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Abstract: Entanglement renormalization circuits are quantum circuits that can be used to prepare large-scale entangled states. For years, it has remained a mystery whether there exist scale-invariant entanglement renormalization circuits for chiral topological order. In this paper, we solve this problem by demonstrating entanglement renormalization circuits for a wide class of chiral topologically ordered states, including a state sharing the same topological properties as Laughlin's bosonic fractional quantum Hall state at filling fraction  $1/4$  and eight states with Ising-like non-Abelian fusion rules. The key idea is to build entanglement renormalization circuits by interleaving the conventional multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA) circuit (made of spatially local gates) with quasi-local evolution. Given the miraculous power of this circuit to prepare a wide range of chiral topologically ordered states, we refer to these circuits as MERA with quasi-local evolution (MERAQLE).\

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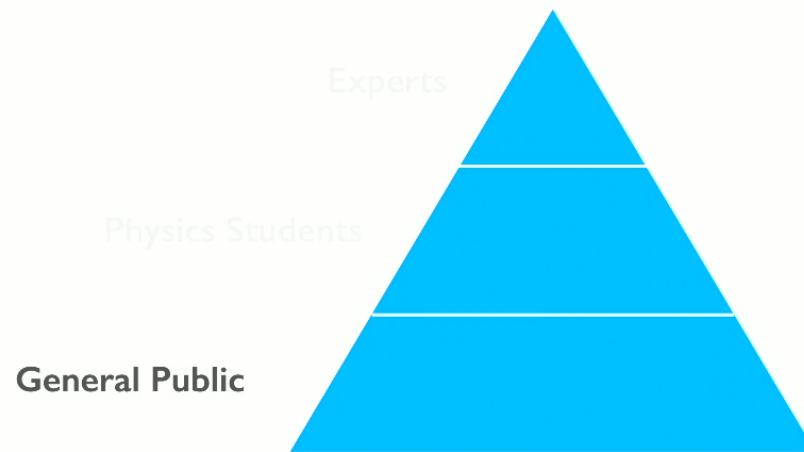
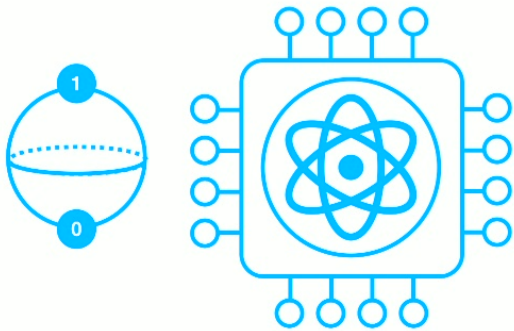
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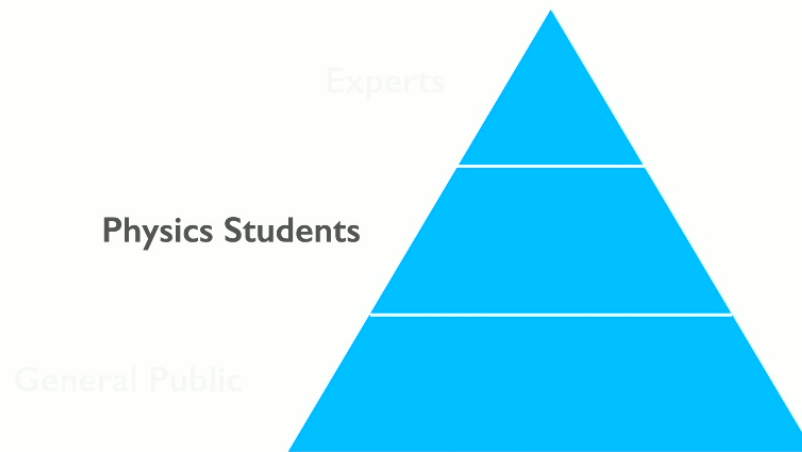
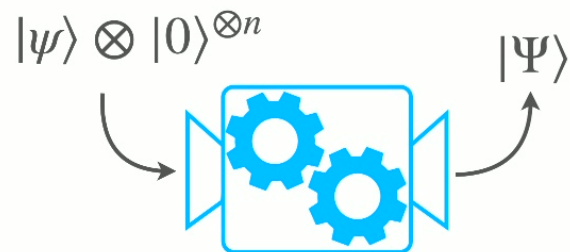
# Take-home message

We solved a mathematical **fun problem** related to **quantum computing!**



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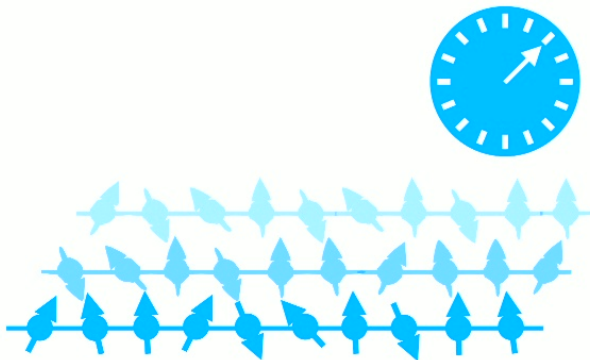
We developed a procedure to generate some **highly entangled quantum states** from some initially less entangled states!



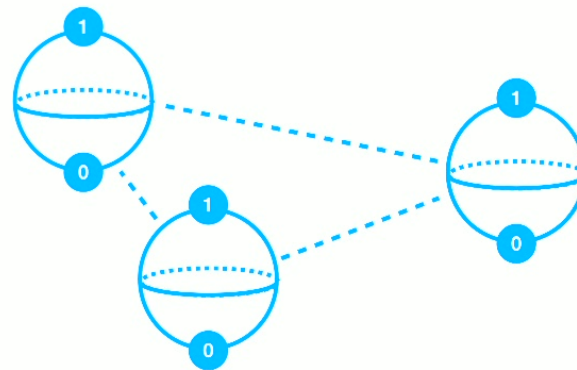
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called MERA with quasi-local evolution (MERAQLE)

We constructed **entanglement renormalization circuits** for a class of **chiral spin liquids**.



It deepens our understanding of the **quantum complexity** and **entanglement structure** of quantum many-body states.



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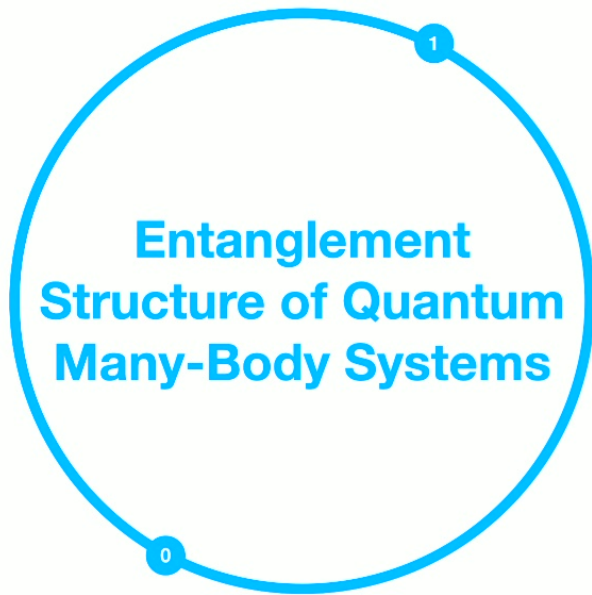
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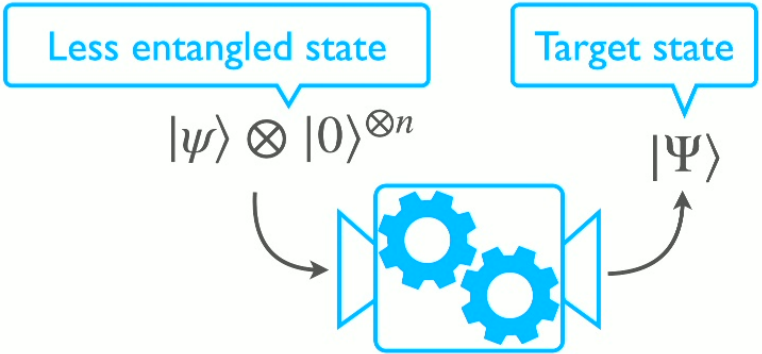
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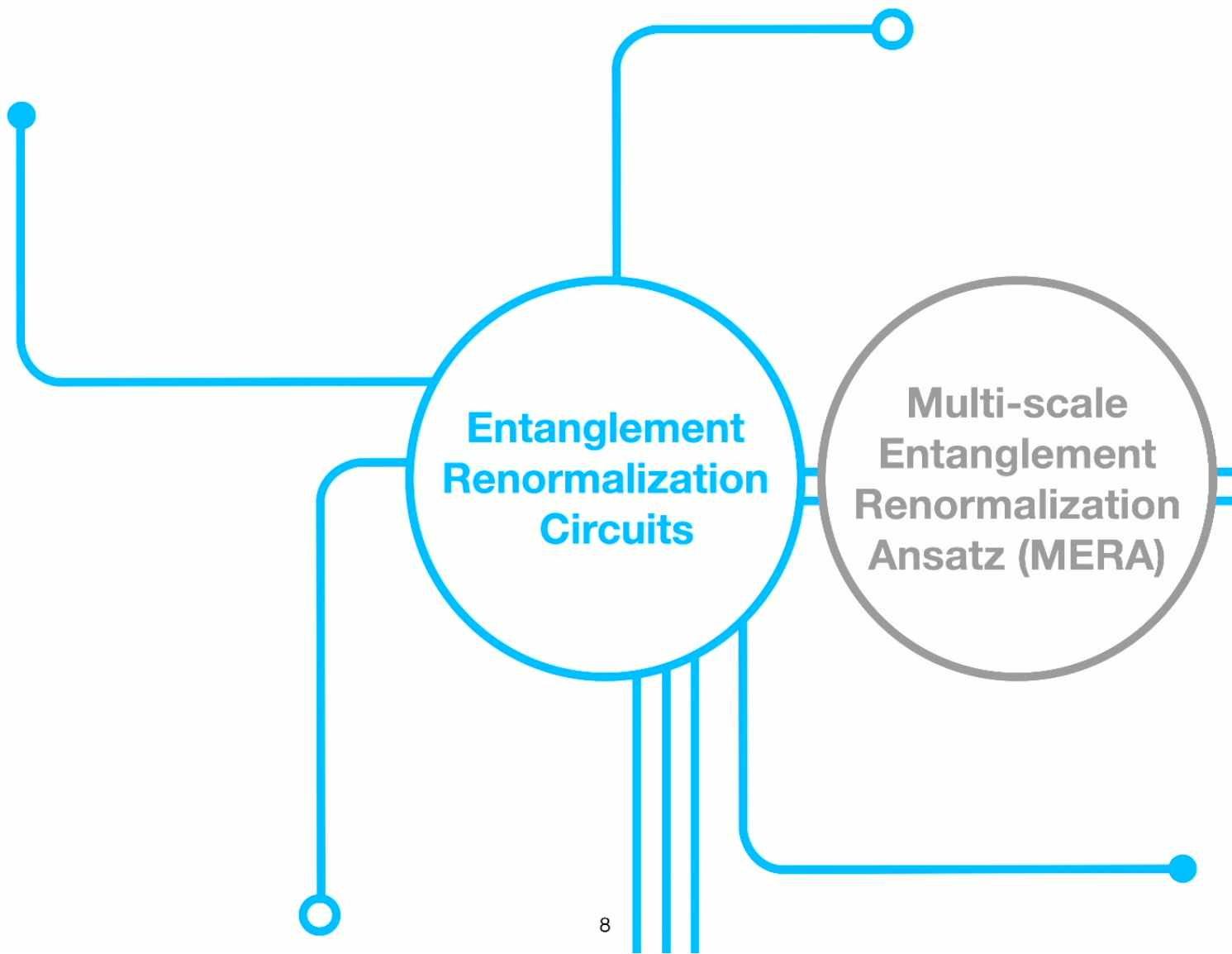
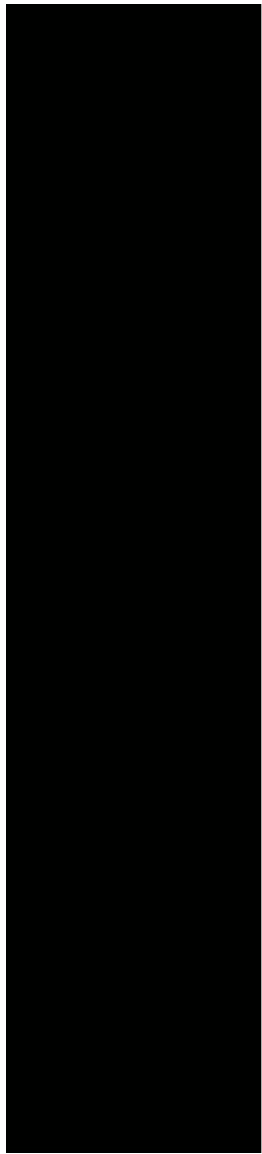


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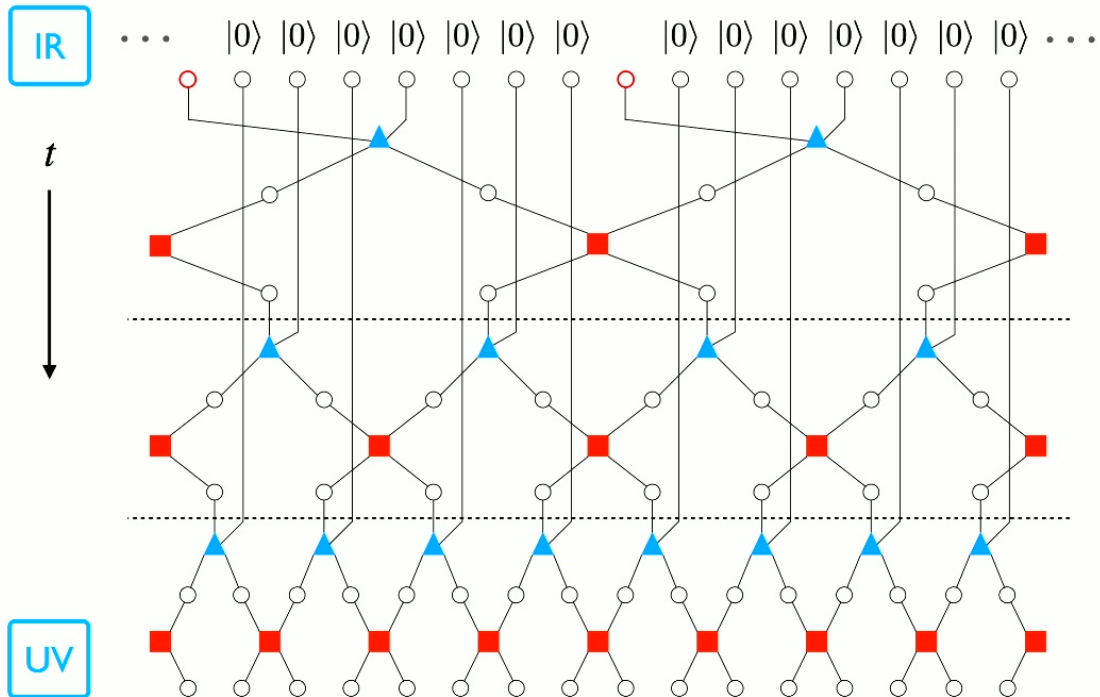


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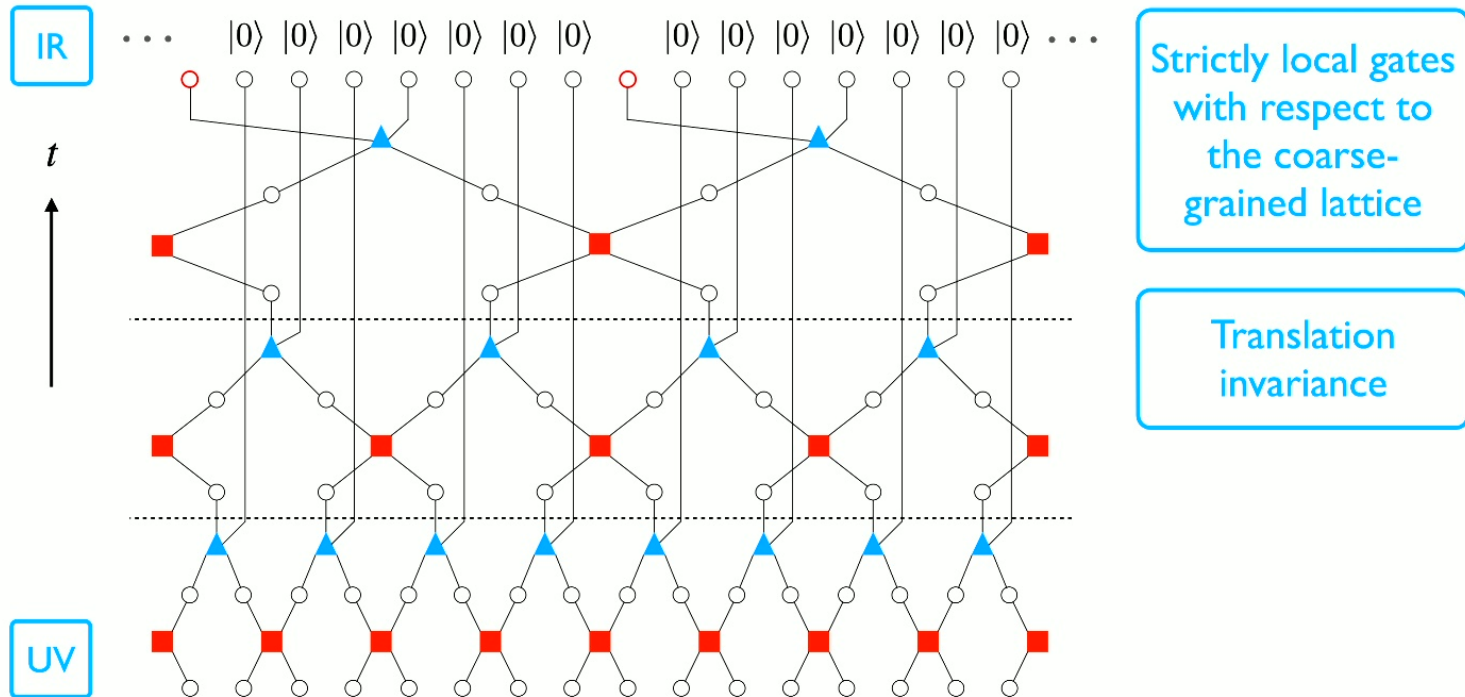


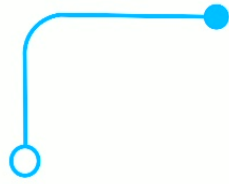


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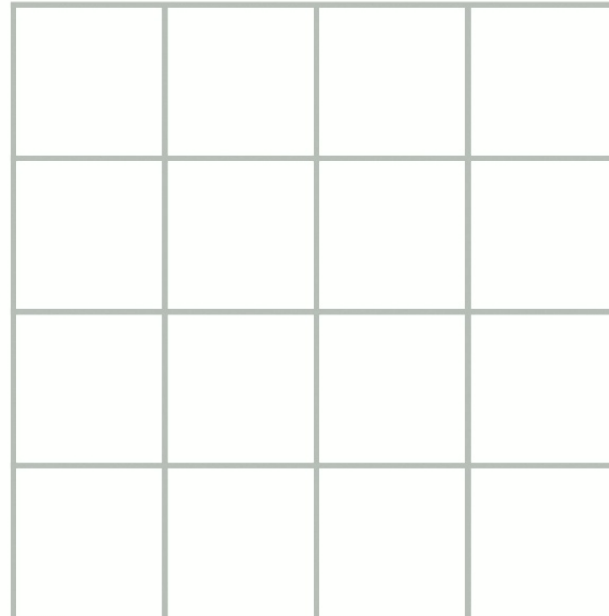
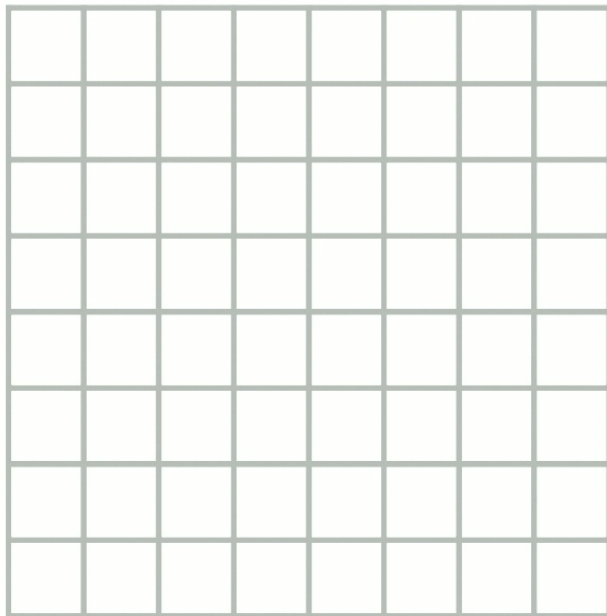


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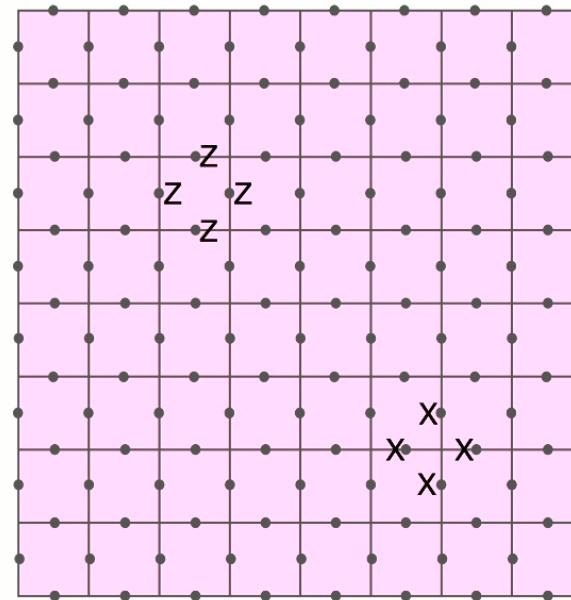


# Toric Code

Quantum error-  
correcting code

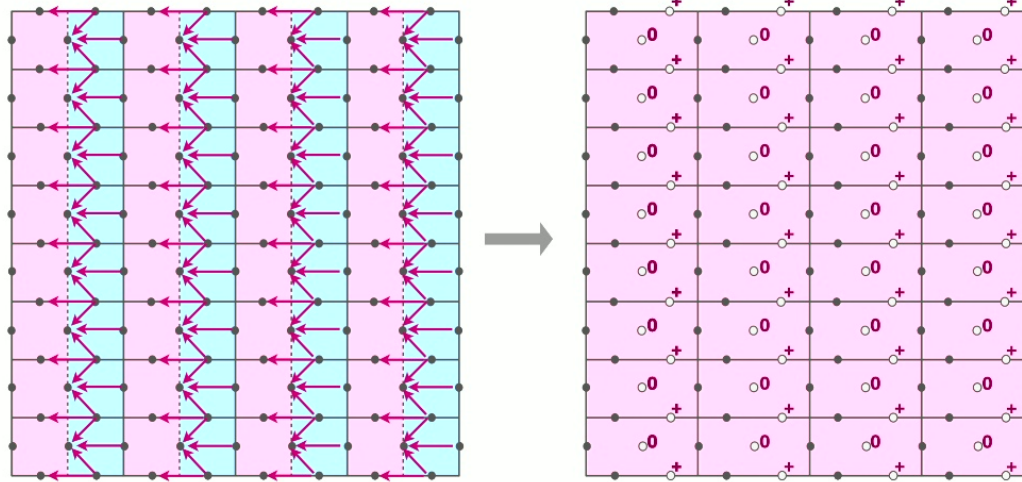
Topological order

Interpretation of a  $Z_2$   
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# MERA for the Toric Code

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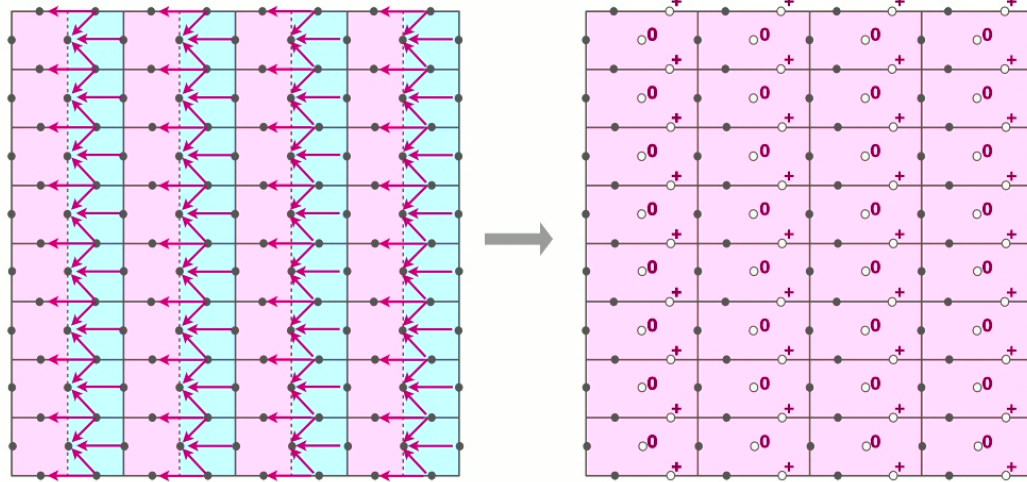


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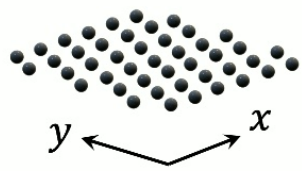
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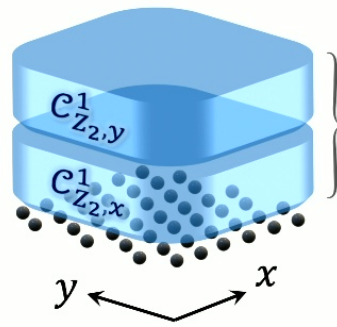
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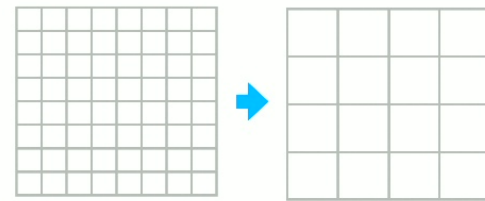




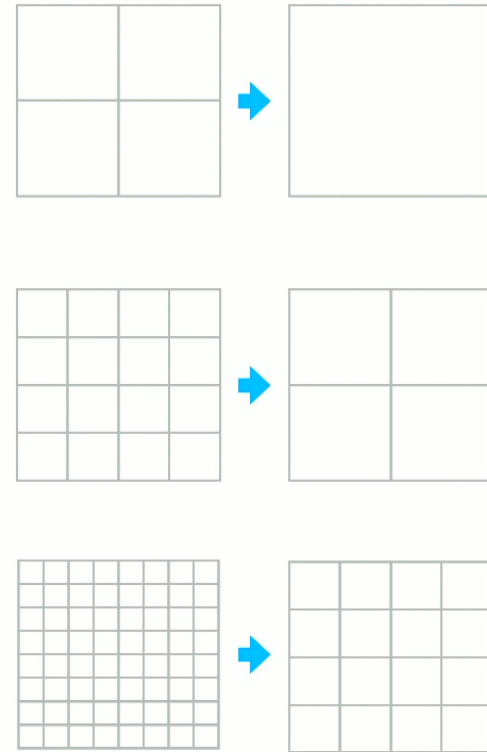
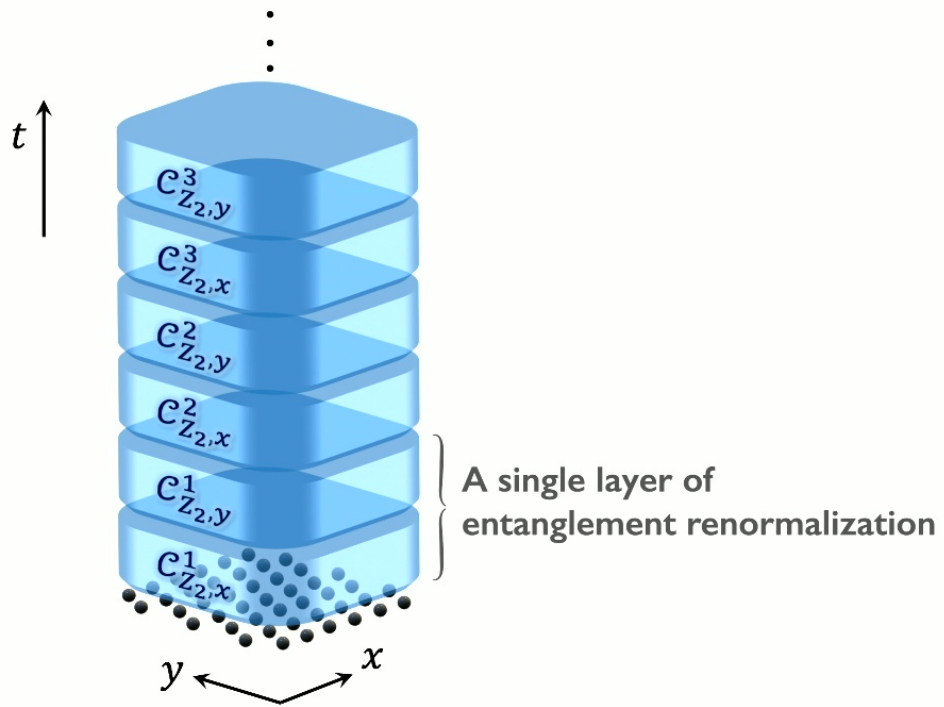
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A single layer of entanglement renormalization



# MERA for the Toric Code



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However, all of these models are **non-chiral**.

Can we find scale-invariant MERA circuits (with strictly local gates) for **chiral** topologically ordered systems? 🤔

# Chiral Topological Order

Chiral edge modes on the boundary.

Does not preserve time-reversal symmetry.

Examples:

Integer quantum Hall states

Fractional quantum Hall states

The  $p_x+ip_y$  topological superconductor

The Ising TQFT

Chiral spin liquids



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# Challenges for Chiral Topological Order

Can we find scale-invariant MERA circuits (with strictly local gates) for **chiral** topologically ordered systems?

It's hard! 😓

# Correlation-Length-Reduction No-Go Argument

After each layer of entanglement renormalization,

$$\ell' = \ell / b$$

Factor  $b > 1$

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# Correlation-Length-Reduction No-Go Argument

$$|\Psi'\rangle = |\Psi\rangle$$

In the fixed-point scenario, the correlation length reduction formula  $\ell' = \ell/b$  implies that

$$\ell = \ell/b$$
$$\Rightarrow \ell = 0 \text{ or } \ell = \infty$$

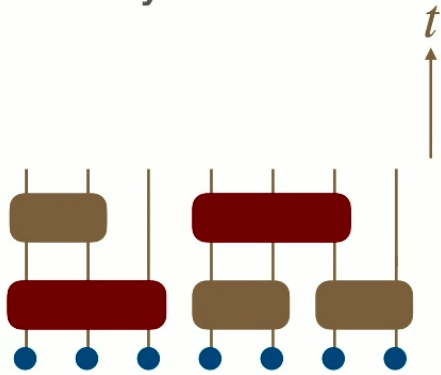
Gapless

# Question

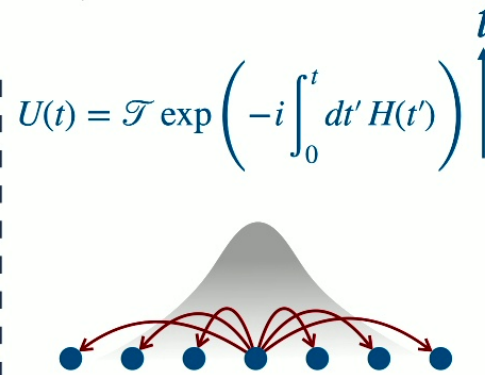
Can we go beyond the conventional MERA framework (composed of **strictly local** and **discrete** gates) to develop entanglement renormalization circuits for chiral topological order?

**Consider  
quasi-local evolution!**

Strictly Local Gates



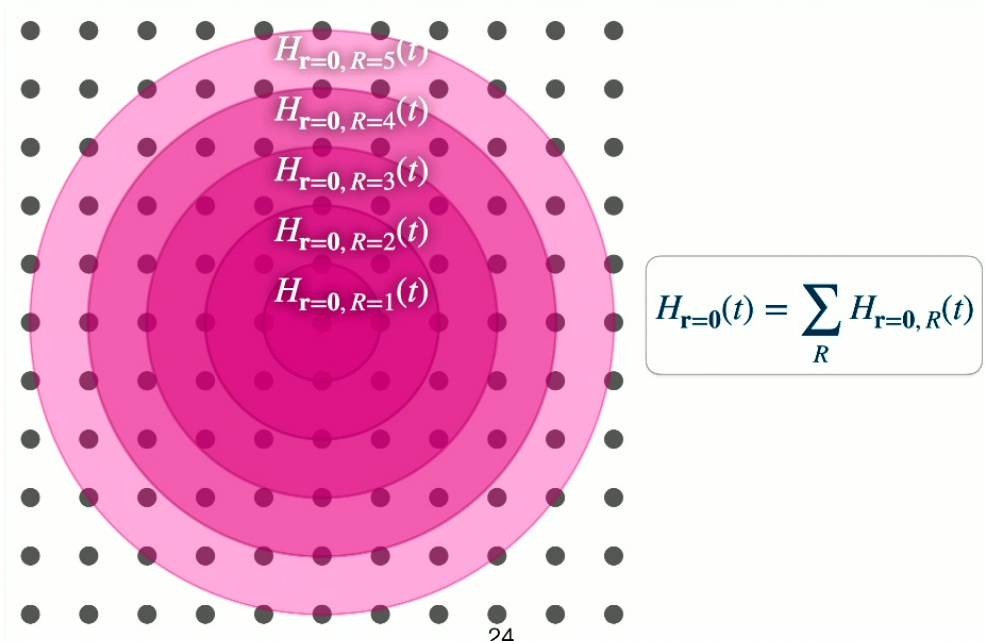
Quasi-Local Evolution



$$H(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} H_{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$

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$$\|H_{\mathbf{r},R}(t)\| = o(1/R^\alpha), \forall \alpha > 0$$

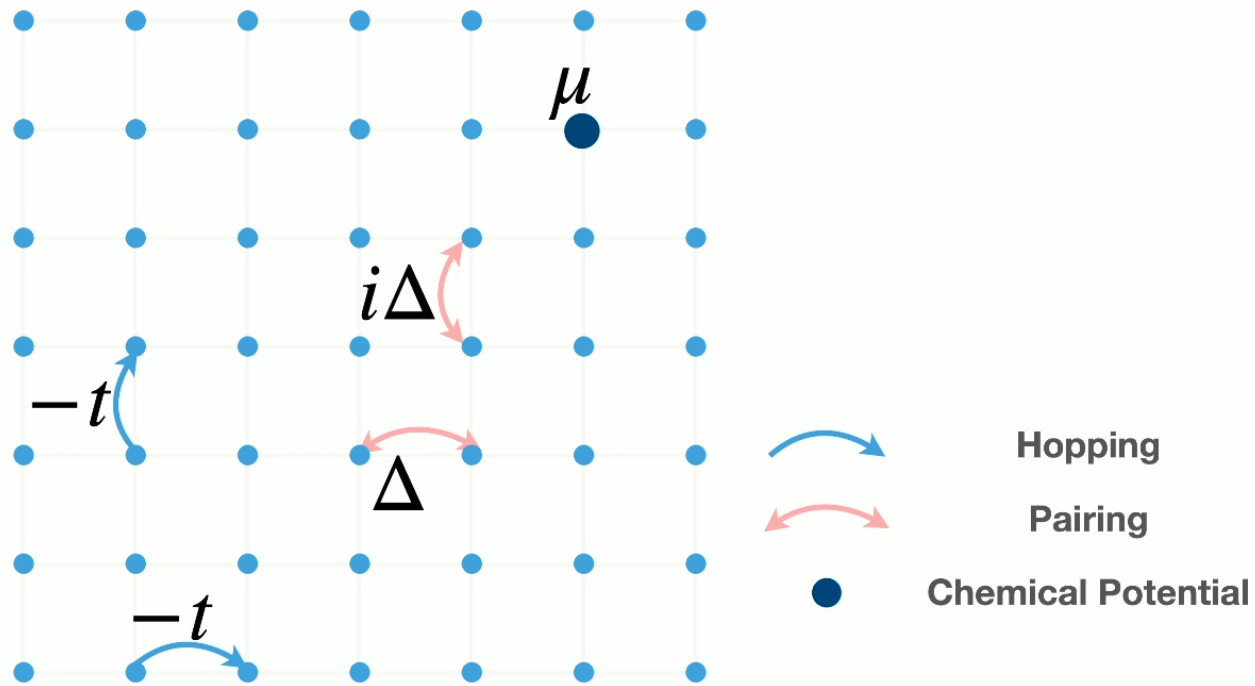




# The $p_x+ip_y$ Topological Superconductor

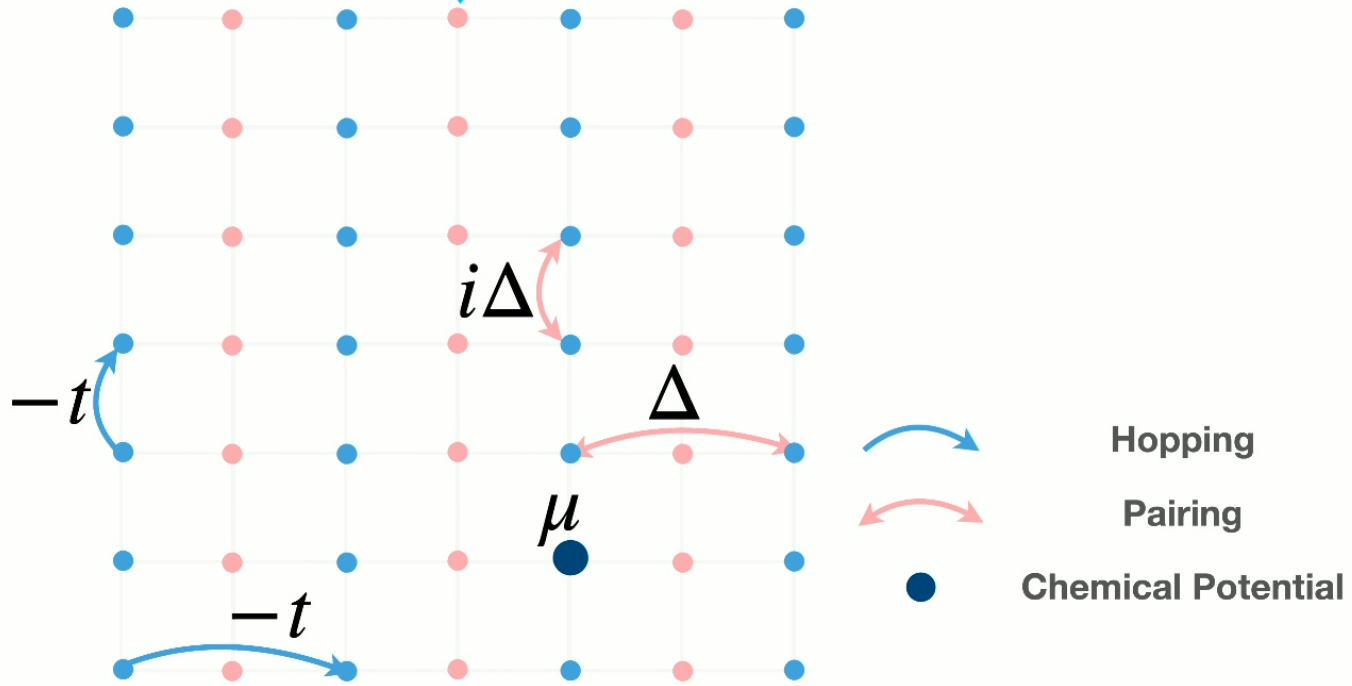
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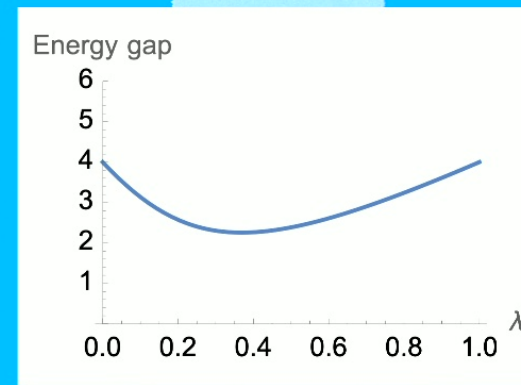
$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & -t \sum_r \left( c_{r+x}^\dagger c_r + c_{r+y}^\dagger c_r + \text{h.c.} \right) - \mu \sum_r c_r^\dagger c_r \\
 & + \sum_r \left( \Delta c_{r+x}^\dagger c_r^\dagger + i\Delta c_{r+y}^\dagger c_r^\dagger + \text{h.c.} \right) \quad -4t < \mu < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Disentangled as empty sites



$$H(\lambda) = (1 - \lambda)H_{\text{initial}} + \lambda H_{\text{final}}$$

**MIRACLE!**



# Quasi-Adiabatic Evolution

However, exact adiabatic evolution takes an infinite amount of time.

We can convert the adiabatic path to a finite-time **quasi-adiabatic evolution**, which is a **quasi-local evolution**.

(M. Hastings 2003, T. J. Osborne 2007)

# Quasi-Adiabatic Evolution

Quasi-adiabatic  
continuation operator

Can be proved to be  
quasi-local evolution

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{qa}} = \mathcal{T} \exp \left( i \int_0^1 d\lambda \mathcal{D}(\lambda) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\lambda) = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt F(E_{\text{gap}} t) e^{iH(\lambda)t} \partial_{\lambda} H(\lambda) e^{-iH(\lambda)t}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$

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We introduced the notion of **chiral topological order**.

$$\ell' = \ell/b$$

We presented the **correlation-length-reduction no-go argument** to show why constructing **conventional MERA** circuits (with **strictly local gates**) for **chiral** topological order is hard.

However, we can construct an entanglement renormalization circuit for the **non-interacting**  $p_x + ip_y$  topological superconductor using **quasi-local evolution**. The quasi-local evolution helps us circumvent the correlation-length-reduction no-go argument.

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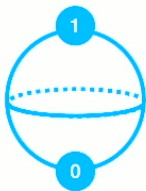
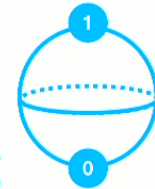
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Building entanglement renormalization circuits for **interacting** chiral states remains a largely unexplored area.

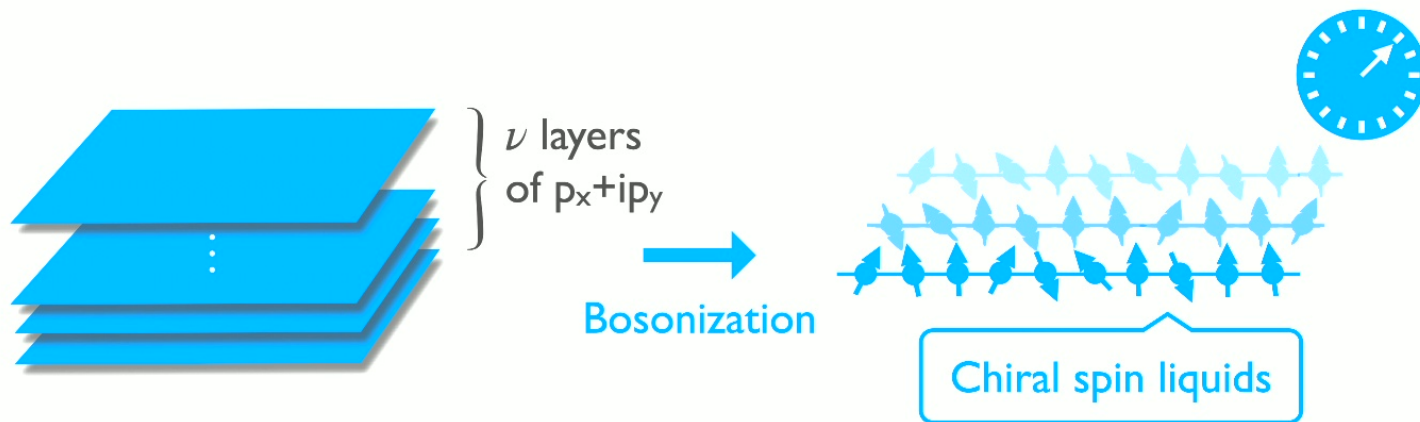
Now, we will use the insights we gained from previous examples to construct **entanglement renormalization circuits** for a class of **chiral spin liquids**. The circuits are called **MERA with quasi-local evolution (MERAQLE)**.





The chiral spin liquids we are considering here are exactly solvable chiral spin liquids that we will construct through **bosonizing**  $\nu$  layers of  $p_x+ip_y$  **topological superconductors**.

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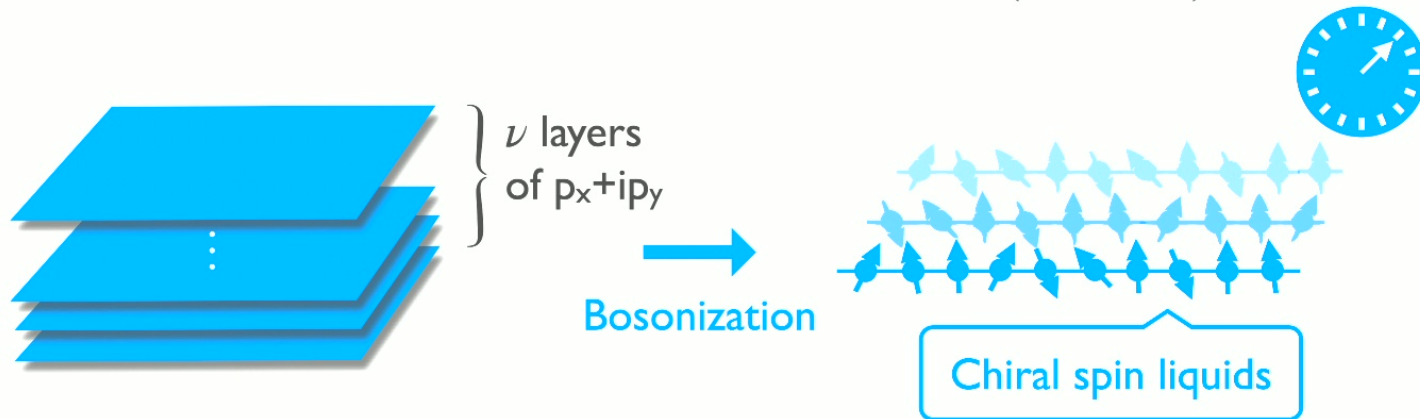
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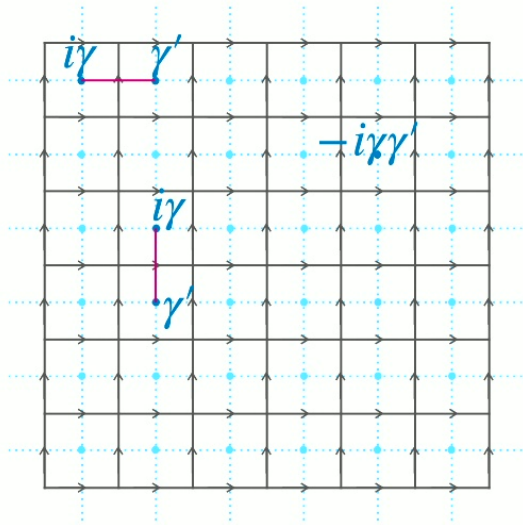
The resulting spin liquids can be thought of as layers of  **$p_x+ip_y$  topological superconductors** coupled to a  **$Z_2$  lattice gauge theory**. It can be shown that our construction falls into **Kitaev's 16-fold way classification**.

(Kitaev 2005)

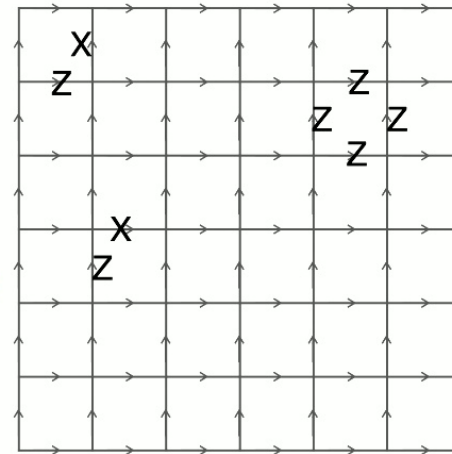


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### Fermion System



### Spin-1/2 System

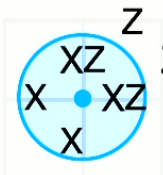


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Bosonization

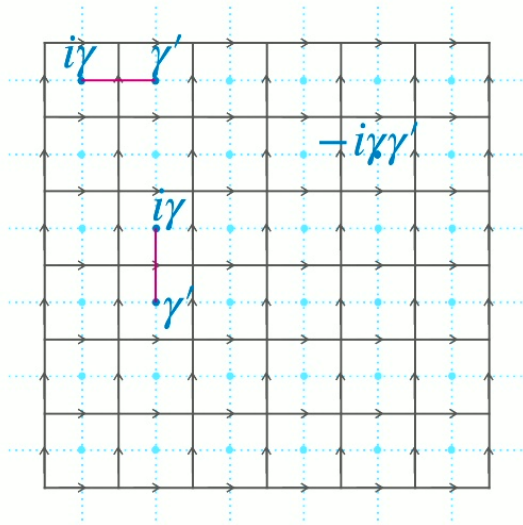
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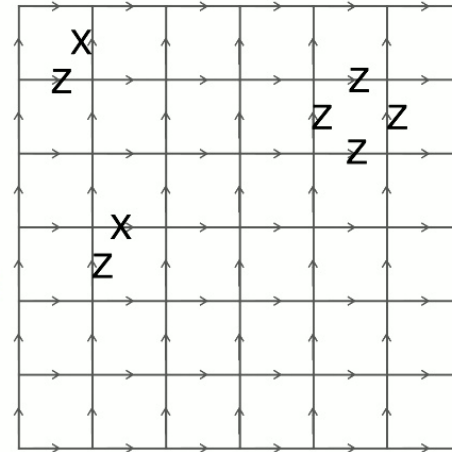
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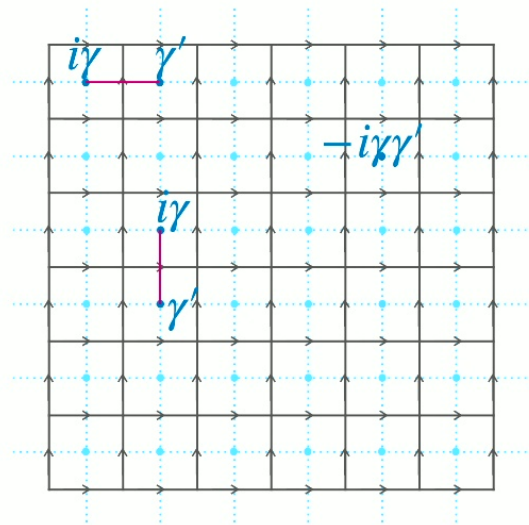
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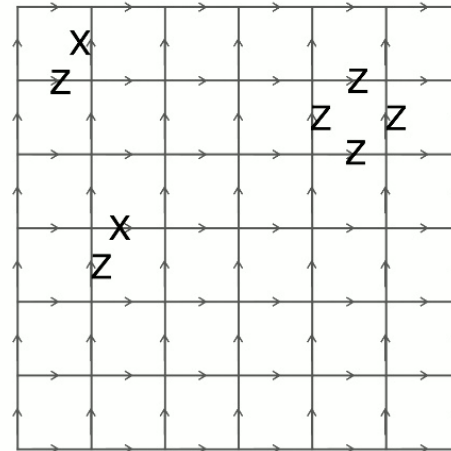
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Zero-Flux Constraint:  $F_v \equiv \begin{matrix} & Z & \\ X & \bullet & XZ \\ X & & X \end{matrix} Z = 1$

Violations  $\Rightarrow Z_2$  gauge fluxes  $\Rightarrow$  vortices



Bosonization



$$\nu = 0$$

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$$H_{\text{insulator}} = - \sum_{\mathbf{r}} (1 - 2c_{\mathbf{r}}^{\dagger}c_{\mathbf{r}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{H_{\text{insulator}}\}^{\text{bosonized}} &= - \sum_f \prod_{e \in f} Z_e \\ &= - \sum_f \left[ \begin{matrix} Z \\ Z & f \\ & Z \end{matrix} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Ground state is the toric code ground state

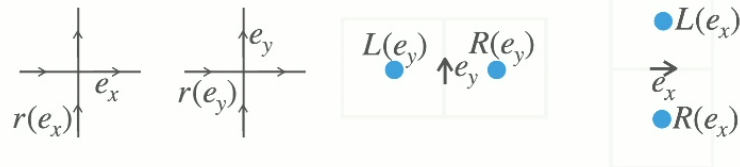
## The $\nu = 1$ chiral spin liquid described by the Ising TQFT

$$H_{\text{Ising CSL}} = \{H_{p_x + ip_y}\}^{\text{bosonized}}$$

(SKC, G. Zhu, and A. Gorshkov 2023)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{e_y} \left[ -\left(\frac{t+\Delta}{2}\right) (W_{L(e_y)})(X_{e_y} Z_{r(e_y)})(W_{R(e_y)}) - \left(\frac{t-\Delta}{2}\right) X_{e_y} Z_{r(e_y)} \right] \\ &+ \sum_{e_x} \left[ -\frac{t}{2} (W_{L(e_x)})(X_{e_x} Z_{r(e_x)})(W_{R(e_x)}) - \frac{t}{2} (X_{e_x} Z_{r(e_x)}) \right. \\ &\left. + i\frac{\Delta}{2} (W_{L(e_x)})(X_{e_x} Z_{r(e_x)}) - \frac{i\Delta}{2} (X_{e_x} Z_{r(e_x)})(W_{R(e_x)}) \right] - \mu \sum_f (1 - W_f). \end{aligned}$$

$$W_f \equiv \prod_{e \in f} Z_e \equiv \begin{array}{|c|} \hline Z \\ \hline Z & f & Z \\ \hline Z \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# Kitaev's 16-fold Way Classification

(Kitaev 2005)

By bosonizing different layers of  $p_x+ip_y$  superconductors, we can get many kinds of chiral topological orders.

However, it turns out that we can only get **16** different kinds of topological orders from the perspective of the topological properties of the **anyons**, which is determined by  $\nu \pmod{16}$ .



$\nu$  odd: non-Abelian  
 $\nu$  even: Abelian

$\nu = 0$ : Toric Code

$\nu = 1$ : Ising TQFT (with Ising anyons)

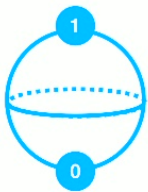
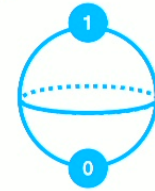
$\nu = 2$ : Laughlin's FQHE state at filling fraction  $1/4$

$\nu = 3$ : Bosonic Moore-Read FQHE state at filling fraction one

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# Question

Can we find **scale-invariant** entanglement renormalization circuits such that our chiral spin liquids are the **fixed-point** wavefunctions? 🤔

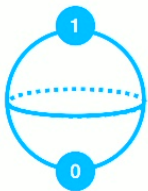
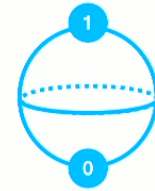


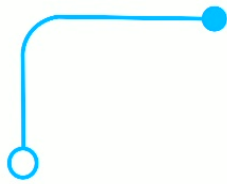


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Can we circumvent the correlation-length-reduction no-go argument?





# MERAQLE

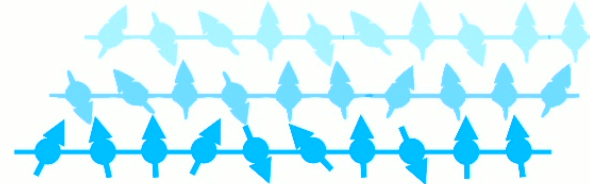


The entanglement renormalization circuits are **MERA circuits** with **quasi-local evolution** (MERAQLE). The very high-level idea is that:

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+ the  $Z_2$  lattice gauge theory



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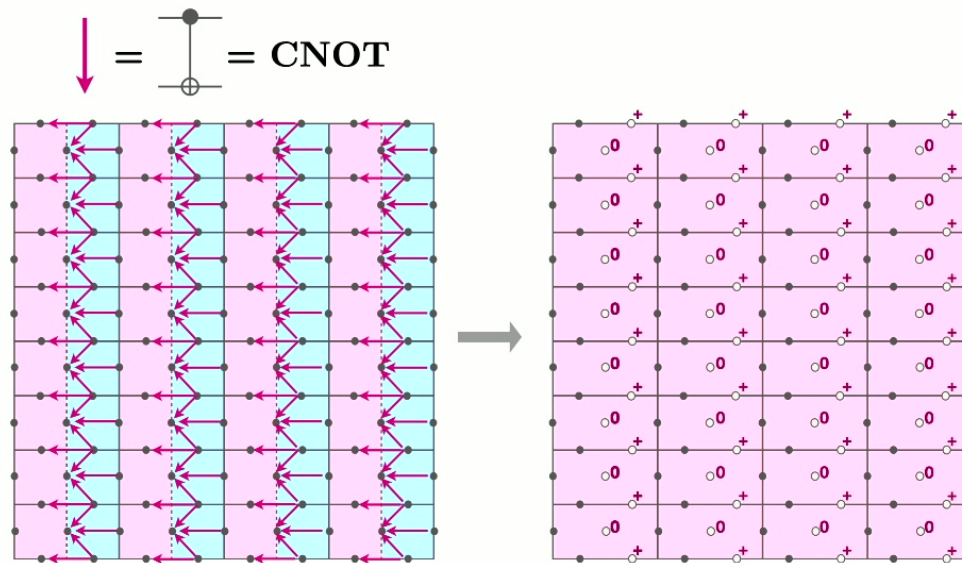
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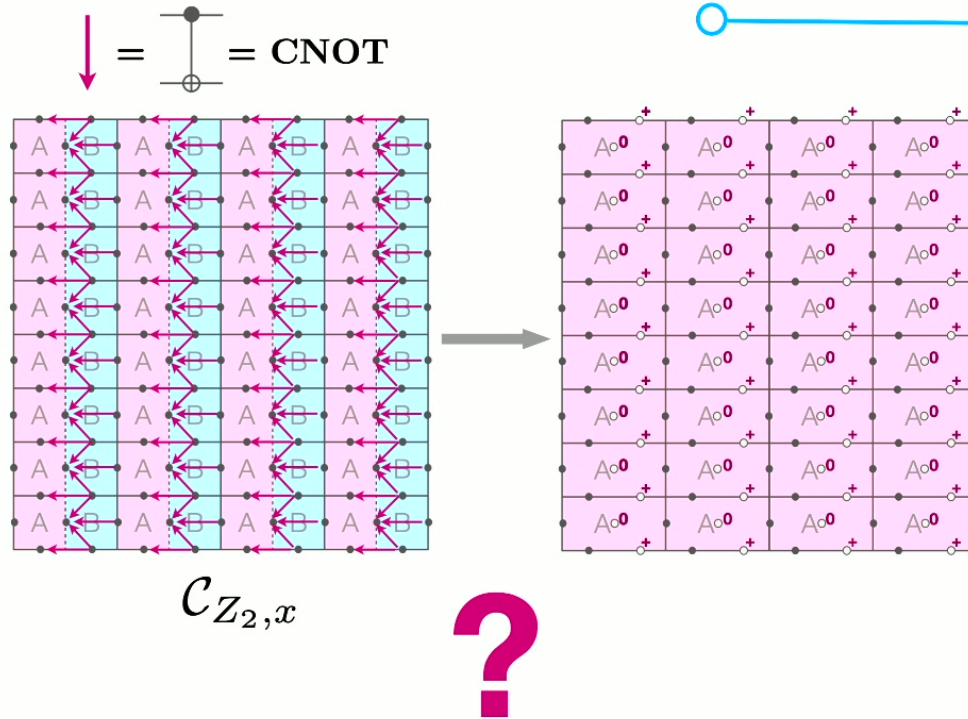
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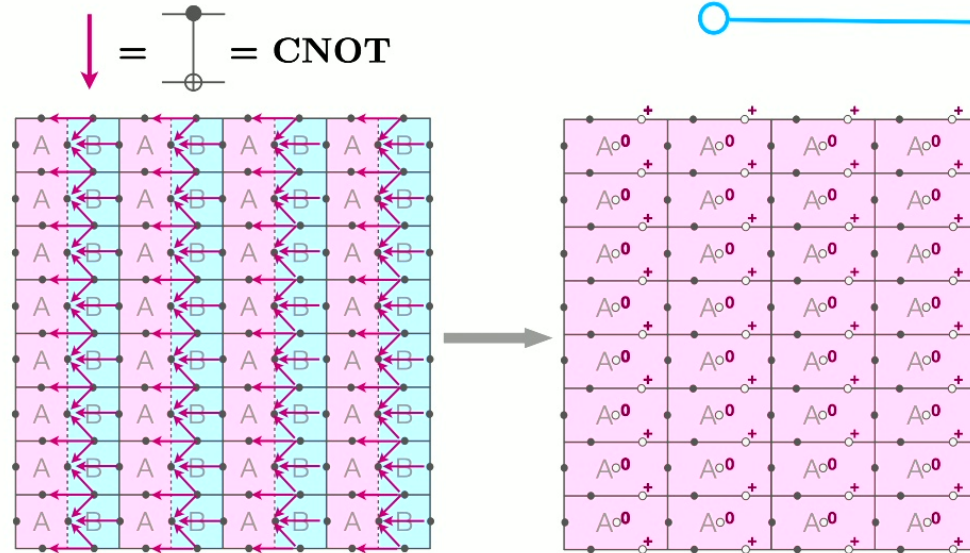
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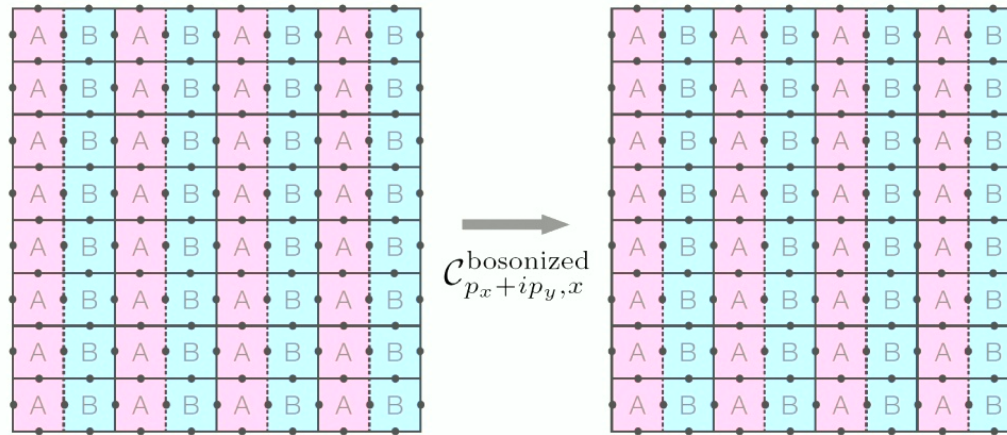
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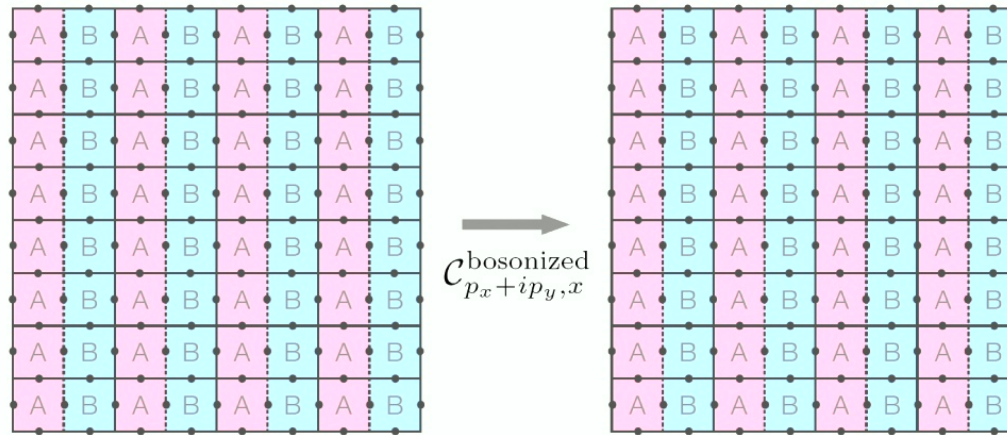
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# Outline

Introduction to entanglement renormalization circuits

- MERA circuit for the toric code

Chiral Topological Order

- Challenges for chiral topological order
- An entanglement renormalization circuit for the  $p_x+ip_y$  topological superconductor

Kitaev's 16-fold way chiral spin liquids

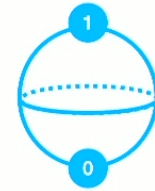
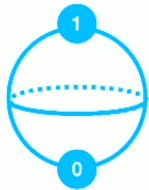
- Construction via bosonization
- Entanglement renormalization circuits (MERAQLE circuits)

Conclusions and outlook

# Conclusions

We constructed **entanglement renormalization circuits** for **chiral spin liquids** that fall into **Kitaev's 16-fold way classification**. Some chiral spin liquids are Abelian, and some are non-Abelian.

Equipped with quasi-local evolutions, **MERAQLE circuits** are more powerful than MERA circuits. The quasi-local evolutions help us circumvent the **correlation-length-reduction no-go argument**.





# Quantum Complexity

Fixed-Pt State  
strictly local gates



Fixed-Pt State  
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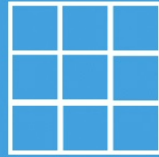
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- The notion of the locality of quantum circuits needs refinement!
- Chiral topological order is likely **more complex** than non-chiral topological order.



# Outlook

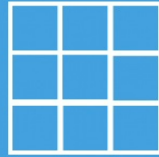




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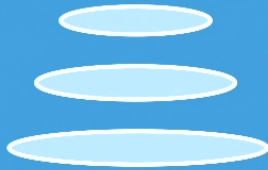
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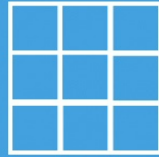


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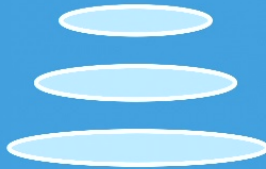
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Thank you!

