

Title: Exotic compressible quantum liquids and fractons in coupled wire models

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Abstract: The coupled wire construction is a powerful method for studying exotic quantum phases of matter. In this talk I will discuss some recent work in which this technique was used to realize new types of 3D compressible quantum phases. These phases possess a  $U(1)$  charge conservation symmetry that is weakly broken by rigid string or membrane-like order parameters. No local order parameter is present and the emergent quasiparticles have restricted mobility. I will discuss the unusual symmetry breaking mechanism and its connection to the compressibility. For a particular class of models I will also describe an effective low energy theory given by coupled layers Maxwell-Chern-Simons theories.

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## Outline

- - Compressibility & Emergent Symmetries and Fracton Phases
- Coupled wire constructions
  - Intro
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- "Layered" 3D models
  - Gapped Planon Phase example
  - New compressible quantum liquid: "Weak Superfluid"
- Other interesting wire models

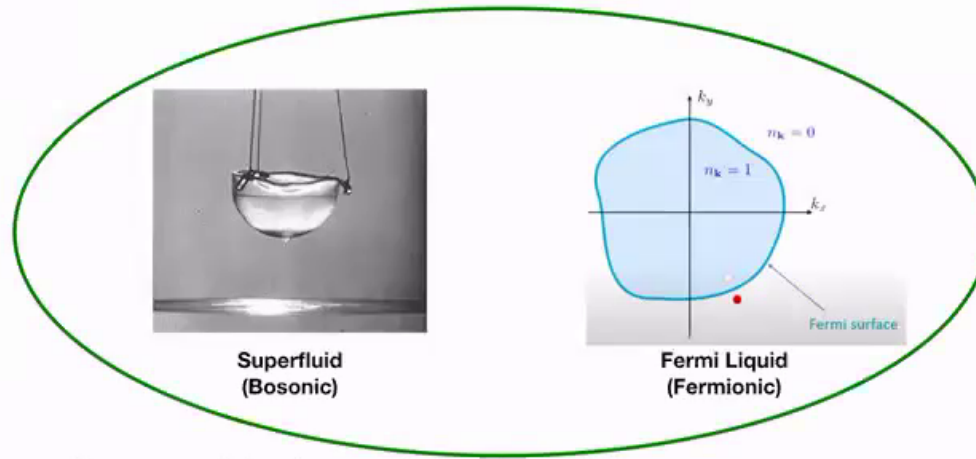
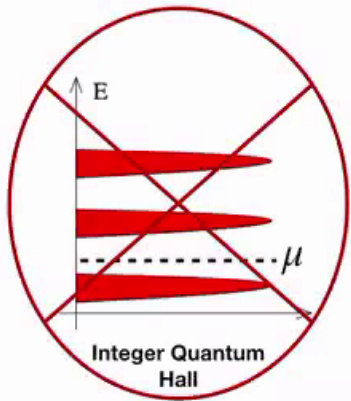
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# Compressible phases

$$\text{Compressible} \equiv \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu} > 0$$

$\rho$  = charge density  
 $\mu$  = chemical potential



Compressible phases distinguished by emergent symmetry group  $G_{IR}$  and t'Hooft anomalies.

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# Emergent Symmetries

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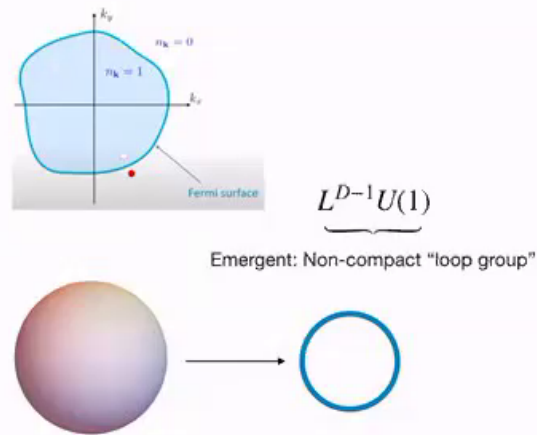
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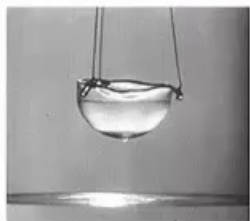
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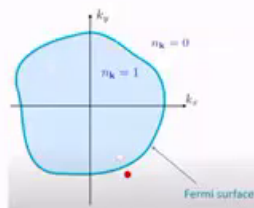
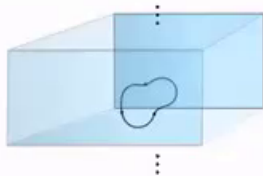
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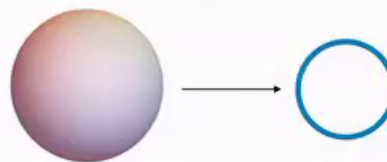
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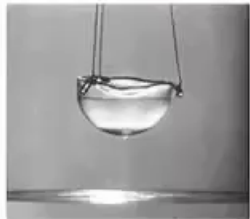
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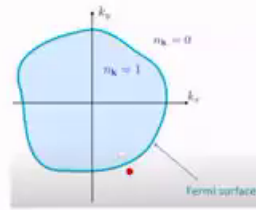
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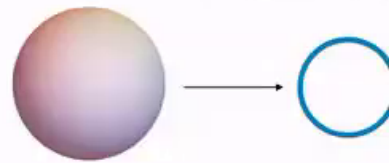
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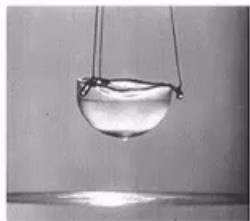
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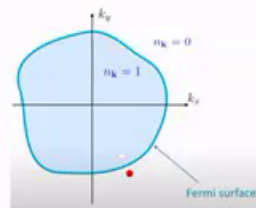
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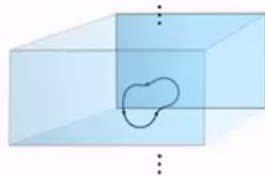
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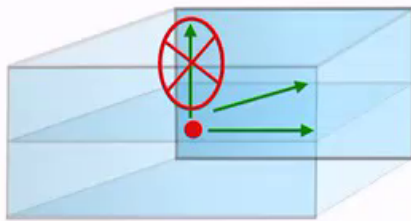


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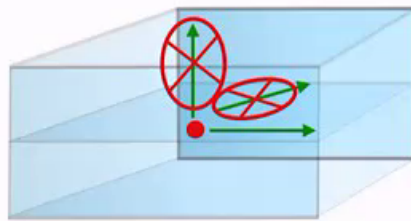


# Fractons

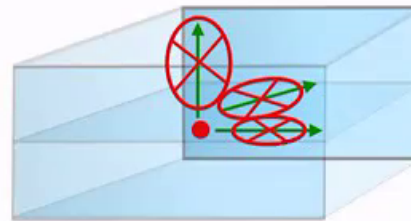
"Quasiparticles move on submanifolds"



"Planon"



"Lineon"



"Fracton"

- Chamon (2005)
- Haah (2011)
- Yoshida (2013)
- Pretko, Chen, You (2020)
- Many others.....

**Applications/Overlap:** Quantum Error Correction, Weird QFTs, Quantum Glassiness, Elasticity Theory etc

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# Coupled Wire Construction

Kane, Mukhopadhyay, Lubensky (2001)

Meng (2019)

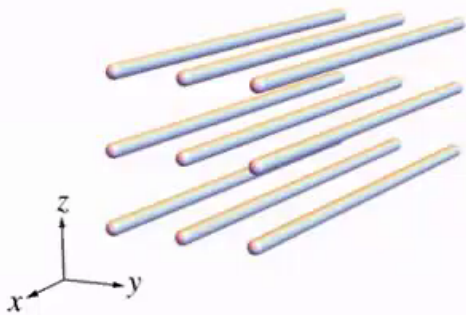
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$$[\partial_x \theta(x), \varphi(x')] = 2\pi i \delta(x - x')$$

$e^{i\varphi}$  (Boson) and  $\rho = \partial_x \theta / 2\pi$  (charge density)

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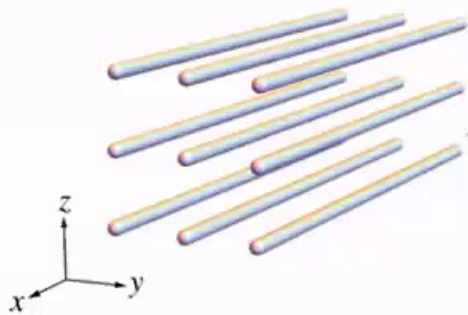
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$$H = H_0 \xrightarrow{\text{interactions}} H = H_0 - \sum_{\text{wires}} g \cos(\Theta_r)$$

$$\Theta_r = \sum_{r'} \Lambda_{rr'}^\varphi \varphi_{r'} + \Lambda_{rr'}^\theta \theta_{r'}$$

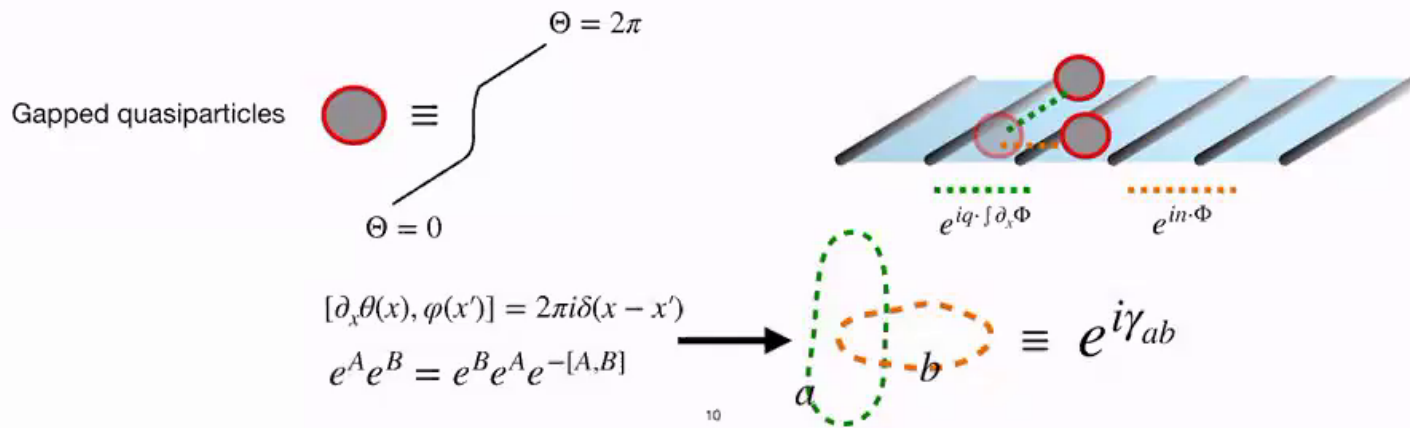
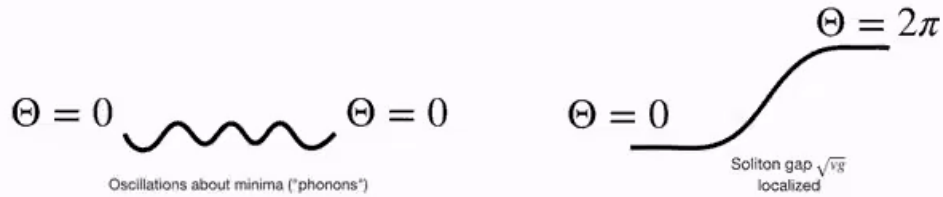
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# Excitations

$$[\Theta_r, \Theta_r'] = 0 \text{ and } g \gg 1$$

Ground State :  $\{\Theta_r\} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$



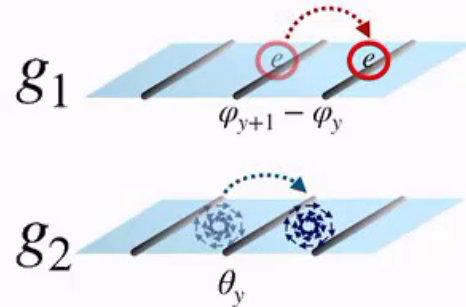
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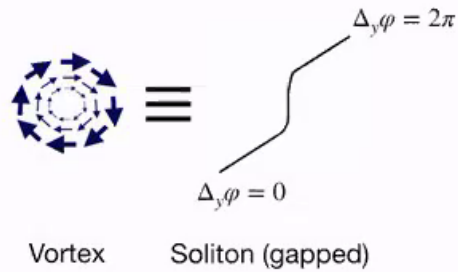
# 2+1 D Superfluid



$$H = \int_x \sum_y H_0 - \underbrace{g_1 \cos(\varphi_{y+1} - \varphi_y)}_{\text{Josephson coupling}} - \overbrace{g_2 \cos(\theta_y)}^{2\pi \text{ phase slip}}$$



SF phase:  $g_1/g_2 \gg 1$  :  $\Delta\varphi = 0$    $\Delta\varphi = 0$   
Gapless

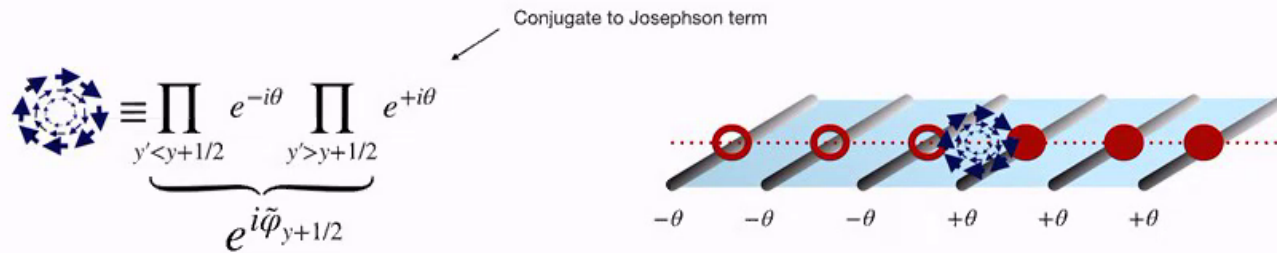


# Particle-Vortex Duality in wires

Mross, Alicea and Motrunich 2017  
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$e^{i\tilde{\varphi}}$  (vortex) and  $\partial_x \tilde{\theta} / 2\pi$  (vortex density)

$$Z[\varphi, \theta]$$

"charge basis"



$$Z[\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\theta}, a_\mu]$$

"vortex basis"

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# Laughlin State

Kane, Mukhopadhyay, Lubensky (2001)

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$$H_{int} = -g \cos \left( \underbrace{\varphi_{y+1} - \varphi_y + m(\theta_y + \theta_{y+1})}_{\Theta_{Laughlin}} \right)$$



$$\Theta = 0 \quad \text{~~~~~} \quad \Theta = 0$$

Gapped

$$\Theta_{Laughlin} = \Delta_y (\underbrace{\varphi + m\tilde{\varphi}}_{\text{(flux attachment)}}$$

$e$  +  $m$  

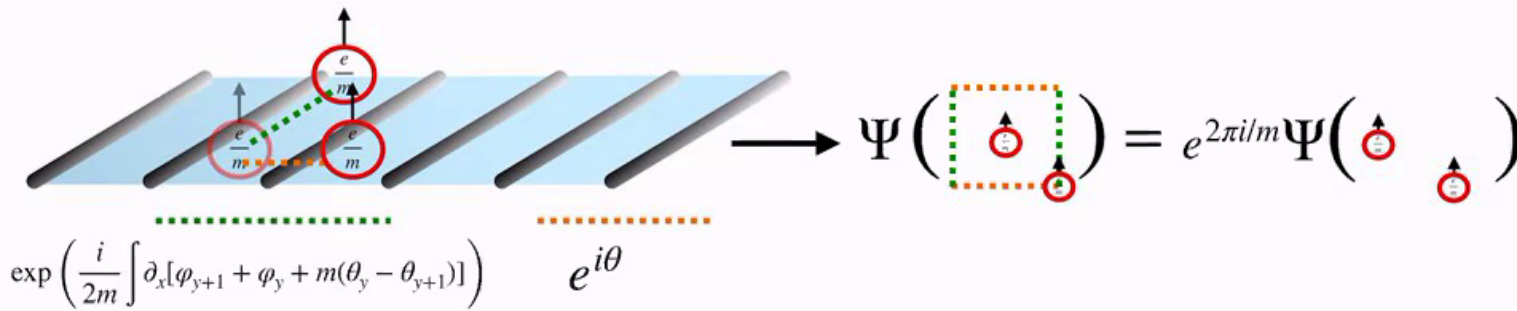
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# Laughlin (cont'd)



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In vortex language:  $\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\theta}$  and  $a \xrightarrow{\int \text{out matter}}$   $L = \frac{m}{4\pi} a \wedge da + L_{Maxwell}$





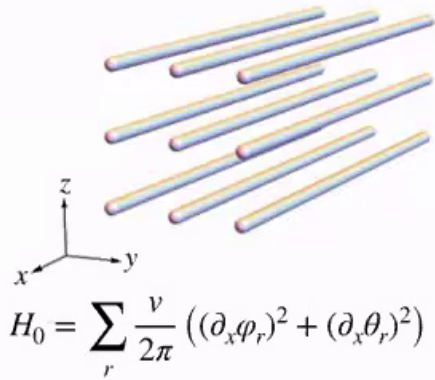
# 3D models

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# Six-Wire Model

JS, Dua, Cheng 2021



$$\text{COS} \left[ \begin{array}{c} n\theta \quad n\theta \\ -\varphi + m\theta \quad \varphi + m\theta \\ n\theta \quad n\theta \\ yz \end{array} \right] \Theta_{yz}$$

$$\Theta_{yz} = -\varphi_{yz} + m\theta_{yz} + \varphi_{y+1,z} + m\theta_{y+1,z} + \left( n\theta_{y,z-1} + \theta_{y,z+1} + n\theta_{y+1,z-1} + n\theta_{y+1,z+1} \right)$$

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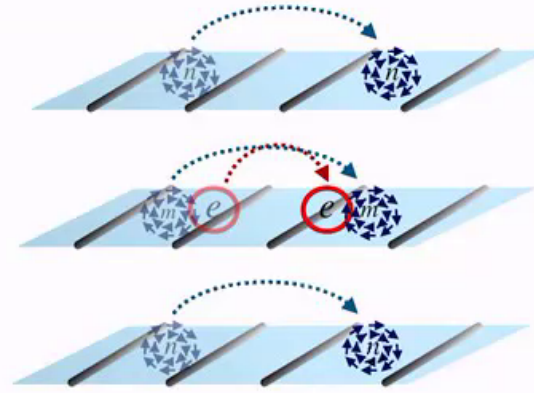


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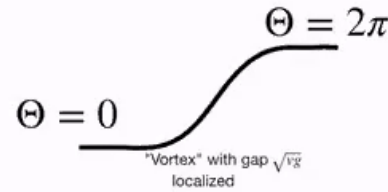
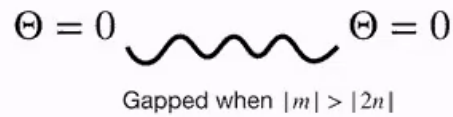
# Six-Wire Model (cont'd)

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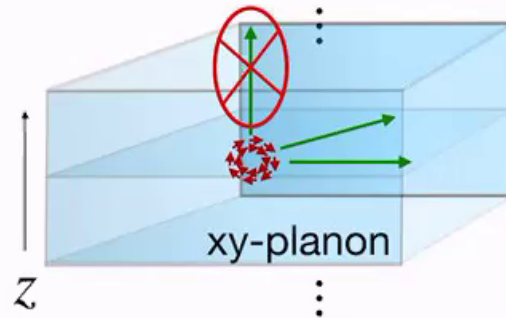
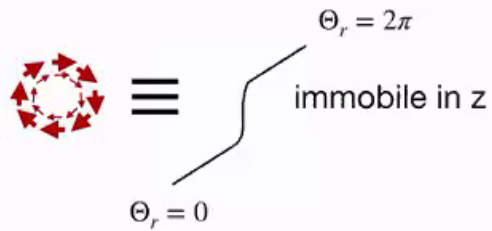


# Gapped Example

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$m=3, n=1$



$e^{i\theta}$  moves along  $y$

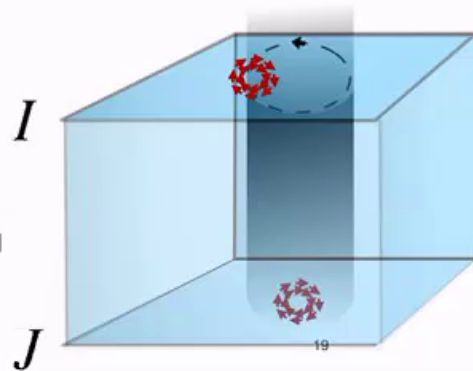
$e^{i\int \partial\Phi}$  move along wire  
( $\Phi$  complicated)

No op moves along  $z$



Planons in different layers  
have non-trivial braiding!

$$\theta_{IJ} \rightarrow 2\pi \frac{(-1)^{I-J}}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{-|I-J|}$$

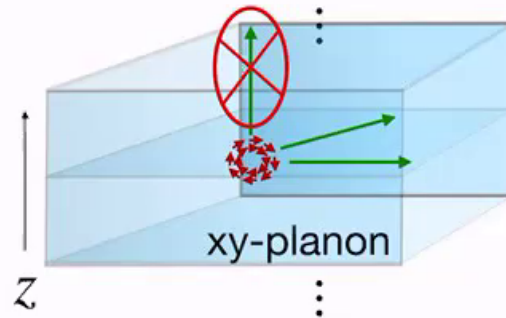
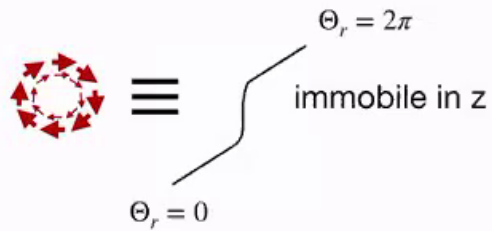


Fusion group =  $\mathbb{Z}_{Fib(N_2)} \times \mathbb{Z}_{5Fib(N_2)}$

For experts, this is non-foliated  
fracton order



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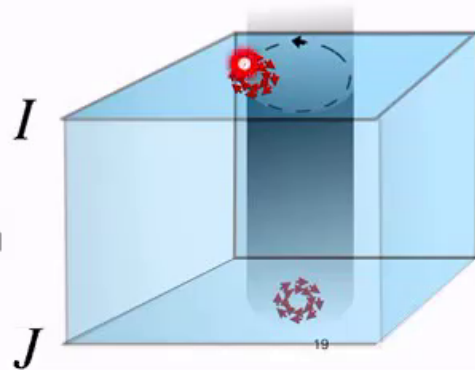
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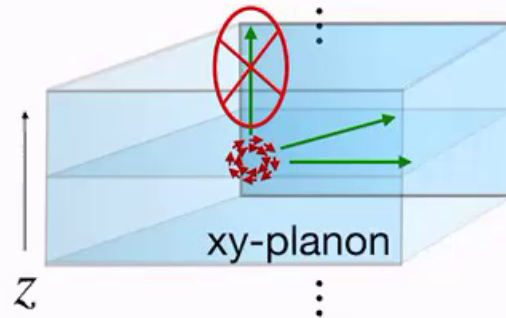
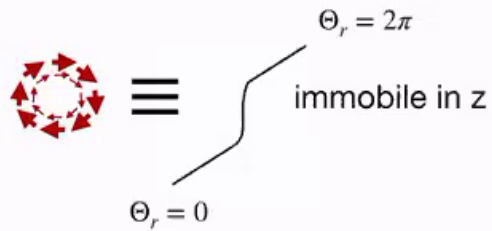


# Gapless (compressible) Example

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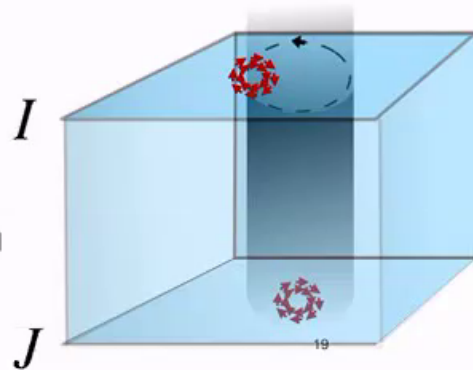
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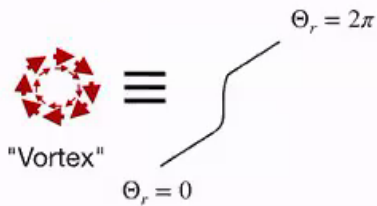
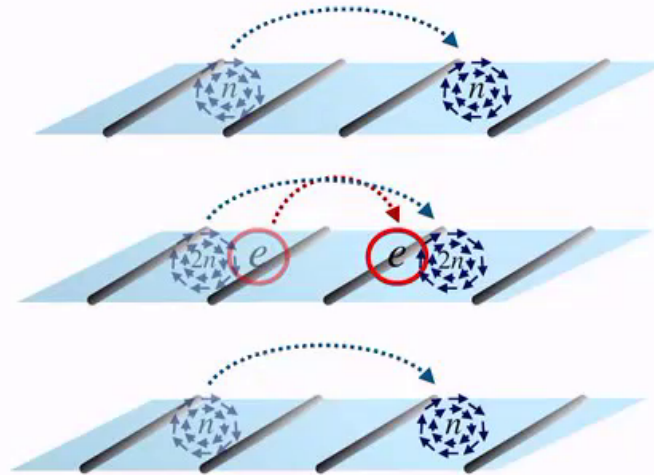
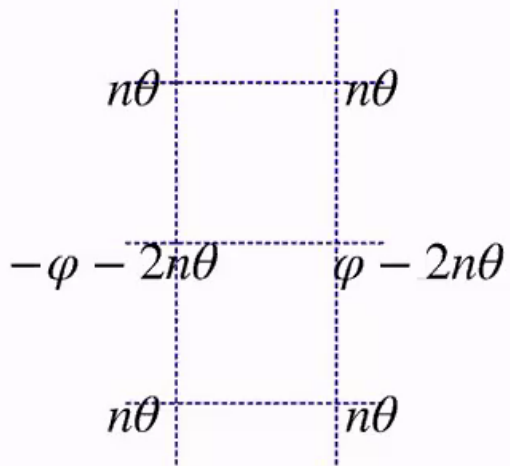


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# "Weak Superfluid" (m = -2n)



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# Compressibility

Translation along wire

$$\theta(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \partial_x \theta = \pi \int_{x_0}^x \rho \implies T_x : \theta \rightarrow \theta + \pi \nu$$

## Luttinger Liquid

$$H = \int_x \frac{\nu}{2\pi} [(\partial_x \varphi)^2 + (\partial_x \theta)^2]$$

$$U(1)_\varphi : \varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \alpha$$



$$U(1)_\theta : \theta \rightarrow \theta + \beta$$



$$T_x : H \rightarrow H$$

$\nu$  unconstrained  $\implies$  compressible

## Laughlin State

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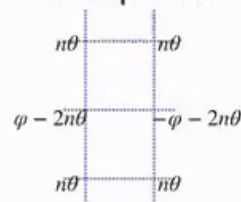
$$U(1)_\theta : \theta \rightarrow \theta + \beta$$



$$T_x : \Theta \rightarrow \Theta + 2\pi m \nu$$

$$\text{filling constraint} \implies \nu = \frac{1}{m}$$

## Weak Superfluid



$$U(1)_\varphi : \varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \alpha$$



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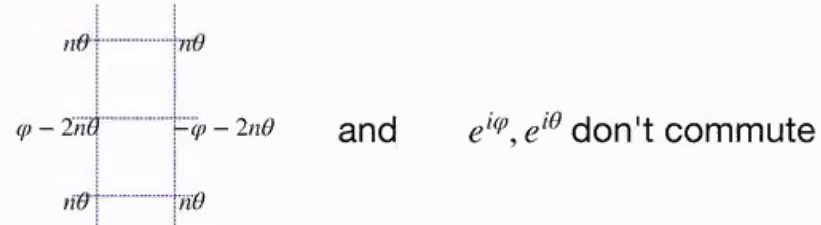
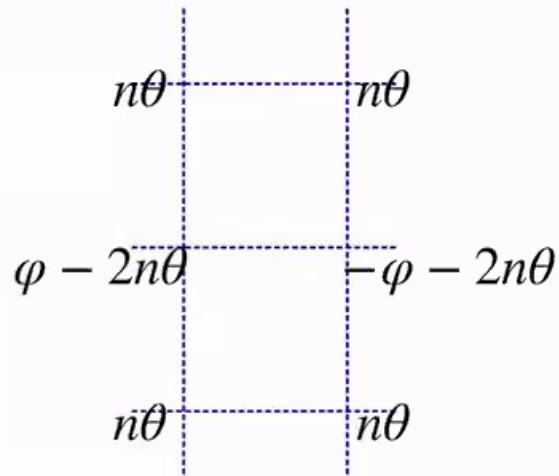
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# Stability



$e^{i\varphi}, e^{i\theta}$  gapped  
↓  
 $\cos(\Lambda_\varphi\varphi + \Lambda_\theta\theta)$  is irrelevant

Can't condense any local process to drive transition!



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# (Non-local) order parameter



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2+1 SF

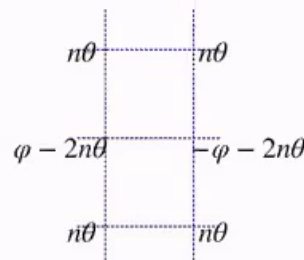


Josephson term condensed phase difference

$$\langle e^{i\varphi(r)} e^{-i\varphi(0)} \rangle \sim e^{\frac{1}{\rho_s} (\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0})} \rightarrow \text{const}$$

SSB of charge  $U(1)^{[0]}$

Weak SF

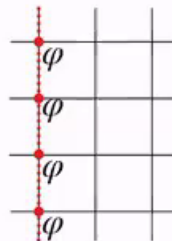


$e^{i\varphi}, e^{i\theta}$  gapped



$$\langle e^{i\varphi(r)} e^{-i\varphi(0)} \rangle = 0$$

No local order parameter



Instead: Non-local  $\Phi(r) = \prod_z e^{i\varphi_s(z)}$

$$\langle \Phi(r) \Phi(0)^\dagger \rangle \sim e^{\frac{N_s}{\rho_s} (\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0})} \rightarrow \text{const}$$

"Weak" SB of charge  $U(1)^{[0]}$



# Emergent Symmetry

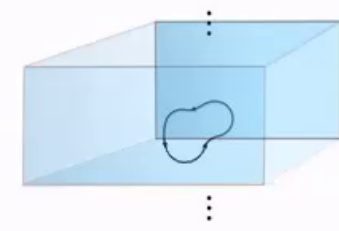
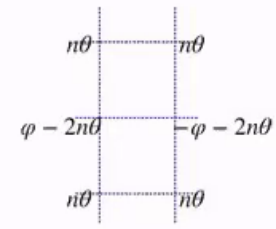


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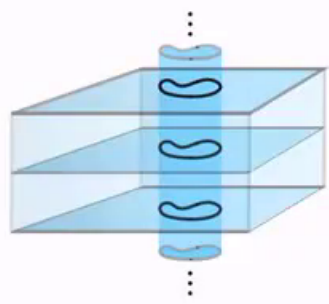
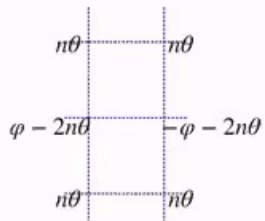
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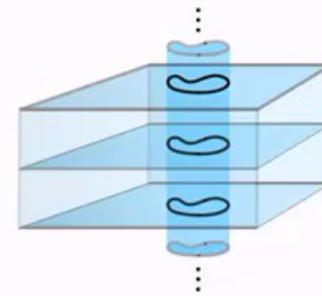
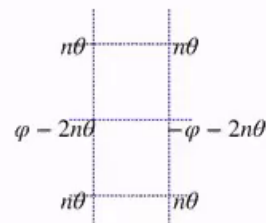
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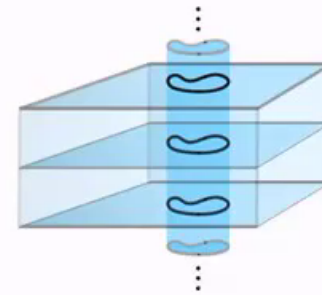
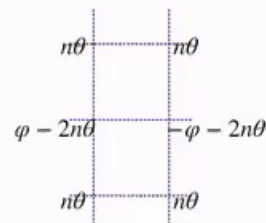
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vortex gapped

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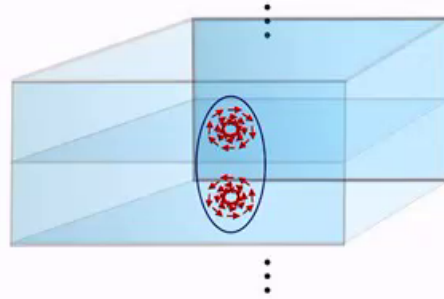
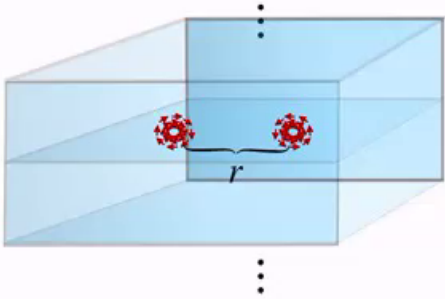
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"Cylindrical" 1-from symmetry



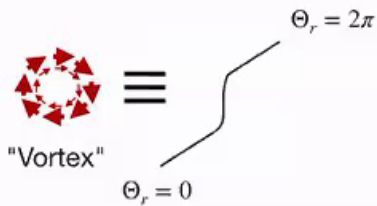
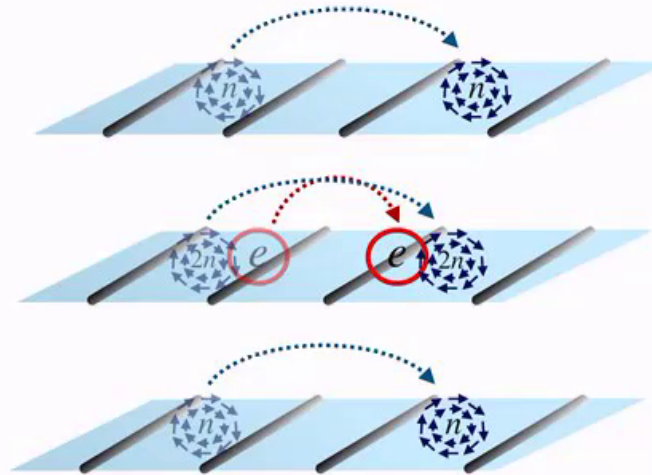
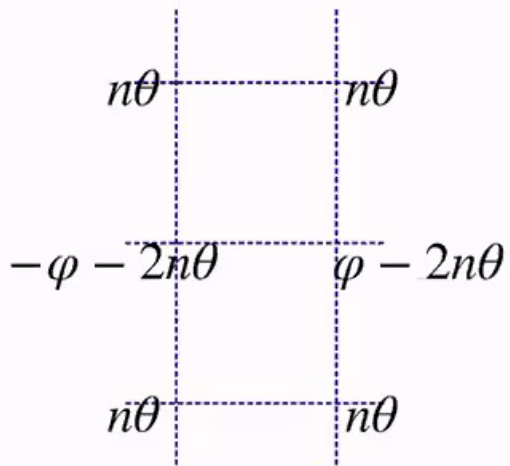
# Gapped Excitations



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# "Weak Superfluid" ( $m = -2n$ )



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# Compressibility

Translation along wire

$$\theta(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \partial_x \theta = \pi \int_{x_0}^x \rho \implies T_x : \theta \rightarrow \theta + \pi \nu$$

Luttinger Liquid

$$H = \int_x \frac{v}{2\pi} [(\partial_x \varphi)^2 + (\partial_x \theta)^2]$$

$$U(1)_\varphi : \varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \alpha$$



$$U(1)_\theta : \theta \rightarrow \theta + \beta$$



$$T_x : H \rightarrow H$$

$\nu$  unconstrained  $\implies$  compressible

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# (Non-local) order parameter

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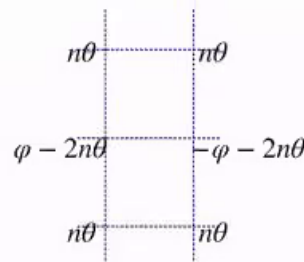


Josephson term condensed phase difference

$$\langle e^{i\varphi(r)} e^{-i\varphi(0)} \rangle \sim e^{\frac{1}{\rho_s} (\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0})} \rightarrow \text{const}$$

SSB of charge  $U(1)^{[0]}$

Weak SF

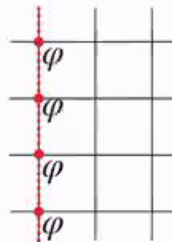


$e^{i\varphi}, e^{i\theta}$  gapped



$$\langle e^{i\varphi(r)} e^{-i\varphi(0)} \rangle = 0$$

No local order parameter



Instead: Non-local  $\Phi(r) = \prod_z e^{i\varphi_s(z)}$

$$\langle \Phi(r) \Phi(0)^\dagger \rangle \sim e^{\frac{N_s}{\rho_s} (\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0})} \rightarrow \text{const}$$

"Weak" SB of charge  $U(1)^{[0]}$

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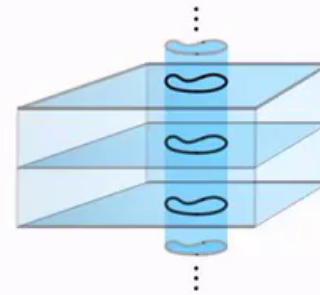
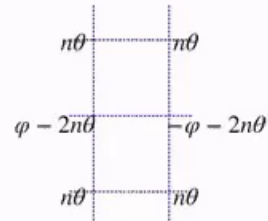
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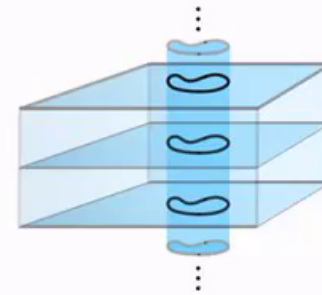
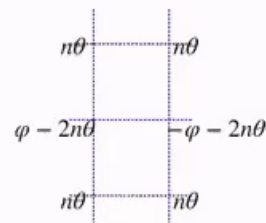
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"Cylindrical" 1-form symmetry

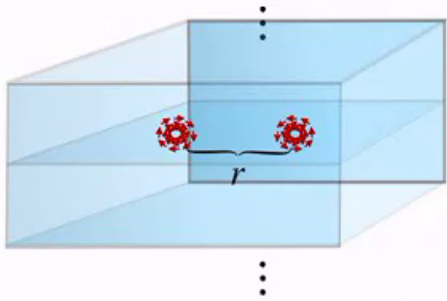
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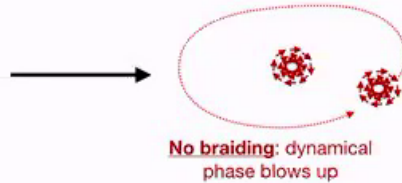
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$$E_{int} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

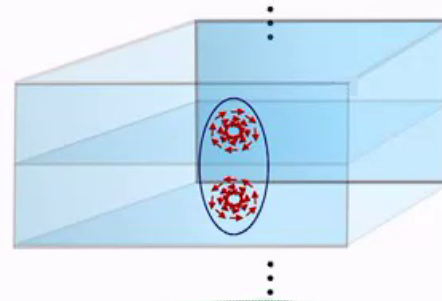


Gapless modes mediate interaction between vortices

$$\Theta = 0 \quad \text{~~~~~} \quad \Theta = 0$$

Gapless for  $m = -2n$

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Topological sector: no vorticity (eg dipoles)

Mobility: Planons

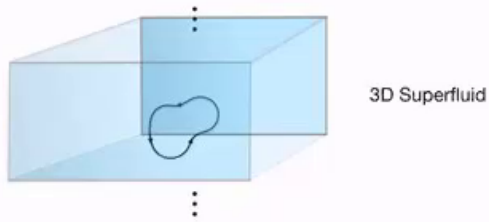
Super selection sectors:  $m^{L_z - 1} \cdot L_z$



# 3D Compressible Phases



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3D Superfluid

$$U(1)^{[0]} \times \underbrace{U(1)^{[2]}}$$

Emergent: 2-form in 3D



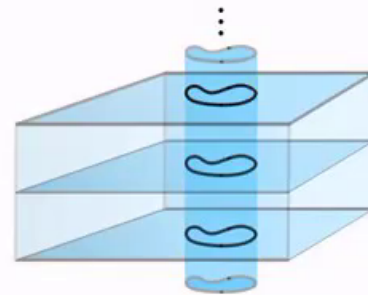
$$\longrightarrow \underbrace{L^2 U(1)}$$



3D Fermi Liquid

Emergent: Smooth maps from 2-sphere to U(1)

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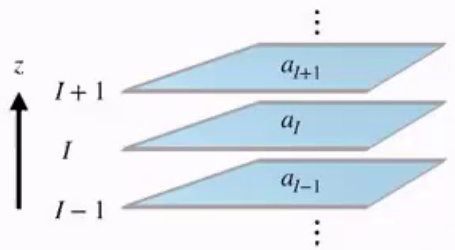
3D Weak Superfluid

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# Physics of these models



$$S = \int \frac{K_{IJ}}{4\pi} a_I \wedge da_J + \text{Maxwell term}$$

"gauge charges = planons"

$$B_I = K_{IJ}^{-1} \rho_J \text{ flux attachment is "long range"}$$

w/  $K = \begin{pmatrix} m & n & & & \\ n & m & & & \\ & & n & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & n & m & n \\ & & & & n & m \end{pmatrix}$

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Gapped ( $|m| > |2n|$ ) : Fracton (Planon) Phase

"Long range braiding"

Gapless ( $|m| \leq |2n|$ ) : Confusing from field theory perspective

Stable!

String-like order parameters

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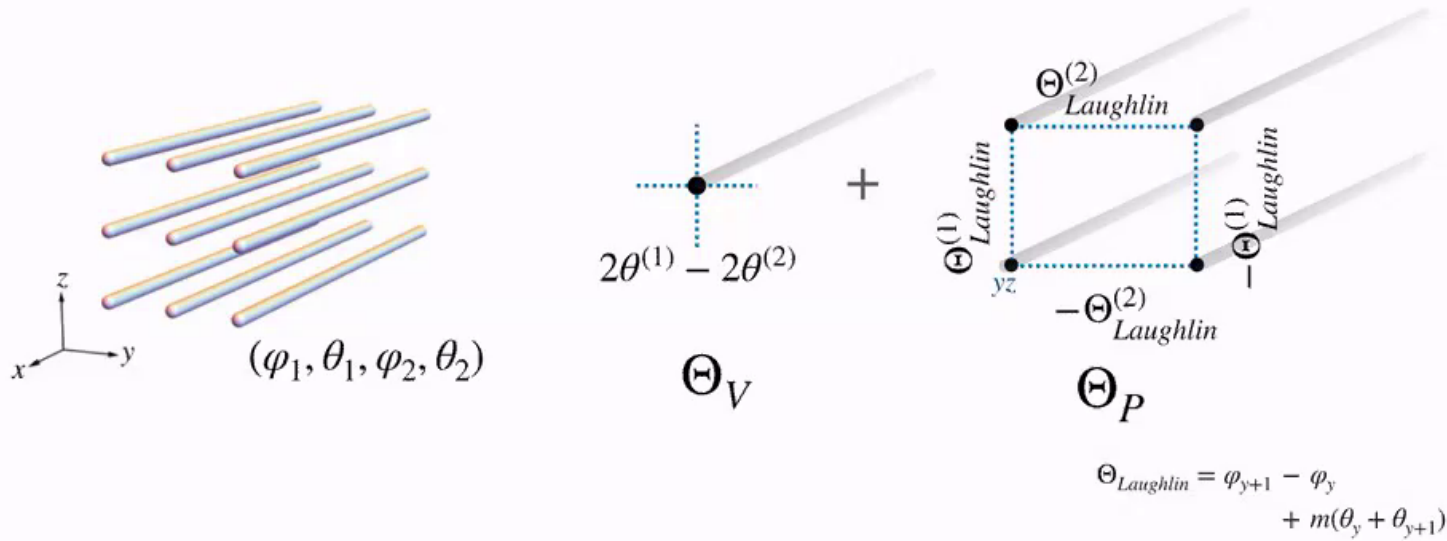
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# Wire models beyond “Layered” Chern-Simons theories

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# “Fractalonal” Quantum Hall State



$$T_x : \Theta_{VIP} \rightarrow \Theta_{VIP} \implies \text{compressible}$$

JS, Iadecola, Williamson (2020)

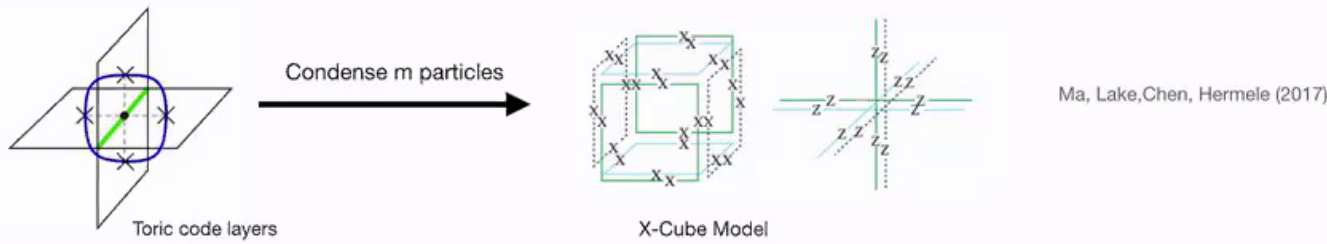
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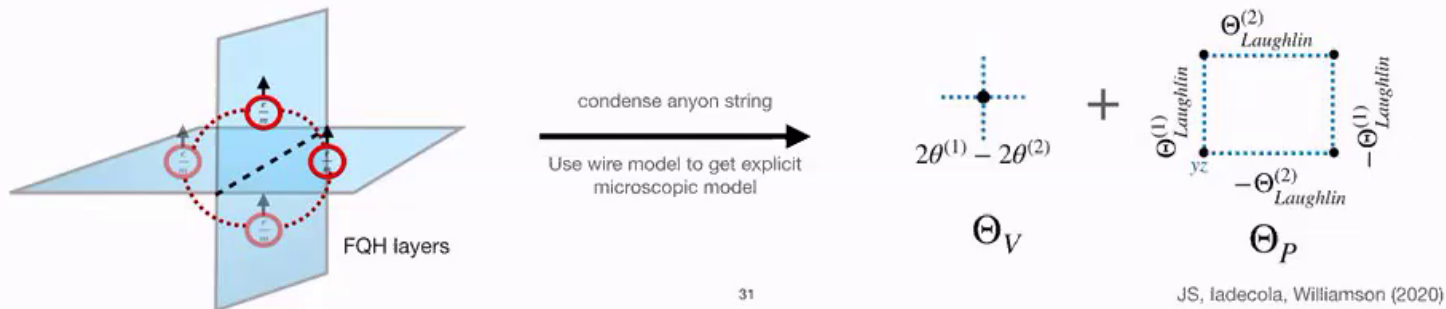
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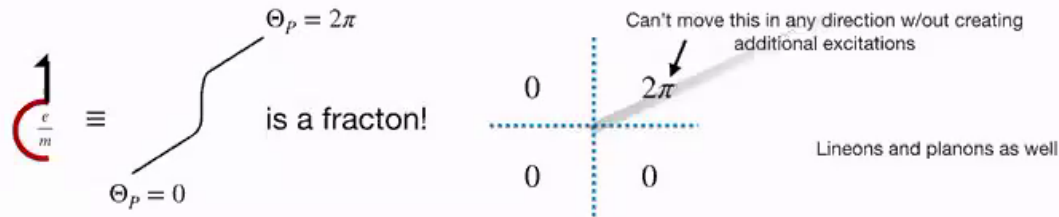
What about FQH states?



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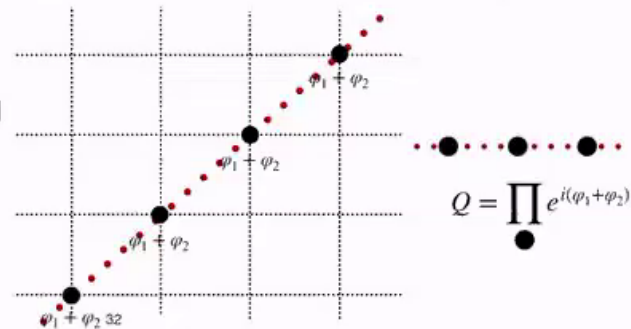
# Properties



Stable: All local vertex ops create gapped excitations

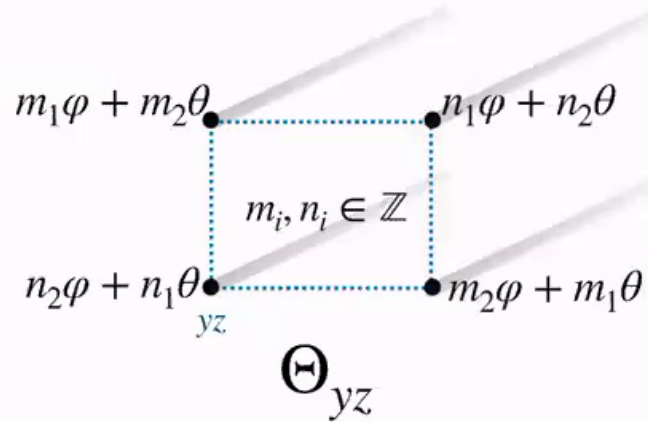
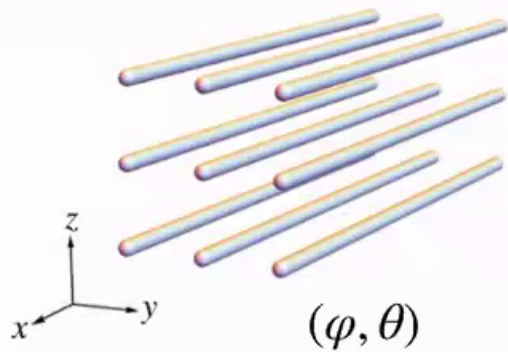
Emergent  $U(1)_\theta$  "cylindrical" 1-form symmetry

Mixed t'Hooft Anomaly between global charge symmetry and  $Q$





# Square plaquette models

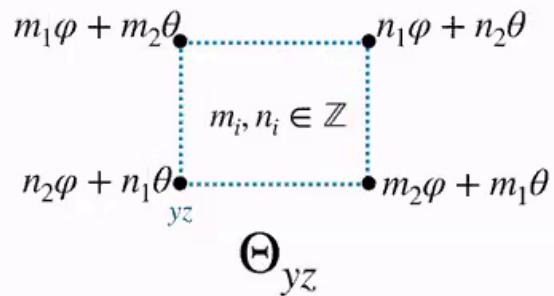


$$m_1 + m_2 + n_1 + n_2 = 0 \implies T_x : \Theta \rightarrow \Theta \implies \text{compressible}$$

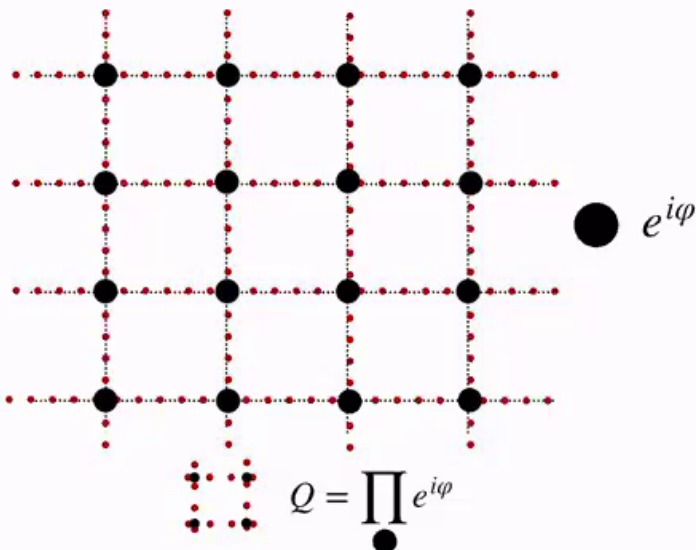
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 (2020)  
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# Membrane operator example



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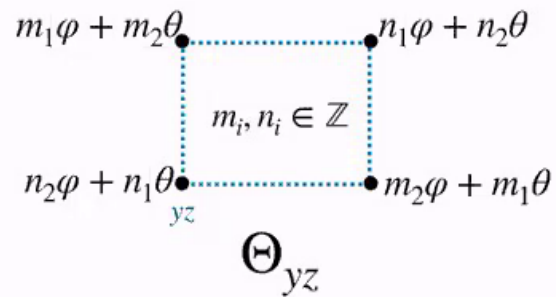


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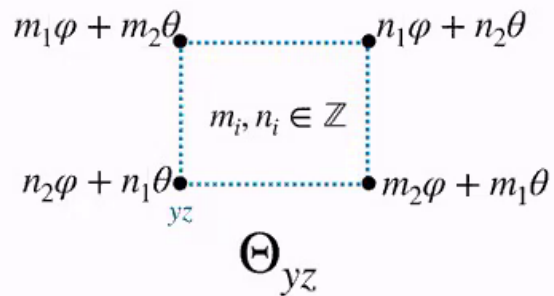
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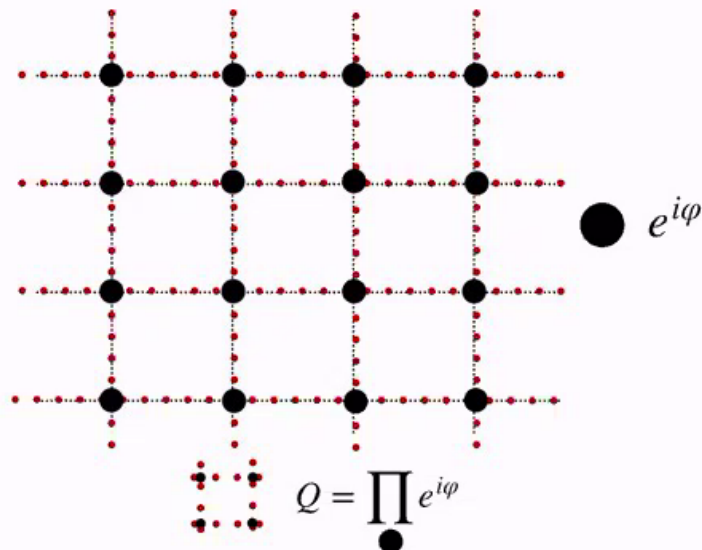
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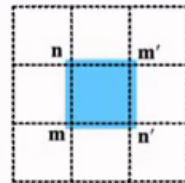
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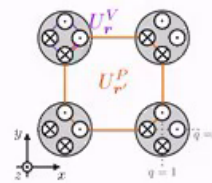


# Future Directions

- Effective theories for other wire models



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- Wire Models for other effective theories

- ★ General K-Matrices
- ★ Gapless models

- 2D Weak Superfluid?

- ★ 2D compressible state with no local order parameter
- ★ Probably outside wire framework: Wire model  $\implies$  CS theory

gapped  $K \implies \nu$  constrained

gapless  $K \implies$  local order parameter in 2D

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**Thank you!**

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