

Supersymmetric Lattice Models

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The name of the game

QM with $N=2$ supersymmetry

$$Q^2 = 0, \quad (Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$[Q, H] = 0, \quad H = \{Q, Q^\dagger\}, \quad [Q^\dagger, H] = 0$$

[not to be confused with graded Lie algebra symmetries such as `supersymmetric tJ -model']

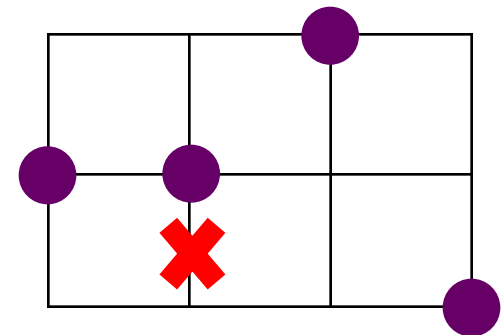
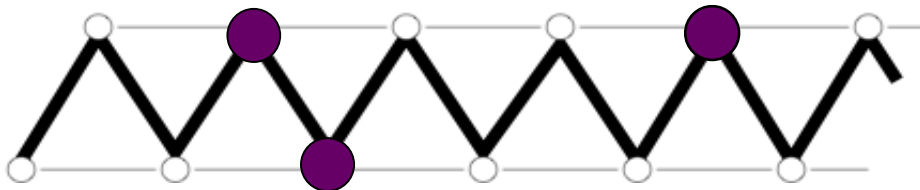
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susy QM for lattice fermions

$$\{c_i, c_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}, \quad i, j \in \Lambda$$

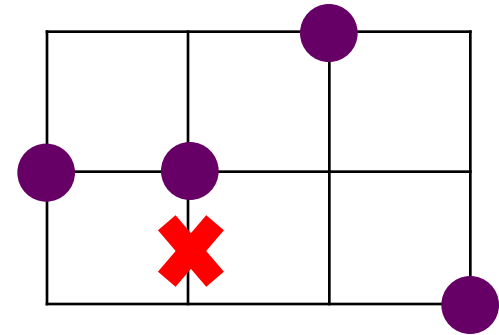
supercharges expressed in fermion operators

➔ Hamiltonians with kinetic (hopping) terms
and strong interactions



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features of susy lattice models



- integrability
- critical behaviour \rightsquigarrow supersymmetric CFT
- off-critical \rightsquigarrow kink picture of integrable susy QFT
- superfrustration \rightsquigarrow proliferation of susy ground states
- dynamics, I \rightsquigarrow adiabatic driving in susy gs manifold
- dynamics, II \rightsquigarrow out-of-equilibrium transport, MBL?

Witten index and susy spectra

Basic structure of susy spectra

- $E \geq 0$ for all states
- $E > 0$ states are paired into **doublets**

$$\{|\psi\rangle, Q^\dagger |\psi\rangle\}, \quad Q|\psi\rangle = 0$$

- $E = 0$ iff a state is a **singlet** under supersymmetry

$$Q|\psi_{\text{gs}}\rangle = 0, \quad Q^\dagger |\psi_{\text{gs}}\rangle = 0$$

Fermion number and Witten index

Supercharges change fermion number F by ± 1

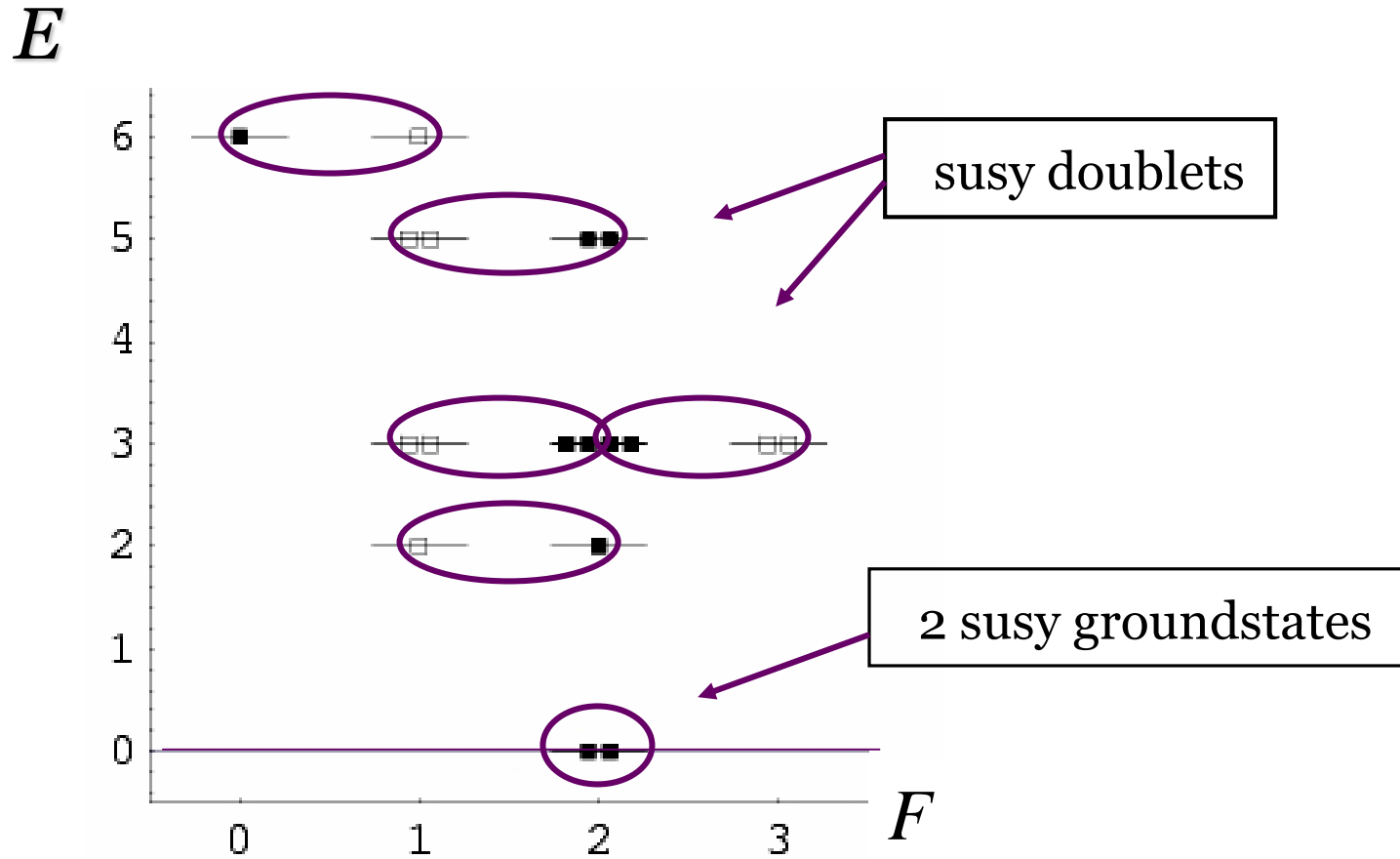
$$[F, Q] = -Q, \quad [F, Q^\dagger] = Q^\dagger$$

Witten index

$$W = \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^F \right]$$

- W easily evaluated by computing trace over all states
- $E > 0$ doublets cancel in W , only $E = 0$ singlets contribute
- $W \neq 0$ implies existence of **at least** $|W|$ $E = 0$ singlets

Example of a susy spectrum

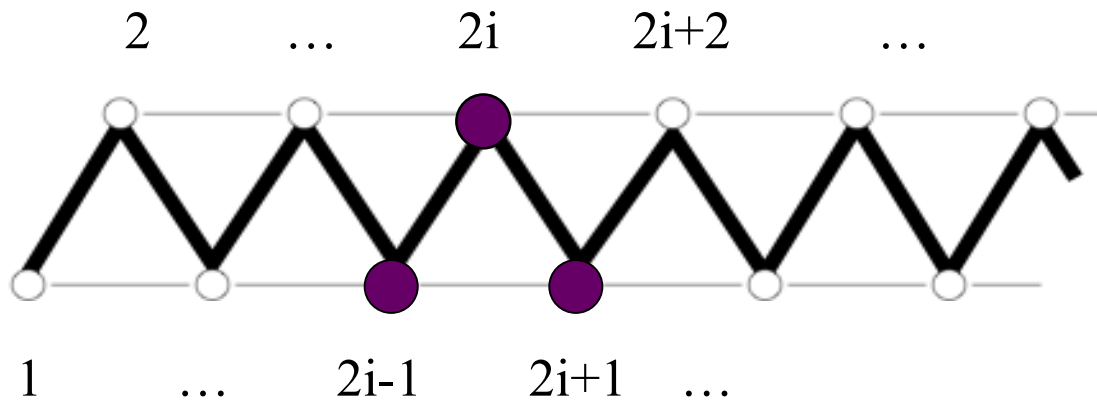


Sampler of susy lattice models

Nicolai model

supercharge

$$Q^{\text{Nic}} = \sum_i c_{2i-1} c_{2i}^\dagger c_{2i+1}$$

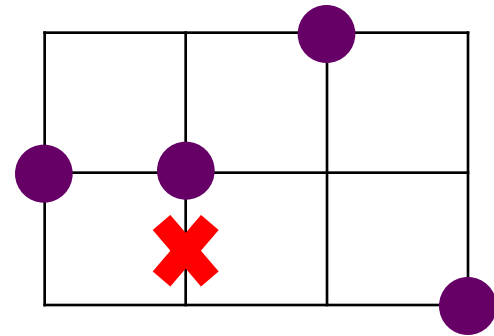


Nicolai 1976

M_1 model

configurations:

lattice fermions with nearest neighbor exclusion



supercharge

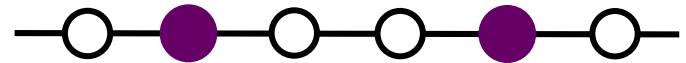
takes out particle where possible

$$Q^{M_1} = \sum_i c_i P_i, \quad P_i = \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} (1 - c_j^\dagger c_j)$$

M_1 model on 1D lattice

configurations

lattice fermions with nearest neighbor exclusion



supercharge and Hamiltonian

$$Q^{M_1} = \sum_i (1 - n_{i-1})c_i(1 - n_{i+1}), \quad n_i = c_i^\dagger c_i$$

n.n. exclusion



$$H^{M_1} = \sum_i \left[(1 - n_{i-1})c_i^\dagger c_{i+1}(1 - n_{i+2}) + \text{h.c.} \right] + \sum_i n_{i-1}n_{i+1} - 2F + L$$

hopping

n.n.n. repulsion

M_1 model on 6 site chain

$$W = \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^F \right]$$

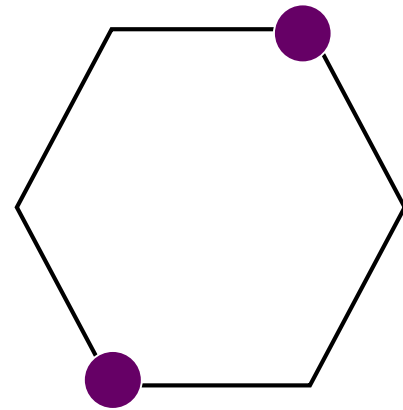
$F = 0$: 1 state

$F = 1$: 6 states

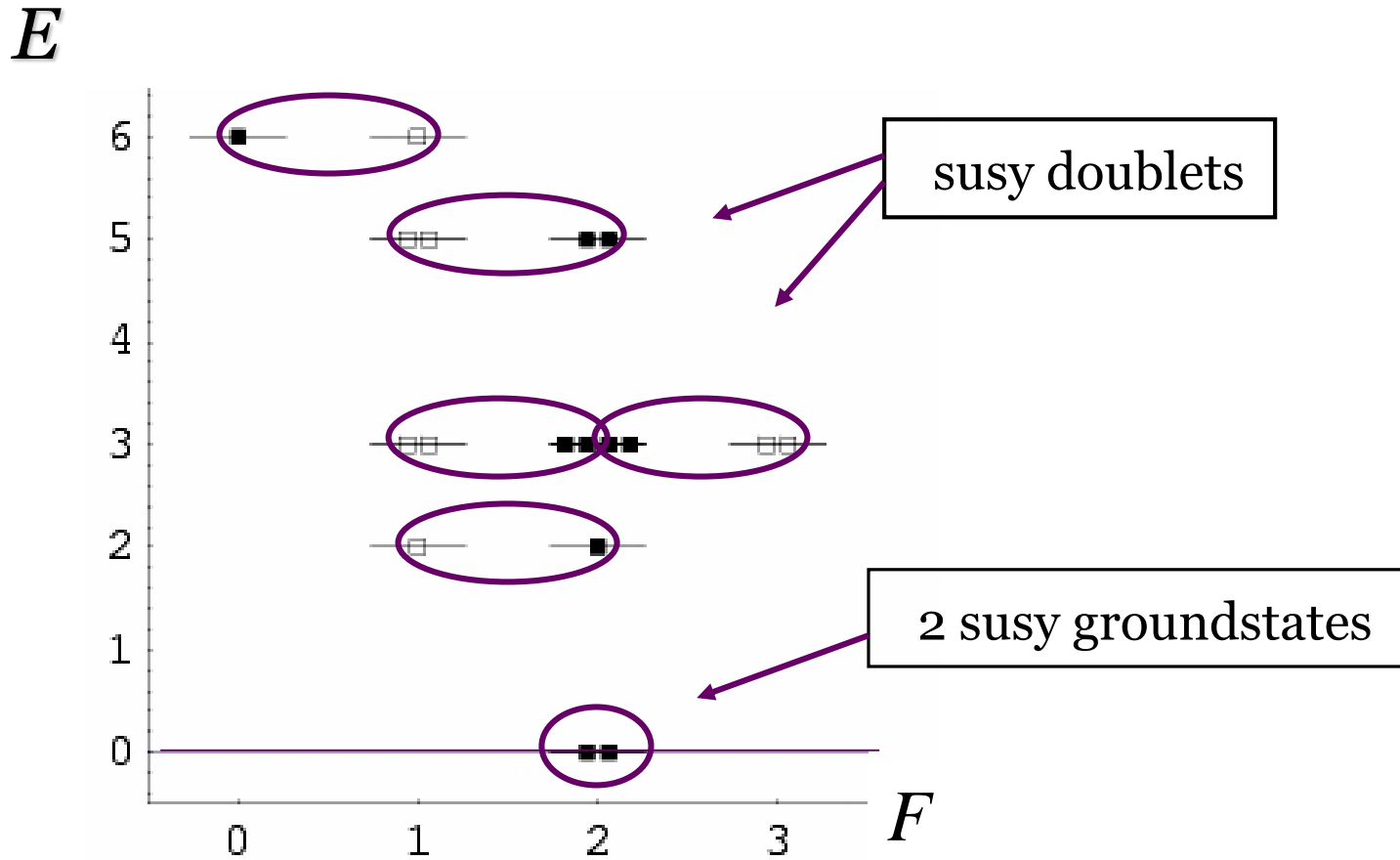
$F = 2$: 9 states

$F = 3$: 2 states

$$\Rightarrow W = 1 - 6 + 9 - 2 = 2$$



M_1 model, 6 site chain, $W=2$



M_k model in 1D

Fendley-Nienhuis-KjS 2003

configurations

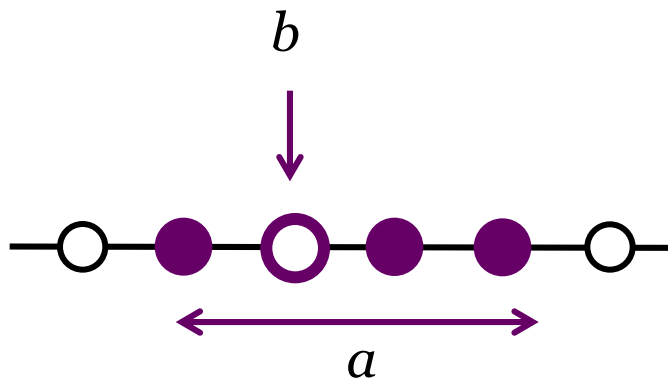
lattice fermions **up to k**

nearest neighbors occupied



supercharge

$$Q^{M_k} = \sum_i \sum_{a,b} \lambda_{[a,b],i} d_{[a,b],i}$$



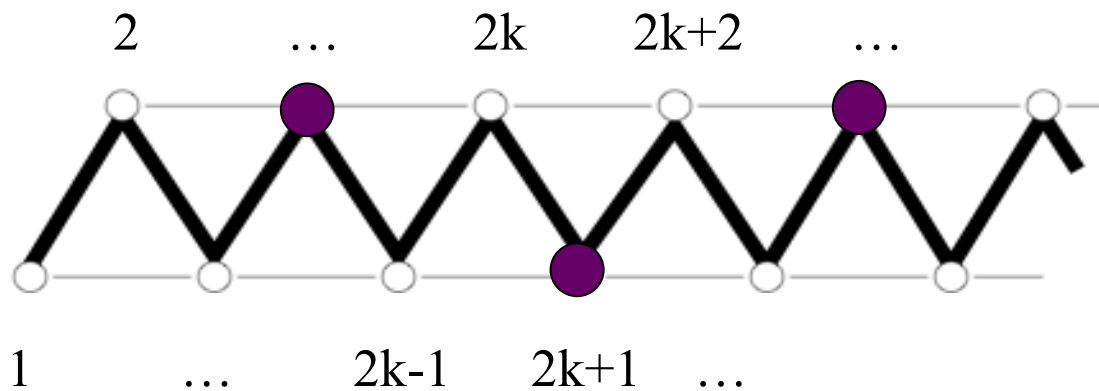
annihilates particle at position b from string of length a

Coupled free fermion chains

supercharge

moves particle from bottom to top chain

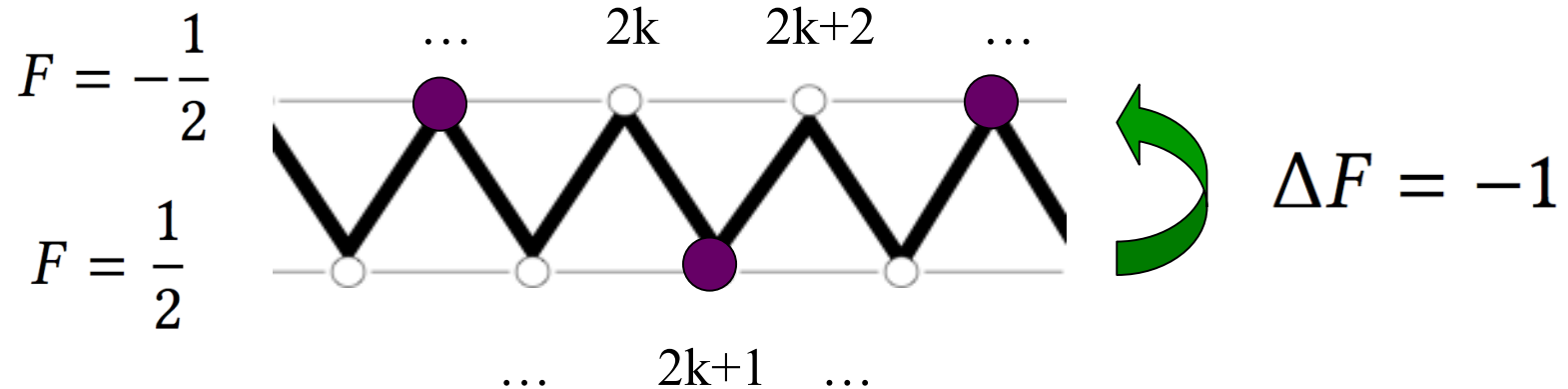
$$Q = c_2^\dagger c_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{L-1} \left(e^{i\alpha_{2k-1}\pi/2} c_{2k}^\dagger + e^{i\alpha_{2k}\pi/2} c_{2k+2}^\dagger \right) c_{2k+1}$$



$$\alpha_k \equiv \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^j n_j$$

Coupled free fermion chains

particles on lower (upper) chain have $F = \pm 1/2$ (semions)



Witten index $W = \text{Tr} [(-1)^F]$

2^L $E=0$ groundstates realized via band of L tightly bound pairs between top and bottom chains

Particle hole symmetric M_1 model

supercharge

$$Q = \sum_i (d_i + e_i^\dagger)$$

$$d_i = p_{i-1} c_i p_{i+1}$$

$$p_i = 1 - n_i$$



$$e_i^\dagger = n_{i-1} c_i^\dagger n_{i+1}$$

$$n_i = c_i^\dagger c_i$$



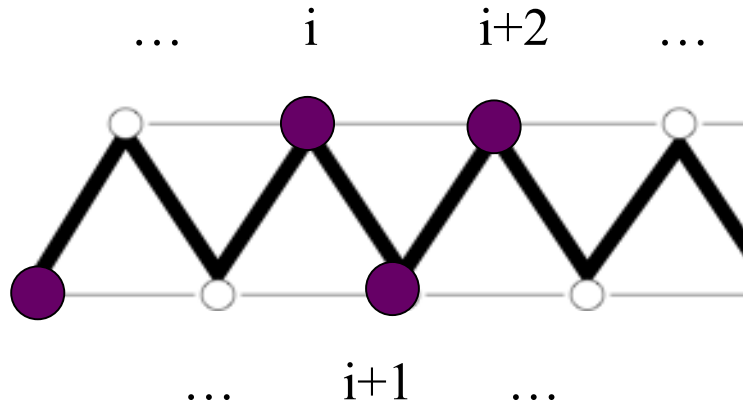
A curious mapping

coupled fermion chain model (FS) and particle-hole symmetric M_1 model (FGNR) turn out to be equivalent

empty ladder :	$ 000000000000\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 110011001100\rangle_{FGNR}$
single FS semion :	$ 000010000000\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 110000110011\rangle_{FGNR}$
single FS pair :	$ 000011000000\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 110001001100\rangle_{FGNR}$
lower leg filled :	$ 101010101010\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 000000000000\rangle_{FGNR}$
single FGNR particle :	$ 101001101010\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 000010000000\rangle_{FGNR}$
upper leg filled :	$ 010101010101\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 101010101010\rangle_{FGNR}$
upper leg plus semion :	$ 110101010101\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 010101010101\rangle_{FGNR}$
filled ladder :	$ 111111111111\rangle_{FS}$	\leftrightarrow	$0 011001100110\rangle_{FGNR}$

Models with Q cubic in c_i

Z_2 Nicolai model



$$Q^{Z_2} = \sum_i c_i c_{i+1} c_{i+2}$$

Sannomiya-Katsura-
Nakayama 2017

$N=2$ susy SYK model

random couplings on full graph

$$Q^{\text{SYK}} = \sum_{ijk} J_{ijk} c_i c_j c_k$$

Fu-Gaiotto-Maldacena-Sachdev 2017

Features

- integrability and field theory connections
- superfrustration
- adiabatic driving and topological response
- out-of equilibrium dynamics, MBL?

Moriya 2016

Padmanabhan-Rey-Teixeira-Trancanelli 2017

Integrability and field theory connections

Integrability

M_1 model at $\lambda=1$ integrable by Bethe Ansatz – can be understood via mapping to XXZ chain at $\Delta=-1/2$

Fendley-Nienhuis-KjS 2003

Hagendorf et al found 1-parameter family of models $M_k[\lambda]$ with couplings $\lambda_{[a,b],j}$ such that

- all couplings repeat for j modulo $(k+2)$
- $M_k[\lambda]$ model integrable by nested Bethe Ansatz for all λ
- $M_k[\lambda]$ is critical for $\lambda=1$

Hagendorf-Fokkema-Huijse 2014

Hagendorf-Huijse 2015

Integrability

couplings $\lambda_{[a,b],j}$ for $M_3[\lambda]$

$\lambda=1$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

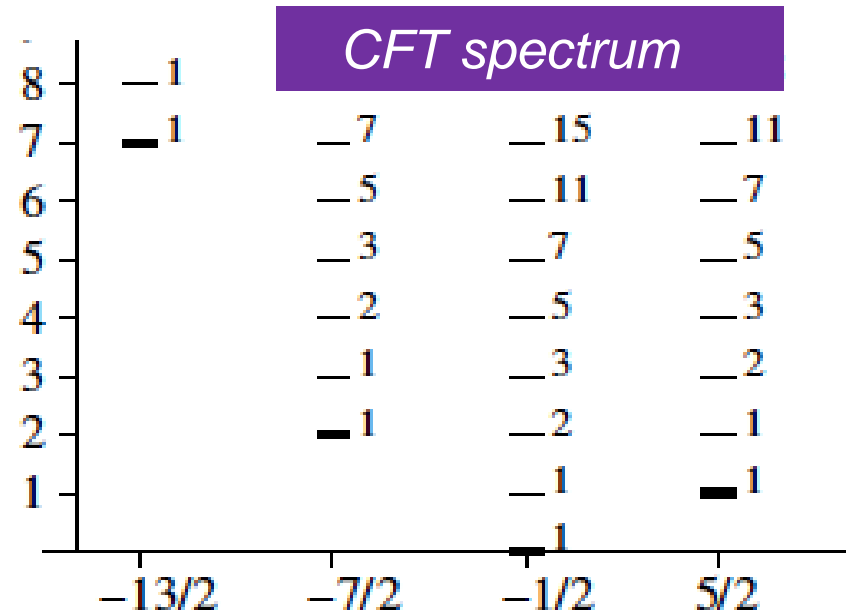
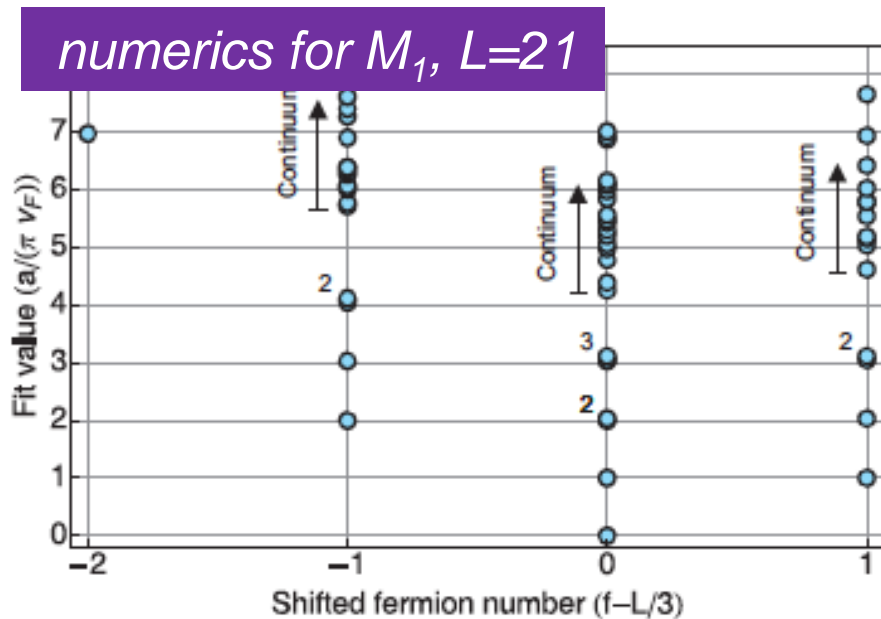
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$\lambda \ll 1$

$\lambda_{[1,1],j} :$...	1	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}\lambda$	$\sqrt{2}$	1	...
$\lambda_{[2,1],j} :$...	1	1	λ	$\sqrt{2}$	λ	...
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$\lambda_{[3,2],j} :$...	$\lambda/\sqrt{2}$	1	$\lambda^2/\sqrt{2}$	1	$\lambda/\sqrt{2}$...
$\lambda_{[3,3],j} :$...	$\lambda/\sqrt{2}$	1	λ	λ	1	...

Criticality

$M_k[\lambda=1]$ is critical – low energy physics given by k -th minimal model of $N=2$ superconformal field theory



Integrable massive QFT

$M_k[\lambda < 1]$ connects to $N=2$ supersymmetric integrable massive QFT, with superpotentials of Chebyshev form

$k=1$: sine-Gordon at $N=2$ susy point

$k=2$: $N=1$ supersymmetric sine-Gordon at $N=2$ susy point

lattice model excitations at $\lambda \ll 1$ are kinks between

$W=k+1$ possible $E=0$ states – they are in 1-1

correspondence with kinks in the $N=2$ integrable QFT

Integrable massive QFT

**susy lattice
model $M_3[\lambda]$**

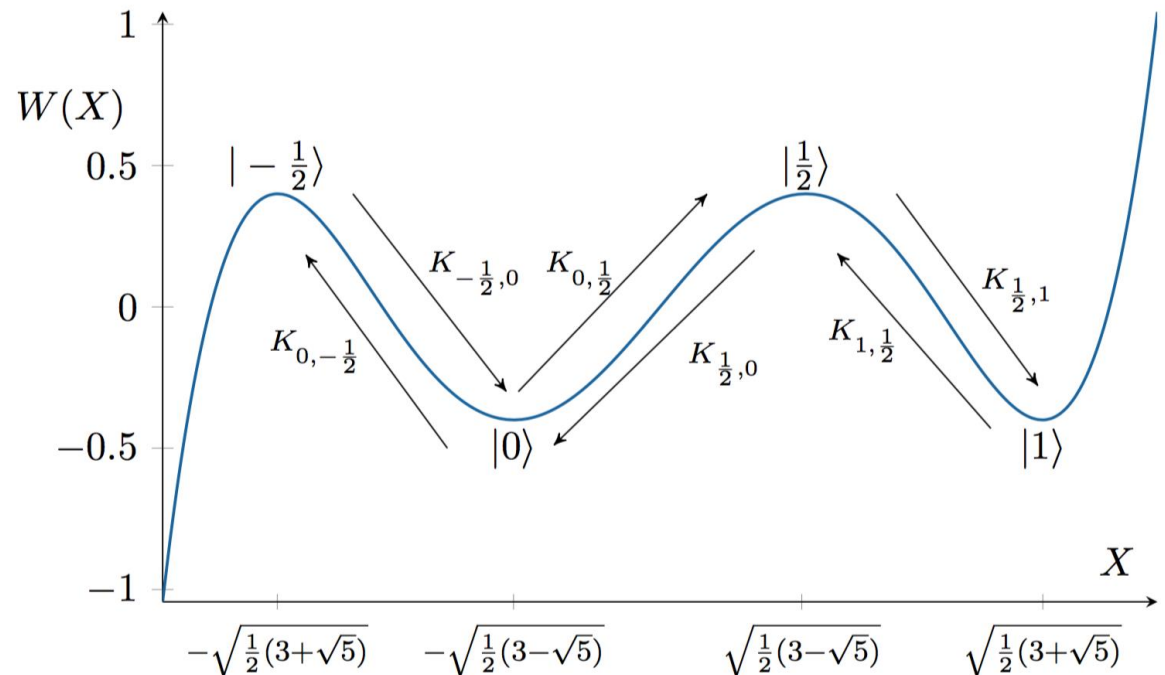
susy ground-
states at $\lambda \ll 1$

**massive $N=2$
integrable QFT**

groundstates as
extrema of $k=3$
Chebyshev
superpotential

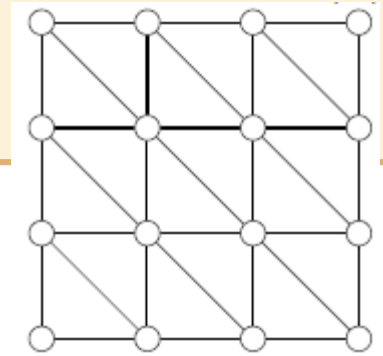
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Superfrustration

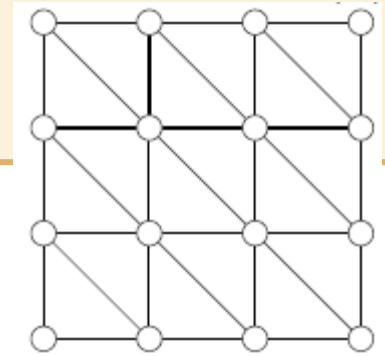
M_1 model, 2D triangular lattice



Witten index for $N \times M$ sites with periodic BC

	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	-3	-5	1	11
3	1	-5	-2	7	1
4	1	1	7	-23	11
5	1	11	1	11	36

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6	1	9	-14	25	-49
7	1	-13	1	-69	211
8	1	-31	31	193	-349
9	1	-5	-2	-29	881
10	1	57	-65	-279	-1064
11	1	67	1	859	1651
12	1	-47	130	-1295	-589
13	1	-181	1	-77	-1949
14	1	-87	-257	3641	12611
15	1	275	-2	-8053	-32664



	9	10
1	1	1
2	-5	57
3	-2	-65
4	-29	-279
5	811	-1064
6	1462	-4911
7	-7055	5237
8	-28517	50849
9	31399	313315
10	313315	950592
11	499060	2011307
12	-2573258	-3973827
13	-10989458	-49705161
14	4765189	-232675057
15	134858383	-702709340

'superfrustration'

van Eerten 2005

Proliferation of susy ground states

ground state counting problem

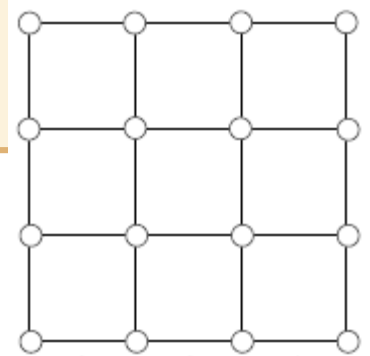
- unsolved for most $D > 1$ lattices (including triangular)

important clue

- gs counting problem equivalent to determining (dimension of) the homology of the operator Q
- can use methods from math literature (spectral sequences & tic-tac-toe lemma, homological perturbation lemma) to make progress

Fendley-KjS 2005, Huijse-KjS 2010

M_1 model, 2D square lattice

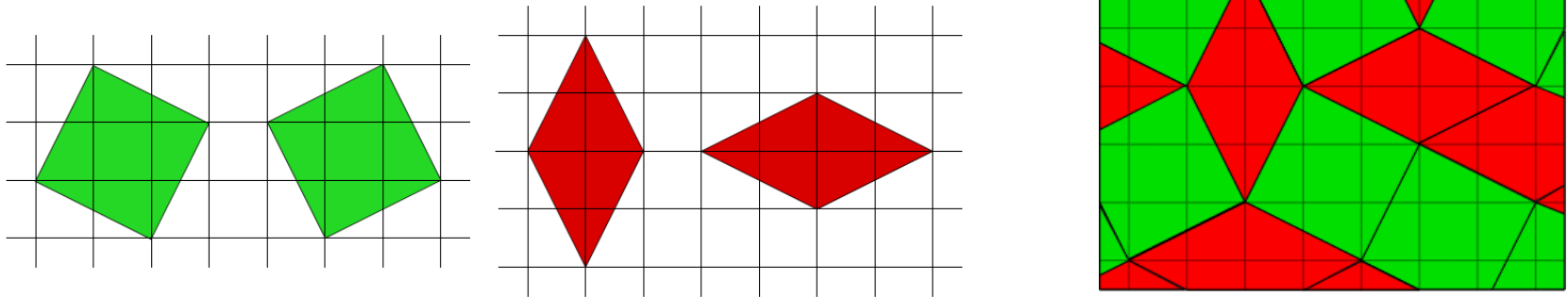


Witten index for $N \times M$ sites with periodic BC

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	-1	1	3	1	-1	1	3	1	-1	1	3	1	-1	1	3	1	-1	1	3
3	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1
4	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	7
5	1	1	1	1	-9	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	-9	1	1	1	1	11
6	1	-1	4	3	1	14	1	3	4	-1	1	18	1	-1	4	3	1	14	1	3
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-27	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	7	1	43	1	7	1	3	1	7	1	3	1	47
9	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	40	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	76	1	1
10	1	-1	1	3	11	-1	1	43	1	9	1	3	1	69	11	43	1	-1	1	13
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	1	3	4	7	1	18	1	7	4	3	1	166	1	3	4	7	1	126	1	7
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	1	-1	1	3	1	-1	-27	3	1	69	1	3	1	55	1	451	1	-1	1	73
15	1	1	4	1	-9	4	1	1	4	11	1	4	1	1	174	1	1	4	1	11

M_1 model, 2D square lattice

Number of gs related to rhombus tilings of the lattice, with $F = N_t$



Theorem [Jonsson, Fendley, Huijse-KjS 2009]

$$\# \text{ GS} = t_{\text{even}} + t_{\text{odd}} - (-1)^{(\theta_m + 1)p} \theta_{d_-} \theta_{d_+}$$

with $d_{\pm} = \gcd(u_1 \pm u_2, v_1 \pm v_2)$, $\theta_{3p} = 2$, $\theta_{3p \pm 1} = -1$

Ground state counting – recent results

Z_2 Nicolai model

The number of $E=0$ states (OBC)

N	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
deg.	6	12	20	36	64	112	200	352	624	1104	1952



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They are generated by the recursion:

$$a_n = 2a_{n-2} + 2a_{n-3}, \quad a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 4$$

$$Z \sim (1.77)^N$$

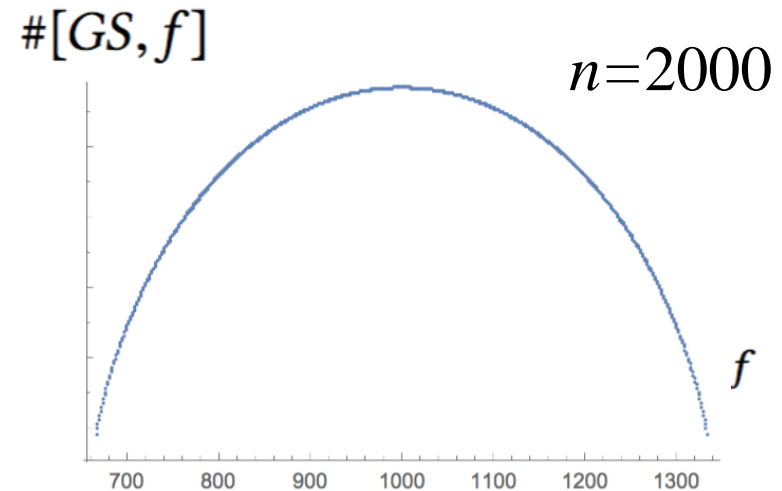
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Ground state counting – recent results

\mathbb{Z}_2 Nicolai model

generating function

$$P_n^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z) := \sum_f \#[GS, f] z^f$$



Theorem 2.2.1. *The polynomials $P_n^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z)$, $n \geq 3$, can be determined by the recursion*

$$P_n^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z) = 2zP_{n-2}(z) + (z + z^2)P_{n-3}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z)$$

with the initial values given by

$$P_0^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z) := 1, \quad P_1^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z) := 1 + z \quad \text{and} \quad P_2^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(z) = 1 + 2z + z^2.$$

conjecture in [Sannomiya-Katsura-Nakayama 2017](#)

proof in [La-Shadrin-KjS](#) to appear

Ground state counting – recent results

Nicolai model

- Number of $E=0$ ground states (N : odd, OBC)

N	3	5	7	9	11	13
deg.	6	20	64	208	672	2176



Grows exponentially with system size!

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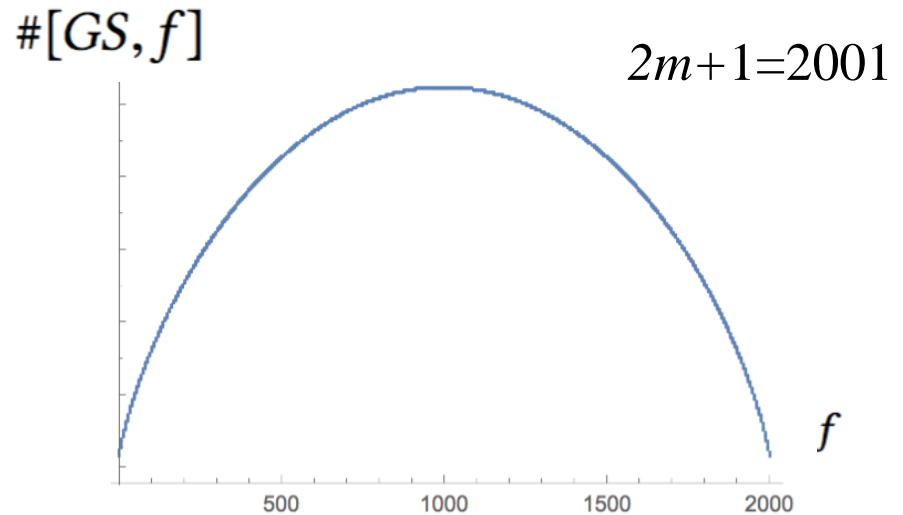
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$$P_{2m+1}(z) = (1 + z^2)P_{2m-1}(z) + (z + 2z^2 + z^3)P_{2m-3}(z)$$

with the initial values given by

$$P_3(z) = 1 + 2z + 2z^2 + z^3 \quad \text{and} \quad P_5(z) = 1 + 3z + 6z^2 + 6z^3 + 3z^4 + z^5.$$

La-Shadrin-KjS to appear

Adiabatic driving and topological response

Adiabatic dynamics for susy groundstates

- susy charges can be 'staggered' by parameters λ_i

$$Q = \sum_i \lambda_i Q_i$$

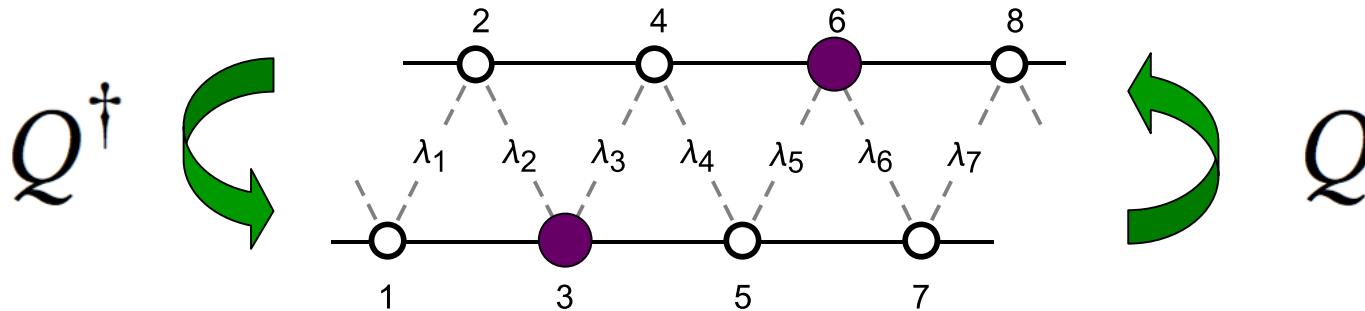
- $E=0$ groundstates protected by Witten index, but their expressions change with λ_i
- close loops $\lambda_i[t]$ represented by non-Abelian holonomies in $U(G)$

Wilczek-Zee 1984

Topological pumping

van Voorden-Kjss to appear

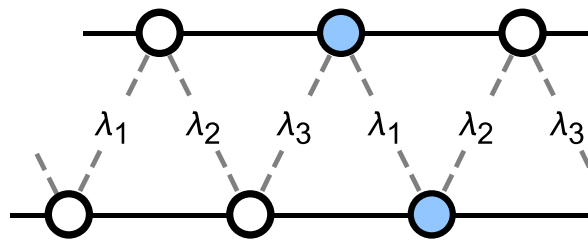
- susy model for coupled chains staggered as



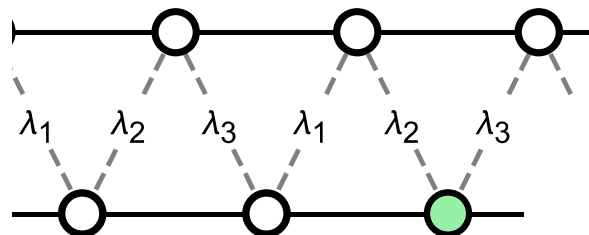
- for $\lambda_i = 111111..$ total of 2^L susy groundstates generated by flat band of L local pairs

Topological pumping

- for $\lambda_i = ..100100..$ susy gs generated by flat bands of
- $2L/3$ local pairs on sites $[3i+1, 3i+2]$



- $2L/3$ single particles on sites $[3i]$



Topological pumping

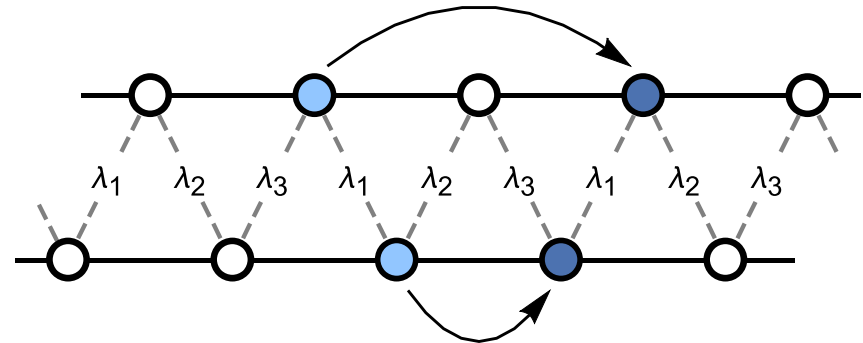
- under adiabatic cycle for λ_i

..100100.. \rightarrow ..010010.. \rightarrow ..001001.. \rightarrow ...

local pairs move

one unit cell to the right

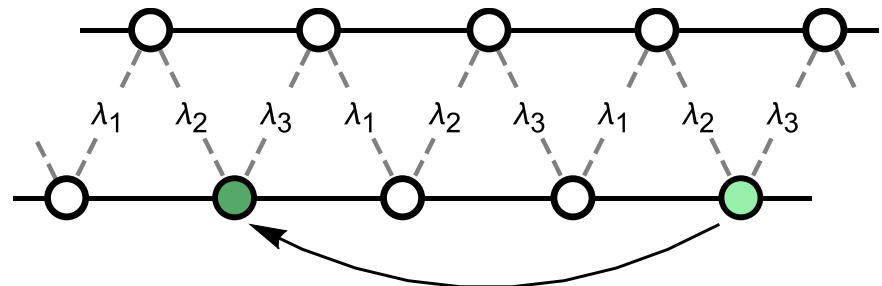
$$C_p = +1$$



single particles move

2 unit cells to the left

$$C_s = -2$$

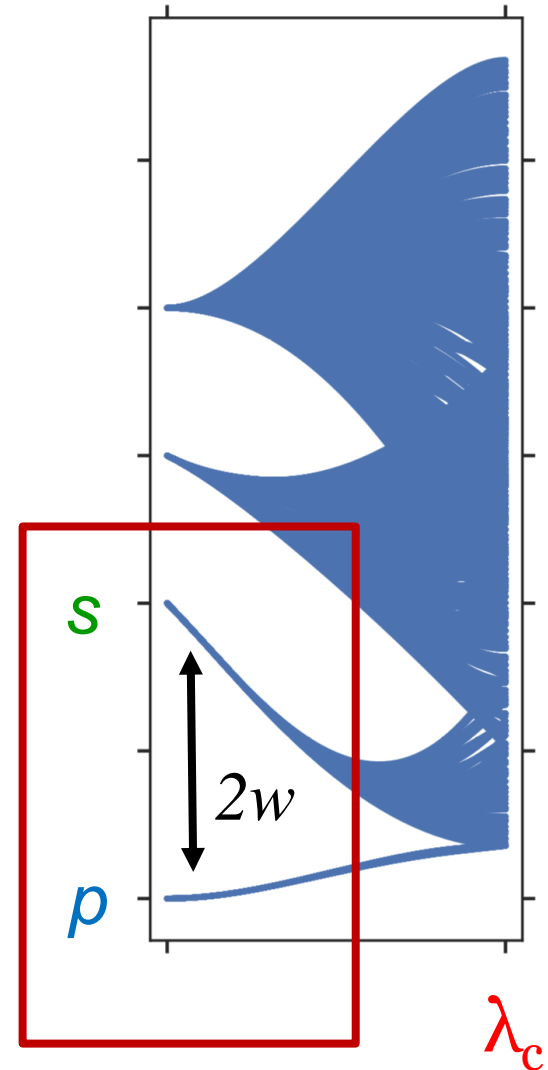


Topological pumping

- to stabilize topological pumping, need to split the $E=0$ bands of **pairs** and **singles**
- add to Hamiltonian

$$H_w = w \sum_i (1 - \lambda_{i-1})(1 - \lambda_i)n_i$$

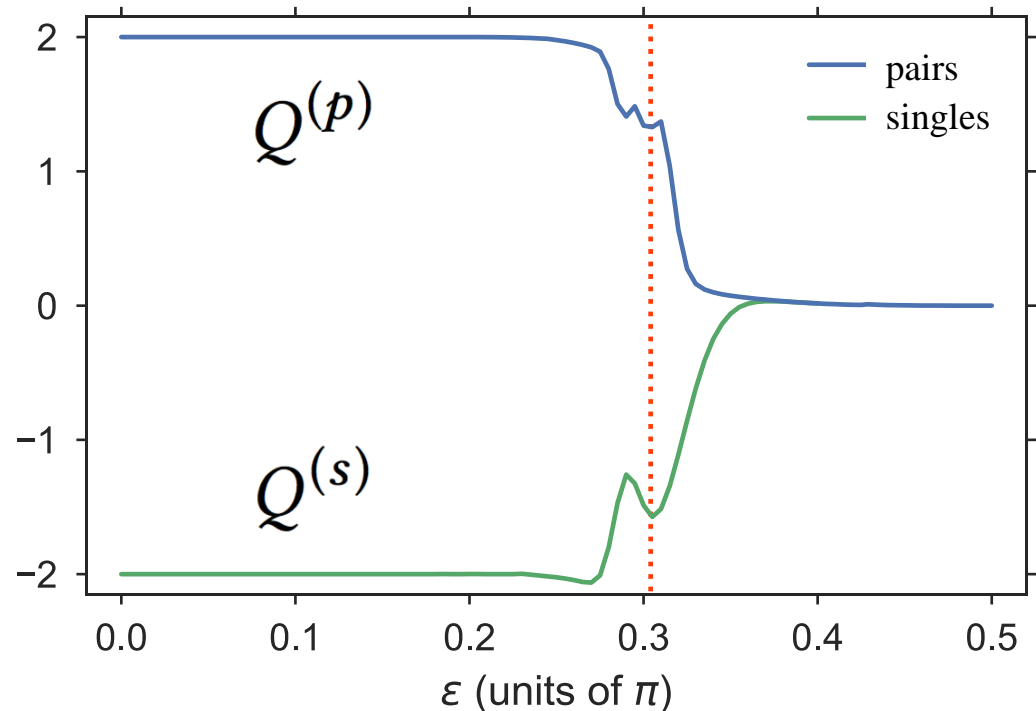
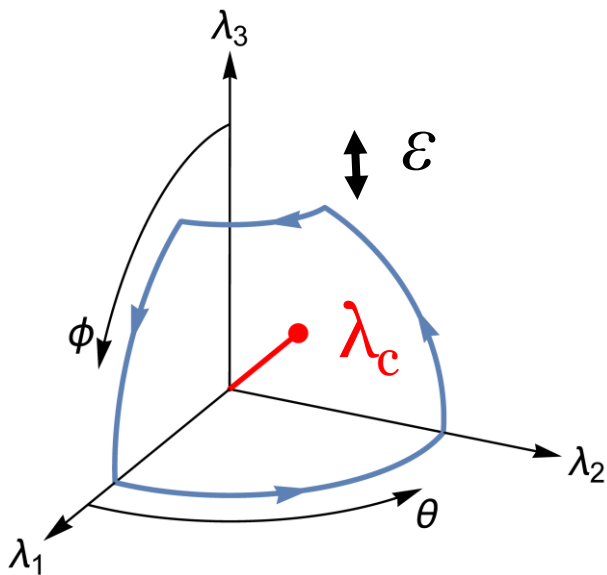
- this opens gap between bands of **pairs (p)** and **singles (s)**, away from isotropic point λ_c



Topological pumping

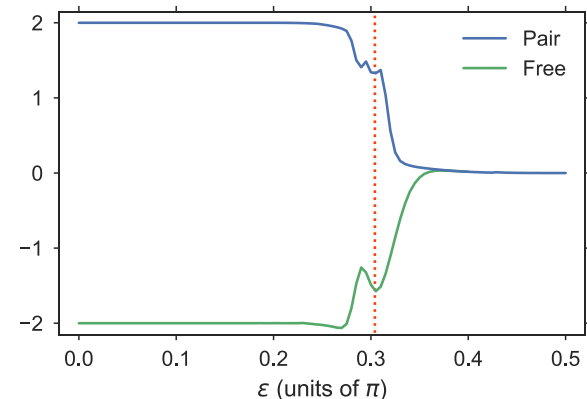
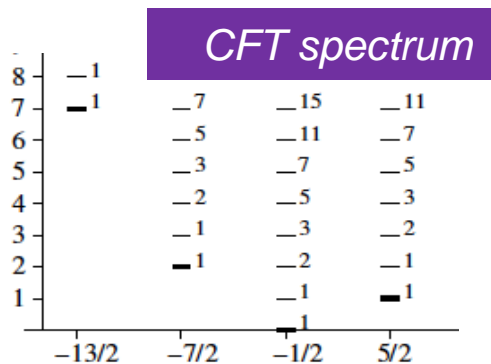
- filling the **pairs (p)** or **singles (s)** bands gives many-body states with topological response to cycle that encircles λ_c

$$Q^{(p)} = 2C_p = +2, \quad Q^{(s)} = C_s = -2$$



wrap up

- lattice model – field theory correspondence particularly rich for the 1D M_k models
- superfrustrated phases not well understood – deep questions both about the math and the physics
- interplay of susy with (non-equilibrium) dynamics



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