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Informationalism as a route to quantum gravity, and the unbelievable power of the axiomatic approach

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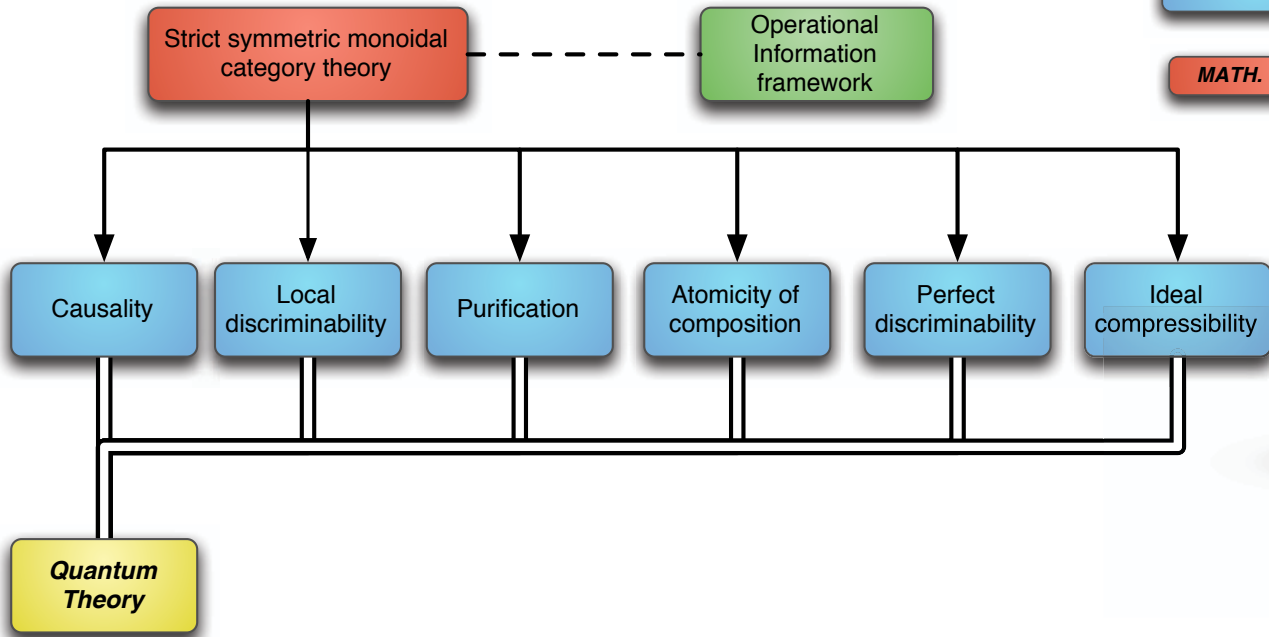
Program

To derive the whole Physics axiomatically

from “principles” stated in form of purely mathematical axioms without physical primitives, but having a thorough physical interpretation.

A solution: informationalism

physical primitives: mass, force, rods, clocks,...



Principles for Quantum Theory



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Informational derivation of quantum theory

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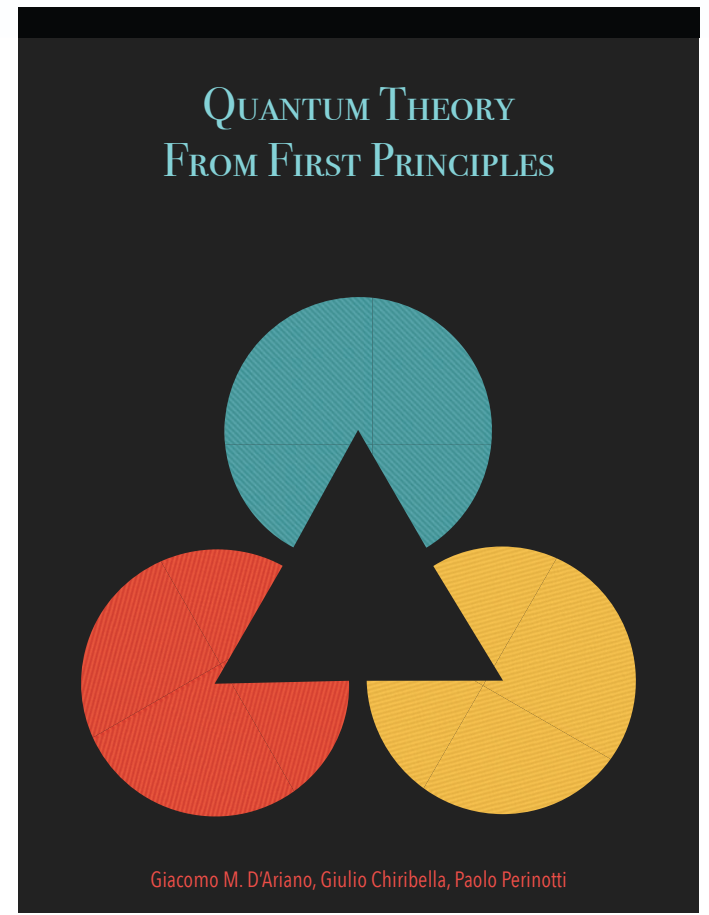
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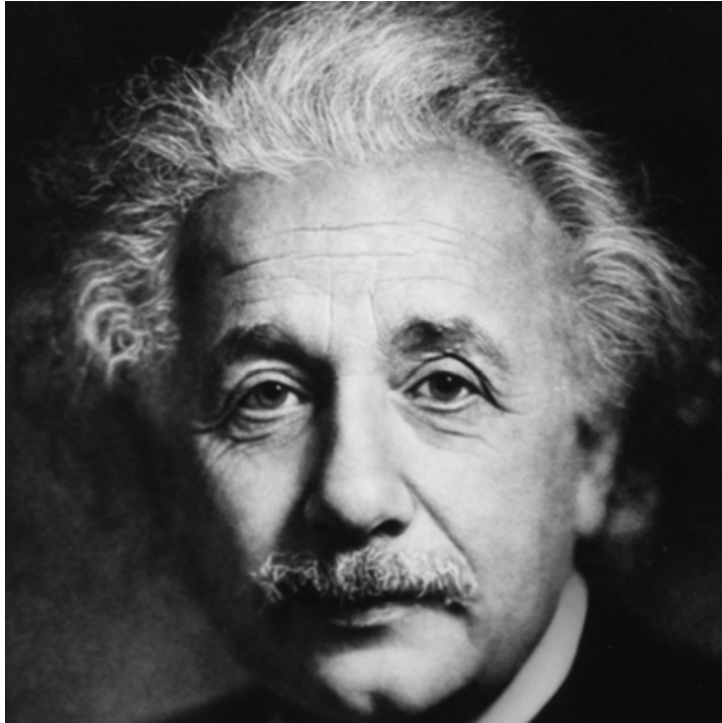
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We derive quantum theory from purely informational principles. Five elementary axioms—causality, perfect distinguishability, ideal compression, local distinguishability, and pure conditioning—define a broad class of theories of information processing that can be regarded as standard. One postulate—purification—singles out quantum theory within this class.

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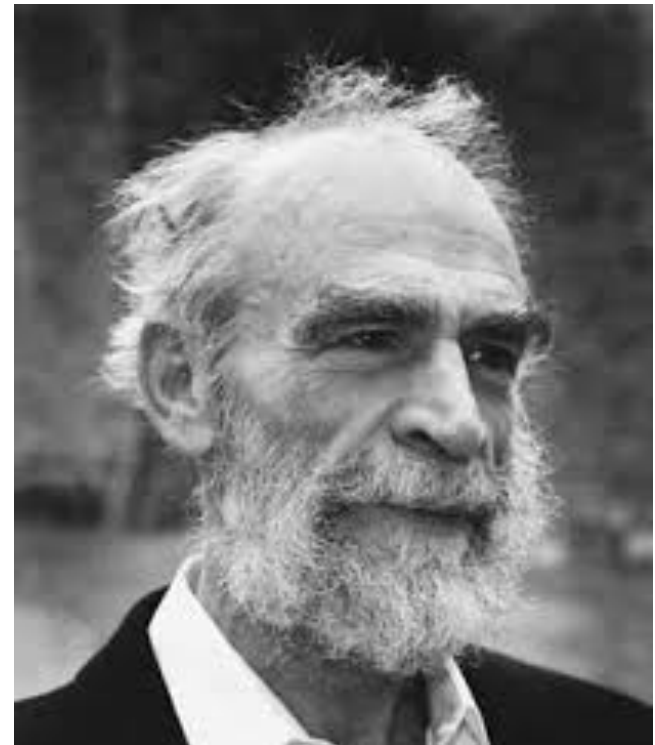


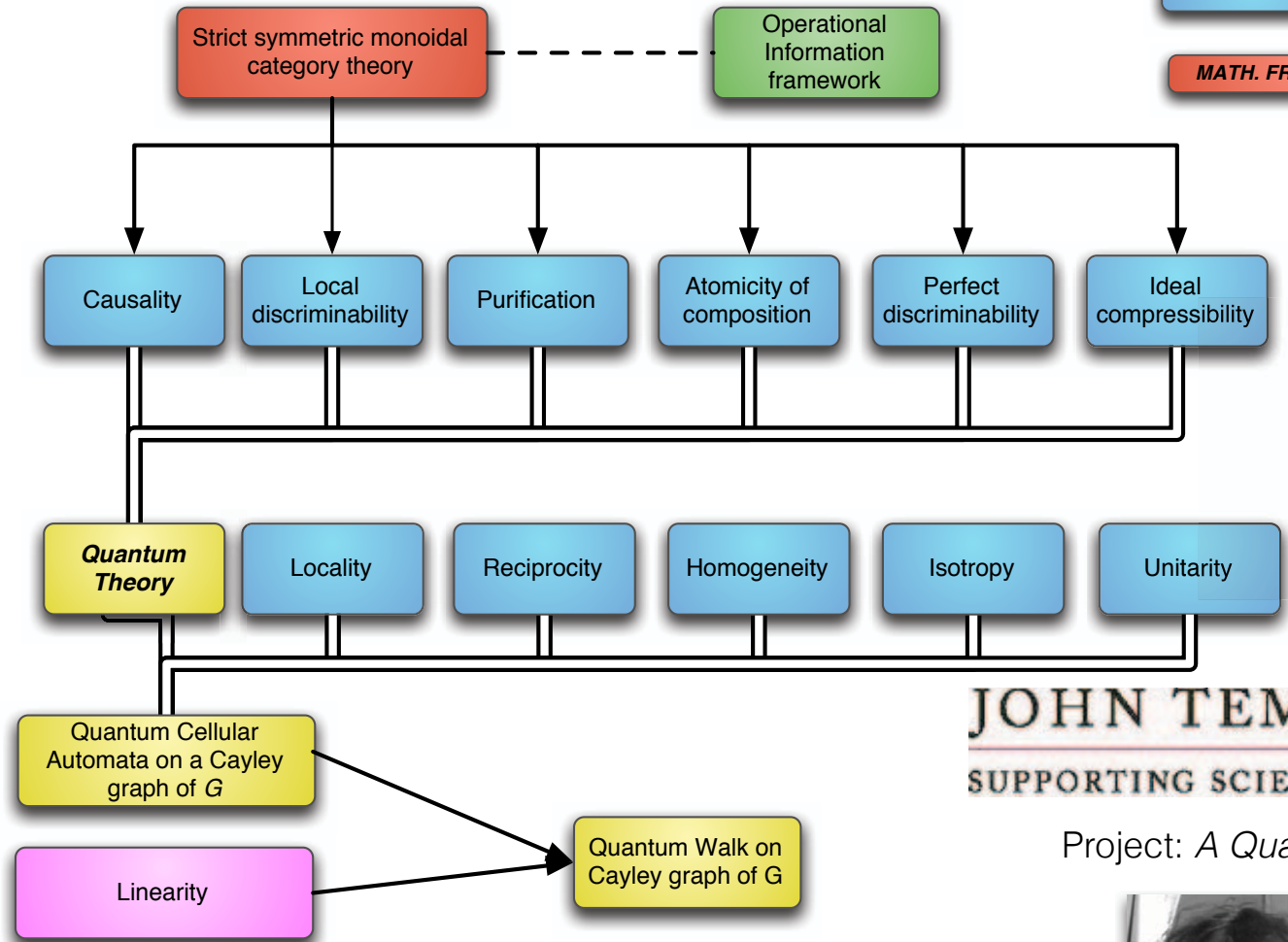


“But you have correctly grasped the drawback that the continuum brings. If the molecular view of matter is the correct (appropriate) one, i.e., if a part of the universe is to be represented by a finite number of moving points, then the continuum of the present theory contains too great a manifold of possibilities. I also believe that this too great is responsible for the fact that our present means of description miscarry with the quantum theory. The problem seems to me how one can formulate statements about a discontinuum without calling upon a continuum (space-time) as an aid; the latter should be banned from the theory as a supplementary construction not justified by the essence of the problem, which corresponds to nothing “real”. But we still lack the mathematical structure unfortunately. How much have I already plagued myself in this way!”

A new mathematics for a discrete space-time:
geometric group theory

Mikhail Gromov



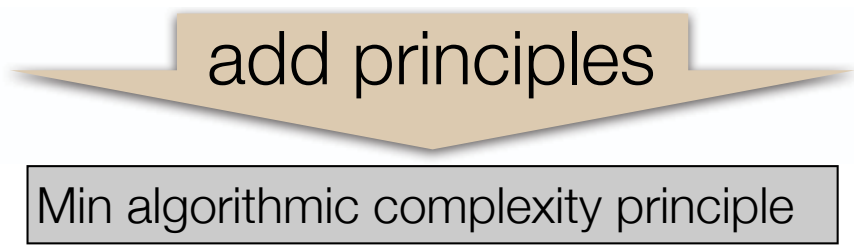


Principles for Mechanics

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- *Mechanics (QFT) derived in terms of countably many quantum systems in interaction*



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Quantum walk on Cayley graph

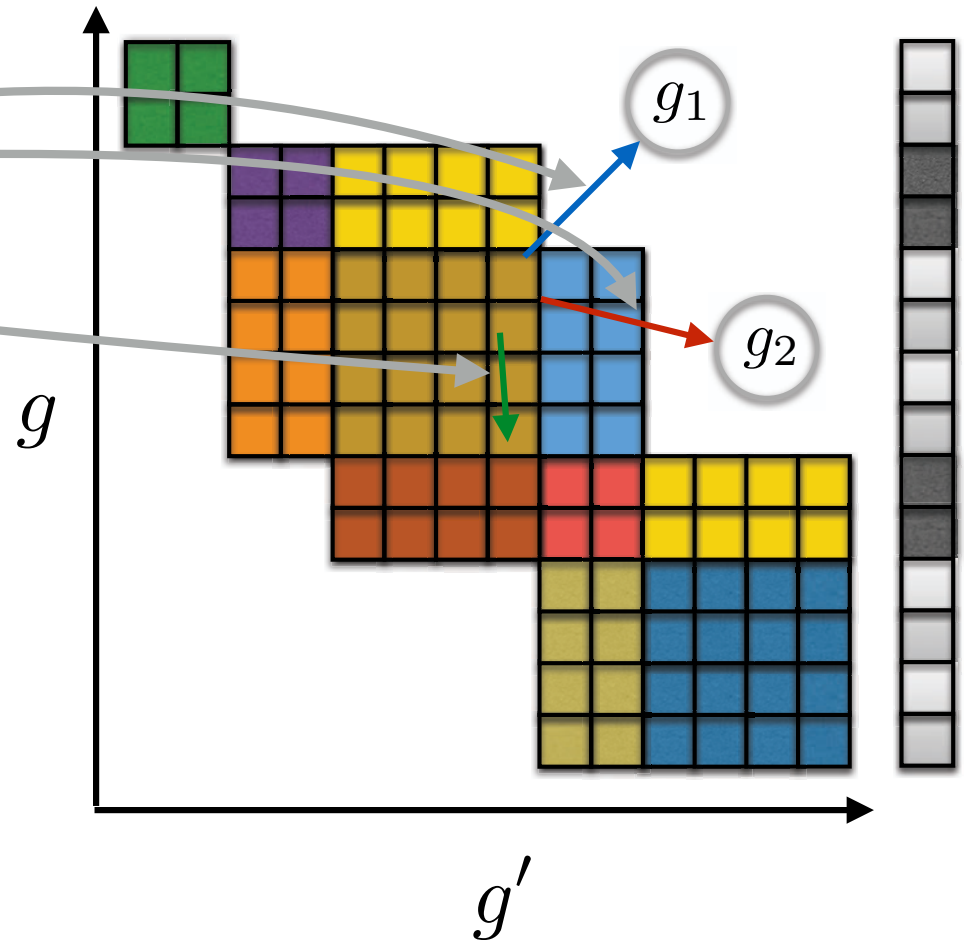
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Evolution

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$$\sum_{g'} A_{gg'} A_{g''g'}^\dagger = \sum_{g'} A_{gg'}^\dagger A_{g''g'} = \delta_{gg''} I_{s_g}$$

Build a directed graph with an arrow from g to g' wherever they are connected by $A_{gg'} \neq 0$



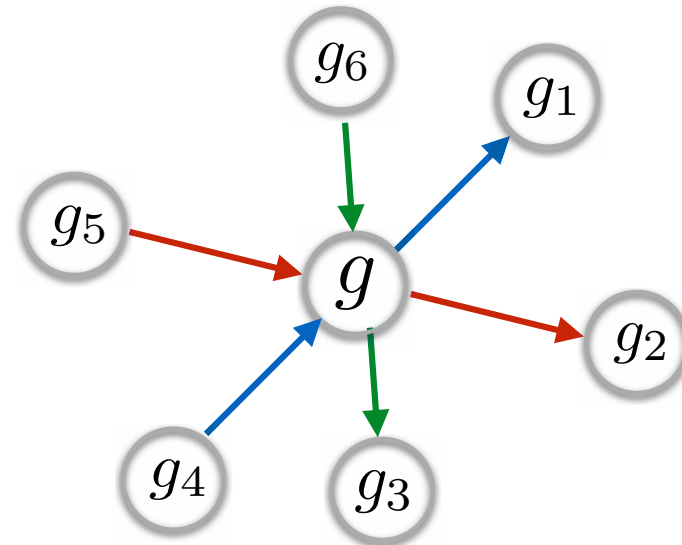
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- 1) Locality: S_g uniformly bounded
 - 2) Reciprocity: $A_{gg'} \neq 0 \implies A_{g'g} \neq 0$
 - 3) Homogeneity: all $g \in G$ are “equivalent”
- $S_g = S$, $s_g = s$... label $A_{gg'} =: A_h$, $h \in S$

define the “action” on the set of vertices G : $gh := g'$ whenever $A_{gg'} = A_h$

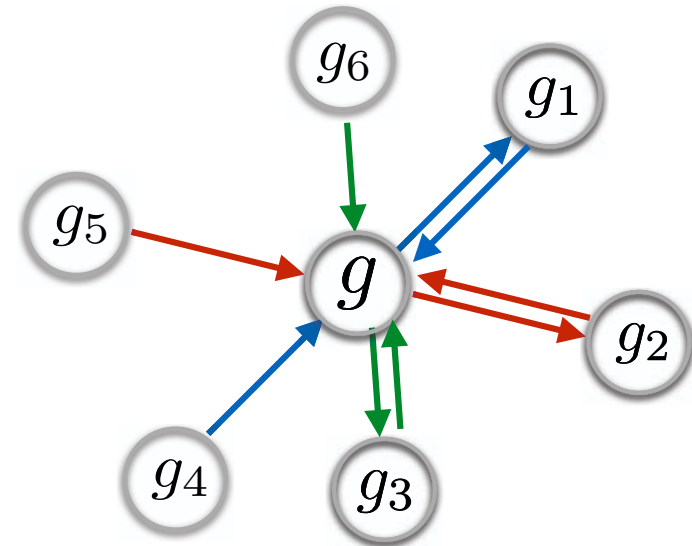
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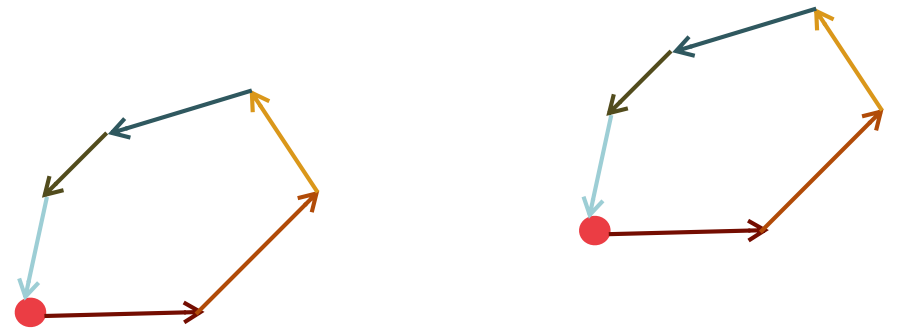


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A sequence $A_{h_N} A_{h_{N-1}} \dots A_{h_1}$ connects g to itself, namely $gh_1 h_2 \dots h_N = g$, then it must also connect any other g' to itself, i.e. $g' h_1 h_2 \dots h_N = g'$.

From 2): two-loop $ghh^{-1} = g$ defines uniquely h^{-1} for h and viceversa

$$A_{gg'} =: A_h, \quad A_{g'g} =: A_{h^{-1}}, \quad h \in S \equiv S_+ \cup S_-, \quad S_- := S_+^{-1}$$



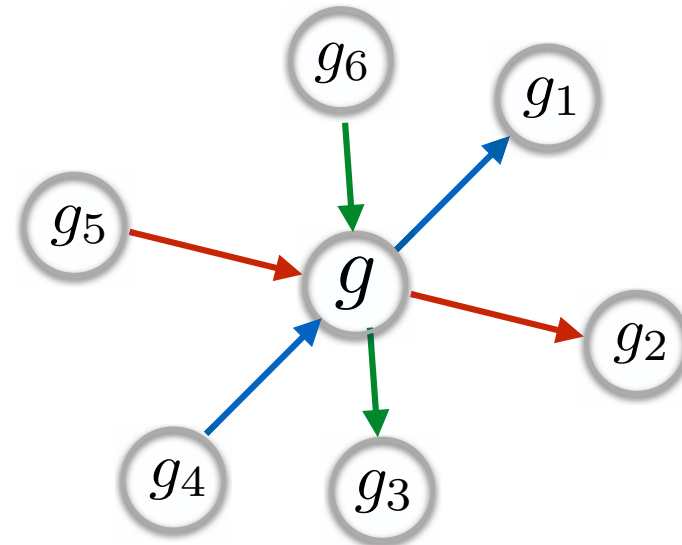
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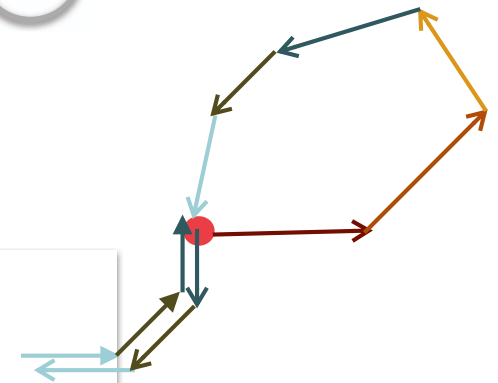
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Build the free group F of words made with letters:

$$h \in S := S_+ \cup S_-$$

with action on vertices in $G: gh := g'$ whenever $A_{gg'} = A_h$

Consider the subgroup H of closed paths ➔ H normal subgroup of F



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$\Gamma(G, S_+)$ colored directed graph with vertices $g \in G$ and edges (g, g') with $g' = gh$

Either the graph is connected, or it consists of disconnected copies.

W.l.g. assume it as connected.

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Being H normal, one concludes that:

$G = F/H = \langle S R \rangle$ is a group with Cayley graph $\Gamma(G, S_+)$ (the identity any element $e \in G$).

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The following operator over the Hilbert space $\ell^2(G) \otimes \mathbb{C}^s$ is unitary

$$A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h$$

where T is the right regular representation of G on $\ell^2(G)$ acting as

$$T_g |g'\rangle = |g'g^{-1}\rangle$$

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- 4) Isotropy:

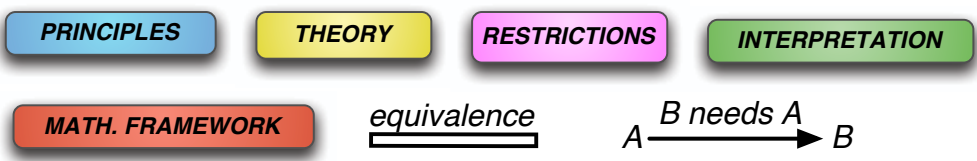
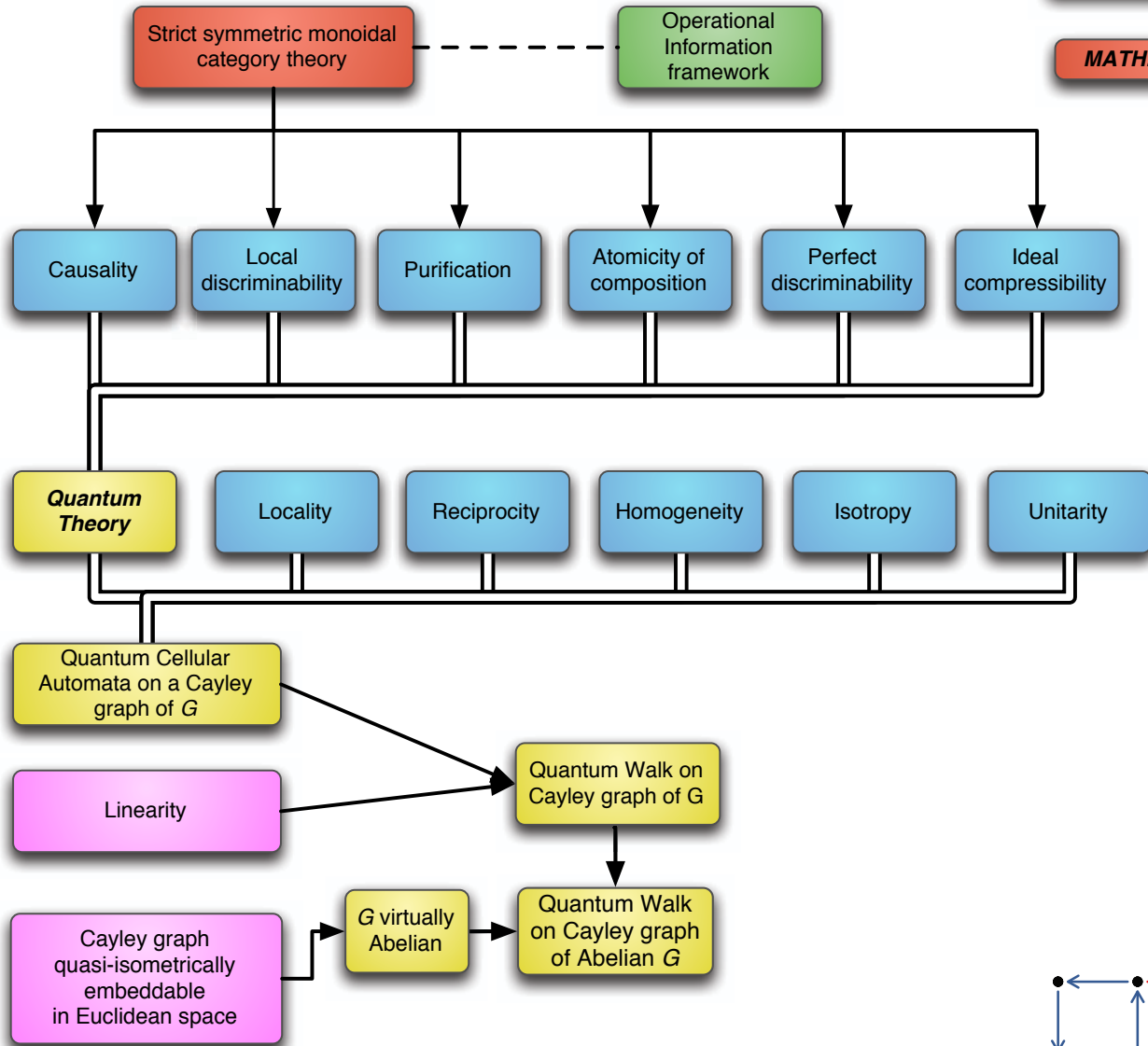
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Quantum Walk on Cayley graph

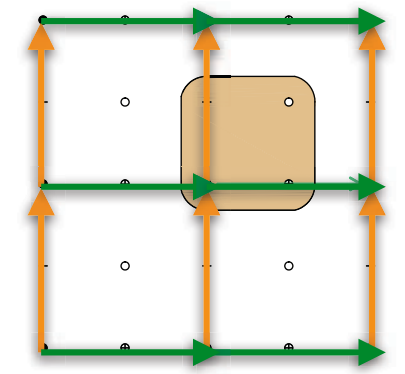
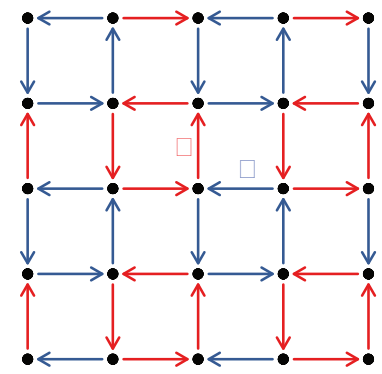
There exist:

- a group L of permutations of S_+ , transitive over S_+ that leaves the Cayley graph invariant
- a unitary s -dimensional (projective) representation $\{L\}$ of L such that:

$$A = \sum_{h \in S} T_h \otimes A_h = \sum_{h \in S} T_{lh} \otimes L_l A_h L_l$$

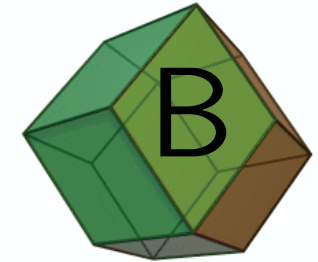


$$\langle c, d \mid c^4, d^4, (cd)^2 \rangle$$



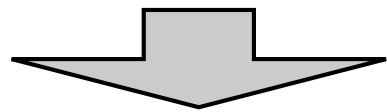
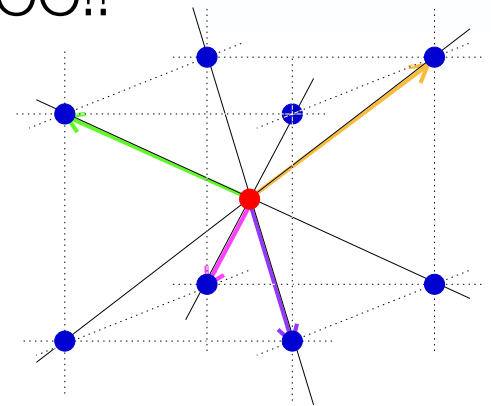
The Weyl QW

☞ Minimal dimension for nontrivial unitary A : $s=2$



Unitarity + isotropy \Rightarrow for $d=3$ the only Cayley is the BCC!!

Unitary operator:
$$A = \int_B^{\oplus} d\mathbf{k} A_{\mathbf{k}}$$



Two QWs
connected
by P

$$A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = -i\sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \\ \mp i\sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ - i\sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \\ + I (c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)$$

$$s_{\alpha} = \sin \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ c_{\alpha} = \cos \frac{k_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

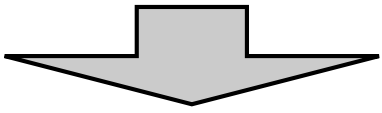
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$$i\partial_t\psi(t) \simeq \frac{i}{2}[\psi(t+1) - \psi(t-1)] = \frac{i}{2}(A - A^\dagger)\psi(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{2}(A_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm - A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm\dagger}) = & + \sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \quad \text{“Hamiltonian”} \\ & \pm \sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ & + \sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \end{aligned}$$

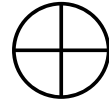
$k \ll 1$  $i\partial_t\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm \cdot \mathbf{k}\psi$  Weyl equation! $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^\pm := (\sigma_x, \pm\sigma_y, \sigma_z)$


Two QCAs
connected
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$$\begin{aligned} A_{\mathbf{k}}^\pm = & -i\sigma_x (s_x c_y c_z \pm c_x s_y s_z) \\ & \mp i\sigma_y (c_x s_y c_z \mp s_x c_y s_z) \\ & -i\sigma_z (c_x c_y s_z \pm s_x s_y c_z) \\ & + I(c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_\alpha &= \sin \frac{k_\alpha}{\sqrt{3}} \\ c_\alpha &= \cos \frac{k_\alpha}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Dirac QW



Local coupling: $A_{\mathbf{k}}$ coupled with its inverse with off-diagonal identity block matrix

$$E_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{pmatrix} nA_{\mathbf{k}} & imI \\ imI & nA_{\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n^2 + m^2 = 1 \quad n, m \in \mathbb{R}$$

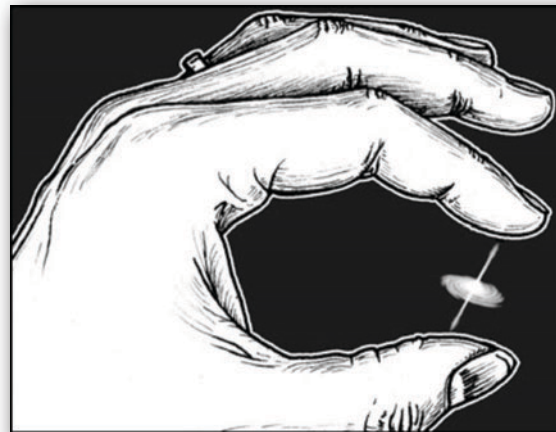
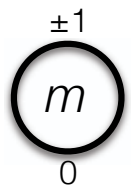
$E_{\mathbf{k}}$ CPT-connected!

$$\omega_{\pm}^E(\mathbf{k}) = \cos^{-1}[n(c_x c_y c_z \mp s_x s_y s_z)]$$

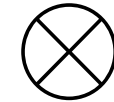
Dirac in relativistic limit $k \ll m \ll 1$

m : mass, $m^2 \leq 1$

n^{-1} : refraction index



Maxwell QW

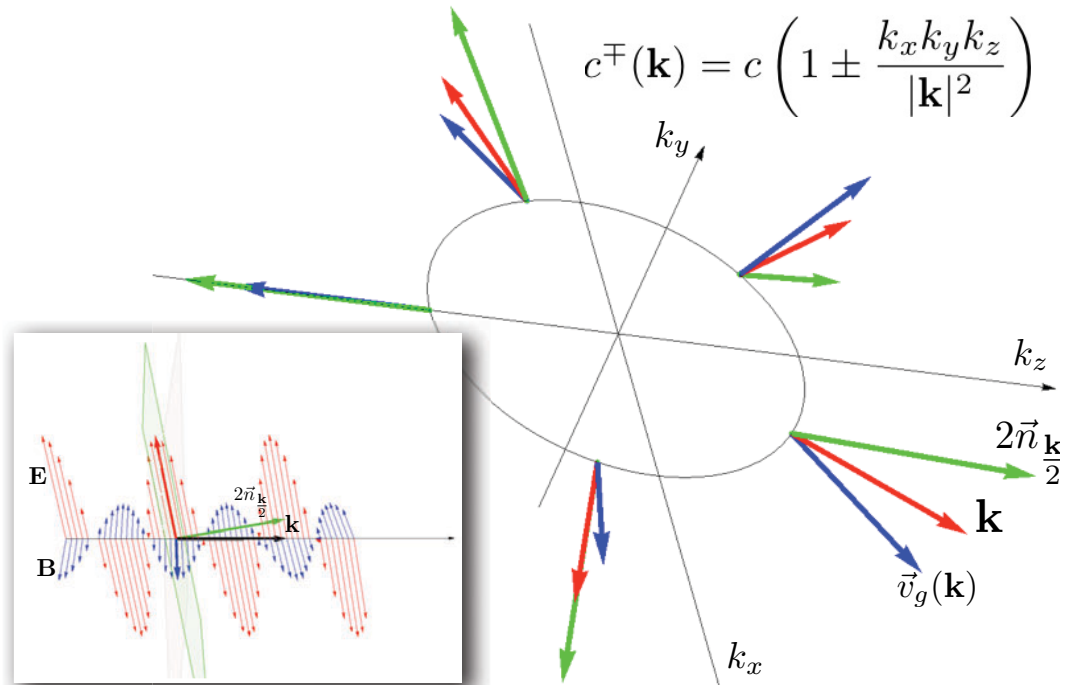


$$M_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} = A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm} \otimes A_{\mathbf{k}}^{\pm*}$$

$$F^{\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{2\pi} f(\mathbf{q}) \tilde{\psi}(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} - \mathbf{q}) \sigma^{\mu} \varphi(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} + \mathbf{q})$$

Maxwell in relativistic limit $k \ll 1$

Boson: emergent from convolution of fermions
(De Broglie neutrino-theory of photon)



Dirac emerging from the QCA

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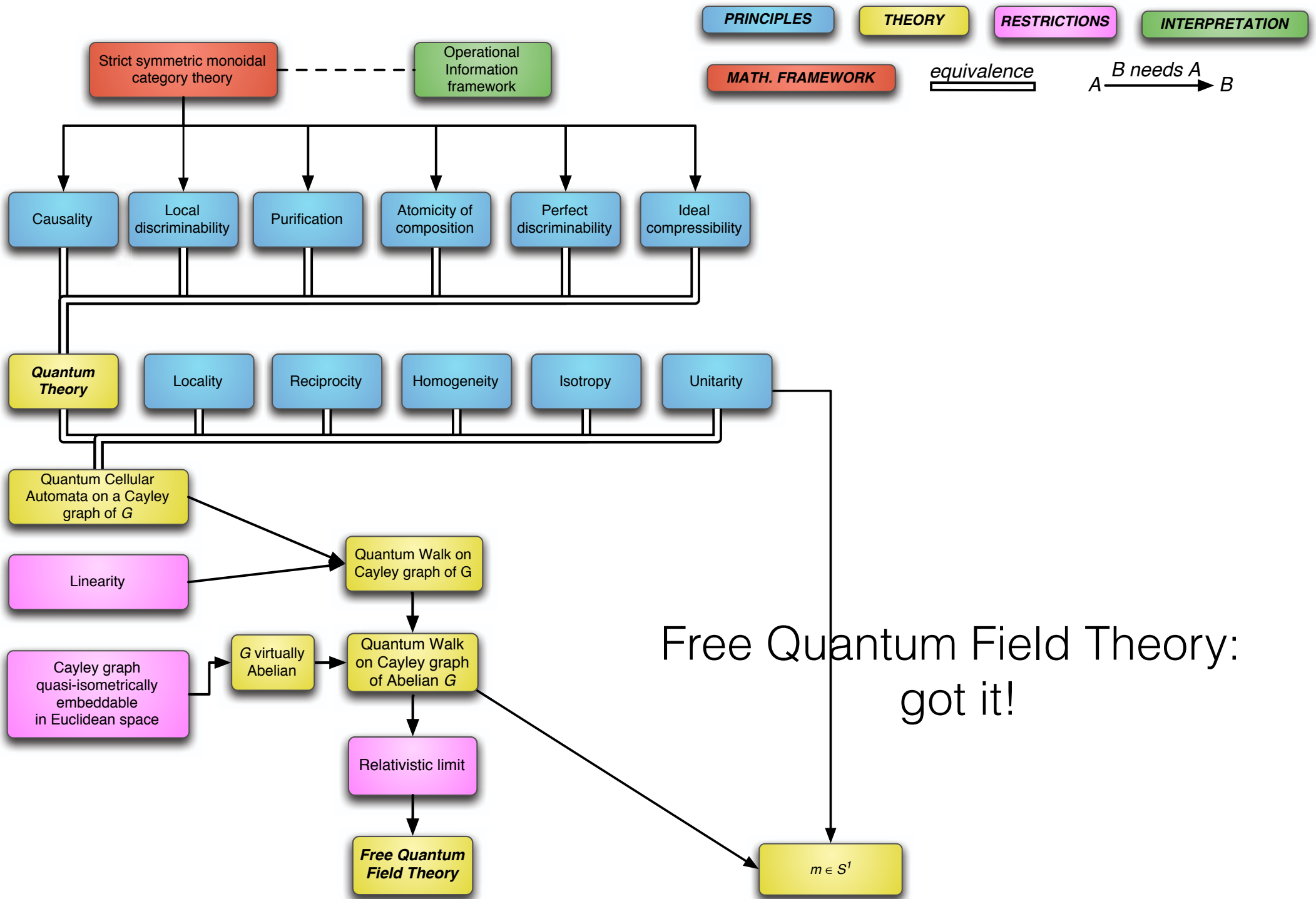
Fidelity with Dirac for a narrowband packets in the relativistic limit $k \simeq m \ll 1$

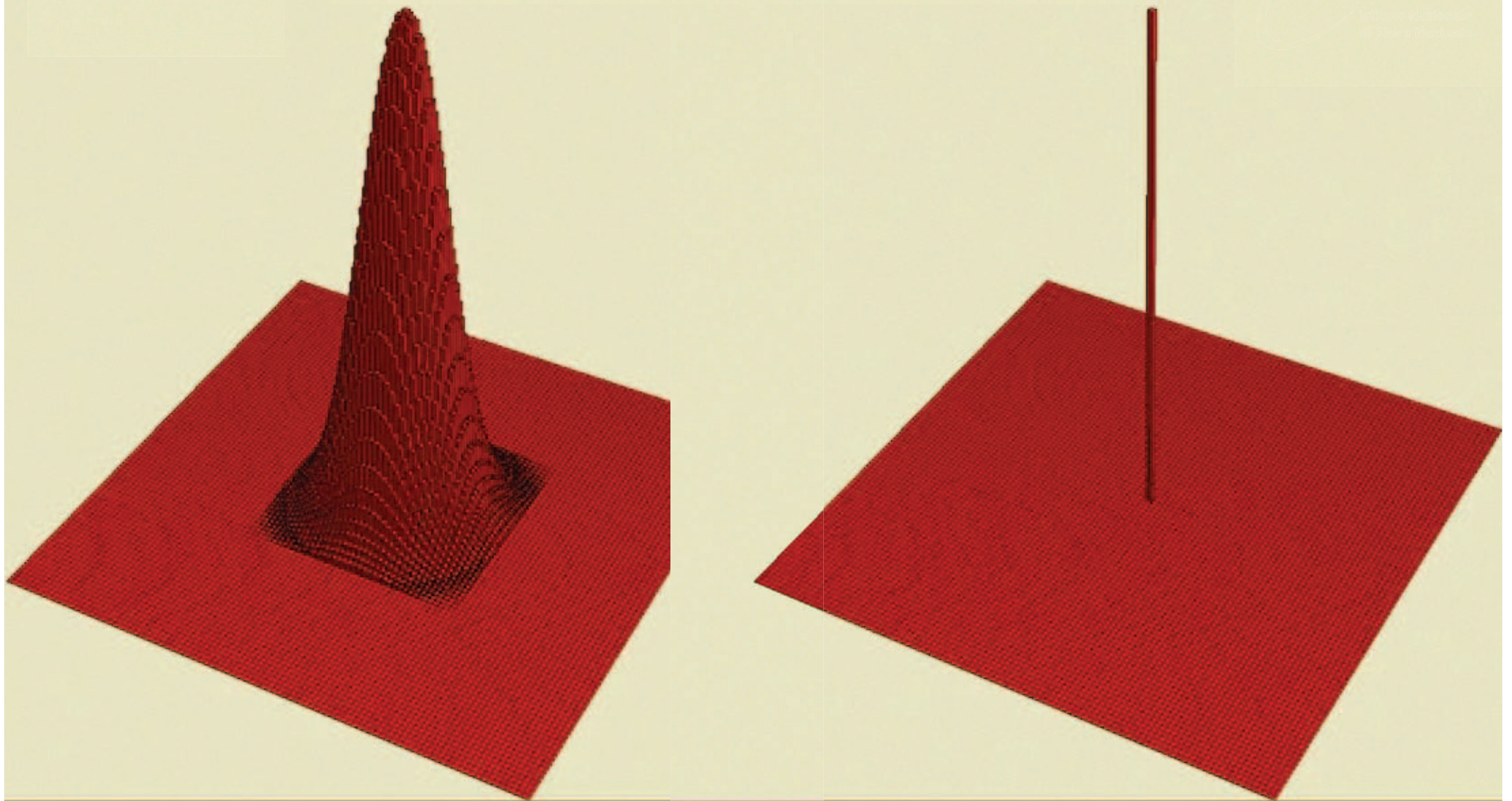
$$F = |\langle \exp[-iN\Delta(\mathbf{k})] \rangle|$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\mathbf{k}) &:= \left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \omega^E(\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}k_x k_y k_z}{\left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{3(k_x k_y k_z)^2}{\left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{24}\left(m^2 + \frac{k^2}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(k^4 + N^{-1}k^2)\end{aligned}$$

relativistic proton: $N \simeq m^{-3} = 2.2 * 10^{57} \Rightarrow t = 1.2 * 10^{14} \text{ s} = 3.7 * 10^6 \text{ y}$

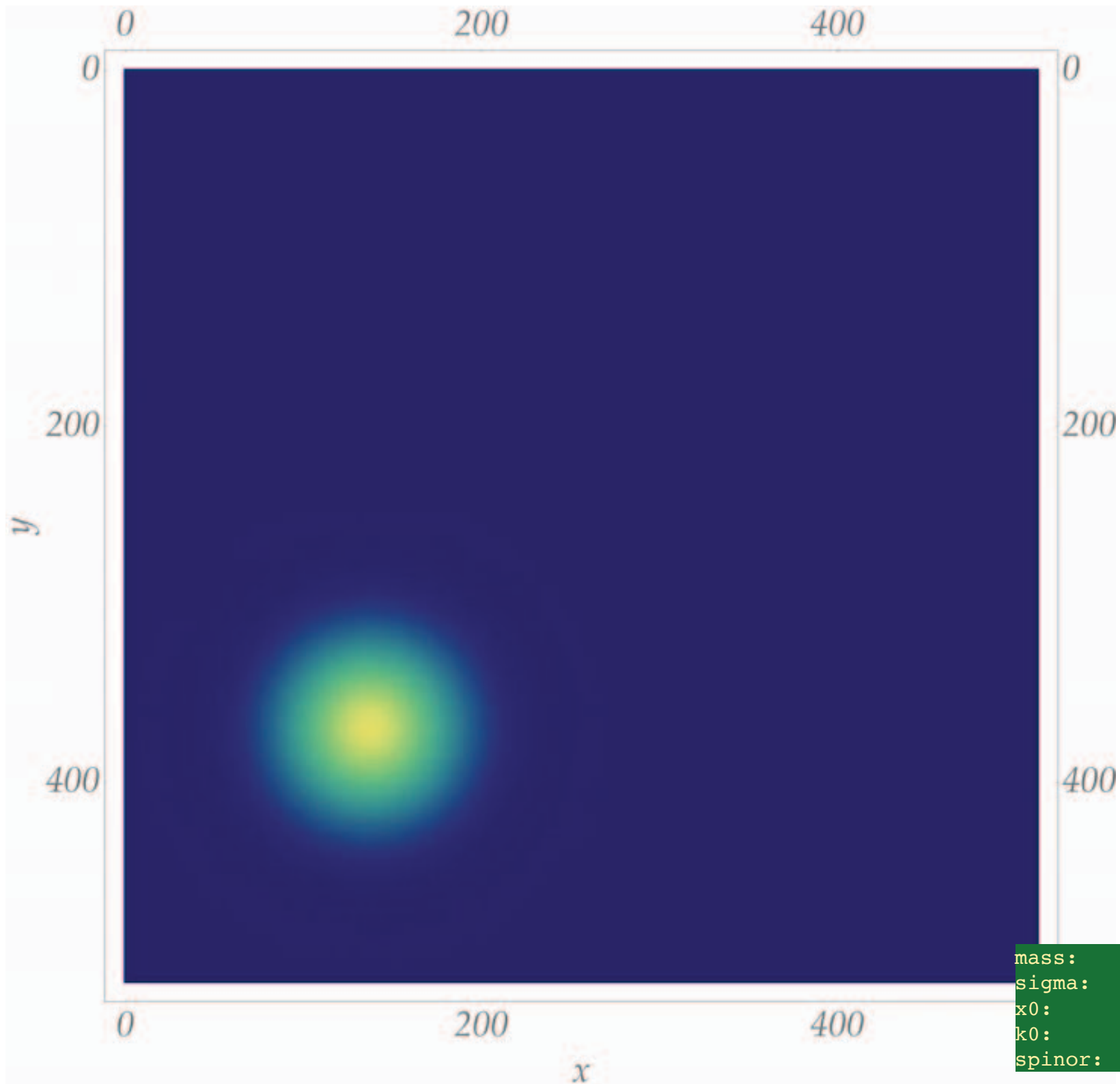
UHECRs: $k = 10^{-8} \gg m \Rightarrow N \simeq k^{-2} = 10^{16} \Rightarrow 5 * 10^{-28} \text{ s}$





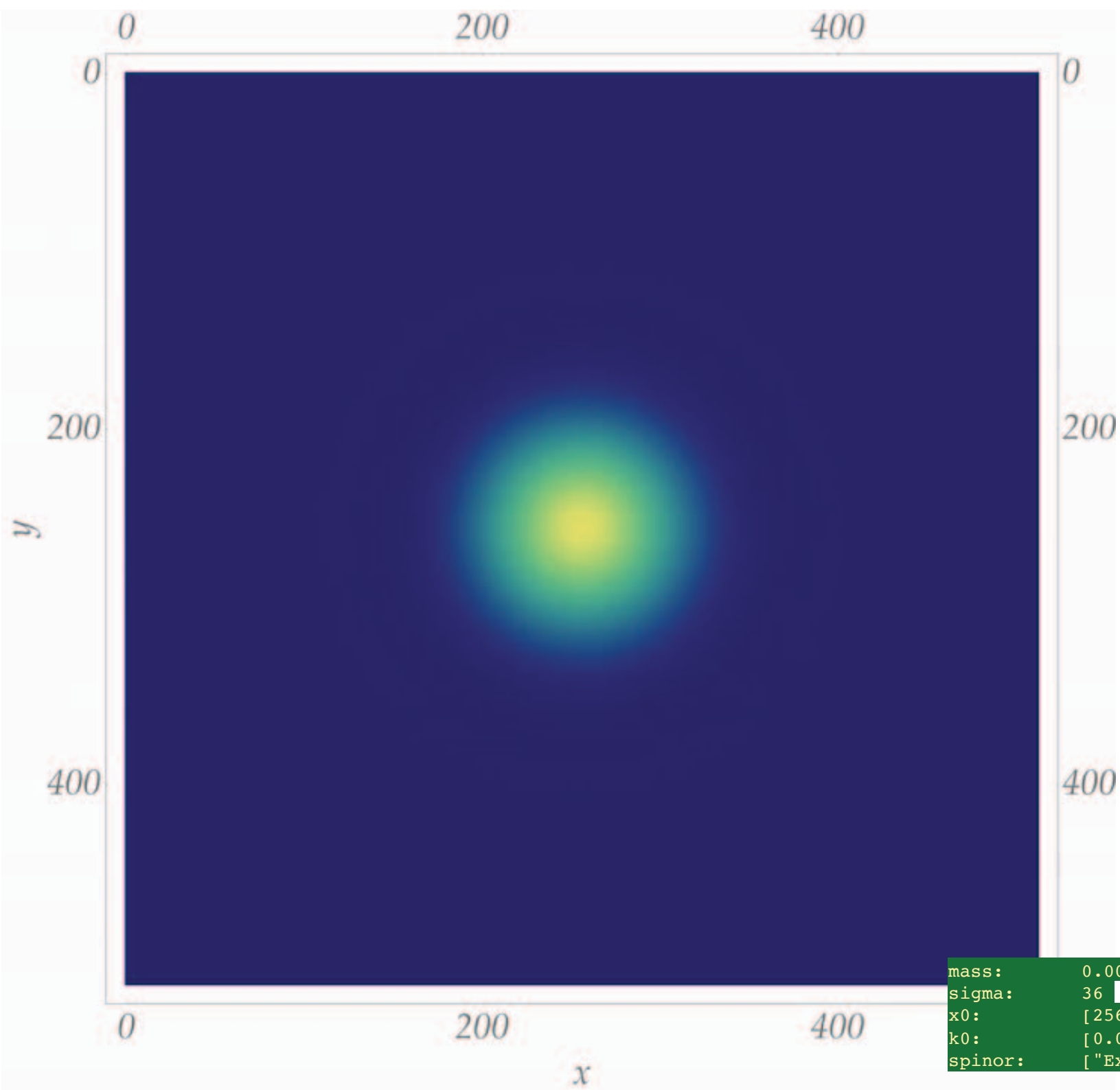
2d Dirac

- Evolution of a *narrow-band particle-state*
- Evolution of a *localized state*



Dirac 3d

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mass: 0.002
sigma: 32
x0: [140,140,140]
k0: [0.05,0.05,0.05]
spinor: ["Exp[I k0.#]",0,0,0]
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Dirac 3d

Analytical solution of Dirac (d=1) and Weyl (d=1,2,3)

The analytical solution of the Dirac automaton can also be expressed in terms of Jacobi polynomials $P_k^{(\zeta,\rho)}$ performing the sum over f in Eq. (16) which finally gives

$$\psi(x, t) = \sum_y \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1\}} \gamma_{a,b} P_k^{(1,-t)} \left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{m}{n} \right)^2 \right) A_{ab} \psi(y, 0),$$

$$k = \mu_+ - \frac{a \oplus b + 1}{2},$$

$$\gamma_{a,b} = -(\mathbf{i}^{a \oplus b}) n^t \left(\frac{m}{n} \right)^{2+a \oplus b} \frac{k! \left(\mu_{(-)ab} + \frac{a \oplus b}{2} \right)}{(2)_k}, \quad (18)$$

where $\gamma_{00} = \gamma_{11} = 0$ ($\gamma_{10} = \gamma_{01} = 0$) for $t + x - y$ odd (even) and $(x)_k = x(x+1) \cdots (x+k-1)$.

Dispersive Schrödinger equation

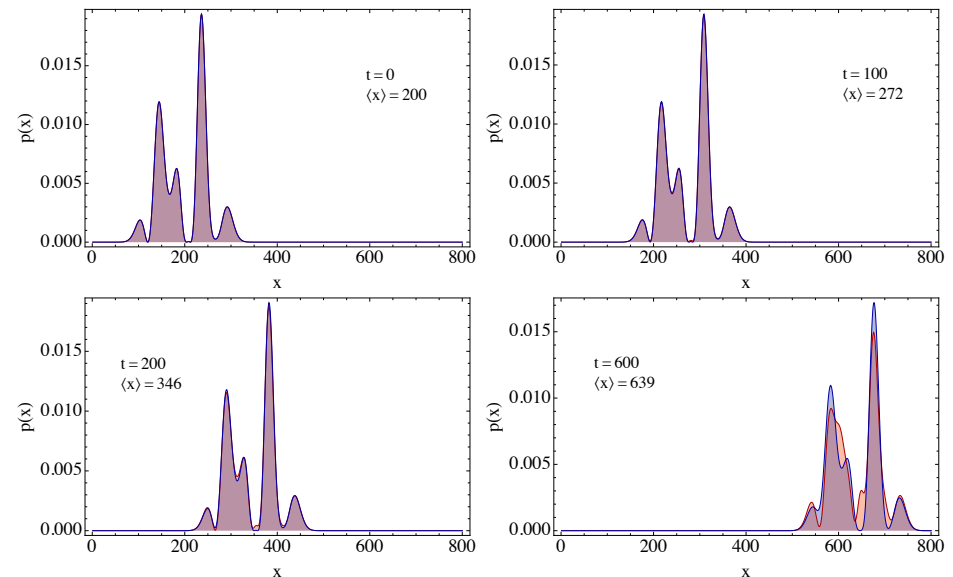
$$i\partial_t e^{-i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} + i\omega_0 t} \psi(\mathbf{k}, t) = s[\omega(\mathbf{k}) - \omega_0] e^{-i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} + i\omega_0 t} \psi(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

$$i\partial_t \psi(\mathbf{k}, t) = s[\omega(\mathbf{k}) - \omega_0] \psi(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

$$i\partial_t \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = s\left[\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla \nabla\right] \psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \omega)(\mathbf{k}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{D} = (\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \omega)(\mathbf{k}_0)$$



The LTM standards of the theory

Dimensionless variables

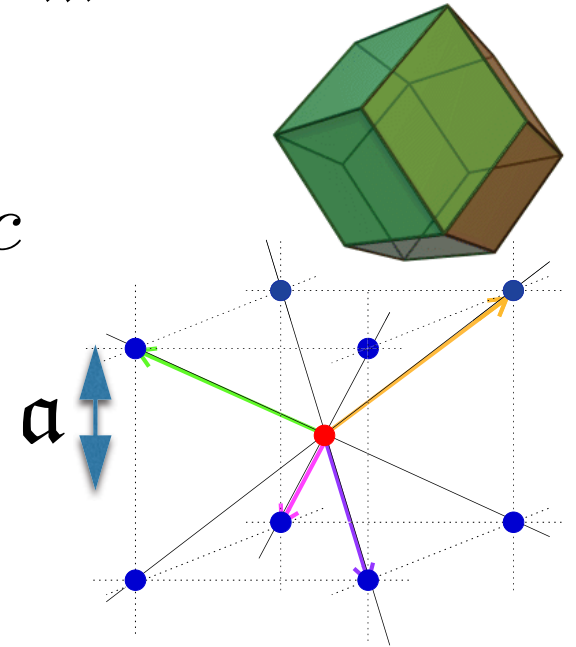
$$x = \frac{x_{[m]}}{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t = \frac{t_{[sec]}}{\mathbf{t}} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad m = \frac{m_{[kg]}}{\mathbf{m}} \in [0, 1]$$

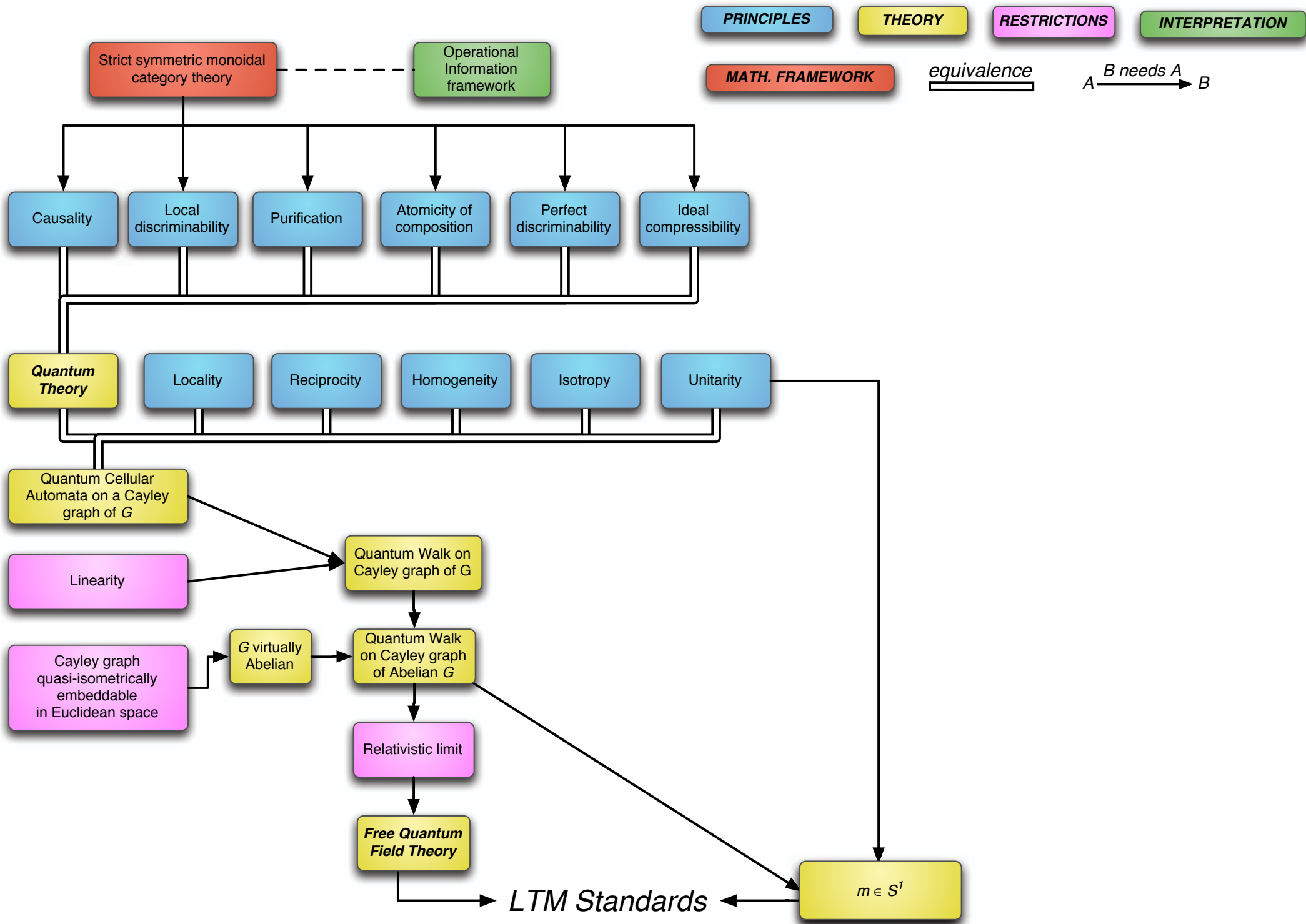
$$k/k_{max} \quad \omega \quad \omega_{max}$$

Relativistic limit: $\rightarrow c = \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{t} \quad \hbar = \mathbf{m}ac$

Measure \mathbf{a} (k_{max}) from light-refraction-index

$$\rightarrow c^{\mp}(k) = c \left(1 \pm \frac{k}{\sqrt{3}k_{max}} \right)$$





Special Relativity recovered ... and more

Relativity principle: invariance of the physical law under change of inertial reference frame

→ invariance of eigenvalue equation under change of representation.

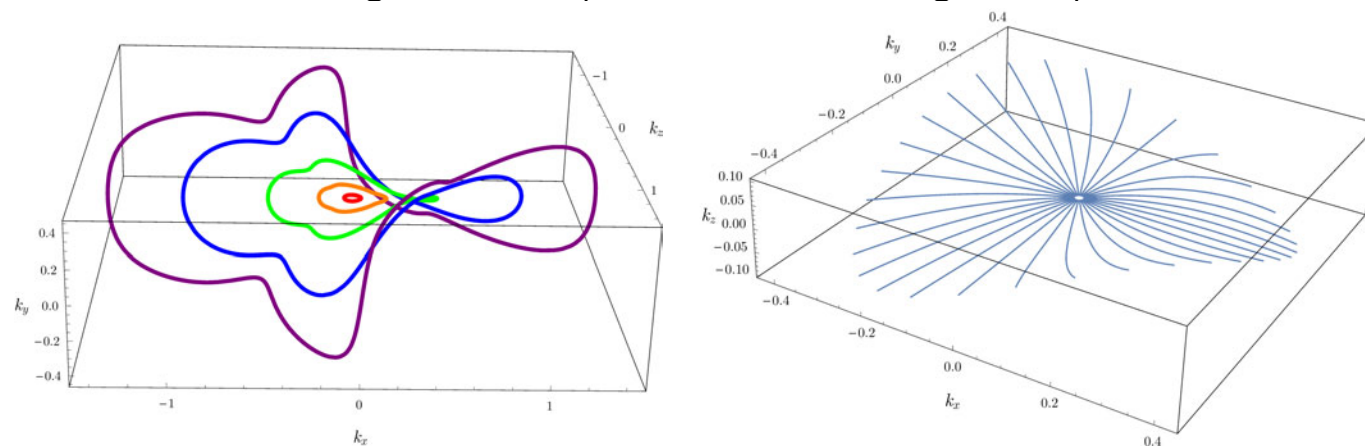


FIG. 2: The distortion effects of the Lorentz group for the discrete Planck-scale theory represented by the quantum walk in Eq. (6). Left figure: the orbit of the wavevectors $\mathbf{k} = (k_x, 0, 0)$, with $k_x \in \{.05, .2, .5, 1, 1.7\}$ under the rotation around the z axis. Right figure: the orbit of wavevectors with $|\mathbf{k}| = 0.01$ for various directions in the (k_x, k_y) plane under the boosts with β parallel to \mathbf{k} and $|\beta| \in [0, \tanh 4]$.

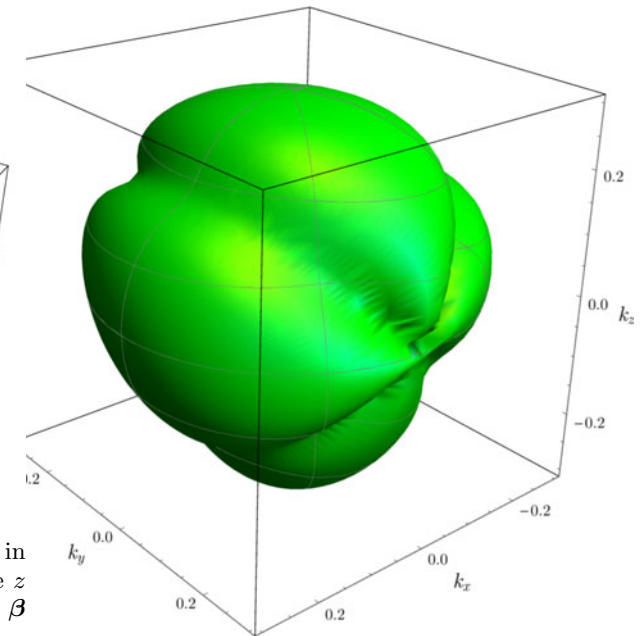


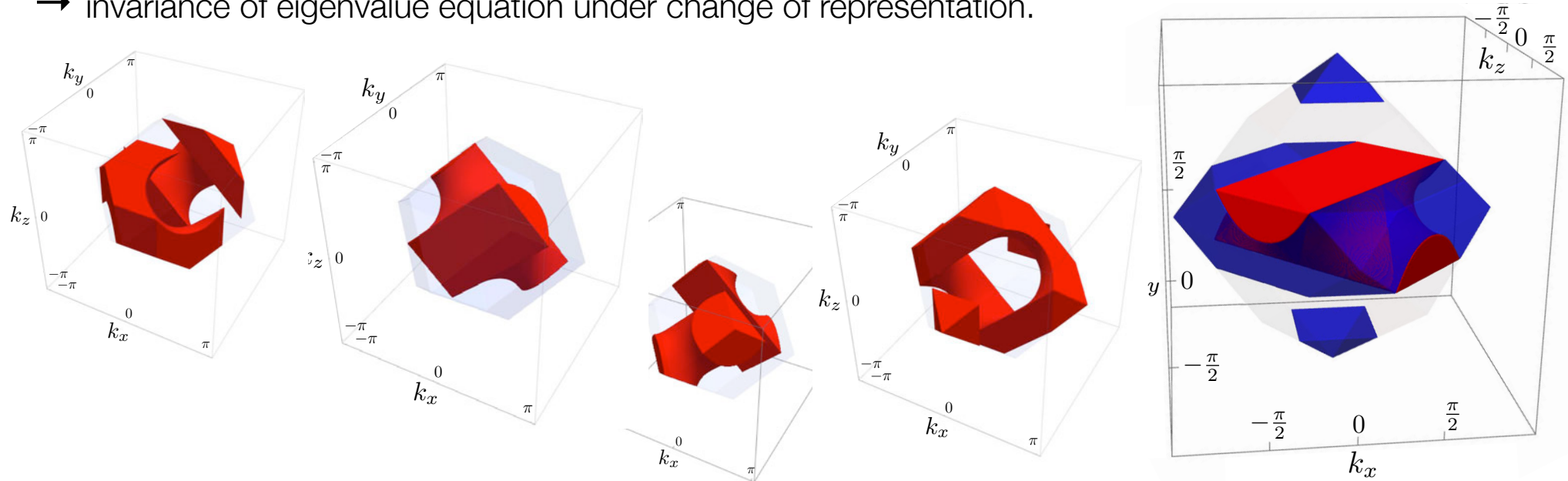
FIG. 3: The green surface represents the orbit of the wavevector $\mathbf{k} = (0.3, 0, 0)$ under the full rotation group $SO(3)$.

- Deformed Poincaré group
- Lorentz transformations are perfectly recovered for $k \ll 1$.
- For $k \sim 1$:
 - *Double Special Relativity* (Camelia-Smolin).
 - *Relative locality* (in addition to relativity of simultaneity)

Special Relativity recovered ... and more

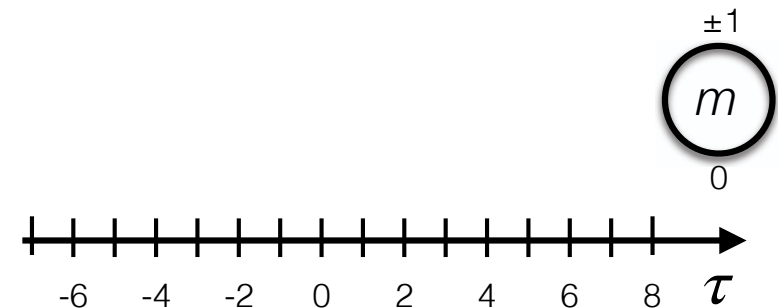
Relativity principle: invariance of the physical law under change of inertial reference frame

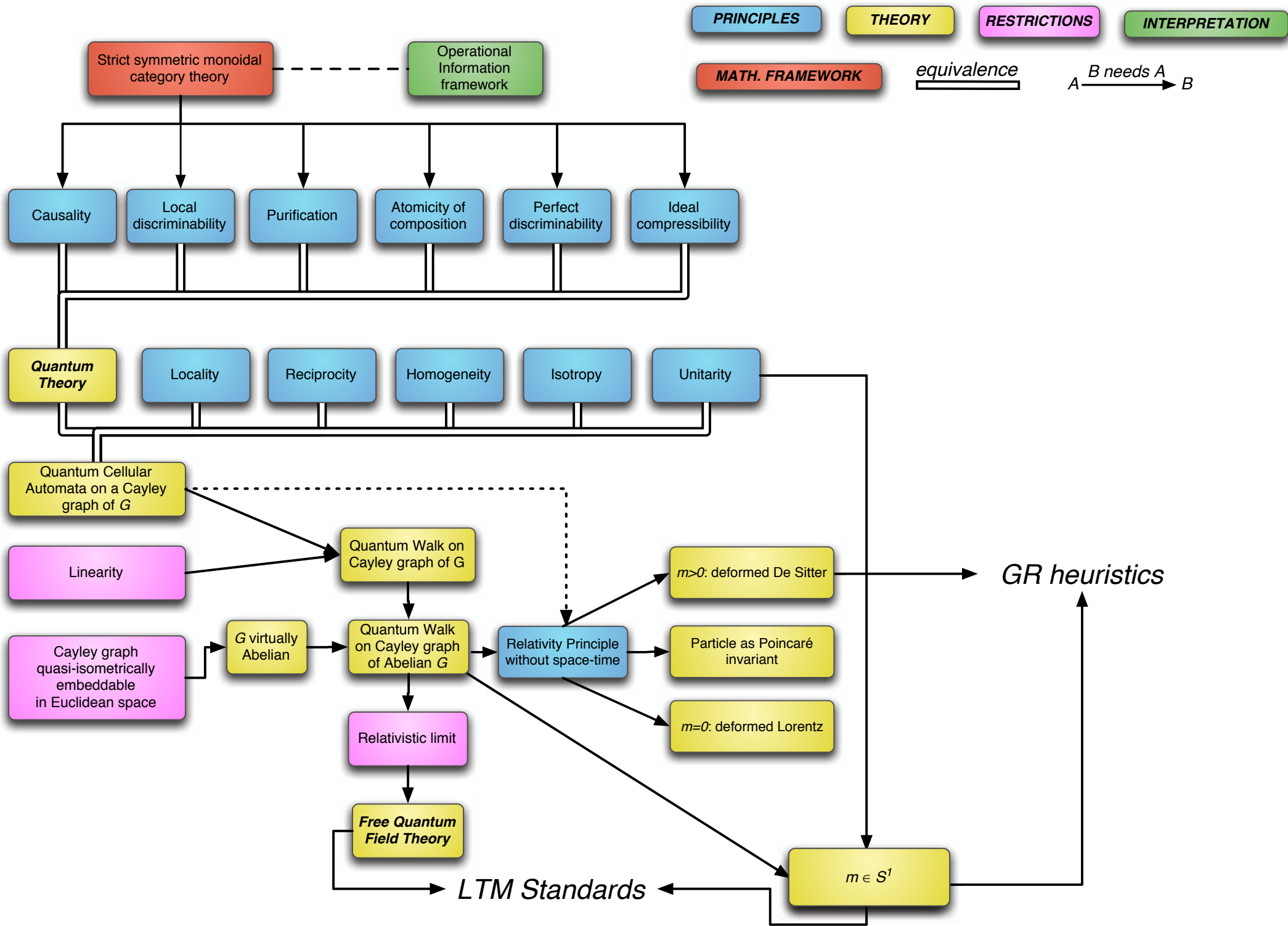
→ invariance of eigenvalue equation under change of representation.



- The Brillouin zone separates into four Poincaré-invariant regions diffeomorphic to balls, corresponding to four different particles.
- $m \neq 0$ De Sitter $SO(1,4)$
- mass m and proper-time τ are conjugated

$$H(q_\alpha, p_\alpha, \tau, m) = \sum_{\alpha} p_{\alpha} \dot{q}_{\alpha} + c^2 m \dot{\tau} - L$$





Interacting Dirac QCA in 1+1!

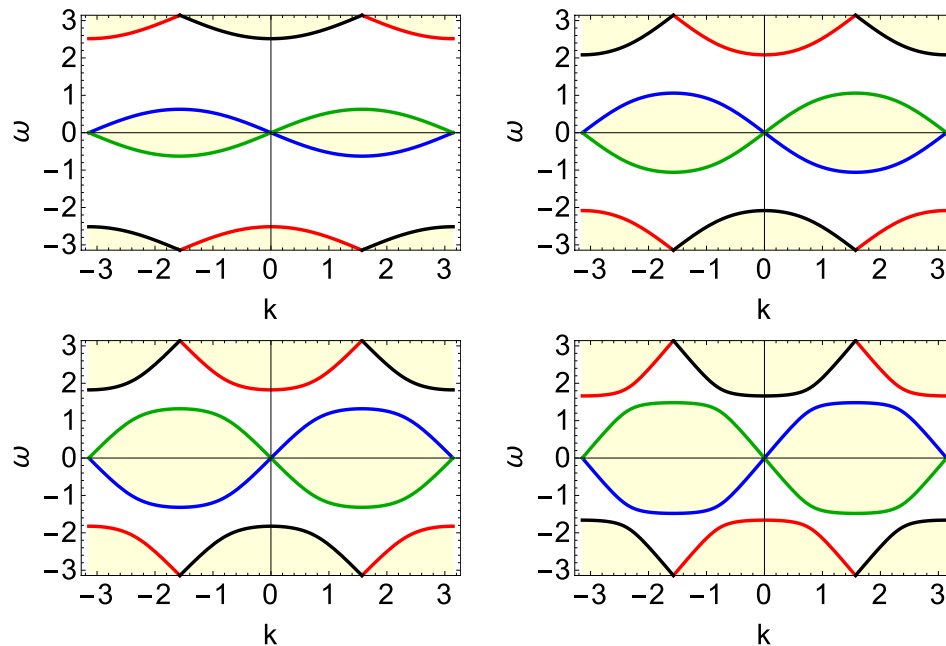


FIG. 1: Dispersion relation of the two particle Dirac Quantum Walk. The eigenvalue of the eigenstates $|++\rangle$, $|--\rangle$, $|+-\rangle$ and $| - + \rangle$ are respectively depicted in black, red, blue and green. The eigenvalues are plotted in terms of the relative momentum k , while the mass m and the total momentum p are fixes. The mass and total momentum parameters are $m = 0.9, 0.7, 0.5, 0.3$ and $p = -3\pi/4, -\pi/4, \pi/4, 3\pi/4$ from the top left to the bottom right.

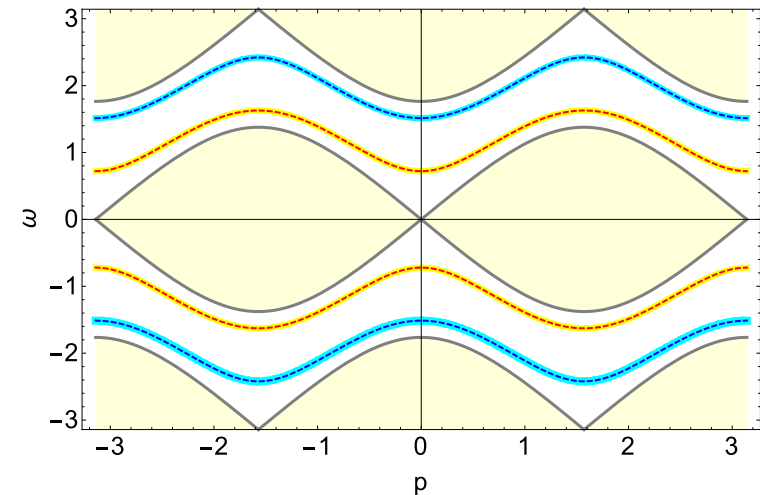


FIG. 2: Discrete spectrum of the Hubbard QCA for $\chi = 1.14$. ω_+ in red and ω_- in blue.

This is more or less what I wanted to say

Thank you for your attention

