

# Fractionalization in synthetic quantum matter

Quantum Magnetism meets Quantum Computing



**Simon Trebst**  
University of Cologne



MATTER AND LIGHT FOR  
QUANTUM COMPUTING

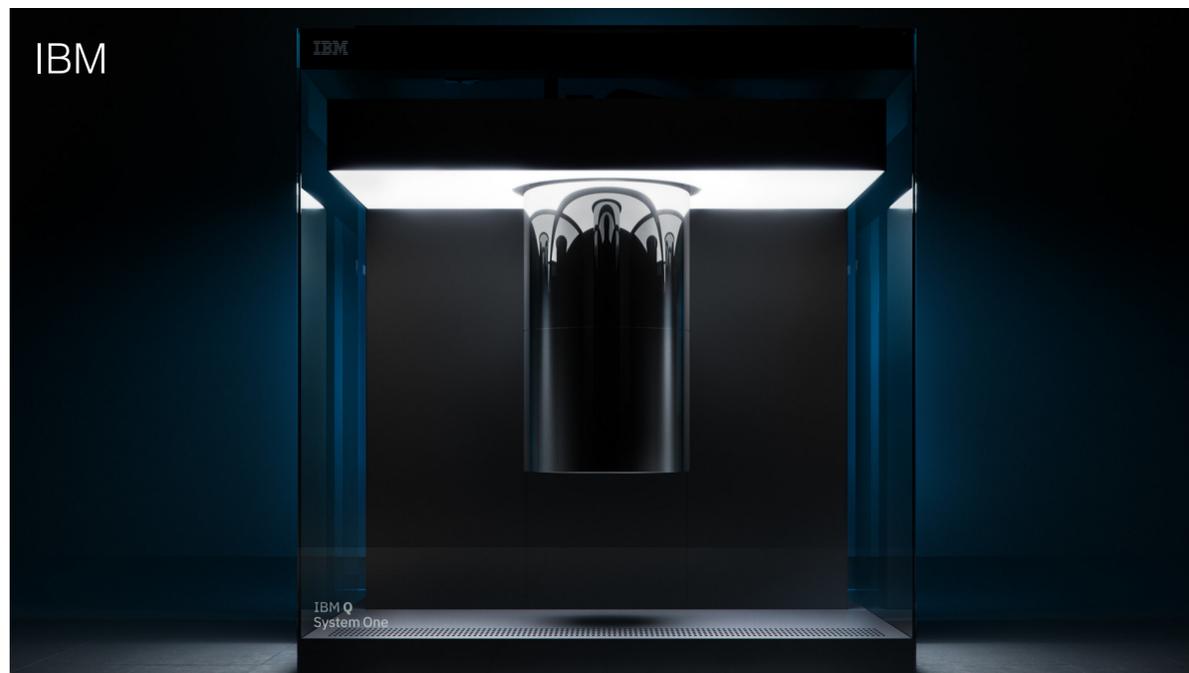
Pre-March (Meeting)<sup>2</sup>

Fine Theoretical Physics Institute, March 2024

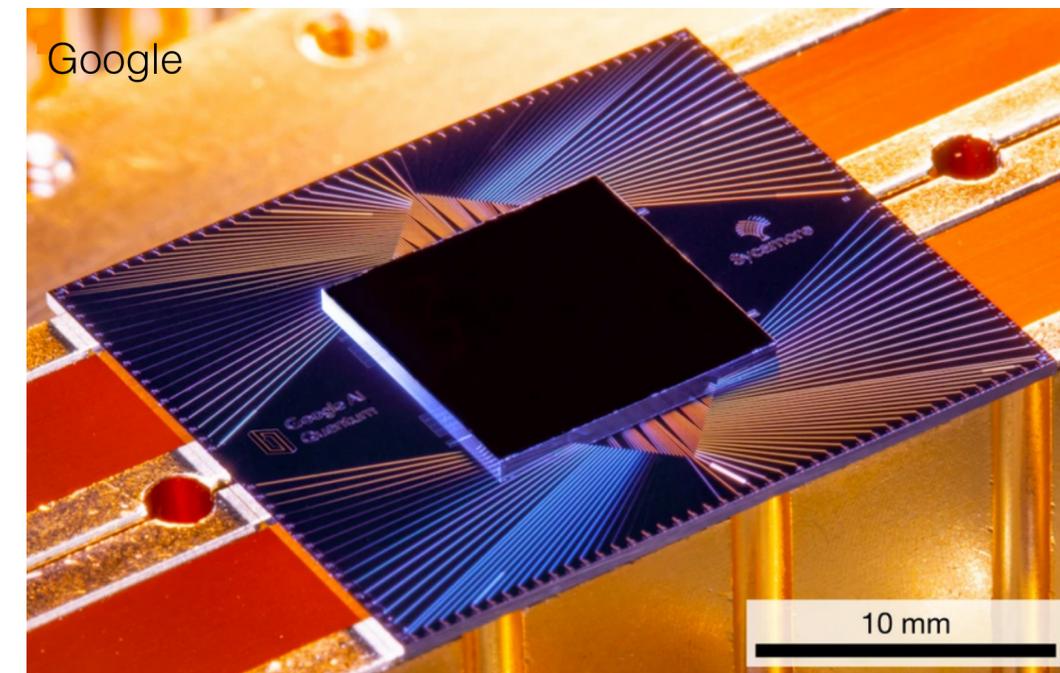
# quantum hardware in the NISQ era

An experimental pivot from of a **few pristine qubits** to the realization of circuit architectures of **50 ... 1000 qubits** but tolerating a significant level of **imperfections**.

**noisy intermediate scale quantum** (NISQ) devices



Osprey generation — 433 qubits



Sycamore chip — 53 qubits

# quantum hardware in the NISQ era

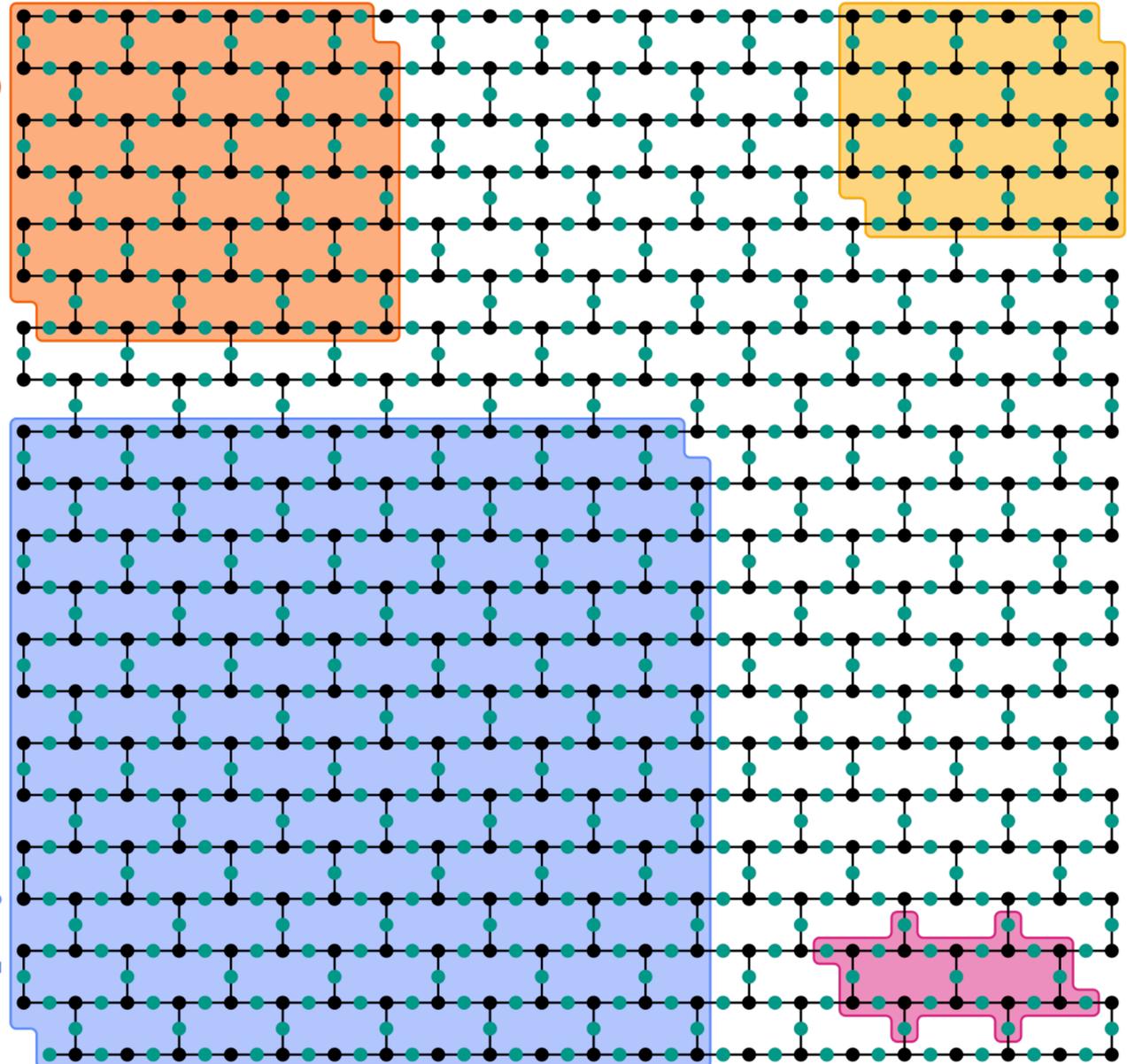


1121 qubits  
(2023)

Condor

127 qubits  
(2021)

Eagle



65 qubits  
(2020)

Hummingbird

433 qubits  
(2022)

Osprey

27 qubits  
(2019)

Falcon

Article | [Published: 23 October 2019](#)

## Quantum supremacy using a programmable superconducting processor

[Frank Arute](#), [Kunal Arya](#), [Ryan Babbush](#), [Dave Bacon](#), [Joseph C. Bardin](#), [Rami Barends](#), [Rupak Biswas](#), [Sergio Boixo](#), [Fernando G. S. L. Brandao](#), [David A. Buell](#), [Brian Burkett](#), [Yu Chen](#), [Zijun Chen](#), [Ben Chiaro](#), [Roberto Collins](#), [William Courtney](#), [Andrew Dunsworth](#), [Edward Farhi](#), [Brooks Foxen](#), [Austin Fowler](#), [Craig Gidney](#), [Marissa Giustina](#), [Rob Graff](#), [Keith Guerin](#), ... [John M. Martinis](#) [+ Show authors](#)

*Nature* **574**, 505–510 (2019) | [Cite this article](#)

RESEARCH ARTICLE | TOPOLOGICAL MATTER



## Realizing topologically ordered states on a quantum processor

[K. J. SATZINGER](#) , [Y.-J. LIU](#) , [A. SMITH](#) , [C. KNAPP](#) , [...], AND [P. ROUSHAN](#) [+93 authors](#) [Authors Info & Affiliations](#)

*SCIENCE* • 2 Dec 2021 • Vol 374, Issue 6572 • pp. 1237-1241 • DOI: 10.1126/science.abi8378

Article | [Open access](#) | [Published: 11 May 2023](#)

## Non-Abelian braiding of graph vertices in a superconducting processor

[Google Quantum AI and Collaborators](#)

*Nature* **618**, 264–269 (2023)

Article | [Published: 14 February 2024](#)

## Non-Abelian topological order and anyons on a trapped-ion processor

[Mohsin Iqbal](#), [Nathanan Tantivasadakarn](#), [Ruben Verresen](#), [Sara L. Campbell](#), [Joan M. Dreiling](#), [Caroline Figgatt](#), [John P. Gaebler](#), [Jacob Johansen](#), [Michael Mills](#), [Steven A. Moses](#), [Juan M. Pino](#), [Anthony Ransford](#), [Mary Rowe](#), [Peter Siegfried](#), [Russell P. Stutz](#), [Michael Foss-Feig](#), [Ashvin Vishwanath](#) & [Henrik Dreyer](#)

*Nature* **626**, 505–511 (2024) | [Cite this article](#)

(2019) — (2021) — (2023) — (2024)

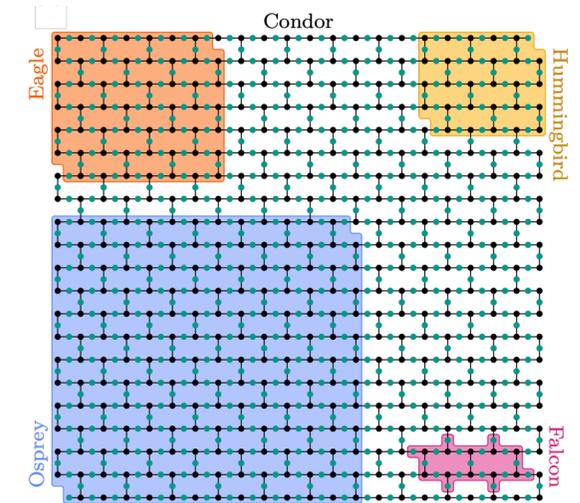
# computational physics in the NISQ era

(1953) ————— (1992) ————— (2019) —————>

classical  
many-body

quantum  
many-body

(quantum)<sup>2</sup>  
many-body



path integrals

Markov chain Monte Carlo  
molecular dynamics

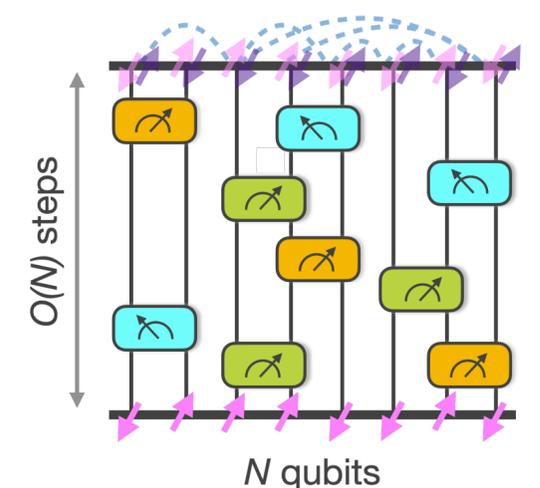
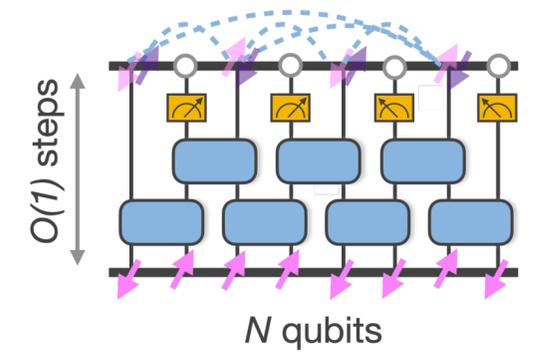
quantum Monte Carlo  
DMRG, MERA, ...  
neural network states

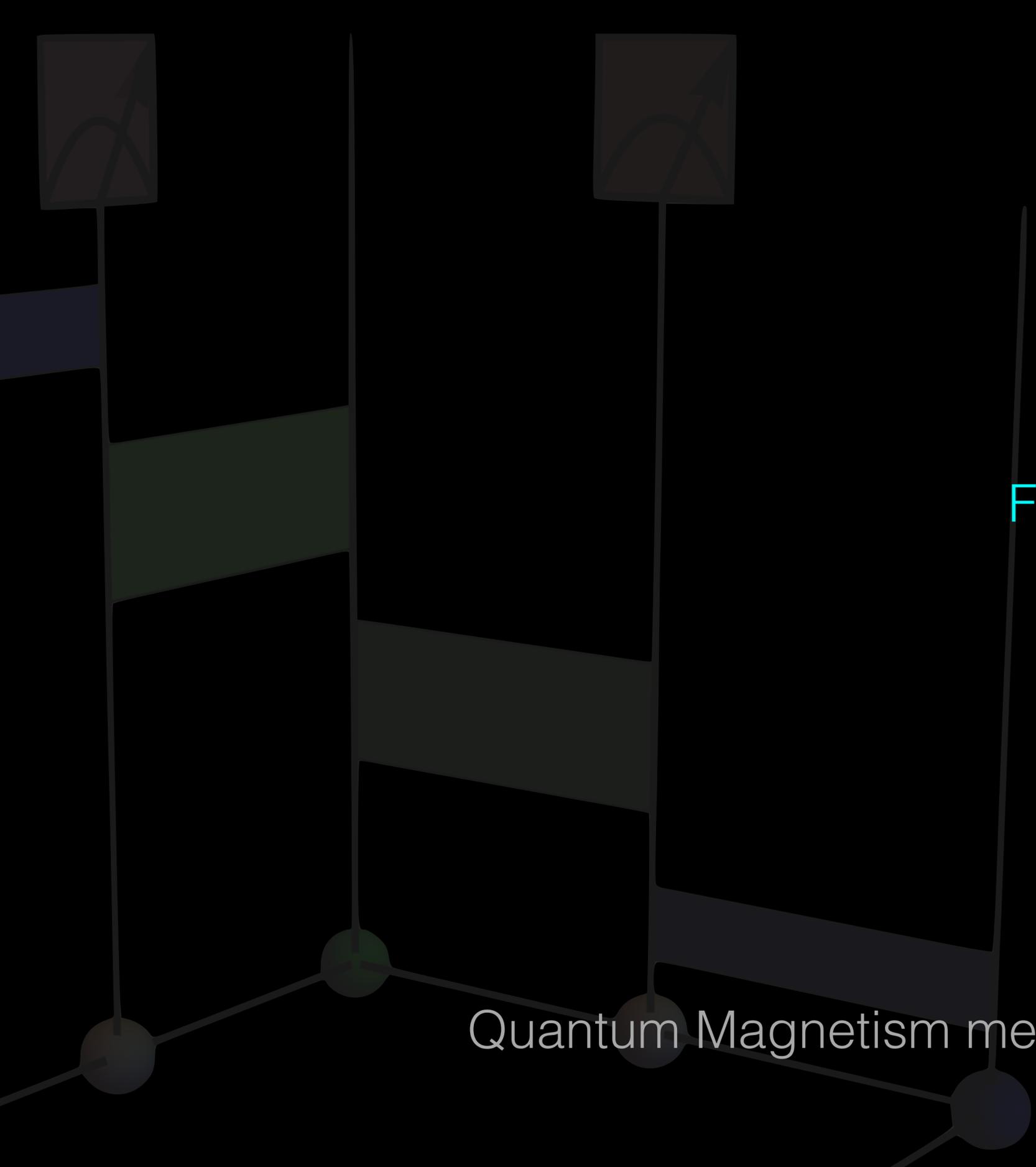
**Hamiltonian  
dynamics**

tensor networks

quantum circuits  
adiabatic approaches  
variational approaches

**wavefunction  
dynamics**



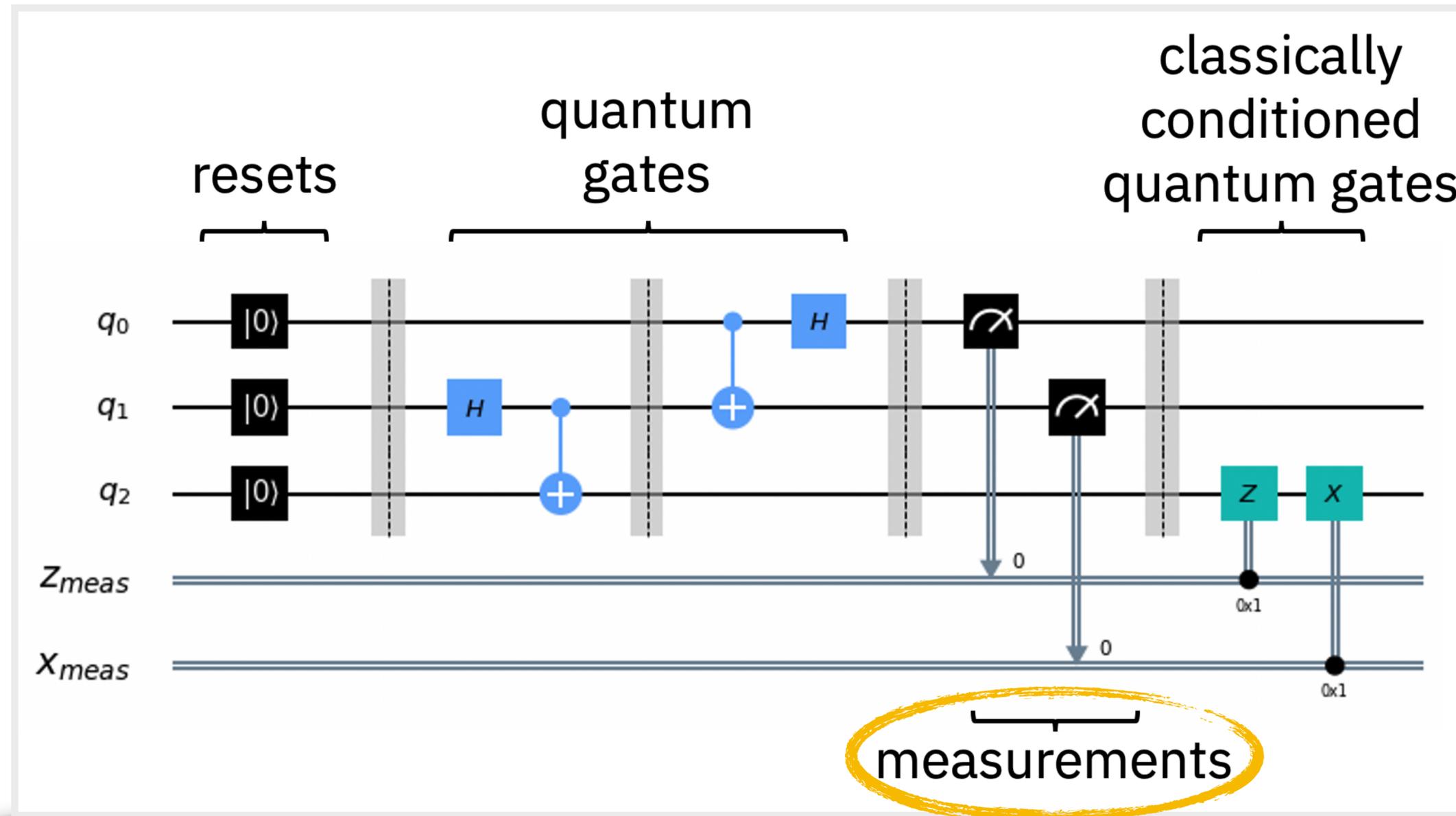


Fractionalization & Emergent Gauge Fields  
in **Quantum Circuits**

Quantum Magnetism meets Quantum Computing

# quantum circuits in a nutshell

initial wavefunction  
 $|\psi_0\rangle$



final wavefunction(s)  
 $|\psi_f\rangle$

Quantum computing in a nutshell, Qiskit documentation / IBM Quantum

# quantum measurements



“About your cat, Mr. Schrödinger — I have good news and bad news.”

Quantum measurements can

- **extract information** from a system
- **shape entanglement** of a quantum system

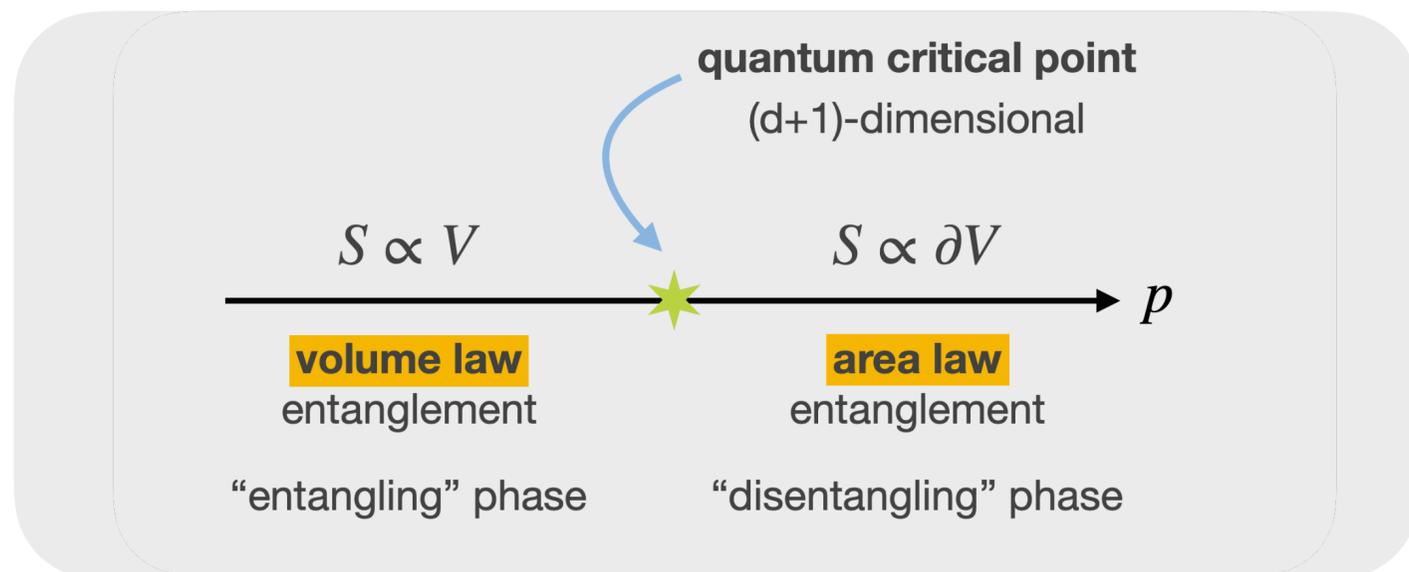
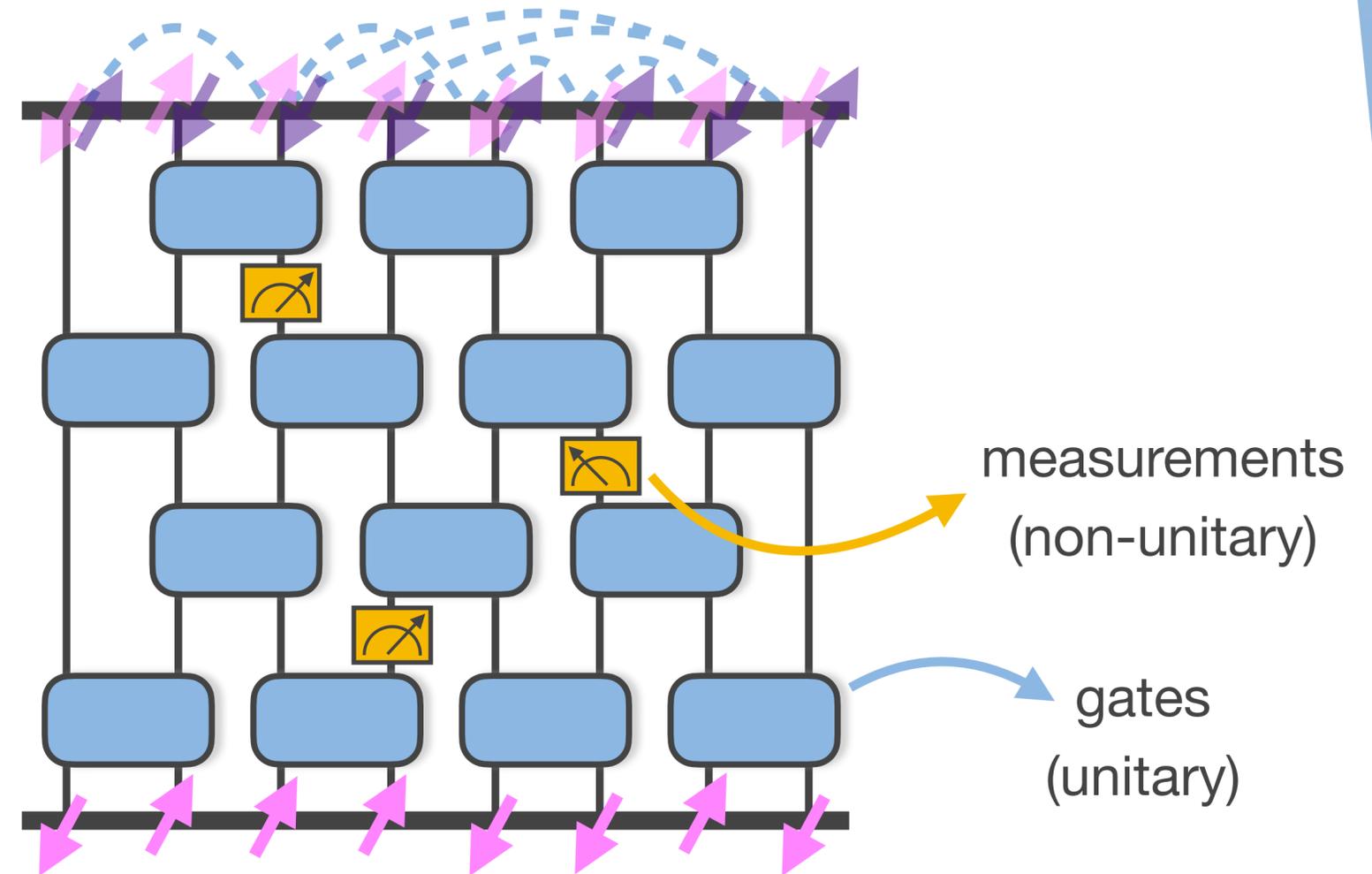


double-faced Janus

# entanglement phase transitions

## hybrid unitary/projective dynamics

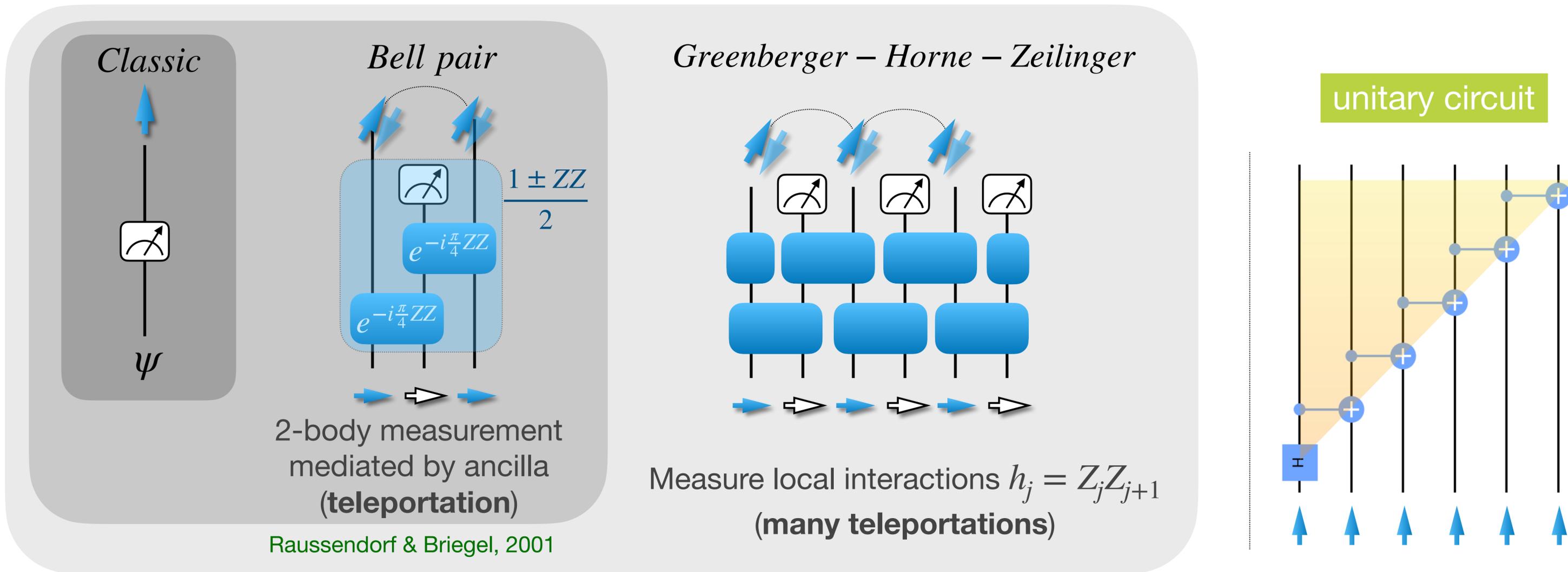
- **competition** between **scrambling** (unitary) and **disentangling** (measurement) dynamics
- entanglement dynamics along *single quantum trajectories*
- **entanglement phase transition** as function of measurement rate



A. Potter & R. Vasseur, Springer QST book series (2022)

M. Fisher, V. Khemani, A. Nahum & S. Vijay, Ann. Rev. Cond. Matt. Phys. **14**, 335 (2023)

# quantum states from measurements



$$t \propto O(1)$$

$$t \propto L$$

# paradigmatic example: stabilizer code

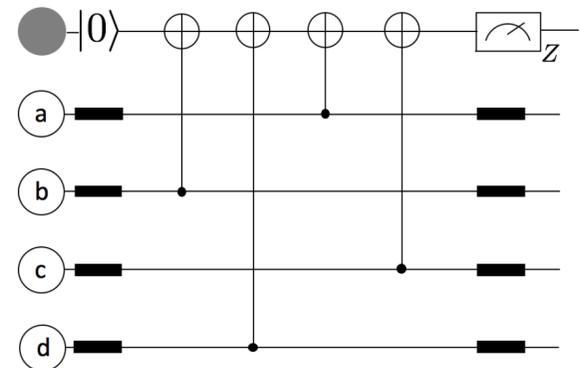
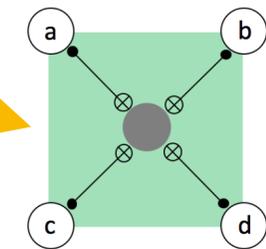
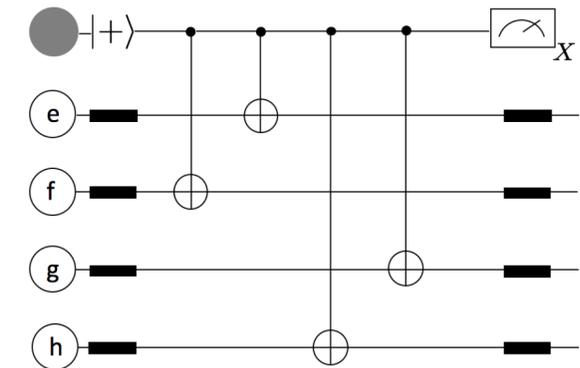
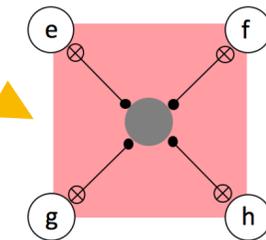
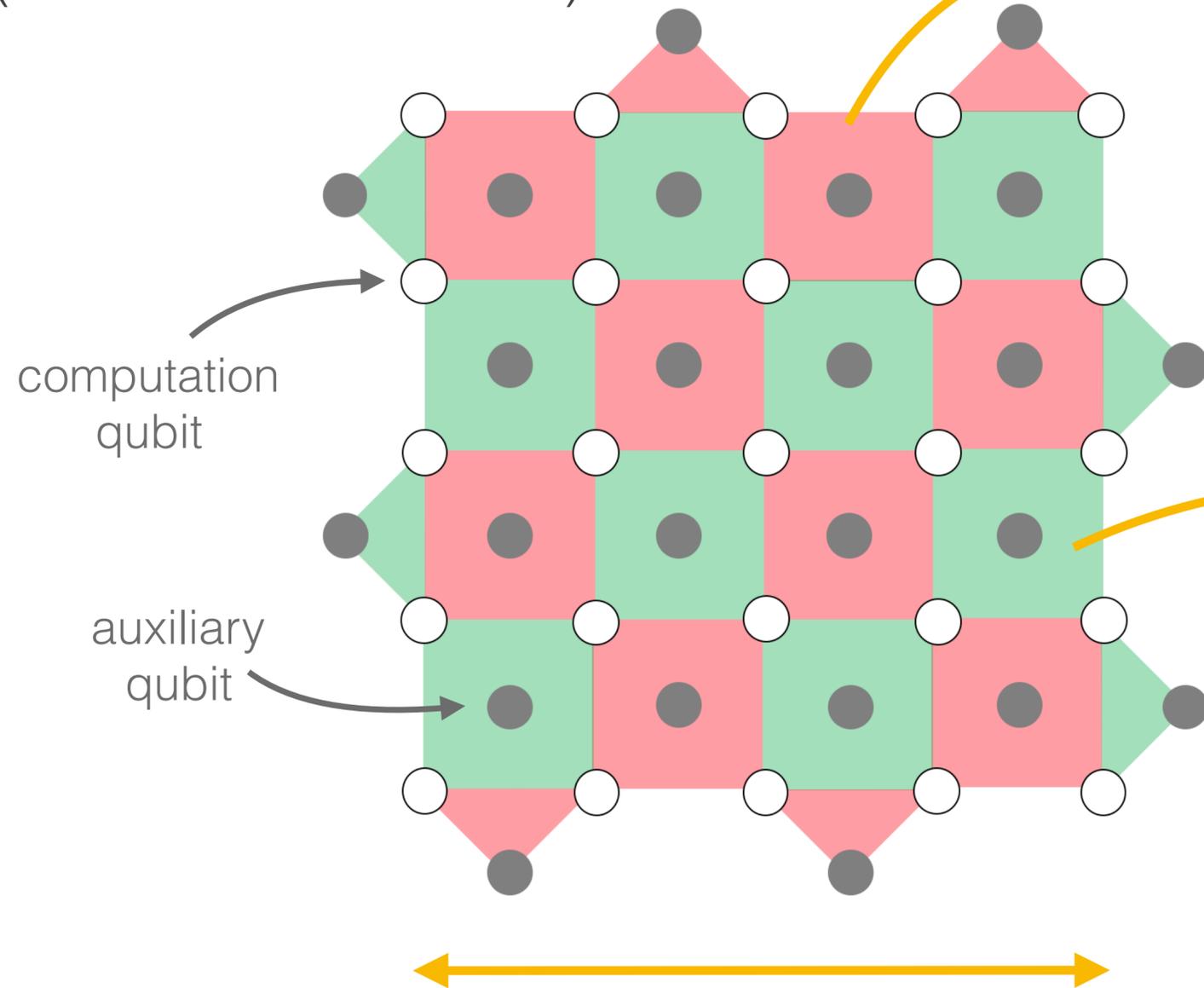


Kitaev (1997)

**open** boundaries  
(rotated surface code)

**X** stabilizer

**Z** stabilizer

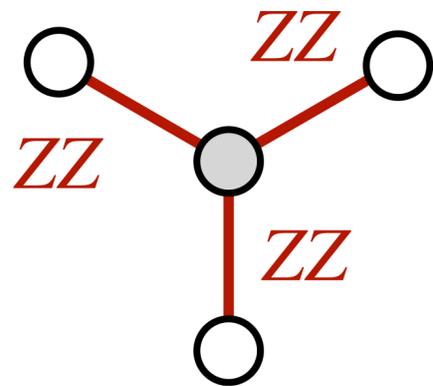


The toric code came alive as a **measurement protocol.**

# commuting vs non-commuting measurements

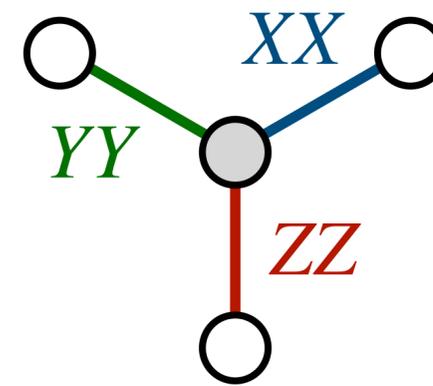


Guo-Yi Zhu



## Nishimori's cat

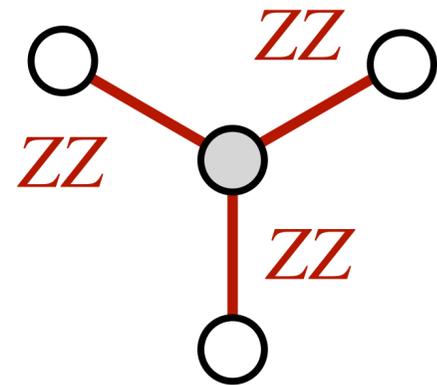
- commuting
- parallelized
- no dynamics



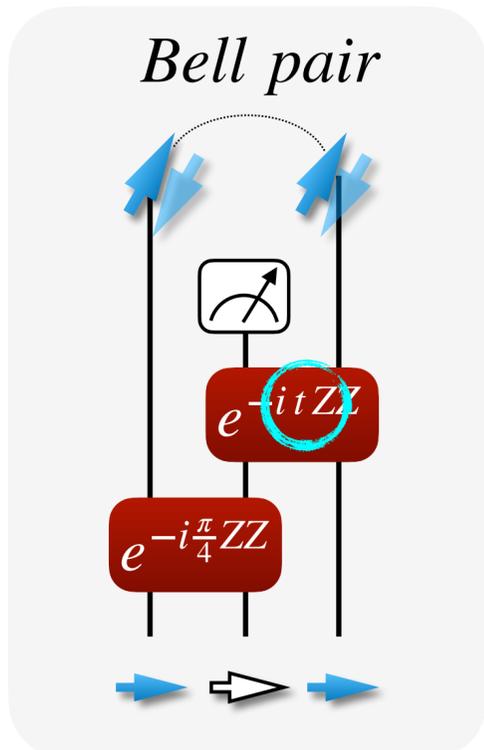
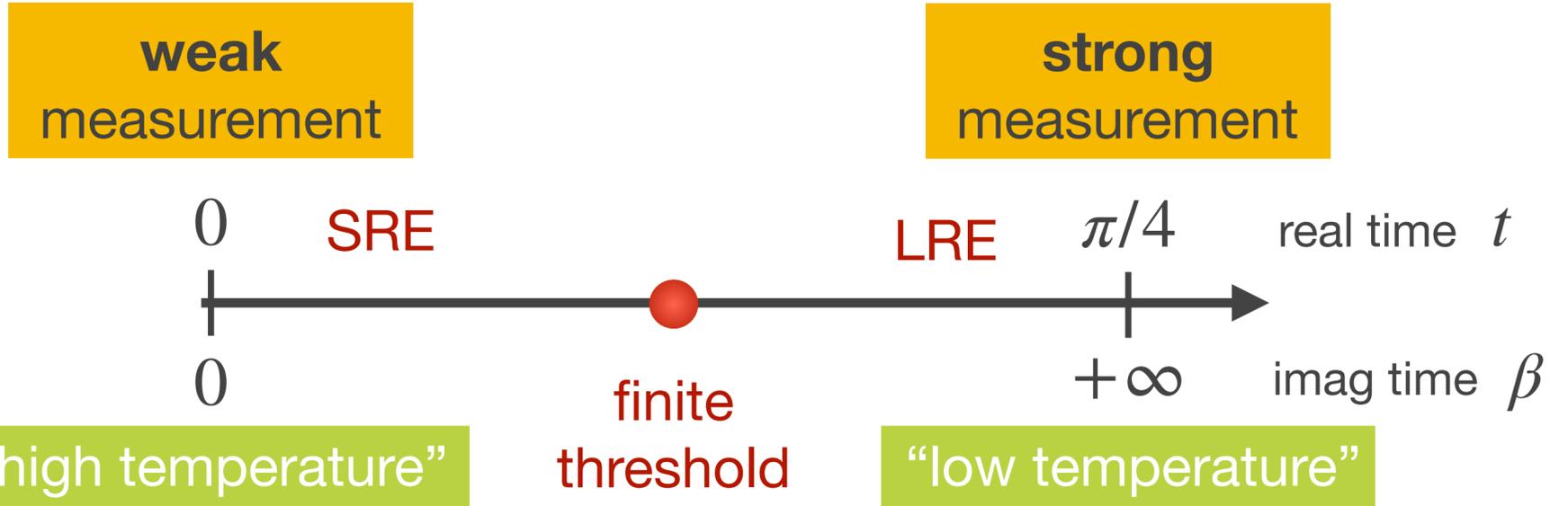
## Kitaev spin liquid

- non-commuting
- sequential
- dynamics

# Nishimori's cat



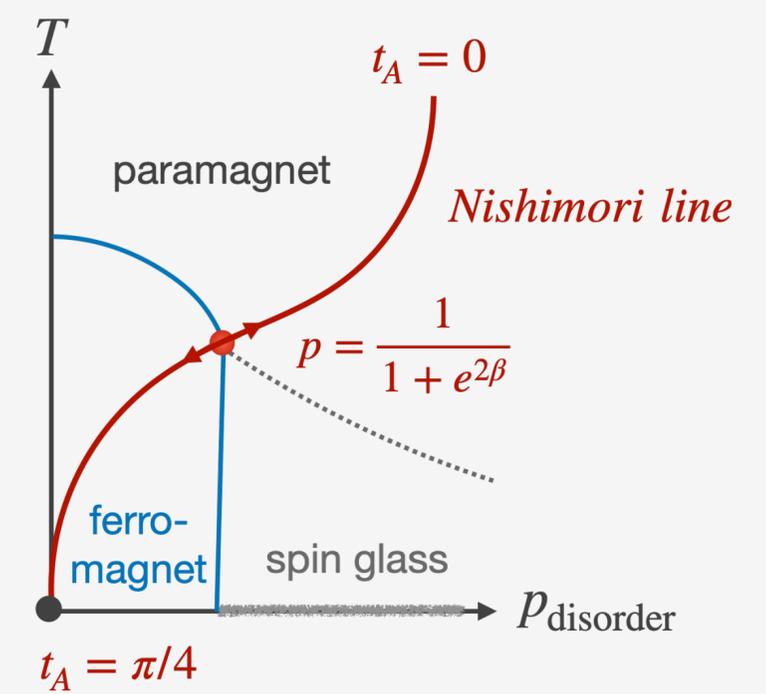
**Nishimori's cat**



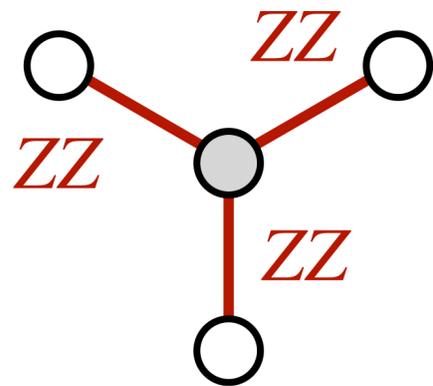
thermal fluctuations and disorder are **locked**

Nishimori (1981)

theory – Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 200201 (2023)  
 experiment (IBM) – arXiv:2309.02863 (2023)

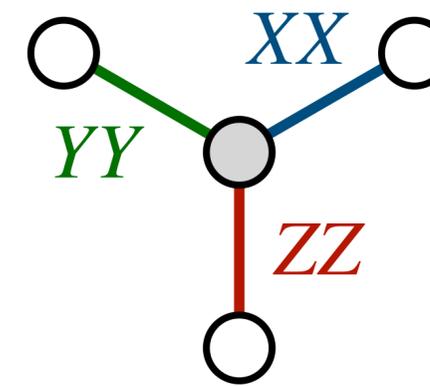


# commuting vs non-commuting measurements



## Nishimori's cat

- commuting
- parallelized
- no dynamics



## Kitaev spin liquid

- non-commuting
- sequential
- dynamics



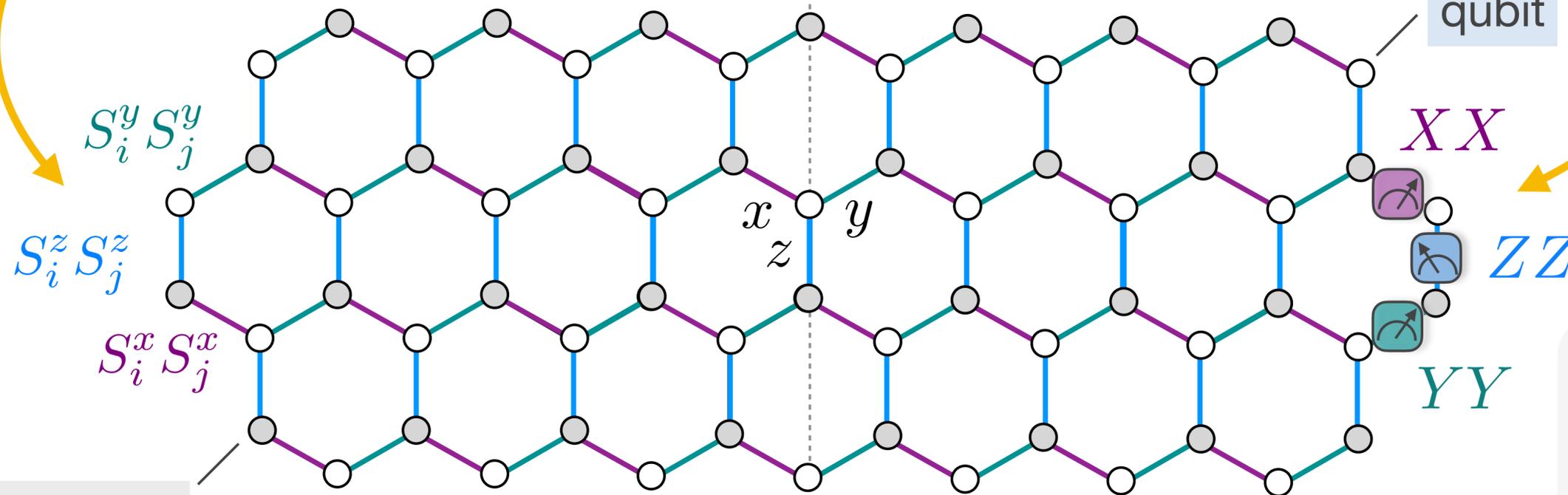
# frustration and entanglement



Kitaev (2006)

$\mathcal{H}$

magnetic exchange



spin-1/2

**Hamiltonian**

**measurement**

**ground state**

minimizes global energy

**dynamical state**

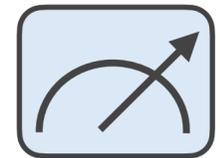
eigenstate of measurements

no state can satisfy every local interaction

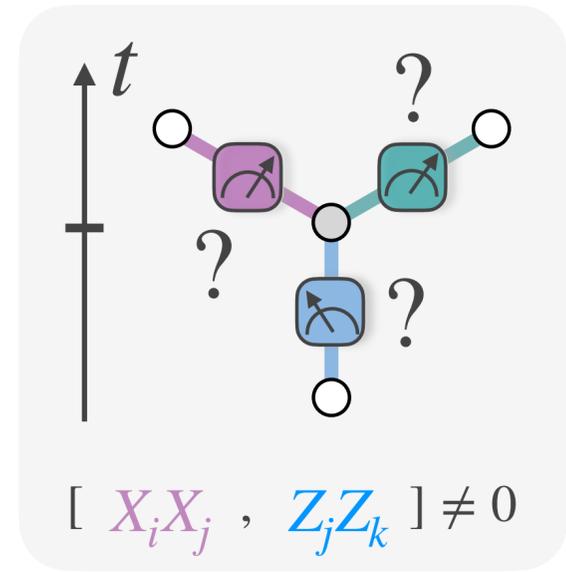
**frustration**

non-commuting operators

- cannot be measured simultaneously
- will be over-written



Clifford gates



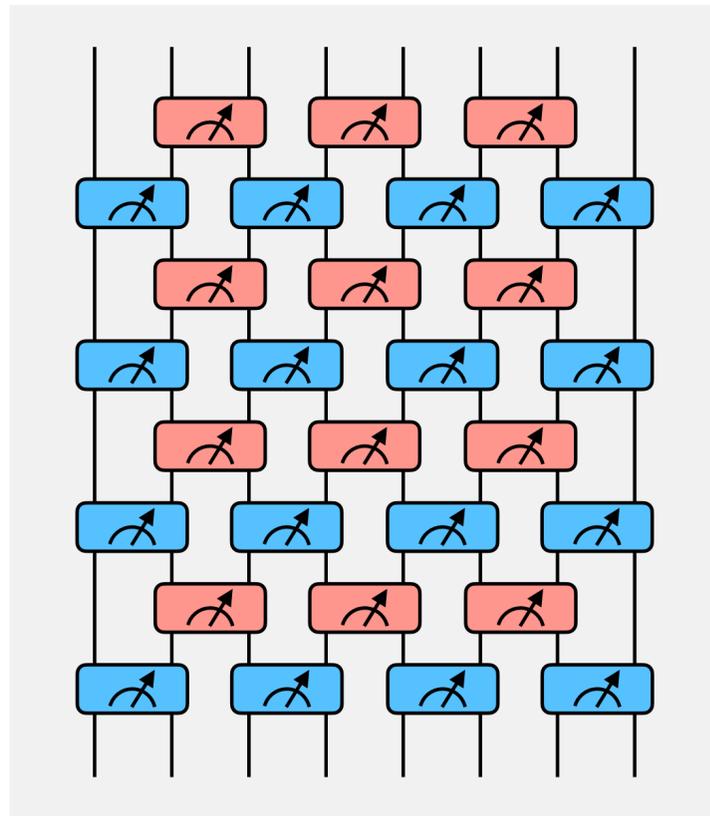
$$[X_i X_j, Z_j Z_k] \neq 0$$

# imaginary time vs. measurement-only

## Hamiltonian ground state

$$e^{-\beta H} |\psi_0\rangle$$

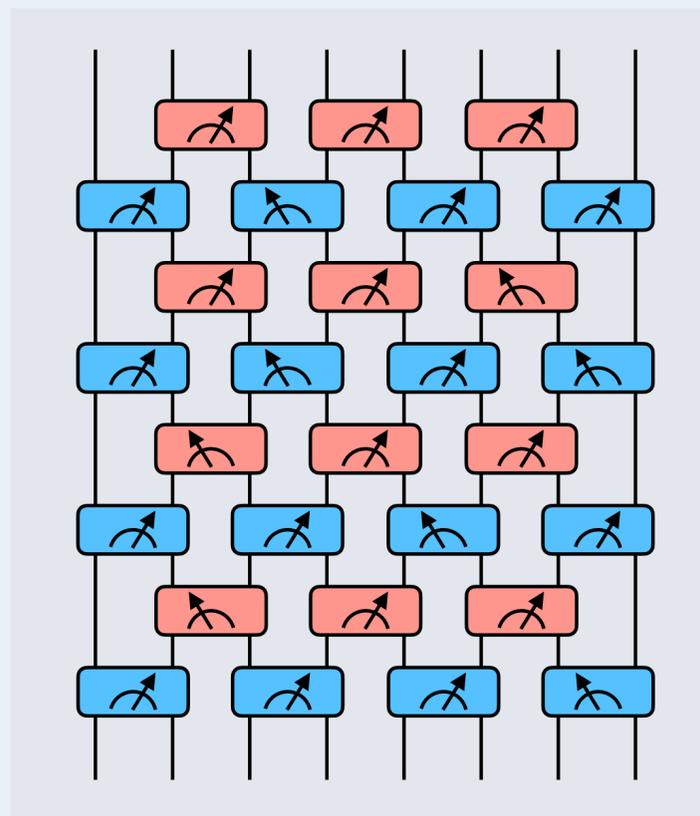
$e^{-\tau H_r}$



- **brickwall** circuit
- **no** disorder

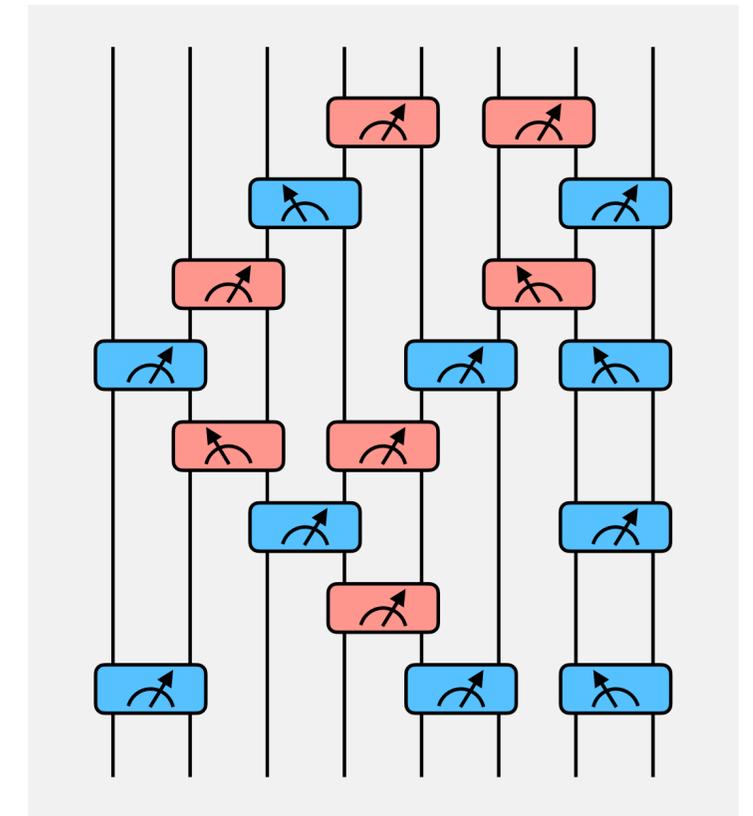
## Floquet weak measurement

$$(e^{\mp\tau H_r} \dots e^{\mp\tau H_0}) |\psi_0\rangle$$



- **brickwall** circuit
- **Born** disorder

## random weak/strong measurement

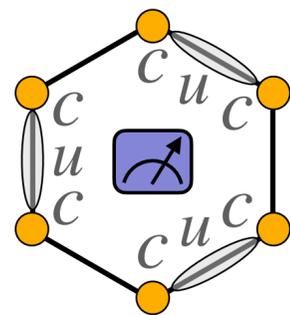
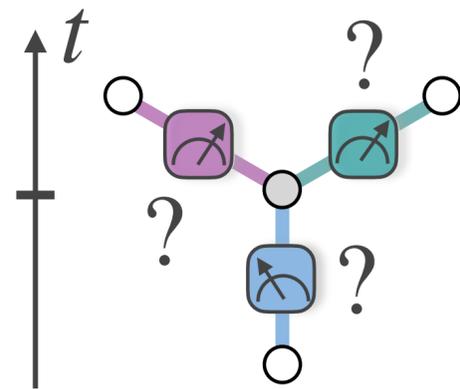


- **stochastic** circuit
- **Born** disorder

# random projective Kitaev measurements



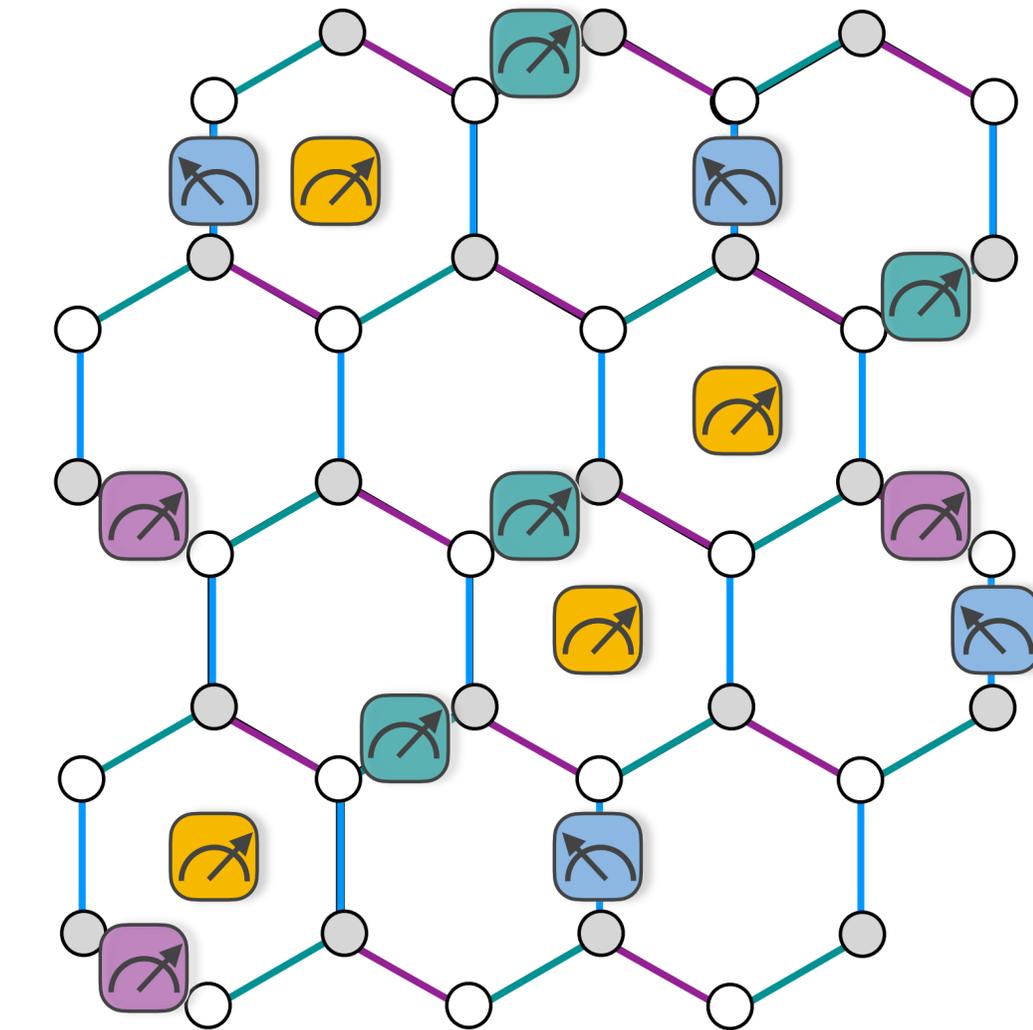
Nathanan Tantasadakarn



Majorana interaction  
→ Majorana surface code

## Clifford circuit

even **interacting** problem can be simulated in polynomial time (in Heisenberg picture)



not (commuting)  
plaquette flux



$ZZ$



$YY$

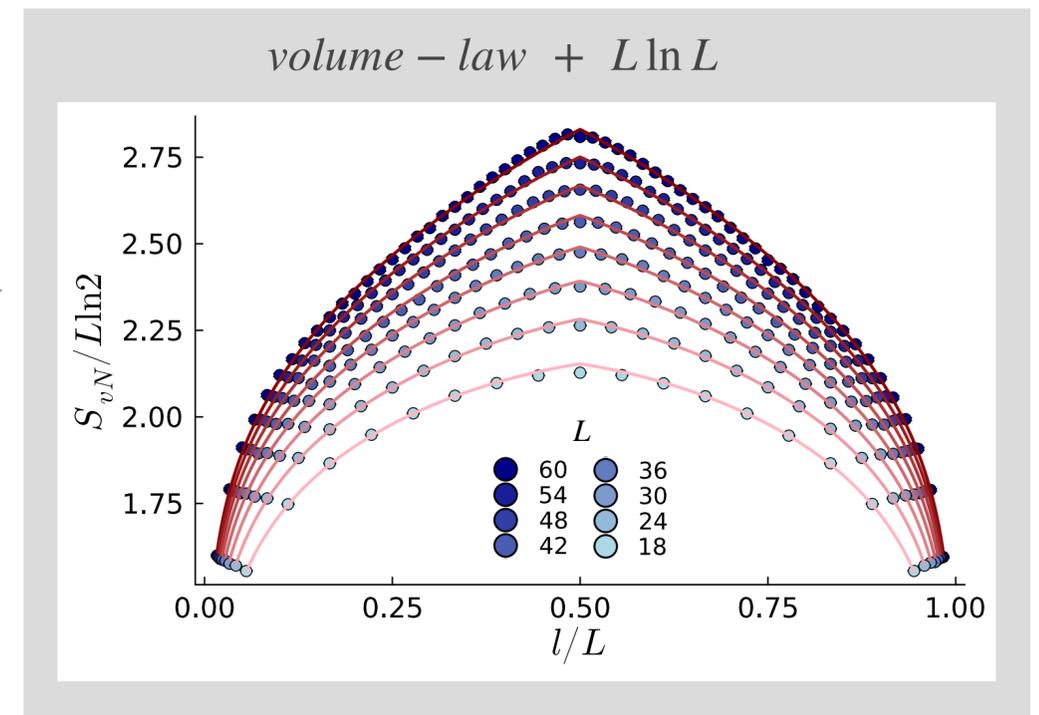
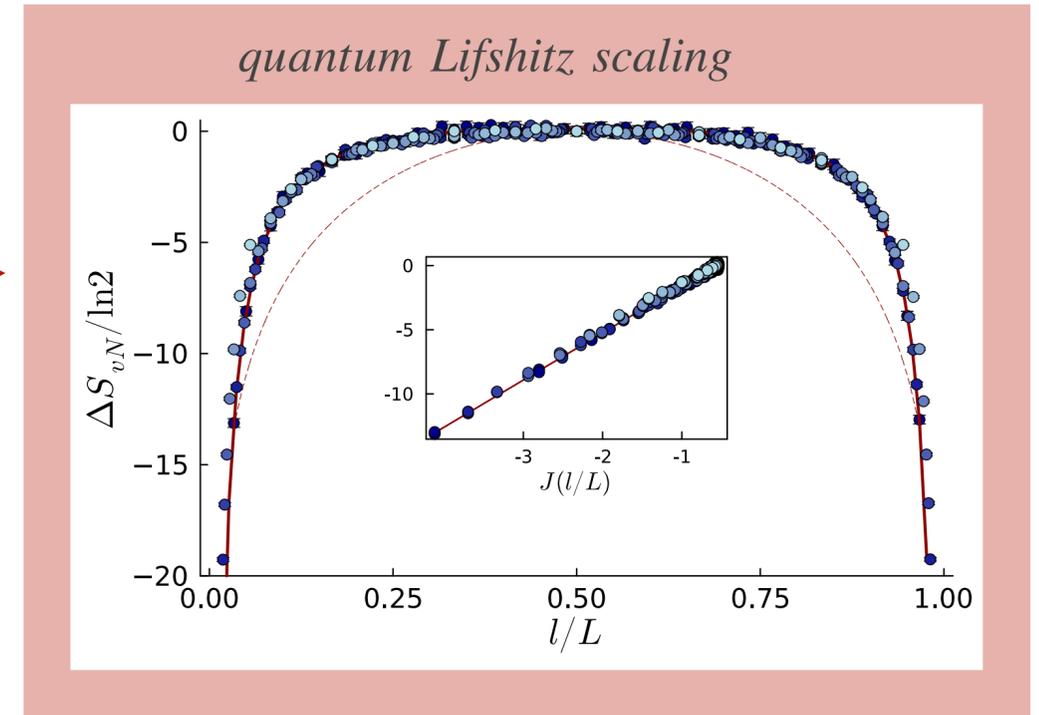
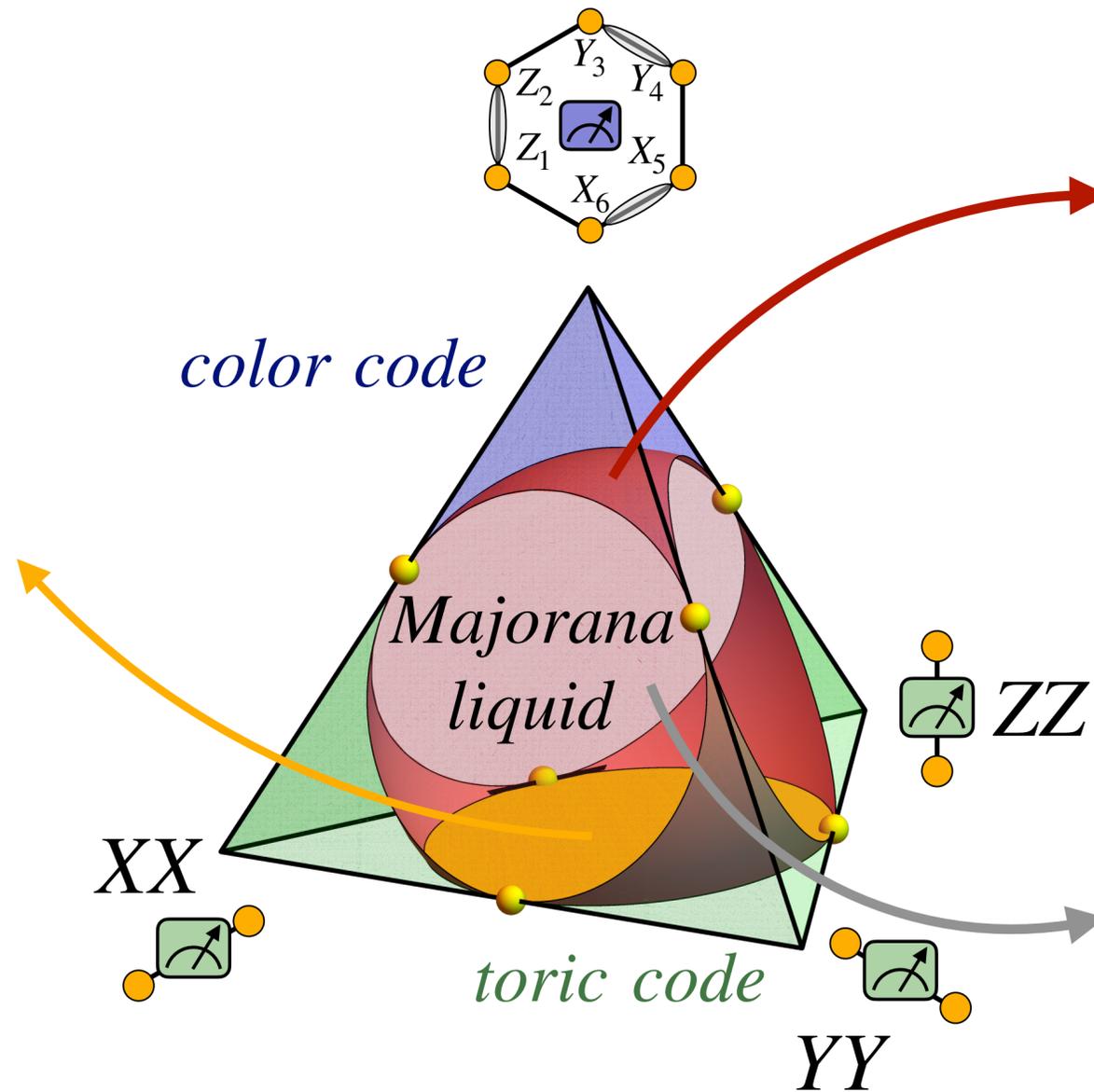
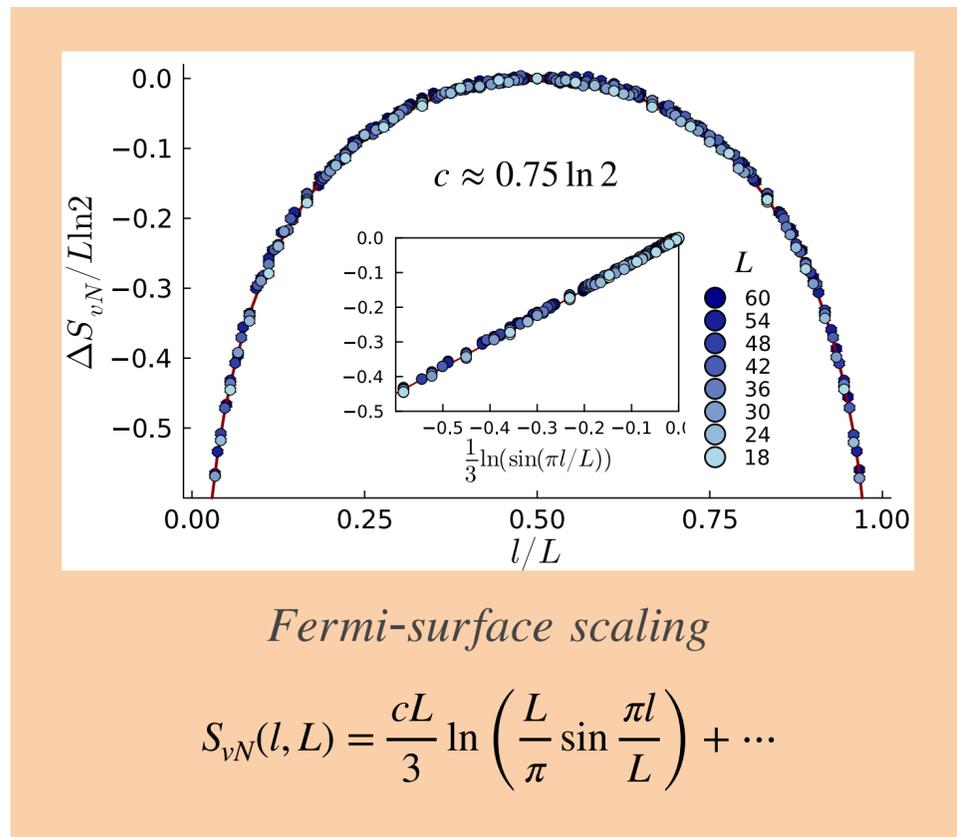


$XX$



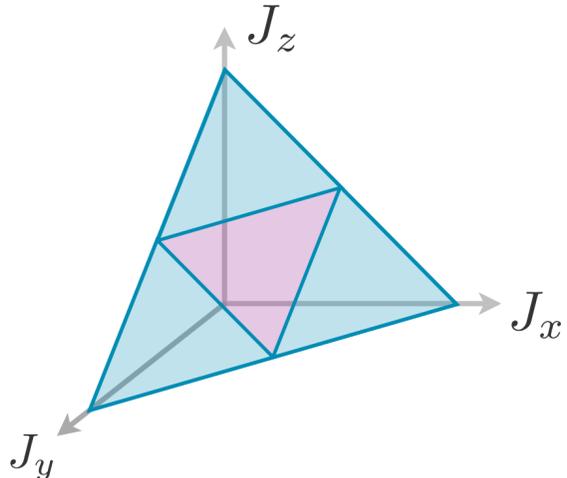
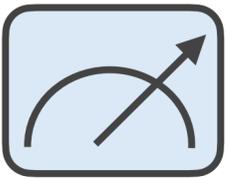
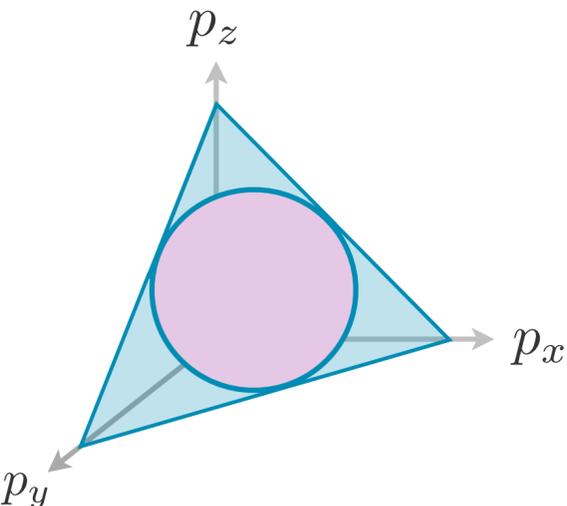
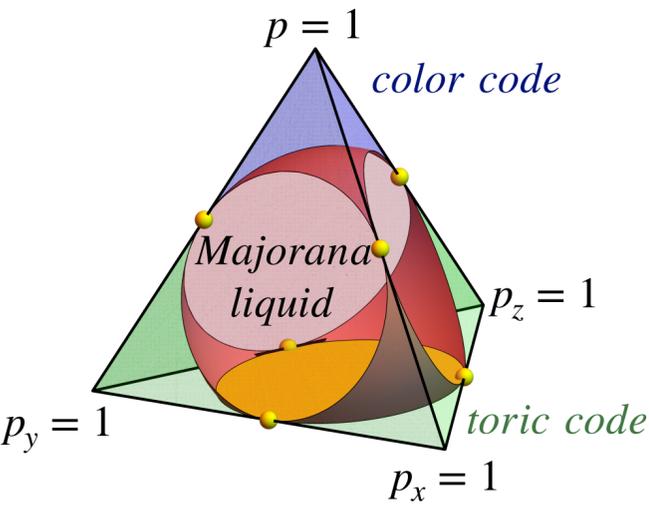
$Z_1 Z_2 X_3 X_4 Y_5 Y_6$

# entanglement phase diagram

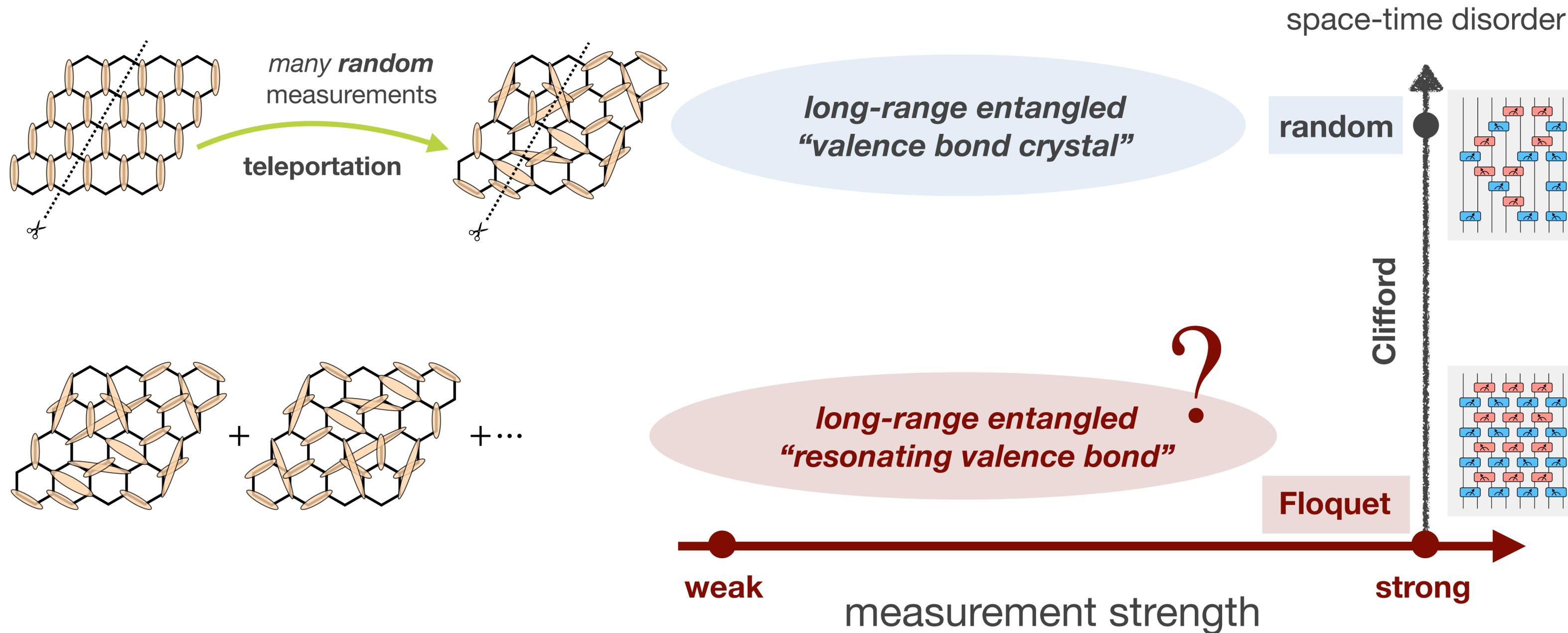


Nahum, Skinner 2020; Lavasani, Luo, Vijay 2023; Sriram, Rakovszky, Khemani, Ippoliti 2023  
 Zhu, Tantivasadakarn, ST 2023: + Majorana interaction

# side remark: computational complexity

| dynamics  | free Majorana fermions   | interacting Majorana fermions   |
|---|--|---|
| $\mathcal{H}$   |                               | ?<br><b>sign problem</b>  |
|  | <br><b>Clifford circuits</b> |  |

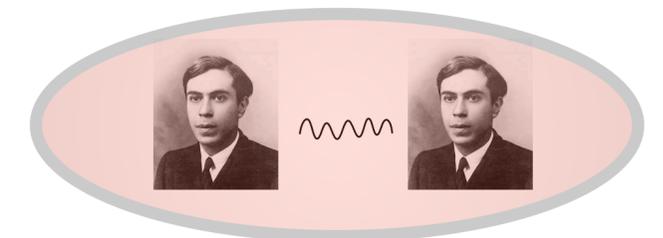
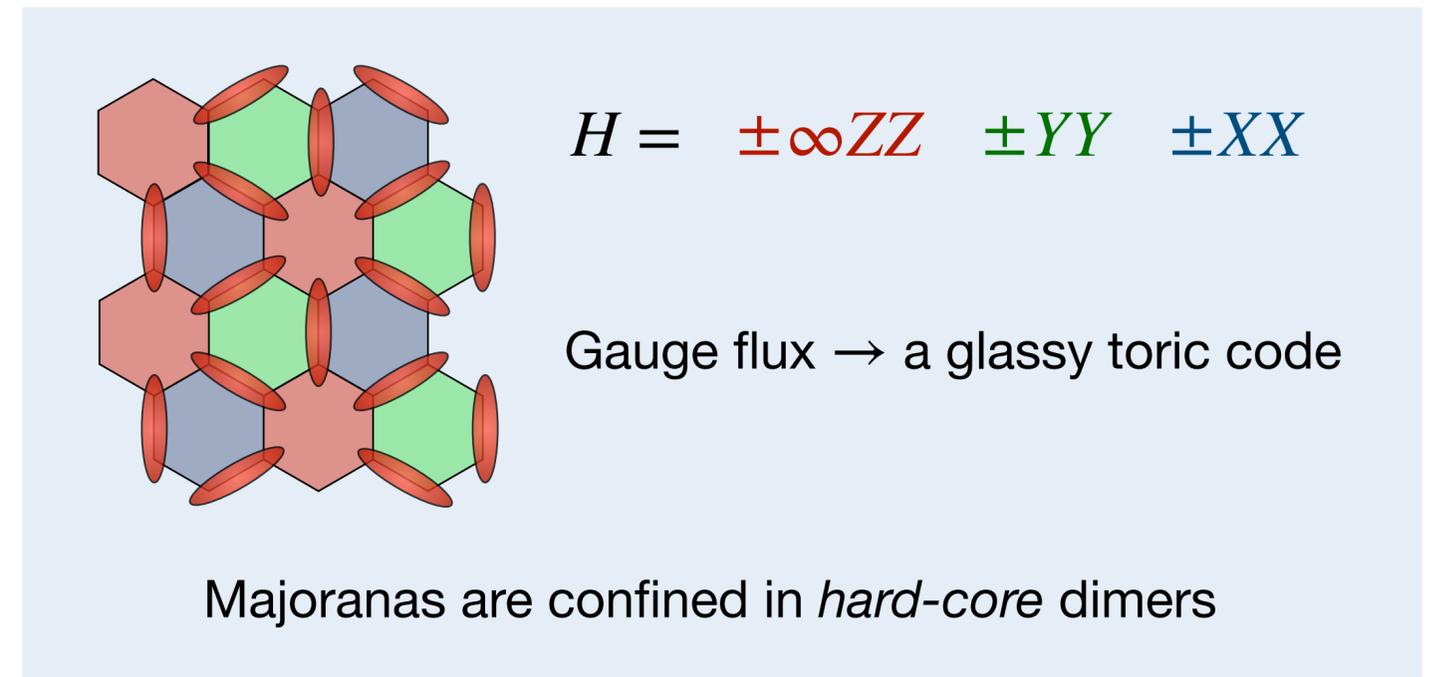
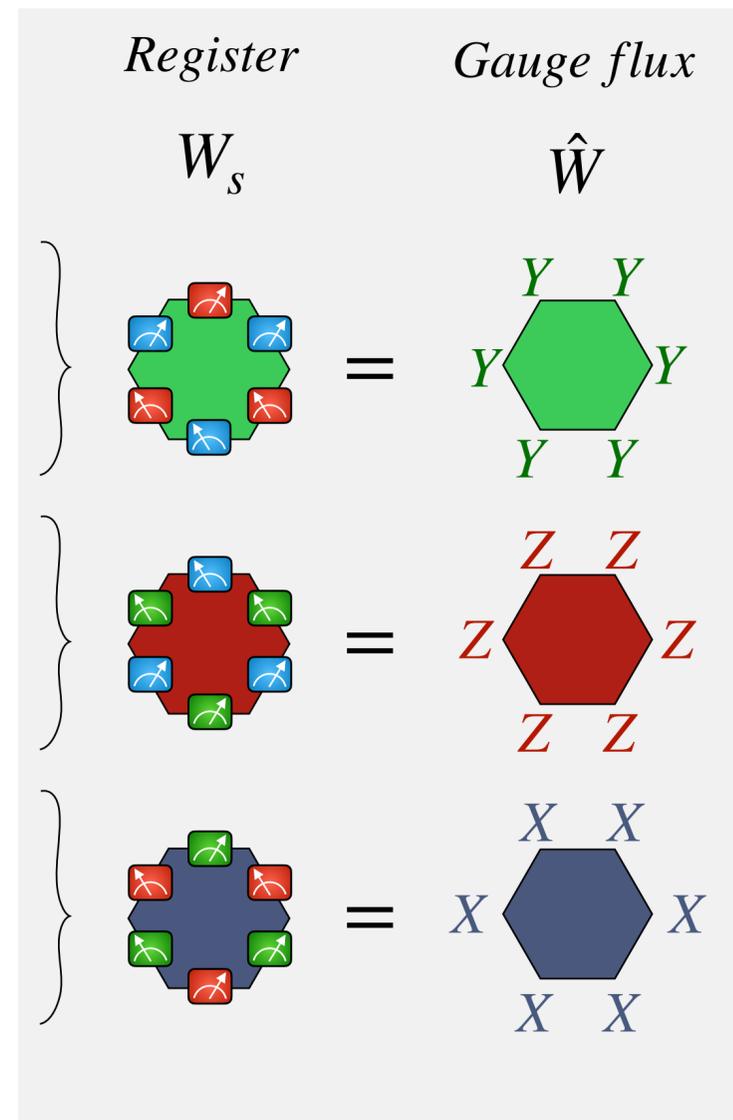
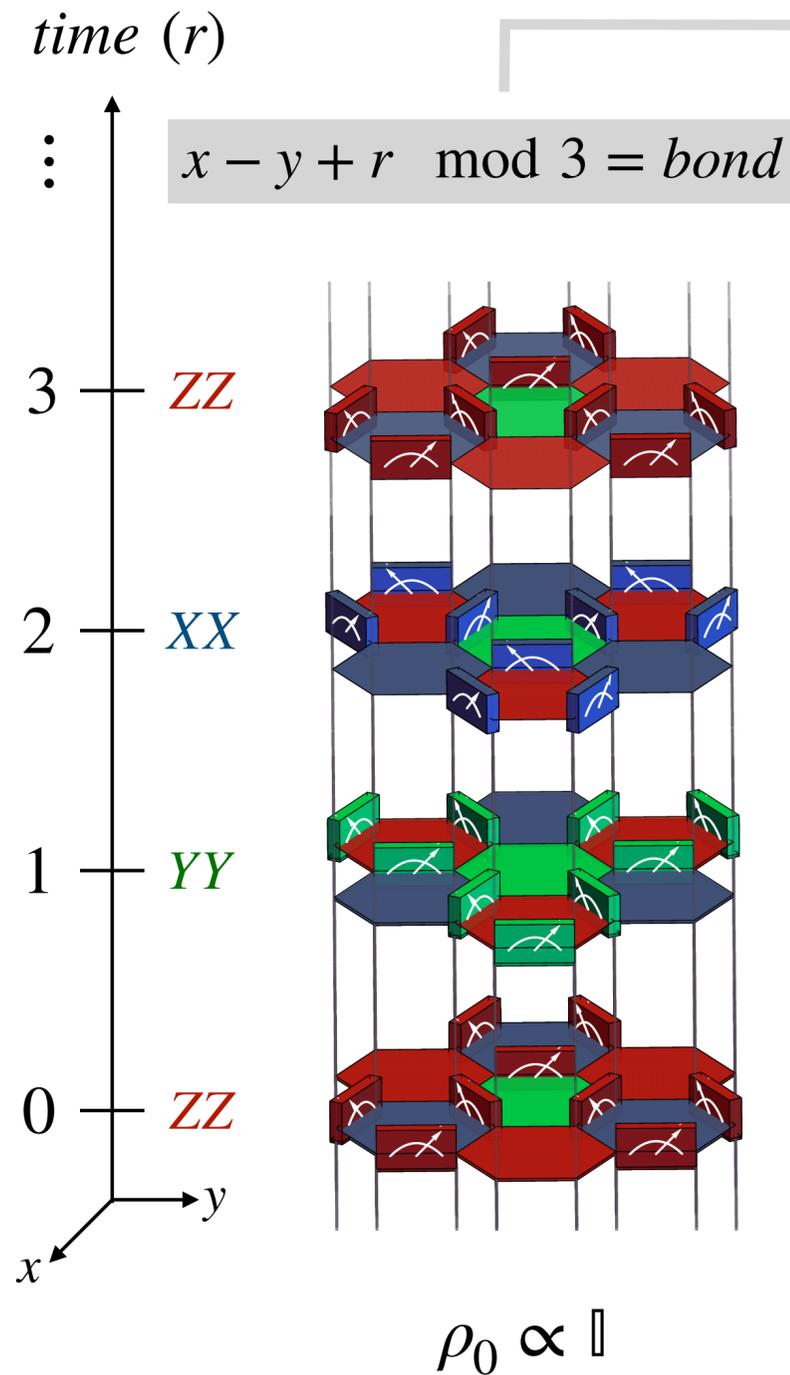
# measurement, teleportation, and beyond



# dynamical protocol



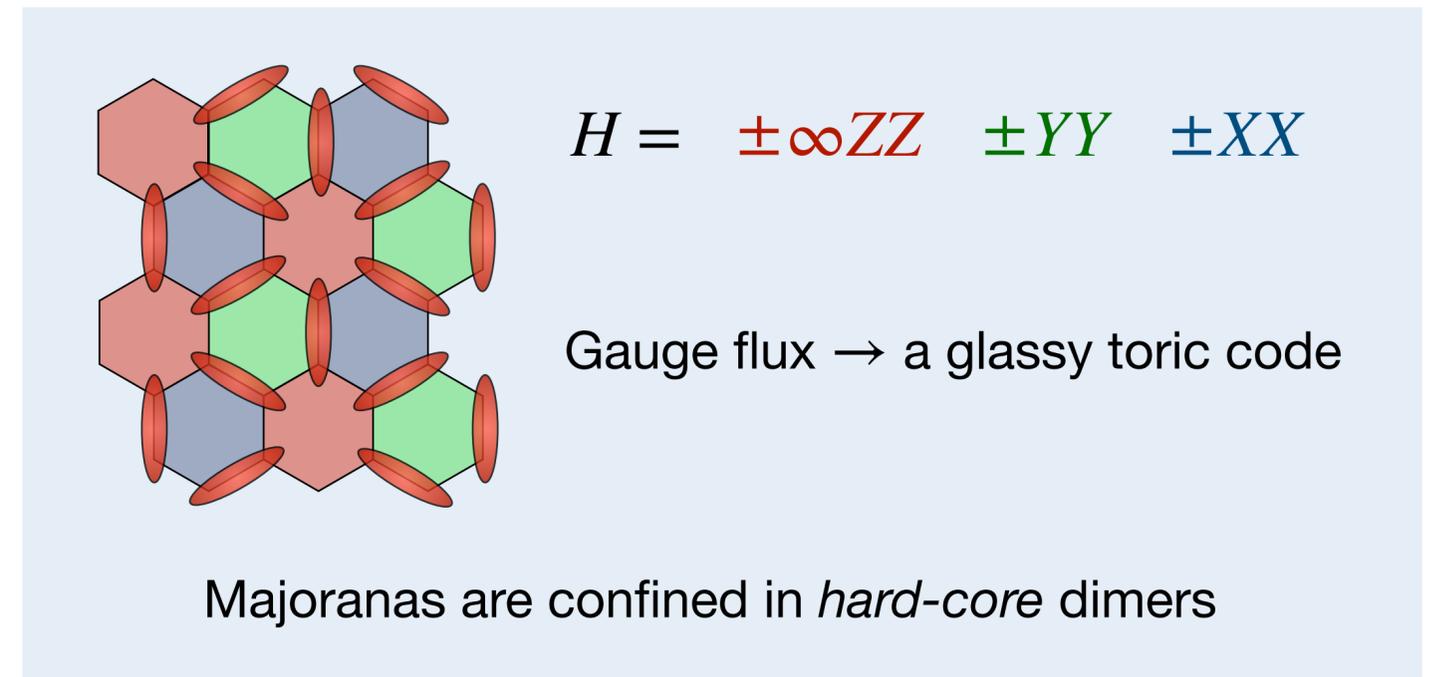
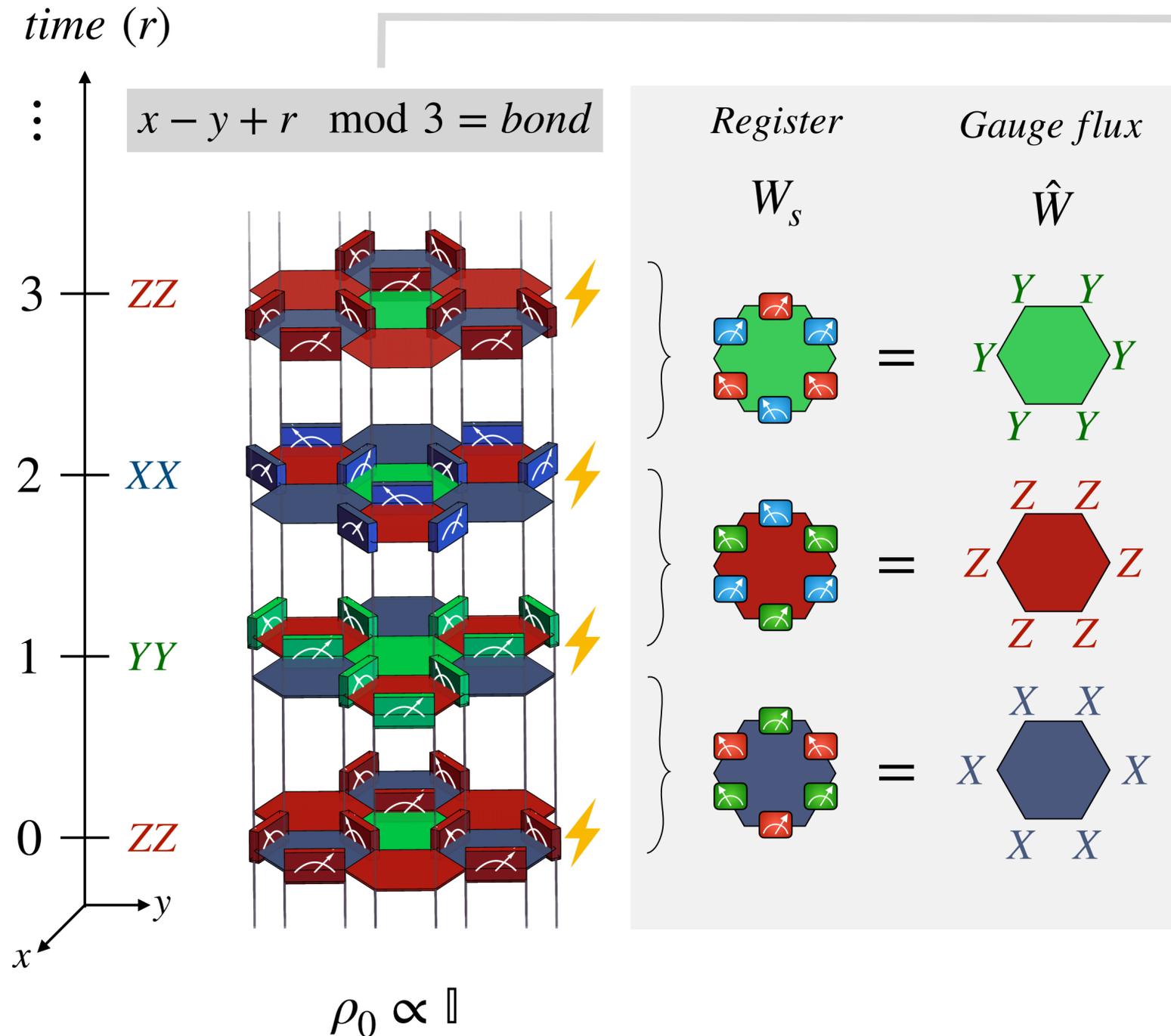
Hastings, Haah (2021)



# dynamical protocol

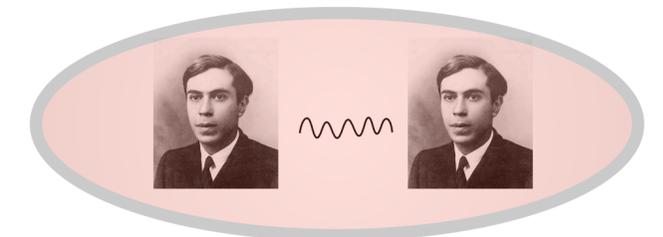


Hastings, Haah (2021)



Questions:

- How to liberate Majorana?
- Stability of the code?



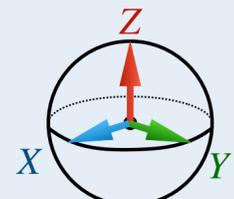
coherent error / weak measurement  $\rightarrow$

soften dimers – a channel for Majorana to escape !

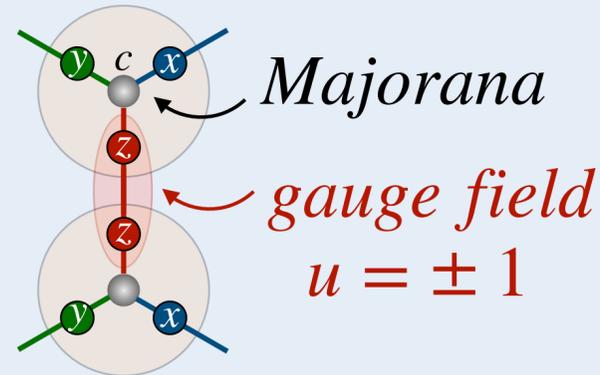
# Majorana, flux pillars, loops



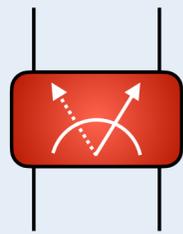
Guo-Yi Zhu



$$\begin{aligned} Z &= ib^z c \\ X &= ib^x c \\ Y &= ib^y c \end{aligned}$$



$$\exp(-\tau s ZZ) \quad (s = \pm 1)$$

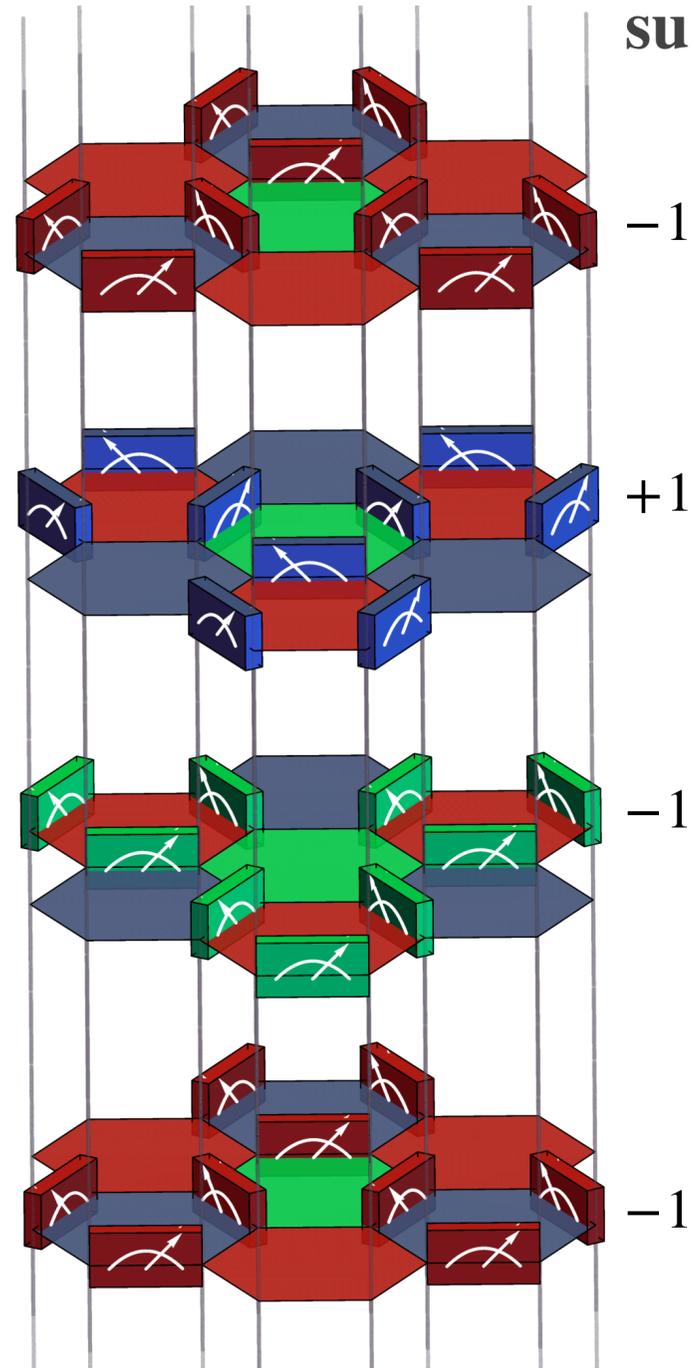


$$\exp(-\tau \quad (su) \quad ic_A c_B)$$

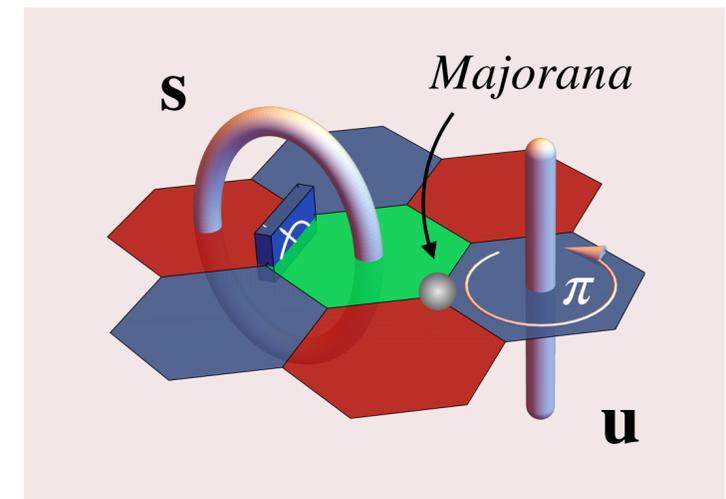
measurement strength  
 $\tau = \tanh^{-1}(\sin(2t))$

net gauge field

Majorana bilinear



random Gaussian fermion circuit  
conditioned on  
gauge trajectory su

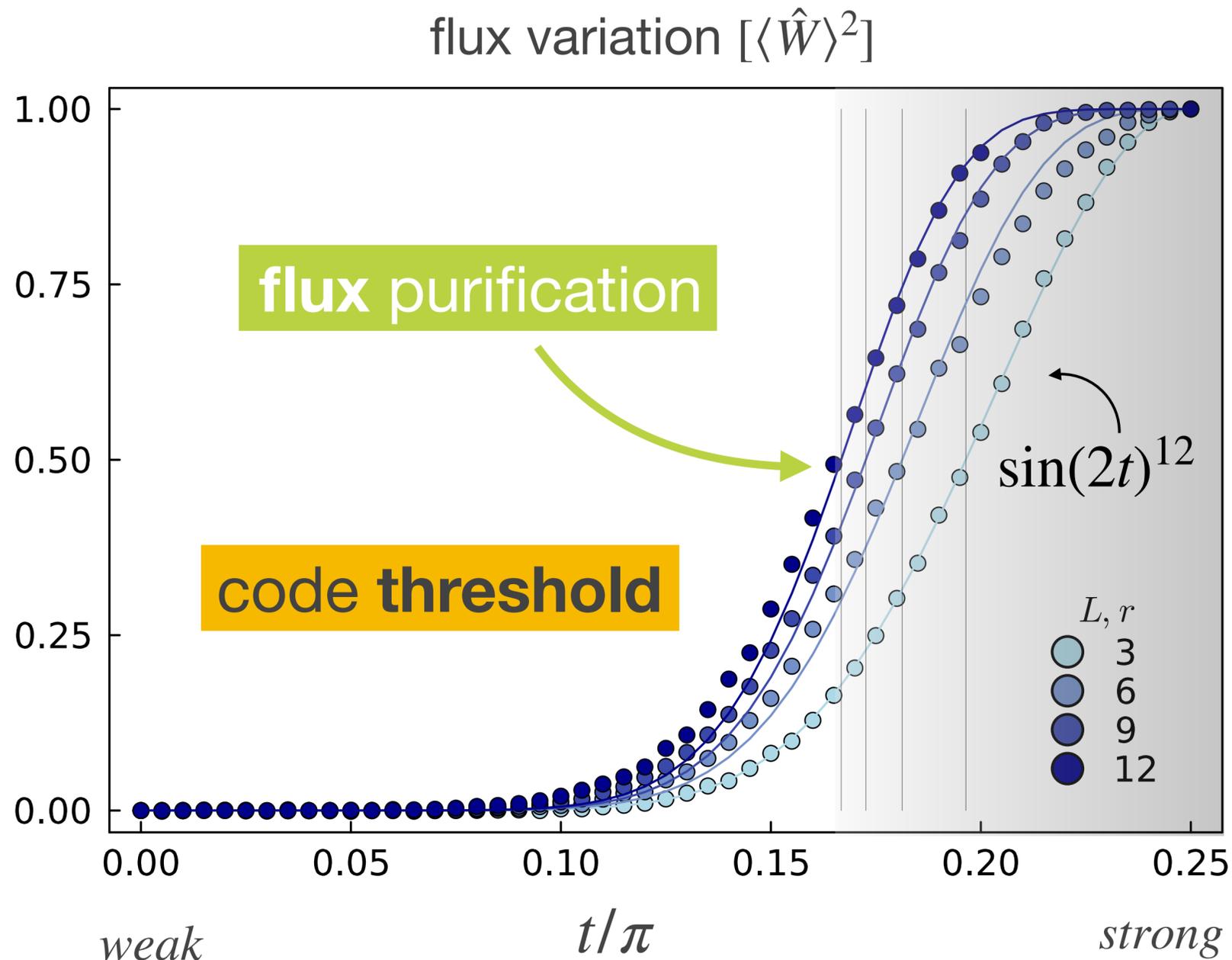


Born probability

=

Majorana partition function

# purification of fluxes



- **flux** expectation value

$$[\langle \hat{W} \rangle] = 0$$

quantum average

measurement average

- **Edwards-Anderson** order parameter

$$[\langle \hat{W} \rangle^2] = \sum_{\mathbf{s}} P(\mathbf{s}) \langle \hat{W} \rangle_{\mathbf{s}}^2 = \sum_q \sum_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{P_{\mathbf{s}} \cdot P_{\mathbf{s}\mathbf{u}}}{P(\mathbf{s})} \left( \prod_{l \in q} u_l \right)$$

- **exponential** purification

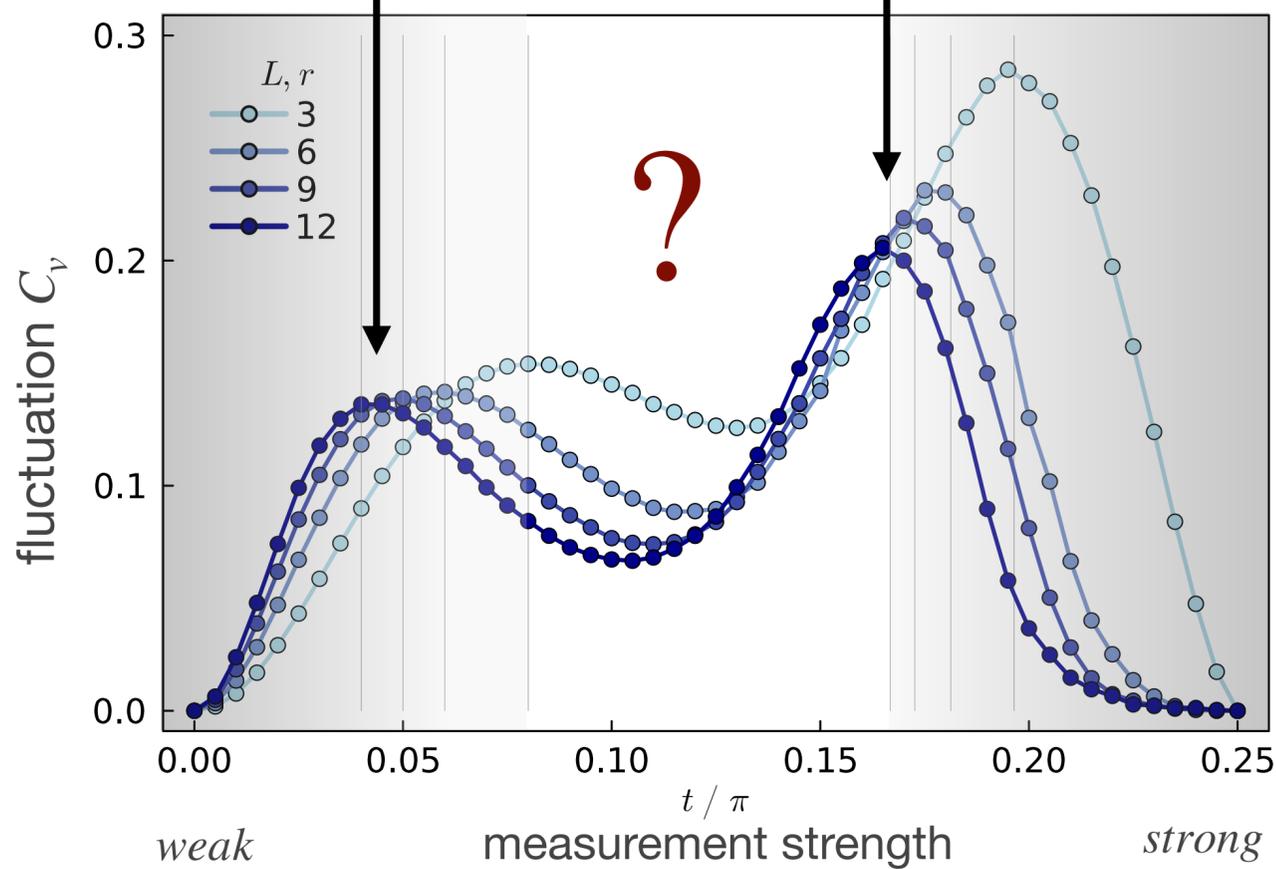
$$S_u := -\log_2 \frac{1 + [\langle \hat{W} \rangle^2]}{2} \approx \left( -\log_2 \frac{1 + \sin(2t)^{12}}{2} \right)^{\frac{r+1}{4}}$$

# but there is more – double-peaks

weak measurement-only circuit

qubit fractionalization

flux purification



circuit depth

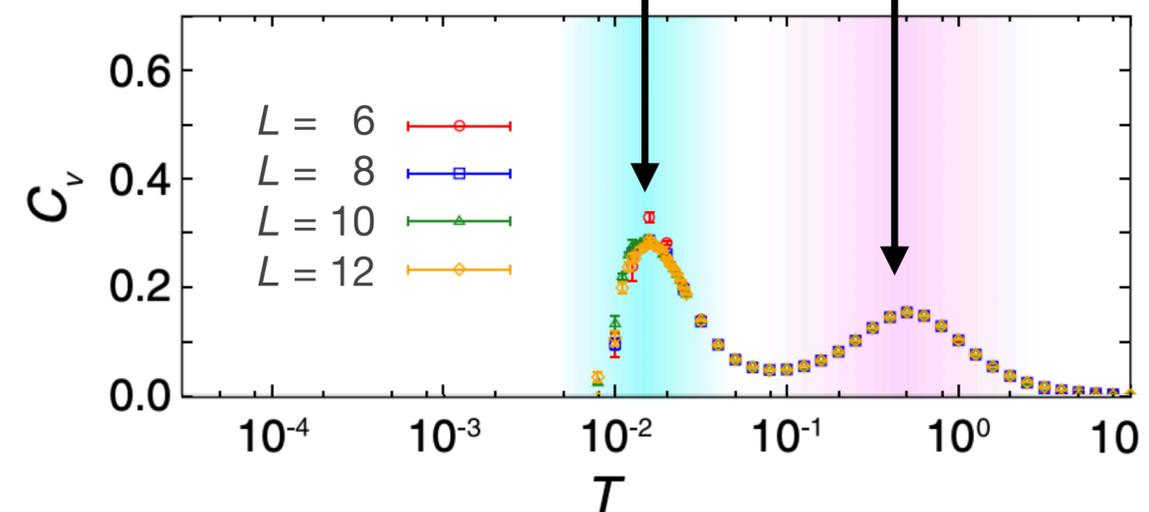
$$\rho_{\text{su}} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{4} \mathbf{c} H_{\text{su}} \mathbf{c}\right)$$

effective Hamiltonian

Hamiltonian at finite temperature

flux purification

spin fractionalization



Nasu, Udagawa, Motome, 2014

PRL 113, 197205 (2014)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

week ending  
7 NOVEMBER 2014

Vaporization of Kitaev Spin Liquids

Joji Nasu,<sup>1</sup> Masafumi Udagawa,<sup>2</sup> and Yukitoshi Motome<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Physics, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Ookayama, 2-12-1, Meguro, Tokyo 152-8551, Japan

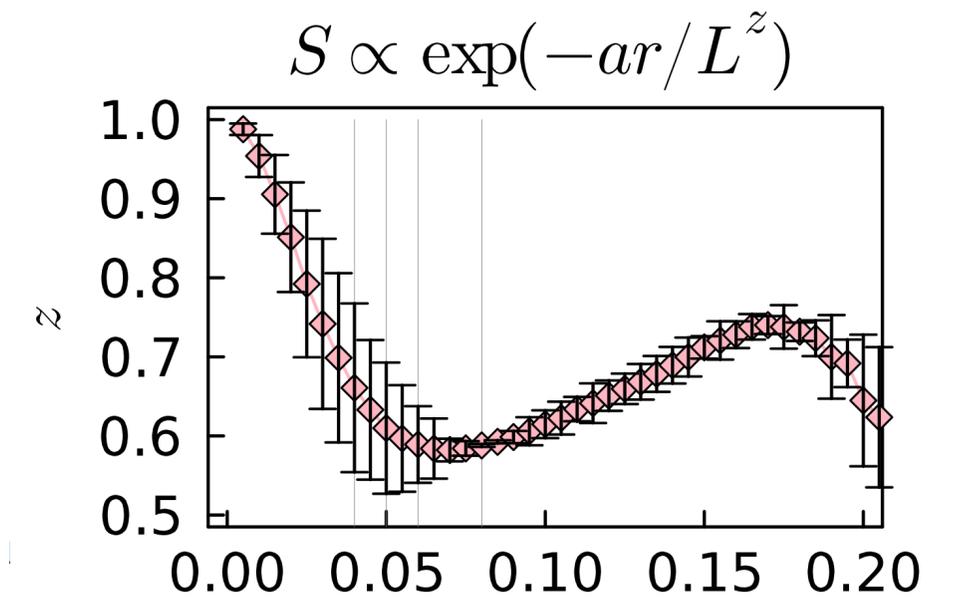
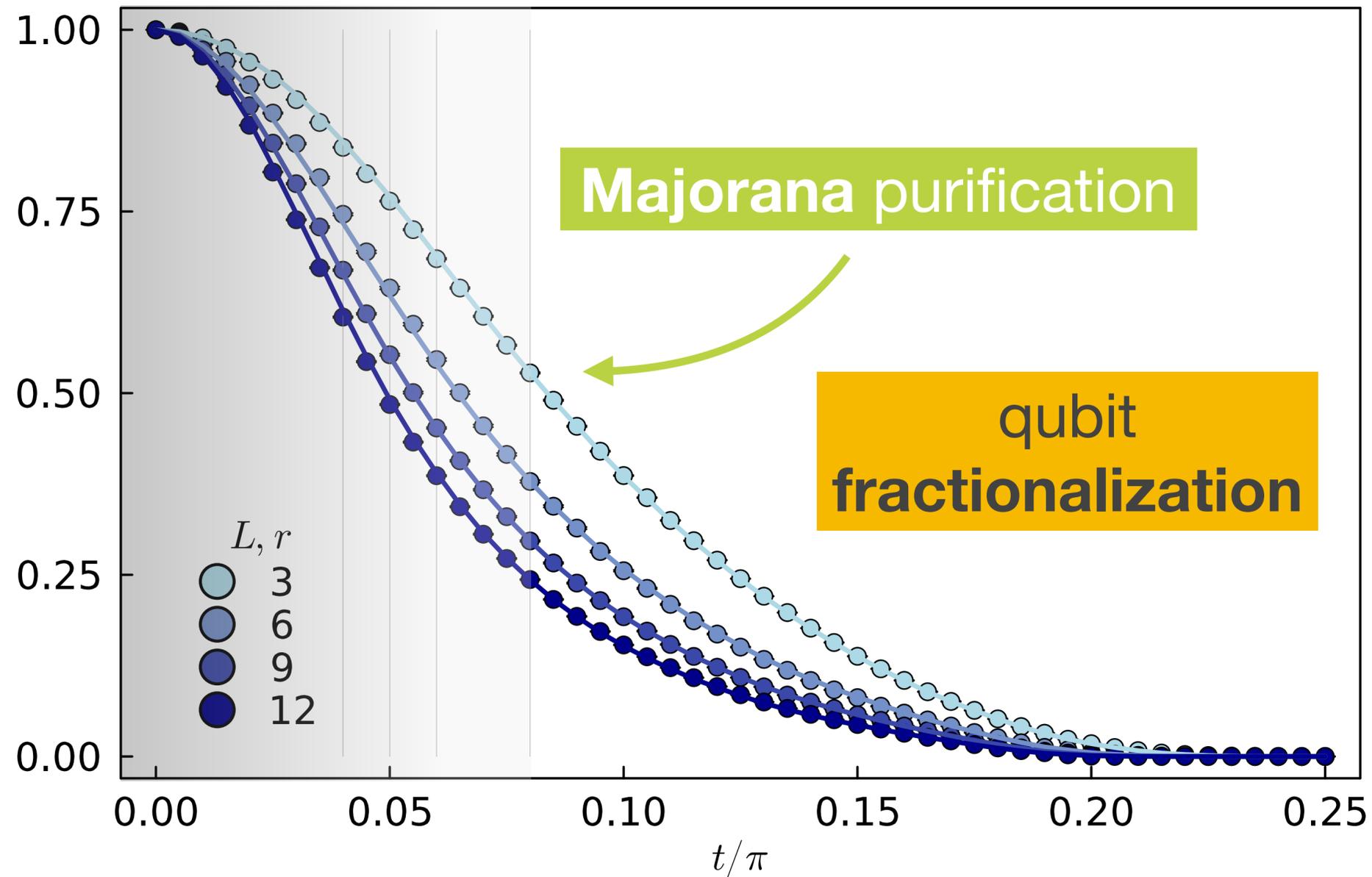
<sup>2</sup>Department of Applied Physics, University of Tokyo, Hongo, 7-3-1, Bunkyo, Tokyo 113-8656, Japan

(Received 24 July 2014; revised manuscript received 9 October 2014; published 7 November 2014)

# purification of Majoranas

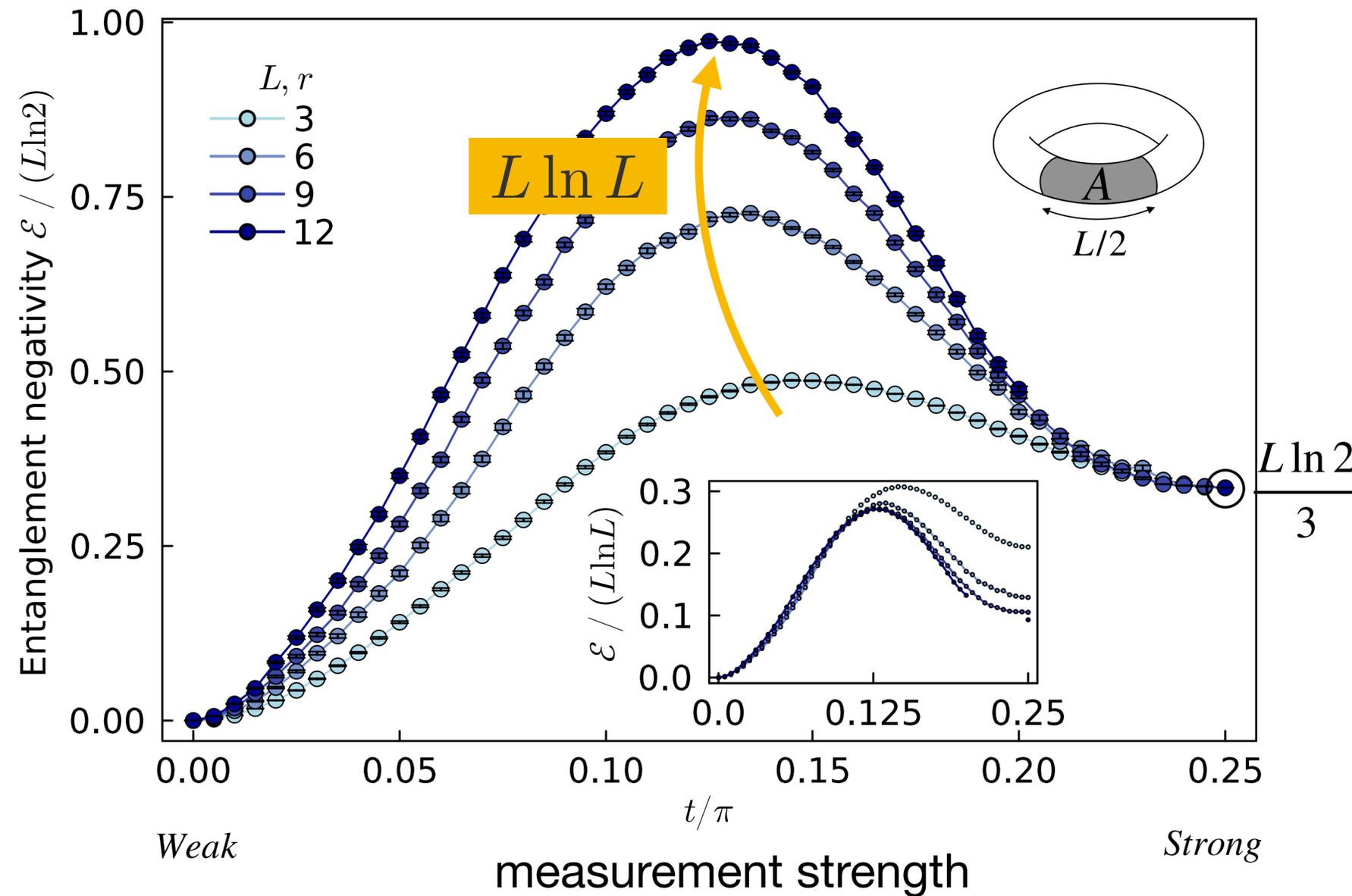
Majorana entropy density [ $\ln 2$ ]

$$S = \beta(E - F)$$



dynamical  
critical exponent

# Majorana liquid



- fermionic **entanglement negativity**
  - definition: response under *partial* time reversal
  - property: **distill out thermal entropy**
  - diagnose: **mixed state entanglement**

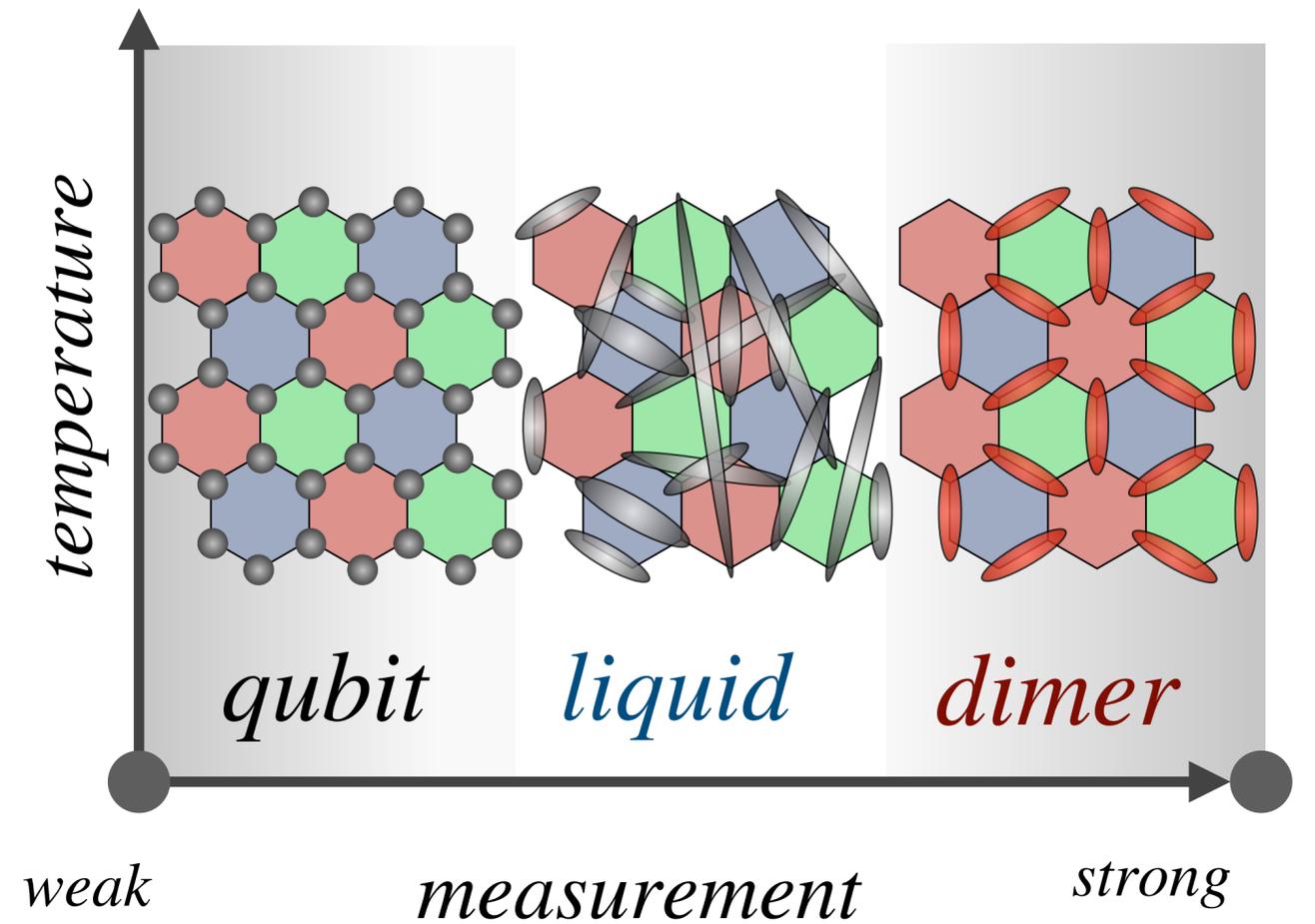
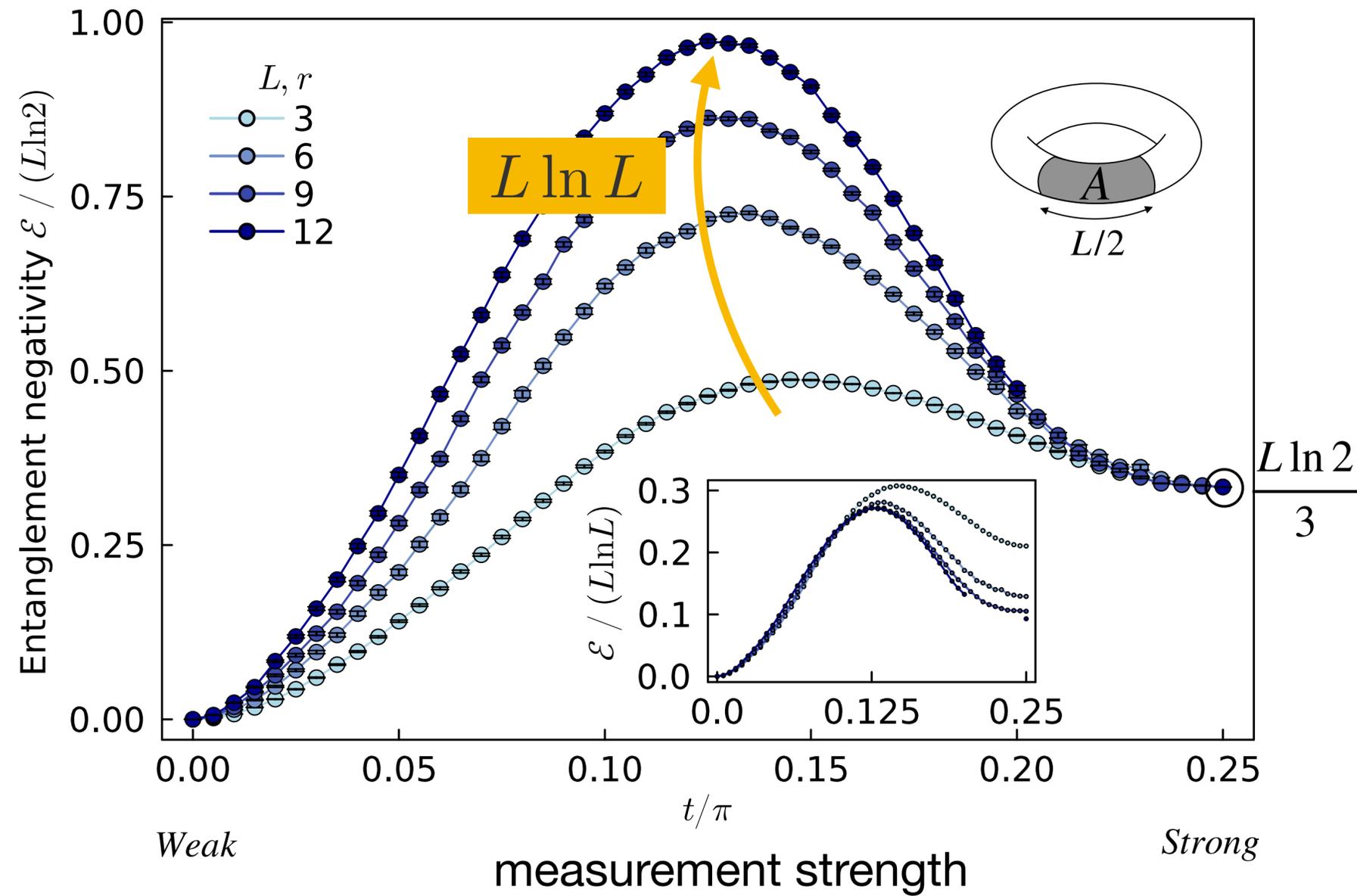
Shapourian, Shiozaki, Ryu, 2017

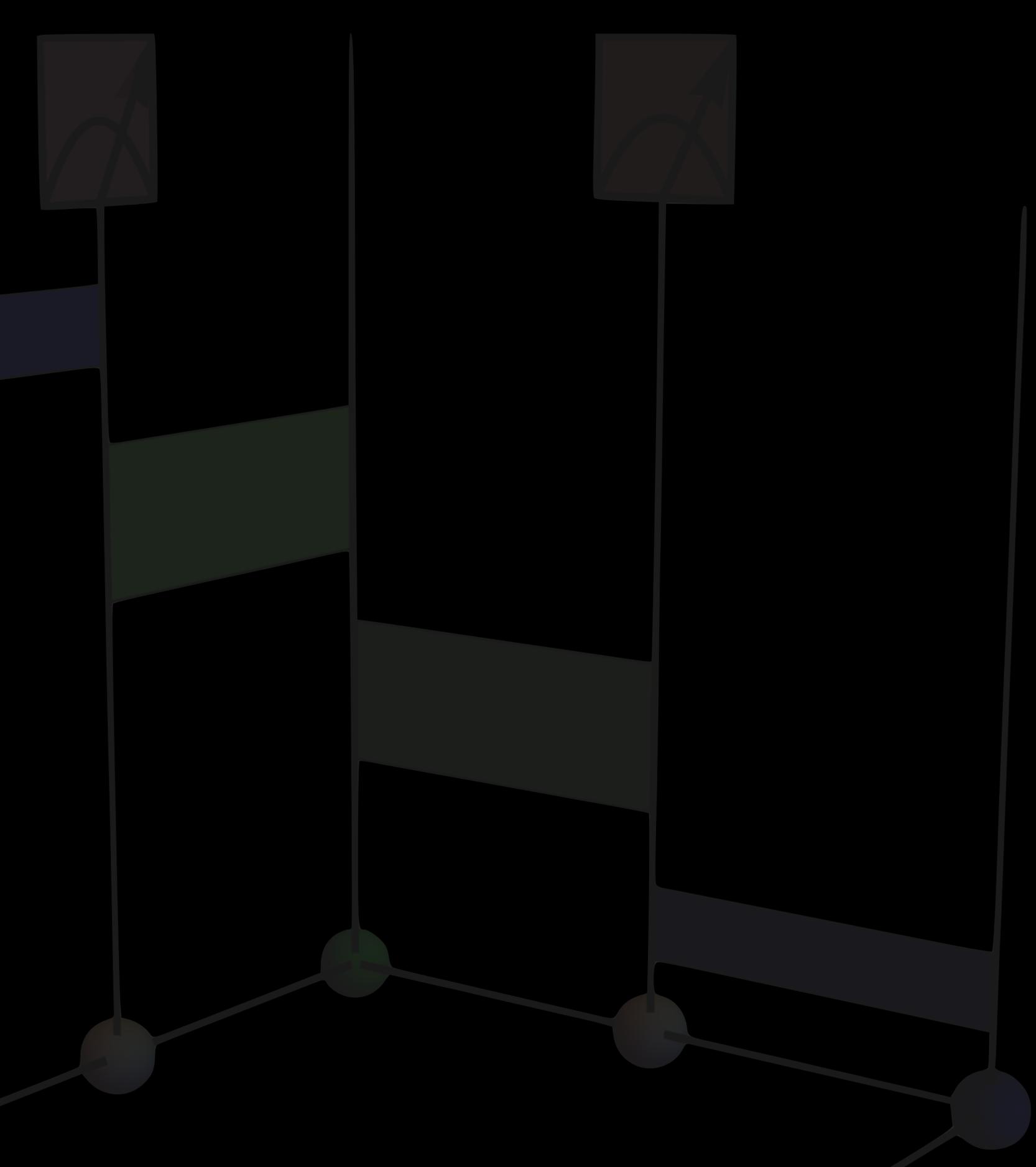
$$\mathcal{E} = \sum_{\text{su}} p_{\text{su}} \cdot \ln || \rho_{\text{su}}^{R_A} ||_1$$

- **entanglement phase transition**  
stable fermion phase with  $L \ln L$  entanglement

Fava, Piroli, Swann, Bernard, Nahum, NLM, 2023

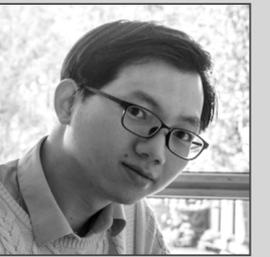
# Majorana liquid





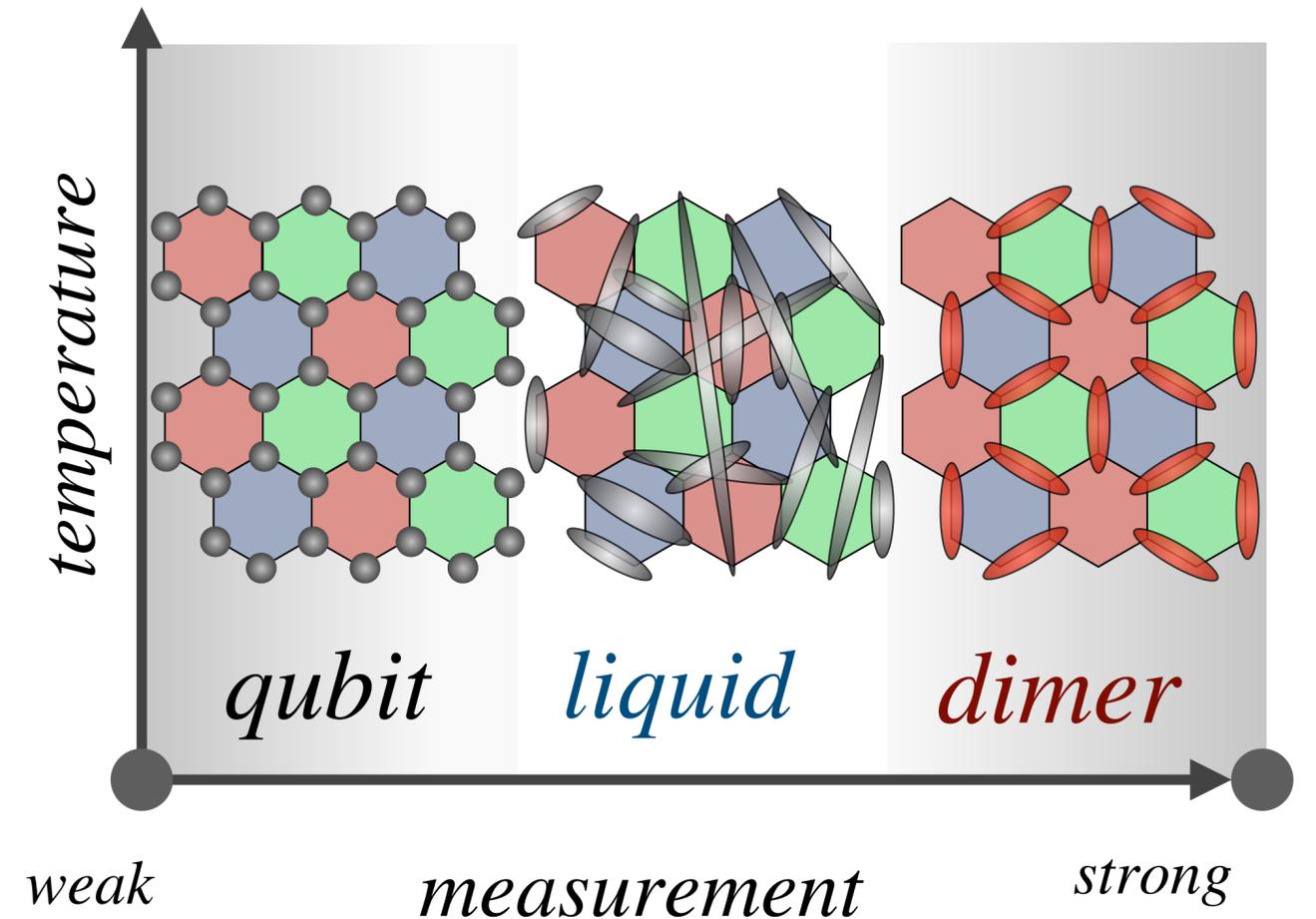
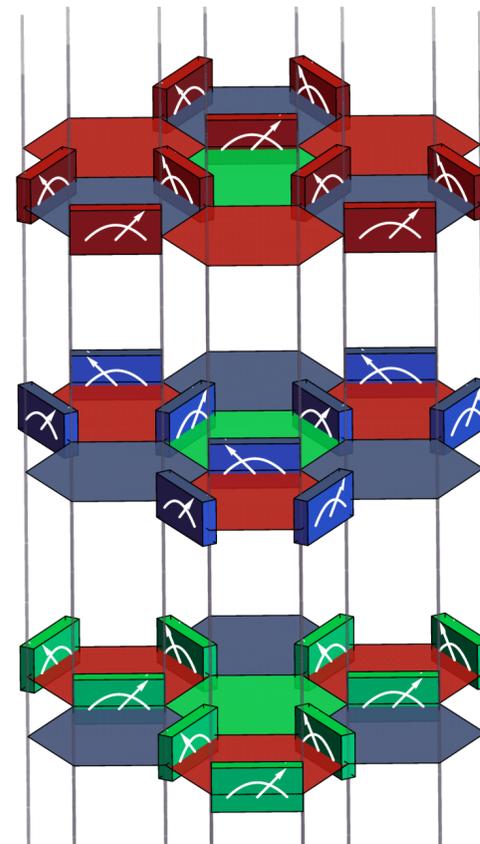
**summary**

# Floquet code — conclusions



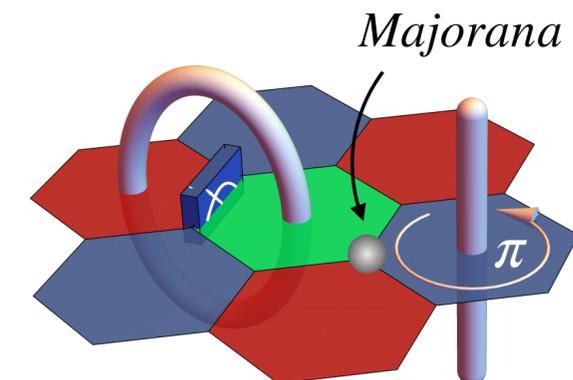
Guo-Yi Zhu

- **frustration** & **qubit fractionalization** by tunable weak measurement
- Floquet code **breakdown** to non-trivial state under coherent error
- **Majoranas** escape confinement and form **long-range entangled liquid**



## Outlook

- **Feed-forward** deterministic preparation?
- topological phase transition from a parent **color code** (+ Majorana interaction)?



Guo-Yi Zhu & ST, arXiv: 2311.08450

# Hamiltonian vs. monitored dynamics

## Hamiltonian dynamics

- **equilibrium** dynamics of **isolated** systems
- **unitary** evolution
- energy **conserved**
- quantum **ground states**
- **area-law entanglement** structures
- macroscopic entanglement (spin liquids)

## measurement dynamics

- **out-of-equilibrium** dynamics of **open** systems
- **non-unitary** evolution
- energy **not** conserved
- long-time **steady states**
- **plethora of entanglement** structures
- macroscopic entanglement (spin liquids)

