
Topological order in Mott insulators and dimer models



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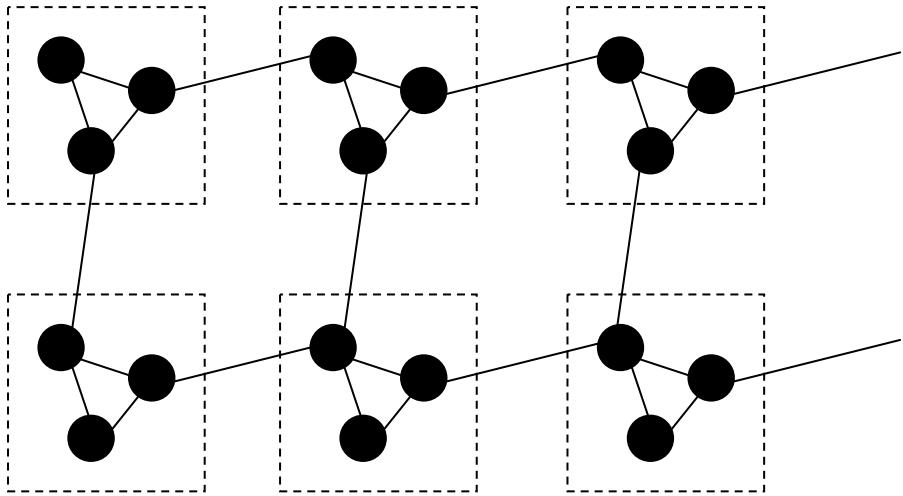
Outline

- The Lieb-Shultz-Mattis (D=1, 1961)-Hastings (D>1, 2004) theorem:
 - Mott insulators with a gap should be either
 - conventionally ordered,
 - or topologically ordered
- Heisenberg (« RVB ») spin liquids and Kitaev's toric code
- Quantum dimer models as toy models for ($\mathbb{Z}2$) topological order:
Entanglement and vortex excitations

Part I

The Lieb-Schultz-Mattis-Hastings theorem

What is a Mott insulator ?



- Electrons hopping on a lattice
+ **odd** number of electrons per unit cell.
(would be a metal according to
non-interacting band theory)
Consider a *half-filled* system for simplicity.

$$H = \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ \sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow}} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + H.c.)$$

- Strong on-site electron-electron repulsion
(=Hubbard model)
→ insulator (charge excitations are gapped)

$$+ U \sum_i c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow}$$

- In the limit of infinite repulsion
→ spin-1/2 Heisenberg model with an **odd** number of sites/cell

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j , \quad J_{ij} = 4 \frac{t_{ij}^2}{U}$$

The Lieb-Shultz-Mattis theorem

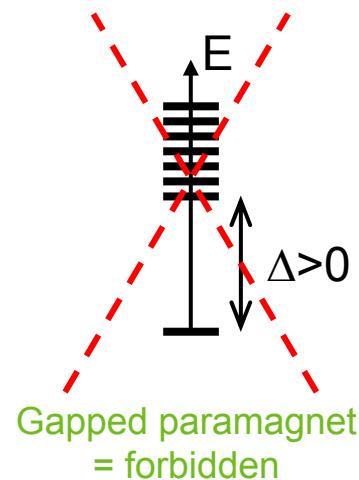
D=1 Lieb-Schultz-Mattis (D=1: [1961](#))

D>1 Hastings [PRB 69, 104431 ([2004](#))] (see also Affleck 1988; Bonesteel 1989; Oshikawa 2000, GM *et al.* 2002)
Nachtergael & Sims, Com. Math. Phys. 276, 437 (2007).

“A system with a half-odd-integer spin in the unit cell

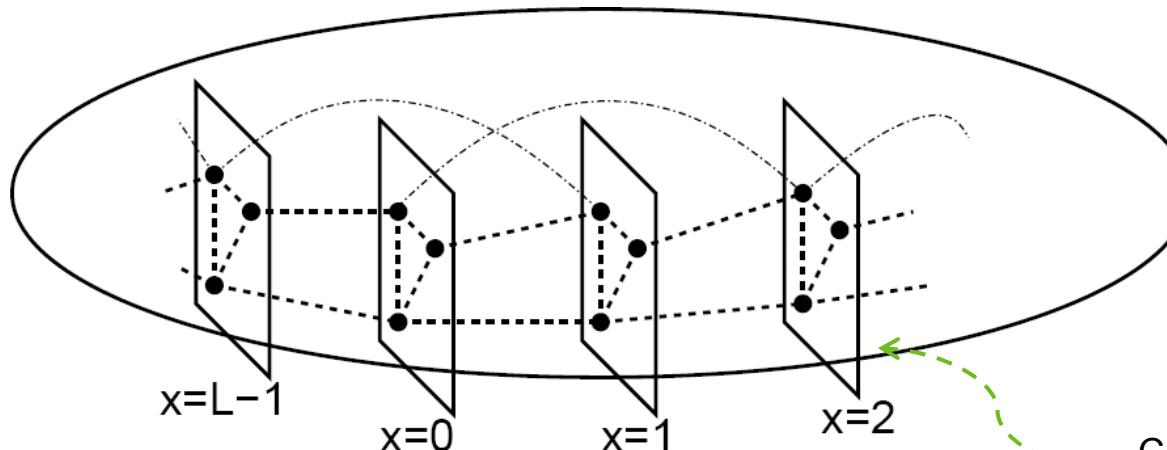
(+ periodic boundary conditions, $[S_{\text{tot}}^z, H] = 0$ & dimensions $L_1 \times L_2 \times \dots \times L_D$ with $L_2 \times \dots \times L_d = \text{odd}$)

*cannot have simultaneously a gap and a unique ground-state
(in the thermodynamic limit). ”*



Oshikawa's argument (I)

Oshikawa, Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 1535 (2000)



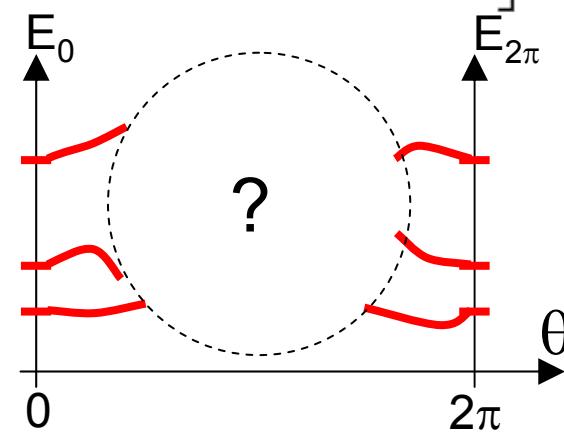
Represent the D-dimensional lattice as a periodic ring in the x direction

Twisted Hamiltonian

$$H_\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \left[S_i^z S_j^z + \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{i\theta(x_i-x_j)/L_x} S_i^+ S_j^- + \text{H.c.} \right) \right]$$

$$U = \prod_i \exp \left(2i\pi \frac{x_i}{L_x} S_i^z \right)$$

$$U H_0 U^{-1} = H_{2\pi}$$



Oshikawa's argument (II)

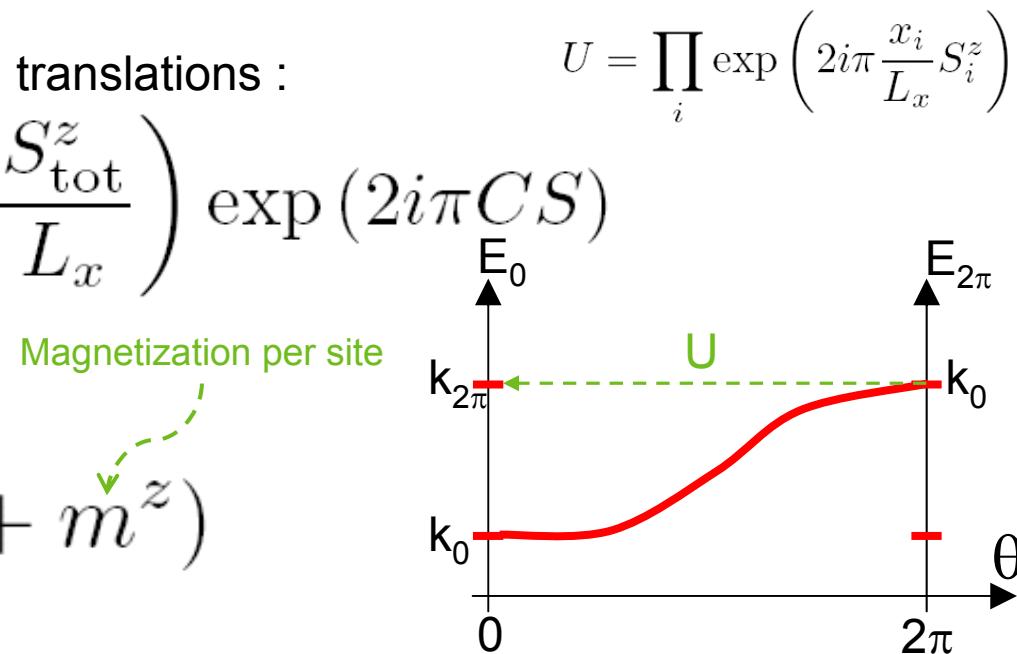
- $\square H_\theta$ is translation invariant $\Rightarrow k$ is well defined and indep. of θ
- $\square U$ does generally not commute with translations :

$$TU = UT \exp\left(2i\pi \frac{S_{\text{tot}}^z}{L_x}\right) \exp(2i\pi CS)$$

x-translation

- \square Momentum shift :

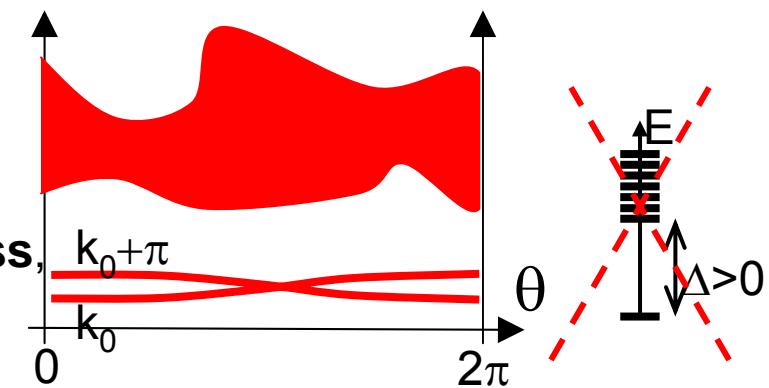
$$k_0 = k_{2\pi} + 2\pi C(S + m^z)$$

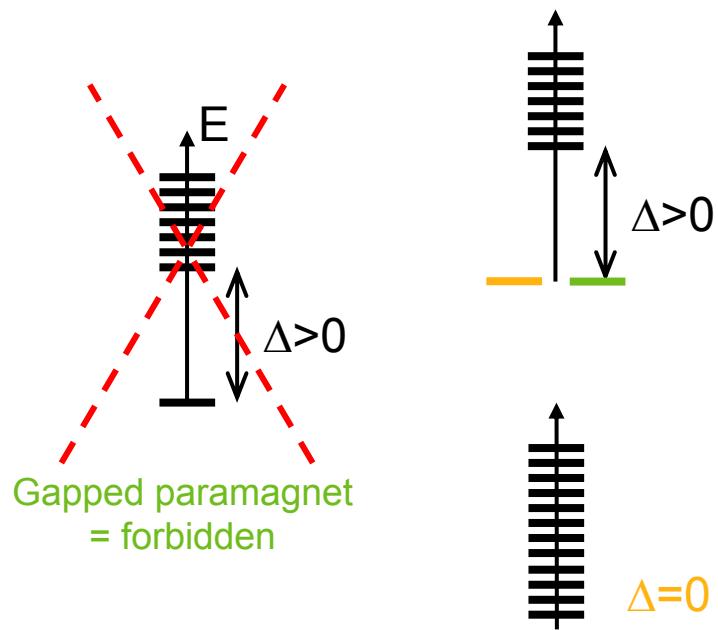


- \square Consider $m^z=0$, $S=1/2$ and $C=\text{odd}$ ($=n L_y$ in 2D):

$$k_0 = k_{2\pi} + \pi$$

- \square If (we assume that) **the gap to excited states do not close during the adiabatic process**,
The ground state is (at least) two-fold degenerate





1) Ground-state degeneracy

- a- “Conventional” broken symmetry
- b- Topological degeneracy

2) Gapless spectrum

- a- Continuous broken sym. (Néel order)
- b- Critical phase (or crit. point)

Part II

short-range resonating valence-bond (RVB) spin liquids & (Z_2) topological order

Some examples of topologically ordered spin model

Z_2 liquids

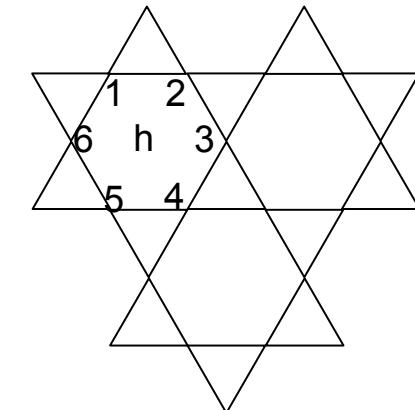
- Kitaev's "toric code" (but no conserved particle number/magnetization)
- Easy-axis kagome model

Balents, Fisher & Girvin, Phys. Rev. B **65**, 224412 ([2002](#))

Sheng & Balents, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 146805 ([2005](#))

$$H = J_z \sum_{h \text{ hexagon}} (S_{h1}^z + \dots + S_{h6}^z)^2 + J_{\perp} \sum_{h \text{ hexagon}} ((S_{h1}^x + \dots + S_{h6}^x)^2 + (S_{h1}^y + \dots + S_{h6}^y)^2)$$

$$J_{\perp} \ll J_z$$



- SU(2) symmetric (=Heisenberg-like) spin models

Raman-Moessner-Sondhi, Phys. Rev. B **72**, 064413 ([2005](#))

Ring exchange on the triangular lattice ? (GM *et al.*, PRB [1999](#))

- Experiments. Candidates to be "spin liquids", apparently all gapless...why ?

□ Cs_2CuCl_4 [Anisotropic S=1/2 triangular lattice, Coldea *et al.* [2003](#)]

□ $\kappa\text{-}(\text{BEDT-TTF})_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$ [Shimizu *et al.* [2003](#)]

□ $\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$ [Helton *et al.* [2007](#), Mendels *et al.* [2007](#), Ofer *et al.* [2007](#), Imai *et al.* [2007](#)]

□ $\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$ [3D lattice of corner sharing triangles, "hyper kagome", Okamoto *et al.* [2007](#)]

□ He^3 films [Nuclear magnetism on a triangular lattice, Masutomi *et al.* [2004](#)]

Short-range RVB picture

- P. W. Anderson's idea (1973) : (short-ranged) resonating valence-bond (RVB)

Linear superposition of many (exponential) low-energy short-range valence-bond configurations

$$\text{---} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\lvert \uparrow \downarrow \rangle - \lvert \downarrow \uparrow \rangle)$$

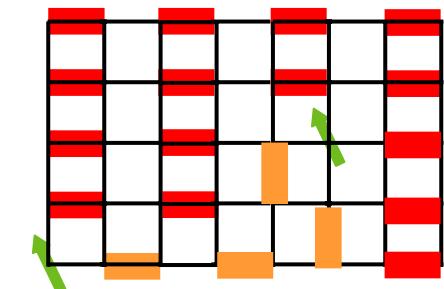
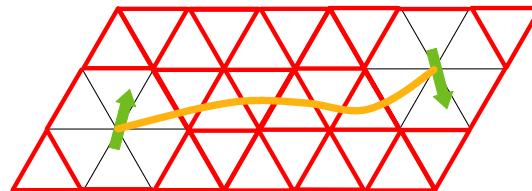
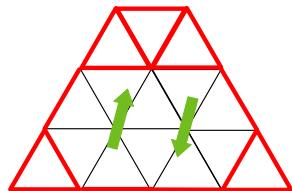
S=0 spin singlet

Spatially **uniform** state
(P.W. Anderson, 1973)

- Spin-½ excitations ?

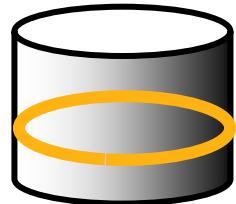
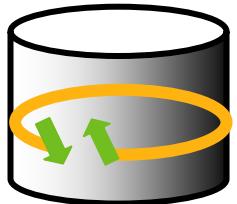
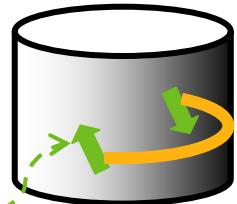
Crystal of singlets → linear potential between spinons

Liquid of singlets → we *may* expect deconfined spinons



- Topological degeneracy & spinon fractionalization

fractional
spin-½ magnetic
excitation (spinon)



adiabatic process → New ground-state

Topological degeneracy
(X.-G. Wen 1991) ↔
fractionalization
See also Oshikawa & Senthil
PRL 96, 060601 (2006)



2-fold degeneracy
⇒ Satisfies LSGH

Schwinger bosons

Schwinger boson representation of the SU(2) spin algebra

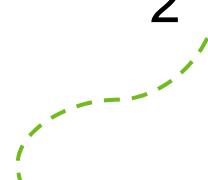
$$S^z = \frac{1}{2} (b_{\uparrow}^+ b_{\uparrow} - b_{\downarrow}^+ b_{\downarrow})$$

$$S^+ = b_{\uparrow}^+ b_{\downarrow} \quad S^- = b_{\downarrow}^+ b_{\uparrow}$$

b_{\uparrow}^+ (or b_{\downarrow}^+) creates a spinon

constraint $b_{\uparrow}^+ b_{\uparrow} + b_{\downarrow}^+ b_{\downarrow} = 2S$ at each site

$$\vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r'} = S^2 - \frac{1}{2} A_{rr'}^+ A_{rr'}^- \quad \text{Heisenberg interaction}$$



$$A_{rr'}^+ = (b_{\uparrow r}^+ b_{\downarrow r'}^+ - b_{\downarrow r}^+ b_{\uparrow r'}^+) \quad \text{Bond operator - spin singlet}$$

Path integral formulation

$$Z = \text{Tr}[\exp(-\beta H)]$$

$$= \int D[b_{r\uparrow}(\tau), b_{r\downarrow}(\tau), \lambda_r(\tau)] \exp(-S_{\text{eff}})$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}' = \int d\tau \sum_r (b_{r\uparrow}^+ \partial_\tau b_{r\uparrow} + b_{r\downarrow}^+ \partial_\tau b_{r\downarrow}) + i \int d\tau \sum_r \lambda_r (b_{r\uparrow}^+ b_{r\uparrow} + b_{r\downarrow}^+ b_{r\downarrow} - 2S)$$

$$- \int d\tau \sum_{rr'} \left\{ \frac{J_{rr'}}{2} \underbrace{(b_{\uparrow r} b_{\downarrow r'} - b_{\downarrow r} b_{\uparrow r'})^+}_{A_{rr'}} (b_{\uparrow r} b_{\downarrow r'} - b_{\downarrow r} b_{\uparrow r'}) \right\}$$

Hubbard-Stratonovich \rightarrow spinons interacting with bond fields $Q_{rr'}$

$$Z = \int D[b_{r\uparrow}, b_{r\downarrow}, Q_{rr'}, \lambda_r] \exp(-S_{\text{eff}}')$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}' = \int d\tau \sum_{rr'} \left\{ 2 \frac{|Q_{rr'}|^2}{J_{rr'}} - Q_{rr'}^+ \underbrace{(b_{\uparrow r} b_{\downarrow r'} - b_{\downarrow r} b_{\uparrow r'})}_{A_{rr'}} - Q_{rr'} (b_{\uparrow r}^+ b_{\downarrow r'}^+ - b_{\downarrow r}^+ b_{\uparrow r'}^+) \right\}$$

+ ...

(exact so far)

Saddle point approximation

- Saddle point approximation - equivalent to a self-consistent mean field approx.

$$\vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r'} = S^2 - \frac{1}{2} A_{rr'}^+ A_{rr'}$$

$$\langle A_{rr'}^+ A_{rr'} \rangle \approx A_{rr'}^+ \langle A_{rr'} \rangle + \langle A_{rr'}^+ \rangle A_{rr'} - \langle A_{rr'}^+ \rangle \langle A_{rr'} \rangle$$

$$2Q_{rr'}^0 = J_{rr'} \langle A_{rr'} \rangle$$

$$\langle b_{r\uparrow}^+ b_{r\uparrow} + b_{r\downarrow}^+ b_{r\downarrow} \rangle = 2S$$

Note:

Can be motivated as a large-N limit
With N : number of boson flavors
(Read & Sachdev)

- Mean-field Hamiltonian : $H_{MF} = - \sum_{\langle rr' \rangle} Q_{rr'}^{0+} \underbrace{(b_{\uparrow r} b_{\downarrow r'} - b_{\downarrow r} b_{\uparrow r'})}_{A_{rr'}} + \text{H.c}$

$$- \sum_r \lambda_r^0 (b_{\uparrow r}^+ b_{\uparrow r} + b_{\downarrow r}^+ b_{\downarrow r} - 2S)$$

- Bogoliubov transformation → mean-field RVB spin liquid with free (gapped) spinons,
(we assume no Bose condensation (i.e. magnetic/Néel LRO) ok for small enough S)

- Is such an approximation reliable ? Effect of the (neglected) fluctuations ?

Fluctuations about the saddle point: Z_2 gauge field

- Most important fluctuation modes for the long-distance properties of the system ?
⇒ Gauge modes
- Parametrize the *sign* fluctuations the **bond field Q**

Mean field value

$$Q_{ij}(\tau) = Q_{ij}^0 \sigma_{ij}^z(\tau)$$
$$\sigma_{ij}^z(\tau) = \pm 1$$

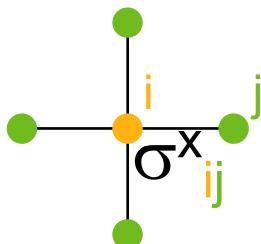
- Z_2 gauge invariance $\eta_i = \pm 1$

$$b_{\uparrow i} \rightarrow \eta_i b_{\uparrow i}$$

$$b_{\downarrow i} \rightarrow \eta_i b_{\downarrow i}$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^z \rightarrow \eta_i \eta_j \sigma_{ij}^z$$

- Quantization → Gauss Law



$$G_i = \exp[i\pi(b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow})] \prod_j \sigma_{ij}^x$$

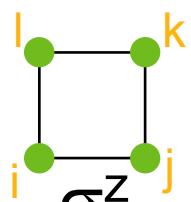
$$\sigma^x \sigma^z = -\sigma^z \sigma^x$$

$$\forall i \quad G_i |\text{phys}\rangle = G_j |\text{phys}\rangle$$

= local constraint of physical states

Read & Sachdev
+ X. G. Wen's work on PSG & IGG

A toy model describing the fluctuations



$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{j\uparrow} \sigma_{ij}^z + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{j\downarrow} \sigma_{ij}^z + H.c.) + \boxed{\Delta \sum_i (b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow})}$$

Penalize/favour
non-uniform
signs

$$\begin{aligned} & -K \sum_{ijkl} \sigma_{ij}^z \sigma_{jk}^z \sigma_{kl}^z \sigma_{li}^z - \Gamma \sum_i \sigma_i^x \\ & + V \sum_i \left[(b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{4} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

spinon-spinon
repulsion

& constraint $(-1)^{b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow}} \prod_j \sigma_{ij}^x = 1$

“Toric code” limit

$$\begin{cases} t = 0 \\ \Gamma = 0 \\ V = \infty \end{cases}$$

A toy model describing the fluctuations: toric code limit

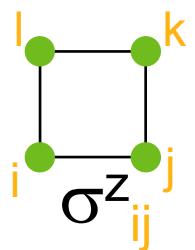
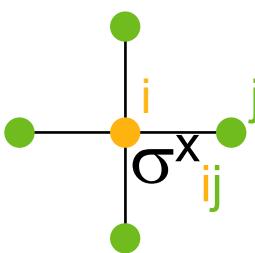
“Toric code” limit

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} t = 0 \\ \Gamma = 0 \\ V = \infty \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow H = \Delta \sum_i (b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow}) - K \sum_{ijkl} \sigma_{ij}^z \sigma_{jk}^z \sigma_{kl}^z \sigma_{li}^z$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \\ (-1)^{b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow}} \prod_j \sigma_{ij}^x = 1 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss law}} 2(b_{i\uparrow}^+ b_{i\uparrow} + b_{i\downarrow}^+ b_{i\downarrow}) = 1 - \prod_j \sigma_{ij}^x$$

$$H = -\frac{\Delta}{2} \sum_i \left(\prod_j \sigma_{ij}^x \right) - K \sum_{ijkl} \sigma_{ij}^z \sigma_{jk}^z \sigma_{kl}^z \sigma_{li}^z$$

= Kitaev's toric code
(=solvable toy model for a topologically ordered ground state)



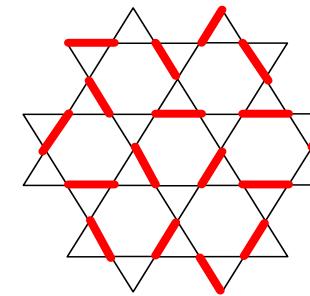
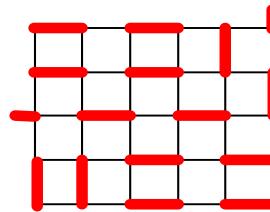
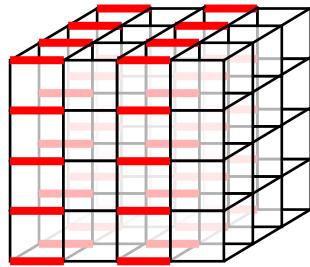
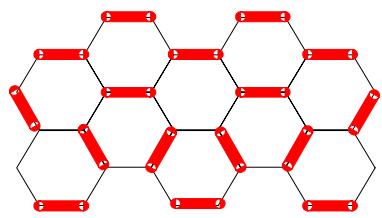
Part III

Quantum dimer models

Quantum dimer models

Rokhsar & Kivelson, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1988)

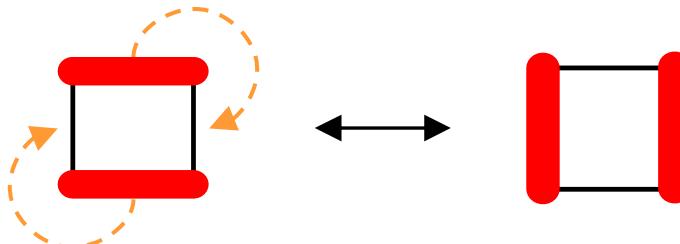
- Basis states = fully packed dimer coverings of the lattice



Simplified picture
for a S=1/2
antiferromagnet with a
“short-range RVB liquid”
ground state

- Introduce some dynamics

Example:



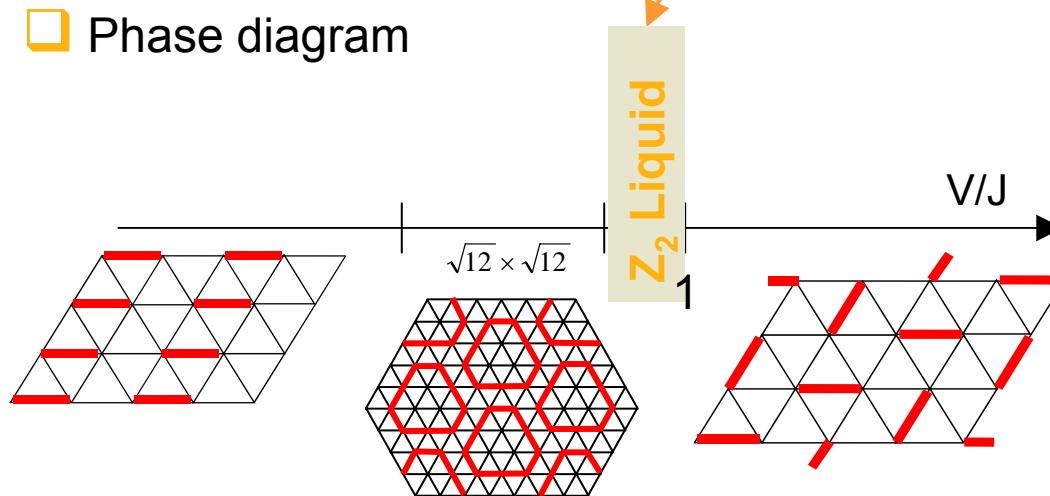
Nature of the ground state ?
Conventional order ?
Topological order ?
Critical phases/points ?

Dimer liquid phase in the triangular QDM

- Hamiltonian [Moessner & Sondhi, 2001]

$$H = -J \sum | \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle \langle \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} | + | \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle \langle \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} |$$
$$+ V \sum | \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle \langle \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} | + | \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} \rangle \langle \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \triangle & \triangle \\ \hline \end{array} |$$

- Phase diagram



First simple model with a short-ranged RVB liquid.

Moessner & Sondhi, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2001)

Ralko et al., Phys. Rev. B 74, 134301 (2006) + refs. Therein

GM and Mila, Phys. Rev. B 77, 134421 (2008)

- Liquid phase:

- Short-range dimer-dimer correlations
- Gapped excitation spectrum
- The g. s. degeneracy depends on the topology.
- The degenerate g. s. cannot be distinguished by any local observable.
- Effective Z_2 gauge theory

- $J=V=1$ “Rokhsar-Kivelson point”

The ground state(s) is(are) known exactly
=Equal amplitude superposition of all dimer coverings :

$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} |\text{c}\rangle$$

Rokhsar-Kivelson point - triangular QDM

At $J=V=1$, the Hamiltonian can be written as

$$H = 2 \sum_r |\psi_r\rangle\langle\psi_r| \quad = \text{Sum of projectors}$$

$$|\psi_r\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ r \\ \diagdown \end{array}\rangle - |\begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ r \\ \diagup \end{array}\rangle \right)$$

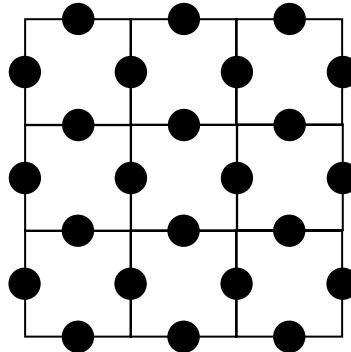
$$|\text{g.s.}\rangle = \sum_c |\mathbf{c}\rangle \quad \langle\Psi_r|\mathbf{c}\rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\mathbf{c}_{\backslash r\backslash}\rangle & \text{if } |\mathbf{c}\rangle = |\dots \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ r \\ \diagdown \end{array} \dots\rangle \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\mathbf{c}_{\backslash r\backslash}\rangle & \text{if } |\mathbf{c}\rangle = |\dots \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ r \\ \diagup \end{array} \dots\rangle \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle\Psi_r|\text{g.s.}\rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H|\text{g.s.}\rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \text{a ground-state}$$

Excitations of the toric code

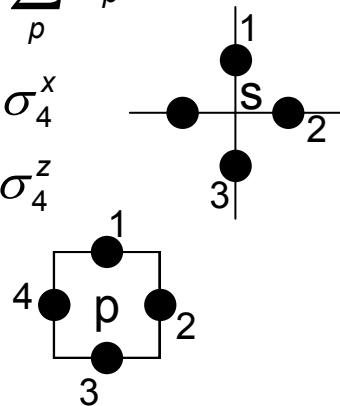
Kitaev 1997



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

$$A_s = \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x \sigma_4^x$$

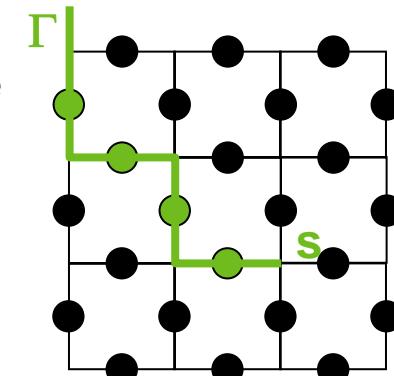
$$B_p = \sigma_1^z \sigma_2^z \sigma_3^z \sigma_4^z$$



Electric charge

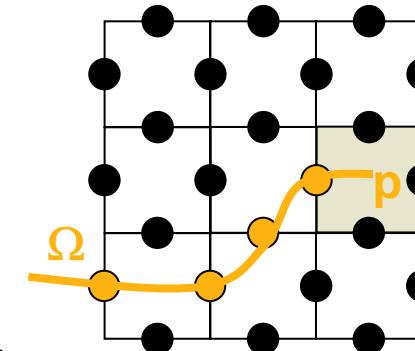
$$A_s = -1$$

$$|s\rangle = \left(\prod_{i \in \Gamma} \sigma_i^z \right) |0\rangle$$



Magnetic charge

$$B_p = -1$$



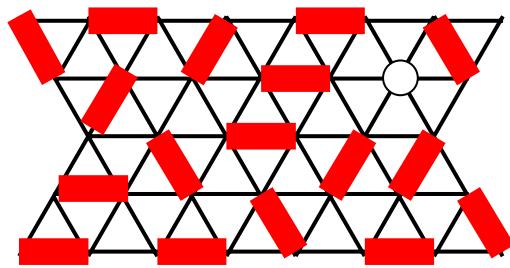
$$|p\rangle = \left(\prod_{i \in \Omega} \sigma_i^x \right) |0\rangle$$

Excitations in the dimer liquid

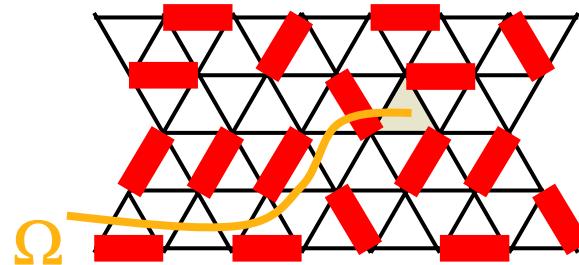
Magnetic Z_2 vortices (« visons »)

Analogy with the toric code

Electric charge = monomer



Magnetic charge = vison



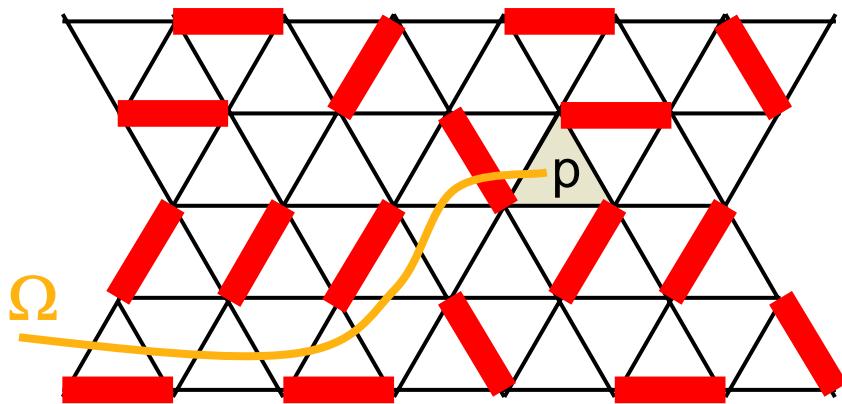
$$|g.s.\rangle = \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} |c\rangle$$

$$|\text{vison}\rangle \approx \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} (-1)^{N(\Omega, c)} |c\rangle$$

Contrary to the toric code, this trial state
is not an exact eigenstate...

See also: GM, Serban & Pasquier PRL (2002)

Variational approximation (I)

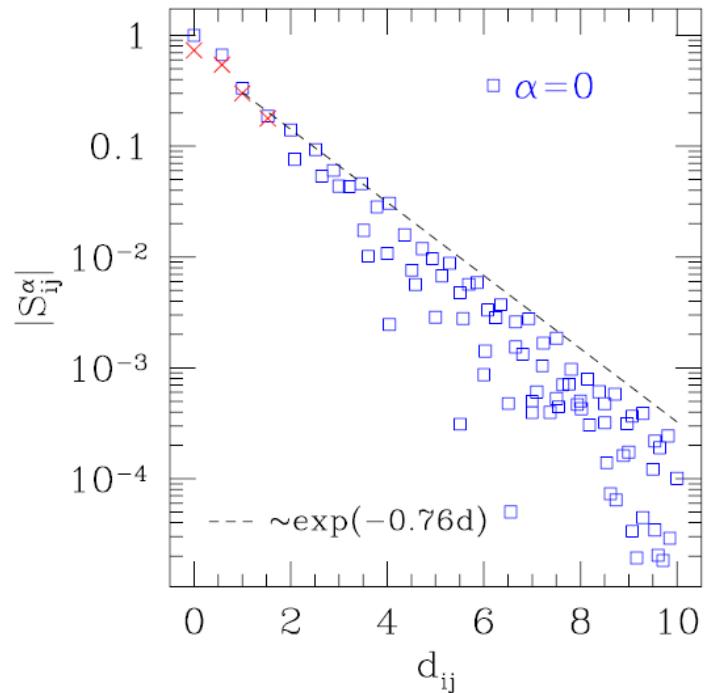


- ❑ Not an exact eigenstate...
- ❑ Not orthogonal to each other

$S_{pp'} = \langle p | p' \rangle \neq 0$ overlapp

$\langle p | H | p' \rangle \neq 0$ vison hopping

$$|p\rangle = \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} (-1)^{N(\Omega, c)} |c\rangle$$



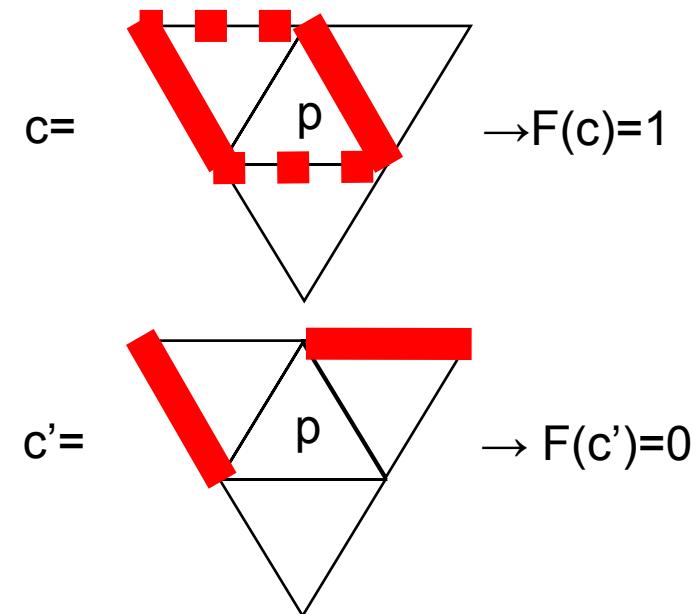
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Variational approximation (I)

α : variational parameter

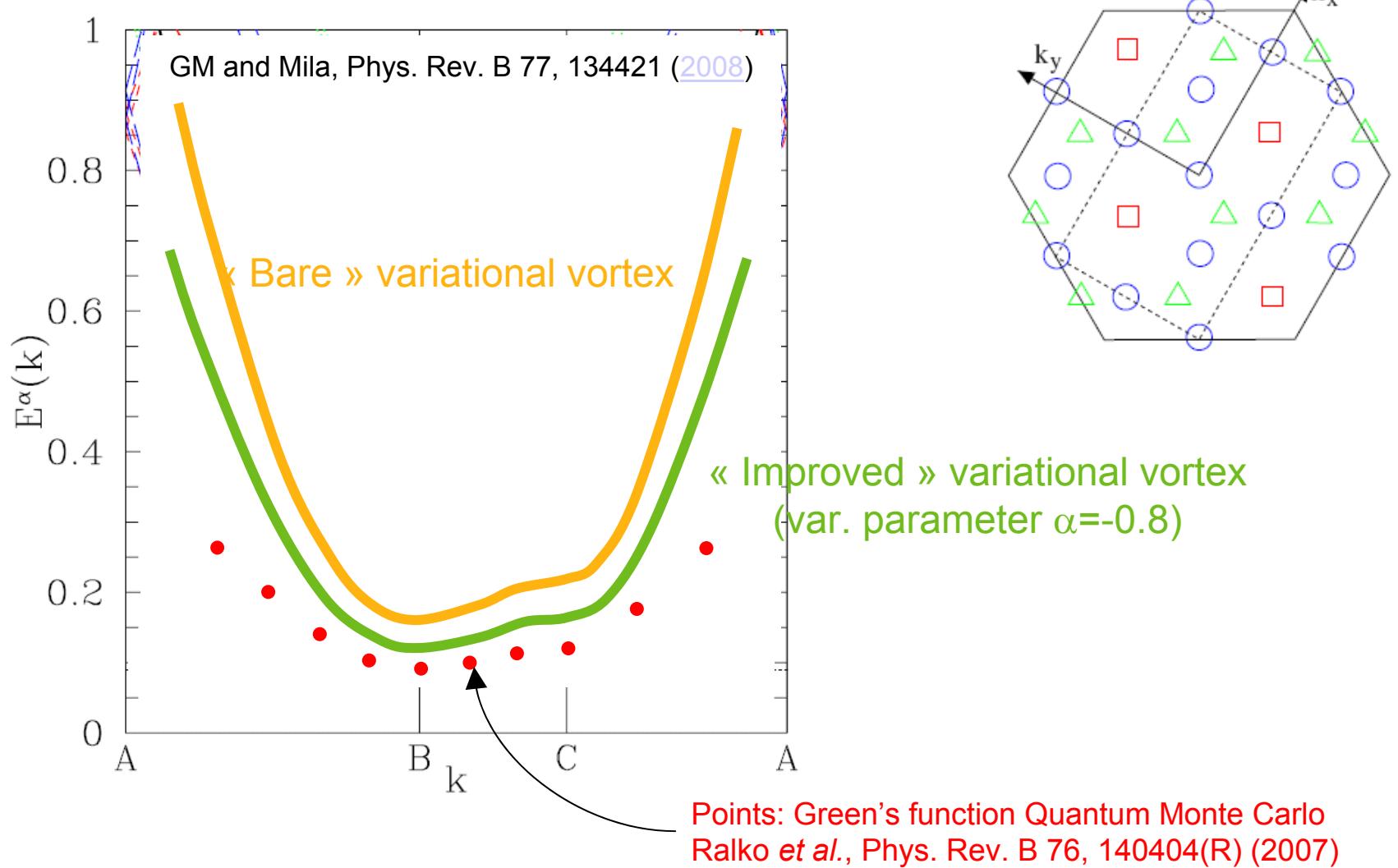
Improved variational wave-function

$$|\tilde{\rho}\rangle = \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} (-1)^{N(\Omega, c)} \left[1 + \alpha \underbrace{F(c)}_{\begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ if } c \text{ is "flippable" around } p \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{array}} \right] |c\rangle$$

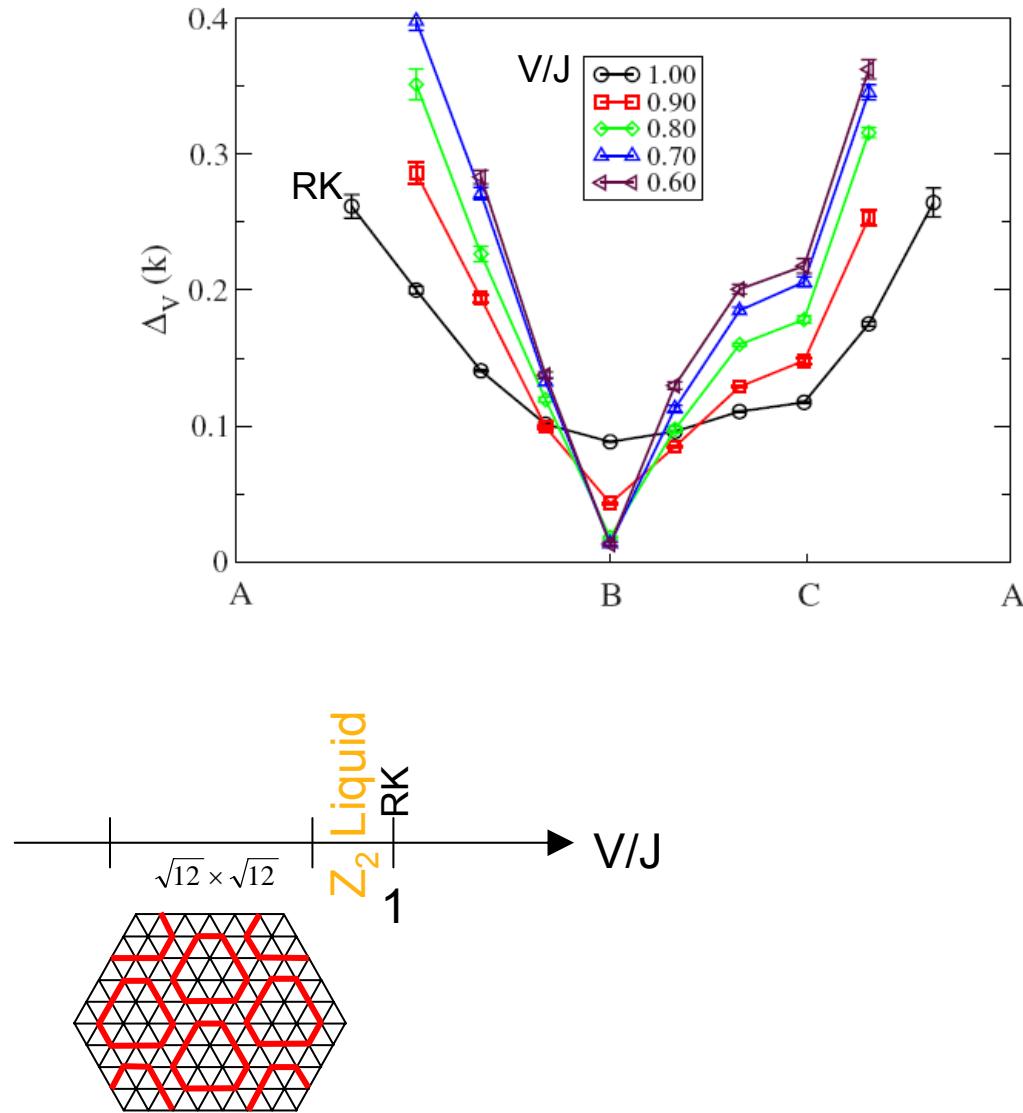


Overlap and dispersion relation are computed using Pfaffians (not easy...)

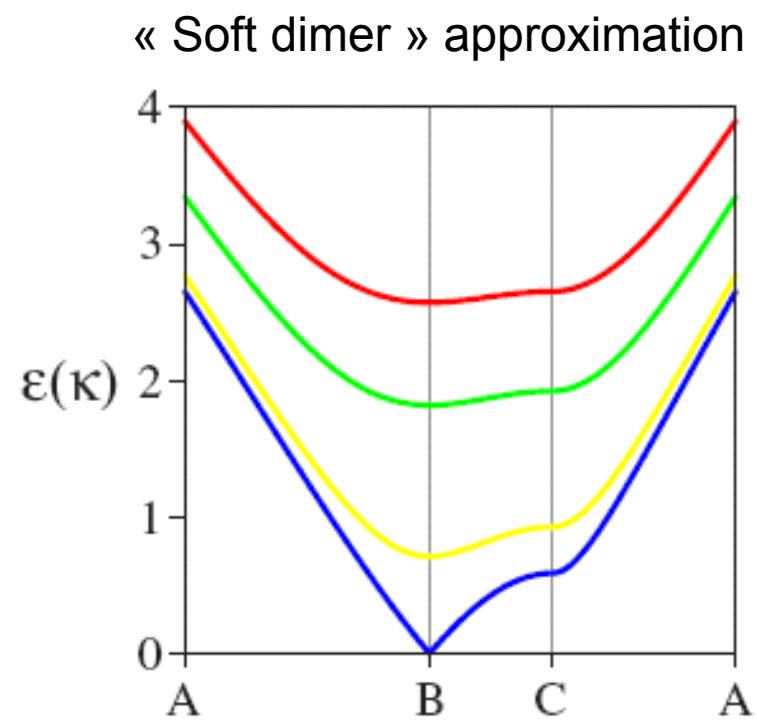
Dispersion relation of the « magnetic » vortices



Dimer crystallization – Z_2 vortex condensation



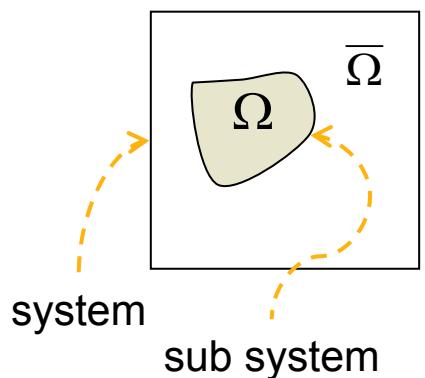
Ralko *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. B **76**, 140404(R) (2007)



GM and Mila, Phys. Rev. B **77**, 134421 (2008)

Reduced density matrices for RK wave functions

Furukawa & GM, Phys. Rev. B 75, 214407 (2007)



system

sub system

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\text{g.s}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{c \in \{\text{coverings}\}} |c\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{b \in \{\text{boundary conditions}\}} \left(\sum_{c^\Omega \text{ compatible with } b} |c^\Omega\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\sum_{c^{\bar{\Omega}} \text{ compatible with } b} |c^{\bar{\Omega}}\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sum_{b \in \{\text{boundary conditions}\}} \sqrt{\frac{N^{\Omega,b} N^{\bar{\Omega},b}}{N}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N^{\Omega,b}}} \sum_{c^\Omega \text{ compatible with } b} |c^\Omega\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N^{\bar{\Omega},b}}} \sum_{c^{\bar{\Omega}} \text{ compatible with } b} |c^{\bar{\Omega}}\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sum_b \lambda_b |b^\Omega\rangle |b^{\bar{\Omega}}\rangle = \text{Schmidt decomposition}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \sum_b |\lambda_b|^2 |b^\Omega\rangle \langle b^\Omega|$$

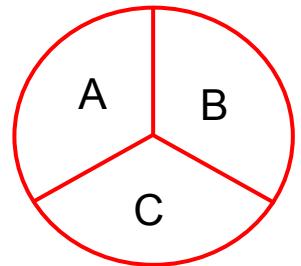
$$S = - \sum_{b \in \{\text{boundary conditions}\}} p_b \log(p_b)$$

$$p_b = |\lambda_b|^2 = \frac{N^{\Omega,b} N^{\bar{\Omega},b}}{N}$$

Classical “thermal” entropy of the boundary

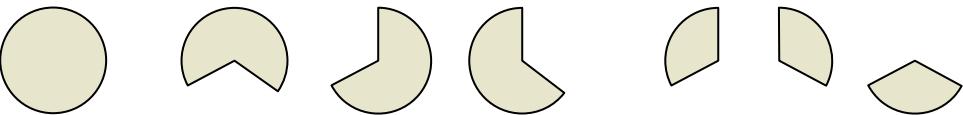
Probing topological order with entanglement entropy

□ A. Kitaev and J. Preskill, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 110404([2006](#))

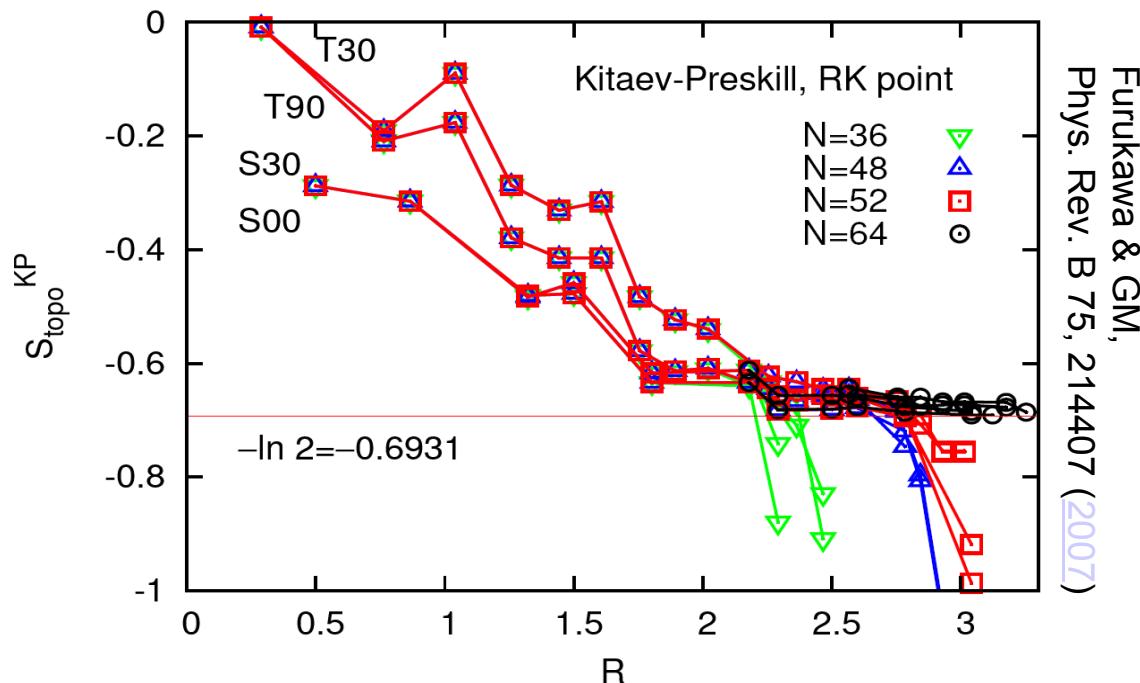


$$S(R) \approx \alpha R + \underbrace{S_{topo}}_{-\log(D_{tot}^{quantum})}$$

$$S_{topo} = S_{ABC} - (S_{AB} + S_{BC} + S_{AC}) + (S_A + S_B + S_C)$$



See also: M. Levin and X.-G. Wen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 110405([2006](#))



- Z_2 Liquid: $D_{tot}=2$. Seems ok !
- See also (FQHE) : Haque, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 060401 (2007); Zozulya et al., Phys. Rev. B 76, 125310 (2007).

Reduced density matrix for RK wave functions

$$|RK\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_c e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta E(c)} |c\rangle$$

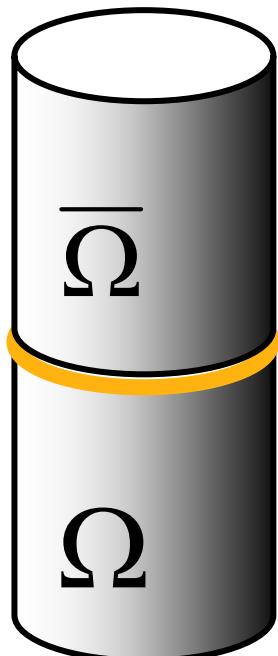
GM & V. Pasquier, work in progress...

Cylinder geometry

Exterior

Boundary

Sub-system



1) Write the transfer matrix M of the classical problem

2) find the ground state $|\psi\rangle$ of M

(=assume an infinitely long cylinder).

In the dimer case: 1D free fermions.

3) All the probabilities of the boundary states are contained in the ground state of M (the *full* RDM spectrum) :

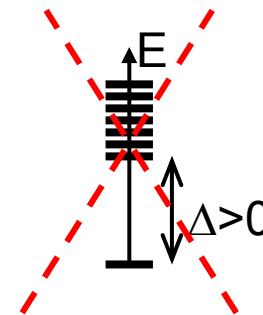
$$p_b = |\langle b | \psi \rangle|^2$$

4) Compute the entanglement entropy

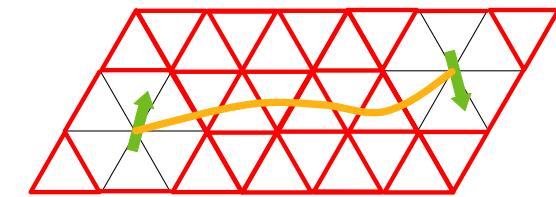
$$S = - \sum_b |\langle b | \psi \rangle|^2 \log(|\langle b | \psi \rangle|^2)$$

Summary

- Lieb-Shultz-Mattis-Hastings theorem:
a gapped Mott insulator is either
 - topologically ordered,
 - or “conventionally” ordered.



⇒ Frustrated Heisenberg magnets may provide realizations
of gapped topological states
... but no experimental evidence so far.



- Quantum dimer models & RK wave functions
offer tractable models to study entanglement,
fractionalization and topological order.

