

# SNAQs: Spin-Network Algorithms for Q-deformed gauge theories

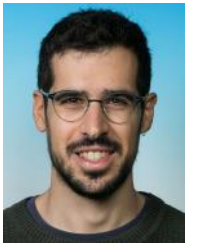
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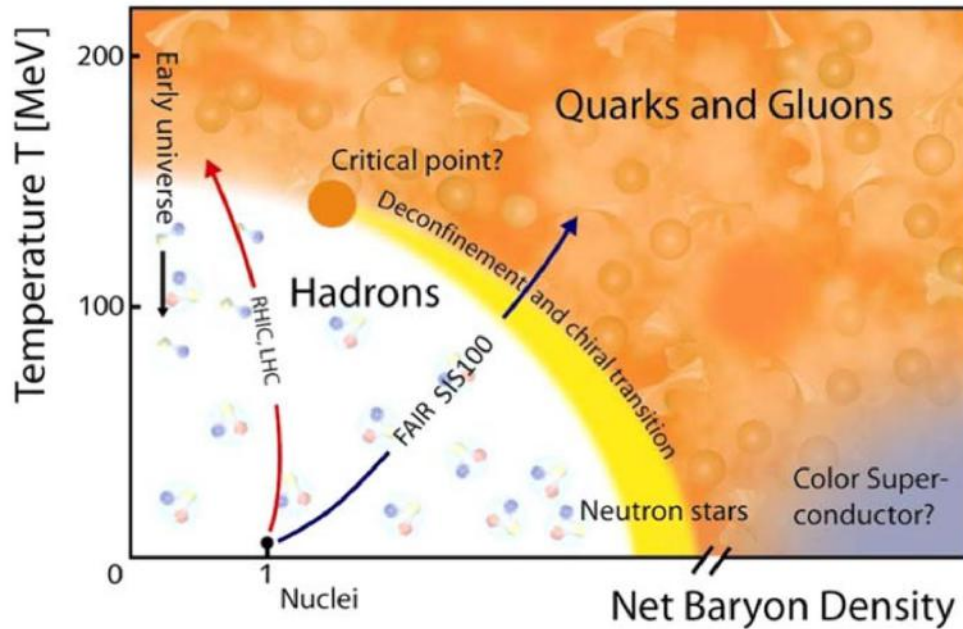
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# Probing the Standard Model of particle physics

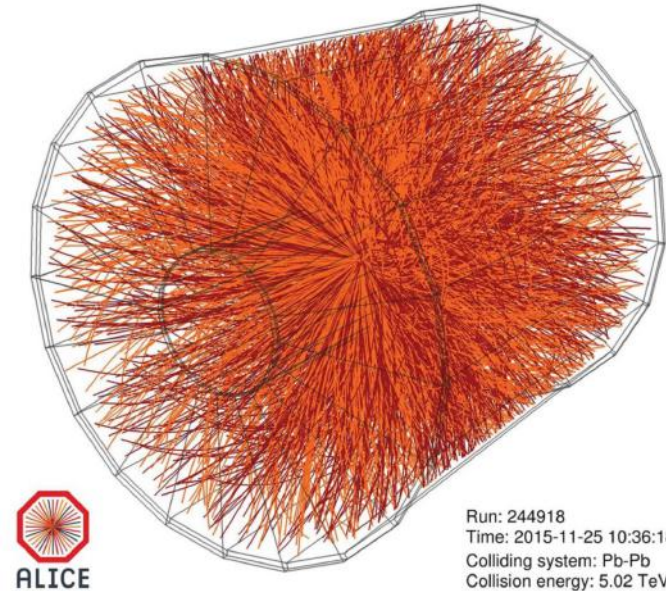
Strong force: quantum chromodynamics (QCD)



heavy-ion collisions



Durante et al., Physica Scripta, 94(3), 033001 (2019)



## Quantum simulation!



Büchler et al, Physical review letters, 95(4), 040402 (2005)  
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... Martinez et al., Nature, 534(7608), 516-519 (2016) ...  
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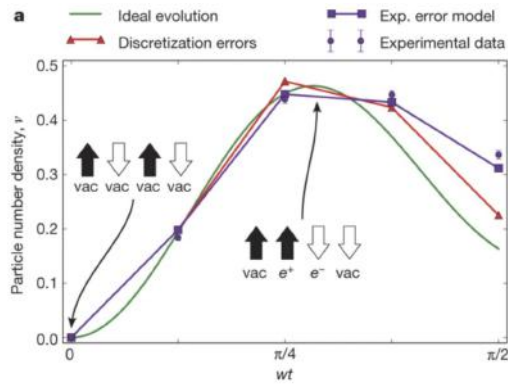
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- Computational challenges:**
- Real-time dynamics
  - Finite baryon density

Troyer & Wiese, Physical review letters, 94(17), 170201 (2005)

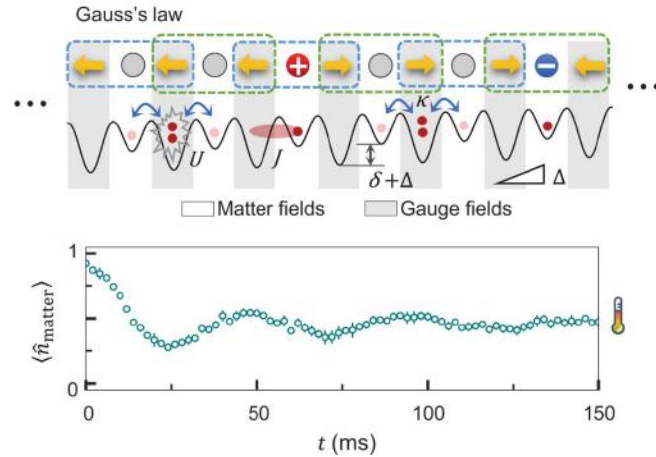
# Digital and analog LGTs on quantum hardware

## Trapped ions:

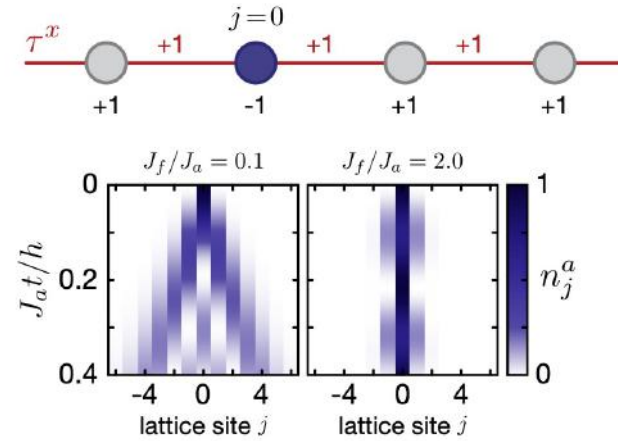


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## Atoms in optical lattices:

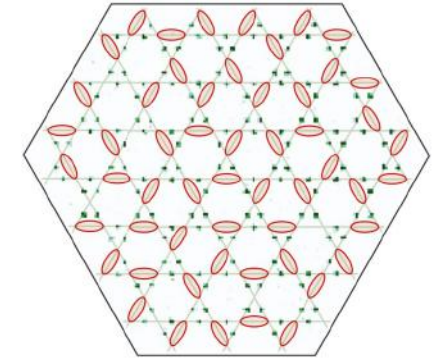


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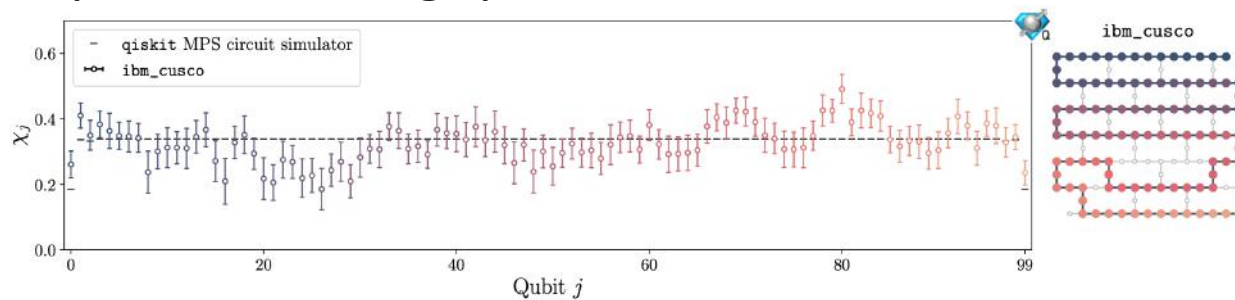
Schweizer et al., Nature Physics, 15, 1168 (2019)

## Rydberg tweezer arrays:



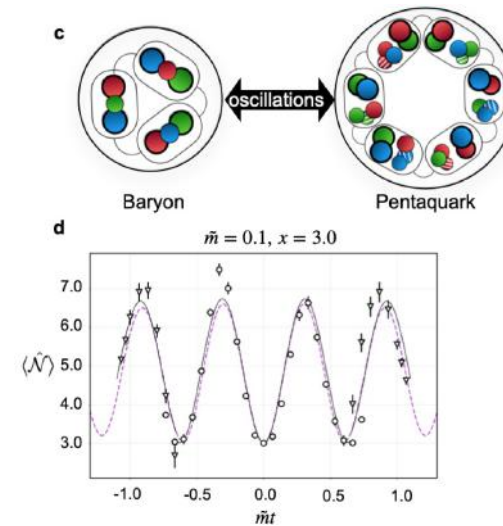
Semeghini et al., Science, 374, 1242 (2021)

## Superconducting qubits:

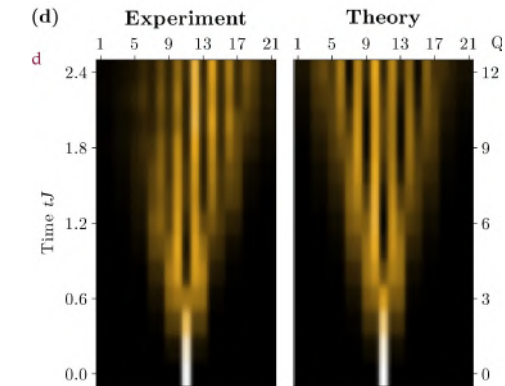


Farrell et al., arXiv:2308.04481 (2023)

and many more proposals ...



Atas et al., arXiv:2207.03473 (2022)



Mildenberger et al., arXiv:2203.08905 (2022)

# How to digitize a general non-abelian LGT?

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{\ell} \mathcal{H}_{\text{loc}}$$

basis of  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{loc}}$ :  $|g\rangle$ , e.g.  $g \in \text{SU}(2)$

$$\dim(\mathcal{H}_{\text{loc}}) = \infty$$

*Wish-list:*

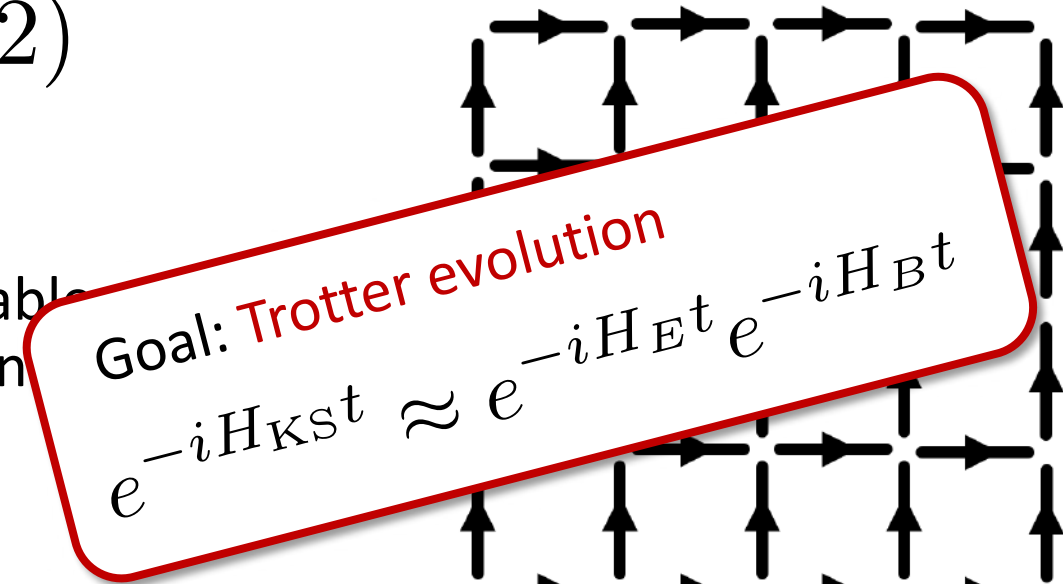
Systematic, scalable,  
invariant, efficient

*Need a regularization!*

*Existing strategies:*

- Finite subgroups (discretization in group basis)
- Hard cut-off in dual basis (truncation in representation basis)
- Generalized gauge theories (quantum link models, ...)
- Gauge-invariant bases (loop formulations, ...)
- ...

**➔ This talk: q-deformed Kogut-Susskind LGT**



$$H_{\text{KS}} = \frac{g^2}{2a} \sum_{\ell} \mathbf{E}_{\ell}^2 - \frac{1}{2ag^2} \sum_{\square} \left( \mathcal{U}_{\square}^{(1/2)} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

Ji, Lamm & Zhu, Physical Review D, 102(11), 114513 (2020)

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Tong, Albert, McClean, Preskill & Su, Quantum, 6, 816 (2022)

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Wiese, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A, 380(2216), 20210068 (2022)

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Raychowdhury & Stryker, Physical Review D, 101(11), 114502 (2020)

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Jakobs et al, arXiv:2304.02322 (2023)

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& many more...

# Outline

Motivation

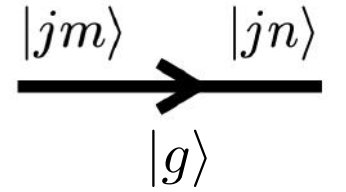
Gauge-invariance on the lattice in the Hamiltonian formulation

Q-deformed Kogut-Susskind gauge theories

Quantum algorithm for real-time evolution

Conclusion & outlook

# A single link of SU(2) LGT



Hilbert space:  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(S^3) \simeq L^2(\text{SU}(2)) \simeq \bigoplus_{j \text{ irrep}} V_j^* \otimes V_j$

Group element basis ("position space"):  $|g\rangle, g \in \text{SU}(2)$

Link operators:  $\hat{U}_{MN}^{(J)}|g\rangle = D_{MN}^{(J)}(g)|g\rangle, J \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots\}, M, N \in \{-J, \dots, J\}$

Irrep basis ("momentum space"):  $|jmn\rangle = (-1)^{j-m} \sqrt{d_j} \int_{\text{SU}(2)} dg D_{-m,n}^{(j)}(g)|g\rangle, d_j = 2j + 1$

Electric field operators:  $\langle j'm'n'|\hat{L}^\alpha|jmn\rangle = \delta_{j'j}\delta_{n'n}t_{m'm}^{(j)\alpha}, \langle j'm'n'|\hat{R}^\alpha|jmn\rangle = \delta_{j'j}\delta_{m'm}t_{n'n}^{(j)\alpha}$

$$\hat{E}_{MN} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \hat{E}^{\alpha} \sigma_{MN}^{\alpha} \quad (E = L/R), \quad \hat{L} = -\hat{U}^{\dagger} \hat{R} \hat{U} \quad (\hat{U} = \hat{U}^{(1/2)}), \quad \hat{E}^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \hat{L}^{\alpha} \hat{L}^{\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha} \hat{R}^{\alpha} \hat{R}^{\alpha}$$

Canonical commutation relations:

$$\left[ \hat{E}^{\alpha}, \hat{E}^{\beta} \right] = i\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \hat{E}^{\gamma}, \quad \left[ \hat{L}^{\alpha}, \hat{U}_{MN}^{(J)} \right] = - \sum_{M'} t_{MM'}^{(J)} \hat{U}_{M'N}^{(J)}, \quad \left[ \hat{R}^{\alpha}, \hat{U}_{MN}^{(J)} \right] = + \sum_{N'} \hat{U}_{MN'}^{(J)} t_{N'N}^{(J)}$$

# Graphical calculus for the group SU(2)

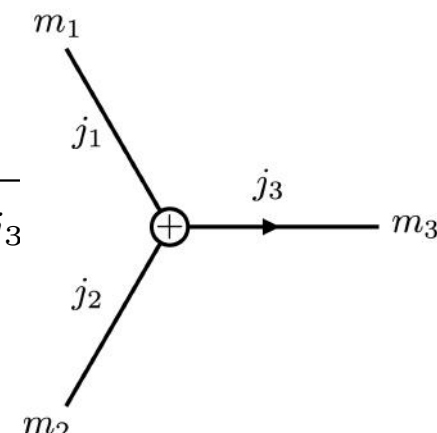
Lines:  $\delta_{mm'}^{(j)} = m \xrightarrow{j} m'$

$\epsilon_{mm'}^{(j)} = (-1)^{j-m} \delta_{m,-m'}^{(j)} = m \xrightarrow{j} m'$

Vertices (3j):

$$\begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} m_3 \\ \nearrow j_3 \\ \oplus \\ \leftarrow j_1 \quad \rightarrow j_2 \\ \searrow j_2 \\ m_2 \end{array}$$

Clebsch-Gordan coeffs.

$$C_{j_1 m_1 j_2 m_2}^{j_3 m_3} = (-1)^{j_1 - j_2 - j_3} \sqrt{d_{j_3}}$$


Recoupling (6j):

$$\begin{Bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_{12} \\ j_3 & J & j_{23} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \oplus \\ \nearrow j_1 \quad \nearrow j_{12} \quad \searrow j_2 \\ \oplus \\ \nwarrow j_3 \quad \nwarrow J \quad \nwarrow j_{23} \\ \oplus \end{array}$$

F-symbols

$$F_{j_3 J j_{23}}^{j_1 j_2 j_{12}} = \sqrt{d_{j_{12}} d_{j_{23}}} (-1)^{j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + J} \begin{Bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_{12} \\ j_3 & J & j_{23} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\langle JM, j_1 j_{23} (j_2 j_3) | J' M', j_{12} (j_1 j_2) j_3 \rangle = \delta_{JJ'} \delta_{MM'} F_{j_3 J j_{23}}^{j_1 j_2 j_{12}}$$

Messiah, QM II (1962)

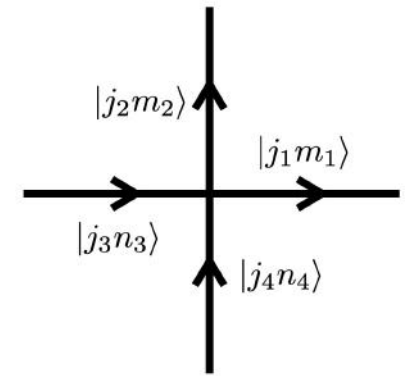
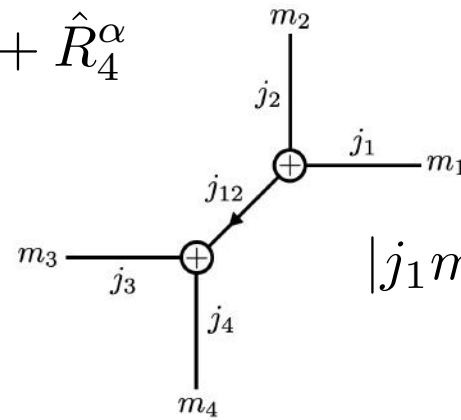
Alesci, Mäkinen, & Yang, arXiv:2304.00268 (2023)

# Gauge-invariant spin network states in 2D

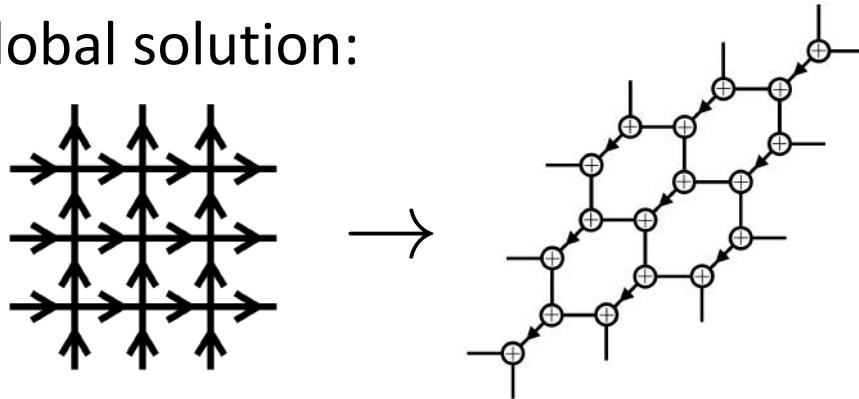
Gauss' law:  $\hat{G}_x^\alpha |\psi\rangle = 0, \hat{G}_x^\alpha = \hat{L}_1^\alpha + \hat{L}_2^\alpha + \hat{R}_3^\alpha + \hat{R}_4^\alpha$

Local solution:

$$|j_{12}j_1j_2j_3j_4\rangle = \sum_{m_1m_2n_3n_4} (-1)^{j_1-j_2-j_3+j_4} \sqrt{d_{j_{12}}} |j_1m_1\rangle |j_2m_2\rangle |j_3n_3\rangle |j_4n_4\rangle$$

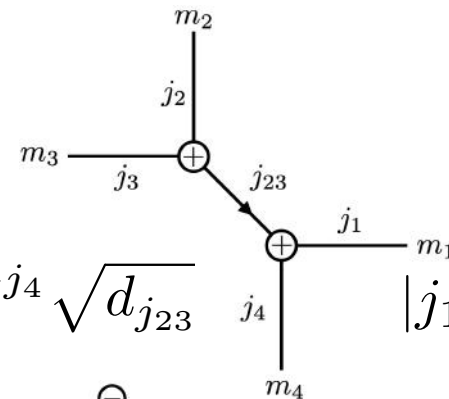


Global solution:



Spin-network basis (subject to triangle constraints)

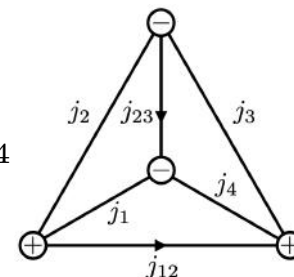
$$|j\rangle = \bigotimes_l |j_l\rangle$$



Another option:  $|j_{23}j_1j_2j_3j_4\rangle = \sum_{m_1m_2n_3n_4} (-1)^{j_1-j_2+j_3+j_4} \sqrt{d_{j_{23}}} |j_1m_1\rangle |j_2m_2\rangle |j_3n_3\rangle |j_4n_4\rangle$

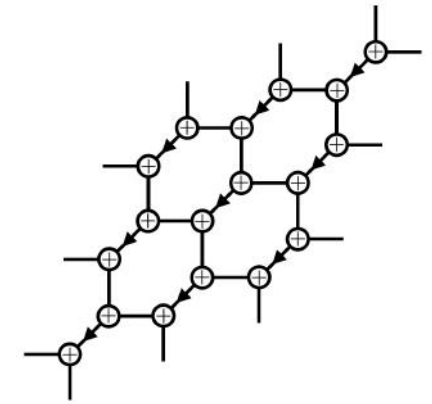
Local basis change:

$$\langle j_{23}j_1j_2j_3j_4 | j_{12}j_1j_2j_3j_4 \rangle = \sqrt{d_{j_{12}}d_{j_{23}}} (-1)^{2j_1+2j_2+2j_4} = F_{j_4j_1j_{12}}^{j_2j_3j_{23}}$$





# Gauge-invariant operators & Hamiltonian



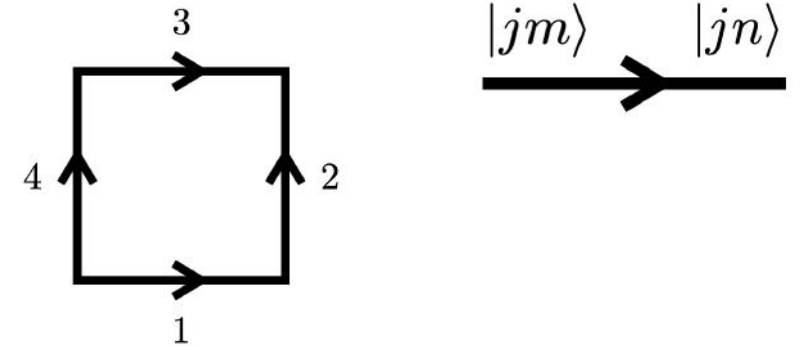
Gauge transformations:  $\hat{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_x e^{i \sum_\alpha \theta_x^\alpha \hat{G}_x^\alpha}$   $\hat{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|j\rangle = |j\rangle \forall \boldsymbol{\theta}$

Electric flux:  $\hat{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \hat{E}_\ell^2 \hat{V}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \hat{E}_\ell^2$   $\hat{H}_E = \sum_\ell \hat{E}_\ell^2$   $\hat{E}_\ell^2 |j\rangle = j_\ell(j_\ell + 1) |j\rangle$

Plaquette interactions:  $\hat{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \hat{U}_\ell^{(J)} \hat{V}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = e^{-i \sum_\alpha \theta_x^\alpha t^{(J)\alpha}} \hat{U}_\ell^{(J)} e^{+i \sum_\beta \theta_y^\beta t^{(J)\beta}}$ ,  $\ell = (x, y)$

$\hat{U}_\square^{(J)} = \text{tr} \left[ \hat{U}_1^{(J)} \hat{U}_2^{(J)} \hat{U}_3^{(J)\dagger} \hat{U}_4^{(J)\dagger} \right]$ ,  $\hat{V}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \hat{U}_\square^{(J)} \hat{V}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \hat{U}_\square^{(J)}$

$\hat{H}_B = \sum_\square (\hat{U}_\square + \hat{U}_\square^\dagger) = 2 \sum_\square \hat{U}_\square$  ( $\hat{U}_\square = \hat{U}_\square^{(1/2)}$ )



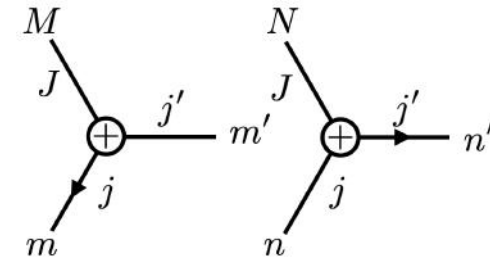
Kogut-Susskind Hamiltonian:  $\hat{H}_{KS} = \frac{g^2}{2a} \hat{H}_E - \frac{1}{2ag^2} \hat{H}_B$

Kogut & Susskind, Physical Review D, 11(2), 395 (1975)  
Zohar & Burrello, Physical Review D, 91(5), 054506 (2015)

# Calculating matrix elements in the SN basis

Link operators:

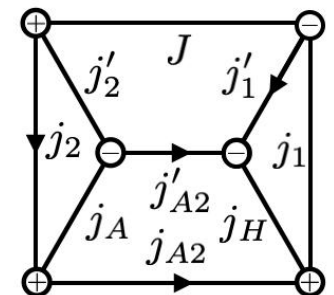
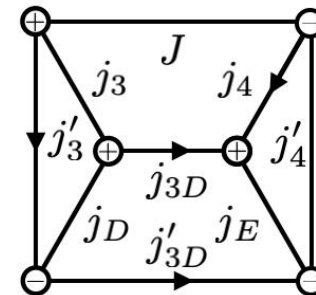
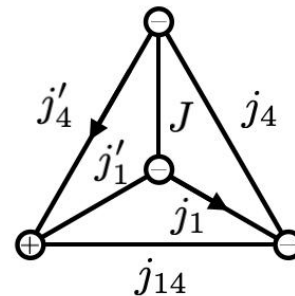
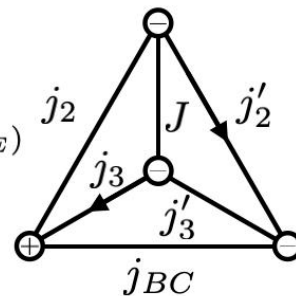
$$\langle j' m' n' | \mathcal{U}_{MN}^{(J)} | j m n \rangle = \sqrt{d_j d_{j'}} (-1)^{2j}$$



Plaquette operators:

$$\langle j' | \mathcal{U}_{\square}^{(J)} | j \rangle = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} j'_D \\ j'_3 \\ j'_2 \\ j'_1 \\ j'_A \\ j'_B \\ j'_C \end{array} \right| \text{tr} \left[ U_1^{(J)} U_2^{(J)} U_3^{(J)\dagger} U_4^{(J)\dagger} \right] \left| \begin{array}{c} j_D \\ j_3 \\ j_2 \\ j_1 \\ j_A \\ j_B \\ j_C \end{array} \right\rangle = \prod_{\ell \notin \square} [\delta_{j'_\ell j_\ell}] F_{J j'_2 j_2}^{j_H j_1 j_{A2}} F_{J j_2 j_{A2}}^{j'_2 j'_1} \dots F_{J j'_1 j_1}^{j_{14} j_4 j_1}$$

$$= \prod_{\ell \notin \square} [\delta_{j'_\ell j_\ell}] \sqrt{d_{j_1} d_{j'_1} \dots d_{j_4} d_{j'_4}} (-1)^{2(j_H + j_A + j_D + j_E)}$$



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Gauge-invariance on the lattice in the Hamiltonian formulation

**Q-deformed Kogut-Susskind gauge theories**

Quantum algorithm for real-time evolution

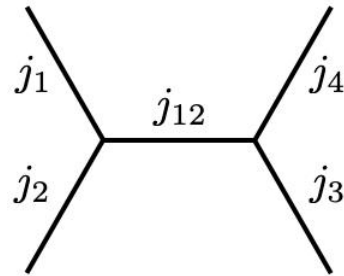
Conclusion & outlook

# Graphical calculus for the tensor category of SU(2)

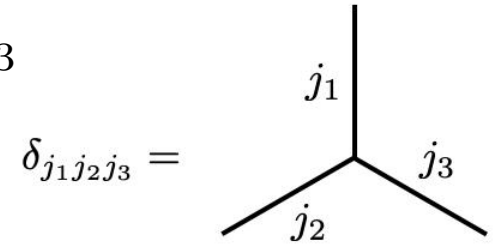
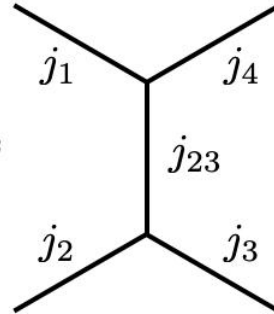
Irrep labels:  $j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$

Fusion rules:  $j_1 \times j_2 = \sum_k \delta_{j_1 j_2 j_3} j_3$

Recoupling:



$$= \sum_{j_{23}} F_{j_3 j_4 j_{23}}^{j_1 j_2 j_{12}}$$



(also braiding & more ..)

Gauge-invariant states:

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} \right\rangle = |j\rangle = \bigotimes_{\ell} |j_{\ell}\rangle = \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} \bigotimes_{\ell} |j_{\ell}\rangle$$

Plaquette operator:

$$\mathcal{U}_{\square}^{(J)} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} \right\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} \right\rangle = \sum_{j'_1, j'_2, \dots} F_{j'_2 j'_1}^{j_{12} j_1 j_2} \dots \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

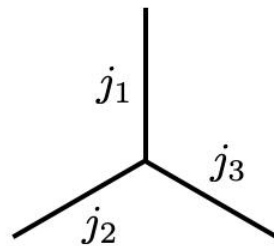
# Q-deformation as a truncation of Lie groups

$$q = e^{2\pi i/(k+2)}$$

q-numbers:  $[n] = \frac{q^{n/2} - q^{-n/2}}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{k+2}n\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{k+2}\right)}$ ,  $[n]! = [n][n-1]\cdots[1][0]$ ,  $[0]! = [0] = 1$

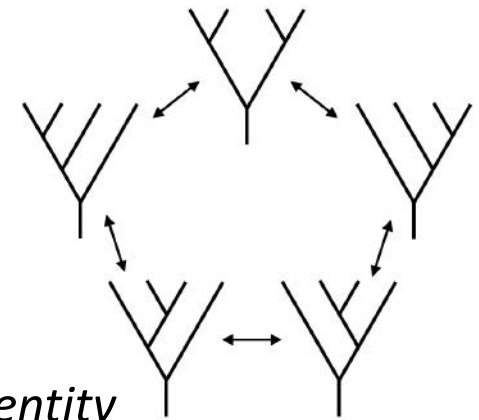
Quantum group  $SU(2)_k$ :  $[J^+, J^-] = [2J^z] = \frac{q^{J^z} - q^{-J^z}}{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}}$ ,  $[J^z, J^\pm] = \pm J$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

Tensor category:  $j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots, \frac{k}{2}$  *quantum dimension*  
 $d_j = [2j + 1]$   $SU(2)_k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} SU(2)$



$$= \begin{cases} 1 & j_1 + j_2 + j_3 \in \mathbb{N}, j_1 + j_2 + j_3 \leq k, j_a + j_b \leq j_c \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{j_3 j_4 j_{23}}^{j_1 j_2 j_{12}} = (-1)^{j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + j_4} \sqrt{d_{j_{12}} d_{j_{23}}} \begin{Bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_{12} \\ j_3 & j_4 & j_{23} \end{Bmatrix}_q$$



*Biedenharn-Elliot identity*  
 (& more properties/axioms..)

Kirillov & Reshetikhin, Infinite dimensional Lie algebras and groups, 7, 285 (1989)  
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# Q-deformed Kogut-Susskind lattice gauge theories

replace everything by q-deformed analogs (here for KS Hamiltonian LGT)!

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*Not a completely new idea:*

- Quantum gravity (spin-foam state sums)
- Condensed matter (string-net models)
- Quantum computing (topological codes)
- ...

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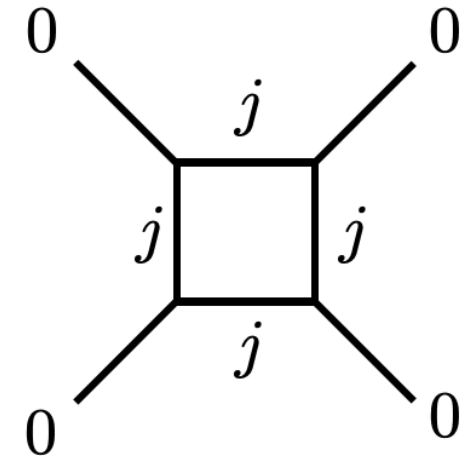
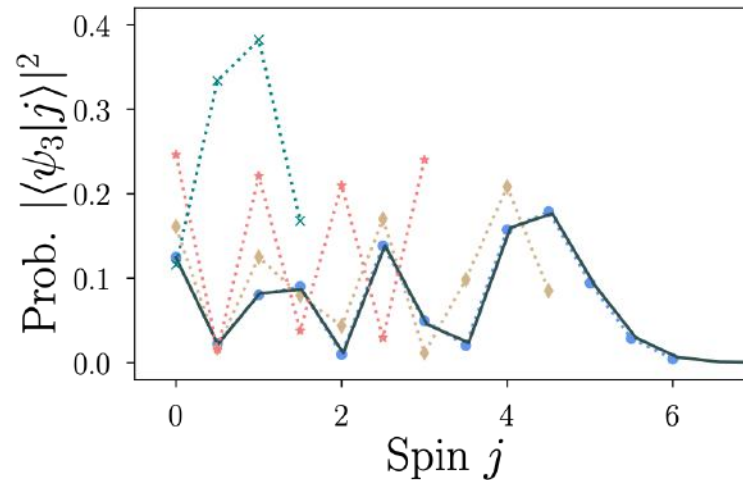
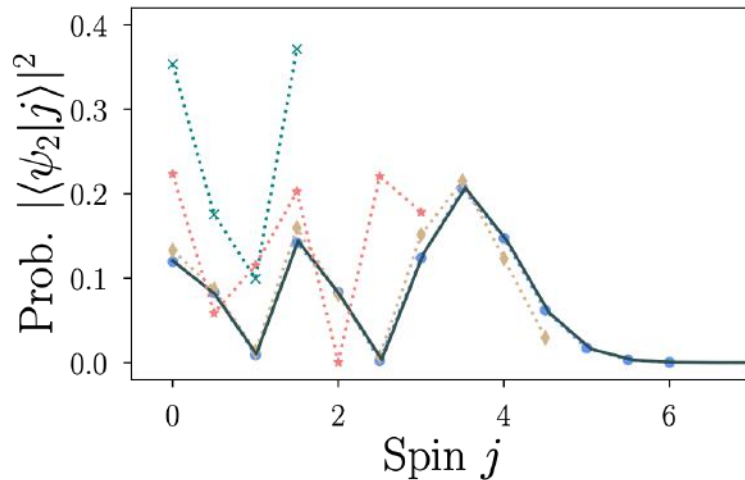
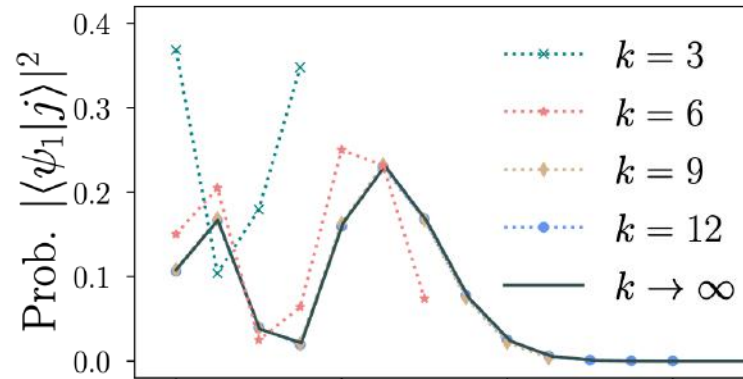
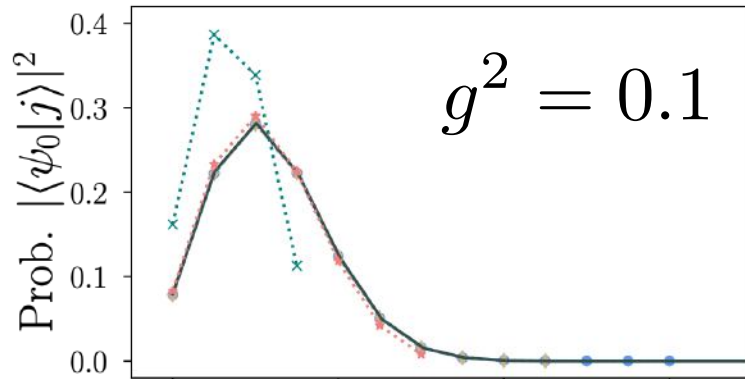
*Extensions:*

- more general Lie groups, in particular SU(3)
- higher dimensions, in particular 3D
- matter fields, in particular fermions
- ...

Liegener & Thiemann, Physical Review D, 94(2), 024042 (2016)  
Hayata & Hidaka, arXiv:2306.12324 (2023)  
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Walker & Wang, Frontiers of Physics, 7, 150-159 (2012)  
...  
..work in progress..

# A simple test of convergence

Low-lying eigenfunctions on a single plaquette



$$H = \frac{g^2}{2a} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{2}{g^4} & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ -\frac{2}{g^4} & \frac{3}{4}g^4 & -\frac{2}{g^4} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{g^4} & \frac{8}{4}g^4 & -\frac{2}{g^4} & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{g^4} & \frac{15}{4}g^4 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

exact solution at  $k \rightarrow \infty$  :  
Mathieu functions

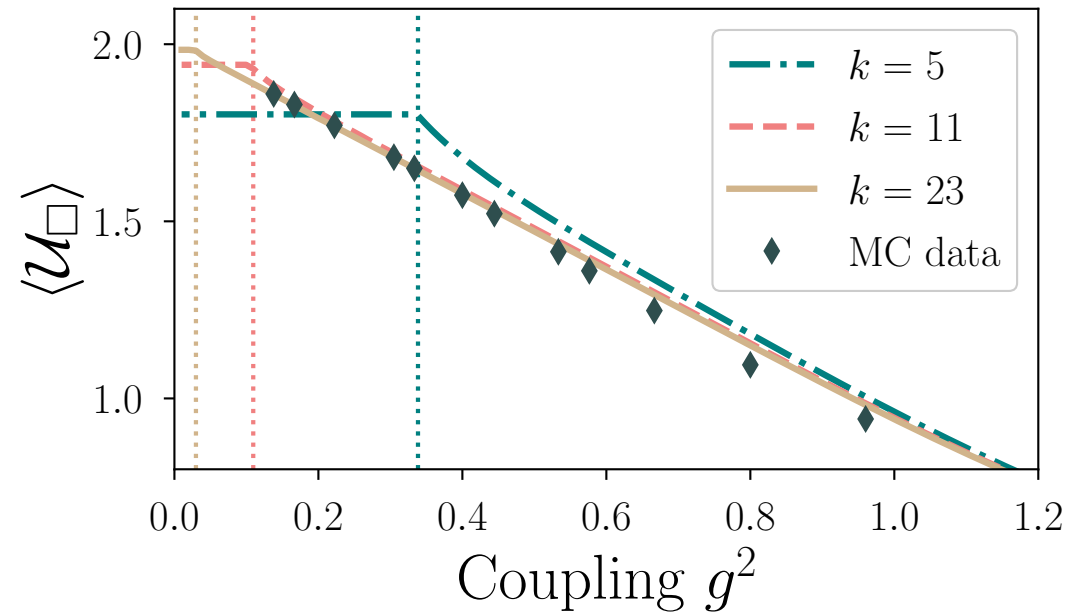
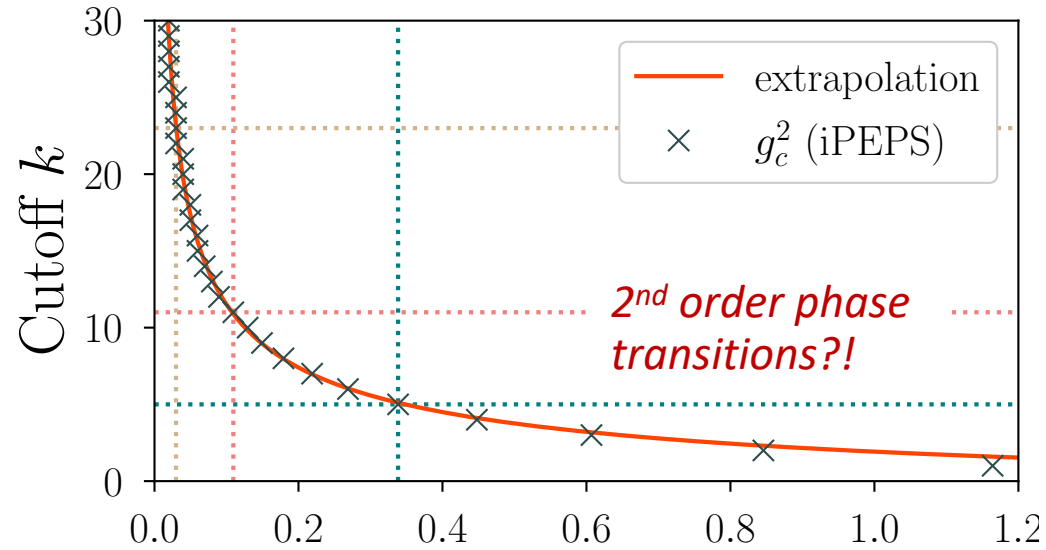
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# Phase diagram from tensor network states

Ansatz (iPEPS / MERA):  $|\psi\rangle = \prod_{\square} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k/2} \psi_j \mathcal{U}_{\square}^{(j)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^{k/2} |\psi_j|^2}} |\mathbf{0}\rangle$

*Contains exact limiting ground states!*

generalization of: Dusuel & Vidal,  
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Spurious phase (topological order!) vanishes as  $k \rightarrow \infty$



# Outline

Motivation

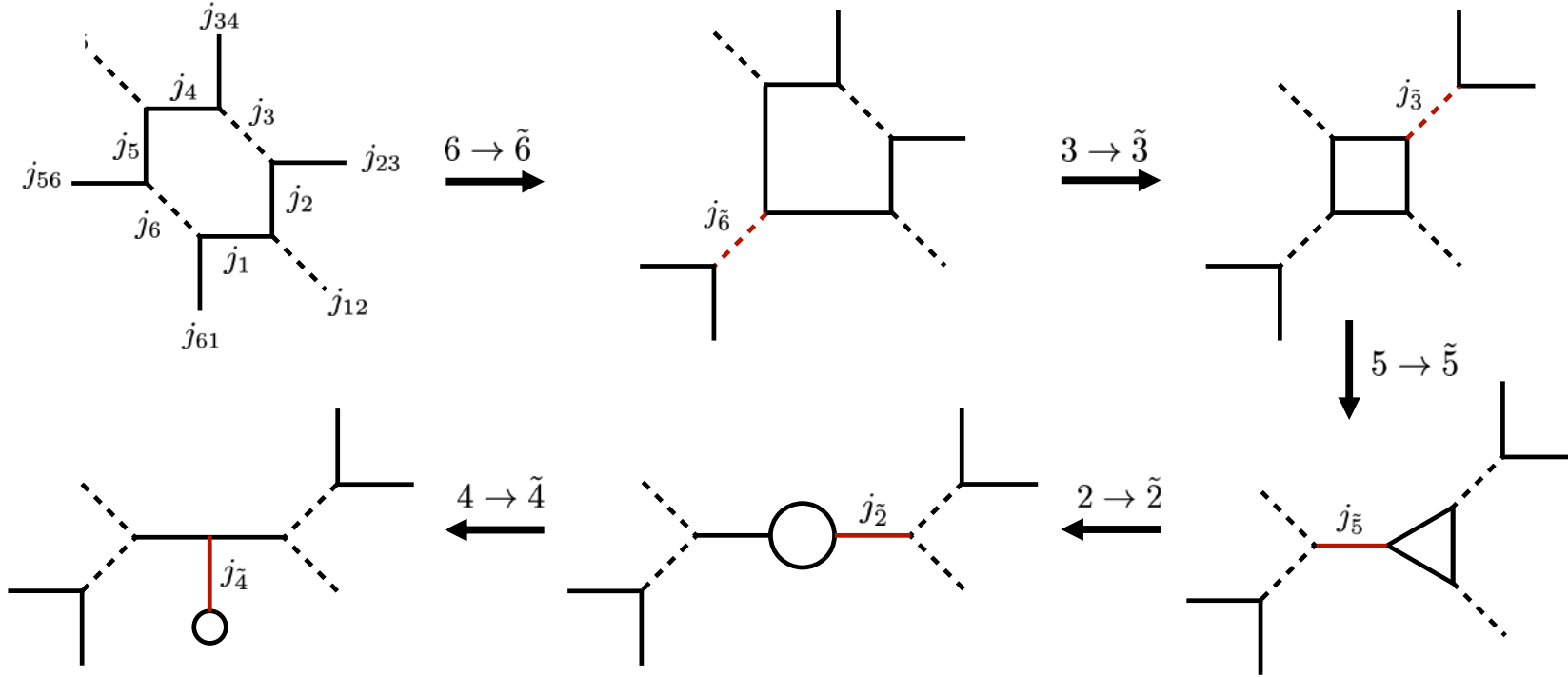
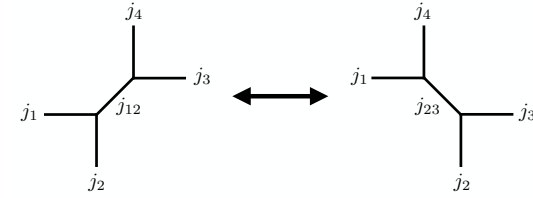
Gauge-invariance on the lattice in the Hamiltonian formulation

Q-deformed Kogut-Susskind gauge theories

**Quantum algorithm for real-time evolution**

Conclusion & outlook

# Diagonalization of the plaquette operator



*Exact, local decomposition in the SN basis!*

$SU(2)_k$  retains unitarity of F-moves!

$$F^{j_{12}j_1j_2} \frac{1}{2} j'_2 j'_1 \quad F^{j_{23}j_2j_3} \frac{1}{2} j'_3 j'_2 \quad F^{j_{34}j_3j_4} \frac{1}{2} j'_4 j'_3 \quad F^{j_{45}j_4j_5} \frac{1}{2} j'_5 j'_4 \quad F^{j_{56}j_5j_6} \frac{1}{2} j'_6 j'_5 \quad F^{j_{61}j_6j_1} \frac{1}{2} j'_1 j'_6 \quad \rightarrow \quad F^{j_4j_1j_1} \frac{1}{2} j'_1 j'_1$$

(from Biedenharn-Elliot)

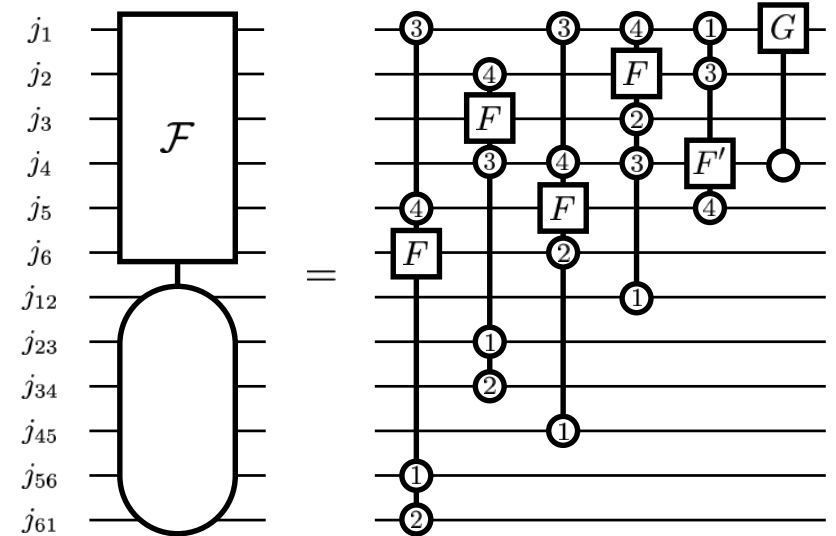
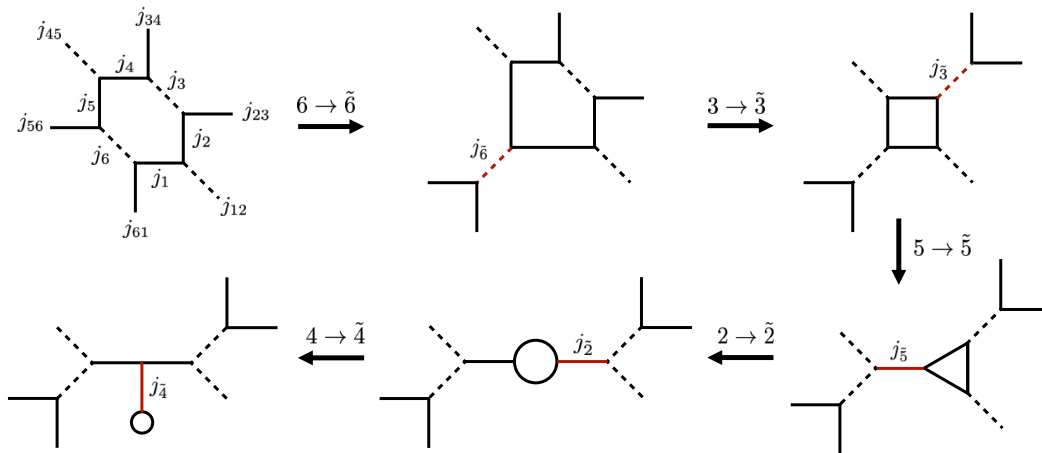
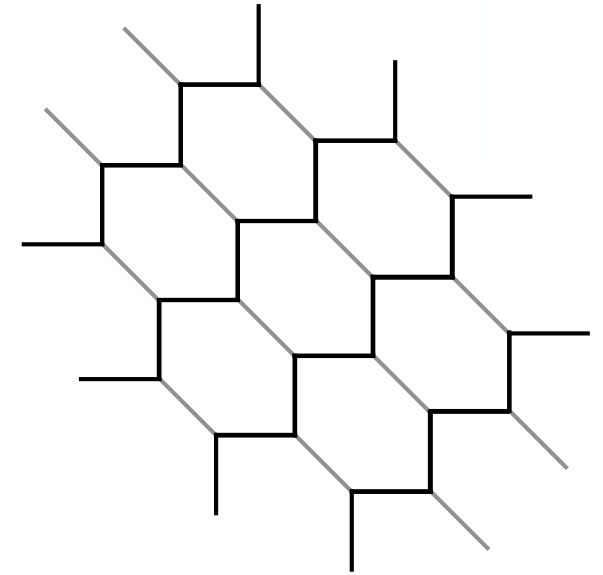
# Digital (Trotter) simulation

truncated hexagonal SN basis with  $j \leq j_{\max}$

Exact Trotter decomposition:

$$e^{-i\tau H_{\text{KS}}} \approx \prod_{\ell} e^{-i\tau g^2 / (2a) \mathbf{E}_{\ell}^2} \prod_{\square} e^{+i\tau / (ag^2) \mathcal{U}_{\square}}$$

*exact, gauge-invariant, preserves locality (parallelizable) & natural implementation with qudits*

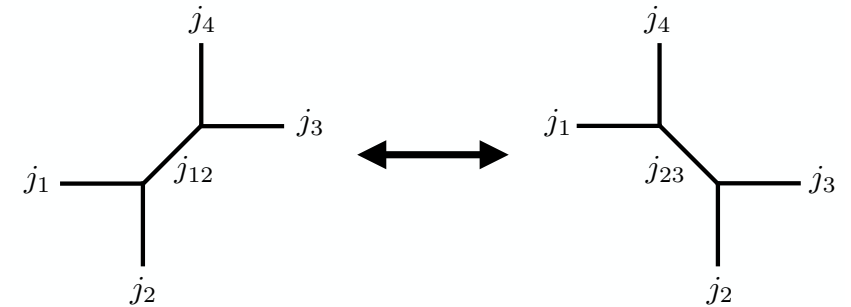


# Conclusion & outlook

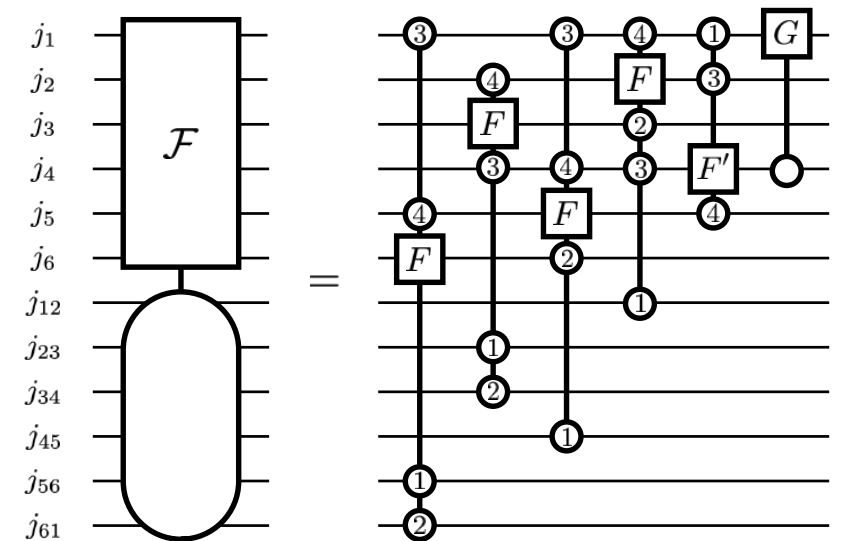
- q-deformed Kogut-Susskind LGTs as an **algebraic truncation** using quantum groups  
 → for quantum simulation & tensor networks!

*next:*

- efficient simulation with **iPEPS**?
- natural implementation with **qudits**
- inclusion of **fermionic matter**
- extension to **general SU(N)**
- ...



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**Thanks for listening!**