Phys525: Quantum Condensed Matter Physics: emergent symmetry and phenomena

Topological States, Topological ordered states and SPT



What do we mean by saying topological matter?



- Historically...
- before 80s in CMP: Topological defects (such as vortices, hedgehogs, textures), see Volovik, Mineev, 77; Mermin, 77; Anderson, Toulouse, 77)
- KT or BKT Topological phase transitions, 72; transition driven by deconfinement dynamics.

- 80s and 90s were very exciting years
- QHE, quantized Hall conductance/first class Chern-number characterization of electronic states by TKNN.
- FQHE, Abelian anyons by Laughlin et al.
- Spin liquids as topologically ordered states.

QHE (Krause Von Klitzing, 80)





- Two important concepts
- Boundary dynamics are important; bulk-edge correspondence emerged during that time (mainly in the context of FQHE).
- "Topological degeneracy"—-that ground states (with TS) can be degenerate. And if not (and if no TS symmetry breaking), non-topological.
- Affleck-Lieb-Mattis theorem on s=1/2 nontopological gapped spin states: breaking Translation symmetry.

Topological insulators and superconductors (2005~) (back to 10-fold way later)

- topological insulators without symmetry or with Z_1 symmetry—QHE
- Topological Insulator with time reversal symmetry —Z_2 topological Insulator
- Topological superfluids without symmetry or with Z_1 symmetry—-p+ip
- topological Superconductors with time reversal symmetry—-(p+ip) X (p-ip)

Topological ordered states vs Symmetry protected topological states (~2010)

- Topologically ordered states with long range entanglements, or a topological entropy;
- Symmetry protected topological states with short range entanglement entropy.

Supplementary Kondo effect



