Quantum dimer models and their links to SU(2) spin models

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Outline of the talk

Frustrated quantum magnetism in a nutshell

- Some examples of constrained models and their phase diagrams
- Revisiting the simplest case: quantum dimer model (QDM) on a square lattice
- Engineering SU(2) spin-1/2 microscopic models to realize any phase of its QDM counterpart
- Conclusion and outlook

Collaborators

Quantum Dimer Models

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- Engineering Spin models
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Mambrini, Capponi, Alet, Phys. Rev. B '15

Part 1 : Quantum Magnetism

see also talks by Misguich and Becca

Quantum magnetism

• Mott insulator : magnetism well described by spin lattice models

Simplest example: Heisenberg model

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$



- Antiferromagnetism J > 0
- In most compounds, few coupling constant are important.

$$J_{ij} \neq 0$$
 for $\langle i, j \rangle, \langle \langle i, j \rangle \rangle...$

• Quantum effects are important for low spin values and low dimension

mostly
$$S = 1/2, d = 2$$
 in this talk

S=1/2 Heisenberg models

- Bipartite lattices, nearest-neighbor J
 - Under control (e.g. with spin waves, Quantum Monte Carlo)
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 - Simplest example : square lattice



$$m_s = 0.30793(3)$$

S=1/2 Heisenberg models

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 - d > 1 and S = 1/2 per unit cell : Antiferromagnetic long range order
- Non-bipartite lattices: frustration
 - No longer under control
 - Antiferromagnetic order may survive e.g. triangular lattice



 $m_s \simeq 0.205$

• Most of the time, antiferromagnetism dies but ground-state not understood

J1-J2 model for $J_2 \sim 0.5 J_1$



kagome



• Guess : spin is no longer the good degree of freedom at low energy

Exotic Quantum Phases

Recent list (inventory à la Prévert)

J1-J2 square lattice:

- ✦ Z2 spin liquid H. Jiang, H. Yao and L. Balents, PRB (2012).
- ✦ Valence Bond Crystal (VBC) with J3 M. Mambrini, A. Läuchli, D. Poilblanc, F. Mila, PRB (2006).
- ✦ Both phases Gong et al., PRL (2014)

J1-J2 honeycomb lattice:

- ✦ Valence Bond Crystal (VBC) with additional J3
 F. Albuquerque et al., PRB (2011).
- ♦ VBC Zhu, Huse, White, PRL (2013) Gong, Sheng, Motrunich, Fisher, PRB (2013)

kagome lattice:

- ✦ Z2 spin liquid
- \bullet U(1) spin liquid
- ◆VBC

 \Rightarrow p6 chiral RVB

Yan, White and Huse, Science (2011); Jiang, Wang, Balents, Nat. Phys. (2012) Depenbrock, McCulloch, Schollwöck PRL (2012)

Iqbal, Becca, Sorella, Poilblanc, PRB (2013)

Evenbly and Vidal, PRL (2010)

Capponi, Chandra, Auerbach, Weinstein, PRB (2013)

Singlet physics

- 2 sites example H = JS₁ ⋅ S₂
 form a singlet ¹/_{√2}(|↑↓⟩ - |↓↑⟩⟩ a.k.a Valence bond (VB), SU(2) dimer
- Good ansatz for non magnetic states (S=0)



Valence Bond crystal

(rotation, translation broken)

« Spin liquid » (no broken symmetry)

- Caution : Caricatures (not always n.n. bonds), other states are possible ...
- In some cases, n. n. VBs are the «good» degrees of freedom





Formalize this!

- Assume nearest neighbors valence bonds are important
 - Method 1 : Diagonalize in this variational subspace
 - Problem : Valence bonds are non-orthogonal

$$\mathcal{O}_{12} = \langle \mathrm{VB}_1 | \mathrm{VB}_2 \rangle \neq 0 \quad \forall \ \mathrm{VB}_1, \mathrm{VB}_2$$

 $\mathcal{H}|\Psi\rangle = E\mathcal{O}|\Psi\rangle$

- Method II : Overlap expansion Rokhsar, Kivelson, '88
- Exploit the hierarchy of overlap matrix elements

$$\mathcal{O}_{ij} \in \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \dots \frac{1}{2^{N/2 - 1}}\}$$

- Expand overlap matrix and Heisenberg Hamiltonian in powers of $x = 1/\sqrt{2}$
 - Leads to effective (orthogonal) Quantum Dimer Models
 - Original scheme recently revisited Schwandt, Mambrini, Poilblanc '10



Quantum dimer models

Hamiltonian for orthogonal hardcore dimer coverings

 $H_{\rm QDM} = -t \left| \right. \left| + v \right|$

- Overlap expansion of Heisenberg model : $t = x^2 J$ $v = x^4 J$
- New terms appear at higher order :







- Effectively captures a great deal of physics (new phases)
- Easy to play with : field theories, numerics-friendly

But wait ...



- Q1 : How well are the phase diagram established ?
- Q2 : Spin models with quantum dimer phases ?

Part 2 : Snapshots of phase diagrams for some constrained models

Classical dimers in 2d

T = 1

• Simplest classical model on 2d (square) lattice

$$Z = \sum_{c} \exp(-E_c/T)$$
$$E_c = v \left[N^c(\Box) + N^c(\Box) \right]$$

• Phase diagram for attractive v = -1

T = 0 columnar crystal

 $T_{c} = 0.65$

critical phase

T=2



• Kosterlitz-Thouless transition, sine-Gordon theory



 $T = \infty$

T = 3

Classical dimers in 3d

• Same model ...

 $E_c =$



... but new physics !



2d nearest-neighbor RVB quantum wave-function

$$|\Psi_{\rm RVB}\rangle = \sum_{c} |\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \rangle_{c}$$

$$\bigcirc = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

paradigm for spin liquid

➡ Short-range spin correlations

$$\langle \mathbf{S_0} \cdot \mathbf{S_r} \rangle \propto (-)^r e^{-r/\xi} \qquad \xi \sim 1.35$$

➡ But critical dimer-dimer correlations ! $C^{ijkl} = \langle (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j) (\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle \langle \mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l \rangle$





 $C^{ijkl}(\mathbf{r}) \simeq 1/|\mathbf{r}|^{\alpha}$ $\alpha \simeq 1.16$

Albuquerque and Alet '10 Tang, Sandvik, Henley '11

Unusual spin liquid : finite spin gap but gapless singlet excitations

2d QDM

Phase diagram on a honeycomb lattice (bipartite case)



Moessner, Sondhi, Chandra '01 Schlittler, Barthel, Misguich, Vidal, Mosseri '15 Phase diagram on a triangular lattice (non-bipartite case)



Moessner and Sondhi '01 Ralko et al. '05

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topological Z2 liquid !

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3d QDM

Phase diagram on a diamond lattice (bipartite case)



Sikora, Shannon, Pollmann, Penc, Fulde '11

Dynamics at the RK point: emergence of a photon !



Läuchli, Capponi, Assaad '08

Phase diagram of the quantum loop model on the triangular lattice



Plat, Alet, Capponi, Totsuka '15, see Totsuka's talk !



Various QDM's on the triangular lattice

Roychowdhury, Bhattacharjee, Pollmann '15

Part 3 : QDM revisited

D. Schwandt, S.V. Isakov, S. Capponi, R. Moessner, A.M. Läuchli



Rokhsar-Kivelson QDM on the square lattice

Phase diagram: long history of numerical simulations

- S Sachdev, PRB 40 5204 (1989)
- PW Leung, KC Chiu, KJ Runge, PRB 54 12938 (1996)
- OJ Syljuasen, PRB 71 020401 (2005), PRB 73 245105 (2006)
- A Ralko, D Poilblanc, R Moessner PRL 100 037201 (2008)



RK point (v=t): GS are equal-weight superpositions of dimer coverings, with critical dimer correlations

Low energy exact diagonalization spectrum



apparent low energy spectrum of a d=2+1 "Coulomb" phase !

Zero winding number sector



Characteristic modes exhibiting a ("quantum number")² dependence (and a 1/N dependence). Is this a U(1) tower of states of some kind ?

Field theory

in the vicinity of the RK point, field theory in terms of the height variable

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\tau} h)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_2 (\nabla h)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_4 (\nabla^2 h)^2 + \lambda \cos(2\pi h) \quad \text{PRB 69 224415 (2004)}$$

Neglect the last two terms, Hamiltonian formulation:

$$\mathcal{H} = K_B (\nabla \times \vec{a})^2 + K_E e^2$$

• Unit electric flux
$$\Rightarrow e_E = K_E$$

where e_E is the energy in the first winding number $\frac{1}{3}$ sector



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• Unit magnetic flux
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• speed of light
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speed of light
$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{2}{2\pi}\sqrt{e_E e_B}$$
 Thes

These are the emergent photons in the QDM

N=52

v/t

Parameters of the field theory



Very nice agreement between 3 different ways to measure the speed of light!

What happens beyond the crossover scale ?



Quantum Monte Carlo simulations of a fully frustrated transverse field Ising model which reduces to the quantum dimer model in the limit of small transverse field.













Locking into a columnar state in a large part of the phase diagram; ergodic issues

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Columnar phase, plaquette phase, first order transition between them, as expected....

cf R. Moessner, S. L. Sondhi, and P. Chandra, PRB 64, 144416 (2001).

• ED can detect both phases. Indeed $\xi_c \sim \xi^{\theta}$ with $\theta = 5/2$ (honeycomb) compared to $\theta = 6$ (square)

Conclusion 2D bipartite RK QDMs



U(1) symmetric behavior seen in bipartite lattice QDM

- identification of parameters of effective U(1) description (useful for d=3+1)
- what happens in frustrated square lattice spin models ?
- Similarity to U(1)-like histograms seen in some VBS-Néel transitions ?

Part 4 : Back to spins



Annihilates all nearest-neighbors valence bond states ("Klein term")

▶ Local S=1/2 spin models on the square lattice



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 $H = \sum_{\mathsf{CF0/1}} H_{+} + \sum_{\mathsf{D}} H_{+} + H_{+}$ $H_{+} = P^{S_{\bullet}} = 3/2 \propto (\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{S} - 3/4)$ $\mathbf{S}_{\bullet} = \mathbf{S}_{1} + \mathbf{S}_{2} + \mathbf{S}_{3} = \frac{3}{1-2}$

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In the nearest-neighbors VB subspace: Will force flippable plaquettes



▶ Local S=1/2 spin models on the square lattice

 $H = \sum_{CF0/1} H + \sum_{H} H + H$ $H_{\rm N} = P^{S_{\rm N}} = 3/2 P^{S_{\rm N}} = 3/2 P^{S_{\rm N}} = 0/1$ $P^{S} \mathbf{N}^{=0} \propto (\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{N}} - 2)$ $P^{S} \mathbf{N}^{=1} \propto \mathbf{S} \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{S} \mathbf{N}$ In the nearest-neighbors VB subspace: flip plaquettes



In the nearest-neighbors VB subspace:

Look similar to Quantum Dimer Model (at RK point)

$$H_{\rm RK} = \sum_{\Box} |\Box\rangle \langle \Box| - |\Box\rangle \langle \Box|$$

Let's see later ...

Therefore expect Sutherland ground-states !

 $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{c} |c\rangle$ $|c\rangle$ covering of the square lattice with nearest-neighbour valence bonds



- What about outside this subspace ?
 - Study with exact diagonalization : full and n.n. VB restricted
 - Compare with Quantum Dimer Model

Ground-state degeneracies

> Zero energy states degeneracies on a torus (N sites)

	Cano-Fendley (full)	n.n. VB restricted	QDM
N=16	23	17	17
N=20	13	13	13
N=26	16	16	16
N=32	69	69	69
N=36	_	41	41
N=40	_	29	29
N=50	_	47	47

Same ground-states for VB variational subspace and QDM
Extensive torus degeneracy easily understood from QDM
No spurious ground-states for the full model (except N=16)

Spin gap

• Role of the Klein term amplitude K for one of the models



K=10 in the following

• Generalization of the two Cano-Fendley models

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}^{K,\theta} = K\hat{\mathcal{H}}_1 + \frac{1}{n(\theta)} \left(\cos\theta \ \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2^0 + \sin\theta \ \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2^1\right)$$

Gaps



- QDM (gapless) and CF have similar low-lying singlet structure
- Can push variational NNVBs up to N=50

Generalized QDM mapping

• Systematic derivation of the effective QDM model



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Original Cano-Fendley models maps approx. to RK point of t-V QDM

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Generalizations map approx onto *any* point in the phase diagram









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Conclusions

- Ground-states of the local S=1/2 SU(2) CF spin models
- Unusual type of spin liquid
 - spin gap, but no S=0 gap
 - QDM and CF have similar low-lying singlets
 - Mixing angle θ : all phases of QDM can be found !

 $QDM \longrightarrow QDM$ -like Spin Model $\longrightarrow GQDM$

Extensions

- Stability w.r.t. Heisenberg interactions: spin liquid to VBC then Néel
- Extend CF scheme to build a robust Spin Liquid on other geometries
- nn RVB states can be written as PEPS

Schuch, Poilblanc, Cirac, Perez-Garcia '12



(Almost a round trip)