

Fractionalization of charge

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Outline:

- Fractional quantum Hall effect and polyacetylene.
- Non-abelian quantum Hall state.
- Featureless Mott insulators.

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Fractional quantum Hall state and polyacetylene

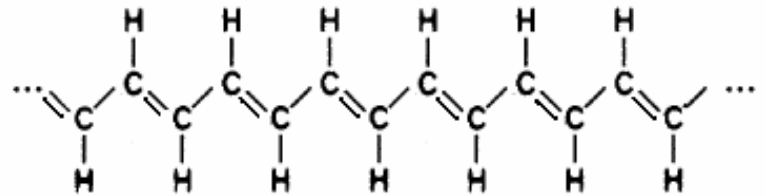
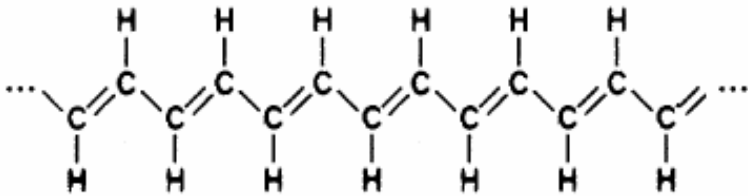
Charge fractionalization

- Solitons in 1D charge density wave
- Quasiparticles in fractional quantum Hall effect

Domain walls in Polyacetylene

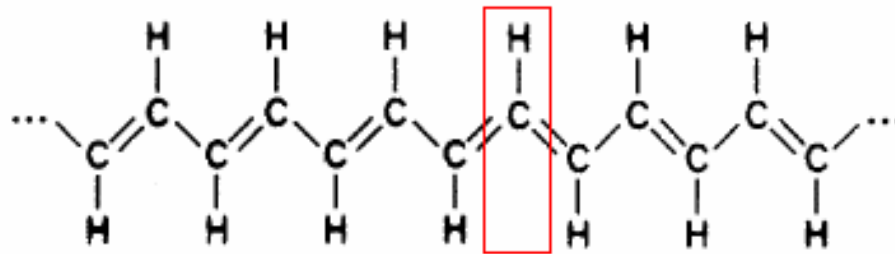
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two degenerate ground states

Domain wall



The Su-Schrieffer counting argument

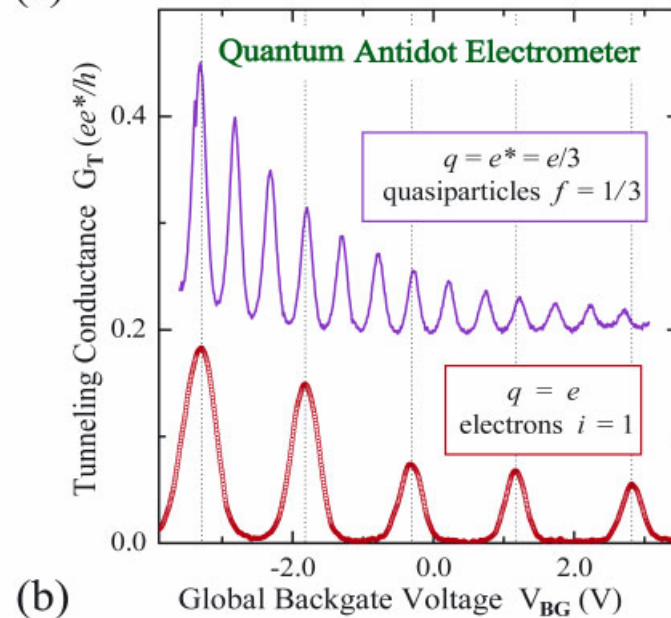
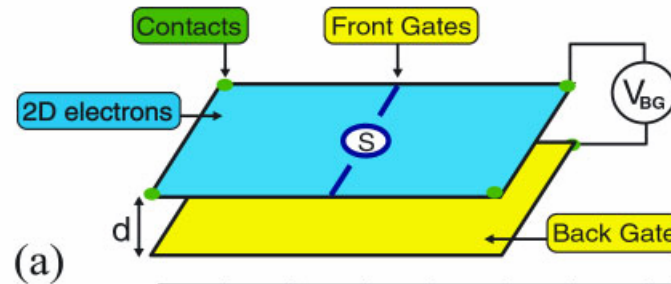
Fractional charged domain wall in 1D charge density wave



3 domain walls cause $\Delta Q = +e \rightarrow$ one domain wall causes $\Delta Q = +e/3$.

Fractional-charged quasiparticle in fractional quantum Hall liquid

R.B. Laughlin, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1983)



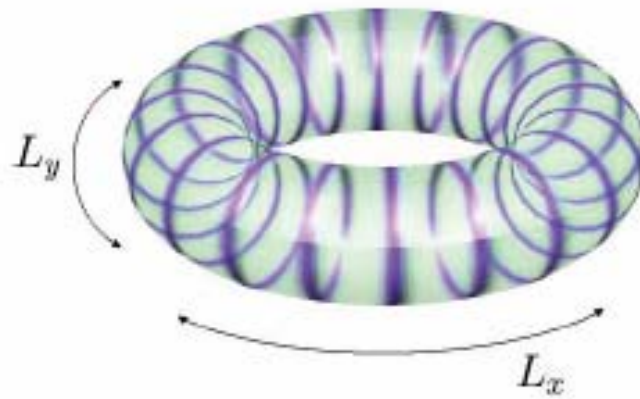
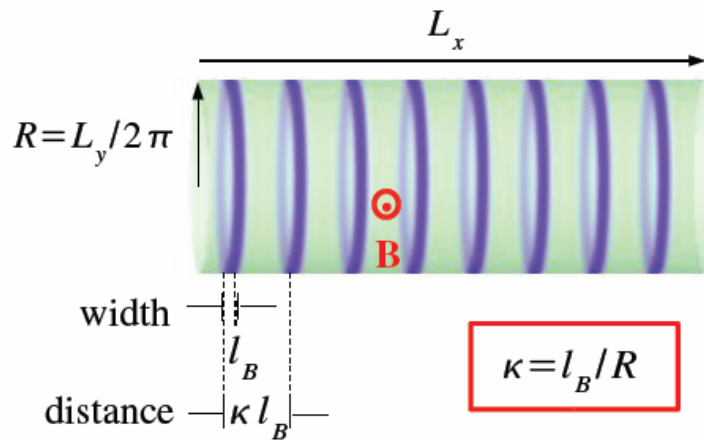
Goldman Science (2000)

A connection between charge
fractionalization in
polyacetylene
and
fractional quantum Hall effect

The Lowest Landau level and 1D lattice

Landau gauge:

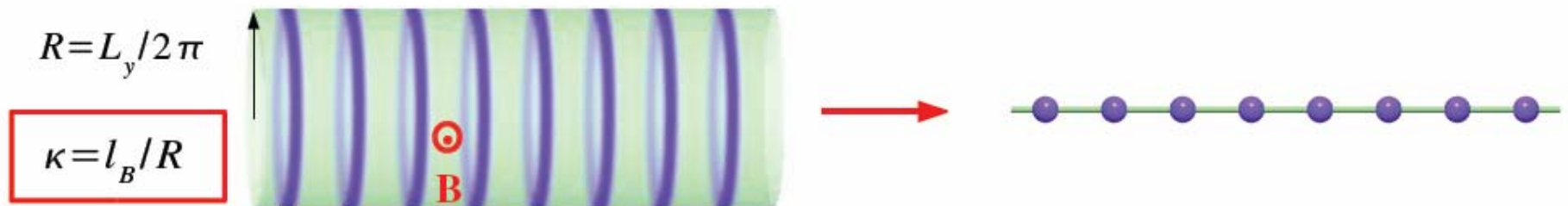
$$\underline{A} = (0, Bx)$$



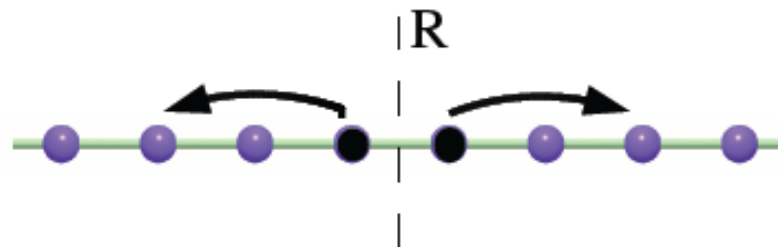
of Dirac flux quanta $\rightarrow$ # of sites

$$H = \int d^2r d^2r' \nabla^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') \psi(\mathbf{r}') \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

Trugman & Kivelson (1985)



$$H = \kappa^3 \sum_{R,x,y} \left(x e^{-\kappa^2 x^2} \right) \left(y e^{-\kappa^2 y^2} \right) C_{R+x}^+ C_{R-x}^+ C_{R-y} C_{R+y}$$



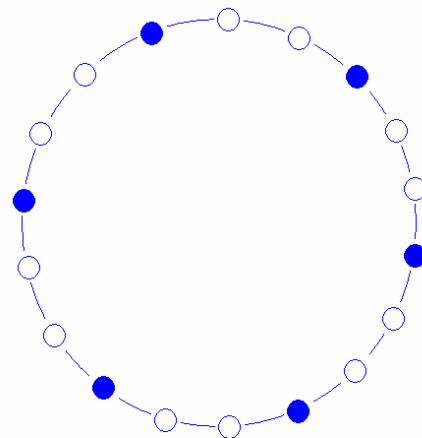
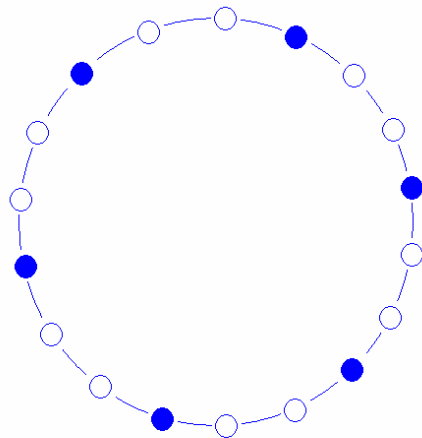
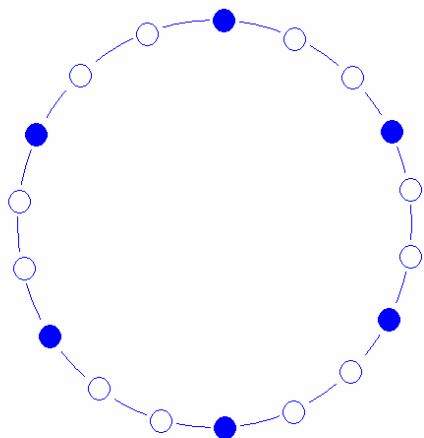
Simultaneously conserves C.M. momentum and position !

$$f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\parallel$$

$$H = \kappa^3 \sum_{R,x,y} \left(x e^{-\kappa^2 x^2} \right) \left(y e^{-\kappa^2 y^2} \right) C_{R+x}^+ C_{R-x}^+ C_{R-y} C_{R+y}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\kappa \gg 1} H = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[f(1/2)^2 C_{i+1}^+ C_{i+1} C_i^+ C_i + f(1)^2 C_{i+2}^+ C_{i+2} C_i^+ C_i \right]$$

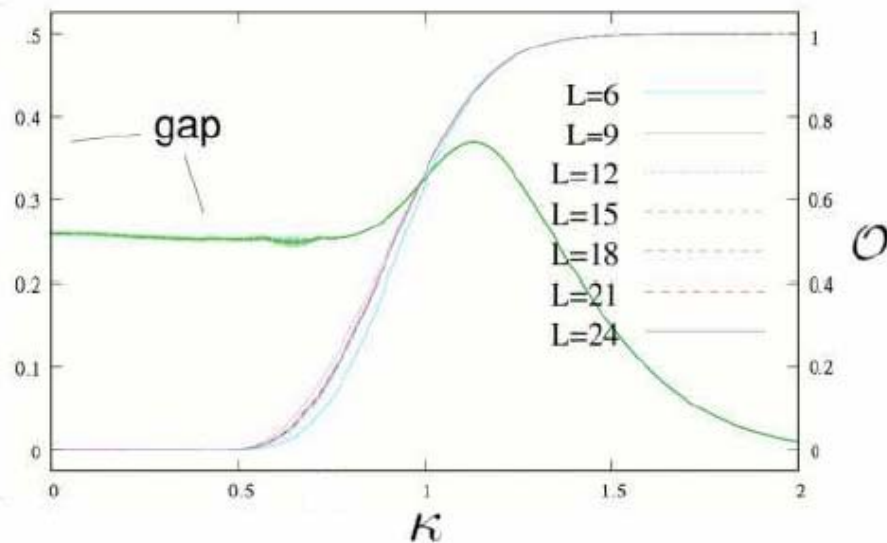


Three degenerate ground states

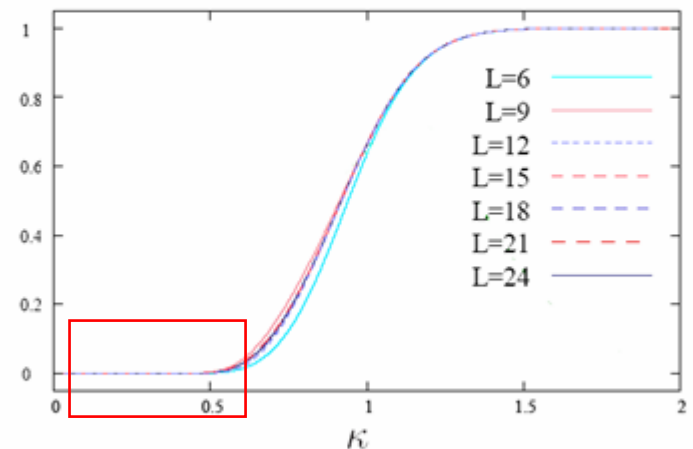


What happens as we reduce κ ?

Will there be a phase transition?



$$O = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^L e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}j} \langle C_j^+ C_j \rangle$$



Seidel *et al*, PRL (2005)

$$\text{Exp}(-0.6/\kappa^2)$$

Small and large κ limit are adiabatically connected !!!



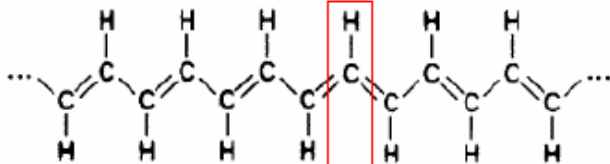
Topological degeneracy

Niu & Wen (1990)

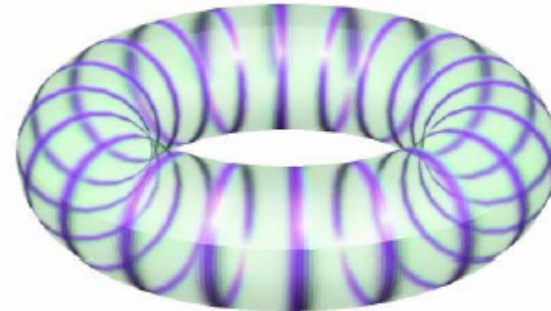
symmetry breaking degeneracy

Laughlin quasiparticle

Domain wall



Fractional charged domain wall in polyacetylene



Fractional charged quasiparticles in quantum Hall liquid

Unified

Seidel et al (2005)

Besides the Chern-Simons theory, the $2D \rightarrow 1D$ mapping offers another simple way to understand the fractional quantum Hall state.

Non-abelian quantum Hall states

Non-abelian quantum Hall state

Pfaffian facts

ground state wavefunction (disc geometry):

$$\Psi = Pf\left[\frac{1}{z_i - z_j}\right] \prod_{(ij)} (z_i - z_j)^q \exp\left[-\sum_k |z_k|^2/4\right]$$

filling factor: $\nu=1/q$

Moore and Read, Nucl. Phys. B (1991).

Quasi particle charge: $Q=1/(2q)$

degeneracy of $2n$ quasi-hole state: 2^{n-1}

ground state degeneracy on torus: $3q$

Now, specialize to $\nu=q=1$ (bosons):

pseudo potential Hamiltonian:
$$H = \sum_{(ijk)} \delta(z_i - z_j) \delta(z_i - z_k)$$

lattice version:
$$H = \sum_R Q_R^+ Q_R$$
$$Q_R = \sum_{m+n+p=3R \bmod N} f(R-m, R-n, R-p) c_m c_n c_p$$

Seidel and Lee, PRL 2006

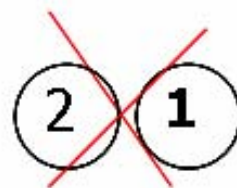
Bergholtz et al, PRB 2006.



The thin torus limit for $\nu=1$ Pfaffian

Again, take $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ limit :

$$H \approx \kappa^2 \sum_n [(c_n^\dagger)^3 (c_n)^3 + \exp(-\kappa^2/3) (c_n^\dagger)^2 c_{n\pm 1}^\dagger (c_n)^2 c_{n\pm 1}]$$



$\Rightarrow$ No more than two particles may occupy two adjacent sites!

$$H \xrightarrow{\kappa \gg 1} \kappa^2 \sum_n [(c_n^\dagger)^3 (c_n)^3 + \exp(-\kappa^2/3) (c_n^\dagger)^2 c_{n\pm 1}^\dagger (c_n)^2 c_{n\pm 1}]$$

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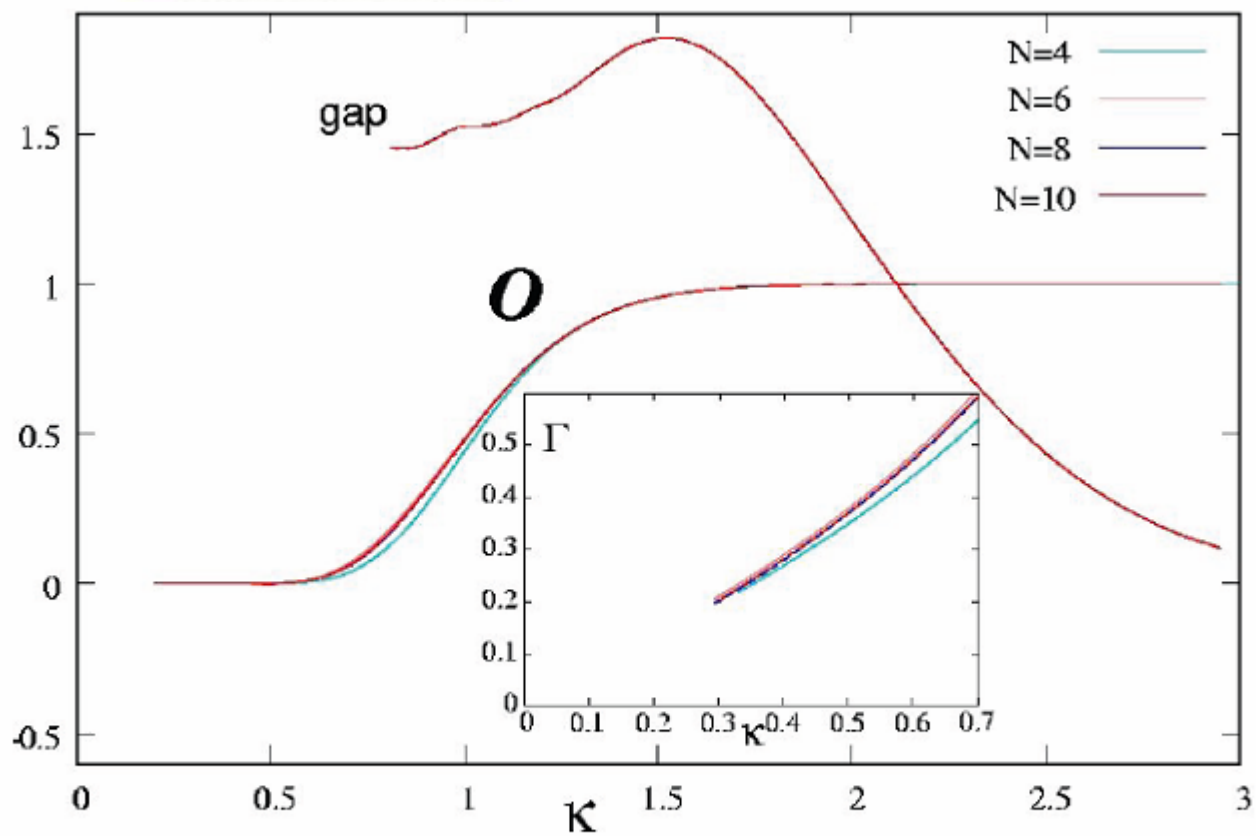
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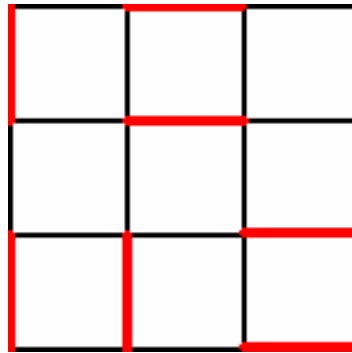
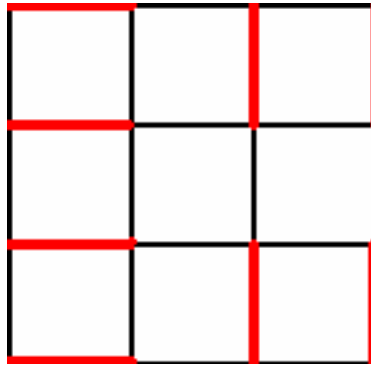
$$O = \exp(-1/\Gamma(\kappa)^2)$$

Featureless Mott insulators

Anderson's spin liquid proposal: the parent compound of high T_c conductor is a "*spin liquid*".

Anderson, Science 1987

Resonating singlet patterns

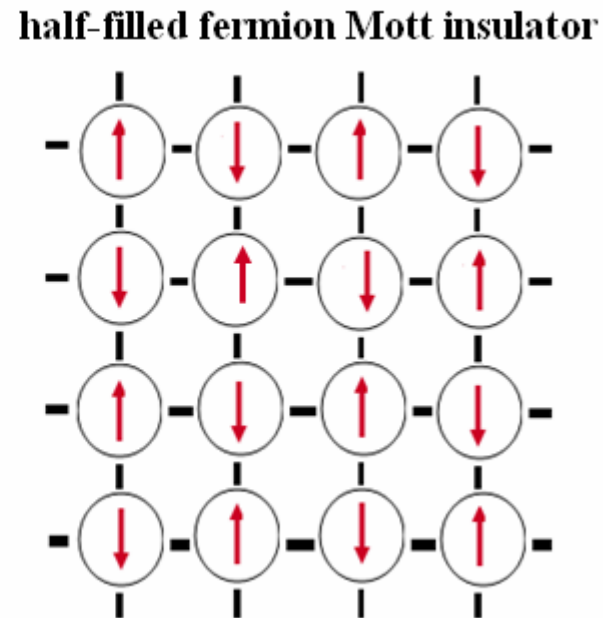
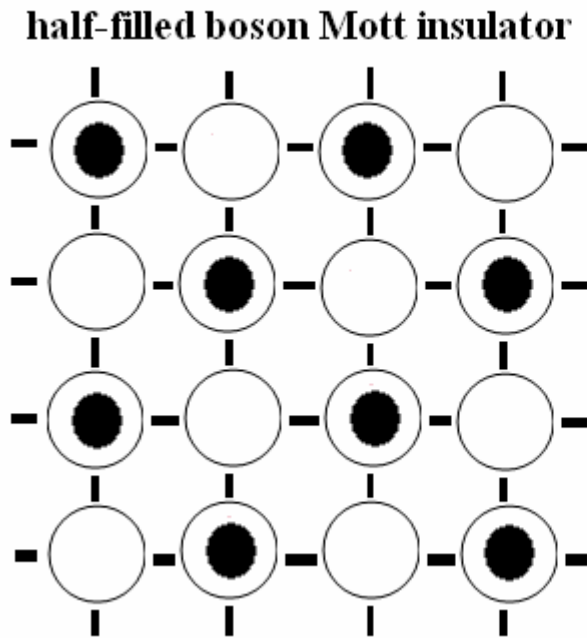


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Spin liquid is a *featureless* Mott insulator ! *This is a state with no symmetry breaking.*

A curious fact: Most Mott insulators break symmetry, except for integer filling factors.



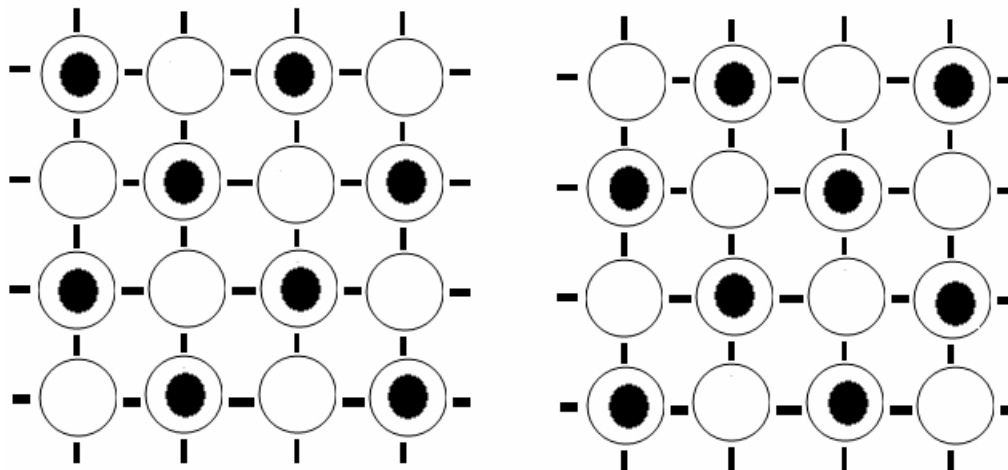
Oshikawa's degeneracy

If a Mott insulator exists at filling factor = p/q , $\Rightarrow$ the ground state must be at least q -fold degenerate.

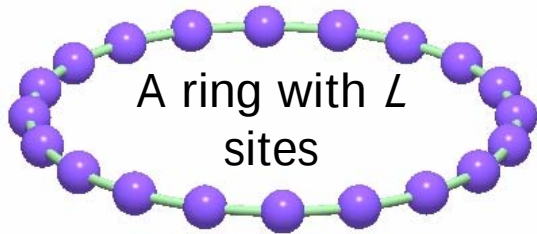
Oshikawa, PRL (2000)

Usually the required degeneracy is achieved through symmetry breaking.

2-fold degeneracy at filling factor 1/2



Theorem: Simultaneous conservation of the C.M. position and momentum implies Oshikawa's degeneracy.



$$U = \exp(2\pi i/L \sum_{j=1}^L j C_j^\dagger C_j) = \text{the c.m. position modulo } L$$

T = translation by one lattice constant

$$[H, U] = [H, T] = 0$$

$$U T = e^{i2\pi \frac{p}{q}} T U$$

$$|e^{i\phi}, E\rangle$$

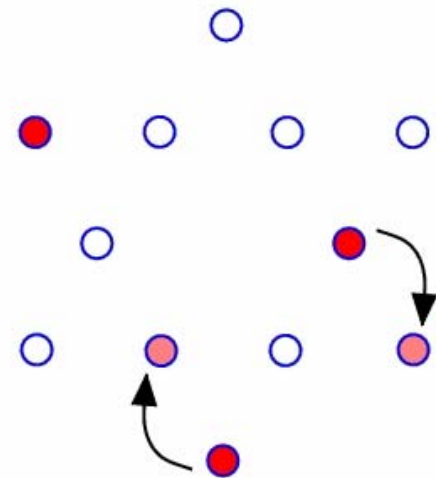
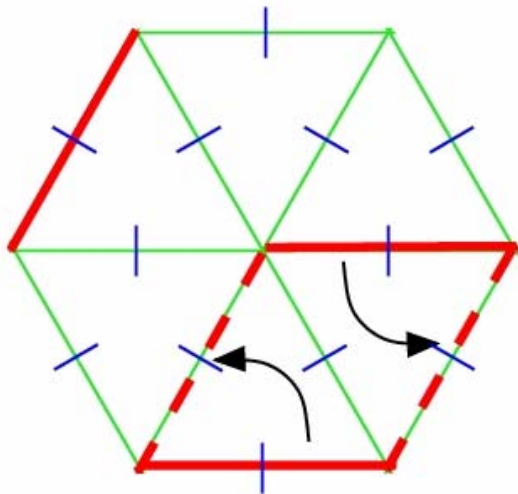
$$T|e^{i\phi}, E\rangle \propto |e^{i2\pi p/q} e^{i\phi}, E\rangle$$

$$|e^{i\phi}, E\rangle, \quad T|e^{i\phi}, E\rangle, \quad TT|e^{i\phi}, E\rangle, \quad \dots$$

q

Quantum Dimer Model

Moessner and Sondhi, PRL(2001)



$$H = -t \sum (| \text{red edge} \rangle \langle \text{blue edge} | + | \text{blue edge} \rangle \langle \text{red edge} |) + v \sum (| \text{red edge} \rangle \langle \text{red edge} | + | \text{blue edge} \rangle \langle \text{blue edge} |)$$

C.M. conservation

Summary

1. Unify the charge fractionalization in 1D CDW and fractional quantum Hall effect.
2. Derive a 1D model for the pfaffian quantum Hall state.
3. C.M. conservations and featureless Mott insulator.