

Emergent symmetry and free energy

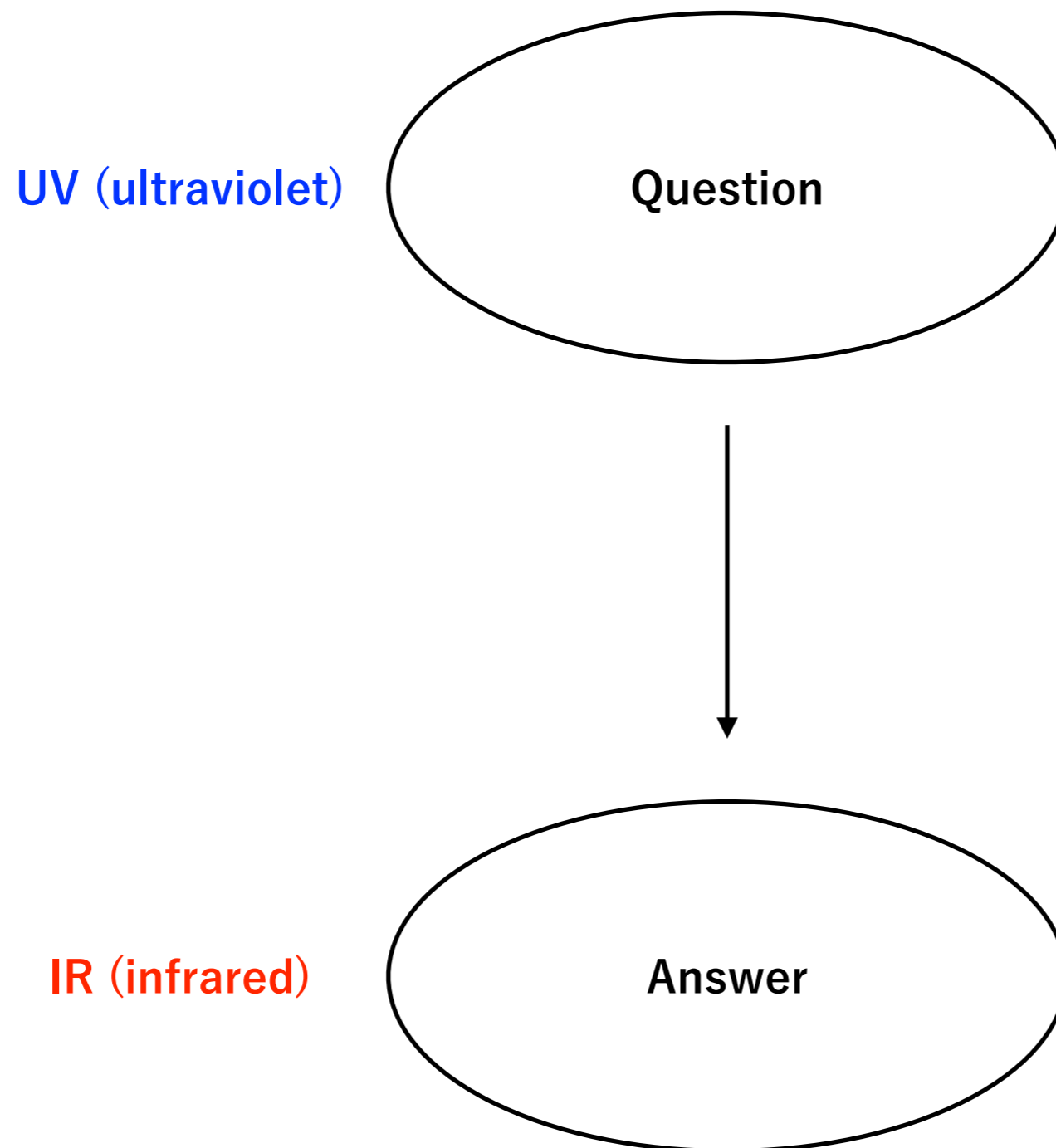
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Renormalization Group (RG)



Example: QCD

- We have known **UV** description for decades;
 $SU(3)$ gauge theory w/ fundamental quarks.
- Even perturbative computation is possible.
- But we haven't succeeded to show its **IR** behaviors:
 - Spont. breaking of chiral sym. (for massless quarks)
 - Confinement

Possible answers

Symmetry\Gap	Gapped (or TQFT)	Gapless (\sim CFT)
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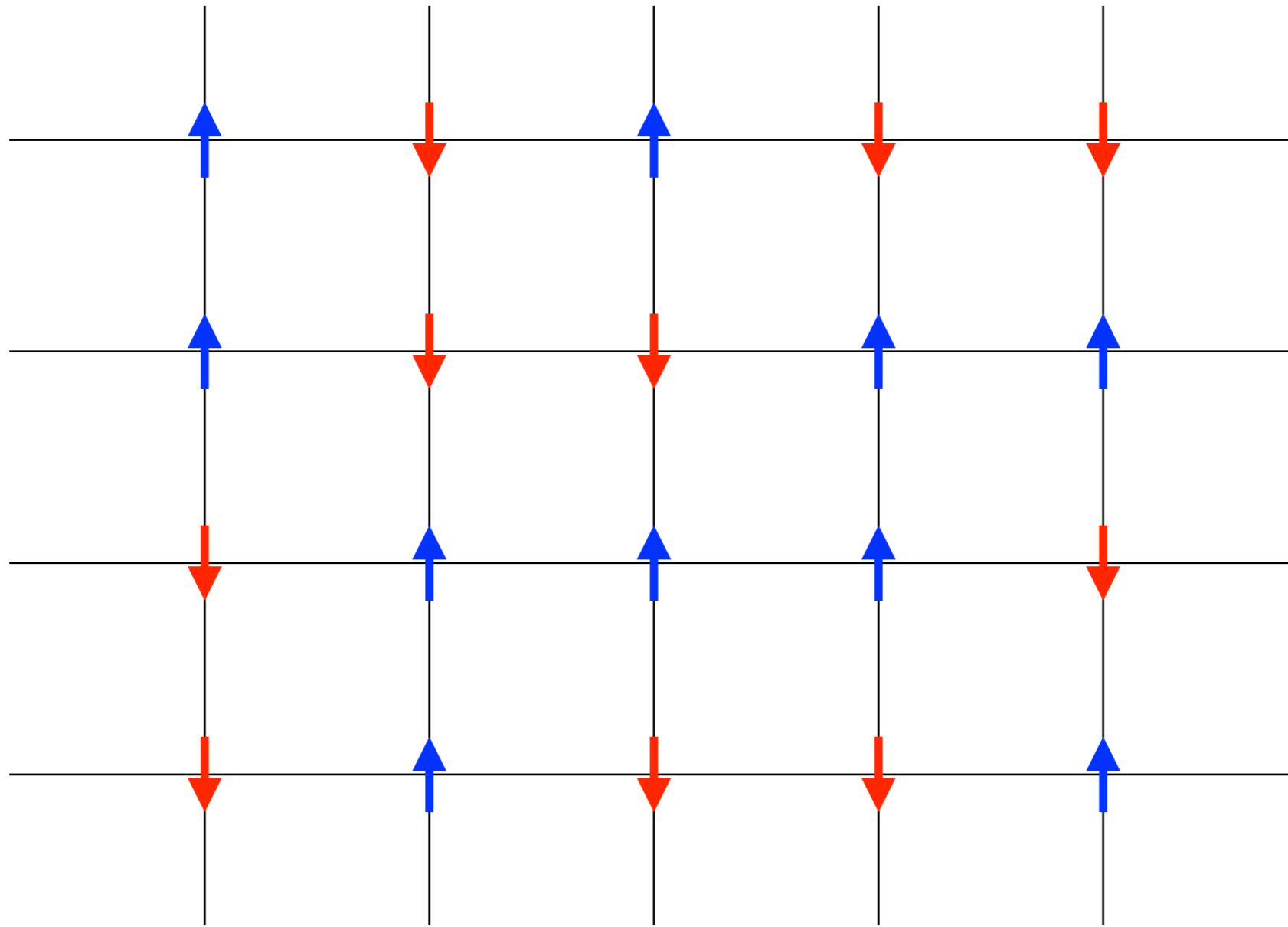
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⇒ system **minimizes energy** E at the cost of S

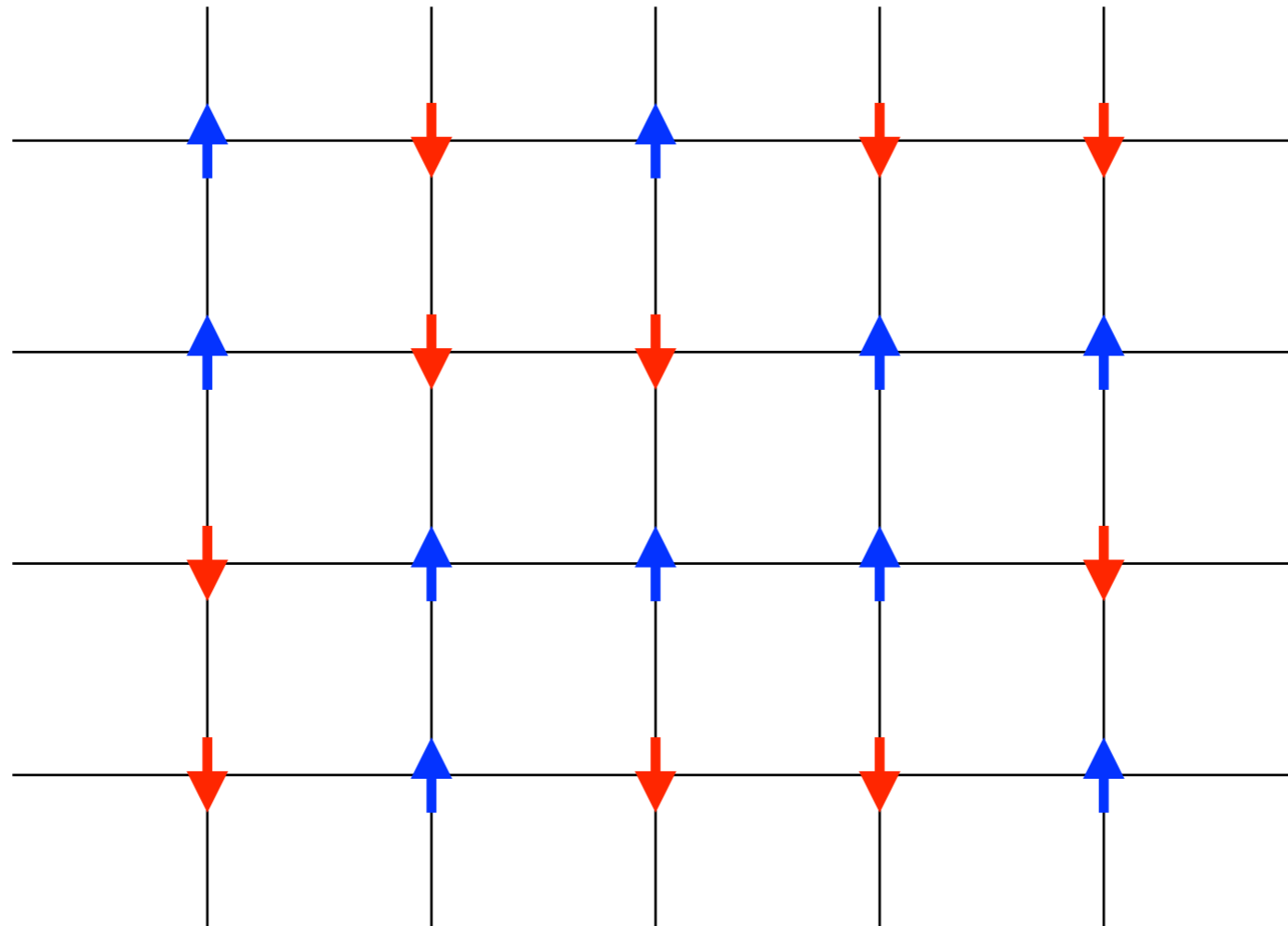
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$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} s_i s_j$$

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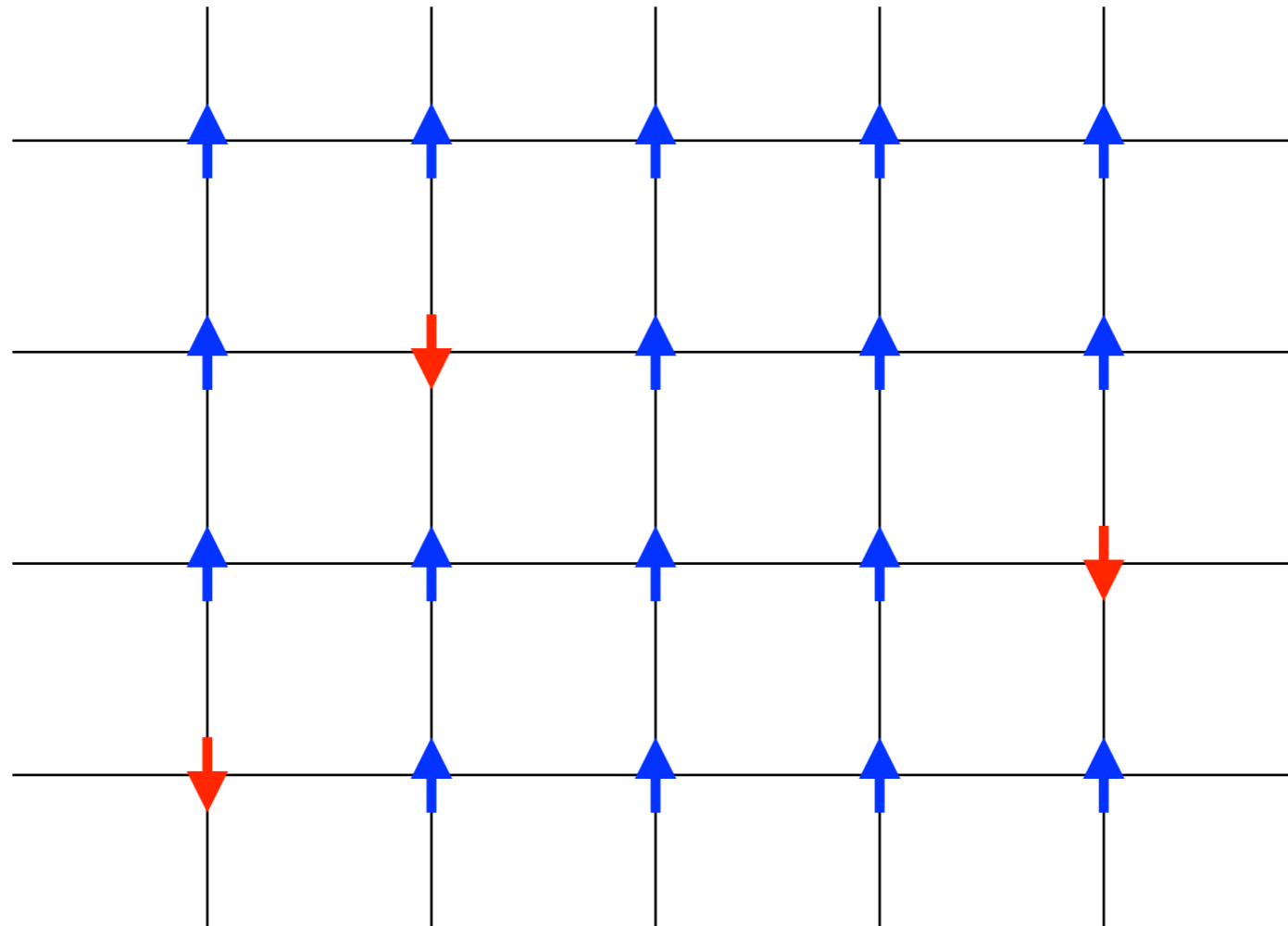
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⇒ To minimize F , **random config.** w/ large S is favored

⇒ Rotation symmetry is **preserved**

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Low T



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⇒ SSB of rotation sym.

SSB = F minimization

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Another possibility: emergent symmetry

Sometimes, $\text{Sym}_{UV} \subset \text{Sym}_{IR}$.

ex)

- 90° rotation (square lattice) \subset Lorentz (continuum)
- 4d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ Lagrangian (UV) \subset 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ (IR)
- $SU(8)$ flavor \subset E_7 flavor (4d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ $SU(2)$ SQCD w/ $N_f = 4$)

When, Why, What?

- **When** and **why** symmetry emerges?
- **What** is its structure (‘size’ and ‘algebra’)?
- Can emergent sym. also be understood via ***F***?

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1. time-slice

$$t = t_0 \quad \text{-----} \quad Q(\Sigma_{t=t_0})$$

2. conserved

$$\begin{array}{l} t = t_0 + \delta t \quad \text{-----} \quad Q(\Sigma_{t=t_0+\delta t}) \\ t = t_0 \quad \text{-----} \quad Q(\Sigma_{t=t_0}) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} || \\ || \end{array}$$

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Modern

[Gaiotto-Kapustin-Seiberg-Willett '14]

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codimension-1 defect

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topological

Define **symmetry** by these **two axioms**.

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- codim.-($p + 1$) \rightarrow p -form symmetry
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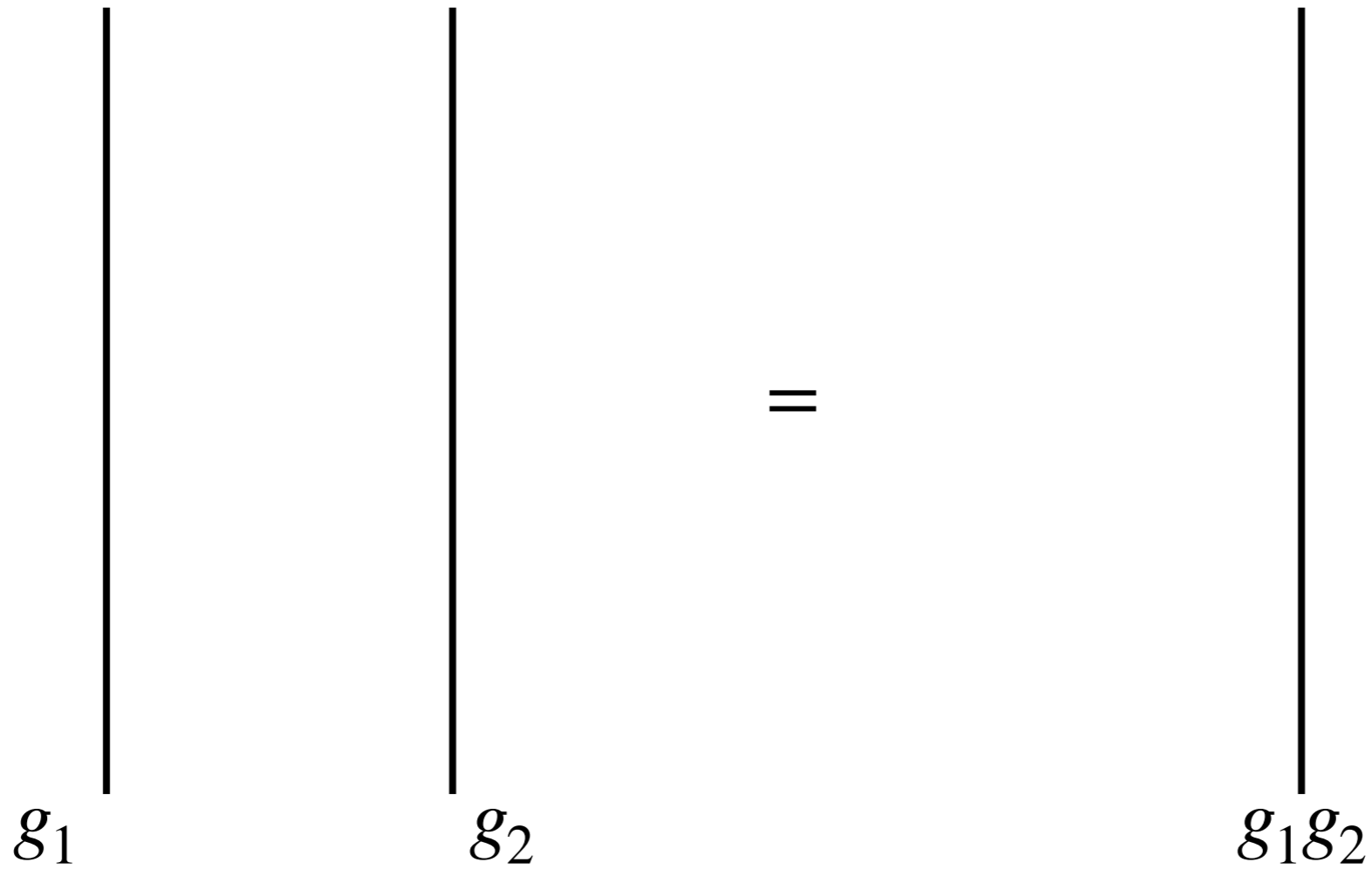
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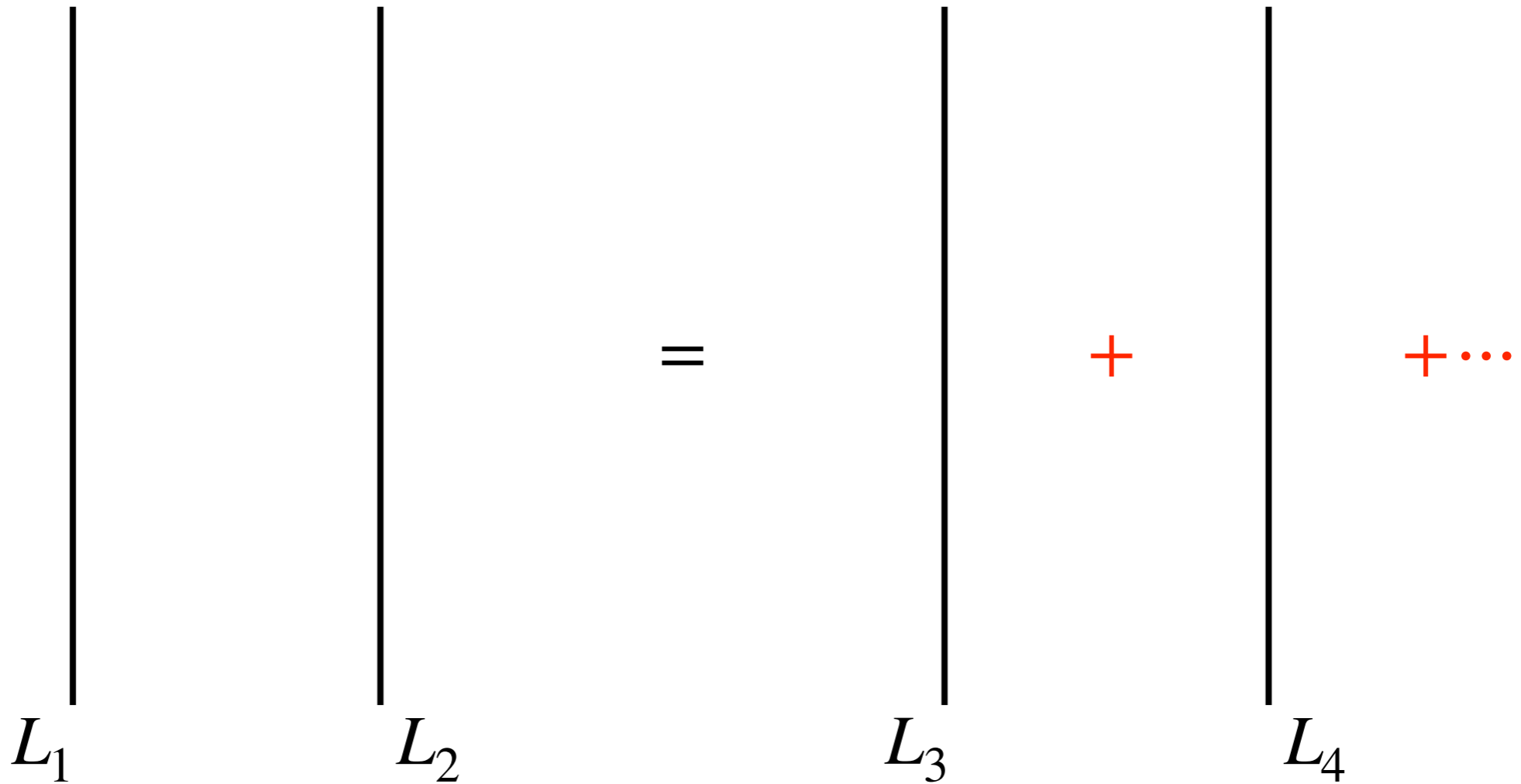
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Braided Fusion Category (BFC)

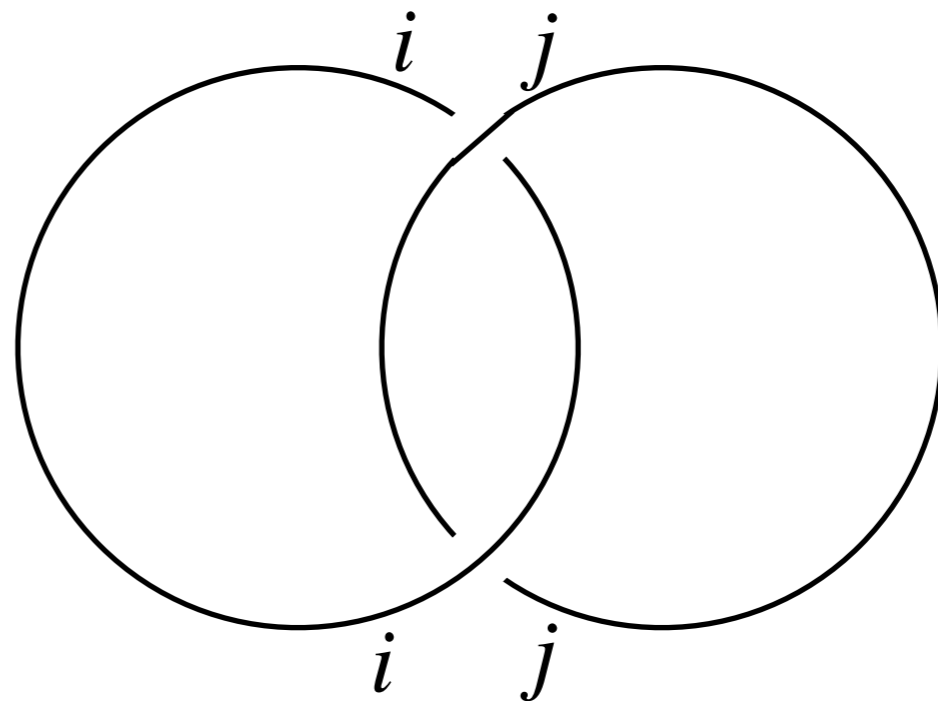
- Fusion category C = objects & **fusion** (w/ consistency)
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$$c_{i,j} = \begin{array}{c} j \quad i \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ i \quad j \end{array}$$

Modular Tensor Category (MTC)

- Fusion category C = objects & fusion (w/ consistency)
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- MTC (C, c) = BFC w/ **non-singular** S -matrix
(=**modular**)

$$\tilde{S}_{ij} := \mathbf{tr}(c_{j,i}c_{i,j}) =$$



Example of category sym.

0-form sym. in 2d)

codim.-1 = **line** L

$M(4,3)$ minimal model

3 TDLs (topological defect lines) ~ **charge**

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rank 3

$L_{id}, L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, L_N$

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TDLs act on operators:

$$L_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \left| \begin{array}{c} \sigma. \end{array} \right.$$
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3 TDLs L_{id} , $L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$, L_N have S -matrix

$$\tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\{L_{id}, L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, L_N\}$ is **modular**, while $\{L_{id}, L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}\}$ is **non-modular**.

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What (category) sym. emerges?

A: Consistent category w/
minimal F .

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Constraints on RG flow

We will present 2 types of new constraints:

- “Monotonicity”
 - Spin constraint
 - Scaling dimension
 - Global dimension
- Double braiding relation

Constraints on RG flow

A TDL L is **preserved** along RG flow triggered by an op.

O if it commutes with O .

[Gaiotto '12, Chang-Lin-Shao-Wang-Yin '18]

L | O .

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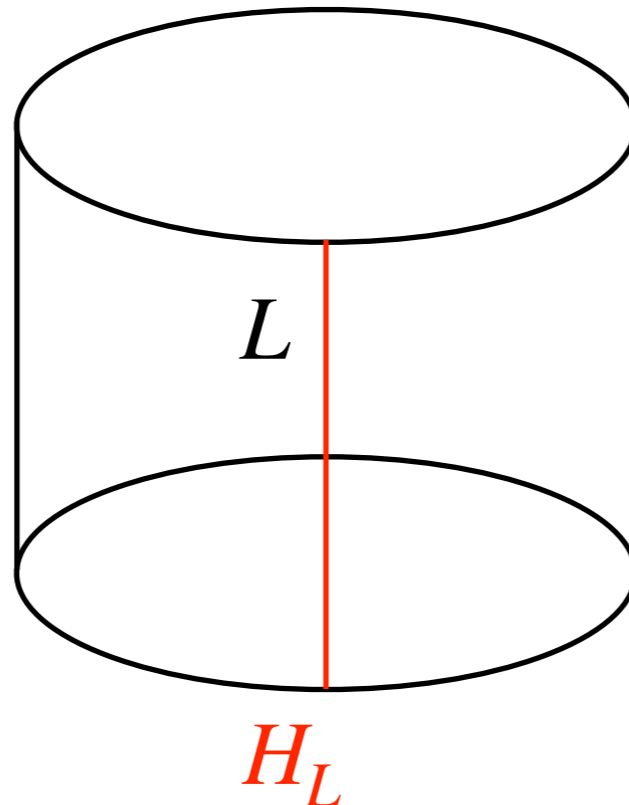
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⇒ S_L of surviving TDL L are (basically) **preserved**.

$$S_L^{IR} \subset S_L^{UV}$$

[KK-Chen-Xu-Chang '22]

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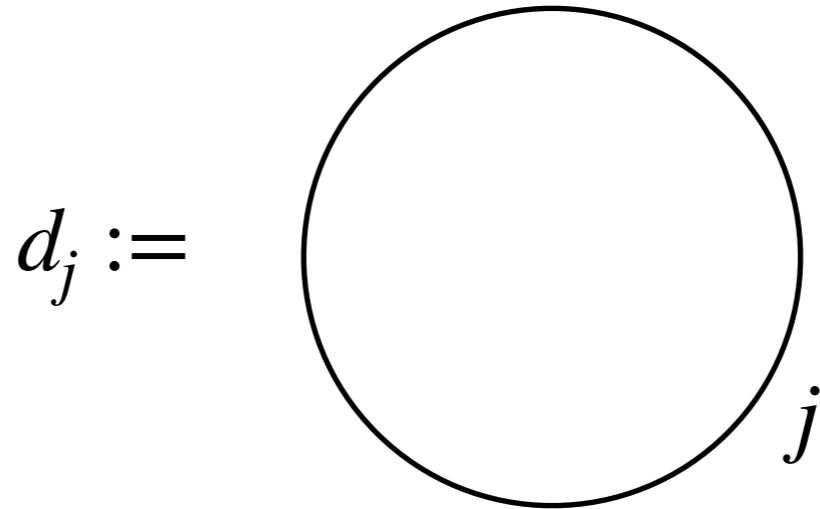
In fact, we proved the monotonic decrease

$$h_j^{IR} \leq h_j^{UV}$$

in minimal models (both unitary and non-unitary).

Monotonic decrease of global dim.

We can shrink away loops of TDLs.



Global dimension

$$D^2 := \sum_j d_j^2$$

Monotonic decrease of global dim.

A MTC w/ global dim. D gives entropy

$$S \ni -\ln D. \quad [\text{Kitaev-Preskill '05, Levin-Wen '05}]$$

The 2nd law of thermodynamics motivates

$$|D^{IR}| < |D^{UV}|.$$

In fact, we proved this in (non)unitary minimal models.

Known monotonicity

c -theorem (unitary)

[Zamolodchikov '86]

$$(0 <)c_{IR} < c_{UV}$$

Effective c -theorem (non-unitary)

[Castro-Alvaredo-Doyon-Ravanini '17]

$$(0 \leq)c_{IR}^{eff} \leq c_{UV}^{eff}$$

$$c^{eff} := c - 24h_{smallest}$$

Summary of monotonicities

- (Effective) c -theorem

$$c_{IR} < c_{UV}$$

$$c_{IR}^{eff} \leq c_{UV}^{eff}$$

- Spin constraint

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Wrong!

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Braiding is subject to consistency. (hexagon axiom)

Its solutions are **discrete**. (Ocneanu rigidity)

⇒ Braidings should **NOT** jump under RG flow, right?

Let's see a '**counterexample**.'

Double braiding relation

$M(5,4)$ minimal model (UV)



$M(4,3)$ minimal model (IR)

Double braiding relation

3 TDLs $\{L_{id}, L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, L_N\}$ of $M(5,4)$ survive the flow.

L_N line has double braiding

$$c_{L_N, L_N}^{UV} c_{L_N, L_N}^{UV} = e^{\pi i/4} id_{L_{id}} \oplus e^{5\pi i/4} id_{L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}}.$$

But $M(4,3)$ has

$$c_{L_N, L_N}^{IR} c_{L_N, L_N}^{IR} = e^{-\pi i/4} id_{L_{id}} \oplus e^{-5\pi i/4} id_{L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}}.$$

\Rightarrow Braidings **jump!**

Double braiding relation

You may realize double braidings $c_{j,i}c_{i,j}$ are the **opposite**

$$c_{j,i}^{IR}c_{i,j}^{IR} = (c_{j,i}^{UV}c_{i,j}^{UV})^* .$$

This relation holds in all examples we studied.

Why?

RG interface

[Gaiotto '12]

RG flow = maps : UV ops. \rightarrow IR ops.

UV RCFT

IR RCFT

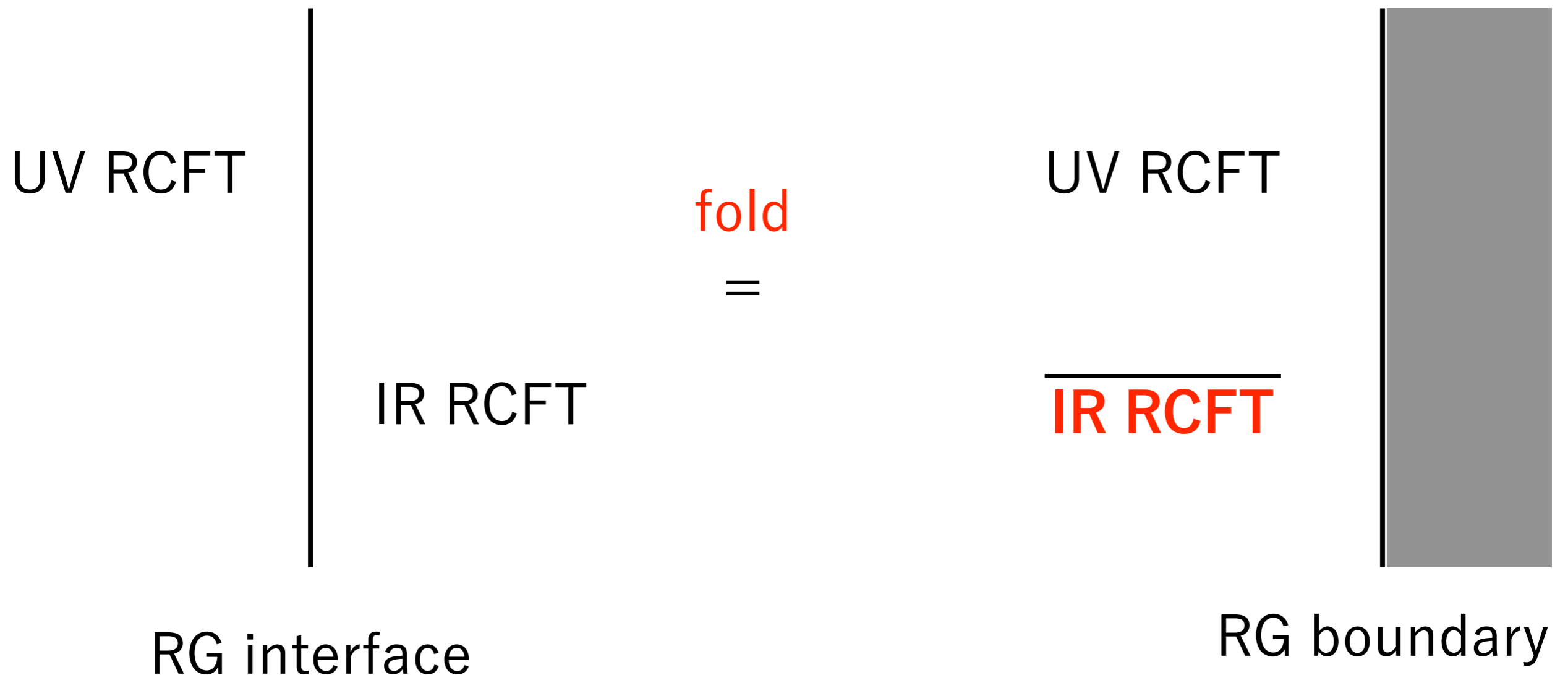
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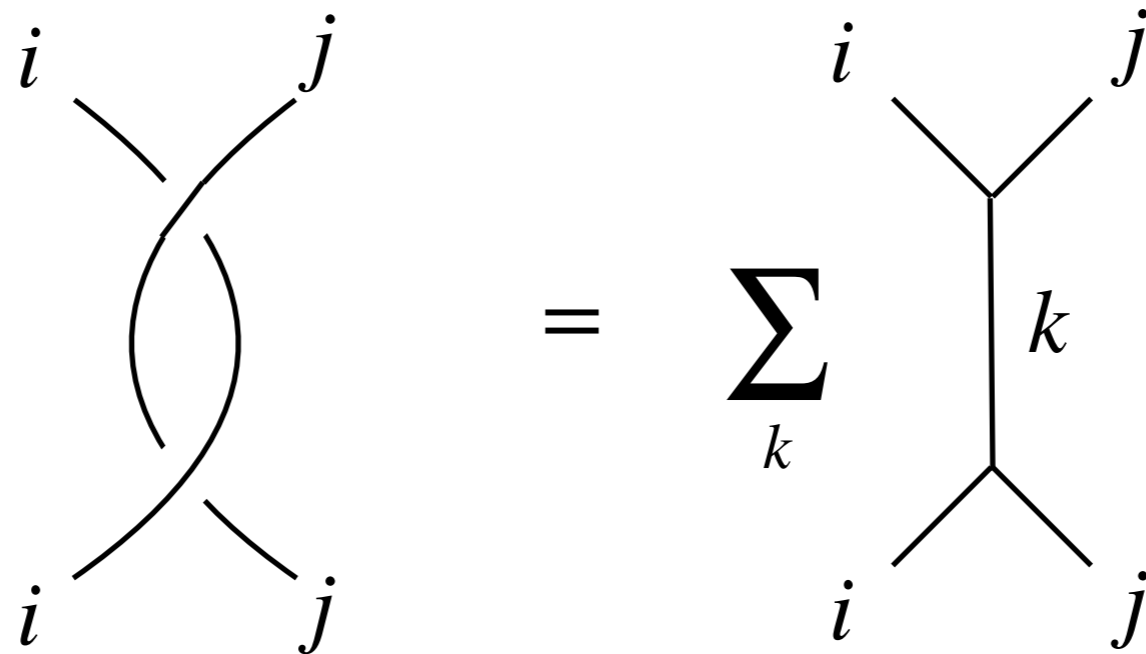
The folding trick turns

right-handed rule (UV) to **left**-handed rule (IR).

$$\Rightarrow c_{j,i}^{IR} c_{i,j}^{IR} = (c_{j,i}^{UV} c_{i,j}^{UV})^*$$

Prediction of conf. dim. h_j

Double braiding is given by



$$c_{j,i}c_{i,j} = \sum_k N_{ij}^k \frac{e^{2\pi i h_k}}{e^{2\pi i h_i} e^{2\pi i h_j}} id_k.$$

\Rightarrow Prediction on IR h_j !

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$M(5,4)$ model has

$$c_{L_N, L_N} c_{L_N, L_N} = e^{\pi i/4} id_{L_{id}} \oplus e^{5\pi i/4} id_{L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}}.$$

The L_{id} -channel predicts

$$e^{-4\pi i h_{L_N}^{IR}} = e^{-\pi i/4}$$

or

$$h_{L_N}^{IR} = \frac{1}{16} \bmod \frac{1}{2}.$$

Sample prediction of h_j

The **smallest** positive candidate $1/16$ is physically favored because h enters **energy** $\hat{L}_0 |h\rangle = h |h\rangle$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Correct prediction } h_{L_N}^{IR} = \frac{1}{16}.$$

We also get

$$e^{2\pi i h_{L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}}^{IR}} = e^{(1+3)\pi i/4}$$

or

$$h_{L_{\mathbb{Z}_2}}^{IR} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Comment on gap

The double braiding relation can rule out gapless scenario.

Pick 3 RCFTs T_1, T_2, T_3 w/ RG flow

$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_3.$$

The double braiding relation claims

$$c_{j,i}^{T_1} c_{i,j}^{T_1} = (c_{j,i}^{T_2} c_{i,j}^{T_2})^* = c_{j,i}^{T_3} c_{i,j}^{T_3} = (c_{j,i}^{T_3} c_{i,j}^{T_3})^*.$$

\Rightarrow Such pairs i, j should have **real** double braiding.

Comment on gap

The reality condition $c_{j,i}c_{i,j} = (c_{j,i}c_{i,j})^*$ explains why

- $M(5,4)$ minimal model + σ'
- $M(6,5)$ minimal model + ϵ'

are **gapped**.

It also explains some structures of theory space.

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⇒ If IR theory is RCFT,
its sym. category should be **MTC** w/ $c < c_{UV}$.

Our example

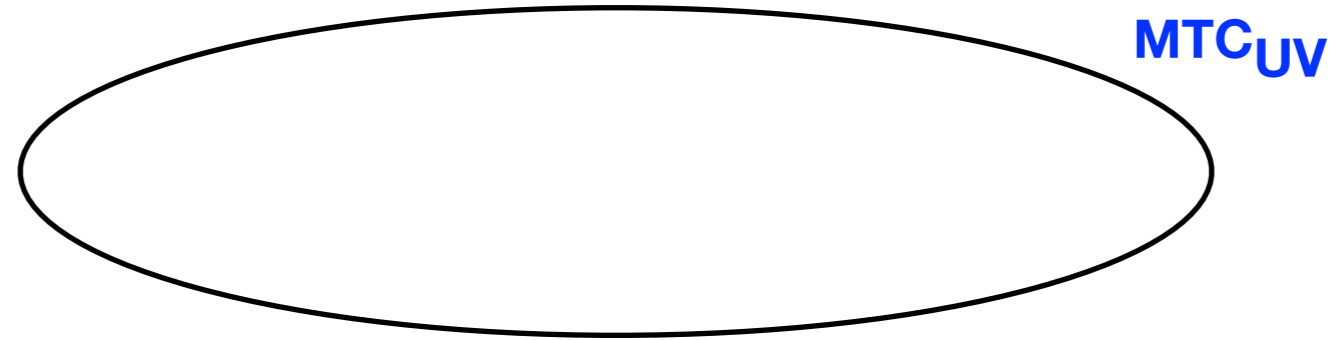
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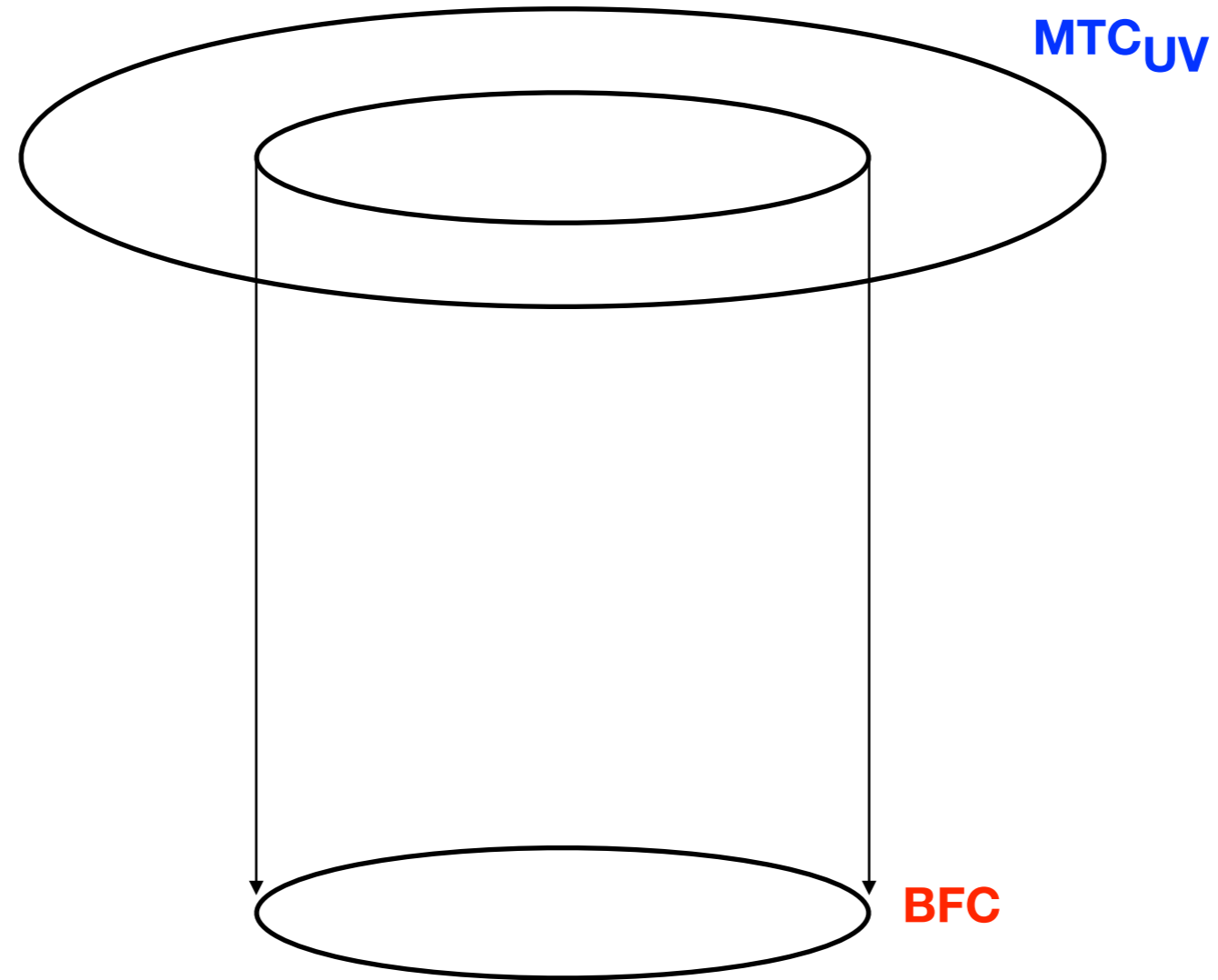
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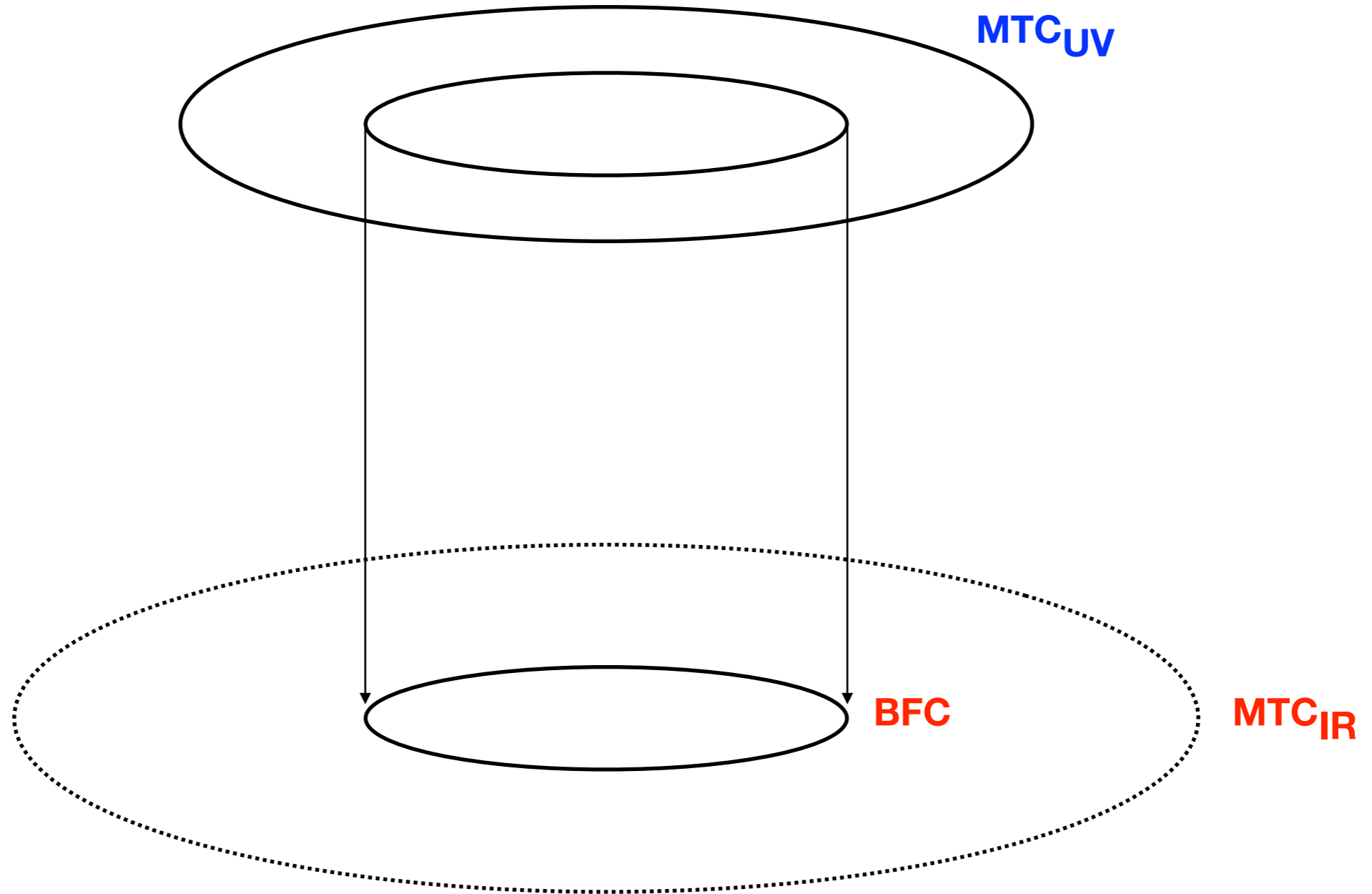
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- The theory has 6 TDLs.
- 1. Only 3 of them $\{L_{id}, L_{2,1}, L_{3,1}\}$ survive $\phi_{1,3}$ -deform.

2. They **can** form rank 3 MTC w/ $c < c_{UV} = \frac{7}{10}$.

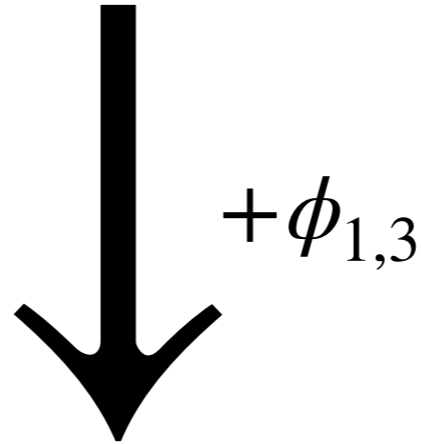
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Absence of emergent sym. is **consistent** with known RG flow

$M(5,4)$ minimal model (**UV**)



$M(4,3)$ minimal model (**IR**)

Test2) $M(6,5)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,3}$

- The theory has 10 TDLs.
 1. Only 4 $\{L_{id}, L_{2,1}, L_{3,1}, L_{4,1}\}$ survive $\phi_{1,3}$ -deform.
 2. The rank 4 sym. category C is not an MTC.
 3. Emergent sym. is **needed!**

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[Bruillard-Ng-Rowell-Wang '15]

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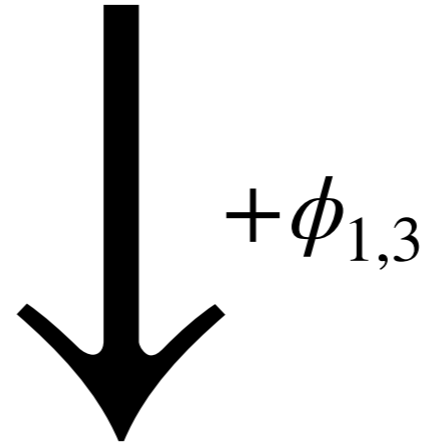
It **works**.

There is one rank 6 MTC w/ $c < c_{UV} = \frac{4}{5}$.

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$M(6,5)$ minimal model (UV)



$M(5,4)$ minimal model (IR)

Remark on free energy

Consistent MTC w/ **minimal rank** is realized.

In unitary theory, $d_j \geq 1$, and larger rank has larger D .

⇒ **Minimal free energy \approx Minimal rank**

Test3) $M(7,6)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,3}$

- The theory has 15 TDLs.
- 1. Only 5 $\{L_{id}, L_{2,1}, L_{3,1}, L_{4,1}, L_{5,1}\}$ survive.
- 2. The rank 5 sym. category C is an MTC. [Gepner-Kapustin '94]

But how about c ?

Test3) $M(7,6)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,3}$

- According to [Gepner-Kapustin '94], the rank 5 MTC has

$$c = 2 \pmod{4}.$$

- Assuming unitarity, this means

$$c = 2, 6, 10, \dots$$

- This **cannot** be smaller than $c_{UV} = \frac{6}{7}!$
- Symmetry **should emerge**.

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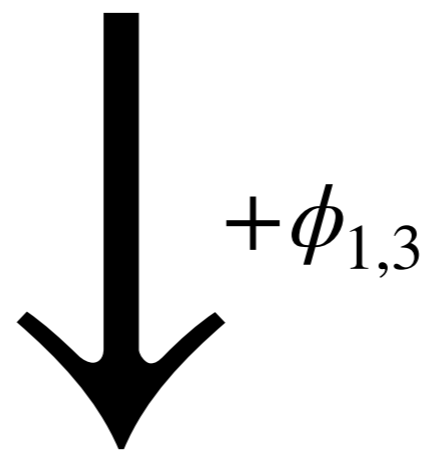
At least, no candidate up to $r = 9$ in the partial classification [Wen '15], suggesting $r \geq 10$.

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However, \exists emergent sym. itself is

consistent with known RG flow

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How about **non-unitary** cases?

⇒ Use c^{eff} -theorem.

Non-unitary example

$M(p, 2p + 1)$ minimal model



$+\phi_{5,1}$

$M(p, 2p - 1)$ minimal model



$+\phi_{1,2}$

$M(p - 1, 2p - 1)$ minimal model

Test4) $M(3,5)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,2}$

- The theory has 4 TDLs.
 1. Only 2 $\{L_{id}, L_{3,1}\}$ survive.
 2. They can form rank 2 **MTC**.

[Gepner-Kapustin '94]

Consistent w/ c^{eff} -theorem?

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$L_{3,1}$ has

$$c_{L_{3,1},L_{3,1}}c_{L_{3,1},L_{3,1}} = e^{-4\pi i/5}id_1 \oplus e^{-2\pi i/5}id_{3,1}.$$

Thus, $L_{3,1} \rightarrow j$ should have

$$c_{j,j}c_{j,j} = e^{+4\pi i/5}id_1 \oplus e^{+2\pi i/5}id_j.$$

The j -channel predicts

$$e^{-2\pi i h_j^{IR}} = e^{2\pi i/5},$$

or

$$h_j^{IR} = \frac{4}{5} \pmod{1}.$$

Test4) $M(3,5)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,2}$

With “monotonicity” $h_j^{IR} \leq \frac{1}{5}$, we get

$$h_j^{IR} \leq -\frac{1}{5}.$$

c^{eff} -theorem $c_{IR} - 24h_j^{IR} \leq c_{UV}^{eff} = \frac{3}{5}$ gives

$$c_{IR} \leq -\frac{21}{5}.$$

The rank 2 MTC **can** have such c_{IR} .

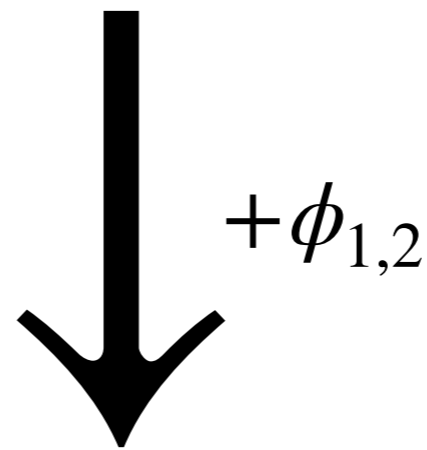
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Double braiding relation predicts

$$h_j^{IR} = \frac{1}{4} \pmod{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Small computation shows $c^{eff} \not\equiv c_{UV}^{eff}$.

⇒ Symmetry **should emerge**.

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Can 1 emergent TDL make C consistent?

There is 1 rank 3 MTC enlarging C , but ... [Gepner-Kapustin '94]

The scenario requires $d_L = 0$, contradiction.

(invertibility of F -symbols)

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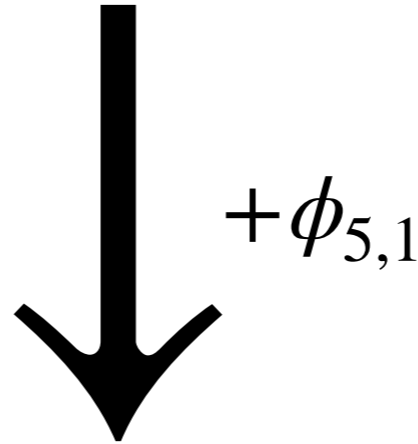
$SU(2)_3$ scenario w/ $D^2 = 5 - \sqrt{5}$ is preferred

because it has **minimal free energy** $F \ni T \ln D$.

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$SU(2)_3$ can have $c^{eff} \leq c_{UV}^{eff} = \frac{5}{7}$, and indeed it is correct:

$M(3,7)$ minimal model (UV)



$M(3,5)$ minimal model (IR)

General remark

- Consistency explained **when** symmetry emerges.
- Minimization of F further fixed **what** sym. is realized.

Test6) $M(4,7)$ minimal model + $\phi_{1,2}$

- The theory has 9 TDLs.
 1. Only 3 $\{L_{id}, L_{3,1}, L_{5,1}\}$ survive.
 2. They can form rank 3 **MTC** C .

[Gepner-Kapustin '94]

Consistent w/ c^{eff} -theorem?

\Rightarrow Compute c^{eff} by predicting h^{IR}

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The rank 3 MTC C has $c = \frac{24}{7} - 4n$ w/ $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Double braiding relation predicts $L_{3,1} \rightarrow k, L_{5,1} \rightarrow j$ have

$$h_j = \frac{4}{7} - l, h_k = -\frac{1}{7} - m \quad (l, m \in \mathbb{N}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore c^{eff} &= \left(\frac{24}{7} - 4n \right) - 24 \min \left(\frac{4}{7} - l, -\frac{1}{7} - m \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{7} \left\{ (6 - 7n) - \min(24 - 42l, -6 - 42m) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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c^{eff} -theorem $0 \leq c^{eff} \leq c_{UV}^{eff} = \frac{11}{14}$ only allows

$$c^{eff} = \frac{4}{7} \left\{ (6 - 7n) - \min(24 - 42l, -6 - 42m) \right\} = 0, \frac{4}{7},$$

or $b := \{ \} = 0, 1$. They have **no solution**:

$$\begin{aligned} 18 + b &= 7(-n + 6l), \\ -12 + b &= 7(-n + 6m). \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Symmetry **should emerge** (violate c^{eff} -theorem).

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There is no rank 4,5 MTCs enlarging C .

[Gepner-Kapustin '94]

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The 2nd $w/D^2 = \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \times \frac{7}{4 \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{14}}$ has minimal F .

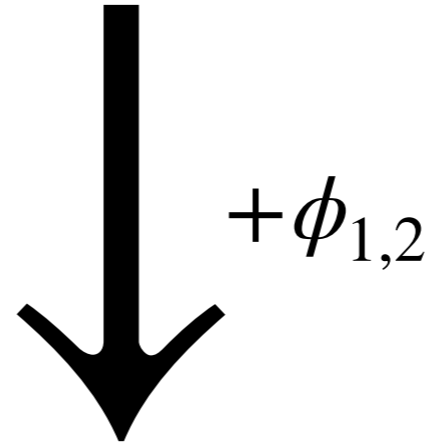
But its c^{eff} is inconsistent w/ c^{eff} -theorem $\Rightarrow SU(2)_5$.

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Consistent $SU(2)_5$ w/ minimal F is indeed **correct**:

$M(4,7)$ minimal model (**UV**)



$M(3,7)$ minimal model (**IR**)

Emergent symmetry

- Consistency explains **when** symmetries emerge.
- Min. free energy also explains **what** sym. is realized.
 - Rank,
 - Multiplication rule,
 - Anomaly, etc
- Agree with known RG flows in all examples.

Summary

Qualitative

- IR symmetry is realized by **consistent** symmetry category with **minimal free energy**.
- Discrete quantity can **jump** at conformal fixed point.

Summary

Quantitative

- We proposed **mechanism** behind **emergent symmetry**:

when surviving sym. category C is inconsistent

- **non-modularity**, or
- “**non-monotonic**,”

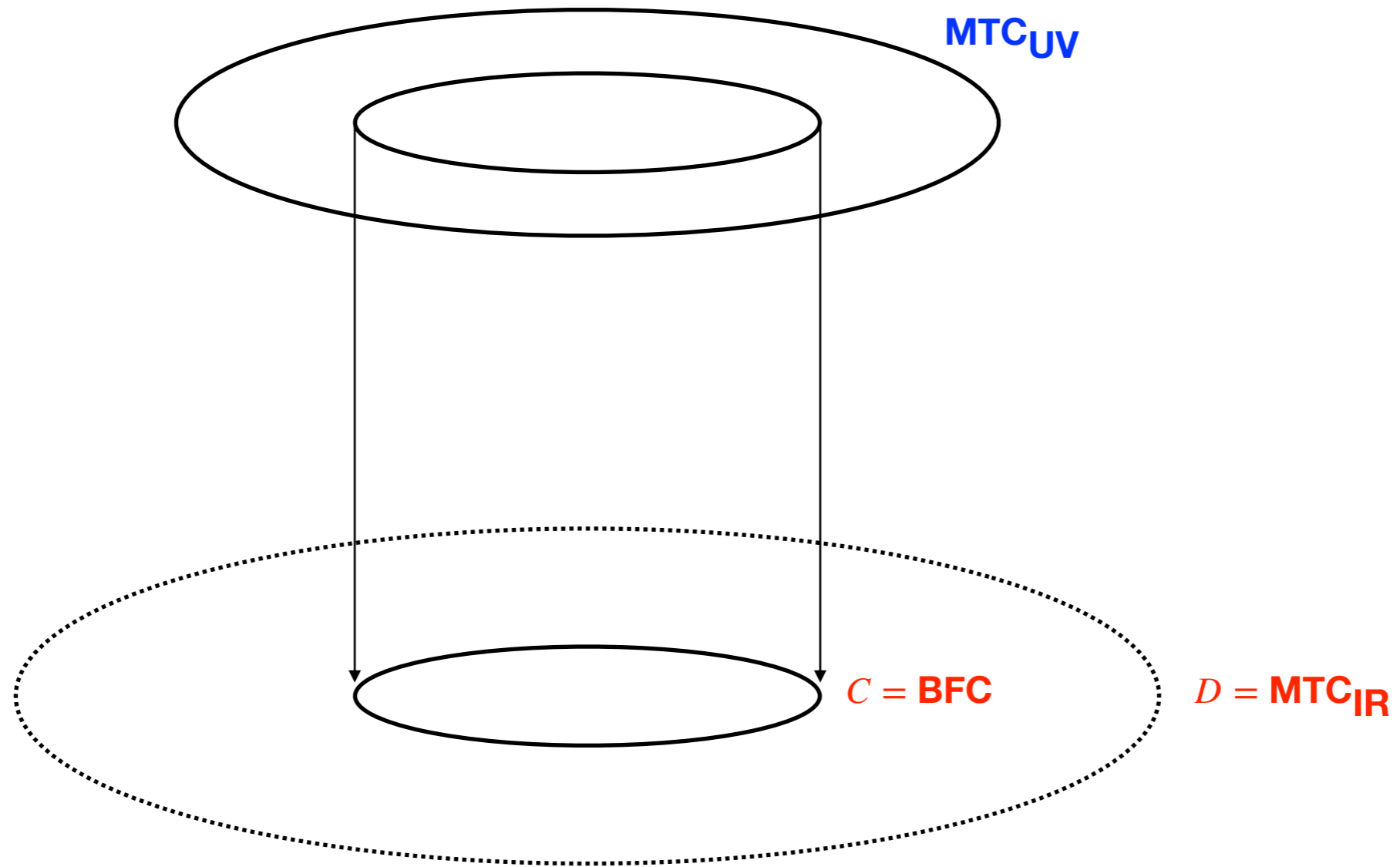
sym. should enhance to **consistent** $D \supset C(=\underline{\text{why}})$

[KK '21]

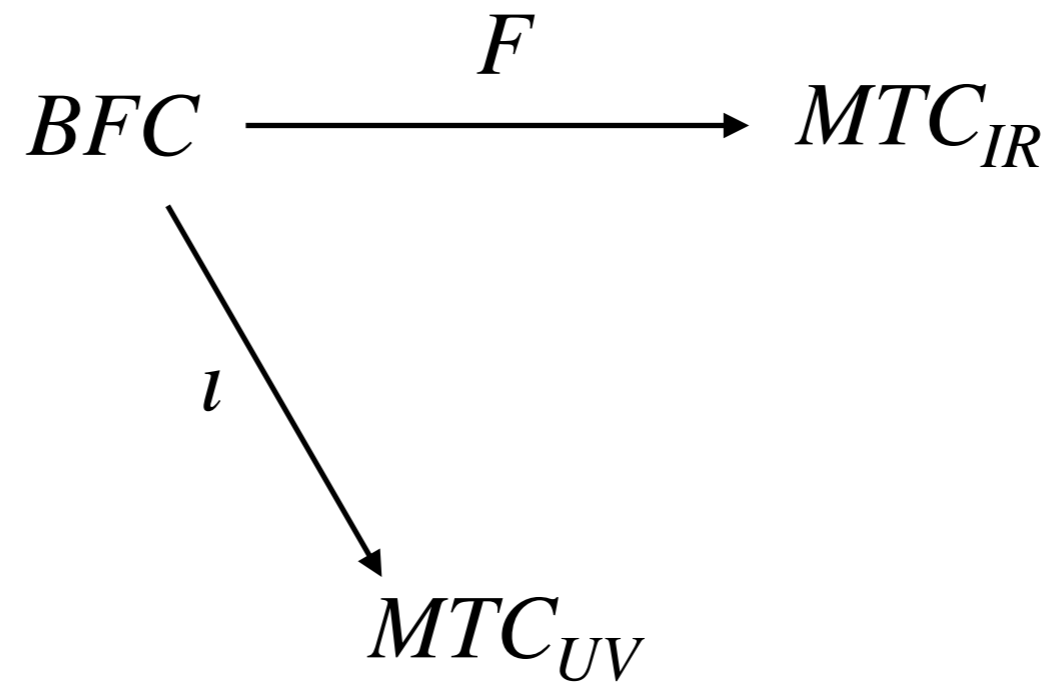
w/ **minimal free energy**.

[KK '22]

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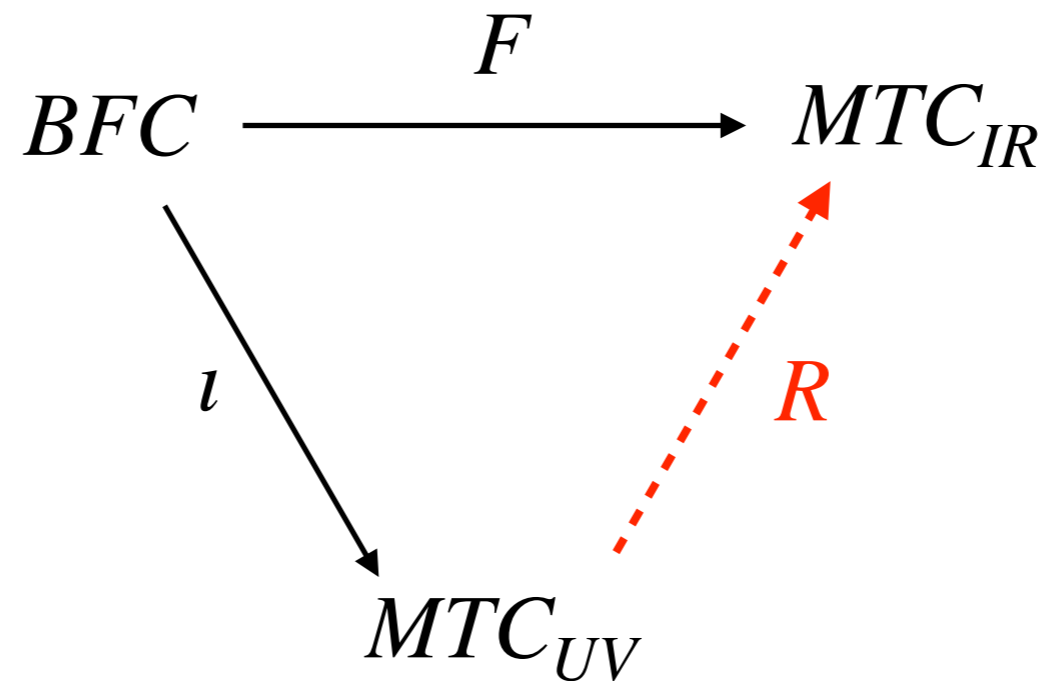
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- RG flows among RCFTs = **Kan extension**



Many future directions

- More **general RCFTs**
 - Non-diagonal RCFT
 - Fermionic RCFT [KK-Chen-Xu-Chang '22] [2207.06433 (KK)]
 - Irrational CFT \rightarrow RCFT (commutativity)
- RG flow to **irrational CFT**
- Generalization to **other dimensions**

Appendix

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(Z_{T/\mathbb{Z}_2} \right)' &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(Z_T[0,0] + Z_T[0,1] + Z_T[1,0] + Z_T[1,1] \right)' \\ &\quad \begin{array}{cccc} \square & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \end{array} \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (Z_T)'[0,0] + (Z_T)'[0,1] + (Z_T)'[1,0] + (Z_T)'[1,1] \right\} \equiv (Z_T)'_{/\mathbb{Z}_2} \end{aligned}$$

Another side of our proposal

Conjecture: for $m = 2M + 1$ ($M = 2, 3, \dots$),

there is **no MTC** satisfying **3 conditions** simultaneously:

1) which has rank $2M < r < M(2M - 1)$;

2) which has central charge $c < 1 - \frac{3}{(2M + 1)(M + 1)}$;

3) which contains surviving sym. category.