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Interaction effect on topological insulators Studies based on interacting Green's functions

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Outline

- Interaction effect on topological insulators
 - Solve interacting models
 - Characterize interacting topological phases
- Characterization based on interacting Green's functions: Local self-energy approximation
 - Frequency domain winding number
 - (optional) Pole-expansion of self-energies
- Discussions

Kane-Mele-Hubbard model

$$H_{0} = -t_{1} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle,\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + it_{2} \sum_{\langle \langle i,j \rangle \rangle,\sigma} \sigma$$
$$H_{1} = U \sum_{i} (n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2})(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2})$$

Preserve PH & TR symmetry
only t₁: Graphene model

 $H = H_0 + H_1$

- t₁ and t₂: Kane-Mele QSHE
- t₁ and U: Semimetal, spin liquid and AFI from small to large U



Phase diagrams

Hohenadler, Lang and Assaad, PRL, (2011) Zheng,Wu and Zhang, Arxiv, (2010) Yu, Xie and Li, PRL, (2011)







Interacting Haldane model

$$H_{0} = -t_{1} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{j} + it_{2} \sum_{\langle \langle i,j \rangle \rangle} \nu_{ij} c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{j}$$
$$H_{1} = V \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (n_{i} - \frac{1}{2}) (n_{j} - \frac{1}{2})$$
$$H = H_{0} + H_{1}$$

- Spinless: single copy of Kane-Mele model
- QHE without Landau levels
- Add staggered onsite energies: topological transition, Chern # changes, gap closes at phase boundary





F. D. M. Haldane, Phys. Rev. Lett. 61, 2015 (1988)

Mean-field phase diagram

$$Vn_in_j \to V\langle n_i \rangle n_j + Vn_i \langle n_j \rangle \qquad \langle n_i \rangle = \frac{1}{2} + (-1)^{\eta_i} \phi$$

 $\to V\phi(n_i - n_j)$

Interaction will generate the mass term and break the topological phase

 $\varphi(n_i)$



Chern number and Gap (ED)

 $C = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int \int d\theta_x d\theta_y \left[\left\langle \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta_x} \middle| \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta_y} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta_y} \middle| \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta_x} \right\rangle \right]$



Topological transition point decreases with decreasing t₂ CDW transition remains finite with vanishing t₂ Topological transition occurs before CDW transition for small t₂ Gap close links to the topological transition

CDW structure factor and Gap (CPQMC)



Many-body phase diagram



- Studied the interplay of topological order and CDW long range order
- Mean-field picture: large CDW order destroys the topological phase
- Mean-body calculations: topological transition could occur before the CDW one

Summary on numerical findings

- Both uncover gapped featureless phase
- NO direct characterization: correlation functions, excitation gaps, edge currents, spectral functions ...
- Characterization beyond single particle basis:
 - Chern/Z₂ # with twisted boundary conditions
 - Entanglement entropy/spectrum
 - Topological indices expressed by Green's function

Ishikawa formula for 4D QHE

$$n = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau}}{15\pi^2} \operatorname{Tr} \int \frac{d^4k d\omega}{(2\pi)^5} G\partial_{\mu} G^{-1} G\partial_{\nu} G^{-1} G\partial_{\rho} G^{-1} G\partial_{\sigma} G^{-1} G\partial_{\tau} G^{-1}$$

- Appears as the coefficient of the Chern-Simons term. Describes Hall conductance physically.
- Mathematically: $\pi_5(GL(M,\mathbb{C})) = \mathbb{Z}$
- Single particle Green's function involved, taken into account the effect of interaction, disorder as well as finite temperature.

Ishikawa and Matsuyama, Z Phys C Part Fields, **33**, 41 (1986), Ishikawa and Matsuyama, Nucl Phys B **280**, 523 (1987), Qi, Hughes, and Zhang, PRB, **78**, 195424 (2008)

Noninteracting Case

Interacting Case: Mean-field self-energy

$$G^{-1}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = i\omega - H_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

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- Topological "Mott" insulator: mean-field bond-order wave states
 - Topological "Kondo" insulator: renormalizedhybridization Hamiltonian
- Topological "Anderson" insulator: self-consistent
 Born approximation

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Metal-Insulator transition



$$\Sigma(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{i\omega - P} + \frac{1}{i\omega + P}$$

 $\Sigma(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{i\omega}$

Self-energy vs. Chern number

- Set H_k to QH state with TKNN number equals to 1
- Set several trial forms of the self-energy
- Finish the frequencymomentum integration, see what happens to n.

$\Sigma(\omega)$	n
0	1
$rac{1}{i\omega}$	0
$\frac{1}{(i\omega)^3}$	2
$\frac{1}{i\omega - 1} + \frac{1}{i\omega + 1}$	1



Conjecture

Interacting Chern number = $deg\{\Im G_{atom}^{-1}\} \times TKNN$

$$\Im G_{\mathrm{atom}}^{-1} = \omega - \Im \Sigma(\omega) : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$



Proof

5 $H_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum h_{\mathbf{k}}^{a} \Gamma^{a} \qquad \hat{h}_{\mathbf{k}}^{a} \equiv h_{\mathbf{k}}^{a} / |h_{\mathbf{k}}|$ $G^{-1} = G_{\text{atom}}^{-1} - h_{\mathbf{k}}^{a} \Gamma^{a} \quad \partial_{\omega} G^{-1} = \partial_{\omega} G_{\text{atom}}^{-1} \quad \partial_{k_{i}} G^{-1} = -\partial_{k_{i}} H_{\mathbf{k}}$ $n = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau}}{15\pi^2} \text{Tr} \int \frac{d^4kd\omega}{(2\pi)^5} G\partial_{\mu}G^{-1}G\partial_{\nu}G^{-1}G\partial_{\rho}G^{-1}G\partial_{\sigma}G^{-1}G\partial_{\tau}G^{-1}$ $n = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathrm{BZ}} \mathrm{d}^4 k \int \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial_\omega G_{\mathrm{atom}}^{-1}}{(G_{\mathrm{atom}}^{-2} - |h_{\mathbf{k}}|^2)^3} \varepsilon_{abcde} h_{\mathbf{k}}^a \partial_{k_x} h_{\mathbf{k}}^b \partial_{k_y} h_{\mathbf{k}}^c \partial_{k_z} h_{\mathbf{k}}^d \partial_{k_\lambda} h_{\mathbf{k}}^e$









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Interacting Chern number = FDWN×TKNN

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Are they related ?





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Pole-expansion

Savrasov, Haule and Kotliar, PRL, 96, 036406 (2006)

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Toy model: 3D TI

 $H_{\mathbf{k}} = \sin k_x \Gamma^1 + \sin k_y \Gamma^2 + \sin k_z \Gamma^3 + \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k}) \Gamma^5$

 $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{k}) = m - 3 + (\cos k_x + \cos k_y + \cos k_z)$



 $H_{\mathbf{k}}$ + Interaction ?

FDWN and Z₂ calculation

$$\Sigma(\omega) = \frac{V^2}{i\omega - P}$$

$$\omega \mapsto G_{\text{atom}}^{-1}(\omega) = i\omega - \Sigma(\omega)$$

$$\tilde{H}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\mathbf{k}} & V\mathbb{I}_4 \\ V\mathbb{I}_4 & P\mathbb{I}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overset{v}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Re} G_{\text{atom}}^{-1}$$

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$$P|\Delta = V$$

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Gap closing of pseudo-Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\mathbf{k}} & V\mathbb{I}_4 \\ V\mathbb{I}_4 & P\mathbb{I}_4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_{\mathbf{k}}\mathbb{I}_4 \otimes \sigma_z & V\mathbb{I}_4 \\ V\mathbb{I}_4 & P\mathbb{I}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$





Bonus: surface states

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Surface spectral functions

$$\Sigma(\omega) = \frac{V^2}{i\omega - P} \qquad V = 1$$



P = 0.15

P = 2

Practical calculations

• Three and four dims: DMFT calculations

 Only overall shape matters FDWN: simple IPT solver

 Only Matsubara Green's function needed: exact CTQMC solver

Practical calculations (cont.)

- Two dim cases:
 - Spatial fluctuations: k dependence of self-energy
 - FLEX, DCA and diagrammatic MC
- Numerical integration: VEGAS algorithm-by Dr. Peter Lepage has been used for multi-dimensional quadrature in high energy physics for more than 30 years.

Summary

- Self-energy contains the topological signature of interacting TI
- Local self-energy approximation:
 - Frequency domain winding number
 - Pole expansion of self-energy
- Breaking down the topological phases without developing LRO: relevant to "spin liquid" phase?
- It's interesting to see the synergies of many-body numerical methods with the study of interacting topological insulators though the calculation of their Green's functions

Thank you for your attention:)

