

Title: Highly Entangled Quantum Matter

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Abstract: <p>The interplay of quantum mechanics and inter-particle interactions leads to enormously rich tapestry of quantum phases of matter. In this talk I will illustrate the unique synthesis offered by quantum entanglement on the landscape of quantum phases. I will especially discuss phases which do not show any kind of ordering even at the absolute zero temperature, two prime examples being spin liquids and quantum Hall phases. These phases are fascinating because they can exhibit extraordinary properties such as emergent fermions in a system composed only of bosons, or systems where the elementary excitations are neither fermions, nor bosons (â€œanyonsâ€•). I will discuss how quantum entanglement not only plays a crucial role in characterizing and diagnosing such quantum disordered phases, but in fact it also sheds light on their stability.</p>

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Outline

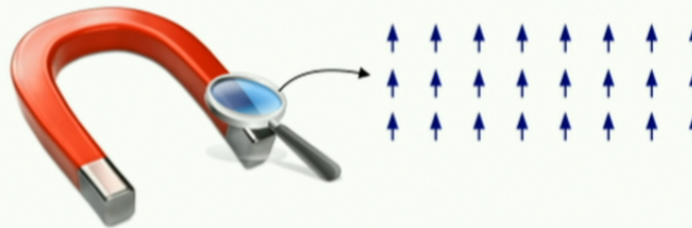
- Introduction to quantum liquids.
- Entanglement and topological Berry phase.
- Stability of quantum spin liquids.

Most Phases Order *in some way* as temperature is lowered

Crystals



Magnet



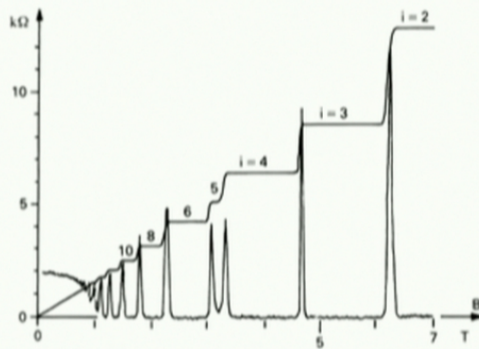
This Talk:

“Quantum Liquids” = No Symmetry breaking.

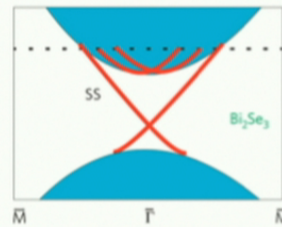
Do they exist?

Yes!

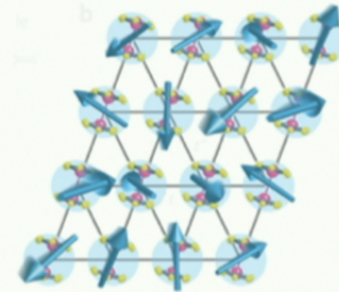
Several kinds of quantum liquids.



Quantum Hall



Topological Insulator



Quantum Spin-liquids

How to understand quantum liquids?

“Assume that a group of intelligent theoretical physicists had lived in closed buildings from birth such that they never had occasion to see any natural structures. What would they be able to predict from a fundamental knowledge of quantum mechanics? They probably would predict the existence of atoms, of molecules, of solid crystals, both metals and insulators, of gases, but most likely not the existence of liquids.”

- Victor Weisskopf



How to understand quantum liquids?

Quantum entanglement provides the key.

What is Quantum Entanglement?

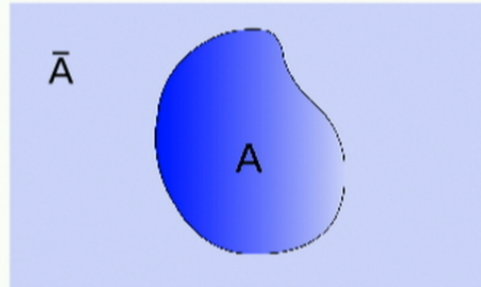
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle) \quad (\text{"EPR singlet"})$$

A measurement on the first spin affects the outcome of a subsequent measurement on the second spin.

The two spins are "entangled".

Quantum entanglement: Basics

- Divide system into two parts...



Reduced density-matrix for A:

$$\rho_A = \text{Trace}_{\bar{A}} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

- von Neumann entropy: $S = -\text{Trace}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$
- $S=0$ if and only if $|\psi\rangle$ is a product state i.e.
 $|\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle_A \otimes |\phi\rangle_{\bar{A}}$

Entanglement of EPR Singlet

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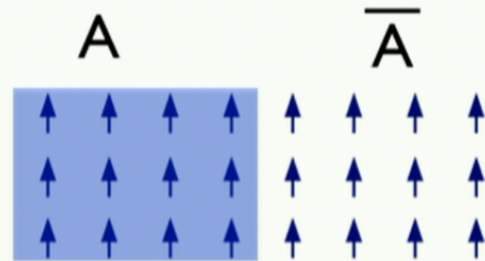
$$\rho_{\text{First Spin}} = \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| + |\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|)$$

Two independent ways to quantum fluctuate

$$\Rightarrow S = \log(2)$$

Maximum possible entanglement for two spin system.

Symmetry breaking = Low entanglement



$$\rho_A = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{cccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array} \right|$$

No quantum fluctuations

How to generate quantum liquids?

One guess:

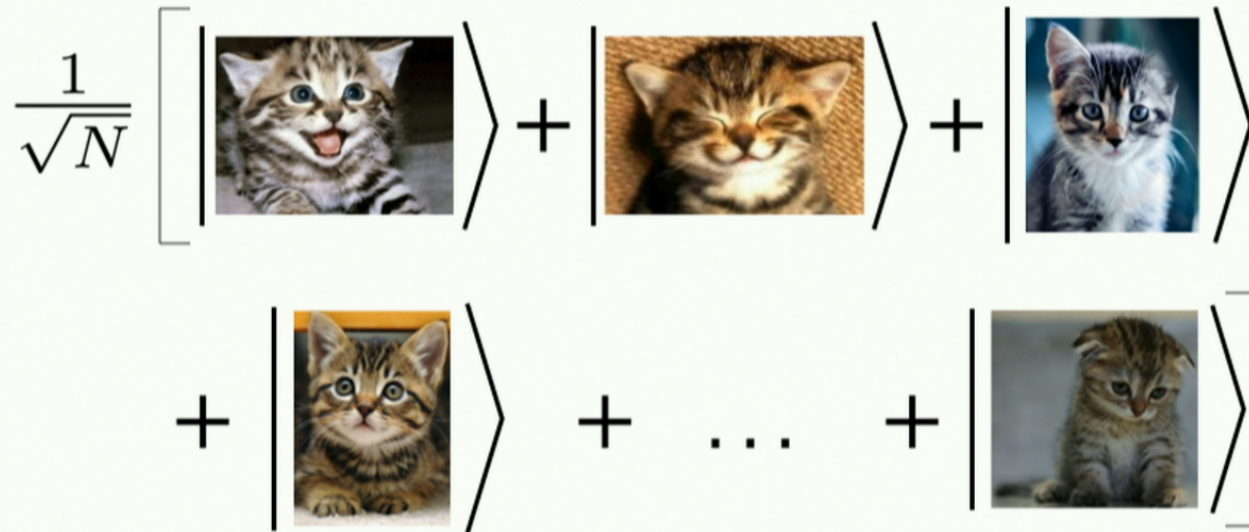
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“Schrodinger’s Cat”

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Image of a smiling kitten]} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Image of a sad kitten]} \end{array} \right\rangle \right]$$

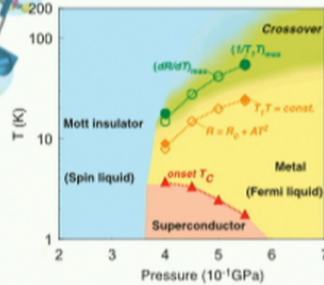
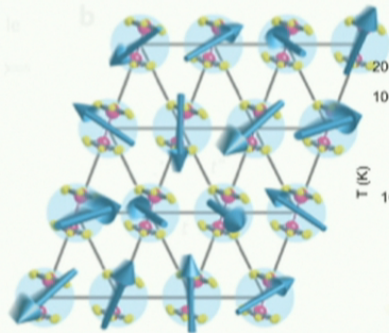
Very Unstable to tiny perturbations!
Unphysical

A Stable Version of Schrodinger's Cat

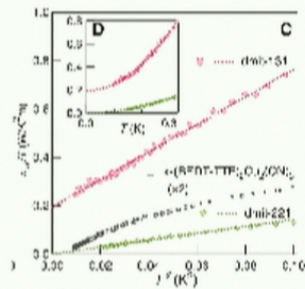
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\left| \text{cat}_1 \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat}_2 \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat}_3 \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat}_4 \right\rangle + \dots + \left| \text{cat}_N \right\rangle \right]$$


$N = \text{Number of Possible Moods of Cat} \gg 1.$

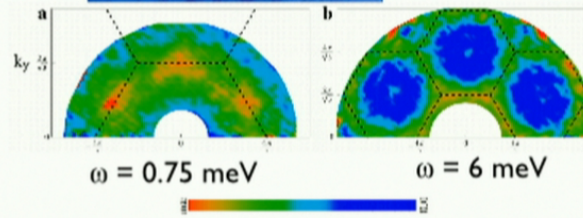
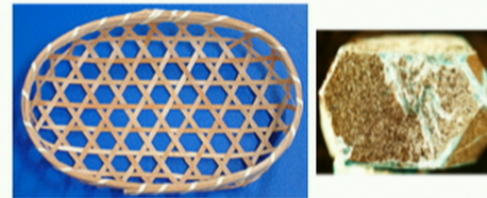
Quantum Spin-liquids= Stable Schrodinger Cats



kappa-ET salts
Kanoda et al (2005)



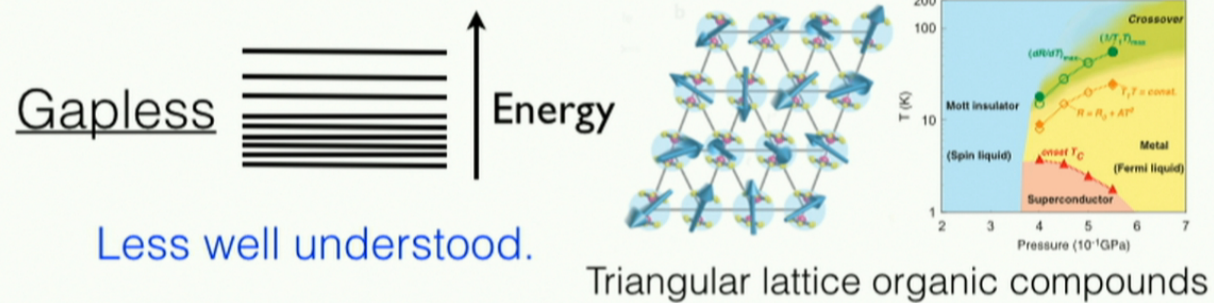
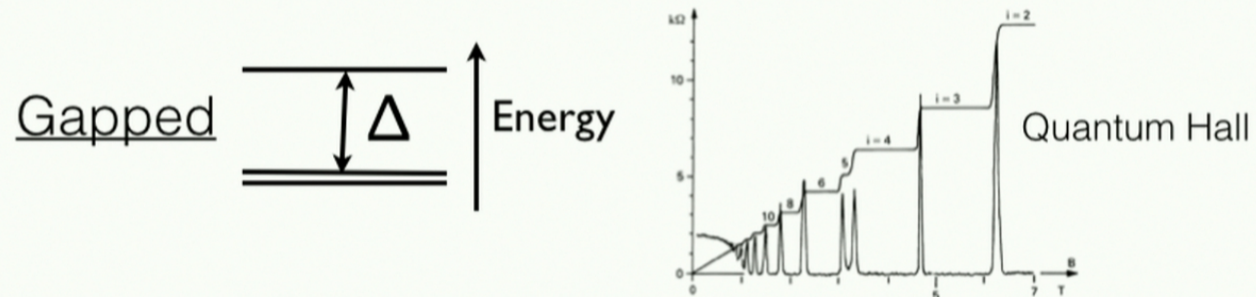
Et Me₄Sb[Pd(dmit)₂]₂
Yamashita et al (2010).



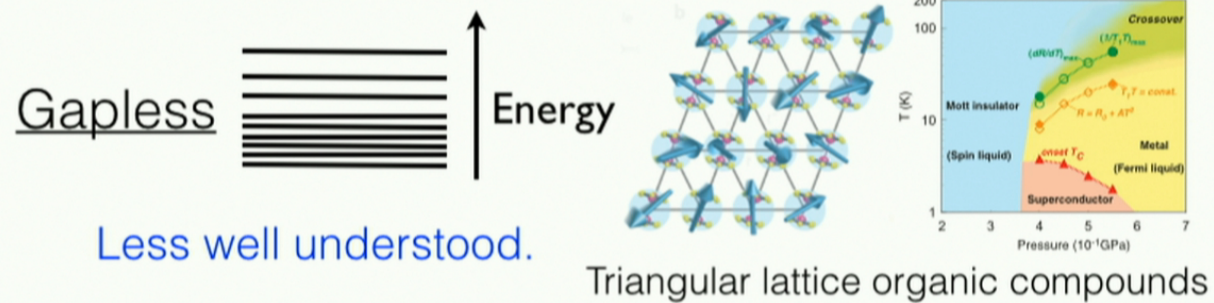
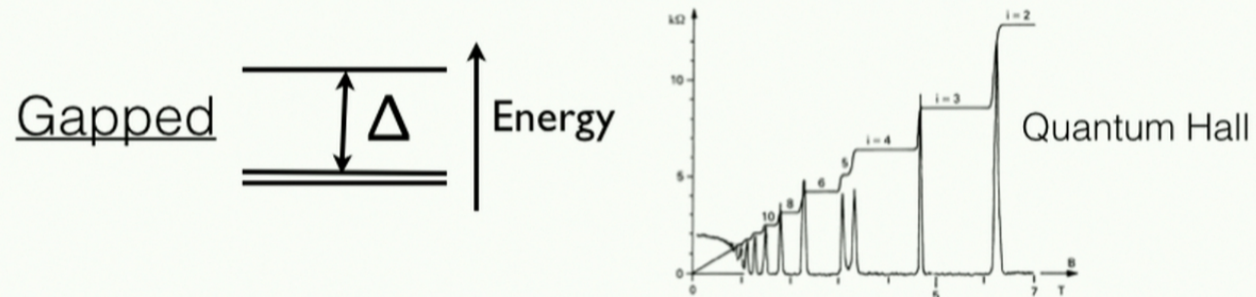
ZnCu₃(OD)₆Cl₂
Han et al (2012)

Quantum Spin-liquid =
Spin System with no order & strong quantum fluctuations.

Two types of Quantum liquids



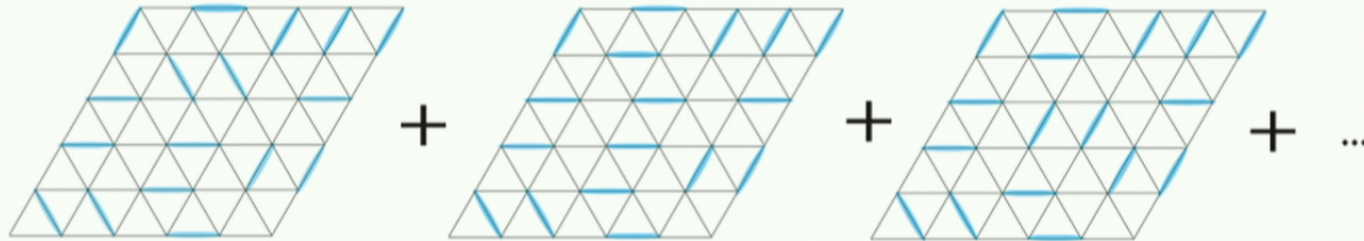
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A simple Gapped Spin Liquid

Tiling of EPR pairs on lattice

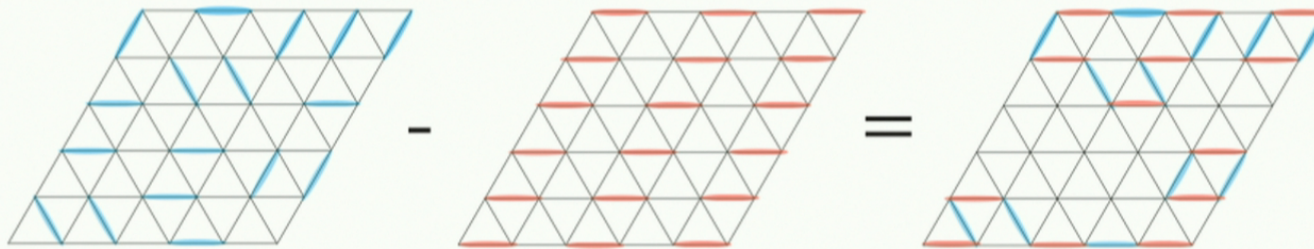
$$\text{blue oval} = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle = \text{EPR singlet}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\left| \text{cat 1} \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat 2} \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat 3} \right\rangle + \dots \right]$$

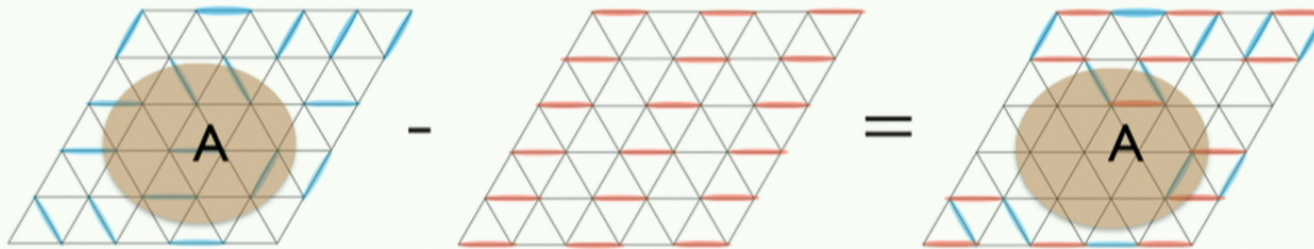
Physics of Gapped Spin-Liquids

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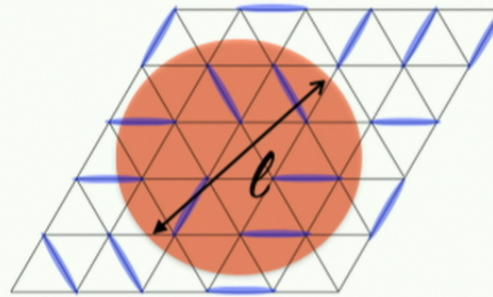
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Closed loops \Rightarrow **Even number of intersections** at
boundary of a subregion A

Entanglement entropy keeps track of global constraint
on the number of intersections.

“Topological Entanglement Entropy”



“Boundary law” of entanglement entropy

$$S = \ell - \gamma + O(1/\ell)$$

$\gamma = \log(\text{Number of constraints on the boundary of subregion A})$

= topological invariant for gapped quantum liquids!

(Hamma, Ionicioiu, Zanardi 2005; Kitaev, Preskill 2006; Levin, Wen 2006):

$\gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \text{Distinct Phases!}$

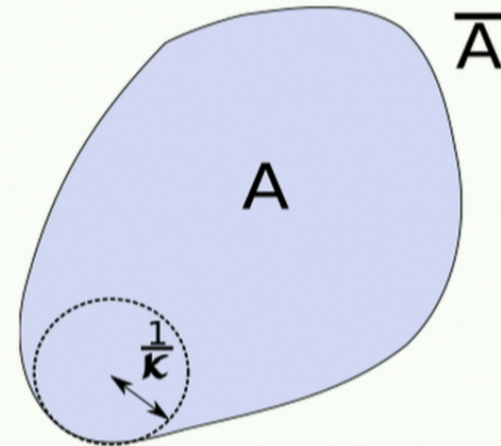
Topological Entanglement = Non-local Correlations

- Extract 'local' part of entanglement.

$$S_{\text{local}} = \int_{\partial A} F(\kappa, \partial_i \kappa)$$

$$S(A) = S(\bar{A}) \Rightarrow F(\kappa) \text{ even in } \kappa$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{local}} = aL + b/L + c/L^3 + \dots$$

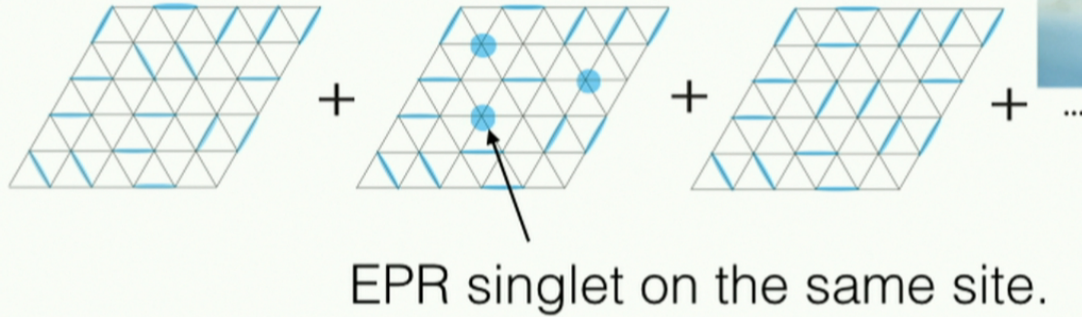


⇒ Topological Entanglement *must* come from
non-local correlations!

Grover, Turner, Vishwanath 2011

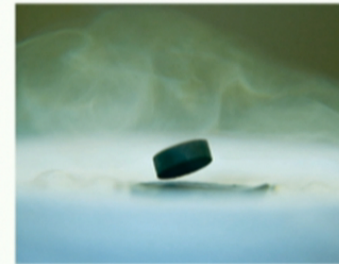
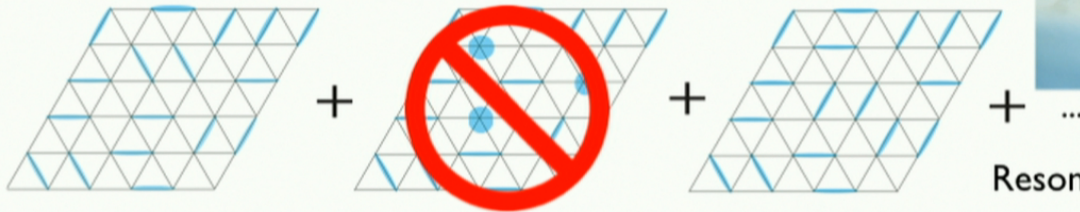
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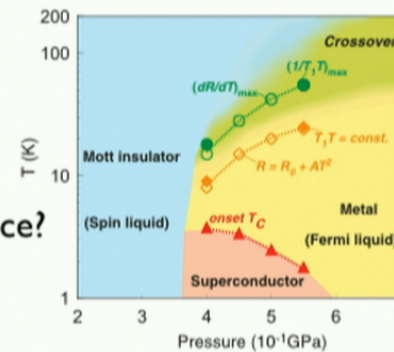


Resonating Valence Bond
“RVB”
(Anderson 1973)

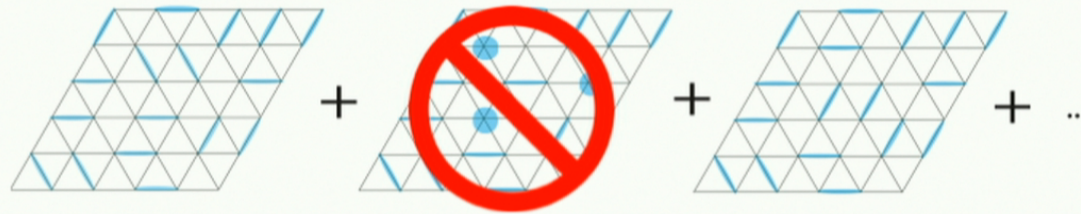
- No double occupancy \Rightarrow Spin-system

- **Putative spin-liquid!** (Anderson, Baskaran, Wen, Laughlin, Moessner, Sondhi, Ivanov, Senthil, Fisher, ...)

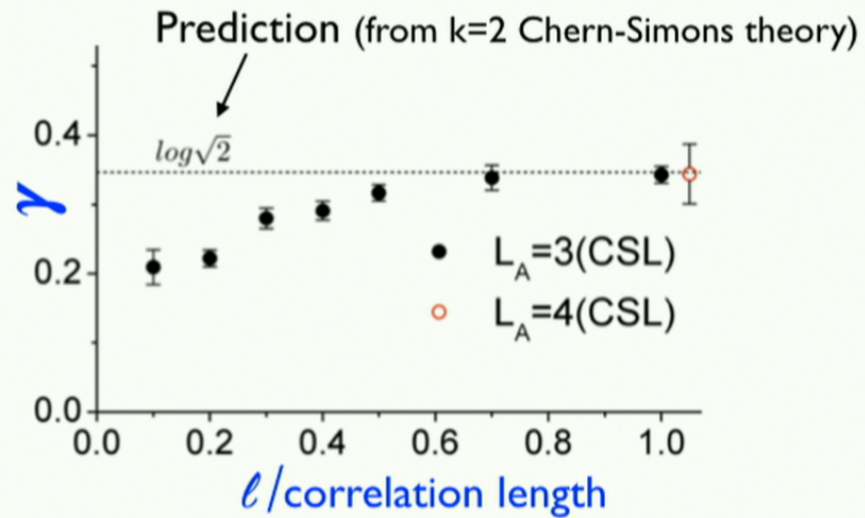
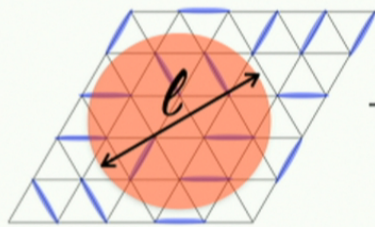
Coincidence?



“Projected” Superconductor= Spin-liquid?



$$S = \ell - \gamma + O(1/\ell)$$



Zhang, Grover, Vishwanath 2011

Topological entanglement only partially characterizes
a gapped quantum liquid.

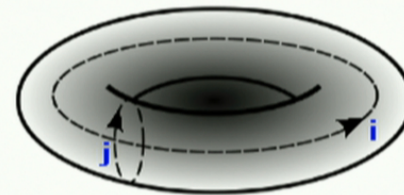
$\gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2 \Rightarrow$ Distinct Phases

But, Distinct Phases $\not\Rightarrow \gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2$

Finer Characterization? **Anyons**

Entanglement and Topological Berry's Phase

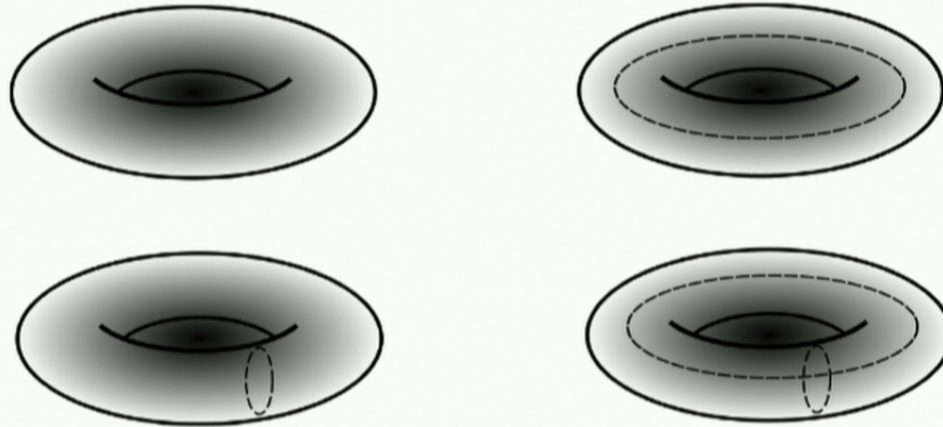
- Excitations of Gapped Quantum Liquids are **Anyons**
- Anyon = Neither boson, nor fermion.
- Berry phase upon encircling.



How to detect anyons, given the ground state?

Anyons \Rightarrow

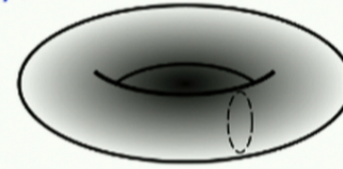
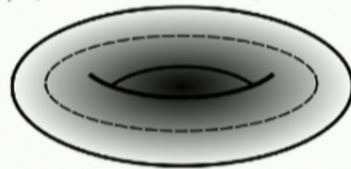
Degenerate ground states on torus...



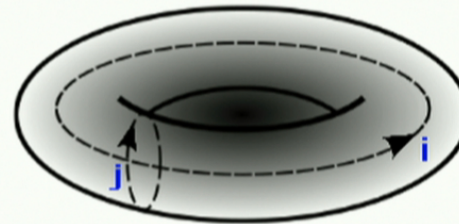
Mutual Statistics of anyons?

Mutual statistics S_{ij} = Berry phase of anyon i around j .

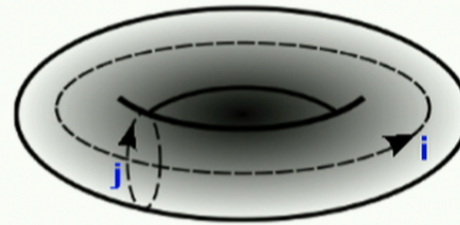
$|\Sigma_{i,x}\rangle = i$ 'th anyon along \hat{x} $|\Sigma_{j,y}\rangle = j$ 'th anyon along \hat{y}



$$S_{ij} \propto \langle \Sigma_{i,x} | \Sigma_{j,y} \rangle$$

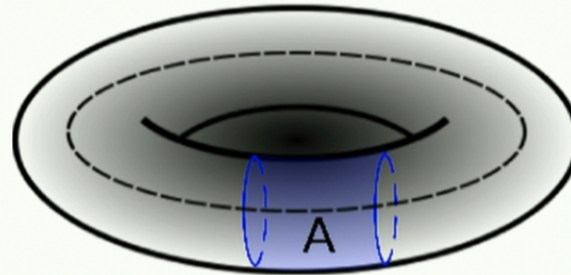


$$S_{ij} \propto {}_{i,x} \langle \Sigma | \Sigma \rangle_{j,y}$$



How to find states $|\Sigma\rangle_{i,\hat{n}}$ that correspond to
anyons winding around non-contractible loop along \hat{n} ?

Key Observation



Anyon along $x \Rightarrow$

Minimum entanglement entropy for a non-contractible cut perpendicular to x .

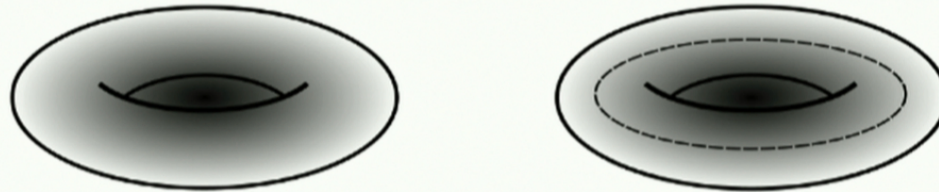
Intuition: **Minimum Entanglement** \Rightarrow **Maximum knowledge**
of anyonic content.

Zhang, Grover, Turner, Oshikawa, Vishwanath 2012

Example:

Anyons in a Spin Liquid

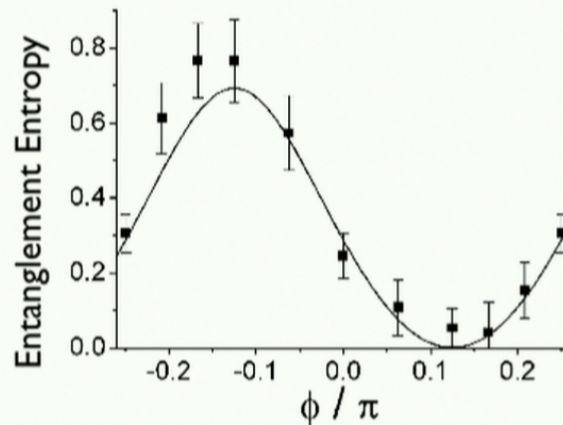
- Simplest spin-liquid: two ground states $|1\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$



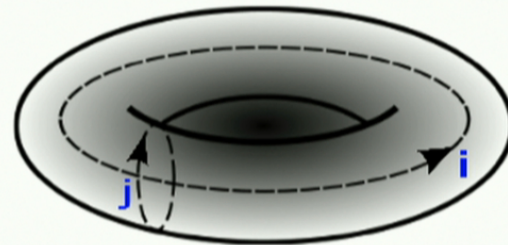
- Superpose: $|\Phi\rangle = \cos(\phi)|1\rangle + \sin(\phi)|2\rangle$
- Minimize entanglement entropy numerically to get quasiparticle states $|\Sigma\rangle_{i,\hat{n}}$

Zhang, Grover, Turner, Oshikawa, Vishwanath 2012

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$$S_{ij} \propto i,x \langle \Sigma | \Sigma \rangle_{j,y}$$



Numerical Result

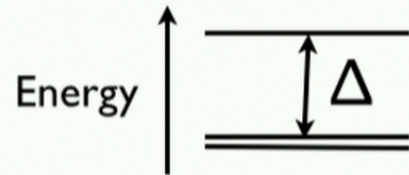
S=		Boson	Anyon	
	Boson	$1.1 e^{2\pi i}$	$0.9 e^{2\pi i}$	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Anyon with $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ self-statistics! </div>
Anyon	$0.9 e^{2\pi i}$	$1.1 e^{i\pi}$		

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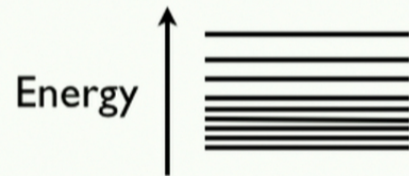
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Anyons,
Topological Entanglement.

Always stable



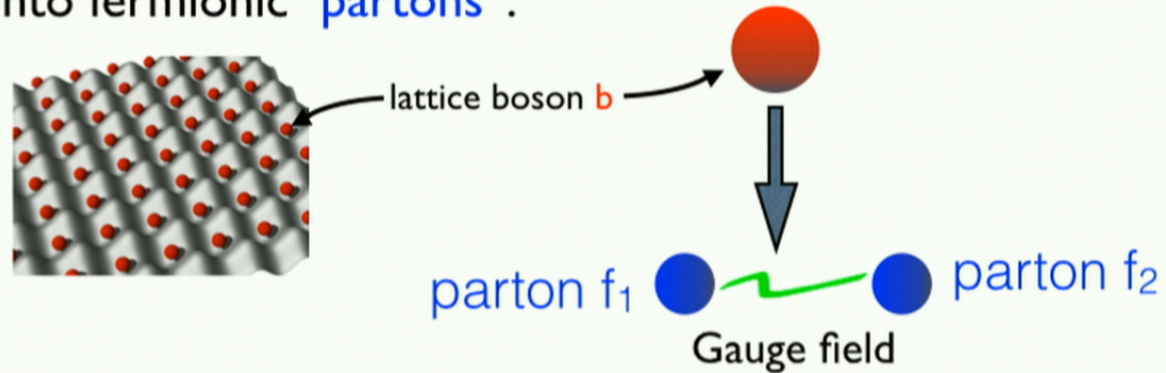
Less well understood.
Theoretical Description?

Stability?

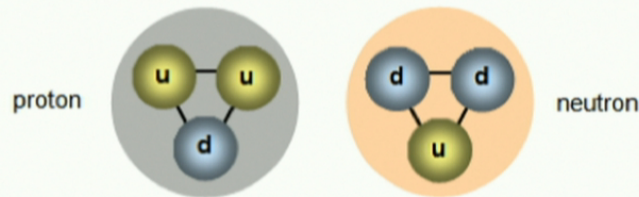
Gapless Spin-liquids = Emergent gauge theories
in quantum materials!

Why Emergent Gauge Structure?

- Quantum fluctuations may “fractionalize” spins/bosons into fermionic “partons”.

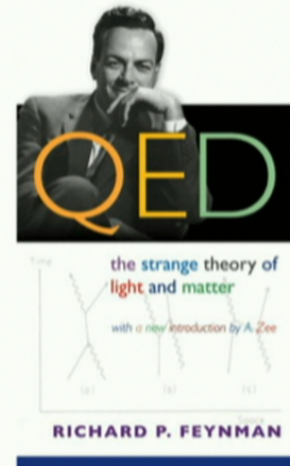
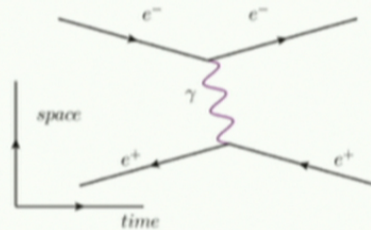
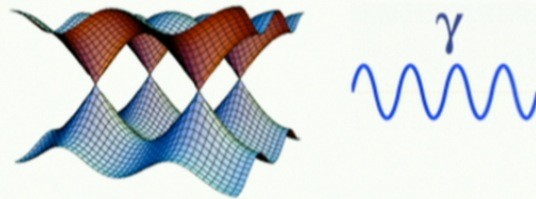


Read, Sachdev 1989; Wen 1990



Focus: QED Spin-liquids

Emergent Dirac Fermions +
Emergent Photons in 2d

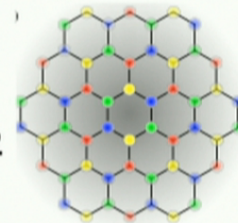


QED Spin-liquids: Theoretical & (Possibly) Experimental Sightings

Spin-orbital model on Honeycomb lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (2\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \frac{1}{2})(2\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j + \frac{1}{2})$$

Corboz et al 2012

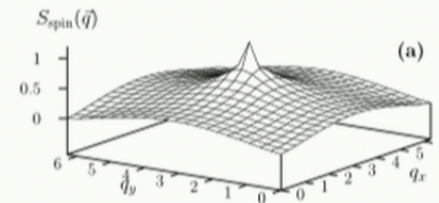


SU(N) Hubbard-Heisenberg Models

$$H = \frac{J}{N} \sum_{\langle \vec{i}, \vec{j} \rangle} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} S_{\alpha, \beta, \vec{i}} S_{\beta, \alpha, \vec{j}}$$

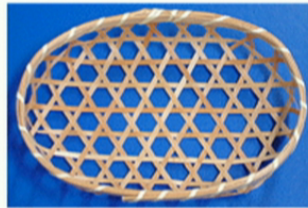
Assaad 2004

$$S_{\alpha, \beta, \vec{i}} = c_{\alpha, \vec{i}}^\dagger c_{\beta, \vec{i}} - \frac{1}{N} \delta_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{\gamma} c_{\gamma, \vec{i}}^\dagger c_{\gamma, \vec{i}}$$

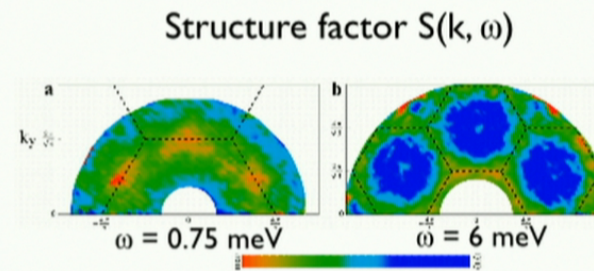


QED Spin-liquids: Theoretical & (Possibly) Experimental Sightings

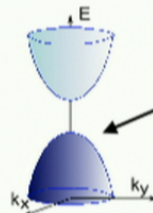
kagome lattice material “Herbertsmithite”



Han et al



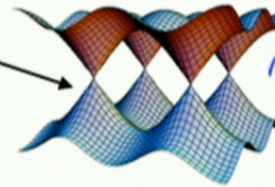
Theoretical Proposals:



Gapped Spin-liquid

Sachdev 1993; Yan, Huse, White 2010;
Jiang, Balents 2012; Roussochatzakis, Wan, Chernyshyov, Mila 2013.

Spins fractionalize into fermions



QED Spin-liquid

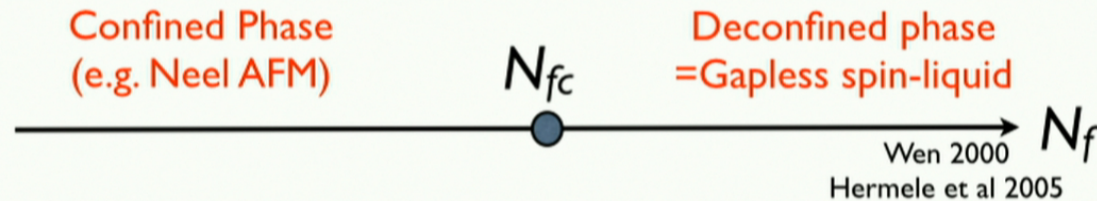


Hastings 2000;
Hermele et al 2008.

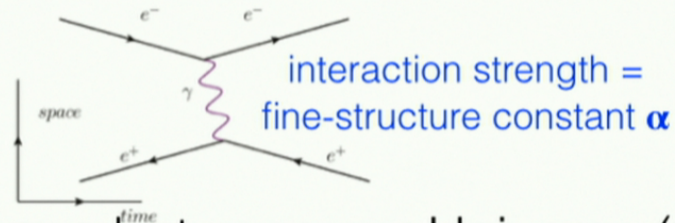
Phase Diagram of QED Spin-liquids?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED-3}} = \sum_{a=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}_a [-i\gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu + ia_\mu)] \psi_a + \frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

N_f determined by parton band-structure.



Critical value of N_f above which spin-liquid stable?



Key difference between our Universe (3 space dimensions) & QED Spin liquids (2 space dimensions):

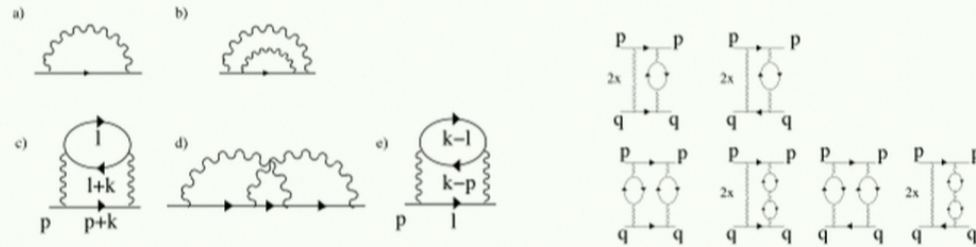
In 3d, $\alpha \cong 1/137$,

However, in 2d $\alpha \cong 1$.

Extremely Challenging to calculate anything!

How to determine Stability of QED Spin-liquids?

How to determine stability of *anything*?



$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta}^{\omega}(p_F, q) = U(0) + i \int \frac{d^{D+1}l}{(2\pi)^{D+1}} U^2(|\mathbf{p}_F - \mathbf{l}|) (G_l G_{q-p_F+l} + G_l G_{q+p_F-l})$$

$$- \delta_{\alpha\beta} \left[U(|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_F|) - i \int \frac{d^{D+1}l}{(2\pi)^{D+1}} \{ 2U(|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_F|) - 2U(|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_F|)U(|\mathbf{p}_F - \mathbf{l}|) \} G_l G_{l+q-p_F} - U(|\mathbf{p}_F - \mathbf{l}|)U(|\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{q}|)G_l G_{q+p_F-l} \right]$$

and $\delta\Sigma_{\text{pert}}(\omega, \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}) = \Sigma_{\text{pert}}(\omega, \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}) - \Sigma_{\text{pert}}(0, 0) = \delta\Sigma_1 + \delta\Sigma_2$ with

$$\delta\Sigma_1(\omega, \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}) = \int d\Omega_q [2G_l G_{k-p_F+l} \{ U^2(|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_F|) - 2U(|\mathbf{p}_F - \mathbf{l}|)U(|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}_F|) \} - G_l G_{q+p_F-l} U(|\mathbf{p}_F - \mathbf{l}|)U(|\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{q}|)] (G_{k-l} - G_k)$$

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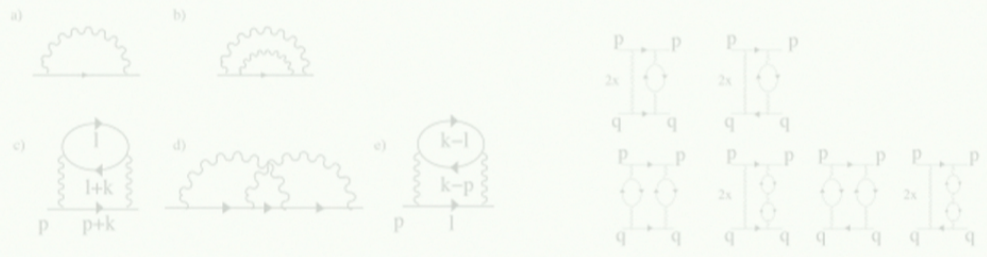
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$$\times \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int \Gamma_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta}^{\omega}(p_F, q) \delta G_q^2 \frac{\mathbf{p}_F \cdot \mathbf{q}}{p_F^2} \frac{d^{D+1}q}{(2\pi)^{D+1}}$$

$$= -\frac{p_F^2}{mZ} + \frac{p_F^2}{Z} A_D \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int \Gamma_{\alpha\beta,\alpha\beta}^{\omega}(p_F, q_F) \frac{\mathbf{p}_F \cdot \mathbf{q}_F}{p_F^2} d\Omega_q$$



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Just kidding 😊

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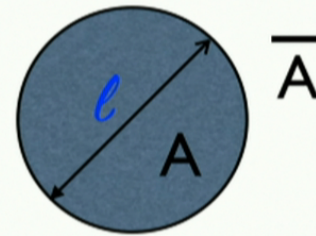
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Stability of Phases and Entanglement

- Entanglement of **2D gapless CFTs** and **topological phases** for circular bipartition:

$$S = \ell - \gamma + O(1/\ell)$$

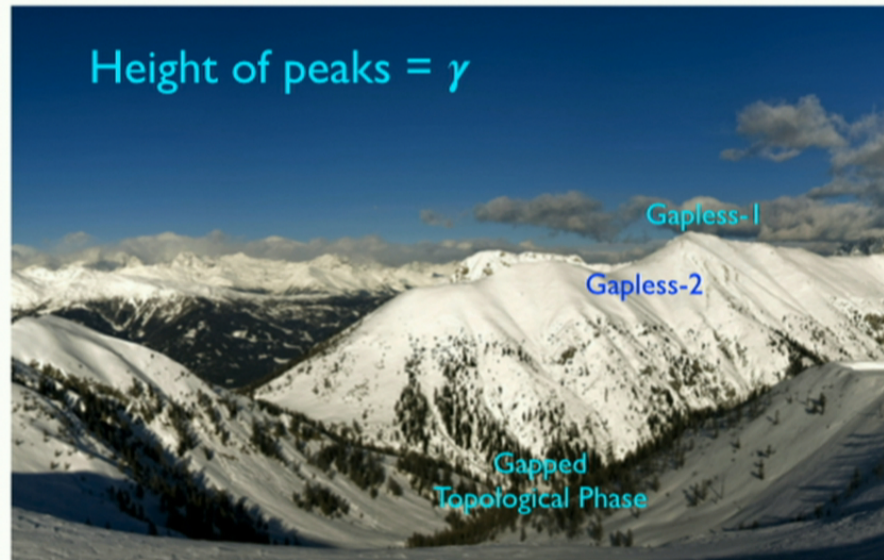


- If phase-1 unstable to phase-2, then $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2$.

“**F-theorem**” or “**Entanglement Monotonicity**”

Jafferis, Klebanov, Pufu, Safdi 2011; **Casini, Huerta 2012**;
Casini, Huerta, Myers 2011; Casini, Huerta, Myers 2015.

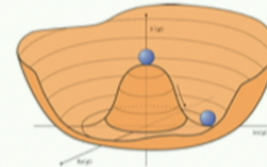
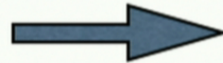
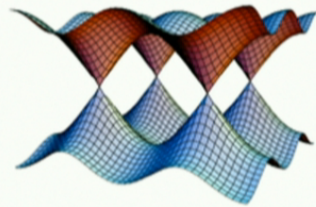
Landscape of Lorentz Invariant Theories in 2+1-D



Gapless-2 cannot be unstable to Gapless-1 while the gapped topological phase is fully stable.

Example: Stability of Graphene

Can Graphene break all symmetries (valley+spin) spontaneously with infinitesimal interactions?



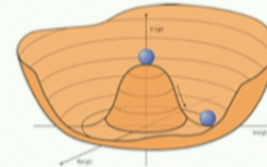
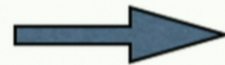
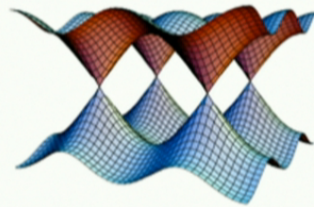
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15 Goldstone modes

$$\gamma_{\text{graphene}} = 4\gamma_{\text{Dirac}} \approx 0.88$$

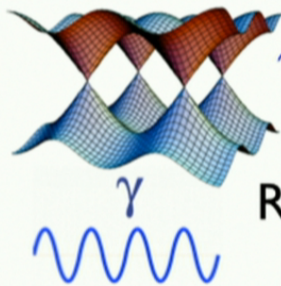
$$\gamma_{\text{Goldstone}} = 15\gamma_{\text{Scalar boson}} \approx 0.90$$

Not allowed!

Stability of QED Spin-liquid via γ -theorem

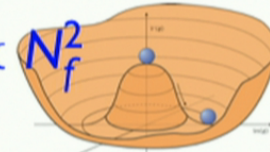
Instability of QED-3 generates $N_f^2/2$ Goldstone modes.

But, these are **too many** to satisfy entanglement
monotonicity when N_f large...



$$\gamma_{\text{QED-3}} \propto N_f \quad \text{while}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{Goldstone}} \propto N_f^2$$



$$\text{Rough estimate: } N_{fc} \cong 2 \times \frac{\gamma_{\text{Free Dirac Fermion}}}{\gamma_{\text{Free Real Scalar}}} \cong 8$$

Grover 2012

Exact Upper bound on Stability by “Sandwiching”

Deform an auxiliary theory (“Supersymmetric QED”, or SQED) to obtain QED.



$$\gamma_{SQED-3} \geq \gamma_{QED-3} + \gamma_{Dirac} \quad (1)$$

$$\gamma_{QED-3} \geq \gamma_{Goldstone} \quad (2)$$

Spin-liquid Stable for $N_f > 13$ Grover 2012

Improved bound by “Sandwiching”

Similar strategy, with some assumptions

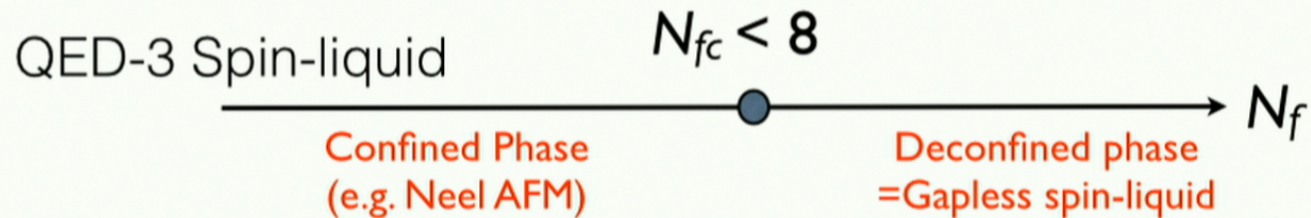


Spin-liquid Stable for $N_f > 7$

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Implications

Exact non-perturbative result for stability of strongly interacting, gapless spin-liquid.

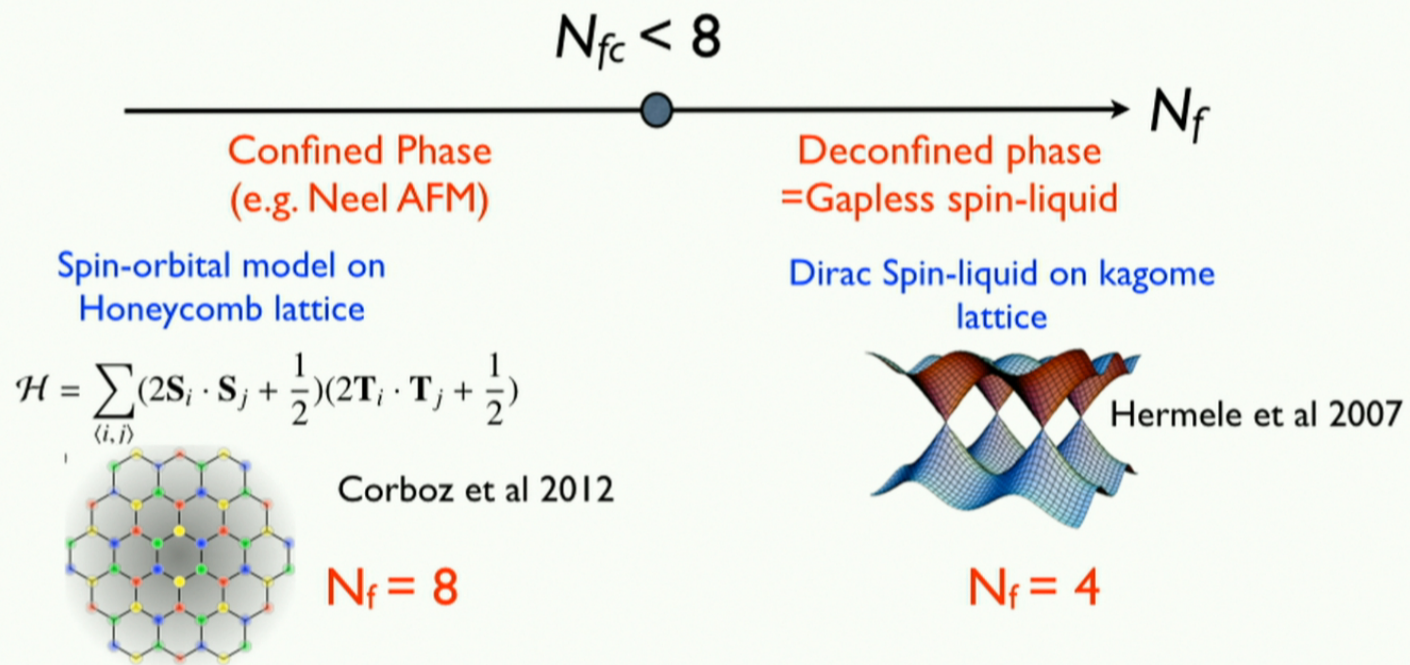


More generally, [exact results](#) on the phase diagram of 2+1-D abelian and non-abelian gauge theories.

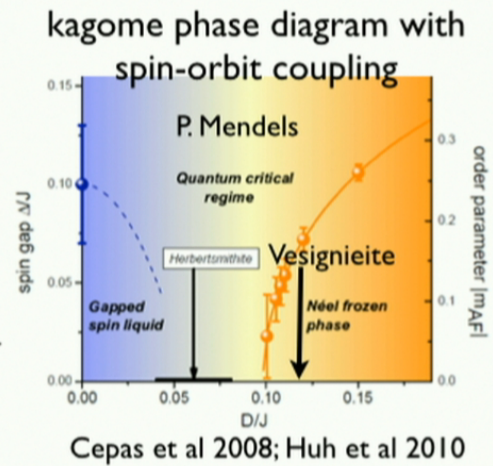
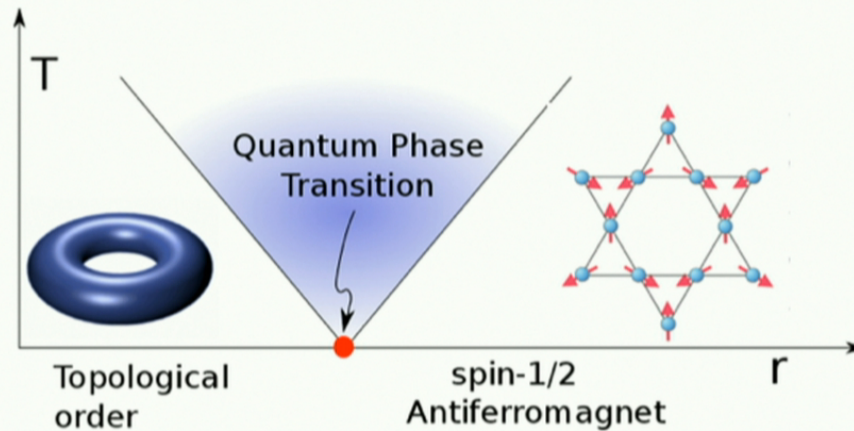
Non-abelian version:
$$N_f \gtrsim 2N_c \frac{\gamma_{Dirac}}{\gamma_{scalar}}$$

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Implications



Application II: Entanglement monotonicity & Quantum Phase Transitions



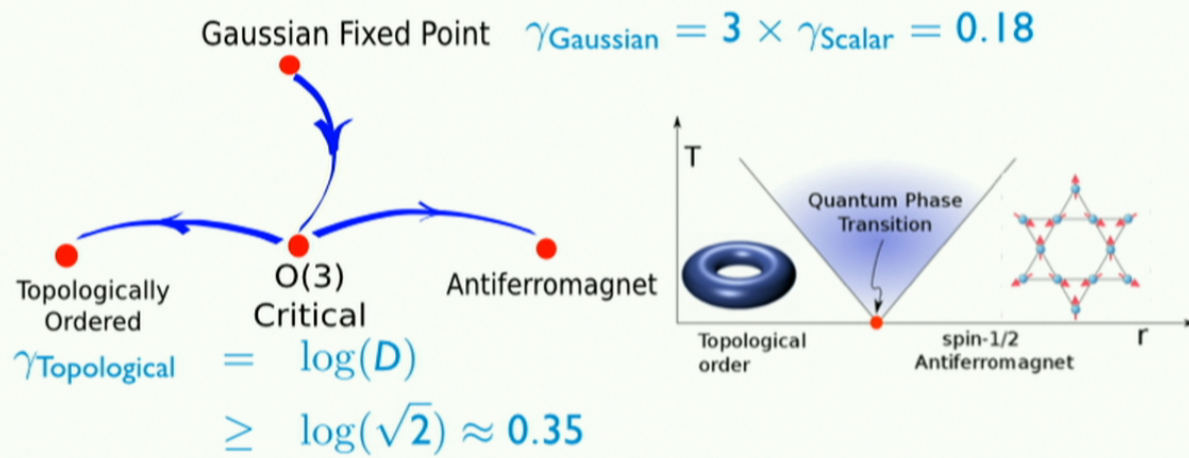
Question: **Nature of transition?**

naive Landau-Ginzburg reasoning:

$O(3)$ Wilson-Fisher.

A No-Go Theorem for Quantum Phase Transitions

RG flow assuming O(3) transition



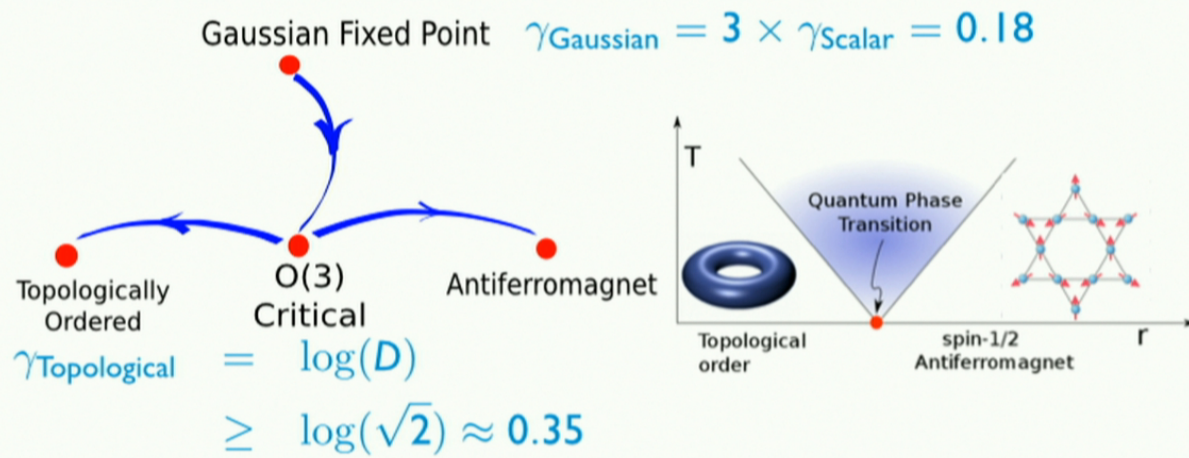
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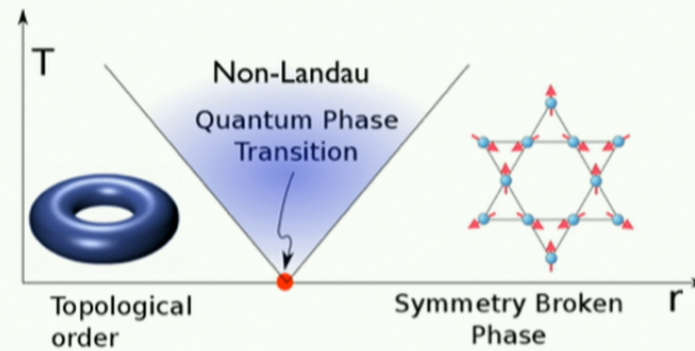
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Lesson

Phase transitions out of topologically ordered phases *necessarily* lie beyond Landau-Ginzburg paradigm

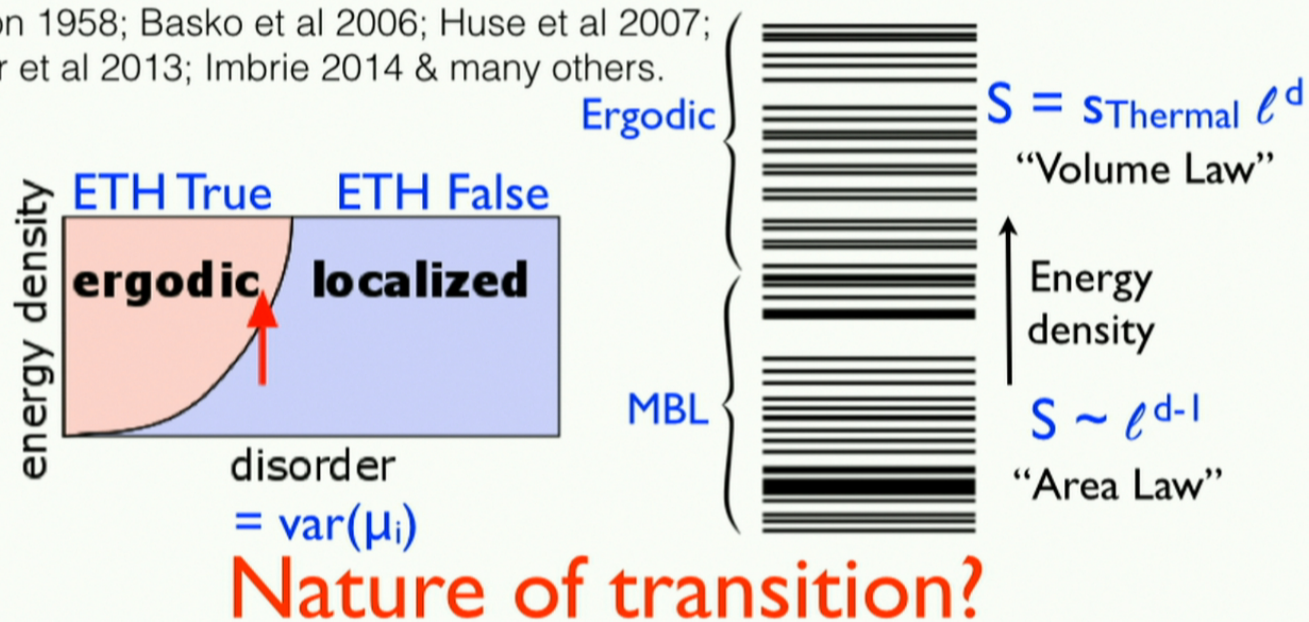


Consistent with field theoretic understanding of many such transitions, e.g.,
Spiral magnet \leftrightarrow Spin-liquid (Senthil, Chubukov, Sachdev 1994); FQH \leftrightarrow Superfluid (Barkeshli, McGreevy 2011).

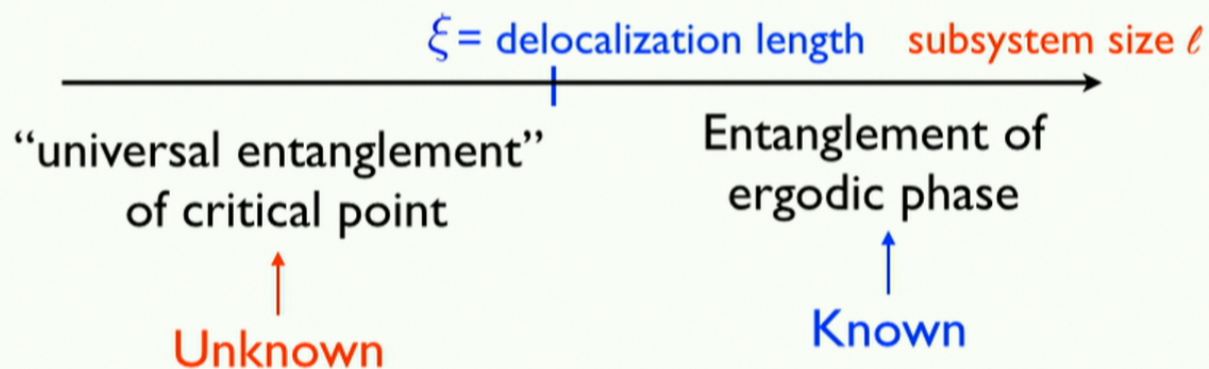
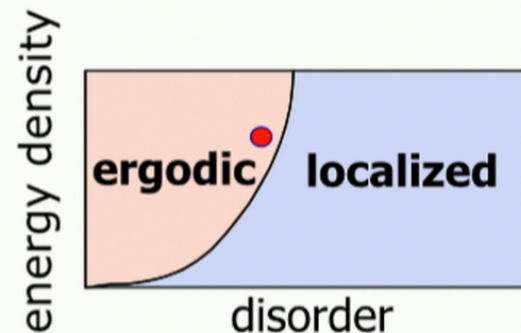
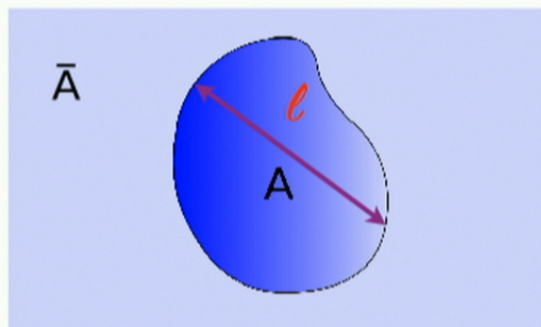
Application III: Many Body Localization Phase Transition

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c.) + \sum_i \mu_i c_i^\dagger c_i + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} n_i n_j$$

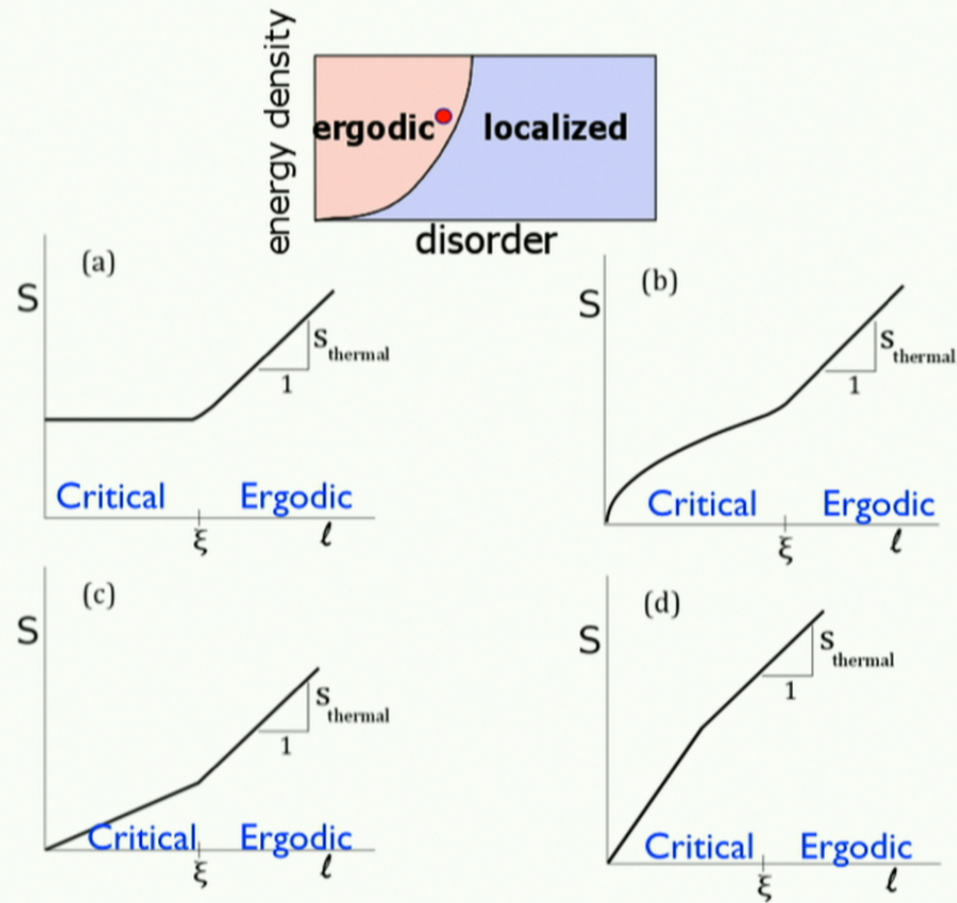
Anderson 1958; Basko et al 2006; Huse et al 2007;
Bauer et al 2013; Imbrie 2014 & many others.



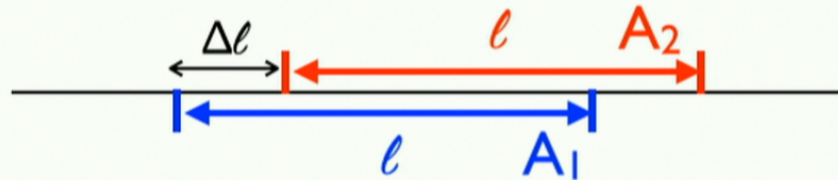
Entanglement Scaling Close to MBL Transition



Critical Entanglement: Possible Scaling Behaviors.



Strong Subadditivity & Entanglement Scaling



$$S(A_1) + S(A_2) - S(A_1 \cup A_2) - S(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq 0$$

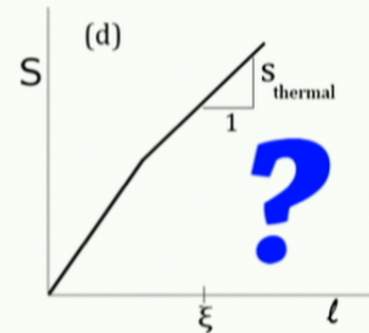
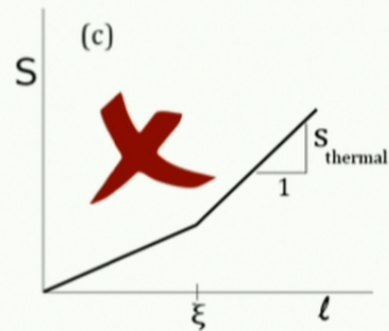
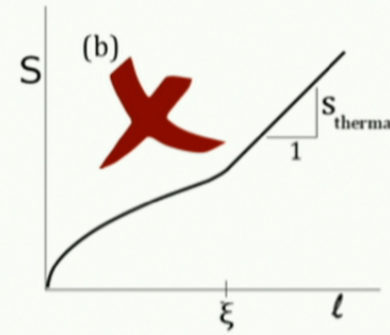
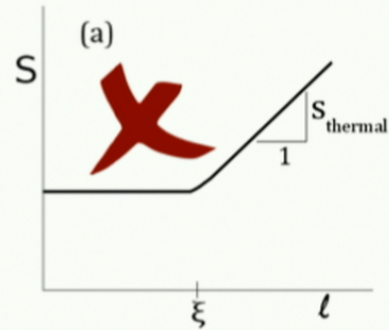
$$\Rightarrow S(l) + S(l) - S(l + \Delta l) - S(l - \Delta l) \geq 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{\partial^2 S(l)}{\partial l^2} \leq 0$$

Ruling out Possibilities via

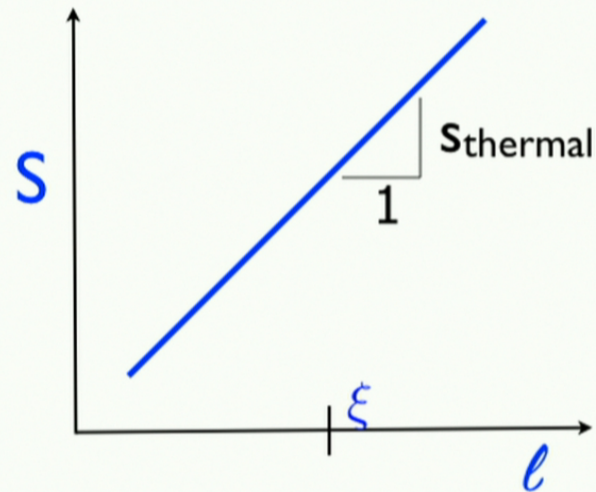
$$\frac{\partial^2 S(\ell)}{\partial \ell^2} \leq 0$$



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Answer

Critical Entanglement $S = s_{\text{Thermal}} \ell \Rightarrow$ Ergodic!



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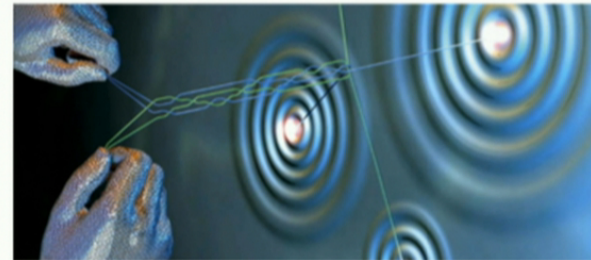
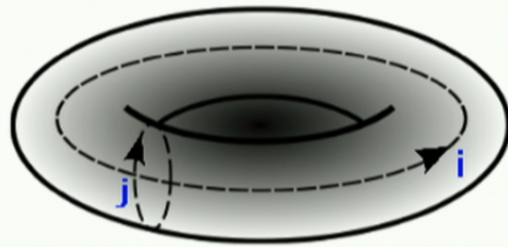
Outlook

Quantum liquids are bizarre yet stable phases of matter.

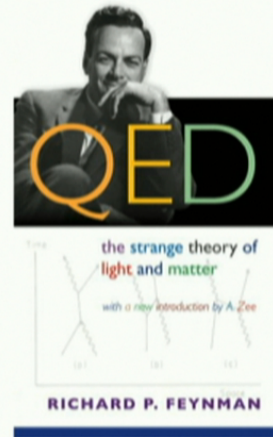
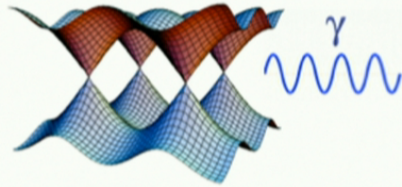
They are...

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\left| \text{cat}_1 \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat}_2 \right\rangle + \left| \text{cat}_3 \right\rangle + \dots \right]$$

Stable Schrodinger's Cat.



Topological phases with prospects for quantum computation and cryptography.



Miniature Universes

Summary & Questions

- Quantum Entanglement = non-local order parameter for topological phases.
- Entanglement can extract topological Berry phase of anyons.
- Entanglement monotonicity allows one to predict when deconfinement *guaranteed to occur* in gapless strongly interacting gauge theories.
- Fractional statistics of anyons from a *single* ground state?
- Entanglement monotonicity for non-relativistic systems?