Classification of topological insulators and superconductors and D-branes

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### classical phases

Ginzberg-Laudau theory Nambu-Goldstone modes

#### quantum phases

### gapless phases

- Fermi liquid
- non Fermi liquid

# gapped phases

- insulators
- topological insulators
- topological superconductors
- topological phases

## quantum critical points

-relativistic conformal quantum critical point -quantum Lifshitz critical point

- topological phases in condensed matter: distinguishing states in terms of wavefnctions
- table of topological insulators and superdoncutors
- connection to D-branes

insulator: material which resists the flow of electric current.

(gapped) superconductor: "band insulator" for fermionic quasiparticles





single partcle energy spectrum of an electron in solids

= "band structure"



Role of electric wavefucntions in insulators ???

distinction of insulators by their wavefunctions (or: entanglement)

--> "topological insulators"



physical consequence of entangled wavefunctions

boundary of ordinary insulator = insulator

boundary of topological insulator = perfect metal



A consequence: ordinary and topological insulators cannot be connected adiabatically.

### Bloch wavefunction bundle



possible obstruction for constructing a smooth wavefunction over BZ

$$\begin{aligned}
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\operatorname{Ch}_{n+1}[\mathcal{F}] &= \int_{\mathrm{BZ}^{d=2n+2}} \operatorname{ch}_{n+1}(\mathcal{F}) = \int_{\mathrm{BZ}^{d=2n+2}} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}\mathcal{F}}{2\pi}\right)^{n+1} \in \mathbb{Z}.\\
\\
\mathcal{A}^{\hat{a}\hat{b}}(k) &= A_{\mu}^{\hat{a}\hat{b}}(k) \mathrm{d}k_{\mu} = \langle u_{\hat{a}}^{-}(k) | \mathrm{d}u_{\hat{b}}^{-}(k) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Berry gauge field (k-space gauge field)

E.g. quantum Hall effect

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{BZ^2} \operatorname{tr} \mathcal{F}(k) \qquad \qquad \pi_2 \left[ U(m+n)/U(m) \times U(n) \right] = \mathbb{Z}$$

E.g.: 
$$\{\mathcal{H}(k),\Gamma\} = 0, \quad \Gamma^2 = 1$$
  $\mathcal{H}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D(k) \\ D^{\dagger}(k) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

topological invariant:  $\pi_{d=\mathrm{odd}}\left[U(m)\right] = \mathbb{Z}$ 

$$\nu_{2n+1}[q] := \int_{\mathrm{BZ}^{d=2n+1}} \omega_{2n+1}[q]$$
$$\omega_{2n+1}[q] := \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(2n+1)!} \left(\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2\pi}\right)^{n+1} \mathrm{tr}\left[(q^{-1}\mathrm{d}q)^{2n+1}\right]$$

$$\begin{cases} DD^{\dagger}u_{a} = \lambda^{2}u_{a} \\ D^{\dagger}Dv_{a} = \lambda^{2}v_{a} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} q(k) &= \sum_a u_a(k) v_a^\dagger(k) \\ &\in U(m) \end{split}$$

topological phases in odd space dimensions

discrete symmetry relating k and -k:

E.g.: time-reversal

$$i\sigma_y \mathcal{H}^*(-k)(-i\sigma_y) = \mathcal{H}(k)$$

topological phases with Z2 classification



# integer quantum Hall effect (IQHE)

K.v.Klitzing, G. Dorda, M. Pepper (1980)

in d=2 spatial dimensions, with strong T breaking by B



Secret behind quanitization: edge states

There is a gapless chiral edge mode along the samlple boundary.



Number of edge modes 
$$=rac{-\sigma_{xy}}{e^2/h}=C$$

Robust against disorder (chiral fermions cannot be backscatterd).

# IQHE as a topological insulator

- "bulk" point of view



Hall conductance = topological invariant ! "Chern number"

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{e^2}{h} \sum_{a \in \text{bands}}^{\text{filled}} \int_{\text{BZ}} \frac{d^2k}{2\pi i} \left[ \left\langle \frac{\partial u_a(k)}{\partial k_y} \middle| \frac{\partial u_a(k)}{\partial k_x} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{\partial u_a(k)}{\partial k_x} \middle| \frac{\partial u_a(k)}{\partial k_y} \right\rangle \right]$$

Thouless-Kohmoto-Nightingale-den Nijs (TKNN) (1982)

Bloch wavefunctions define a map from BZ to the space of wavefunctions (projection operators).

$$\pi_2\left[U(m+n)/U(m)\times U(n)\right] = \mathbb{Z}$$

# quantum spin Hall effect (QSHE)

in d=2 spatial dimensions, with good T

- time-reversal invariant band insulator
- gapless Kramers pair of edge modes
- strong spin-orbit interaction





in d=2 spatial dimensions, with good T  $% \left( {{T_{\rm{T}}} \right) = 0} \right)$ 

quantum spin Hall insulator is characterized by a binary ( $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ) topological quantity. Kane-Mele (05)

odd number of Kramers pairs at edge --> stable
 even number of Kramers pairs at edge --> unstable



experimental realization: HgTe quantum well Bernevig-Hughes-Zhang (2006) M. Koenig et al. Science (2007)

# quantum spin Hall effect (QSHE)



M. Koenig et al. Science (2007)



# Z2 topological insulator in d=3 spatial dimensions

Fu-Kane-Mele, Moore-Balents, Roy (06)

d=3 dimensions

time-reversal invariant  $i\sigma_y \mathcal{H}^*(-i\sigma_y) = \mathcal{H}$ characterized by a Z2 quantity  $\nu_0 = 0 \text{ or } 1$ trivial non-trivial

when  $u_0 = 1$  surface states = odd number of Dirac fermions



# surface of top. insulator = "1/4 of graphene" !





 $\mathcal{H} = v_F \left( \sigma_x p_x + \sigma_y p_y \right)$ 

Theorem (by Nielsen-Ninomiya): For any 2D lattice with TRS # of Dirac cones must be even. condensed matter realization of domain-wall fermion

# ARPES experiments on Z2 topological insulators

BiSb D. Hsieh et al. Nature (08) 5 Dirac cones

BiSe Y. Xia et al. Nature Phys. (2009)



BiTe Y. L. Chen et al. Science (2009)



Imposing time-resersal symmetry --> new topological insulators

- IQHE (1980)	K.v.Klitzing, G. Dorda, M. Pepper (	<sup>1980)</sup> SiMOS,GaAs
- QSHE (2007)	B.Bernevig, T.Hughes, S.C.Zhang M. Konig et al. (07) Kane and Mele et al. (05-06)	(06) HgTe
- 3D Z2 topological i	nsulator (2008)	BiTe, BiSe, BiSb
M D	oore-Balents (07) Fu-Kane-Mele (0 . Hsieh et al (08)	7) Roy (07)
- chiral p-wave SC (t	opological superconduct	or) SrRuO
Y. Mae R.L.W	eno et al (94) illett et al (87)   G. Moore and N	nu=5/2 FQHE . Read et al (91)
more topo	logical insulators/super	conductors ?

never ending story or happy ending ?

### discrete symmetries

#### two types of anti-unitary symmetries

 $TRS = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{no TRS} \\ +1 & TRS \text{ with } \mathcal{T}^T = +\mathcal{T} \\ -1 & TRS \text{ with } \mathcal{T}^T = -\mathcal{T} \end{cases}$ integer spin particle Time-Reversal Symmetry (TRS)  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}^*\mathcal{T}^{-1} = \mathcal{H}$ half-odd integer spin particle  $PHS = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{no PHS} \\ +1 & PHS \text{ with } C^T = +C \end{cases}$ Particle-Hole Symmetry (PHS) th  $C^T = -C$  $C\mathcal{H}^T$ 

$$C^{-1} = -\mathcal{H}$$
 -1 PHS with

PHS + TRS = chiral symmetry

$$\begin{array}{c} T\mathcal{H}^*T^{-1} = \mathcal{H} \\ C\mathcal{H}^*C^{-1} = -\mathcal{H} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \quad TC\mathcal{H}(TC)^{-1} = -\mathcal{H} \\ \end{array}$$

generic SC: 
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int \Psi^{\dagger} \mathcal{H} \Psi$$
  $\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \Delta \\ -\Delta^{*} & -\xi^{T} \end{pmatrix}$   
Nambu spinor:  $\Psi^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi^{\dagger}_{\uparrow}, & \psi^{\dagger}_{\downarrow}, & \psi_{\uparrow}, & \psi_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$ 

particle-hole symmetry (PHS):  $\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Psi^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$  PHS = +1

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}\right) \mathcal{H}^T \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}\right) = -\mathcal{H}$$

z-conserving SC:
$$H = \int \Psi^{\dagger} \mathcal{H} \Psi \quad \mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{\uparrow} & \Delta \\ \Delta^{\dagger} & -\xi_{\downarrow}^{T} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Psi^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}, & \psi_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

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	sym. class	TRS	PHS	SLS	description
	А	0	0	0	unitary
Wigner-Dyson	AI	+1	0	0	orthogonal
	AII	-1	0	0	symplectic (spin-orbit)
	AIII	0	0	1	chiral unitary
chiral	BDI	+1	+1	1	chiral orthogonal
	CII	-1	-1	1	chiral symplectic
	D	0	+1	0	singlet/triplet SC
$\operatorname{BdG}$	C	0	-1	0	singlet SC
	DIII	-1	+1	1	singlet/triplet SC with T
	CI	+1	-1	1	singlet SC with TRS

- Wigner-Dyson (1951 -1963) : "three-fold way"
- Verbaarschot (1992 1993)
- Altland-Zirnbauer (1997) : "ten-fold way"

complex nuclei chiral phase transition in QCD mesoscopic SC systems

claim: this is the exhaustive classification of discrete symmetries BdG Hamiltonians realize 6 out of 10 symmetry classes.

AZ d	1	2	3
A	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0
AIII	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$
AI	0	0	0
BDI	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0
D	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0
DIII	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$
AII	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
CII	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
C	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0
CI	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$

- $\mathbb{Z}$  integer classification
- $\mathbb{Z}_2$  binary classification
- 0 no top. ins./SC



# classification of topological insulators and superconductors



### classification of topological insulators and superconductors

 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}$ 

7

0 0 0

0

0

0 0 0

 $\mathbb{Z}_2$   $\mathbb{Z}_2$   $\mathbb{Z}$ 

7

0

 $\mathbb{Z} = 0$ 

8 9

 $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 

77.

0 ...

AZ d	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	• • •
AIII	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	

 $\mathbb{Z}$ 

0 0 0

77.

 $\mathbb{Z}_2$   $\mathbb{Z}$ 

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0

 $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 

0

77.

 $2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$ 

0 0

0

 $\mathbb{Z}$ 

1

 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}$ 

 $0 \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \mathbb{Z}_2$ 

77.

0

0 0

$$10 = 8 + 2$$

 periodicity 8 both in spatial dimension and symmetry class

 always 5 kinds of topological states for each dimension.

- Z followed by two Z2 ("dimensional reduction")

AZ d

AI

BDI

D

DIII

AII

CII

C

CI

0

 $\mathbb{Z} = 0$ 

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 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z} \mathbb{Z} \mathbb{O} \mathbb{O}$ 

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77.

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 d>3 can characterize adiabatic processes, rather than states themselves

- Schnyder, SR, Furusaki, Ludwig (for d=1,2,3, 2008)
- Kitaev (all d and periodicity "Periodic Table", 2009)
- Qi, Hughes, Zhang (cases with one symmetry, field theory description, 2008)
- SR and Takayanagi (construction by D-branes, 2010)

- discover a topological invariant
  - obtained 3D analogue of TKNN integer:

$$u = \int_{
m BZ} rac{d^3k}{24\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu
u\lambda} {
m tr} \left[ q^{-1}(m{k}) \partial_\mu q(m{k}) q^{-1}(m{k}) \partial_
u q(m{k}) q^{-1}(m{k}) \partial_\lambda q(m{k}) 
ight]$$

- complication by  $m{k}\equiv-m{k}$
- bulk-boundary correspondence



Anderson delocalization non-linear sigma model on G/H + (discrete) topological term

### why periodicity ? and why K-theory ?



a map from BZ to the space of wavefunctions (projectors).

e.g.  $\pi_2 \left[ U(m+n)/U(m) \times U(n) \right] = \mathbb{Z}$ 

n,m: number of bands

By "adding" topologically trivial bands should not change the topological nature of the system

--> consider "stably" equivalent classes of insulators

$$E \sim F \Leftrightarrow E \oplus I^k = F \oplus I^l$$

Can think of "difference" E-F of two Hamiltonians:

$$(E,F) \sim (E',F') \Leftrightarrow E' = E \oplus H, F' = F \oplus H$$

Bott periodicity = periodicity of topological insulators/SCs

### some outcomes of classification



- 3He B is newly identified as a topological SC (superfluid) in d=3.
- topological singlet SC in d=3 is predicted.
- topological superconductors in non-centrosymmetric SCs.

## 3He B is a topological "superconductor" in class DIII

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 r \Psi^{\dagger} \mathcal{H} \Psi \qquad \mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \Delta \\ \Delta^{\dagger} & -\xi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi_{m k} = rac{m k^2}{2m} - \mu \qquad \Delta_{m k} = |\Delta| i \sigma_y m k \cdot m \sigma$$

strong pairing weak pairing 
$$\mu$$
  
 $\nu = 0 \qquad 0 \qquad \nu = 1$ 



# topologically protected surface Majorana fermion

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Schnyder, SR, Furusaki, Ludwig (2008) Roy (2008) Qi, Hughes, Raghu, Zhang (2008)

3d analogue of Moore-Read state

$$\Psi(\{\boldsymbol{r}_i\},\{\sigma_i\}) \sim \operatorname{Pf}\left(rac{\left[(\boldsymbol{r}_i-\boldsymbol{r}_j)\cdot i\boldsymbol{\sigma}\sigma_y
ight]_{\sigma_i\sigma_j}}{|\boldsymbol{r}_i-\boldsymbol{r}_i|^3}
ight)$$

#### Majorana mode detected by surface acoustic impedance



Y. Aoki et al. PRL (2005) Y. Wada et al. PRB (2008) S. Murakawa et al. PRL (2009)



Salomma and Volovik, 1980s Y. Nagato et al. JLTP (2007) M. Saitoh et al. PRB(R) (2006)



	D(-1)	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9
type IIB	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$
$O9^-$ (type I)	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$
$O9^+$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$

Sen, Witten, Horava (98-99)

TABLE III. D*p*-brane charges from K-theory, classified by  $K(\mathbb{S}^{9-p})$ ,  $KO(\mathbb{S}^{9-p})$  and  $KSp(\mathbb{S}^{9-p})$  [24]. A  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  charged D*p*-brane with *p* even or *p* odd represents a non-BPS D*p*-brane or a bound state of a D*p* and an anti-D*p* brane, respectively [26].

# Dp-Dq system



- E.g. IQHE (d=2): p=q=5 Dirac model of class A TI  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (\partial \cdot \gamma - A \cdot \gamma - \tilde{A} \cdot \gamma - m) \psi$   $\sigma_{xy} = \operatorname{sgn}(m)/2$   $\mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{8\pi |m|} \int A \wedge dA$   $= \frac{m}{8\pi |m|} \int F \wedge F \wedge C_{RR}^{(2)}$ 
  - N.B.  $A_{\mu}$  : "external" gauge field  $\tilde{A}_{\mu}$  : "internal" gauge field

Rey (2007), Davis et al (2008) Bergman et al (2010), Fujita et al (2009)

# one-to-one correspondence between TIs/TSCs and D-branes

Dp Dq	spatial dimensions	mmetry class	SO orSp ∠	O-plane ∖
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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	9 d CI (O9 <sup>-</sup> ) 0 0 1 0 2 0	$\frac{0}{\mathbb{Z}_{2} (2 \text{ Mj})} \\ \mathbb{Z}_{2} (2 \text{ Mj}) \\ \mathbb{Z}_{2} (2 \text{ Mj}) $
class A and AllI real symmety c	= Type IIA and IIB lasses = Type I	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c c} 3 & \mathbb{Z} (4 \text{ Mj}) \\ \hline 9 & d & \text{AII} (08^{-}) \\ \hline \times & 0 & \mathbb{Z} (4 \text{ Mj}) \\ \times & 1 & 0 \end{array}$	$\frac{\mathbb{Z} (1 \text{ Mj})}{\text{AI} (08^+)}$
(i) PHS = orientifold	projection (SO or Sp)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c cccc} & & 1 & & 0 \\ & \times & 2 & & \mathbb{Z}_2 (4 \text{ Mj}) \\ & \times & 3 & \mathbb{Z}_2 (2 \text{ Mj}) \\ & \times & 4 & \mathbb{Z} (1 \text{ Di}) \\ \hline \end{array} $	0 0 Z (1 Di) BDI (08 <sup>+</sup> )
(ii) SLS ("chiral = prarity (in	symmetry") version)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0 0 1 Z (4 Mj) 2 0	Z <sub>2</sub> (2 Mj) Z (1 Mj) 0
(iii) TRS = oriei	ntifold x parity	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c c} 3 & \mathbb{Z}_2 \ (4 \ \text{Mj}) \\ 4 & \mathbb{Z}_2 \ (2 \ \text{Di}) \end{array}$	0 0

(III) IRS = orientifold x parity

#### "1st decendant" = non BPS D-brane

#### "2nd decendant" = brane-antibrane bound state E.g. QSHE



### internal and external gauge group



TABLE IV. External G (left-most column) and internal  $\tilde{G}$  gauge groups for each spatial dimension d and symmetry class; U, O, Sp, represents U(1), O(1) =  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , and Sp(1) = SU(2), respectively.

c.f. projective construction of FQHE by X. G. Wen

$$\mathcal{L}=\psiig(\partial\cdot\gamma-A\cdot\gamma-A\cdot\gamma-mig)\psi$$
 J. Maciejko et al C. Hoyos-Badajoz et al B. Swingle et al A Karch et al

#### honeycomb lattice Kitaev model in 2 dimensions

#### Alexei Kitaev, Ann. Phys. (2005)

$$H = \sum_{\mu=1}^{3} J_{\mu} \sum_{\mu-\text{links}} \sigma_{i}^{\mu} \sigma_{j}^{\mu}$$

- exactly solvable in terms of projective construction (emergent fermions)

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- two phases: Abelian and non-Abelian phases
- supports Abelian and non-Abelian anyons as a quasi particle excitation



Kitaev model (purely bosonic model) = fermion + Z2 gauge field

introduce four Majorana fermions

$$\lambda^{1,2,3,4} \quad \lambda^{a\dagger} = \lambda^a \quad \lambda^{a2} = 1$$

$$\sigma^{a=1,2,3} = i\lambda^{a=1,2,3}\lambda^4$$

$$H = i \sum_{a=1}^{3} J_a \sum_{i,j} u_{i,j} \lambda_i^4 \lambda_j^4$$

$$[H, u_{jk}] = 0 \quad u_{jk}^2 = 0 \Rightarrow u_{jk} = \pm 1$$

### Kitaev type model on the diamond lattice



interacting topological phase in symmetry class DIII

### AdS/CFT, AdS/CS, AdS/TIS, TSC



# holographic dual of pure YM in (2+1)D Witten (98)

$$ds^{2} = \frac{R^{2}}{z^{2}} \left( -dt^{2} + f(z)dy^{2} + dx_{1}^{2} + dx_{2}^{2} + f^{-1}(z)dz^{2} \right)$$
$$f(z) = 1 - (z/z_{0})^{4}$$



holographic dual of interacting topological phase

$$S_{\mathrm{D3}} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{tr} \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3}A \wedge A \wedge A \right)$$

$$S_{top} \sim \frac{k^2}{2} \log N$$

Fujita, Li, SR, Takayanagi(2009)

- Complete classification of topological phases in fermion systems in all dimensions and symmetry classes

bulk-to-boudary approach, K-theory, D-branes, dimensional reduction  $\ldots$  : all agree

## a big open issue: interactions

- do non-interacting topological phases survive interactions ?
- can topological phases arise solely due to interactions ?
- is there "fractional" topological insulators/superconductors ?
- is there a topological classification for bosonic systems (e.g., spin systems)

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