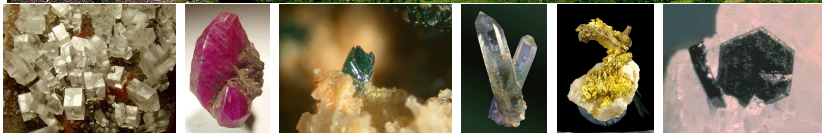


Topological order and many-body entanglement

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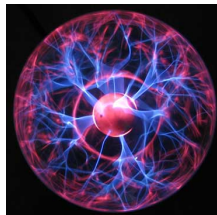
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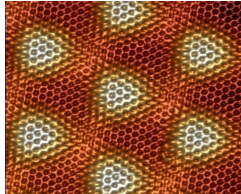
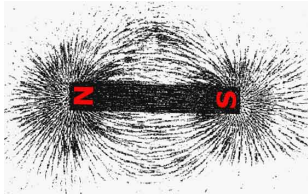
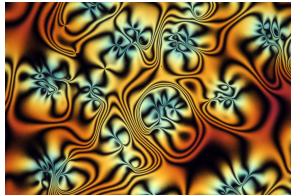


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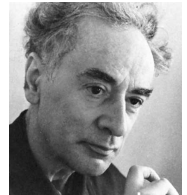


Plasma

In university, we learned



- Rich forms of matter ← rich types of **order**
- A deep insight from Landau: **different orders come from different symmetry breaking.**
- A corner stone of condensed matter physics



Classify phases of quantum matter ($T = 0$ phases)

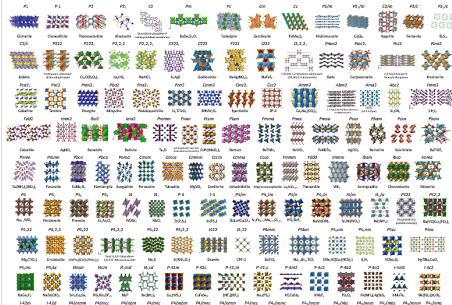
For a long time, we thought that Landau symmetry breaking classify all phases of matter

- **Symm. breaking phases are classified by a pair $G_\Psi \subset G_H$**

G_H = symmetry group of the system.

G_Ψ = symmetry group of the ground states.

- **230 crystals** from group theory

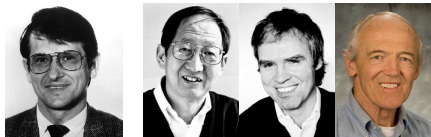


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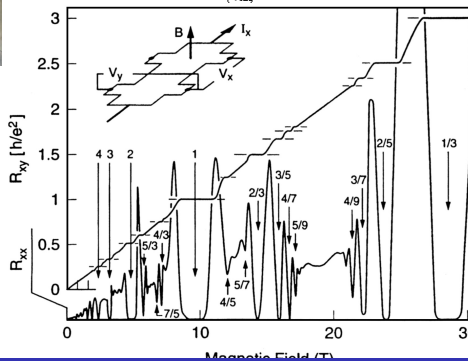
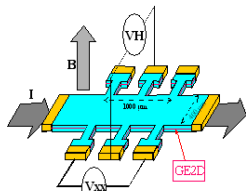
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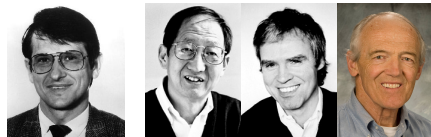
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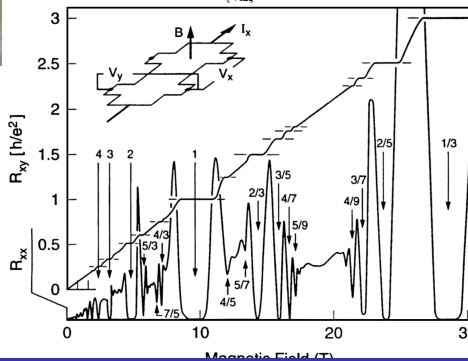
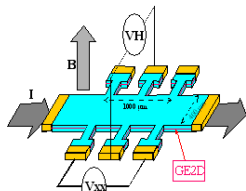
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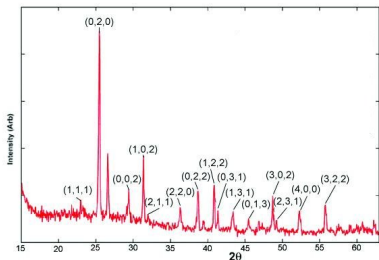
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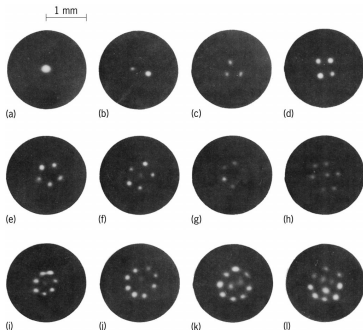
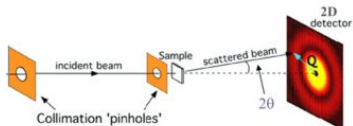
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Every physical concept is defined by experiment

- The concept of crystal order is defined via X-ray scattering



- The concept of superfluid order is defined via zero-viscosity and quantization of vorticity

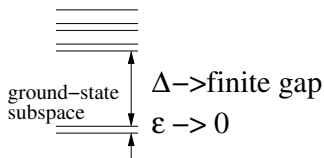


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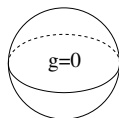
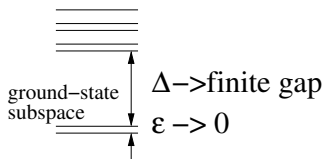
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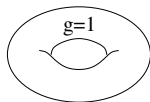


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- The only non-trivial measurable low energy quantity is the ground state degeneracy, which may depend on the topology of space.

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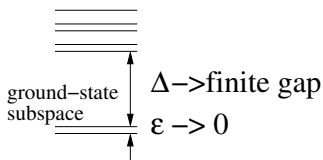
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- *But, the ground state degeneracy of FQH states appears to a finite-size effect (which depends on "boundary conditions" ie topologies), rather than a thermodynamic property. How can it defines a new phases of quantum matter?*
- The ground state degeneracies are robust against any local perturbations that can break any symmetries. The ground state degeneracies have nothing to do with symmetry.



Wen Niu PRB 41 9377 (90)

- **topological degeneracy**
- The ground state degeneracies can change by but some large changes of Hamiltonian
→ gap-closing phase transition.



Many-body entanglement \rightarrow Topo. degeneracy

- For a highly entangled many-body quantum systems:
knowing every parts still cannot determine the whole

- In other words, there are different “wholes”, that their every local parts are identical.

$$\text{WHOLE} = \sum \text{parts} + ?$$

- Local perturbations can only see the parts \rightarrow those different “wholes” (the whole quantum states) have the same energy.
- Those kinds of many-body quantum systems have

topological entanglement entropy

Kitaev-Preskill [hep-th/0510092](#)

Levin-Wen [cond-mat/0510613](#)



and **long range quantum entanglement**

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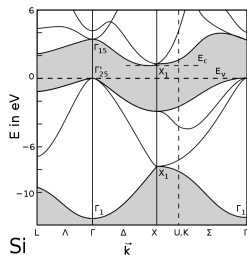
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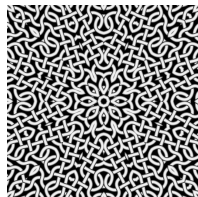
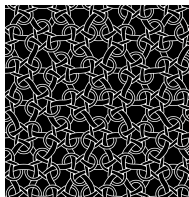
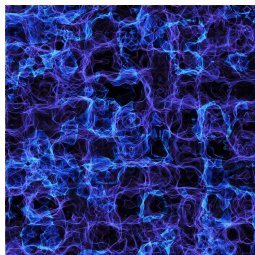
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Topology in topological insulator/superconductor (2005) corresponds to the twist in the band structure of orbitals, which is similar to the topological structure that distinguishes a sphere from a torus. This kind of topology is *classical topology*.

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Topology in topological order (1989) corresponds to pattern of many-body entanglement in many-body wave function $\Psi(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N)$, that is robust against any local perturbations that can break any symmetry. Such robustness is the meaning of **topological** in topological order. This kind of topology is **quantum topology**.

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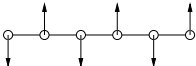

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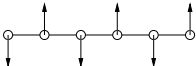

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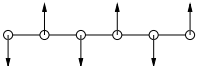

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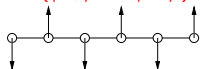
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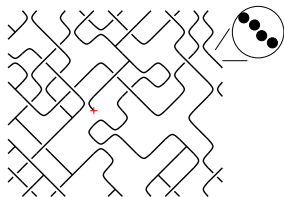
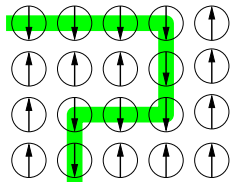
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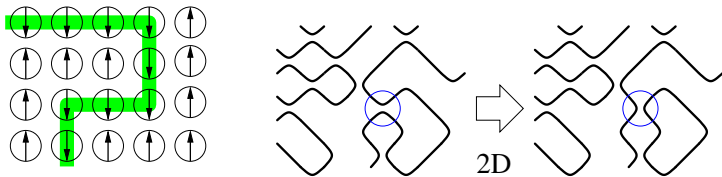
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- Can the above wavefunction be the ground states of local Hamiltonians?



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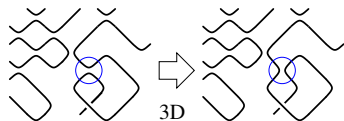
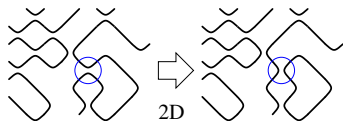
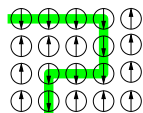
- There is a Hamiltonian H :

(1) Open ends cost energy

(2) string can hop and reconnect freely.

The ground state of H gives rise to the above string liquid wave function.

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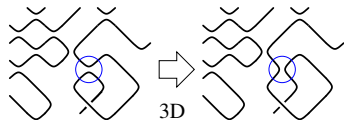
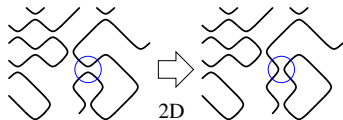
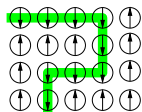
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$$(2) \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacktriangleright \blacktriangleleft \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = -\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

\rightarrow Global wave function of loops $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{loops} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = (-)^{\# \text{ of loops}}$

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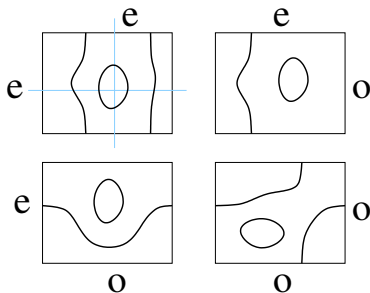
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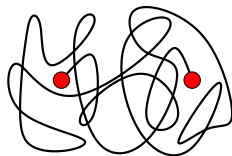
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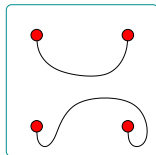
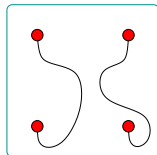
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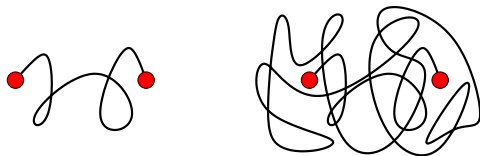


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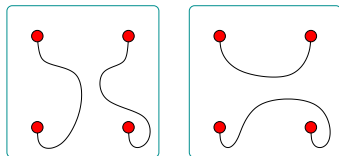
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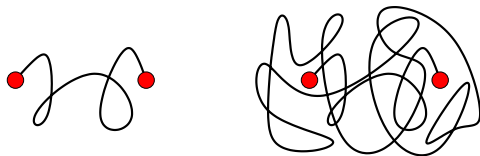
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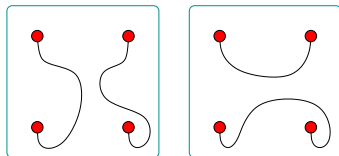
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- Another type of topological excitation **vortex** at \times :

$$|m\rangle = \sum (-)^{\# \text{ of loops around } \times} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{strings} \\ \times \\ \text{strings} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Emergence of fractional spin

- Ends of strings are point-like. Are they bosons or fermions?
Two ends = a small string = a boson, but each end can still be a fermion. Fidkowski-Freedman-Nayak-Walker-Wang cond-mat/0610583

- $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) = 1$ string liquid $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \triangleright \triangleleft \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \square \blacksquare \end{array} \right) = \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \square \blacksquare \end{array} \right)$

- End of string wave function: $|\text{end}\rangle = | \uparrow + c | \uparrow \downarrow + c | \downarrow \uparrow + \dots$

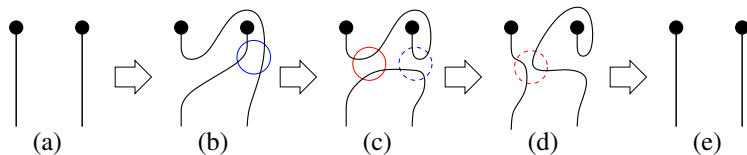
The string near the end is totally fixed, since the end is determined by a trapping Hamiltonian δH which can be chosen to fix the string. The string away from the end is not fixed, since they are determined by the bulk Hamiltonian H which gives rise to a string liquid.

- 360° rotation: $|\uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ and $|\downarrow = \downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow$: $R_{360^\circ} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- We find two types of topological excitations

(1) $|e\rangle = |\uparrow + \downarrow$ spin 0. (2) $|f\rangle = |\uparrow - \downarrow$ spin 1/2.

Spin-statistics theorem: Emergence of Fermi statistics



- (a) \rightarrow (b) = exchange two string-ends.
- (d) \rightarrow (e) = 360° rotation of a string-end.
- Amplitude (a) = Amplitude (e)
- Exchange two string-ends plus a 360° rotation of one of the string-end generate no phase.

\rightarrow **Spin-statistics theorem**

Z_2 topological order and its physical properties

$\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) = 1$ string liquid has Z_2 -topological order.

- 4 **types** of topological excitations: (*f is a fermion*)

(1) $|e\rangle = \text{---} + \text{---}$ spin 0. (2) $|f\rangle = \text{---} - \text{---}$ spin 1/2.

(3) $|m = e \otimes f\rangle = \text{---} - \text{---}$ spin 0. (4) $|1\rangle = \text{---} + \text{---}$ spin 0.

- The type-1 excitation is the trivial excitation, that can be created by local operators.

The type-*e*, type-*m*, and type-*f* excitations are non-trivial excitation, that cannot be created by local operators.

- $1, e, m$ are bosons and f is a fermion. e, m , and f have π mutual statistics between them.

- Fusion rule:**

$$e \otimes e = 1; \quad f \otimes f = 1; \quad m \otimes m = 1;$$

$$e \otimes m = f; \quad f \otimes e = m; \quad m \otimes f = e;$$

$$1 \otimes e = e; \quad 1 \otimes m = m; \quad 1 \otimes f = f;$$

Z_2 topo. order is described by Z_2 gauge theory

Physical properties of Z_2 gauge theory

= Physical properties of Z_2 topological order

- Z_2 -charge (a representation of Z_2) and Z_2 -vortex (π -flux) as two bosonic point-like excitations.
- Z_2 -charge and Z_2 -vortex bound state \rightarrow a fermion (f), since Z_2 -charge and Z_2 -vortex has a π mutual statistics between them (charge-1 around flux- π).
- Z_2 -charge, Z_2 -vortex, and their bound state has a π mutual statistics between them.
- Z_2 -charge $\rightarrow e$, Z_2 -vortex $\rightarrow m$, bound state $\rightarrow f$.
- Z_2 gauge theory on torus also has 4 degenerate ground states

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• Two string liquids \rightarrow Two topological orders:


Z_2 **topo. order** Read-Sachdev PRL 66, 1773 (91), Wen PRB 44, 2664 (91),

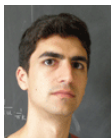
Moessner-Sondhi PRL 86 1881 (01) and **double-semion topo. order**

Freedman et al cond-mat/0307511, Levin-Wen cond-mat/0404617



String-net liquid

Ground state:

- String-net liquid: allow three strings to join, but do not allow a string to end Φ_{str} 



Levin-Wen cond-mat/0404617

- The dancing rule : Φ_{str}  = Φ_{str} 

$$\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right) = a \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right) + b \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right) = c \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right) + d \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two strings meeting at a vertex} \right)$$

- The above is a relation between two orthogonal basis: two local resolutions of how four strings join (**quantum geometry**)



$$a^2 + b^2 = 1, \quad ac + bd = 0, \quad ca + db = 0, \quad c^2 + d^2 = 1$$

Self consistent dancing rule

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_1 \right) &= a(a\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_1 \right) + b\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_2 \right)) \\ &\quad + b(c\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_1 \right) + d\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_2 \right)) \\ \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_2 \right) &= c(a\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_1 \right) + b\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_2 \right)) \\ &\quad + d(c\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_1 \right) + d\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{diag}_2 \right))\end{aligned}$$

We find

$$a^2 + bc = 1, \quad ab + bd = 0, \quad ac + dc = 0, \quad bc + d^2 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow d = -a, \quad b = c, \quad a^2 + b^2 = 1.$$

More self consistency condition

- Rewrite the string reconnection rule ($0 \rightarrow$ no-string, $1 \rightarrow$ string)

$$\Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ m \quad l \end{array} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^1 F_{kln}^{ijm} \Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ l \quad n \end{array} \right), \quad i, j, k, l, m, n = 0, 1$$

The 2-by-2 matrix $F_{kl}^{ij} \rightarrow (F_{kl}^{ij})_{nl}^m$ is unitary.

We have

$$F_{000}^{000} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \end{array} = 1$$

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

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$$F_{111}^{111} \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \end{array} = d = -a,$$

More self consistency condition

•  can be trans. to  through two different paths:

$$\Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \quad l \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ m \quad n \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p \end{array} \right) = \sum_q F_{lpq}^{mkn, \beta\chi} \Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \quad l \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ m \quad n \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p \end{array} \right) = \sum_{q,s} F_{lpq}^{mkn} F_{qps}^{ijm} \Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \quad l \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ s \quad q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ p \end{array} \right),$$

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- The two paths should lead to the same relation

$$\sum_t F_{knt}^{ijm} F_{lps}^{itn} F_{lsq}^{jkt} = F_{lpq}^{mkn} F_{qps}^{ijm}$$

Such a set of non-linear algebraic equations is the famous pentagon identity.

The pentagon identity

- $i, j, k, l, p, m, n, q, s = 0, 1 \rightarrow$
 $2^9 = 512+$ non-linear equations with $2^6 = 64$ unknowns.
- Solving the pentagon identity: choose $i, j, k, l, p = 1$

$$\sum_{t=0,1} F_{1nt}^{11m} F_{1ls}^{1tn} F_{1sq}^{11t} = F_{11q}^{m1n} F_{q1s}^{11m}$$

choose $n, q, s = 1, m = 0$

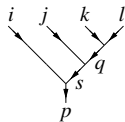
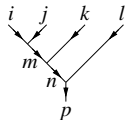
$$\sum_{t=0,1} F_{11t}^{110} F_{111}^{1t1} F_{111}^{11t} = F_{111}^{011} F_{111}^{110}$$

$$\rightarrow a \times 1 \times b + b \times (-a) \times (-a) = 1 \times b$$

$$\rightarrow a + a^2 = 1, \quad \rightarrow a = (\pm\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$$

Since $a^2 + b^2 = 1$, we find

$$a = (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2 \equiv \gamma, \quad b = \sqrt{a} = \sqrt{\gamma}$$



String-net dancing rule

- The dancing rule : $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{square with a notch on the right side} \right) = \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{square with a notch on the left side} \right)$
- $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two lines meeting at a point on the left} \right) = \gamma \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two lines meeting at a point on the top} \right) + \sqrt{\gamma} \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with three lines meeting at a point on the top} \right)$
- $\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two lines meeting at a point on the right} \right) = \sqrt{\gamma} \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with two lines meeting at a point on the top} \right) - \gamma \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\text{circle with three lines meeting at a point on the top} \right)$

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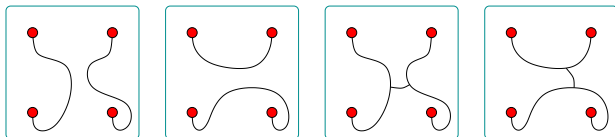
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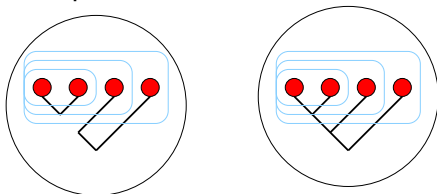
- Topological excitations:**

For fixed 4 ends of string-net on a sphere S^2 , how many locally indistinguishable states are there? **four states?**



Topo. degeneracy with 4 fixed ends of string-net

To get linearly independent states, we fuse the end of the string-net in a particular order:



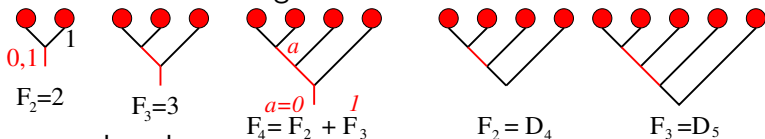
→ There are only **two** locally indistinguishable states
= a qubit

This is a quantum memory that is robust against any environmental noise.

→ The defining character of topological order:
a material with robust quantum memory.

Topo. degeneracy with n fixed ends of string-net

- Let D_n is the number of locally indistinguishable states with n fixed ends of string-net, on a sphere S^2 . (We know $D_4 = 2$)
- To compute D_n , we count different linearly independent ways to fuse n ends of string-net

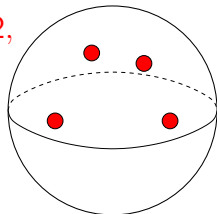


- In general we have

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ (Fibonacci numbers) }, \quad D_n = F_{n-2}$$

$$\rightarrow D_0 = 1, D_1 = 0, D_2 = 1, D_3 = 1, D_4 = 2, \\ D_5 = 3, D_6 = 5, D_7 = 8, D_8 = 13, \dots$$

- An end of string-net is called a **Fibonacci anyon**



Internal degrees of freedom of a Fibonacci anyon

- To obtain the **internal degrees of freedom** of a Fibonacci anyon, we consider the number of linearly independent states with n fixed Fibonacci anyons in large n limit: $D_n \sim \Big|_{n \rightarrow \infty} d^n$
- The number degrees of freedom = **quantum dimension**:

$$d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_n^{1/n}$$

- To compute d , we note that $d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_n}{D_{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}}$
We obtain $d = 1 + d^{-1}$ from $D_n = D_{n-1} + D_{n-2} \rightarrow$

$$d = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2} = 1.618 = 2^{0.6942} \text{ qubits}$$

- A spin-1/2 particle has a quantum dimension $d = 2 = 2^1$ qubit
 $d \neq$ integer \rightarrow fractionalized degrees of freedom.

Double-Fibonacci topological order = double G_2 Chern-Simon theory at level 1

$$L(a_\mu, \tilde{a}_\mu) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{Tr}(a_\mu \partial_\nu a_\lambda + \frac{i}{3} a_\mu a_\nu a_\lambda) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \\ - \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{Tr}(\tilde{a}_\mu \partial_\nu \tilde{a}_\lambda + \frac{i}{3} \tilde{a}_\mu \tilde{a}_\nu \tilde{a}_\lambda) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}$$

a_μ and \tilde{a}_μ are G_2 gauge fields.

String-net liquid can also realize gauge theory of finite group G

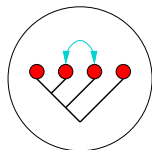
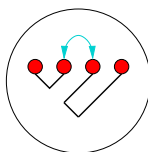
- Trivial type-0 string \rightarrow trivial represental of G
- Type- i string \rightarrow irreducible represental R_i of G
- Triple-string join rule If $R_i \otimes R_j \otimes R_k$ contain trivial representation \rightarrow type- i type- j type- k strings can join.
- String reconnection rule:

$$\Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ m \quad l \end{array} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^1 F_{kln}^{ijm} \Phi \left(\begin{array}{c} i \quad j \quad k \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ l \quad n \end{array} \right), \quad i, j, k, l, m, n = 0, 1$$

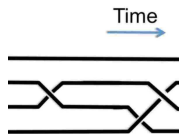
with F_{kln}^{ijm} given by the 6- j simple of G .

Topo. qubits and topo. quantum computation

- Four fixed Fibonacci anyons on S^2 has **2-fold topological degeneracy** (two locally indistinguishable states) → **topological qubit**



- Exchange two Fibonacci anyons induce a 2×2 unitary matrix acting on the topological qubit → **non-Abelian statistics** also appear in $\chi_{\nu=2}^3(z_i)$ FQH state, and the non-Abelian statistics is described by $SU_2(3)$ CS theory Wen PRL 66 802 (91) → universal **Topo. quantum computation** (via CS theory)



Freedman-Kitaev-Wang [quant-ph/0001071](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0001071); Freedman-Larsen-Wang [quant-ph/0001108](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0001108)

Topological order is the natural medium (the “silicon”) to do topological quantum computation

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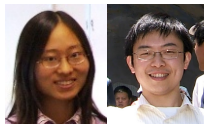
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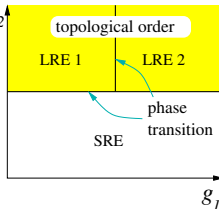
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- LRE states can belong to many different phases
= different **patterns of long-range entanglements**
= different **topological orders** [Wen 1989](#)

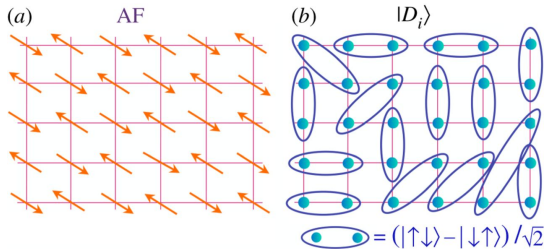
Lattice Hamiltonians to realize Z_2 topological order

- Frustrated spin-1/2 model on square lattice (slave-particle meanfield theory) Read Sachdev, PRL **66** 1773 (91); Wen, PRB **44** 2664 (91).

$$H = J \sum_{nn} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j + J' \sum_{nnn} \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$$

- Dimer model on triangular lattice (Mont Carlo numerics)

Moessner Sondhi, PRL **86** 1881 (01)



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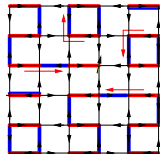
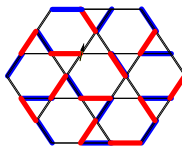
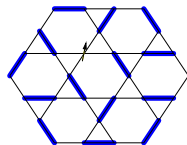
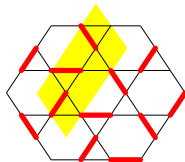
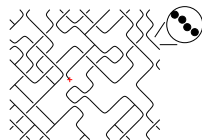
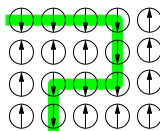
- sum over a subset of spin configurations:

$$|\Phi_{\text{loops}}^{Z_2}\rangle = \sum \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$|\Phi_{\text{loops}}^{DS}\rangle = \sum (-1)^{\# \text{ of loops}} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

- Dimmer liquid \sim string liquid:
 Non-bipartite lattice: unorientated string
 Bipartite lattice: orientated string

- Can the above wavefunction be the ground states of local Hamiltonians?

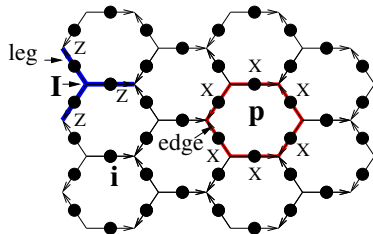


Toric-code model: Z_2 topo. order, Z_2 gauge theory

Local Hamiltonian enforces local rules: $\hat{P}\Phi_{\text{str}} = 0$

$$\Phi_{\text{str}}(\text{□}) - \Phi_{\text{str}}(\text{◻}) = \Phi_{\text{str}}(\text{◁▷}) - \Phi_{\text{str}}(\text{◁◁}) = 0$$

- The Hamiltonian to enforce the local rules: [Kitaev quant-ph/9707021](https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/9707021)



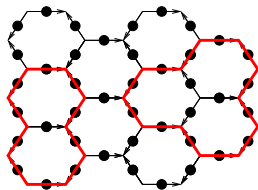
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- The Hamiltonian is a sum of commuting operators
 $[\hat{F}_p, \hat{F}_{p'}] = 0, [\hat{Q}_l, \hat{Q}_{l'}] = 0, [\hat{F}_p, \hat{Q}_l] = 0. \hat{F}_p^2 = \hat{Q}_l^2 = 1$
- Ground state $|\Psi_{\text{grnd}}\rangle$: $\hat{F}_p|\Psi_{\text{grnd}}\rangle = \hat{Q}_l|\Psi_{\text{grnd}}\rangle = |\Psi_{\text{grnd}}\rangle$
 $\rightarrow (1 - \hat{Q}_l)\Phi_{\text{grnd}} = (1 - \hat{F}_p)\Phi_{\text{grnd}} = 0.$

Physical properties of exactly soluble model

A string picture

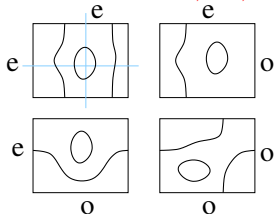
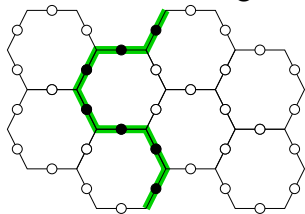
- The $-U \sum_l \hat{Q}_l$ term enforces closed-string ground state.
- \hat{F}_p adds a small loop and deform the strings \rightarrow



permutes among the loop states $|\text{loops}\rangle \rightarrow$ Ground states

$|\Psi_{\text{grnd}}\rangle = \sum_{\text{loops}} |\text{loops}\rangle \rightarrow$ highly entangled

- There are four degenerate ground states $\alpha = ee, eo, oe, oo$

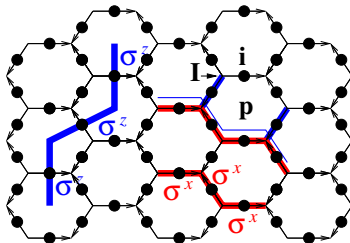


$$D^{\text{tor}} = 4$$

- On genus g surface, ground state degeneracy $D_g = 4^g$

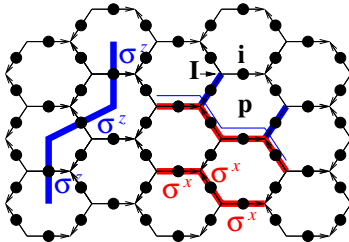
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- Type-*f* string operator: $W_f = \prod_{\text{string}} \sigma_i^x \prod_{\text{legs}} \sigma_i^z$
- $[H, W_e^{\text{close}}] = [H, W_m^{\text{close}}] = [H, W_f^{\text{closed}}] = 0.$
 \rightarrow Closed strings cost no energy
- $[\hat{Q}_l, W_e^{\text{open}}] \neq 0 \rightarrow W_e^{\text{open}}$ flip $\hat{Q}_l \rightarrow -\hat{Q}_l,$
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An open-string creates a pair of topo. excitations at its ends

Three types of topological excitations and their fusion

- Type- e string operator $W_e = \prod_{\text{string}} \sigma_i^x$
- Type- m string operator $W_m = \prod_{\text{string}^*} \sigma_i^z$
- Type- f string operator $W_f = \prod_{\text{string}} \sigma_i^x \prod_{\text{legs}} \sigma_i^z$
- **Fusion algebra** of string operators
 $W_e^2 = W_m^2 = W_e^2 = W_e W_m W_e = 1$ when strings are parallel

- Fusion of topo. excitations:

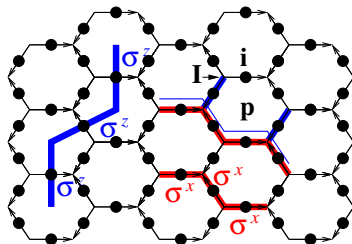
e -type. $e \times e = 1$

m -type. $m \times m = 1$

f -type = $e \times m$

- 4 types of excitations:

$1, e, m, f$



What are bosons? What are fermions?

- **Statistical distribution**

Boson: $n_b = \frac{1}{e^{\epsilon/k_B T} - 1}$ Fermion: $n_f = \frac{1}{e^{\epsilon/k_B T} + 1}$

They are just properties of non-interacting bosons or fermions

- **Pauli exclusion principle**

Only works for non-interacting bosons or fermions

- **Symmetric/anti-symmetric wave function.**

For identical particles $|x, y\rangle$ and $|y, x\rangle$ are just different names of same state. A generic state $\sum_{x,y} \psi(x, y) |x, y\rangle$ is always described symmetric wave function $\psi(x, y) = \psi(y, x)$ regardless the statistics of the identical particles.

- **Commuting/anti-commuting operators**

Boson: $[a_x, a_y] = 0$ Fermion: $\{c_x, c_y\} = 0$

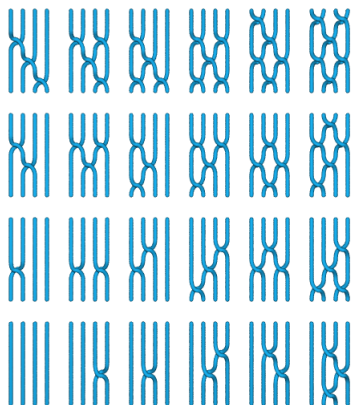
- **C-number-field/Grassmann-field**

Boson: $\phi(x)$ Fermion: $\psi(x)$

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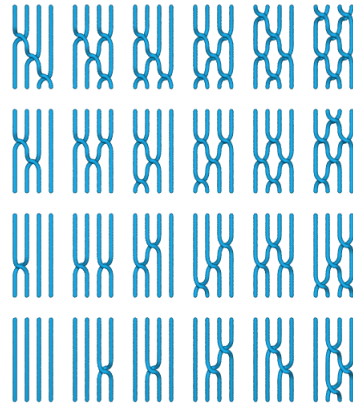
- Representations of braid group (not permutation group) define quantum statistics:

- Trivial representation of braid group \rightarrow Bose statistics.

- 1-dimensional representation of braid group \rightarrow Fermi/fractional statistics \rightarrow **anyon**.

- higher dimensional representation of braid group \rightarrow

non-Abelian statistics \rightarrow **non-Abelian anyon**. Wen 91; More-Read 91



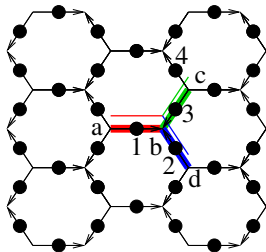
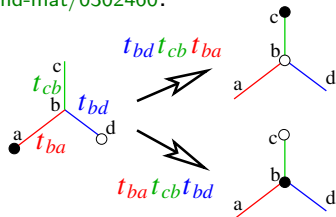
Leinaas-Myrheim 77; Wilczek 82



Statistics of ends of strings

- The statistics is determined by particle hopping operators

Levin-Wen cond-mat/0302460:



- An open string operator is a hopping operator of the 'ends'. The algebra of the open string op. determines the statistics.

- For type-*e* string: $t_{ba} = \sigma_1^x$, $t_{cb} = \sigma_3^x$, $t_{bd} = \sigma_2^x$

We find $t_{bd} t_{cb} t_{ba} = t_{ba} t_{cb} t_{bd}$

The ends of type-*e* string are bosons

- For type-*f* strings: $t_{ba} = \sigma_1^x$, $t_{cb} = \underline{\sigma}_3^x \sigma_4^z$, $t_{bd} = \sigma_2^x \underline{\sigma}_3^z$

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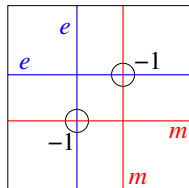
- When strings cross,

$$W_e W_m = (-)^{\# \text{ of cross}} W_m W_e \rightarrow$$

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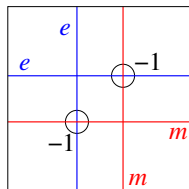
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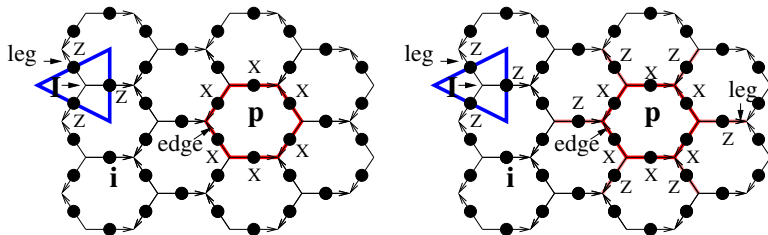
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- The above degenerate ground states form a “code”, which has a large **code distance** of order L (the size of the system).
- Two states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\psi'\rangle$ that can be connected by first-order local perturbation δH : $\langle \psi' | \delta H | \psi \rangle > O(|\delta H|)$, $L \rightarrow \infty$
→ code distance = 1.
Two states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\psi'\rangle$ that can be connected by n^{th} -order local perturbation → code distance = n .
- Symm. breaking ground states in d -dim have code distance $\sim L^d$ respected to symm. preserving perturbation. code distance ~ 1 respected to symm. breaking perturbation.

Toric-code model and closed string operators



- Toric-code Hamiltonian

$$H = -U \sum_l W_m^{\text{closed}} - g \sum_p W_e^{\text{closed}}$$

- A new Hamiltonian

$$H = -U \sum_l W_m^{\text{closed}} - g \sum_p W_f^{\text{closed}}$$

which realizes the same \mathbb{Z}_2 topological order.

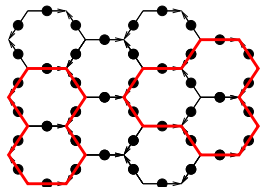
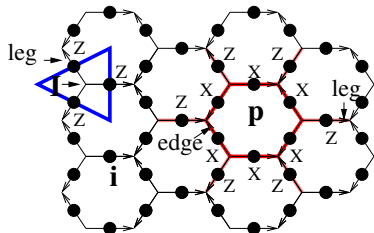
Double-semion model

Local rules:

Levin-Wen cond-mat/0404617

$$\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \quad \Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \quad \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = -\Phi_{\text{str}} \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \quad \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

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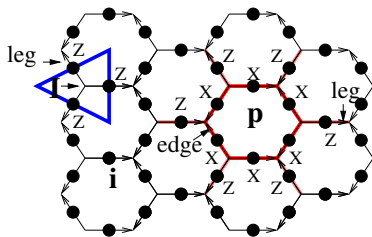
$$H = -U \sum_l \hat{Q}_l - \frac{g}{2} \sum_p (\hat{F}_p + h.c.), \quad \sigma^{z/2} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \sim \sqrt{\sigma^z}$$

$$\hat{Q}_l = \prod_{\text{legs of } l} \sigma_i^z, \quad \hat{F}_p = \left(\prod_{\text{edges of } p} \sigma_j^x \right) \left(- \prod_{\text{legs of } p} \sigma_i^{z/2} \right)$$

Double-semion model

- The action of operator $\hat{F}_p = (\prod_{\text{edges of } p} \sigma_j^x)(-\prod_{\text{legs of } p} \sigma_i^{z/2})$:
 - (1) flip string around the loop;
 - (2) add a phase $-i^{\#}$ of strings attached to the loop.

Combine the above two in the closed-string subspace:
 add a loop and
 a sign $(-)^{\text{change in } \# \text{ of loops}}$

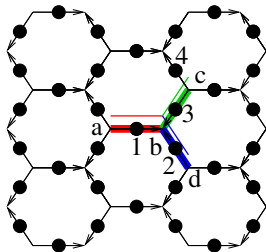
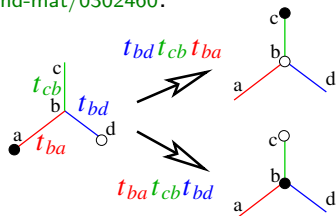


- \hat{F}_p is hermitian in the closed-string subspace.
- $\hat{F}_p \hat{F}_{p'} = \hat{F}_{p'} \hat{F}_p$ in the closed-string subspace.
- Ground state wave function $\Phi(X) = (-)^{\sigma_c^x}$, where σ_c^x is the number of loops in the string configuration X .

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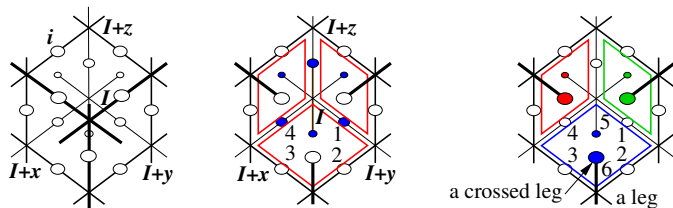
- For the dressed strings: $t_{ba} = \sigma_1^x$, $t_{cb} = \underline{\sigma}_3^x \sigma_4^{z/2}$, $t_{bd} = \sigma_2^x \underline{\sigma}_3^{z/2}$
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$$\sigma_1^x \underline{\sigma}_3^x \sigma_4^{z/2} \sigma_2^x \underline{\sigma}_3^{z/2} = -i \sigma_2^x \underline{\sigma}_3^{z/2} \underline{\sigma}_3^x \sigma_4^{z/2} \sigma_1^x$$

when acting on a state with two ends of strings at a, b

→ **The ends of dressed strings are semions**

3D Z_2 topological order on Cubic lattice



- Untwisted-string model: $H = -U \sum_I Q_I - g \sum_p F_p$

$$Q_I = \prod_{i \text{ next to } I} \sigma_i^z, \quad F_p = \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x$$

Can get 3D fermions for free (almost) Levin & Wen 03

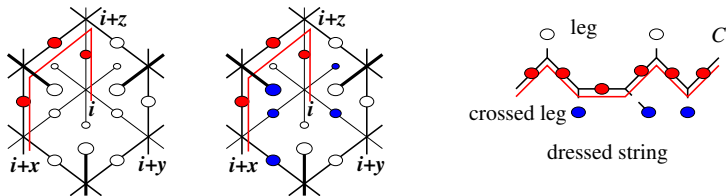
Just add a little twist

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$$F_p = \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x \sigma_5^z \sigma_6^z$$

String operators and Z_2 charges Levin & Wen 03

- A pair of Z_2 charges is created by an open string operator which commutes with the Hamiltonian except at its two ends. Strings cost no energy and is unobservable.



- In untwisted-string model – untwisted-string operator

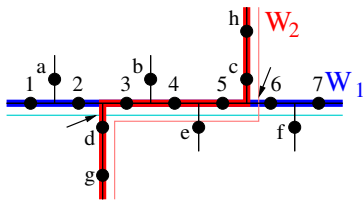
$$\sigma_{i_1}^x \sigma_{i_2}^x \sigma_{i_3}^x \sigma_{i_4}^x \dots$$

- In twisted-string model – twisted-string operator

$$\left(\sigma_{i_1}^x \sigma_{i_2}^x \sigma_{i_3}^x \sigma_{i_4}^x \dots \right) \prod_i \sigma_i^z$$

i on crossed legs of C

Twisted string operators commute $[W_1, W_2] = 0$



$$W_1 = (\sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x \sigma_5^x \sigma_6^x \sigma_7^x) [\sigma_d^z \sigma_e^z \sigma_f^z]$$

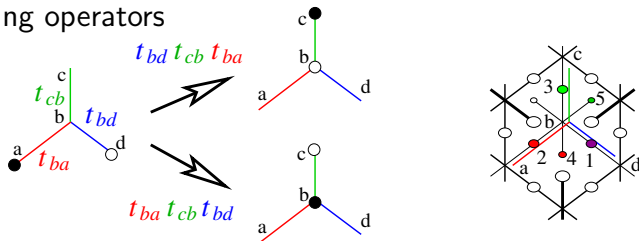
$$W_2 = (\sigma_h^x \sigma_c^x \sigma_5^x \sigma_4^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_d^x \sigma_g^x) [\sigma_6^z \sigma_e^z]$$

- We also have $[W, Q_i] = 0$ for closed string operators W , since W only create closed strings.

Statistics of ends of twisted strings

- The statistics is determined by particle hopping operators

Levin-Wen 03:

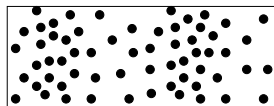
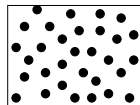


- An open string operator is a hopping operator of the 'ends'. The algebra of the open string op. determine the statistics.
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Principle of emergence

Different orders → **different wave equations**
→ **different physical properties.**

- Atoms in fluid have a random distribution
→ cannot resist shear deformations (do nothing)
→ liquids do not have shapes

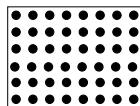


Wave Eq. → Euler Eq.

$$\partial_t^2 \rho - \partial_x^2 \rho = 0 \quad \text{One longitudinal mode}$$

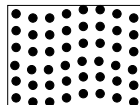
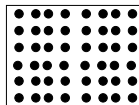
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Wave Eq. → elastic Eq. $\partial_t^2 u^i - C^{ijkl} \partial_{x^j} \partial_{x^k} u^l = 0$

One longitudinal mode and
two transverse modes



Origin of photons, gluons, electrons, quarks, etc

- Do all waves and wave equations emerge from some orders?

Wave equations for elementary particles

- Maxwell equation \rightarrow Photons

$$\partial \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t \mathbf{B} = \partial \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} = \partial \cdot \mathbf{E} = \partial \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$



- Yang-Mills equation \rightarrow Gluons

$$\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu}^a + f^{abc} A^{\mu b} F_{\mu\nu}^c = 0$$



- Dirac equation \rightarrow Electrons/quarks (spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ fermions!)

$$[\partial_\mu \gamma^\mu + m]\psi = 0$$



What orders produce the above waves?

What are the origins of light (gauge bosons) and electrons (fermions)?

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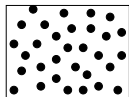
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Two choices:

- Declare that photons, gluons, and electrons are elementary, and do not ask where do they come from.
- Declare that the symmetry breaking theory is incomplete. Maybe new orders beyond symmetry breaking can produce the Maxwell, Yang-Mills, and the Dirac equations.

Long range entanglements (closed strings) → emergence of electromagnetic waves (photons)

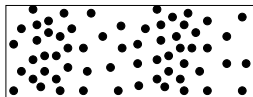
- Wave in superfluid state $|\Phi_{\text{SF}}\rangle = \sum_{\text{all position conf.}} |\text{box}\rangle$:



density fluctuations:

$$\text{Euler eq.: } \partial_t^2 \rho - \partial_x^2 \rho = 0$$

→ Longitudinal wave



- Wave in closed-string liquid $|\Phi_{\text{string}}\rangle = \sum_{\text{closed strings}} |\text{box}\rangle$:
Wen 03, Levin-Wen 05

String density $E(x)$ fluctuations → waves in string liquid.

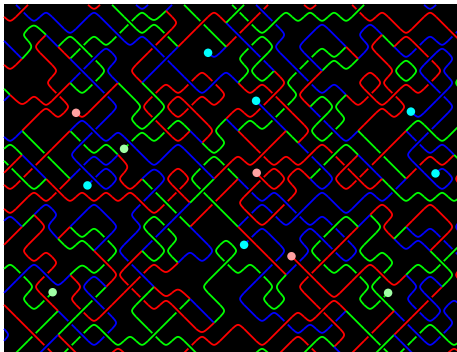
Closed string → $\partial \cdot E = 0$ → **only two transverse modes.**

Equation of motion for string density → Maxwell equation:

$$\dot{E} - \partial \times B = \dot{B} + \partial \times E = \partial \cdot B = \partial \cdot E = 0.$$

Long range entanglements (string nets) → Emergence of Yang-Mills theory (gluons)

- If string has different types and can branch
→ string-net liquid
→ Yang-Mills theory
- Different ways
that strings join →
different gauge groups



A picture of our vacuum

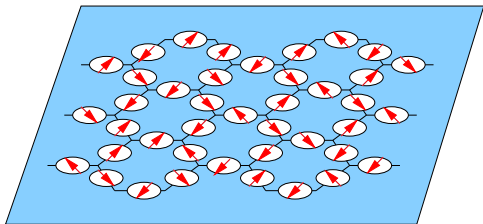
A string-net theory of light and electrons

Closed strings → $U(1)$ gauge theory
String-nets → **Yang-Mills gauge theory**

Levin-Wen 05

- Only has nearest-neighbor and two-spin interactions:

$$H = J_1 \sum (S_i^z)^2 + J_2 \sum S_i^z S_j^z - J_{xy} \sum (S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y)$$



Eigenstates of S^z :

$$S^z |\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle \quad S^z |0\rangle = 0 \quad S^z |\downarrow\rangle = -|\downarrow\rangle$$

A spin state with spin pointing in x -direction:

$$|\rightarrow\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle + |0\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle$$

Pictures of a few ground states of the spin system

- $J_1 > 0, J_2 = g = 0$:

All spins in the $|0\rangle$ state:

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = |00\dots 0\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |0\rangle$$

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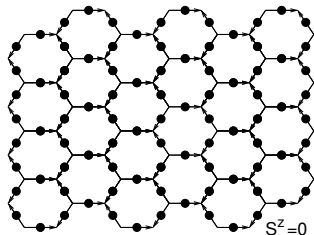
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String liquid ground state

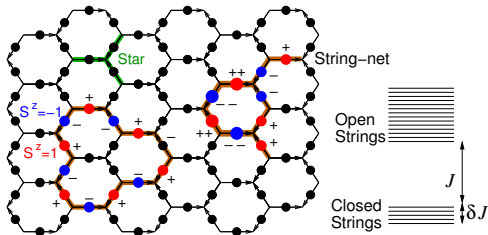
Introduce $\Delta J = J_1 - J_2$ and rewrite

$$H = \frac{J}{2} \sum (S_1^z + S_2^z + S_3^z)^2 + \Delta J \sum (S_i^z)^2 - g \sum (S_1^+ S_2^- S_3^+ S_4^- S_5^+ S_6^- + h.c.)$$

When $\Delta J = g = 0$, the no string state and closed string states all have zero energy:



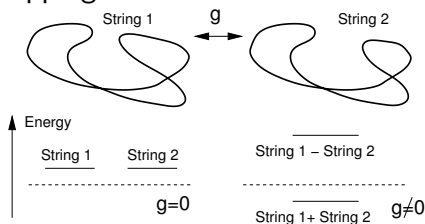
No string state: $|000\dots\rangle$



Closed-string state

- The strings are oriented.

- The effect of ΔJ term: String tension
- The effect of g term: String hopping

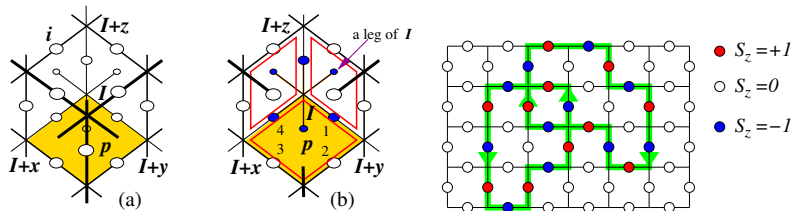


When $\Delta J \ll g \ll J_2$, the ground state is a superposition of all closed-string states. Such a state is called *string-net condensed state* – a new state of matter that breaks no symmetries.

Compare with some well known states

- Crystal: Particles have a fixed regular positions.
- Superfluid (liquid): Particles have uncertain positions.
Ground state = superposition of all particle positions.
- Plastic: Polymers have a fixed random configuration.
- String liquid: Strings have uncertain configurations.
Ground state = superposition of all string-net configurations.

3D String-net condensation in cubic lattice



$$H = U \sum_I Q_I^2 + J \sum (S_i^z)^2 - g \sum_p (B_p + h.c.)$$

$$Q_I = \sum_{i \text{ next to } I} S_i^z, \quad gB_p = gS_1^+ S_2^- S_3^+ S_4^-$$

Here S^z is the angular momentum of a rotor.

S^\pm is raising/lowering operator of S^z .

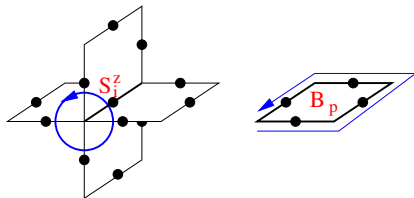
$U \sum_I Q_I^2$: only closed string states have low energies
 $J \sum (S_i^z)^2$: string tension
 $g \sum_p (B_p + h.c.)$: string hopping

Equation of motion approach \rightarrow Maxwell equation

To understand the dynamics of $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{K}{2}\hat{x}^2$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{x}\rangle = \langle i[\hat{H}, \hat{x}] \rangle = \langle \hat{p}/m \rangle, \quad \frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{p}\rangle = \langle i[\hat{H}, \hat{p}] \rangle = -\langle K\hat{x} \rangle$$

Equation of motion of an oscillator.



Emergence of Maxwell equation

$$B_p = e^{i\phi_p}, \quad S_i^z = E_i$$

$$\partial_t \langle S_i^z \rangle = \langle i[H, S_i^z] \rangle \sim i \langle \sum_{a=1,\dots,4} B_{p_a} - h.c. \rangle \sim \sum_{a=1,\dots,4} \phi_{p_a}$$

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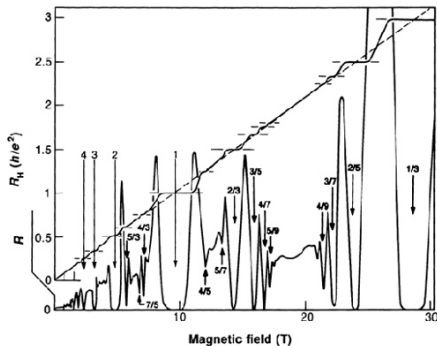
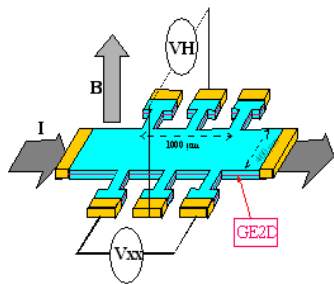
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The experimental discovery of FQH effect

- Quantum Hall states (1980's)
- Quantized Hall conductance:

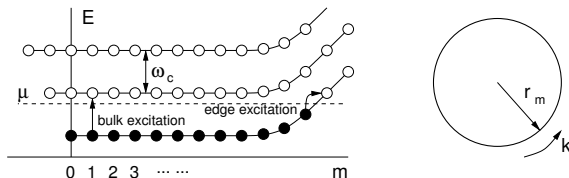
$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{I}{V_H} = \frac{m e^2}{n h} = \frac{1}{R_H}$$
$$\frac{m}{n} = \nu = \frac{\text{\# of electrons}}{\text{\# of flux quanta}}$$



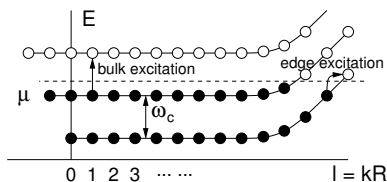
Introduction of IQH states

- One-particle in magnetic field (choose $B = 1$ and $z = x + iy$): $H_0 = -\sum(\partial_z - \frac{B}{4}z^*)(\partial_{z^*} + \frac{B}{4}z)$
- First Landau level state: $\Psi(z) = z^m e^{-\frac{1}{4}|z|^2}$, since $e^{\frac{1}{4}zz^*}(i\partial_z - i\frac{1}{4}z^*)(i\partial_{z^*} + i\frac{1}{4}z)e^{-\frac{1}{4}zz^*} = (i\partial_z - i\frac{1}{2}z^*)i\partial_{z^*}$

$\nu = 1$ IQH state:



- Higher Landau levels:
 $\nu = 2$ IQH state:



Introduction of FQH states

- N -electrons (fermionic or bosonic) in a magnetic field:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(i\partial_{z_i} - i\frac{B}{4}z_i^* \right) \left(i\partial_{z_i^*} + i\frac{B}{4}z_i \right) + \sum_{i<j} V(x_i - x_j, y_i - y_j)$$

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- For small non-zero V , there is only one minimal energy wave function P whose form is determined by V .

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$$V_{1/4}(z_1, z_2) = v_0 \delta(z_1 - z_2) + v_2 \partial_{z_1}^2 \delta(z_1 - z_2) \partial_{z_1}^2$$

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Non-Abelian topo. order in quantum Hall systems

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Non-abelian topological order → non-abelian statistics

- $SU(m)_2$ state via slave-particle Wen PRL **66** 802 (1991)

$$\Psi_{SU(2)_2} = \chi_1 (\chi_2)^2, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}; \quad \Psi_{SU(3)_2} = (\chi_2)^3, \quad \nu = \frac{2}{3};$$

→ $SU(m)_2$ Chern-Simons effective theory → non-abelian statistics

- Pfaffian state via CFT correlation Moore-Read NPB **360** 362 (1991)

$$\Psi_{Pfa} = \mathcal{A} \left[\frac{1}{z_1 - z_2} \frac{1}{z_3 - z_4} \cdots \right] \prod (z_i - z_j)^2 e^{-\frac{1}{4} \sum |z_i|^2}, \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

- The $\Psi_{SU(2)_2}$ and Ψ_{Pfa} have the same Ising non-abelian statistics
- The $\Psi_{SU(3)_2}$ state has the Fibonacci non-abelian statistics.

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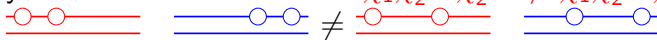
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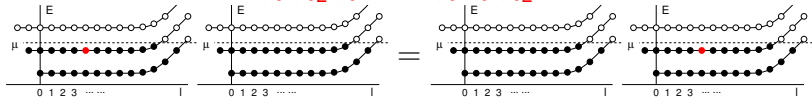
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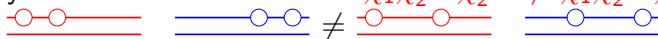
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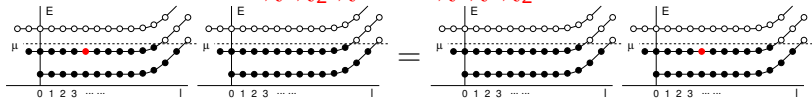
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- The presence of the topological degeneracy \rightarrow The braiding is described by unitary matrix $U(D_{\text{deg}})$ \rightarrow non-Abelian statistics.

Fractionalized degrees of freedom

- N trapped quasiparticle \rightarrow degeneracy $D_{\text{deg}}(N)$. Each particle carries degrees of freedom $d = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [D_{\text{deg}}(N)]^{\frac{1}{N}}$ (the quantum dimension of the particle).
 - $d = 2$ from spin-1/2 particles
 - $d = 3$ from spin-1 particles.
 - For $\chi_1(\chi_2)^2$ state $d = \sqrt{2}$ (half qubit) – Ising anyon.
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is a non-Abelian QH state?

What kind of non-Abelian state?

Fractionalized degrees of freedom

- N trapped quasiparticle \rightarrow degeneracy $D_{\text{deg}}(N)$. Each particle carries degrees of freedom $d = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [D_{\text{deg}}(N)]^{\frac{1}{N}}$ (the quantum dimension of the particle)
 - $d = 2$ from spin-1/2 particles
 - $d = 3$ from spin-1 particles.
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Split an electron into partons

Projective construction for Laughlin states

Assume the bosonic electrons have an interaction to have a gaped ground wavefunction:

$$\Psi(z_1, \dots, z_N) = [\chi_1(z_1, \dots, z_N)]^2 = P[\chi_1(z_1^{(1)}, \dots) \chi_1(z_1^{(2)}, \dots)]$$

- Electron \rightarrow 2 kinds of partons, each kind $\rightarrow \nu = 1$ IQH χ_1
- The projection P binds 2-partons into an electron

$$z_i^{(1)} = z_i^{(2)} = z_i$$

- Effective theory of independent partons ($l = 1, 2$)

$$L = \psi_l^\dagger [\partial_t - i \frac{1}{2} (\bar{A}_0 + \delta A_0)]^2 \psi_l + \frac{1}{2m} \psi_l^\dagger [\partial_i - i \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\mathbf{A}} + \delta \mathbf{A})]^2 \psi_l$$

The electron density (and the parton density) is such that each parton form a $\nu = 1$ IQH state χ_1 .

- Integrating out ψ_l in path integral \rightarrow effective Lagrangian

$$L(\delta A_\mu) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \delta A_\mu \partial_\nu \delta A_\lambda \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} [(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2]$$

$\rightarrow U(1)$ Chern-Simons gauge theory.

Hall conductance $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} [(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2]$

The low energy effective theory

- Introduce dynamical $U(1)$ gauge field to do projection (glue partons back to electrons):

$$L = \psi_I^\dagger [\partial_t - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{A}_0 - ia_0]^2 \psi_I + \frac{1}{2m} \psi_I^\dagger [\partial_i - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{A} - ia]^2 \psi_I$$

- Integrating out ψ_I in path integral \rightarrow effective Lagrangian

$$L(a_\mu) = \frac{1+1}{4\pi} a_\mu \partial_\nu a_\lambda \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{g} (f_{\mu\nu})^2$$

$\rightarrow U(1)_2$ Chern-Simons gauge theory at level 2.

- $U(1)_m$ -Chern-Simons theory at level m have fractional statistics $\theta = \pi/m$.

$U(1)_2$ Chern-Simons gauge theory has semions $\theta = \pi/2$.

Projective construction for non-Abelian FQH states

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Assume electrons have an interaction such that the following many-body wave function is a gaped ground state:

$$\Psi(z_1, \dots, z_N) = [\chi_m(z_1, \dots, z_N)]^n = P[\chi_m(z_1^{(1)}, \dots) \chi_m(z_1^{(2)}, \dots) \cdots]$$

- Electron $\rightarrow n$ kinds of partons, each kind $\rightarrow \nu = m$ IQH χ_m
- We then bind n -partons into an electron $z_i^{(I)} = z_i^{(J)} = z_i$
- Effective theory of independent partons

$$L = \psi_l^\dagger [\partial_t - i \frac{1}{n} \bar{A}_0] \psi_l + \frac{1}{2m} \psi_l^\dagger [\partial_i - i \frac{1}{n} \bar{A}]^2 \psi_l, \quad l = 1, \dots, n$$

The electron density (and the parton density) is such that each parton form a $\nu = m$ IQH state χ_m .

Projective construction for non-Abelian FQH states

- Introduce dynamical $SU(n)$ gauge field to do projection (glue partons back to electrons):

$$\psi_I^\dagger \left[\partial_t - i \frac{1}{n} \bar{A}_0 \delta_{IJ} - i (a_0)_{IJ} \right]^2 \psi_J + \frac{1}{2m} \psi_I^\dagger \left[\partial_i - i \frac{1}{n} \bar{A} \delta_{IJ} - i a_{IJ} \right]^2 \psi_J$$

- Integrating out ψ_I in path integral \rightarrow effective Lagrangian

$$L(a_\mu) = \frac{m}{4\pi} \text{Tr}(a_\mu \partial_\nu a_\lambda + \frac{i}{3} a_\mu a_\nu a_\lambda) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{g} (f_{\mu\nu})^2$$

$\rightarrow SU(n)_m$ Chern-Simons gauge theory at level m .

- $SU(n)_m$ -CS theory have non-Abelian statistics if $m > 1$.
- $SU(2)_2$ CS gauge theory has Ising non-Abelian anyon.
- $SU(2)_3$ CS gauge theory has Fibonacci non-Abelian anyon.
- $SU(3)_2$ CS gauge theory has Fibonacci non-Abelian anyon.

How to realize non-Abelian FQH states

- $\Psi_{\nu=2/5} = (\chi_1)^2 \chi_2$ can be realized if 2 LLs are degenerate
- $\Psi_{SU(2)_2} = \chi_1 (\chi_2)^2$ can be realized if 3 LLs are degenerate
- $\Psi_{SU(3)_2} = (\chi_2)^3$ can be realized if 4 LLs are degenerate

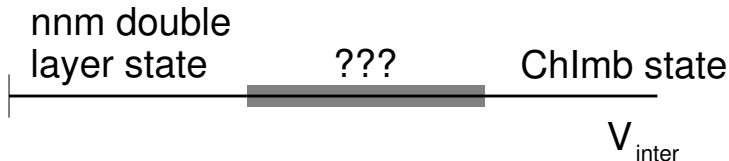
- **Realizing non-Abelian FQH state in bi-layer systems**

Starting with (nm) state

$$\Phi_{nm} = \prod (z_i - z_j)^n (w_i - w_j)^n (z_i - w_i)^m e^{-\frac{1}{4} \sum |z_i|^2 + |w_i|^2}$$

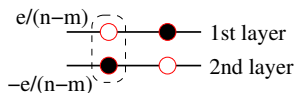
where $n = \text{odd}$ for fermionic electron.

- Phase diagram for increasing interlayer repulsion



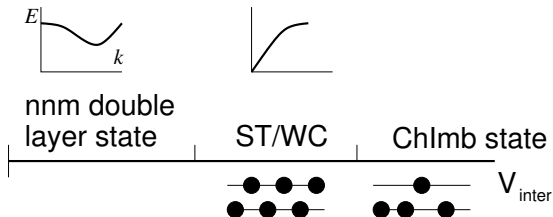
Two possibilities from exciton condensation

- Fractionalized exciton in (nm) state has fractional statistics $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{n-m}$

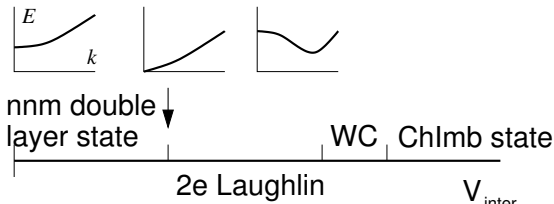


- If the exciton has $k \neq 0$

→ Wigner crystal:



- If the exciton has $k = 0$
- charge- $2e$ Laughlin state ($K = 8$)



Critical theory for quantum phase transition

- Start with GL theory for bosonic excitons and anti-excitons:

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial_\mu \phi|^2 + M|\phi|^2 + U|\phi|^4$$

$M = 0$ at the transition.

- GL-CS theory to reproduce statistics $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{n-m}$

$$|(\partial - ia_1 + ia_2)\phi|^2 + M|\phi|^2 + U|\phi|^4 + \frac{1}{4\pi} a_I \partial a_J K^{IJ}, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} n & m \\ m & n \end{pmatrix}$$

- CS term does not destroy the critical point of GL theory, but changes the critical exponents

$(nm) \rightarrow 2e$ -Laughlin is a continuous transition between two states with the SAME symmetry

- When $n - m = 2$, critical theory is a massless Dirac fermion theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + M \bar{\psi} \psi$$

The mass $M = 0$ at the transition.

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Phase diagram with interlayer tunneling

- **Without interlayer tunneling:** Effective theory near transition

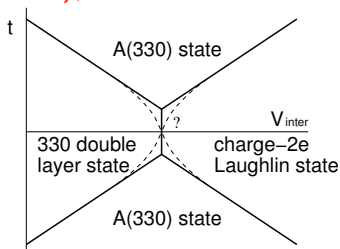
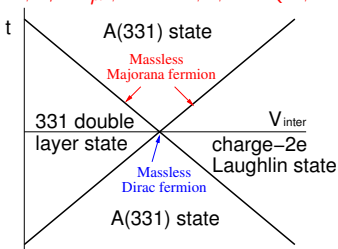
$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial - ia_1 + ia_2)\phi|^2 + M|\phi|^2 + U|\phi|^4 + \frac{K^{IJ}}{4\pi} a_I \partial a_J.$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + M \bar{\psi} \psi, \quad \text{for } n - m = 2$$

- **With interlayer tunneling:** Effective theory near transition ($n - m$ excitons = interlayer particle-hole)

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial - ia_1 + ia_2)\phi|^2 + M|\phi|^2 + U|\phi|^4 + (t\phi^{n-m}\hat{M} + h.c.) + \frac{K^{IJ}}{4\pi} a_I \partial a_J.$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + m \bar{\psi} \psi + (t\psi^T \psi + h.c.), \quad \text{for } n - m = 2$$



States from interlayer tunneling: $\mathcal{A}(331)$, $\mathcal{A}(330)$

- Two-layer state to one-layer state via anti-symmetrization:

$$\Psi_{\mathcal{A}(nmm)}(x_i) = \mathcal{A}[\prod (z_i - z_j)^n (w_i - w_j)^n (z_i - w_j)^m].$$

Wen-Wang arXiv:0801.3291

- Characterize them with pattern-of-zeros:**
(similar to *s-wave*, *p-wave*, etc of superconducting states)

	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	\dots
$\Psi_{\mathcal{A}(331)}$	1	5	10	18	\dots
$\Psi_{\mathcal{A}(330)}$	1	3	6	12	\dots
$\prod (z_i - z_j)^n$	n	$3n$	$6n$	$10n$	\dots



S_a = total relative angular momentum of a electrons.

POZ theory of FQG states

- **Obtain their properties using POZ** → Spectrum of gapless edge excitations. The ground state has a total angular momentum M_0 . The chiral edge excitations have higher angular momenta $M_0 + m$. $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$ = number of edge excitations at $M_0 + m$.
- How to compute $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$?
 $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$ = number of anti-symmetric holomorphic functions $\Psi(z_i)$ whose n -electron relative angular momentum $\tilde{S}_n \geq S_n$.

The edge spectrum $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$

$m :$	0	1	2	3	4	\dots	c	remark
$\Psi_{\mathcal{A}(331)}$	1	1	3	5	10	\dots	$\frac{3}{2}$	Z_2 parafermion
$\Psi_{\mathcal{A}(330)}$	1	1	3	6	13	\dots	2	Z_4 parafermion
$\prod (z_i - z_j)^n$	1	1	2	3	5	P_m	1	Abelian Laughlin state

Central charge for the edge states

- The edge spectrum $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$ is described by central charge c .

For $\prod (z_i - z_j)^m$: $P_m \sim \frac{1}{4m\sqrt{3}} e^{\pi\sqrt{\frac{2M}{3}}} \sim e^{c\pi\sqrt{\frac{2M}{3}}}$ with $c = 1$.

In general $D_{\text{edge}}(m) \sim e^{c\pi\sqrt{\frac{2M}{3}}}$

- The central charge can be measured by specific heat

$$C = c \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{v\hbar} \text{ or thermal Hall conductivity } \kappa_{xy} = c \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{k_B^2 T}{h}$$

- The edge spectrum $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$ = finger print for FQH states:

- $D_{\text{edge}}(m)$ = partition number $\rightarrow \Psi_{\nu=1/m}$ is an Abelian state.

- $\Psi_{A(331)}$ is a Z_2 parafermion state.

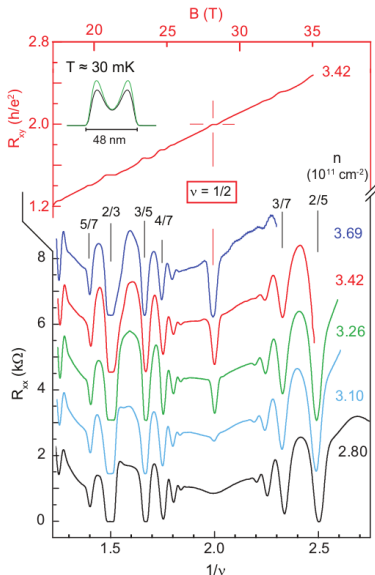
- $\Psi_{A(330)}$ is a Z_4 parafermion state. (Related to $\chi_1(\chi_4)^2$ state

$SU(2)_4$.) Blok-Wen Nucl. Phys. B374, 615 (92); Read-Rezayi cond-mat/9809384

- Interlayer tunneling can induce the above non-Abelian states.

Bi-layer FQH in a quantum well (width = 48nm)

- For very large interlayer tunneling we get a single-layer compressible state at $\nu = 1/2$.
- For very small interlayer tunneling we get a bi-layer (331) state.
- In between, we may get the Z_2 parafermion non-Abelian state.
 - To get (331) state from $\nu = 1/2$ FL state, we need a d -wave pairing \rightarrow impossible.
 - p -wave pairing on $\nu = 1/2$ FL state gives us Z_2 parafermion non-Abelian state.
 - *With less interlayer tunneling, can we see Z_2 parafermion \rightarrow (331) transition?*



Shabani, Shayegan, etal arXiv:1306.5290

Topological order and many-body entanglement

Two-component states in bi-layer systems

We have discussed one-component states (ie single-layer states) in bi-layers: $\Psi(\{x_i\})$.

- Now we consider two-component states in bi-layers, such as

$$\Psi(z_i, w_i) = \prod (z_i - z_j)^n (w_i - w_j)^n (z_i - w_j)^m$$

- The pattern-of-zeros description of two-component states:

S_{ab} = the total relative angular momentum for a cluster of a electron in layer-1 and b electron in layer-2.

- For the (nm) state $S_{ab} = n \frac{a(a-1)}{2} + n \frac{b(b-1)}{2} + mab$:

$$\Psi_{(331)}^{\nu=1/2}, c=2$$

S_{ab}	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	3	9
1	0	1	5	12
2	3	5	10	18
3	9	12	18	27

$$\Psi_{(111)}^{\nu=1}, \text{ gapless "superfluid"}$$

S_{ab}	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	1	3
1	0	1	3	6
2	1	3	6	10
3	3	6	10	15

(331) state has a stronger intralayer avoidance than (111)

state

Fibonacci non-Abelian statistics in bi-layer systems

- There are other more interesting FQH states described by different POZs, such as $\nu = \frac{4}{5}, \frac{4}{7}$ bi-layer states: Barkeshli-Wen

arXiv:0906.0341

$$\Psi_{SU(3)_2/U^2(1)}^{\nu=4/5}, \quad c = 3\frac{1}{5}$$

S_{ab}	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	1	5
1	0	1	2	7
2	1	2	4	9
3	5	7	9	15

$$\Psi_{SU(3)_2/U^2(1)}^{\nu=4/7}, \quad c = 3\frac{1}{5}$$

S_{ab}	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	1	5
1	0	1	4	9
2	1	4	8	15
3	5	9	15	23

- Compare to the (111) state, the $\nu = 4/5$ state has a stronger intralayer avoidance and a weaker interlayer avoidance.
- Compare to the $\nu = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5}$ state, the $\nu = 4/5$ state has the same intralayer avoidance and a stronger interlayer avoidance.
- Appear in weak interlayer tunneling limit.
- Just like $(\chi_2)^3$ state, those $\Psi_{SU(3)_2/U^2(1)}$ states also have Fibonacci non-Abelian anyon with quantum dimension

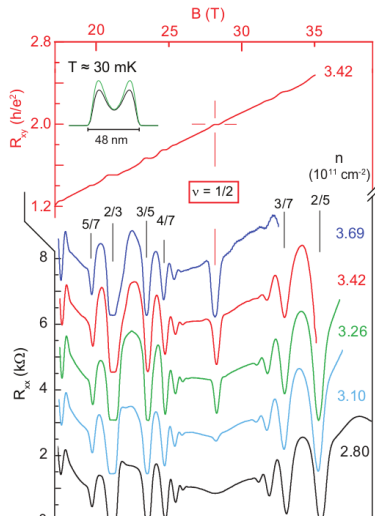
Fibonacci non-Abelian statistics in wide quantum wells ?

- $\nu = 4/5$ FQH state was observed in bi-layer systems (wide quantum wells).

Is it a Fibonacci FQH state that can do universal topological quantum computation?



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Topological order and many-body entanglement