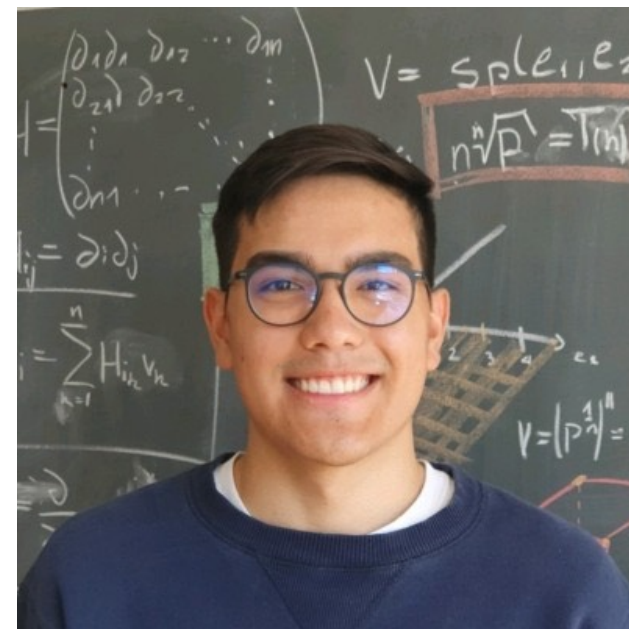


Probing physics in arbitrary graphs and curved spaces

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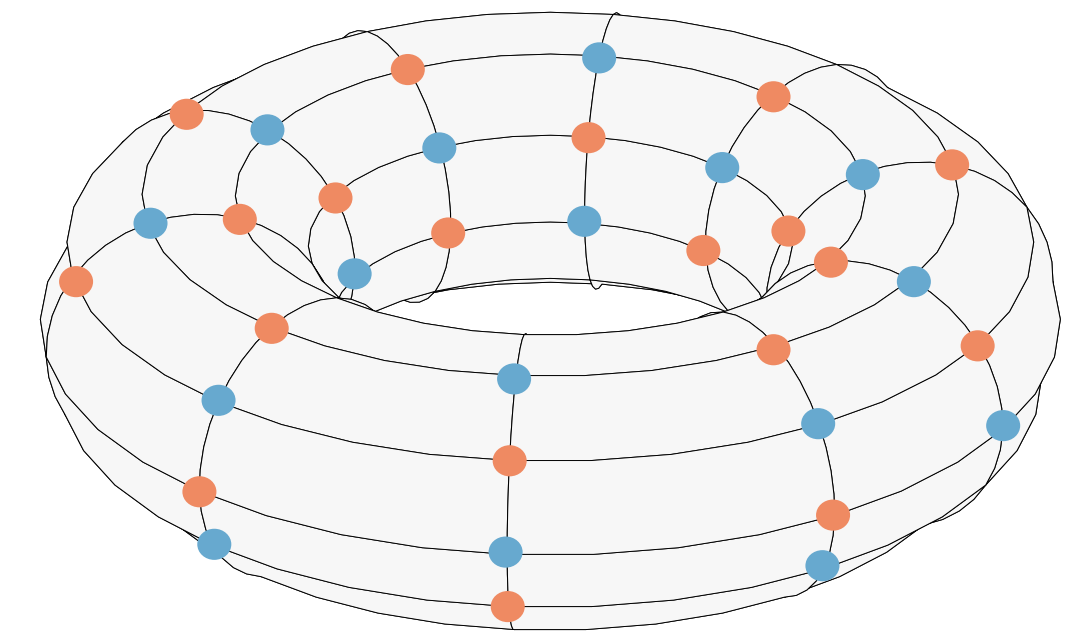
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Probing Rich Physics

- Rich physics may emerge in/from:
 - Higher-dimensions (SSB, LRE, etc)
 - Non-trivial topologies (topologically ordered phases)
 - Curved spaces (AdS/CFT)
- Goal: experimentally probe higher dimensions and richer geometry/topology limitations
- Proposal: build such systems by using “non-local” degrees of freedom → Superconducting Wires



Superconducting wires

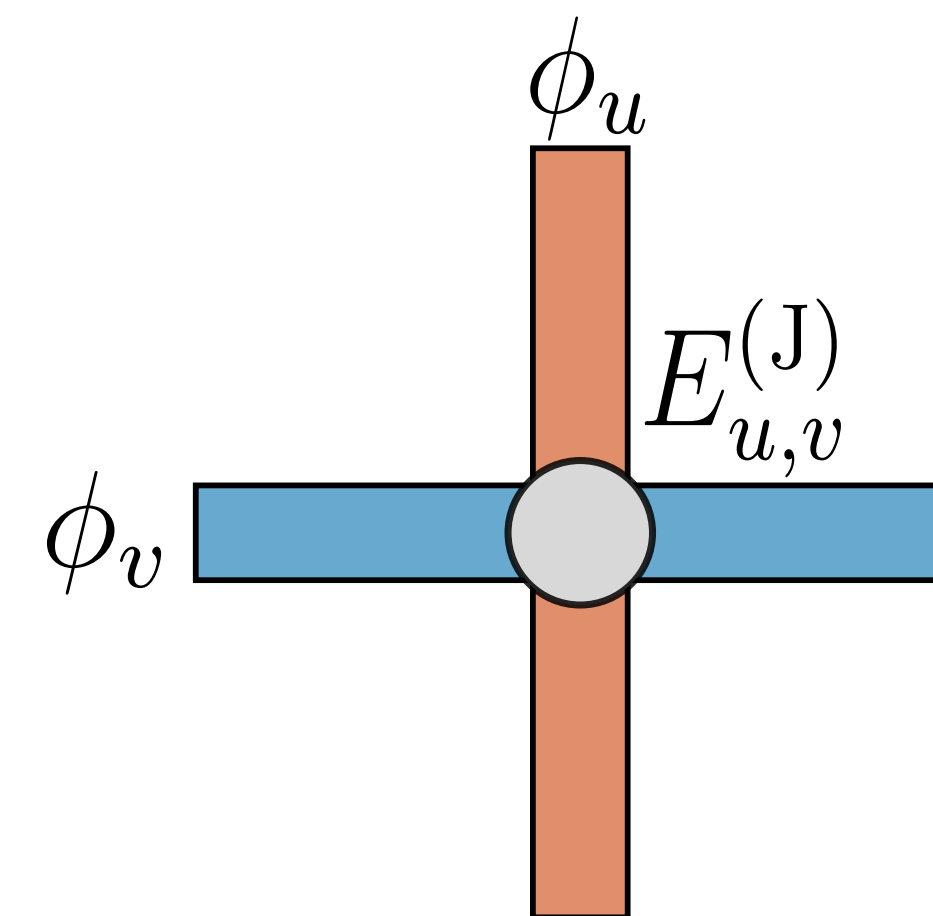
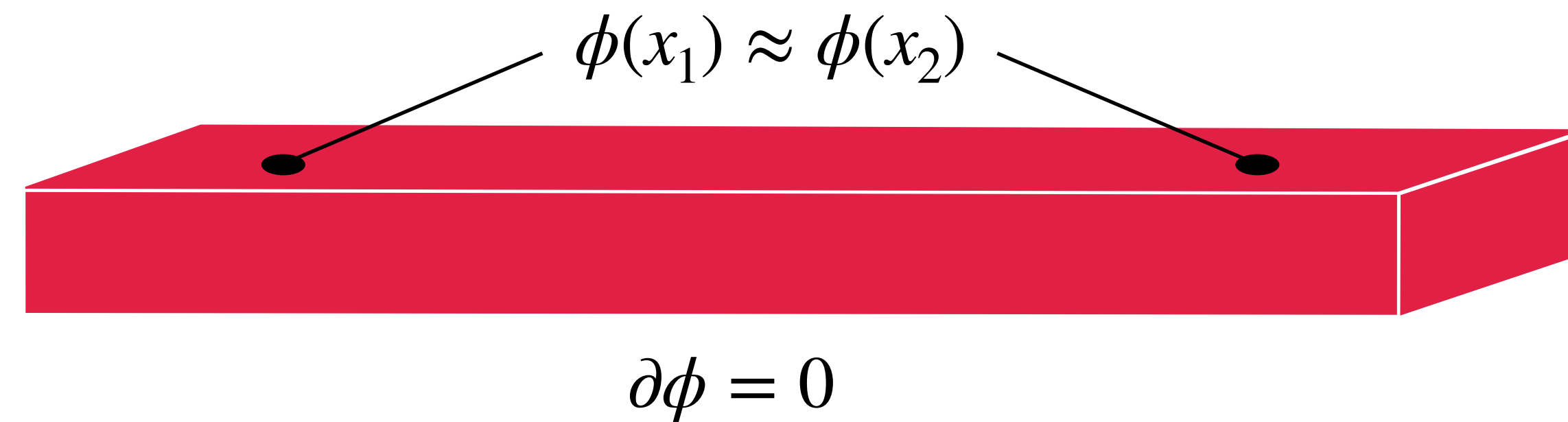
- Superconducting wires are characterized by phase ϕ , which behave as a single, rigid degree of freedom,

$$\mathcal{F}[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \rho_s (\nabla \phi)^2$$

for large stiffness $\rho_s \Rightarrow$ energetic penalty to variations in $\phi(x)$

- Josephson junctions induce energetic interactions of the form

$$H = -E_{u,v}^{(J)} \cos(\phi_u - \phi_v)$$

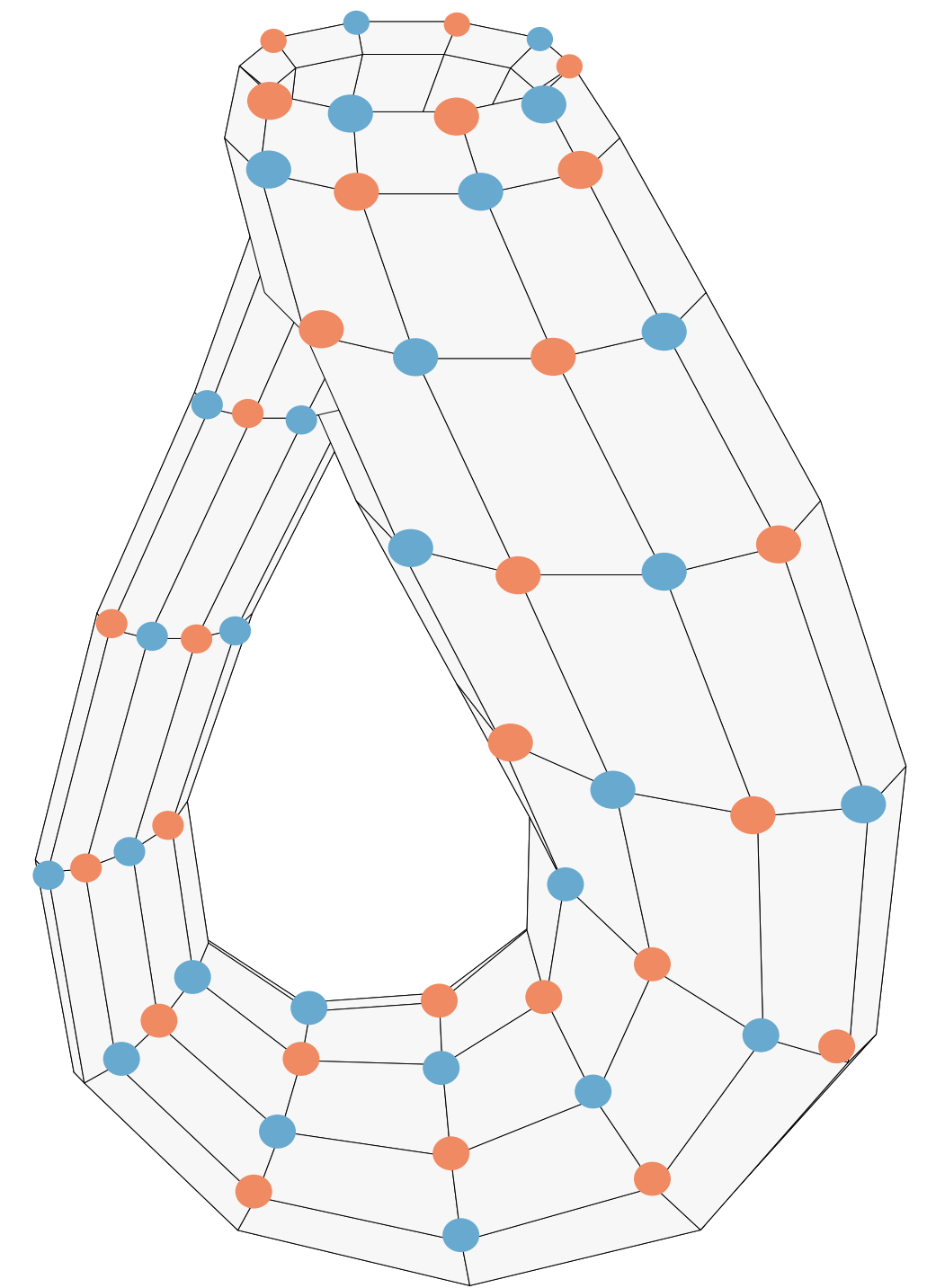


Two Steps

1. Triangulate/put a mesh on the manifold M [Cairns (1935) and Whitehead (1939)]
2. Arrange this into a graph structure $G = (V, E)$ on M with
 - Set of nodes (vertices) V
 - Set of links (or edges) E

⇒ The connectivity of the graph can be encoded in a $|V| \times |V|$ adjacency matrix

$$a_{u,v} = 1 \text{ if } \{u, v\} \in E \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

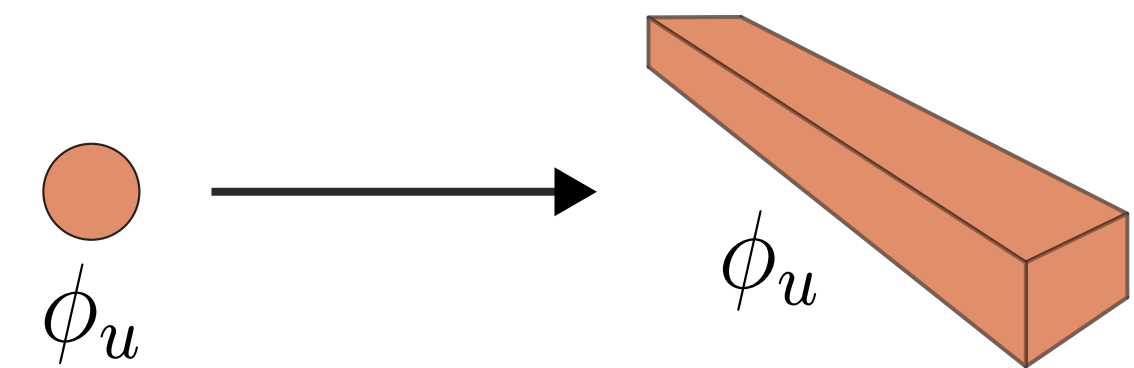


mesh for Klein bottle

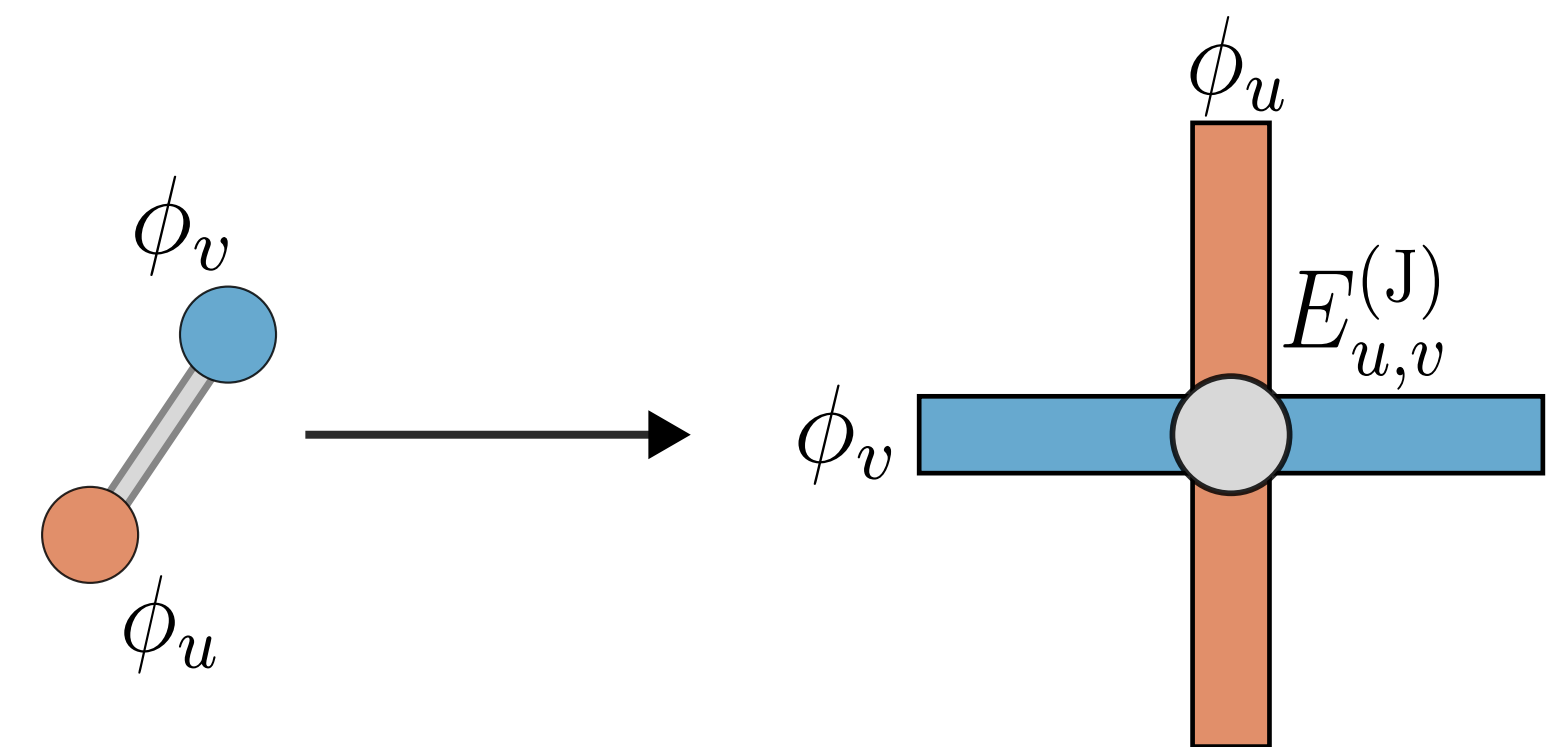
General Framework

Our framework holds for arbitrary simple graphs G

1. To each node $u \in V$, we assign it to a superconducting wire with phase ϕ_u



2. For each edge $\{u, v\} \in E$, we assign it to a Josephson junction with coupling $E_{u,v}^{(J)}$

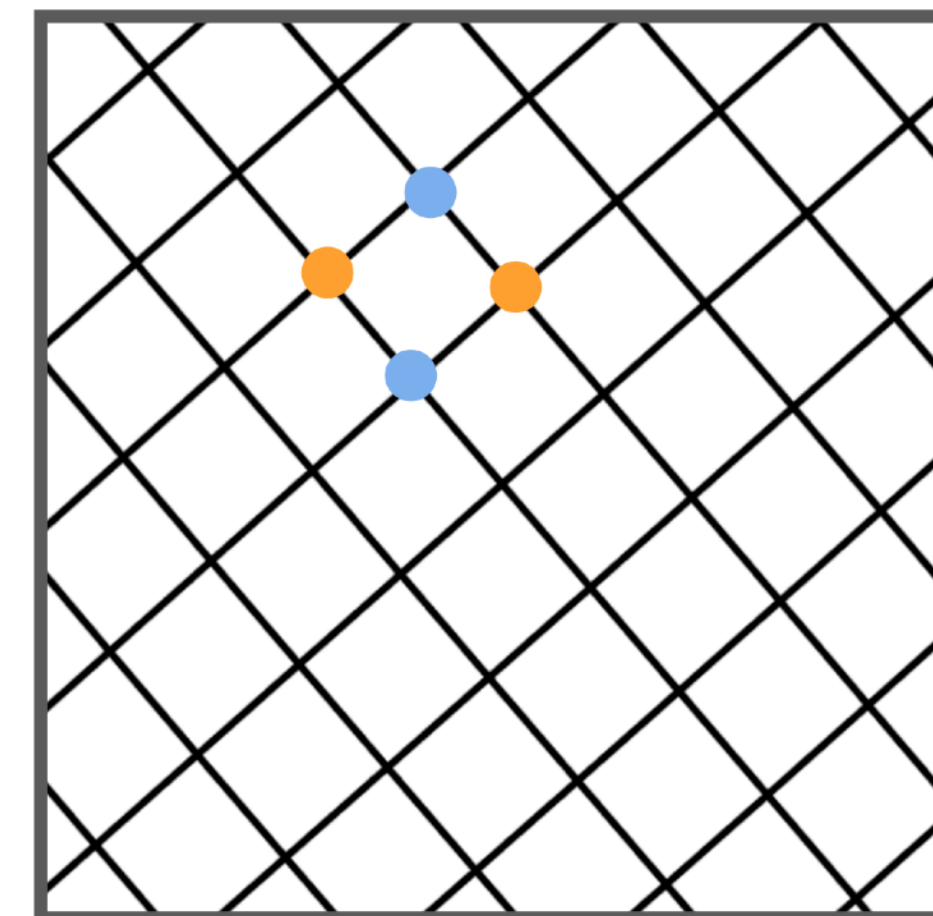
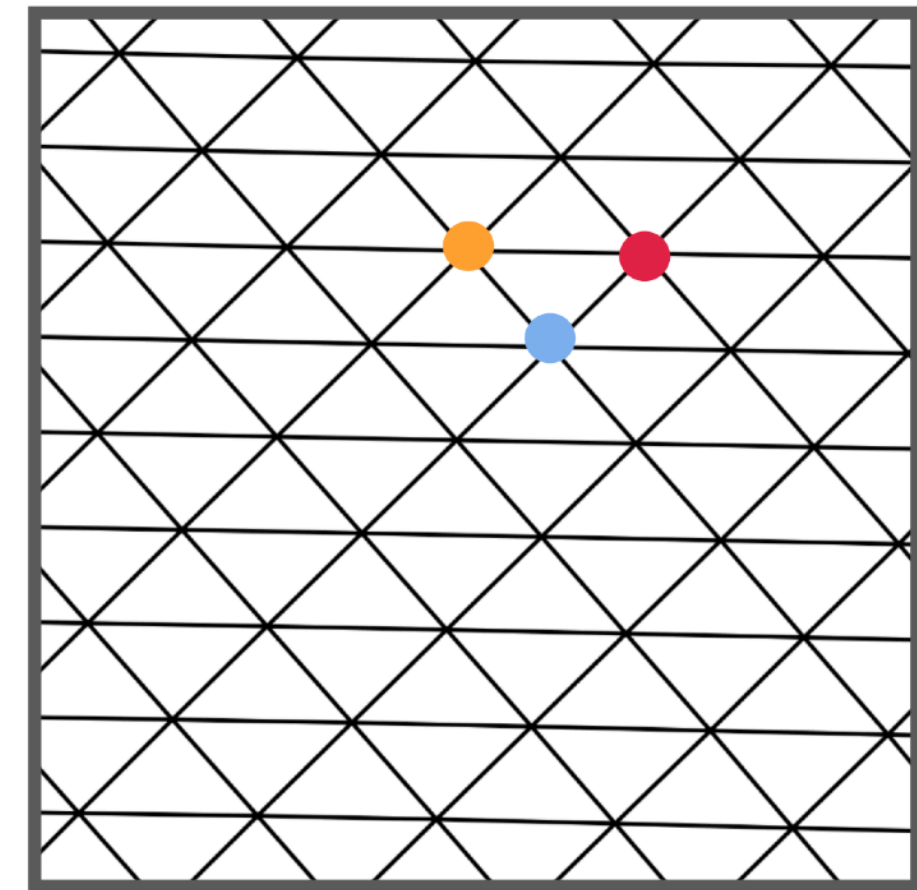


Bipartite Graphs

- Although our framework works for arbitrary simple graphs, it simplifies greatly for bipartite ones
- A graph $G = (V, E)$ is said bipartite if $V = V_{\text{orange}} \cup V_{\text{blue}}$
- The adjacency matrix simplifies

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } B \text{ the biadjacency matrix}$$

- Then, the SC wire array can be realized through crossing horizontal and vertical wires



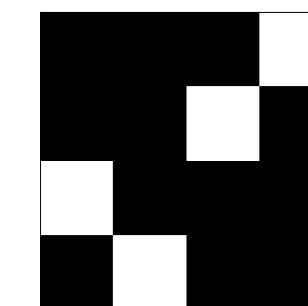
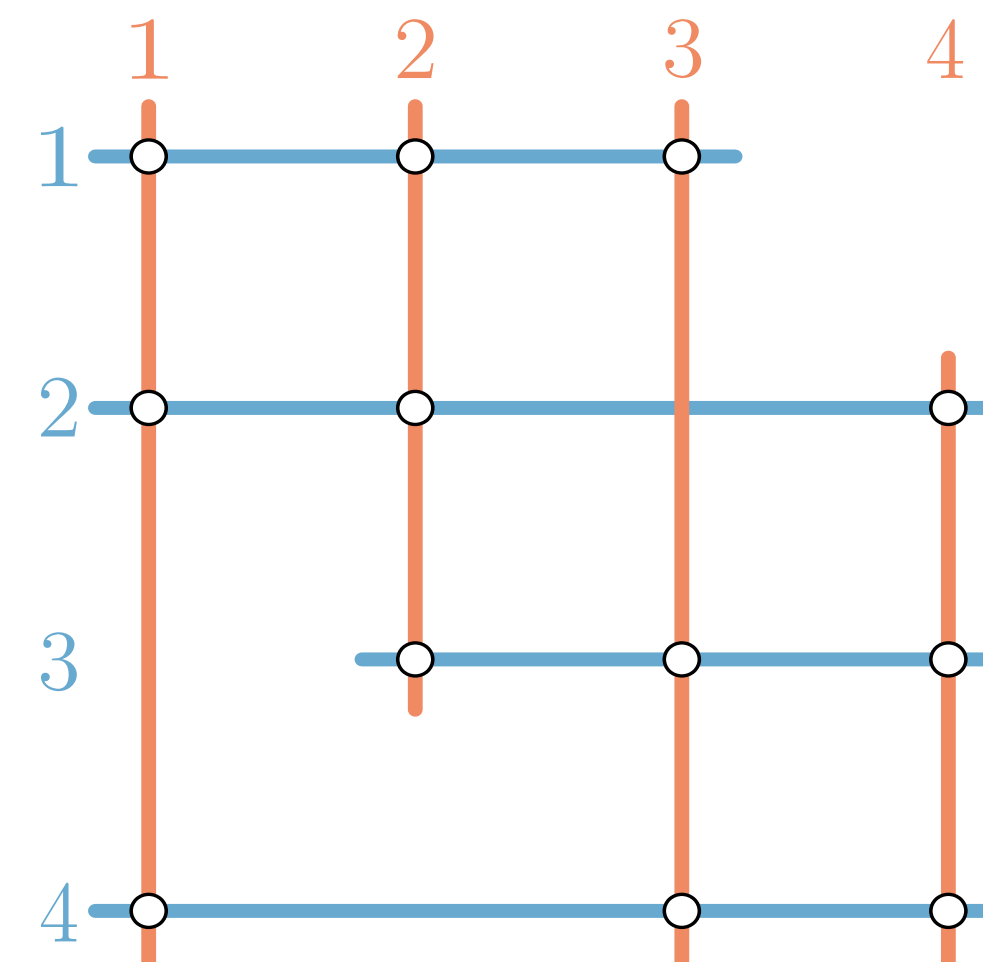
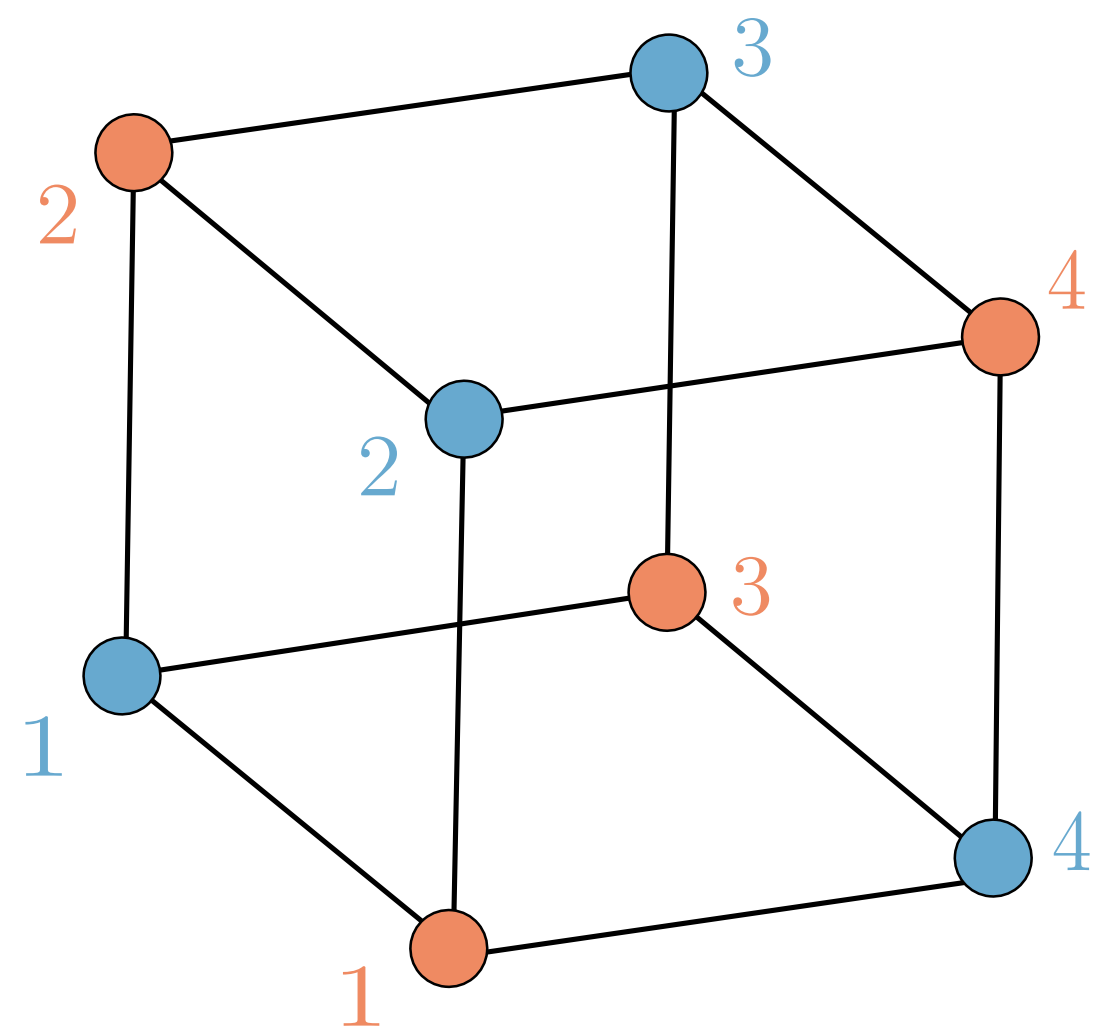
Example: Cube

Under the mapping:

Vertices \Leftrightarrow Wires

Edges \Leftrightarrow Josephson Junctions

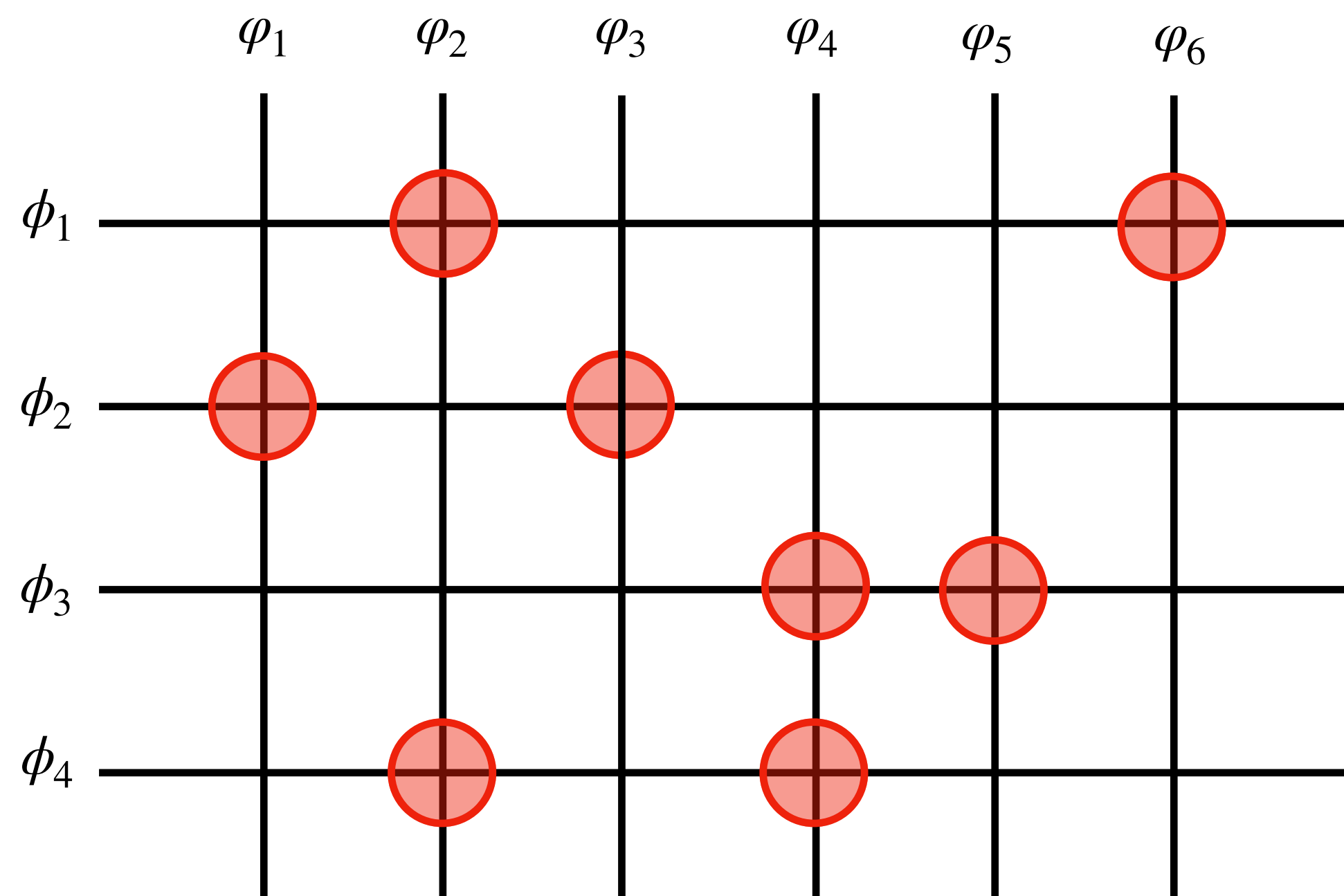
Coordination number \Leftrightarrow # of Intersecting wires



$b_{i,j}$

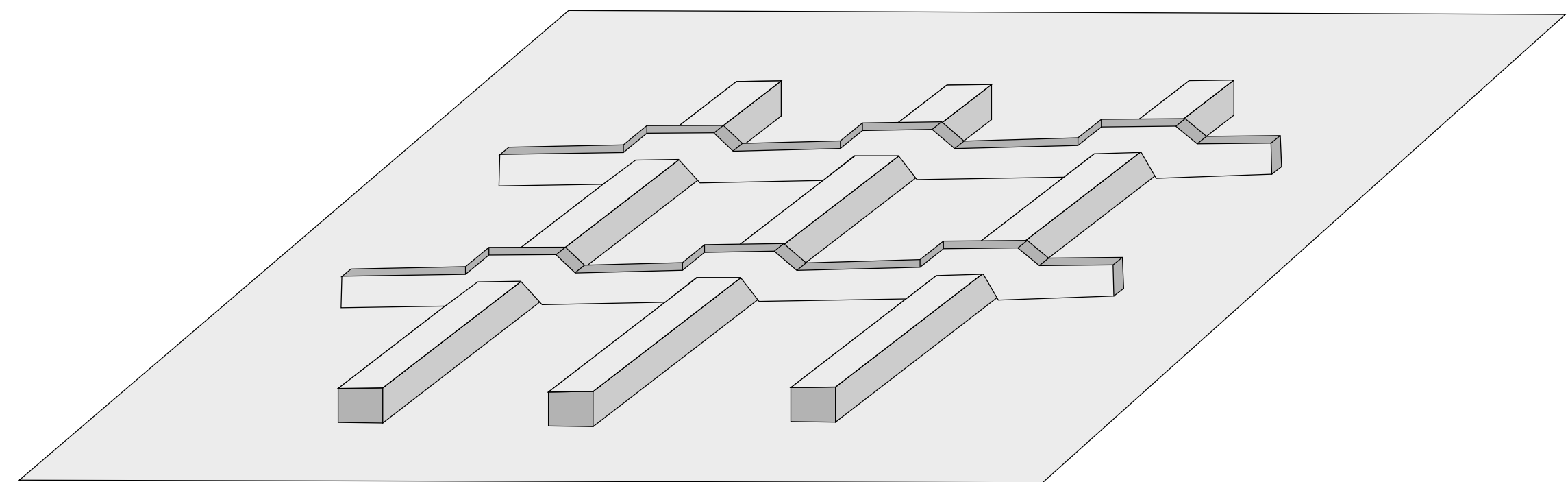
SC wire array as “protoboard”

- The graph $G = (V, E)$ and its biadjacency matrix are the main ingredients in the recipe
- Implementation corresponds to connecting wires together, some version of a “protoboard”



Connectivity matrix $B = (b_{i,j})$

$$H = -J \sum_i^{N_1} \sum_j^{N_2} b_{i,j} \cos(\phi_i - \varphi_j)$$

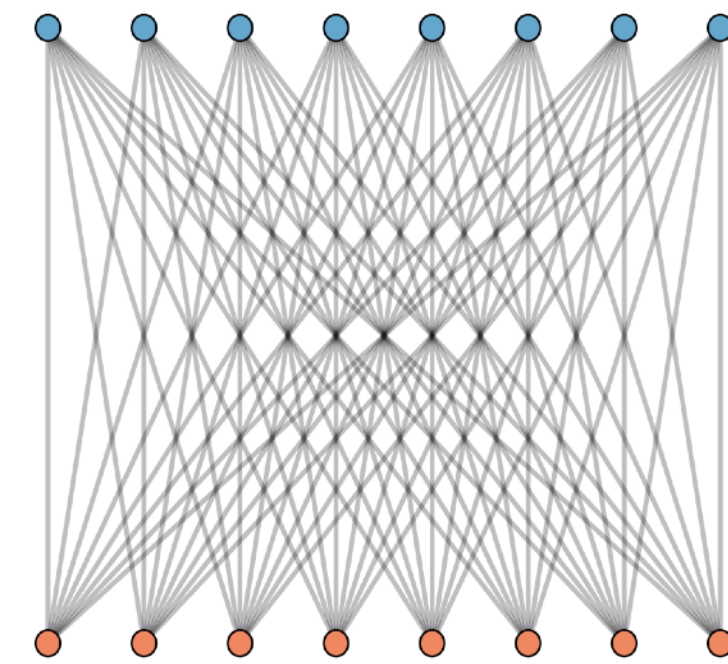
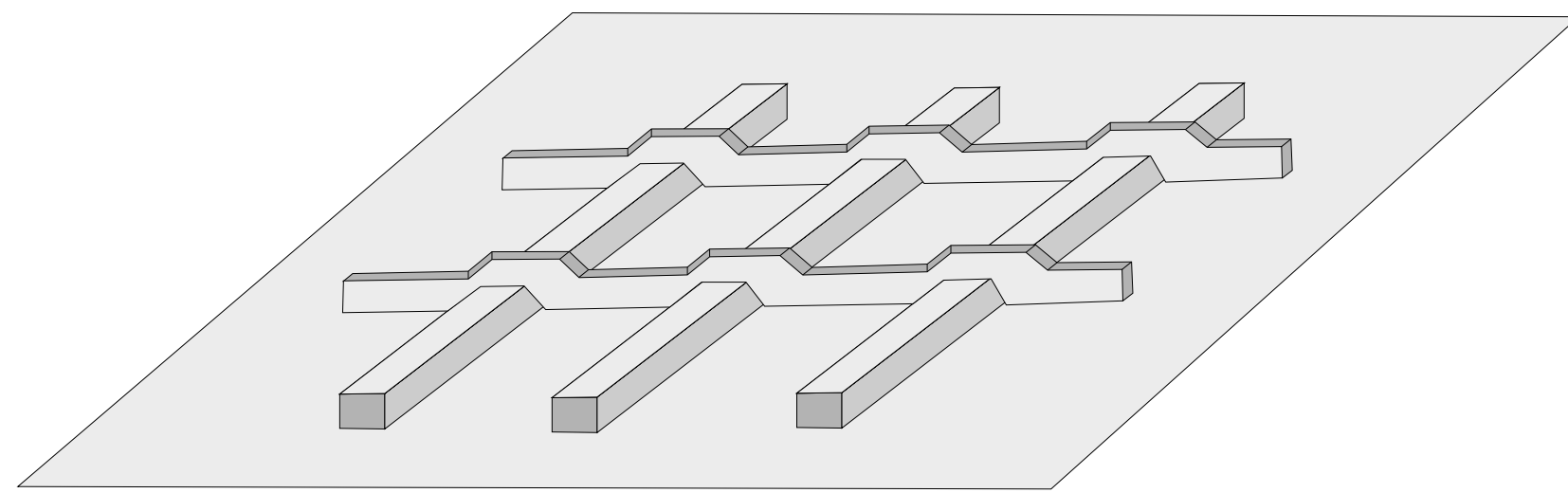
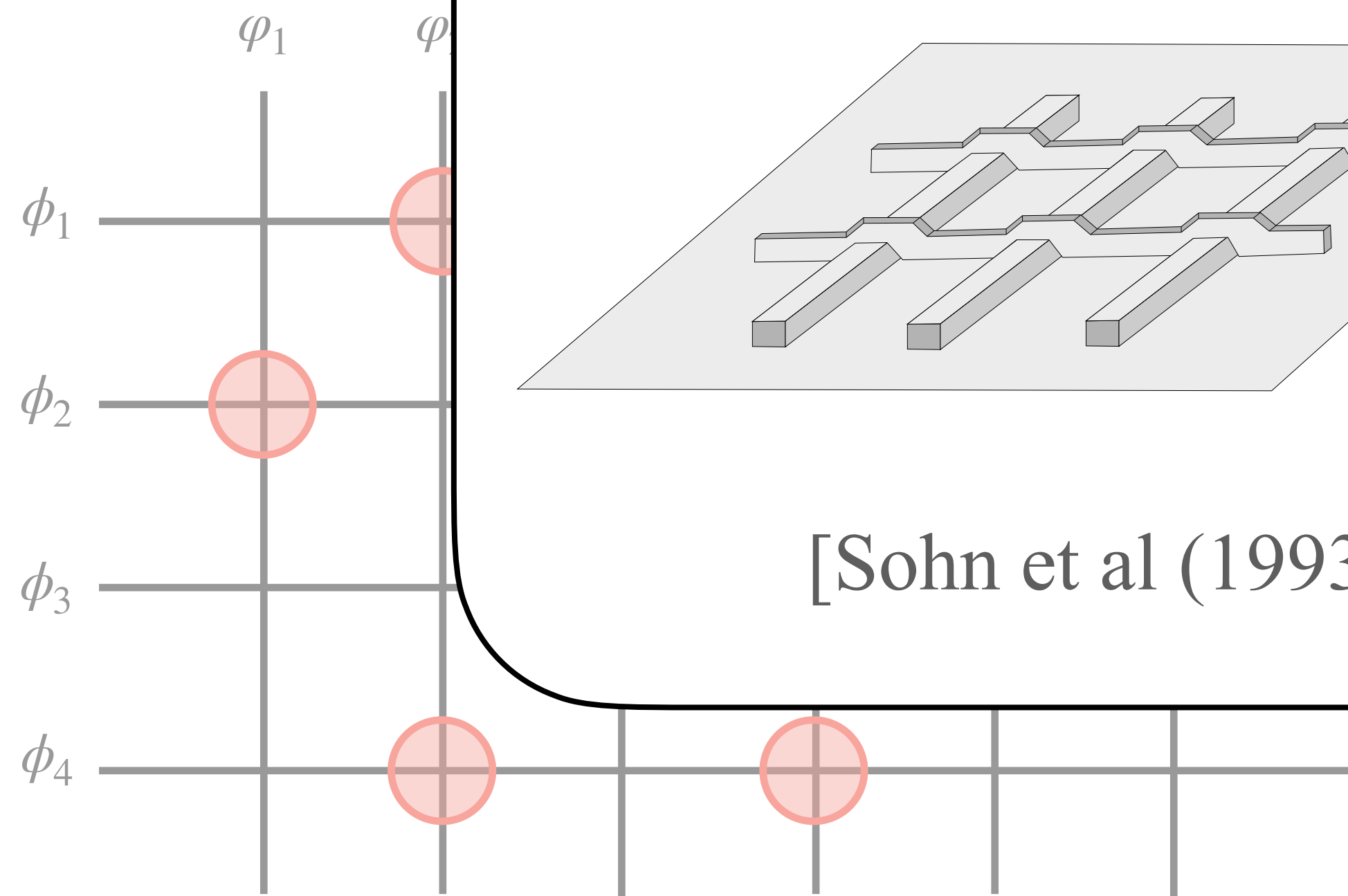


[Sohn et al (1993); Shea & Pinkham (1997)]

SC wire array as “protoboard”

- The graph G in the recipe
- Implement a “protoboard”

For $b_{ij} = 1 \forall$ pairs $(i, j) \Rightarrow$ Bipartite complete graph $K_{N,N}$

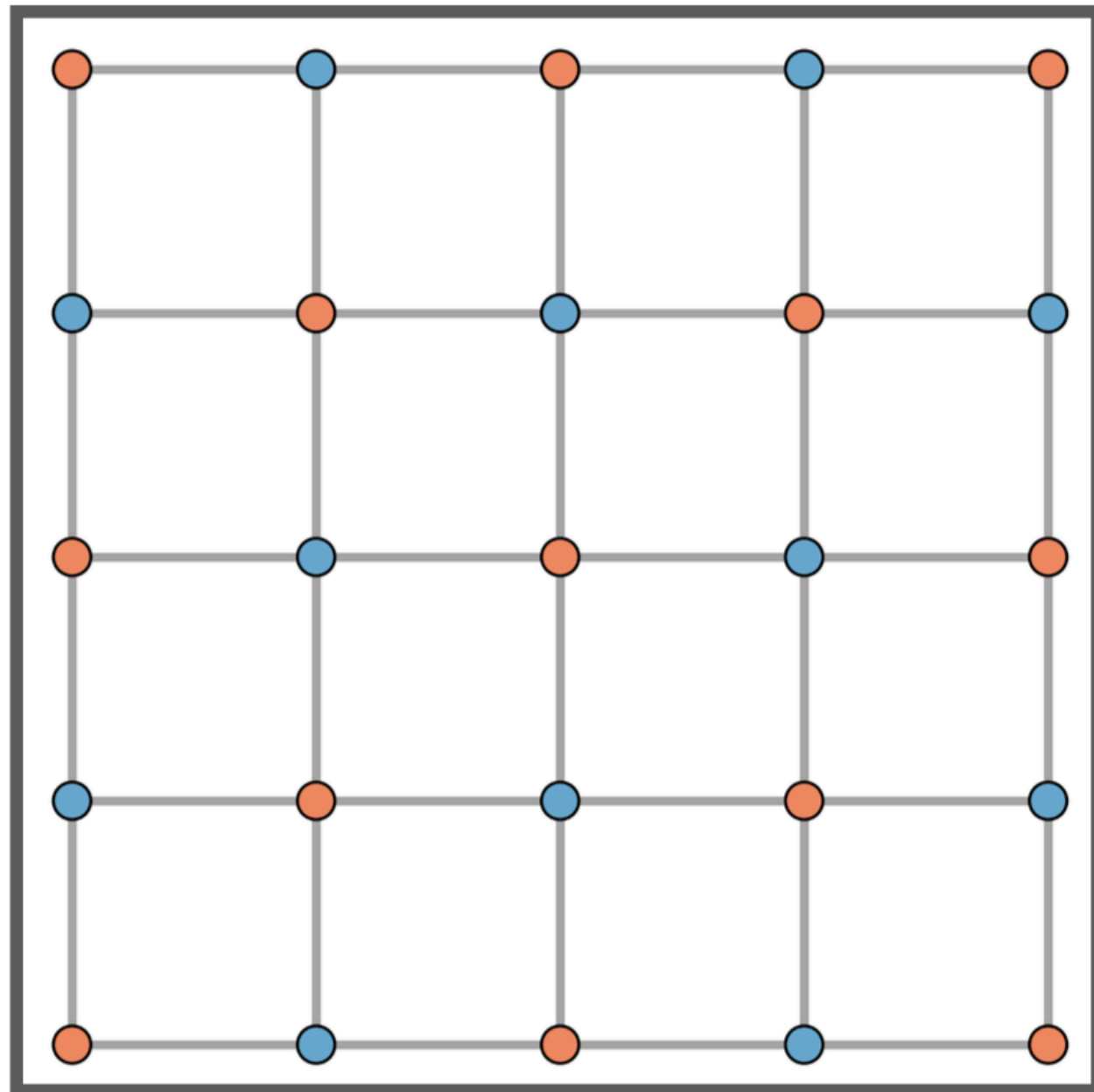


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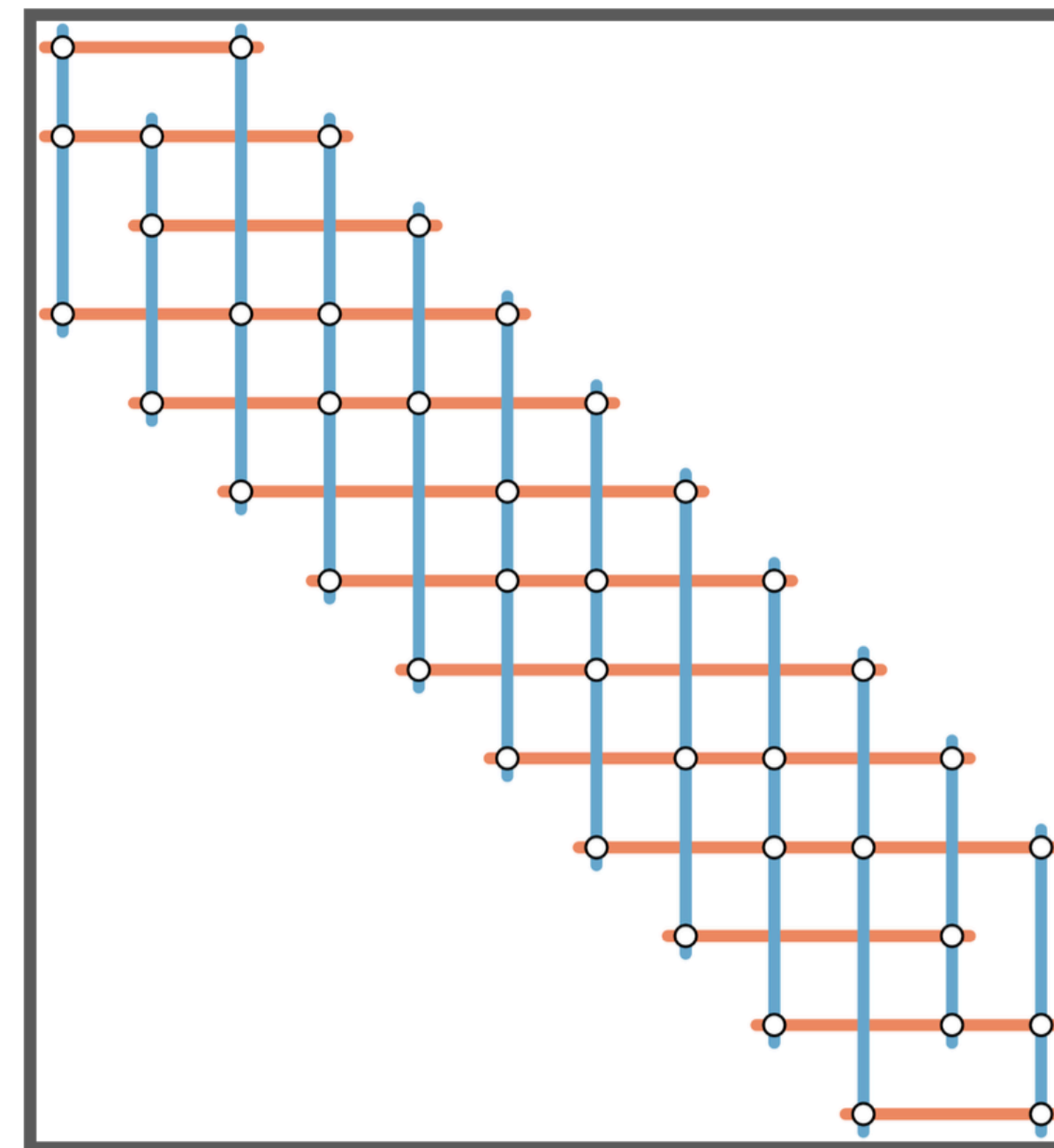
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Field Theory @ Square Lattice

$$S_G[\phi] = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j)$$



$$S_{\text{wire}}[\phi] = -J \sum_{i \in V_{\text{orange}}} \sum_{j \in V_{\text{blue}}} b_{i,j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j)$$



$$S_G[\phi] = S_{\text{wire}}[\phi]$$

Quantum Fluctuations

In general, arrays of Josephson junctions have quantum fluctuations $[\hat{\phi}_u, \hat{n}_v] = i \delta_{u,v}$ induced by charge operators \hat{n}_v . Then $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_J + \hat{H}_C$

$$\hat{H}_J := -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{u,v} E_{u,v}^{(J)} \cos \left(\hat{\phi}_u - \hat{\phi}_v - A_{u,v}^{(\text{bg})} \right),$$

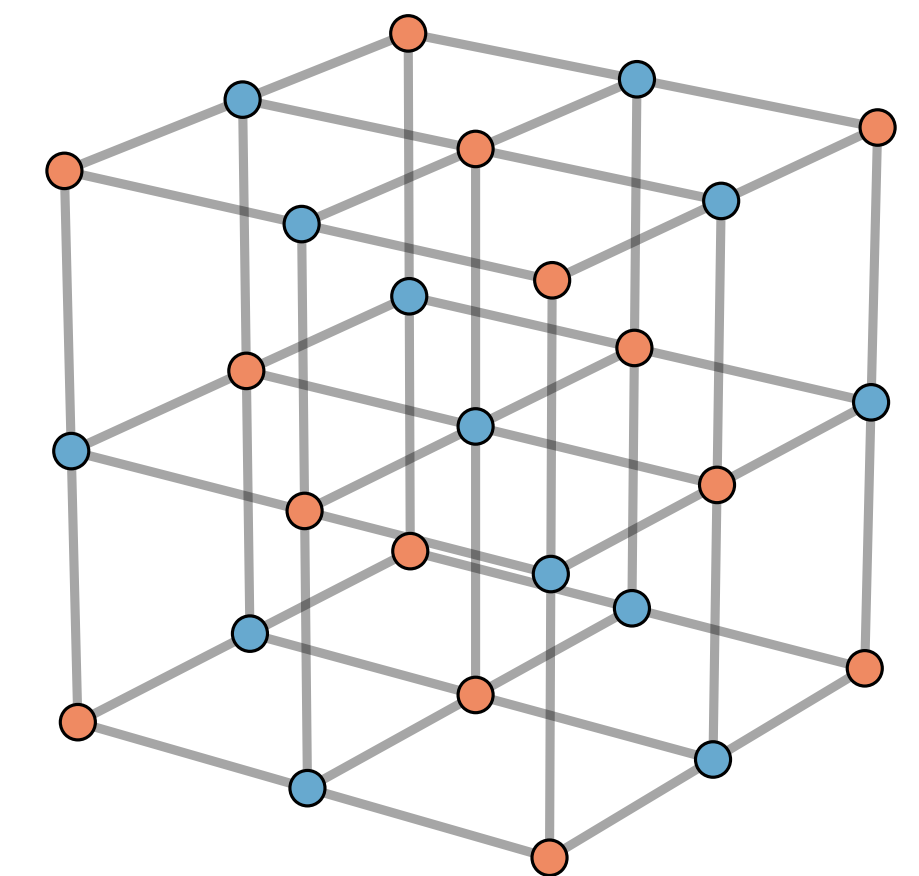
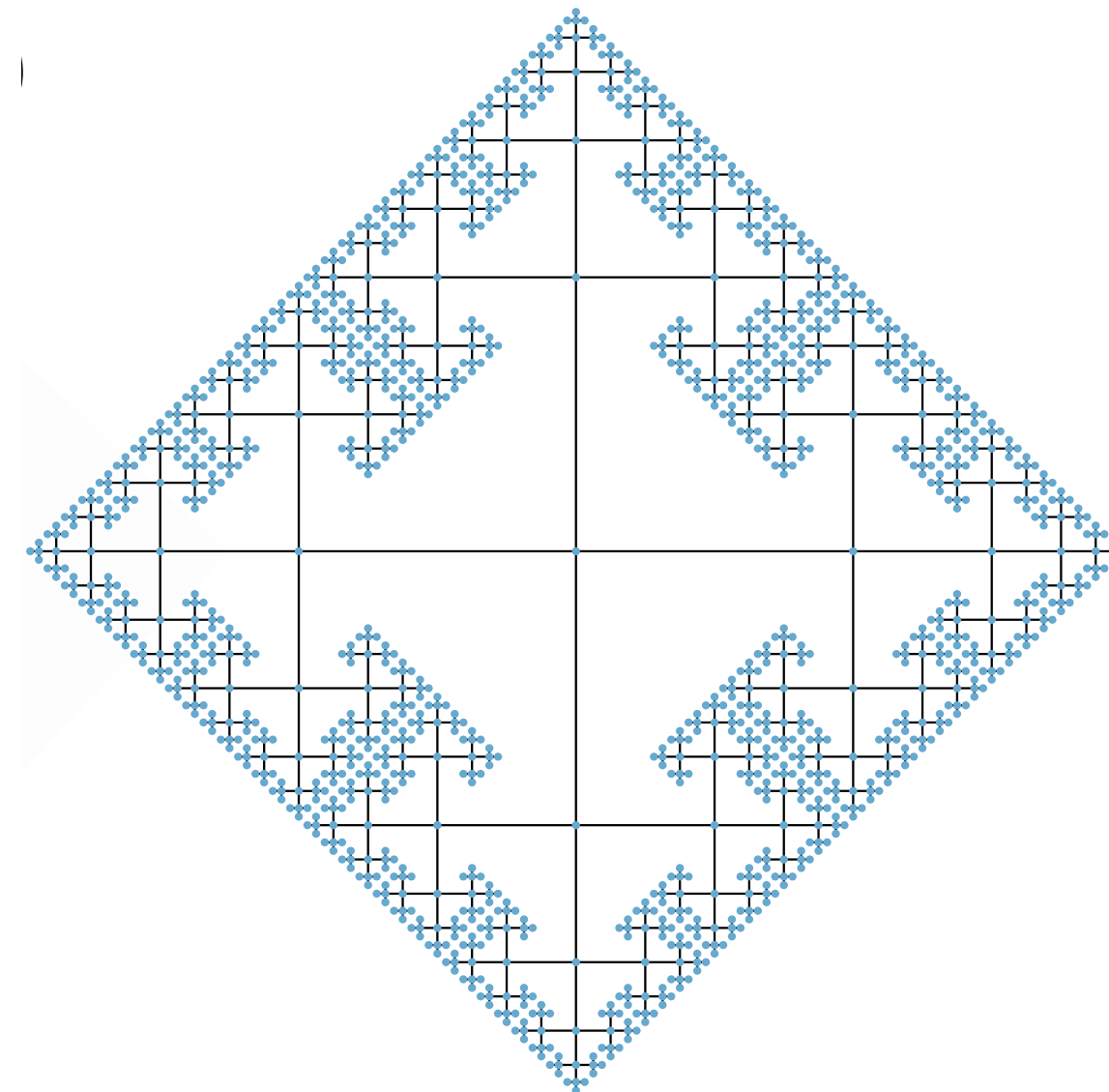
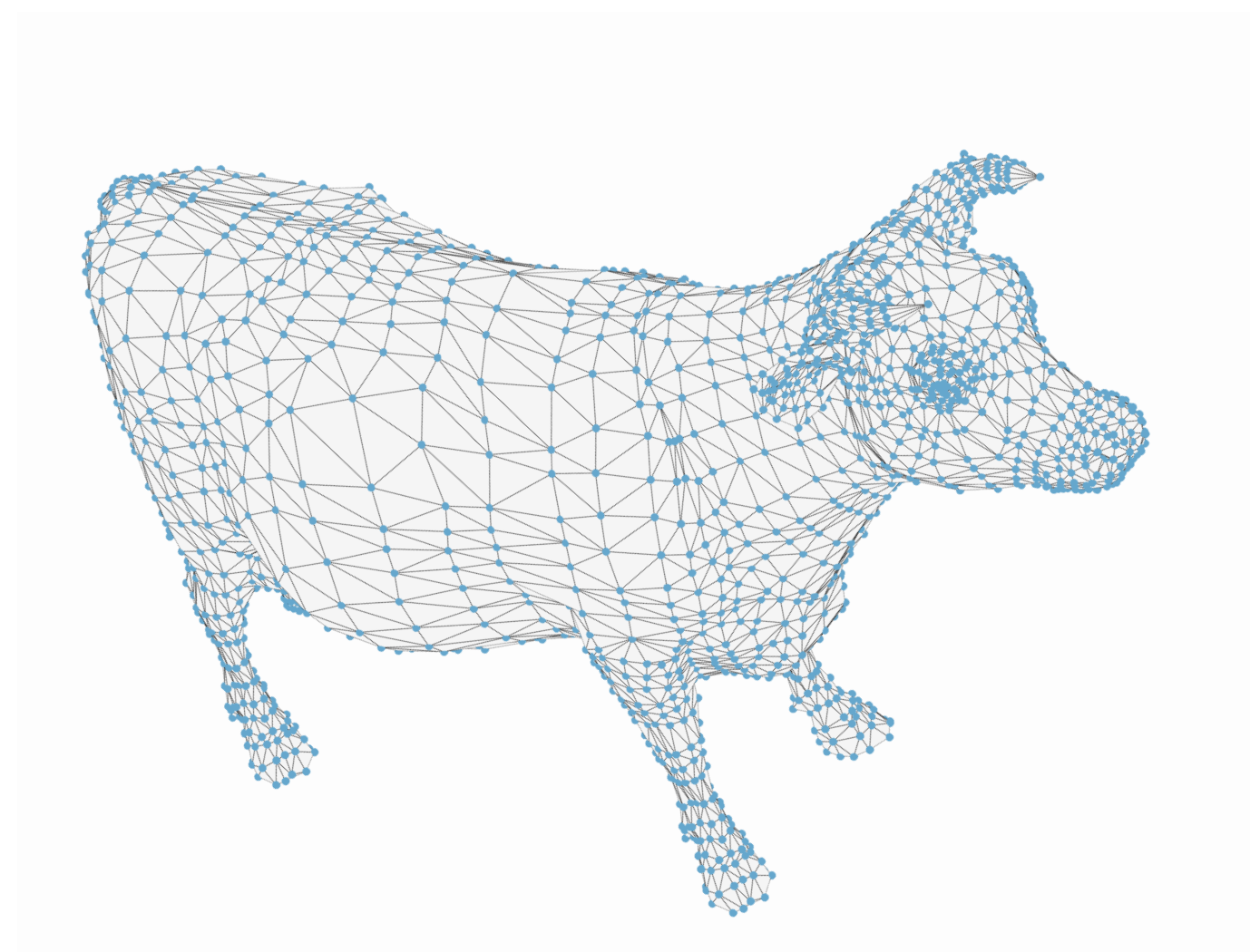
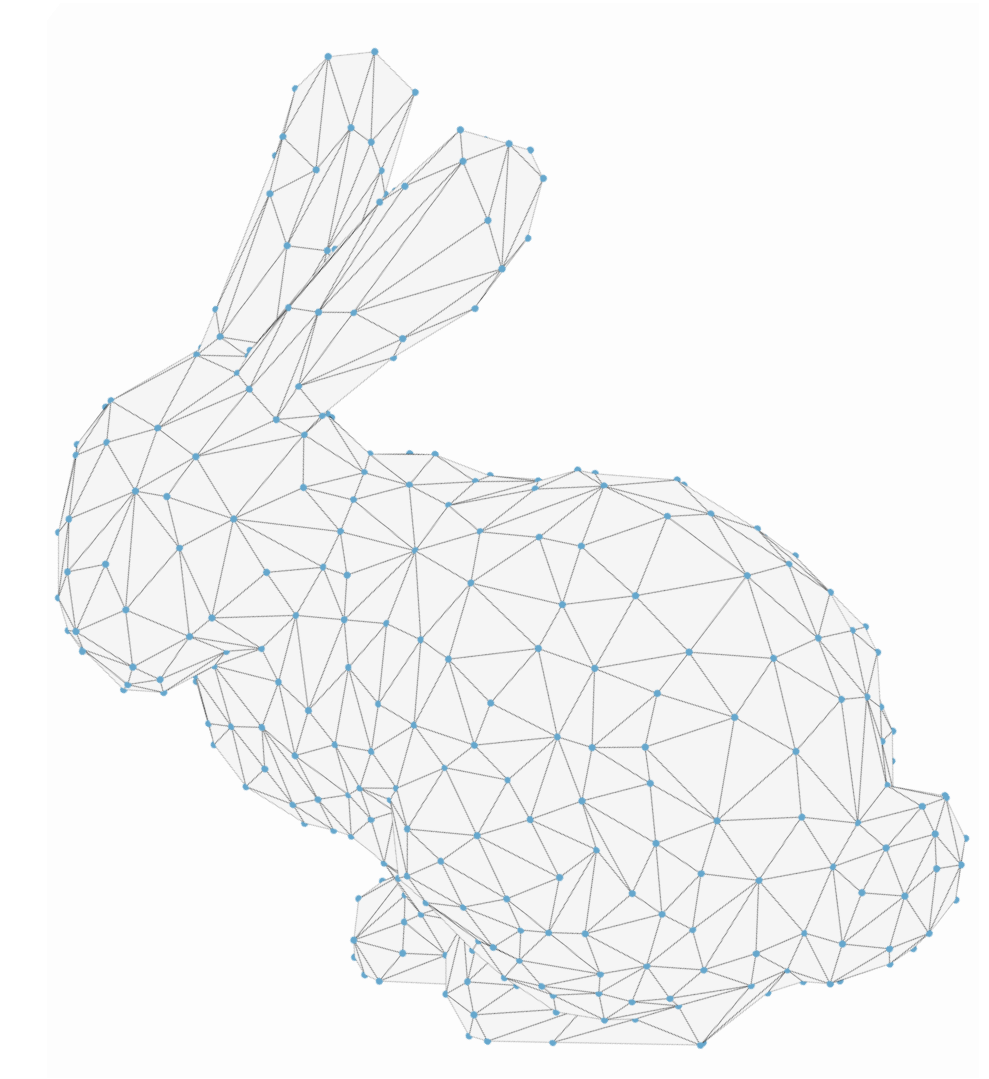
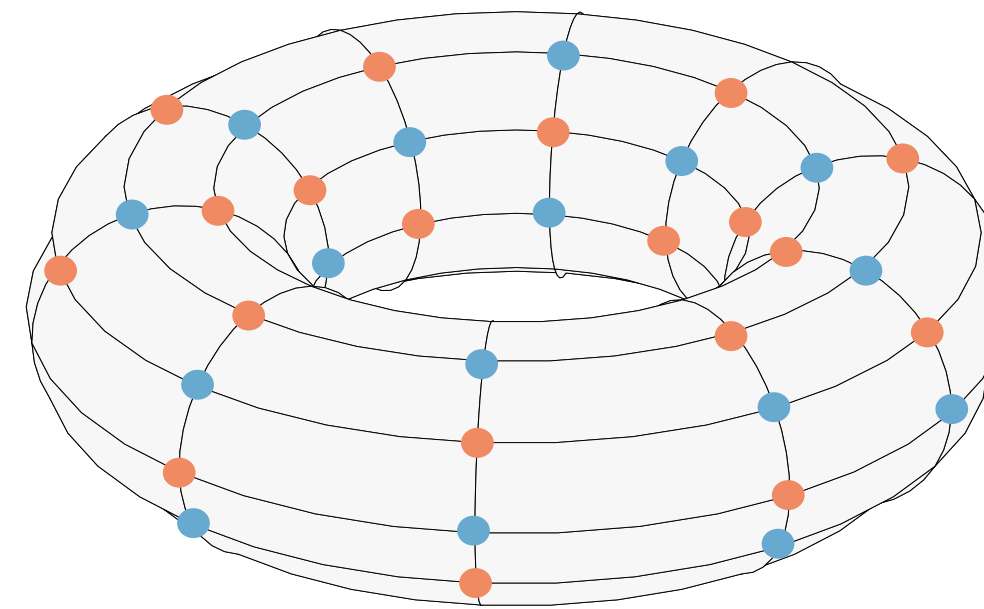
$$\hat{H}_C := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u,v} E_{u,v}^{(C)} \left(\hat{n}_u - n_u^{(\text{bg})} \right) \left(\hat{n}_v - n_v^{(\text{bg})} \right),$$

$E_{u,v}^{(J)}$ is the Josephson energy and $E_{u,v}^{(C)}$ is the charging energy between wires u and v , where $E_{u,v}^{(C)}$ is usually set by geometry (wire size).

\Rightarrow Classical limit $E_{u,v}^{(C)} \rightarrow 0$

Arbitrary Simple Graphs

- Higher Dimensions
- Curved Spaces
- Cayley graphs for abstract groups
- Etc



Field Theory @ Anti-de-Sitter spaces

- AdS_{d+1} spaces are defined on hyperbolic spaces $ds^2 = \frac{dz^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2}{z^2}$, $z > 0$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with a conformal boundary at $z \rightarrow 0$

- Consider the massive scalar field coupled to the above background metric g on \mathbb{H}^{d+1} .

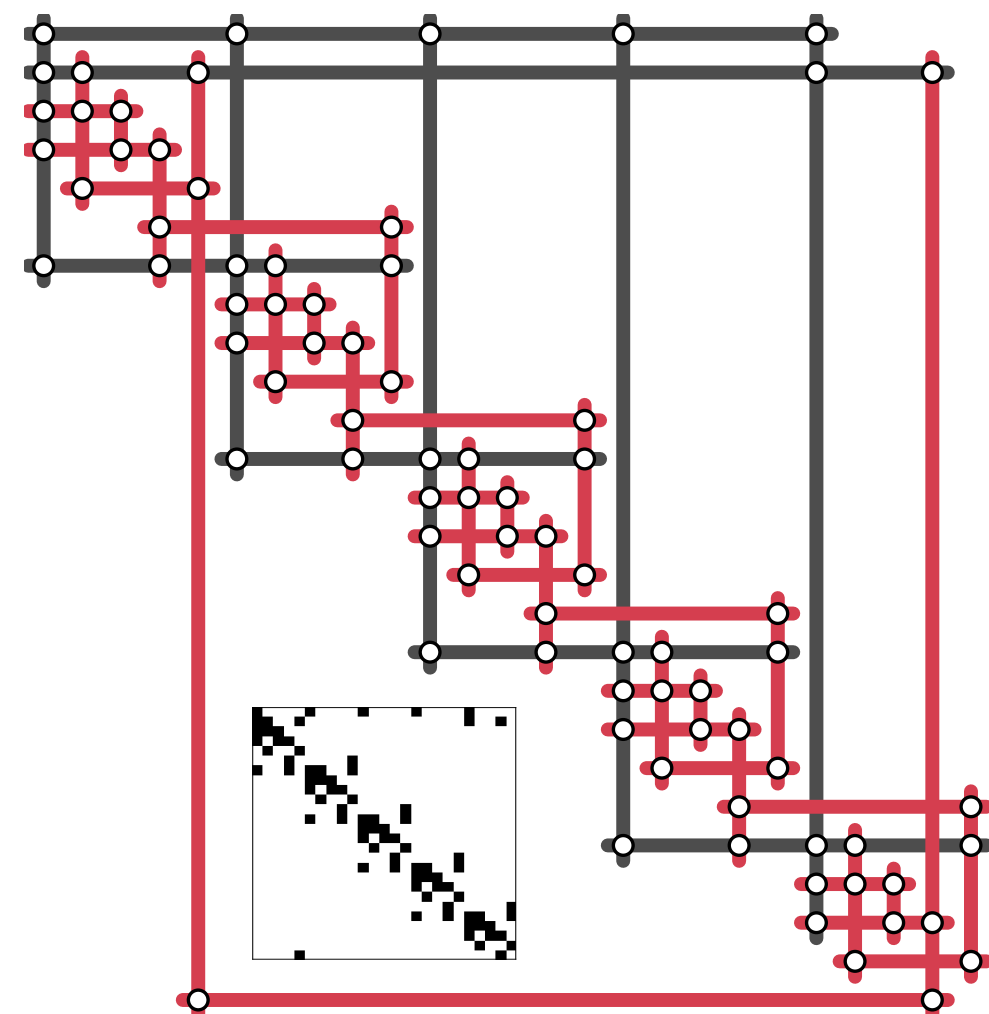
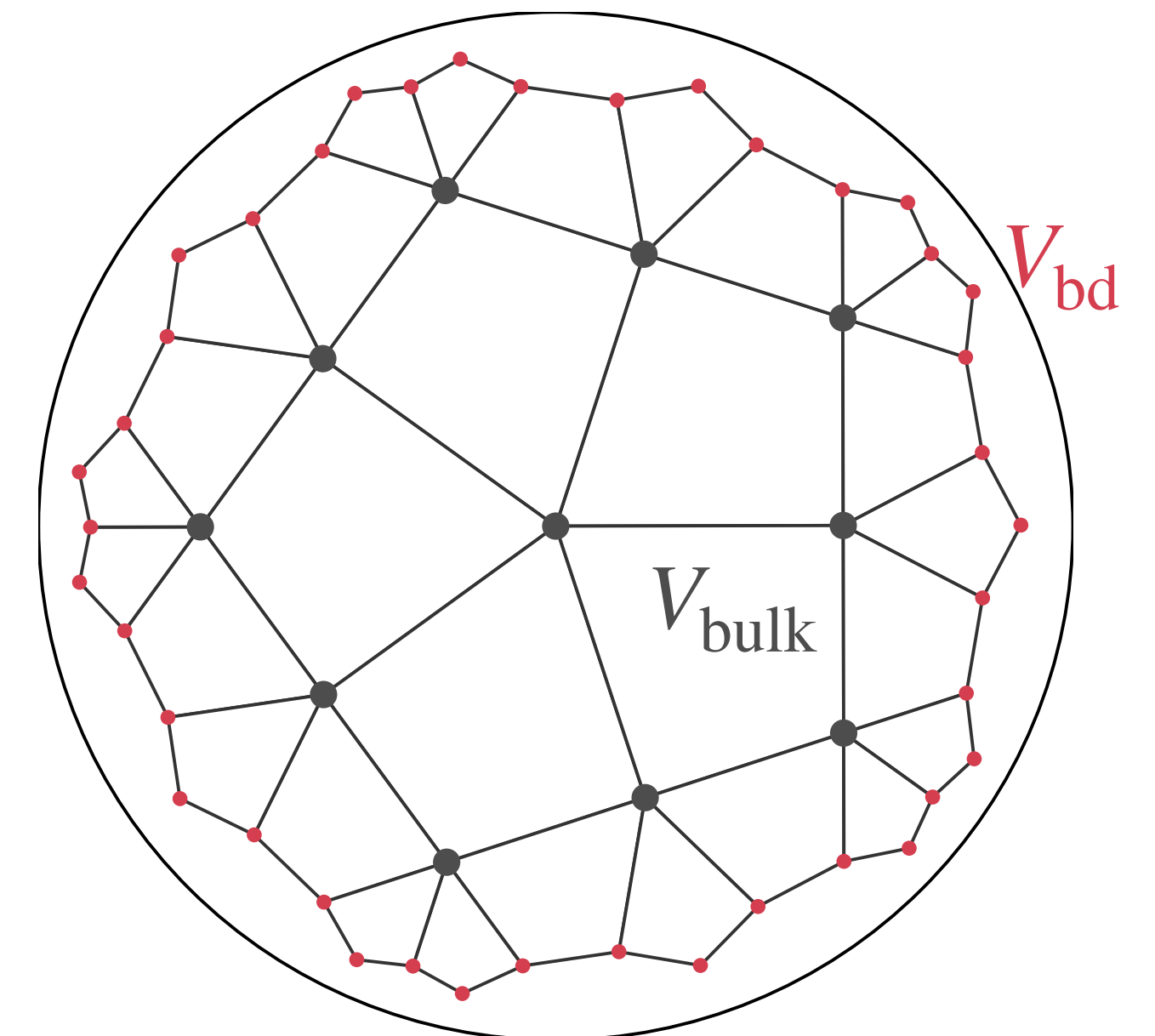
$$S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{H}^{d+1}} d^{d+1}X \sqrt{g} \left(g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + m^2 \phi^2 \right),$$

- Boundary theory displays power-law decay $\langle \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle = \frac{c}{|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|^{2\Delta}}$, with

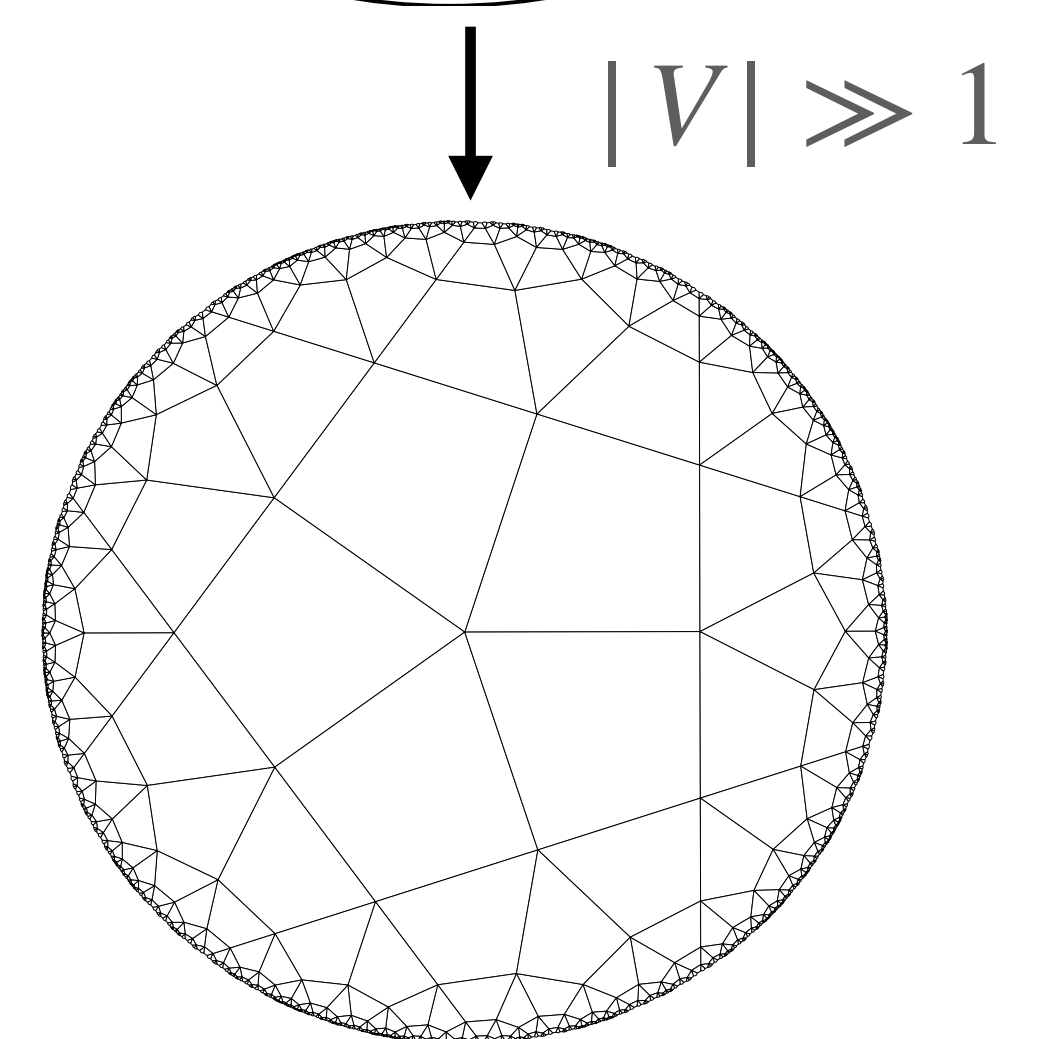
$$\Delta = \frac{d}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{4} + m^2}$$

Setup

- Let us consider the $\{4,5\}$ discretization of \mathbb{H}_2 plane in Poincare-disk coordinates $G = (V, E)$, with $V = V_{\text{bulk}} \cup V_{\text{bd}}$
- To account for mass terms, we add a “big” superconductor ϕ_∞ that biases all other phases



$$\begin{aligned}
 H_G = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u,v \in V} a_{u,v} J [1 - \cos(\phi_u - \phi_v)] \\
 & + \sum_{u \in V} m^2 [1 - \cos(\phi_u - \phi_\infty)] \\
 & + \sum_{u \in V_{\text{bd}}} M^2 [1 - \cos(\phi_u - \phi_\infty)],
 \end{aligned}$$



Boundary-boundary propagators

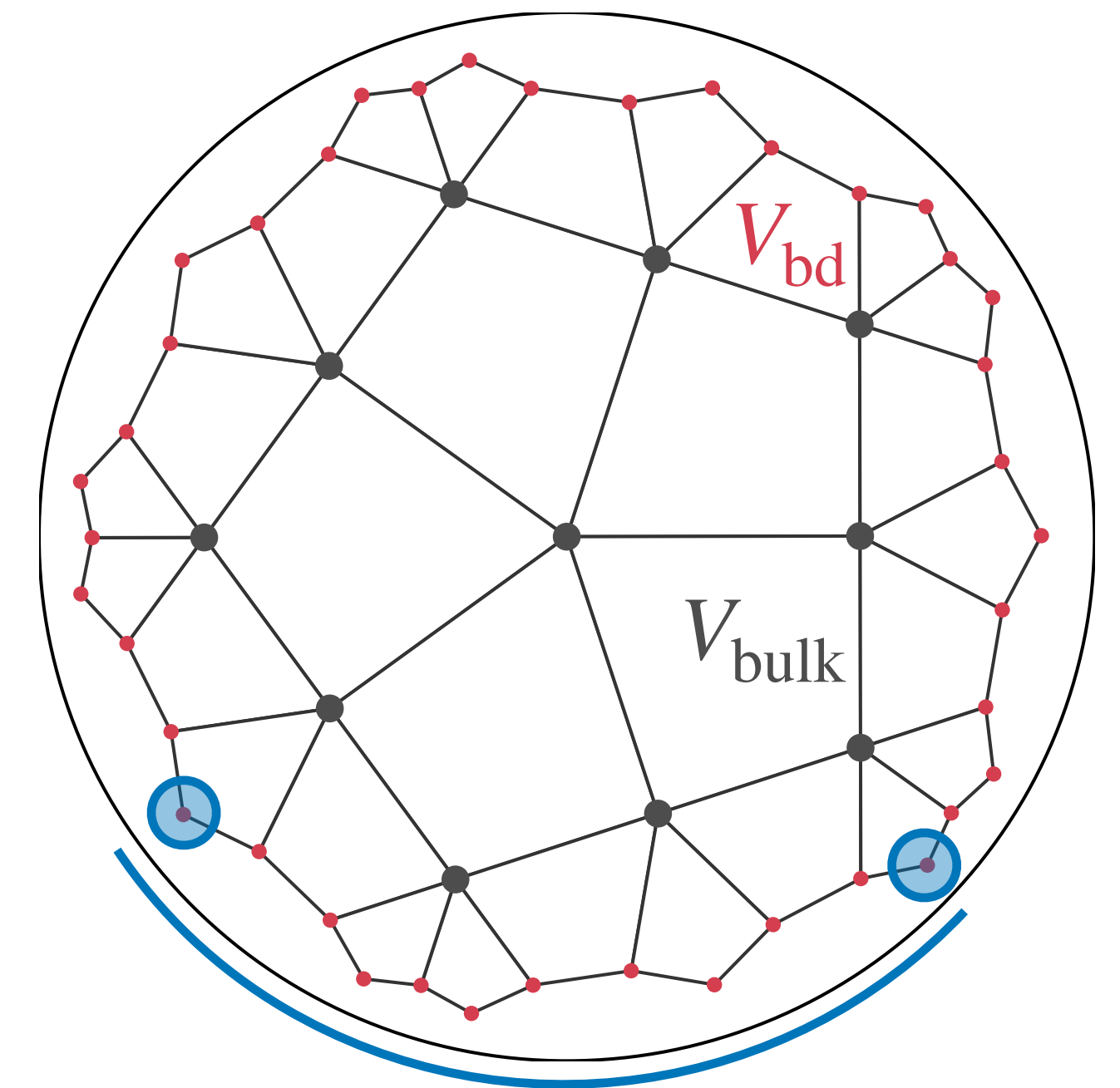
- Let us consider boundary points and compute edge propagators

$$G_{\text{edge}}^{(0)}(r) \equiv \frac{\sum_{u,v \in V_{\text{bd}}} \langle \phi_u \phi_v \rangle \delta_{r,d(u,v)}}{\sum_{u,v \in V_{\text{bd}}} \delta_{r,d(u,v)}} \quad \text{for } u, v \in V_{\text{bd}}$$

Where $d(u, v)$ is the distance between u and v along the boundary

From conformal invariance, we expect

$$G_{\text{edge}}^{(0)}(r) \sim \left[\frac{1}{2 \sin^2(\pi r / r_{\text{max}})} \right]^\Delta \approx r^{-2\Delta}$$



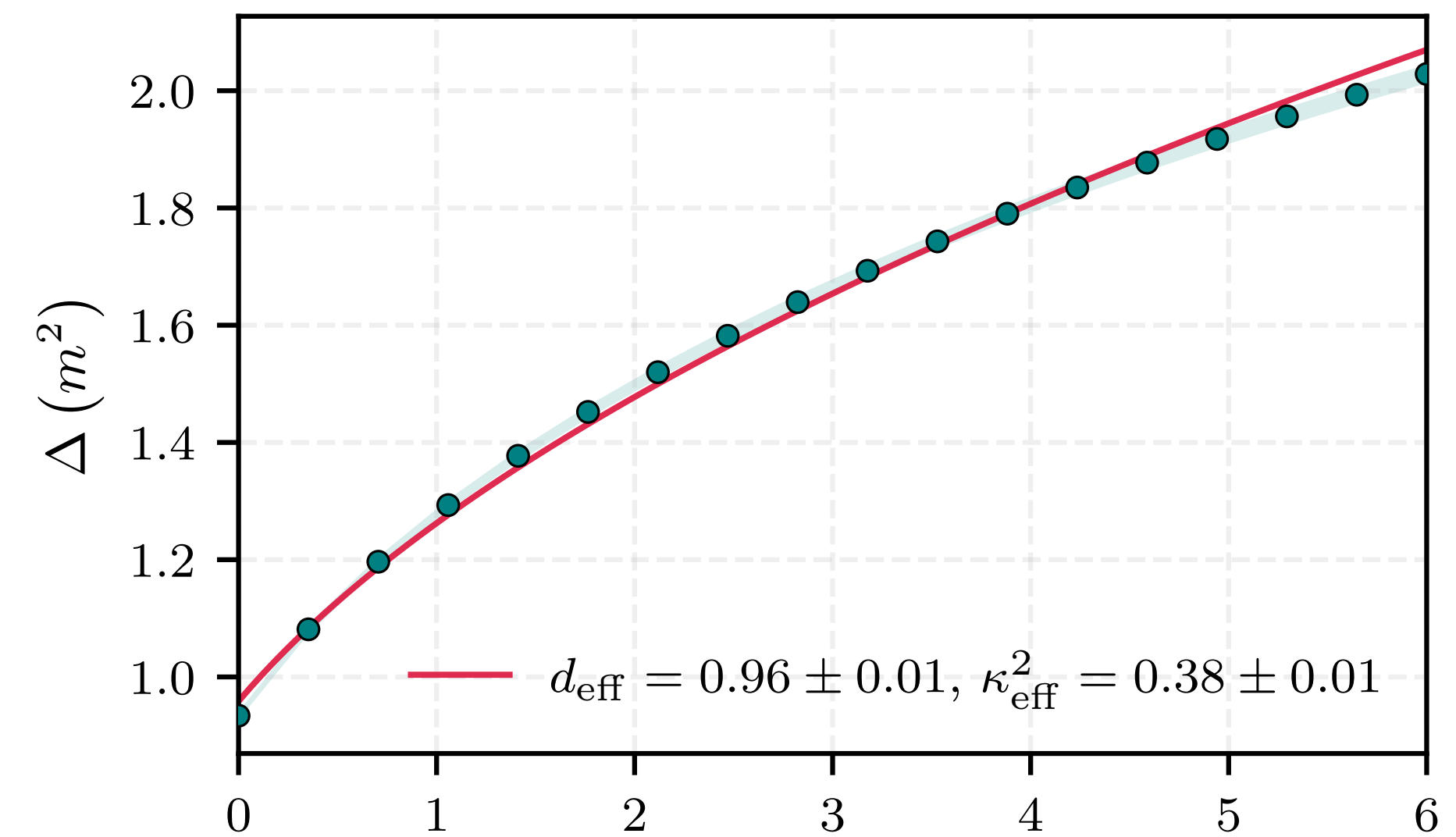
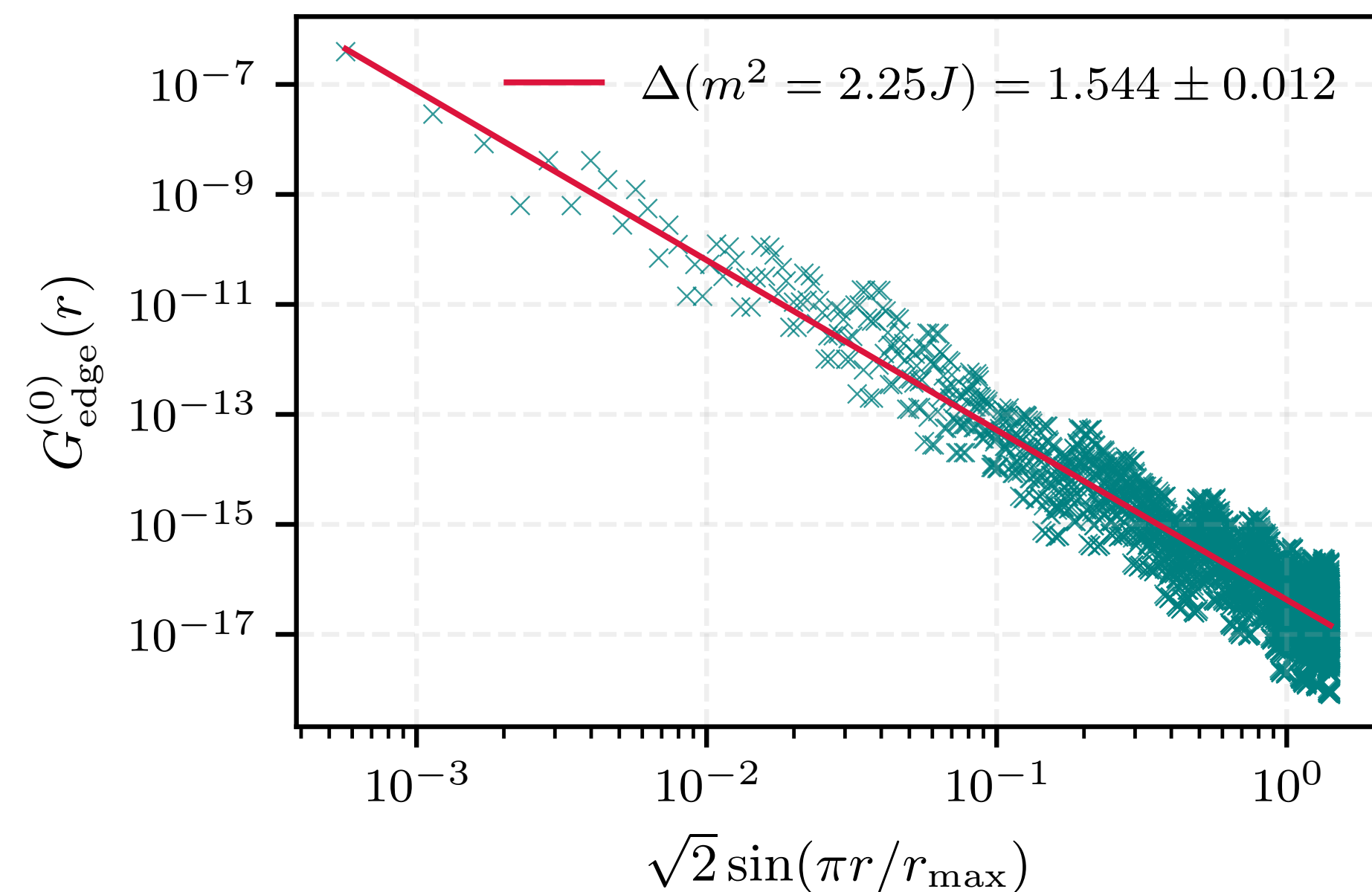
r : boundary distance r

r_{max} : perimeter of boundary

$2 \sin^2(\pi r / r_{\text{max}})$: conformal chordal distance

Numerical Results

- We observe a straight line, indicating the power-law behavior with coefficient $2\Delta(m)$

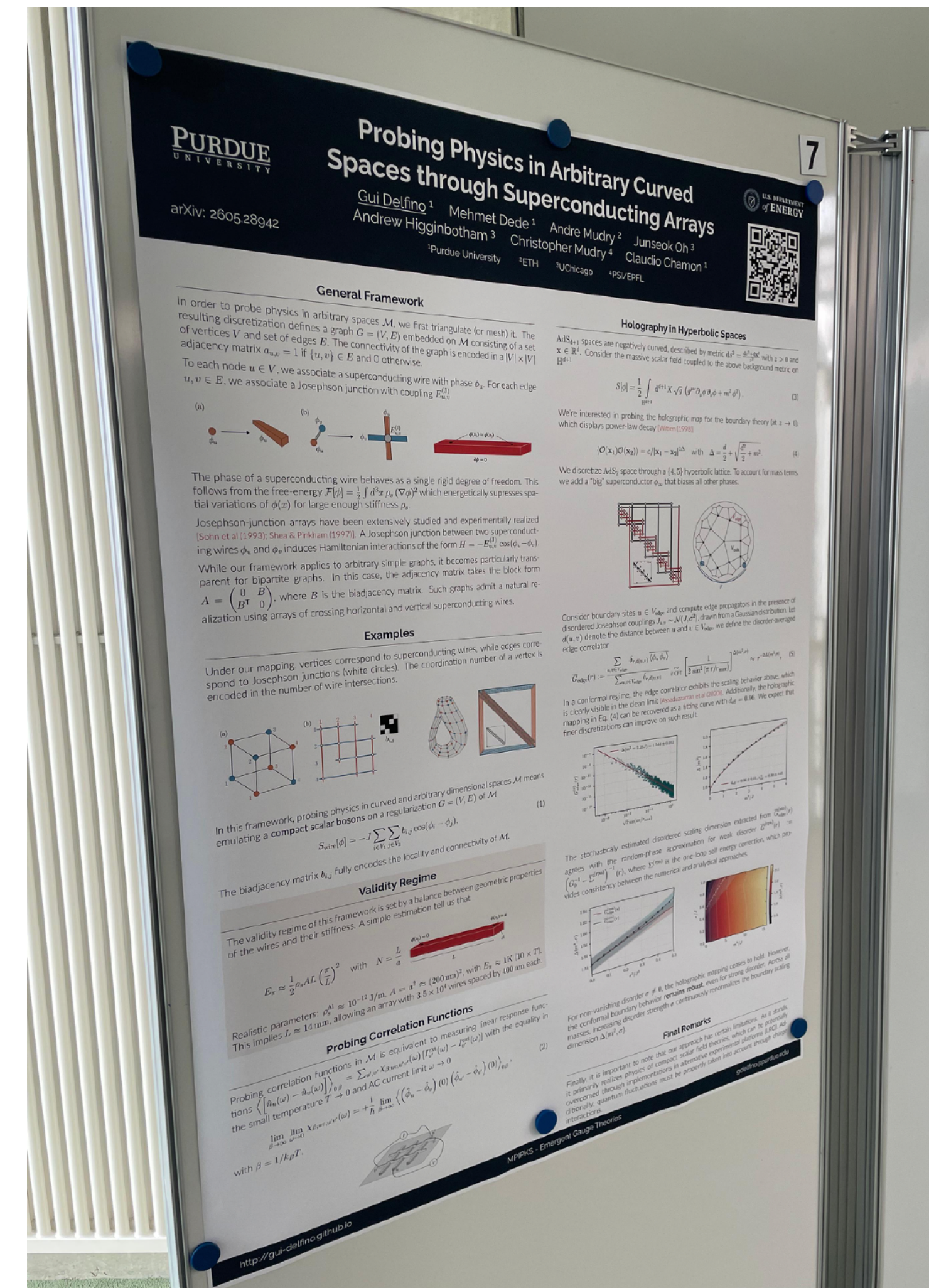


⇒ How stable are the results against imperfections?

$$\Delta(m) = \frac{d_{\text{eff}}}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{d_{\text{eff}}^2}{4} + \kappa_{\text{eff}}^2 m^2}$$

See poster #7 upstairs for more!

- Estimation of validity of of our framework;
- Robust of holographic mapping against disorder & benchmark with replica theory;
- General experimental considerations
- How to probe correlation functions experimentally?



Thank you!

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