

# The power of indistinguishable particles in quantum computation

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- Indistinguishable particles: quantum field theory
- Cluster states
- Measurement-based quantum computing
- Fermions are maximally entangled, but....
- Conclusions

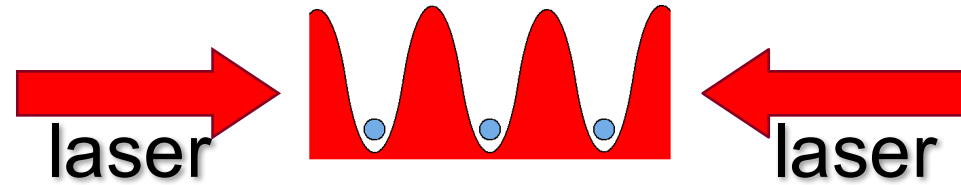
# Indistinguishable particles

- All particles in the Universe come in two varieties: bosons (mostly mediators of forces) and fermions (mostly matter).
- Atoms are comprised of fermions, but (viewed from a distance) can be either bosonic (even # of constituent fermions) or fermionic (odd # of constituent fermions)
- Much work on making quantum degenerate atoms:
  - Bosons:  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^4\text{He}^*$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{85/87}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Cs}$ , etc
  - Fermions:  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Cr}$ , etc

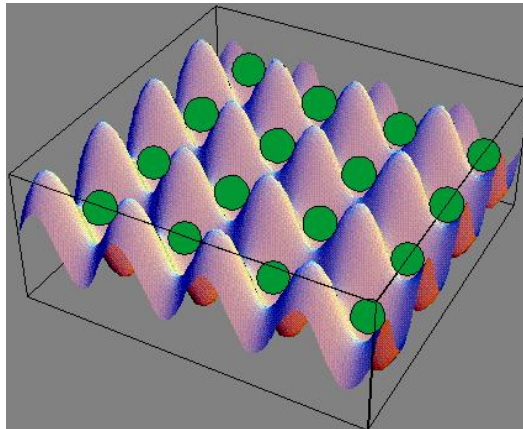
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- Ultracold atoms can be confined in 'optical lattices'

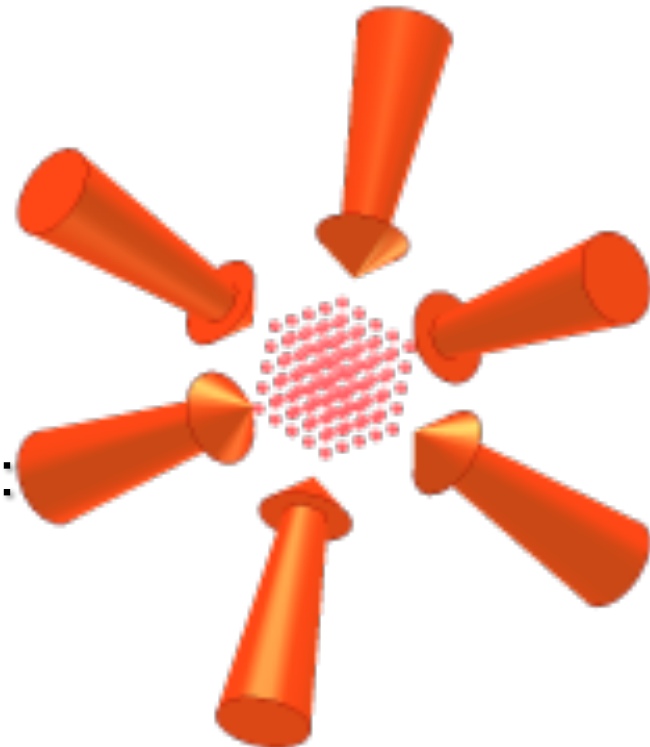
- One-dimensional lattice:



- 2D lattice:



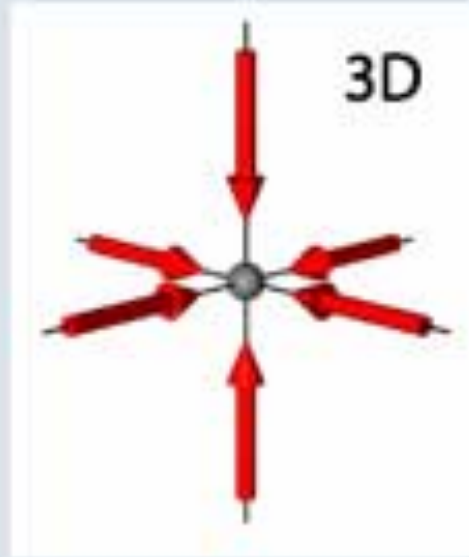
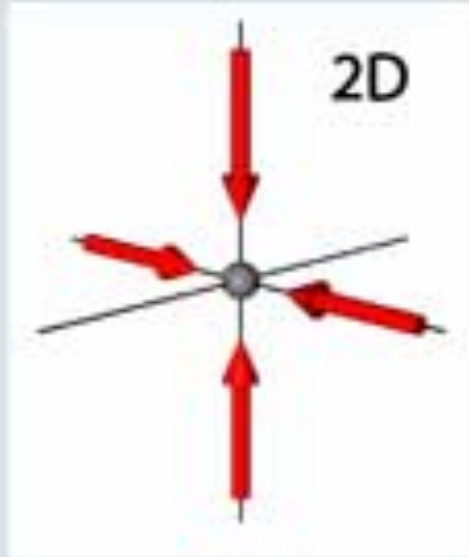
- 3D lattice:



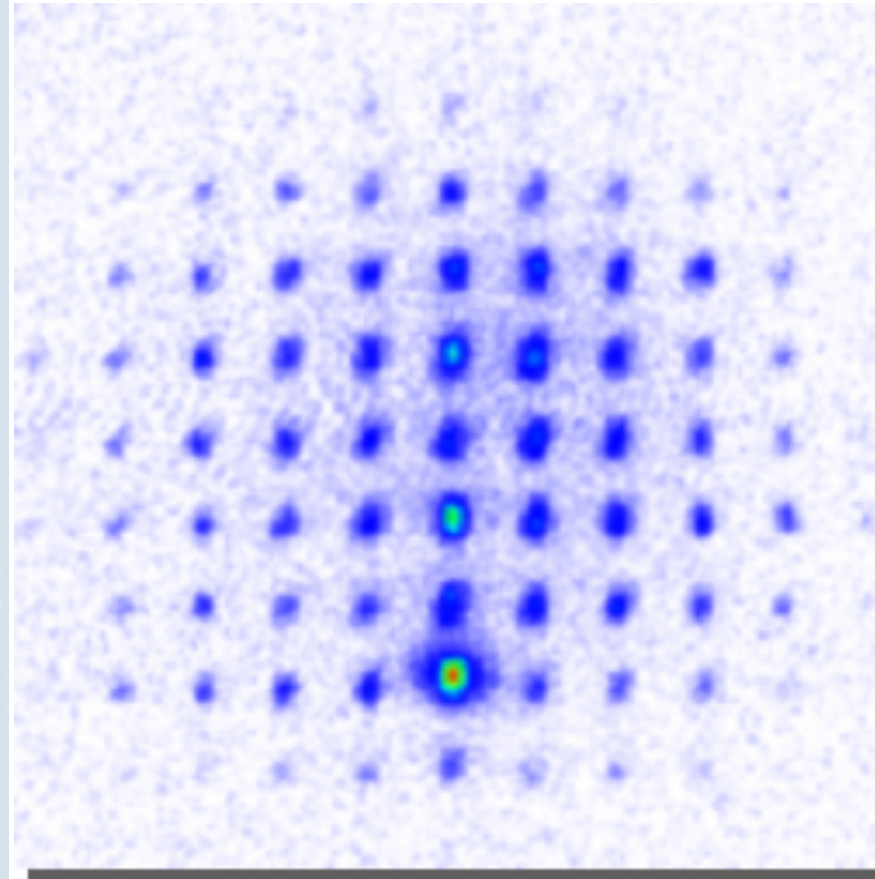
- Approximately 100 sites/dimension.

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Can make effective 3D, 2D, or 1D optical lattices:



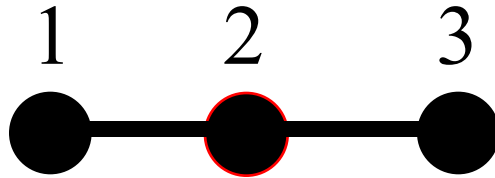
(Markus Greiner)



(Immanuel Bloch)

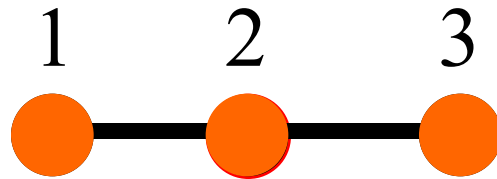
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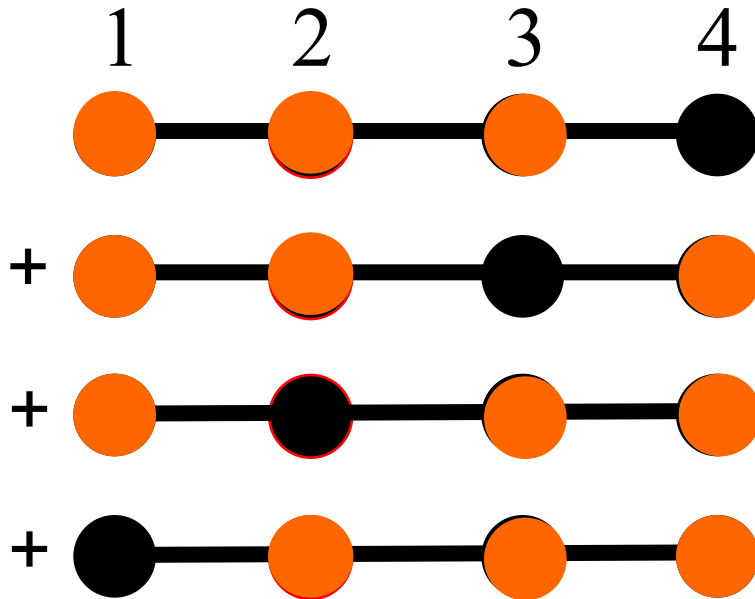
- Suppose that there are three fermions:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(r_1, r_2, r_3) &= \phi_1(r_1) [\phi_2(r_2)\phi_3(r_3) - \phi_3(r_2)\phi_2(r_3)] \\ &\quad - \phi_2(r_1) [\phi_1(r_2)\phi_3(r_3) - \phi_3(r_2)\phi_1(r_3)] \\ &\quad + \phi_3(r_1) [\phi_1(r_2)\phi_2(r_3) - \phi_2(r_2)\phi_1(r_3)] \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(r_1) & \phi_2(r_1) & \phi_3(r_1) \\ \phi_1(r_2) & \phi_2(r_2) & \phi_3(r_2) \\ \phi_1(r_3) & \phi_2(r_3) & \phi_3(r_3) \end{vmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

‘Slater determinant’ – accounts for fermionic antisymmetry

# Indistinguishable particles

- Suppose that there are four sites instead:



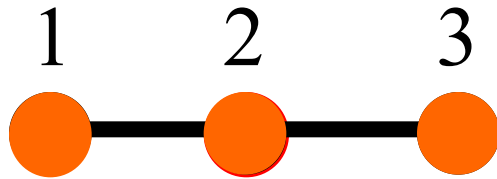
- Too many Slater determinants – unwieldy notation
- With bosons, we need to use permanents instead; one also has more terms because of multiple occupancy of sites.

# Indistinguishable particles

- Quantum field theory makes the description more efficient. Generic Hamiltonian is written in terms of quantum fields:

$$H = \sum_i \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_i) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \sum_{ij} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_i) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_j) V(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_j) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

- Expand quantum fields in suitable basis:



$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \phi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{n}}, \quad \hat{c}_{\mathbf{n}} = \begin{cases} \hat{f}_{\mathbf{n}}, & \text{fermions} \\ \hat{b}_{\mathbf{n}}, & \text{bosons} \end{cases}$$

$$[\hat{b}_i, \hat{b}_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}; \quad \{\hat{f}_i, \hat{f}_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}.$$



# Indistinguishable particles

- If  $M$  is number of sites and  $N$  is number of particles, then Hilbert space dimension is:

$$\Omega^{(F)} = \frac{M!}{N!(M-N)!}; \quad \Omega^{(B)} = \frac{(M+N-1)!}{N!(M-1)!}.$$
$$\sim \left(\frac{M}{N}\right)^N \quad \sim \left(\frac{M}{N} + 1\right)^N$$

- If  $M \gg N$  then the Hilbert space dimension grows exponentially in the number of particles.

# Indistinguishable particles

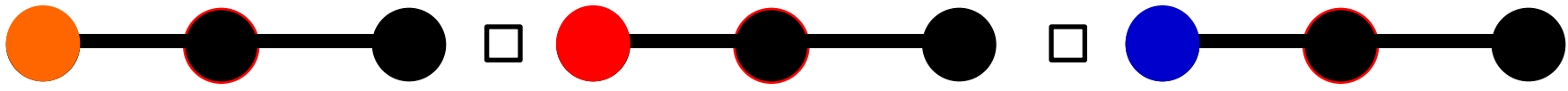
- Exponentially growing Hilbert space doesn't mean that simulating indistinguishable particles is classically inefficient.
- If particles are non-interacting, then all properties can be obtained from (time-evolution of) single-particle states:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(r, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_j \alpha_j \phi_j(r) = H \sum_j \alpha_j \phi_j(r)$$
$$\Rightarrow \psi(r, t) = \sum_j \alpha_j e^{-i\lambda_j t/\hbar} \phi_j(r).$$

- Need only know initial occupations  $|\alpha_j|^2$

# Indistinguishable particles

- Pretend that 3 bosons are actually distinguishable:



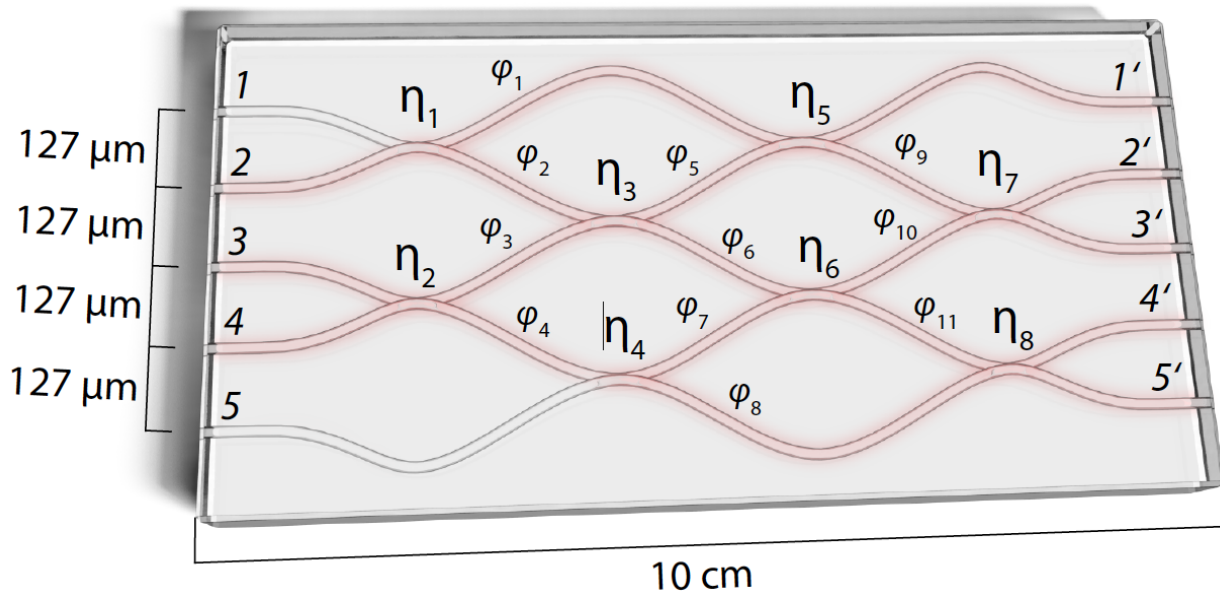
The diagram illustrates three distinguishable particles, each represented by a colored circle (orange, red, blue) and a black circle, connected by a horizontal line. Small squares separate the three particle chains. Below the diagram, the total Hamiltonian is expressed as a sum of tensor products:  $H_{\text{tot}} = H \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes H \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes H$ . The tensor products are represented by circles with an 'X' inside, and the terms are separated by plus signs.

$$H_{\text{tot}} = H \otimes I \otimes I + I \otimes H \otimes I + I \otimes I \otimes H$$

- Projecting into indistinguishable space requires repeating sums over identical labels: inefficient in principle.
- But don't need to in practice for bosons: all observables are simply  $N$ -fold multiples of single-particle quantities!

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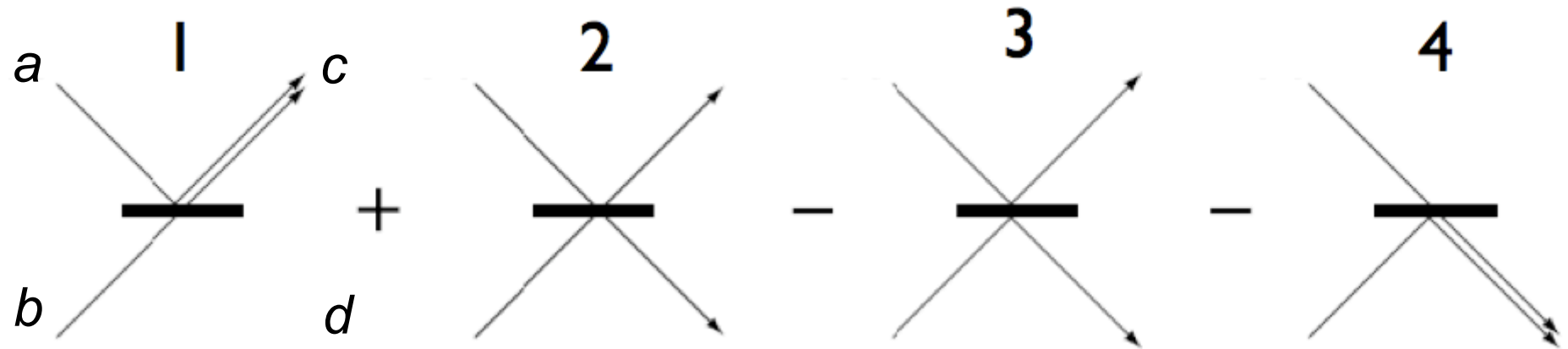
- So why is *boson sampling* [Aaronson and Arkhipov, STOC 2011, p. 333] classically difficult?
- Given some input to an optical circuit, what is the photon distribution at the output?



[Tillman et al, Nature Photonics 7, 540–544 (2013)]

# Indistinguishable particles

- Photons effectively interact! Hong-Ou-Mandel effect (photon bunching):



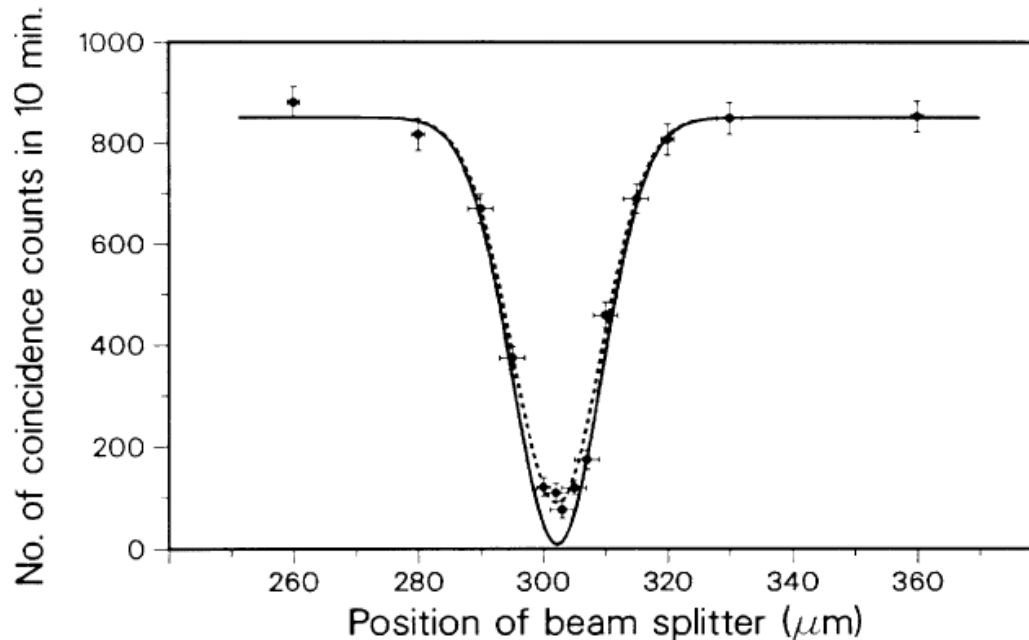
(reflection off the bottom gives a negative sign)

$$\hat{a}^\dagger \rightarrow \frac{\hat{c}^\dagger + \hat{d}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}}; \quad \hat{b}^\dagger \rightarrow \frac{\hat{c}^\dagger - \hat{d}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$|1, 1\rangle_{a,b} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{b}^\dagger |\mathbf{0}\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{c}^{\dagger 2} - \hat{d}^{\dagger 2} \right) |\mathbf{0}\rangle$$

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[Hong, Ou, Mandel, PRL **59**, 2044 (1987)]

- Projecting into indistinguishable space is inefficient; no short cut because observables are **not**  $N$ -fold multiples of single-particle quantities: hard problem!

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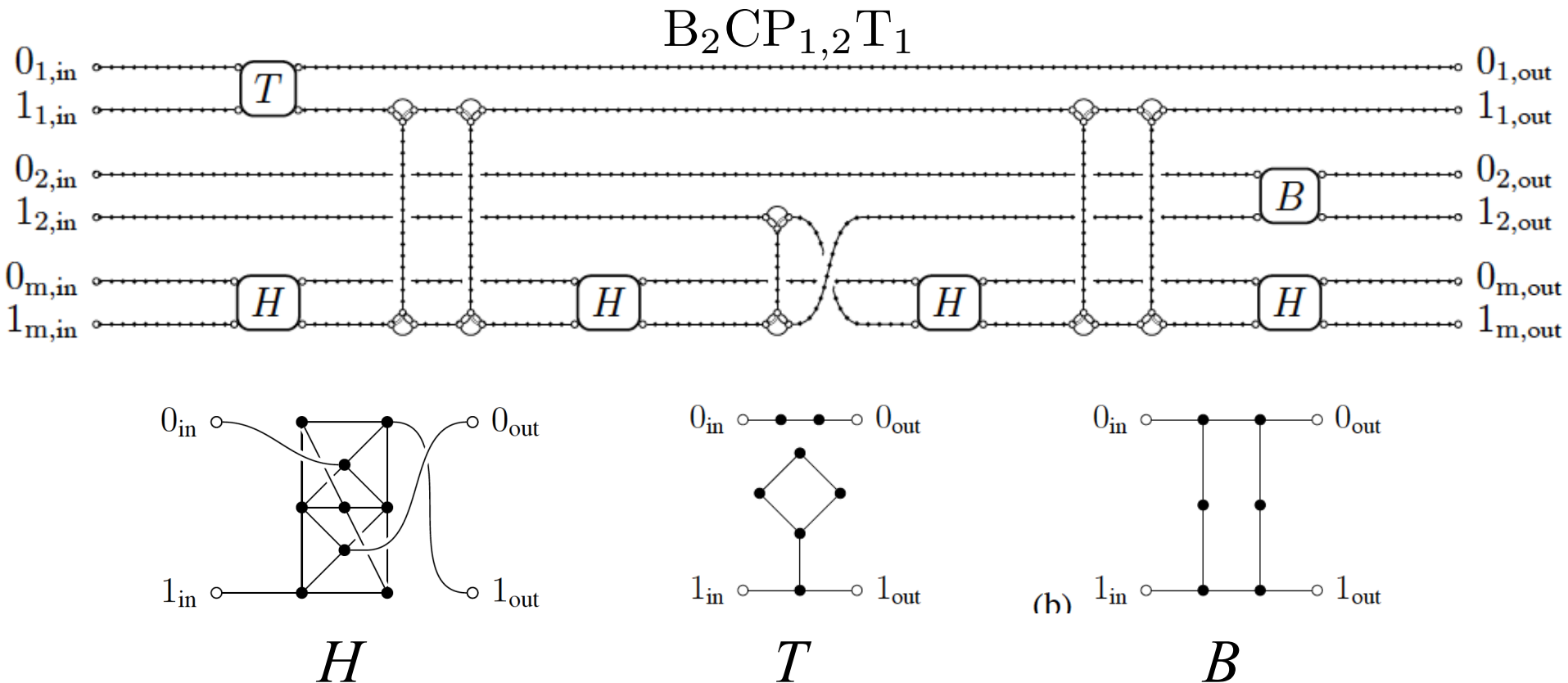
For bosons, need to evaluate ‘Slater permanents’, which is hard (Calculating permanents is #P-complete [Valiant, Theor. Comp. Sci. **8**, 189 (1979); also Aaronson, Proc. R. Soc. A **467**, 3393 (2011)])

- NP example: Are there any subsets of a list of integers that add up to zero?
- #P example: How many subsets of a list of integers add up to zero?

- Even though boson sampling is (likely) classically hard, can it be used to do anything interesting? Maybe not.
- But are interacting indistinguishable bosons powerful?

# Indistinguishable particles

Quantum walks with *interacting* indistinguishable bosons can perform universal quantum computation (Childs, Gosset, and Webb, Science **339**, 791 (2013); also Underwood and Feder, Phys. Rev. A **85**, 052314 (2012))





# Indistinguishable particles

What about fermions?

- Perhaps surprisingly, non-interacting fermions are classically efficient to simulate! Calculating determinants is in P (Using Gaussian elimination the complexity scales with  $d$  like  $d^3$ ).
- That said, interacting bosons are easy to *approximate* in quantum Monte Carlo, but interacting fermions are not (because of the sign problem).
- Of course,  $d$  is scaling exponentially with the number of particles  $N$ ....

# Indistinguishable particles

The behavior of non-interacting fermions can be simulated by *matchgates* acting on two spin-1/2 particles:

[Valiant, SIAM J. Comput. **31**, 1229 (2002); Terhal and DiVincenzo, Phys. Rev. A **65**, 032325 (2002); Brayvi, Contemp. Math. **482**, 179 (2009); Jozsa, Kraus, Miyake, Watrous, Proc. R. Soc. **466**, 809 (2010)]

$$G(A, B) = \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 & 0 & q \\ 0 & w & x & 0 \\ 0 & y & z & 0 \\ r & 0 & 0 & s \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det(A) = \det(B) \text{ and } A, B \in U(2) \text{ or } SU(2)$$

- If matchgates only act on nearest-neighboring spins, the behavior can be efficiently simulated classically.

# Indistinguishable particles

What is the relationship between matchgates and non-interacting fermions?

- Matchgate group is generated by  $(XX, YY, IZ, ZI, XY, \text{ and } YX)$ , where i.e.  $XX \equiv \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x$

- Is there a relationship between fermions and spins? Fermions always anticommute (no matter what site they are on):

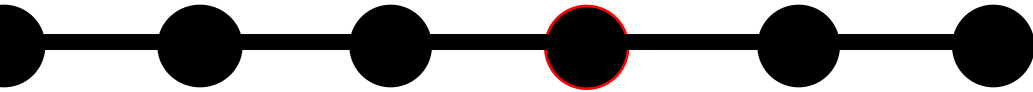
$$\hat{f}_i \hat{f}_j^\dagger = -\hat{f}_j^\dagger \hat{f}_i + \delta_{ij}; \quad \hat{f}_i \hat{f}_j = -\hat{f}_j \hat{f}_i; \quad \hat{f}_i^\dagger \hat{f}_j^\dagger = -\hat{f}_j^\dagger \hat{f}_i^\dagger$$

- Spins only anticommute if they are on the same site; they *commute* otherwise. For example:

$$X_i Z_i = -Z_i X_i; \quad X_i Z_j = Z_j X_i.$$

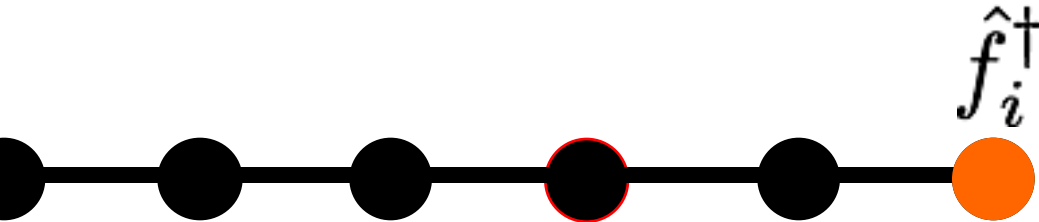
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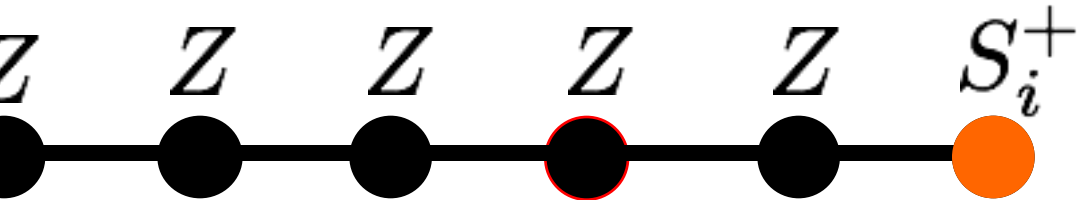
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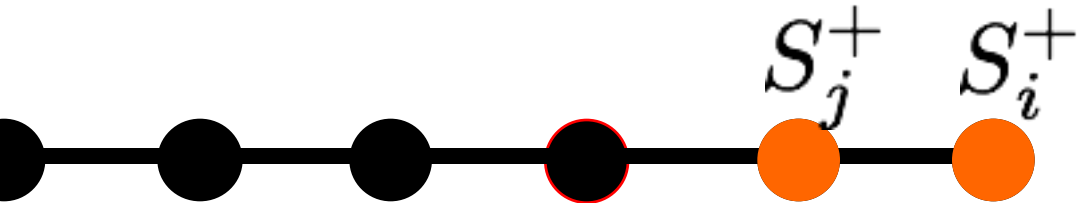


$$S_i^+ = X_i + iY_i$$
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- Note that in the spin representation, fermionic operators are strongly non-local!

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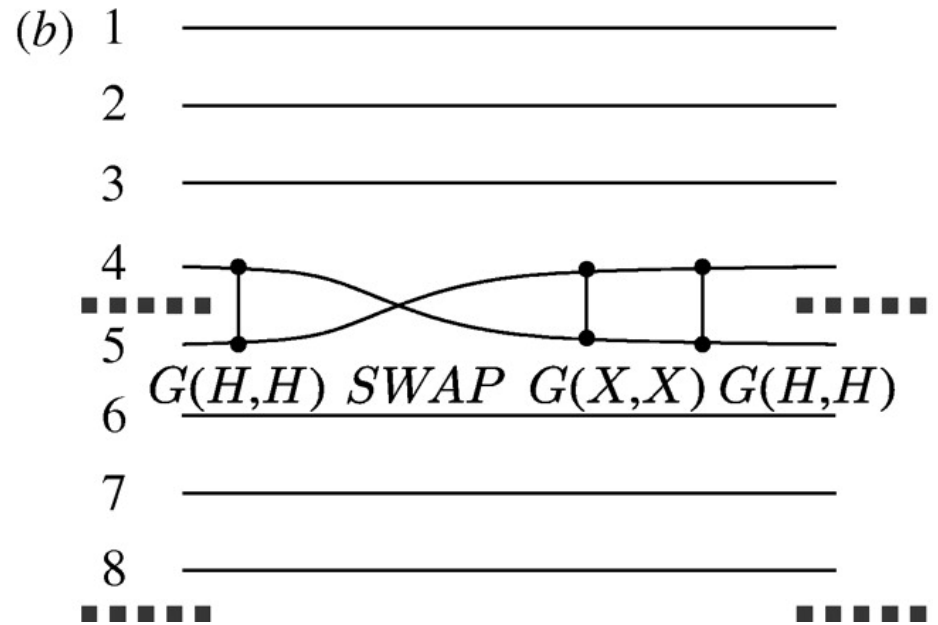
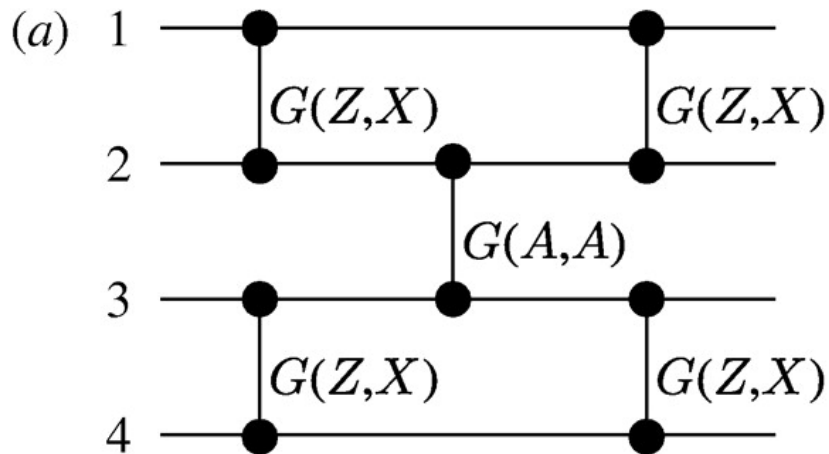
$$S_i^+ = X_i + iY_i$$
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- So, nearest-neighbor fermions are just like nearest-neighbor Pauli matrices of the type  $XX$ ,  $YY$ ,  $XY$ , and  $YX$ .

# Indistinguishable particles

Amazingly, adding a SWAP operation to switch positions of fermions is enough to enable universal quantum computation!

[Jozsa and Miyake, Proc. R. Soc. **464**, 3089 (2008)]



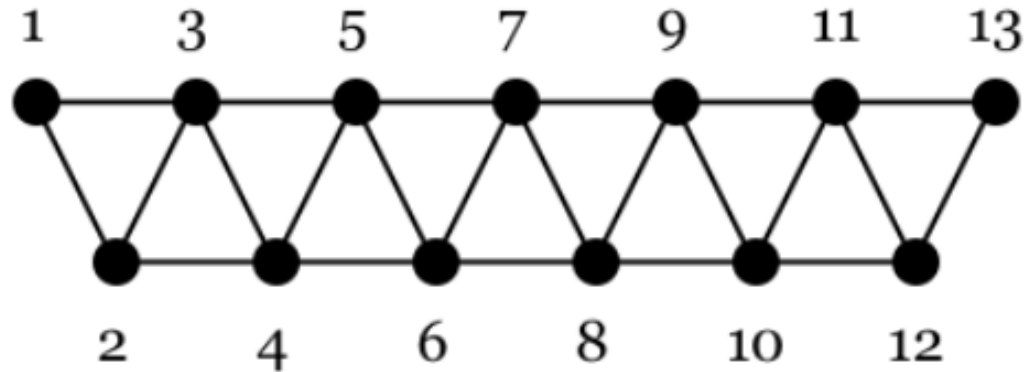
Note that  $\text{SWAP} = G(I, X) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not a matchgate, because  $\det(I) = -\det(X)$ .



# Indistinguishable particles

Even more amazingly, universal computing is possible with only matchgates for other geometries!

[Brod and Galvão, Physical Review A **86**, 052307 (2012)]



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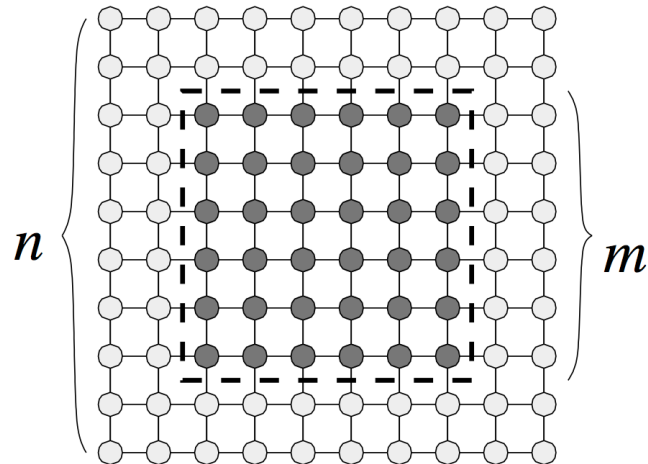
- The entanglement entropy for non-interacting bosons is proportional to the area (entanglement area law)

[Plenio, Eisert, Dreißig, and Cramer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 060503 (2005)]:

von Neumann:  $S = -\text{tr} \rho \log \rho$

Rényi:  $S = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log \text{tr} (\rho^\alpha)$

$$S \sim L^{d-1}$$



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- Non-interacting fermions have ‘more entanglement’ than non-interacting bosons: the entanglement area law is violated logarithmically: [Wolf, Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 010404 (2006)]

$$S \sim L^{d-1} \log L$$

- Non-interacting fermions on a lattice are in a sense ‘critical:’

$$S \sim \frac{c}{3} \log(L/a)$$

- (critical bosons can still satisfy area laws)

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- For  $d=1$  systems, the ground states of all gapped Hamiltonians satisfy entanglement area laws.  
[Brandão, Horodecki, Nature Physics **9**, 721 (2013)]
- All such models can be efficiently represented.
- Very recently it was proven that there exists an efficient algorithm to find the ground state.  
[Landau, Vazirani, Vidick, Nature Physics **11**, 566 (2015)]
- There are also efficient methods to approximate some  $d=1$  gapless / critical models, though no formal proof exists.

These results suggest that gapped  $d=1$  systems are not universal for quantum computation. Gapless case?

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- For  $d=2$  or general  $d$ , much less is known / understood.
- The ground states of all gapped (gap  $\epsilon$ ) Hamiltonians have exponential correlation functions  $\xi = O(1/\epsilon)$ :

[Hastings, Phys Rev B **69**, 104431 (2004)]

$$\langle \hat{O}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) \rangle \sim e^{-|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|/\xi}$$

$$\hat{O} = \{ \hat{b}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_i) \hat{b}(\mathbf{r}_j), \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}_i) \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}_j), S^{(k)}(\mathbf{r}_i) S^{(k')}(\mathbf{r}_j), \dots \}$$

- The ground states of all frustration-free Hamiltonians (including critical ones!) also have exponential correlation functions:

[Gosset and Huang, Phys Rev Lett **116**, 097202 (2016)]:

$$\xi = O(1/\sqrt{\epsilon})$$

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- It is tempting to assume that systems with exponential correlations have efficient classical representations, but it isn't even known if all such systems satisfy area laws!
- In fact, it has been proven that there exist quantum states satisfying area laws that cannot be represented efficiently.  
[Ge and Eisert, arXiv:1411.2995]
- Cluster (stabilizer / quantum code) states are gapped spin states from local frustration-free Hamiltonians, satisfy entanglement area laws, are efficiently representable, and are universal for quantum computation via measurements\*.

# Cluster States

- Cluster states are highly entangled states that are resources for measurement-based quantum computation.

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- The stabilizer group for  $|++\rangle$  is therefore  $\{XI, IX, XX, II\}$



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- Also,  $CZ|++\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$   
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0+\rangle + |1-\rangle)$  (cluster / Bell state)  
 $=$  

$$CZ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

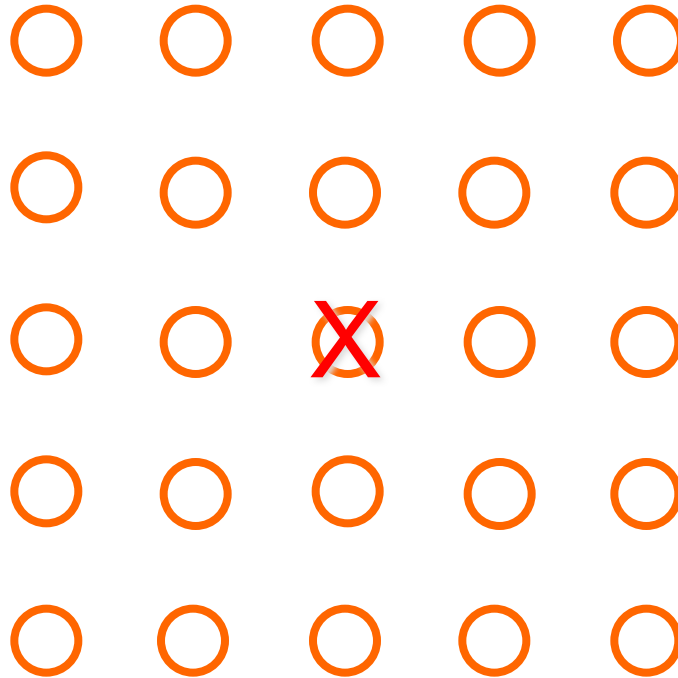
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- With the commutation relation

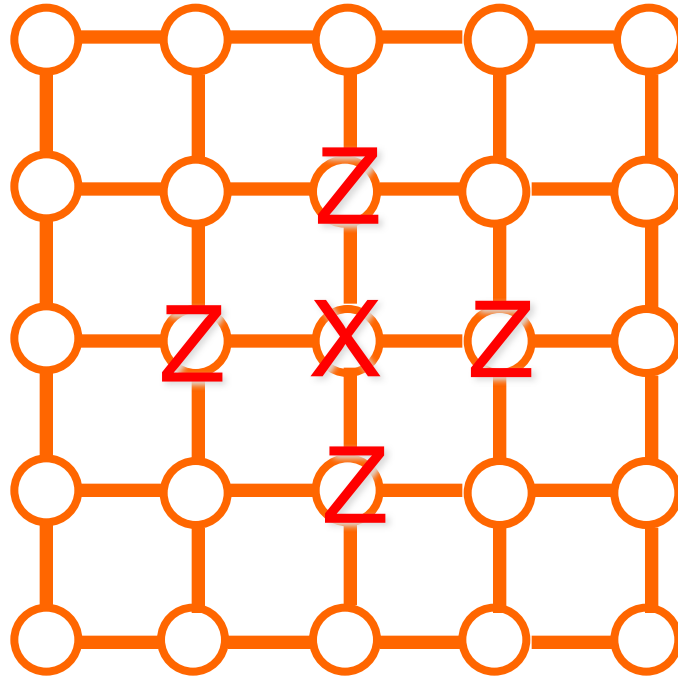
$$CZ|++\rangle = CZ(IX)|++\rangle = (ZX)CZ|++\rangle$$

- The stabilizer group for the two-qubit cluster state is  $\{XZ, ZX, YY, II\}$
- All group elements commute.
- Recall matchgate / free fermion group is generated by  $(XX, YY, IZ, ZI, XY, \text{ and } YX)$ .

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- The stabilizer generators for the cluster state are  $X_i \prod_{j=\mathcal{N}(i)} Z_j$
- Every cut through a bond  $\rightarrow$  one 'entropy unit'

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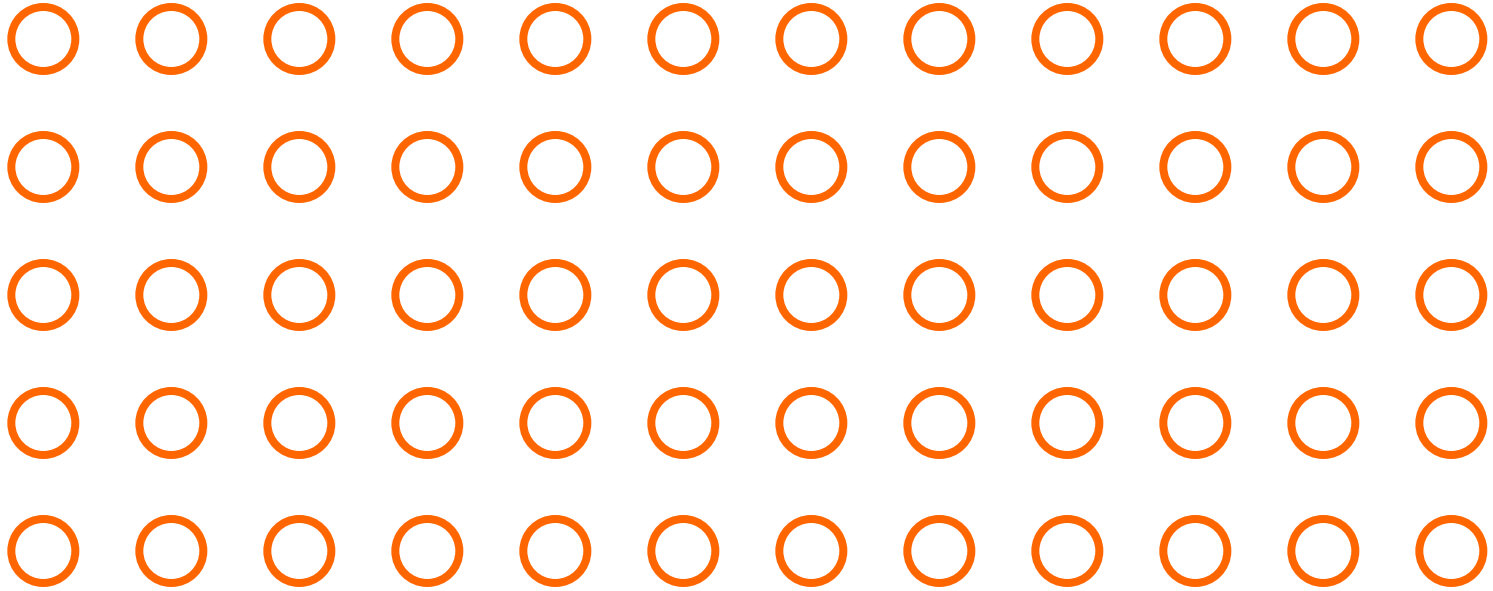
- Choosing  $H = -X_i \prod_{j=\mathcal{N}(i)} Z_j$  guarantees that the cluster state is the lowest energy eigenstate. ‘Local’ and gapped!
- This gives 3-body (5-body) Hamiltonian for 1D (2D) clusters.
- No (physical) two-body Hamiltonian can yield a (nondegenerate) ground state that is any cluster state  
[van den Nest, Luttmer, Dür, and Briegel, PRA **77**, 012301 (2008)].
- It is impossible to find a physical Hamiltonian that yields a cluster state as the ground state, though one can get arbitrarily close [Darmawan and Bartlett, New Journal of Physics **16**, 073013 (2014)]

# Measurement-Based Quantum Computing

- Why are cluster states interesting? Universal quantum computation is effected **solely** by making successive adaptive measurements [Raussendorf, Briegel, PRL **86**, 5188 (2001)].

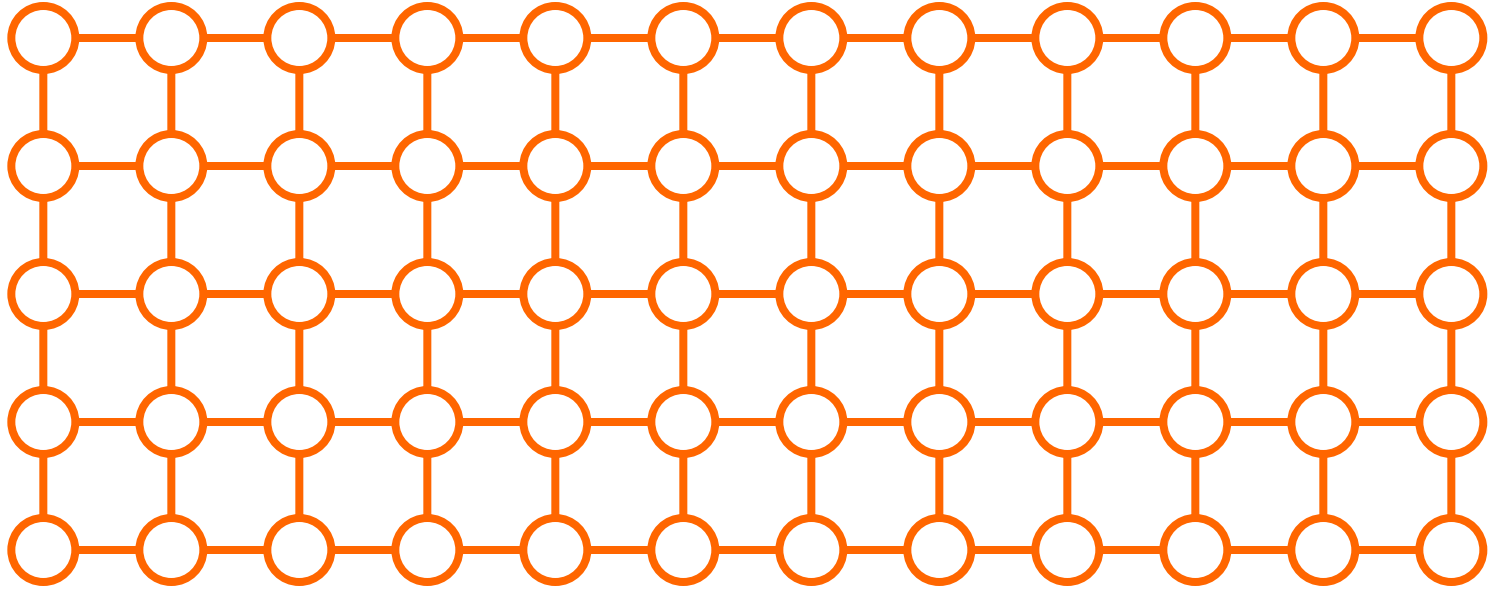
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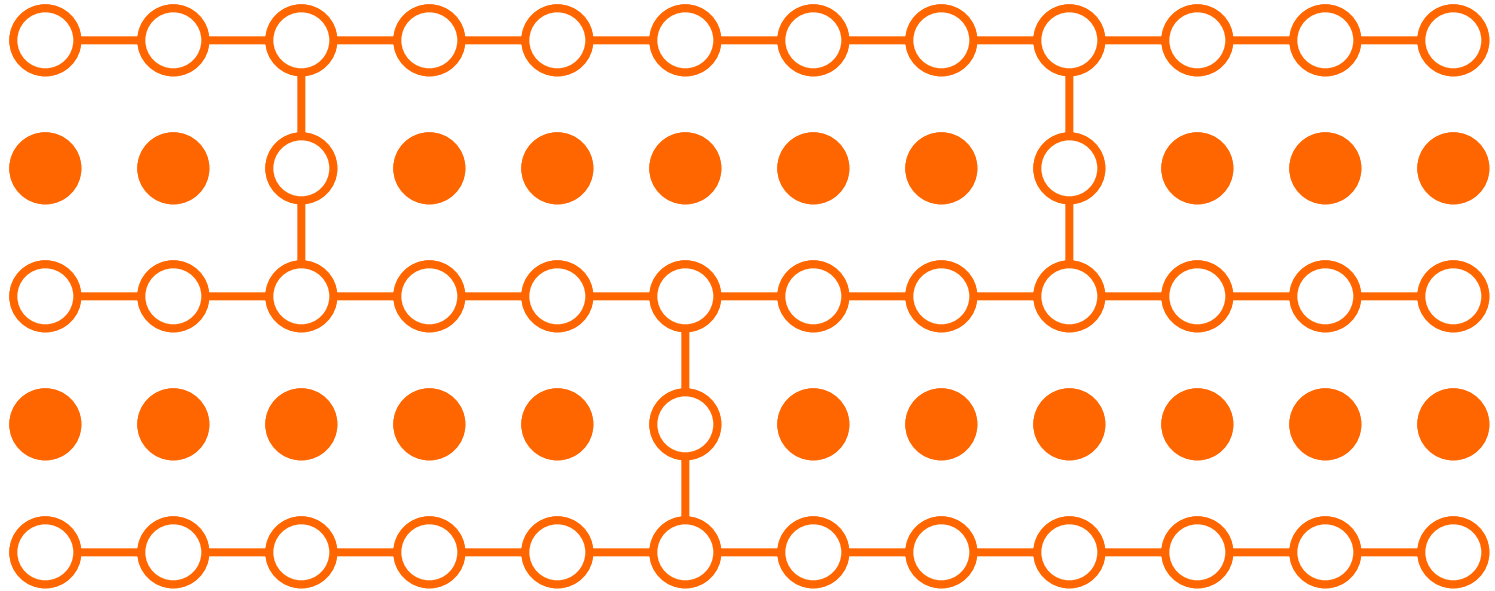
2) Entangle qubits: Apply  $CZ$  gates between all nearest neighbours





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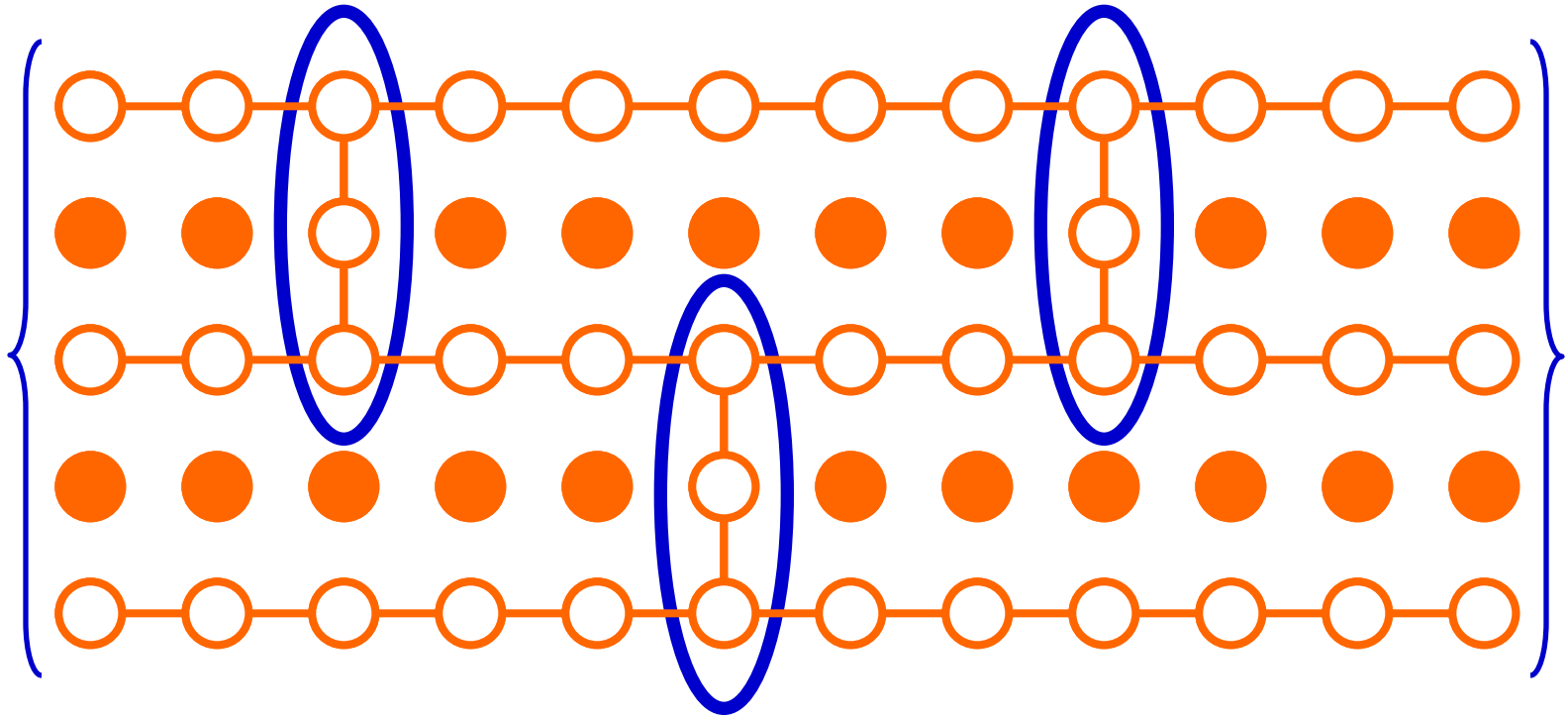
3) Remove unwanted qubits:  $Z$ -basis measurements



→ *“real-space quantum circuit”*

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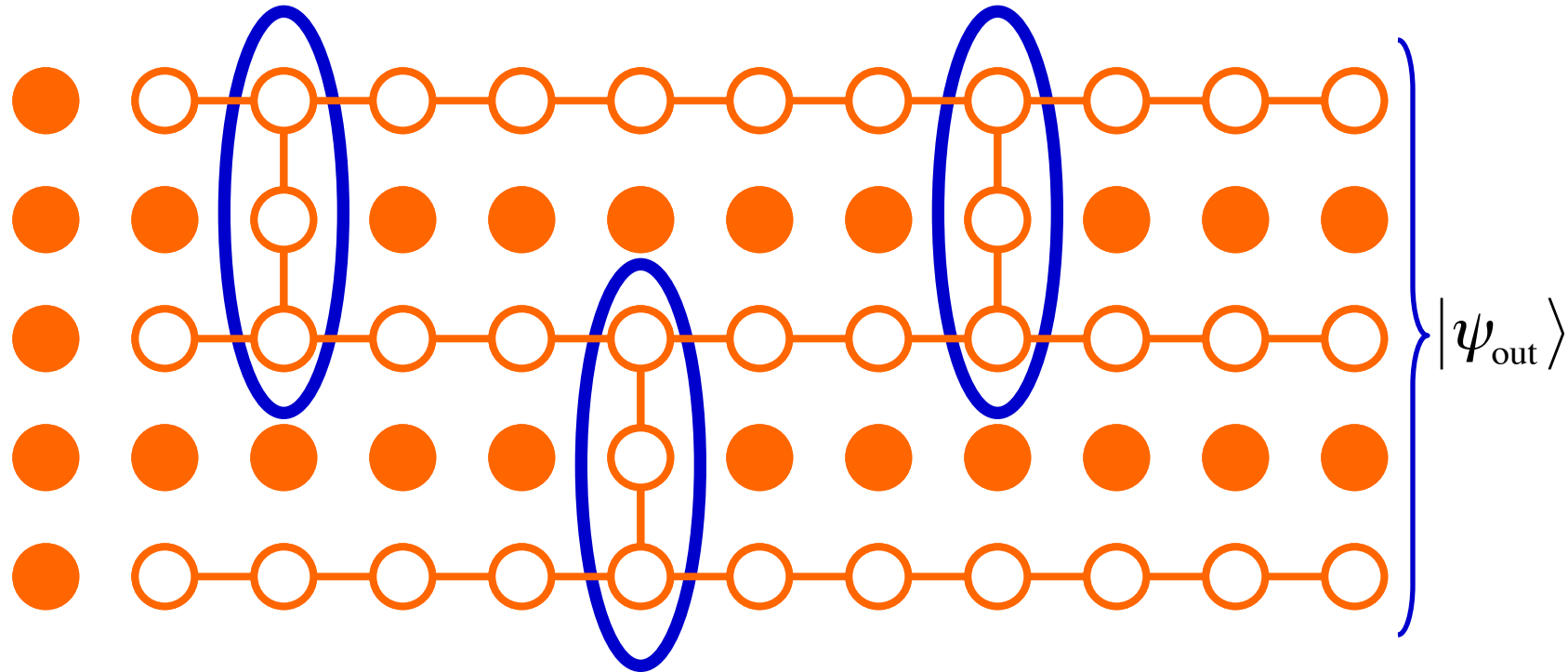


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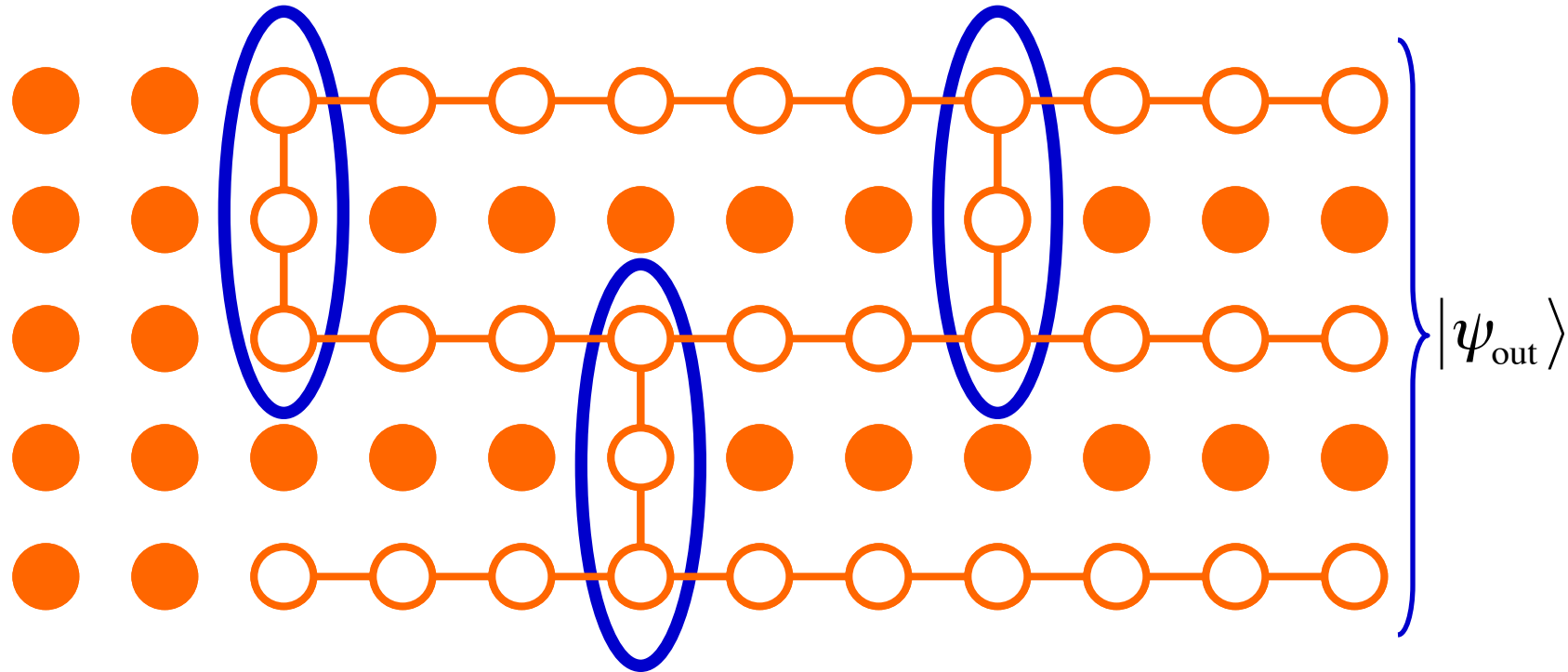


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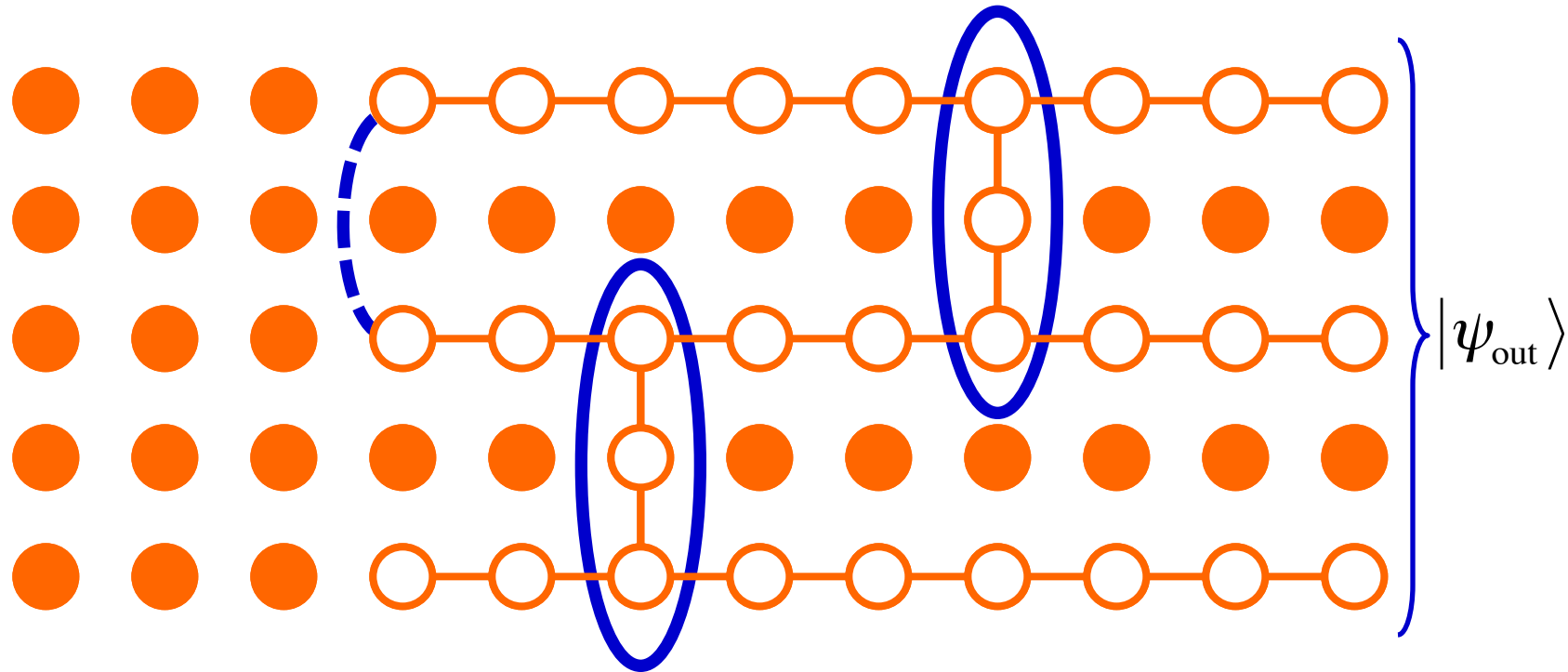


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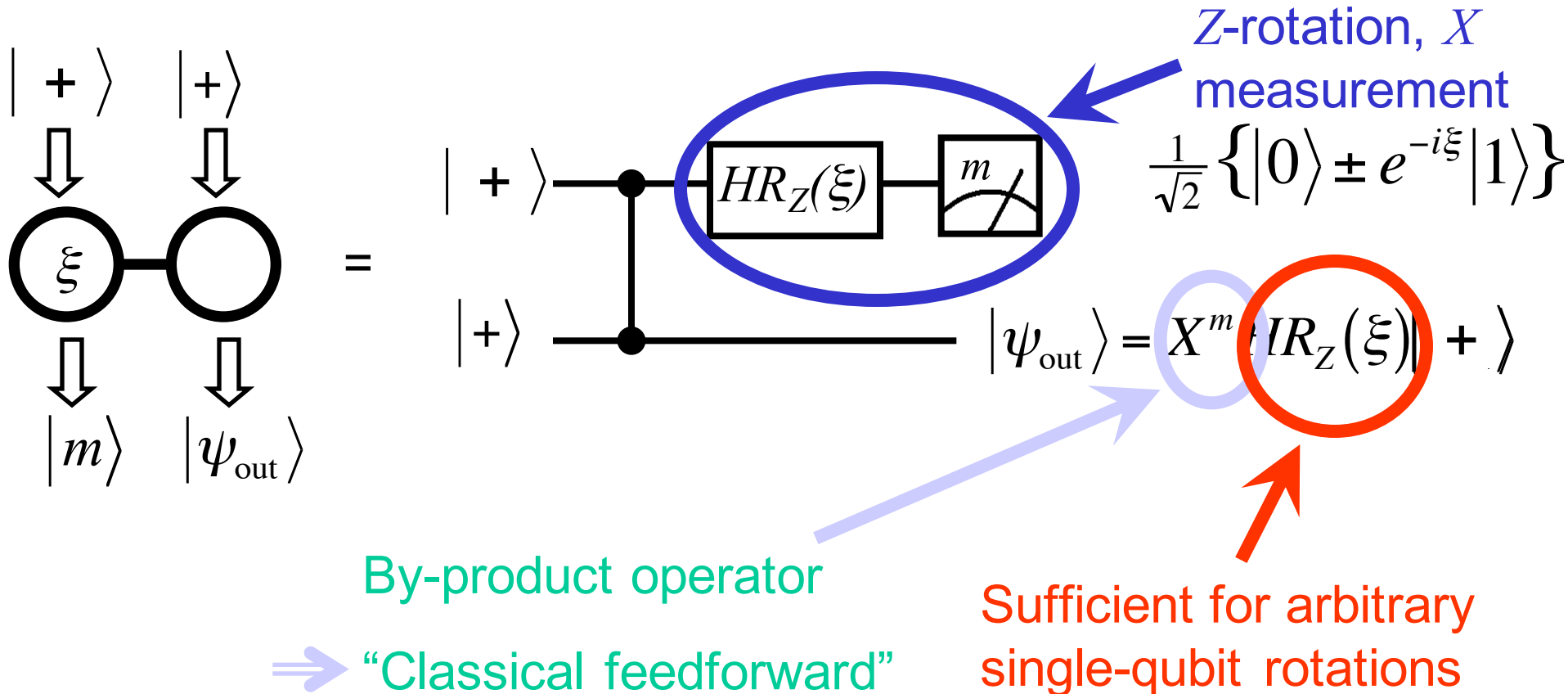


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- The key is single-qubit gate teleportation:



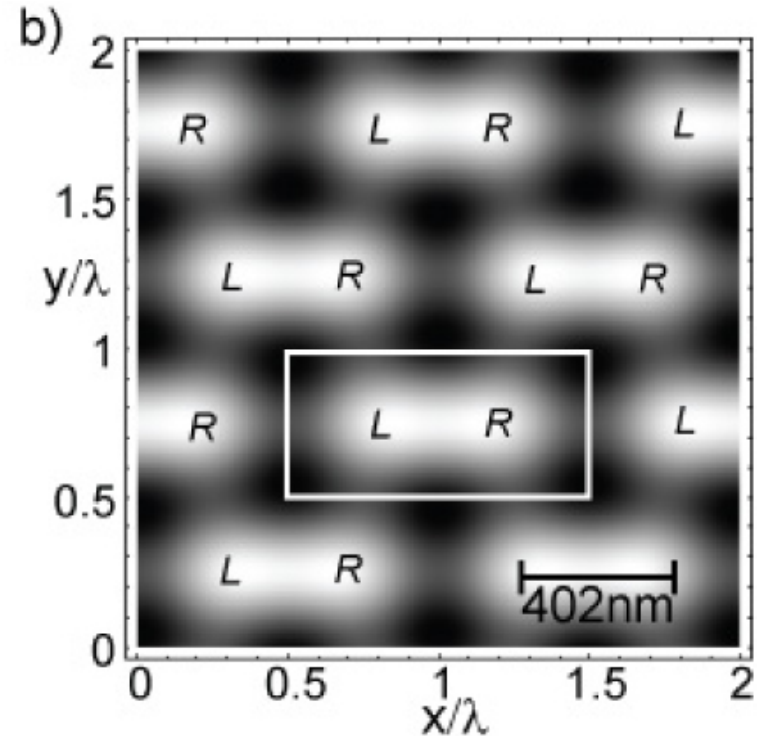
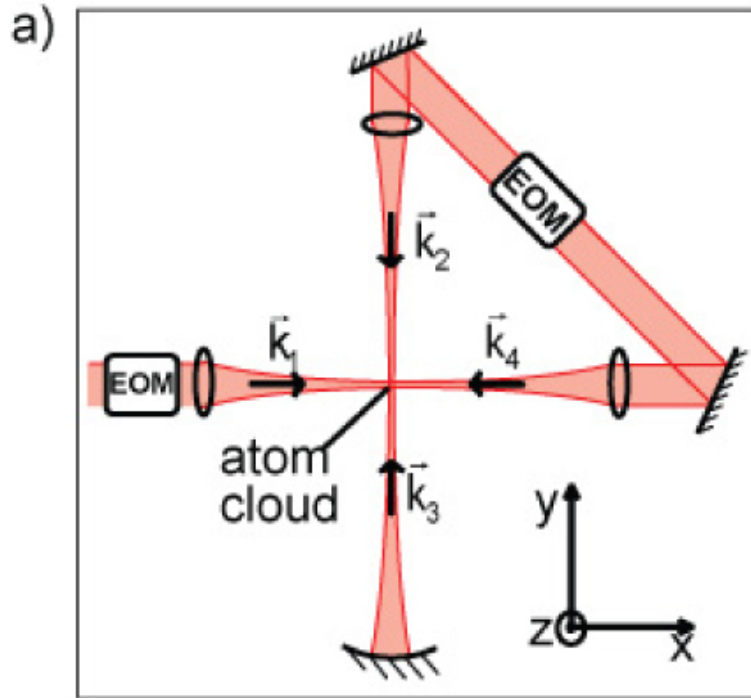
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What about area laws?

- The quantum information always resides on the ‘surface’ of the state, so entanglement area laws are always strictly satisfied.
- A similar situation exists for MBQC on symmetry-protected / Haldane-phase states, which have exponential correlations.  
[Verstraete, Wolf, Perez-Garcia, Cirac, PRL **96**, 220601 (2006);  
Wei, Affleck, Raussendorf, PRA **86**, 032328 (2012); Wei, Raussendorf, PRA **92**, 012310 (2015)]

# Fermions in double-well arrays

- Consider (ultracold) fermions in independent double-well lattices:



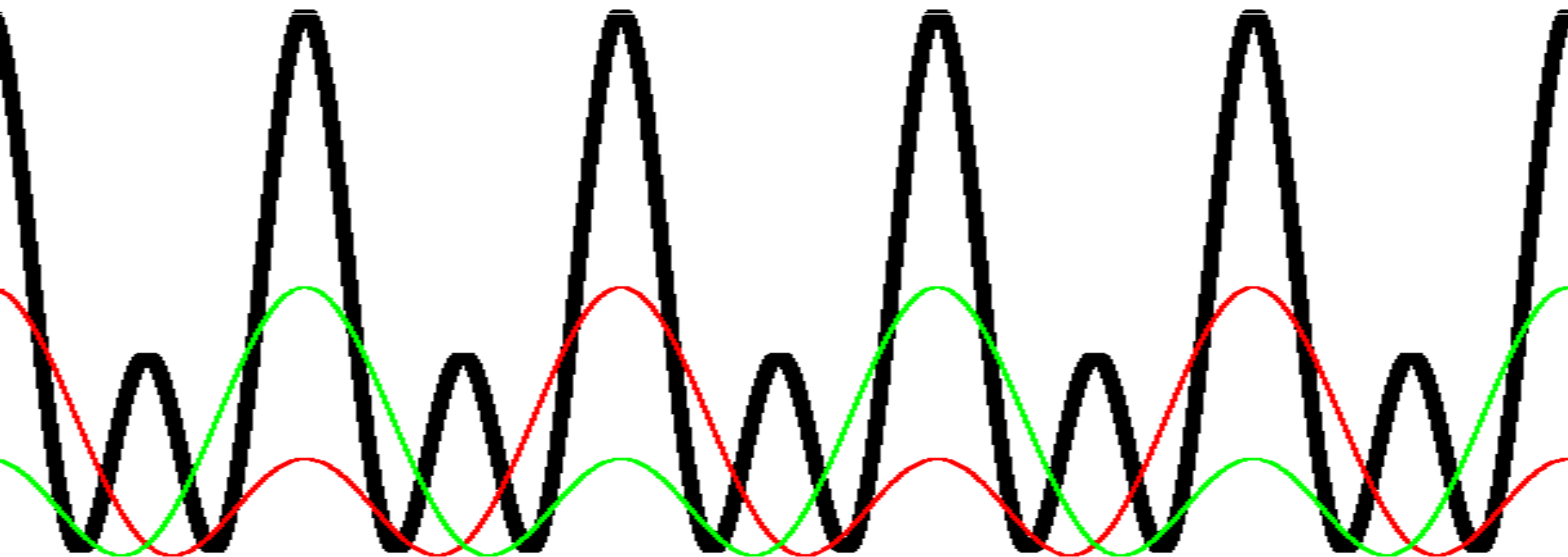
[Lee et al. (Trey Porto), PRL **99**, 020402 (2007)].

- Spatial qubits if there is one particle in each double-well: Left is  $|0\rangle$  and right is  $|1\rangle$



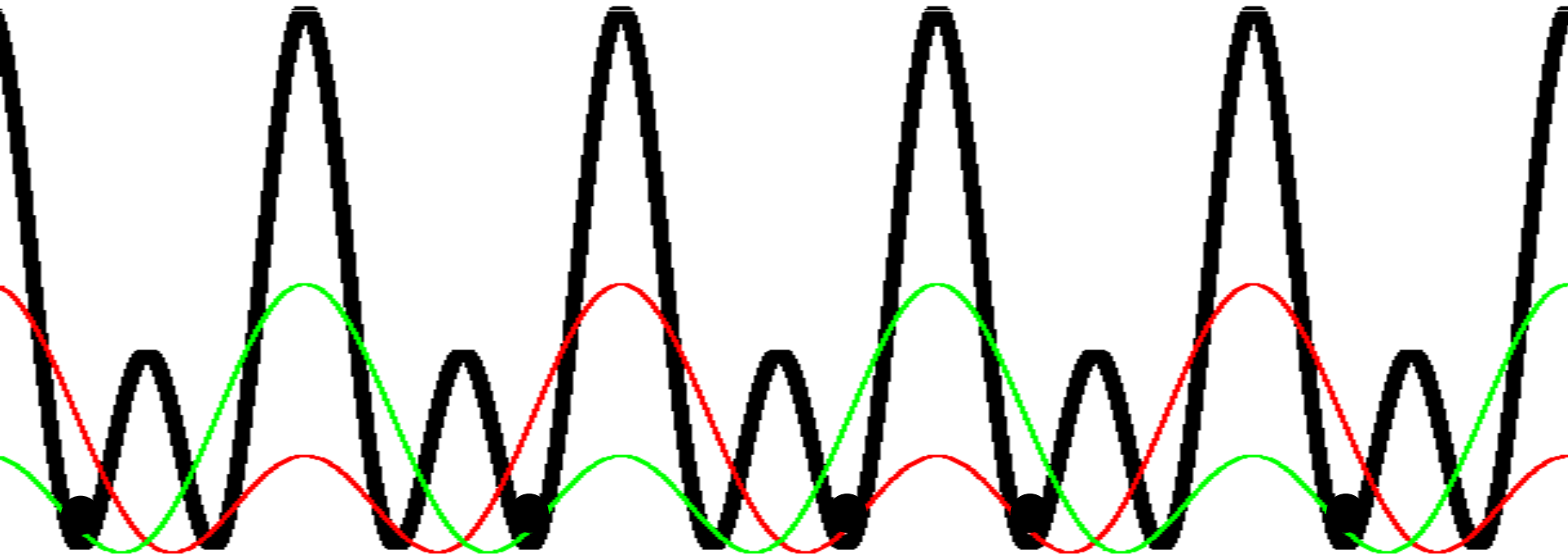
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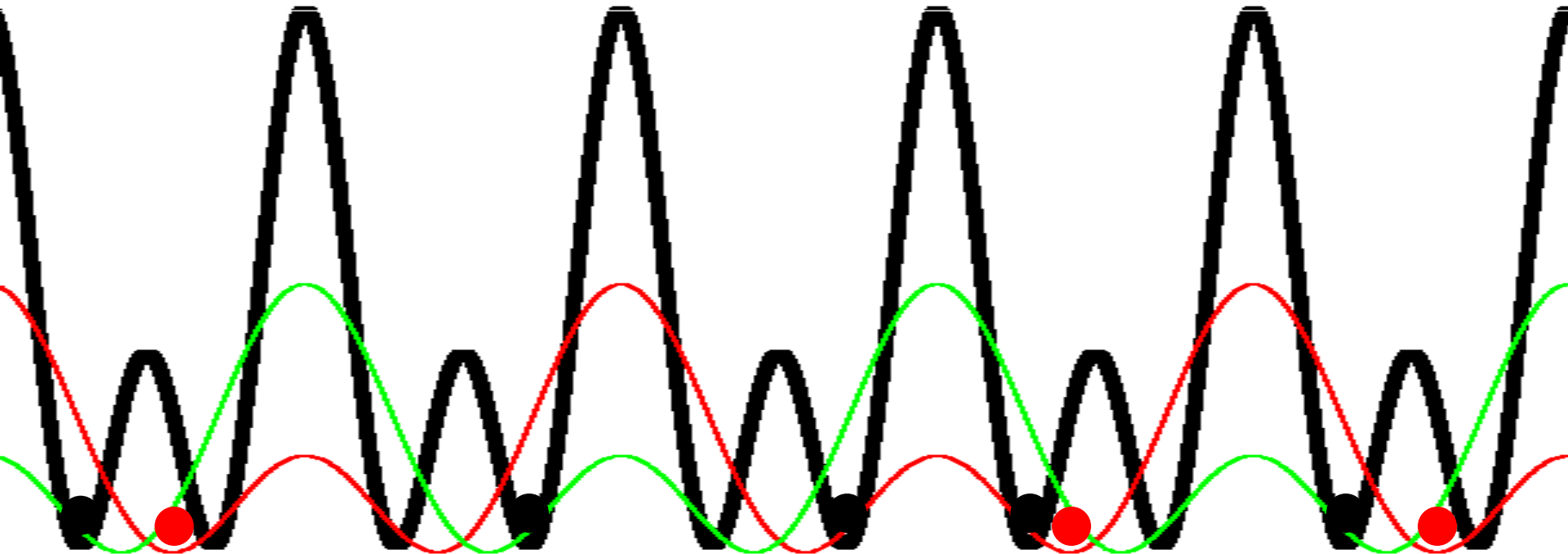
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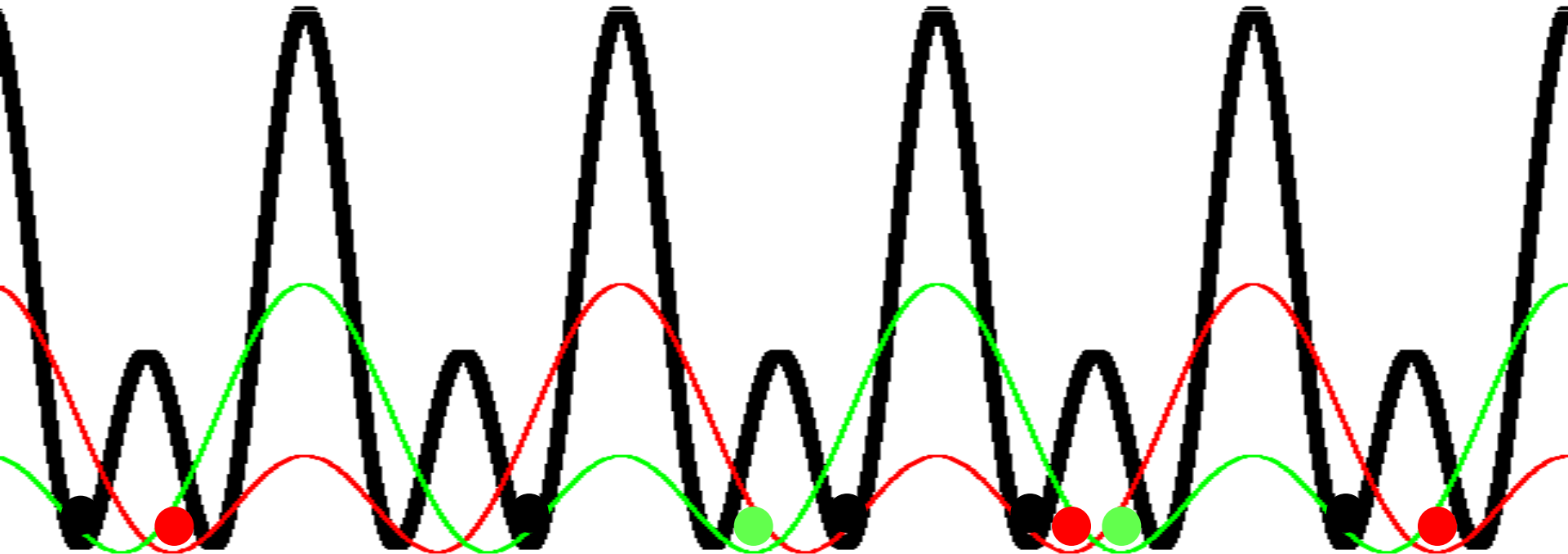
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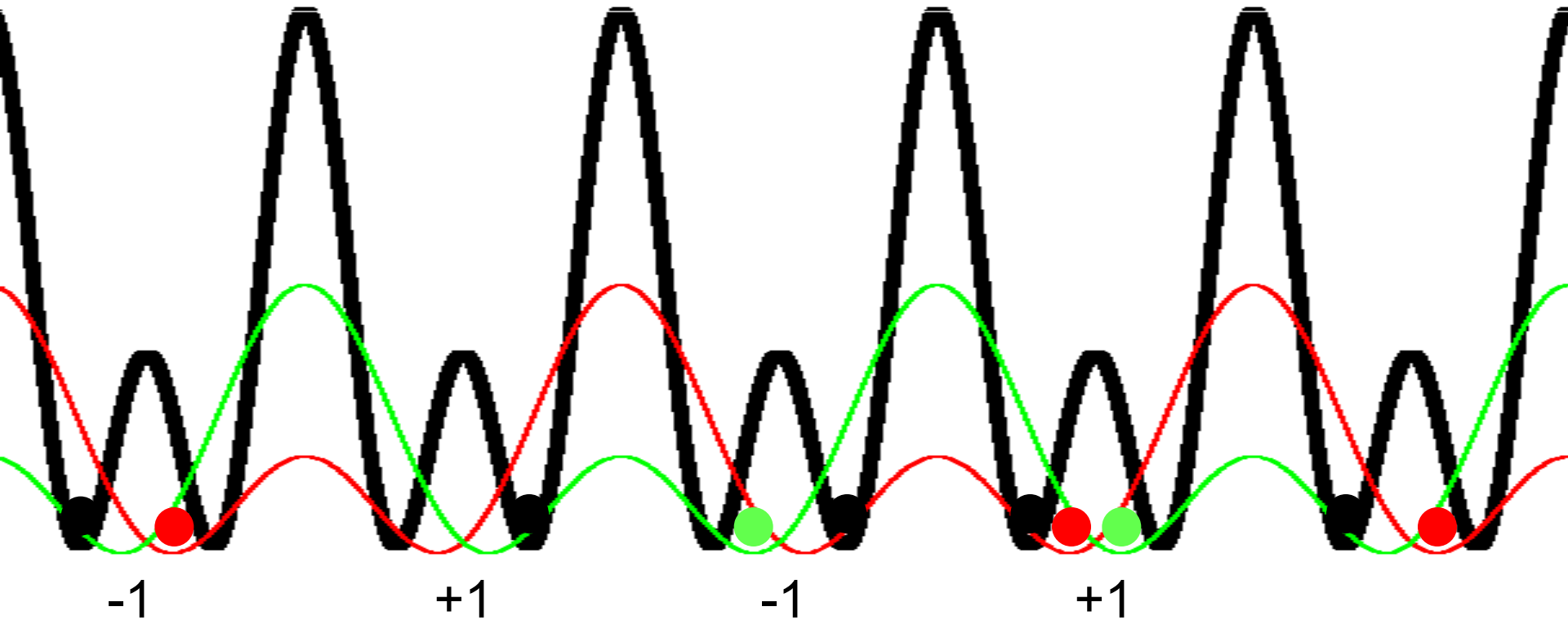
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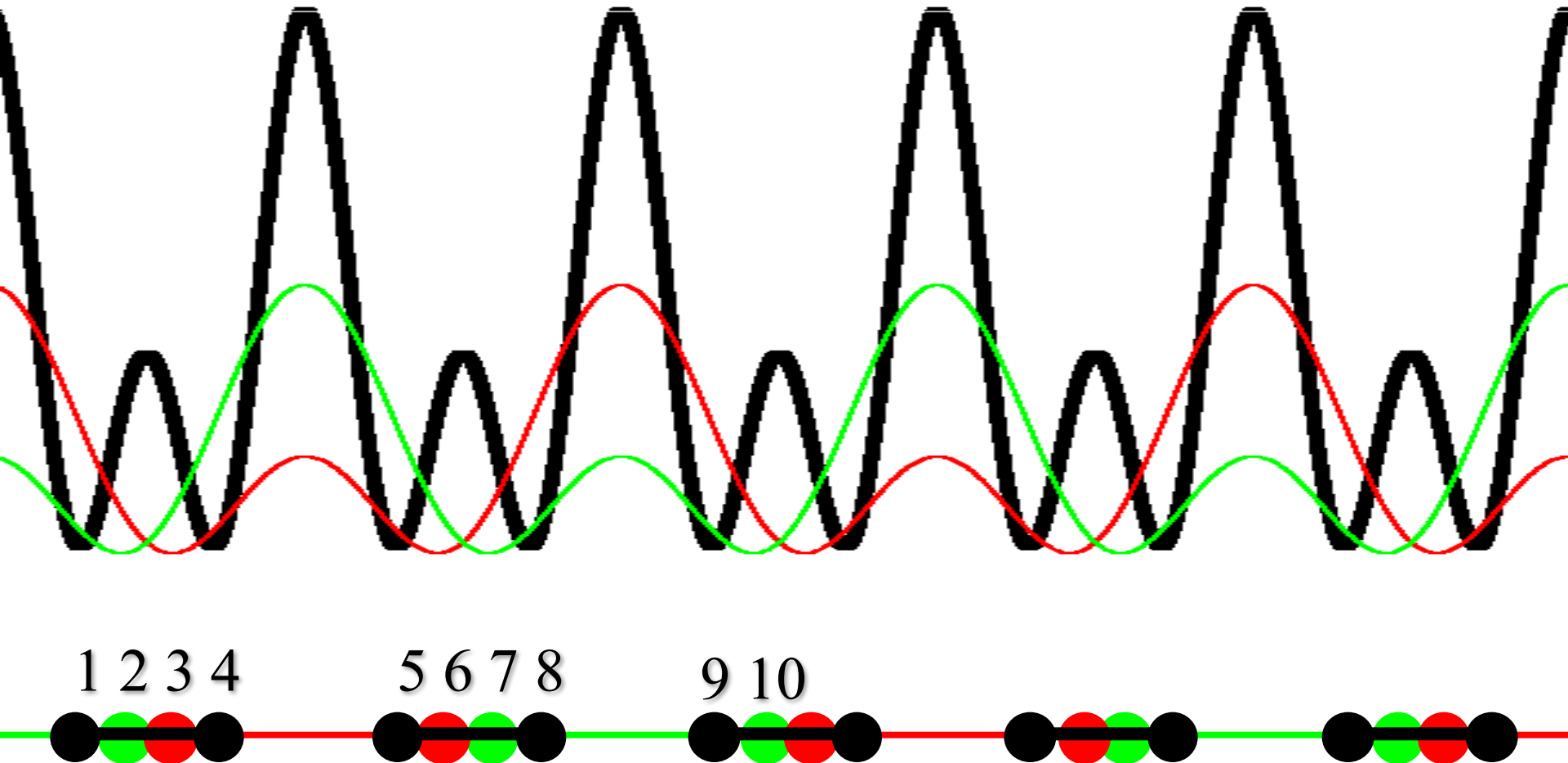
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- These phases are the same as the ones you get by applying a maximally entangling  $CZ$  gate on qubits!

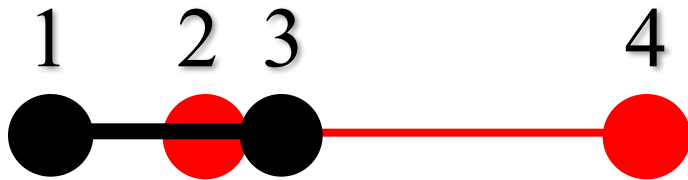
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$$|2\rangle = f_2^+ f_3^+ |\Phi\rangle;$$

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- The basis corresponds to the states:

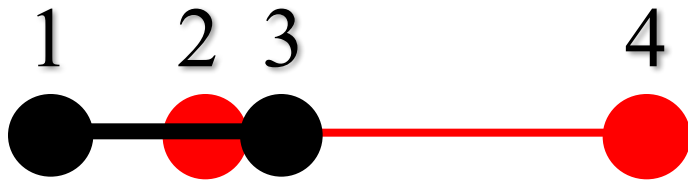
- The Hamiltonian  $H = -\tau(f_1^+ f_3 + f_3^+ f_1 + f_2^+ f_4 + f_4^+ f_2)$  is then:

$$H = -\tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\tau (Z \otimes X - X \otimes Z)$$

**Cluster state stabilizer!**

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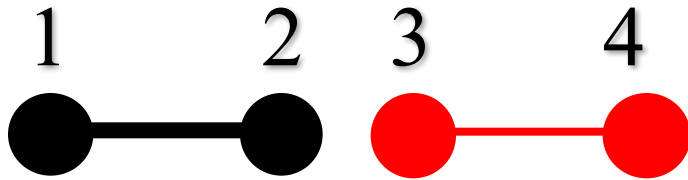
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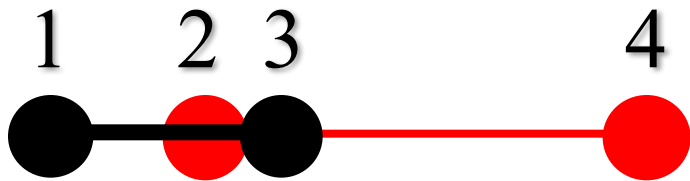
- This is very different from two non-interlocking links:



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- Compare the fermion ground state:

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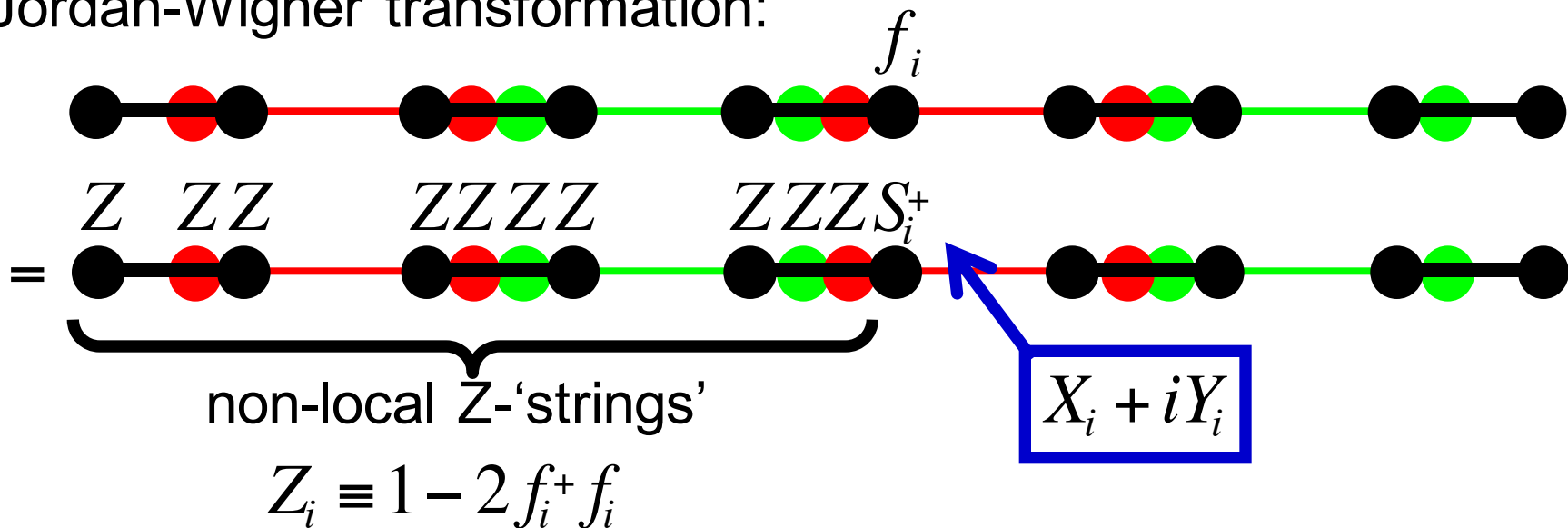
to the modified two-qubit cluster state:

$$Z_1 CZ |++\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |11\rangle).$$

- These are the same if:  $f_1^+ f_2^+ |\Phi\rangle \Leftrightarrow |00\rangle$ ;  $f_1^+ f_4^+ |\Phi\rangle \Leftrightarrow |01\rangle$ ;  
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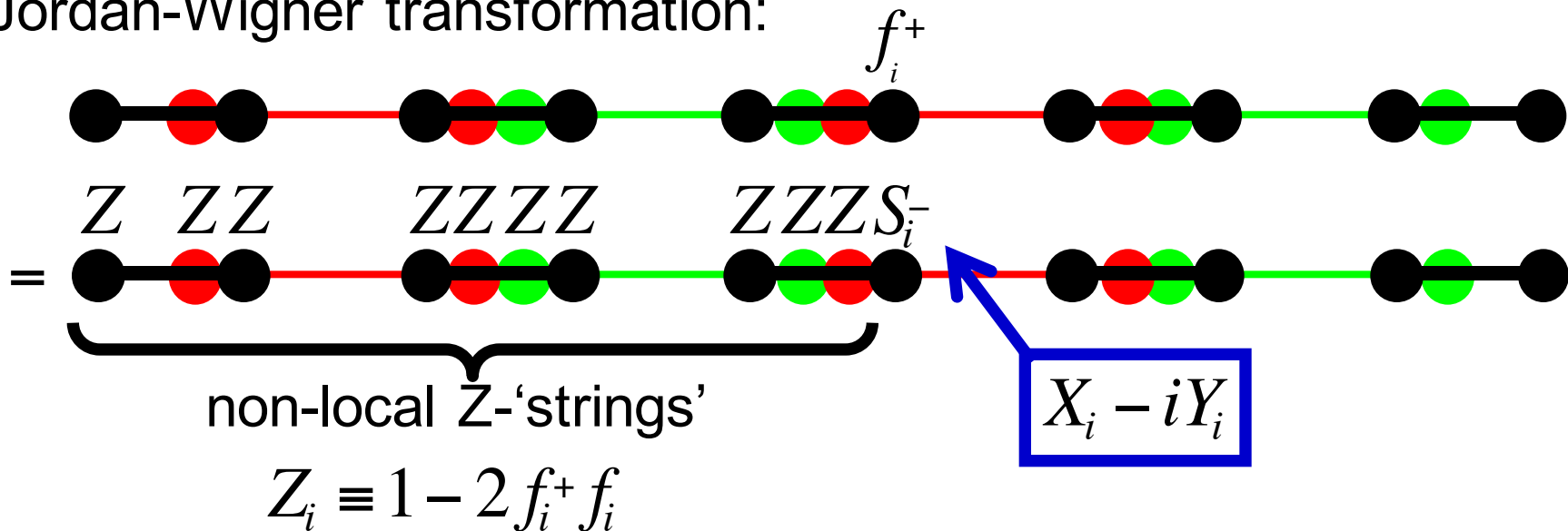
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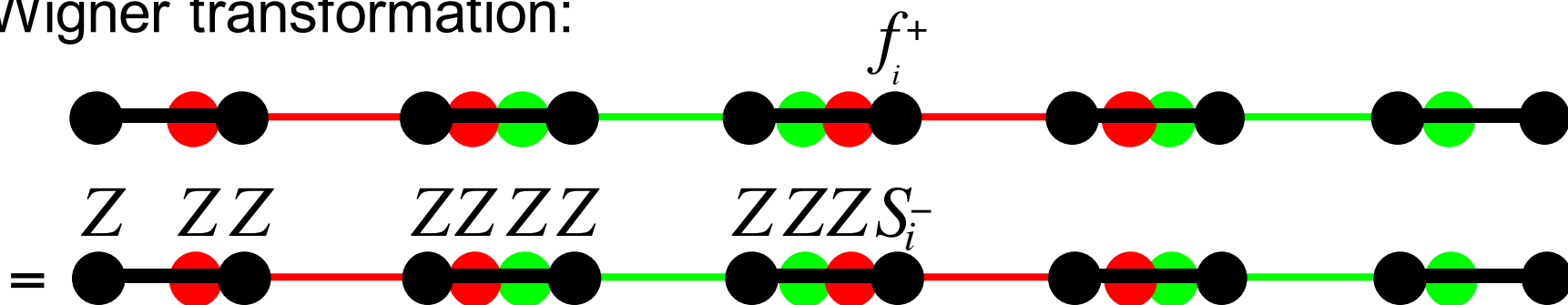
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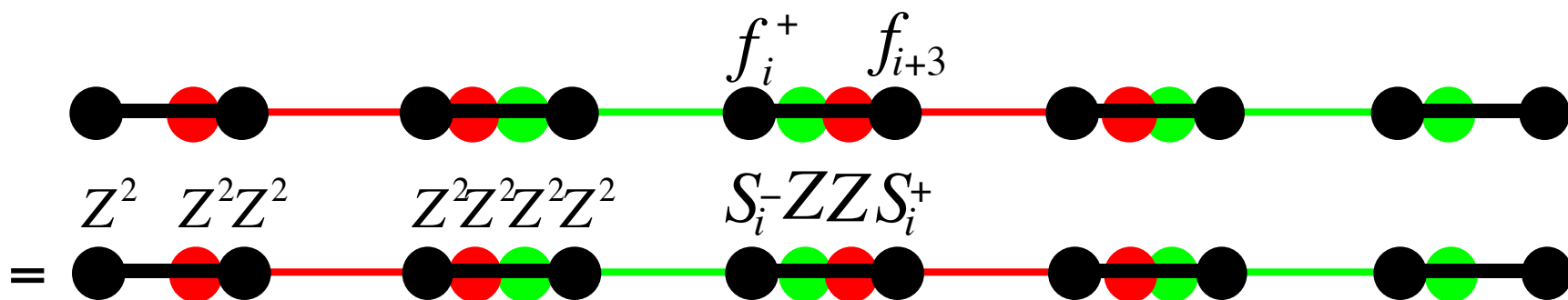


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$Z \quad ZZ \quad ZZZZ \quad ZZZS_i^-$

$f_i^+$

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$S_i^- Z Z S_i^+$

$f_i^+ \quad f_{i+3}^+$

- This term involves four spin operators – Hamiltonian has **effective four-body interactions**.

# Fermions are maximally entangled

- The fermion Hamiltonian in spin form becomes:

$$H = -\frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} Z_{2j+2} Z_{2j+3} (X_{2j+1} X_{2j+4} + Y_{2j+1} Y_{2j+4}).$$

- Introduce an encoded basis  $|\underline{0}_j\rangle \equiv |1_{2j+1} 0_{2j+4}\rangle = f_{2j+1}^\dagger |\mathcal{O}\rangle$ ;  
 $|\underline{1}_j\rangle \equiv |0_{2j+1} 1_{2j+4}\rangle = f_{2j+4}^\dagger |\mathcal{O}\rangle$

- Define  $\underline{X}_j \equiv \frac{1}{2} (X_{2j+1} X_{2j+4} + Y_{2j+1} Y_{2j+4})$  and

$$\underline{Z}_j \equiv I_{2j+1} Z_{2j+4} = -Z_{2j+1} I_{2j+4}$$

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- In the encoded basis the Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \tau \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \underline{Z}_{j-1} \underline{X}_j \underline{Z}_{j+1} - \tau \underline{Z}_{N-1} \underline{X}_N$$

- This is locally equivalent to the 1D cluster-state Hamiltonian! (conjugate sites 1 through  $N-1$  by  $\underline{Z}_j$ ):

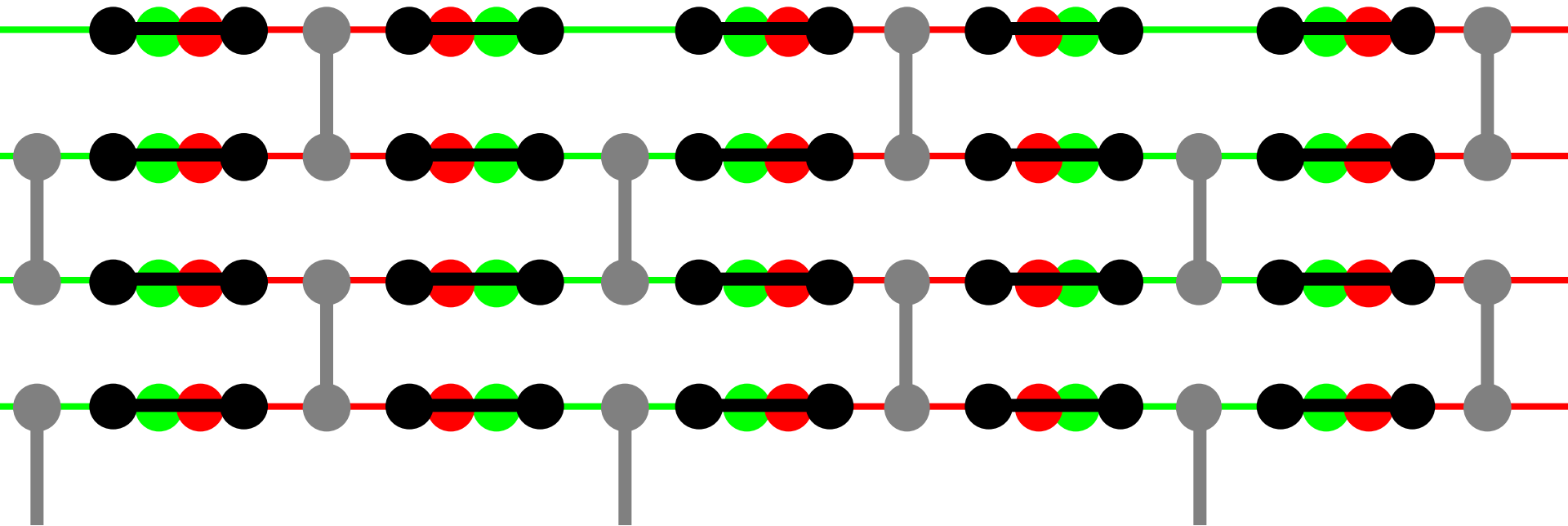
$$H = -\tau \sum_{j=1}^N \underline{Z}_{j-1} \underline{X}_j \underline{Z}_{j+1}$$

- The fermionic ground state is therefore gapped, independent of size (excitations cost energy  $2\tau$ ).



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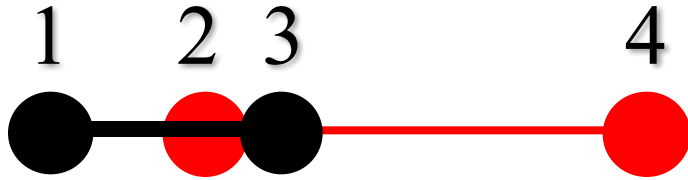
- Likewise, a two-dimensional encoded cluster state can be constructed by non-interacting fermions hopping on this structure:



- So the ground-state of non-interacting fermions hopping on overlapping lattices is universal for measurement-based quantum computation??

# Fermions are maximally entangled, but...

- Of course, there is a catch! Return to the two-qubit case:



- Quantum teleportation requires  $X$ -basis measurements, so first one must transform the first qubit by a Hadamard:

$$\underline{H}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ 1 - 2n_1 + (1 - 2n_2) \left( f_3^\dagger f_1 + f_1^\dagger f_3 \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hopping amplitude (sign) depends on occupation of second site. Need quartic term = particle interactions.

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- So, even though the ground state is maximally entangled, one cannot perform local operations unless the fermions interact!
- In fact, performing a local (encoded) unitary operation  $\underline{U}_1$  instead yields  $\underline{CZ}_{12}\underline{U}_1\underline{CZ}_{12}$  which is a matchgate (modulo local operations).
- For example, performing  $\underline{H}$  yields  $G(H,H)$ .
- This is the measurement-based analog of universal matchgate computing.
- In practice, we need to implement  $\underline{CZ}$  to counteract the induced ones; this requires real interactions. Using this we can construct SWAP.

# Review

- ‘Non-interacting’ bosons are computationally non-trivial
- Non-interacting fermions are efficiently simulatable
- In 1D, all ground states of gapped / frustration-free Hamiltonians are efficiently simulatable. Not so for gapless Hamiltonians
- In 2D or higher, not too much is known! Seemingly trivial extensions of non-interacting fermions are not classically simulatable.
- Relationships among frustration-free/frustrated, gapped/gapless, area law satisfied/violated, ground-state representation efficient/inefficient, ground-state finding efficient/inefficient...?