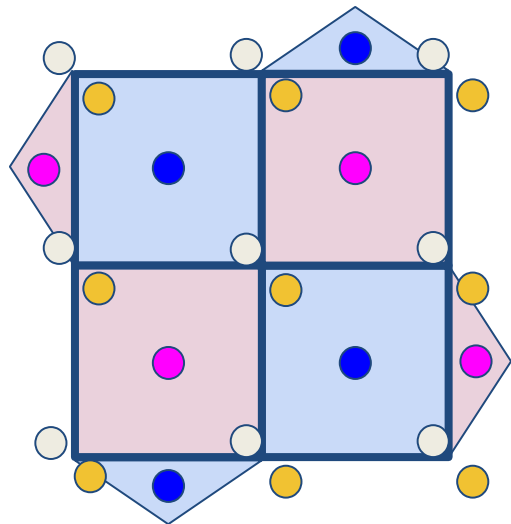
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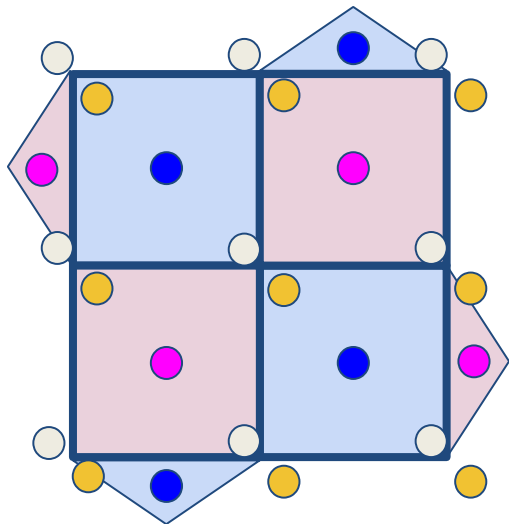
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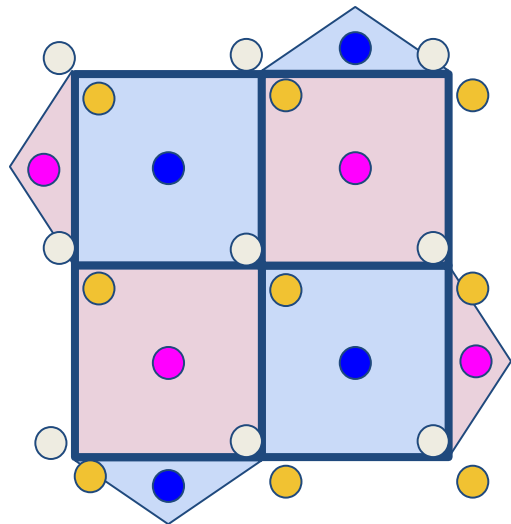
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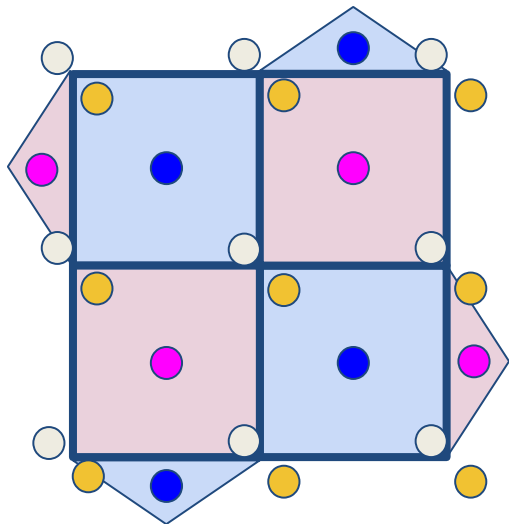
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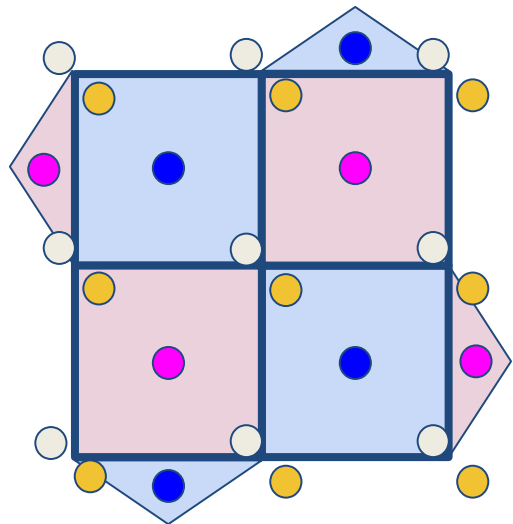
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# Minimal stabilizer sets for concatenated codes

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- 1) fix a qubit in each of  $n$  modes (logical dimension  $d = 2^n$ )  
(think 1 square lattice for each mode)  $\rightarrow 2n$  generators
  - 2) enlarge stabilizer to include additional logical Pauli strings  
 $\leftrightarrow$  displacements in dual lattice

**Overall code** still has to be stabilized by a **(new) lattice** of displacements (with smaller  $d$ )  
**But** :  $2n$  vectors are always sufficient to define a full dimensional lattice !

**Example : L=3 GKP-surface code** ( $n = 9$  modes, logical dimension  $d = 2$ )



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Higher level code

$$M_{\text{conc}} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{\text{GKP}} \\ M_{\text{Q}} \end{pmatrix}$$



lattice basis reduction

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