

Quantum Phases and Transitions in Spin Chains with Non-Invertible Symmetries

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Abstract

Generalized symmetries often appear in the form of emergent symmetries in low energy effective descriptions of quantum many-body systems. Non-invertible symmetries are a particularly exotic class of generalized symmetries, in that they are implemented by transformations that do not form a group. Such symmetries appear generically in gapless states of quantum matter constraining the low-energy dynamics. To provide a UV-complete description of such symmetries, it is useful to construct lattice models that respect these symmetries exactly. In this paper, we discuss two families of one-dimensional lattice Hamiltonians with finite on-site Hilbert spaces: one with (invertible) S_3 symmetry and the other with non-invertible $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. Our models are largely analytically tractable and demonstrate all possible spontaneous symmetry breaking patterns of these symmetries. Moreover, we use numerical techniques to study the nature of continuous phase transitions between the different symmetry-breaking gapped phases associated with both symmetries. Both models have self-dual lines, where the models are enriched by (intrinsic) non-invertible symmetries generated by Kramers-Wannier-like duality transformations. We provide explicit lattice operators that generate these non-invertible self-duality symmetries. We show that the enhanced symmetry at the self-dual lines is described by a 2+1D symmetry-topological-order (SymTO) of type $\overline{\text{JK}}_4 \times \text{JK}_4$. The condensable algebras of the SymTO determine the allowed gapped and gapless states of the self-dual S_3 -symmetric and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models.

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1 Introduction

In quantum many-body physics, global internal symmetries are conventionally represented by unitary (or anti-unitary) operators that act non-trivially on all degrees of freedom, everywhere in space. The elementary charged objects under such symmetries are local operators with support over a finite region of space.

This conventional picture of symmetries was recently generalized in several directions. For example, the symmetry transformations were generalized to act on lower dimensional subspaces [1, 2] with the elementary charged objects being higher dimensional [3, 4]. In the language of field theory, a p -form symmetry is generated by $(d - p)$ -dimensional, *i.e.*, co-dimension p , topological defects that can be inserted into the partition functions of theories defined on $(d + 1)$ spacetime dimensions. The corresponding charges then live in a $(p + 1)$ -dimensional worldsheet in spacetime. The conventional global internal symmetries correspond to the case of $p = 0$. The mathematical structure that captures a collection of several higher-form symmetries of different order is that of a *higher-group*: a p -group involves 0-form through $(p - 1)$ -form symmetries. Higher-form symmetries can be treated within Hamiltonian formalism as well, by choosing a time slice together with a corresponding Hilbert space. Then higher-form symmetry operators acting on this Hilbert space are defined by restricting to the topological defects that are supported only on the time slice. Although typical lattice models for condensed matter systems do not have higher-group symmetries, they can appear as emergent symmetries [5] or even *exact emergent* symmetries at low energies [6, 7].

In many ways, higher-form symmetries behave just like ordinary symmetries: they can be spontaneously broken leading to degenerate ground states or Goldstone bosons [8, 9], depending on whether the symmetry is discrete or continuous; they can have 't Hooft anomalies themselves, or have mixed 't Hooft anomalies with crystalline symmetries leading to Lieb-Schultz-Mattis (LSM)-type theorems [10]; they can lead to new symmetry protected topological (SPT) phases [11, 12]. A generic way to construct models with higher-form symmetries in $(2+1)$ dimensions and higher, is via gauging (some subgroup of) an ordinary symmetry [13, 14].

A further generalization of symmetries comes from considering operators that commute with the Hamiltonian but are not invertible, and hence have non-trivial kernels. These are the so-called non-invertible symmetries [15]. The composition law, or fusion rule, of these symmetry operators does not satisfy a group-like multiplication rule. Instead, given two non-invertible symmetry operators, their fusion results in a sum of symmetry operators which may be invertible or non-invertible. When the symmetries of the system form a finite collection, the structure that unifies invertible and non-invertible 0-form and higher-form symmetries is that of a fusion higher category \mathcal{C} [16, 17]. In $(d + 1)$ spacetime dimensions, \mathcal{C} is a fusion d -category. In this work, we will focus on $(1 + 1)$ dimensions so that the symmetry structure is described by ordinary fusion categories, instead of fusion higher categories. In this case, symmetry operators in a fusion category \mathcal{C} are labeled by the simple objects \mathbf{a} of \mathcal{C} . The fusion of two symmetry operators $\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{a}}$ and $\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{b}}$, labeled by objects \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} delivers the sum

$$\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{a}} \widehat{W}_{\mathbf{b}} = \sum_{\alpha} N_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}^{\alpha} \widehat{W}_{\alpha}, \quad (1.1)$$

where integers $N_{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}}^{\alpha}$ are the *fusion coefficients*.

Non-invertible symmetries were explored in the realm of quantum field theory (QFT) in the form of topological defect lines of $(1 + 1)d$ rational conformal field theories (RCFT) [18–23]. More recently, such topological defect lines have been established as non-invertible

symmetries within the framework of generalized symmetries [15, 24]. Realizations of non-invertible symmetries and implications of their presence have been extensively studied in QFTs [25–27]. Realizations of non-invertible symmetries and phases of matter with these symmetries in lattice models are far less understood. On the one hand, the long-distance and low-energy limit – usually referred to as the infrared (IR) limit – of many body quantum systems often have an effective QFT description. Since by now we know many examples of QFTs that possess non-invertible symmetries, one expects that there is a natural place for such symmetries in many body physics, *e.g.*, in labeling the symmetry structure of the zero temperature phases of many-body quantum systems. On the other hand, naïve lattice regularization of QFTs may break emergent symmetries of the continuum theory (see, *e.g.*, Ref. [28]). In that spirit, it is desirable to construct lattice models that respect generalized symmetries, putting them on the same footing as ordinary symmetries. To be precise, by “lattice model” we mean local Hamiltonians acting on a Hilbert space that is a tensor product of finite-dimensional local Hilbert spaces – we will refer to such lattice models, somewhat glibly, as “spin chains”. We will require that the lattice Hamiltonians we construct possess certain non-invertible symmetries, *i.e.*, they commute with such non-invertible symmetry operators.

One strategy to obtain non-invertible symmetries in the lattice setting is to start from a model with ordinary (finite) non-Abelian G symmetry and gauge either the entire G . In the corresponding gauge theory, the Wilson loops obey the fusion rules dictated by the representations of G and form a fusion (higher) category $\text{Rep}(G)$, which is not group-like whenever G is non-Abelian. This strategy was used to construct various lattice models with non-invertible symmetries [29, 30]. Recently, another class of examples have been obtained by gauging internal symmetries that participate in a mixed anomaly with translation symmetry such as in the case of Lieb-Schultz-Mattis (LSM) anomalies [31–33].

An alternative perspective on finite generalized symmetries was proposed in Refs. [13, 34]; the authors argued that such symmetries can be viewed as special kinds of non-invertible gravitational anomalies. In other words, symmetry data can be stored in a non-invertible field theory in one higher dimension such that the physical theory with generalized symmetries is realized as a boundary theory of the former. This leads to a holographic theory of generalized symmetries in terms of topological orders in one higher dimension [16, 35–38]. This idea goes by various names: symmetry-topological-order (SymTO) correspondence [16, 35, 36], ¹ symmetry-topological-field-theory (SymTFT) [37], topological symmetry [38], or topological holography [39–41].

Another complementary way to view generalized symmetries comes from considering the algebra of a subset of all local operators. Given a set of symmetry transformations, the subset of local operators invariant under these transformations forms the algebra of local symmetric operators (also called a bond algebra [42, 43]). One can turn this idea on its head and consider subsets of local operators as (indirectly) defining a generalized symmetry, provided the subset forms an algebra. Ref. [44] took this point view and showed that isomorphic algebras of local symmetric operators correspond one-to-one to topological orders in one higher dimension, by considering simple examples. The commutant algebra of the subset of local operators contains operators that implement (generalized) symmetry transformations [45, 46]. The structure of commutant algebras is rich enough to contain the above-mentioned non-invertible symmetries. Notably, this structure is less rigid than that of fusion (higher) categories since the fusion coefficients need not be non-negative

¹SymTO was referred to as “categorical symmetry” in some early papers [13, 16, 36]. It was referred to as SymTFT [37] and topological symmetry [38] in later works. In present literature, “categorical symmetry” is used to refer to non-invertible symmetry (which was referred to as algebraic higher symmetry in Ref. [16]). See Appendix B for a review of SymTO.

integers. Making contact between the commutant algebraic approach and the topological defect approach of generalized symmetries is an interesting open question. *[AC: Let's be careful with the commutant language, e.g., in a commuting projector hamiltonian all terms of the Hamiltonian live in the commutant algebra. There may also be other local operators that commute with the Hamiltonian. Are all of them symmetries?]*

There has been an exciting flurry of recent work classifying [16, 36] and exploring [30, 33, 47–51] gapped phases of systems with fusion category symmetries (or algebraic higher symmetries). A generalized Landau paradigm [52–54], classifying both gapped and gapless phases in systems with general fusion category symmetries in 1+1d has been formulated based condensable algebra in the topological order in one higher dimension. These results were obtained within the framework of SymTO [52, 53], SymTFT [37], and topological symmetry [38].

In this paper, we contribute to this rapidly developing literature by exploring the possible phases, gapped or gapless, and continuous phase transitions realized in *spin chains* with non-invertible symmetries. In particular, we study the example of the smallest anomaly-free symmetry category: $\text{Rep}(S_3)$. Building up to that, in Sec. 2 we introduce a spin chain with S_3 symmetry constructed out of qubit and qutrit degrees of freedom. In Sec. 3, we show how gauging either the entire S_3 symmetry or its non-normal \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup delivers a spin chain with $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. We explore the phase diagrams of both spin chains using analytical arguments and numerical tensor network techniques. Section 5 is a synthesis of the salient aspects of our results from the point of view of the SymTO framework. In section 6 we discuss connections with gauging of general fusion category symmetries and order parameters for such symmetries. We close with some comments on directions for future exploration in Section 7.

Note added: While this manuscript was being completed, we became aware of potentially overlapping work in Ref. [55]. We thank the authors for coordinating their arXiv submission with us.

2 S_3 -symmetric spin chain

2.1 Definitions

We consider lattice Λ in one spatial dimension with $|\Lambda| = L$ sites. We associate a tensor product Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with lattice Λ , where the each site $i \in \Lambda$ supports an on-site Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_i that is 12-dimensional. We label the orthonormal basis vectors spanning \mathcal{H}_i by a $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ -valued triplet (a_i, b_i, c_i) , *i.e.*,

$$\mathcal{H} = \otimes_{i=1}^L \mathcal{H}_i, \quad \mathcal{H}_i = \text{span}\{|a_i, b_i, c_i\rangle \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2, b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2, c_i \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}. \quad (2.1)$$

On each local Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_i , we define \mathbb{Z}_2 (qubit) and \mathbb{Z}_3 (qutrit) clock operators that satisfy the algebras

$$\hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_j^x = (-1)^{\delta_{ij}} \hat{\sigma}_j^x \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \quad (\hat{\sigma}_i^z)^2 = (\hat{\sigma}_i^x)^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (2.2a)$$

$$\hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\tau}_j^x = (-1)^{\delta_{ij}} \hat{\tau}_j^x \hat{\tau}_i^z, \quad (\hat{\tau}_i^z)^2 = (\hat{\tau}_i^x)^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (2.2b)$$

$$\hat{Z}_i \hat{X}_j = \omega^{\delta_{ij}} \hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_i, \quad (\hat{Z}_i)^3 = (\hat{X}_i)^3 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (2.2c)$$

with $\omega = \exp\{i2\pi/3\}$ such that the operators $\hat{\sigma}_i^z$, $\hat{\tau}_i^z$, and \hat{Z}_i are diagonal in the basis (2.1), *i.e.*,

$$\hat{\sigma}_i^z |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle = (-1)^{a_i} |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle, \quad \hat{\tau}_i^z |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle = (-1)^{b_i} |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle, \quad \hat{Z}_i |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle = \omega^{c_i} |\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\rangle. \quad (2.2d)$$

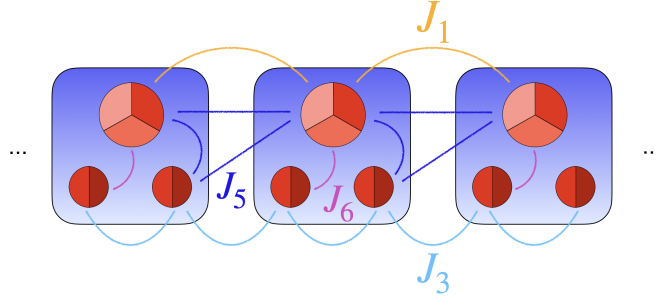


Figure 1: Schematic of the Hamiltonian (2.3) showing the couplings between qutrit (depicted by a tripartitioned disk) and qubit (depicted by a bipartitioned disk) degrees of freedom. Single-body terms J_2, J_4 are suppressed.

We impose periodic boundary conditions on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} by identifying operators at site i with those at site $i + L$

$$\hat{X}_{i+L} \equiv \hat{X}_i, \quad \hat{Z}_{i+L} \equiv \hat{Z}_i, \quad \hat{\sigma}_{i+L}^x \equiv \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \quad \hat{\sigma}_{i+L}^z \equiv \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \quad \hat{\tau}_{i+L}^x \equiv \hat{\tau}_i^x, \quad \hat{\tau}_{i+L}^z \equiv \hat{\tau}_i^z. \quad (2.2e)$$

Our starting point is the Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{S_3} := \hat{H}_P + \hat{H}_I + \hat{H}_{PI}, \quad (2.3a)$$

$$\hat{H}_P := -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \quad (2.3b)$$

$$\hat{H}_I := -J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^x + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right), \quad (2.3c)$$

$$\hat{H}_{PI} := -J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \quad (2.3d)$$

with six positive coupling constants $J_i > 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, 6$. Hamiltonians \hat{H}_P and \hat{H}_I describe the quantum three-state Potts model on a chain of L sites and transverse-field Ising model defined on $2L$ sites, respectively². The last Hamiltonian \hat{H}_{PI} then describes the coupling between \mathbb{Z}_2 - and \mathbb{Z}_3 -valued degrees of freedom. A schematic description of the couplings in Hamiltonian (2.3) is shown in Fig. 1.

Hamiltonian (2.3) is invariant under an S_3 symmetry generated by the unitary operators

$$\hat{U}_r := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{X}_i, \quad \hat{U}_s := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i, \quad (2.4)$$

where $\hat{C}_i := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{X}_i^\alpha \hat{P}^{Z_i=\omega^\alpha}$ and $\hat{P}^{Z_i=\omega^\alpha}$ is the projector onto the subspace of $\hat{Z}_i = \omega^\alpha$. The operator \hat{C}_i implements the charge conjugation on the \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom, *i.e.*, it maps $\hat{X}_i \mapsto \hat{X}_i^\dagger$ and $\hat{Z}_i \mapsto \hat{Z}_i^\dagger$. On the local operators, the S_3 symmetry generators, \hat{U}_r and \hat{U}_s , implement the transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U}_r \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_i & \hat{Z}_i & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z & \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{U}_r^\dagger &= \begin{pmatrix} +\hat{X}_i & \omega^2 \hat{Z}_i & +\hat{\sigma}_i^x & +\hat{\sigma}_i^z & +\hat{\tau}_i^x & +\hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix}, \\ \hat{U}_s \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_i & \hat{Z}_i & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z & \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{U}_s^\dagger &= \begin{pmatrix} +\hat{X}_i^\dagger & +\hat{Z}_i^\dagger & +\hat{\sigma}_i^x & -\hat{\sigma}_i^z & +\hat{\tau}_i^x & -\hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

²The reason for choosing number of \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom to be twice that of \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom will be clear in Sec. 2.3 when we discuss the self-dual points in the phase diagram of Hamiltonian (2.3).

respectively. Any operator that commutes with \hat{U}_r and \hat{U}_s can be written as linear combinations of products of eight local operators. These are precisely those that appeared in the Hamiltonian (2.3). Accordingly we define the bond algebra [42, 43] of S_3 -symmetric operators

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} := \left\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right), \right. \\ \left. \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \mid i \in \Lambda \right\rangle. \quad (2.6)$$

We identify the S_3 symmetry as the commutant algebra of \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} , *i.e.*, algebra of all operators that commute with all elements of \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} .

In Sections 2.2, 3.1, and 3.2, we are going to construct the dual bond algebras $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}$, $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2}$, and \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/S_3} , that are delivered by gauging the subgroups \mathbb{Z}_3 , \mathbb{Z}_2 , and S_3 , respectively. As we shall see, the precise statement of the duality will then be expressed as isomorphisms between appropriately defined “symmetric” subalgebras of these bond algebras. Therein, for each dual bond algebra, we will identify the corresponding commutant algebras, *i.e.*, the corresponding dual symmetry structure.

2.2 Gauging \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup: non-invertible self-duality symmetry

Gauging the \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup is achieved in two steps. First, on the each link between sites i and $i+1$, we introduce \mathbb{Z}_3 clock operators $\{\hat{x}_{i+1/2}, \hat{z}_{i+1/2}\}$ that satisfy the algebra

$$\hat{z}_{i+1/2} \hat{x}_{j+1/2} = \omega^{\delta_{ij}} \hat{x}_{j+1/2} \hat{z}_{i+1/2}, \quad \left(\hat{z}_{i+1/2} \right)^3 = \left(\hat{x}_{i+1/2} \right)^3 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (2.7a) \\ \hat{z}_{i+1/2+L} = \hat{z}_{i+1/2}, \quad \hat{x}_{i+1/2+L} = \hat{x}_{i+1/2},$$

where we imposed periodic boundary conditions. This enlarges the dimension of the Hilbert space (2.1) by a factor of 3^L . Second, we define the Gauss operators on every site

$$\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} := \hat{z}_{i-1/2}^\dagger \hat{X}_i \hat{z}_{i+1/2}, \quad \left[\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \right]^3 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}. \quad (2.7b)$$

Hereby, the link operators $\hat{z}_{i+1/2}$ and $\hat{x}_{i+1/2}$ take the roles of \mathbb{Z}_3 -valued electric field and \mathbb{Z}_3 -valued gauge field, respectively. The physical Hilbert space consists of those states for which the Gauss constraint $\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} = 1$ is satisfied. Imposing each of one of the L Gauss constraints reduces the dimension of the extended Hilbert space by a factor of $1/3$. The S_3 -symmetric algebra (2.6) is not invariant under local gauge transformations. By minimally coupling it to the gauge field $\hat{x}_{i+1/2}$, we define the gauge invariant extended algebra

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}^{\text{mc}} := \left\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{x}_{i+1/2} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{x}_{i+1/2}^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right), \right. \\ \left. \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{x}_{i+1/2} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{x}_{i+1/2}^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \mid \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} = 1, \quad i \in \Lambda \right\rangle. \quad (2.8)$$

It is convenient to do a basis transformation to impose the Gauss constraint explicitly. To this end, we apply a unitary operator \hat{U} which implements the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^x, & \hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^x, & \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{X}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{z}_{i-1/2} \hat{X}_i \hat{z}_{i+1/2}^\dagger, & \hat{U} \hat{Z}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{Z}_i, \\ \hat{U} \hat{x}_{i+1/2} \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{x}_{i+1/2} \hat{Z}_{i+1}, & \hat{U} \hat{z}_{i+1/2} \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{z}_{i+1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

In particular, this unitary simplifies the Gauss operator to $\hat{U} \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{X}_i$. After the unitary transformation, we project down to the $\hat{X}_i = 1$ subspace and relabel the link degrees of freedom by $i + 1/2 \mapsto i + 1$ for notational simplicity. This delivers the dual bond algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3} &:= \hat{U} \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}^{\text{mc}} \hat{U}^\dagger \Big|_{\hat{X}_i=1} \\ &= \left\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{z}_i \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{z}_i^\dagger \hat{z}_{i+1} \right), \left(\hat{x}_i + \hat{x}_i^\dagger \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{z}_i \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{z}_i^\dagger \hat{z}_{i+1} \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{x}_{i+1} - \hat{x}_{i+1}^\dagger \right) \Big| i \in \Lambda \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

We note that the dual bond algebra contains the same type of terms as algebra (2.6) and, hence, is the algebra of S_3^\vee -symmetric operators³. The generators of dual S_3^\vee symmetry are represented by the unitary operators⁴

$$\hat{U}_r^\vee := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{x}_i, \quad \hat{U}_s^\vee := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{c}_i, \quad \hat{c}_i := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{x}_i^\alpha \hat{P}^{z_i=\omega^\alpha}. \quad (2.11)$$

We note that the duality as we described does not hold between entirety of algebras \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} and $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}$. On the one hand, because we imposed periodic boundary conditions on the operators $\{\hat{x}_i, \hat{z}_i\}$, the product of all Gauss operators is equal to the generator of global \mathbb{Z}_3 transformations, *i.e.*,

$$\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} = \hat{U}_r = 1. \quad (2.12a)$$

On the other hand, since we imposed periodic boundary conditions on the operators $\{\hat{X}_i, \hat{Z}_i\}$, the image of the product $\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}$, which is the dual \mathbb{Z}_3^\vee symmetry generator, must be equal to identity, *i.e.*,

$$\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1} \equiv \hat{U}_r^\vee = 1. \quad (2.12b)$$

Therefore, the duality holds when both conditions (2.12a) and (2.12b). In other words, the isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} \Big|_{\hat{U}_r=1} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3} \Big|_{\hat{U}_r^\vee=1}, \quad (2.12c)$$

holds⁵.

³We use the superscript \vee to differentiate the dual S_3^\vee symmetry of the dual algebra (2.10) from the S_3 symmetry of the algebra (2.6).

⁴The dual symmetry \hat{U}_s^\vee is obtained from the operator \hat{U}_s by demanding the covariance of the Gauss operator $\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3}$, *i.e.*, demanding

$$\hat{U}_s^{\text{mc}} \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \left(\hat{U}_s^{\text{mc}} \right)^\dagger = \left(\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_3} \right)^\dagger,$$

where \hat{U}_s^{mc} is an operator acting on the extended Hilbert space and contains both site and link degrees of freedom. The dual symmetry \hat{U}_s^\vee is then obtained by applying the unitary transformation (2.9) and projecting to the $\hat{X}_i = 1$ subspace.

⁵We could have also gauged the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry of the bond algebra (2.6) in the presence of a \mathbb{Z}_3 twist. However, such twisted boundary conditions lead to a reduced \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry due to the fact that \mathbb{Z}_2 elements of S_3 act nontrivially the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist. Here, we keep the periodic boundary conditions on both sides of the gauging duality to ensure both bond algebras \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} and $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}$ have full S_3 and S_3^\vee symmetries, respectively.

Using the mapping between the two operator algebras \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} and $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_3}$, we obtain the Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{S_3^\vee} := & -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{x}_i + \hat{x}_i^\dagger) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{z}_i \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{z}_i^\dagger \hat{z}_{i+1}) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{\sigma}_i^x + \hat{\tau}_i^x) \\ & - J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z (\hat{x}_{i+1} - \hat{x}_{i+1}^\dagger) - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\sigma}_i^z (\hat{z}_i \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{z}_i^\dagger \hat{z}_{i+1}).\end{aligned}\quad (2.13)$$

This Hamiltonian is unitarily equivalent to the Hamiltonian (2.3) under exchanging the couplings J_1 and J_2 , and the couplings J_5 and J_6 . The unitary transformation connecting the two Hamiltonians is a *half-translation* of the \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom implemented by the unitary operator

$$\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^x & \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z & \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.14)$$

This equivalence between the Hamiltonian (2.3) and (2.13) is the \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier (KW) duality due to gauging the \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup of the S_3 symmetry group. When $J_1 = J_2$ and $J_5 = J_6$, both Hamiltonians (2.3) and (2.13) become self-dual under the KW duality. In this submanifold of parameter space, the KW duality becomes a genuine non-invertible symmetry of the Hamiltonian. Without loss of generality, we focus on the dual Hamiltonian (2.3). The full KW duality operator takes the form

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}} := \hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \hat{W} \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_1^\dagger \widehat{CZ}_{2,1}^\dagger \right) \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_2^\dagger \widehat{CZ}_{3,2}^\dagger \right) \cdots \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{CZ}_{L,L-1}^\dagger \right), \quad (2.15a)$$

where (i) the unitary operator $\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ is the half-translation operator defined in Eq. (2.14) that is necessary to preserve the form of the Hamiltonian (2.3), (ii) the operator

$$\hat{P}^{U_r=1} := \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{X}_i^\alpha, \quad (2.15b)$$

is the projector to the $\hat{U}_r = 1$ subspace, (iii) the unitary operator

$$\hat{W} := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_L^\alpha \hat{P}^{Z_1^\dagger Z_L = \omega^\alpha}, \quad \hat{W} \hat{X}_1 \hat{W}^\dagger = \hat{Z}_L^\dagger \hat{X}_1, \quad \hat{W} \hat{X}_L \hat{W}^\dagger = \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L^\dagger \hat{Z}_1^\dagger, \quad (2.15c)$$

that contains the projector $\hat{P}^{Z_1^\dagger Z_L = \omega^\alpha}$ to the $\hat{Z}_1^\dagger \hat{Z}_L = \omega^\alpha$ subspace and acts nontrivially only on operators \hat{X}_1 and \hat{X}_L , and finally (iv) the unitary operators $\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i^\dagger$ and $\widehat{CZ}_{i+1,i}^\dagger$ are Hadamard and control Z operators with their only nontrivial actions being

$$\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_i \\ \hat{Z}_i \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_i \\ \hat{X}_i^\dagger \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widehat{CZ}_{i+1,i}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_{i+1} \\ \hat{X}_i \end{pmatrix} \widehat{CZ}_{i+1,i} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{X}_{i+1} \\ \hat{X}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.15d)$$

As written in eqn. (2.15a), KW duality operator can be thought as a circuit of control Z and Hadamard operators that are applied sequentially from site L down to site 1.

The KW duality operator (2.15a) is non-invertible since it contains the projector $\hat{P}^{U_r=1}$. It becomes unitary in the subspace $\hat{U}_r = 1$, where the self-duality holds. Its action on the local operators can be read from the identities

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \hat{X}_i &= \hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}, & \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger &= \hat{X}_{i+1} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}, \\ \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}, & \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^x & \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}.\end{aligned}\quad (2.16)$$

In the parameter space where self-duality holds, the symmetry algebra is appended to

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \hat{U}_r = \hat{U}_r \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} = \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger = \hat{T}^\dagger \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}, \quad (2.18)$$

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^2 = \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \hat{T}, \quad (2.19)$$

where \hat{T} is the operator that implements translation by one lattice site for both \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom. Hence, action of the operator \hat{D}_{KW} can be thought of as a *half-translation* operator in the subspace $\hat{U}_r = 1$. We note that the operator $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ in Eq. (2.14) implements this half-translation for \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom. This operator exists owing to the fact that each unit cell contains two flavors of \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom for a single flavor of \mathbb{Z}_3 degree of freedom. Had we defined a 6 dimensional local Hilbert space which supports single flavor of \mathbb{Z}_2 - and \mathbb{Z}_3 -clock operators, KW self-duality would only hold when the couplings J_5 and J_6 are zero, *i.e.*, when \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom are decoupled.

The symmetry algebra above includes eqn. (2.17) as a lattice analogue of the fusion rules of the \mathbb{Z}_3 Tambara-Yamagami fusion category symmetry. In the continuum limit, we expect that the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry generator \hat{U}_r flows to a \mathbb{Z}_3 topological line ξ , while both $\sqrt{3} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}$ and its Hermitian conjugate flow to the continuum duality topological line \mathcal{D} . They satisfy the fusion rules

$$\xi \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D} \xi = \mathcal{D}, \quad \mathcal{D}^2 = 1 + \xi + \xi^2, \quad \xi^3 = 1, \quad (2.20)$$

where the operator that implements single lattice site translation becomes an internal symmetry in the continuum limit. This interpretation follows the approach presented in Ref. [?] [31]

2.3 Phase diagram

To discuss the phase diagram of the Hamiltonian (2.3), we first reparameterize it as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{S_3} = & -J_1 \cos \theta \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_1 \sin \theta \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\ & - J_2 \cos \theta \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) - J_2 \sin \theta \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^x + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

In what follows, we will explore the phase diagram of this Hamiltonian as a function of dimensionless ratios J_1/J_2 and J_3/J_4 , for the cases of $\theta = 0$, non-zero but small $\theta \approx 0$, and large $\theta \sim 0.7$.

2.3.1 Analytical arguments

When $\theta = 0$, the Hamiltonian (2.21) describes decoupled quantum Ising and 3-state Potts chains, for which the phase diagram is known. There are four gapped phases which correspond to four different symmetry breaking patterns for S_3 . At four fixed-points, we can write the wave-functions exactly:

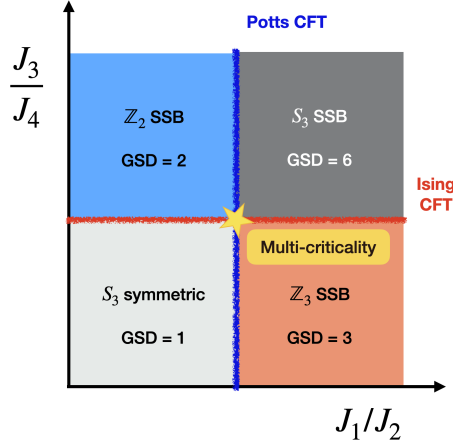


Figure 2: Phase diagram of Hamiltonian (2.21) based on analytical arguments for $\theta \approx 0$. The ground state degeneracy (GSD) for each of the SSB phases are labeled. The vertical and horizontal critical lines correspond to the Potts (6,5) and Ising (4,3) minimal model CFTs, respectively. They intersect at a multi-critical point belonging to the 3-state Potts \boxtimes Ising universality class.

- (i) When $J_1 = J_3 = 0$, there is only a single ground state

$$|\text{GS}_{S_3}\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\sigma_i^x = 1, \tau_i^x = 1, X_i = 1\rangle, \quad (2.22)$$

which describes the S_3 -disordered phase.

- (ii) When $J_1 = J_4 = 0$, there are two degenerate ground states

$$|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^\pm\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\sigma_i^z = \pm 1, \tau_i^z = \pm 1, X_i = 1\rangle, \quad (2.23)$$

that describe the phase where \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom are ordered and S_3 symmetry is broken down to \mathbb{Z}_3 .

- (iii) When $J_2 = J_3 = 0$, there are three degenerate ground states

$$|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\alpha\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\sigma_i^x = +1, \tau_i^x = +1, Z_i = \omega^\alpha\rangle, \quad (2.24)$$

with $\alpha = 0, 1, 2$, that describe the phase where \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom are ordered. One each ground state, S_3 symmetry is broken down to a \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup.

- (iv) When $J_2 = J_4 = 0$, there are six degenerate ground states

$$|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_1}^{\pm, \alpha}\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\sigma_i^z = \pm 1, \tau_i^z = \pm 1, Z_i = \omega^\alpha\rangle, \quad (2.25)$$

with $\alpha = 0, 1, 2$ that describe the S_3 ordered phase.

See Sec. 6.2 for the discussion of expectation values of the correlation functions and disorder operators in these ground states.

The lines $J_1/J_2 = 1$ and $J_3/J_4 = 1$ correspond to the transition points between the gapped phases 1 and 2, and 3 and 4, respectively. They are described by the 3-state Potts CFT and the Ising CFT, respectively. The 3-state Potts CFT is one of the $(6, 5)$ minimal models with $c = 4/5$, while the Ising CFT is the $(4, 3)$ minimal model with $c = 1/2$. At $J_1/J_2 = 1$ and $J_3/J_4 = 1$, there is a multicritical point described by the stacking of the two CFTs, with total central charge $c = 13/10$.

If we turn on small and non-zero θ , the gapped phases are expected to remain unaffected by the virtue of finiteness of the gap (in the thermodynamic limit). However, one may wonder what the fate of the critical lines and the multicritical point is under these perturbations. We argue that both terms with coefficient $\sin \theta$ are irrelevant at the multicritical point as follows. First, we note that both $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ and $\hat{\sigma}_i^z$ are odd under the Ising symmetry and hence should flow to the \mathbb{Z}_2 odd primary in the low-energy limit, which is the primary σ with scaling dimension $\Delta_\sigma = 1/8$. Then in the low-energy limit, the terms with $\sin \theta$ together flow to an operator $\sigma \mathcal{O}$ where \mathcal{O} is a primary or descendant operator in 3-state Potts CFT such that (i) it is odd under the charge-conjugation symmetry and (ii) it carries 0 conformal spin. Using modular bootstrap techniques [34, 52], we can identify possible operators in the 3-state Potts CFT satisfying these criteria. We find that (see Appendix E.1), all appropriate operators are irrelevant, making the operator $\sigma \mathcal{O}$ irrelevant.

To understand what happens away from the multicritical point, it is sufficient to look at what happens at four extreme points. Both 3-state Potts and Ising CFTs are stable to non-zero θ as follows. Along the line $J_3/J_4 = 1$ when $J_2 = 0$, \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom are ordered and gapped. This means that both $\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger$ and $\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^\dagger \hat{Z}_{i+1}$ vanish below the gap. The same line of thought holds when $J_1 = 0$ for which \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom are disordered and gapped. Similarly, along the line $J_1/J_2 = 1$, when $J_3 = 0$, \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom are disordered and gapped. Both $\hat{\sigma}_i^z$ and $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ vanish below the gap. The situation is slightly different when $J_3 = 0$ for which \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom order, *i.e.*, the terms with $\sin \theta$ are not trivially vanishing. However, in this case the 3-state Potts CFT still remains stable owing to the fact that charge-conjugation odd operators being irrelevant, as discussed in the previous paragraph. In summary, we conclude that the phase diagram at perturbatively small θ has the same form, up to renormalization of the position of critical lines, as that for $\theta = 0$. The phase diagram at $\theta = 0$ plane is shown in Fig. 2. We verify our predictions for non-zero and small θ in Fig. 3.

2.3.2 Numerical results

We mapped out the phase diagram of Hamiltonian (2.21) numerically, using the tensor entanglement filtering renormalization (TEFR) algorithm [56, 57]. The ground state degeneracies of each gapped phase and the central charges associated with continuous phase transitions were obtained using this algorithm. The results are shown in Fig. 3 as a function of J_1 and J_3 with $\theta = 0.1$. We chose a 2d slice in the full parameter space such that at every point of the phase diagram shown here, $J_2 = 1 - J_1$ and $J_4 = 1 - J_3$.

The TEFR algorithm does not give numerically precise values of central charge even though it is extremely precise at extracting ground state degeneracy.⁶ In order to extract numerically precise central charges, we used the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) algorithm from the iTensor library [58, 59]. On the phase diagram shown in Fig. 3, we make two cuts, one horizontal and one vertical, and compute the central charges using finite size bipartite entanglement entropy scaling that is computed using DMRG calculation. Our results for finite chain of $L = 100$ sites are shown in Figs. 3c and 3d.

⁶The interested reader is referred to Appendix D for more details on this point.

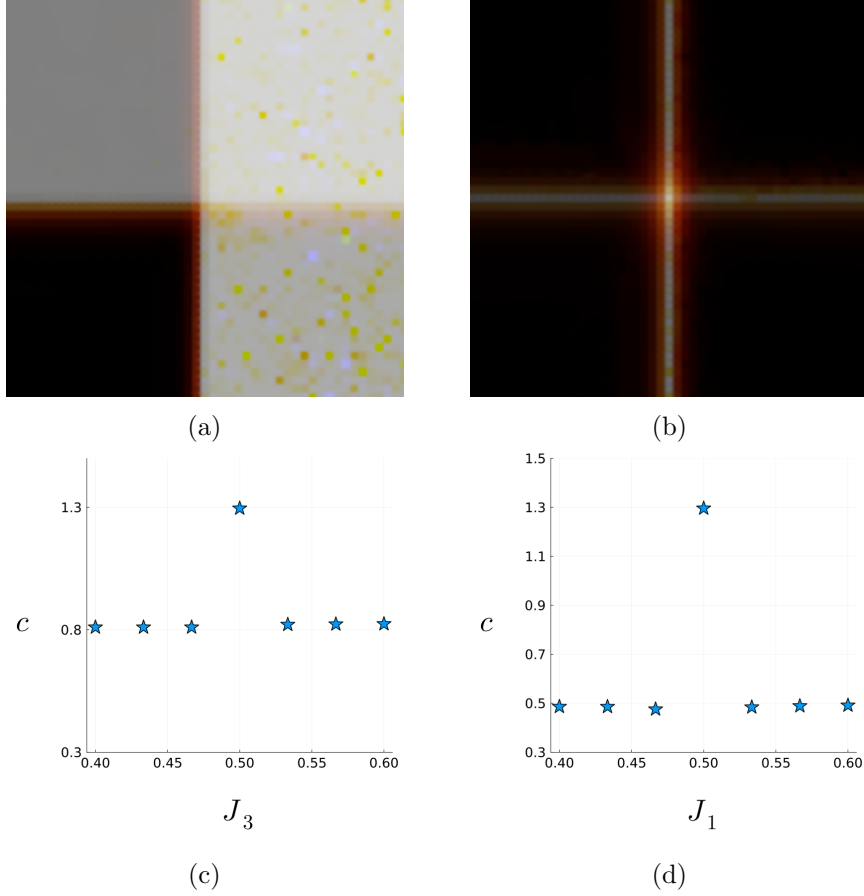


Figure 3: Numerical phase diagram obtained from the TEFR algorithm showing $1 - \frac{1}{GSD}$ (a) and central charge (b) as a function of $J_1 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (horizontal) and $J_3 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (vertical). The effective system sizes for these plots are $L = 256$ (blue), $L = 128$ (green), $L = 64$ (red). Figs. (c) and (d) show the central charges computed from bipartite entanglement entropy scaling in the ground state obtained from DMRG, as discussed in the main text. We plot the central charges along a vertical ($J_1 = 0.5$) and a horizontal ($J_3 = 0.5$) slice of the phase diagram shown in Fig. (b), for a chain of $L = 100$ sites. We fix $\theta = 0.1$, with $J_2 = 1 - J_1$, $J_4 = 1 - J_3$ in all of these plots.

We find that the both Ising CFT and Potts CFT lines are stable against small values of θ , in agreement with our argument in the previous section. For large values of θ , a gapless region opens up in the Ising ordered regime, surrounding the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW symmetric line $J_1 = J_2$ in the parameter space of the Hamiltonian (2.21). From numerical estimation, we find the critical value of θ to be around $\theta_* \simeq \frac{\pi}{8}$. Heuristically, the gapless region appears first in the \mathbb{Z}_2 ordered phase as the terms in Hamiltonian (3.25) with $\sin \theta$ are proportional to $\hat{\sigma}_i^z$ and $\hat{\tau}_i^z$ operators which have vanishing expectation values when the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 is unbroken. The multicritical point is engulfed by the gapless region beyond a certain value of $\theta \in (\pi/8, 2\pi/9)$. Several comments are due:

- (i) Since the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW duality symmetry is anomalous, the only compatible phase without symmetry breaking is gapless [15]. This is compatible with the gapless region we numerically observe. Also, because of the KW duality, the gapless phase must be symmetrically placed about the $J_1 = 0.5 = J_2$ line of the phase diagram, consistent with the numerically obtained phase diagram in Fig. 4.

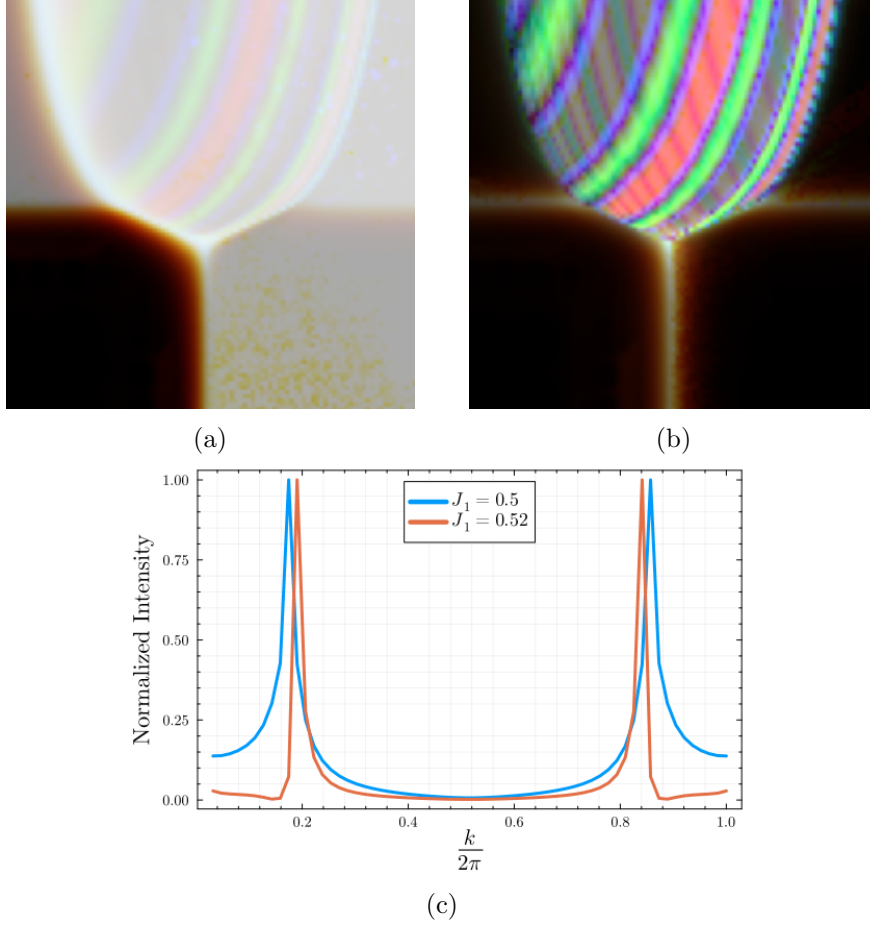


Figure 4: Numerical phase diagram obtained from the TEFR algorithm with fixed $\theta = 0.7 \approx \frac{2\pi}{9}$, showing $1 - \frac{1}{GSD}$ (Fig. (a)), and central charge (Fig. (b)) as a function of $J_1 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (horizontal) and $J_3 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (vertical), setting $J_2 = 1 - J_1$ and $J_4 = 1 - J_3$ everywhere. In these figures, the effective system size is $L = 256$ (blue), $L = 128$ (green), $L = 64$ (red). The stripe feature in $c \neq 0$ area suggests an incommensurable gapless phase. Fig. (c) shows the absolute value of the Fourier transform of ground state expectation value $\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \rangle$ for $J_1 = 0.5$ and $J_1 = 0.52$ with fixed $J_3 = 0.5$ and $L = 101$ sites. We compute the corresponding periods to be $63/11$ and $63/12$ lattice constants, respectively. The sensitivity of the position of peak value to J_1 suggests a sliding density wave phase in the gapless region where the low-energy states are at a non-zero quasi-momentum that smoothly varies as a function of parameters.

- (ii) Extraction of the central charge in the gapless region is somewhat subtle. The phase diagram obtained from TEFR (Fig. 4b) shows fluctuations in c throughout the gapless region. From DMRG calculations, we find that the ground state expectation value $\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \rangle$ shows oscillatory behavior around its mean value. In Fig. 4c, we plot the absolute value of Fourier transform of this expectation value (minus its mean) for two points in the gapless region of the parameter space for $L = 101$ sites. We find that the position of the peak value changes for $J_1 = 0.50$ and $J_1 = 0.52$ for fixed $J_3 = 0.5$, with corresponding periods being $63/11$ and $63/12$ lattice constants, respectively. This suggests a smooth variation of the oscillation period as a function of J_1 and J_3 in the thermodynamic limit. We conjecture that in this gapless region, the system realizes a sliding density wave phase with central charge $c = 1$. In other

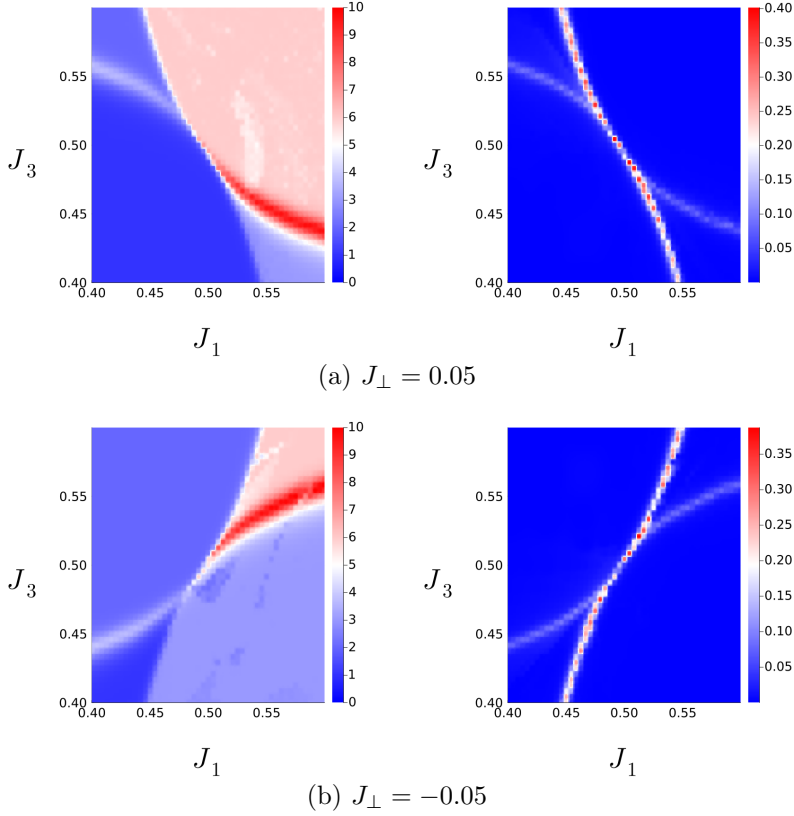


Figure 5: Numerical phase diagram from TEFR algorithm, with fixed J_{\perp} and $\theta = 0$, showing GSD (left) and central charge (right) as heatmaps, in the J_1, J_3 plane (with $J_2 = 1 - J_1$ and $J_4 = 1 - J_3$ everywhere). (a) For positive J_{\perp} , we find the multicritical point widens into a critical line between the S_3 symmetric and S_3 SSB phases. (b) For negative J_{\perp} , we find the multicritical point widens into a critical line between the phases which spontaneously break S_3 down to \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 , instead.

words, the ground state contains low-energy states at a non-zero quasi-momentum which smoothly varies as a function of the couplings J_1 and J_3 . This echoes the behavior of the self-dual deformed Ising model, which is exactly solvable, discussed in Appendix ??.

- (iii) Results from the TEFR algorithm also show that the interface between the gapless region and the neighboring gapped phases has a vanishing central charge. Since the transition from a gapless phase to a gapped one is expected to not be a first-order transition, we conjecture that this must correspond to a continuous transition with a dynamical critical exponent $z > 1$.

2.3.3 Explicitly breaking KW self-duality symmetry

Hamiltonian (2.21) consists of terms such that the lines $J_1 = J_2$ is symmetric under the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW self-duality symmetry generated by the operator (2.15). As explained in the previous section, the multicritical point, $J_1 = J_2$ and $J_3 = J_4$, is described by 3-state Potts \boxtimes Ising CFT with central charge $c = 13/10$. This multicritical point has three relevant perturbations, see Appendix E.2. Two of these are generated when $J_1 - J_2 \neq 0$ and $J_3 - J_4 \neq 0$, which gap out the \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom, respectively. In the

continuum description, these perturbations correspond to the “energy” primaries ϵ_I and ϵ_P of the Ising and 3-state Potts CFTs, respectively. The former is self-dual under the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW duality and gaps out the \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom. In contrast, the latter breaks KW duality symmetry explicitly and gaps out the \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom.

The third and final relevant perturbation is given by the product of two energy primaries $\epsilon_I \epsilon_P$ which is odd under the \mathbb{Z}_3 self-duality symmetry. In the lattice model, this perturbation is generated by

$$\hat{H}_\perp := -J_\perp \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ (\hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z - \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^x) (\hat{Z}_i \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.}) - (\hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_i^z - \hat{\tau}_i^x) (\hat{X}_i + \text{H.c.}) \right\}, \quad (2.26)$$

which is odd under the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW duality symmetry (2.15).

From the TEFR algorithm, we find that adding this term has the effect of replacing the multicritical point by a critical line which separates the S_3 symmetric and the S_3 completely broken phases for positive J_\perp and by a critical line which separates the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetric and \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetric phases for negative J_\perp . This is shown in the GSD and central charge plots obtained from the TEFR algorithm in Fig. 5.

While it is rather hard to precisely determine the points on the critical lines, we know that the point with $J_1 = J_2 = 0.5$ and $J_3 = J_4 = 0.5$ must be critical. This is because when $\theta = 0$ the Hamiltonian (2.3) has an additional non-invertible \mathbb{Z}_2 KW self-duality symmetry along the $J_3 = J_4$ line. In the continuum limit, the perturbation (2.26) flows to $\epsilon_I \epsilon_P$, *i.e.*, product of energy primaries, which is odd under both \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 KW self-duality symmetries⁷. Under both of these dualities, the point with $J_1 = J_2$ and $J_3 = J_4 = 0.5$ is invariant, and hence must be gapless in both phase diagrams with $J_\perp > 0$ and $J_\perp < 0$. At this point the DMRG results suggest a central charge of $c \approx 1.2$ which we believe to hold for the entire critical line; a precise characterization of this transition in terms of an associated conformal field theory is beyond the scope of the present paper.

We note that the continuous phase transition which separates the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetric and \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetric phases for $J_\perp < 0$ is a beyond Landau-Ginzburg (LG) transition as it is between phases that break different subgroups of the full symmetry group. Under the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW-duality symmetry, *i.e.*, when J_\perp becomes positive, this beyond-LG transition is mapped to the ordinary LG-type transition between the S_3 symmetric and the S_3 SSB phases.

3 Rep(S_3)-symmetric spin chain

In Sec. 2, we studied a spin chain with S_3 symmetry. We discussed how this S_3 is enriched by non-invertible \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier self-duality symmetry, at special points in the parameter space. Therein, the presence of KW duality symmetry ensures that the ground is either gapless or degenerate.⁸ In this section, we are going to show that our S_3 -symmetric spin chain is dual to another model which has non-invertible symmetries in its entire parameter space. As we shall see in Sec. 3.1, this duality follows from gauging a \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 , which delivers a dual model with Rep(S_3) fusion category symmetry. We discuss the gapped phases and phase transitions of this Rep(S_3)-symmetric model in Sec. 3.3. As it was the case for Hamiltonian (2.3), we will see in Sec. 3.2, its dual with Rep(S_3) symmetry also has an additional non-invertible symmetry at special points in the

⁷At the lattice level, the perturbation (2.26) is exactly odd only under the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW self-duality operator (2.15). While it explicitly breaks the \mathbb{Z}_2 KW self-duality symmetry too, it does not go to minus itself under \mathbb{Z}_2 KW self-duality transformation.

⁸This is because this non-invertible symmetry is anomalous [15, 60, 61].

parameter space. We are going to describe how this additional symmetry is also associated with a gauging procedure which can be implemented through a sequential circuit.

3.1 Gauging \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup: dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry

We shall gauge the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 . We follow the same prescription as in Sec. 2.2. As we shall see, as opposed to gauging \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup, the dual symmetry will be the category $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, owing to the fact that \mathbb{Z}_2 is not a normal subgroup of S_3 .

In order to gauge the \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry, on each link between sites i and $i+1$, we introduce \mathbb{Z}_2 clock operators $\{\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x, \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z\}$ that satisfy the algebra

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z \hat{\mu}_{j+1/2}^x &= (-1)^{\delta_{ij}} \hat{\mu}_{j+1/2}^x \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z, \\ \left(\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z\right)^2 &= \left(\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x\right)^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \\ \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2+L}^z &= \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z, \quad \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2+L}^x = \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x,\end{aligned}\tag{3.1}$$

where we have imposed periodic boundary conditions. Accordingly, we define the Gauss operator

$$\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} := \hat{\mu}_{i-1/2}^z \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z, \quad \left[\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2}\right]^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}.\tag{3.2}$$

The physical states are those in the subspace $\hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, L$. By way of minimally coupling the bond algebra (2.6), we obtain the gauge invariant bond algebra ⁹

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2}^{\text{mc}} &:= \left\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}\right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}\right) \mid \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = 1, \quad i \in \Lambda \right\rangle.\end{aligned}\tag{3.3}$$

As it was in Sec. 2.2, we can simplify the Gauss constraint by applying the unitary transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\mu}_{i-1/2}^z \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z, & \hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^x, & \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{X}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{X}_i^{\hat{\sigma}_i^z}, & \hat{U} \hat{Z}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\sigma}_i^z}, \\ \hat{U} \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, & \hat{U} \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^z.\end{aligned}\tag{3.4}$$

Under this unitary the Gauss operator simplifies $\hat{U} \hat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{\sigma}_i^x$. We apply this unitary to the minimally coupled algebra (3.3) and project onto the $\hat{\sigma}_i^x = 1$ sector. After shifting the link degrees of freedom by $i + 1/2 \mapsto i + 1$, we obtain the dual algebra

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2} &:= \hat{U} \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2}^{\text{mc}} \hat{U}^\dagger \Big|_{\hat{\sigma}_i^x=1} \\ &= \left\langle \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x, \hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}\right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}\right) \mid i \in \Lambda \right\rangle.\end{aligned}\tag{3.5}$$

⁹Here, we introduce the short-hand notations

$$\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \equiv \frac{1 + \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x}{2} \hat{Z}_i + \frac{1 - \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x}{2} \hat{Z}_i^\dagger, \quad \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x} \equiv \frac{1 - \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x}{2} \hat{Z}_i + \frac{1 + \hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x}{2} \hat{Z}_i^\dagger.$$

What is the symmetry described by the dual algebra (3.5)? We claim that $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2}$ is the algebra of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric operators. The fusion category $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ consists of three simple objects, $\mathbf{1}$, $\mathbf{1}'$, and $\mathbf{2}$, which are labeled by the three irreducible representations (irreps) of S_3 . The object $\mathbf{1}$ is represented by the unitary identity operator $\widehat{W}_1 = \hat{1}$, while the object $\mathbf{1}'$ is represented by the unitary operator

$$\widehat{W}_{1'} := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\mu}_i^x, \quad (3.6)$$

which is the generator of \mathbb{Z}_2 dual symmetry associated with gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 . Consistency in gauging with imposing periodic boundary conditions on the operator $\{\hat{\mu}_i^x, \hat{\mu}_i^z\}$ and the operators $\{\hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\sigma}_i^z\}$ requires the conditions

$$\widehat{U}_s = 1, \quad \widehat{W}_{1'} = 1, \quad (3.7a)$$

to be satisfied, respectively. In other words, the duality holds between the subalgebras

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} \Big|_{\widehat{U}_s=1} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2} \Big|_{\widehat{W}_{1'}=1}, \quad (3.7b)$$

where conditions in Eq. (3.7a) are satisfied.

Finally, we notice that gauging \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup breaks the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry, since the former is not a normal subgroup. Under conjugation by \widehat{U}_r , the Gauss operator (3.2) transforms nontrivially

$$\widehat{U}_r \widehat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \widehat{U}_r^\dagger = \widehat{G}_i^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \widehat{X}_i. \quad (3.8)$$

Therefore, \widehat{U}_r cannot be made gauge invariant by coupling to the gauge fields $\hat{\mu}_{i+1/2}^x$. However, the non-unitary and non-invertible operator

$$\widehat{U}_{r \oplus r^2} := \widehat{U}_r + \widehat{U}_r^\dagger = \prod_{i=1}^L \widehat{X}_i + \prod_{i=1}^L \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \quad (3.9)$$

commutes with all the generators of the algebra (2.6) and the global symmetry operator \widehat{U}_s when periodic boundary conditions for all operators in the algebra (2.6). This is the representation of direct sum $r \oplus r^2$ of simple objects r and r^2 in the symmetry category Vec_{S_3} . Since it commutes with \widehat{U}_s , $\widehat{U}_{r \oplus r^2}$ can be made gauge invariant. Minimally coupling the operator (3.9), and applying the unitary transformation (3.4) delivers the operator ¹⁰

$$\widehat{W}_2 := \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\mu}_i^x \right) \left[\prod_{i=1}^L \widehat{X}_i^{\prod_{k=2}^i \hat{\mu}_k^x} + \widehat{X}_i^{-\prod_{k=2}^i \hat{\mu}_k^x} \right]. \quad (3.10)$$

This is the representation of simple object $\mathbf{2}$ in the category $\text{Rep}(S_3)$. It can be expressed as a matrix product operator (MPO) with a 2-dimensional virtual index, as follows ¹¹

$$\widehat{W}_2 = \text{Tr} \left[\delta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_{L+1}} \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{M}_{\alpha_j \alpha_{j+1}}^{(j)} \right], \quad \widehat{M}^{(j)} = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{X}_j P^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x=1} & \widehat{X}_j^\dagger P^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x=-1} \\ \widehat{X}_j P^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x=-1} & \widehat{X}_j^\dagger P^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x=1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.11)$$

¹⁰Each of the two terms in square brackets individually commutes with the Gauss operators associated with Gauss operators $\widehat{G}_2^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ through $\widehat{G}_L^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$, while $\widehat{G}_1^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ simply exchanges them so that the sum is still gauge invariant.

¹¹See Appendix F for construction of $\text{Rep}(G)$ operators in terms of MPOs that results from gauging a finite G symmetry.

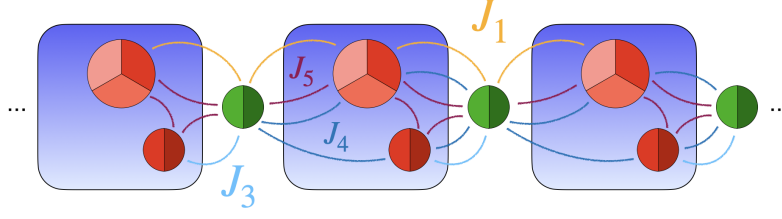


Figure 6: Schematic of the Hamiltonian (3.13) showing the couplings between qutrit (depicted by a tripartitioned disk) and qubit (depicted by a bipartitioned disk) degrees of freedom. Single-body terms J_2, J_6 are suppressed.

Together with \widehat{W}_1 and $\widehat{W}_{1'}$, they satisfy the fusion rules of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, *i.e.*,

$$\widehat{W}_1, \widehat{W}_{1'} = \widehat{W}_1, \quad \widehat{W}_1, \widehat{W}_2 = \widehat{W}_2, \quad \widehat{W}_2 \widehat{W}_2 = \widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_{1'} + \widehat{W}_2. \quad (3.12)$$

We note that because of the projector, \widehat{W}_2 is non-invertible. This projector to the $\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\mu}_i^x = 1$ subspace ensures that there is no \mathbb{Z}_2 twist in the S_3 -symmetric algebra (2.6). This is needed as $\widehat{U}_{r \oplus r^2}$ is not a symmetry of the algebra (2.6) when \mathbb{Z}_2 -twisted boundary conditions are imposed¹². In other words, in the presence of a \mathbb{Z}_2 twist, one expect the dual symmetry to be \mathbb{Z}_2^\vee generated by \widehat{W}_1 instead of the full $\text{Rep}(S_3)$.

We now use the duality mapping between the local operator algebras \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} and $\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/\mathbb{Z}_2}$ (recall Eqs. (2.6) and (3.5)) to construct a local Hamiltonian with $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. Under this map, the image of Hamiltonian (2.3) is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} := & -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right) \\ & - J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \widehat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \left(\widehat{X}_i - \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

In what follows, we are going to study the phase diagram of this Hamiltonian and identify spontaneous symmetry breaking patterns for $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry as well as the transitions between various ordered phases. Before doing so, we will briefly digress to discuss a duality that delivers a dual $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ symmetric bond algebra¹³.

3.2 Another non-invertible self-duality symmetry

As we discussed in Sec. 2.2, S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.3) enjoys a self-duality when $J_1 = J_2$ and $J_5 = J_6$, which is induced by gauging the \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup. We hence expect the same self-duality to hold for $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.13) too. To understand the self-duality of Hamiltonian (3.13), we will show that gauging the entire S_3 symmetry delivers another bond algebra with $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ symmetry. This can be achieved by first gauging \mathbb{Z}_3 and then \mathbb{Z}_2^\vee symmetry of dual S_3^\vee symmetry. Starting from the bond algebra

¹²A $g \in G$ twist reduces the full symmetry G to the centralizer $C_G(g)$ of g . Since S_3 is non-Abelian, imposing \mathbb{Z}_3 - and \mathbb{Z}_2 -twisted boundary conditions, reduce S_3 down to \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 , respectively.

¹³We use the superscript \vee to differentiate the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry of the bond algebra (3.5) from the $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ symmetry of the bond algebra (3.14).

(2.10) and gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2^\vee symmetry generated by \widehat{U}_s^\vee defined in Eq. (2.11), we find the bond algebra

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3/S_3} := \left\langle \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x, \hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{c}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1} \right), \left(\hat{x}_i + \hat{x}_i^\dagger \right), \right. \\ \left. \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1} \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{x}_{i+1} - \hat{x}_{i+1}^\dagger \right) \mid i \in \Lambda \right\rangle, \quad (3.14)$$

that is dual to the algebra (2.10) under gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2^\vee symmetry. We notice that this algebra has the same terms as algebra (3.5). Therefore, its commutant algebra is that of the category $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$. The simple objects in $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ are represented by the operators

$$\widehat{W}_1^\vee := \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad \widehat{W}_{1'}^\vee := \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\mu}_i^x, \quad \widehat{W}_2^\vee := \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \prod_{i=1}^L \hat{\mu}_i^x \right) \left[\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{x}_i^{\prod_{k=2}^i \hat{\mu}_k^x} + \hat{x}_i^{-\prod_{k=2}^i \hat{\mu}_k^x} \right]. \quad (3.15)$$

To find in which subalgebra the duality holds, we combine Eqs. (2.12) and (3.7) that describe the consistency conditions imposed by gauging \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroups, respectively. We find that the duality induced by gauging the entire group S_3 holds between the subalgebras

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} \Big|_{\widehat{U}_s = \widehat{U}_r = 1} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/S_3} \Big|_{\widehat{W}_{1'}^\vee = 1, \widehat{W}_2^\vee = 2}. \quad (3.16)$$

This consistency condition says that the duality maps the S_3 -singlet subalgebra of \mathfrak{B}_{S_3} to the subalgebra of \mathfrak{B}_{S_3/S_3} where the representation of each simple object is equal to its quantum dimension. The image of Hamiltonian (2.3) under gauging the entire S_3 symmetry is

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)} := -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{x}_i + \hat{x}_i^\dagger \right) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1} \right) \\ - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{c}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right) \\ - J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{x}_{i+1} - \hat{x}_{i+1}^\dagger \right) - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{z}_{i+1} \right). \quad (3.17)$$

This Hamiltonian is unitarily equivalent to the Hamiltonian (3.13) under the interchange $(J_1, J_5) \leftrightarrow (J_2, J_6)$. The unitary transformation connecting the two Hamiltonians is the unitary $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$, whose definition and action on the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric bond algebra generators are described in Appendix C.2.

In Sec. 2.2, we gave the explicit form of an operator that performs the \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier duality transformation for the S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.3). Gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of the original S_3 symmetry leads to the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. So we would like to apply the same \mathbb{Z}_2 gauging map to \widehat{D}_{KW} to obtain the sequential quantum circuit that implements the duality under the $(J_1, J_5) \leftrightarrow (J_2, J_6)$ exchange. To that end, we follow how the individual operators (or, gates in the quantum circuit language) in (2.15) transform under this gauging map. The full gauged operator has the form

$$\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} := \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \widehat{D}_0, \quad (3.18)$$

where (i) the unitary \widehat{D}_0 is defined as

$$\widehat{D}_0 := \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \widehat{Z}_L^\alpha \widehat{P}_{Z_1^{\mu_1^x} Z_L = \omega^\alpha} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \widehat{\mathfrak{H}}_j^\dagger \widehat{\text{CZ}}_{j+1,j}^{-\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \right), \quad (3.19)$$

(ii) the projector $\widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} := \frac{1}{6}\widehat{W}_{\text{reg}}$ is defined in terms of the operator \widehat{W}_{reg} , corresponding to the (non-simple) regular representation object $\text{reg} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}} \oplus 2\mathbf{2}$ of the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ fusion category, *i.e.*,

$$\widehat{W}_{\text{reg}} := \widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_{\bar{1}} + 2\widehat{W}_2,$$

and (iii) the unitary $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ is the operator obtained under the action of the \mathbb{Z}_2 -gauging map on the *half-translation* operator $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ defined in Eq. (2.14). The explicit details of this operator are provided in Appendix C.2. The projector \widehat{P}_{reg} annihilates any state that is not $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric since for any irrep $R = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}', \mathbf{2}$ of S_3 , the identities

$$\widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \frac{1}{d_R} \widehat{W}_R = \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}}, \quad \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{1}} - \frac{1}{d_R} \widehat{W}_R \right) = 0,$$

hold. The duality operator $\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ acts on the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric bond algebra (see Appendix C.2 for details) as

$$\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_j + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{X}_j - \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{h.c.} \right) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{X}_{j+1} + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{\tau}_j^z \hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger - \text{H.c.} \right) \\ \hat{X}_{j+1} - \text{H.c.} \end{pmatrix} \widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}, \quad (3.20)$$

which implements the self-duality transformation $(J_1, J_5) \leftrightarrow (J_2, J_6)$ of Eq. (3.13). The operator $\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ is non-invertible since it contains the projector \widehat{P}_{reg} . The operator $\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ obeys the algebraic relations ¹⁴

$$\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \widehat{W}_R = \widehat{W}_R \widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} = d_R \widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}, \quad (3.21a)$$

$$\left(\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \right)^2 = \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \widehat{D}_0 \right)^2 = \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \widehat{T}, \quad (3.21b)$$

$$\left(\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \right)^\dagger = \widehat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \widehat{D}_0 \right)^\dagger = \widehat{T}^\dagger \widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}, \quad (3.21c)$$

where d_R is the dimension of the irreducible representation R , and \widehat{T} is the operator translating both \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom by one lattice site. Let us note that, the second line in the above set of equations implies

$$\left(\sqrt{6} \widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \right)^2 = \left(\widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_{\bar{1}} + 2\widehat{W}_2 \right) \widehat{T}. \quad (3.22)$$

Following the discussion for Eq. (2.20), an analogous calculation of the quantum dimension suggests

$$d_{\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}}^2 = 1 + 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 6 \implies d_{\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}} = \sqrt{6} \quad (3.23)$$

The quantum dimension calculated above as well as the fusion rule in Eq. (3.22) are in tension with the category theoretic result [62] which suggests that a duality defect symmetry \mathcal{D} arising from “half-gauging” by an algebra object A must satisfy

$$\mathcal{D}^2 = A, \quad d_{\mathcal{D}} = \sqrt{\langle A \rangle}. \quad (3.24)$$

In our case, the self-duality symmetry generated by $\widehat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ corresponds to a duality defect associated with gauging by the algebra object $A = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$, as we argue in Sec. 6.1.

¹⁴We use the fact that $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ and \widehat{D}_0 commute with \widehat{P}_{reg} .

Therefore we should expect the quantum dimension to be $\sqrt{3}$. This highlights an important subtlety in calculating quantum dimension of self-duality symmetries on the lattice when considering self-duality symmetries associated with gauging of non-invertible symmetries by general algebra objects. A more careful way to compute the quantum dimension, as well as the fusion rules, involves unitary operators that move non-invertible symmetry defects on a lattice Hamiltonian as is done in Ref. [33].

3.3 Phase diagram

To discuss the phase diagram of the Hamiltonian (3.13), we first reparameterize it as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} = & -J_1 \cos \theta \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \right) - J_1 \sin \theta \sum_{i=1}^L i \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{H.c.} \right) \\ & - J_2 \cos \theta \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) - J_2 \sin \theta \sum_{i=1}^L i \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

As in Sec. 2.3, we will explore the phase diagram of this Hamiltonian as a function of dimensionless ratios J_1/J_2 and J_3/J_4 , for the cases of $\theta = 0$, non-zero but small $\theta \approx 0$, and large $\theta \sim 0.7$.

3.3.1 Analytical arguments

When studying the phase diagram of (3.25), we can utilize its duality to the Hamiltonian (2.21), under the \mathbb{Z}_2 -gauging map. When $\theta = 0$, we again identify four gapped phases that correspond to four distinct symmetry breaking patterns for $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ as follows.

- (i) When $J_1 = J_4 = 0$, Hamiltonian (3.25) becomes

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3);2,3} := - \sum_{i=1}^L \left[J_2 \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) + J_3 \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \right) \right]. \quad (3.26)$$

The \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom are decoupled and all terms in the Hamiltonian pairwise commute. There is a single nondegenerate gapped ground state

$$|\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^z = 1, \mu_i^x = 1, X_i = 1\rangle, \quad (3.27)$$

which is symmetric under the entire $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. At this point, it is instructive to note that there is a subtle distinction between states symmetric under invertible and non-invertible symmetries that is implicitly used in the above discussion. Namely, the state $|\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle$ transforms as

$$\widehat{W}_1 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle, \quad \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = 2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle \quad (3.28)$$

where the factor of 2 reflects the quantum dimension of the non-invertible symmetry

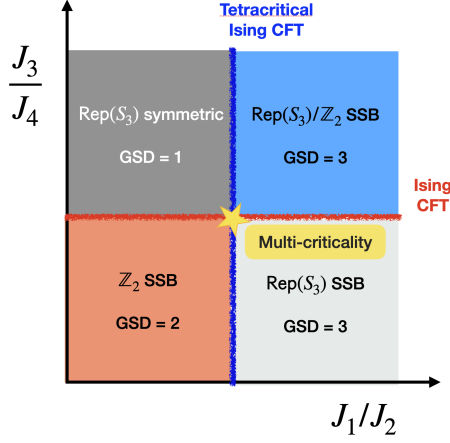


Figure 7: Phase diagram of Hamiltonian (3.25) based on analytical arguments at $\theta = 0$. The critical points are guesses based on duality arguments and various simple limits.

\widehat{W}_2 ¹⁵. This is the lattice analogue of the field theory result that the vacuum expectation value (vev) of a non-invertible topological line defect is its quantum dimension. More generally, we say that a state spontaneously breaks a non-invertible symmetry if its expectation value is vanishing.

The S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.21) has twofold degenerate ground states (2.23) when $J_1 = J_4$ and $\theta = 0$. Under the duality mapping, the unique ground state (3.27) is the image of the symmetric linear combination of these ground states, i.e., $|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^-\rangle$. This is because the duality only holds in the subspace specified in Eq. (3.7).

(ii) When $J_2 = J_4 = 0$, Hamiltonian (3.25) becomes

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3);1,3} := - \sum_{i=1}^L \left[J_1 \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_i^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \right) + J_3 \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \right) \right]. \quad (3.29)$$

\mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom again are in the disordered phase which pins their value to $\hat{\tau}_i^z = 1$ and $\hat{\mu}_i^x = 1$ subspace. This means that the J_1 term simply reduces to the classical 3-state Potts model. There are three degenerate ground states

$$|\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^\alpha\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^z = 1, \mu_i^x = 1, Z_i = \omega^\alpha\rangle. \quad (3.30)$$

These ground states preserve the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup generated by $\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}}$ while they break the non-invertible \widehat{W}_2 symmetry. Under the latter each ground state is mapped to equal superposition of the the other two, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^1\rangle &= |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^2\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^3\rangle, \\ \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^2\rangle &= |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^3\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^1\rangle, \\ \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^3\rangle &= |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^1\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^2\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

¹⁵To ensure the consistency with the fusion rules of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, the numerical pre-factor in Eq. (3.28) is essential. On the one hand, $\widehat{W}_2^2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = \widehat{W}_2 \left(\widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle \right) = 4 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle$, while on the other, $\widehat{W}_2^2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = (\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}} + \widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}} + \widehat{W}_2) |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = (1+1+2) |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle = 4 |\text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle$. For a general non-invertible symmetry, its eigenvalue corresponding to a symmetric state must match its quantum dimension d_σ .

Note that the expectation value of \widehat{W}_2 is zero in any of these ground states. We call this phase $\text{Rep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2$ SSB phase.

The S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.21) has sixfold degenerate ground states (2.25) when $J_2 = J_4$ and $\theta = 0$. Under the duality mapping, each ground state $|\text{GS}_1^\alpha\rangle$ is the image of the linear combinations $|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_1}^{+,\alpha}\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_1}^{-,\alpha}\rangle$ that are in the subspace (3.7).

(iii) When $J_1 = J_3 = 0$, the Hamiltonian (3.25) becomes

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3);2,4} := - \sum_{i=1}^L \left[J_2 \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right) + J_4 \left(\widehat{\mu}_i^z \widehat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i \widehat{\mu}_{i+1}^z + \widehat{\tau}_i^x \right) \right]. \quad (3.32)$$

First, we note that all terms in the Hamiltonian pairwise commute. Therefore we can set $\widehat{\tau}_i^x = 1$. Second, we can minimize the J_2 term by setting $\widehat{X}_i = 1$, for which $\widehat{C}_i = 1$ too. This leaves us with the J_4 that is reduced to $J_4 \widehat{\mu}_i^z \widehat{\mu}_{i+1}^z$. This term favors twofold degenerate ground states for $\widehat{\mu}$ degrees of freedom, i.e.,

$$|\text{GS}_2^\pm\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, \mu_i^z = \pm 1, X_i = 1\rangle. \quad (3.33)$$

These ground states break the entire $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry. First, the two ground states are mapped to each other under the \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry generated by \widehat{W}_1 . Second, one verifies

$$\widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_2^\pm\rangle = |\text{GS}_2^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_2^-\rangle, \quad (3.34)$$

i.e., both ground states are mapped to the same linear combination under \widehat{W}_2 . This is to say that the vev of \widehat{W}_2 is 1 in both of the ground states. While this does not match the quantum dimension of \widehat{W}_2 , we say that the non-invertible \widehat{W}_2 symmetry is not spontaneously broken. For this reason we call this phase \mathbb{Z}_2 SSB phase¹⁶. We provide further motivation for this interpretation in Sec. 6.2 where we computed expectation values of order and disorder operators in ground states (3.33).

The S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.21) has a non-degenerate ground state (2.22) when $J_1 = J_3$ and $\theta = 0$. Under the duality mapping, the *cat state*, $|\text{GS}_2^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_2^-\rangle$ is the image of this non-degenerate ground state $|\text{GS}_{S_3}\rangle$.

(iv) When $J_2 = J_3 = 0$, the Hamiltonian (3.25) becomes

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3);1,4} := - \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ J_1 \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{\widehat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \right) + J_4 \widehat{\mu}_i^z \widehat{C}_i \widehat{\mu}_{i+1}^z \right\} + \text{const}. \quad (3.35)$$

Again, the two set of operators commute, so we can simultaneously diagonalize the operators and minimize their eigenvalues. There are three degenerate ground states. Two of them are quite simple, because they are obtained by setting $\widehat{Z}_i = 1$ for all sites. As in the discussion of Eq. (3.32), such states are eigenvalue +1 eigenstates of the charge conjugation operators \widehat{C}_i . The second term of Eq. (3.35) simply becomes an Ising-like term for the \mathbb{Z}_2 degrees of freedom, which favors a twofold degenerate ground state manifold spanned by

$$|\text{GS}_1^\pm\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, \mu_i^z = \pm 1, Z_i = 1\rangle. \quad (3.36a)$$

¹⁶See also Ref. [50] where the same terminology is used.

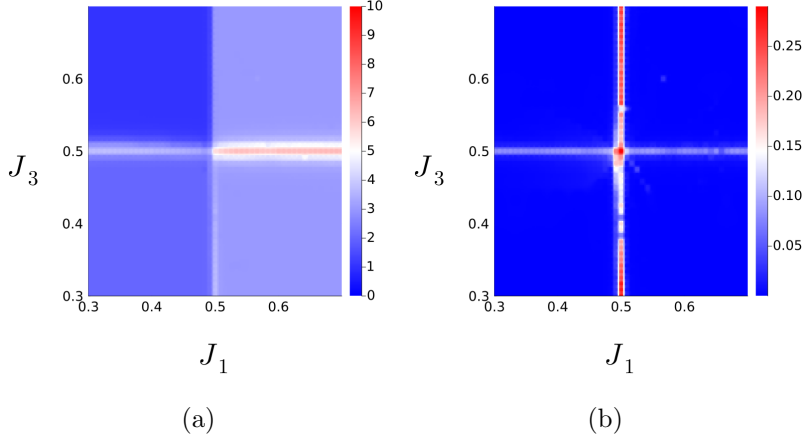


Figure 8: Numerical phase diagram showing GSD (a) and central charge (b) as heatmaps, as a function of J_1 and J_3 , with $J_2 = 1 - J_1$, $J_4 = 1 - J_3$ everywhere and with fixed $\theta = 0.1$. The effective system size for these plots is $L = 64$.

The third degenerate ground state is

$$|\text{GS}_1^3\rangle := \frac{1}{2^{L/2}} \sum_{\{s_i=\pm 1\}} \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, \mu_i^x = s_i s_{i-1}, Z_i = \omega^{s_i}\rangle. \quad (3.36b)$$

The assignment of the $\hat{\mu}^x$ eigenvalues ensures that the J_1 term of Eq. (3.35) is minimized in each summand of (3.36b), while the superposition over different $\{s_i\}$ configurations ensures that the J_4 term is minimized¹⁷. All three of these states have the minimum possible energy associated with minimizing the eigenvalue of each of the two set of commuting terms. Under the action of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry these ground states transform as

$$\widehat{W}_1 |\text{GS}_1^+\rangle = |\text{GS}_1^-\rangle, \quad \widehat{W}_1 |\text{GS}_1^-\rangle = |\text{GS}_1^+\rangle, \quad \widehat{W}_1 |\text{GS}_1^3\rangle = |\text{GS}_1^3\rangle, \quad (3.37a)$$

and

$$\widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_1^3\rangle = |\text{GS}_1^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_1^-\rangle + |\text{GS}_1^3\rangle, \quad \widehat{W}_2 (|\text{GS}_1^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_1^-\rangle) = 2 |\text{GS}_1^3\rangle. \quad (3.37b)$$

We interpret this as the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ SSB pattern as the vev \widehat{W}_2 is vanishing in ground states $|\text{GS}_1^\pm\rangle$. We provide further motivation for this interpretation in Sec. 6.2 where we computed expectation values of order and disorder operators in ground states (3.36).

The S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.21) has a threefold degenerate ground states (2.24) when $J_2 = J_3$ and $\theta = 0$. Under the duality mapping, the linear combination $|\text{GS}_1^+\rangle + |\text{GS}_1^-\rangle$ is the image of the linear combination $|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^1\rangle + |\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^2\rangle$ while the ground state $|\text{GS}_1^3\rangle$ is the image of $|\text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^0\rangle$.

In conclusion, we have identified 4 fixed-point gapped ground states of the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.25). On general grounds (see Sec. 6), this symmetry category

¹⁷Even though it is not immediately obvious that $|\text{GS}_1^3\rangle$ is a short-range entangled state, in fact, it is related to a product state by the action of a finite depth local unitary circuit, $|\text{GS}_1^3\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^L (\widehat{C}\mu_{j,j}^z \widehat{C}\mu_{j,j+1}^z) \bigotimes_{i=1}^L \left[|\tau_i^x = 1, \mu_i^x = 1\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|Z_i = \omega\rangle + |Z_i = \omega^*\rangle) \right]$, where $\widehat{C}\mu_{i,j}^z$ is a kind of CZ operator that acts as the identity operator if $Z_i = \omega$ and as $\hat{\mu}_j^z$ if $Z_i = \omega^*$.

is indeed expected to have 4 gapped phases. Therefore, we find consistency between our lattice model and general category theoretic arguments. Again, for the gapped phases, turning on small non-zero θ makes no difference.

The continuous phase transitions between these gapped phase can also be obtained from those between the gapped phases of S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.21). More precisely, in the language of conformal field theory, the gauging procedure we performed in Sec. 3.1 corresponds to the orbifold construction. Namely, for the Ising and 3-state Potts CFTs, gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 can be achieved by orbifolding the Ising symmetry and charge conjugation symmetry of these CFTs, respectively. Under orbifolding the central charge of the CFT does not change while the local operator content does [63–67]. As a result, we expect the same reasoning behind the stability of the critical lines and multicritical point to small non-zero θ to hold for the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.25) as well. In the following section, we verify these expectations by providing numerical evidence obtained through the TEFr and DMRG algorithms.

3.3.2 Numerical results

As we did in Sec. 2.3.2, we implement the TEFr algorithm to obtain the phase diagram of the Hamiltonian (3.25). We extract the ground state degeneracies and the central charges using the approach described in Sec. 2.3.2. For simplicity, we only focus on the case of small $\theta \approx 0$ limit. The results are shown in Fig. 8. We find, as expected, four gapped phases of the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.25) along with continuous phase transitions separating them from each other. We confirm using DMRG that the central charges at the continuous transition lines matches those for the phase diagram of S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.3). In contrast, the ground state degeneracies of four gapped phases differ as they follow the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ SSB patterns. The duality between the gapped ground states then holds only in the symmetric subspaces (3.7).

In fact, the above reasoning also holds in the large θ limit of Hamiltonian (3.13). Just as it was the case for the Hamiltonian (2.3) with S_3 symmetry, around $\theta_* \sim \frac{\pi}{8}$ an extended gapless region opens up in the phase diagram. Similarly, we can add a term that breaks the non-invertible self-duality symmetry implemented by $\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ (recall Eq. (3.18)). This can be achieved by dualizing the perturbation (2.26). Under gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 perturbation (2.26) is mapped to

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_\perp := & -J_\perp \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x - \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^x \hat{C}_{i+1} \hat{\mu}_{i+2}^z \right) \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\ & + J_\perp \sum_{i=1}^L (\hat{\tau}_i^z - \hat{\tau}_i^x) \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.38)$$

which is odd under the non-invertible $\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ symmetry. When this term is added to the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.13), depending on the sign of J_\perp , shape of the phase diagram matches either that in Fig. 5b or Fig. 5a. This allows the direct continuous phase transitions between $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ SSB phases or between $\text{Rep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2$ SSB and \mathbb{Z}_2 SSB phases.

4 Incommensurate phase and $z > 1$ continuous transition

In a phase diagram Fig. 4 of the S_3 -symmetric model, we see a region of gapless phase which include the self-dual line. We have argued that such a gapless phase is an incom-

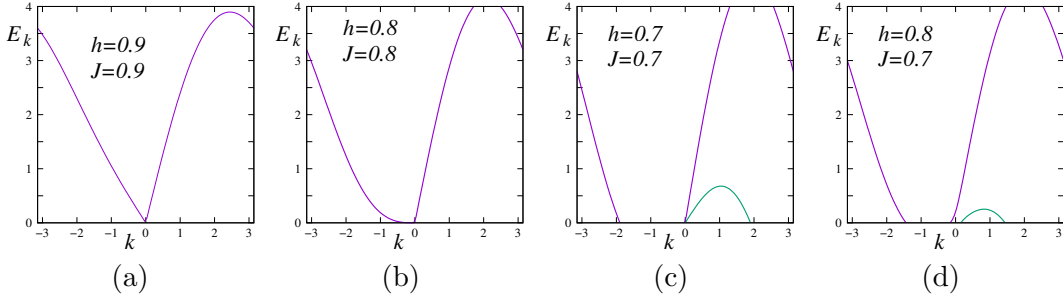


Figure 9: The fermion dispersion (4.3) for $\lambda = 2 - h - J$ and (a) $h = 0.9$, $h = 0.9$ (the $c = \frac{1}{2}$ self-dual critical point), (b) $h = 0.8$, $h = 0.8$ (the $z = 2$ self-dual multi-critical point), (c) $h = 0.7$, $h = 0.7$ (the $c = 1$ self-dual gapless phase), (d) $h = 0.8$, $h = 0.7$ (the $c = 1$ gapless phase),

mensurate phase. Here, an incommensurate state is defined as a gapless state that has gapless excitations with crystal momentum incommensurate with the size of the Brillouin zone. As a result, an incommensurate state contain gapless excitations whose crystal momenta form a dense set that covers the whole Brillouin zone. To better understand such an incommensurate phase, we will consider the following Ising chain in this section

$$\hat{H} := - \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ J \hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^z + h \hat{\sigma}_j^x + \lambda (\hat{\sigma}_j^y \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^z - \hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^y) \right\}, \quad (4.1)$$

which also has an incommensurate phase. However, now the incommensurate phase can be solved exactly. Our model is the transverse field Ising model perturbed by a Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya-type interaction. The latter is one of the simplest two-body interactions that is symmetric under the (non-invertible) Kramers-Wannier symmetry of the critical point of the Ising model. Thus the model has the self-dual symmetry when $h = J$.

The model can be solved exactly by mapping to a fermionic Hamiltonian with only quadratic interactions by JW transformation Ref. [96]. After the JW transformation, one can diagonalize the fermionic Hamiltonian via a Bogoliubov transformation which yields

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{-\pi < k \leq \pi} E_k \hat{\psi}_k^\dagger \hat{\psi}_k + E_0 \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$E_k = 4\lambda \sin k \pm 2\sqrt{J^2 \sin^2 k + (h - J \cos k)^2} \quad (4.3)$$

Here, we note that electrons at quasi-momentum k are identified with holes at quasi-momentum $-k$. We can either choose to only look at both electrons and holes for quasi-momenta in $[0, \pi]$ or only the electrons (or, equivalently only the holes) for all $k \in (-\pi, \pi]$. We take the latter point of view.

The fermion dispersion (4.3) is plotted in Fig. 9 for some values of h, J, λ . From the above spectrum, we can identify the low-energy degrees of freedom and whether the ground state is gapped or not. Whenever there are linear dispersing modes at zero energy with left and right moving partners, we interpret the low energy effective field theory as a $c = 1/2$ Majorana CFT. Whenever there are two pairs of such linear dispersing modes, we identify the low energy effective field theory to be a $c = 1$ compact boson theory. The phase diagram we obtain from this analysis is shown in Fig. 10.

The extended gapless regions labeled $c = 1$ have gapless linear-dispersing modes at wave vector that smoothly vary throughout those regions. This behavior is seen only

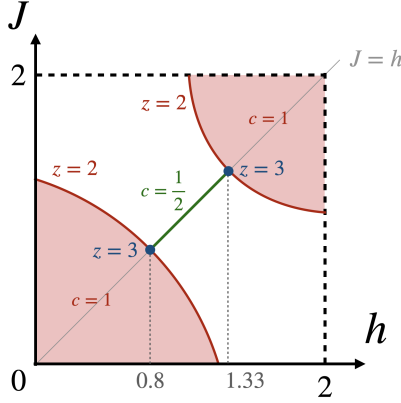


Figure 10: Phase diagram of Hamiltonian (4.1) in the (h, J) plane with $\lambda = 2 - J - h$ at each point. The unshaded regions are gapped. The $h = J$ line has the self-dual symmetry.

when λ is larger than ≈ 0.4 or smaller than ≈ -0.66 . Moreover, we see that the Ising CFT is actually stable to a finite non-zero value of λ .

We also see that

- The time reversal symmetry and reflection symmetry are broken.
- The self-dual symmetry pins a pair of left- and right-moving fermions to $k = 0$ point.
- In the $c = 1$ gapless phase, there is at least one pair of left- and right-moving fermions that has non-zero Fermi momenta k_F . The non-zero Fermi momenta k_F implies that the $c = 1$ gapless phase is incommensurate.
- Without the self-dual symmetry, there are two pairs of left- and right-moving fermions that have non-zero Fermi momenta k_F .
- The $h = J$ line is a continuous transition line even in the $c = 1$ phase.

We like to point out that the fermions near an incommensurate k_F become fermion field in the low energy effective field theory that carry a conserved $U(1)$ charge. Such a $U(1)$ symmetry in the low energy effective field theory comes directly from lattice translation symmetry. This is a general feature: The low energy effective field theory of incommensurate state contain $U(1)$ symmetries which come from lattice translation symmetry.

We find the notion of incommensurate state very useful. It allows us to make the following conjecture: Some continuous transitions add gapless mode, such as Mott insulator to superfluid transition. If the added mode is incommensurate (*i.e.*, if the transition is between commensurate and incommensurate phases), then the dynamical exponent $z > 1$. The transition along the self-dual $h = J$ line at $h = J = 0.8$ in Fig. 10 is an example of such type of transitions.

In Fig. 11, we present a tensor network for the Ising chain (4.1). We find that the calculated the central charge c shows a stripe pattern in the gapless incommensurate phase. To understand the appearance of stripe, we note that central charge is the $1/L$ term in the ground state energy

$$E_{\text{grnd}} = L\epsilon - \frac{cv}{24} \frac{2\pi}{L}. \quad (4.4)$$

As we change parameters, the $U(1)$ charge (*i.e.*, the crystal momentum) of the ground state may jump, which cause a change of ground state energy of order $1/L$. This leads to the stripe pattern in the calculated central charge.

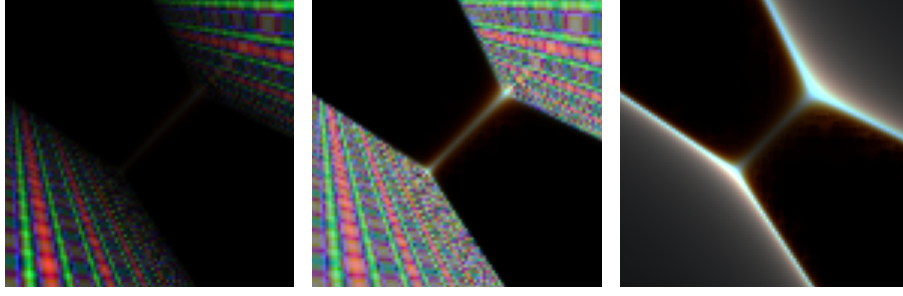


Figure 11: (Middle) Central charge c computed via tensor network numerical approach as a function of $h \in [0, 2]$ (horizontal) and $J \in [0, 2]$ (vertical) with $\lambda = 2 - J - h$, for the Ising chain (4.1) of sizes $L = 256$ (blue), $L = 128$ (green), $L = 64$ (red). The range of the color intensity $[0, 1]$ corresponds to the range of the central charge $c \in [0, 2]$. The stripe pattern in the gapless $c \neq 0$ area comes from incommensurate nature of the gapless phase. (Left) A plot of vc for the same range of h and J . (Right) A plot of c/v for the same range of h and J . Here v is the velocity of the gapless mode.

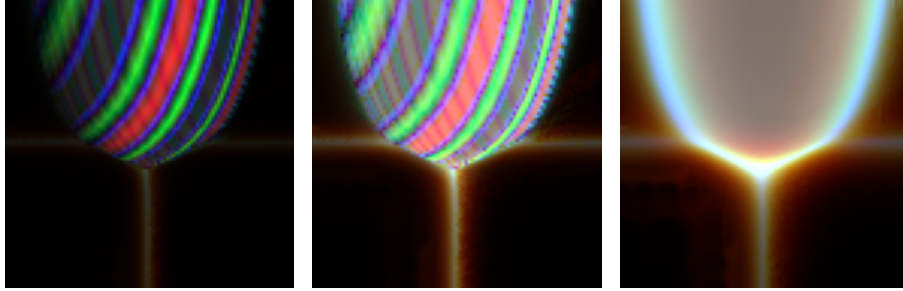


Figure 12: (Middle) Central charge c computed via tensor network numerical approach as a function of $J_1 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (horizontal) and $J_3 \in [0.4, 0.6]$ (vertical) for the S_3 -symmetric model (2.21) of sizes $L = 256$ (blue), $L = 128$ (green), $L = 64$ (red). We have chosen $J_2 = 1 - J_1$, $J_4 = 1 - J_3$ and $\theta = 0.7 \approx \frac{2\pi}{9}$. The range of the color intensity $[0, 1]$ corresponds to the range of the central charge $c \in [0, 2]$. The stripe pattern in the gapless $c \neq 0$ area comes from incommensurate nature of the gapless phase. (Left) A plot of vc for the same range of h and J . (Right) A plot of c/v for the same range of h and J . Here v is the velocity of the gapless mode.

By computing ground state energy at size L and $L/2$, we can extract the $1/L$ and obtain the value of vc . By doing the similar calculation with space and time exchanged, we can compute c/v . Then the central charge of geometric mean of vc and c/v . This is Fig. 11 was calculated. From those results, we see that vc is small at the boundary of the incommensurate phase, while c/v is large at the boundary. This consistent with our exact result, which implies that $v = 0$ at the boundary.

Armed with this understanding, we compute the central charge c , as well as vc and c/v , for the S_3 symmetric Hamiltonians (see Fig. 12). The similarity between Fig. 12 and Fig. 11 suggest that the gapless phase in Fig. 12 is incommensurate. The continuous transition between commensurate and incommensurate phase has a dynamical exponent $z > 1$.

The parameter θ in our S_3 and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric models, (2.21) and (3.25), plays a very similar role to that of λ in the deformed Ising model above. At large enough values

of θ and λ in respective models, a incommensurate phase appears.

5 Self-dual spin chains and their SymTO description

Emergent symmetry is the most important invariant for gapless liquid states. However, the emergent symmetry are usually generalized symmetries that can be anomalous, higher-form, higher-group, and/or even non-invertible. We need a general theory for all those symmetries, in order to use emergent generalized symmetries to understand gapless states.

Fortunately, a general theory for generalized symmetries is given by topological orders in one higher dimension, which is called SymTO. Using emergent generalized symmetries to understand gapless states becomes using the corresponding topological order in one higher dimension (the SymTO) to understand gapless states.

The self-dual lattice models discovered in last a few sections contain exact non-invertible symmetries. To understand how those non-invertible symmetries constrain the low energy dynamics of the lattice model, we need to use the Symmetry-Topological-Order correspondence, and find out which SymTO's describe those non-invertible symmetries. Let us first use Symmetry-Topological-Order correspondence to understand the usual S_3 -symmetric spin chain

5.1 SymTO of S_3 symmetry

The symmetry data of a 1+1d bosonic system with S_3 symmetry can be encapsulated more completely in its symmetry-topological-order (SymTO), [13] which is $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$, the S_3 quantum double, *i.e.*, S_3 topological order in 2+1d.¹⁸ From this point of view, we [16, 52] argued that the gapped phases allowed by S_3 symmetry are in one-to-one correspondence to the gapped boundaries of the SymTO $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$.¹⁹

The $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ symTO has eight types of point-like excitations, whose topological spins s , quantum dimensions d , S -matrix, and fusion rule are given below

$\mathcal{D}(S_3)$	1	1'	2	r	r_1	r_2	s	s_1
$s:$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
$d:$	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & 2, & 2, & 2, & 2, & 3, & 3 \\ 1, & 1, & 2, & 2, & 2, & 2, & -3, & -3 \\ 2, & 2, & 4, & -2, & -2, & -2, & 0, & 0 \\ 2, & 2, & -2, & 4, & -2, & -2, & 0, & 0 \\ 2, & 2, & -2, & -2, & -2, & 4, & 0, & 0 \\ 2, & 2, & -2, & -2, & 4, & -2, & 0, & 0 \\ 3, & -3, & 0, & 0, & 0, & 0, & 3, & -3 \\ 3, & -3, & 0, & 0, & 0, & 0, & -3, & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.1)$$

¹⁸See Appendix B for a review of SymTO.

¹⁹Similar statements have also appeared elsewhere in the literature. [39, 50, 61]

	1	1'	2	r	r_1	r_2	s	s_1
1	1	1'	2	r	r_1	r_2	s	s_1
1'	1'	1	2	r	r_1	r_2	s_1	s
2	2	2	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2}$	$r_1 \oplus r_2$	$r \oplus r_2$	$r \oplus r_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$
r	r	r	$r_1 \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus r$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$
r_1	r_1	r_1	$r \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus r_1$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$
r_2	r_2	r_2	$r \oplus r_1$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r_1$	$\mathbf{2} \oplus r$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus r_2$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$
s	s	s_1	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus r \oplus r_1 \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus r \oplus r_1 \oplus r_2$
s_1	s_1	s	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$s \oplus s_1$	$\mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus r \oplus r_1 \oplus r_2$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus r \oplus r_1 \oplus r_2$

We may view S_3 as $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$, where \mathbb{Z}_3 is generated by $2\pi/3$ rotations r and \mathbb{Z}_2 is generated by $y \rightarrow -y$ reflection s . The particle $\mathbf{1}'$ is the 1-dimensional representation of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ and can be viewed as the \mathbb{Z}_2 charge. From the S matrix, we see that moving particle $\mathbf{1}'$ around particle s generates -1 , and thus s is the \mathbb{Z}_2 flux.

There are four Lagrangian condensable algebras of $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$, which correspond to four maximal subsets of bosonic anyons in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ with trivial mutual statistics between them. We can condense all the anyons in Lagrangian condensable algebra on 1+1d boundary of the 2+1d SymTO, which will give rise to a gapped boundary, which in turn correspond to a gapped state for systems with S_3 symmetry. The four Lagrangian condensable algebras of $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ are denoted as follows:

- (i) $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2}\mathbf{2}$ corresponds to S_3 SSB completely (S_3 ferromagnet)
- (ii) $\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus 2r$ corresponds to S_3 SSB to \mathbb{Z}_3
- (iii) $\mathcal{A}_3 = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus s$ corresponds to S_3 SSB to \mathbb{Z}_2
- (iv) $\mathcal{A}_4 = \mathbf{1} \oplus r \oplus s$ corresponds to S_3 symmetric phase (S_3 paramagnet)

Here we have noted which gapped S_3 -symmetric phase each of the Lagrangian algebra corresponds to. This is an example how SymTO determines low energy phases.

5.2 SymTO of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry

It turns out that S_3 -symmetry and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetry are holo-equivalent, in the following sense: There is one-to-one correspondence between between S_3 -symmetric models and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models, such that the corresponding S_3 -symmetric model and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric model are identical when restricted to the corresponding symmetric sub-Hilbert space. As a result, S_3 -symmetric models and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models have identical phase diagram and phases transitions. However, the corresponding phases and phase transitions may be given different names.

The holo-equivalence between S_3 -symmetry and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetry is obtain by realizing that they have the same SymTO. The SymTO can be calculated by computing the algebra of the associated patch operators; some related examples were discussed in Refs. [44, 68].

So the four four Lagrangian condensable algebras of $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ also give rise to four gapped phases for our $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric models. In terms of the holo-equivalent $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry, the first Lagrangian condensable algebra is the symmetric gapped phase while the last one is one that corresponds to a completely symmetry broken phase. The other two are more subtle, and we investigate a lattice model with $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry below to better understand the symmetry-breaking patterns of these phases better. We find that the second one is only symmetric under a $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ sub-fusion category symmetry of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, while the third one breaks this $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ while respecting the symmetry of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ associated with the element $\mathbf{2}$.

5.3 SymTO of the self-dual symmetry

In Ref. [52], the authors also highlighted the importance of a duality associated with the permutation of the anyons $\mathbf{2}$ and r , which is the automorphism of $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$. Such an automorphism in SymTO can lead to a new non-invertible symmetry, which we call self-dual symmetry.

Here, we would like stress an important difference between $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO and $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTFT. In $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTFT, the automorphism $\mathbf{2} \leftrightarrow r$ implies a symmetry of SymTFT. In contrast, $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO is just an 2+1D S_3 lattice gauge theory with matter. Thus in general, the SymTO (*i.e.* the lattice gauge theory) does not have any symmetry. This corresponds to the fact that our S_3 and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ lattice models, in general, do not have the self-dual symmetry, and their SymTO is the $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO, *without the $\mathbf{2} \leftrightarrow r$ automorphism symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$.*

However, the presence of $\mathbf{2} \leftrightarrow r$ automorphism implies that we can fine tune the $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO to make it to have the automorphism symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$. This, in turn, implies that we can fine tune the S_3 and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric lattice models, so that the fine-tuned models have an additional self-dual symmetry. Such an existence of lattice self-dual symmetry used to be a conjecture. [53] In the last a few sections, we explicitly constructed such lattice self-dual symmetry, and confirm the conjecture.

The fine-tuned self-dual lattice models have a larger symmetry which include both the self-dual symmetry and one of the S_3 or $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetries. Thus, the self-dual lattice models have a larger SymTO. Such a larger SymTO can be obtained by gauging the $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ automorphism symmetry in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO. Ref. [?] computed this gauging, and find that the larger SymTO is $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$ or $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ topological order. Note that there remains to be a two-fold ambiguity, which comes from the possibility of the stacking a $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ SPT state to the SymTO, before the $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ gauging. The anyon data for the $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$ and $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ topological orders are given below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline SU(2)_4 & \mathbf{1} & e & m & m_1 & q \\ \hline s: & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \hline d: & 1 & 1 & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3} & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 & S = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & \sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & 2 \\ 1, & 1, & -\sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & 2 \\ \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & 0 \\ \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & 0 \\ 2, & 2, & 0, & 0, & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & \mathbf{1} & e & m & m_1 & q \\ \hline \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & e & m & m_1 & q \\ \hline e & e & \mathbf{1} & m_1 & m & q \\ \hline m & m & m_1 & \mathbf{1} \oplus q & e \oplus q & m \oplus m_1 \\ \hline m_1 & m_1 & m & e \oplus q & \mathbf{1} \oplus q & m \oplus m_1 \\ \hline q & q & q & m \oplus m_1 & m \oplus m_1 & \mathbf{1} \oplus e \oplus q \\ \hline \end{array} \tag{5.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

JK_4	$\mathbf{1}$	e	m	m_1	q
$s:$	0	0	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$d:$	1	1	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$	2

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & \sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & 2 \\ 1, & 1, & -\sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & 2 \\ \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & 0 \\ \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & \sqrt{3}, & -\sqrt{3}, & 0 \\ 2, & 2, & 0, & 0, & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

	1	e	m	m_1	q
1	1	e	m	m_1	q
e	e	1	m_1	m	q
m	m	m_1	$\mathbf{1} \oplus q$	$e \oplus q$	$m \oplus m_1$
m_1	m_1	m	$e \oplus q$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus q$	$m \oplus m_1$
q	q	q	$m \oplus m_1$	$m \oplus m_1$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus e \oplus q$

(5.3)

From the fusion $e \otimes e = \mathbf{1}$, we see that e carries a \mathbb{Z}_2 charge. From the S -matrix, we see that m (and m_1) carries the corresponding \mathbb{Z}_2 -flux.

Later, we will show that the generalized symmetries in our self-dual S_3 -symmetric and our self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models are both described by the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO. So in the following, we will concentrate on $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO.

The $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO and $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO can have a gapped domain wall between them, which describes the breaking of the $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\leftrightarrow r}$ self-dual symmetry and reduce the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO and $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO. The domain wall is caused by the condensation of $e\bar{e}$ in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO (and no condensation in the $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO). More precisely, the domain wall is described by the following condensible algebra in the topological order $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4 \times \overline{\mathcal{D}}(S_3) = JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4 \times \mathcal{D}(S_3)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = & (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \bar{e}, \mathbf{1}') \oplus (e, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}') \oplus (q, \bar{q}, \mathbf{2}) \oplus (q, \bar{q}, r) \oplus (q, \mathbf{1}, r_1) \oplus (q, \bar{e}, r_1) \\ & \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \bar{q}, r_2) \oplus (e, \bar{q}, r_2) \oplus (m, \bar{m}, s) \oplus (m_1, \bar{m}_1, s) \oplus (m, \bar{m}_1, s_1) \oplus (m_1, \bar{m}, s_1) \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

The condensible algebra allow us to related the anyons in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO and in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO. The term $(\mathbf{1}, \bar{e}, \mathbf{1}')$ in \mathcal{A} means that the anyon $\mathbf{1}'$ in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO and the anyon $\mathbf{1} \otimes \bar{e} = \bar{e}$ in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO can condense on the domain wall. In other words, after going through the domain wall, the \bar{e} -anyon in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO turns into the $\mathbf{1}'$ -anyon in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO. Similarly, the term $(e, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}')$ in \mathcal{A} means that, after going through the domain wall, the e -anyon in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO turns into the $\mathbf{1}'$ -anyon in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO. Thus the e -anyon and the \bar{e} -anyon in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO carries the \mathbb{Z}_2 -charge of the $S_3 = \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry. The corresponding \mathbb{Z}_2 -flux is carries by $m\bar{m}$ -anyon in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO, which has a π -mutual statistics with both e -anyon and \bar{e} -anyon. This is also consistent with the term (m, \bar{m}, s) in \mathcal{A} , which implies that after going through the domain wall, the $m\bar{m}$ -anyon in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO turns into the s -anyon (the \mathbb{Z}_2 -flux) in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO. Thus, the string operator that creates a pair of $m\bar{m}$ -anyons generates the \mathbb{Z}_2 (of S_3) transformation.

The Abelian anyon $e\bar{e}$ in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO does not carries the \mathbb{Z}_2 charge of the S_3 . But it carries the $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\leftrightarrow r}$ charge of the self-dual symmetry. This is consistent with the fact that the condensation $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{1} \oplus e\bar{e}$ breaks the self-dual symmetry and reduces the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO to $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO: [52–54]

$$(JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4)_{/\mathbf{1} \oplus e\bar{e}} = \mathcal{D}(S_3). \quad (5.5)$$

To summarize, the anyons in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ and $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTOs have the following relation

$$e\bar{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}, \quad e \rightarrow \mathbf{1}', \quad \bar{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}', \quad m\bar{m} \rightarrow s, \quad q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}, \quad q\bar{q} \rightarrow r, \quad q \rightarrow r_2, \quad \bar{q} \rightarrow r_1. \quad (5.6)$$

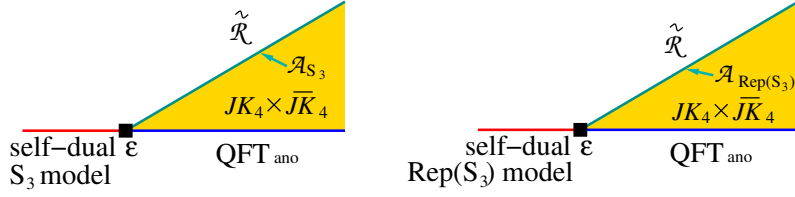


Figure 13: (Left) The bulk $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO and the \mathcal{A}_{S_3} -condensation induced topological boundary $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ describes the S_3 -symmetry plus the self-dual symmetry in the self-dual S_3 -symmetric models. (Right) The bulk $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO and the $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ -condensation induced topological boundary $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ describes the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetry plus the self-dual symmetry in the self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models.

Since $e\bar{e}$ has π -mutual statistics with m and \bar{m} in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO, thus m and \bar{m} are $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ -flux for the self-dual symmetry. In other words, the string operator that creates a pair of m -anyons generates the self-dual transformation. Similarly, the string operator that creates a pair of \bar{m} -anyons also generates the self-dual transformation. However, the two transformations differ by a \mathbb{Z}_2 transformation. Because m 's quantum dimension is $\sqrt{3}$, the transformation generated by the string operator of m is an intrinsic non-invertible symmetry.²⁰ The non-integral quantum dimension also implies the symmetry to be anomalous²¹, since anomaly-free generalized symmetry are classified in Ref. [16, 36], which always have integral quantum dimensions.

In Ref. [16, 35, 36], an isomorphic holographic decomposition $(\epsilon, \tilde{\mathcal{R}})$ of a model is introduced to expose the symmetry and the SymTO in the model (see Fig. 13):

$$\text{model} \stackrel{(\epsilon, \tilde{\mathcal{R}})}{\cong} \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \boxtimes_{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} QFT_{\text{ano}}, \quad (5.7)$$

where the boundary $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ and the bulk $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ are assumed to have infinity energy gap. A similar picture was also obtained later in Ref. [37, 38]. Also see Ref. [53] and Appendix B for a short review.

The isomorphic holographic decomposition (5.7) has the following physical meaning: the model is exactly simulated by the composite system $\tilde{\mathcal{R}} \boxtimes_{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} QFT_{\text{ano}}$. The local low energy properties of the model are exactly simulated by a quantum field theory QFT_{ano} (which has a gravitational anomaly characterized by the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO). The fully gapped boundary $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ and the bulk $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO cover the global properties of the model.

Using the above Symmetry-Topological-Order correspondence, we find that the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO has only two holo-equivalent symmetries, characterized by two different choices of the gapped boundary $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ in Fig. 13. This is because the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO has only two Lagrangian condensable algebras that can give rise to two gapped boundaries $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} &= (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e}) \oplus (m, \bar{m}) \oplus (m_1, \bar{m}_1) \oplus (q, \bar{q}) \\ \mathcal{A}_{S_3} &= (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \bar{e}) \oplus (e, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e}) \oplus 2(q, \bar{q}). \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

Using (5.6), we see that the \mathcal{A}_{S_3} -condensation corresponds to the condensation of S_3 -charges $\mathbf{1}'$ and $\mathbf{2}$, as well as the condensation of $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ -charge of the self-dual symmetry. This leads us to conjecture that \mathcal{A}_{S_3} gives rise to the S_3 -symmetry plus the self-dual

²⁰By definition, a symmetry is intrinsically non-invertible, if all its holo-equivalent symmetries are non-invertible.

²¹By definition, a (generalized) symmetry is anomaly-free if it allows gapped non-degenerate ground state on any closed space.

symmetry, *i.e.* the symmetry of the self-dual S_3 symmetric model studied in Section 2 (see Fig. 13(left)).

Similarly, $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ -condensation corresponds to the condensation of S_3 -flux s and r , as well as the condensation of $\mathbb{Z}_2^{2 \leftrightarrow r}$ -charge of the self-dual symmetry. This leads us to conjecture that $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ gives rise to the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetry plus the self-dual symmetry, *i.e.* the symmetry of the self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric model studied in Section 3 (see Fig. 13(right)).

Using the Symmetry-Topological-Order correspondence, we can classify the gapped phases of the self-dual S_3 symmetric model, which is modeled by Fig. 13(left) with $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ boundary given by the \mathcal{A}_{S_3} -condensation. The gapped phases of the self-dual S_3 symmetric model is given by gapped boundary QFT_{ano} , which is induced by Lagrangian condensable algebras in (5.8). So the self-dual S_3 symmetric model has only two gapped phases. If the boundary QFT_{ano} is induced by $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ -condensation, then the ground state degeneracy is given by the inner product of the two Lagrangian condensable algebras that give rise to the $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ and QFT_{ano} boundaries: [53]

$$GSD = (\mathcal{A}_{S_3}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}) = 4. \quad (5.9)$$

Here the inner product $(\mathcal{A}_{S_3}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)})$ is defined by viewing condensable algebra as integral vector whose components are the integral coefficients in front of anyons in the expansion of \mathcal{A} . [53] This gapped phase is a degeneracy of the \mathbb{Z}_2 -state (with $GSD = 3$) and the S_3 -state (with $GSD = 1$) of the S_3 symmetric model. The second gapped phase of the self-dual S_3 symmetric model is given by QFT_{ano} boundary induced by \mathcal{A}_{S_3} -condensation. The ground state degeneracy is given by

$$GSD = (\mathcal{A}_{S_3}, \mathcal{A}_{S_3}) = 8. \quad (5.10)$$

The second gapped phase is a degeneracy of the \mathbb{Z}_3 -state (with $GSD = 2$) and the \mathbb{Z}_1 -state (with $GSD = 6$) of the S_3 symmetric model. We see that the self-dual S_3 symmetric model does not have any gapped phase with non-degenerate ground state. Thus the combined S_3 and self-dual symmetries is an anomalous symmetry.

Similarly, the self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric model is given by Fig. 13(right), with $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ boundary given by the $\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ -condensation. The self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric model also has only two gapped phases, with ground state degeneracy:

$$GSD = (\mathcal{A}_{S_3}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}) = 4, \quad GSD = (\mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}) = 5. \quad (5.11)$$

Again, the self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric model does not have any gapped phase with non-degenerate ground state. Thus the combined $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ and self-dual symmetries is an anomalous symmetry.

In the above, we use Lagrangian condensable algebras of a SymTO to classify all possible gapped phases for systems with that SymTO. The Lagrangian condensable algebras classify the ways in which the SymTO can be maximally broken. Those maximal SymTO-broken states are the gapped states. Next, we consider the minimal SymTO-broken states (*i.e.* the SymTO-unbroken states), which are always gapless if the SymTO is non-trivial. Those SymTO-unbroken states are described by the $\mathbf{1}$ -condensed boundaries of the SymTO [52] (*i.e.* the boundaries induced by the minimal condensable algebra $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{1}$). We find that two of the $\mathbf{1}$ -condensed boundaries of the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO are described by $(6, 5)$ minimal model. The first one has the following multi-component partition function [13, 52]

$$Z_{\mathbf{1};\mathbf{1}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} = \chi_{1,0;1,0}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \quad Z_{\mathbf{1};\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} = \chi_{1,0;5,-3}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{1;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}}
\end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{1;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{e;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{1,0;5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{1;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{5,3;4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
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Z_{m;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};1,0}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{m_1;\bar{q}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};5,-3}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} \\
Z_{q;\bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \bar{JK}_4} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}}
\end{aligned} \tag{5.13}$$

The various terms in each component of the partition function are conformal characters of the (6,5) minimal model. The expression $\chi_{a,h_a;b,-h_b}^{m6 \times \bar{m6}}$ is a short-hand notation for the product of the left moving chiral conformal character associated with the primary operator labeled a (set by an arbitrary indexing convention) with conformal weight $(h_a, 0)$, and the

right moving chiral conformal character associated with the primary operator labeled b with conformal weight $(0, h_b)$. The superscript $m6 \times \overline{m6}$ indicates that both the left and right moving chiral conformal characters are picked from the same (6,5) minimal model.

Note that in the above multi-component ‘‘SymTO-resolved’’ partition function, the $\mathbf{1}$ sector contains all the primary operators that respect the symmetry. We see that the scaling dimensions of the symmetric operators to be $\frac{7}{5} + \frac{7}{5} + \text{even integers}$ (from the term $\chi_{10, \frac{7}{5}; 10, -\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}$ in $Z_{\mathbf{1}; \mathbf{1}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}$), for both gapless states. Such a operator are irrelevant. Therefore, both of the above two gapless states are gapless phases with no relevant perturbation that respects the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO.

We remark that we have performed the above calculation for another candidate $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$ SymTO. We find that for systems with $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$ SymTO, all gapless states described by (6,5) minimal model contain at least one relevant perturbation that respects the $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$ SymTO. This contradicts with our numerical calculation where we find a stable gapless phase described by (6,5) minimal model in the presence of S_3 and self-dual symmetry. This allows us to conclude that the SymTO in our self-dual S_3 -symmetric model and self-dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric model is given by $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$, not by $SU(2)_4 \times \overline{SU(2)}_4$.

The operators that breaks the self-dual symmetry live in the $e\bar{e}$ sector. From above $Z_{e; \bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}$, we find that the scaling dimensions of the self-dual-symmetry breaking operators to be $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \text{even integers}$ and $3 + 3 + \text{even integers}$, for both gapless states. Thus, the two gapless state has only one relevant self-dual-symmetry breaking operator that does not break the S_3 symmetry. In fact, the self-dual-symmetry breaking caused by $e\bar{e}$ condensation can be seen from the following relation between $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ -SymTO-resolved partition function, (5.12) and (5.13), and $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ -SymTO-resolved partition function (E.1):

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\mathbf{1}}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= Z_{\mathbf{1}; \mathbf{1}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} + Z_{e; \bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}, & Z_{\mathbf{1}'}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= Z_{e; \mathbf{1}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} + Z_{\mathbf{1}; \bar{e}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}, \\ Z_s^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= Z_{m; \bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4} + Z_{m_1; \bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}, & \dots & \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

where the sectors in $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO connected by $e\bar{e}$ are combined into a single sector in $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ SymTO.

The above two gapless states with self-dual symmetry are very similar. The only difference is that $Z_s^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)}$ splits differently when we add the self-dual symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_s^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \underbrace{\chi_{2, \frac{1}{8}; 2, -\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{9, \frac{21}{40}; 9, -\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}}_{Z_{m; \bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}} + \underbrace{\chi_{4, \frac{13}{8}; 4, -\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{7, \frac{1}{40}; 7, -\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}}_{Z_{m_1; \bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}} \\ Z_s^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \underbrace{\chi_{4, \frac{13}{8}; 4, -\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{7, \frac{1}{40}; 7, -\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}}_{Z_{m; \bar{m}}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}} + \underbrace{\chi_{2, \frac{1}{8}; 2, -\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{9, \frac{21}{40}; 9, -\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}}_{Z_{m_1; \bar{m}_1}^{JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.15)$$

In addition to the two Lagrangian condensable algebras (5.8), $\mathcal{M} = JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO also has the following six non-Lagrangian condensable algebras:

1. $\mathcal{A}_1 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e}) \oplus (q, \bar{q})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_1}$ contains topological spins (0) and has $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_1}} = 2$.
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_3} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$
2. $\mathcal{A}_2 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \bar{e}) \oplus (e, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_2}$ contains topological spins $(0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ and has $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_2}} = 3$.
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_3} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}_3)$

3. $\mathcal{A}_3 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \bar{e})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_3}$ contains topological spins $(0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3})$ and has $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_3}} = 6$.
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_3} = \mathcal{D}(S_3)$
4. $\mathcal{A}_4 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (e, \mathbf{1})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_4}$ contains topological spins $(0, \frac{1}{24}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{13}{24}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{8})$ and has $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_4}} = 6$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_4} = \bar{\mathbb{Z}}_3 \times \overline{JK}_4$
5. $\mathcal{A}_5 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \bar{e})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_5}$ contains topological spins $(0, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{11}{24}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{23}{24})$ and has $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_5}} = 6$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_5} = JK_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
6. $\mathcal{A}_6 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$
 $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}_6} = JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$.

The \mathcal{A} -condensation reduces the SymTO $\mathcal{M} = JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ to a smaller SymTO $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}}$. In the above, we also list some properties of the induced SymTO $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}}$. Here $D_{\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}}} = \sqrt{\sum_i d_i^2}$ is the total quantum dimension of $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}}$. Those information helps us to identify the reduced SymTO $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}}$, which is also listed above. Here \mathbb{Z}_3 is the Abelian topological order described by K -matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, where the fusion of the anyons form a \mathbb{Z}_3 group.

Those condensible algebras describe the possible spontaneous symmetry breaking patterns of the $JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4$ SymTO, where the unbroken SymTO is given by $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}} = (JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4)_{/\mathcal{A}}$. Because the unbroken SymTO is non-trivial, those non-maximal SymTO broken states are gapless, and are given by the $\mathbf{1}$ -condensed boundaries of $\mathcal{M}_{/\mathcal{A}} = (JK_4 \times \overline{JK}_4)_{/\mathcal{A}}$. Those $\mathbf{1}$ -condensed boundaries are some possible gapless states of our self-dual S_3 -symmetric or $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric models.

6 Discussion

Let us recap and give a detailed discussion of the main lessons from Secs. 2 and 3. We collect our key results under three directions. Sec. 6.1 reviews the web of dualities we have obtained by gauging various subgroups of S_3 . In Sec. 6.2, we describe symmetry-breaking patterns in terms of patch operators, and compute their expectation values in the gapped fixed-point ground states. We argue that these can be used to detect ordered and disordered phases of models with general fusion category symmetries. Finally, Sec. ?? complements our discussion of gapped phases of S_3 and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetries from the perspective of symmetry topological order (SymTO) correspondence.

6.1 Gauging-induced dualities

In Secs. 2 and 3, we presented several dualities that are induced by gauging subgroups of S_3 symmetry. In Fig. 14, we summarize the corresponding web of dualities. The corners of the diagram label the symmetry categories of the dual bond algebras while the each arrow implies a duality map induced by gauging. It has been shown in Ref. [24], distinct gaugings of a symmetry category \mathcal{C} are in one-to-one correspondence with the left (or right) module categories over \mathcal{C} . Accordingly, we label each arrow in Fig. 14 by the choice of the corresponding module category.²² Alternatively, each left (or right) module category over

²²Module categories over $\text{Vec}_G(\text{Rep}(G))$ are given by the categories $\text{Vec}_H(\text{Rep}(H))$ where $H \leq G$, i.e., H is a subgroup of G [69].

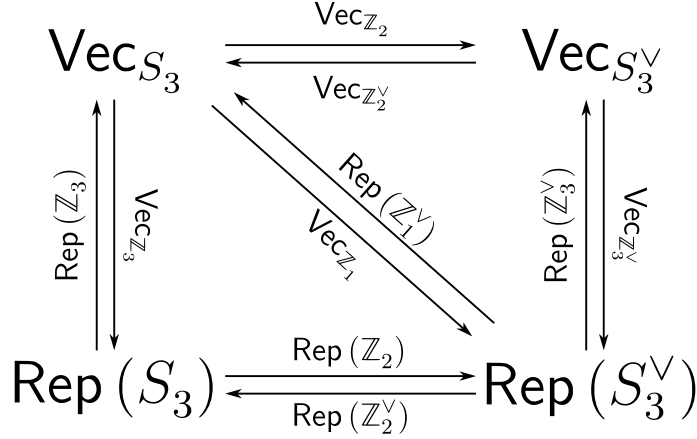


Figure 14: The web of dualities obtained induced by gauging. The four categories Vec_{S_3} , $\text{Vec}_{S_3^\vee}$, $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, and $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ at the corners of the diagram denote the fusion category symmetry of the bond algebras (2.6), (2.10), (3.5), and (3.14), respectively. Each directed arrow between these fusion categories denote a duality induced by gauging. The label on each arrow denotes the corresponding module category over the category at the source of the arrow.

\mathcal{C} is equivalent to the category of right (or left) A -modules over \mathcal{C} where $A \in \mathcal{C}$ is some algebra object (see Appendix A of Ref. [60]). This correspondence forms the connection between the module categories over \mathcal{C} and the perspective on gauging as summing over symmetry defect insertions in two-dimensional spacetime. In the context of fusion category symmetries, gauging can then be understood as summing over all insertions of A -defects in the partition function in two-dimensional spacetime.

In Fig. 14, for the fusion category Vec_{S_3} ,²³ the module categories label the symmetry category of the subgroups that are not gauged. Note that the module categories are in one-to-one correspondence with (conjugacy classes) of subgroups of S_3 . In particular, the module categories Vec_{S_3} and $\text{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ of Vec_{S_3} correspond to gauging by the algebra objects e (the trivial algebra object, implementing trivial gauging) and $e \oplus r \oplus r^2$, respectively. These gauging maps give back the same symmetry category Vec_{S_3} . The latter, in particular, is what we would ordinarily describe as the \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier duality. We provided a recipe for implementing this gauging map in Sec. 2.2. On the other hand, the module categories $\text{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}$ and $\text{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_1}$, where \mathbb{Z}_1 is the trivial group, correspond to gauging Vec_{S_3} by the algebra objects $e \oplus s$ and $e \oplus r \oplus r^2 \oplus s \oplus sr \oplus sr^2$, respectively. These gauging maps lead to the dual $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry category. The first of these is exactly the gauging map we used to construct the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ spin chain in Sec. 3, starting from the S_3 spin chain of Sec. 2. The second one of these can be implemented by first gauging \mathbb{Z}_3 in S_3 and then gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of the dual S_3^\vee , as discussed in Sec. 3.2.

For the fusion category $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, we find that the algebra objects corresponding to three distinct gaugings of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ labeled by module categories $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}_3)$, $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$, and $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}_1)$ to be $1 \oplus \bar{1}$, $1 \oplus 2$, and $1 \oplus \bar{1} \oplus 22$, respectively.²⁴ Gauging by certain algebra objects can give back the same symmetry category. For other algebra objects, one gets a new (dual) symmetry category. This is a generalization of Kramers-Wannier duality to

²³For any group G , the fusion category Vec_G consists of simple objects that can be thought of as G -graded vector spaces, which fuse according to group multiplication law. The morphisms of this category are graded G -graded linear maps. In this subsection, we will refer to S_3 symmetry as Vec_{S_3} to emphasize the general language of fusion category symmetry.

²⁴These were derived using the internal Hom construction outlined in Appendix A.3 of Ref. [60].

Table 1: Expectation values of S_3 order and disorder operators defined in Eq. (6.1) in the fixed point ground state wavefunctions defined in Eqs. (2.22), (2.23), (2.24), and (2.25), respectively. The non-zero (zero) expectation values of order (disorder) operators detect the spontaneous symmetry breaking and long-range order in the ground states.

GS	$\widehat{C}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{U}_{[s]}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{C}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{U}_{[r]}(j, \ell)$
$ \text{GS}_{S_3}\rangle$	0	+3	0	+2
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^\pm\rangle$	+1	0	0	+2
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\alpha\rangle$	0	+1	+2	0
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbb{Z}_1}^{\pm, \alpha}\rangle$	+1	0	+2	0

arbitrary fusion category symmetries. In our example with $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry, we find that gauging by either of the algebra objects $\mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}}$ or $\mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}} \oplus \mathbf{2} \oplus \mathbf{2}$ (*i.e.*, the regular representation object) of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ gives rise to S_3 symmetry. On the other hand, gauging by either the trivial algebra object $\mathbf{1}$ (*i.e.*, implementing trivial gauging) or the algebra object $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$ gives back a “dual” $\text{Rep}(S_3^\vee)$ symmetry. Like the familiar KW duality associated with gauging Abelian groups, the gauging by $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$ implements a duality transformation that exchanges pairs of gapped phases of the system. In our analysis, we did not provide an explicit description of how gauging by algebra objects, via the insertion of defects approach put forward in Ref. [24], works at the level of microscopic Hamiltonians. However, we note that gauging by the $\mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}}$ algebra object should proceed very identically to gauging of an ordinary \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry since $\widehat{W}_{\bar{\mathbf{1}}}$ indeed generates a \mathbb{Z}_2 sub-symmetry of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$, and gauging by the regular representation algebra object should be identical to first gauging by $\mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}}$ and then gauging the \mathbb{Z}_3 subgroup of the resulting S_3 symmetry. Finally, we identify a sequential quantum circuit (3.18), that implements a duality transformation of our $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ spin chain, which therefore must correspond to the remaining option of gauging by the $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$ algebra object.

6.2 SSB patterns and order/disorder operators

Ordered phases in which symmetries are spontaneously broken can be detected by non-zero values of appropriate correlation functions of order operators. In contrast, disordered phases can be detected by non-zero values of appropriate correlation functions of disorder operators. The expectation values of correlation functions of order and disorder operators, considered together, have been found to be a tool that can detect gaplessness Ref. [70]. The idea of order and disorder operators can be generalized to non-invertible symmetries in the form of patch operators [13, 44, 68]. Depending on which gapped phase the system is in, different patch operators will get a non-zero expectation value in the ground state(s). This gives a way to detect symmetry-breaking even if we restrict to the symmetric sub-Hilbert space so that ground state degeneracy is no longer a reliable tool.

For the S_3 symmetry, we have the patch operators ²⁵

$$\widehat{C}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(j, \ell) := \hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+\ell}^z, \quad \widehat{C}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}(j, \ell) := \widehat{Z}_j \widehat{Z}_{j+\ell}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_j^\dagger \widehat{Z}_{j+\ell}, \quad (6.1a)$$

²⁵We choose, without loss of generality, $\hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+\ell}^z$ to be the \mathbb{Z}_2 order operator. Alternatively, we could have chosen $\hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\tau}_{j+\ell}^z$, $\hat{\tau}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+\ell}^z$, or $\hat{\tau}_j^z \hat{\tau}_{j+\ell}^z$ as well. Any of these choices for the order operators produce the same expectation values in the ground states of gapped fixed-points of the Hamiltonian (2.21).

Table 2: Expectation values of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ order and disorder operators defined in Eq. (6.2) in the fixed point ground state wavefunctions defined in Eqs. (3.27), (3.30), (3.33), (3.36a), and (3.36b), respectively. The non-zero (zero) expectation values of order (disorder) operators detect the spontaneous symmetry breaking and long-range order in the ground states.

GS	$\widehat{C}_{\mathbf{1}}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{C}_{\mathbf{2}}(j, \ell)$	$\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{2}}(j, \ell)$
$ \text{GS}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}\rangle$	0	+1	0	+2
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^\alpha\rangle$	0	+1	+2	0
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbf{2}}^\pm\rangle$	+3	0	0	+2
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^\pm\rangle$	+1	0	+2	0
$ \text{GS}_{\mathbf{1}}^3\rangle$	+1	0	+2	0

that are associated with \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 order operators, respectively, and the patch operators

$$\widehat{U}_{[s]}(j, \ell) := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \hat{\sigma}_k^x \hat{\tau}_k^x \widehat{C}_k \widehat{X}_k^\alpha, \quad \widehat{U}_{[r]}(j, \ell) := \prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \widehat{X}_k + \prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \widehat{X}_k^\dagger, \quad (6.1b)$$

that are associated with \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 disorder operators, respectively. We note that both of these classes of patch operators are symmetric under the entire S_3 group, i.e., they are constructed out of the generators of S_3 -symmetric bond algebra (2.6), while the disorder operators are closed under the action of S_3 . Both order and disorder operators can be thought of as *transparent* patch operators [44] in the sense that they commute all the terms in the S_3 Hamiltonian (2.21) that are supported between sites $j+1$ and $j+\ell-1$. On the Hamiltonian their nontrivial actions only appear at their boundaries.

The expectation values attained by the patch operators in the gapped fixed-point ground states (2.22), (2.23), (2.24), and (2.25) are given in Table 1. In the fixed-point ground states, non-zero expectation values of order operators accompany the vanishing expectation values of disorder operators and detect spontaneous symmetry breaking in the ground states. We note that when the group S_3 is broken down to \mathbb{Z}_2 , each of the threefold degenerate ground states preserve a different \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup which reflected in the non-vanishing expectation value of \mathbb{Z}_2 disorder operators on only one of the degenerate ground states. Away from the fixed-points the zero expectation values are expected to be replaced by an exponential decay $\propto e^{-|j-\ell|/\xi}$ with a finite non-zero correlation length ξ (with gapped fixed-points corresponding to $\xi \rightarrow 0$ limit).

For the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry, we can apply the \mathbb{Z}_2 gauging map, derived in Sec. 3, to obtain the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ patch operators. Since we are gauging \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 , we expect the \mathbb{Z}_2 order and disorder operators to be mapped to disorder and order operators of the dual \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry generated by $\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}}$ operator. Accordingly, we identify the patch operators

$$\widehat{C}_{\mathbf{1}}(j, \ell) := \hat{\mu}_j^z \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \left(\prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \widehat{X}_k^{\Pi_{q=j+1}^k \hat{\mu}_q^x} \right)^\alpha \hat{\mu}_{j+\ell}^z, \quad (6.2a)$$

$$\widehat{W}_{\mathbf{1}}(j, \ell) := \prod_{k=j+1}^{j+\ell} \hat{\mu}_k^x, \quad (6.2b)$$

that correspond to \widehat{W}_1 order and disorder operators, respectively. In contrast to this, under gauging \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 symmetry, the \mathbb{Z}_3 order and disorder operators are mapped to

$$\widehat{C}_2(j, \ell) := \widehat{Z}_j^{\prod_{k=j+1}^{j+\ell} \hat{\mu}_k^x} \widehat{Z}_{j+\ell}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_j^{-\prod_{k=j+1}^{j+\ell} \hat{\mu}_k^x} \widehat{Z}_{j+\ell}, \quad (6.2c)$$

$$\widehat{W}_2(j, \ell) := \prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \widehat{X}_k^{\prod_{q=j+1}^k \hat{\mu}_q^x} + \prod_{k=j}^{j+\ell} \widehat{X}_k^{-\prod_{q=j+1}^k \hat{\mu}_q^x}, \quad (6.2d)$$

which are the order and disorder operators, respectively, associated with the non-invertible symmetry operator \widehat{W}_2 . We note that for $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry, order operators are non-local string-like objects, as opposed to the case of S_3 symmetry for which order operators are bilocal, i.e., products of two local operators. In other words, the spontaneous breaking of non-invertible $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ is detected by non-local string order parameters. The expectation values attained by the patch operators in the gapped fixed-point ground states (3.27), (3.30), (3.33), and (3.36) are given in Table 2. We see that the expectation values of operators (6.2) in these ground states are consistent with interpreting the corresponding phases as $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric, $\text{Rep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2$ SSB, \mathbb{Z}_2 SSB, and $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ SSB phases, respectively.

7 Conclusion

In this paper, we have studied the consequences of non-invertible symmetries that are realized as genuine UV symmetries (*i.e.*, not emergent IR symmetries) of $1+1d$ Hamiltonian lattice models defined on a Hilbert space that has a tensor product decomposition with finite-dimensional on-site Hilbert spaces, which we referred to as *spin chains* in short. We constructed a spin chain with (invertible) S_3 symmetry that realizes all of its spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB) patterns. Along specific lines in the parameter space, the model demonstrates a \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier (KW) self-duality, which is in fact a non-invertible symmetry. We also motivated the definition of a spin chain that respects the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ fusion category symmetry through gauging the non-normal \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 . This provides an explicit microscopic verification of an instance of the fact that gauging non-normal subgroups in a theory with an ordinary group-like symmetry leads to a dual theory with a non-invertible symmetry, which was known using more abstract methods in the literature. [24, 71] As a function of various coupling constants, this spin chain realizes all SSB patterns of the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric spin chain. We also defined order parameters to diagnose the pattern of symmetry-breaking in each phase. With the use of both analytical arguments and tensor network algorithms, we were able to confirm the nature of the CFTs that describe continuous phase transitions between gapped phases in both of the spin chains.

There are various directions for future work. It would be interesting to study how gauging by algebra objects may be implemented at the lattice level. This requires deeper understanding of how symmetry twists of non-invertible symmetries are implemented in the context of spin chain Hamiltonians. Such an understanding would also be extremely useful in making statements about the gauging-related dualities in the context of non-invertible symmetries, including those discussed in this paper, more precise. We note that similar questions have been addressed in the context of lattice models built on Hilbert spaces that do not necessarily have a tensor product decomposition, such as in Refs. [30, 47, 48]. We believe that our treatment of these questions is complementary to these previous works. In fact, it is not clear that all fusion category symmetries can be realized in spin chain Hamiltonians as strictly internal symmetries (*cf.* footnote 32 of Ref. [33]).

Using our lattice model, we also explored KW-symmetric perturbations to the analytically tractable limit of the S_3 spin chain and uncovered a stable gapless phase. We find evidence that the numerically computed central charge vanishes at the phase boundaries of this gapless region, which is consistent with a dynamical critical exponent $z > 1$. It would be interesting to characterize this gapless phase and transitions out of it, on or away from the KW-symmetric line, from a low-energy field theory perspective. Lastly, it is possible to gauge the \mathbb{Z}_2 sub-symmetry of the S_3 symmetric spin chain using fermionic \mathbb{Z}_2 variables instead of bosonic ones. This leads to a theory of fermions coupled to spin variables with a fermionic $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry. We discuss this in Appendix G as a straightforward generalization of the story presented in Sec. 3.1 to fermionic lattice models with non-invertible symmetries. The fermion parity symmetry \mathbb{Z}_2^F becomes a part of the symmetry category in the gauged model. We leave a discussion of more non-trivial examples for future work.

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A Group S_3

The group S_3 has cardinality $|S_3| = 6$ and generated by two elements s and r such that $s^2 = r^3 = e$, $sr = r^2s$, where e is the identity element of the group. It has four non-trivial proper subgroups that we denote by

$$\mathbb{Z}_3^r := \{e, r, r^2\}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2^s := \{e, s\}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2^{sr} := \{e, sr\}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2^{sr^2} := \{e, sr^2\}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

respectively. From now on, we will choose \mathbb{Z}_2^s as the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup and drop the superscripts r and s when referring to the \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroups of S_3 .

There are 3 irreducible representations (irreps) of the group S_3 . The trivial one, with all group elements represented by the number 1, is denoted $\mathbf{1}$,

$$U_{\mathbf{1}}(g) = 1, \quad \forall g \in S_3. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

There is a second one-dimensional irrep, denoted $\mathbf{1}'$, with

$$U_{\mathbf{1}'}(e) = U_{\mathbf{1}'}(r) = U_{\mathbf{1}'}(r^2) = 1, \quad U_{\mathbf{1}'}(s) = U_{\mathbf{1}'}(sr) = U_{\mathbf{1}'}(sr^2) = -1. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The third irrep is a two-dimensional one, denoted $\mathbf{2}$, with

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\mathbf{2}}(e) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{\mathbf{2}}(r) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{\mathbf{2}}(r^2) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \end{pmatrix}, \\ U_{\mathbf{2}}(s) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{\mathbf{2}}(sr) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \\ e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{\mathbf{2}}(sr^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \\ e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The irrep $\mathbf{2}$ is the only faithful irrep of S_3 . The tensor product of the irreps forms a so-called fusion ring with $\mathbf{1}$ as the identity of the ring. The product operation (or, fusion) is commutative with the following non-trivial fusion rules:

$$\mathbf{1}' \otimes \mathbf{1}' = \mathbf{1}, \quad \mathbf{1}' \otimes \mathbf{2} = \mathbf{2}, \quad \mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

The group S_3 has three conjugacy classes

$$[e] := \{e\}, \quad [s] := \{s, sr, sr^2\}, \quad [r] := \{r, r^2\}, \quad (\text{A.5a})$$

labeled by a representative element. For each of these conjugacy classes, the centralizer of the representative are

$$C_{S_3}(e) = S_3, \quad C_{S_3}(s) = \mathbb{Z}_2^s, \quad C_{S_3}(r) = \mathbb{Z}_3^r, \quad (\text{A.5b})$$

respectively. These centralizers have the irreps

$$\pi_e := \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}', \mathbf{2}, \quad (\text{A.5c})$$

$$\pi_s := \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}', \quad (\text{A.5d})$$

$$\pi_r := \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}_\omega, \mathbf{1}_{\omega^*}, \quad (\text{A.5e})$$

respectively. Here, all irreps are one-dimensional except $\mathbf{2}$. $\mathbf{1}'$ denotes the non-trivial one-dimensional irrep of \mathbb{Z}_2 , while $\mathbf{1}_\omega$ and $\mathbf{1}_{\omega^*}$ are the non-trivial one-dimensional irreps of \mathbb{Z}_3^r where $\omega = \exp\{i2\pi/3\}$.

B Brief review of SymTO

The wide variety of (finite) generalized symmetries considered in the context of quantum field theories and quantum many body physics can be provided a unified description in the language of topological order in one higher dimension. This general philosophy was put forward and discussed in Refs. [13, 16, 34, 36, 38, 44, 72–74], while a related connection with noninvertible gravitational anomaly was explored in Ref. [35, 75]. The correspondence between finite symmetries in d spacetime dimensions and topological order in $d+1$ spacetime dimensions was referred to as Symmetry/Topological Order correspondence in older work of two of the present authors [53]. Closely related constructions have been referred to by various other names in the generalized symmetries literature – SymTFT, topological holography, categorical symmetry, topological symmetry *etc.* Similar ideas were discussed for specialized situations, including for 1+1d systems, for rational conformal field theories, or in the context of duality and gauging in Refs. [15, 21, 23, 76–86]. In this appendix, we summarize the aspects of the Sym/TO correspondence that are relevant for the present paper.

B.1 Algebra of local symmetric operators

The most general way to define generalized symmetry is to start with a subset of local operators, that is closed under addition and multiplication, *i.e.*, to start with a sub-algebra of the local operator algebra. We define the operators in sub-algebra as the symmetric operators of a yet-to-be-determined symmetry. The symmetry transformations are defined as the commutant of the algebra of the local symmetric operators. The symmetry defined this way is very general, which include anomalous, higher-form, higher-group, and/or non-invertible symmetries. What is the mathematical frame work that can describe and classify the generalized symmetry defined this way?

To reveal the underlying mathematical structure of the algebra of the local symmetric operators, Refs. [13, 44] introduced the notion of transparent patch operators to capture the essence of isomorphic algebras of the local symmetric operators. Even though the algebra is generated by local symmetric operators, the algebra must contain extended operators. Patch operators are a type of extended operators, that have an *extended* spatial support and are created by a combination of a *large* number of so-called local symmetric operators.²⁶ The set of patch operators has the transparent property that they commute with all local symmetric operators far away from the patch boundary.

So the bulk of the transparent patch operators is invisible, and can be ignored physically. The boundaries of the transparent patch operators correspond to fictionalized topological excitations, or the super selection sectors of the corresponding generalized symmetry. With this understanding, now it is easy to believe that operator algebra of transparent patch operators reflects braiding and fusion of topological excitations (which is encoded in the algebra of transparent string and membrane operators – in the quantum many-body system in consideration, “system” in short, henceforth). This gives a correspondence between the boundaries of transparent patch operators in d dimensional quantum systems and topological excitations of the $d + 1$ dimensional topological order.

Through such consideration, Refs. [13, 44] reveals a close connection between isomorphic algebras of the local symmetric operators and topological orders in one higher dimension. Such topological order in one higher dimension is called symmetry topological order (SymTO). (In Refs. [13, 16, 44] SymTO was referred to as “categorical symmetry”. The name is motivated by the following consideration: “categorical symmetry” contains conservation of both symmetry charges and symmetry defects, plus the additional braiding structure of the those symmetry objects. Conservation corresponds to “symmetry” and the additional braiding structure corresponds to “categorical” in the name.) This leads to the topological holographic principle in an operator algebraic manner.

Note that the patch operators have many equivalent definitions which all capture the data of the same SymTO. This reflects the topological holographic principle: *boundary determines bulk* [35, 75], but bulk does not determine boundary. The different equivalent symmetries captured by the different patch operators are known in the math literature as Morita equivalent. In some sense, the approach in Refs. [44] can be viewed as a derivation of topological holographic principle. The algebra of local symmetric operators correspond to the “boundary”, and obtained topological order in one higher dimension is the “bulk”.

B.2 Phases and phase transitions from SymTO

Through the Sym/TO correspondence, the gapped boundaries of the SymTO can be mapped to gapped phases of the symmetric systems. The gapped boundaries of topological orders were classified by Lagrangian condensable algebras in Ref. [87], and thus the gapped phases of the symmetric systems can be classified by Lagrangian condensable algebras of the corresponding SymTO.

More generally, Ref. [52] argued that the non-Lagrangian condensable algebras correspond to gapless phases or critical points of the system – see also Ref. [54], for a closely-related discussion. Each non-Lagrangian algebra, in turn, has an associated *reduced SymTO* which constrains the CFT that can describe the corresponding gapless state. In more concrete terms, gapped phases described by Lagrangian condensable algebras \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 have a phase transition corresponding to the non-Lagrangian algebra $\mathcal{A}_{12} = \mathcal{A}_1 \cap \mathcal{A}_2$. Anyon permutation symmetries that preserve \mathcal{A}_{12} are associated with

²⁶The italicized terms can be made more precise. For a system with linear size L , the patch operators have a support on a number of sites that is somewhere between $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and $\mathcal{O}(L)$, say $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{L})$.

emergent symmetries of the IR theory that describes the corresponding phase transition. In Ref. [52], the algebraic structure of the condensable algebras did not play any explicit role. There is a suggestion that the algebraic properties of the order parameters for various gapped phases allowed by the SymTO may be encoded in the algebra product of the corresponding Lagrangian algebra. This connection has not been explored in the literature yet.

B.3 Holo-equivalence and gauging

Symmetries whose SymTOs are identical were referred to as “holo-equivalent” in previous literature [16]. This is a much more general statement than the Morita equivalence of symmetry (fusion) categories in 1+1d, but they coincide in the latter case [88]. In 1+1d, for instance, the symmetry categories Vec_G and $\text{Rep}(G)$ are related under gauging. More specifically, gauging the entire group G in Vec_G , which can be achieved by gauging by the algebra object $\mathcal{A}_G = \sum_g a_g \in \text{Vec}_G$, gives the dual symmetry category $\text{Rep}(G)$. Here, by a_g we refer to the simple object of Vec_G labeled by the group element $g \in G$. On the other hand, gauging by the regular representation algebra object $\mathcal{A}_{\text{reg}} = \sum_R d_R a_R \in \text{Rep}(G)$, where d_R is the dimension of the irreducible representation R , gives the dual symmetry category Vec_G . For more details on gauging by algebra objects, the reader is encouraged to refer to Ref. [24].

Following the discussion in Sec. B.2, we conclude that the phases of systems with Morita equivalent symmetries should have a one-to-one correspondence in their local, low energy properties. One way to see this is that since these Morita equivalent symmetries are related to each other by gauging, only certain global features of the corresponding phase diagrams should be altered. In particular, we expect the same CFTs (up to global modifications, *e.g.*, orbifolding) to describe the phase transitions related under this correspondence.

C Details of duality transformations

C.1 \mathbb{Z}_3 Kramers-Wannier duality

The duality transformation of the model \hat{H}_{S_3} is implemented by the operator

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}} := \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \hat{W} \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_1^\dagger \hat{\text{CZ}}_{2,1}^\dagger \right) \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_2^\dagger \hat{\text{CZ}}_{3,2}^\dagger \right) \cdots \left(\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{\text{CZ}}_{L,L-1}^\dagger \right), \quad (\text{C.1})$$

as discussed in the main text. As written in Eq. (C.1), it has the form of a sequential circuit where each operator can be thought of as a unitary quantum gate acting on ket states sequentially starting from the rightmost operator. The unitary operators in \hat{D}_{KW} are defined as follows:

- (i) We denote by $\hat{\text{CZ}}_{i,j}^\dagger$ the controlled-Z operator

$$\hat{\text{CZ}}_{i,j}^\dagger := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_j^{-\alpha} \hat{P}_i^{Z=\omega^\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.2a})$$

where $\hat{P}_i^{Z=\omega^\alpha}$ is the projector onto the $\hat{Z}_i = \omega^\alpha$ subspace.

- (ii) We denote by $\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i^\dagger$ the Hadamard operator

$$\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i^\dagger := \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=0}^2 \omega^{\alpha\beta} \hat{X}_i^{\alpha-\beta} \hat{P}_i^{Z=\omega^\beta}. \quad (\text{C.2b})$$

(iii) We denote by \widehat{W} the unitary operator

$$\widehat{W} := \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \widehat{Z}_L^\alpha \widehat{P}_1^{Z_1^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L = \omega^\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.2c})$$

where $\widehat{P}_1^{Z_1^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L = \omega^\alpha}$ is the projector onto $\widehat{Z}_1^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L = \omega^\alpha$ subspace. This unitary acts non-trivially only at sites 1 and L .

(iv) We denote by $\widehat{P}^{U_r=1}$ the projector

$$\widehat{P}^{U_r=1} := \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{i=1}^L \widehat{X}_i^\alpha, \quad (\text{C.2d})$$

which projects onto the $\widehat{U}_r \equiv \prod_i \widehat{X}_i = 1$ subspace.

(v) Finally, we denote by $\widehat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ the unitary operator

$$\widehat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} := \frac{1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_1}{2} \prod_{i=1}^{L-1} \frac{1 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i+1}}{2} \frac{1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i+1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{i+1}}{2}, \quad (\text{C.2e})$$

which implements a “half-translation” of \mathbb{Z}_2 -valued degrees of freedom. We note that as written $\widehat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ also has the form of a sequential quantum circuit.

In what follows, we list the non-trivial action of the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW duality operator (C.1) on generators of the bond algebra (2.6) at each step of the sequential circuit.

(i) Step 1: The only non-trivial action of the operator $\widehat{\mathbf{C}}\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_{L,L-1}^\dagger$ by conjugation is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{X}_L &\mapsto \widehat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{X}_L, \\ \widehat{X}_{L-1} &\mapsto \widehat{X}_{L-1} \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Note that the controlled-Z operators commute with all \widehat{Z}_i operators.

(ii) Step 2: The only non-trivial action of the operator $\widehat{\mathbf{H}}_{L-1}^\dagger$ by conjugation is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{X}_L &\mapsto \widehat{X}_{L-1} \widehat{X}_L, \\ \widehat{X}_{L-1} \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \widehat{Z}_{L-1} \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\ \widehat{Z}_{L-1} \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \widehat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\ \widehat{Z}_{L-2} \widehat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger &\mapsto \widehat{Z}_{L-2} \widehat{X}_{L-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.4})$$

(iii) Step 3: The only non-trivial action of the operator $\widehat{\mathbf{C}}\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_{L-1,L-2}^\dagger$ by conjugation is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{X}_{L-1} \widehat{X}_L &\mapsto \widehat{Z}_{L-2}^\dagger \widehat{X}_{L-1} \widehat{X}_L, \\ \widehat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \widehat{Z}_{L-2} \widehat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \widehat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\ \widehat{Z}_{L-2} \widehat{X}_{L-1} &\mapsto \widehat{X}_{L-1}, \\ \widehat{X}_{L-2} &\mapsto \widehat{X}_{L-2} \widehat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.5})$$

(iv) Step 4: The only non-trivial action of the operator $\hat{\mathfrak{H}}_{L-2}^\dagger$ by conjugation is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{Z}_{L-2}^\dagger \hat{X}_{L-1} \hat{X}_L &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-2} \hat{X}_{L-1} \hat{X}_L, \\
\hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-2}^\dagger \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\
\hat{X}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger, \\
\hat{Z}_{L-3} \hat{Z}_{L-2}^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-3} \hat{X}_{L-2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{C.6}$$

Following this pattern for $L-1$ steps maps \hat{X}_j to $\hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger$ for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, L-1\}$, and $\hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger$ to \hat{X}_{j+1} for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, L-2\}$. This matches the Kramers-Wannier transformation that we set out to achieve but only for all but a few terms around the sites $j=1$ and $j=L$. These terms are

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{X}_L &\mapsto \hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_2 \dots \hat{X}_L, \\
\hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_1^\dagger \hat{X}_2^\dagger \dots \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\
\hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{C.7}$$

We now conjugate by the operator \widehat{W} , which acts non-trivially on \hat{X}_1 and \hat{X}_L , and trivially on all other \hat{X}_j . Its action on \hat{X}_1 and \hat{X}_L delivers

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{X}_1 &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L^\dagger \hat{X}_1, \\
\hat{X}_L &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger
\end{aligned} \tag{C.8}$$

Given this, we find that the three operators on the right hand side of Eq. (C.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_2 \dots \hat{X}_L &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L^\dagger \hat{X}_1 \hat{X}_2 \dots \hat{X}_{L-1} = \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j \right) \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger, \\
\hat{X}_1^\dagger \hat{X}_2^\dagger \dots \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_1^\dagger \hat{X}_2^\dagger \dots \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^\dagger = \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^\dagger \right) \hat{X}_L, \\
\hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_1 &\mapsto \hat{X}_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{C.9}$$

In summary, up to the projector $\hat{P}^{U_r=1}$, conjugation by the unitary operators produce

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{X}_1 &\mapsto \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2^\dagger, & \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_2, \\
&\vdots & &\vdots \\
\hat{X}_{L-2} &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger, & \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-1}, \\
\hat{X}_{L-1} &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^\dagger, & \hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^\dagger \right) \hat{X}_L, \\
\hat{X}_L &\mapsto \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j \right) \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger, & \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{C.10}$$

Our sequential circuit achieves what one expects from the Kramers-Wannier transformation on the \mathbb{Z}_3 -valued degrees of freedom if we restrict ourselves to the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetric sector, in which $\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j = 1$. This achieved by the inclusion of the projector $\hat{P}^{U_r=1}$ in operator (C.1). Notice that this transformation is not yet a symmetry of the Hamiltonian

(2.3) when $J_1 = J_2$ and $J_5 = J_6 \neq 0$. This is because so far all the operators we considered act on the \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom, which leads to a relative half-translation of \mathbb{Z}_3 and \hat{Z}_2 . We correct for this by the final unitary operator $\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ which implements the transformation

$$\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^x & \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z & \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C.11})$$

This completes our proof that the operator (C.1) is indeed the correct Kramers-Wannier duality operator. This operator, as written in Eq. (C.1), represents a sequential quantum circuit of depth $4L - 2$ ²⁷. We note that this can be straightforwardly generalized to any finite Abelian group. Our sequential circuit is closely related to one that is given in App. A of Ref. [89] for general finite groups. One important difference is that our circuit involves gates (operators) that are not all \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetric, while the full circuit is so.

Algebra of \hat{D}_{KW} and other symmetry operators:

Let us note a few more algebraic properties of the duality operator above. First, we find that the Hermitian conjugate gives

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger &= \left(\prod_{j=L-1}^1 \widehat{CZ}_{j+1,j} \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_j \right) \widehat{W}^\dagger \hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\dagger \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \\ &= \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \left(\prod_{j=L-1}^1 \widehat{CZ}_{j+1,j} \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_j \right) \widehat{W}^\dagger \hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^\dagger = \hat{P}^{U_r=1} \left(\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \widehat{W} \prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_j^\dagger \widehat{CZ}_{j+1,j}^\dagger \right)^\dagger, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.12})$$

which is also a sequential circuit. The \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetric local operators are mapped by the unitary part of $\hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger$ in exactly the inverse manner as by that of \hat{D}_{KW} , *i.e.*,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_1, & \hat{X}_2 &\mapsto \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2^\dagger, \\ &\vdots & &\vdots \\ \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-2}, & \hat{X}_{L-1} &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^\dagger, \\ \hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^\dagger &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-1}, & \hat{X}_L &\mapsto \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^\dagger \right) \hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^\dagger, \\ \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger &\mapsto \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j \right) \hat{X}_L, & \hat{X}_1 &\mapsto \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.13})$$

Now applying the projector $\hat{P}^{U_r=1}$ and the half-translation operator $\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ simply produces the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger \hat{X}_j &= \hat{Z}_{j-1} \hat{Z}_j^\dagger \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger, & \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger \hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger &= \hat{X}_j \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger \\ \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z & \hat{\tau}_{i-1}^x & \hat{\tau}_{i-1}^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.14})$$

from which we observe the relation

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger = \hat{T}^\dagger \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}. \quad (\text{C.15})$$

²⁷We note that one can also apply each unitary operator in $\hat{t}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ after applying one cycle of controlled-Z and Hadamard operators rendering the sequential circuit of depth $2L - 1$.

Here, the operator \hat{T} implements the single lattice site translation of both \mathbb{Z}_2 and \mathbb{Z}_3 degrees of freedom, *i.e.*,

$$\hat{T} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_i & \hat{Z}_i & \hat{\tau}_i^x & \hat{\tau}_i^z & \hat{\sigma}_i^x & \hat{\sigma}_i^z \end{pmatrix} \hat{T}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_{i+1} & \hat{Z}_{i+1} & \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^x & \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^z & \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^x & \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C.16})$$

Combining the above results, we obtain the fusion rules

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}}^\dagger \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} = \hat{P}^{U_r=1}, \quad (\text{C.17a})$$

and

$$\hat{D}_{\text{KW}} \prod_j \hat{X}_j = \hat{D}_{\text{KW}} = \left(\prod_j \hat{X}_j \right) \hat{D}_{\text{KW}}. \quad (\text{C.17b})$$

C.2 Rep(S_3) self-duality

We found that our S_3 symmetric Hamiltonian (2.3a) has a self-duality symmetry in some sub-manifold in the parameter space. We discussed a sequential circuit that performs this transformation above. Recall that gauging a \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 led us to the Hamiltonian (3.13) with Rep(S_3) symmetry. We now want to know what symmetry, if any, the above self-duality symmetry gets mapped to. To that end, we would like to follow how each operator in \hat{D}_{KW} (recall Eq. (C.1)) change under the gauging map.

- (i) We note that acting by \mathbb{Z}_2 on half of the system, *i.e.*, on all degrees of freedom to the right of particular site, say i , will leave every CZ operator except $\widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i}$ unaffected. This particular operator gets transformed as

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i} &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_i^\alpha \hat{P}_{Z_{i+1}=\omega^\alpha} \mapsto \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_i^\alpha \hat{P}_{Z_{i+1}=\omega^{-\alpha}} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_i^{-\alpha} \hat{P}_{Z_{i+1}=\omega^\alpha} = \widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i}^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.18})$$

Therefore, if we consider arbitrary \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge field configurations, we obtain the minimally coupled CZ operators as

$$\widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i} \mapsto \widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i}^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \equiv \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_i^{\alpha \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{P}_{Z_{i+1}=\omega^\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.19})$$

where we shifted the subscript of the link degrees of freedom by $1/2$, as done in the main text. This minimally coupled operator is the image of $\widehat{\text{CZ}}_{i+1,i}$ under duality map as it is unchanged after the unitary transformation (3.4) and the projection in Eq. (3.7a).

- (ii) The Hadamard operator commutes with the charge conjugation operator

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C}_i \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i \hat{C}_i^\dagger &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=0}^2 \omega^{\alpha\beta} \hat{X}_i^{\beta-\alpha} \hat{P}_i^{Z=\omega^{-\beta}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=0}^2 \omega^{\alpha\beta} \hat{X}_i^{\alpha-\beta} \hat{P}_i^{Z=\omega^\beta} = \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_i. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.20})$$

Hence, the Hadamard operators in \hat{D}_{KW} are gauge invariant. Similarly, the Hadamard operator commutes with the unitary transformation (3.4) and is mapped to itself under \mathbb{Z}_2 gauging.

- (iii) As it was the case for controlled-Z operator $\widehat{\mathbf{CZ}}_{i+1,i}$, the unitary \widehat{W} is not gauge invariant. We find its minimally coupled version

$$\widehat{W} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \widehat{Z}_L^\alpha \widehat{P}^{Z_1^\dagger Z_L = \omega^\alpha} \mapsto \widehat{W}_{\text{mc}} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \widehat{Z}_L^\alpha \widehat{P}^{Z_1^{-\mu_1^x} Z_L = \omega^\alpha}, \quad (\text{C.21})$$

which is the image of the operator \widehat{W} under \mathbb{Z}_2 gauging. Note that similar to the discussion of the minimally coupled CZ operators above, \widehat{W}_{mc} is unchanged by the unitary transformation (3.4) and the projection in Eq. (3.7a).

- (iv) The projector $\widehat{P}^{U_r=1}$ in the definition of \widehat{D}_{KW} (C.1), under minimal coupling takes the following form: ²⁸

$$\widehat{P}^{U_r=1} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^\alpha \mapsto \widehat{P}_{\text{mc}} := \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x}$$

The unitary transformation, (3.4) leaves the operator \widehat{P}_{mc} unchanged,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{P}_{\text{mc}} &\mapsto \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha \hat{\sigma}_1^z \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{1} + \hat{\sigma}_1^z}{2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{1} - \hat{\sigma}_1^z}{2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{-\alpha \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{1} + \hat{\sigma}_1^z}{2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha'=0}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{1} - \hat{\sigma}_1^z}{2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha' \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{X}_j^{\alpha \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} = \widehat{P}_{\text{mc}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the periodic boundary condition on the $\hat{\sigma}^z$ degrees of freedom, *i.e.*, $\hat{\sigma}_0^z \equiv \hat{\sigma}_L^z$.

- (v) Finally, the qubit “half-translation” operator $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ after the whole gauging procedure takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} &:= \widehat{A}_1 \prod_{i=1}^{L-1} \widehat{B}_i \widehat{A}_{i+1}, \\ \widehat{A}_i &:= \frac{1 + \hat{\tau}_i^z}{2} + \frac{1 - \hat{\tau}_i^z}{2} \widehat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z, \\ \widehat{B}_i &:= \frac{1 + \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x}{2} + \frac{1 - \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x}{2} \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^x \widehat{C}_{i+1} \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z \hat{\mu}_{i+2}^z. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.22})$$

The action of this operator on the generators of the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric bond algebra (3.5) can be deduced from the action of $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ on the generators of S_3 -symmetric bond

²⁸Note that the choice to start the string of $\mu_{k+1/2}^z$'s at $k = 1$ is completely arbitrary and unphysical. We could just as well put this “branch cut” anywhere else in the periodic chain.

algebra (2.6). Namely, we find the transformation rules

$$\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} : \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^z \\ \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \\ \hat{\mu}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z \\ \hat{\tau}_i^x \\ \hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \\ \hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \\ \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{H.c.} \right) \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \\ \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^z \\ \hat{\tau}_i^x \\ \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^z \hat{\tau}_{i+1}^x \hat{C}_{i+1} \hat{\mu}_{i+2}^z \\ \hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \\ \hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.} \\ \hat{\tau}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\ \hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{H.c.} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{C.23})$$

on the generators of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric bond algebra (3.5).

Since we gauged the original \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry with periodic boundary conditions, we will end up in the symmetric sector of the dual \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry, generated by $\prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x$. Therefore, we must include a projector to this symmetric sector in the gauged duality operator.²⁹ So the full gauged operator has the form³⁰

$$\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} := \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \frac{\hat{1} + \prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2} \hat{P}_{\text{mc}} \hat{D}_0, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\hat{D}_0 := \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \hat{Z}_L^\alpha \hat{P}_{Z_1^{\mu_1^x} Z_L = \omega^\alpha} \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{\mathfrak{H}}_j^\dagger \hat{C} \hat{Z}_{j+1,j}^{-\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \right)$$

We can further simplify $\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ since

$$\frac{\hat{1} + \prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2} \hat{P}_{\text{mc}} = \frac{\hat{1} + \prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2} \frac{\hat{1} + \widehat{W}_2}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\hat{1} + \widehat{W}_{1'} \right) \left(\hat{1} + \widehat{W}_2 \right) = \frac{1}{6} \left(\widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_{1'} + 2\widehat{W}_2 \right)$$

Hence, we have $\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_{1'} + 2\widehat{W}_2 \right) \hat{D}_0$, which we denote in short as $\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} = \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0$, where $\hat{P}_{\text{reg}} := \frac{1}{6} \widehat{W}_{\text{reg}}$ is the projector to the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric sector, as discussed in the main text.

Under the action of \hat{D}_0 by conjugation, going through calculations similar to those in Sec. C.1, we find the following operator maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_1 &\mapsto \hat{Z}_1 \hat{Z}_2^{-\hat{\mu}_2^x} & \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_2^x} \hat{Z}_2 &\mapsto \hat{X}_2^\dagger \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \hat{X}_{L-2} &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-2} \hat{Z}_{L-1}^{-\hat{\mu}_{L-1}^x} & \hat{Z}_{L-2}^{-\hat{\mu}_{L-1}^x} \hat{Z}_{L-1} &\mapsto \hat{X}_{L-1}^\dagger \\ \hat{X}_{L-1} &\mapsto \hat{Z}_{L-1} \hat{Z}_L^{-\hat{\mu}_L^x} & \hat{Z}_L^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} \hat{Z}_1 &\mapsto \hat{X}_1^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\hat{Z}_{L-1}^{-\hat{\mu}_L^x} \hat{Z}_L \mapsto \hat{Z}_L^{-\prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\prod_{k=j}^{L-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \hat{Z}_L$$

²⁹In fact, without this additional projector, the gauged duality operator would not actually commute with the Hamiltonian (3.13) on the self-dual manifold of parameters described by $J_1 = J_2, J_5 = J_6$.

³⁰Note that $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$ commutes with the projector $\frac{\hat{1} + \prod_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2}$.

$$\hat{X}_L \mapsto \hat{Z}_L^{-\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=j}^{L-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x}$$

In the above, we used $\widehat{W}_{\text{mc}} \hat{X}_1^\dagger \widehat{W}_{\text{mc}}^\dagger = \hat{X}_1^\dagger \hat{Z}_L^{\hat{\mu}_1^x}$ and $\widehat{W}_{\text{mc}} \hat{X}_L \widehat{W}_{\text{mc}}^\dagger = \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x}$. The last two transformations can be re-written as

$$\hat{Z}_{L-1}^{-\hat{\mu}_L^x} \hat{Z}_L \mapsto \hat{Z}_L^{-\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right)^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{Z}_L \quad (\text{C.24})$$

$$\hat{X}_L \mapsto \hat{Z}_L^{-\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right)^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} \quad (\text{C.25})$$

Next, note that \hat{P}_{reg} commutes with the first set of operators above, but for the last two we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{Z}_L^{-\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right)^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{Z}_L &= \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \\ &= \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \hat{X}_L \hat{X}_L^\dagger \\ &= \frac{1 + \Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^{\alpha \Pi_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{\ell+1}^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \hat{X}_L^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{X}_L^\dagger \\ &= \frac{1 + \Pi_j \hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x}{2} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^{(\alpha + \hat{\mu}_1^x) \Pi_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{\ell+1}^x} \hat{X}_L^\dagger = \hat{X}_L^\dagger \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{Z}_L^{-\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right)^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{Z}_L \hat{X}_L \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} \\ &= \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{X}_j^{\Pi_{k=0}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{k+1}^x} \right) \hat{X}_L^{\Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x} \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \Pi_j \hat{\mu}_j^x}{2} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha=0}^2 \left(\prod_{j=1}^L \hat{X}_j^{(\alpha + \hat{\mu}_1^x) \Pi_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \hat{\mu}_{\ell+1}^x} \right) \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} = \hat{Z}_L \hat{Z}_1^{-\hat{\mu}_1^x} \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we act with the unitary $\hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}$, whose action on the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric bond algebra is outlined in Eq. (C.23). In all, we have the following transformations of the operators appearing in the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.13):

(i) For operators $\hat{X}_j + \text{h.c.}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{X}_j + \text{h.c.} \right) &= \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1}^{-\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} + \hat{Z}_j^\dagger \hat{Z}_{j+1}^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.} \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 = \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.} \right) \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For operators $\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}$,

$$\hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger + \text{h.c.} \right) = \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{X}_{j+1} + \text{h.c.} \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 = \left(\hat{X}_{j+1} + \text{h.c.} \right) \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}.$$

(iii) For operators $\hat{X}_j - \text{h.c.}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{X}_j - \text{h.c.} \right) &= \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \left(\hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1}^{-\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} - \hat{Z}_j^\dagger \hat{Z}_{j+1}^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_j^{-\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1} \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 \\ &= \hat{\tau}_j^z \hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_j^{\hat{\mu}_{j+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{j+1}^\dagger - \text{h.c.} \right) \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}. \end{aligned}$$

(iv) For operators $\hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{h.c.} \right)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \text{h.c.} \right) &= \hat{\mathbf{t}}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\mu}_{i+1}^x \left(\hat{X}_{j+1} - \hat{X}_{j+1}^\dagger \right) \hat{P}_{\text{reg}} \hat{D}_0 \\ &= \left(\hat{X}_{j+1} - \hat{X}_{j+1}^\dagger \right) \hat{D}_{\text{Rep}(S_3)}. \end{aligned}$$

(v) The J_3 and J_4 terms in the Hamiltonian (3.13) are left invariant, even though some indices get shuffled.

D Details about numerical methods

[AC: @Xiao-Gang: Could you comment on/add to this as necessary?] Let us briefly comment on how the TEFR algorithm works. We Trotter-ize the imaginary time path integral (or, partition function) associated with the Hamiltonian to obtain a rank-4 tensor T . Since the space direction is discrete but the time direction is not, we implement a few steps of renormalization only along the time direction to obtain an isotropic partition function tensor T_{iso} . The full partition function can then be expressed as a network of these tensors T_{iso} . Each zoom-out step is implemented via singular value decomposition on each corner of the network and then implementing loop contractions. [AC: Maybe insert some figures here?] This zoom-out operation is repeated several times, and each time the linear dimension is scaled by a factor of 2. After enough iterations, we expect to reach a fixed point tensor T_{iso}^* , whose largest eigenvalue has the form

$$\lambda^* = \text{GSD} \cdot \exp \left(-E_0 T + \frac{2\pi v}{24L} c + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{L^2} \right) \right) \quad (\text{D.1})$$

where T is the total length of the compactified imaginary time direction, GSD is the ground state degeneracy, E_0 is the ground state energy, and c is the central charge which is only non-zero when the system is in a gapless phase described by a CFT at low energies and v is the “velocity” of the linear-dispersing mode of this CFT. Since v in general depends on details of the microscopic Hamiltonian, the precise numerical value of the central charge is difficult to extract. However, we should note that the algorithm is quite efficient at distinguishing gapless regions of the phase diagram, which have non-zero c , from gapped regions where $c = 0$ (within pre-set limits of precision). By benchmarking various known limits, we also find that relative values of c extracted using this approach are in practice reflective of the true central charges of the corresponding CFTs.

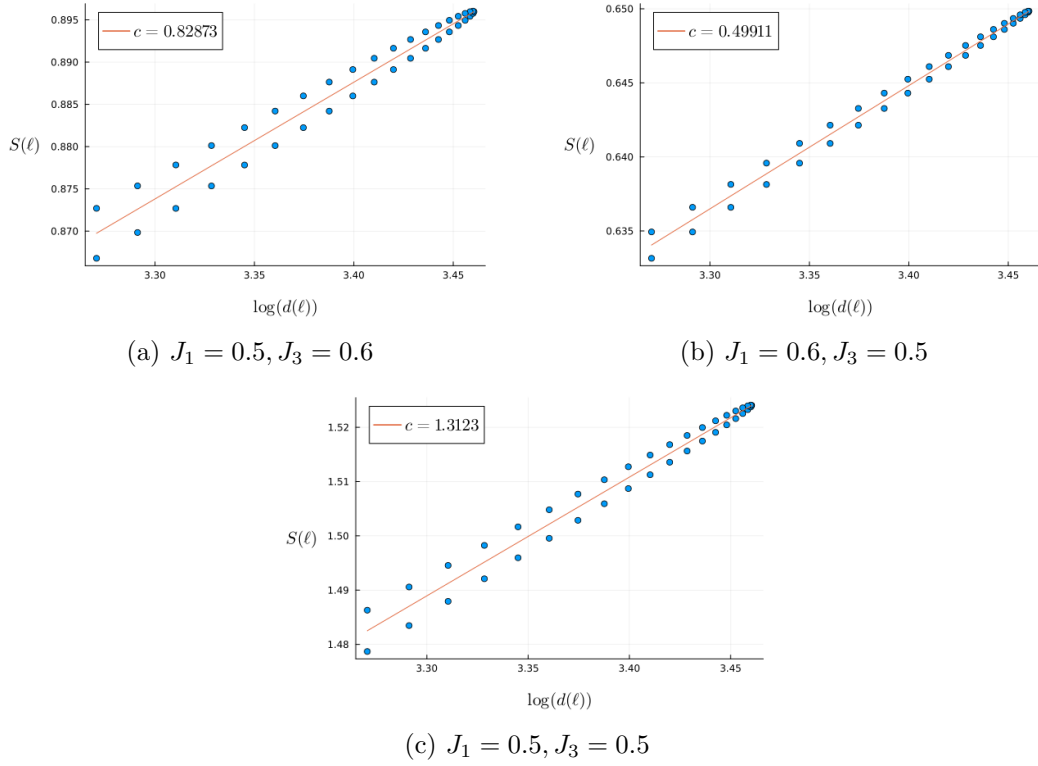


Figure 15: Central charges extracted from fits to the Calabrese-Cardy function, as discussed in the main text. Figure (a) is consistent with Potts criticality, Figure (b) is consistent with Ising criticality, and Figure (c) is consistent with a stacking of these two CFTs. The departures from exact values of $c = 0.8, 0.5, 1.3$, respectively, are due to the effects of finite system size. For these plots, we set the system size as $L = 100$ and performed the central charge fits on the bulk sites by removing 30 sites from each boundary.

In order to extract numerically precise central charges, we used the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) algorithm from the iTensor library [58, 59]. Specifically, we used the Calabrese-Cardy formula [90] for the entanglement entropy of 1+1d CFTs,

$$S(\ell) = \frac{c}{6} \log \left(\frac{2L}{\pi a} \sin \frac{\pi \ell}{L} \right) + c_1, \quad (\text{D.2})$$

where ℓ is the size of the subsystem, L is the size of the full system, $S(\ell)$ is the entanglement entropy of the bipartition of the full system into two pieces of size ℓ and $L - \ell$, a is the lattice constant of the lattice model described by a CFT at low energies, and c is its central charge. By computing $S(\ell)$ in the ground state for $\ell = 1, \dots, L - 1$ and fitting it to the above functional form, we can quite reliably extract the central charge. We show examples of this method for two points in the phase diagram Fig. 3 of our S_3 spin chain (2.21) in Fig. 15, to demonstrate the quality of the fits.

E Gapless boundaries of S_3 SymTO

E.1 3-state Potts CFT boundary

The 3-state Potts CFT is a $(6, 5)$ minimal model. This CFT can be realized as a so-called **1**-condensed gapless boundary of the 2+1d S_3 topological order. Using the SymTO point of view, this gives us a way to identify operators of the CFT that carry various symmetry charges and symmetry twists. The vacuum sector Z_1 contains contributions from local operators that are uncharged under the full S_3 symmetry. The **1'** sector contains local operators that carry the sign representation of S_3 , and hence are charged under the Z_2 subgroups of S_3 but uncharged under the Z_3 subgroup. The **2** sector contains local operators that carry the 2d irrep of S_3 . The sectors labeled by b and c contain (uncharged) operators that live on the boundaries of symmetry defects, whereas the sectors labeled by r_1, r_2, s_1 contain charged operators of the corresponding symmetry-twisted sectors.

From modular bootstrap calculations, we find the following as the only **1**-condensed boundary of $\mathcal{D}(S_3)$ constructed out of the conformal characters of the Potts minimal model:

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_1^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{1,0;1,0}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{5,3;5,-3}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_{1'}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{1,0;5,-3}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{5,3;1,0}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_2^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_r^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_{r_1}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{1,0;3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{5,3;3,-\frac{2}{3}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{6,\frac{2}{5};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{10,\frac{7}{5};8,-\frac{1}{15}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_{r_2}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};1,0}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{3,\frac{2}{3};5,-3}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{8,\frac{1}{15};10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_s^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} \\
Z_{s_1}^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} &= \chi_{2,\frac{1}{8};4,-\frac{13}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{4,\frac{13}{8};2,-\frac{1}{8}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{7,\frac{1}{40};9,-\frac{21}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{9,\frac{21}{40};7,-\frac{1}{40}}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}
\end{aligned}$$

The various terms in each component of the partition function are conformal characters of the $(6, 5)$ minimal model. The expression $\chi_{a,h_a;b,-h_b}^{m6 \times \overline{m6}}$ is a short-hand notation for the product of the left moving chiral conformal character associated with the primary operator labeled a (set by an arbitrary indexing convention) with conformal weight $(h_a, 0)$, and the right moving chiral conformal character associated with the primary operator labeled b with conformal weight $(0, h_b)$. The superscript $m6 \times \overline{m6}$ indicates that both the left and right moving chiral conformal characters are picked from the same $(6, 5)$ minimal model.

Note that in the above multi-component ‘‘SymTO-resolved’’ partition function, the **1'** sector contains the primary operators with odd charge under the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroups of S_3 . All of these operators have non-zero conformal spin since $h \neq \bar{h}$ for all of them. However, we can construct descendents with zero conformal spin. All such descendents have scaling dimension greater than 2 and hence must be relevant perturbations of the CFT.

E.2 3-state Potts \boxtimes Ising CFT boundary

Similar to the previous subsection, we can perform a modular bootstrap numerical calculation to identify gapless boundaries of the 2+1d S_3 topological order, considered as a SymTO. The following multi-component partition function shows the various symmetry charge and symmetry twist sectors for the S_3 symmetry:

$$Z_1^{\mathcal{D}(S_3)} = \chi_{1,0;1,0;1,0;1,0}^{m4 \times m6 \times \overline{m4} \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{1,0;5,3;1,0;5,-3}^{m4 \times m6 \times \overline{m4} \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{1,0;6,\frac{2}{5};1,0;6,-\frac{2}{5}}^{m4 \times m6 \times \overline{m4} \times \overline{m6}} + \chi_{1,0;10,\frac{7}{5};1,0;10,-\frac{7}{5}}^{m4 \times m6 \times \overline{m4} \times \overline{m6}}$$

[illegible]

This multi-component, SymTO-resolved, partition function is constructed out of the conformal characters of the primary operators of the Ising (labeled as $m4$ indicating it is the (4,3) minimal model) and the Potts (labeled as $m6$ indicating it is the (6,5) minimal model) CFTs. Similar to the convention in Eq. (E.1), the expression $\chi_{a, h_a, \alpha, h_\alpha; b, -h_b, \beta, h_\beta}^{m4 \times m6 \times \overline{m4} \times \overline{m6}}$ is a shorthand notation for the product of the left moving chiral conformal characters associated with the primary operators of the Ising and Potts CFTs with conformal weights $(h_a, 0)$ and $(h_\alpha, 0)$ respectively, with the right moving chiral conformal characters associated with the primary operators of the Ising and Potts CFTs with conformal weights $(0, h_b)$ and $(0, h_\beta)$ respectively.

The only sector relevant for the purposes of this paper is the “vacuum” sector Z_1 , which contains the S_3 symmetric operators constructed out of the primary operators of Ising and Potts CFTs. Note that there are 3 relevant operators that have a net zero conformal spin. These have scaling dimensions $\frac{4}{5}$, 1, and $\frac{9}{5}$. They correspond to the three relevant perturbations explored by the couplings $J_1 - J_2$, $J_3 - J_4$, and J_\perp in Sec. 2.3. Only $J_3 - J_4$ is unchanged by the action of the \mathbb{Z}_3 KW duality.

F Spin chain with G symmetry and its gauged partner with $\text{Rep}(G)$ symmetry

In this appendix, we present a simple manifestation of the fact that upon gauging G symmetry of a spin chain, with on-site Hilbert space identical to the regular representation of G , one obtains a dual spin chain, also with on-site Hilbert space identical to the regular representation of G , that has $\text{Rep}(G)$ symmetry.

We consider a tensor product Hilbert space in one spatial dimension, where the on-site Hilbert spaces are $|G|$ dimensional, and spanned by orthonormal basis vectors labeled by group elements, *i.e.*,

$$\mathcal{H} = \otimes_i \mathcal{H}_i, \quad \mathcal{H}_i = \text{span}\{|g\rangle \mid g \in G\} \quad (\text{F.1})$$

Then, we can construct a spin chain symmetric under G (0-form) symmetry, using two families of local symmetric operators.

$$\hat{H}_G = \sum_{i \in \text{sites}} \left(\hat{L}_i + J \hat{\delta}_{i,i+1} \right) \quad (\text{F.2})$$

where, $\hat{L}_i = \sum_{h \in G} \hat{L}_i^h$ and \hat{L}_i^h acts on a basis vector at site i by left multiplication, *i.e.*,

$$\hat{L}_i^h |g_i\rangle := |hg_i\rangle. \quad (\text{F.3})$$

and

$$\hat{\delta}_{i,i+1} := \sum_{\{g\}} \delta_{g_i, g_{i+1}} |\{g\}\rangle \langle \{g\}| \quad (\text{F.4})$$

It is straightforward to check that this Hamiltonian has a G symmetry that acts by left multiplication on the basis vectors,³¹

$$\hat{U}_h := \prod_{i \in \text{sites}} \hat{L}_i^h, \quad (\text{F.5})$$

where h is any element of G . The G symmetry is reflected in the fact that H_G commutes with all U_h .

A dual model can be defined in terms of degrees of freedom on links instead of sites. The local Hilbert space on each link is isomorphic to the one described in Eq. (F.1),

$$\mathcal{H} = \otimes_{l \in \text{links}} \mathcal{H}_l, \quad \mathcal{H}_l = \text{span}\{|\tilde{g}\rangle \mid \tilde{g} \in G\}. \quad (\text{F.6})$$

The Hamiltonian for this dual model is defined as

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Rep}(G)} = \sum_{i \in \text{sites}} \left(\hat{Q}_i + J \hat{\Delta}_{(i,i+1)} \right) \quad (\text{F.7})$$

³¹It also has another independent G symmetry that acts by right-multiplication. We will ignore this symmetry in the present discussion. To be concrete, one can include additional terms in the Hamiltonian that explicitly break this symmetry, while preserving the G symmetry acting by left-multiplications.

where $\widehat{Q}_i = \sum_{h \in G} \widehat{Q}_i^h$, with \widehat{Q}_i^h acting as

$$\widehat{Q}_i^h |\dots, \widetilde{g}_{(i-1,i)}, \widetilde{g}_{(i,i+1)}, \dots\rangle := |\dots, \widetilde{g}_{(i-1,i)} h^{-1}, h \widetilde{g}_{(i,i+1)}, \dots\rangle, \quad (\text{F.8})$$

and $\widehat{\Delta}_{(i,i+1)}$ defined as

$$\widehat{\Delta}_{(i,i+1)} := \sum_{\{\widetilde{g}\}} \delta_{\widetilde{g}_{(i,i+1)}, e} |\{\widetilde{g}\}\rangle \langle \{\widetilde{g}\}|, \quad (\text{F.9})$$

where e is the identity element in G . In the equations above, we have parametrized the links with pairs of successive site indices $(i, i+1)$.

Let us show that the model (F.7) can be obtained from the model (F.2) by gauging the symmetry G . To that end, we introduce link degrees of freedom and enlarge the Hilbert space to

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{large}} = \mathcal{H}^{\text{sites}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{\text{links}} \quad (\text{F.10})$$

where $\mathcal{H}^{\text{links}} = \otimes_{l \in \text{links}} \mathcal{H}_l$, with $\mathcal{H}_l = \text{span}\{|g\rangle | g \in G\}$. Next, we minimally couple our gauge field degrees of freedom (on the links) to the site degrees of freedom by modifying the second term of (F.2) to

$$J \widehat{\delta}'_{i,i+1} := \sum_{\{g, \widetilde{g}\}} J \delta_{g_i^{-1} \widetilde{g}_{(i,i+1)} g_{i+1}, e} |\{g, \widetilde{g}\}\rangle \langle \{g, \widetilde{g}\}|, \quad (\text{F.11})$$

where by $\{g, \widetilde{g}\}$, we refer to the basis vectors of $\mathcal{H}^{\text{large}}$, labeled by G -variables on both sites and links. Next, we impose the Gauss law constraints to project down to the smaller physical Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}^{\text{phys}}$. We define the Gauss law operators via its action on the enlarged Hilbert space basis vectors,

$$\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^h |\dots, \widetilde{g}_{(j-1,j)}, g_j, \widetilde{g}_{(j,j+1)}, \dots\rangle = |\dots, \widetilde{g}_{(j-1,j)} h^{-1}, h g_j, h \widetilde{g}_{(j,j+1)}, \dots\rangle. \quad (\text{F.12})$$

We can compactly express $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^h$ in terms of the operators \widehat{L}_j^h and \widehat{Q}_j^h introduced in Eq. (F.3) and Eq. (F.8), $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^h = \widehat{L}_j^h \widehat{Q}_j^h$. The physical Hilbert space is given by

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{phys}} \cong \mathcal{H}^{\text{large}} / \{\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^h = 1 \ \forall j \ \forall h\}. \quad (\text{F.13})$$

On this reduced Hilbert space, $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^h$ acts as the identity operator, by definition. So as far as states in $\mathcal{H}^{\text{phys}}$ are concerned, \widehat{L}_j^h acts as $(\widehat{Q}_j^h)^{-1} = \widehat{Q}_j^{h^{-1}}$. Let us now gauge-fix using the unitary operators,

$$\widehat{U}_{\{\gamma_j\}} = \prod_{j \in \text{sites}} \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_j^{\gamma_j}. \quad (\text{F.14})$$

In other words, we start with an arbitrary state

$$|\dots, \widetilde{g}_{(j-1,j)}, g_j, \widetilde{g}_{(j,j+1)}, \dots\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{\text{large}} \quad (\text{F.15})$$

and gauge-fix by applying $\widehat{U}_{\{\gamma_j\}}$ with $\gamma_j = g_j$, to end up with

$$|\dots, g_{j-1} \widetilde{g}_{(j-1,j)} g_j^{-1}, e, g_j \widetilde{g}_{(j,j+1)} g_{j+1}^{-1}, \dots\rangle. \quad (\text{F.16})$$

Thus our gauge-fixed states $|\dots, \widetilde{g}'_{(j-1,j)}, g'_j, \widetilde{g}'_{(j,j+1)}, \dots\rangle$ are given in terms of the original site and index labels by

$$\widetilde{g}'_{(j,j+1)} = g_j \widetilde{g}_{(j,j+1)} g_{j+1}^{-1}, \quad g'_j = e, \quad (\text{F.17})$$

i.e., the gauge-fixed states all have the site degrees of freedom labeled by the identity element of the group G . On these states, our minimal coupling term (F.11) becomes $J\hat{\Delta}_{(i,i+1)}$ so that the full gauge-fixed gauged Hamiltonian takes the form

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Rep}(G)} = \sum_{i \in \text{sites}} \hat{Q}_i + J\hat{\Delta}_{(i,i+1)},$$

thereby deriving Eq. (F.7). We note that the gauge-fixed Hilbert space does have a tensor product structure, unlike $\mathcal{H}^{\text{phys}}$. Therefore, it makes sense to refer to this model as a “spin chain”.

Turns out, the Hamiltonian (F.7) has the non-invertible 0-form symmetry described by the fusion category $\text{Rep}(G)$.³² The associated symmetry transformations are implemented by the operators

$$\widehat{W}_R = \sum_{\{\tilde{g}_l\}} \text{Tr } R \left(\prod_{l \in \text{links}} \tilde{g}_l \right) |\{\tilde{g}_l\}\rangle \langle \{\tilde{g}_l\}| \quad (\text{F.18})$$

where R takes values in the set of irreducible representations of G , namely the simple objects of $\text{Rep}(G)$. The first term in Hamiltonian (F.7) commutes with \widehat{W}_R due to the fact that $R(h^{-1})R(h) = R(h^{-1}h) = R(e) = \mathbf{1}$, on account of R being a representation of G . The second term commutes as well since both \widehat{W}_R and this term are diagonal in the product basis of the link degrees of freedom.

G Fermionic $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry

In Sec. 3, we constructed the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric Hamiltonian (3.13) from S_3 -symmetric Hamiltonian (2.3) by gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 . An alternative way to gauging this \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry is to introduce \mathbb{Z}_2 link degrees of freedom that obeys fermionic statistics, which implements the so-called Jordan-Wigner (JW) transformation [4, 91, 92]. Such a JW is viable also for gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 -symmetry and delivers a super fusion category symmetry $\text{SRep}(S_3)$, see Ref. [93] for a discussion from topological quantum field theory perspective.

G.1 Jordan-Wigner duality and constructing $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry

We follow the strategy employed in Ref. [94] and introduce two Majorana degrees of freedom $\{\hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}\}$ on each link, which satisfy the fermionic anticommutation relations

$$\{\hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \hat{\xi}_{j+1/2}\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \hat{\eta}_{j+1/2}\} = \{\hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}, \hat{\xi}_{j+1/2}\} = 2\delta_{ij}. \quad (\text{G.1})$$

Without loss of generality, we impose periodic boundary conditions on the fermionic degrees of freedom, *i.e.*, $\hat{\eta}_{i+L+1/2} = +\hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}$ and $\hat{\xi}_{i+L+1/2} = +\hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}$ and set the cardinality of the lattice to be even, *i.e.*, $L = 0 \bmod 2$. To gauge the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of S_3 , we define the pairwise commuting Gauss operators

$$\hat{G}_i^{\text{F}} := i\hat{\xi}_{i-1/2} \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \quad [\hat{G}_i^{\text{F}}]^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (\text{G.2})$$

where, as opposed to the Gauss operator in Eq. (3.2) the local representative of \hat{U}_s symmetry is sandwiched between fermionic operators. Just as it was the case before, we

³²This explains the subscript on the dual Hamiltonian (F.7).

define the gauge invariant subspace to be the one for which the Gauss operators are set to identity.

In a similar fashion to Sec. (3), by minimally coupling the bond algebra (2.6) we can construct a gauge invariant bond algebra. To this end, we define the pairwise commuting local operators

$$\hat{p}_{i+1/2} := i\hat{\xi}_{i+1/2} \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \quad [\hat{p}_{i+1/2}, \hat{p}_{j+1/2}] = 0, \quad \hat{p}_{i+1/2}^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (\text{G.3})$$

which are local at the links $i + 1/2$. The minimally coupled bond algebra is then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}_F^{\text{mc}} := & \left\langle \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{p}_{i+1/2} \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, \hat{\sigma}_i^x, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{p}_{i+1/2}} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{p}_{i+1/2}} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right), \right. \\ & \left. \hat{\sigma}_i^z \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{p}_{i+1/2} \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\hat{p}_{i+1/2}} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^{-\hat{p}_{i+1/2}} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \mid \hat{G}_i^F = 1, \quad i \in \Lambda \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.4})$$

where the local operator $\hat{p}_{i+1/2}$ acts as a \mathbb{Z}_2 -valued bosonic gauge field. Physically, this operator measures the local fermion parity at link $i + 1/2$. We implement an analogue of the unitary transformation (3.4) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= i\hat{\xi}_{i-1/2} \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, & \hat{U} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^x, & \hat{U} \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\tau}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_i^z, \\ \hat{U} \hat{X}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{X}_i^{\hat{\sigma}_i^z}, & \hat{U} \hat{Z}_i \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{Z}_i^{\hat{\sigma}_i^z}, \\ \hat{U} \hat{\xi}_{i+1/2} \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\xi}_{i+1/2} \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z, & \hat{U} \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2} \hat{U}^\dagger &= \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.5})$$

which simplifies the Gauss operator to $\hat{U} \hat{G}_i^F \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{\sigma}_i^x$. Setting $\hat{\sigma}_i^x = 1$ and shifting the fermionic link degrees of freedom to sites by $i + 1/2 \mapsto i + 1$ delivers the dual bond algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}_F := & \left\langle \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}, i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1}, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \left(\hat{Z}_i^{i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right), \right. \\ & \left. \left(\hat{X}_i - \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \left(\hat{Z}_i^{i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \hat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \mid i \in \Lambda \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.6})$$

By comparing with the bond algebra (3.5) of $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ -symmetric operators, we conclude that the generators of the bond algebra (G.6) commute with the operators

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W}_1 &:= \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \\ \widehat{W}_p &:= \prod_i^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i \equiv \prod_i^L \hat{p}_i, \\ \widehat{W}_2 &:= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \prod_{i=1}^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i \right) \left[\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{X}_i^{\prod_{k=2}^i i\hat{\xi}_k \hat{\eta}_k} + \hat{X}_i^{-\prod_{k=2}^i i\hat{\xi}_k \hat{\eta}_k} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.7a})$$

These operator satisfy the fusion rules

$$\widehat{W}_p \widehat{W}_p = \widehat{W}_1, \quad \widehat{W}_p \widehat{W}_2 = \widehat{W}_2, \quad \widehat{W}_2 \widehat{W}_2 = \widehat{W}_1 + \widehat{W}_p + \widehat{W}_2. \quad (\text{G.7b})$$

Note that the operator \widehat{W}_p implements the \mathbb{Z}_2^F fermion parity symmetry, which is special in the sense that it cannot be broken explicitly or spontaneously and is a symmetry of any fermionic model. We call the symmetry generated by operators (G.7) the super fusion

category $\text{SRep}(S_3)$, where the adjective super signifies the non-trivial inclusion of fermion parity symmetry into the fusion category.

On the one hand, one verifies that the image of the gauged \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry \widehat{U}_s is

$$\prod_i^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1} = (-1) \prod_i^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i, \quad (\text{G.8})$$

where we used the facts that L is even and we imposed periodic boundary conditions on the fermionic degrees of freedom. On the other hand, imposing periodic boundary conditions on both fermions and bosons imply that image of $\hat{\mathbb{1}} = \prod_i \hat{\sigma}_i^z \hat{\sigma}_{i+1}^z$ is

$$\prod_i^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i \equiv \widehat{W}_p. \quad (\text{G.9})$$

Therefore, we conclude that the duality between the bond algebras (2.6) and (G.6) holds in the subalgebras

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} \Big|_{\widehat{U}_s=-1} \cong \mathfrak{B}_F \Big|_{\widehat{W}_p=+1}. \quad (\text{G.10})$$

G.2 Hamiltonian and its phase diagram

Using this duality, we can construct the image of the Hamiltonian (2.3) as

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}_{\text{SRep}(S_3)} := & -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1} + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right) \\ & - J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i\hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\ & - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \left(\widehat{X}_i - \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.11})$$

which is symmetric under the $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry generated by operators (G.7). By duality, the phase diagram of this Hamiltonian has the same shape as that of Hamiltonian (2.21). Without loss of generality, we set $J_5 = J_6 = 0$ and identify the following ground states corresponding to four fixed-point gapped phases.

(i) When $J_1 = J_4 = 0$, Hamiltonian (G.11) becomes

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{SRep}(S_3);2,3} := -J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right) - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \right) \quad (\text{G.12})$$

There is a single nondegenerate gapped ground state

$$|\text{GS}_{\text{Triv}}\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^z = 1, i\hat{\xi}_i \eta_i = 1, X_i = 1\rangle, \quad (\text{G.13})$$

which is symmetric under the entire $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry. This ground state carries even fermion parity and is a trivial invertible fermionic topological state. For that reason we call the phase trivial $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ -symmetric phase.

(ii) When $J_2 = J_4 = 0$, Hamiltonian (G.11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{Rep}(S_3);1,3} := & -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{Z}_i^{\text{i}\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-\text{i}\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\ & - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z \text{i}\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.14})$$

There are three degenerate ground states

$$|\text{GS}_{\text{Triv}}^\alpha\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^z = 1, \text{i}\xi_i \eta_i = 1, Z_i = \omega^\alpha\rangle. \quad (\text{G.15})$$

These ground states preserve the \mathbb{Z}_2^{F} fermion parity symmetry generated by \widehat{W}_p while they break the non-invertible \widehat{W}_2 symmetry. Under the latter each ground state is mapped to equal superposition of the the other two, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_p^1\rangle &= |\text{GS}_p^2\rangle + |\text{GS}_p^3\rangle, \\ \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_p^2\rangle &= |\text{GS}_p^3\rangle + |\text{GS}_p^1\rangle, \\ \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_p^3\rangle &= |\text{GS}_p^1\rangle + |\text{GS}_p^2\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.16})$$

Each ground state realize a trivial invertible fermionic state. We call this the trivial $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^{\text{F}}$ SSB phase.

(iii) When $J_1 = J_3 = 0$, the Hamiltonian (G.11) becomes

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SRep}(S_3);2,4} := -J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{X}_i + \hat{X}_i^\dagger \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\text{i}\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1} + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right). \quad (\text{G.17})$$

There is a single nondegenerate ground state

$$|\text{GS}_{\text{Kitaev}}\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, \text{i}\xi_i \eta_{i+1} = 1, X_i = 1\rangle. \quad (\text{G.18})$$

As opposed to the ground state (G.13), the fermions in this ground state realize a non-trivial invertible phase of matter, i.e., the ground state of the Kitaev chain [95]. When open boundary conditions are imposed, the ground states become twofold degenerate with unpaired Majorana degrees of freedom at each end of the chain.

Ground state is symmetric under \mathbb{Z}_2^{F} subgroup and carries odd fermion parity (G.18), i.e.,

$$\widehat{W}_p |\text{GS}_{\text{Kitaev}}\rangle = -|\text{GS}_{\text{Kitaev}}\rangle. \quad (\text{G.19a})$$

Because of this, it is annihilated by the non-invertible \widehat{W}_2 symmetry

$$\widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_{\text{Kitaev}}\rangle = 0. \quad (\text{G.19b})$$

Interestingly, Hamiltonian (G.12) has a non-degenerate and gapped ground state on which the non-invertible symmetry operator does not act. Since the expectation value of the non-invertible symmetry operator vanishes in this ground state, we call this the Kitaev $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^{\text{F}}$ SSB phase.

(iv) When $J_2 = J_3 = 0$, the Hamiltonian (G.11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{SRep}(S_3);1,4} := & -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{Z}_i^{i\hat{\xi}_{i+1}} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \hat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \hat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1}} \hat{\eta}_{i+1} \hat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\ & - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\tau}_i^x \hat{C}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1} + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.20})$$

There are two degenerate ground states. First, there is a ground state obtained by setting $\hat{Z}_i = 1$ for all sites that is given by

$$|\text{GS}_1^K\rangle := \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, i\xi_i \eta_{i+1} = 1, Z_i = 1\rangle. \quad (\text{G.21a})$$

The second ground state is ³³.

$$|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle := \frac{1}{2^{L/2}} \sum_{\{s_i=\pm 1\}} s_1 \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^L |\tau_i^x = 1, i\xi_i \eta_i = s_i s_{i-1}, Z_i = \omega^{s_i}\rangle \right). \quad (\text{G.21b})$$

Fermionic degrees of freedom in the former ground state (G.21a) realize the Kitaev phase, while they are in the trivial phase for the latter ground state (G.21b). These two ground states transform under $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ symmetry as

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{W}_p |\text{GS}_1^K\rangle &= -|\text{GS}_1^K\rangle, & \widehat{W}_p |\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle &= +|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle, \\ \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_1^K\rangle &= 0, & \widehat{W}_2 |\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle &= -|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.22})$$

We note that while ground state $|\text{GS}_1^K\rangle$ breaks \widehat{W}_2 symmetry, $|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle$ preserves the entire symmetry group. Since fermionic degrees of freedom realize trivial and non-trivial invertible fermionic states, we call this phase mixed $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^F$ SSB phase.

We identified four gapped fixed-points and constructed the corresponding ground states. We can deduce the shape of the phase diagram using the duality between Hamiltonians (2.3) and (G.11). In Fig. 16a, we show the phase diagram of (G.11) when $J_5 = J_6 = 0$. We deduce the continuous phase transitions also using the fact that the duality transformation does not change the central charge. We replace the Ising CFT with Majorana CFT which are known to be dual to each other under JW transformation we implemented.

We note that since fermion parity symmetry \mathbb{Z}_2^F cannot be spontaneously broken, in all gapped phase the only possible symmetry that can be broken is $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^F$. We observe this in three of the four gapped phases. In each of the these three gapped phases, there is a distinct $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^F$ SSB pattern showcasing a rich possibility of phase diagrams when non-invertible symmetries are spontaneously broken. We distinguish these symmetry breaking patterns by ground state degeneracy and whether the degenerate states realize trivial state or Kitaev state (see Fig. 16a).

³³Much like the ground state (3.36b), it is not obvious that $|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle$ is short-range entangled. However, there exists a finite depth local unitary circuit that prepares this state from the product state $\bigotimes_{i=1}^L \left[|\tau_i^x = 1, i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i = 1\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|Z_i = \omega\rangle + |Z_i = \omega^*\rangle) \right]$. Namely, $|\text{GS}_1^{\text{Triv}}\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^L \widehat{C}_j^F \bigotimes_{i=1}^L \left[|\tau_i^x = 1, i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_{i+1} = 1\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|Z_i = \omega\rangle + |Z_i = \omega^*\rangle) \right]$ where \widehat{C}_j^F is a kind of CZ operator that acts as the identity operator if $Z_j = \omega$ and as $i\hat{\xi}_{j-1}\hat{\eta}_j$ if $Z_j = \omega^*$.

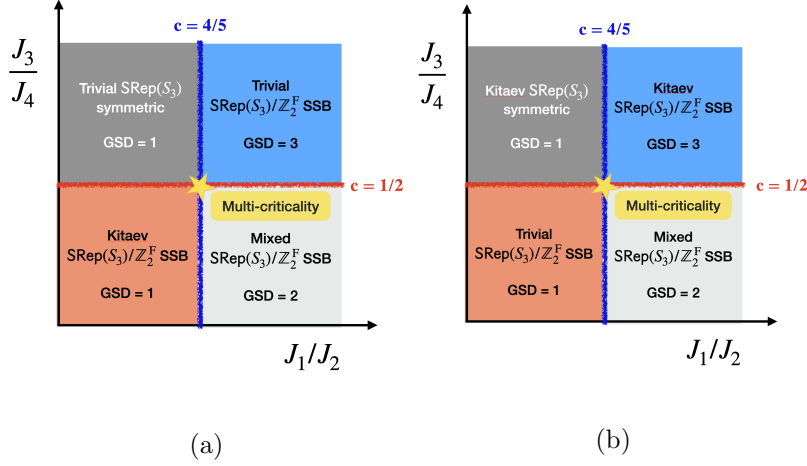


Figure 16: (a) The phase diagram of Hamiltonian (G.11). Since the fermion parity symmetry $\text{SRep}(S_3)$ cannot be broken (explicitly or spontaneously), in each gapped phase $\text{SRep}(S_3)/\mathbb{Z}_2^F$ is broken if SSB takes place. There are three distinct SSB patterns that are distinguished by ground state degeneracies and whether if the fermionic degrees of freedom are in trivial or Kitaev phase. The corresponding fixed-point ground states are given in Eqs. (G.13), (G.15), (G.18), and (G.21). (b) The phase diagram of Hamiltonian (G.28) that is equivalent to Hamiltonian (G.11) by half translation (G.24). Because of the unitary equivalence the phase diagram of the two Hamiltonians and corresponding SSB patterns are the same. Half-translation (G.24) corresponds to stacking each ground state with the Kitaev state, which results in an exchange of labels trivial and Kitaev.

G.3 Alternative JW duality

There is a second way to gauge the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of \mathfrak{S}_3 symmetry using fermionic gauge fields, which also delivers an $\text{SRep}(S_3)$. This alternative way differs from the discussion in Sec. G.1 by the choice of Gauss operator. Namely, we can define

$$\widehat{G}_i^{F'} := \hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i i\hat{\eta}_{i+1/2} \hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}, \quad \left[\widehat{G}_i^{F'}\right]^2 = \hat{\mathbb{1}}, \quad (\text{G.23})$$

which, as opposed to the Gauss operator (G.2) acts on only a single link. The two ways of gauging are related by a half-translation on Majorana operators

$$\left(\hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}, \hat{\eta}_{i+1/2}\right) \mapsto \left(\hat{\eta}_{i+3/2}, \hat{\xi}_{i+1/2}\right) \quad (\text{G.24})$$

which can also be interpreted as “stacking” the resulting fermionic theory with Kitaev chain [31, 93, 94]. Alternatively, this half-translation corresponds to first gauging \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup using bosonic gauge fields, as we have done in Sec. 3, and then gauging the \mathbb{Z}_2 subgroup of resulting $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetry.

Under this second way of implementing JW duality, the $\text{Rep}(S_3)$ symmetric bond algebra is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{B}'_F := & \left\langle \hat{\tau}_i^z, \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}, \hat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+1}, \hat{\tau}_i^x, \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_i^{+i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}\right), \right. \\ & \left. \left(\widehat{X}_i - \widehat{X}_i^\dagger\right), \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2} \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \widehat{Z}_i^{+i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}\right) \mid i \in \Lambda \right\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.25})$$

Since half-translation operator anticommutes with the fermion parity, we find the symme-

tries of this bond algebra to be generated by

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{W}_1' &:= \mathbb{1}, \\
\widehat{W}_p' &:= \prod_i^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i \equiv \prod_i^L \hat{p}_i, \\
\widehat{W}_2' &:= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^L i\hat{\xi}_i \hat{\eta}_i \right) \left[\prod_{i=1}^L \hat{X}_i^{\prod_{k=2}^i i\hat{\eta}_{k+1} \hat{\xi}_k} + \hat{X}_i^{-\prod_{k=2}^i i\hat{\eta}_k \hat{\xi}_k} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{G.26a}$$

which satisfy the fusion rules

$$\widehat{W}_p' \widehat{W}_p' = \widehat{W}_1', \quad \widehat{W}_p' \widehat{W}_2' = \widehat{W}_2', \quad \widehat{W}_2' \widehat{W}_2' = \widehat{W}_1' - \widehat{W}_p' + \widehat{W}_2'. \tag{G.26b}$$

The duality between bond algebras (2.6) and (G.25) holds in the subalgebras

$$\mathfrak{B}_{S_3} \Big|_{\widehat{U}_s = -1} \cong \mathfrak{B}'_F \Big|_{\widehat{W}_p = -1}. \tag{G.27}$$

Under the half-translation (G.24), the Hamiltonian (G.11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{H}'_{\text{SRep}(S_3)} &:= -J_1 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger + \widehat{Z}_i^{+i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) - J_2 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\widehat{X}_i + \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right) \\
&\quad - J_3 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^z + \hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\eta}_{i+1} \hat{\xi}_{i+2} \right) - J_4 \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{\tau}_i^x \widehat{C}_i i\hat{\eta}_{i+1} \hat{\xi}_{i+1} + \hat{\tau}_i^x \right) \\
&\quad + J_5 \sum_{i=1}^L i\hat{\tau}_i^z i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2} \left(\widehat{Z}_i^{-i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1}^\dagger - \widehat{Z}_i^{+i\hat{\xi}_{i+1} \hat{\eta}_{i+2}} \widehat{Z}_{i+1} \right) \\
&\quad - J_6 \sum_{i=1}^L i \left(\widehat{X}_i - \widehat{X}_i^\dagger \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{G.28}$$

Begin unitarily equivalent to Hamiltonian (G.11), this Hamiltonian shares the same phase diagram, which is shown in Fig. 16b when $J_5 = J_6 = 0$. The only difference between the two Hamiltonians is that the labels trivial and Kitaev that denote the fermionic sector of the ground states are exchanged. This is expected since half-translation (G.24) effectively stacks a Kitaev chain on top of each ground state. Since this is a unitary transformation the SSB patterns do not change. The two Hamiltonians are no longer unitarily equivalent when open boundary conditions are imposed, since the unitary equivalence under half-translation (G.24) relies on the translation invariance which is broken by open boundary conditions. This inequivalence is reflected by the differing ground state degeneracies of the two Hamiltonians with open boundary conditions

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