

# Topological Order: Patterns of Long Range Entanglements of Gapped Quantum States

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The edge-bulk correspondence of topological order can be viewed as the holographic principle in quantum gravity discovered a few

years later. Thorn 91, t'Hooft 93, Susskind 94 .

Is quantum gravity topological?

# A modern view of topological order?

- For gapped systems, entanglement entropy has universal constant term:  $S_A = \gamma \text{Area} - \gamma_{top}$ ,  
**topological entanglement entropy**, Kitaev & Preskill 06, Levin & Wen 06  
and universal spectrum. Li & Haldane 08  
(Can be probed by quantum noise Klich & Levitov 08)  
Topological order  $\rightarrow$  long range patterns of quantum  
entanglements. Wen 04

**What really is long range of quantum entanglements?**  
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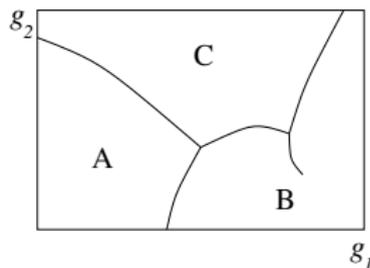
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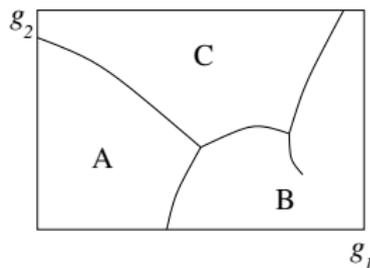


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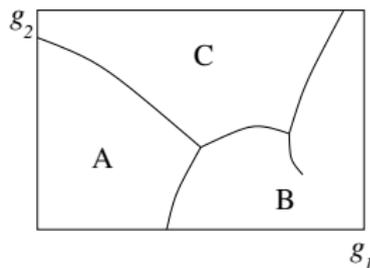
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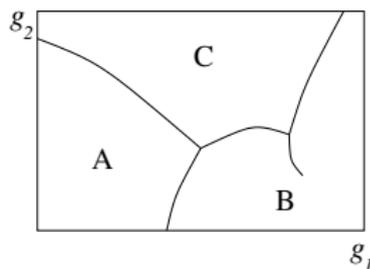
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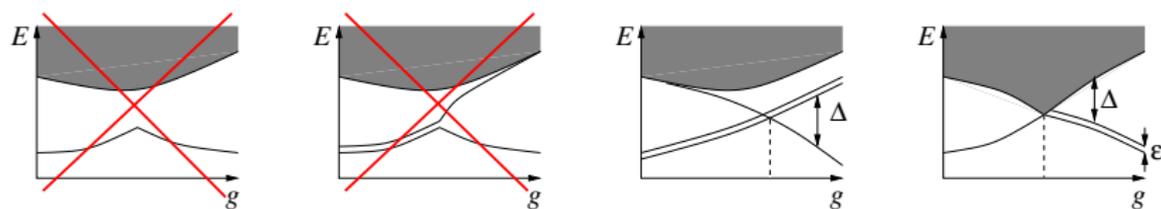
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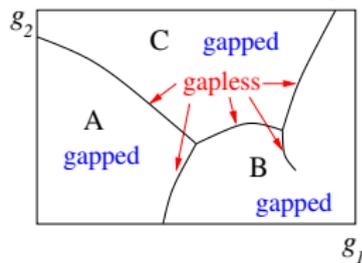
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But symmetry breaking does not describe all the phases.

# Mathematical definition of gapped quantum phases



A more general mechanism to cause singularity of  $\epsilon_g$  for gapped states: gap closing.



- A precise definition of gapped quantum phases:  
Two gapped states,  $|\Psi(0)\rangle$  and  $|\Psi(1)\rangle$ , are in the same phase iff they are related through a local unitary (LU) evolution

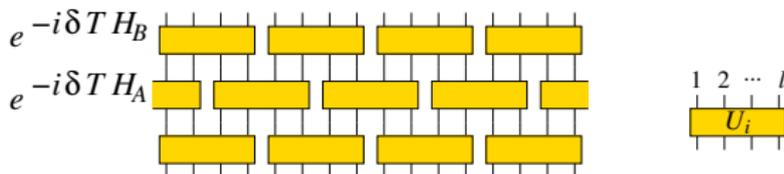
$$|\Psi(1)\rangle = P\left(e^{-i \int_0^1 dg' \tilde{H}(g')}\right)|\Psi(0)\rangle$$

where  $\tilde{H}(g) = \sum_i O_i(g)$  and  $O_i(g)$  are local hermitian operators.

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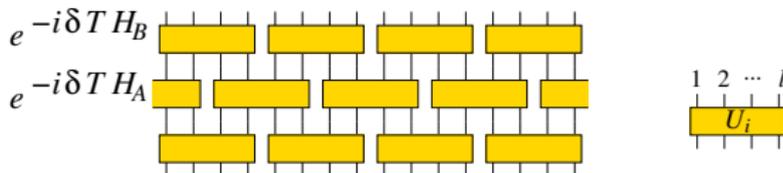
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- The local unitary transformations define an equivalence relation  
*A universality class of a quantum phase is an equivalent class of the LU transformations*

Hastings, Wen 05; Bravyi, Hastings, Michalakis 10

# Topological order is a pattern of long range entanglement

## Two kinds of states if no symmetries:

- The states that are equivalent to product state under LU transformations. All those states belong to the same class (phase)  
→ short-range entanglement and trivial topological order.
- The states that are not equivalent to direct-product states. Those states form many different equivalent classes (phases)  
→ many patterns of long-range entanglements and many different topological orders.
- In absence of symmetry:

### Quantum phases of matter

= patterns of long-range entanglement = topological orders

= equivalence classes of the LU transformations

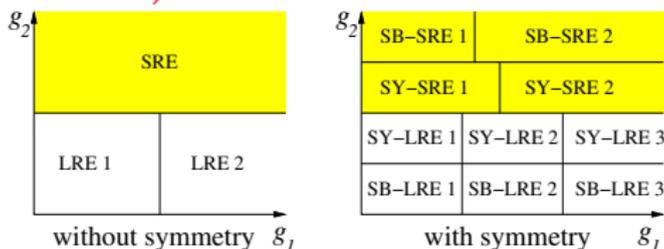
*Examples: FQH states*

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- SRE states with different symmetries  
→ Landau's symmetry breaking orders.
- SRE states with the **same** symmetry can belong to different classes  
→ symmetry protected topological orders (symmetry protected trivial orders). Gu & Wen 09, Pollmann & Berg, Turner & Oshikawa 09

*Examples: Haldane phase and  $S_z = 0$  phase of spin-1 XXZ chain.  
Band and topological insulators*

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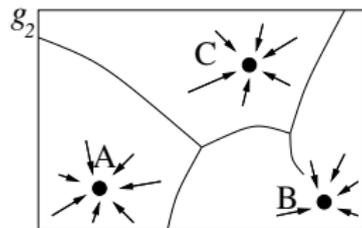
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Under the wave function renormalization generated by the LU transformation, Verstraete, Cirac, Latorre, Rico, Wolf 05; Vidal 07;

Jordan, Orus, Vidal, Verstraete, Cirac 08; Jiang, Weng, Xiang 09; Gu, Levin, Wen 09 the wave function flows to simpler one within the same equivalent class.

- Use the fixed-point wave function:  $\Phi_{\text{fix}}$  to label topological order.  $\Phi_{\text{fix}}$  may give us a one-to-one labeling of topological order, and a classification of topological order.



# Classify 2D topological order

The non-chiral 2D topological orders are classified by the data

$N_{ijk}$ ,  $F_{klm, \alpha\beta}^{ijm, \alpha\beta}$ ,  $P_i^{kj, \alpha\beta}$ ,  $A^i$ , that satisfy Levin & Wen 05; Chen & Gu & Wen 10

$$\Rightarrow \sum_m N_{jim^*} N_{kml^*} = \sum_n N_{kjm^*} N_{l^*ni},$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t, \eta, \varphi, \kappa} F_{knt, \eta\varphi}^{ijm, \alpha\beta} F_{lps, \kappa\gamma}^{itn, \varphi\chi} F_{lsq, \delta\phi}^{jkt, \eta\kappa} = \sum_{\epsilon} F_{lpq, \delta\epsilon}^{mkn, \beta\chi} F_{qps, \phi\gamma}^{ijm, \alpha\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{kij^*}} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_{j^*jk^*}} P_i^{kj, \alpha\beta} (P_i^{kj, \alpha\beta})^* = 1,$$

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$$\Rightarrow P_i^{jp, \alpha\eta} \delta_{im} \delta_{\beta\delta} = \sum_{\chi} F_{klk, \chi\delta}^{ijm, \alpha\beta} P_{k^*}^{jp, \chi\eta} \quad \text{for all } k, i, l \text{ with } N_{kil^*} > 0.$$

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The non-chiral 2D **fermionic** topological orders are (partially?) classified by the data  $N_{ijk}, N_{ijk}^f, F_{kln,\gamma\lambda,\pm}^{ijm,\alpha\beta,\pm}, O_{i,\pm}^{jk,\alpha\beta}, A^i$  that satisfy

Gu & Wang & Wen 10

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- Those are tensor category theory and super tensor category theory.

# Application to 1D: no 1D topological order

- What are the phases for gapped 1D systems without any symm.?
- What are the phases for short-range correlated (SRC) states without any symmetry? Hastings 04; Hastings, Koma 06

SRC states: ANY local operator has short range correlation.

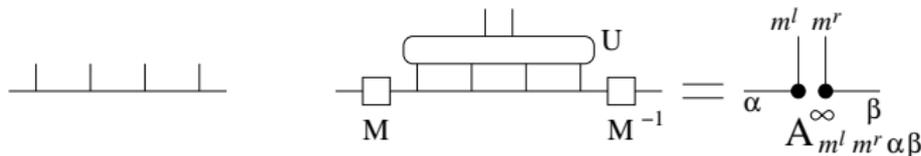
- A SRC state can always be represented as a MPS:

Schuch, Wolf, Verstraete, Cirac 08

$$\Psi(m_1, \dots, m_L) = \text{Tr} A_{m_1}^{[1]} \dots A_{m_L}^{[L]}$$



- A sequence of  $n$  matrix product can be simplified through the LU transformations if  $n$  is large:



Verstraete, Cirac, Latorre, Rico, Wolf, 2005

- Introduce double-tensor  $E_{\alpha a, \beta b}^{[i]} = \sum_m A_{m, \alpha \beta}^{[i]} (A_{m, ab}^{[i]})^*$   
 If  $\sum_m A_{m, \alpha \beta}^{[i]} (A_{m, ab}^{[i]})^* = \sum_m B_{m, \alpha \beta}^{[i]} (B_{m, ab}^{[i]})^* \rightarrow A_m^{[i]} = \sum_{m'} U_{mm'} B_{m'}^{[i]}$
- One largest eigenvalue dominates:

The diagram shows a double-tensor  $E_{\alpha a, \beta b}^{[k]}$  represented as a horizontal line with four segments. The first two segments are labeled  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  below, and  $a$  and  $b$  above. A yellow highlight is on the first segment. This is equal to a sum of terms, with the largest term being a crossing of two lines, which is equal to a term with two vertical lines and two dots, where the bottom dots are highlighted in yellow. The term is labeled  $A_{m^l m^r}^\infty \alpha \beta$ .

$$\left( \prod_k E^{[k]} \right)_{\alpha a, \beta b} = V_{\alpha a}^{[k]} W_{\beta b}^{[k]}$$

- Since  $E^{[k]}$  is a completely positive map, one finds, up to a gauge transformation,  $V_{\alpha a}^{[k]} = \lambda_\alpha^{[k]} \delta_{\alpha a}$ ,  $W_{\alpha a}^{[k]} = \lambda_\beta^{[k+1]} \delta_{\beta b}$  and  $\lambda_\alpha > 0$ .

So  $A_{m^l m^r, \alpha \beta} = \sqrt{\lambda_\alpha^{[k]}} \delta_{\alpha m^l} \sqrt{\lambda_\beta^{[k+1]}} \delta_{\beta m^r}$

- The fixed point wave function is a product state.

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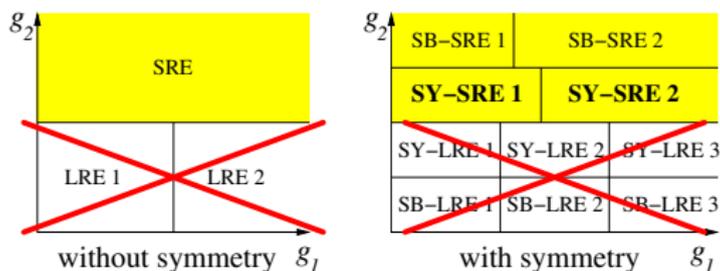
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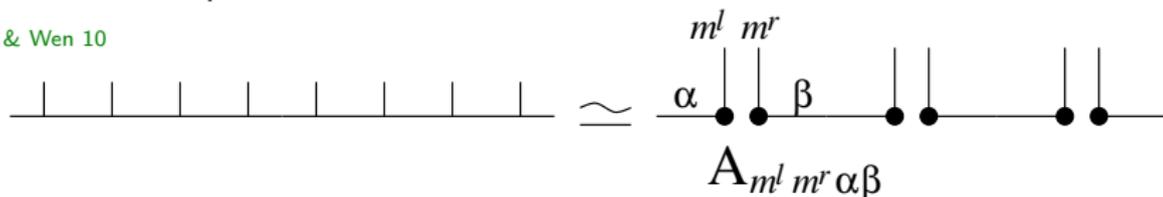
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- But for systems with certain symmetries, we can only use the symmetric LU transformations to define states in the same phase.
- In this case symmetric LU transformations cannot links all SRC MPS. SCR MPS can belong to different phases.

## Symmetry protected topological orders



# Quantum phases with translation and on-site symmetry

- A translation invariant (TI) SRC state can always be represented as an uniform MPS. Perez-Garcia, Wolf, Sanz, Verstraete, Cirac 08
- A SRC uniform MPS can always be deformed into a “dimer MPS” within the space of SRC uniform MPS. Schuch & Perez-Garcia & Cirac 10; Chen & Gu & Wen 10



- If the original MPS has a on-site symmetry:  $u(g)$ ,  $g \in G$ ,

$$\alpha(g)A_{m^l m^r} = \sum_{k^l k^r} u_{m^l m^r, k^l k^r}(g)M^{-1}(g)A_{k^l k^r}M(g)$$

where  $u(g)$  is a representation of  $G$ ,

$\alpha(g)$  is an 1D representation of  $G$ ,

$M(g)$  is a *projective* representation of  $G$ .

- Different quantum phases are classified by the pair  $[M(g), \alpha(g)]$ , the different *projective* rep. and different 1D rep.

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- Consider another fixed-point state that transforms differently

Such a state can be linked to the first fixed-point state via a symmetric LU transformation, iff  $M(g)$  and  $N(g)$  are the same types of projective rep. and  $\alpha = \beta$ .

**When  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , both states are product of “singlet” dimers. How can the two states belong to two different phases?**

# Projective representation

The total phase is unphysical  $\rightarrow$  projective representation

- Matrices  $u(g)$  form a projective representation of group  $G$  if

$$u(g_1)u(g_2) = \omega(g_1, g_2)u(g_1g_2), \quad g_1, g_2 \in G.$$

- $[u(g_1)u(g_2)]u(g_3) = u(g_1)[u(g_2)u(g_3)]$  gives rise to the condition

$$\omega(g_2, g_3)\omega(g_1, g_2g_3) = \omega(g_1, g_2)\omega(g_1g_2, g_3).$$

- Adding a phase factor  $u'(g) = \beta(g)u(g)$  will lead to a different factor system  $\omega'(g_1, g_2) = \frac{\beta(g_1g_2)}{\beta(g_1)\beta(g_2)}\omega(g_1, g_2)$ .

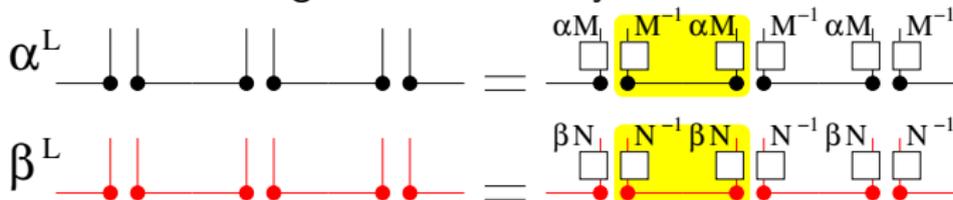
We regard  $\omega'(g_1, g_2) \sim \omega(g_1, g_2)$ .

**Equivalent classes of the factor systems  $\omega(g_1, g_2) = H^2(G, \mathbb{C})$  types of projective representations.**

- $u_1(g) \rightarrow \omega_1 \in H^2(G, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $u_2(g) \rightarrow \omega_2 \in H^2(G, \mathbb{C})$ , then  $u_1(g) \otimes u_2(g) \rightarrow \omega_1 + \omega_2$ .  $\rightarrow H^2(G, \mathbb{C})$  is an Abelian group
- Half-integer spins = projective representation of  $SO(3)$   
Integer spins = linear representation of  $SO(3)$ .  
 $\rightarrow H^2[SO(3), \mathbb{C}] = \mathbb{Z}_2$

# Projective representation and symm. LU trans.

Try to link the following two states via symm. LU trans.



- Expand the on-site space of the first state from  $V_{\alpha M}^{[i]} \otimes V_{M-1}^{[i]}$  to

$$\begin{aligned} & (V_{\alpha M}^{[i]} + V_{\beta N}^{[i]}) \otimes (V_{M-1}^{[i]} + V_{N-1}^{[i]}) \\ &= V_{\alpha M}^{[i]} \otimes V_{M-1}^{[i]} + V_{\alpha M}^{[i]} \otimes V_{N-1}^{[i]} + V_{\beta N}^{[i]} \otimes V_{M-1}^{[i]} + V_{\beta N}^{[i]} \otimes V_{N-1}^{[i]} \end{aligned}$$

- When  $\alpha = \beta$ , try to rotation the dimer using symm. LU trans.:  
 $|\psi_{M-1}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{\alpha M}^{[i+1]}\rangle \in V_{M-1}^{[i]} \otimes V_{\alpha M}^{[i+1]} \rightarrow |\psi_{N-1}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{\beta N}^{[i+1]}\rangle \in V_{N-1}^{[i]} \otimes V_{\beta N}^{[i+1]}$
- During the rotation, the following state appears  
 $|\psi_{\alpha M}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{M-1}^{[i]}\rangle + |\psi_{\beta N}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{M-1}^{[i]}\rangle + |\psi_{\alpha M}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{N-1}^{[i]}\rangle + |\psi_{\beta N}^{[i]}\rangle |\psi_{N-1}^{[i]}\rangle$   
 Each term correspond to projective rep.  $0, \omega_M - \omega_N, \omega_N - \omega_M, 0$   
 The state form a representation of  $G$  only when  $\omega_M = \omega_N$ .
- The two states are linked via symm. LU trans. iff  $\alpha, \omega_M = \beta, \omega_N$

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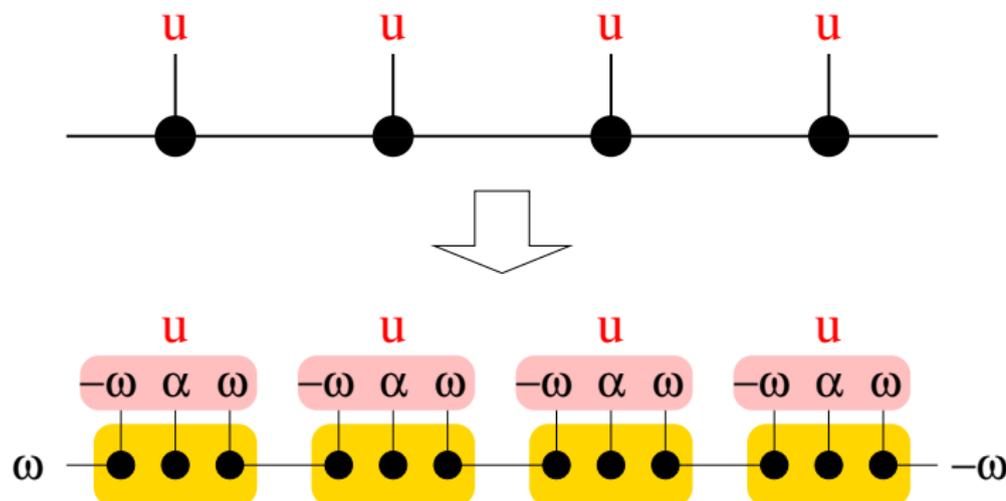
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# Canonical fixed point wave function



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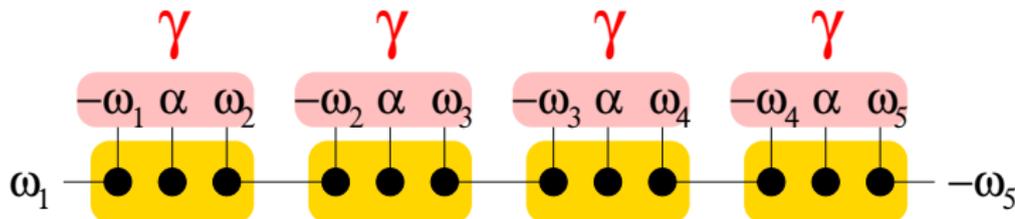
$\alpha$ : 1D linear representation of  $G$

$\omega, -\omega$ : projective representations of  $G$

- The boundary states form  $\omega$  or  $-\omega$  projective representations of  $G$

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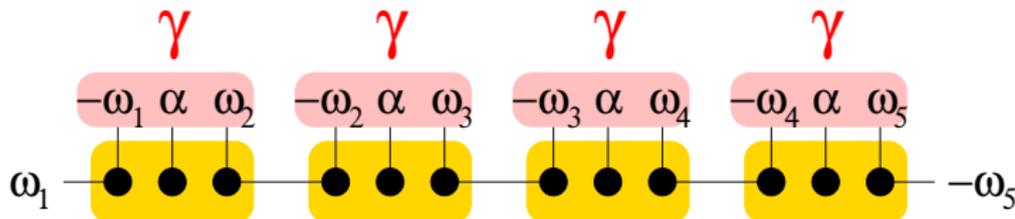
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- $SO(3)$  spin rotation and translation symmetric half-integer spin chain is gapless if it does not break the two symmetries.

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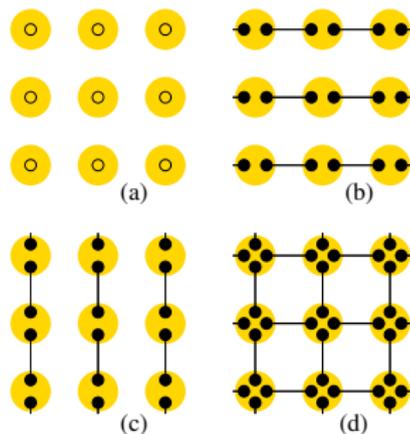
- a 1D state of conserved bosons with fractional bosons per site must be gapless, if the state does not break the translation symmetry. Only integer  $m$  boson per site  $\rightarrow$  on-site 1D rep.  $\alpha(\theta) = e^{im\theta}$ .

# A simple result in higher dimensions

For  $d$ -dimensional spin systems with only translation and an on-site symmetry  $G$  which is realized linearly, the object  $(\alpha, \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_d)$  label distinct gapped quantum phases that do not break the two symmetries. Here  $\alpha$  labels the different 1D representations of  $G$  and  $\omega_i \in H^2(G, \mathbb{C})$  label the different types of projective representations of  $G$ .

$(\omega_1 = 0, 1; \omega_2 = 0, 1)$  label four distinct states in integer spin systems with translation and  $SO(3)$  spin rotation symmetries:

- (a)  $(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (0, 0)$ ,
- (b)  $(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (0, 1)$ ,
- (c)  $(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (1, 0)$ ,
- (d)  $(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (1, 1)$ .



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