

Designing Topological Quantum Matter

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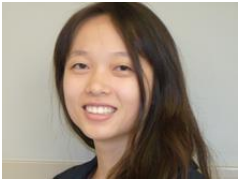
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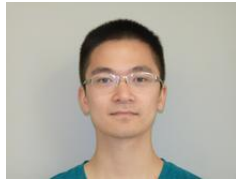
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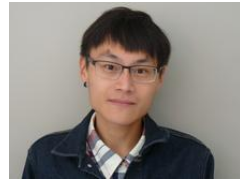
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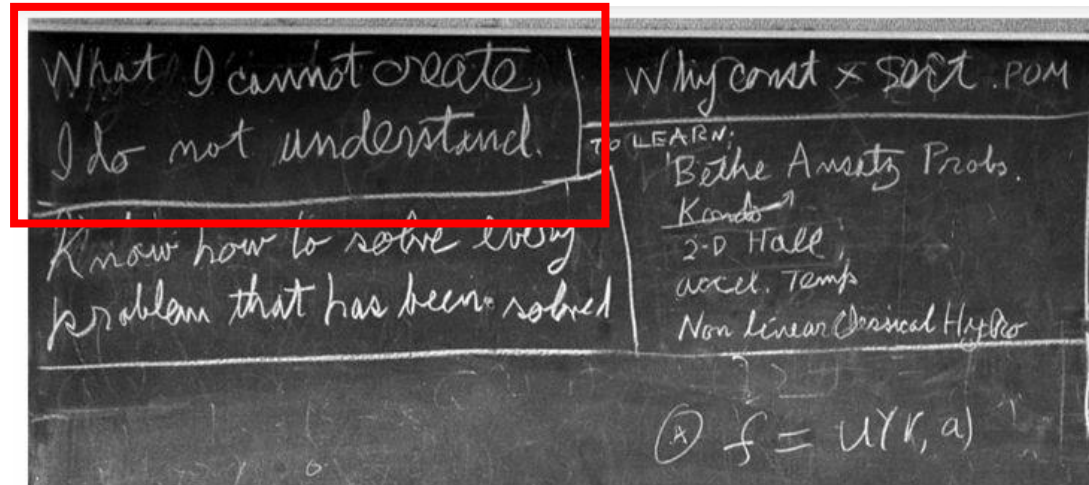
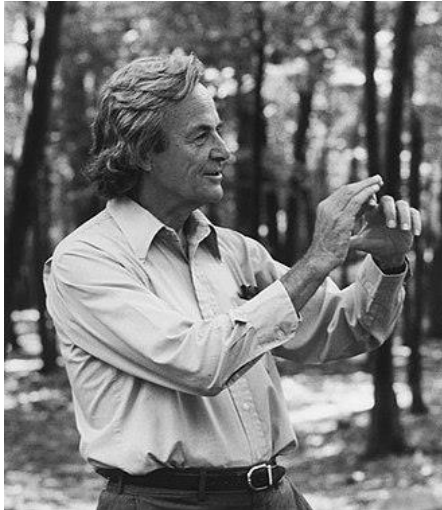
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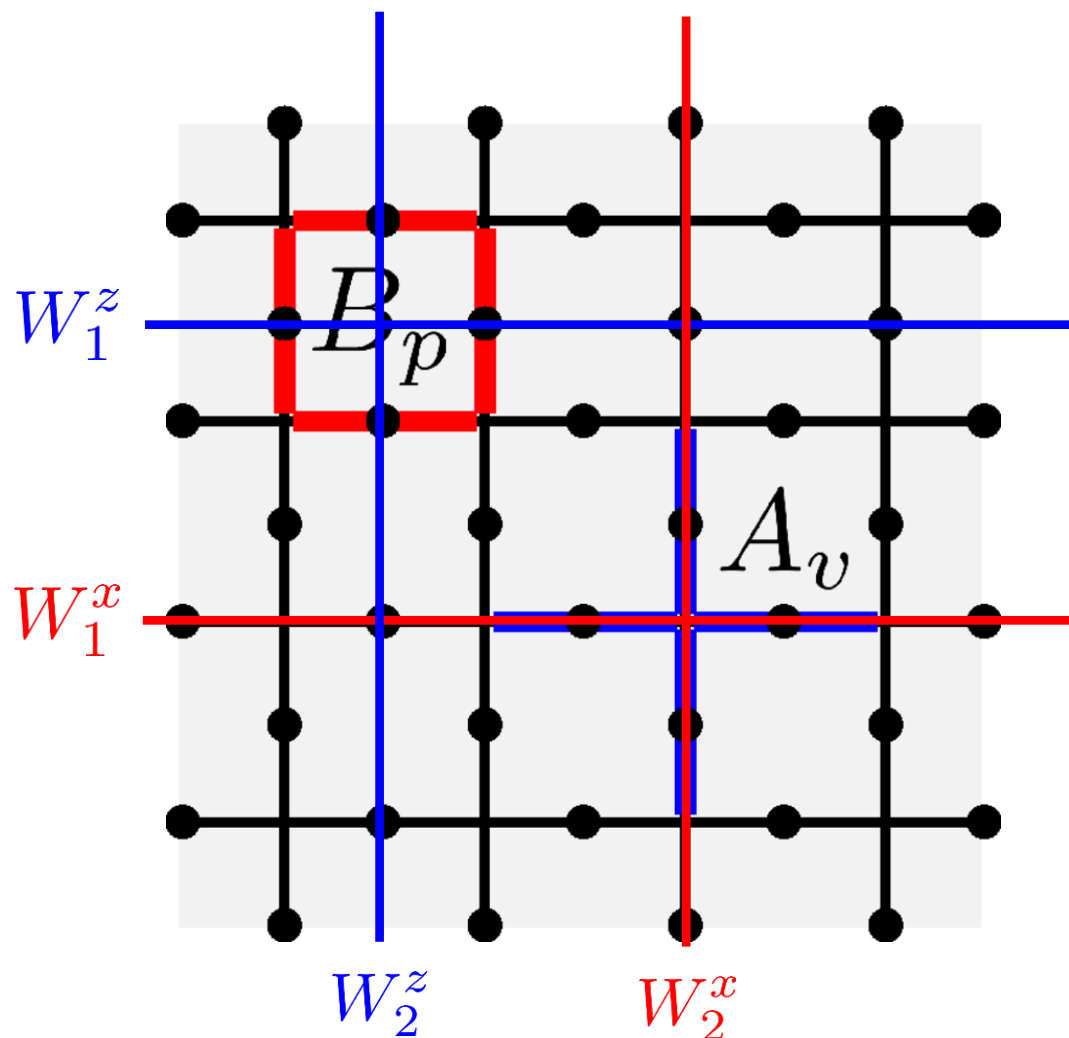
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Build topological phases (e.g., toric code or gauge models) with *physical* interactions (2-spin interactions or Josephson couplings)



Example: \mathbb{Z}_2 Toric Code

A. Kitaev (1997)



$$A_v = \prod_{i \in v} \sigma_i^z \quad B_p = \prod_{i \in p} \sigma_i^x$$

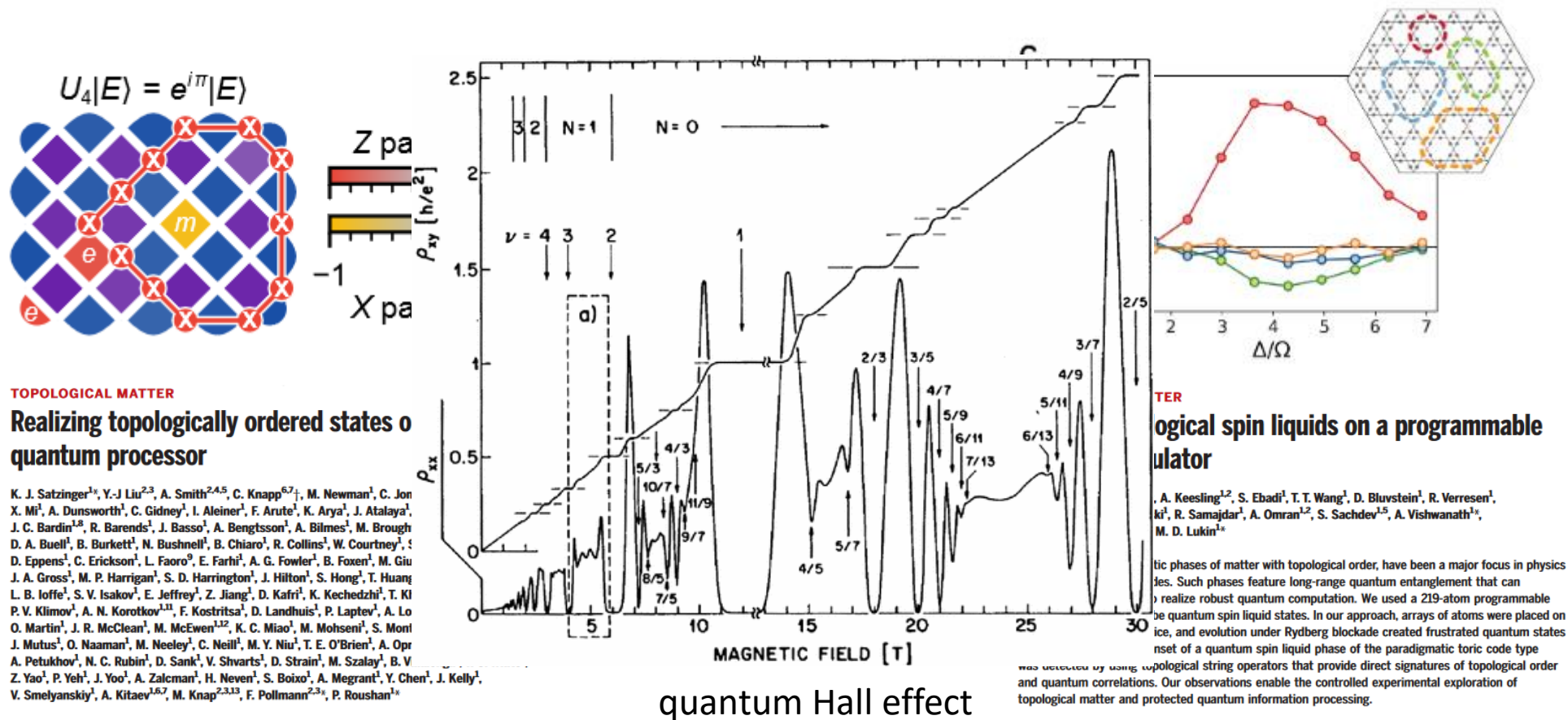
$$H = -\lambda_A \sum_s A_s - \lambda_B \sum_p B_p$$

constraints on the torus: $\prod_v A_v = \prod_p B_p = \mathbb{1}$

ground state degeneracy: 2^2

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Our goal is to build static Hamiltonians
hosting topological ground states!!!

Ground state is a quiet place

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Gaps are perturbative: how can we try to increase these gaps?

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“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein often gets the credit for this saying, but you probably won't be surprised to learn that he never actually said it. This misattributed quotation has been well documented: it appears to have originated around 1980 in literature published by Narcotics Anonymous (Becker; “Insanity”).

Becker, Michael. “Einstein Probably Didn't Say That Famous Quote about Insanity.” *Becker's Online Journal*, 13 Nov. 2012, www.news.hypercrit.net/2012/11/13/einstein-on-insanity.

<https://style.mla.org/five-commonly-misattributed-quotations/>

Design **exact** gauge symmetries

Combinatorial gauge symmetry

EXACT

NOT emergent

Combinatorial gauge symmetry

What is it?

What symmetries preserve commutation relations for n spins?

Compare with the case of n fermions or bosons

$$\psi_i \rightarrow \tilde{\psi}_i = \sum_j U_{ij} \psi_j$$

$$\{\psi_i, \psi_j^\dagger\} = \{\tilde{\psi}_i, \tilde{\psi}_j^\dagger\}$$

$$\phi_i \rightarrow \tilde{\phi}_i = \sum_j U_{ij} \phi_j$$

$$[\phi_i, \phi_j^\dagger] = [\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}_j^\dagger]$$

What symmetries preserve commutation relations for n spins?

Eg.: 2 fermions

$$\tilde{\psi}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_1 + \psi_2)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_1 - \psi_2)$$

All anti-commutation relations are preserved

What symmetries preserve commutation relations for n spins?

Now say we try this (please don't) for spins

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma_1^a + \sigma_2^a)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_2^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma_1^a - \sigma_2^a)$$

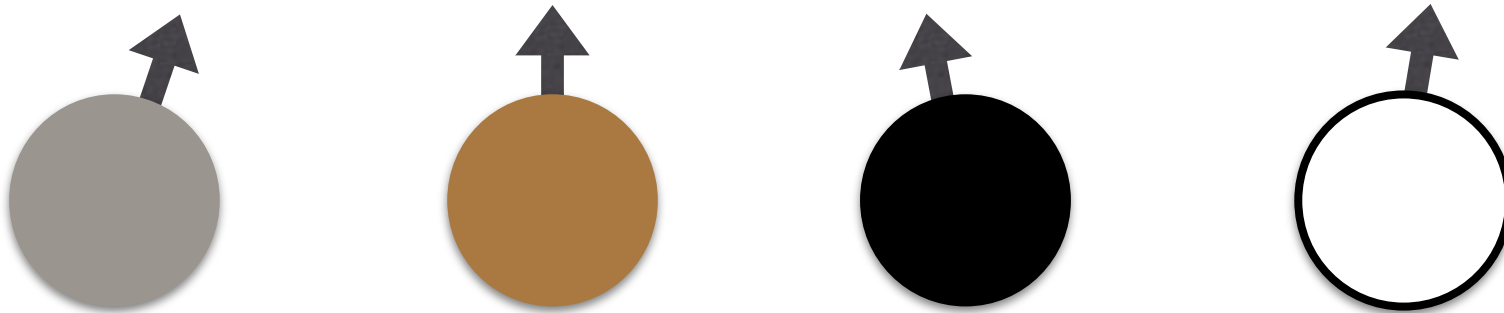
commutation and
anti-commutation
relations are messed up

Which transformations are allowed?

$$\sigma_i^a \rightarrow U \sigma_i^a U^\dagger \quad U \in \text{SU}(2^n)$$

~~$$\sigma_i^a \rightarrow \sum_j \sum_b R_{ij}^{ab} \sigma_j^b + \sum_{jk} \sum_{bc} \Lambda_{i,j \neq k}^{abc} \sigma_j^b \sigma_k^c + \dots$$~~

$$U \in \text{SU}(2) \otimes \text{SU}(2) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{SU}(2)$$

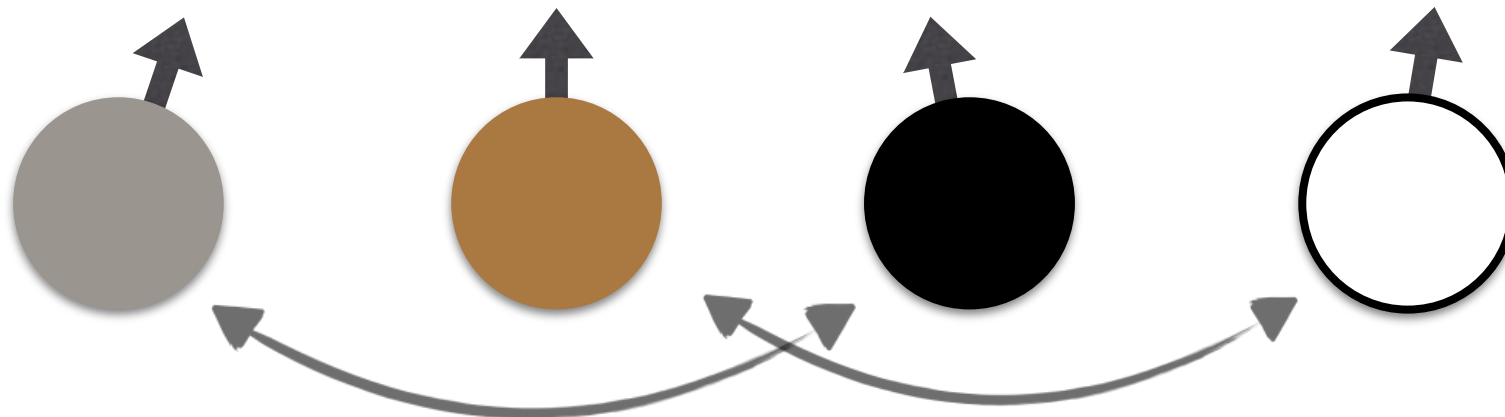


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Single-spin rotations
+ permutations

Monomial transformations

Eg.: 4 spins

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma}_1 \\ \vec{\sigma}_2 \\ \vec{\sigma}_3 \\ \vec{\sigma}_4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & g_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & g_2 \\ g_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma}_1 \\ \vec{\sigma}_2 \\ \vec{\sigma}_3 \\ \vec{\sigma}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_i \in SO(3)$$

Spin commutation relations are all preserved

Monomial transformations

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\bowtie semi-direct or product of two groups

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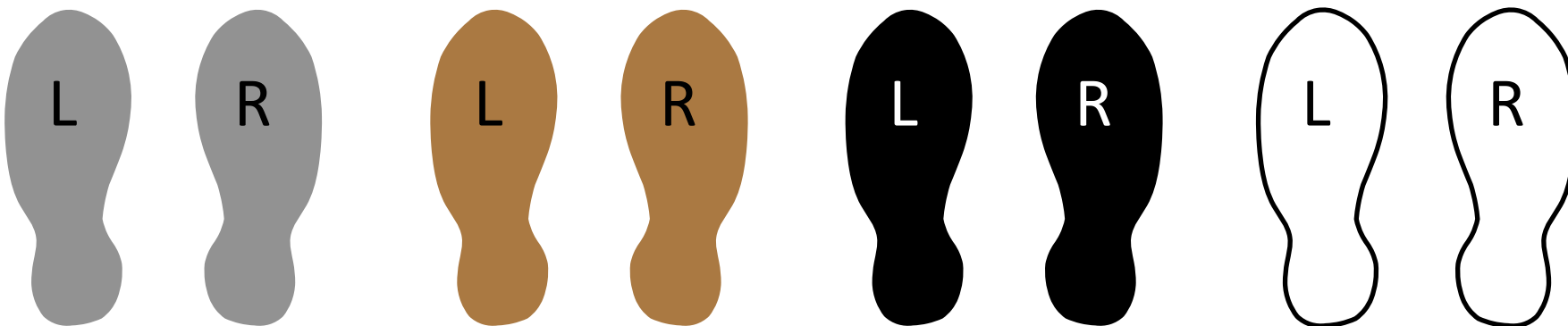
rotations
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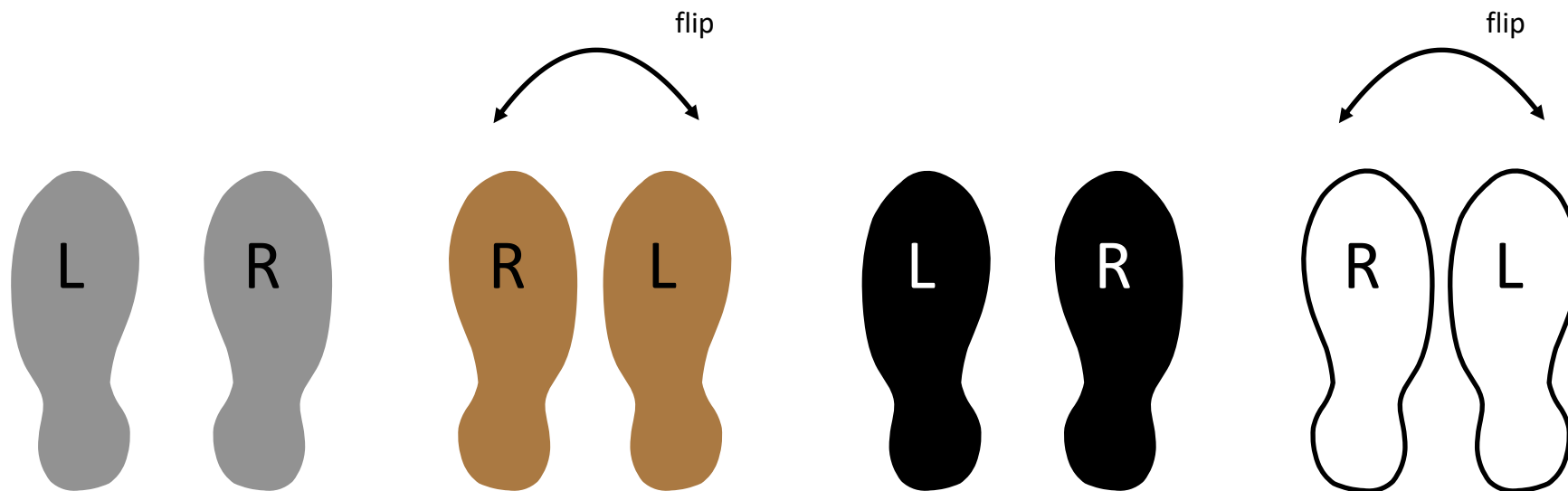


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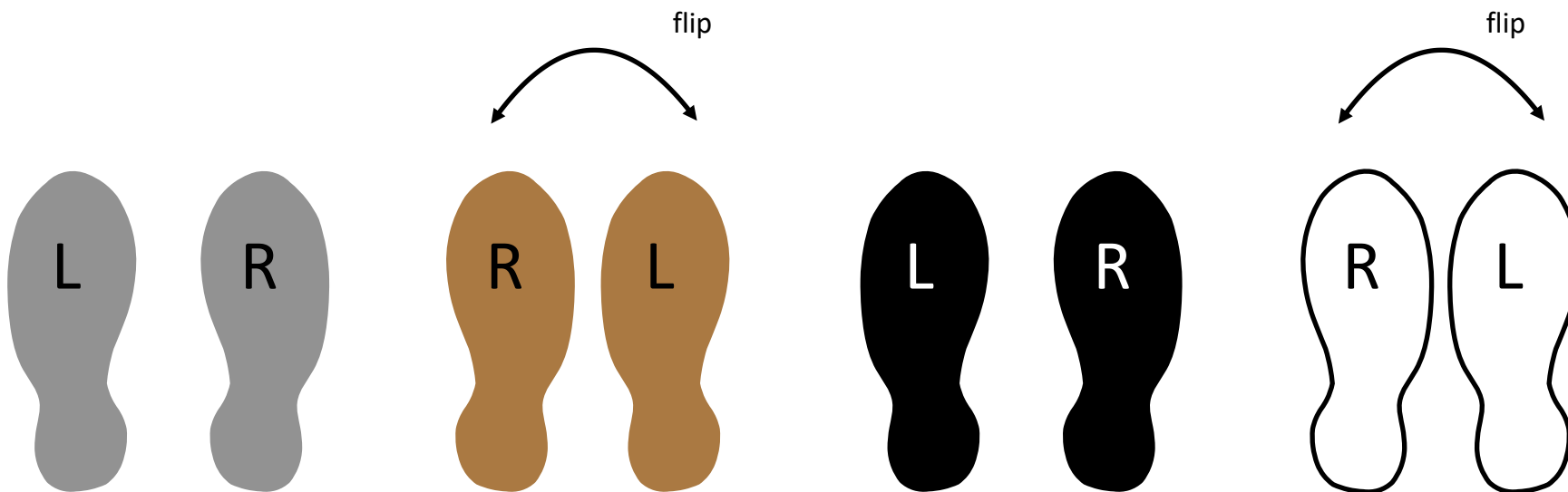


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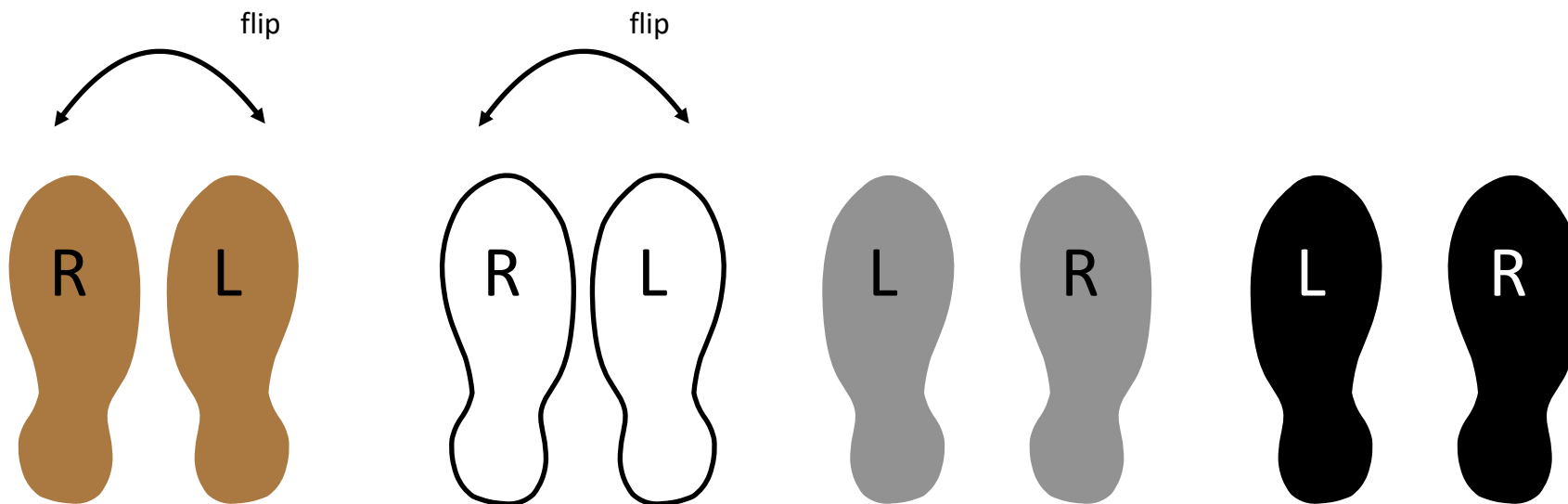
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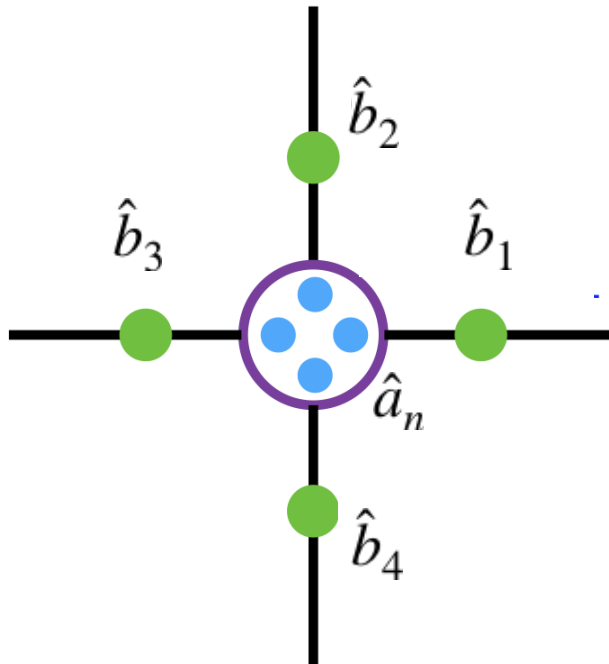
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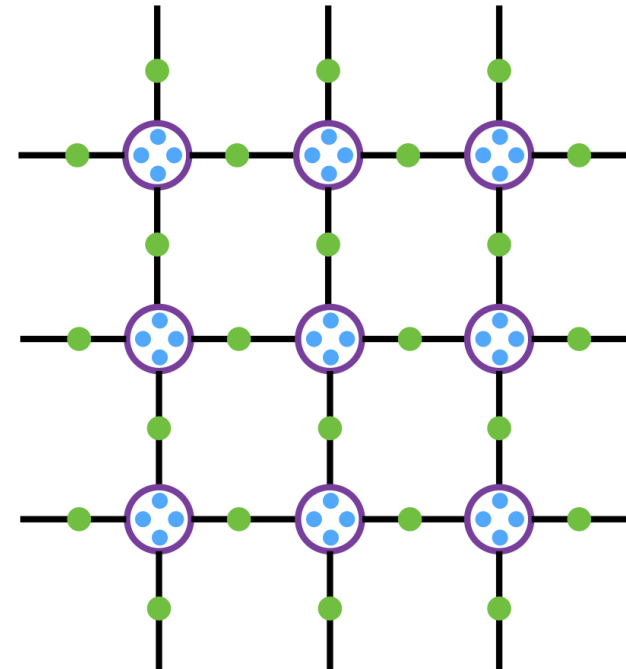


Combinatorial gauge symmetry on lattice

- “Matter” fields \hat{a}_n at each vertex ($i = 1 \dots 4$)
- “Gauge” fields \hat{b}_i shared by vertices ($n = 1 \dots 4$)



star s



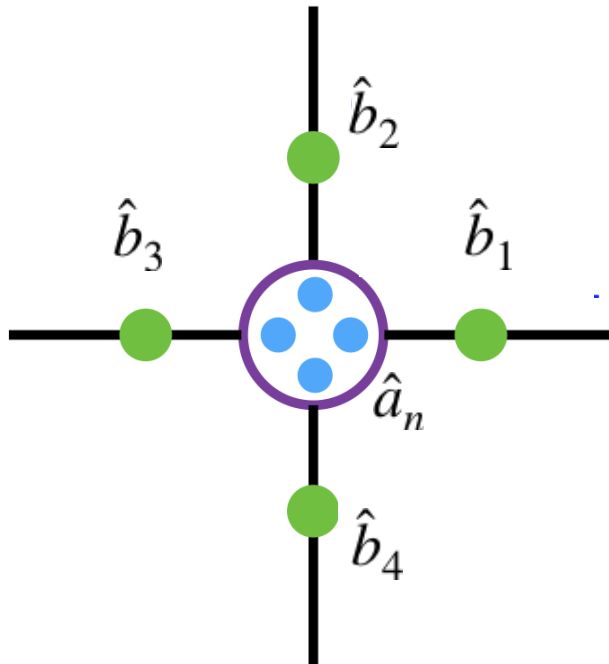
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e.g.

$$\hat{a}_m = \mu_m^z$$

$$\hat{b}_i = \sigma_i^z$$



star s

Operators transform as:

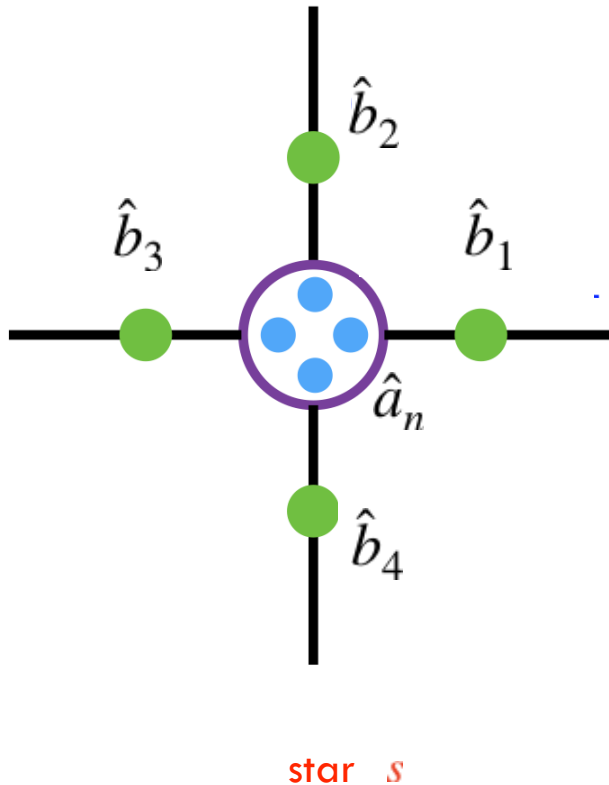
$$\hat{a}_n \rightarrow \sum_m \hat{a}_m (L^{-1})_{mn} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{b}_i \rightarrow \sum_j R_{ij} \hat{b}_j$$

\hat{a}, \hat{b} , can be spins, phases operators, etc.

L, R are monomial matrices

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Hamiltonian

$$H_J = -J \sum_s \sum_{n,i \in s} W_{ni} \left(\hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{b}_i + \hat{b}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_n \right)$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & +1 & +1 & +1 \\ +1 & -1 & +1 & +1 \\ +1 & +1 & -1 & +1 \\ +1 & +1 & +1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4x4 Hadamard

Symmetry (Automorphism)

$$L^{-1} W R = W$$

Mathematically: Hadamard automorphism

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Hadamard
automorphism

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Monomial matrix

$$\hat{a}_n = \sum_{m=1}^4 \hat{a}_m (L^{-1})_{m,n}$$

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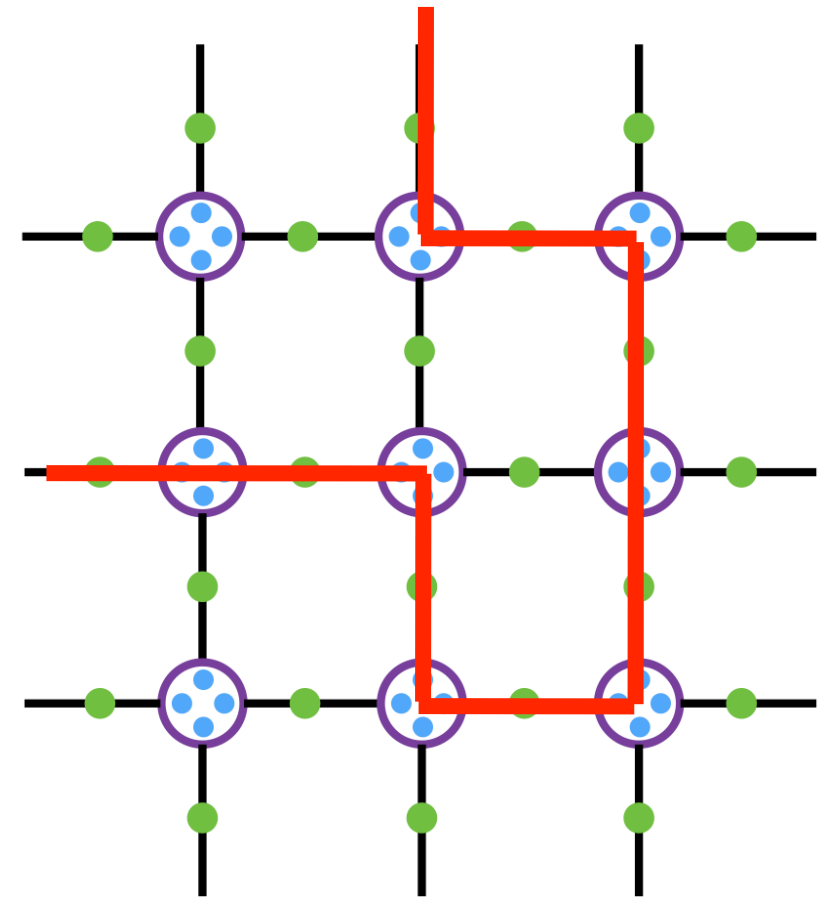
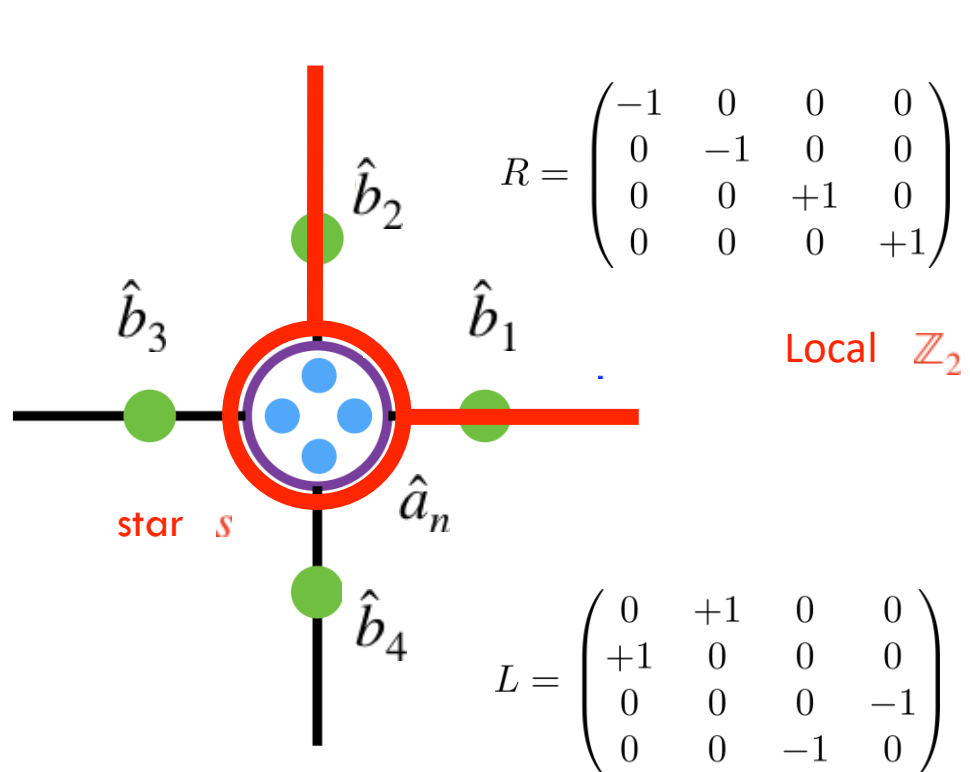
Monomial matrix

$$\hat{b}_i = \sum_{j=1}^4 R_{i,j} \hat{b}_j$$

$$R \Rightarrow L \quad L = W R W^{-1}$$

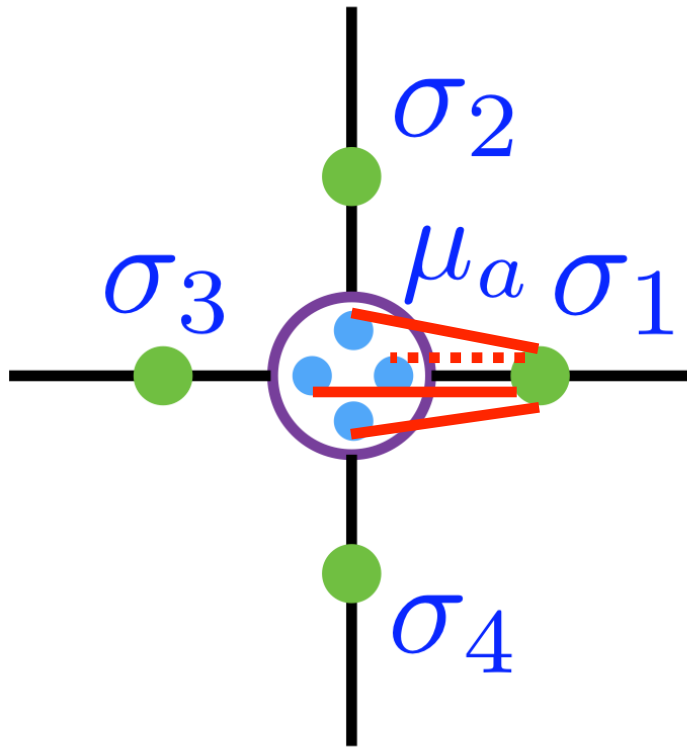
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E.g.: Spin model with gauge-matter spin-spin interaction

■ ■ ■ ■ Anti-ferromagnetic
— Ferromagnetic



$$H_0 = -J \sum_{a=1}^4 \sum_{i=1}^4 W_{ai} \sigma_i^z \mu_a^z$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & +1 & +1 & +1 \\ +1 & -1 & +1 & +1 \\ +1 & +1 & -1 & +1 \\ +1 & +1 & +1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4 x 4 Hadamard matrix

Invariance for *all* $J, \Gamma, \tilde{\Gamma}$

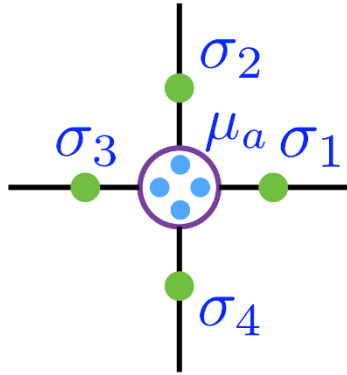
$$H = -J \sum_s \sum_{a,i \in s} W_{ai} \mu_a^z \sigma_i^z - \Gamma \sum_a \mu_a^x - \tilde{\Gamma} \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

Transverse fields: invariant under spin
flips and permutations

Monomial transformations preserve spin
algebra

Warning: would lead to small gaps
(sanity check!)

Simple limit: single star $\Gamma \gg J$



μ in effective field of σ

$$H = -J \sum_{a=1}^4 \left(\sum_{i=1}^4 W_{ai} \sigma_i^z \right) \mu_a^z - \Gamma \sum_{a=1}^4 \mu_a^x$$

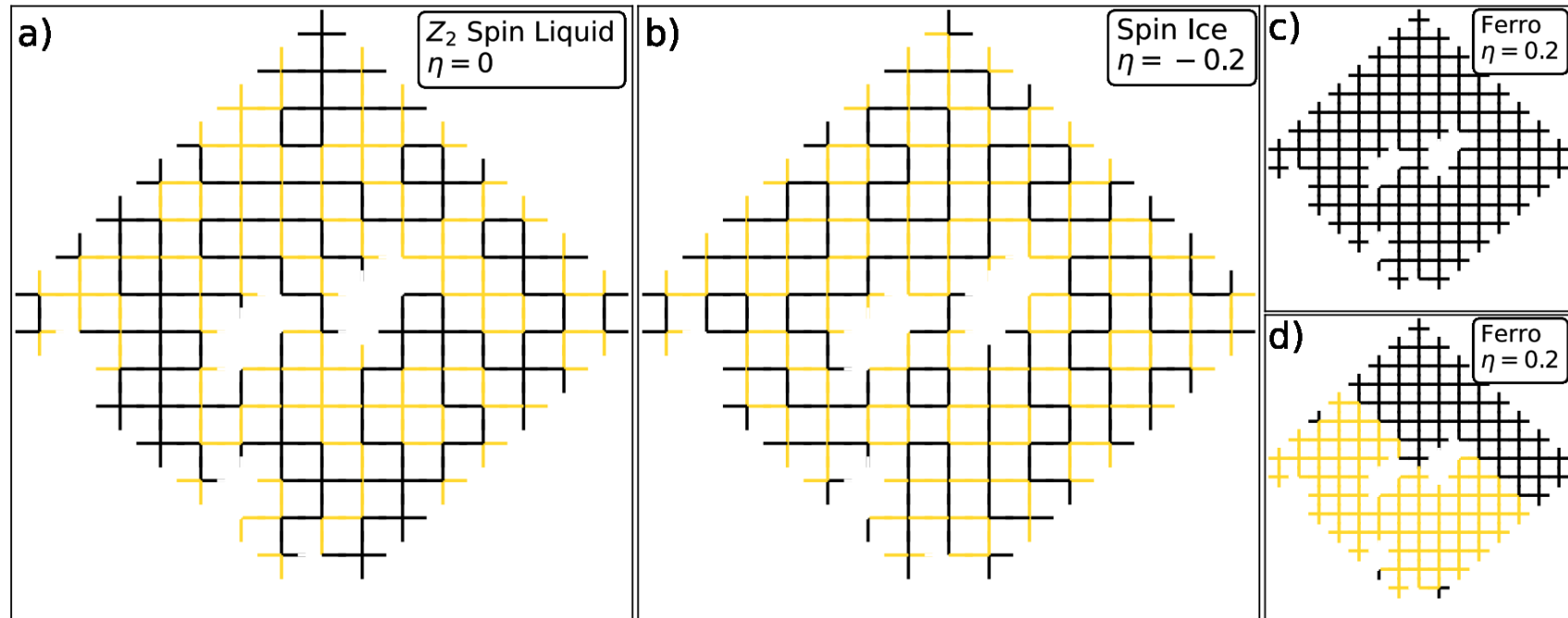
$B_z \mu^z$

$B_x \mu^x$

$$E \sim - \sum \sqrt{(W\sigma^z)^2 + \Gamma^2} \sim \boxed{\text{const} - \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z \sigma_3^z \sigma_4^z}$$

Realization in D-Wave DW-2000Q for spins (classical limit only)

First* experimental 8-vertex model (classical \mathbb{Z}_2 spin liquid)

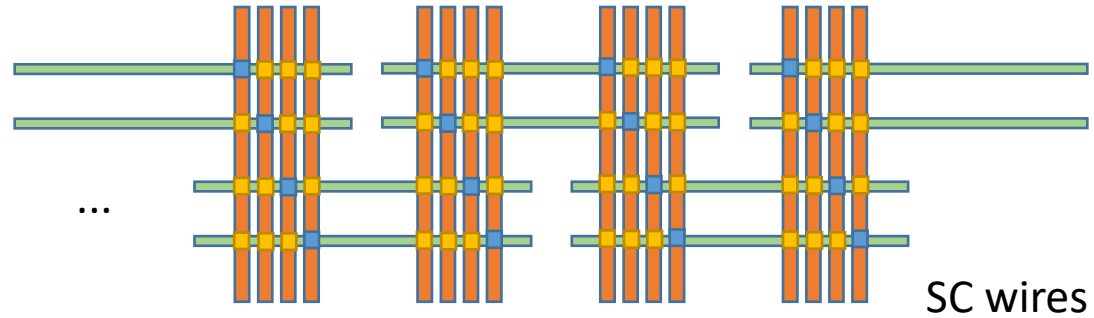


* As far as we know

Zhou, Green, Dahl, Chamon, Phys. Rev. B (2021)

How to get large (non-perturbative) gaps,
back to the program

SC wire array



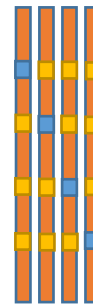
π junction



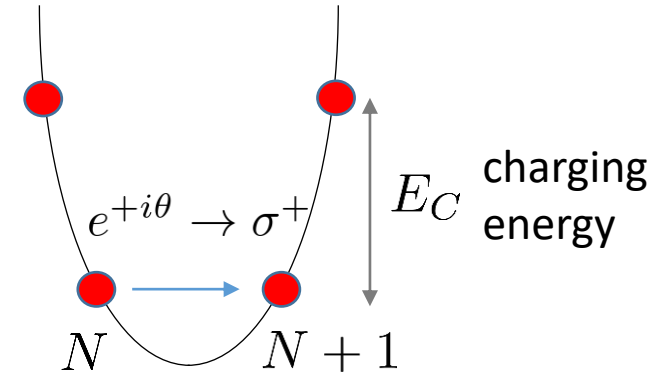
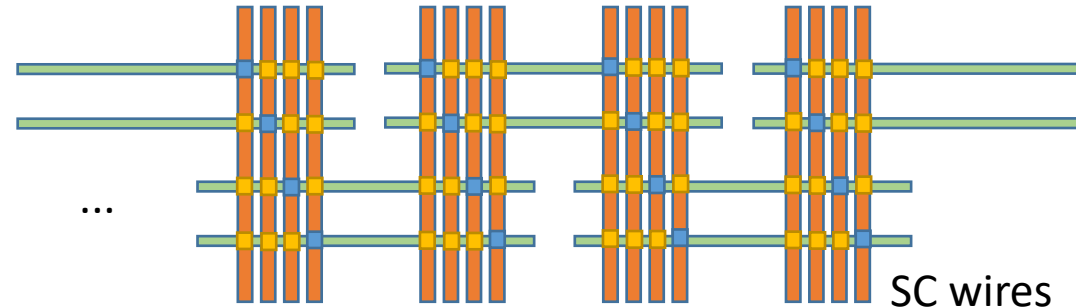
regular junction


$$H_J = -J \sum_{ia} W_{ia} e^{i\phi_i} e^{-i\theta_a} + H.c.$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} - & + & + & + \\ + & - & + & + \\ + & + & - & + \\ + & + & + & - \end{pmatrix}$$



SC wire array



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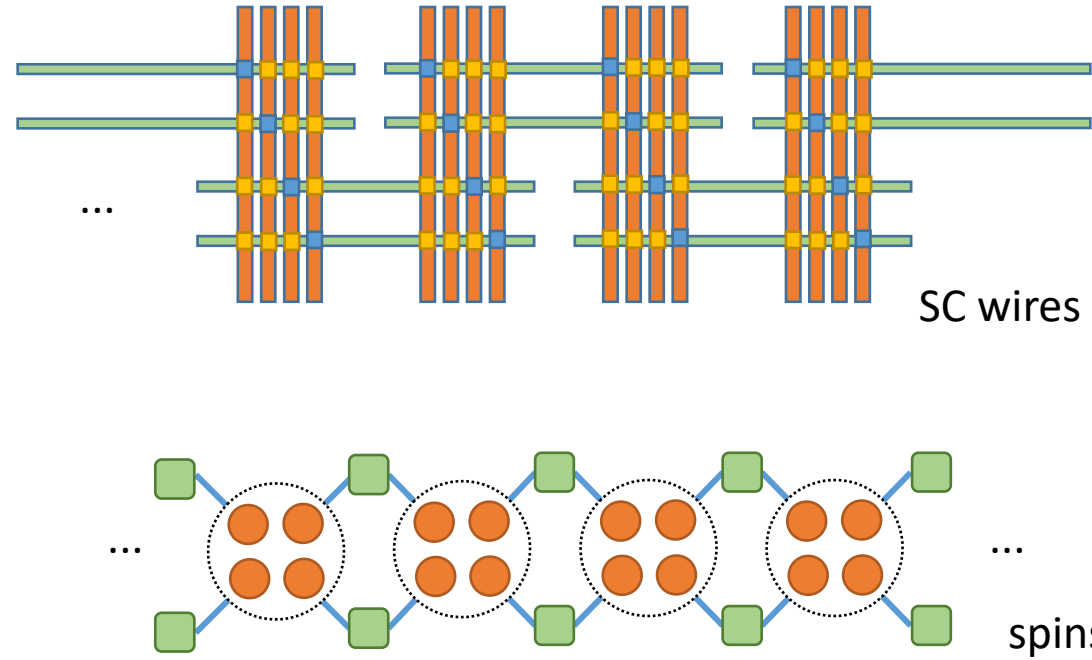
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Small capacitance limit (charge degenerate point)

$$H_J = -J \sum_{ia} W_{ia} \mu_i^+ \sigma_a^- + H.c.$$

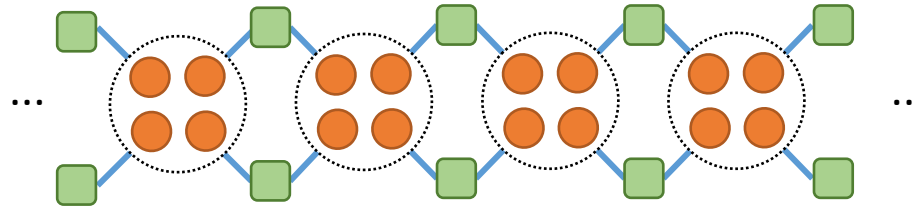
WXY model

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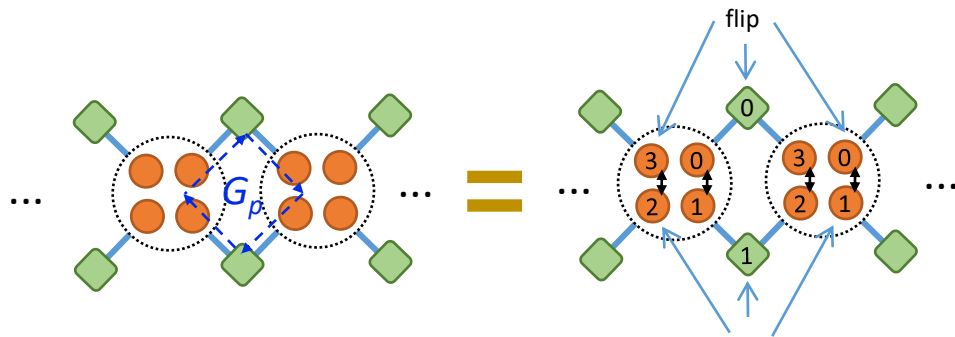


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WXY model symmetries



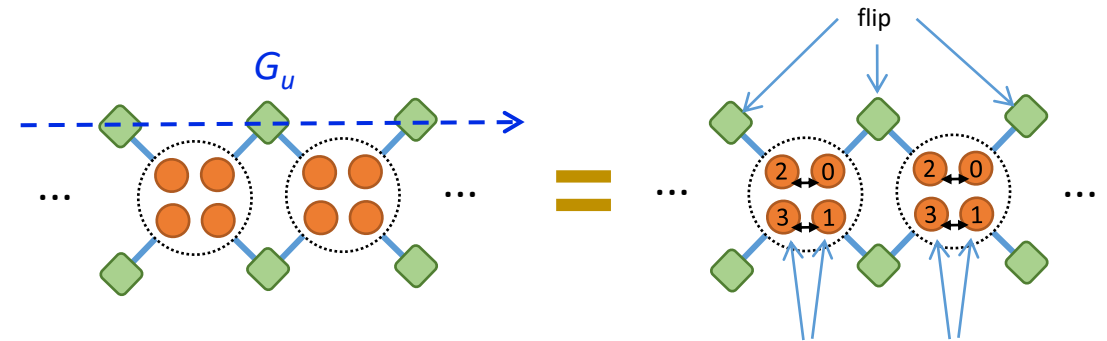
Local symmetries



plaquette operators

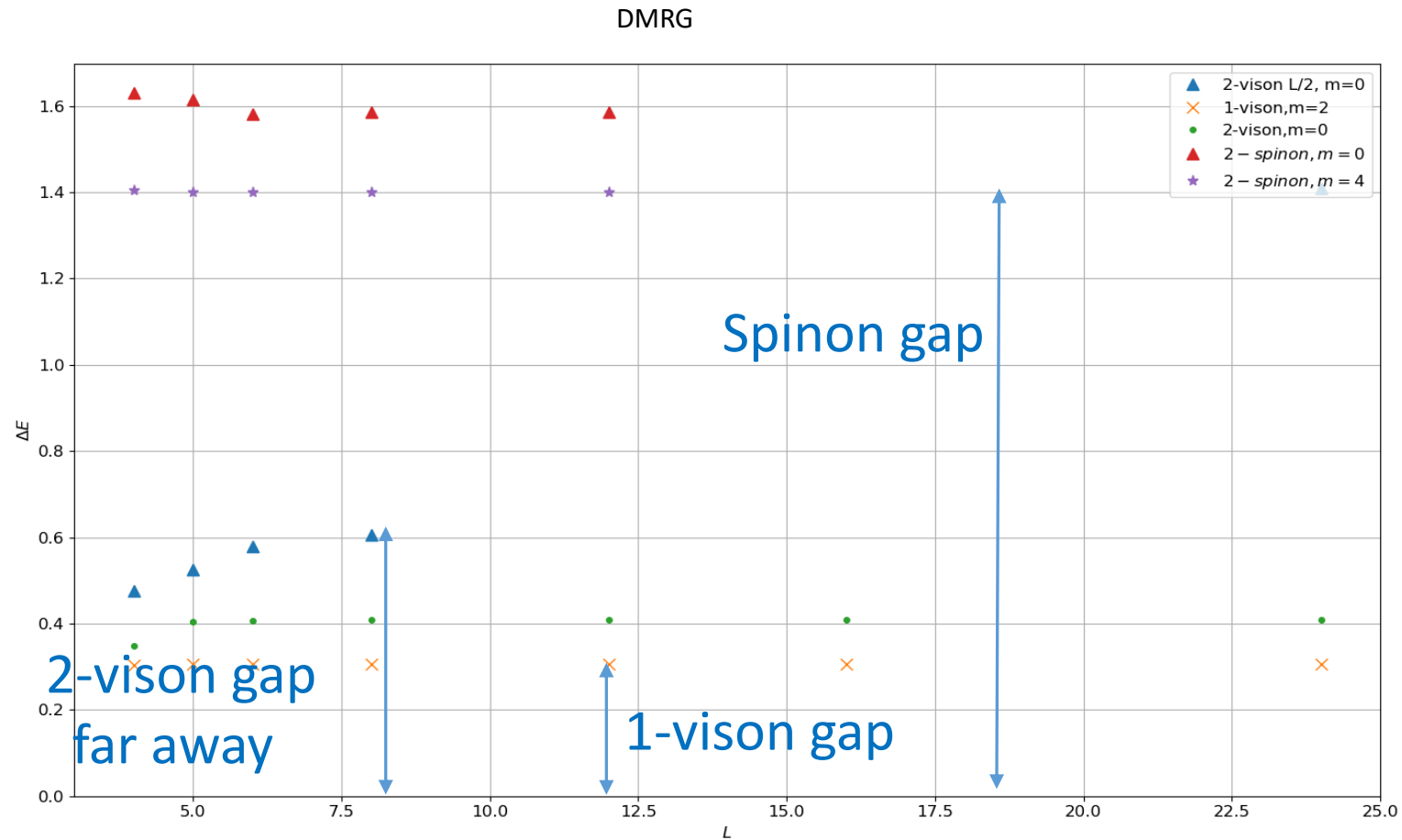
$$[H, G_p] = 0$$

Nonlocal symmetries

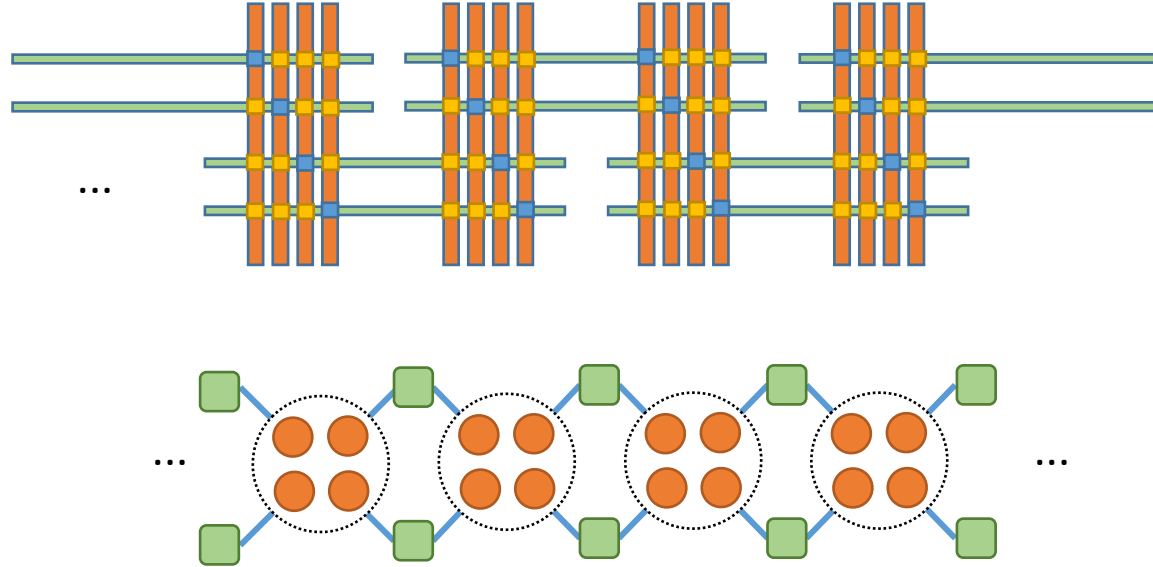


$$[H, G_u] = 0$$

WXY ladder spectrum (preliminary data)



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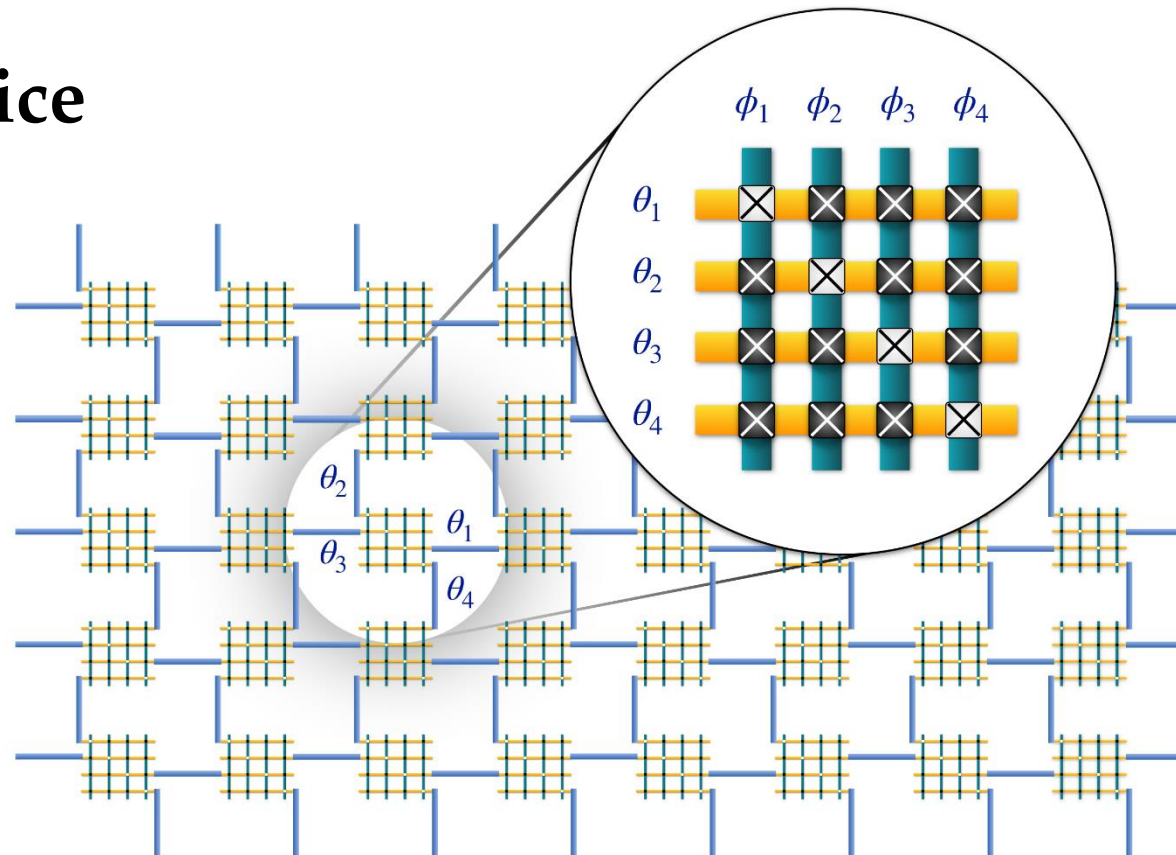
vison and spinon gaps

$$\Delta_v \sim 0.3 J$$

$$\Delta_s \sim 1.4 J$$

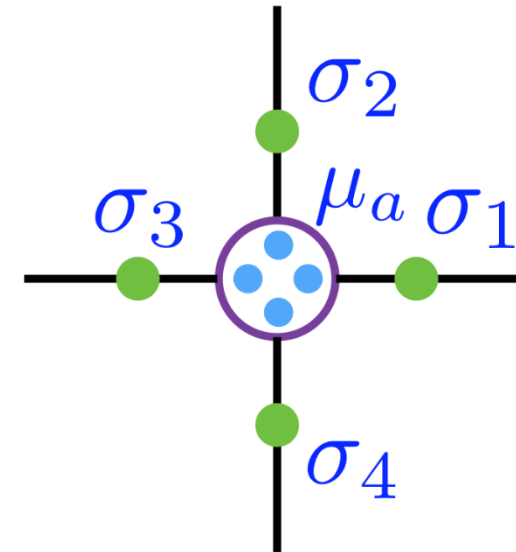
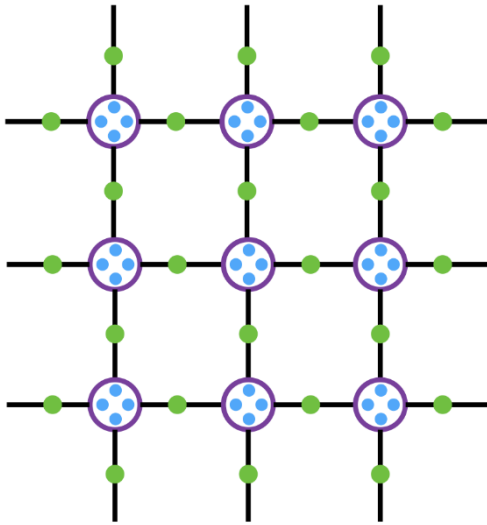
2D version

Lattice



WXY model

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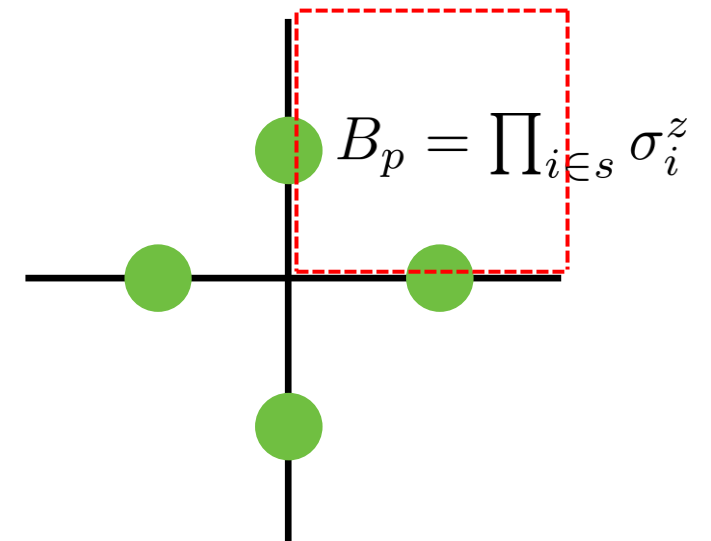
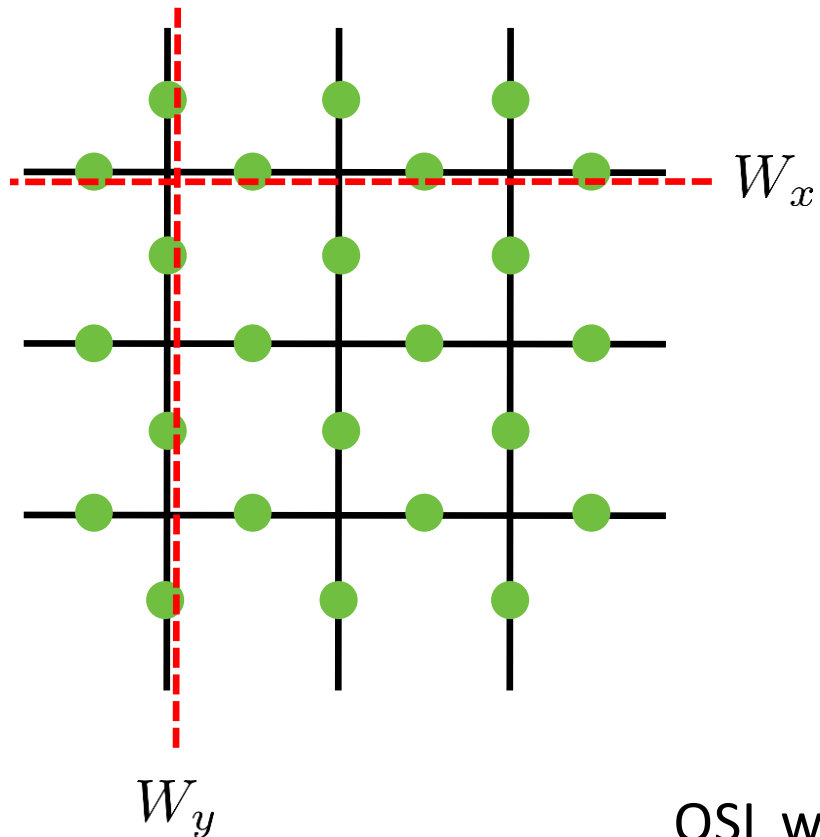
QSL with gap of order J ?

U(1) toric code – YES!

UV/IR mixing, strange topological degeneracies,
Hilbert space fragmentation, possibly non-Abelian

U(1) symmetry-enhanced toric

$$H_J = -J \sum_s \mathcal{A}_s - \lambda \sum_p B_p$$

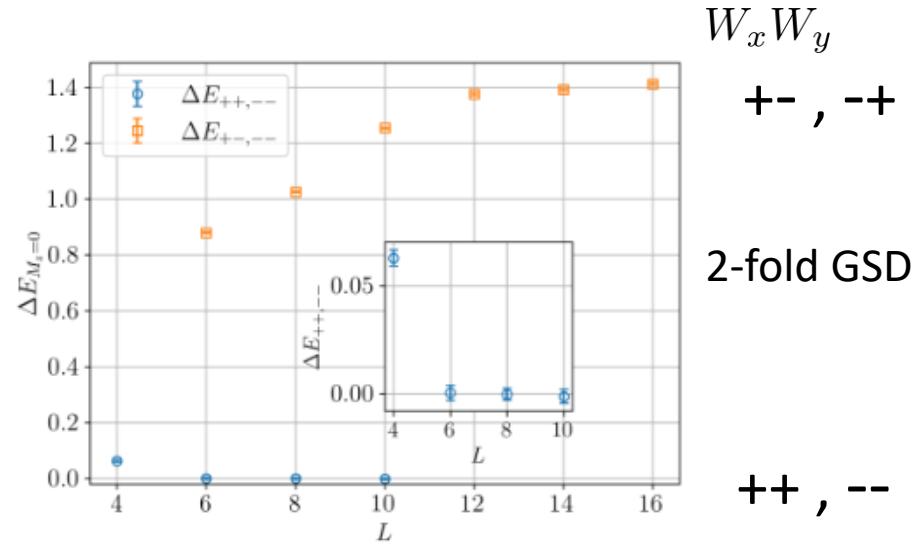


$$\mathcal{A}_s = \sigma_1^+ \sigma_2^+ \sigma_3^- \sigma_4^- + 5 \text{ terms}$$

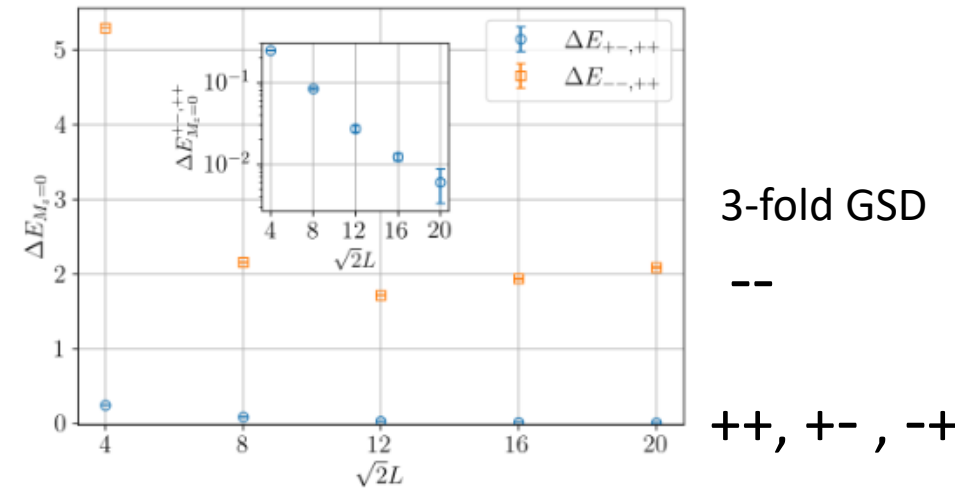
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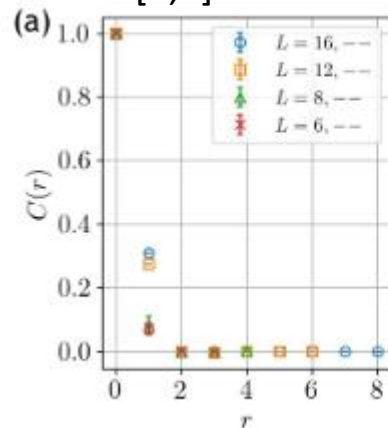
0° compactification



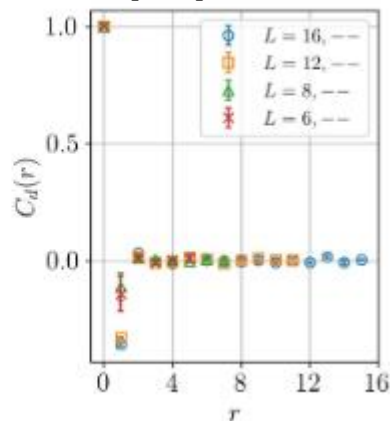
45° compactification



[1,0] direction



[1,1] direction



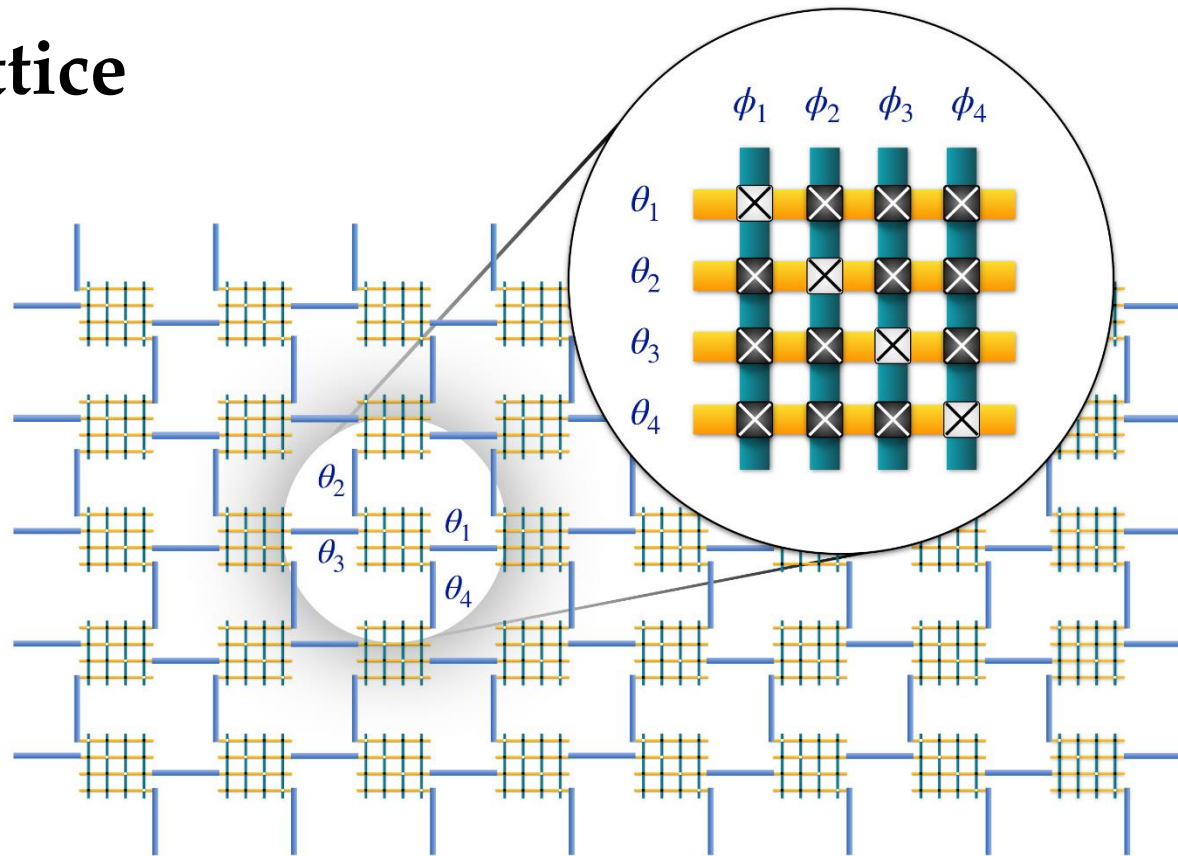
Gapped spin-liquid

Spin-spin correlation

UV/IR mixing, strange topological degeneracies,
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Motivated by the SC wire array!

Lattice



Abelian combinatorial gauge symmetry

Generalized framework for all Abelian groups and lattice connectivities

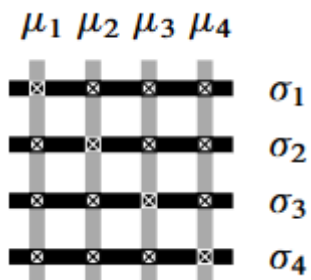
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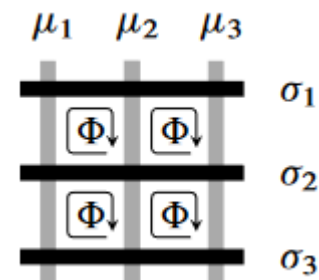
W matrices translate into “waffle” arrays

\mathbb{Z}_2 topological state
on a square lattice

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & + & + & + \\ + & - & + & + \\ + & + & - & + \\ + & + & + & - \end{pmatrix}$$



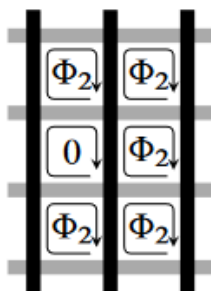
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \bar{\omega} \\ 1 & \bar{\omega} & \omega \end{pmatrix}$$



\mathbb{Z}_3 topological state
on a honeycomb lattice

\mathbb{Z}_2 topological state
on a honeycomb lattice

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & + & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & - \\ - & - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

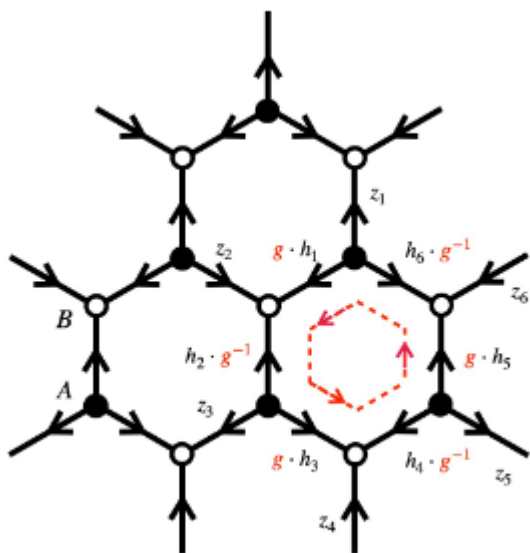


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Non-Abelian combinatorial gauge symmetry

arXiv:2209.14333
Green and Chamon



Quaternion group

$$\begin{aligned} v(+1) &= [++++] & v(-1) &= [---] \\ v(+i) &= [+ - + -] & v(-i) &= [- + - +] \\ v(+j) &= [++--] & v(-j) &= [--++] \\ v(+k) &= [-++-] & v(-k) &= [+--+] \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} v(f_1) & v(h_1) & v((f_1 h_1)^{-1}) \\ v(f_2) & v(h_2) & v((f_2 h_2)^{-1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ v(f_{64}) & v(h_{64}) & v((f_{64} h_{64})^{-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

64×12 matrix

lots of SC wires and junctions!

General (discrete) non-Abelian groups:
Yu, Green and Chamon, in preparation

Summary

- Framework for constructing systems with **exact** (not emergent) local **Abelian** and **non-Abelian gauge symmetries** using **physical** interactions
- Proposed a 2-leg ladder SC wire array with **non-perturbative spinon/vison gap**
- Presented a $U(1)$ -symmetry enhanced toric code with unusual topological features



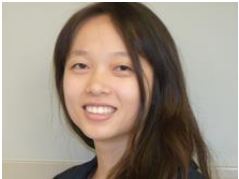
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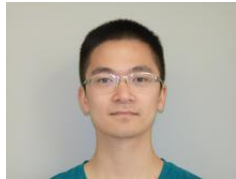
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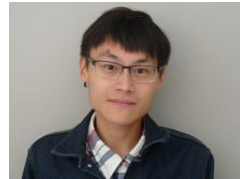
2020: PRL
2021: 2x PRB, 2x PRX Quantum
2022: 3x SciPost submissions
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