

# Chiral topological spin liquids with PEPS



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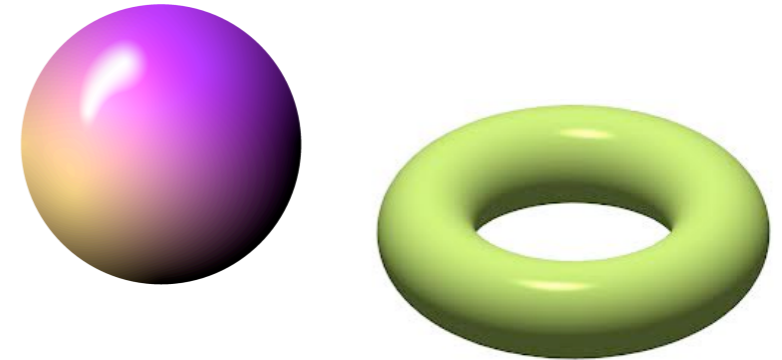


## OUTLINE

- Motivation: analogs of FQHS in the field of frustrated quantum magnetism ?
- «Projected Entangled Pair States» (PEPS) Ansätze and simple realizations:
  - The RVB  $Z_2$  spin liquid
  - A d+id Abelian chiral spin liquid (CSL)
- «Holographic» framework : bulk-edge correspondence, «Entanglement Spectrum» and edge modes
- Towards constructing non-Abelian CSL

# «Topological spin liquids» beyond the «order parameter» paradigm

- \* no spontaneous broken symmetry
- \* no local order but...
- \* **Topological order**



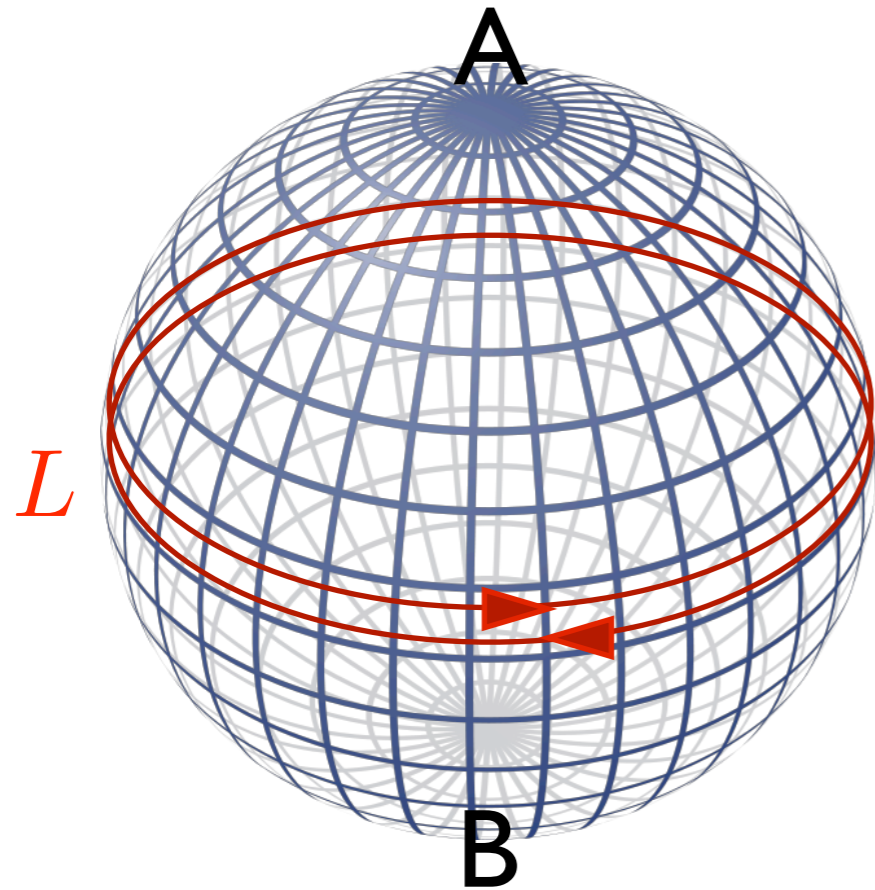
Excitations are fractional («anyons»)

GS degeneracy  
depends on **topology** of space

X. G. Wen

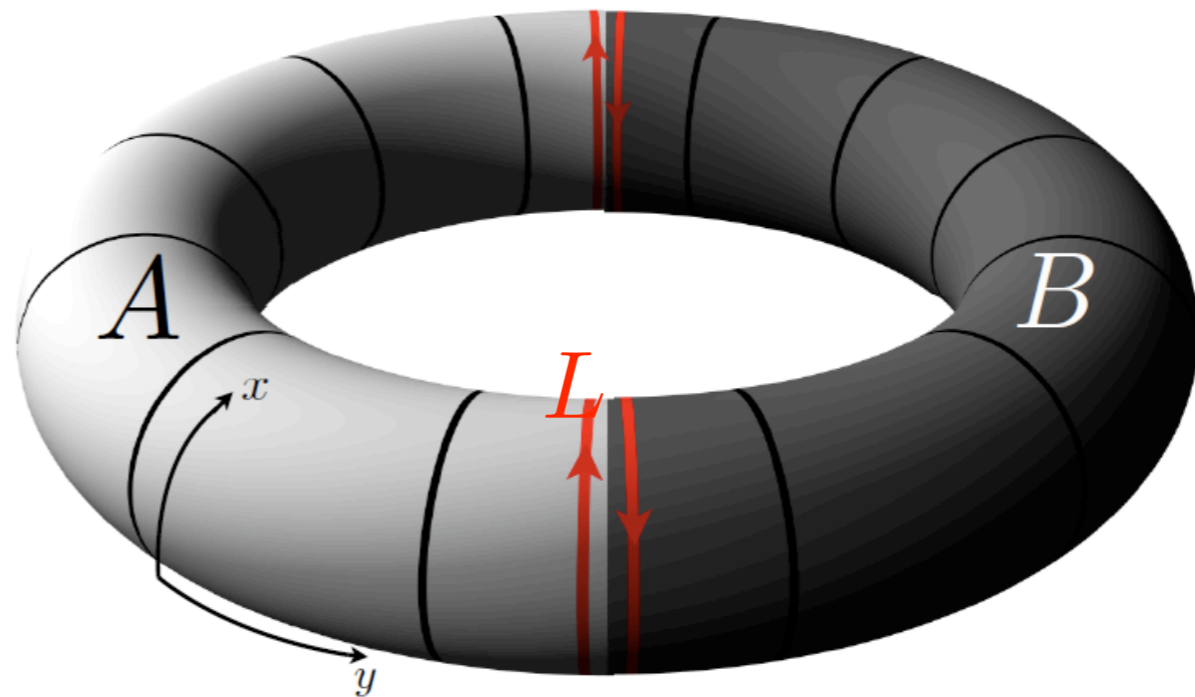


# Edge states in topological chiral systems



Li & Haldane PRL 2008

Regnault, Bernevig & Haldane, 2009



Lauchli et al., 2009

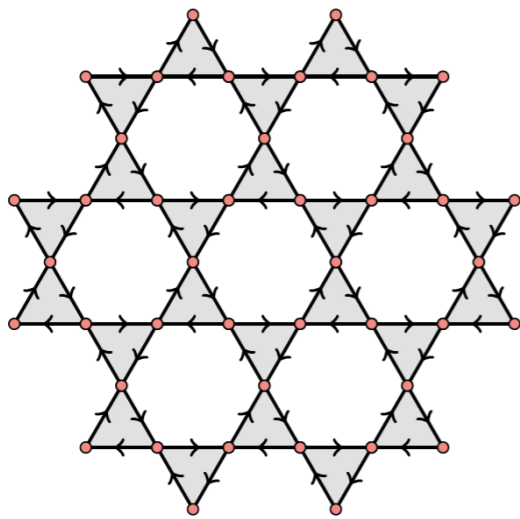
Long Range Entanglement  $\longrightarrow$  edge modes are protected !

Use new tools borrowed from quantum information based on the concept of **entanglement**

# Chiral SL in microscopic spin-1/2 models ?

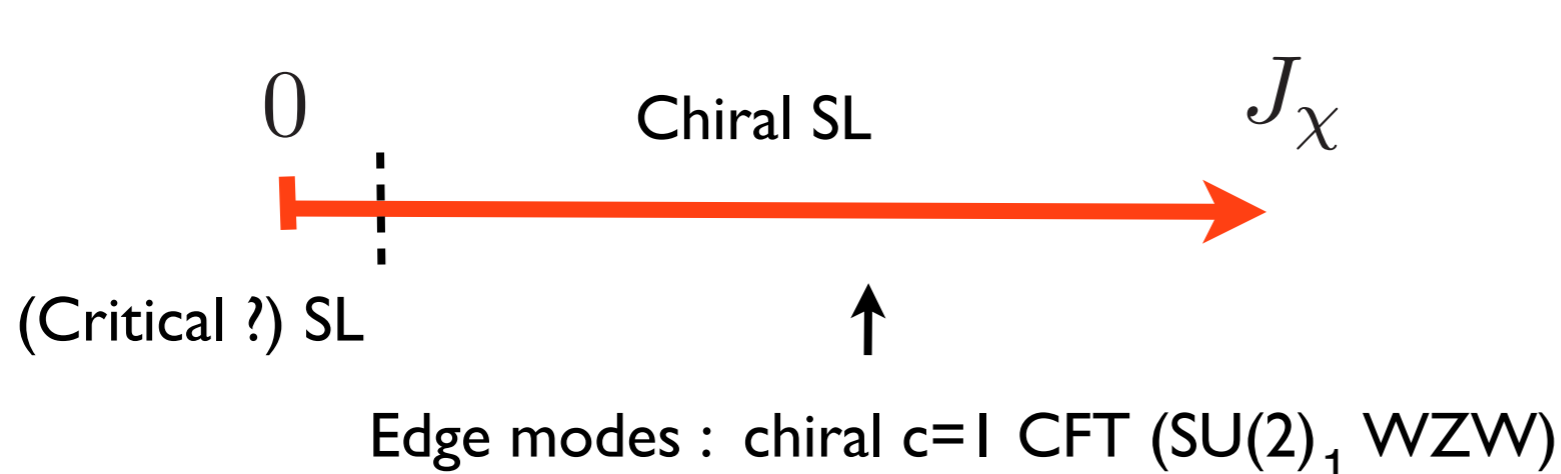
Paradigmatic chiral SL ([Kalmeyer-Laughlin, 1987](#)):  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  FQHS on a lattice

[B. Bauer](#), [L. Cincio](#), [B. P. Keller](#), [M. Dolfi](#), [G. Vidal](#), [S. Trebst](#), [A. W. W. Ludwig](#)  
Nature Communications 5, 5137 (2014)



Mott phase of a large-U Hubbard model

$$H = J_{\text{HB}} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J_{\chi} \sum_{i,j,k \in \Delta} \vec{S}_i \cdot (\vec{S}_j \times \vec{S}_k)$$




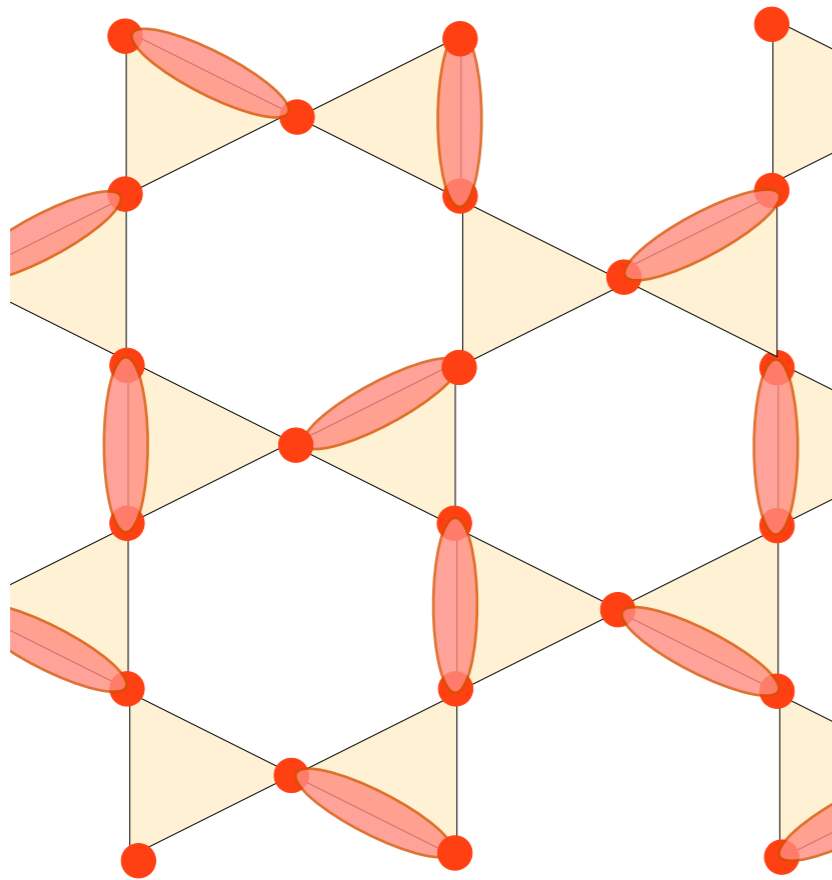
T-invariant H:

[Yin-Chen He](#), [D. N. Sheng](#), [Yan Chen](#)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 137202 (2014)

[Shou-Shu Gong](#), [Wei Zhu](#), [D. N. Sheng](#)  
Scientific Reports 4, 6317 (2014)

# A «toy» gapped spin liquid: the RVB spin liquid

  
 $S = 0$



Equal-weight superposition  
of NN singlet coverings

spin-1/2 RVB

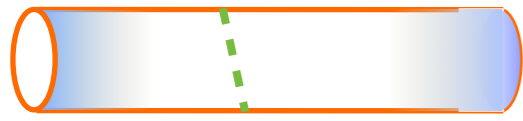
P. Fazekas and P.W. Anderson

Philosophical Magazine **30**, 423-440 (1974)

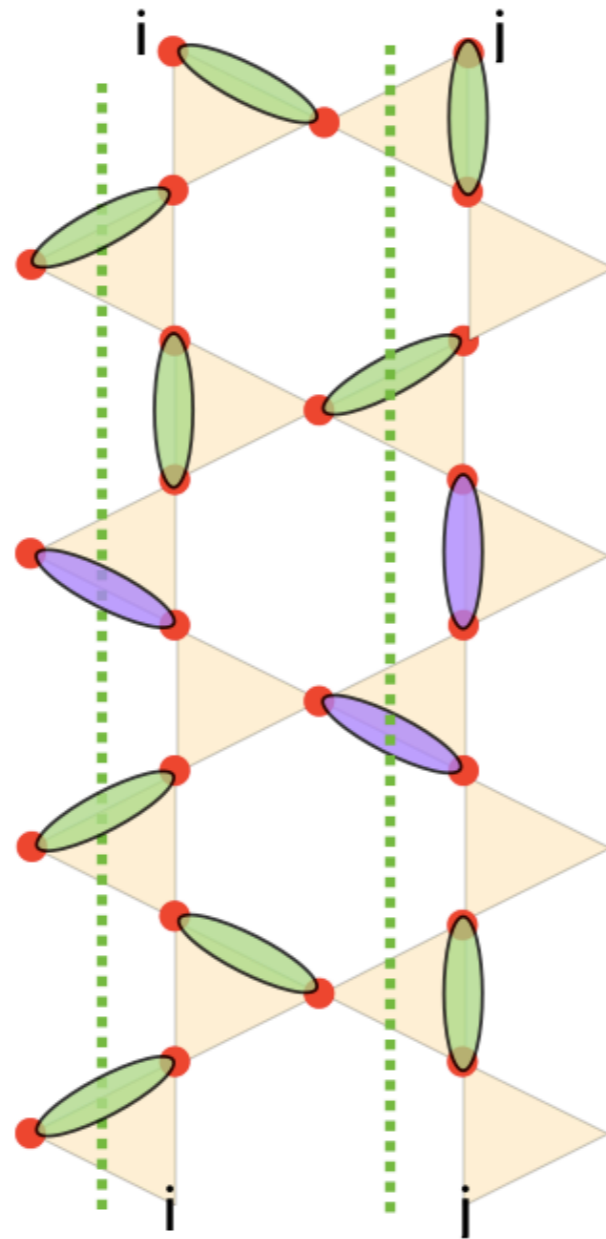
Topological liquid

Hasting-Oshikawa-Lieb-Schulz-Mattis theorem

# Two «types» of cylinder boundaries

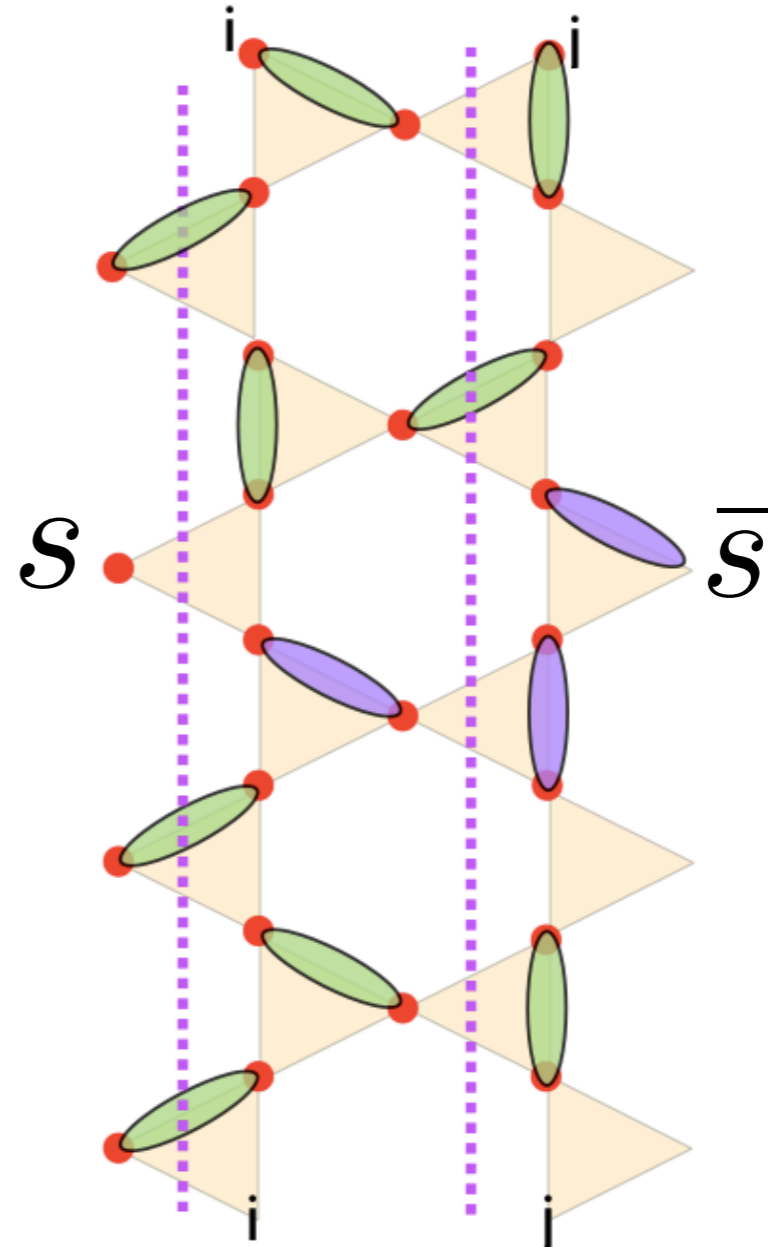


cylinder geometry



«even»

$$G_v = +1$$



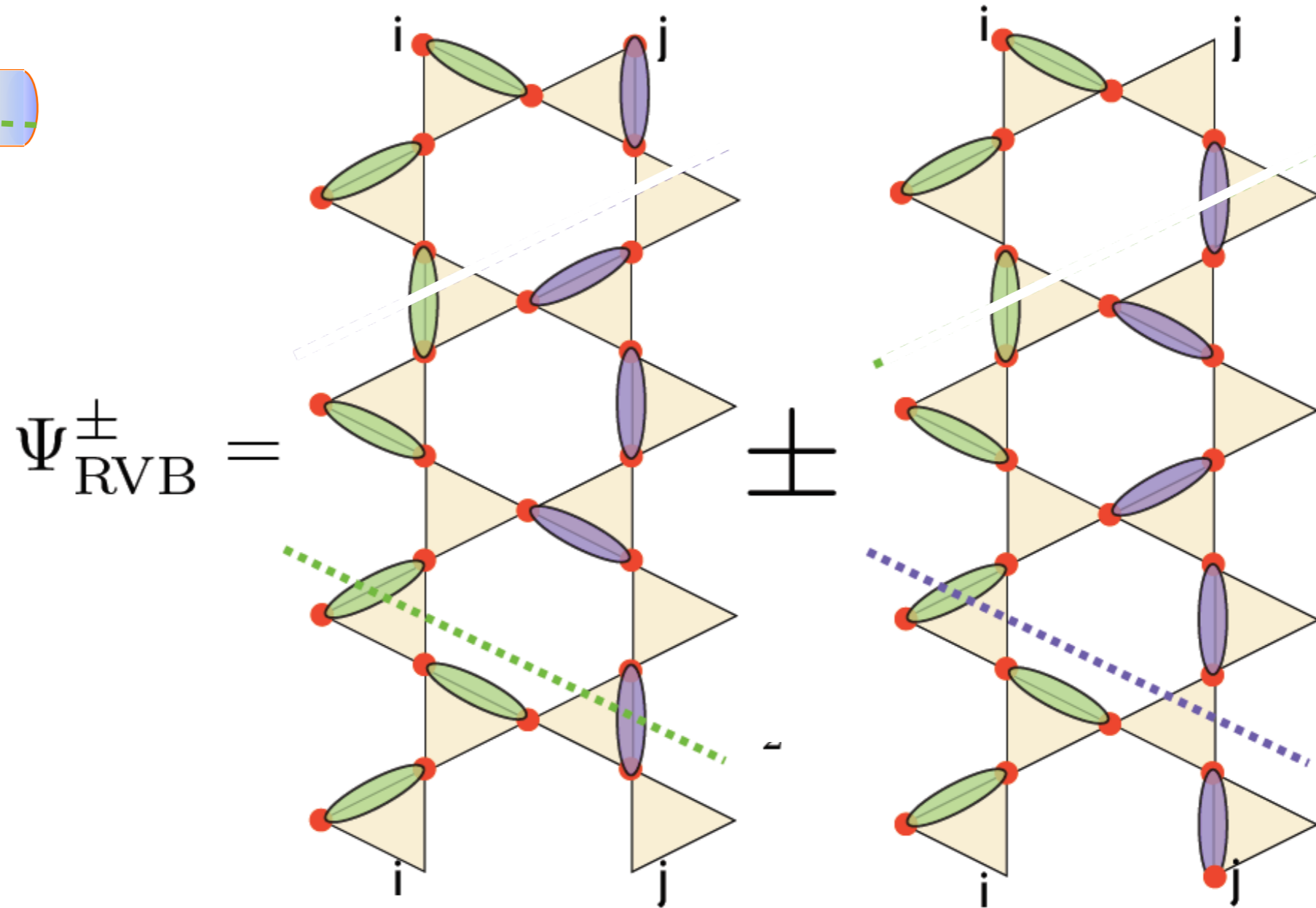
«odd»

$$G_v = -1$$

# Eigenstates of a «Wilson loop» operator



cylinder geometry

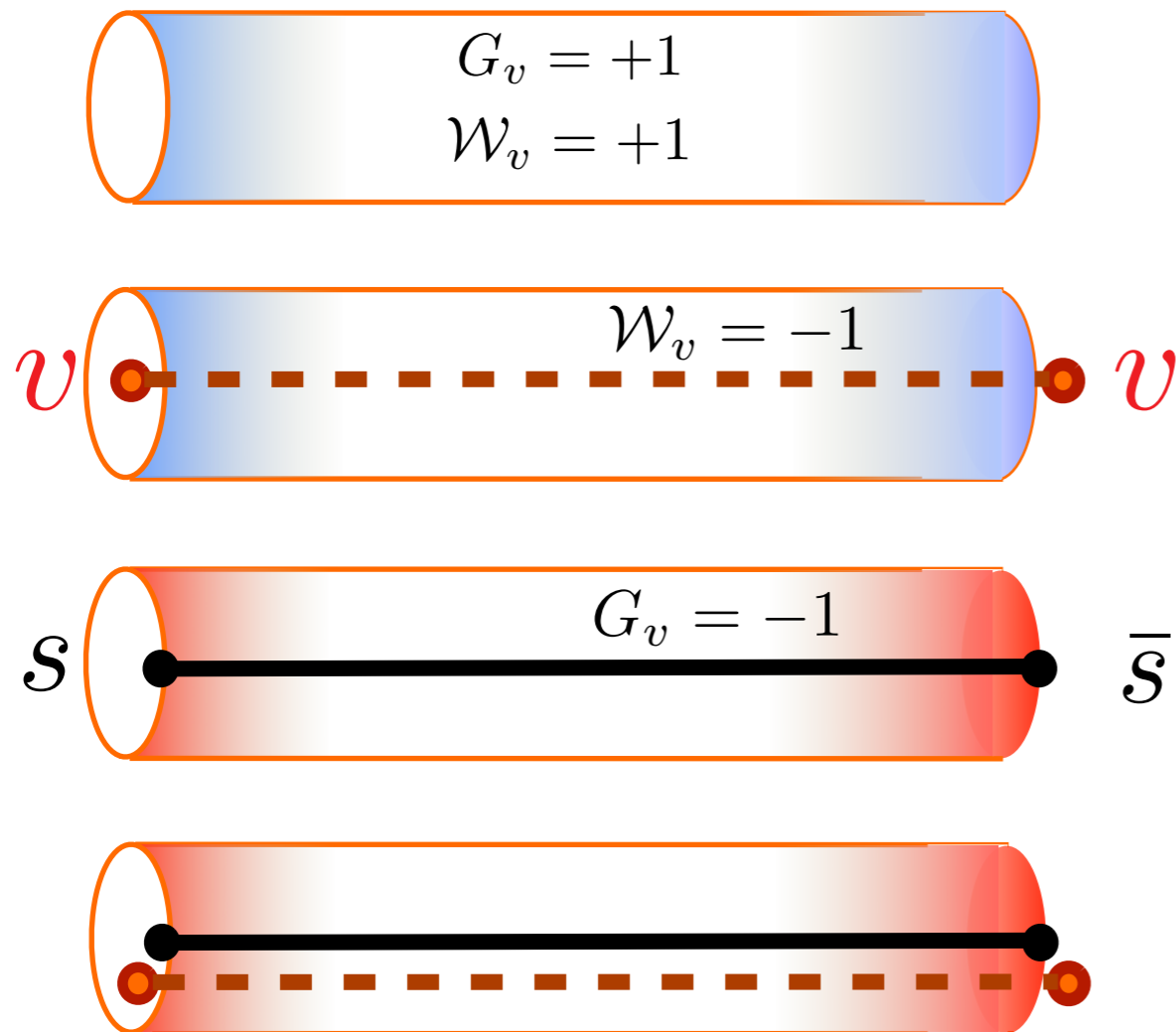


$+$  no vison flux:  $w_v = +1$

$-$   $\mathbb{Z}_2$  vison flux:  $w_v = -1$



$\mathbb{Z}_2$  spin liquid :  
topological GS inserting «spinons» and «visons»

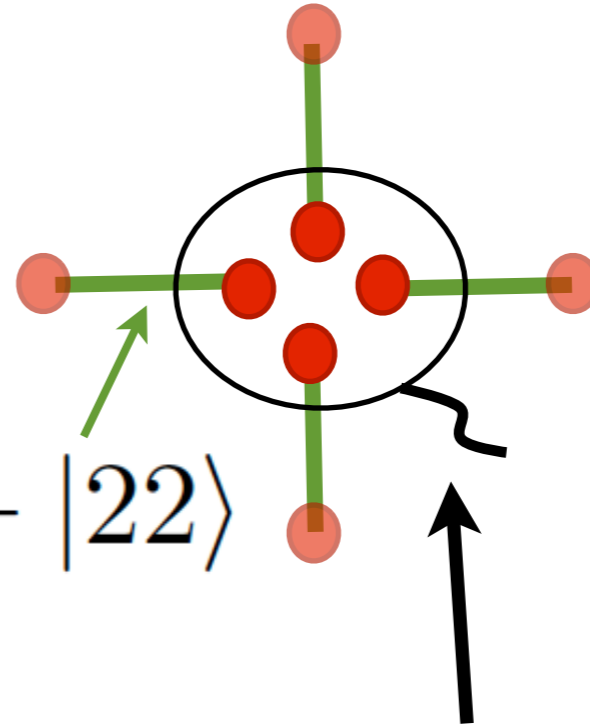


same class as  
Kitaev's Toric Code  
(fixed point  $\xi = 0$ )

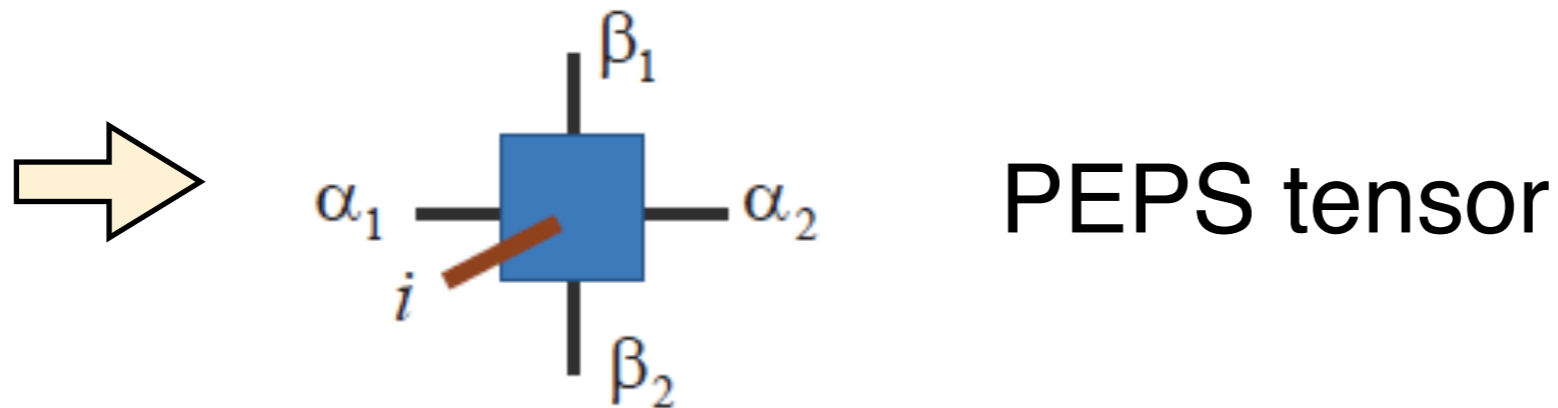
# The spin-1/2 RVB can be written as a PEPS !

virtual states:  $1/2 \oplus 0$   
( $D=3$ )

$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle = |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |22\rangle$$



Project onto physical subspace  $S=1/2$  ( $d=2$ )



Gauge symmetry: topological order is encoded at the tensor level

# The PEPS as a variational ansatz

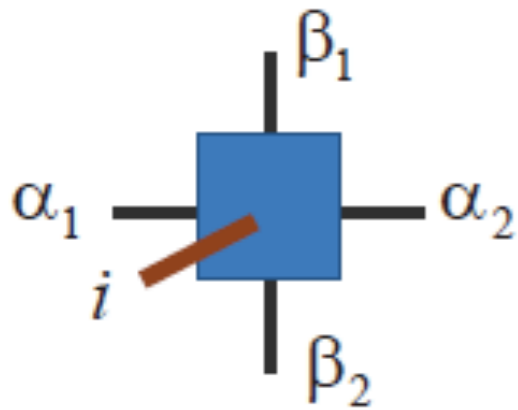
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum C_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N\rangle$$

$$A_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2}^i$$

$$i = \{1, \dots, d_{\text{phys}}\}$$

$$\alpha, \beta = \{1, \dots, D\}$$

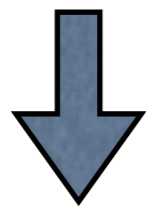
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F. Verstraete  
G. Vidal



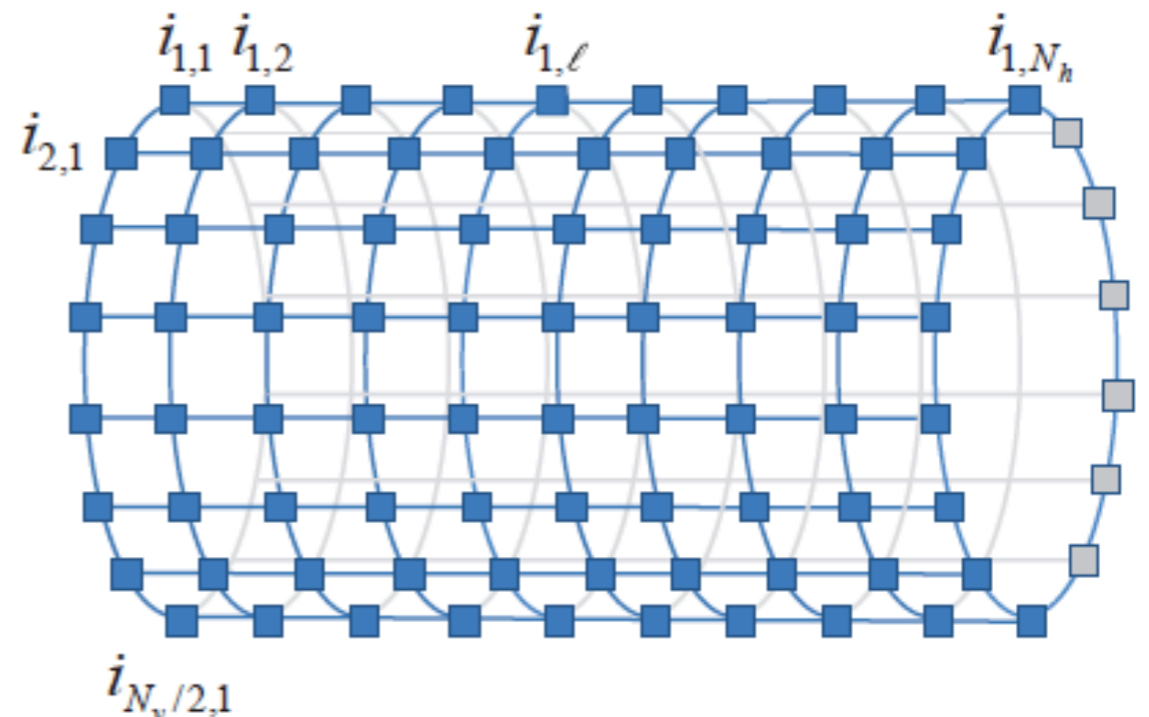
dimension of auxiliary  
(or virtual) space

$$N = N_v N_h$$

Coefficients  $C_{\{i_{1,1}, \dots, i_{N_v, N_h}\}}$   
of the wavefunction



“contract” product of tensors



Two possible «routes» :



use simple PEPS ansatz to investigate physical (e.g. **topological, etc...**) properties

Conceptual understanding



optimize PEPS to construct **competitive** ansatz for microscopic models

G.Vidal, T. Xiang, R. Orus, P. Corboz,... & many more

Simulations of real materials

# No-go theorem for chiral PEPS ?

[J. Dubail](#), [N. Read](#)

Phys. Rev. B 92, 205307 (2015)

Chiral TNS of **free fermions** have  
no **gapped** (local) parent Hamiltonians at  $E_F$

Exemple by [T.B. Wahl](#), [H.-H. Tu](#), [N. Schuch](#), [J.I. Cirac](#)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 236805 (2013)

«They are ground states of two different kinds of free-fermion Hamiltonians: (i) local and gapless; (ii) gapped, but with hopping amplitudes that decay according to a power law.»

For **interacting spins** is there any obstruction to construct  
chiral topological PEPS ?

**not fully !**

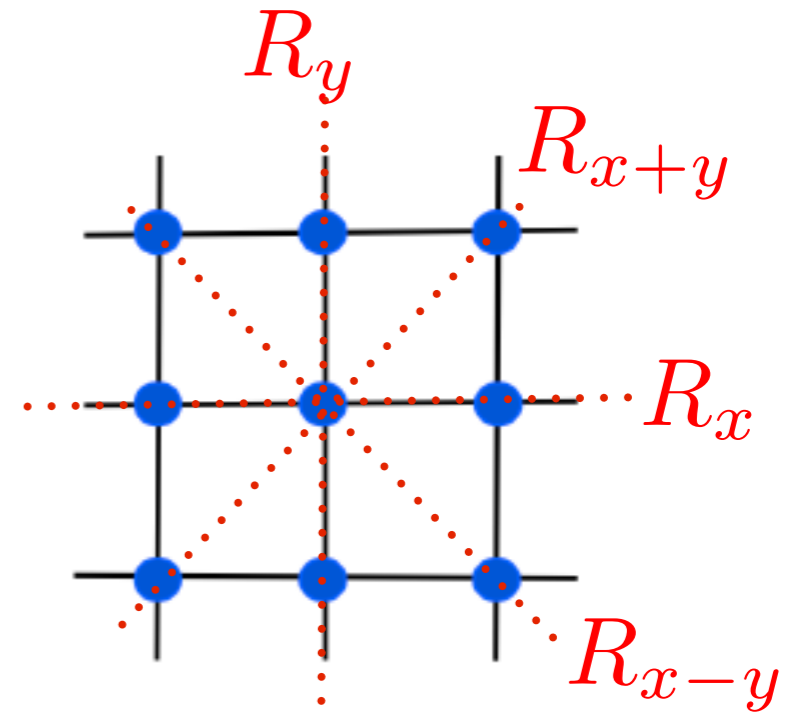
Exemple by [Shuo Yang](#), [Thorsten B. Wahl](#), [Hong-Hao Tu](#), [Norbert Schuch](#), [J. Ignacio Cirac](#)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 106803 (2015)

but ... diverging correlation length

# Constructing a chiral RVB PEPS

Necessary conditions:

$\forall G_i \in C_{4v}$  reflection symmetries



$G_i |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi^*\rangle$  *Time-reversed partner*

Realized for a PEPS ansatz with the form:

$$\Psi = \Psi_s + i \Psi_g$$

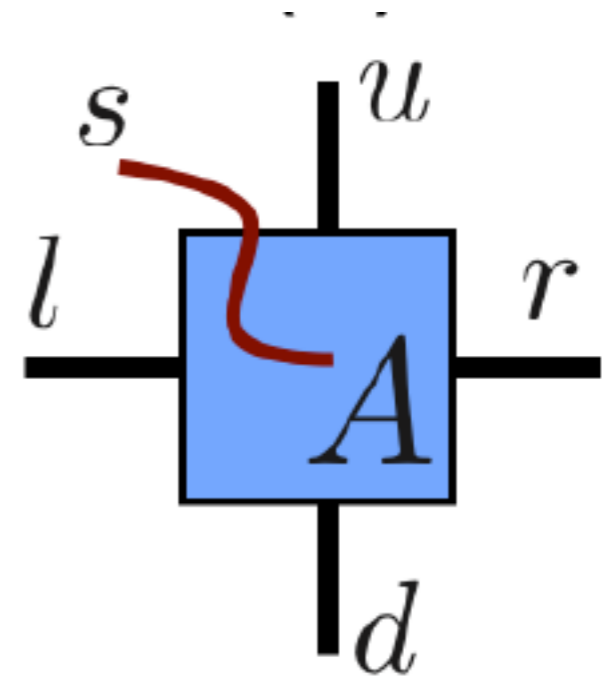
$s + ig$  symmetry

# Implementing point-group symmetries

Can be achieved **at the level of the local PEPS tensor**:

$$A = R + iI$$

$$d_{x^2-y^2} + i d_{xy}$$



«Poor-man» approach for small D :

$$R_{lurd}^s = R_{ldru}^s = R_{ruld}^s = -R_{drul}^s = -R_{uldr}^s,$$

$$I_{lurd}^s = -I_{ldru}^s = -I_{ruld}^s = I_{drul}^s = I_{uldr}^s.$$

Systematic classification of SU(2)-symmetric tensors

# D=3 PEPS Ansatz

RVB tensor  
(NN singlets)

«Teleportation» tensors

[L.Wang, DP, Z.-C. Gu, X.-G. Wen,  
F. Verstraete, PRL111, 037202 \(2013\)](#)

Generate NNN singlets

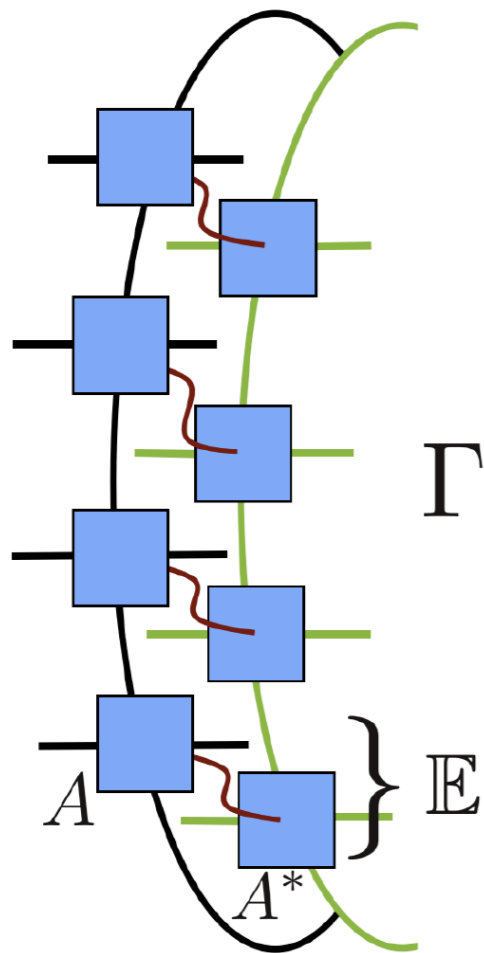
$$A = \lambda_1 R_1 + \lambda_2 R_2 + i\lambda_{\text{chiral}} I$$

Point group sym.:  $d_{x^2-y^2}$   $d_{xy}$

inherits  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  gauge symmetry



# Transfer Matrix



$$\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle = V_{\text{left}} \Gamma^{N_h} V_{\text{right}}$$

$D^{2N_v} \times D^{2N_v}$  matrix

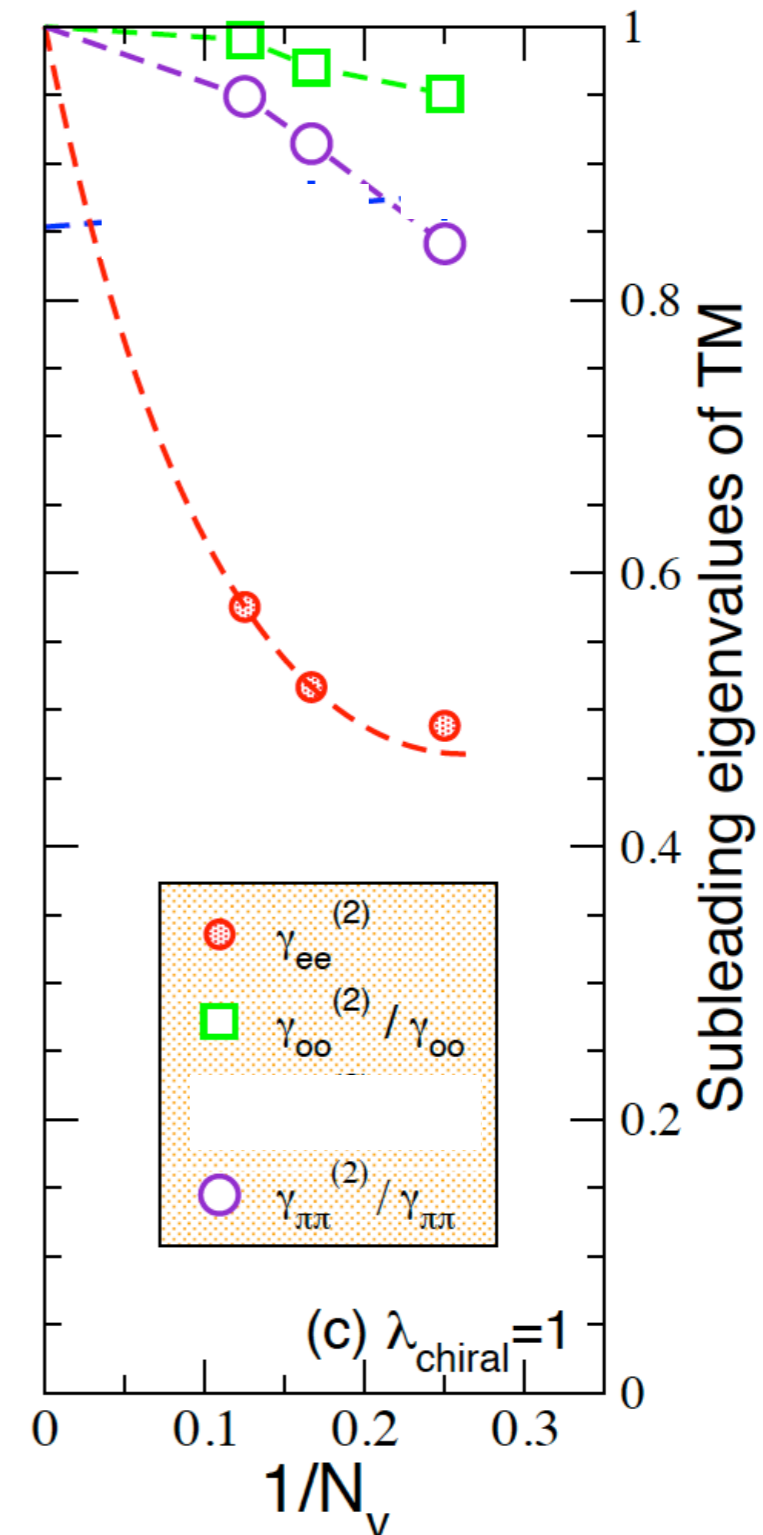
Build «double layer» tensor network  
by contracting physical variables

Spectrum of TM provides **correlation lengths**  
Leading eigenvector («fixed point») gives **Entanglement Spectrum**

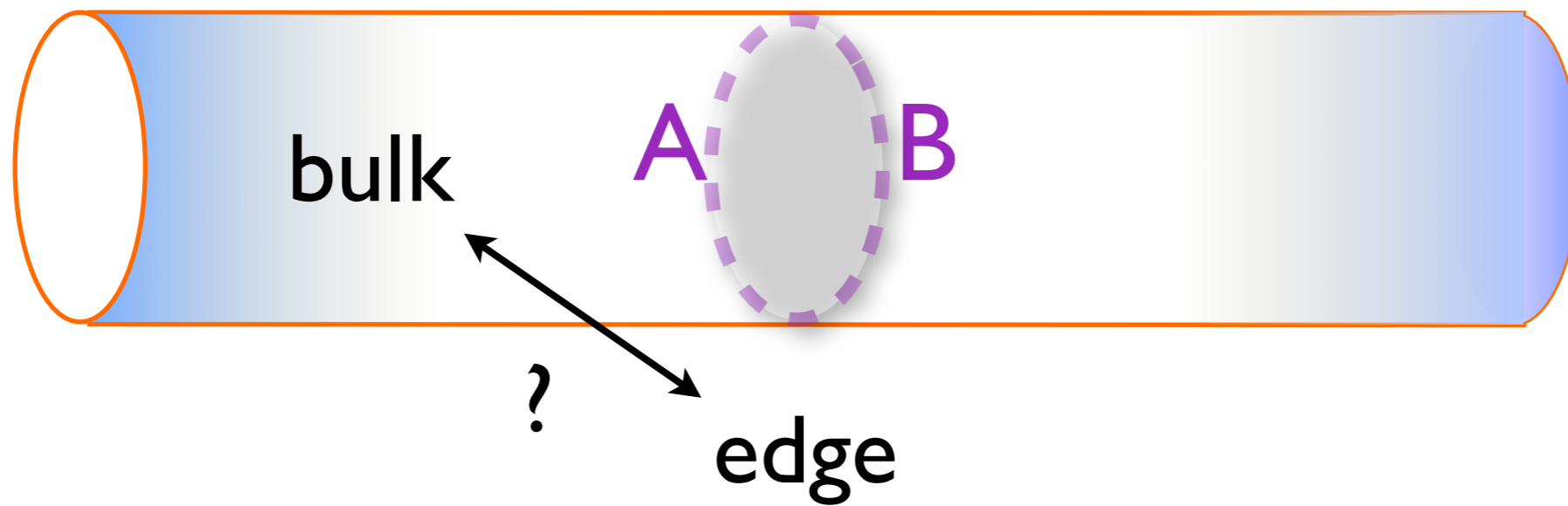
# Gapless topological sectors

- 4 sectors can be constructed
- TM gapless: compatible with algebraic SL

retain critical character of Rohksar-Kivelson dimer liquid on a bipartite lattice

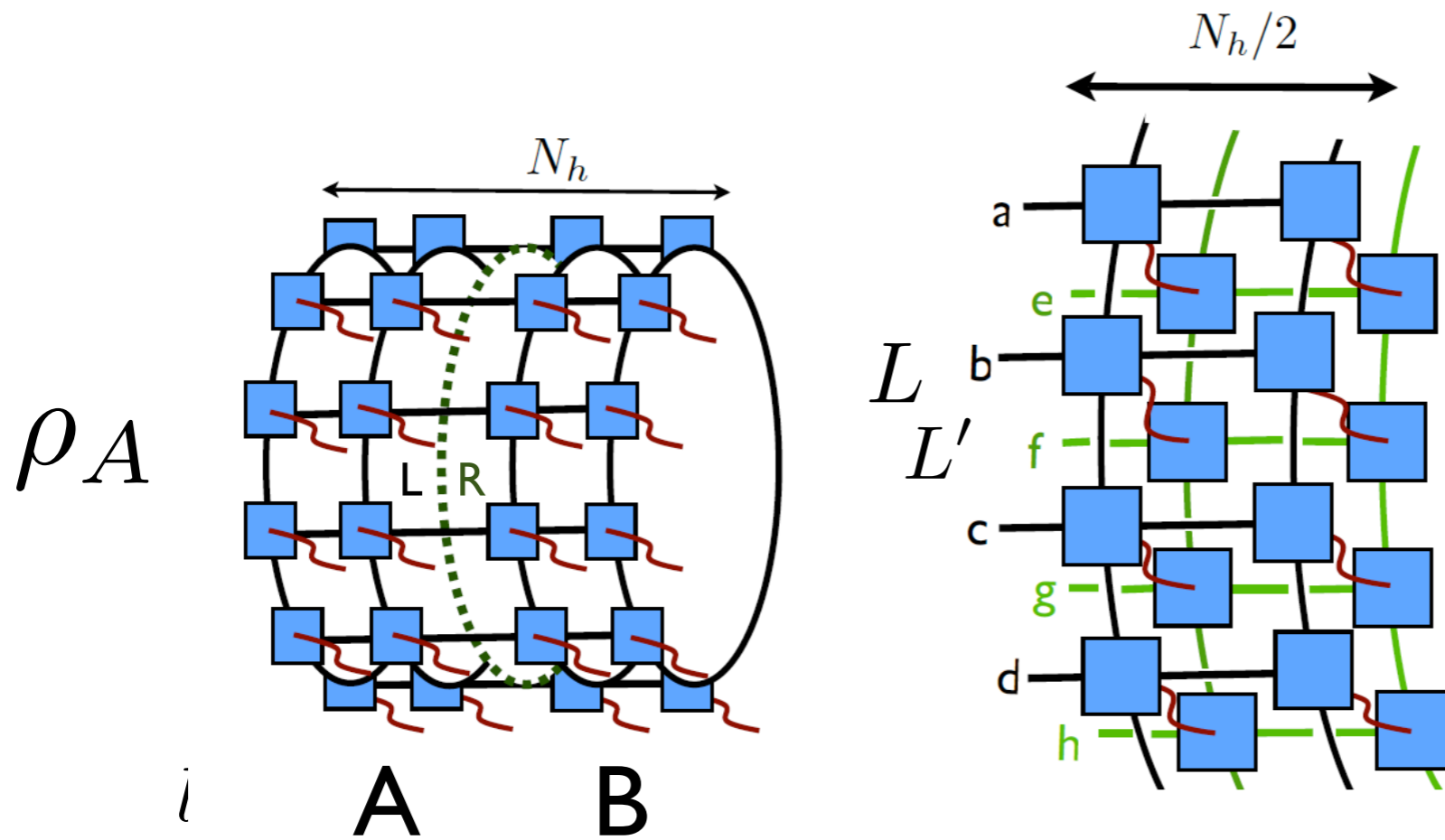


# «Holographic» framework



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

Reduced density matrix



$$\sigma_b^2$$

**lives" on the boundary**

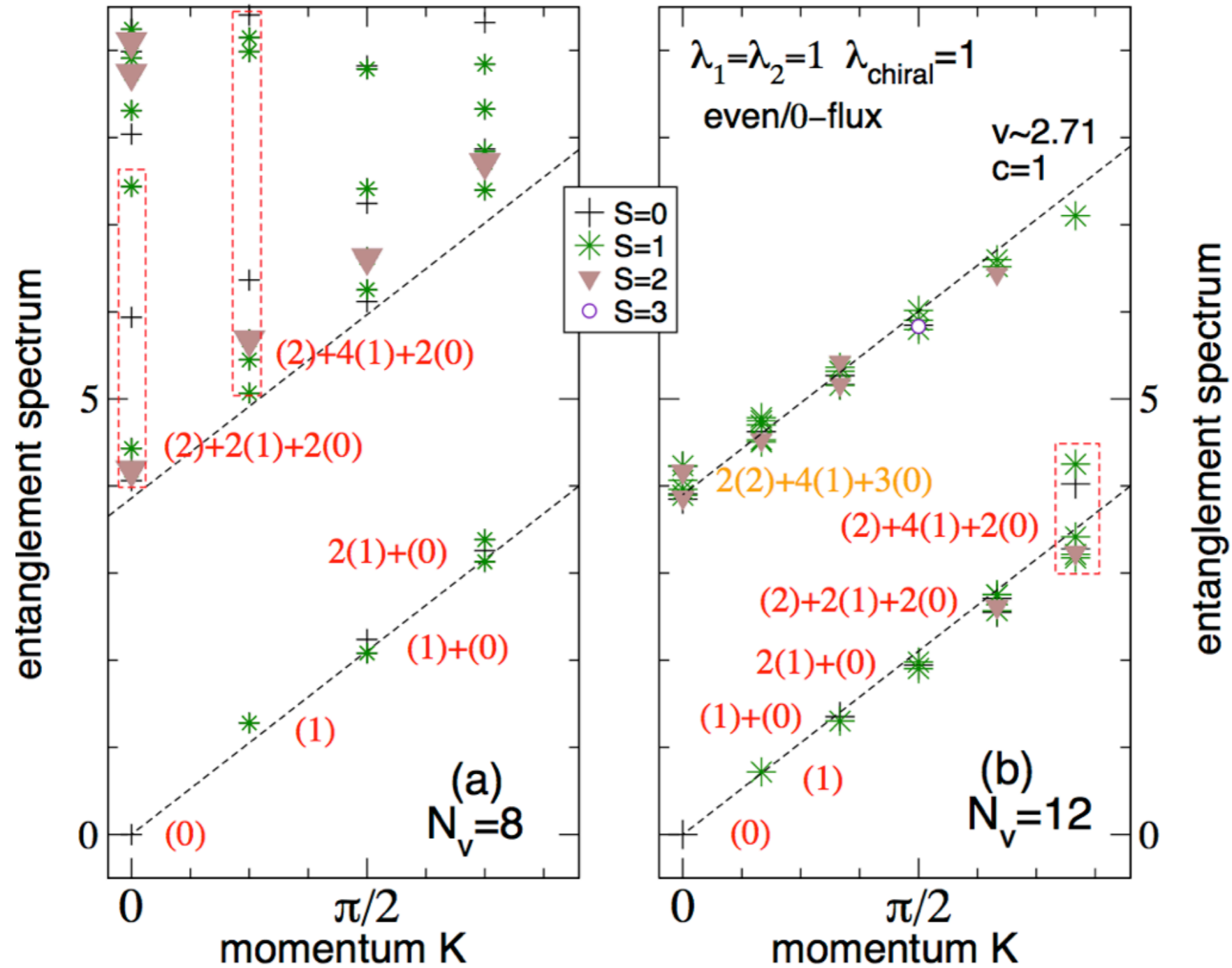
Basic formula:  $\rho_A = U \sigma_b^2 U^\dagger$

isometry: maps 2D onto 1D

J. Ignacio Cirac, DP, Norbert Schuch, Frank Verstraete, Phys. Rev. B 83, 245134 (2011)

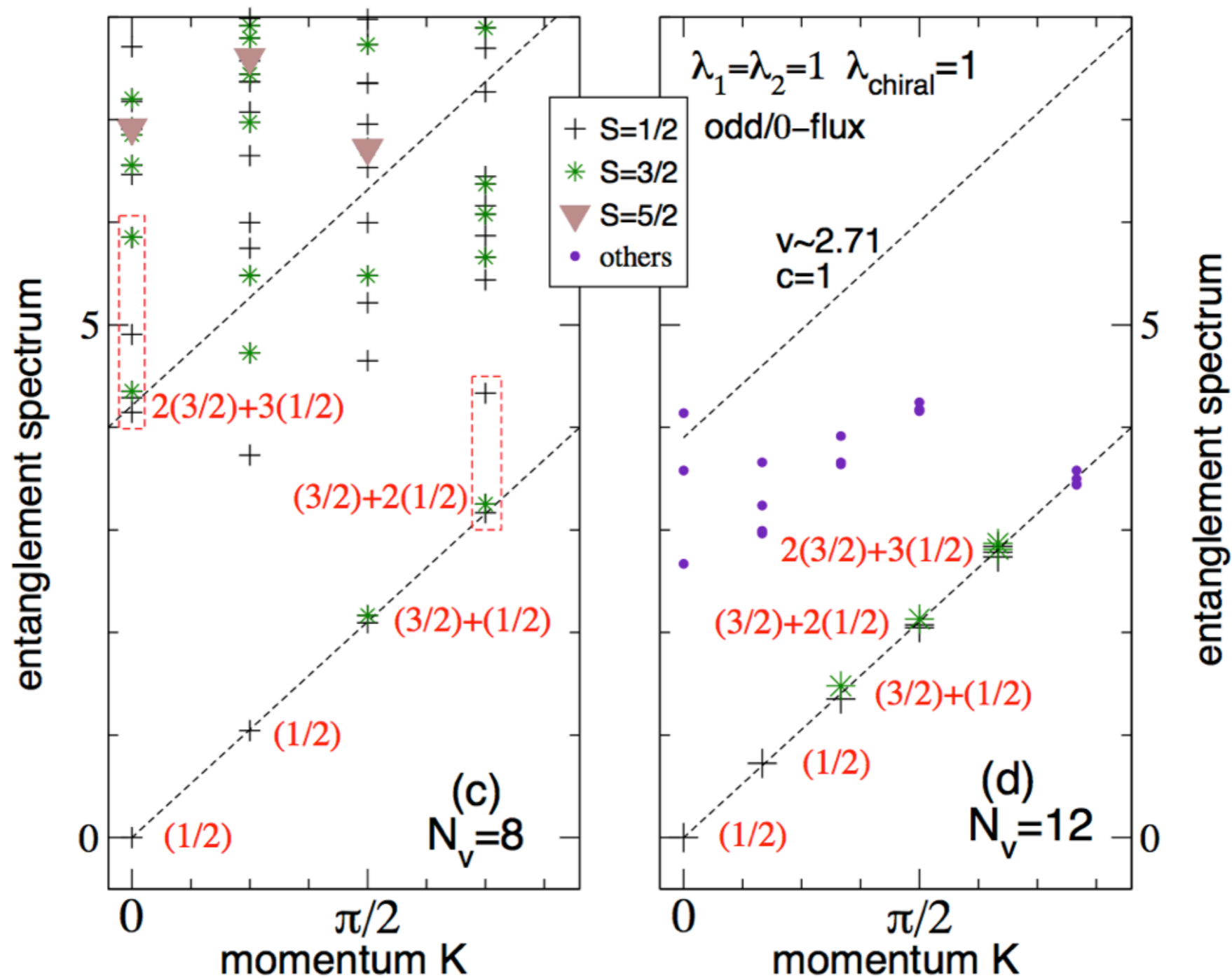
# Entanglement spectrum of chiral RVB (I)

## Even sector «tower of states»



# Entanglement spectrum of chiral RVB (II)

## Odd sector «tower of states»



# SU(2)<sub>1</sub> Entanglement spectrum

## WZW SU(2)<sub>1</sub> CFT

$$E_{\text{CFT}}(S_z, m_n, n) = \frac{\pi u}{N_\nu} \left( -\frac{c}{24} + S_z^2 + m_n n \right)$$

= Luttinger Liquid  
at SU(2)-symmetric point

### Even sector

Table 15.1. States in the lowest grades of the  $\widehat{su}(2)_1$  module  $L_{[1,0]}$ .

$L_0$	$S_z$					$su(2)$ decomposition
	-2	-1	0	1	2	
0			1			(0)
1		1	1	1		(2)
2		1	2	1		(2)+(0)
3		2	3	2		2(2)+(0)
4	1	3	5	3	1	(4)+2(2)+2(0)
5	1	5	7	5	1	(4)+4(2)+2(0)
6	2	7	11	7	2	2(4)+5(2)+4(0)

### Odd sector

Table 15.2. States in the lowest grades of the  $\widehat{su}(2)_1$  module  $L_{[0,1]}$ .

$L_0$	$2S_z$						$su(2)$ decomposition
	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	
$\frac{1}{4}$			1	1			(1)
$\frac{5}{4}$			1	1			(1)
$\frac{9}{4}$		1	2	2	1		(3)+(1)
$\frac{13}{4}$		1	3	3	1		(3)+2(1)
$\frac{17}{4}$	2	5	5	2			2(3)+3(1)
$\frac{21}{4}$	3	7	7	3			3(3)+4(1)
$\frac{25}{4}$	1	5	11	11	5	1	(5)+4(3)+6(1)

Philippe Di Francesco  
Pierre Mathieu  
David Sénéchal

Conformal Field Theory

$$E \equiv N_\nu e_0 + e_{\text{topo}} + E_{\text{CFT}}$$

$$e_0 = \frac{\pi c}{6u}$$

$$e_{\text{topo}} = -\ln 2/2$$

# Entanglement entropy

$$S_n = -\frac{1}{n-1} \text{Ln}\{\text{Tr}(\rho_A)^n\}$$

(Renyi)

$$S_{\text{VN}} = -\text{Tr}\{\rho_A \ln \rho_A\}$$

(Von Neumann)

“area” law



$$S_{\text{VN}} \sim C N_v - S_{\text{TE}}$$



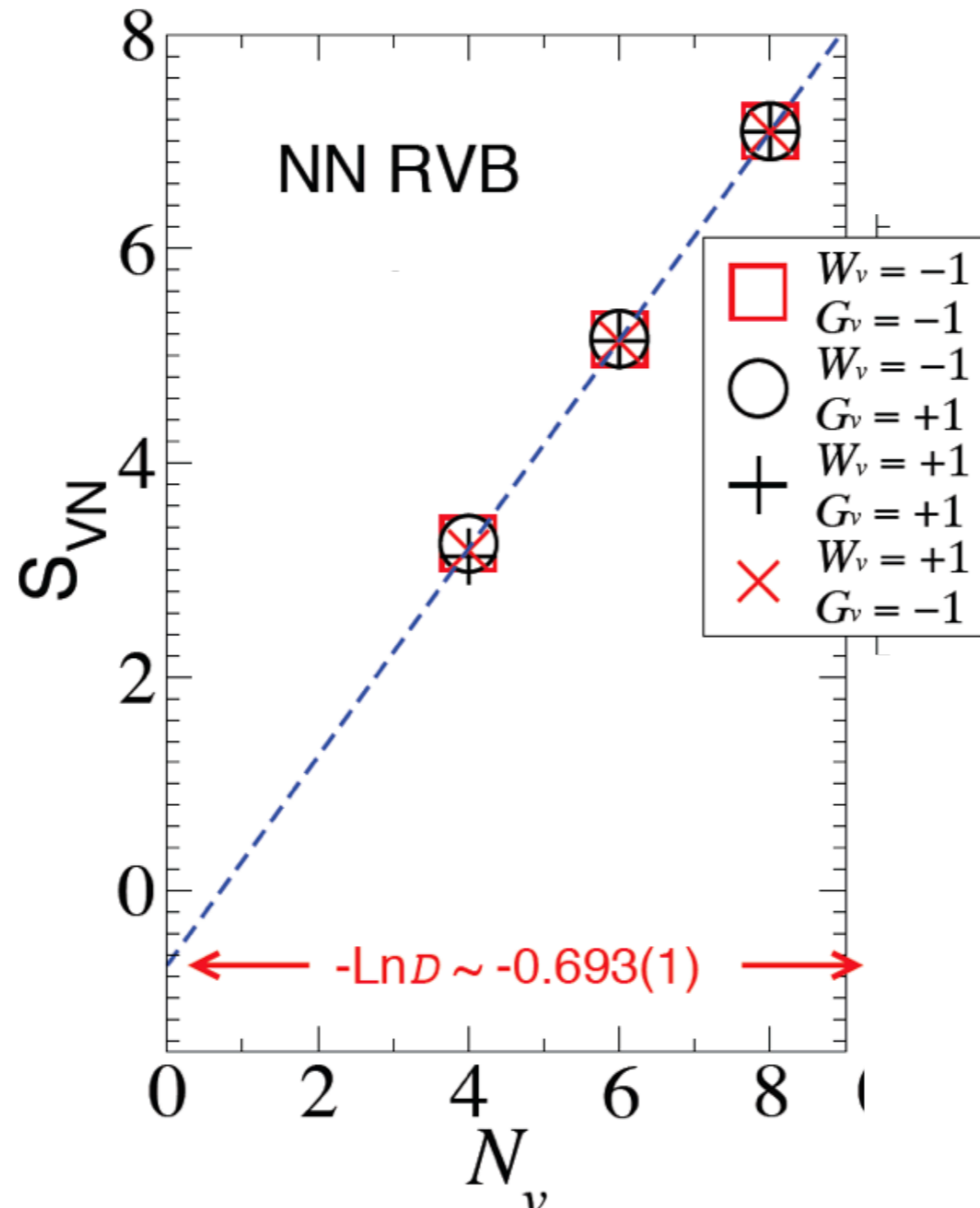
subleading correction to area law:  
topological entropy

Kitaev & Preskill, 2006

Levin & Wen, 2006



# EE of non-chiral RVB (kagome)



$S_{TE} \simeq -\ln 2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  spin liquid

# EE of chiral liquid (CFT predictions)

Kitaev & Preskill, 2006

Levin & Wen, 2006

Renyi:

$$S_q \sim \frac{q+1}{q} e_0 N_v + e_{\text{topo}}$$

$$e_{\text{topo}} = -\ln 2/2$$

Von Neumann

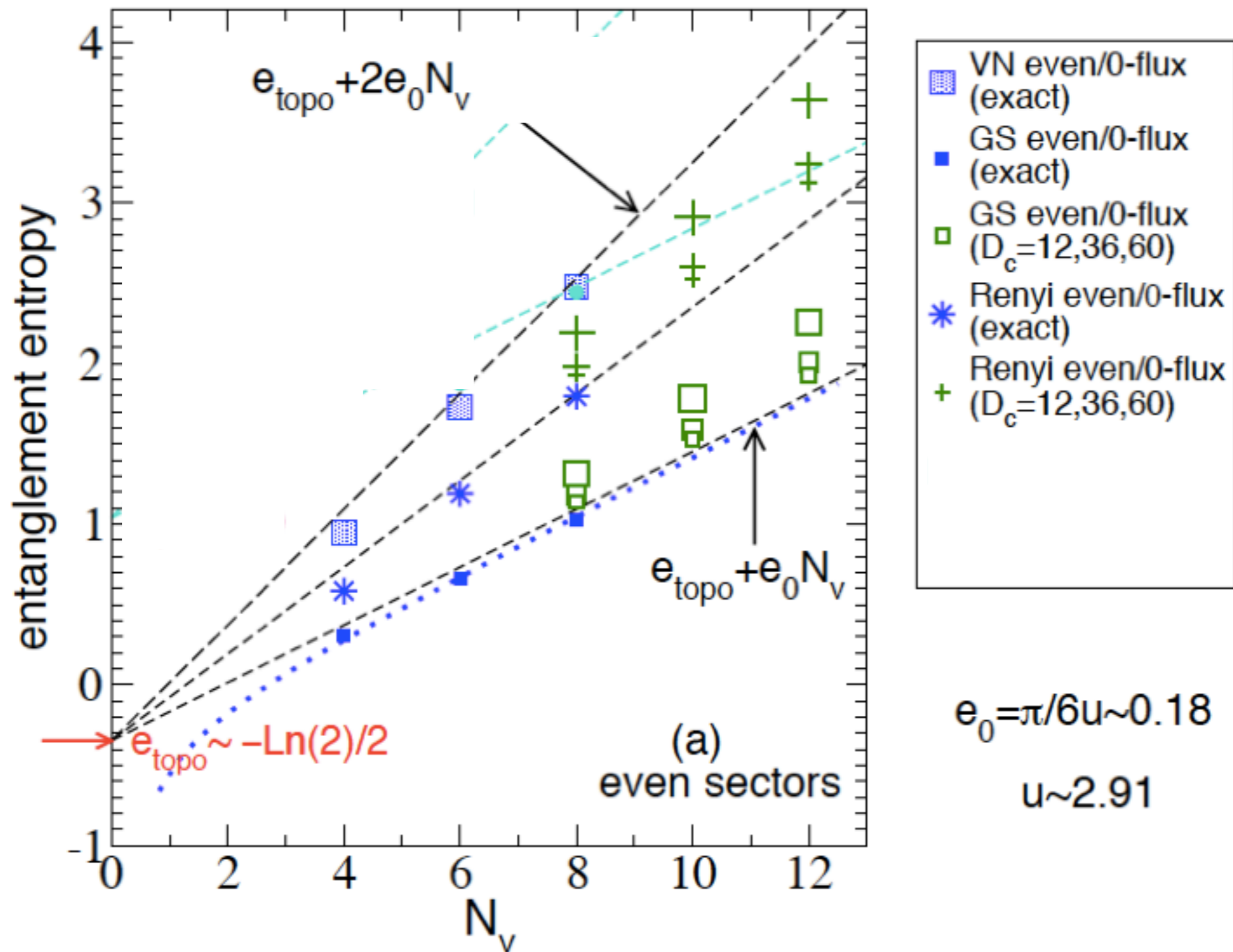
$$S_{VN} \sim (2e_0) N_v + e_{\text{topo}}$$

$$S_\infty \sim e_0 N_v + e_{\text{topo}} + \frac{\pi u}{N_v} \alpha^{(p)}$$

$$\alpha^{(e)} \sim -\frac{c}{24}$$

$$\alpha^{(o)} \sim \frac{1}{4} - \frac{c}{24}$$

# EE of square chiral RVB liquid (PEPS)



# Non-Abelian CSL ?

Would host non-Abelian fractional excitations (anyons) !

Several examples in the FQHE world:

- Moore-Read FQHS with «Ising anyons»
- Read-Rezayi FQHS with «Fibonacci anyons»

## New developments:

B. Estienne, Z. Papić, N. Regnault, and B. A. Bernevig

«**Matrix product states** for trial quantum hall states», *Phys. Rev. B* 87, 161112 (2013)

## Symmetrization of multi-layers system:

Cécile Repellin et al.

Projective construction of the  $Z_k$  Read-Rezayi fractional quantum hall states and their excitations on the torus geometry," *Phys. Rev. B* 92, 115128 (2015)

Carlos Fernandez-Gonzalez, Roger S. K. Mong, Olivier Landon-Cardinal, David Perez-Garcia, and Norbert Schuch

Constructing topological models by symmetrization: A peps study," [arXiv:1608.00594](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.00594)



# Summary

- Conceptual understanding of important correlated phases in quantum magnetism :
  - Non-chiral & chiral topological SLs
- Virtual degrees of freedom play «physical role» at boundary : edge states
- Some issues:
  - Are PEPS chiral SLs always gapless ?  
(see Dubail & Read)
  - Could they be considered as critical lines between gapped topological phases ?



## PEPS framework for spin liquids

**Norbert Schuch, DP, J. Ignacio Cirac, and David Pérez-García,**  
Phys. Rev. B **86**, 115108 (2012)

DP, Norbert Schuch, David Pérez-García, and J. Ignacio Cirac,  
Phys. Rev. B **86**, 014404 (2012)

Norbert Schuch, DP, J. Ignacio Cirac, and David Perez-Garcia  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 090501 (2013)

DP and Norbert Schuch, Phys. Rev. B 87, 140407 (2013)



## Chiral spin liquids

DP, J. Ignacio Cirac and Norbert Schuch, Phys. Rev. B 91, 224431 (2015)

DP, Norbert Schuch and **Ian Affleck**, Phys. Rev. B 93,  
174414 (2016) (Editor's suggestion)



## Classification of spin liquids

**Matthieu Mambrini, Roman Orus & DP,**  
arXiv:1608.06003

