

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

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Quantum phases are sometimes characterized by symmetry

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

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

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Higher-form symmetries transform non-local operators that create extended excitations [Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willett 2014; ...]

- Can arise from **anyons** in 2d topological orders, **vortex loops** in 3d superfluids, *etc*

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Non-invertible symmetries have non-invertible transformations

[Bhardwaj, Tachikawa 2017; Chang, Lin, Shao, Wang, Yin 2018; ...]

- Can arise from Kramers-Wannier self-dualities
[... ; Seiberg, Shao 2023; SP, Delfino, Lam, Aksoy 2024; Gorantla, Shao, Tantivasadakarn 2024]
- Generically emerge in **ordered phases** (are symmetries of nonlinear sigma models) [SP 2023; SP, Zhu, Beaudry, X-G Wen 2023]

Generalized symmetries

Q: Why should we consider these as symmetries?

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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Phases we have yet to name!

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Why care?

1. Guides us towards new quantum phases
2. Provides a **novel** and **unifying** perspective of quantum phases
3. Further develops a classification of quantum phases based on **symmetries** (a “generalized Landau paradigm”)

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Outline:

1. Review SPTs (from a symmetry defect perspective)
2. Simple example of an entangled weak SPT characterized by a non-invertible symmetry
3. (SPT-)LSM theorems from projective non-invertible symmetries

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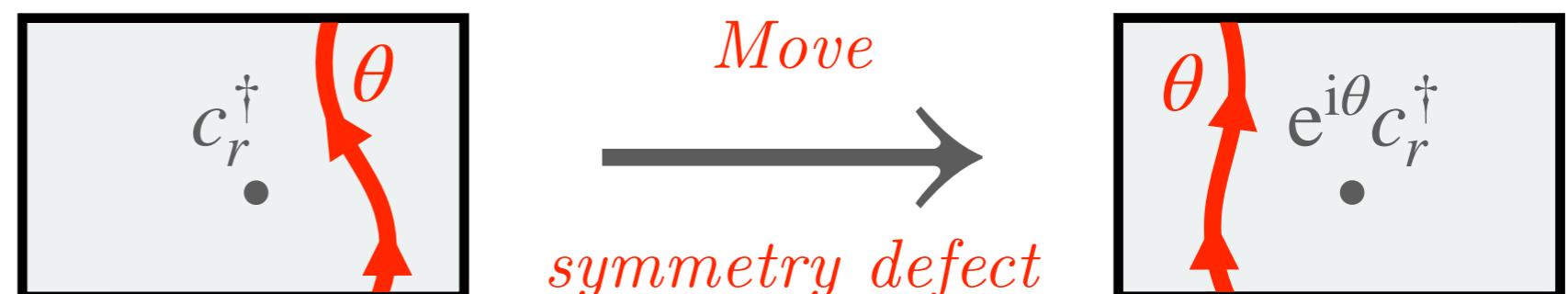
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- e.g., $c_r^\dagger \rightarrow e^{i\theta} c_r^\dagger$



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- Passing through $\langle L, 1 \rangle$ implements $U: Z_j \rightarrow -Z_j \implies$ **twisted translation symmetry** $T = X_1 T_{\text{defect-free}}$
- Gives rise to **\mathbb{Z}_2 -twisted** boundary conditions $T^L = U:$

$$X_{j+L} = X_j \quad Z_{j+L} = -Z_j \quad \tilde{X}_{j+L} = \tilde{X}_j \quad \tilde{Z}_{j+L} = \tilde{Z}_j$$

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Under \mathbb{Z}_2 -twisted boundary conditions $Z_{j+L} = -Z_j$

1. H_p is unaffected, so its ground state still satisfies

$$U|\text{GS}_{p;\mathbb{Z}_2}\rangle = +|\text{GS}_{p;\mathbb{Z}_2}\rangle \quad \tilde{U}|\text{GS}_{p;\mathbb{Z}_2}\rangle = +|\text{GS}_{p;\mathbb{Z}_2}\rangle$$

2. H_c is affected, and becomes

$$H_{c;\mathbb{Z}_2} = \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (-\tilde{Z}_{j-1} X_j \tilde{Z}_j - Z_j \tilde{X}_j Z_{j+1}) - \tilde{Z}_{L-1} X_L \tilde{Z}_L + Z_L \tilde{X}_L Z_1$$

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Low-energy effective field theories of H_p and H_c coupled to background $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \tilde{\mathbb{Z}}_2$ gauge fields:

$$Z_c[A, \tilde{A}] = (-1)^{\int A \cup \tilde{A}} Z_p[A, \tilde{A}]$$

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\mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry defect has $k = \pi$ crystal momentum in $|\text{GS}_+\rangle$

Translation defect has \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry charge in $|\text{GS}_+\rangle$

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

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 - R_E is a **non-invertible symmetry** operator
 - $R_E |\psi\rangle = 0$ if $R_1 |\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle$ or $R_2 |\psi\rangle = -|\psi\rangle$
 - R_E have zero-eigenvalues $\implies R_E$ is non-invertible
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- Translation defects carry $\text{Rep}(D_8)$ symmetry charge in $|\text{GS}\rangle$
- Form a (projective, $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Rep}(D_8)$ symmetric)

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Projective non-invertible symmetries are compatible with SPTs

- Loophole: symmetry operator has zero-eigenvalues
- $UR_E = (-1)^L R_E U$ enforces $R_E | \text{GS}_{\text{SPT}} \rangle = 0$ when L is odd

Projective $Z(G) \times \text{Rep}(G)$ symmetry

The **projective** $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Rep}(D_8)$ symmetry is a **special case** of a more general **projective symmetry**

$$Z(G) \times \text{Rep}(G)$$

- G is a discrete group with finitely many elements
- $Z(G) = \{z \in G \mid zg = gz, \forall g \in G\}$ is called the center of G
- Previous model realized the $G = D_8$ case
- Symmetry arises in the **group-based XY model**
(see Ho Tat Lam's CMT Kid's Seminar)

This is a **non-invertible symmetry** when G is non-Abelian

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e.g., $e^{i\phi_\Gamma(z)}$ when $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ($Z(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$)

z	Γ	1	sign
$+1$		$+1$	$+1$
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e.g., $e^{i\phi_\Gamma(z)}$ when $G = D_8$ ($Z(D_8) = \mathbb{Z}_2$)

Γ	1	1_1	1_2	1_3	E
z	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
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We prove assumption 2 for product states $|GS\rangle$ of **G -qudits**, but it is true as long as there is an IR TQFT description:

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By assumption, $U_j^{(z)} |GS\rangle = |GS\rangle$ for all j .

Therefore, the **projective non-invertible symmetry**

1. $F_z = 1$ prevents a product state SPT

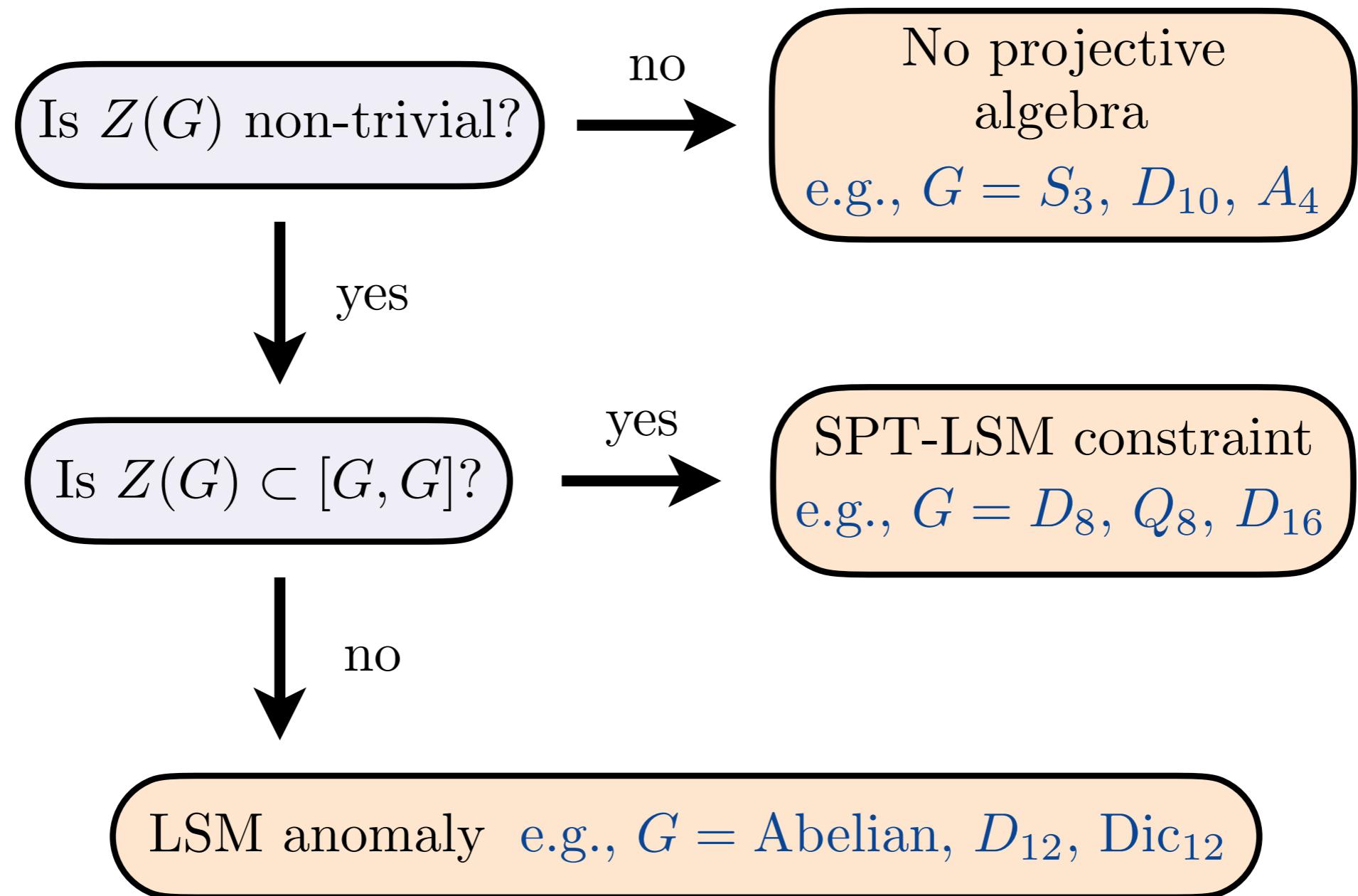
2. $F_z = 0$ \blacktriangleright All SPTs must have **non-zero entanglement**

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(SPT)-LSM theorems

Whether there is a (SPT)-LSM theorem depends on G :



Outlook

We explored weak SPT phases characterized by non-invertible symmetries

1. An exactly solvable lattice model in an SPT phase characterized by $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{Rep}(D_8)$ non-invertible symmetry and lattice translations
2. Projective non-invertible symmetries can give rise to SPT-LSM theorem that requires ground states to have nonzero-entanglement
3. Emphasized the effectiveness of using symmetry defects to characterize SPT states

Back-up slides

LSM anomaly in the XY model

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. $\mathbb{Z}_2, S_3, D_8, \text{SmallGroup}(32,49)$

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

- X operators labeled by group elements

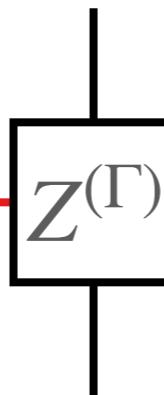
$$\vec{X}^{(g)} = \sum_h |gh\rangle\langle h|$$

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

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

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

$$[Z^{(\Gamma)}]_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_h [\Gamma(h)]_{\alpha\beta} |h\rangle\langle h| \equiv \alpha \xrightarrow{\hspace{-0.5cm}} Z^{(\Gamma)} \xrightarrow{\hspace{-0.5cm}} \beta \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, d_\Gamma)$$



GROUP BASED QUDITS

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

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

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

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

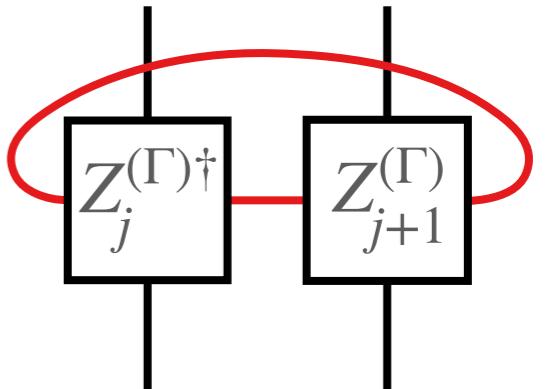
GROUP BASED XY MODEL

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

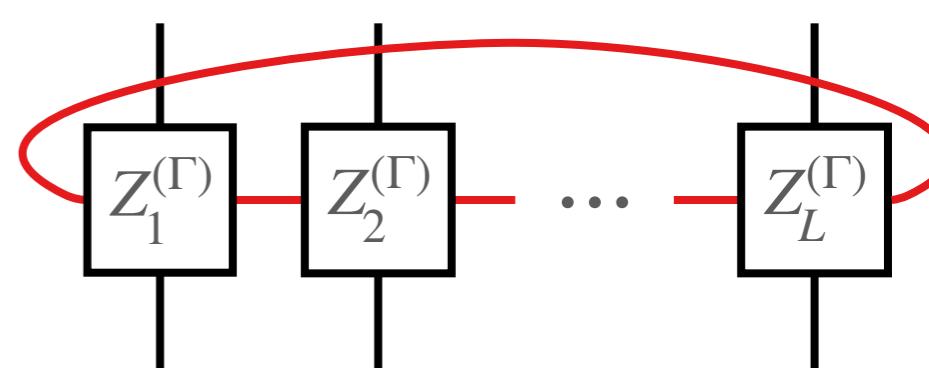
SYMMETRY OPERATORS

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

Various internal symmetries:

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PROJECTIVE ALGEBRA FROM DEFECTS

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$$T_{\text{tw}}^{(z)} = \vec{X}_I^{(z)} T$$

$$R_\Gamma = \text{Tr} \left(\prod_{j=1}^L Z_j^{(\Gamma)} \right)$$

$$T_{\text{tw}}^{(\Gamma)} = \hat{Z}_I^{(\Gamma)} (T \otimes \mathbf{1})$$

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

