

# Quantum spin Hamiltonians

## and WZW models

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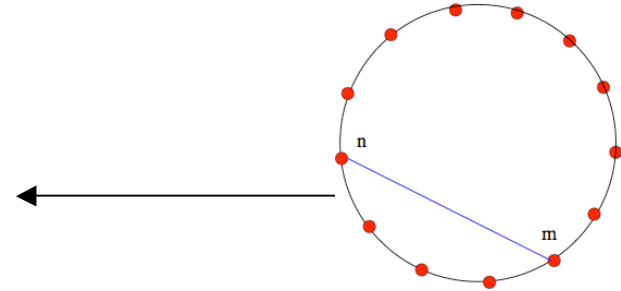
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## Haldane-Shastry model (1988)

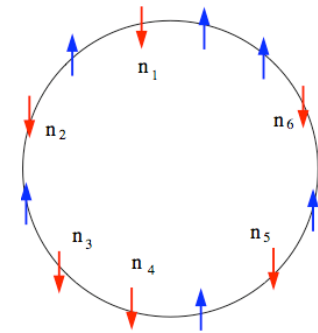
AF Heisenberg spin 1/2 chain with inverse square exchange couplings

$$H = \frac{J \pi^2}{N^2} \sum_{n < m} \frac{\vec{S}_n \cdot \vec{S}_m}{\sin^2(\pi(n - m)/N)}$$



Jastrow type ground state wave function

$$\psi(n_1, \dots, n_{N/2}) \propto e^{i\pi \sum_n n_i} \prod_{i < j} \left| \sin \frac{\pi(n_i - n_j)}{N} \right|^2$$



Obtained from the Gutzwiller projection of the half-filled Fermi state

$$|\psi_G\rangle = P_G |FS\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^N (1 - n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}) \prod_{|k| < k_F} c_{k,\uparrow}^* c_{k,\downarrow}^* |0\rangle$$

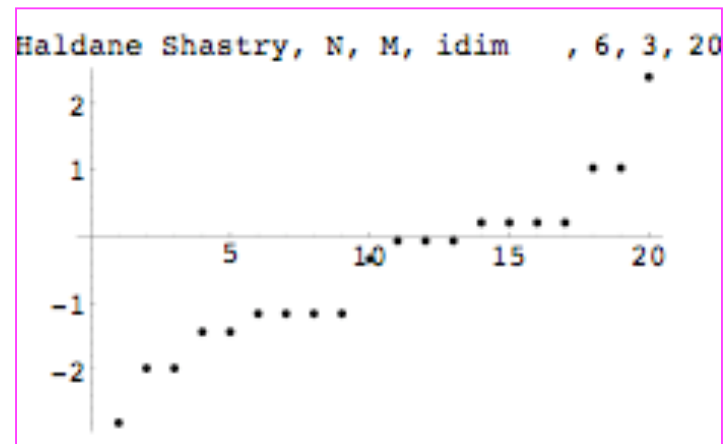
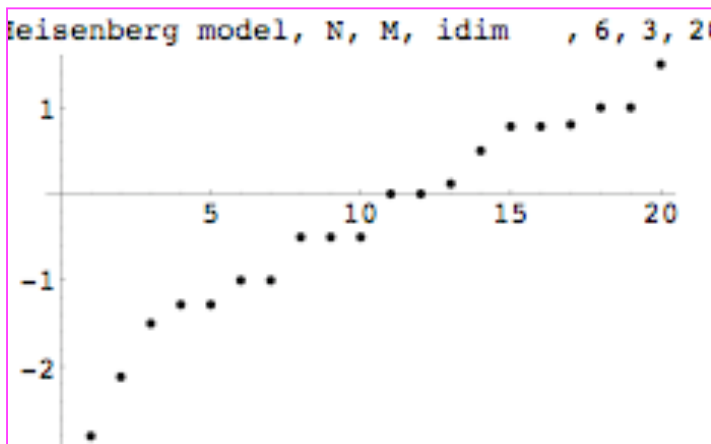
- Two-point correlator (Gebhard-Vollhardt 1987)

$$\langle S_n^a S_0^b \rangle = (-1)^n \delta_{a,b} \frac{\text{Si}(\pi n)}{4\pi n}, \quad \text{Si}(x) = \int_0^x dy \frac{\sin y}{y}$$

- Elementary excitations: spinons (semions)

$$E(\{m_j\}) = \frac{2\pi^2}{N^2} \sum_{j=1}^M m_j(m_j - N), \quad m_{j+1} \geq m_j + 2$$

- Highly degenerate spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Yangian symmetry



## Alternative form of the HS Hamiltonian

$$z_n = e^{2\pi n i/N} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad z_{nm} = z_n - z_m$$

$$H_2 = -\frac{J\pi^2}{N^2} \sum_{i < j} \frac{z_i z_j}{z_{ij}^2} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

Yangian symmetry is generated by the rapidity operator

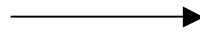
$$\vec{\Lambda} = \sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} \vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j, \quad \omega_{ij} = \frac{z_i + z_j}{z_i - z_j} \quad [H_2, \vec{\Lambda}] = 0, \quad \left[ \sum_i \vec{S}_i, \vec{\Lambda} \right] \neq 0$$

Integrable but not a a Bethe with high order conserved quantities  
(Inozemtsev 1990)

$$H_3 = -\sum_{i,j,k} \frac{z_i z_j z_k}{z_{ij} z_{ik} z_{jk}} \vec{S}_i \cdot (\vec{S}_j \times \vec{S}_k) \quad [H_2, H_3] = 0,$$

## Low energy spectrum

Haldane-Shastry model  
AF Heisenberg model



Universality class  
WZW model SU(2)@ level k=1

Unlike the Heisenberg model the marginal irrelevant operator is absent

$$HS : \langle S_n^a S_0^b \rangle \propto (-1)^n \delta_{a,b} \frac{1}{n}, \quad Heis : \langle S_n^a S_0^b \rangle \propto (-1)^n \delta_{a,b} \frac{\sqrt{\log n}}{n}$$

HS model is close to the critical J1-J2 model  $\frac{J_2}{J_1} = \frac{1}{4} \approx 0.241$

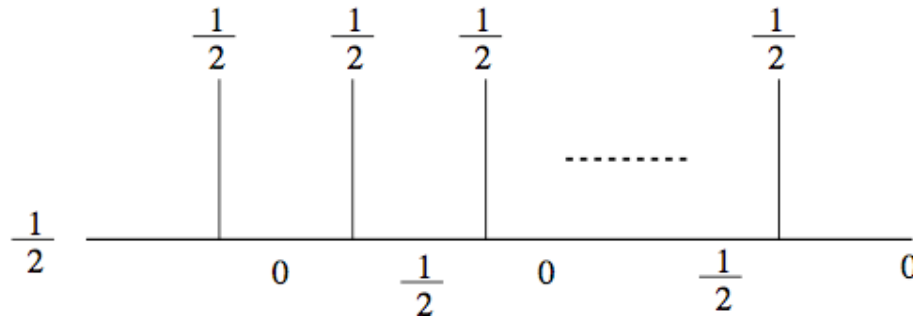
$$H_2 = -\frac{J\pi^2}{N^2} \sum_i (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{4} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+2} + \dots)$$

## The HS wave function as a Conformal block

The  $SU(2)_k$  WZW model at level  $k=1$  has a primary field  $\phi_{1/2}$  with spin  $1/2$  and conformal weight  $h = 1/4$ . Using a chiral boson field  $\varphi(z)$  it is given by the chiral vertex operator

$$\phi_s(z) = \chi_s :e^{is\varphi(z)/2}, \quad s = \pm 1, \chi_s = \pm 1$$

The fusion rules yields only one conformal block



$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z_1, s_1, \dots, z_N, s_N) &= \langle \phi_{s_1}(z_1) \phi_{s_2}(z_2) \cdots \phi_{s_N}(z_N) \rangle \\ &= \prod_i \chi_{s_i} \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{s_i s_j / 4} \end{aligned}$$

Taking

$$z_n = e^{2\pi i n/N}, \quad \chi_{s_n} = 1 \quad (n : \text{even}), \quad e^{i\pi(s_n-1)/2} \quad (n : \text{odd})$$

one proves

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z_1, s_1, \dots, z_N, s_N) &= \prod_i \chi_{s_i} \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{s_i s_j / 4} \\ &\propto e^{i\pi \sum_i n_i} \prod_{i < j} \left| \sin \frac{\pi(n_i - n_j)}{N} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{i\pi \sum_i n_i}$$

is the Marshall sign factor which arises in the Heisenberg model from the Perron-Frobenius theorem. In the WZW model it comes from the eq.

$$\left\langle g(z_1, \bar{z}_1) g^{-1}(z_2, \bar{z}_2) \dots g(z_{N-1}, \bar{z}_{N-1}) g^{-1}(z_N, \bar{z}_N) \right\rangle$$

## An inhomogenous generalization of the HS Hamiltonian

The conformal block satisfies the Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov eq

$$\frac{k+2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \psi(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j}{z_i - z_j} \psi(z_1, \dots, z_N), \quad (k=1)$$

Making a conformal transformation from the plane to the cylinder

$$\psi_{cyl}(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N z_i^{1/4} \psi(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

The KZ equation becomes

$$\frac{k+2}{2} z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \psi_{cyl} = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{z_i + z_j}{z_i - z_j} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \psi_{cyl}(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

From the expression of  $\psi_{cyl}(z_1, \dots, z_N)$  one gets the “abelian” KZ eq.

$$4 z_i \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \psi_{cyl} = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{z_i + z_j}{z_i - z_j} s_i s_j \psi_{cyl}(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$



Computing  $\sum_n z_n^2 \partial^2 / \partial z_n^2$  in two different ways one gets

$$H \psi_{cyl} = E \psi_{cyl}$$

$$H = - \sum_{n \neq m} \left( \frac{z_n z_m}{(z_n - z_m)^2} + \frac{1}{12} w_{n,m} (c_n - c_m) \right) \vec{S}_n \cdot \vec{S}_m$$

$$w_{n,m} = \frac{z_n + z_m}{z_n - z_m}, \quad c_n = \sum_{n \neq m} w_{n,m}, \quad E = \frac{1}{16} \sum_{n \neq m} w_{n,m}^2 - \frac{N(N+1)}{16}$$

In the uniform case  $z_n = e^{2\pi i n / N} \rightarrow c_n = 0 \quad \forall n$

and we recover the usual HS Hamiltonian. For other values of  $z_n$  we obtain an inhomogenous version of it.

The Inozemtsev operator is also generalized

$$H_3 = -i \sum_{n \neq m \neq l} \frac{z_n z_m z_l}{z_{n,m}^2 z_{m,l}^2 z_{l,n}^2} \vec{S}_n \cdot (\vec{S}_m \times \vec{S}_l) + \sum_{n \neq m} \left( -\frac{1}{12} c_n + \frac{17}{8} c_n^{(2)} w_{n,m} \right) \vec{S}_n \cdot \vec{S}_m$$

## $J_1 - J_2$ Model (zig-zag chain)

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N J_1 \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1} + J_2 \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+2} \quad (J_1 = 1)$$

$J_2 > 0$  frustrated spin system

Phases

$$0 \leq J_2 < J_{2c} \approx 0.241$$

Critical  $c=1$

$$J_{2c} < J_2 < J_{MG} = 0.5$$

Spontaneously dimerized

$$J = J_{MG}$$

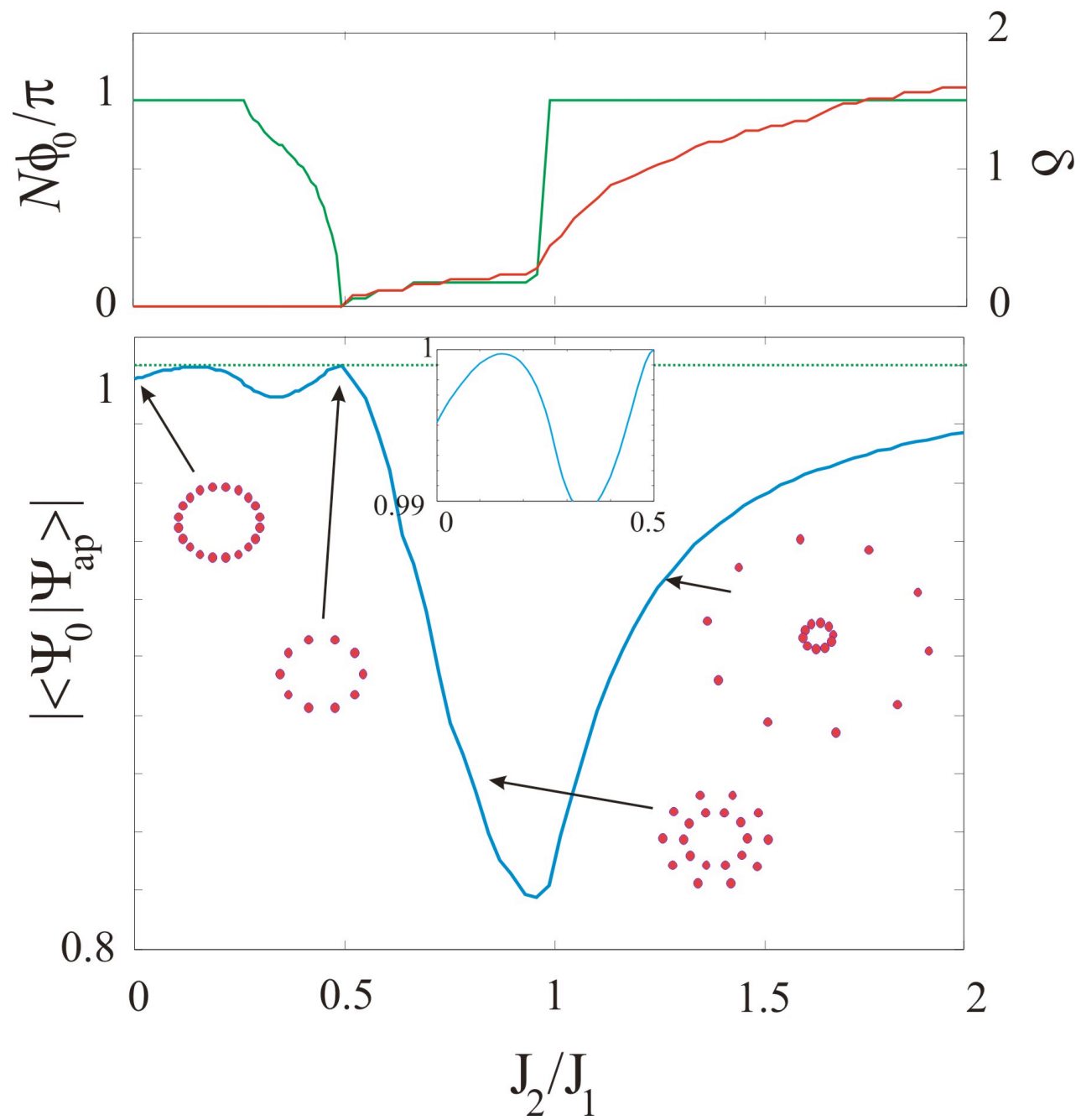
Majumdar-Gosh point

$$J_{MG} < J < \infty$$

Dimer spiral phase

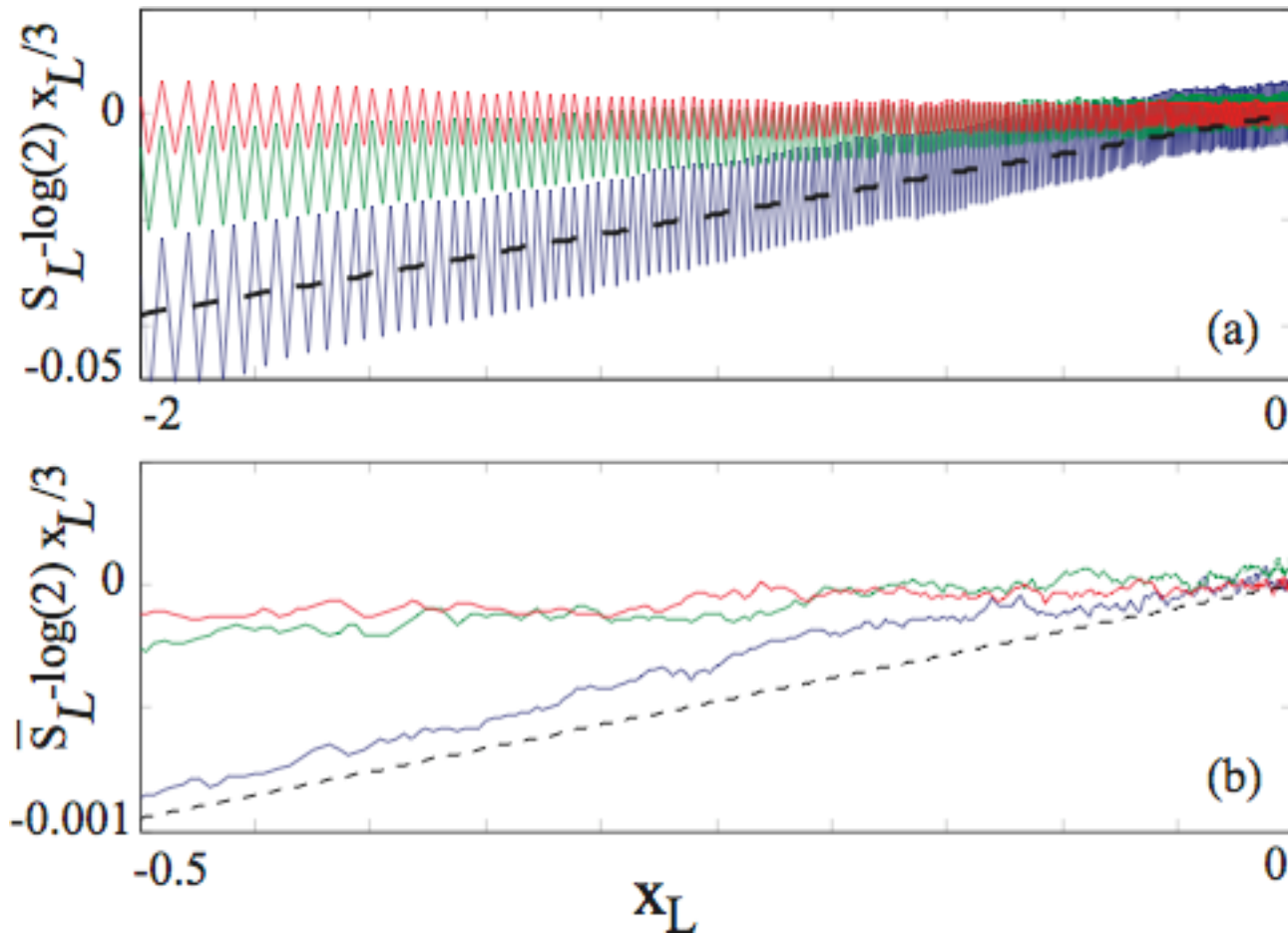
Use  $z'$  s as variational parameters

$$z_n = \begin{cases} \exp(\delta - i\phi_0) \exp(2\pi i(0,2,4,\dots)/N) & \text{even sites} \\ \exp(-\delta + i\phi_0) \exp(2\pi i(0,2,4,\dots)/N) & \text{odd sites} \end{cases}$$



## Random AFH model

Renyi entropy  $S_L \propto \frac{\log 2}{3} \log L$  (Refael-Moore)



Can we generalize the previous construction to  $SU(2)@k$  for  $k > 1$  and other primary fields?

## Review: Null vectors of the $SU(2)_k$ WZW model

Kac-Moody algebra

$$[J_n^a, J_m^b] = i \varepsilon^{abc} J_{n+m}^c + \frac{k}{2} n \delta^{ab} \delta_{n+m}$$

Null vector at level  $k$

$$\chi_{k+1} = \left( J_{-1}^+ \right)^{k+1} \phi_0, \quad J_n^a \chi_{k+1} = 0, \quad \forall n > 0$$

Decoupling of this null vector yields the primary fields (Gepner-Witten)

$$\langle \chi_{k+1}(z) \phi_1(z_1) \cdots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle = 0 \rightarrow j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{k}{2}$$

and the fusion rules of the model

$$\phi_{j_1} \otimes \phi_{j_2} = \sum_{j=|j_1-j_2|}^{\min(j_1+j_2, k-j_1-j_2)} \phi_j$$

The null vector  $\chi_{k+1} = \left(J_{-1}^+\right)^{k+1} \phi_0$  is the highest weight vector of a multiplet with total spin  $m = k+1$ .

$$\chi_m^{a_1 \dots a_m} = C_{a_1 \dots a_m b_1 \dots b_m}^{(m)} J_{-1}^{b_1} \dots J_{-1}^{b_m} \phi_0$$

$\chi_m^{a_1 \dots a_m}$  is totally symmetric and traceless in the a's indices

$$\chi_{k+1} = \chi_m^{++ \dots +}$$

The tensors  $C_{a_1 \dots a_m b_1 \dots b_m}^{(m)}$  are projectors in this space

$$C_{a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{a_1 b_1} \delta_{a_2 b_2} + \delta_{a_1 b_2} \delta_{a_2 b_1}) - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{b_1 b_2}$$

$$C_{a_1 a_2 a_3 b_1 b_2 b_3}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} (\delta_{a_1 b_1} \delta_{a_2 b_2} \delta_{a_3 b_3} + \text{permutations}) - \frac{1}{15} (\delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{b_1 b_2} \delta_{a_3 b_3} + \dots)$$

Decoupling of null vectors in correlators of primary fields

$$\langle \chi_m^{a_1 \dots a_m}(z) \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle = 0$$

Using the Ward identity

$$\langle (J_{-1}^a \chi)(z) \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{t_j^a}{z - z_j} \langle \chi(z) \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle$$

and the SU(2) invariance of the conformal block

$$\psi(z_1 \dots z_n) = \langle \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle$$

one finds  $R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m)}(z, z_1, \dots, z_n) \psi(z_1 \dots z_n) = 0, \quad \forall z$

$$R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m)}(z, z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{j_1 \dots j_m}^n C_{a_1 \dots a_m b_1 \dots b_m}^{(m)} \frac{(z + z_{j_1}) \dots (z + z_{j_m})}{(z - z_{j_1}) \dots (z - z_{j_m})} t_{j_1}^{b_1} \dots t_{j_m}^{b_m}$$



Taking residues  $\left( w_{ij} = \frac{z_i + z_j}{z_i - z_j} \right)$

$$R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m,i)} \equiv \oint_{z_i} \frac{dz}{z} R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m)}(z, z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{j_2 \dots j_m \neq i}^n C_{a_1 \dots a_m b_1 \dots b_m}^{(m)} w_{i j_2} \dots w_{i j_m} t_i^{b_1} \dots t_{j_m}^{b_m}$$

Define the operators

$$H^{(m,i)} \equiv \sum_{a_1 \dots a_m} \left( R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m,i)} \right)^* R_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{(m,i)}$$

Properties:

- 1)  $\left( H^{(m,i)} \right)^* = H^{(m,i)}$
- 2)  $H^{(m,i)} \geq 0$
- 3)  $\left[ H^{(m,i)}, \sum_i t_i^a \right] = 0$
- 4)  $H^{(m,i)} \psi = 0$

where  $\psi(z_1 \dots z_n) = \langle \phi_1(z_1) \dots \phi_n(z_n) \rangle$

$H^{(m,i)}$

Set of Hamiltonians whose ground state are the conformal blocks of the WZW model.

The degeneracy of the GS manifold is given by the fusion rules of  $SU(2)_k$

## Example 1: $k=1, j=1/2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H^{(2,i)} &= - \sum_{j_2 \dots j_m \neq i}^n C_{a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2}^{(2)} w_{ij} w_{ik} t_i^{a_1} t_j^{a_2} t_i^{b_1} t_k^{b_2} \\
 &= - \left[ \frac{3}{4} \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}^2 + \sum_{j \neq k (\neq i)} w_{ij} w_{ik} t_j^a t_k^a + \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}^2 t_i^a t_j^a \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$t_i^a$  spin 1/2 matrices

The inhomogenous Haldane-Shastry Hamiltonian is recovered as

$$H = \sum_i H^{(2,i)}$$

A further generalization is

$$H = \sum_i g_i H^{(2,i)}, \quad g_i \geq 0, \quad \forall i$$

## Example 2: k=2, j=1

Fusion rule  $\phi_1 \times \phi_1 = \phi_0$  yields only one conformal block

The Hamiltonian contains 3 body terms (  $t_i^a$  spin 1 matrices)

$$H^{(3)} = -4 \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2} w_{i_1 i_2}^2 - \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2} (w_{i_1 i_2}^2 + 2 \sum_{k \neq i_1 i_2} w_{k i_1} w_{k i_2}) t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2} w_{i_1 i_2}^2 (t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2 \neq i_3} w_{i_1 i_2} w_{i_1 i_3} t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a t_{i_1}^b t_{i_3}^b$$

Since  $c = 3/2 = 3 \times$  Ising model

Spin 1 field  $\rightarrow$  triplet of Majorana fermions

$$\psi_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} = \left\langle \chi_{a_1}(z_1) \cdots \chi_{a_n}(z_n) \right\rangle$$

Expect this system to have a spin gap

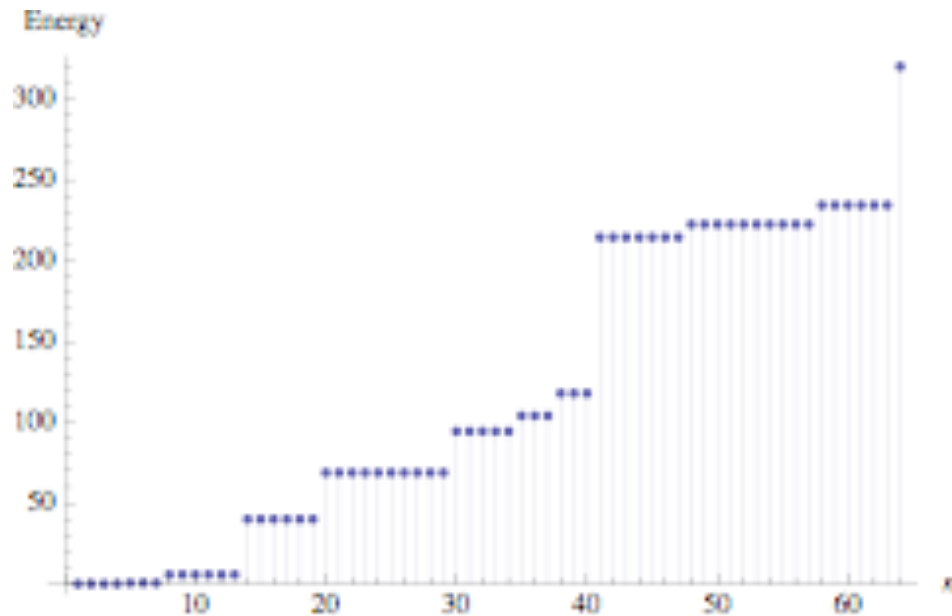
### Example 3: k=2, j=1/2

Fusion rules  $\phi_{1/2} \times \phi_{1/2} = \phi_0 + \phi_1$  dimension GS manifold is  $2^{N/2-1}$

The Hamiltonian contains 4 body terms

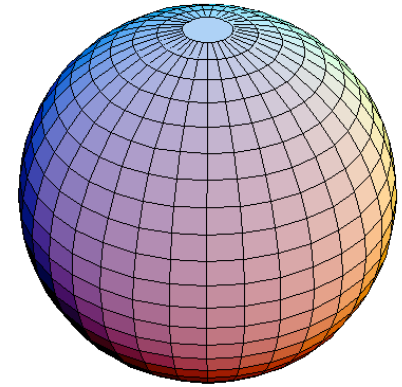
$$H = J_0 + \sum_{i_1 i_2} J_{i_1 i_2} t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a + \sum_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a t_{i_3}^b t_{i_4}^b$$

N=6  
dim GS = 4



## Example 4: $k=1, j=1/2, D=2$

$$\psi(z_1, s_1, \dots, z_N, s_N) = \prod_i \chi_{s_i} \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{s_i s_j / 4}$$



Map  $z$  into the spinor coordinates of the sphere

$$z = \frac{v}{u}, \quad u = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi/2}, \quad v = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\phi/2}$$

$$\psi(z_1, s_1, \dots, z_N, s_N) = \prod_i \chi_{s_i} \prod_{i < j} (u_i v_j - u_j v_i)^{s_i s_j / 4} = \prod_i \chi_{s_i} \prod_{i < j} (\rho_{ij})^{-s_i s_j / 4}$$

GS of the Hamiltonian

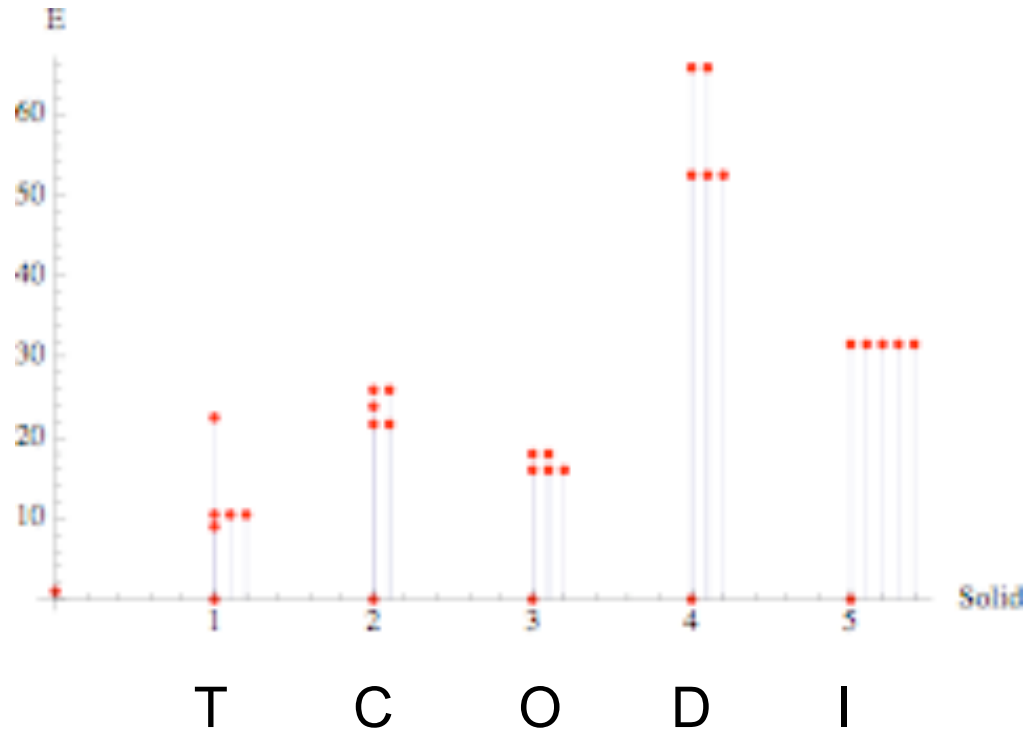
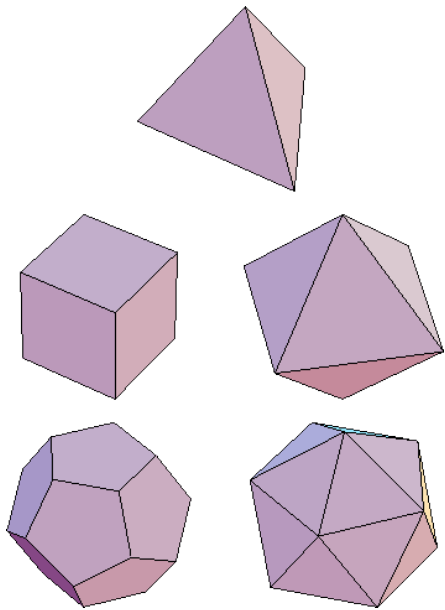
$$H = \frac{3}{4} \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2} |\rho_{i_1 i_2}|^2 + \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2} [|\rho_{i_1 i_2}|^2 + \sum_k \bar{\rho}_{k i_1} \rho_{k i_2} (\bar{u}_{i_1} u_{i_2} + \bar{v}_{i_1} v_{i_2})] t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^a$$

$$- i \sum_{i_1 \neq i_2 \neq i_3} \sum_k \bar{\rho}_{i_1 i_2} \rho_{i_1 i_3} (\bar{u}_{i_2} u_{i_3} + \bar{v}_{i_2} v_{i_3}) \varepsilon^{abc} t_{i_1}^a t_{i_2}^b t_{i_3}^c$$

$H$  is invariant under the  $SU(2)$  rotations

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

# Low energy spectrum on the Platonic Solids



## Example 5: $k=2, j=1/2$ and $1, D=2$

$$\text{SU}(2)@2 = \text{Boson} + \text{Ising}$$
$$(3/2 = 1 + 1/2)$$

spin  $j=1$  field  $\phi_{1,\pm 1}(z) = e^{\pm i\varphi(z)}$ ,  $\phi_{1,0}(z) = \chi(z)$ ,  $h_1 = h_\chi = \frac{1}{2}$

spin  $j=1/2$  field  $\phi_{1/2,\pm 1/2}(z) = \sigma(z) e^{\pm i\varphi(z)/2}$ ,  $h_\sigma = \frac{1}{16}$ ,  $h_{1/2} = \frac{3}{16}$

The conformal blocks of this WZW model can be obtained from those of the Ising model

N spins 1

$$\psi(s_1, \dots, s_N) = \chi_s \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{s_i s_j} \text{Pf}_0 \left( \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right)$$

The Pfaffian comes from the correlator of Majorana fields



## 2m Majorana + 2 $\sigma$ fields (Moore-Read)

$$\left\langle \sigma(v_1)\sigma(v_2) \prod_{i=1}^{2m} \chi(z_i) \right\rangle = 2^{-m} v_{12}^{-1/8} \prod_{i=1}^{2m} ((z_i - v_1)(z_i - v_2))^{-1/2} Pf \frac{(z_i - v_1)(z_j - v_2) + (z_i - v_2)(z_j - v_1)}{z_i - z_j}$$

## 2m Majorana + 4 $\sigma$ fields (Nayak-Wilczek)

$$\left\langle \sigma(v_1) \cdots \sigma(v_4) \prod_{i=1}^{2m} \chi(z_i) \right\rangle = C_m \prod_{a < b} v_{ab}^{-1/8} \left( \sqrt{v_{13}v_{24}} \pm \sqrt{v_{14}v_{23}} \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\times \left[ \sqrt{v_{13}v_{24}} Pf \frac{h_{(13)(24)}(z_i, z_j)}{z_i - z_j} \pm \sqrt{v_{14}v_{23}} Pf \frac{h_{(14)(23)}(z_i, z_j)}{z_i - z_j} \right]$$

$$h_{(ab)(cd)}(z_i, z_j) = \left[ \frac{(z_i - v_a)(z_i - v_b)(z_j - v_c)(z_j - v_d)}{(z_i - v_c)(z_i - v_d)(z_j - v_a)(z_j - v_b)} \right]^{1/2} + (i \leftrightarrow j)$$

Based on these expressions we have found a general formula for arbitrary number of Majorana and  $\sigma$  fields

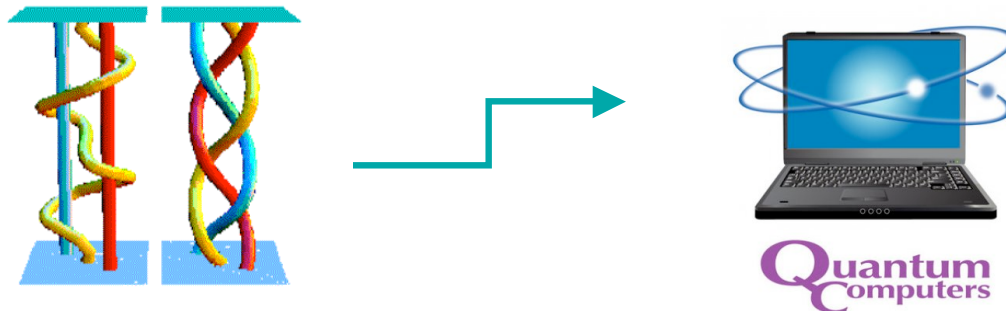
The later conformal blocks have appeared in connection with the Fractional Quantum Hall effect at filling fraction  $5/2$ . This is the so called Pfaffian state due to Moore and Read.

### FQHE/CFT correspondence

$$\text{electron} = \chi(z) e^{i\sqrt{2}\varphi(z)} \quad \text{quasihole} \rightarrow \sigma(z) e^{\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}\varphi(z)}$$

Quasiholes are non abelian anyons because their wave Functions (conformal blocks) mix under braiding of their positions.

Basis for Topological Quantum Computation  
(braids  $\rightarrow$  gates)



FQHE → Spin Hamiltonians

electron → spin 1  
quasihole → spin 1/2

slow braid of  
quasiholes → adiabatic  
change of H

Under appropriate conditions this will mix the GS wave functions in terms of the braiding matrices.

Holonomy = Monodromy (Wilczek, Wen, Read,...)

This may provide a “spin” scenario of TQC analogous to the FQHE

## Conclusions

- Using CFT we extended the MPS to infinite dimensional matrices
- Description of critical and non critical systems
- Generalization of the Haldane-Shastry model in several directions
  - 1) inhomogeneous
  - 2) higher spin
  - 3) degenerate ground states
  - 4) 2D: sphere
- Constructed the conformal blocks of the Ising model and  $SU(2)_2$

## Prospects

- Physics of the higher spin and degenerate Hamiltonians
- Show if holonomy = monodromy
- Infinite dimensional version of PEPS