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# NON-ABELIAN DOMAIN WALLS

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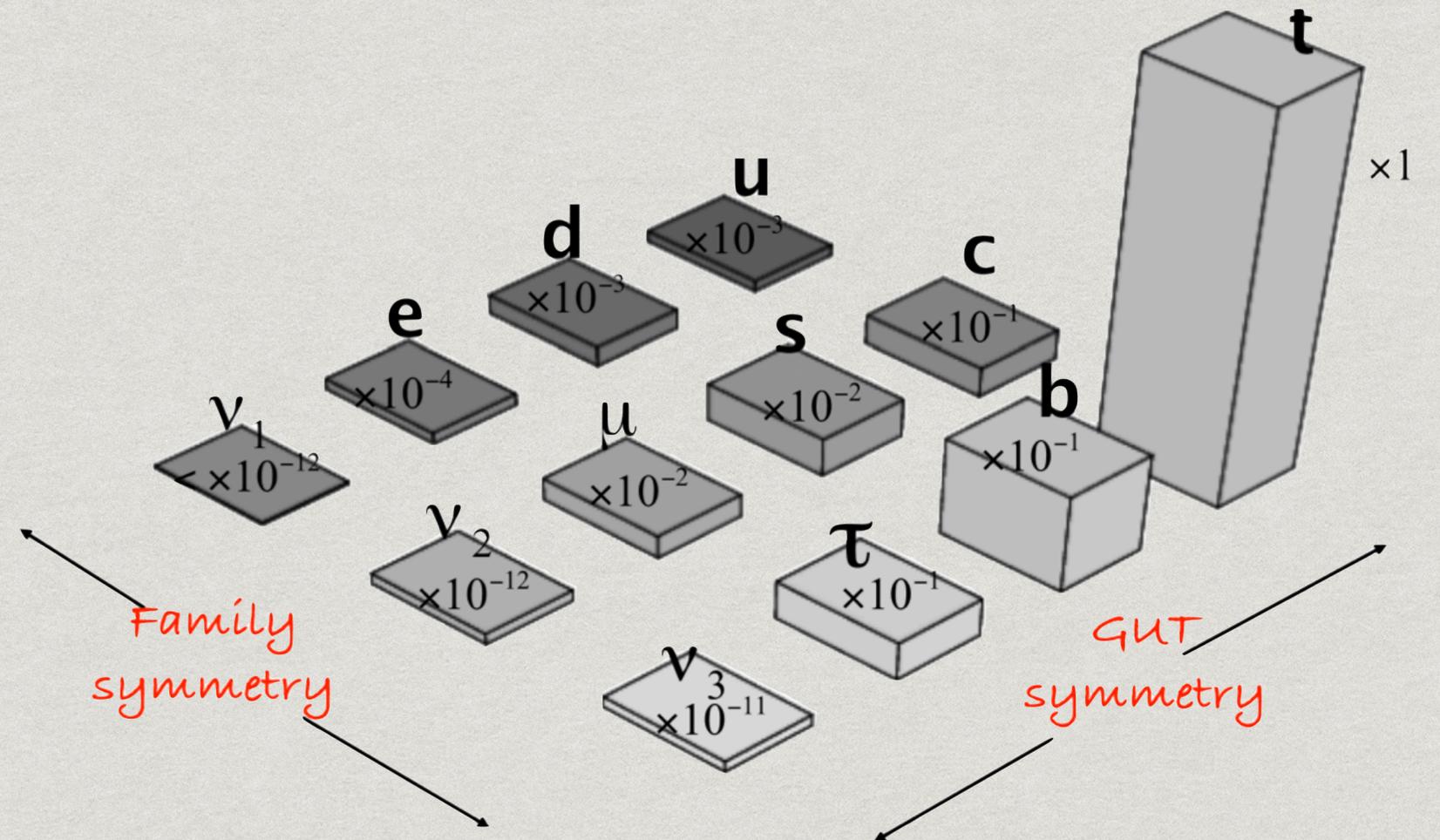
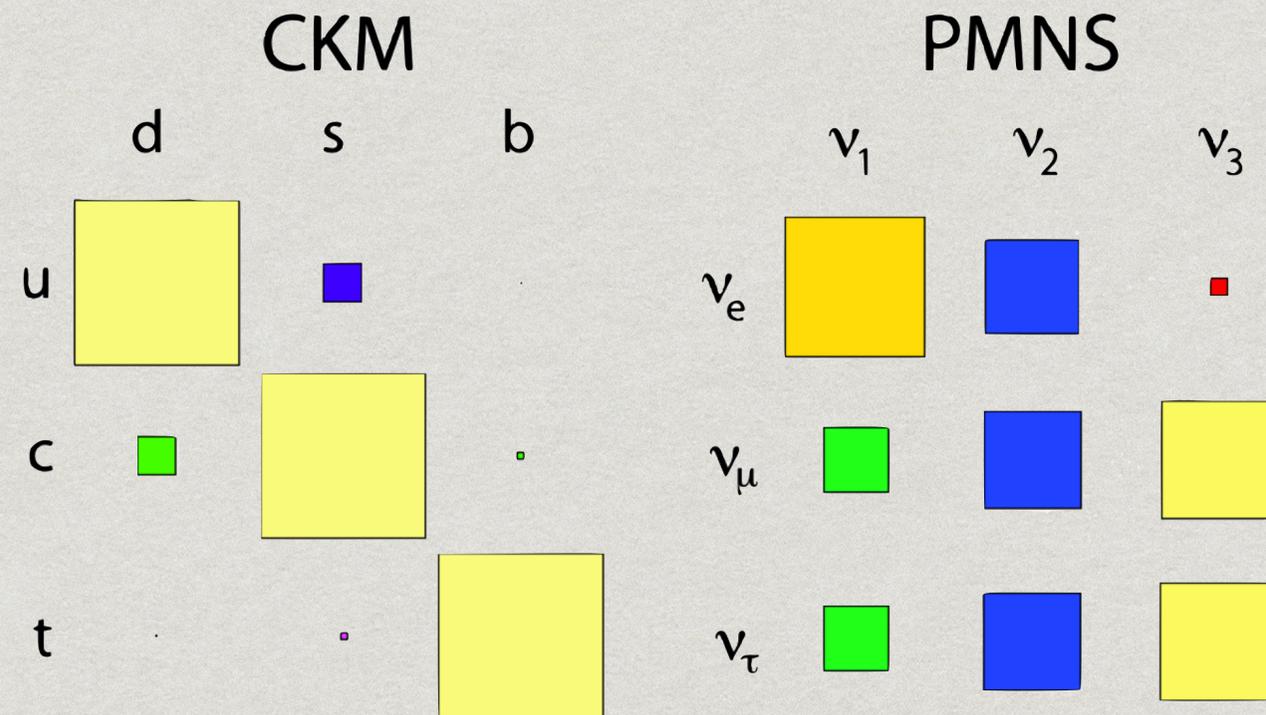
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# Flavour Problem

What is the origin of Quark and Lepton Mixing?



*King's review 2017*

# Flavour Symmetries

- \* Continuous Abelian: Froggatt-Nielsen  $\left(\frac{\langle\Phi\rangle}{\Lambda}\right)^n Hff$  [Froggatt&Nielsen 1979](#)
- \* Continuous non-Abelian:  $SO(3)$  [Wu 1998](#)
- \* Discrete Abelian:  $\mu - \tau$  reflection [Xing&Zhao's review 2015](#)
- \* Discrete non-Abelian:  $A_4, S_4, A_5 \dots$  [Altarelli&Feruglio's review 2010](#)
- \* Modular symmetry [Feruglio 2017](#)

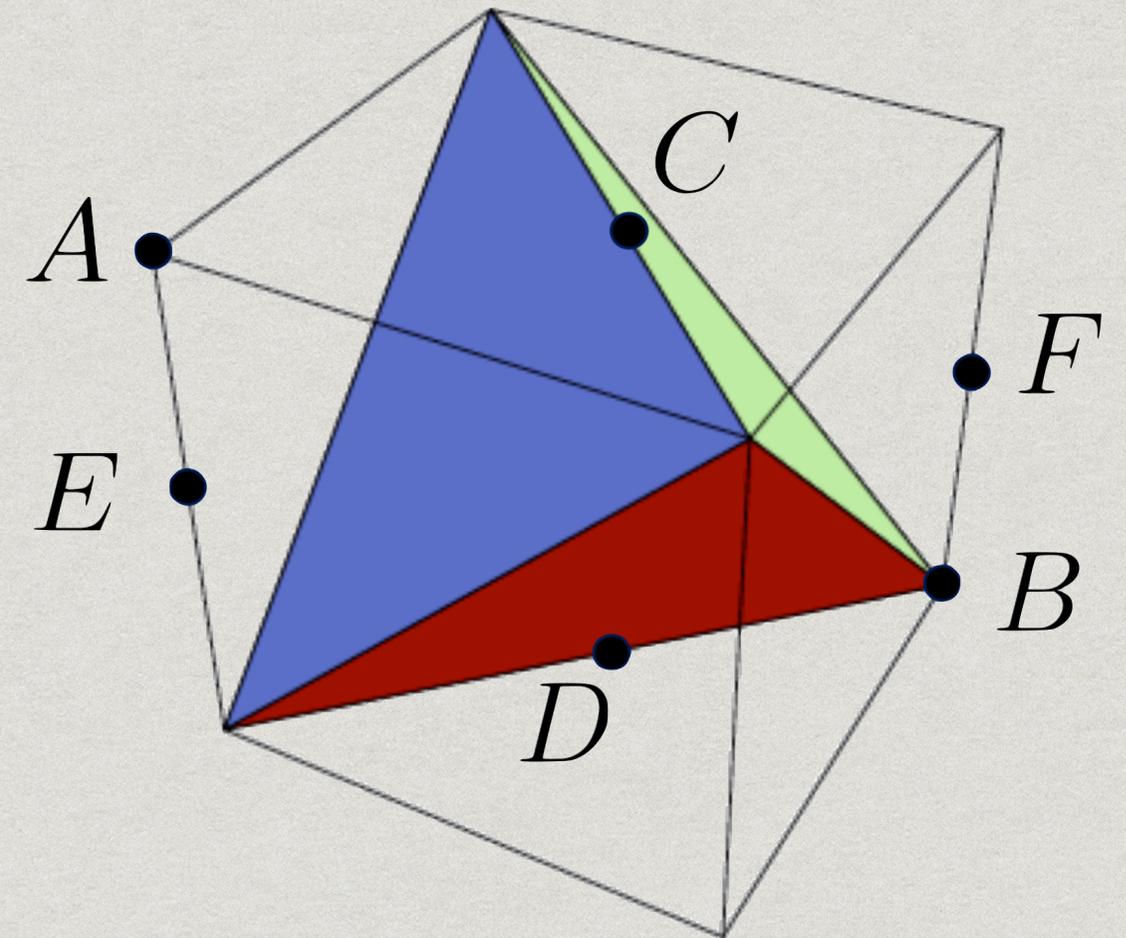
# Discrete Symmetries

$A_4$ : rigid rotation group of a tetrahedron

- \* 4 rotations by  $120^\circ$  clockwise (e.g. AB)
- \* 4 rotations by  $120^\circ$  anti-clockwise (e.g. AB)
- \* 3 rotations by  $180^\circ$  (e.g. CD)
- \* 1 unit operator

$S_4$ : rigid rotation group of a cube

- \* 12  $A_4$  transformations
- \* 3 rotations by  $90^\circ$  clockwise (e.g. CD)
- \* 3 rotations by  $90^\circ$  anti-clockwise (e.g. CD)
- \* 6 rotations by  $180^\circ$  (e.g. EF)



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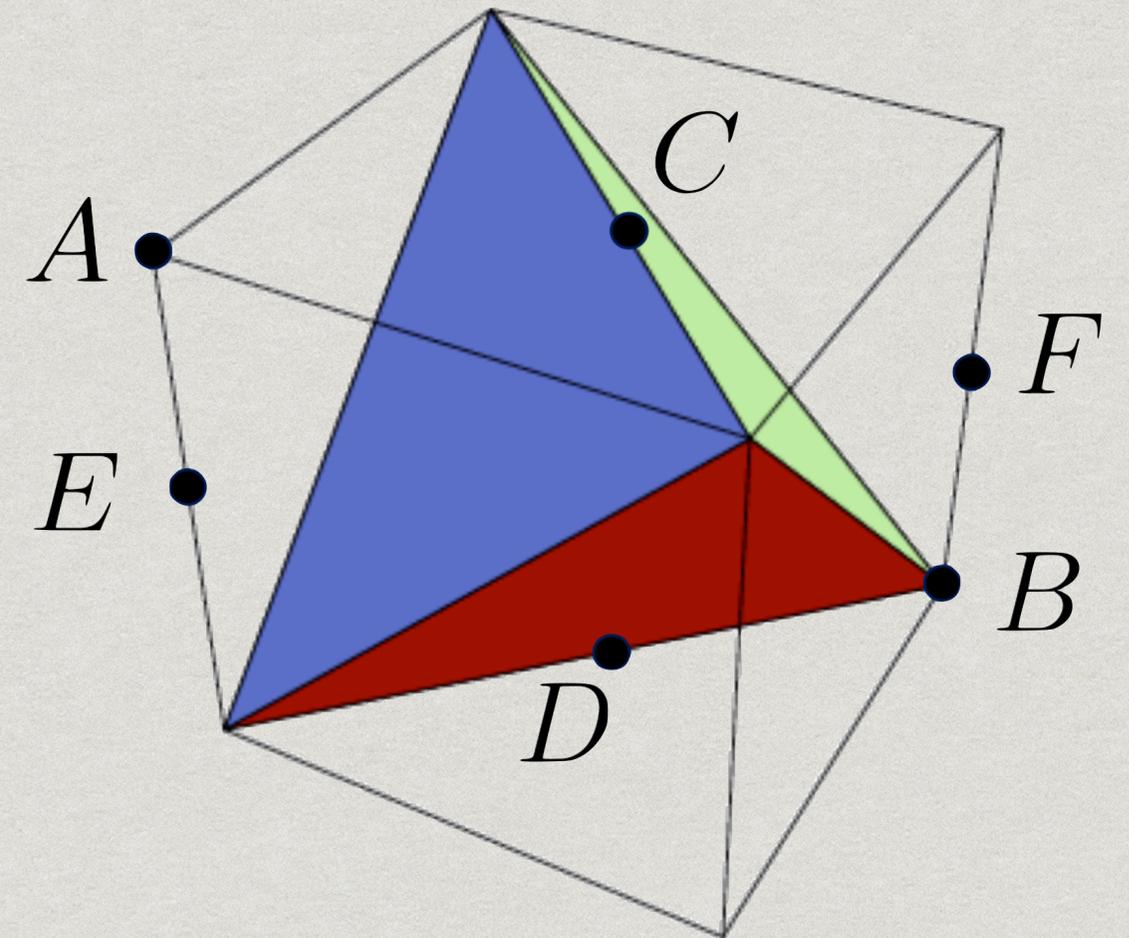
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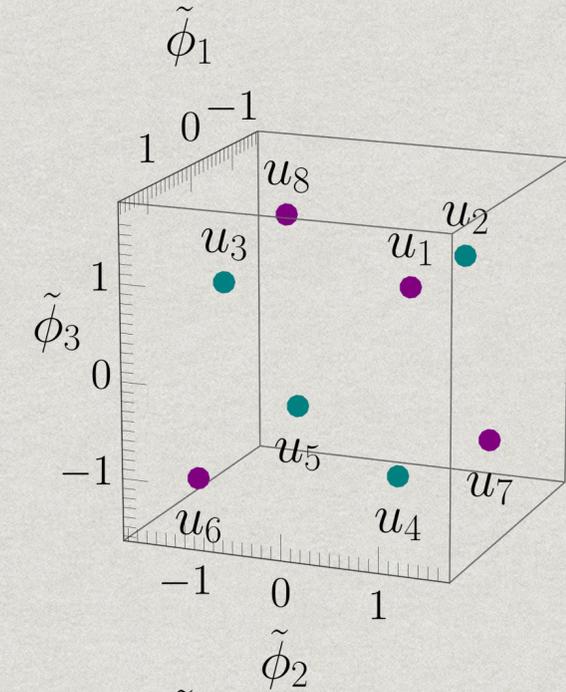
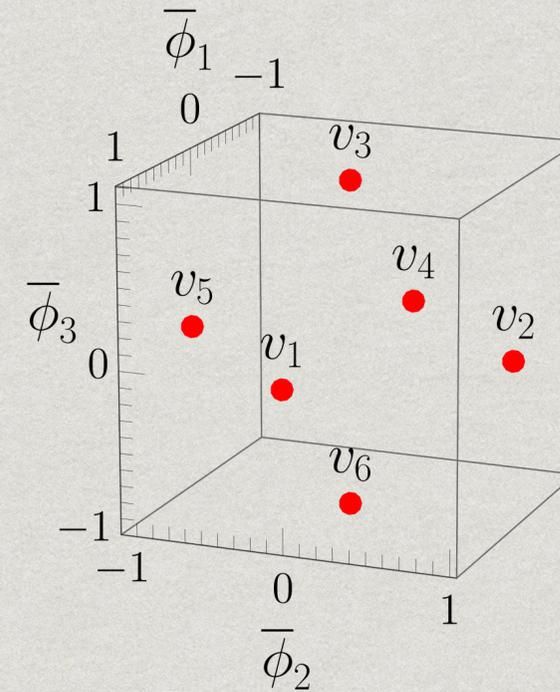
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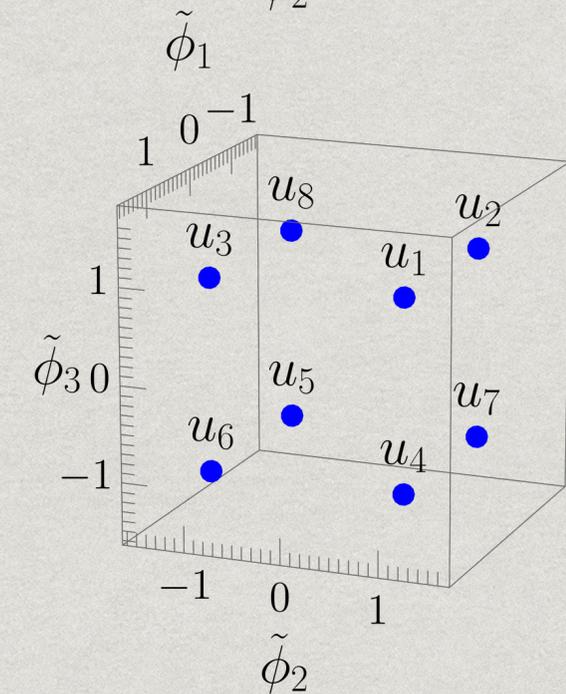
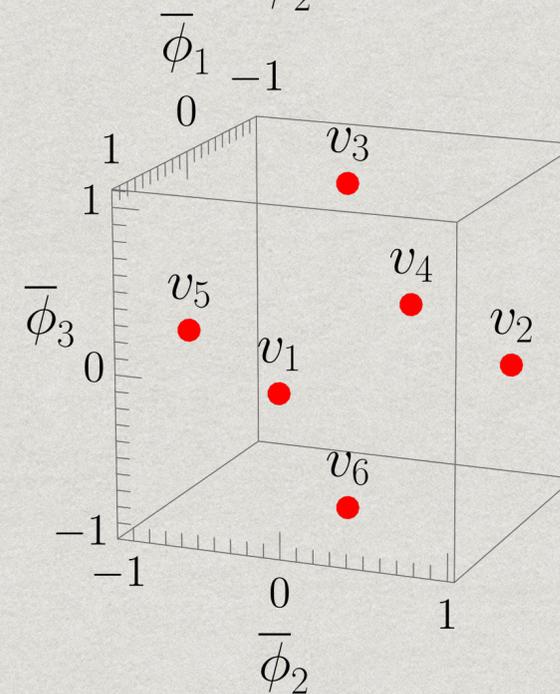
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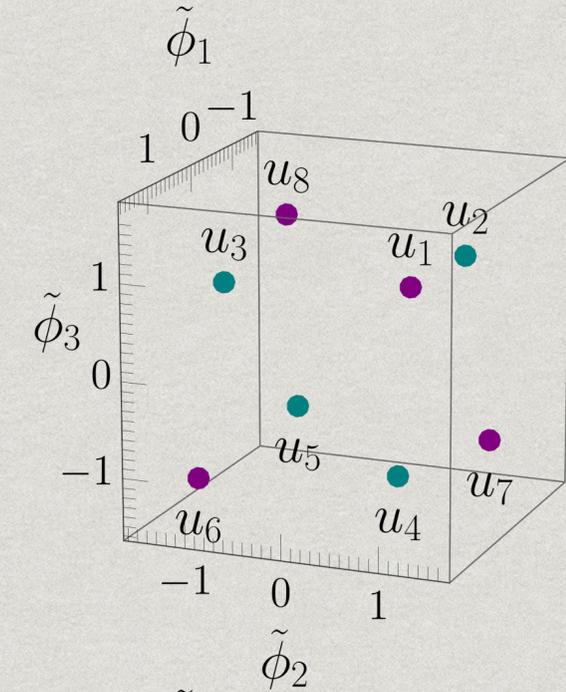
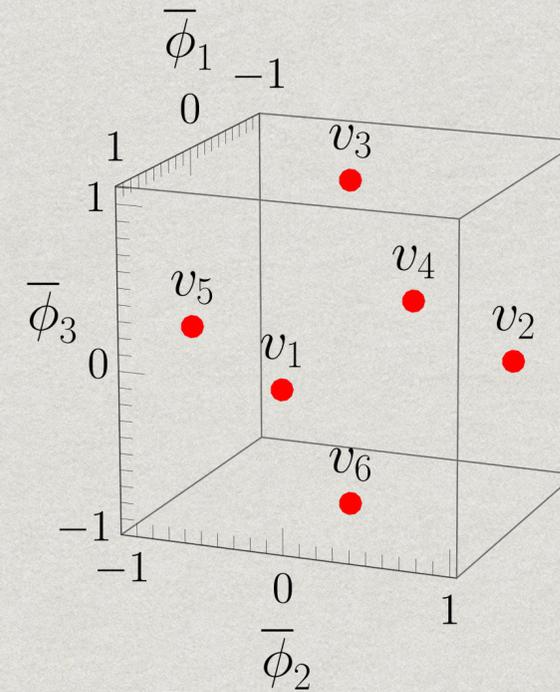
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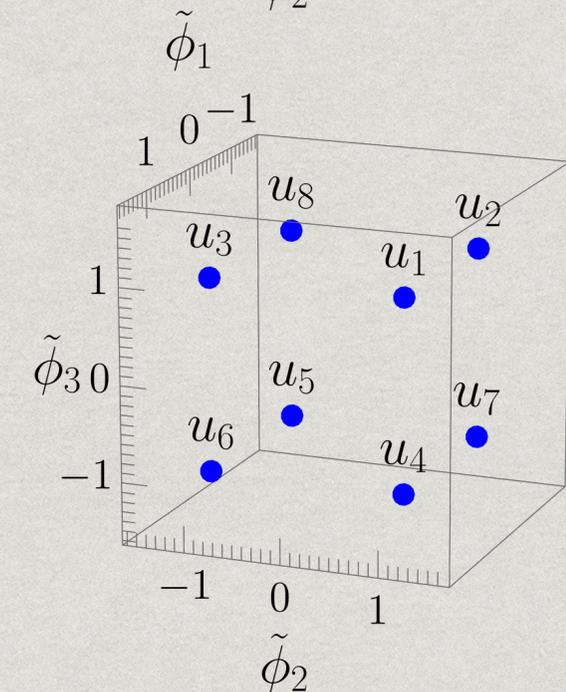
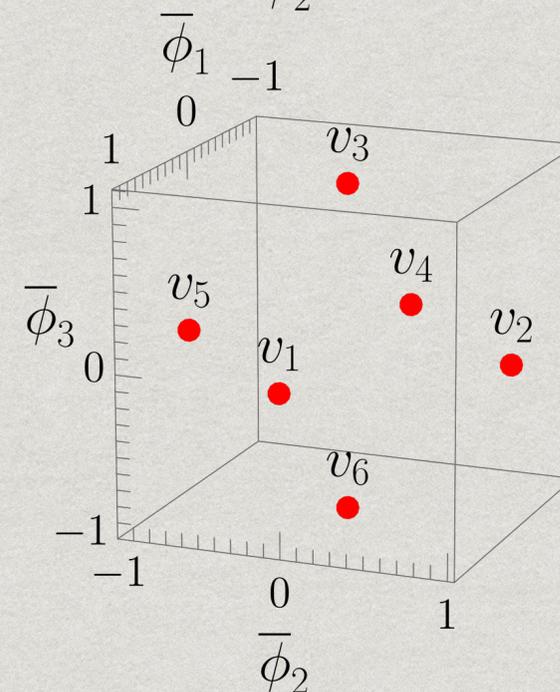
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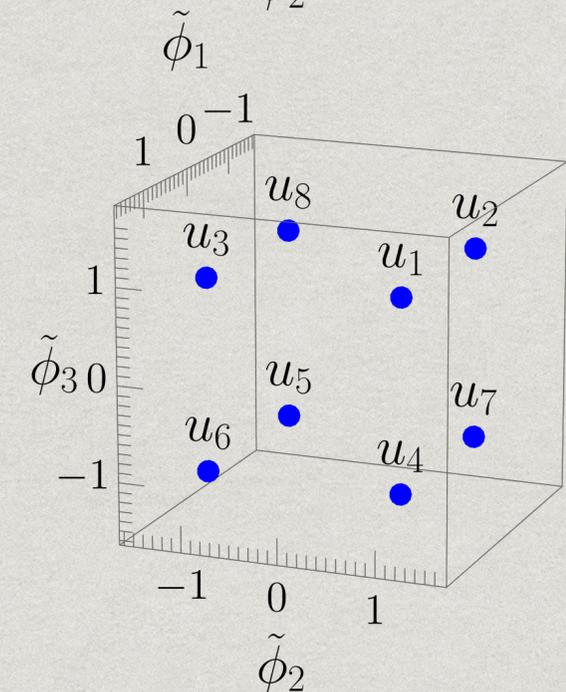
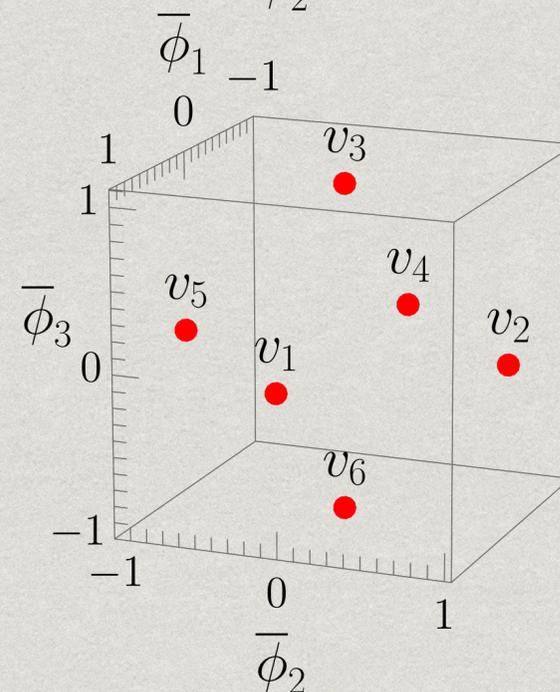
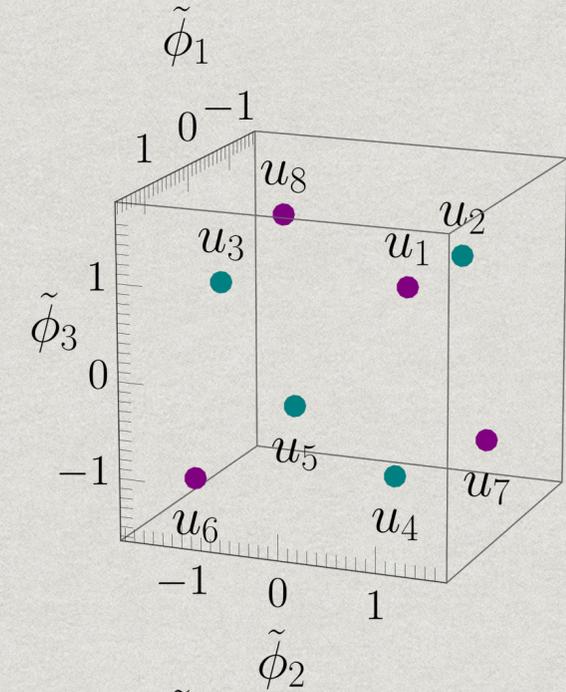
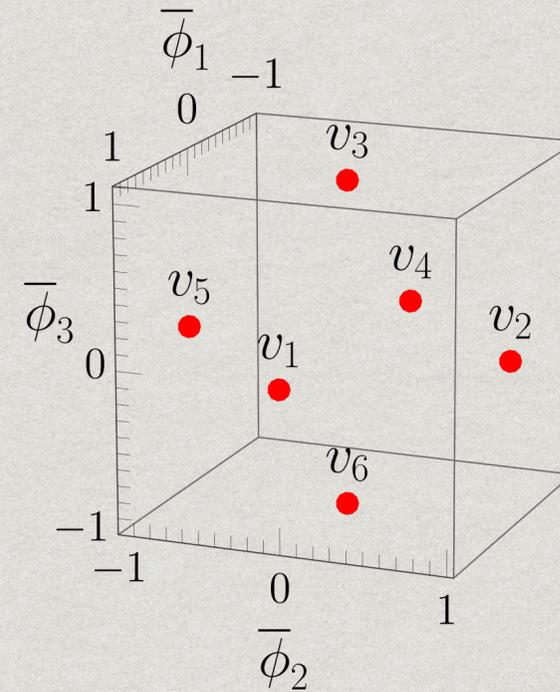
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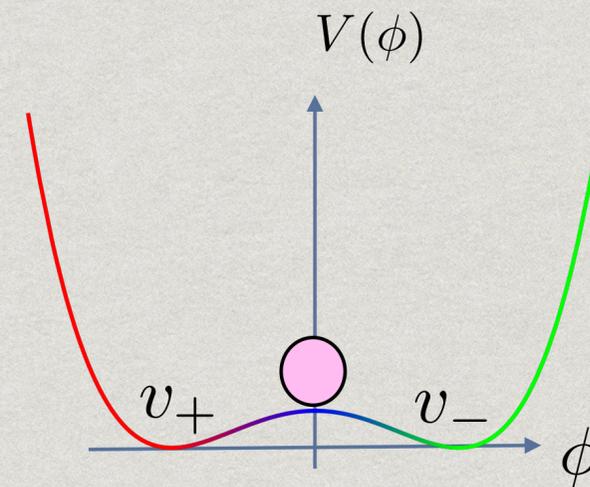
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Meaning of different vacua?

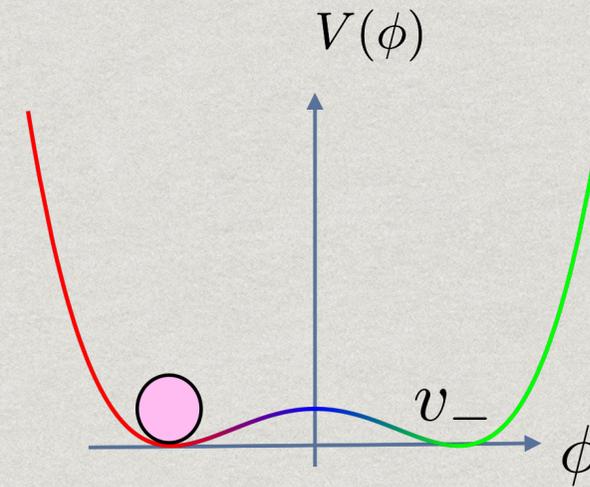
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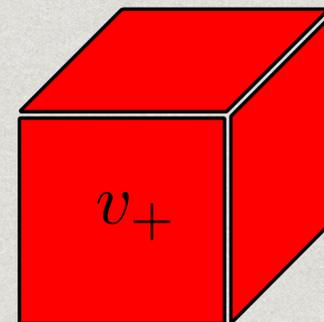


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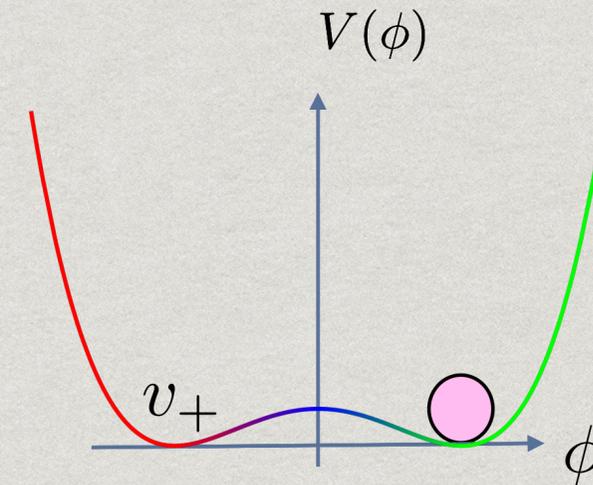


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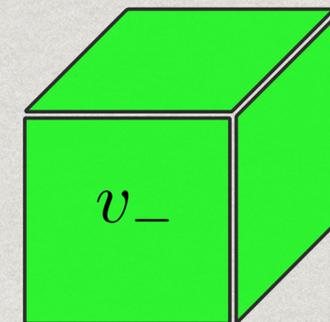
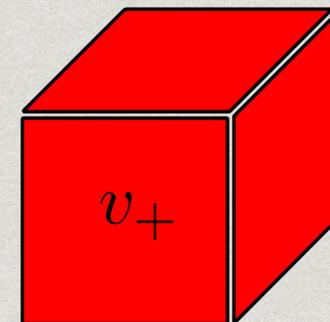


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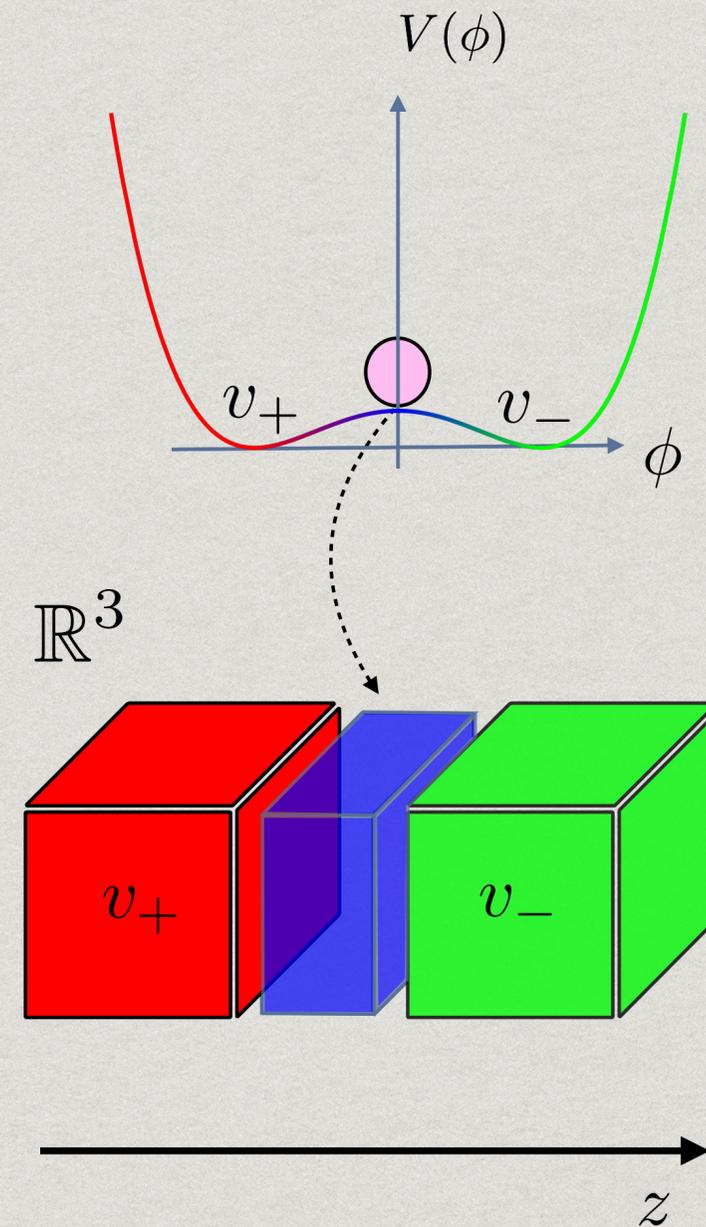
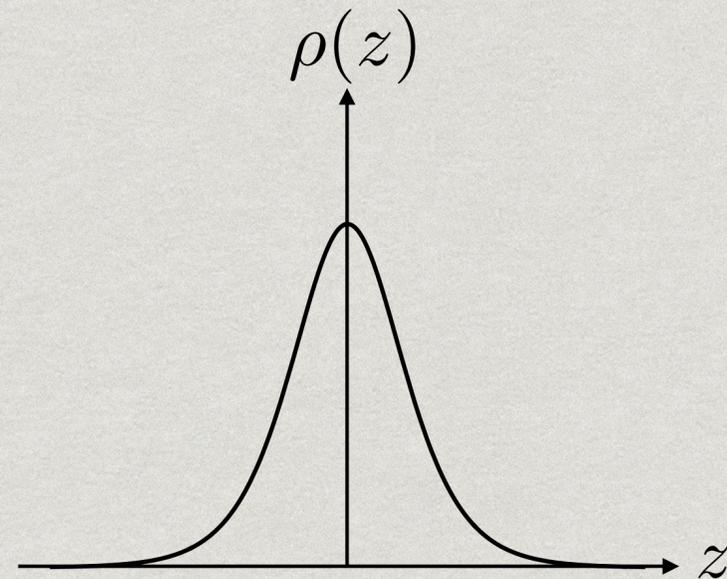


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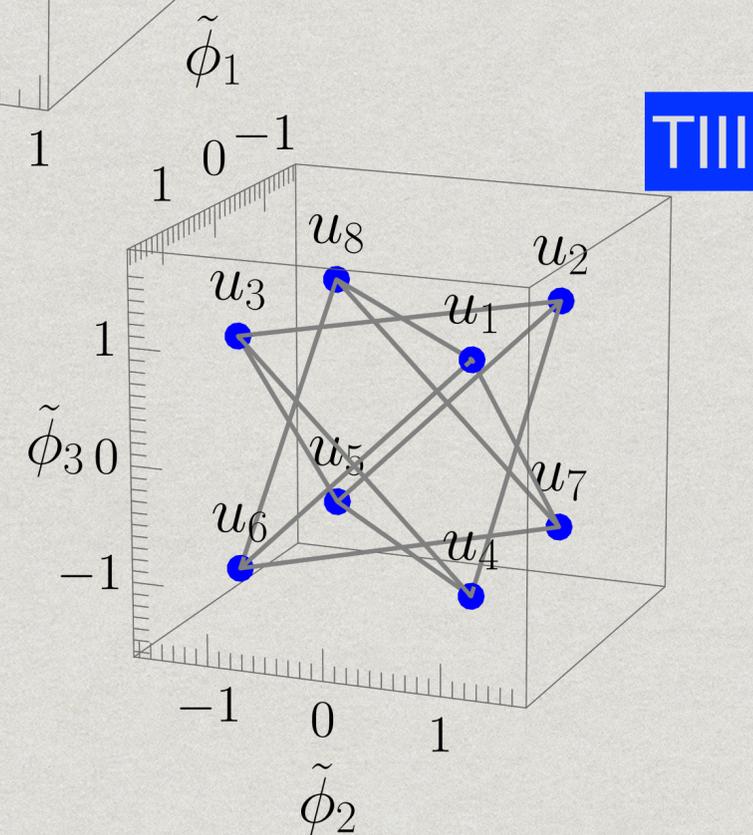
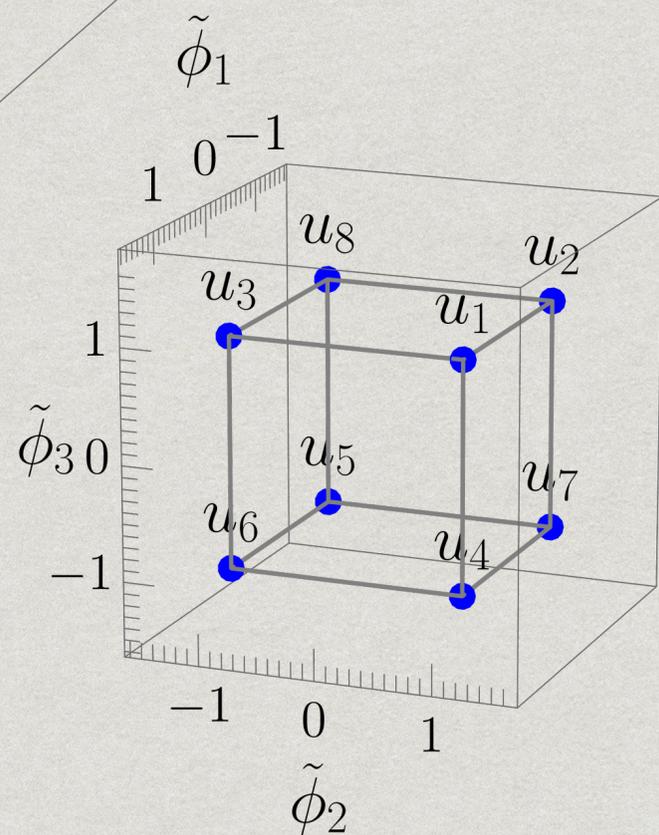
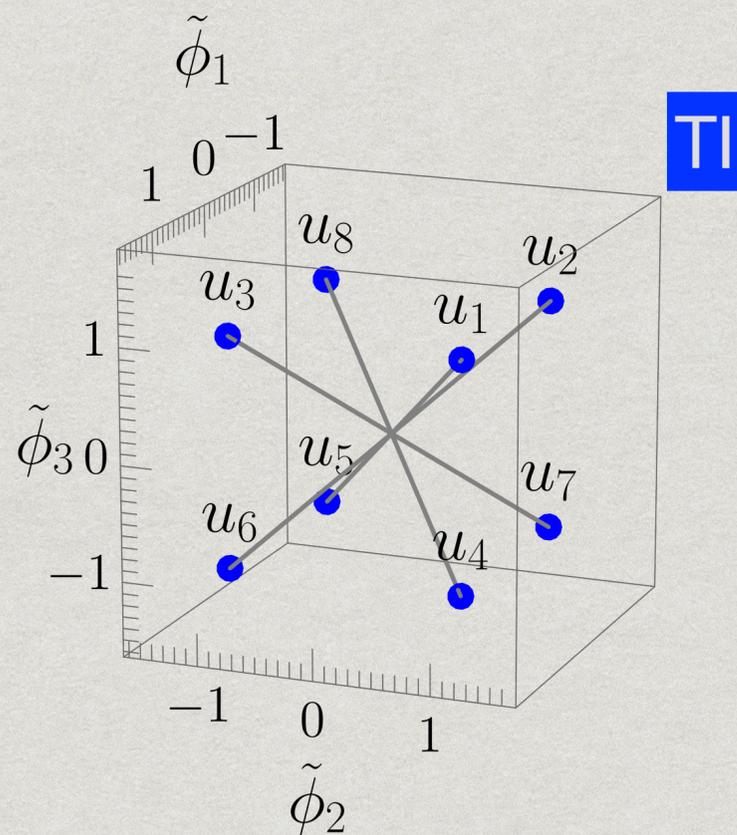
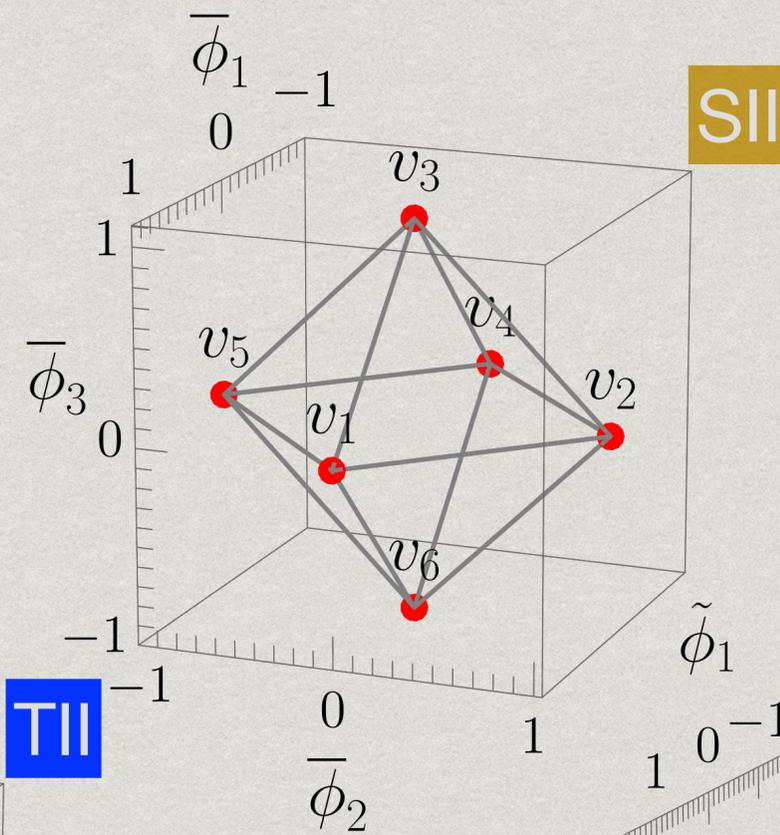
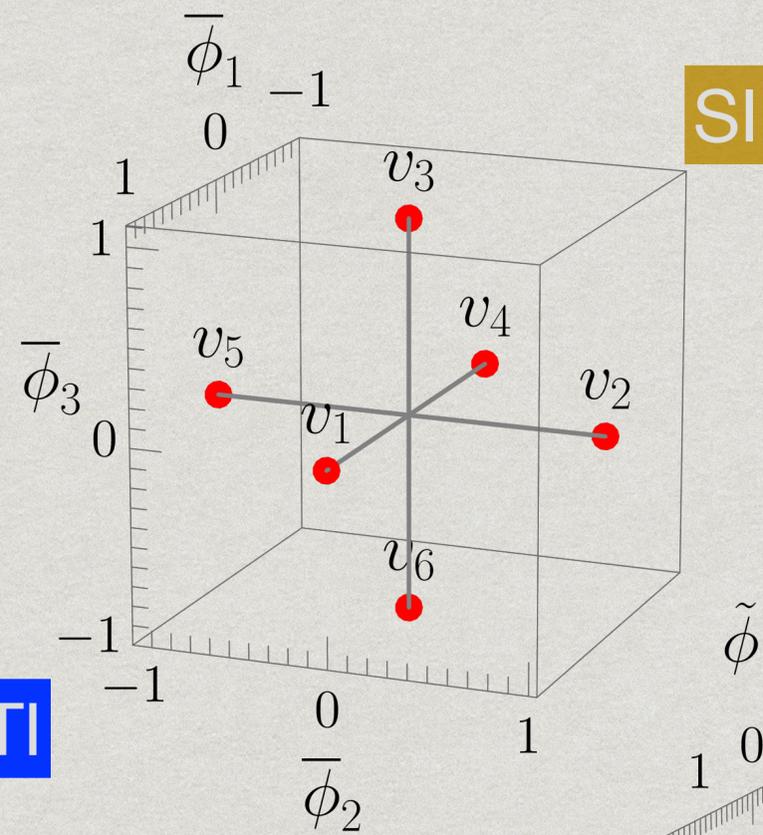


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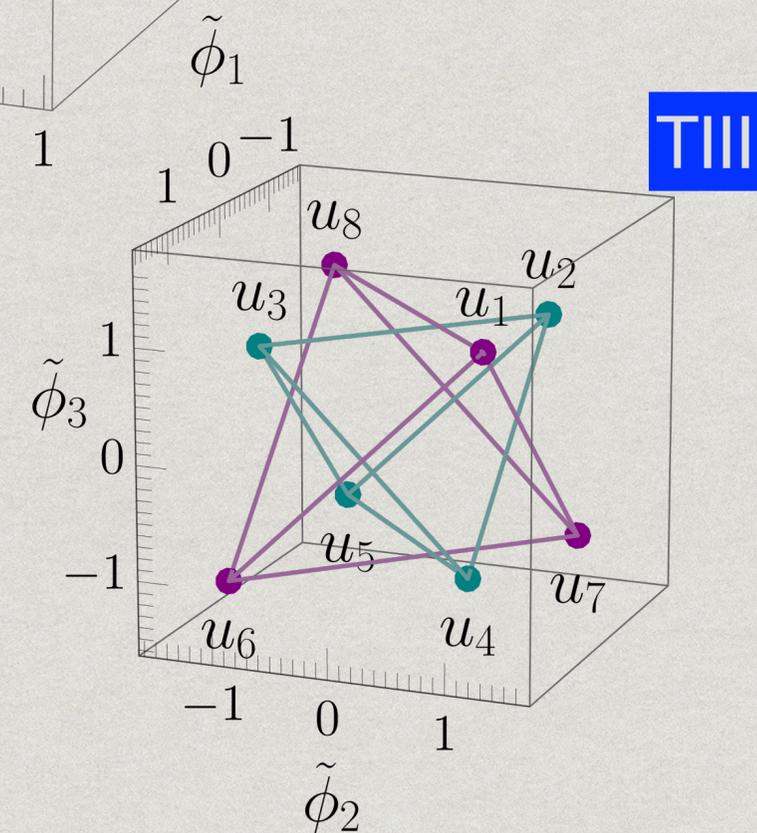
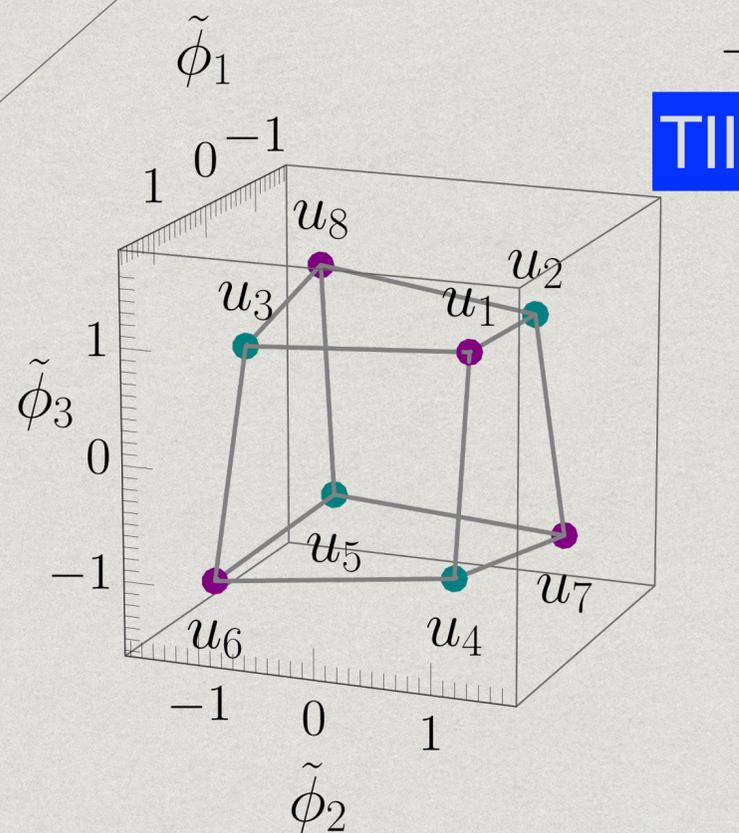
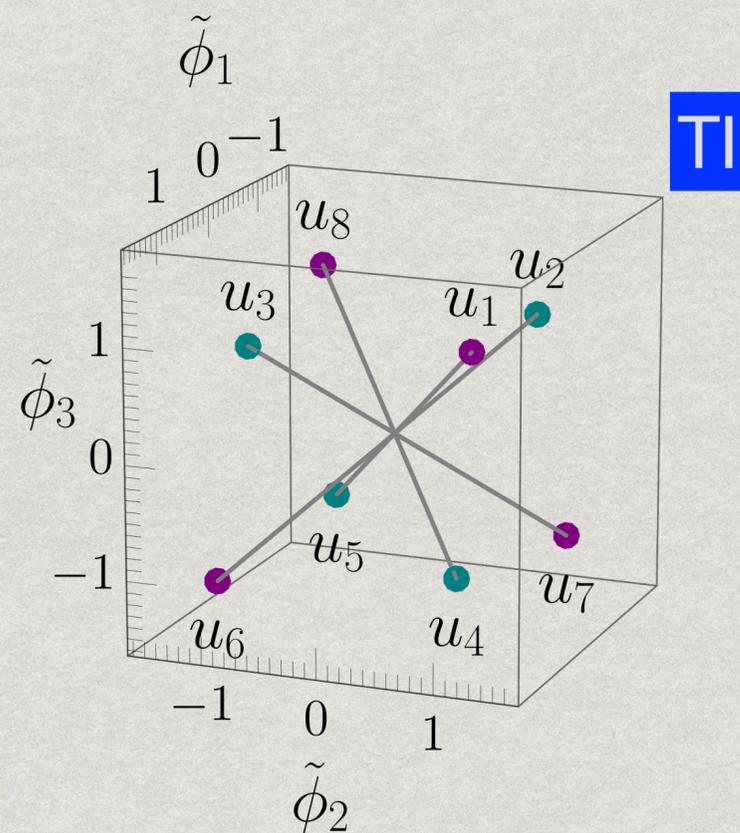
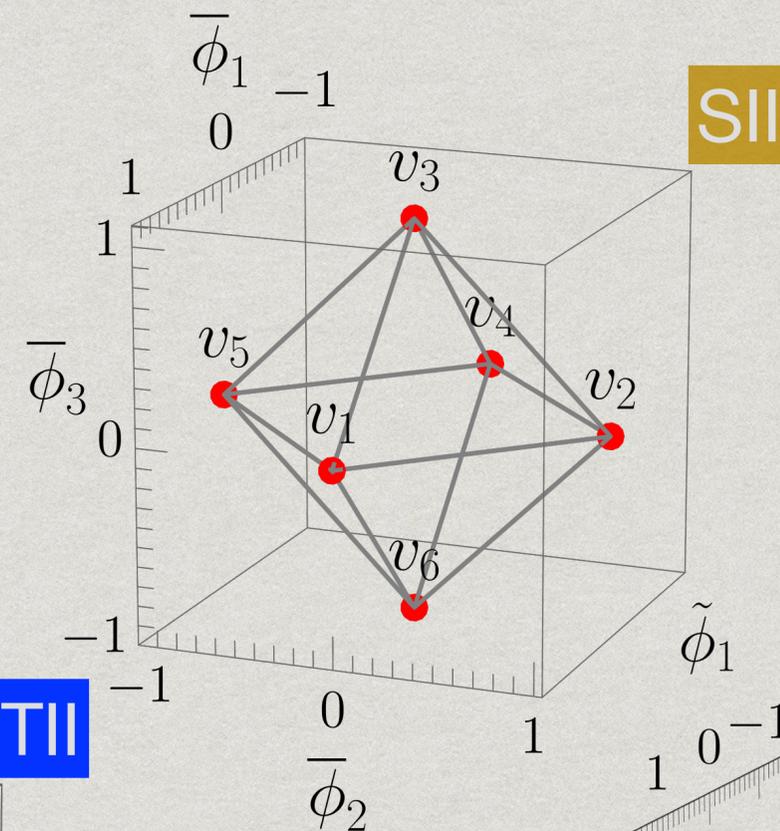
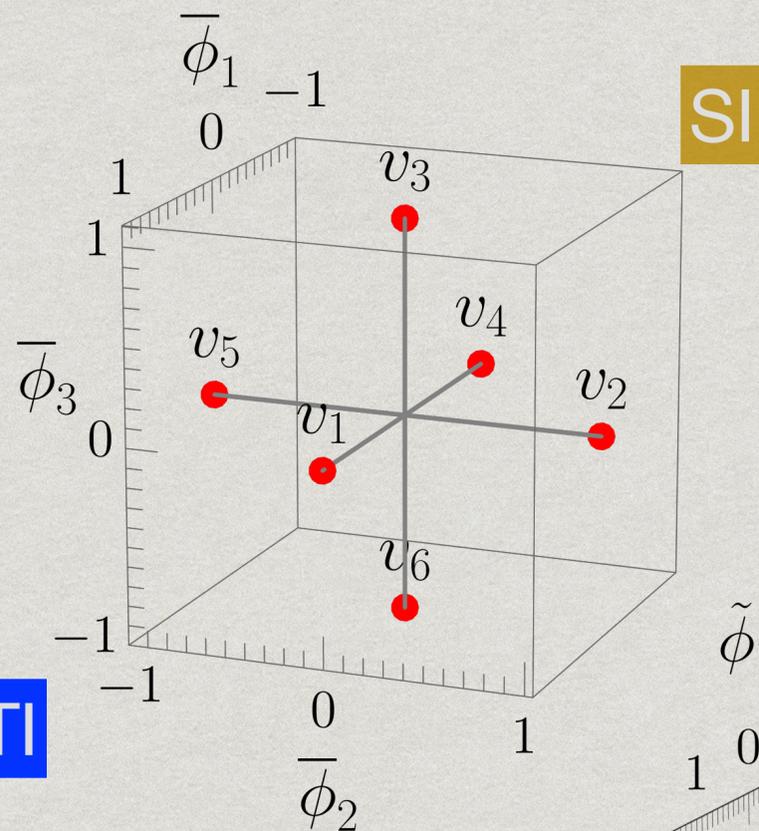


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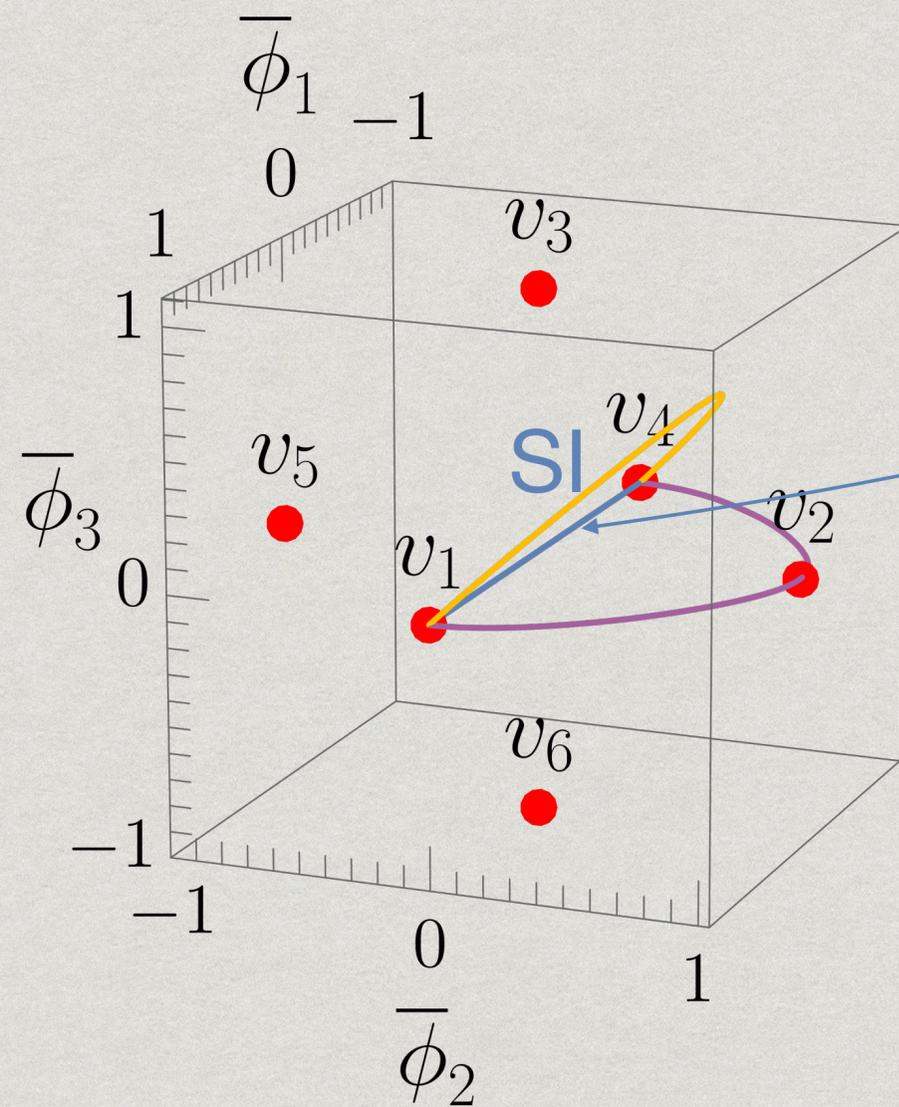


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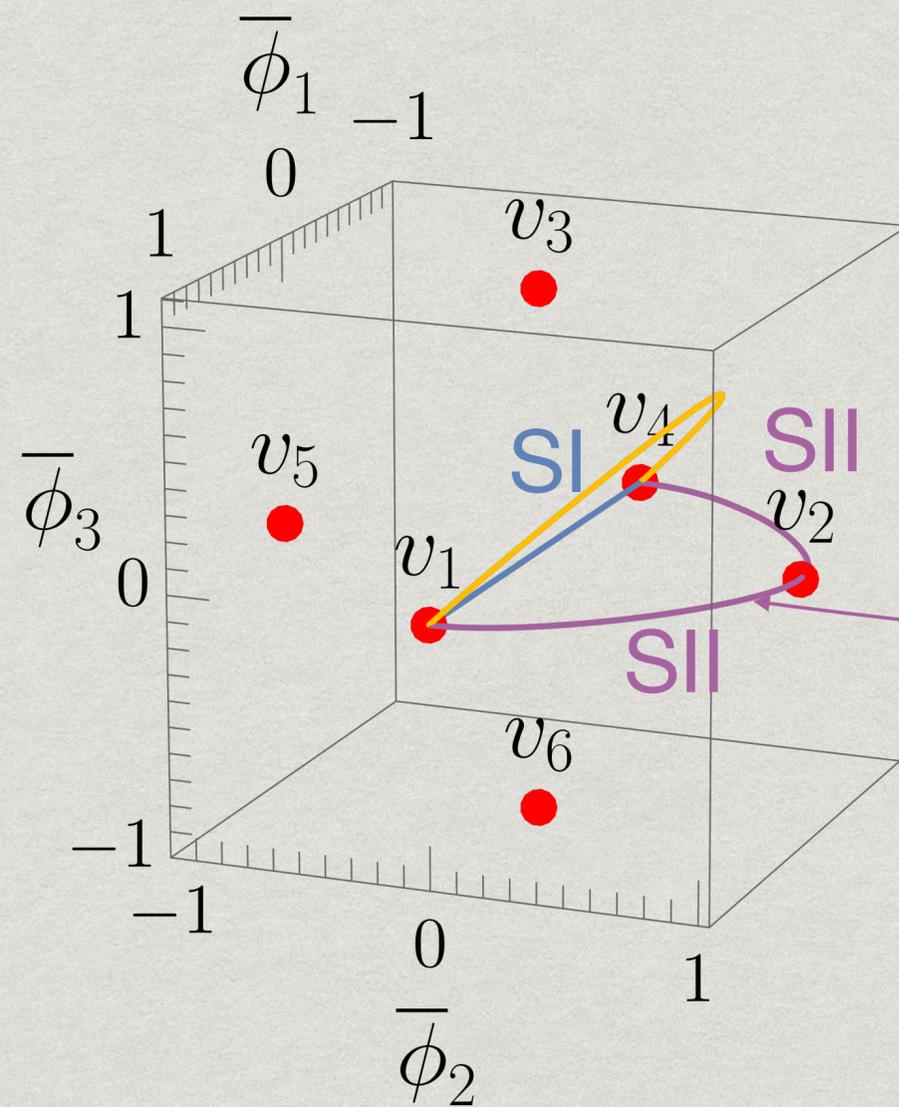


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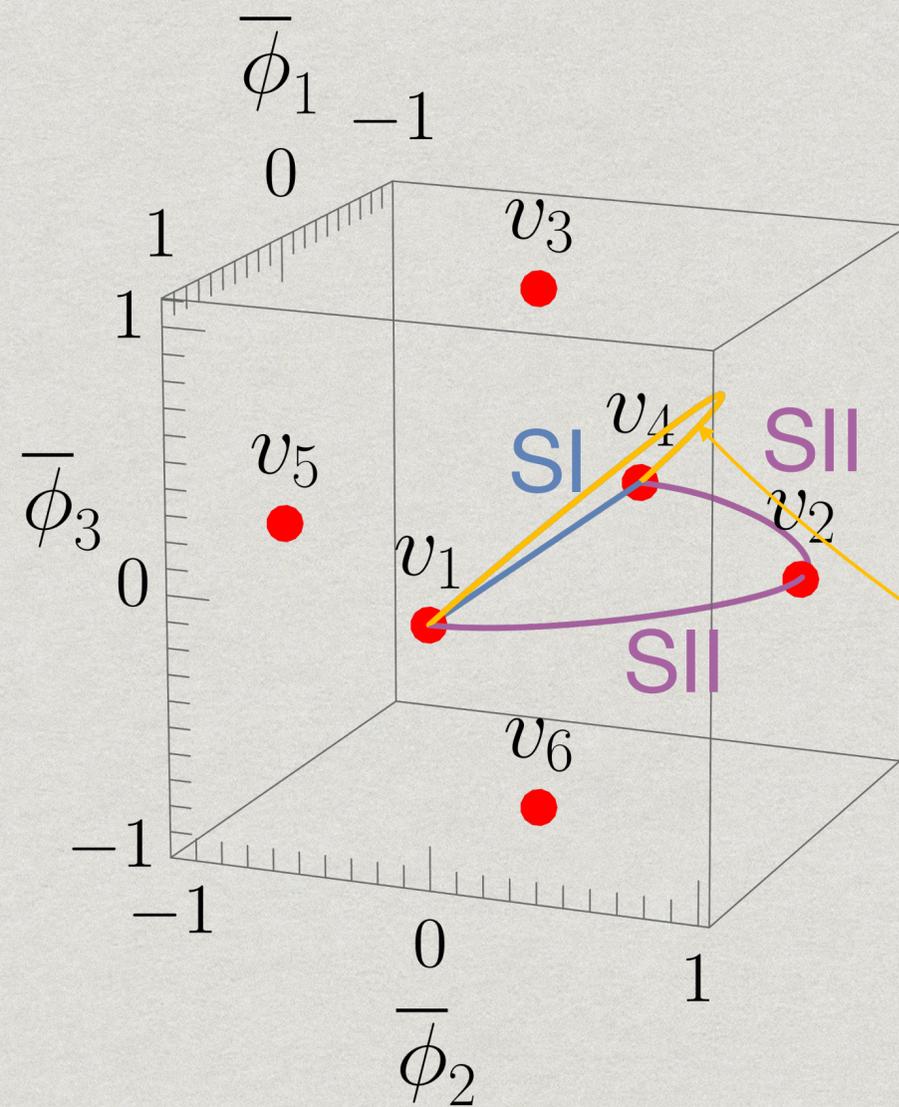
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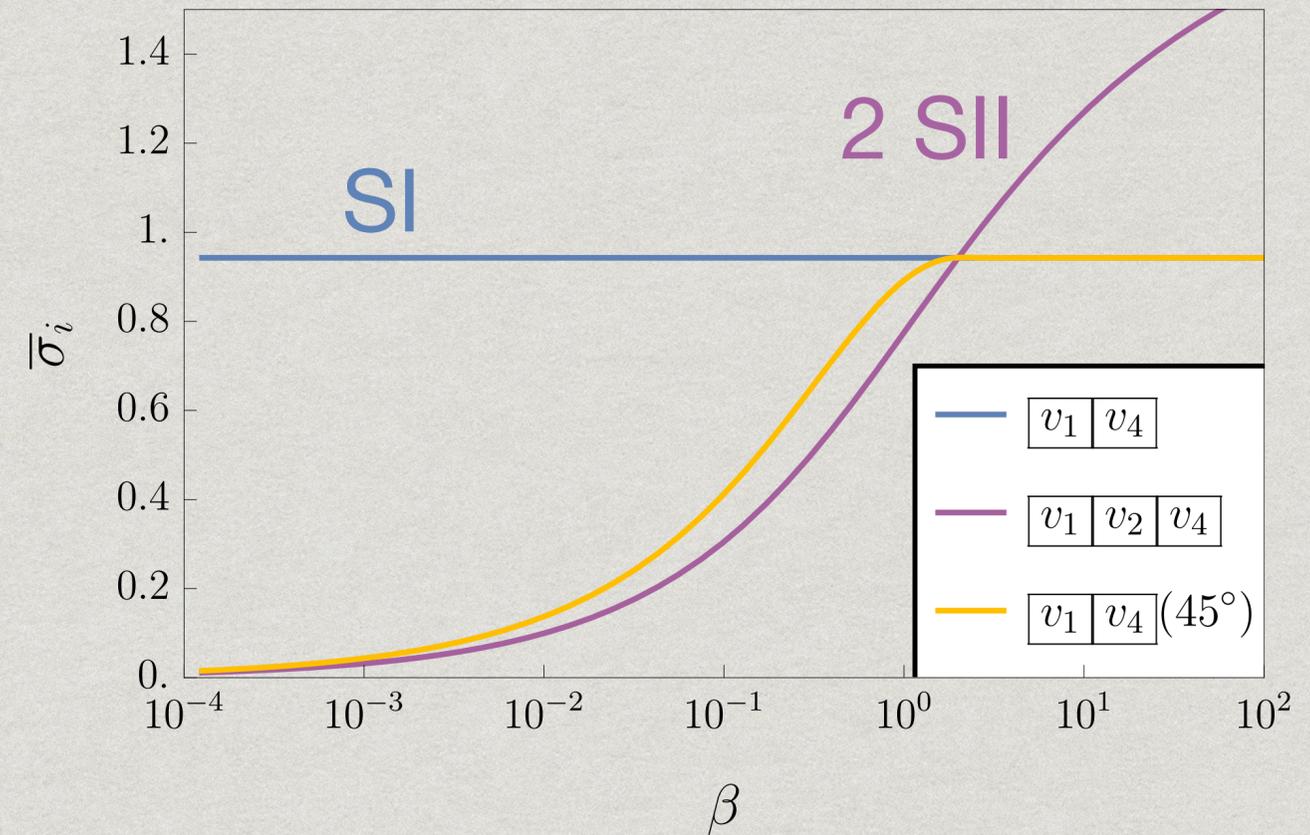
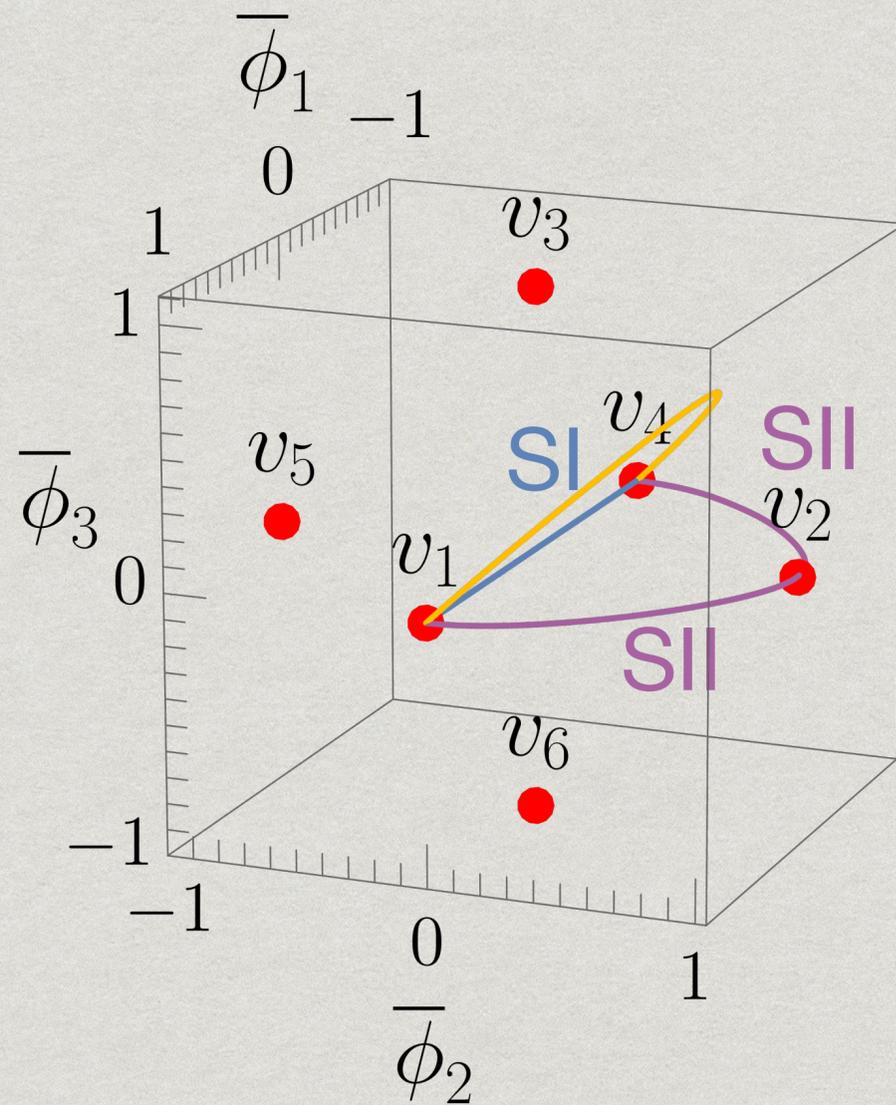


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Intermediate solution  
(still satisfies EoM)

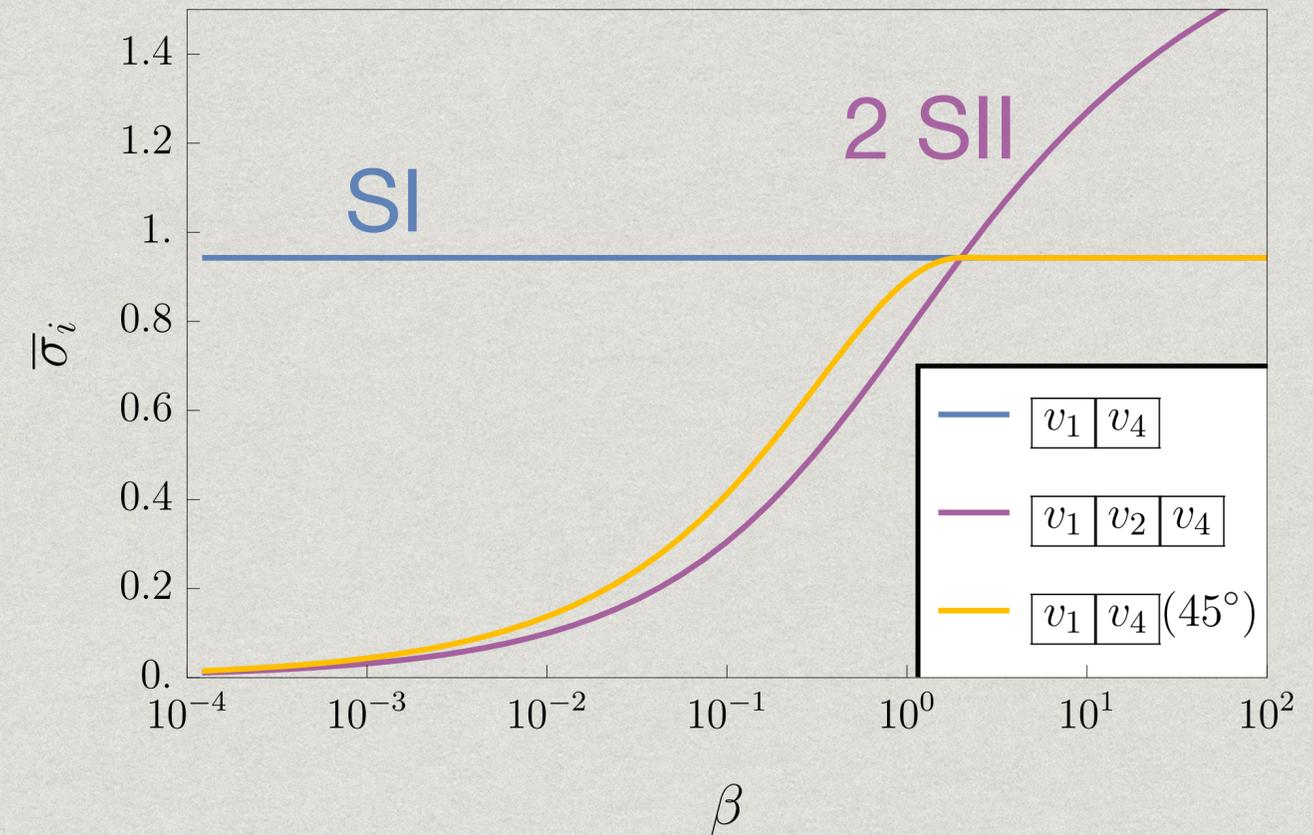
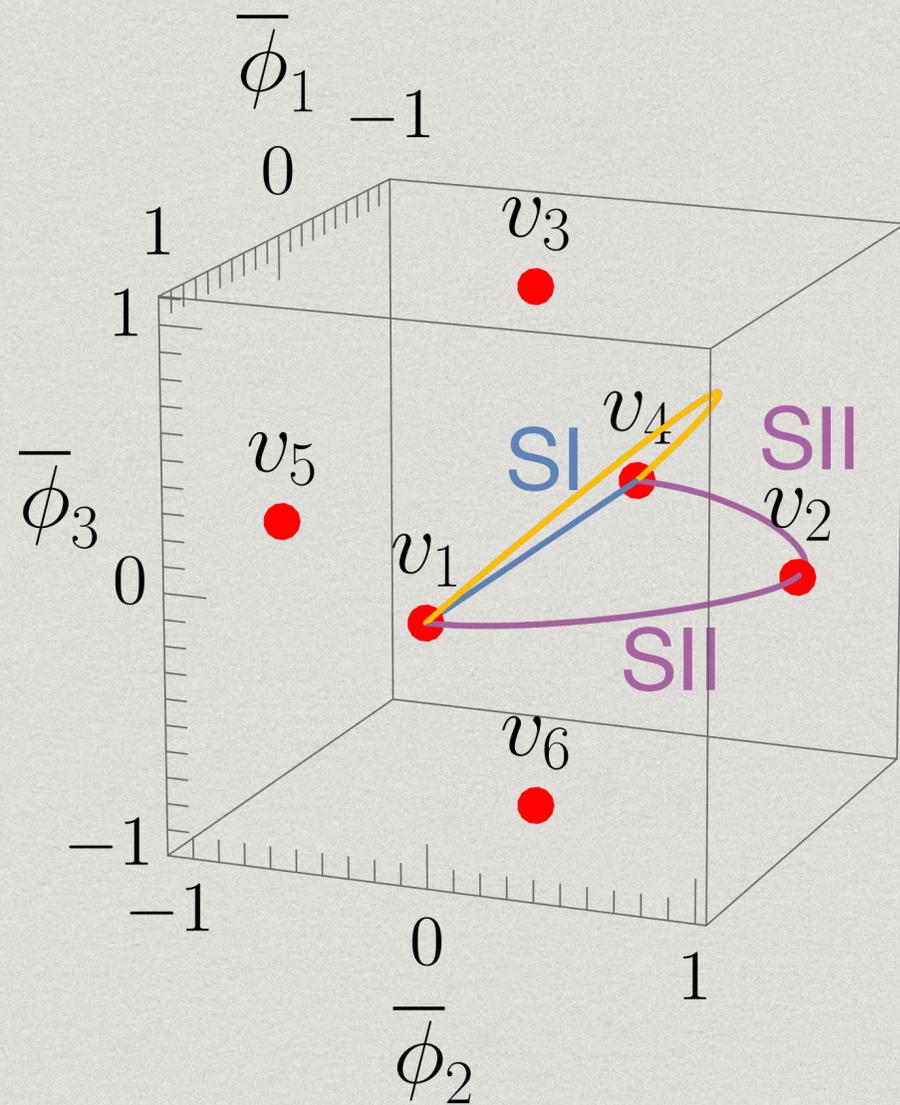
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$\beta \ll 2 : \sigma(\text{SI}) > 2\sigma(\text{SII})$

SI DW **unstable** & would decay to SII

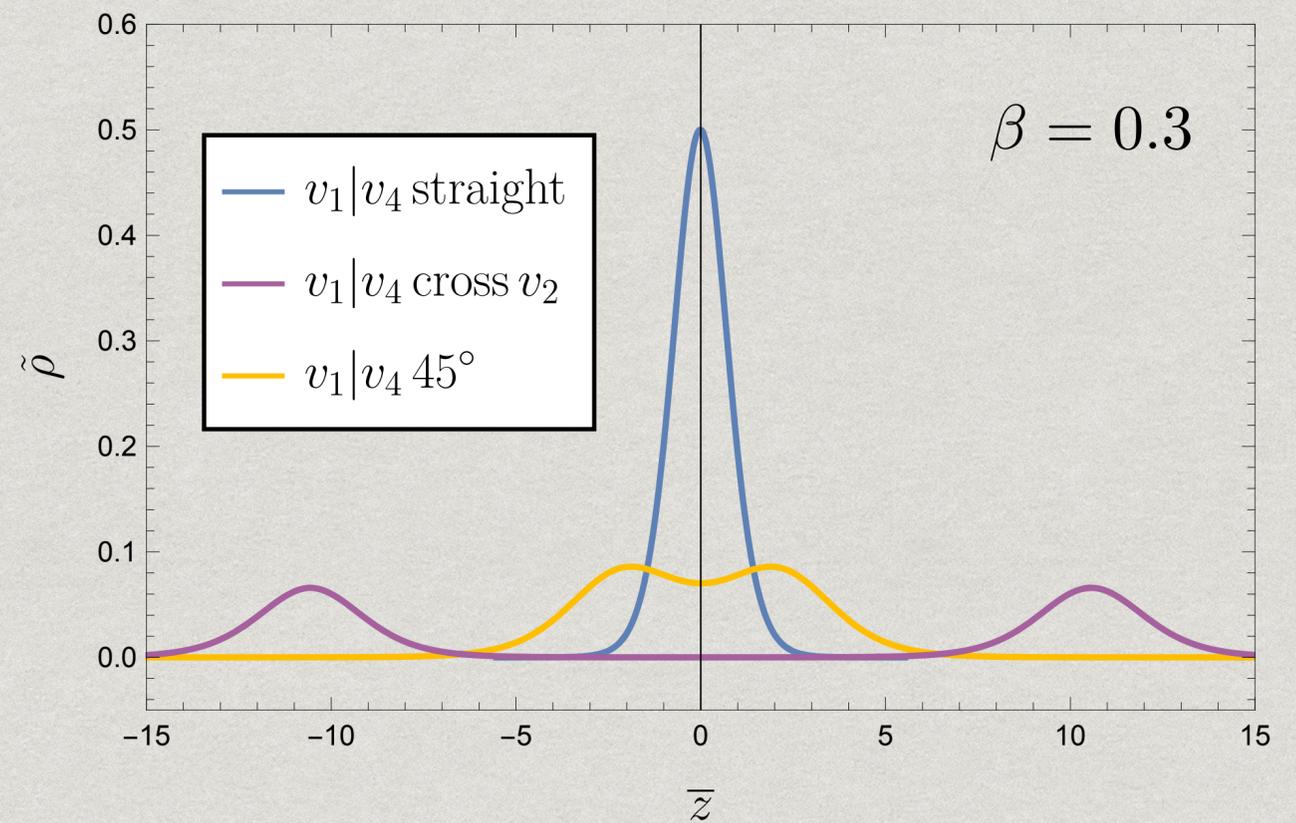
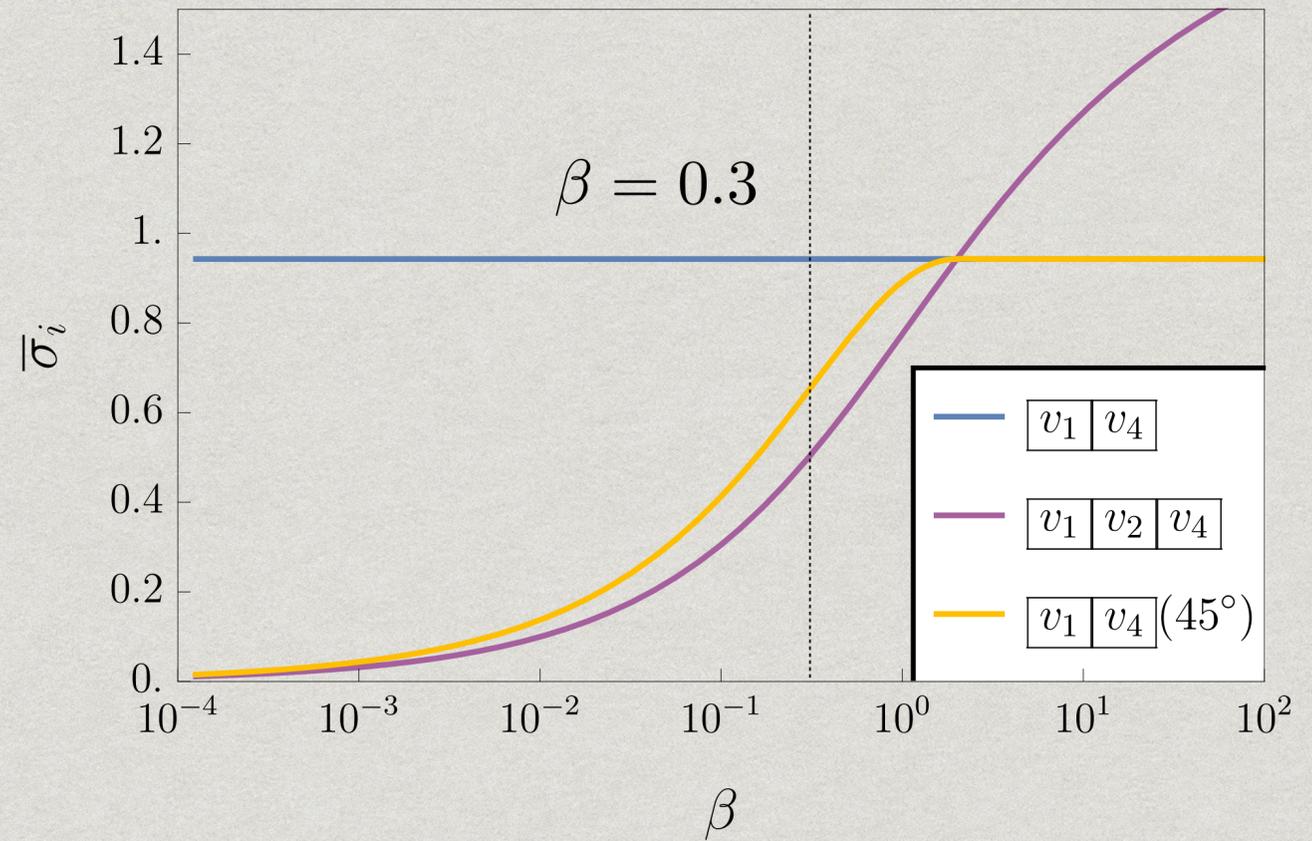
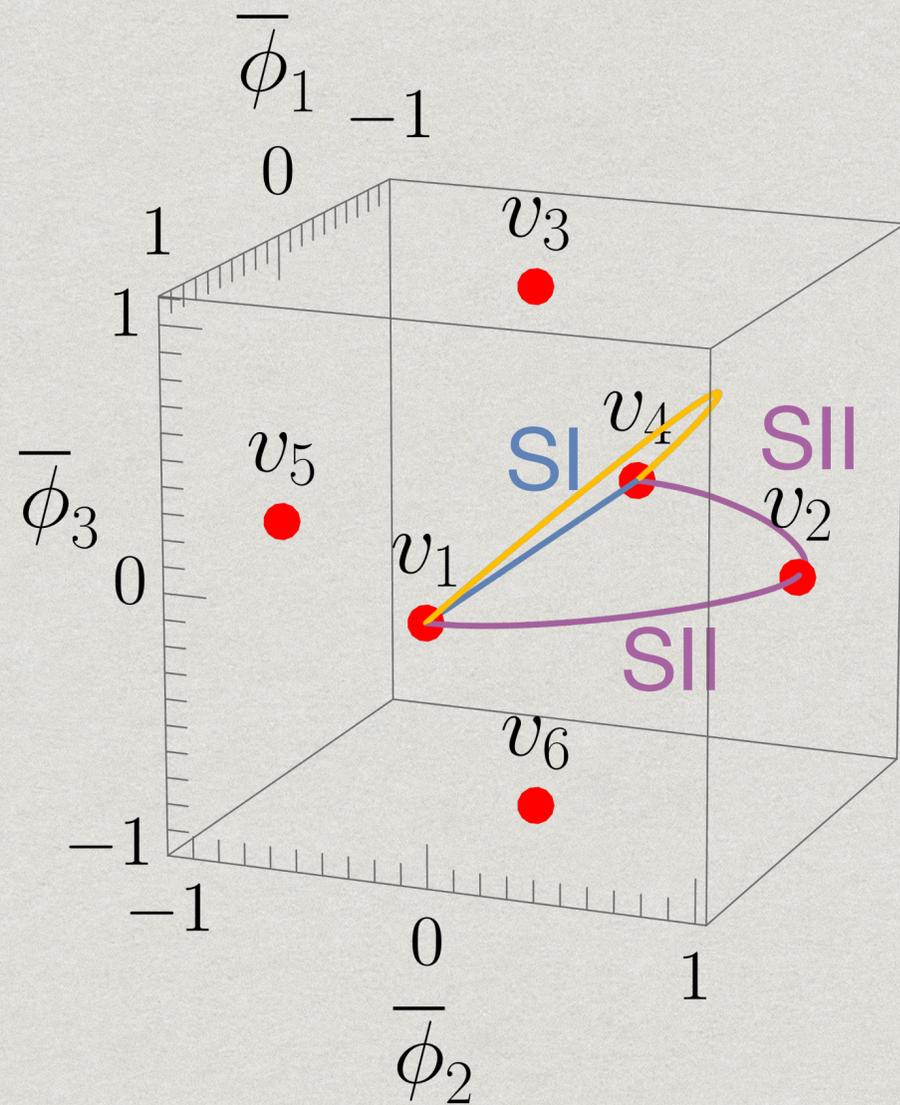
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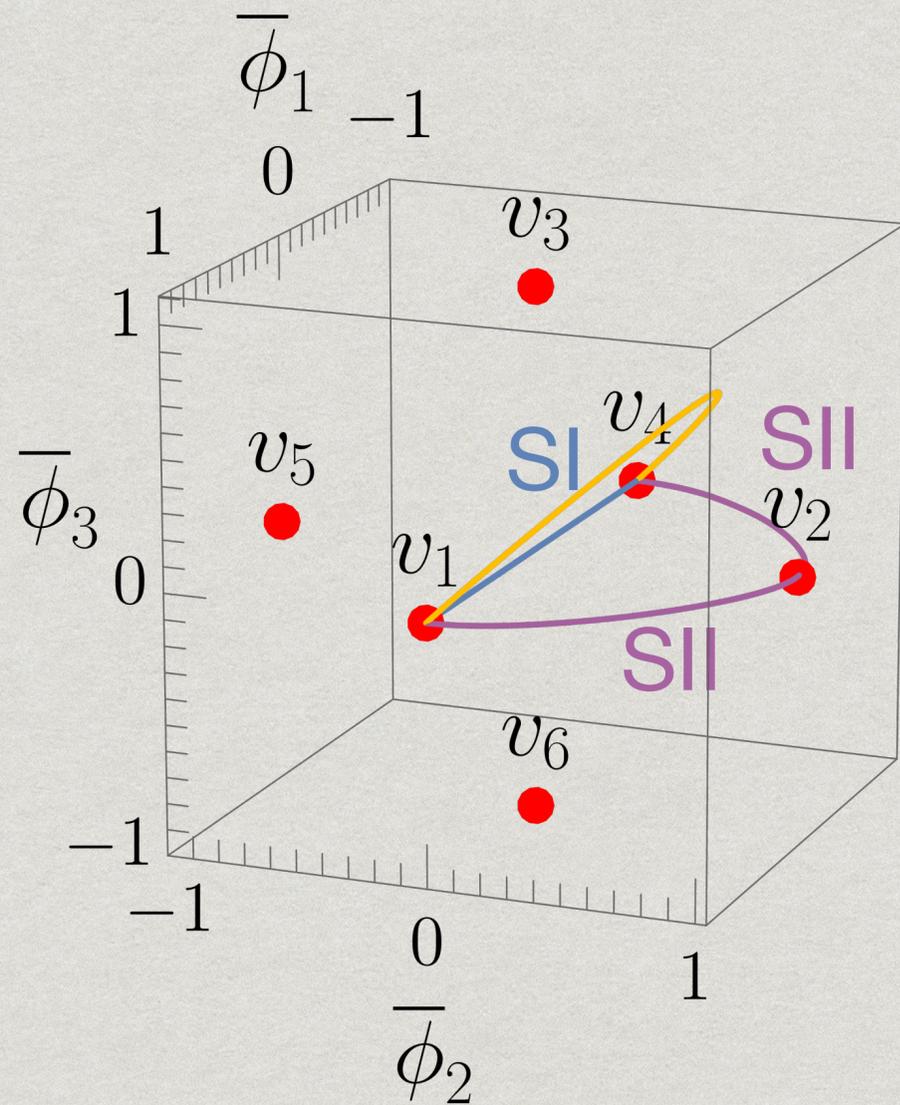
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**SI DW stable**

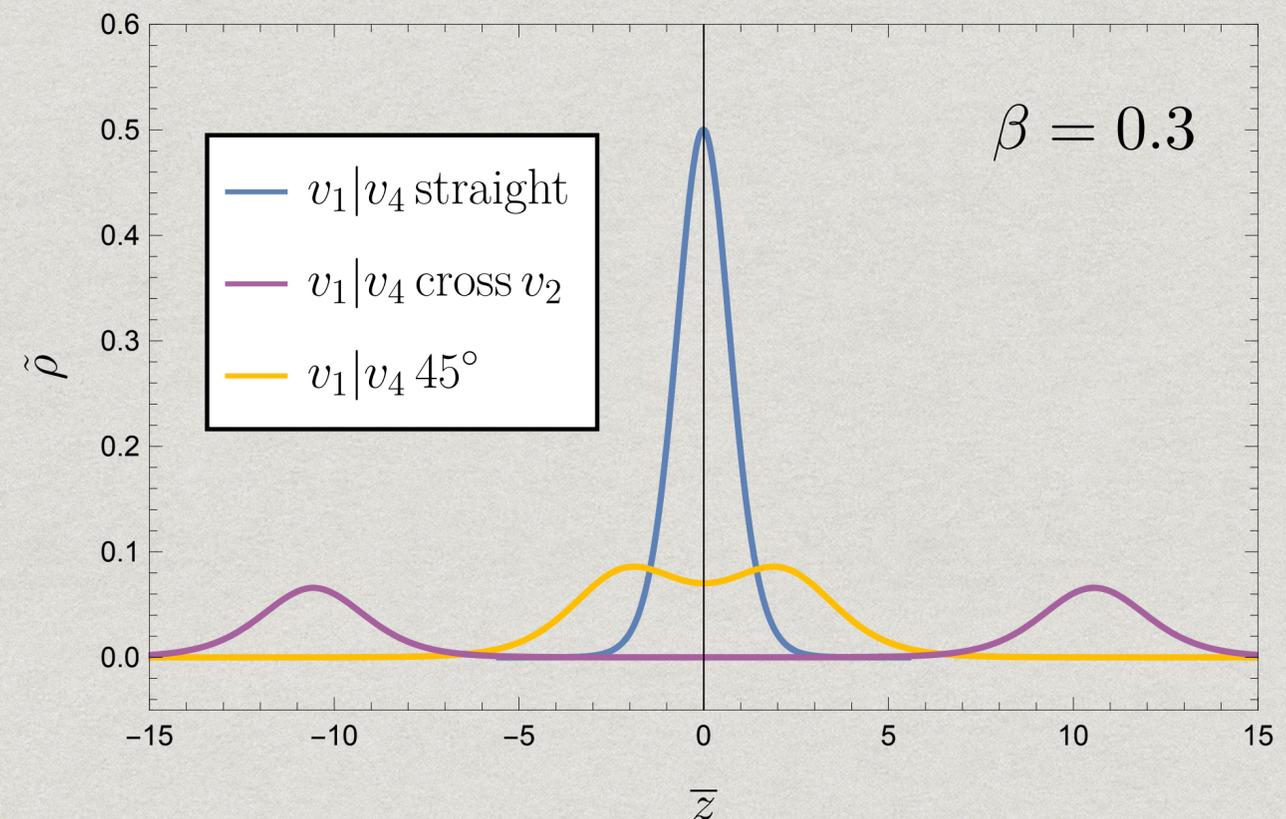
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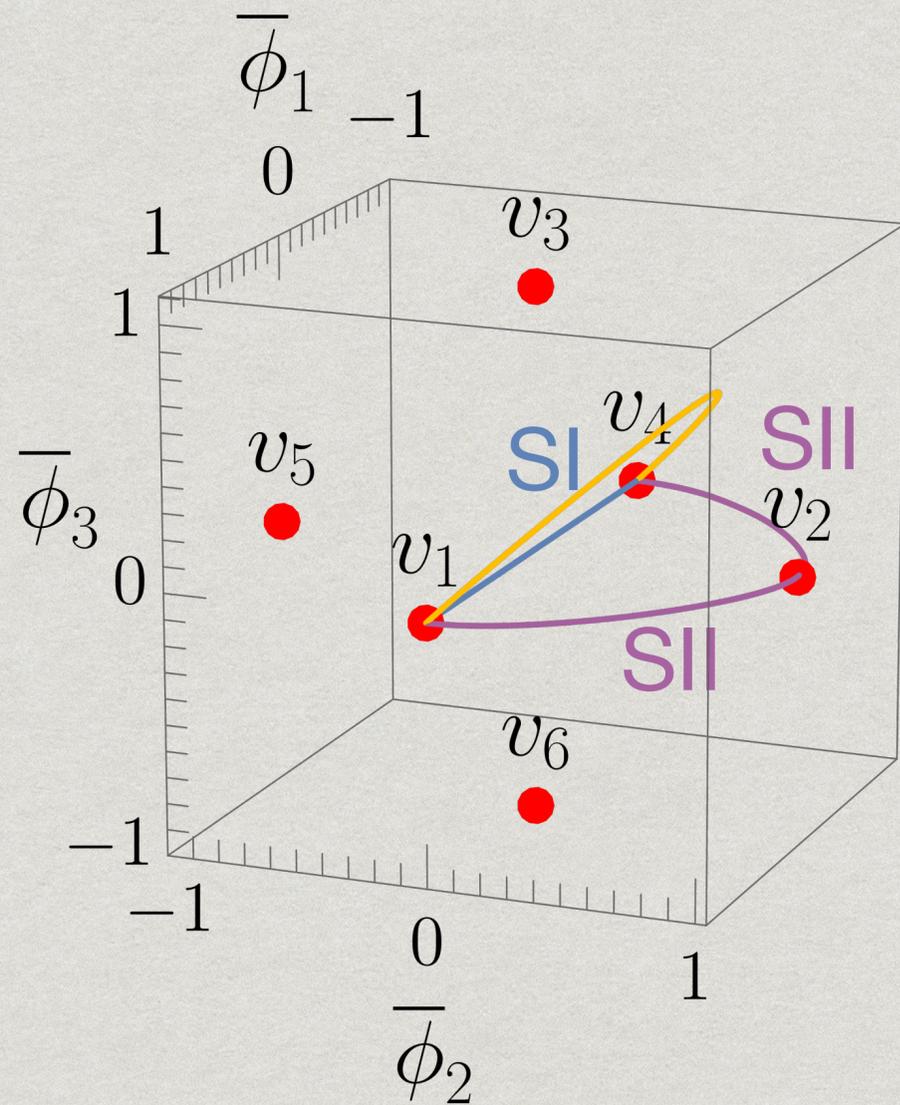
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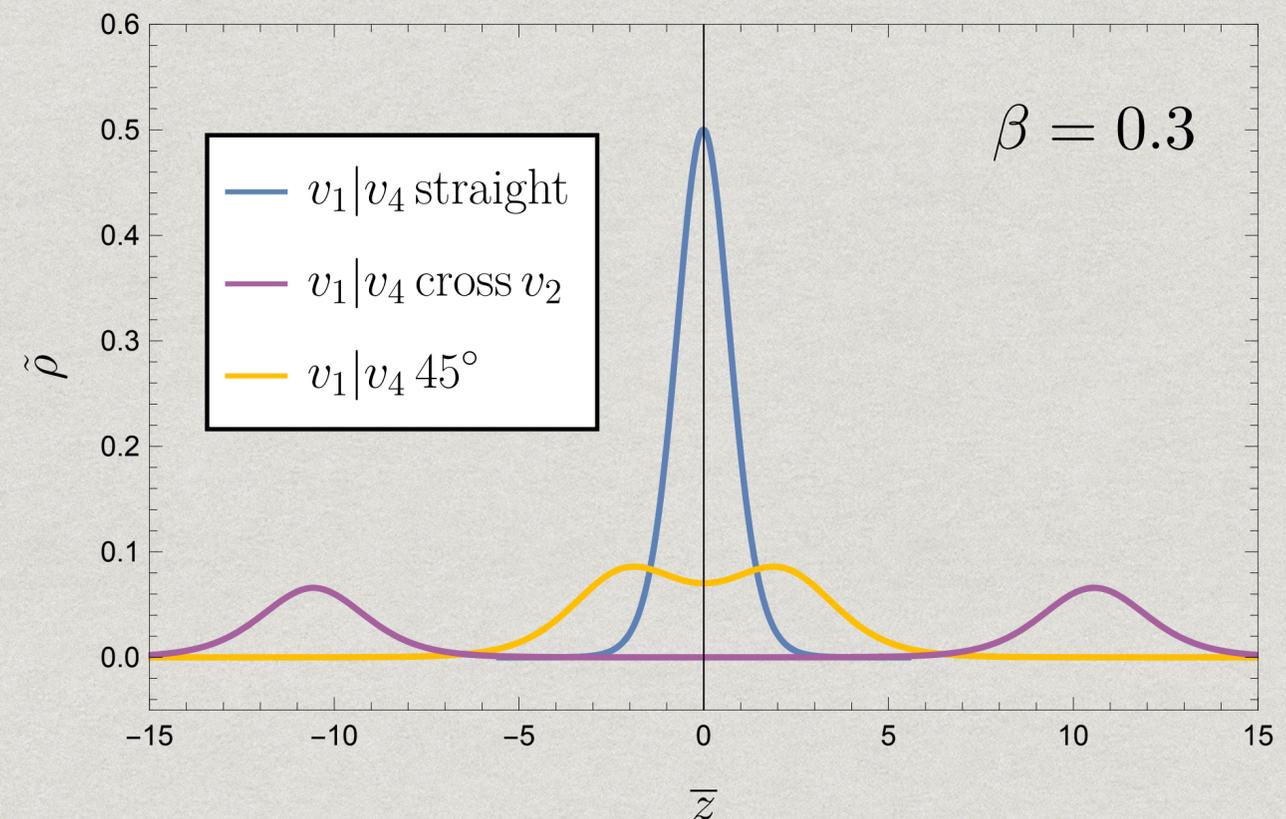
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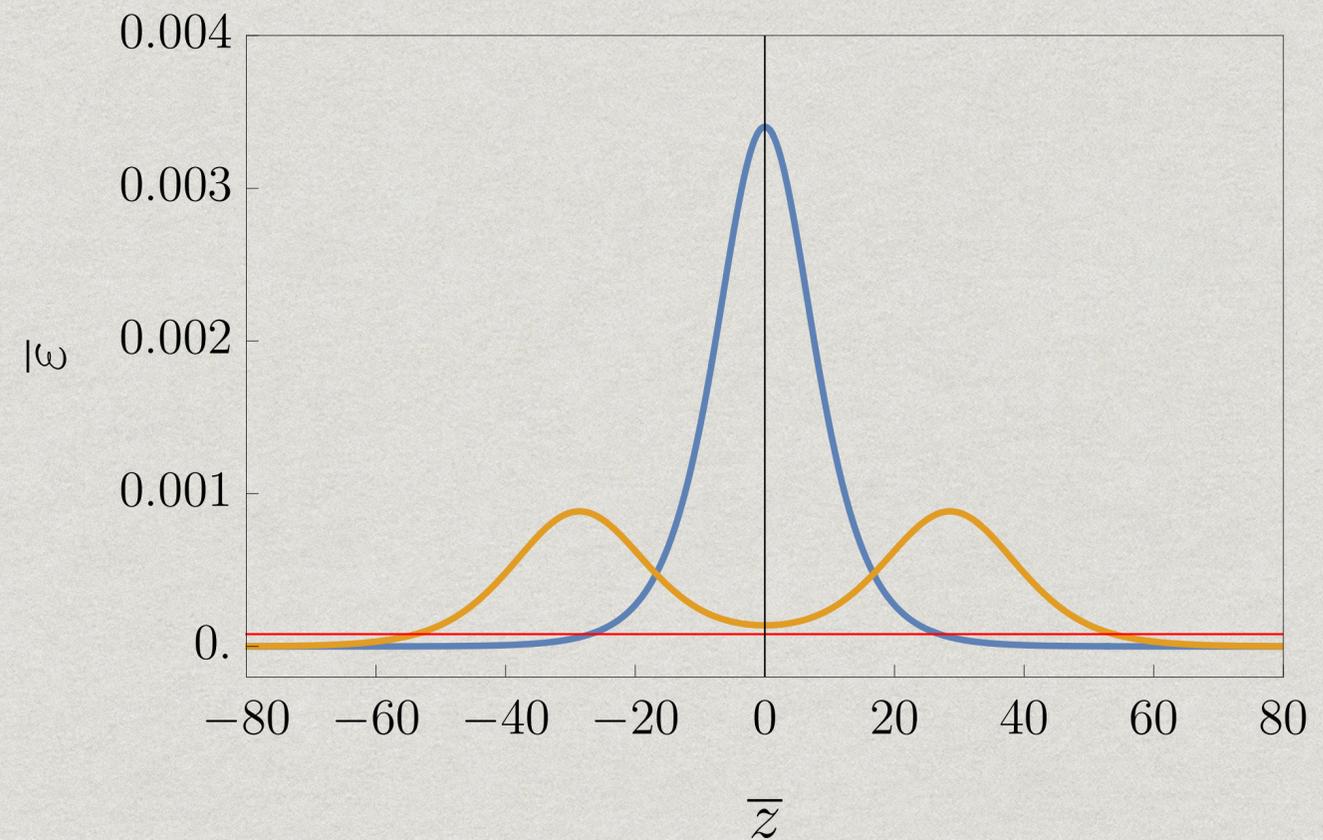
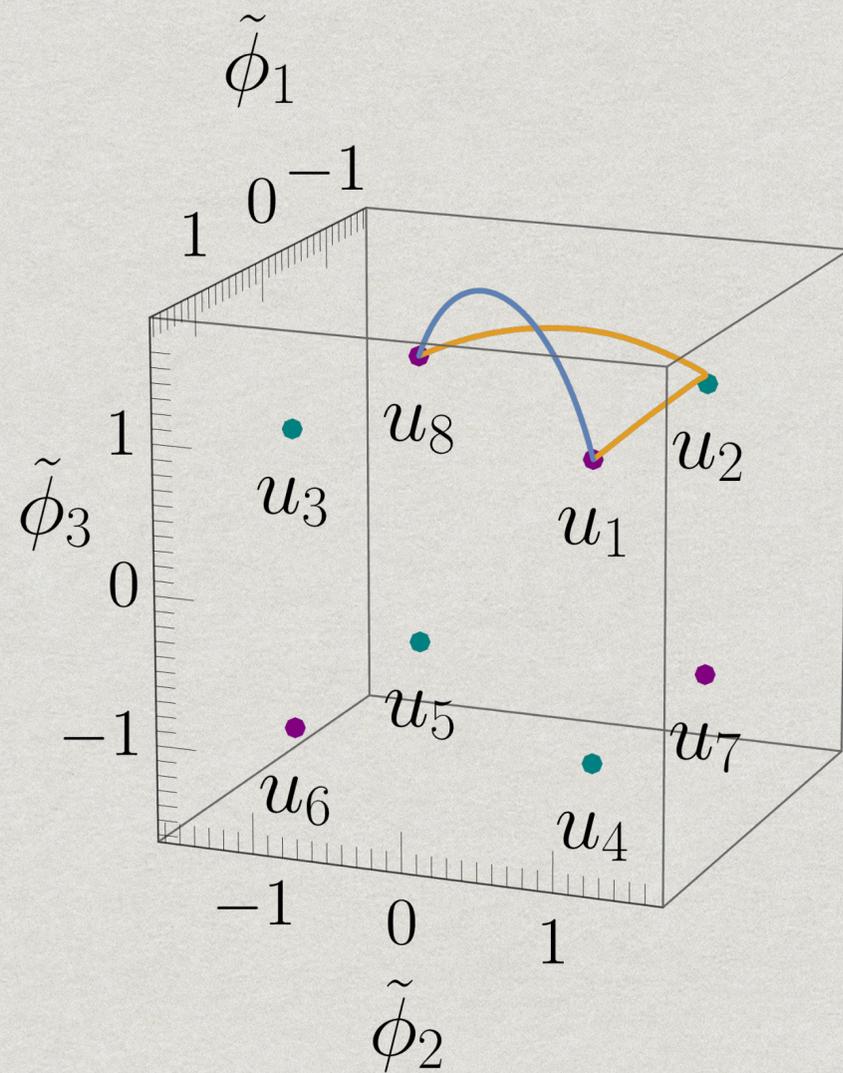
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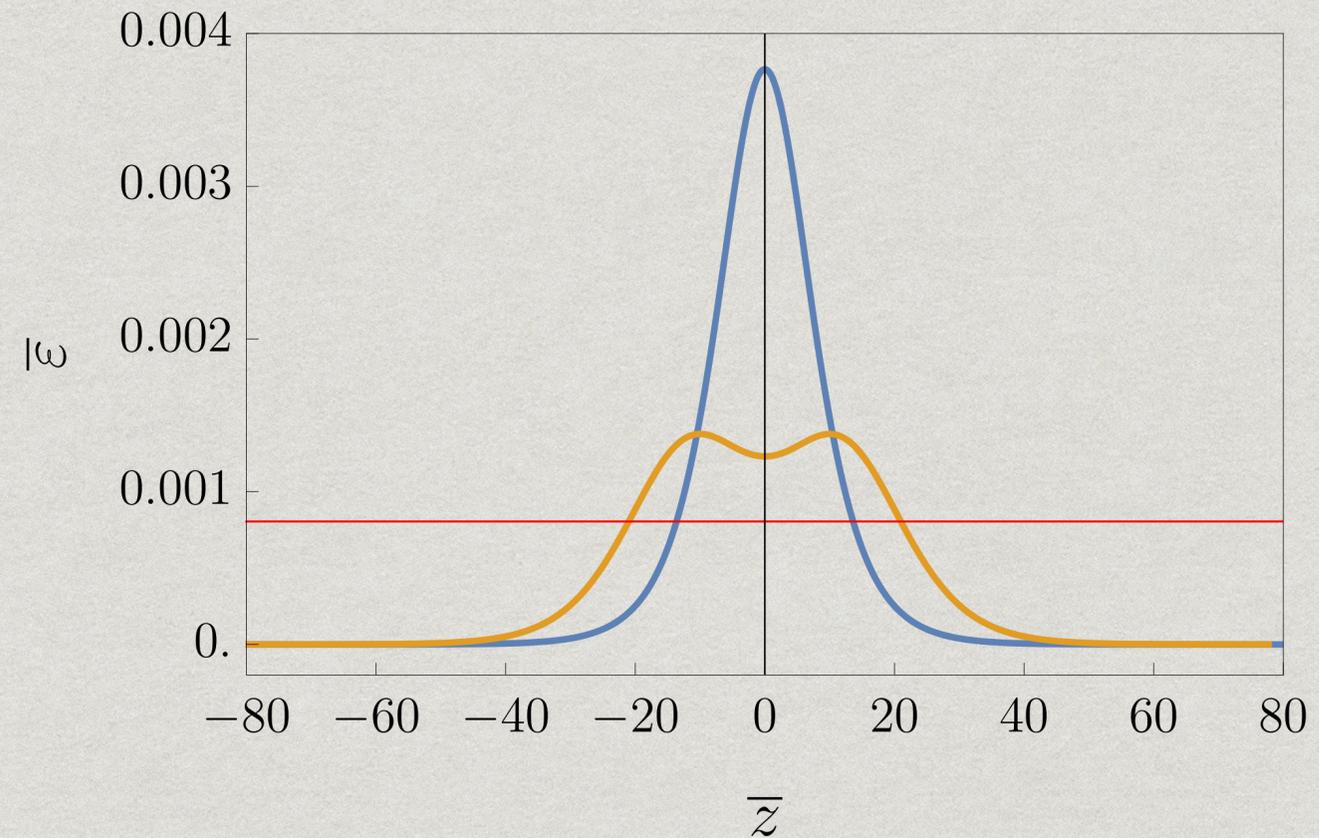
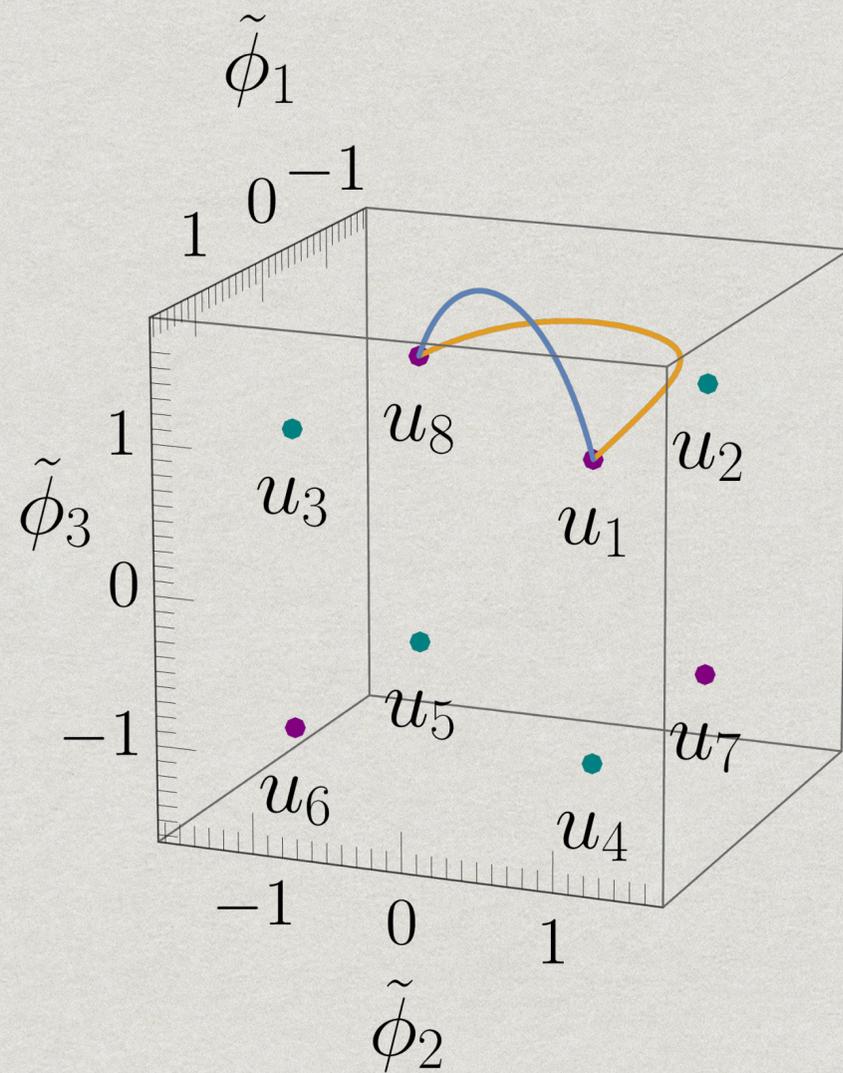
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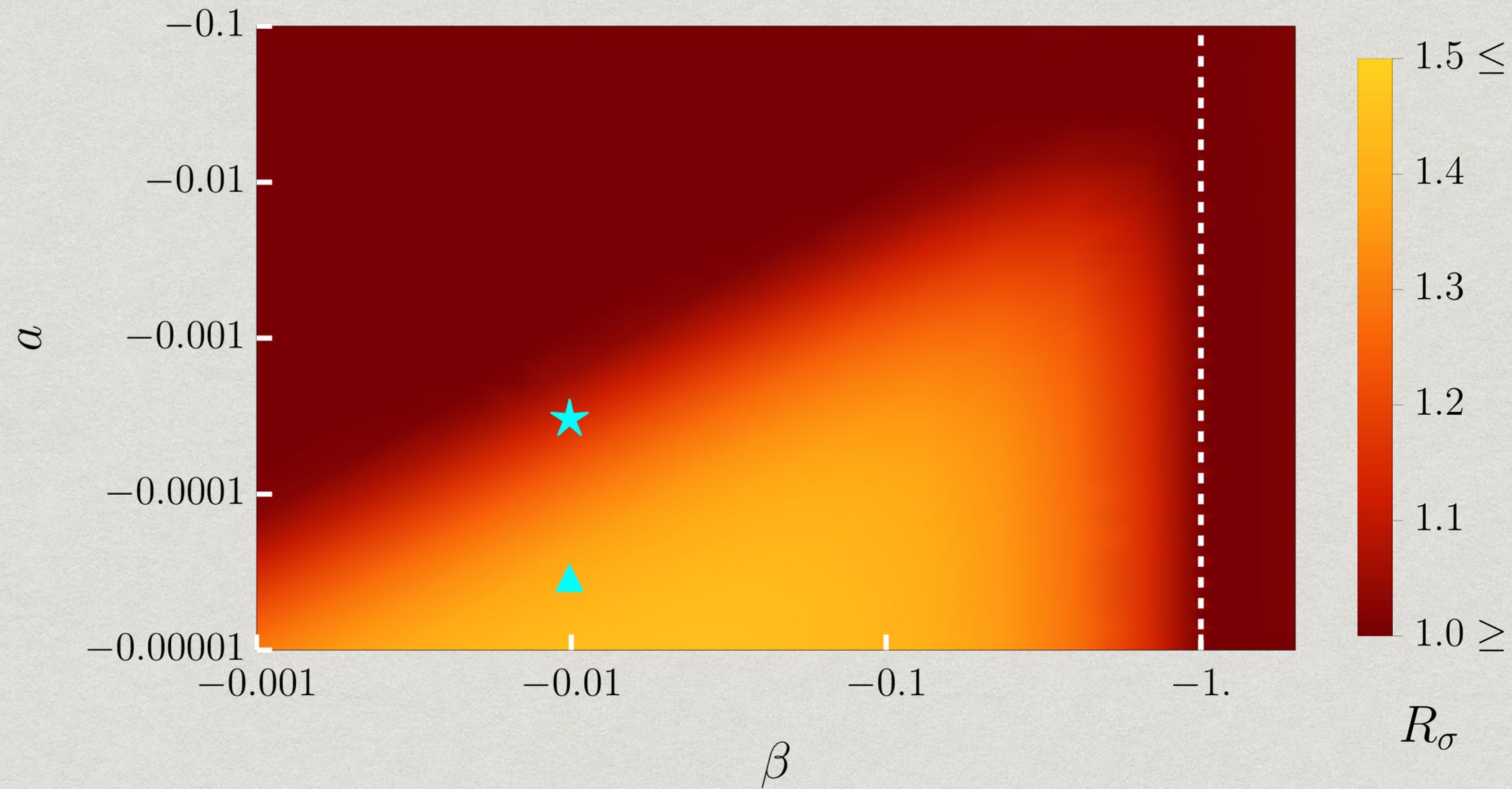
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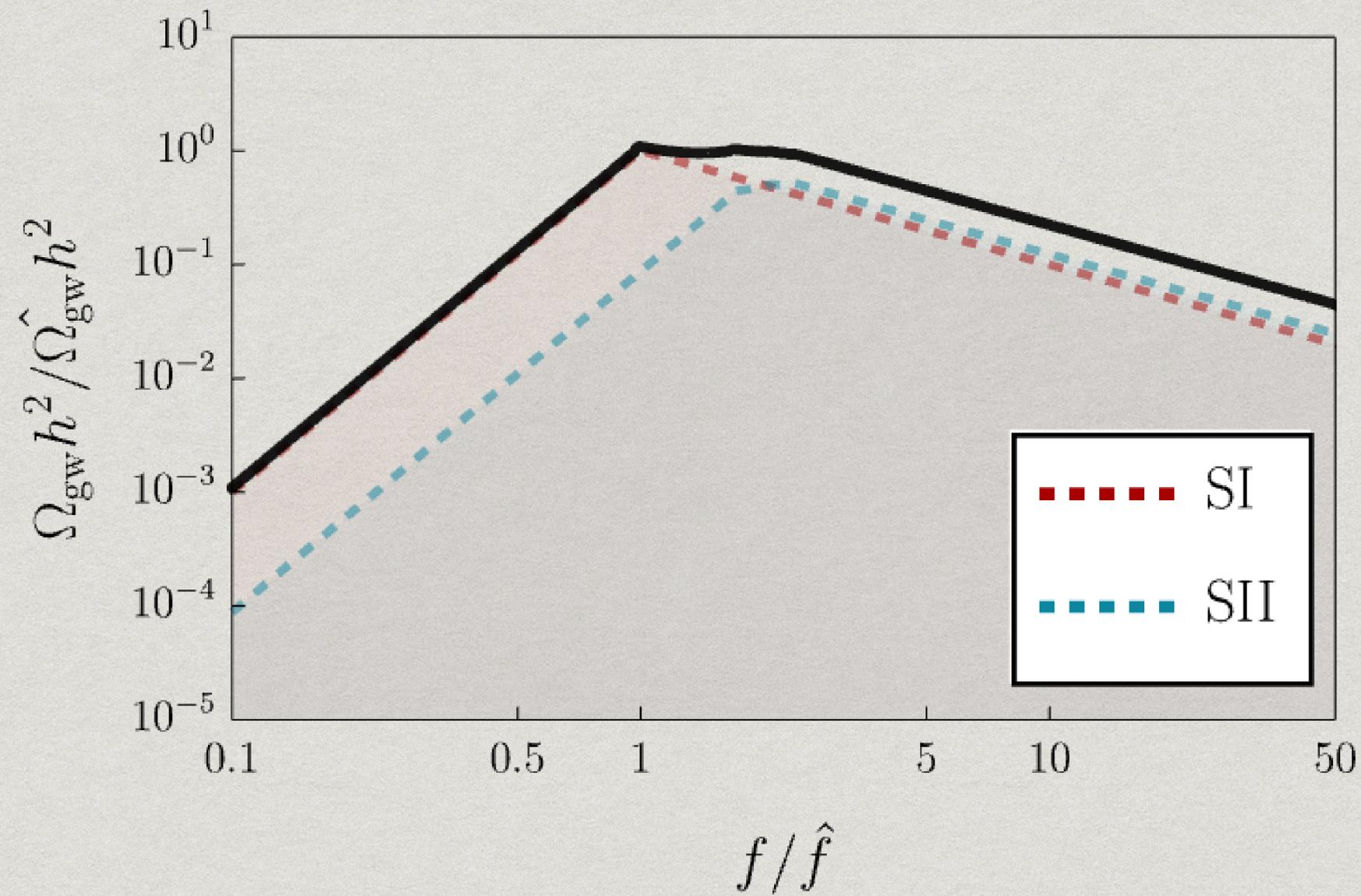
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$$R_\sigma = \sigma_{1p}/\sigma_{2p}$$

# Gravitational wave

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# Summary and Outlook

- \* Non-abelian DWs have more interesting and non-trivial structure and phenomena
- \* If the DWs are stable, they can give rise to a unique multi-peak GW signal
- The signature of GW raised by unstable domain walls is still unexplored
- In realistic flavour models, the flavon fields are complex scalars and there may be more than one multiplets

**TANKS!**