## Symmetry-Protected Topological (SPT) Phases and Duality

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### In Memoriam: Ian Affleck (2 July 1952 - 4 Oct 2024) My memoir on Ian: <u>https://bit.ly/3YfV7Gn</u>





Why there is the transition?

Modern understanding: Haldane phase is a SPT!

# History of Topological Phases

### $1980 \sim$ Integer Quantum Hall states

Thouless-Kohmoto-Nightingale-den Nijs:  $\sigma_{xy}$  = Chern #

 $1982 \sim$  Fractional Quantum Hall states

Laughlin wavefunction, Chern-Simons field theory, ...

interacting

systems

quantum

many-body

 $2005 \sim$  Topological Insulators (free electrons)

Kane-Mele, ...

 $2009 \sim Symmetry-Protected Topological Phases$ 

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#### Preroughening transitions in crystal surfaces and valence-bond phases in quantum spin chains

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We show that disordered flat phases in crystal surfaces are equivalent to valence-bond-type phases in integer and half-integer spin quantum chains. In the quantum spin representation the disordered flat phase represents a fluid-type phase with long-range antiferromagnetic spin order. This order is stabilized dynamically by the hopping of the particles and short-range spin-exchange interactions. The mass of Néel solitons is finite. Numerical finite-size-scaling results confirm this. We identify the order parameter of the valence-bond phase. The Haldane conjecture suggests a fundamental difference between half-integer and integer antiferromagnetic Heisenberg spin chains. We find that disordered flat phases are realized in both cases, have exactly the same type of long-range antiferromagnetic spin order, and are stabilized by exactly the same mechanism. They differ only in the mathematical formulation of broken symmetry in the spin representation. We suggest experimental methods of observing disordered flat phases in crystal surfaces.

It is impossible to define local order parameters that distinguish these two phases. The local order parameters of Sec. II E become nonlocal string operators in the spin-1 formulation (where the surface configuration is characterized by the steps). Recall the Ising-type order parame-

rameter  $\psi$ , Eq. (2.8), which vani in the DOF and BCSOS flat

$$\left| i\pi \sum_{m=1}^{n} S_{M}^{z} \right| S_{n}^{z} \left| 0 \right\rangle , \qquad (4.4)$$

and its square is the limiting value of the correlation function, Eq. (2.7),

$$G_{s}(n) = \left\langle 0 \left| S_{n_{0}}^{z} \exp \left[ i\pi \sum_{m=n_{0}}^{n+n_{0}} S_{m}^{z} \right] S_{n+n_{0}}^{z} \left| 0 \right\rangle \right\rangle.$$
(4.5)

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### Hidden Topological Order in Integer Quantum Spin Chains

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#### 3. Conclusions

We have investigated analogies between integer quantum spin-chains and the fractional quantum Hall effect. Both systems appear to have disordered liquid ground states but because of subtle topological effects, they both have an excitation gap. This topological order is not visible in the ordinary two-point correlation function, but can be detected by defining a special singular-gauge correlation function.



"Haldane gap phase" was already recognized around 1990 as a "topological phase" BUT its meaning was unclear

# What We Got Right by 1990s

Haldane gap phase is

a nontrivial phase without any conventional order

→ some sort of "topological phase"

Nontrivial characteristics

- string order parameter denNijs-Rommelse 1988

- edge states Kennedy 1990

Hidden Z<sub>2</sub>×Z<sub>2</sub> Symmetry Breaking

Kennedy-Tasaki 1992

## Nontrivial Features of Haldane Phase



Open boundary condition : "edge state" of S=1/2 [Kennedy 1990]



## How the KT transformation works

$$U_{\rm KT} = \prod_{j < k} \exp\left(i\pi S_j^z S_k^x\right) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{[simplified expression in}\\ \text{M.O. 1992]} \end{array}$$
$$U_{\rm KT} S_j^z U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{l < j} S_l^z\right) S_j^z$$
$$U_{\rm KT} S_j^x U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = S_j^x \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{j < l} S_l^x\right) \end{array}$$

Kennedy-Tasaki transformation is a well-defined **unitary** for a finite chain with the open boundary condition which we assume for the moment (will come back later)

## KT transformation of H

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= J \sum_{j} \vec{S}_{j} \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1} + D \sum_{j} \left( S_{j}^{z} \right)^{2} \\ \tilde{\mathcal{H}} &= U_{\mathrm{KT}} \mathcal{H} U_{\mathrm{KT}}^{\dagger} \\ &= J \sum_{j} \left( S_{j}^{x} e^{i\pi S_{j+1}^{x}} S_{j+1}^{x} + S_{j}^{y} e^{i\pi (S_{j}^{z} + S_{j+1}^{x})} S_{j+1}^{y} + S_{j}^{z} e^{i\pi S_{j}^{z}} S_{j+1}^{z} \right) + D \sum_{j} \left( S_{j}^{z} \right)^{2} \end{aligned}$$

lacks the global SU(2) spin rotation symmetry, but still has the discrete global symmetry ( $\pi$ -rotation about x, y, & z axes) dihedral group D<sub>2</sub> = Z<sub>2</sub> x Z<sub>2</sub>

# Consequence of Dual SSB (I)

Suppose that the full global D<sub>2</sub> symmetry of the dual system is spontaneously broken

dual system:  $\langle S_j^z S_k^z \rangle \to \text{const.} \neq 0 \ (k - j \to \infty)$ original system:  $\langle S_j^z \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{j \le l < k} S_l^z\right) S_k^z \rangle \to \text{const.} \neq 0 \ (k - j \to \infty)$ 

long-range "string order"!!

# Consequences of Dual SSB (II)

Full global D2 symmetry of the dual system is

spontaneously broken

Dual system has 4-fold (quasi-)degenerate ground states

Original system also has 4-fold (quasi-)degenerate ground states (only) for the open boundary condition

Edge state!

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in 1990

## Hidden $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry in quantum spin chains with arbitrary integer spin

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$$V = V^{-1} = \prod_{j < k} \exp\left(i\pi S_j^z S_k^x\right)$$

explicitly for several variants of the VBS-type states. In the standard VBS state, the hidden  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  symmetry breaks down when S is odd but remains unbroken when S is even. Our results for partially dimerized VBS states suggest that the hidden  $Z_2 \times Z_2$ 

"Hidden Z<sub>2</sub> x Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry breaking" in Haldane gap phase for S=I  $\Rightarrow$  nontrivial SPT [Gu-Wen 2009]

only if S is odd [Pollmann et al 2009]

## What We Missed until 2009

We "almost" got it by 1990s, but did not quite reach the concept of SPT before 2009 (17 years gap between Kennedy-Tasaki 1992 and Gu-Wen 2009!)

What was missing?

We had not asked the simple (but crucial) question

"Under what condition the Haldane gap phase is distinct from the trivial phase?"

# Hint from Topological Insulator

Simple construction of Topological Insulator: Integer Quantum Hall states for 1 spin with C=+1 for  $\downarrow$  spin with C=-1



Time Reversal through Kramers theorem even when two layers are coupled!





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#### Entanglement spectrum of a topological phase in one dimension

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### within Matrix Product States

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{m_j\}} \operatorname{tr}[\Gamma_{m_1}\Lambda \dots \Gamma_{m_L}\Lambda]|m_1 \dots m_L\rangle.$$

S=I Haldane gap phase is a SPT protected by any one of

- Time Reversal
- Bond-centered Spatial Inversion
- Global  $D_2=Z_2\times Z_2$  Spin Rotation

#### symmetries



parity odd

parity even

# Modern View of the KT Duality

THE question lacking in 1990s:

When does the hidden  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  symmetry breaking argument work?

Hidden  $Z_2 x Z_2$  symmetry breaking is useful iff the dual Hamiltonian is local (short-range int.)  $\Leftrightarrow$  the original Hamiltonian has global  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  symmetry

$$U_{\rm KT} S_j^z U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{l < j} S_l^z\right) S_j^z$$
$$U_{\rm KT} S_j^x U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = S_j^x \exp\left(i\pi \sum_{j < l} S_l^x\right)$$

If the Hamiltonian has the global  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  symmetry, the phase with the SSB of the hidden  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  symmetry is well-defined and separated from the trivial phase by a quantum phase transition =  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  protected SPT!! PBTO arXiv:0909.4059

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Even S: edge spin (S/2) is integer; no Kramers theorem protection even number of S=1/2 singlets per bond; even parity under bond-centered spatial inversion (same as the trivial state!)

My 1992 finding had captured that "Haldane gap phase" is essentially trivial for even S SPT only for odd S ! (although we did not appreciate this until 2009) <sup>21</sup> PBTO arXiv:0909.4059 DOI: 10.1143/JPSJ.80.043001

## Haldane, Large-*D*, and Intermediate-*D* States in an S = 2 Quantum Spin Chain with On-Site and *XXZ* Anisotropies

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$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{j} (S_{j}^{x} S_{j+1}^{x} + S_{j}^{y} S_{j+1}^{y} + \Delta S_{j}^{z} S_{j+1}^{z}) + D \sum_{j} (S_{j}^{z})^{2},$$



## Kennedy-Tasaki Duality in 21st Century

Many of the nontrivial features of the "Haldane gap phase" were recognized and unified as a consequence of "hidden symmetry breaking" in 1990s although the concept of SPT was (just) missing

Great progress in understanding SPT phases since the discovery/proposal in 2009

Revisit the Kennedy-Tasaki duality with the modern understanding - reformulation of the Kennedy-Tasaki duality

- applications, especially to construction of gapless SPTs



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KT transformation on a ring?  

$$U_{\rm KT}S_{j}^{z}U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = \exp\left(i\pi\sum_{l< j}S_{l}^{z}\right)S_{j}^{z}$$

$$U_{\rm KT}S_{L+1}^{z}U_{\rm KT}^{\dagger} = \exp\left(i\pi\sum_{l=1}^{L}S_{l}^{z}\right)S_{L+1}^{z}$$
generator of global Z2xZ2 symmetry!

$$R^{x} = \exp\left(i\pi\sum_{l=1}^{\infty}S_{l}^{z}\right) = (-1)^{u_{x}} \qquad S_{L+1}^{z} = (-1)^{t_{z}}S_{1}^{z}$$

Dual spins obey:

$$u'_{z} = u_{z} \mod 2$$
$$t'_{z} = t_{z} + u_{x} \mod 2,$$

## Two Interpretations

I) boundary conditions for the original & dual spins are given
 → only the "right" symmetry sector survives
 → KT transformation is non-invertible/non-unitary

- 2) boundary condition (periodic/twisted) is an auxiliary degree of freedom
  - → separate Hilbert spaces for periodic/twisted b.c.
  - $\rightarrow$  KT transformation is unitary on the extended Hilbert space
  - cf.) similar phenomena in Kramers-Wannier duality only the "right" symmetry sector survives on a ring

Kramers-Wannier duality can be defined as a unitary transformation on an open chain

## Field-Theory Formulation

### topological manipulations S: gauging Z2xZ2 $S: Z_{S_{12}\mathcal{X}}[A_1, A_2] := \frac{1}{|H^0(X_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)|^2} \sum_{a_1, a_2 \in H^1(X_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)} Z_{\mathcal{X}}[a_1, a_2](-1)^{\int_{X_2} a_1 A_2 + a_2 A_1}$

### T: stacking a Z2xZ2 SPT

$$T: Z_{T_{12}\mathcal{X}}[A_1, A_2] := Z_{\mathcal{X}}[A_1, A_2](-1)^{\int_{X_2} A_1 A_2}$$



Kennedy-Tasaki = STS

how to implement this on lattice?

## KT transformation for S=1/2

consider a system of two species of S=1/2:  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ 

Z2xZ2 symmetry generated by

$$U_{\sigma} = \prod_{i=1}^{L} \sigma_i^x, \qquad U_{\tau} = \prod_{i=1}^{L} \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^x.$$

S: gauging by Z2xZ2  $\Leftrightarrow$  Kramers-Wannier for  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ 

$$\mathcal{N} \left| \left\{ s_{i}^{\sigma}, s_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{\tau} \right\} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2^{L}} \sum_{\substack{\{\widehat{s}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}, \widehat{s}_{j}^{\tau}\}}} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{L} s_{j}^{\sigma}(\widehat{s}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma} + \widehat{s}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}) + t_{\sigma}\widehat{s}_{j}^{\sigma} + \widehat{s}_{j}^{\tau}(s_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{\tau} + s_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{\tau}) + \widehat{t}_{\tau}s_{j}^{\tau}} \left| \left\{ \widehat{s}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}, \widehat{s}_{j}^{\tau} \right\} \right\rangle$$

T: stacking with  $Z2xZ2 \Leftrightarrow$  "Domain wall decoration"

$$U_{\rm DW} \left| \{ \widehat{s}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}, \widehat{s}_{i}^{\tau} \} \right\rangle = (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{L} \widehat{s}_{j}^{\tau} (\widehat{s}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma} + \widehat{s}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}) + \widehat{t}_{\tau} \widehat{s}_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}} \left| \{ \widehat{s}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{\sigma}, \widehat{s}_{i}^{\tau} \} \right\rangle.$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{KT}} = \mathcal{N}U_{\mathrm{DW}}\mathcal{N}.$$

# Symmetry/Twist Sectors

Symmetry sectors for  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$  $u_{\sigma,\tau} = 0$ , I (even/odd under spin flip)

Twist sectors for  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$  $t_{\sigma,\tau} = 0$ , I (periodic/antiperiodic boundary condition on ring)

dual spin original spin

$$(u'_{\sigma}, u'_{\tau}, t'_{\sigma}, t'_{\tau}) = (u_{\sigma}, u_{\tau}, u_{\tau} + t_{\sigma}, u_{\sigma} + t_{\tau}).$$

Similar to the original KT for S=I  $t'_z = t_z + u_x \mod 2$ ,

(in fact we have shown the equivalence between the KTs)

## Construction of SPT

Two decoupled Ising chains in the ordered phase



D''cluster model": Z2xZ2 SPT

# Low-Energy Spectra

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unique groundstate (without edge)

- trivial
- SPT

etc.



- SSB

- topological order

etc.

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gapless continuum of excited states

ground state

- metal
- semimetal
- gapless SPT

etc.





## Intrinsically Gapless SPT

Verresen, Thorngren, Jones, Pollmann, 2019 Thorngren, Vishwanath, Verresen 2020 Li-MO-Zheng 2022, Wen-Potter 2022 etc.

"topological" features of the gapless SPT phase has no counterpart in a gapped SPT

Entire global symmetry G: non-anomalous subgroup  $G_{low}$  of G acts on low-energy sector anomalously (cancelled by anomaly in the gapped sector)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Intrinsically Gapless SPT} \\ H_{\text{SSB+XX}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} \left( \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{z} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{z} + \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{y} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{y} + \sigma_{i-1}^{z} \sigma_{i}^{z} \right). \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ H_{\text{igSPT}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} \left( \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{z} \sigma_{i}^{x} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{z} + \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{y} \sigma_{i}^{x} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{y} + \sigma_{i-1}^{z} \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{x} \sigma_{i}^{z} \right). \end{aligned}$$

"intrinsically gapless SPT" protected by Z4 symmetry generated by  $~U_\sigma V_\tau$ 

$$U_{\sigma} = \prod_{j} \sigma_{j}^{x} \qquad V_{\tau} = \prod_{i=1}^{L} e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}(1 - \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{x})}$$

### igSPT + Z<sub>4</sub> symmetric perturbation

$$H_{\text{igSPT+pert}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} \left( \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{z} \sigma_{i}^{x} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{z} + \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{y} \sigma_{i}^{x} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{y} + \sigma_{i-1}^{z} \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{x} \sigma_{i}^{z} + h \sigma_{i}^{x} + h \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{x} \right)$$

*h* respects the Z4 symmetry the system is trivial in the limit  $h \rightarrow \infty$ is the igSPT phase stable against a small h? phase diagram?

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{KT}}$$

$$H_{\mathrm{XX+pert}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} \left( \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{z} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{z} + \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{y} \tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{y} + h \tau_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{x} \right) \quad \text{XY chain in a field}$$

$$H_{\mathrm{SSB+pert}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{L} \left( \sigma_{i-1}^{z} \sigma_{i}^{z} + h \sigma_{i}^{x} \right) \cdot \quad \text{Transverse Ising chain}$$
Both exactly solvable!

## Phase Diagram



# Getting Rid of Gapped Sector?

Replace the gapped SSB in the dual system with a gapless system





## **Recent Developments**

### arXiv:1803.02369, arXiv:2402.09520 duality for subsystem symmetries

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#### Subsystem symmetry protected topological order

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#### Kennedy-Tasaki transformation and non-invertible symmetry in lattice models beyond one dimension

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### arXiv:2403.00905 duality for fusion category symmetries

#### Hasse Diagrams for Gapless SPT and SSB Phases with Non-Invertible Symmetries

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### arXiv:2405.09754 fermionic Kennedy-Tasaki dualities

Fermionic Non-Invertible Symmetries in (1+1)d: Gapped and Gapless Phases, Transitions, and Symmetry TFTs

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## Conclusions

Symmetry-Protected Topological (SPT) phases:

distinct from trivial phase in the presence of symmetry

- short-range entanglement
- edge states
- nonlocal order parameter

Many of the "SPT features" were recognized in 1980s $\sim$ 1990s for the Haldane gap phase

Kennedy-Tasaki duality relating SPT to SSB phases recent resurgence in "generalized Landau paradigm"

Landau was even more right than we thought. This seems to be a fruitful principle.

(John McGreevy)