Entanglement in Featureless Mott Insulators

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Outline

Motivation

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- Gapless modes: $E_1 - E_0 \sim \frac{1}{L^z}$

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- Spontaneous symmetry breaking: $E_1 - E_0 = 0$

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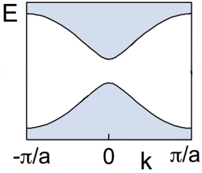
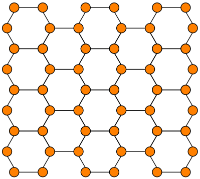
- Topological order: $E_1 - E_0 \sim e^{-L/\xi}$ with nontrivial topology

Free Fermion Featureless Insulators

Classical Insulators

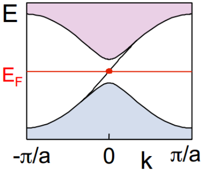


Free fermion band insulator

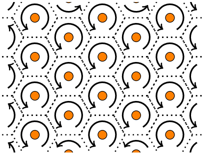


Atomic picture

Topological Insulators



Band insulator with chiral edge [1]



Atomic picture breaks down

Honeycomb Bosonic Mott Insulators

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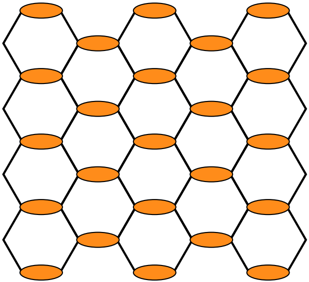

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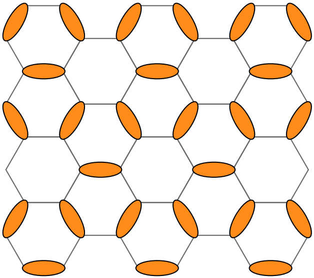

Breaks translationally symmetry, unit cell is 3 times larger

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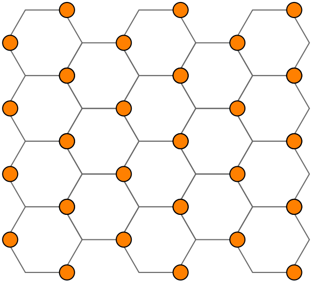

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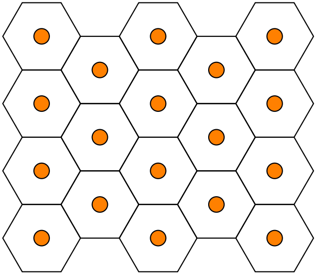

Leaves honeycomb lattice

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Construction of Honeycomb FBI

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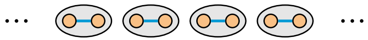

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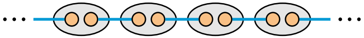

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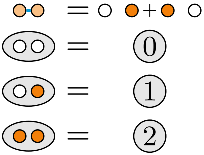

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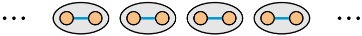

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Product state with one boson per site

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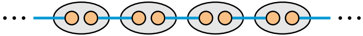

1D Topological Chain

Haldane Insulator Phase
Pollmann et al. (2010)

- Unitarily related to AKLT
- No $SU(2)$ symmetry
- Symmetry protected 2-fold edge degeneracy

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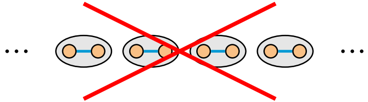

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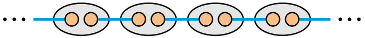

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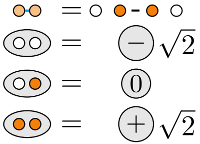

Entangled pairs and projectors for $SU(2)$ symmetric state

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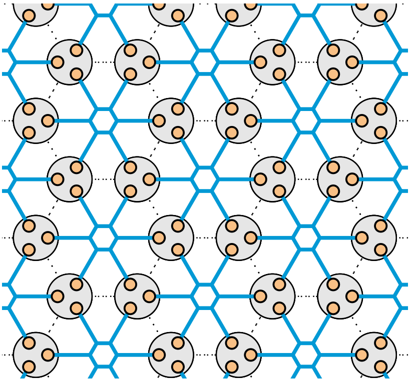
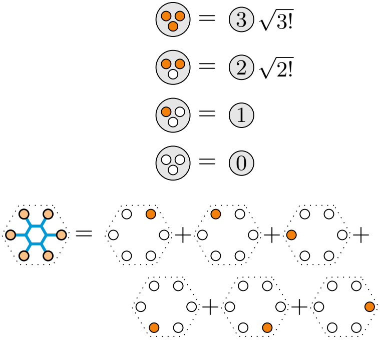


$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_{\hexagon} \left(\sum_{i \in \hexagon} b_i^\dagger \right) |\mathbf{0}\rangle$$



Wavefunction proposed by Kimchi et al. (2013)

Known Results for Honeycomb FBI

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Hamiltonian Construction

Try filling plaquette orbitals

$$b_{\hexagon} = \sum_{i \in \hexagon} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} b_i^\dagger$$

$$H = \sum_{\hexagon} -\frac{t}{6} b_{\hexagon}^\dagger b_{\hexagon} + V n_{\hexagon} n_{\hexagon}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{\hexagon} \sum_{i,j \in \hexagon} -t b_i^\dagger b_j \right) - \frac{3t}{6} N + V \dots$$

- Fails, gapless modes
- Parent Hamiltonian not known

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Hamiltonian Construction

To get a parent Hamiltonian:

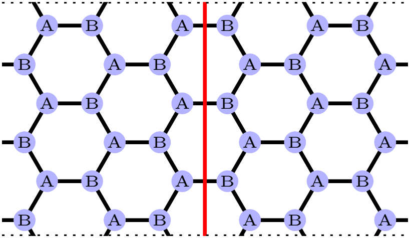
- Need symmetric, exponentially localized, orthogonal orbitals
- Such as the Wannier orbitals of a classical band insulator
- Parameswaran et al. (2013a)

Other lattices:

- Need a fixed point of all lattice symmetries
- Fails on nonsymmorphic lattices
- Extension of LSM theorem
- Parameswaran et al. (2013b)

Entanglement Edge of Honeycomb FBI

Edge Geometry



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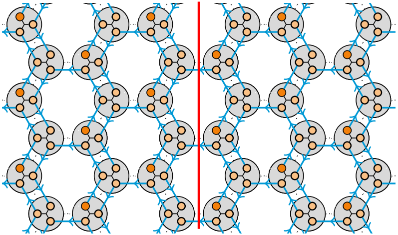

Honeycomb lattice PEPS on zig-zag cylinder with L=3, acheived by factoring W-state of plaquette bosons

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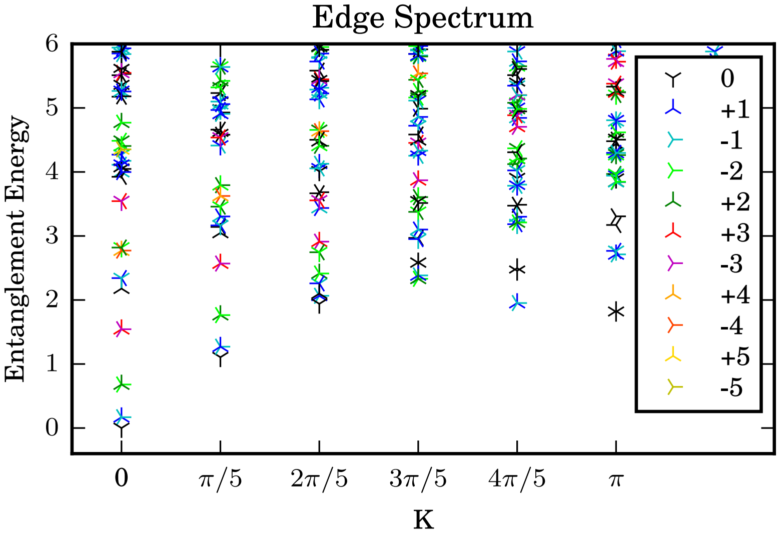
- Physical site dimension 4^{2L}
- MPS bond dimension = Rank of $\rho_r = 2^L$
- Entanglement spectrum $\{\epsilon_i\}$ defined from eigenvalues $\{\rho_i\}$ of ρ_r via $\epsilon_i = e^{-\rho_i}$
- Charge and Translation represented linearly on edge

Entanglement Spectrum



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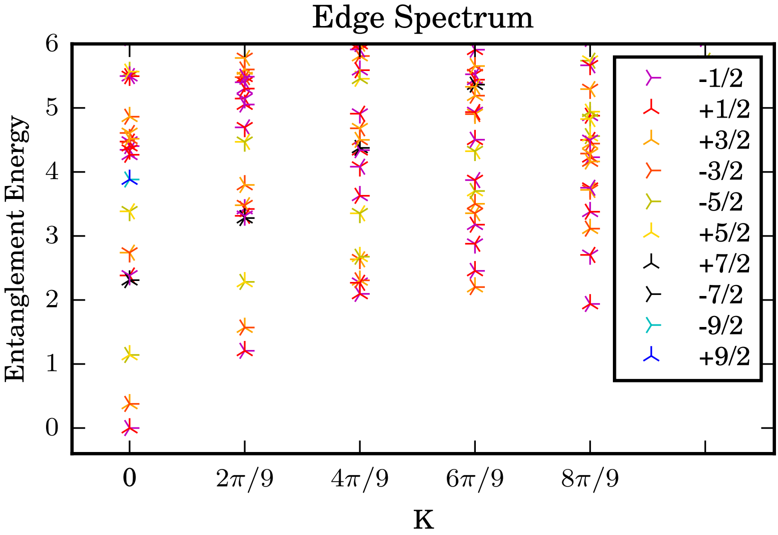

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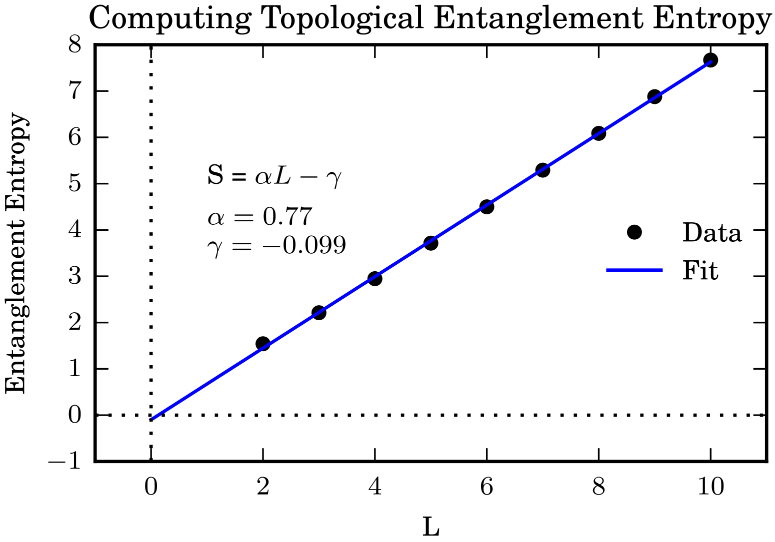

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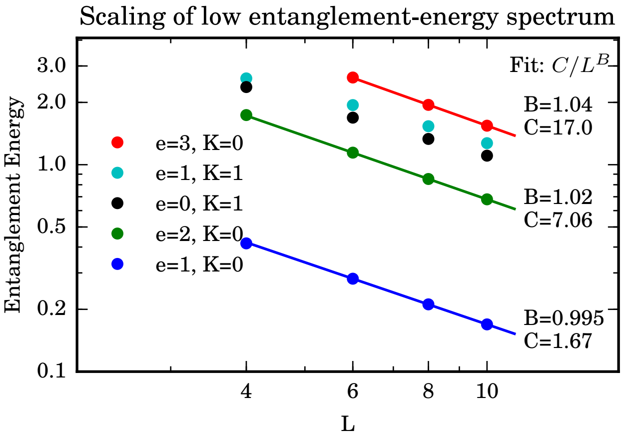
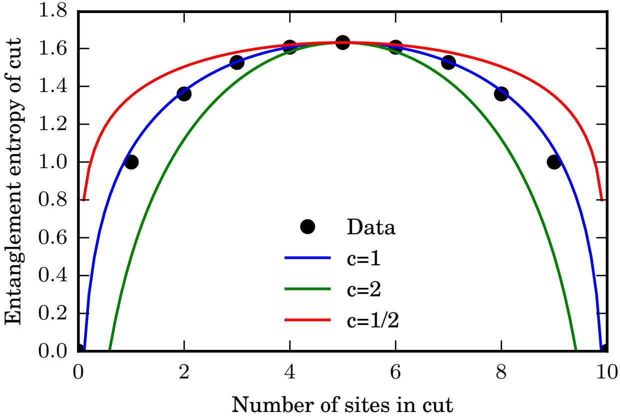


Identification of Edge CFT

Conformal Charge



$$\boxed{c = 1}$$

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Conformal Weights

We can match the rescaled entanglement energies to the conformal weights of a free bosonic CFT.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} = \quad & \frac{2\pi}{L}(\mathbf{L_0} - \mathbf{\bar{L}_0}) = & \frac{2\pi}{L}(em + n - \bar{n}) \\ \mathbf{H} = \quad & \frac{2\pi}{L}(\mathbf{L_0} + \mathbf{\bar{L}_0}) = & \frac{2\pi}{L}(\frac{\kappa e^2}{2} + \frac{m^2}{2\kappa} + \frac{n + \bar{n}}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{H} \propto e^2 + \frac{m^2}{\kappa^2} + \frac{1}{\kappa}(n + \bar{n})}$$

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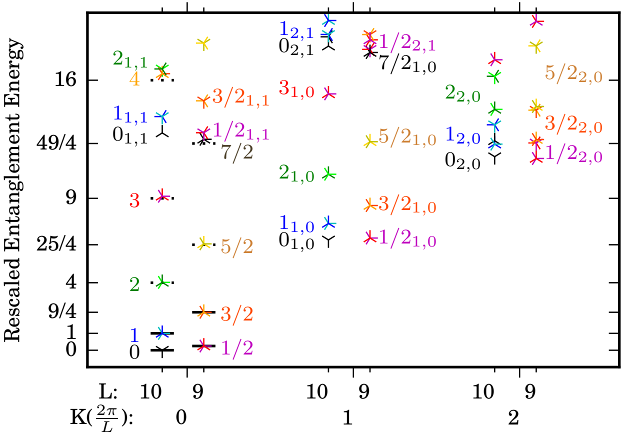
Conformal primary identification in entanglement spectra



Symmetry Protection of Edge

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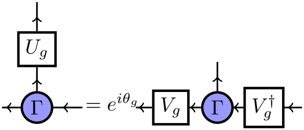
On-site symmetries g come with projective representation V_g

- V_g acts on sets of degenerate Schmidt states
- Charge and translation represented linearly on edge



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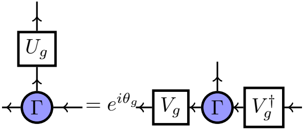
Time reversal symmetry τ represented by antiunitary $V_\tau K$ on the edge

- $\tau^2 = +1$ on this edge



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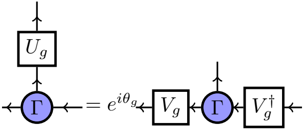
Inversion $\mathcal{I}$

- $\mathcal{I}$ in combination with swapping Schmidt states represented by antiunitary operation $V_{\mathcal{I}}K$ on the edge
- $\mathcal{I}^2 = V_{\mathcal{I}}V_{\mathcal{I}}^* = 1$

Inversion $\mathcal{I}$ combined with $\pi = e^{i\pi N}$

- $\pi\mathcal{I}$ represented antiunitarily on the edge by $V_{\pi\mathcal{I}}K$
- $(\pi\mathcal{I})^2 = 1$ but $V_{\pi\mathcal{I}}V_{\pi\mathcal{I}}^* = -1$



Future Work

Entanglement properties with different geometries

- Armchair cylinder edge
- Finite size clusters
- Explain results for arbitrary geometries with tensor network properties, e.g. 'MPO injectivity'

Find a 2D local Hamiltonian and confirm with numerics

$$H_{EBH} = \left(\sum_{\hexagon} \sum_{i,j \in \hexagon} -t b_i^\dagger b_j + V n_i n_j \right) + \mu N?$$

Physical properties of the phase

Can we constructan SU(2) symmetric FI?

Resources

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Questions?

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Bonus slides