Quantum Field Theory on a Highly Symmetric Lattice

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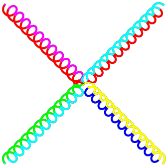

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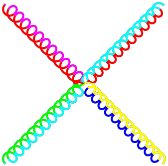

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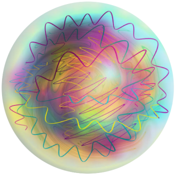

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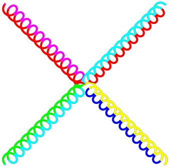

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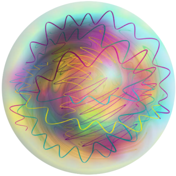

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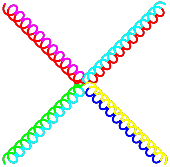

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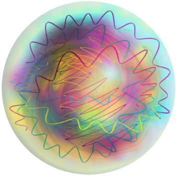

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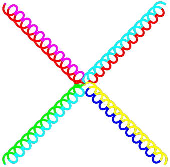

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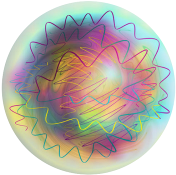

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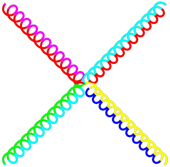

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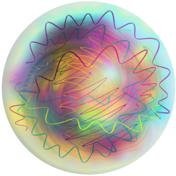

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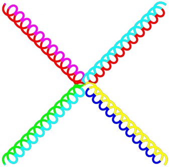

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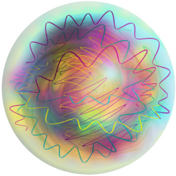

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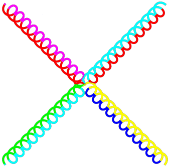

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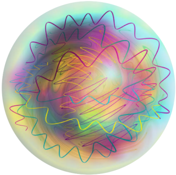

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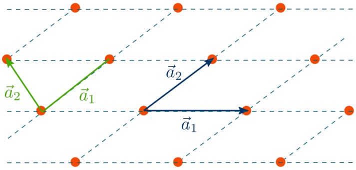

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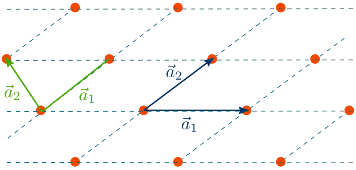

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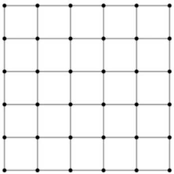

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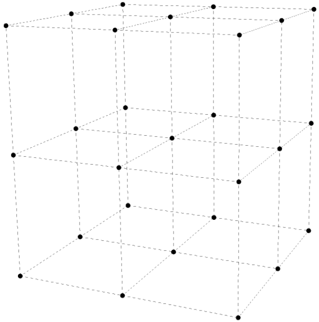

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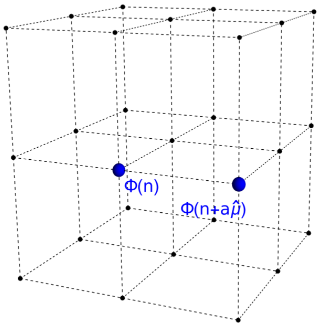

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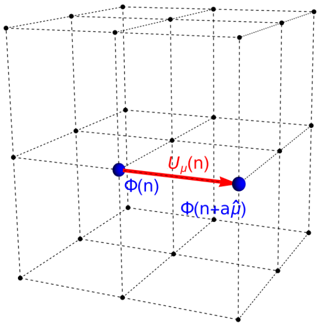

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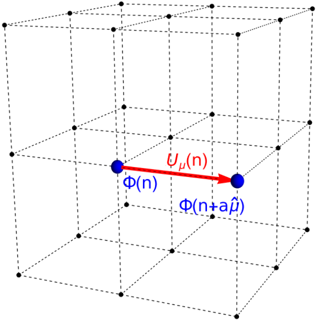

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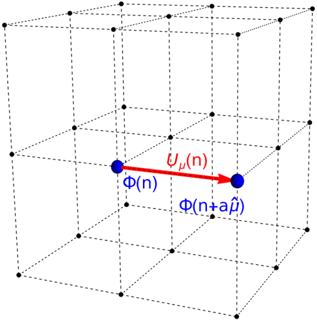

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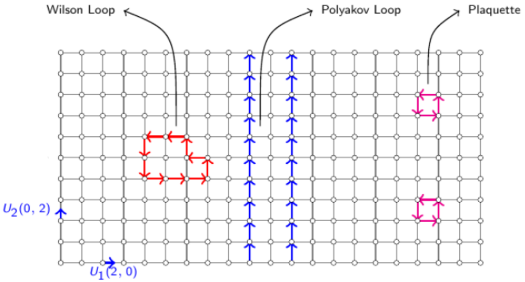

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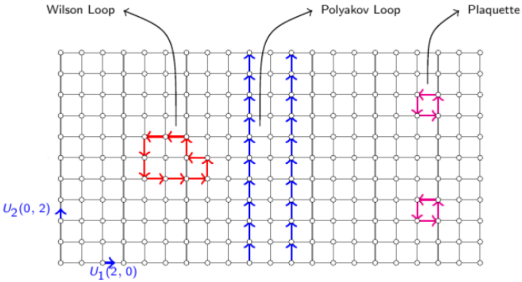

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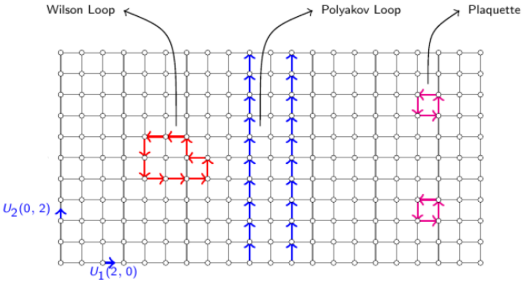

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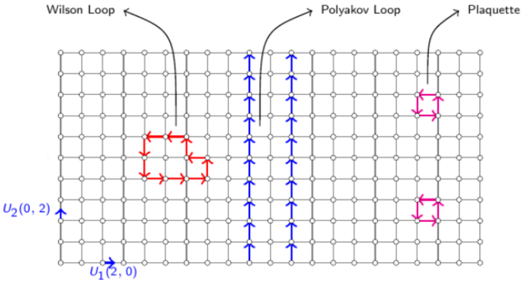

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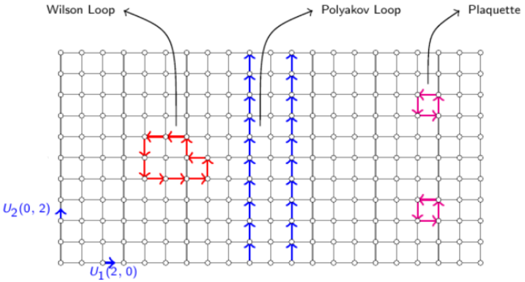

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Important:

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Equipotential surfaces become spheres as the continuum limit is approached.

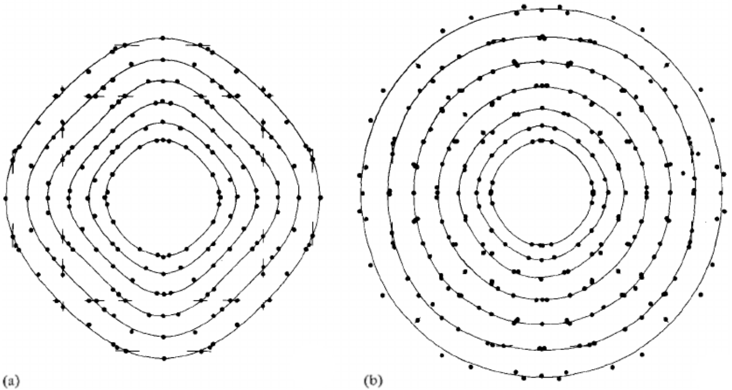
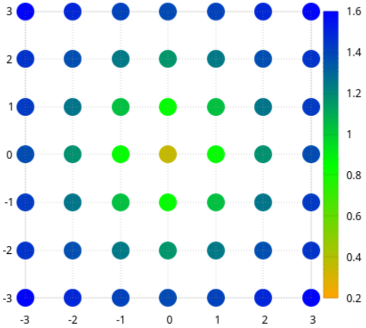


Figure: Restoration of rotational invariance from (a) $\beta = 2$, $n_s = 8$, $n_t = 4$ to (b) $\beta = 2.25$, $n_s = 16$, $n_t = 6$; the curves represent equipotential curves. [2]

Rotational Invariance Restoration

Values of β are slightly different from Lang and Rebbi's because $a(\beta) \approx \Lambda e^{-b_0 \beta}$, with $\Lambda,\ b_0 > 0$[1].



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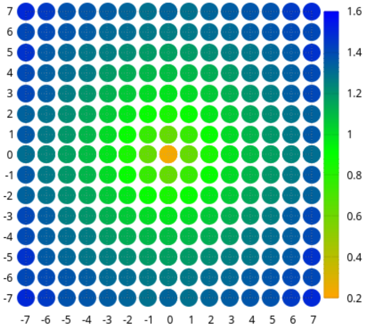

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[1] The simulation code is based on the code presented in refs. [3, 4].

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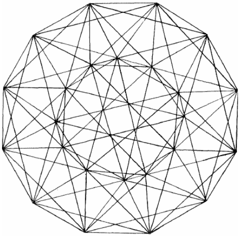

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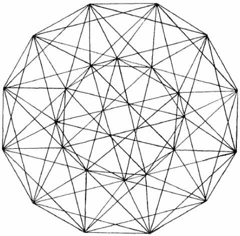

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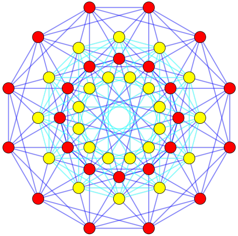

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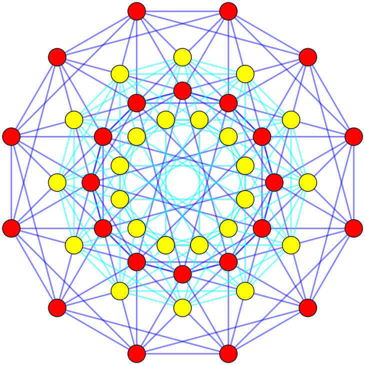

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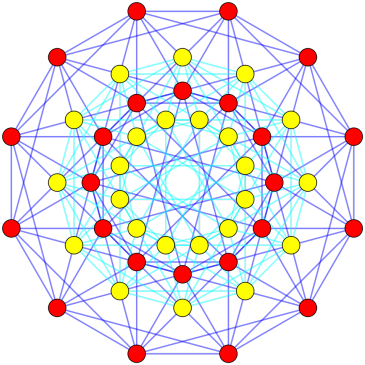

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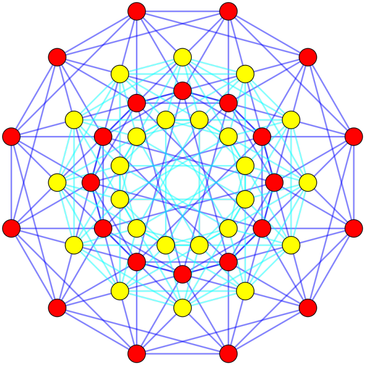

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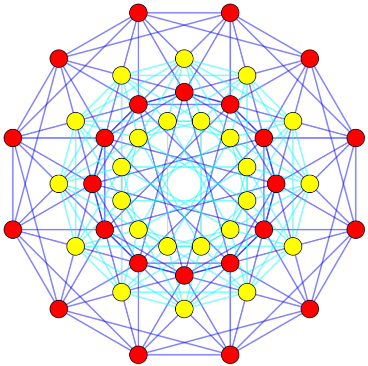

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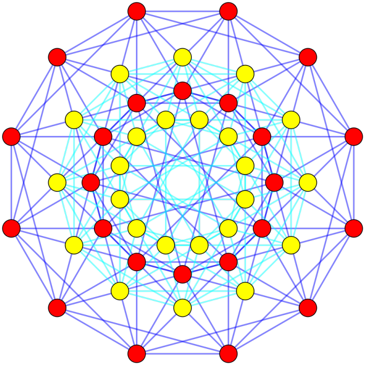

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    - The 16 vectors of the form $(\pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2})$
- Exists only in 4 dimensions;
- Contains the Simple Hypercubic lattice and the BCT;
- Has been used only to simulate scalar fields, in [6].

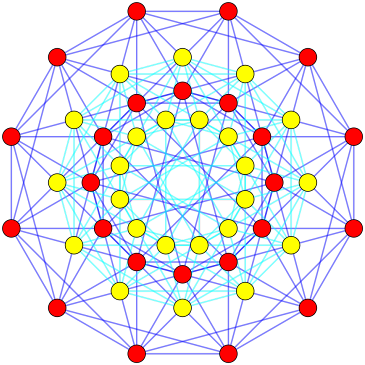

Figure: The 24 roots (red) and the 24 coroots (yellow) of the F_4 lattice, projected on a bidimensional plane.

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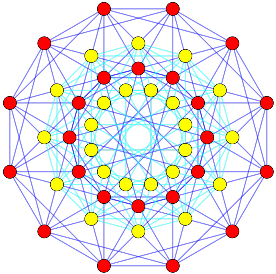

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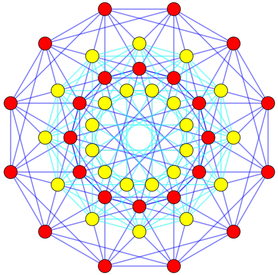
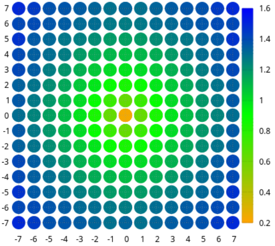


- Make a rotational invariance study on the new lattice, hoping to get better results than the Simple Hypercubic lattice.



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