

# Tensor networks as tools for classifying 1D quantum phases of matter

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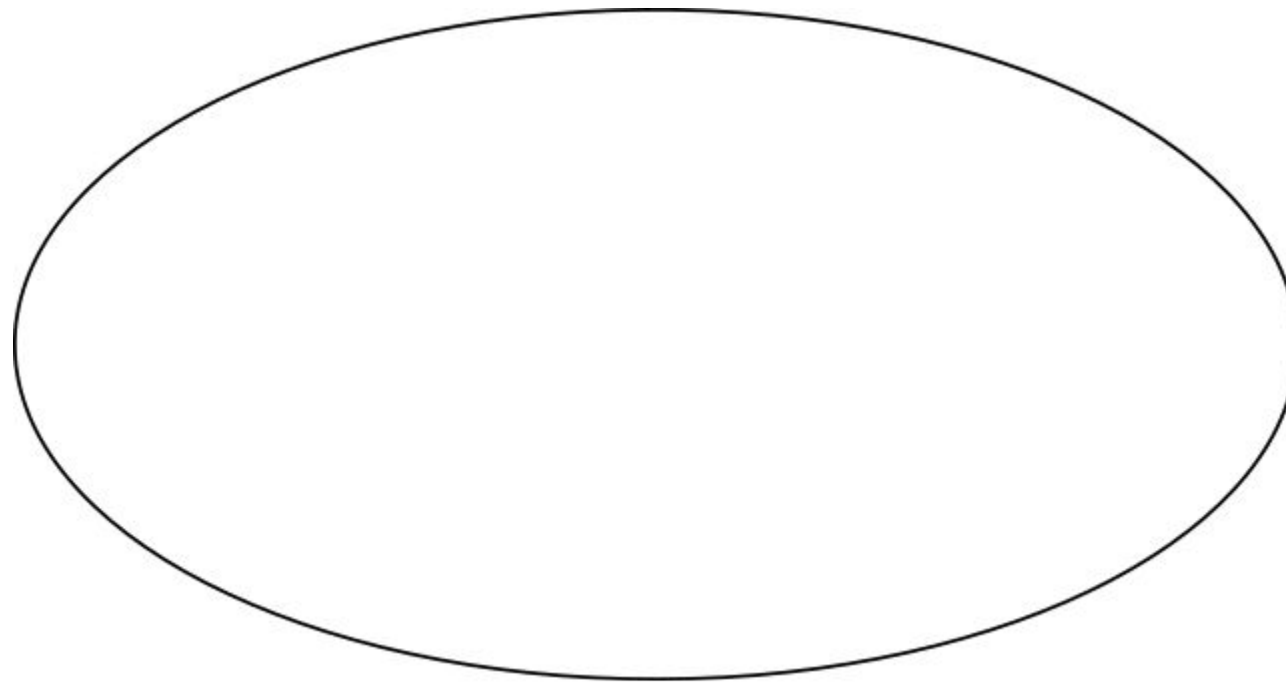
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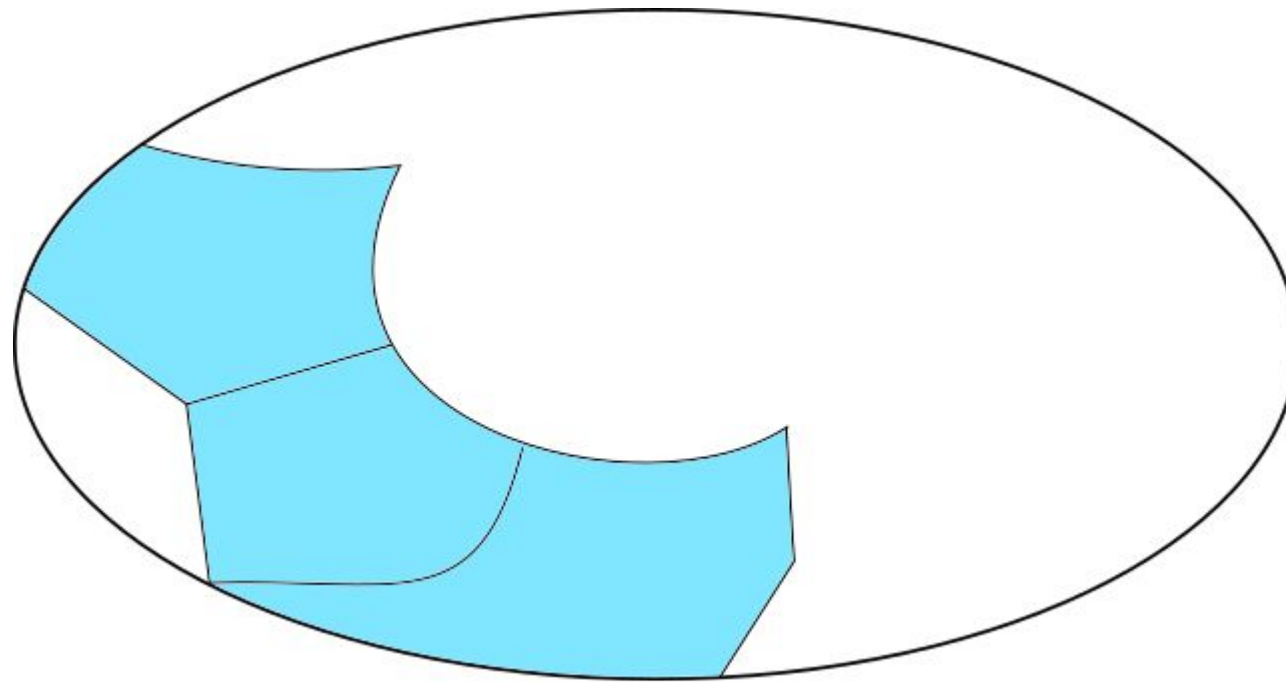
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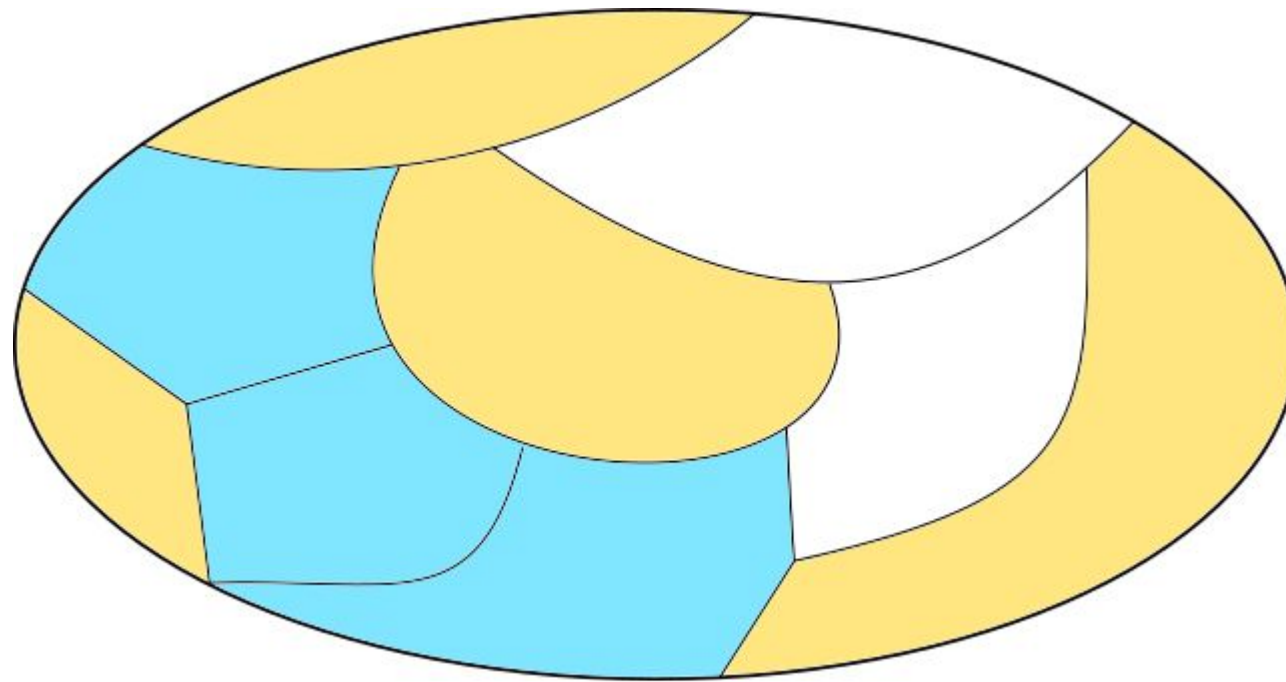
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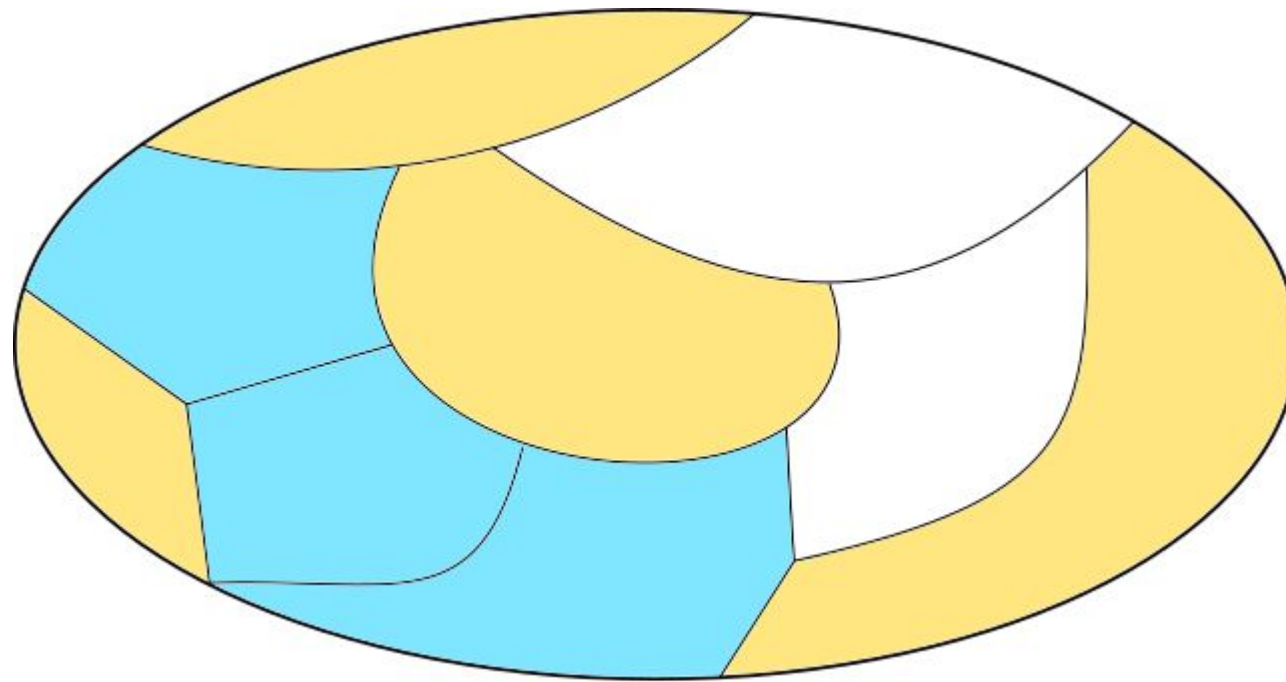
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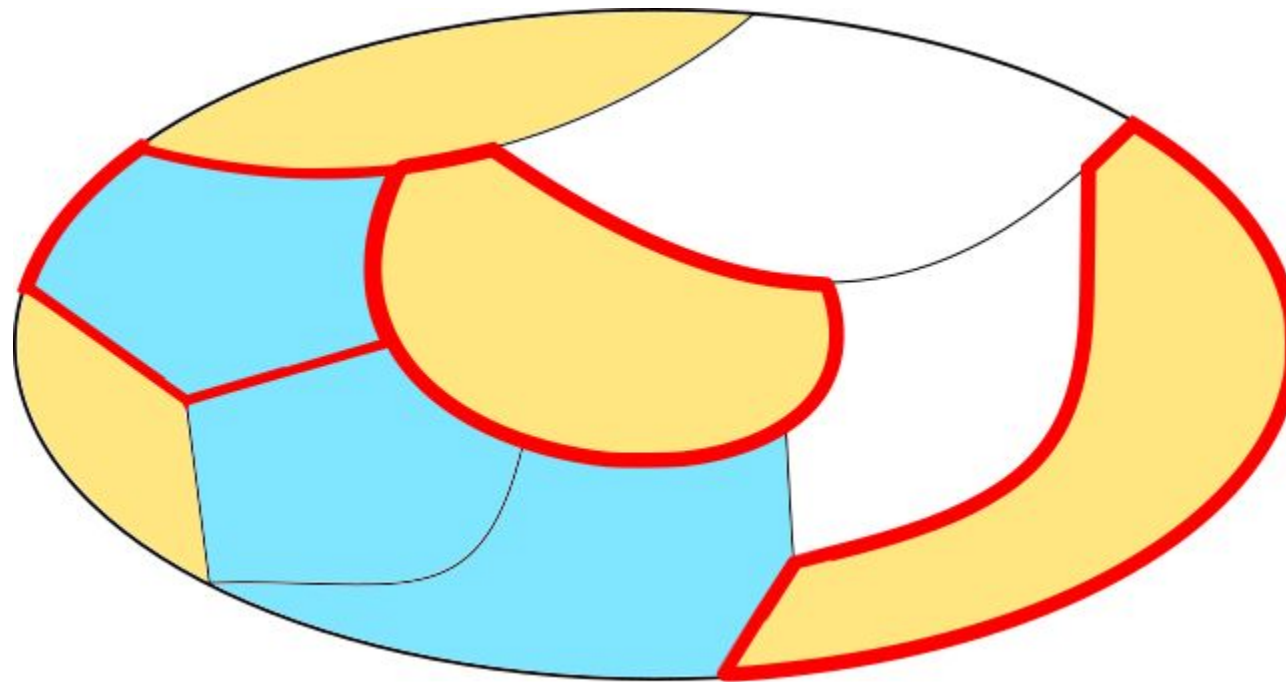
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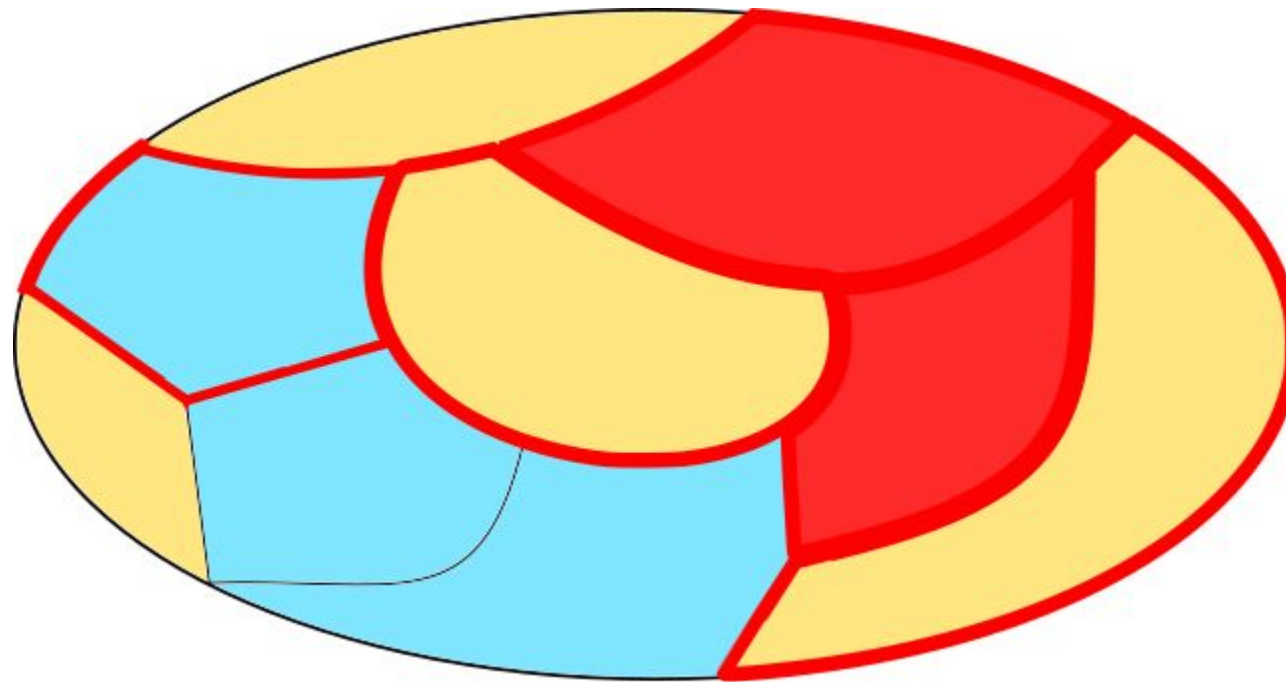
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This talk --- **approach** classification of critical phases. Does symmetry protection play a role?  
But using the RG classification of phases

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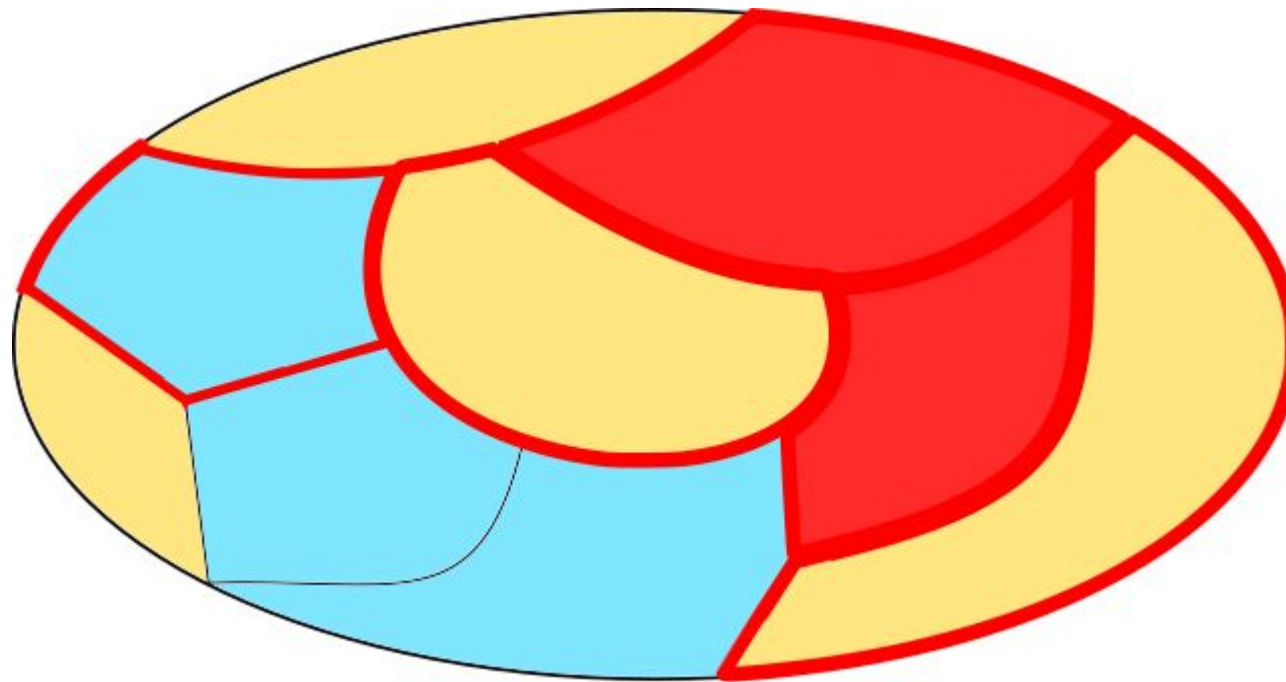
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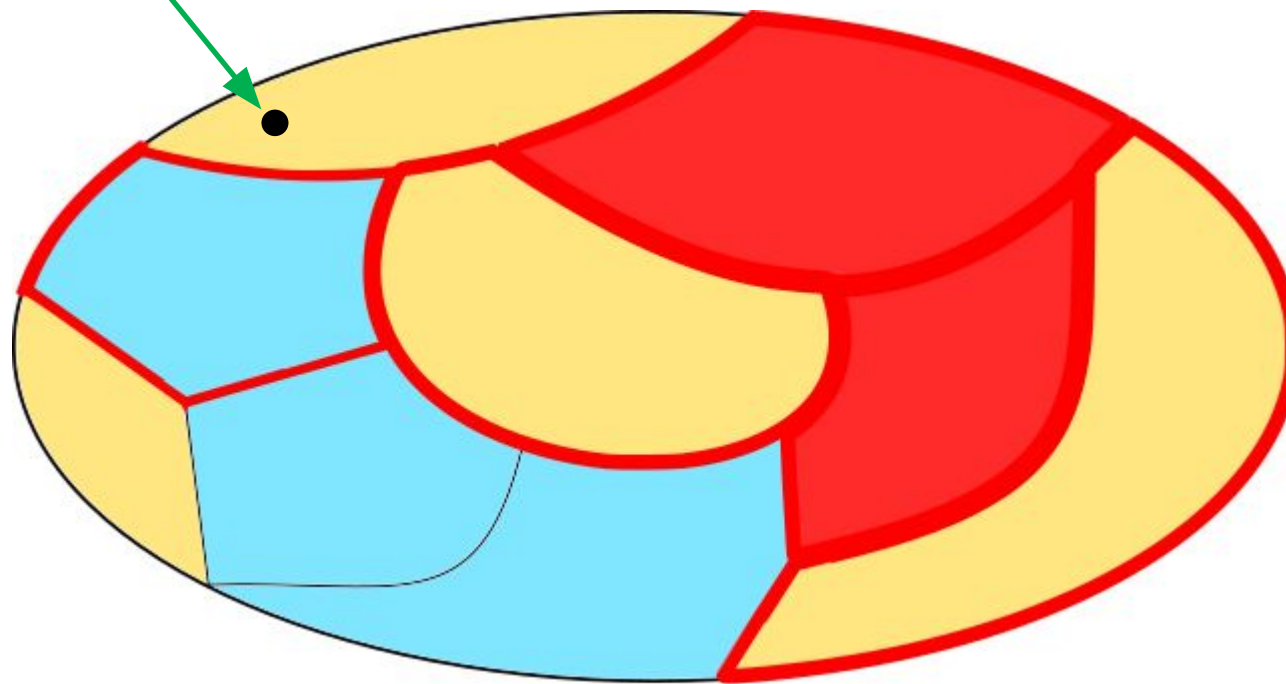
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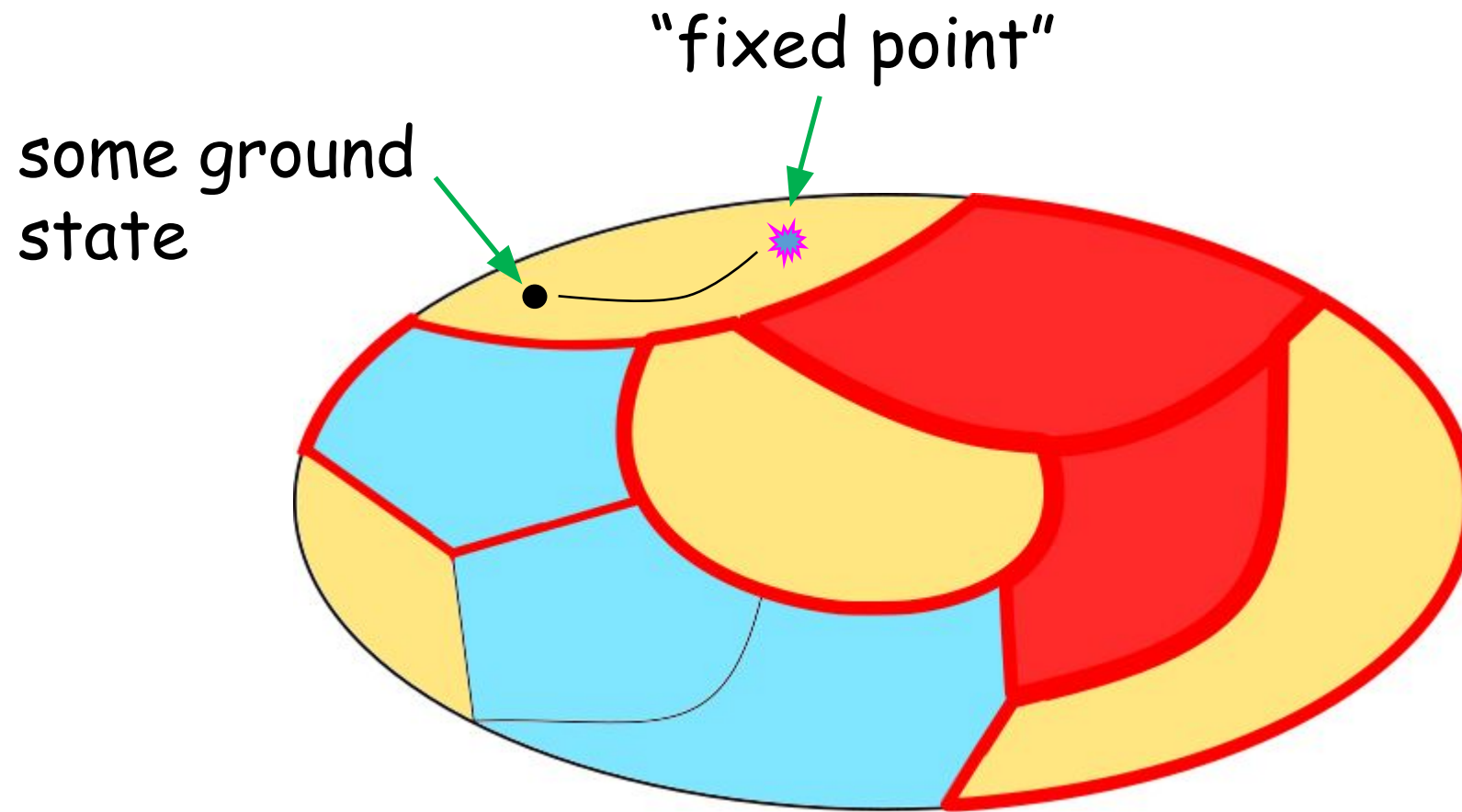
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some ground  
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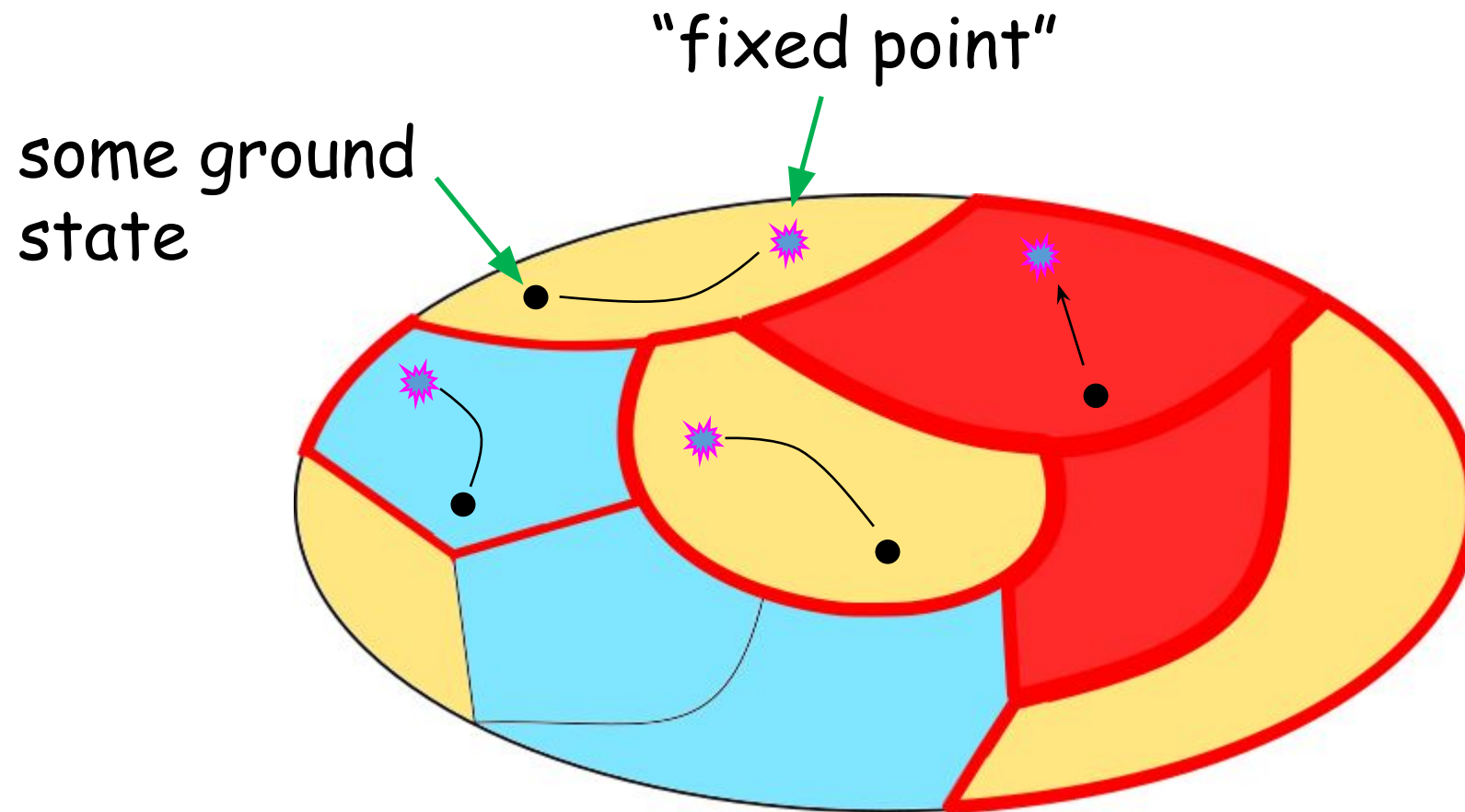
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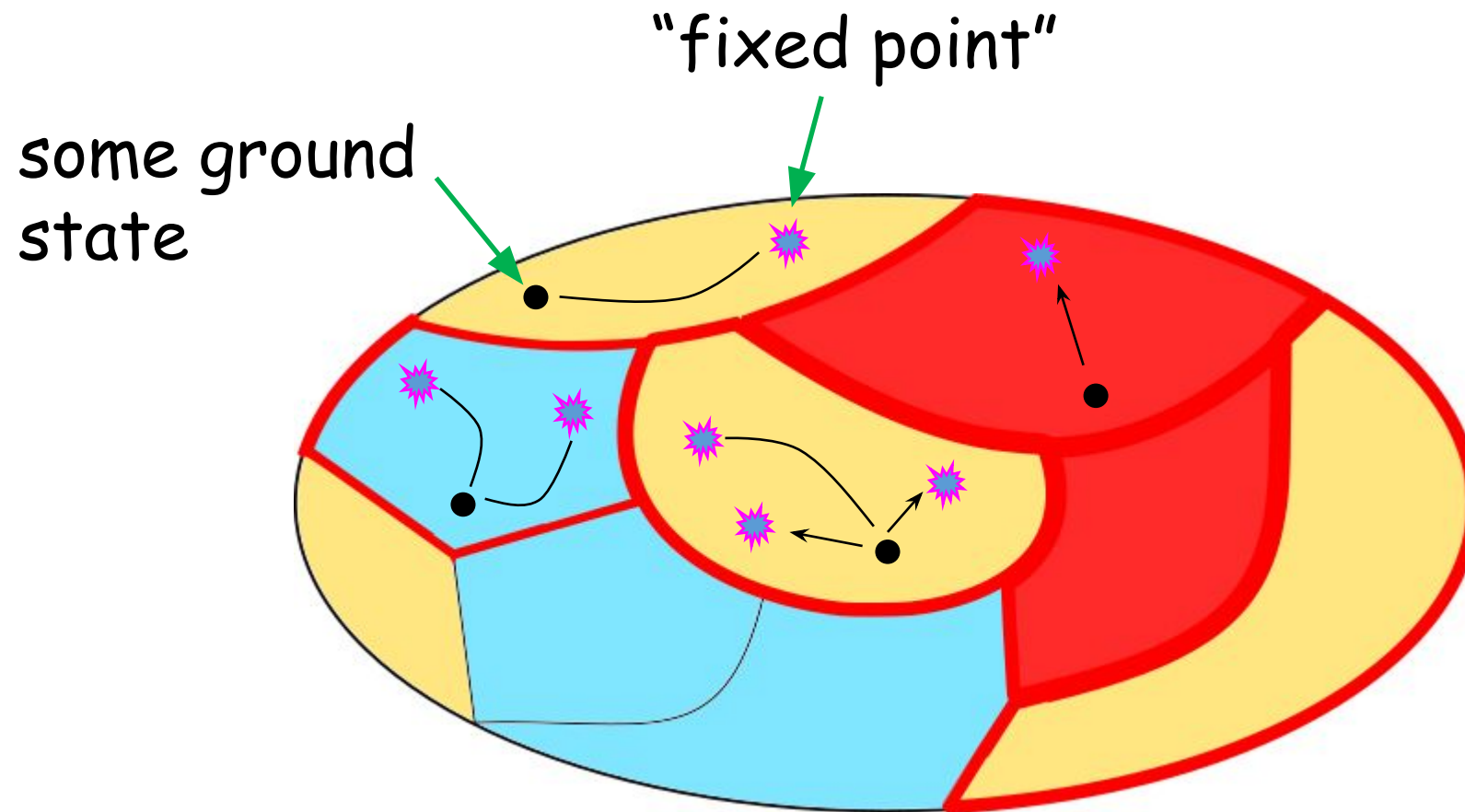
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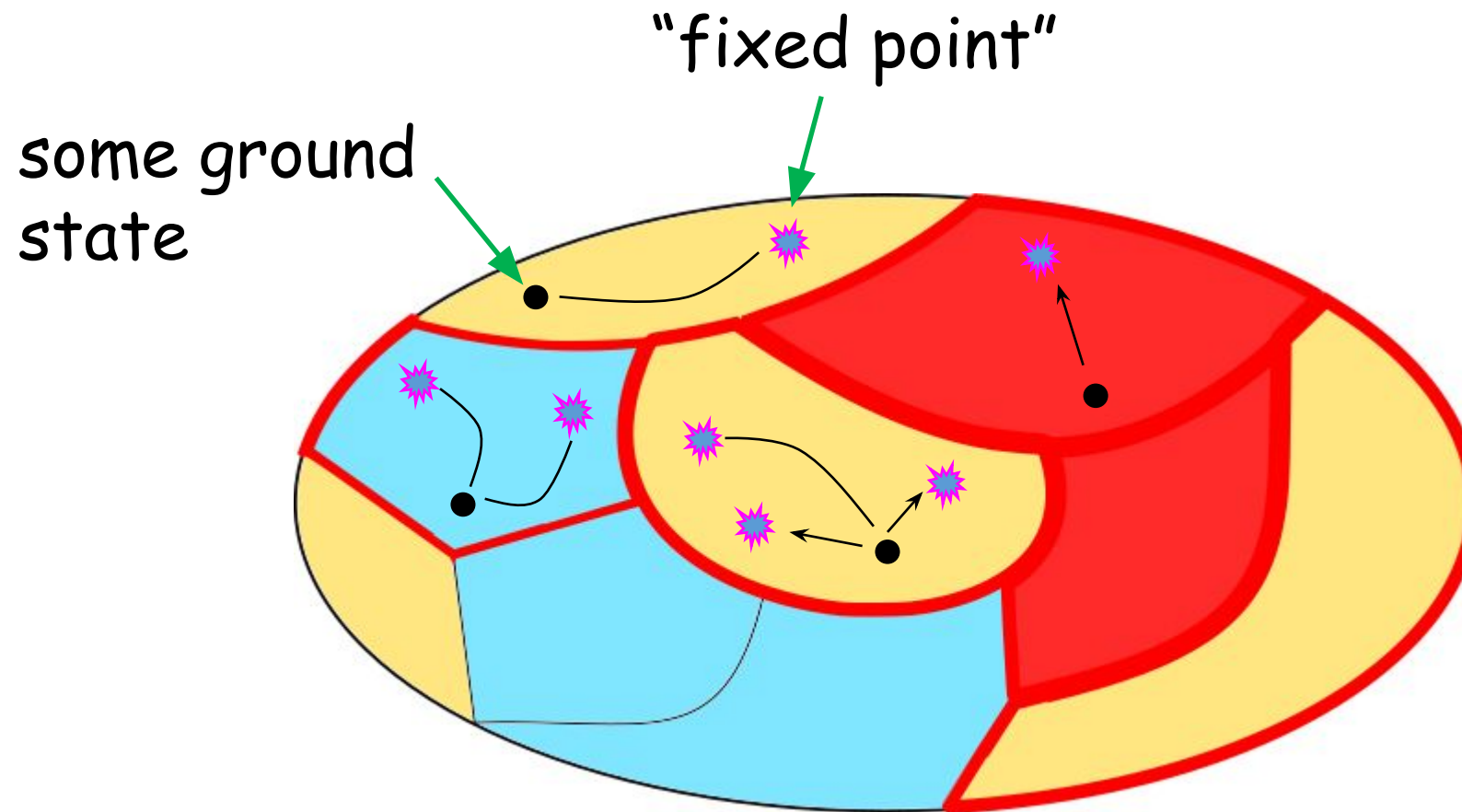
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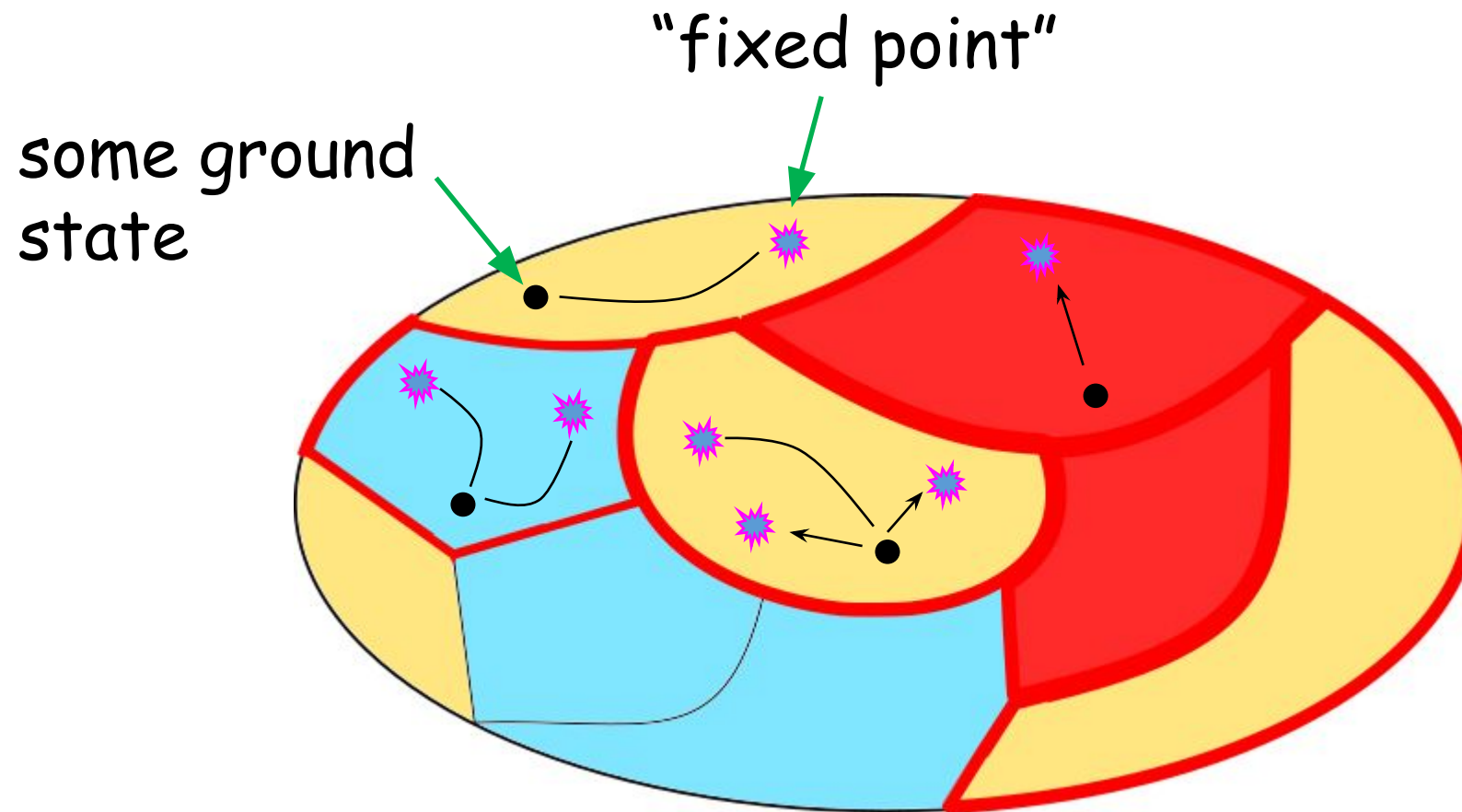
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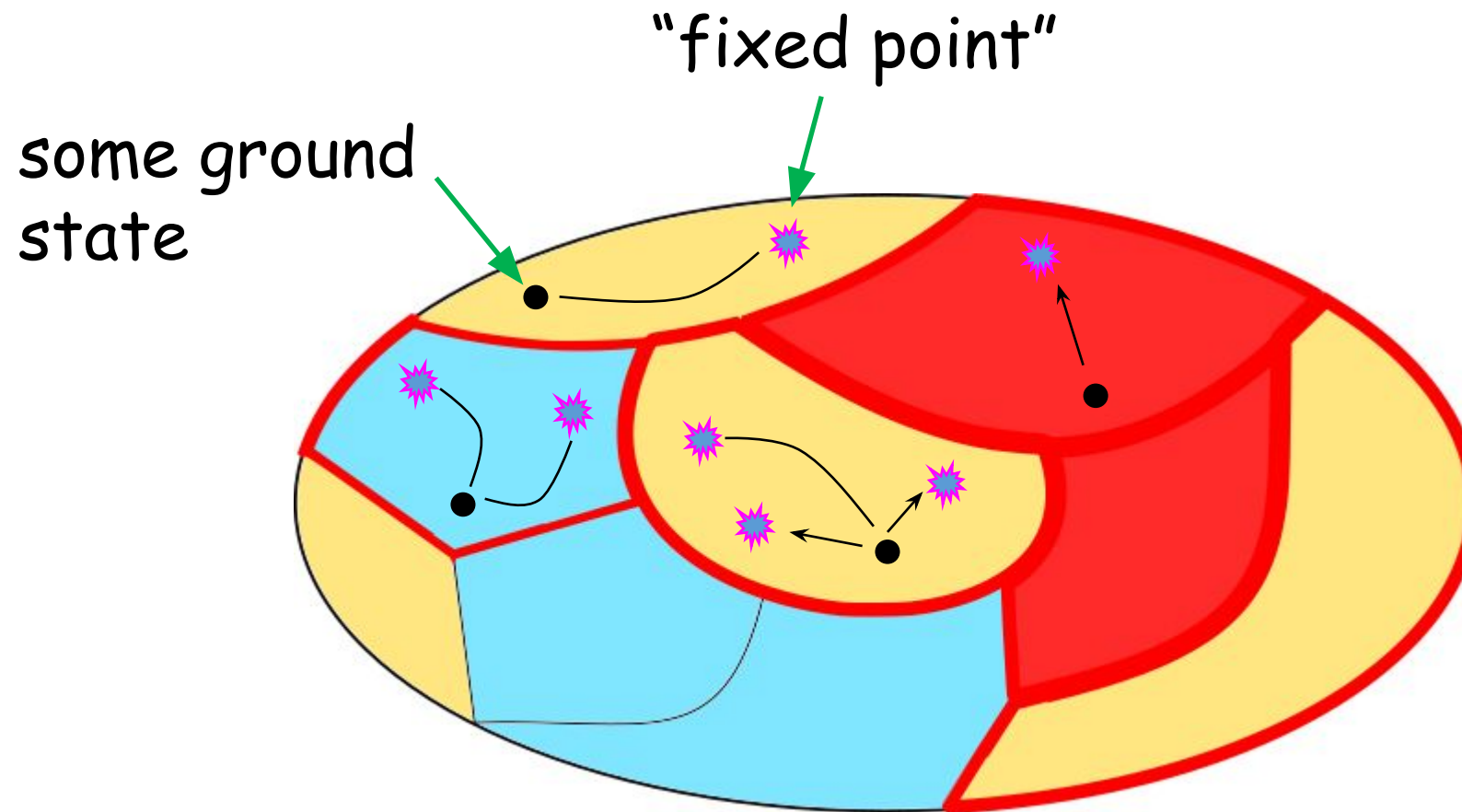
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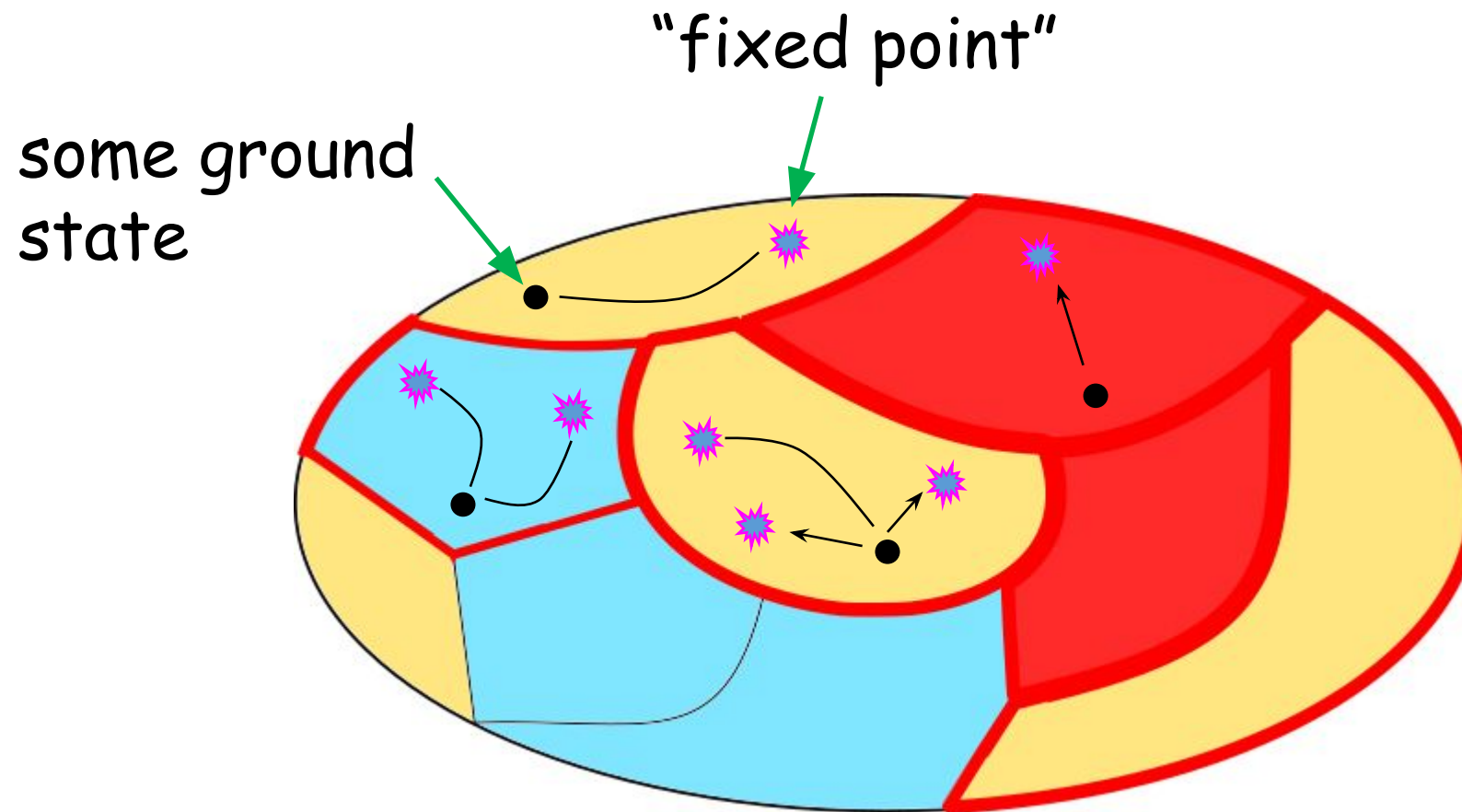
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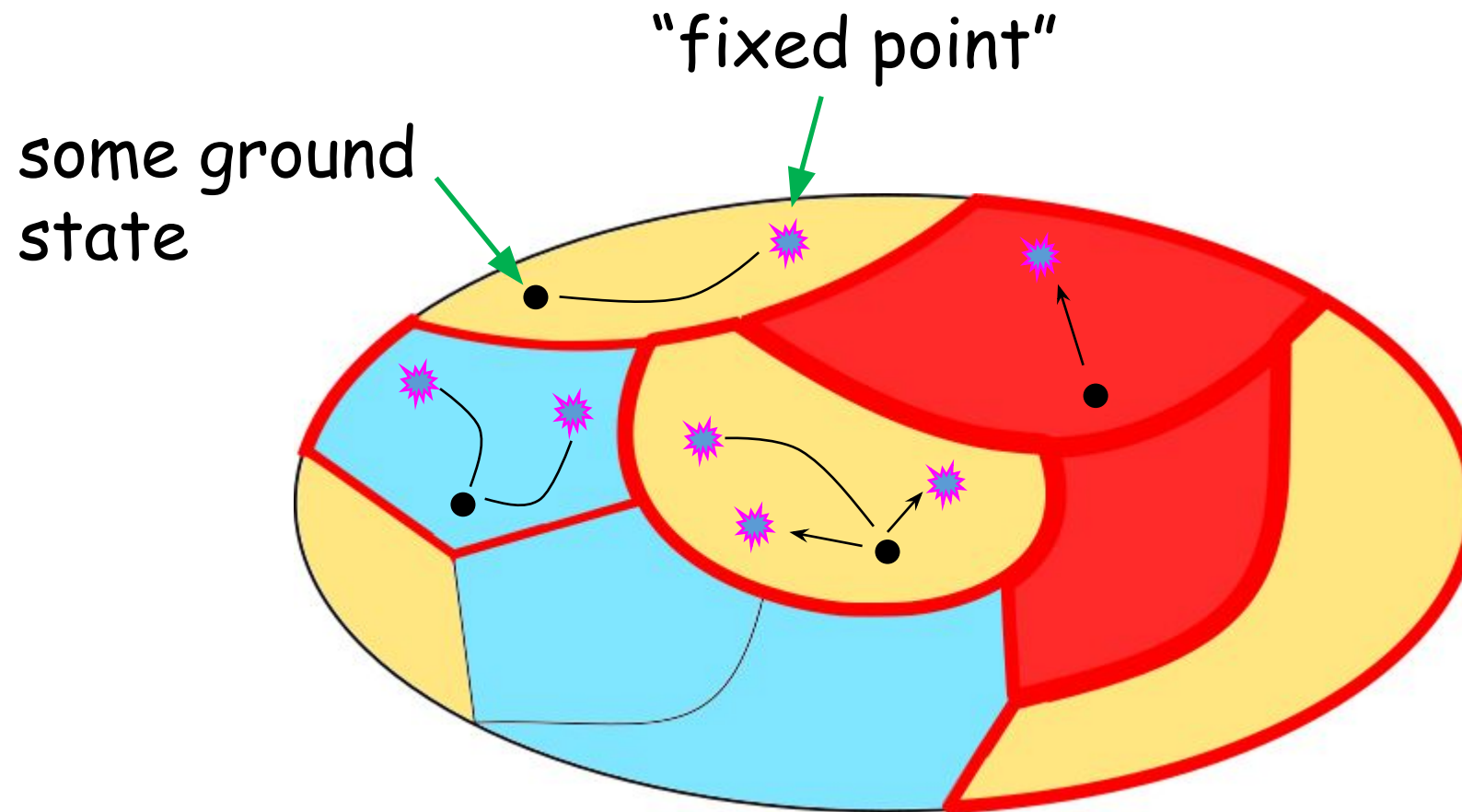


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4. Symmetry protected phases flow to distinct fixed points only if the symmetry is protected along the RG.



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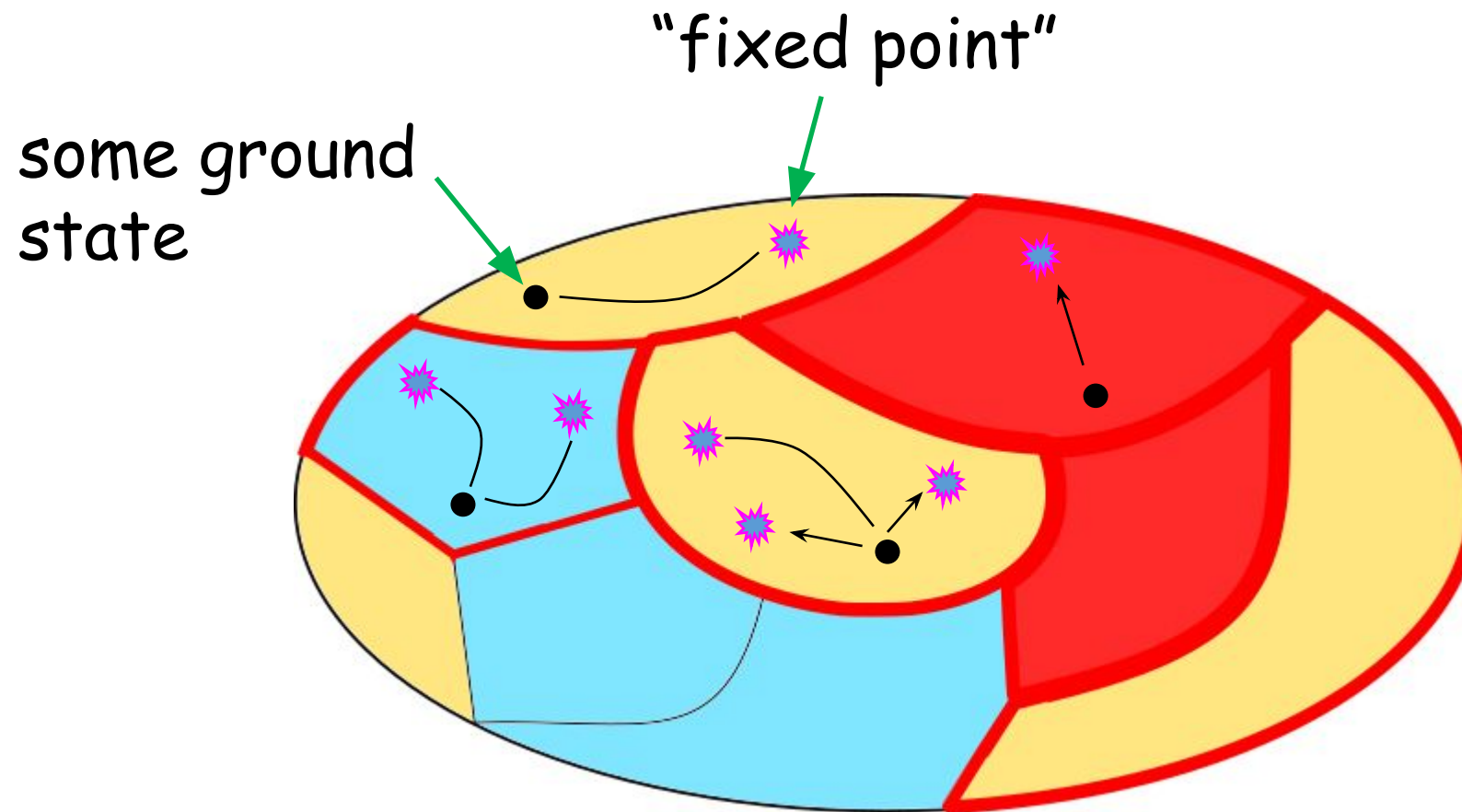
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This talk --- approach classification of phases using specific symmetry protected RG flows, which are described by tensor networks

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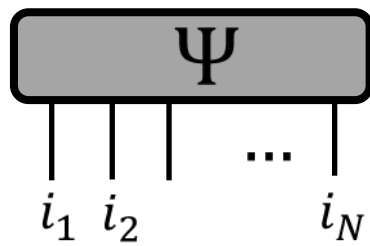
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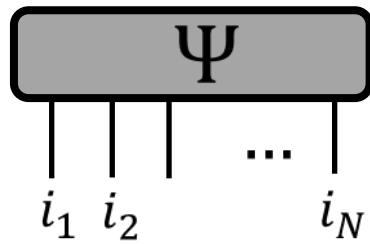


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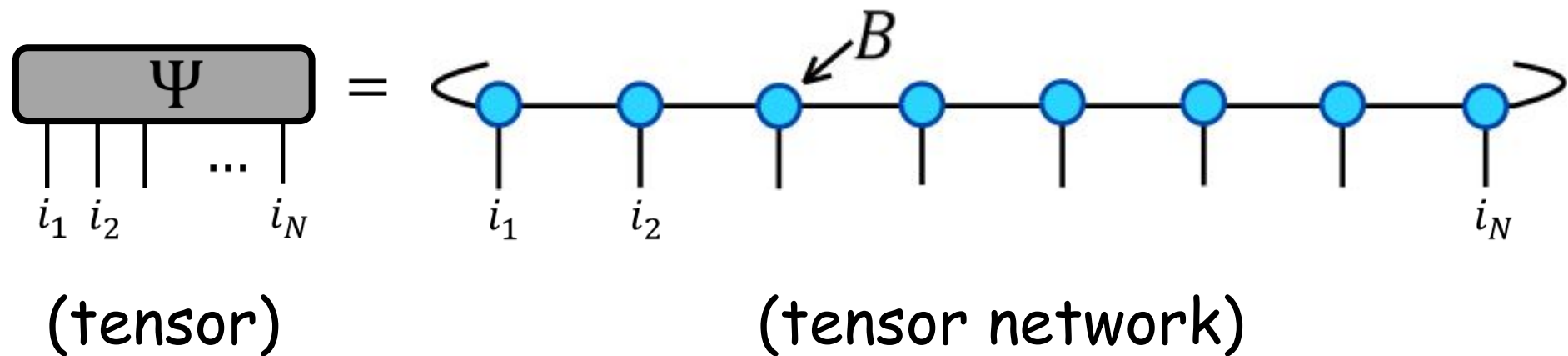


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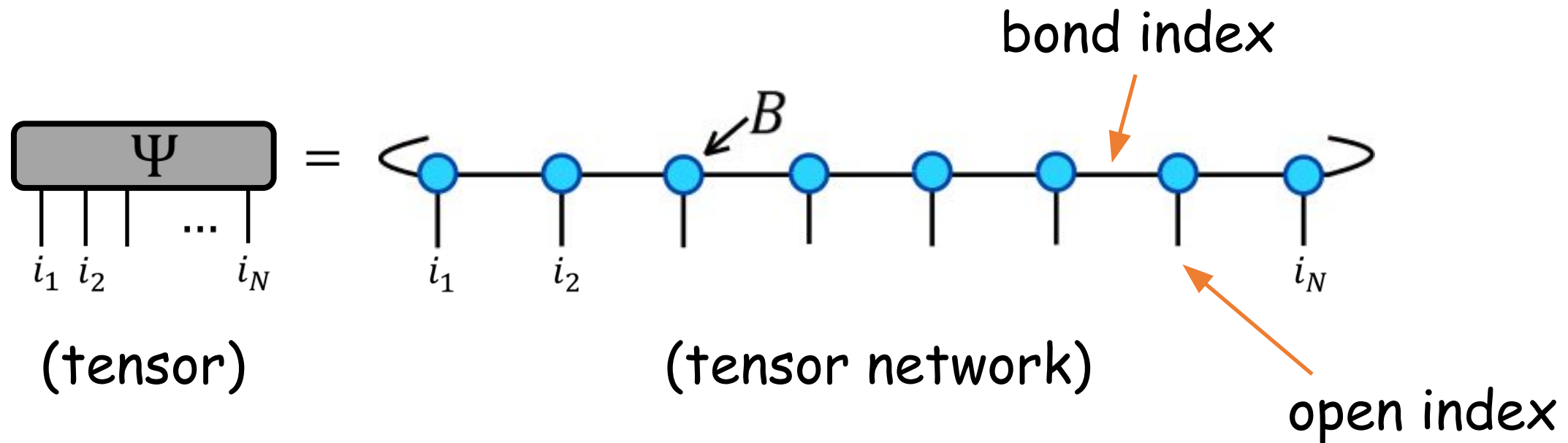
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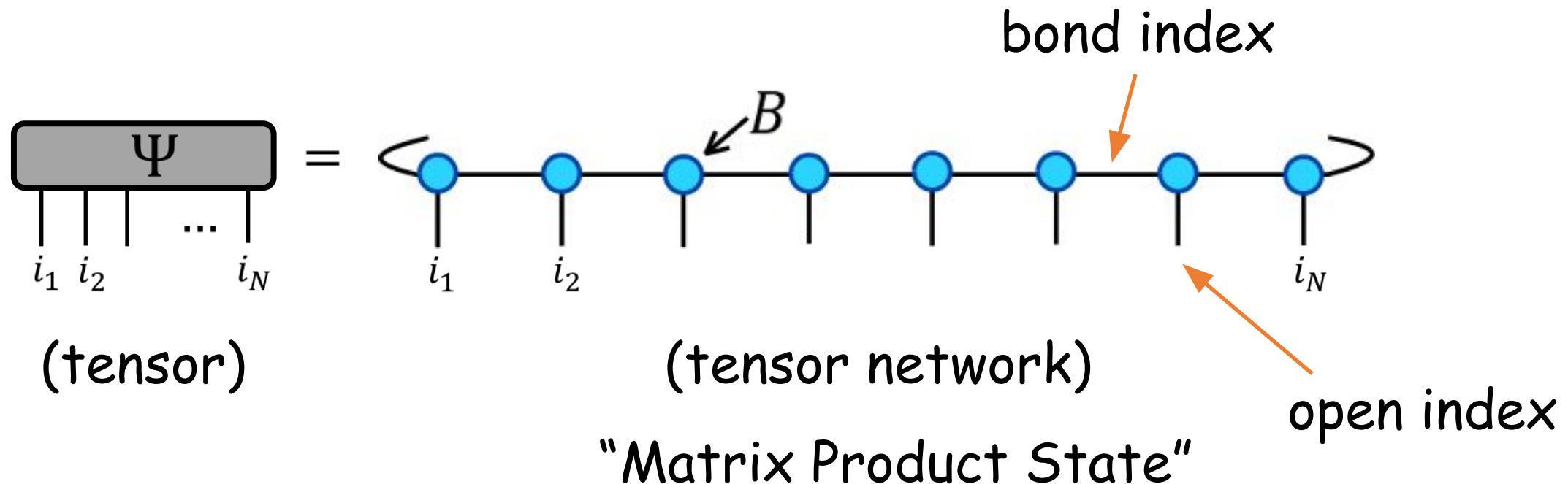
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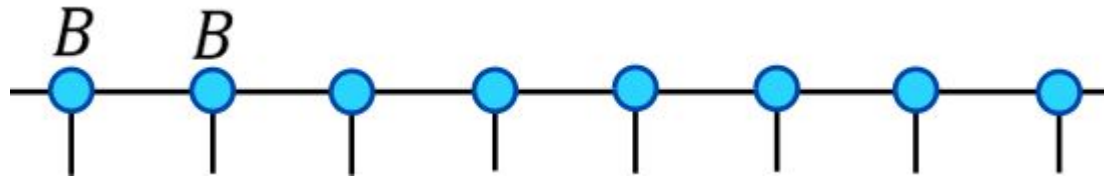
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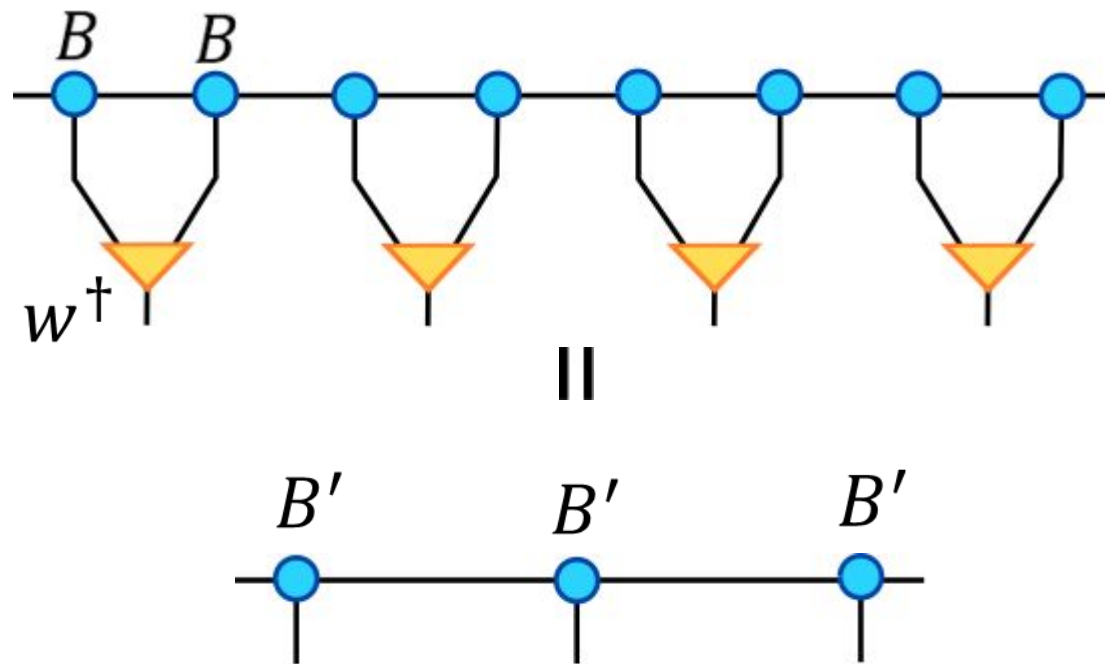
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Based on a coarse-graining transformation

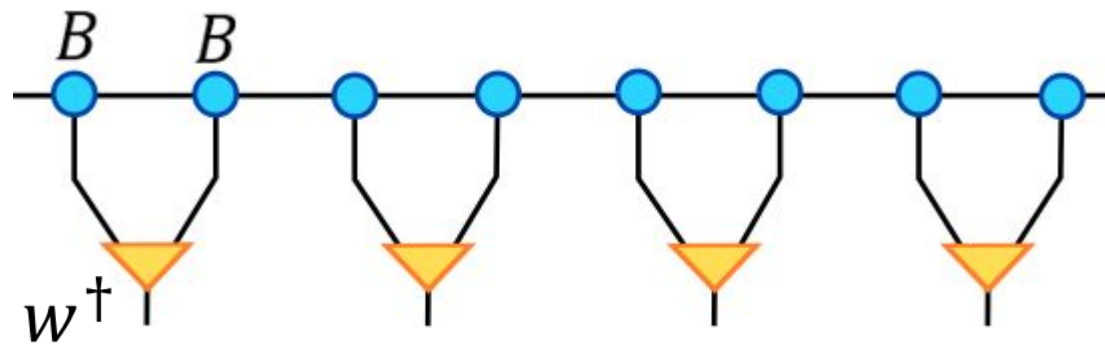
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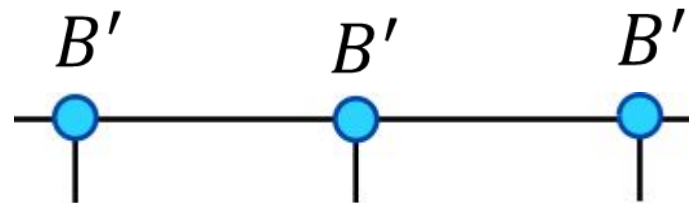
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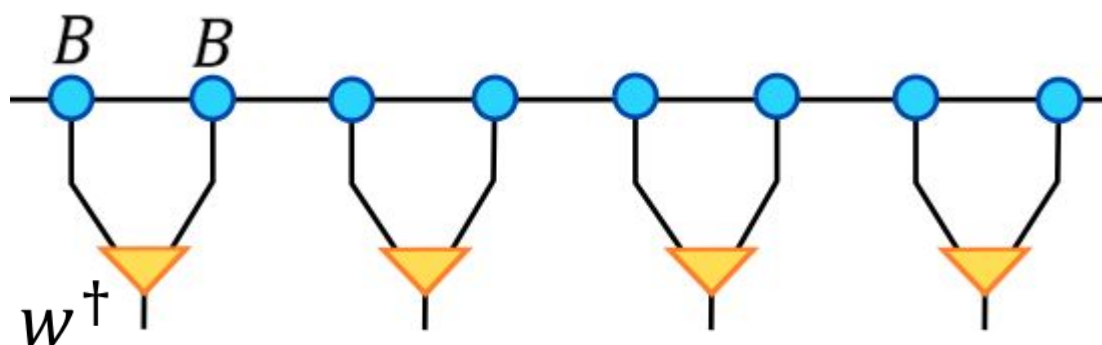
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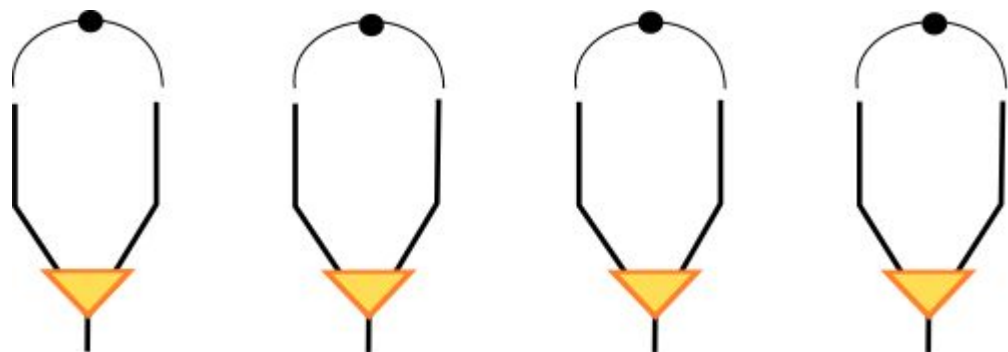
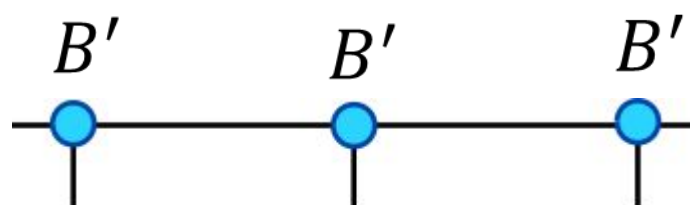
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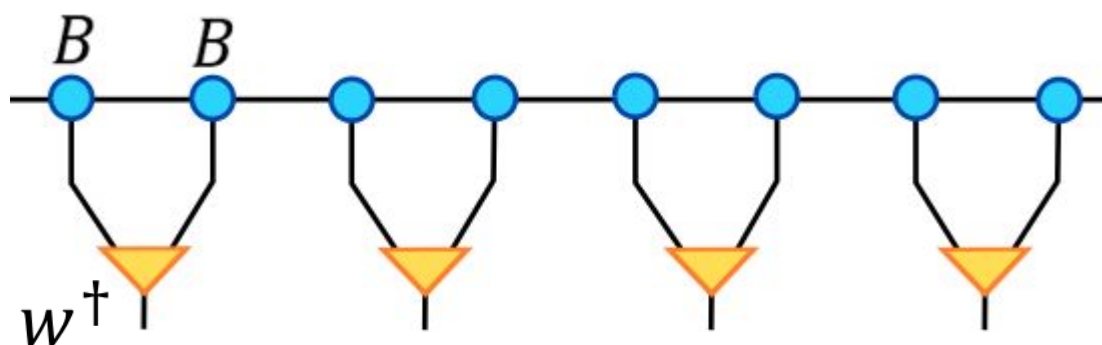


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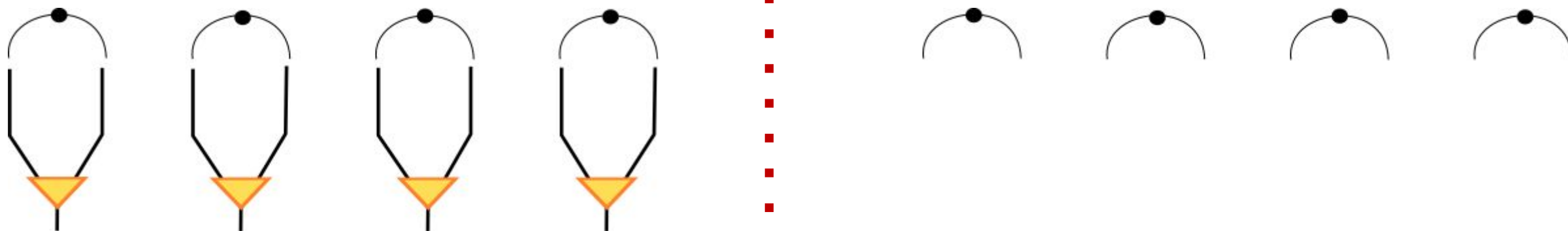
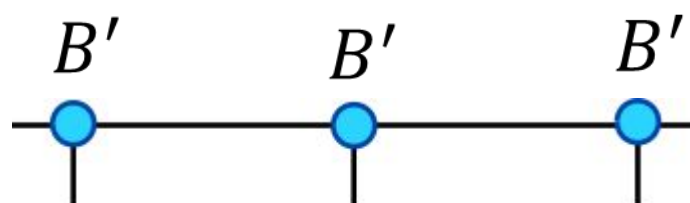


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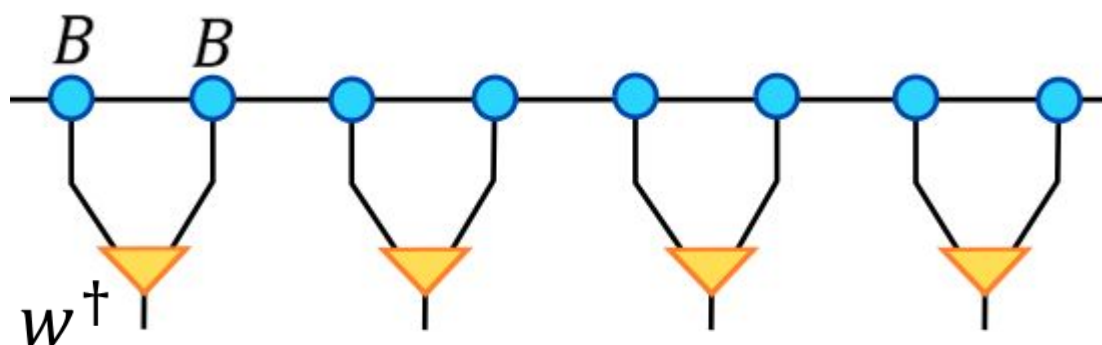


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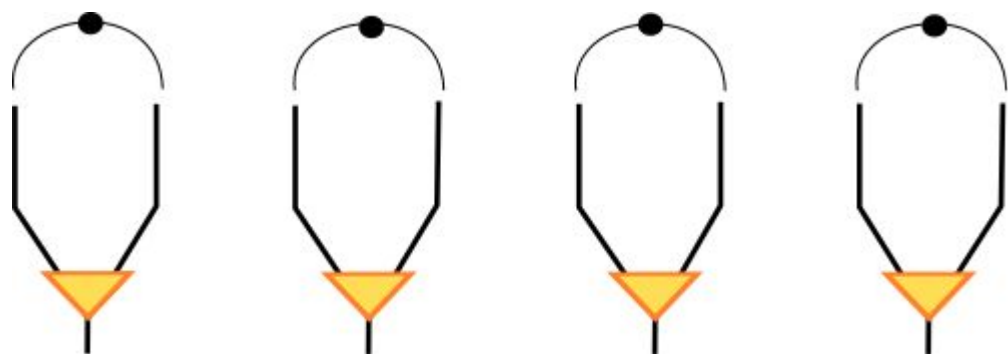
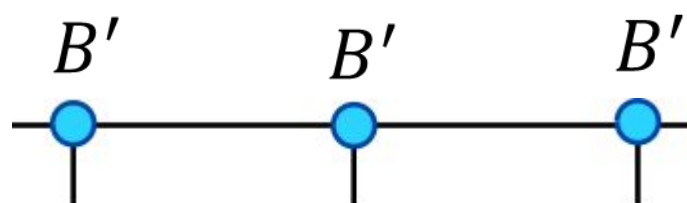


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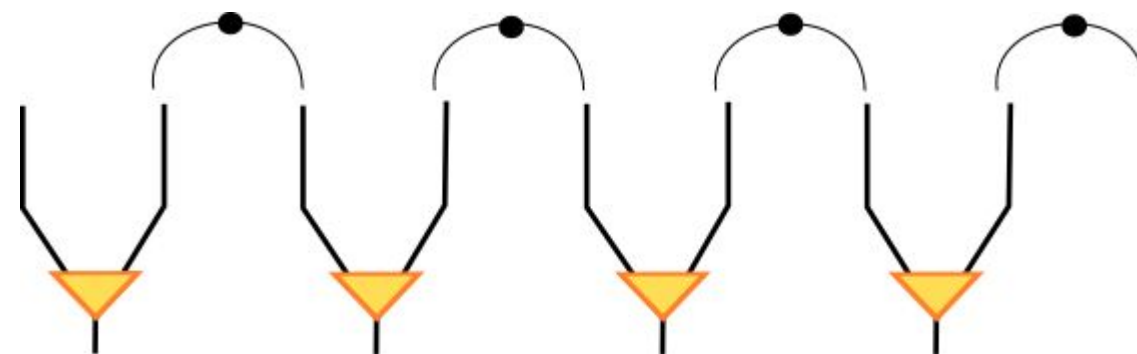
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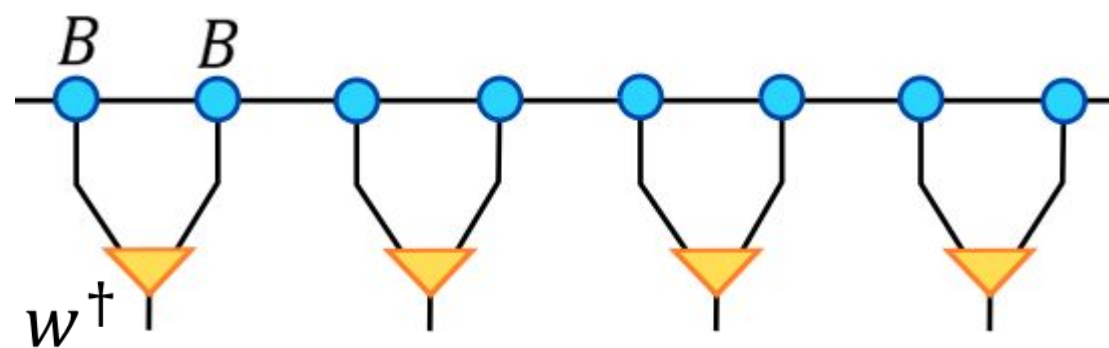
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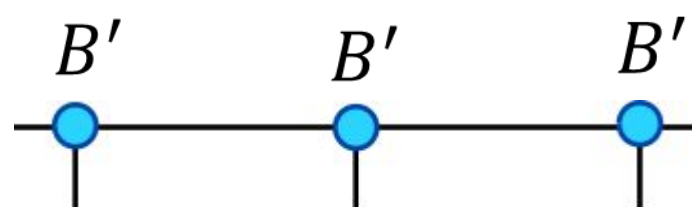
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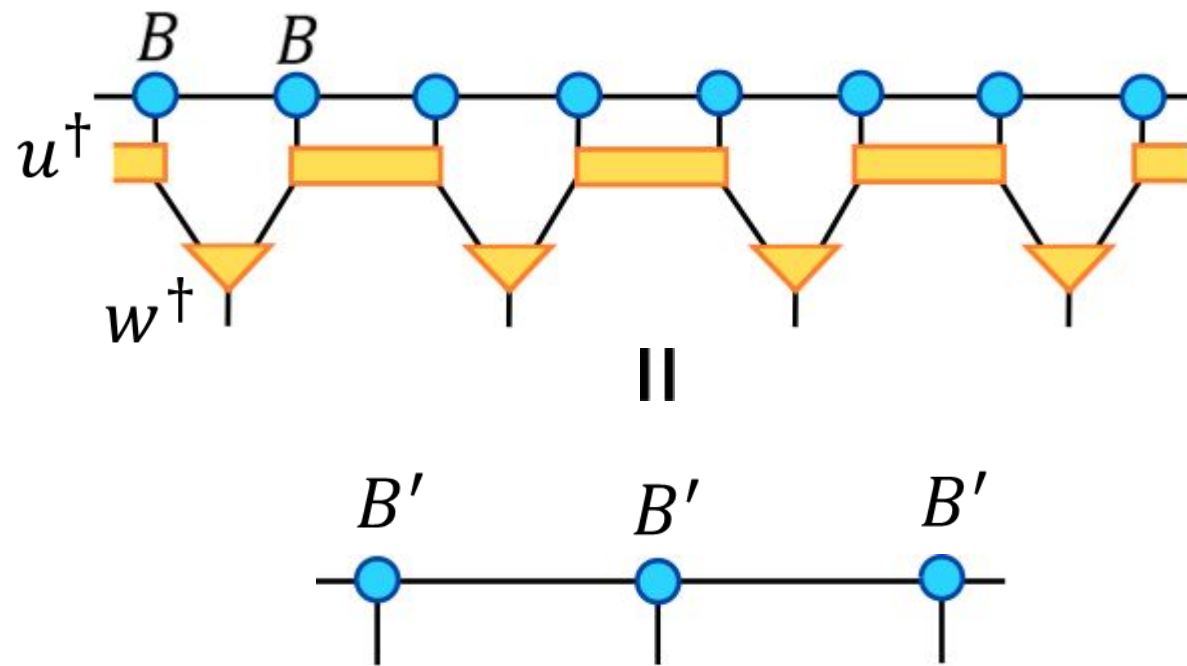
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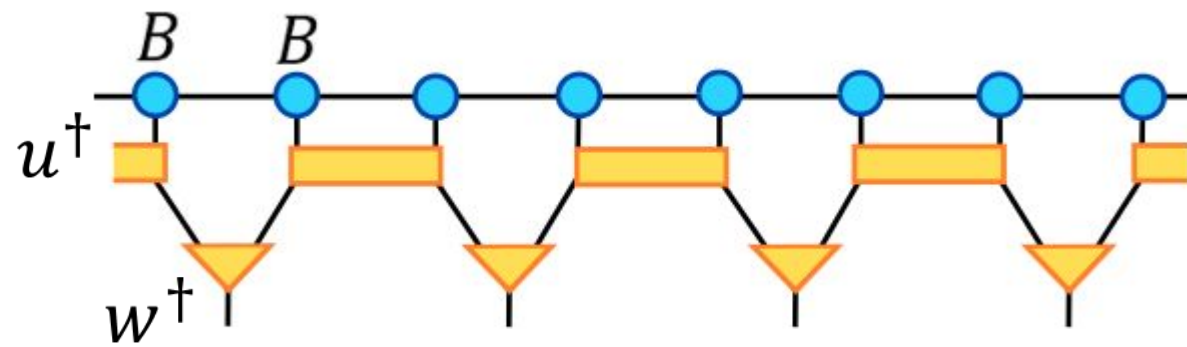
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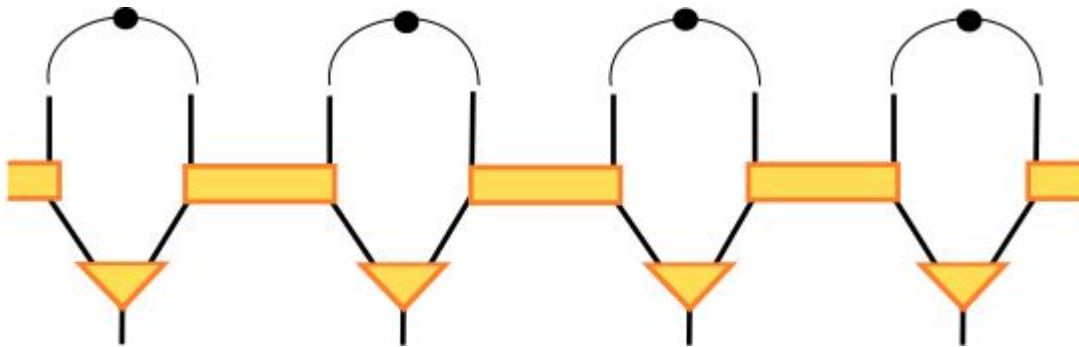
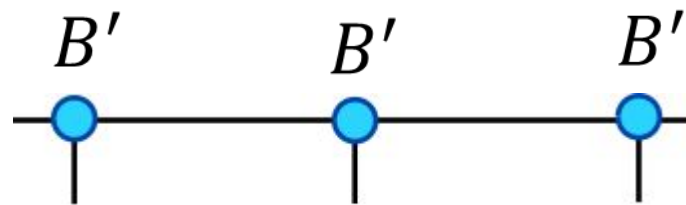


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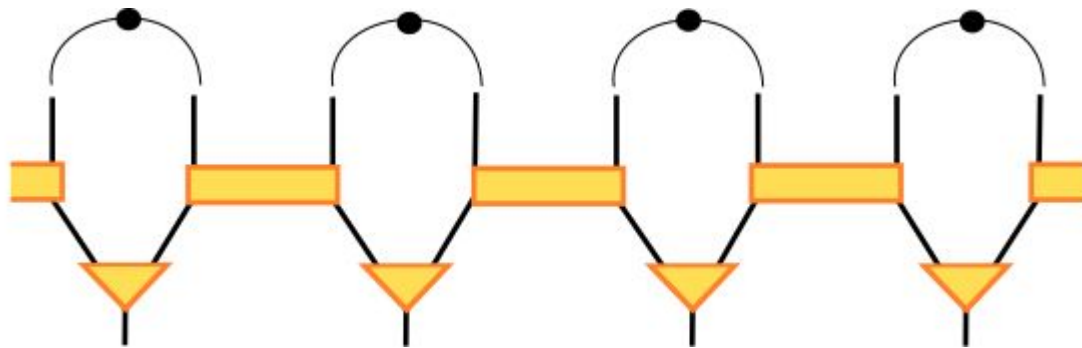
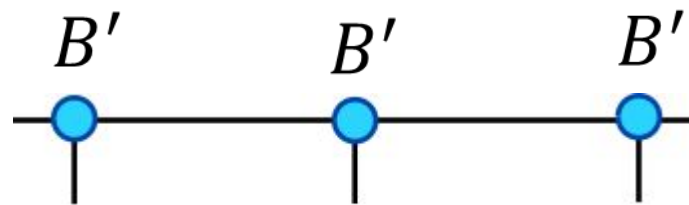
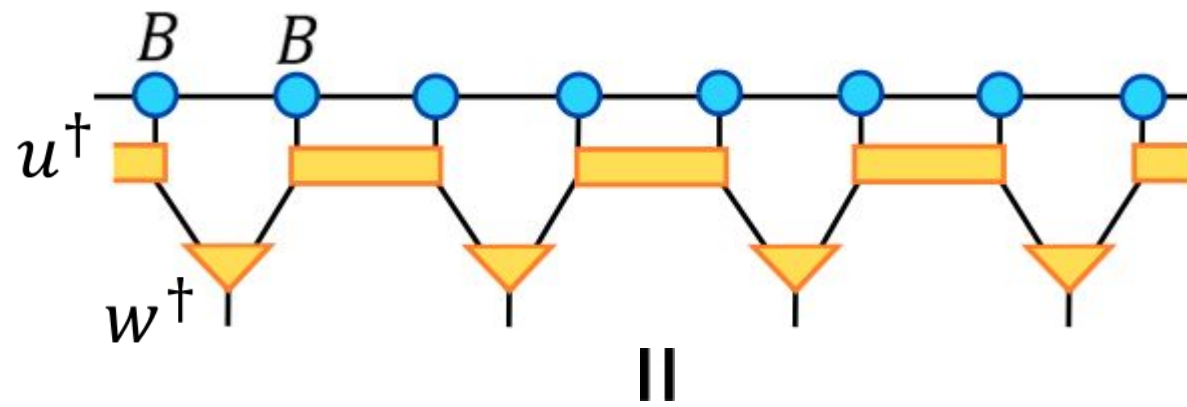


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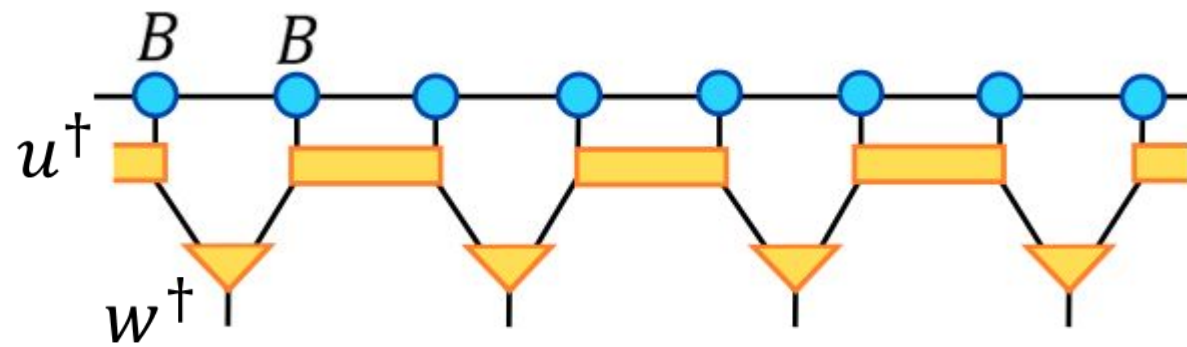
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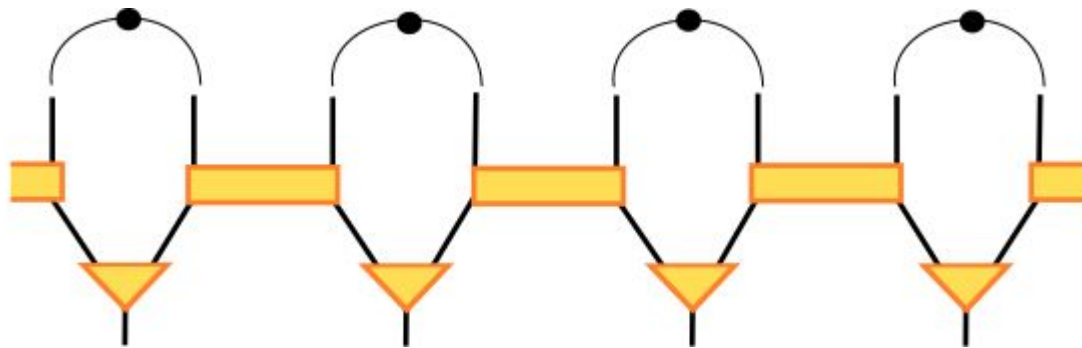
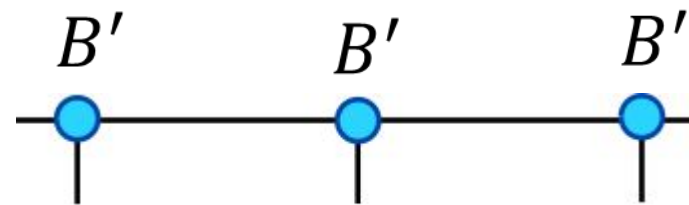
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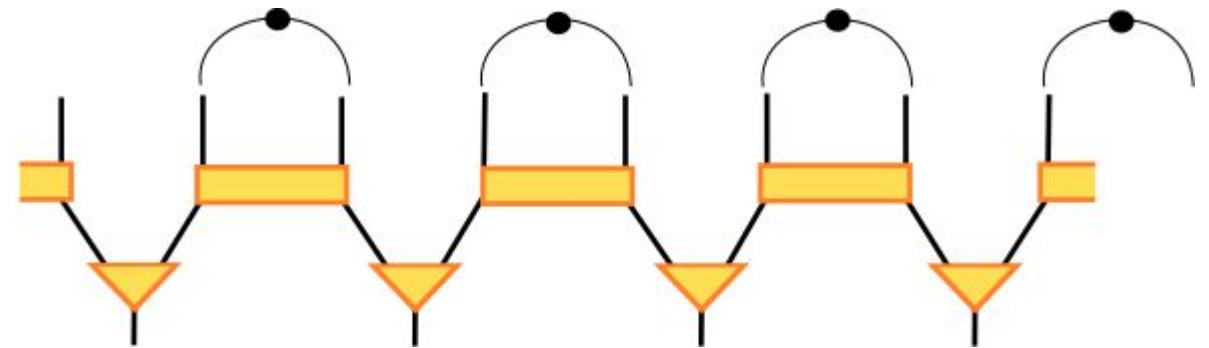


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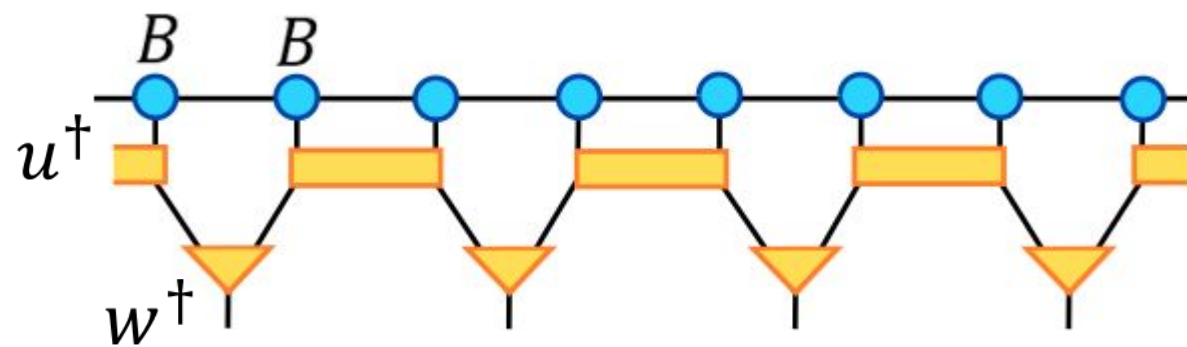
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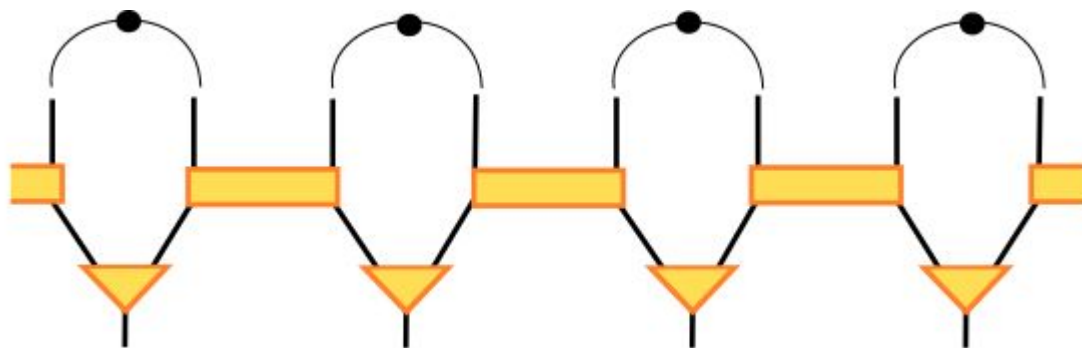
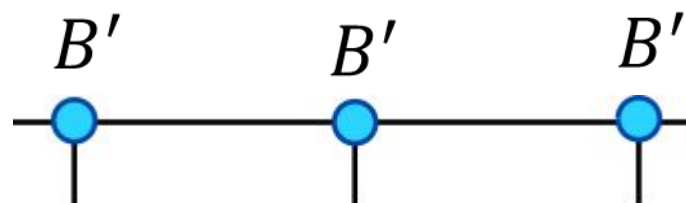


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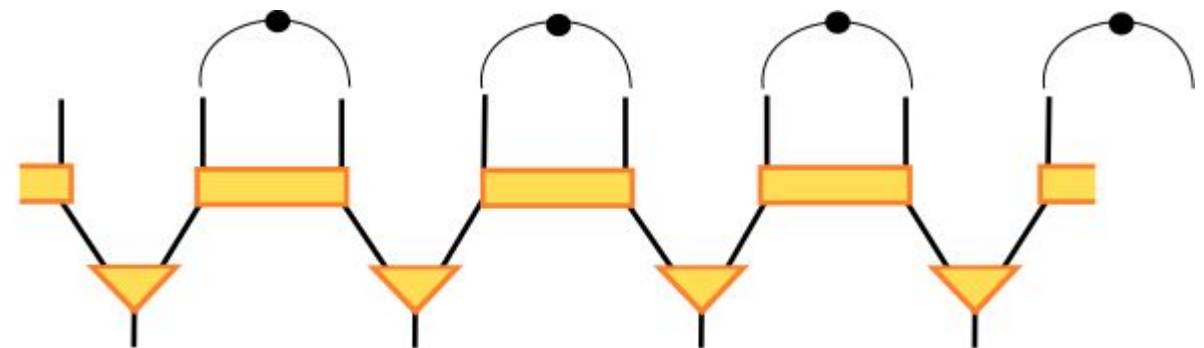


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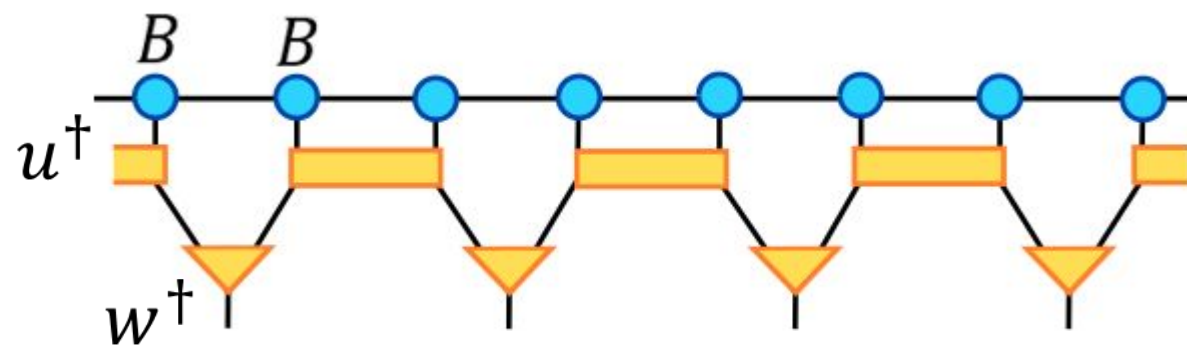
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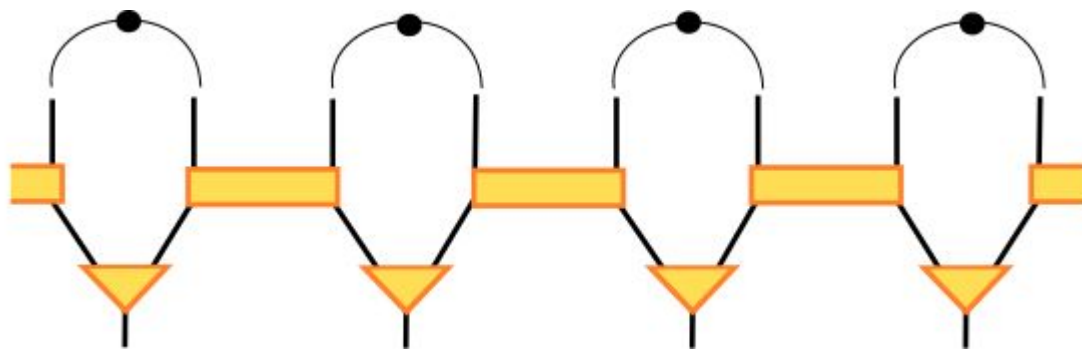
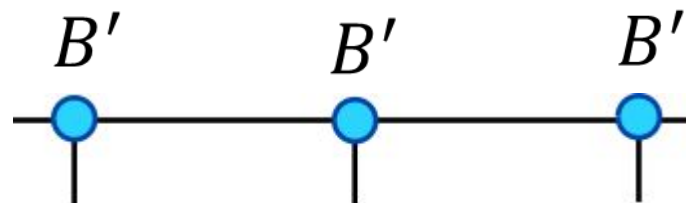
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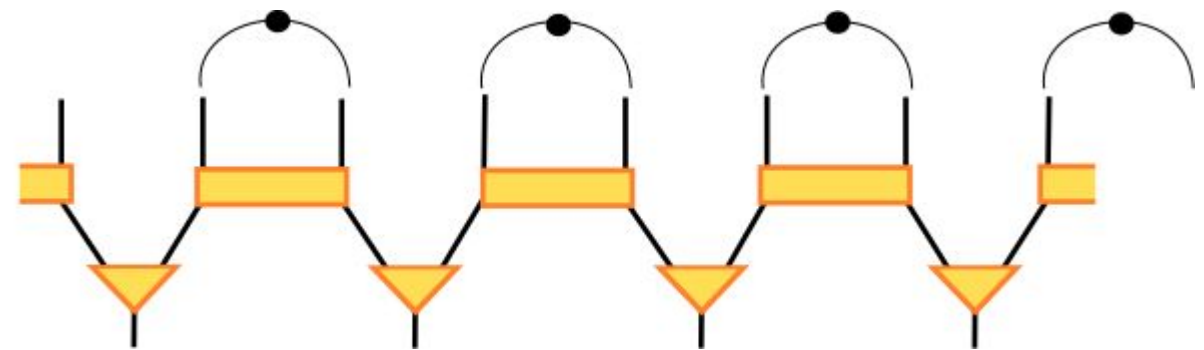
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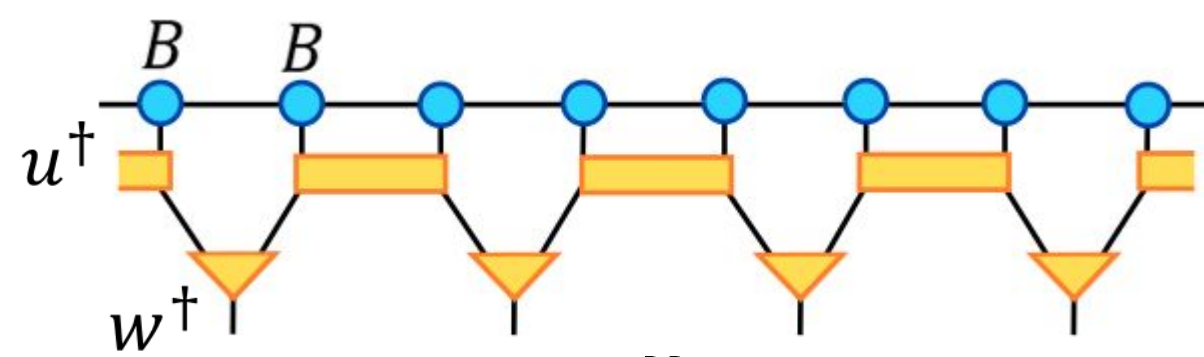


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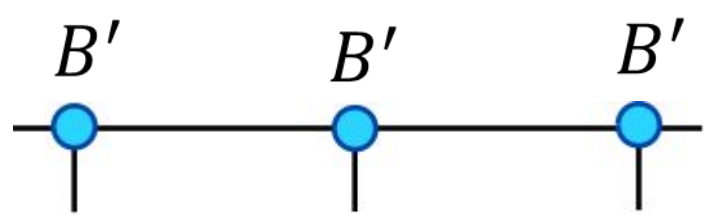


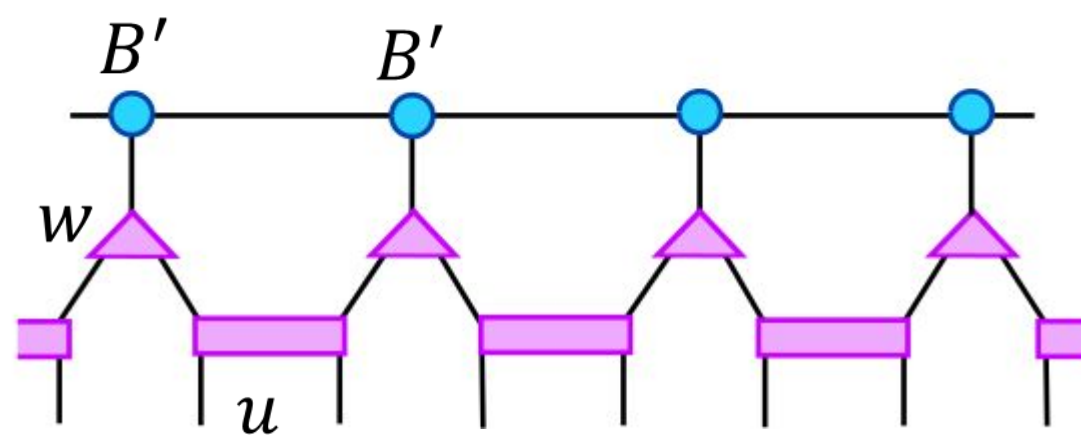
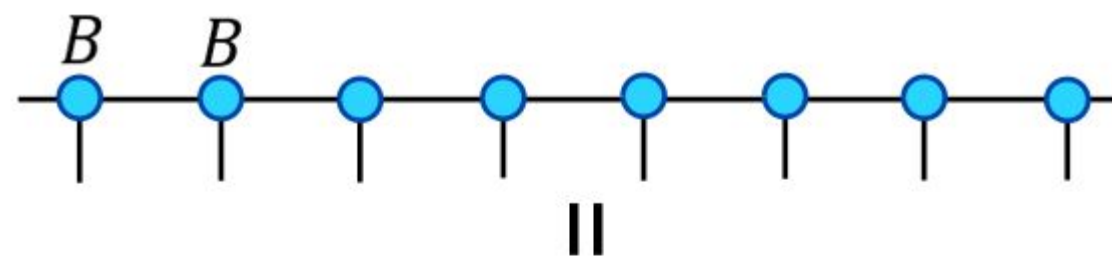
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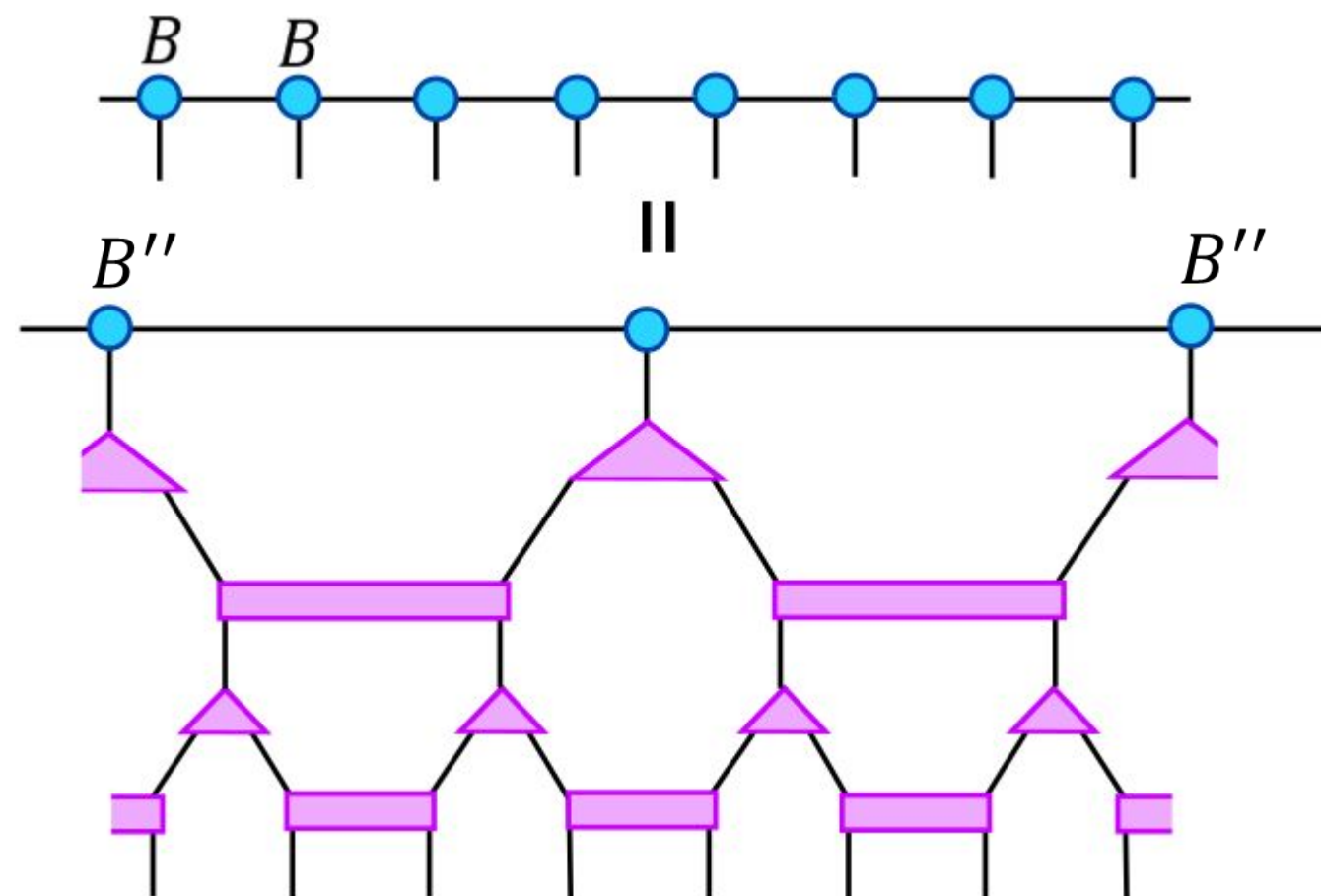


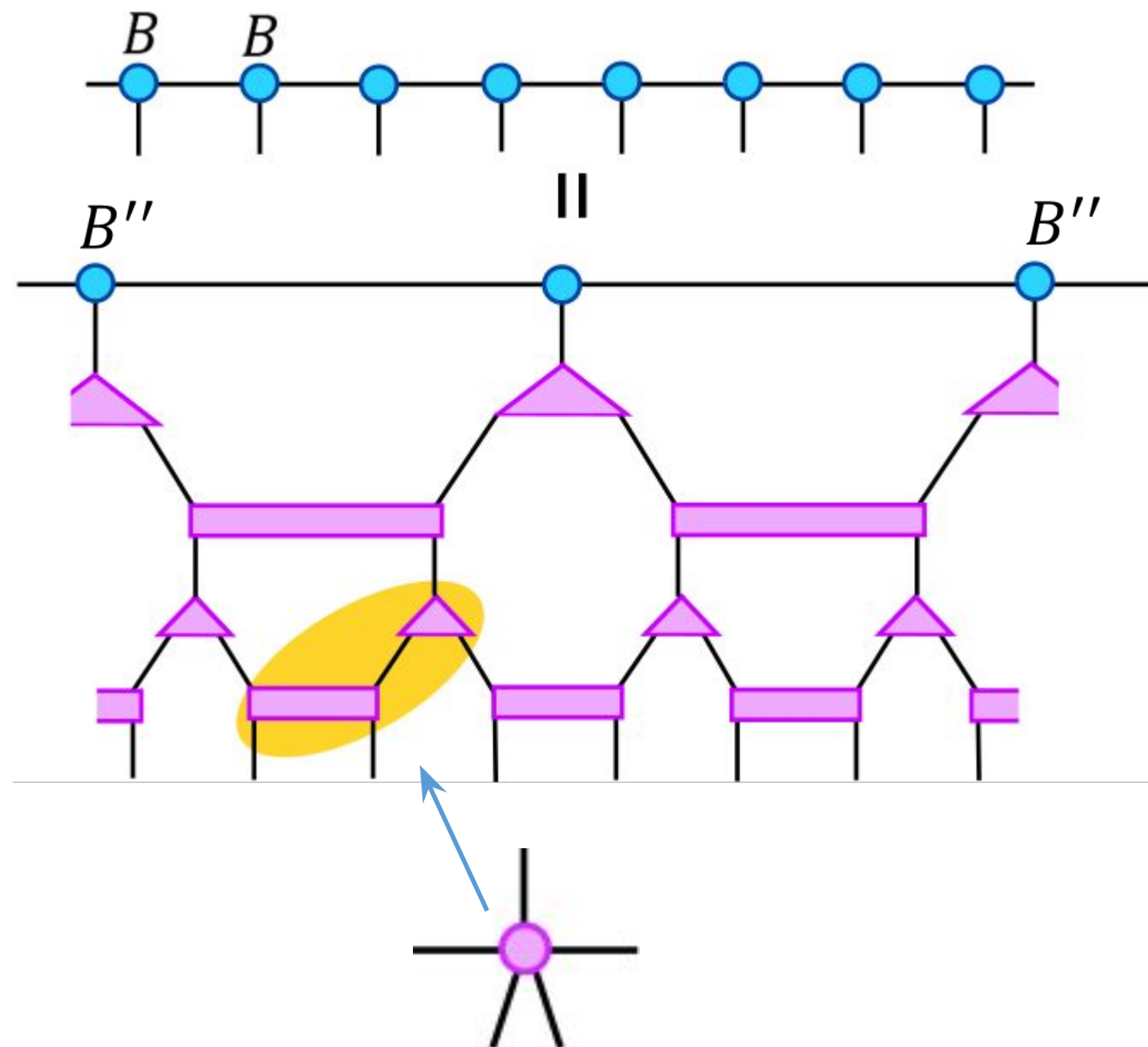
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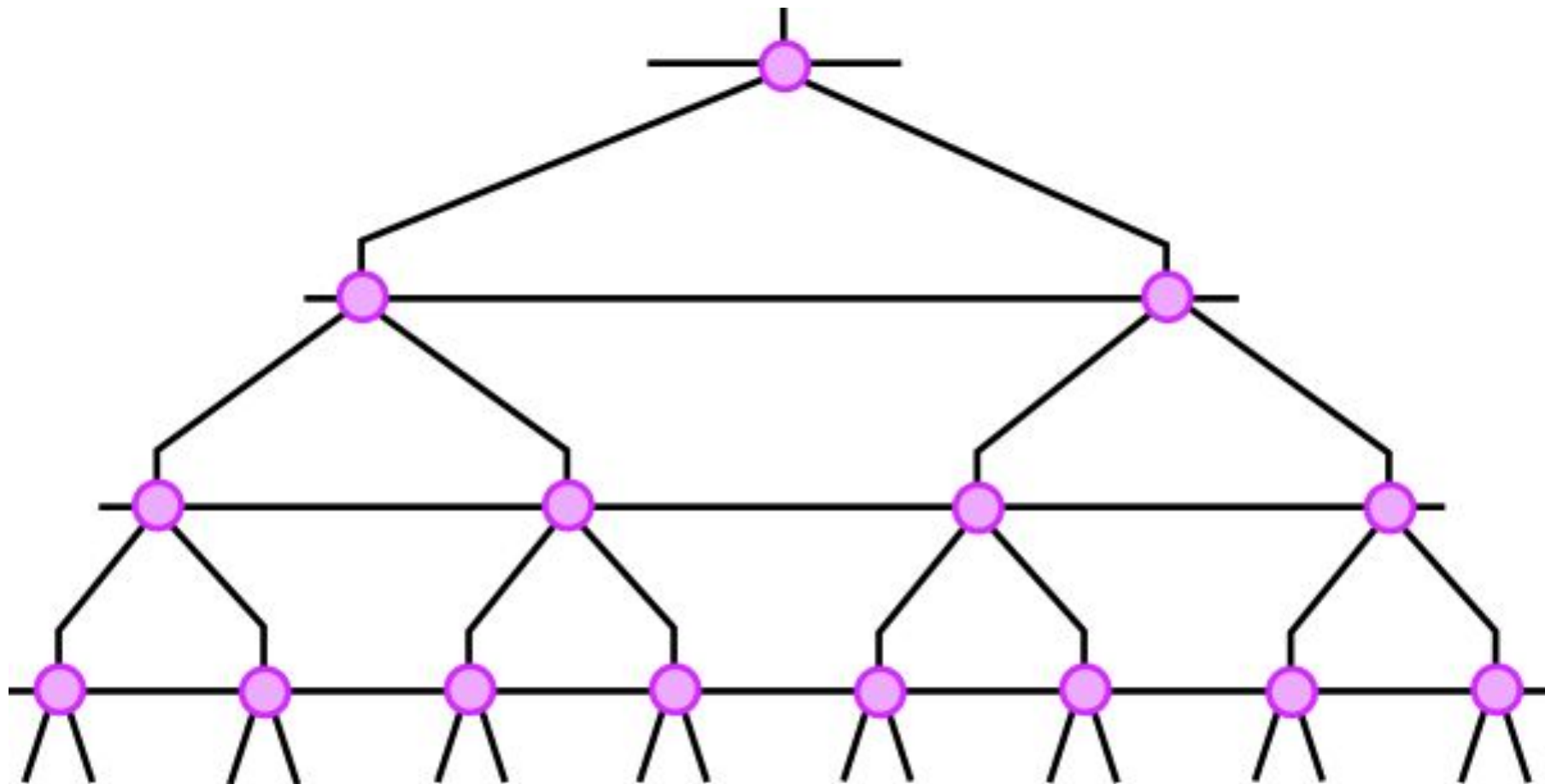






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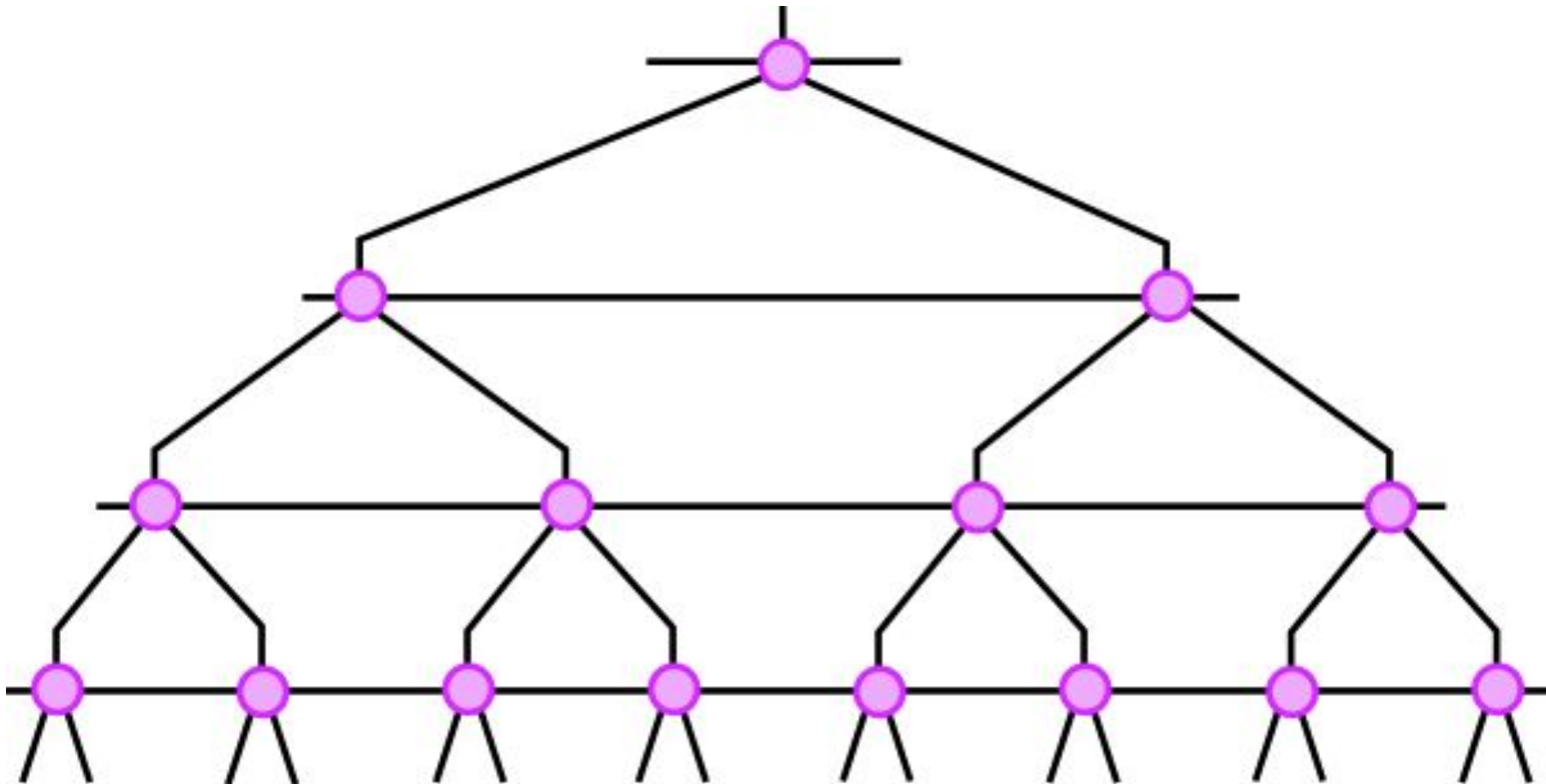
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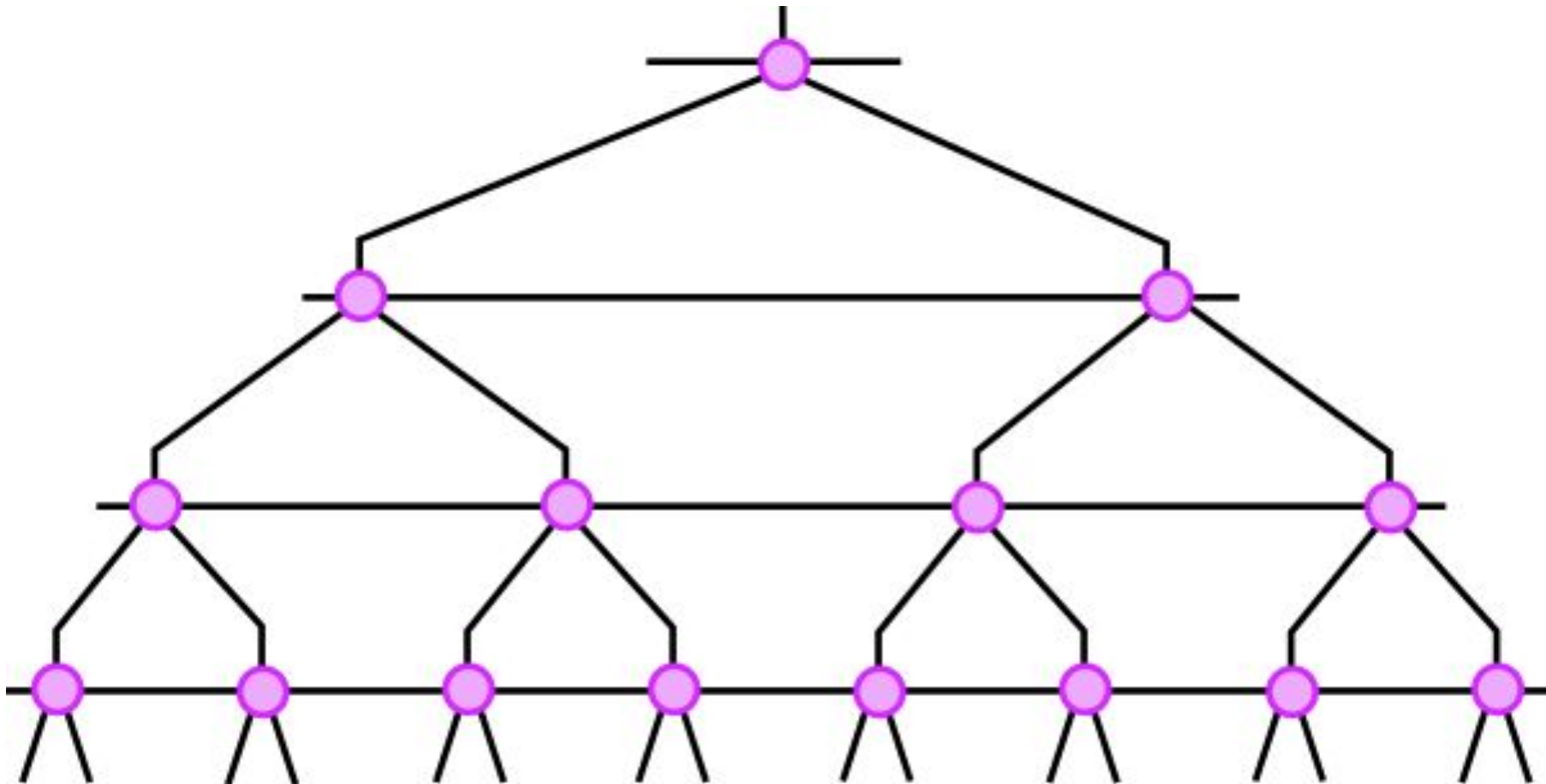


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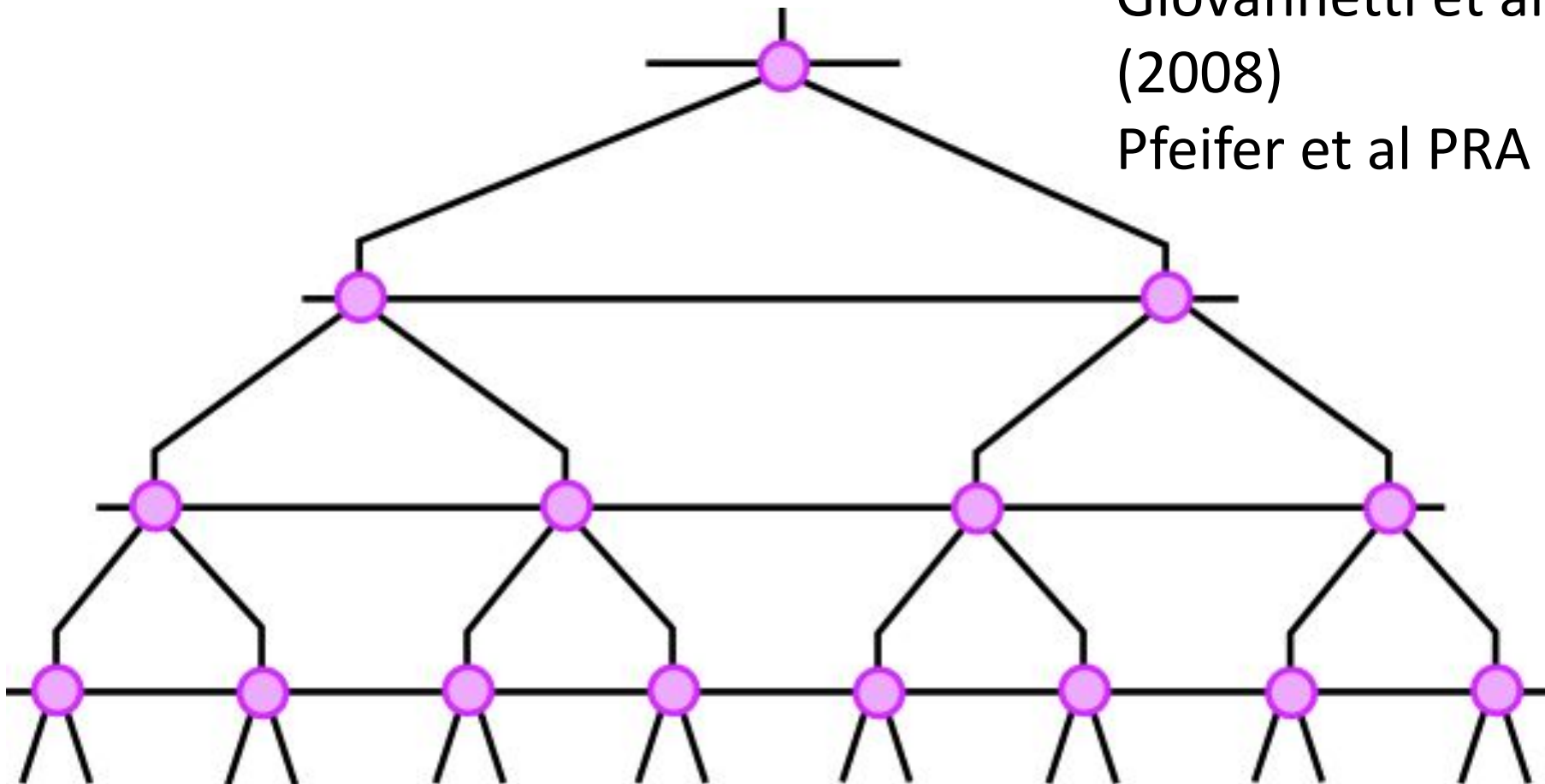
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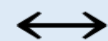
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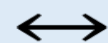
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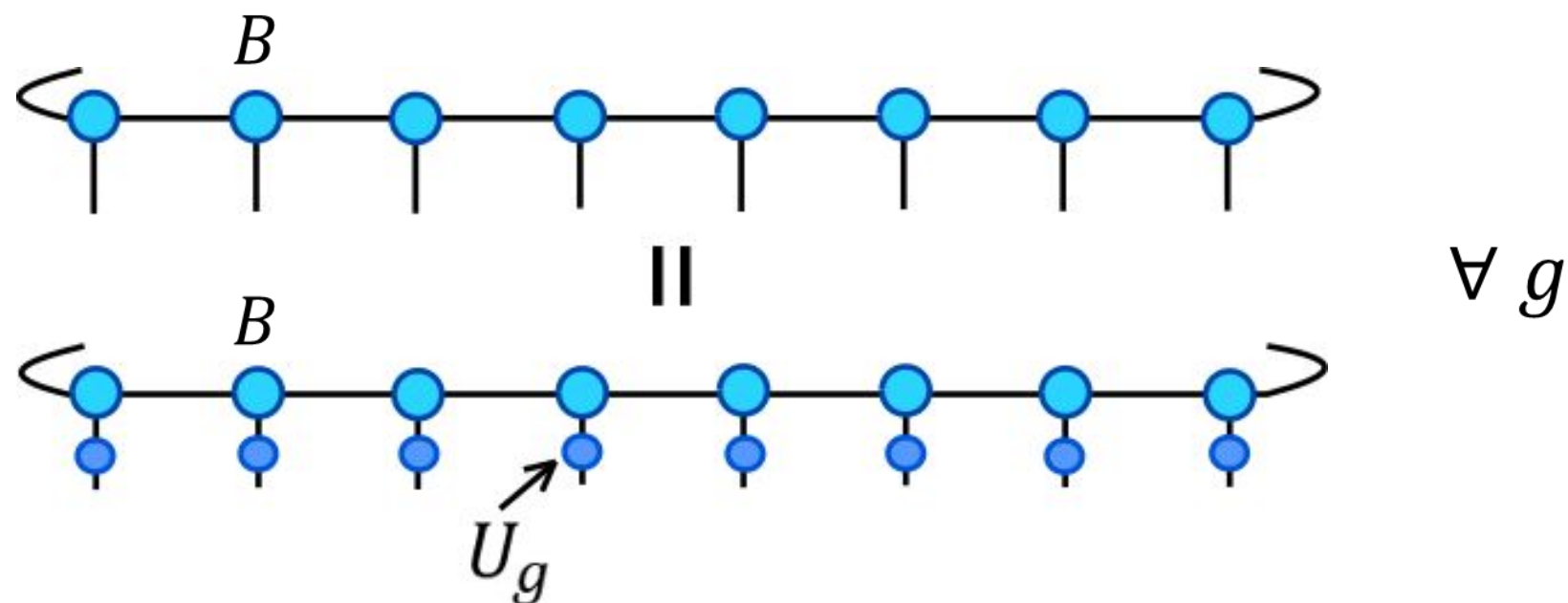
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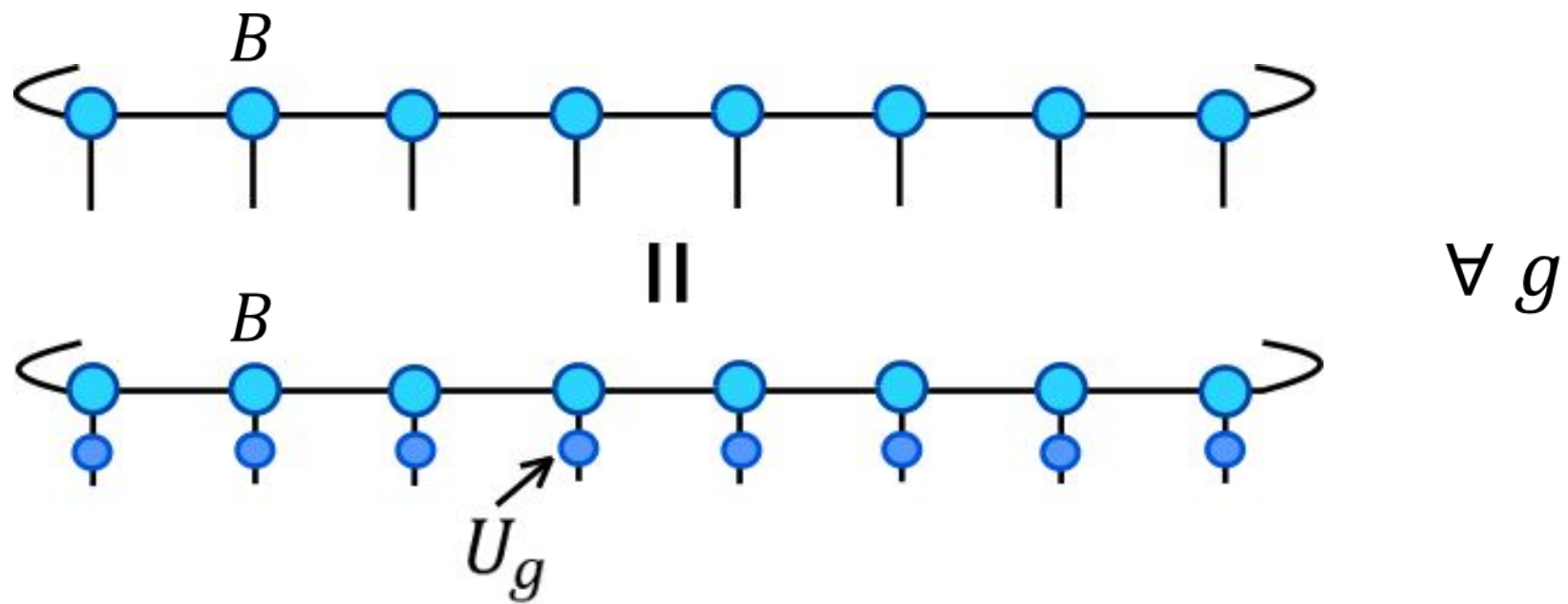
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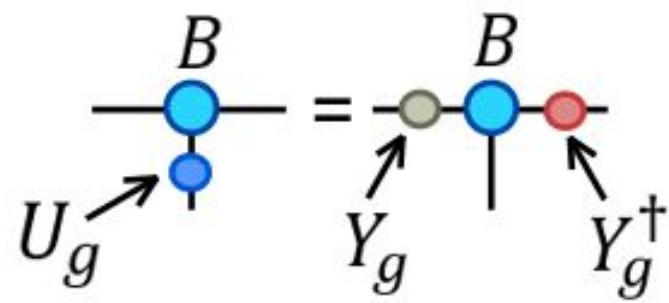
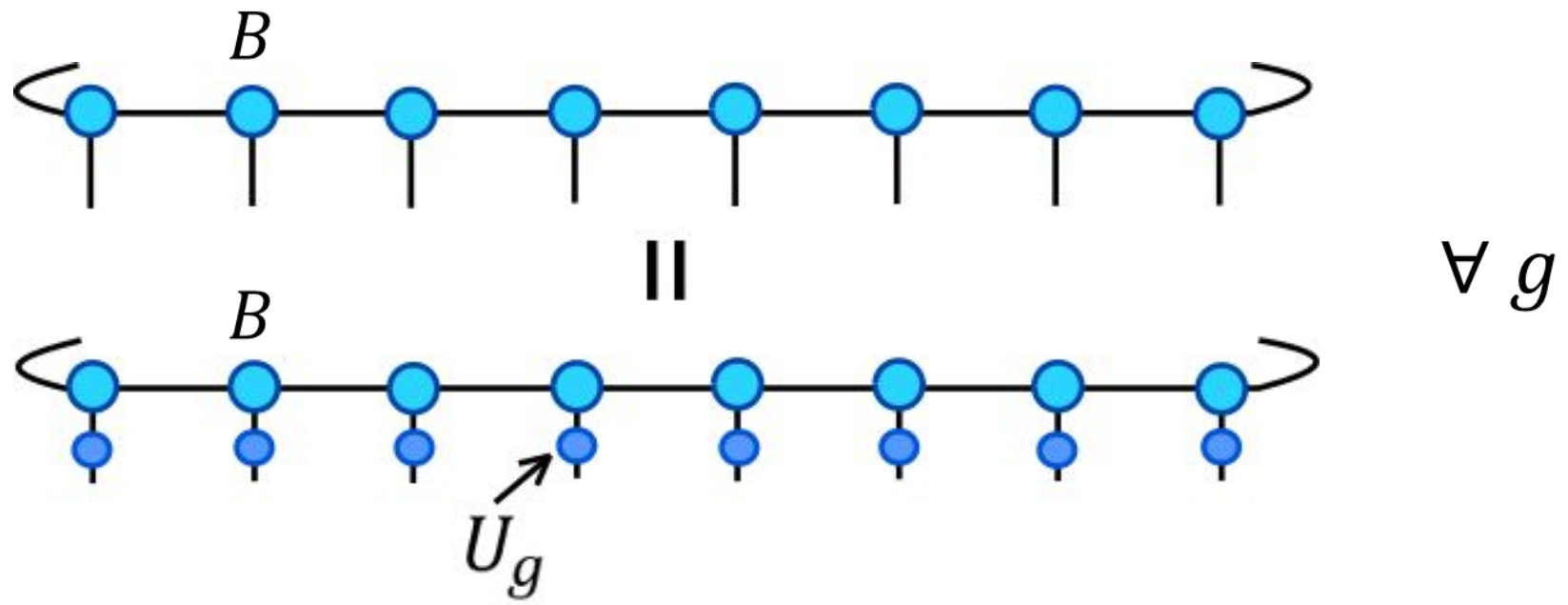
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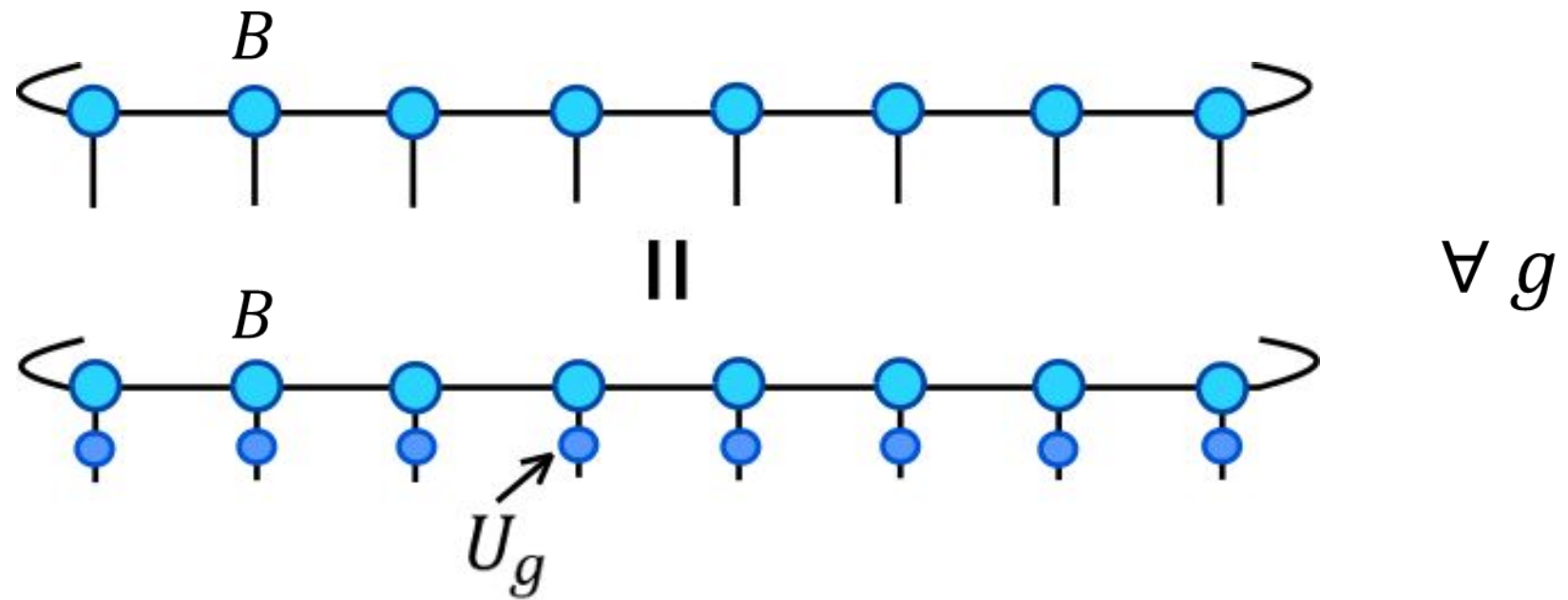
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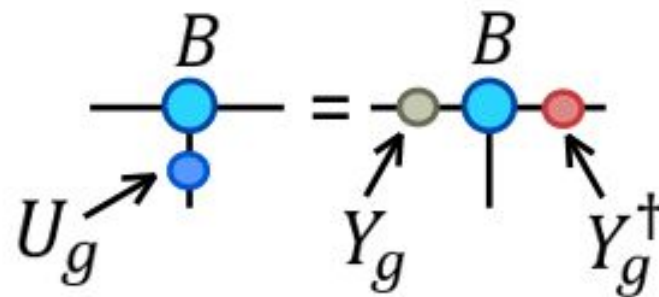


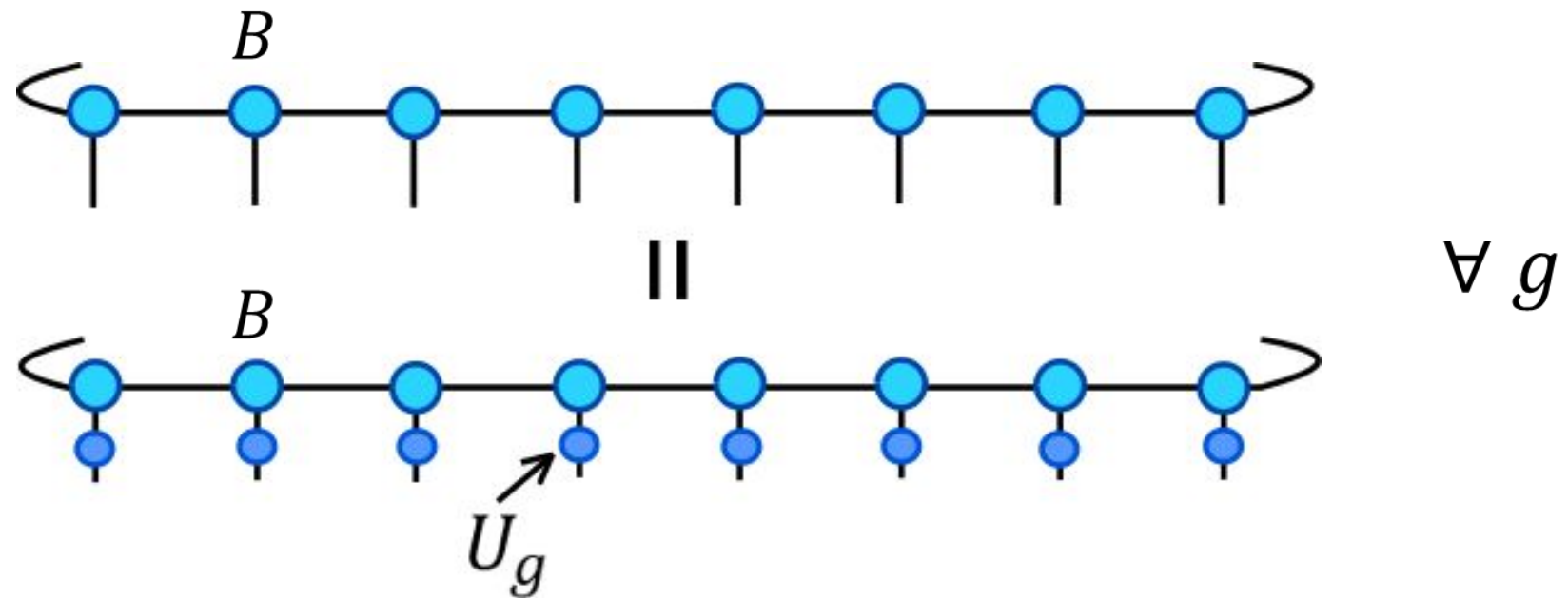




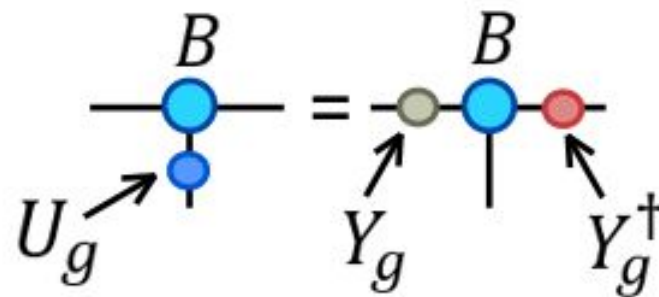


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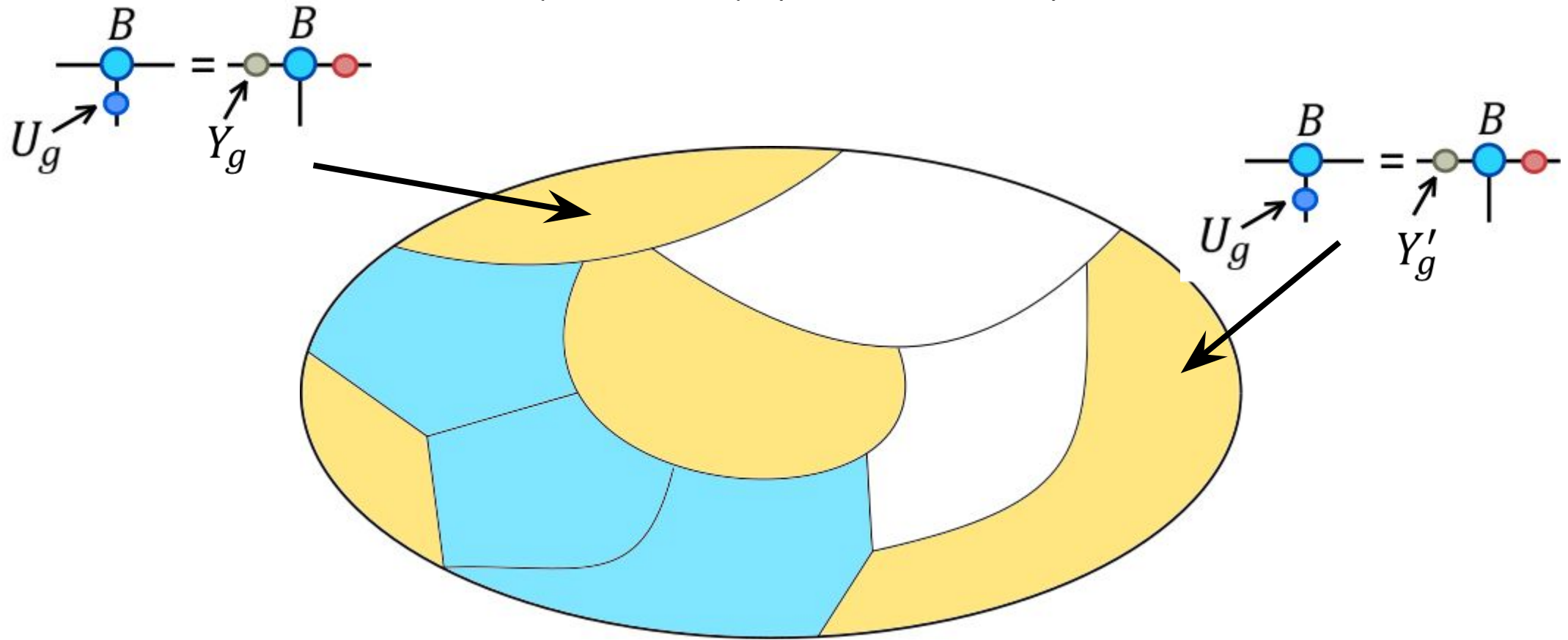


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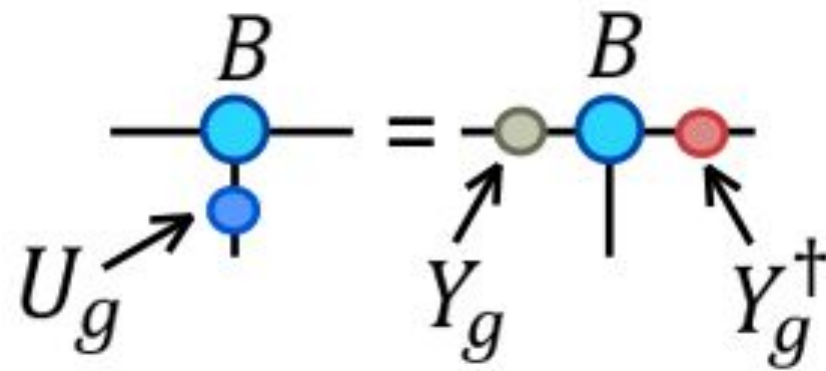
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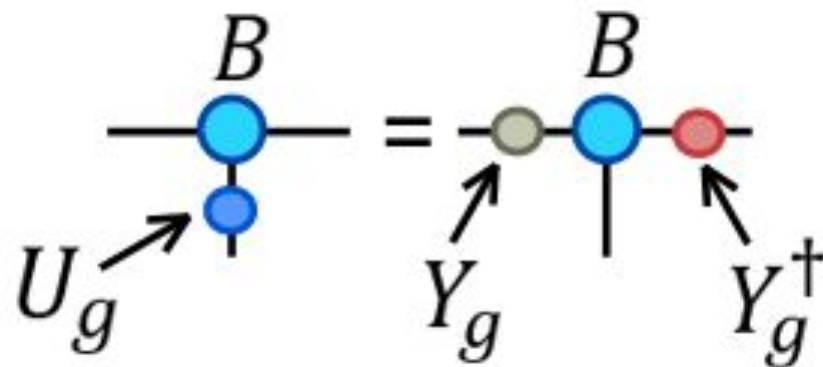


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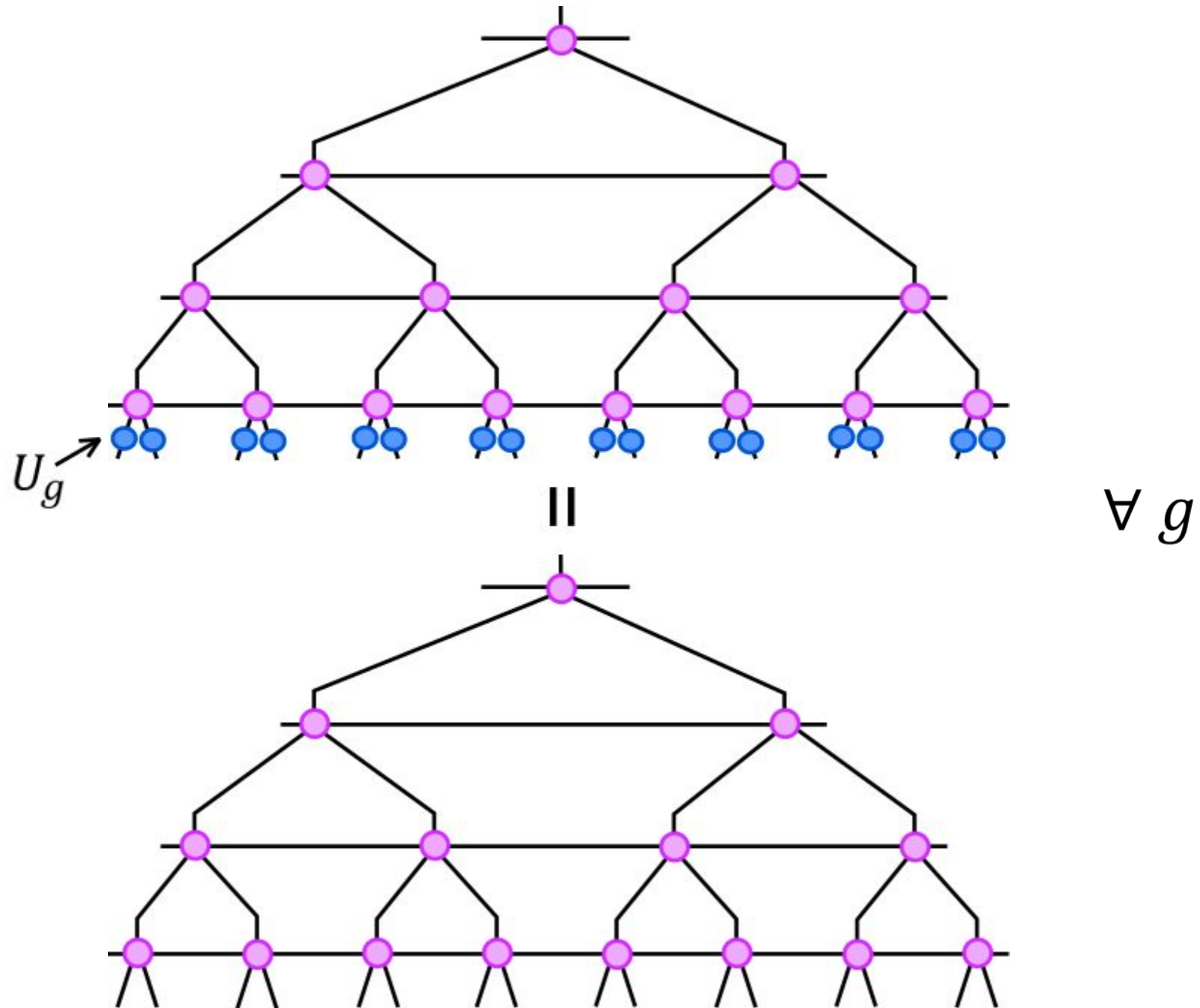


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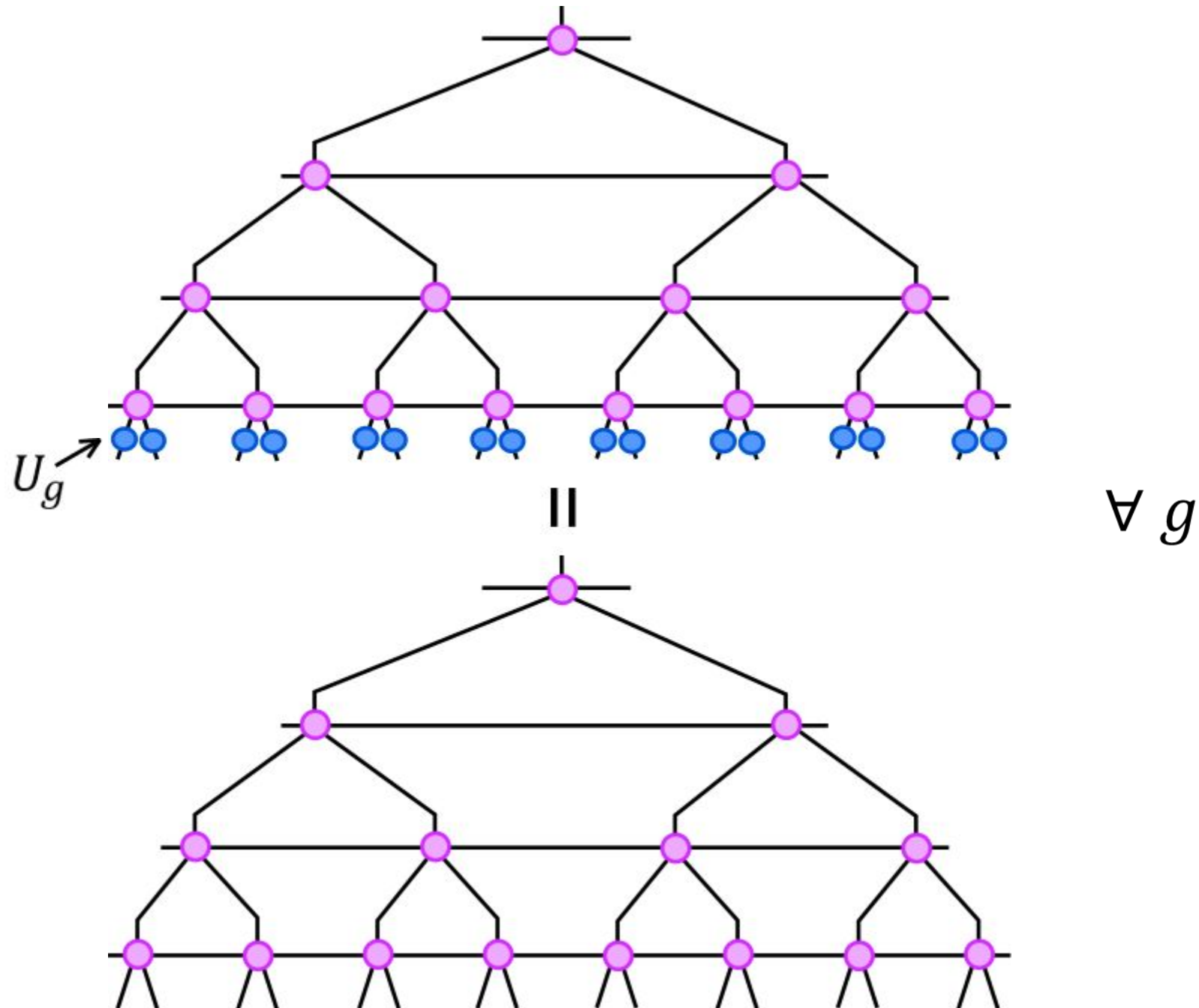
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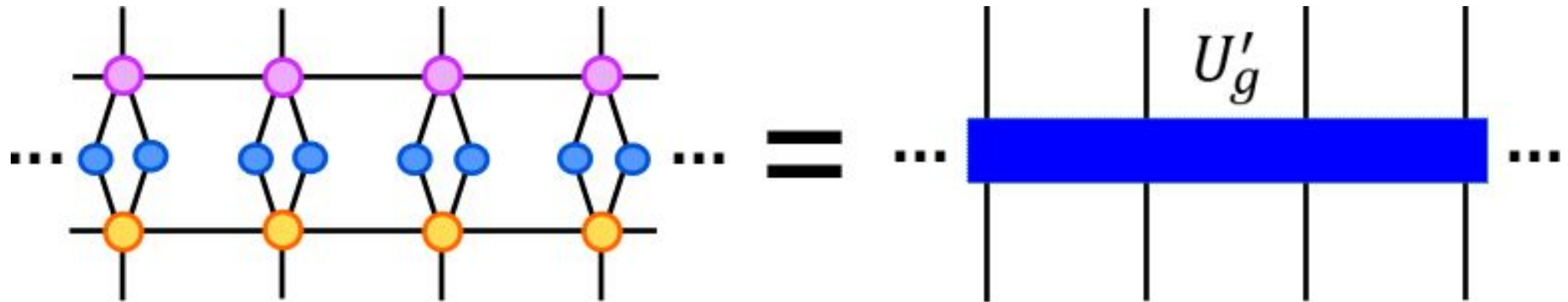


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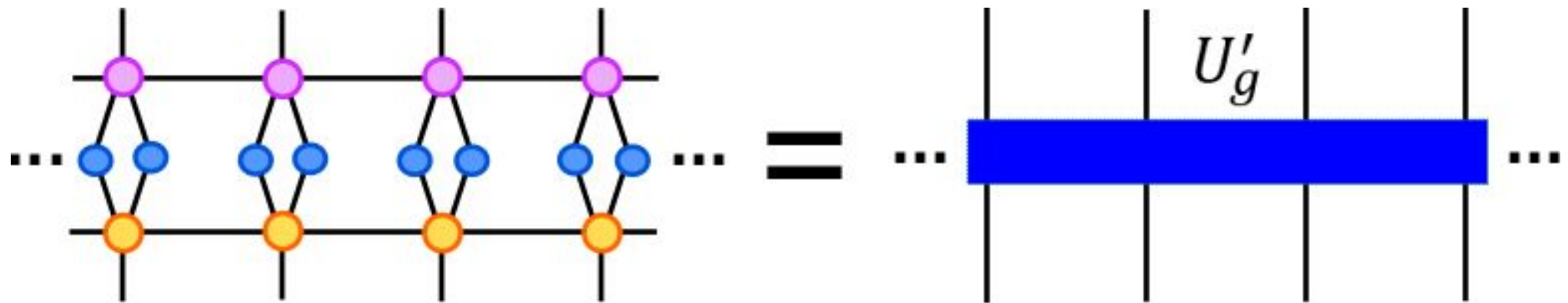
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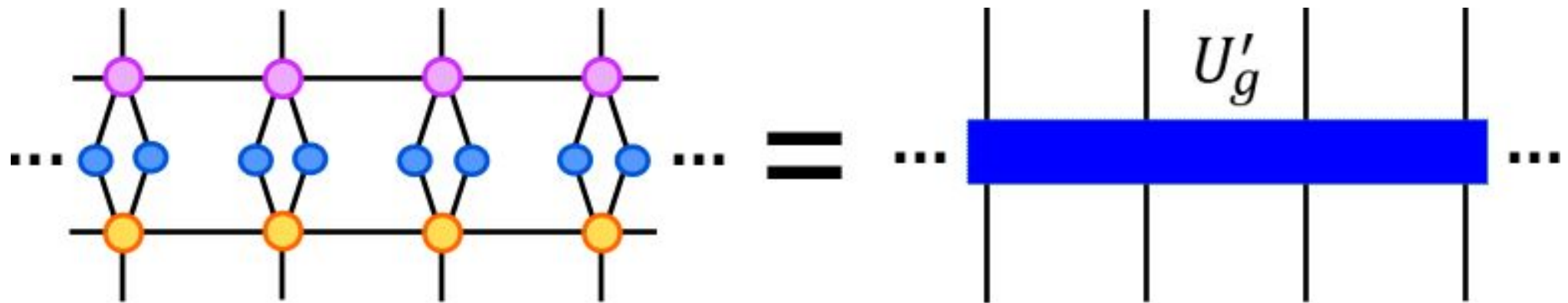
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2. If a symmetry cannot be gauged it acts anomalously (acts in a non-onsite way)
3. At least in QFT legitimate RG flows must preserve any anomalies ('t Hooft anomaly matching condition)
4. A trivial anomaly (on-site) must remain trivial (on-site) under a legitimate RG flow

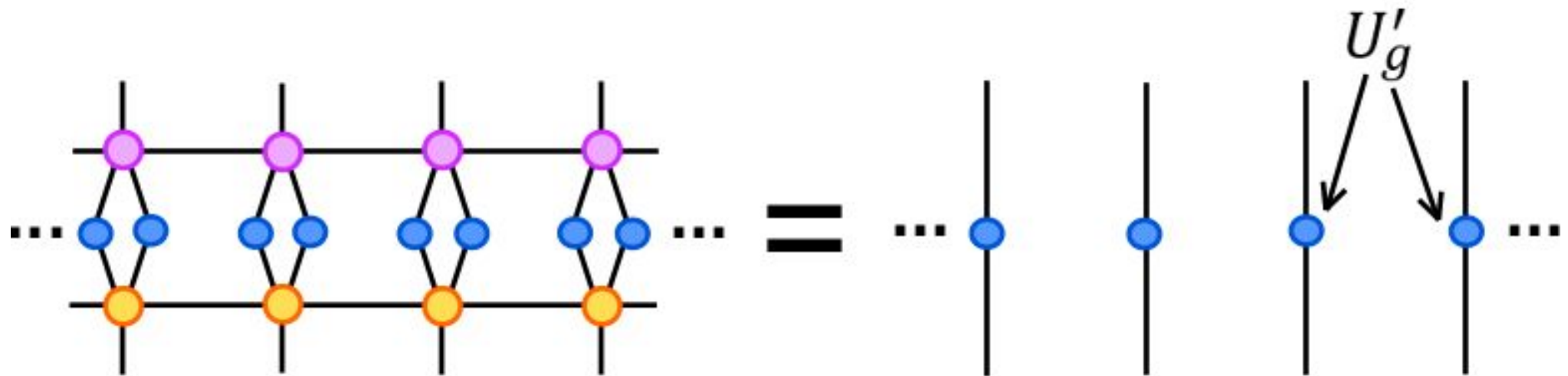


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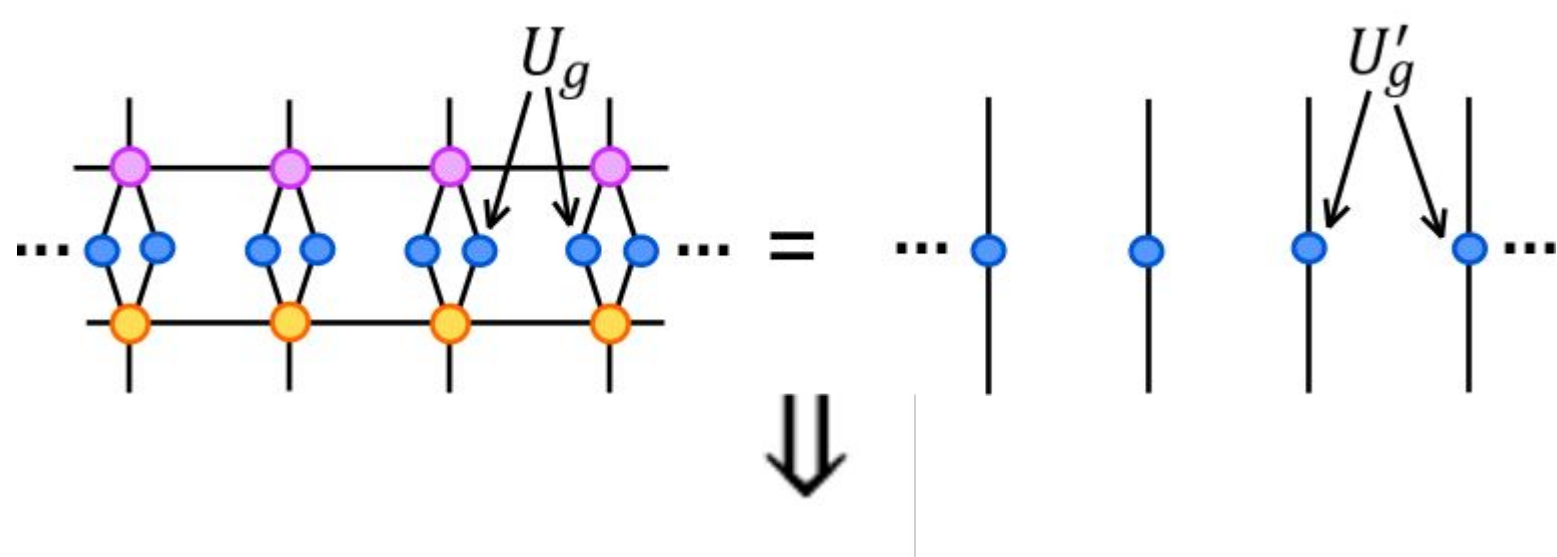
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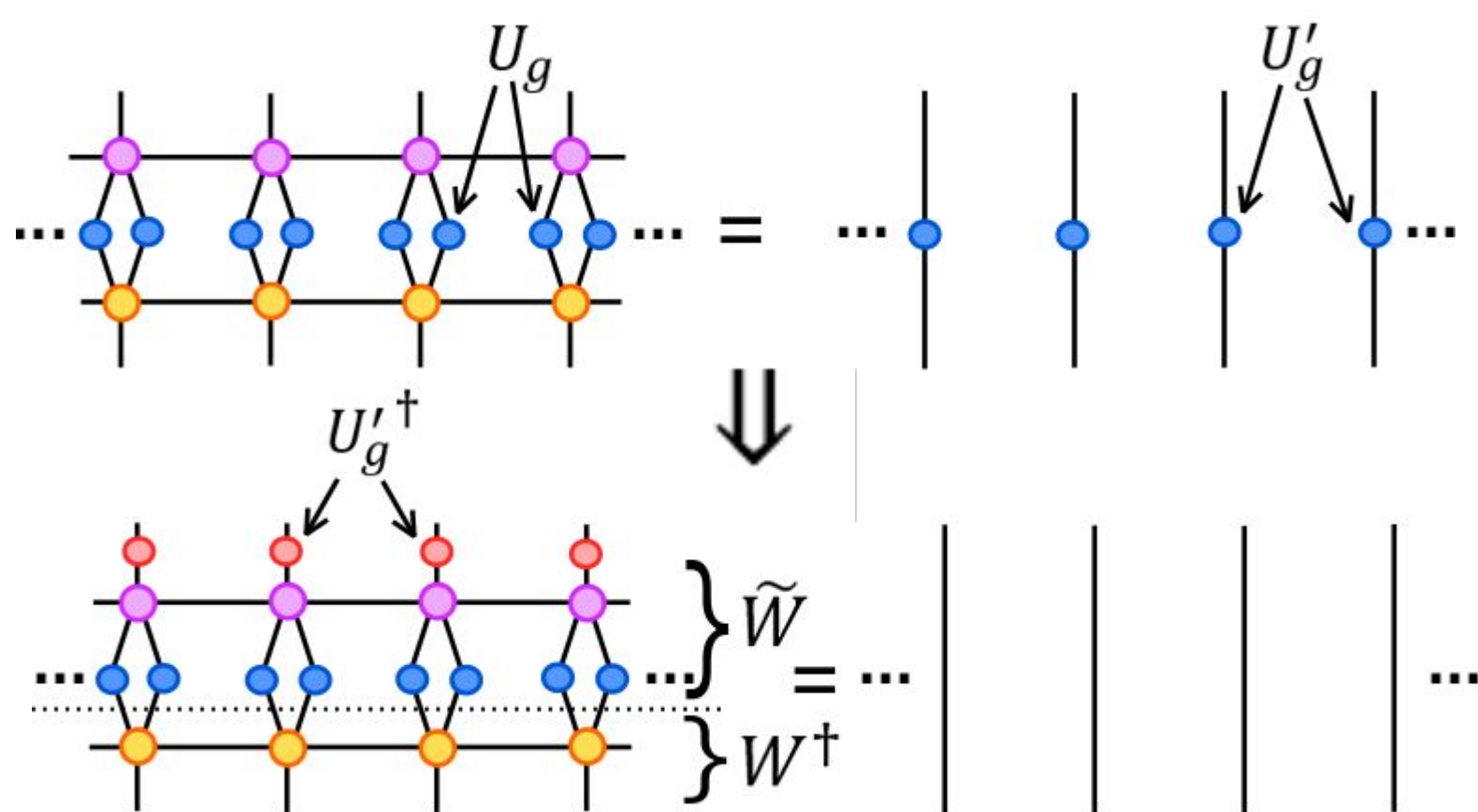
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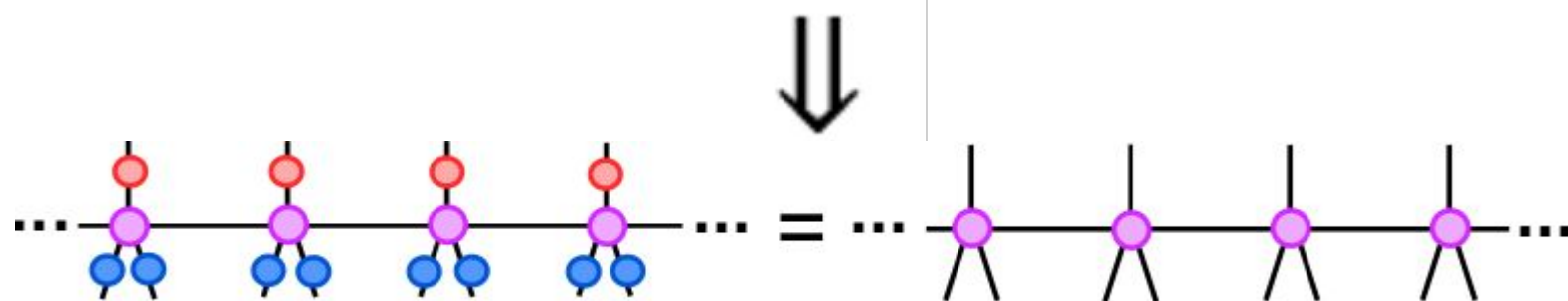
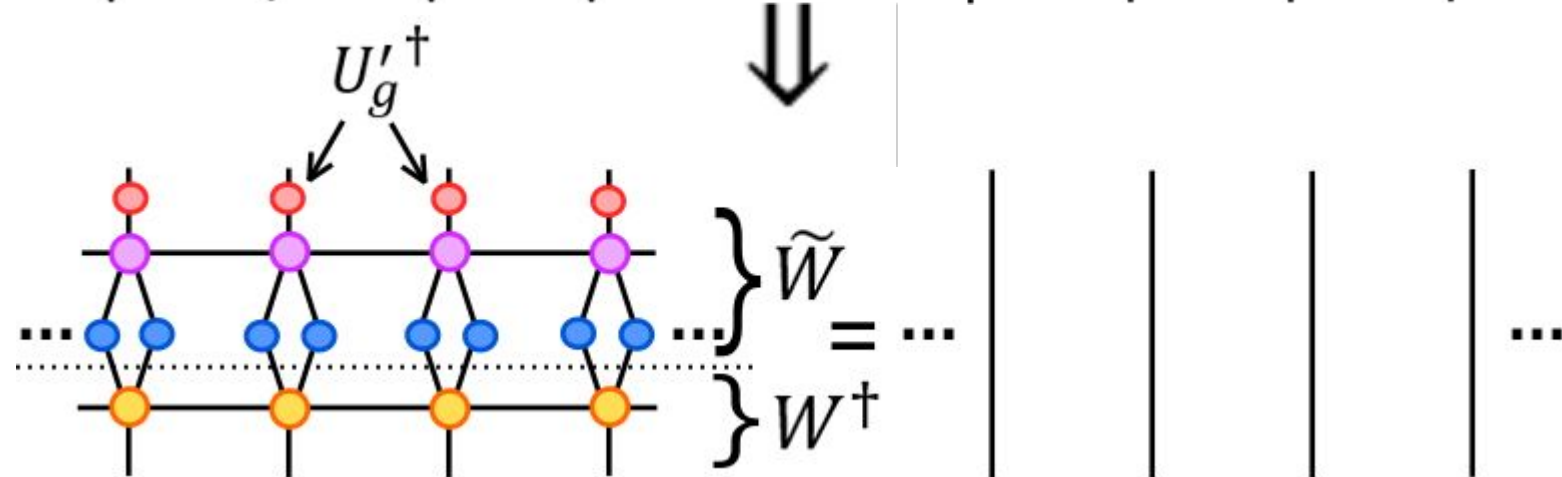
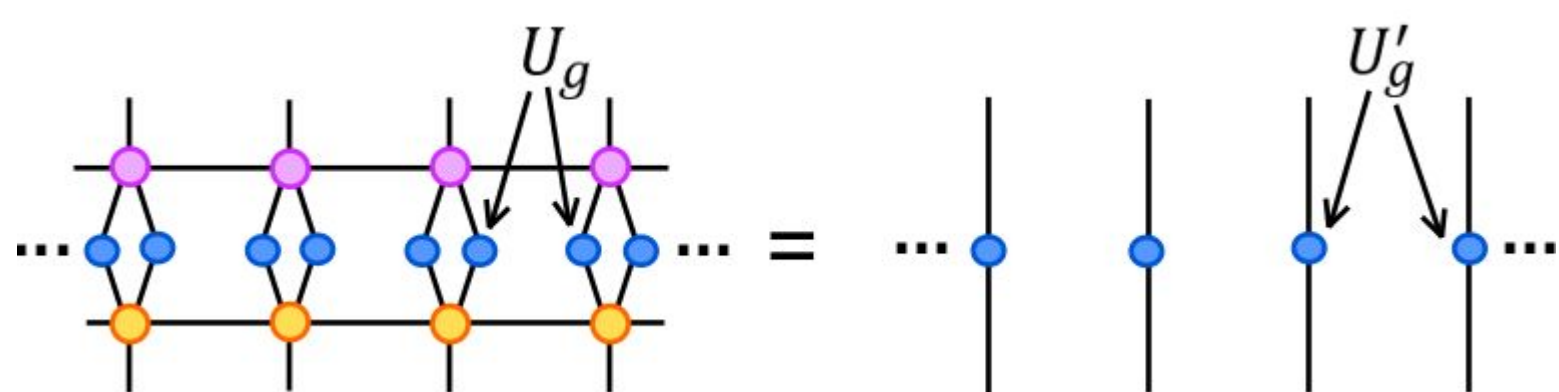


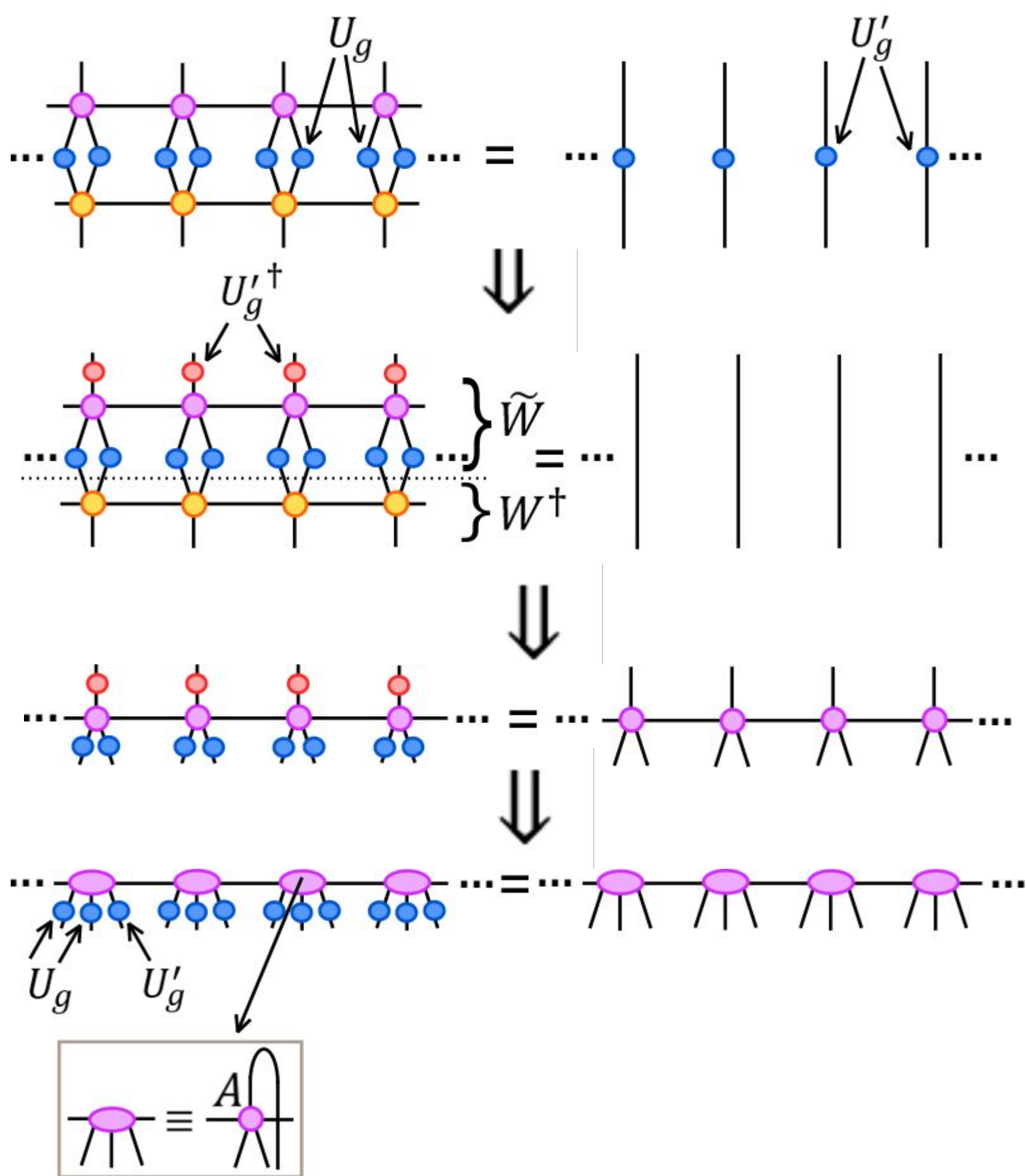
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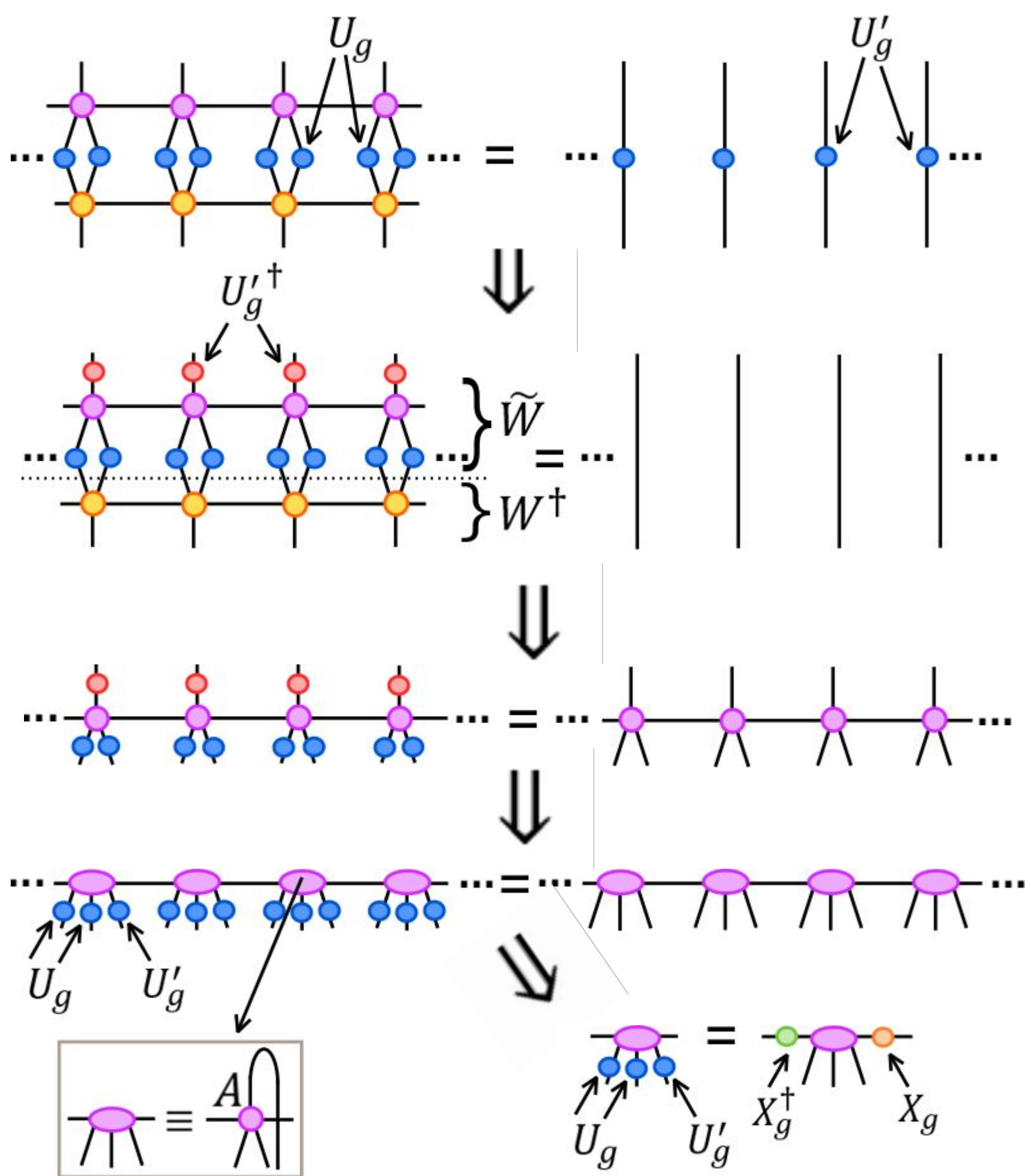
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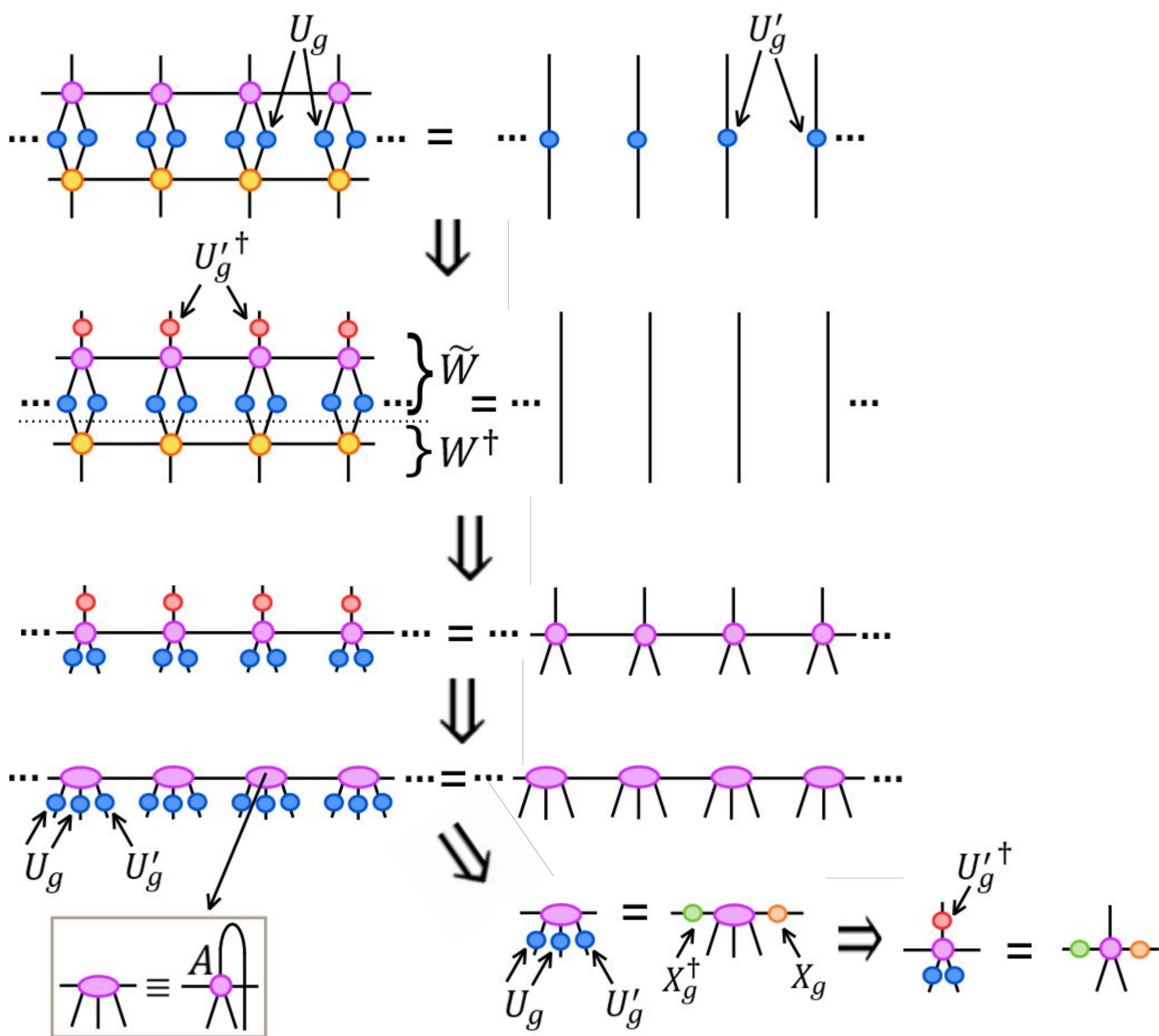




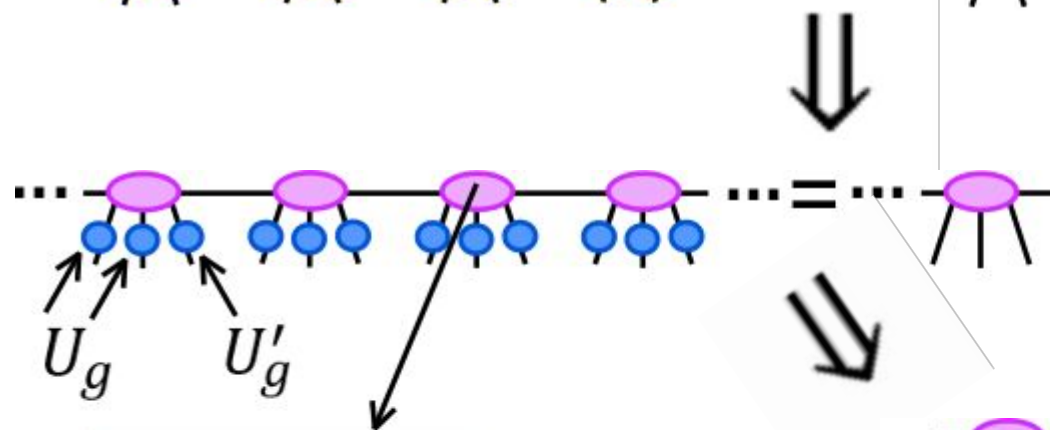
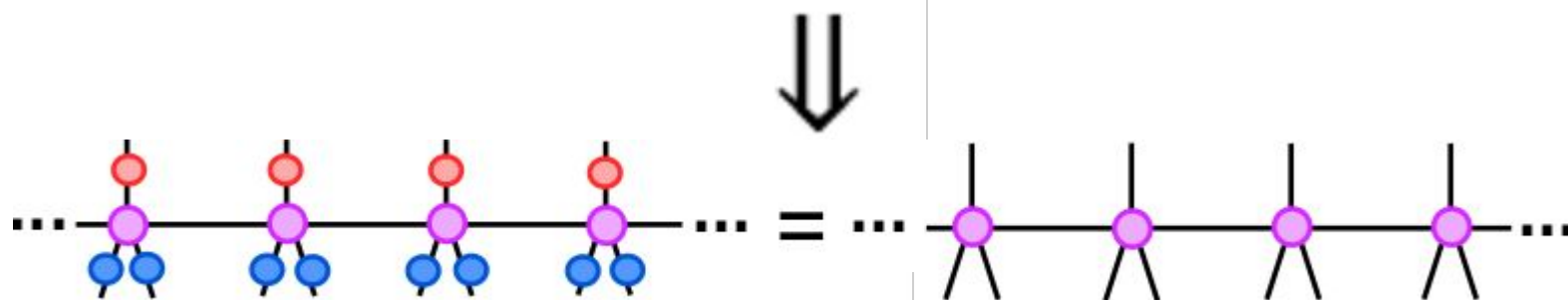
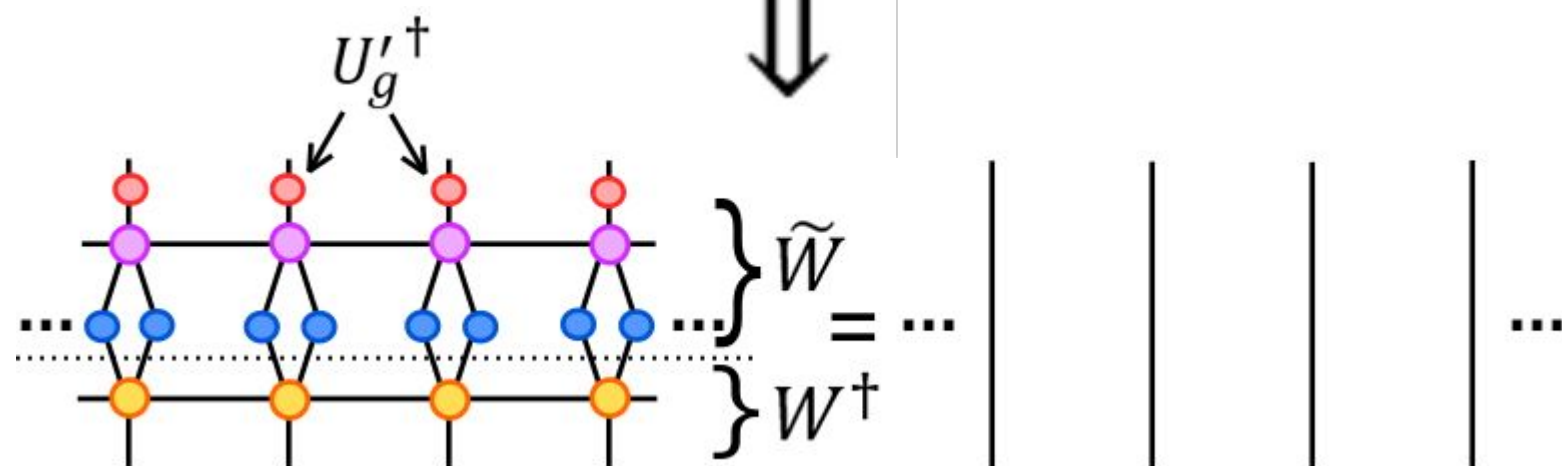
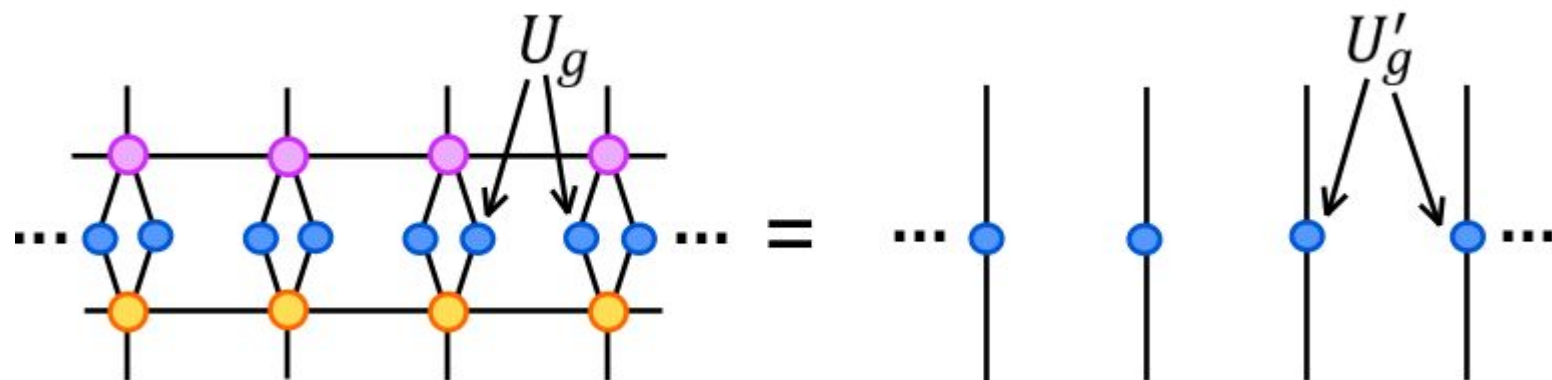




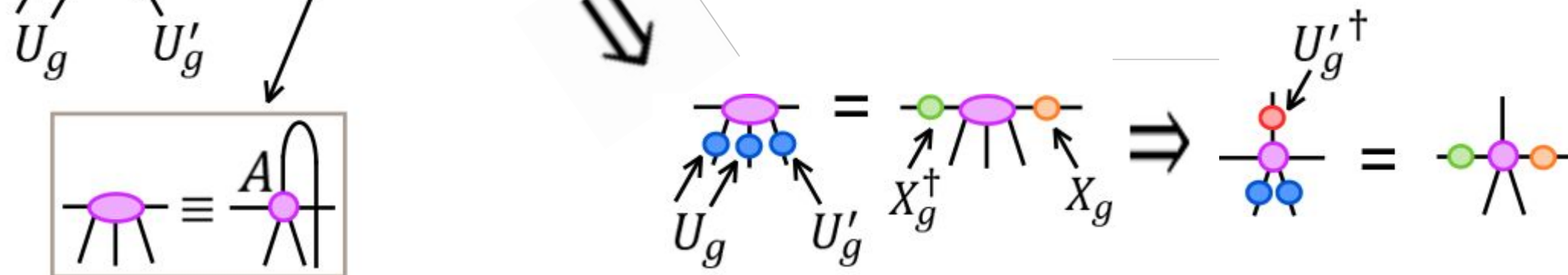


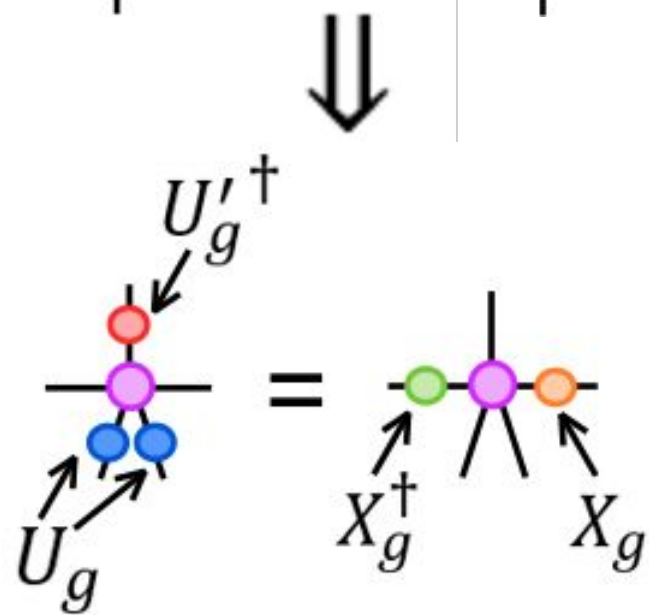
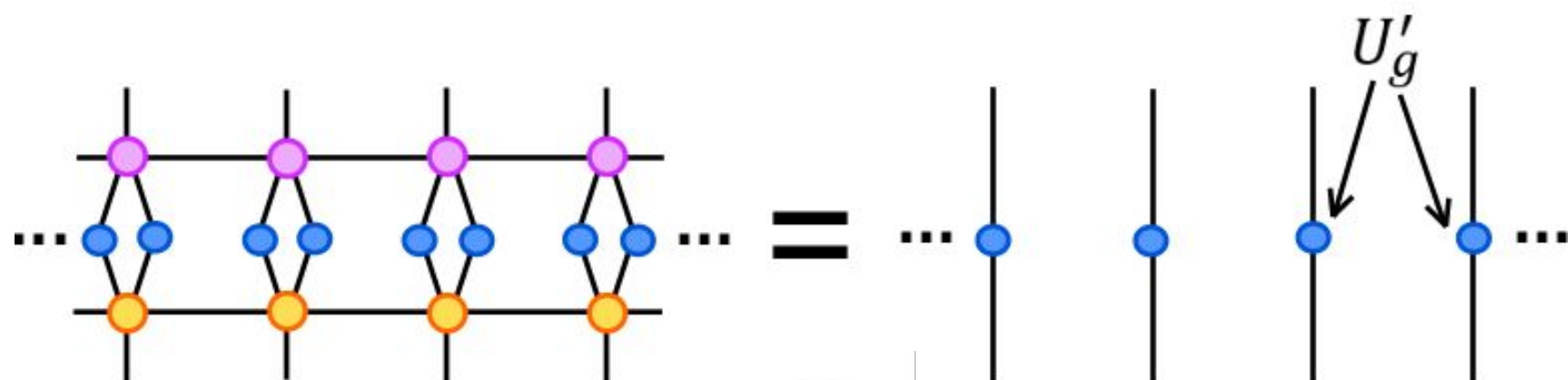


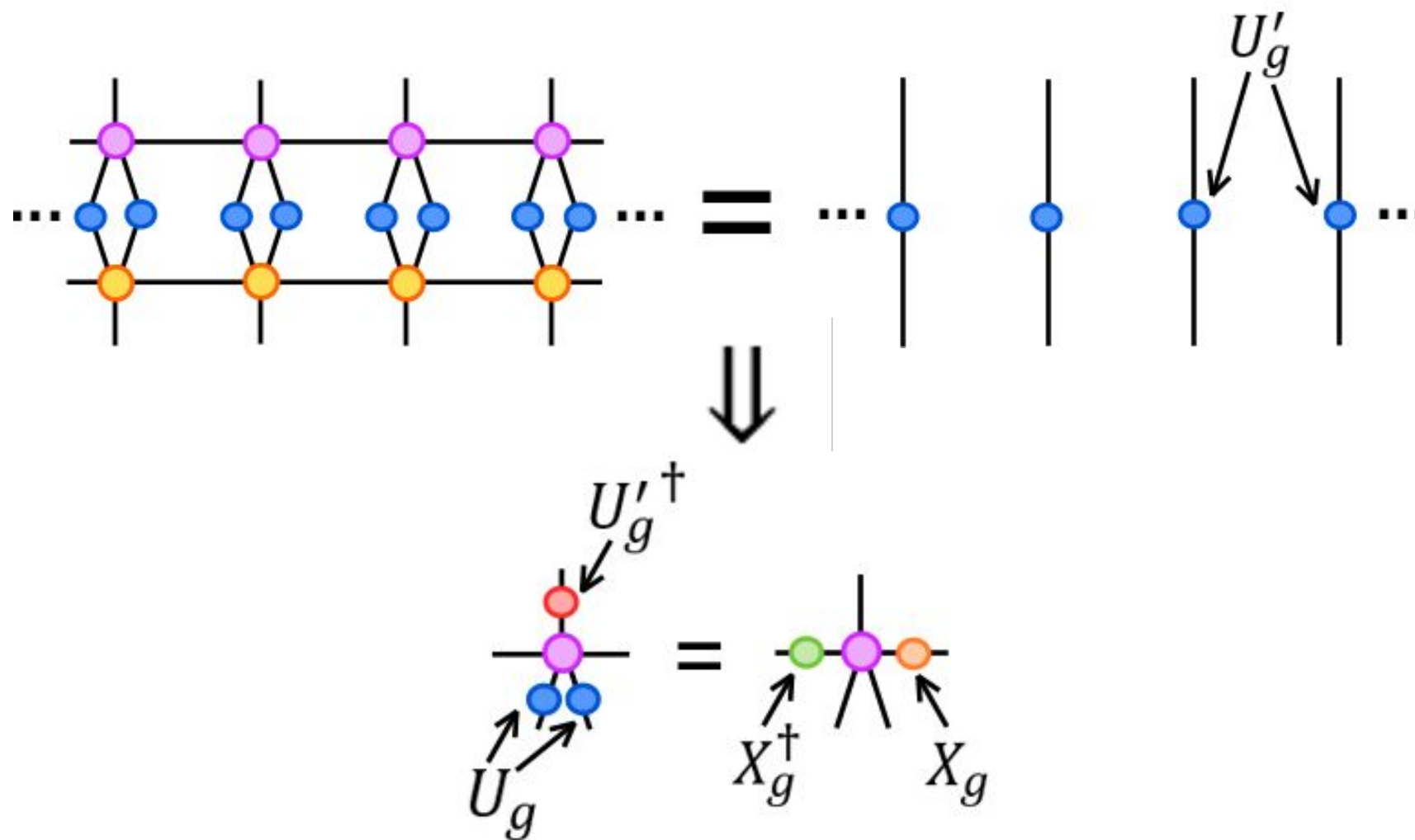




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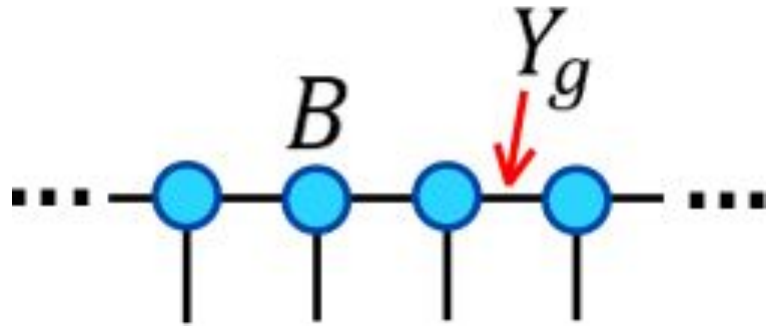
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# MERA and 1D gapped SP phases

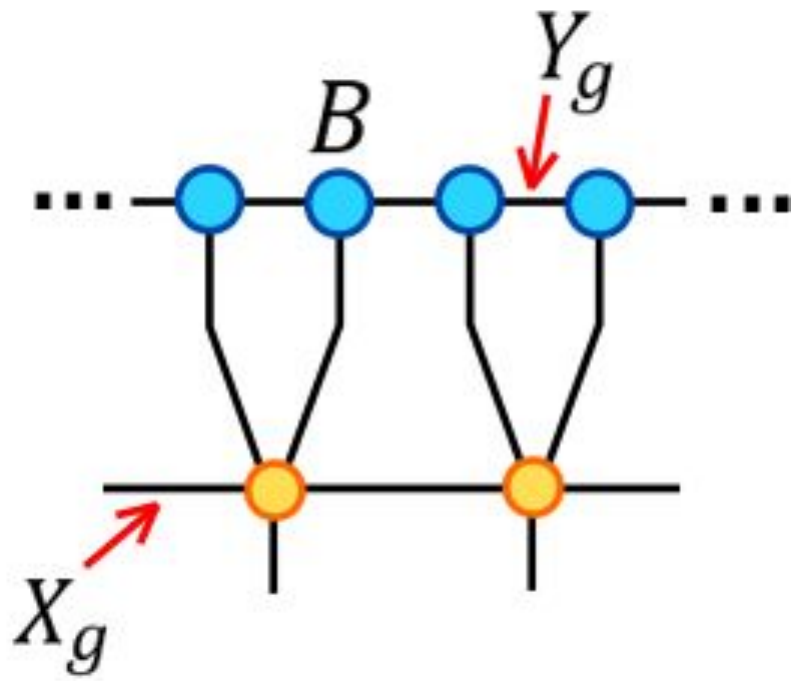
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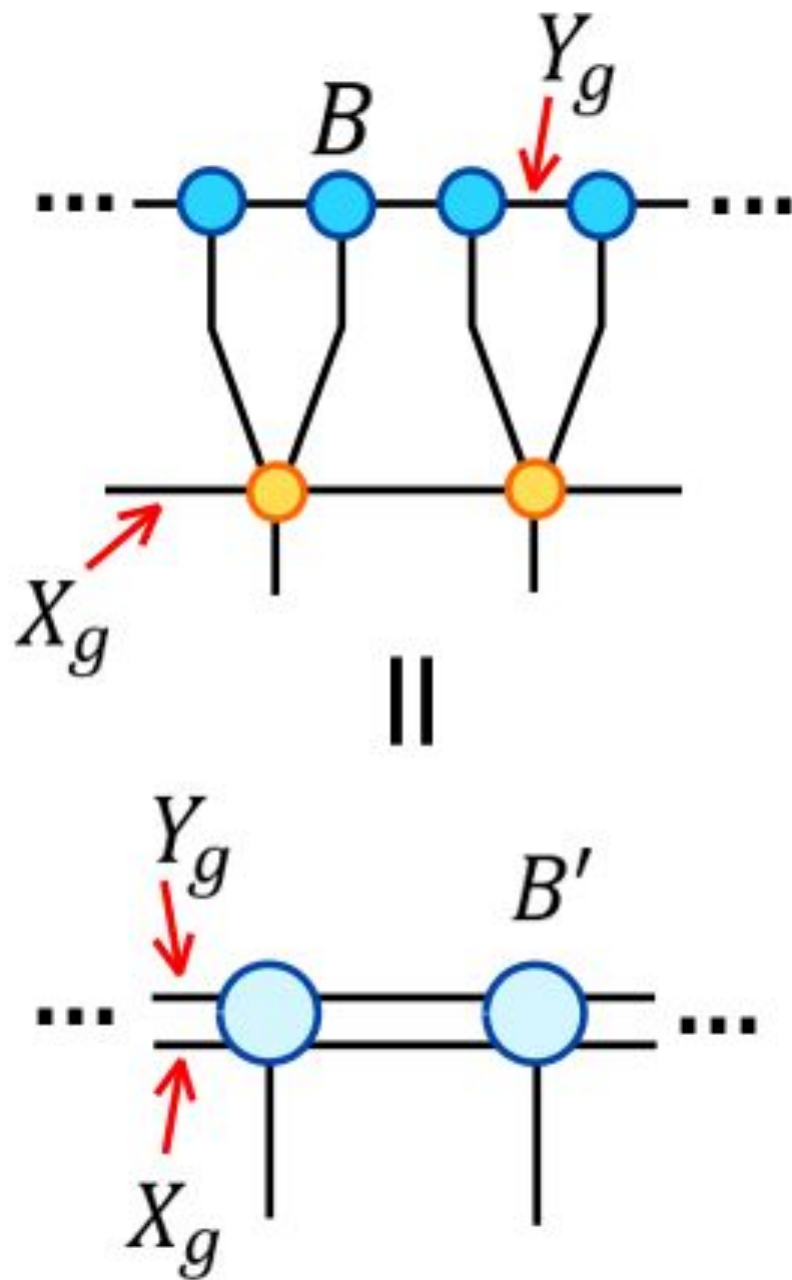
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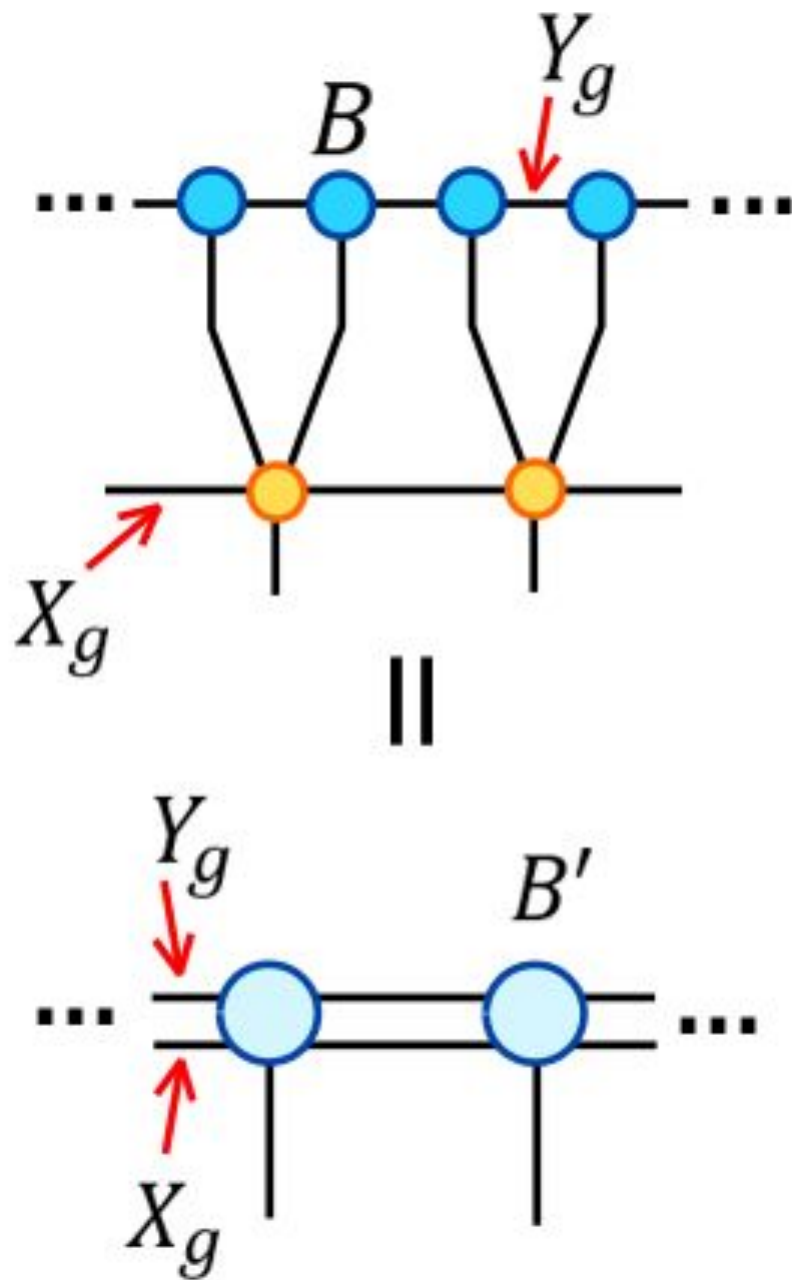
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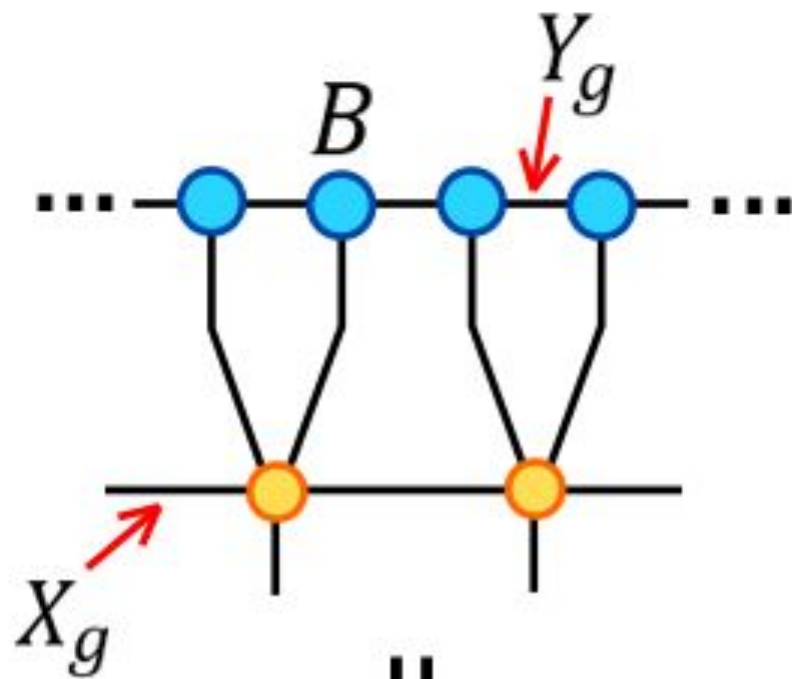
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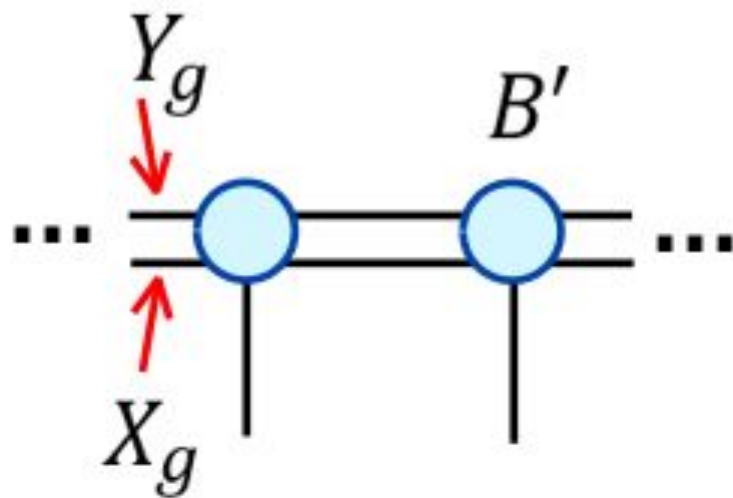
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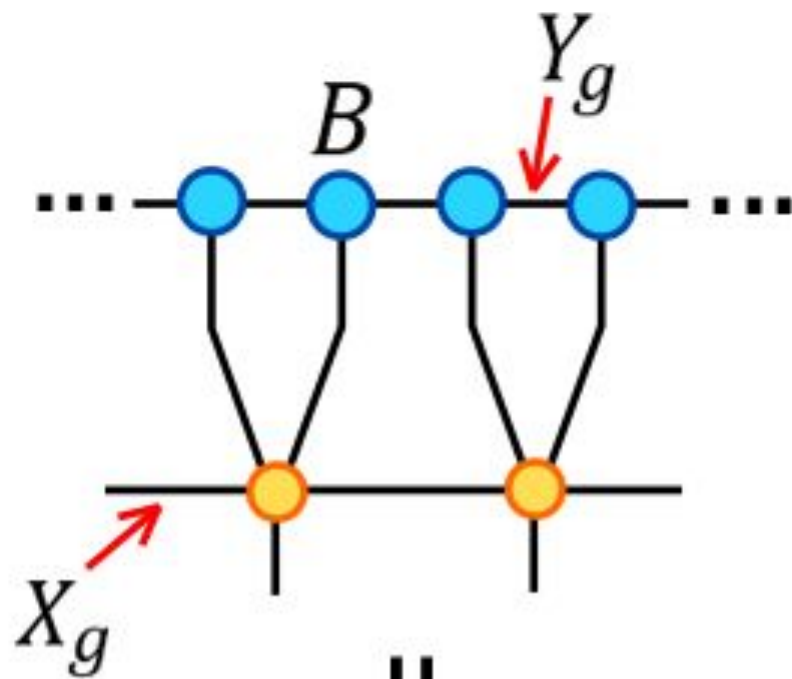
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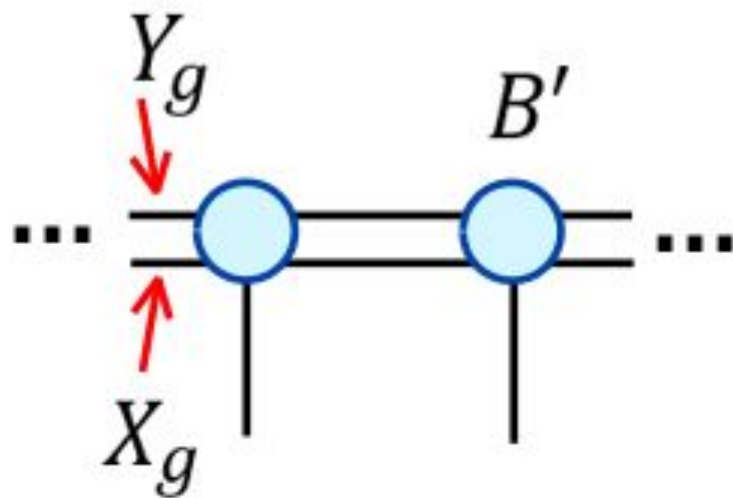
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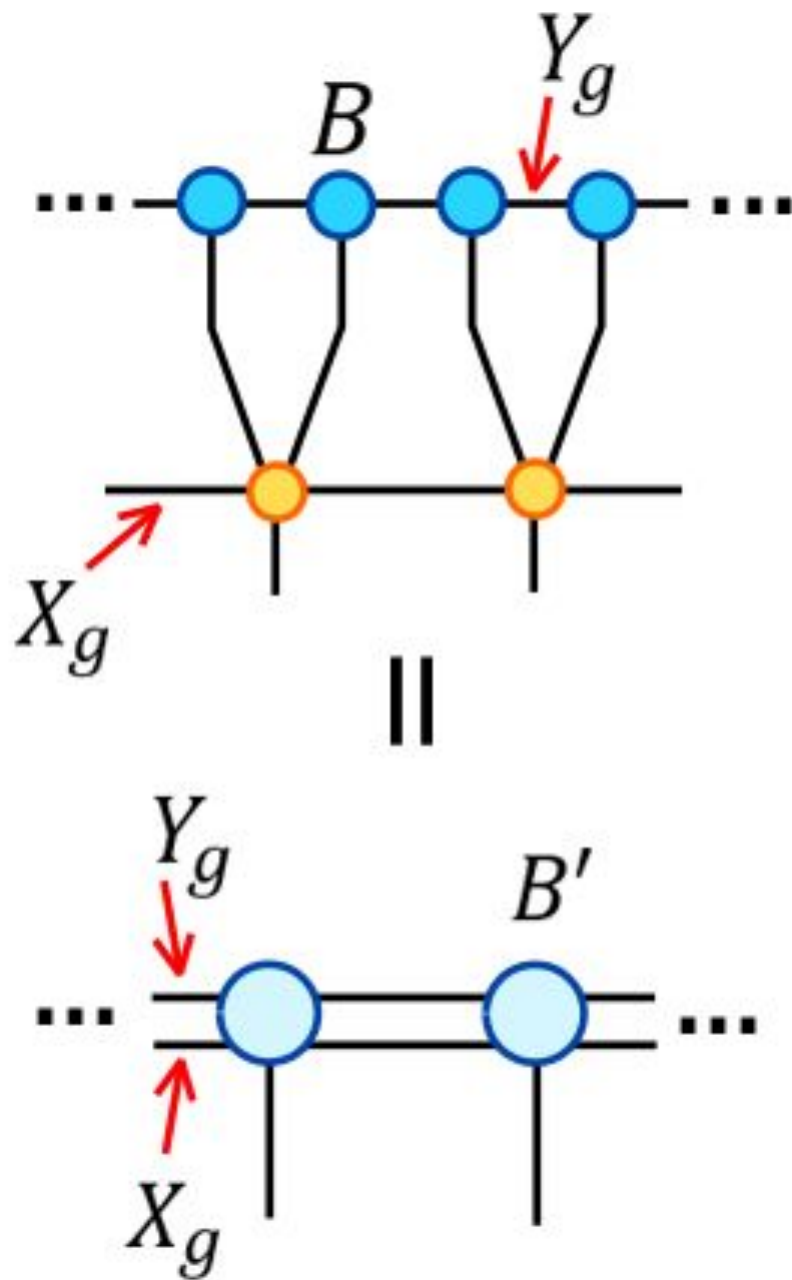


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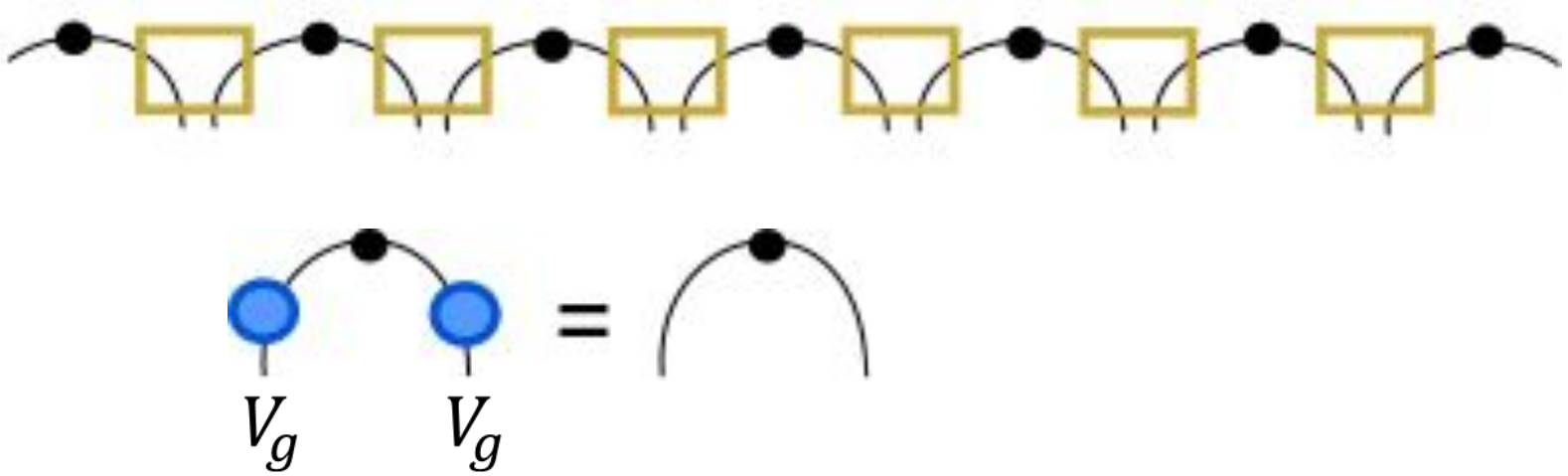
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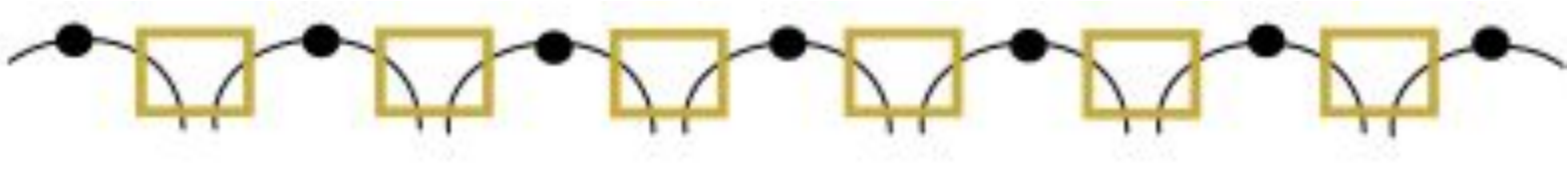
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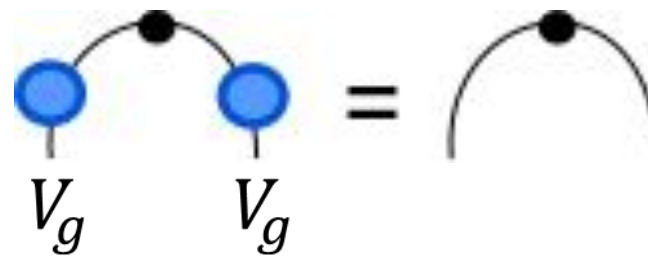
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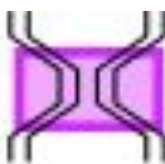
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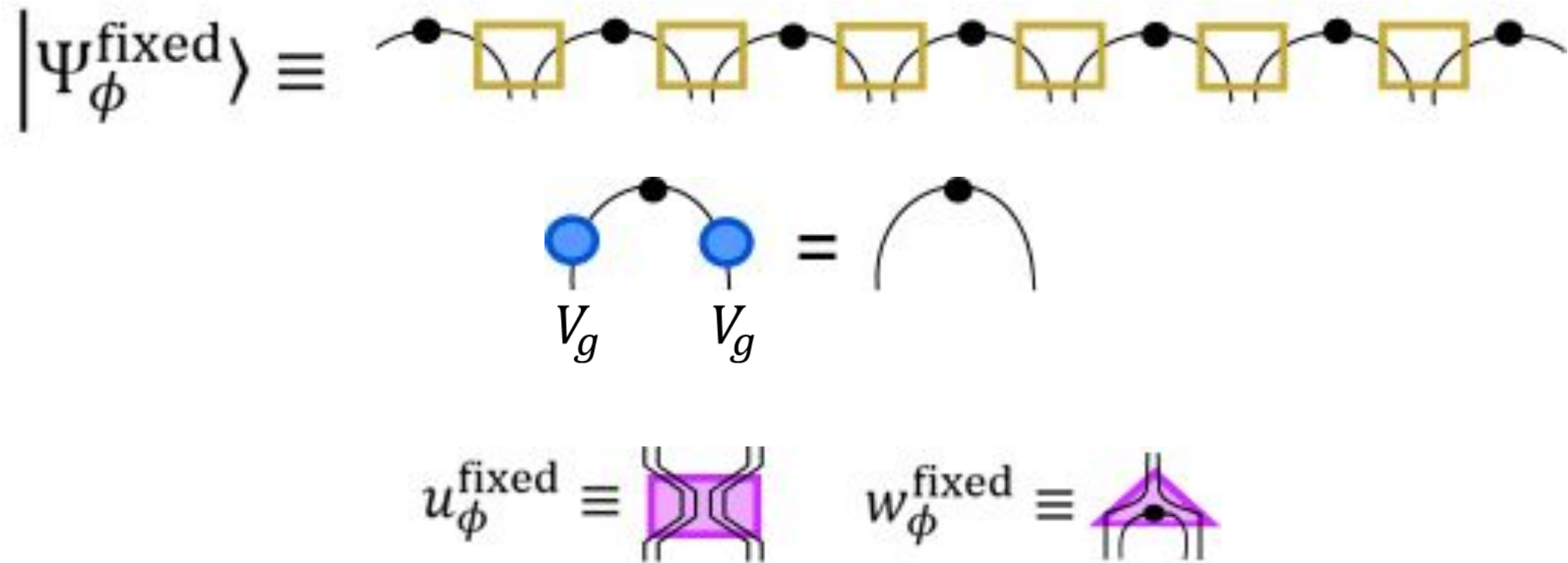


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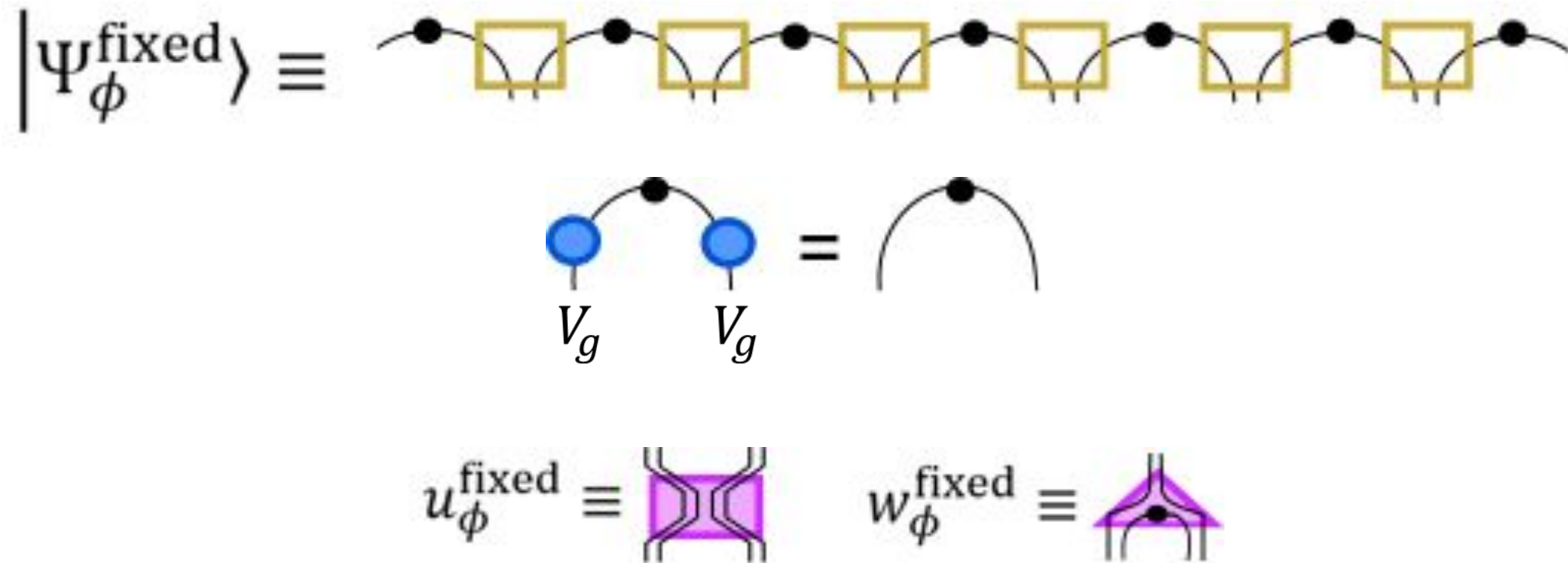
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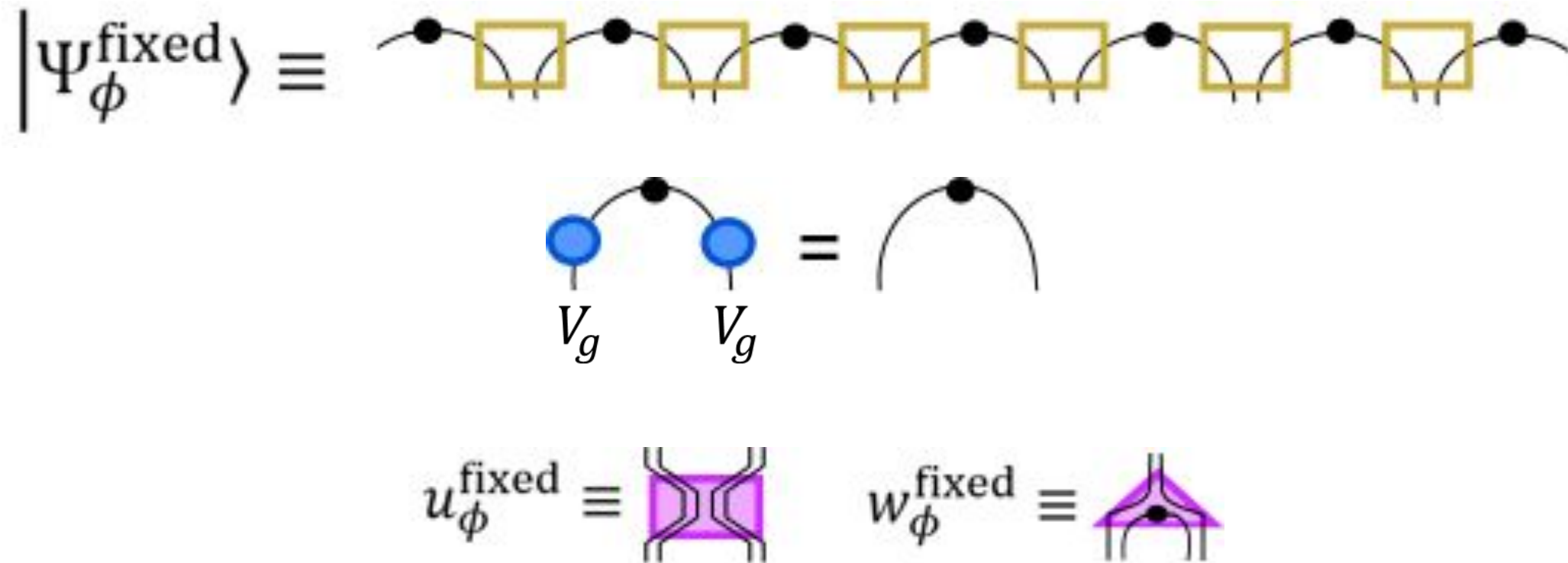
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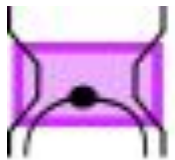
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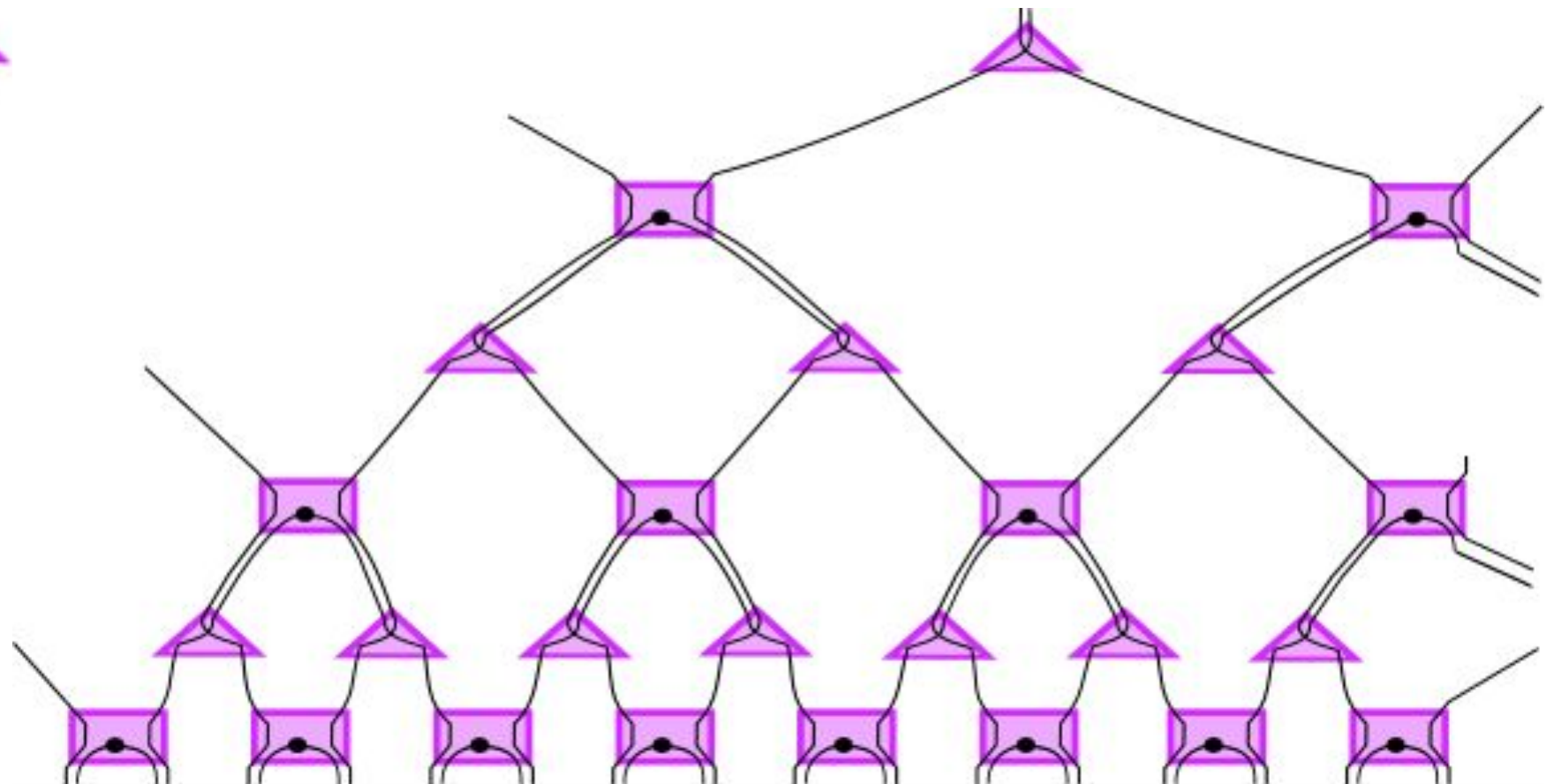


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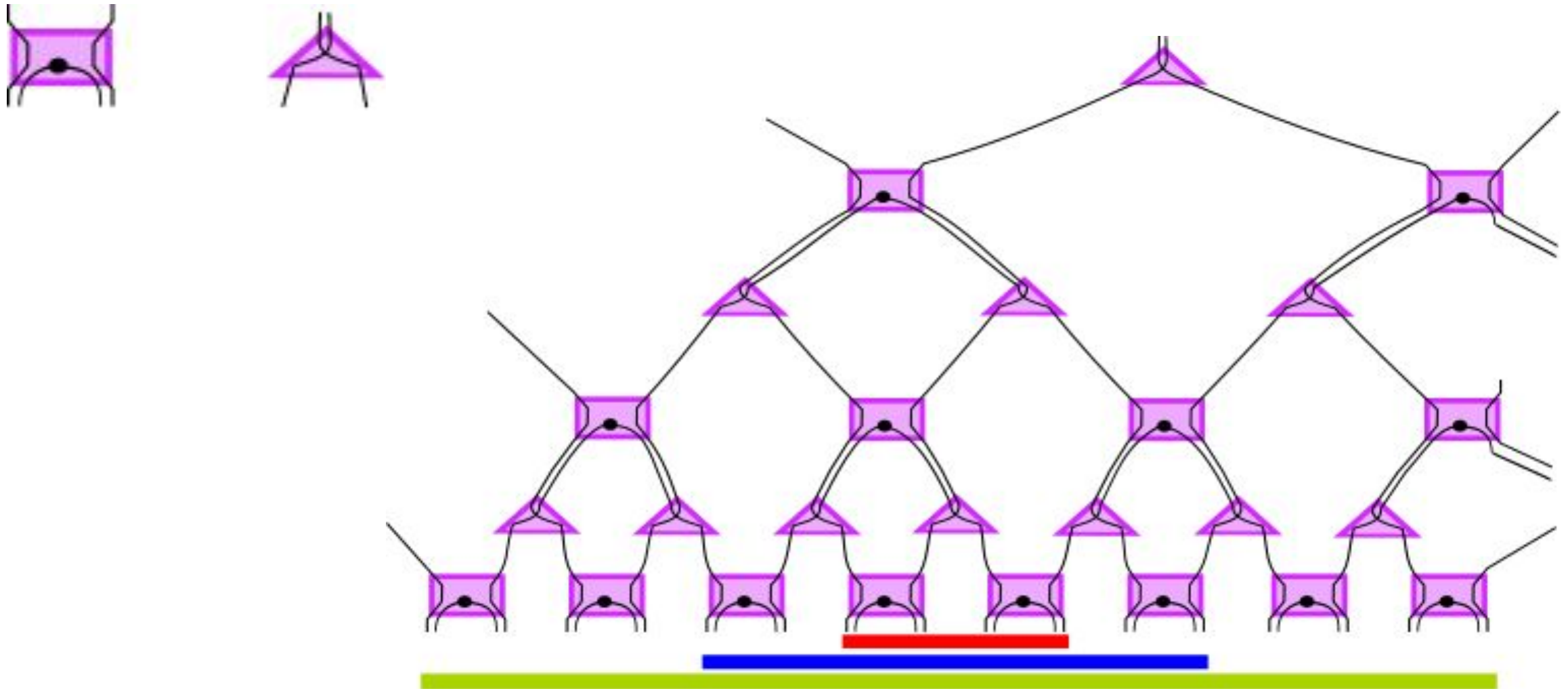


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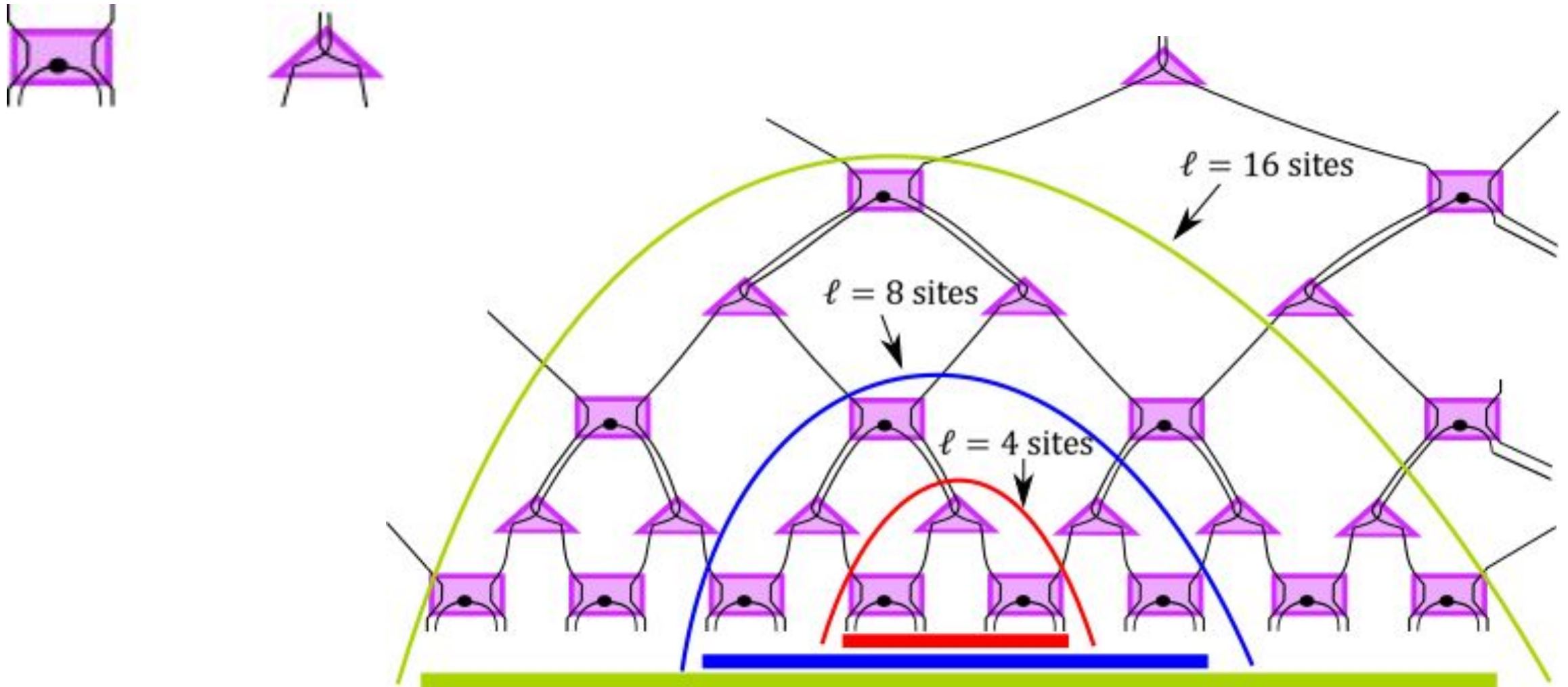


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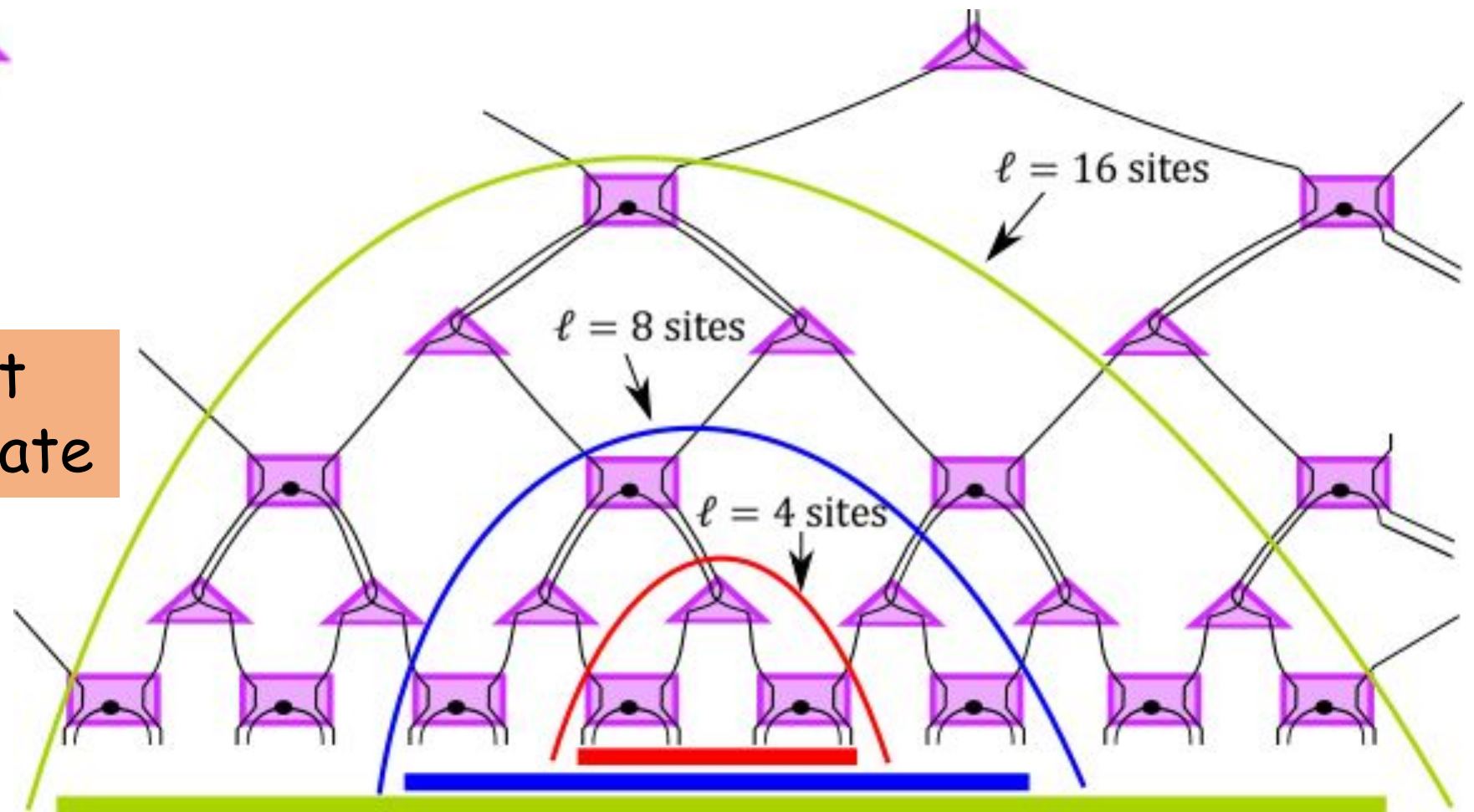


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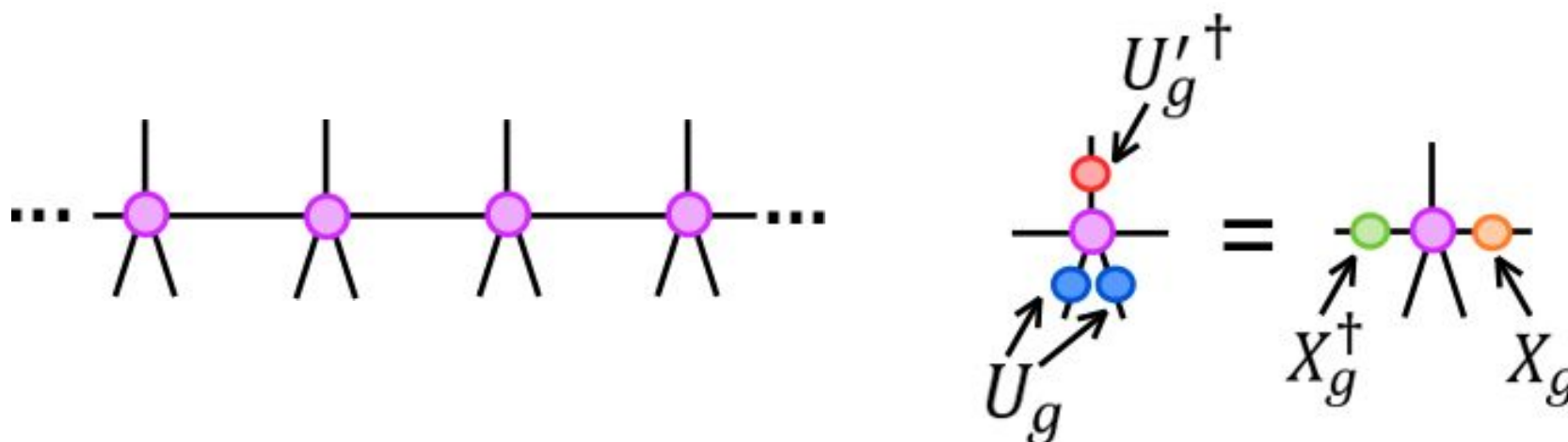
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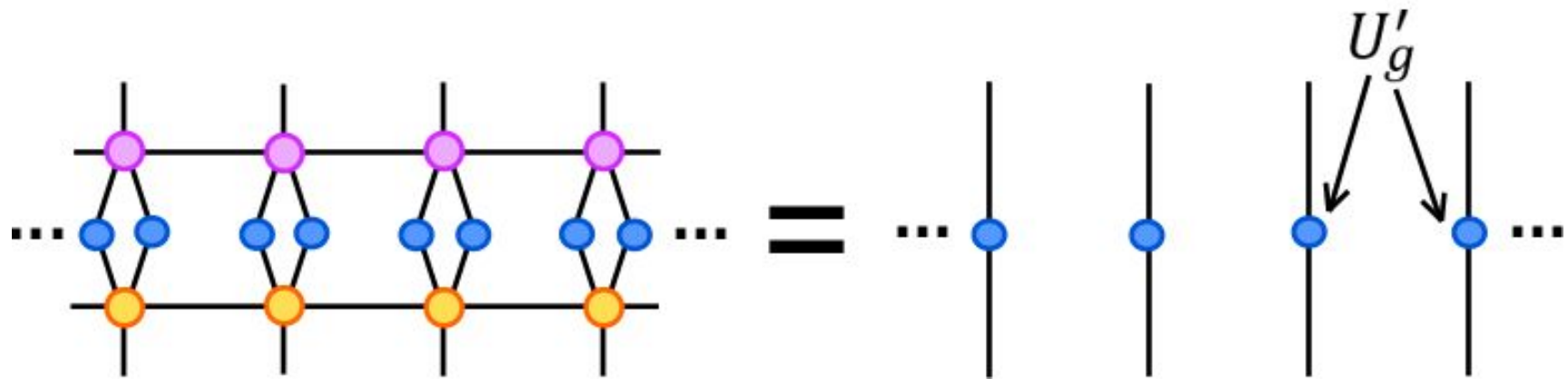
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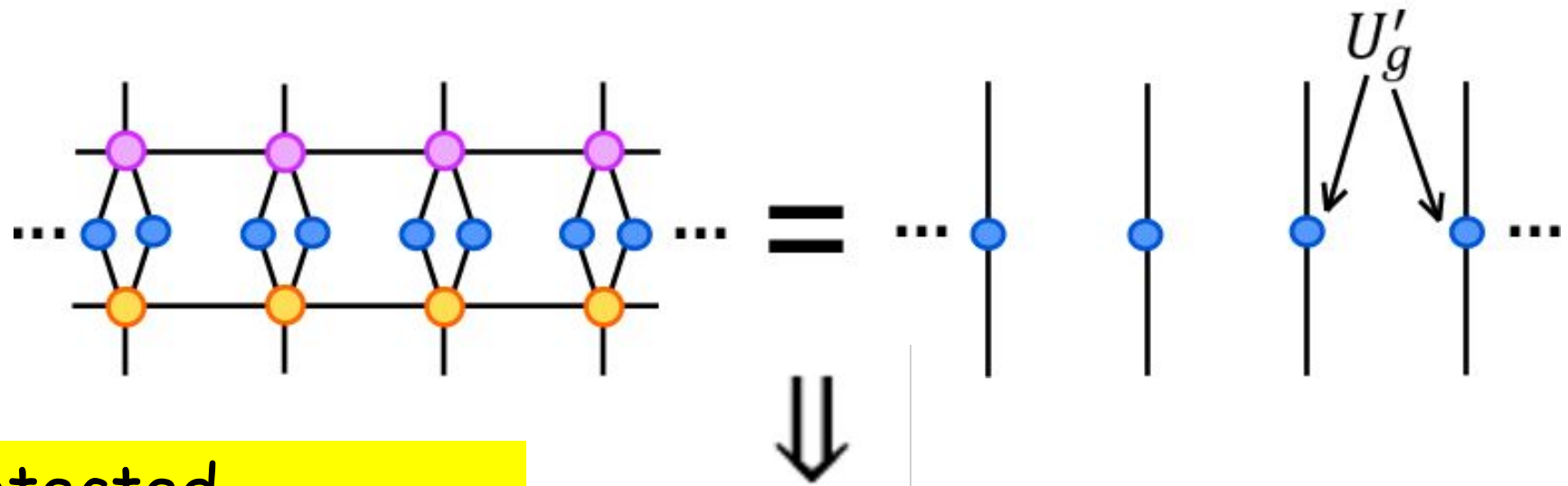


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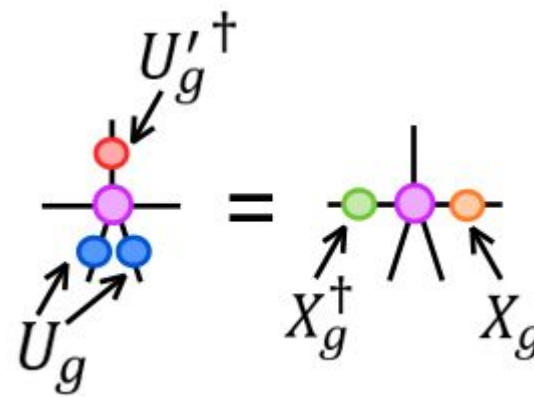


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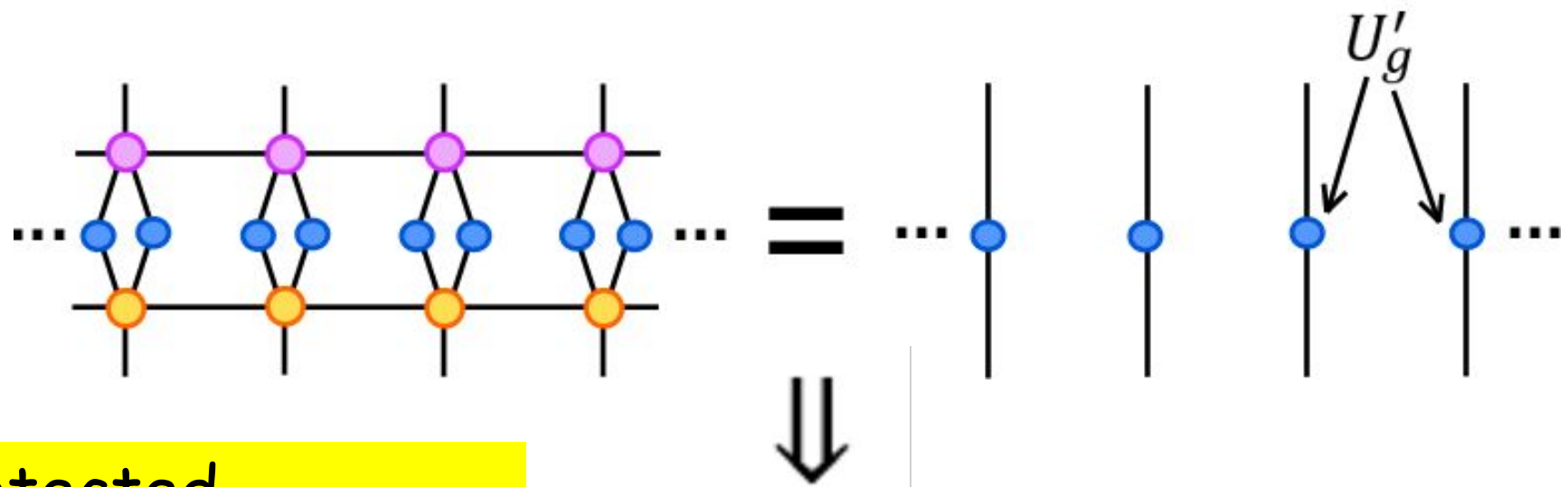


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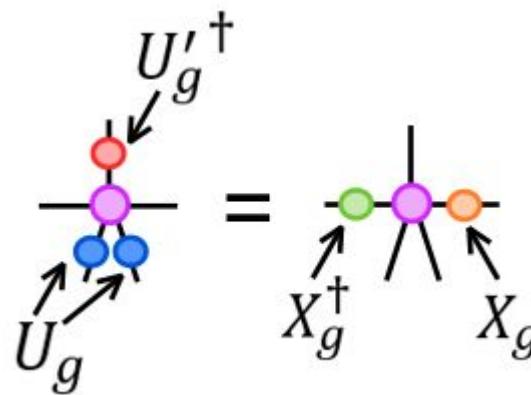


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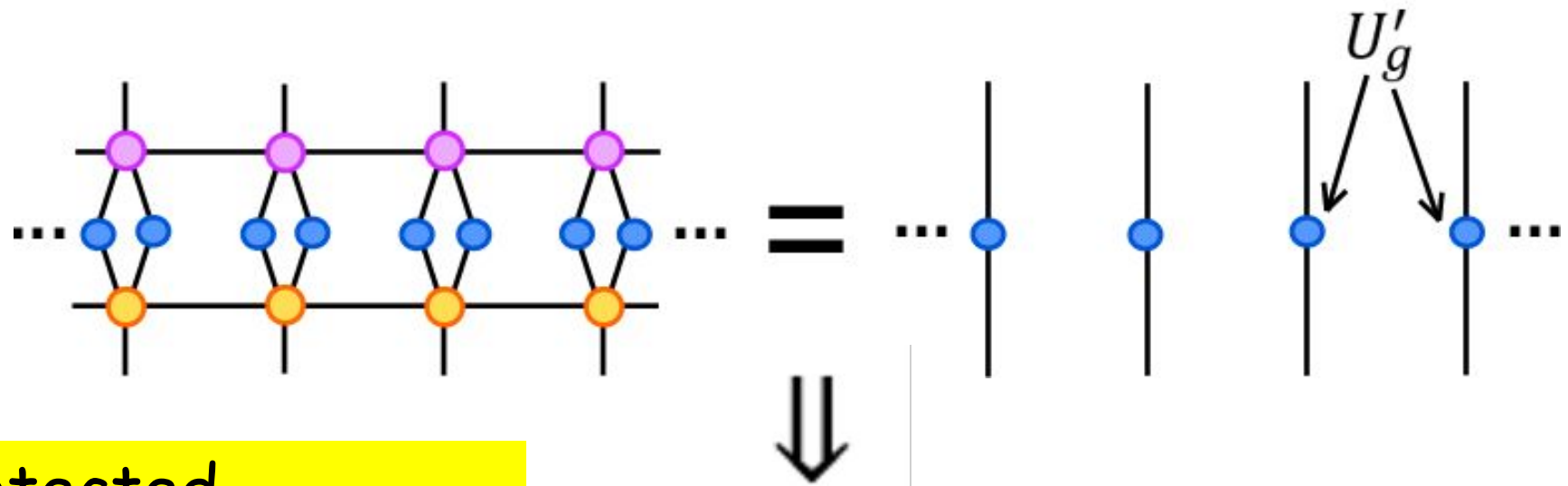
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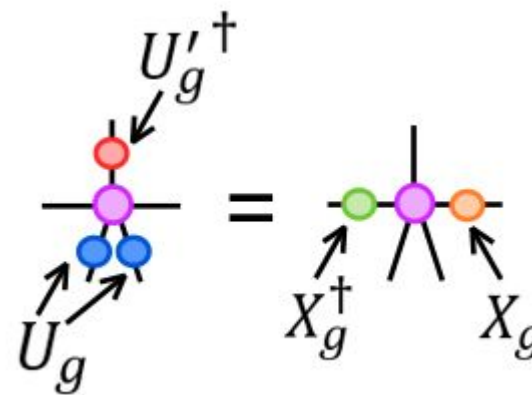
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