

Symmetric mass generation of 8 Majorana domain-wall fermions

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work in progress

Ref. Sho Araki, HF, Tetsuya Onogi and Satoshi
Yamaguchi, [2512.11424](#) to appear in PRD
= free 8 Majorana fermion on unoriented
manifolds and Z_8 anomaly.

Chiral symmetry is difficult on the lattice

Nielsen-Ninomiya theorem 1981 : Chiral symmetry MUST BE BROKEN to avoid fermion doubling.

Domain-wall fermion [Kaplan 1992] **works for vectorlike-gauge theory** but **chiral gauge symmetry is hard to maintain**.



Symmetric mass generation (SMG)
+ domain-wall fermion

Symmetric mass generation :

4(or more)-Fermi interaction without symmetry breaking
may gap out the fermions **if they are ('t Hooft) anomaly
free.**

Q. Can we gap out only one side of domain-wall fermions?



So far no numerical study on SMG
+ domain-wall fermions

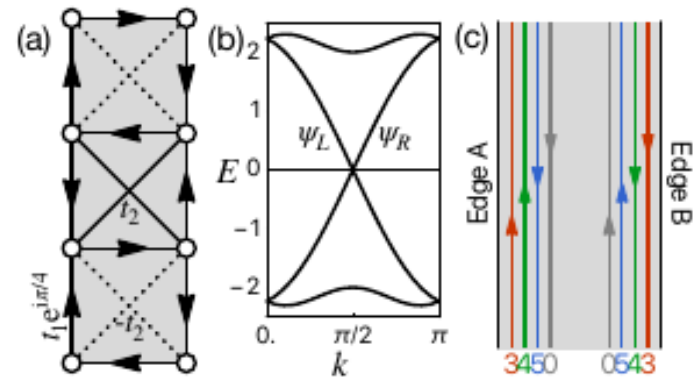
Cf) Zeng, Zhu, Wang, You, 2022
looks like domain-wall fermion:

physical wall on left + mirror wall on right.

But the extra-dimension has only one lattice spacing.

Still the symmetry is exact (not $\exp(-ML_5)$).

We believe that the model is a variant of staggered fermions.



Our work

We simulate 2D 8 Majorana **domain-wall fermions** and try to **gap out only mirror fermions with 4-Fermi interactions**.

- This theory is the path-integral version of the Fidkowski-Kitaev 1D Majorana chain with 0D boundaries (= the first solid benchmark of SMG)
- Hybrid Monte Carlo w/ phase quenching+reweighting works.
- 2D Wilson Dirac spectrum clearly explains how SMG works in path-integral formalism.
- **Show numerical evidence for SMG of mirror fermions.**

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Fidkowski-Kitaev model [2010]

1D Majorana chain Hamiltonian with 8 flavors

$$\hat{H} = \frac{i}{2} \sum_x \left[\sum_{j=1}^8 \{u \hat{c}_j(x-a) \hat{c}_j(x) + v \hat{c}_j(x) \hat{c}_j(x+a)\} + W_{4\text{-Fermi}} \right]$$
$$\{\hat{c}_j(x), \hat{c}_k(x)\} = 2\delta_{jk} \quad \hat{c}_j^\dagger(x) = \hat{c}_j(x)$$

T symmetry :

$$T \hat{c}_j(x_{\text{odd}}) T^{-1} = -\hat{c}_j(x_{\text{odd}})$$
$$T \hat{c}_j(x_{\text{even}}) T^{-1} = +\hat{c}_j(x_{\text{even}})$$

-> On-site quadratic terms $i\hat{c}_j(x)\hat{c}_k(x)$ are **NOT allowed**.

Fidkowski-Kitaev model [2010]

4 Fermi interaction which gives a mass without symmetry breaking =

$$\begin{aligned}
 W = & \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_4 + \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_6 \hat{c}_7 \hat{c}_8 + \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_6 + \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_7 \hat{c}_8 - \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_6 \hat{c}_7 \\
 & - \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_8 + \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_7 + \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_6 + \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_7 \hat{c}_8 - \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_8 \\
 & - \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_6 \hat{c}_7 + \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_6 \hat{c}_8 - \hat{c}_1 \hat{c}_3 \hat{c}_6 \hat{c}_8 - \hat{c}_2 \hat{c}_4 \hat{c}_5 \hat{c}_7
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{24} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \Phi_{\alpha}^2 \\
 &\Phi^{\alpha} = c_i c_j \Gamma_{ij}^{\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$



Great simplification by You and Xu 2015
where SO(7) symmetry is manifest.

$$\sigma^{ijk} = \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \otimes \sigma^k$$

$$\Gamma = \{ \sigma^{123}, \sigma^{203}, \sigma^{323}, \sigma^{211}, \sigma^{021}, \sigma^{231}, \sigma^{002} \} \quad \sigma^0 = 1_{2 \times 2}$$

FK model expressed by 2-component spinors

$$c_i^e = \eta_i + \bar{\eta}_i \quad \text{for even sites}$$

$$c_i^o = \eta_i - \bar{\eta}_i \quad \text{for odd sites}$$

$$W^e + W^o = -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \sum_{i,j=1}^8 (\eta_i \eta_j \bar{\eta}_k \bar{\eta}_l \Gamma_{ij}^\alpha \Gamma_{kl}^\alpha - 2\eta_i \eta_k \bar{\eta}_j \bar{\eta}_l \Gamma_{ij}^\alpha \Gamma_{kl}^\alpha)$$

$$W^{\text{so}(8)} = -\sum_{i=1}^8 (c_i^e c_i^o)^2 = -4 \left(\sum_{i=1}^8 \eta_i \bar{\eta}_i \right)^2 \quad C = i\sigma_2 \quad \bar{\gamma} = \sigma_3$$

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix} \quad W^{\text{tot}} = -\frac{g_S^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C \chi \right)^2 - \frac{g_P^2}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C i \bar{\gamma} \Gamma^\alpha \chi \right)^2$$

assigning general values of coefficients.

Comparison of two SO(7) invariant expression

$$W^{\text{tot}} = \underbrace{-\frac{g_S^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C \chi \right)^2}_{\text{SO(8) invariant}} - \underbrace{\frac{g_P^2}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C i \bar{\gamma} \Gamma^\alpha \chi \right)^2}_{\text{SO(7) invariant}} \quad [\text{You Xu 2015}]$$

$$W^{\text{FK}} = -A \left(\sum_{j=1}^7 \psi_j \bar{\psi}_j \right)^2 - B \left(\sum_{j=1}^7 \psi_j \bar{\psi}_j \right) \psi_8 \bar{\psi}_8. \quad * \psi \text{ is non-locally defined.}$$

SO(7) invariant

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We focus on the

$$g_P^2 = \frac{1}{6} A \quad \text{line}$$

$$\text{fixing } g_S^2 = 0, \quad B = -\frac{10}{3} A$$

$$g_P^2 = \frac{1}{4} A - \frac{1}{8} B,$$

$$g_S^2 = \frac{5}{4} A + \frac{3}{8} B$$

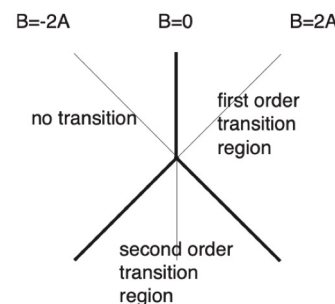


FIG. 5. Phase diagram for the transition from negative to positive m , indicating dependence on B (x axis) and A (y axis).

FK claimed that $A > 0$ allows SMG.

2-dimensional path integral version

$$S_E = \int dx^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \chi^T C (\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + m) \chi - \frac{g_S^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C \chi \right)^2 - \frac{g_P^2}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C i \bar{\gamma} \Gamma^\alpha \chi \right)^2 \right\} \quad g_S^2 = 0$$

Notations:

$$\gamma_1 = \sigma_1, \quad \gamma_2 = \sigma_2, \quad C = i\sigma_2, \quad \bar{\gamma} = \sigma_3 \quad \text{acts on} \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$T \chi T^{-1} = T \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix} T^{-1} = T \begin{pmatrix} (c^e + c^o)/2 \\ (c^e - c^o)/2 \end{pmatrix} T^{-1} = \sigma_1 \chi \quad ???$$

is not respected. We need to switch from Minkowski to Euclidean.

Euclidean 2-dimensional path integral version

$$S_E = \int dx^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \chi^T C (\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + m) \chi - \frac{g_S^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C \chi \right)^2 - \frac{g_P^2}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi^T C i \bar{\gamma} \Gamma^\alpha \chi \right)^2 \right\} \quad g_S^2 = 0$$

Reflection symmetry (Rt) in Euclidean t direction is instead respected.

$$R_t \chi(x, t) R_t^{-1} = i\sigma_1 \chi(x, -t) \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \bar{\eta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note : Rt is one element of $Pin^-(2)$ group. $i\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_3$

“Dirac” mass is allowed, $m \chi^T C \chi = 2m \bar{\eta} \eta$

but Majorana mass is NOT : $\eta_j \eta_k, \bar{\eta}_j \bar{\eta}_k$ are Rt odd.

2-dimensional path integral version

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By Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation, the path-integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int \prod_{x,\alpha} d\pi^\alpha(x) d\chi(x) \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \int d^2x \chi^T(x) \left[C \left(\gamma^i \partial_i + m + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i \gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha \right) \right] \chi(x) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 (\pi^\alpha(x))^2 \right] \\ &= \int \prod_{x,\alpha} d\pi^\alpha(x) \text{Pf} \left[C \left(\gamma^i \partial_i + m + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i \gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha \right) \right] \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \int d^2x \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 (\pi^\alpha(x))^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Yukawa interaction

Auxiliary scalar fields

Our goal = To simulate this path integral on a 2-dim lattice and confirm

Real $\sqrt{g_P^2}$ $\rightarrow$ mass gap

Pure imaginary $\sqrt{g_P^2}$ $\rightarrow$ gap closed

2-dimensional lattice simulation

We compute the two-dim lattice path integral

$$Z = \int \prod_{x,\alpha} d\pi^\alpha(x) \text{Pf} \left[C \left(D_W + m + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i\gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha \right) \right] \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_x \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 (\pi^\alpha(x))^2 \right]$$

by stochastically generating $\{\pi^\alpha(x)\}$ by Hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm with phase quenching of the Pfaffian.

For the Dirac operator, we use the Wilson Dirac operator

$$D_W = \sum_{\mu} \left[\gamma^{\mu} \frac{\nabla_{\mu}^f + \nabla_{\mu}^b}{2} - \frac{a}{2} \nabla_{\mu}^f \nabla_{\mu}^b \right] \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla^f \psi(x) &= \frac{\psi(x + \hat{\mu}a) - \psi(x)}{a} \\ \nabla^b \psi(x) &= \frac{\psi(x) - \psi(x - \hat{\mu}a)}{a} \end{aligned}$$

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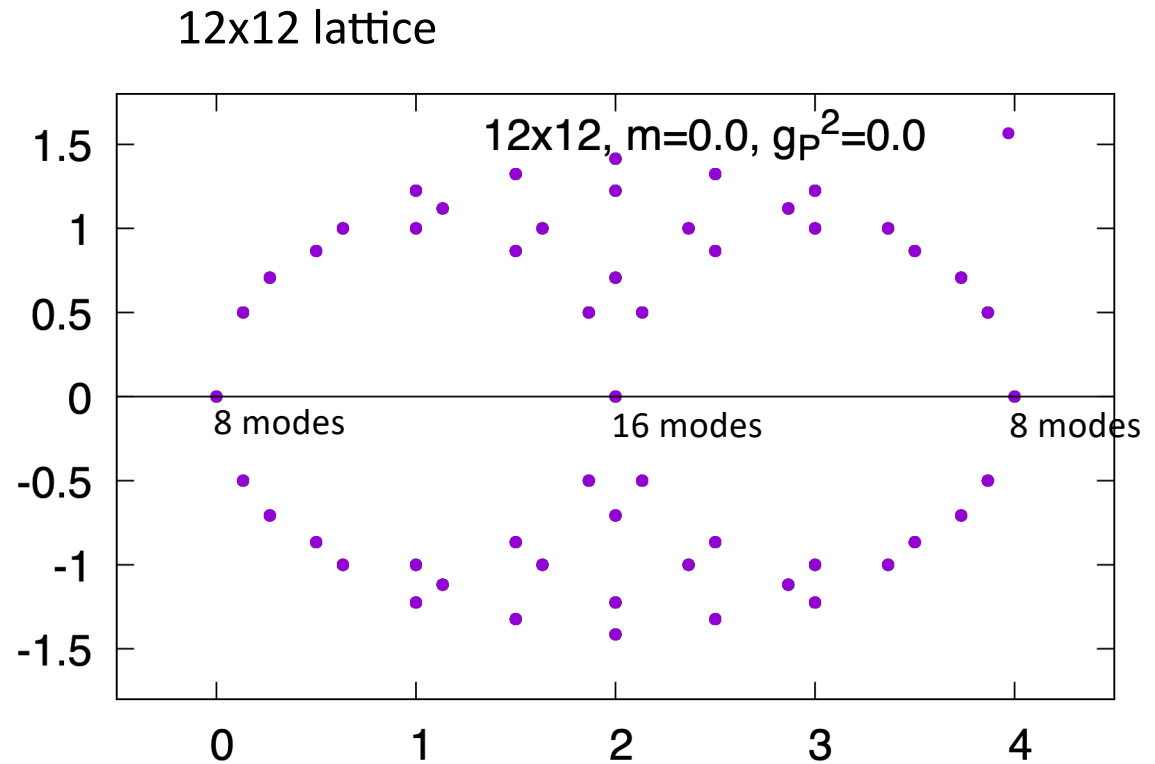
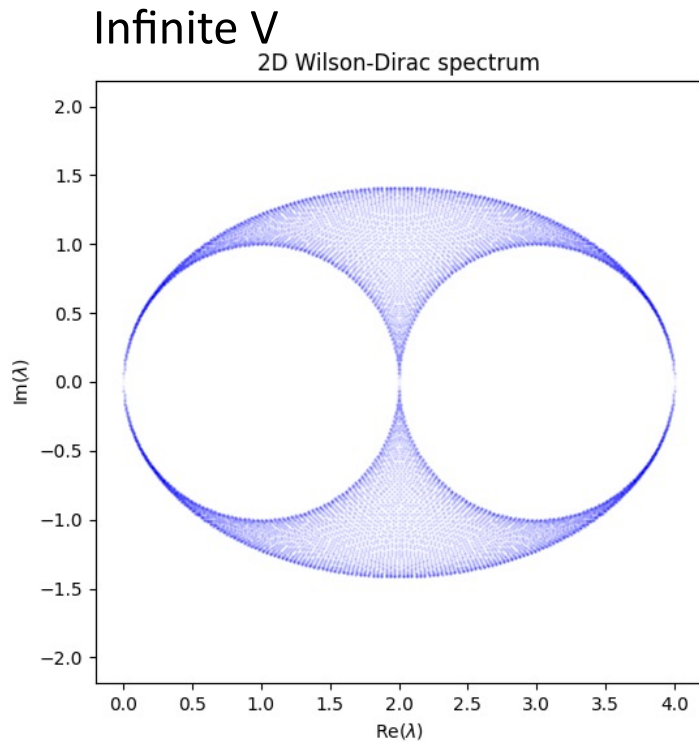
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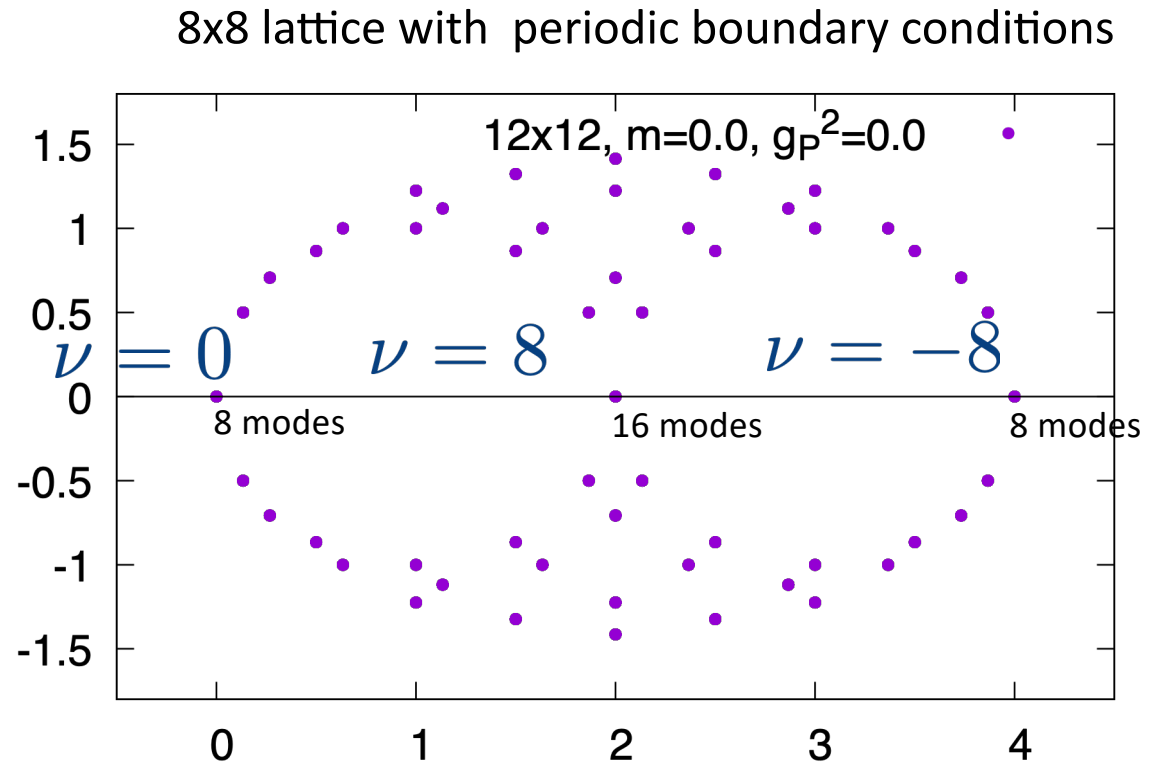
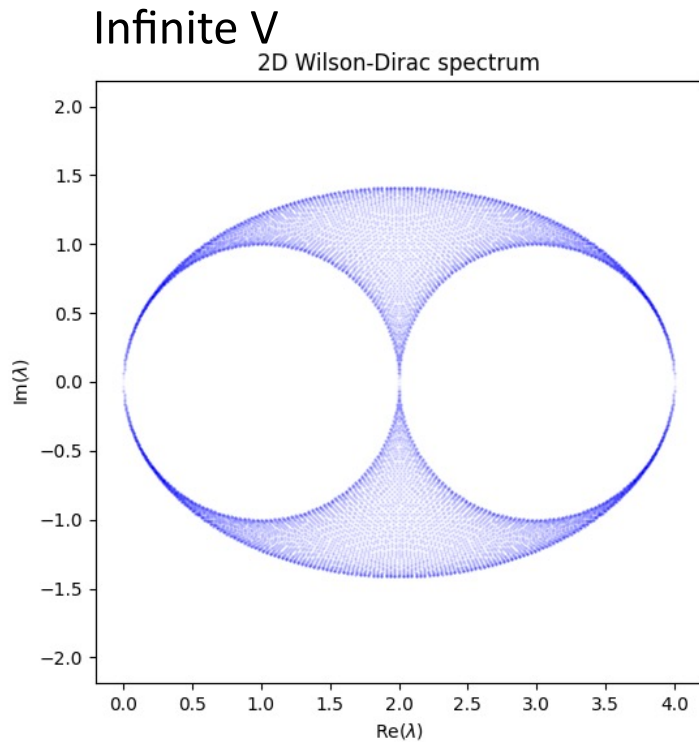
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Numerical simulation without domain-walls

$$Z^{\text{phasequenched}} = \int \prod_{x,\alpha} d\pi^\alpha(x) |\text{Pf}[C(D + m)]| \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_x \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 (\pi^\alpha(x))^2 \right]$$
$$D = D_W + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i\gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha$$

We simulate the phase quenched theory by hybrid Monte Carlo and reweight the complex phase in the measurements.

Lattice size : 12x12, 12x24 (on going)

$m = -2$ (center-branch [Misumi 2020]), $-1, 0$

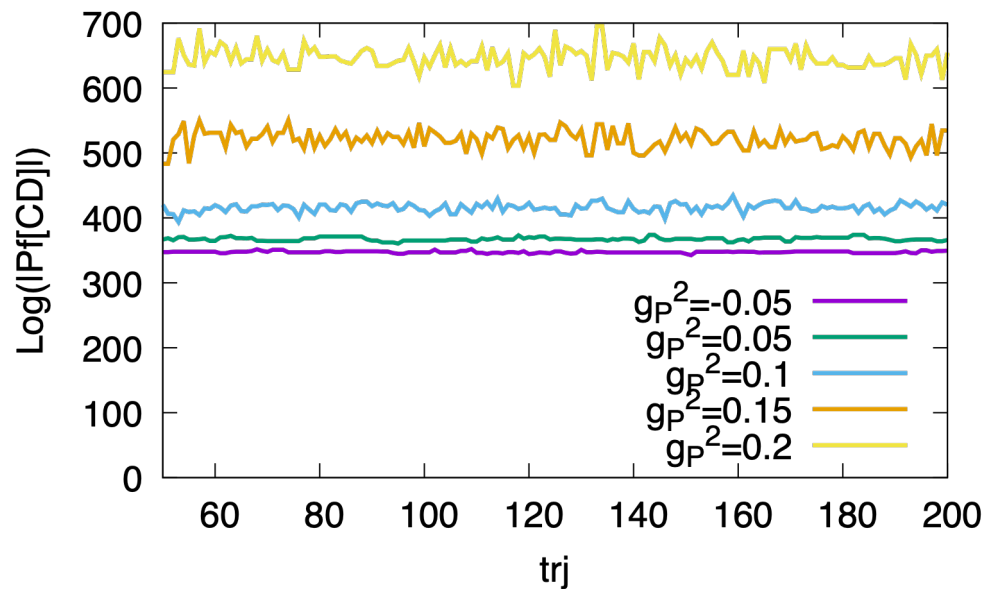
$g_P^2 = -0.05, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2$

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\langle O e^{i\theta} \rangle_{pq}}{\langle e^{i\theta} \rangle_{pq}}$$

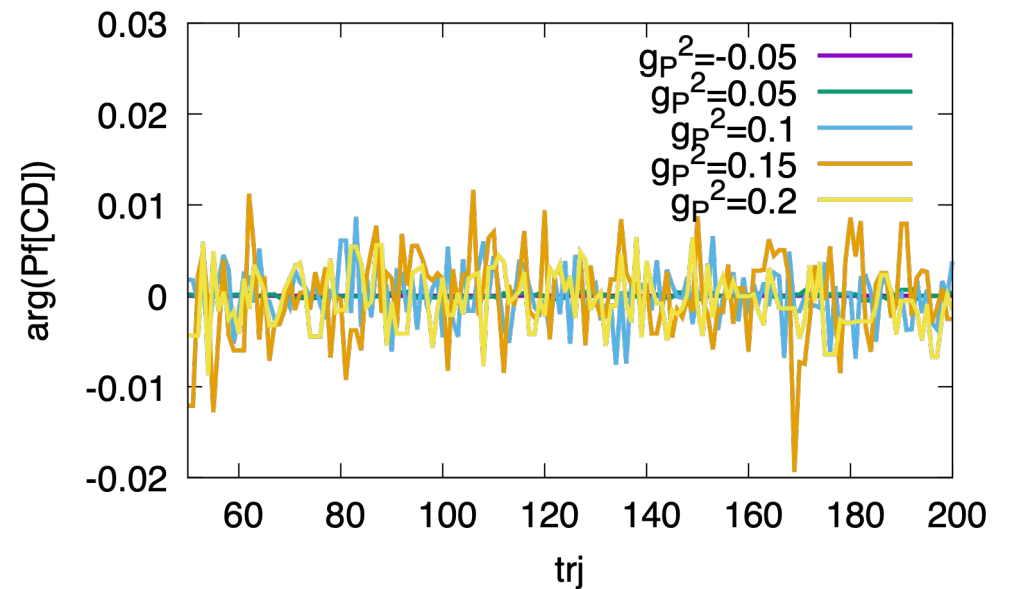
We modify the Julia QCD code [We thank Yuki Nagai and Akio Tomiya]

HMC history of pfaffian

Log of |Pfaffian| + const.



phase of Pfaffian (effect is < 1%)

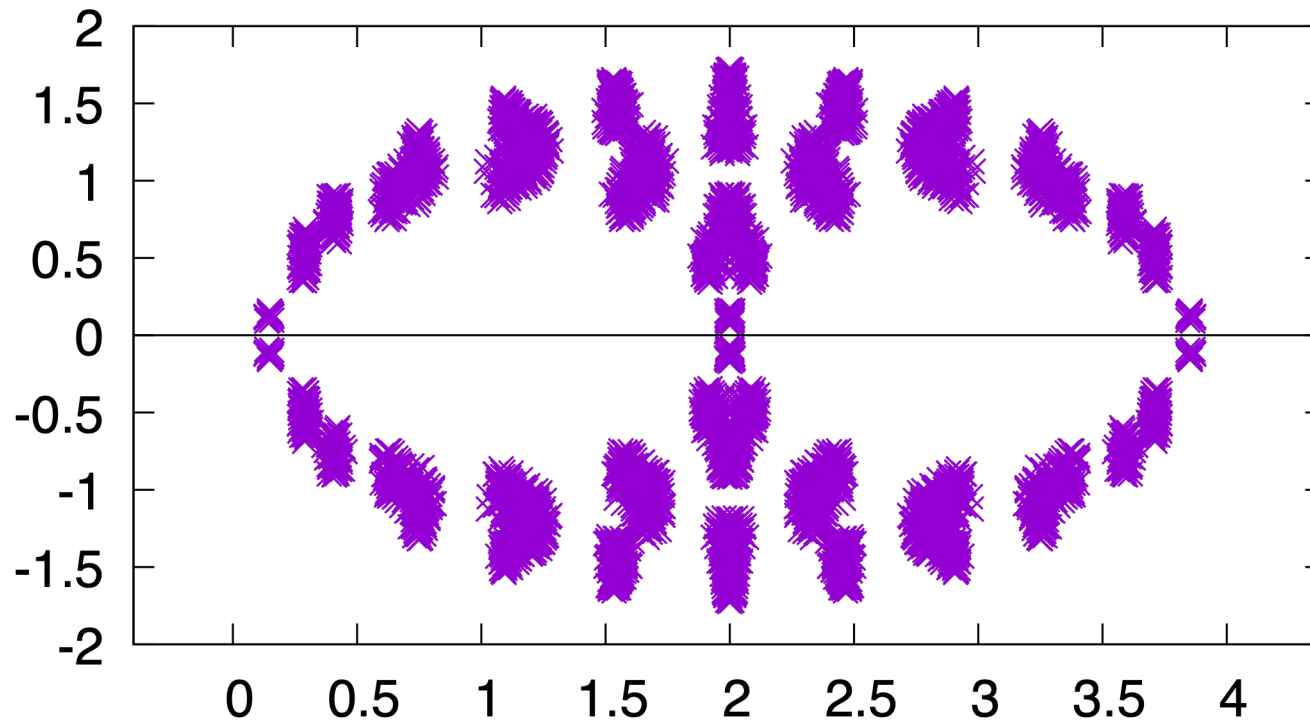


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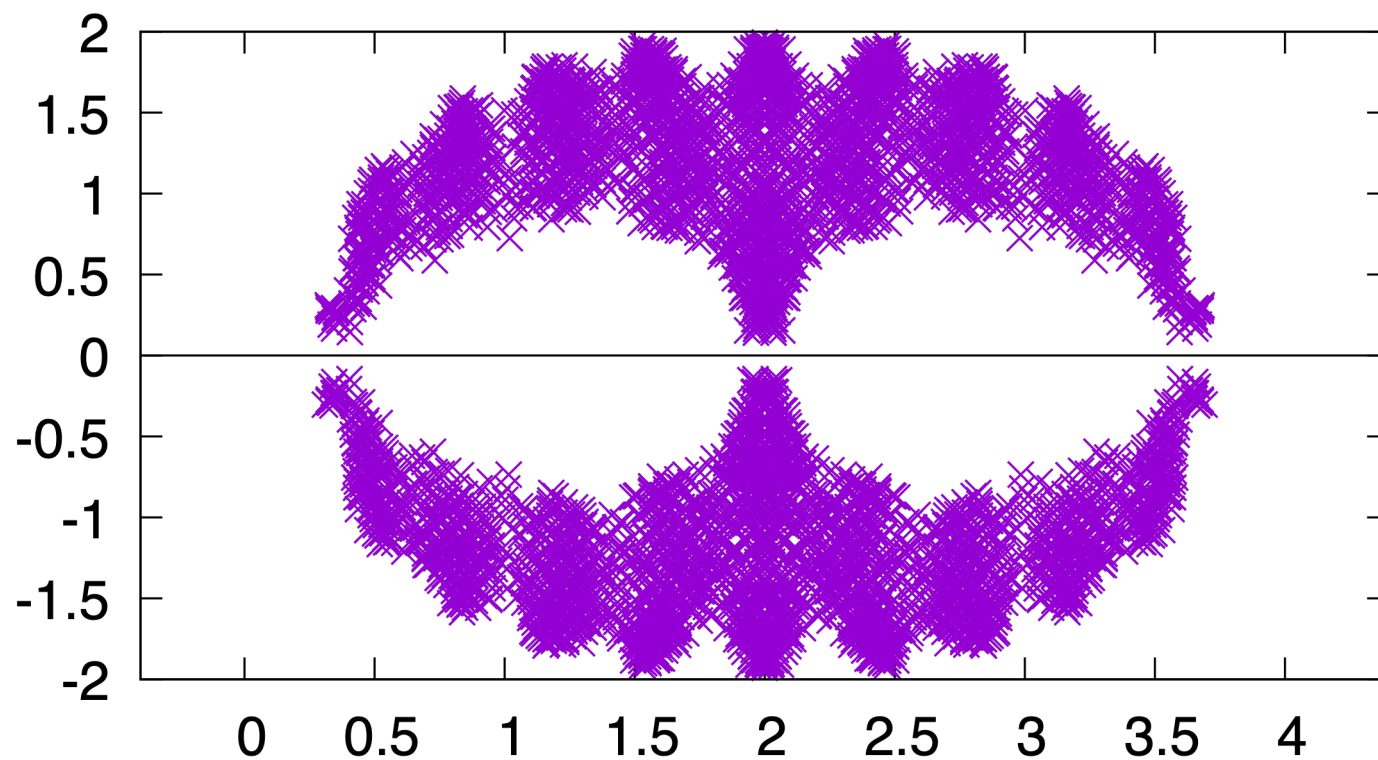
$g_P^2=0.05$, 4-confs overlay



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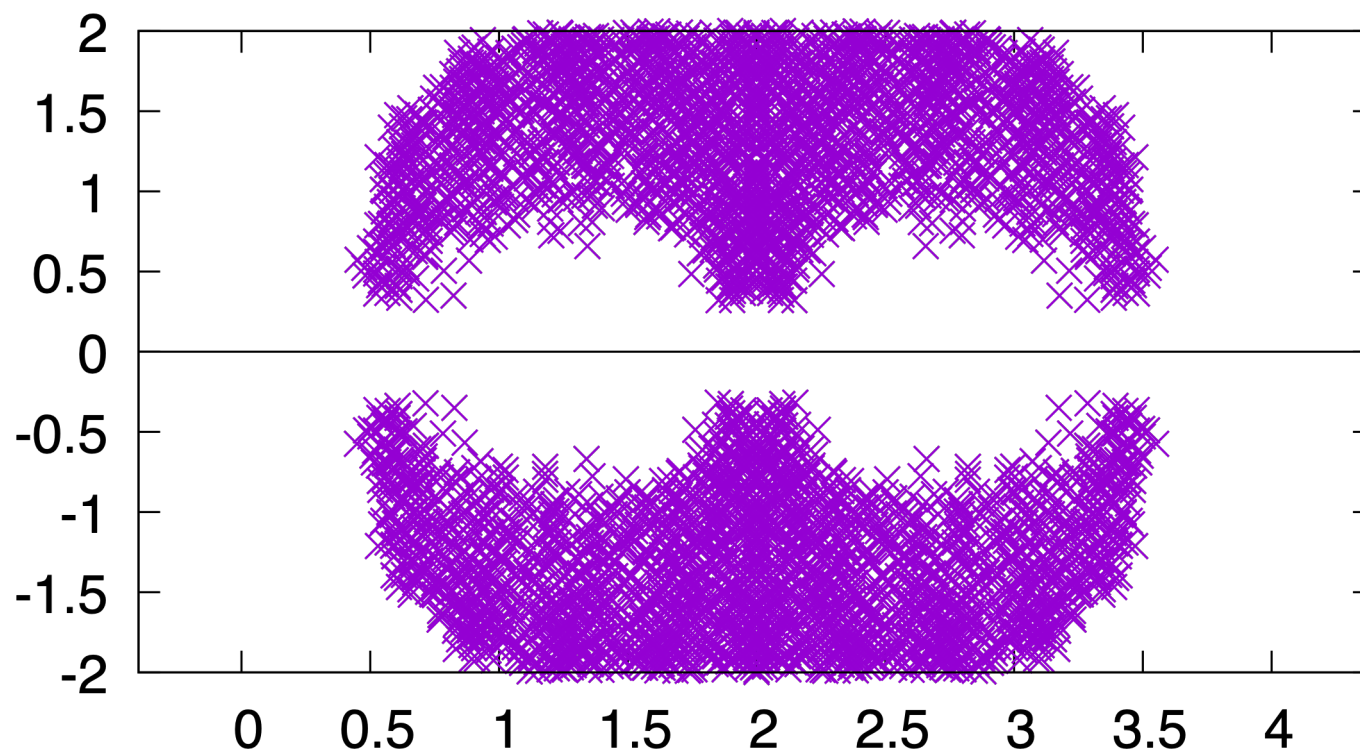
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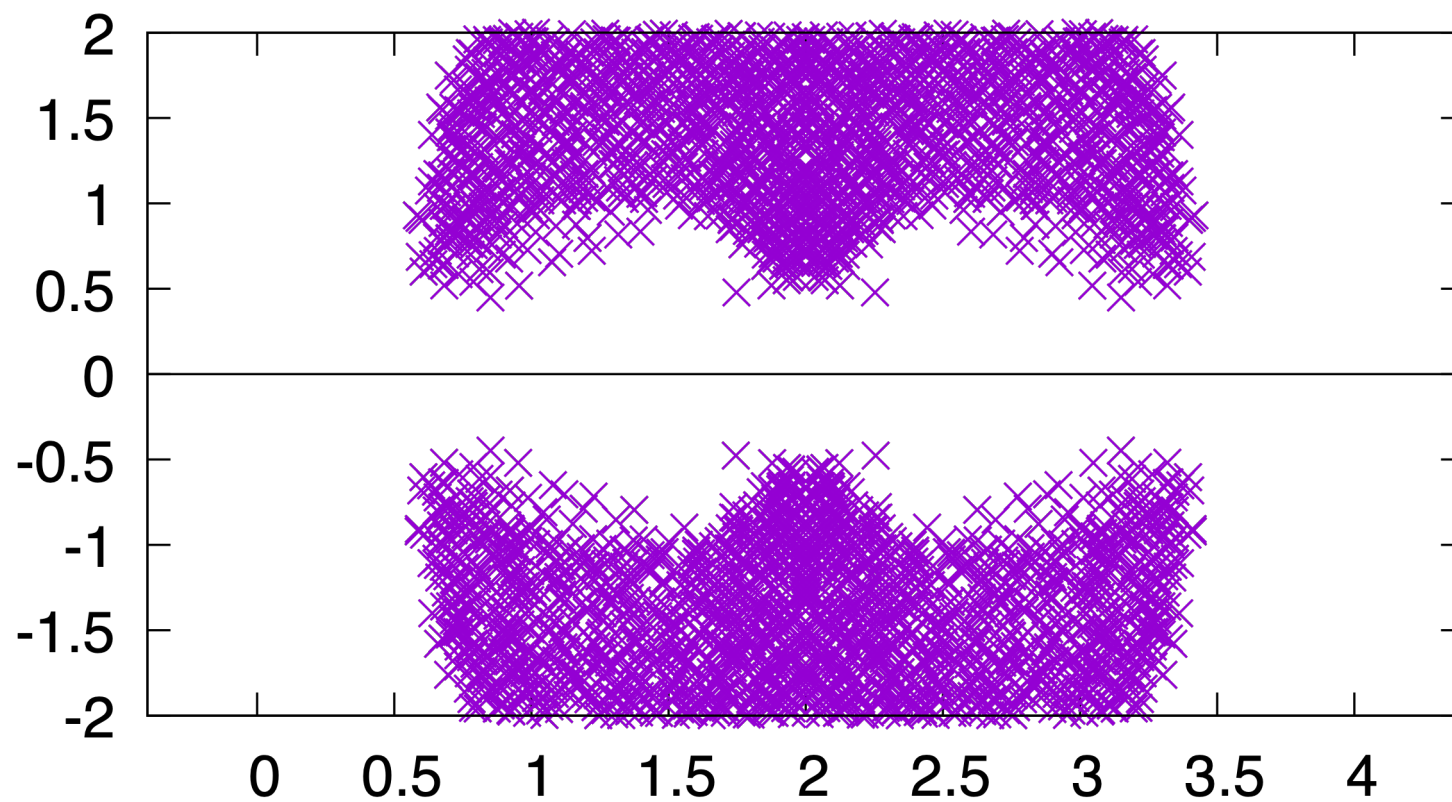
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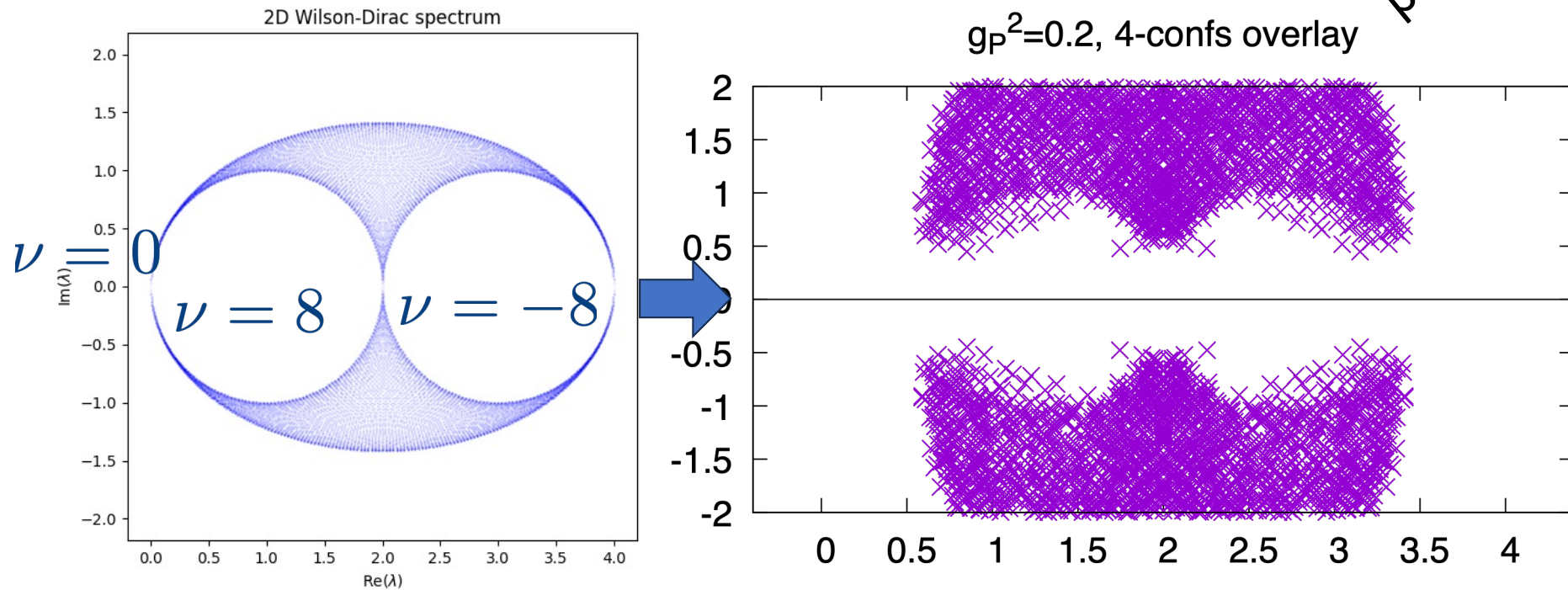
$g_P^2=0.2$, 4-confs overlay

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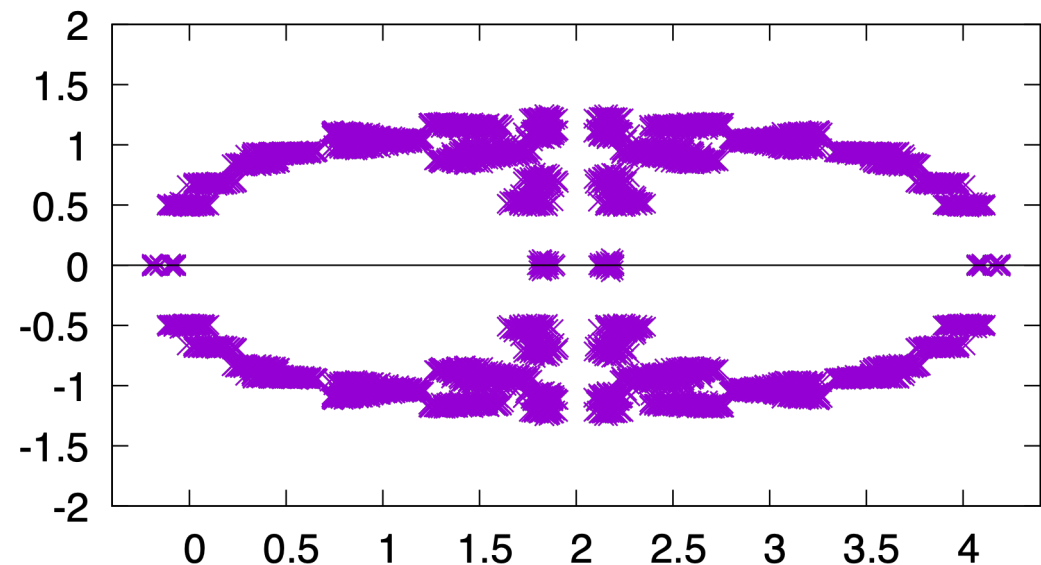
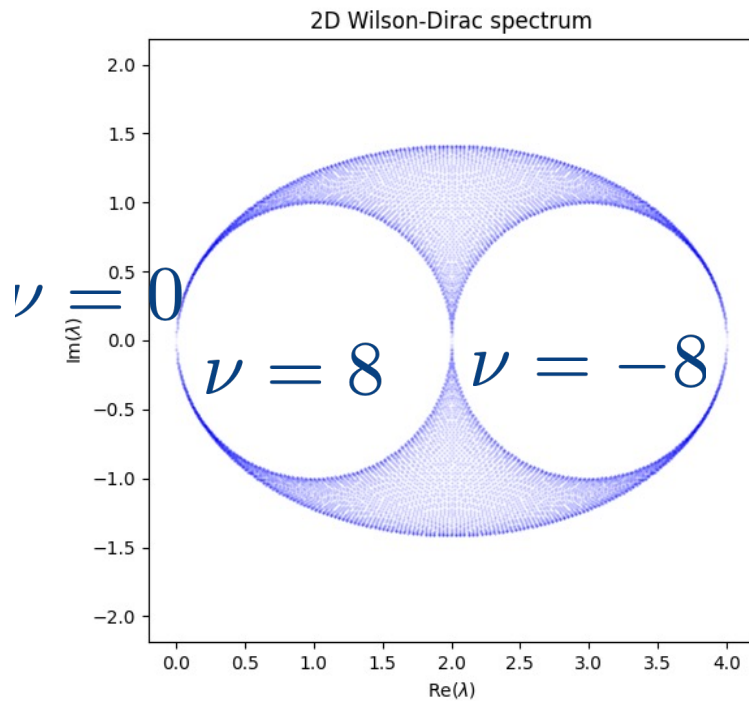
Gap opens for $g_P^2 > 0$!

Note : Yukawa term is anti-Hermitian.

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$g_P^2 = -0.05$, 4-confs overlay

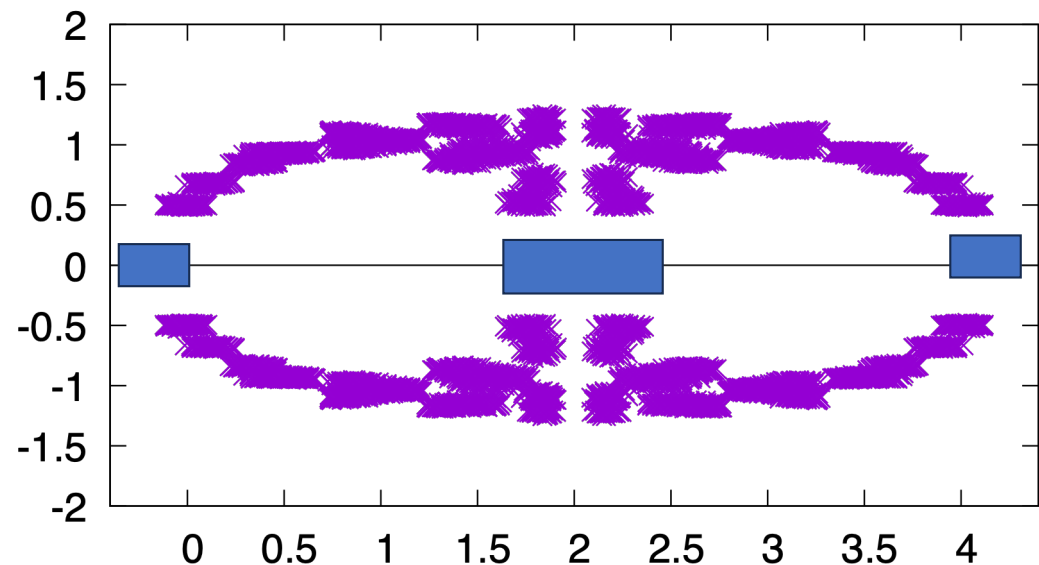
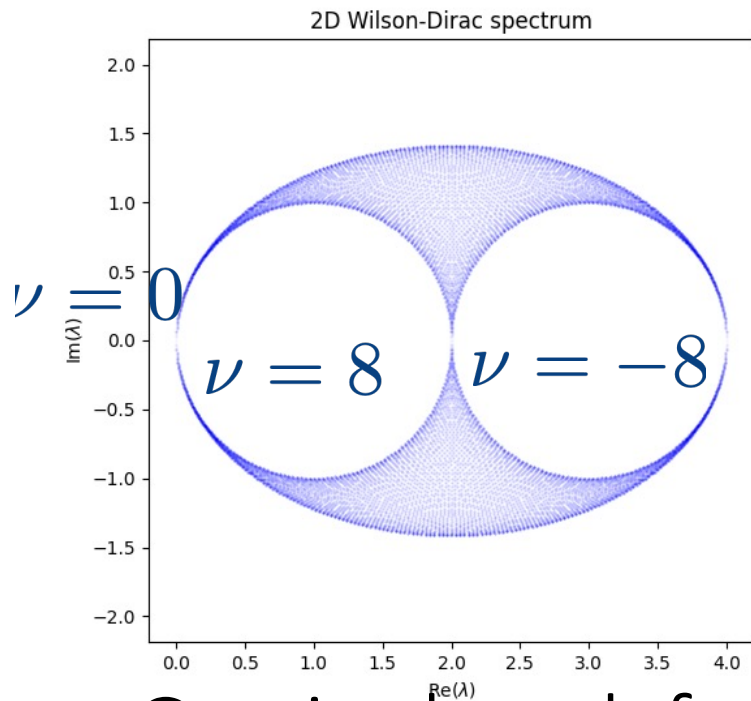


Gap is closed for $g_P^2 < 0$! Note : Yukawa term is Hermitian.

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Aoki phase appearing?

Chern number is not well-defined.

Possible phase diagram

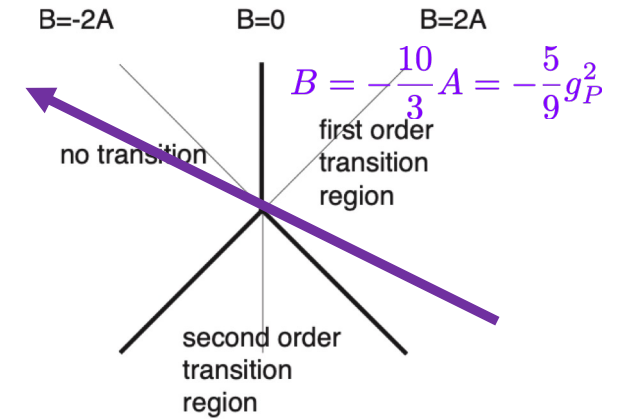
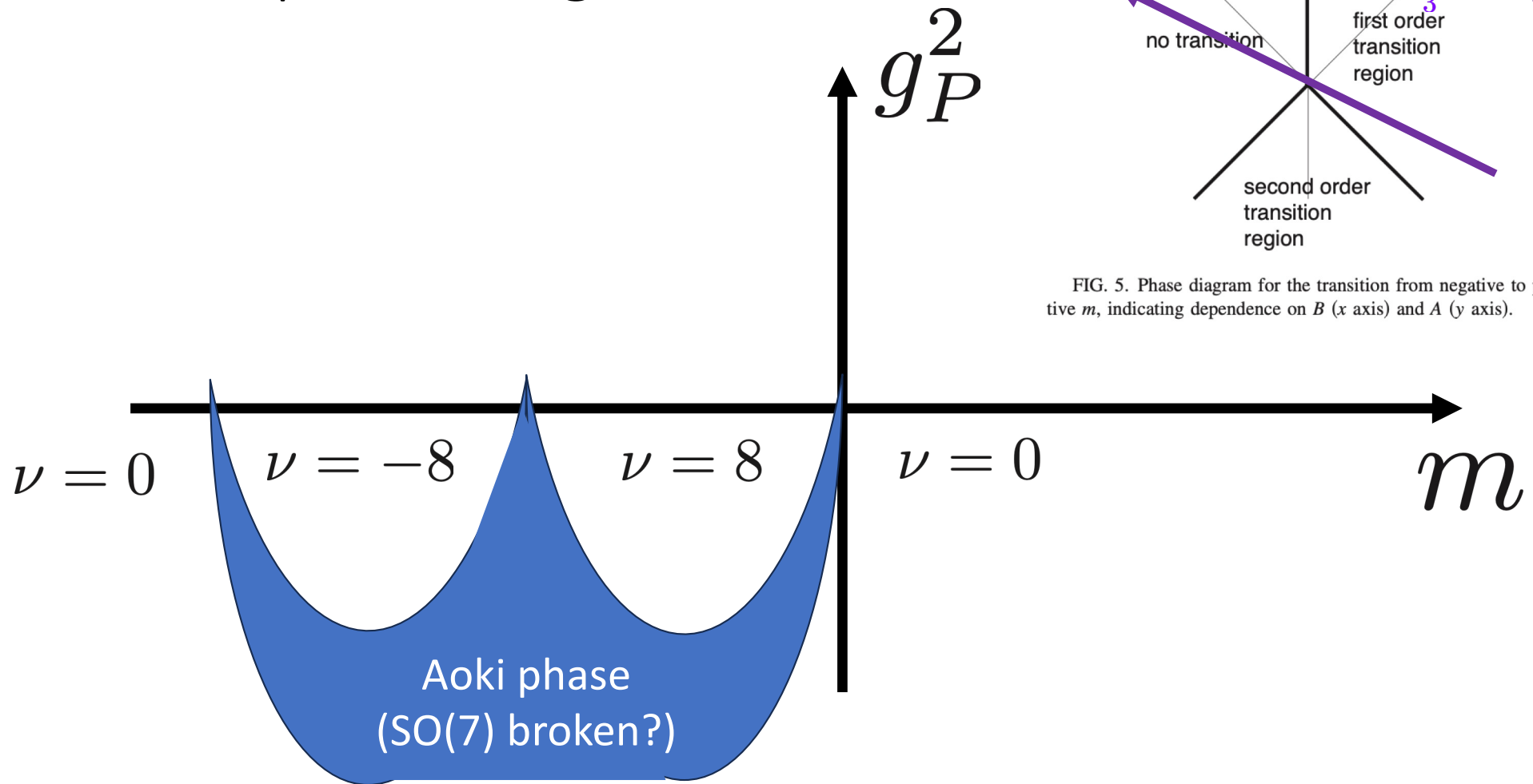
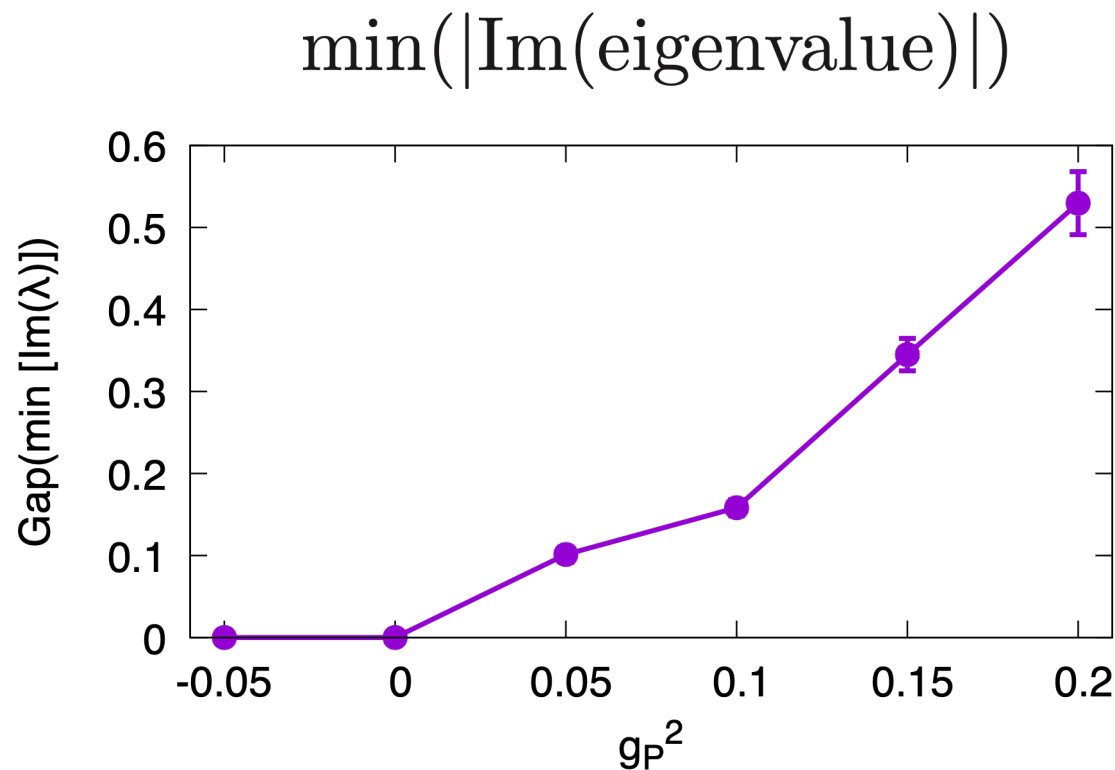


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Yukawa coupling vs. gap

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Fidkowski-Kitaev 2010 Fig. 5

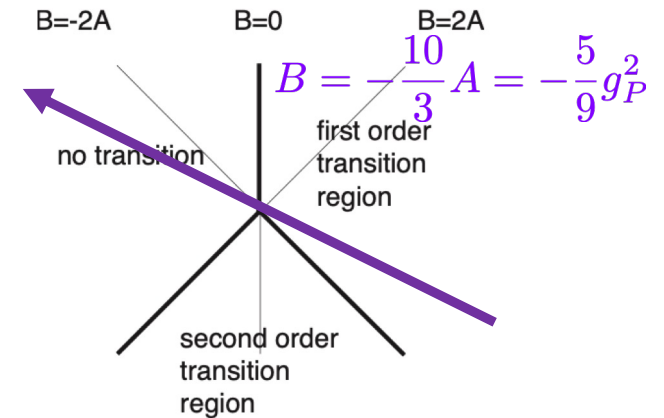


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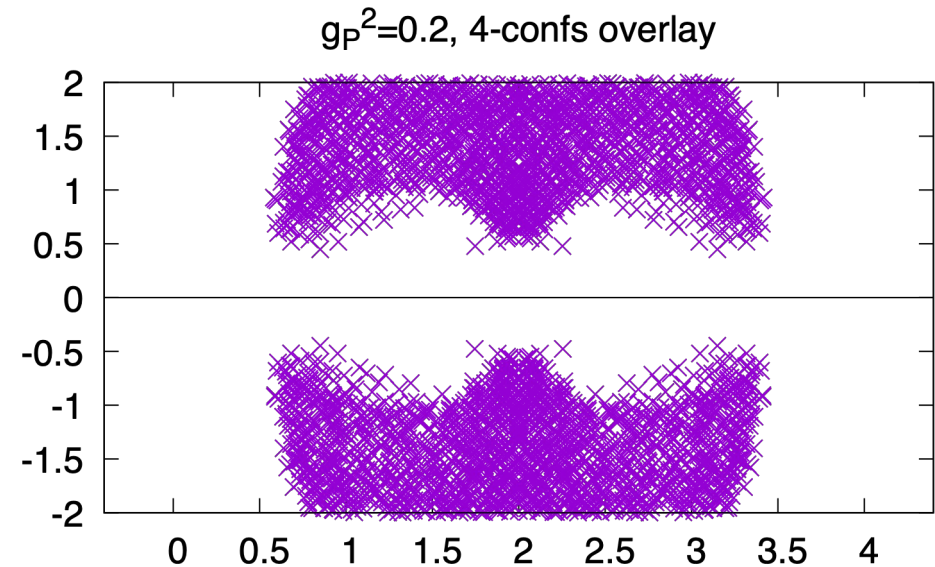
Todo

- 1) Large volume scaling
- 2) Continuum limit

Standard mass vs. SMG

$$D_W + m$$

Standard mass
= shift in the **real direction**



SMG = gap in the
imaginary direction

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Domain-wall fermion = Majorana chain with edges

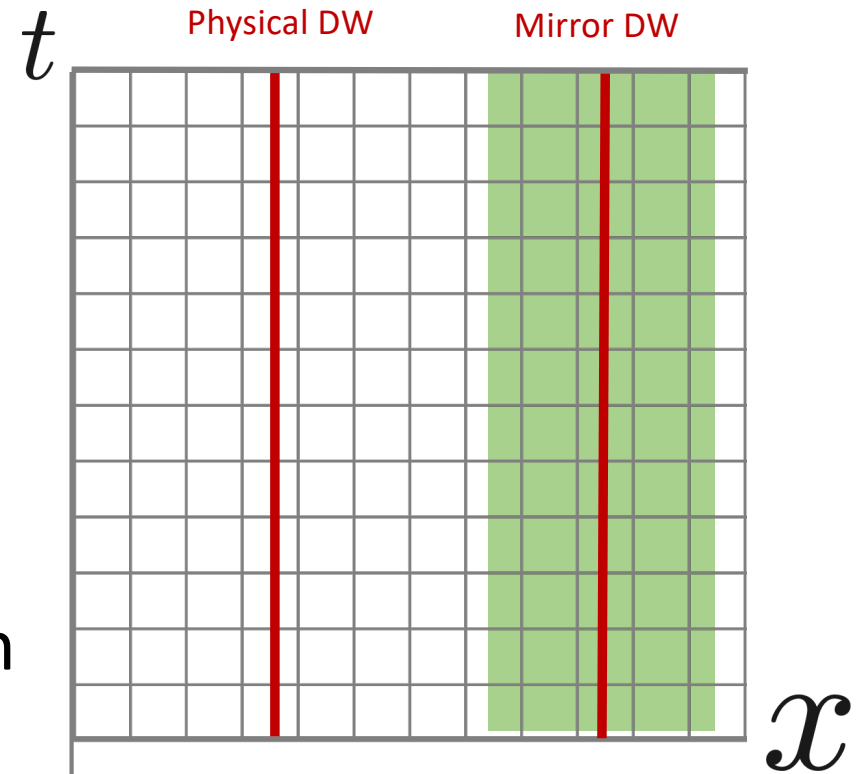
$$D = D_W + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i\gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha + m \text{sgn}(x - x_1) \text{sgn}(x - x_2)$$

$x_1 < x < x_2$: $\nu = 8$ phase
 otherwise : $\nu = 0$ phase

we set $L=12$ periodic lattice,

$$x_1 = 3.5, \quad x_2 = 9.5$$

and couple Yukawa interaction
only at $x = 8, 9, 10, 11$



Edge modes cannot have mass term.

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The edge-localized modes

$$\chi_i^{\text{edge}} = \frac{1 \pm \sigma_1}{2} \exp(-m|x - x_{1,2}|) \phi_i(t)$$

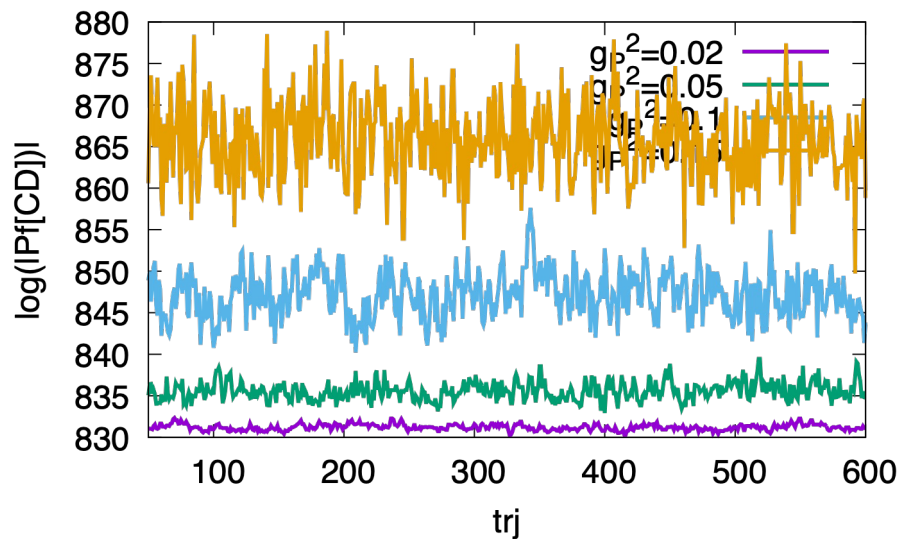
cannot have the mass terms.

$$(\chi_i^{\text{edge}})^T C m \chi_i^{\text{edge}} = 0. \quad (\chi_i^{\text{edge}})^T m \chi_j^{\text{edge}} \text{ breaks } R_t \text{ symmetry.}$$

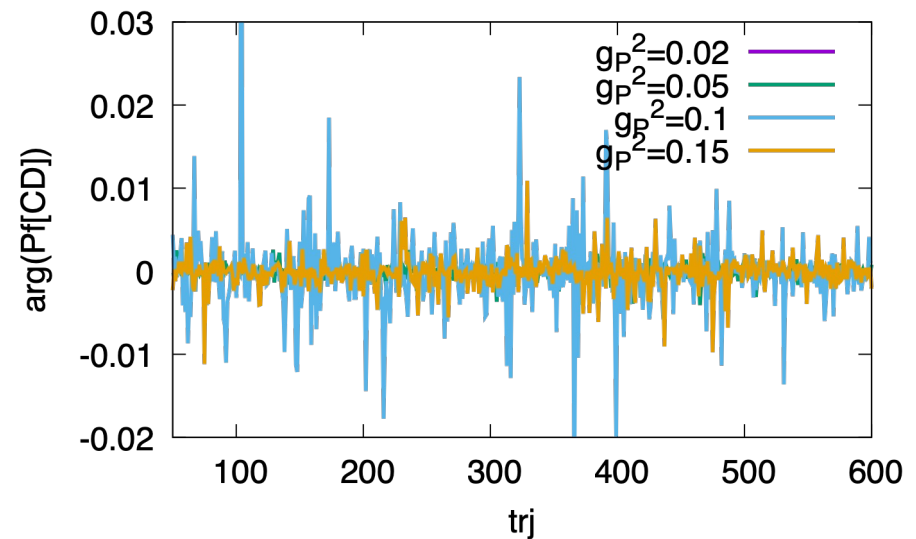
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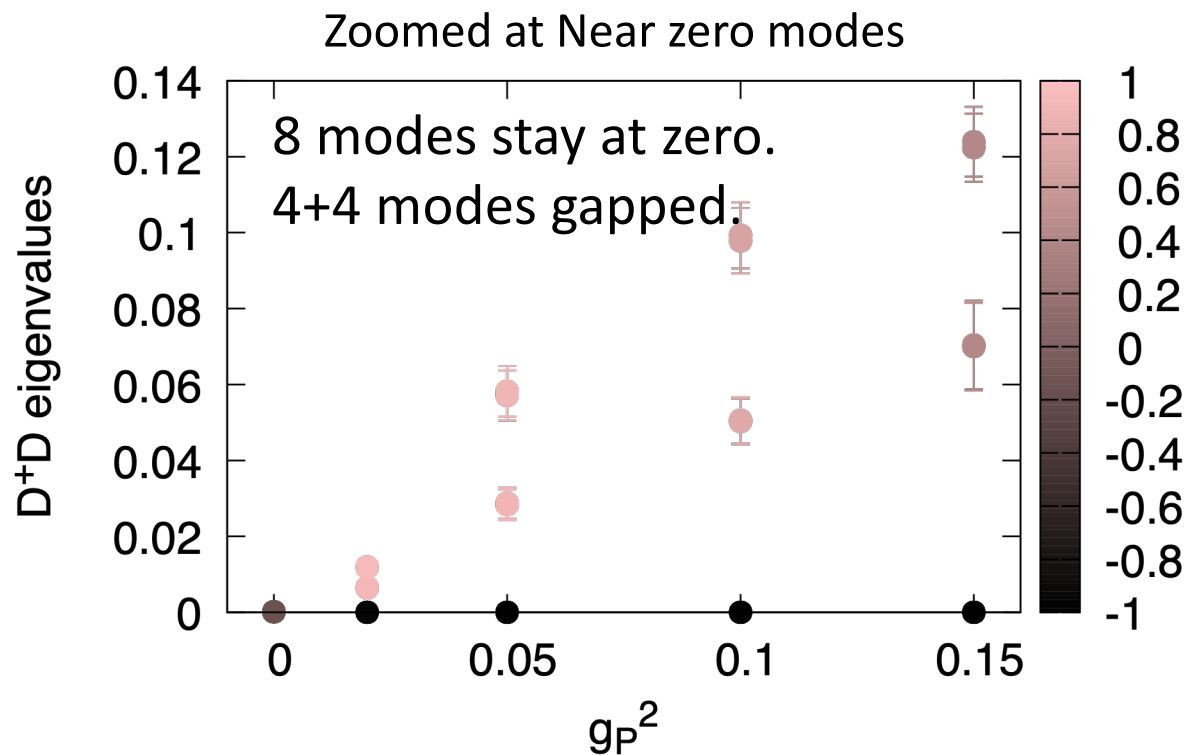
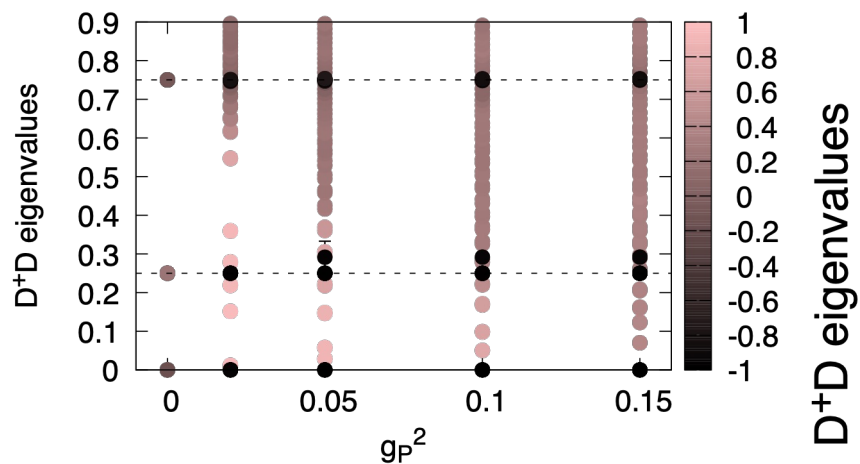


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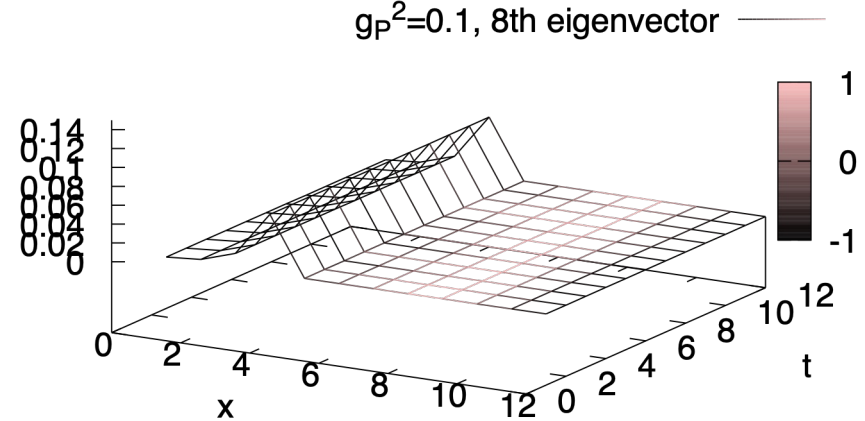
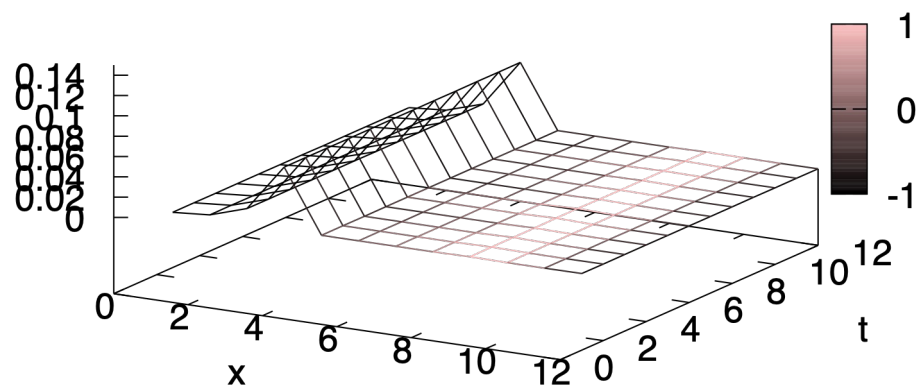
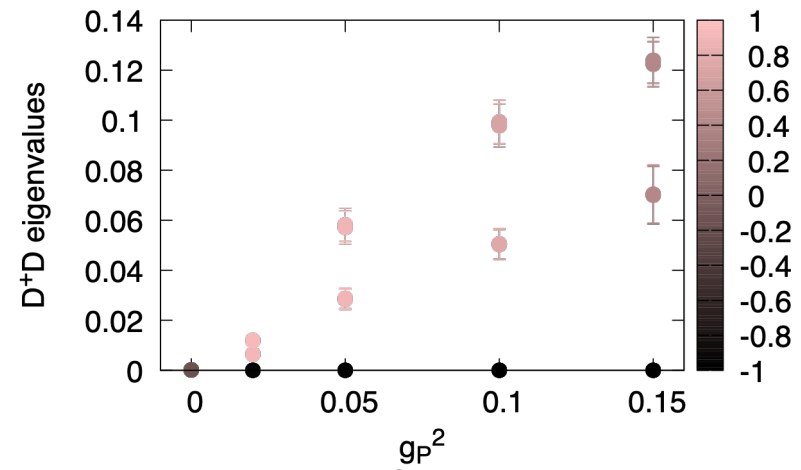
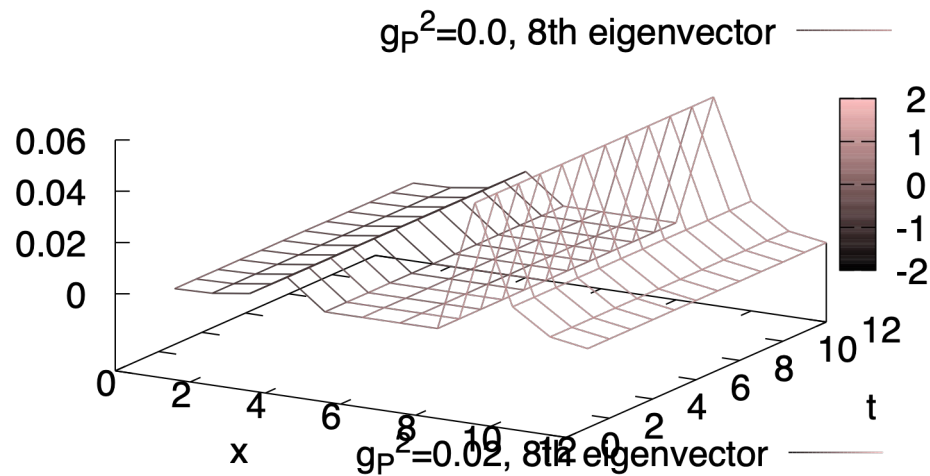
Spectrum of $D^\dagger D$

$$D = D_W + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i \gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha + m \text{sgn}(x - x_1) \text{sgn}(x - x_2)$$

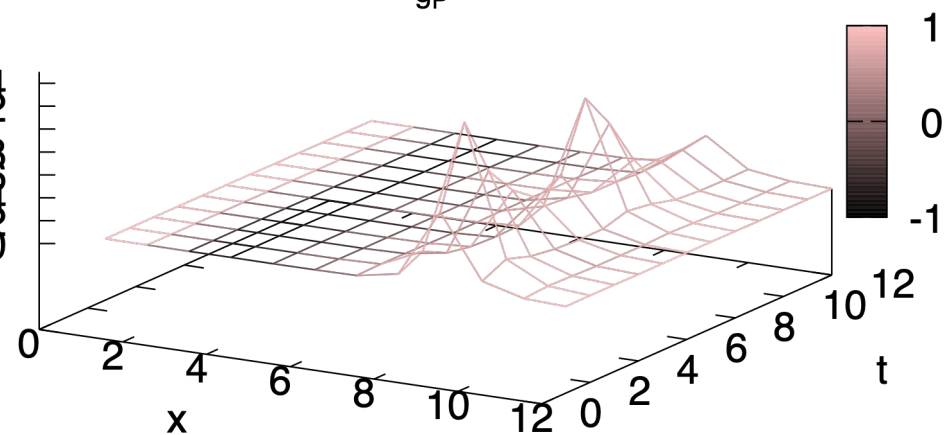
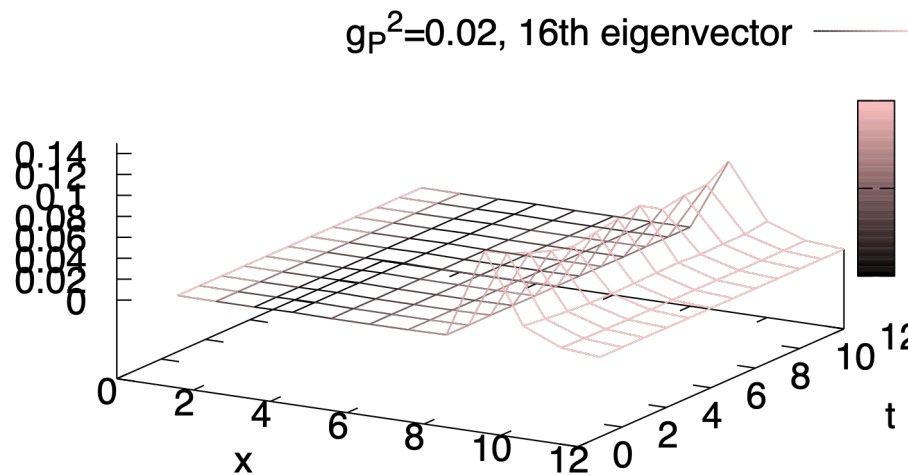
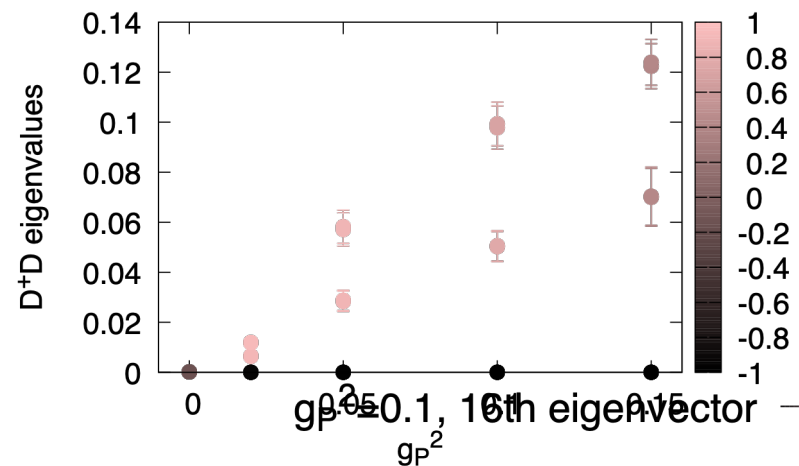
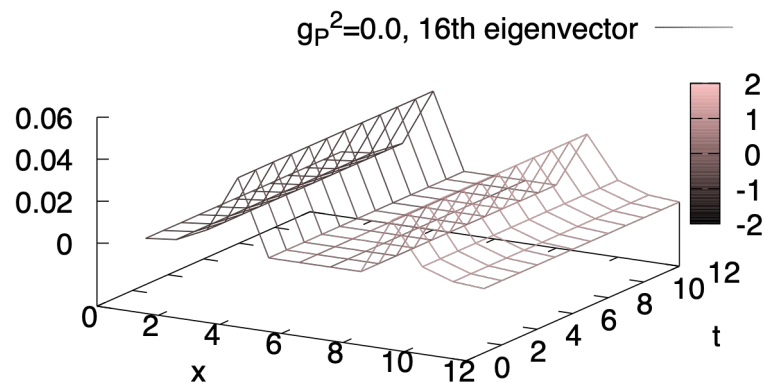
preliminary



8th eigenmode = physical gapless fermion (at $p=0$)

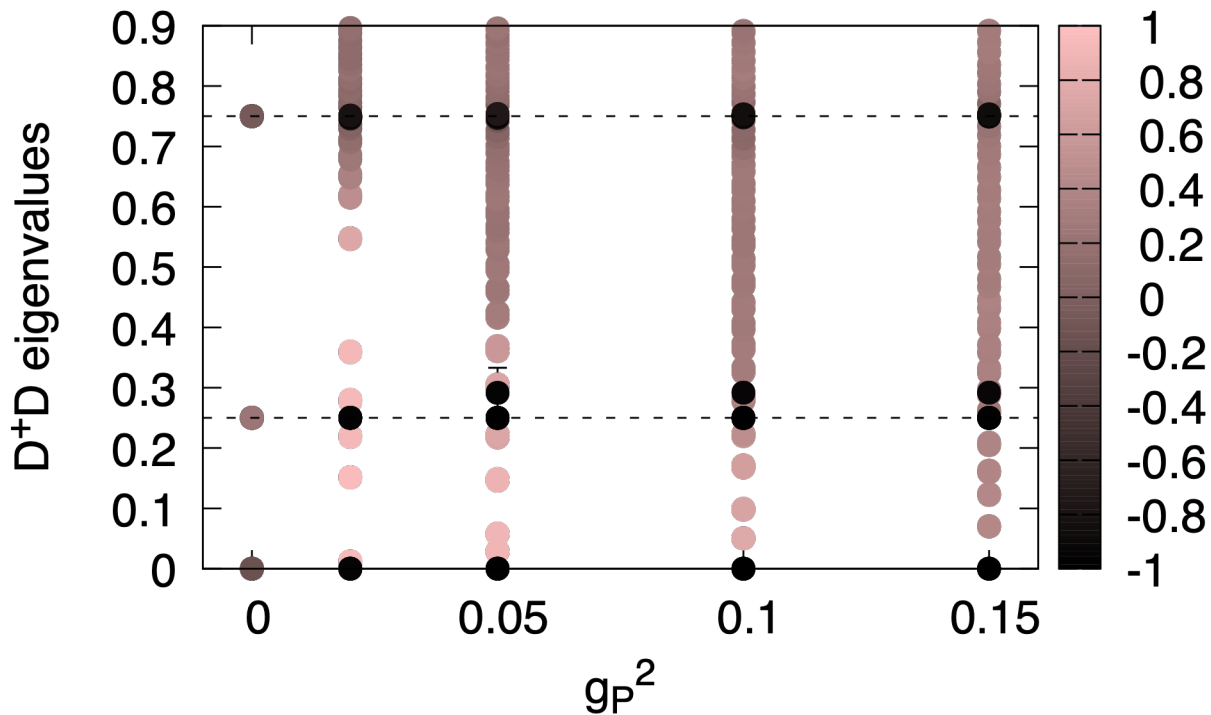


16th eigenmode : mirror fermions are gapped !



Question

What determines the gap size?



Lowest modes are increasing but some higher modes are decreasing.

Can the gap increase monotonically with g_P^2 ?

If not, what determines the gap size?

Summary

We have simulated the path-integral version of Fidkowski-Kitaev model with and without domain-wall mass term.

1. The gap of the theory can be examined by **the Dirac-Yukawa operator with Gaussian random Higgs fields**.
2. Phase quenching + reweighting works (phase effect < 1%)
3. For $g_P^2 > 0$ the gap opens (mod Z_8 sectors are connected)!
4. For $g_P^2 < 0$ the gap remain closed (Aoki-phase appears?).
5. For domain-wall fermions **only mirror edge modes can be gapped**.

Dirac gap and mass

Assumption $D^\dagger D > M_0^2$

$$D = D_W + \sqrt{g_P^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^7 \pi^\alpha(x) i\gamma_3 \Gamma^\alpha + m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \chi(x) \chi(y) \rangle &= \langle x | [D^{-1} C^{-1}] | y \rangle = \langle x | [(D^\dagger D)^{-1} D^\dagger C^{-1}] | y \rangle \\ &= \langle x | [(D^\dagger D)^{-1}] \int dz | z \rangle \langle z | [D^\dagger C^{-1}] | y \rangle \\ &\sim \langle x | [(D^\dagger D)^{-1}] | y \rangle (\text{const.} + \text{local corrections}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x | [(D^\dagger D)^{-1}] | y \rangle &= \int_0^\infty du \langle x | e^{-u(D^\dagger D)} | y \rangle \\ &< C \int_0^\infty du \frac{1}{t^{D/2}} \exp(-uM_0^2 - |x - y|^2/4u) \rightarrow \exp(-M_0|x - y|). \end{aligned}$$