

Trivial and non trivial orders in low dimensional Hubbard-like systems

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Plan of the talk

- Nonlocal orders in spin 1 & extended Bose Hubbard models
- Parity and string orders in 1D Hubbard model
- SPT phases classification of spin-charge decoupled SG models
- Correspondence with group cohomology classification
- beyond 1D case: the 2D Mott insulator

Can order be described just by local observables?

- characterization of **long range order**: two point correlation function of a **local observables** non-zero in the thermodynamic limit

$$C(x - y) = \langle \mathcal{O}^\dagger(x) \mathcal{O}(y) \rangle \xrightarrow{|x-y| \rightarrow \infty} \text{const}$$

- $\mathcal{O}(x)$ orders in the low temperature phase \rightarrow SSB: $\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \rangle$ **local order parameter** goes to zero at phase transition
- **true** also for quantum 1D systems upon replacing local operators with nonlocal **strings**

$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \prod_{j < x} e^{i\alpha S(y)} S(x)$$

Haldane string order in spin 1 models

- **Haldane conjecture**: the **Heisenberg model** is gapped for integer spin, gapless otherwise (83)
- Den Nijs and Rommelse (89): in the gapped phase, the non vanishing correlation functions are **nonlocal strings**, built from SU(2) symmetry generators

$$O_{\text{string}}^{\alpha} = \lim_{|j-k| \rightarrow \infty} \omega \left(-S_j^{\alpha} \exp \left[i\pi \sum_{l=j+1}^{k-1} S_l^{\alpha} \right] S_k^{\alpha} \right).$$

- rigorously proved for a similar S=1 model, the **AKLT model** (87), an integrable bilinear biquadratic Heisenberg model

Some **microscopic DOF order** in the background of the others

$$| \textcolor{brown}{1} \textcolor{gray}{00} -1 \textcolor{gray}{000} 1 \textcolor{gray}{0} -1 \dots \rangle$$

$$+ | \textcolor{gray}{0} 1 \textcolor{gray}{0} -1 \textcolor{gray}{00} 1 -1 \dots \rangle \dots$$

ignoring 0's
+1 and -1 are
alternated

Order parameter breaks a hidden $Z_2 \times Z_2$ discrete symmetry of the Hamiltonian.

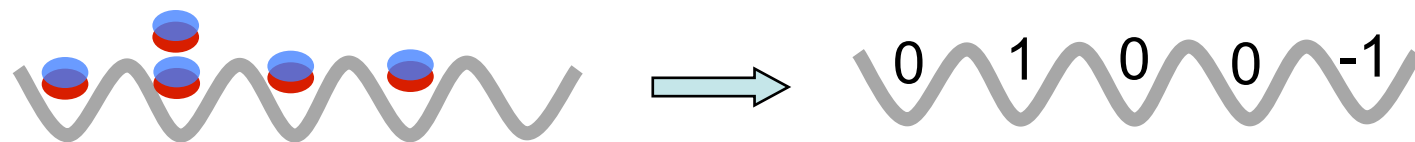
Kennedy Tasaki ('92)

Q: when different spin 1 Hamiltonian (for instance Heisenberg & AKLT) have same gapped Haldane phases?

A: when they can be deformed continuously into each other without breaking the symmetries

Extended Bose Hubbard as spin 1 model

$$H = -t \sum_i (b_i^\dagger b_{i+1} + H.c.) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) + \sum_{i,r} \frac{V}{r^3} n_i n_{i+r}$$



$$S_i^z = n_i - \bar{n} = \delta n_i$$

low energy regime \rightarrow 3 occupations per site, only particle-hole conserving terms.

$$H_{eff} = J \sum_i (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^- + H.c.) + \sum_i V S_i^z S_j^z + \frac{U}{2} (S_i^z)^2$$

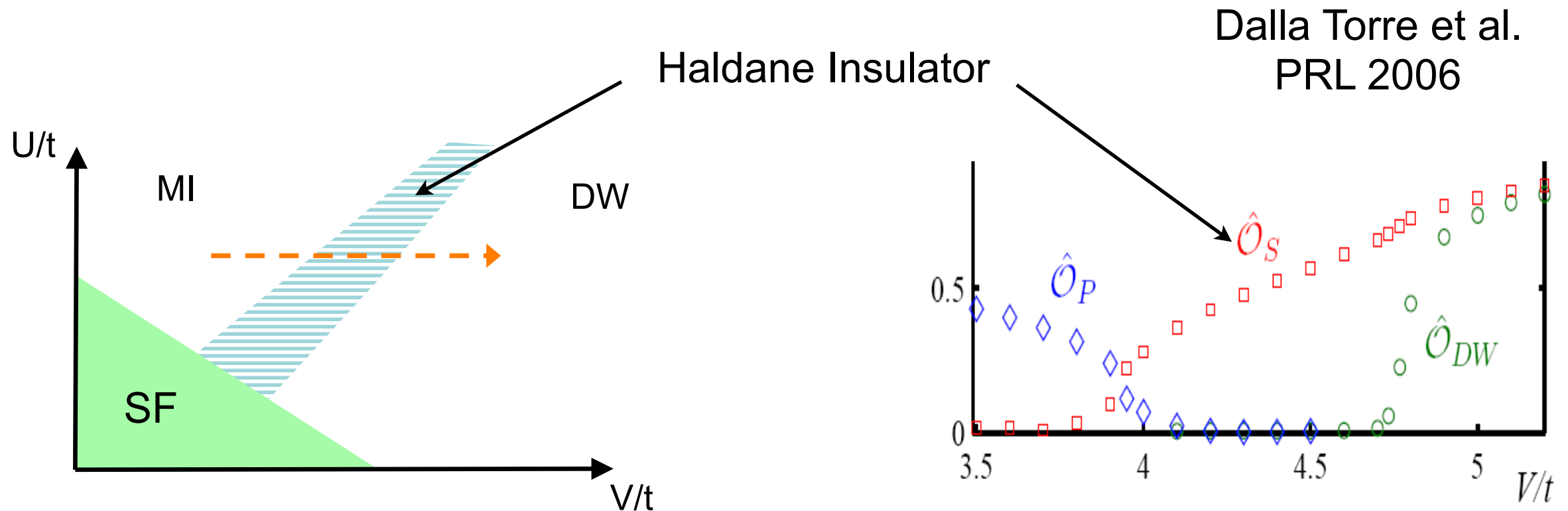
lambda-D model

Symmetries: $S^z = \sum_i S_i^z = \sum_i \delta n_i$, $S_i^z \rightarrow -S_i^z$

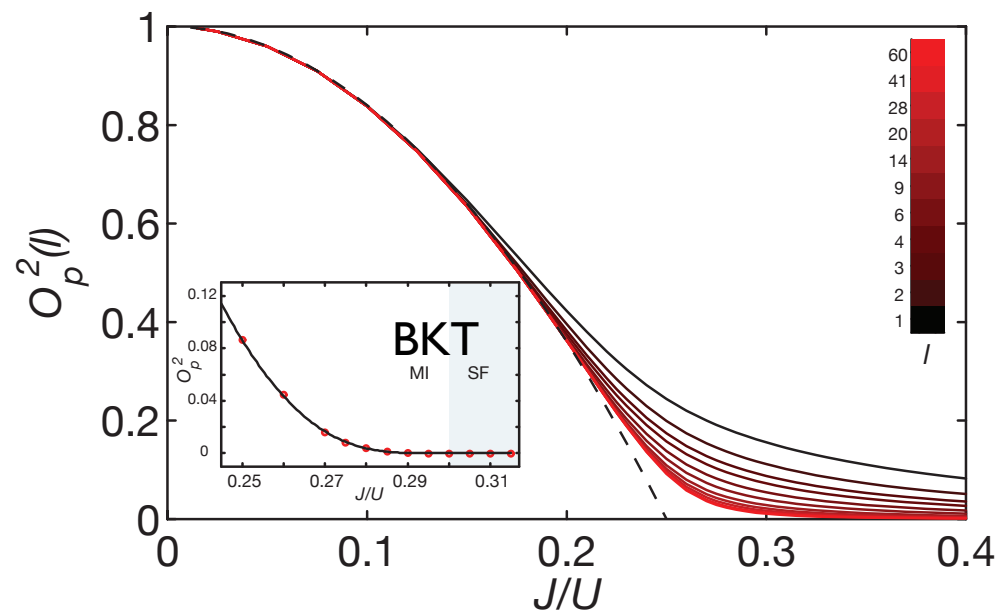
string order

parity order

$$C_S = \mathcal{O}_S^2 \equiv \lim_{|i-j| \rightarrow \infty} \langle \delta n_i \prod_{i < l < j} (-1)^{\delta n_l} \delta n_j \rangle \neq 0 \quad C_P = \mathcal{O}_P^2 \equiv \lim_{|i-j| \rightarrow \infty} \langle \prod_{i < l < j} (-1)^{\delta n_l} \rangle \neq 0$$

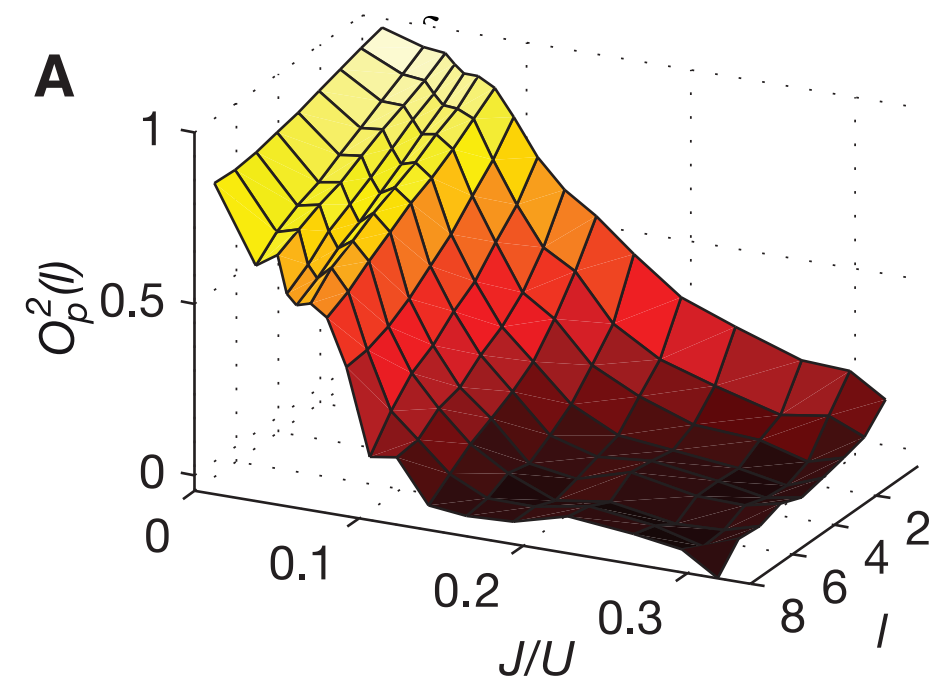


- U and t (J) terms can be tuned independently in optical lattices
- in situ imaging allows to observe on site density fluctuations and to measure experimentally the average value of **nonlocal parity operator** (pure Bose Hubbard)



Endres et al.
Science 2011

$V=0$



The Hubbard model: Mott and Luther-Emery Liquid gapped phases

- Is there nonlocal order in the **Hubbard model** for 1D fermions?

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i\sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1,\sigma} + c_{i+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

- more symmetries-> **more possible nonlocal orders?**
- two gapped phases: **Mott insulator** ($U>0$, half-filling, open charge gap), **Luther Emery liquid** ($U<0$, zero magnetization, open spin gap)
- **BKT** (-> infinite order) quantum phase transitions

The Hubbard Model: spin and charge parity

- Haldane-like string correlations are vanishing (Anfuso Rosh, PRB 2008)
- What happens to nonlocal parity correlations?
- Introduce nonlocal **charge and spin parity operators**

$$O_P^{(\nu)}(r) = \prod_{j=1}^r e^{2i\pi S_{z,j}^{(\nu)}}$$

- their correlation function reads:

$$C_P^{(\nu)}(r) = \left\langle \prod_{j=i}^{i+r} e^{2i\pi S_{z,j}^{(\nu)}} \right\rangle$$

$$\nu = c, s,$$

$$S_{z,i}^{(c)} = \frac{1}{2} (n_{i,\uparrow} + n_{i,\downarrow} - 1)$$

->charge parity

$$S_{z,i}^{(s)} = \frac{1}{2} (n_{i,\uparrow} - n_{i,\downarrow})$$

->spin parity

The Hubbard model: bosonization

- bosonized Hamiltonian decouples spin and charge dof in two **sine-Gordon models**. In the charge channel:

$$H_c = \int dx \left\{ \frac{v_c}{2\pi} \left[K_c \pi \Pi_c^2 + \frac{1}{K_c} (\partial_x \Phi_c)^2 \right] - \frac{2U}{(2\pi\alpha)^2} \cos(\sqrt{8}\Phi_c) \right\}$$

with

$$v_c = v_F \left(1 + \frac{U}{\pi v_F} \right)^{1/2}, \quad K_c = \left(1 + \frac{U}{\pi v_F} \right)^{-1/2}$$

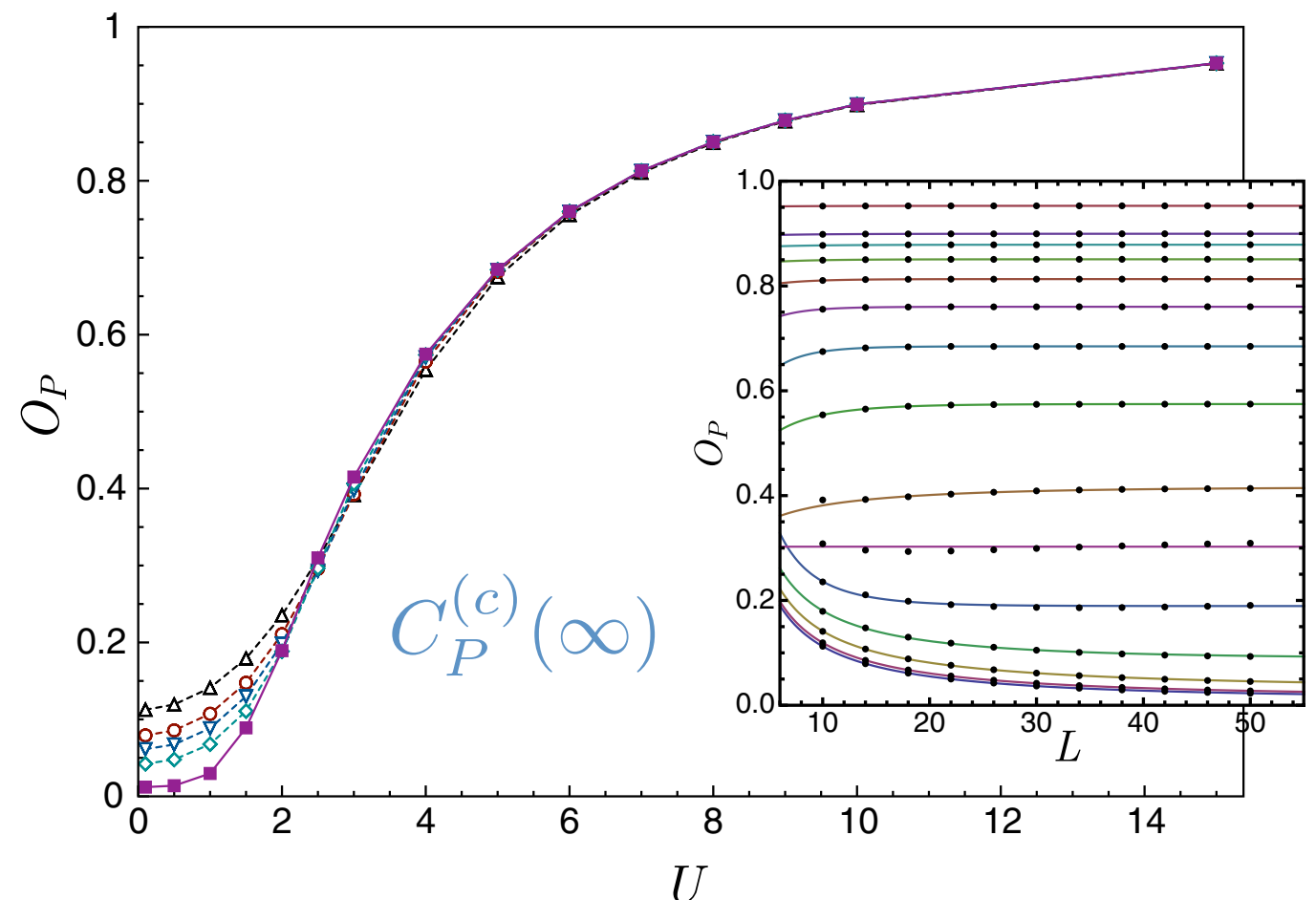
- due to **particle-hole symmetry**, substituting $U \rightarrow -U$ and $c \rightarrow s$ one obtains also H_s at arbitrary-filling and zero magnetization
- For $U > 0$ a charge gap opens (**MI**) when the charge field pins to 0. For $U < 0$ the same holds for the spin gap (**LEL**) and field.

- charge and spin parity correlations (r continuum) become:

$$C_P^{(\nu)}(r) \approx \langle \cos[\sqrt{2}\Phi_\nu(r)] \cos[\sqrt{2}\Phi_\nu(0)] \rangle.$$

- for locked $\Phi_\nu = 0$ then $O_P^{(\nu)} \neq 0$, 0 in the unlocked case
- the parity correlation functions configure as order parameters for the gapped phases

AM, M Roncaglia (PRL, 2012)



Cartoon: parity orders

- **Mott insulator**: the sum on each site of fluctuations from half-filling should remain as close as possible to zero-> **holon-doublon pairs of finite correlation length**

doublon-
holon pairs

$$| \uparrow \textcircled{0} \textcircled{2} \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \textcircled{2} \textcircled{0} \uparrow \downarrow \rangle + | \uparrow \textcircled{2} \textcircled{0} \downarrow \uparrow \textcircled{2} \textcircled{0} \downarrow \uparrow \rangle + \dots$$

- **Luther Emery Liquid**: the same holds for fluctuations with respect to zero magnetization-> **correlated pairs of single electrons with up and down spin**

$$| 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ \uparrow \textcircled{0} \downarrow \ 2 \ 0 \ \downarrow \textcircled{0} \uparrow \rangle + | 2 \ 0 \ \downarrow \textcircled{0} \uparrow \ 2 \ 0 \ 2 \ \uparrow \textcircled{0} \downarrow \rangle + \dots$$

up-down pairs

Sine-Gordon model and 1D fermionic systems

- **low energy behavior** of many 1D interacting quantum systems in the continuum limit described by 2 decoupled **spin and charge** SG models

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\nu=c,s} \left(H_0^{(\nu)} + \frac{2g_\nu}{(2\pi\alpha)^2} \int dx \cos[q_\nu \sqrt{8} \Phi_\nu(x)] \right) = \sum_{\nu=c,s} \mathcal{H}_{SG}^{(\nu)}$$

- **interaction** may a **gap** in two ways in each channel (charge/spin), depending on sign of gc/gs (for spin preserving Hamiltonian gs<0)
- to analyze the **full phase diagram** bosonize also spin and charge **string correlators**,

$$O_S^{(\nu)}(j) = S_j^{(\nu)} \prod_{l=1}^{j-1} e^{i\pi S_l^{(\nu)}} \longrightarrow C_S^{(\nu)}(x) = \langle \sin \sqrt{2} \Phi_\nu(0) \sin \sqrt{2} \Phi_\nu(x) \rangle$$

example: phases classification with SU(2) spin symmetry

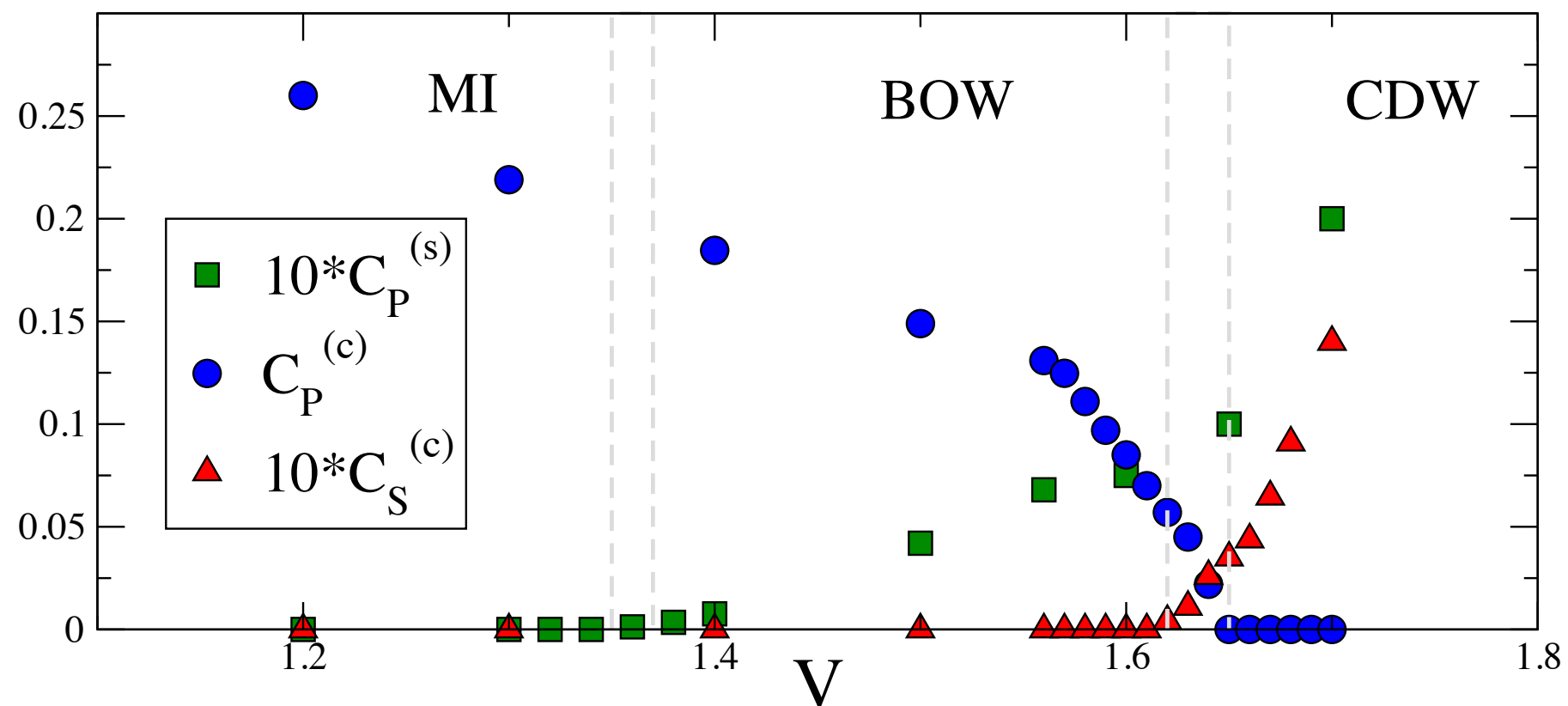
- parity and/or string non-local order parameters can be **non-zero** in TDL when the **bosonic fields** pins to appropriate values

| | $q\sqrt{2}\Phi_c$ | $\sqrt{2}\Phi_s$ | Δ_c | Δ_s | LRO |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| LL | u | u | 0 | 0 | none |
| LE | u | 0 | 0 | open | $O_P^{(s)}$ |
| MI | 0 | u | open | 0 | $O_P^{(c)}$ |
| HI | $\pi/2$ | u | open | 0 | $O_S^{(c)}$ |
| BOW | 0 | 0 | open | open | $O_P^{(c)}, O_P^{(s)}$ |
| CDW | $\pi/2$ | 0 | open | open | $O_S^{(c)}, O_P^{(s)}$ |

charge
non-local
string order

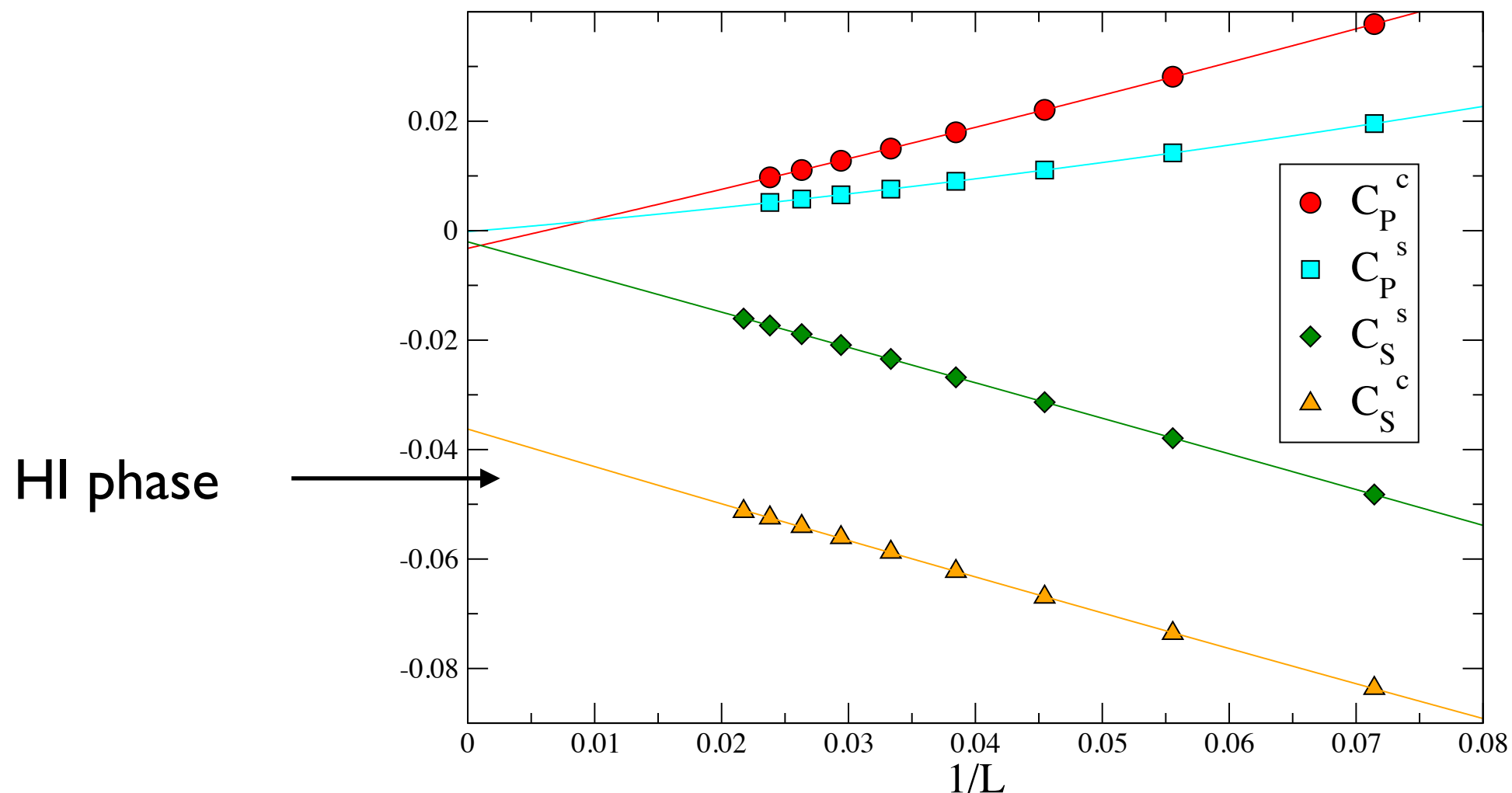
Application: DMRG investigation of nonlocal order in extended Hubbard model at half-filling

$$H = -t \sum_{j\sigma} (c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) \\ + U \sum_j n_{j\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow} + V \sum_j n_j n_{j+1}$$



example: Haldane charge order

- describes an **insulator** different from conventional Mott-Hubbard
- at half-filling in extended Hubbard models with **correlated hopping**, or in presence of **3- and 4-body terms**
- charge field pins to nonzero value



Symmetry protection of phases of 2 decoupled SG models

- In each channel, the U(1) symmetry implies 2 gapped+1 gapless phases
- **Q**: when the two gapped phases are distinct?
- **A**: when symmetry prevents passing from one to the other without closing the gap
- -> avoid terms proportional to $\sin(\alpha\phi_\nu)$
- **particle-hole** (&time reversal in spin channel) **symmetry** protects the Haldane phase:

$$P\phi_\nu P^{-1} = -\phi_\nu$$

Fractional edge modes

- $\sqrt{2}\Phi_\nu = \pm\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{non-vanishing string order}$
- **fractionalized edge modes** appears also in the SG model, at the interface x with the trivial phase

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} [S_\nu^z(x) - S_\nu^z(x-a)] = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} [\phi_\nu(x) - \phi_\nu(x-a)] = \pm \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Phi_\nu = 2\sqrt{\pi}\phi_\nu$$

- kink with **half spin**/charge of the corresponding dof
- **degeneracy** in energy at half-filling/zero magnetization

- in each gapped phase ν -parity on the chain of length l can be factorized in its left and right components:

$$\mathcal{P}^\nu \doteq \mathcal{O}_P^\nu(l) = e^{i\sqrt{2\pi}[\phi_\nu(l) - \phi_\nu(0)]} \equiv \mathcal{P}_L^\nu \mathcal{P}_R^\nu \quad X = L, R$$

- in the Haldane phase $\sqrt{2}\Phi_\nu = \pm\frac{\pi}{2}$ these components have **anomalous commutation** relation with P :

$$P\mathcal{P}_X^\nu = -\mathcal{P}_X^\nu P$$

- whereas for $\phi_\nu = 0$

$$P\mathcal{P}_X^\nu = \mathcal{P}_X^\nu P$$

Group cohomology classification

$$P\mathcal{P}_X^\nu = \lambda_\nu \mathcal{P}_X^\nu P \quad , \quad \lambda_\nu = \pm 1$$

- -1 and +1 denote the **non trivial and trivial phases** respectively
- anomalous commutation relations at the edge \leftrightarrow 2 distinct **projective representations** of the symmetry group G

$$G \equiv U(1) \rtimes Z_2$$

- semidirect product denotes the nontrivial commutation relation

$$P U_\nu(\beta) = U_\nu(-\beta) P.$$

- the two projective representations are distinct elements (under symmetry protection) of the **second cohomology group** \rightarrow phases are **distinct**

SPT phases classification of spin+charge SG, U(1)+U(1) symm

| | $\sqrt{8\pi}\phi_c$ | $\sqrt{8\pi}\phi_s$ | NLO | SP | GCC |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|--|------|------------------------------|
| LE | u | 0 | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^s$ | triv | $\lambda_s = 1$ |
| MI | 0 | u | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^c$ | triv | $\lambda_c = 1$ |
| HLE | u | $\pm\pi$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^c$ | P,T | $\lambda_s = -1$ |
| HI | $\pm\pi$ | u | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^c$ | P | $\lambda_c = -1$ |
| BOW | 0 | 0 | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^c, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^s$ | triv | $\lambda_s = 1 = \lambda_c$ |
| CDW | $\pm\pi$ | 0 | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^c, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^s$ | P | $\lambda_s = 1 = -\lambda_c$ |
| SDW | 0 | $\pm\pi$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}^c, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^s$ | P,T | $\lambda_c = 1 = -\lambda_s$ |
| BSDW | $\pm\pi$ | $\pm\pi$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^c, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}}^s$ | P | $\lambda_s = -1 = \lambda_c$ |

spin and
charge
non-trivial
phases

AM et al., PRB 2017

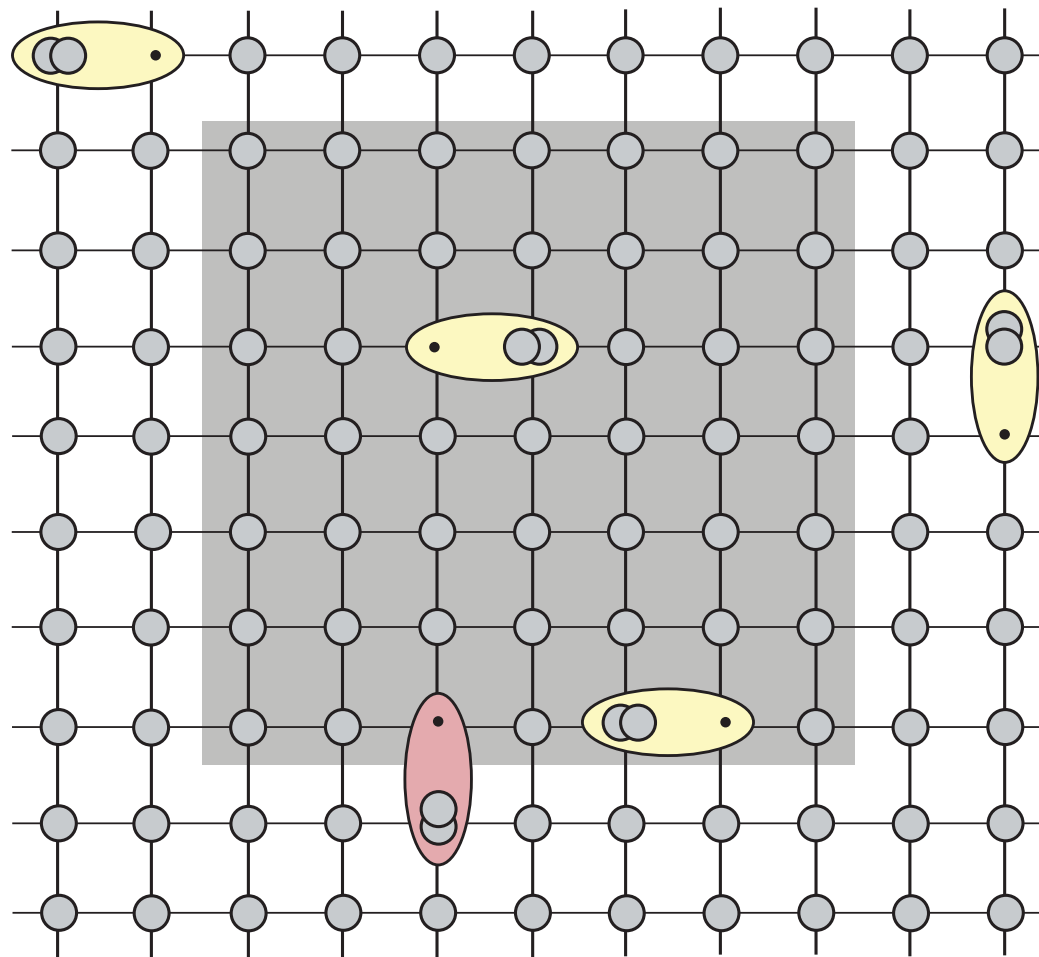
even in absence of p-h symmetry
of the microscopic Hamiltonian

Trivial and non-trivial phases

- **non trivial phase**: particle-hole symmetry implies to flip simultaneously the parity at the two edges -> **nonlocal** nature of the state
- a **trivial** state can be connected by symmetry preserving transformations to a **separable** state; otherwise it is non trivial
- both trivial and non trivial states in 1D can be written as MPS -> unique ground state of **parent Hamiltonian**
- phases are **distinct** when they cannot be connected by transformations preserving symmetries of the Hamiltonian
- to which extent previous classification holds at the level of microscopic Hamiltonians? -> classification of phases in the **strong coupling limit**

Results on 2D case

- **Bose-Hubbard** model: product of site parities within area \mathcal{D} decays exponentially to zero with a **perimeter law** in MI phase, with super-exponential decay in SF phase

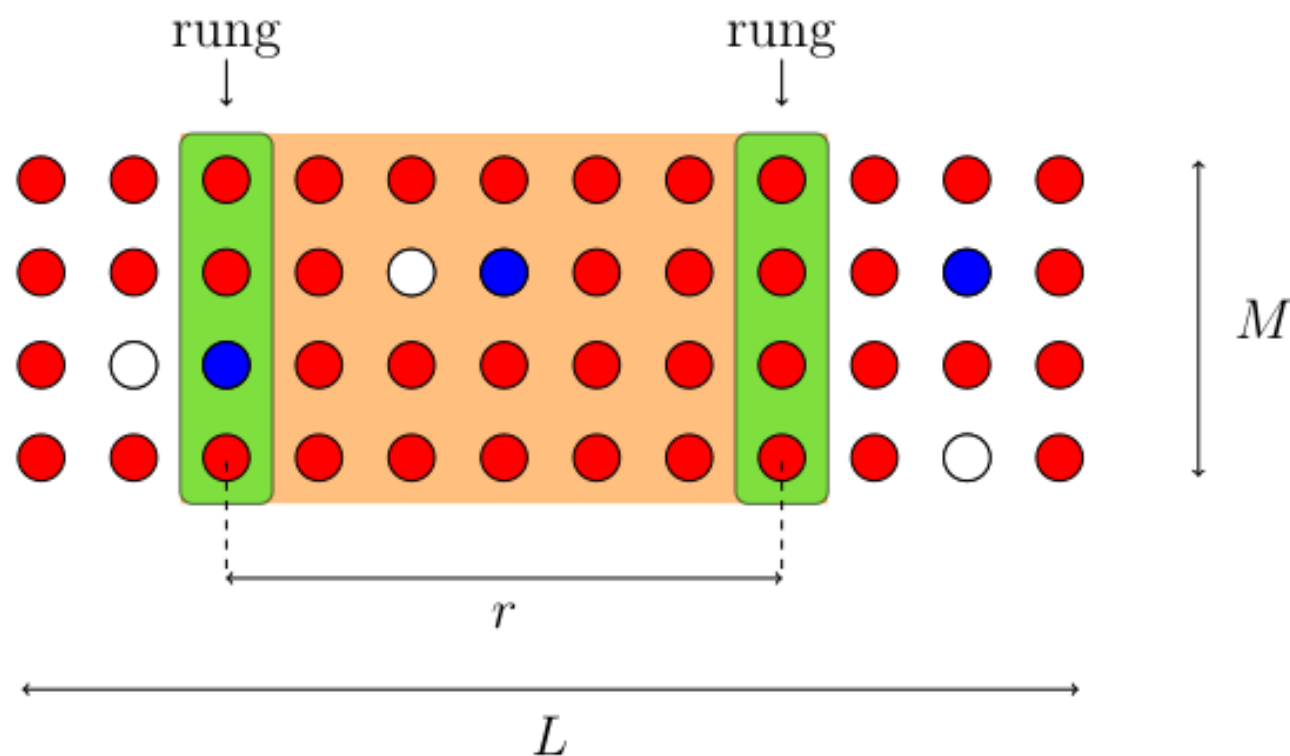


Rath, Simeth, Endres,
Zwerger, Ann. Phys. 2013

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^2(\mathcal{D}) \rangle = \left\langle e^{i\pi \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} (\hat{n}_i - \bar{n})} \right\rangle$$

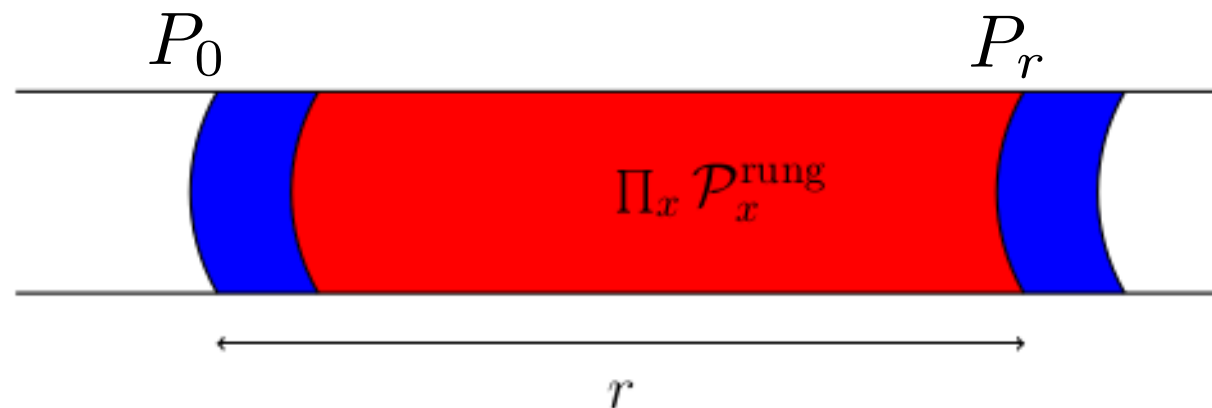
- the physical mechanism is expected to be the same as in 1D: is it possible to characterize MI phase with non-zero order parameter in 2D?

- introduce **rung parity** $P_R(M) = e^{i\pi\delta N_R}$, $\delta N_R = \sum_{j=1}^M \delta n_{R,j}$



- > **brane parity** $C_P(r, M) = \langle \prod_{R=1}^r P_R(M) \rangle$

2D parity



$$C_P(M) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} C_P(r, M)$$

$$C_P = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} C_P(M)$$

- **leaking** from borders: multiple broken holon-doublon pairs change arbitrarily the phase \rightarrow decay to zero
- normalize the phase \rightarrow **fractional** brane **parity**

$$C_P^{(\theta)}(M) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \prod_{R=1}^M [P_R(M)]^{\frac{\theta}{\pi}} \right\rangle$$

S. Fazzini, F. Becca, AM,
PRL '17

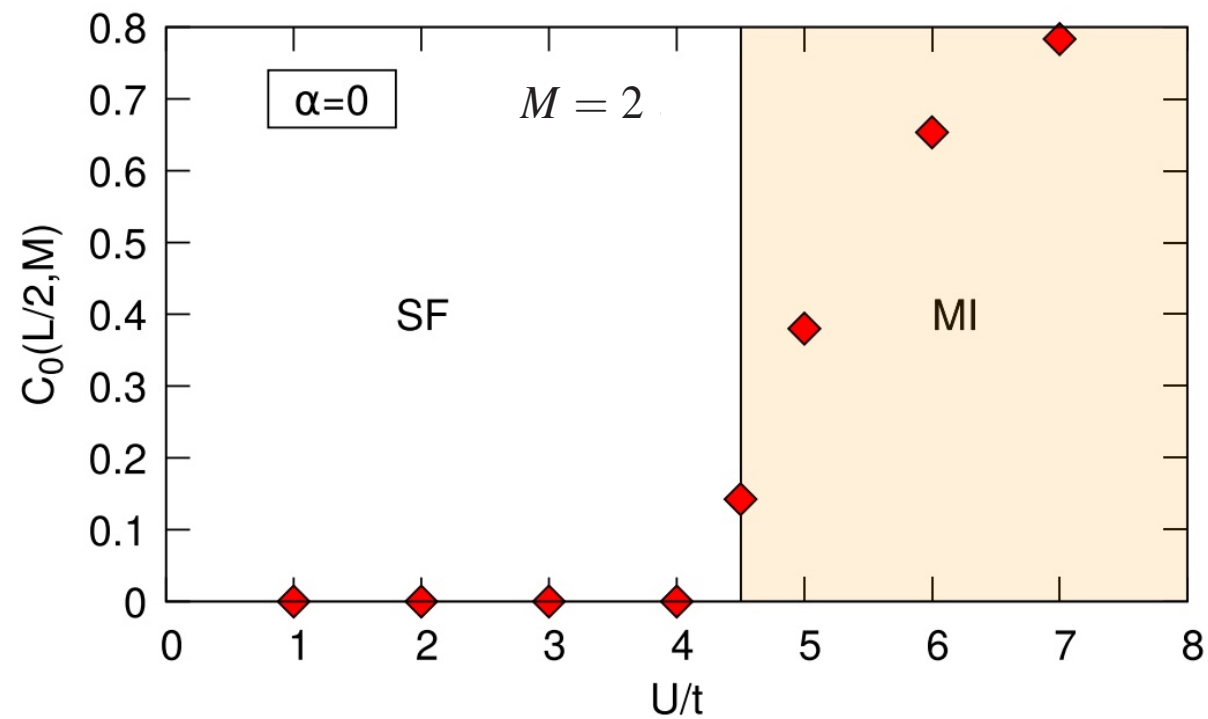
- to second order: $C_P^{(\theta)}(r, M) \approx e^{-\frac{\theta^2}{2} \langle [\delta N(r)]^2 \rangle}$, $\delta N(r) = \sum_{R=1}^r \delta N_R$

$$C_P^{(\theta)}(M) \approx \begin{cases} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{-aM\theta^2} & \text{SF,} \\ e^{-bM\theta^2} & \text{MI,} \end{cases} \quad \overset{\text{2D}}{C_P^{(\theta)}} = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} C_P^{(\theta)}(M)$$

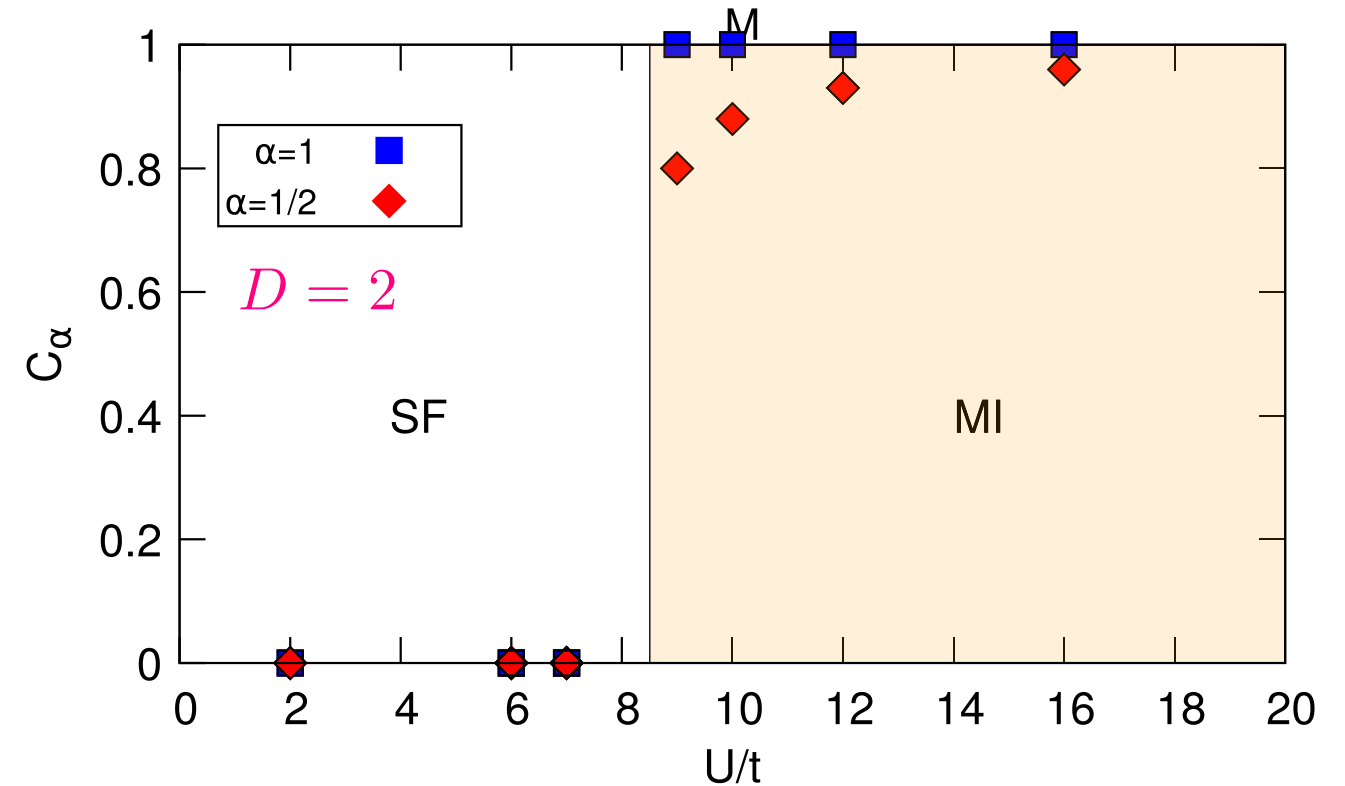
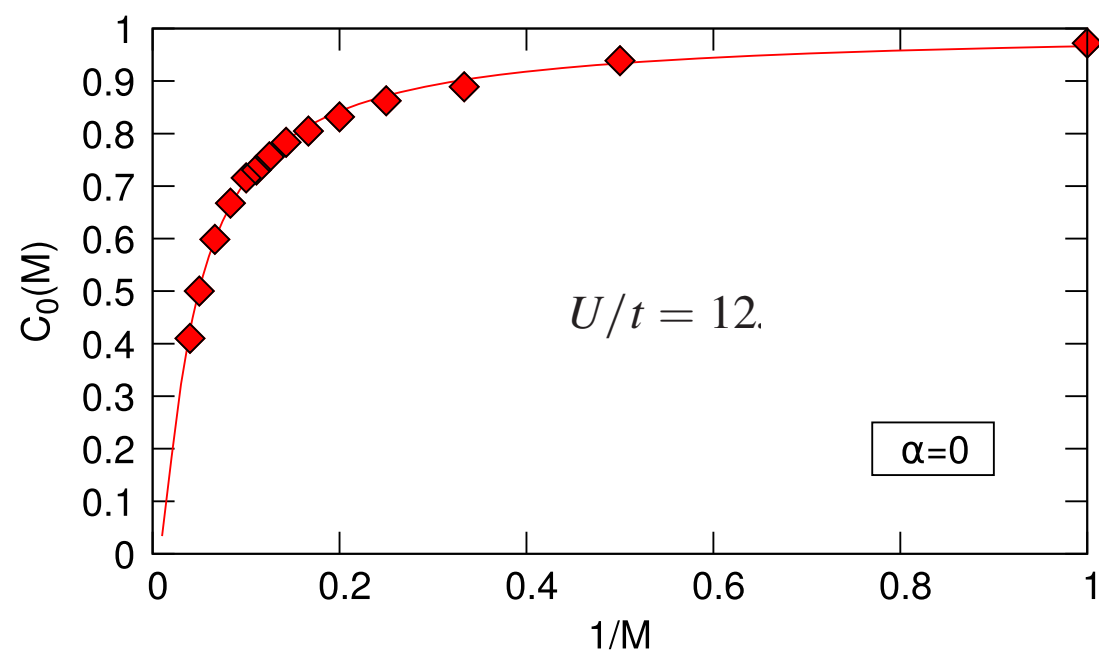
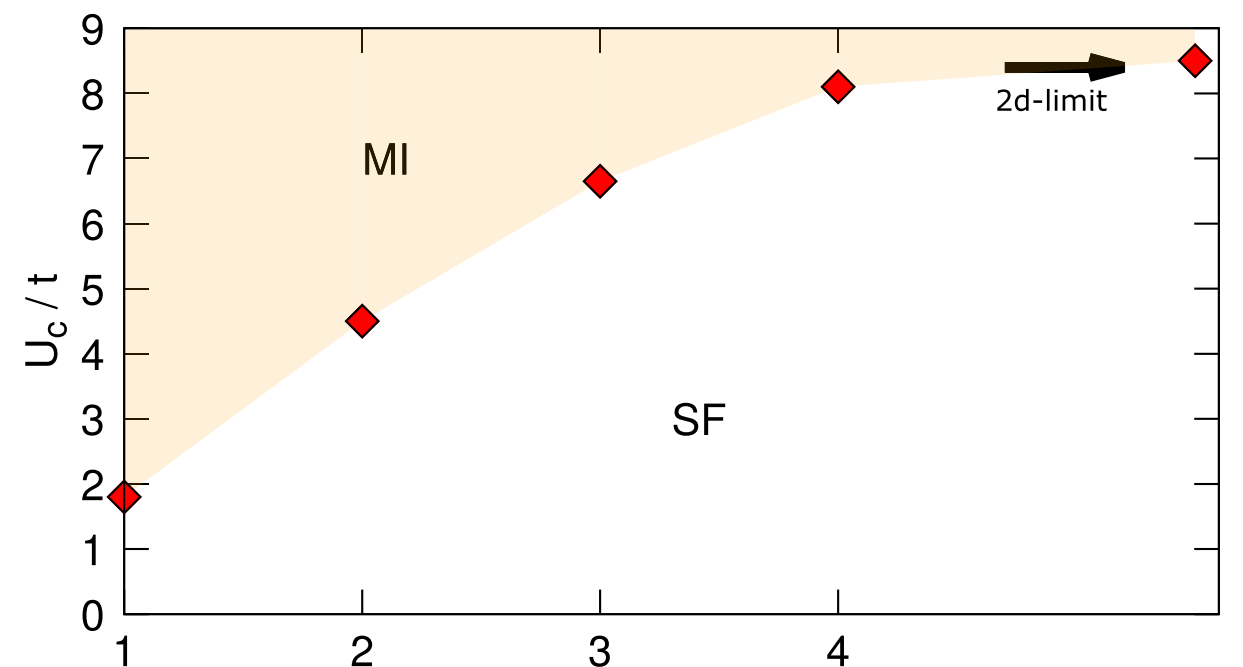
- assuming $\theta \propto M^{-\alpha}$ the 2D **fractional parity** vanishes in the SF phase
- it **is finite in MI** phase for $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}$
- for $\alpha = 0$ perimeter law decay is recovered

QMC results

$$C_\alpha \equiv C_P^{(\frac{\pi}{M^\alpha})}$$



phase diagram in U-M plane $r \rightarrow \infty$



Conclusions and perspectives

- Low temperature phases of 1D quantum systems can be described by the non-vanishing of appropriate non-local orders
- Their number and type depends on the symmetries of the Hamiltonian preserved in the low temperature phase
- Non trivial phases remain distinct from trivial ones under appropriate symmetry protection
- -> higher D: phase diagram and non-local orders built from symmetries of strong coupling Hamiltonian
- -> parity orders in ladders & 2D: Mott and d-wave phases of Hubbard model