

3-fermion topological quantum computation

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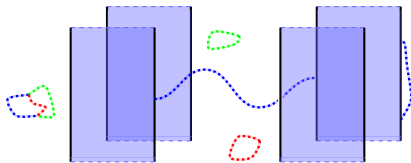
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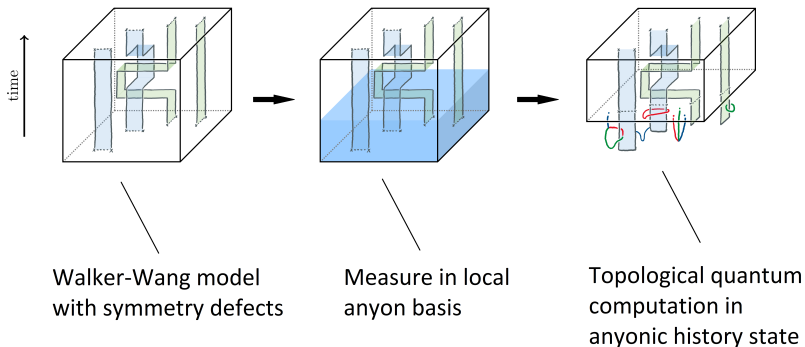
Motivation: Fault-tolerant quantum computation

- Topological quantum computation is very promising for scalable, fault-tolerant QC.
- Fault-tolerance overheads still very large.
 - Logic gates heavily restricted: Eastin–Knill '08, Bravyi–Koenig '12, Beverland *et al.* '14
- Rich topological phases in 2D and 3D still relatively unexplored.



Main result

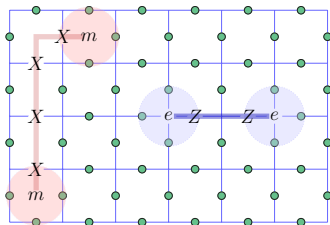
- For an abelian anyon theory \mathcal{C} (e.g. 3-Fermion) with symmetry S



Ingredients of topological quantum computation

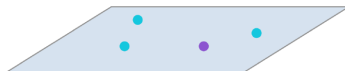
- Anyons = excitations of 2D local Hamiltonians (e.g. toric code).

$$H_{TC} = -\sum_p \begin{bmatrix} Z & Z \\ Z & Z \end{bmatrix} - \sum_v \begin{bmatrix} X \\ X + X \\ X \end{bmatrix}$$



- Strings can be interpreted as the world-lines of anyons

- Set of anyons
 $\mathcal{C} = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$



- Fusion rules



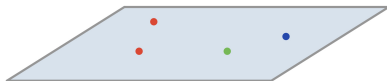
- Braiding rules



The 3-Fermion theory

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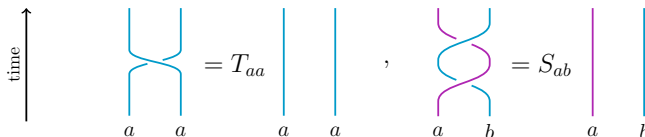
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- Abelian ($\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$) fusion rules:

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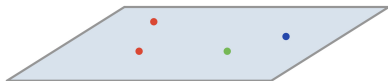
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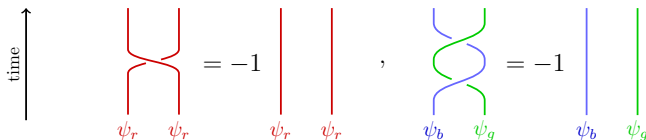
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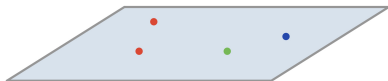
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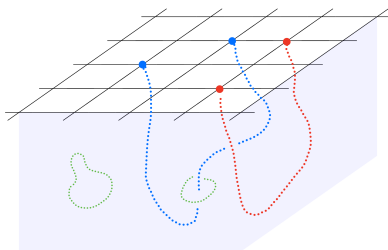
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$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \psi_r & \psi_g & \psi_b \\ 1 & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \psi_r \\ \psi_g \\ \psi_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \psi_r & \psi_g & \psi_b \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \psi_r \\ \psi_g \\ \psi_b \end{pmatrix}.$$

3-Fermion – where's the lattice?

- No 2D stabilizer model realising 3-Fermion
 - More generally, no 2D commuting projector model
 - Obstruction due to chiral central charge



- Can be realised on the surface of a 3D spin model (later..)

- Problem:
 - Abelian anyon theories offer no computational power.
- Solution:
 - Enrich the theory with symmetry.
 - Find non-abelian behaviour in “twist defects”.

3-Fermion anyon symmetry

- An automorphism $S : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ preserving braiding and fusion rules.
- For the 3-Fermion theory, all three fermions are identical – can be permuted

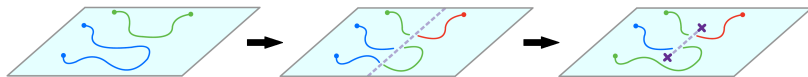
$$S_3 \cong \{(), (rg), (gb), (rb), (rgb), (rbg)\},$$

$$s \cdot 1 = 1, \quad s \cdot \psi_c = \psi_{s \cdot c}, \quad s \in S_3, \quad c \in \{\textcolor{red}{r}, \textcolor{green}{g}, \textcolor{blue}{b}\}.$$

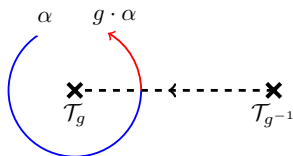
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Twist defects

- Symmetry enriched theory $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_{3F} \oplus \mathcal{C}_{S_3}$
- \mathcal{C}_{S_3} describes theory of twists
 - Labelled by elements $s \in S_3$
 - Can be represented on the lattice as defects



- Non-abelian fusion and braiding rules.
- Interaction with 3-fermion anyons upon monodromy.

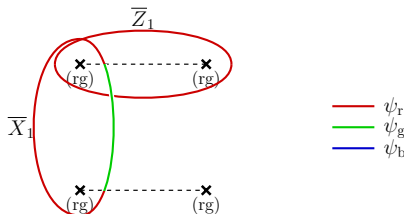


Encoding in symmetry defects

- Twists \mathcal{T}_s labelled by $s \in S_3$.
- Encode logical information in two pairs of twists, e.g.

$$\mathcal{T}_{(rg)} \times \mathcal{T}_{(rg)} = 1 + \psi_b,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{(rgb)} \times \mathcal{T}_{(rbg)} = 1 + \psi_r + \psi_g + \psi_b.$$

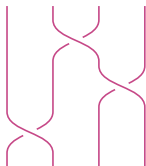


- Encode one logical qubit if $s = (rg), (gb), (rb)$
- Encode two logical qubits if $s = (rgb), (rbg)$

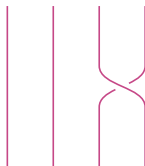
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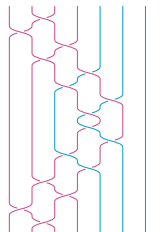
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Controlled-Z gate

- Universal fault-tolerant gateset via distillation $\rho_T^{\otimes n} \xrightarrow[\text{Clifford}]{} \rho'_T \approx |T\rangle\langle T|$.
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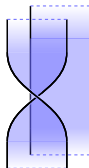
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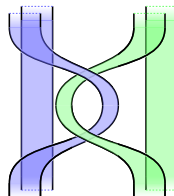
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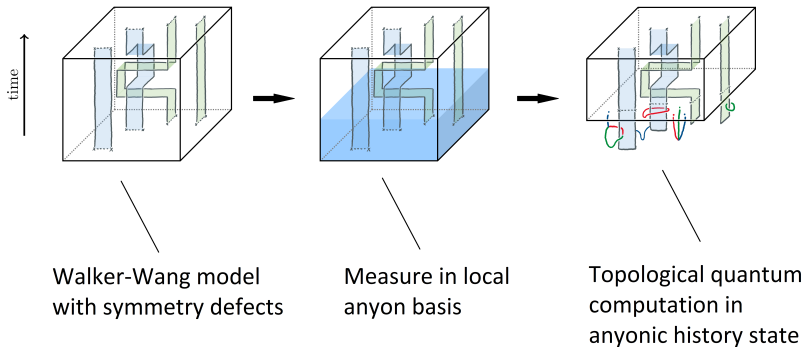
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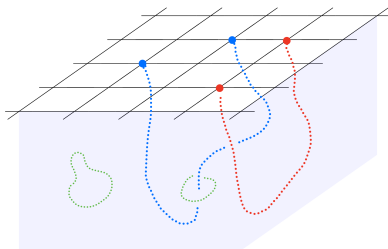
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Walker–Wang measurement-based quantum computation



Walker–Wang states

- Input:
 - Anyon theory \mathcal{C} with braiding and fusion rules.
 - 3-Manifold discretized on a lattice
- Output: commuting projector Hamiltonian H with
 - Ground state consists of superposition over anyon trajectories.
 - \mathcal{C} appearing as excitations on the boundary.



The 3-Fermion Walker–Wang Hamiltonian

- Two qubits per link on a cubic lattice
- Stabilizer model

	σ	τ
—	1	$ ++\rangle$
—	ψ_r	$ - + \rangle$
—	ψ_g	$ + - \rangle$
—	ψ_b	$ - - \rangle$

$$H_{3F} = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p$$

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A vertex operator diagram for $A_v^{(\psi_r)}$. It consists of six lines meeting at a central point. Three lines extend horizontally (left, right, and down), and three extend diagonally (up-left, up-right, and down-right). All six lines are labeled with σ^X .

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The 3-Fermion Walker–Wang ground state

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{\text{closed anyon diagrams}} \phi(\text{diagram}) | \text{diagram} \rangle$$

closed anyon diagrams

(−1)^{linking# + writhe#}

— 1 = |++⟩

— $\psi_r = |--\rangle$

— $\psi_g = |+-\rangle$

— $\psi_b = |--\rangle$

- Consistent with the 3-fermion braid relations

$$\phi(\text{red crossing}) = (-1)\phi(\text{red uncrossing}) \quad \phi(\text{green crossing}) = (-1)\phi(\text{green uncrossing})$$

- Enforced by star and plaquette terms

$$A_v^{(\psi_r)} = \text{star operator diagram}$$

A vertex operator diagram for $A_v^{(\psi_r)}$ showing four red lines meeting at a central vertex. The lines are labeled with σ^X on the horizontal and vertical axes, and σ^Z on the diagonal axes.

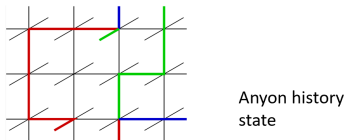
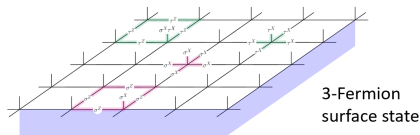
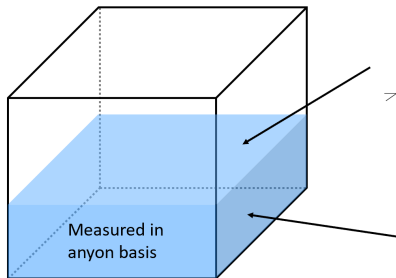
$$B_f^{(\psi_r)} = \text{plaquette operator diagram}$$

A plaquette operator diagram for $B_f^{(\psi_r)}$ showing a square loop of red lines. The edges are labeled with σ^Z and σ^X operators. The diagram includes a central vertex and four corner vertices, with additional lines extending from the corners.

3-Fermion Walker–Wang MBQC

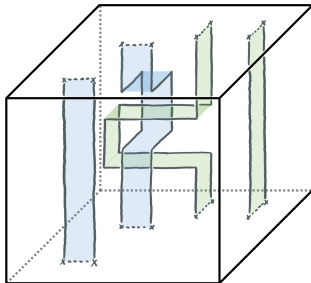
- To prepare and propagate surface states, we measure in the local anyon basis on each link
 - Measure σ^X and τ^X , random outcome from

$$\{|\mathbf{1}\rangle = |++\rangle, |\psi_r\rangle = | - + \rangle, |\psi_g\rangle = | + - \rangle, |\psi_b\rangle = | -- \rangle\}$$



- Prepare surface state with random configurations of fermions.

3-Fermion Walker–Wang MBQC



- For logical gates

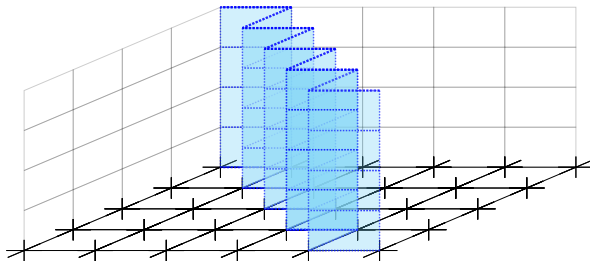
Quantum Circuit $C \rightarrow$ Defect Hamiltonian $H_{3F}(C)$

Symmetries and defects – domain walls

- First lift anyon symmetry to (Clifford) lattice symmetry

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- Domain wall creation – apply restriction of symmetry $U(s)|_R$



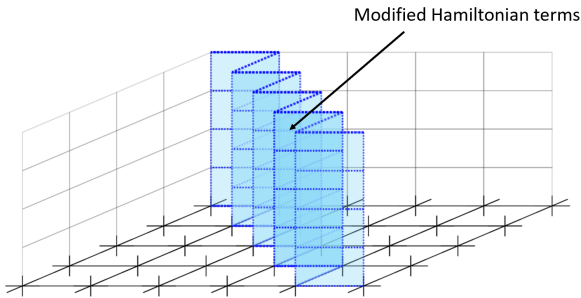
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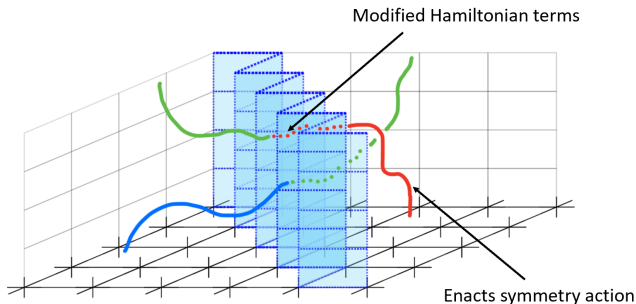
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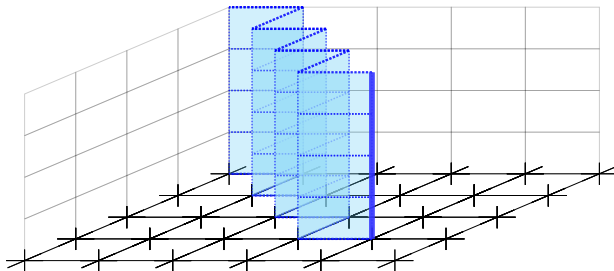
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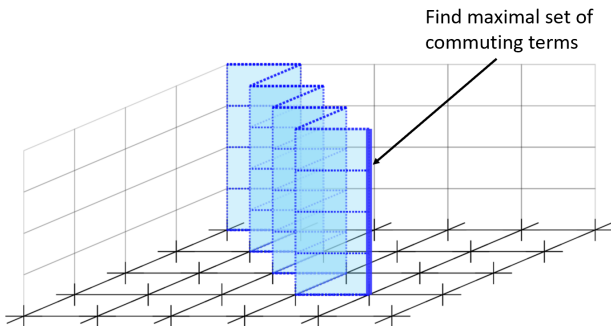
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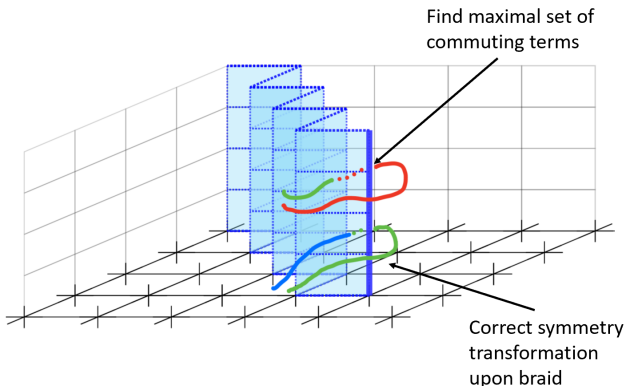
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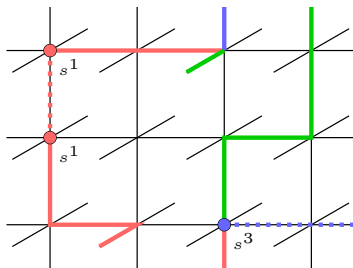
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- Pauli errors and measurement errors lead to creation of fermion string segments
 - Detected by violations of fermion parity



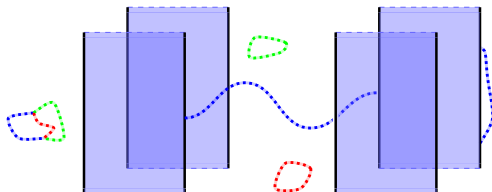
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- Decode by restoring anyon parity: vertex matching
 - Minimum weight pair matching Dennis, Kitaev, Landahl, Preskill '02

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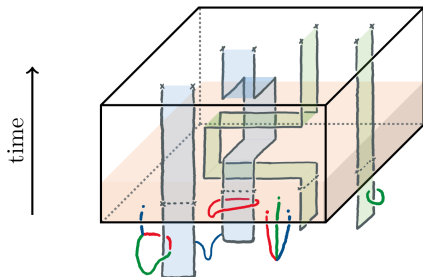
- Logical error \iff Error \cup Recovery alters twist charge
 - Suppressed exponentially in twist separation.



- Bulk decoding problem identical to that of the toric code and topological cluster model.
 - Threshold of 4.4% for depolarizing noise.

Remark: implementable in a 2D architecture

- Only a constant width window of the 3D Walker–Wang ground state needs to be active at any time-step.

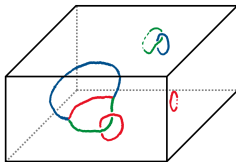


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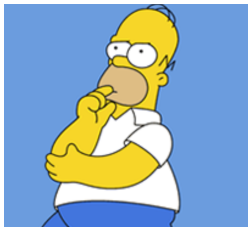
- New classes of models for topological MBQC.
- Stepping stone to exploring more interesting phases for computation.
- Can embed defect theory in 2D subsystem code of Bombín.

Future work

- Non-abelian anyon theories?
 - talk on Fibonacci by Schotte, Zhu, Burgelman, Verstraete.
- Adiabatic measurement-based quantum computation.
- Domain walls between different phases for non-Clifford?
- Comparison of distillation overheads to toric-based.
- MBQC throughout 1-form symmetry-protected topological phase.

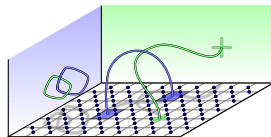
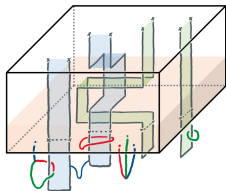


Questions?



Comparison with toric code Walker–Wang

- Can reproduce the Raussendorf *et al.* cluster-state model using toric code anyon theory $\mathcal{C}_{TC} = \{1, e, m, \epsilon\}$ as input.



3-Fermion Walker–Wang

- Surface state = 3-fermion
- Global symmetry S_3
- 1-form symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- No $(1 + 1)$ D gapped boundaries
- Clifford complete braiding and fusion of twists

Toric Code Walker–Wang

- Surface state = Toric code
- Global symmetry \mathbb{Z}_2
- 1-form symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- Two types of $(1 + 1)$ D gapped boundaries
- Topological charge projections required to complete Cliffords