

# Projected BCS states and spin Hamiltonians for the $SO(n)_1$ Wess-Zumino-Witten model

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**Introduction.** An efficient description of quantum many-body systems is a challenging problem in modern physics, as the dimension of the Hilbert space scales exponentially with the number of particles. For strongly interacting many-body systems, much of our understanding of their properties comes from physically motivated trial wave functions and/or exact solutions of specific models. A great success of the trial wave-function approach is the celebrated Laughlin wave function for the fractional quantum Hall effect at  $1/m$  (with  $m$  odd) filling.<sup>1</sup> Toward exact results, Bethe's solution of the spin-1/2 Heisenberg chain<sup>2</sup> and integrability of the spin-1/2 Haldane-Shastry model<sup>3</sup> provide invaluable insight for critical spin-1/2 chains.

The justification of trial wave functions is usually a difficult task. For example, the relevance of Anderson's resonating valence bond (RVB) state<sup>4</sup> for the mechanism of high- $T_c$  superconductivity is still a controversial issue. A useful technique for justifying trial wave functions is to study their parent Hamiltonians for which the trial wave functions are exact ground states. For the Laughlin wave function, the parent Hamiltonian which consists of certain Haldane pseudopotentials<sup>5</sup> differs from physical Coulomb interactions but their difference can be viewed as a perturbation.<sup>6</sup> A similar situation arises for the spin-1 Affleck-Kennedy-Lieb-Tasaki (AKLT) state and its parent Hamiltonian,<sup>7</sup> which contains an extra biquadratic term apart from Heisenberg interactions. Since the spin-1 AKLT model can be adiabatically connected to the spin-1 Heisenberg chain without closing the gap, it is widely believed that the AKLT state qualitatively captures the physics of the spin-1 Heisenberg chain.

In this Rapid Communication, we propose a class of projected BCS states and derive their parent Hamiltonians. These states can also be represented as infinite matrix product states (MPSs)<sup>8</sup> constructed from chiral correlators of Majorana fermions. In one dimension, the spin Hamiltonians are  $SO(n)$  generalizations of Haldane-Shastry models. We numerically calculate the spin-spin correlation functions and the Rényi entropies for  $n = 5$  and  $6$  and compare the numerical results with field theory predictions from  $SO(n)_1$  criticality. Together with the known results for  $n = 3$  and  $4$ , we expect that for general  $n$  these states are critical and belong to the  $SO(n)_1$  Wess-Zumino-Witten (WZW) universality class. We also show that the projected BCS states with modified Cooper pair wave functions provide a good description for Ising ordered

and disordered phases close to  $SO(n)_1$  criticality. In two dimensions, the projected BCS states are chiral spin liquids with  $p + ip$  pairing symmetry. We find that these topological states support non-Abelian Ising anyons for odd  $n$  and Abelian anyons for even  $n$ , respectively.

**Projected BCS wave function.** Constructing the projected BCS wave functions relies on a slave-particle representation of the  $SO(n)$  algebra. Let us start from a one-dimensional (1D) periodic chain with even  $N$  sites, where the  $n$  vectors in each site are represented by using singly occupied fermions,  $|n^a\rangle = c_a^\dagger|0\rangle$  ( $a = 1, \dots, n$ ). In terms of fermions, the  $SO(n)$  generators are written as  $L^{ab} = i(c_a^\dagger c_b - c_b^\dagger c_a)$ , where  $1 \leq a < b \leq n$ . To remove unphysical states in this fermionic representation, a single-occupancy constraint is required,  $\sum_{a=1}^n c_{j,a}^\dagger c_{j,a} = 1 \forall j = 1, \dots, N$ , which defines a Gutzwiller projector  $P_G$ . Then, the projected BCS wave function of our interest is defined by

$$|\Psi\rangle = P_G \exp \left( \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \sum_{a=1}^n c_{i,a}^\dagger c_{j,a}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle, \quad (1)$$

where  $\sum_{a=1}^n c_{i,a}^\dagger c_{j,a}^\dagger$  creates an  $SO(n)$  singlet between sites  $i$  and  $j$ . Note that  $|\Psi\rangle$  is a coherent superposition of valence-bond singlets of arbitrary range (see Fig. 1) and hence can be viewed as an RVB state.<sup>4</sup> If we choose  $z_j = \exp(i \frac{2\pi}{N} j)$ , the amplitude of the Cooper pair wave function  $1/|z_i - z_j|$  is the inverse of the chord distance between the sites. Under this choice,  $|\Psi\rangle$  is both real and translationally invariant, which is the uniform case that we will consider in the following.

Before discussing the properties of  $|\Psi\rangle$  for general  $n$ , we establish the relation between (1) and some known results. For  $n = 3$ , after switching to the standard spin-1 basis  $|n^1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|-1\rangle - |1\rangle)$ ,  $|n^2\rangle = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(|-1\rangle + |1\rangle)$ ,  $|n^3\rangle = |0\rangle$ , we find that the projected BCS state (1) is equivalent to the spin-1 Haldane-Shastry state, which has been considered in Refs. 9–11. It was shown<sup>9,10</sup> that this state is critical and its low-energy effective theory is an  $SU(2)_2$  [or equivalently  $SO(3)_1$ ] WZW model. In a recent work,<sup>12</sup> a projected BCS wave function similar to (1) is used as a variational ansatz to describe the phases in the spin-1 bilinear-biquadratic chain, including the Takhtajan-Babujian model<sup>13</sup> which also belongs to the  $SU(2)_2$  WZW universality class.<sup>14</sup> For  $n = 4$ , after representing the four  $SO(4)$  vectors by two spin-1/2 states,

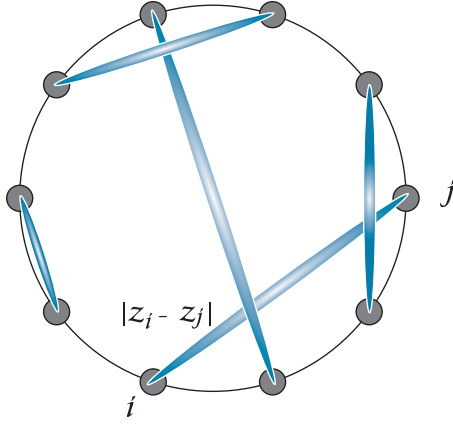


FIG. 1. (Color online) Schematic of a valence-bond configuration in the projected BCS state (1). The valence bonds (blue) are  $\text{SO}(n)$  singlets formed by two  $\text{SO}(n)$  vectors. In the uniform case  $z_j = \exp(i \frac{2\pi}{N} j)$ , the periodic chain is viewed as a unit circle and  $|z_i - z_j|$  is the chord distance between two sites.

we find that the projected BCS state (1) can be rewritten as a product of two decoupled spin-1/2 Haldane-Shastry states. An immediate consequence of this decomposition is that the  $\text{SO}(4)$  state is critical and represents the fixed point of the  $\text{SO}(4)_1$  WZW model.

*Infinite MPS and parent Hamiltonian.* From the known results for  $n = 3$  and  $4$ , one may speculate that for general  $n$  the projected BCS state (1) belongs to the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW universality class. Let us further uncover this relationship by formulating (1) as an infinite MPS. The  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model has a primary field with conformal weight  $h_v = 1/2$  in the vector representation,<sup>15</sup> which can be naturally interpreted as Majorana fermion fields  $\chi^a(z)$  ( $a = 1, \dots, n$ ). This Majorana representation of the primary field allows us to rewrite the projected BCS state (1) as the following infinite MPS:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_N=1}^n \Psi(a_1, \dots, a_N) |n^{a_1}, \dots, n^{a_N}\rangle, \quad (2)$$

where the coefficients are the chiral correlators of  $N$  Majorana fields<sup>16</sup>

$$\Psi(a_1, \dots, a_N) = \langle \chi^{a_1}(z_1) \chi^{a_2}(z_2) \cdots \chi^{a_N}(z_N) \rangle. \quad (3)$$

A detailed proof of the equivalence of the projected BCS state (1) and the infinite MPS (3) is given in the Supplemental Material.<sup>17</sup>

Unlike usual MPS with finite matrix dimensions, the state (3) is an infinite MPS,<sup>8</sup> since its ancillary space on which the Majorana fields act is an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. This allows the infinite MPS (3) to describe the expected  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  criticality with unbounded increase of the entanglement entropy.

The key benefit of the infinite MPS formulation is that a parent Hamiltonian can be derived, such that (3) is its exact ground state. As shown in Ref. 9, the presence of null vectors in conformal field theories (CFTs) leads to a set of operators which annihilate the infinite MPS. Following this approach,

we have derived<sup>17</sup> such operators for (3),

$$\Lambda_i^{ab} = \sum_{j(\neq i)} \frac{w_{ij}}{3} \left( 2L_j^{ab} - \frac{3}{n-1} L_i^{ab} (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j) + (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j) L_i^{ab} \right),$$

where  $w_{ij} \equiv (z_i + z_j)/(z_i - z_j)$  and  $\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j \equiv \sum_{a < b} L_i^{ab} L_j^{ab}$ . Since  $\Lambda_i^{ab} |\Psi\rangle = 0 \ \forall i, a, b$  and  $\sum_i L_i^{ab} |\Psi\rangle = 0 \ \forall a, b$ , we can define a parent Hamiltonian  $H = \sum_{i, a < b} (\Lambda_i^{ab})^\dagger \Lambda_i^{ab} + \frac{2(N-2)}{3} \sum_{a < b} (\sum_i L_i^{ab})^2 + E_0$  whose ground state is the infinite MPS (3) with energy  $E_0$ . Choosing  $E_0 = -\frac{2}{9}(n-1)N(N^2-4)$ , the explicit form of  $H$  is given by

$$H = - \sum_{i \neq j} w_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{n+2}{3} (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j) + \frac{n-4}{3(n-1)} (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j)^2 \right) - \frac{n-4}{3(n-1)} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} w_{ij} w_{ik} (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_j) (\vec{L}_i \cdot \vec{L}_k). \quad (4)$$

Generically, the Hamiltonian (4) is a long-ranged  $\text{SO}(n)$  bilinear-biquadratic model with three-spin interactions. For  $n = 4$ , as we expected, the Hamiltonian only has inverse-square Heisenberg exchange interactions, which can be decomposed into two spin-1/2 Haldane-Shastry Hamiltonians due to  $\text{SO}(4) \simeq \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)$ .

*Jastrow versus Pfaffian.* It is well known that the  $\text{SO}(n)$  Lie algebra has a sharp difference between even and odd  $n$ .<sup>18</sup> As we shall see, this leads to distinct forms of the wave function (1) in the Cartan basis for even and odd  $n$ : The former has a pure Jastrow form, while the latter includes a Pfaffian factor. To see this difference, let us consider  $\text{SO}(2l)$  and  $\text{SO}(2l+1)$  ( $l$ : integer) and choose mutually commuting Cartan generators as  $L^{12}, L^{34}, \dots, L^{2l-1, 2l}$ . For  $\text{SO}(2l)$ , a convenient choice of the Cartan basis is defined by  $|0, \dots, m_\alpha = \pm 1, \dots, 0\rangle = (|n^{2\alpha} \pm i|n^{2\alpha-1}\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  ( $\alpha = 1, \dots, l$ ), where  $m_\alpha$  is the eigenvalue of  $L^{2\alpha-1, 2\alpha}$ . For the vectors  $|0, \dots, m_\alpha = \pm 1, \dots, 0\rangle$ , we label their positions in the spin chain by  $x_1^{(\alpha)} < \dots < x_{N_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}$ . In this basis, the wave function (1) for even  $n = 2l$  takes the form<sup>17</sup>

$$\Psi(\{m\}) = \rho_m \prod_{\alpha=1}^l \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{m_{\alpha,i} m_{\alpha,j}}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\rho_m = \text{sgn}(x_1^{(1)} \dots x_{N_1}^{(1)} \dots x_1^{(l)} \dots x_{N_l}^{(l)})$  (sgn: signature of a permutation) if  $\sum_i m_{\alpha,i} = 0 \ \forall \alpha$  and  $\rho_m = 0$  otherwise.

For  $\text{SO}(2l+1)$ , apart from the vectors  $|0, \dots, m_\alpha = \pm 1, \dots, 0\rangle$ , there exists an additional vector  $|0, \dots, 0\rangle = |n^{2l+1}\rangle$ , which is annihilated by all Cartan generators. Labeling their positions by  $x_1^{(0)} < \dots < x_{N_0}^{(0)}$ , the wave function (1) for odd  $n = 2l+1$  is written as<sup>17</sup>

$$\Psi(\{m\}) = \rho_m \text{Pf}_0 \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) \prod_{\alpha=1}^l \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{m_{\alpha,i} m_{\alpha,j}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\rho_m = \text{sgn}(x_1^{(0)} \dots x_{N_0}^{(0)} x_1^{(1)} \dots x_{N_1}^{(1)} \dots x_1^{(l)} \dots x_{N_l}^{(l)})$  if  $\sum_i m_{\alpha,i} = 0 \ \forall \alpha$  and  $\rho_m = 0$  otherwise, and the Pfaffian factor  $\text{Pf}_0(\frac{1}{z_i - z_j})$  is restricted to the positions for the extra vector  $|0, \dots, 0\rangle$ .

*Numerical results.* The power-law decaying correlation functions and the universal scaling of entanglement entropy<sup>19</sup> are characteristic behaviors of conformal critical points in

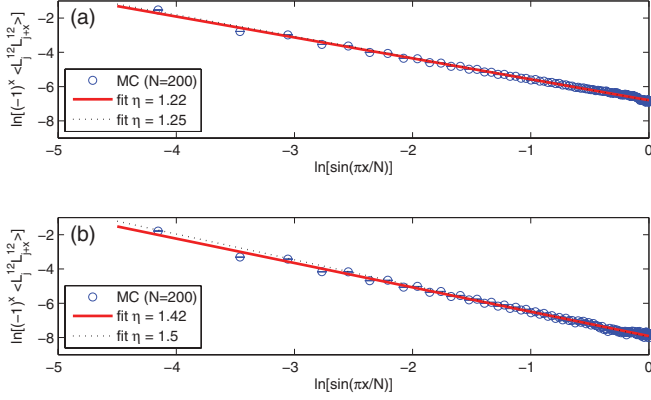


FIG. 2. (Color online) Spin-spin correlation function (logarithmic scale)  $\ln[(-1)^x \langle L_j^{12} L_{j+x}^{12} \rangle]$  as a function of  $\ln[\sin(\pi x/N)]$  in the projected BCS state (1) for  $N = 200$  and (a)  $n = 5$  and (b)  $n = 6$ . The solid lines (red) are fits of the form  $\ln[(-1)^x \langle L_j^{12} L_{j+x}^{12} \rangle] = \eta \ln[\sin(\pi x/N)] + A$ , where  $\eta$  and  $A$  are fitting parameters. The dotted lines are also fits of this formula but with the field theory prediction  $\eta = n/4$  (Ref. 21).

one dimension. Even though these quantities are difficult to compute analytically for (1), the Jastrow and Pfaffian forms (5) and (6) of the wave functions are very suitable for determining them numerically via the Metropolis Monte Carlo (MC) method.<sup>20</sup> Below we focus on the projected BCS state (1) with  $n = 5$  and  $6$  and provide numerical evidence that they belong to  $\text{SO}(5)_1$  and  $\text{SO}(6)_1$  WZW models, respectively.

For critical spin chains in the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW universality class, field theory predicts that for  $n < 8$  the spin-spin correlation function behaves as  $\langle L_j^{ab} L_{j+x}^{ab} \rangle \sim (-1)^x / x^\eta$  with  $\eta = n/4$ .<sup>21</sup> For the projected BCS state (1) with  $n = 5$  and  $6$ , we have computed the two-point spin correlator  $\langle L_j^{12} L_{j+x}^{12} \rangle$ . Figure 2 shows the numerical results for  $N = 200$ . The critical exponents that best fit with our numerical data are  $\eta = 1.22$  for  $\text{SO}(5)$  and  $\eta = 1.42$  for  $\text{SO}(6)$  (solid lines in Fig. 2), which agree very well with the field theory predictions (dotted lines).

The entanglement entropy that is easily accessible via the MC method is the Rényi entropy  $S_L^{(2)} = -\ln \text{Tr} \rho_L^2$  (see Refs. 8 and 22–24), where  $\rho_L$  is the reduced density matrix of the state in a subsystem of length  $L$ . For the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model with  $c = n/2$  we expect  $S_L^{(2)} = c \ln[\sin(\pi L/N)]/4 + c'_2$ ,<sup>19</sup> where  $c'_2$  is a constant. For  $n = 5$  and  $6$ , we plot  $S_L^{(2)}$  as a function of  $\ln[\sin(\pi L/N)]/4$  for  $N = 200$  in Fig. 3. From our MC data, the estimates of the central charge are  $c = 2.31$  for  $\text{SO}(5)$  and  $c = 2.76$  for  $\text{SO}(6)$  (solid lines in Fig. 3), which are close to the predicted  $c = n/2$  (dotted lines) but show some deviations.

The origin of the small deviations of the numerical results and the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  predictions may be due to the presence of marginally irrelevant terms in the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model for (1) and its parent Hamiltonian (4), unlike the  $\text{SU}(n)$  Haldane-Shastry models<sup>25,26</sup> (including the spin-1/2 Haldane-Shastry model for  $n = 2$ ) being the fixed points of the  $\text{SU}(n)_1$  WZW model. For  $n = 3$ , the presence of marginal term in the spin-1 Haldane-Shastry model has been confirmed numerically.<sup>9,10</sup> If this is also the case for  $n \geq 5$ , an interesting open question is whether there exist a modified version of (1) and its parent

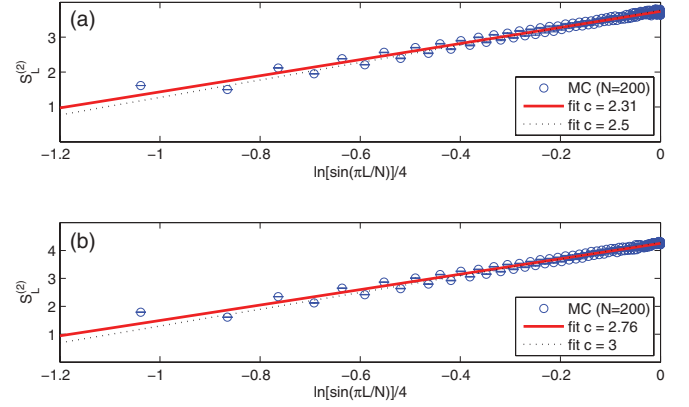


FIG. 3. (Color online) Rényi entropy  $S_L^{(2)}$  as a function of  $\ln[\sin(\pi L/N)]/4$  in the projected BCS state (1) for  $N = 200$  and (a)  $n = 5$  and (b)  $n = 6$ . The solid lines (red) are fits of the form  $S_L^{(2)} = c \ln[\sin(\pi L/N)]/4 + c'_2$ , where  $c$  and  $c'_2$  are fitting parameters. The dotted lines are also fits of this formula but the central charge  $c$  is fixed to  $c = n/2$  of the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model.

Hamiltonian that represent the fixed point of the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model.

*Away from  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  criticality.* After showing that the projected BCS state (1) captures the physics of the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model, it is natural to ask whether similar projected wave functions are relevant for gapped spin chains away from (but close to)  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  criticality. Let us restrict ourselves to  $\text{SO}(n)$  symmetric models for simplicity. According to the well-known result by Witten,<sup>27</sup> the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  WZW model is equivalent to  $n$  massless Majorana fermions, i.e.,  $n$  Ising models at criticality. For this critical theory, the only relevant perturbation allowed by  $\text{SO}(n)$  symmetry is the mass term of Majorana fermions. Thus, the low-energy effective theory has the Hamiltonian density  $\mathcal{H} = -\frac{iv}{2} \sum_{v=1}^n (\xi_R^v \partial_x \xi_R^v - \xi_L^v \partial_x \xi_L^v) - im \sum_{v=1}^n \xi_R^v \xi_L^v$ , where  $\xi_{R(L)}^v$  are right (left) moving Majorana fermions,  $v$  and  $m$  are their velocity and mass. Here we have assumed four-fermion interactions are weak and can be neglected, since they are marginal and only renormalize the mass of Majorana fermions at low-energy limit.<sup>28</sup>

The  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  criticality corresponds to  $m = 0$ . The two gapped phases adjacent to the  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  criticality are (i) the Ising ordered phase ( $m < 0$ ) and (ii) the Ising disordered phase ( $m > 0$ ). For these two phases, we note that they can be well described by modified projected BCS states. Actually, these two gapped phases and an  $\text{SO}(n)_1$  critical point (Reshetikhin model<sup>29</sup>) are realized in the  $\text{SO}(n)$  bilinear-biquadratic chain.<sup>21,30</sup> The ideal example that belongs to the Ising ordered phase is the  $\text{SO}(n)$  AKLT model,<sup>7,31,32</sup> whose ground state can be represented as a projected BCS state, by replacing  $g_{ij} = 1/(z_i - z_j)$  in (1) with  $g_{ij} = 1$ .<sup>12</sup> For the Ising disordered phase, the ground state of the spin chain is dimerized<sup>21</sup> and hence the valence bonds are short ranged. In this case, a proper Cooper pair wave function for the projected BCS state can be chosen as  $g_{ij} \sim \exp(-|z_i - z_j|/\xi)$ , where  $\xi$  is the length scale of the valence bonds. In the extreme case, a Cooper pair wave function that is nonvanishing only between neighboring sites yields a Majumdar-Ghosh-like state, corresponding to perfect dimerization. These results

imply that both Ising ordered and disordered phases close to  $SO(n)_1$  criticality are well described by projected BCS states with properly chosen  $g_{ij}$ . Indeed, for  $n = 3$ , it was shown<sup>12</sup> that the projected BCS states with Cooper pair wave functions generated from Kitaev's Majorana chains<sup>33</sup> are good variational wave functions for the Haldane (Ising ordered) and the dimerized (Ising disordered) phases.

**2D chiral spin liquids.** After establishing the relevance of projected BCS states (1) for  $SO(n)_1$  criticality in one dimension, we move on and discuss their properties in a 2D square lattice, where the  $z$ 's in (3) are now complex coordinates of the lattice sites. In an analogy with fractional quantum Hall (FQH) states constructed by conformal blocks of their gapless edge CFTs,<sup>34,35</sup> the chiral correlator (3) from the  $SO(n)_1$  WZW model ( $n$  massless Majorana fermions) yields chiral spin liquids, which break time-reversal symmetry and are spin counterparts of FQH states.<sup>36</sup> From the projected BCS form (1), the Cooper pair wave function  $1/(z_i - z_j)$  now corresponds to the topological phase of  $p + ip$  superconductors<sup>37</sup> supporting chiral gapless Majorana edge modes, which justifies the above bulk-edge correspondence. Below we focus on the anyonic quasiparticle excitations in these 2D states, which have intriguing properties depending on  $n \bmod 16$ , i.e., a 16-fold way.

For odd  $n$ , the quasiparticles built upon the  $SO(n)$  states support non-Abelian statistics. Let us adapt the CFT approach of creating quasihole excitations in FQH states<sup>34</sup> to our spin system. For odd  $n$ , the  $SO(n)_1$  WZW model has three primary fields: identity field  $I$ , vector field  $v$ , and spinor field  $s$ . Following the CFT approach, creating quasiparticles in the  $SO(n)$  state is achieved by adding spinor fields  $s$  in the chiral correlator (3). Then, the statistics of quasiparticles are encoded in the fusion rules of the primary fields. In fact, the spinor fields have a nontrivial fusion rule  $s \times s = I + v$ , together with  $s \times v = s$  and  $v \times v = I$ . These fusion rules resemble those in Ising CFT ( $\sigma \times \sigma = I + \varepsilon$ ,  $\sigma \times \varepsilon = \sigma$ , and  $\varepsilon \times \varepsilon = I$ ), which are responsible for the non-Abelian statistics of Ising anyons.<sup>38</sup> Indeed, the Majorana free field representation of  $SO(n)_1$  WZW model allows us to identify the spinor fields  $s$  with conformal weight  $h_s = n/16$  as a product of  $n$  Ising  $\sigma$  fields ( $h_\sigma = 1/16$ ). Thus, we conclude that the  $SO(n)$  states support non-Abelian Ising anyons for odd  $n$ . Note that the case with  $n = 3$  recovers the physics of the Moore-Read states,<sup>34,39</sup> while for odd  $n \geq 5$  they are natural generalizations of the Moore-Read states.

Now we show that the  $SO(n)$  states only support Abelian anyons for even  $n$ . This subtle difference roots in the fusion rules of the  $SO(n)_1$  primary fields. In contrast to the odd  $n$  case, the  $SO(n)_1$  WZW model with even  $n$  has two spinor primary fields  $s_+$  and  $s_-$  with conformal weight  $h_{s_+} = h_{s_-} = n/16$ ,<sup>15</sup>

apart from the usual identity and vector fields. The fusion rules of spinor and vector fields are  $s_+ \times v = s_-$  and  $s_- \times v = s_+$ . Depending on the parity of  $n/2$ , the fusion rules involving two spinor fields are  $s_+ \times s_+ = s_- \times s_- = I$ ,  $s_+ \times s_- = v$  for even  $n/2$  and  $s_+ \times s_+ = s_- \times s_- = v$ ,  $s_+ \times s_- = I$  for odd  $n/2$ .<sup>40</sup> However, due to the absence of multiplicity in the fusion outcome, only Abelian anyons can exist in the  $SO(n)$  states with even  $n$ .

More precisely, the anyonic properties of the  $SO(n)$  states depend on  $n \bmod 16$  (16-fold way).<sup>41</sup> The topological spin of the quasiparticles generated by  $SO(n)$  spinor primary fields is  $\theta_s = e^{i2\pi h_s} = e^{in\pi/8}$  (for both odd and even  $n$ ), which is a clear signature of the 16-fold way. For example, the quasiparticles  $s_+$  and  $s_-$  for  $SO(8)$  have  $\theta_{s_+} = \theta_{s_-} = -1$ , which are both fermions. Actually, this 16-fold way of the anyonic properties has been analyzed in detail by Kitaev. In Ref. 38, he considered a theory with  $Z_2$  vortices and free Majorana fermions whose energy band has Chern number  $\nu$  and showed that the anyonic properties of the unpaired Majorana modes in the vortex core depends on  $\nu \bmod 16$ . Thus, our present work shows that the  $SO(n)_1$  CFT is responsible for this 16-fold way and provides a class of microscopic Hamiltonians which realize this interesting physics.

**Conclusion and perspective.** To conclude, we have proposed a class of projected BCS states and derived their parent Hamiltonians. These states also have an infinite MPS form generated by chiral correlators of Majorana fermions. In one dimension, they can be viewed as  $SO(n)$  generalizations of Haldane-Shastry models and capture the physics of the  $SO(n)_1$  WZW model. These results indicate that modified projected BCS states are good variational *Ansätze* for describing Ising ordered and disordered phases close to  $SO(n)_1$  criticality. In two dimensions, the  $SO(n)$  states are chiral spin liquid states, which support non-Abelian Ising anyons for odd  $n$  and Abelian anyons for even  $n$ . An open question that deserves further investigation is whether these 2D chiral spin liquids are relevant for physical models and materials.<sup>42</sup> Moreover, our 2D toy models may also shed light on another interesting open question: Can  $p + ip$  pairing states arise after doping these antiferromagnets?

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