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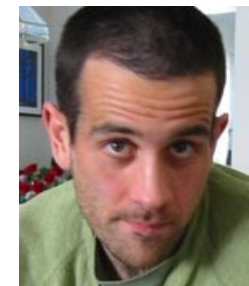
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Fracton and Chern Simons Theory

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Fractonic Chern-Simons and BF theories, You, Devakul, Sondhi, Burnell,
[arXiv:1904.11530](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.11530)

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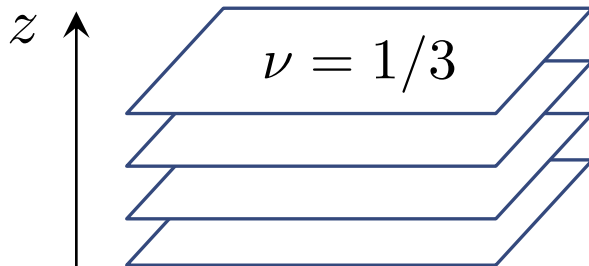
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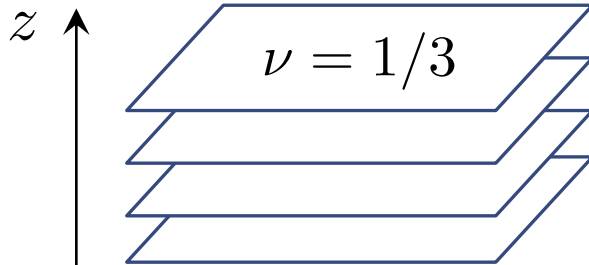


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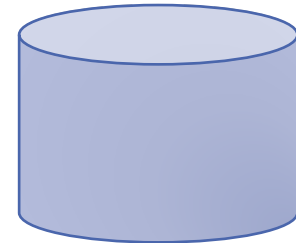
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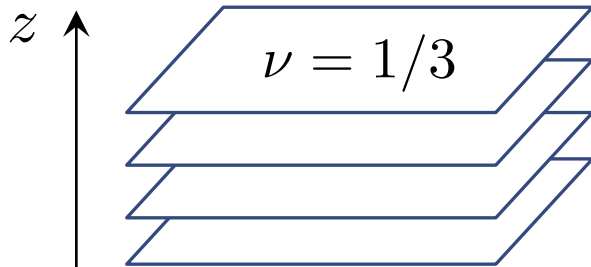


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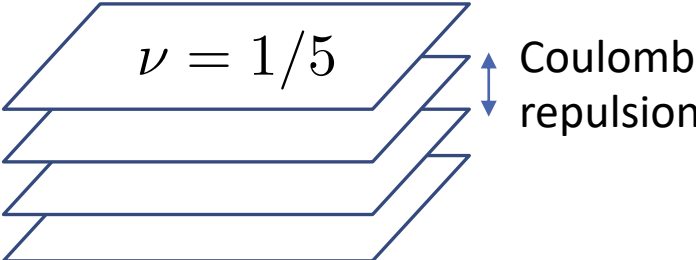
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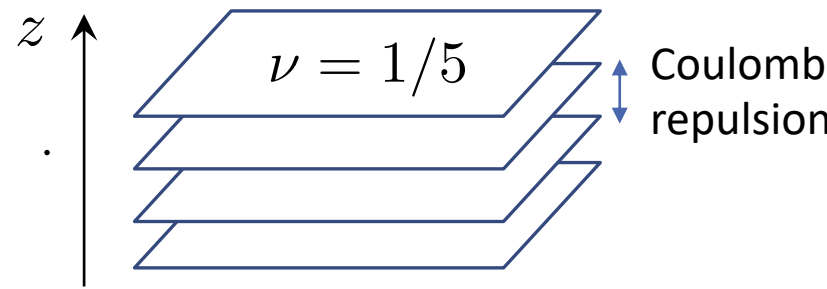


$\nu = 1/5$

Coulomb repulsion

The diagram illustrates a layered system with four horizontal layers. A vertical axis labeled z points upwards. The top layer is labeled with the filling factor $\nu = 1/5$. A double-headed vertical arrow between the top and second layers is labeled "Coulomb repulsion".

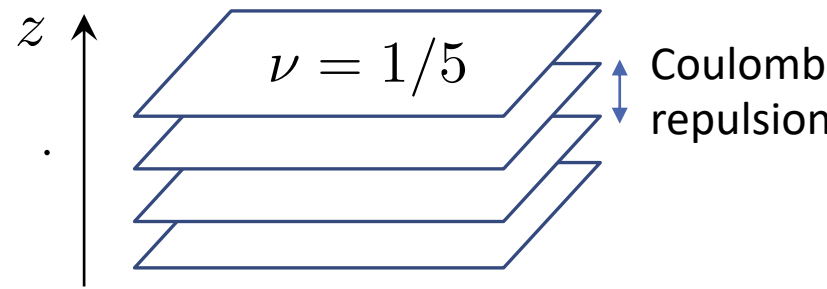
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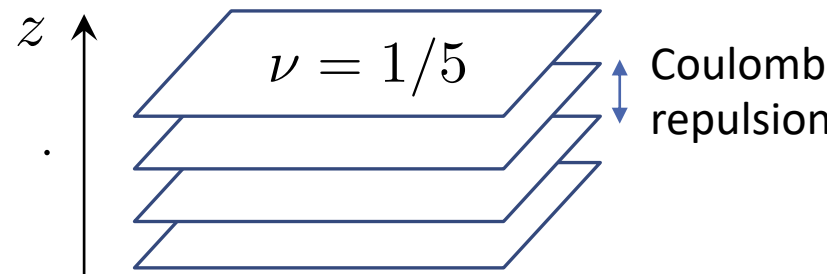
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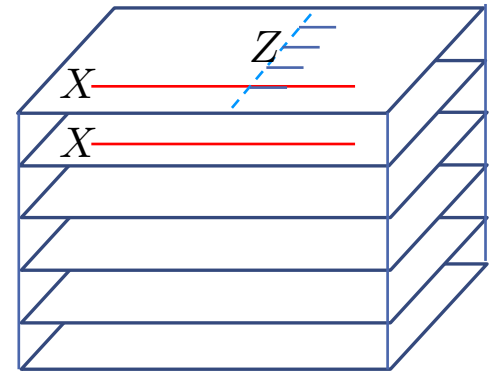
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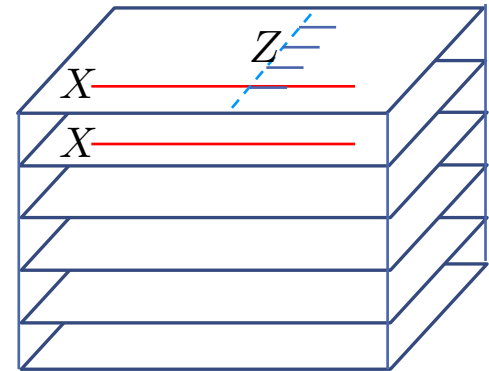
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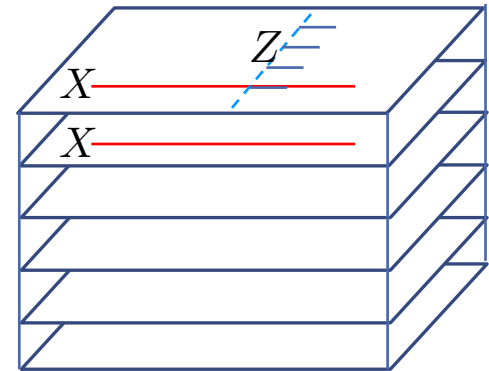


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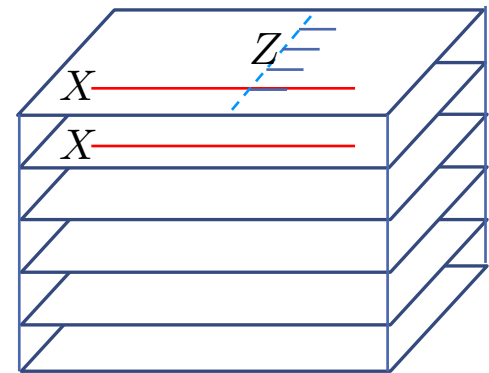
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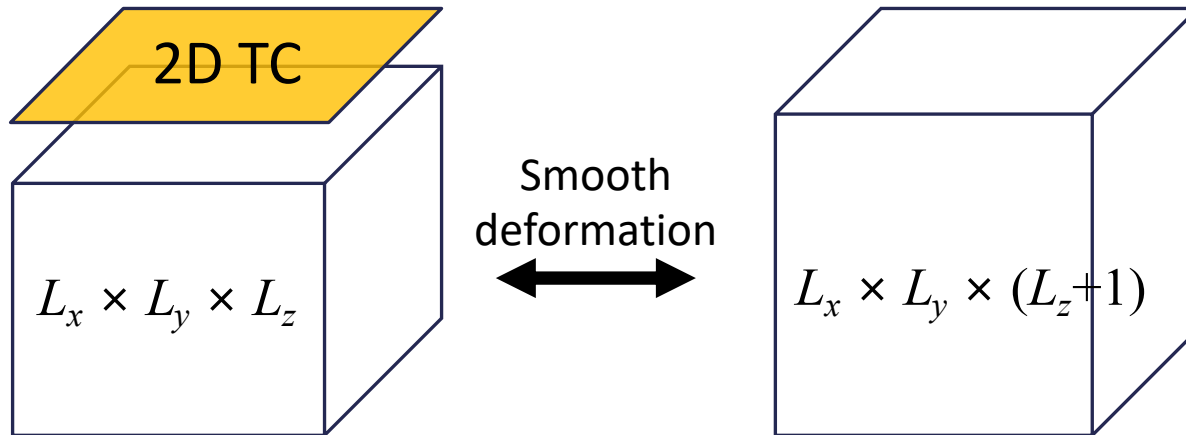
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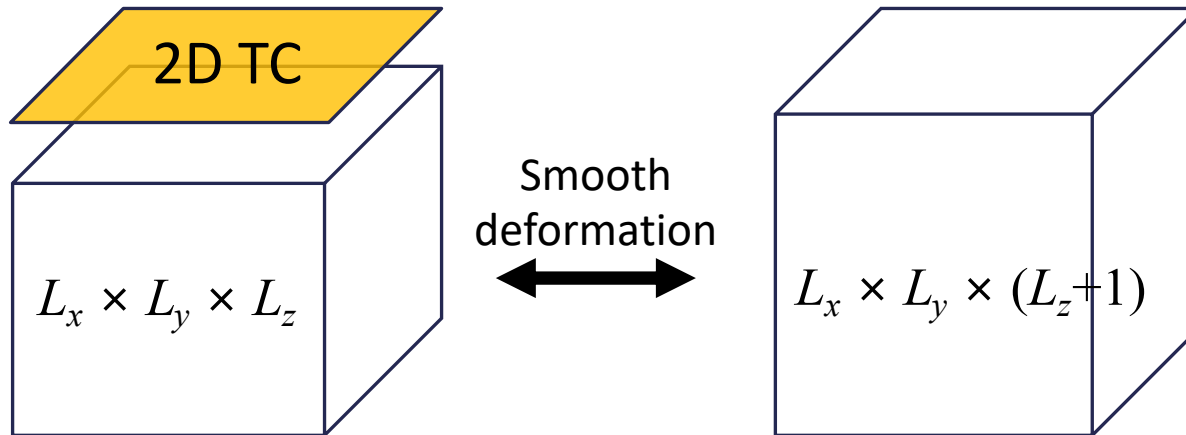
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- Finite order of planons
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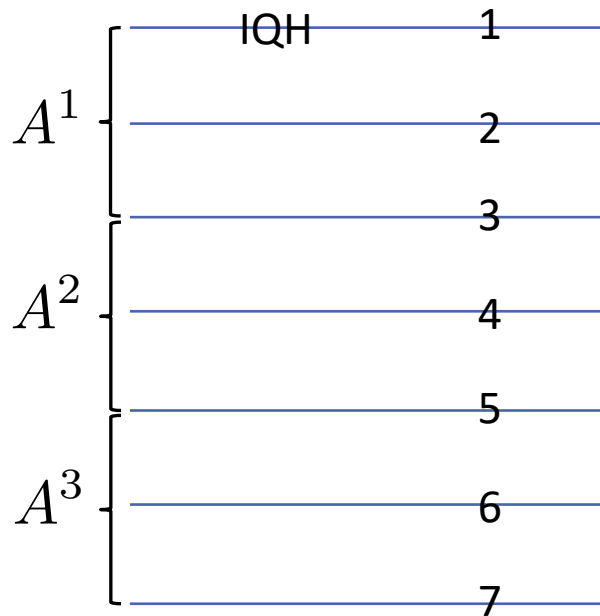
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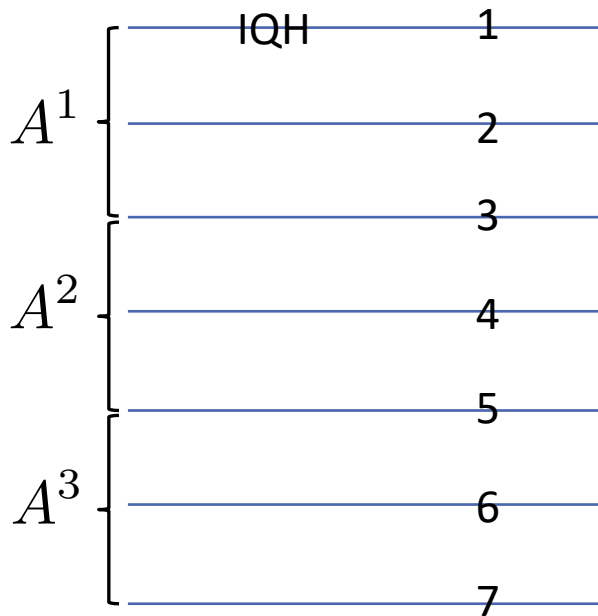
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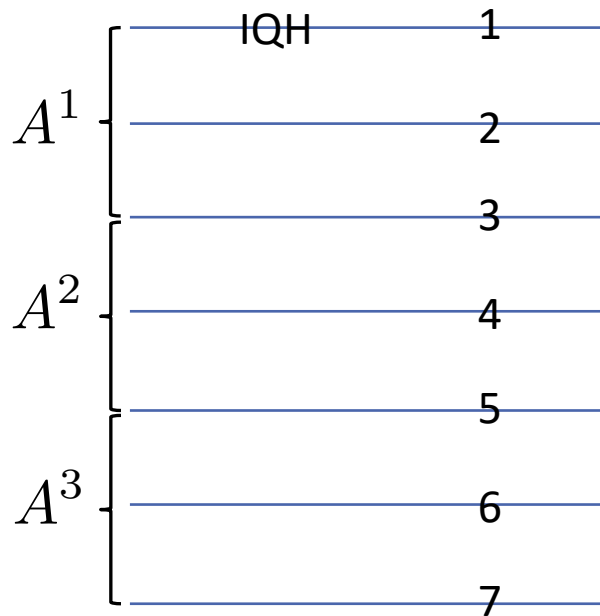
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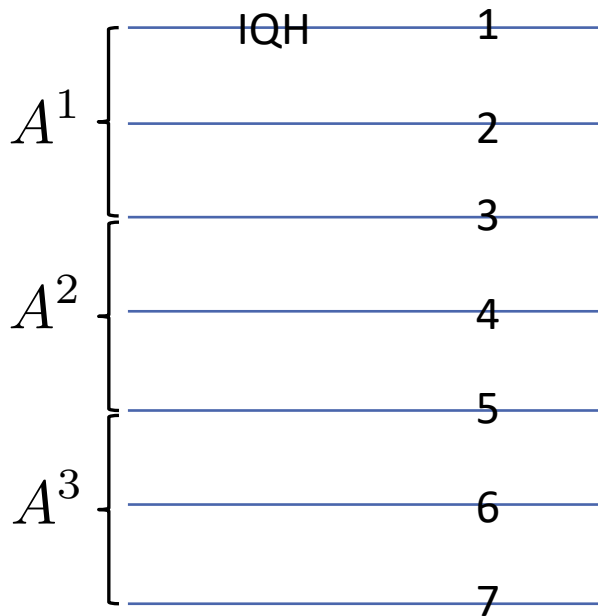
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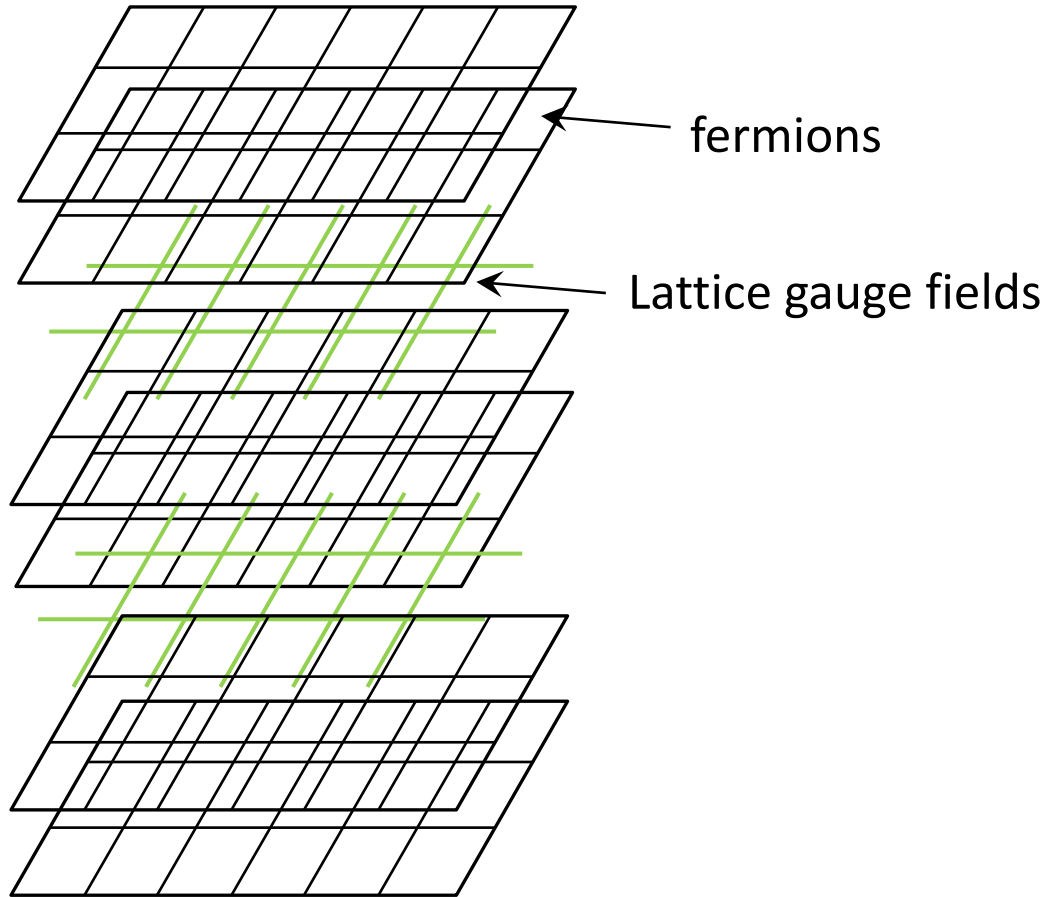
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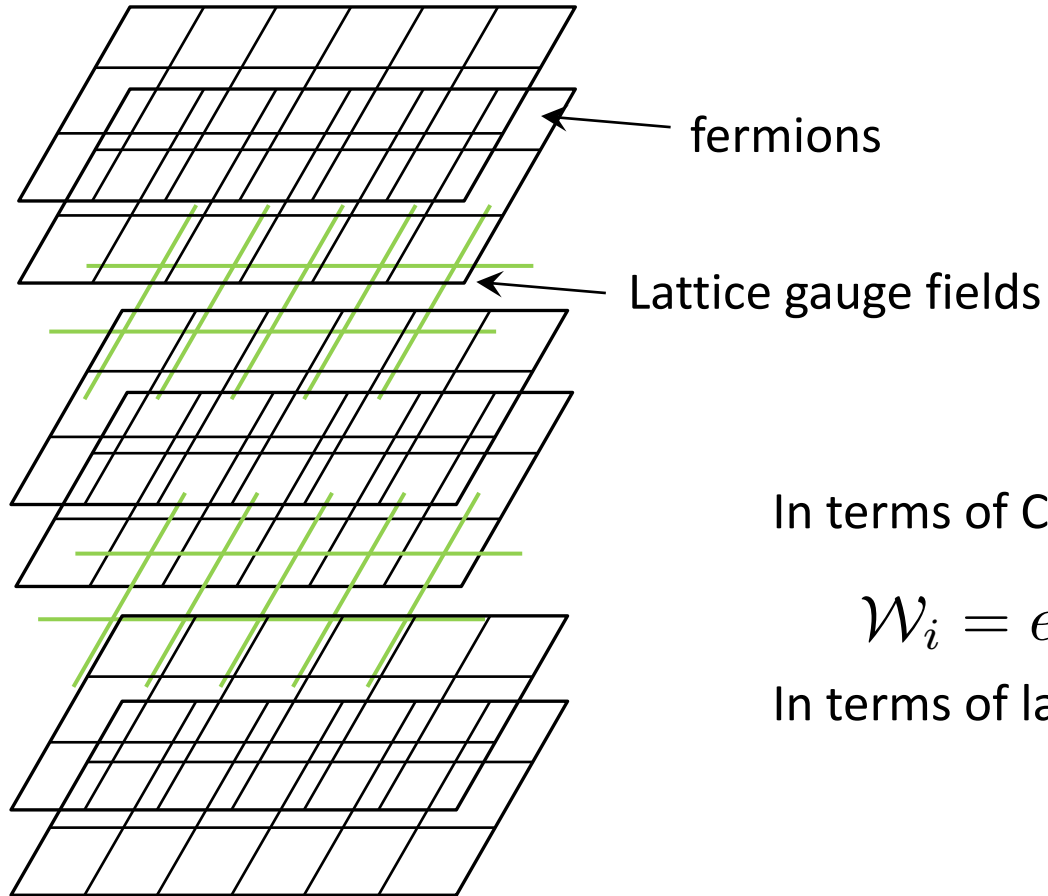
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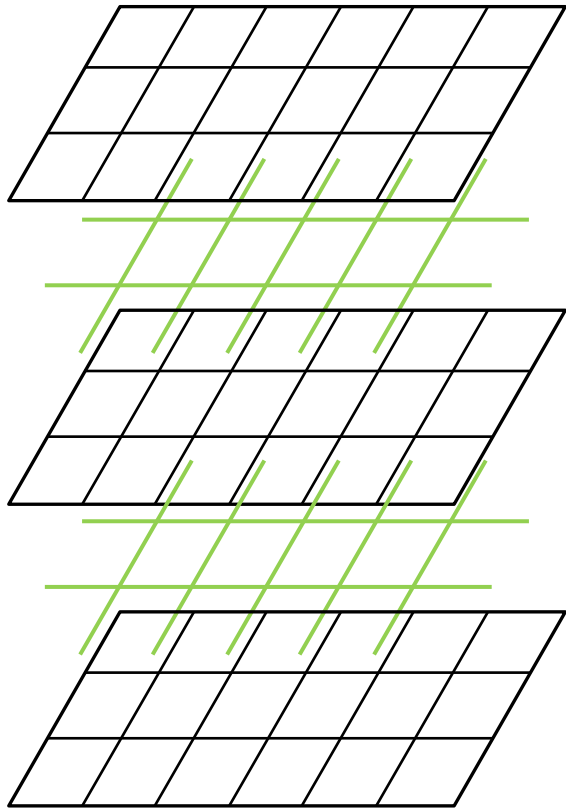


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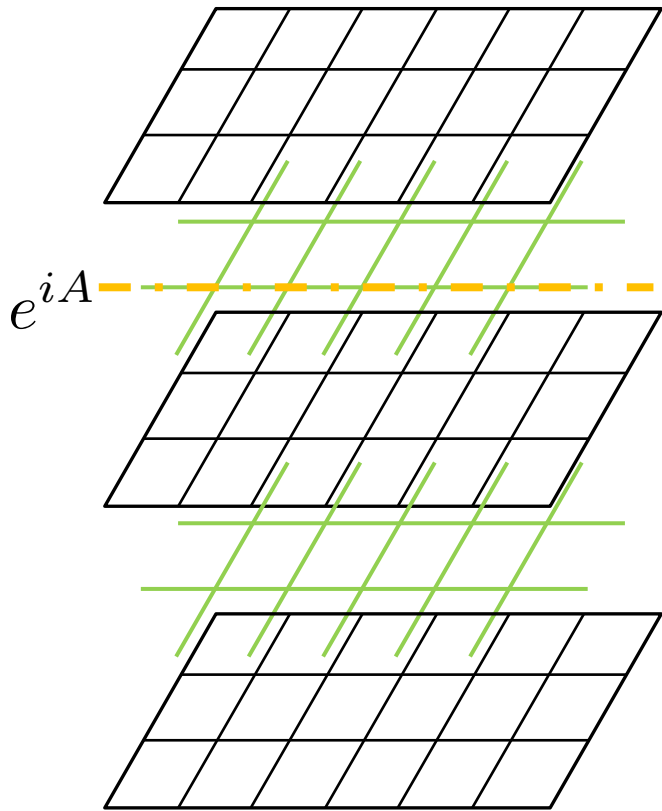
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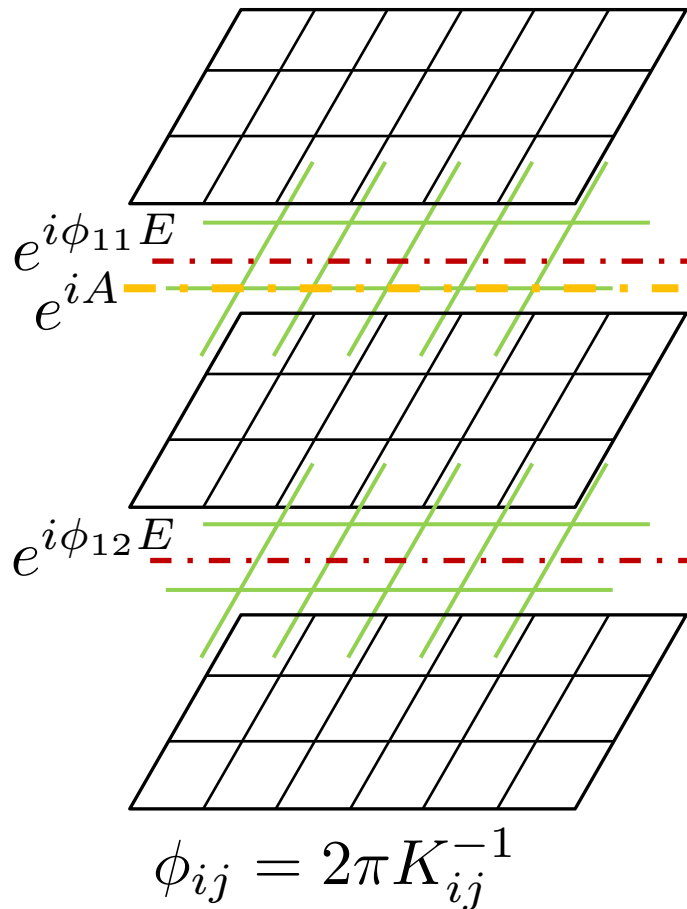


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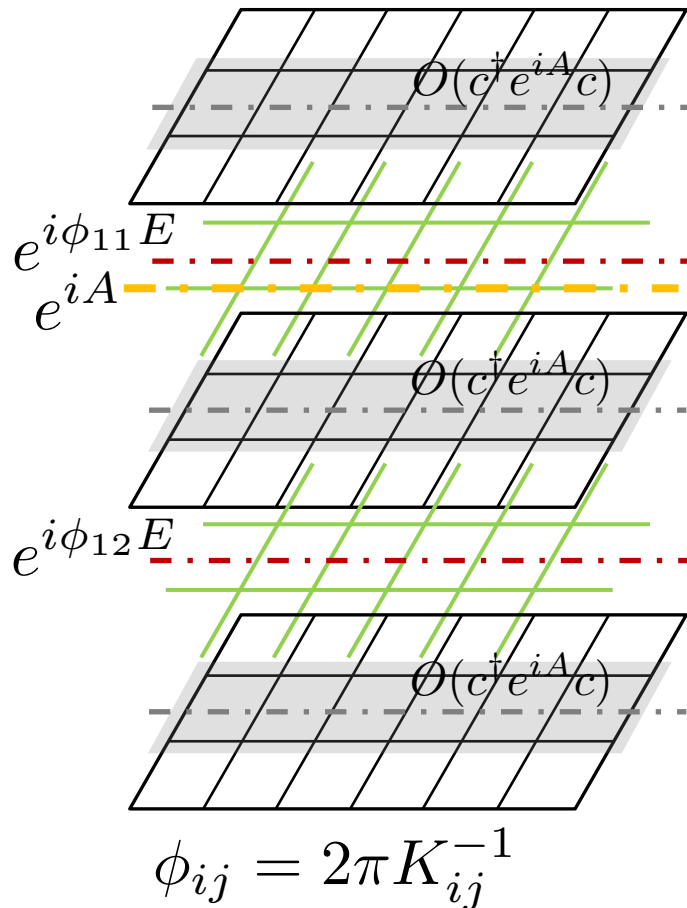


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