

The Thirring quantum cellular automaton

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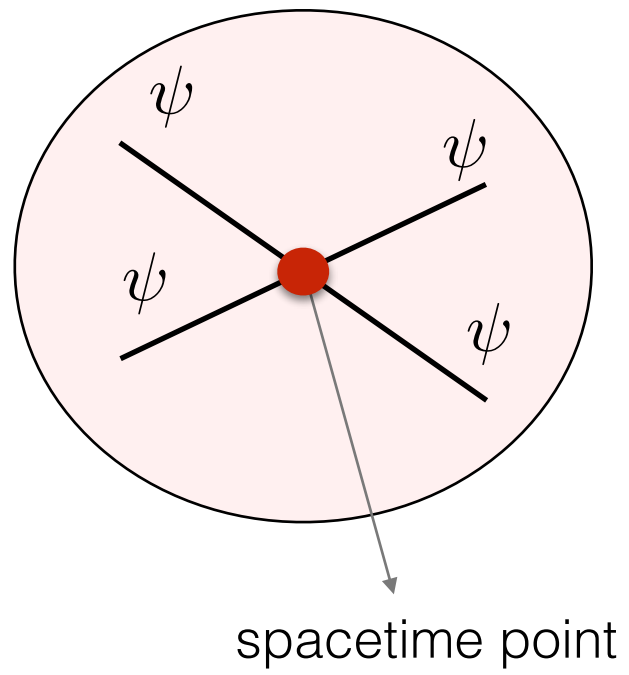


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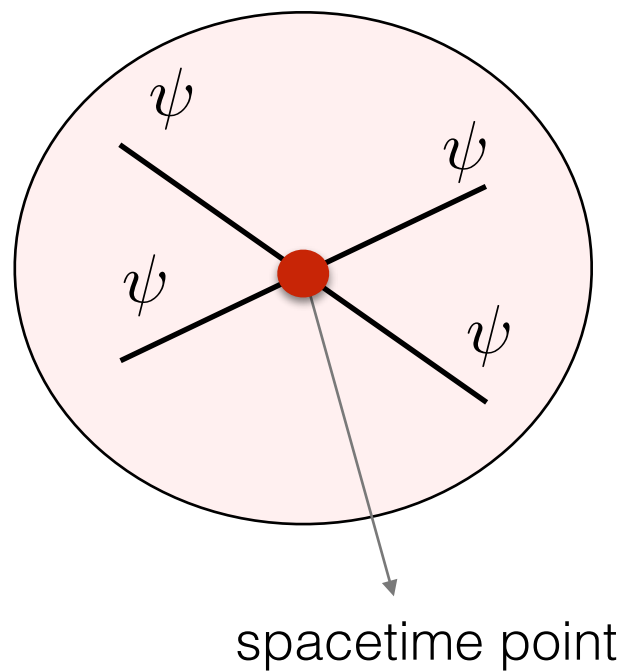


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.....non relativistic example

Hubbard model: 1968 integrable model in 1+1 dimension

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interaction

$$H = \text{kinetic term} + g \sum_x \psi_{x\uparrow}^\dagger \psi_{x\uparrow} \psi_{x\downarrow}^\dagger \psi_{x\downarrow}$$

switches on
when two fermions
are at the same site x

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Thirring: 1958, integrable model in 1+1 dim

$$\Gamma_{\alpha} = \gamma_{\mu}$$

W. E. Thirring, Annals of Physics **3**, 91 (1958)
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Nambu & Jona-Lasinio: 1961, dynamical mass generation in 3+1 dim

$$\Gamma_1 = I$$

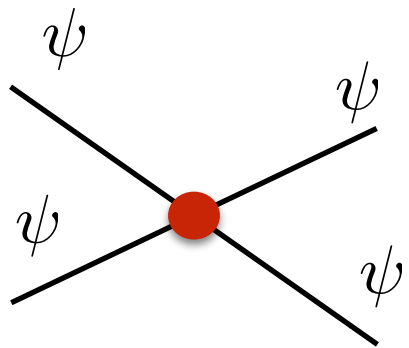
$$\Gamma_2 = \gamma_5$$

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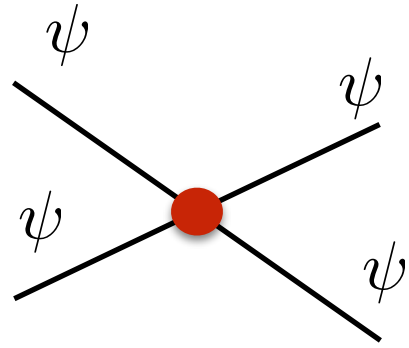
Gross-Neveu: 1974, asymptotic freedom, dynamical symmetry breaking (1+1 dim)

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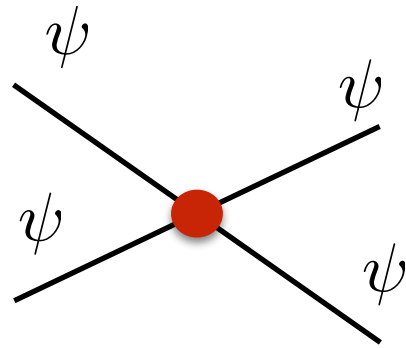


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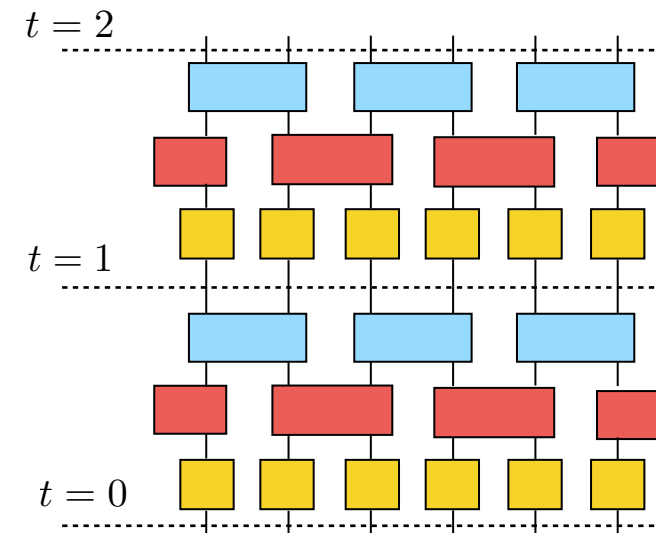
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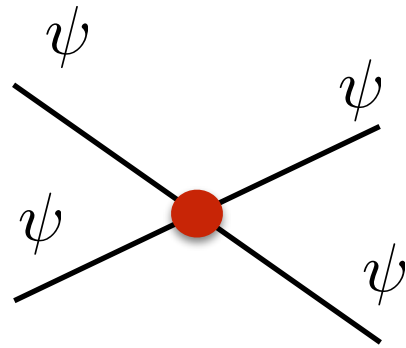
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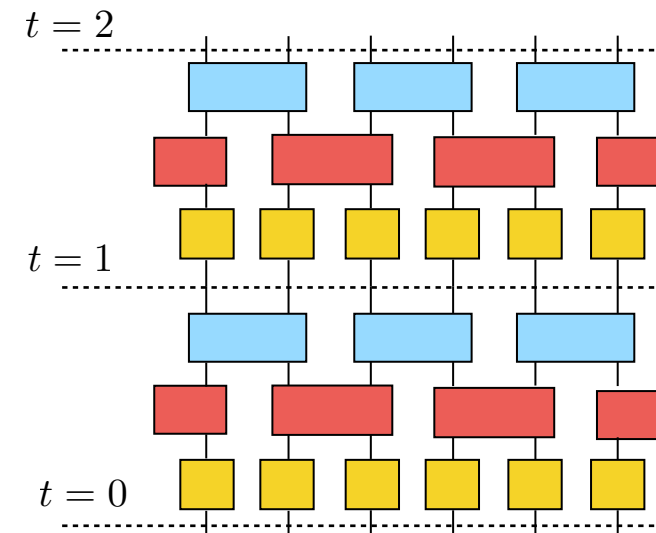
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Outline

1. Cellular automata and their quantum counterpart (QCA)
2. QCA model of four-fermion interaction: the Thirring automaton
3. The analytical solution in the two particles sector
 - o set of possible scattering processes
 - o bound states

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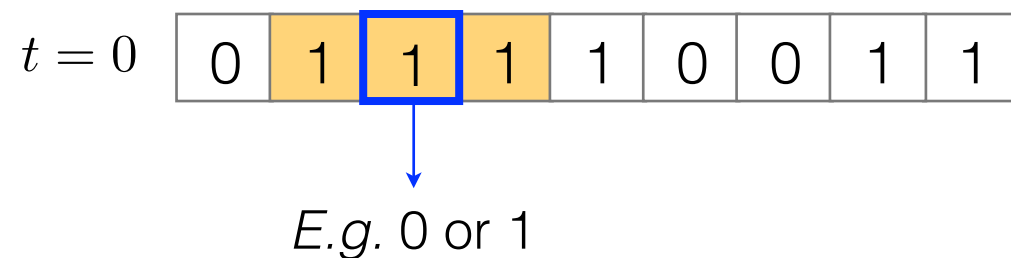
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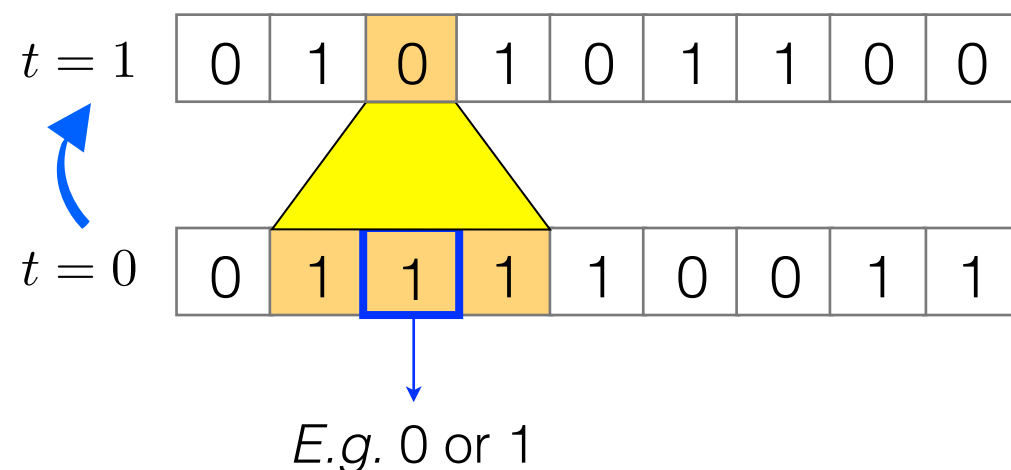


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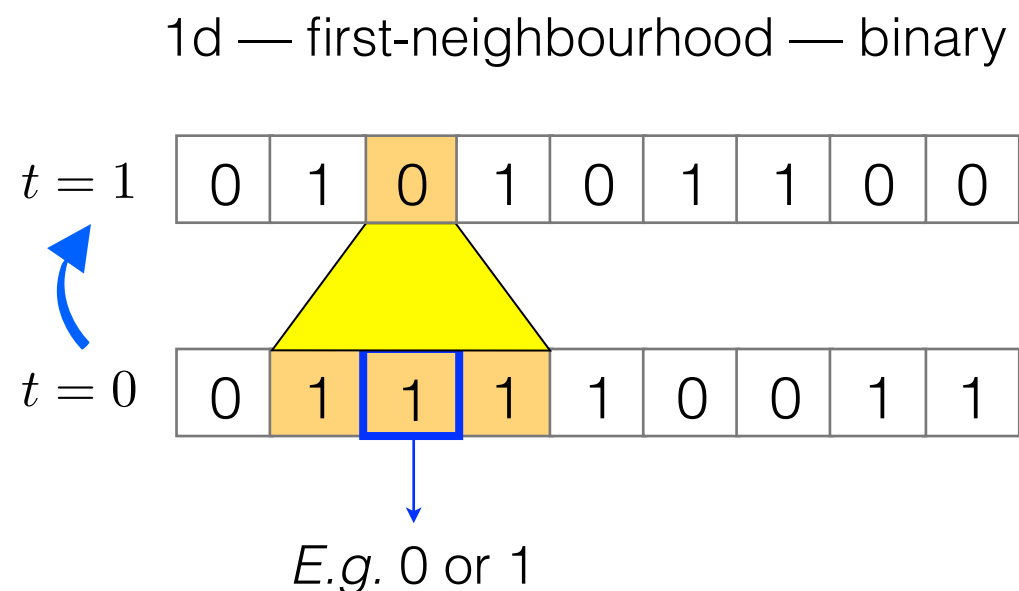


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Steven Wolfram book “*A new kind of science*”

$2^8 = 256$ possible LOCAL rules

The rules generate 4 classes of phenomena

Class 1: Static

Class 2: Periodic

Class 3: Chaotic

Class 4: “Mixed”

R.P. Feynman (1985)

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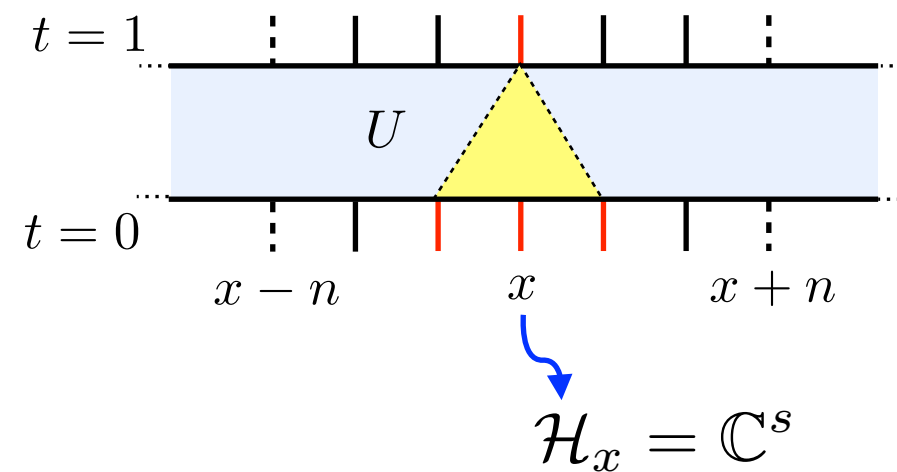
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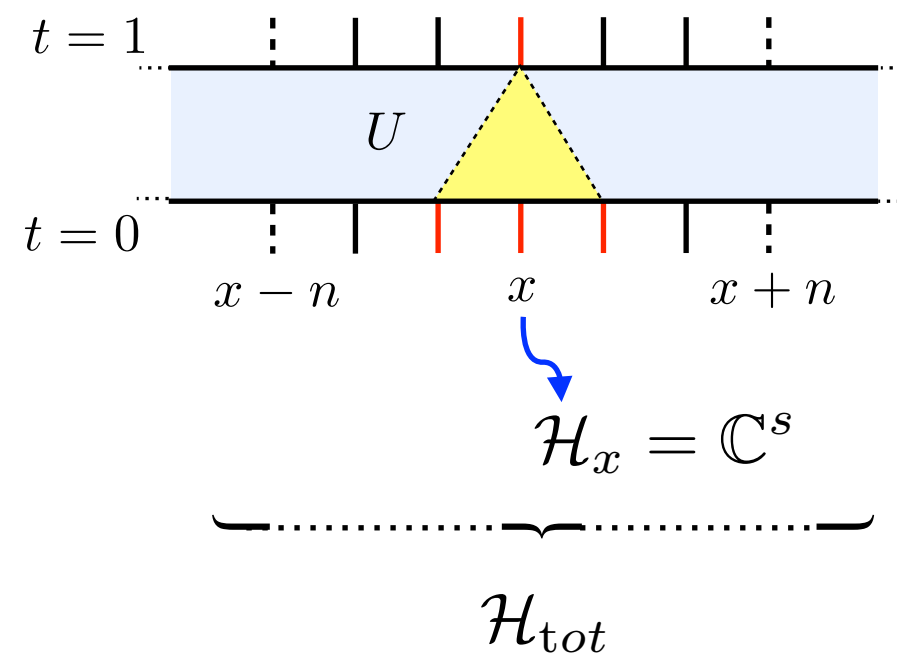
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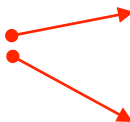


Quantum cellular automaton

$$U : \mathcal{H}_{tot} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{tot}$$

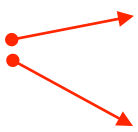
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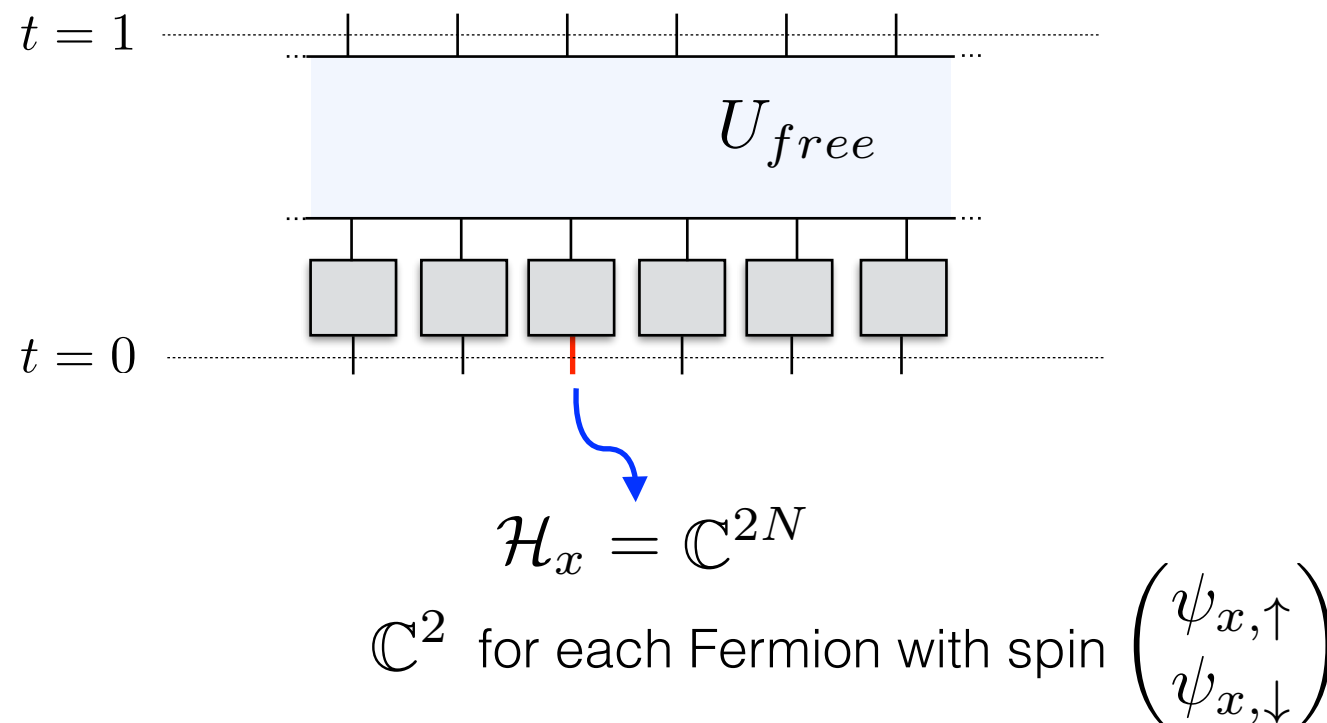
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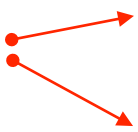
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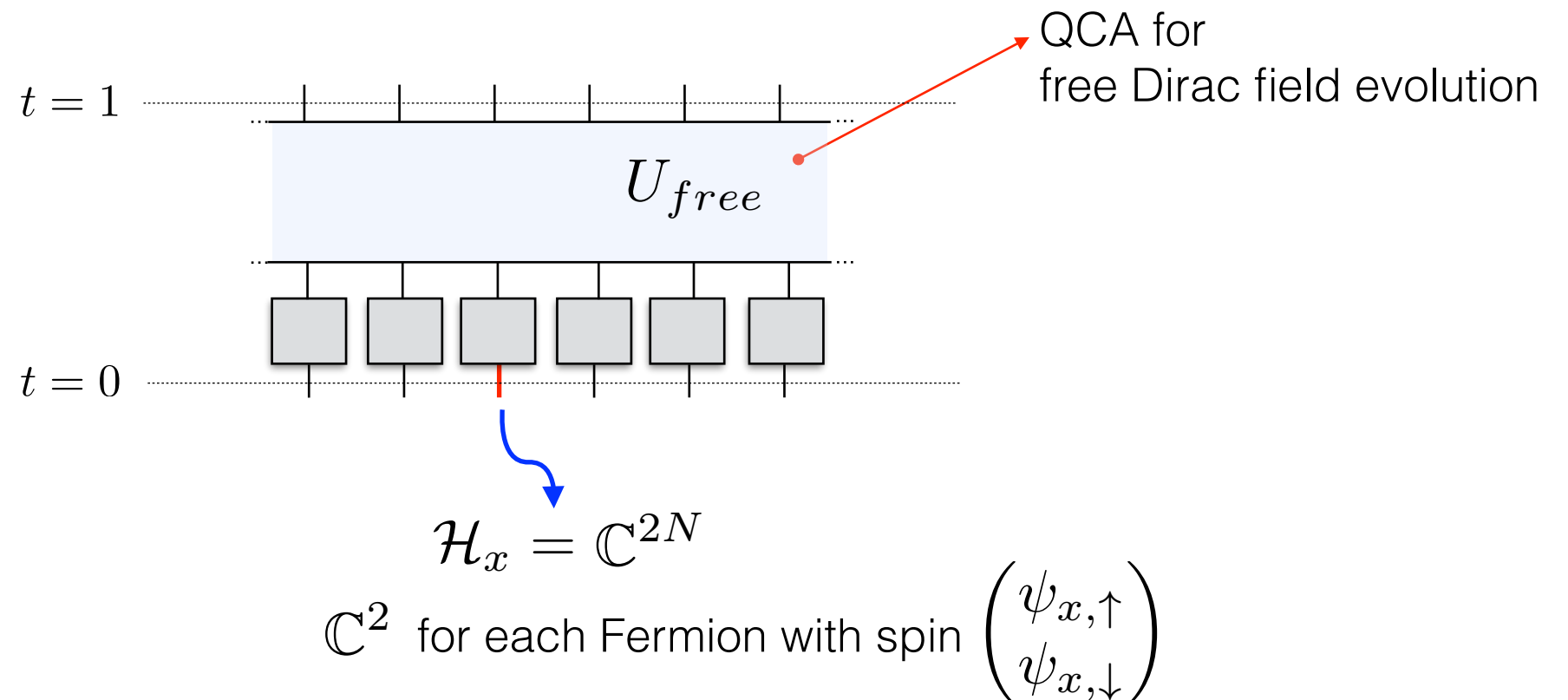
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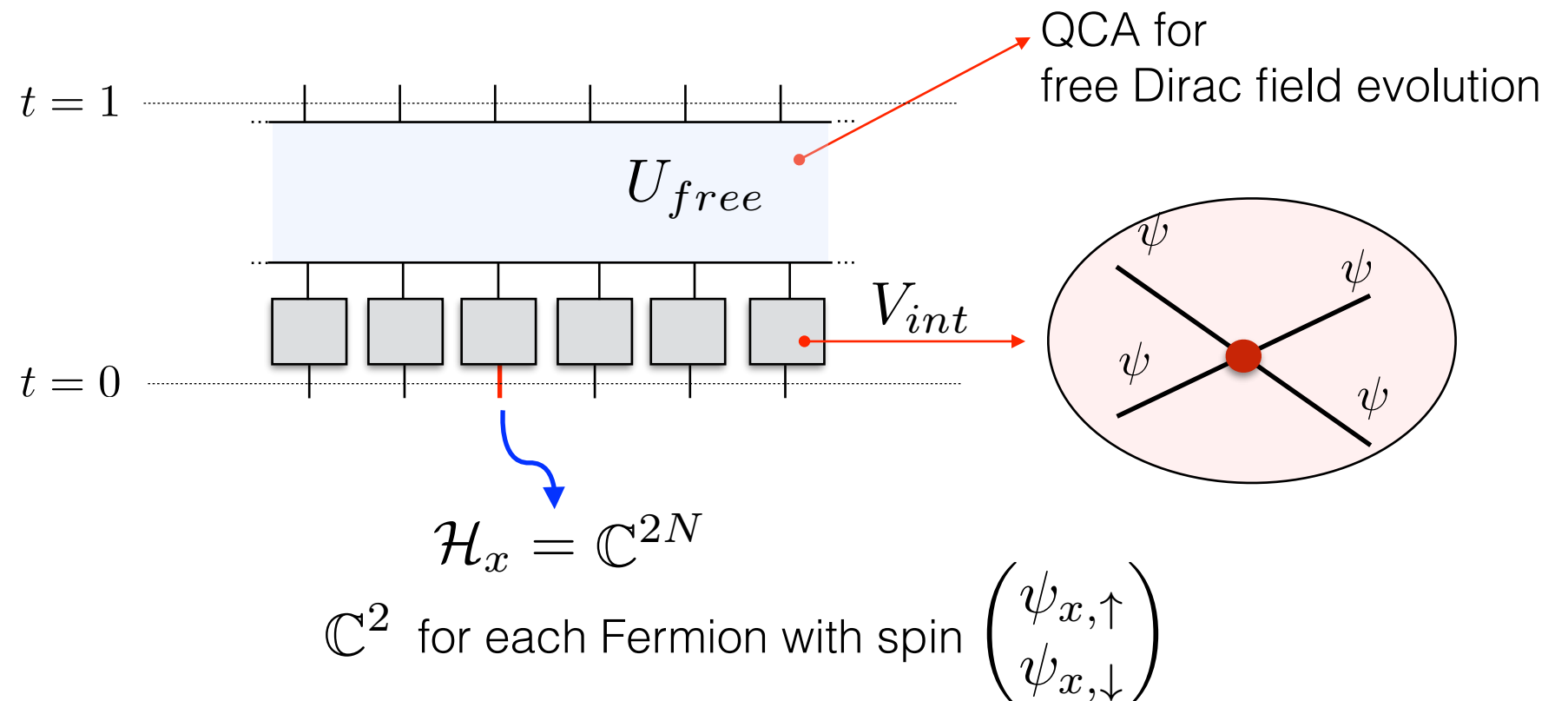
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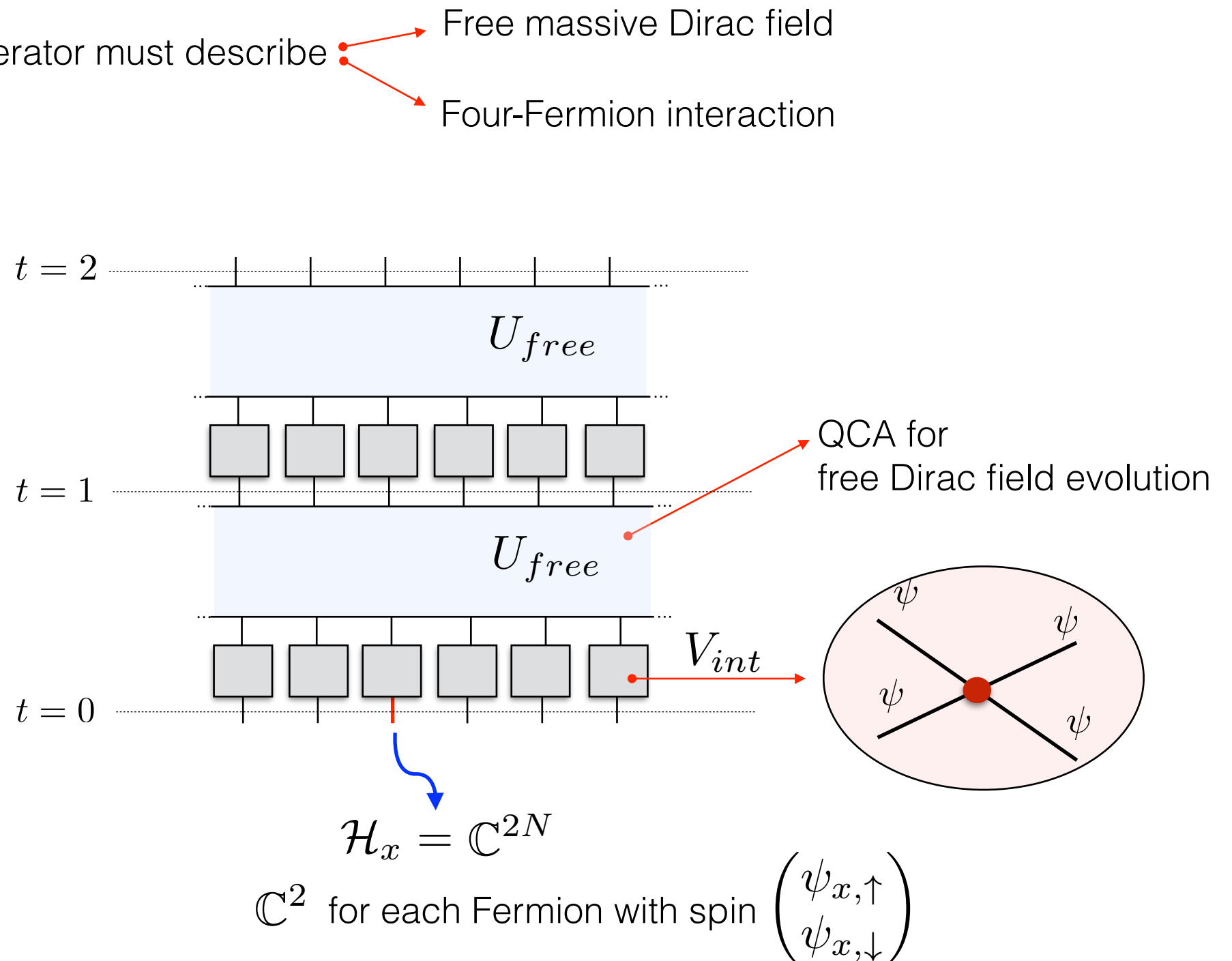
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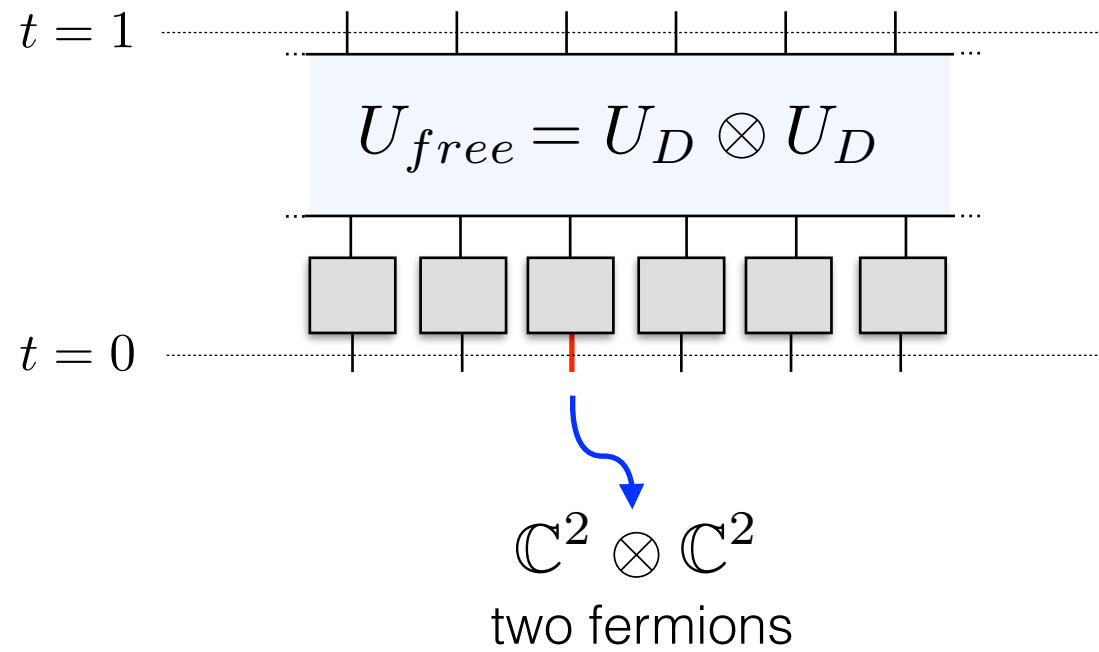
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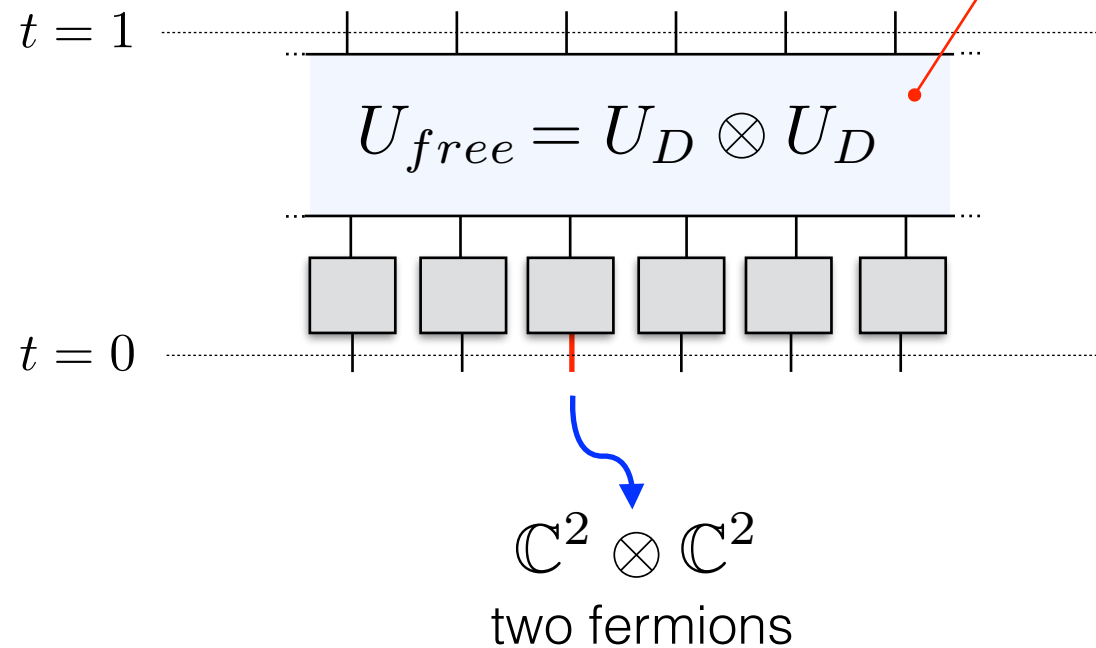
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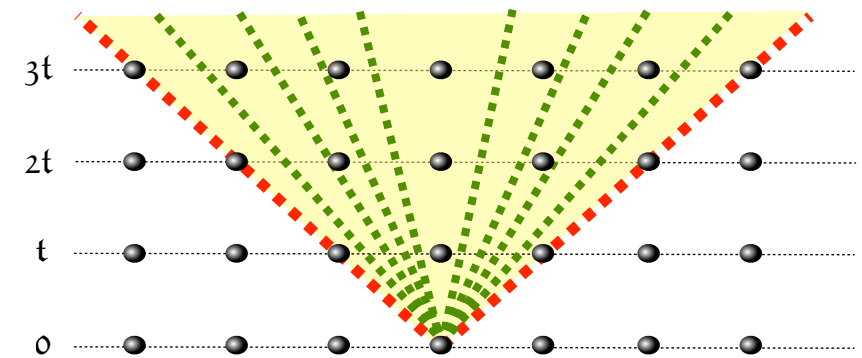
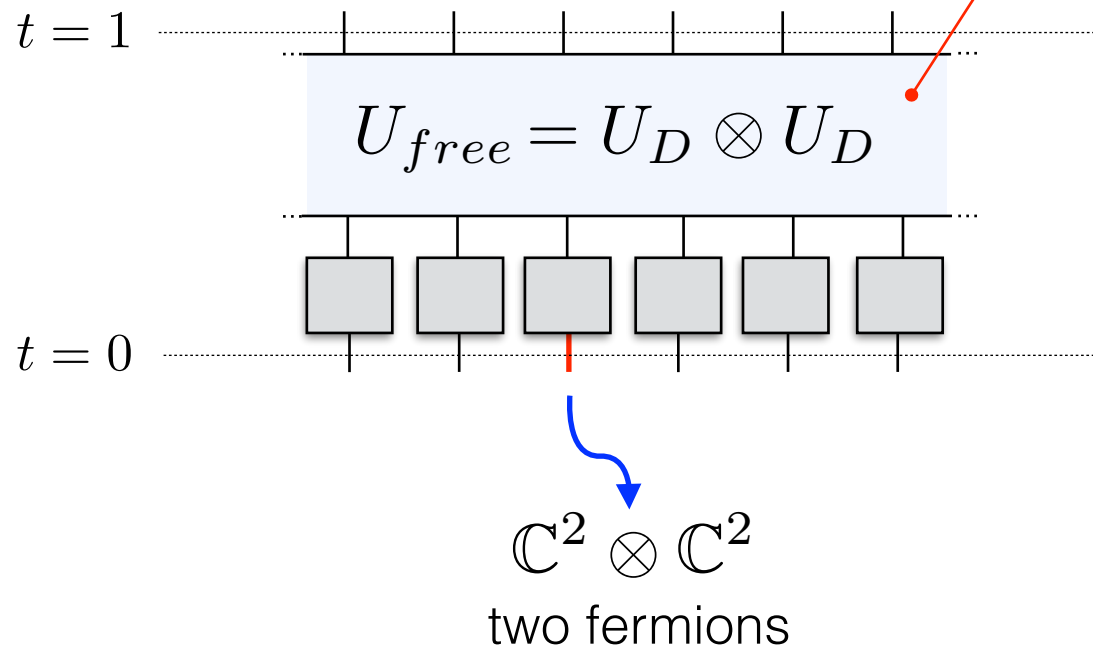
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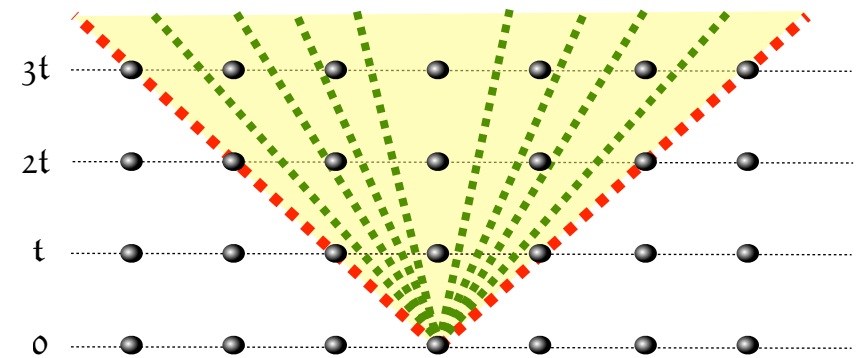
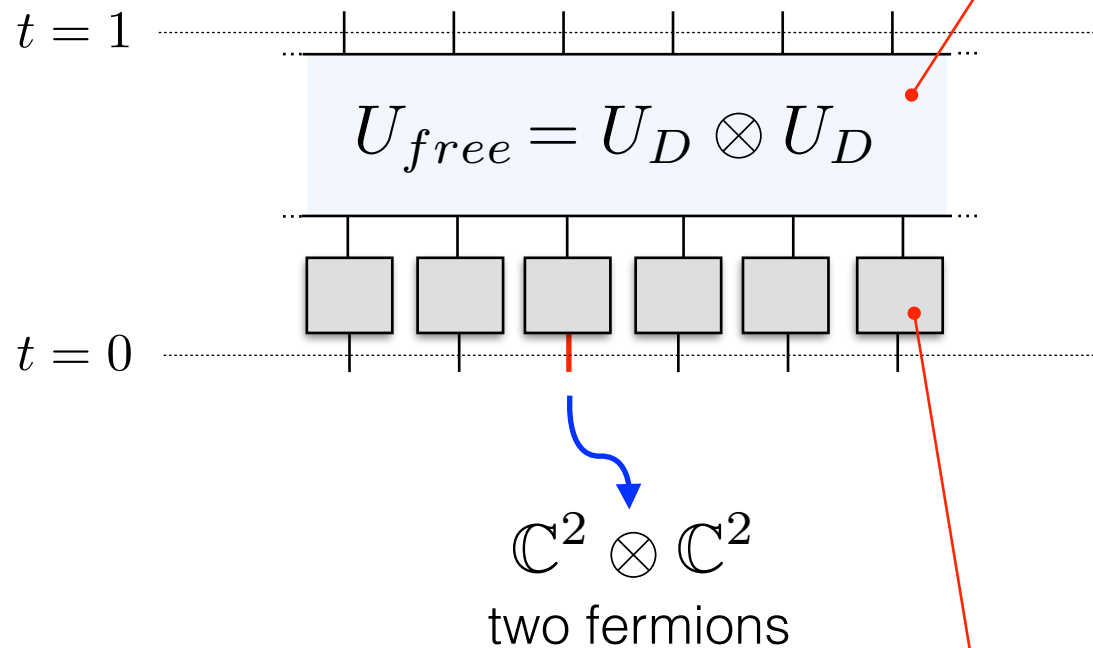
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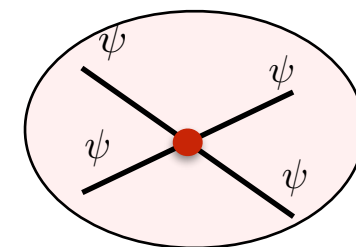
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$$V_g = e^{ig \sum_x \psi_{x\uparrow}^\dagger \psi_{x\uparrow} \psi_{x\downarrow}^\dagger \psi_{x\downarrow}}$$



$$V_g = \begin{cases} e^{ig}, & x_1 = x_2, \\ 1, & x_1 \neq x_2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 : \text{position of particle 1} \\ x_2 : \text{position of particle 2} \end{array}$$

Analytical solution

$t = 1$
.....
 $U_D \otimes U_D$
.....
 $t = 0$
.....
 V_g

$U_g = (U_D \otimes U_D)V_g$

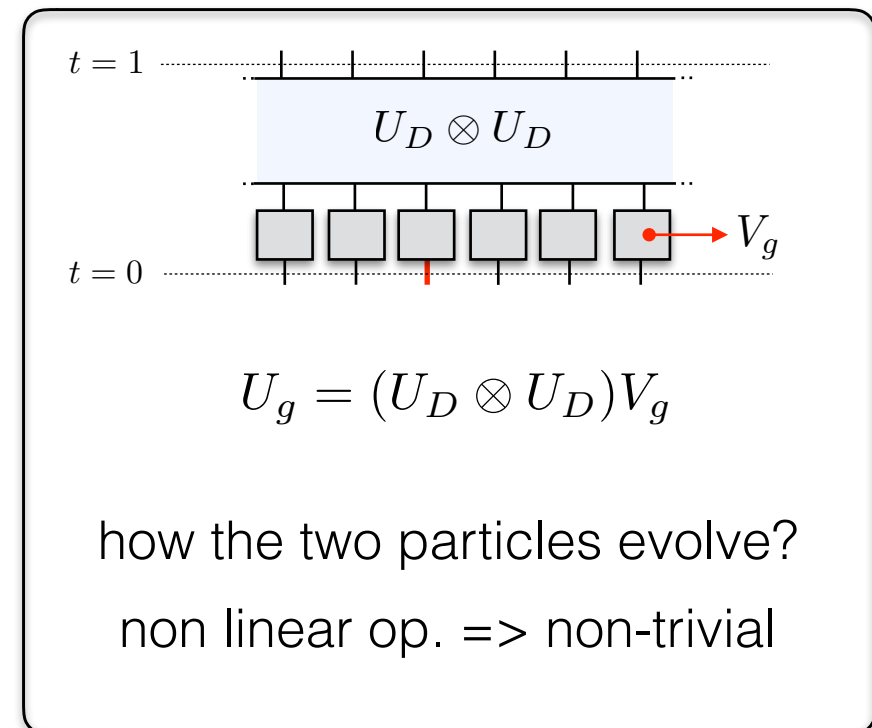
how the two particles evolve?
non linear op. => non-trivial

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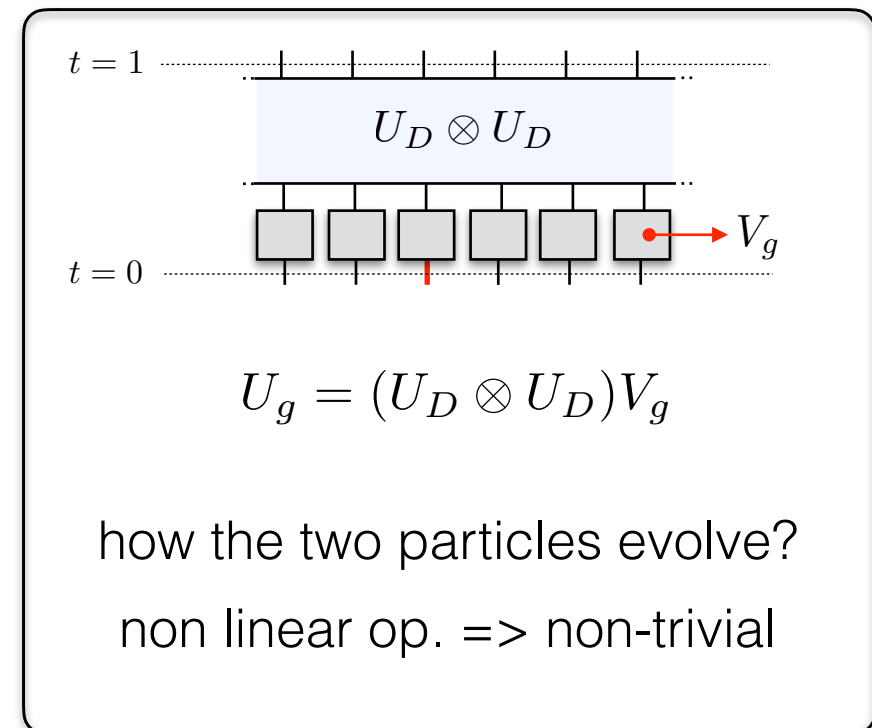
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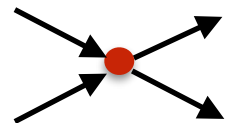
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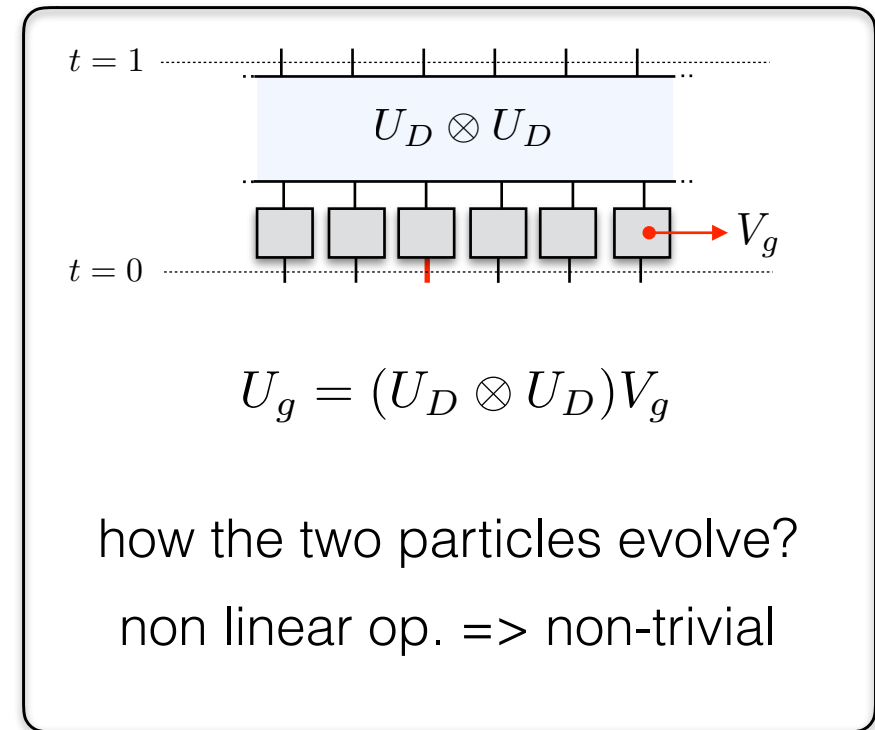
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Spectrum $\Omega := \Omega_{cont} \cup \Omega_{disc}$

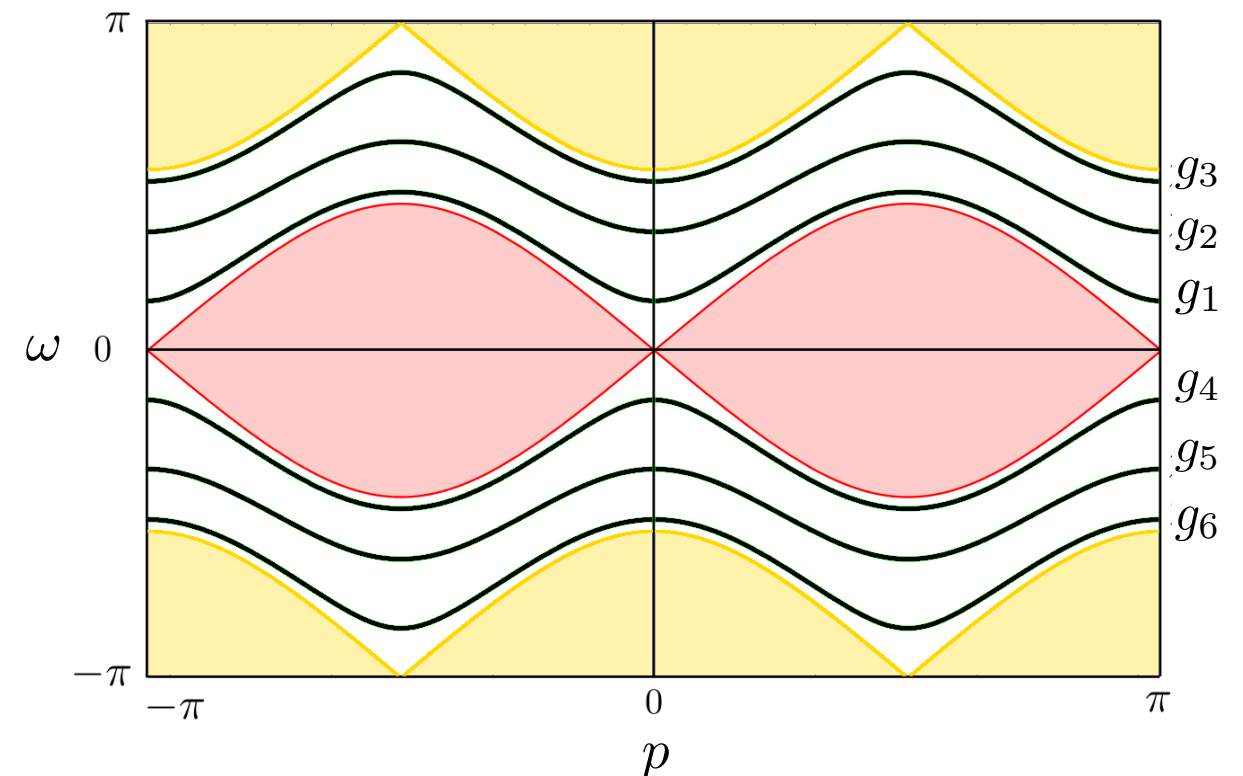
scattering solutions



bound states



We find the following spectrum



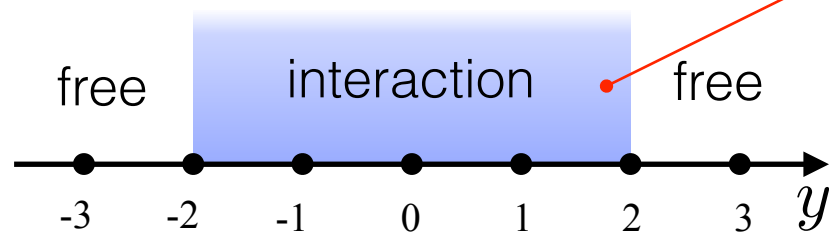
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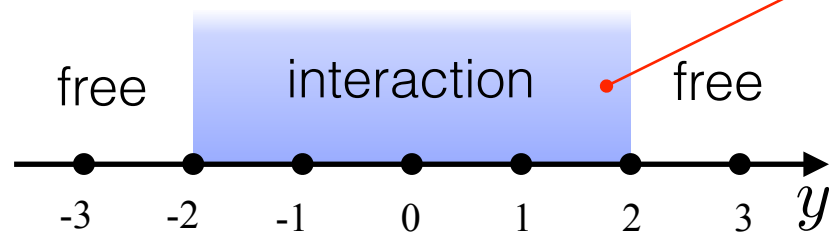
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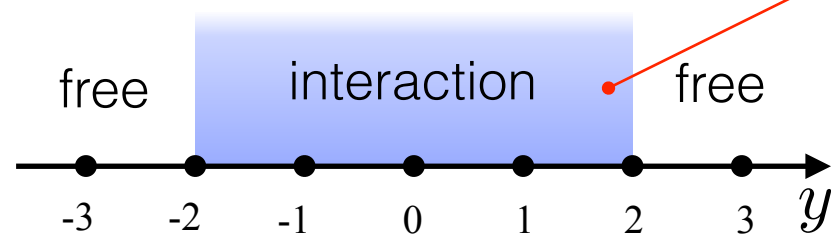
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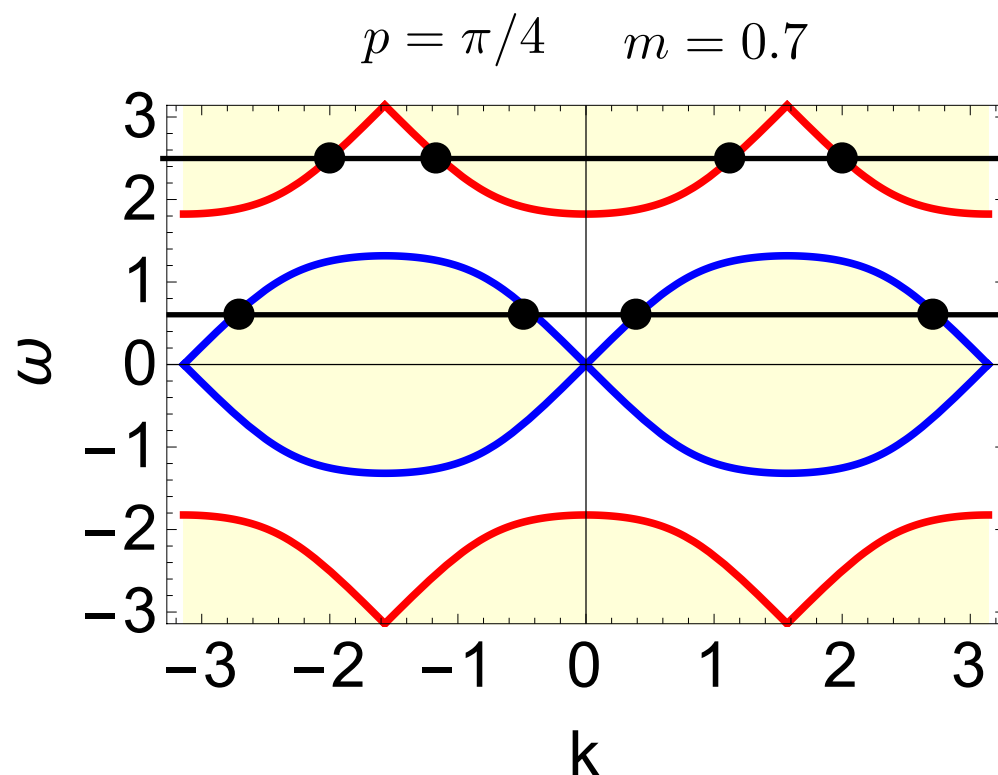
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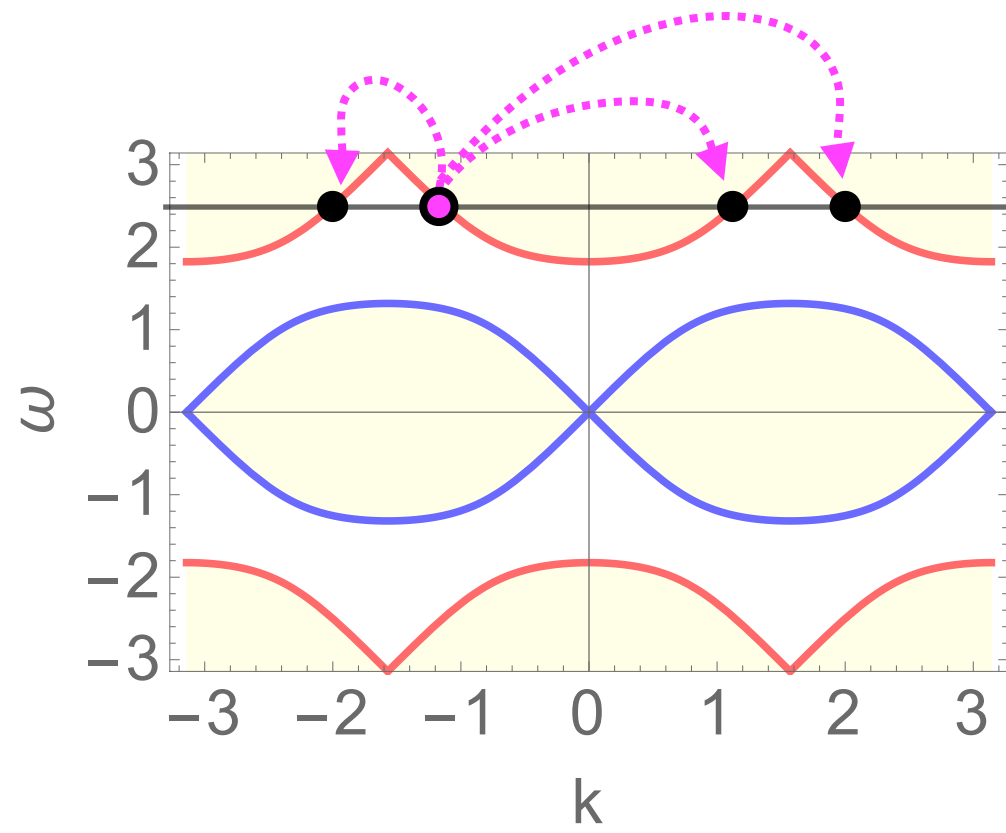
Even:

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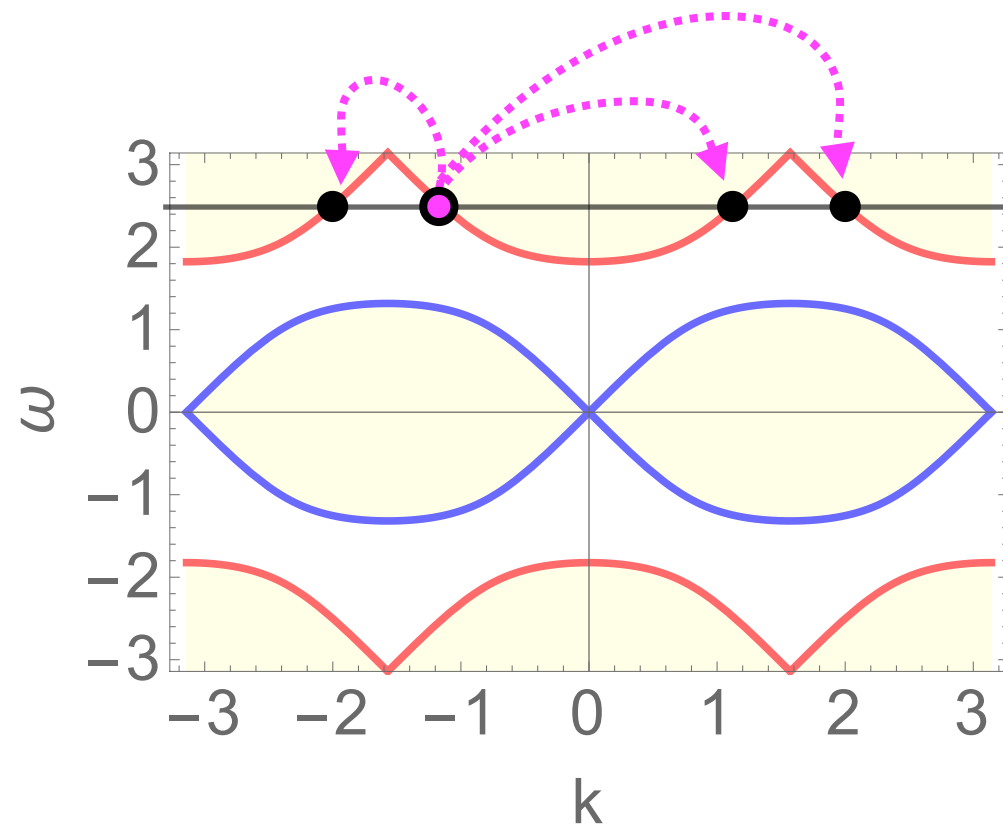
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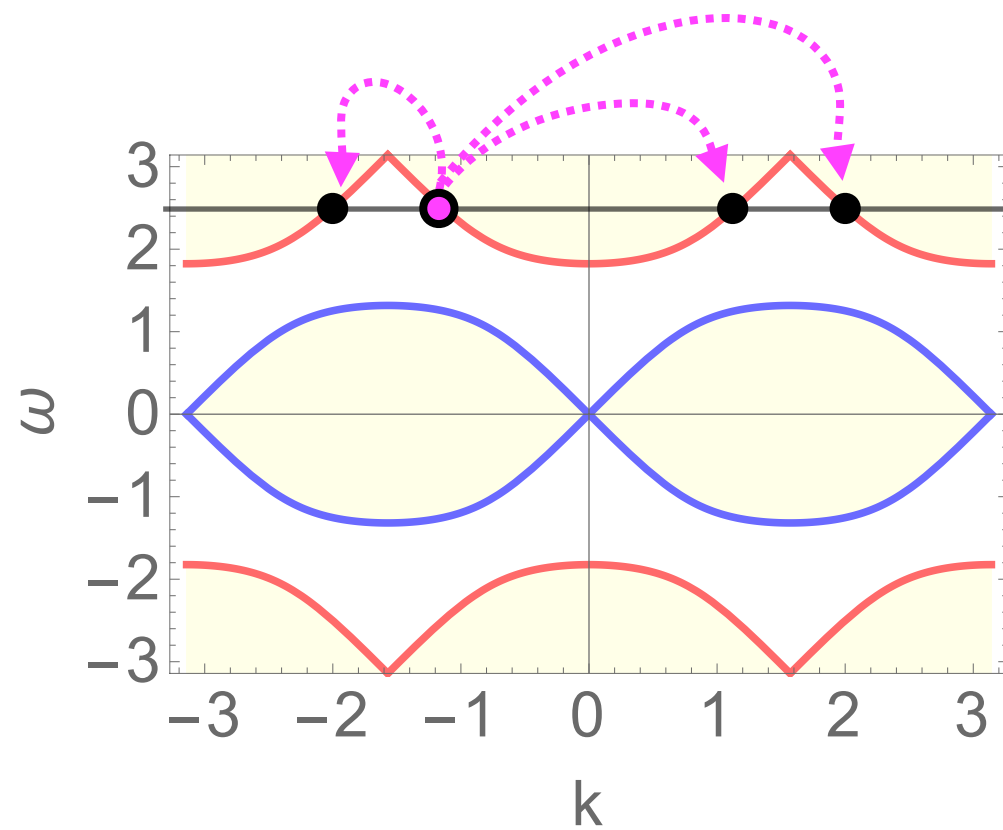
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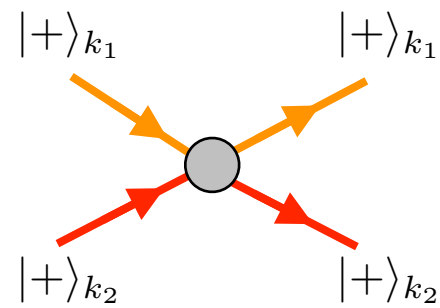


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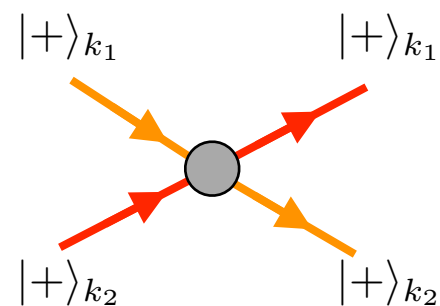
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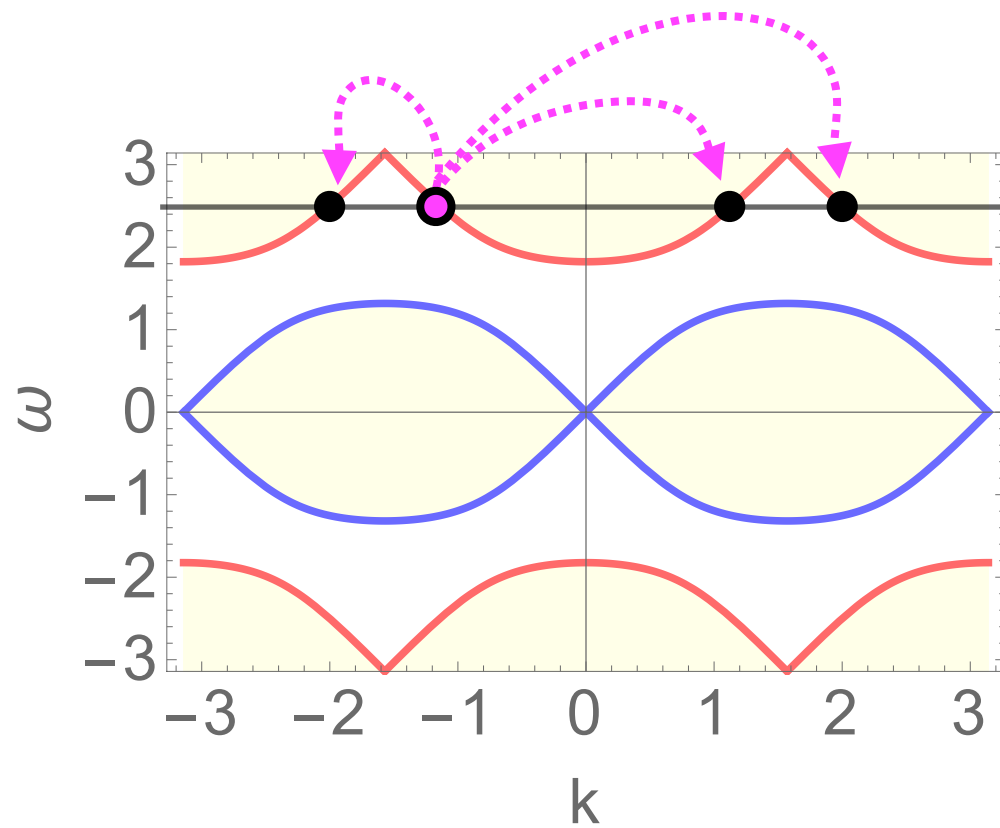
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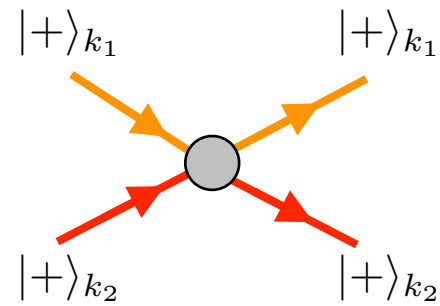


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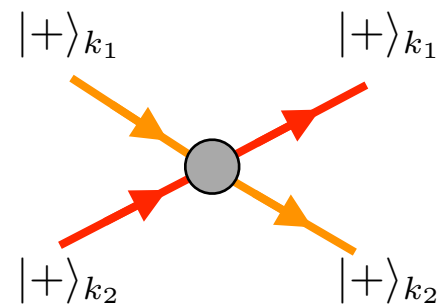
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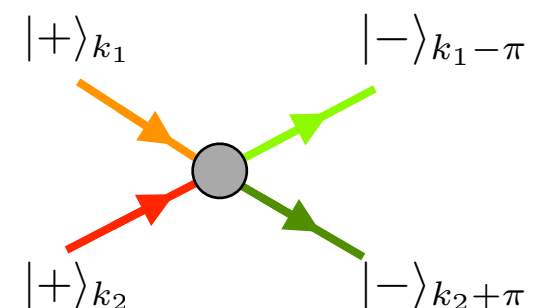
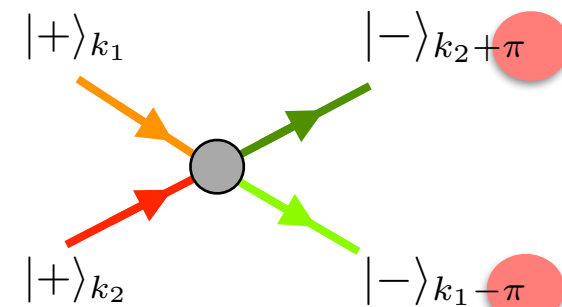


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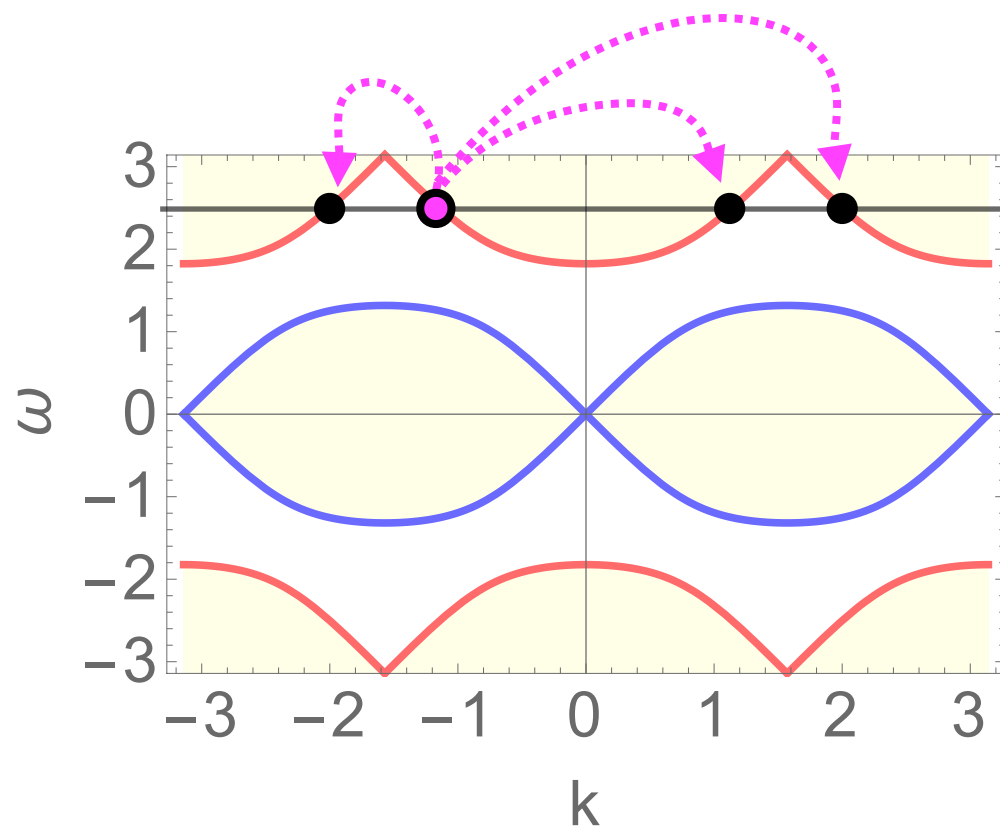


New processes due to discrete time which momentum exchange

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Suggestive parallel with fermion doubling

Known: Free fermions on lattice => “double particles”

Susskind, Leonard, Lattice fermions, Phys. Rev. D 16, 3031 (1977)

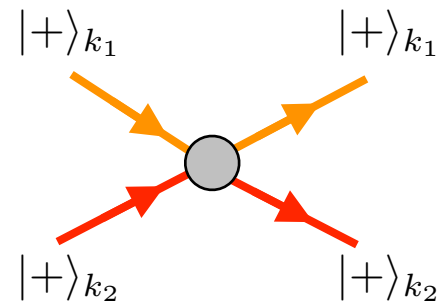
New: Interacting fermions in discrete time:
=> “double scattering processes”

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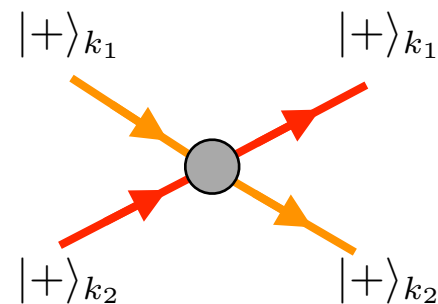
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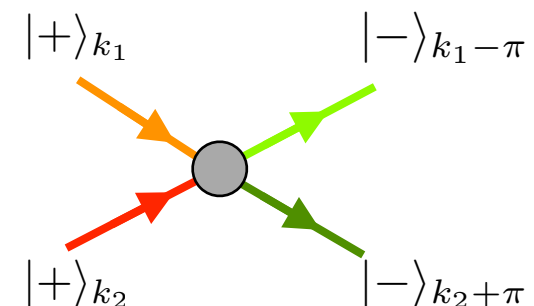
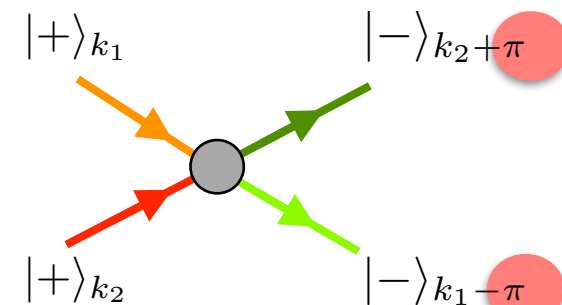


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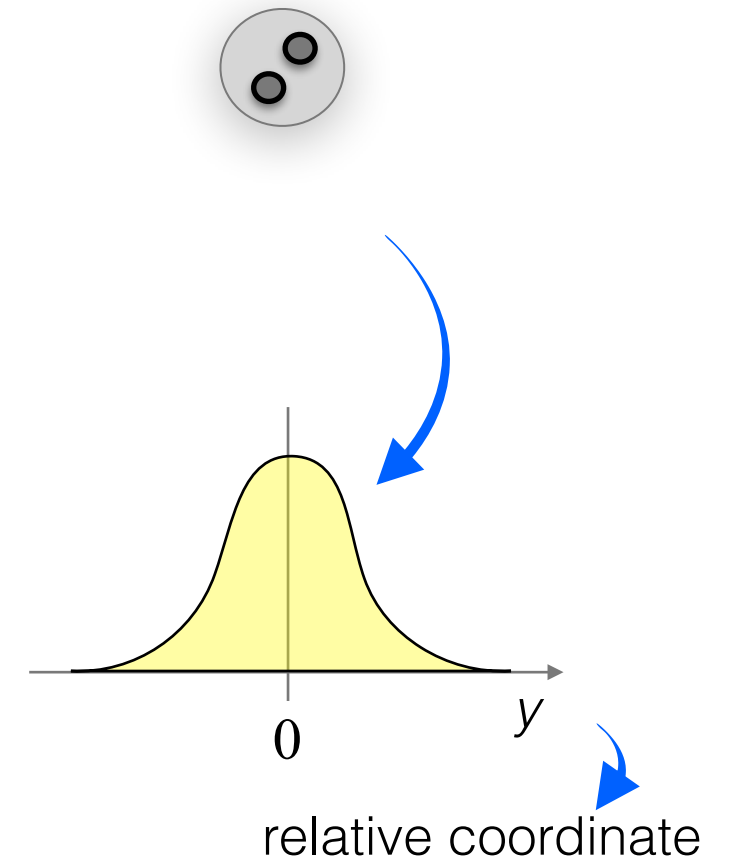
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Discrete spectrum and bound states

Bound states: configuration with a final state with vanishing probability distribution for large relative coordinate y

“molecule” made of two particles



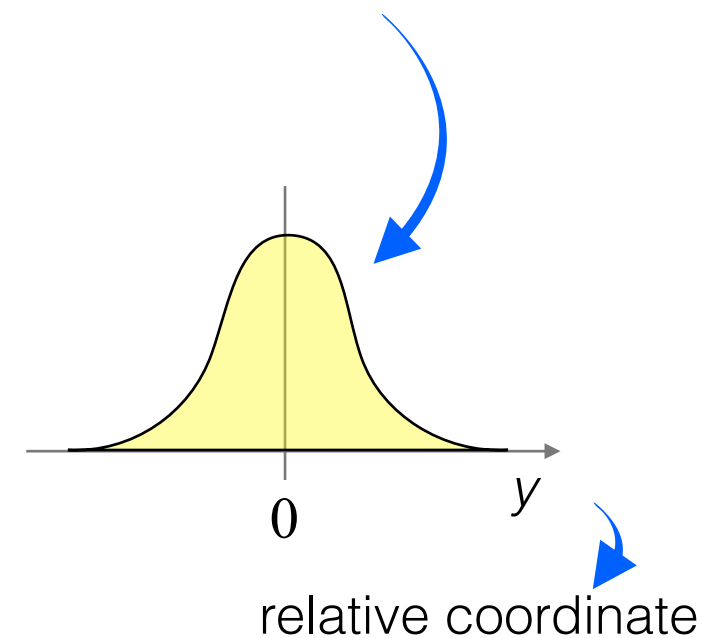
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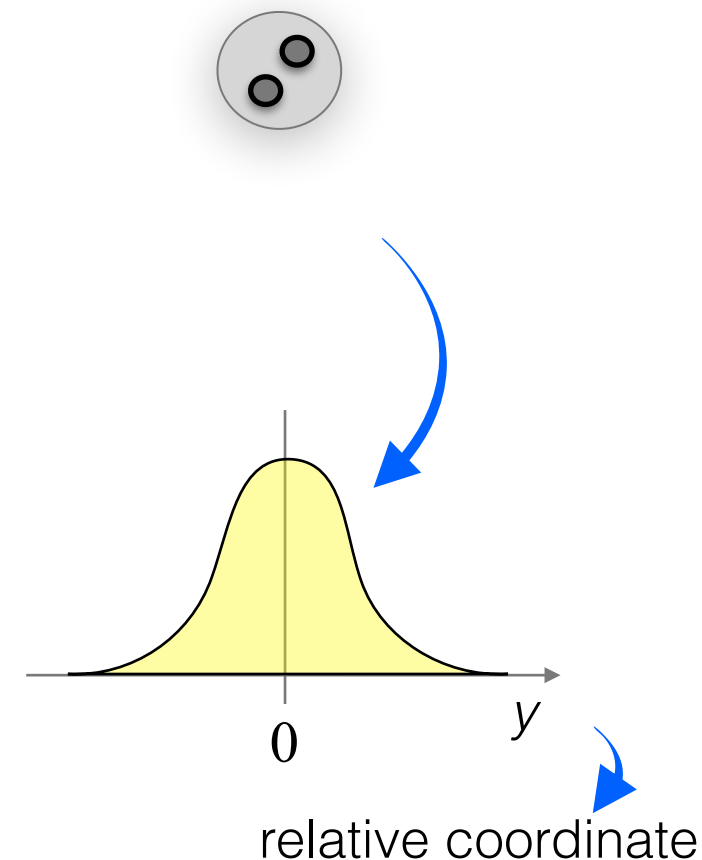
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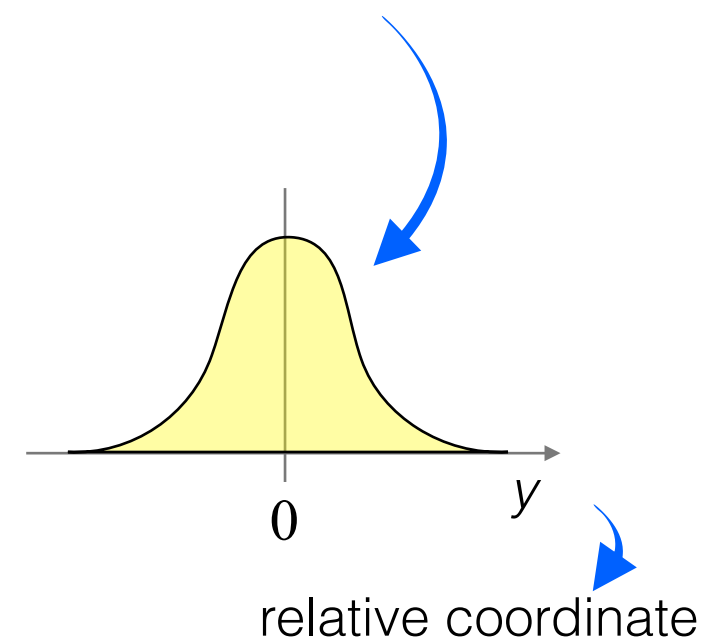
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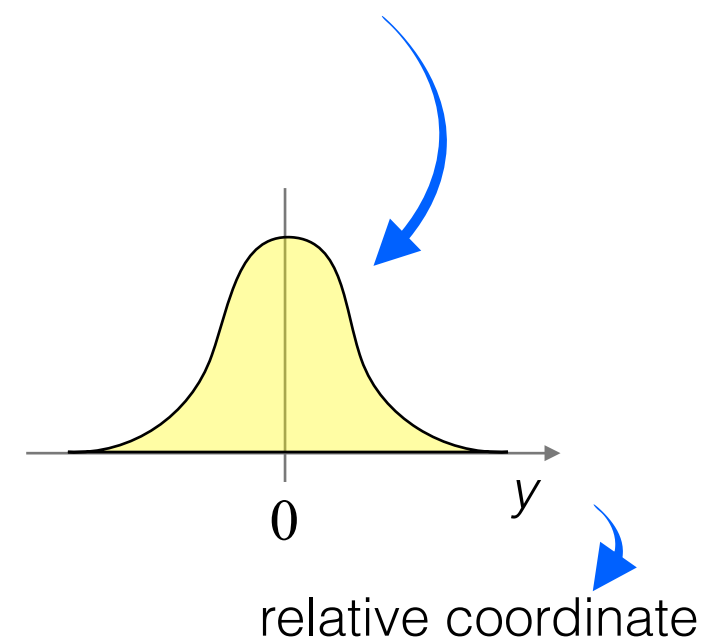
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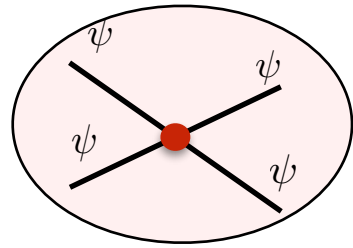
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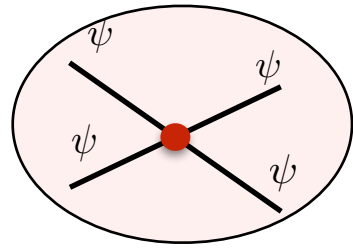
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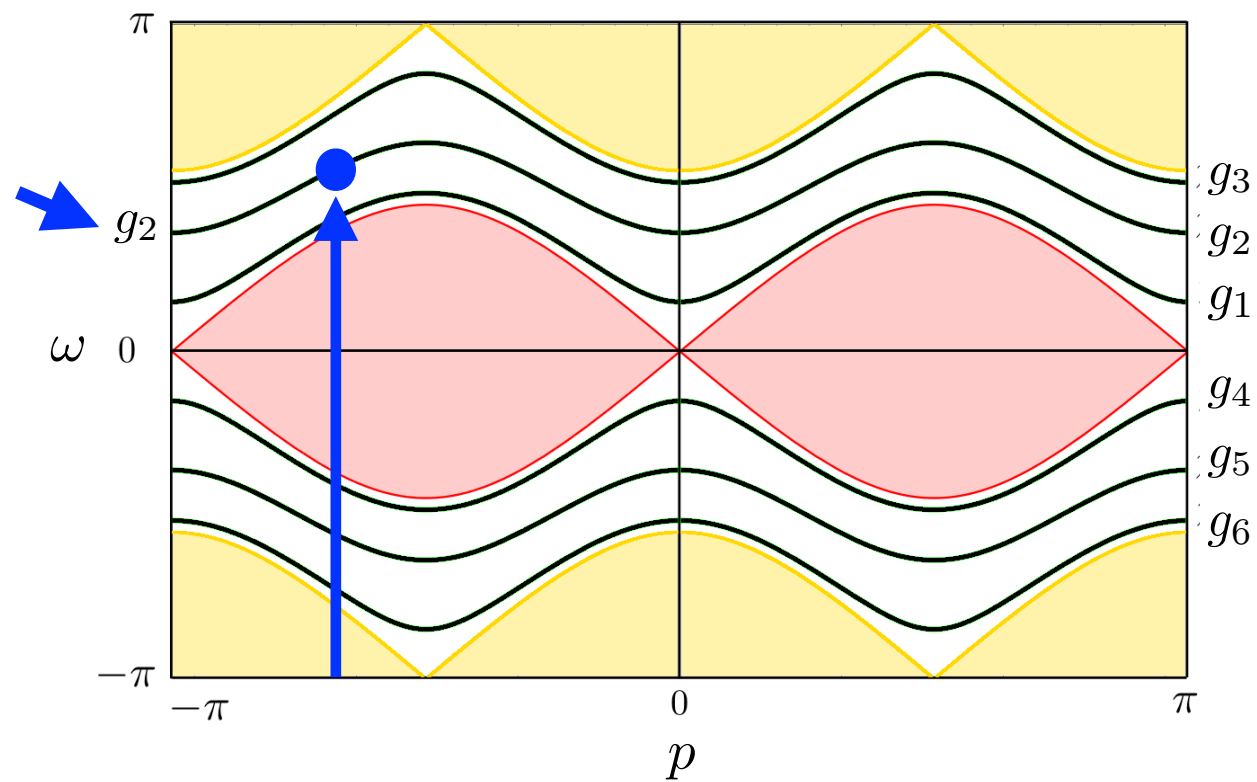
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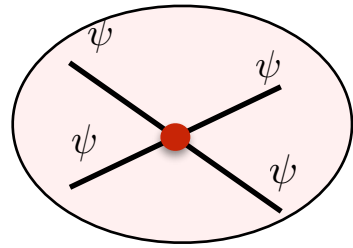
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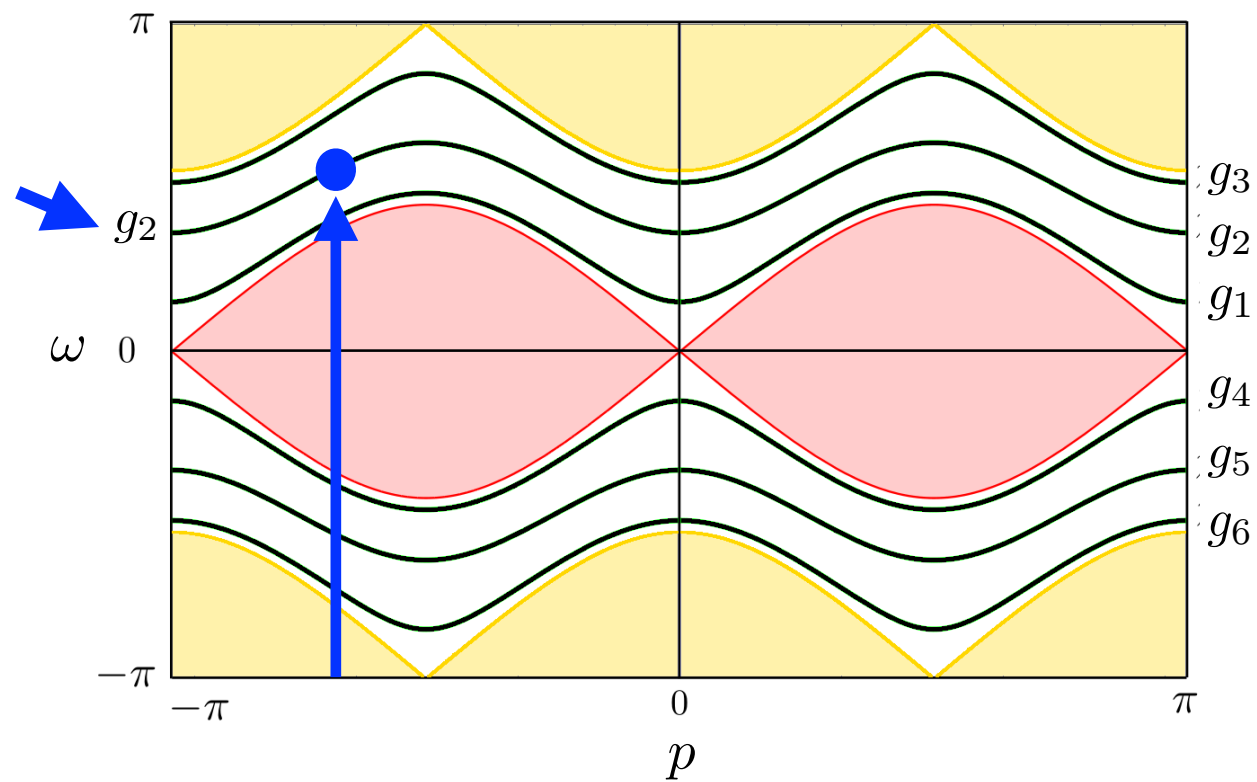
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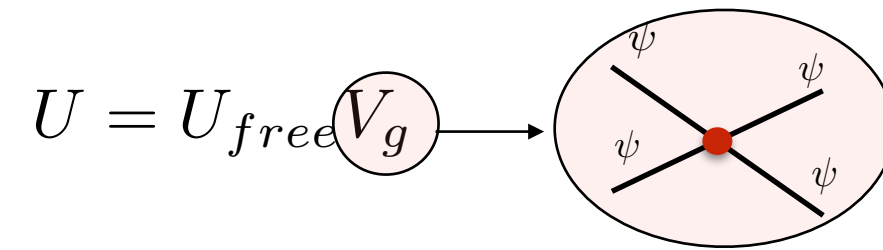
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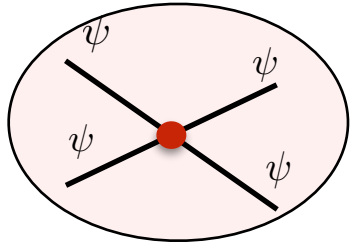
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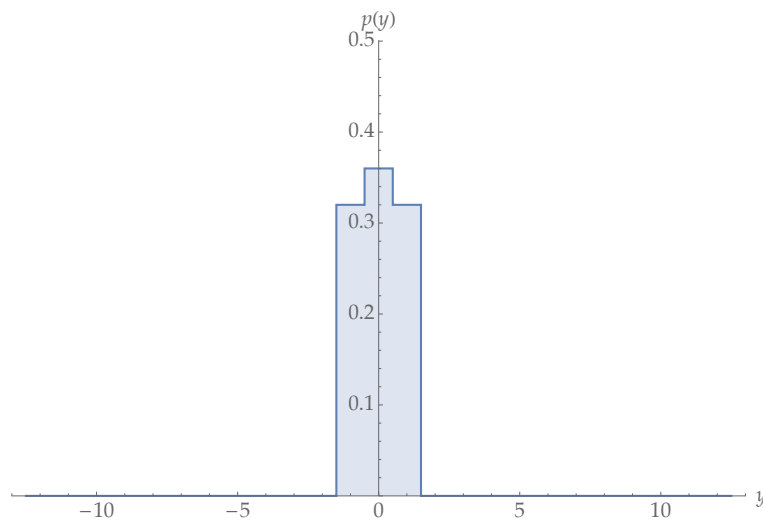
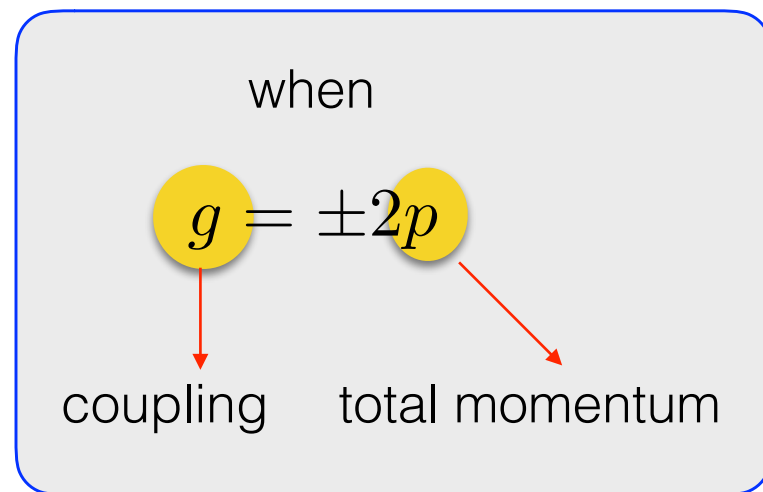
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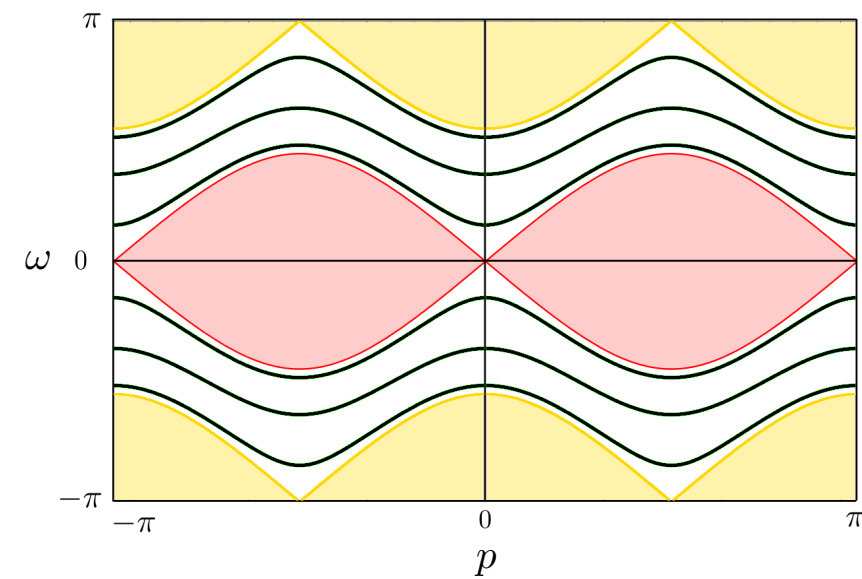
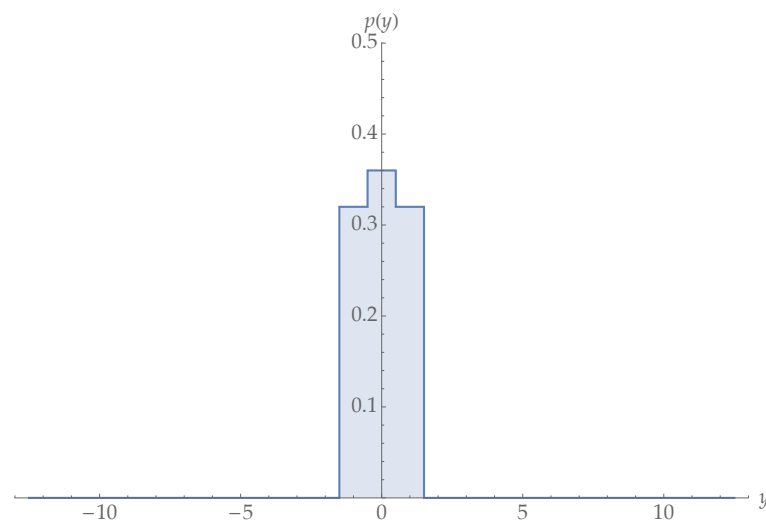
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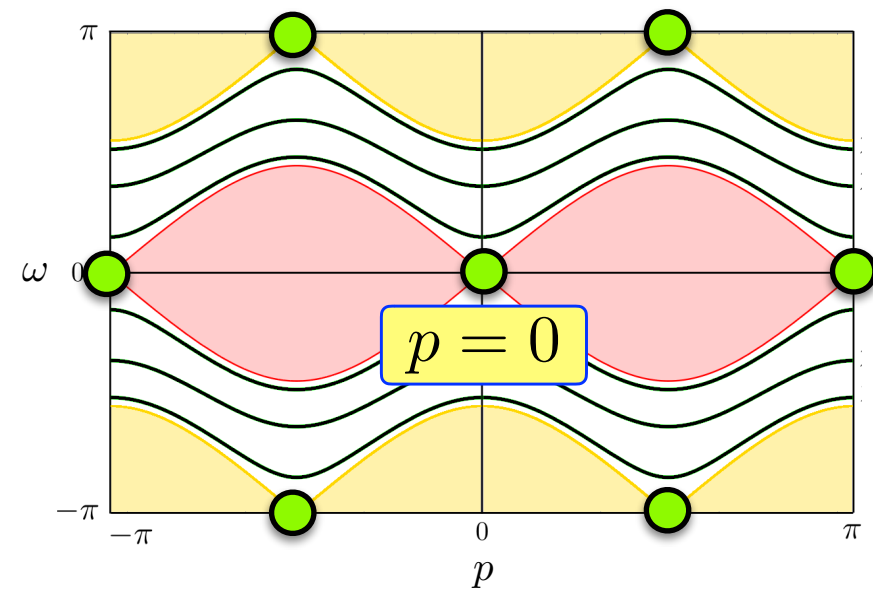
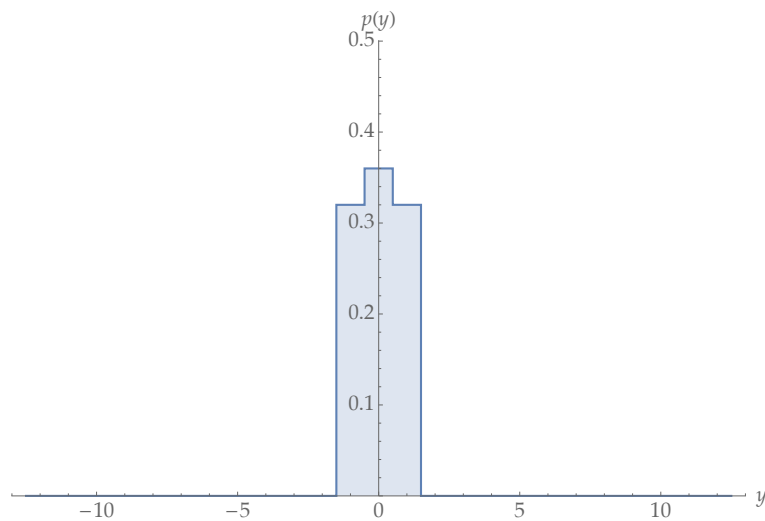
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