

# Supersymmetric Insulating phases of topo-superconductors



Theory and  
realizations

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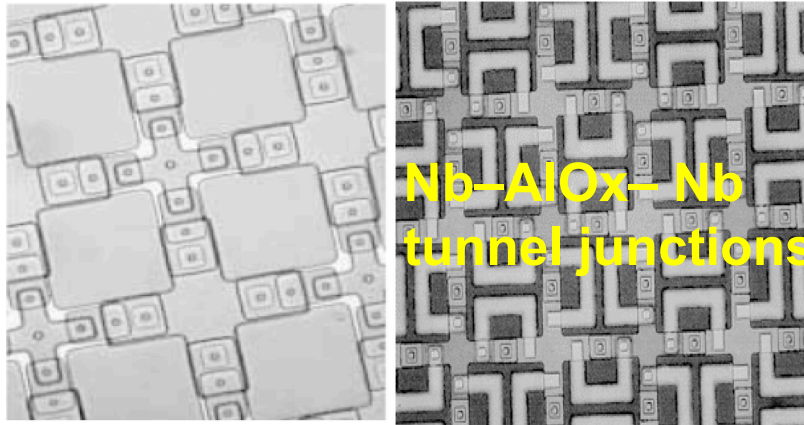
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# Array of conventional Josephson junctions



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## Experimental and theoretical study on 2D ordered and 3D disordered SIS-type arrays of Josephson junctions

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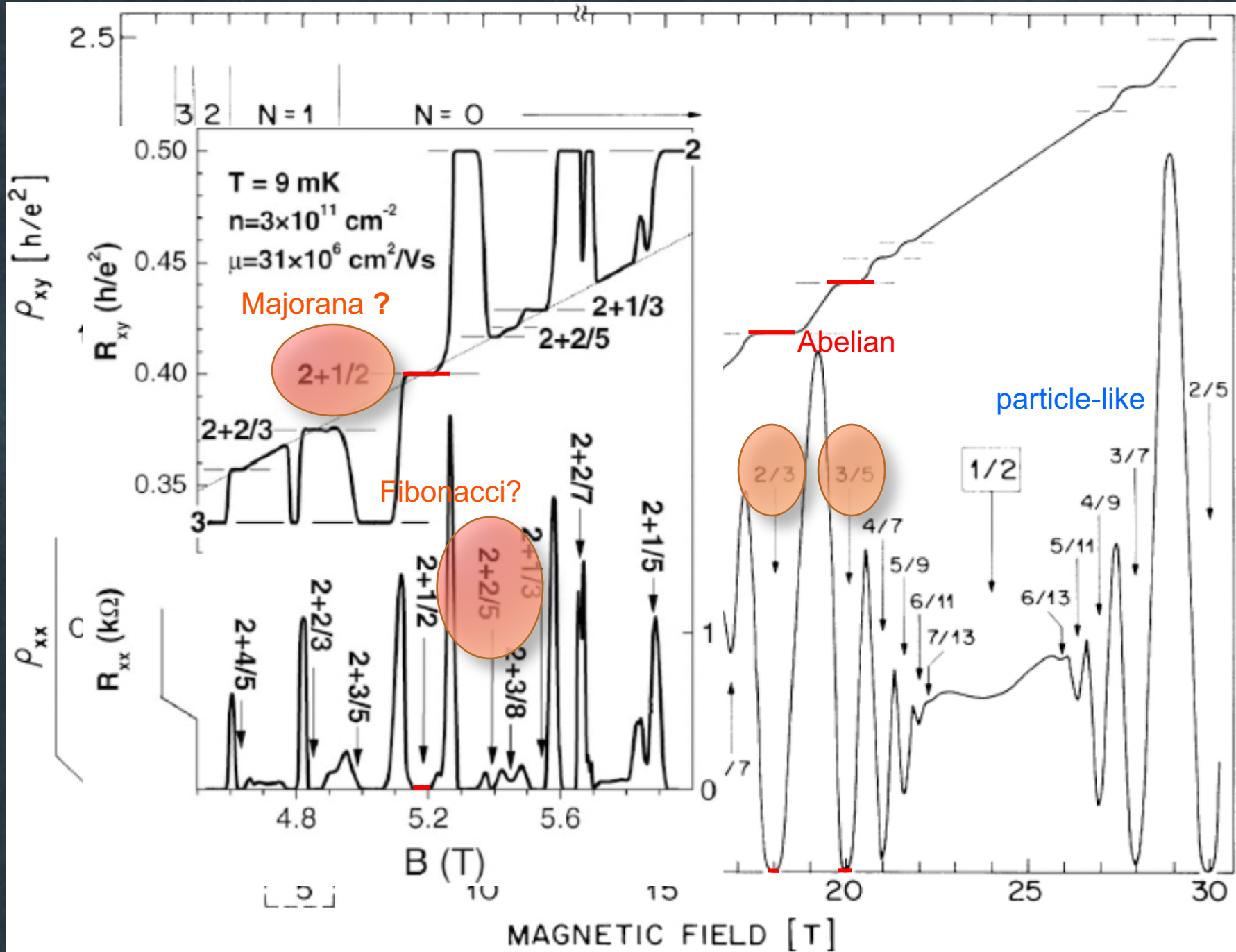
**Topological**

$E_J \gg E_c$  Superconductor  $t \gg U$  Metal  
 $E_c \gg E_J$  Insulator  $U \gg t$  Insulator

**Has internal degrees: MZM**

# Outline

- Short intro to central charge, heat conductance, and Fibonacci particles
- Superconductor and insulator phases of an array of Josephson junctions
- Equivalence between Majorana Zero Modes in a Cooper box and Spins
- 1D models and Experimental signatures
- SUSY Tri-critical Ising transition in the insulating phase with central charge  $7/10$
- Extension to 2D?



hot reservoir

cold reservoir

$T_1$

$$J = \kappa(T_1 - T_0)$$

$T_0$

1D electronic modes

- Edge modes in general have quantized heat conductance:

$$\kappa = c \frac{k_B^2 \pi^2}{3h} T$$

- $c$ : Is by definition the central charge.
- Integer for integer QHE and abelian FQHE [et al. Heiblum]
- Fractional for the non abelian states
- For  $\nu = 1/2$  [MR]  $c = \text{integer} + 1/2$
- For  $\nu = 5/2$  [RR]  $c = \text{integer} + 4/5$

For a topological SC wire exactly at the transition there are two counter propagating Majorana modes with  $c = 1/2$ .

Also True for the transverse field Ising model

# Fusion Rules and Ground states degeneracy

$\nu = 5/2$  [MR] has MZMs

$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \psi$$

$12/5$  [RR] has Fibonacci

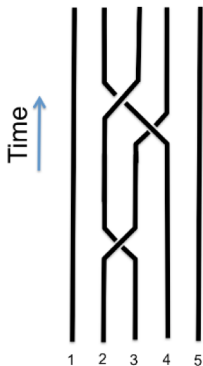
$$\tau \times \tau = 1 + \tau$$

$5/2$  [MR] with  $2N$  MZM

$$D = 2^N$$

$12/5$  [RR] with  $N$  Fibonacci

$$D = F_N$$

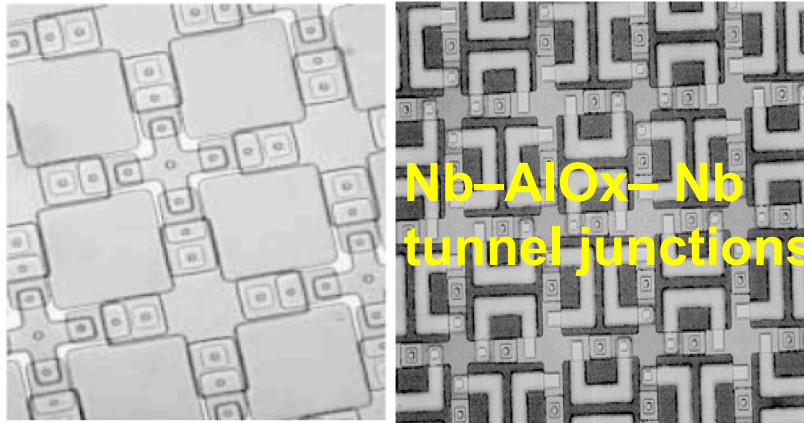


Braiding particles -- matrix manipulations in the degenerate ground state space.

MZM's do not give universal TQC

While Fibonacci's do.

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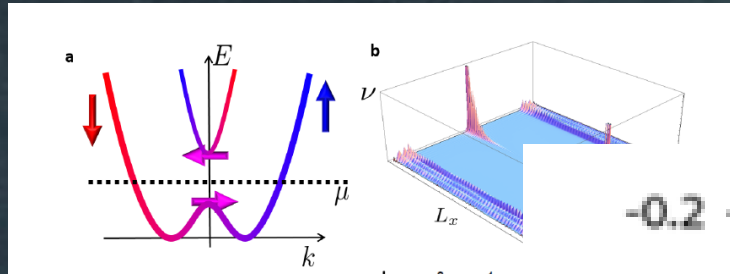
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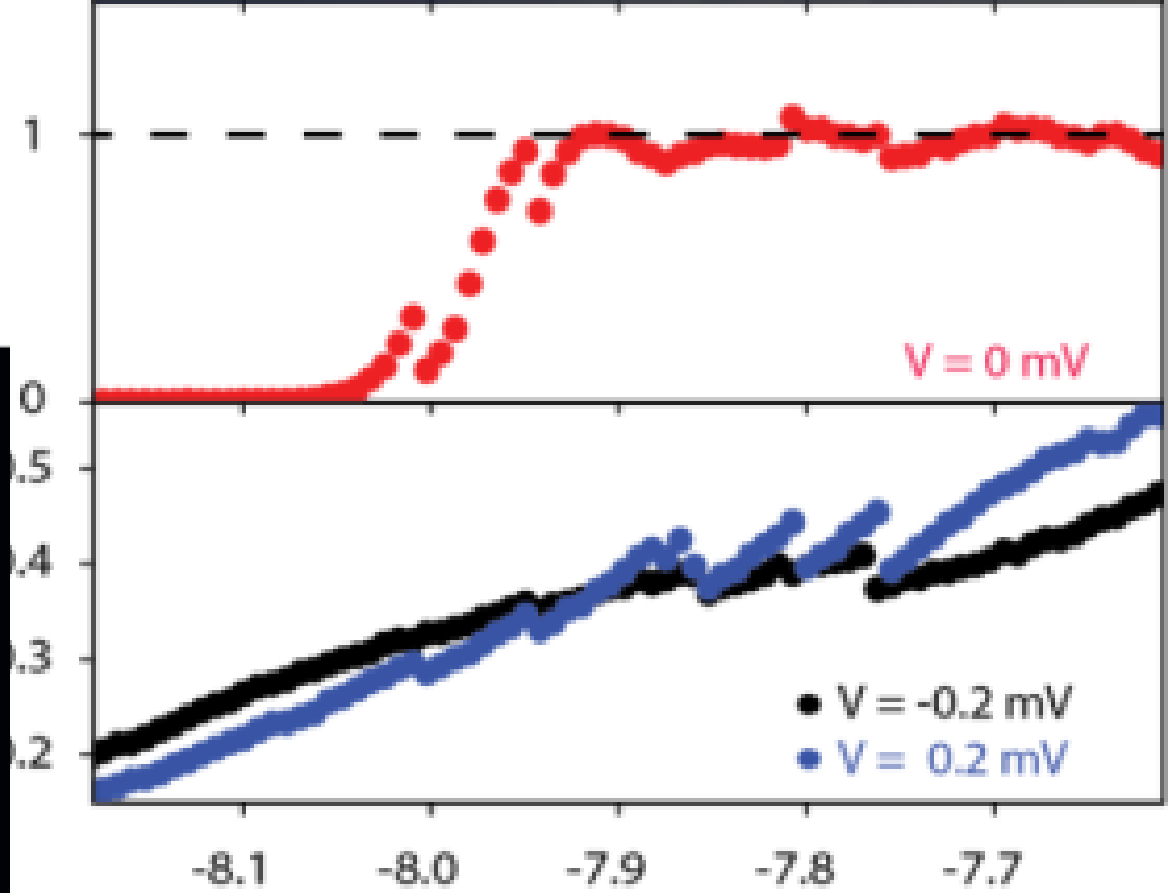


- We know how to create MZM in an alternative simpler system SC + SOC + Magnetic field [non universal]
- Can we create a system with fractional central charge that carry Fibonacci particles using TSC?
- Our conjecture: yes – the insulating phase of TSC may have exotic states supporting Fibonacci
- I will show today an explicit critical system with  $c=7/10$  in 1D with possible future extension to 2D
- The basic ingredients are MZMs in a Cooper Box
- The interaction between them creates a TSC insulating phases with the required properties

# MZM can be found in Semiconductors



$B = 0.8 \text{ T}$  Quantized Majorana conductance



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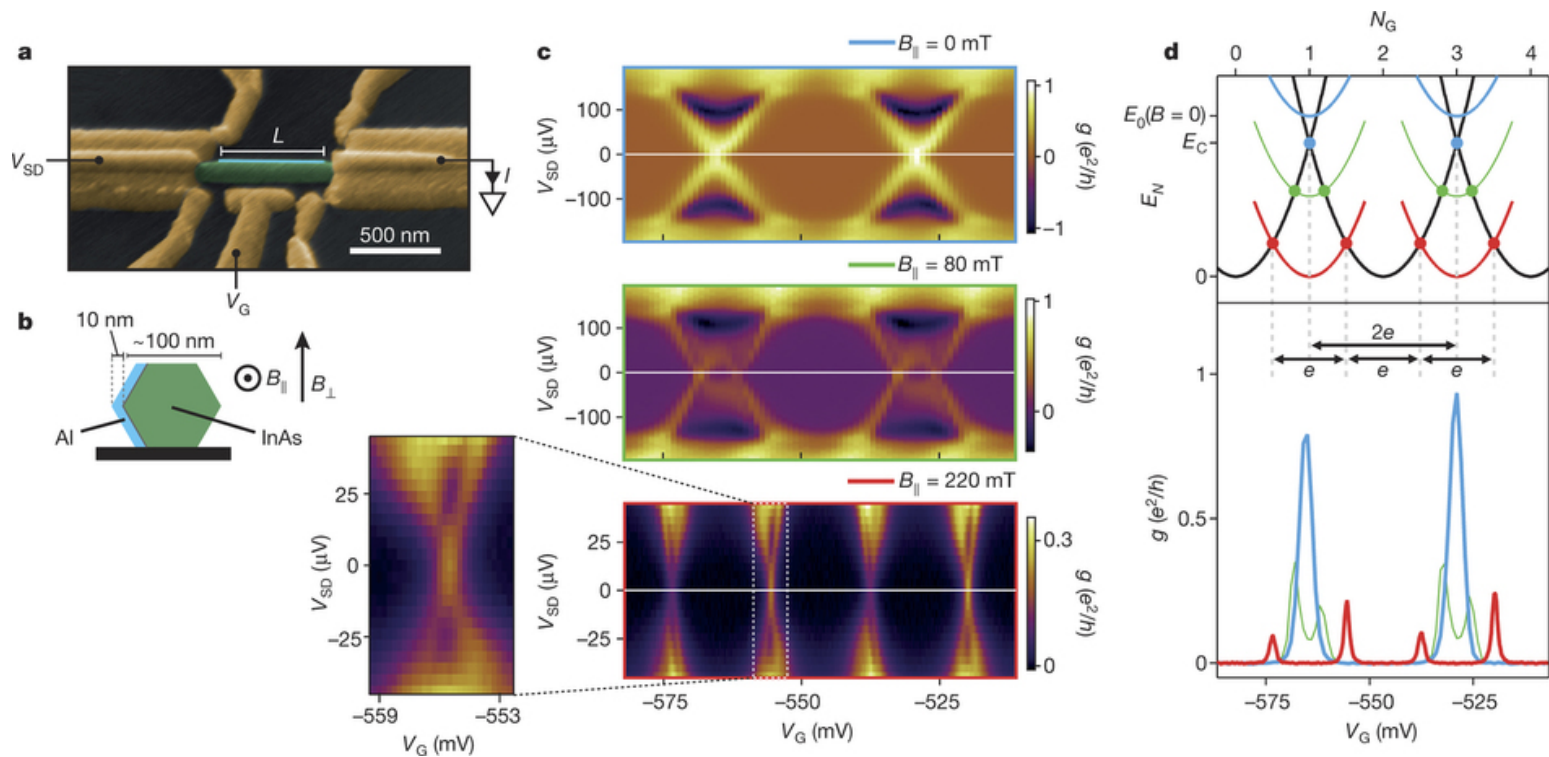
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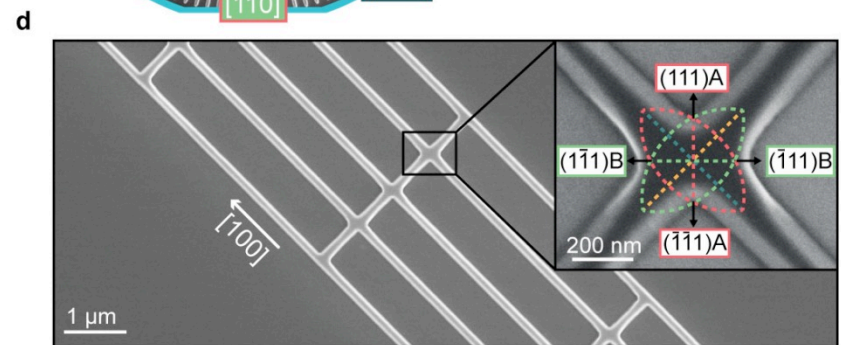
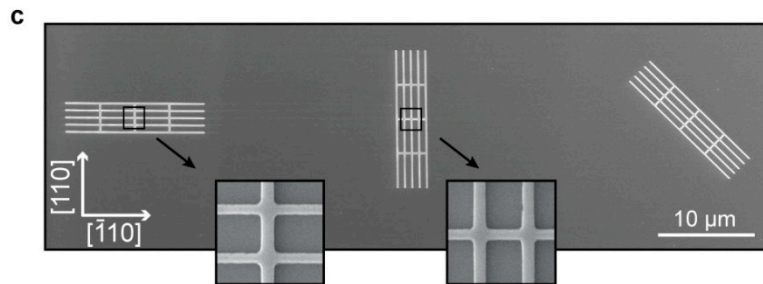
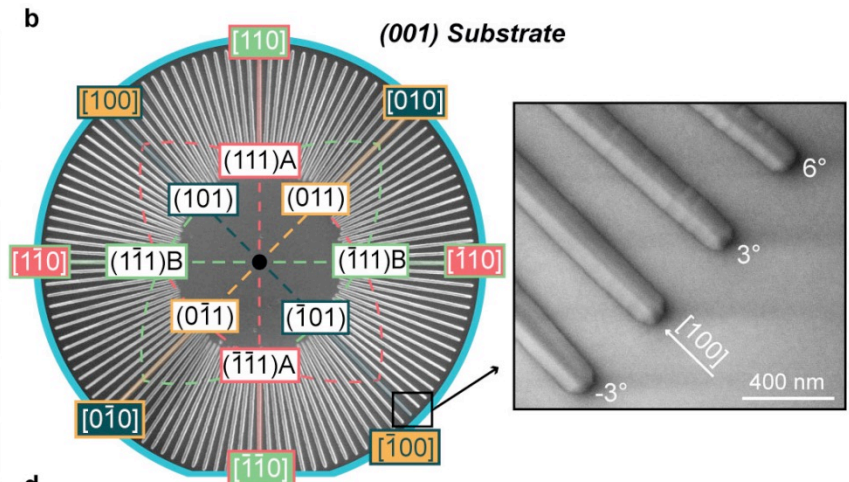
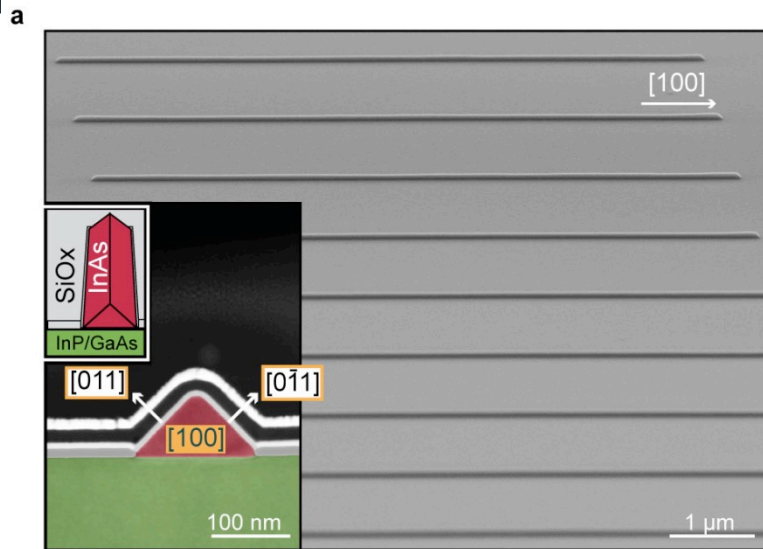
2018 :Zhang,..., 20 authors, Leo P. Kouwenhoven

# Copenhagen Experiment the Majorana Cooper-pair Box



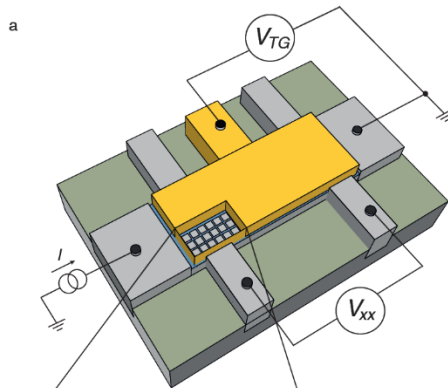
Albrecht et al, Nature 531, 206 (2016)  
Copenhagen

# Selective-Area-Growth

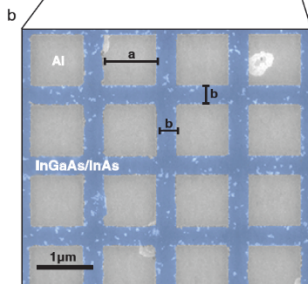


# 2D Al-InAs

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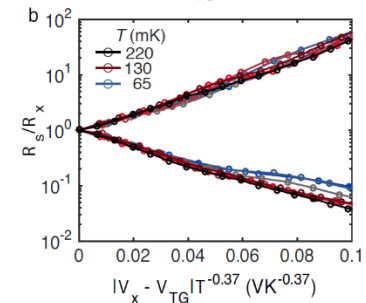
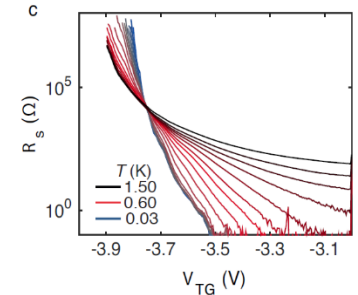
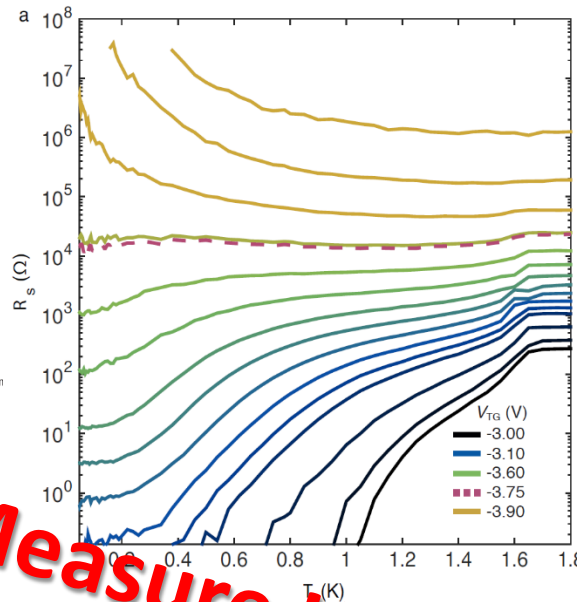
Array of superconducting islands connected by 2DEG:  
 A new SIT system



Aluminum	7nm
InGaAs	10nm
InAs	7nm
InGaAs	4nm
InAlAs	

400 x 100 array

$a = 1 \mu\text{m}$   
 $b = 0.15 \mu\text{m}$



$\nu z = 2.7$

Measure Heat Transport

# What happens when the SC is topological?

Senthil, Potter, Fisher and Balents and Nayak, Qi and Barkeshli:

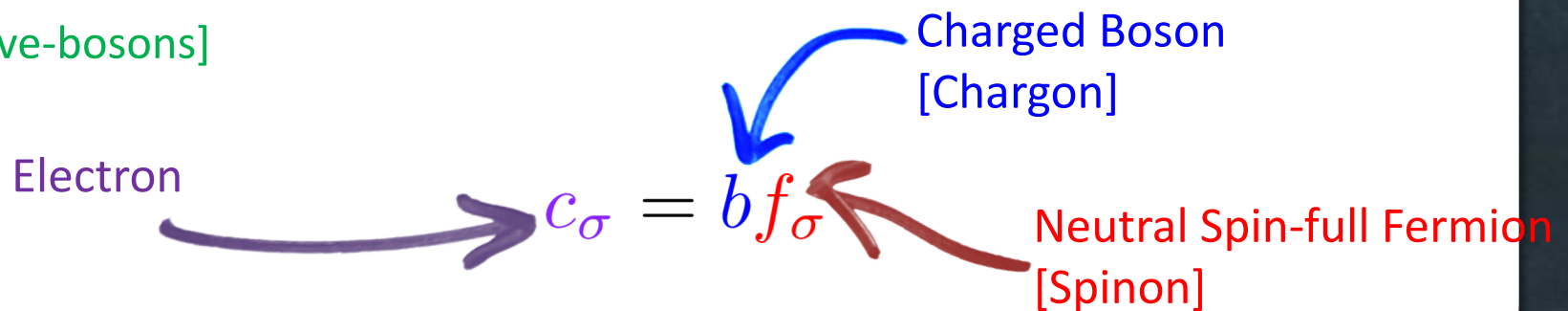
Conventional SC- Insulator proliferation of  $[h/2e]$  vortexes

Topological SC has MZM in the core so only pairs of vortexes  $[h/e]$  proliferate

→ leading to Kitaev's Spin Liquid [KSL]

Parton construction:

[slave-bosons]



SC:  $c$  forms a p wave topological superconductor [TSC]

Insulator:  $b$  is in the Mott phase and  $f$  forms a TSC [KSL]

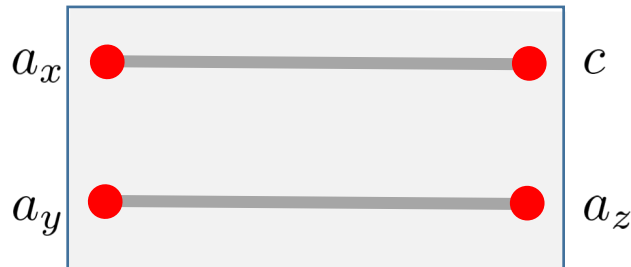
# What are the insulating phases when the SC is topological?

Today:

1. Construct insulating models by mapping to 1D spin chains
2. Super Symmetric [SUSY] 1+1 field theoretical models with central charge  $7/10$ 
  - 2+1 has Fibonacci particles, wanted for Universal TQC
  - Measured by heat conductance

All based on Majorana-Cooper pair Boxes  
[local interactions] and local tunneling  
between the Majorana  
zero modes

# Tetron-Spin 1/2



$$\hat{f}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{c} + i\hat{a}_x)$$

$$\hat{f}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_y + i\hat{a}_z)$$

$$E_1 = E_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_x^2 &= a_y^2 = 1 \\ a_z^2 &= c^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

In a Cooper Box [Quantum dot made of superconductor in the Coulomb blockade regime]:

$$\mathcal{N}_g = 0$$

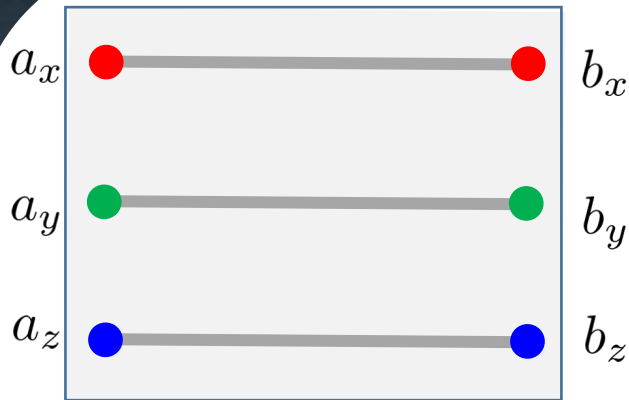
$$\mathcal{H}_c = U \left( \hat{n}_m - 2\hat{N}_c - \mathcal{N}_g \right)^2$$

Charging Energy  $\nearrow$   $\hat{f}_1^\dagger \hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_2^\dagger \hat{f}_2 = \hat{n}_1 + \hat{n}_2$   $\nwarrow$  Cooper pairs  $\nwarrow$  Gate

Nc	nm	n1	n2
0	0	0	0
1	2	1	1



# Hexon- 2xSpin 1/2



$$\mathcal{P} = (ia_x b_x) (ia_y b_y) (ia_z b_z) = ia_x a_y a_z b_x b_y b_z$$

$$S_a^x = ia_y a_z, \quad S_a^y = ia_x a_z, \quad S_a^z = ia_x a_y$$

$$S_b^x = ib_y b_z, \quad S_b^y = ib_x b_z, \quad S_b^z = ib_x b_y.$$

Hilbert space [4 states]  
Operator Algebra  
Constraint

$$H_2 = iJ_x a_x b_x = J_x S_a^x S_b^x$$

$$H_1 = it_{xy} a_x a_y = B_z S_z^a.$$

# 1D Spin models

- ✓ XXZ Chain
- ✓ Transvers Field Ising
- ✓ AKLT model –[Haldane Gap]

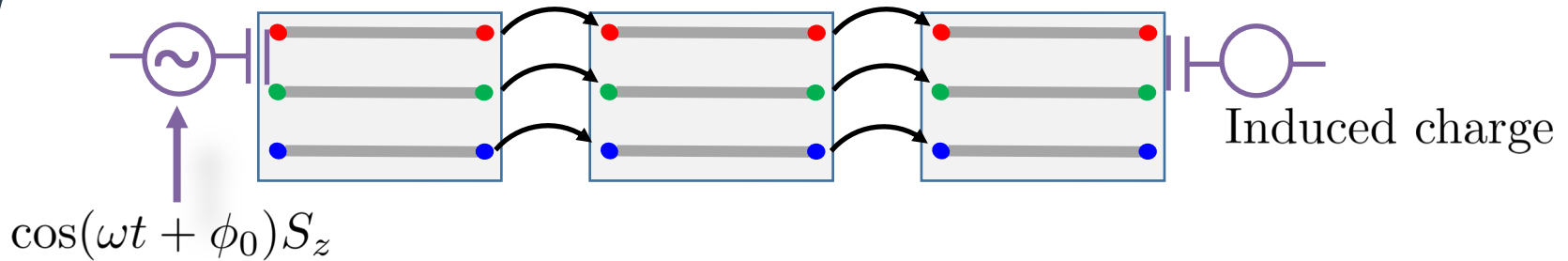


Gates manipulate  
all Coupling Consts.

- ✓ Tune to a critical point
- ✓ Apply perturbation
- ✓ Measure

$$H_{\text{pert}} = \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) S^z(x_0)$$

# 1D-Proposed Measurements



Linear response:  $\langle S^z(x, t) \rangle = \int dt' \cos(\omega t') \chi(t - t', x - x_0)$

$$\chi(t - t', x - x_0) = i \langle [S^z(x, t), S^z(x', t')] \rangle \Theta(t - t')$$

At criticality:  $G \sim 1/(x^2 - v^2 t^2)^{2h}$

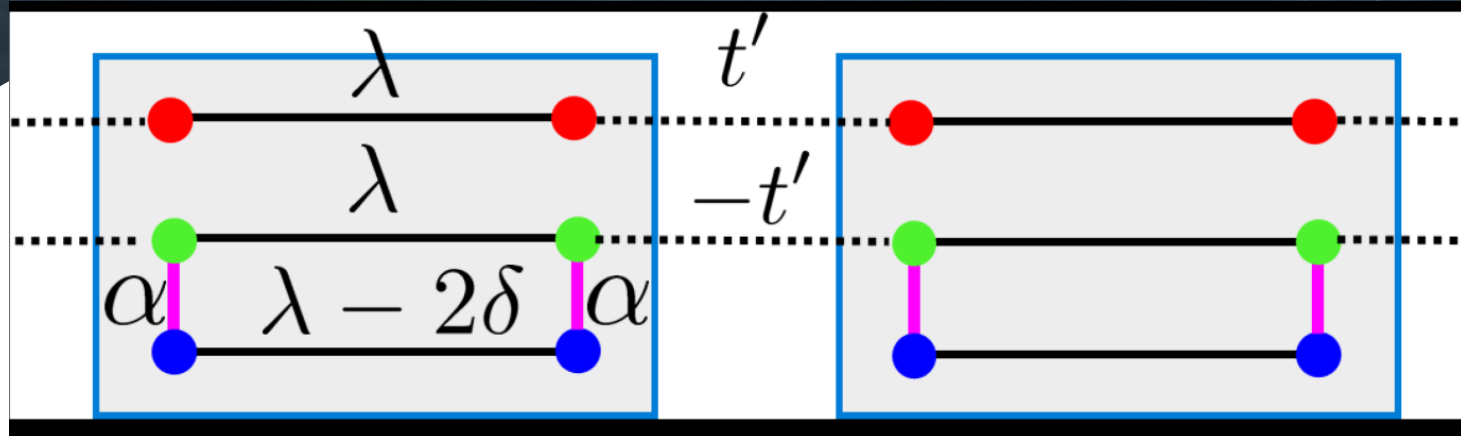
Modified Bessel

$$\langle S^z(x, t) \rangle = \frac{V_0 \alpha^{4h}}{v^{2h + \frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\omega}{|\Delta x|} \right)^{2h - \frac{1}{2}} \times \Re \left\{ B e^{i(\omega t + \phi_0)} K_{\frac{1}{2} - 2h} \left( i \frac{\omega |\Delta x|}{v} \right) \right\}$$

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# 1D SUSY Models



Blume Capel model Spin 1!

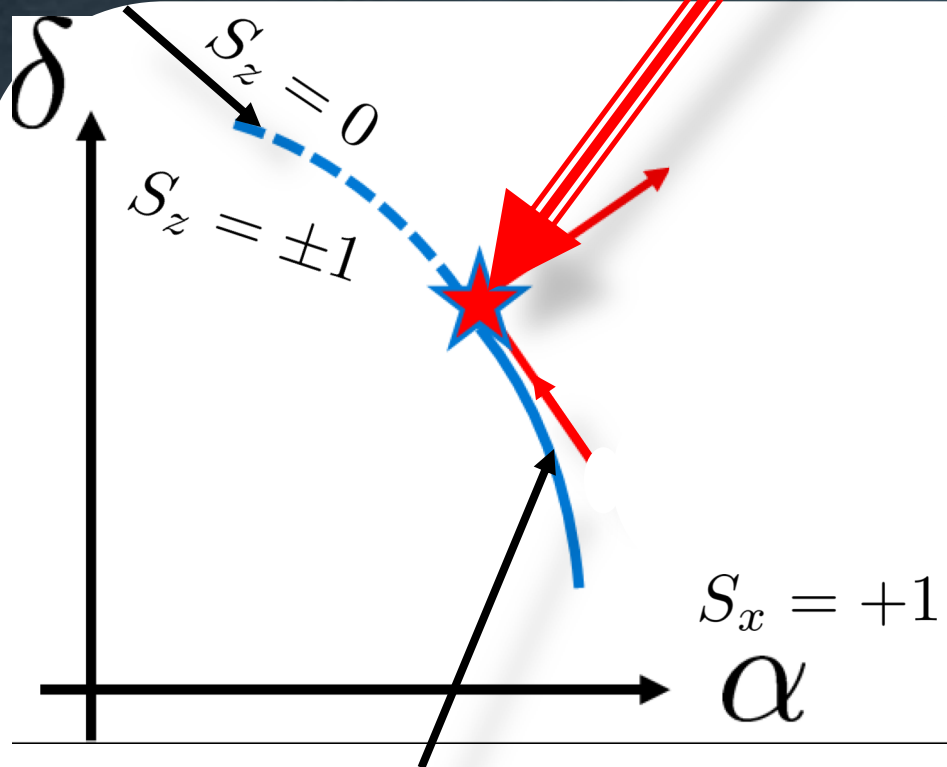
$$H_{\text{BC}} = \sum_j \alpha S_x^j + \delta (S_z^j)^2 - J S_z^j S_z^{j+1}$$

$\lambda > 0$  projects singlet out

$$J \sim t'^2 / U$$

# Tri Critical Ising

First order transition

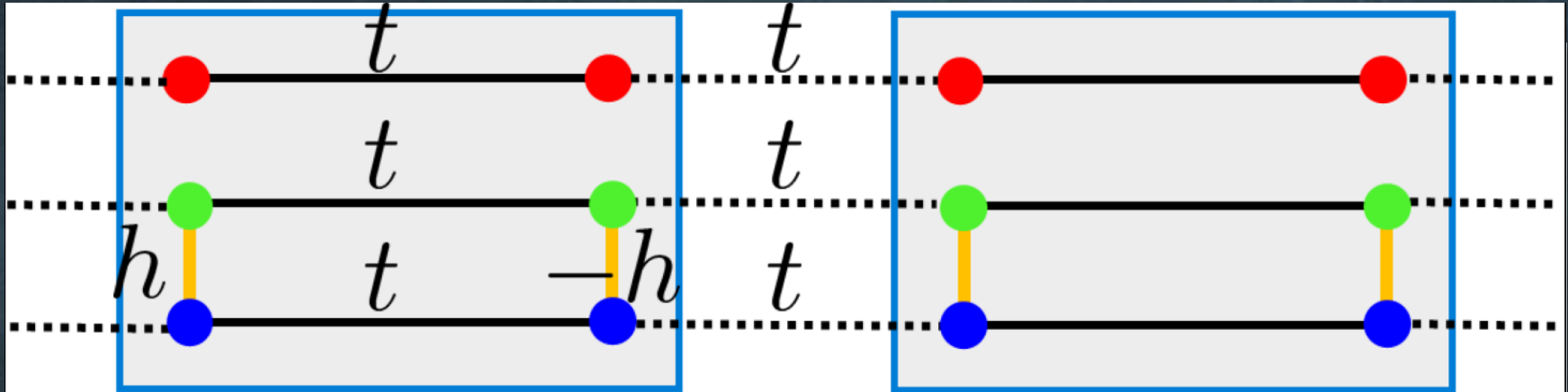


Central charge  $7/10$

Transverse field Ising

$$H_{\text{BC}} = \sum_j \alpha S_x^j + \delta (S_z^j)^2 - J S_z^j S_z^{j+1}$$

# Susy Field Theory



$$H_t = it \sum_{j,p=x,y,z} b_p^j (a_p^{j+1} - a_p^j), \quad = \frac{i}{2} \sum_p t (\eta_{pR} \partial_r \eta_{pR} - \eta_{pL} \partial_r \eta_{pL}),$$

$$H_h = ih \sum_j (a_y^j a_z^j - b_y^j b_z^j). \quad = -ih (\eta_{yR} \eta_{zL} + \eta_{yL} \eta_{zR}).$$

$$\mathcal{H}_c = U \sum_j \left( \hat{n}_m^j - 2\hat{N}_c^j - \mathcal{N}_g^j \right)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Villain Trans [t=0]}} \frac{U}{\pi^2} \sum_j \cos(\pi(\hat{n}_M^j + \mathcal{N}_g^j))$$

$$\sum_{\{\hat{N}_c^j\}} \sum' e^{-H_U} e^{-H_0} = \sum_{\{\hat{N}_c^j\}} \sum' e^{-\sum_j \frac{U}{\pi^2} (2\hat{N}_c^j \pi + \hat{n}_M^j \pi + n_g^j \pi)^2} e^{-H_0} \simeq \sum' e^{-\sum_j \frac{U}{\pi^2} \cos(\pi(\hat{n}_M^j + n_g^j))} e^{-H_0}$$

# Susy Field Theory

$$\psi_p = (\eta_{pR}, \eta_{pL})^T \quad \psi_x \rightarrow \psi, \quad e^{i\varphi} = \psi_y + i\psi_z, \quad t \rightarrow 1, \quad d(\text{Boxsize}) \rightarrow 1$$

$$g = U/(d\pi)^2, \quad h \rightarrow h/d^2$$

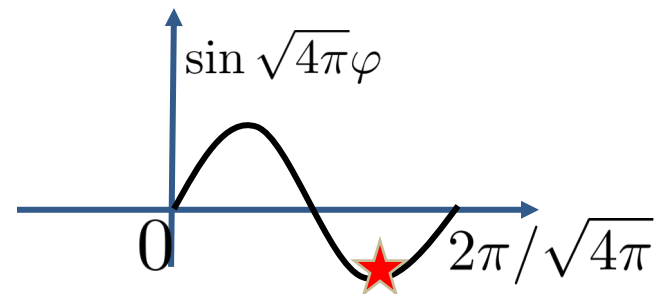
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}i\partial\psi$$

$$- g(\sin^2 \sqrt{4\pi}\varphi - 2 \cos \sqrt{4\pi}\varphi \bar{\psi}\psi)$$

$$+ h \sin \sqrt{4\pi}\varphi$$

With  $h = 0$  generalized G-N model

Saddle point for large  $h \gg 1$





Redefining  $\tilde{\sigma} = \sqrt{K}\tilde{\varphi}$ ,  $u = 4g\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{K}}$ ,  $K = 1 - \frac{4g}{\pi}\rho$ ,  $\rho = \frac{2g/\pi - 1}{8g^2/\pi^2 - 1}$ ,  $h = 2(1 - \rho)g$ , the saddle point theory takes the form

$$\mathcal{L} \simeq \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \tilde{\sigma})^2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}i \not{\partial}\psi - \frac{1}{2}u\tilde{\sigma}\bar{\psi}\psi - \frac{1}{8}u^2\tilde{\sigma}^4,$$

[Notice that the expression for  $\rho$  requires  $g/t > \pi/(2\sqrt{2})$ , which is consistent with our initial assumption that  $U \gg t$ .]

The field theory we obtain is  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  super LG action. The relation to the super LG action can be obtained explicitly by considering the SUSY model

$$S_{\text{SUSY}} = \int dxdt d\theta^2 \left[ \frac{1}{4}(\bar{D}\Phi)(D\Phi) + W(\Phi) \right], \quad (1)$$

where  $\Phi$  is the superfield defined by  $\Phi = \tilde{\varphi} + \bar{\theta}\psi + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\theta}\theta F$ ,  $D$  represents covariant derivative in superspace, and  $W(\Phi)$  describes superpotential which is a polynomial function of  $\Phi$ . In our case,  $W(\Phi)$  is given by  $W(\Phi) = \frac{v}{6}\Phi^3$

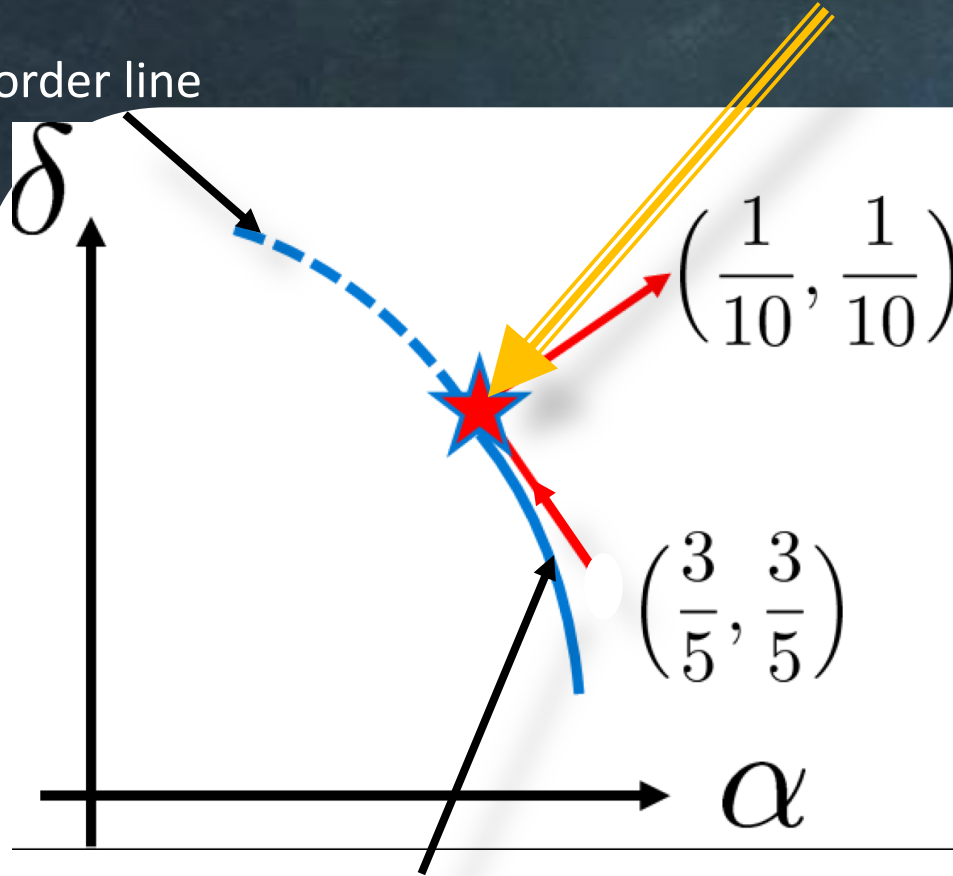
Zamolodchikov [1986] showed that at long distances, the super LG action with a super potential  $W(\Phi) \simeq \Phi^m$  ( $m = 2, 3, \dots$ ) exhibits a supersymmetric analog of the minimal models, characterized by central charge  $c = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{12}{m(m+2)}$ . Since our case corresponds to  $m = 3$ , the theory given in Eq. (1) effectively manifests an emergent SUSY described by a SCFT with  $c = 7/10$ .

**[1+1]D**

**Very sensitive to  
disorder**

# Tri Critical Ising SUSY

First order line



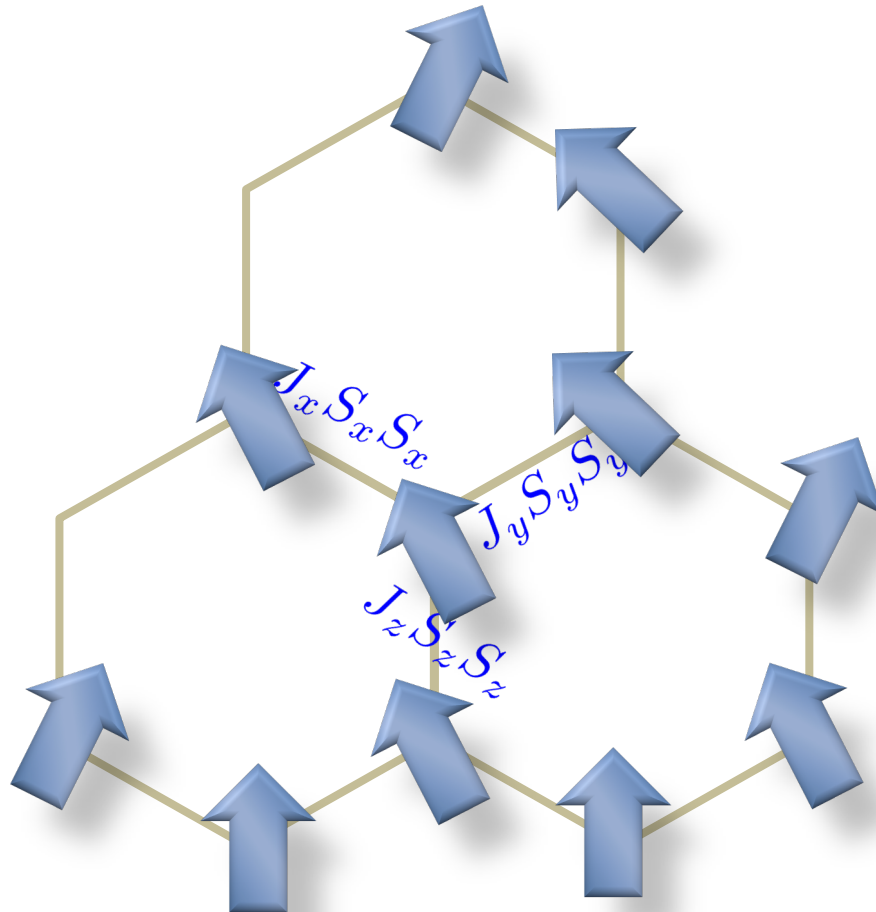
Transverse field Ising

Central charge  $7/10$

# Intermediate Summary

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- Majorana zero mode as a building block for spins and fermions
- 6 Majorana-Zero Modes in a Cooper Box is a convenient building block
- **Controlled by Gates Only**
- A Chain with  $7/10$  cc [in 2+1 Fibonacci particles]
- local measurements
- 2D?

# 2D Spin Liquids/ Kitaev's Honeycomb Model

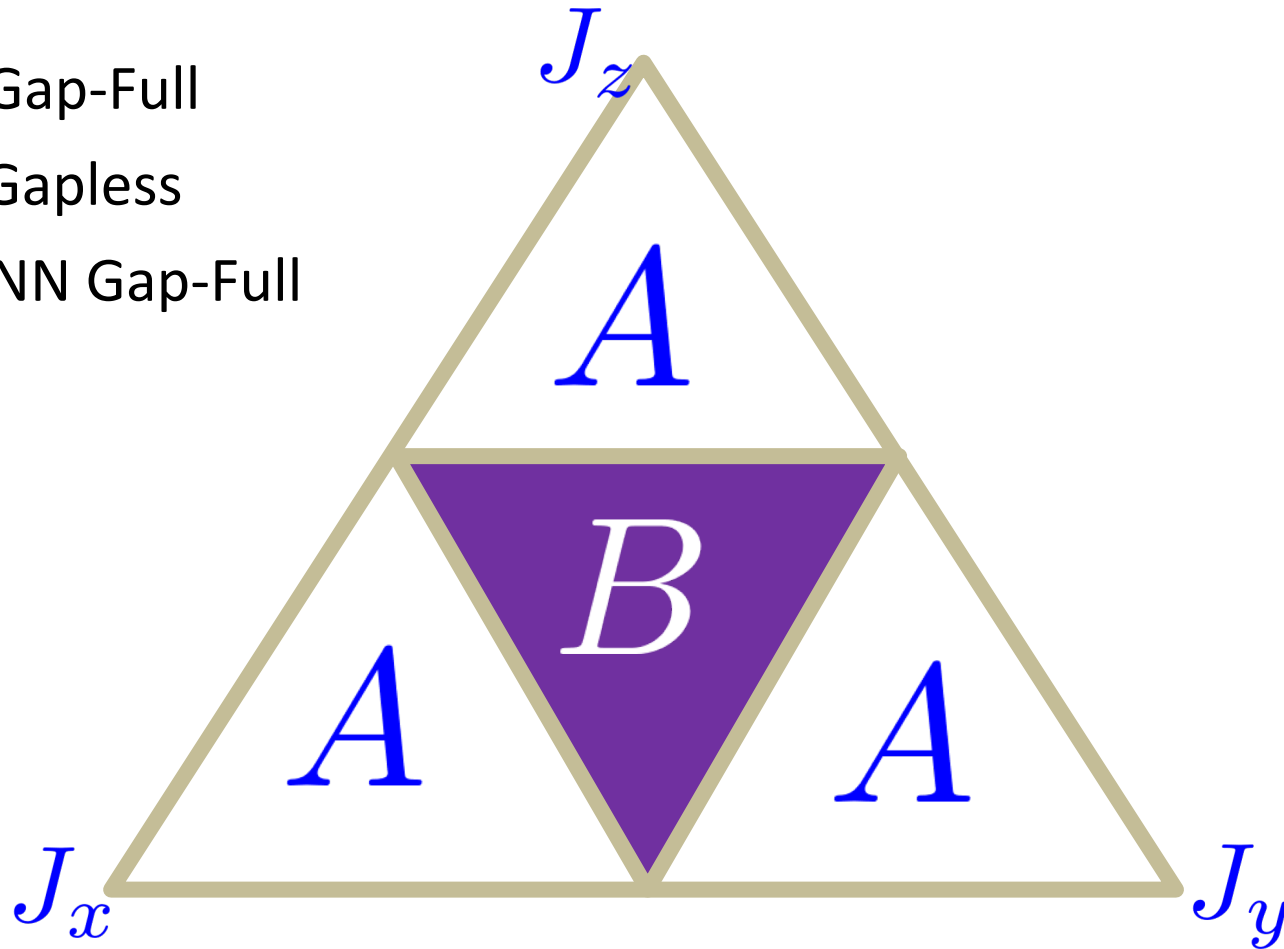


# Phase Diagram

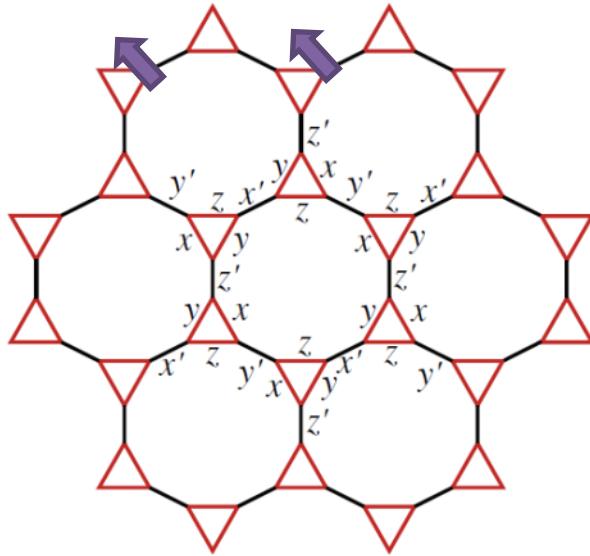
A: Gap-Full

B: Gapless

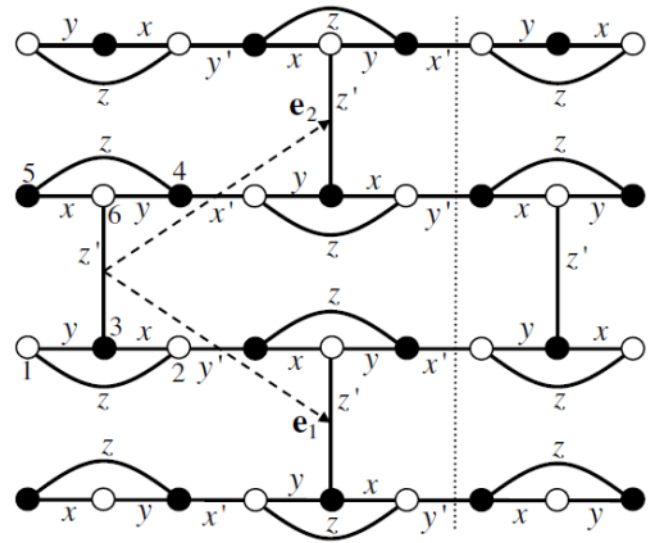
+NNN Gap-Full



# Kitaev's Honeycomb model/ Yao Kivelson Model



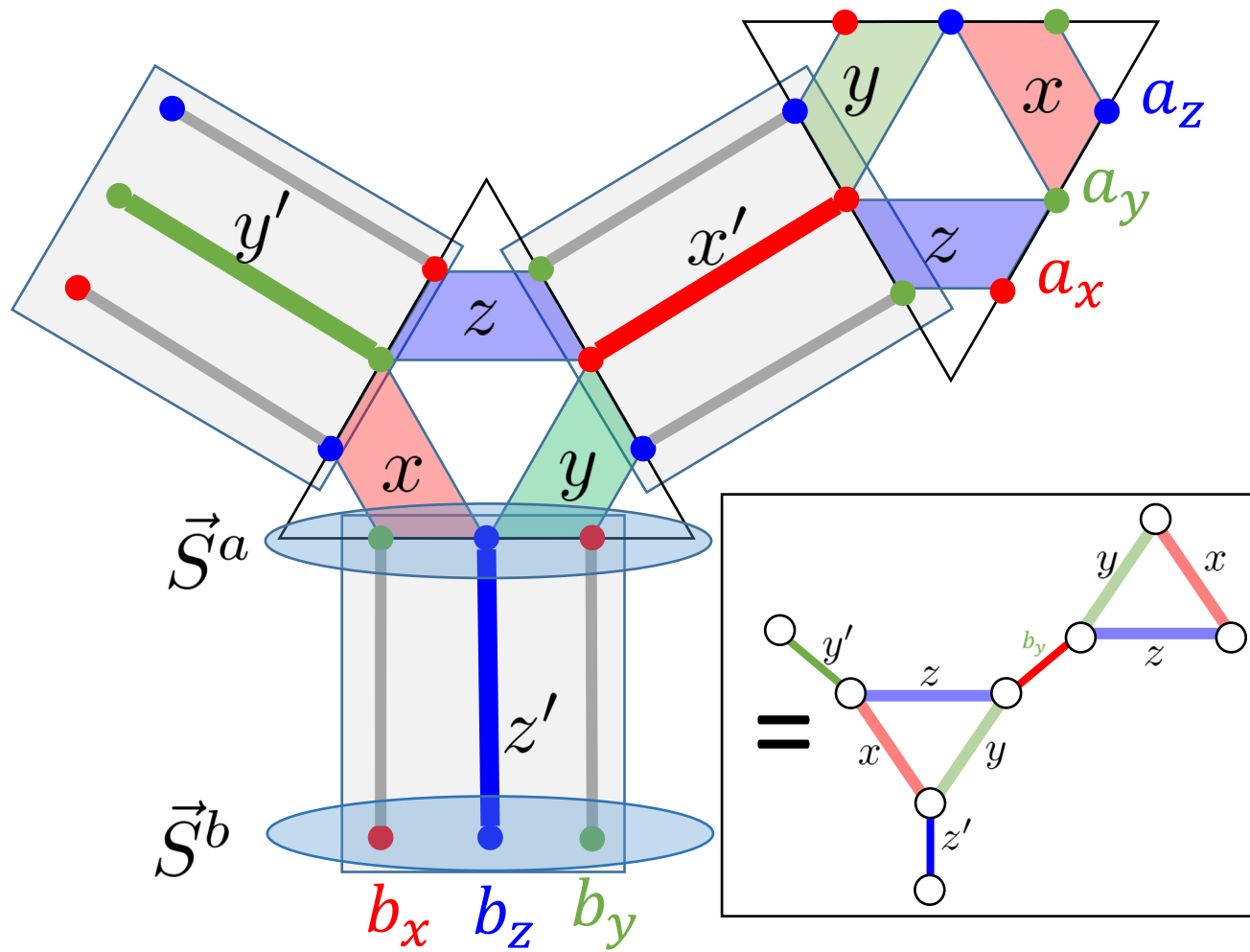
(a)



(b)

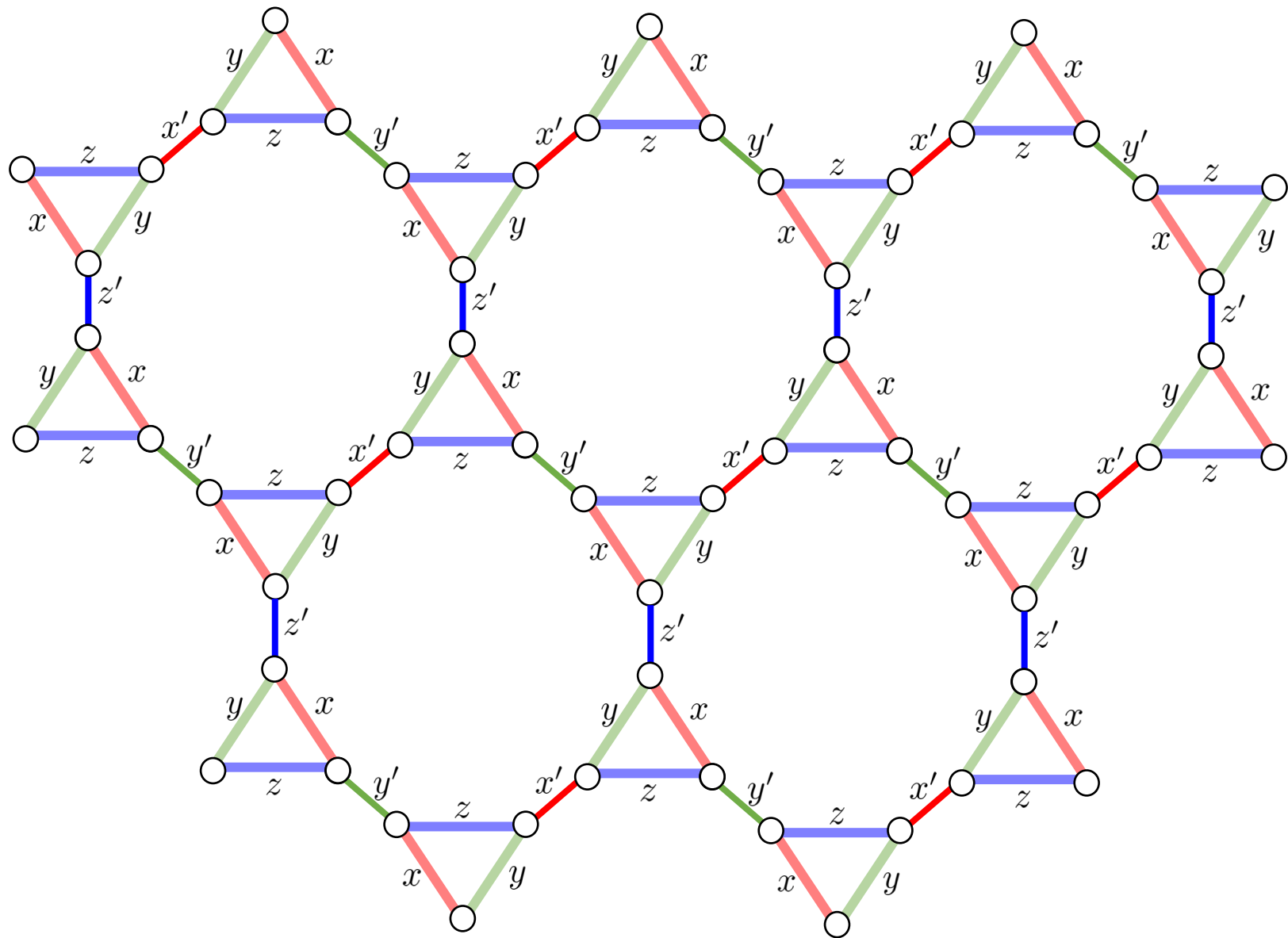
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H} = & \sum_{x\text{-link}} J_x \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sum_{y\text{-link}} J_y \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y + \sum_{z\text{-link}} J_z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \\
 & + \sum_{x'\text{-link}} J'_x \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sum_{y'\text{-link}} J'_y \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y + \sum_{z'\text{-link}} J'_z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z, \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Realizations [Color Code]



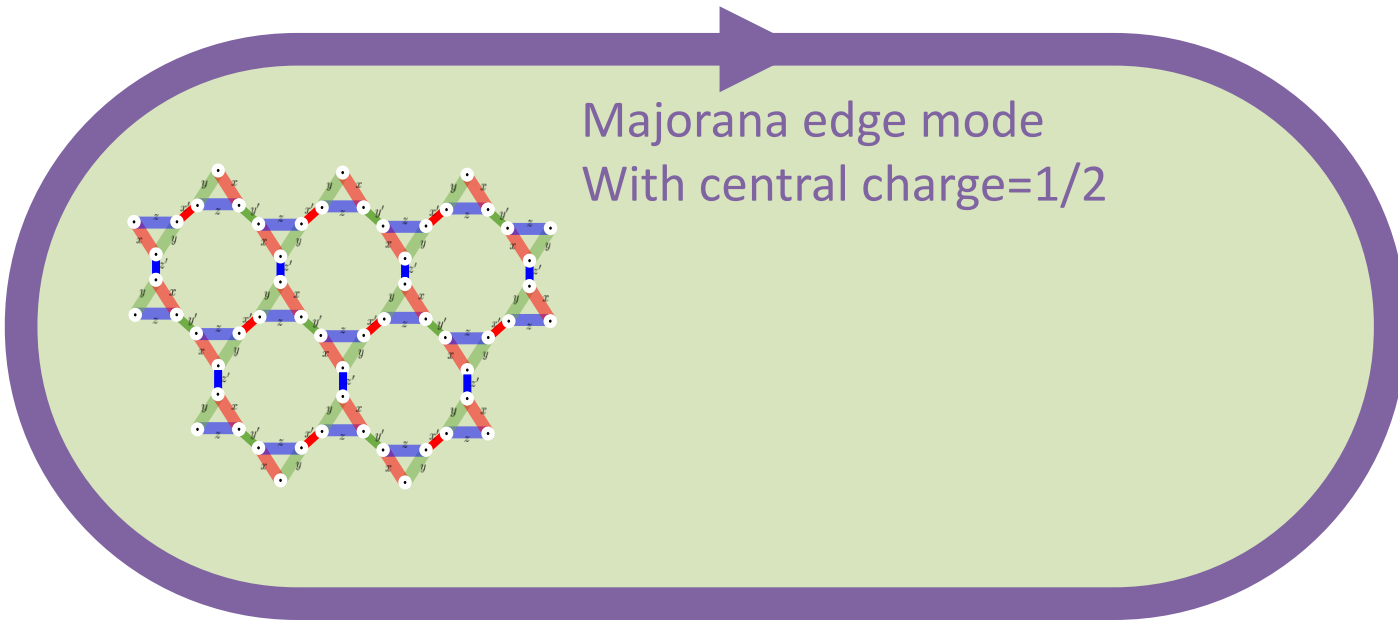
See also  
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# Collective spin edge mode

Loops with odd number of sites  $S_x S_y S_z$  – spontaneous  
chirality breakings



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