

Topological (chiral) spin liquids with PEPS ?



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- Spin liquids: trivial versus topological
- Chiral spin liquids, analogs of the Fractional Quantum Hall states: key features
- Some exemples / simple models hosting $SU(2)$ / $SU(N)$ CSL
- PEPS no-go theorem: no real “obstruction” to describe CSL with PEPS

Exotic «topological liquids» beyond the «order parameter» paradigm

- * no spontaneous broken symmetry
- * no local order but...
- * **Topological order**

[X. G. Wen, International Journal of Modern Physics B4, pp. 239-271 \(1990\)](#)

Excitations are fractionalized anyons



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Degeneracy from «topological order»



TWO TYPES OF SPIN LIQUIDS:

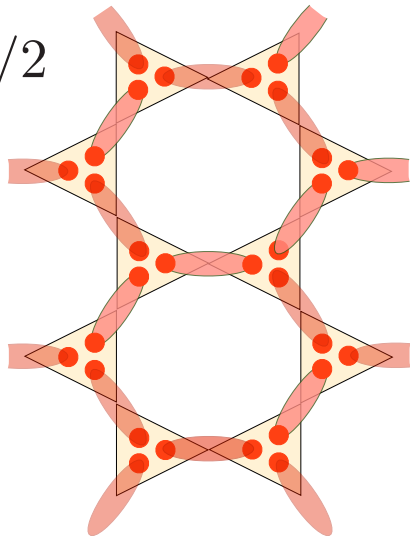
spin-S AKLT


$\text{Bi}_3\text{Mn}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{NO}_3)$ material

J. Lavoie et al., *Nat. Phys.* **6**, 850 (2010)

M. Matsuda et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **105**, 187201 (2010)

$$S = z/2$$



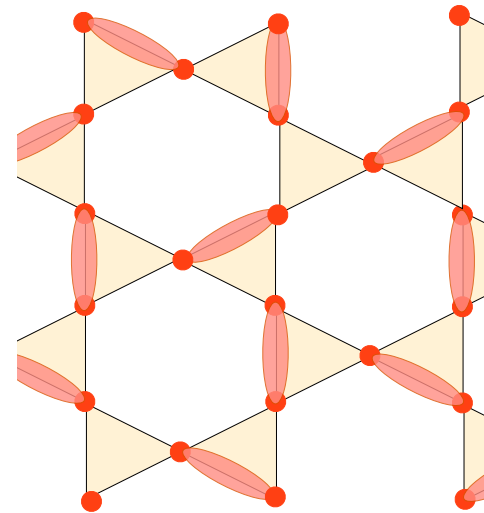

$$S = 0$$

«Trivial» liquid

spin-1/2 RVB

P. Fazekas and P.W. Anderson

Philosophical Magazine **30**, 423-440 (1974)



Equal-weight
superposition
of NN singlet
coverings

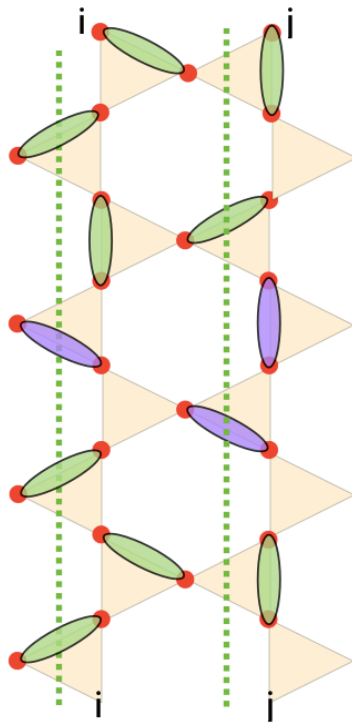
Topological liquid

Hasting-Oshikawa-LSM theorem

Topological sectors

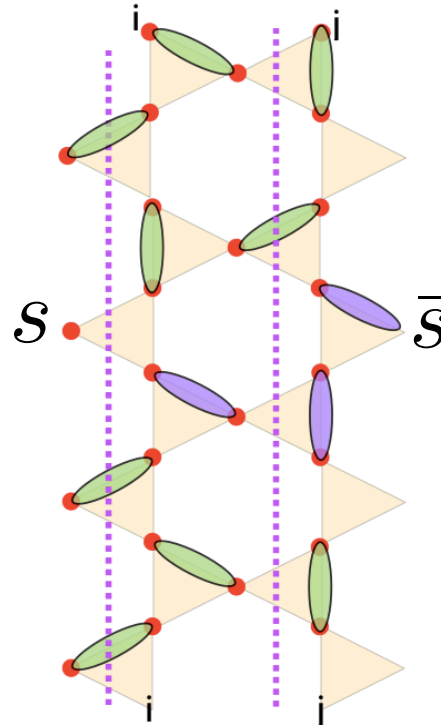


cylinder geometry



«even»

$$G_v = +1$$



«odd»

$$G_v = -1$$

Chiral topological spin liquids

- Topological (chiral) states are genuine in the field of the Fractional Quantum Hall effect
- Spin analogs on the lattice ?

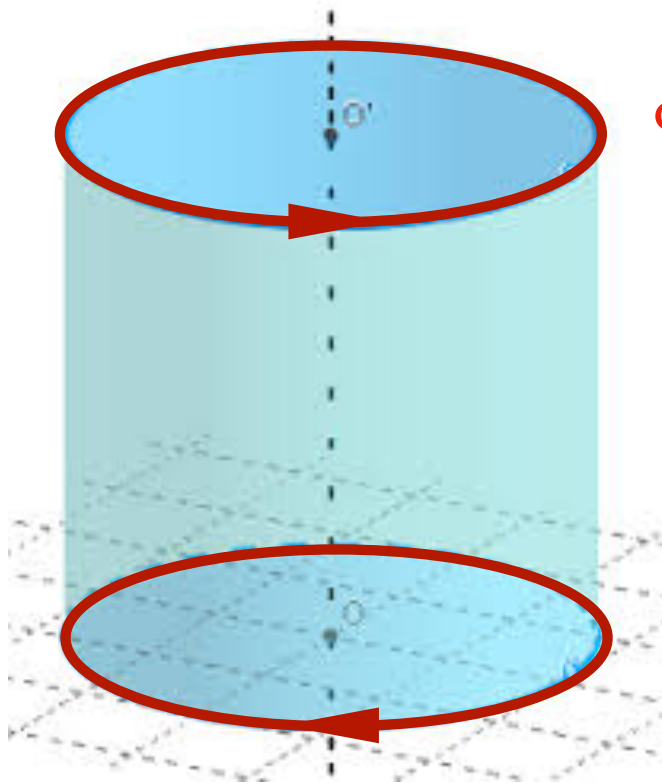
Chiral SL (CSL) analogs of FQH states

1. Abelian CSL analog of Laughlin FQH state
2. Non-Abelian CSL analogs of non-Abelian FQH states (Moore-Read, Read-Rezayi, etc...)

$\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ FQHS on a lattice (Kalmeyer-Laughlin, 1987):
($N=N_{\text{sites}}/2$)

➡ Paradigmatic “Abelian chiral spin liquid”

if T & P are broken :
chiral spin liquids
analogous of FQH states



Protected edge modes
described by Wess-Zumino-Witten
(WZW) $SU(N)_k$ CFTs



“Long range
entanglement”

Chiral spin-1/2 frustrated Heisenberg model on the square lattice

A. Nielsen, G. Sierra, J.I. Cirac, Nature Com. 4, 2864 (2013)

$$\psi_{P0}^{\text{CFT}}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N) \propto \left\langle \phi_{s_1}(z_1) \phi_{s_2}(z_2) \dots \phi_{s_N}(z_N) \right\rangle$$

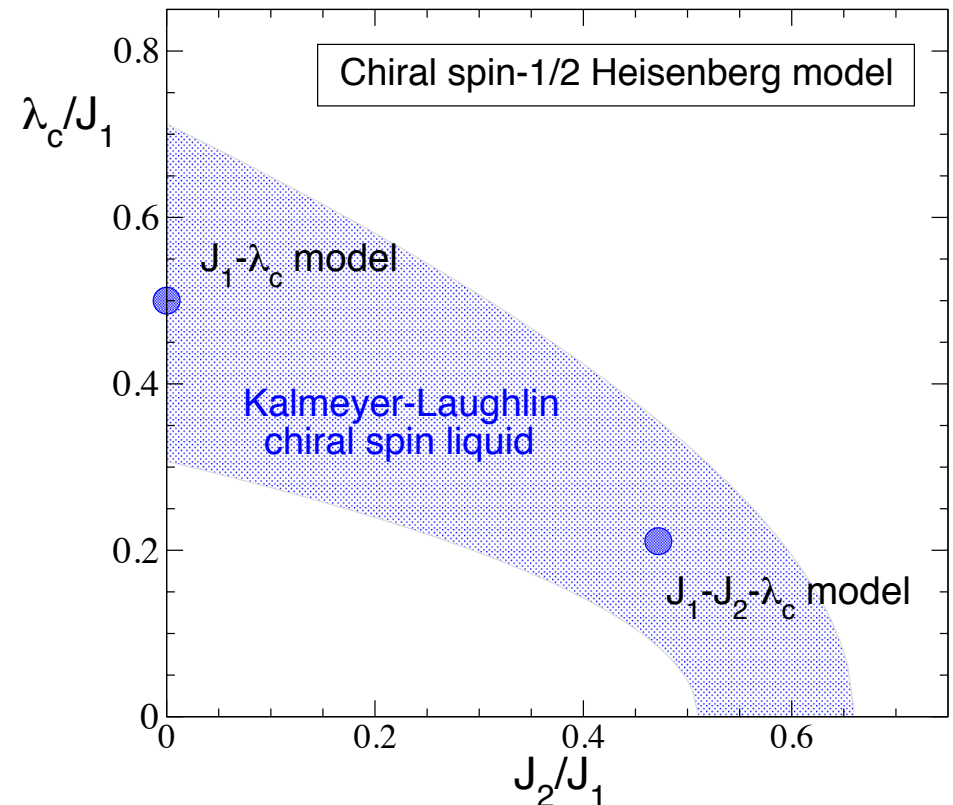
CFT correlator $SU(2)_1$ CFT

Parent Hamiltonien (long-range)

truncation

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle k,l \rangle\rangle} \mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l + \lambda_c \sum_{\square(ijkl)} i(P_{ijkl} - P_{ijkl}^{-1}),$$

Can be realized with synthetic gauge field

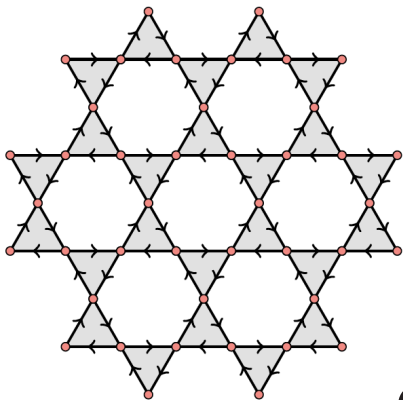


Schematic phase diagram based on their results

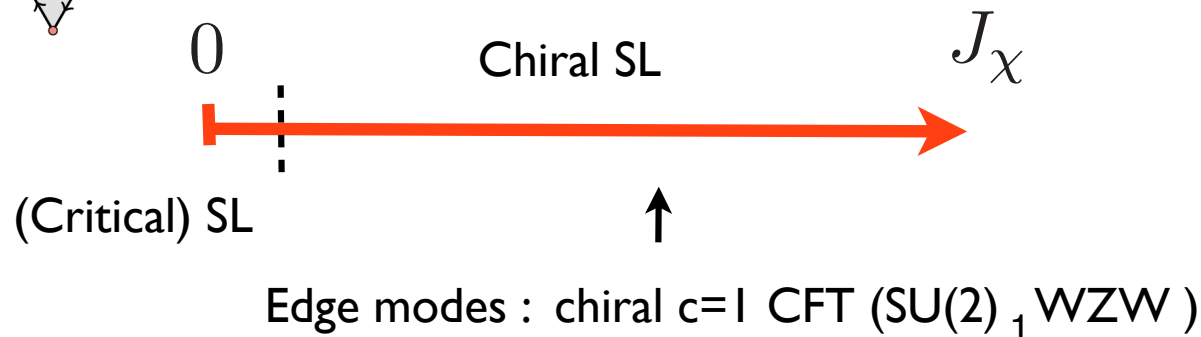
Abelian chiral SL in spin-1/2 chiral AFM (I)

[B. Bauer](#), [L. Cincio](#), [B. P. Keller](#), [M. Dolfi](#), [G. Vidal](#), [S. Trebst](#), [A. W. W. Ludwig](#)
Nature Communications 5, 5137 (2014)

Kagome lattice



$$H = J_{\text{HB}} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J_{\chi} \sum_{i,j,k \in \Delta} \vec{S}_i \cdot (\vec{S}_j \times \vec{S}_k)$$



More Abelian CSL in spin-1/2 AFM...

- Triangular lattice

[Shou-shu Gong et al.,](#) , Phys. Rev. B 96, xx (2017)

[A. Wietek, A.M. Lauchli,](#) Phys. Rev. B 95, 035141 (2017)

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking in J_1 - J_2 - J_3 kagome AFM

[S. Gong, W. Zhu, D.N. Sheng,](#) Nat. Sci. Rep. 4, 6317 (2014)

[Yin-Chen He et al.,](#) PRL 112 (2014)

[A. Wietek, A. Sterdyniak, A.M. Lauchli,](#) Phys. Rev. B 92, 125122 (2015)

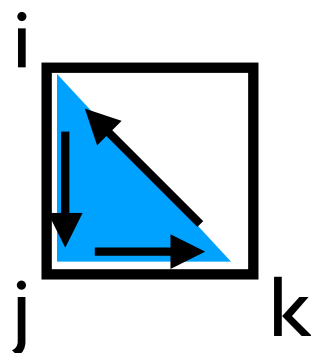
Extension to SU(N) Heisenberg models on the square lattice

N-dim fundamental irrep on every site : □

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} P_{ij} + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle k,l \rangle\rangle} P_{kl}$$

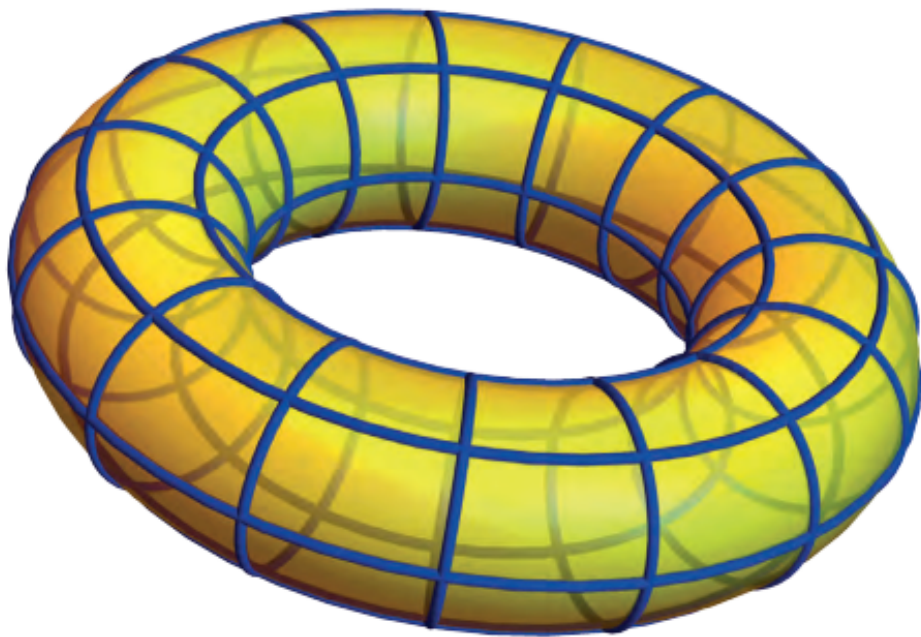
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$$+ J_R \sum_{\Delta ijk} (P_{ijk} + P_{ijk}^{-1}) + iJ_I \sum_{\Delta ijk} (P_{ijk} - P_{ijk}^{-1})$$

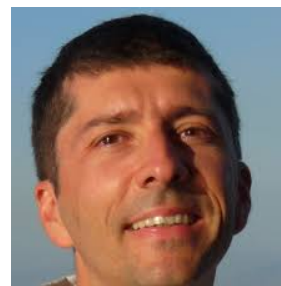


J.-Y. Chen, J.-W. Li, P. Nataf, S. Capponi, M. Mambrini, K. Totsuka, H.-H. Tu,
A. Weichselbaum, J. von Delft & DP, Phys. Rev. B104, 235104 (2021)

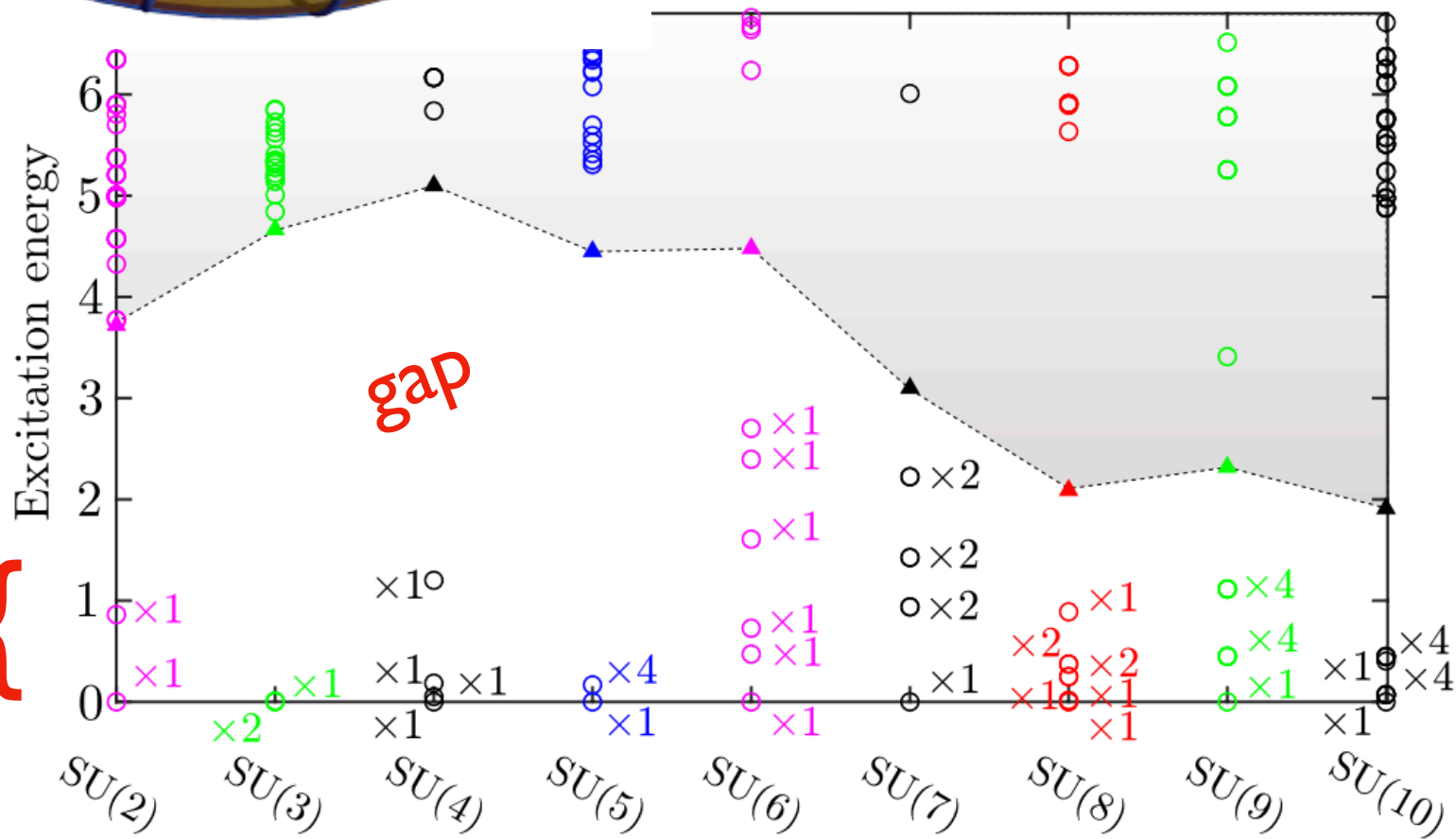
See also e.g. P. Nataf et al. PRL 2016 for **triangular lattice**

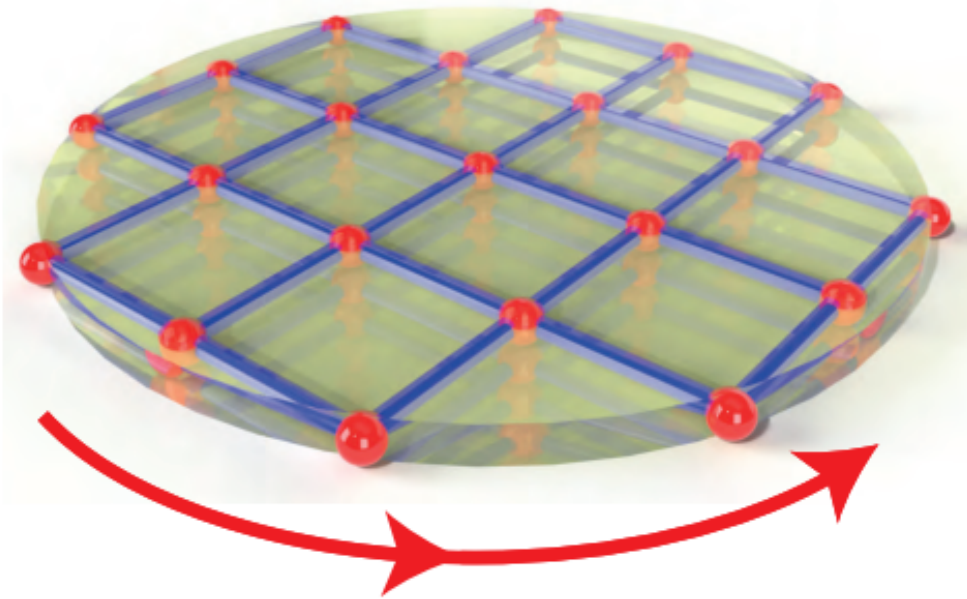


ED on torus geometry



Topo deg
(N-fold) {

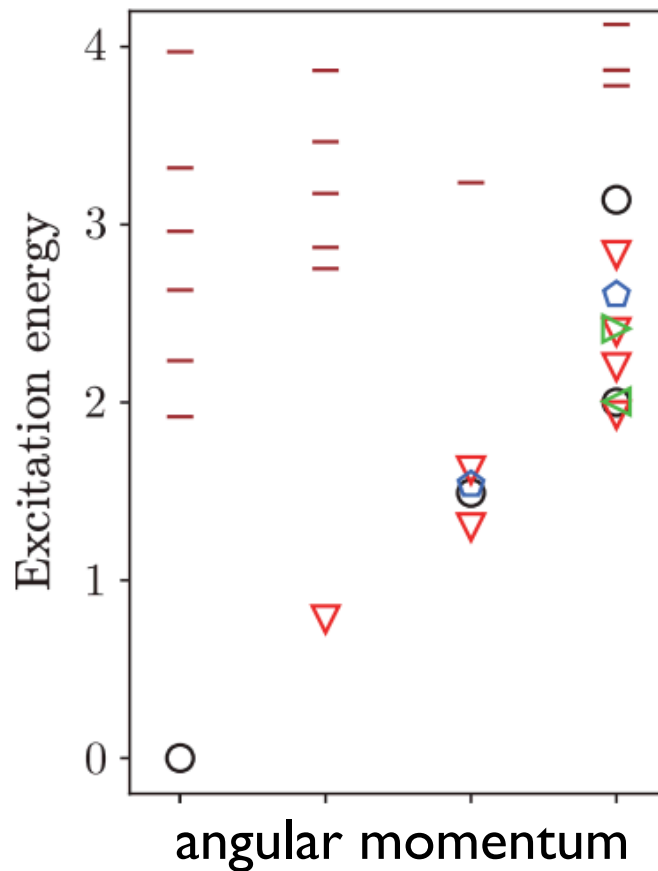




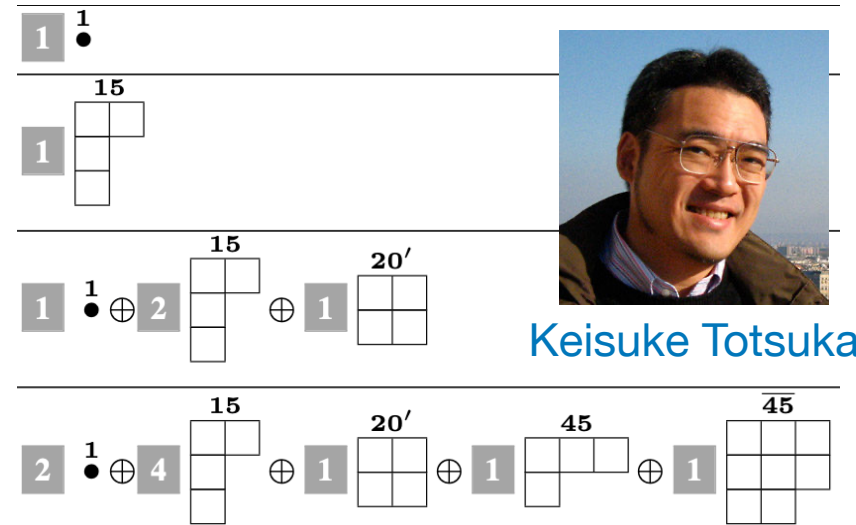
ED on open systems

SU(4)
 $N_s = 16$

- 1
- ▽ 15
- ◇ 20'
- ▽ 45
- △ 45
- other



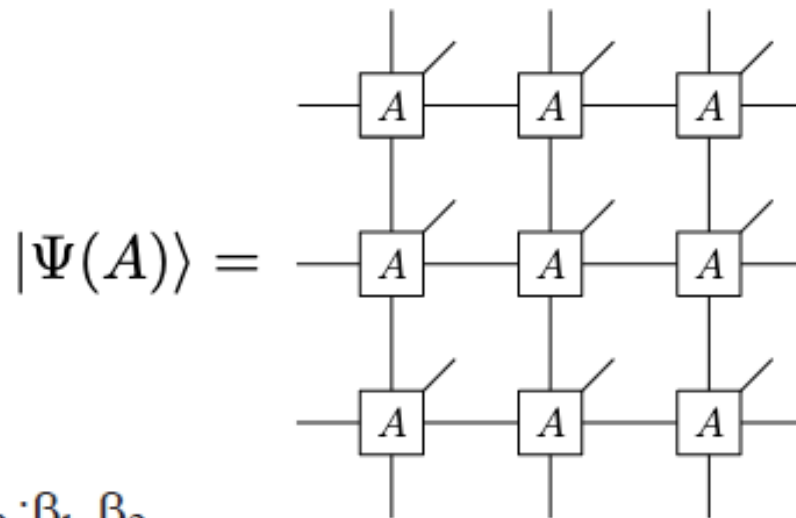
WZW SU(4)₁ CFT



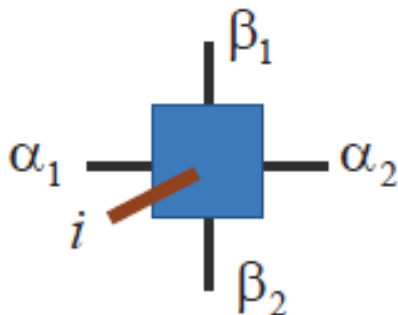
PEPS tensor networks as variational ansatz

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum C_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N\rangle$$

$$i = \{1, \dots, d_{\text{phys}}\}$$



$$A_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2}^i$$



$$\alpha, \beta = \{1, \dots, D\}$$

I. Cirac
F. Verstraete
G. Vidal

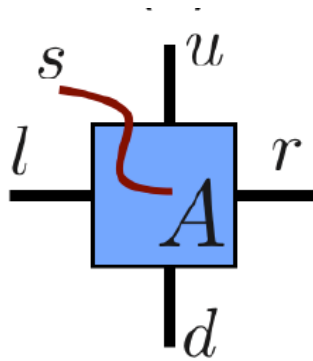
dimension of auxiliary
(or virtual) space

infinite-PEPS or “iPEPS”
in thermodynamic limit

PEPS with continuous U(1) or SU(N) symmetries

First, introduced for SU(2)-invariant PEPS

M. Mambrini, R. Orus & DP, Phys. Rev. B 94, 205124 (2016)



* virtual space : $V = S_1 \oplus S_2 \oplus \dots \oplus S_p$

Can be adapted to SU(N) (Ji-Yao Chen)

Add discrete point group symmetry

Chiral PEPS ansatz: $A = A_R + iA_I$

$$A_R = \sum_{\alpha} \lambda_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}^{(A_1)} \quad A_I = \sum_{\beta} \gamma_{\beta} A_{\beta}^{(A_2)}$$

Different irreps !

DP, J. Ignacio Cirac & Norbert Schuch, Phys. Rev. B 91, 224431 (2015)

SU(2) CSL in frustrated models with iPEPS

Symmetric PEPS

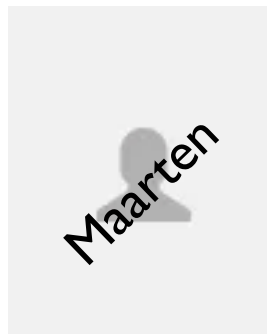
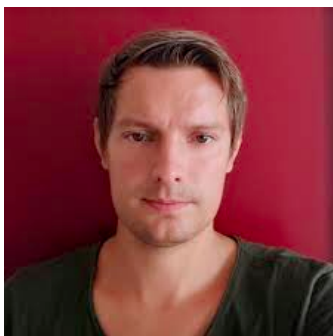


DP, Phys. Rev. B **96**, 121118 (2017)

J. Hasik, M. Van Damme, DP, L. Vanderstraeten,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **129**, 1772001 (2022).



Non-symmetric PEPS



No-go theorem for chiral PEPS

Chiral TNS of **free fermions** (Gaussian PEPS) have
no **gapped local** parent Hamiltonians

[J. Dubail](#), [N. Read](#)

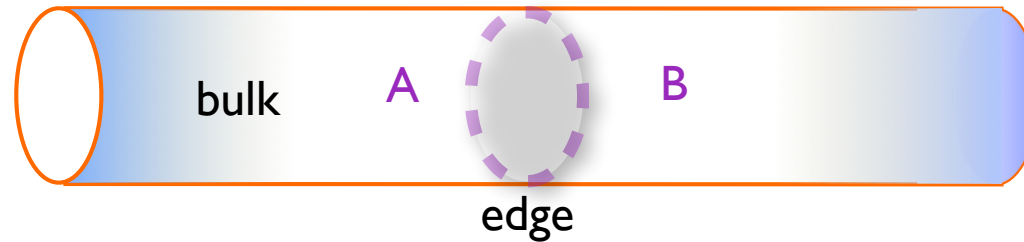
Phys. Rev. B 92, 205307 (2015)

[T.B. Wahl](#), [H.-H. Tu](#), [N. Schuch](#), [J.I. Cirac](#)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 236805 (2013)

For **interacting spins**,
likely such a no-go theorem applies
(see argument next)

Hand-waiving argument from PEPS bulk-edge correspondence



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| = \exp(-H_b)$$

$$\xi_{\text{bulk}} \sim \lambda \quad \text{range of boundary H}$$

J. Ignacio Cirac, DP, Norbert Schuch, Frank Verstraete, Phys. Rev. B 83, 245134 (2011)

If chiral edge mode (with discontinuous dispersion)



Boundary H long-range



bulk-edge correspondence

Bulk correlation length (strictly speaking) infinite

Nevertheless, is there a real obstruction to construct
“Physically relevant” chiral topological PEPS ?

iPEPS method

- Environment constructed by renormalization of the corner transfer matrix (CTM)

T. Nishino & K. Okunichi, J. Phys. Soc. J. **65**, 891 (1996)
R. Orus & G. Vidal, Phys. Rev. B **80**, 094403 (2009)

- Variational optimisation scheme based on a conjugate gradient method

L. Vanderstraeten, J. Haegeman, P. Corboz, F. Verstraete,

Phys. Rev. B **94**, 155123 (2016)

used for non-chiral AFM:

DP & M. Mambrini, Phys. Rev. B **96**, 014414 (2017)

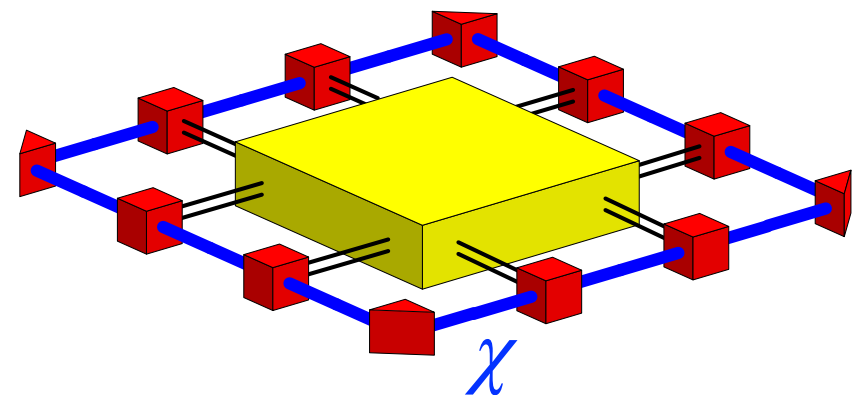
used for spin-1/2 chiral AFM: DP, Phys. Rev. B **96**, 121118 (2017)

- If non-symmetric PEPS: use automatic differentiation

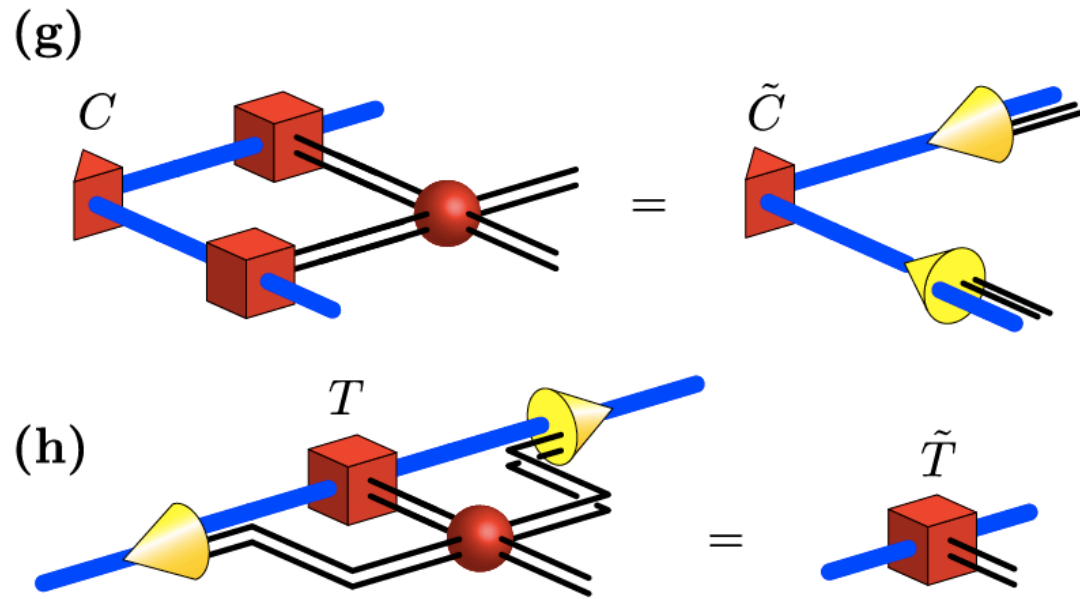
J. Hasik (2019)

$$\langle \Psi_{\text{PEPS}} | H_{\square} | \Psi_{\text{PEPS}} \rangle$$

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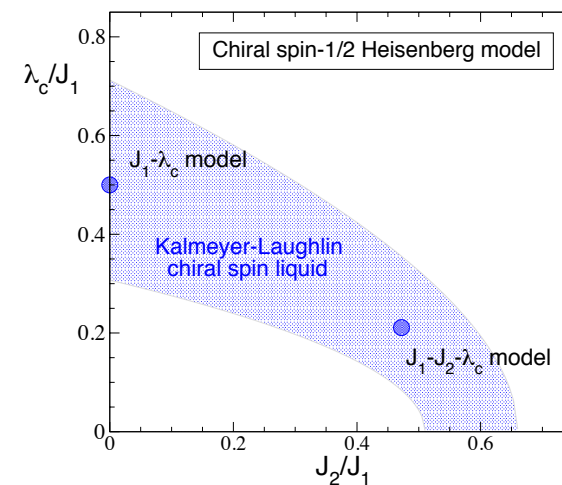
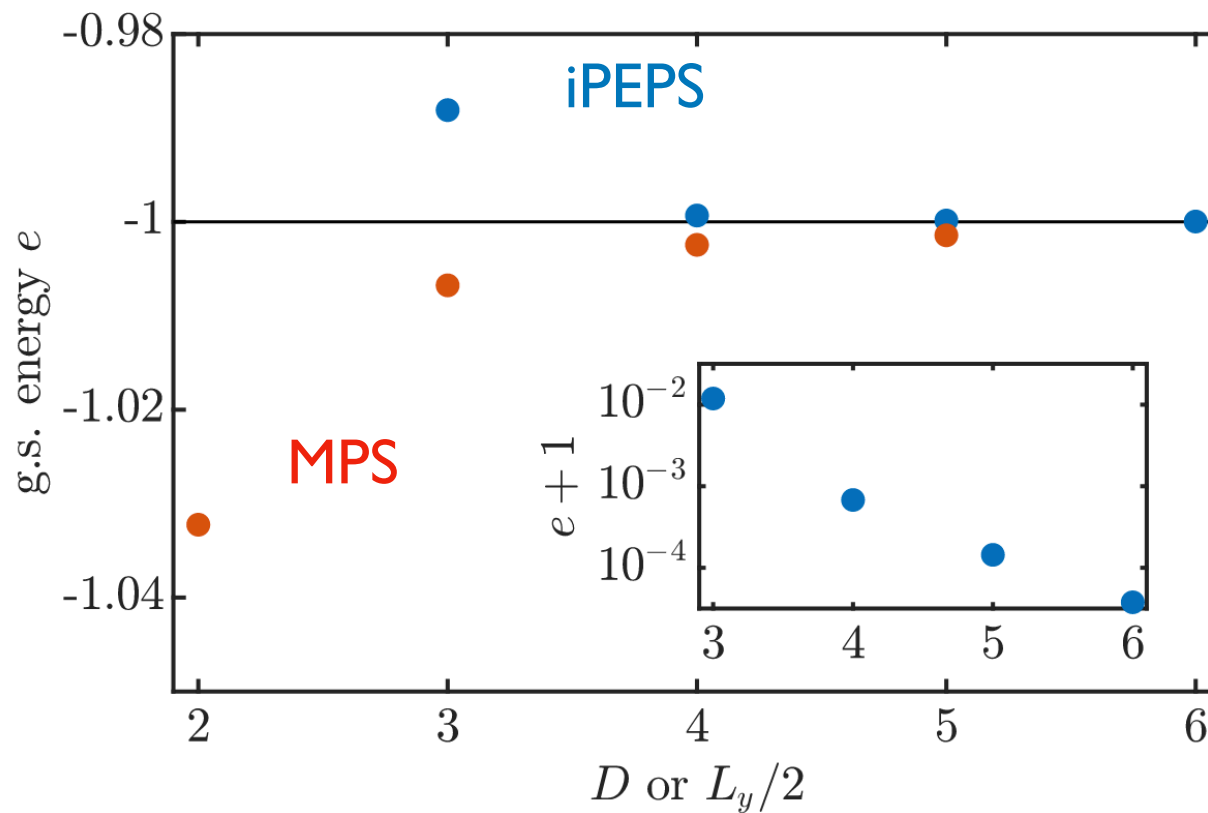
CTM Renormalization Group algorithm



- Specific features for symmetric PEPS providing better stability :
 - The CTM is Hermitian \rightarrow SVD replaced by ED (better stability)
 - All C (corner) and T (edges) matrices are the same
 - $SU(2)$ symmetry preserved in the CTM fixed point.

SU(2) case

Energetics



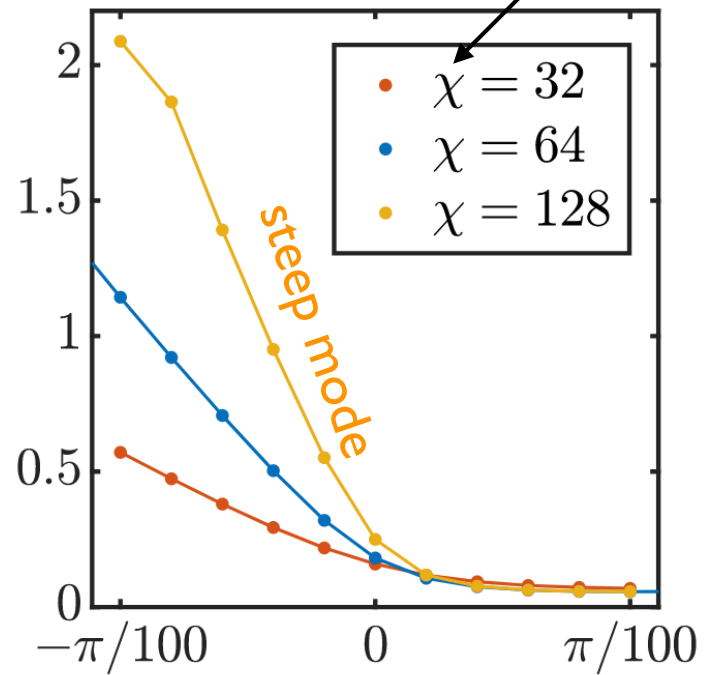
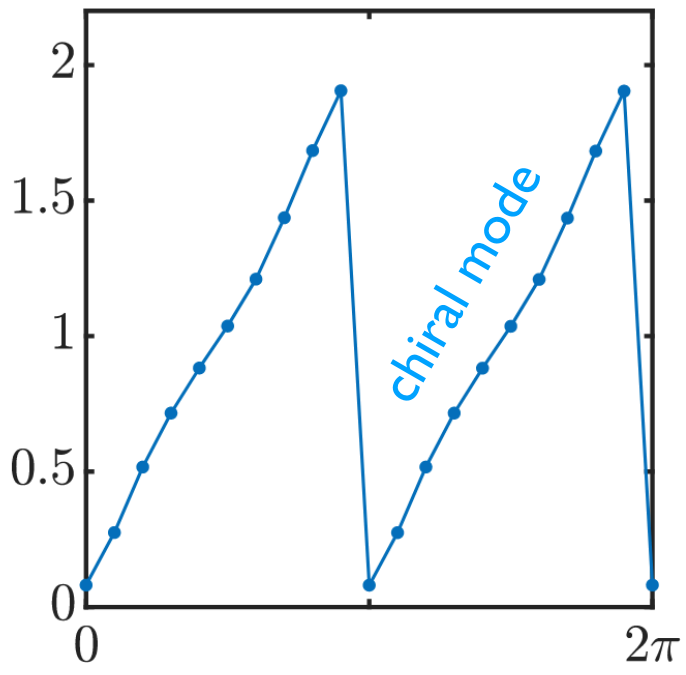
Faster convergence than state-of-the-art
MPS on cylinders !

Entanglement spectrum

(infinitely-long edge)

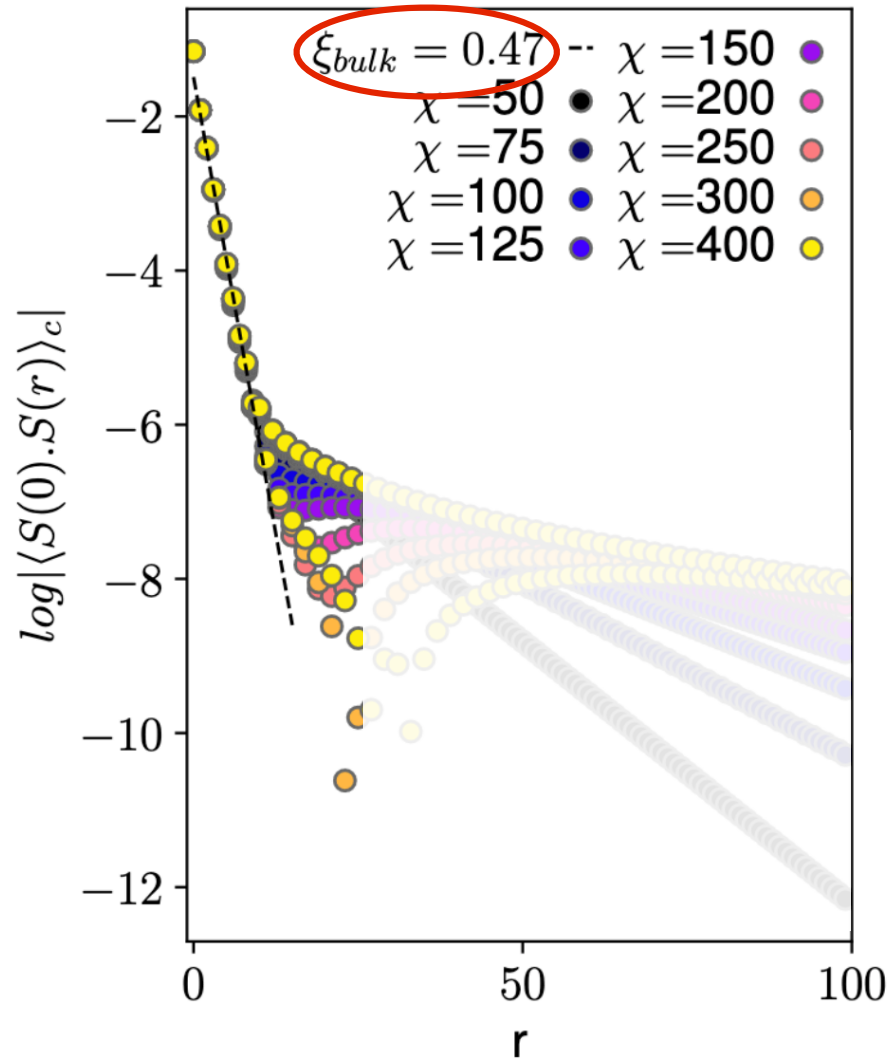
D=5, particle ansatz method

CTMRG environment dimension



Perfectly chiral when $\chi \rightarrow \infty$

Very fast decay of spin-spin correlations

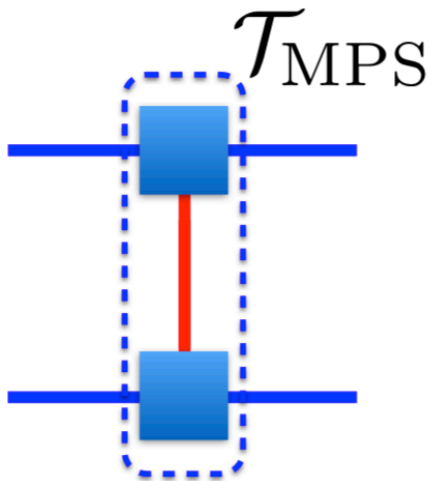


D=5 iPEPS

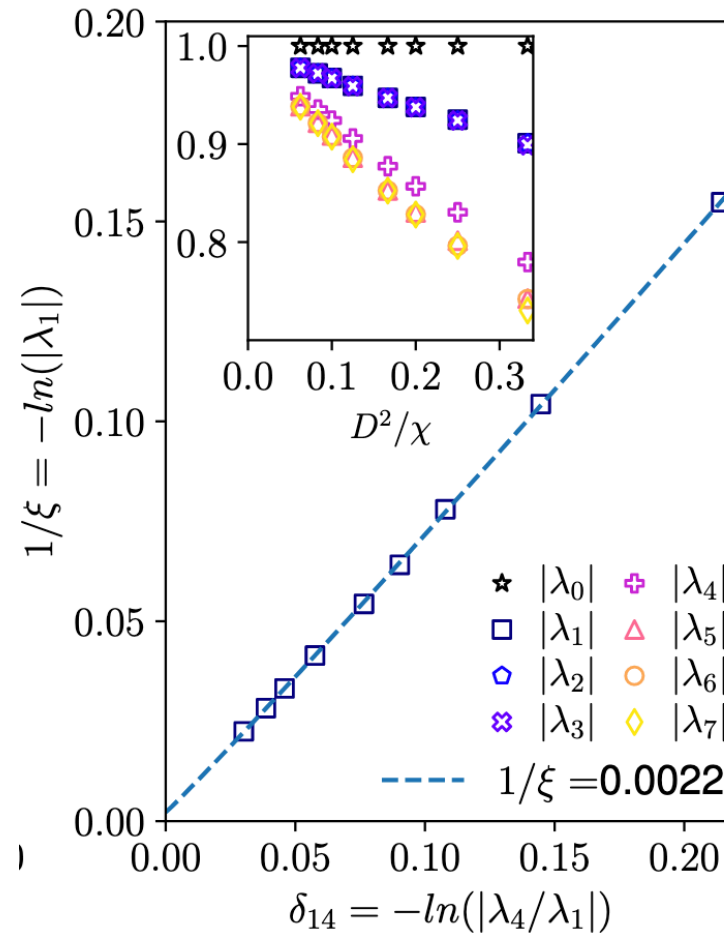
Consistent with bulk gap

But... diverging correlation length !

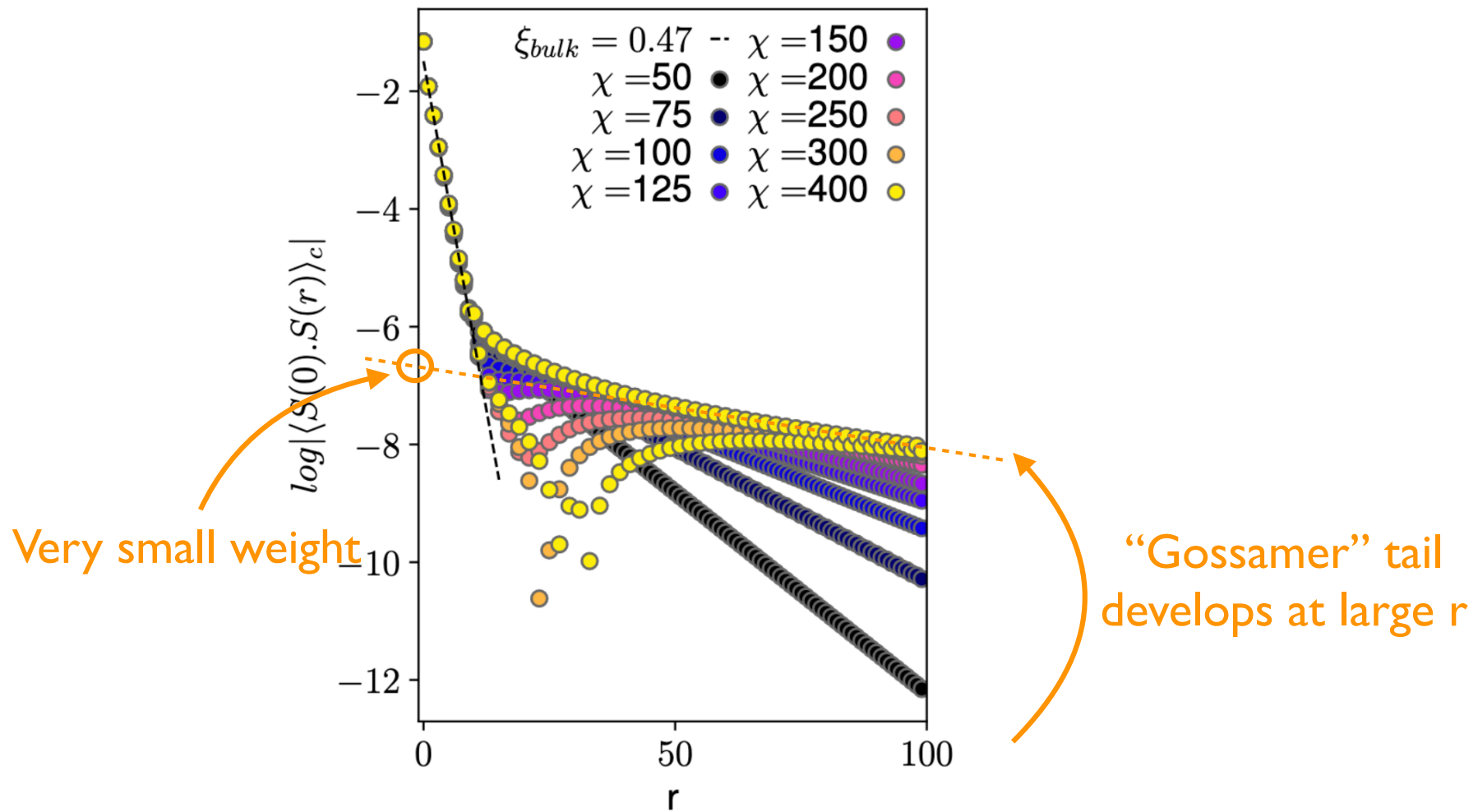
Transfer matrix



$$\xi_n = -1/\ln(\lambda_n/\lambda_{\max})$$



Closer look at spin-spin correlations...

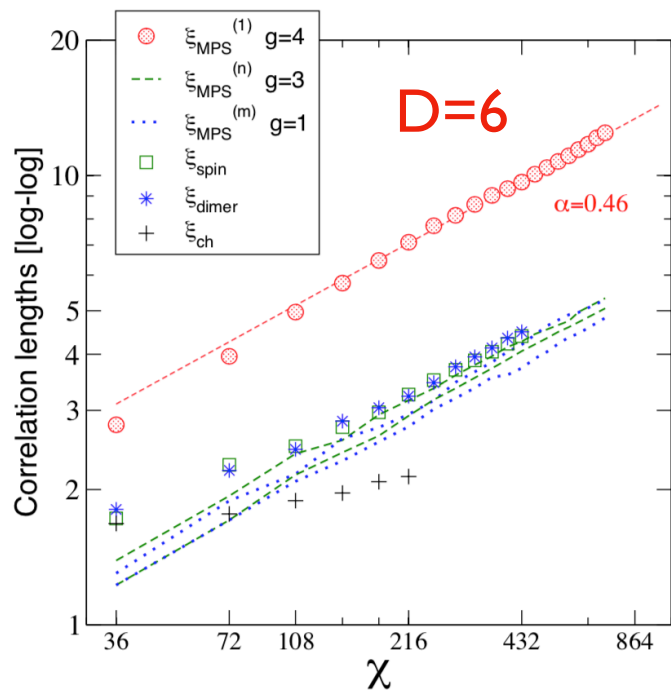


$$C(d) = C_{\text{bulk}}(d) + C_{\text{tail}}(d)$$

$$C_{\text{tail}}(d) = \sum_{i > i_{\text{tail}}} w(\xi_i) \exp(-d/\xi_i)$$

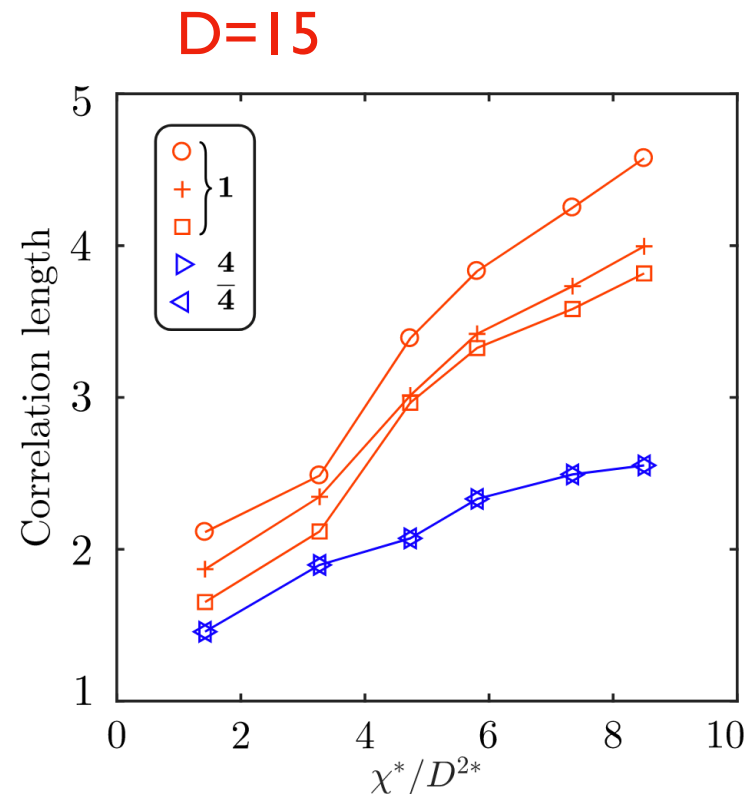
Discussion (1a)

- Similar features in higher-S SU(2) and SU(N) CSL (square lattice) :



Spin-1 SU(2)₂ non-Abelian CSL

Ji-Yao Chen, Laurens Vanderstraeten, Sylvain Capponi & DP
Phys. Rev. B 98, 184409 (2018)



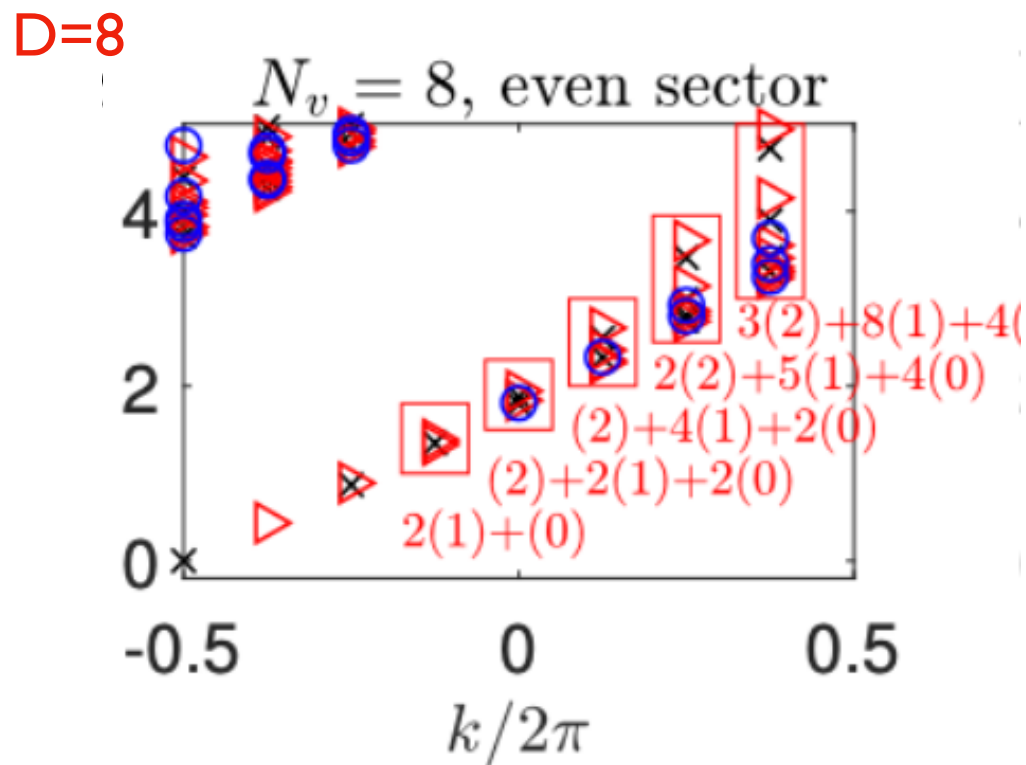
SU(4)₁ Abelian CSL

Ji-Yao Chen, Jheng-Wei Li, Pierre Nataf et al.
Phys. Rev. B 104, 235104 (2021)

Discussion (1b)

- Similar features in other lattices :

Kagome spin-1/2 $SU(2)_1$ CSL:



[Sen Niu, Juraj Hasik, Ji-Yao Chen & DP](#)
arXiv:2209.04485 (2022)

Discussion (II)

- Chiral PEPS possess all features of top CSL. Topo order from Z_N gauge symmetry.
- The long-range correlation “tail” is an artifact of chiral PEPS needed to comply with PEPS bulk-edge correspondence
- NOT a practical limitation in PEPS descriptions of chiral SL
- TN techniques are variational approaches becoming as successful in 2D (and 3D ?) as DMRG in 1D.
- Can provide classification of topological phases of quantum spin systems

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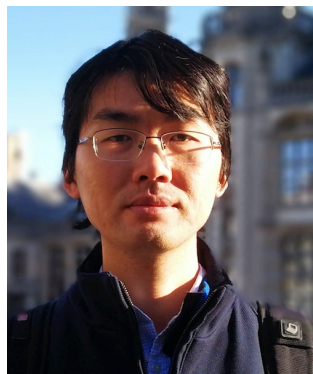
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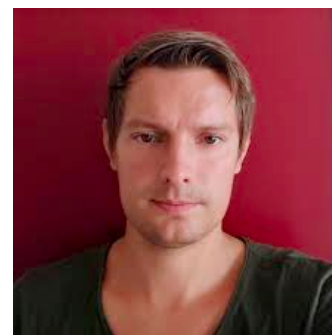
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