

Free-to-Interacting Maps for Quasicrystalline Symmetry-Protected Topological Phases

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Symmetry-Protected Topological Phases

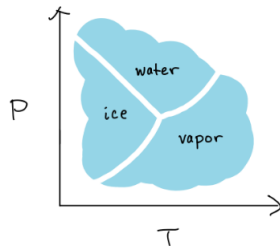
SPT phases are *invertible* phases of matter defined via...

- $\mathcal{M}$ = space of Hamiltonian operators with symmetries
- Δ = space of gapless Hamiltonians
- phase $\in (\mathcal{M} \setminus \Delta) / \sim$

SPT phases can be *free* or, more generally, *interacting*...

- *free* Hamiltonians are a subset $\mathcal{M}_{\text{free}} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\text{int}}$

schematic: H_2O



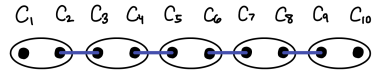
Question

How does $(\mathcal{M}_{\text{free}} \setminus \Delta) / \sim_{\text{free}}$ compare with $(\mathcal{M}_{\text{int}} \setminus \Delta) / \sim_{\text{int}}$?

Example: Free and Interacting Fermionic SPTs

The group of *free* $d = 1$ class BDI SPTs is $\mathbb{Z}$, generated by the TRS Majorana chain:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{i}{2} \left(\sum_{\ell} \hat{c}_{2\ell} \hat{c}_{2\ell+1} \right).$$

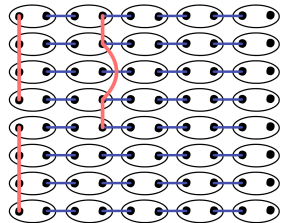


Interacting Trivialization [Fidkowski–Kitaev '10]

Eight copies of the TRS Majorana chain trivializes

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^8 \hat{H}_{\alpha} \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{H}_{\alpha} = \frac{i}{2} \left(\sum_{\ell} \hat{c}_{2\ell}^{\alpha} \hat{c}_{2\ell+1}^{\alpha} \right)$$

with interaction term $\hat{c}_{\ell}^1 \hat{c}_{\ell}^2 \hat{c}_{\ell}^3 \hat{c}_{\ell}^4 + \hat{c}_{\ell}^5 \hat{c}_{\ell}^6 \hat{c}_{\ell}^7 \hat{c}_{\ell}^8 + \hat{c}_{\ell}^1 \hat{c}_{\ell}^2 \hat{c}_{\ell}^5 \hat{c}_{\ell}^6 + \dots$



⇒ The group of *interacting* BDI SPTs in $d = 1$ is $\mathbb{Z}/8$

Our [Debray–K.–Pacheco–Tallaj–Stehouwer] Approach

- Following [Freed–Hopkins, '16], we model the passage $([H]_{\text{free}} \mapsto [H]_{\text{int}})$ from free to interacting SPTs as a homotopical map...

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"unstable"} \\ \text{free"} \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{free fermion} \\ G\text{-SPTs} \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{interacting fermion} \\ G\text{-SPTs} \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{intrinsically} \\ \text{interacting"} \end{array} \right\} \\
 & & \downarrow \simeq & & \simeq \downarrow \text{ansatz} & & \\
 \text{ker} & \longrightarrow & KO_G^{d-2,\tau}(X) & \xrightarrow{\text{F2I}} & \mathcal{U}_\xi^{d+1}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{coker} \\
 & & \uparrow \text{~~~~~} & & \uparrow \text{~~~~~} & & \\
 & & K\text{-theory} & & \text{invertible field theories} & &
 \end{array}$$

- Today: construct & compute $F2I$ for tenfold-way weak phases & cut-and-project quasicrystals

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Free Fermion SPTs: Tenfold Way

- K -theory classifies gapped free fermion Hamiltonians e.g. [Kitaev, '09, Ryu–Schnyder–Furusaki–Ludwig, '10] or spectral gap projections e.g. [Bellissard, '80s]
- **Ansatz:** If A is a superalgebra encoding symmetries, then *free fermion SPT phases in spatial dimension d* are classified by the group $K_{2-d}(A)$

Tenfold Way

Internal *symmetries* (time reversal, particle number conservation) for free fermion systems form representations of a Clifford algebra Cl_s e.g. [Altland–Zirnbauer, '97]:

$$K_{2-d}(Cl_s) \cong KO^{d+s-2} \quad \text{and} \quad K_{2-d}(\mathbb{C}l_s) \cong KU^{d+s-2}$$

AZ Class	D	BDI	AI	CI	C	CII	AII	DIII	A	AIII
Algebra	Cl_0	Cl_{+1}	Cl_{+2}	Cl_{+3}	Cl_4	Cl_{-3}	Cl_{-2}	Cl_{-1}	$\mathbb{C}l_0$	$\mathbb{C}l_1$

Interacting SPTs I: Tangential Structures

Definition

A *stable tangential structure* is an object $(\xi: X \rightarrow BO) \in \mathbf{Spc}_{/BO}$.

A stable tangential structure on a manifold M is a lift...

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ \nearrow & \downarrow \xi & \\ M & \xrightarrow{TM} & BO. \end{array}$$

Examples

- $X = BSO \rightsquigarrow$ orientations
- $X = BSpin \rightsquigarrow$ spin structures
- $X = BPin^{\pm} \rightsquigarrow$ $pin^{\pm}$ structures

Interacting SPTs II: Bordism

Definition

The bordism group of d -manifolds with ξ -structure is

$$\Omega_d^\xi = (\{\text{closed } d\text{-dim'l } \xi\text{-manifolds}\} / \text{bordism}, \sqcup).$$

Example

In dimension 2 with $\xi: B\text{Pin}^- \rightarrow BO$, the group is $\Omega_2^{\text{Pin}^-} \cong \mathbb{Z}/8$ generated by $[\mathbb{RP}^2]$.

Pontryagin–Thom

Bordism for ξ -manifolds is encoded by the *Madsen–Tillmann spectrum*:

$$\pi_d(MT\xi) \cong \Omega_d^\xi.$$

Interacting SPTs III: TQFTs

Definition [Atiyah, '88]

An n -dimensional TQFT is a symmetric monoidal functor

$$\mathcal{Z}: \text{Bord}_n \rightarrow \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

from the *bordism category* Bord_n of closed $(n-1)$ -manifolds and bordisms to the category $\text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of complex vector spaces.

- closed $(n-1)$ -manifold $M \mapsto \mathcal{Z}(M)$ the *state space* of the theory on M
- closed n -manifold $W \mapsto \mathcal{Z}(W) \in \mathbb{C}$ the value of the *partition function* of $\mathcal{Z}$

Ansatz [Freed–Hopkins, '21]

Interacting (fermionic) SPT phases of a given symmetry type are classified by the deformation class of their low energy field theory, which is a *fully extended reflection-positive invertible field theory* on manifolds with certain (twisted spin) tangential structure.

Interacting SPTs IV: Invertible Field Theories

Theorem [Freed–Hopkins '16, Grady '23]

Let ξ be a stable tangential structure.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fully extended reflection-positive} \\ (d+1)\text{-dim'l invertible } \xi\text{-theories} \end{array} \right\} / \text{deformation} \cong [MT\xi, \Sigma^{d+2}I_{\mathbb{Z}}] =: \mathcal{U}_{\xi}^{d+1}$$

- There is a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (\mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_{d+1}^{\xi}, \mathbb{C}^{\times}))_{\mathrm{tor}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\xi}^{d+1} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_{d+2}^{\xi}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0$$

(where, recall, $\Omega_{d+1}^{\xi} = (\{\text{closed } (d+1)\text{-dim'l } \xi\text{-manifolds}\} / \text{bordism}, \sqcup)$)

Example [Debray–Gunningham, '18]

The interacting analog of the **TRS Majorana chain** is the Arf–Brown TQFT, which generates the group $\mathcal{U}_{\mathrm{Pin}^{-}}^3 \cong (\mathrm{Hom}(\Omega_2^{\mathrm{Pin}^{-}}, \mathbb{C}^{\times}))_{\mathrm{tor}} \cong \Omega_2^{\mathrm{Pin}^{-}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/8$.

Connecting Free and Interacting

We want a map comparing fermionic symmetry-protected topological phases of two types...

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{free fermion} \\ G\text{-SPTs} \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{interacting fermion} \\ G\text{-SPTs} \end{array} \right\} \\ \uparrow \text{~~~~~} & & \uparrow \text{~~~~~} \\ K\text{-theory} & & \text{invertible field theories} \end{array}$$

... so we need a way to connect (bordism classes of) manifolds and K -theory.

Free-to-Interacting Maps

Main Ingredient for F2I Map

The Atiyah–Bott–Shapiro, or spin orientation, [ABS,'63] is a ring map

$$\Omega_n^{\text{Spin}} \rightarrow KO_n$$

sending a (bordism class of) spin manifold to the KO -class of its Clifford-linear Dirac operator acting on sections of the spinor bundle

$$[M] \mapsto \not{D}_M \curvearrowright \overline{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathcal{S})}$$

- The *Anderson dual* of this map gives the class D free-to-interacting map

$$KO^{d-2} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\text{Spin}}^{d+1}$$

- Use *generalized ABS maps* $\Omega_n^{H(s)} \rightarrow KO_{n+s}$ to model the rest of the tenfold way [Freed–Hopkins, '21, Debray–K.–Stehouwer, '26]

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Warm-Up: Weak Phases

Definition [see e.g. Kitaev, '09, Ewert–Meyer, '19]

Weak SPT phases are SPT phases that are protected by $\mathbb{Z}^d$ translation symmetry. Mathematically, if $\bar{S}^d \hookrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{T}}^d$ is the inclusion of the top cell of the Brillouin zone,

$$\{\text{free weak phases}\} := \ker(KR^{d+s-2}(\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d) \rightarrow KR^{d+s-2}(\bar{S}^d))$$

- Most famous example: TRS insulator in $3 + 1d$ [Fu–Kane, Fu–Kane–Mele, '21]
- *Dislocations* can trap topological bound states and potentially host nonabelian anyons
- Open question: are weak phases robust to interactions?

Parameterizing Over Tori

Free Classification [Kitaev, '09, Ewert–Meyer, '19]

$$\{\text{free weak phases}\} = \ker \left(KR^{d+s-2}(\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d) \rightarrow KR^{d+s-2}(\bar{S}^d) \right)$$

- Here, $\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d$ is the *Brillouin zone* torus

Interacting Classification [Freed–Hopkins, '20, AC-D-K-PT-S-S, '24]

Let $\mathcal{U}_{H(s)}^{d+1}$ denote the group of IFTs on $H(s)$ -manifolds. Then

$$\{\text{interacting weak phases}\} = \ker \left(\mathcal{U}_{H(s)}^{d+1}(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{H(s)}^{d+1}(S^0) \right).$$

- Here, $\mathbf{T}^d$ is the *unit cell* torus

T-Duality

- Need to exchange the ($\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant) *Brillouin zone torus* $\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d := \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, U(1))$ with the (non-equivariant) *unit cell torus* $\mathbf{T}^d := \mathbb{R}^d/\mathbb{Z}^d$
- T-duality [e.g. Kitaev, '09, Mathai–Thiang, '16] in K -theory achieves this:

$$KR^s(\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d) \xrightarrow{\cong} KO_{-s}(\mathbf{T}^d) \xrightarrow[\text{Poincaré}]{\cong} KO^{d+s}(\mathbf{T}^d)$$

- Here, the first isomorphism is

$$KR^s(\bar{\mathbb{T}}^d) \xrightarrow[\text{Gelfand}]{\cong} KO_{-s}(C_{\mathbb{R}}^*(\mathbb{Z}^d)) \xrightarrow[\text{Baum–Connes}]{\cong} KO_{-s}(\mathbf{T}^d)$$

Weak Free-to-Interacting Map

- Let $F2I_s: KO^{d+s-2} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{H(s)}^{d+1}$ be Freed–Hopkins' free-to-interacting map for symmetry s
- Since we have a map of spectra, it immediately generalizes to a parameterized version:

Ansatz [Antolín Camarena–Debray–K.–Pacheco–Tallaj–Stehouwer–Sheinbaum, '24]

The free-to-interacting map for discrete translation-invariant phases (including weak phases) is

$$F2I_{weak}: KR^{s-2}(\mathbb{T}^d) \xrightarrow{\text{T-duality}} KO^{d-s-2}(\mathbf{T}^d) \xrightarrow{F2I_s} \mathcal{U}_{H(s)}^{d+1}(\mathbf{T}^d)$$

for symmetry type s .

Stable Splittings of Tori

James splitting

For any generalized cohomology theory E , the cohomology of the torus splits:

$$\tilde{E}^k(\mathbf{T}^d) \cong \bigoplus_{n=0}^d \binom{d}{n} E^{k-n}(\text{pt}).$$

- Example: $\mathbf{T}^2 \simeq_{\text{stably}} S^2 \vee S^1 \vee S^1 \vee S^0$, so $\tilde{E}^0(\mathbf{T}^2) \cong E^{-2} \oplus (E^{-1})^{\oplus 2} \oplus E^0$

⇒ Our parameterized free-to-interacting map also splits!

$$F2I_{\text{weak}}^d = \bigoplus_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} F2I_{\text{strong}}^{d-k}$$

⇒

$$\ker F2I_{\text{weak}}^d = \bigoplus_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} \ker F2I_{\text{strong}}^{d-k}, \quad \text{coker } F2I_{\text{weak}}^d = \bigoplus_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} \text{coker } F2I_{\text{strong}}^{d-k}$$

Example—Weak Time-Reversal-Symmetric Insulators (Class AII)

Colored summands are **valence band numbers** and **strong phases**:

Corollary 3.4 (Symmetry class AII, $s = -2$). *The free-to-interacting map for the groups of weak phases in Altland-Zirnbauer type AII is:*

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} d & \ker(\text{F2I}) & \longrightarrow & KO^{d-4}(\mathbf{T}^d) \xrightarrow{\text{F2I}} \mathcal{U}_{\text{Pin}^{\tilde{c}+}}^{d+2}(\mathbf{T}^d) & \longrightarrow \text{coker}(\text{F2I}) \\ \hline 1 & 0 & & \mathbb{Z} & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \end{array}$$

- In this case, *all weak phases persist* in the presence of interactions
- We compute [AC-D-K-PT-S-S, '24] that the strong phase in $d = 3$ coming from the free phase is detected on $[\mathbb{CP}^1 \times \mathbb{CP}^1] \in \Omega_4^{\text{Pin}^{\tilde{c}+}}$, while the intrinsically interacting phases are detected on $[\mathbb{RP}^4]$ and $[\mathbb{CP}^2]$

Quasicrystal Classification From [Else–Prem–Huang–Gromov, '21]

Classification [(3), Else–Prem–Huang–Gromov, '21]

Invertible topological phases with internal symmetry G (and no point group symmetry) in a quasicrystalline system with D elastic modes are classified by

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^D \mathcal{Q}_{d-k}^{\times \binom{D}{k}} \quad (1)$$

where $\mathcal{Q}_{d-k}$ is a classification of invertible topological phases with internal symmetry G in $d - k$ spatial dimensions

- This formula comes from parameterizing over the dual reciprocal lattice $\mathcal{L}^* \cong \mathbf{T}^D$
- I will take $\mathcal{Q}_{d-k}$ to be K -theory and invertible field theories, resp.

Quasicrystal Classification in Terms of Invertible Field Theories

- Combining the ansatz from [(3), Else–Prem–Huang–Gromov, '21] with the invertible field theory classification of [Freed–Hopkins, '21], we get...

Ansatz

Interacting cut-and-project quasicrystalline SPTs in d spatial dimensions with D elastic modes and symmetry type H are classified by

$$[MTH, \mathbf{T}^D \wedge \Sigma^{d+2} I_{\mathbb{Z}}] =: \mathcal{U}_H^{d+1}(\mathbf{T}^D). \quad (2)$$

- That is, such SPTs are classified by $d + 1$ -dimensional invertible field theories on H -manifolds parameterized over the torus $\mathbf{T}^D$
- Calculable via the same methods as for weak phases

Quasicrystalline Free-to-Interacting Maps

- Let $F2I_s^k$ be the (strong) free-to-interacting map for symmetry type s in dimension k .
- By analogy with the weak phases case...

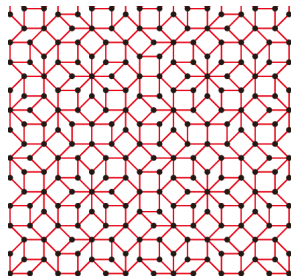
Ansatz

For a cut-and-project quasicrystalline SPT of symmetry type s in d spatial dimensions with D phason modes, we set

$$F2I := \bigoplus_{i=0}^D (F2I_s^{d-i})^{\oplus \binom{D}{i}}.$$

Ammann–Beenker Tiling I

- Consider fermionic SPTs on the Ammann–Beenker tiling
- This is a cut-and-project quasicrystal with $D = 4$ and $d = 2$
- See e.g. [Varjas et al, '19, Chen–Chen–Gao–Zhou–Xu, '20, Else–Huang–Prem–Gromov, '21, Yan et al, '25]
- For now, ignore the 8-fold symmetry



Ammann–Beenker Tiling II

For class D superconductors, using [Cor. 9.81, Freed–Hopkins, '21] (see also [Cor. 3.7, AC-D-K-PT-S-S, '24]) we compute

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (KO^{-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}} \xrightarrow{F2I} \bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (U_{\text{Spin}}^{3-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}}$$

$$i = 0 \qquad \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$$

$$1 \qquad (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4 \xrightarrow{\cong} (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$$

$$2 \qquad (\mathbb{Z}/2)^6 \xrightarrow{\cong} (\mathbb{Z}/2)^6$$

$$3 \qquad 0 \qquad 0$$

$$4 \qquad \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$$

- These are all $\cong$'s because the spin orientation is 7-connected

Ammann–Beenker Tiling III

For class CI insulators, using [Cor. 9.101, Freed–Hopkins, '21] (see also [Cor. 3.16, AC-D-K-PT-S-S, '24]) we compute

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (KO^{3-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}} \xrightarrow{F2I} \bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (U_{\text{Pin}^{h+}}^{3-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}}$$

$i = 0$	0	0
1	0	$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$
2	0	0
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4 \xrightarrow{\text{mod } 2} (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$	
4	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	0

- There's a new unstable free phase coming from $i = 4$

Intrinsically Quasicrystalline Phenomena

Ansatz (combining [(3), Else–Prem–Huang–Gromov, '21] + [Freed–Hopkins, '21])

Interacting cut-and-project quasicrystalline SPTs in d spatial dimensions with D elastic modes and symmetry type H are classified by $\mathcal{U}_H^{d+1}(\mathbf{T}^D) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^D (\mathcal{U}_H^{d+1-i})^{\oplus \binom{D}{i}}$.

- Bordism is *connective*; i.e. $\Omega_i^H = 0$ for $i < 0$, and so IFTs satisfy $\mathcal{U}_H^i = 0$ for $i < -1$
- Therefore $\mathcal{U}_H^{d+1-i} = 0$ for $i > d + 2$, and the only new phase invariants we see using this ansatz are from $\mathcal{U}_H^0$ and $\mathcal{U}_H^{-1}$ (i.e. $\mathcal{Q}_{-1}$ and $\mathcal{Q}_{-2}$), no matter how large $D - d$ is

Fact

$$\mathcal{U}_H^{-1} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } H \rightarrow O \text{ factors through } SO \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

- There are *new intrinsically interacting, intrinsically quasicrystalline phases* in classes AI and CII coming from $\mathcal{U}_H^0$ [This is a correction from what I said in the talk]
- But there are *no* such phases coming from $\mathcal{U}_H^{-1}$

Ammann–Beenker Tiling IV

For class C insulators (with charge conjugation $C^2 = -1$), using [Cor. 9.99, Freed–Hopkins, '21] (see also [Cor. 3.19, AC-D-K-PT-S-S, '24]), we compute

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (KO^{4-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}} \xrightarrow{F2I} \bigoplus_{i=0}^4 (U_{\text{Spin}^h}^{3-i})^{\oplus \binom{4}{i}}$$

$i = 0$	$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$

- There is a new (non-crystalline) stable free phase coming from $i = 4$

Future Directions

- New symmetry types, especially mixed spatial and internal symmetries
- Beyond cut-and-project quasicrystalline SPTs
- Identifying bordism invariants and generators

Related Articles

- Omar Antolín Camarena, Arun Debray, CK, Natalia Pacheco-Tallaj, Daniel Sheinbaum, and Luuk Stehouwer. *Weak Topological Phases in the Presence of Interactions*. arXiv: 2410.10031 [math-ph, cond-mat.str-el, hep-th].
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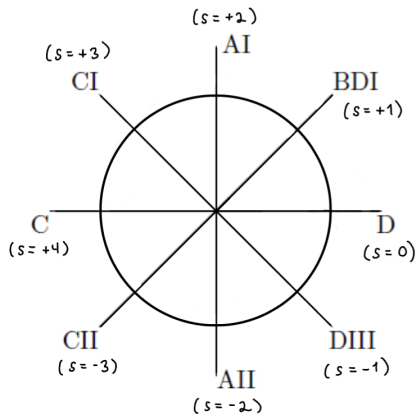
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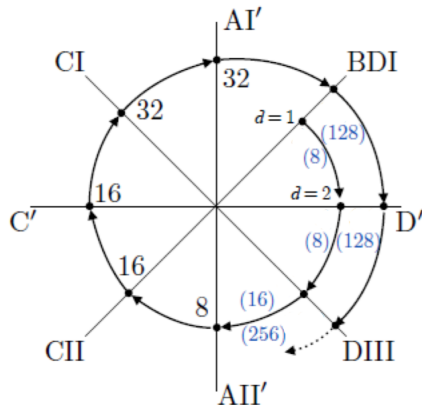
The “Bott Spiral” of Primed Phases [Queiroz–Khalaf–Stern, '16]

“Bott Clock” of Free SPTs



- $(1,1)$ -periodic from KO^{d+s-2}

“Bott Spiral” of Interacting SPTs



- not periodic! $\mathbb{Z}/(2^n)$ for increasing n

Computational Results

Theorem [Debray–K.–Stehouwer, '26]

Let $\tilde{m} := \lfloor (d - \ell - k + i + 1)/8 \rfloor$, where $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ with $i \equiv \ell \pmod{4}$. For d large enough, the image of the type- $E_{\ell,k}$ free-to-interacting map

$$F2I_{\ell,k}: KO^{d+\ell-k-2} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\text{Spin}}^{d+1}(ME_{\ell,k})$$

is

$$\text{im}(F2I_{\ell,k}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2^{4+4\tilde{m}-i} & d \equiv \ell + k - 2i + 2 \pmod{8} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2^{5+4\tilde{m}-i} & d \equiv \ell + k - 2i + 6 \pmod{8} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & d \equiv \ell + k - 2i \pmod{8} \text{ or } \ell + k - 2i + 1 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

- Here, $\tilde{m}$ tracks the number of times we have gone around the spiral
- $ME_{\ell,k}$ is a Thom spectrum encoding twisted spin structures for a *discrete* version of the tenfold way symmetries

Example Free-to-Interacting Map

Example

Consider $d = 2$. The F2I map for the class D superconductor is an isomorphism:

$$\mathbb{Z} \cong KO^0(\text{pt}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathcal{U}_{\text{Spin}}^3.$$

The F2I map for the class D' superconductor, meanwhile, is reduction mod 8:

$$\mathbb{Z} \cong KO^0(\text{pt}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(2^3) \cong \mathcal{U}_{\text{DPin}}^3.$$

Computational Methods

- Free-to-interacting maps are built out of twisted ABS maps

$$MTSpin \wedge X^V \rightarrow \Sigma^s KO$$

where X^V is some Thom spectrum

- These are often computable by looking just at the

$$X^V \rightarrow \Sigma^s KO$$

component, since they are $MTSpin$ -module maps

- Anderson–Brown–Peterson give a 2-local splitting of $MTSpin$ into

$$MTSpin \simeq \bigvee_{i \geq 1} \Sigma^{a_i} ko \vee \bigvee_{j \geq 1} \Sigma^{b_j} \tau_{\geq 2} ko \vee \bigvee_{k \geq 1} \Sigma^{c_k} H\mathbb{Z}/2$$

- The homotopy groups of each piece of $MTSpin \wedge X^V$ are often computable via the Adams spectral sequence