

# An SPT-LSM theorem for weak SPTs with non-invertible symmetry

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Sometimes, phases are characterized by a symmetry

- Superfluids by  $U(1)$  boson number conservation
- Topological insulators by  $U(1)_f$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2^T$  symmetries

For such phases, symmetries provide answers to questions (1) and (2).

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**Non-invertible symmetries** have non-invertible transformations

[Bhardwaj, Tachikawa '17; Chang, Lin, Shao, Wang, Yin '18; ... ]

- Can arise at **critical points** from Kramers-Wannier dualities

[Thorngren, Yang '21 ; Choi, Córdova, Hsin, Lam, Shao '21; ...]

- Can emerge in **ordered phases** (are symmetries of nonlinear sigma models) [Hsin '22; **SP** '23; **SP**, Zhu, Beaudry, X-G Wen '23]

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**A:** They pass the **duck test**!



*If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.*

- Have conservation laws
- Can constrain phase diagrams (be anomalous)
- Can characterize **SSB** and **SPT** phases



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*Maxwell phases*

*Higgs phases*

*Fracton phases*

*Phases we have yet to name!*

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## Outline

1. Weak SPTs from a symmetry defect perspective
2. Simple example of an entangled weak SPT characterized by a projective non-invertible symmetry
3. General discussion on projective  $Z(G) \times \text{Rep}(G)$  symmetry and (SPT-)LSM theorems

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SPTs can be protected by internal and/or spacetime symmetries

- Those protected by  $G \times$  spatial translations are called weak G-SPTs

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➤ Inserting a translation defect is done by

$$T^L = 1 \rightarrow T^L = T \implies L \rightarrow L - 1$$

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- $C$  acts as  $X \rightarrow X^\dagger$  and  $Z \rightarrow Z^\dagger$
- Is a sum of commuting terms and has a **unique gapped ground state**

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$$|\text{GS}\rangle = \sum_{\substack{\{\varphi_j = 0, 1\} \\ \{\alpha_j = 0, 2\}}} i^{\sum_j \alpha_j (\varphi_j - \varphi_{j-1})} \bigotimes_j | \sigma_j^x = (-1)^{\varphi_j}, Z_j = i^{\alpha_j + 1} \rangle$$

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$R_E$  can be written as a  $\chi = 2$  matrix product operator

$$R_E = \text{Tr} \left( \prod_{j=1}^L M_j \right) \equiv \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \boxed{M_1} \text{---} \boxed{M_2} \text{---} \dots \text{---} \boxed{M_L} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array}$$

➤ MPO tensor

$$M_j = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} Z_j + Z_j^\dagger & i(Z_j - Z_j^\dagger) \sigma_j^z \\ -i(Z_j - Z_j^\dagger) & (Z_j + Z_j^\dagger) \sigma_j^z \end{pmatrix}$$

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$R_E$  is a **non-invertible symmetry** operator

- $R_1 |\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle$  or  $R_2 |\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle \implies R_E |\psi\rangle = 0$
- $R_E$  have zero-eigenvalues  $\implies R_E$  is non-invertible

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Dihedral group of order 8  $D_8 \simeq \langle r, s \mid r^2 = s^4 = 1, rsr = s^3 \rangle$

➤ Four 1d reps  $1, P_1, P_2, P_3 = P_1 \otimes P_2$  and one 2d irrep  $E$

$$P_i \otimes P_i = 1 \quad E \otimes E = 1 \oplus P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus P_3 \quad E \otimes P_i = P_i \otimes E = E$$

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Projective non-invertible symmetries are compatible with SPTs

➤ **Loophole**: symmetry operator has zero-eigenvalues

➤  $U R_E = (-1)^L R_E U \implies R_E |\text{GS}_{\text{SPT}}\rangle = 0$  when  $L$  is odd

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[Matsui '08; Yao, Oshikawa '20; Seifnashri '23; Kapustin, Sopenko '24]

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$Z(G)$  **symmetry** operator  $U_z$ , with  $z \in Z(G)$ , satisfies

$$U_{z_1} U_{z_2} = U_{z_1 z_2}$$

$\text{Rep}(G)$  **symmetry** operator  $R_\Gamma$ , with  $\Gamma$  an irrep of  $G$ , satisfies

$$R_{\Gamma_a} \times R_{\Gamma_b} = R_{\Gamma_a \otimes \Gamma_b} = R_{\oplus_c N_{ab}^c \Gamma_c} = \sum_c N_{ab}^c R_{\Gamma_c}$$

- **Non-invertible symmetry** when  $G$  is non-Abelian

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$z \backslash \Gamma$	1	sign
+1	+1	+1
-1	+1	-1

► The symmetries of XY model we saw in pre-talk

$$R_{\text{sign}} = \prod_{j=1}^L Y_j \qquad U_{-1} = \prod_{j=1}^L X_j$$

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When there is no **LSM theorem**, the **projective algebra** gives rise to an **SPT-LSM theorem** [Lu '17; Yang, Jiang, Vishwanath, Ran '17; Lu, Ran, Oshikawa '17; Else, Thorngren '20 ]

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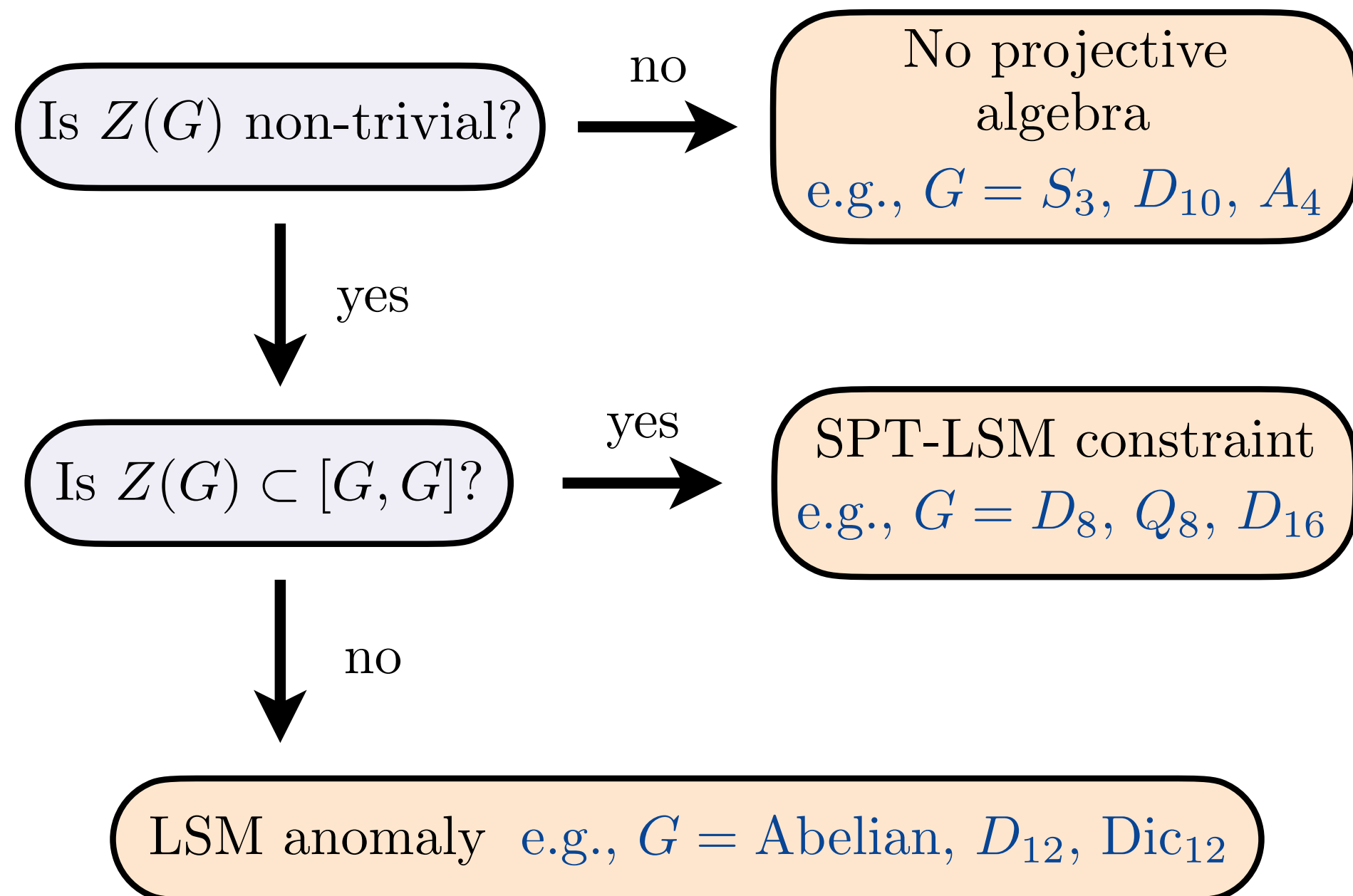
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➤ All SPT states have translation defects dressed by non-trivial  $\text{Rep}(G)$  symmetry charge

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# Outlook

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We found a new class of entangled weak SPTs characterized by a projective  $Z(G) \times \text{Rep}(G)$  non-invertible symmetry

1. An exactly solvable model in a weak SPT phase characterized by a projective  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Rep}(D_8)$  symmetry
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New quantum phases and models can be discovered using generalized symmetries as a guide!

SP, Lam, Aksoy arXiv:2409.18113

Back-up slides



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Are  $H_p$  and  $H_c$  in different  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \tilde{\mathbb{Z}}_2$  SPT phases?

We can check by inserting a  $U$  symmetry defect at  $\langle L, 1 \rangle$

► Gives rise to  $U$ -twisted boundary conditions:  $Z_{j+L} = -Z_j$

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Different **responses** imply that  $H_p$  and  $H_c$  are in different  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \tilde{\mathbb{Z}}_2$  SPT phases

[Chen, Lu, Vishwanath 2013; Gaiotto, Johnson-Freyd 2017; Wang, Ning, Cheng 2021]

Low-energy EFTs of  $H_p$  and  $H_c$

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# LSM anomaly in the XY model

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Many-qubit model on a periodic chain with Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L J \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + K \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^y$$

- There is an **LSM anomaly** involving the  $\mathbb{Z}_2^x \times \mathbb{Z}_2^y \times \mathbb{Z}_L$  symmetry [Chen, Gu, Wen 2010; Ogata, Tasaki 2021]

$$U_x = \prod_j \sigma_j^x, \quad U_y = \prod_j \sigma_j^y, \quad \text{and lattice translations } T$$

- Manifests through the **projective algebras** [Cheng, Seiberg 2023]

<i>Translation defects</i>	$\mathbb{Z}_2^x$ defect	$\mathbb{Z}_2^y$ defect
$U_x U_y = (-1)^L U_y U_x$	$U_y T = -T U_y$	$T U_x = -U_x T$

# GROUP BASED QUDITS

A  **$G$ -qudit** is a  $|G|$ -level quantum mechanical system whose states are  $|g\rangle$  with  $g \in G$

➤  $G$  is a **finite group**, e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $D_8$ , SmallGroup(32,49)

Group based **Pauli operators** [Brell 2014]

➤  $X$  operators labeled by **group elements**

$$\vec{X}^{(g)} = \sum_h |gh\rangle\langle h|$$

$$\overleftarrow{X}^{(g)} = \sum_h |h\bar{g}\rangle\langle h|$$

$$\bar{g} \equiv g^{-1}$$

➤  $Z$  operators are MPOs labeled by **irreps**  $\Gamma: G \rightarrow \text{GL}(d_\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$

$$[Z^{(\Gamma)}]_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_h [\Gamma(h)]_{\alpha\beta} |h\rangle\langle h| \equiv \alpha \text{---} \boxed{Z^{(\Gamma)}} \text{---} \beta \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, d_\Gamma)$$

# GROUP BASED QUDITS

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**Example:**  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$  where  $g \in \{1, -1\}$  and  $\Gamma \in \{1, 1'\}$

$$\vec{X}^{(1)} = \overleftarrow{X}^{(1)} = [Z^{(1)}]_{11} = 1$$

$$\vec{X}^{(-1)} = \overleftarrow{X}^{(-1)} = \sigma^x \qquad [Z^{(1')} ]_{11} = \sigma^z$$

Group based Pauli operators satisfy

1.  $\vec{X}^{(g)} \vec{X}^{(h)} = \vec{X}^{(gh)}$ ,  $\overleftarrow{X}^{(g)} \overleftarrow{X}^{(h)} = \overleftarrow{X}^{(gh)}$ , and  $\vec{X}^{(g)} \overleftarrow{X}^{(h)} = \overleftarrow{X}^{(h)} \vec{X}^{(g)}$
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3.  $\vec{X}^{(g)} [Z^{(\Gamma)}]_{\alpha\beta} = [\Gamma(\bar{g})]_{\alpha\gamma} [Z^{(\Gamma)}]_{\gamma\beta} \vec{X}^{(g)}$
4. **Unitarity:**  $\vec{X}^{(g)\dagger} = \vec{X}^{(\bar{g})}$ ,  $\overleftarrow{X}^{(g)\dagger} = \overleftarrow{X}^{(\bar{g})}$ ,  $[Z^{(\Gamma)\dagger} Z^{(\Gamma)}]_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$

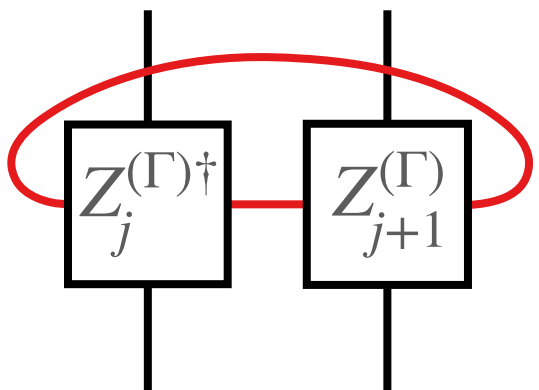
# GROUP BASED XY MODEL

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Group based **Pauli operators** are useful for constructing quantum lattice models [Brell 2014; Albert *et. al.* 2021; Fechisin, Tantivasadakarn, Albert 2023]

Group based *XY* model: Consider a **periodic 1d lattice** of  $L$  sites. On each site  $j$  resides a  **$G$ -qudit** and its Hamiltonian

$$H_{XY} = \sum_{j=1}^L \left( \sum_{\Gamma} J_{\Gamma} \text{Tr} \left( Z_j^{(\Gamma)\dagger} Z_{j+1}^{(\Gamma)} \right) + \sum_g K_g \overleftarrow{X}_j^{(g)} \overrightarrow{X}_{j+1}^{(g)} \right) + \text{hc}$$

$$\text{Tr} \left( Z_j^{(\Gamma)\dagger} Z_{j+1}^{(\Gamma)} \right) = \sum_{\{g\}} \chi_{\Gamma}(\bar{g}_j g_{j+1}) |\{g\}\rangle \langle \{g\}| \equiv$$


► For  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , this is the ordinary **quantum *XY* model**



# SYMMETRY OPERATORS

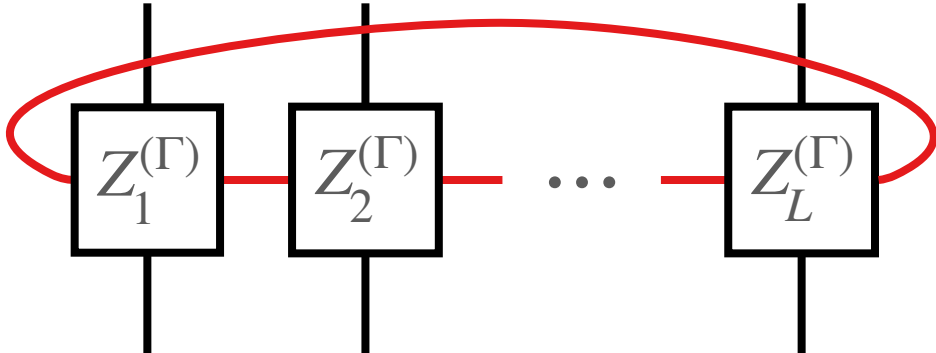
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$\mathbb{Z}_L$  lattice translations:  $T \mathcal{O}_j T^\dagger = \mathcal{O}_{j+1}$

Various internal symmetries:

►  $Z(G)$  symmetry  $U_z = \prod_j \overrightarrow{X}_j^{(z)}$  with  $z \in Z(G)$

►  $\text{Rep}(G)$  symmetry  $R_{\Gamma} = \text{Tr} \left( \prod_{j=1}^L Z_j^{(\Gamma)} \right) \equiv$  

$$R_{\Gamma_a} \times R_{\Gamma_b} = R_{\Gamma_a \otimes \Gamma_b} = R_{\oplus_c N_{ab}^c \Gamma_c} = \sum_c N_{ab}^c R_{\Gamma_c}$$

# PROJECTIVE ALGEBRA FROM DEFECTS

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 T_{\text{tw}}^{(z)} &= \vec{X}_I^{(z)} T & T_{\text{tw}}^{(\Gamma)} &= \hat{Z}_I^{(\Gamma)} (T \otimes \mathbf{1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $e^{i\phi_\Gamma(z)} \equiv \chi_\Gamma(z)/d_\Gamma$

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- Generalizes the  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$  **projective algebra** of the ordinary quantum XY model

# GAUGING WEB

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