

# Embedding computations in tilings (Part 2)

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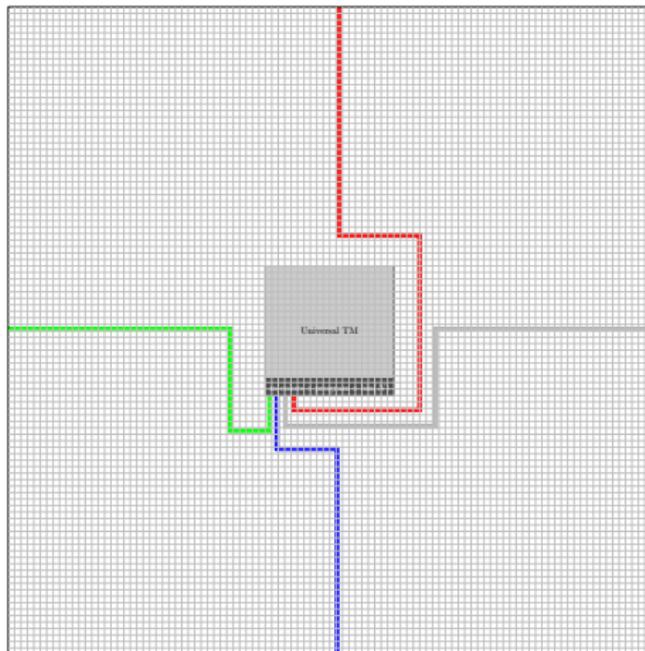
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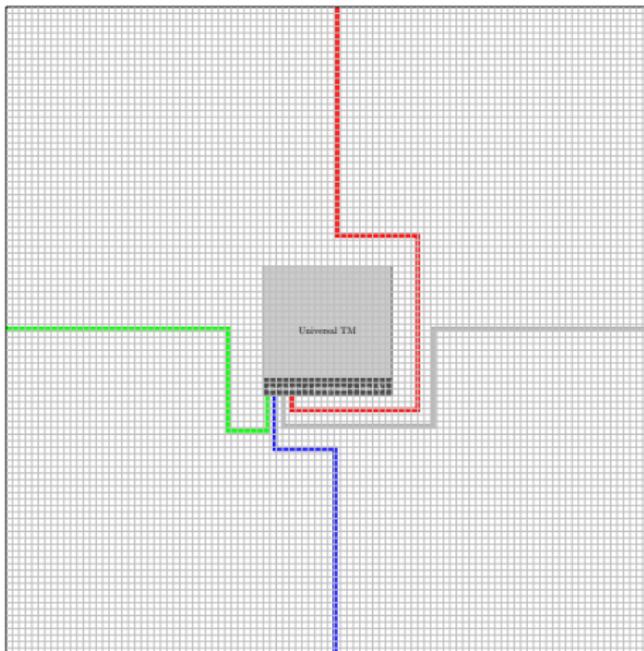
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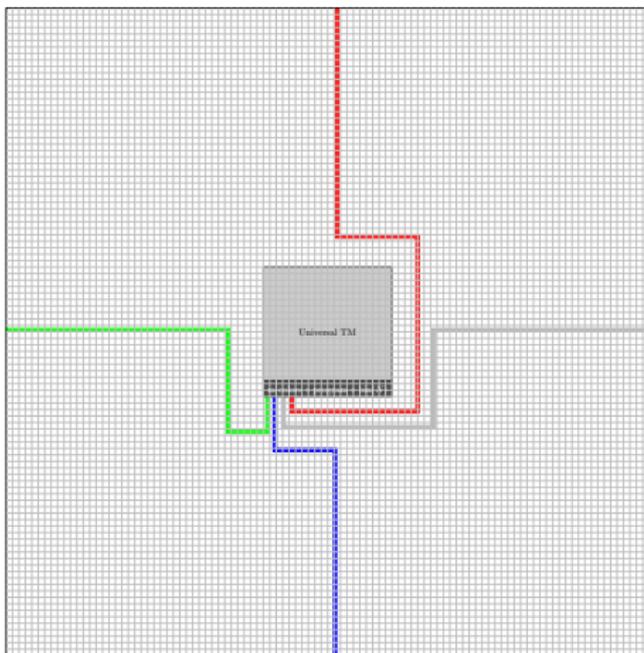


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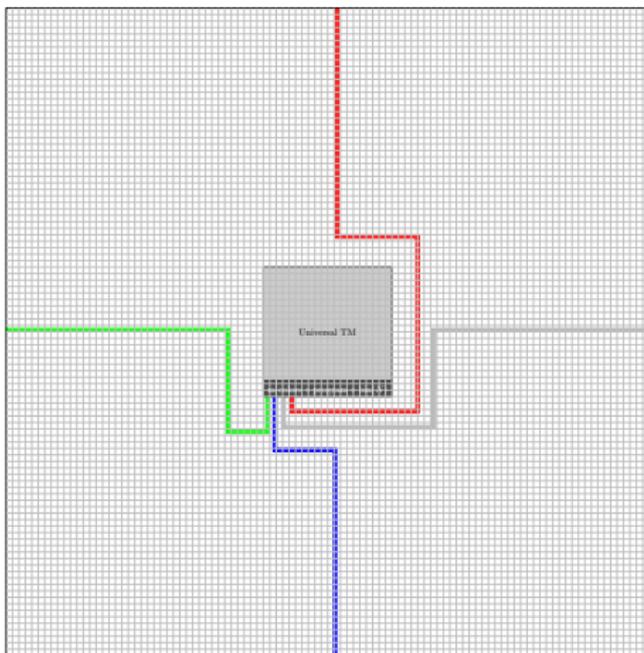
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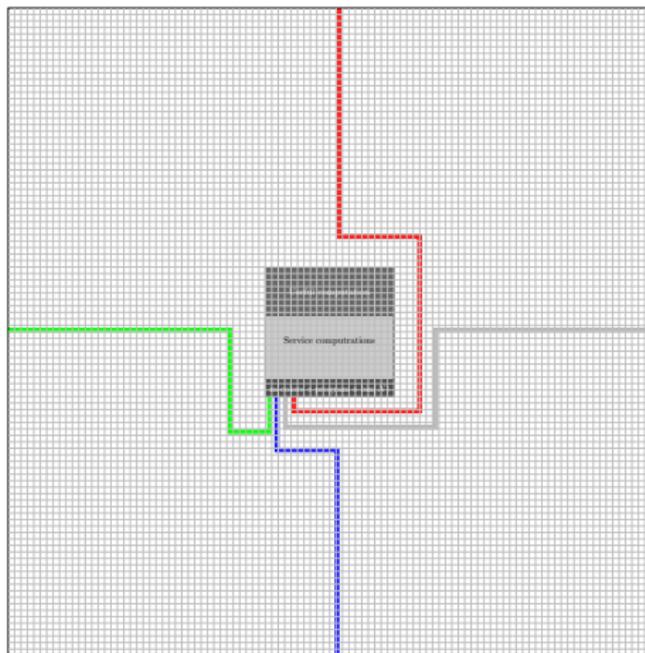
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- ▶ level 1 (macro-tiles): zoom= $N$ ,
- ▶ level 2 (macro-macro-tiles): zoom= $N + 1$ ,
- ▶ level 3 (macro-macro-macro-tiles): zoom= $N + 2$ ,
- ▶ ...



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Useful computation = simulating machine  $\pi$  on available space and time

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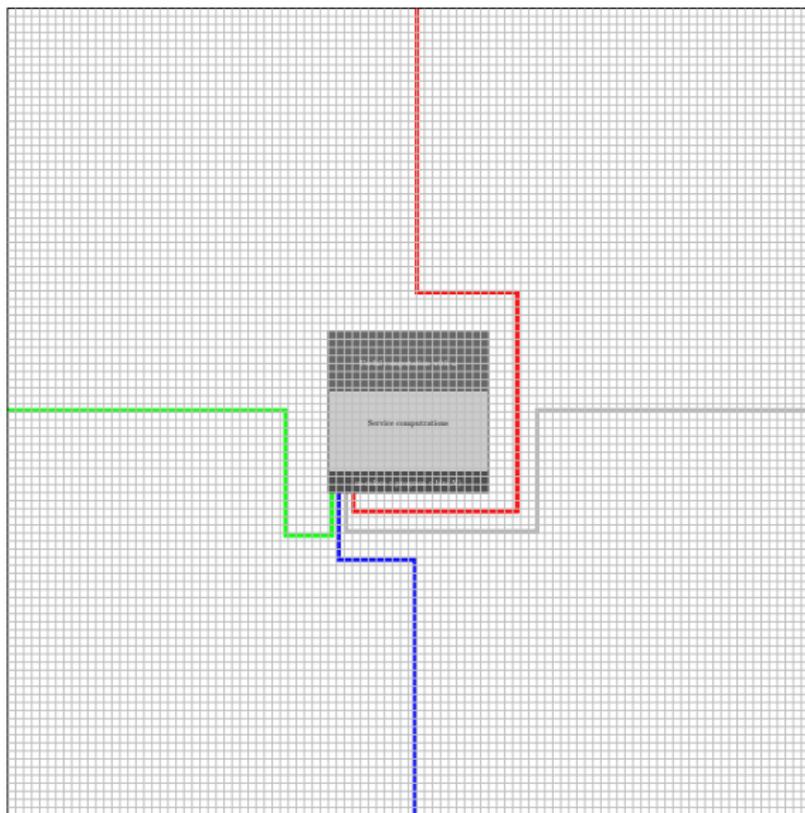
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a sequence embedded in a tiling:



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$N$ -macro-colors include the prefix  $\omega_{[0:\log N]}$

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**Proof:**

- ▶ embed an  $\omega$  in our tiling
- ▶ **useful computation:** simulate in parallel  $n$ -th TM  $(n)$  and check that the embedded  $\omega$  is a **separator**
- ▶ every (infinite) tiling must include an **incomputable**  $\omega$