



Geometry of Topological Lattice Models

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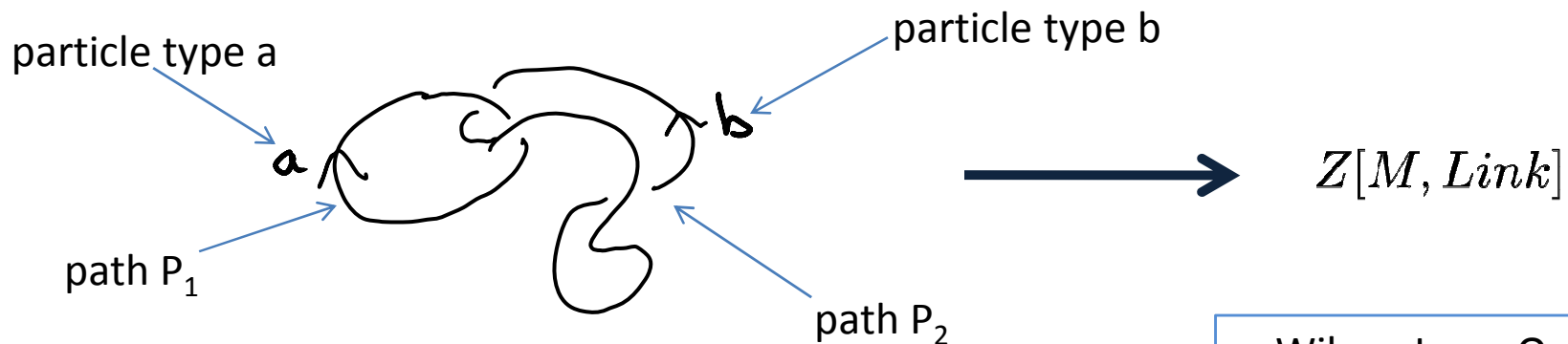
Introductory Material

- Primer on 2+1 D Topological Quantum Field Theories

Rough Definition of Topological Quantum Field Theory:

TQFT =

Mapping from worldlines of particles in a 3d spacetime manifold M to an output that depends only on topology of input.



Wilson Loop Operator:
particle type (rep) = b
along curve P_2

Ex: Chern-Simons Theory (Pick a gauge group, and a "level")

$$Z_{CS}[M, Link] \text{ " = " } \int \mathcal{D}[A] W_a(P_1, A) W_b(P_2, A) e^{iS_{CS}[A, M]}$$

Topological invariant (generalized Jones polynomial of "colored" link in manifold M)

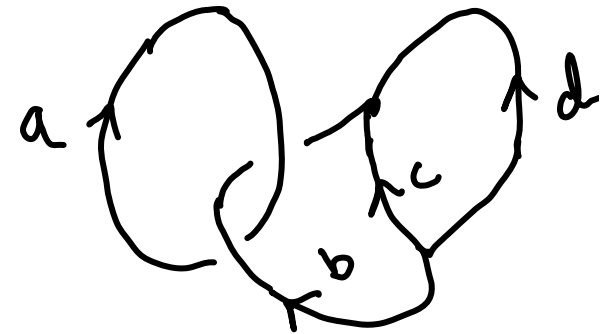
Can also have vacuum partition function an invariant of M

(Witten-Jones)

Some more properties of TQFTs

Particles can come together to form other particles.

Can calculate a “value” for any branched link (“graphs”)



Other things:

antiparticles $\uparrow a = \downarrow \bar{a}$

“identity particle”
= “vacuum particle”
= no particle

here a and \bar{a}
fuse to the vacuum

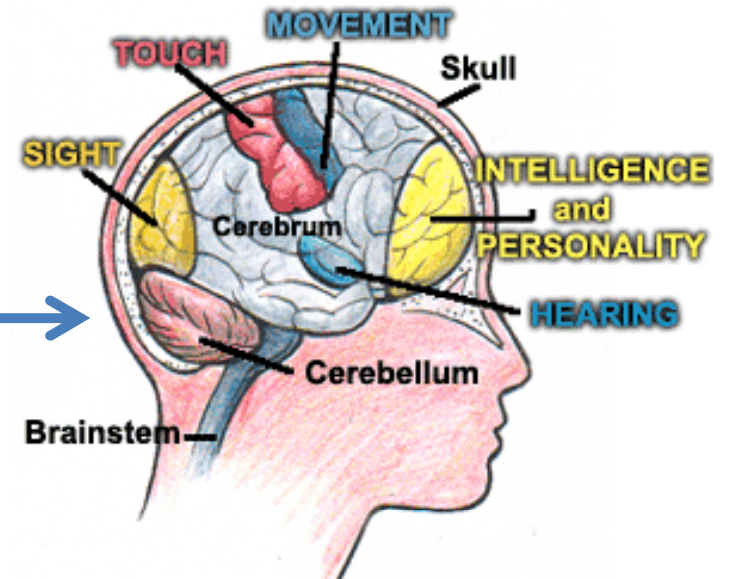
The ω -strand

$$\omega = \frac{1}{D} \sum_a d_a \nearrow a$$

$$d_a = a \circlearrowleft$$

Killing property:

$$\omega \text{ (loop with arrow } a) = \delta_{a,I} \text{ (loop)}$$



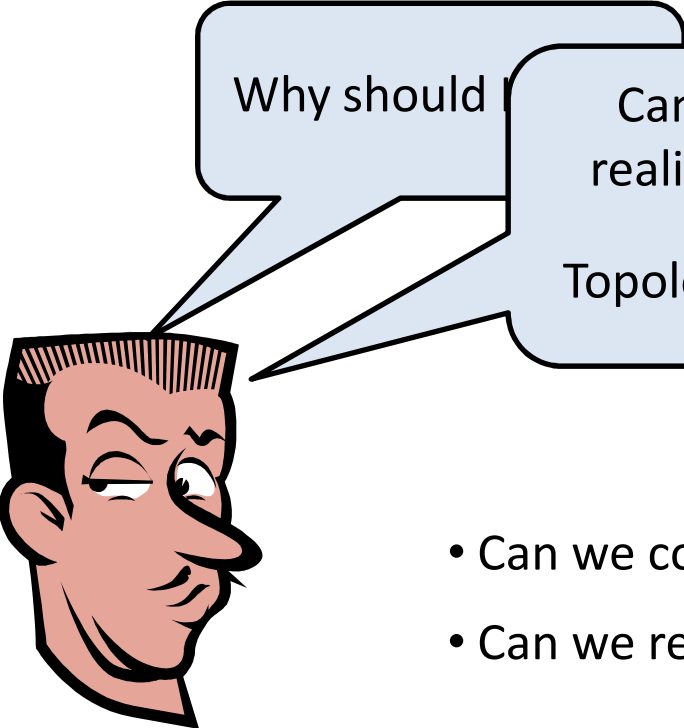
ω -loop *projects* onto the identity particle (vacuum) through the loop

$$\omega \text{ (loop with arrows } a, b) \sim \delta_{a,b}$$

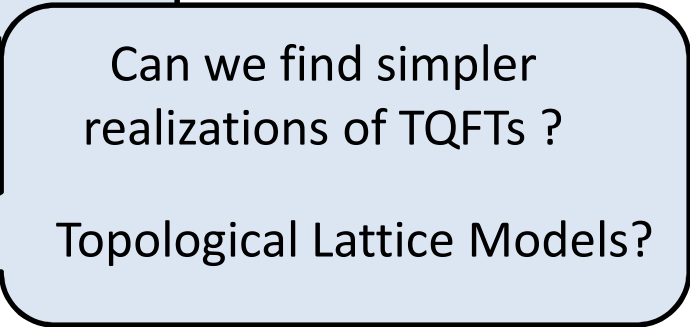
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 - Nontrivial TQFTs probably Exist! (Fractional Quantum Hall + ...)
 - Could enable “topological” quantum computers
 - Just Interesting



Why should I care?



Can we find simpler realizations of TQFTs ?

Topological Lattice Models?

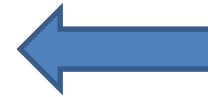
- Can we construct a TQFT in “experiment” ?
- Can we regularize Chern-Simons theory?

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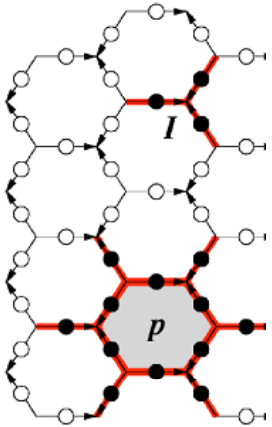
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Levin-Wen Approach to Chern-Simons Theory

$$H = - \sum_{\text{vertices}=i} V_i - \sum_{\text{plaquettes}=j} P_j$$

All V, P
commuting
projectors



- Bonds labeled with particle types (quantum #s) from the Chern-Simons theory
- **Vertex term** – Gives energy penalty unless the quantum numbers coming into the vertex “fuse to identity”.
- **Plaquette term** – flips plaquette quantum numbers so ground state is a weighted sum of all configurations admissible to vertex term
 - Each plaquette term is product of 6 F matrices each with 6 (or 10) indices coupling 12 bonds.
- (Hidden) Vertex-Plaquette Duality
- Quasiparticle Excitations: “Violations” of a vertex term, a plaquette term, or both.

Results in the **Double** of the original Chern-Simons theory (two copies with opposite chiralities)

Some Tensor Calculus From Levin-Wen

$$B_{p,ghijkl}^{s,g'h'i'j'k'l'}(abcdef)$$

$$= F_{s^*g'l'}^{al^*g} F_{s^*h'g'}^{bg^*h} F_{s^*i'h'}^{ch^*i} F_{s^*j'i'}^{di^*j} F_{s^*k'j'}^{ej^*k} F_{s^*l'k'}^{fk^*l}$$

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$$W_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N}^{i_1' i_2' \dots i_N'}(e_1 e_2 \dots e_N) = \sum_{\{s_k\}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^N F_{s_k i_{k-1} i_k}^{e_k i_k' i_{k-1}'} \right) \text{Tr} \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \Omega_{s_k}^k \right)$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^N \bar{\Omega}_{rsj}^m F_{kjm}^{sl^*i} \Omega_{sti}^l \frac{u_j u_s}{u_m} = \sum_{n=0}^N F_{i^*nl}^{ji^*k} \Omega_{rtk}^n F_{krm}^{jl^*n}$$

$$\bar{\Omega}_{sti}^j = \sum_{k=0}^N \Omega_{sti}^k F_{i^*sj^*}^{it^*k}$$

$$1:n_{1,0} = 1, \quad n_{1,1} = 0, \quad \Omega_{1,000}^0 = 1, \quad \Omega_{1,001}^1 = 1,$$

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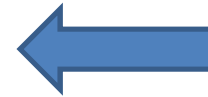
$$\Omega_{4,101}^1 = (\Omega_{4,011}^1)^* = \gamma_+^{-11/4} (2 - e^{3\pi i/5} + \gamma_+ e^{-3\pi i/5}). \quad (51)$$

This is one reason why we need another way of understanding this construction

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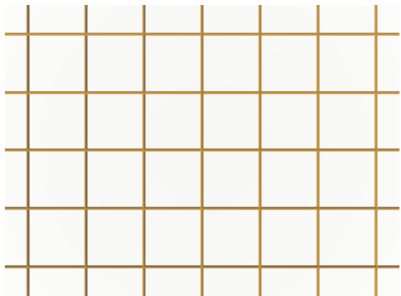
Geometric Approach to Topological Lattice Models

Build Up a Lattice Model from the Continuum
Piece by Piece

Chern-Simons theory is a theory of loops in 2+1 d

How to build a lattice model from loops?

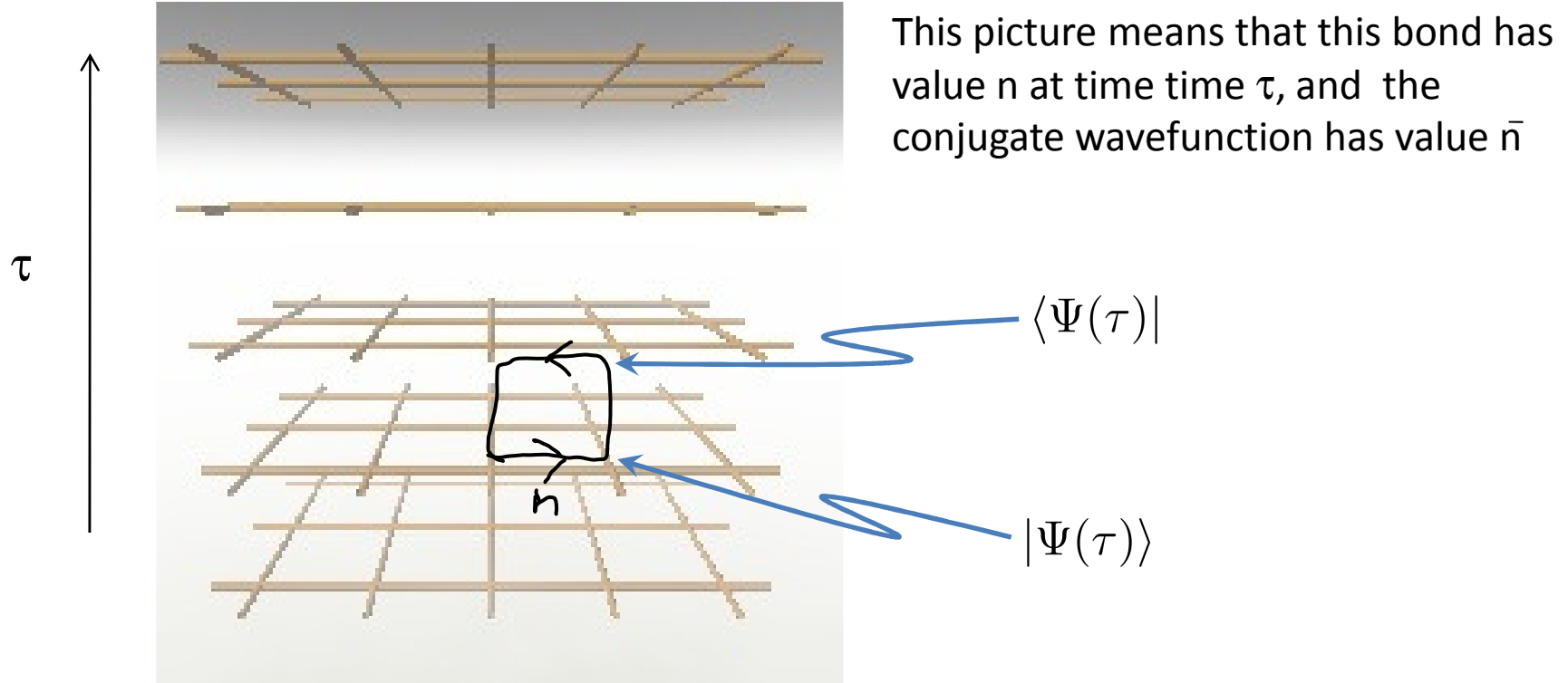
Building a Topological Lattice Model



- Pick a 2d lattice
- Pick a (chiral) Chern-Simons theory
 - The quantum numbers we put on the bonds of the lattice are the quantum numbers of Chern-Simons theory
 - BUT ALSO Chern-Simons theory allows us to evaluate knots

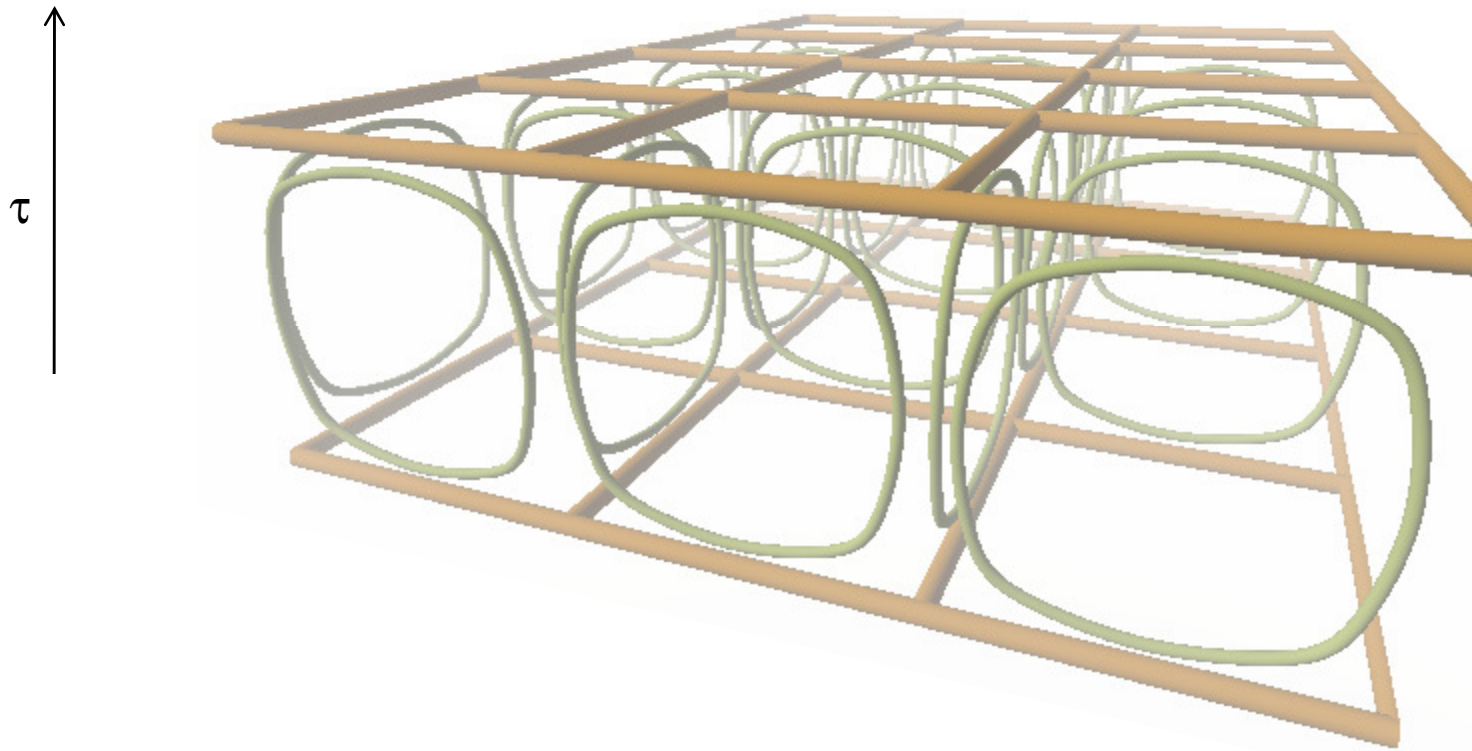
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Duplicate lattice to represent many time steps



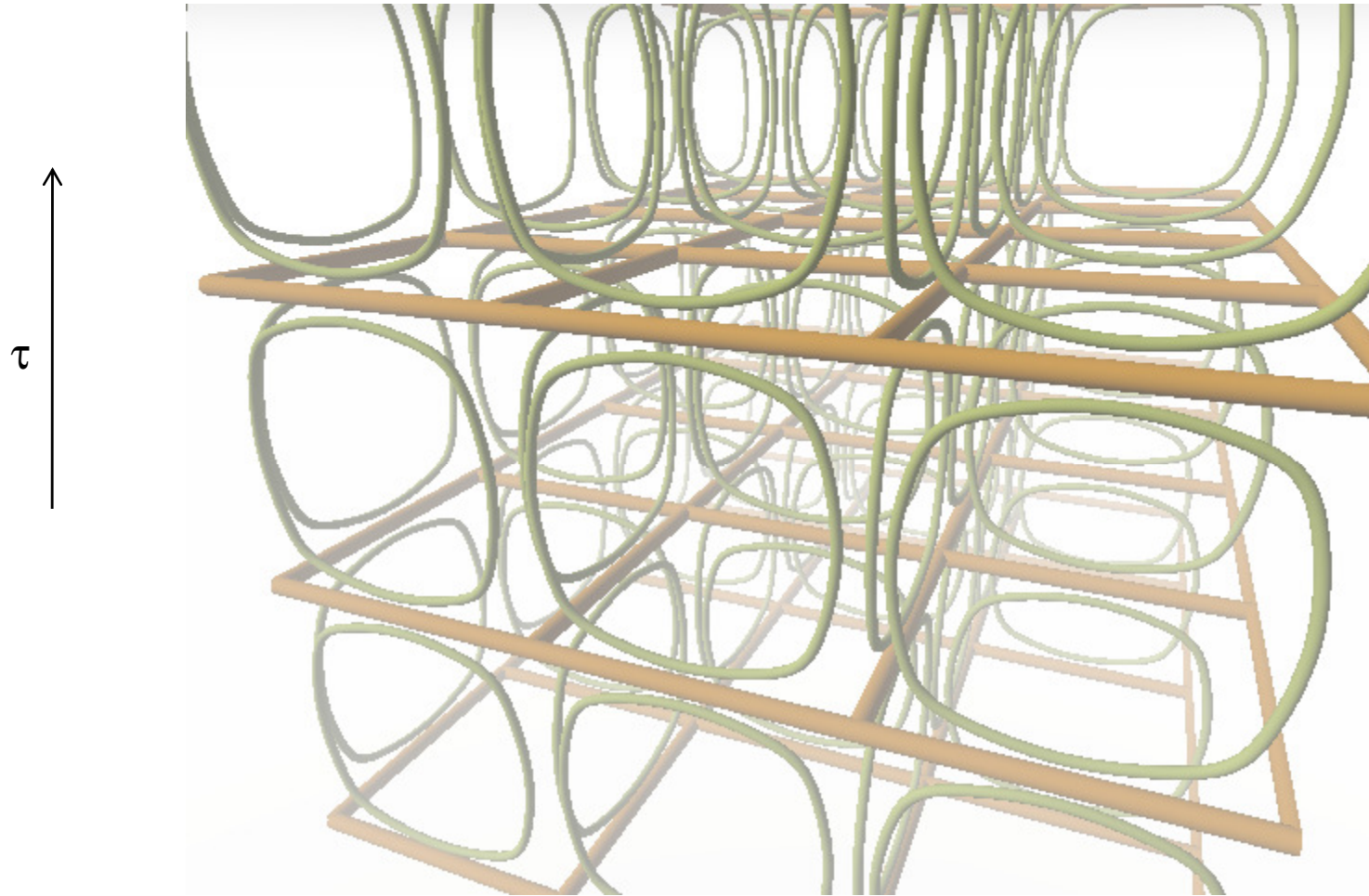
n is a particle type in our chiral Chern-Simons theory
(Chern-Simons is theory of loops and knots)

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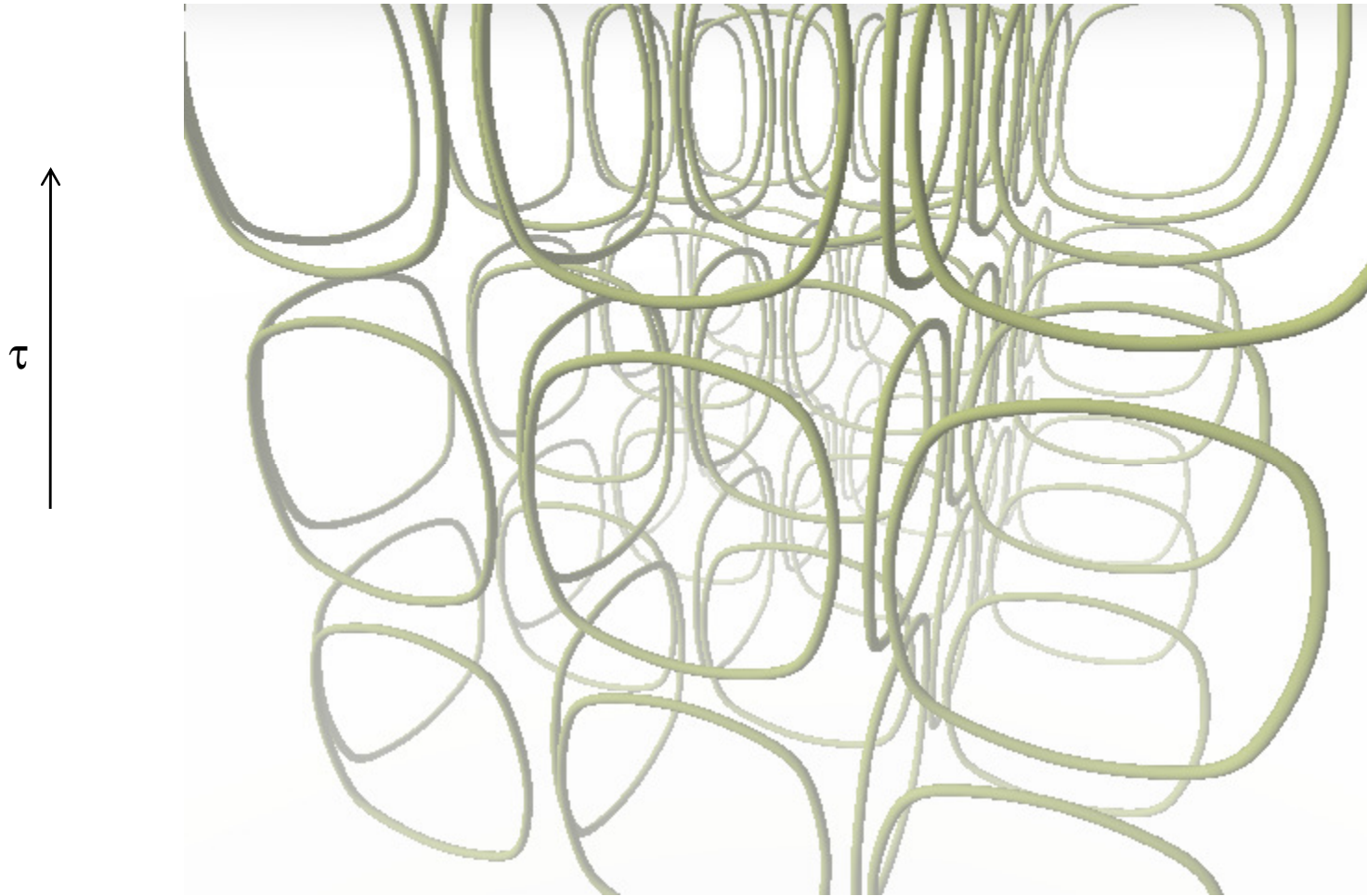
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We will want to sum over all possible quantum numbers at all times:

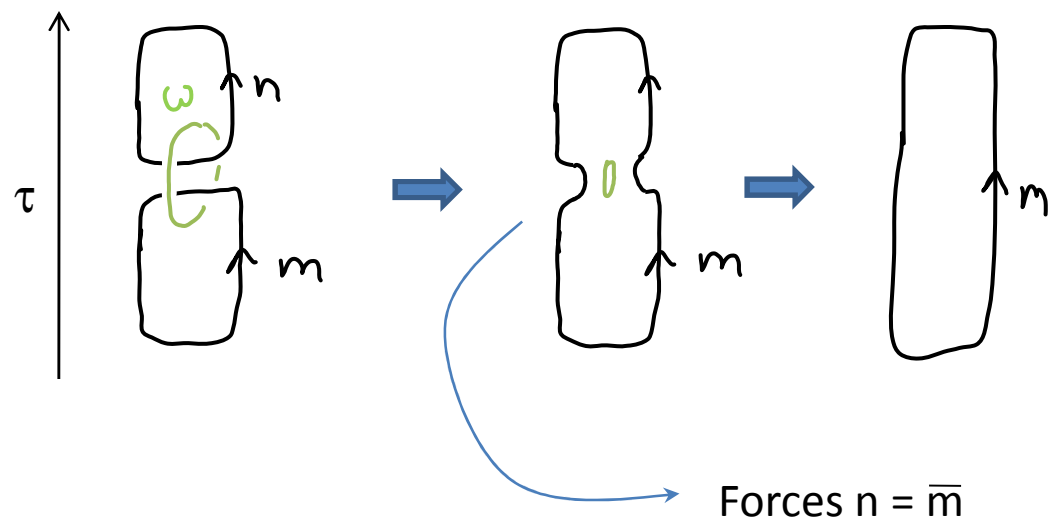
ω is a sum over quantum numbers

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Construct a Hamiltonian : $H = 0$ means free propagation

For $H=0$. Quantum numbers should be conserved in time.

Between time slices, we want to “insert a complete set”. Use an ω to do this

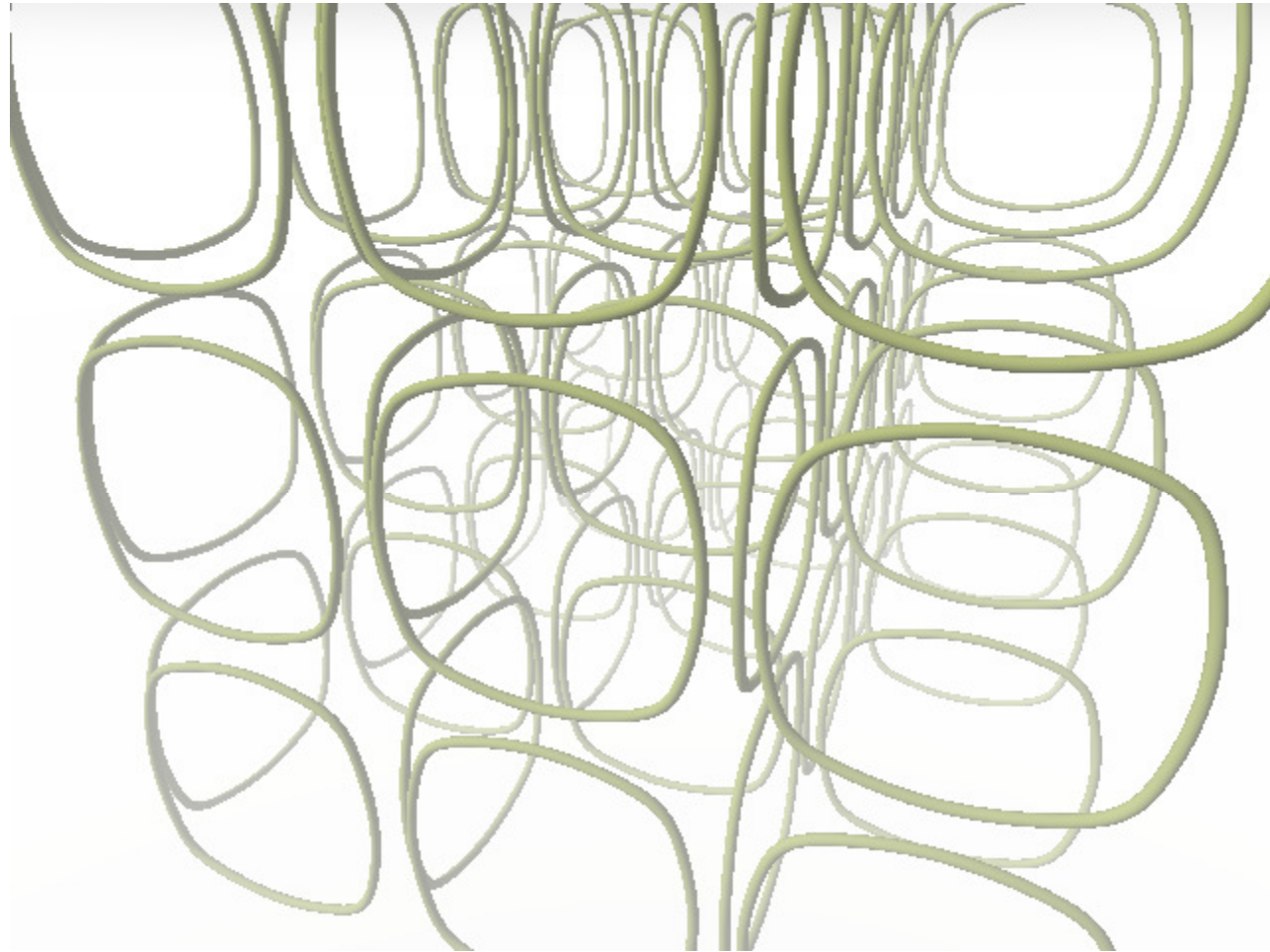


$$\sum_n |n\rangle\langle n|$$

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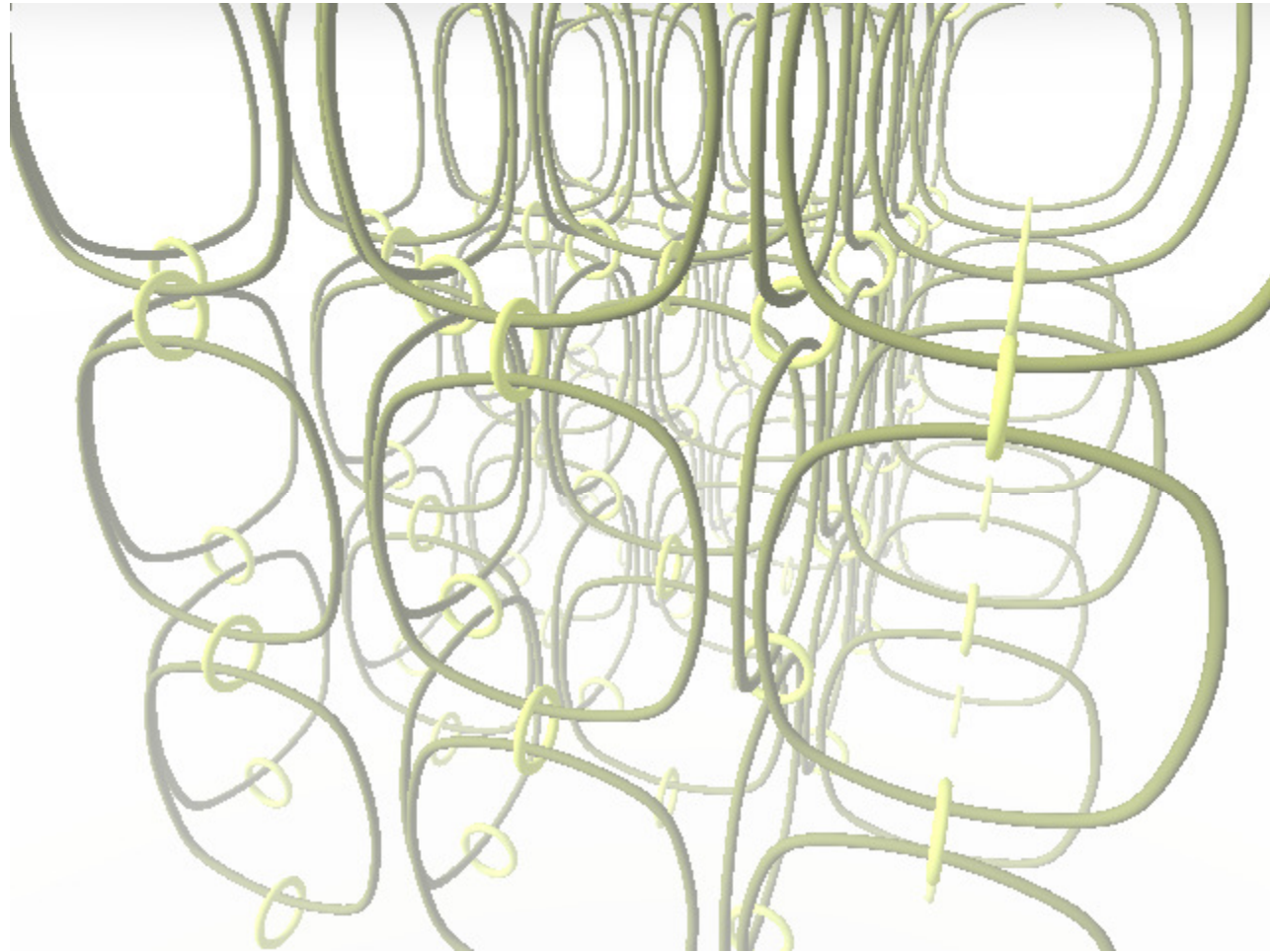
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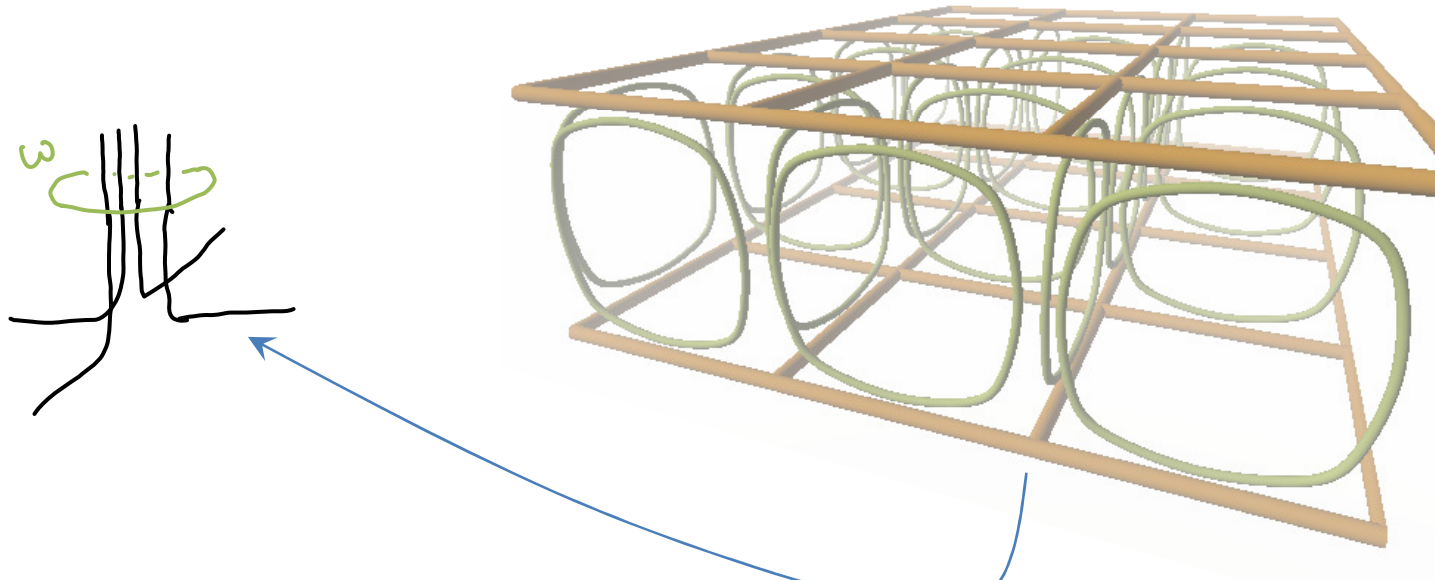


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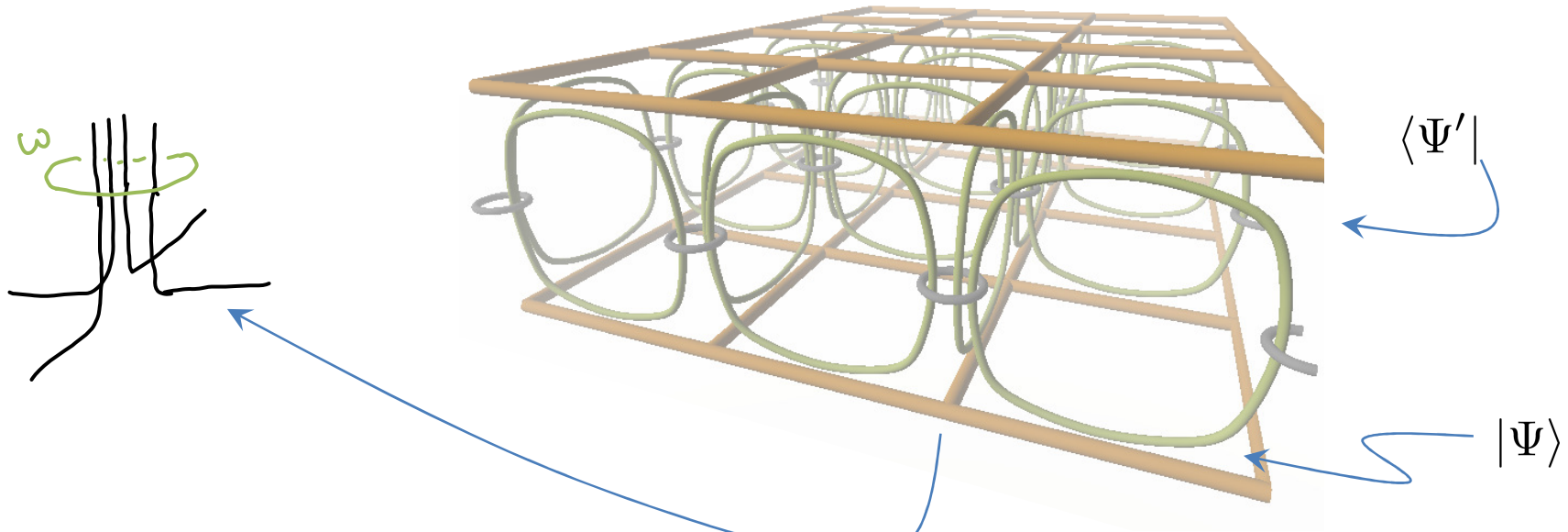


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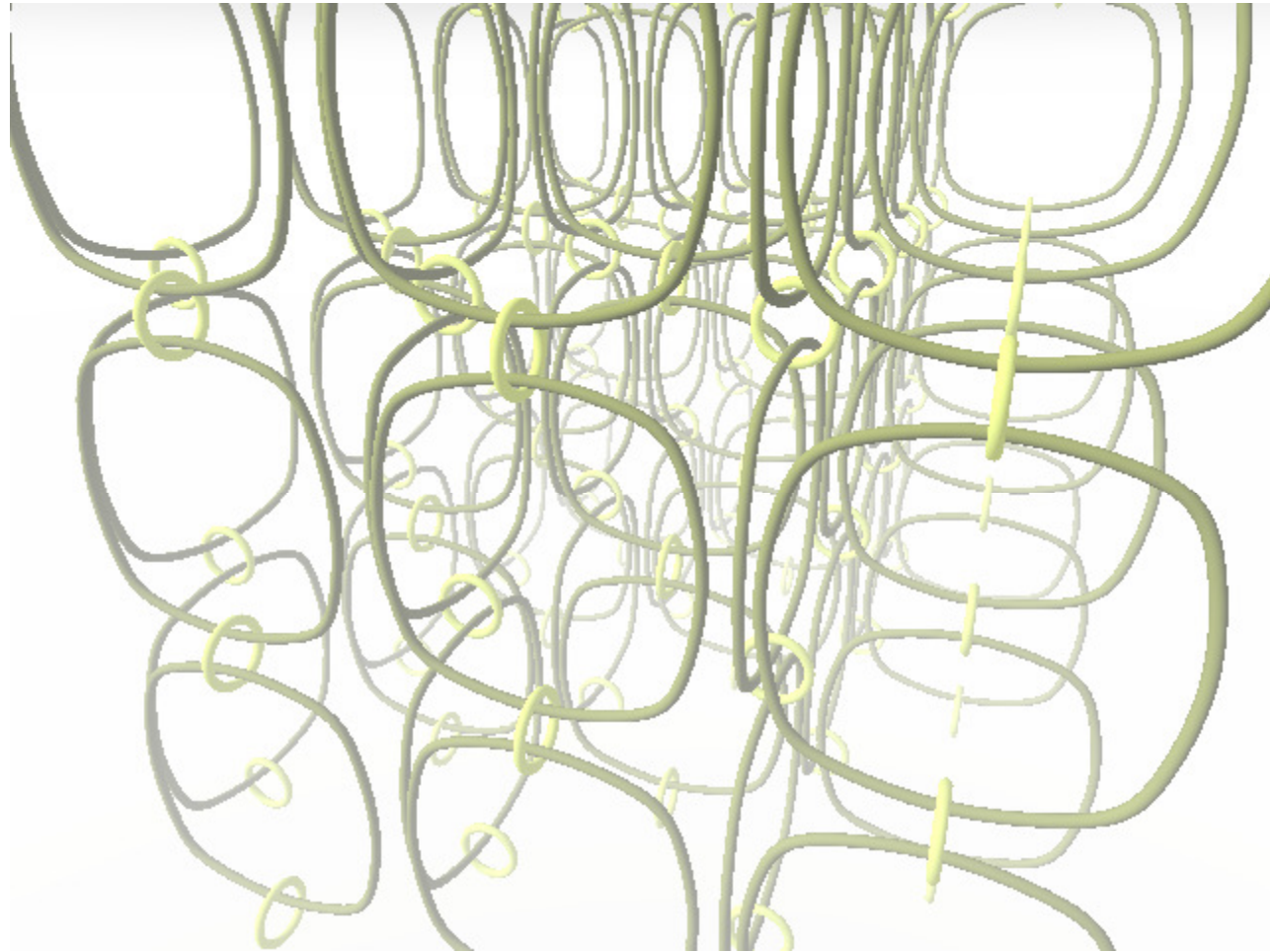
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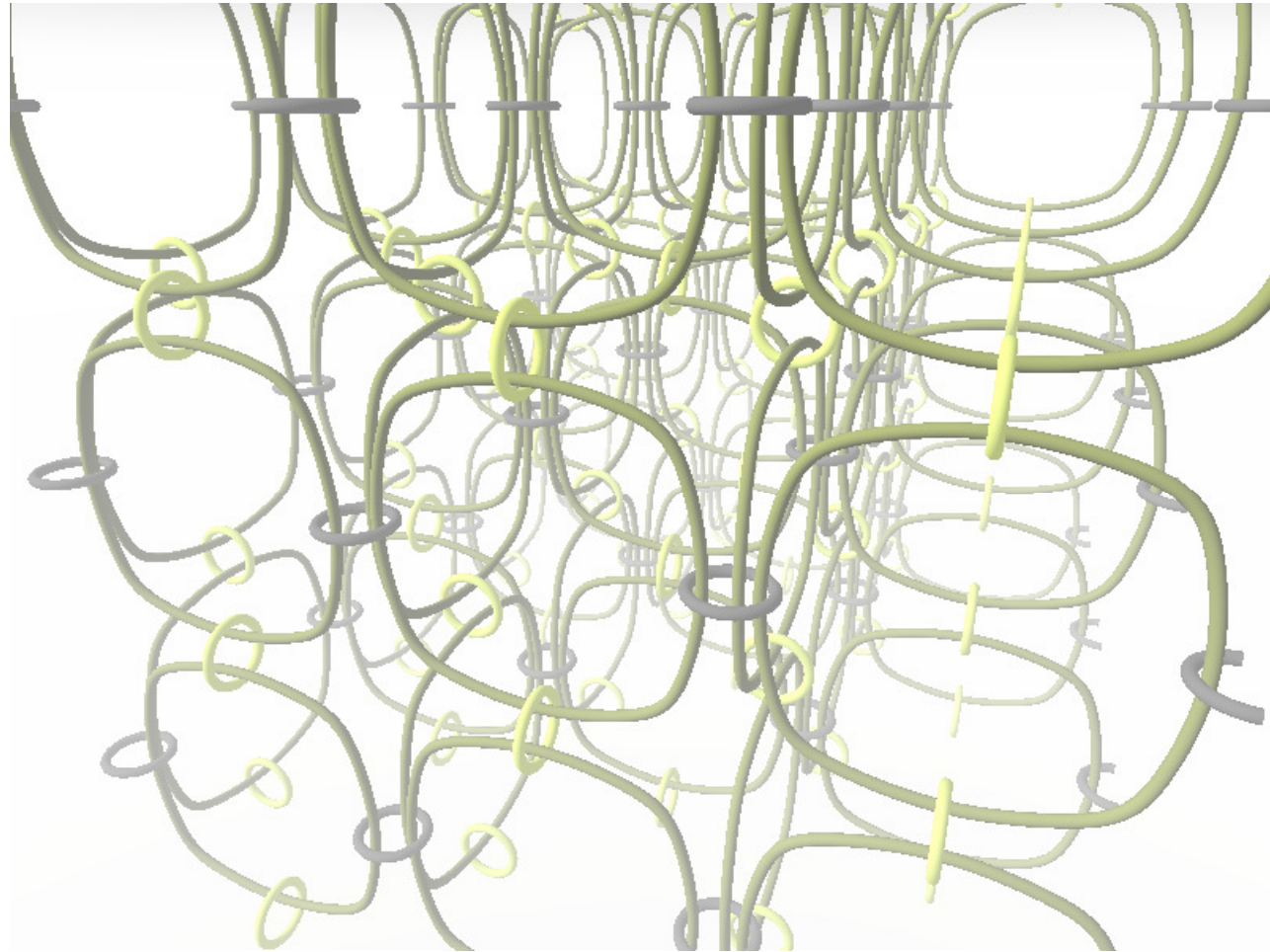
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$$\langle \Psi' | V | \Psi \rangle$$

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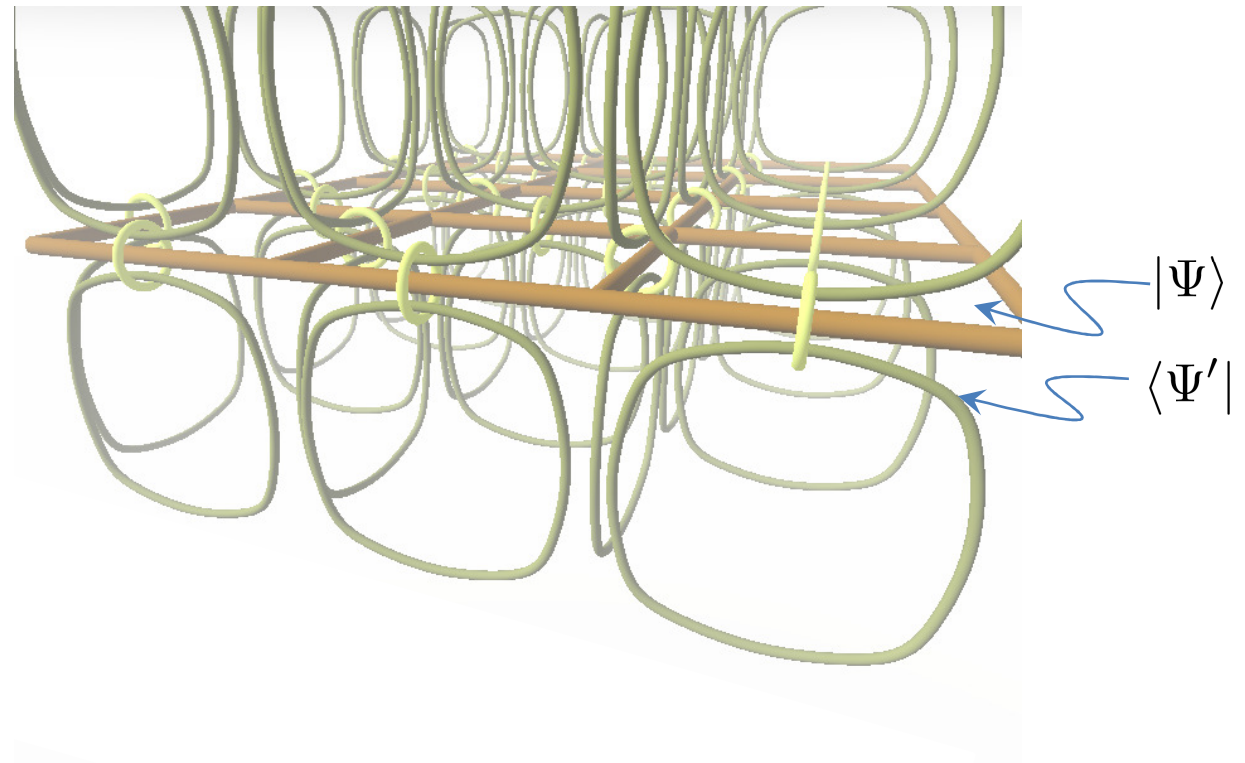
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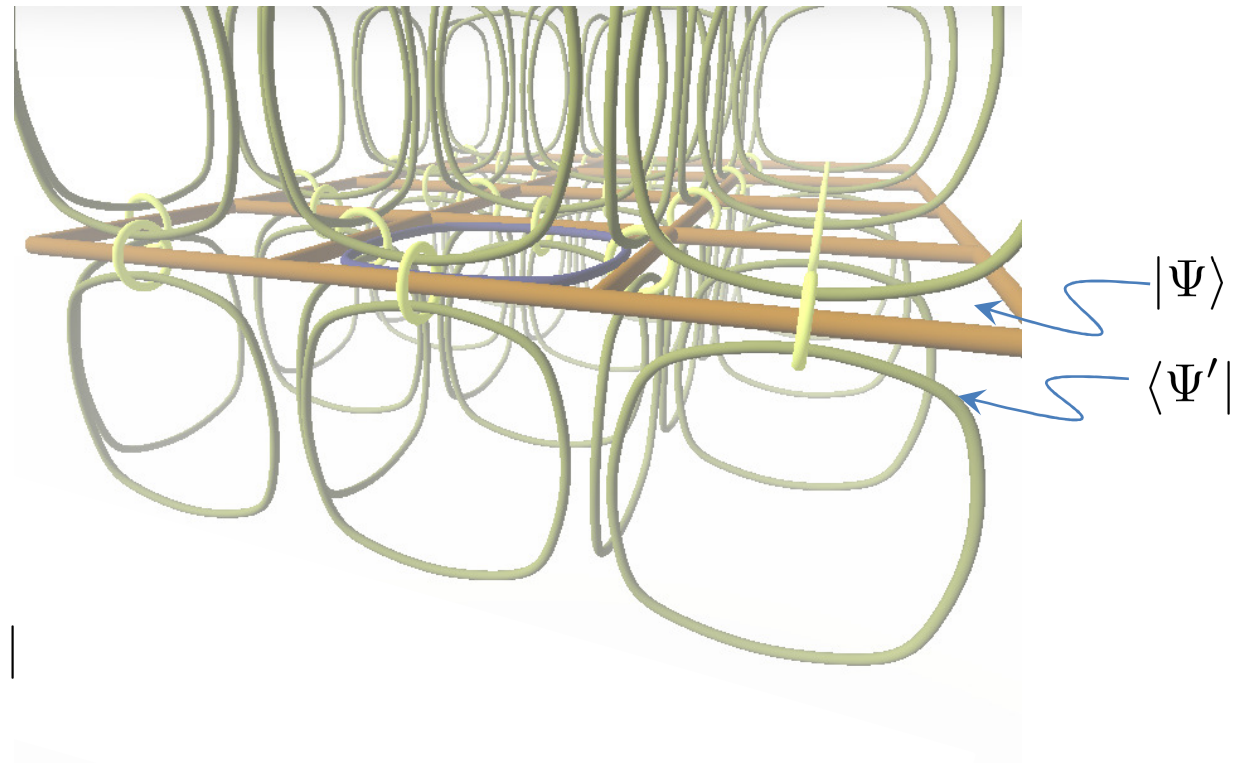
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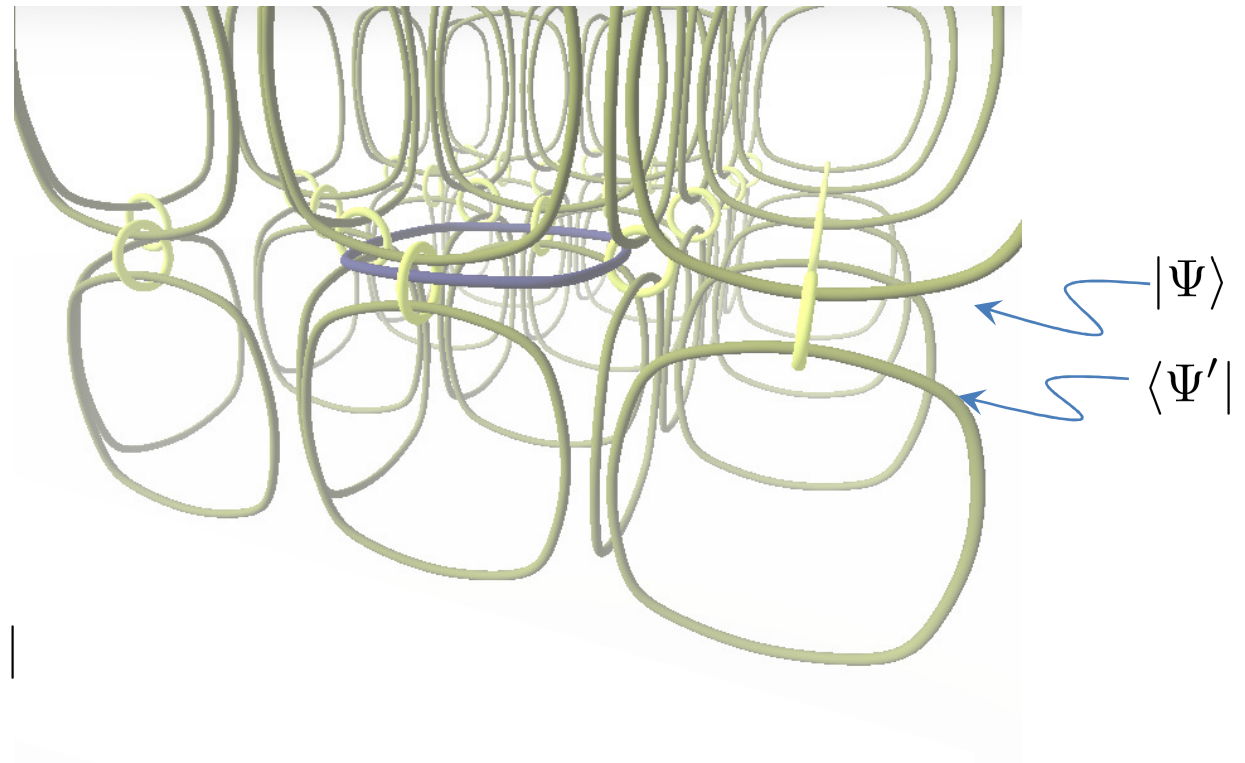
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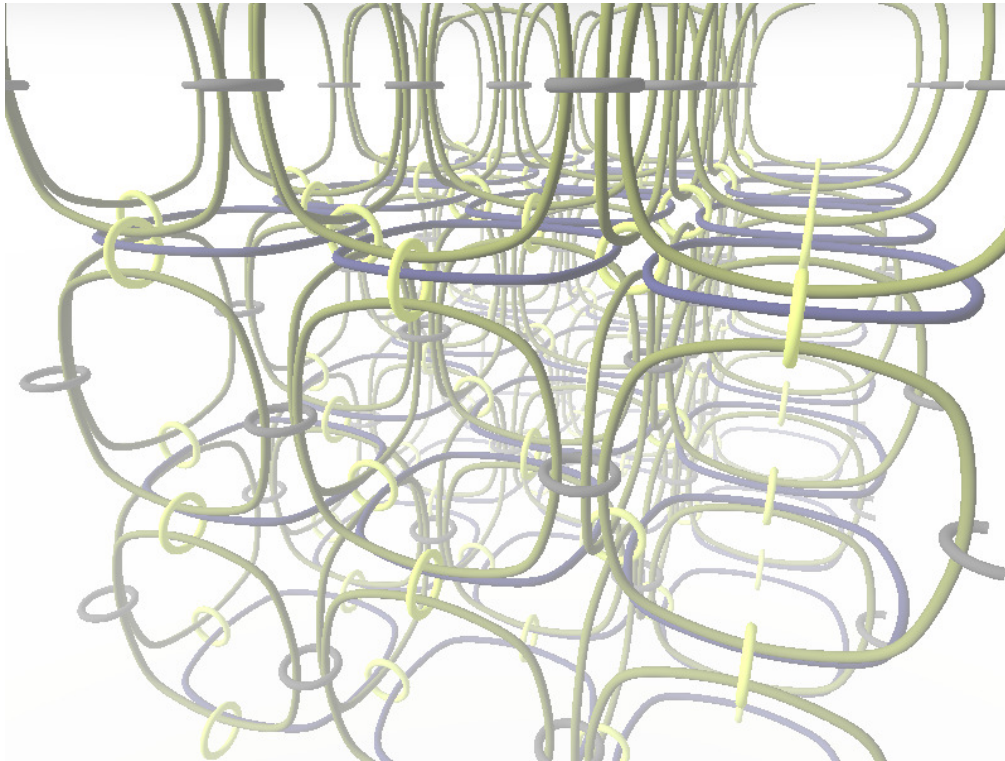
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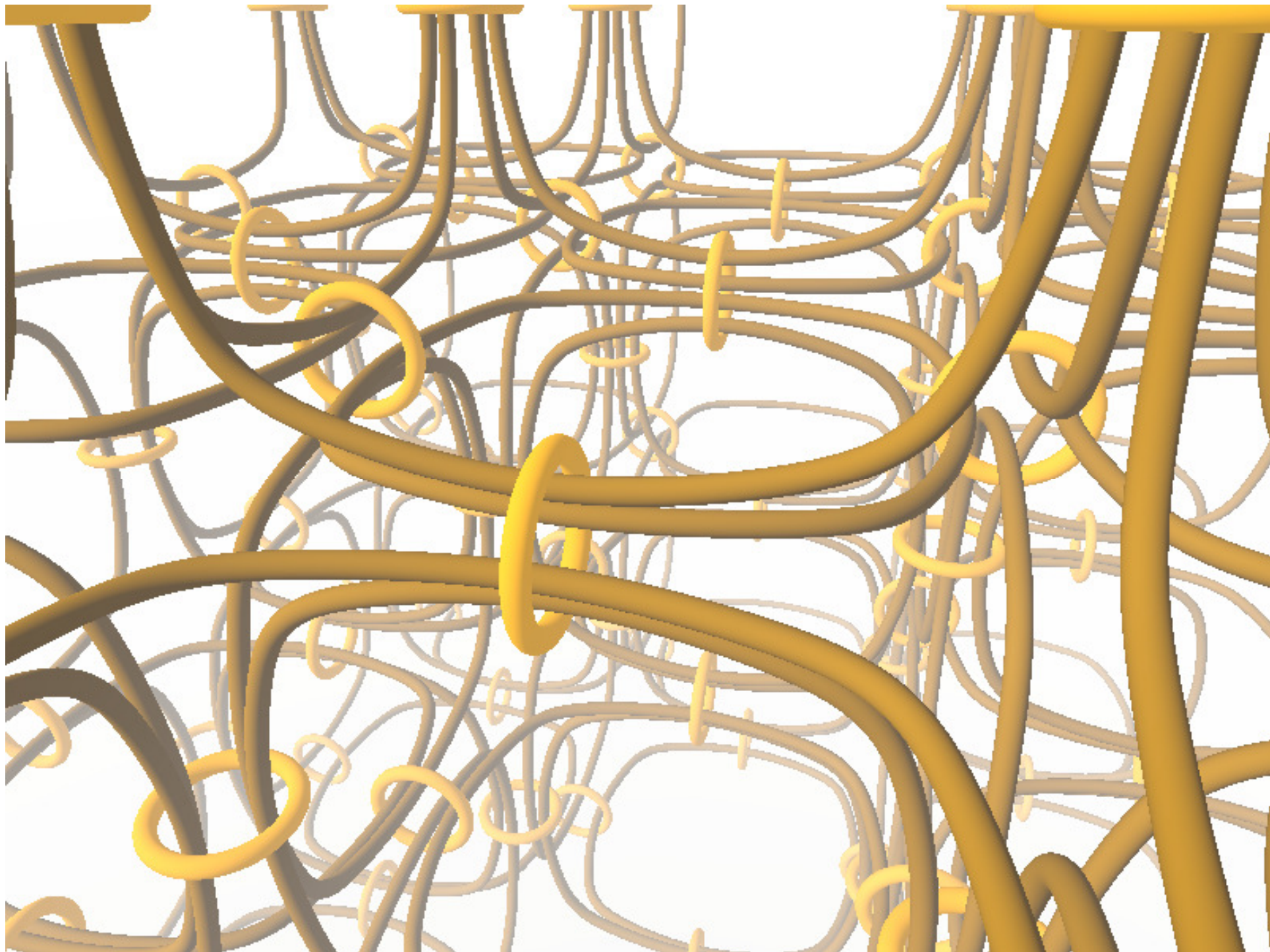
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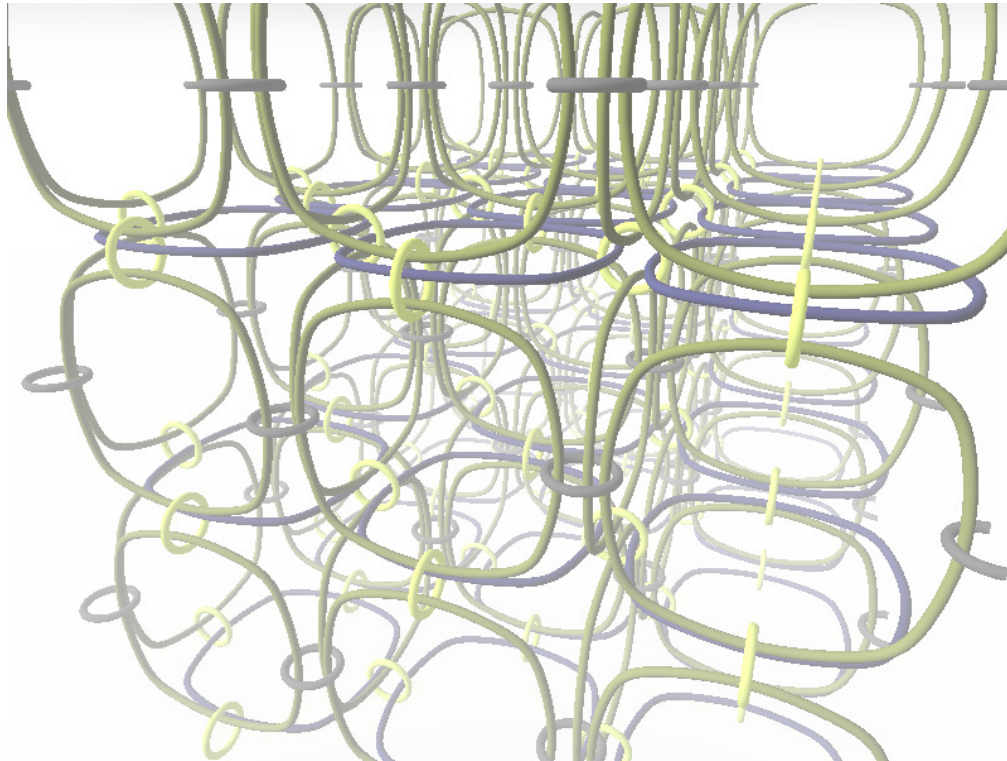
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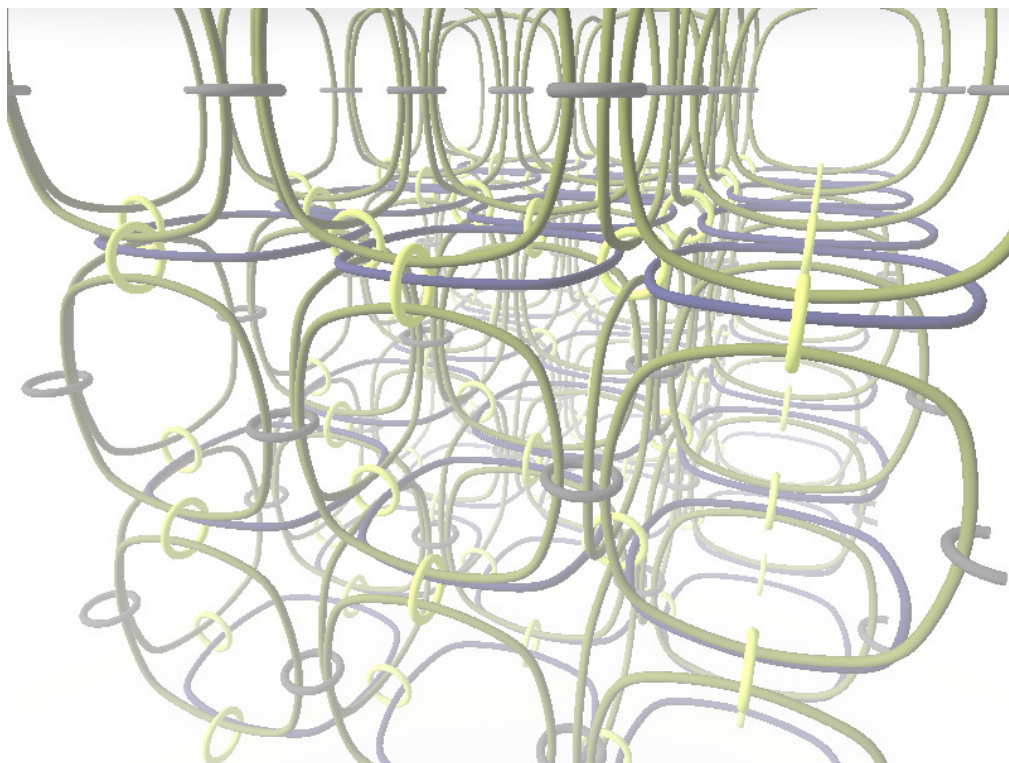
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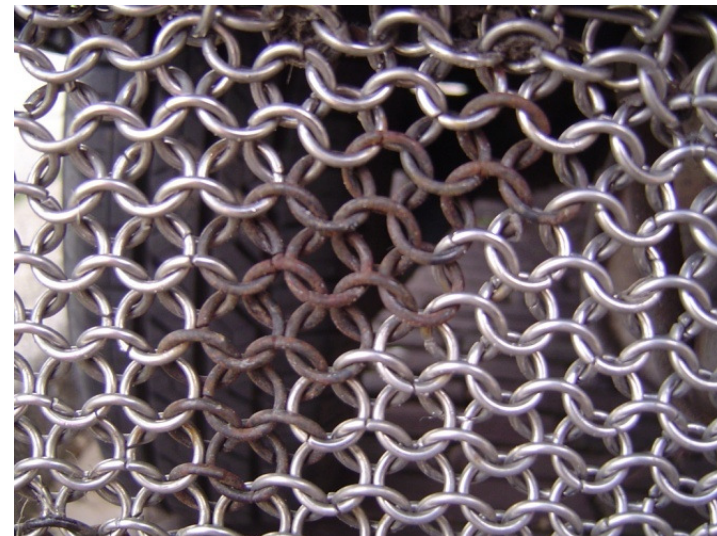
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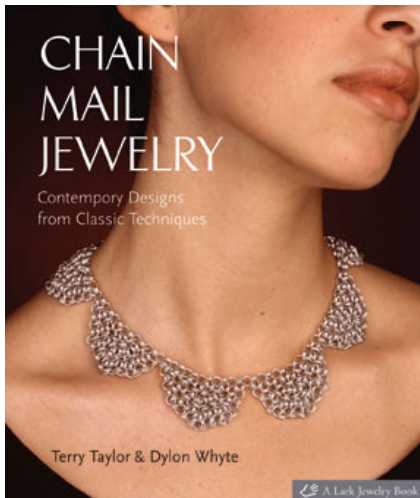
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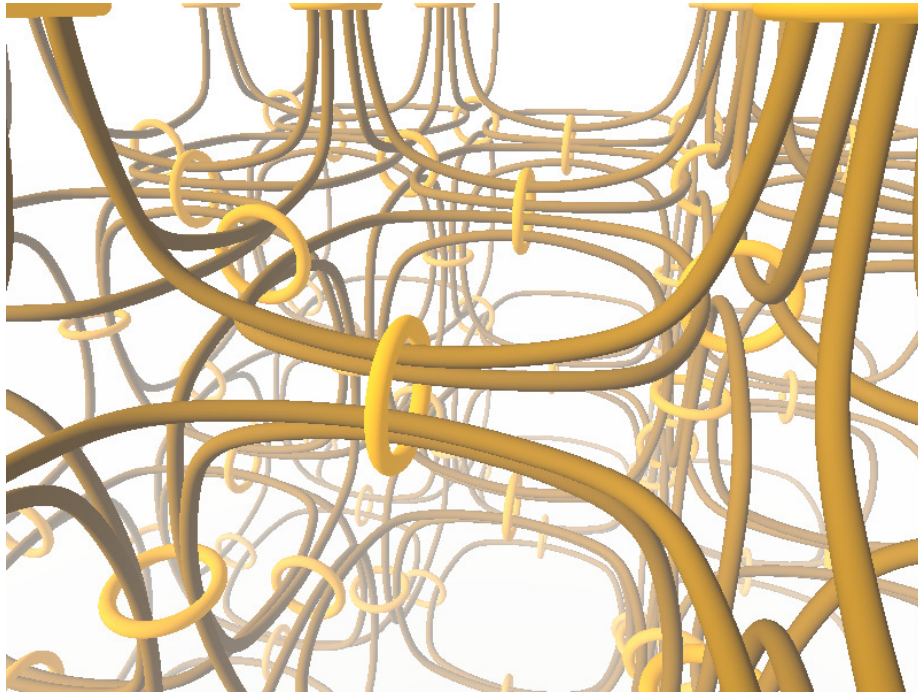
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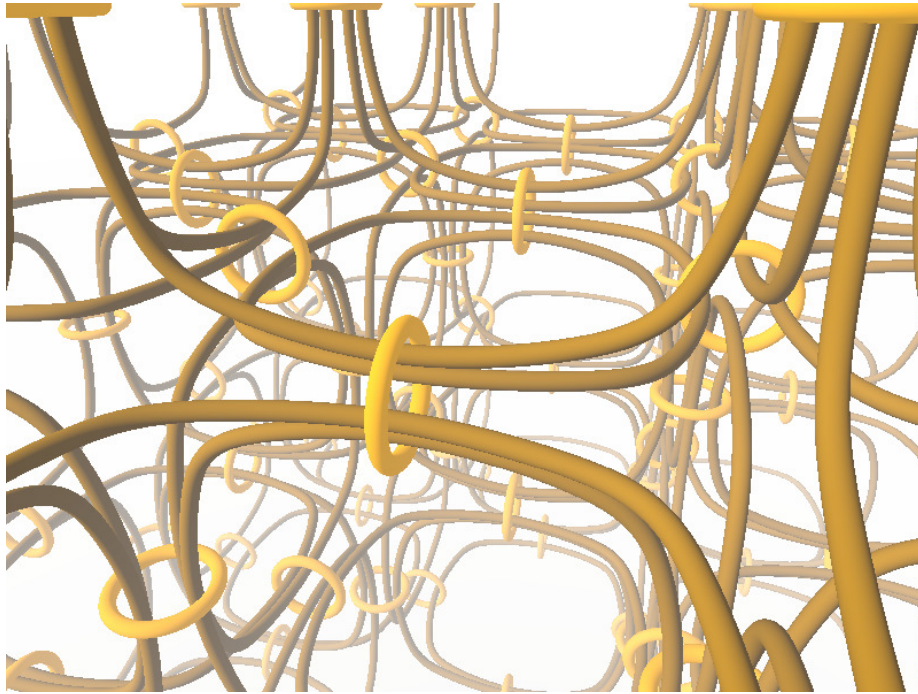


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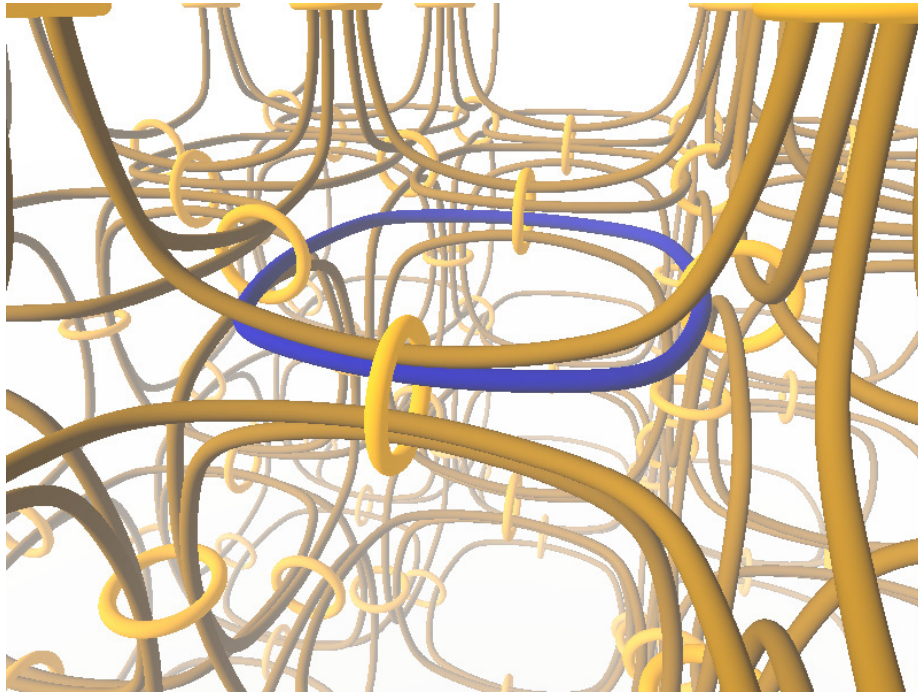
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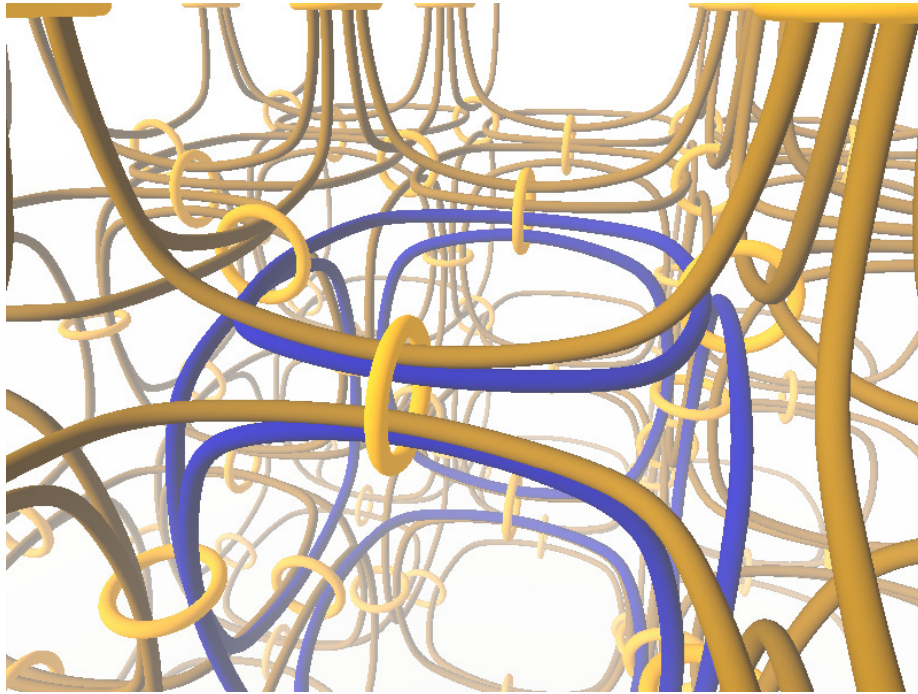
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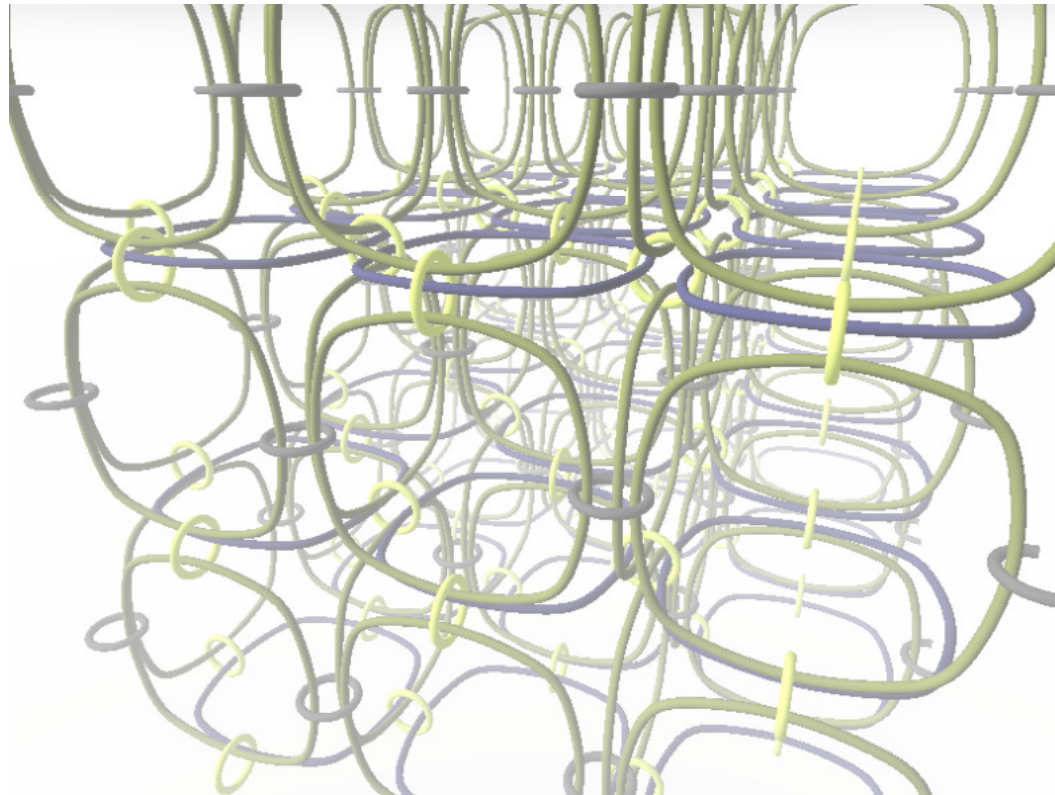
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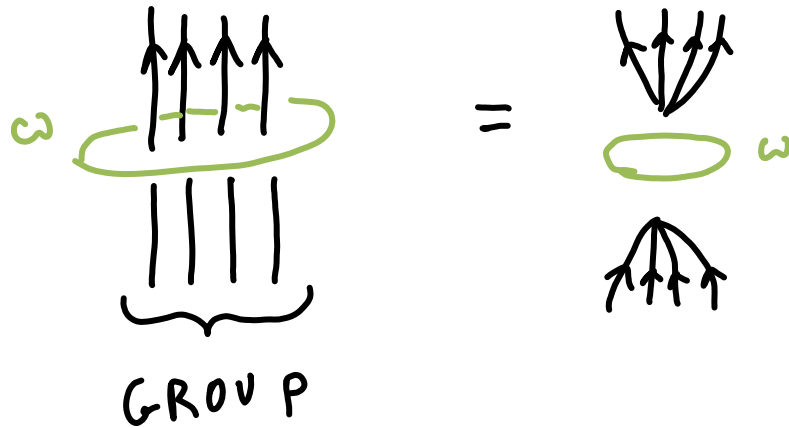
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Quasiparticles are a violation of the vertex term, or the plaquette term (or both).

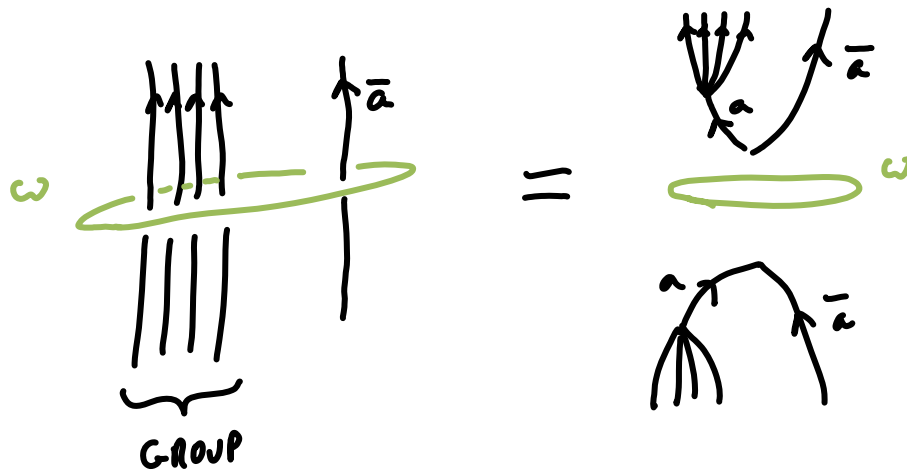
Want partition function in presence of violation



How to “force flux” through a vertex or plaquette

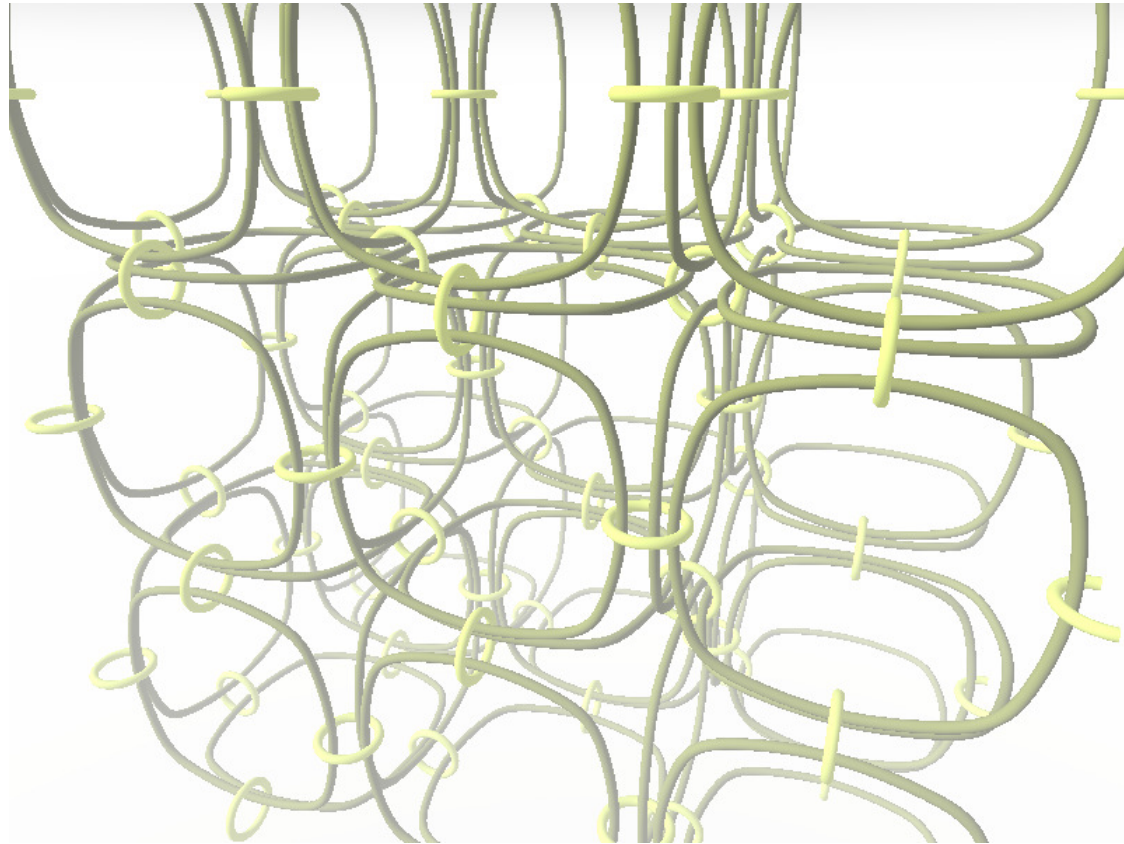


ω Killing property :
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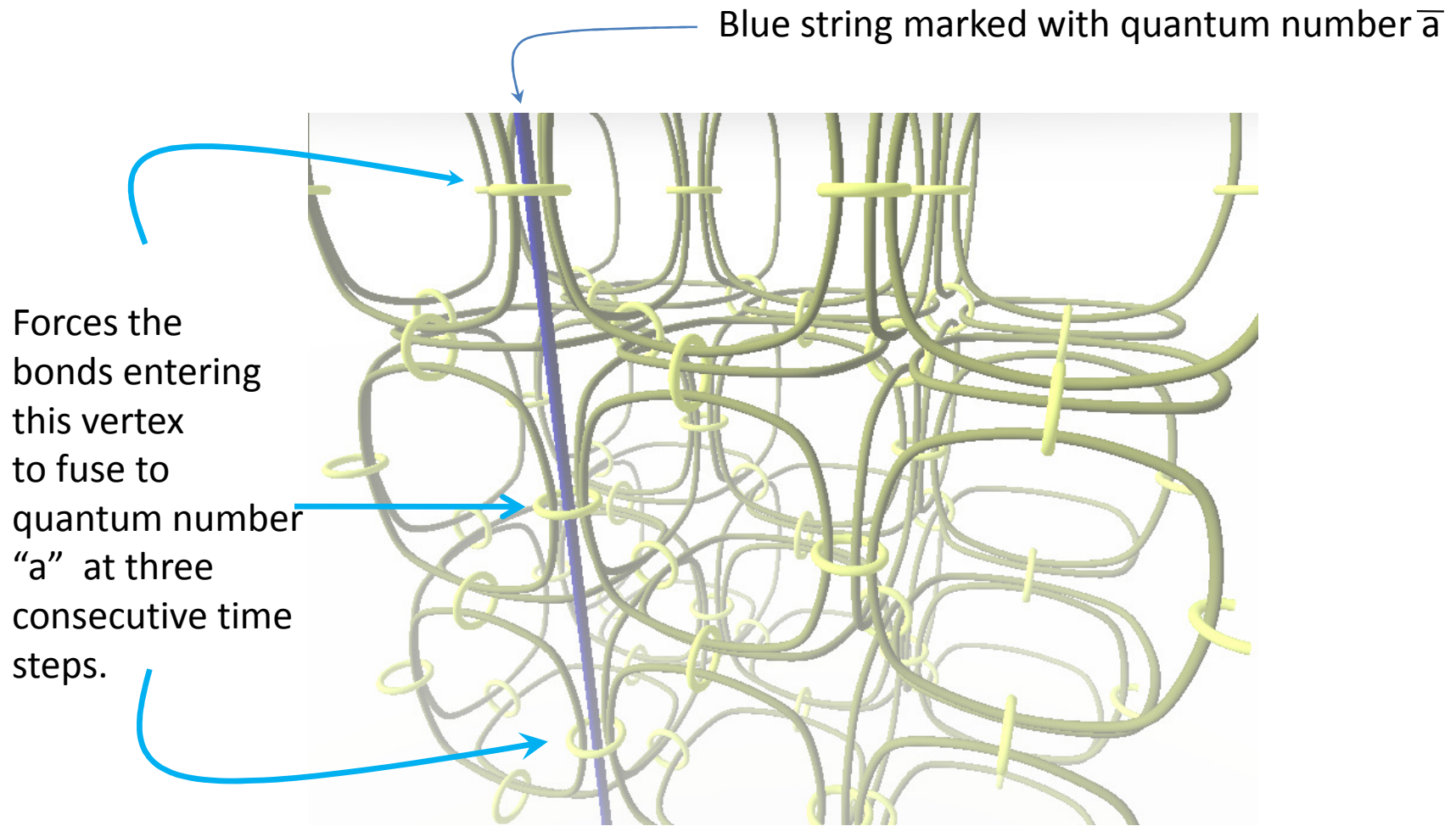


Group must fuse to quantum
Number “a” to cancel “ \bar{a} ”
and create vacuum

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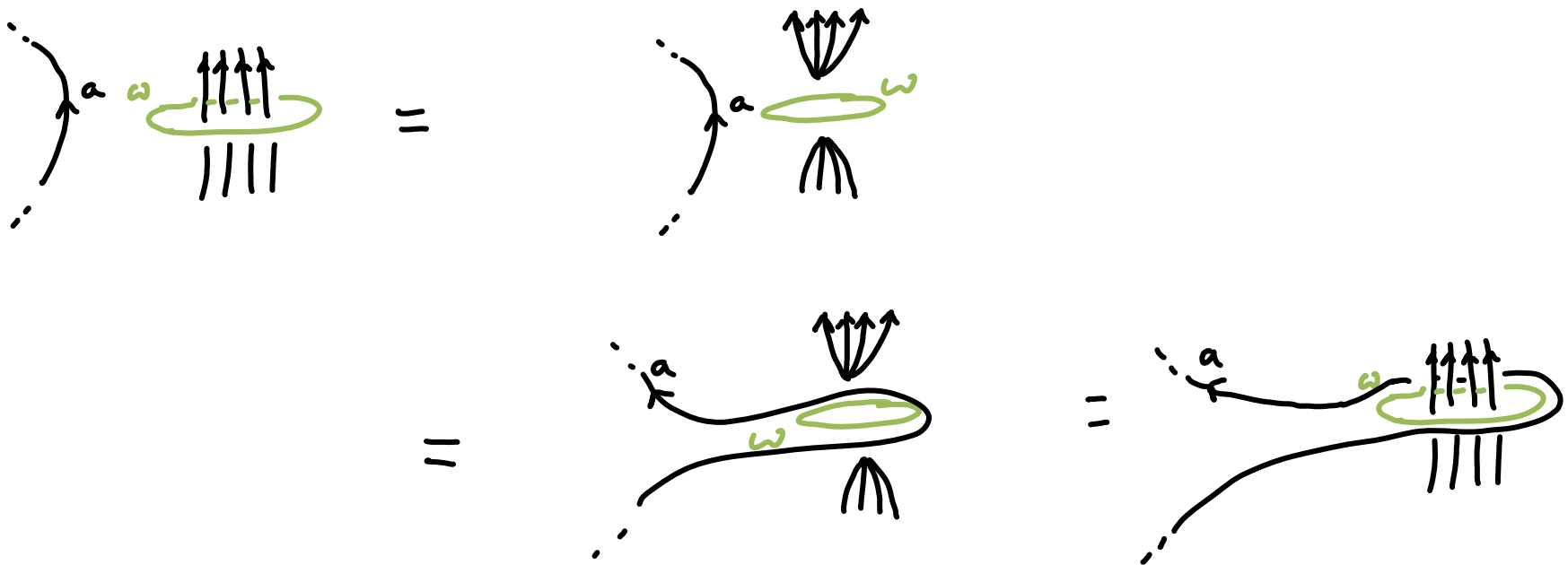


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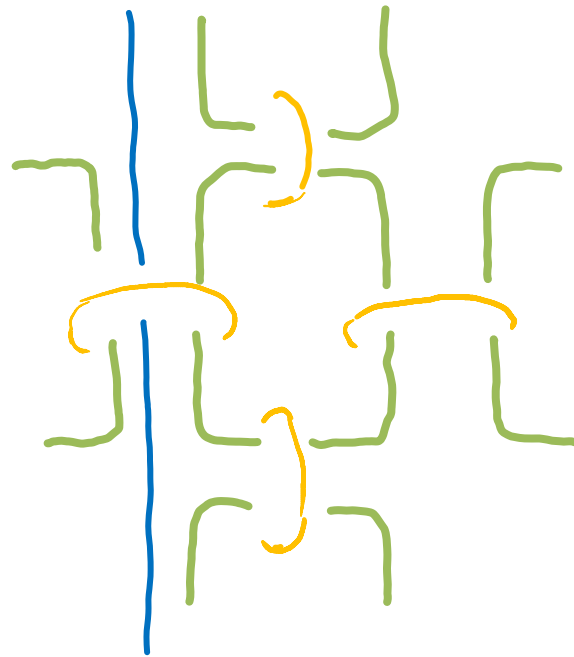


Knot evaluation give ground state partition function in the presence of a “vertex” quasiparticle whose world line follows the specified path

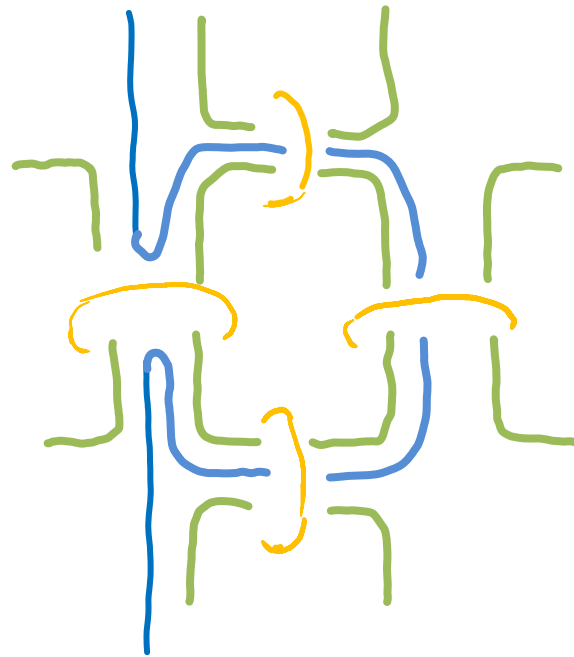
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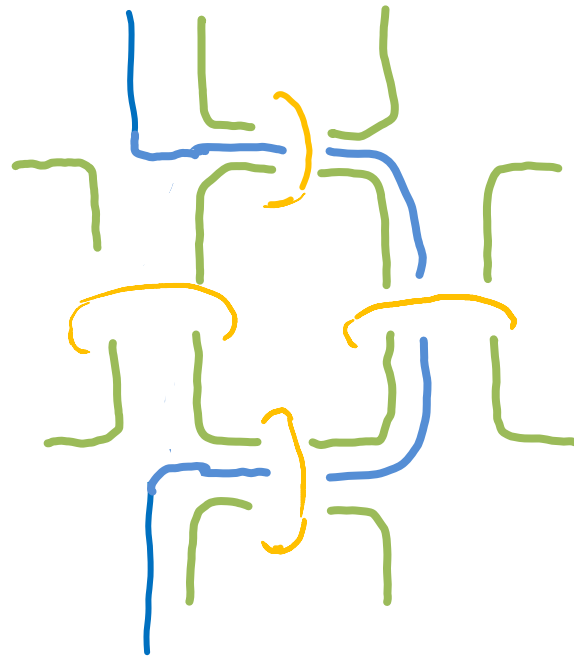
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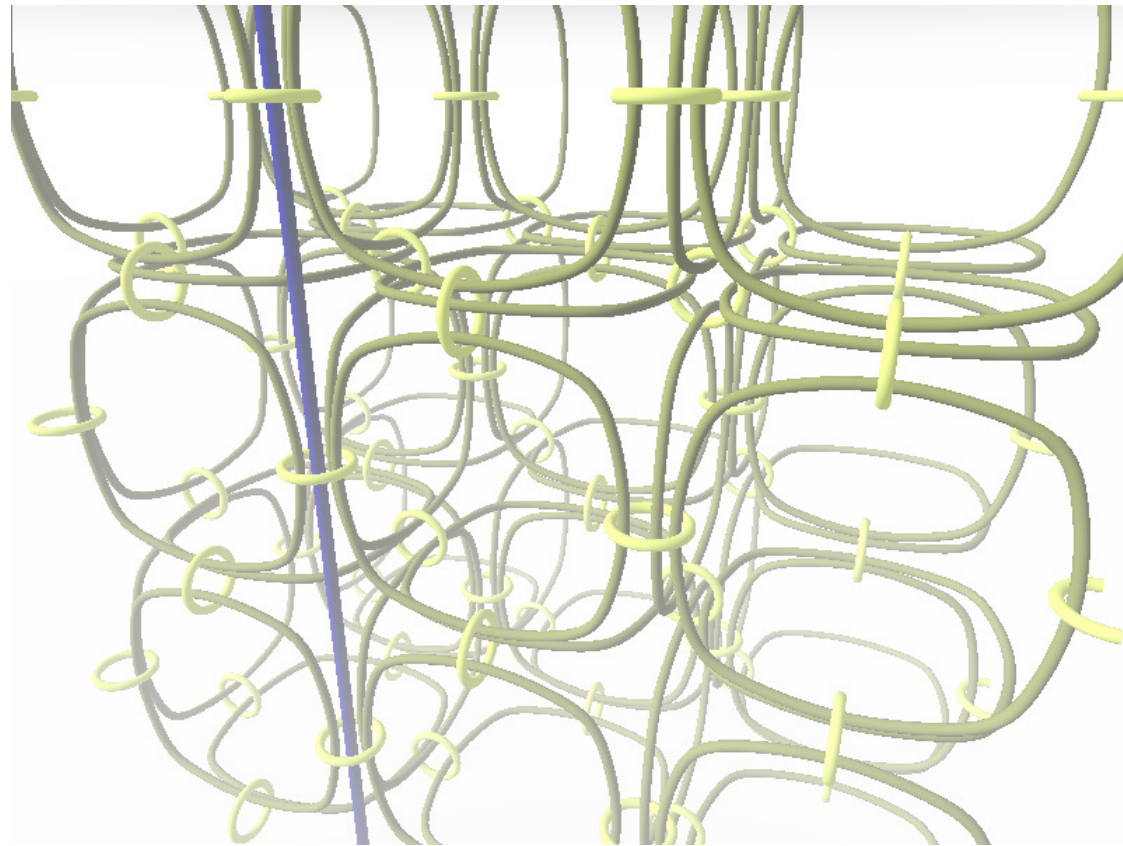


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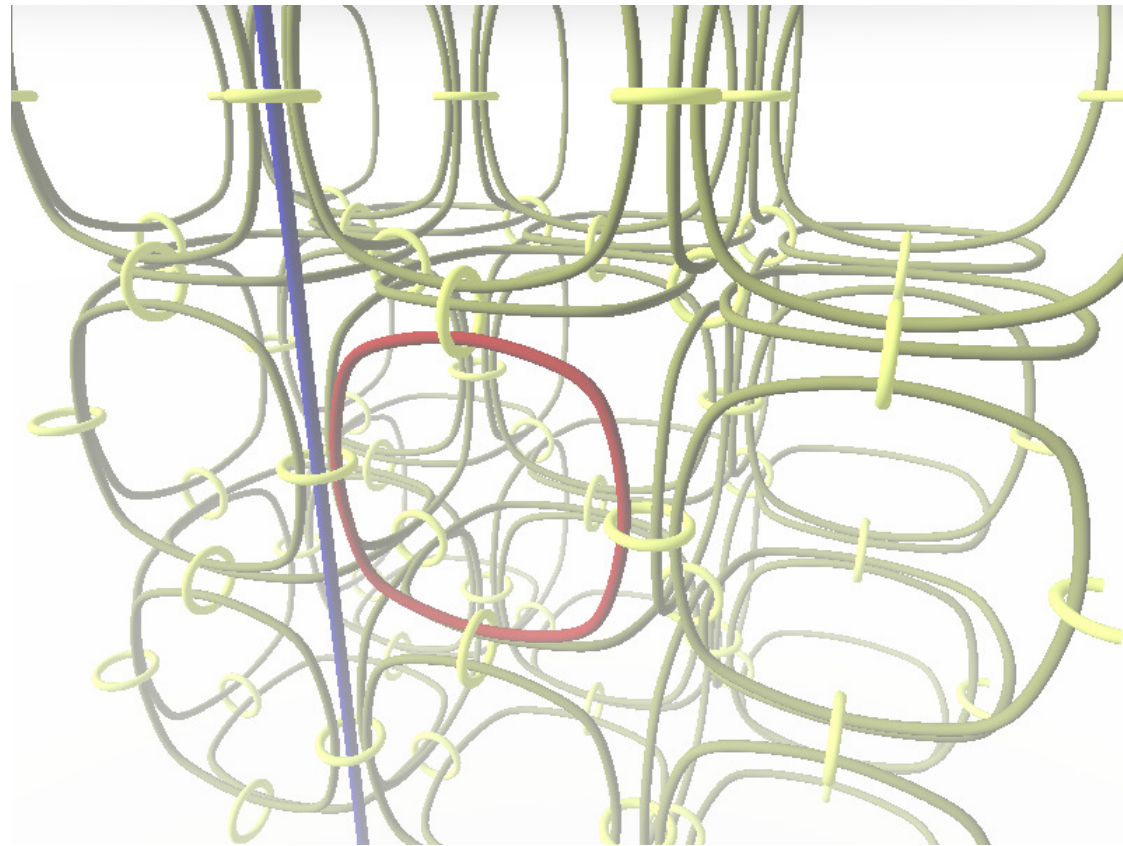
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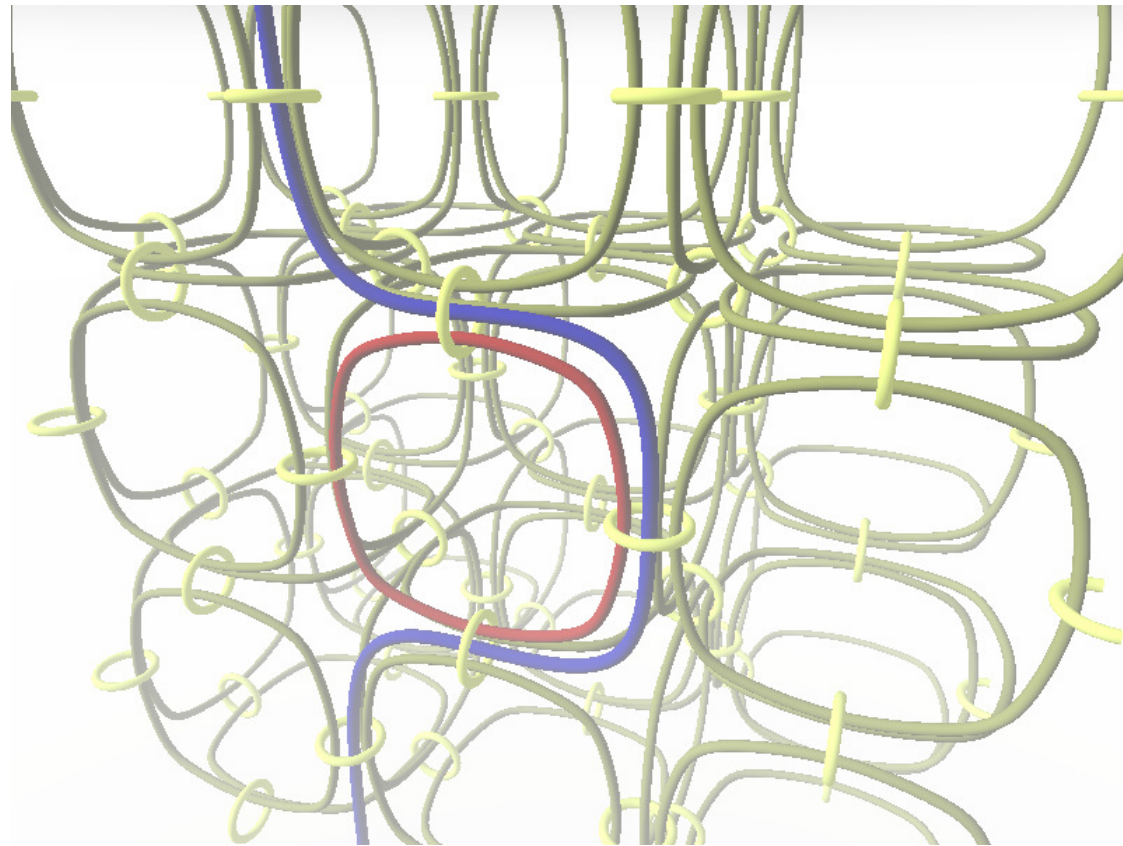
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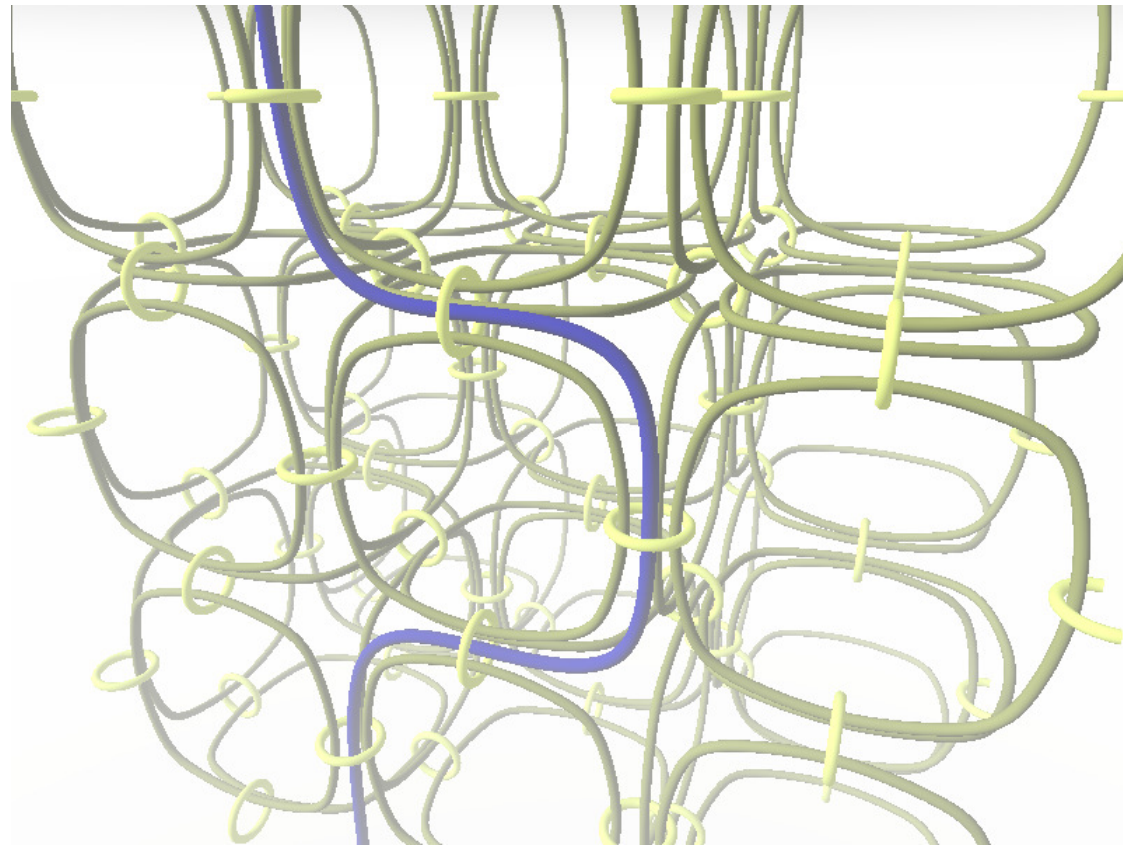
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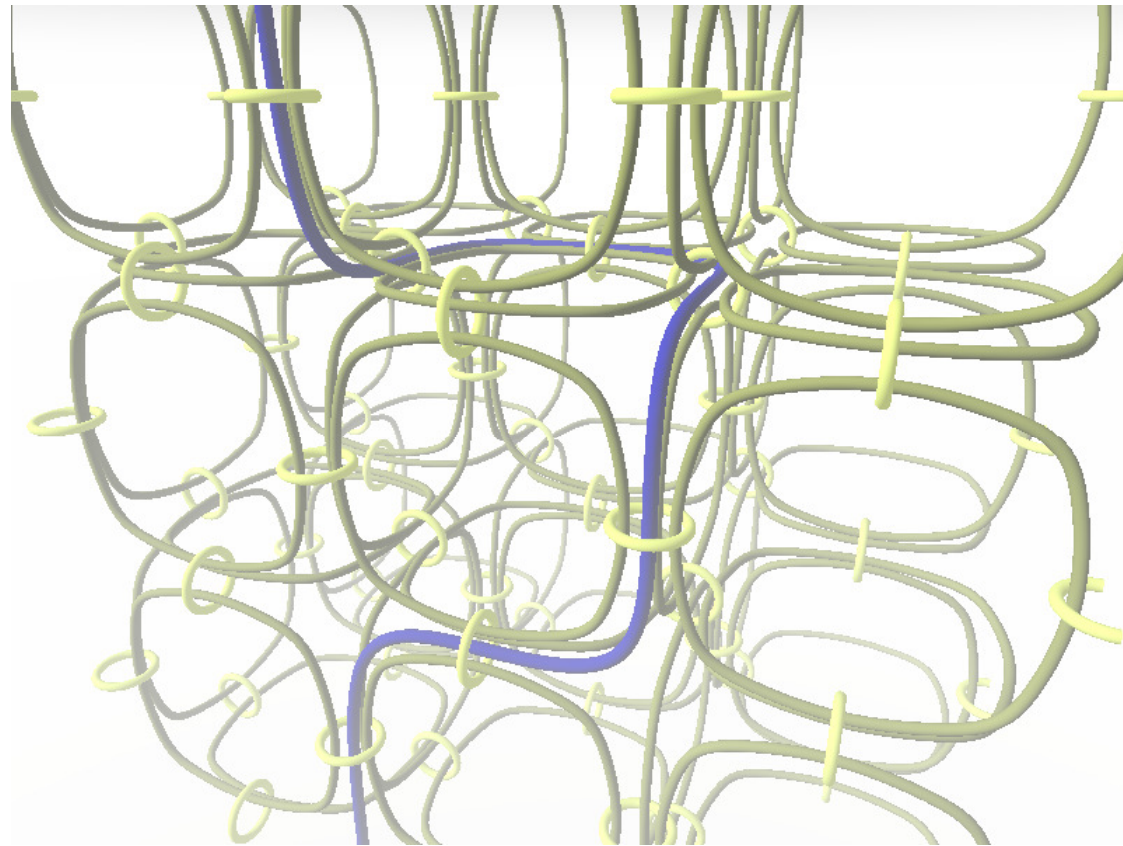
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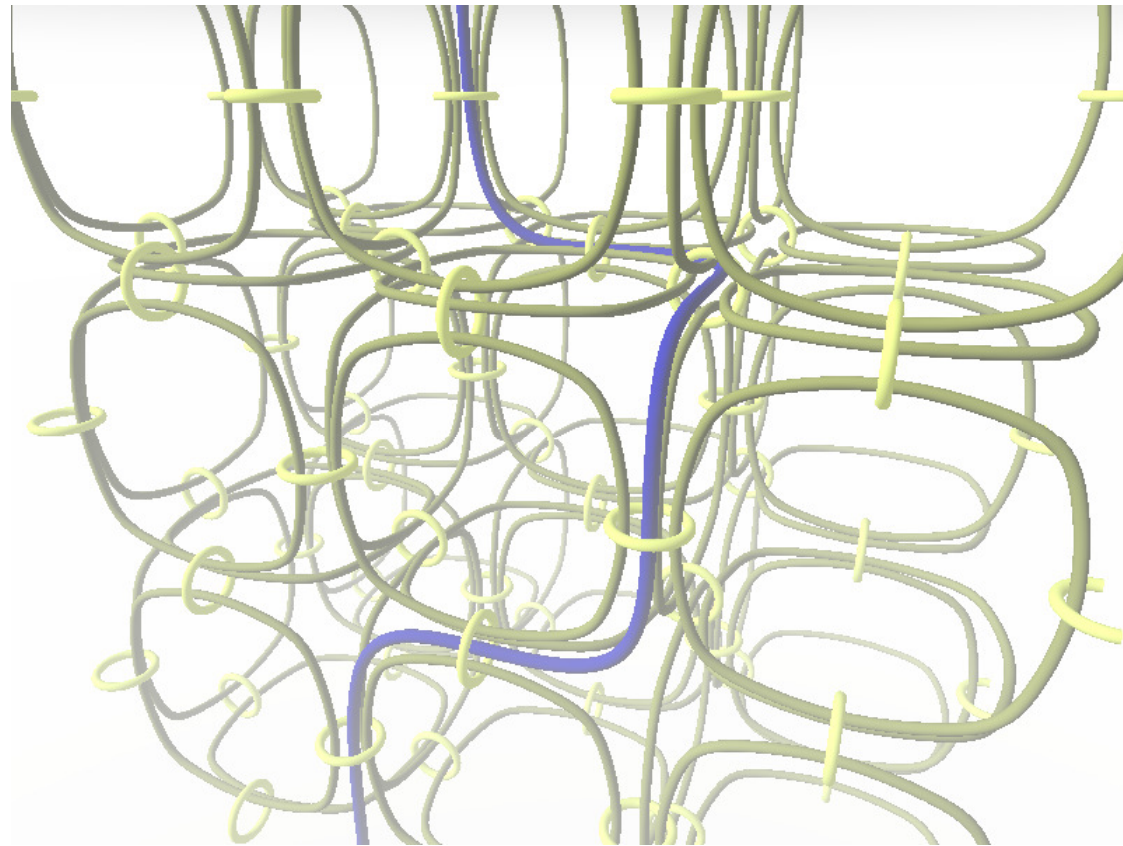
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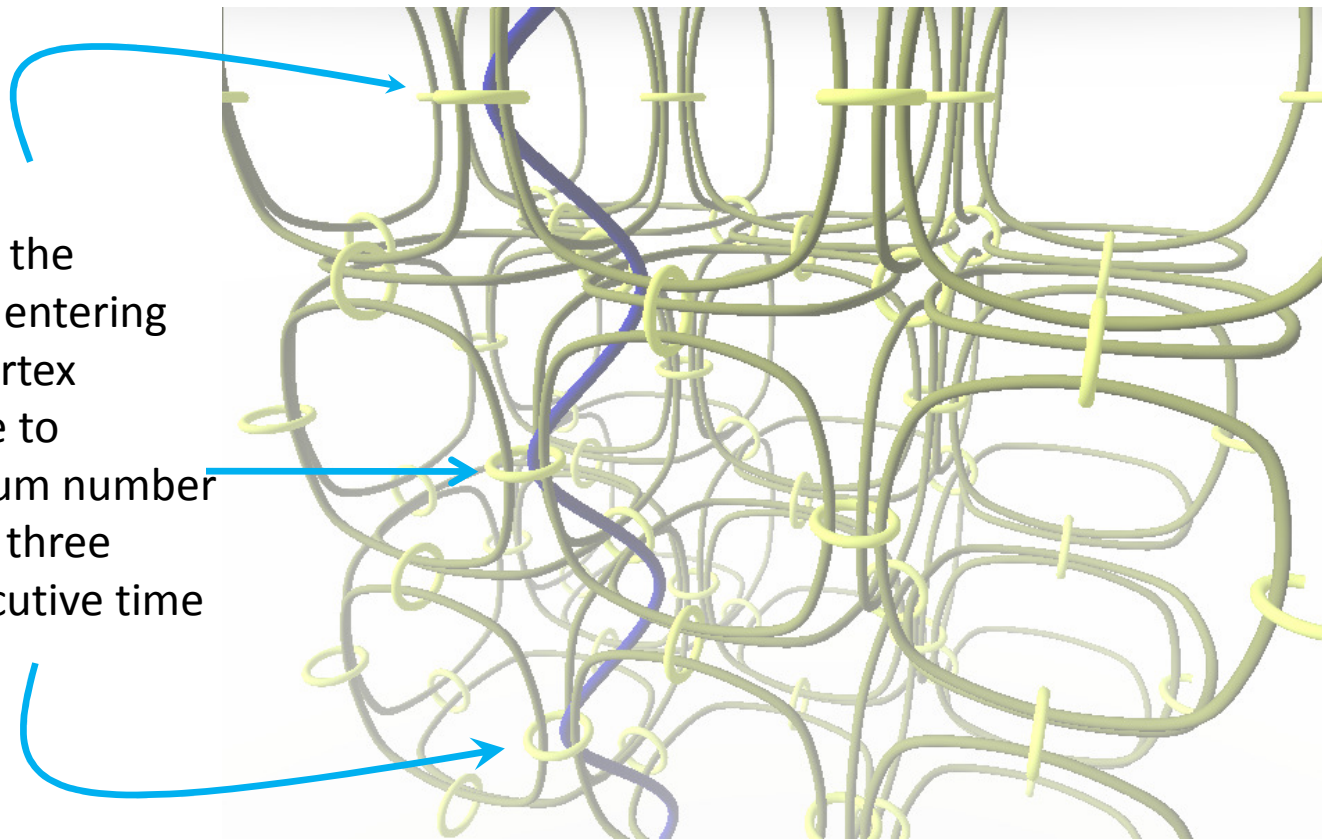


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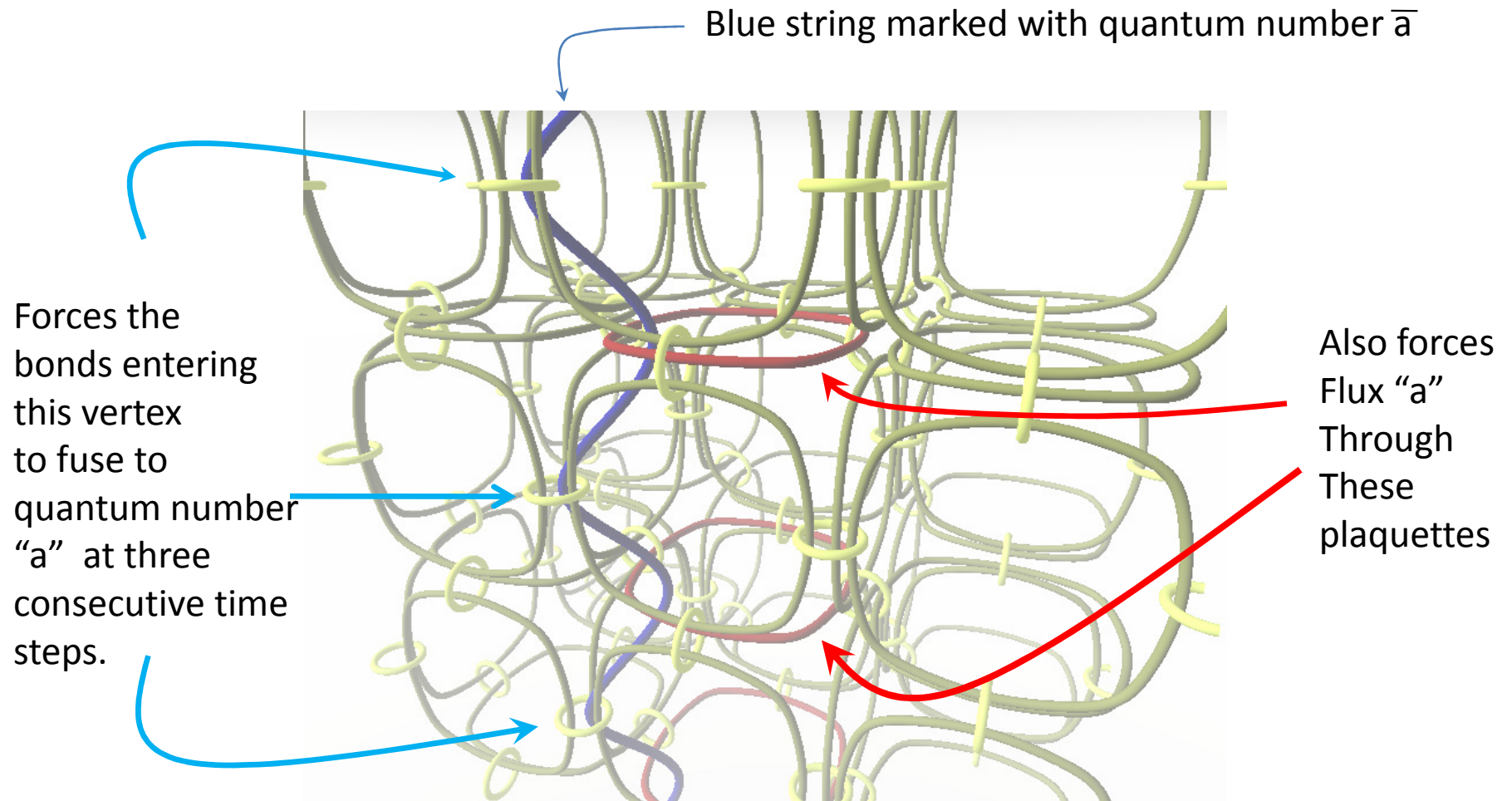
“Plaquette” or “Mirror” Quasiparticles

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Forces the bonds entering this vertex to fuse to quantum number “a” at three consecutive time steps.




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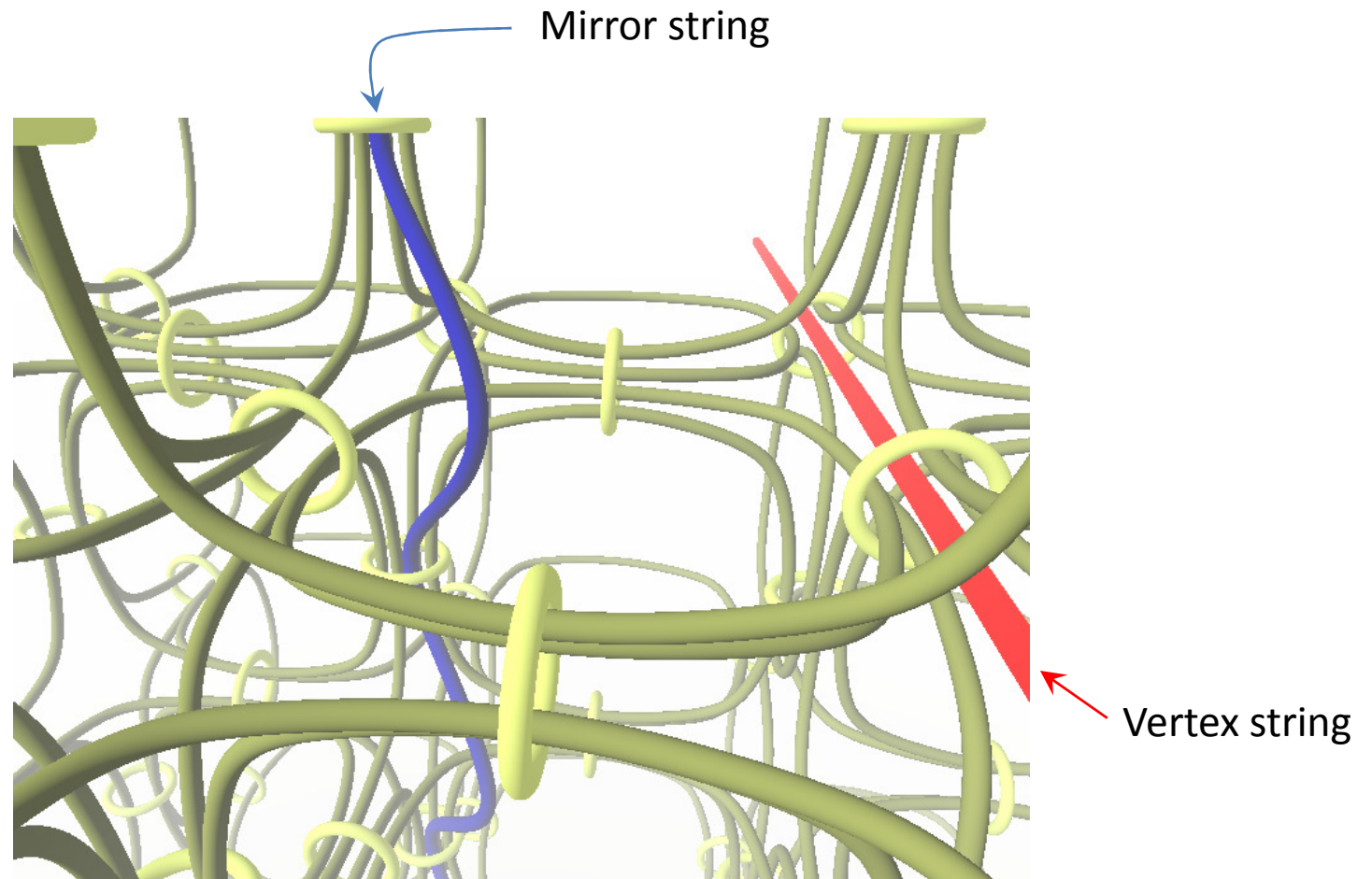


Mirror quasiparticles must go *through* plaquettes when they cross between cells.

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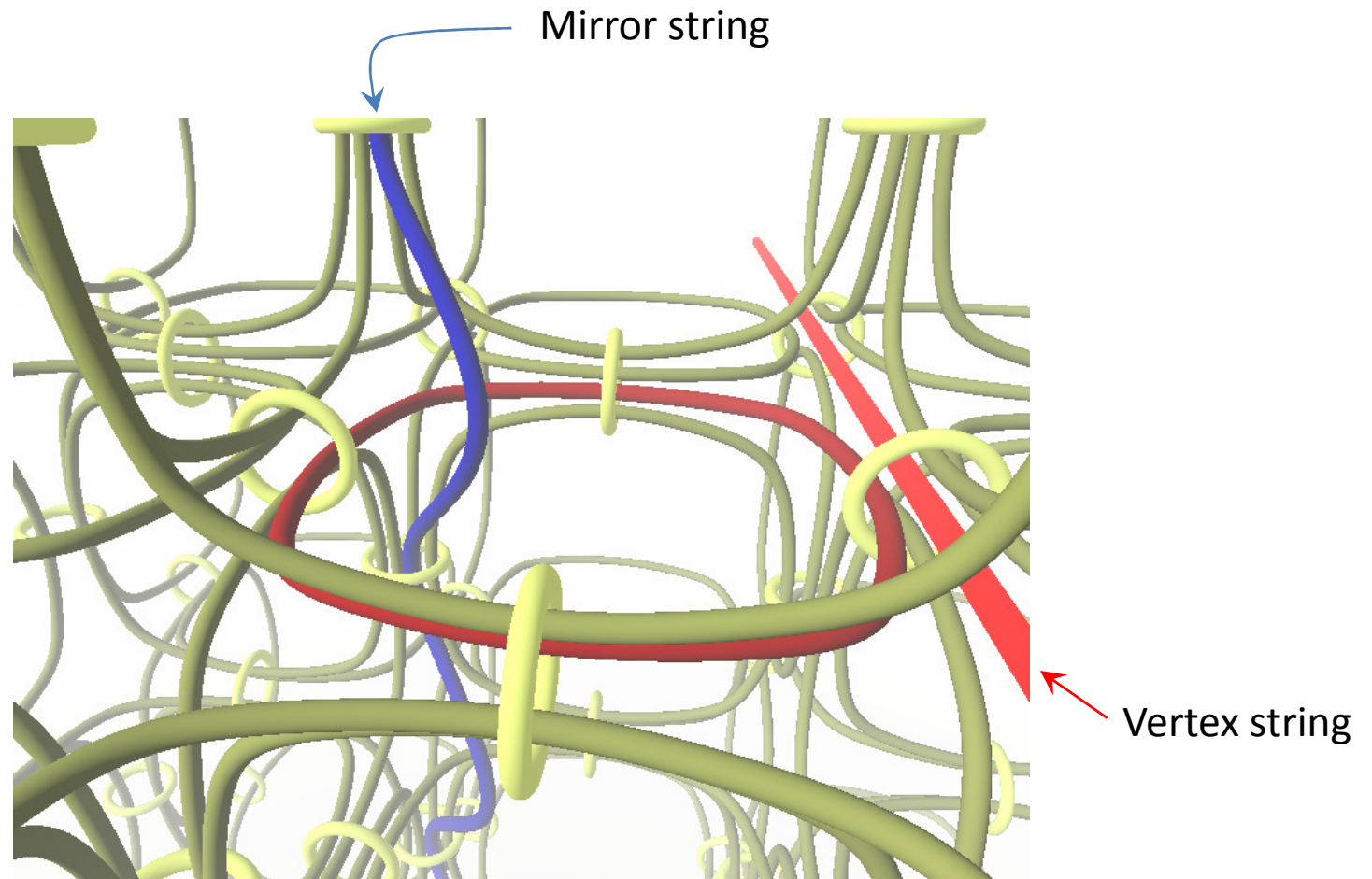
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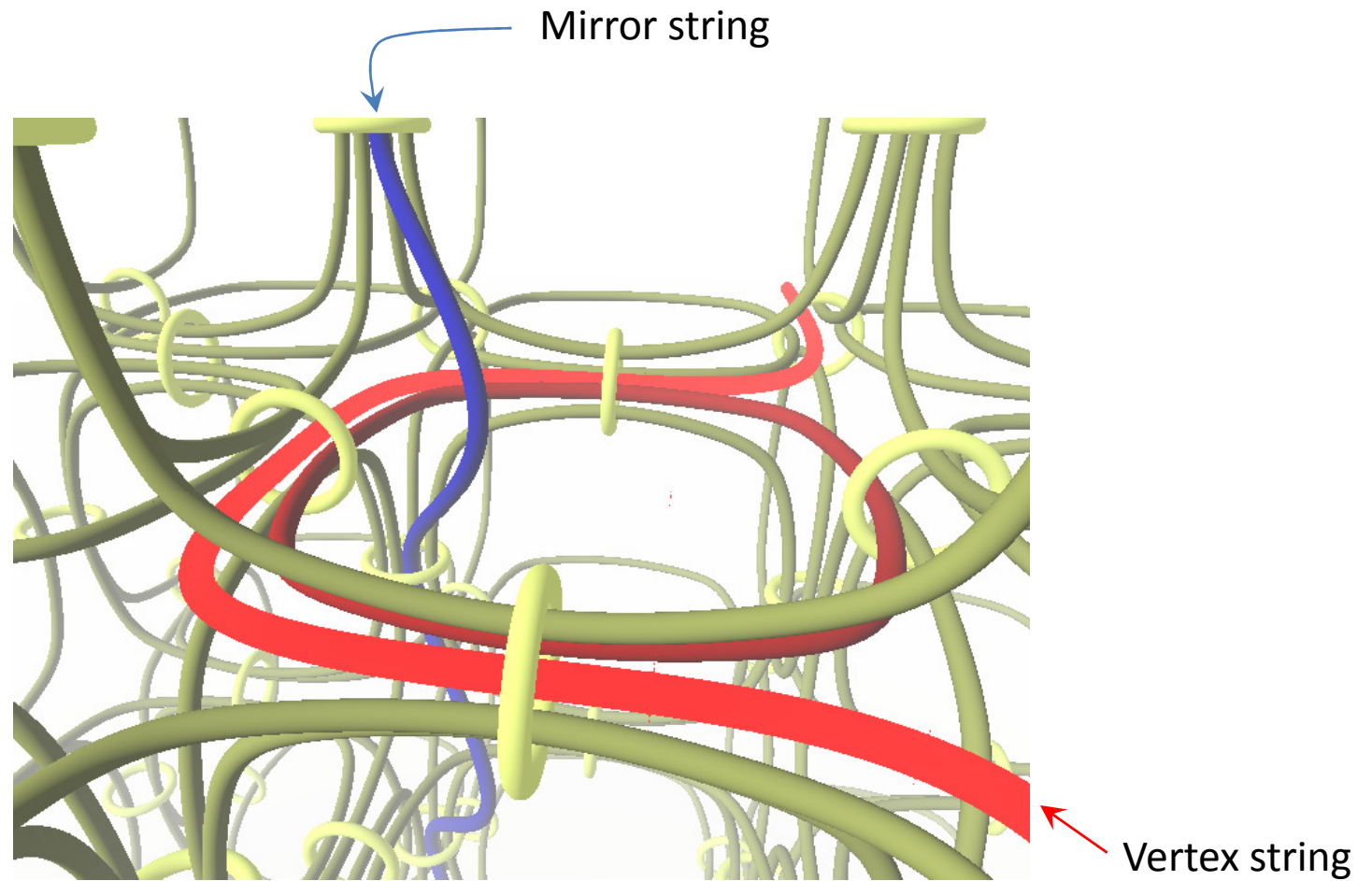
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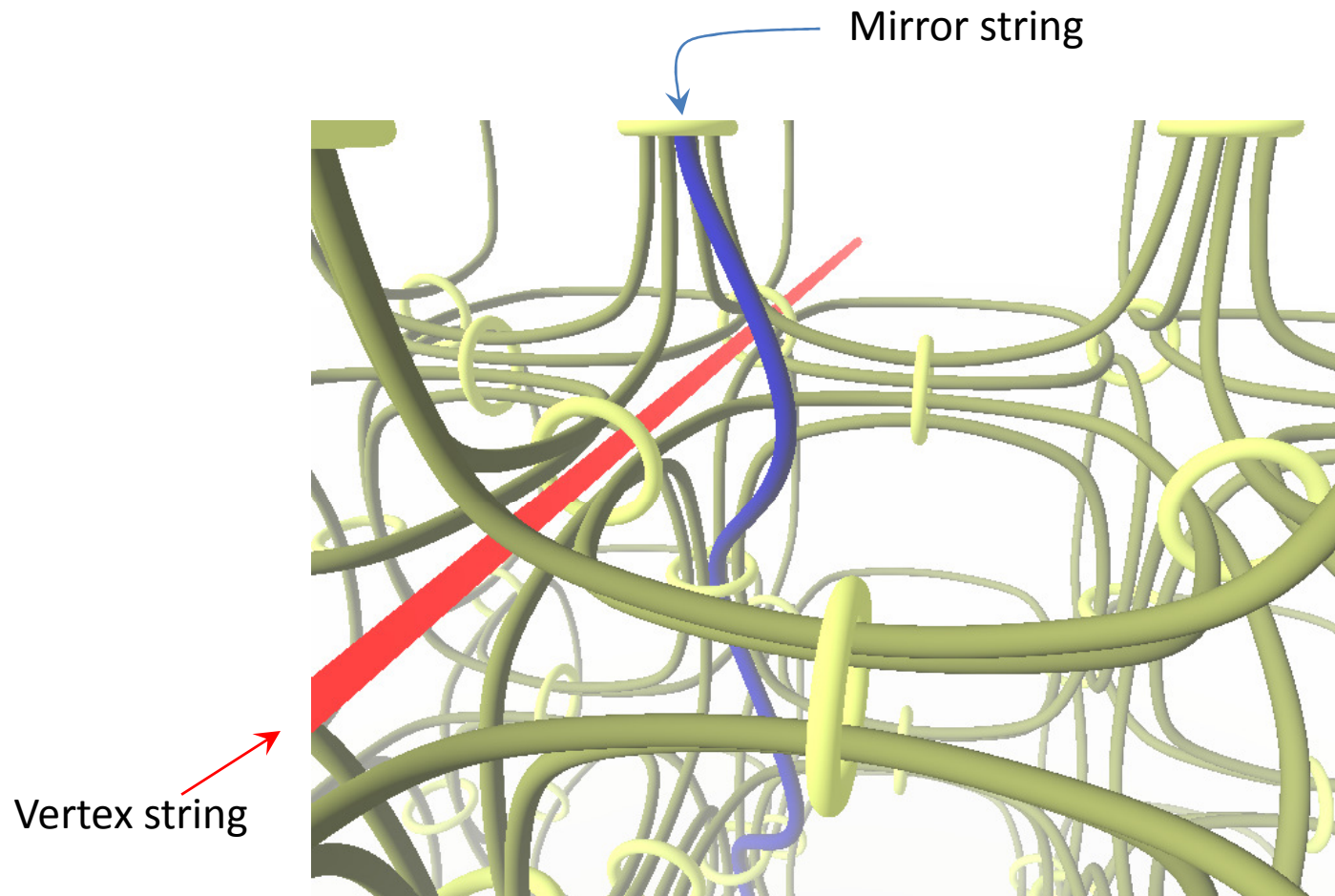
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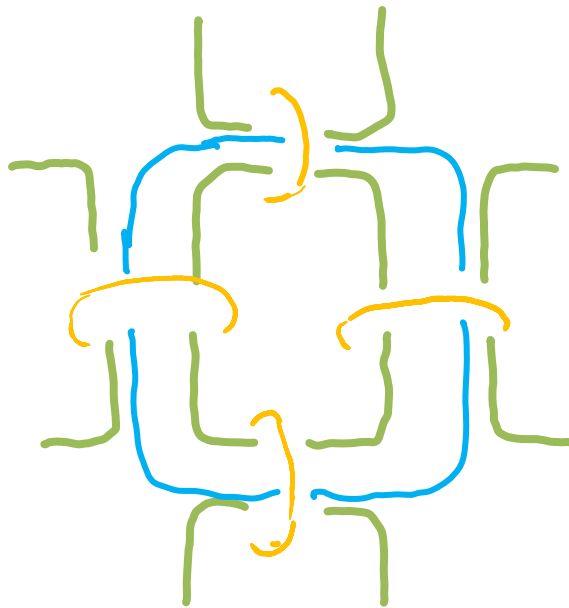


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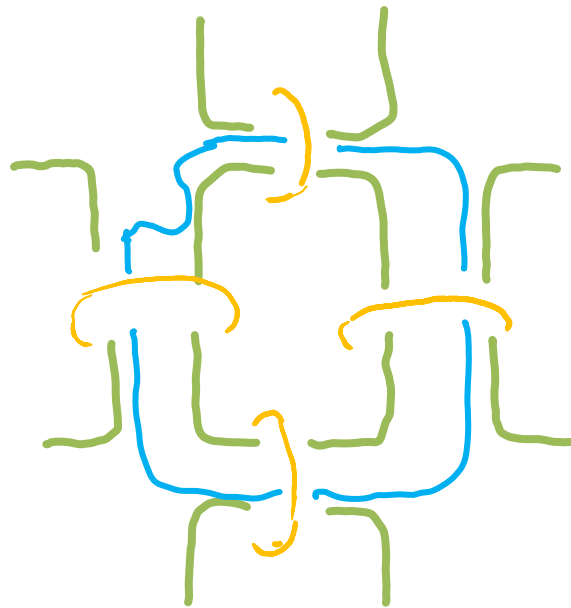
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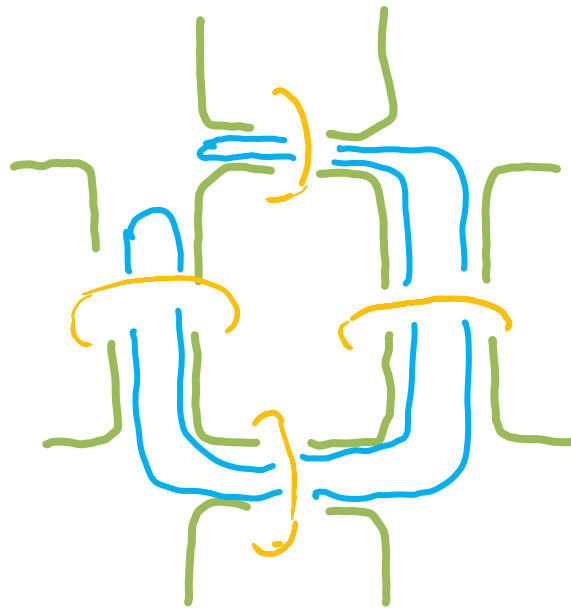
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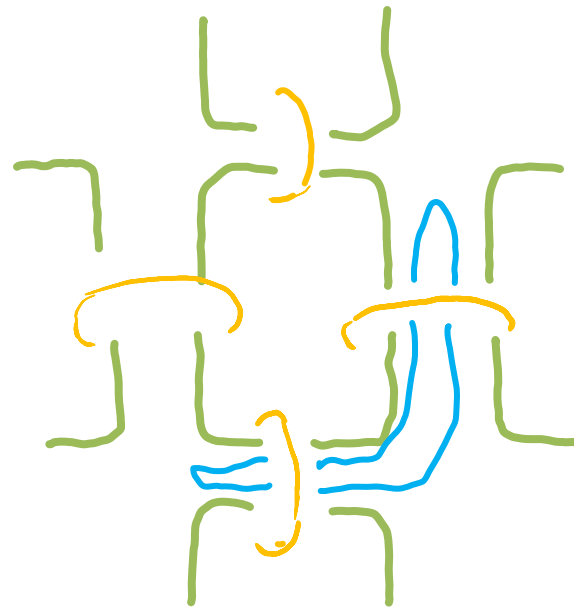
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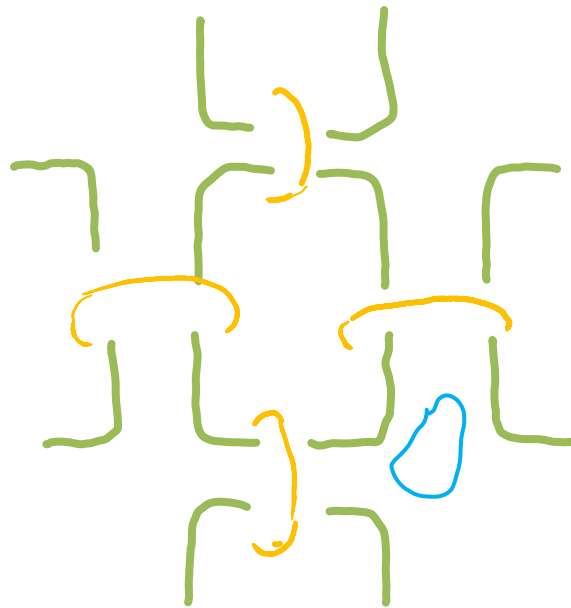
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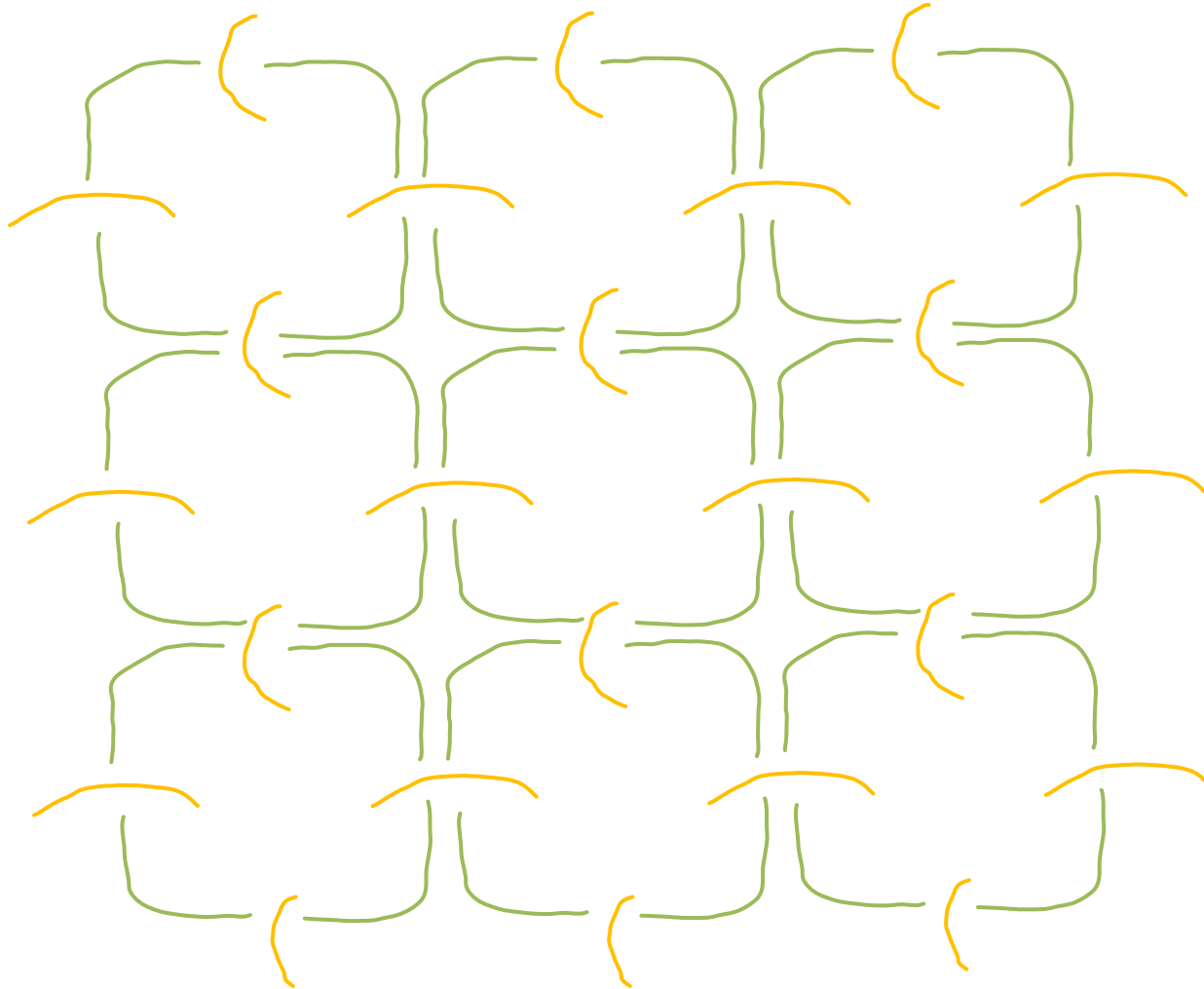
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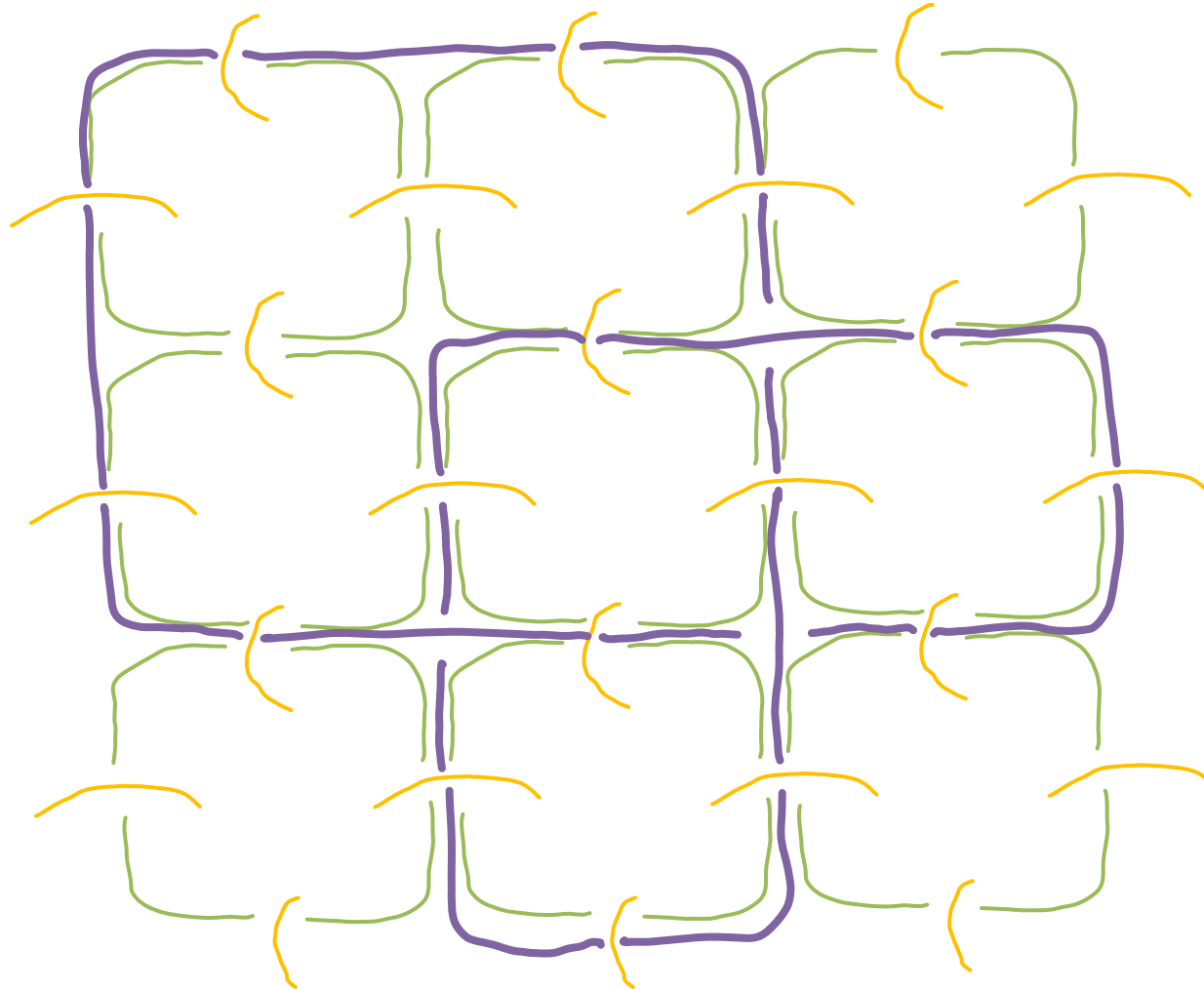
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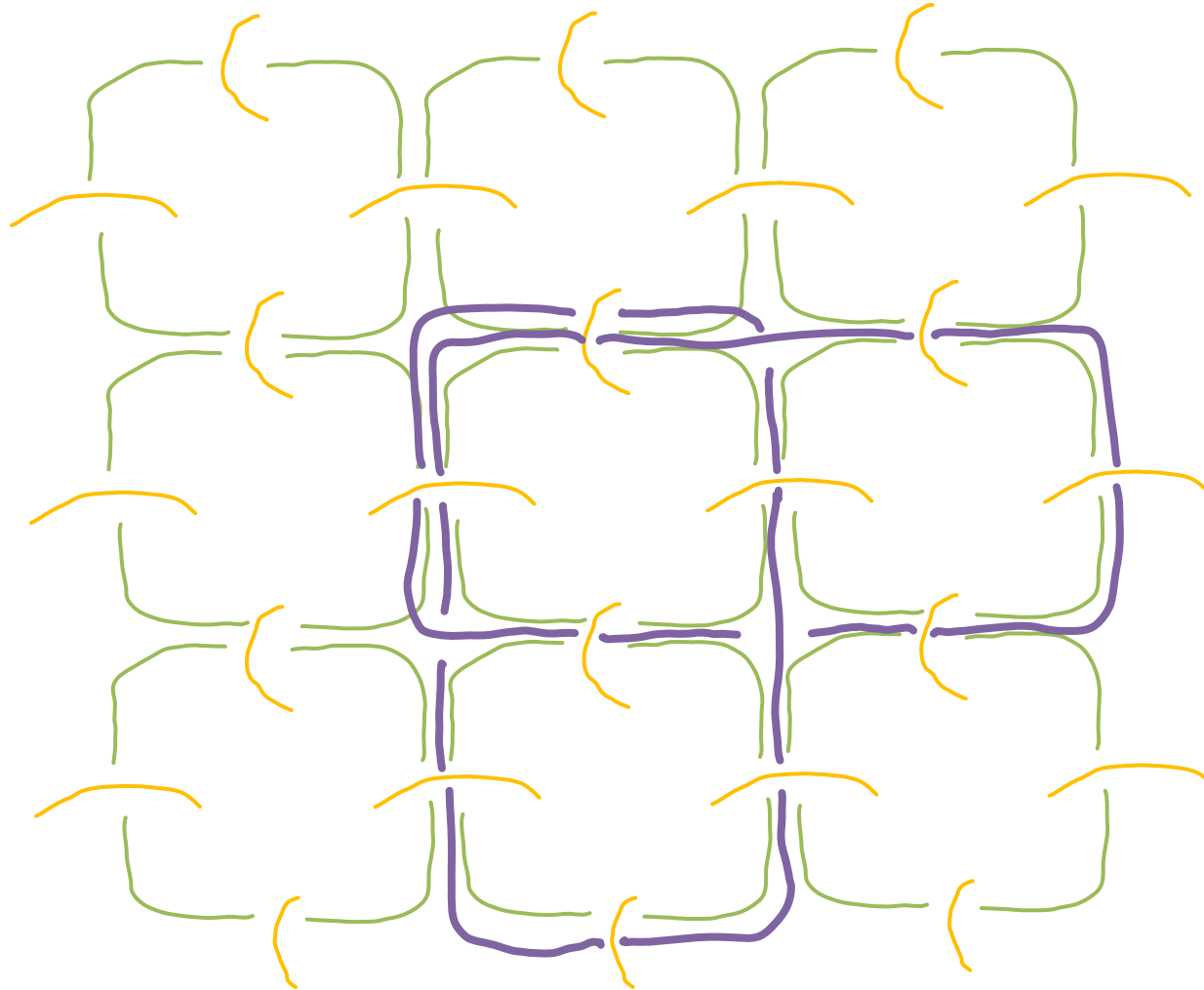
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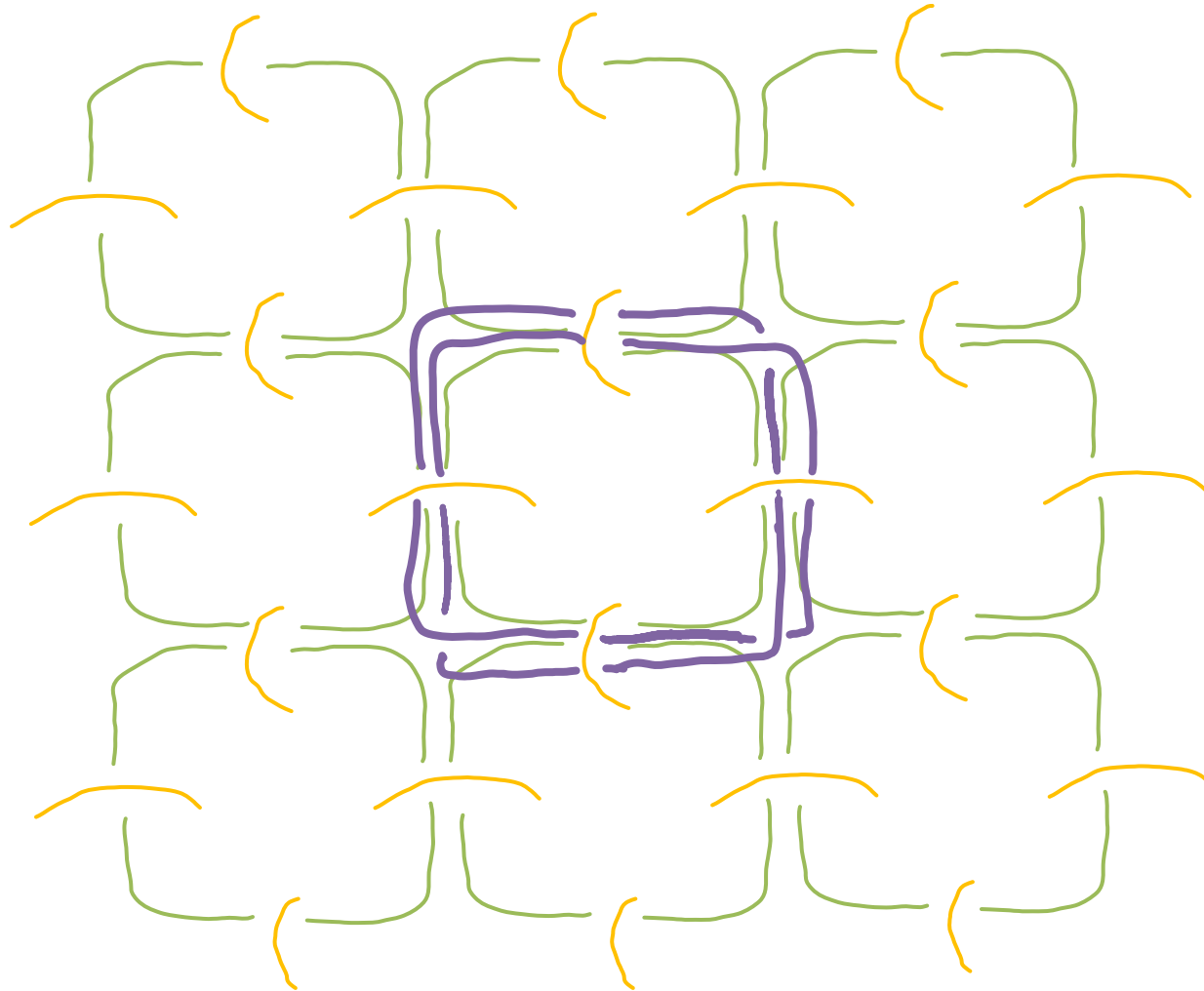
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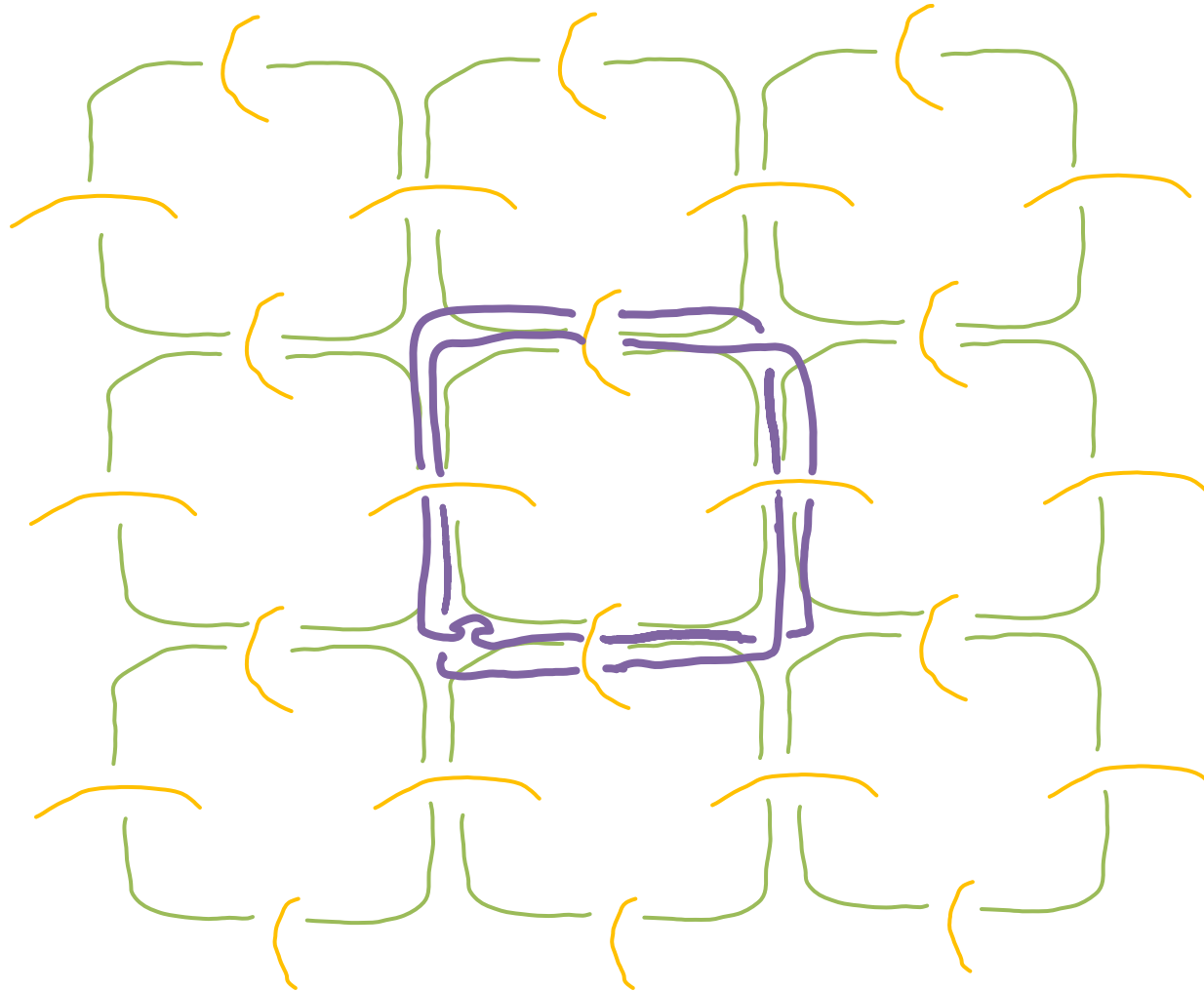
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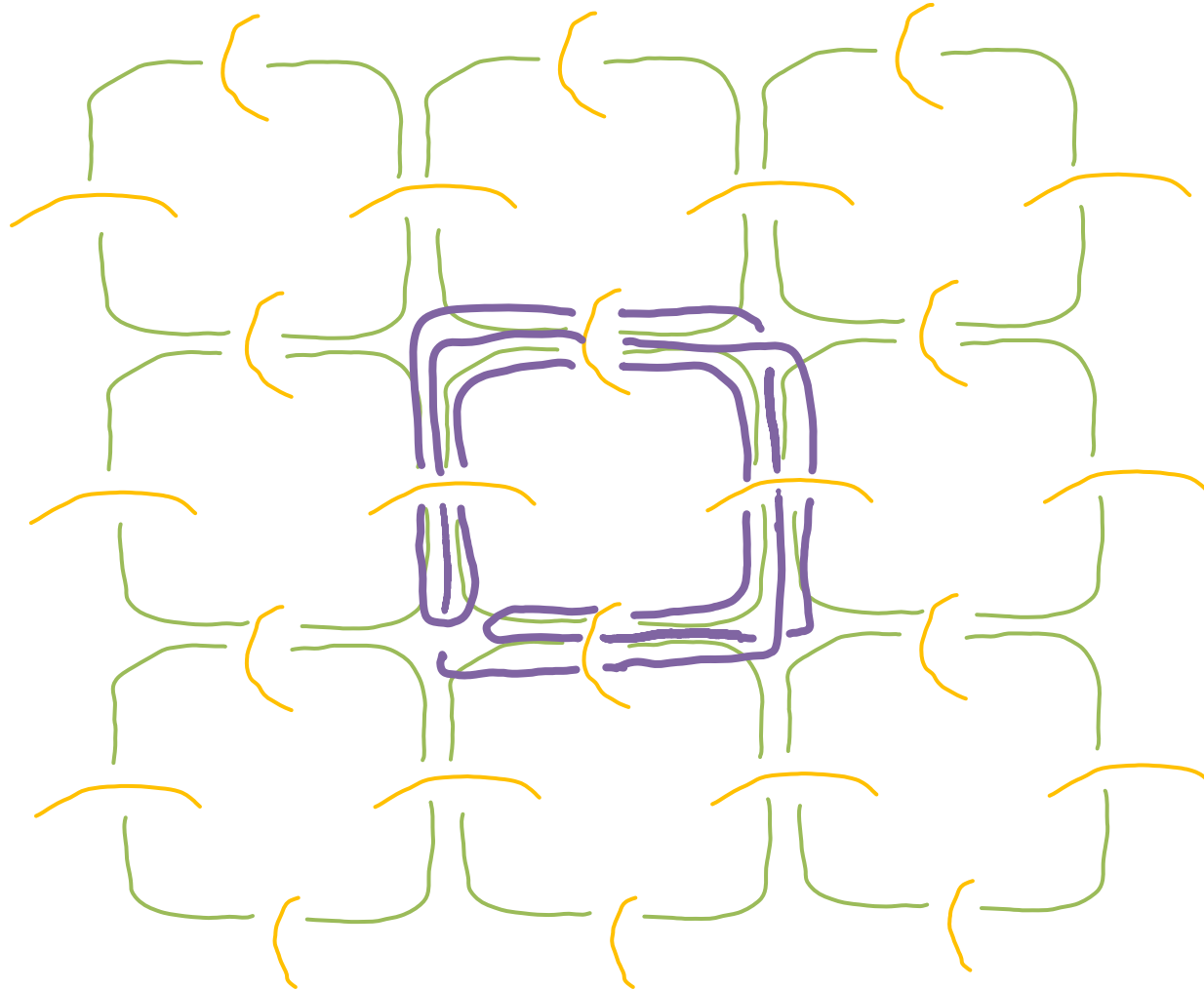
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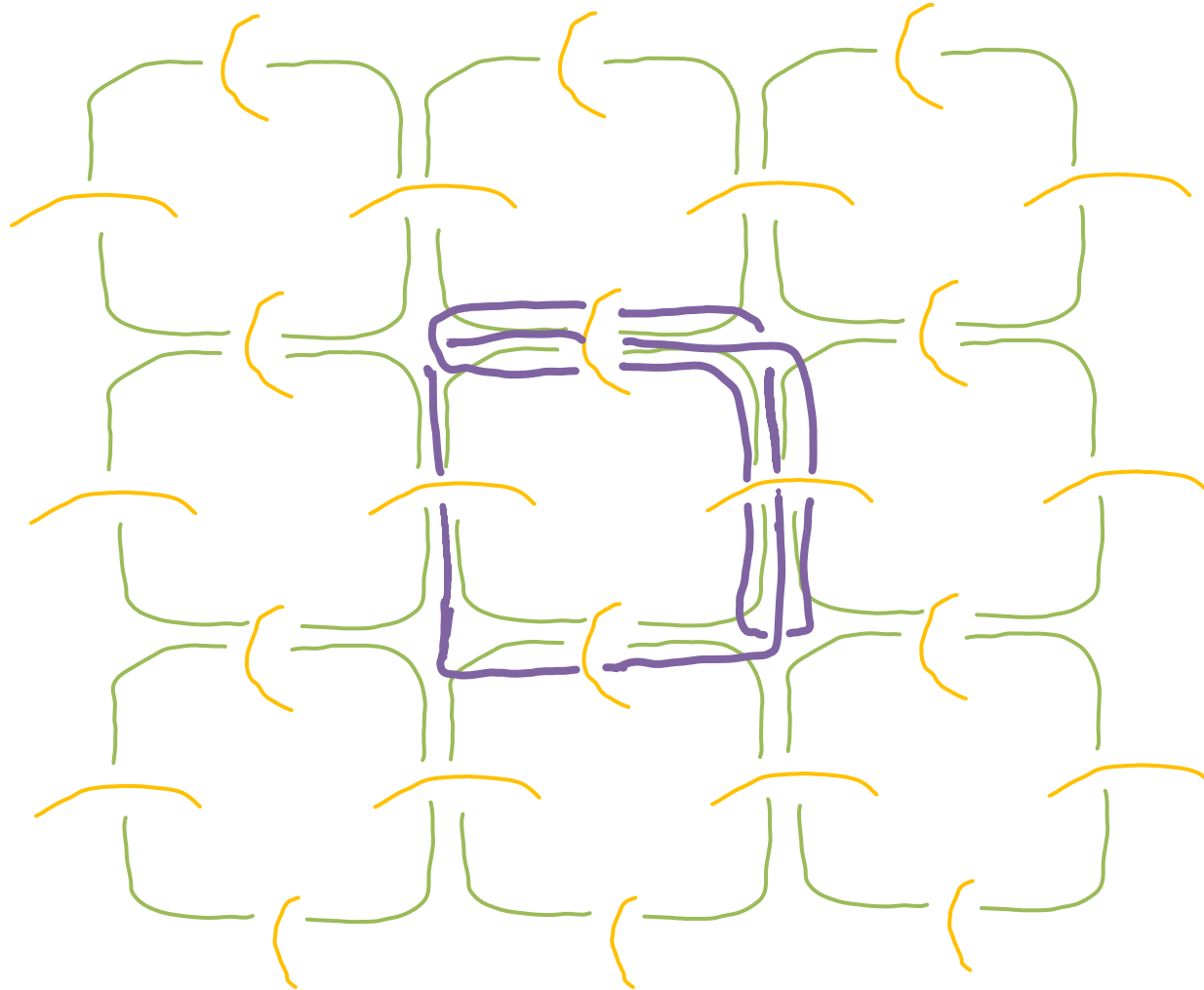
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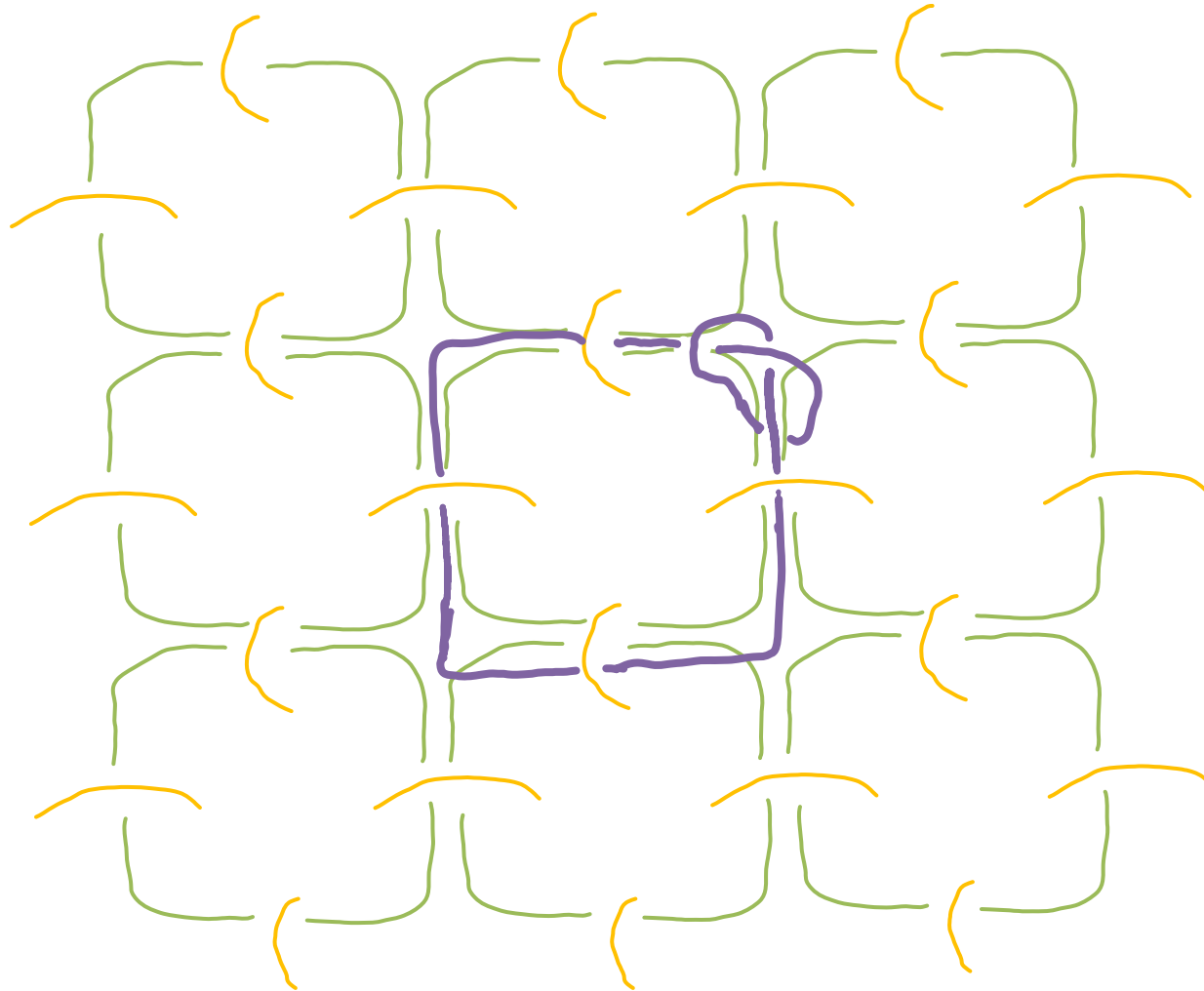
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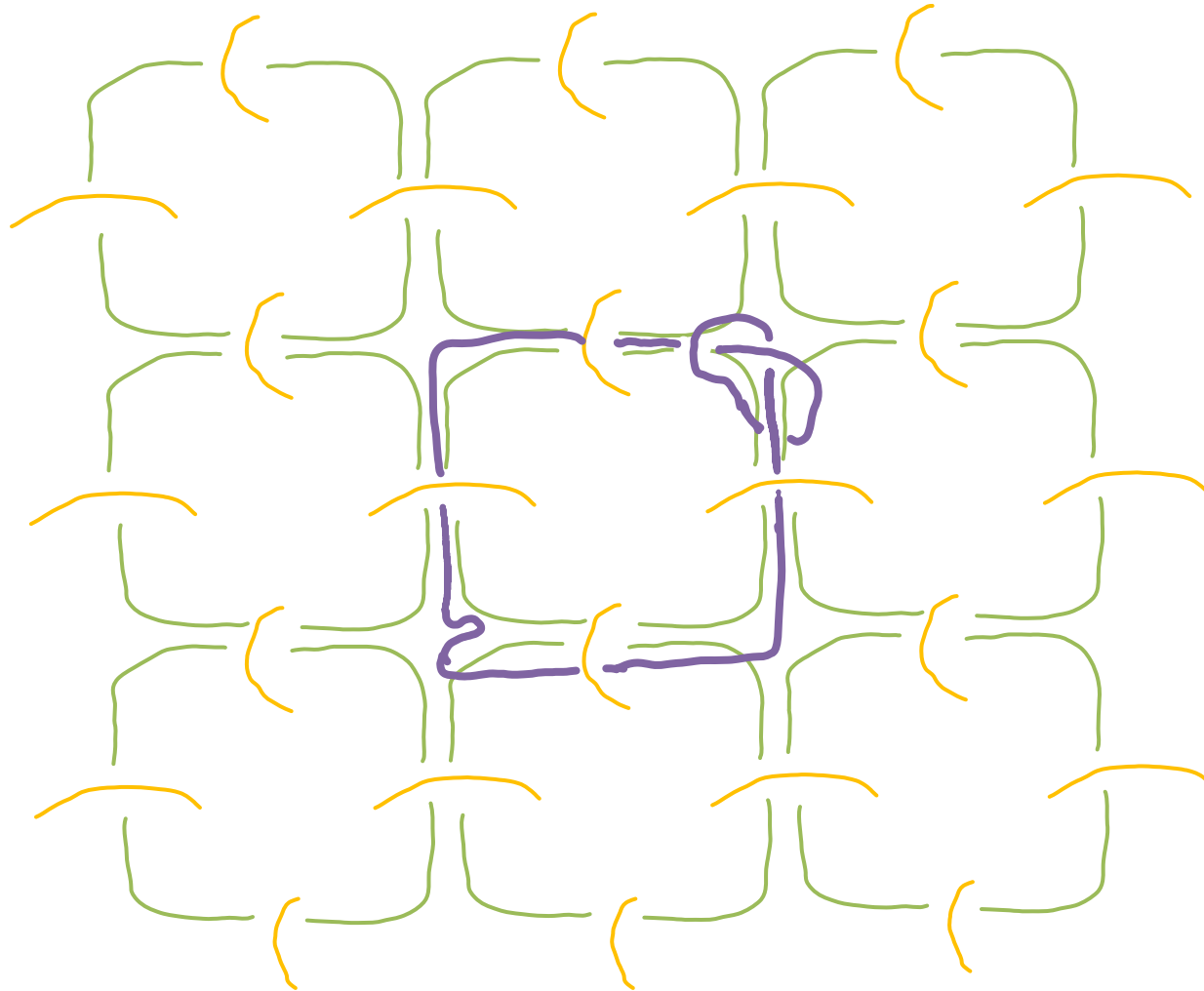
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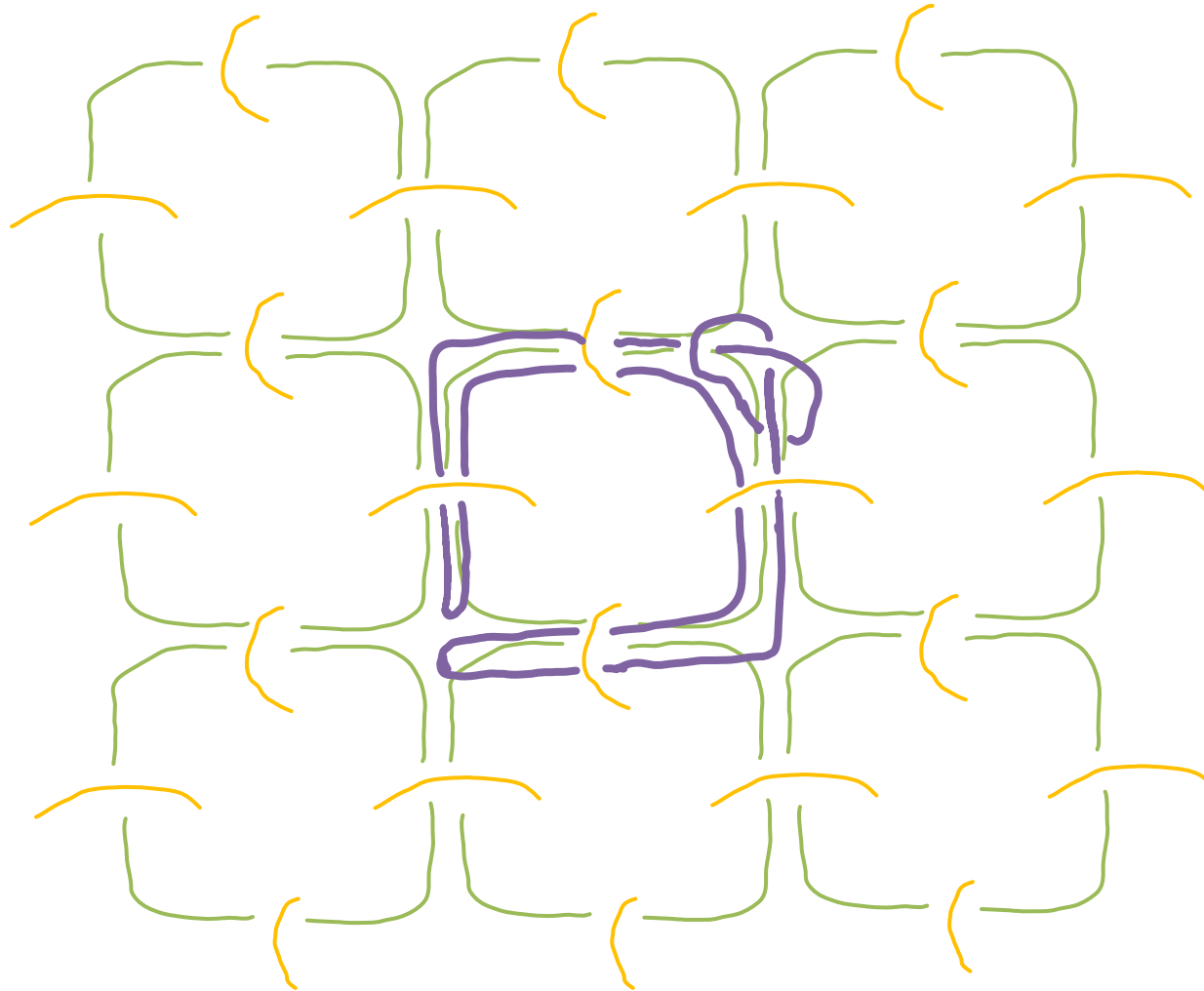
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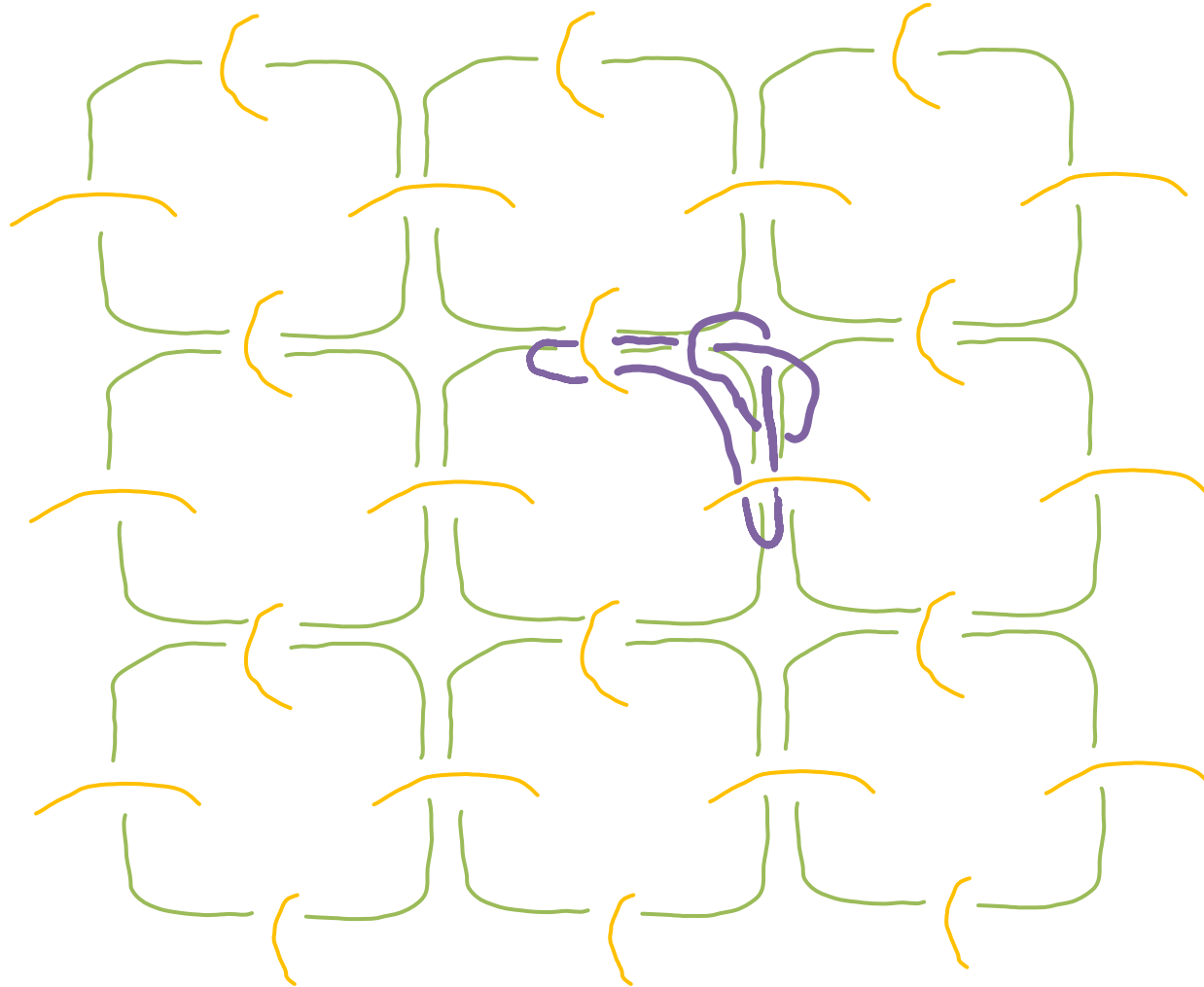
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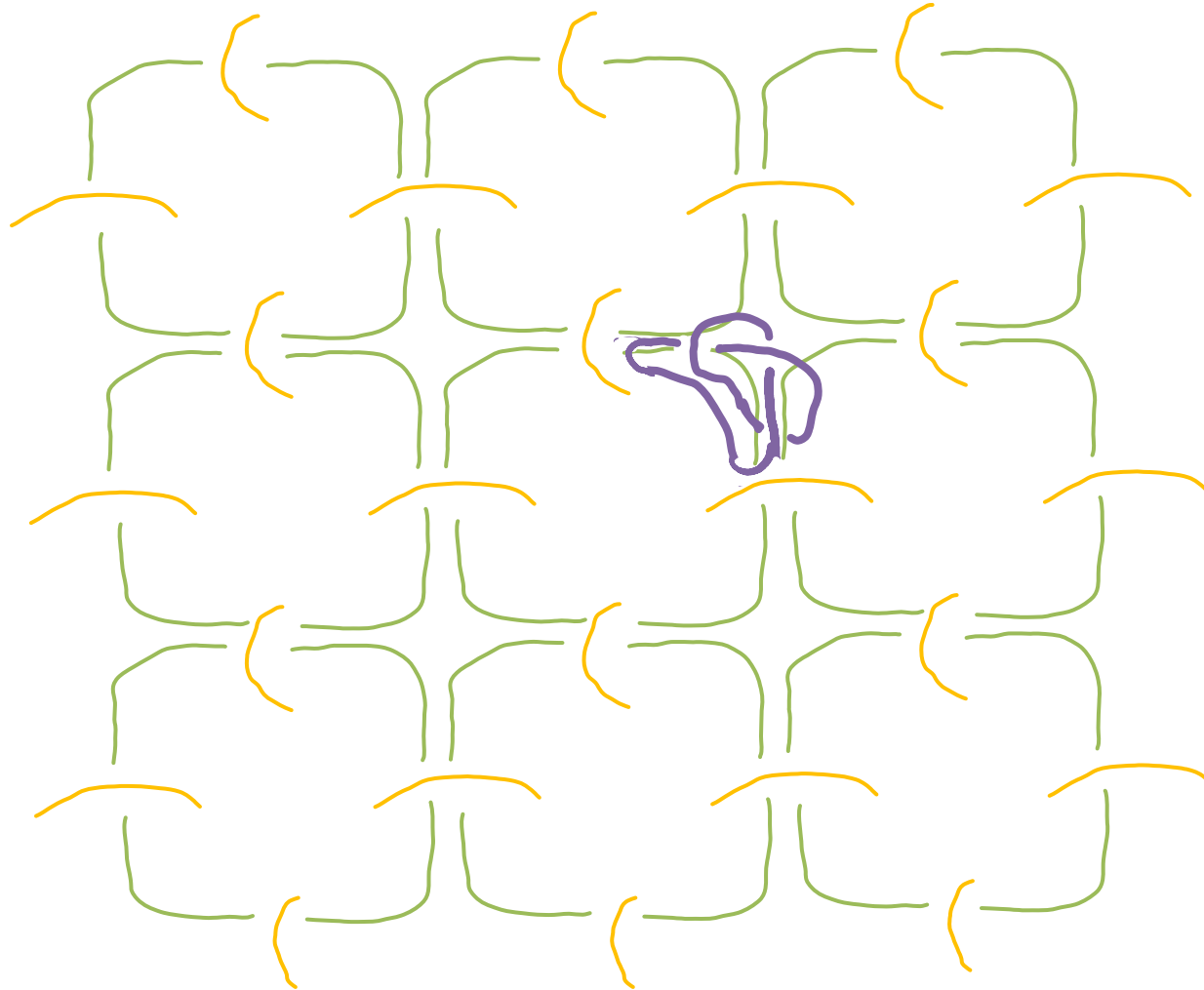
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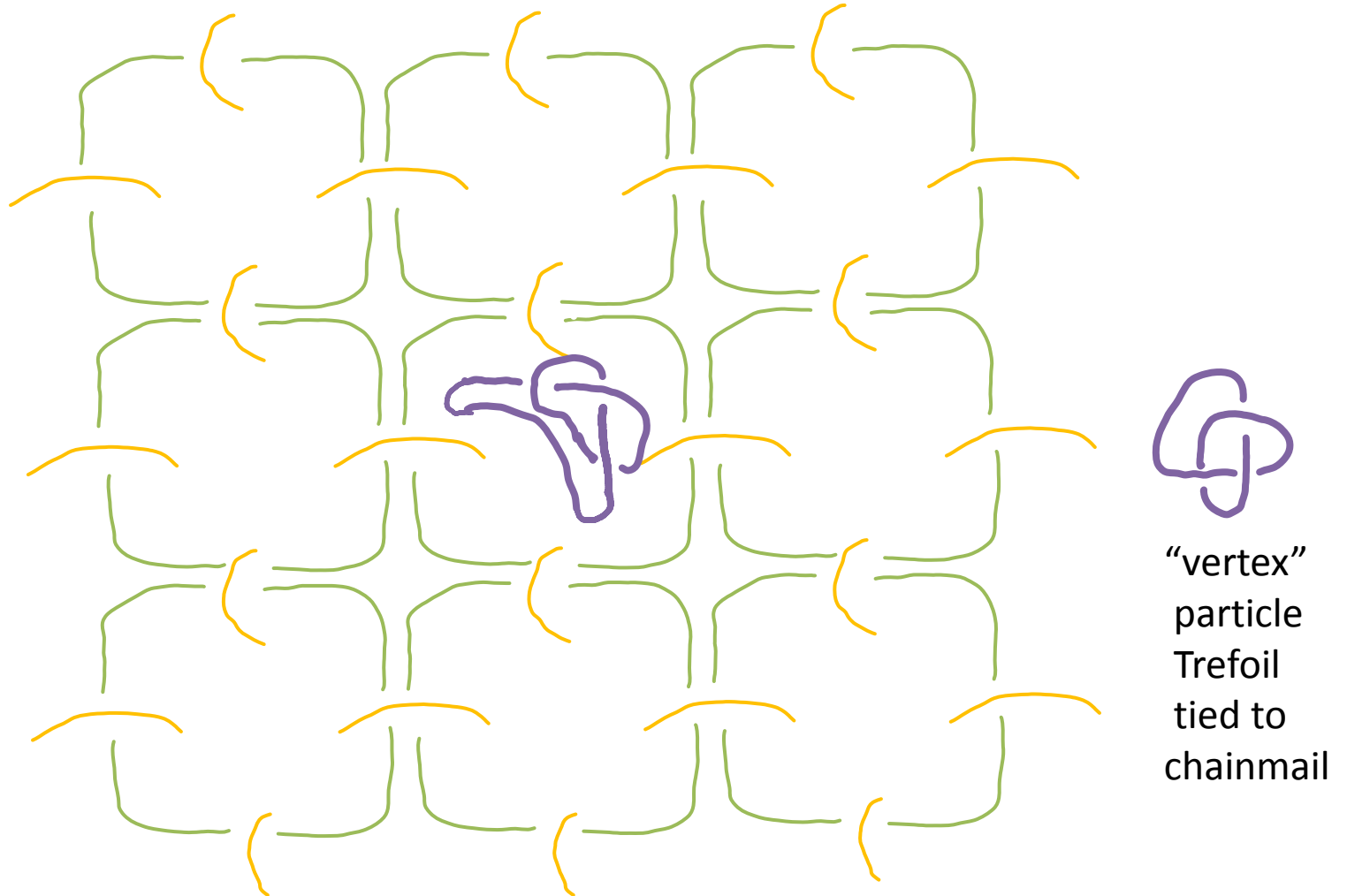
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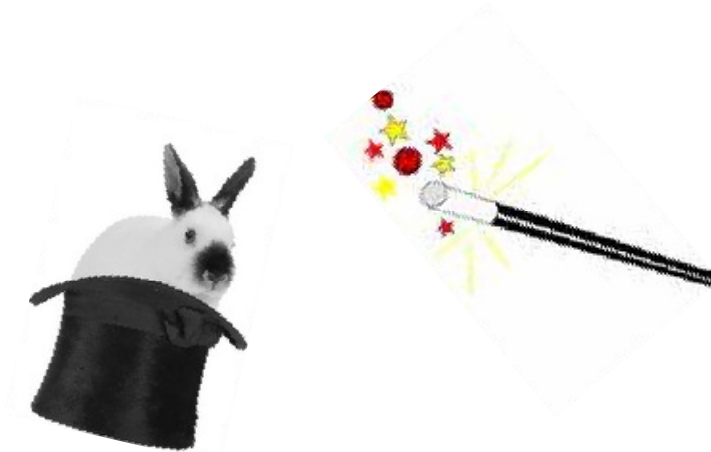


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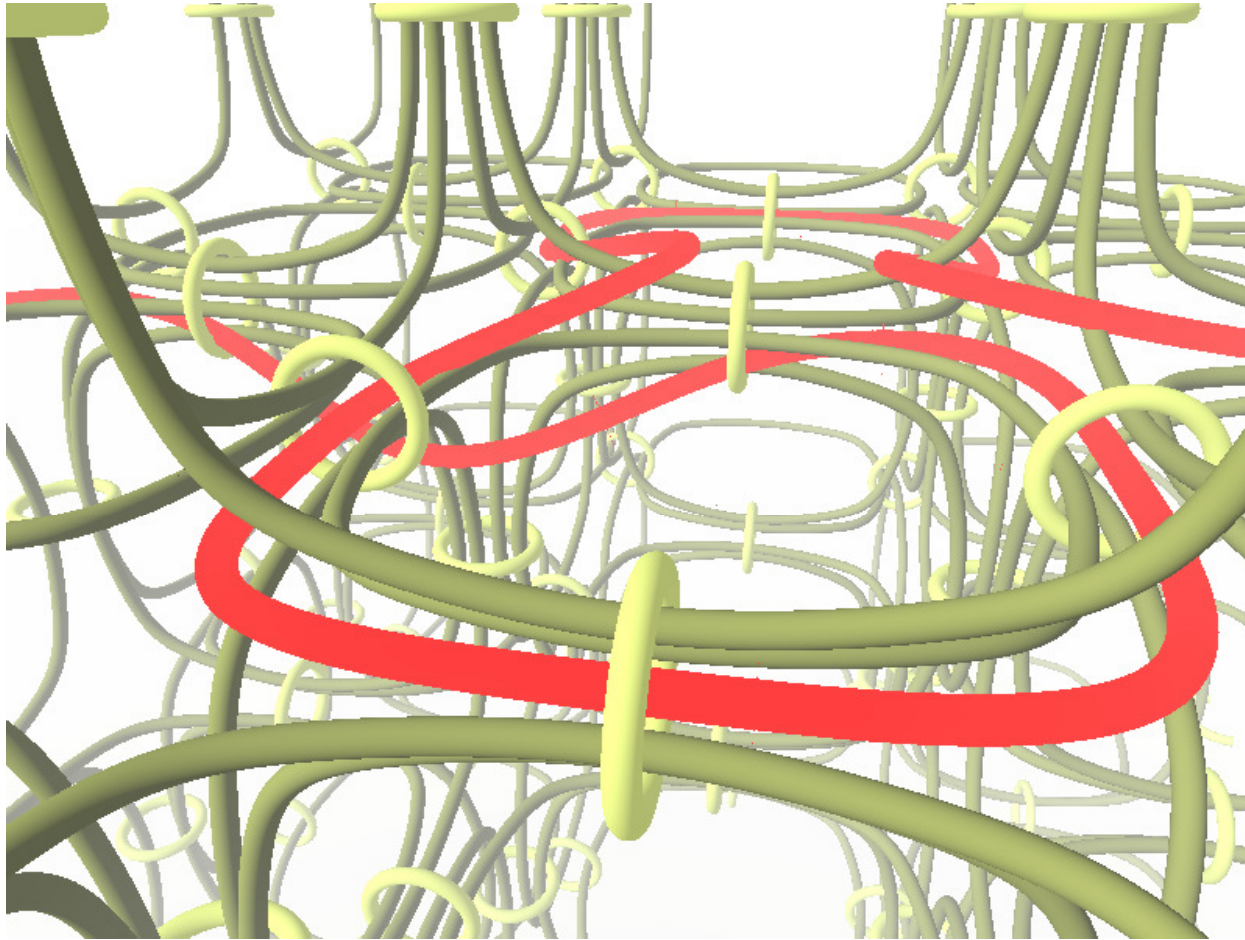
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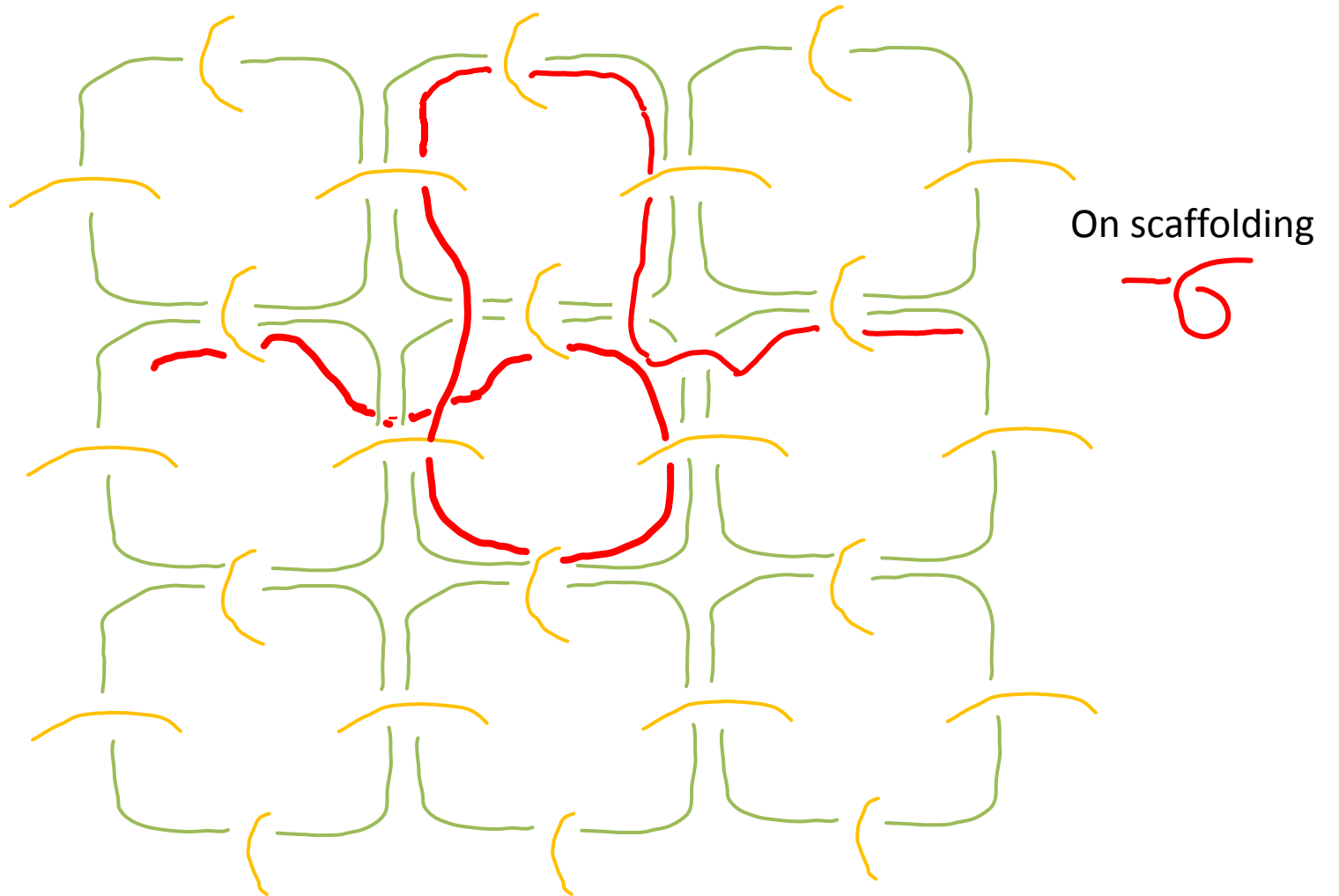


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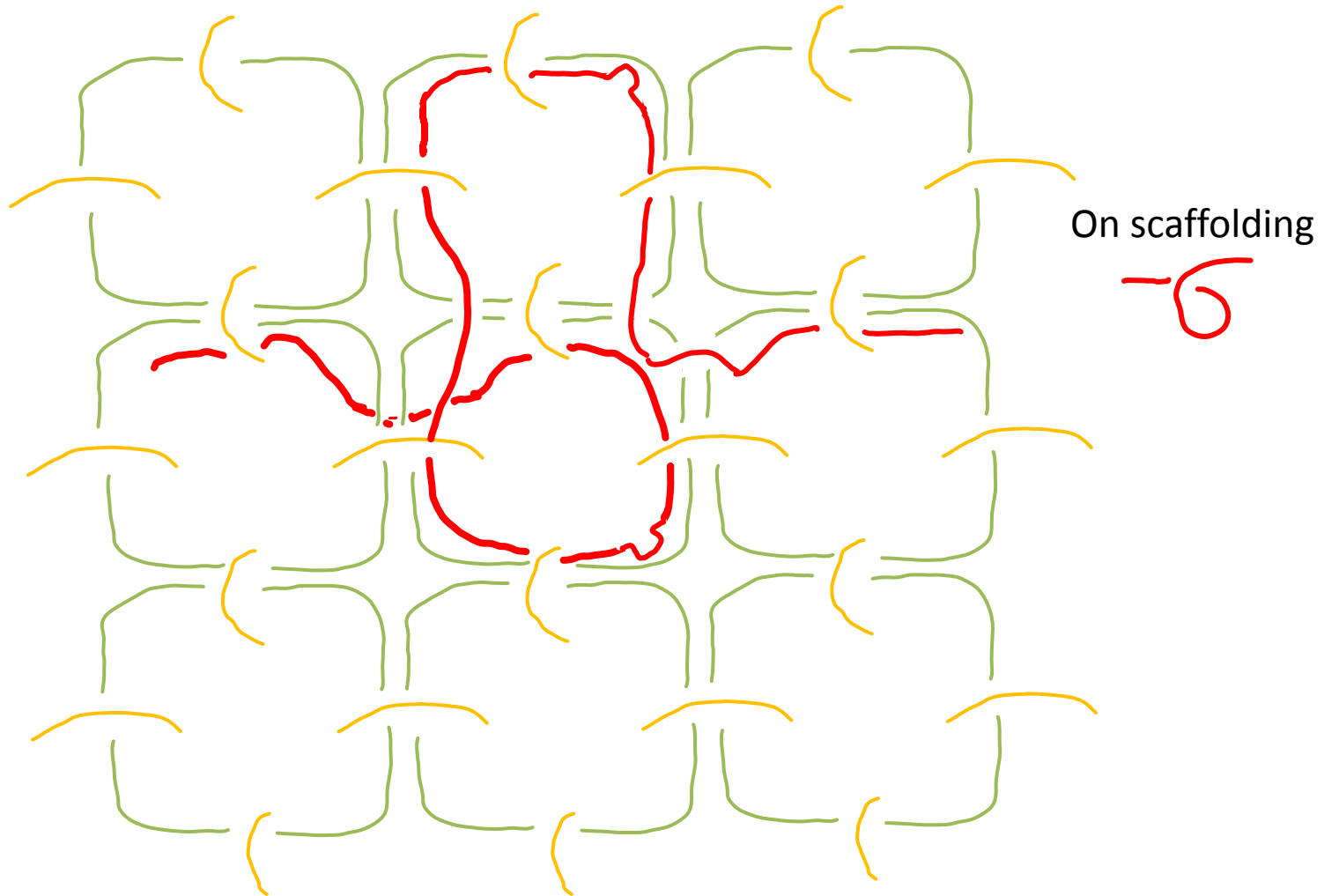


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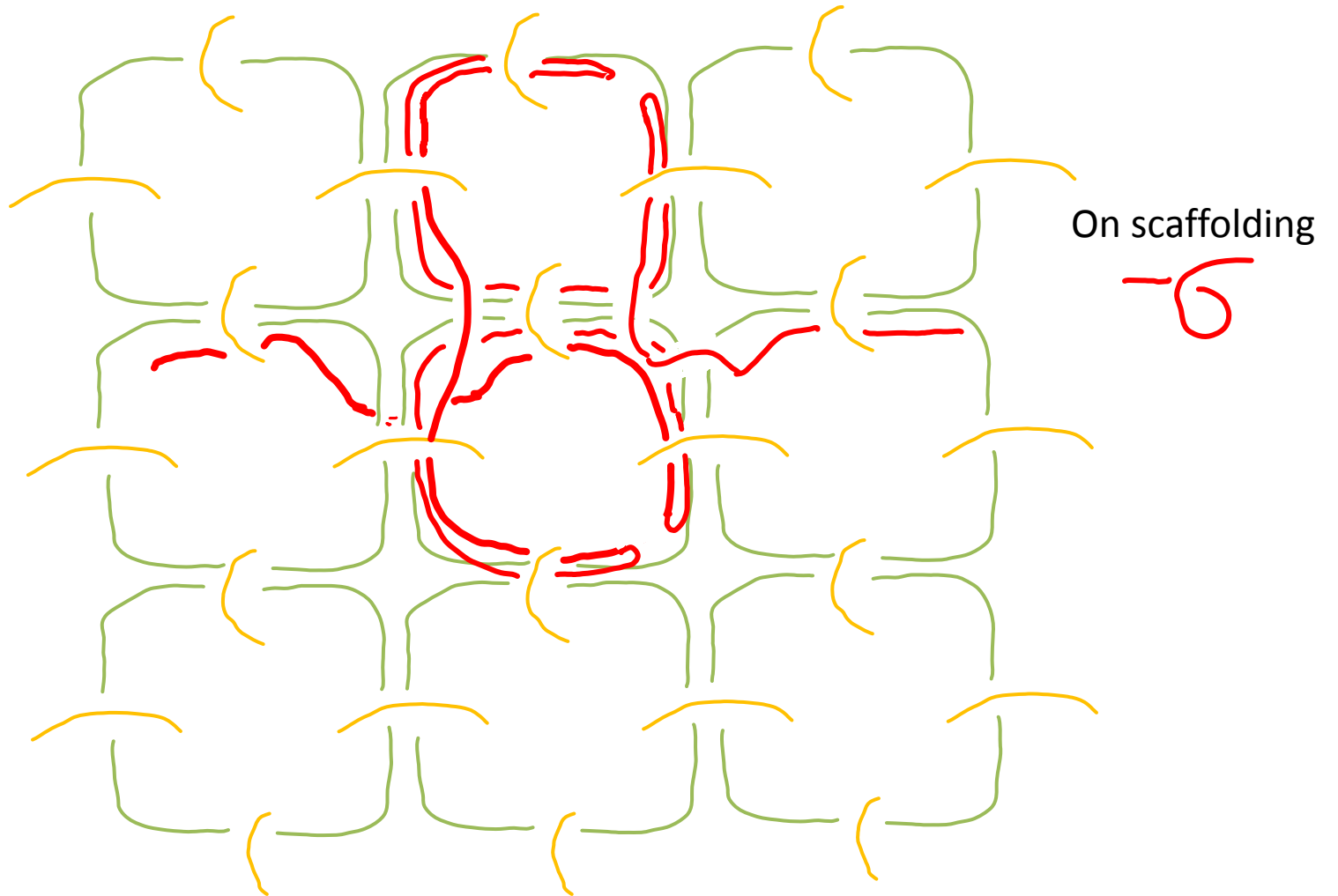
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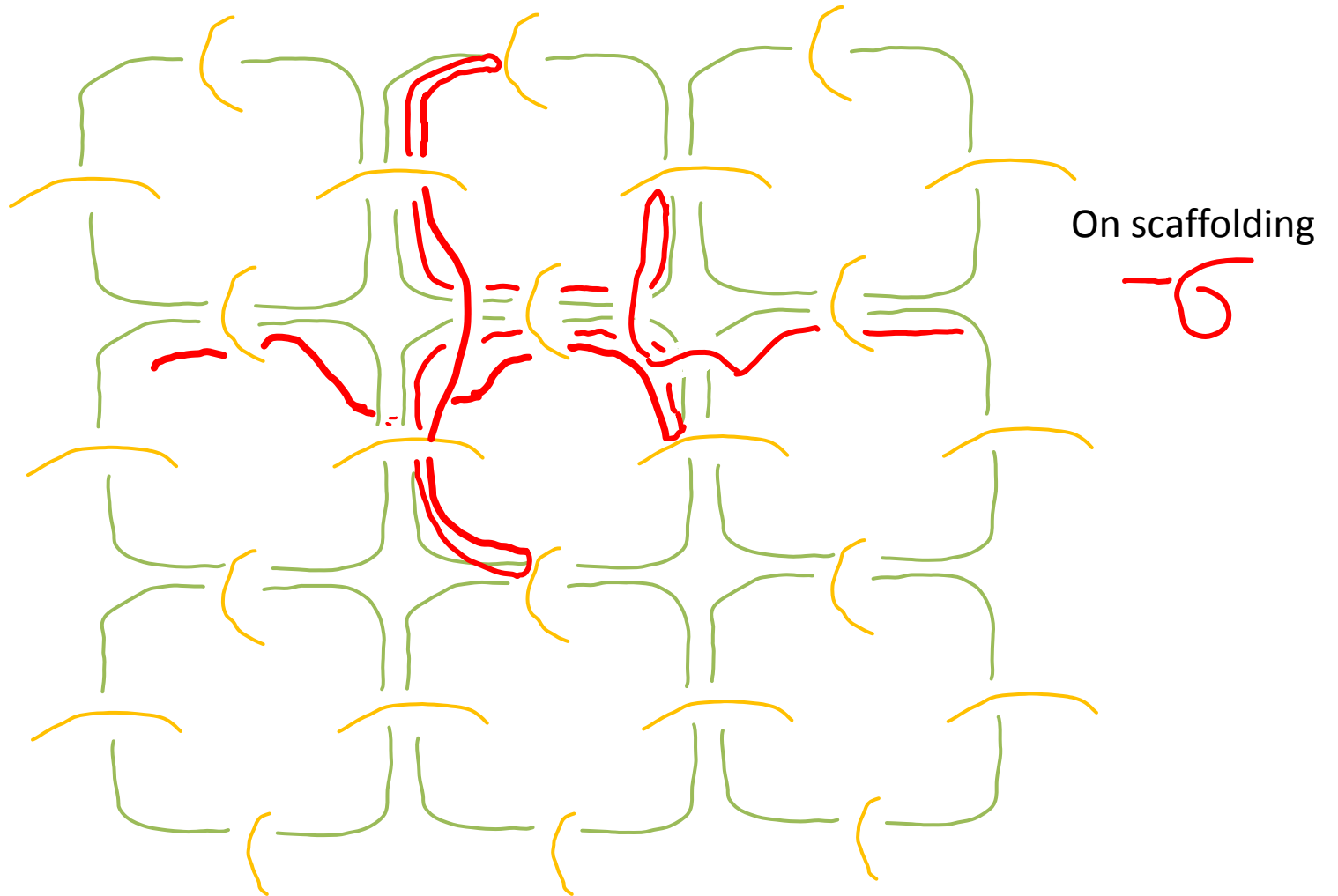
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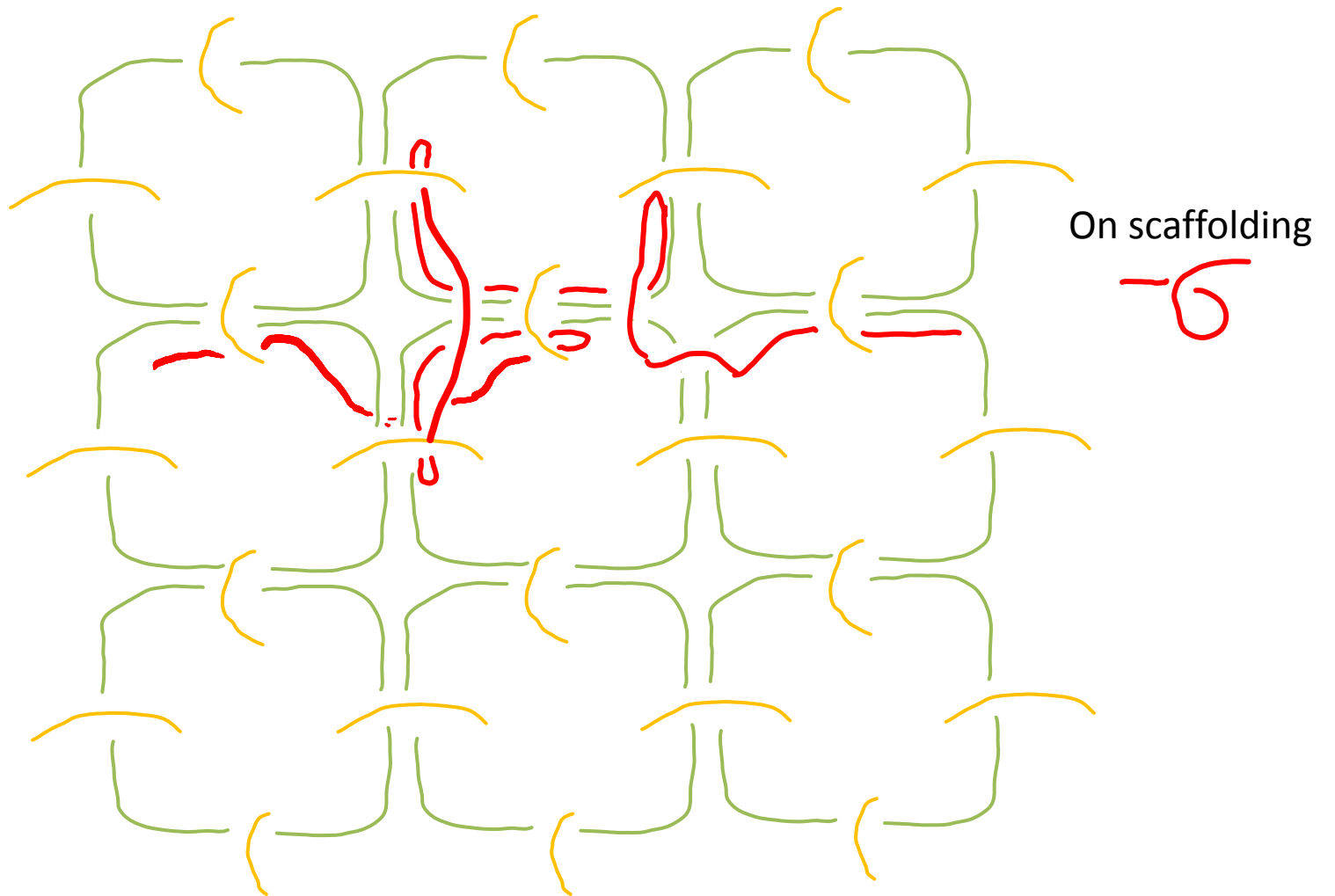
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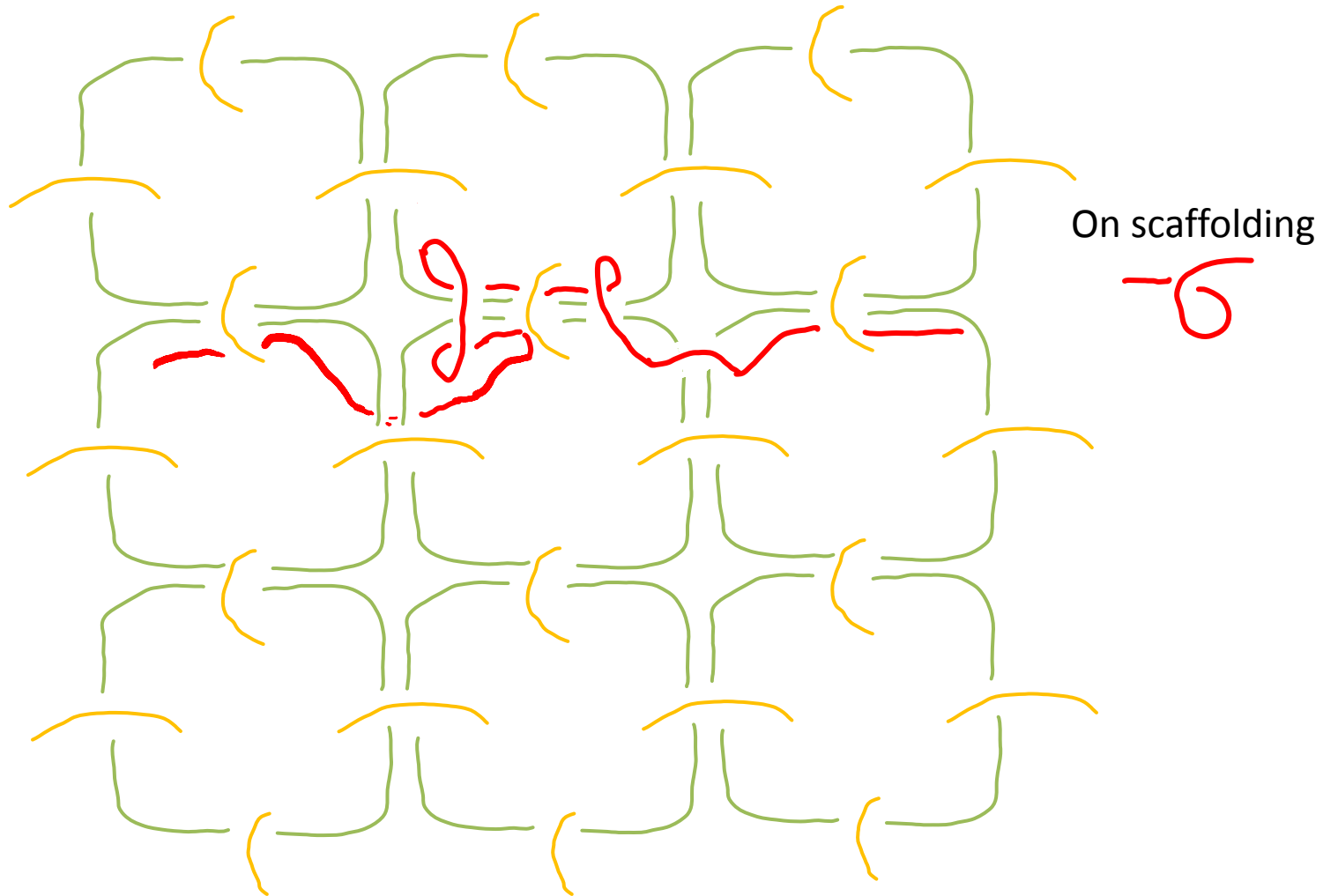
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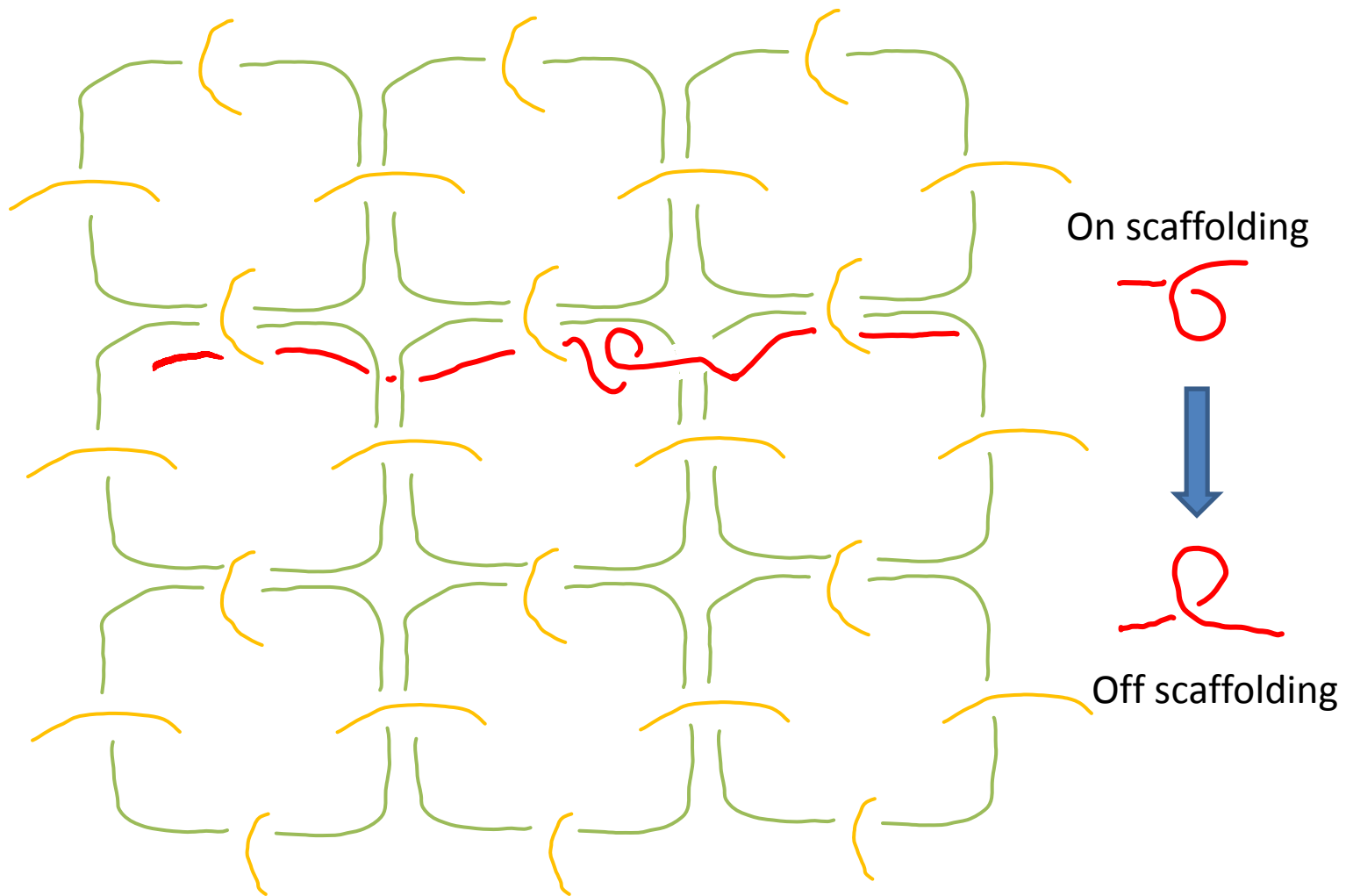
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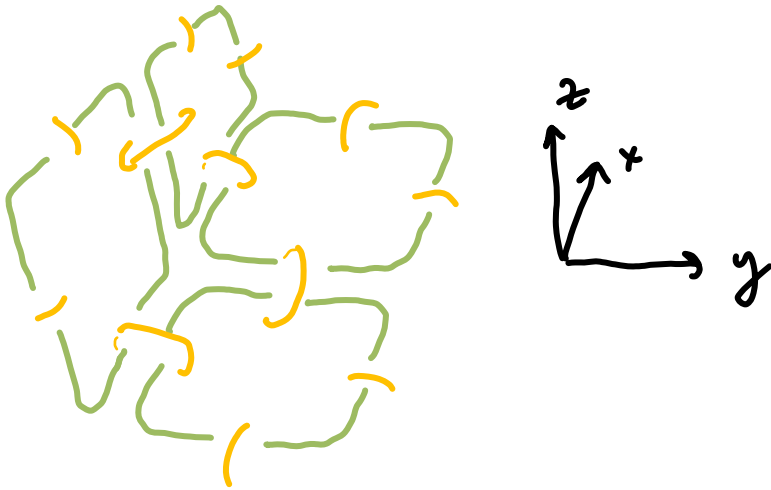


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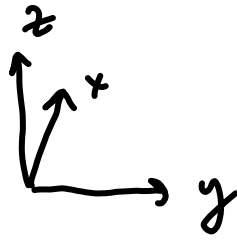
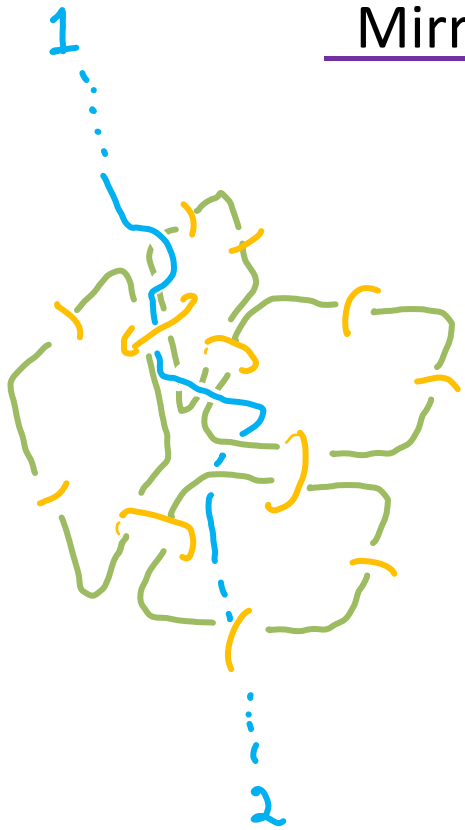


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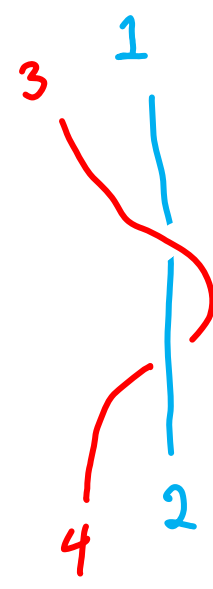
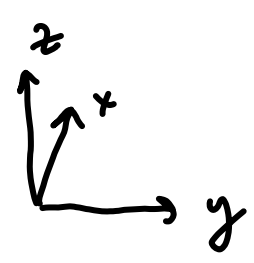
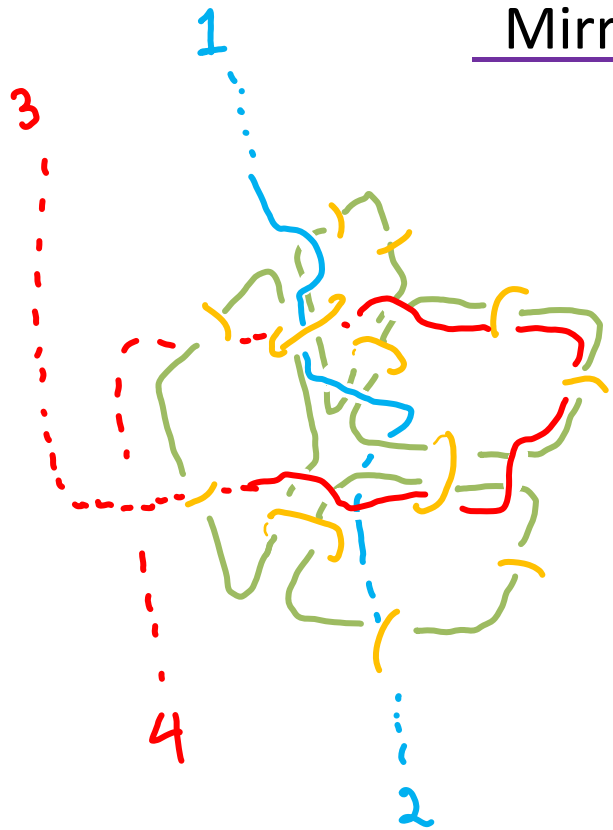
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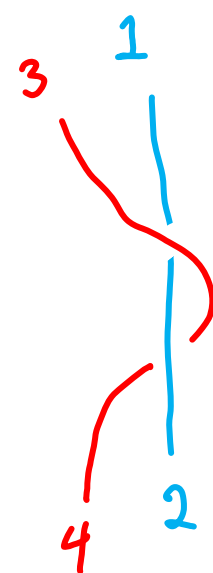
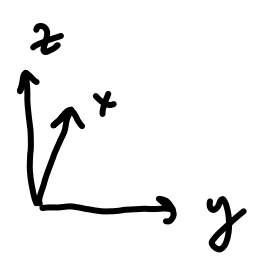
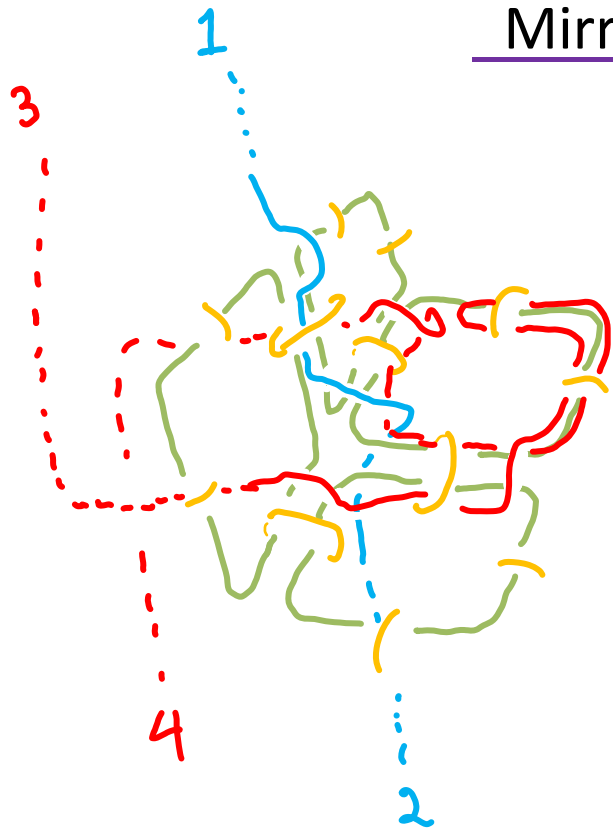
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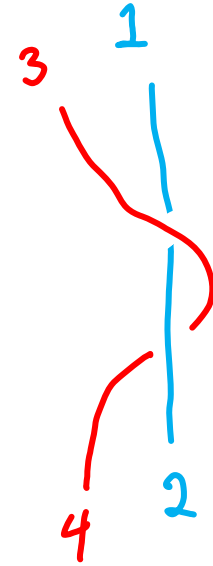
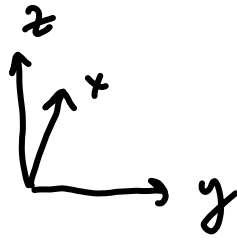
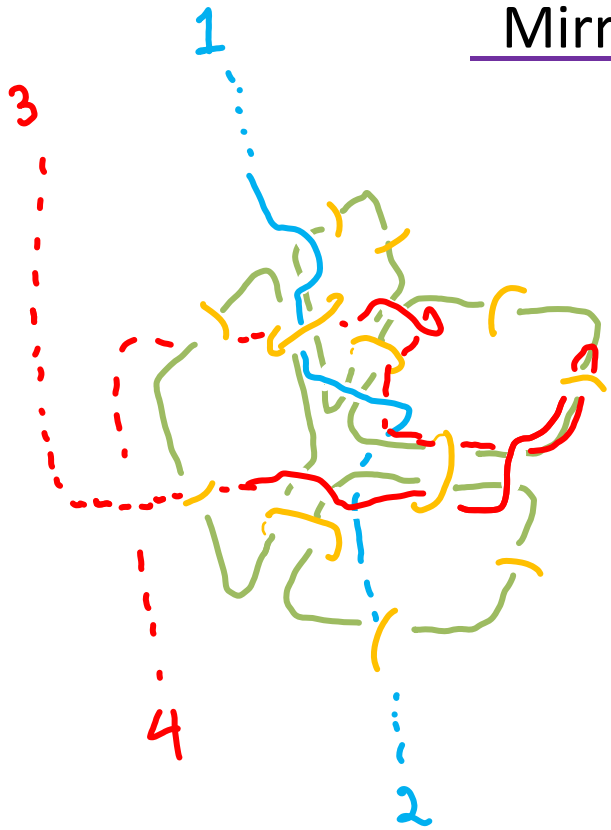
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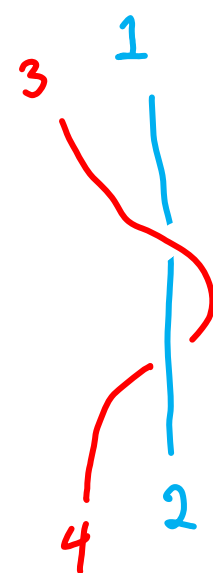
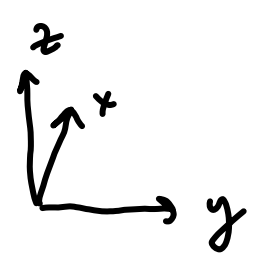
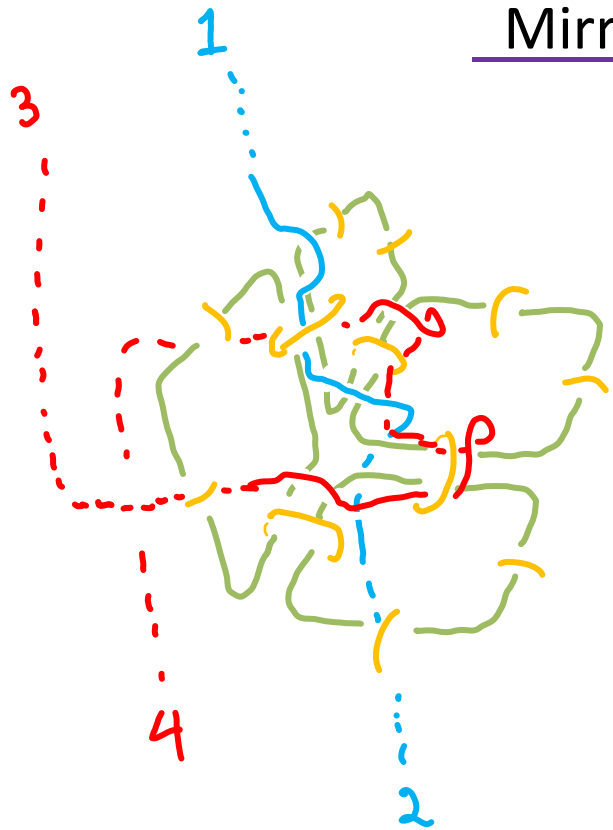
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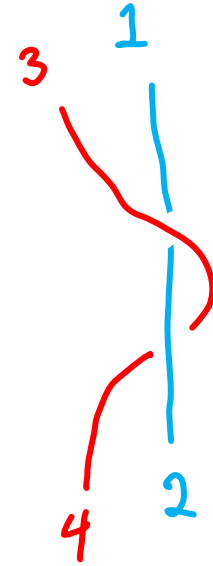
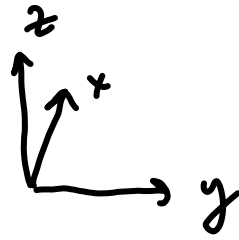
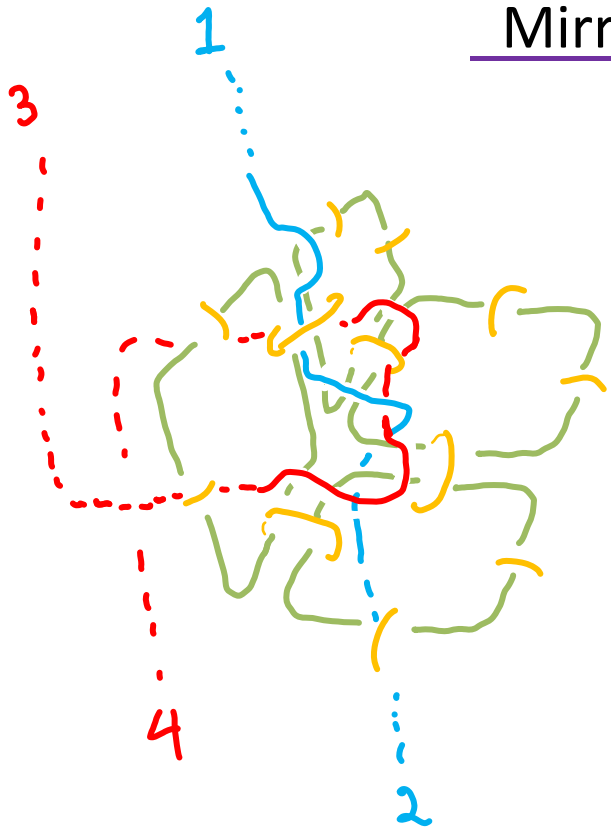
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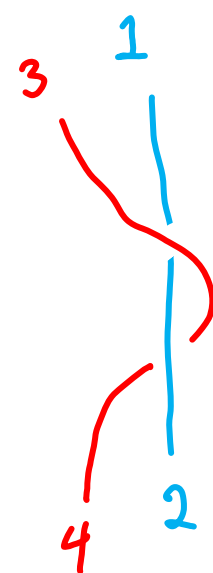
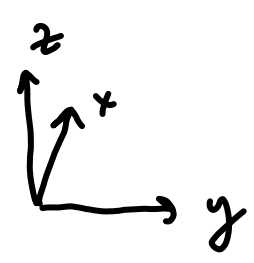
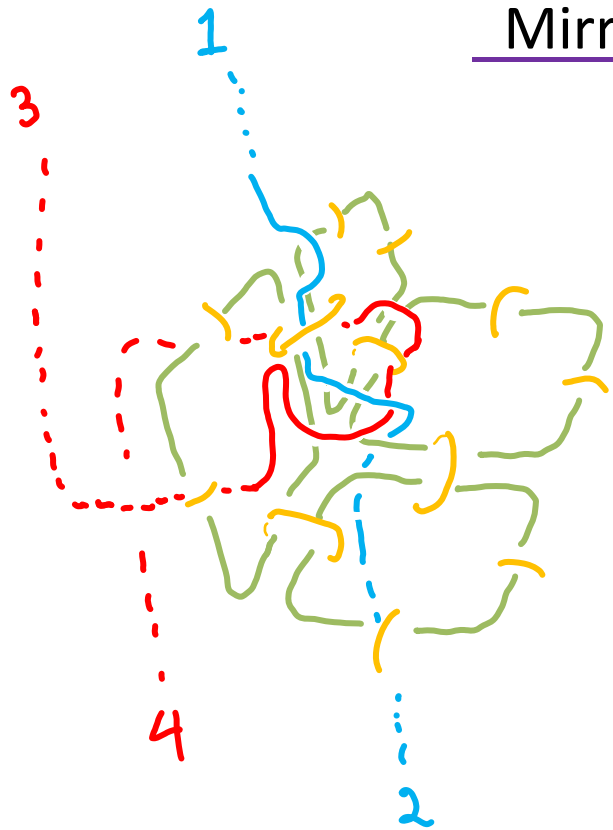
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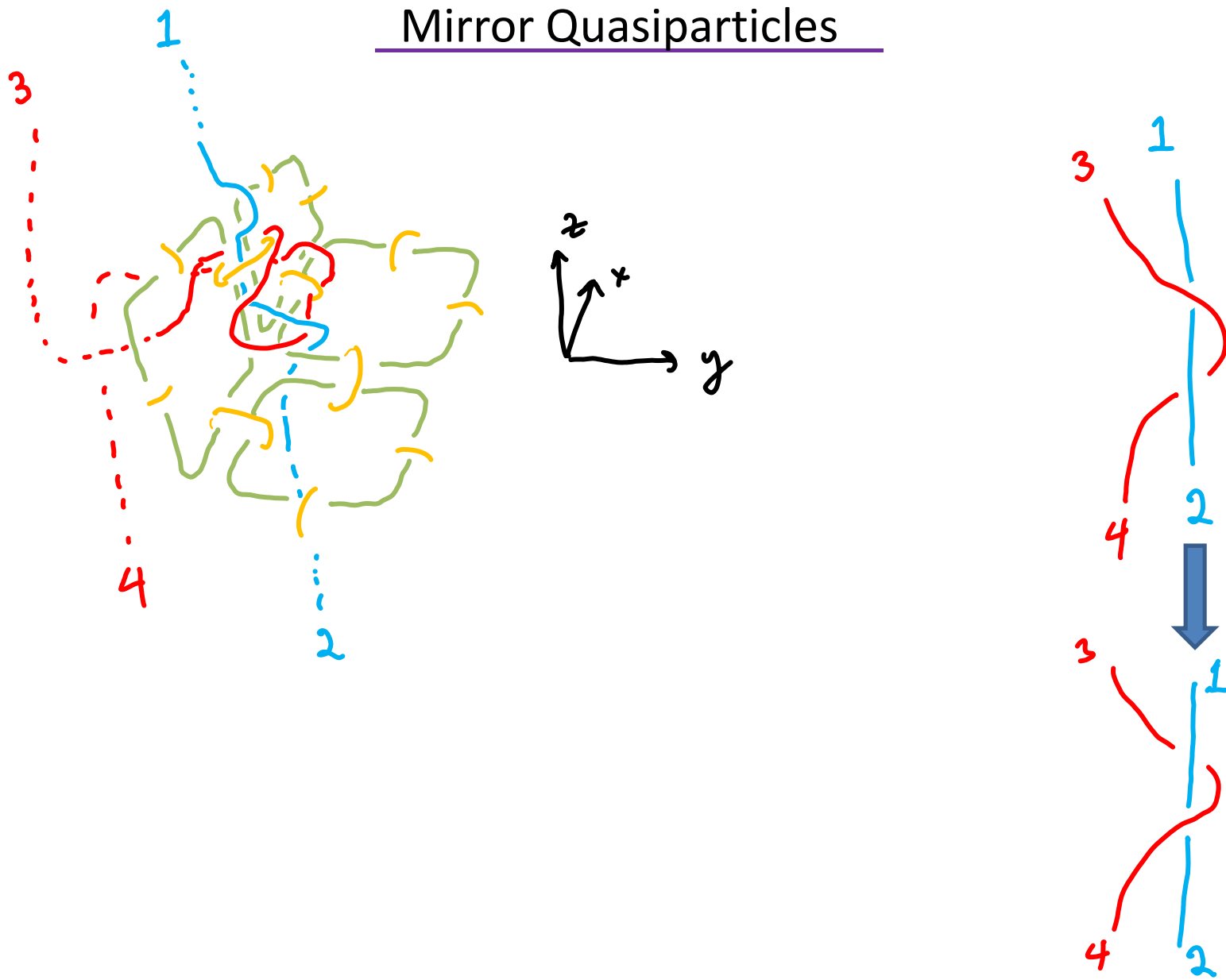
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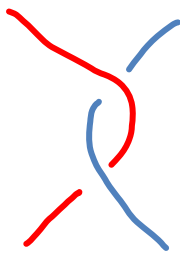


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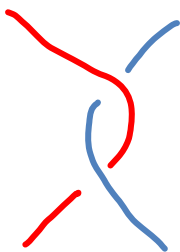
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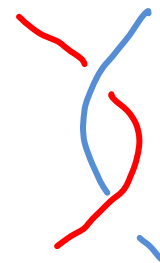
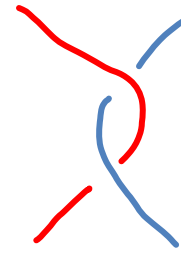


Off scaffolding



Pulling “Vertex” knot off scaffolding
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“Vertex Quasiparticles

$$Z_{CS}[M; ChainMail + L_{vertex}] = Z_{CS}[M; L_{vertex}] Z_{CS}[\bar{M}]$$

Vertex particle world lines
Runs along edges

Same world lines
No underlying chainmail

“Mirror” Quasiparticles

$$Z_{CS}[M; ChainMail + L_{mirror}] = Z_{CS}[M] Z_{CS}[\bar{M}; \overline{L_{mirror}}]$$

Mirror particles world lines
snake between edge
and plaquettes

Mirror world lines
in mirror manifold
No underlying chainmail

Why Does this Work?: The Geometric Story

$$Z_{CS}[M, \text{Link} \cup \omega] = Z_{CS}[M', \text{Link}]$$

An ω can be removed from a Link at the price of changing the manifold by *SURGERY*

A link made entirely of ω 's (ex, chainmail) living in manifold M is equivalent to the vacuum partition function of some other manifold \tilde{M}

Roberts: For the Chainmail Link $\tilde{M} = M \# \bar{M}$

$$Z_{CS}[M; \text{ChainMail}] = Z_{CS}[M \# \bar{M}] = Z_{CS}[M] Z_{CS}[\bar{M}]$$

The Mirror World is Real

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If there are quasiparticle world lines inserted in the Chainmail, one only needs to figure out where they end up in $M \# \bar{M}$

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Topological Invariance is Manifest

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ChainMail
Turaev-Viro State Sums

Understand why/how we get left and right handed sectors

By just handle-sliding we get:

How sectors decouple

How we get left and right handed particles

Real Geometry: Surgery on chainmail produces $M \# \overline{M}$

Thoughts About 3+1 D (in progress)

There is a generalization of Turaev-Viro to 4D known as Crane-Yetter, which can also be described with Chain Mail.

Can we construct a nontrivial topological theory in 3+1 this way?

Unfortunately, $CY[M^4]$ is almost trivial - sensitive to only the “signature” of M^4

However, if M^4 has a boundary

$$CY[M^4] \sim Z_{CS}[\partial M^4]$$

This is a very nontrivial “topological insulator”

Two chiralities are separated on the opposite surfaces

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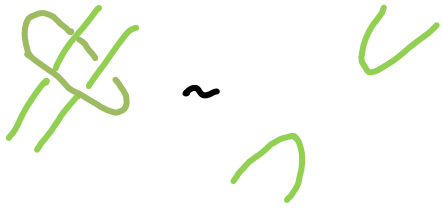
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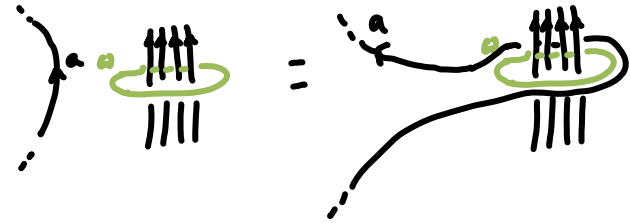
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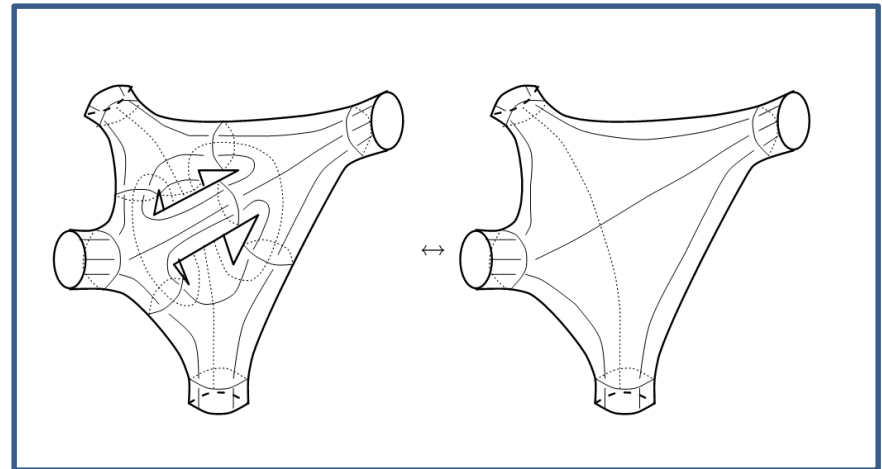
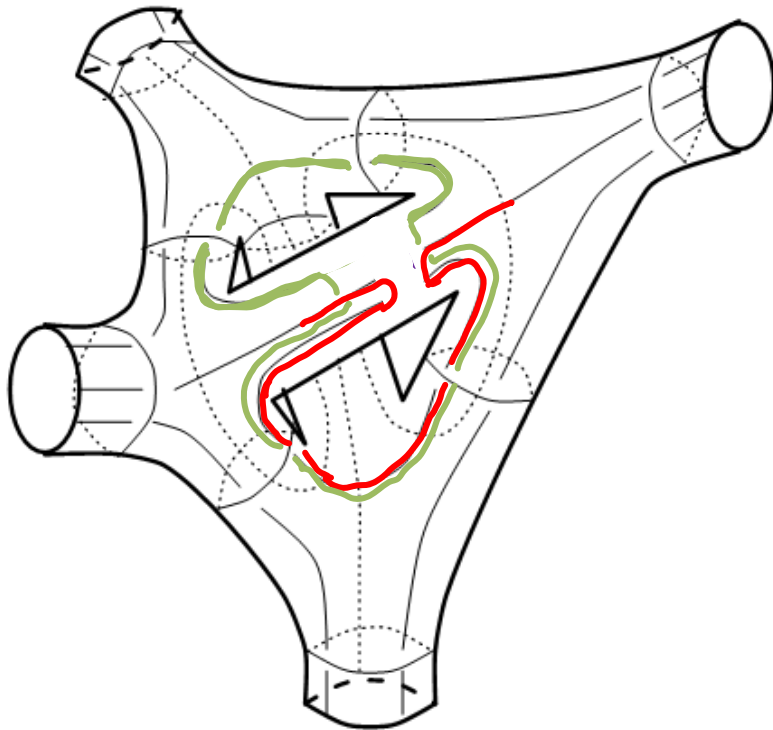
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Handleslide



Why is chainmail independent of lattice geometry?



CAUTION

Physics Ends
Math Begins

I am going to try to make this comprehensible



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Real Math

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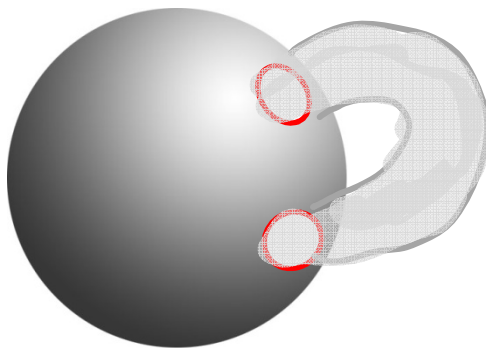
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Start with a simple manifold (ex S^2)

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Torus surface is boundary of solid torus.

Surgery in 2d is handle in 3d



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What is (Dehn) Surgery? (part 2)

Can do surgery on a torus embedded in some nontrivial way

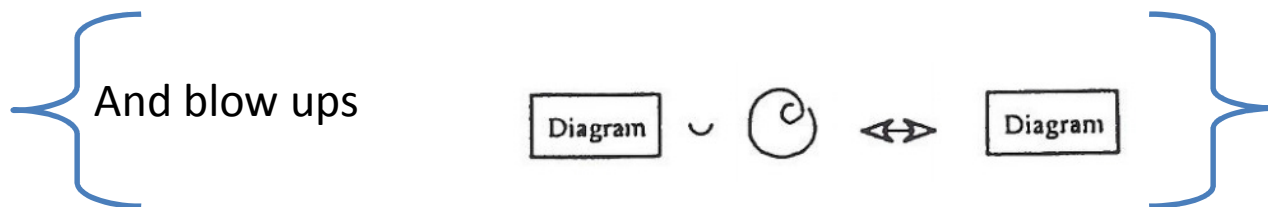
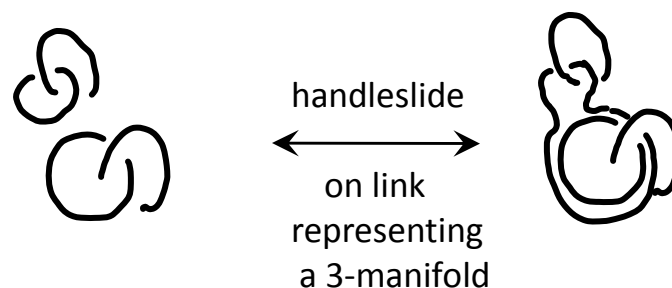
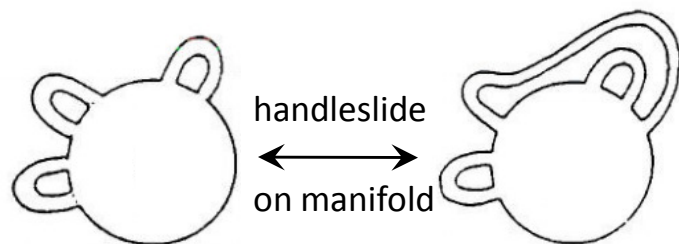


Can do multiple surgeries too



Lickorish-Wallace Theorem: Every Closed 3-Manifold can be obtained this way
* But surgery-presentation is not unique

Kirby: Two 3-manifolds are the same if their link presentations differ by handleslides and blow-ups



Defining Z_{CS} as a Link Invariant (Reshitikhin-Turaev/ Lickorish)

- First describe the 3-manifold M with Surgery presentation (a link in S^3)
- Take that link, and put ω 's on it, then evaluate the link.



Since it is made of ω 's it is invariant under handleslides

(adding a normalizing prefactor to fix blowups) This gives an invariant of the manifold

This invariant is known as $Z_{WRT}[M]$

It is believed this is the same as $Z_{CS}[M]$ “ = ” $\int \mathcal{D}[A] e^{iS_{CS}[A, M]}$

In fact, path integral is only properly *defined by surgery construction* !

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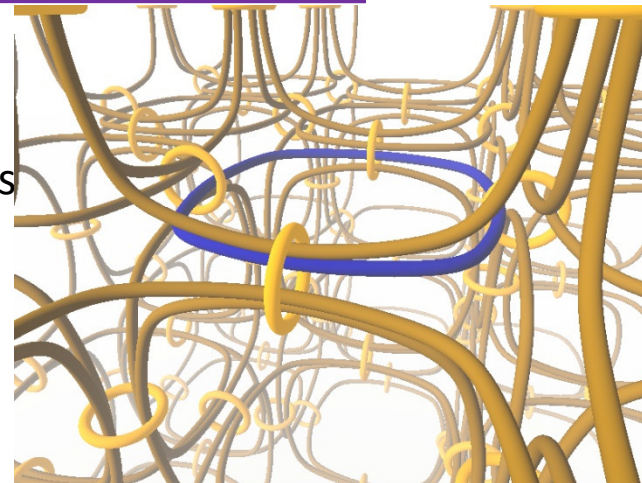
- Chain Mail is Handle decomposition of skeleton of M

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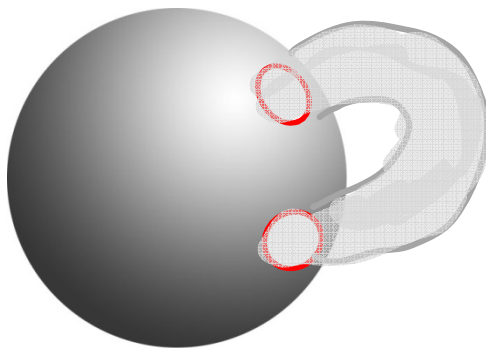
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In M^4 :

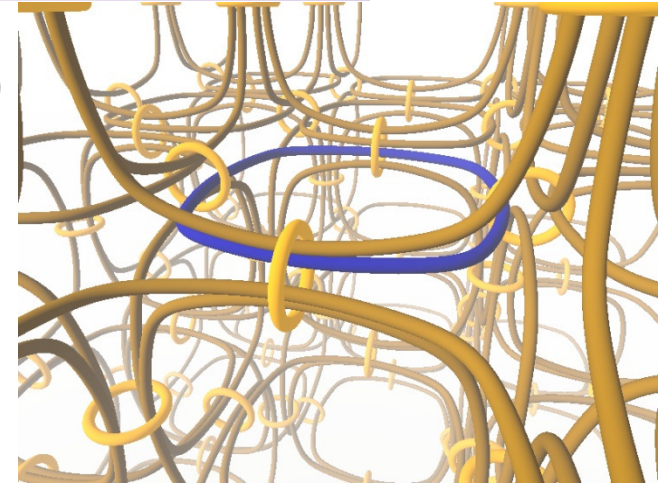
Plaquette loops attach 2 handles = 2-thick disk
 ChainMail loops attach 1 handles = 3-thick edge

The handle structure M^4 is identical to that of M^3 but thickened into one more dimension, so it “looks like” $M^3 \times \text{Interval}$

$$\partial(M^3 \times \text{Interval}) = M^3 \cup \bar{M}^3.$$

But we did not add any 3-handles, so we get $M_{\text{skeleton}} \times \text{Interval}$ instead.

$\partial(M_{\text{skeleton}} \times \text{Interval}) = M^3 \# \bar{M}^3$... the connect sum because of the missing 3-handle.



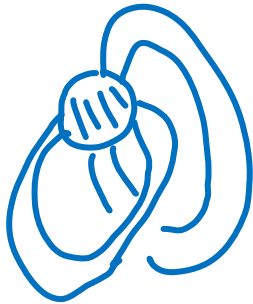
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$M_{\text{skeleton}} = M$ without the “largest” handle filling in the center

$\partial (M_{\text{skeleton}} \times \text{Interval}) = M \# M$... the connect sum because of the missing 3-handle.

Ex



0,1 handles of T^2 --- This is a skeleton, 2-handle is missing

Same handles up one dimension = 2 hole solid torus

Boundary of that is the two holed torus surface = $T^2 \# \overline{T^2}$

Where are the quasiparticles after surgery?

Plaquette loops are attaching curves for 2 handles

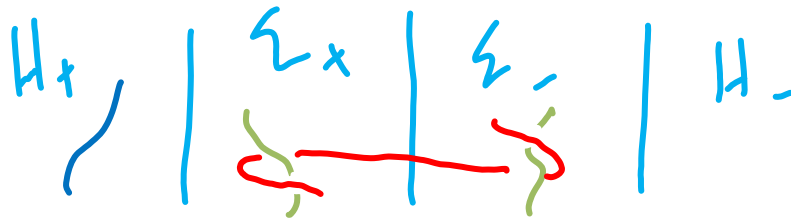
Chain Mail loops are meridians of 1 handles

Define a Heegard splitting: $H_+ = (0 \text{ and } 1)\text{-handles} = \text{thickened edge lattice}$,

$H_- = (2 \text{ and } 3)\text{ handles} = \text{plaquettes and } 3\text{-cells}$. (Attaching curves are same as above)

Thicken 2d Heegard surface (boundary between edge lattice and rest) into two layers Σ_+ , Σ_-

pull chain mail loops into Σ_- , plaquette loops into Σ_+



Consider decomposition:

$$S^3 = (H_+) \cup (\Sigma_+) \cup (\Sigma_-) \cup (S^3 \setminus \text{int } H_+)$$



Now perform surgery on the loops living in Σ_+ and Σ_- separately

$$S^3 = \underbrace{(H_+) \cup (H_-)}_M \# \underbrace{(\overline{H_-}) \cup (\overline{H_+})}_{\overline{M}} \cup (S^3 \setminus \text{int } H_+)$$

A chiral quasiparticle line (blue) lives in H_+ , lands unchanged in M after surgery
 A mirror quasiparticle line (red) snakes between Σ_+ and Σ_- therefore lives in \overline{M} after surgery.

Braided (Unitary-Modular) Tensor Category

(rigid=unit and inverse)

Quantum numbers a, b, c, \dots

$$\uparrow a = \downarrow \bar{a}$$

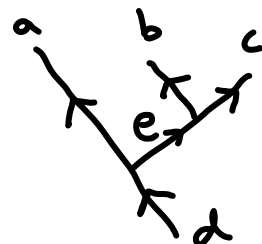
$$a \circlearrowleft = d_a$$

Fusions

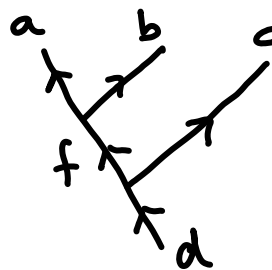
$$a \times b = \sum_c N_{ab}^c c$$



F-matrices (6-j)



$$= \sum_f F_{def}^{abc}$$



Levin-Wen (and Turaev-Viro) is defined with any tensor category – but if we add

R-matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} b \quad a \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{---} \circlearrowleft \text{---} \\ / \quad \diagdown \\ c \end{array} = R_{ab}^c \begin{array}{c} b \quad a \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{---} \text{---} \\ / \quad \diagdown \\ c \end{array}$$

For safety want modular, and no pseudo-real fields

.. we have a model of anyons “C”.

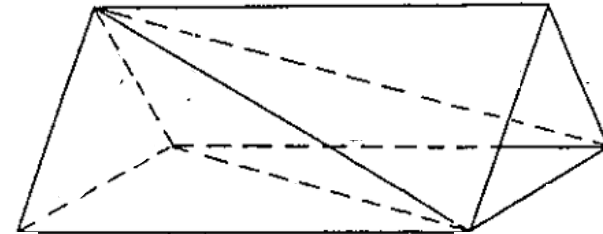
(Example: Chern-Simons theory)

Until we specify R, we do not know ex, the chirality

The Turaev Viro State Sum

Take a triangulated 3 manifold M

Color edges with the quantum numbers from the anyon model.



Construct the sum

$$TV[M] = \mathcal{D}^{\# \text{ vertices}} \sum_{\text{colorings}} \prod_{\text{edges}=a} d_a \prod_{\text{faces}=abc} N_{abc} \prod_{\text{tetrahedra}=abcdef} F_{abc}^{def}$$

- Independent of triangulation (topological invariant)

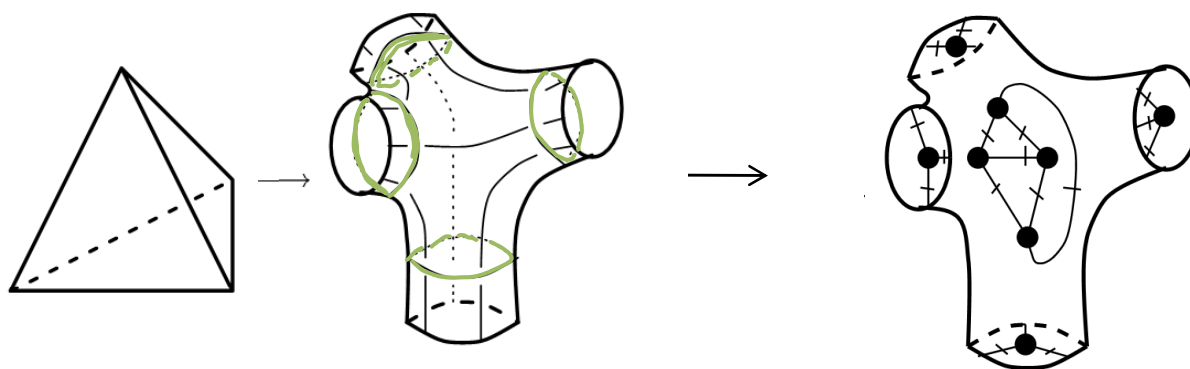
$$TV[M] = Z_{WRT}[M] Z_{WRT}[\overline{M}] \quad (\text{Walker, Turaev})$$

$$“ Z_{WRT} = \int_M \mathcal{D}A e^{iS_{CS}(A)} “$$

No concept of a “quasiparticle” in TV yet

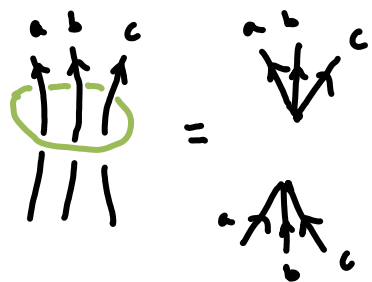
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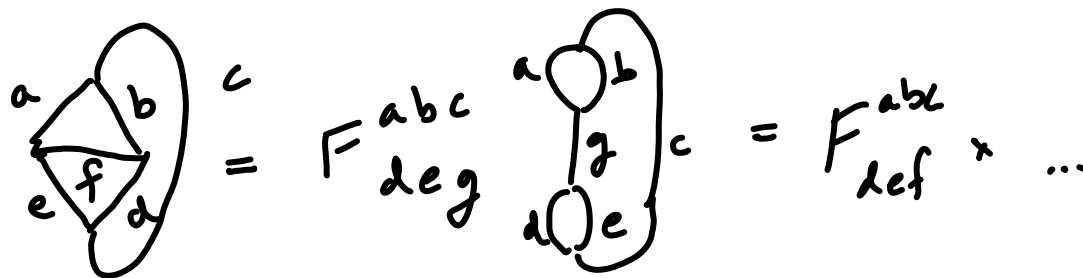


Uses

(1)



(2)



If abc can fuse to zero.
Otherwise = 0

Chain Mail (J. Roberts)

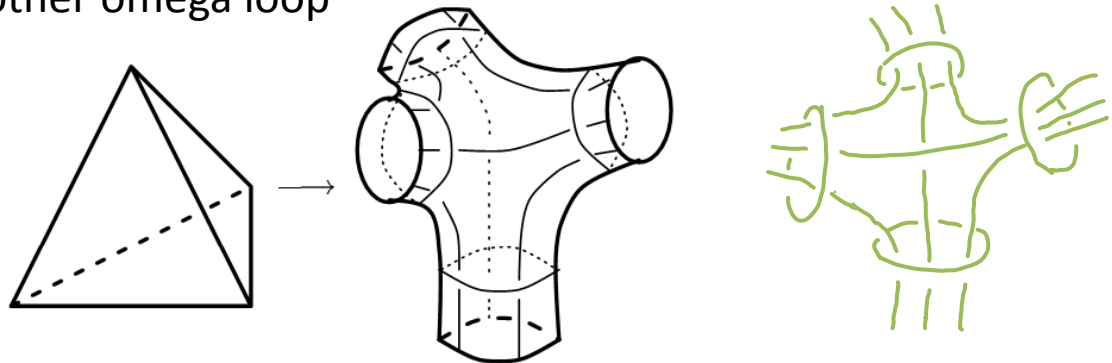
Take a triangulated 3 manifold M

Add omega loops around all plaquettes

Each edge has several omegas running along it
Bind them together with another omega loop



This is the Chain Mail Link.



Evaluate this knot

Roberts: The value of this link is just $TV[M]$

Comment: You have to choose an R matrix to “define the knot invariant”
But the end result is independent of the R matrix you choose!

About 3+1 D (in progress)

There is a generalization of Turaev-Viro to 4D known as Crane-Yetter

$$TV[M^3] = \mathcal{D}^{\# \text{ vertices}} \sum_{\text{colorings}} \prod_{\text{edges}=a} d_a \prod_{\text{faces}=abc} N_{abc} \prod_{\text{3-cells}} 6j$$
$$CY[M^4] = \mathcal{D}^{\# \text{ vertices}} \sum_{\text{colorings}} \prod_{\text{edges}} d_a \prod_{\text{faces}} N_{abc} \prod_{\text{3-cells}} 6j \prod_{\text{4-cells}} 15j$$

And it can be reduced to a similar chain mail.

Can we construct a nontrivial topological theory in 3+1 this way?

Unfortunately, $CY[M^4]$ is almost trivial - sensitive to only the signature of M^4

However, if M^4 has a boundary

$$CY[M^4] \sim Z_{WRT}[\partial M^4]$$

This is a very nontrivial topological insulator

Two chiralities are separated on the opposite surfaces

Example of a Topological Quantum Field Theory: Chern-Simons Theory

Gauge Group G
integer "level" k

G_k

spacetime manifold M

A is a one-form taking values
in the Lie algebra of G

CS Action

$$S_{CS}[A, M] = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_M \text{tr} \left[A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right]$$

Invariant for "small" gauge transformations

Under "large" gauge transformations $S_{CS} \rightarrow S_{CS} + 2\pi n k$

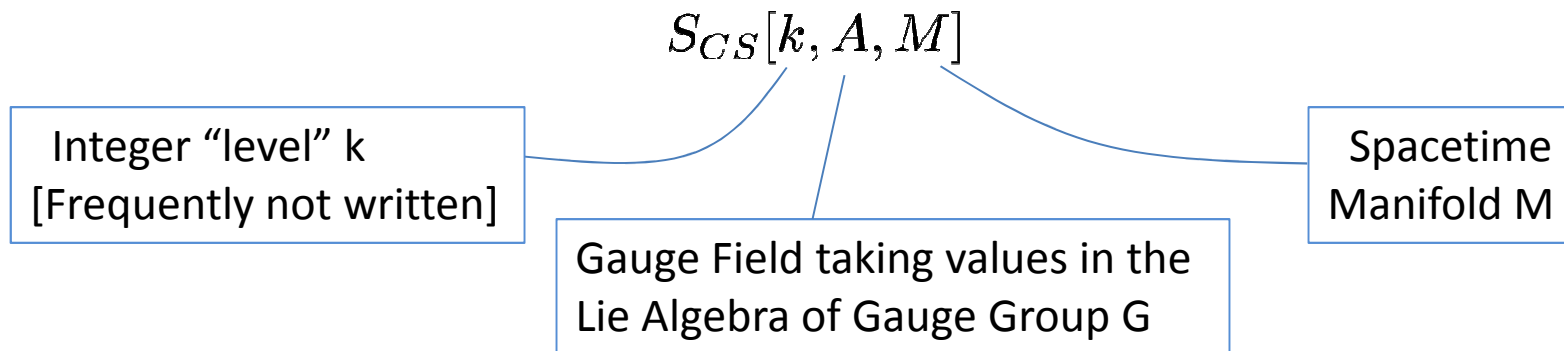
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$e^{iS_{CS}}$ is gauge invariant and independent of the spacetime metric

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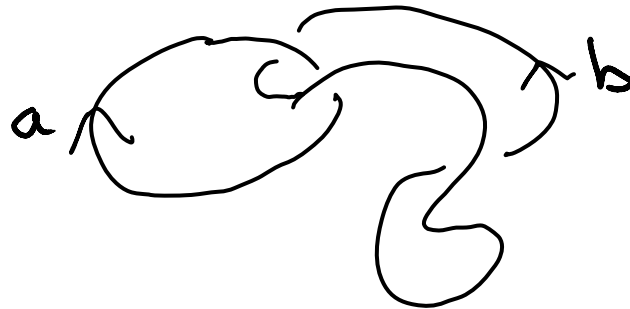
Wilson Loop Operators

$$W_a[C] = \text{tr}_a \left[\mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ i \int_C A \right\} \right]$$

C is a directed spacetime path

a is a representation of the gauge group
or a “particle type”

NOTE: Only a finite set of particle types are allowed: Depending on the gauge group and level



$$Z_{CS}[M, \text{Link}] = \int \mathcal{D}[A] W_a(C_1) W_b(C_2) e^{iS_{CS}[A, M]}$$

Topological link invariant of “colored” link in manifold M

(Witten-Jones)

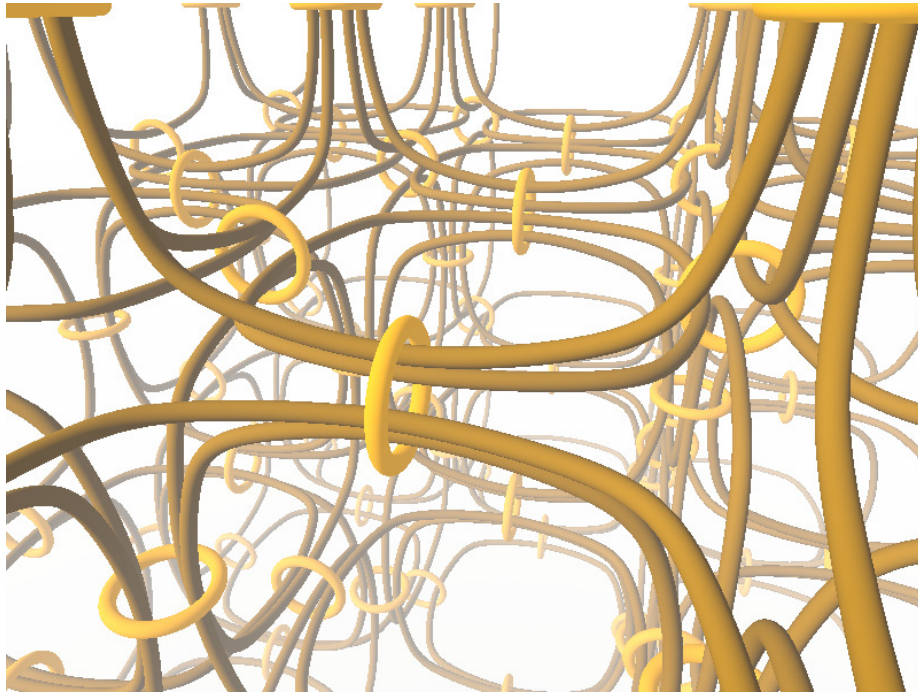
“Chiral” Quasiparticles

$$Z_{CS}[M; ChainMail + L_{chiral}] = Z_{CS}[M; L_{chiral}] Z_{CS}[\bar{M}]$$

Chiral particle world lines in
lattice model.
Runs along edges, violates
vertices

Same world lines
No underlying chainmail

If the chiral particles run along the edge, they live in M not \bar{M} .



Chainmail

Roberts '95 for "SU(2)_k" models
=Turaev-Viro State Sum Invariant

Independent of lattice and
decomposition of manifold

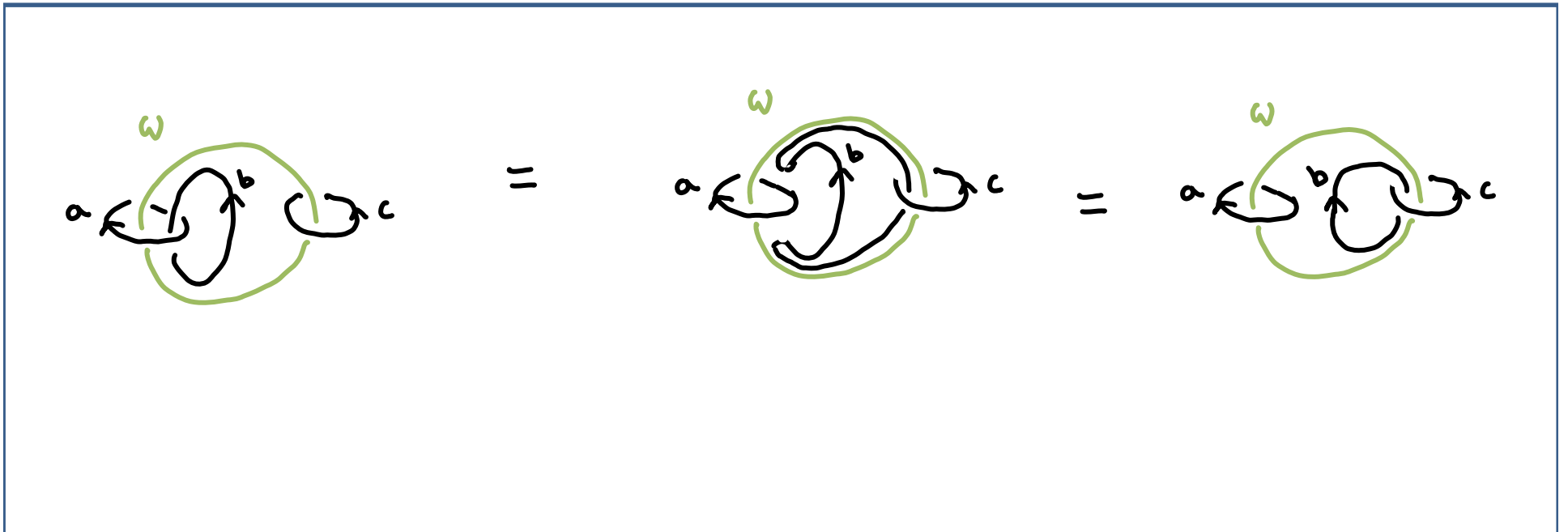
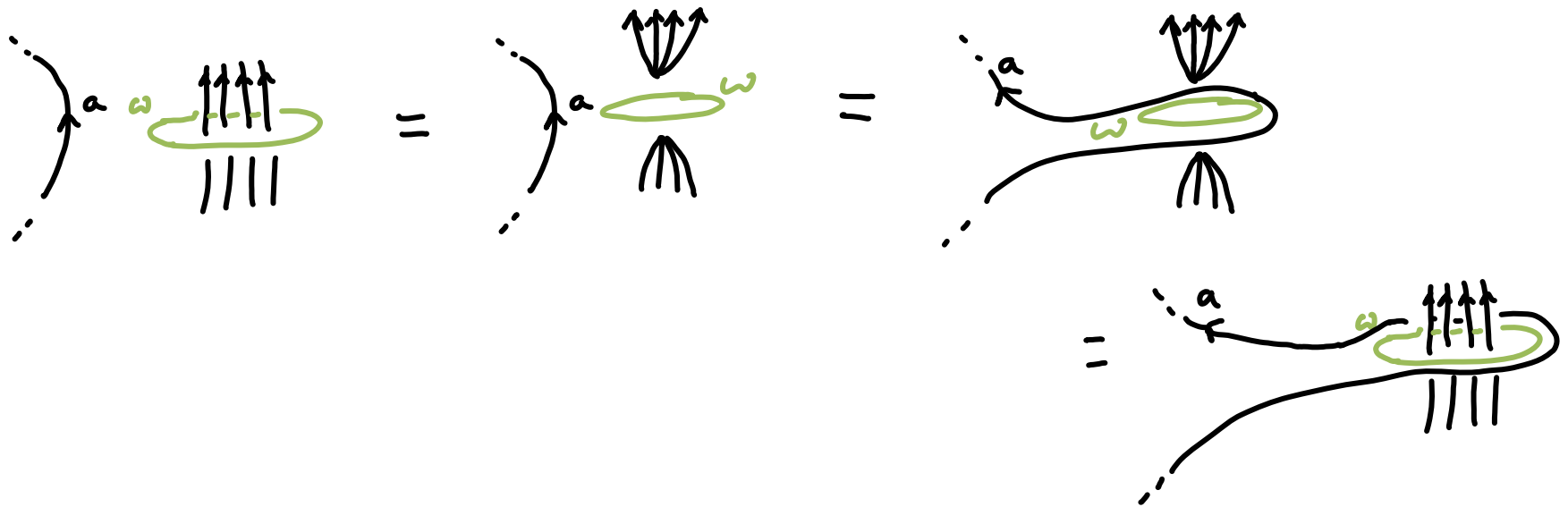
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This is *not quite* the action associated with Levin-Wen's

$$H = - \sum_{\text{vertices}=i} V_i - \sum_{\text{plaquettes}=j} P_j$$

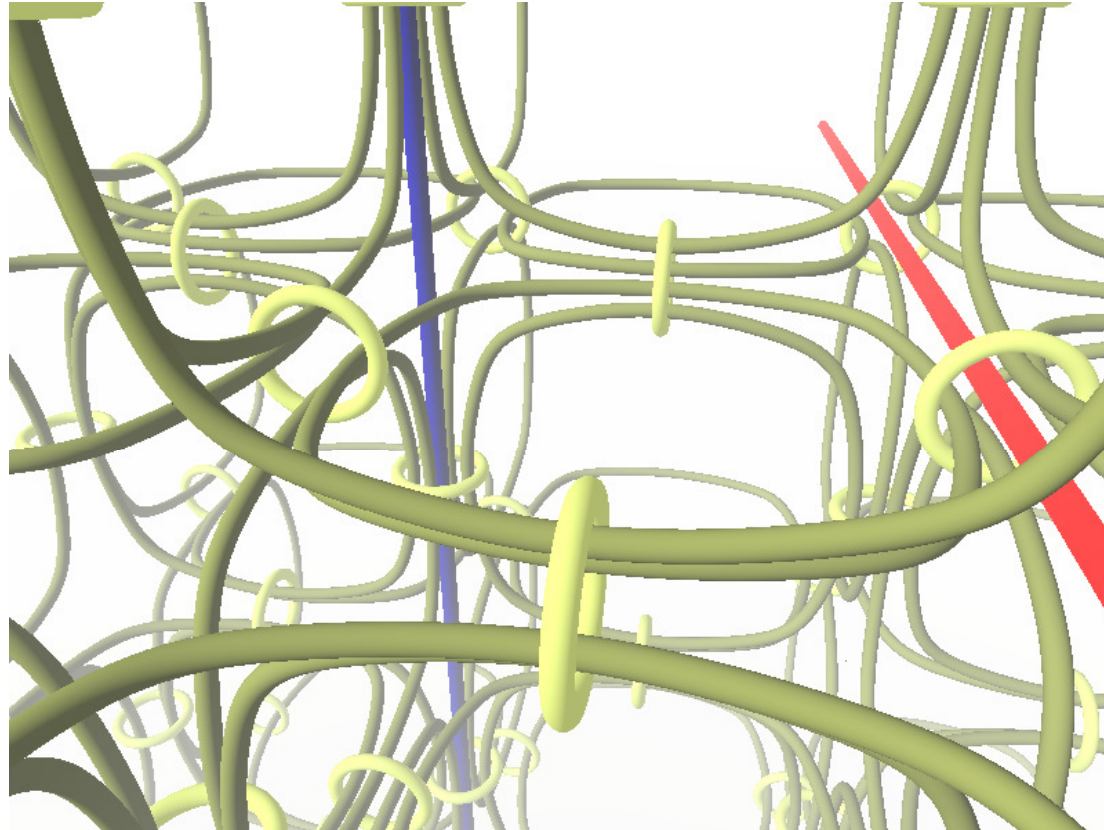
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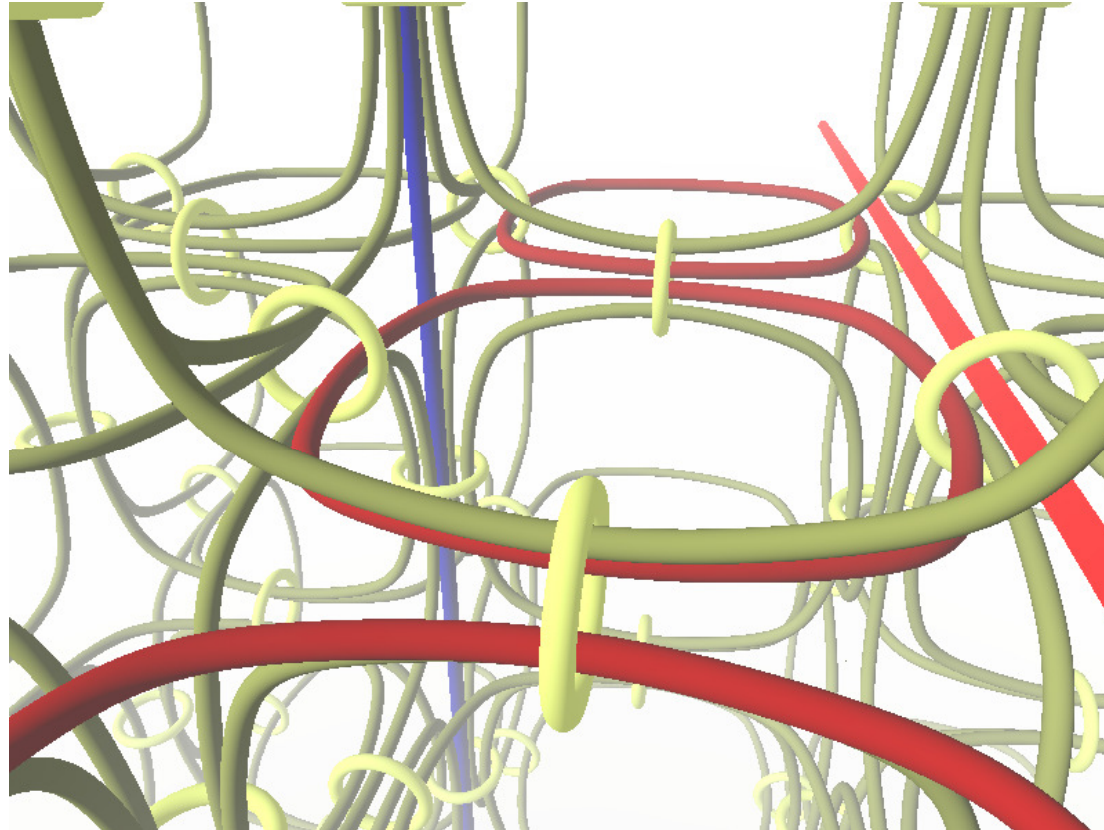
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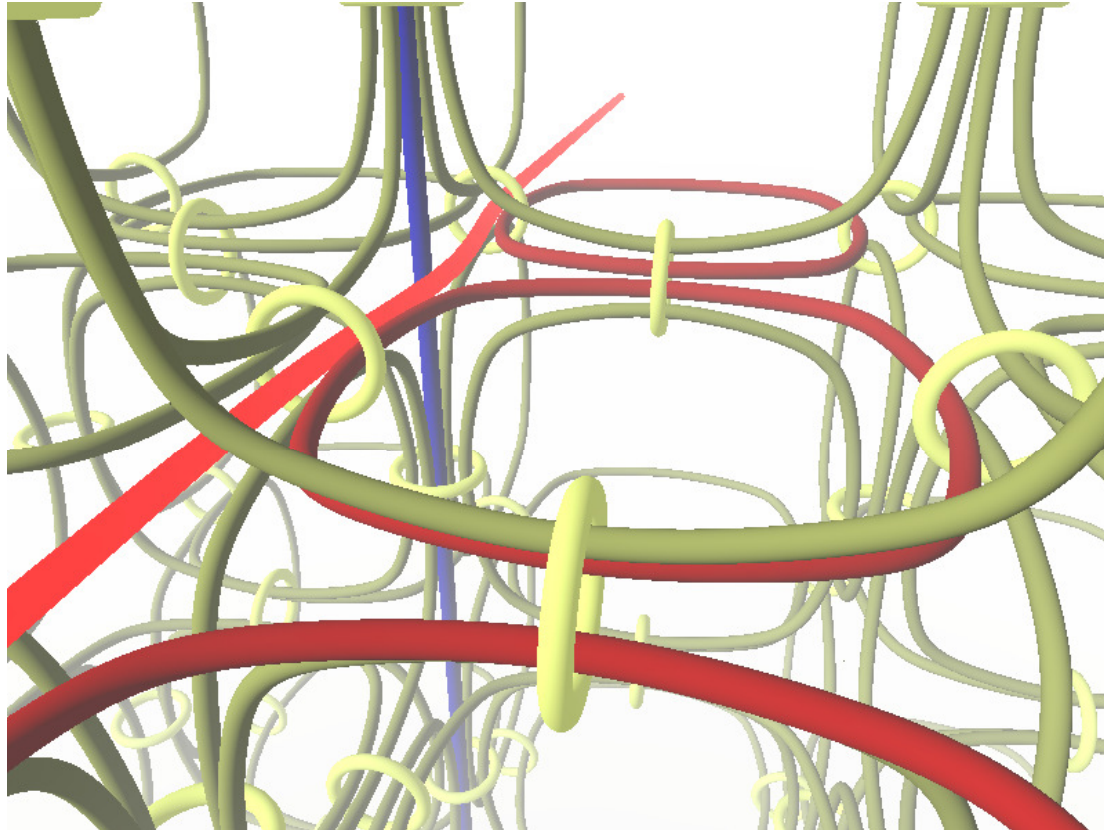
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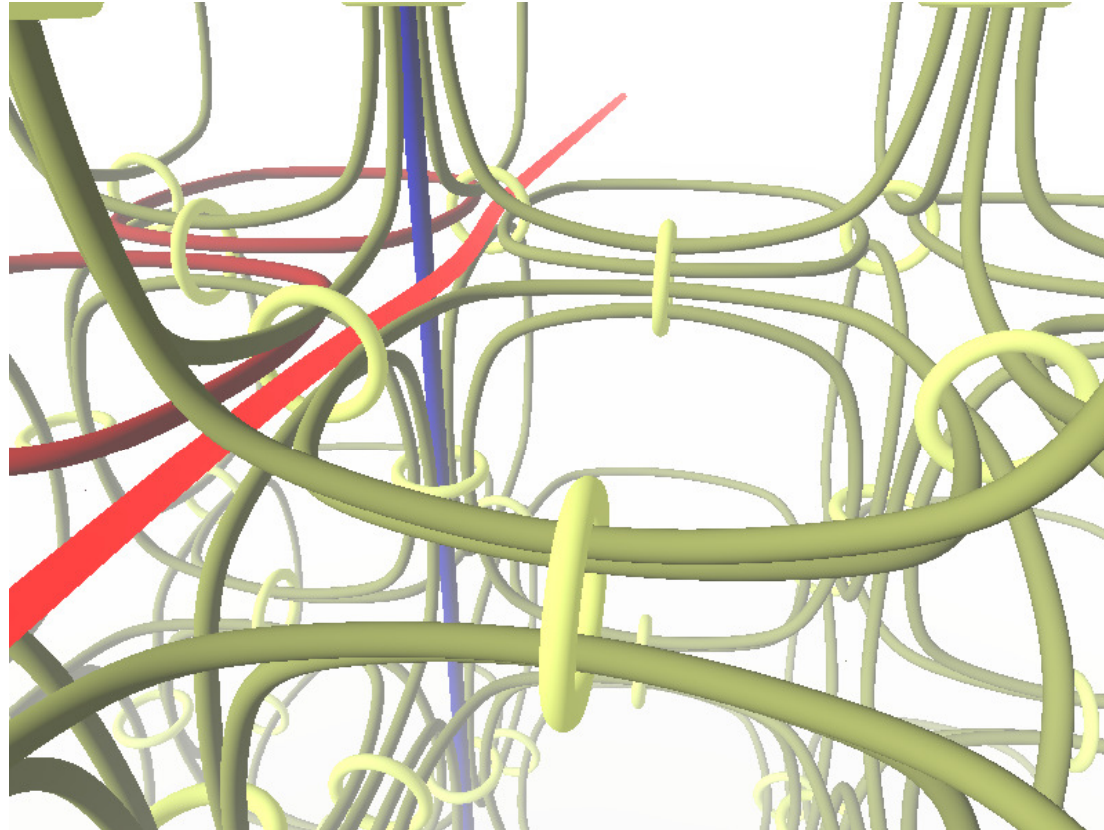
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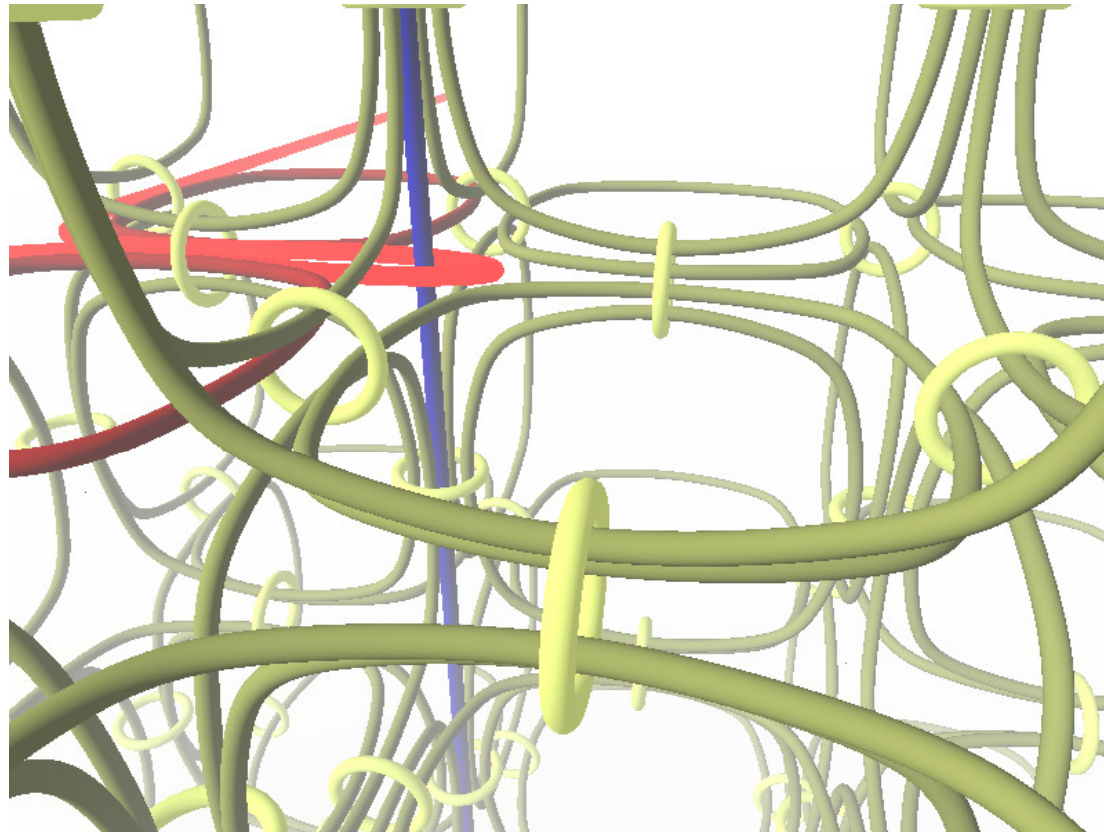
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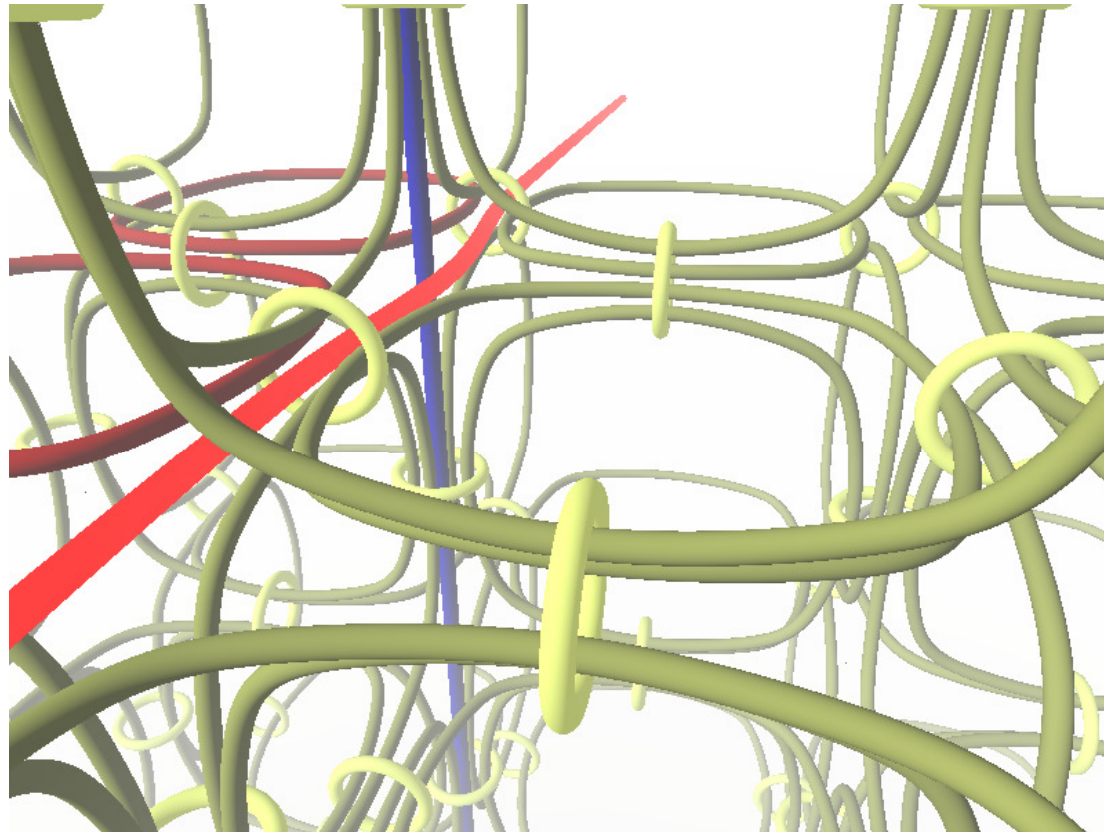


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Can handleslide everything to a single plane – but must keep track of over and undercrossings

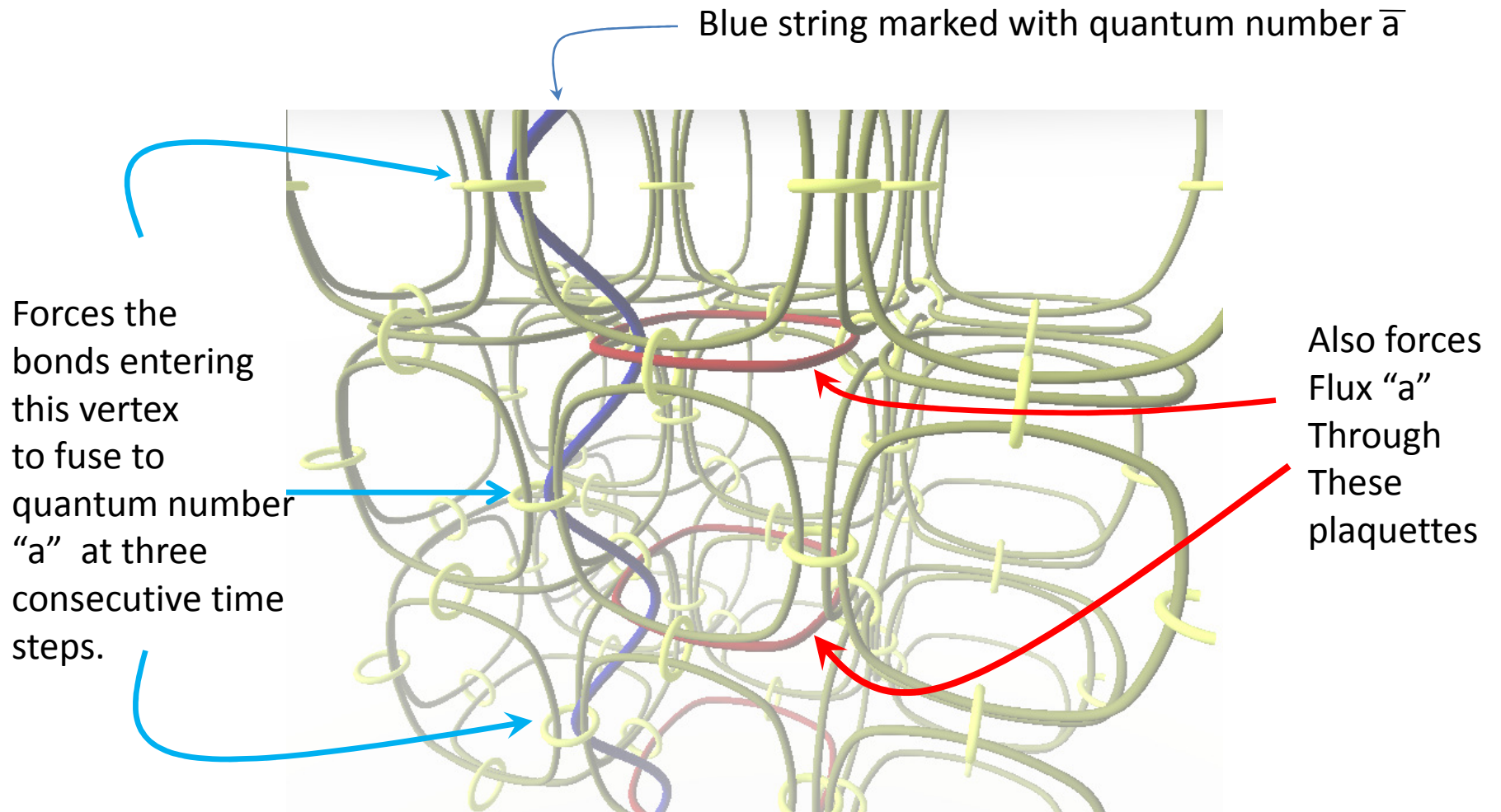


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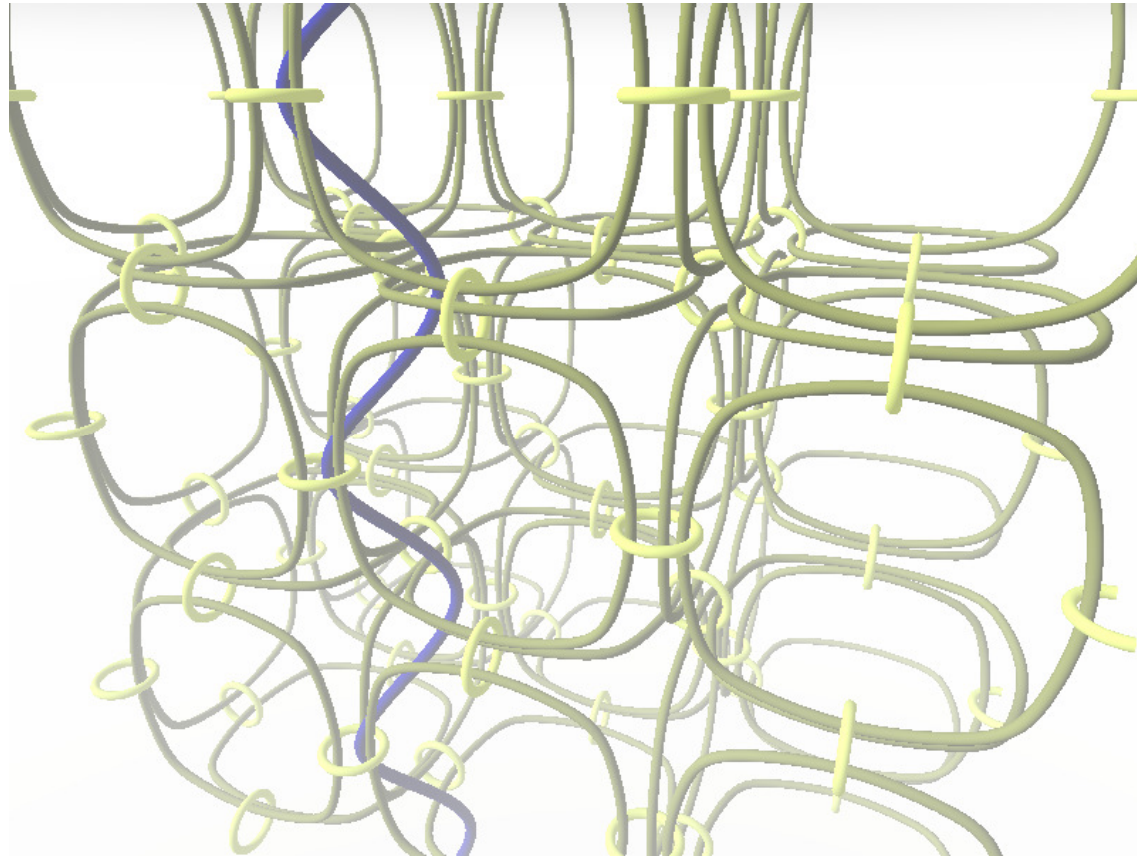
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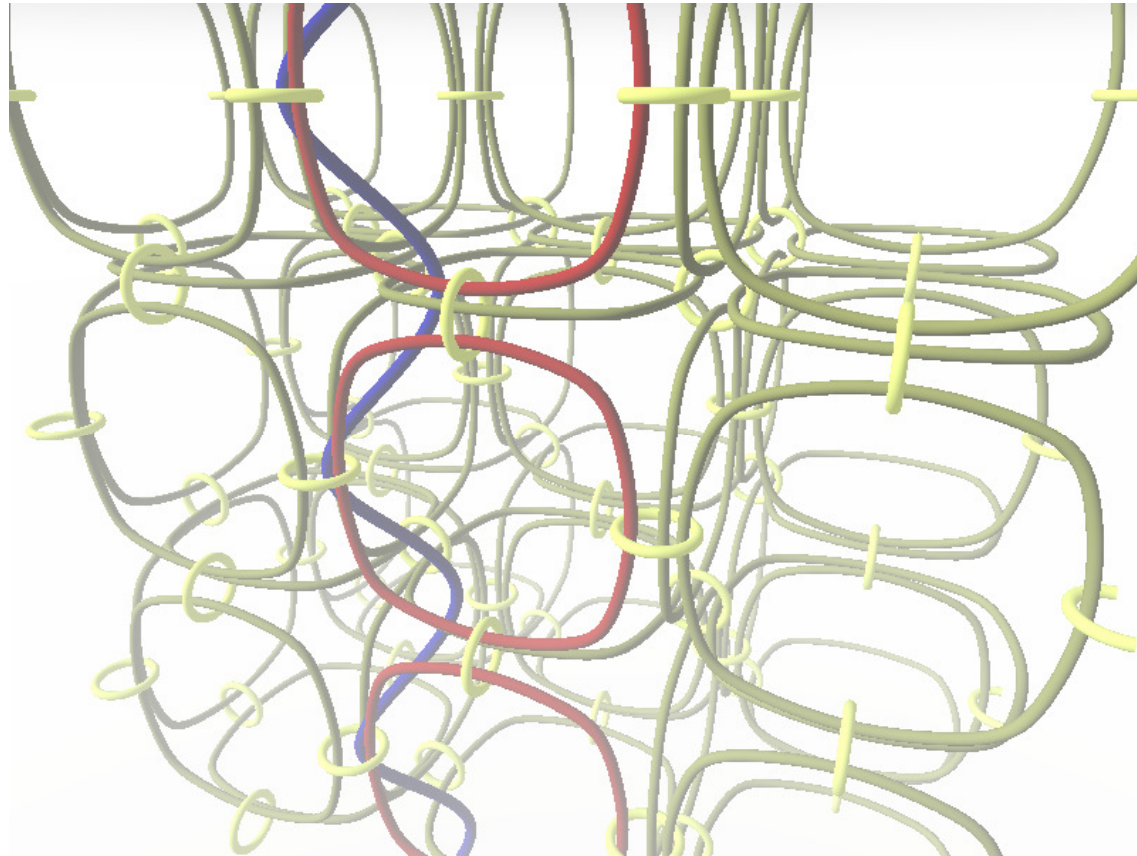
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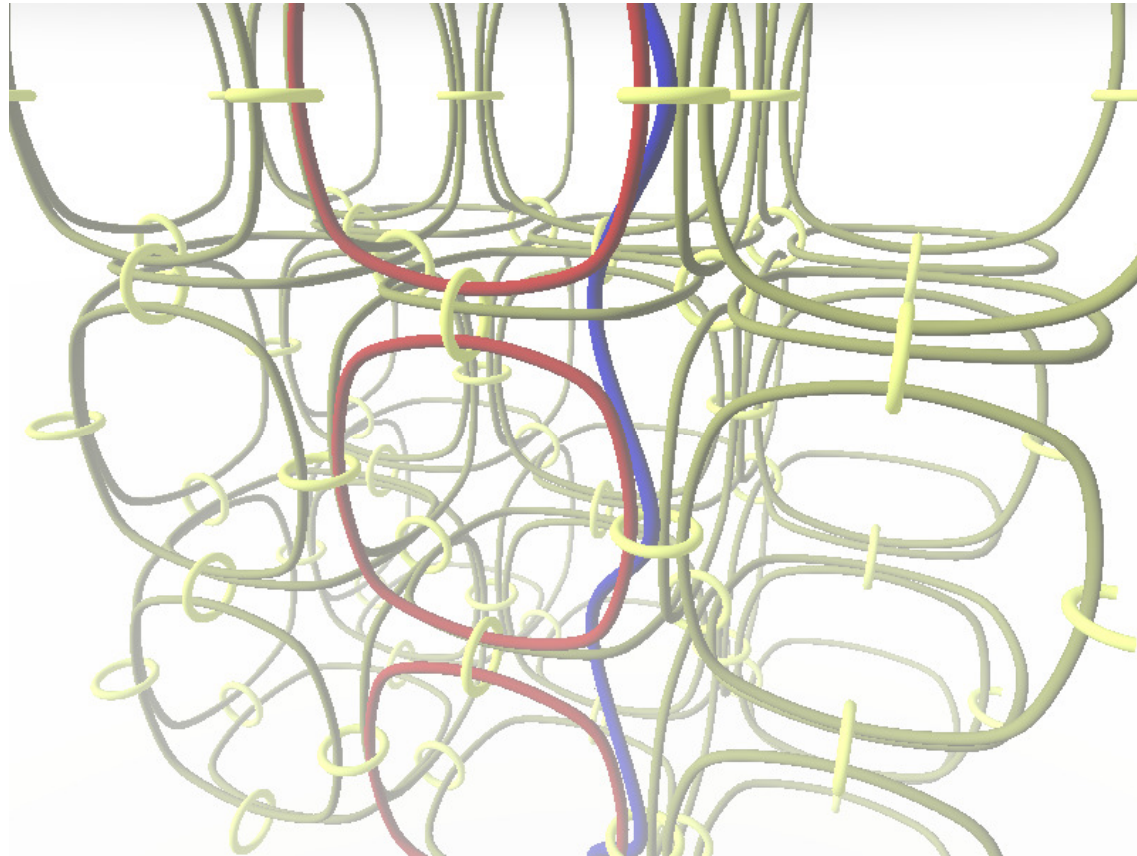
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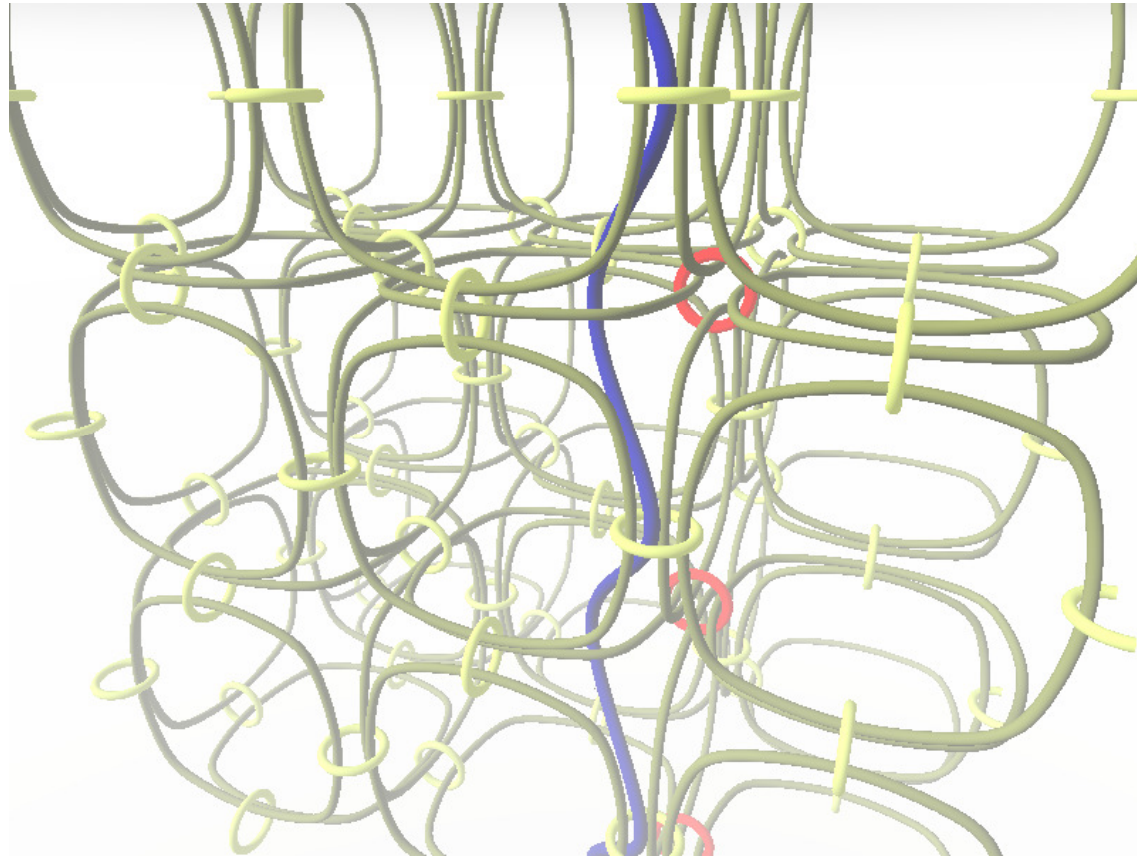
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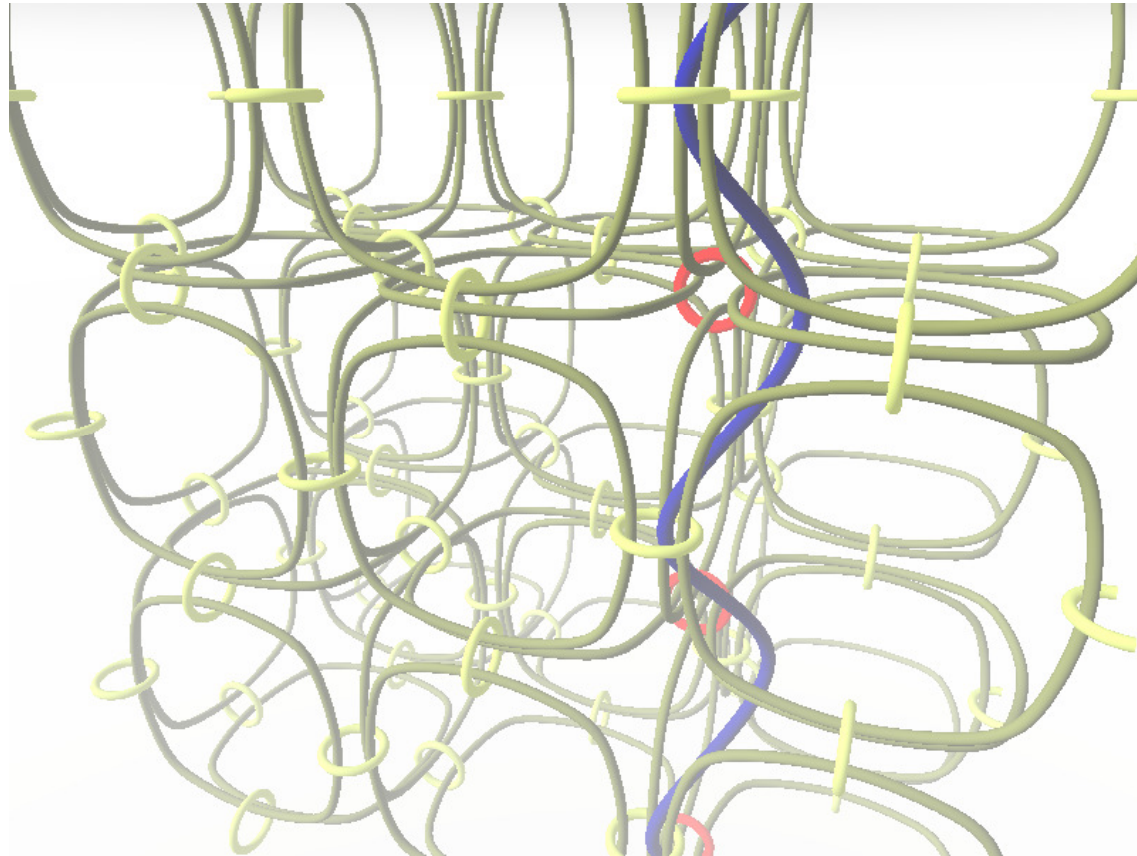
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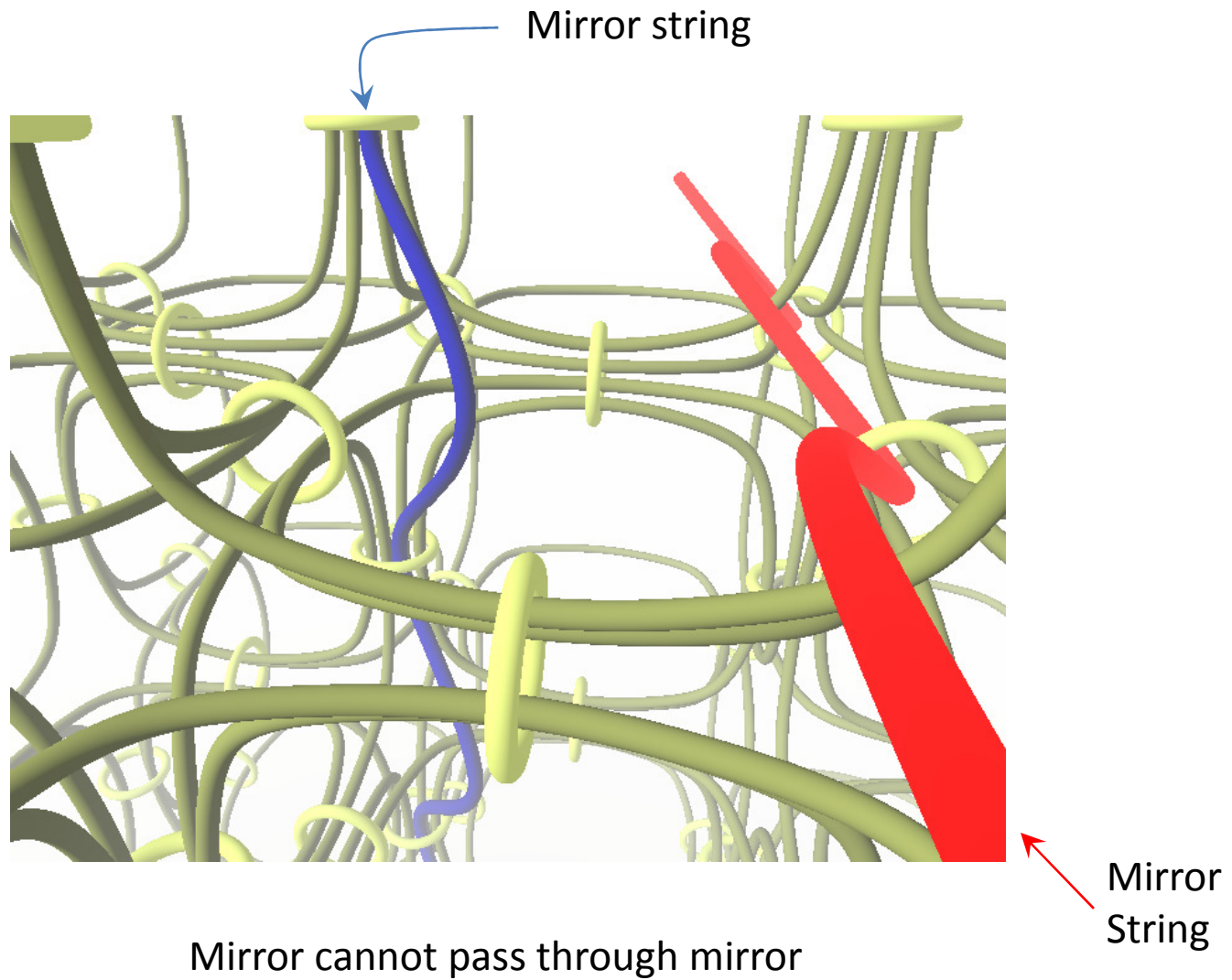
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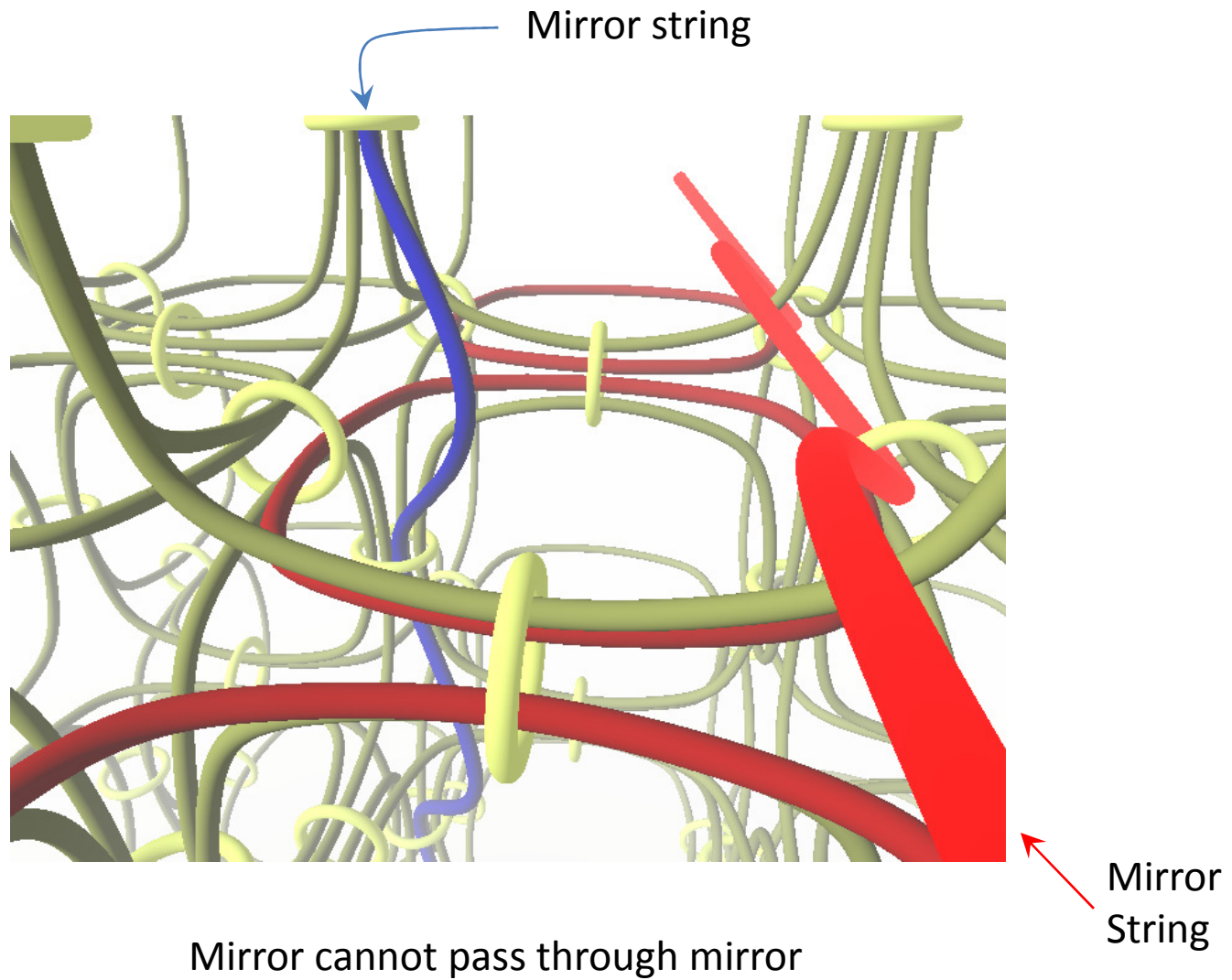


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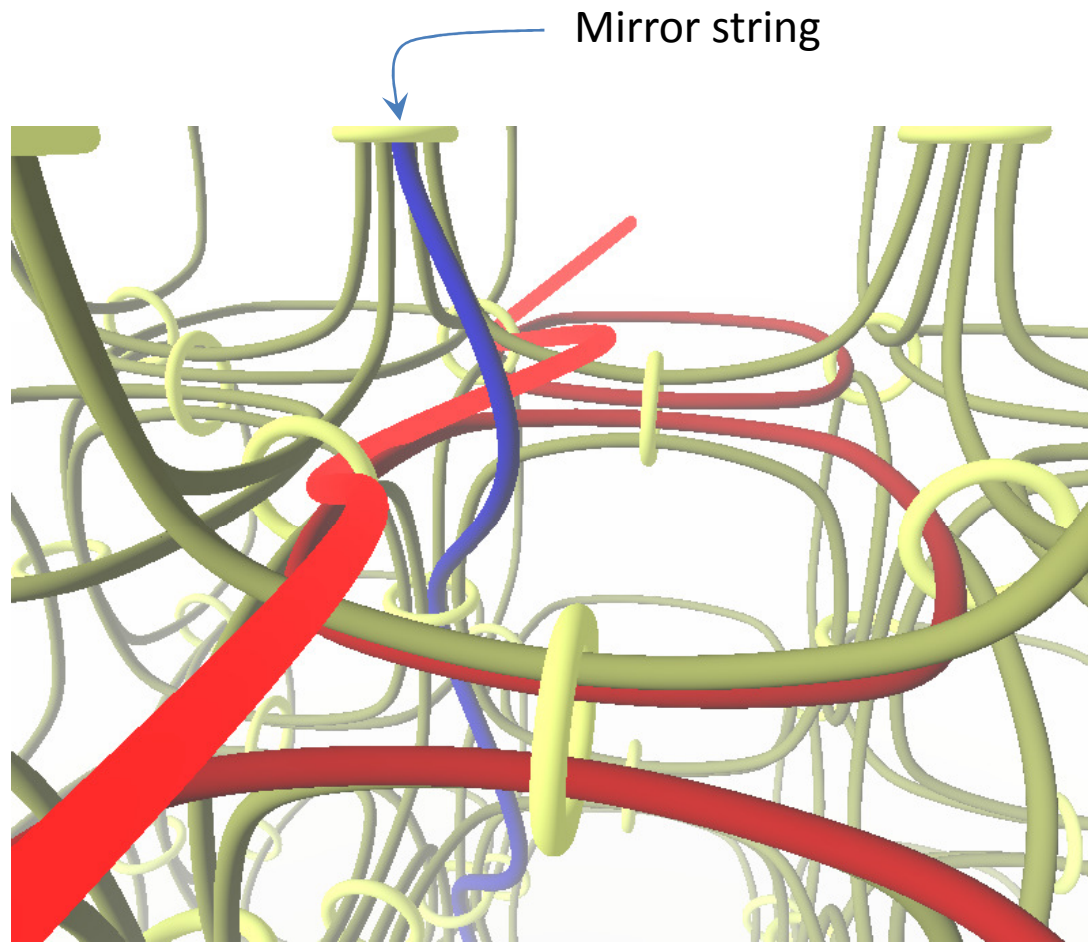
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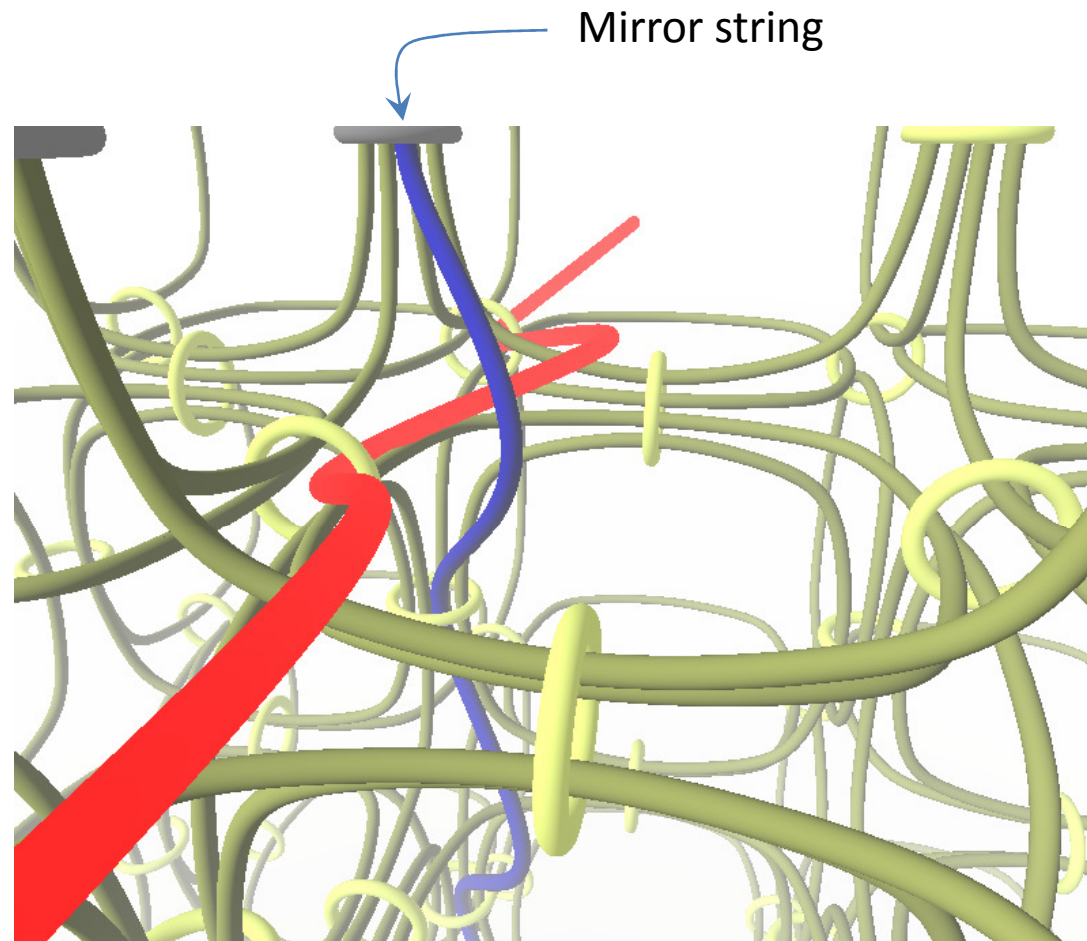
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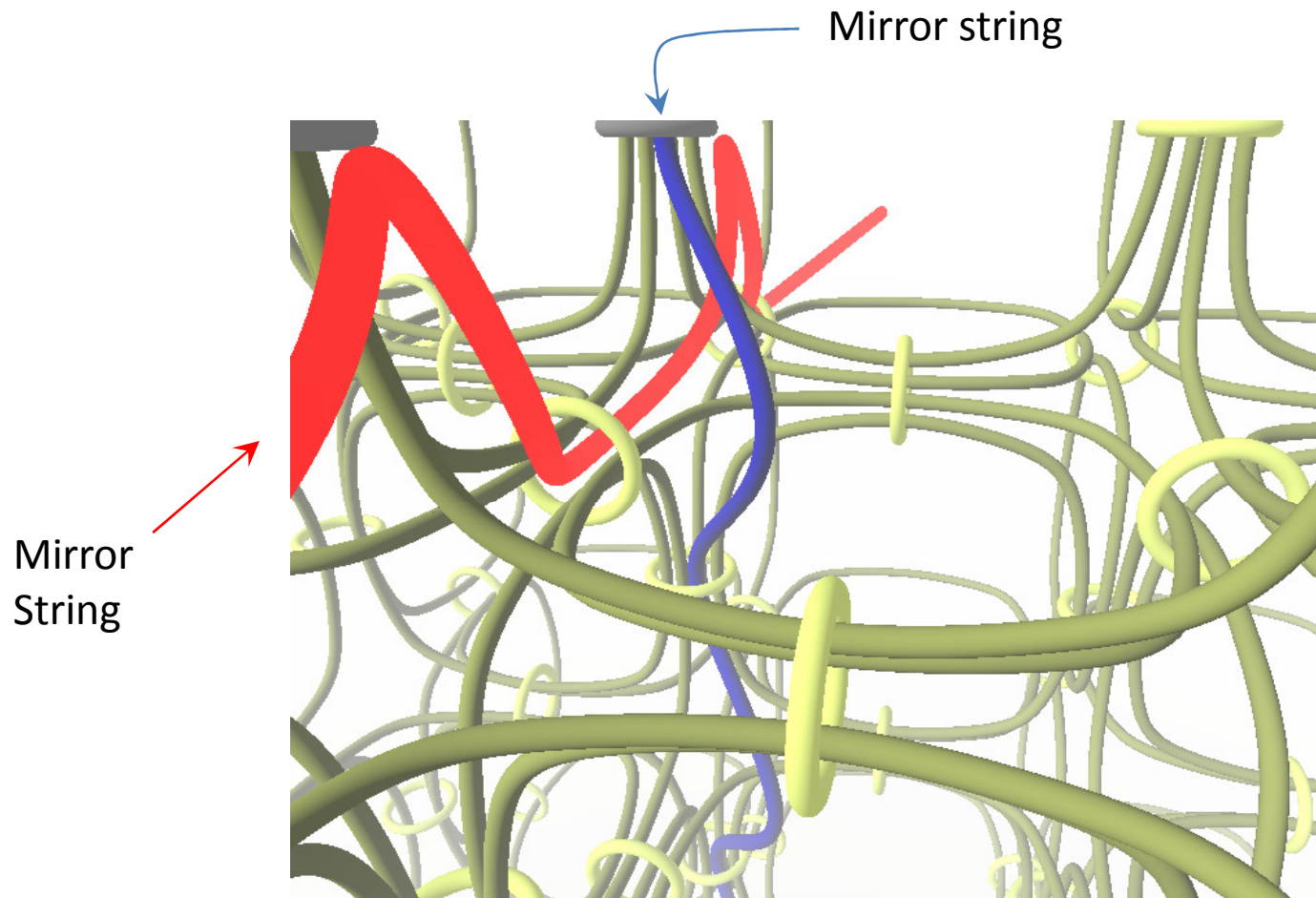


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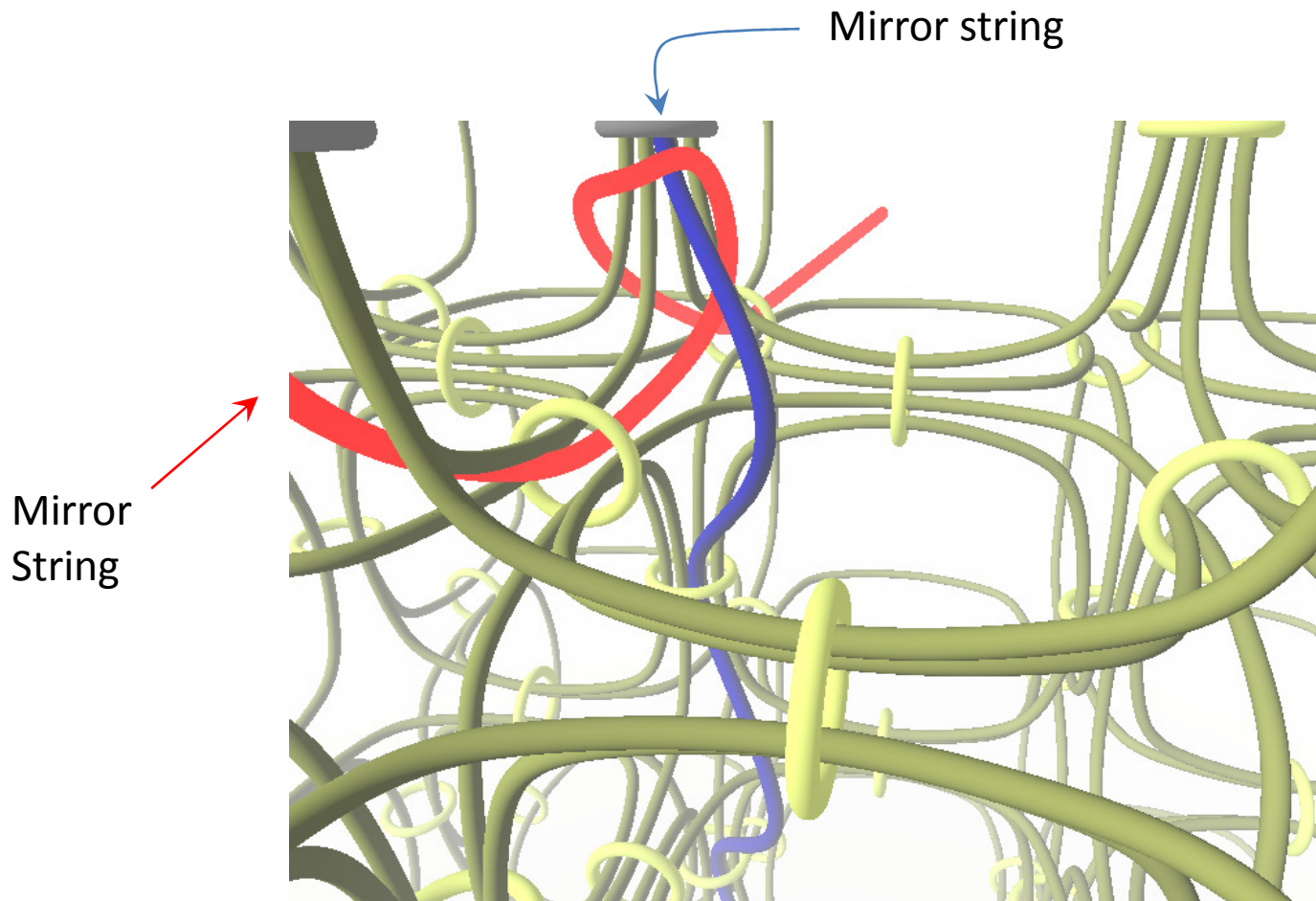
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