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Abstract:

# Spin-Majorana (and other) Dualities, Holography, and Deconfinement

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# The elusive Majorana fermion

Ettore Majorana: 1906-1938(?)



1937: "Real" counterpart to a Dirac

fermion



# The elusive Majorana fermion

$$\{c_{li}, c_{l'i'}\} = 2\delta_{l,l'}\delta_{i,i'}, \quad c_{li}^\dagger = c_{li}.$$





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The “real and imaginary parts” of a Dirac fermion are Majorana fermions.

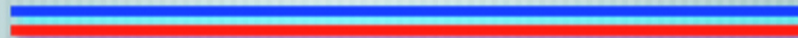
A representation:

$$d_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(c_{l1} + ic_{l2}), \quad d_l^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(c_{l1} - ic_{l2})$$



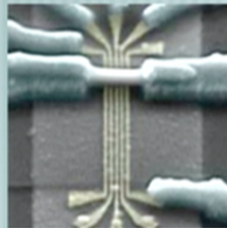
Hilbert space dimension of  $N_s$  Majorana fermions scales as

$$2^{N_s/2}$$



# The elusive Majorana fermion

High energy physics: neutrino(?), neutralino(??),  
Condensed matter: p-wave superconductors(?),  
interface between topological insulators and  
s-wave superconductors(?), Quantum Hall states(?)  
, semiconductor wires on s-wave superconductors



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# This talk: Majorana-Pauli spin dualities



Most of the work to date focuses on **non-interacting** Majorana fermions. We wish to map interacting Majorana systems in an arbitrary number of dimensions to Pauli spin systems for which much is known.



# Intermezzo

## the tool: the bond-algebraic approach to dualities





# Exposing Dualities

Bonds are more fundamental objects than the elementary degrees of freedom



Space-time, momentum, spin (or other) coordinates are (generally non-unique) labels for bonds. Bonds can automatically be gauge or Lorentz invariant. Redundant degrees of freedom can be avoided.

The special character of various systems including statistics of their basic constituents [Bose, Fermi (Dirac or Majorana), spin, or other], etc. may be irrelevant. In the calculation of most physically measurable quantities such as various non-vanishing correlation functions, entropies, complexities, and free energies, only composite quantities (the bonds) appear.





# When are two Hamiltonian dual?

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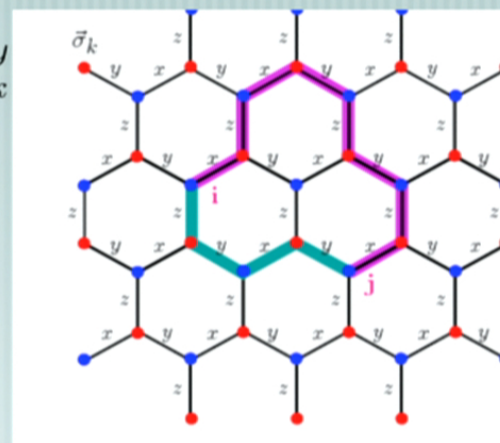
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# A simple concrete example of a duality between Pauli spins and non-interacting Majorana fermions: Kitaev's honeycomb model

$$H_{K_h} = - J_x \sum_{x\text{-bonds}} \sigma_j^x \sigma_k^x - J_y \sum_{y\text{-bonds}} \sigma_j^y \sigma_k^y - J_z \sum_{z\text{-bonds}} \sigma_j^z \sigma_k^z.$$



$$O_{ij}^\mu = \sigma_i^\mu \sigma_j^\mu, \quad \mu = x, y, z,$$

$$\dim \mathcal{H} = 2^{N_s}$$



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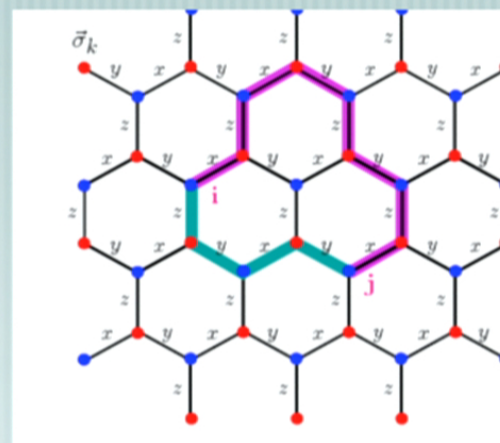
## Bond Algebra of Pauli system:

$$\mathcal{O}_{ij}^\mu = \sigma_i^\mu \sigma_j^\mu, \quad \mu = x, y, z,$$

$$(\mathcal{O}_{ij}^\mu)^2 = 1$$

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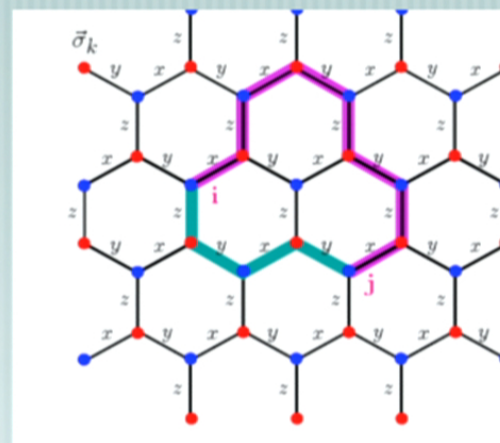
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Bond algebra of a free Majorana system (i.e., a bilinear) on any lattice or graph:

Bonds of free Majorana system:  $\bar{O}_{ij}^\mu = 2i\eta_{ij}c_i c_j$  with  $\eta_{ij} = \pm 1$

$$(\bar{O}_{ij}^\mu)^2 = 1$$

all bonds square to unity

$$[\bar{O}_{ij}^\mu, \bar{O}_{kl}^{\mu'}] = 0$$

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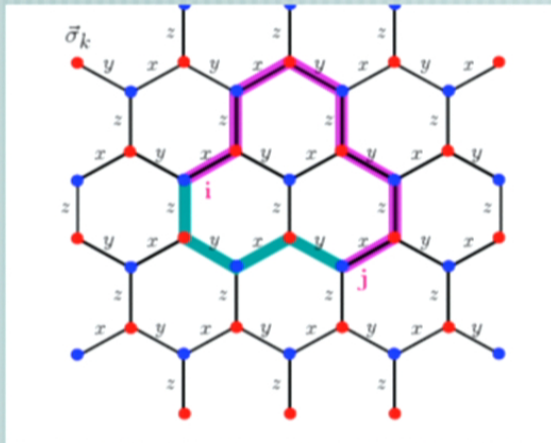
For any ordered product along a closed contour:

$$\prod_{ij \in C} \bar{O}_{ij}^{\mu} = \prod_{ij \in C} \eta_{ij}$$



# A simple concrete example of a duality between Pauli spins and non-interacting Majorana fermions: Kitaev's honeycomb model

Any product along a closed contour (including elementary hexagons),



$$I_C \equiv \prod_{ij \in C} \mathcal{O}_{ij}^\mu$$

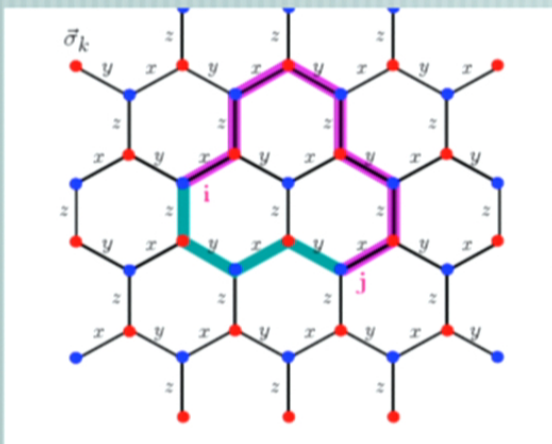
is a symmetry,

$$[I_C, \mathcal{O}_{i'j'}^{\mu'}] = [I_C, H_{K_h}] = 0.$$





# A simple concrete example of a duality between Pauli spins and non-interacting Majorana fermions: Kitaev's honeycomb model



If for any hexagon  $h$ ,

$$I_h = \prod_{ij \in h} \eta_{ij}$$

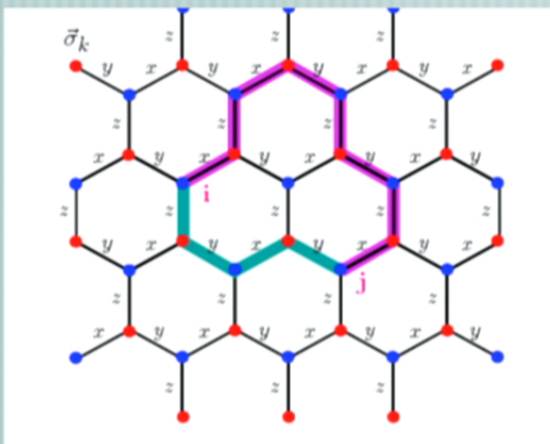
then in any such sector of the Pauli theory specified by  $\{I_h\}$  we will have the trivial duality

$$\mathcal{O}_{ij}^\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{ij}^\mu$$

*Pauli spin*  $\leftrightarrow$  *Majorana*



# A simple concrete example of a duality between Pauli spins and non-interacting Majorana fermions: Kitaev's honeycomb model



In any such sector of the Pauli theory specified by  $\{I_h\}$  the Hilbert space dimension is  $2^{N_s/2}$  equivalent to the size of the state space of the Majorana system for fixed  $\{\eta_{ij}\}$

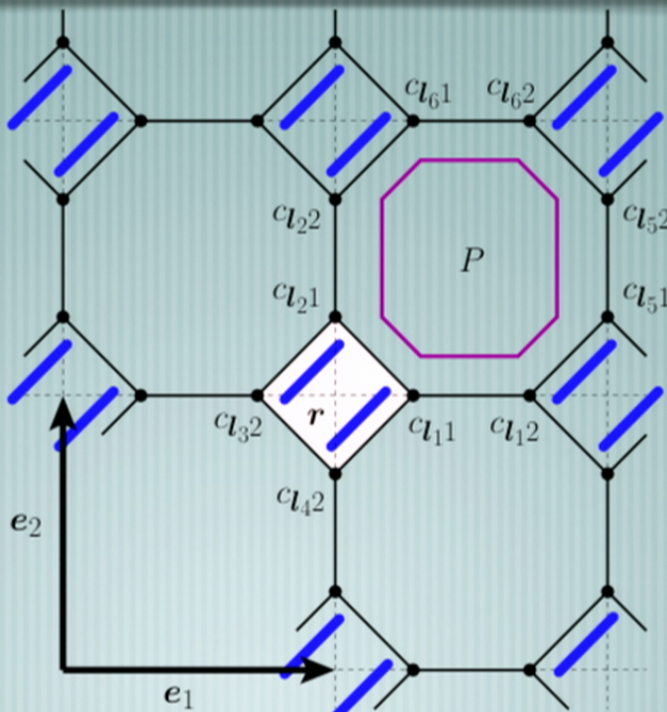
Thus the system is that of free fermions and is trivially solvable.

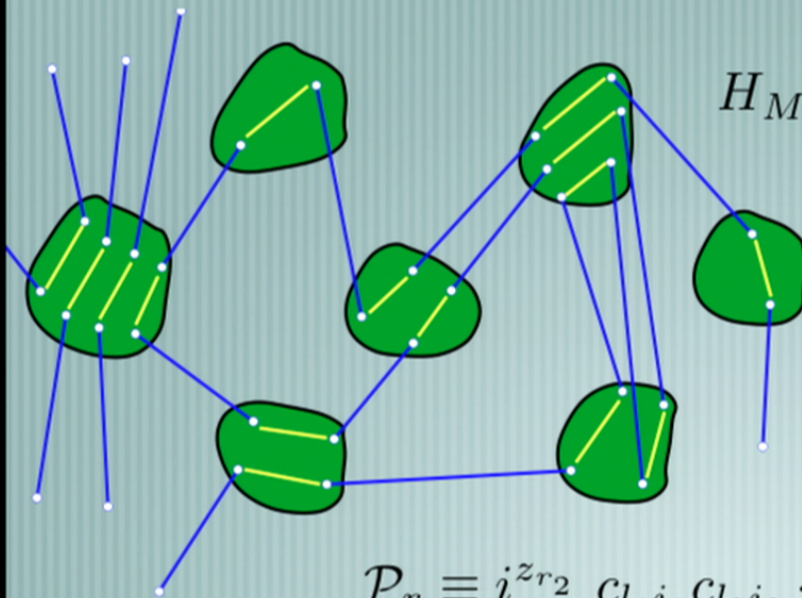




# Interacting Majorana fermion-Pauli spin dualities

Square lattice  
Majorana wire  
architecture  
(B. Terhal, F. Hassler, and  
D. P. Divincenzo, arXiv:  
1201.3757)





$$H_M = -i \sum_l J_l c_{l1} c_{l2} - \sum_r h_r \mathcal{P}_r;$$

Josephson tunneling

Charging energy

$$\mathcal{P}_r \equiv i^{z_{r2}} c_{l_1 i_1} c_{l_2 i_2} \cdots c_{l_{q_r} i_{q_r}}, \quad r \in l_1, \dots, l_{q_r}$$



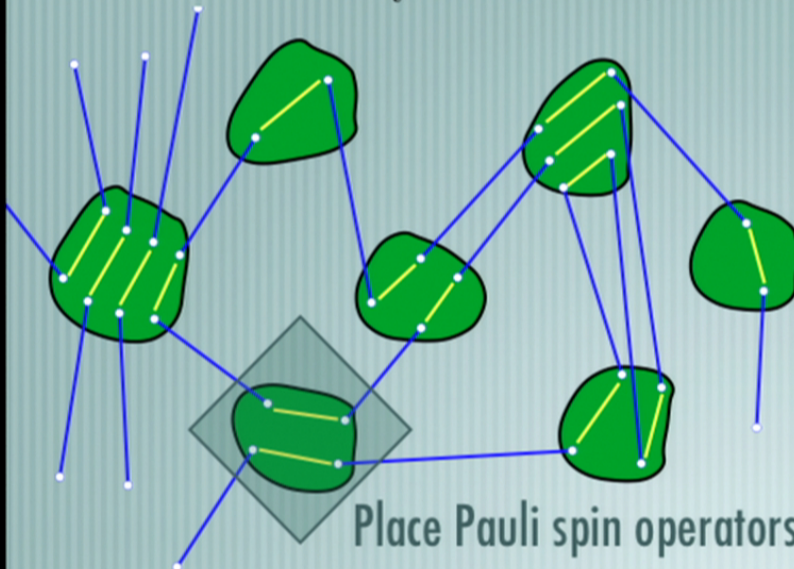


# Quantum Ising Gauge theories on general networks

$$H_{QIG} = - \sum_l J_l \sigma_l^x - \sum_r h_r \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r$$

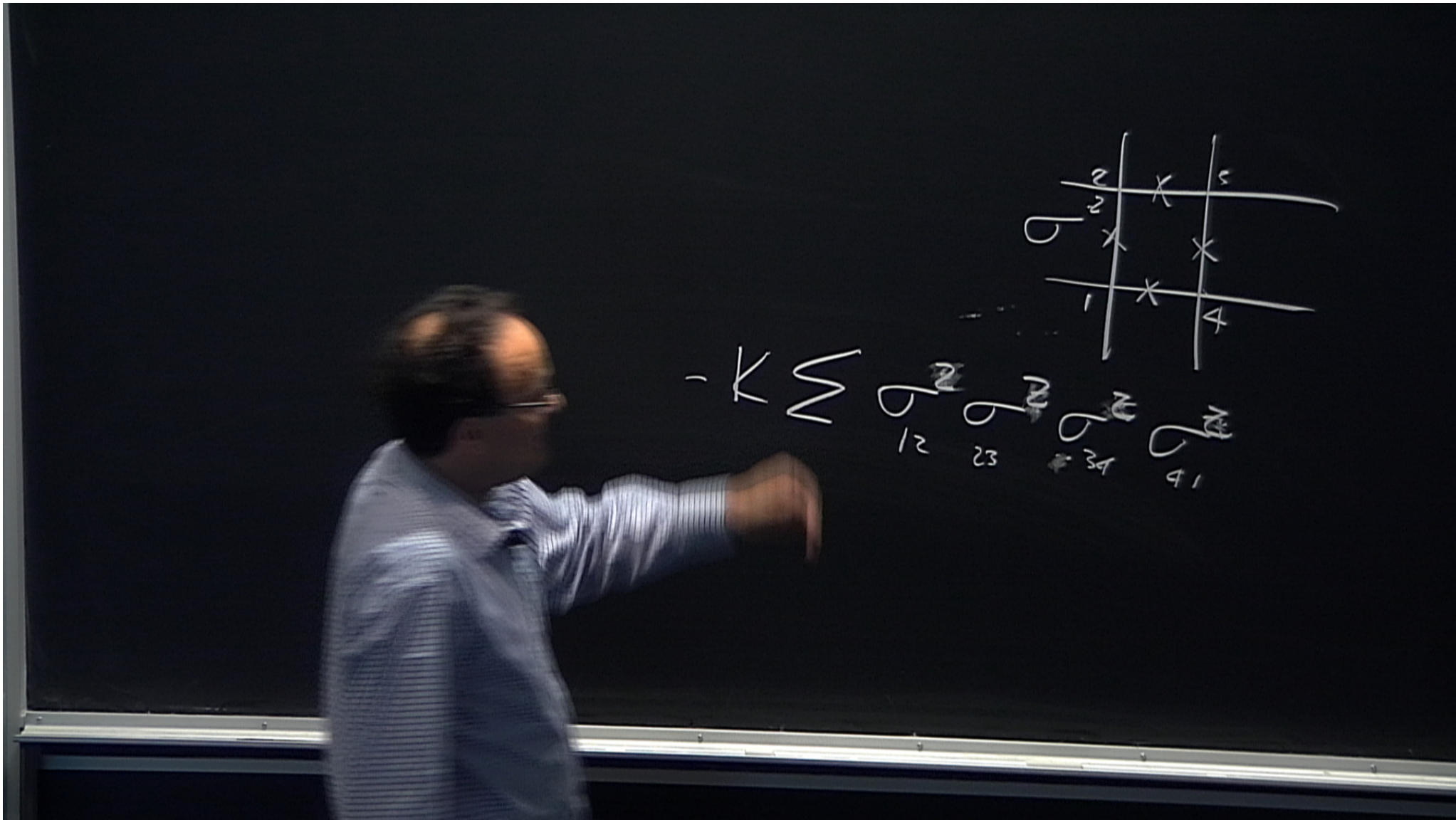
where

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r = \prod_{\{l|r \in l\}} \sigma_l^z.$$

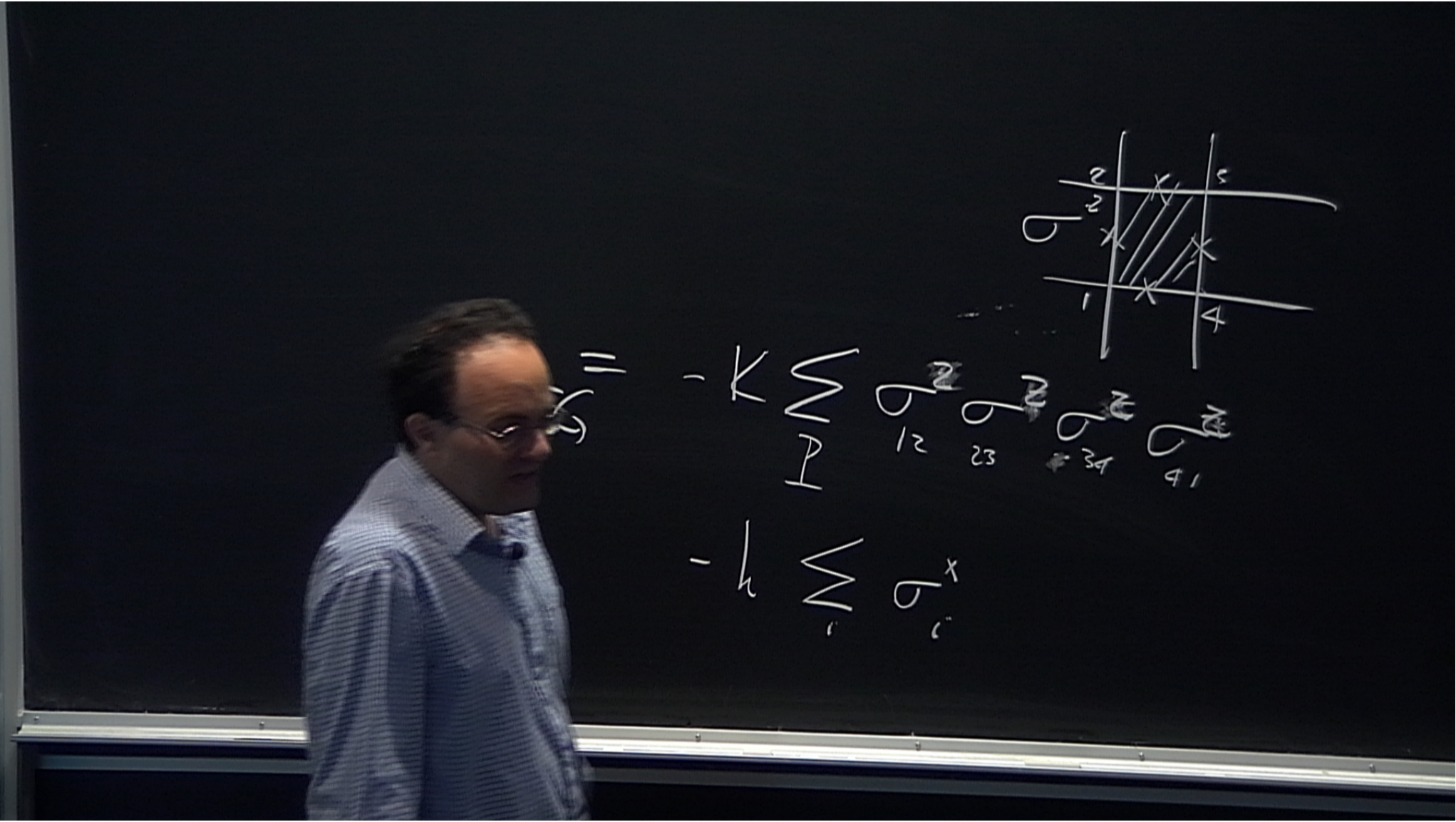


Place Pauli spin operators at the centers of all inter-grain links  
(centers of boundaries of dual Voronoi cells)





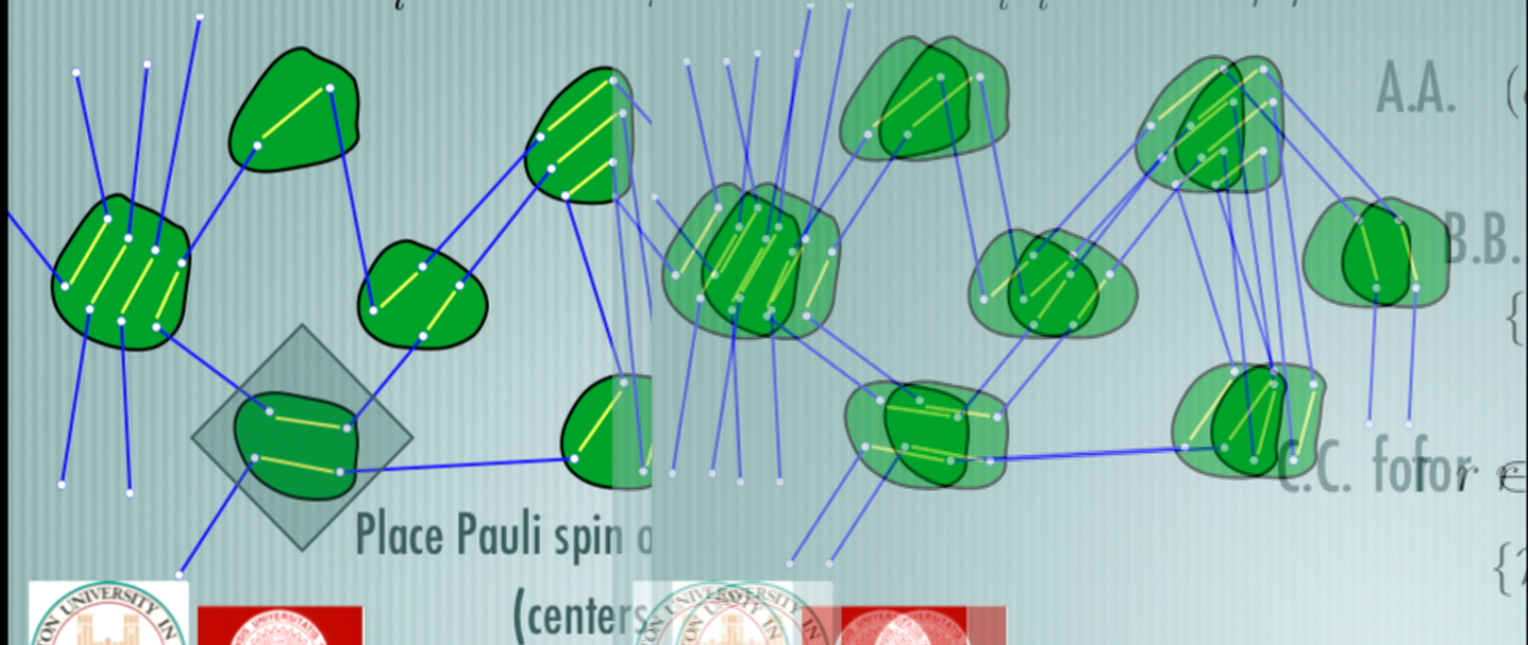






# Quantum Ising Gadget networks

$$H_{QIG} = - \sum_l J_l \sigma_l^x - \sum_i H_i \sigma_i^z \iff \sum_{l,l} J_{ll} \sigma_l^x \sigma_l^x - \sum_{r,r} h_r \tilde{P}_r \tilde{P}_r$$





# Quantum Ising Gauge theories on general networks

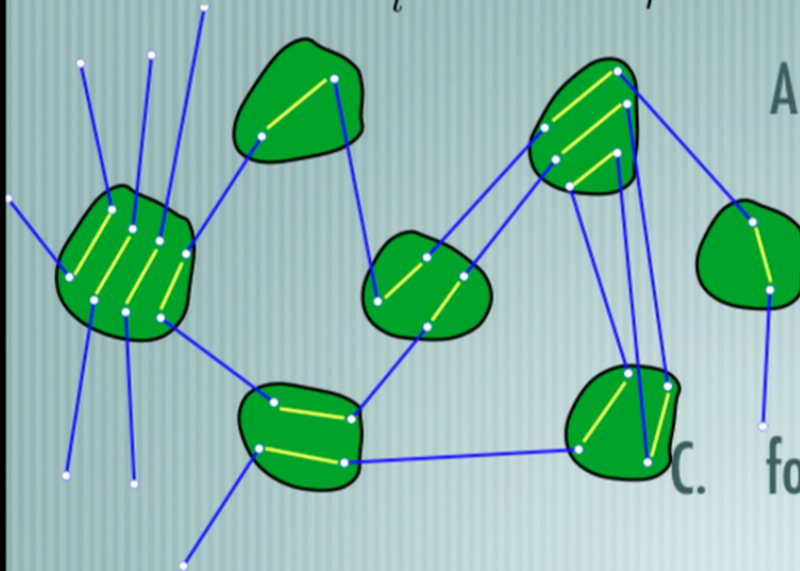
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The bond algebra:

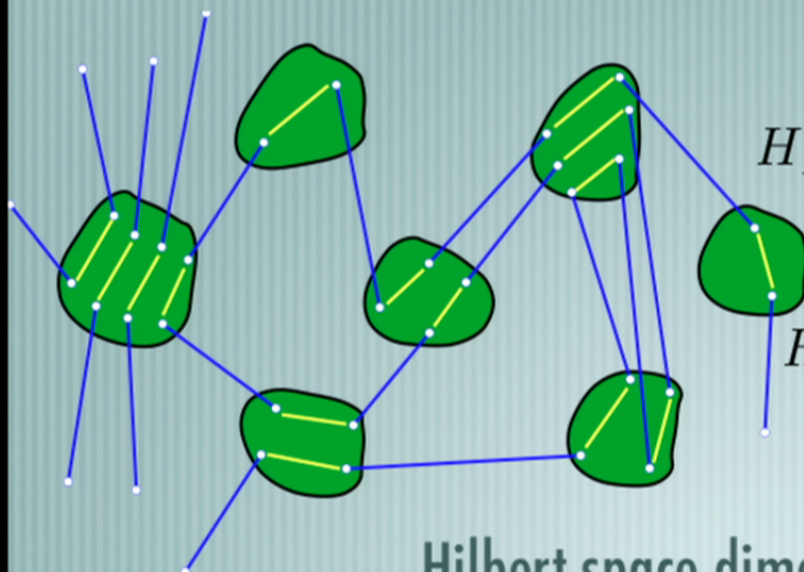
A.  $(\sigma_l^x)^2 = 1 = (\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r)^2,$

B. for  $r, r' \in l,$   
 $\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r, \sigma_l^x\} = 0 = \{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{r'}, \sigma_l^x\},$

C. for  $r \in l_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, q_r$   
 $\{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r, \sigma_{l_i}^x\} = 0.$



# Interacting Majorana fermion to Quantum Ising Gauge Theory dualities on general graphs



$$H_M = -i \sum_l J_l c_{l1} c_{l2} - \sum_r h_r \mathcal{P}_r,$$

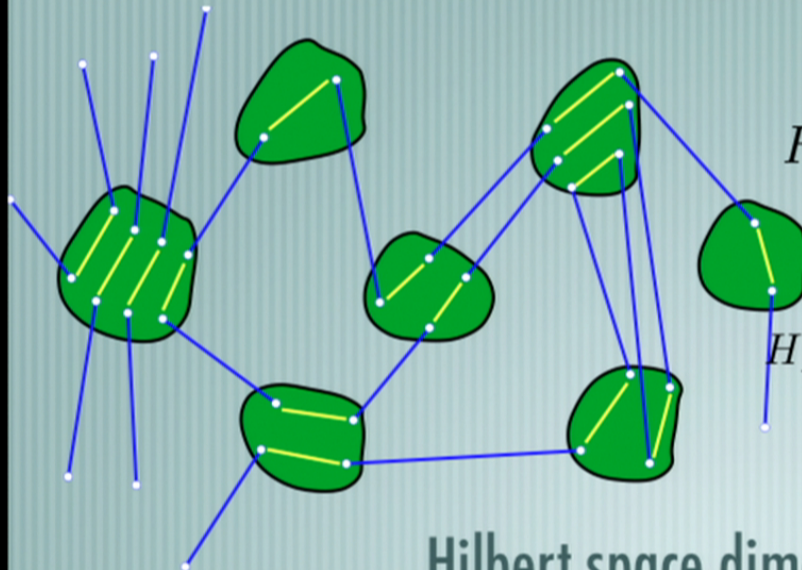
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Hilbert space dimensions are the same





# General dualities between the Quantum Ising gauge and annealed transverse field Ising model on general graphs



$$H_{QIG} = - \sum_l J_l \sigma_l^x - \sum_r h_r \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_r$$

$$H_{AI}\{\eta_l\} = - \sum_l J_l (\eta_l \sigma_r^z \sigma_{r'}^z) - \sum_r h_r \sigma_r^x$$

Hilbert space dimensions are different



# Dualities between interacting Majorana fermions and Pauli spin gauge theory on the square lattice

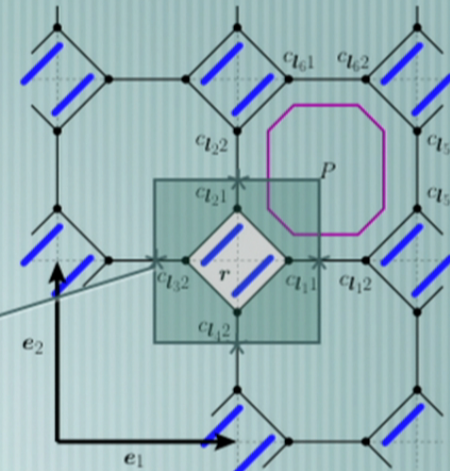
$$H_M = - \sum_l J_l (i c_{l1} c_{l2}) - \sum_r h_r c_{l11} c_{l21} c_{l32} c_{l42}$$

$$H_{QIG} = - \sum_r h_r \sigma_{l1}^z \sigma_{l2}^z \sigma_{l3}^z \sigma_{l4}^z - \sum_l J_l \sigma_l^x$$

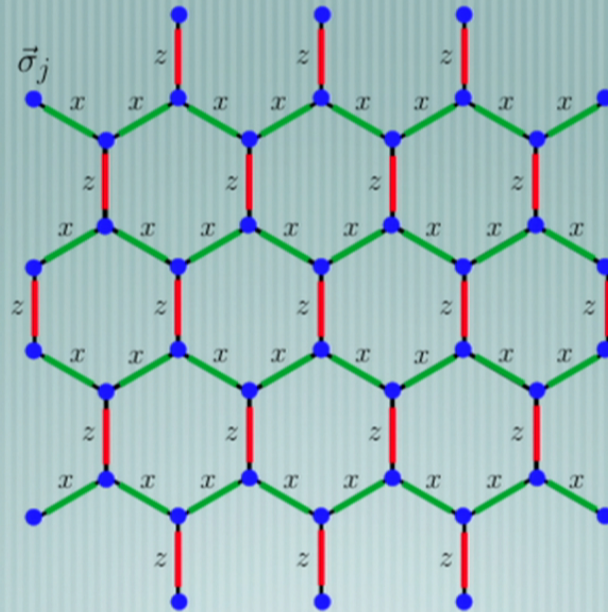
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Transverse field

Standard plaquette term of lattice gauge theories



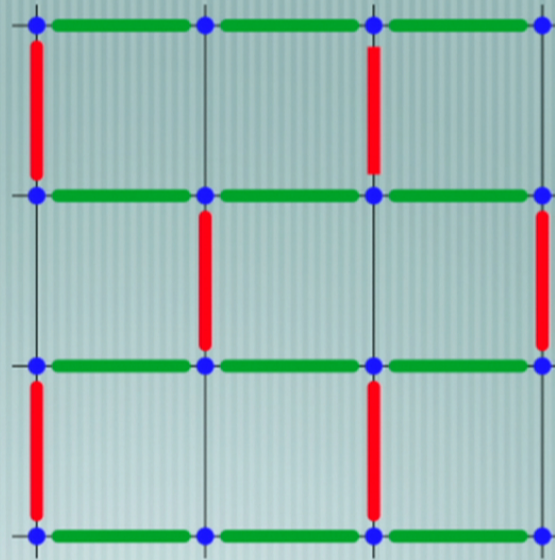




$$H_{XXZ}h = - \sum_{\text{non-vertical links}} J_l \sigma_r^x \sigma_{r+\hat{e}_l}^x - \sum_{\text{vertical links}} h_r \sigma_r^z \sigma_{r+\hat{e}_z}^z$$



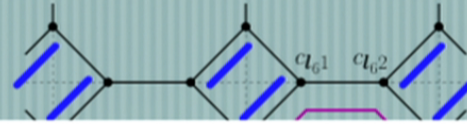
A brick wall rendition of the honeycomb lattice. Topologically, bricks= hexagons. The centers of vertical links form a square lattice on which the dual theory is constructed.



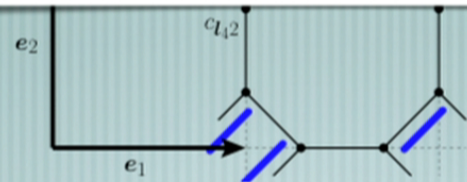
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The Majorana fermi interaction is identically the same as the Hubbard term!



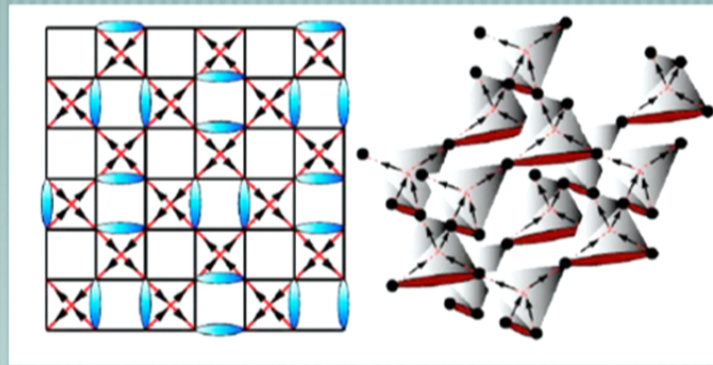
$$n_{r\sigma} = d_{r\sigma}^\dagger d_{r\sigma}$$

$$U_r(n_{r\uparrow} - 1)(n_{r\downarrow} - 1) = U_r(\mathcal{P}_r - 1)$$

Intra-grain Majorana fermi interaction



# Fractionalization and deconfinement: the Hubbard model on the pyrochlore lattice



$$H_{ij}^{\alpha} = \vec{S}_i^{\alpha} \cdot \vec{S}_j^{\alpha}$$

$$H_{Klein} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \alpha} H_{ij}^{\alpha} + K \sum_{\alpha} (H_{ij}^{\alpha} H_{kl}^{\alpha} + H_{il}^{\alpha} H_{jk}^{\alpha} + H_{ik}^{\alpha} H_{jl}^{\alpha})$$





# Fractionalization and deconfinement: the Hubbard model on the pyrochlore lattice

$$H_{\text{Hubb}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} d_{i\sigma}^\dagger d_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow},$$

$$\tilde{H}_{\text{Hubb}} = H + J_3 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j - \text{effective 4th order Hamiltonian at half-filling}$$

$$J_1 = \frac{4t^2}{U} - \frac{160t^4}{U^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t^6}{U^5}\right), \quad J_3 = \frac{4t^4}{U^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t^6}{U^5}\right)$$
$$J_2 = \frac{40t^4}{U^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t^6}{U^5}\right).$$

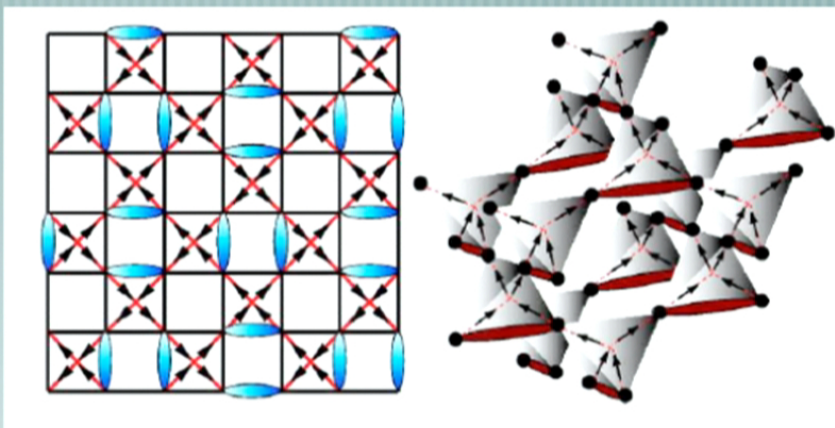


# Fractionalization and deconfinement: the Hubbard model on the pyrochlore lattice

All ground states are linear superpositions of dimer states.

Provable consequences: deconfined excitations, spin-charge separation, ..., critical correlations (the latter assuming a gap and linear independence)

$$H_K = \frac{12}{5} J \sum_{\square} \mathcal{P}_{\square}$$





# Extensive configurational entropy

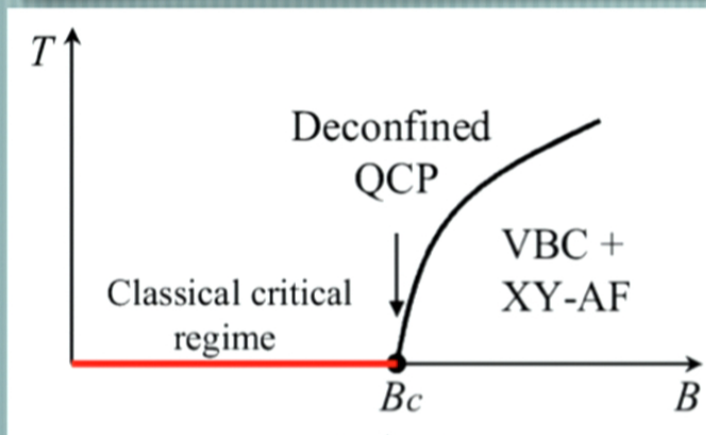
The number of dimer coverings is exponential in the volume  
(a consequence of local [gauge] symmetry):

Checkerboard lattice: 
$$S = \frac{3N}{4} \ln \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right]$$

Pyrochlore lattice: 
$$S > \frac{N}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

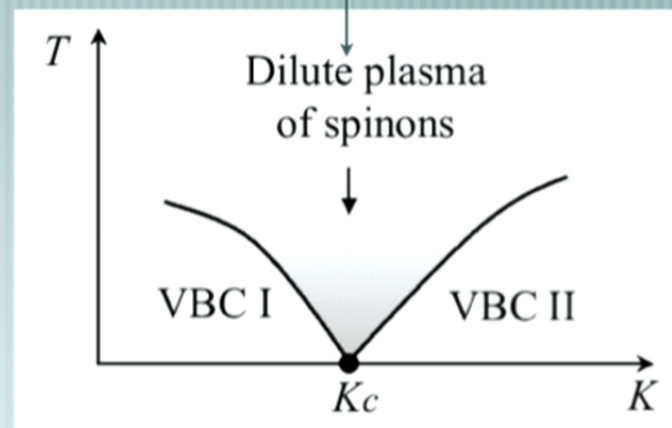


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Away from solvable point by applying field

Away from solvable point by varying the interaction strengths





## Dimensional reduction inequalities

The average of any quasi-local quantity  $f$  is bounded from above by the absolute value of the mean of the same quantity when this quasi-local quantity is computed with a  $d$ -dimensional Hamiltonian that preserves the range of the interactions in the original  $D$ -dim system

$$\phi_i = \begin{cases} \eta_i & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{C}_j \\ \psi_i & \text{if } i \notin \mathcal{C}_j \end{cases}$$

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## Dimensional reduction in classical systems:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \bar{\Lambda} \end{cases}$$

$f[\phi] = f[\phi_0]$  **localized observable**

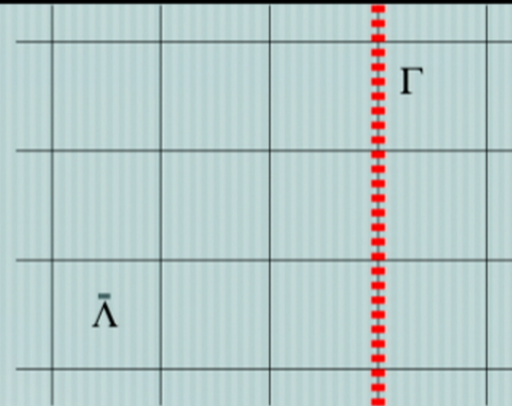
$$\langle f \rangle^D = \sum_{\{\psi\}} \sum_{\{\phi_0\}} f[\phi_0] \frac{e^{-\beta E[\phi_0, \psi]}}{\mathcal{Z}} = \sum_{\{\psi\}} \frac{z[\psi]}{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{\sum_{\{\phi_0\}} f(\phi_0) e^{-\beta E[\phi_0, \psi]}}{z[\psi]}$$

$$\langle f \rangle_l^d \equiv \min_{\psi} \langle f \rangle^d[\psi] = \langle f \rangle^d[\psi_{\min}], \quad \langle f \rangle_u^d \equiv \max_{\psi} \langle f \rangle^d[\psi] = \langle f \rangle^d[\psi_{\max}]$$

$$\langle f \rangle_l^d \leq \langle f \rangle^D \leq \langle f \rangle_u^d$$

$$\langle f \rangle_l^d : E_l[\phi_0, \psi_{\min}] \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f \rangle_u^d : E_u[\phi_0, \psi_{\max}]$$

**Local** effective boundary theories



# Dimensional reduction inequalities

In some cases, due to symmetries both upper and lower bounds scale in the same way.

In other systems (e.g., some surface codes), stringent upper bounds (on, e.g., autocorrelation functions measuring memory times) can be derived due to “lower dimensional symmetries”. The effect of any additional symmetry breaking perturbations can be quantified with the bounds.

$$\phi_i = \begin{cases} \eta_i & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{C}_j \\ \psi_i & \text{if } i \notin \mathcal{C}_j \end{cases}$$





# Dimensional Reduction/Holography

Similar inequalities can be proven for quantum systems. The correlation function **inequalities are general** and not specific to any model. In general they lead to:

- **Effective** dimensional reduction (bounds)
- **Exact** dimensional reduction:  
Inequalities become equalities

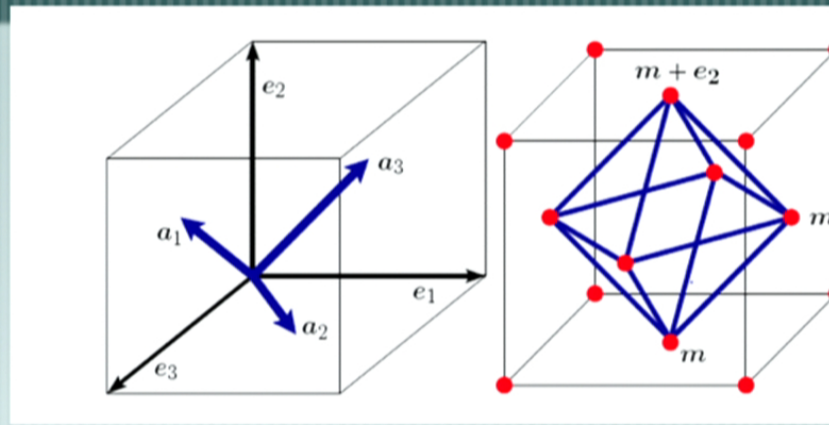


# Exact Dimensional Reduction

XXYYZZ model (Chamon; Bravyi, Leemhuis, Terhal)

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \frac{\hat{e}_2 + \hat{e}_3}{2}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \frac{\hat{e}_1 + \hat{e}_3}{2}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \frac{\hat{e}_1 + \hat{e}_2}{2}$$

$$O_m = \sigma_{m+a_1-a_2}^x \sigma_{m+a_3}^x \sigma_m^y \sigma_{m+a_2}^y \sigma_{m+a_3-a_2}^z \sigma_{m+a_1}^z$$



$$H_{XXYYZZ} = -J \sum_{m \in \Lambda_{fcc}^P} O_m$$

$$H_{4IP} = -J \sum_{\kappa=1}^4 \sum_{m=1}^{N_s/4} \sigma_{\kappa,m}^z \sigma_{\kappa,m+1}^z$$





# Exact Dimensional Reduction and holography in the large n limit

If two systems share the same density of states

$$\rho(\epsilon) = \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \delta^{(D)}(\epsilon - J(\mathbf{k}))$$

then they will have identical self-energies  $\Sigma^{(0)} = \int d\epsilon \frac{\rho(\epsilon)}{\epsilon + r}$   
This enables a universal reduction to a one dimensional system with  
a kernel  $J_{eff}(\mathbf{k}) :$

$$\int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \delta(\epsilon - J(\mathbf{k})) = \left| \frac{dJ_{eff}}{dk} \right|_{J_{eff}(k)=\epsilon}^{-1}$$



# Conclusions: There are exact spin-Majorana (and similar other) dualities, holography, and deconfinement

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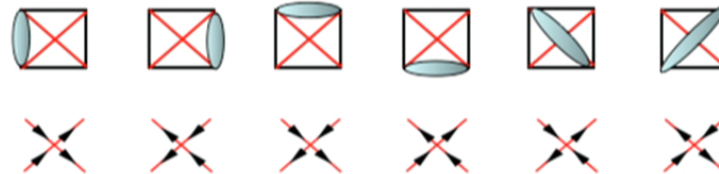
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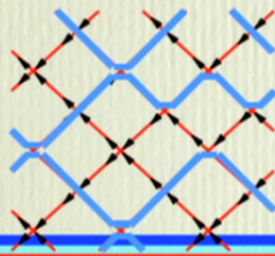
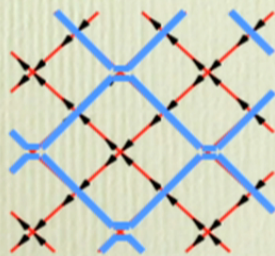
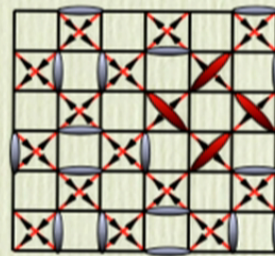
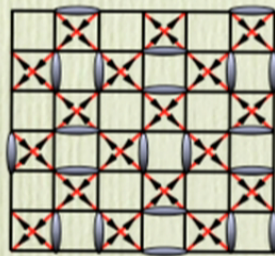
# Six Vertex Representation

Vertex Representation



Ice rule leads to six zero-divergence configurations

Line Representation



The six vertex model is exactly solvable!  
 [R. J. Baxter, *Exactly Solved Models in Statistical Mechanics*, (Academic Press, London, 1982).]

Emergent local symmetry

Number of "lines" = topological invariant.

