

Topological Aspects of Quantum Cellular Automata in One Dimension

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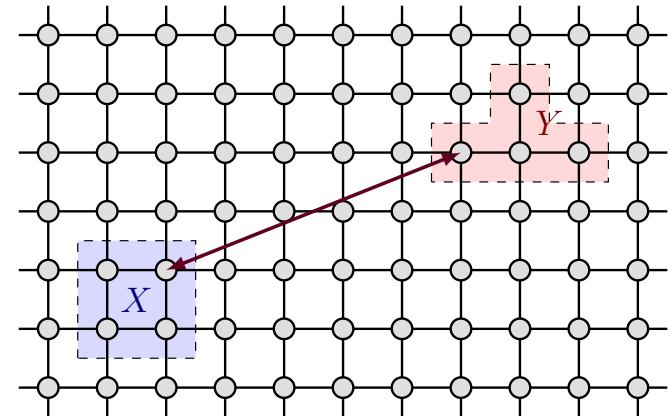
Quantum cellular automata

- Lieb-Robinson bound

“Soft” light cone from locality:

$$\| [O_X(t), O_Y] \| \leq C e^{-\kappa[\text{dist}(X,Y) - vt]}$$

E. H. Lieb and D. W. Robinson, *CMP* **28**, 251 (1972)

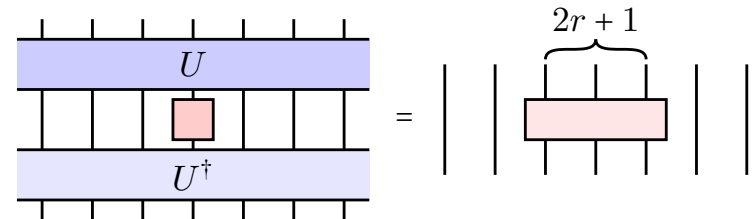


- Definition of quantum cellular automata (QCA)

Unitary that **strictly** preserves locality:

$$O_{\bar{A}} = U O_A U^\dagger$$

B. Schumacher and R. F. Werner, *arXiv:quant-ph/0405174*

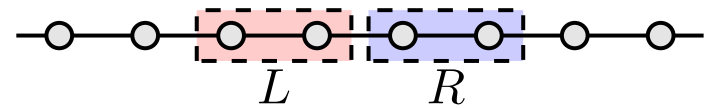


In 1D, QCA = matrix-product unitary (MPU) *J. I. Cirac et al., JSM (2017) 083105*

Index for 1D QCA

- Definition of the (chiral) index D. Gross *et al.*, Commun. Math. Phys. **310**, 419 (2012)

$$\text{ind} = \log \frac{\eta(\mathcal{A}_L^U, \mathcal{A}_R)}{\eta(\mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{A}_R^U)} \in \log \mathbb{Q}^+$$



$$\eta(\mathcal{A}_L^U, \mathcal{A}_R) = \frac{\sqrt{d_L d_R}}{d_\Lambda} \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^{d_L} \sum_{m,n=1}^{d_R} |\text{Tr}_\Lambda[U e_{ij}^{L\dagger} U^\dagger e_{mn}^R]|^2} \quad e_{ij} = |i\rangle\langle j|$$

Finite-depth quantum circuits are of zero index

Nontrivial example: right translation T on a qudit lattice

$$L = x, R = x + 1$$

$$\eta(\mathcal{A}_x^T, \mathcal{A}_{x+1}) = \eta(\mathcal{A}_{x+1}, \mathcal{A}_{x+1}) = d \text{ (maximal overlap)} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{ind} = \log d}$$

$$\eta(\mathcal{A}_x, \mathcal{A}_{x+1}^T) = \eta(\mathcal{A}_x, \mathcal{A}_{x+2}) = 1 \text{ (zero overlap)}$$

Part I

Classification of 1D QCA with finite unitary symmetries

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J. Ignacio Cirac

Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 100402 (2020)

Floquet SPT phases (review)

- A heuristic classification

D. V. Else and C. Nayak, PRB **93**, 201103(R) (2016)

Künneth formula

$$H^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z} \times G, U(1))$$

Time-translation
symmetry U_F

bulk

Classification of static
 d -dim. SPT phases

edge

Classification of static
 $(d-1)$ -dim. SPT phases

NOT complete! At least in $d=2$ dim. H. C. Po *et al.*, PRX **6**, 041070 (2016)

\therefore 1D edges, which are locality-preserving unitaries well described by **MPUs**, are characterized by the **chiral index even without symmetry protection**

D. Gross *et al.*, Commun. Math. Phys. **310**, 419 (2012)

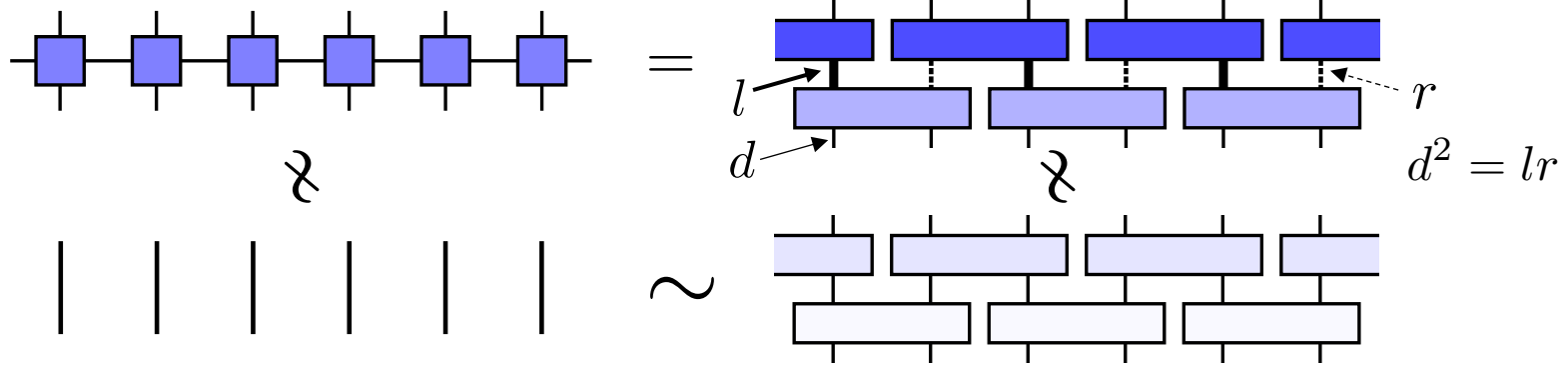
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Question: What is the classification (beyond $H^2(G, U(1))$) of matrix-product unitaries with symmetries?

MPU & MPS w/o symmetry (review)

- MPU is **not** always trivial

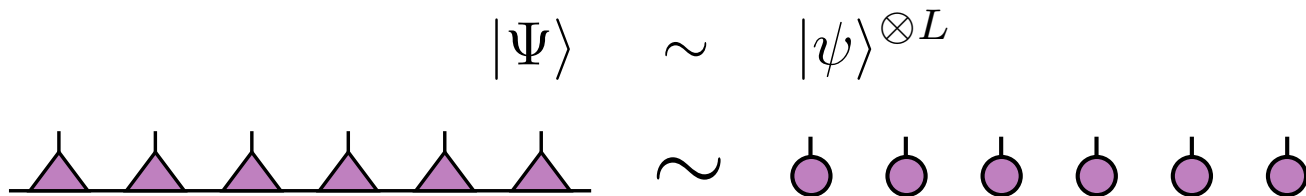
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Chiral index: $\text{ind} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{r}{l} = \log \frac{r}{d} \in \log \mathbb{Q}^+$

- Cf. MPS is always trivial

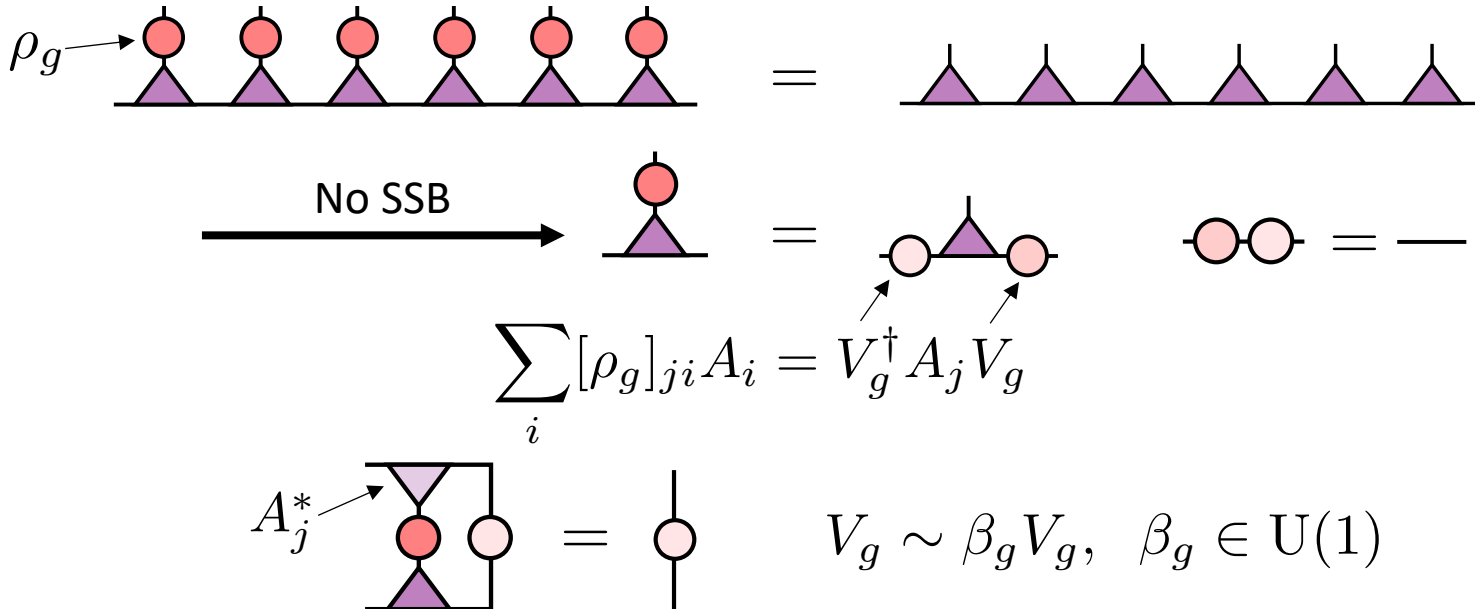
X. Chen, Z.-C. Gu, and X.-G. Wen, PRB **83**, 035107 (2011)



Classification of SPT MPSs (review)

- Symmetry action on the virtual level

D. Pérez-García *et al.*, PRL **100**, 167202 (2008)



- Classification by the 2nd cohomology group

$$\Rightarrow V_g V_h = \omega_{g,h} V_{gh}, \quad \omega_{g,h} \in U(1), \quad \omega_{g,h} \sim \omega_{g,h} \beta_g \beta_h / \beta_{gh}$$

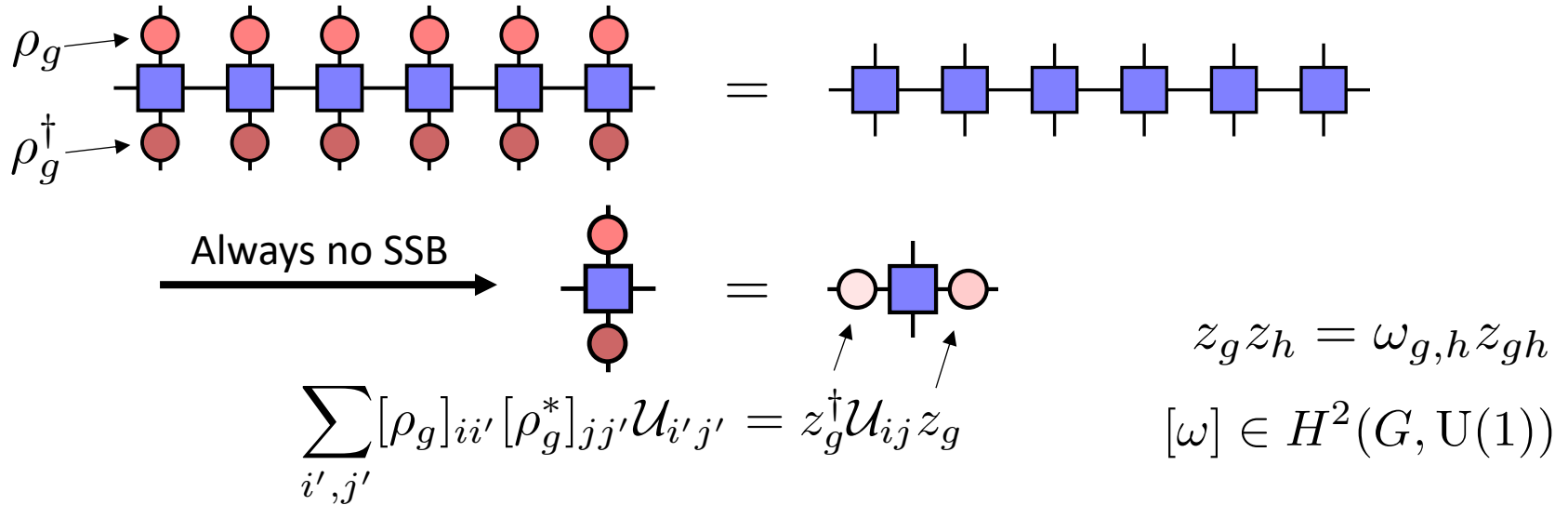
$$\Rightarrow [\omega : G \times G \rightarrow U(1)] \in H^2(G, U(1))$$

X. Chen, Z.-C. Gu, and X.-G. Wen, PRB **83**, 035107 (2011)

N. Schuch, D. Pérez-García, and I. Cirac, PRB **84**, 165139 (2011)

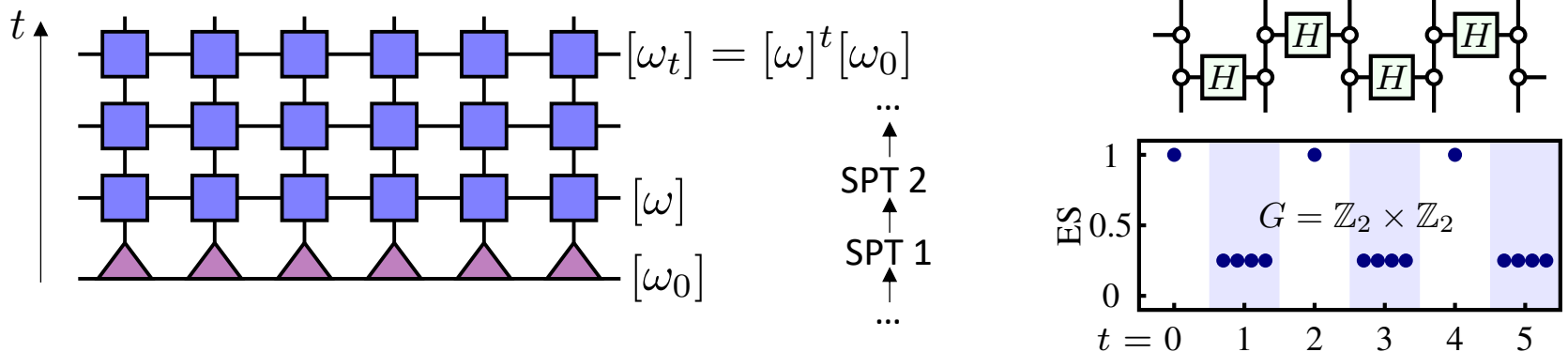
Cohomology classes for MPUs

- Analogy to MPSs



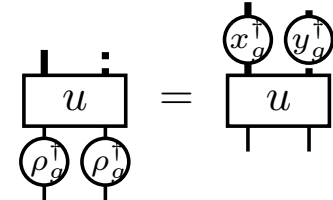
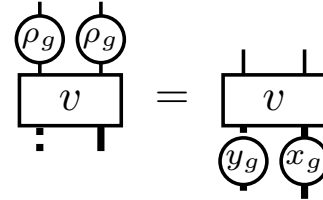
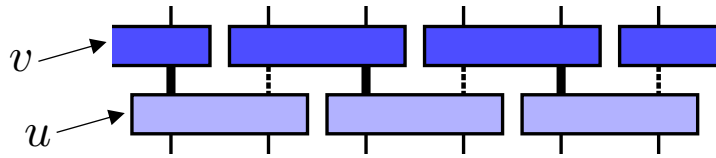
- SPT discrete time-crystalline oscillation

A. C. Potter and T. Morimoto, PRB 95, 155126 (2017)



Beyond cohomology

• Symmetry action on the bilayer-unitary form



Gauge transformation: J. I. Cirac *et al.*,
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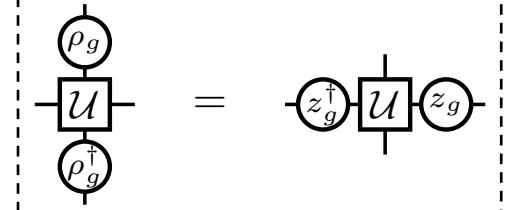
$$v \rightarrow v(y \otimes x)$$

$$u \rightarrow (x^\dagger \otimes y^\dagger)u$$

$$x_g x_h = \omega_{g,h} x_{gh}$$

$$y_g y_h = \omega_{g,h}^{-1} y_{gh}$$

cf. $z_g z_h = \omega_{g,h} z_{gh}$



• Symmetry-protected index (SPI)

cf. chiral index: $\text{ind} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{r}{l} = \log \frac{r}{d}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\text{Tr } y_e}{\text{Tr } x_e} = \log \frac{\text{Tr } y_e}{\text{Tr } \rho_e}$$

Cyclotomic field:

$$\mathbb{Q}(\omega_n \equiv e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}) \equiv \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} q_j \omega_n^j : q_j \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$$

If $\chi_g \equiv \text{Tr } \rho_g \neq 0$, $\text{ind}_g = \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{\text{Tr } y_g}{\text{Tr } x_g} \right| = \log \left| \frac{\text{Tr } y_g}{\text{Tr } \rho_g} \right| \in \log |\mathbb{Q}(\omega_{d_g}) / \{0\}|$

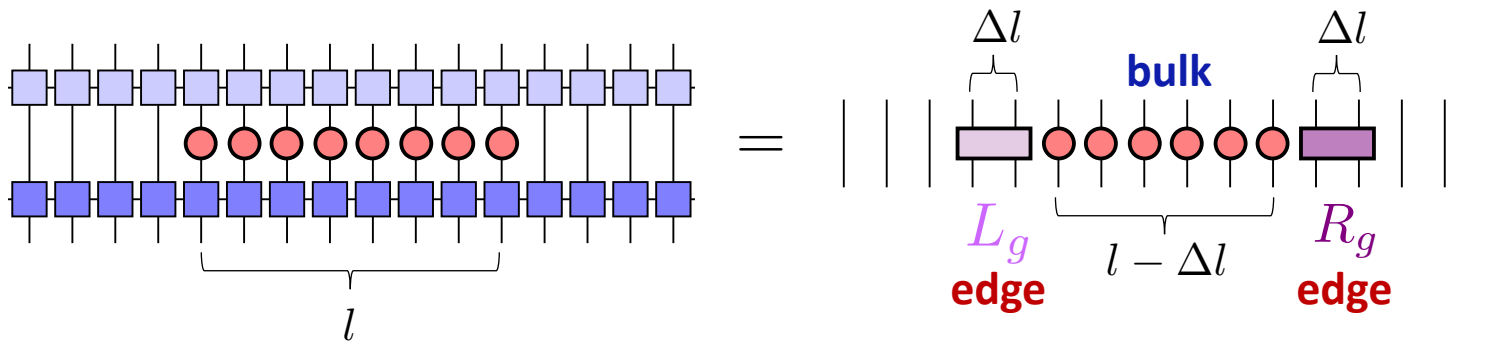
$$d_g \equiv \min\{d \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : g^d = e\}$$

Interpreting the symmetry-protected index

- Evolved symmetry-string operator

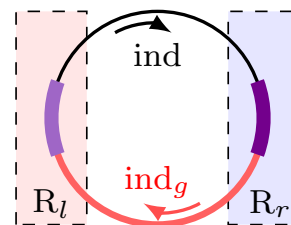
cf. edge modes in equilibrium SPT phases

$$U^\dagger \rho_g^{\otimes l} U = L_g \otimes \rho_g^{\otimes (l-\Delta l)} \otimes R_g$$



$$\text{ind}_g - \text{ind} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{\text{Tr } L_g}{\text{Tr } R_g} \right| \quad \text{-- Measure of asymmetry}$$

- Symmetry-charge-pump picture



State-like vs. Genuinely dynamical

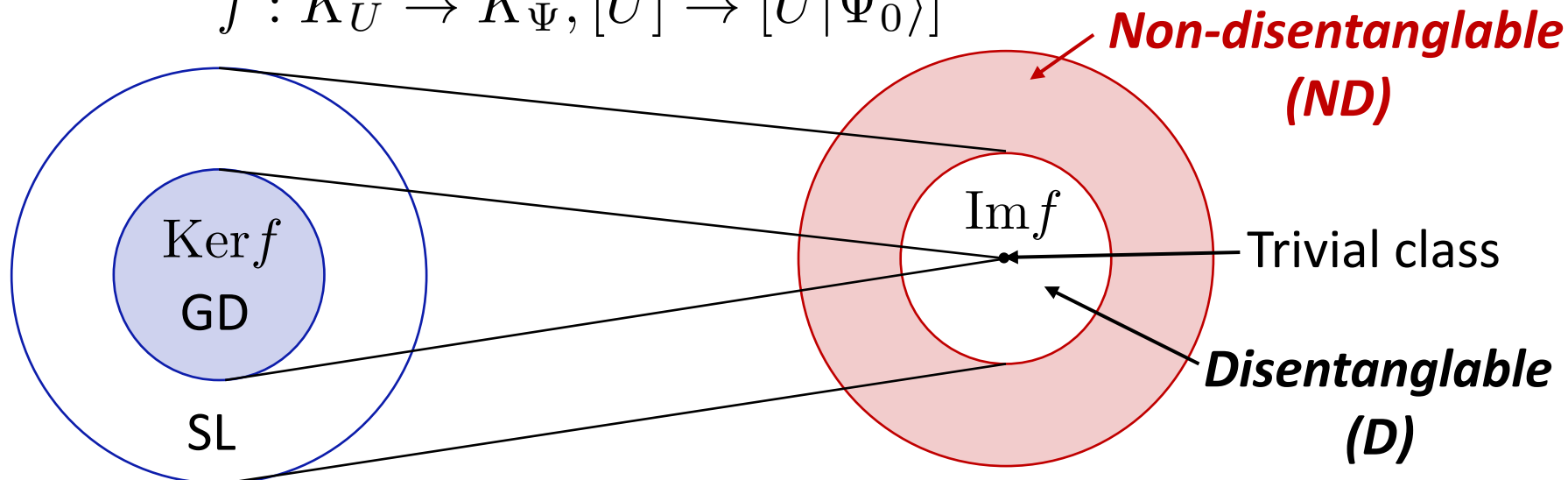
- Two types of topological invariants

Cohomology class: trivial \rightarrow SPT – **state-like (SL)**

SPI / index: trivial \rightarrow trivial – **genuinely dynamical (GD)**

- Homomorphism from QCA to short-range states

$$f : K_U \rightarrow K_\Psi, [U] \rightarrow [U|\Psi_0\rangle]$$



Refining the periodic table

- Map from fermionic Gaussian QCA to fermionic Gaussian states with fundamental symmetries


Cf. A. Schnyder *et al.*, PRB **78**, 195125 (2008)

d	0	1	2	3	fGO	fGS	0	1	2	3	
D	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0			\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	
DIII	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}			0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	\mathbb{Z}
C	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2			0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0
CI	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}			0	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$
A	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}			\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	
AI	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0			\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	0
AII	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2			$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	
AIII	0	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	\mathbb{Z}^2			0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	
BDI	\mathbb{Z}_2^2	\mathbb{Z}^2	0	0			\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	
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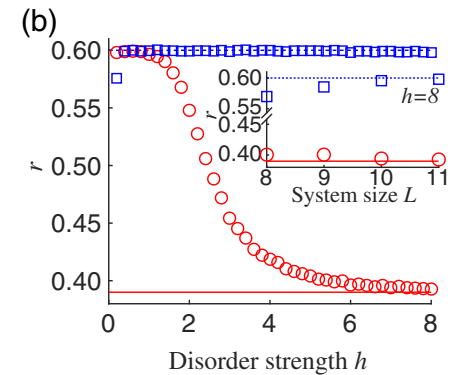
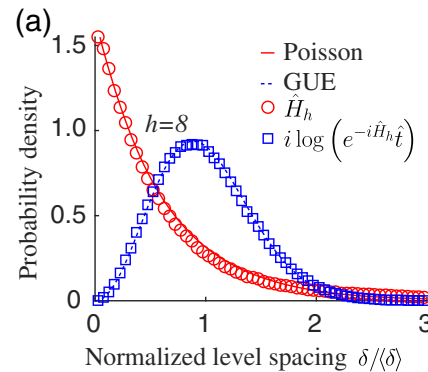
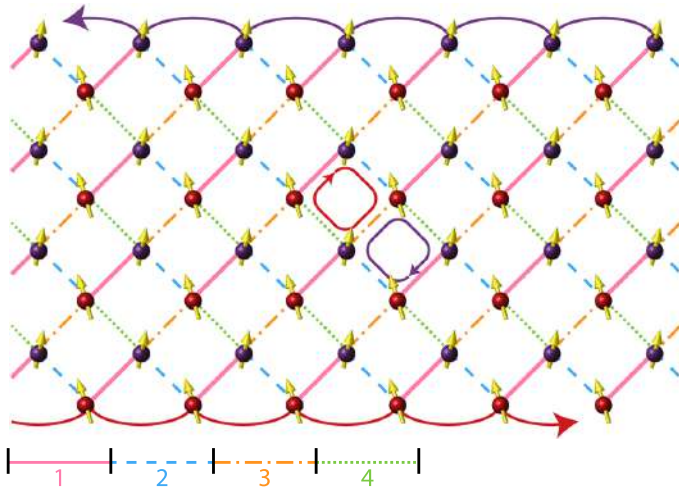
Part II

Impact of nontrivial dynamical topology on entanglement growth

Collaborators: Lorenzo Piroli, J. Ignacio Cirac

 Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 160601 (2021)

Motivation



H. C. Po *et al.*, PRX 6, 041070 (2016)

2D Chiral Floquet MBL Phases

1D Edge cannot be MBL

Locality + MBL

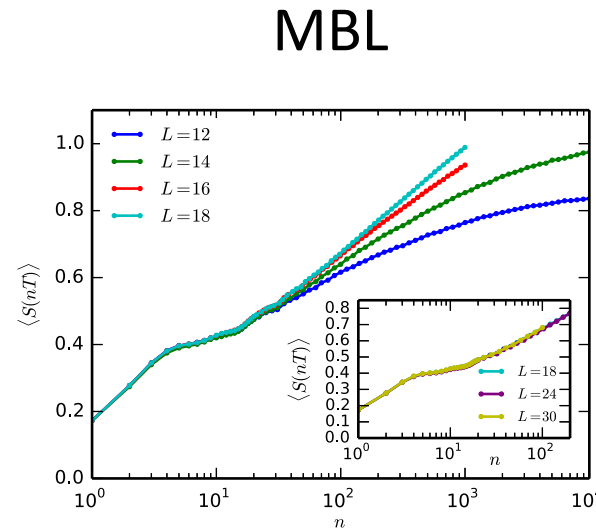
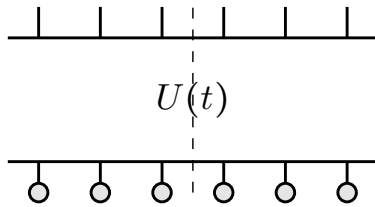


QCA

Question: Can we rigorously rule out MBL?

Entanglement growth

State entanglement



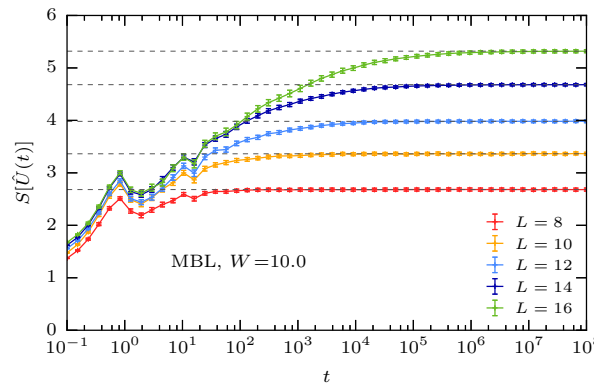
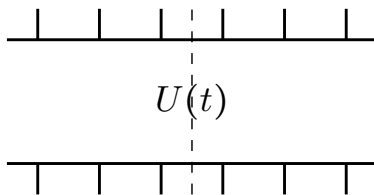
Translation

$$|\Psi_{\text{prod}}\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi'_{\text{prod}}\rangle$$

$$S(t) = 0$$

J. H. Bardarson, F. Pollmann, and J. E. Moore, PRL **109**, 017202 (2012)
 P. Ponte *et al.*, PRL **114**, 140401 (2015)

Operator entanglement

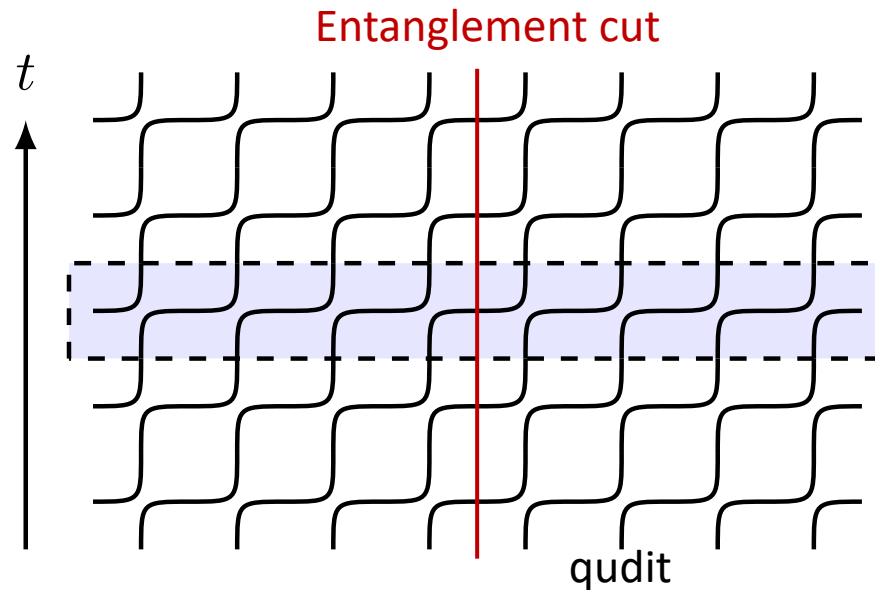


P. Zanardi, PRA **63**,
 040304(R) (2001)

T. Zhou and D. J. Luitz, PRB **95**, 094206 (2017)

Conjecture (@2020 MPHQ interview)

- Idea:
 $\text{ind} = \log d$
 $S_{\text{OEE}} = t \log d$



Not MBLizable
H. C. Po *et al.*, PRX **6**,
041070 (2016)

Operator entanglement bounded by the chiral index?

- Impact: Rigorous result on topology & thermalization
Lower bound on chaos (cf. MSS bound)

Setup and the main result

- Index of a QCA

$$\text{ind} = \log \frac{d'_{2x}}{d_{2x}} = \log \frac{d_{2x+1}}{d'_{2x+1}} \in \log \mathbb{Q}^+$$

- Operator entanglement

$$|U\rangle \equiv (U \otimes \mathbb{I})|I\rangle, \quad |I\rangle \equiv d^{-N/2} (\sum_{j=1}^d |jj\rangle)^{\otimes N}$$

$$S_{AA'}^{(\alpha)} \equiv \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log \text{Tr} \rho_{AA'}^\alpha$$

- Lower bound on chaos

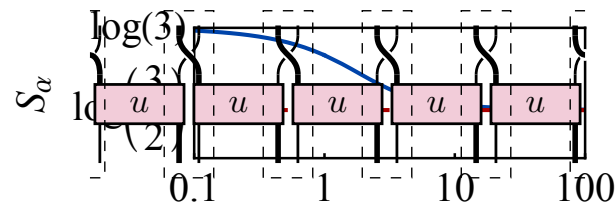
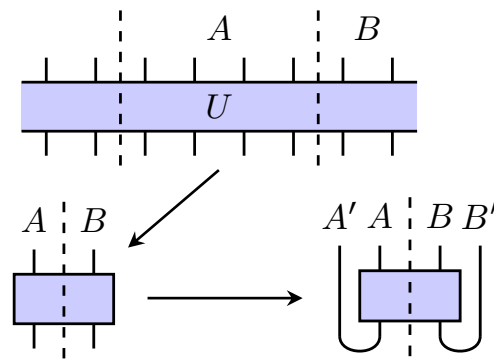
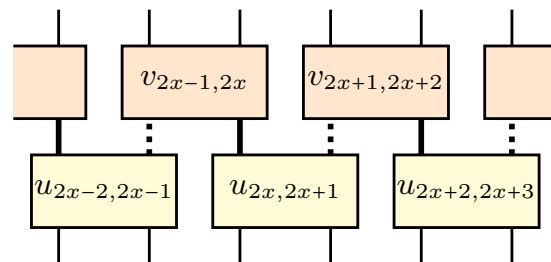
$$S_{AA'}^{(\alpha)} \geq 2|\text{ind}|$$

If $\min\{|A|, N - |A|\} \geq 2r$

Tight for

(i) $|\text{ind}| \in \log \mathbb{Z}^+$

(ii) $\alpha = \infty$



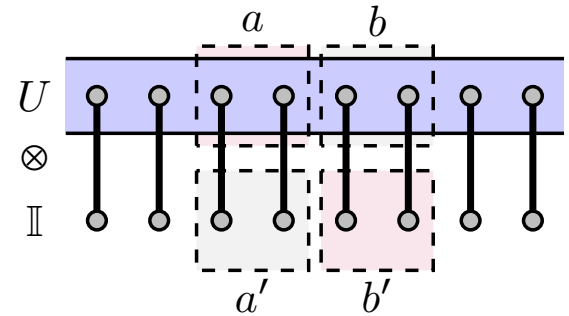
Proof of the main result

- Entropy formula of the index

$$\text{ind} = \frac{1}{2}(S_{ab'}^{(\alpha)} - S_{a'b}^{(\alpha)})$$

$$S_{aba'b'} \geq |S_{ab'} - S_{a'b}| = 2|\text{ind}|$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{aba'b'}^{(\alpha \leq 1)} \geq 2|\text{ind}|$$



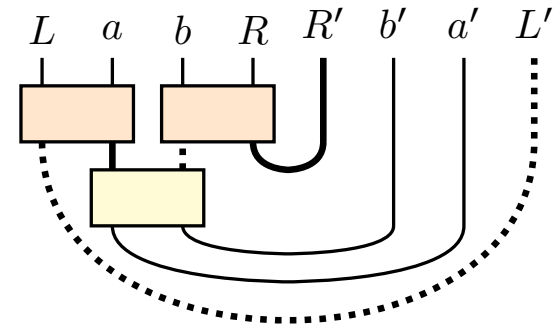
- Weak subadditivity

W. van Dam and P. Hayden,
arXiv:quant-ph/0204093

$$S_{aba'b'}^{(\alpha)} = S_{LL'}^{(\alpha)} + S_{RR'}^{(\alpha)}$$

$$S_{LL'}^{(\alpha)} \geq \max\{S_L^{(\alpha)} - S_{L'}^{(0)}, S_{L'}^{(\alpha)} - S_L^{(0)}\} = |\text{ind}|$$

$$S_{RR'}^{(\alpha)} \geq \max\{S_R^{(\alpha)} - S_{R'}^{(0)}, S_{R'}^{(\alpha)} - S_R^{(0)}\} = |\text{ind}|$$



Stability against exponential tails

$$U = \hat{T} e^{-i \int_0^T dt \sum_j h_j(t)} U_{\text{QCA}}$$

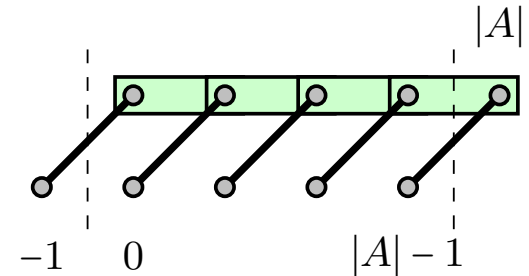
Local and bounded $h \equiv \max_{j,t} \|h_j(t)\|$

- Example of violating $S^{(\alpha)} \geq 2 \text{ ind}$

$$H(t) = h \mathbb{S}^{[j_t, j_t+1]}, \quad j_t = \lfloor t|A|/T \rfloor$$

$$S^{(\infty)} = 2 \log d - \log[1 + (d^2 - 1)\epsilon]$$

$$\epsilon = \sin^{2|A|}(hT/|A|) \sim e^{-\mathcal{O}(|A| \log |A|)}$$



- General proof for $S^{(\alpha)} > 2 \text{ ind} - e^{-\mathcal{O}(|A| \log |A|)}$

Step 1 – Approximate Hamiltonian evolution by quantum circuit

T. J. Osborne, PRL **97**, 157202 (2006)

Step 2 – Optimizing the (time-dependent) Lieb-Robinson bound

M. B. Hastings, arXiv:1008.5137; ZG et al., PRA **101**, 052122 (2020)

Entanglement-membrane theory

- Hydrodynamic equation (zero index)

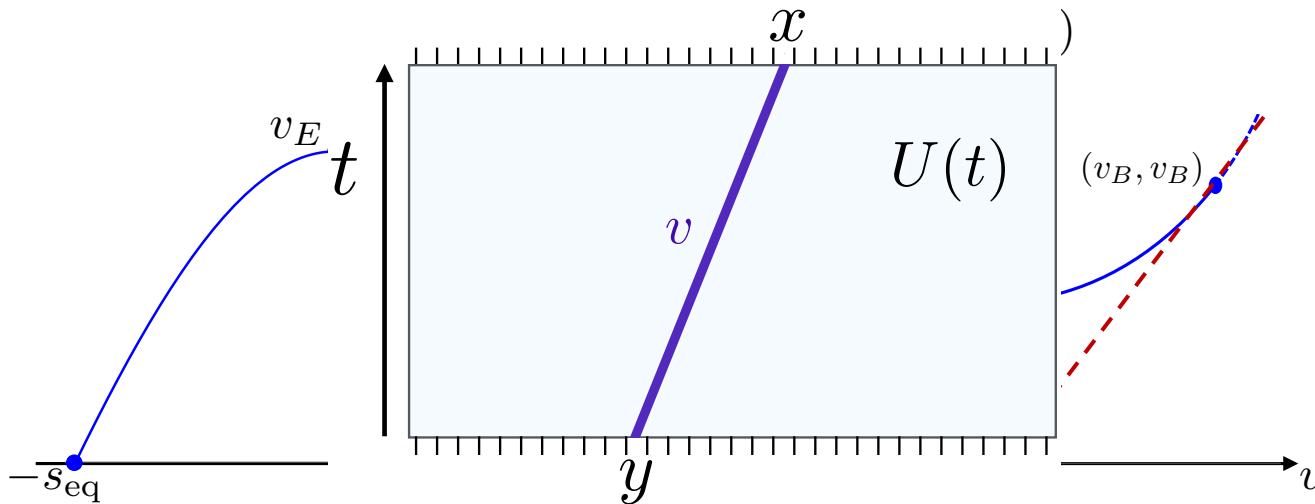
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = s_{\text{eq}} \Gamma \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)$$

$S(x, t)$: Entanglement entropy of subsystem $(-\infty, x]$ at time t

Formal solution:

$$S(x, t) = \min_y \left(t s_{\text{eq}} \mathcal{E} \left(\frac{x-y}{t} \right) + S(y, 0) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(v) = \max_s \left(\Gamma(s) + \frac{v s}{s_{\text{eq}}} \right)$$



Entanglement-membrane theory

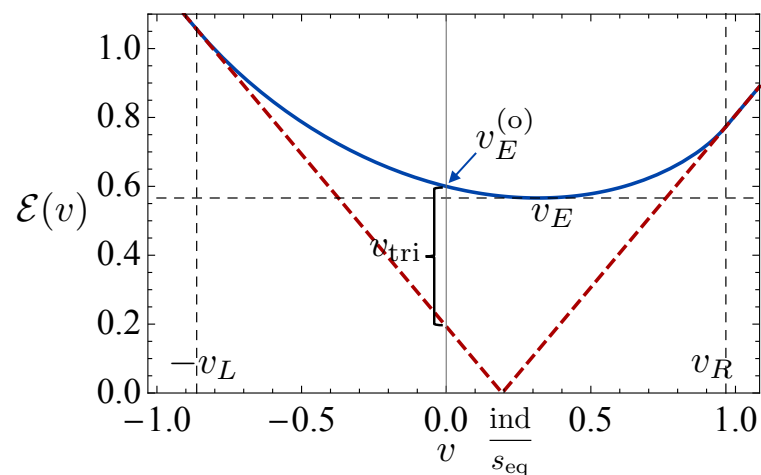
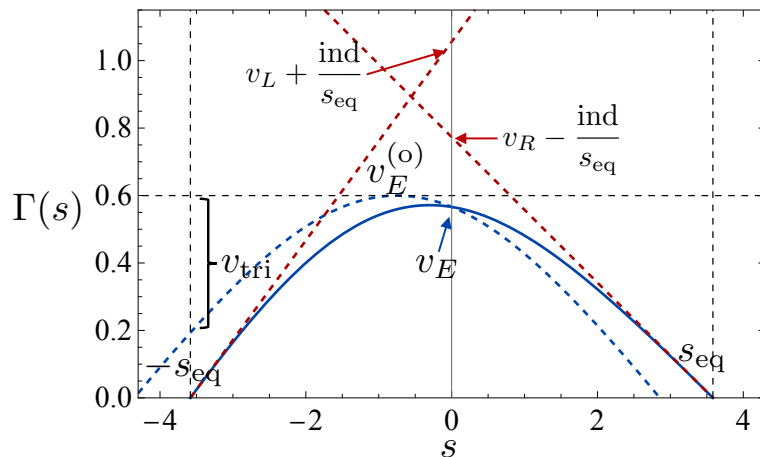
- Hydrodynamic equation (nonzero index)

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \boxed{\frac{\text{ind}}{s_{\text{eq}}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}} = s_{\text{eq}} \Gamma \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)$$

Index appears as a background velocity

Formal solution:

$$S(x, t) = \min_y \left(t s_{\text{eq}} \mathcal{E} \left(\frac{x - y}{t} \right) + S(y, 0) \right) \quad \mathcal{E}(v) = \max_s \left(\Gamma(s) + \frac{v s}{s_{\text{eq}}} - \boxed{\frac{\text{ind}}{s_{\text{eq}}} \frac{s}{s_{\text{eq}}}} \right)$$



Summary

- Classification of symmetric 1D QCA

Cohomology + SPI

State-like vs. genuinely dynamical

[arXiv:2106.05044](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.05044)

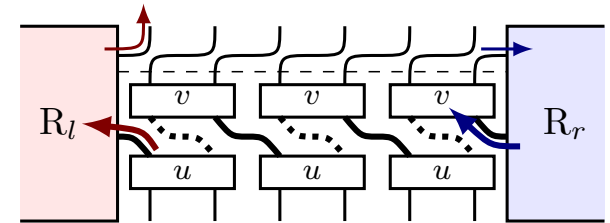
- Impact on entanglement dynamics

$$S^{(\alpha)} \geq 2|\text{ind}|$$

Generalized entanglement-membrane theory

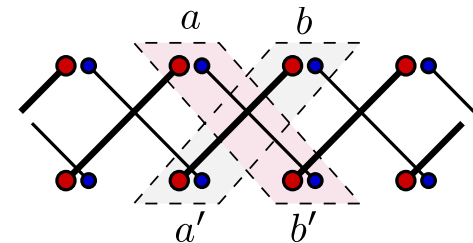
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Part I



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Part II



[PRL 126, 160601 \(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.05044)

Outlook

Part I

- Complete classification in 1D Cf. C. Zhang, arXiv:2306.03171
- Nontrivial QCA in higher dimensions Cf. J. Haah, L. Fidkowski, and M. B. Hastings, Commun. Math. Phys. **398**, 469 (2023)
- Homomorphism for interacting systems Cf. T. D. Ellison and L. Fidkowski, PRX **9**, 011016 (2019)

Part II

- Tighter bound for finite α
- Impact of SPI
- Modular commutator, generalized Kitaev sum
Cf. R. Fan, P. Zhang, and Y. Gu, SciPost Phys. **15**, 249 (2023)

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Appendix: Equivalence between algebra overlap and Rényi-2 entropy

$$\text{ind} = \ln \frac{\eta(\mathcal{A}_L^U, \mathcal{A}_R)}{\eta(\mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{A}_R^U)} = \frac{1}{2} (S_{LR'}^{(2)} - S_{L'R}^{(2)})$$

$$\eta(\mathcal{A}_L^U, \mathcal{A}_R) = \frac{\sqrt{d_L d_R}}{d_\Lambda} \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^{d_L} \sum_{m,n=1}^{d_R} |\text{Tr}_\Lambda [U e_{ij}^{L\dagger} U^\dagger e_{mn}^R]|^2}$$

