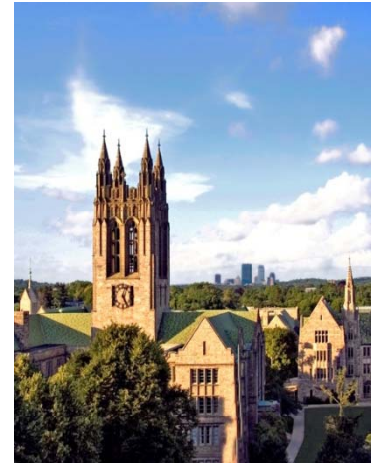


Symmetric Tensor Networks and Topological Phases

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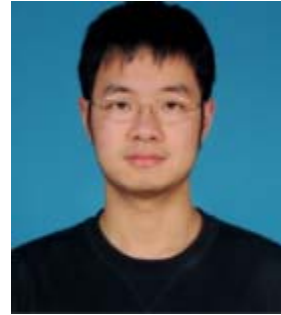


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Motivations

- We focus on **bosonic** topological (SET or SPT) phases, which require strong interactions to realize.

(1) Conceptual issues:

-- Classification problems

(SPT phases with spatial symmetries.)

(2) “Practical” issues: How to realize them?

-- Physical intuitions/guiding principles?

(Are there criteria like the band-inversion picture in topological insulators?)

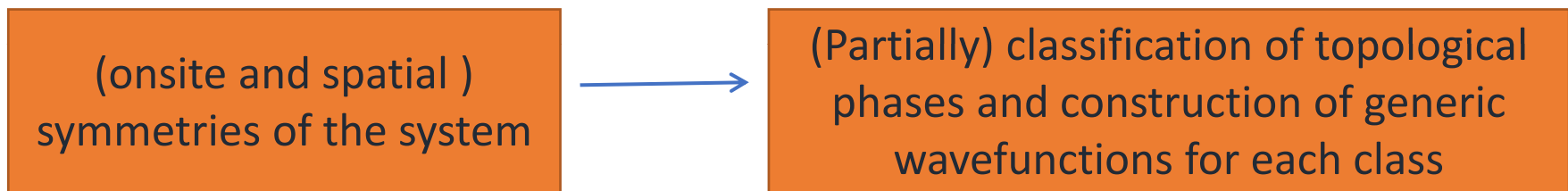
-- Numerical methods suitable for searching for these topological phases in models?

(How to write down generic variational wavefunctions?)

Main result

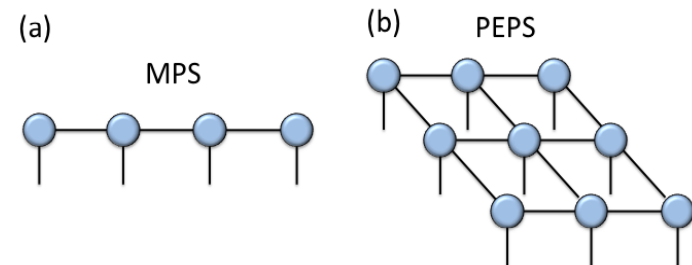
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- (1) systematically (but partially) classify topological phases
- (2) construct generic variational wavefunctions for these phases



- This machinery answers:
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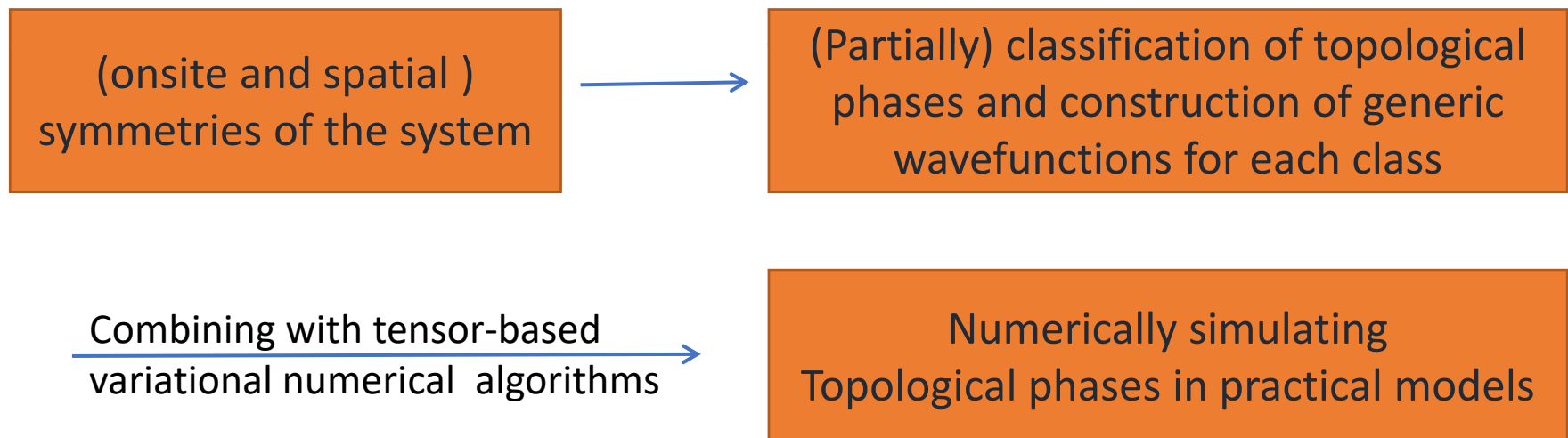


figures from R. Orus,
Annals Phys. (2014)

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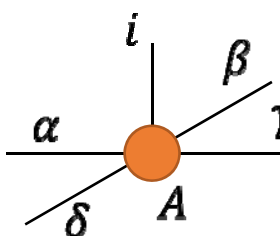
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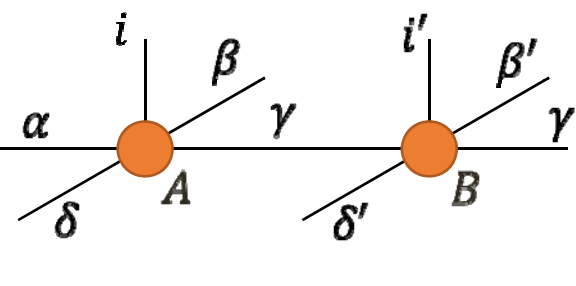
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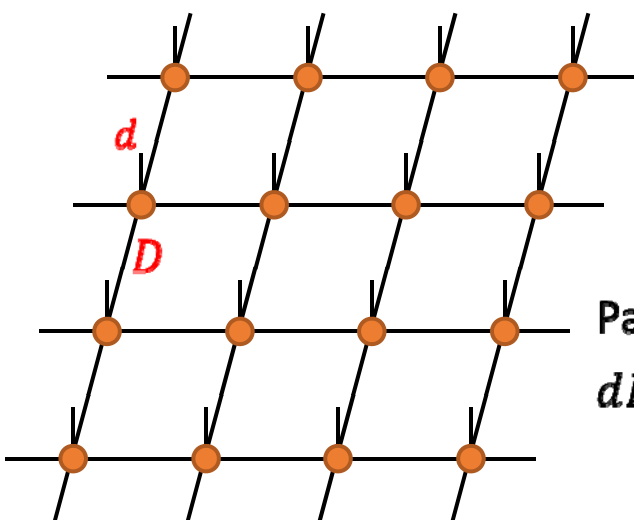
(3) **A by-product: a general connection between “conventional” SET phases and SPT phases in 2D.** For example:

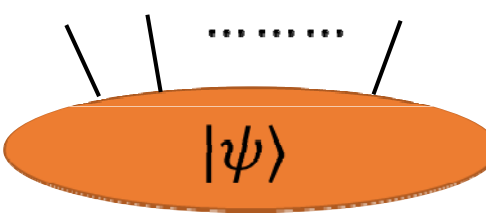
- Toric code + Z_2 Ising symmetry = $\{I, g\}$ with $[g(e)]^2 = -1, [g(m)]^2 = 1$
- Condense m with $g(m) = 1 \rightarrow$ trivial SPT
- **Condense m with $g(m) = -1 \rightarrow$ nontrivial Z_2 SPT**

What are tensor networks?

tensor  $= A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i \sim \sum A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i |i\rangle \otimes |\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rangle$

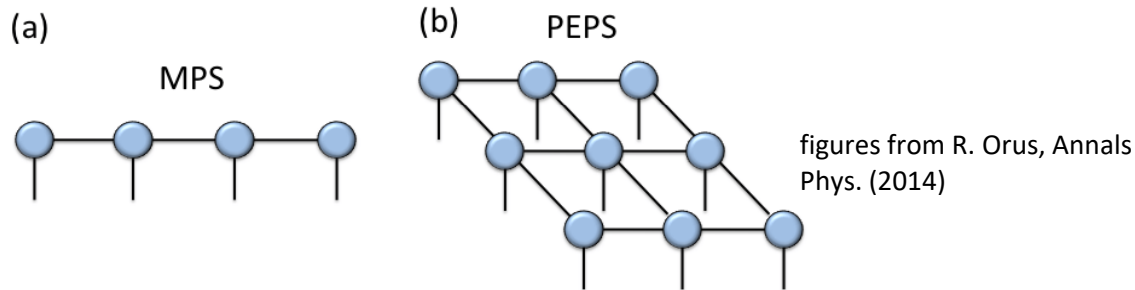
tensor contraction  $= \sum_{\gamma} A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i \cdot B_{\gamma\beta'\gamma'\delta'}^{i'}$

PEPS  Parameters: dD^4/site

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\{i\}} c_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\rangle$$


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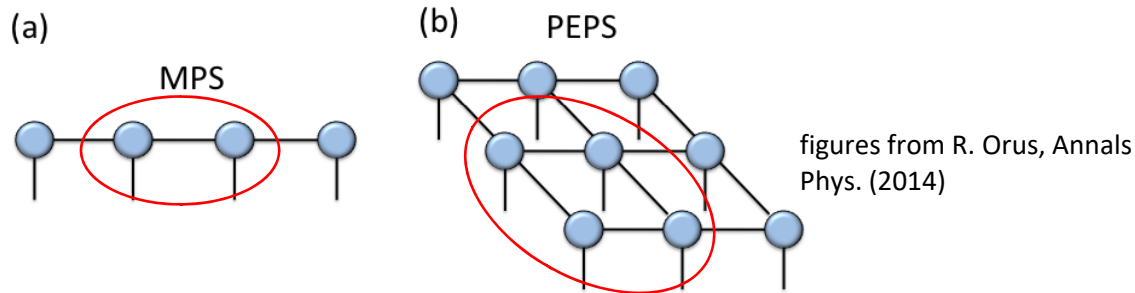
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- In the past, indeed the first deep insight and systematic results of SPT phase were obtained by studying symmetry properties of MPS in 1d. (Pollmann, Berg, Turner, Oshikawa, Chen, Gu, Wen...)
- Powerful numerical algorithms
 - 1D MPS: DMRG (S. White ...)
 - 2D PEPS: iTEBD, CTM, TRG... (Cirac, Verstraete, Vidal, Gu, Levin, Wen, Xiang ...)

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- In particular, the tensor-network formulation is particularly suitable to understand the **local** symmetry properties of a global wavefunction, which are essential for symmetric topological phases.

$$\begin{array}{c} i \\ | \\ \alpha \quad \beta \\ \delta \quad \gamma \\ \bullet \\ A \end{array} = A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i \sim \sum A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^i |i\rangle \otimes |\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rangle$$

symmetry properties of these local quantum states (in enlarged Hilbert space)
 → symmetry properties of the global physical state

Plan

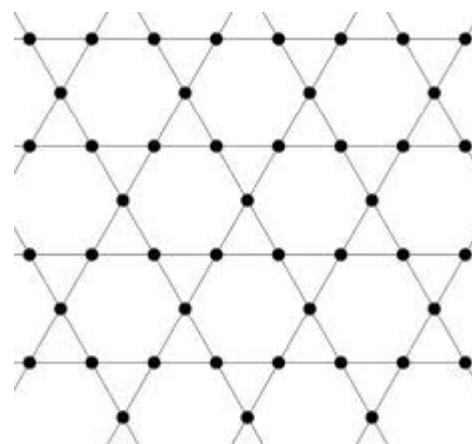
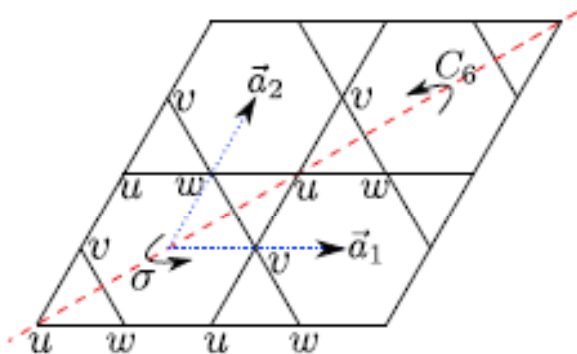
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The Heisenberg model on the kagome lattice

- For systems on the kagome lattice with spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ per site, what is the quantum phase of the following Hamiltonian?

$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

Symmetries: on-site spin rotation, time reversal, lattice translation, rotation, reflection



Sachdev, Marston, Senthil, Singh, Evenbly, Vidal, Ran, Hermele, Wen, Lee, Wang, Vishwanath, Iqbal, Becca, Sorella, Poilblanc, White, Huse, Depenbrock, McCulloch, Schollwock, Jiang, Balents, Mei, Xiang, He, Zaletel, Oshikawa, Pollmann... and many more

DMRG \rightarrow spin liquid phase (SET for both onsite and lattice symmetries)?

Which spin liquid???

Different Z2 Spin liquids in tensor formulation

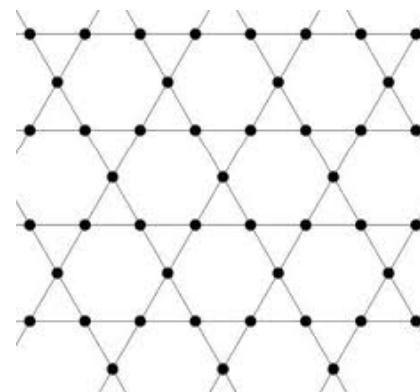
- Let me firstly summarize some results:

Classifying symmetric PEPS describing Z2 Spin liquids

→ 32 classes (Z_2^5)

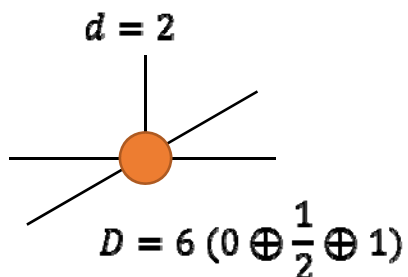
- χ_σ, χ_T → new classes, “weak SPT” index
- $\eta_{12}, \eta_{c6}, \eta_\sigma$ → symmetry fractionalization of e

(consistent with Schwinger boson results) (Sachdev,Wang,Vishwanath)



For every class, constrained Hilbert space for a local tensor

→ generic wavefunctions



For $D = 6$, can realize **four** classes

- Unconstrained: $DIM_{tot} = d \cdot D^6 \approx \mathbf{2600}$
- Constrained: $DIM_{constraint} = \mathbf{19}$

- How to implement global symmetries into tensor-network?

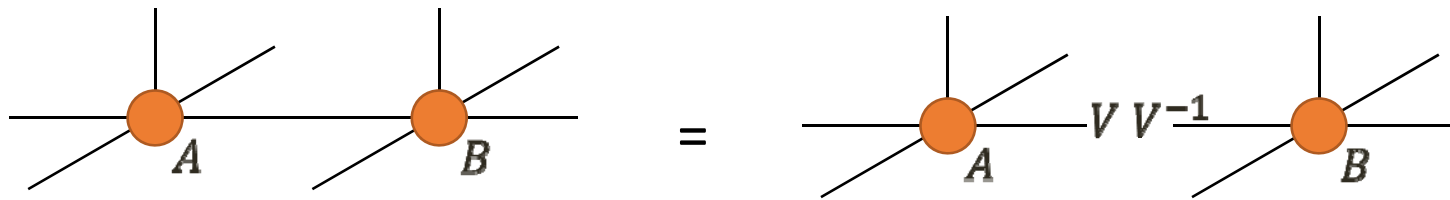
Basic assumption:

Symmetries on physical
wavefunctions

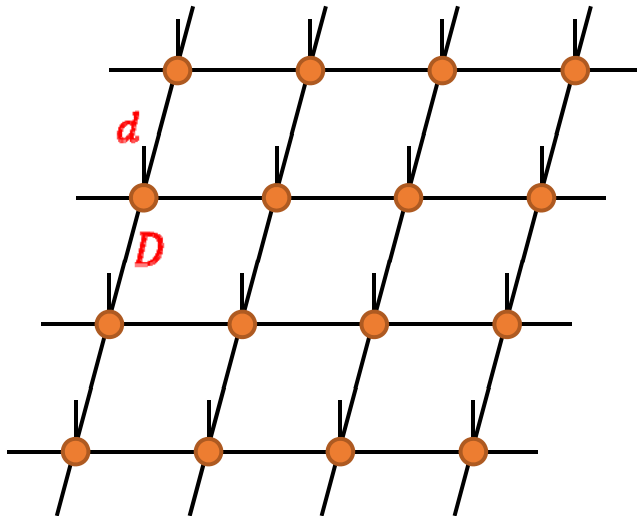
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Gauge transformation
on internal legs

Gauge redundancy in a tensor-network



One internal bond $\sim GL(D, \mathbb{C})$ gauge redundancy



Gauge redundancy

$$\sim [GL(D, \mathbb{C})]^{N_{bond}}$$

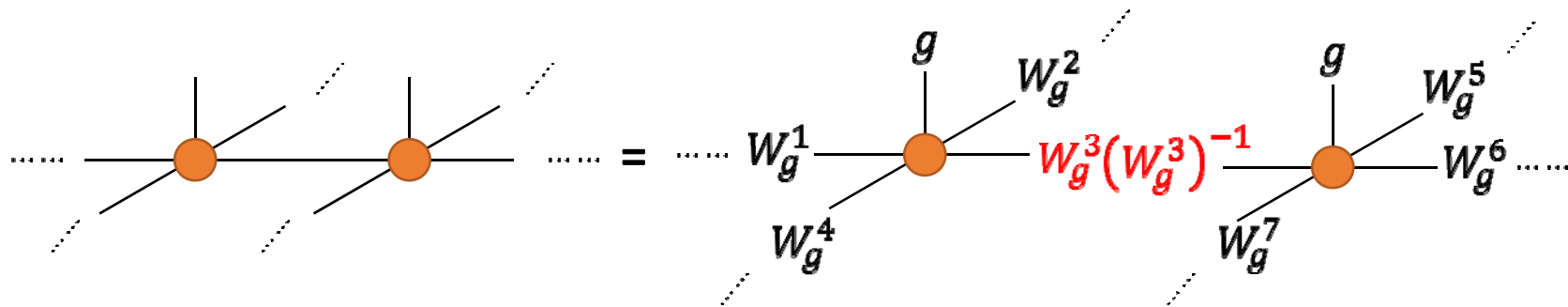
Gauge redundancy & symmetry

$$|\psi\rangle = g|\psi\rangle$$

global symmetries on
physical wavefunctions

\sim

gauge transformation on
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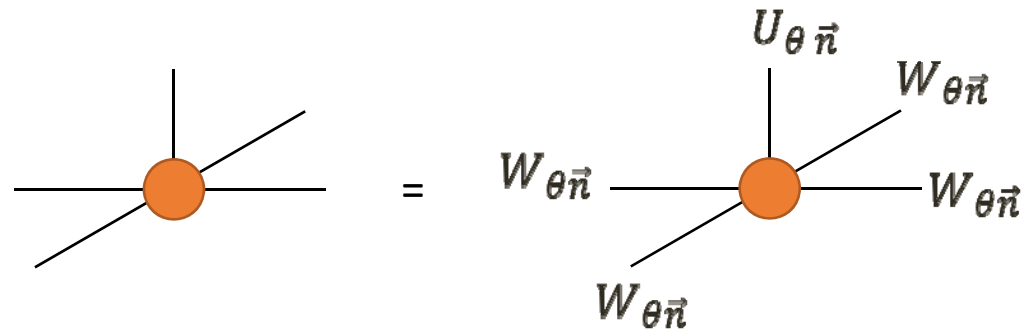


$$T^a = W_g g \circ T^a$$

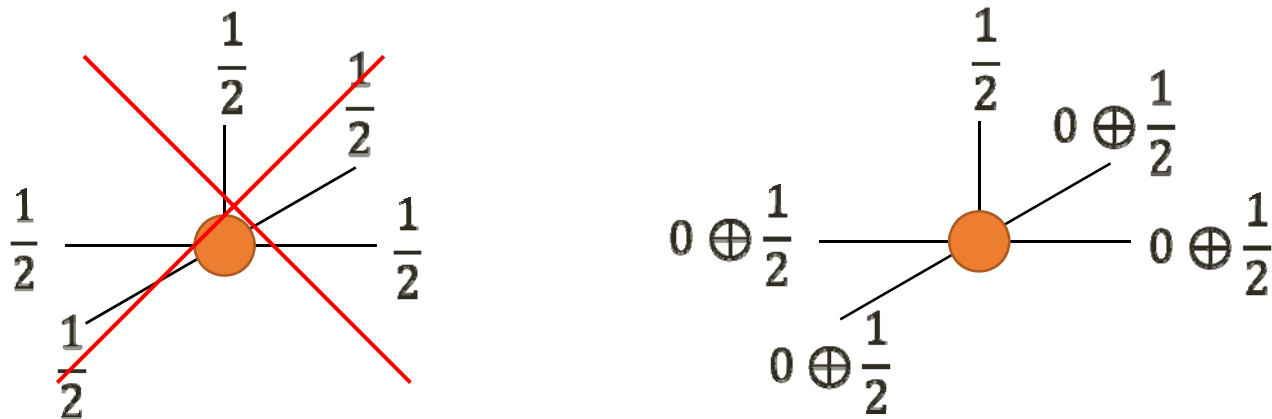
Classify symmetric phases by different symmetry
transformation rules of local tensors.

What are consistent conditions for W_g ?

Implementing spin rotation symmetry



$W_{\theta \vec{n}}$: representation of SU(2) symmetry \rightarrow Local tensors are spin singlets



Invariant Gauge Group (**IGG**)

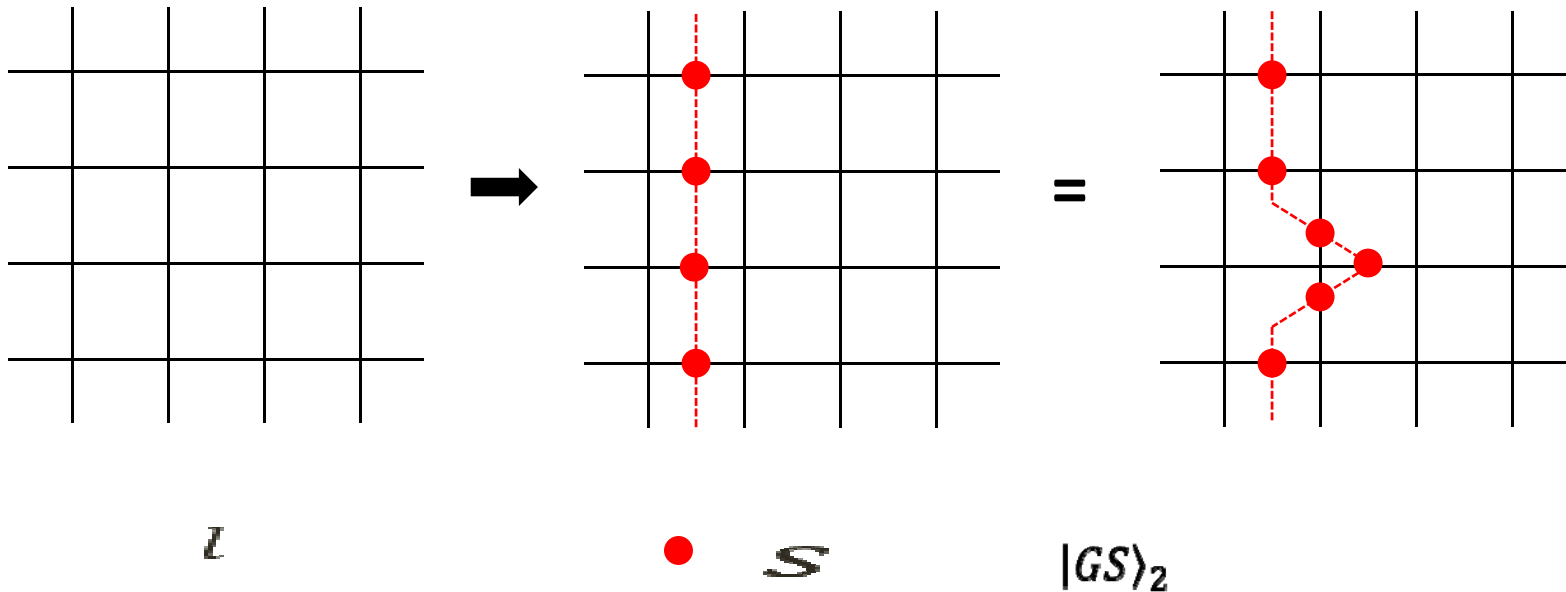
2π spin rotation:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |0\rangle \\ |\uparrow\rangle \\ |\downarrow\rangle \end{matrix}$$

- $J^2 = I$, Z_2 matrix **IGG**:
 - a pure gauge transformation
 - leaves a single tensor invariant
 - relate to Z_2 gauge theory (Swingle, Wen, Pollblanc, Schuch, Pérez-García, Cirac)
- Minimal required Z_2 **IGG** in spin-1/2 kagome system \sim no featureless symmetric phase
- There is always “trivial **IGG**” — leg dependent phase factors

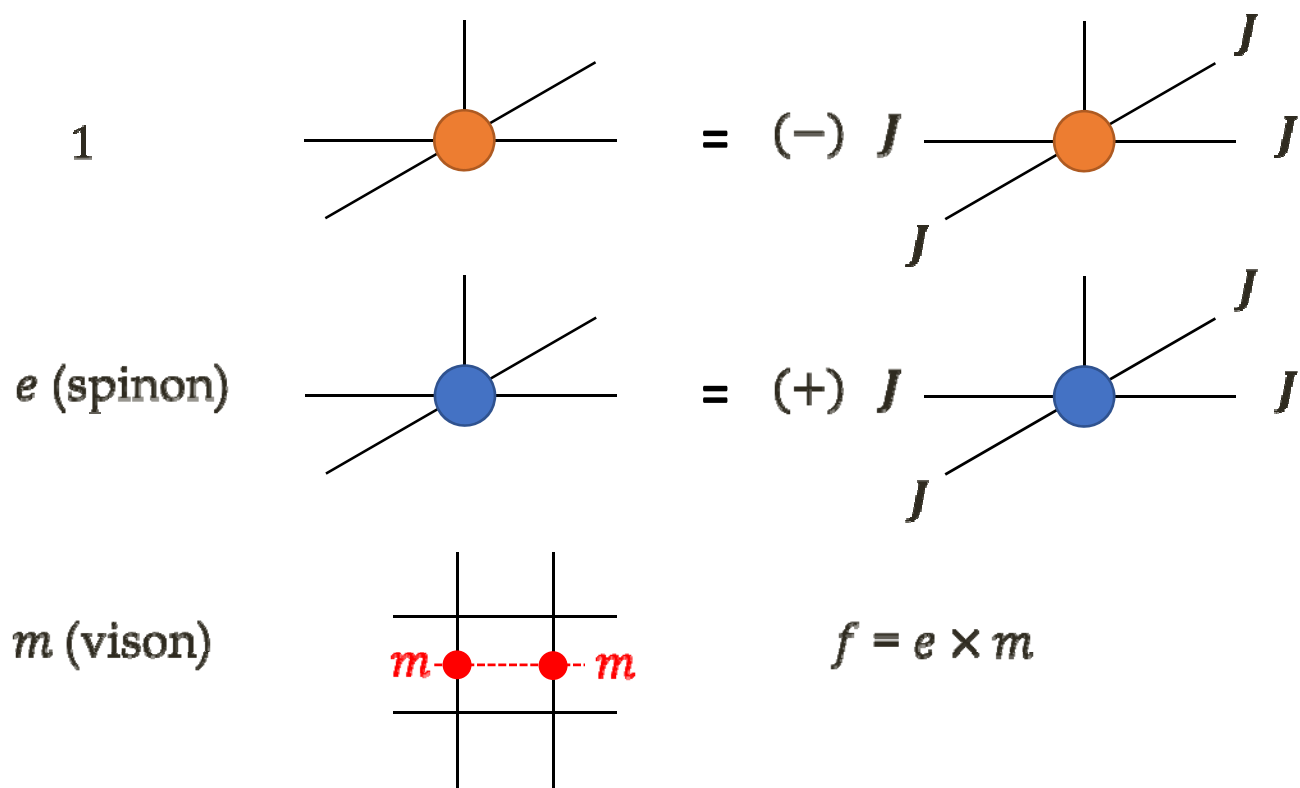
Physical interpretation of *IGG*

- What is the physical meaning of *IGG*?
- Z_2 *IGG* $\sim Z_2$ gauge theory (toric code); $J \sim$ flux line
 - Four-fold GSD on torus



Physical interpretation of **IGG**

- Topological excitations:



- deconfined \rightarrow spin liquid
- confined \rightarrow ordered phase (VBS, magnetic order)

Tensor equations: interplay between symmetries and **IGG**

The image shows two tensor equations. Each equation consists of a left-hand side (LHS) and a right-hand side (RHS) connected by an equals sign. The LHS of each equation is a vertex labeled $T(x,y)$ with four legs: a vertical leg pointing up, a horizontal leg pointing right, a diagonal leg pointing up-right, and a diagonal leg pointing down-left. The RHS of the first equation is a vertex labeled $T(x-1,y)$ with four legs: a vertical leg pointing up, a horizontal leg pointing right, a diagonal leg pointing up-right, and a diagonal leg pointing down-left. The horizontal and diagonal legs are labeled W_{T_1} . The RHS of the second equation is a vertex labeled $T(x,y-1)$ with four legs: a vertical leg pointing up, a horizontal leg pointing right, a diagonal leg pointing up-right, and a diagonal leg pointing down-left. The horizontal and diagonal legs are labeled W_{T_2} .

- translation form a $Z \times Z$ group, defined by $T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1$

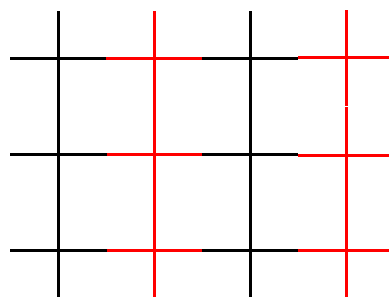
$$\rightarrow W_{T_1} T_1 W_{T_2} T_2 = \chi \cdot \eta \cdot W_{T_2} T_2 W_{T_1} T_1$$

χ : leg dependent $U(1)$, $\eta = I$ or J

Physical interpretation for tensor equations

$$W_{T_1} T_1 W_{T_2} T_2 = \chi \cdot \eta \cdot W_{T_2} T_2 W_{T_1} T_1$$

- For translations, χ can always be set to 1 by redefining W
- η label **symmetry fractionalization** of spinon e
 - $\eta = I \rightarrow$ zero flux spin liquid
 - $\eta = J \rightarrow \pi$ flux spin liquid
- Solving equations by fixing gauge
- zero-flux class: $W_{T_1} = W_{T_2} = I \rightarrow$ tensors translation invariant
- π -flux class: $W_{T_2} = I, W_{T_1}(x, y, i) = \eta^y \rightarrow$ unit cell of tensors doubled



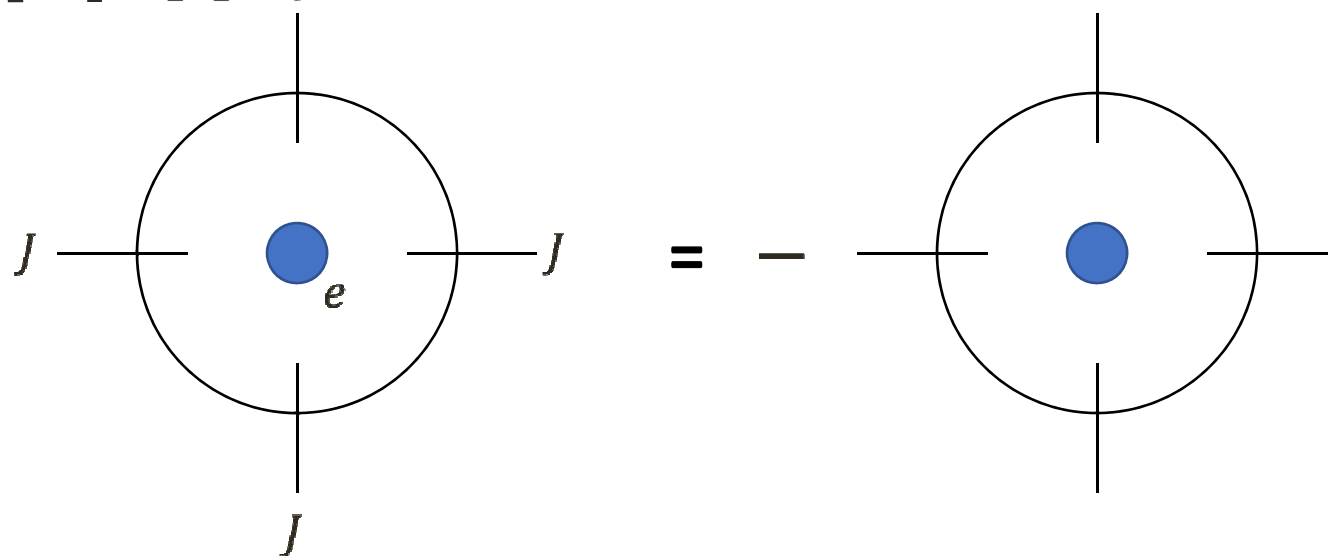
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Symmetry fractionalization from tensor equations

$$W_{T_1} T_1 W_{T_2} T_2 = \eta \cdot W_{T_2} T_2 W_{T_1} T_1$$

- $\eta = I$, trivial SET
- $\eta = J$, e carries fractional “translational” quantum number

$$T_2^{-1} T_1^{-1} T_2 T_1 \rightarrow J$$



symmetries
of the model



Identify IGG



List tensor equations
 $W_{g_1 g_1} W_{g_2 g_2} = \chi(g_1, g_2) \eta(g_1, g_2) W_{g_1 g_2 g_1 g_2}$

solve W_g by fixing gauge



gauge inequivalent W_g
(crude classes)

$W_g g \circ T^a = T^a$

constraint sub-Hilbert
space for every class
(generic wavefunctions)

tensor numerics



determine phase diagram

Kagome Heisenberg model

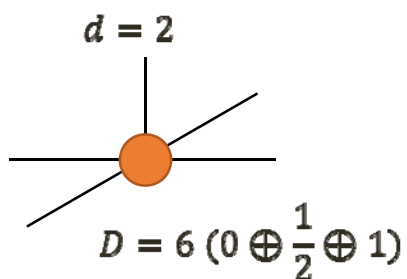
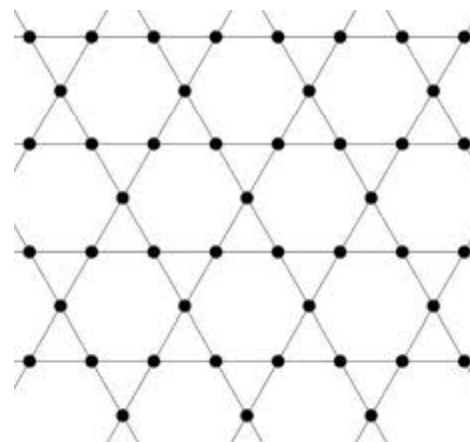
Topological invariants of tensor symmetry transformation rules:

- χ_σ, χ_T

“weak SPT” index, 2D AKLT like physics

- $\eta_{12}, \eta_{c6}, \eta_\sigma$

label symmetry fractionalization of spinon- e in the Z_2 QSL member phase.



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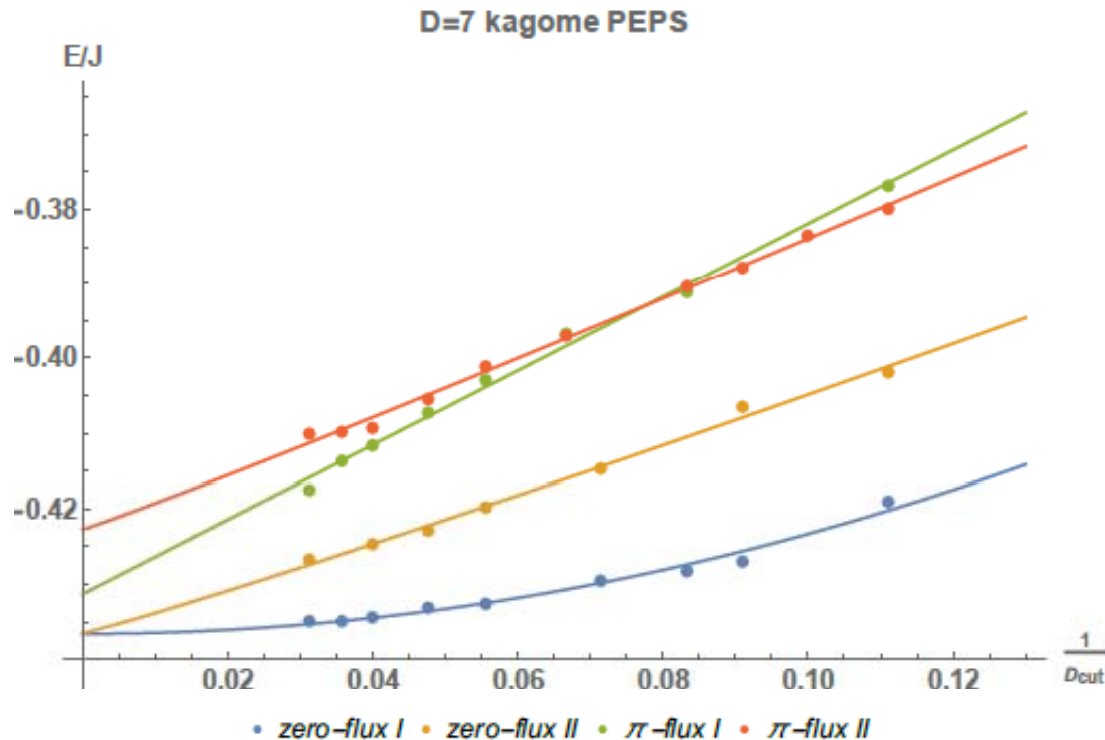
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Symmetric iPEPS algorithm

- Focus on infinite PEPS (iPEPS)
- Optimization
 - Minimize “approximate” energy densities within constrained Hilbert spaces of four promising classes (Simple update method) (Jiang,Xiang...)
- Measurement
 - Measure energy density for the optimized state
 - Tensor RG + variational Monte Carlo
(Nave,Levin,Gu,Wen,Xiang,Jiang,Wang, Sandvik, Verstraete,...)

Energy densities for optimal state of four classes



$D_{cut} \sim$ virtual states kept when performing tensor contraction

- For $D = 7$, $8 \times 8 \times 3$ lattice size, $E \sim -0.4366(3)J$, comparable to (slightly higher than) DMRG report.
- Two zero-flux classes have nearly degenerate energy

Which class?

Competing spin liquids?

$$E(\text{Zero-Flux I}) \approx E(\text{Zero-Flux II})$$

Sachdev's $Q_1=Q_2$ state

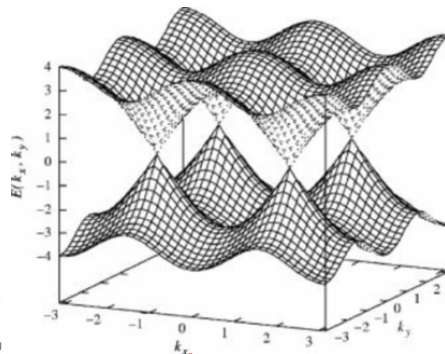
$Q_1=-Q_2$ state

- Two possibilities:

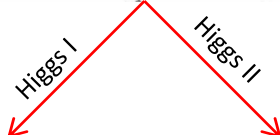
1. Their energy densities are different. But our numerics is not accurate enough to distinguish them.
2. They indeed share degenerate energy. Any physical reason?

→
 $U(1)$ Dirac spin liquid?

(Hastings, Ran, Hermele, Lee,
Wen, Iqbal, Becca, Pollblanc...)



(Lu, Ran, Lee)



zero-flux I

zero-flux II

Future work:

1. Long-range behavior?
2. Excitation spectrum?
3. More advanced optimization method

Plan

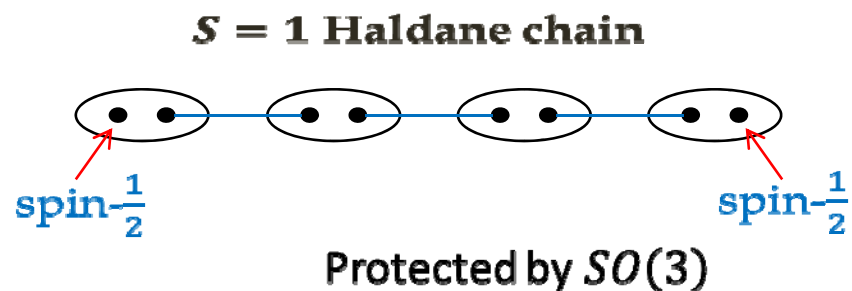
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Bosonic cohomological SPT phases

- In our framework, SPT: $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$ (not complete)
 - SG : **on-site and lattice symmetries** (onsite (Chen, Liu, Gu, Wen), lattice (Chen, Hermele, Fu, Qi, Furuseki, Cheng...))

- T and P (mirror) \sim “anti-unitary”

- Example:



- 1d, $H^2(\mathbb{Z}_2^T, U(1)) = H^2(\mathbb{Z}_2^P, U(1)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$, the “Haldane phase”
- 2d, P & $T \rightarrow H^3(\mathbb{Z}_2^T \times \mathbb{Z}_2^P, U(1)) = \mathbb{Z}_2^2$
- Generic wavefunctions (constrained tensor Hilbert space) for every class
- A by-product: a general connection between SET and SPT phases in 2D.

SPT phases: $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$ ($d=1$)

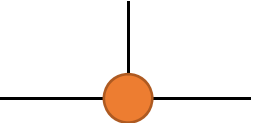
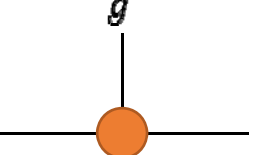
Warm-up: $d=1$ (Pollmann, Berg, Turner, Oshikawa, Chen, Gu, Wen...)

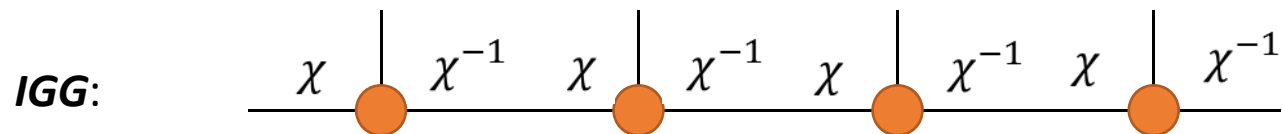
The main purpose here is to demonstrate the **anti-unitary action of mirror reflection** in the tensor formulation.

Just like the spin liquid example, let us firstly identify IGG, then find the consistency equations for the tensor symmetry transformation rules.

SPT phases: $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$ (d=1)



Symmetry Condition:  = $W_g(a, l)$  $W_g(a, r)$

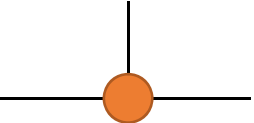
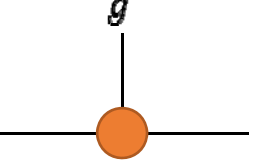


a single U(1) phase variable over the whole lattice.

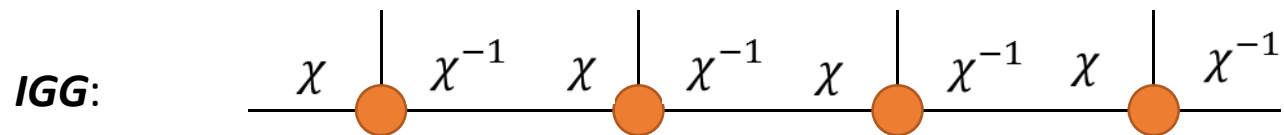
(On an infinite lattice, we require $W_g \cdot g$ ($\forall g \in SG$) as well as **IGG** to send all local tensors back to themselves without extra U(1) phase)

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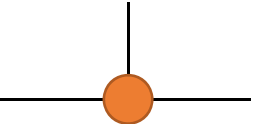
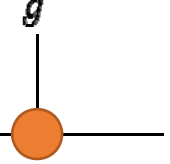
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$$\Rightarrow W_{g_1} g_1 W_{g_2} g_2 = \chi(g_1, g_2) W_{g_1 g_2} g_1 g_2, \chi(g_1, g_2) \in IGG$$



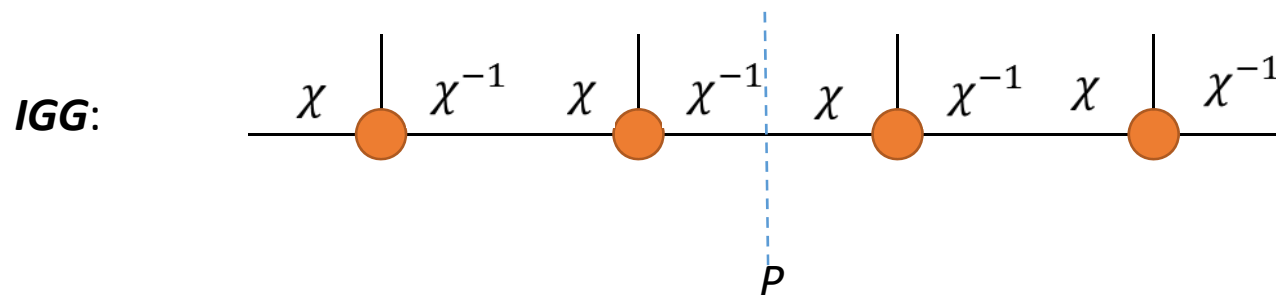
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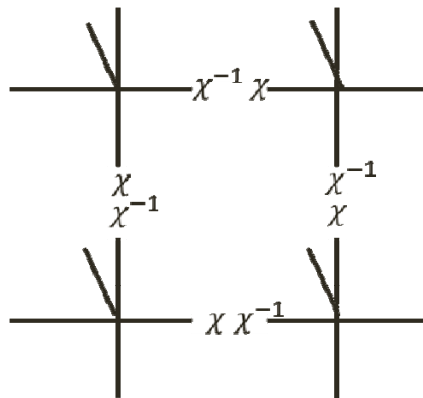
and $\chi(g_1, g_2) \chi(g_1 g_2, g_3) = {}^{g_1} \chi(g_2, g_3) \chi(g_1, g_2 g_3)$. $\chi(g_1, g_2) \in H^2(SG, U(1))$



Just as time-reversal, mirror reflection send $\chi \rightarrow \chi^{-1}$,
so they should be treated as anti-unitary

SPT phases: $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$ ($d=2$)

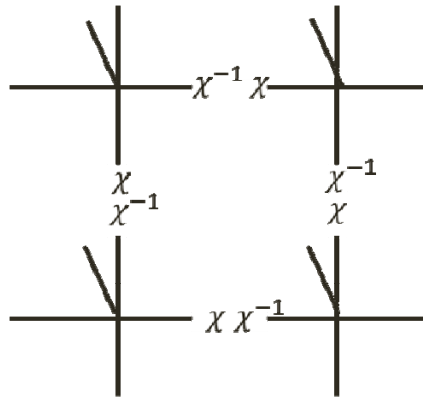
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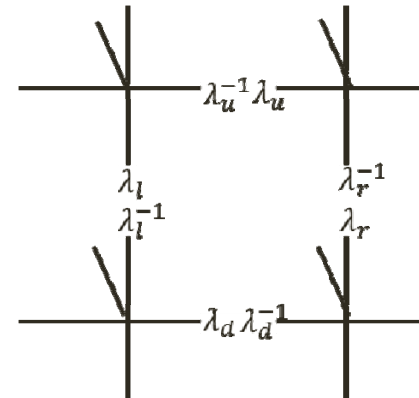
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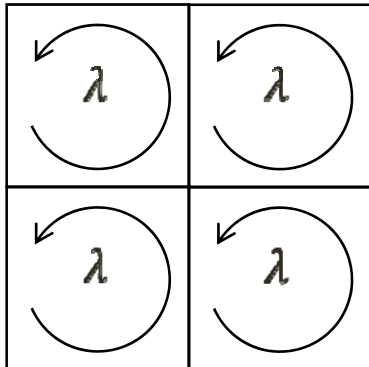


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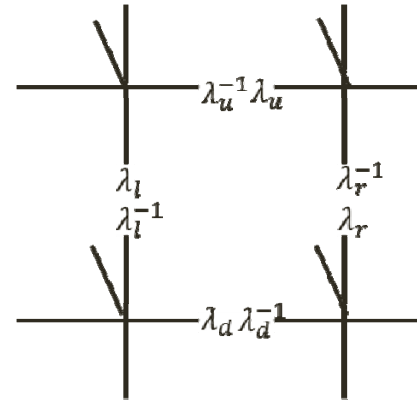
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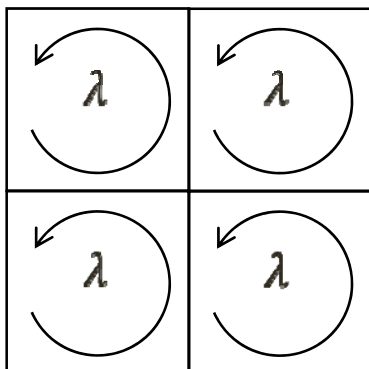
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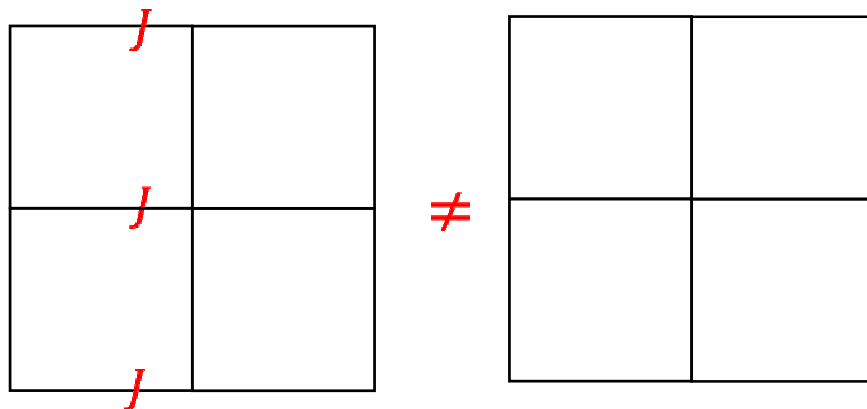
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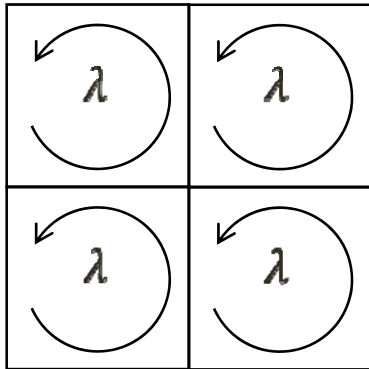
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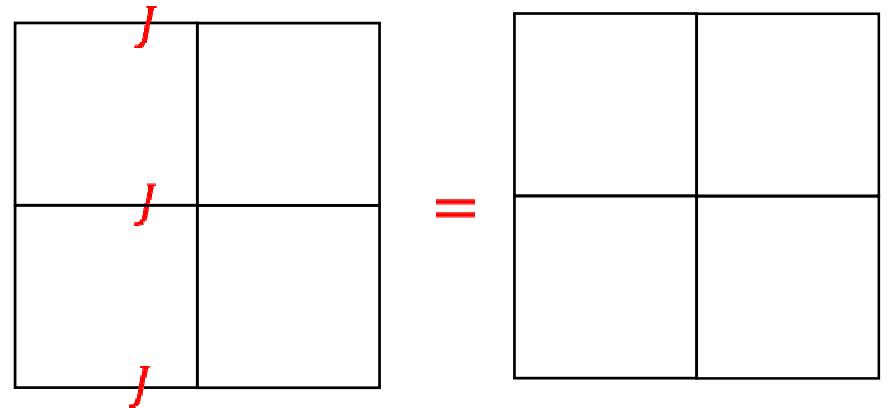
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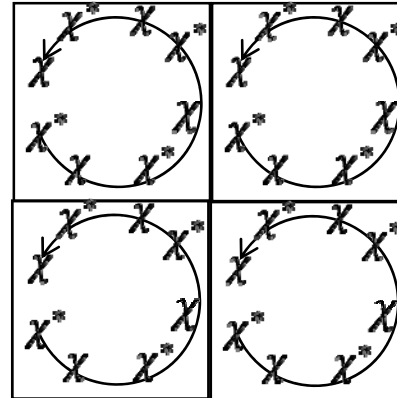
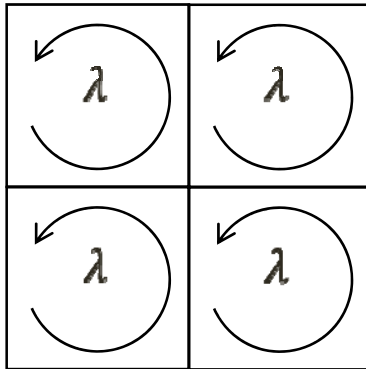
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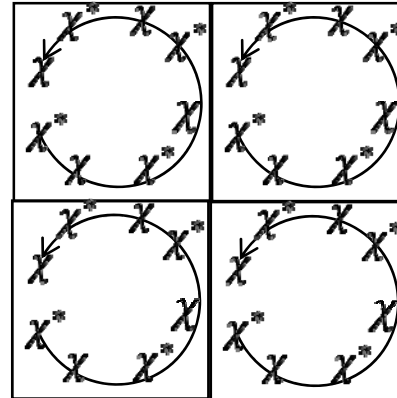
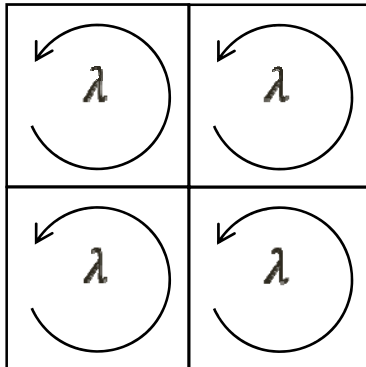
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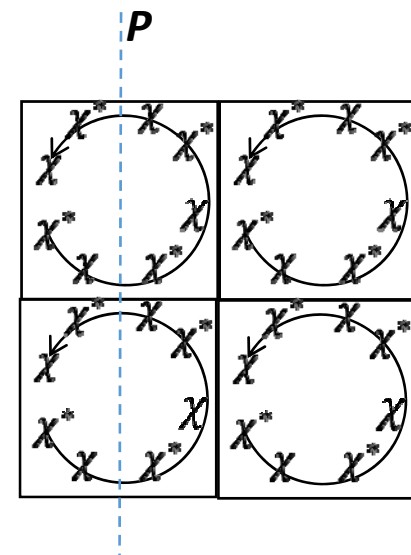
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Just like time-reversal,
mirror reflections send $\chi \rightarrow \chi^{-1}$ (anti-unitary),
while rotations/translations send $\chi \rightarrow \chi$ (unitary)



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Examples:

- $H^3(Z_2, U(1)) = Z_2$

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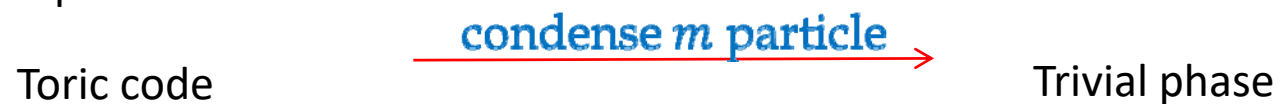
- Similar construction can be generalized to 3D. (need cubic IGG& plaquette IGG).
- After complicated algebra, one can show that the topological invariants of tensor symmetry transformation rules are given by four cocycles.
- And time-reversal and mirror reflections should be treated as anti-unitary.

Plan

- Spin liquids on the kagome lattice
- SPT phases: $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$
- Anyon condensation mechanism:
“conventional” SET phases \rightarrow SPT phases

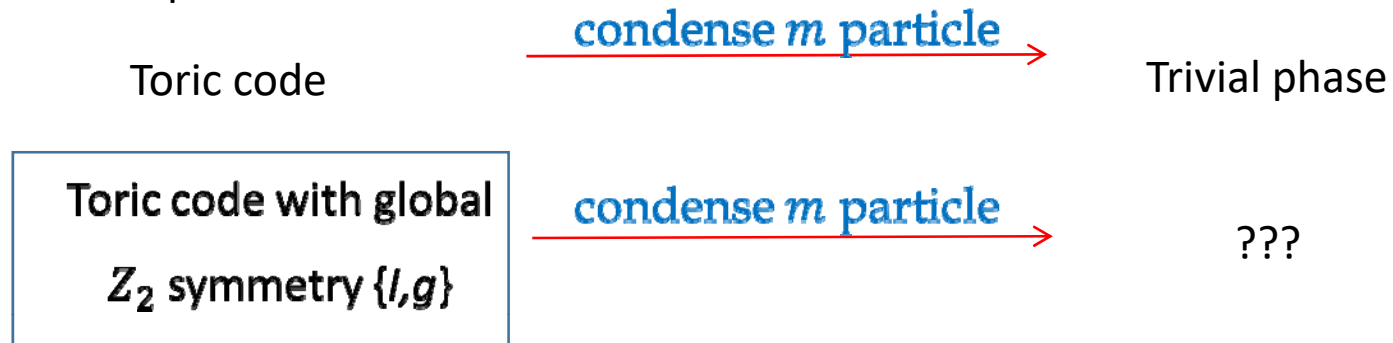
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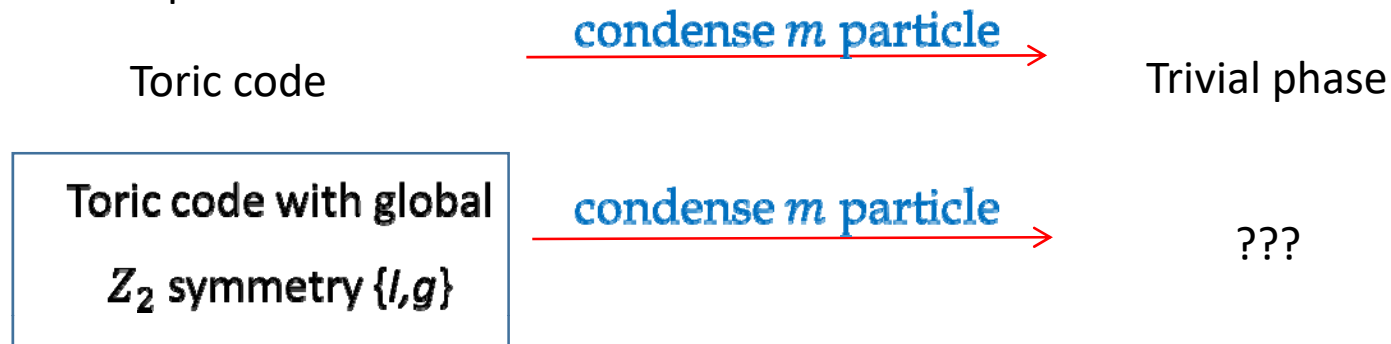
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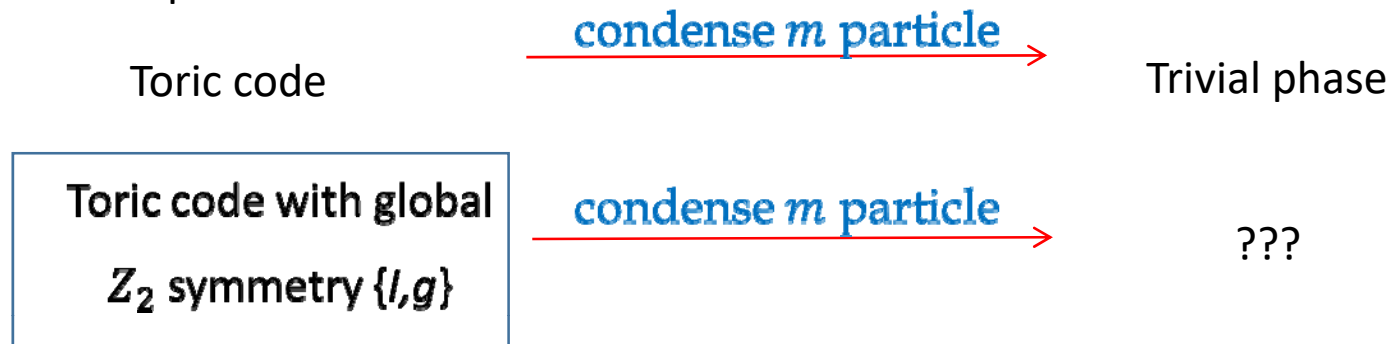


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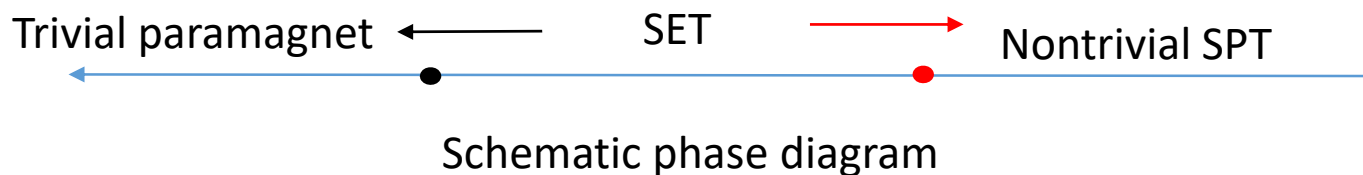
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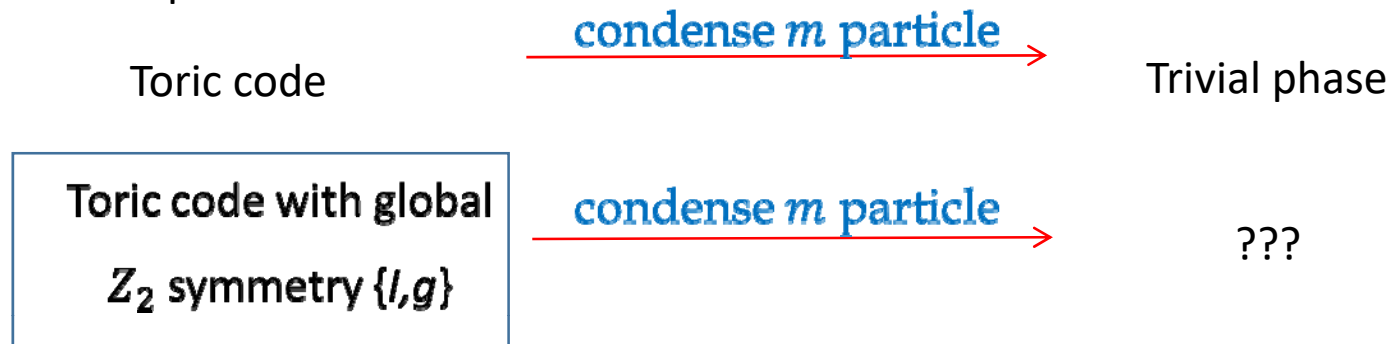


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Subtlety in the definition of $g(m)$:

Precisely, these quantum numbers are measured by g-defect featuring trivial symmetry fractionalizations

anyon condensation after gauging the symmetry

- Why the phase we obtained is nontrivial SPT? One could justify by gauging the Z_2 symmetry $\{1, g\}$. (Levin, Gu)

	Z_2 SPT??	double semion??
“Parent” phase	SET with e carry fractional quantum number	Z_4 gauge theory
g ($g \times g = m$)	Z_2 symmetry defect	Z_4 gauge flux
m ($m \times m = 1$)	Z_2 gauge flux	double- Z_4 gauge flux
$\Omega_g(*) = -1$	Z_2 symmetry charge	double- Z_4 charge
Condensing object	m with $\Omega_g(m) = -1$	double- Z_4 charge & double- Z_4 flux

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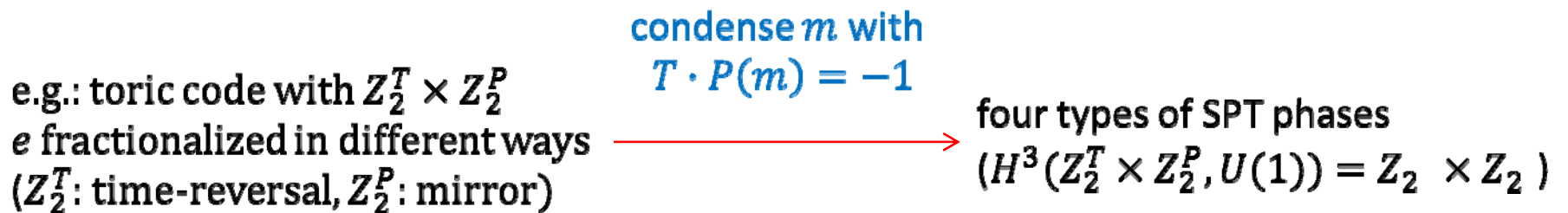
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Gauging picture of time reversal or spatial symmetries is unclear beyond TN formulation.

But it turns out these nontrivial SPT can also be obtained from anyon condensation.



General criteria for anyon condensation

an SET phase $\xrightarrow{\text{Condense certain fluxes}}$ an SPT phase

- Gauge group: $Z_{N_1} \times Z_{N_2} \times \dots$ & symmetry group: SG
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(Barkeshli, Bonderson, Cheng, Wang, Hermele, Chen, Fidkowski...)

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- **Condensing m-particles without breaking symmetry, which requires:**

1. Condensed m 's carry 1D symmetry Irrep: $\chi_m(g)$

2. $\chi_m(g) \cdot \chi_{m'}(g) = \chi_{mm'}(g)$

- **After condensing those m 's, we get an SPT phase**

$$\omega(g_1, g_2, g_3) \equiv \chi_{\lambda(g_2, g_3)}(g_1), \quad [\omega] \in H^3(SG, U(1))$$

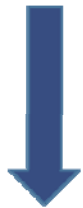
Possible model realizations?

- Quantum dimer models on non-bipartite lattice can host Z_2 toric code topological order. (Rokhsar, Kivelson, Sondhi, Moessner)
- These models can be mapped to hard-core boson models (or XXZ models), with a U(1) symmetry, and **spinons carry half-charge**. (Balents, Fisher, Girvin, Isakov, Kim...)
- Tuning parameters, these models (e.g.: kagome 1/3-filled hard-core boson model) can go from the Z_2 spin liquid into Valence Bond Solid phases (VBS) via vison condensation. (Pollmann et.al.)
- One could add interactions breaking the U(1) down to Ising. **If the the condensed vison is Ising odd, then, the resulting VBS phase is a nontrivial Ising-SPT phase. (SPT-VBS)**

(In tensor-based algorithms, the quantum number carried by low energy vison near condensation can be measured.)

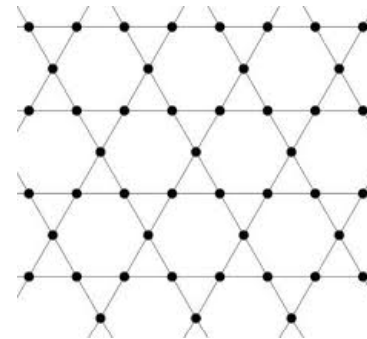
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Running Machinery

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32 gapped Z_2 spin liquid

Nearly degenerate energy densities for two classes

SPT partially classified by $H^{d+1}[SG, U(1)]$

SG : on-site & spatial symmetries

T and P antiunitary

SET $\xrightarrow{\text{anyon condensation}}$ SPT

Discussion/future directions

- Previously in 2D PEPS, MPO-invariance was used to characterize onsite SPT in PEPS(Williamson et.al.), connection with our formulation?
- Classifying and simulating fermion phases?
- Combining state of the art numerical techniques with this analytical construction (Vanderstraeten, Verstraete, Corboz...)
 - More accurate energy density, correlators, ...
 - Excitation spectrum?
- Possible realization of SPT?
 - Numerical simulation for SPT tensor wavefunctions
 - Condensing visons carrying nontrivial quantum number in spin liquid phases → SPT-VBS phase?

Thank You!

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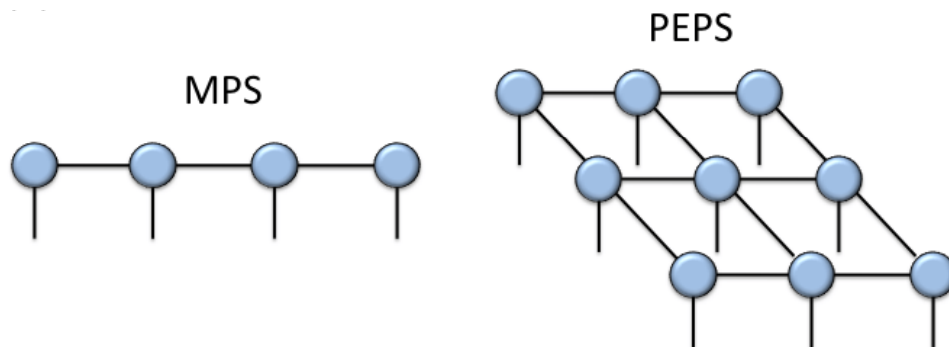
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- How to represent generic SPT states using tensor-network wavefunctions (particularly in 2 and higher spatial dimensions) ?

In this talk: tensor-network=MPS(1d), PEPS(2d), and their 3d analog (Cirac, Verstraeta, Vidal...)



(figures from Orus, Annals Phys. (2014))

But how to systematically understand higher dimensional SPT using tensor-network formulation?

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Previously $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$ classification is obtained for onsite SG (Chen,Liu,Gu,Wen...)

many new phases can be constructed:

e.g. in 2d, inversion symmetry (180° spatial rotation) $\rightarrow Z_2$ classification

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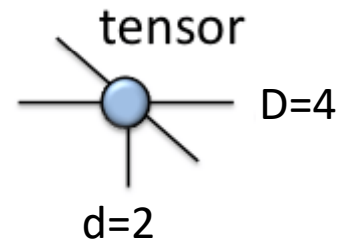
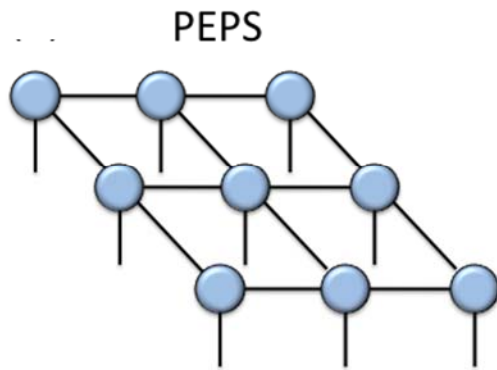


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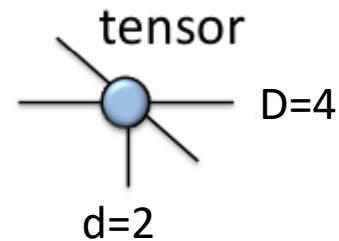
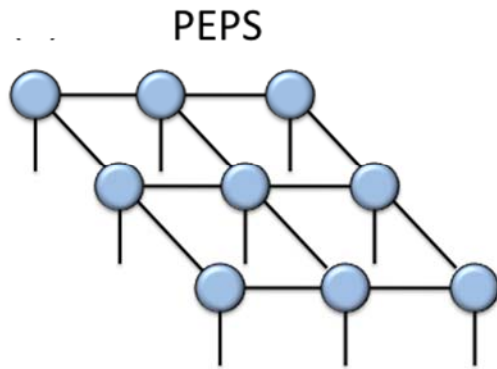
a trial wavefunction with a lot of variational parameters:

$$\# \text{ of parameters} = 512 - 1 (\text{normalization}) = 511$$

The price to pay is that one may not be able to sharply distinguish different quantum phases.

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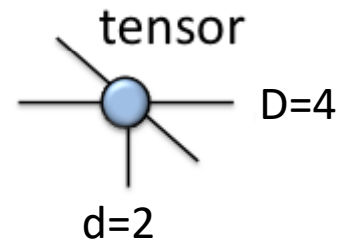
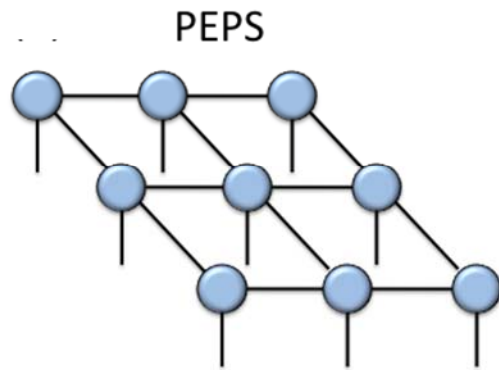


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- a generic SPT trial wavefunction with 15 variational parameters

Plan:

Instead of keep going on tensor-network wavefunctions,
let me talk about a *by-product* of our main results, which is also quite general and can be formulated in more conventional languages.

A by-product of main results

- a general connection between SET (topological ordered states with symmetry) and SPT phases via anyon condensation.

Basic idea:

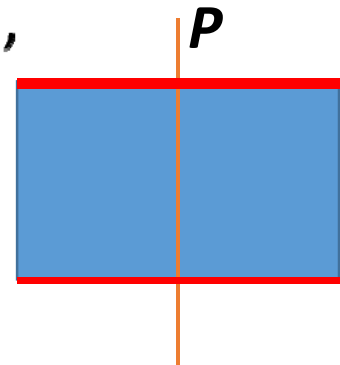
Starting from a rather conventional gauge theory (i.e., an SET phase like a Z_2 spin liquid), if one condenses certain bosonic anyons to confine the gauge field, under “certain conditions”, the resulting phase is necessarily an SPT phase.

We will soon provide a general criterion about the “certain conditions”. But let me show you some examples first.

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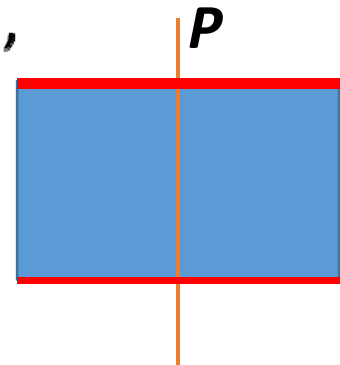
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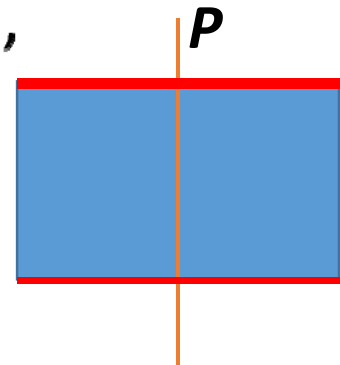
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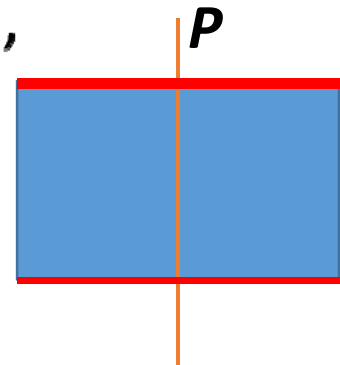
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This spin liquid is rather usual, there is no stable gapless edge states.

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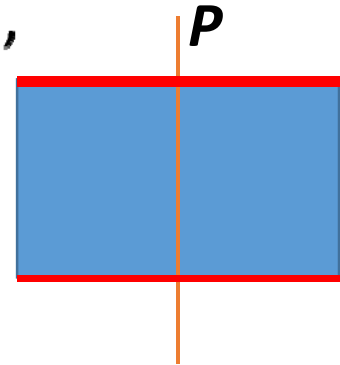
If condensing the $T \cdot P$ odd vison m to confine the Z_2 gauge,

then the resulting phase is an SPT phase (a bosonic topological crystalline insulator) with gapless edge states on the P symmetric edges.
--- let me call it as SPT phase-A

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Summary:

Z2 Spin liquid	Spinon e nontrivial symmetry fractionalization
Spin-liquid-A	$T(e)^2 = -1$

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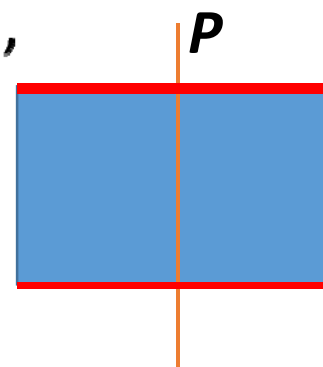
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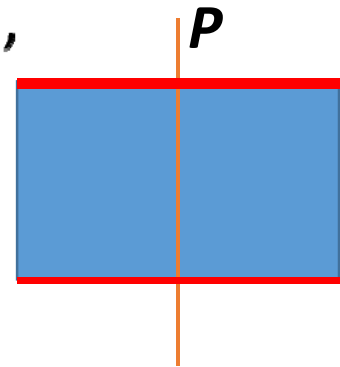
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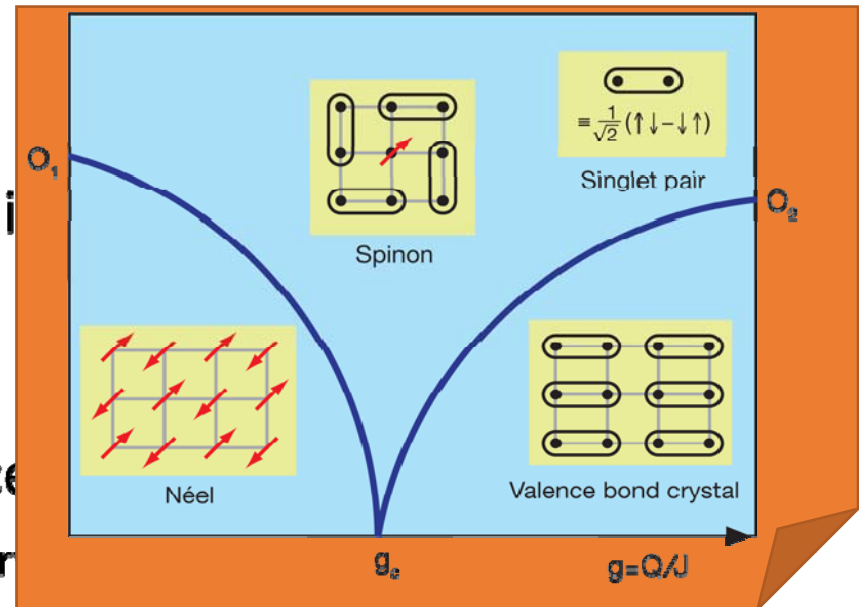
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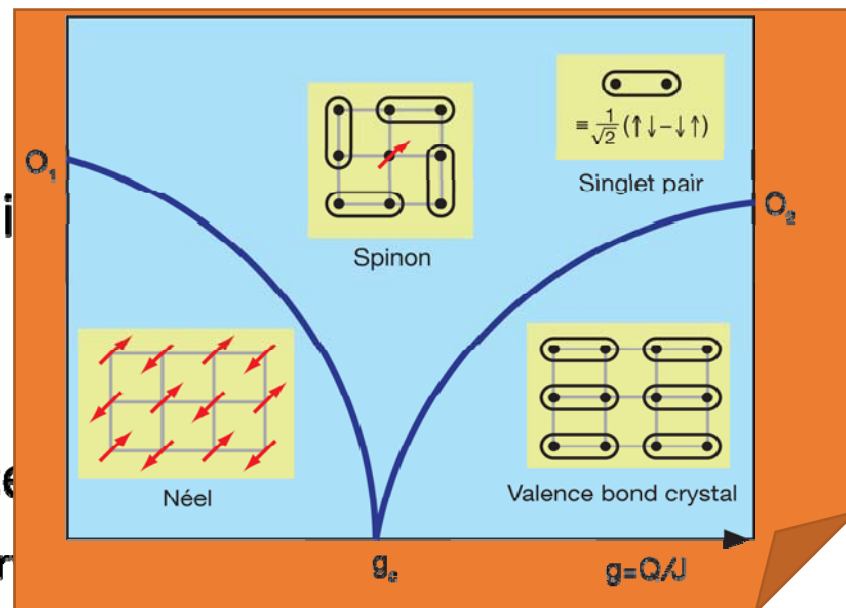
One may say that it is still highly nontrivial to have Z_2 spin liquids to begin with, but what we really care is the confined VBS phase.

VBS are quite common in spin models, e.g. deconfined criticality.

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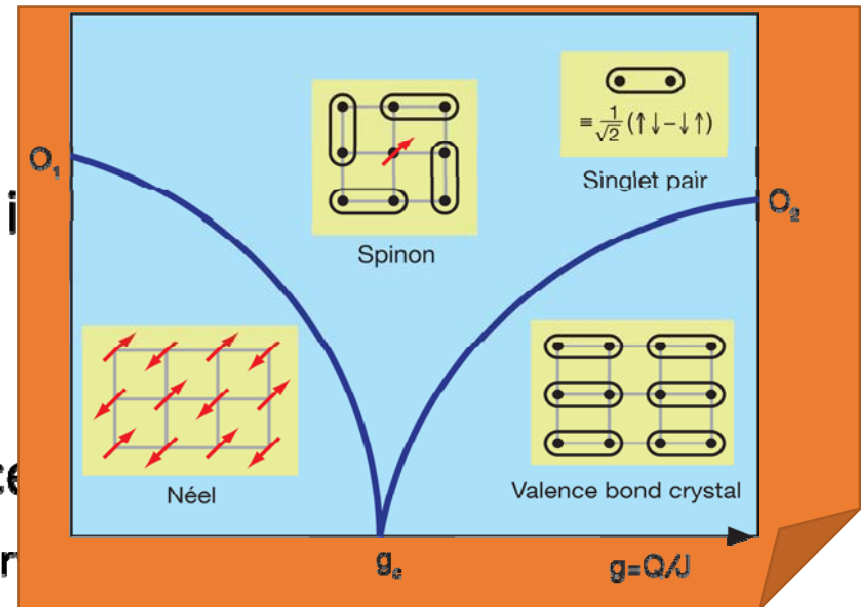
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By-products of main results

- Lattice translational symmetry ($Z^d \subset SG$) leads to “weak indices”.

e.g.: recently we showed that there are 4 featureless Mott insulators at half-filling on the honeycomb lattice. Now we understand it is due to two Z_2 weak indices in $H^{d+1}(SG, U(1))$.