Quantum Phases for Quantum Computation Renormalization & Symmetry-Protected Topological Order



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Is there something a little easier to build?



Yes!

The Haldane phase of spin-1 chains offers several interesting ideas:

- MBQC renormalization
- Holonomic QC from symmetry-protected topological order

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- That would require multispin measurements, so you could do QC anyway
- Simulate block measurements with single-site measurement & postselection!
- QC ability is a property of the phase, in this sense

AKLT spin-chain



Affleck-Kennedy-Lieb-Tasaki nearest-neighbor Hamiltonian



- ▶ Ground state is unique $\frac{\text{periodic BCs}}{\text{or } n \to \infty}$; 4fold degenerate $\frac{\text{open BCs}}{\text{and } n < \infty}$
- Gap to first excited state (conjectured by Haldane, analytic example by AKLT)
- Ground state is a "valence bond solid" (VBS), frustration-free



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 $|\mathcal{G}_{3}\rangle = |1\rangle_{A} \otimes |\hat{z}\rangle_{B_{1}} |\hat{z}'\rangle_{B_{2}} \otimes \sum_{s_{k}} |s_{3}, \dots, s_{n}\rangle_{B} \otimes \sigma_{s_{n}}\sigma_{s_{n-1}} \cdots \sigma_{s_{3}}\sigma_{\hat{z}'}\sigma_{\hat{z}}|0\rangle_{C}$

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- Works for rotated basis $|s'\rangle$, too, by spherical symmetry
- Combine measurement in different bases to perform arbitrary rotations
- Compound rotations are probabilistic, but heralded

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Buffering Works







Holonomic quantum computation from symmetry-protected topological order



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- Symmetries of SPTO also define qubit encoding, gates
- Architecture inherits some protection from SPTO

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- What properties?
 - gapped ground state, fourfold degenerate
 - fractionalized spin-¹/₂ edge modes
 - nearest-neighbor, two-body couplings $H_0 = \sum h_{j,j+1}$



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not D₂ symmetric, but doesn't close the gap





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- Indications of *limited* protection against *local* noise @ *low* temperatures
 - Rotating bulk spins doesn't affect the logical state
 - Bigger rotations cost more energy; remove via cooling
 - Rotating boundary spin does affect the logical state
 - Error rates should be suppressed