Title: Symmetry Protected Topological Phases; from Quantum Entanglement to Interaction Effects

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Abstract: I will briefly review topological phases of non interacting fermions, such as topological insulators, and discuss how ideas from quantum information, in particular the entanglement spectrum, can be used to characterize them.

For topological phases protected by inversion symmetry I argue that this is the ideal tool, and discuss how it leads to a classification of 3D topological phases. Next, I will discuss topological phases that only appear in the presence of interactions, although they share essential characteristics with non-interacting topological phases. A general theory of such states of bosons in 2+1 dimensions will be given, and specific examples, the bosonic analogs of topological superconductors and insulators, will be discussed.

`Integer' Topological Phases: Entanglement and Interaction Effects

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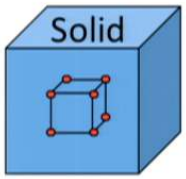
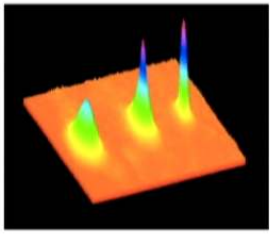
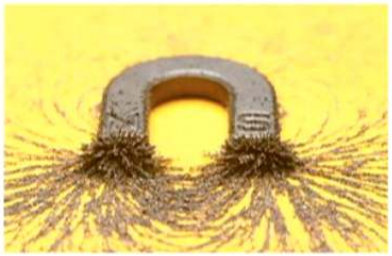
Conventional (Landau) Phases

Distinguished by spontaneous symmetry breaking.

- **Solid** (broken translation)
- **Superfluids** ψ
- **Magnets** (broken spin symmetry) **M**







In contrast –topological phases…

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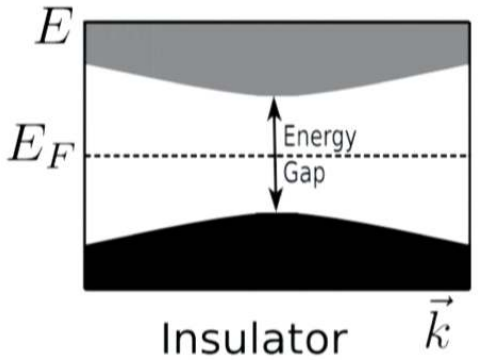

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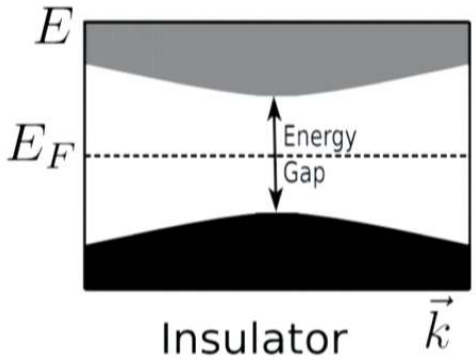

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No! Distinction at the level of topology.

Topological Band Insulators - Review

- Topology characterizes the identity of objects up to deformation, e.g. genus of surfaces

Figure courtesy C. Kane

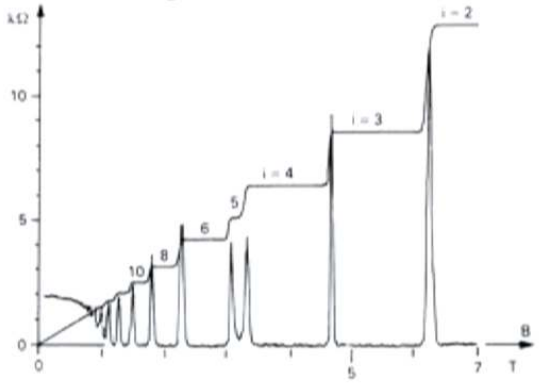
- Genus **g** (#of handles) by integrating Gaussian curvature ***K***

$$\oint \boldsymbol{K}\, d\boldsymbol{S} = 4\pi(1-\boldsymbol{g})$$

Topological Band Insulators

2D Chern Insulators or Integer Quantum Hall States (Klitzing, Laughlin, Halperin, Thouless, Kohmoto, Nightingale, den Nijs, Avron, Haldane)

Integer QHE



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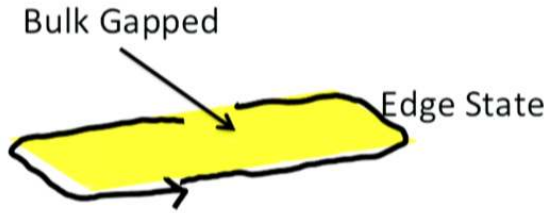

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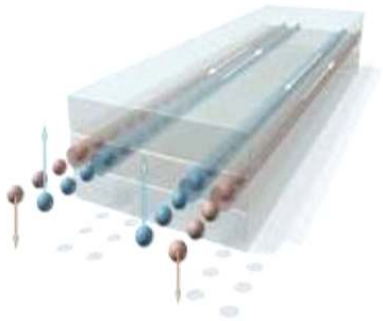
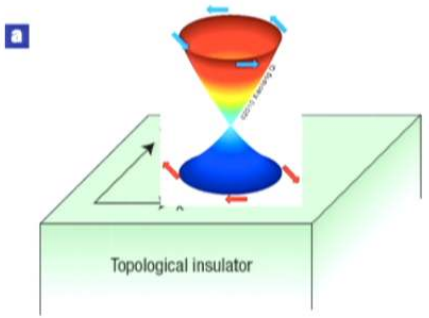
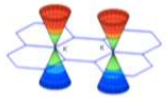
Quantum Spin Hall Insulators (Kane, Mele; Bernevig, Zhang, Hughes; Konig et al.)



3D Topological Insulators

(Fu, Kane, Mele; Moore, Balents; Fu, Kane; Roy; Hsieh, Hasan, Cava et al.; Xia et al.; Chen et al.; Qi, Hughes, Zhang)





Graphene
–2 nodes

- Bulk gapped *but* exotic surface states.
- Protected by Symmetry. (Time reversal)

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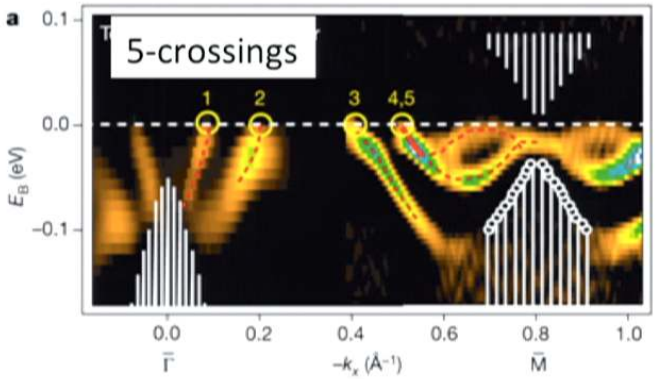

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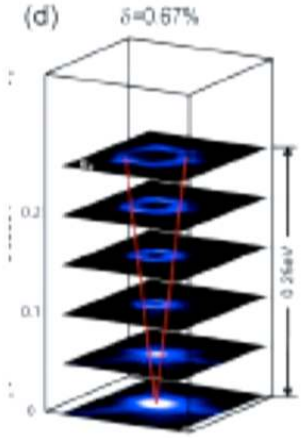

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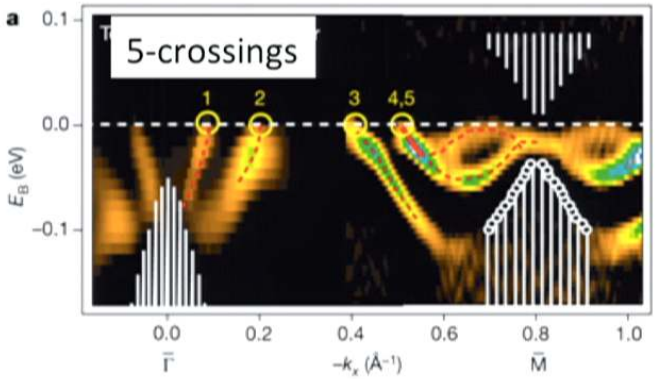

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  - Well known thermoelectric

Peltier - Polymerase Chain Reaction Unit

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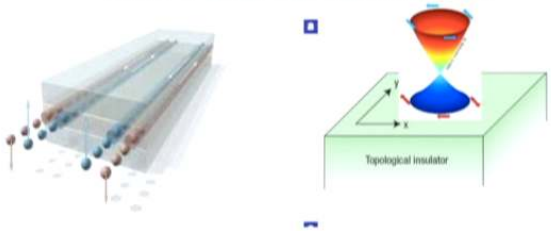

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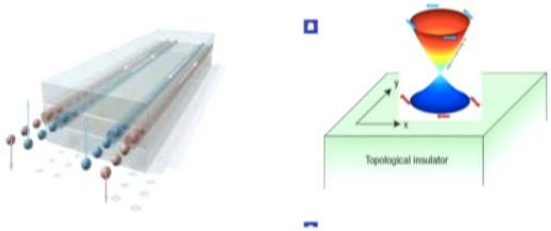

Fractional topological phases

- Fractional Quantum Hall
- Gapped spin liquids

Topological Order:

1. Fractional statistics excitations (anyons).
2. Topological degeneracy on closed manifolds.

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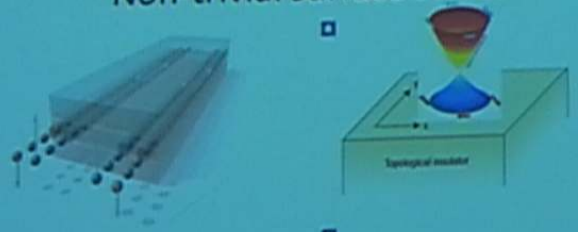

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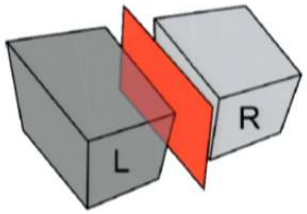

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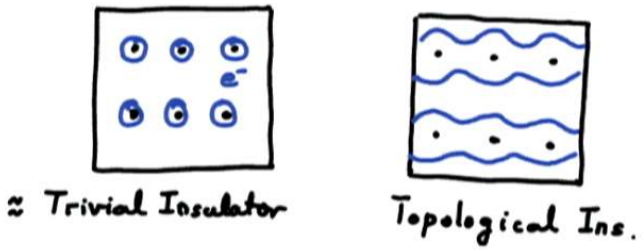

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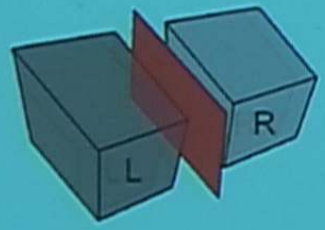

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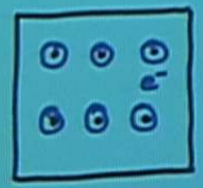

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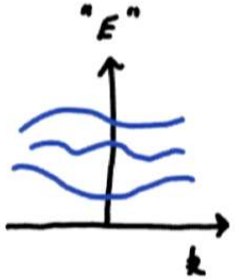
Entanglement Spectrum and Topological Insulators

- Entanglement entropy: Does ***not*** diagnose topological insulators. (Topological Entanglement Entropy only for Topologically ordered phases)
- Entanglement Spectrum. Li and Haldane (FQHE).

$$\rho_R = \sum_i \frac{\exp(-E_i)}{Z} |\varphi_i\rangle\langle\varphi_i|$$

With translation symmetry along the cut $E(k_x, k_y)$



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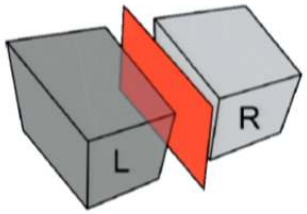

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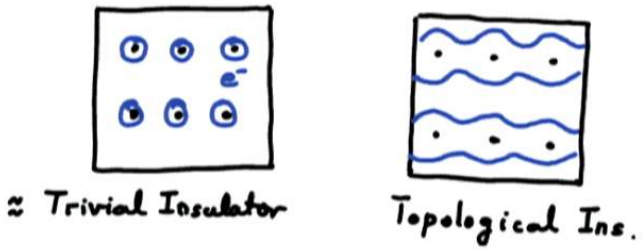

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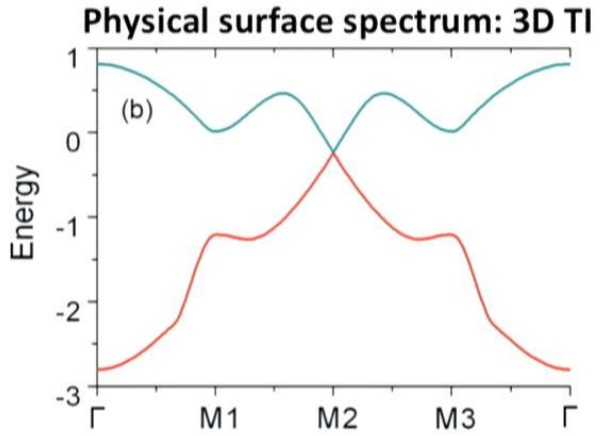

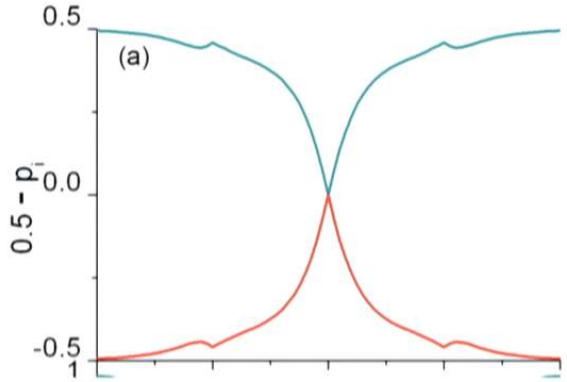

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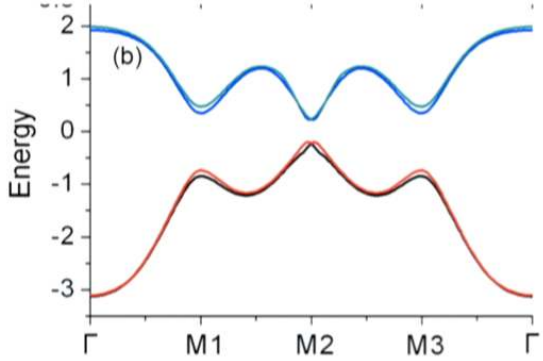

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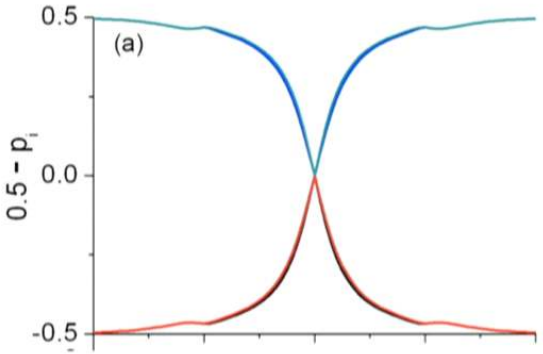

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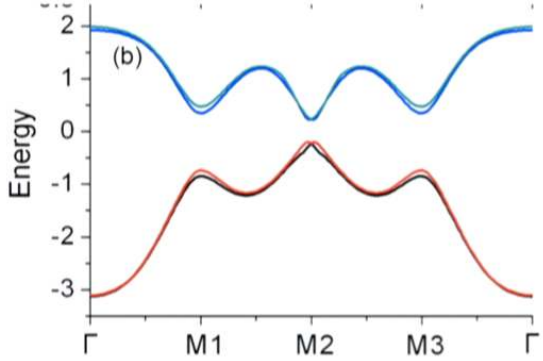

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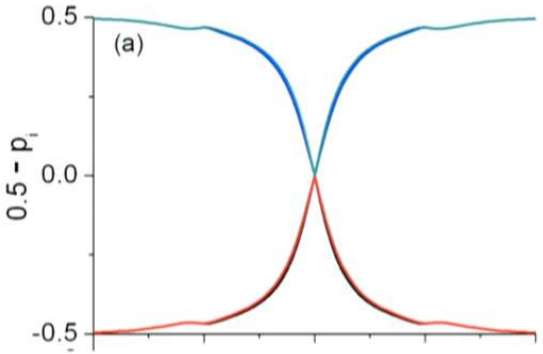

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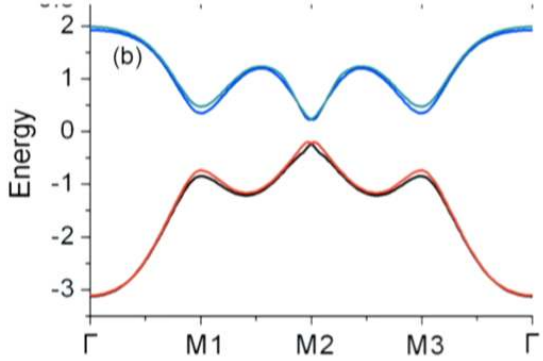

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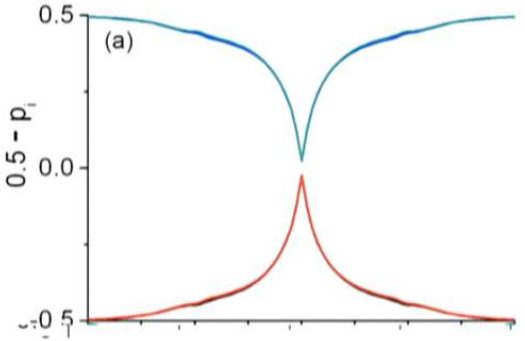

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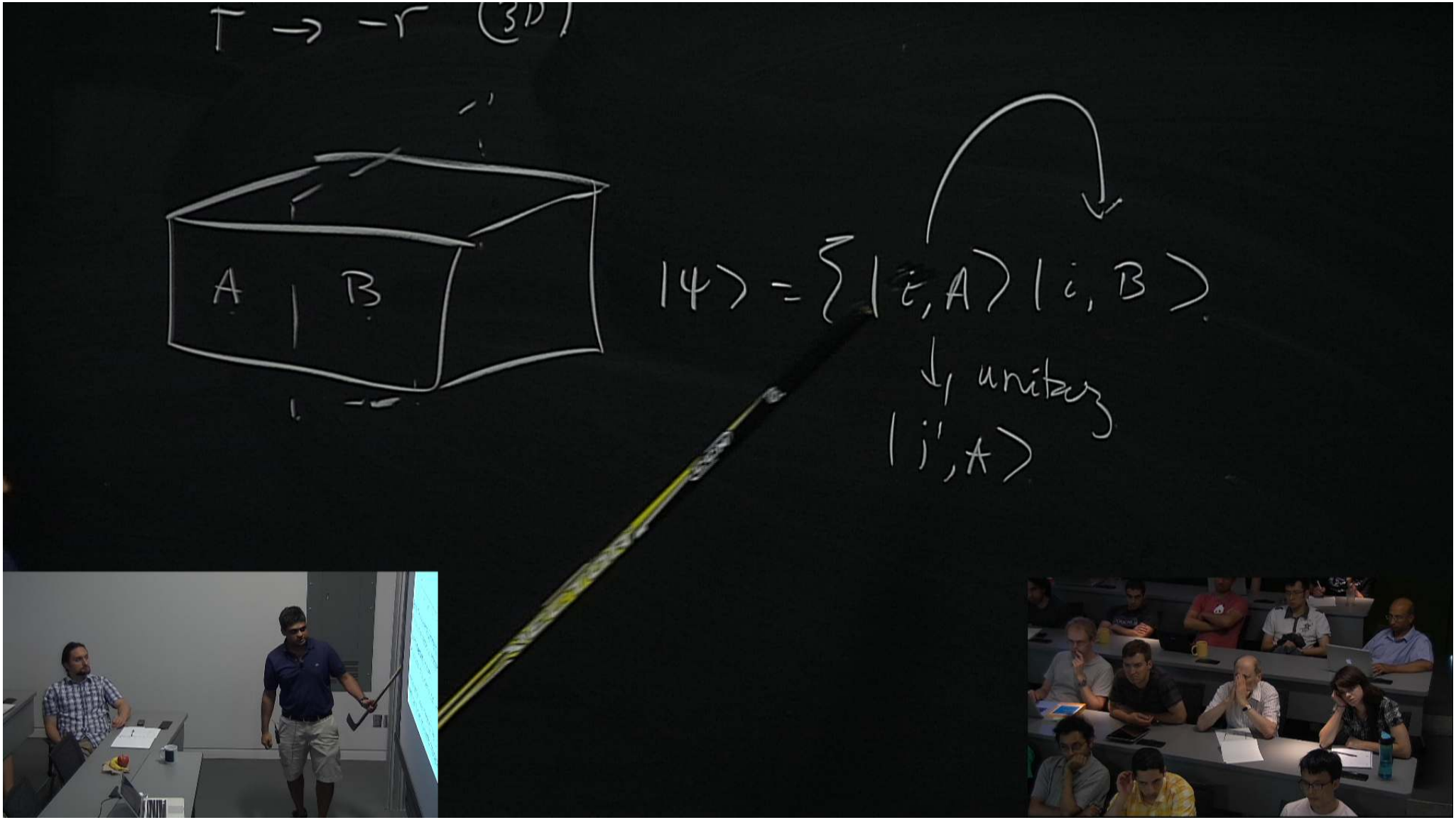
Due to **Inversion** symmetry

Physical surface breaks inversion, but entanglement cut does not.

Inversion anti-unitary and "*Kramers" like*. $I^2 = -1$

Used to classify inversion protected topological states. (Zhang, Turner, AV)

$\vec{F} \to -\vec{r}$ (3D)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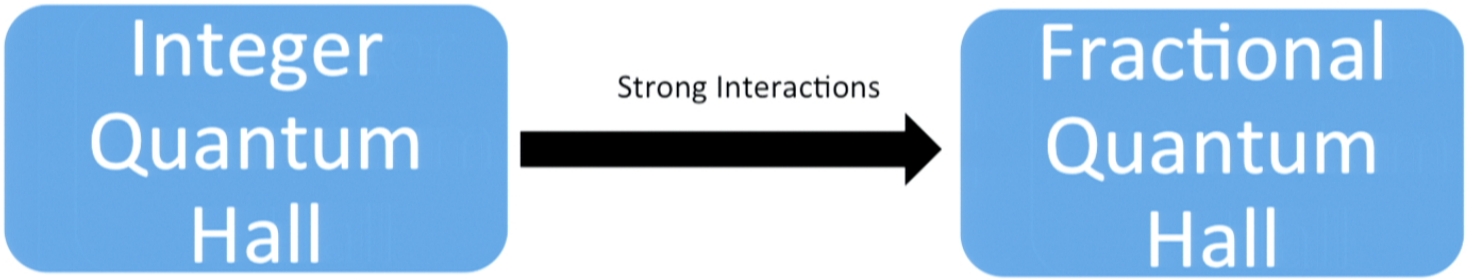
Part 2: Correlated Topological Phases

- Current topological phases - band theory works well.

- Going beyond the `band'-wagon?

Interacting Topological Phases?



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Interacting Topological Phases?

Interacting ('integer') Topological Insulators?

- NO fractional excitations BUT non-trivial edge states.
- Interactions essential. Eg. *Bosons*
- Do they exist?

Integer Quantum Hall

Strong Interactions

Fractional Quantum Hall

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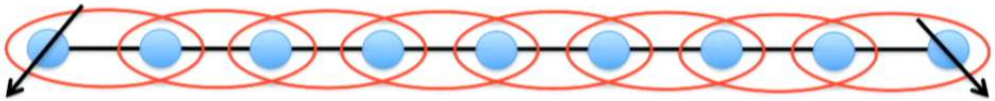
'Integer' Topological Phases of Bosons

- ***Yes.*** Integer topological phases of bosons (or spins) known in 1D.
- Eg. Haldane chain (spin ½ edge state of spin 1 chain)



- What about D=2?
  - Kitaev (example of bosonic 'integer' topological phase, no symmetry)
  - Chen-Gu-Wen (cohomology classification of symmetry protected phases).
  - **Here**: A field theory [Chern-Simons] approach that reveals physical properties of edge and quantized responses. (Lu&AV. arXiv:1205.3156)

Results: `Integer' Topological Phases of Bosons

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Quantized Thermal Hall (8n) (Kitaev E_8 state)	Quantized Hall Conductance: $\sigma_{xy}=2n\ (q^2/h)$ **[EVEN integer!]** (Lu&AV; also Senthil's talk)	Protected Edge states although $T^2=+1$! (Lu&AV; Levin&Stern)

Chern-Simons Approach

- K-matrix description of Abelian quantum Hall. Currents -> gauge flux:

$$L = \frac{K}{4\pi} a \cdot \nabla \times a \qquad \nabla = (\partial_\tau, \partial_x, \partial_y)$$

K=1 Integer quantum Hall (fermions). K=3 Laughlin state. In general, K symmetric integer matrix.

1. For bosons, diagonals are *even* integers.

Example 1: Chiral Boson State

- Construct bosonic K matrix, with Det=1, and all positive eigenvalues.

  Smallest matrix 8x8.

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cartan Matrix of the group E8.
Identical to Kitaev state (obtained differently)

Example 2: Integer Quantum Hall Effect of Bosons

- Need U(1) charge conservation. Symmetry Protected Edge states. $K = \sigma_x$

$$L = \frac{a_1 \cdot \nabla \times a_2}{2\pi} + \frac{(a_1 + n a_2) \cdot \nabla \times A}{2\pi}$$

$\sigma_{xy}=2n$

- Integer quantum Hall of Bosons

- Incorporate general symmetries:

Symmetry Protected Topological Phases

- K-matrix formulation+ Symmetry. (like classifying space groups of crystals). Check for edge states.

Symmetry	*Topological Classification*
No symmetry (chiral)	$\mathbb{Z}$
Z_2^T	$\mathbb{Z}_1$
U(1)	$\mathbb{Z}$
$U(1) \rtimes Z_2^T$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$U(1) \times Z_2^T$	$\mathbb{Z}_1$
Z_n	$\mathbb{Z}_n$
$Z_n \rtimes Z_2^T$	$\mathbb{Z}^2_{(n,2)}$
$Z_n \times Z_2^T$	$\mathbb{Z}^2_{(n,2)}$
$U(1) \times Z_2$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$

Agrees with Wen et al. cohomology classification

Summary

- New Theme in Solid State Physics:
  - Topological distinction between phases
  - Many exciting things to do…
  - Entanglement as the new ‘order parameter’?

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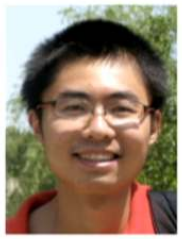

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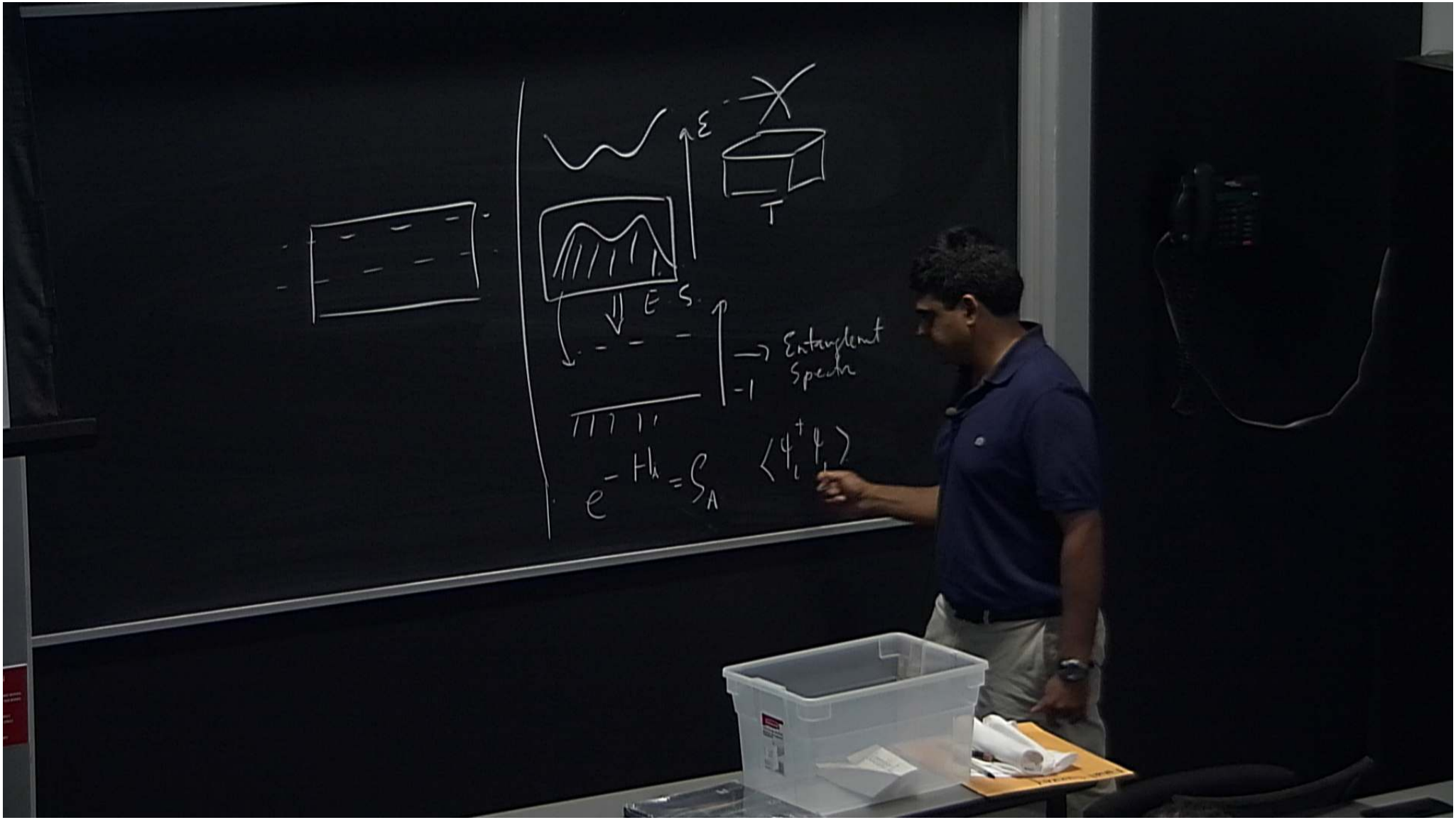
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E S
Entanglement Spectra
$e^{-H_A} = \rho_A$
$\langle \psi_i^+ \psi_i \rangle$