

Barrier from Chaos: operator entanglement dynamics from reduced density matrices

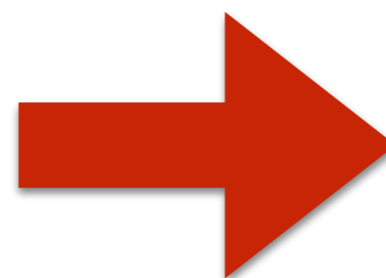
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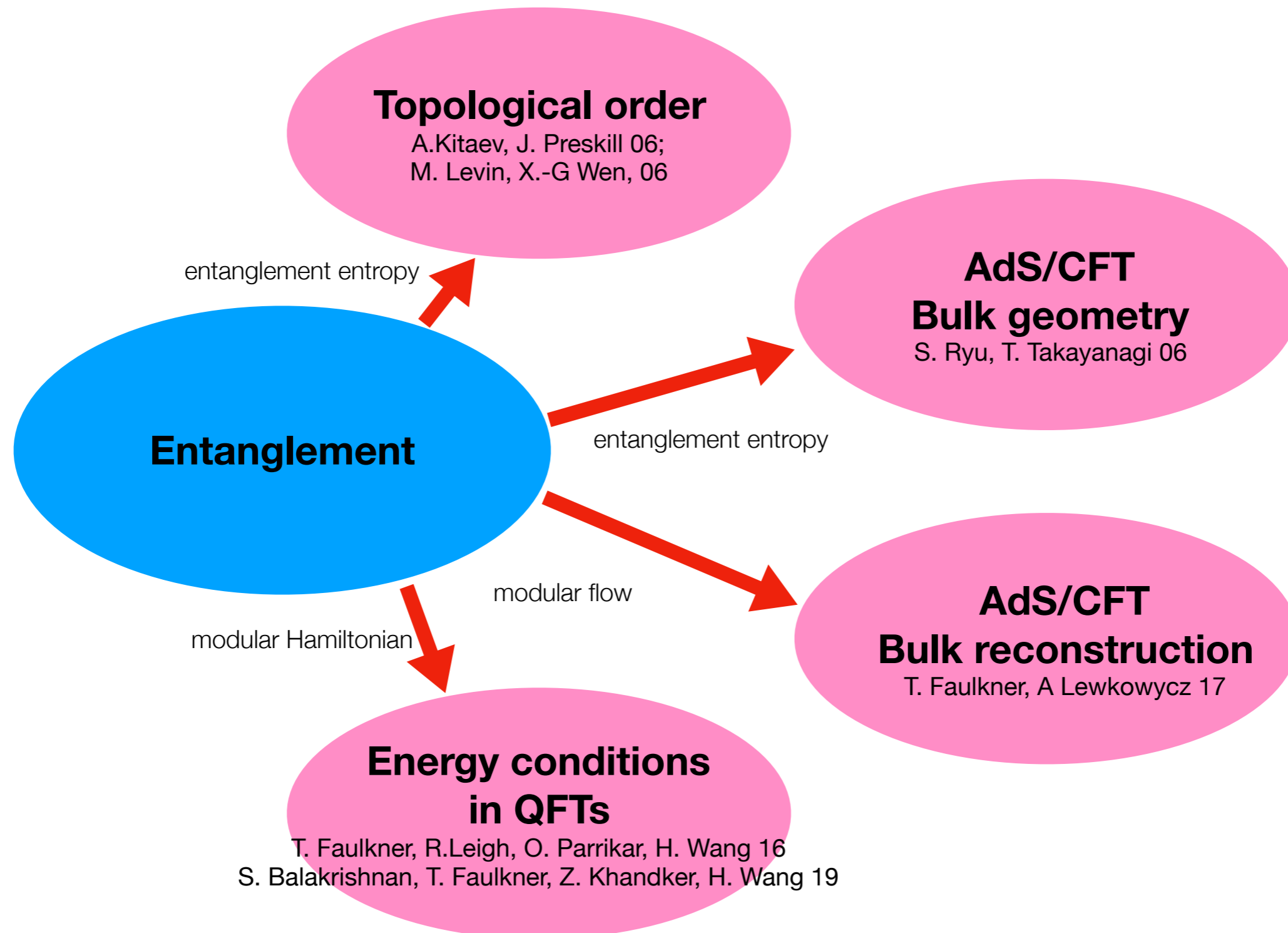
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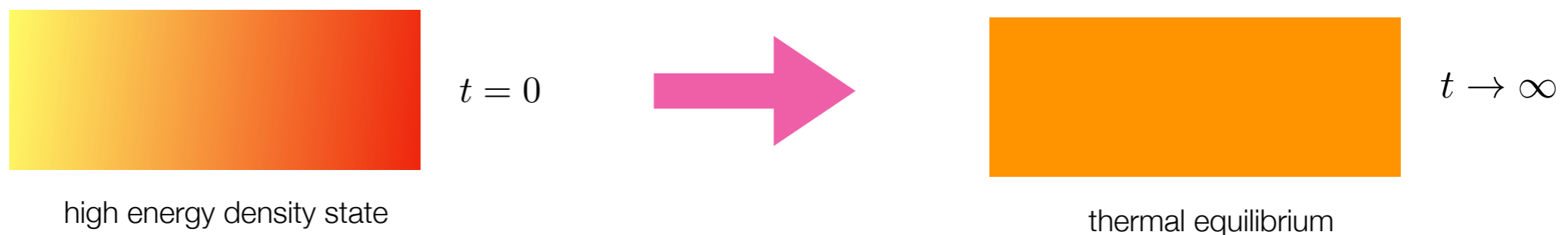


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- Entanglement entropy in dynamical settings
- e.g. thermalization after quench (global or local)
- Universal behavior: growth \rightarrow saturation
- In AdS/CFT – entanglement “tsunami” H. Liu et al (2013)
- For thermo-field-double (TFD) state, probes BH interior T. Hartman et al (2013)



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- In these analysis, the entanglement is defined w.r.t. states
- One can extend definition of entanglement to operators
- Construct the corresponding operator state
- Entanglement between subsystems in the operator state
- Examples: unitary evolution operator, etc
- We are interested in the dynamics of operator entanglement

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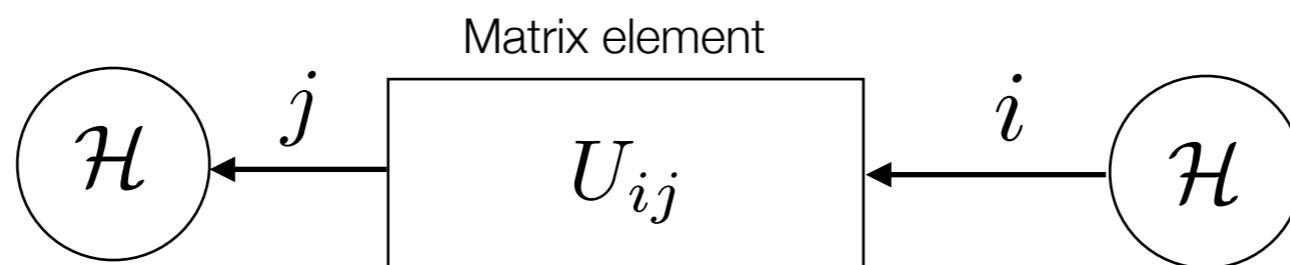
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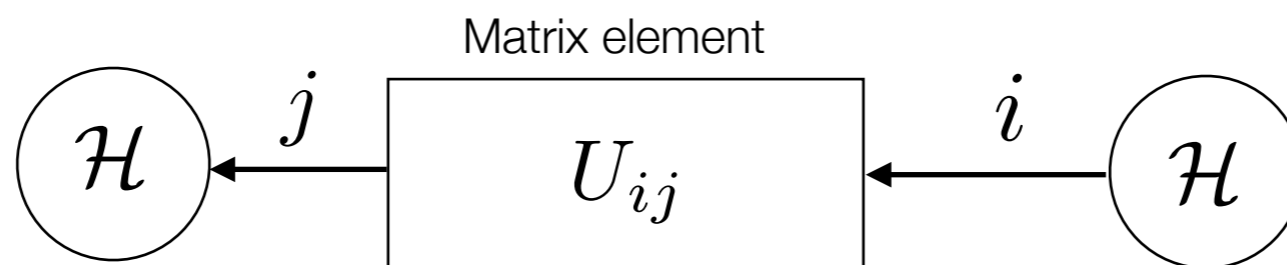
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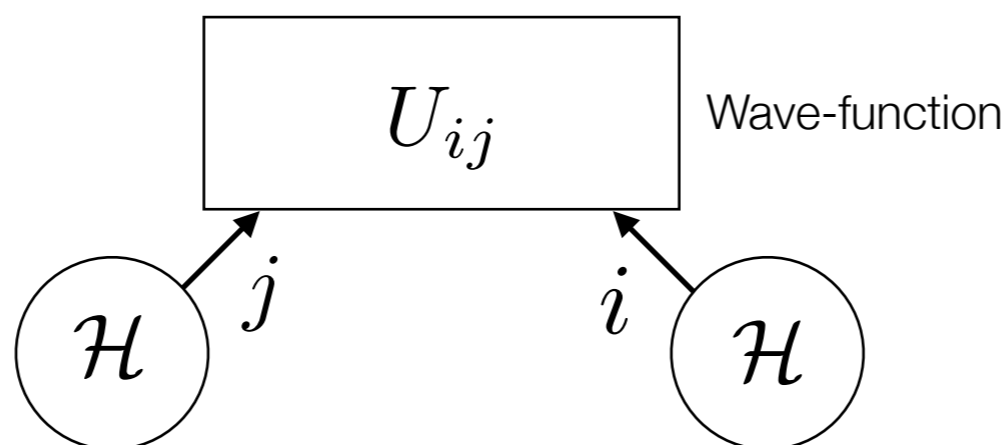


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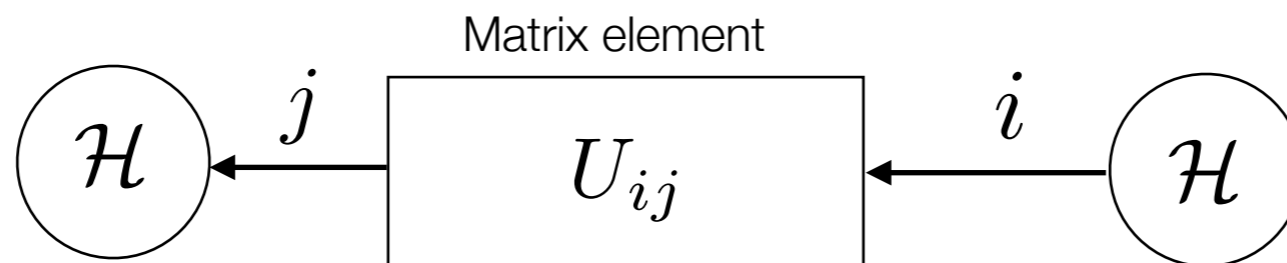


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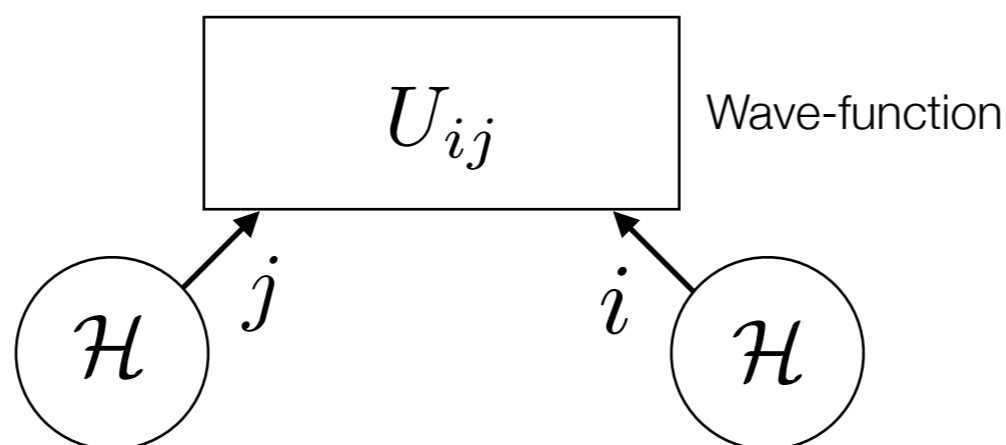


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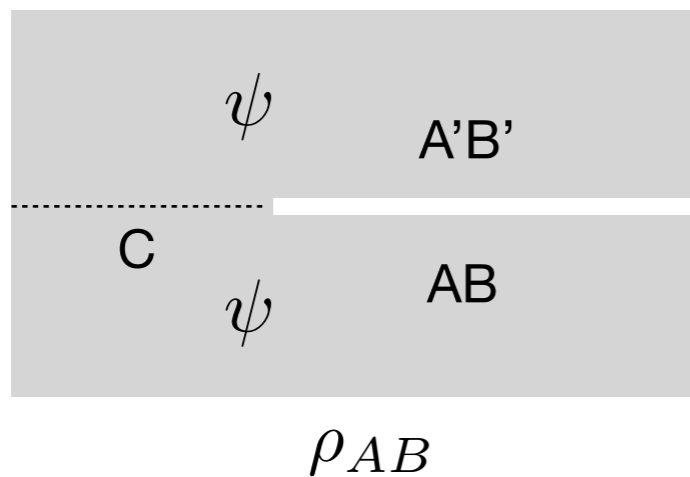


Operator state: $|U\rangle = \frac{1}{\text{tr}(UU^\dagger)} \sum_{ij} U_{ij} |i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle$

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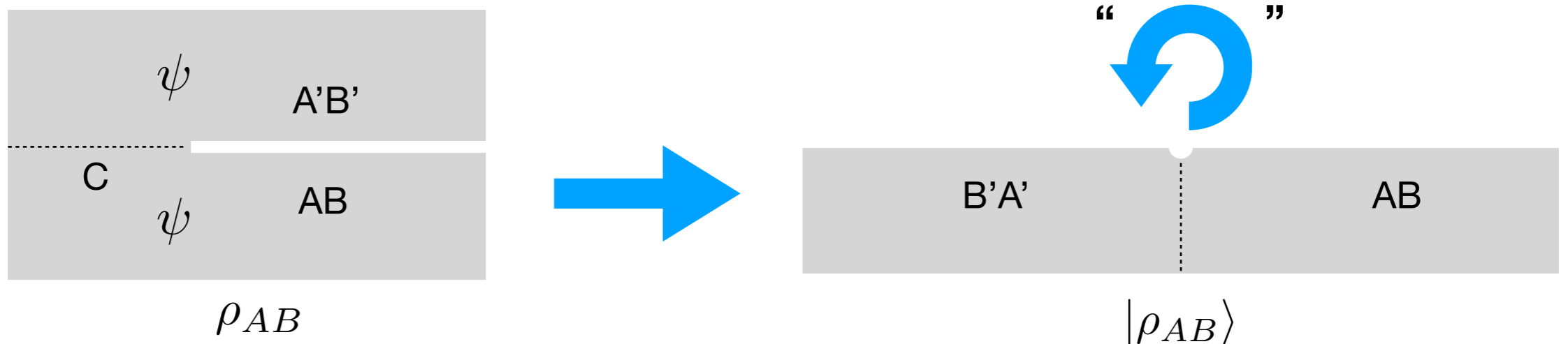
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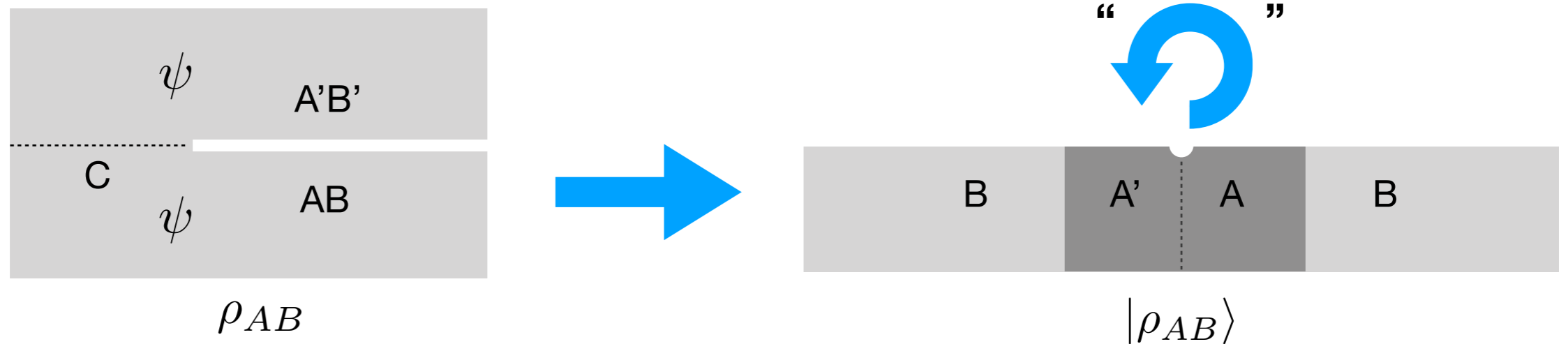
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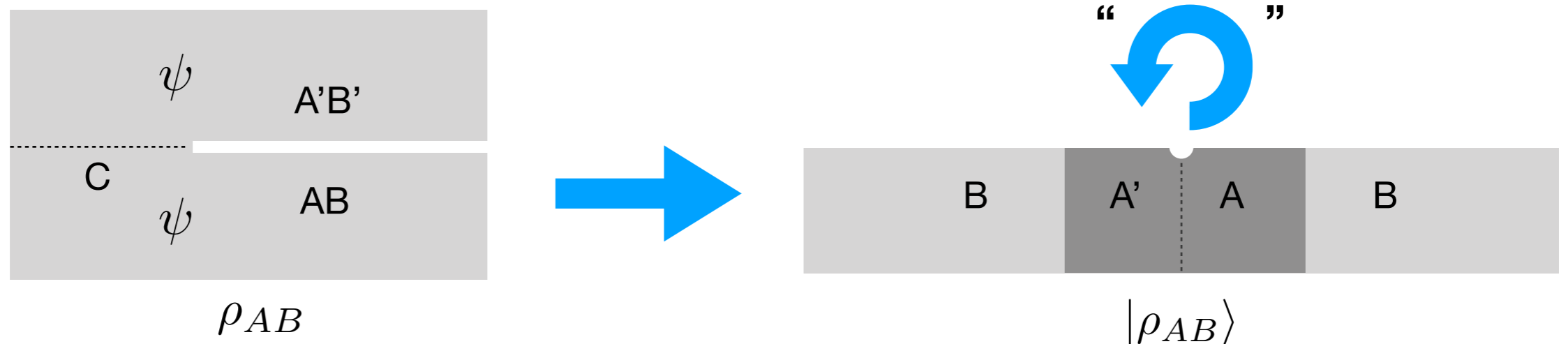


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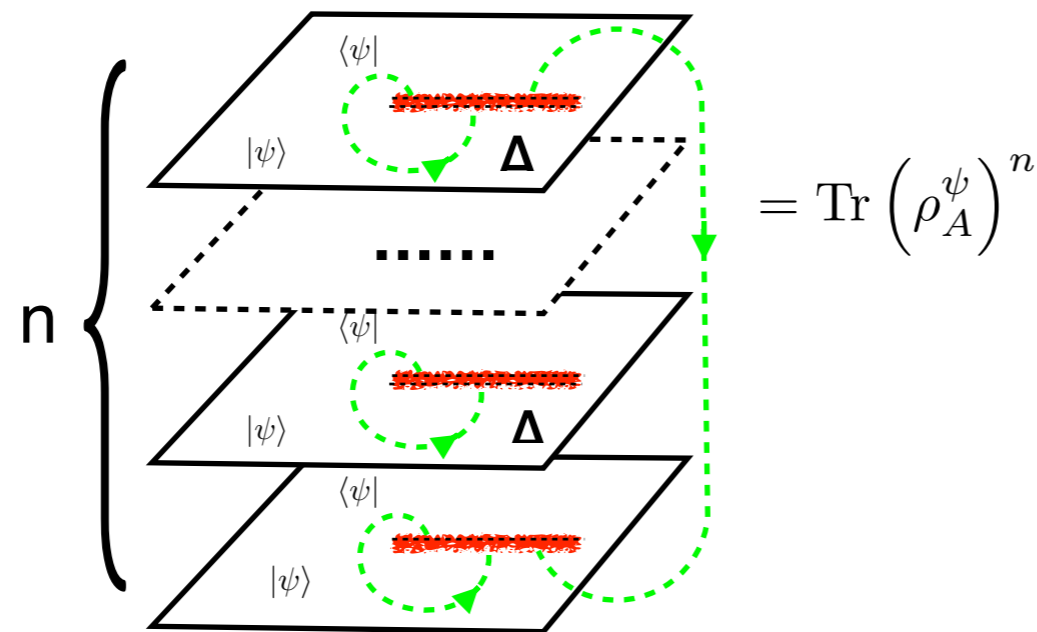
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Replica trick (quick recap)

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- Partition function on a branched manifold (replica)
- Can be generalized to computing operator entanglement
- More complicated replica structure

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- Examine this question in 3 classes of models, varying in chaoticity

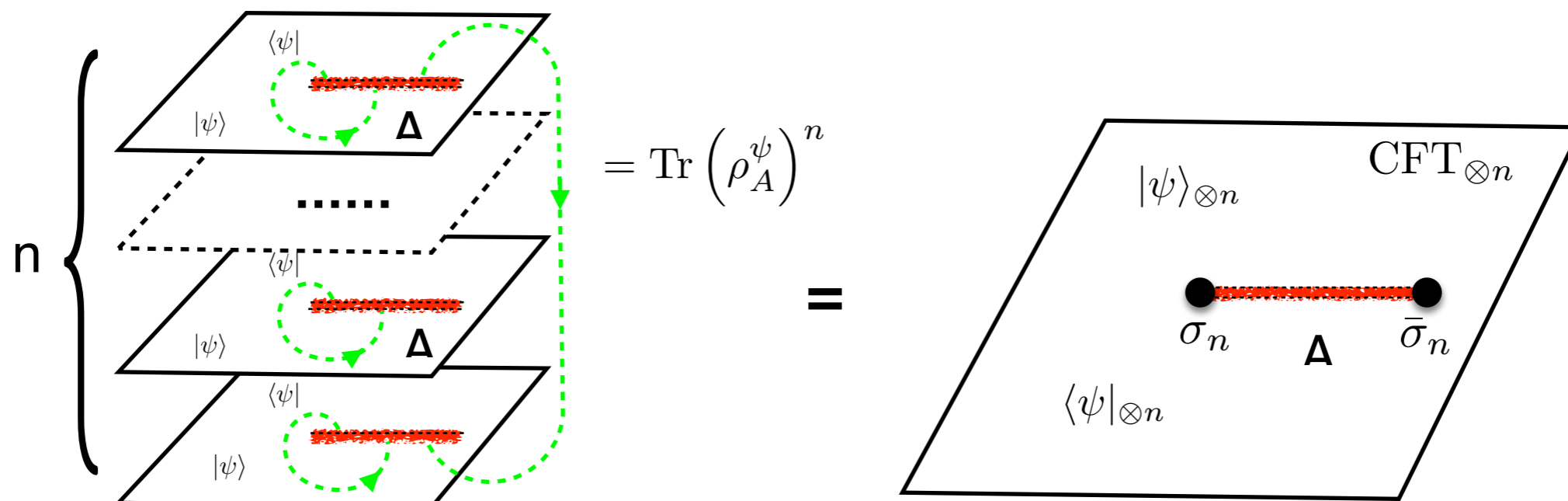
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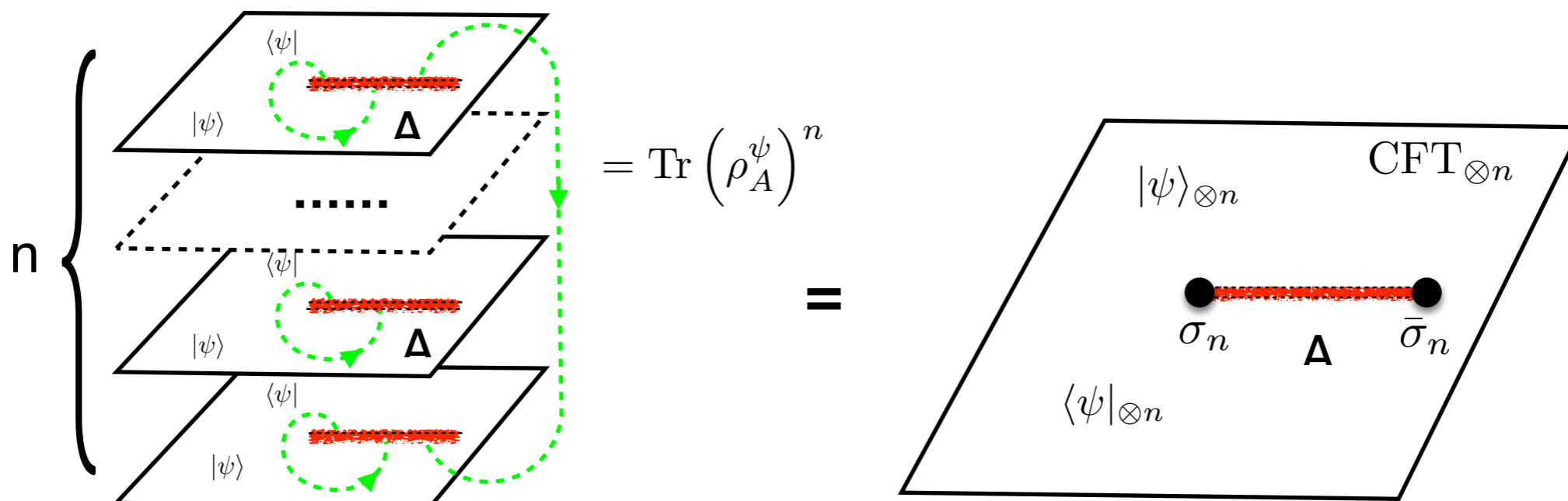


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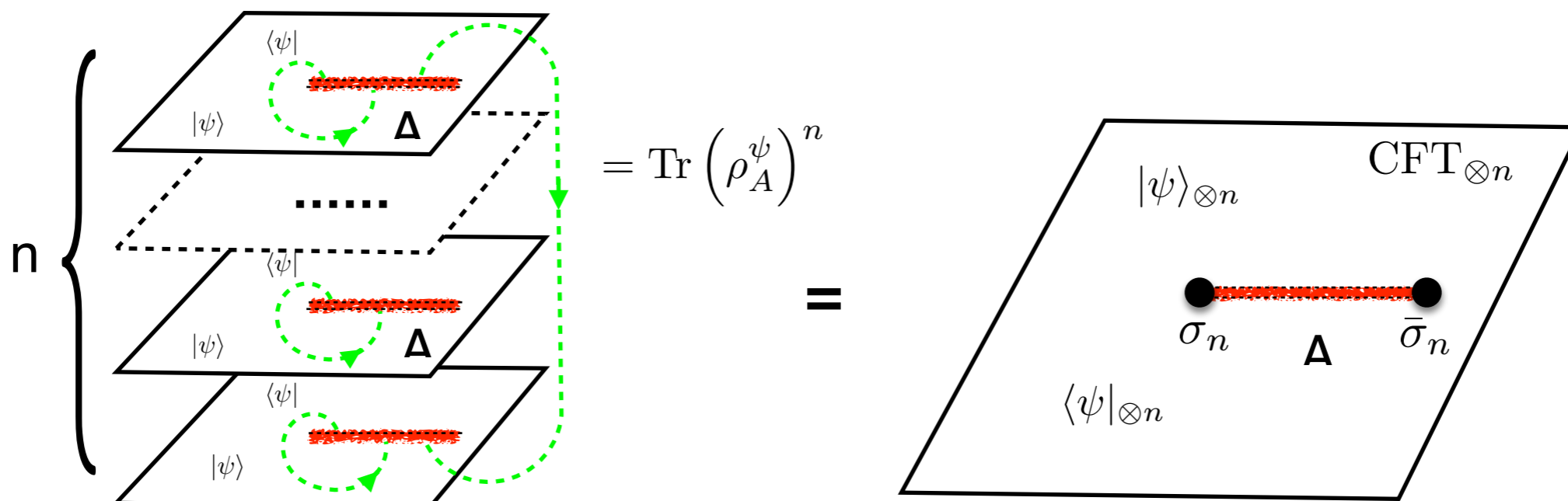
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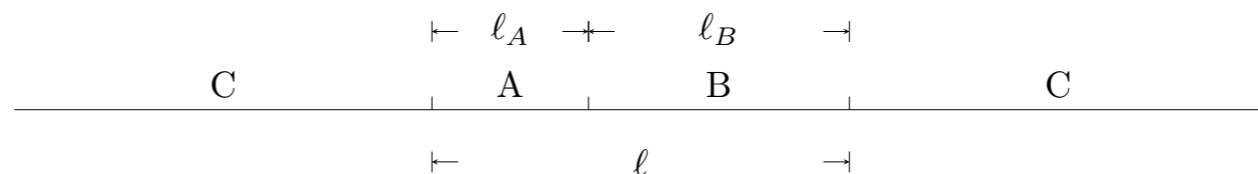
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- Definite conformal dimensions $h_n = \frac{nc}{24} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)$



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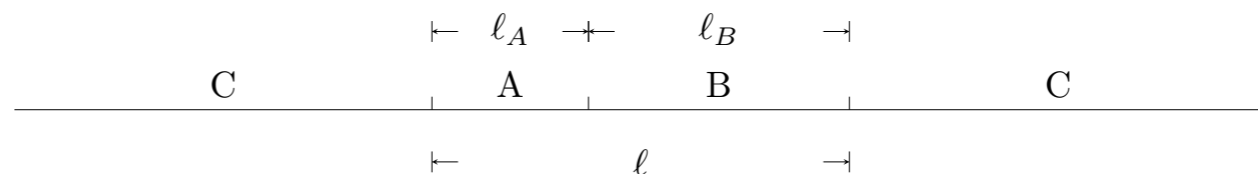
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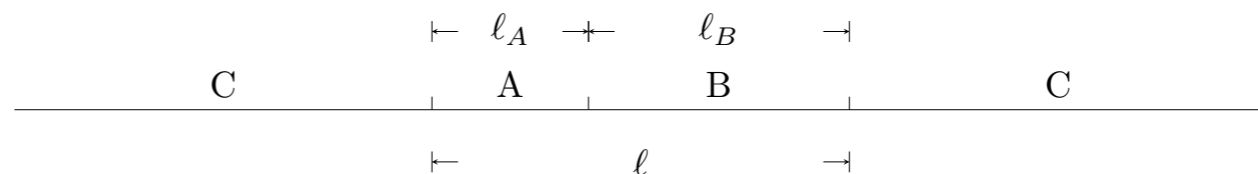
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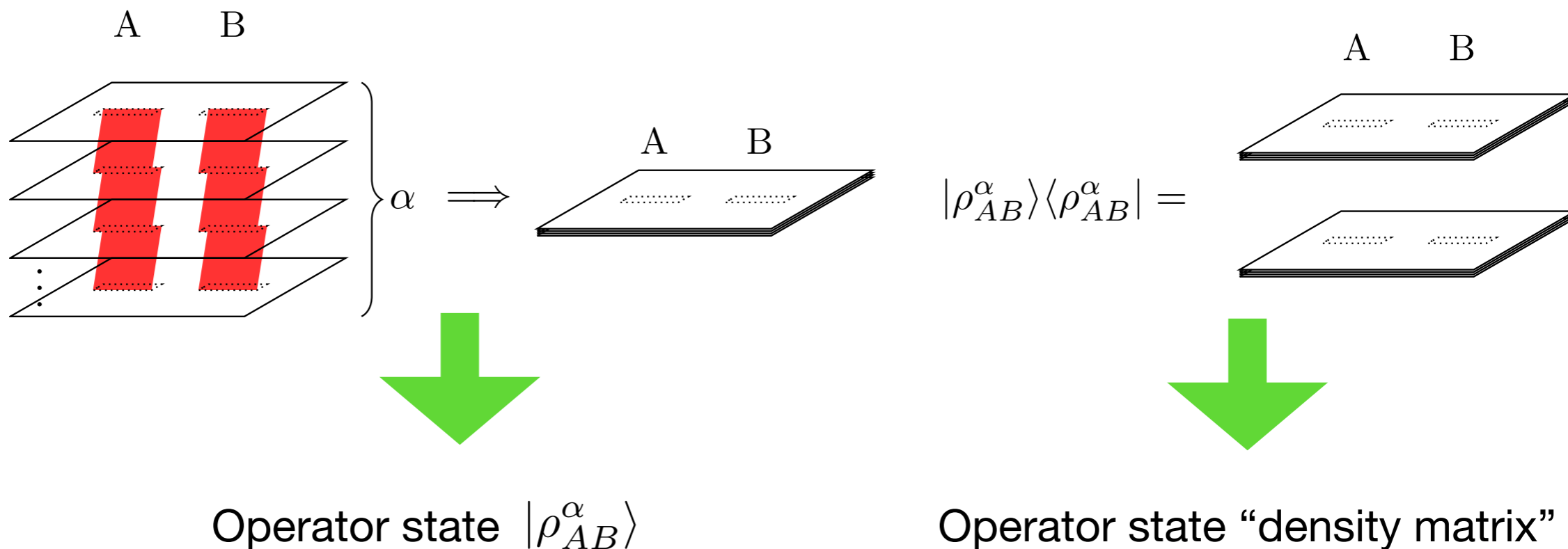
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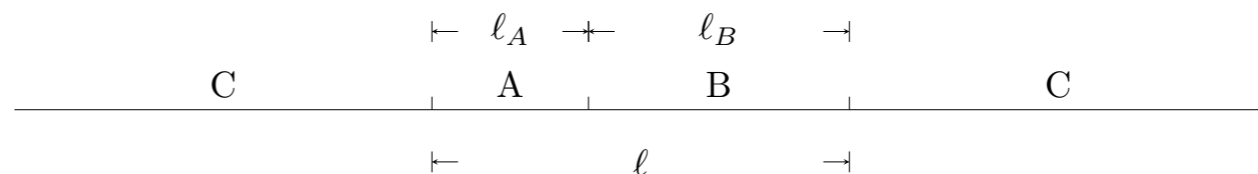
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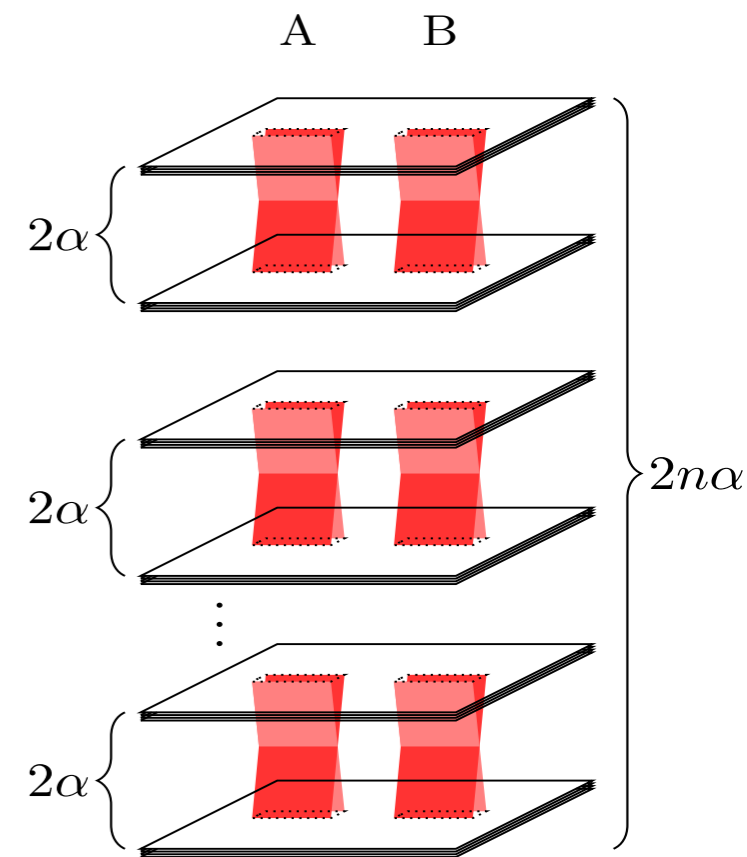
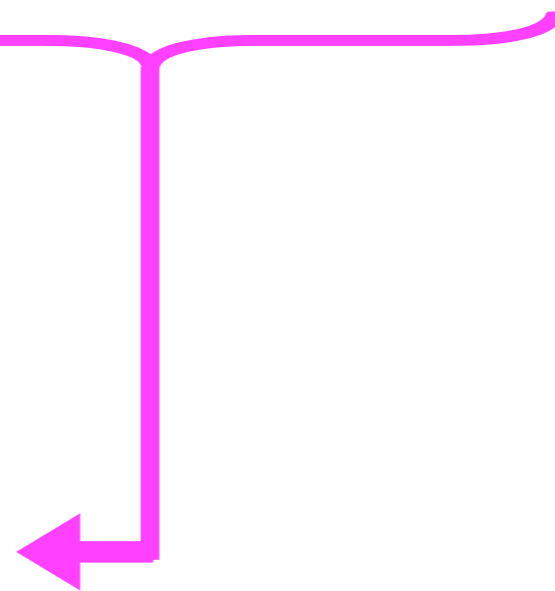
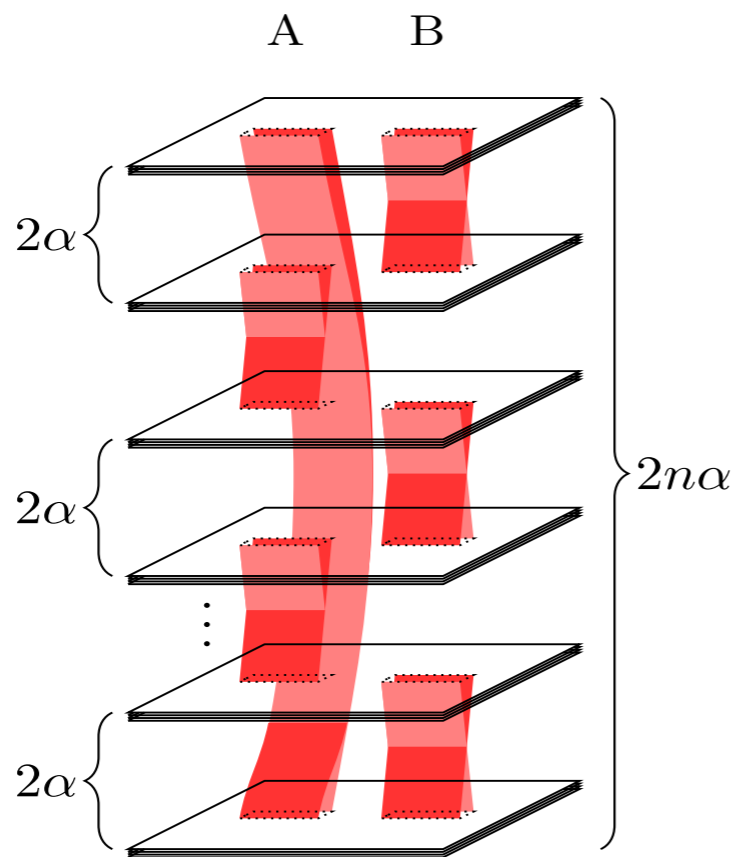
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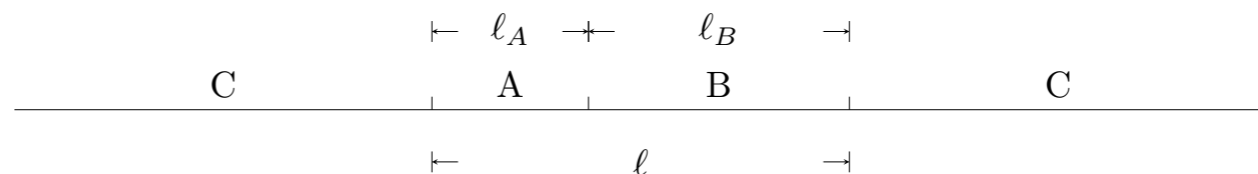
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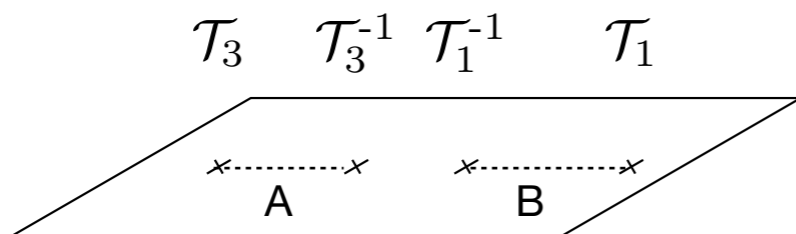


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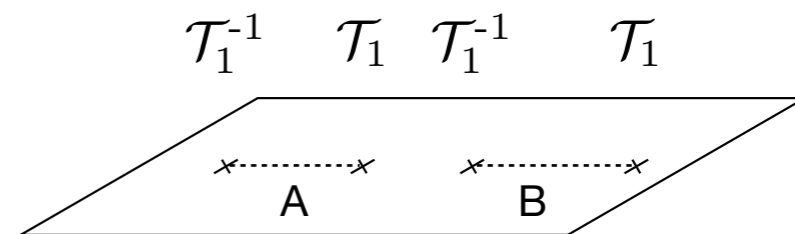
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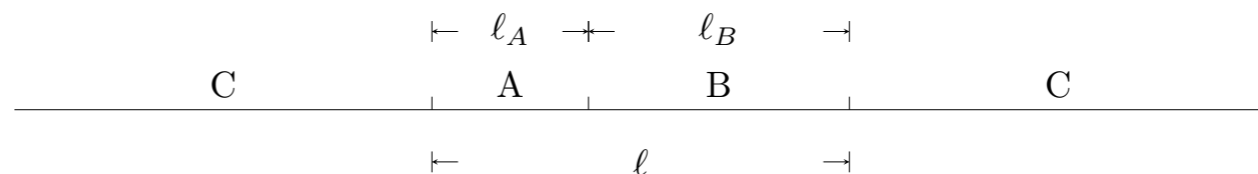
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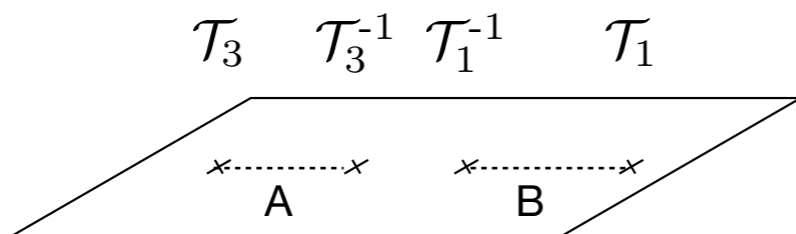
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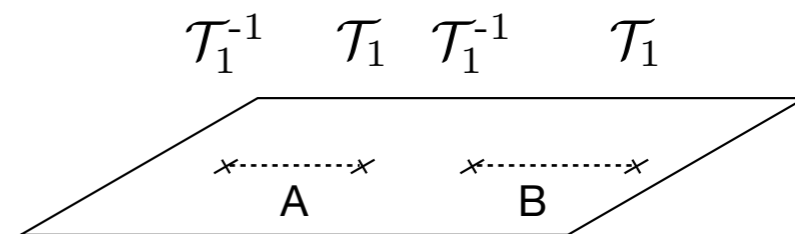
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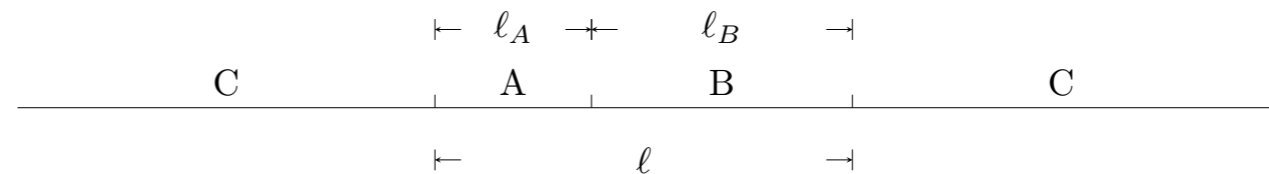
- Different twist operators:

$$\mathcal{T}_3^{-1} = (\alpha + 1, \dots, 3\alpha)(3\alpha + 1, \dots, 5\alpha) \dots ((2n - 1)\alpha + 1, \dots, 2n\alpha, 1, \dots, \alpha)$$

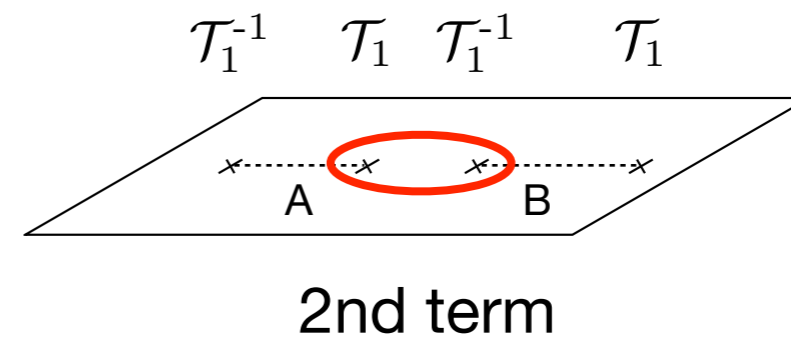
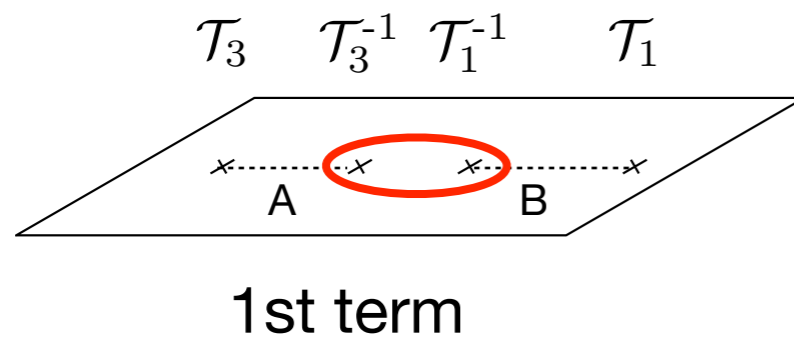
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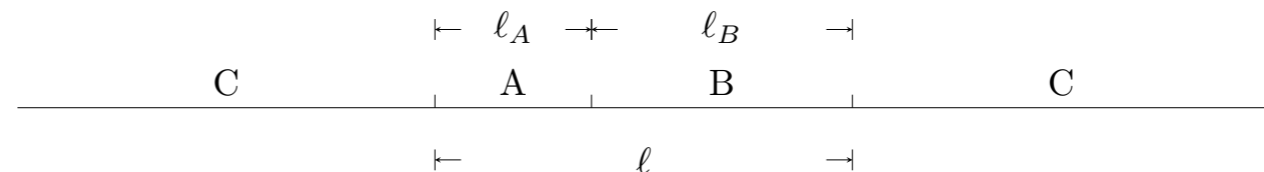


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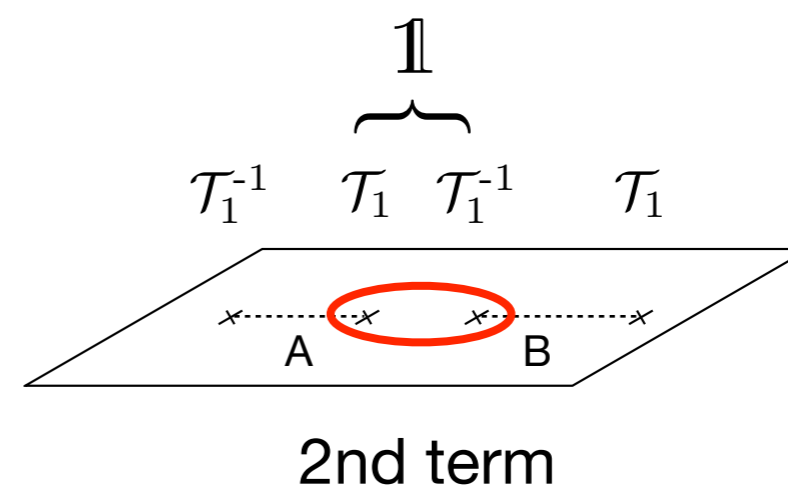
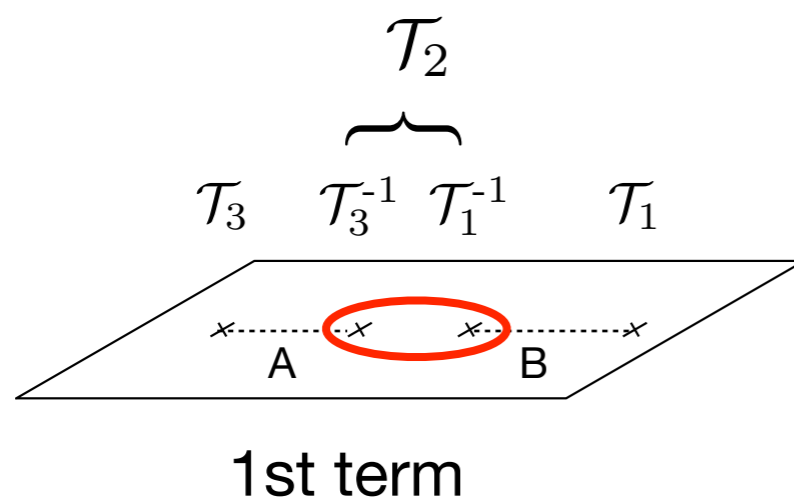
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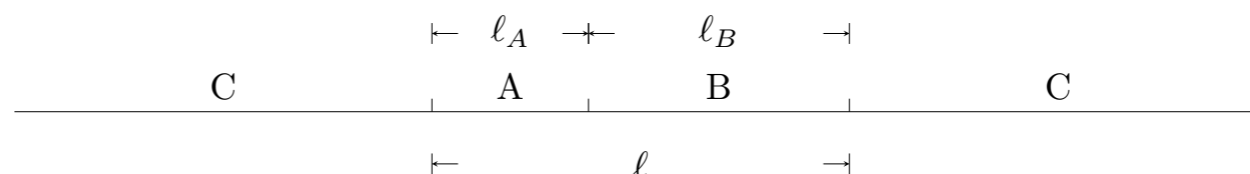
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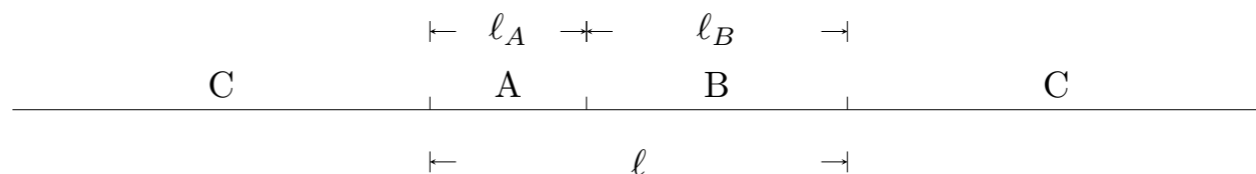
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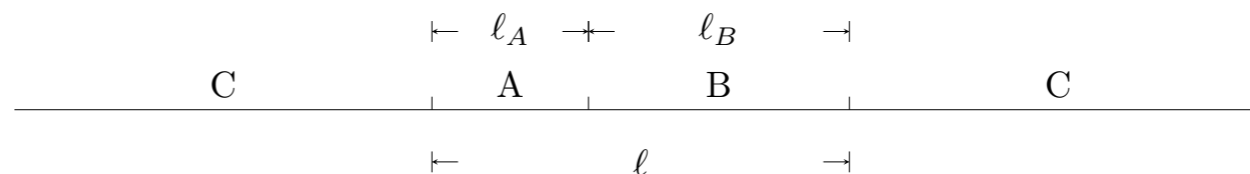
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- To set up quenched initial state, use conformal boundary state:

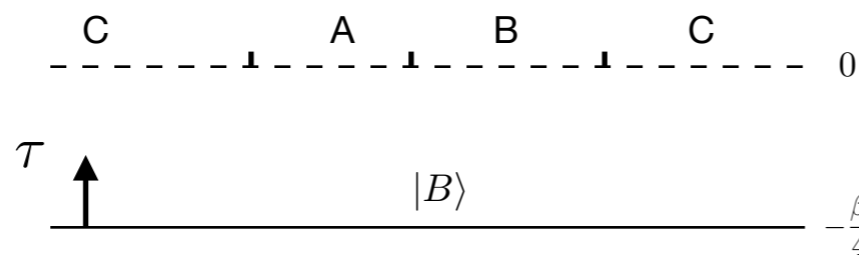
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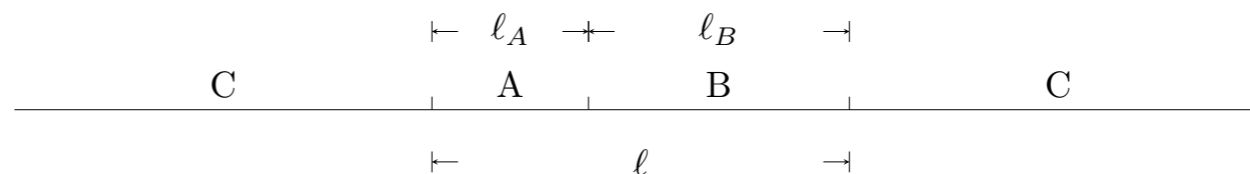


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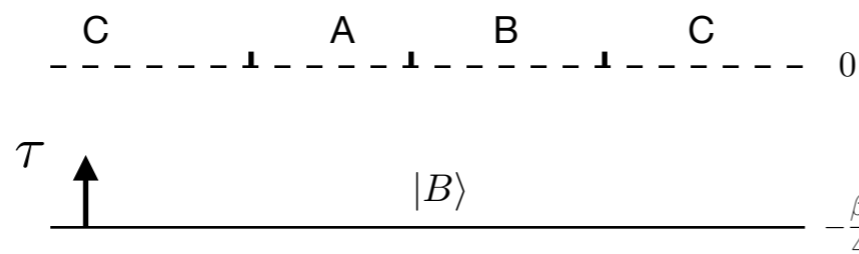


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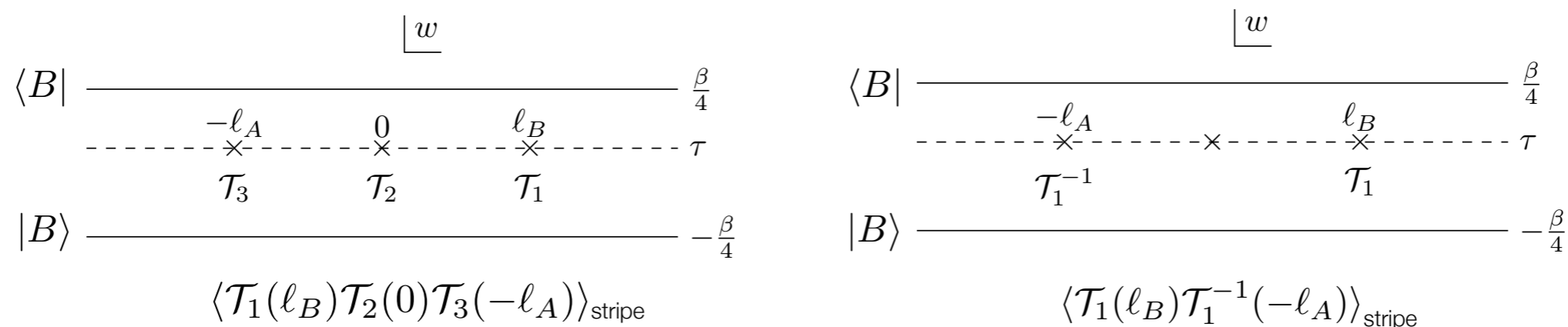
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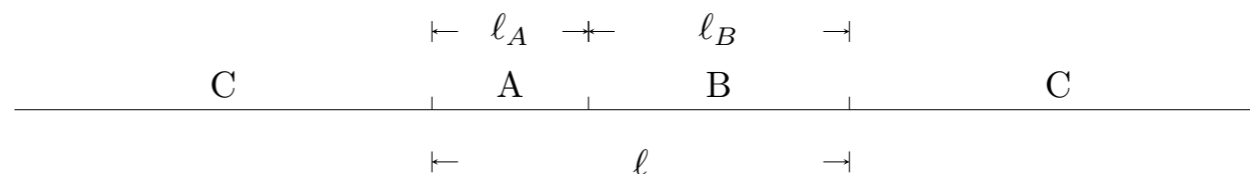


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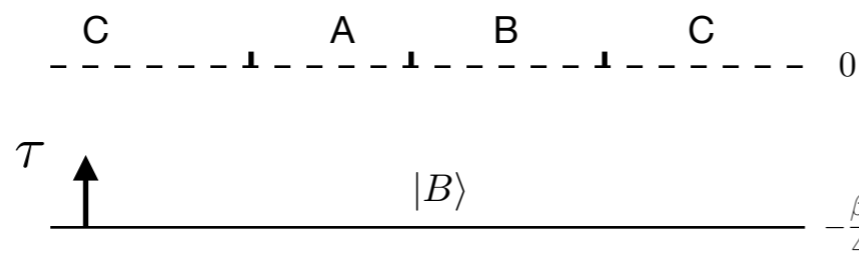


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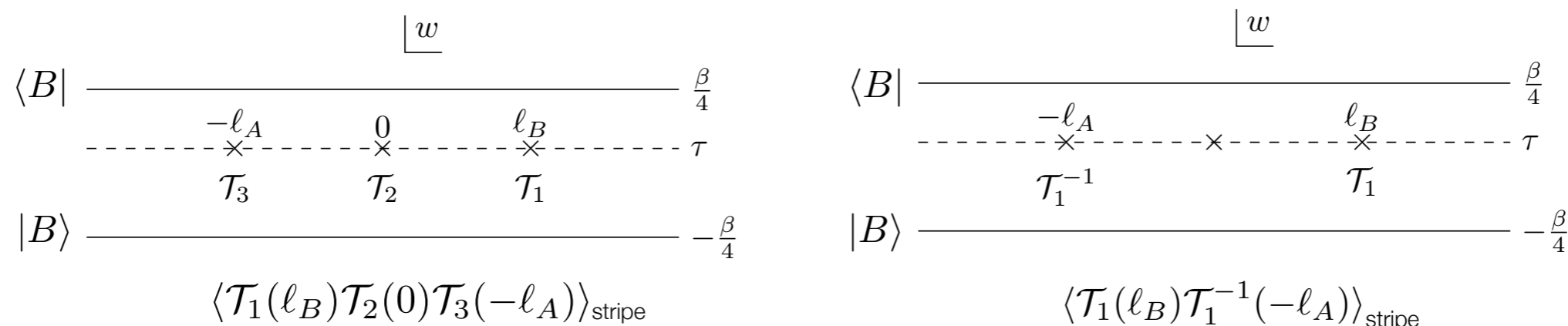
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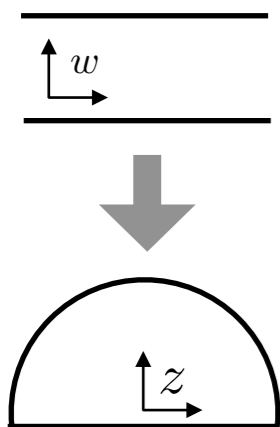
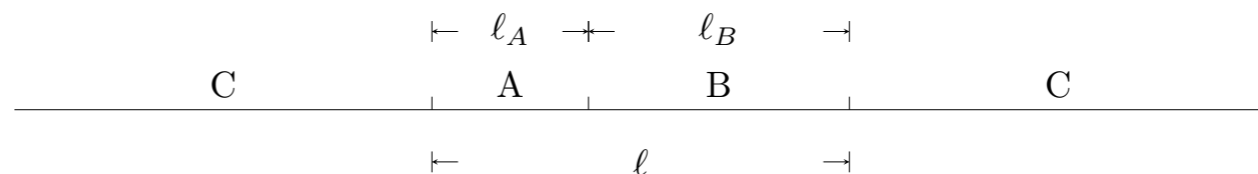
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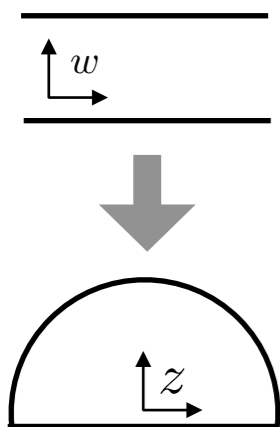
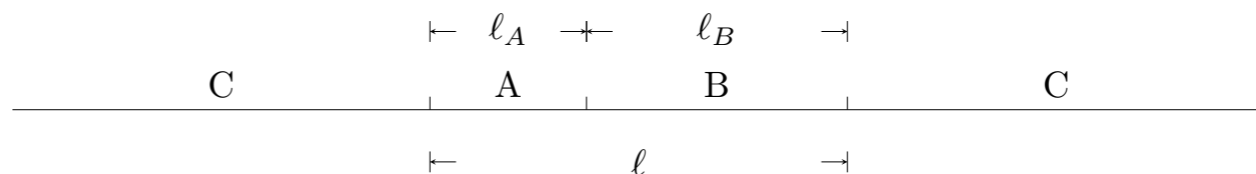
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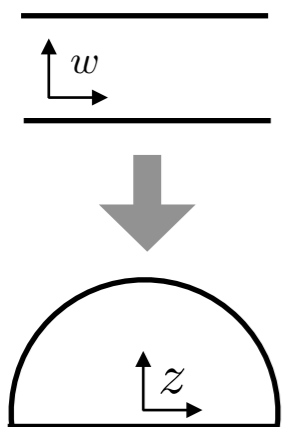
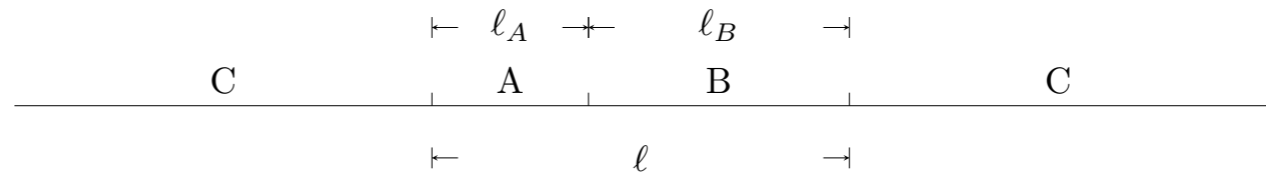
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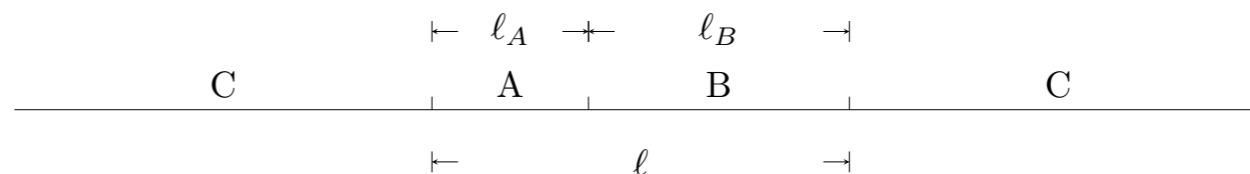
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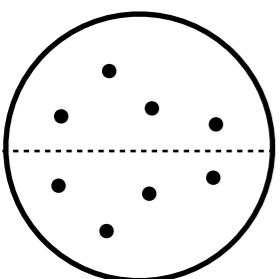
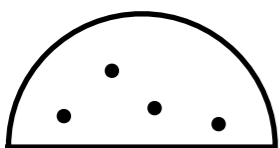
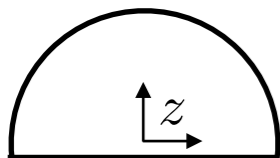
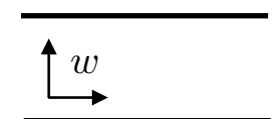
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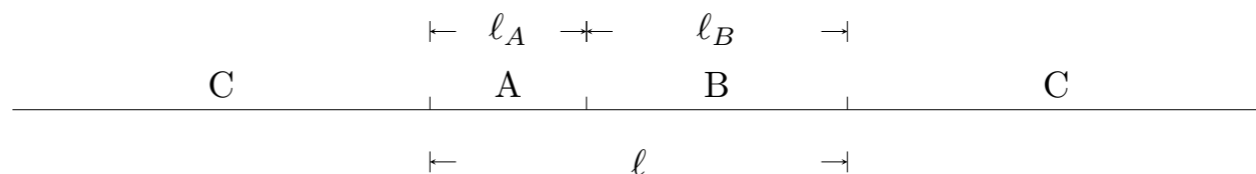
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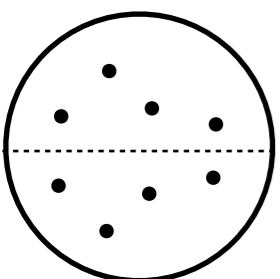
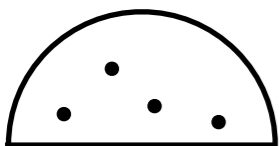
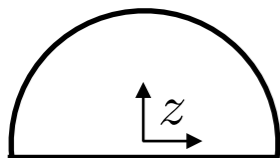
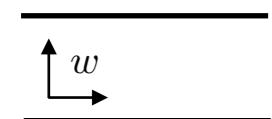
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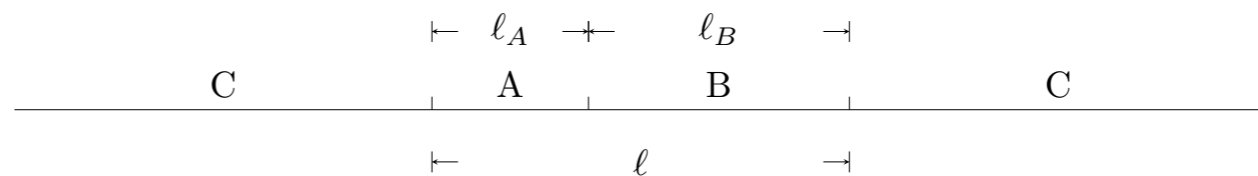
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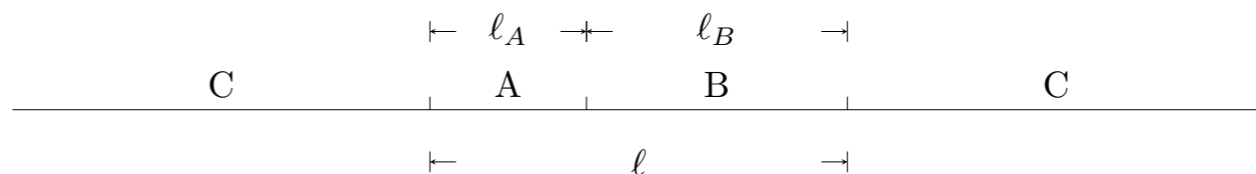
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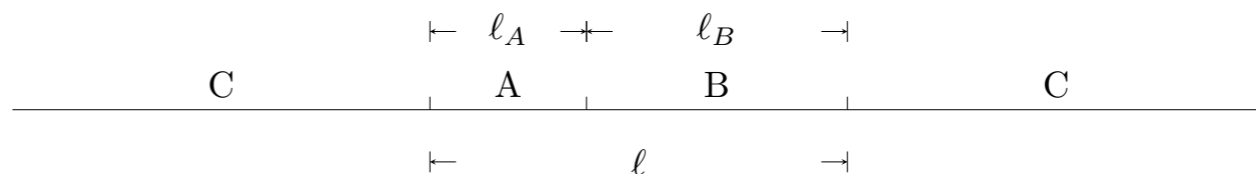
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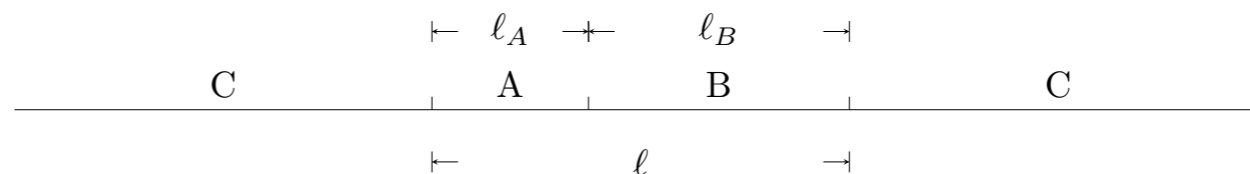
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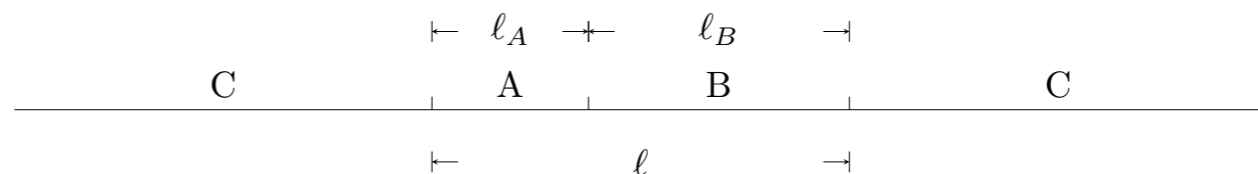
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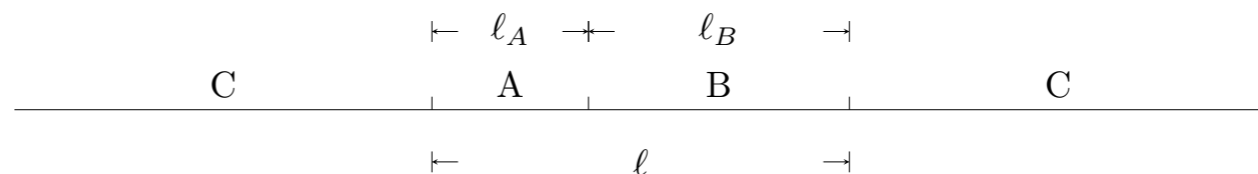
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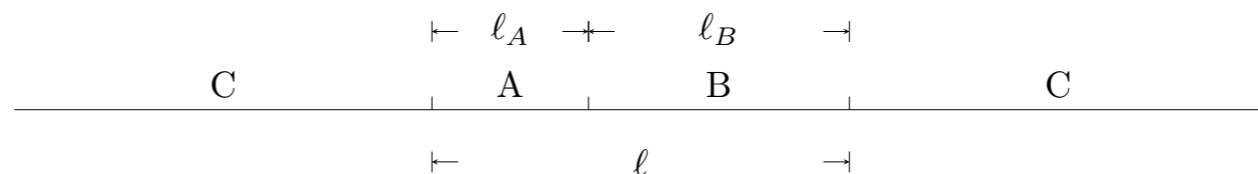


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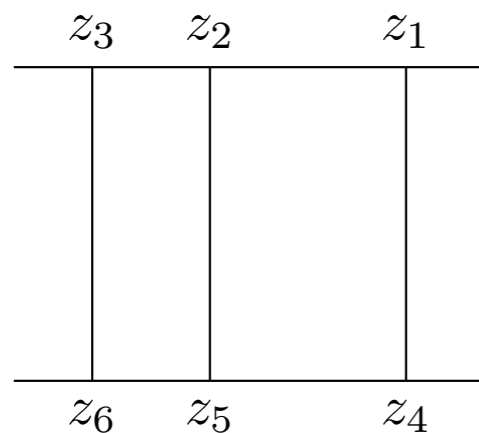
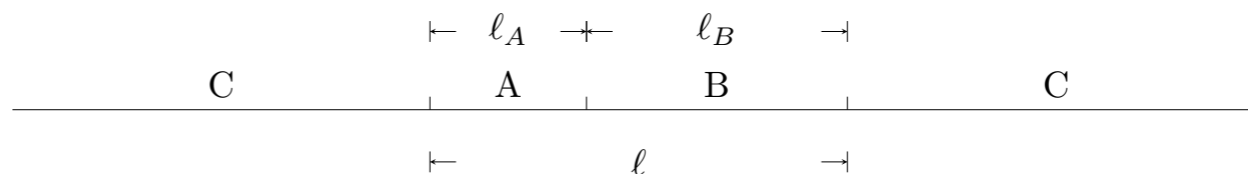
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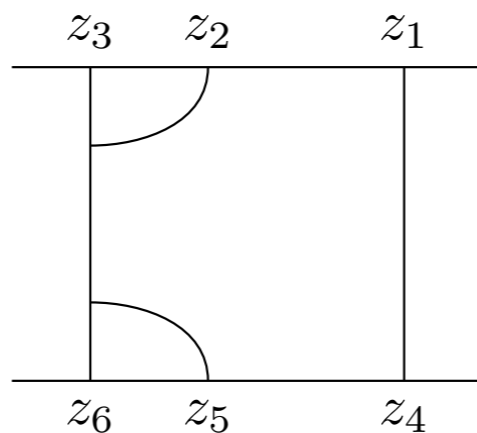
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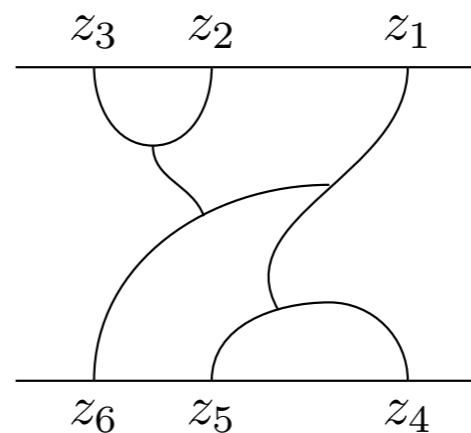
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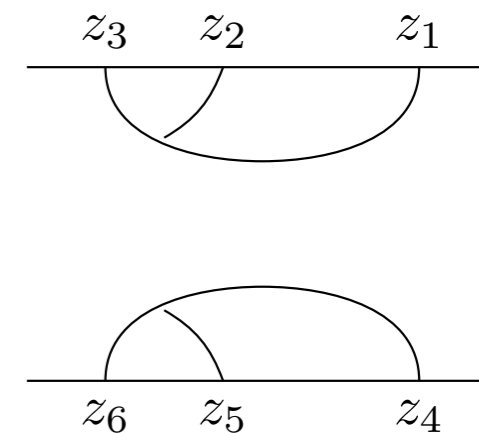
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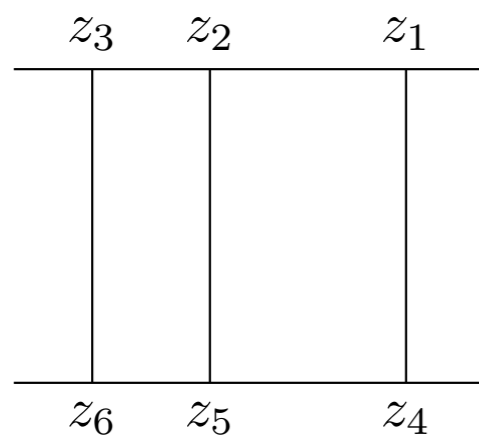
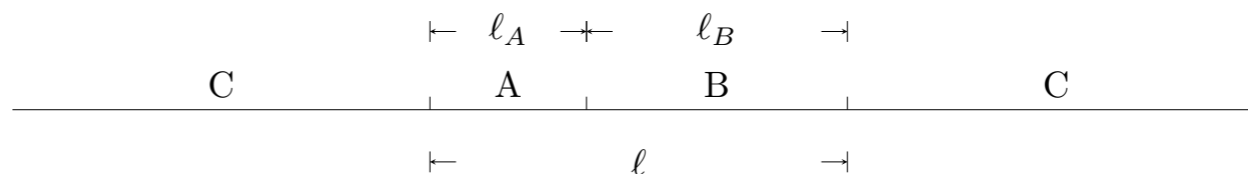
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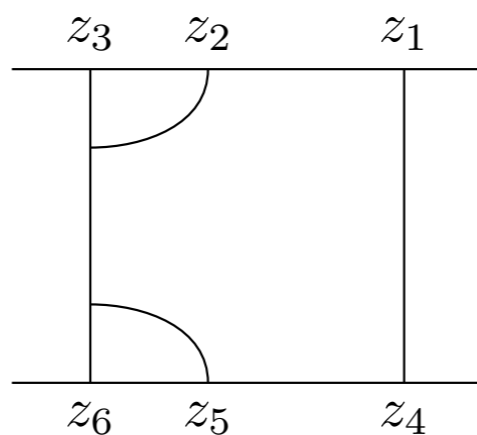
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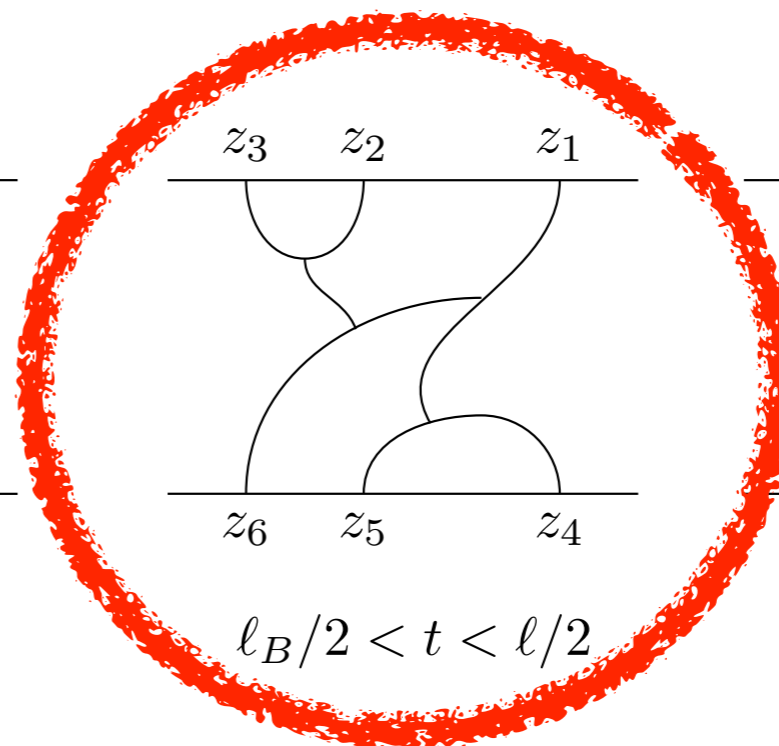
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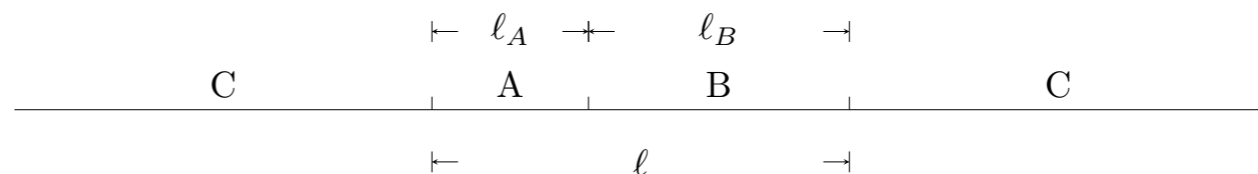
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Rational CFTs

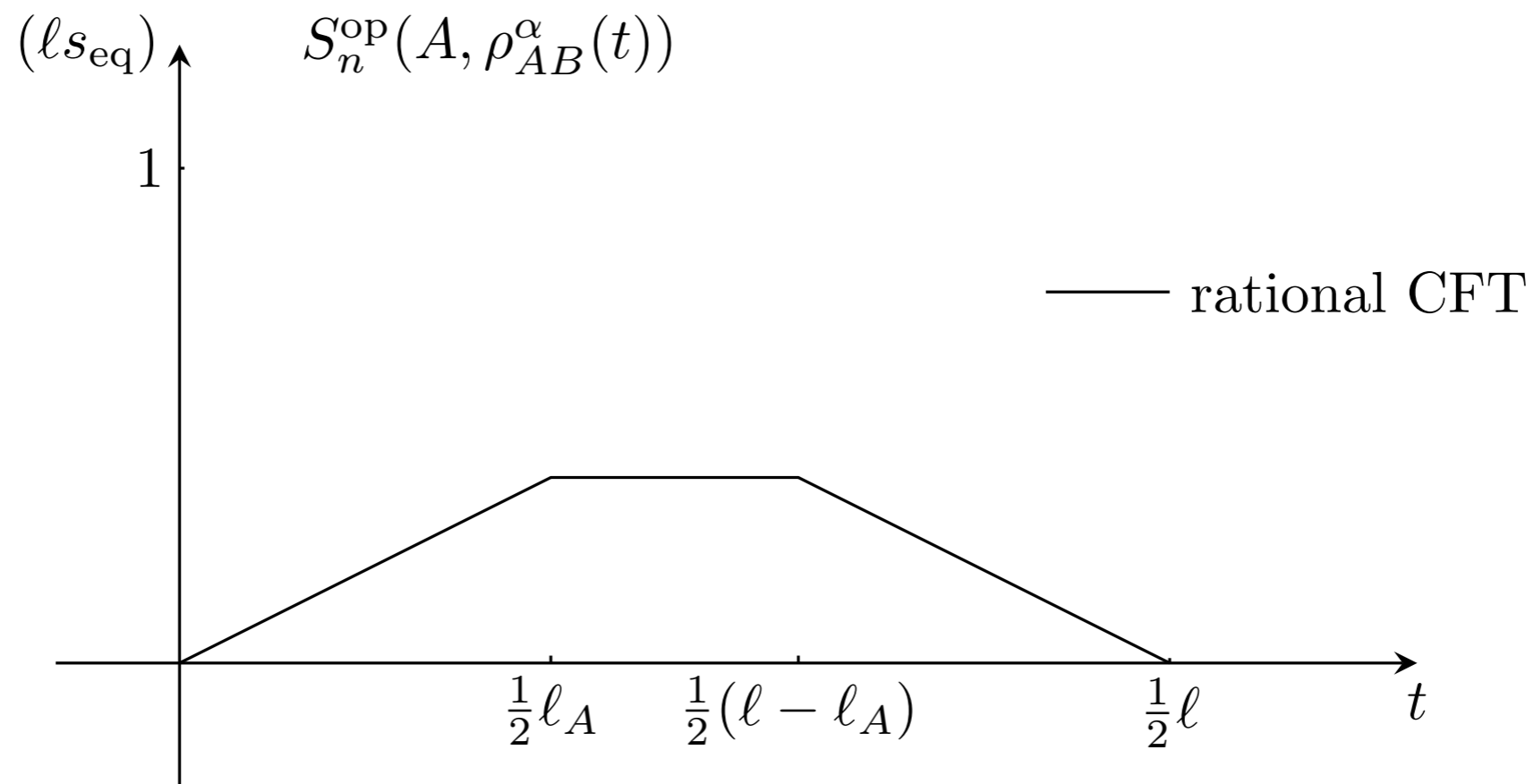
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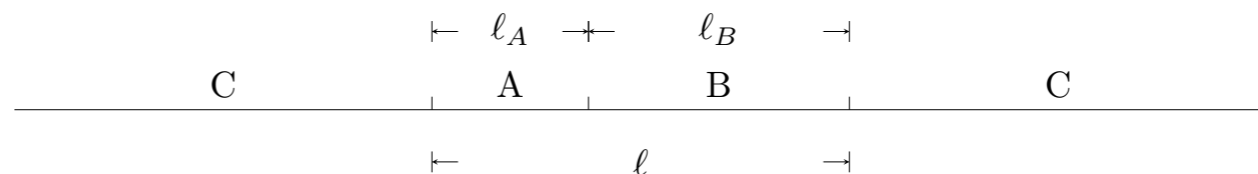


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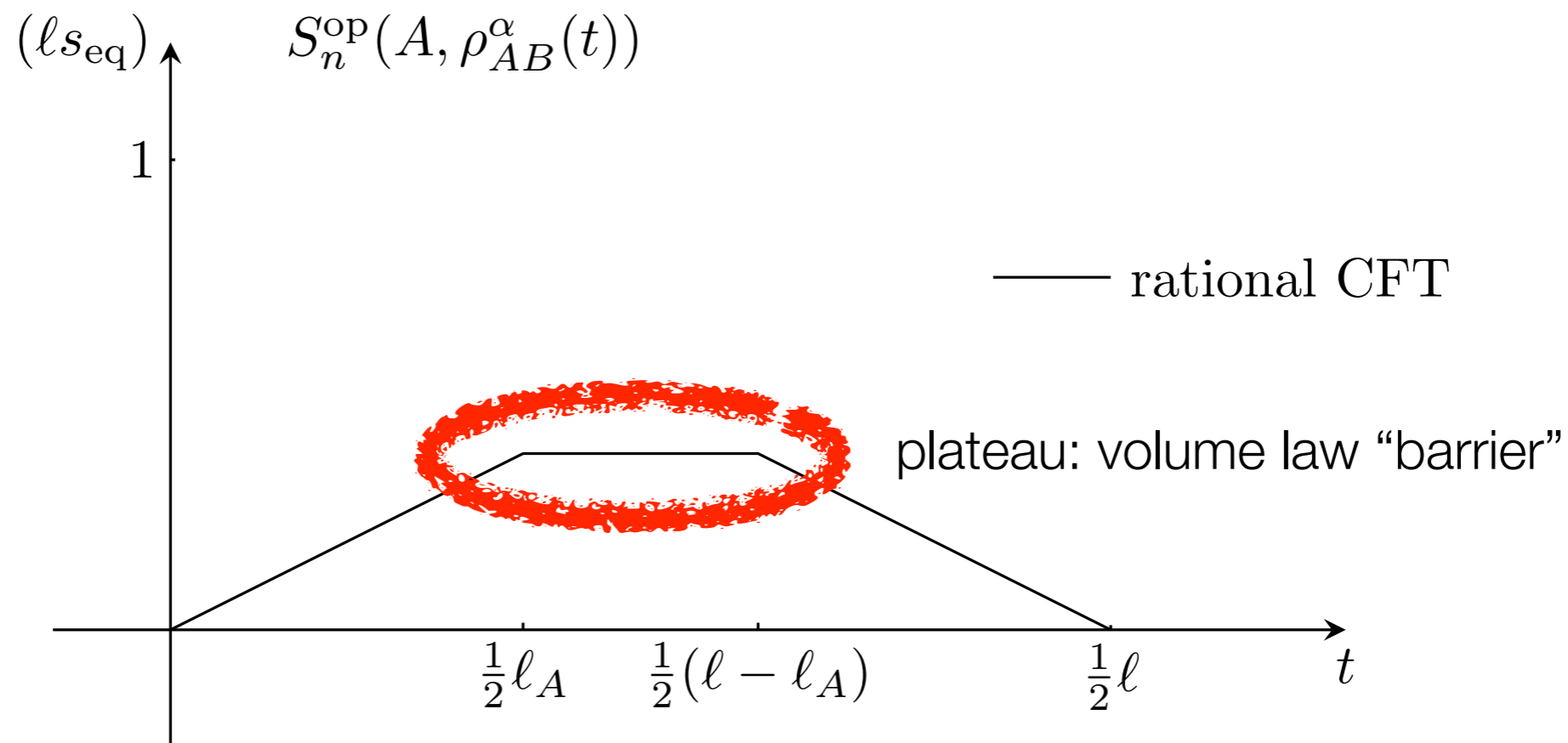


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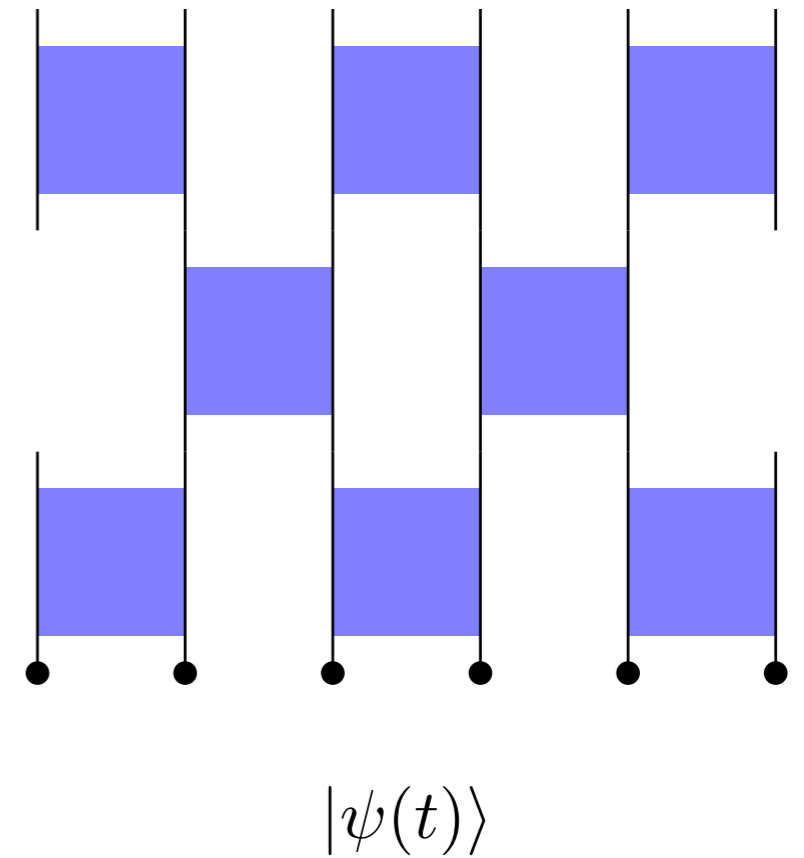
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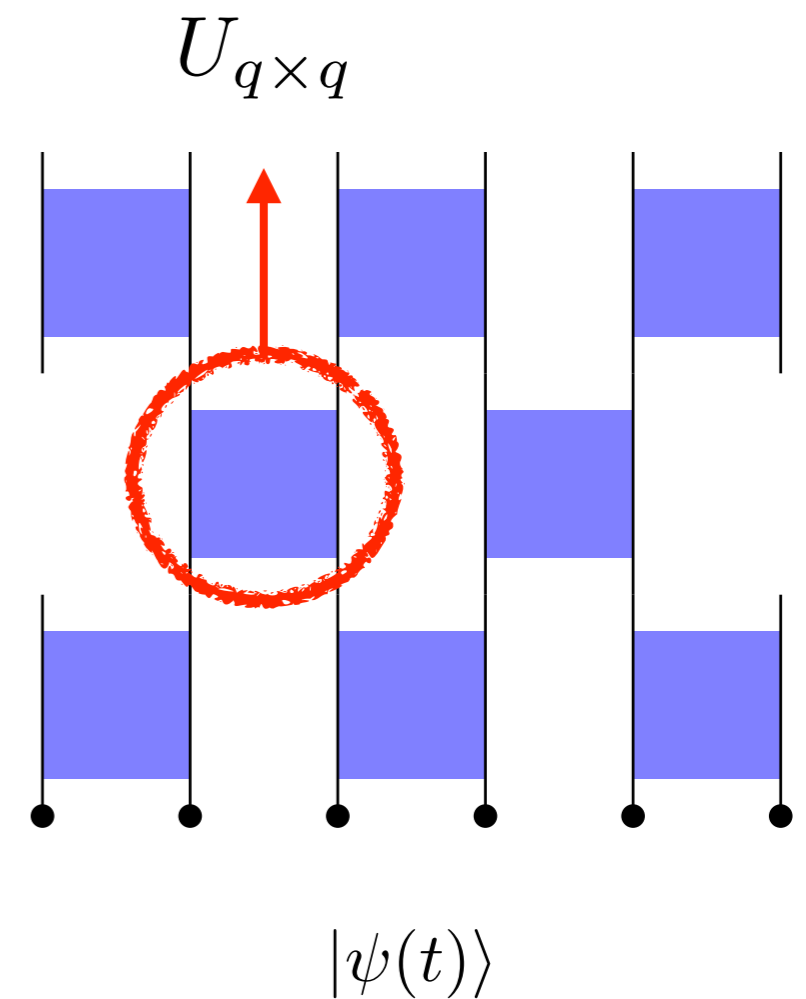
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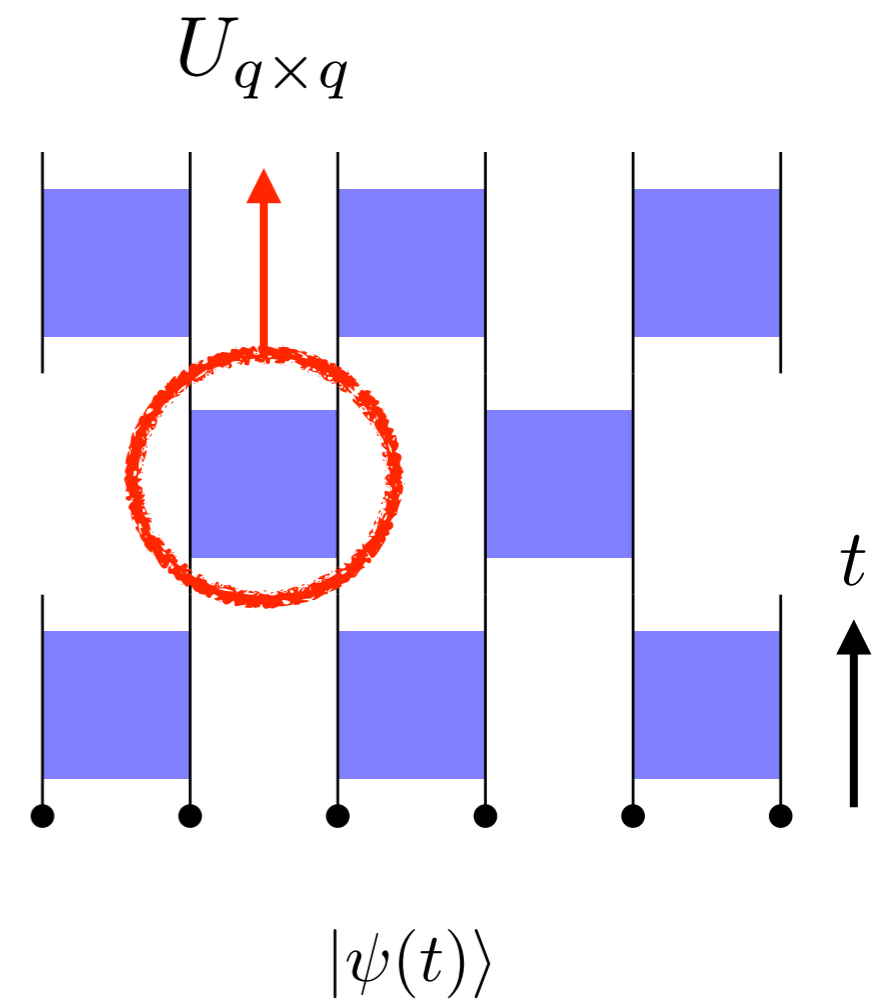
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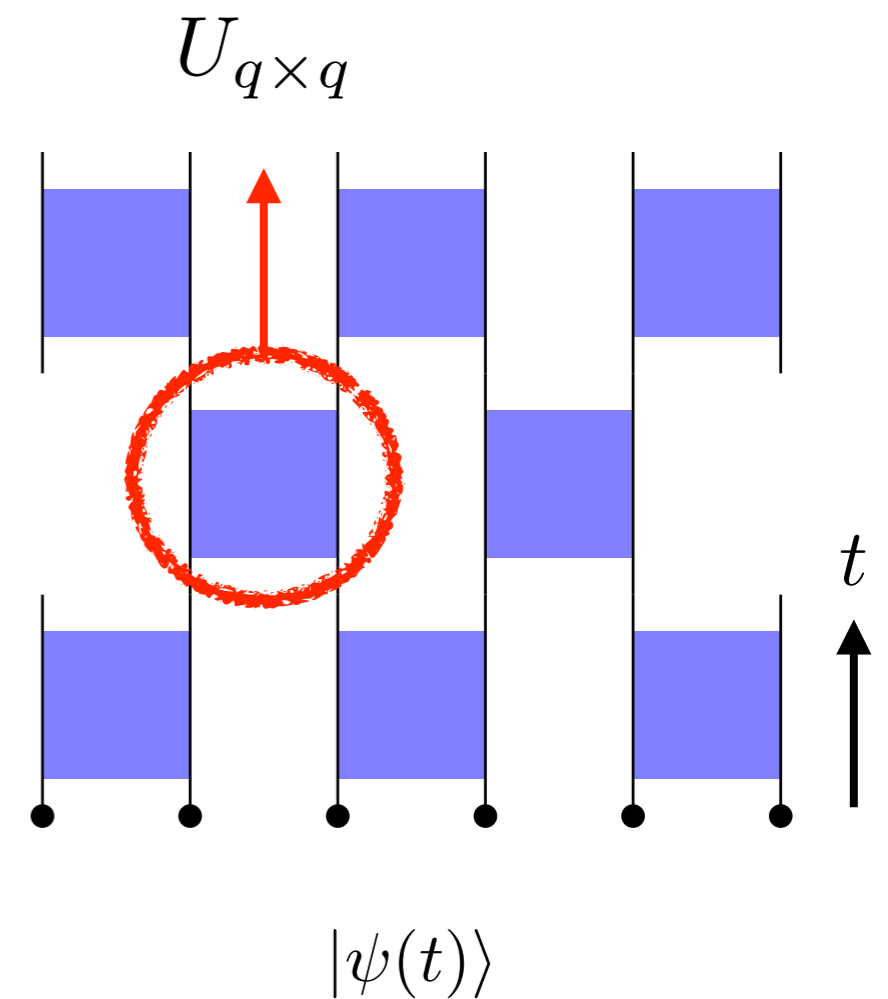
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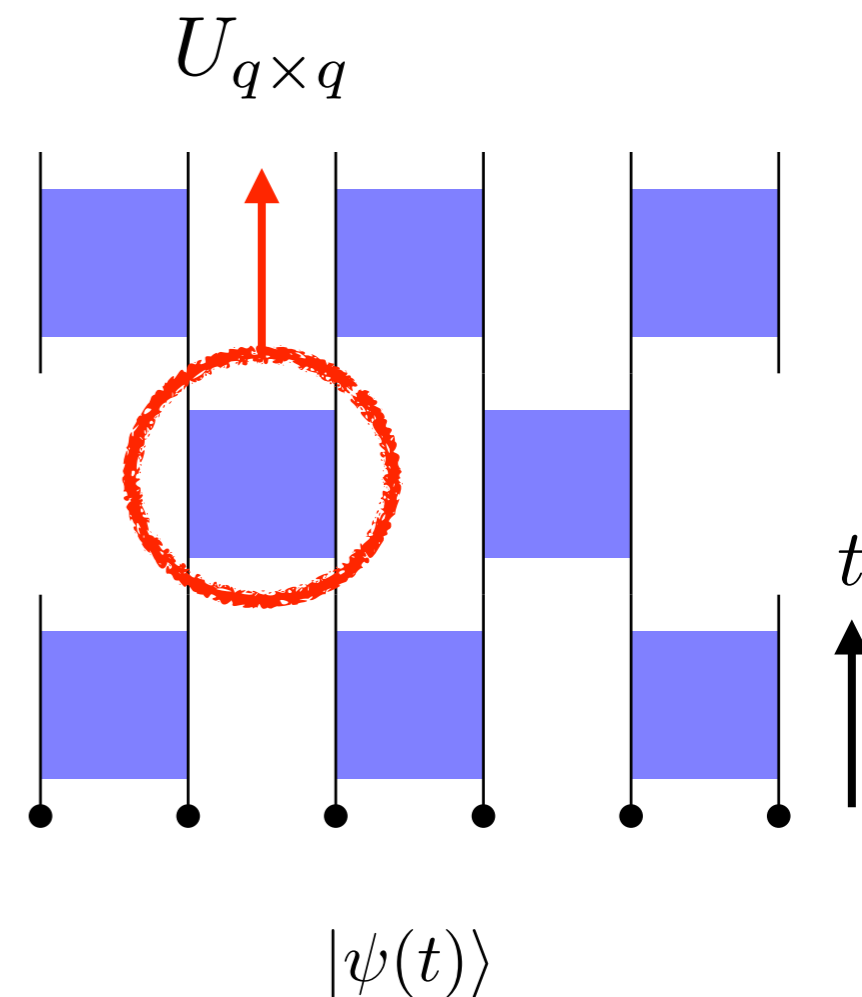
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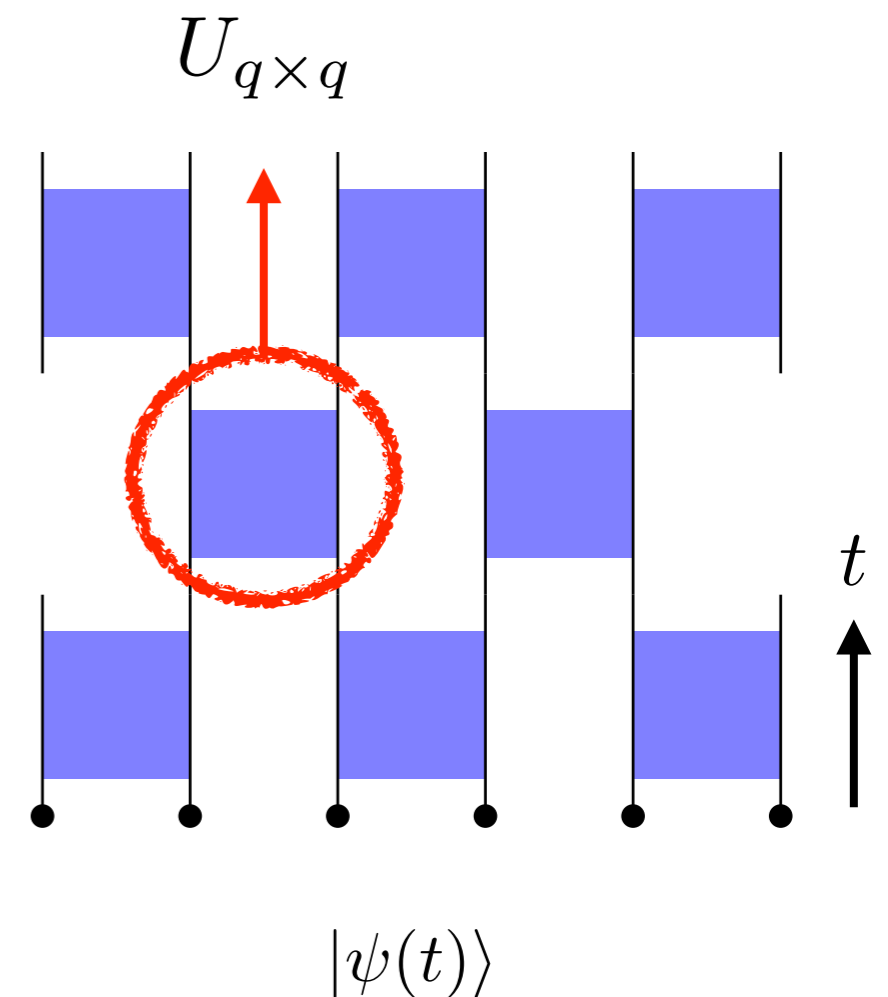
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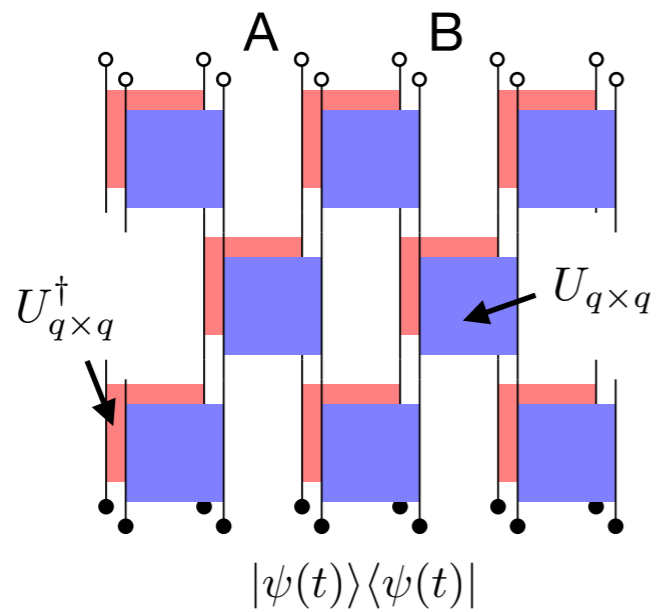
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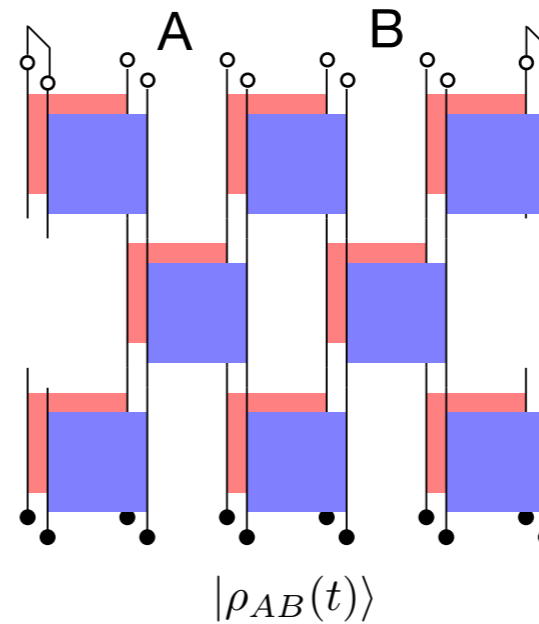
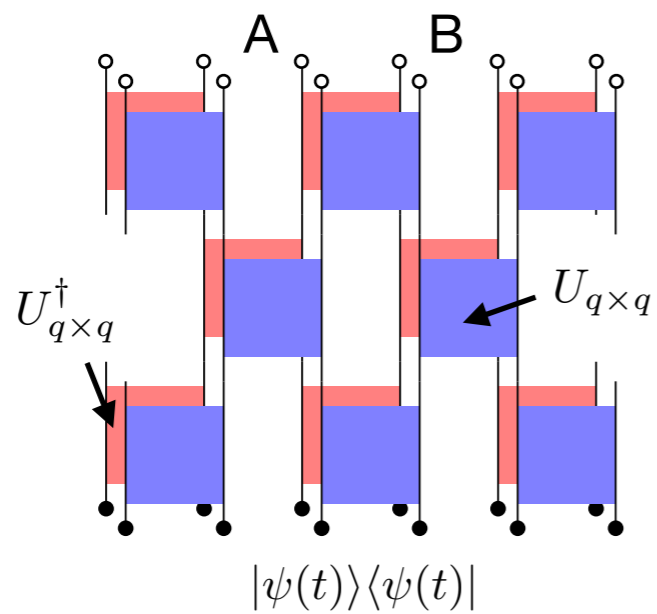
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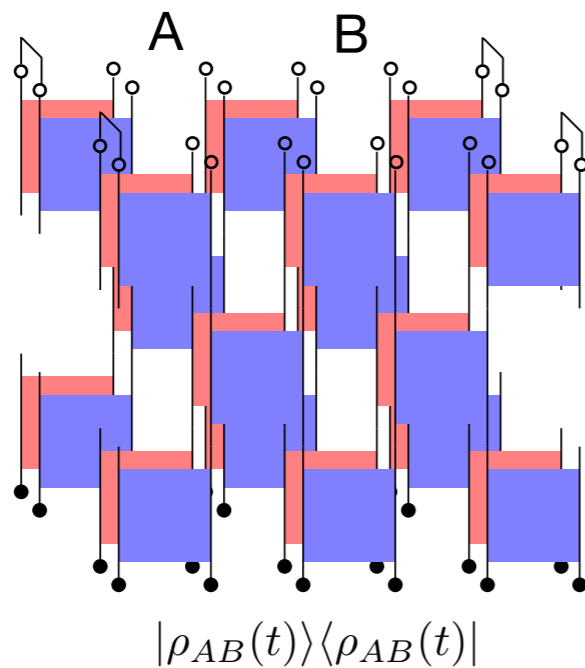
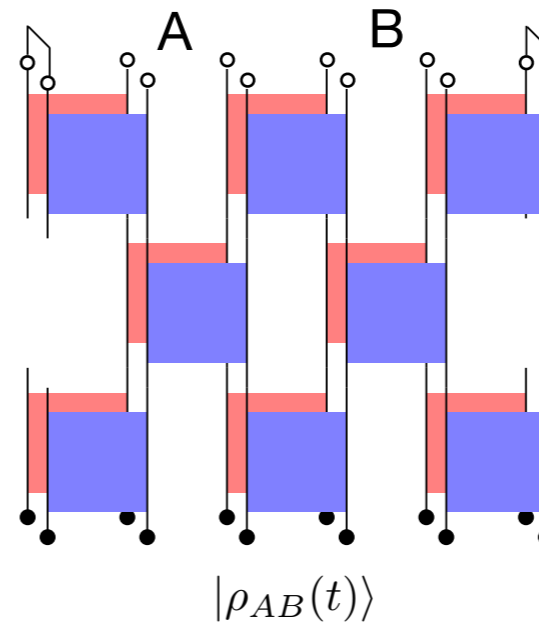
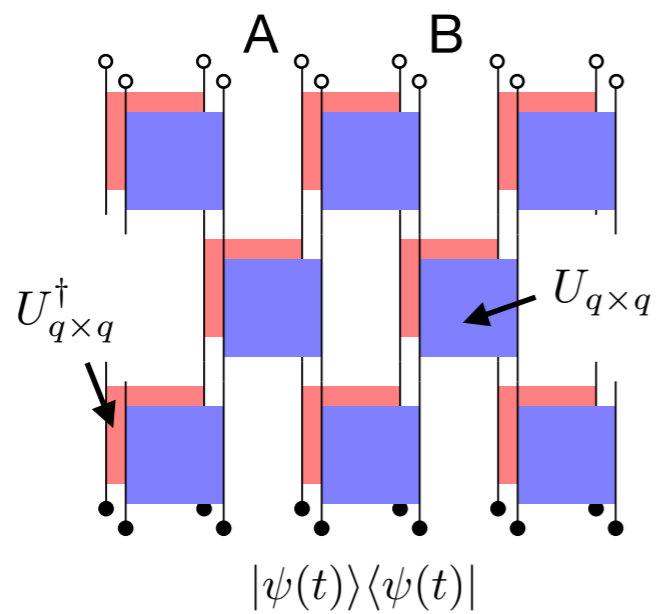
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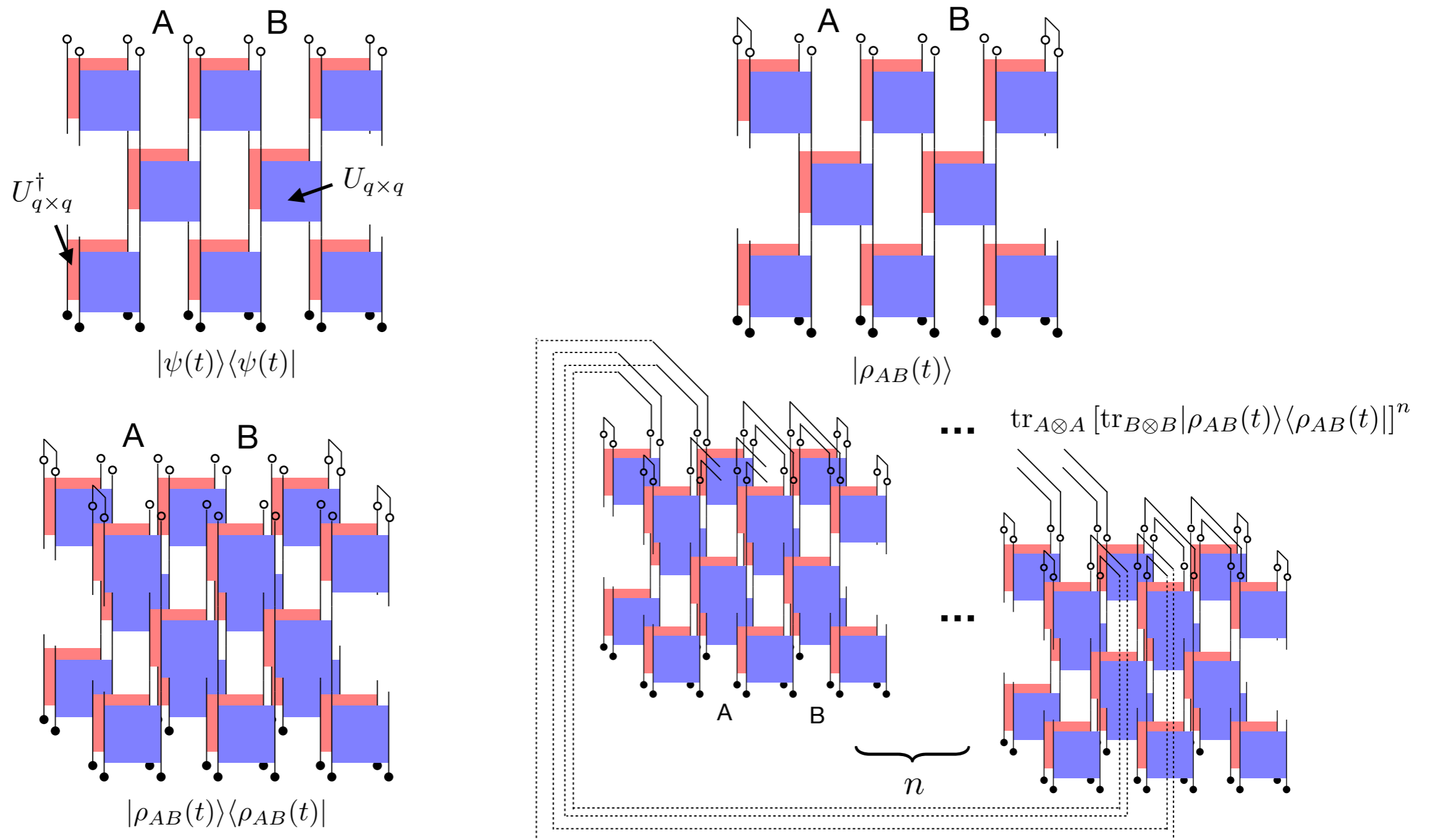
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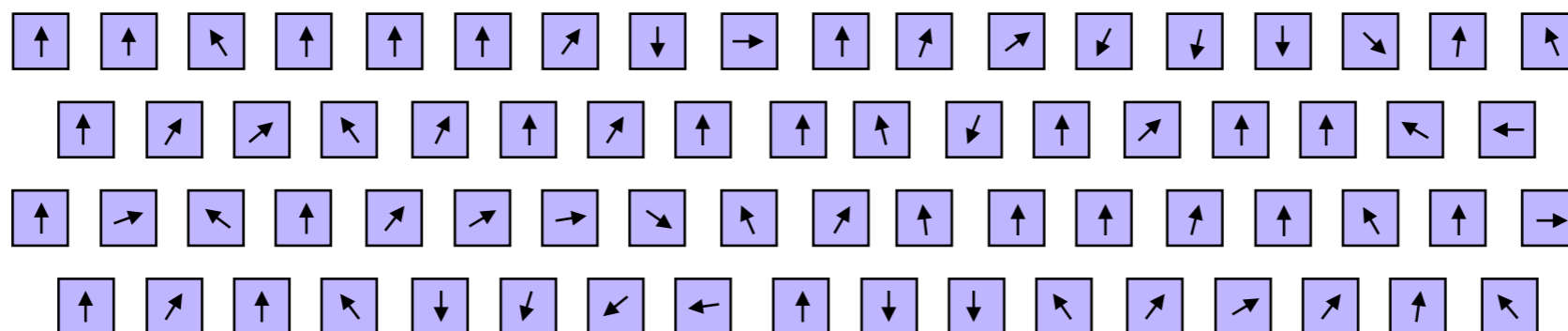
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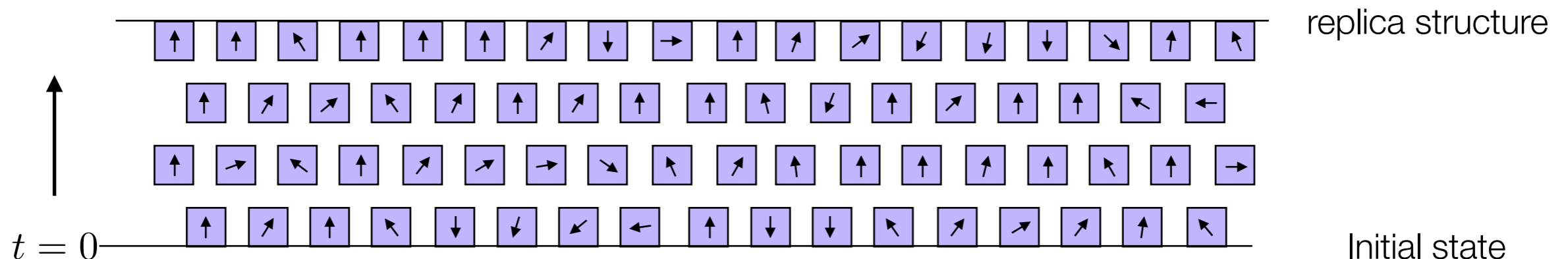


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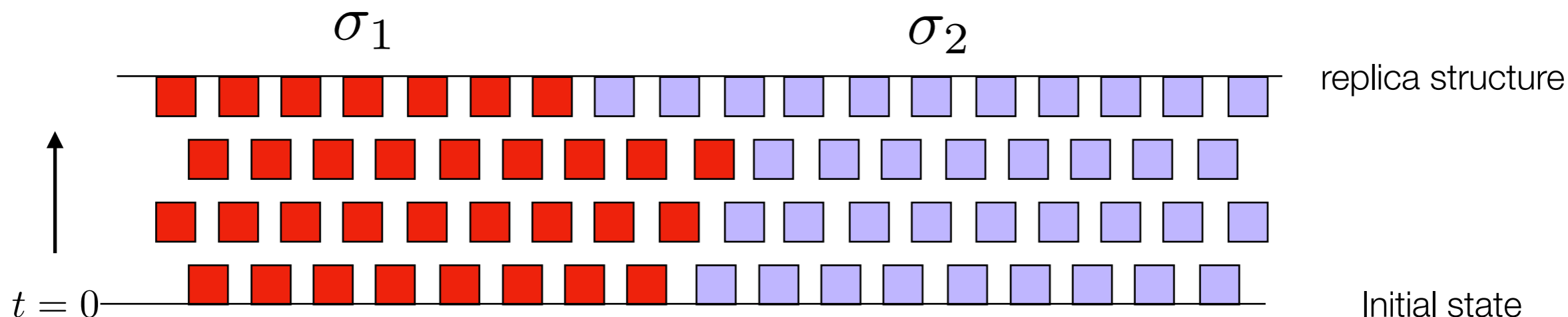
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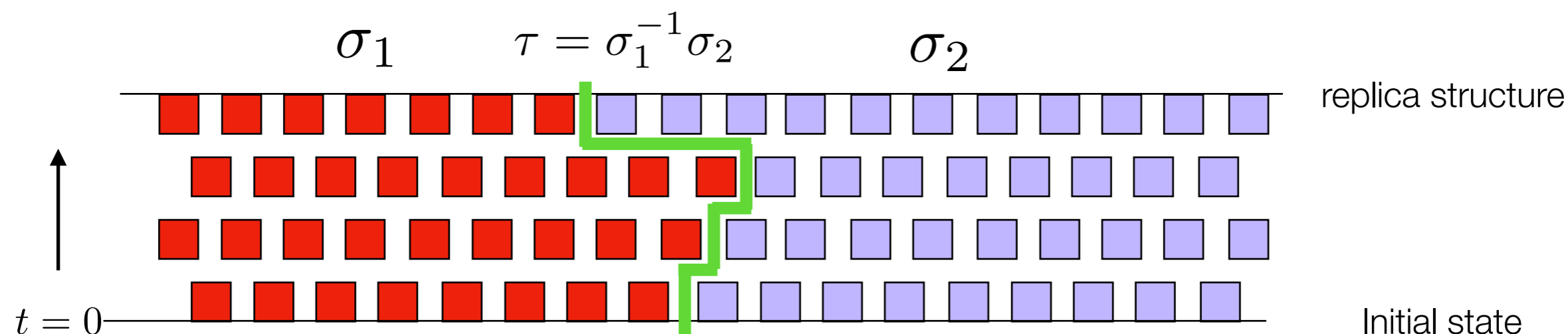
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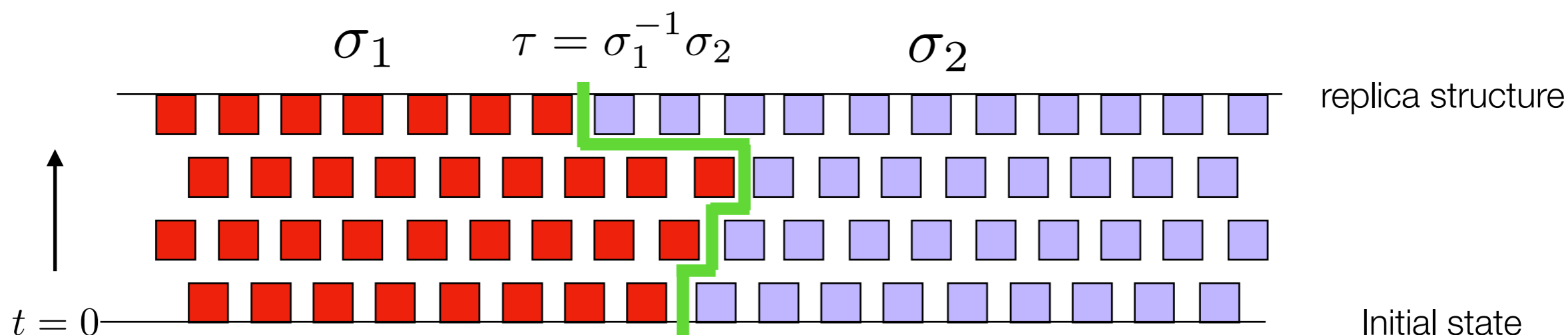
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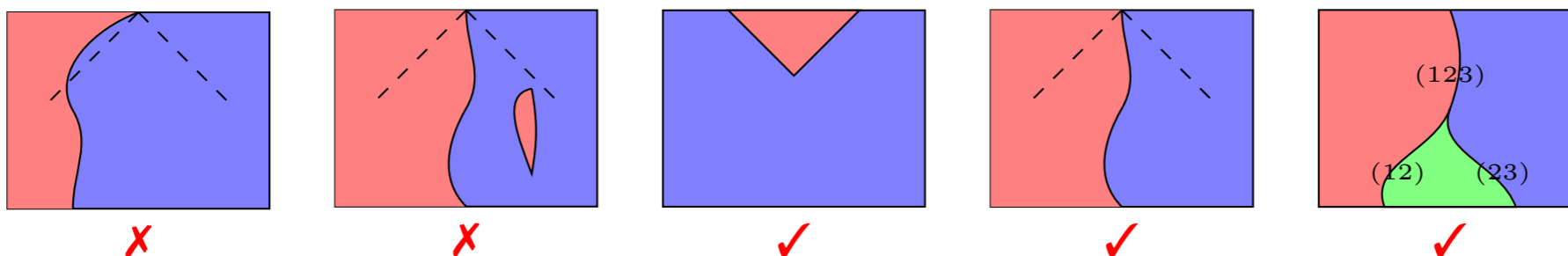
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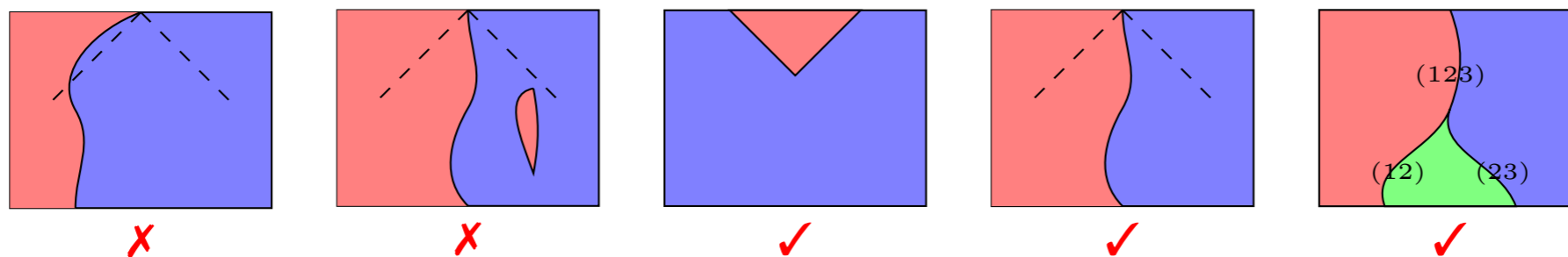
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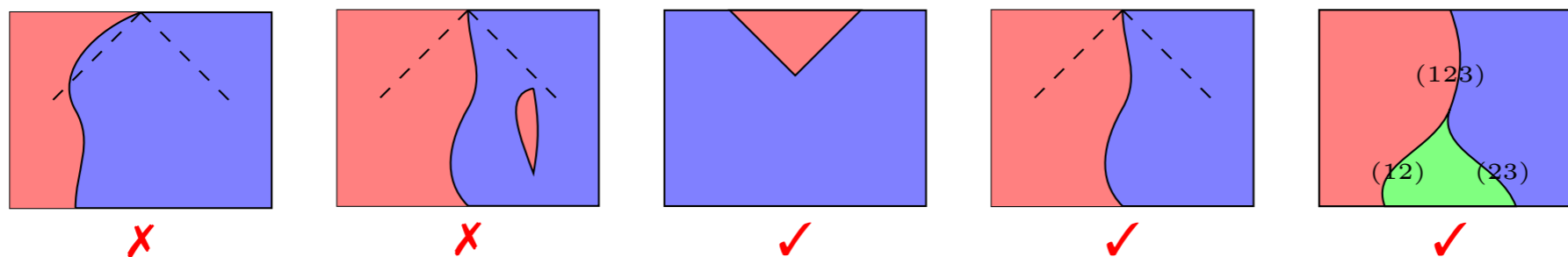
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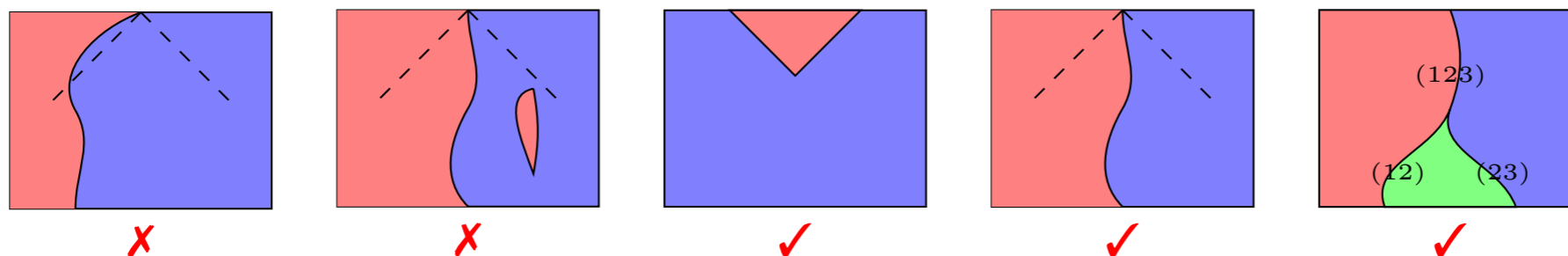
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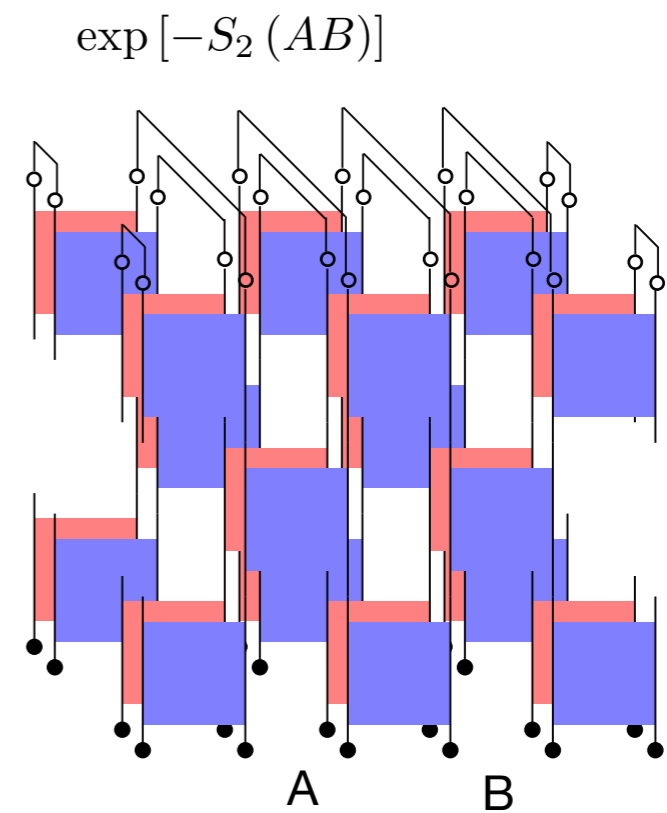
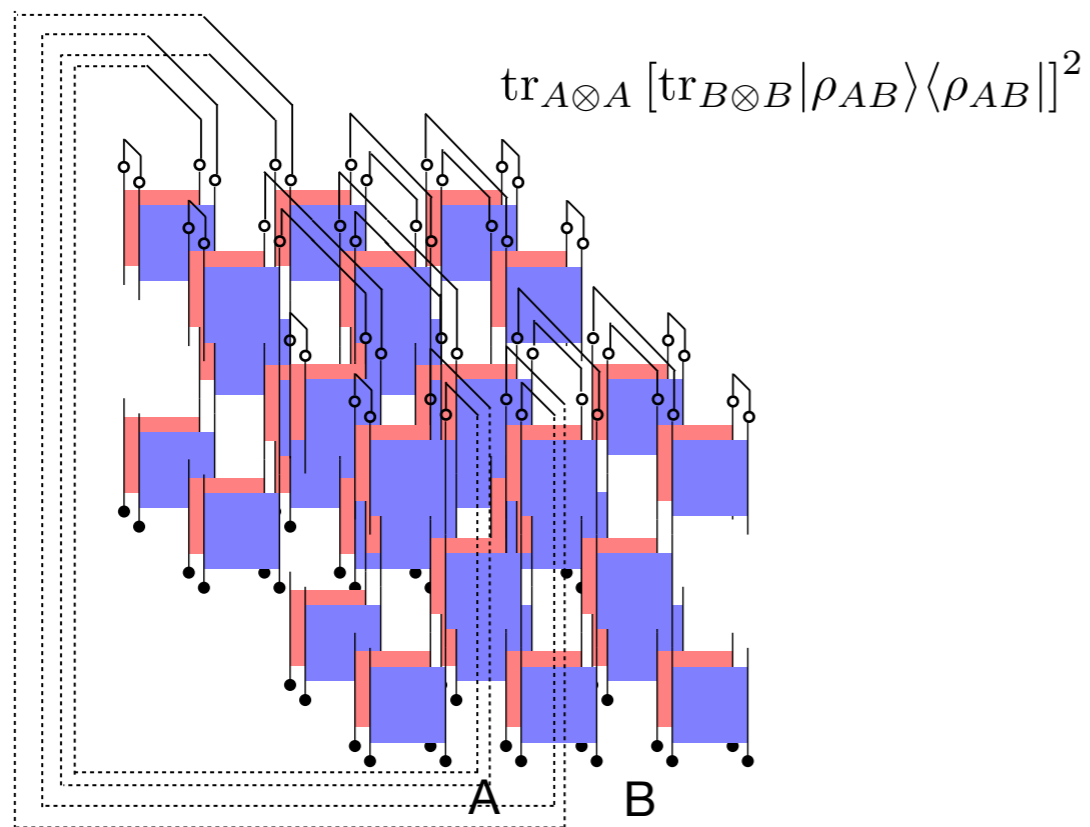
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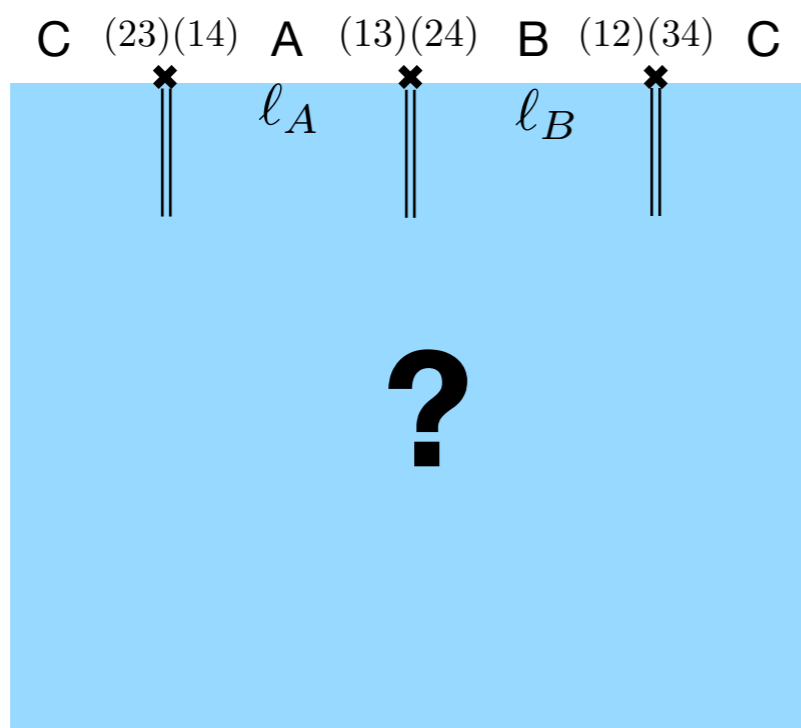
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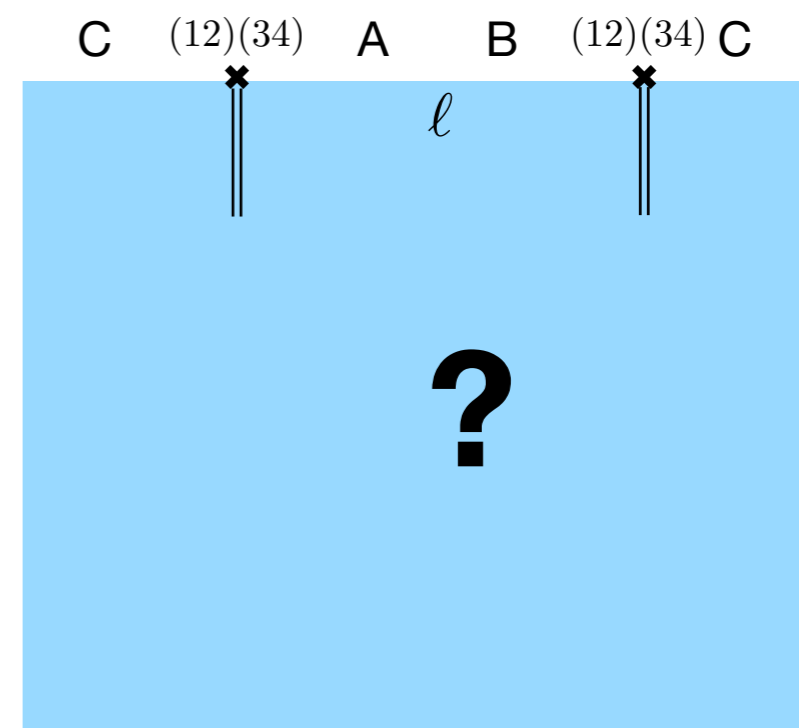
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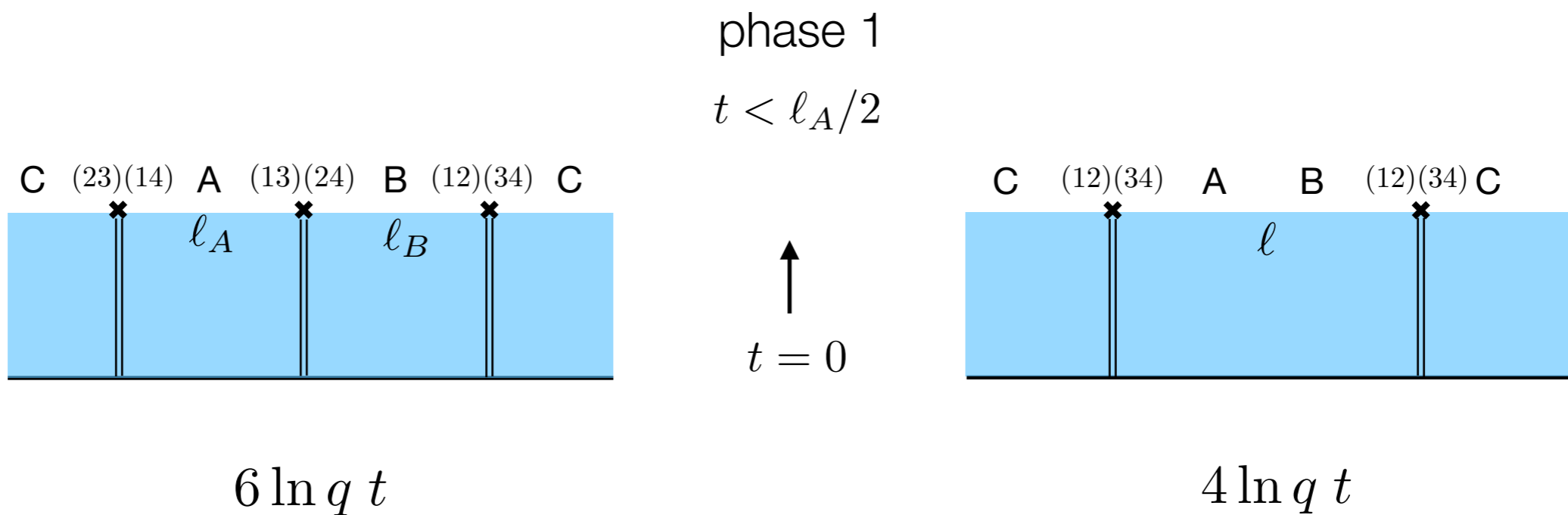
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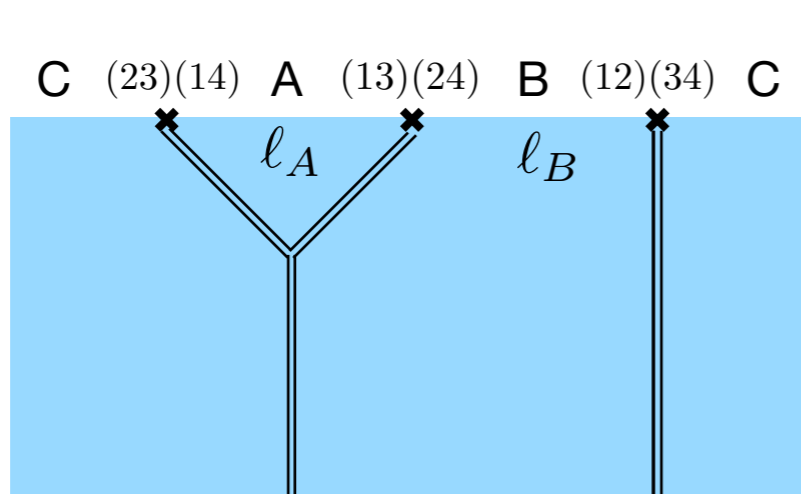
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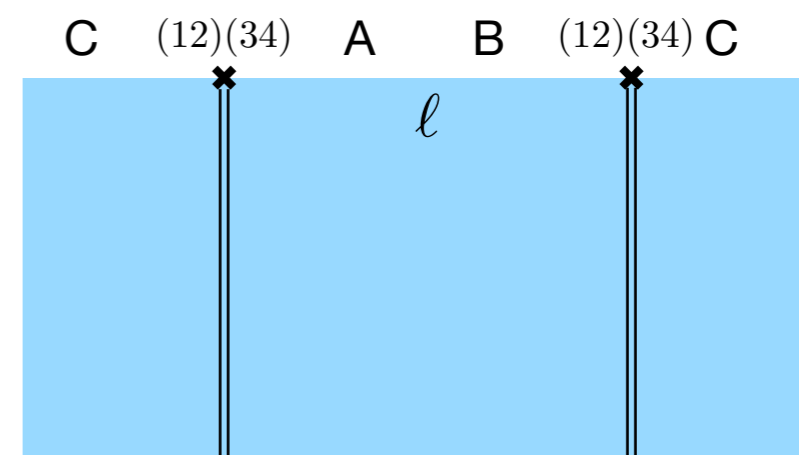
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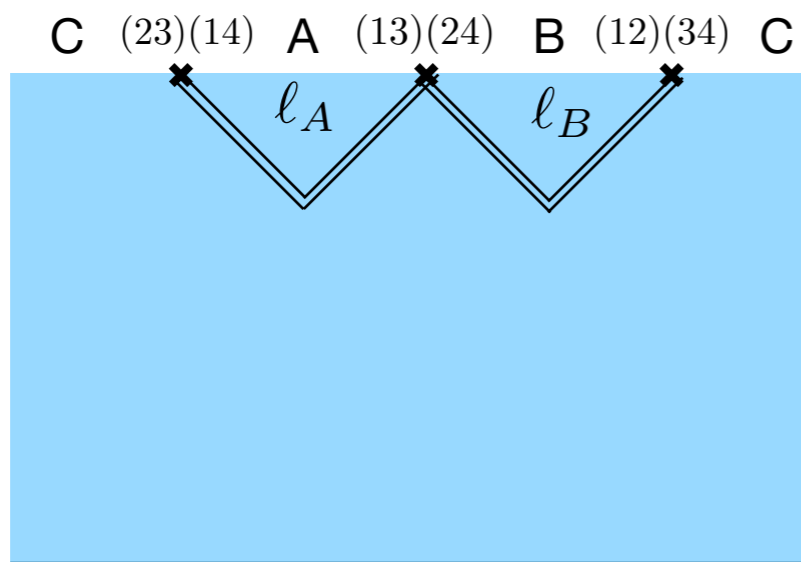


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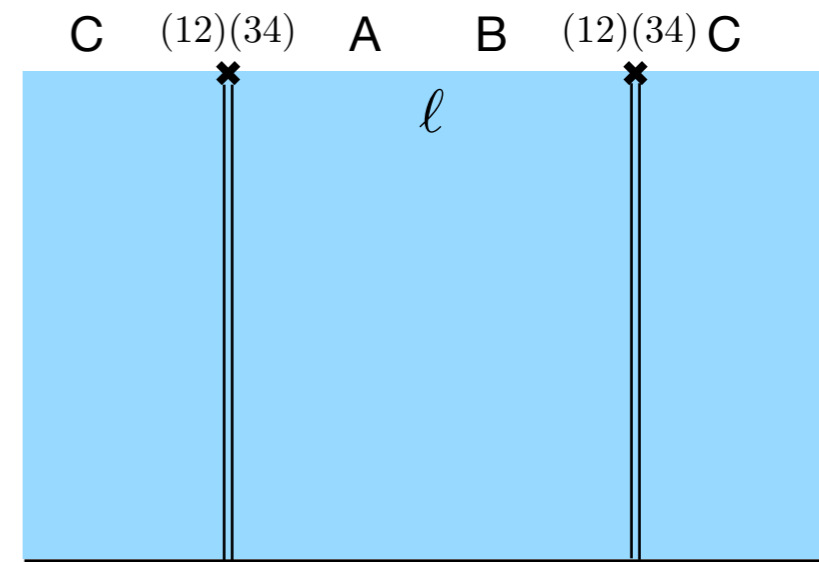


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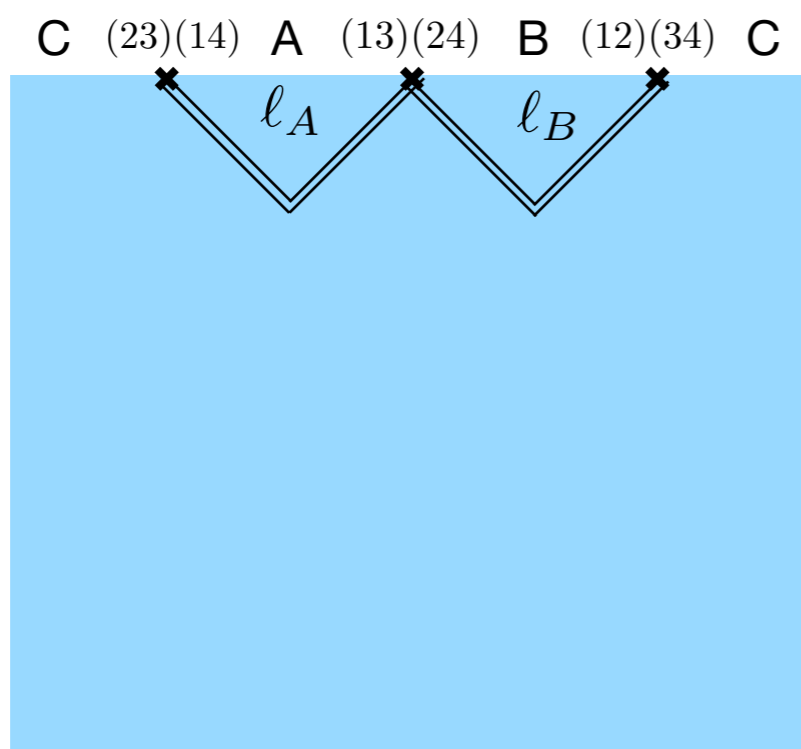


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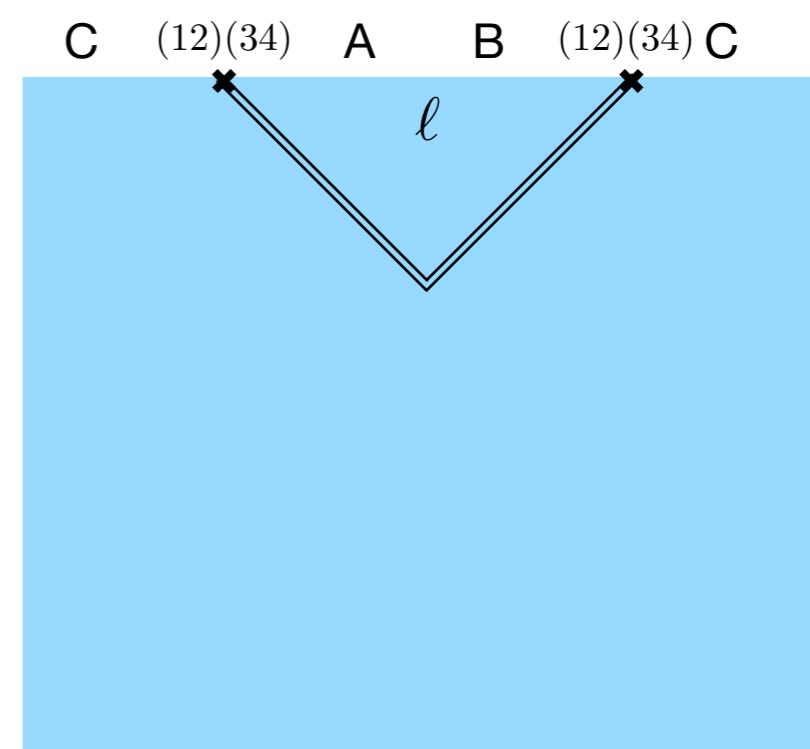


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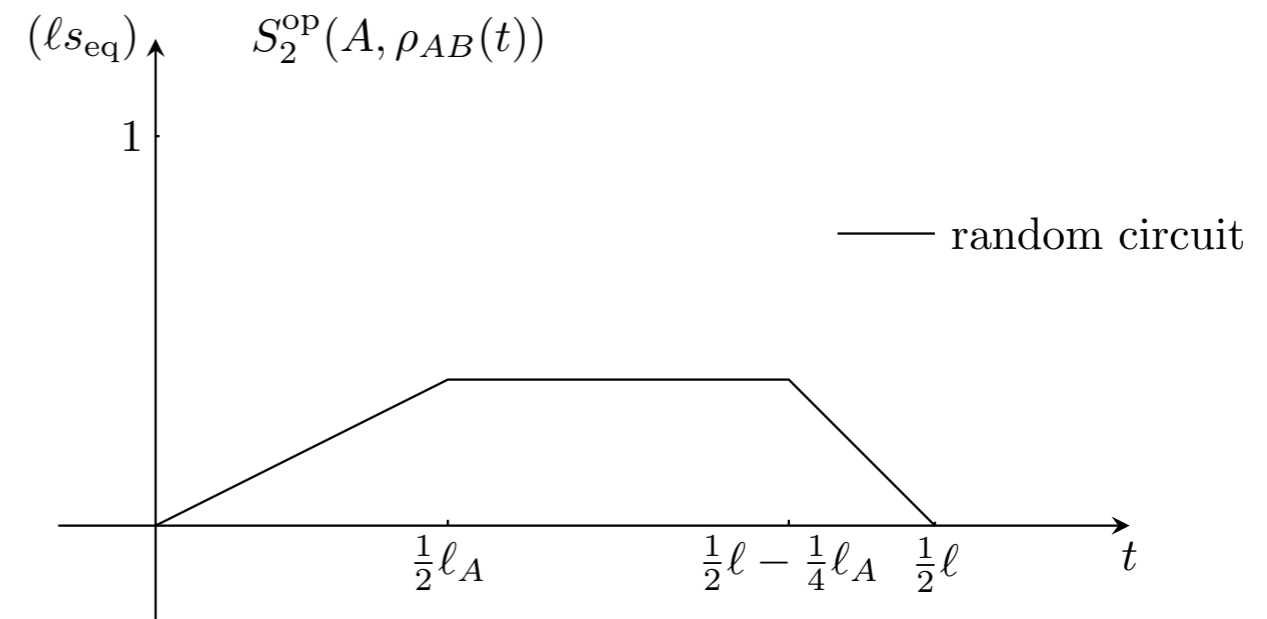
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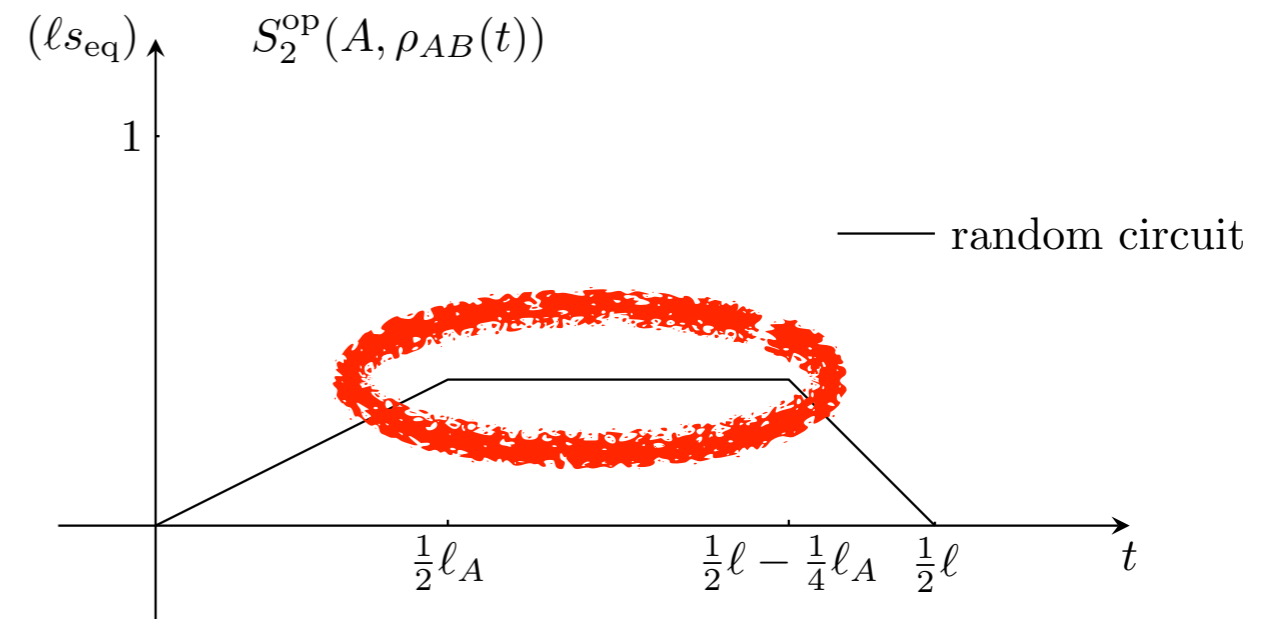
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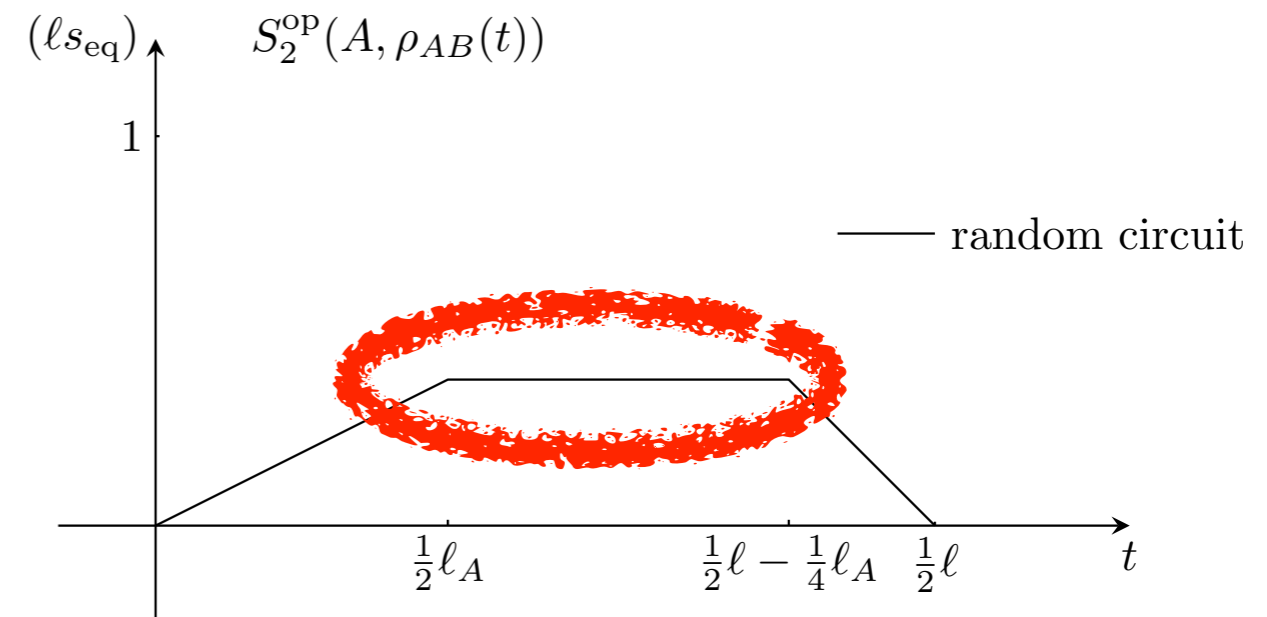
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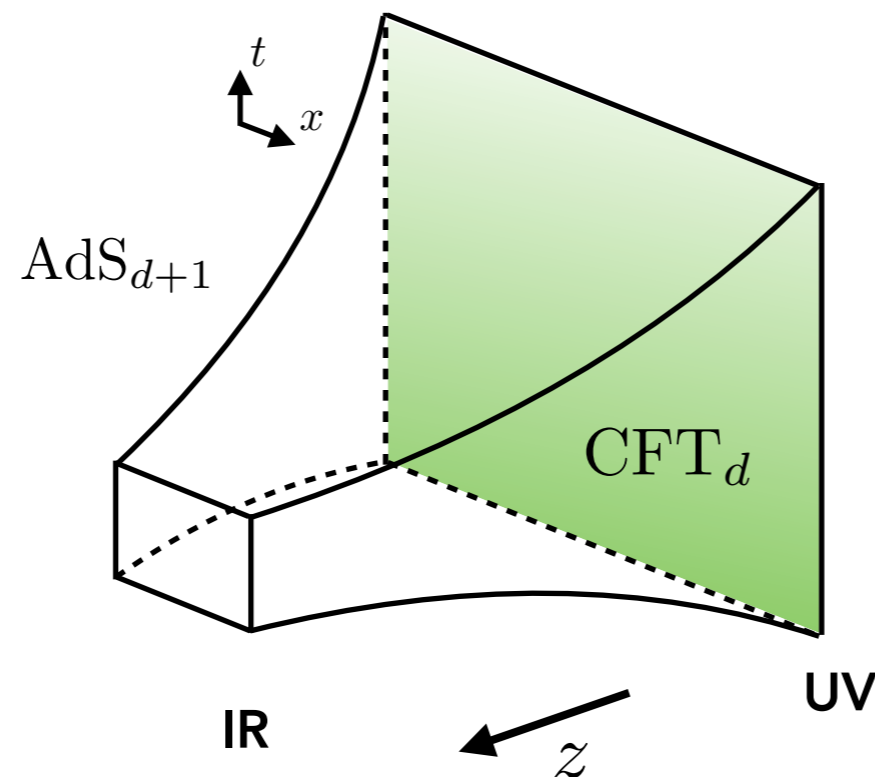
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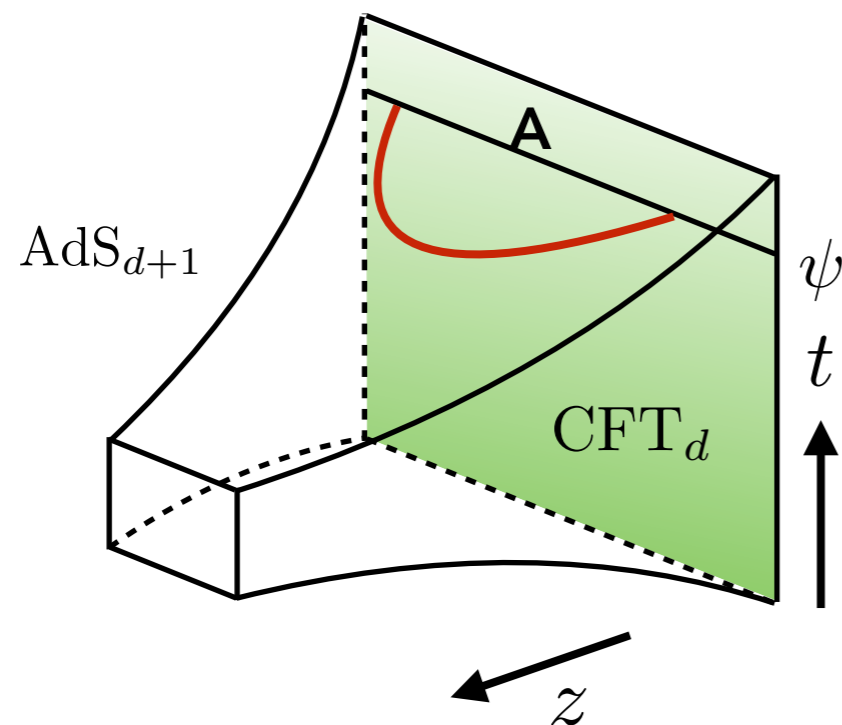
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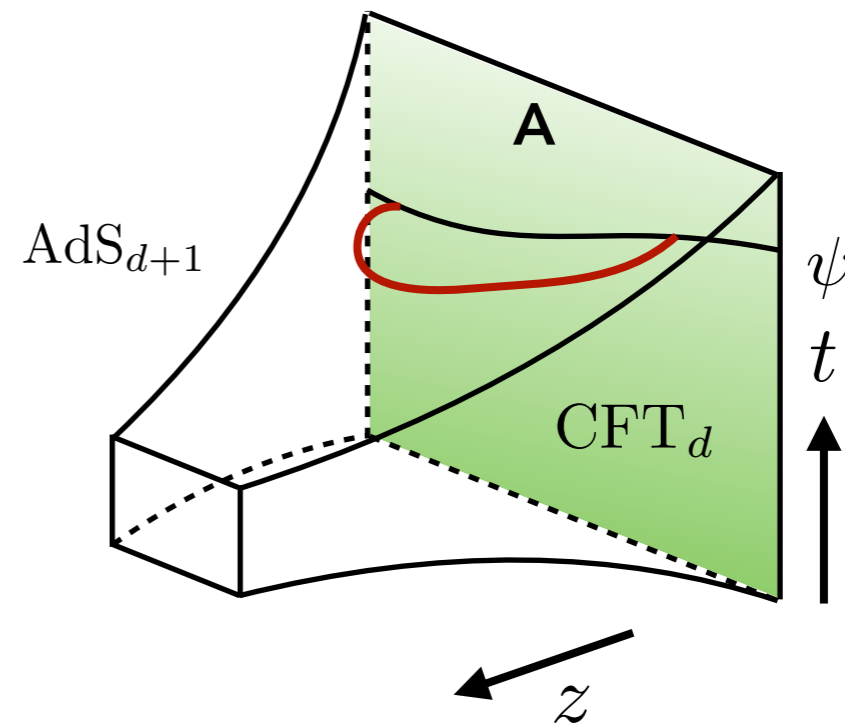
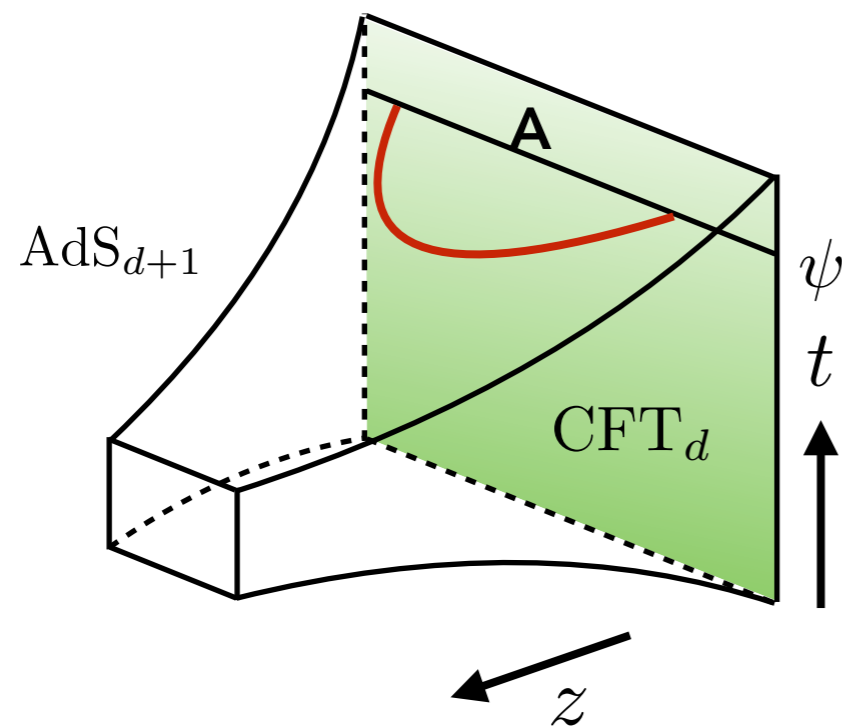
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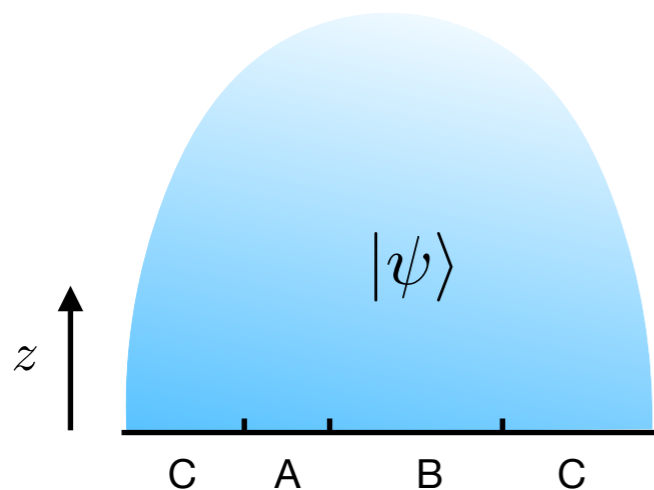
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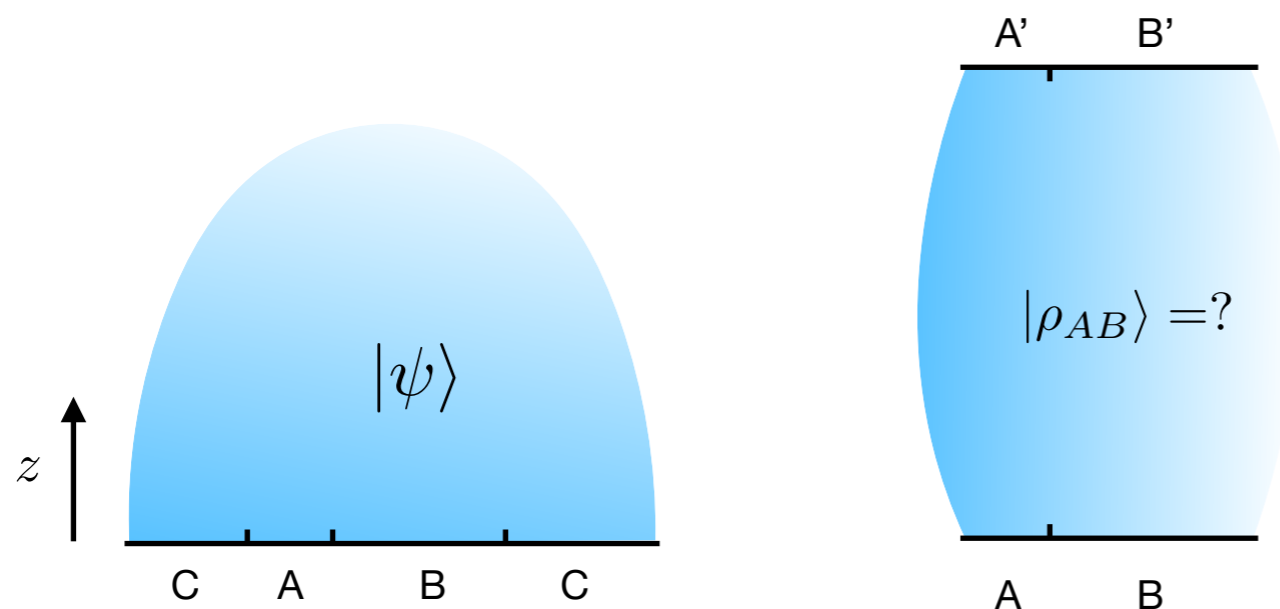
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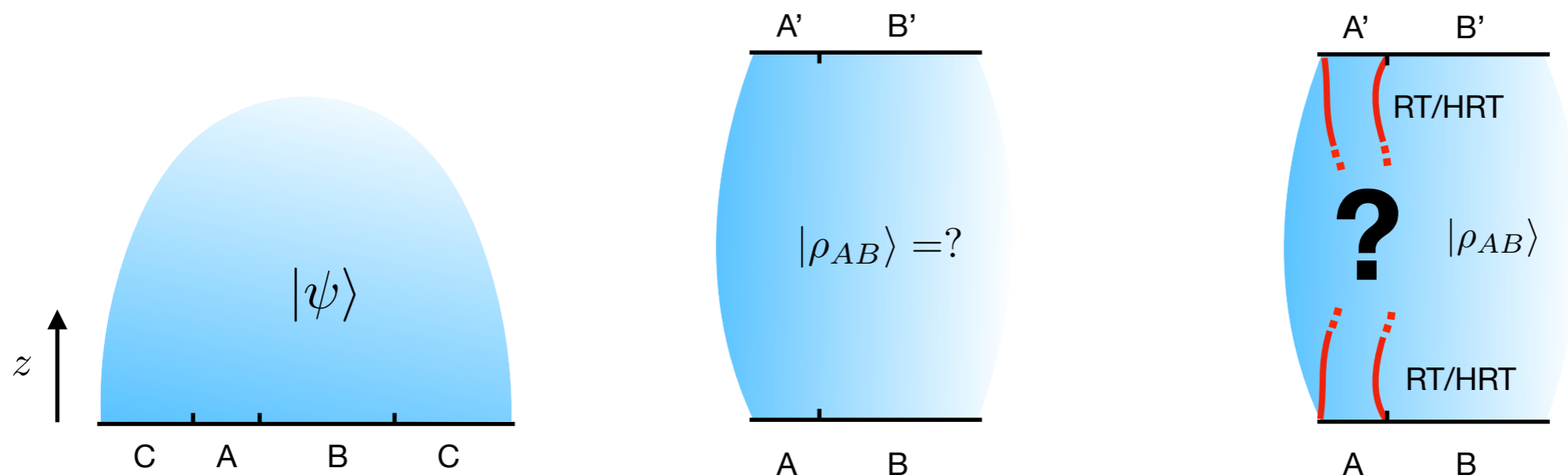
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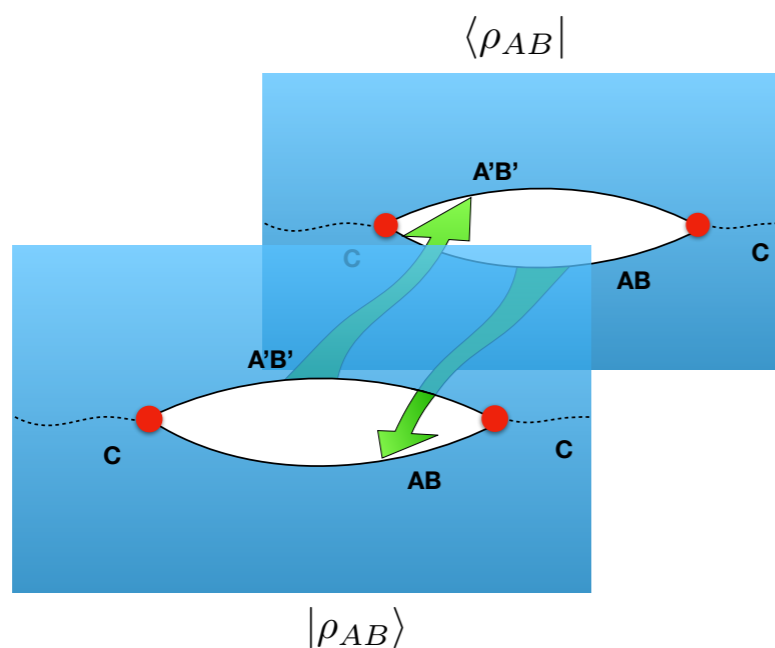
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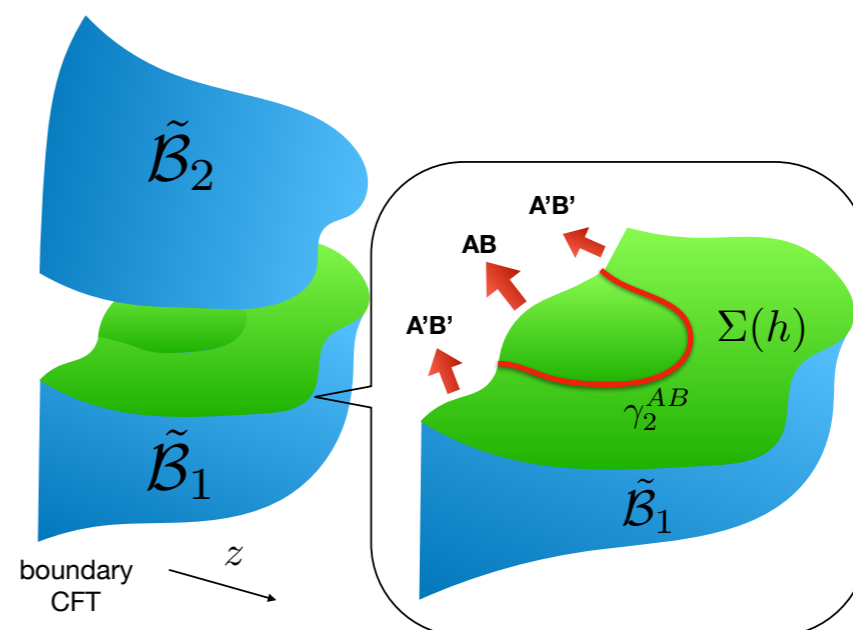
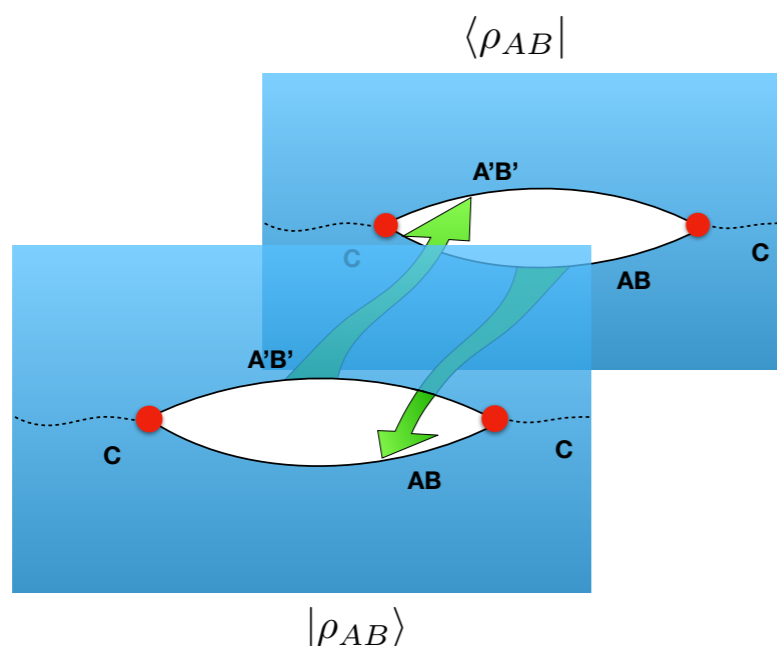
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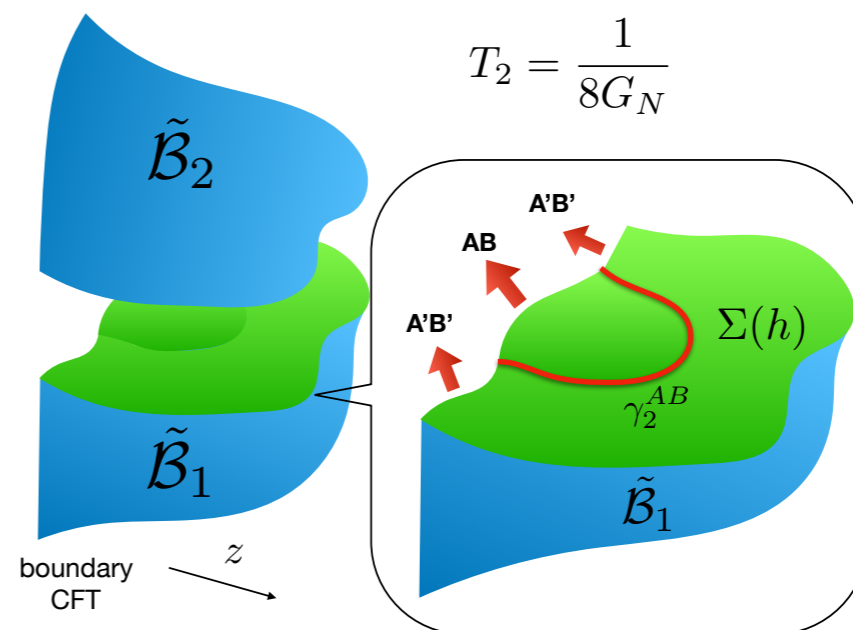
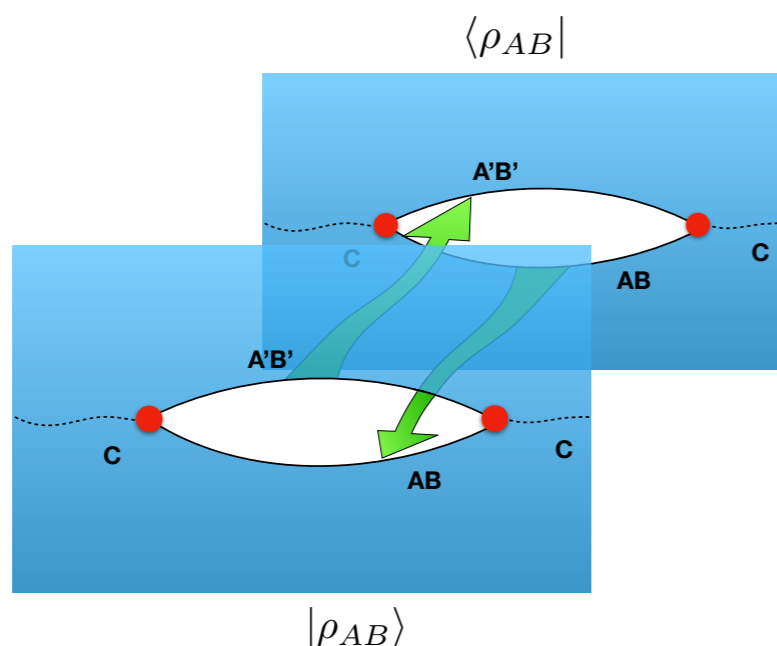
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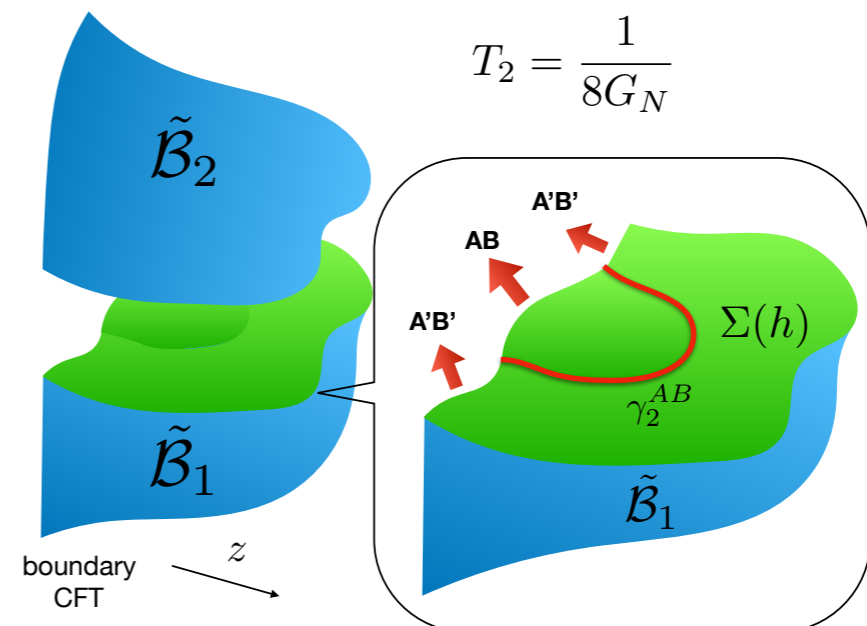
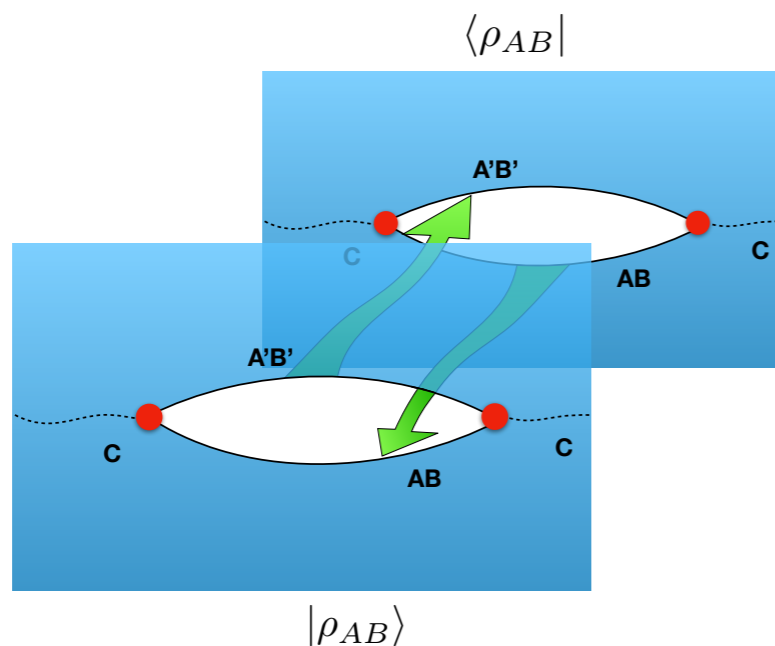


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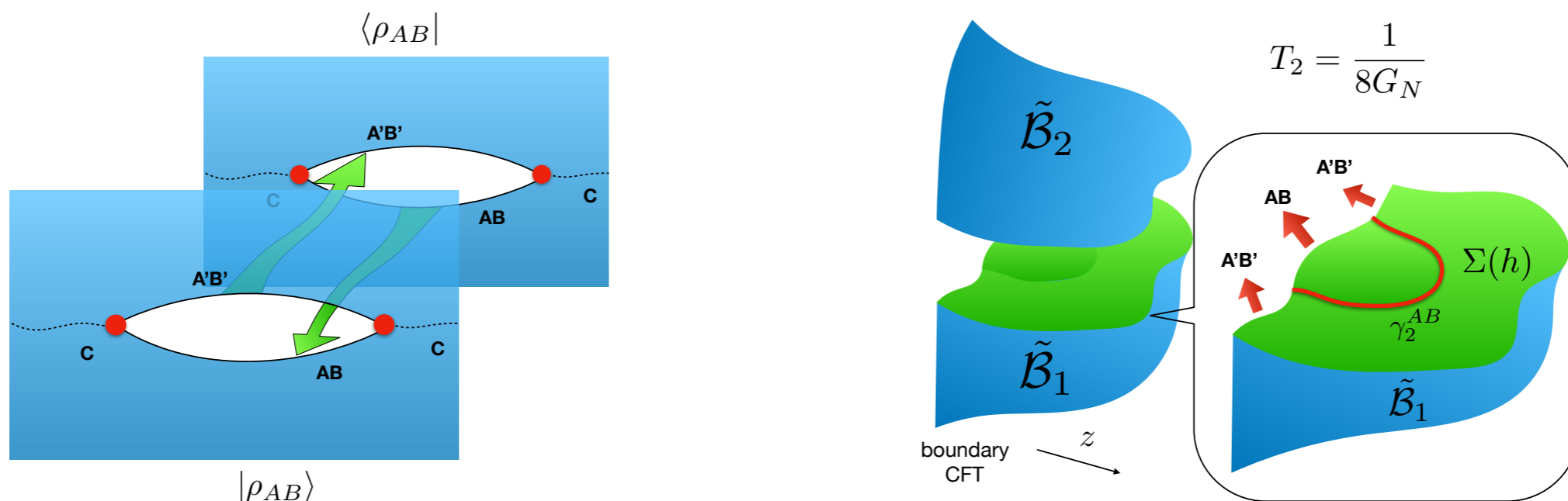
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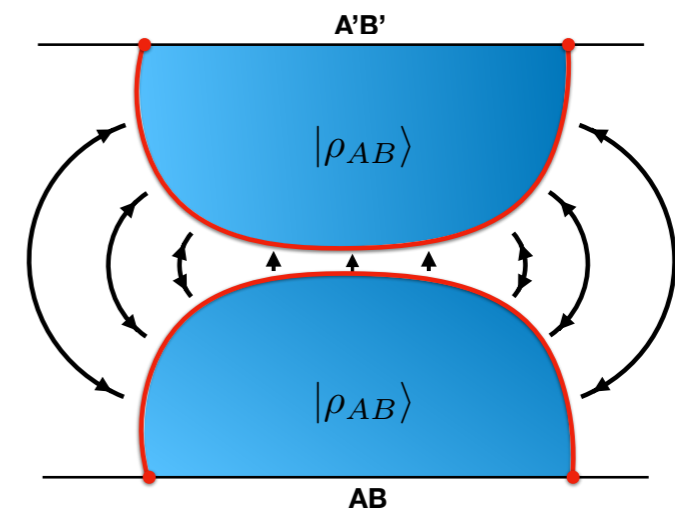
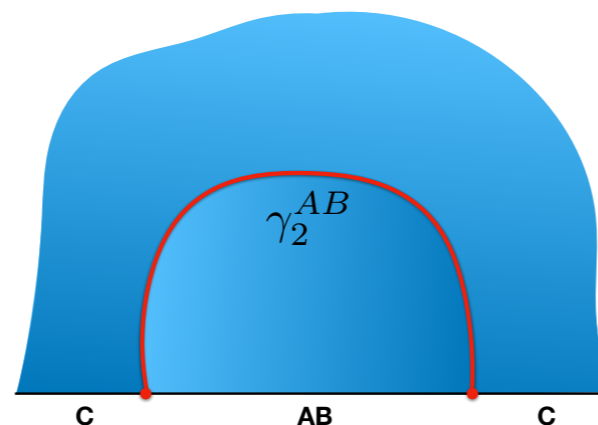
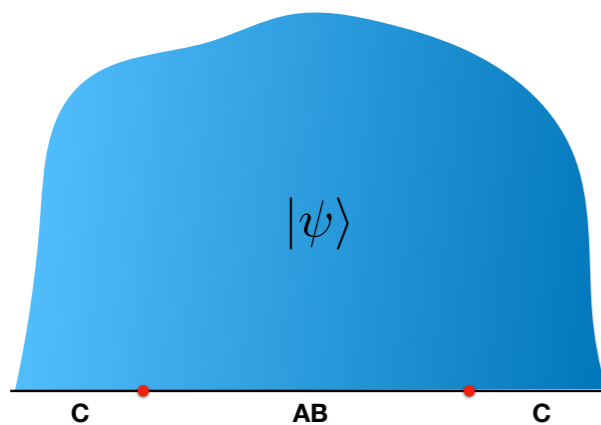
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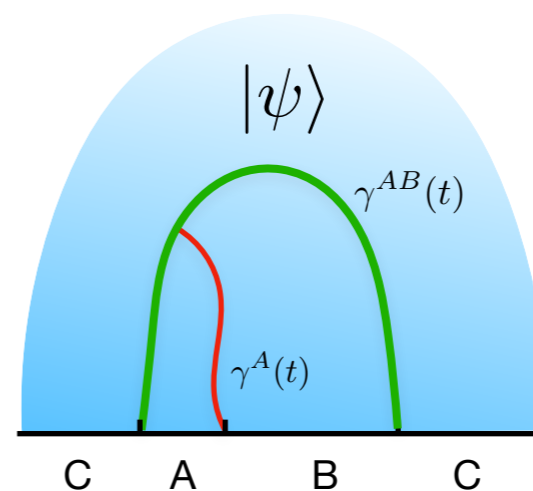
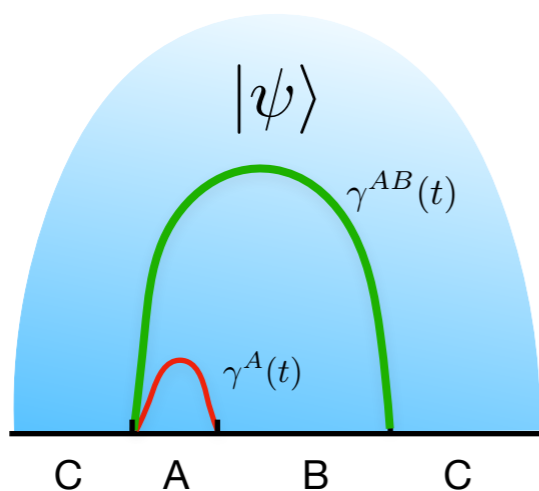
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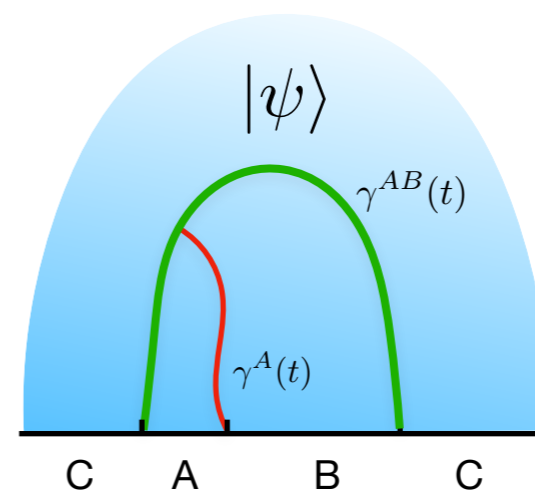
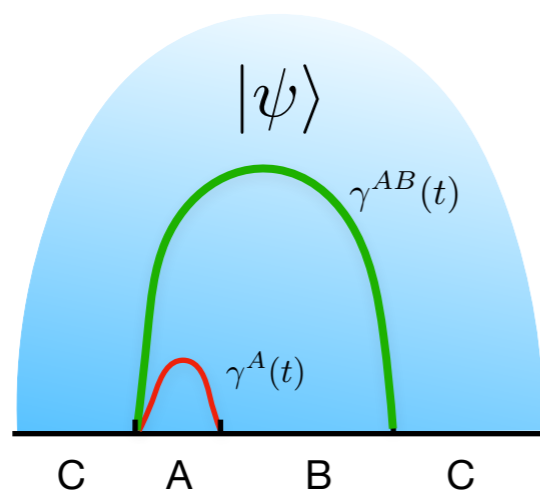
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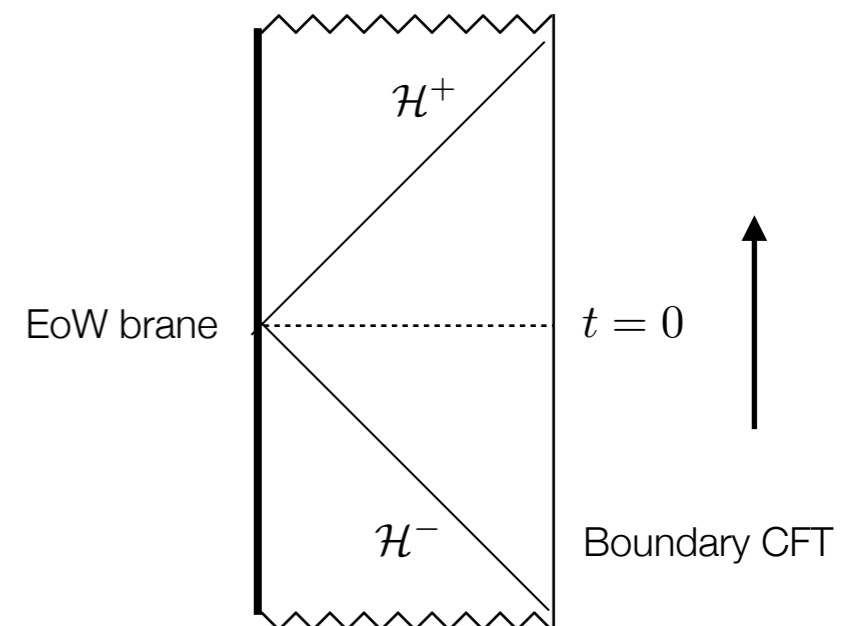
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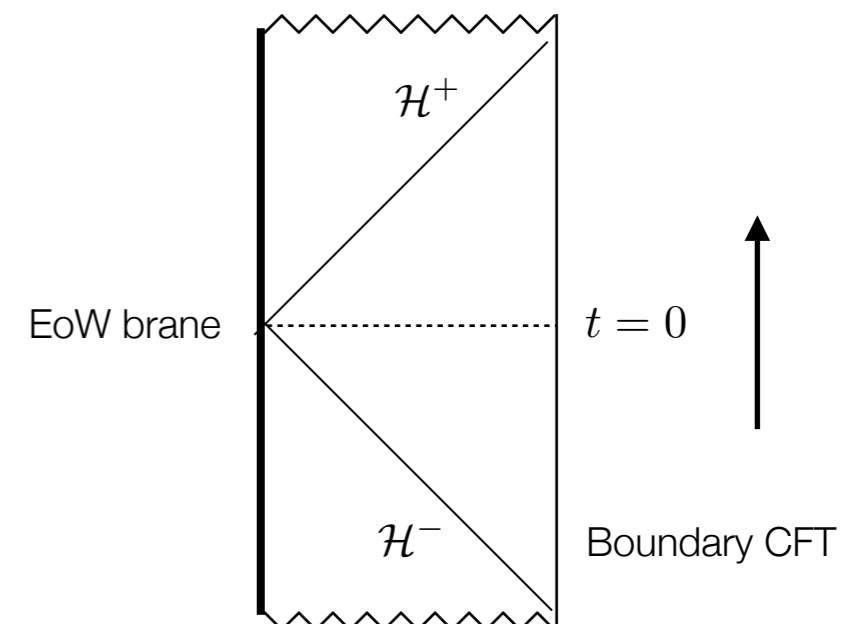
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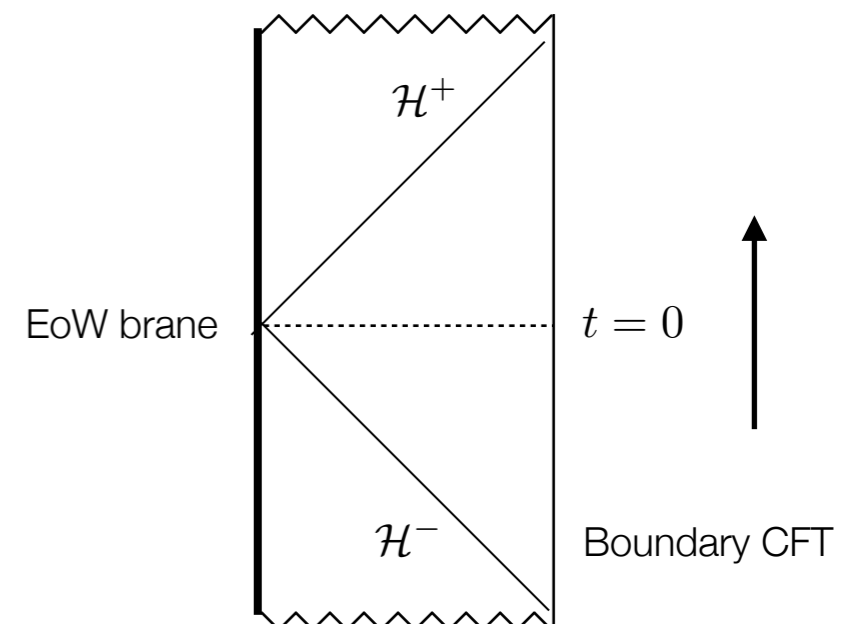
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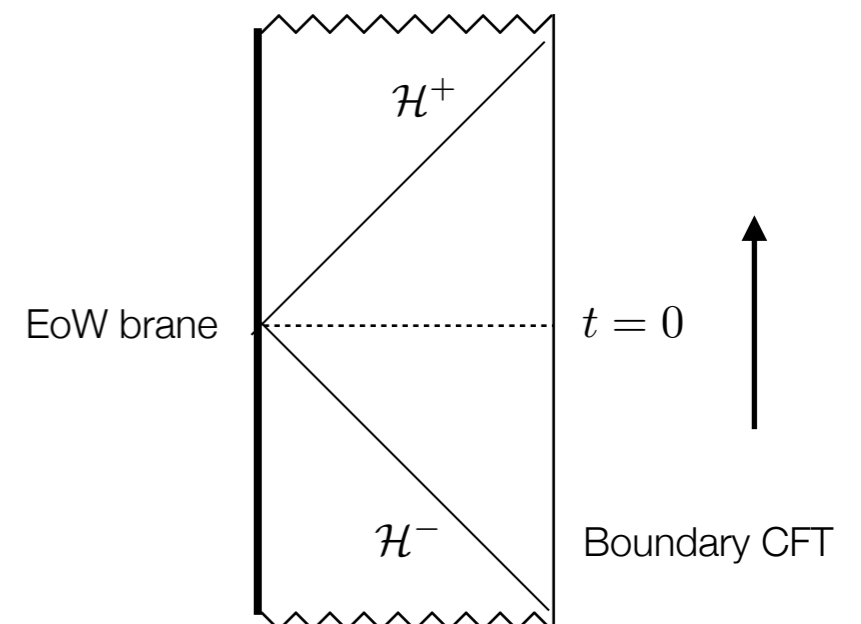
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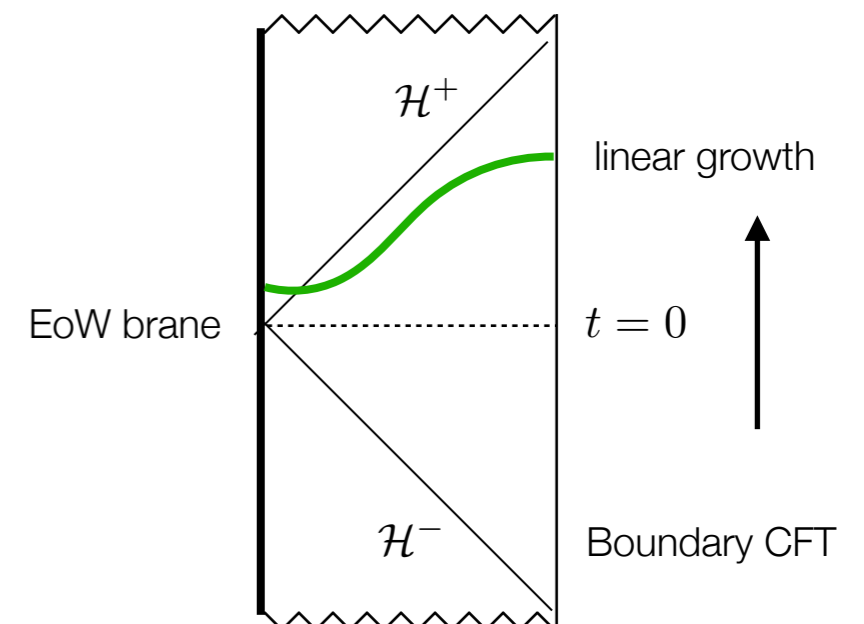
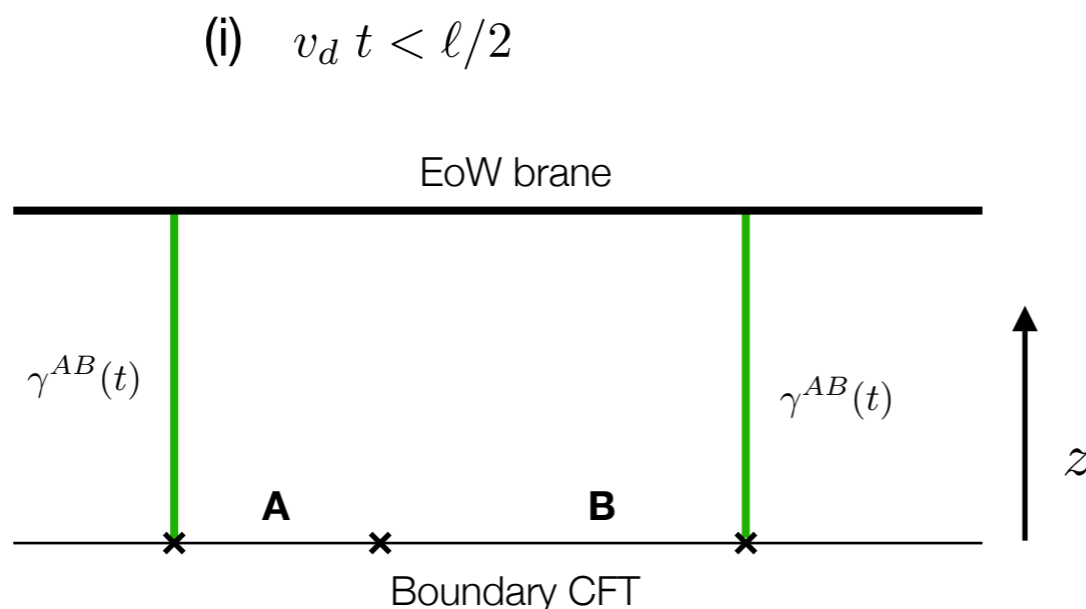
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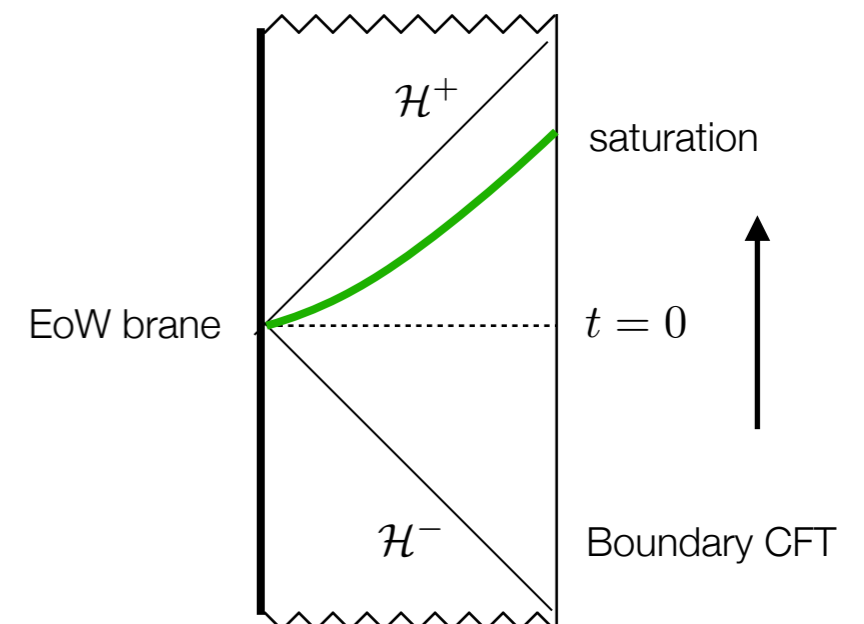
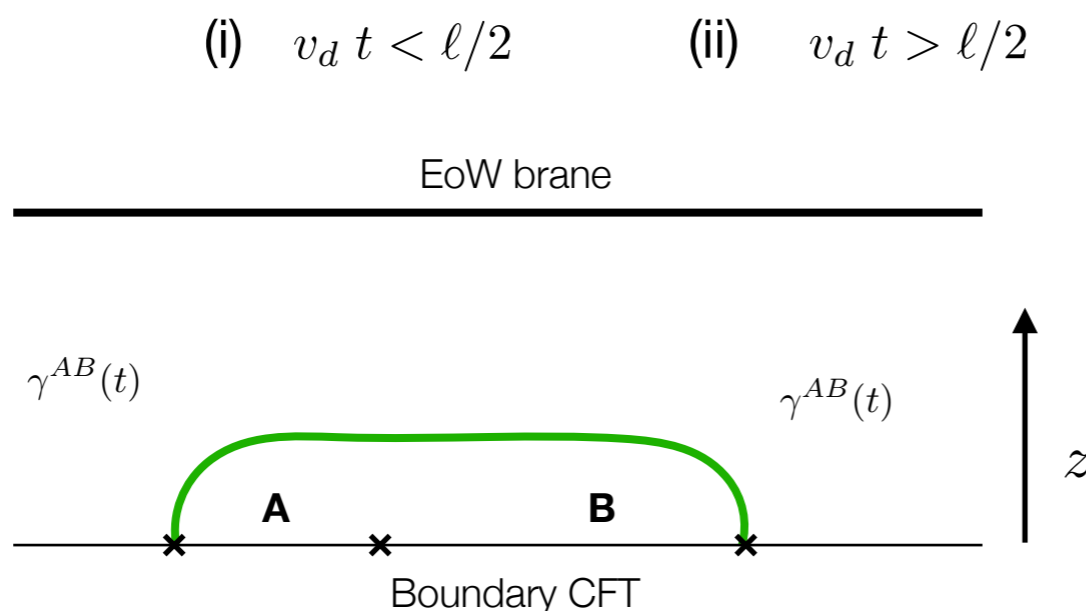
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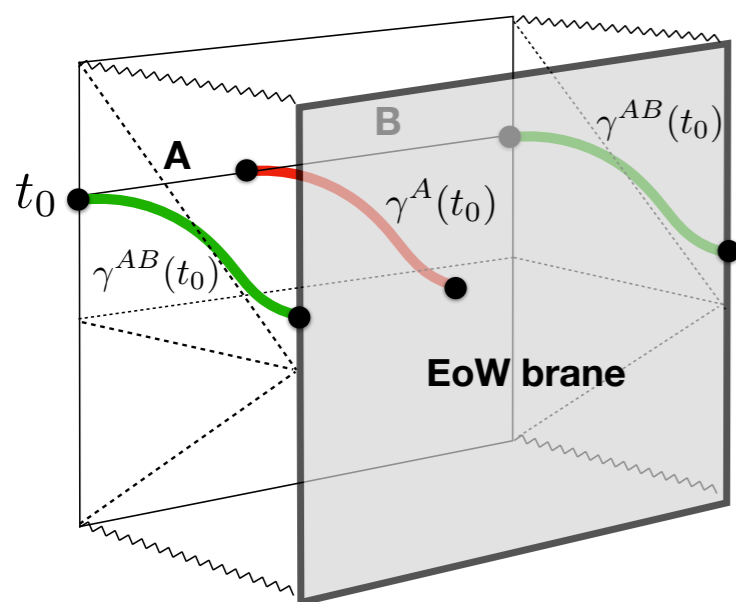
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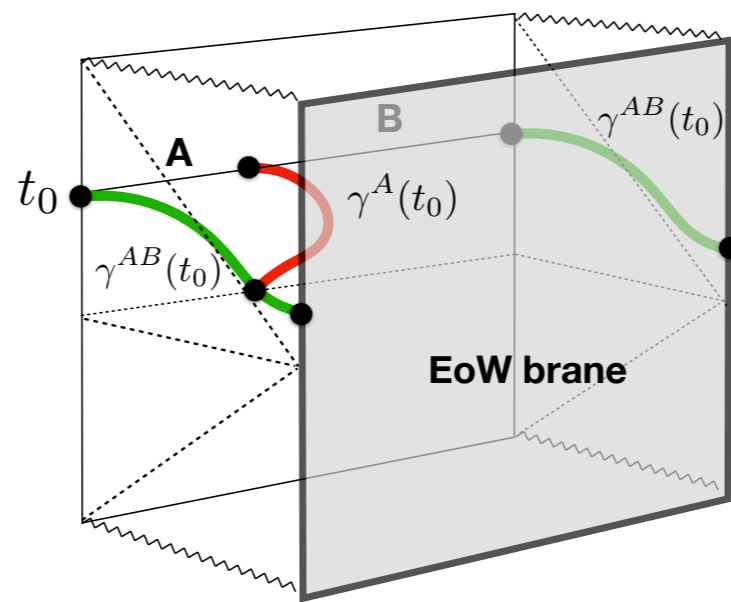
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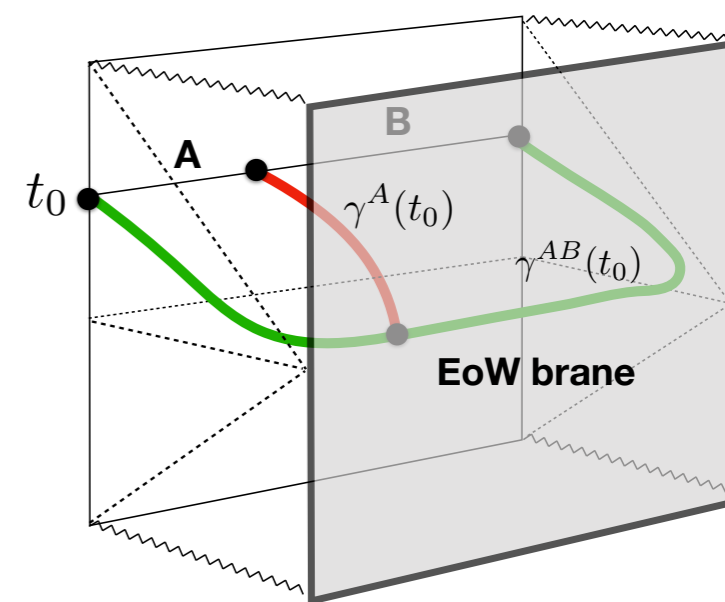
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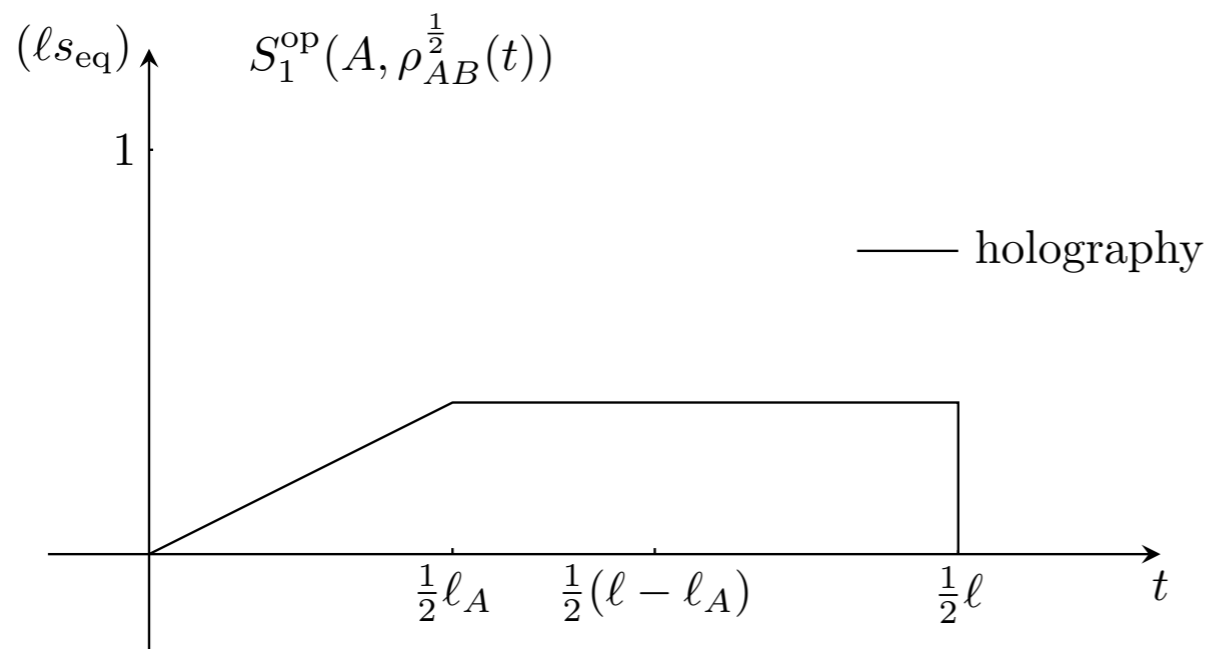
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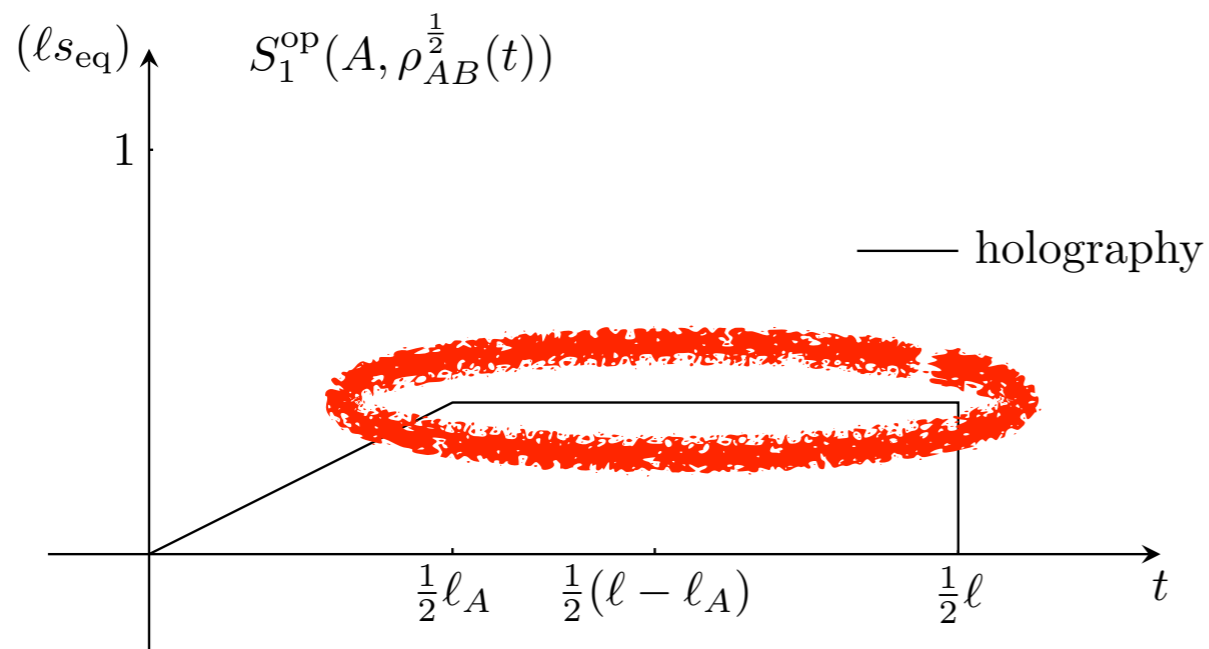
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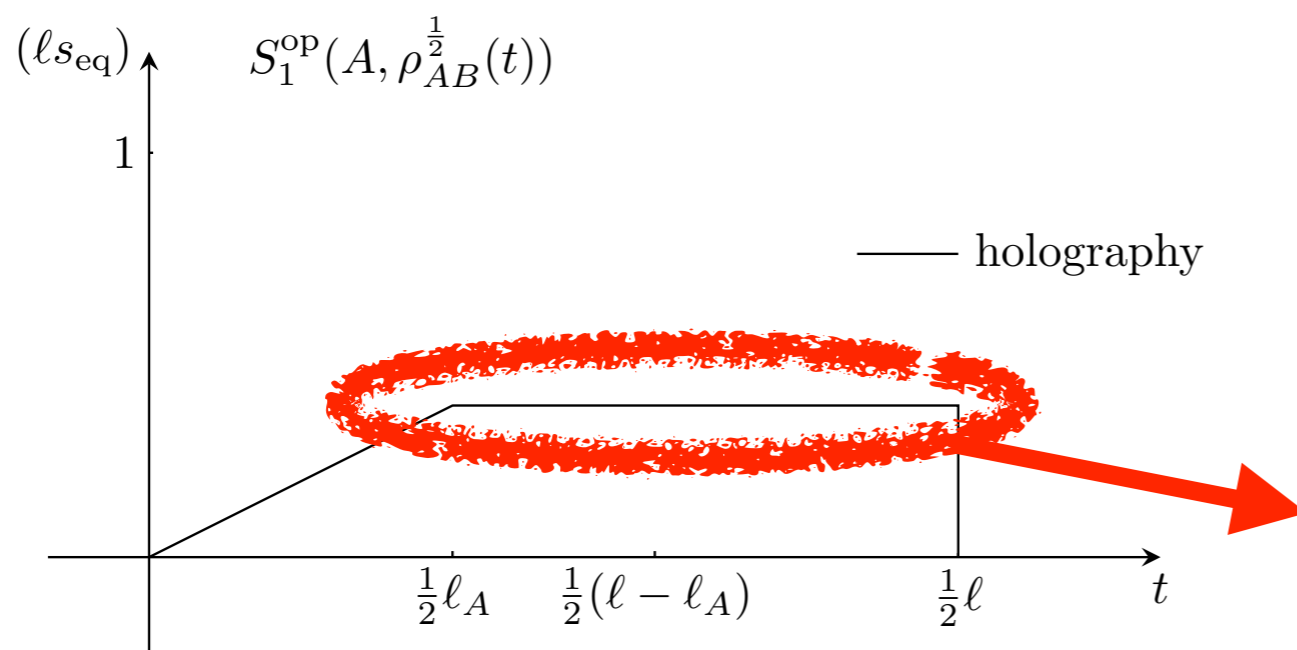
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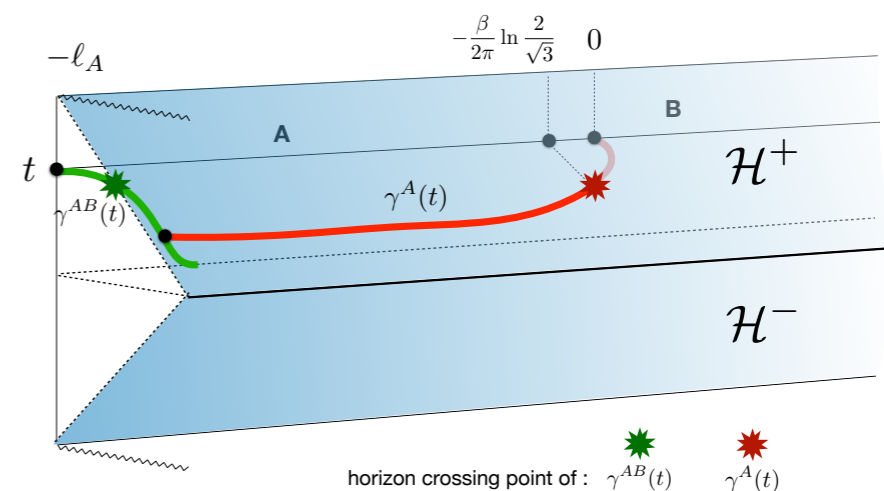
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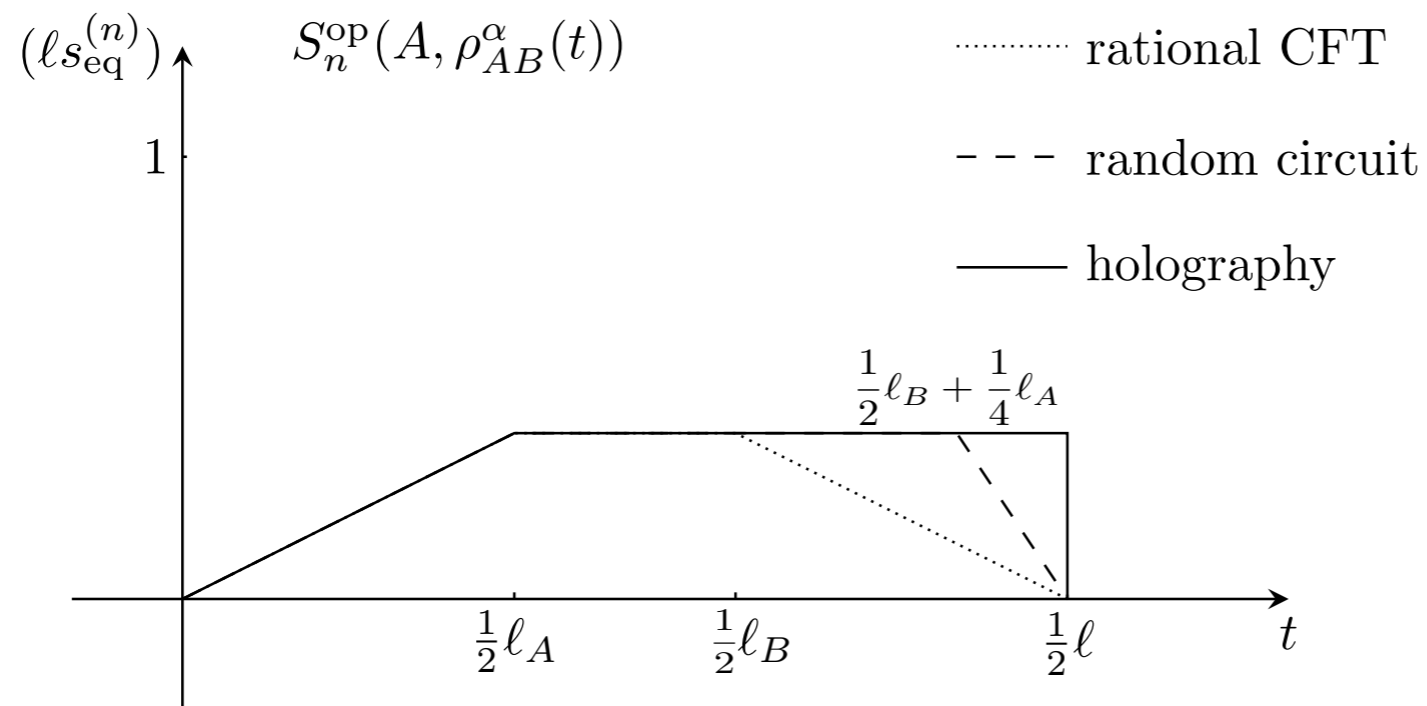
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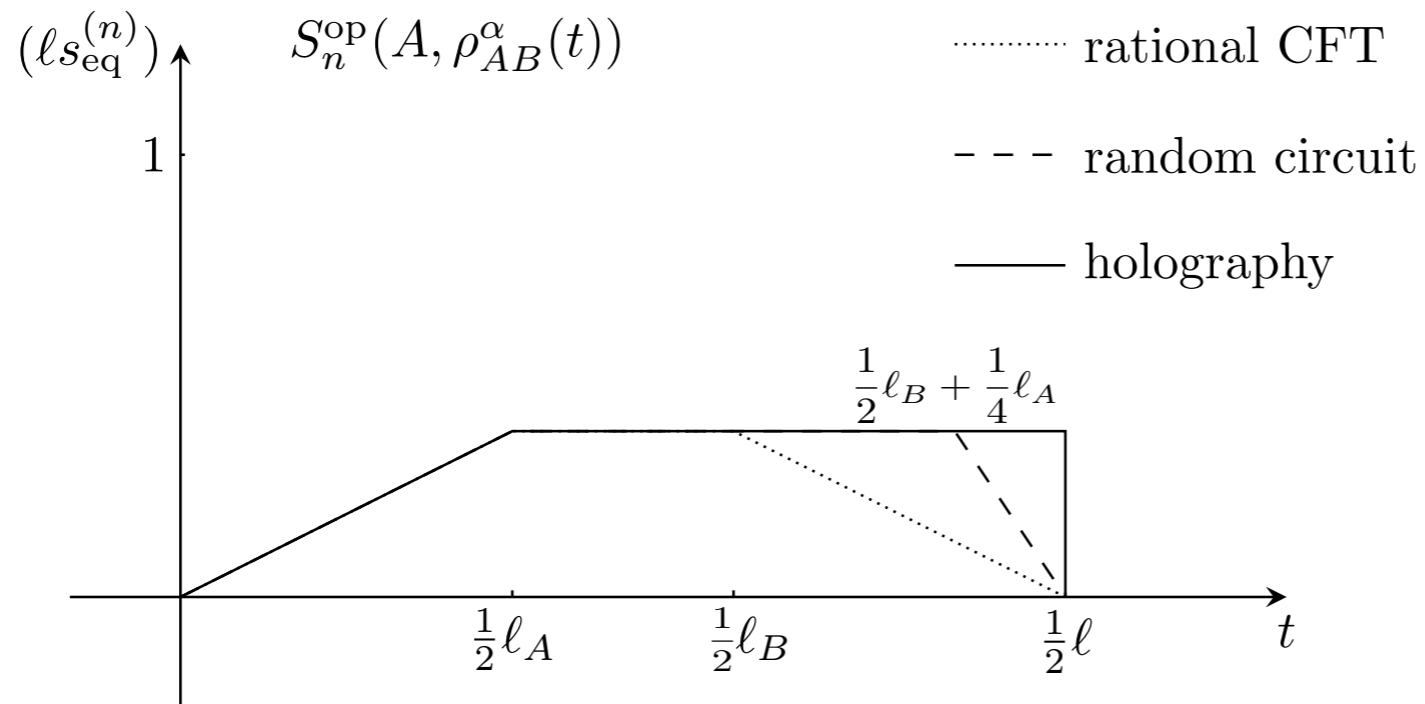
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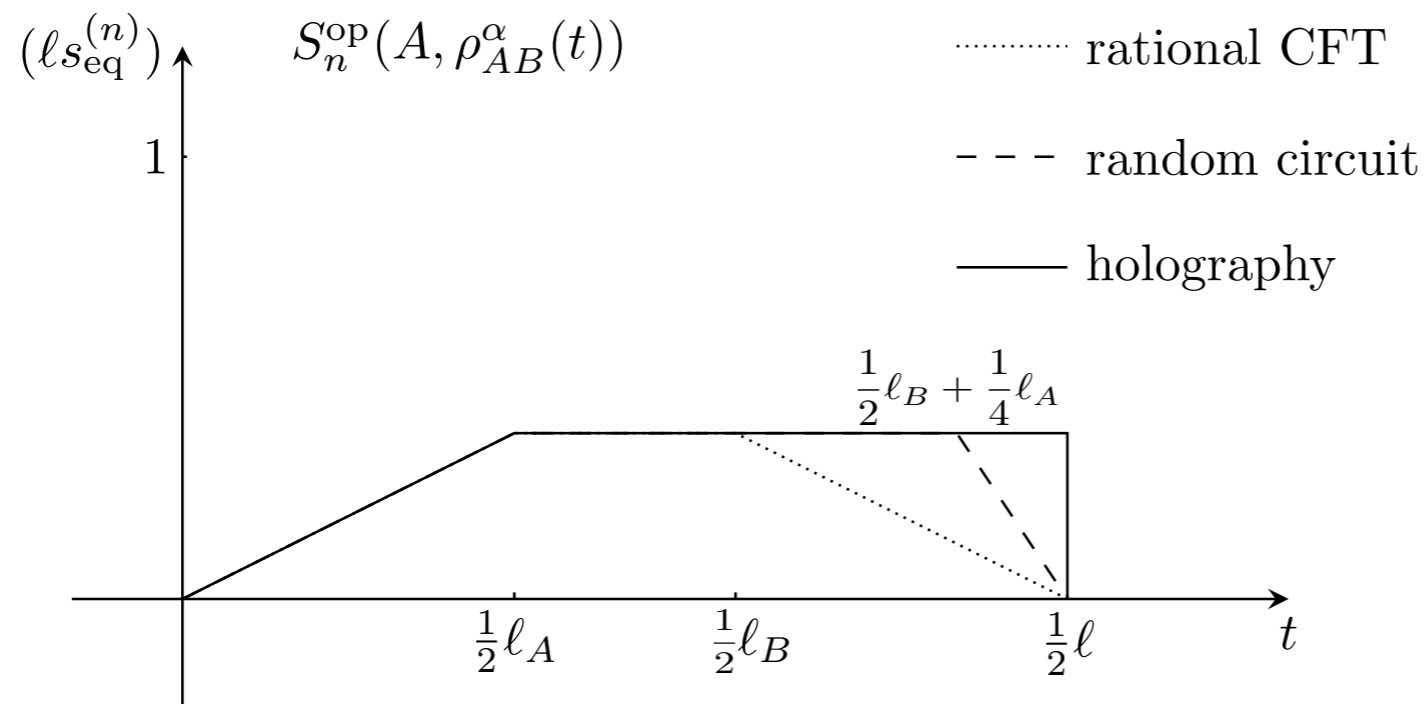


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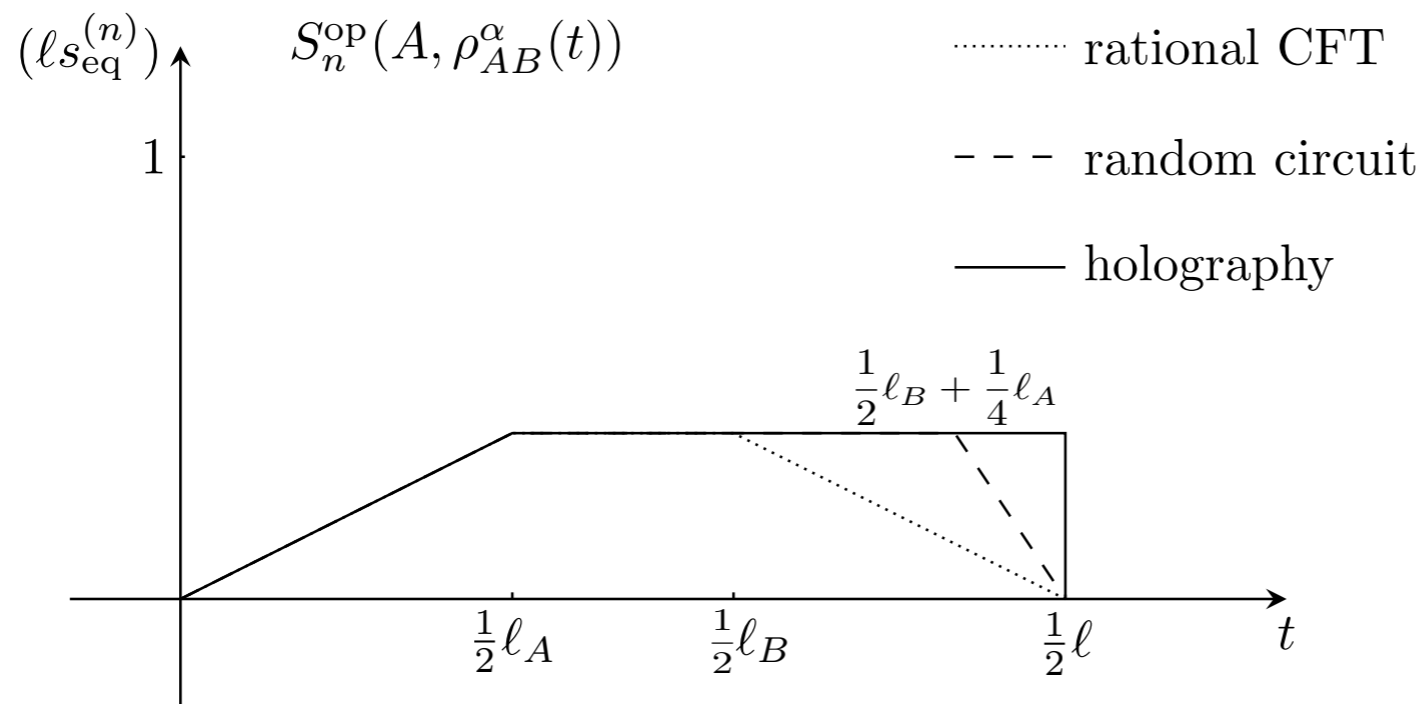
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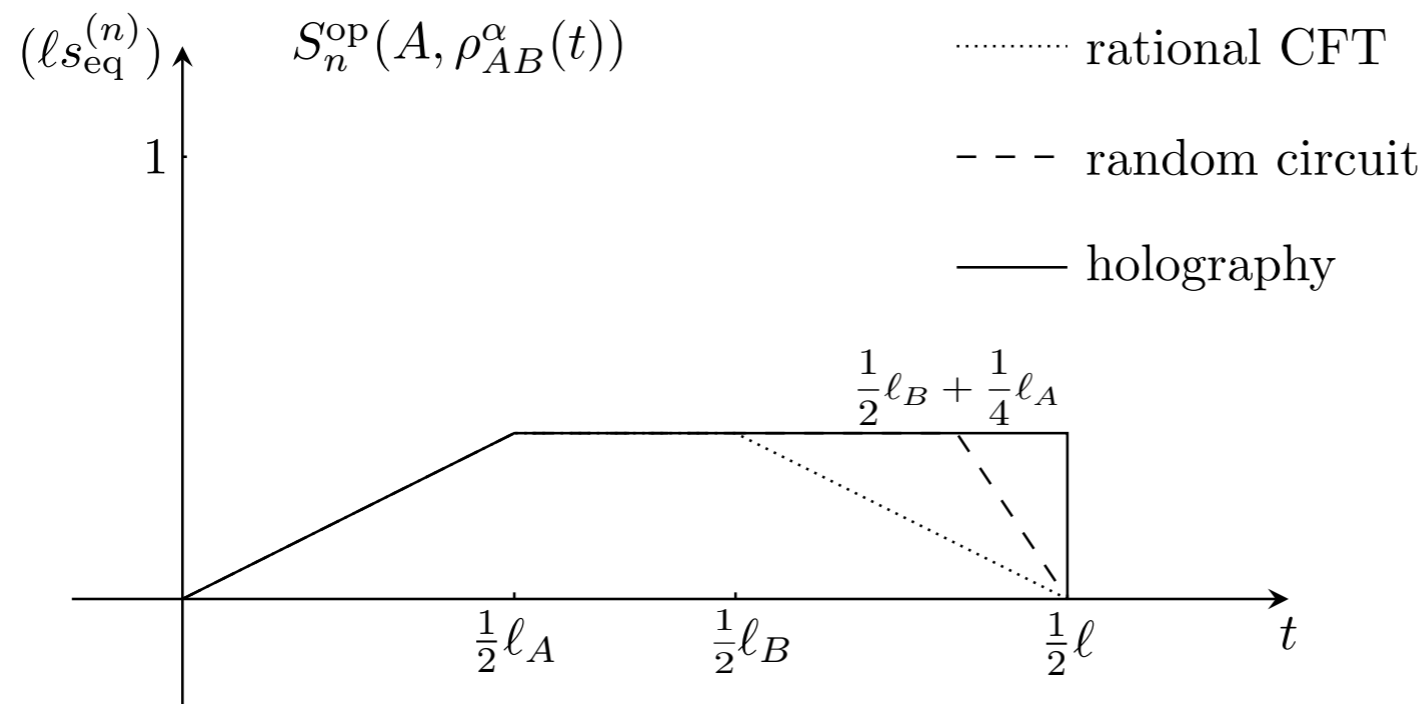
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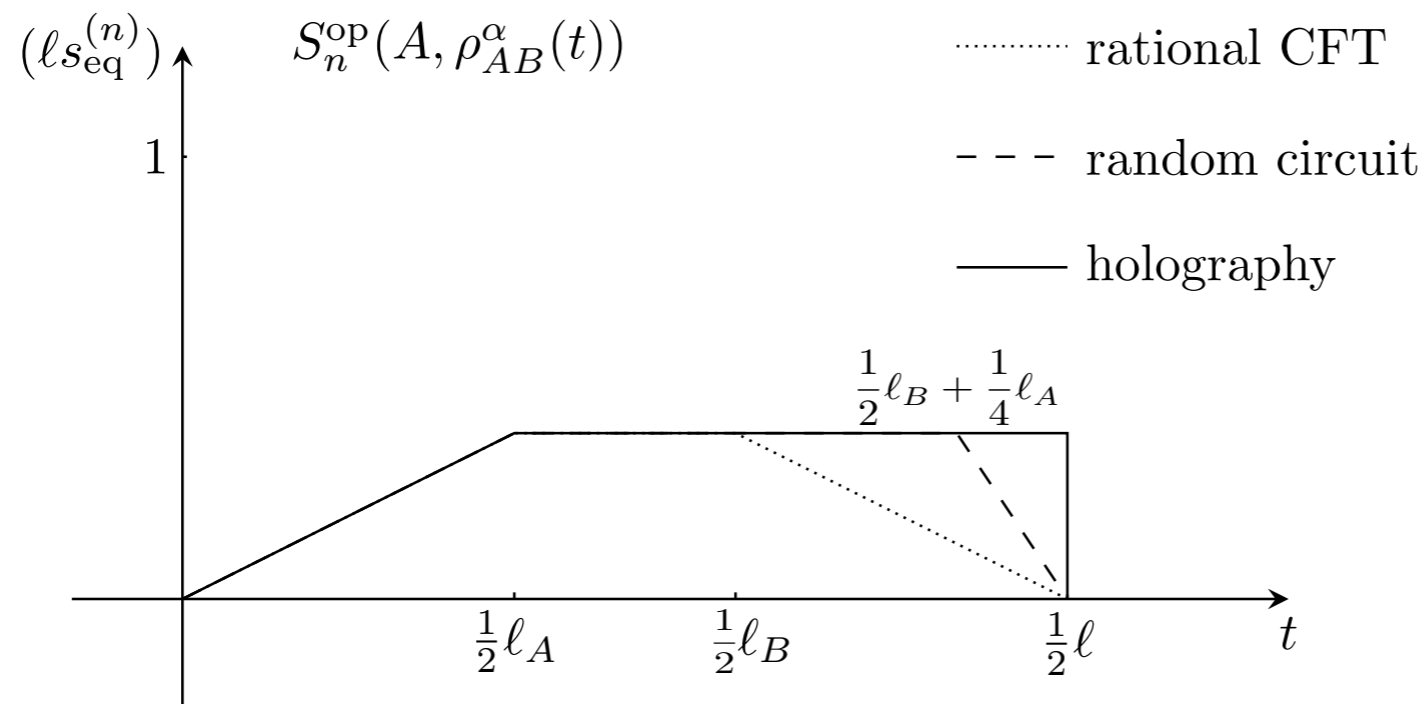
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