Non-Abelian two dimensional topological phases constructed from coupled wires and connections to exceptional lie algebras

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