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Topological Quantum Computation-Part I

Objectives

- To understand the basic ideas of:

Topological Qubit

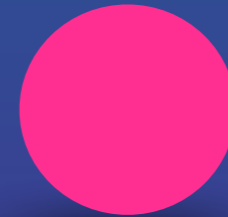
Topological Order

Kitaev Model

Topological Quantum Computation



Classical Bits



Quantum Bits

$$|\text{blue/red}\rangle = a |\text{blue}\rangle + b |\text{red}\rangle$$


Classical Bits Have

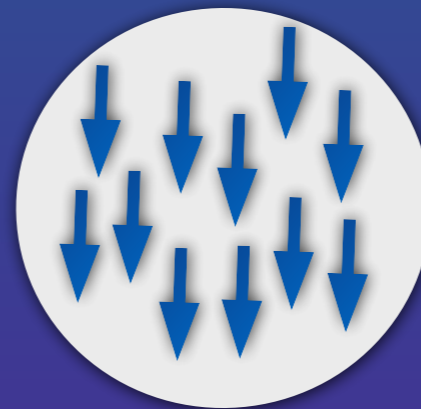
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Very Good Properties

1- Bits are Macroscopic Objects

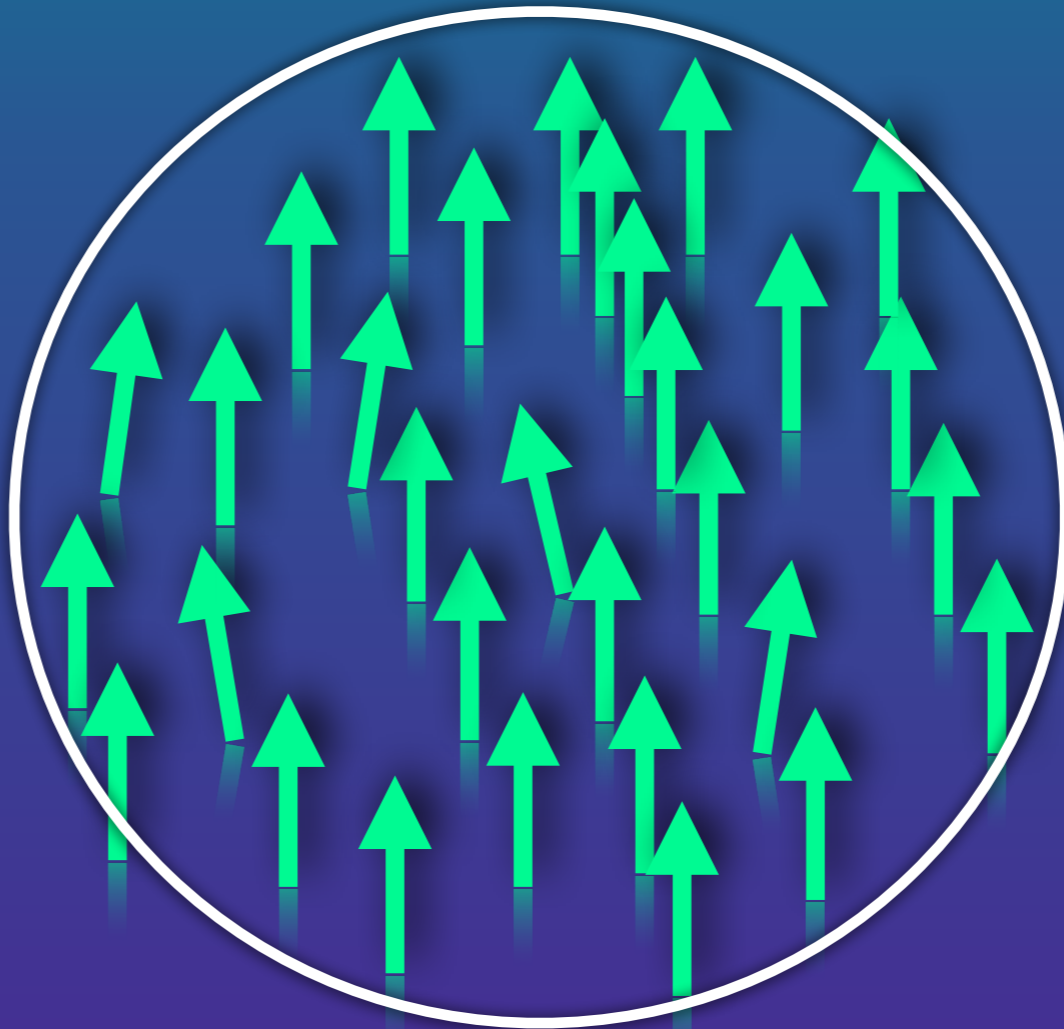


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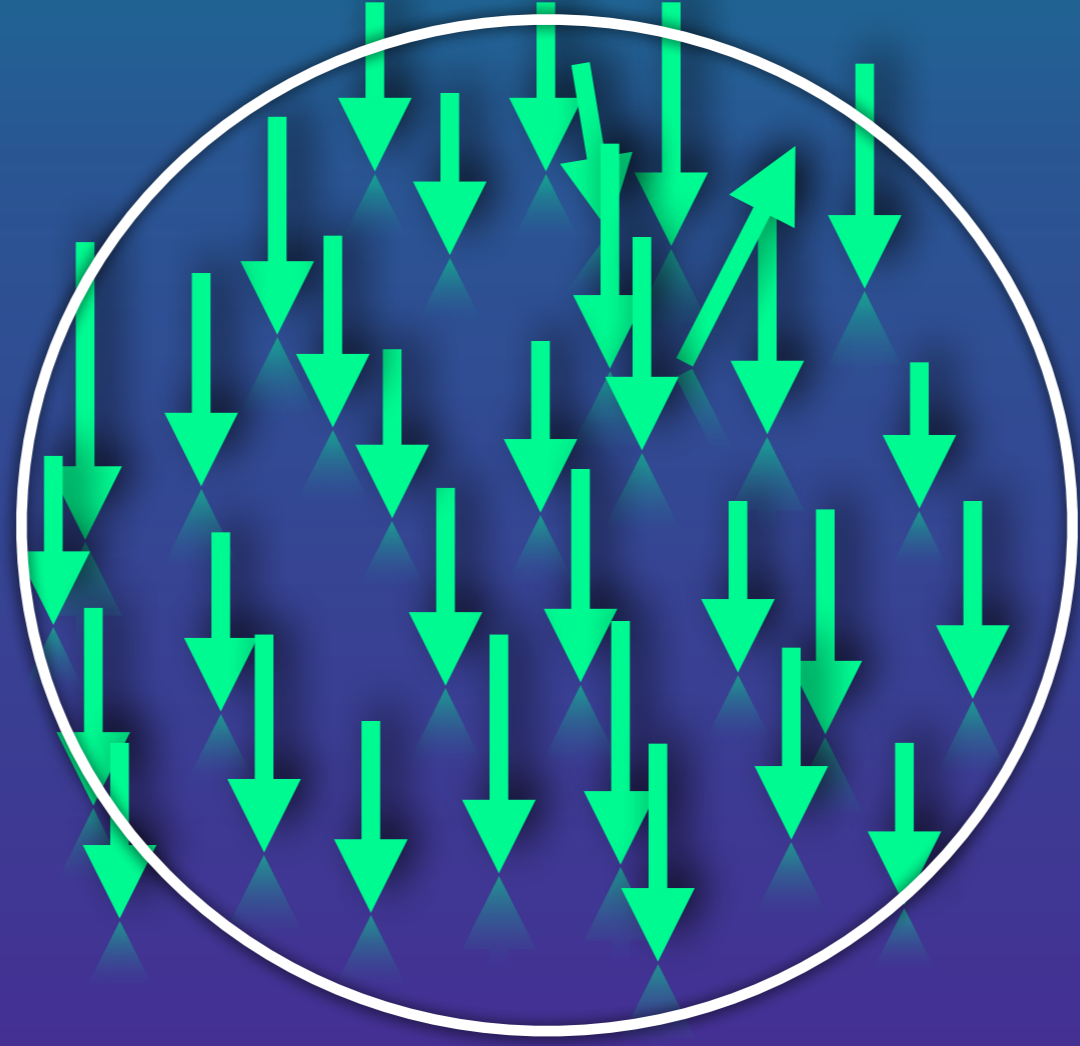


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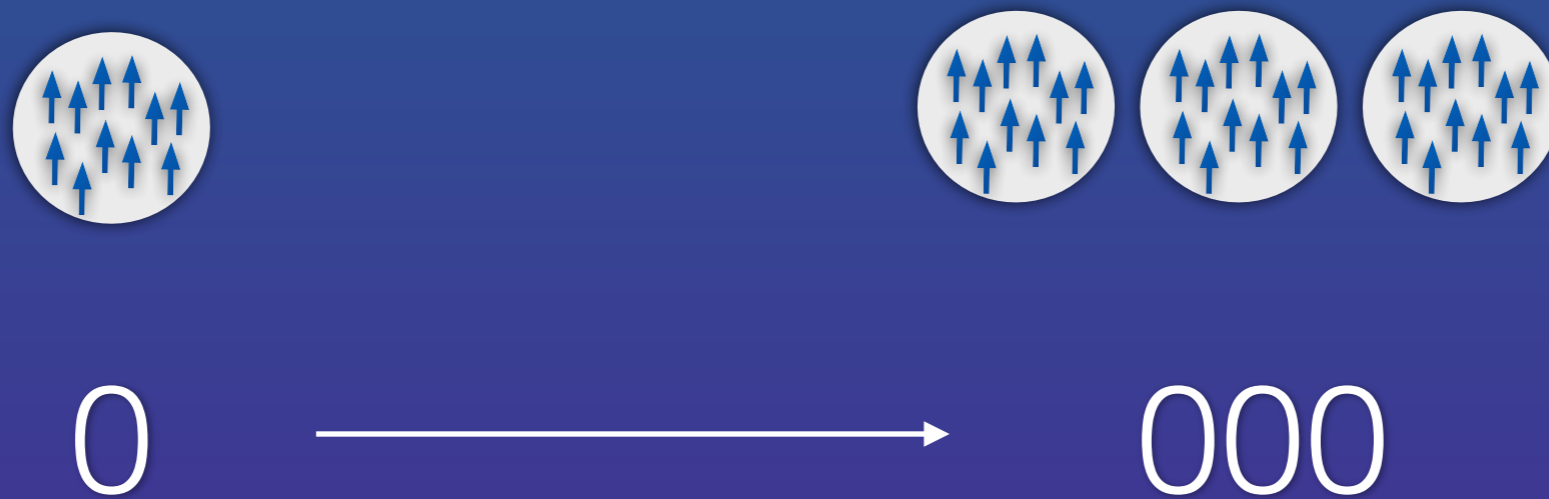


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2- Bits can be cloned



3- Errors are discrete



4- Bits can be observed

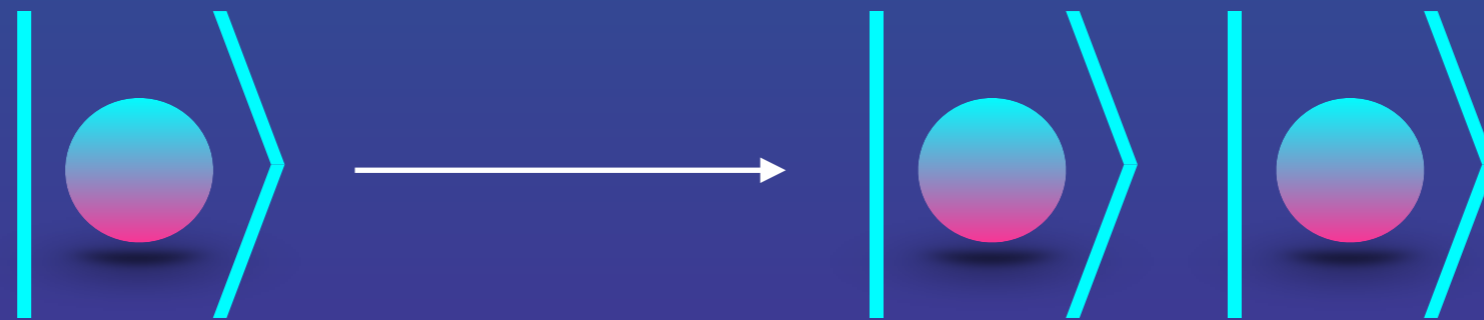
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And corrected

Qubits are exactly the
opposite

They are microscopic

They cannot be cloned



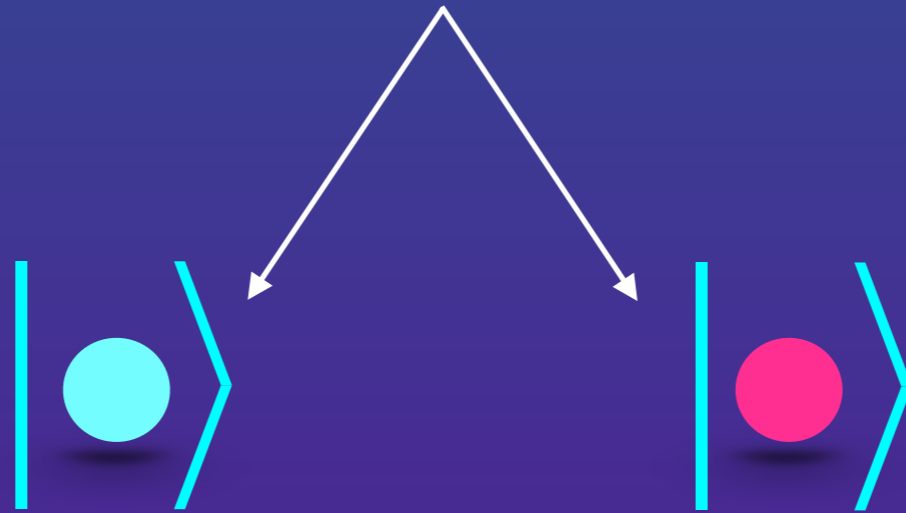
$$|\psi\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$$

Quantum Errors are continuous

$$|\text{blue}\rangle = a |\text{cyan}\rangle + b |\text{magenta}\rangle \longrightarrow |\text{blue}\rangle = a' |\text{cyan}\rangle + b' |\text{magenta}\rangle$$

They cannot be observed

$$|\text{gradient}\rangle = a |\text{cyan}\rangle + b |\text{magenta}\rangle$$

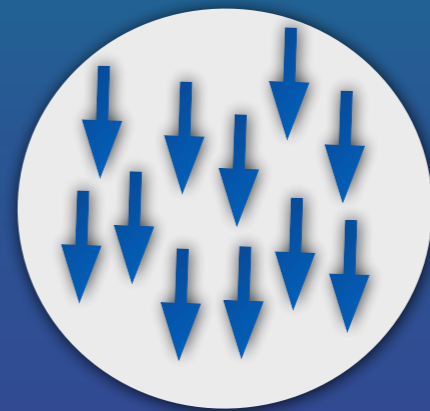


Topological Qubits

Merging the good features of both



$|\bar{0}\rangle$



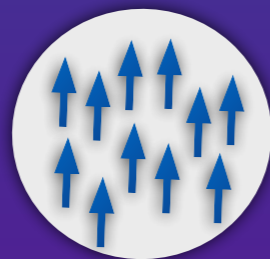
$|\bar{1}\rangle$

$$a|\bar{0}\rangle + b|\bar{1}\rangle$$

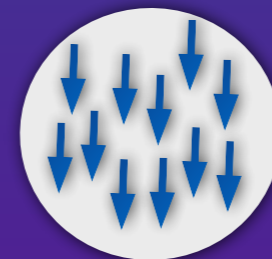
Ising Model

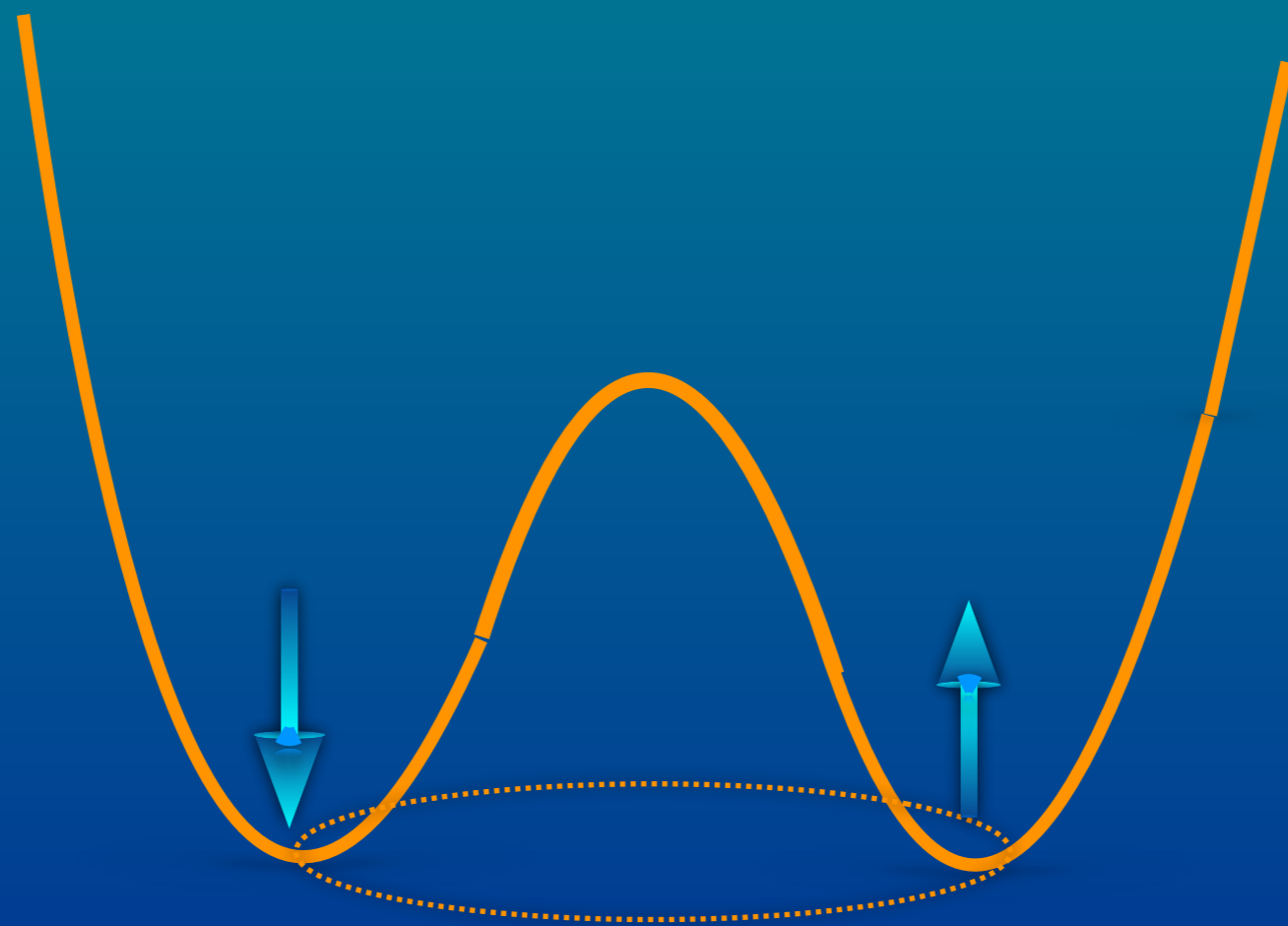
$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} z_i z_j$$

$$|\bar{0}\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow \dots \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$



$$|\bar{1}\rangle = |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \dots \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$





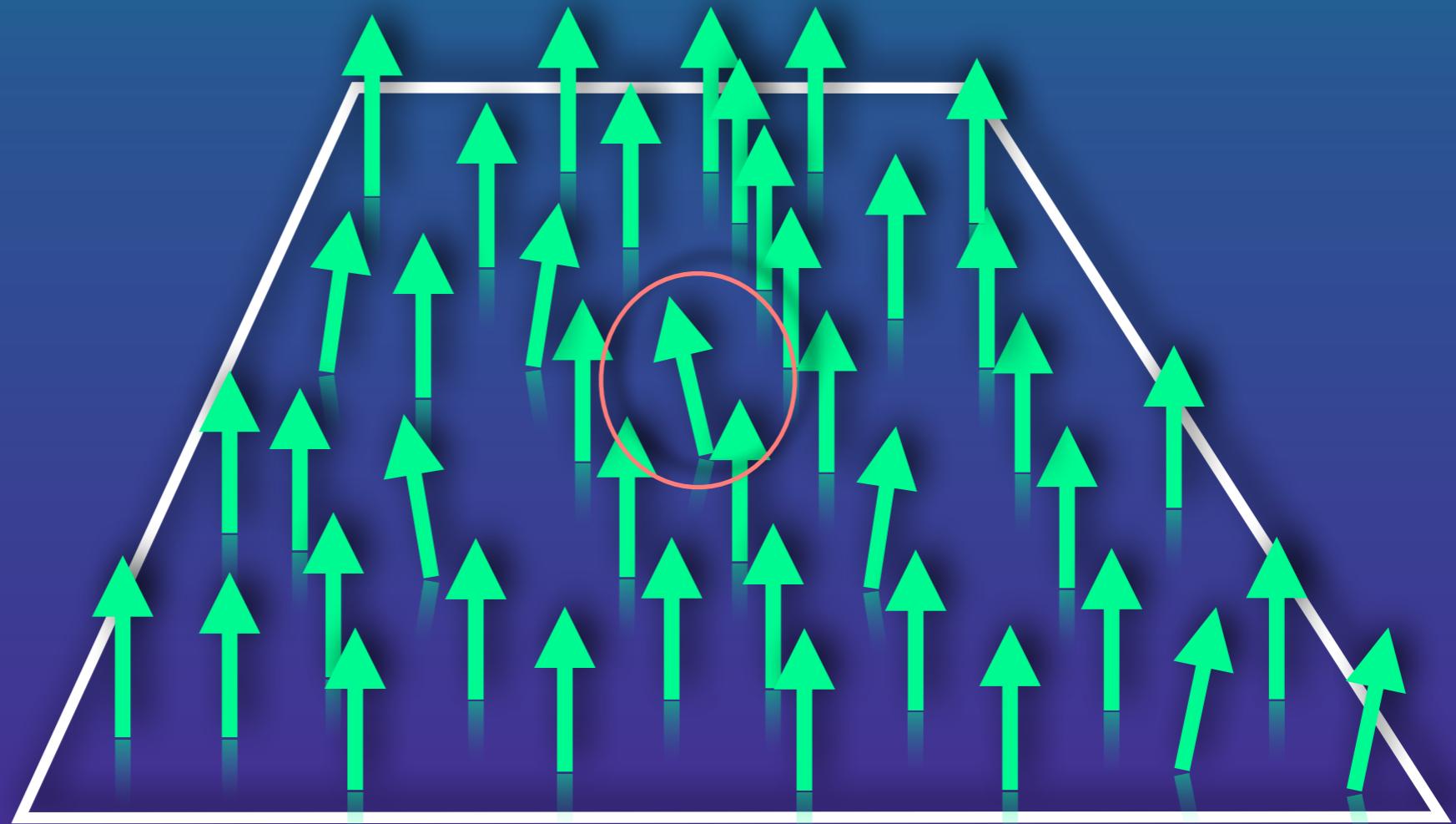
$|00000000\rangle$

$|11111111\rangle$

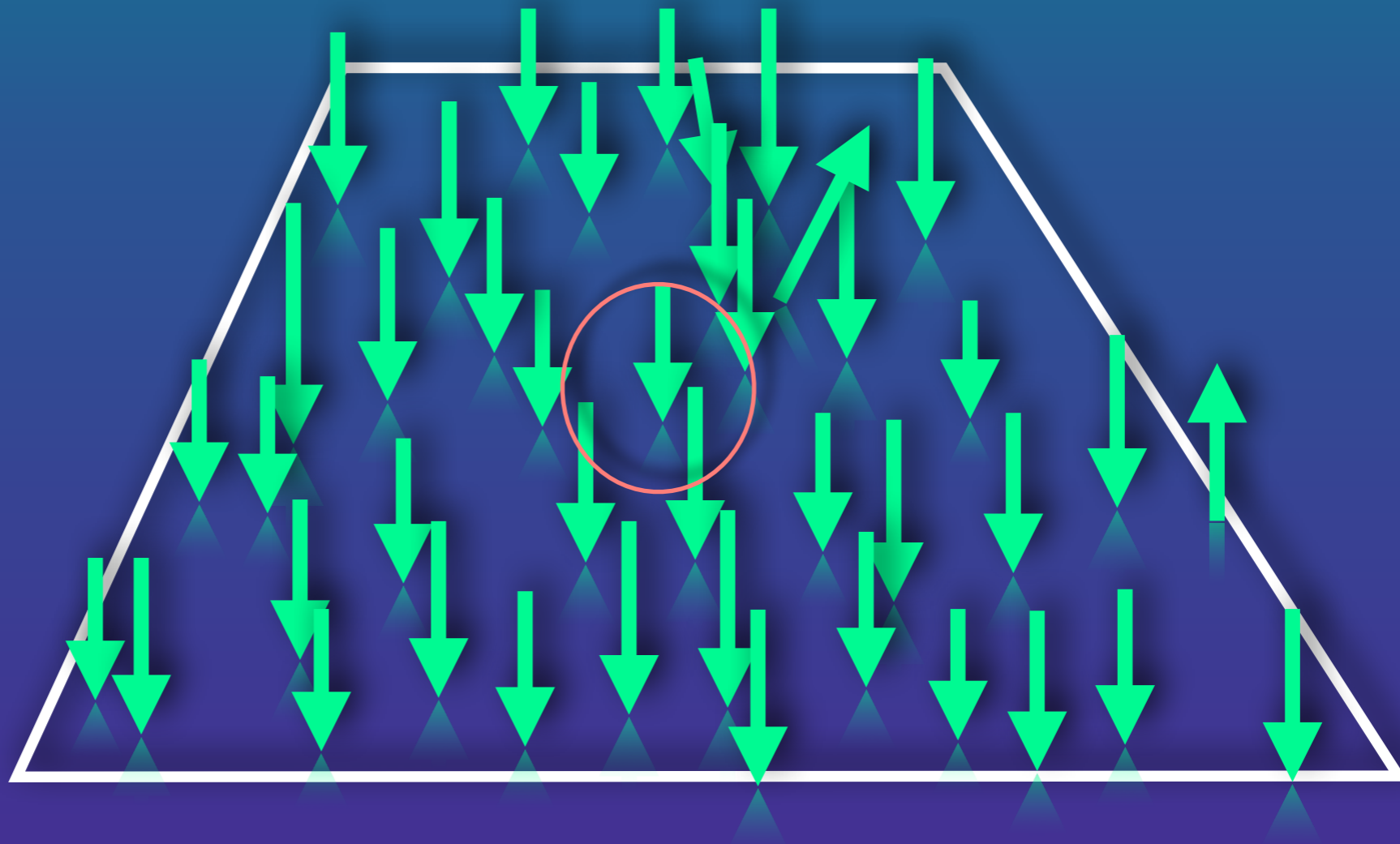
Local Order

$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = 1$$

$|0\rangle$



$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle = -1$$

 $|1\rangle$ 

But local order cannot
produce a topological
qubit!

Local order is extremely fragile

$$|GHZ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle)$$



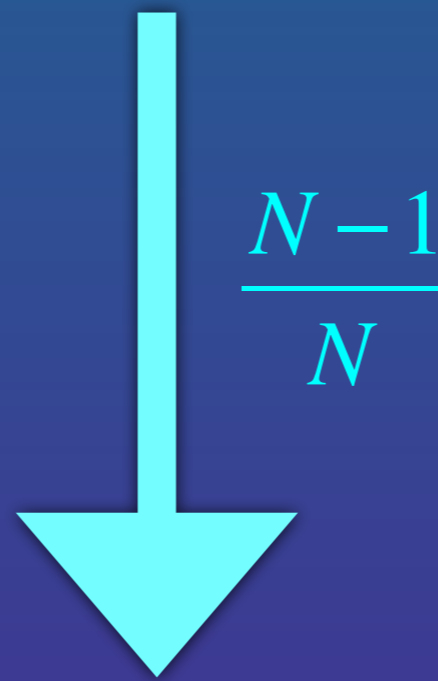
$$|W\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|1000\rangle + |0100\rangle + |0010\rangle + |0001\rangle)$$



$$|W_1\rangle = |1000\rangle$$

$$|W_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle)$$

$$|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (|100\dots000\rangle + |010\dots000\rangle + |001\dots000\rangle + \dots + |00\dots001\rangle)$$



$$|W_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-1}} (|100\dots00\rangle + |010\dots00\rangle + |001\dots00\rangle + \dots + |00\dots01\rangle)$$

What we want?

Degenerate ground state

Existence of Gap

Not locally distinguishable

Robust to perturbations

A system with degenerate ground state



$|\psi_0\rangle$

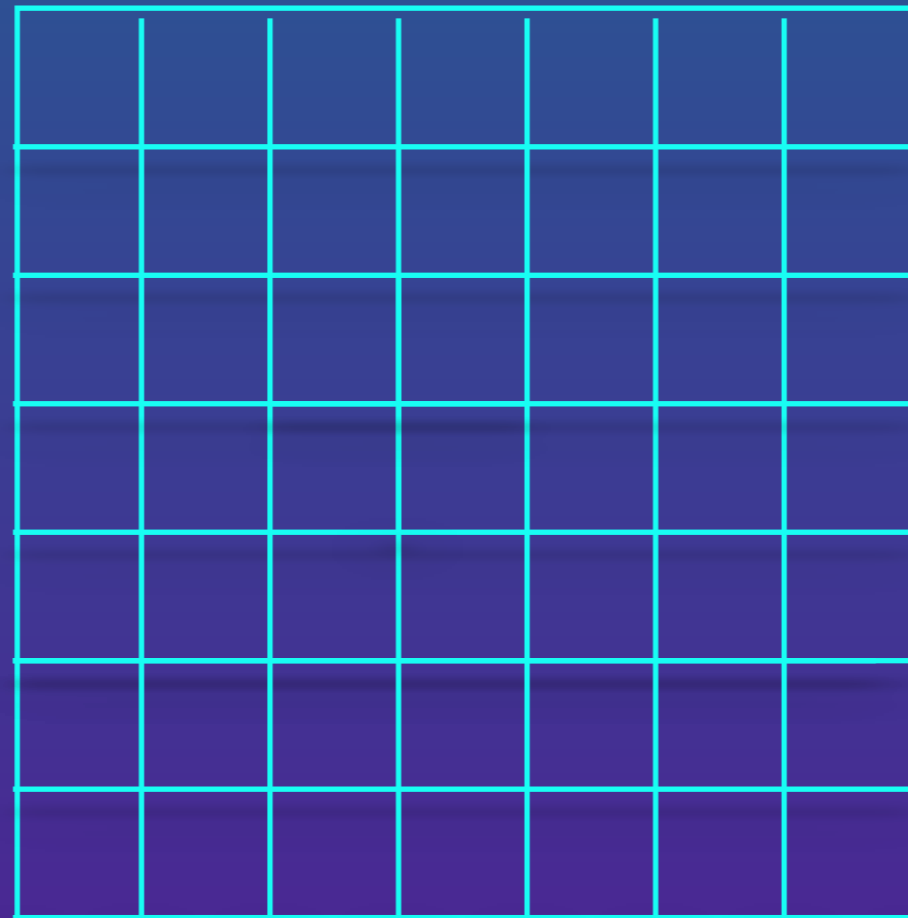


$|\psi_1\rangle$

which cannot be distinguished,
by any local observable!

$$\langle \psi_0 | K | \psi_0 \rangle = \langle \psi_1 | K | \psi_1 \rangle$$

How to make a topological model



$$K_i^2 = \pm I$$

$$K_i |\psi_\alpha\rangle = |\psi_\alpha\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi_\alpha | K_i | \psi_\alpha \rangle = 1$$

Local Operator

A ground state

$$K_i^2 = I$$

Stabilizers

$$[K_i, K_j] = 0$$

The Hamiltonian

$$H = -K_1 - K_2 - \dots - K_M$$

All the local operators



$$H|\psi_\alpha\rangle = -M|\psi_\alpha\rangle$$

A ground state



The order of degeneracy

$$\text{Dim}(H) = 2^N$$

$$\text{Degeneracy} = \frac{2^N}{2^M} = 2^{N-M}$$

Kitaev Model



Notations

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} |+\rangle \\ |-\rangle \end{cases}$$

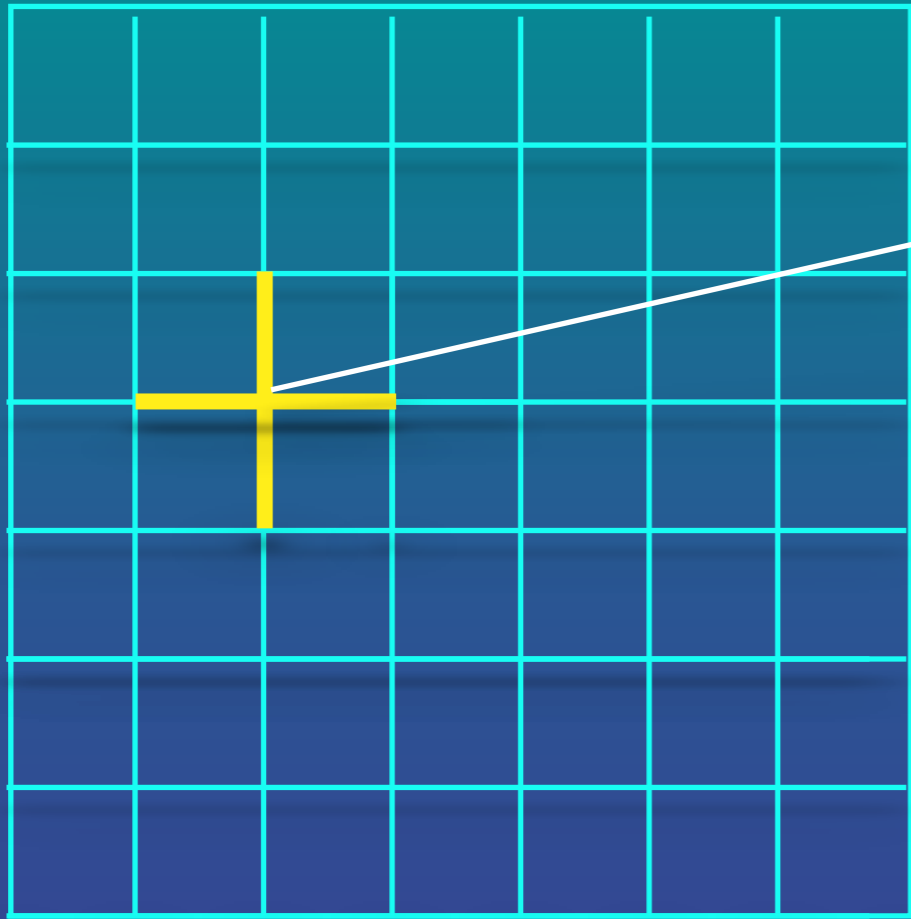
$$z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$z|+\rangle = |-\rangle$$

$$x|0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$z|-\rangle = |+\rangle$$

$$x|1\rangle = |0\rangle$$



$$A_s = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4$$

$$A_s^2 = I$$

$$\prod_s A_s = I$$

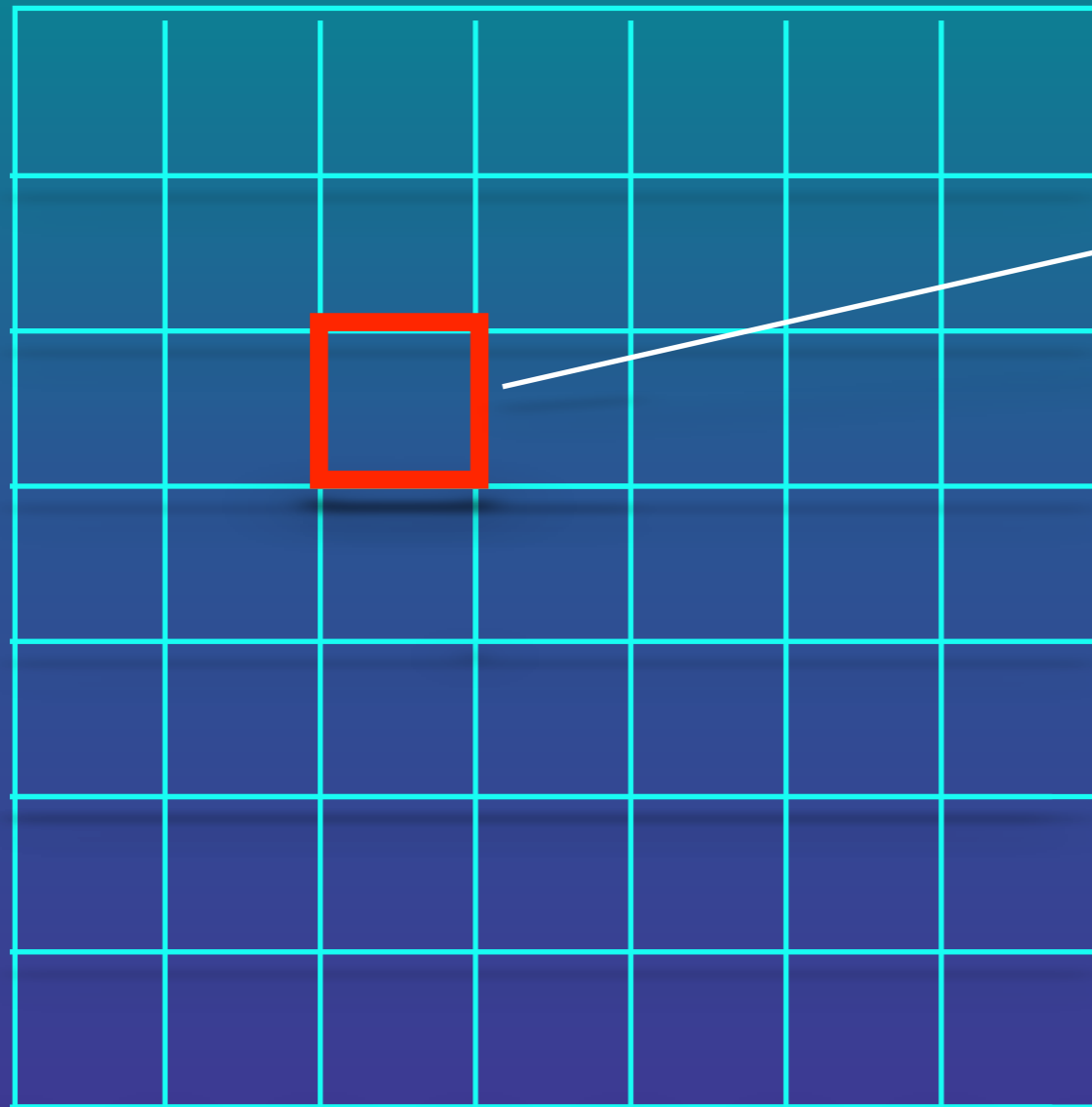
Number of vertices=N

Number of links=2N

Dimension of Hilbert Space = 2^{2N}

Number of independent A's = N-1

$$\text{Degeneracy} = \frac{2^{2N}}{2^{N-1}} = 2^{N+1}$$



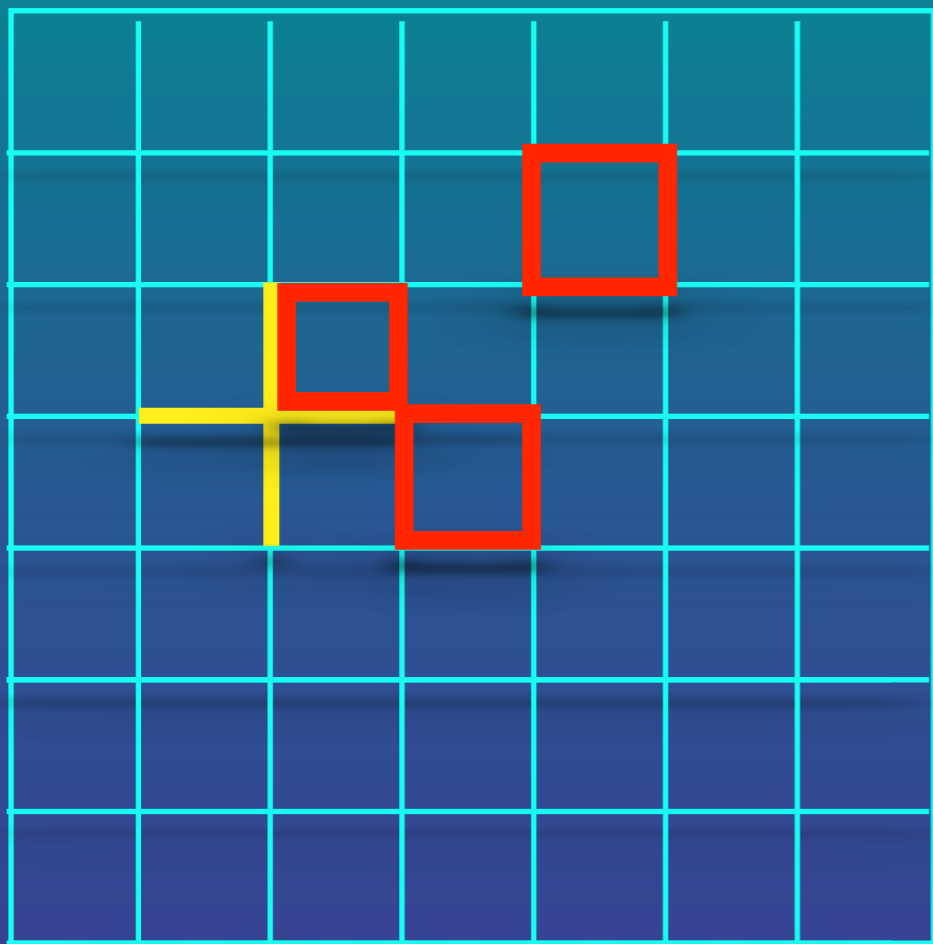
$$B_p = z_1 z_2 z_3 z_4$$

$$B_p^2 = I$$

$$\prod_p B_p = I$$

Number of faces = N

Number of Independent B's = $N-1$



$$\left[A_s, B_p \right] = 0$$

$$H = - \sum_s A_s - \sum_p B_p$$

$$\text{Degeneracy} = \frac{2^{2N}}{2^{2N-2}} = 4$$

The ground state

$$H = -\sum_s A_s - \sum_p B_p$$

$$A_s |\phi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$$

$$B_p |\phi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$$

How the ground state looks like?

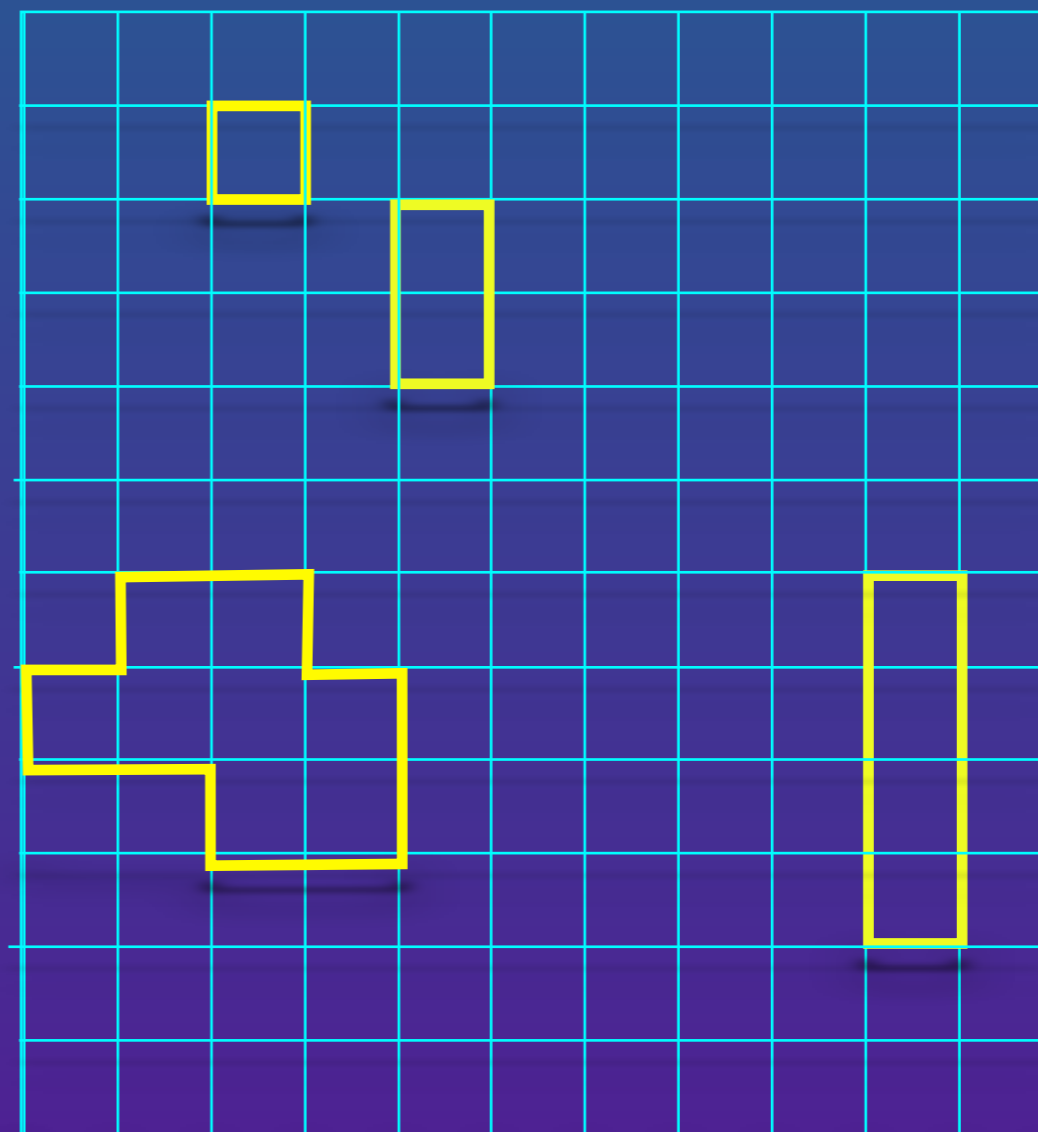
$$|\Omega\rangle = |+\rangle^{\otimes N}$$

$$|\varphi_0\rangle = \prod_p (1 + B_p) |\Omega\rangle$$

$$A_s |\Omega\rangle = |\Omega\rangle$$

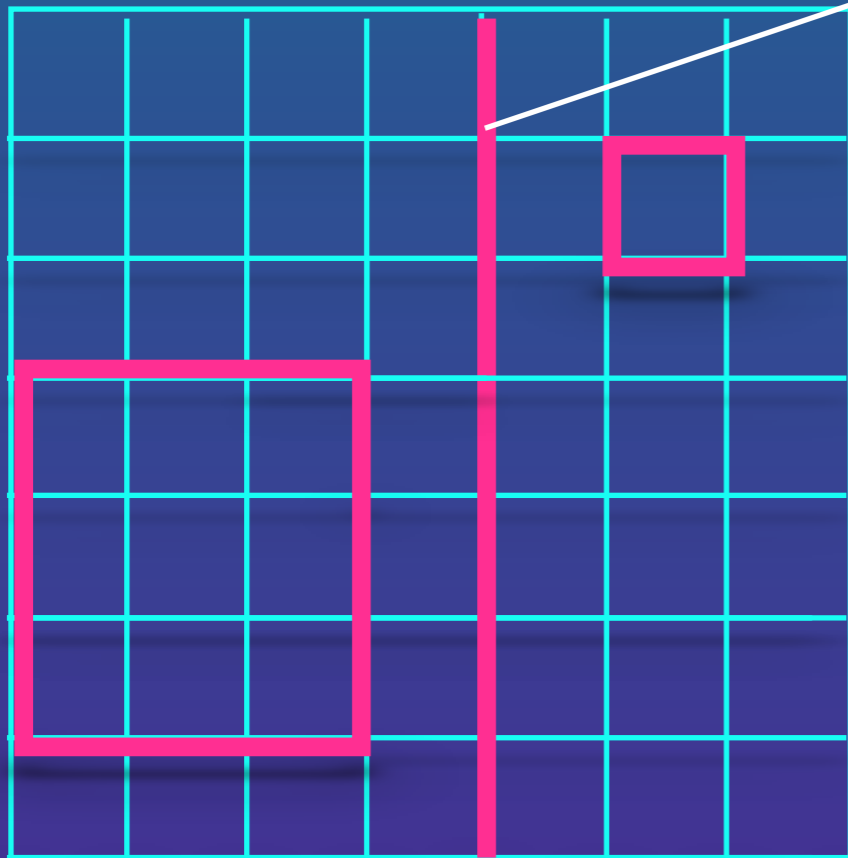
$$z|+\rangle = |-\rangle$$

$$B_p |\Omega\rangle \neq |\Omega\rangle$$

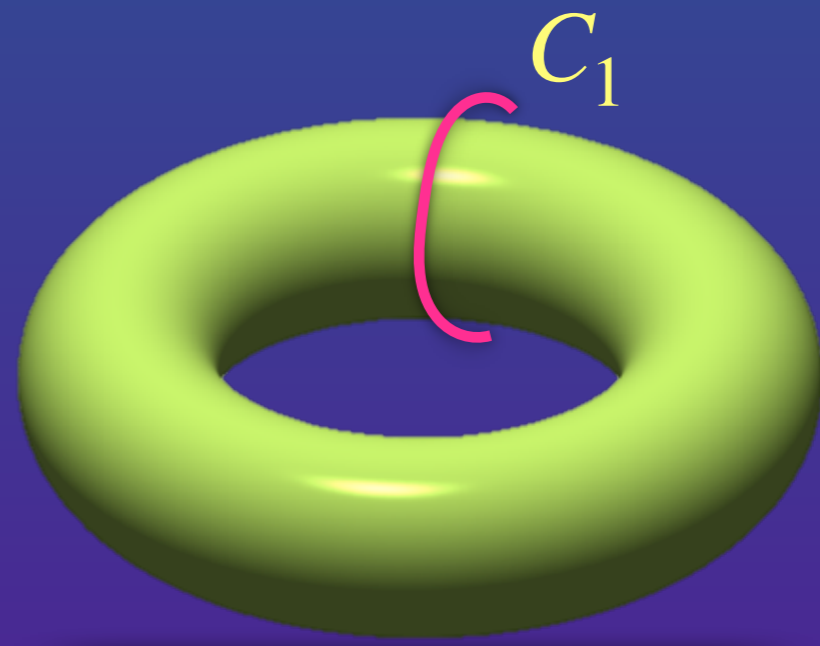


String operators which create degenerate states

$$X_1 = \prod_{i \in C_1} z_i$$

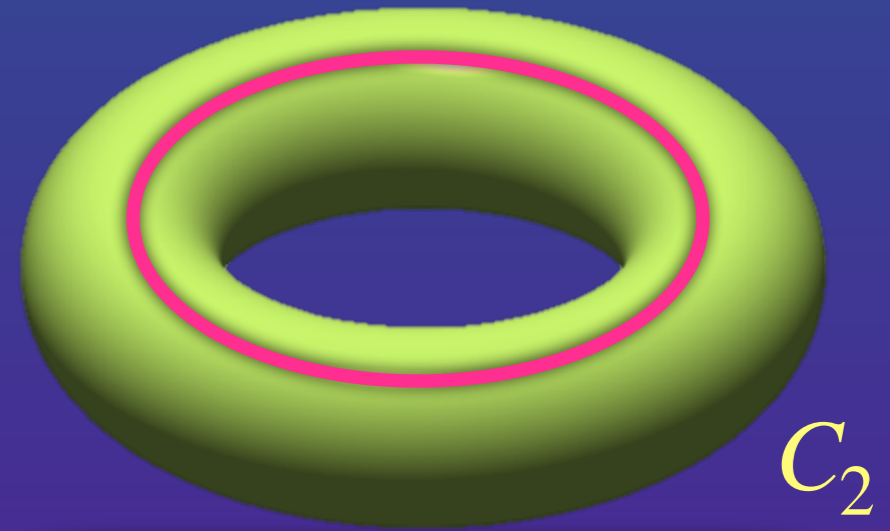
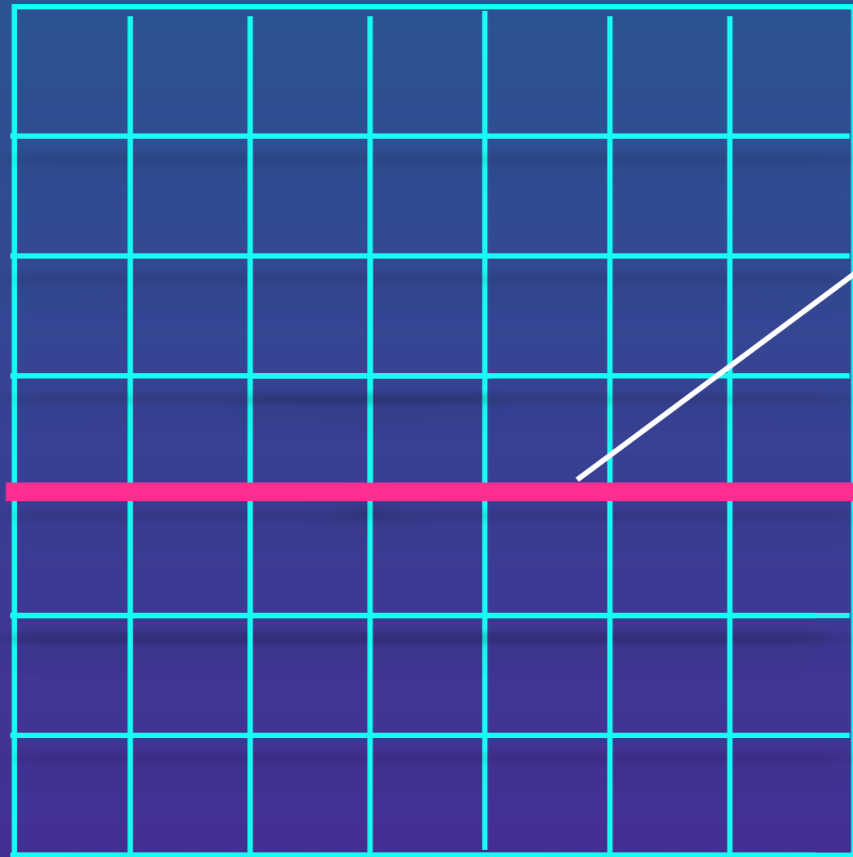


$$[X_1, H] = 0$$

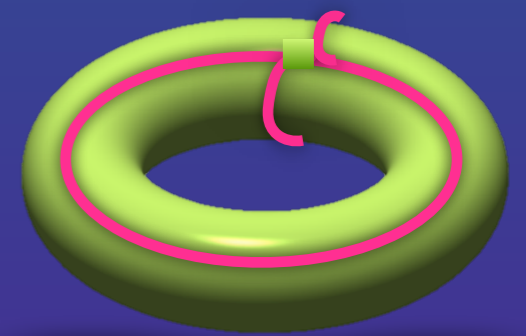
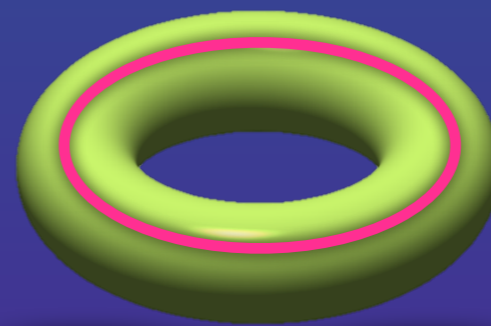
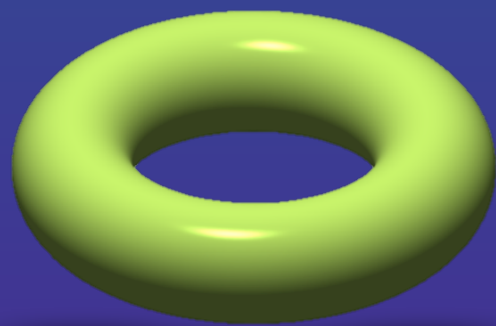
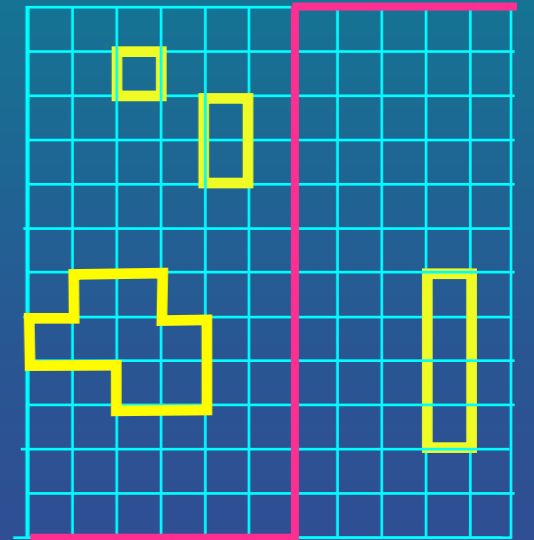
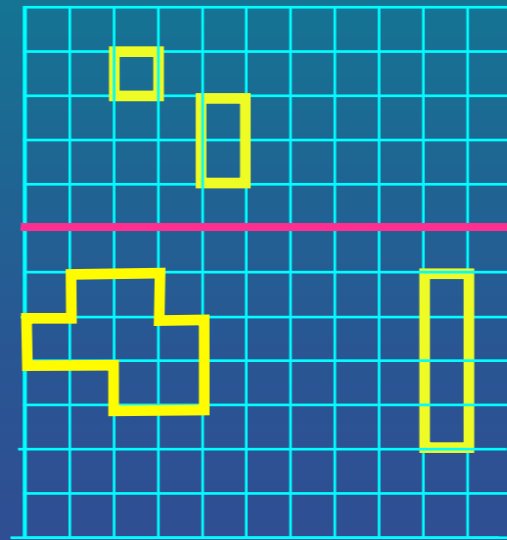
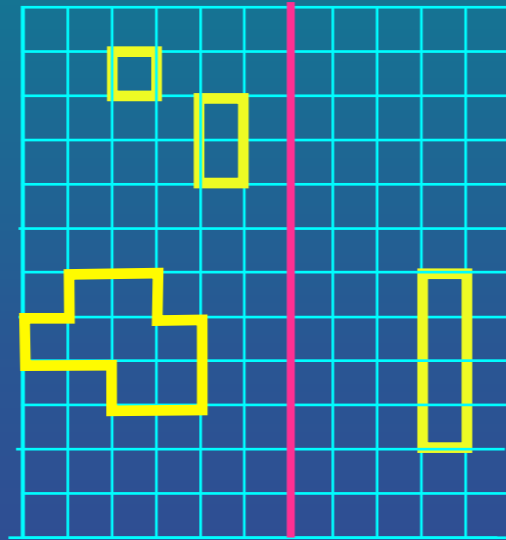
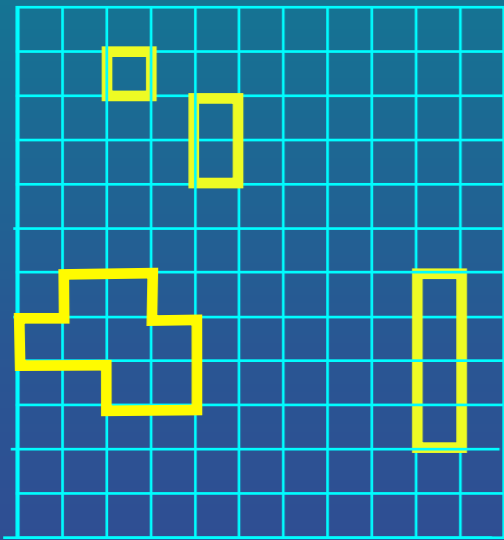


$$X_2 = \prod_{i \in C_2} z_i$$

$$[X_2, H] = 0$$



Four ground states



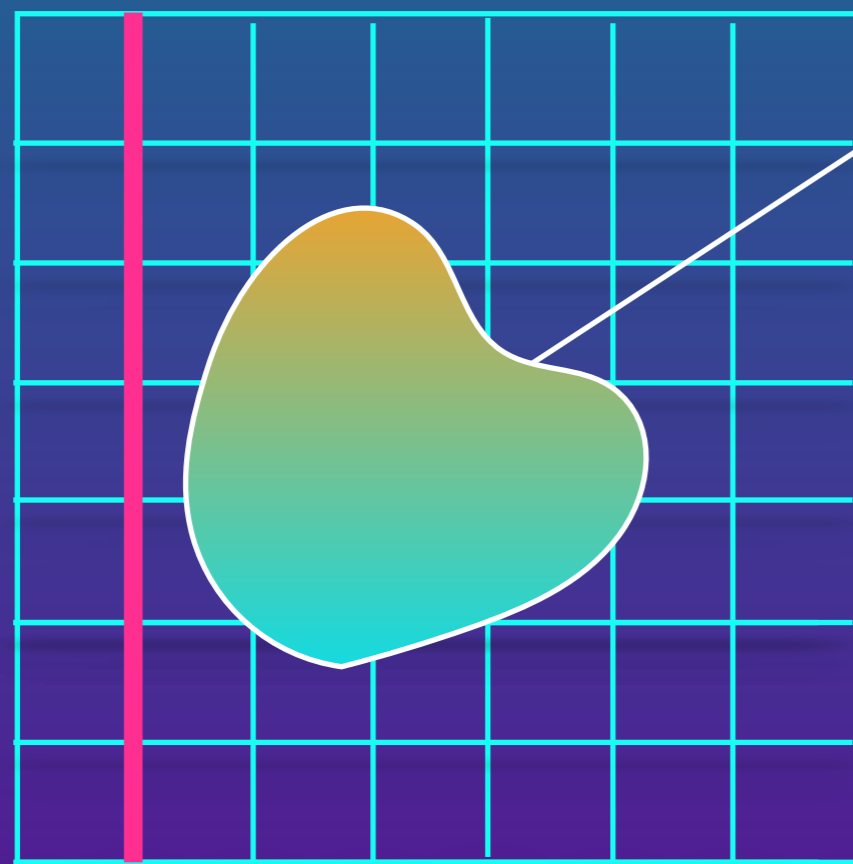
$$|\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{10}\rangle = X_1 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{01}\rangle = X_2 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{11}\rangle = X_1 X_2 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

Local operators cannot distinguish these four ground states.



The support of an arbitrary local operator

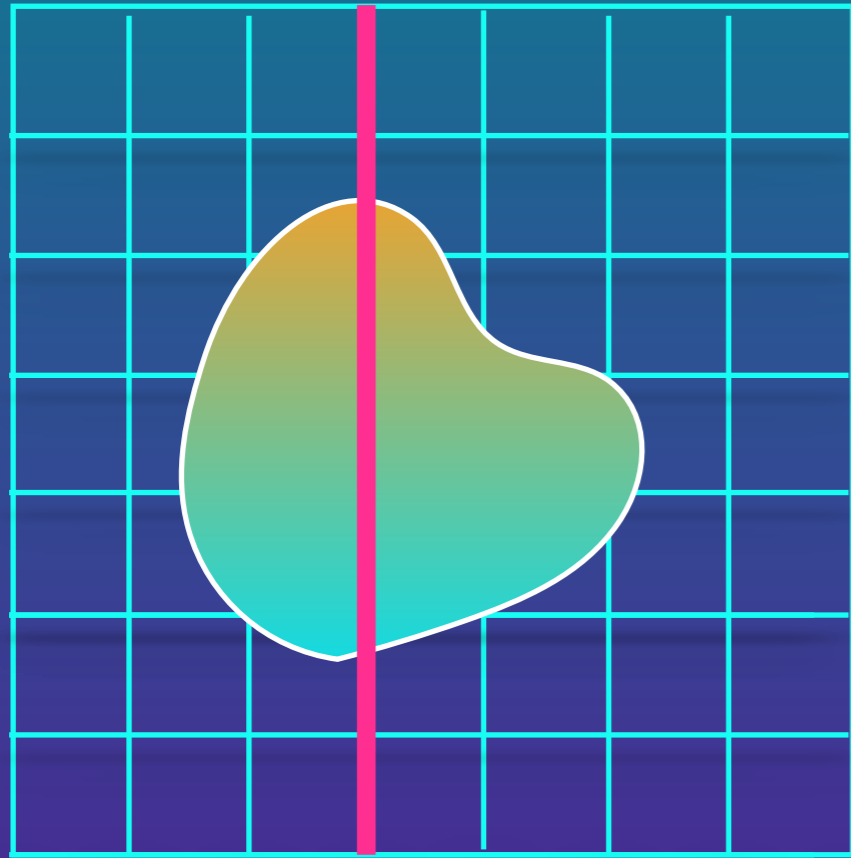
O = the local operator

It is obvious that $X_1 O = O X_1$

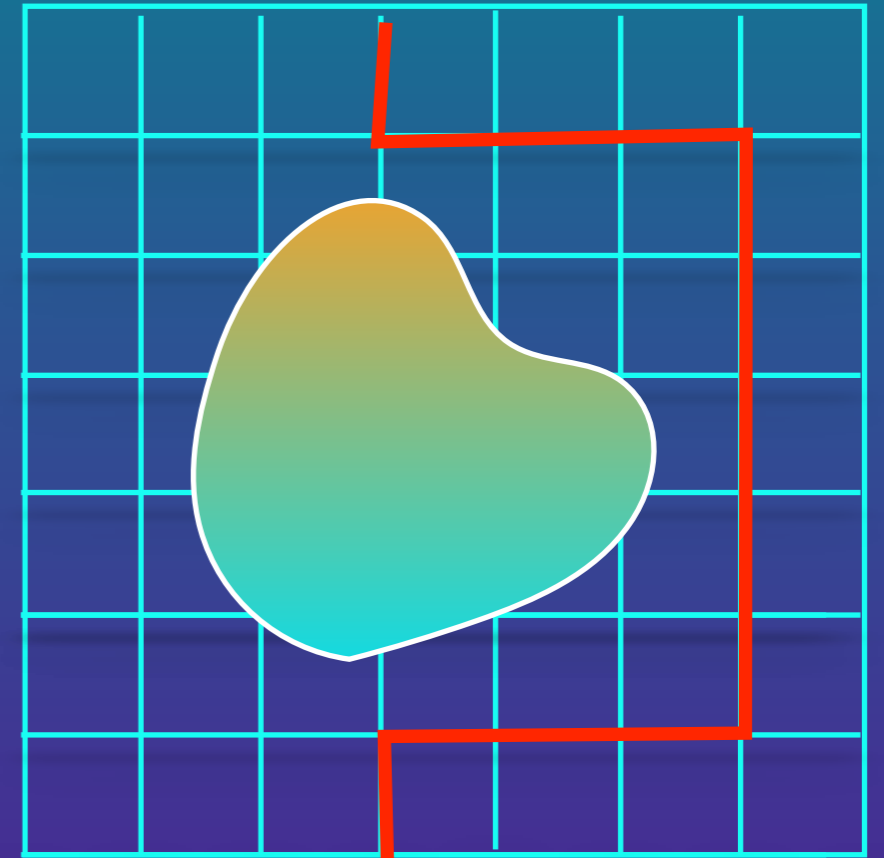


$$\langle \phi_{10} | O | \phi_{10} \rangle = \langle \phi_{00} | X_1 O X_1 | \phi_{00} \rangle = \langle \phi_{00} | O | \phi_{00} \rangle$$

What happens in this case?



X_1



X_1

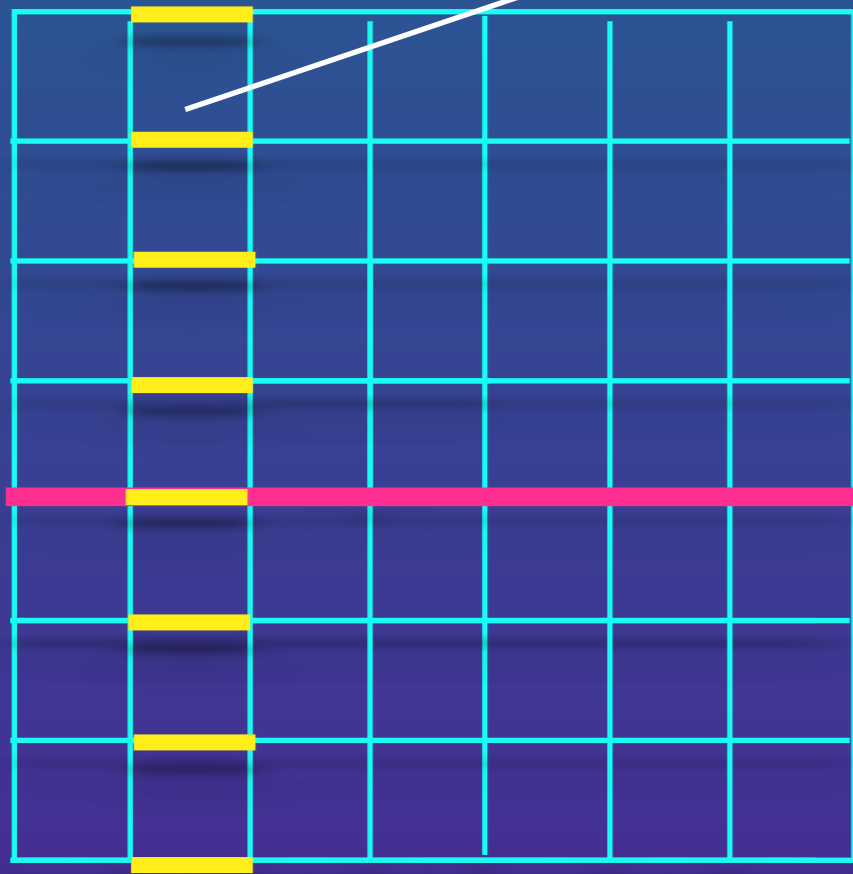
Sine the operator is local, we can deform the line:

Again: $X_1 O = O X_1$

String operators which distinguish the states!

$$Z_2 = \prod_{i \in C_1} x_i$$

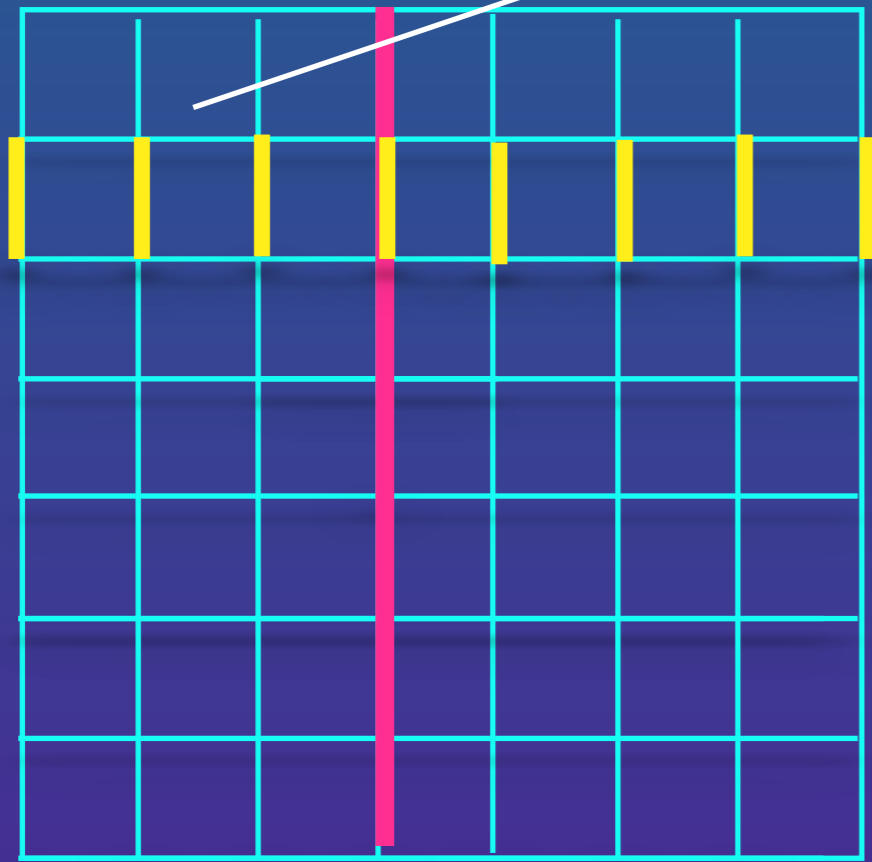
$$[Z_2, H] = 0$$



$$X_2 = \prod_{i \in C_2} z_i$$

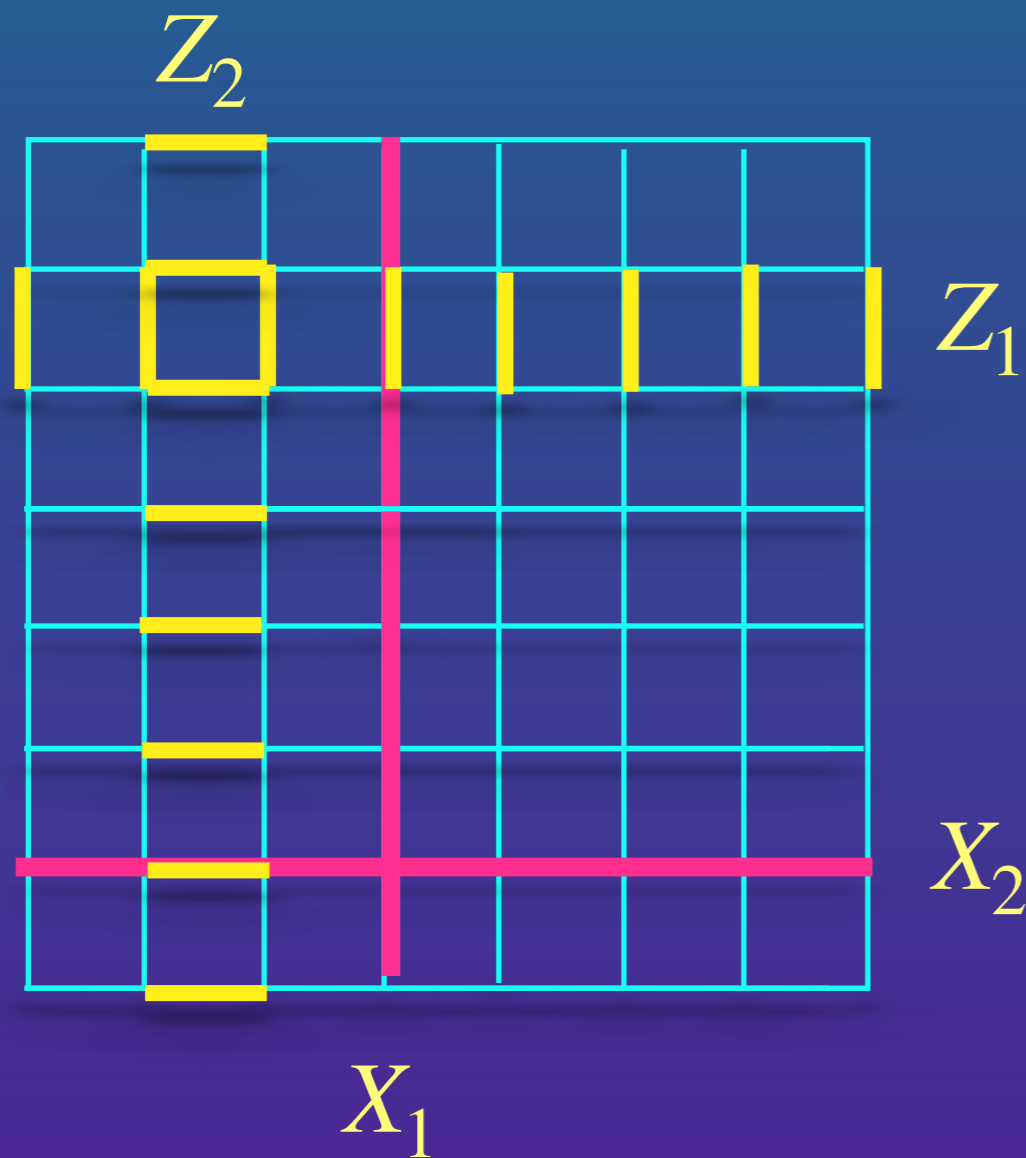
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$$[Z_1, H] = 0$$

Summary

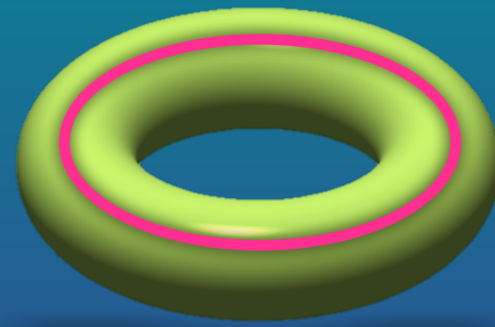


$$Z_1 X_1 = -X_1 Z_1$$

$$Z_2 X_2 = -X_2 Z_2$$

$$Z_1 X_2 = X_2 Z_1$$

$$Z_2 X_1 = X_1 Z_2$$



$$|\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{10}\rangle = X_1 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{01}\rangle = X_2 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{11}\rangle = X_1 X_2 |\phi_{00}\rangle$$

Z_1	1	-1	1	-1
Z_2	1	1	-1	-1

Why degeneracy is not removed by local perturbations?

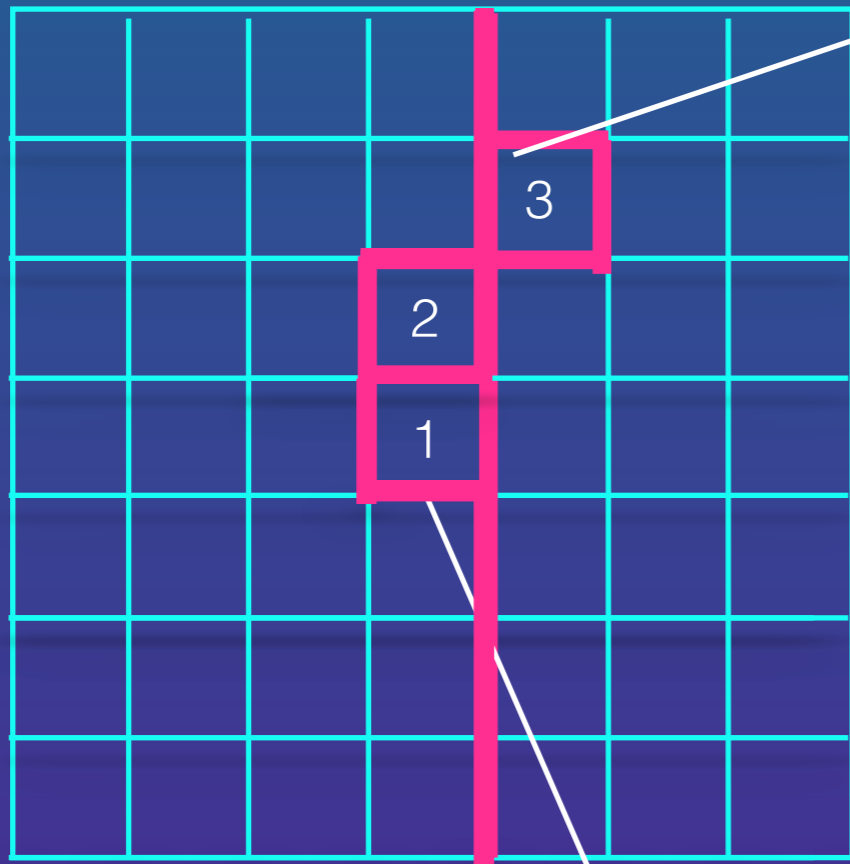
$$\Delta E_{\alpha} = \langle \psi_{\alpha} | \sum_i O_i | \psi_{\alpha} \rangle$$



$$\Delta E_{\alpha} = \Delta E_{\beta}$$

Where is Topology?

$$X_1 = \prod_{i \in C_1} z_i$$

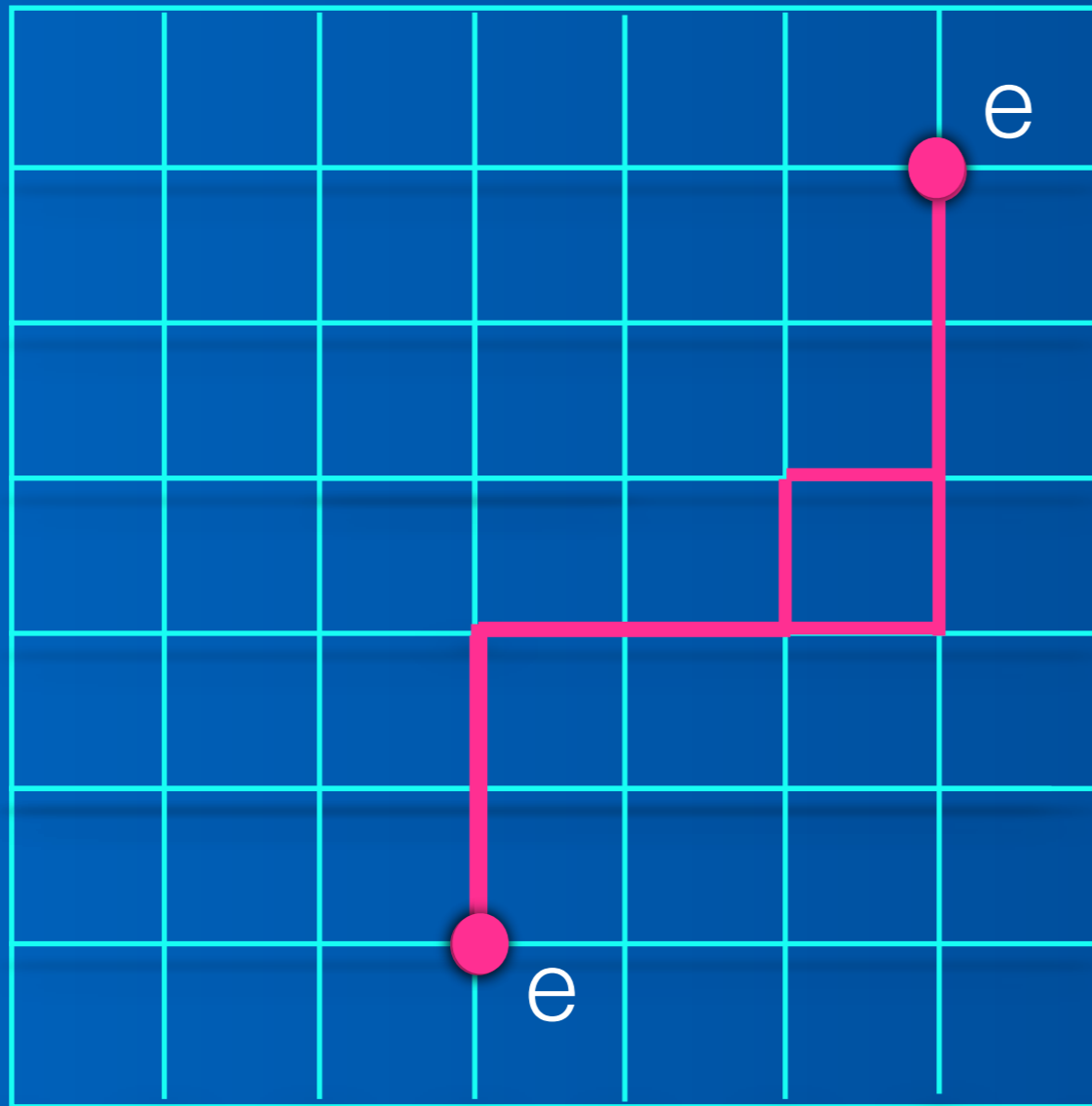


$$X'_1 = X_1 B_1 B_2 B_3$$

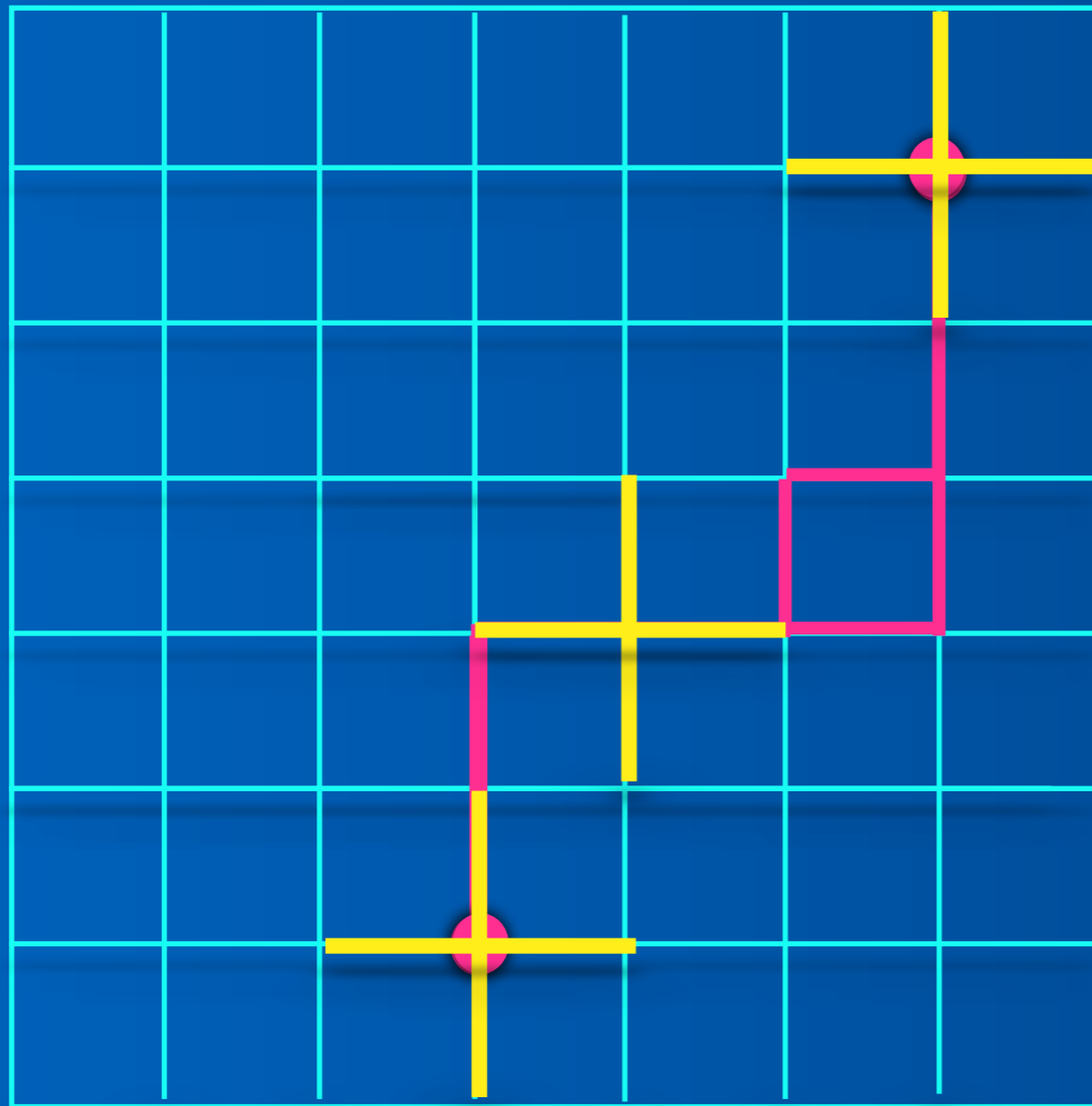
Degeneracy depends on topology



Excited States: 1- Electric Anyons.



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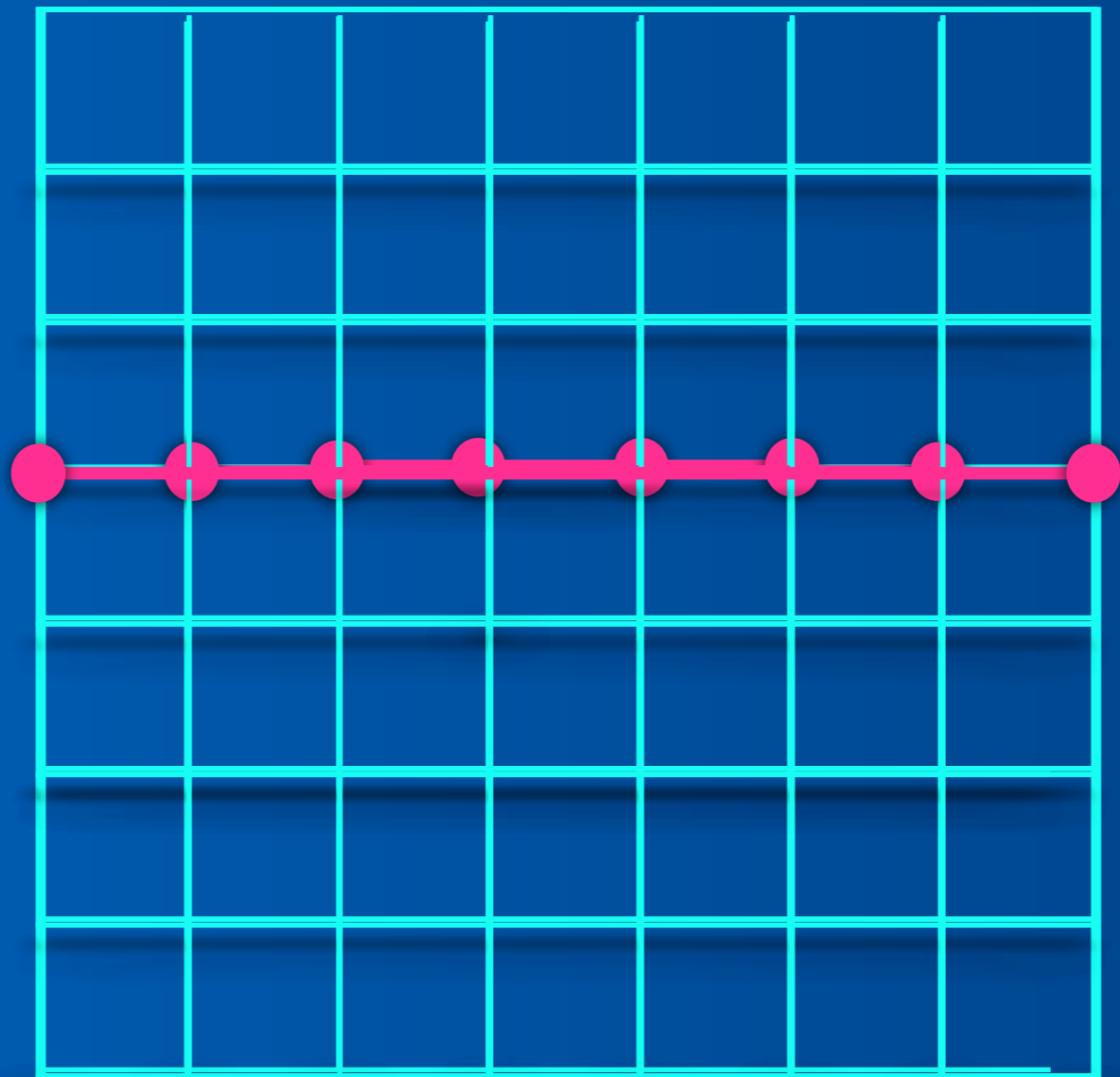


Each Anyon has an energy of
2 units.

Anyons are created in pairs.

The energy of the pair doesn't
depend on the path connecting them.

Another interpretation of String Operators



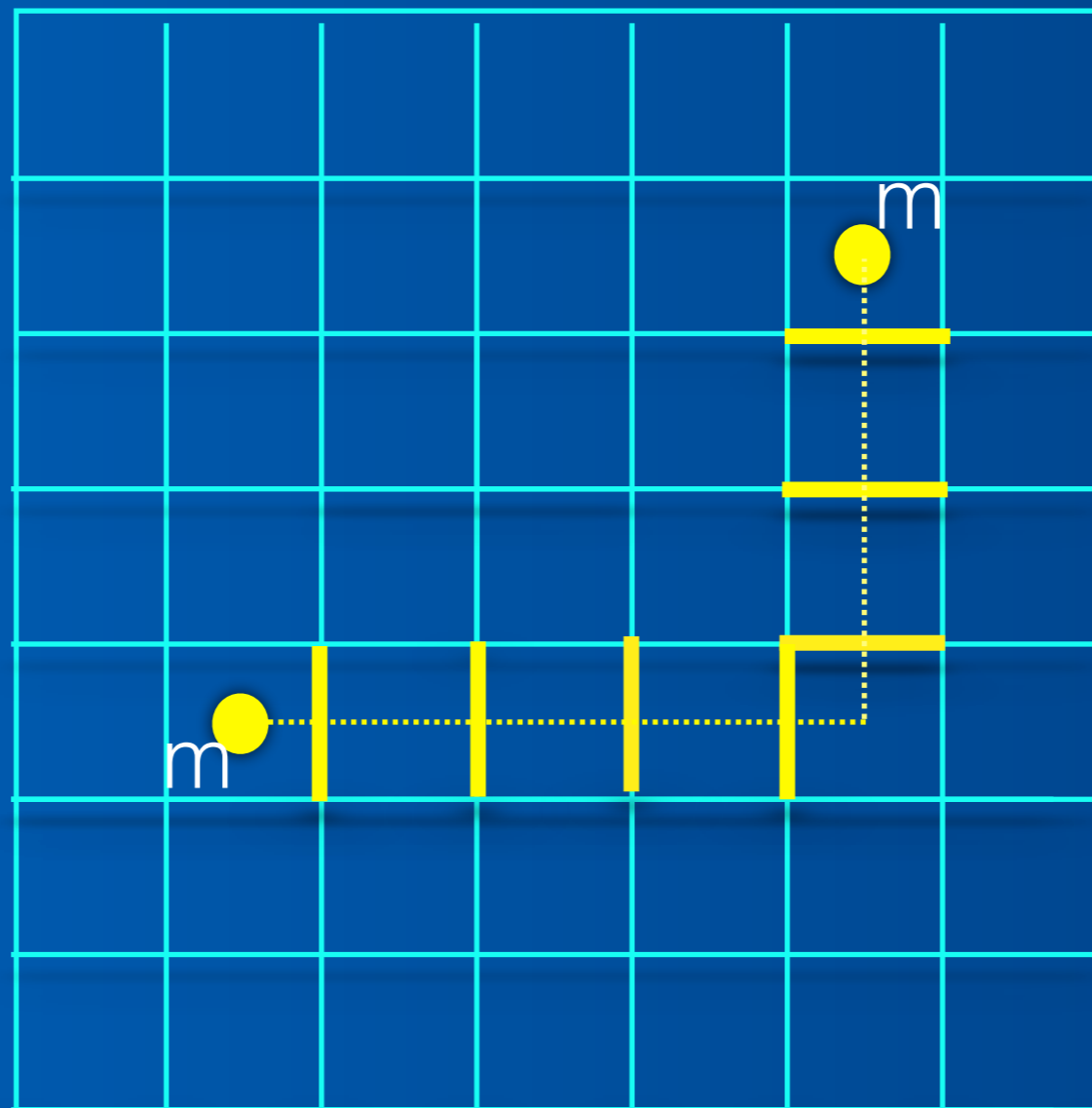
So by creating two electric Anyons,

Moving them across the Torus,

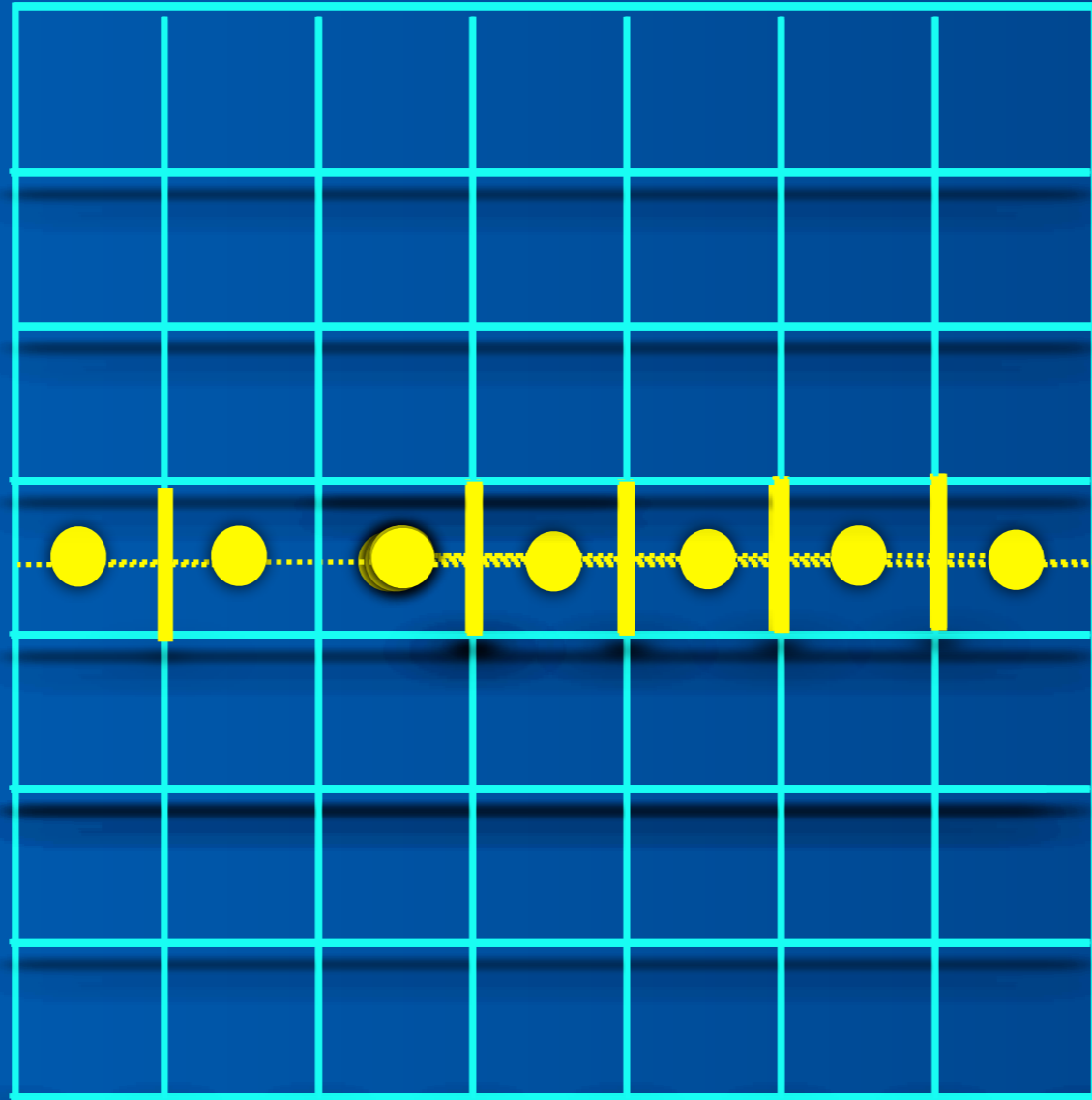
And annihilating them in the end,

We can implement a X gate on either of the qubits.

Excited States: Magnetic Anyons



Another interoperation of string operators



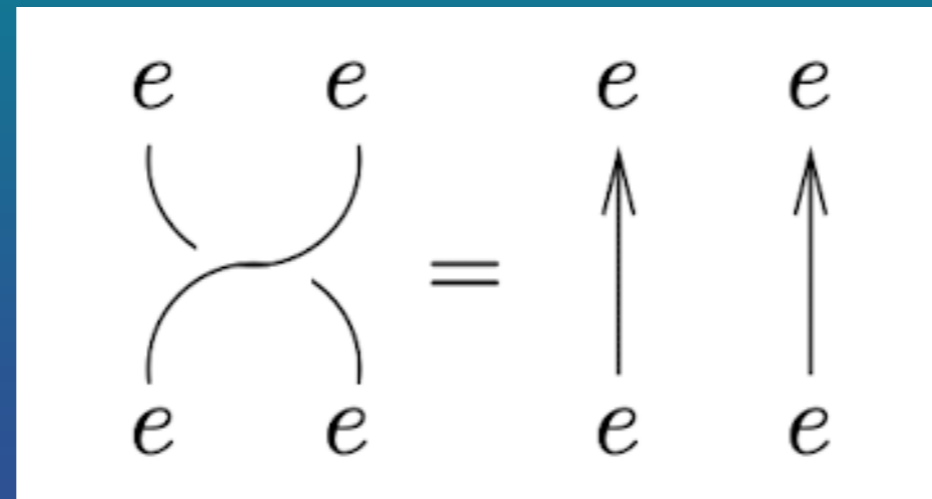
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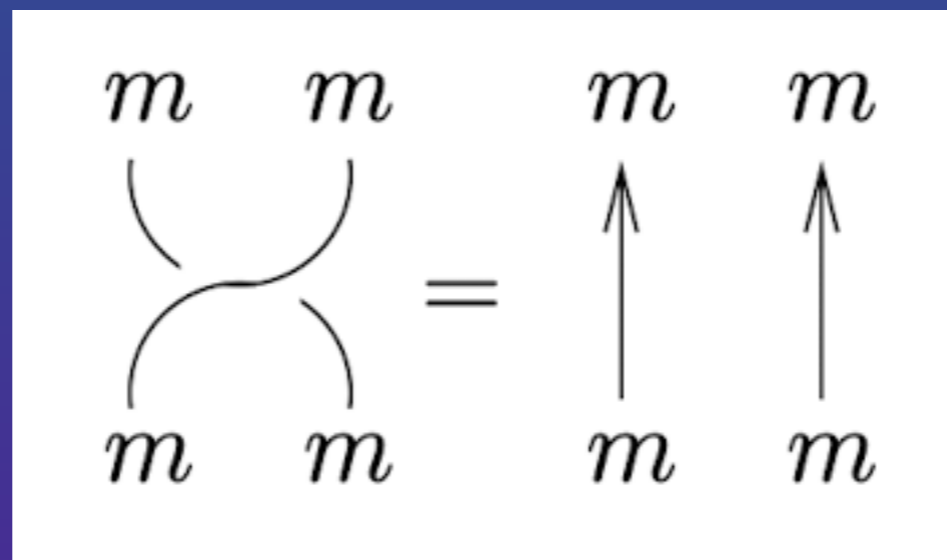
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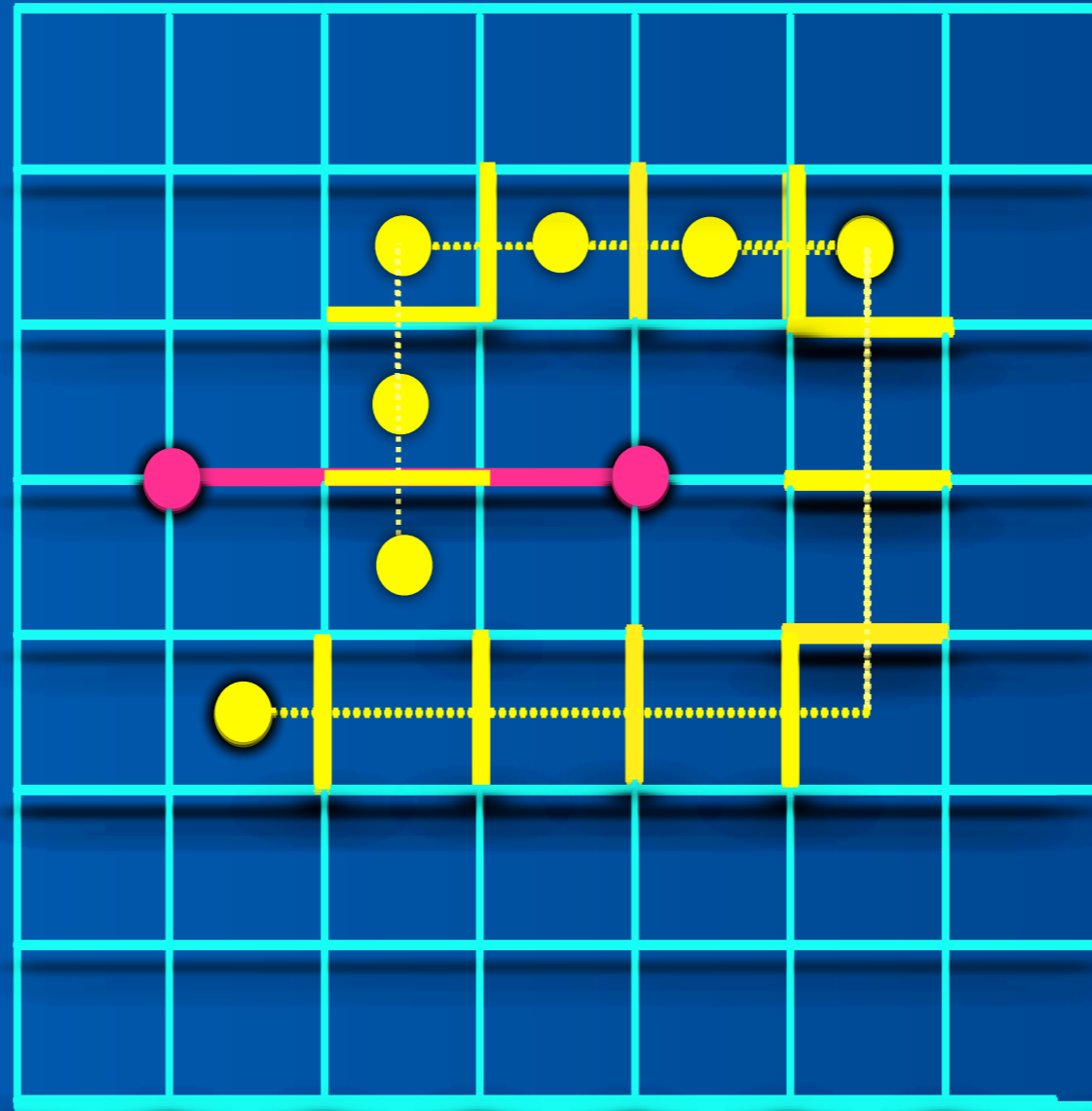
Electric excitations behave as Bosons with respect to each other.



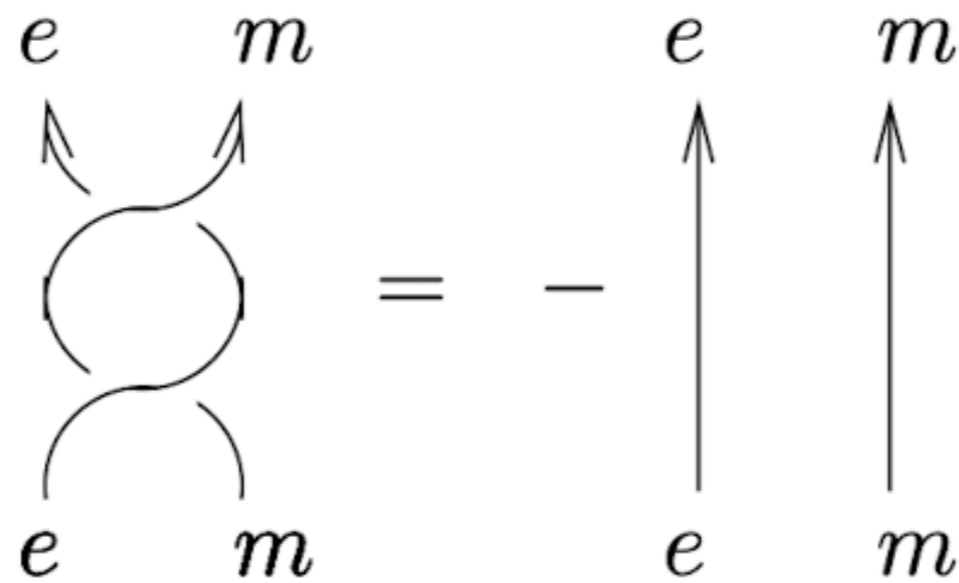
Magnetic excitations behave as Bosons with respect to each other.



Why These are Anyons?

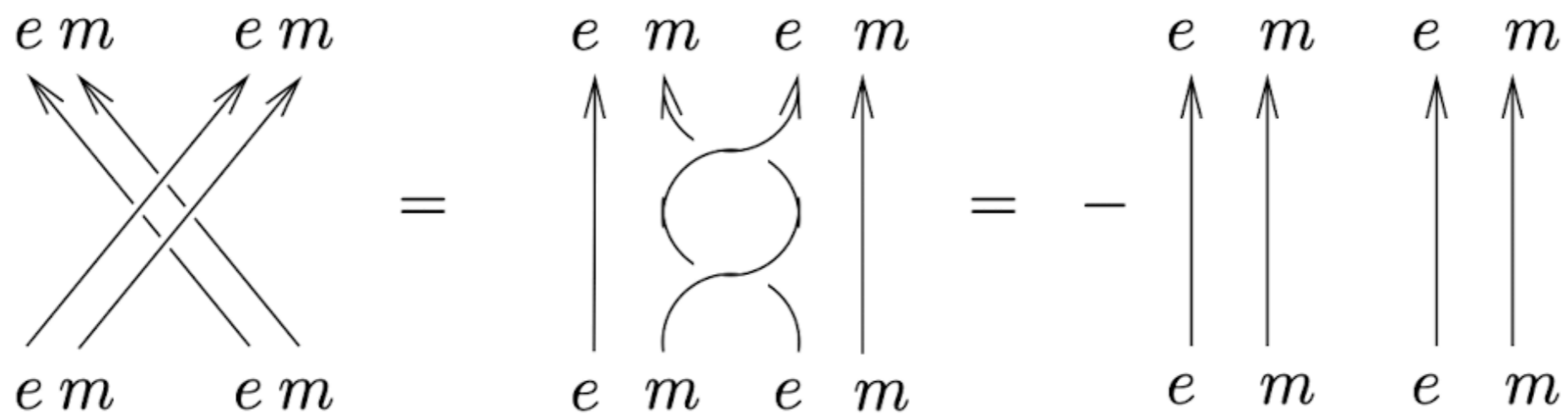


But Electric and Magnetic excitations behave as Fermions with respect to each other.



But e and m are not identical particles.

The pair (em) behaves as a fermion.



Fusion Rules of Toric Code Anyons

$$\{1, e, m, \epsilon\}$$

$$1 \times a = a$$

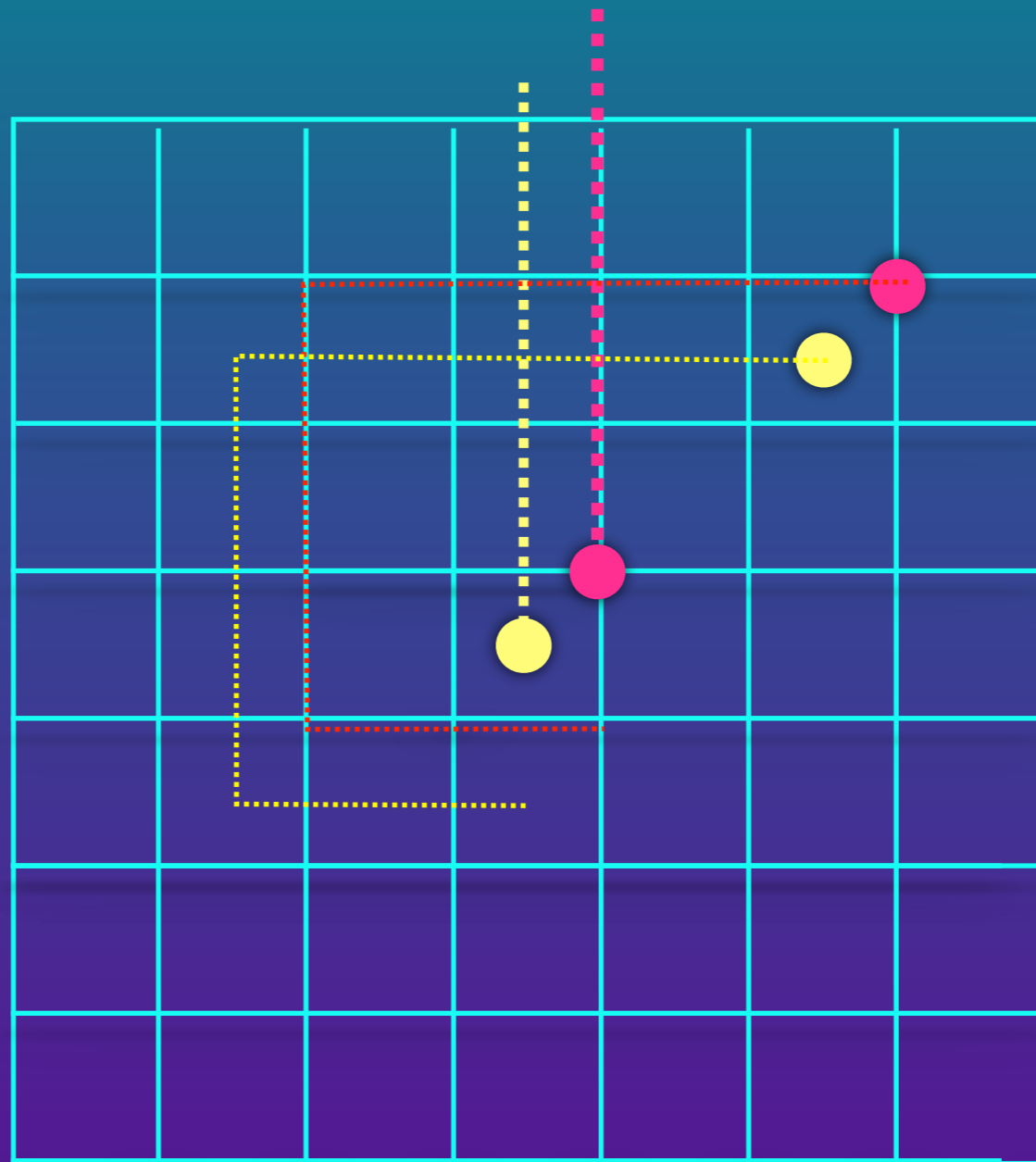
$$e \times e = 1$$

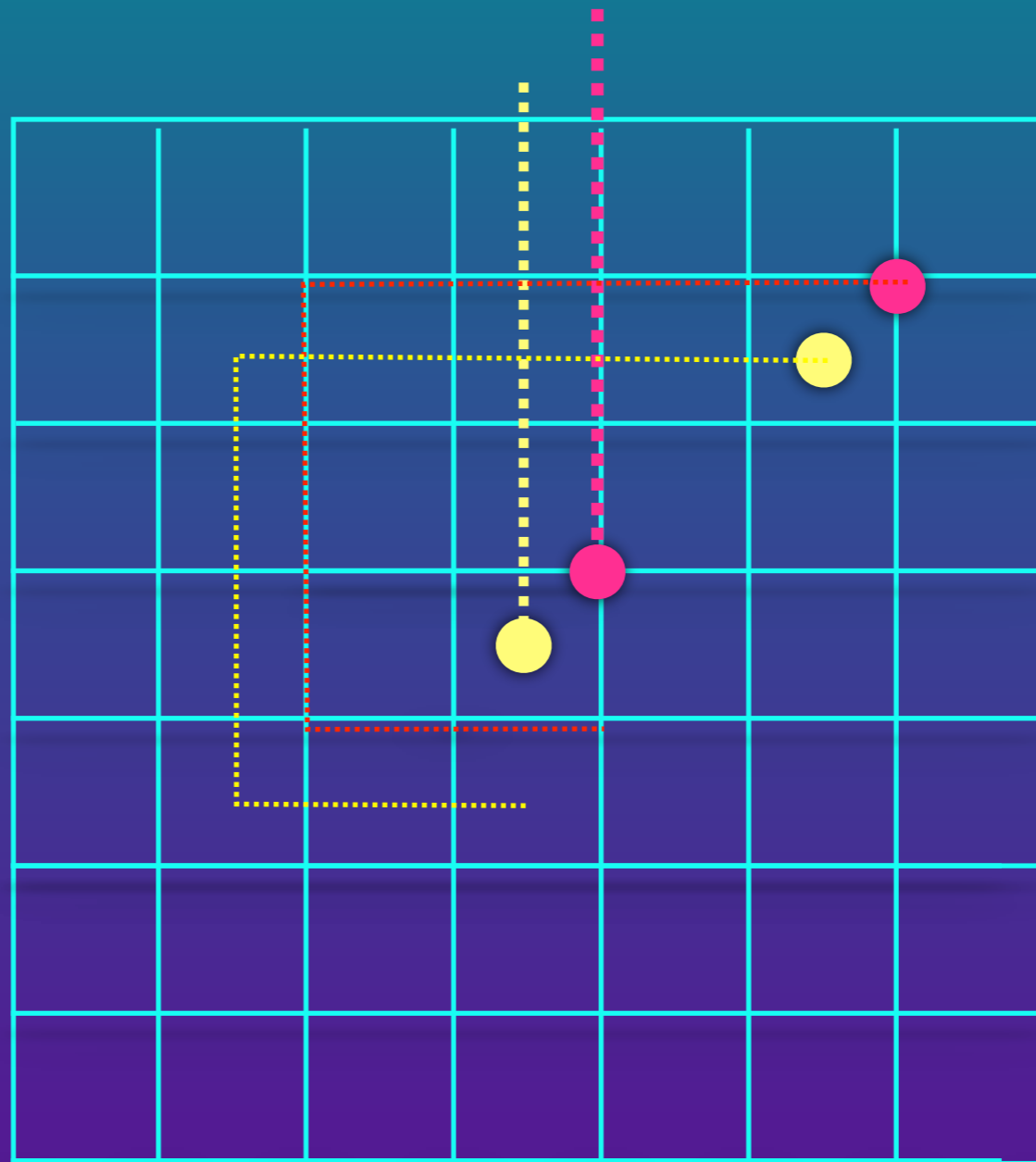
$$m \times m = 1$$

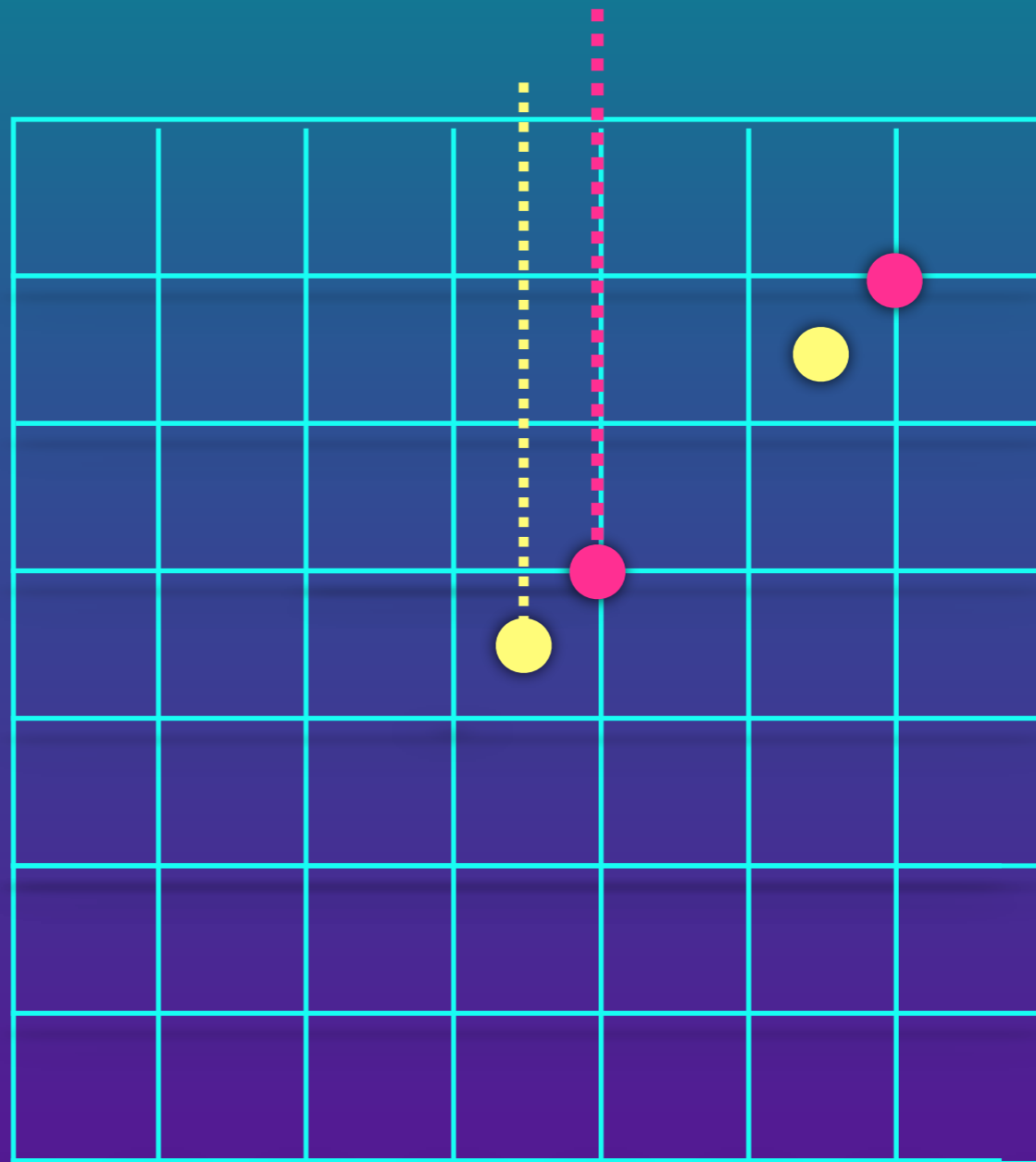
$$e \times m = \epsilon$$

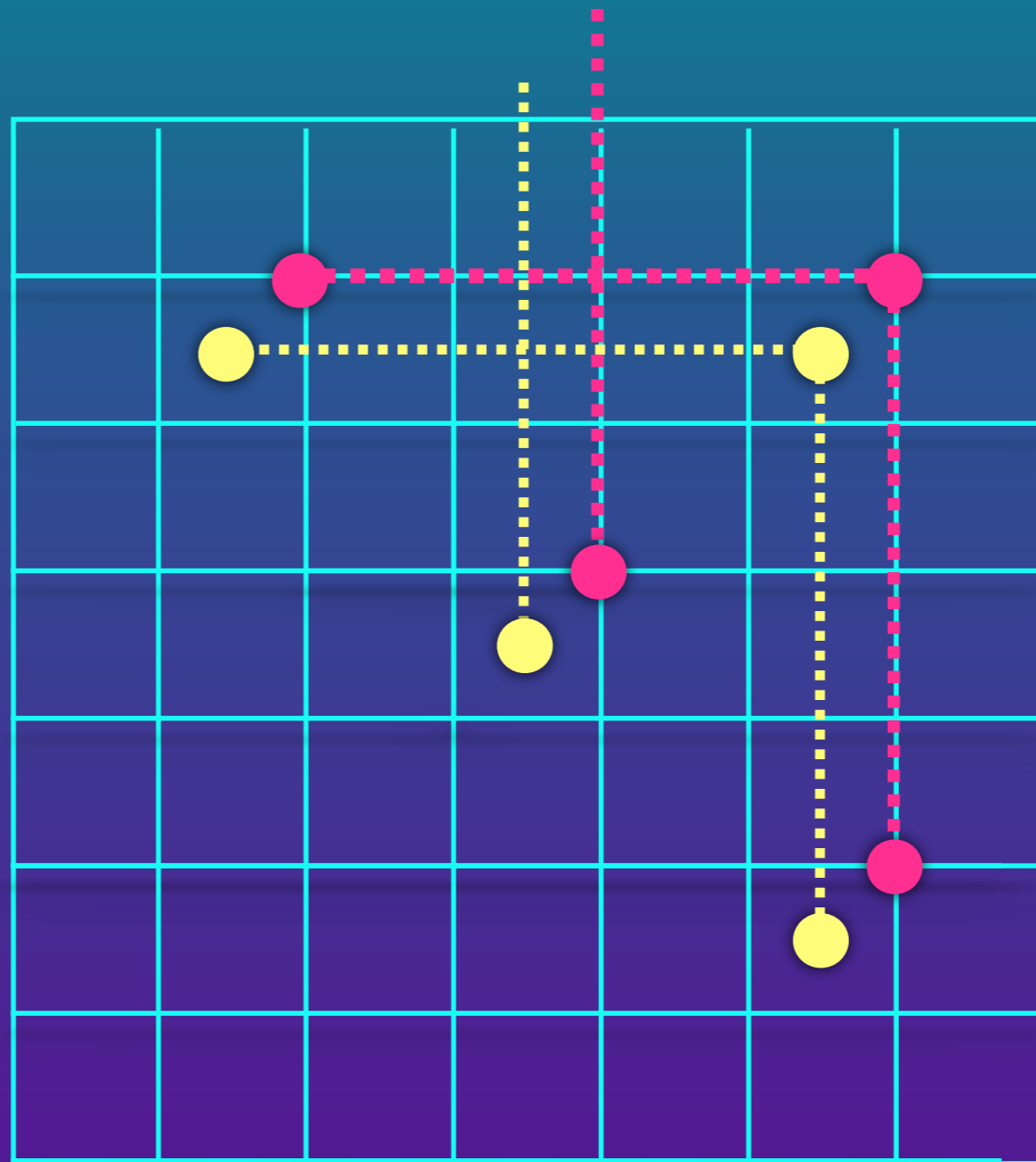
$$\epsilon \times e = m$$

$$\epsilon \times m = e$$









So we can do simple,

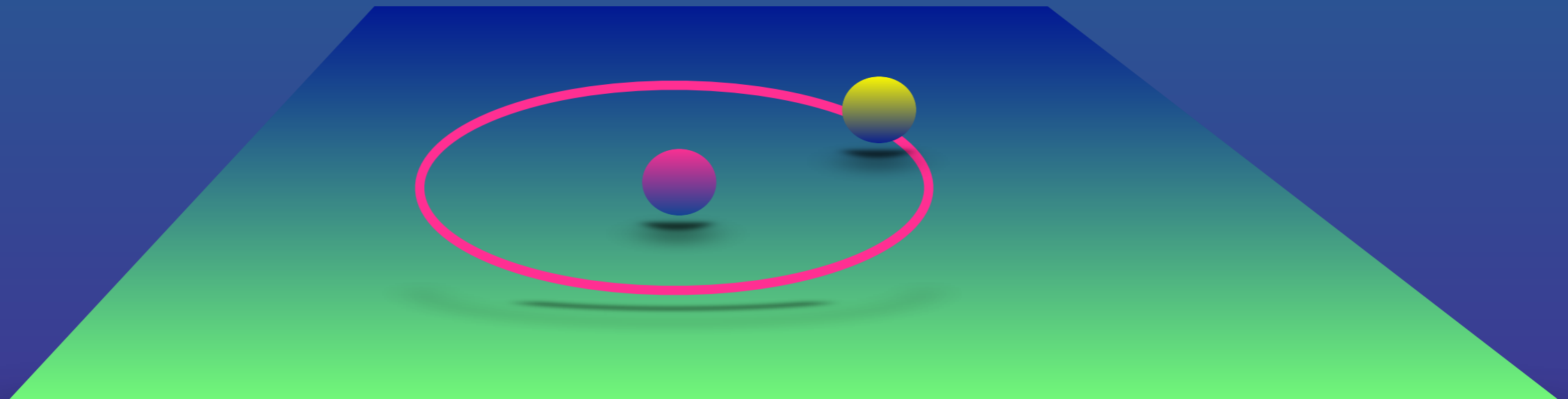
X, Z and Y gates

in a fault-tolerant way.

Unfortunately
the Abelian Models
are not Universal.

We have to consider
Non-Abelian Models.

Non-Abelian Anyons



$$|\psi_i\rangle \rightarrow U_{ij} |\psi_j\rangle$$

End of part I