Z₂ topological order near the Neel state of the square lattice antiferromagnet

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Z₂ lattice gauge theory (Wegner, 1971)



Gauss's Law: $[H, G_i] = 0$, $[G_i = 1]$

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Deconfined phase. 4-fold degenerate ground state: $V_x = \pm 1, V_y = \pm 1$. Can take linear combinations to make eigenstates with $W_x = \pm 1, W_y = \pm 1$. <u>Topological order</u>

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(N. Read and S.S., 1991 Freedman, Nayak, Shtengel, Walker, Wang, 2003)

Topological quantum field theory describes degenerate states with Z_2 flux $W = \pm 1$ through the holes of the torus

Confined phase. Unique ground state has $V_x = 1, V_y = 1$. No topological order

This criterion can distinguish the phases when dynamical (or even gapless) matter fields are present

Compact U(1) lattice gauge theory



Deconfined phase Monopoles suppressed. Deconfined $\pi \pmod{2\pi}$ flux vortices

(Fradkin and Shenker, 1979) $\mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{g} \sum_{\Box} \cos\left(\Delta_{\mu} a_{\nu} - \Delta_{\nu} a_{\mu}\right)$ $-\sum \cos\left(\Delta_{\mu}\theta - 2a_{\mu}\right)$ $_{i,\mu}$ Same phases as Z_2 gauge theory

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Critical theory with $\Phi \sim e^{i\theta}$. $\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_{\mu} - 2ia_{\mu})\Phi|^2 - |\Phi|^4$ + relevant monopoles. Ising* criticality

Higgs state with $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$: The phase of Φ winds by 2π around the cycle of the torus, trapping U(1) flux π in the hole of the torus. This leads to 4-fold degeneracy

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(N. Read and S.S., 1991; X.-G. Wen, 1991; Bais, Van Driel, and de Wild Propitius 1992; T. Senthil and M.P.A. Fisher, 2000; J. Maldacena, G. Moore, N. Seiberg, 2001) I. Introduction to Z_2 topological order

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Insulating Antiferromagnet

Néel order parameter $\mathbf{n}(x_i, t) = \eta_i \mathbf{S}_i(t)$, where $\eta_i = \pm 1$ on two sublattices. O(3) non-linear sigma model:

$$S = \frac{1}{2g} \int d^2 x dt \, (\partial_\mu \mathbf{n})^2 \quad , \quad \mathbf{n}^2 = 1.$$

 \mathbb{CP}^1 model: use $\mathbf{n} = z_{\alpha}^* \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} z_{\beta}$ with $\alpha, \beta = \uparrow, \downarrow$, and then

$$S = \frac{1}{g} \int d^2 x dt \, |(\partial_{\mu} - ia_{\mu}) z_{\alpha}|^2 \quad , \quad |z_{\alpha}|^2 = 1 \,,$$

where a_{μ} is an emergent U(1) gauge field.

Theory for S = 1/2 antiferromagnet also has spin Berry phase terms

$$S = \frac{1}{g} \int d^2x dt \, |(\partial_\mu - ia_\mu) z_\alpha|^2 + \sum_i \int dt \, \eta_i a_{it}$$



Higgs phase with $\langle z_{\alpha} \rangle \neq 0$ Néel order wih Nambu-Goldstone (spin-wave) gapless excitations.



Confined phase with $\langle z_{\alpha} \rangle = 0$ VBS order

(N. Read and S.S., 1989; S.S. and R. Jalabert, 1990)

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Phase diagram at large g with $\langle z_{\alpha} \rangle = 0$



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Broken inversion symmetry below T^* in YBa₂Cu₃O_v



L. Zhao, C.A. Belvin, R. Liang, D.A. Bonn, W. N. Hardy, N. P. Armitage, and D. Hsieh, Nature Physics 13, 250 (2017)

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Can we get a stable zero temperature state with "fluctuating antiferromagnetism" and a Fermi surface of size *p* i.e. a pseudogap metal ?

Yes, provided the metal has topological order

T. Senthil, M. Vojta and S. Sachdev, PRB 69, 035111 (2004)

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<u>**IF**</u> we can transform to a rotating reference frame in which $H^a(i) =$ a constant independent of *i* and time, <u>**THEN**</u> the ψ fermions in the presence of fluctuating AFM will inherit the anti-nodal gap of the electrons in the presence of static AFM.

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> A.V. Chubukov, T. Senthil and S. Sachdev, PRL **72**, 2089 (1994); S. Sachdev, E. Berg, S. Chatterjee, and Y. Schattner, PRB **94**, 115147 (2016)



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The Higgs field \in SO(3). Vortices associated wi th $\pi_1(SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ must be suppressed: such a metal with "fluctuating antiferromagnetism" has \mathbb{Z}_2 TOPOLOGICAL ORDER and a pseudogap.





Global phase diagram

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LGW-Hertz criticality of antiferromagnetism

(A) Antiferromagnetic
 metal

 $\langle R \rangle \neq 0, \ \langle H^a \rangle \neq 0$

(B) Fermi liquid with large Fermi surface $\langle R \rangle \neq 0, \ \langle H^a \rangle = 0$



(C) Metal with Z₂ topological order and discrete symmetry breaking

 $\langle R \rangle = 0, \ \langle H^a \rangle \neq 0$

Higgs criticality: Deconfined SU(2) gauge theory with large Fermi surface (D) SU(2) ACL eventually unstable to pairing and confinement

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Properties of the hole-doped cuprates:

- The underdoped phase has broken reflection/timereversal/lattice-rotation symmetry, while preserving translational symmetry.
- The underdoped phase has a pseudogap *i.e.* no gapless fermionic excitations near the anti-nodes.
- With increasing doping, the pseudogap disappears at the same point as the broken symmetries.

These features can be explained by \mathbb{Z}_2 topological order found near the square lattice Néel state:

- The topological order can <u>intertwine</u> with the broken symmetry.
- The topological order induce a pseudogap by non-Luttinger volume Fermi surfaces.