

# **AKLT-States as ZX-Diagrams**

**Diagrammatic Reasoning for Quantum States**

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# Overview

- 1. AKLT Model**
- 2. ZXH Calculus**
- 3. 1D AKLT as ZX diagrams**
- 4. 2D AKLT States as ZX diagram**
- 5. Using PyZX**



## AKLT Model

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# AKLT Model

- Spin-1 Affleck-Kennedy-Lieb-Tasaki (AKLT) model with  $N$  sites

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{AKLT}}^{S=1} &= \frac{1}{24} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 ((\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left[ \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1} + \frac{1}{3} (\mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- $\mathbf{S}_i$  are 3x3 spin-1 operators;  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}_2^{\otimes N}$



# Why interesting?

- Historically, it was believed that the GS of 1D spin chains of any spins are gapless
- An example that verifies the Haldane conjecture: integer spin antiferromagnetic Heisenberg chains has gapped GS
- Lots of surprising physics: Hidden string order, etc.



# Ground state of Spin-1 AKLT

- The Hamiltonian is a projector onto adjacent total spin=2 subspace because

$$(\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 ((\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 - 2) |\mathbf{s}_{\text{total}}^{(j,j+1)} = 0\rangle = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 ((\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})^2 - 2) |\mathbf{s}_{\text{total}}^{(j,j+1)} = 1\rangle = 0$$

- Therefore we have

$$\langle \mathbf{s}_{\text{total}}^{(j,j+1)} = 2 | \psi_0 \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

- $|\psi_0\rangle$  is the ground state(s) of the Hamiltonian

- To solve GS, replace each spin-1 site with two spin-1/2
- We construct the state so that spins on adjacent sites are in singlet configuration.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_i |1\rangle_{i+1} - |1\rangle_i |0\rangle_{i+1})$$

- This construction ensures that the total spin on adjacent sites are zero.
- We then do a projection onto the the spin-1 subspace for each lattice site

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle), |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

- The ground state wavefunction is unique for close chains and 4-fold degenerate for open-end chains



# MPS representation

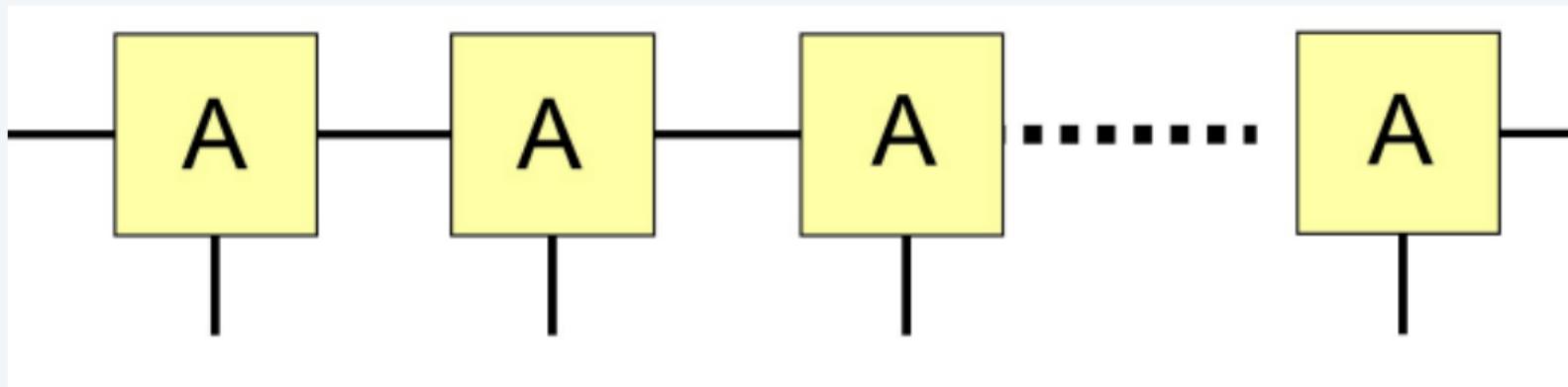


Figure: MPS representation of AKLT ground state taken from Wei et. al. (2022) [2201.09307]



# Derivation of the MPS representation

- This derivation is taken from a very useful review by Andreas Haller
- Let  $|\mathbf{a}\rangle = |a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{b}\rangle = |b_1, b_2, \dots, b_N\rangle$  be the auxiliary spin-1/2 states and  $N$  be the number of sites. The general wavefunction takes the form

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} c_{\mathbf{ab}} |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\rangle$$

- The G.S. adjacent spins are in valence bond, so we have

$$c_{\mathbf{ab}} = \sum_{b_1 a_2} \sum_{b_2 a_3} \cdots \sum_{b_{N-1} a_N}, \text{ where}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We project our subspace onto the spin-1 subspace using the on-site projector

$$P_i = \sum_{a_i, b_i, \sigma_i} M_{a_i b_i}^{\sigma_i} |\sigma_i\rangle \langle a_i, b_i|$$

where  $\sigma_i = 0, \pm 1$ ,  $a_i, b_i = \pm 1/2$ , and the matrices  $M^\sigma$  takes the form

$$M^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M^{(-1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Therefore,  $|\psi_0\rangle \propto P_1 P_2 \cdots P_N |\psi\rangle$ , which takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_0\rangle &\propto \sum_{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}} M_{a_1 b_1}^{\sigma_1} \Sigma_{b_1 a_2} M_{a_2 b_2}^{\sigma_2} \Sigma_{b_2 a_3} \cdots \Sigma_{b_{N-1} a_N} M_{a_N b_N}^{\sigma_N} |\boldsymbol{\sigma}\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} A^{\sigma_1} A^{\sigma_2} \cdots A^{\sigma_N} |\boldsymbol{\sigma}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where  $A^{\sigma_i} = M^{\sigma_i} \Sigma$  and we contract all the As via matrix multiplication

- The tensor-trian at each site is given by

$$A^{(+1)} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{(0)} \propto -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{(-1)} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Under the convention used by the paper, the MPS matrices are <sup>1</sup>

$$\mathcal{M}^{[n]+1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}^{[n]0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}^{[n]-1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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<sup>1</sup>MPS matrices are undetermined up to a local change of basis of form  $A \mapsto MAM^{-1}$ . It is easy to see that the two sets of matrices are related by  $\mathcal{M}^{(n)} = \sigma_x A^{(n)} \sigma_x$



# Hidden string order

- The AKLT state has a hidden anti-ferromagnetic order

$$\cdots 1, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, 0, -1 \cdots$$

i.e. successive non-zero spins must be alternating

- In MPS picture, the matrix element of states of form  $|\cdots \pm 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, \pm 1 \cdots\rangle$  is a product of form

$$(\cdots) \sigma_{\pm} \sigma_z^n \sigma_{\pm} (\cdots)$$

- This is obviously zero because  $\{\sigma_{\pm}, \sigma_z\} = 0$  and  $\sigma_{\pm}^2 = 0$



# Quantized Berry phase

- The Berry phase of a **periodic** 1D AKLT state can be calculated by twisting one of the covalent bonds

$$|10\rangle - |01\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle - e^{i\theta} |01\rangle$$

- The Berry phase is then defined as

$$\gamma = -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \partial_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} d\theta$$

- Thermodynamic limit,  $\boxed{\gamma = \pi}$  [Hatsugai, 2006]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>According to my understand, this phase is quantized (though I can't follow the exact argument), so does it mean that showing  $\gamma = \pi$  in thermodynamic limit is the same as showing it for all finite length?



## G.S. degeneracies of Spin-1 AKLT

- Replace each spin-1 site with a triplet:  $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle), |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$
- For any adjacent site  $\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{5}$ , the combined states lies in  $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3}$  iff there's a valence bond (singlet) between adjacent sites
- The G.S. forms valence bond on adjacent sites
- If the chain is periodic, only one G.S.
- If the chain has open ends, then we have 2 free ends so there are 4 degenerate G.S.
- *Question: I have written down the CG decomposition of the two site case and notice something weird that I don't know how to explain*



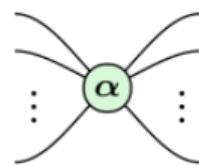
# ZXH Calculus

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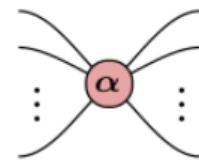


# ZXH Calculus

- Like MPS, a diagrammatic representation of tensors
- Equipped with *spiders* with a set of rewriting rules



$$\vdots \quad \alpha \quad \vdots := |0 \cdots 0\rangle\langle 0 \cdots 0| + e^{i\alpha} |1 \cdots 1\rangle\langle 1 \cdots 1|$$



$$\vdots \quad \alpha \quad \vdots := |+ \cdots +\rangle\langle + \cdots +| + e^{i\alpha} |- \cdots -\rangle\langle - \cdots -|$$

- There are 3 types of spiders : Z-spider (light/green), X-spider (dark/red), and H-spider (rectangle box)
- Each spider has  $n$  inputs,  $m$  output, and a phase  $\alpha$

$$[Z(\alpha)]_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{j_1 j_2 \dots j_m} = \begin{cases} 1 & i_1 = i_2 = \dots = j_1 = j_2 \dots = j_m = 0 \\ e^{i\alpha} & i_1 = i_2 = \dots = j_1 = j_2 \dots = j_m = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

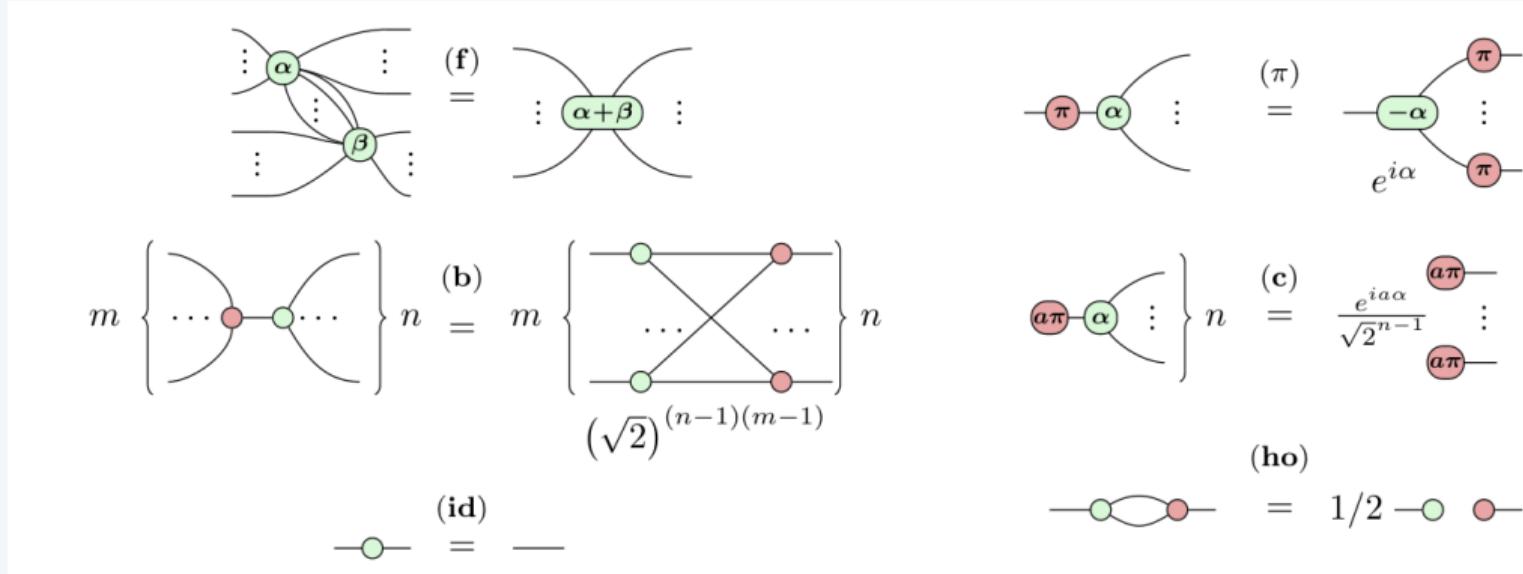
$$[X(\alpha)]_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{j_1 j_2 \dots j_m} = \frac{1}{2^{(n+m)/2}} \begin{cases} 1 + e^{i\alpha} & (\oplus_\alpha i_\alpha) \oplus (\oplus_\beta j_\beta) = 0 \\ 1 - e^{i\alpha} & (\oplus_\alpha i_\alpha) \oplus (\oplus_\beta j_\beta) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$[H(\alpha)]_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{j_1 j_2 \dots j_m} = \begin{cases} a & i_1 = i_2 = \dots = j_1 = j_2 \dots = j_m = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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<sup>3</sup>When  $\alpha$  is left unspecified, it is understood that  $\alpha = 0$  for Z and X, and  $\alpha = -1$  for H

- ZX calculus also comes with a set of rewriting rules



- and etc. etc.
- A comprehensive introduction of these rules can be found in [van de Wetering,2020]. For reference, I have listed these rules in the appendix of the slides.



## Example - States

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-\text{red}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) = |0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |-\text{green}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{red}\pi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle + e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} |-\rangle) = |1\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{green}\pi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{red}\cup\text{green}\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{green}\cup\text{red}\pi\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle - |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{red}\cup\text{green}\pi\rangle = \frac{|01\rangle + |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\text{green}\cup\text{red}\pi\pi\rangle = \frac{|01\rangle - |10\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



## Example - Circuit gates

$$\text{---} \otimes \text{---} = \text{---} \otimes \text{---} = \text{---} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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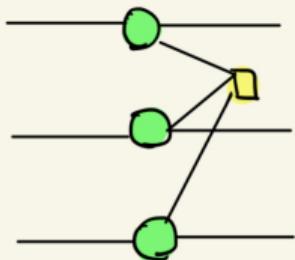
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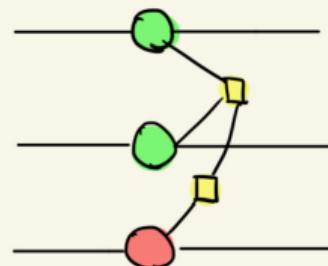
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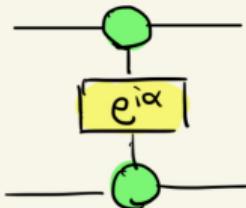
## Example - Control phase gates



= CZ



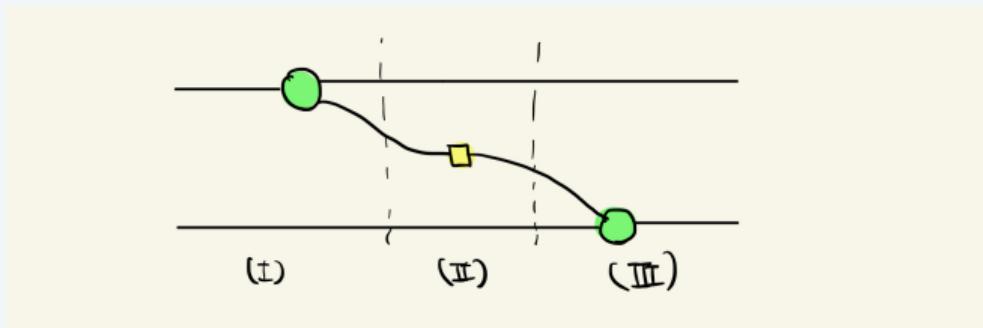
= CCNOT



= CZ( $\alpha$ )



## Example - Convert diagrams to matrix



$$\underbrace{\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]}_{(III)} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]}_{(II)} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]}_{(I)}$$

$= \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1) = \text{Control-Z}$



# ZX calculus over traditional MPS

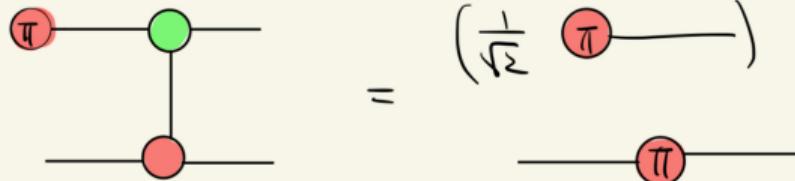
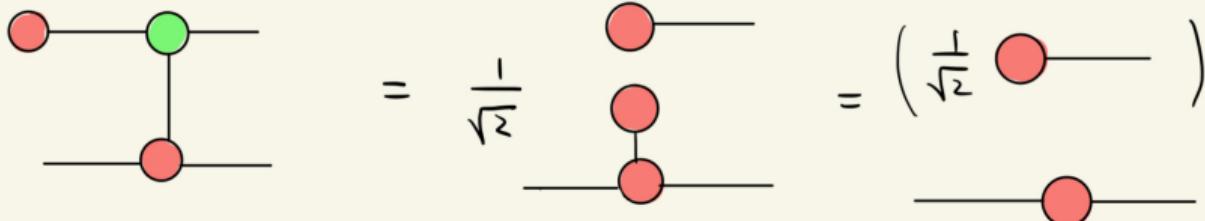
- **Complete:** Any equality of matrices with powers of  $n$  can be derived purely diagrammatically using the rewriting rules<sup>4</sup>
- **Only connectivity matters:** Two diagrams represent the same circuit if the underlying graphs are the same
- **Programmatic graph reduction:** Calculations can be done automatically and exactly by open source graph reduction packages, e.g. PyZX

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<sup>4</sup>For pedagogical introduction to ZX rewriting rules, see [van de Wetering,2020]

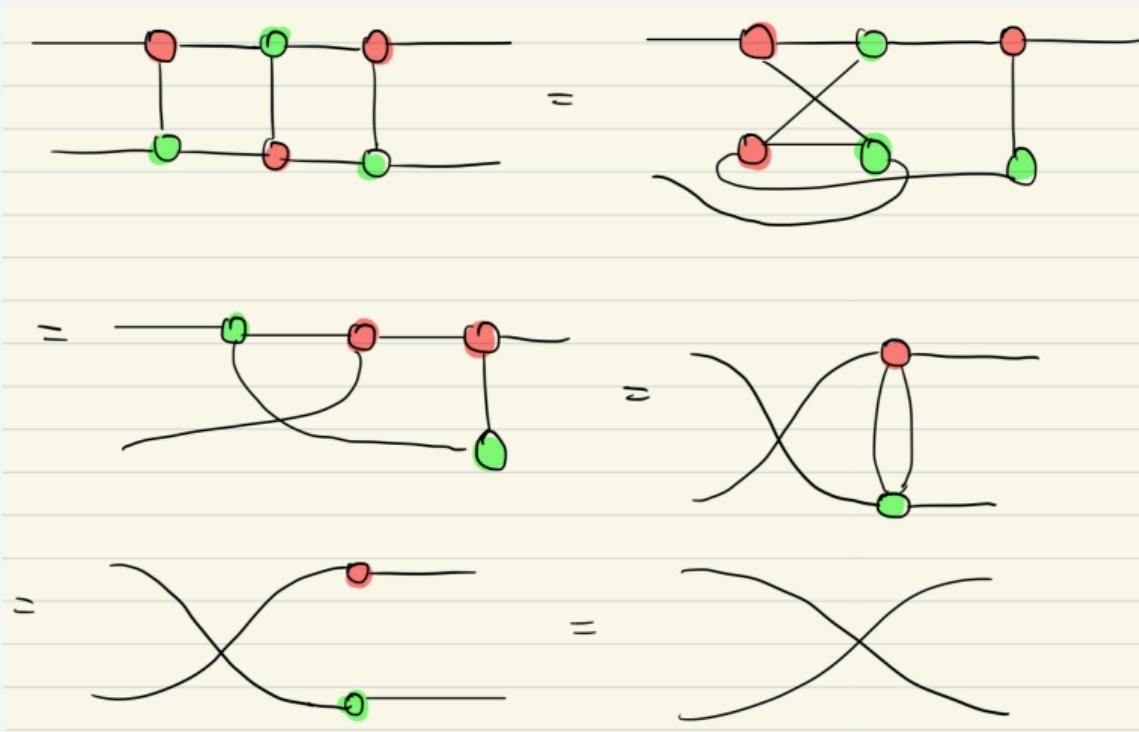


## Example - Applying CNOT to states





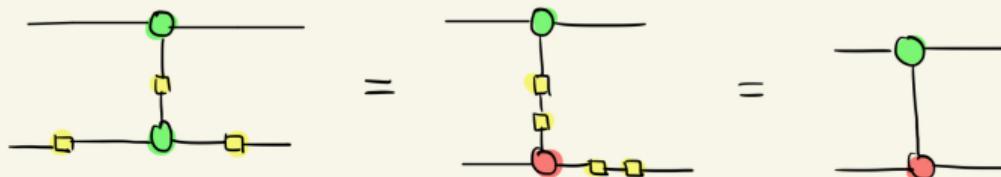
## Example - 3 CNOT = Swap



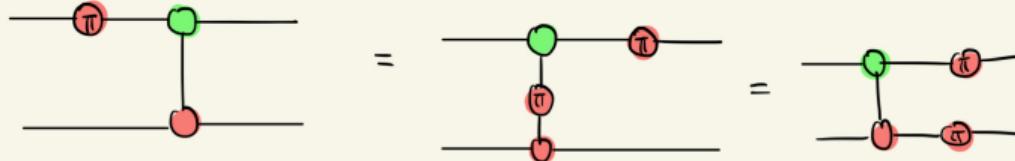


## Example - CX and CZ

Conversion from CZ + H to CX

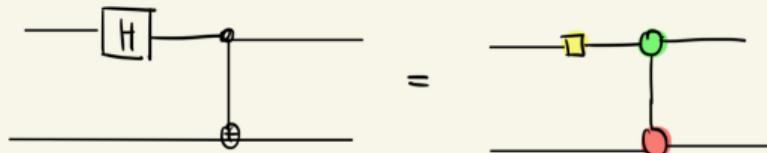


X on control of CZ

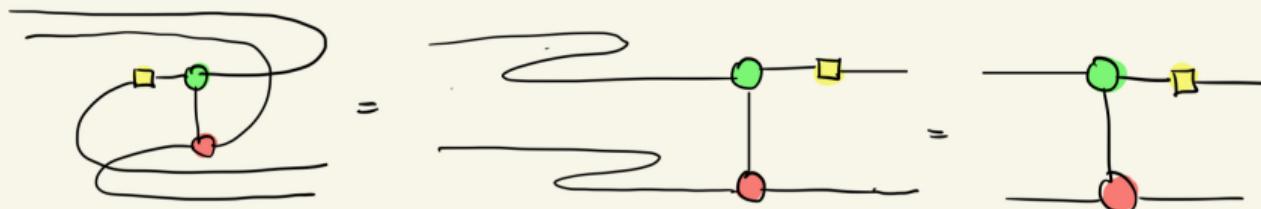




# Example - Bell state preparation & Inverse



To get the inverse = (1) Turn  $\alpha \rightarrow -\alpha$  for all phase  
(2) Do a transpose





## Example - Project away $|11\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad = \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A quantum circuit diagram showing a multi-leg H-box. It consists of four horizontal lines. The top two lines meet at a green circle. The bottom two lines meet at a green circle. Between these two green circles is a yellow square labeled 'H'. The leftmost vertical line connects the top green circle to the bottom green circle. The rightmost vertical line connects the top green circle to the bottom green circle. The middle vertical line connects the top green circle to the yellow square.

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<sup>5</sup>Note the control nature of the multi-leg H-box



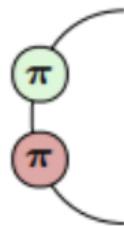
## 1D AKLT as ZX diagrams

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## AKLT GS - Covalent bonds

- Take bell state, apply  $X_2$  and  $Z_1$


$$= |01\rangle - |10\rangle .$$



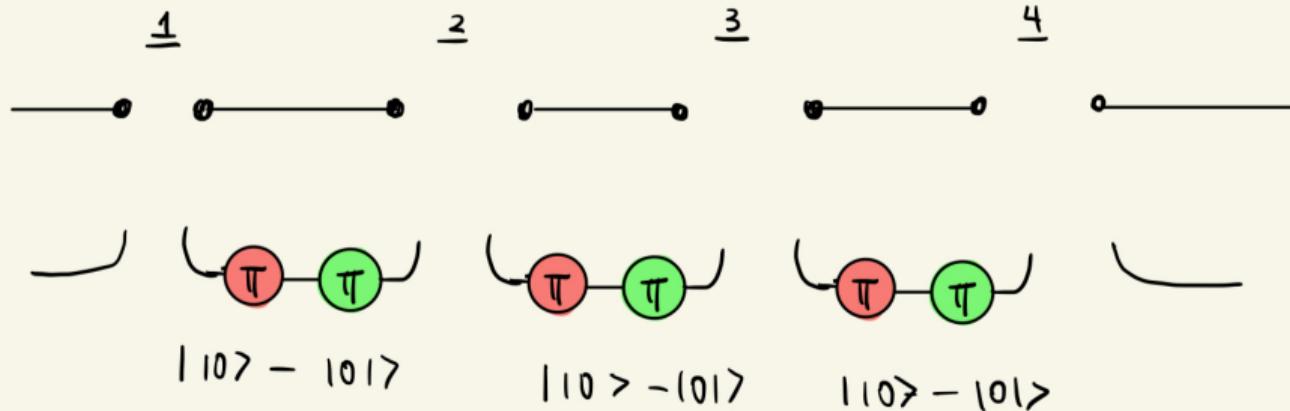
# AKLT GS - Spin-1 projector

- The Bell state preparation circuit  $|11\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi^-\rangle = (|01\rangle - |10\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$
- Strategy:  $(\text{Bell prep})^\dagger \circ (\text{Project out } |11\rangle) \circ (\text{Bell prep})^\dagger$

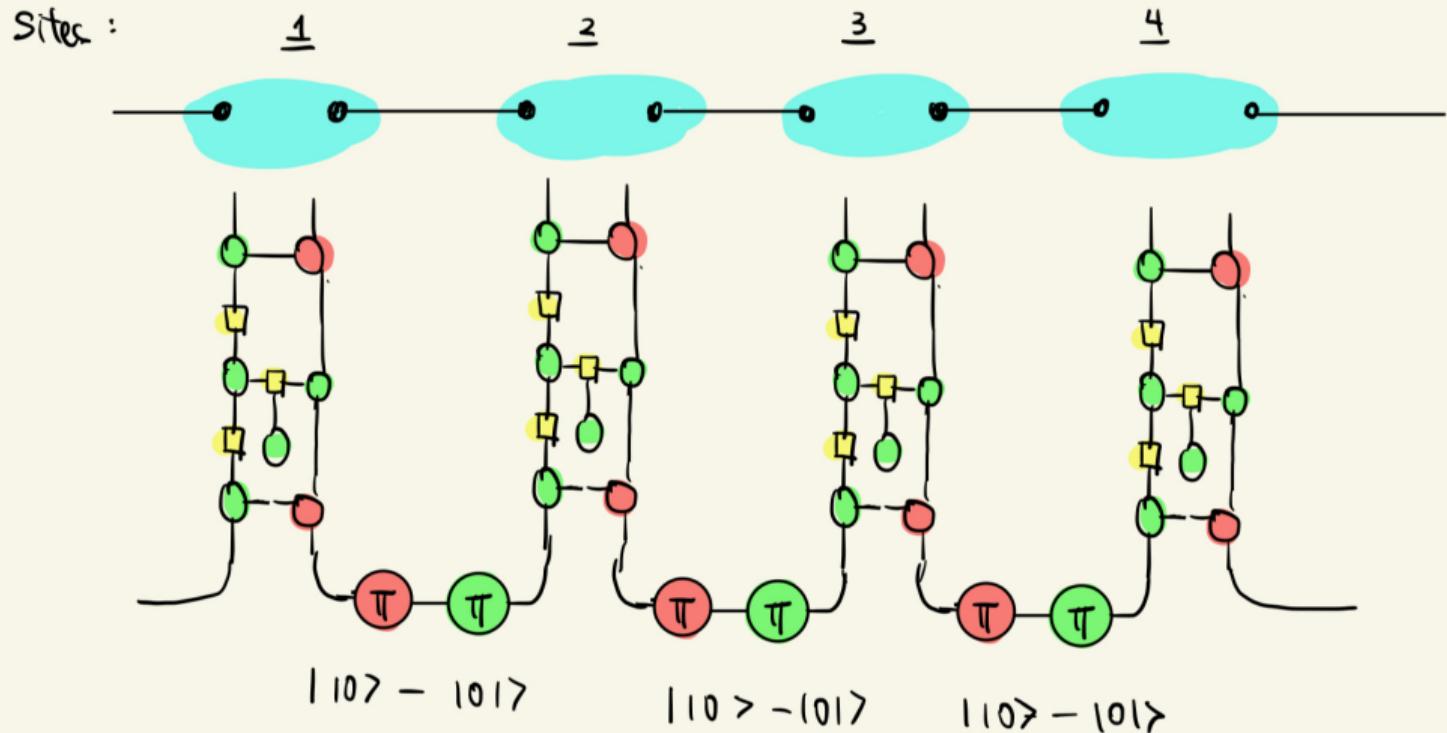
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To construct the AKLT state, we first write down the valence bond pairs

Sites :



We then apply the projector to project onto the spin-1 subspace



The dangling wires at the edge of the chain signifies the 4-fold degeneracies

## Recovering MPL matrices by contraction

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \text{(ex)} \\ \text{(f)} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{(c)} \\ \text{(f)} \end{array} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{(ex)} \\ \text{(f)} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{(c)} \\ \text{(f)} \end{array} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{array}{c} \text{(ex)} \\ \text{(f)} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{(c)} \\ \text{(f)} \end{array}$$

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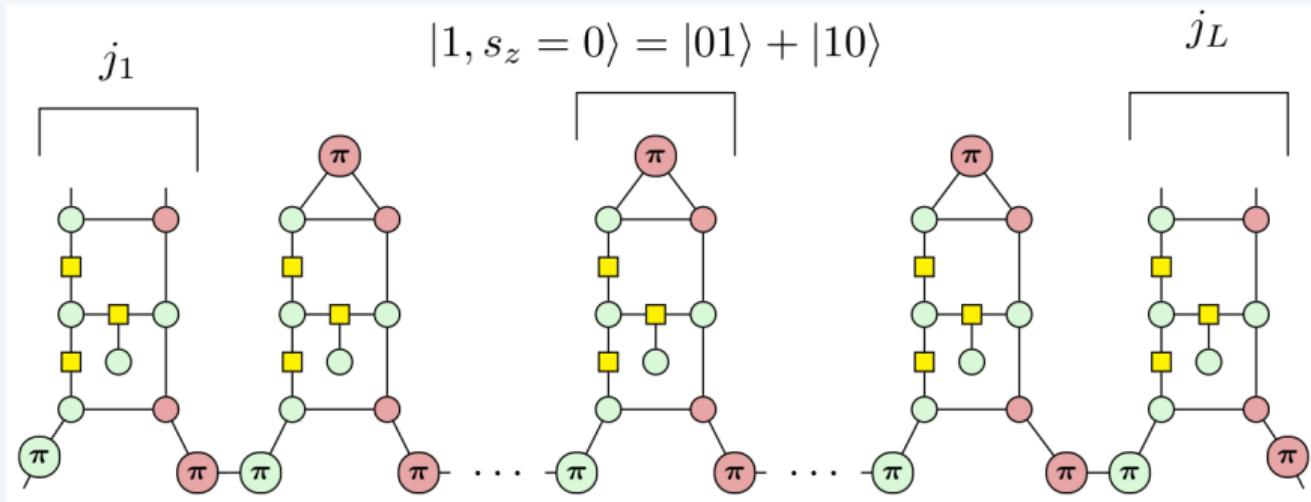
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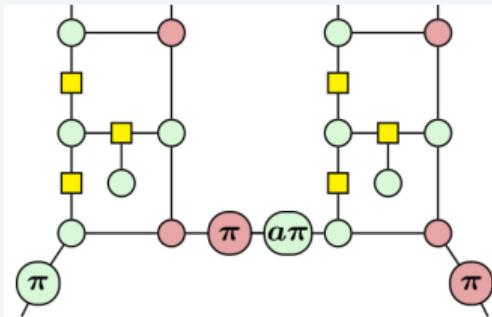
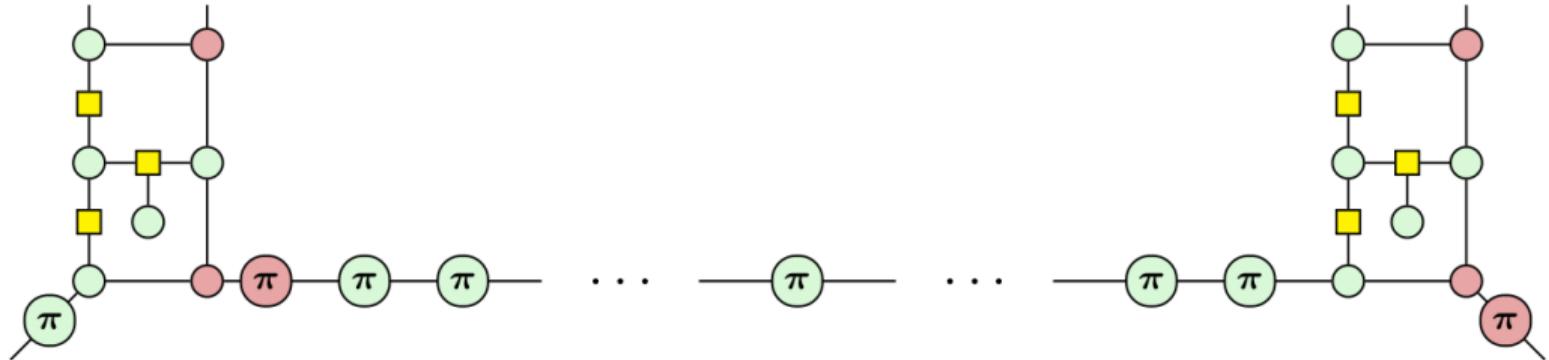
$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} M^{[n]+1}$$



# Demonstrating hidden string order



Simplify the repeating block in the middle, we get the following figure



Plugging in  $\pm 1$  on both sides shows that the state vanishes if  $j_1 = j_L$  does not otherwise (Work out an example that gives 0)



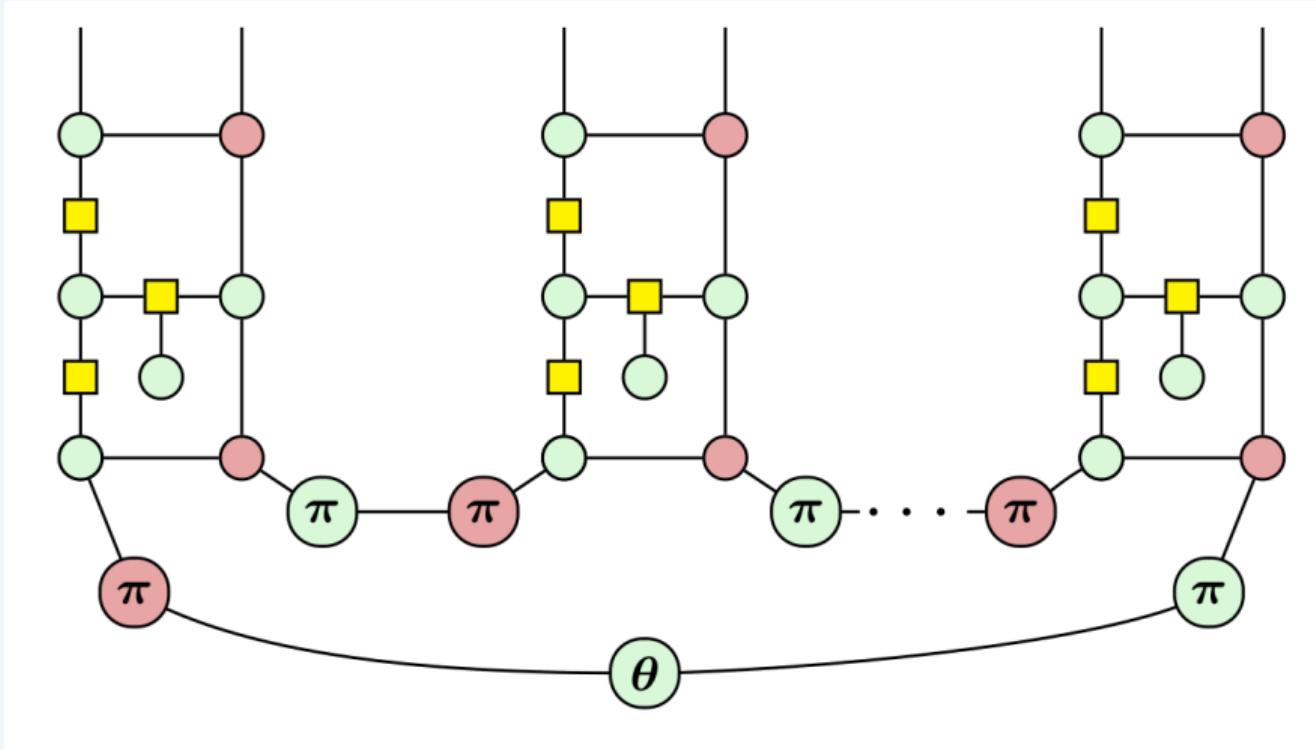
# Berry phase computation

- Recall the Berry phase is calculated using

$$\gamma = -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \partial_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} d\theta$$

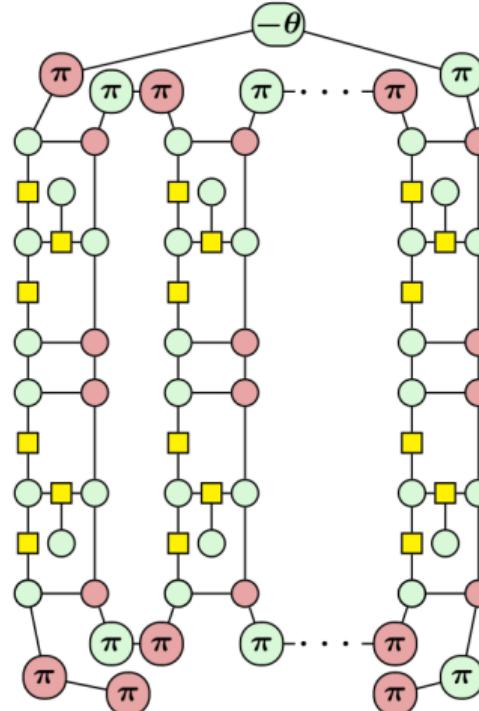
where the chain is twisted at the end

- We calculate the phase directly by representing both  $|\psi_\theta\rangle$  and  $\langle\psi_\theta|$  as ZX diagrams and doing all the contractions diagrammatically



The integral is therefore

$$\gamma = (-i) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{i\theta}}{2\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} d\theta$$



Skipping the simplification steps, the result can be evaluated exactly as

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2(-1)^N e^{i\theta} + 3^N + (-1)^N}{2(-1)^N \cos \theta + 3^N + (-1)^N} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g e^{i\theta} + 1}{g \cos \theta + 1} d\theta = \boxed{\pi}\end{aligned}$$

where  $g = \frac{2(-1)^N}{3^N + (-1)^N}$ , and  $N$  is the length of the chain. Thus, the direct computation shows that  $\boxed{\gamma = \pi}$  holds for all finite length 1D AKLT chains.



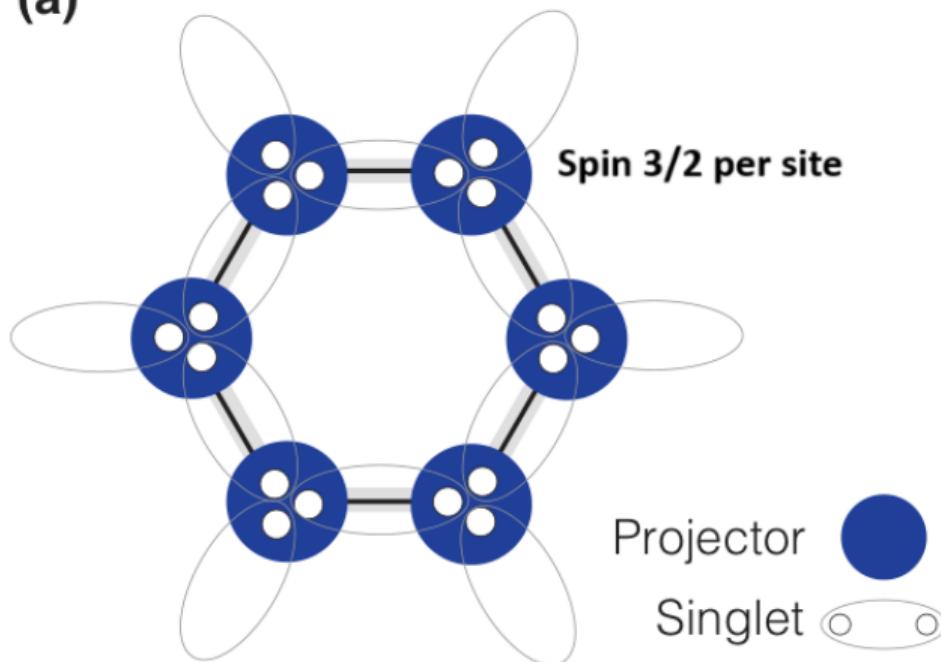
## 2D AKLT States as ZX diagram

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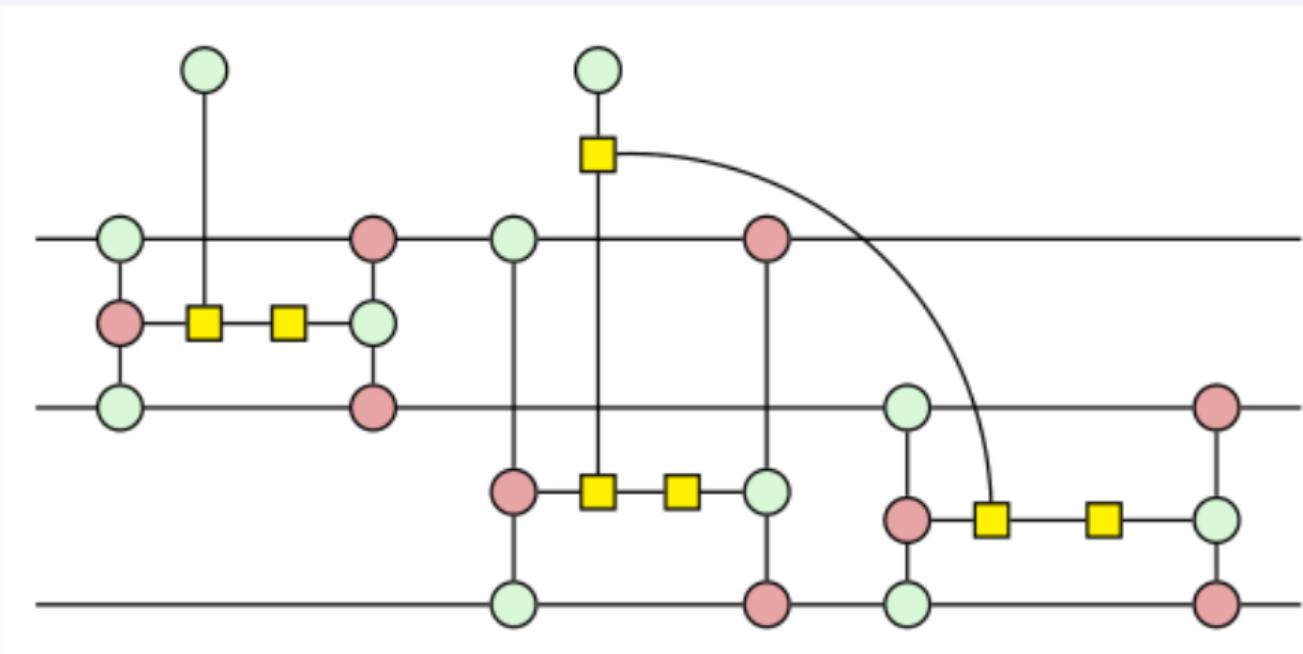
# 2D AKLT states on honeycomb lattice

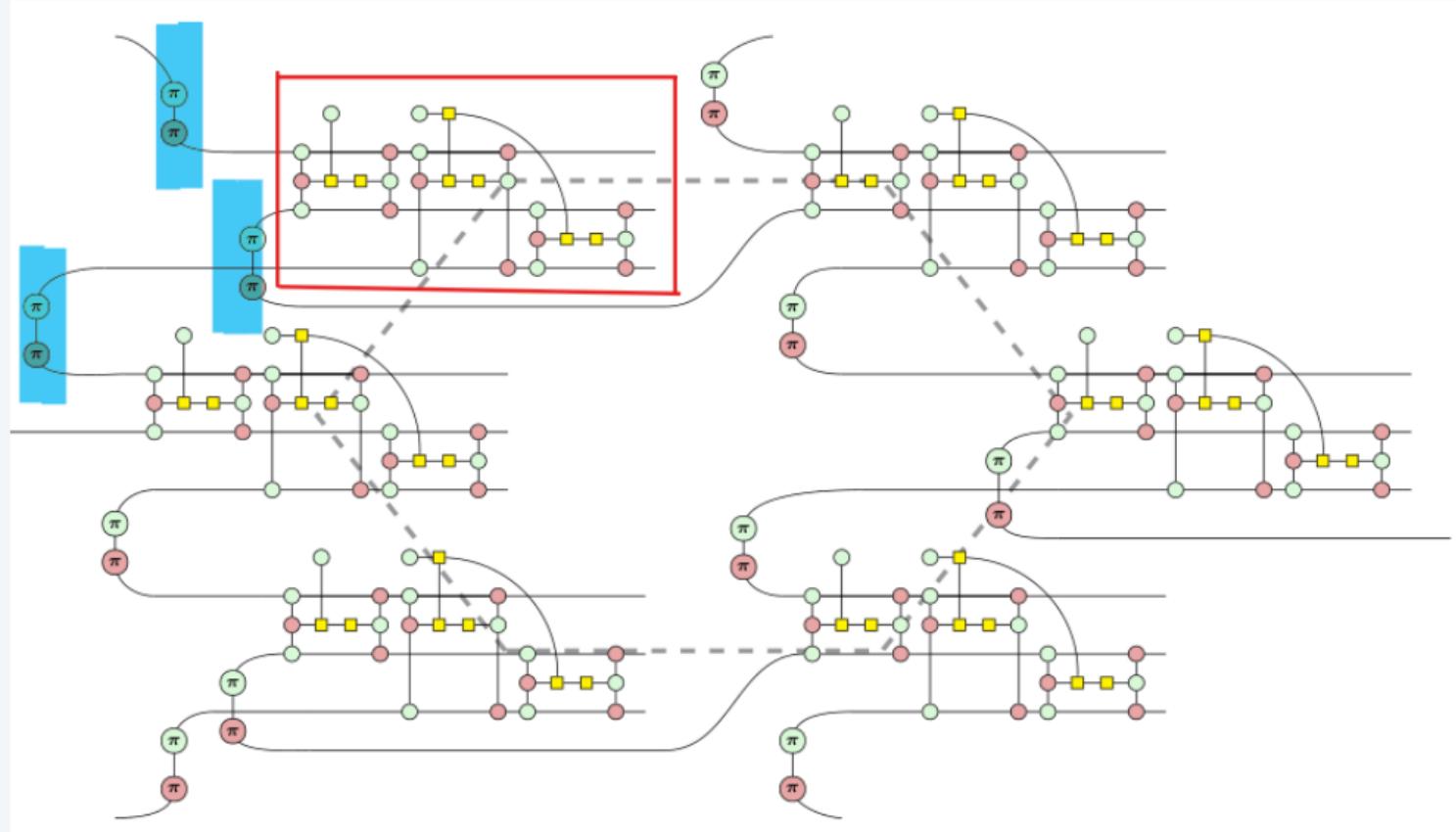
(a)





# Spin-3/2 Projector







# Previously known facts about this states

- The state can be reduced into a graph state under suitable measurement operations [Wei et al., 2011]
- The measurement is a joint measurement of the 3 qubit on each site

$$E_z = \frac{2}{3} (|000\rangle\langle000| + |111\rangle\langle111|)$$

$$E_x = \frac{2}{3} (|+++ \rangle\langle+++| + |--- \rangle\langle---|)$$

$$E_y = \frac{2}{3} (|iii\rangle\langleiii| + |-i-i-i\rangle\langle-i-i-i|)$$

where  $|0\rangle, |+\rangle, |i\rangle$  are the eigenstates of the  $Z, X, Y$  operators<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Note that  $E_x^\dagger E_x + E_y^\dagger E_y + E_z^\dagger E_z = P_{3/2}$

## Graph reduction rules:

- After measurement is performed, apply the following graph reduction rules
  - (i) Merge neighboring sites with same POVM outcomes
  - (ii) Cut pairs of edges that connects two vertices
- The merged sites are called a *domain* and represent a single-logical qubit

## Reasons for the rules to hold:

1. Neighboring sites are antiferromagnetic, so if both of them are  $S_a = \pm 3/2$ , one can only have combinations of form  $|3/2, -3/2, \dots\rangle_{12}$  or  $| -3/2, 3/2, \dots\rangle_{12}$
2. Let  $m$  be the multiplicity of an edge, the inferred graph state stabilizer generators is of form  $X_u Z_v^m$ .<sup>7</sup> Since  $Z^2 = I$ , we can remove all but one edge.

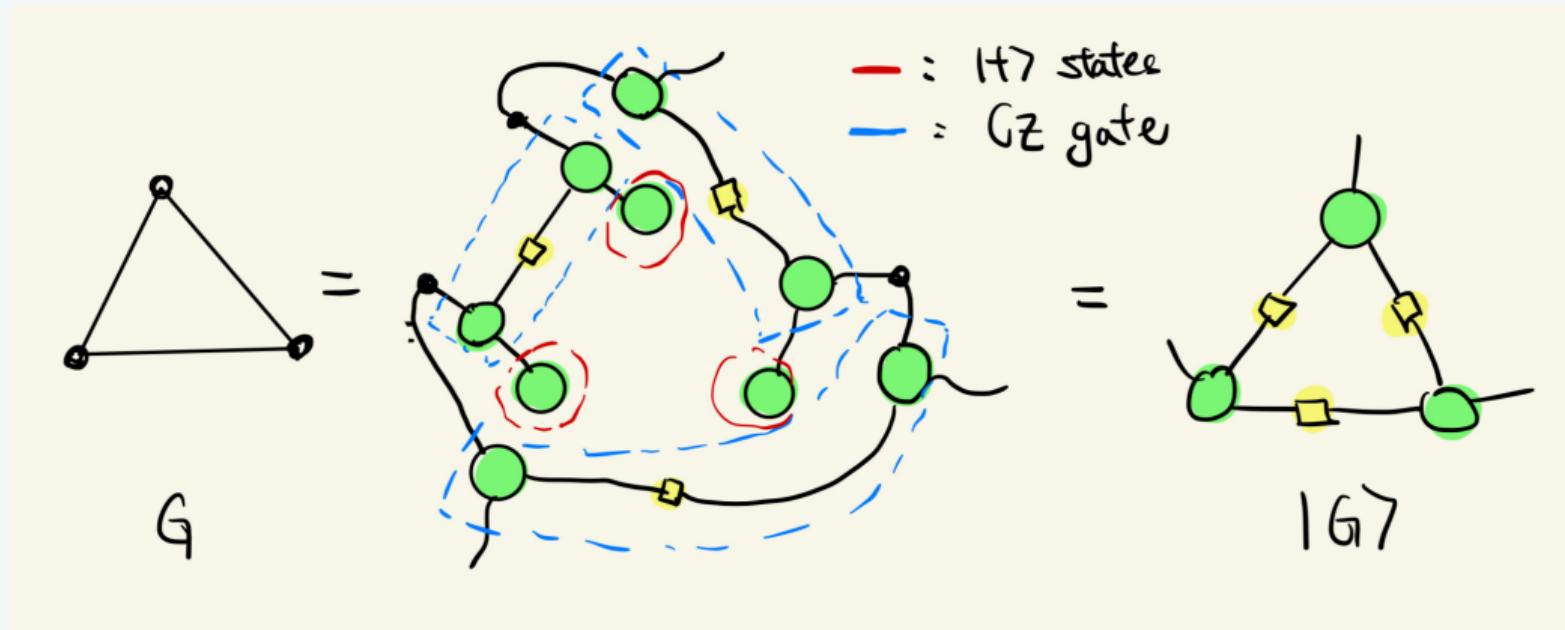
**Universal Quantum Resource:** The construction above gives a cluster state in thermodynamic limit, which is a universal quantum resource.

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<sup>7</sup>To be honest I can't follow this part of the argument



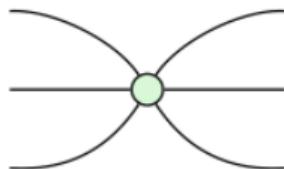
# Graph state in ZX calculus



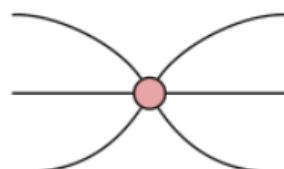
## Graph state reduction proof (ZX calculus):

We first write down the POVM operators

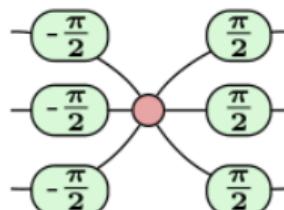
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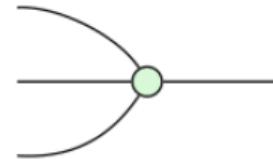
$$E_x \propto$$



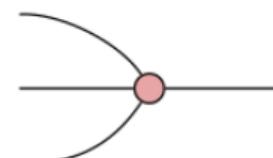
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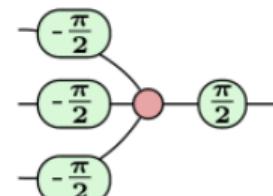
$$E_z \rightsquigarrow$$



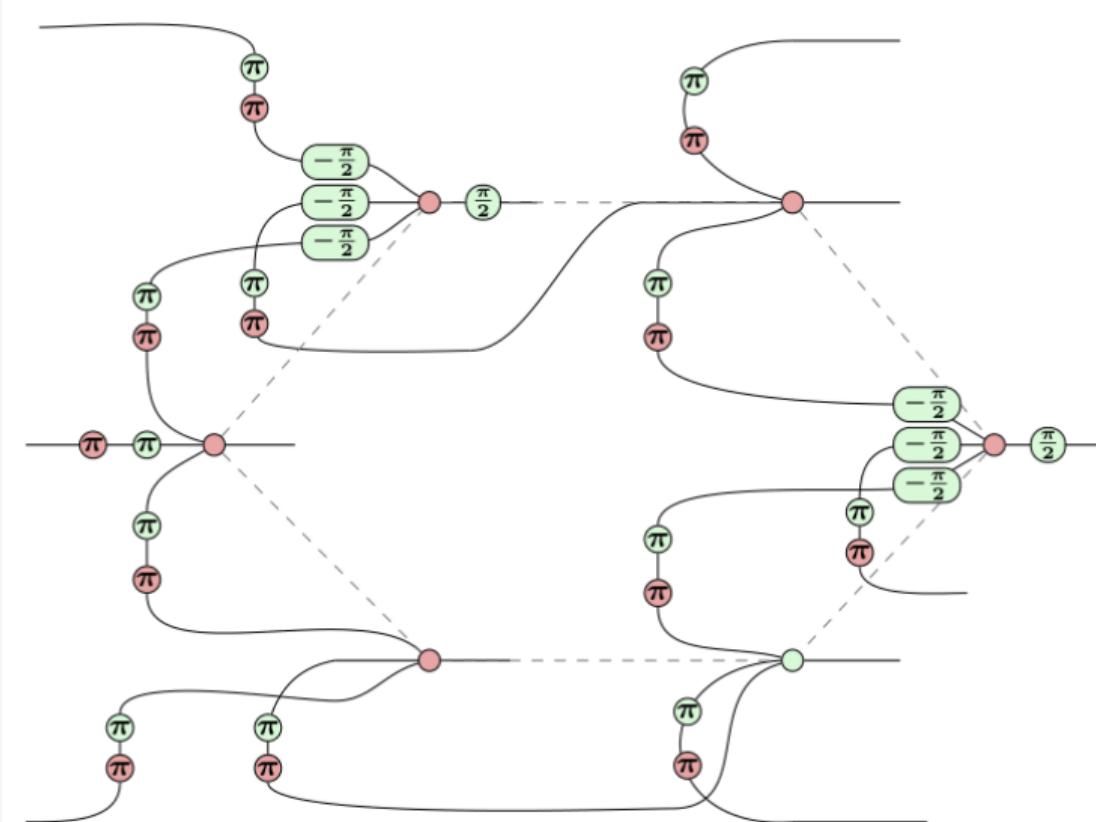
$$E_x \rightsquigarrow$$



$$E_y \rightsquigarrow$$



All of these operators are symmetric under permutation, so they "annihilate" the spin-3/2 projector and connects to the singlet directly

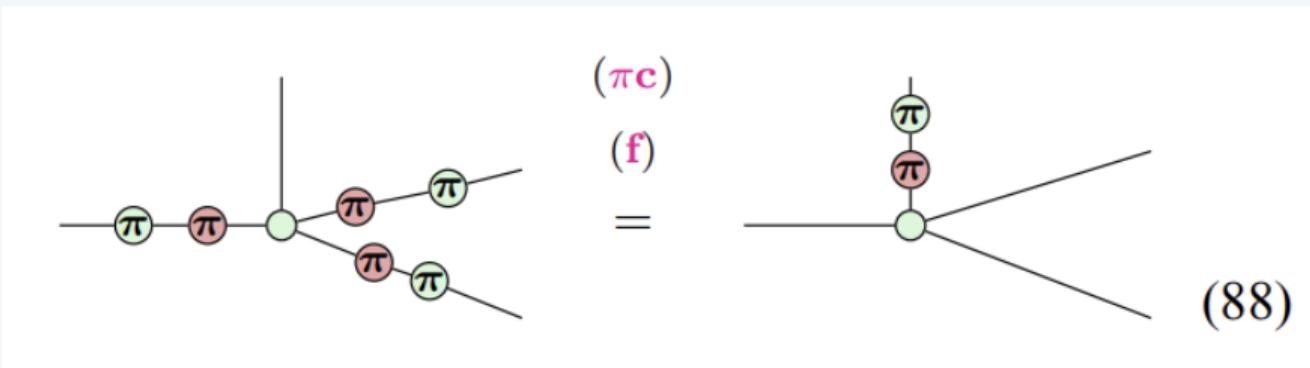


## Using known results on Clifford states:

- The diagram only contains contain any higher-arity H-boxes, and the only phases that appear are multiples of  $\pi/2$
- It is a so-called Clifford state, which can be presented as a graph state with single-qubit Clifofrd unitaries on its outputs. QED.
- We can also do it explicitly

## Explicit graph reduction

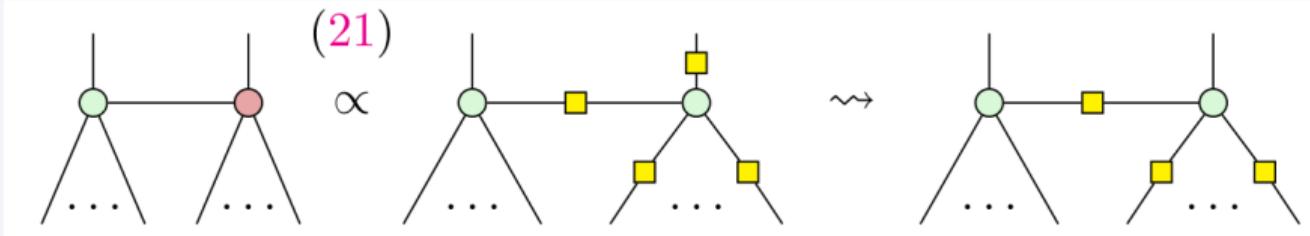
- First rewrite the edges so that we have a  $(\pi) - (\pi)$  in the output edges



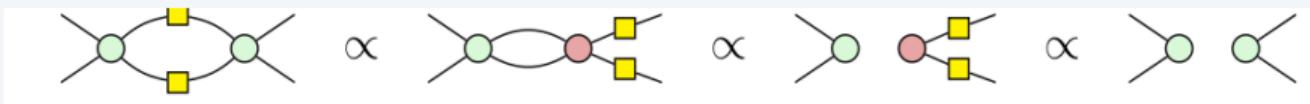
With that we can redefine our basis and eliminate those phases.

- We can then merge all the vertices with same color, this is the same as Rule 1 in [Wei et al., 2011]

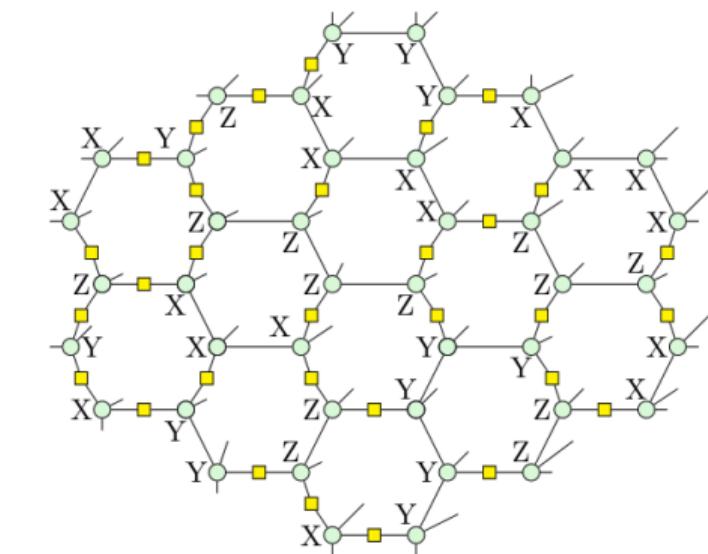
- We can then pull out hadamard gates from red vertices to make our states manifestly "graph-like"



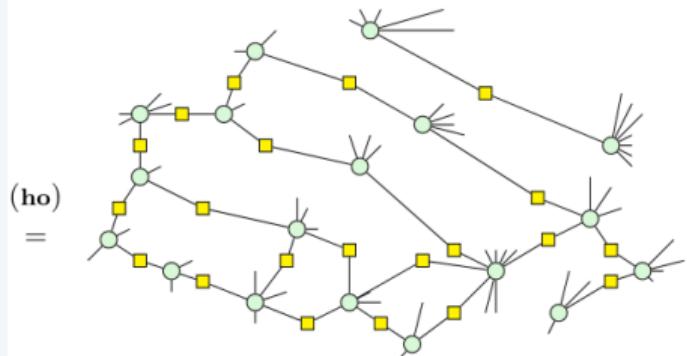
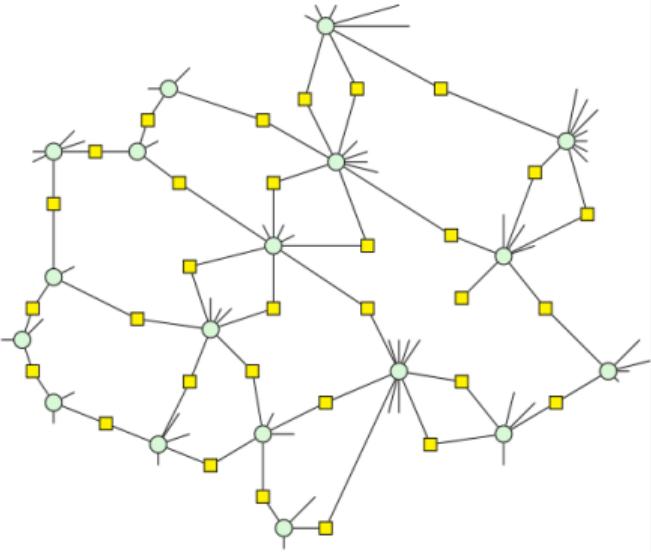
- We can then remove edges with multiplicity  $m > 1$  by using the Hopf rule



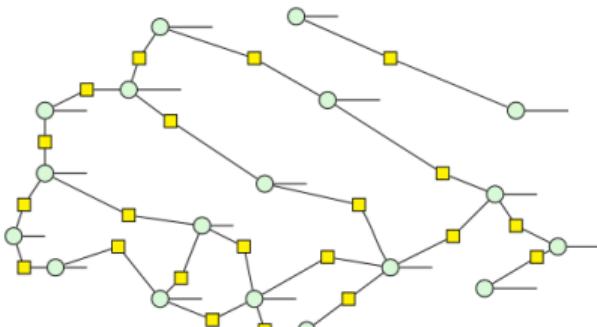
This is basically Rule 2 in [Wei et al., 2011]



(f)



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# Using PyZX

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# About PyZX

- PyZX is an open-source packages for ZXH calculus
- Allows you to construct circuits and graphs directly
- Also supports automatic graph simplification
- Repo link: <https://github.com/Quantomatic/pyzx>





# Graphical reduction with PyZX

*"Talk is cheap. Show me the code." - Linus Torvalds*

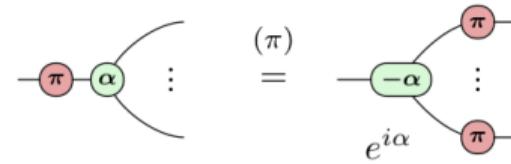
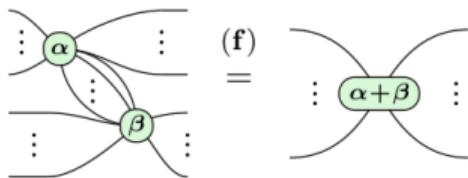


# Appendix

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# ZX calculus rewriting rules



$$m \left\{ \dots \textcolor{red}{\bullet} \textcolor{green}{\bullet} \dots \right\} n \stackrel{(b)}{=} m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textcolor{green}{\bullet} \textcolor{red}{\bullet} \\ \dots \quad \dots \\ \textcolor{green}{\bullet} \textcolor{red}{\bullet} \end{array} \right\} n$$
$$(\sqrt{2})^{(n-1)(m-1)}$$

(c)

( $\text{id}$ )

$=$

$1/2$

$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right. \alpha \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} n = \sqrt{2}^{n+m} m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right. \alpha \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} n \quad (20)$$

$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right. \alpha \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} n = \sqrt{2}^{n+m} m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right. \alpha \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} n \quad (21)$$

$$\alpha \text{---} = e^{i\alpha} \text{---} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \square \quad \square \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{hh})}{=} 2 \quad \text{---}$$

$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ a \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} n \stackrel{(\mathbf{hf})}{=} 2 \quad m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ a \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} n$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \square \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{rw})}{=} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \square \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \square \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{hc})}{=} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{red}{\circ} & \pi \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{red}{\circ} & \square \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{ex})}{=} \sqrt{2} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{blue}{a} & \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ b & \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{m})}{=} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ ab & \vdots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{red}{\circ} & \square \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{ab})}{=} \sqrt{2} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{blue}{a} & \text{---} \end{array}$$

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$$m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \textcolor{red}{\circ} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} n \stackrel{(\mathbf{hb})}{=} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{n-1} m \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \\ \vdots \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array} \right\} n$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{teal}{\circ} & \square \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{blue}{a} & \vdots \end{array} \stackrel{(\mathbf{in})}{=} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{red}{\circ} & \textcolor{blue}{a} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \vdots & \text{---} \\ | & | \\ \textcolor{blue}{a} & \textcolor{teal}{\circ} \end{array}$$



# Constructor of projector of higher spin

- To represent spins  $N/2$  sites, we stack  $N$  spin-1/2 and project onto the symmetric subspace<sup>8</sup>
- This is done by the symmetrizing projector

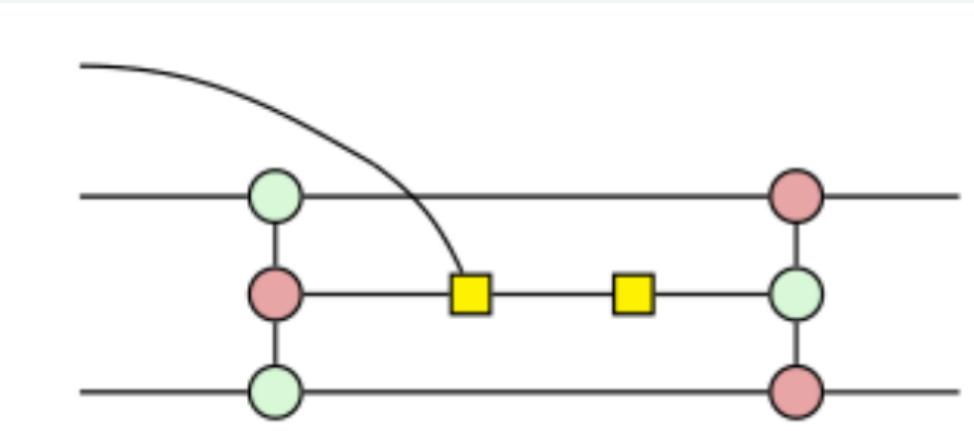
$$P = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} U_\sigma$$

where  $U_\sigma |x_1 x_2 \cdots\rangle = |x_{\sigma(1)} x_{\sigma(2)} \cdots\rangle$

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<sup>8</sup>Recall the highest spin subspace of  $N$  spin-1/2 is all the states that are symmetric under permutation of spin indices

- Basically we want a coherent superposition of swap wires
- This is done by CSWAP which maps  $|0xy\rangle \mapsto |0xy\rangle$  and  $|1xy\rangle \mapsto |1yx\rangle$ .



- Higher projectors can be constructed inductively by swapping additional qubit with all other qubits<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>There are some subtleties as to how to make sure only at most one CSWAP is fired each time. Details are presented in Appendix C of the paper.



# Higher spin representation of SU(2)

- One way to represent arbitrary spins is to stack  $N$  spin-1/2

$$\overbrace{\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2} \cdots \otimes \mathbf{2}}^{N \text{ copies}}$$

- The representation of  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  in this space is basically given by

$$\hat{S}_z = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{S}_z^{(i)} \quad \hat{S}_{\pm} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{S}_x^{(i)} \pm i \hat{S}_y^{(i)}$$

- To construct a spin- $N/2$  subspace, we take the highest state  $|\uparrow \cdots \uparrow\rangle$  and apply  $\hat{S}_-$  repeatedly
- The highest state is obviously symmetric under permutation of spin label
- For any state obtained by applying  $\hat{S}_-$ , we note that

$$\text{Perm}(\hat{S}_- |\psi\rangle, \sigma) = \text{Perm}(\hat{S}_-, \sigma) \text{Perm}(|\psi\rangle, \sigma)$$

where  $\sigma \in S_N$  is a permutation of spin index

- Since both  $\hat{S}_-$  and  $|\psi\rangle$  are totally symmetric, the state  $\hat{S}_- |\psi\rangle$  must also be a totally symmetric state
- Therefore, the subspace spanned by totally symmetric states is the highest spin subspace.



# Positive operator valued measure (POVM)

- Let  $\{\mathcal{O}_i\}$  be a set of positive semi-definite operators. The set of operator is said to form a positive operator value value measure (POVM) if they satisfy the completeness relations

$$\sum_i \mathcal{O}_i = I$$

- Since it is always possible to write  $\mathcal{O}_i$  in terms of Kraus operators  $E_i^\dagger E_i$ , we can also express our relations in terms of Kraus operators

$$\sum_i E_i^\dagger E_i = I$$

- $E_i$  are not unique because  $E_i \mapsto U E_i$  where  $U$  is unitary gives you another set of valid Kraus operators

- The post-measurement state is not uniquely determined by  $\mathcal{O}_i$
- However, given  $E_i$ , the post-measurement state is given by

$$|\psi\rangle \mapsto \frac{E_i |\psi\rangle}{\langle \psi | E_i^\dagger E_i | \psi \rangle}$$

- Note that the post-measurement state is not uniquely defined by  $\mathcal{O}_i$  as  $E_i$  is undetermined up to a unitary  $U$
- This agree with the notion that we need to supply in addition to  $\mathcal{O}_i$  the exact form of  $E_i$  to uniquely determine the post-measurement state



# Graph states

- A simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of a set of vertices  $V$  and a set of edges  $E \subseteq \{\{x,y\} \in V \times V, x \neq y\}$
- Let  $G$  be a graph, and  $|G\rangle_0 = |+\rangle^{\otimes}$  be the empty graph state. The graph state  $|G\rangle$  is defined as

$$|G\rangle = \prod_{(i,j) \in E} \mathcal{U}_{ij} |G_0\rangle$$

where  $\mathcal{U}_{ij} = \text{CZ}(i,j)$  with  $i,j \in V$

- Equivalently, graph states can be understood using the stabilizer formalism

- A *cluster state* is a graph state where the underlying graph is a lattice
- Any 2D cluster state is a universal resource for measurement-based quantum computation
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- The spin operator (with  $\hbar$  stripped) for spin-1 systems are

$$S_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & -i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Therefore the rotation operator of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  is represented as

$$U_x(\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_y(\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_z(\pi) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that these are the matrix representation in the spin-1 z basis

- Therefore, if we apply these transformations individually to each site, we have

$$A_i^\sigma \mapsto \sum_{\sigma=0,\pm 1} U_\sigma^{\sigma'} A_i^{\sigma'}$$

where  $\sigma$  denote the  $\sigma$ -th component of the spin-1 spinor and  $i$  is the site index.

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