# Bridging 3d coupled-wire models and cellular topological states

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# Gapped phases of matter

Chen, Gu, & Wen, PRB 82, 155138 (2010).

**Quantum phases**: A family of ground states that can be smoothly connected with each other by continuous deformations of the Hamiltonian.

 $H |\psi_n\rangle = E_n |\psi_n\rangle$   $(E_0 \le E_1 \le E_2 \le \cdots)$   $|\psi_0\rangle$ : Ground state of Hamiltonian HEnergy eigenvalues

1. We focus on Hamiltonians with short-range interactions = local Hamiltonians.

 $H = \sum_{i} h_i$ : Sum of Hermitian operators on finite supports

2. We assume a spectral gap above the ground state.



# Gapped phases of matter



### Fracton topological order

Nandkishore & Hermele, Ann. Rev. Cond. Mat. Phys. **10**, 295 (2019). Pretko, Chen, & You, Int. J. Mot. Phys. A **35**, 2030003 (2020).

#### **Conventional topological order**

#### Fracton topological order







Properties	Conventional TO	Fracton TO
Shape of quasiparticles (3d)	Particle or loop	Particle
Mobility of quasiparticles	Full space	Lower-dimensional subspaces
Degeneracy on torus	Constant	Roughly exp(L) with linear size L
Emergent symmetry	Higher-order symmetries	Subsystem or fractal symmetries
Quantum field theory	Topological QFT (TQFT)	Something beyond TQFT
		E.g., Seiberg & Shao, SciPost Phys. <b>10</b> , 003 (20

### Example: X-cube model



--- Ground state satisfies  $\left. A_{c} \left| \Phi \right\rangle = B_{v} \left| \Phi \right\rangle = \left| \Phi \right\rangle$ 

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X-cube model is defined on the 3d cubic lattice:  $H = -\sum \left(A_c + B_v^{xy} + B_v^{yz} + B_v^{zx}\right)$ 

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- --- Quasiparticles mobile only in 0d (fraction), 1d (lineon), or 2d (planon) subspaces.
- --- Nonlocal operators commuting with Hamiltonian (subsystem symmetry generators)
- → Subextensive GS degeneracy  $2^{2(L_{\chi}+L_{y}+L_{z})-3}$  on  $T^{3}$  robust against local perturbations.





# Lattice models for topological or fracton order

Why are lattice Hamiltonians important?

- --- To understand basic properties of topological or fraction orders
- --- To seek experimentally feasible models
- --- To derive effective QFT via appropriate continuum limit.

There are some fundamental limitations:

--- No commuting-projector or frustration-free Hamiltonians for 2d chiral topological orders.



Kapustin & Fidkowski, Commun. Math. Phys. 373, 763 (2020) Kapustin & Spodyneiko, PRB **101**, 045137 (2020). Lemm & Mozgunov, J. Math. Phys. 60, 051901 (2019).

--- There might be similar limitations for 3d topological orders with gapless surface states.





# Coupled-wire construction

Kane, Mukhopadhyay, & Lubensky, PRL **88**, 036401 (2002). Meng, Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics **229**, 527 (2020).

Hamiltonians from arrays of quantum wires: hybrid of lattice and continuum

--- Exactly solvable models for various 2d topological phases including chiral ones

#### --- Applications to some 3d topological phases

Iadecola, Neupert, Chamon, & Mudry, PRB **93**, 195136 (2016). Fuji & Furusaki, PRB **99**, 241107 (2019). Sullivan, Iadecola, & Cheng, PRB **99**, 245138 (2021)...

--- Investigation for microscopic lattice models

Models related to infinite-layer Chern-Simons theory: Sullivan, Dua, & Cheng, Phys. Rev. Res. **3**, 02323 (2021). Sullivan, Dua, & Cheng, arXiv:2109.13267.

# **Cellular construction**

#### Cellular topological state



Wen, Phys. Rev. Res. **2**, 033300 (2020). Aasen, Bulmash, Prem, Slagle, & Williamson, Phys. Rev. Res. **2**, 043165 (2020). Wang, Phys. Rev. Res. **4**, 023258 (2022).

Topological defect network



- --- Decompose the 3d space into 0d,1d, 2d, and 3d cells.
- --- Place topological orders on each cell.
- --- Couple cells via gapped interfaces/topological defects.

→ Nontrivial quasiparticle dynamics leads to various 3d topological order or fracton order.

--- Not immediately provide Hamiltonians.

# Bridge between cellular and coupled-wire constructions



#### Input:

Cellular topological states built from 2d Abelian topological orders and their 1d gapped interfaces.

#### Output:

Coupled-wire Hamiltonian for 3d topological order or fracton order.

- --- They can have fully chiral gapless surface states.
- --- They can (in principle) be written in terms of lattice degrees of freedom such as spins or electrons.

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To be more specific, we need:

- 1. Cellular structure
- 2. 2d Abelian topological orders
- 3. 1d gapped interfaces

- $\rightarrow$  Cells of thin 2d strips extended along the x axis
- $\rightarrow$  K matrix
- $\rightarrow$  Lagrangian subgroup

# K matrix formalism for 2d Abelian topological order

Let K an  $N \times N$  symmetric integer matrix, which is called the **K matrix**.

Bulk theory: Chern-Simon theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm CS} = -\sum_{I,J=1}^{N} \frac{K_{IJ}}{4\pi} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} a^{I}_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} a^{J}_{\lambda}$$

Edge theory: free boson theory

$$\mathcal{H}_{edge} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dx \sum_{I,J=1}^{N} v_{IJ} \partial_x \phi_I \partial_x \phi_J$$
$$[\partial_x \phi_I(x), \phi_J(x')] = 2\pi i K_{IJ}^{-1} \delta(x - x')$$

Local boson or fermion excitations

All topological properties are encoded in the K matrix:

**Quasiparticles**: Integer vectors  $oldsymbol{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^N$ 

Topological angle:  $\theta_a = 2\pi \boldsymbol{m}_a^T K^{-1} \boldsymbol{m}_a$ 

Mutual statistics:  $\theta_{ab} = \pi \boldsymbol{m}_a^T K^{-1} \boldsymbol{m}_b$ 

**Chiral central charge**:  $c_{-} = (\# \text{ of positive eigenvalues of } K) - (\# \text{ of negative eigenvalues of } K)$ 

Identification:  $oldsymbol{m}\simoldsymbol{m}+K\mathbb{Z}^N$ Vacuum:  $oldsymbol{m_1}=oldsymbol{0}$ 

Wen, Adv. Phys. **44**, 405 (1995).

# Theory of gapped interfaces

Folding trick: Gapped interfaces between TOs  $\rightarrow$  Gapped boundary of a stack of TOs



Gapped interface is described by a subset of quasiparticles (Lagrangian subgroup)  $L = \{l\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^N$ 

- 1. All quasiparticles in L have bosonic or fermionic self statistics  $m{l}_a^T K_{\sf e}^{-1} m{l}_a \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 2. Any two quasiparticles in L have trivial mutual statistics  $m{l}_a^T K_{ extsf{e}}^{-1} m{l}_b \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 3. Quasiparticles not in *L* have nontrivial mutual statistics with at least one quasiparticle in *L*

$$\boldsymbol{n}^T K_{\mathsf{e}}^{-1} \boldsymbol{l}_a \notin \mathbb{Z} \text{ for } \boldsymbol{n} \notin L$$
   
  $\rightarrow$  Quasiparticles in  $L$  are condensed at the interface.

# Theory of gapped interfaces

Levin, PRX **3**, 021009 (2013). Barkeshli, Jian, & Qi, PRB **88**, 235103 (2013).

Lagrangian subgroup  $l \in L \rightarrow$  Gapping potential (Sine-Gordon Hamiltonian)

In general, we need to add 2N extra quantum wires.

 $\widetilde{\phi}_r = (\phi_r^{\mathsf{l}}, \phi_r^{\mathsf{b}}, \phi_r^{\mathsf{r}}, \phi_r^{\mathsf{t}}, \phi_r^{\mathsf{w}})^T$  --- Edge modes from the four strips and additional wires.



General algorithm can be found in Barkeshli, Jian, & Qi, PRB 88, 235103 (2013).

# Derivation of coupled-wire models



① Given 2d Abelian TOs K and gapped interfaces L

ightarrow Integer vectors  $\{\widetilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_I\}$  for a gapping potential

We obtain a "coupled-edge" Hamiltonian, but this is not a "coupled-wire" Hamiltonian that we want.

- --- Microscopic origin of edge modes is not immediately clear.
- $\rightarrow$  We need one more step.

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--- In the thin strip limit, quasiparticle tunnelings across the strip become dominant.

 $\rightarrow$  A coupled-wire Hamiltonian is derived from 2nd-order perturbation theory.

→ Shrinking and removing the strips yields **coupled-wire model**!



# 3d coupled-wire models

**Input:** 2d Abelian topological orders  $K_e = \begin{pmatrix} K_0 & K_0 & K_0 & K_0 & K_0 & K_0 \\ & & -K_0 & K_0 \end{pmatrix}$  and gapped interfaces L

#### **Output**: Coupled-wire Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{w}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dx \sum_{\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{4N} v_{\alpha\beta}^{\mathsf{w}} \partial_x \phi_{\boldsymbol{r},\alpha}^{\mathsf{w}} \partial_x \phi_{\boldsymbol{r},\beta}^{\mathsf{w}}, \qquad \qquad \Theta_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_y/2,a}^{\mathsf{w}} = \Phi_{\boldsymbol{r},2N+a}^{\mathsf{w}} + \Phi_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_y,a}^{\mathsf{w}}, \\ \Theta_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_z/2,a}^{\mathsf{w}} = \Phi_{\boldsymbol{r},3N+a}^{\mathsf{w}} + \Phi_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_z,N+a}^{\mathsf{w}}, \\ \Phi_{\boldsymbol{r},\alpha}^{\mathsf{w}} = \Lambda_{\boldsymbol{w},\alpha}^{\mathsf{w}} K_{\boldsymbol{w}} \phi_{\boldsymbol{r}}^{\mathsf{w}}.$$



--- Quasiparticles are always mobile along the x axis.

--- Mobility of quasiparticles in the yz plane is dictated by L.

We classify gapped interfaces between  $U(1)_k$  topological orders (Laughlin states) for small  $K_0 = k$ .

 $\rightarrow$  Construct 3d coupled-wire models for topological orders and (type-I) fracton orders.

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# Sorting fracton orders

	TQFT [D 5]	Foliated type I [D 4]	Fractal type I [D 2]	Type II [D 1]
Mobilities of particles	3	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0
Scaling of number of qubits	constant	subextensive	subextensive + fluctuations or fluctuating with subextensive envelope	fluct. $t_{\mathcal{S}}^{i}$ with subexter $\mathcal{N}$ envelope
Examples	3D toric code (with bosonic or fermionic charge)	checkerboard model X-cube model Chamon's model	Sierpinski FSL model cubic codes 0,5,6,9,11-17	cubic codes 1–4,7,8,10 Hsieh-Halsz-II model <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Our results are consistent with fractal type I or type II.

#### Our models always have quasiparticles moving along strips. $\rightarrow$ Presence of lineons

- --- 3d TQFT-type topological order with point- and loop-like excitations
- --- Foliated type-I fracton order with only planons
- --- Foliated type-I fracton order with lineons and planons
- --- Hybrid of TQFT-type topological order and foliated type-I fracton order
- --- Fractal type-I fracton order



# Foliated type-I fracton order with lineons and planons

(a)

Input: 
$$K_{e} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & & \\ & 4 & \\ & -4 & \\ & & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$
  $m_{1} = (1, 0, 3, 2)^{T},$   
 $m_{2} = (0, 1, 2, 3)^{T},$ 

Output:  

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda_{w,1} &= (-1,1,0,2)^T, \\
 \Lambda_{w,2} &= (0,-2,-1,1)^T, \\
 \Lambda_{w,3} &= (1,-1,-2,0)^T, \\
 \Lambda_{w,4} &= (2,0,1,-1)^T.
 \end{aligned}$$

--- l = 1 QPs are lineons.

- --- l = 2 QPs are planons in the [010] or [001] planes.
- --- Dipoles of l = 1 lineons are also planons.

 $\mathrm{GSD} = 2^2 \cdot 4^{L_y + L_z - 2}.$ 

--- Negative constant part in log(GSD)  $\rightarrow$  Nontrivial fracton order



# Hybrid of topological and fracton orders

Input: 
$$K_{\mathsf{e}} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & & \\ & 8 & \\ & -8 & \\ & & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$egin{aligned} m{m}_1 &= (1,1,7,7)^T, \ m{m}_2 &= (2,0,6,0)^T, \ m{m}_3 &= (4,4,0,0)^T, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},1} &= (2,-1,-2,1)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},2} &= (2,-1,2,-1)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},3} &= (2,1,-2,-1)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},4} &= (2,1,2,1)^T. \end{split}$$

- --- l = 4 QPs are point-like bosons in 3d.
- ---l = 2 QPs are planons in the [010] or [001] planes.
- --- l = 1 QPs form a loop-like excitation in yz plane.
- --- Extensive degeneracy arising from local plaquette loops.

 $GSD = 4 \cdot 2^{L_y L_z + L_y + L_z}$ 



# Hybrid of topological and fracton orders



Extensive degeneracy can be lifted by adding local perturbations

$$\mathcal{V}'_{\mathsf{w}} = -g' \int dx \sum_{\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \left[ X_{\boldsymbol{r}}^{\mathsf{plaq}}(x) + (X_{\boldsymbol{r}}^{\mathsf{plaq}}(x))^{\dagger} \right],$$

→ Resulting GSD becomes constant + subextensive.  $GSD' = 2^3 \cdot 2^{L_y + L_z}$ 

ightarrow Hybrid of Z2 gauge theory and fracton order with planons

Not a simple stack of topological and fracton orders!



Point-loop braiding  $\rightarrow$  Mutual  $\pi$  statistics



Planon-loop braiding  $\rightarrow$  Mutual  $\pi/2$  statistics

# Fractal type-I fracton order with lineons

Input: 
$$K_{e} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & & \\ & 7 & \\ & & -7 & \\ & & & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$
  $m_{1} = (1, 0, 2, 2)^{T},$   
 $m_{2} = (0, 1, 2, 5)^{T},$ 

Output:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},1} &= (1,2,0,-2)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},2} &= (0,-2,-1,-2)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},3} &= (2,0,-2,-1)^T, \\ \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathsf{w},4} &= (2,1,2,0)^T. \end{split}$$



Lagrangian subgroup does not contain pairs of quasiparticles.

 $\rightarrow$  Conjecture: No 3d point-like excitations or planons, but only lineons.

Sparse membrane operators  $\rightarrow$  Quasiparticles are created at boundaries of fractal-like operators?

### Fractal type-I fracton order with lineons

Dynamics of quasiparticles in yz plane  $\rightarrow$  2d classical seven-state Potts model

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{Potts}}^{U(1)_7} &= -J \sum_{\boldsymbol{r} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \left[ (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},1}^z)^2 (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},2}^z)^2 \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_y,1}^z \right. & (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j}^x)^7 = (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j}^z)^7 = 1, \\ &+ (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},1}^z)^2 (\sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},2}^z)^5 \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r}+\boldsymbol{e}_z,2}^z + \mathrm{H.c.} \right]. & \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j}^x \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j'}^z = \begin{cases} e^{2\pi i/7} \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r}',j'}^z \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j}^x & (\boldsymbol{r},j) = (\boldsymbol{r}',j') \\ \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r}',j'}^z \sigma_{\boldsymbol{r},j'}^x & (\boldsymbol{r},j) \neq (\boldsymbol{r}',j') \end{cases}$$

Ground-state degeneracy on  $L_x \times L \times L$  torus can be computed from the classical model.



Fractal-like structure  $\rightarrow$  Fractal type-I fracton order?

# Summary and outlooks

Coupled-wire construction provides exactly solvable models for cellular topological states.

They describe a variety of novel 3d topological and fracton orders:

- --- 3d TQFT-type topological order
- --- Foliated type-I fracton order
- --- Hybrid of TQFT-type topological order and foliated type-I fracton order
- --- Fractal type-I fracton order

Future directions:

- --- Cellular topological states from 2d non-Abelian topological orders
- --- Applications to microscopic lattice systems via bosonizations
- --- Effective quantum field theories for fracton orders
- --- Entanglement diagnostics of fracton orders