

Deconfined phase.

4-fold degenerate ground state: $V_x = \pm 1, V_y = \pm 1$.

Can take linear combinations to make
eigenstates with $W_x = \pm 1, W_y = \pm 1$.

\mathbb{Z}_2 flux expelled.

Topological order.

Confined phase.

Unique ground state
has $V_x = 1, V_y = 1$.

No topological order

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