

Recent development of quantum spin liquids

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Opportunity for students and postdocs

- My research group is looking for graduate students and postdocs
- Our **postdocs and visiting professors** are generously funded.



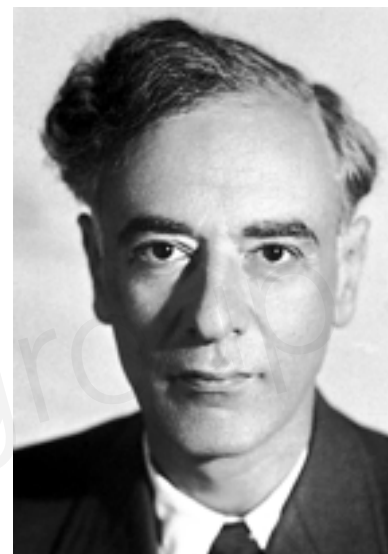
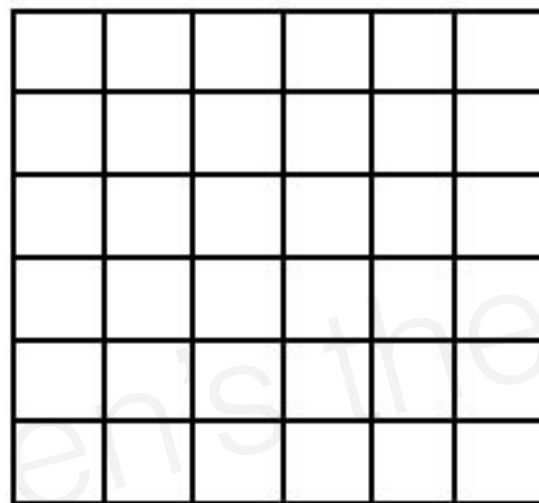
Outline

- A general introduction to quantum spin liquids
- Spinon Fermi surface $U(1)$ quantum spin liquid
- Rare earth triangular lattice quantum spin liquid and experiment prediction
- Control spinons in a quantum spin ice $U(1)$ quantum spin liquid

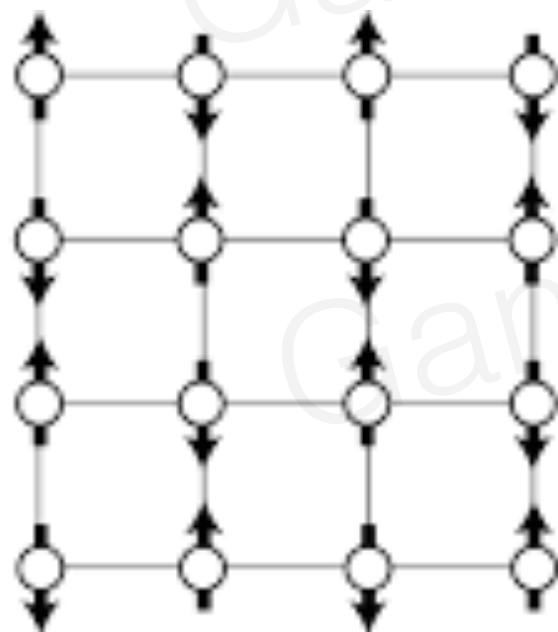
Neel vs Landau (1930-40s)



Neel



Landau



$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

$$\text{Spin singlet} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{red} \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{blue} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{red} \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{blue} \end{array} \right]$$



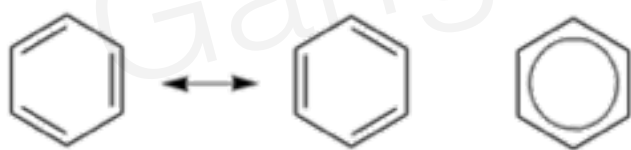
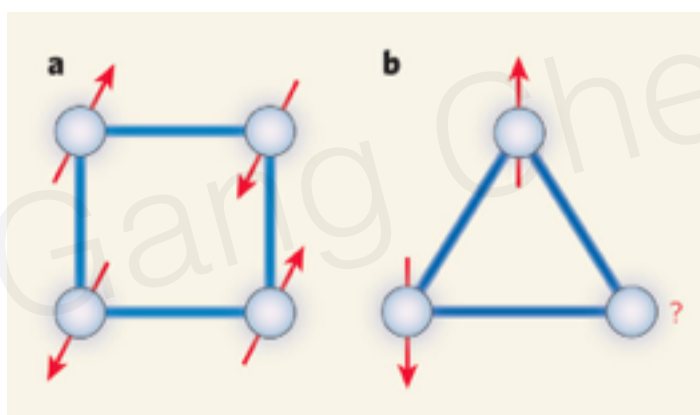
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The idea of quantum spin liquid (1973)

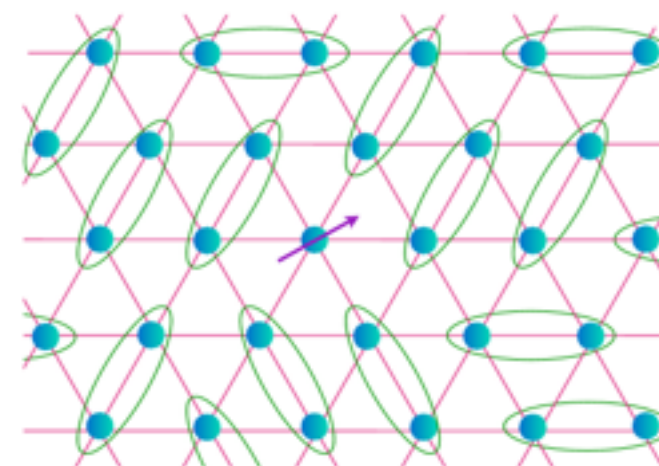
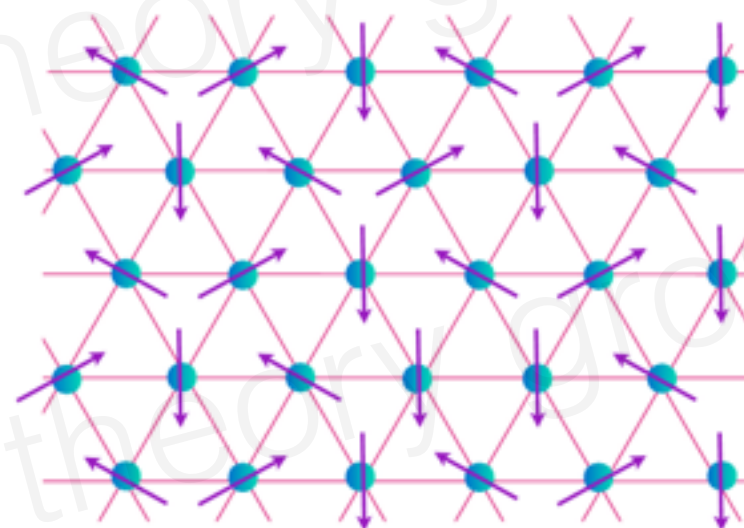
RESONATING VALENCE BONDS: A NEW KIND OF INSULATOR?*

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type would be insulating; it would represent an alternative state to the Néel antiferromagnetic state for $S = 1/2$. An estimate of

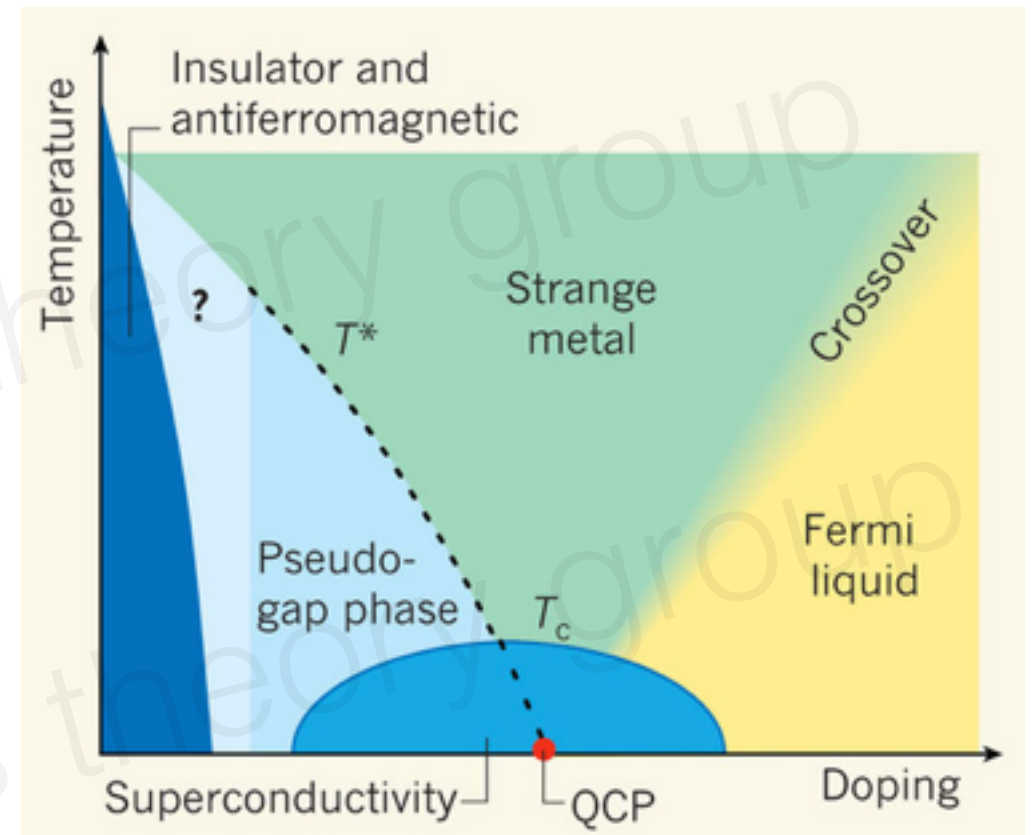
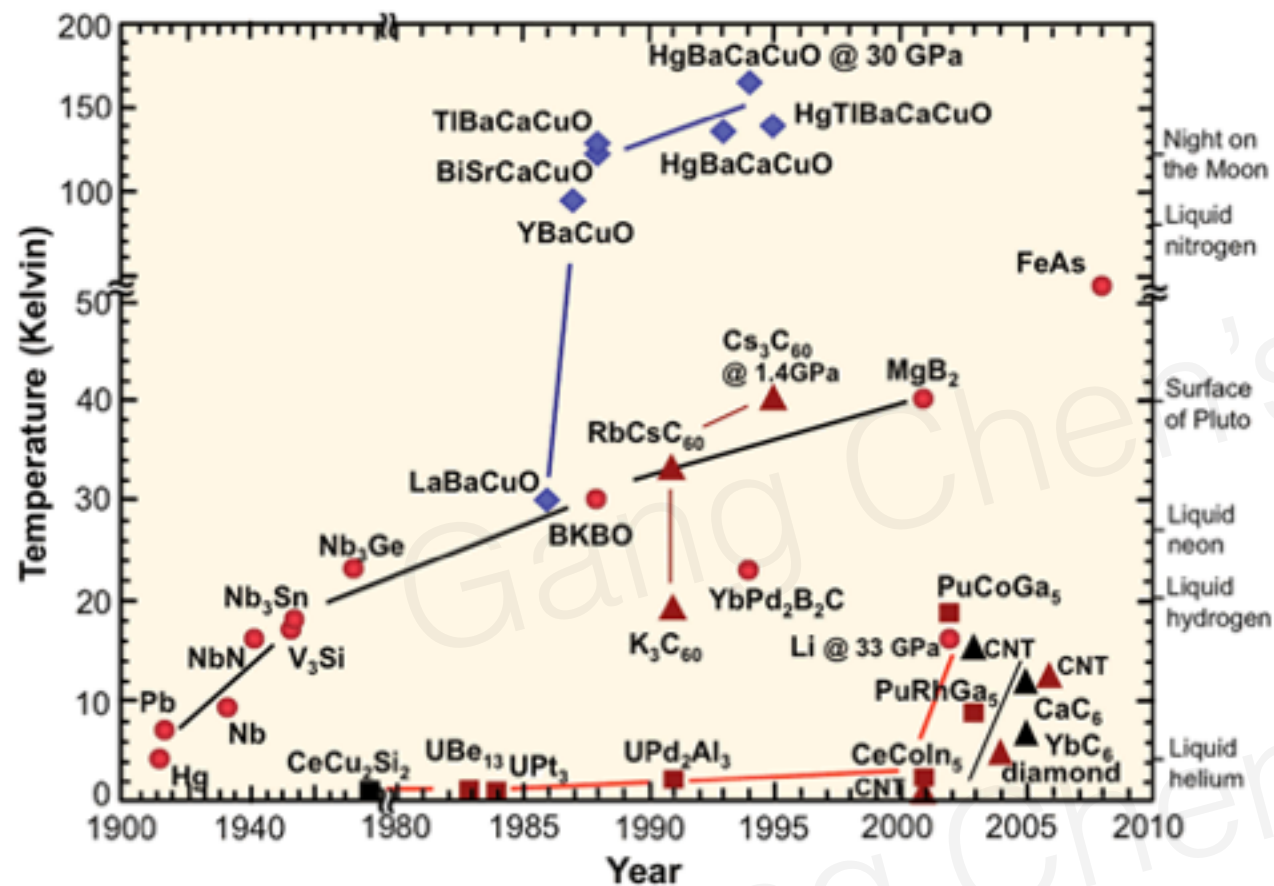


Pauling's RVB wavefunction for Benzene molecule

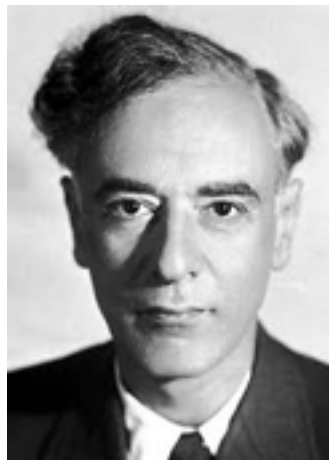


$$\text{Green oval} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \downarrow \\ \hline \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \uparrow \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

High temperature superconductivity (1986)

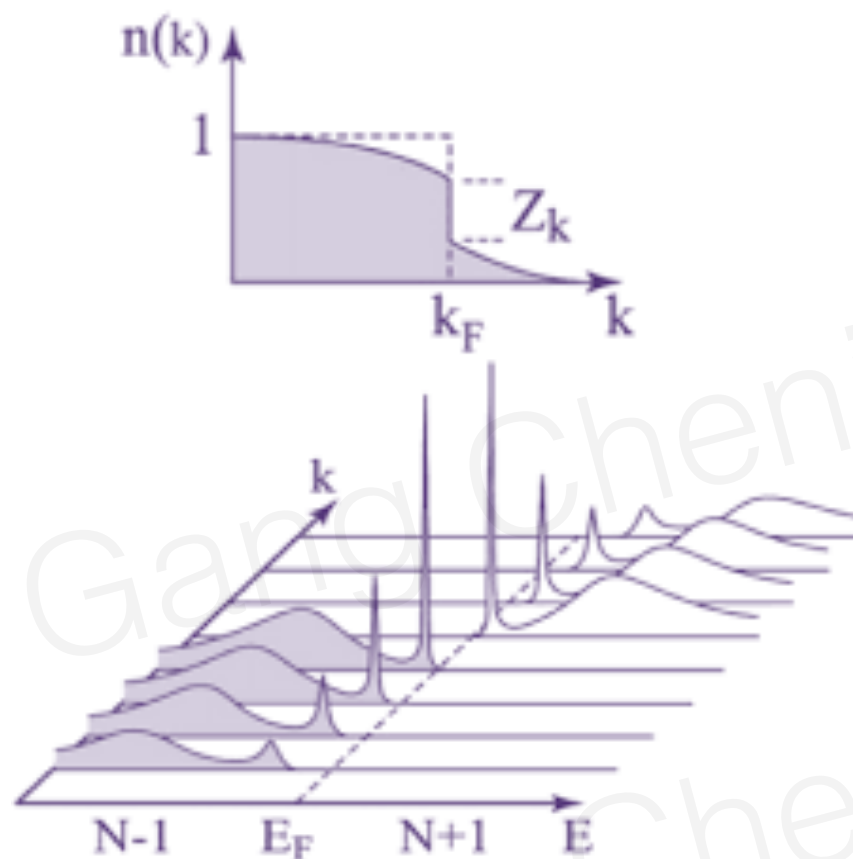


The idea is to view Mott insulator (QSL) as the parent state of high-temperature superconductor. In the QSL, there are preformed Cooper pairs. Doping it allows to Cooper pairs to condense and lead to superconductivity.

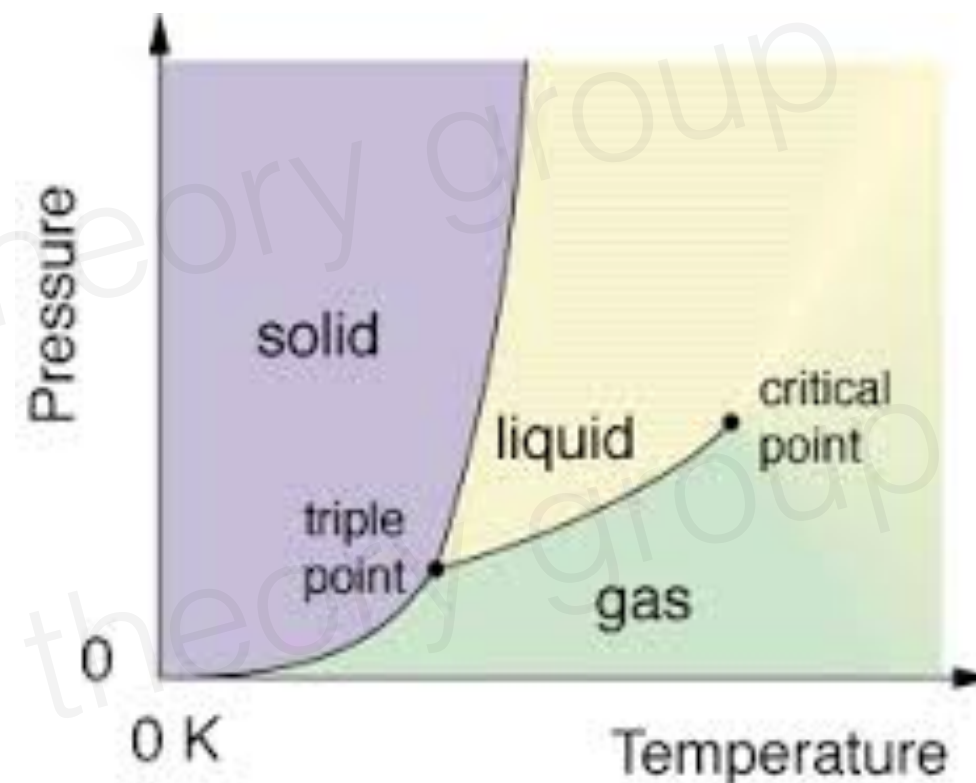


Landau

Two milestones of 20th century condensed matter physics



Landau Fermi liquid theory



Landau symmetry breaking theory

These two paradigms break down after the discovery of fractional quantum Hall effect in 1980s.

Quantum spin liquid

- Quantum spin liquid is a new quantum phase of matter, and cannot be characterized by Landau symmetry breaking, instead by emergent gauge structure and deconfined fractionalized excitations.
- QSL, its existence, is very clear, at least at the level of theory.
 - Exactly solvable model with QSL ground state: e.g. Kitaev model and extension.
 - Classification of QSLs: many distinct symmetry enriched QSLs (XG Wen etc).
 - Numerical solutions: DMRG, QMC, exact diagonalization, etc.

QSL is **robust** against any local perturbation. So it should exist in Nature !

QSL: existing experiments

- 2D triangular and Kagome lattice
organics: κ -(BEDT-TTF) $_2$ Cu $_2$ (CN) $_3$, EtMe $_3$ Sb[Pd(dmit) $_2$] $_2$, κ -H $_3$ (Cat-EDT-TTF) $_2$
herbertsmithite (ZnCu $_3$ (OH) $_6$ Cl $_2$), Ba $_3$ NiSb $_2$ O $_9$, Ba $_3$ CuSb $_2$ O $_9$, LiZn $_2$ Mo $_3$ O $_8$, ZnCu $_3$ (OH) $_6$ Cl $_2$
volborthite (Cu $_3$ V $_2$ O $_7$ (OH) $_2$), BaCu $_3$ V $_2$ O $_3$ (OH) $_2$, [NH $_4$] $_2$ [C $_7$ H $_{14}$ N][V $_7$ O $_6$ F $_{18}$], Na $_2$ IrO $_3$, CsCu $_2$ Cl $_4$, CsCu $_2$ Br $_4$, NiGa $_2$ S $_4$, He-3 layers on graphite, etc
- 3D pyrochlore, hyperkagome, FCC lattice, diamond lattice, etc
Na $_4$ Ir $_3$ O $_8$, IrO $_2$, Ba $_2$ YMoO $_6$, Yb $_2$ Ti $_2$ O $_7$, Pr $_2$ Zr $_2$ O $_7$, Pr $_2$ Sn $_2$ O $_7$, Tb $_2$ Ti $_2$ O $_7$, Nd $_2$ Zr $_2$ O $_7$, FeSc $_2$ S $_4$, etc
- Ultracold atom and molecules on optical lattices: temperature is too high now.

Some candidate materials have already been ruled out.

Not being a QSL does not necessarily mean the physics is not interesting !

- Spinon Fermi surface $U(1)$ quantum spin liquid

Any guiding rule to find QSL? Not really.

Frustrated lattice?	Honeycomb Kitaev model.
Frustrated interaction?	We do not really know unless we identify the interaction.
Low dimensionality?	3D lattice also has QSL.
Odd electrons per cell?	Many QSLs have even electrons per cell.



Lieb



Oshikawa



Hastings



Vishwanath

- Hastings-Oshikawa-Lieb-Shultz-Mattis theorem.
- Recent extension to spin-orbit coupled insulators (Watanabe, Po, Vishwanath, Zaletel, PNAS 2016).

A rare-earth triangular lattice quantum spin liquid: **YbMgGaO₄**



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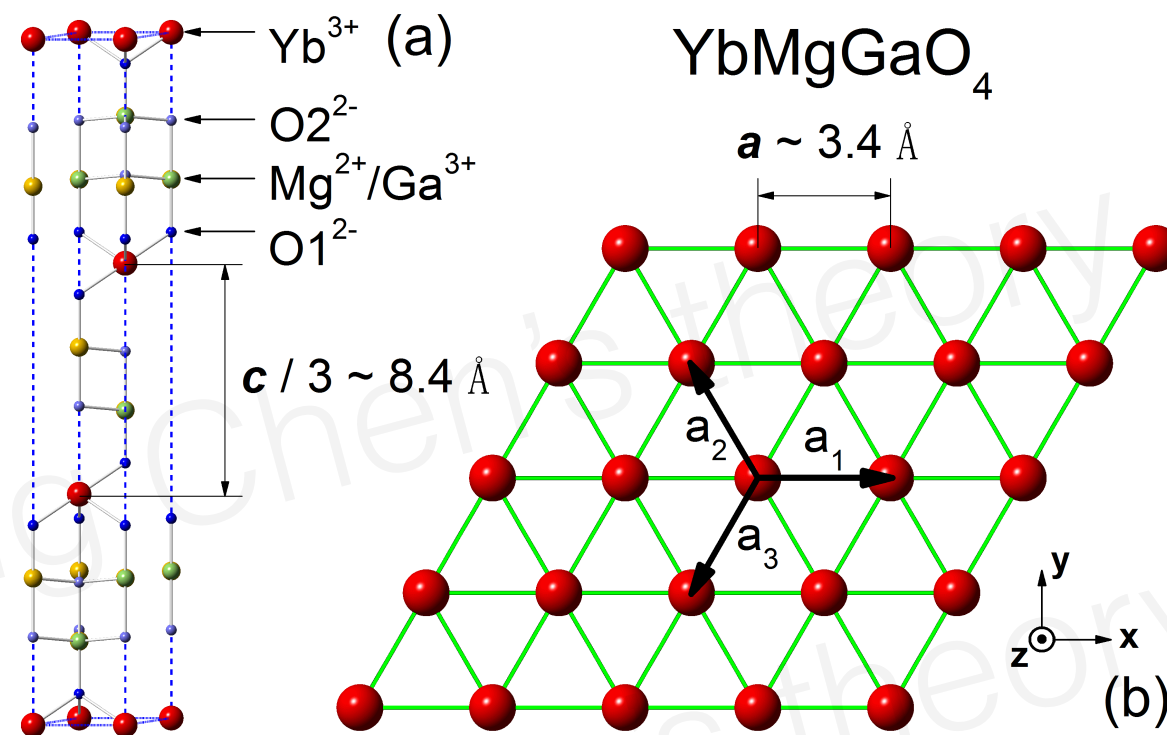
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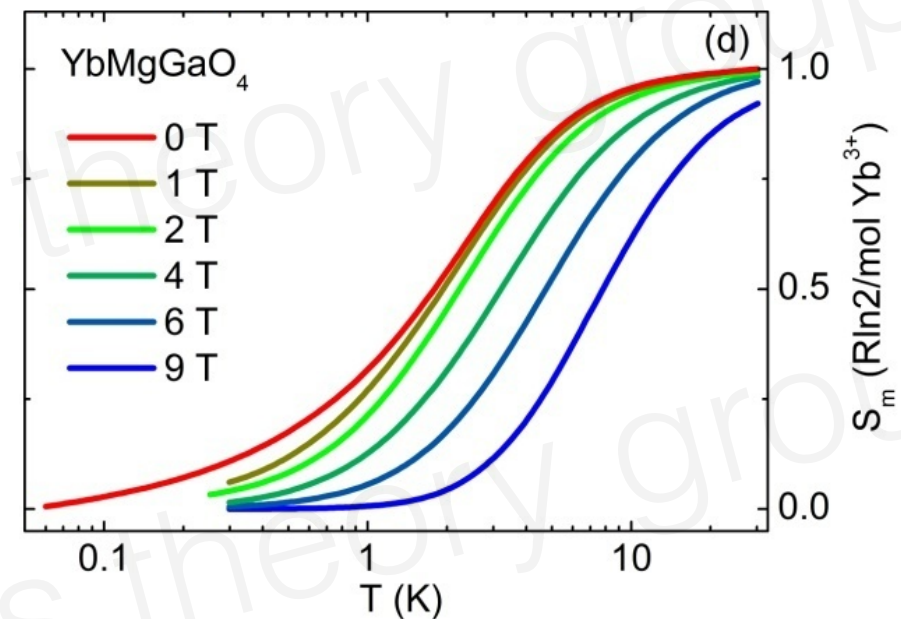
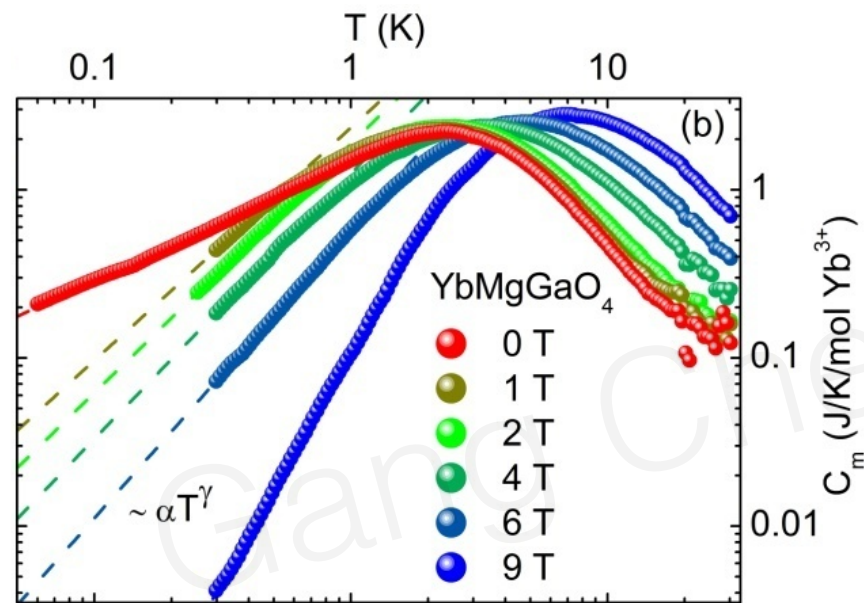
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A rare-earth triangular lattice quantum spin liquid: **YbMgGaO₄**



- This is the **first** strong spin-orbit coupled QSL with odd number of electrons and effective spin-1/2.
- It is the **first** clear observation of $T^{2/3}$ heat capacity.
- We understand the microscopic Hamiltonian and the physical mechanism.

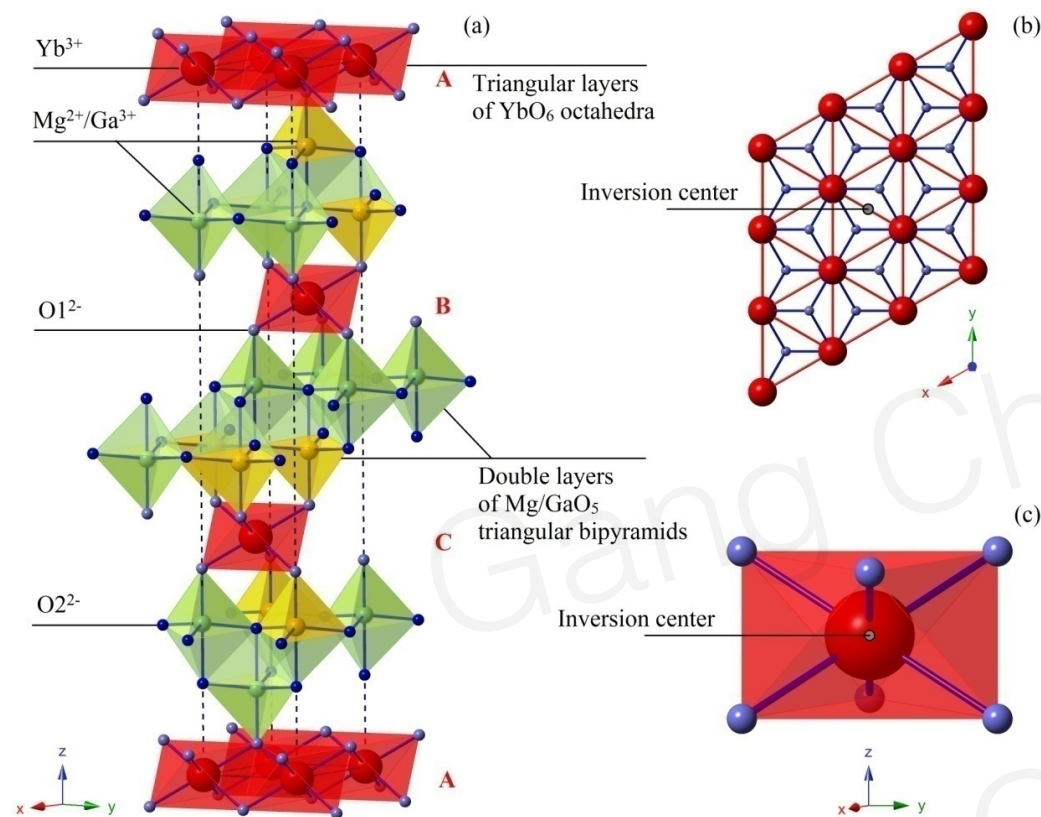
YbMgGaO₄



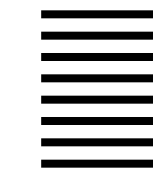
- observation of $T^{2/3}$ heat capacity
- Entropy: effective spin-1/2 local moments

My proposal for ground state: spinon Fermi surface U(1) QSL.

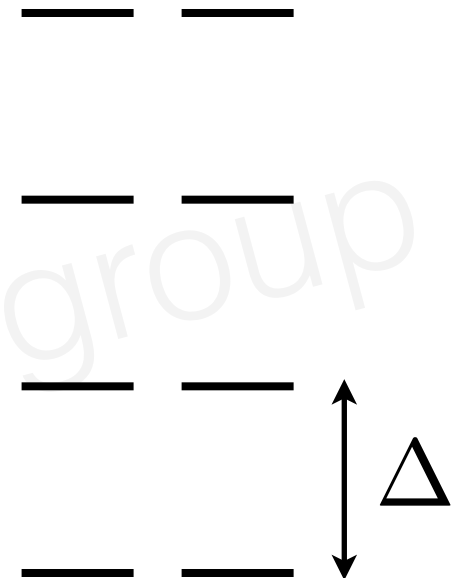
Microscopics



Yb³⁺ ion: 4f¹³ has $J=7/2$ due to SOC.



$J=7/2$



At $T \ll \Delta$, the only active DOF is the ground state doublet that gives rise to an effective spin-1/2.

Can this kind of system support a QSL ground state? Yes.

Filling constraints for spin-orbit coupled insulators in symmorphic and non-symmorphic crystals

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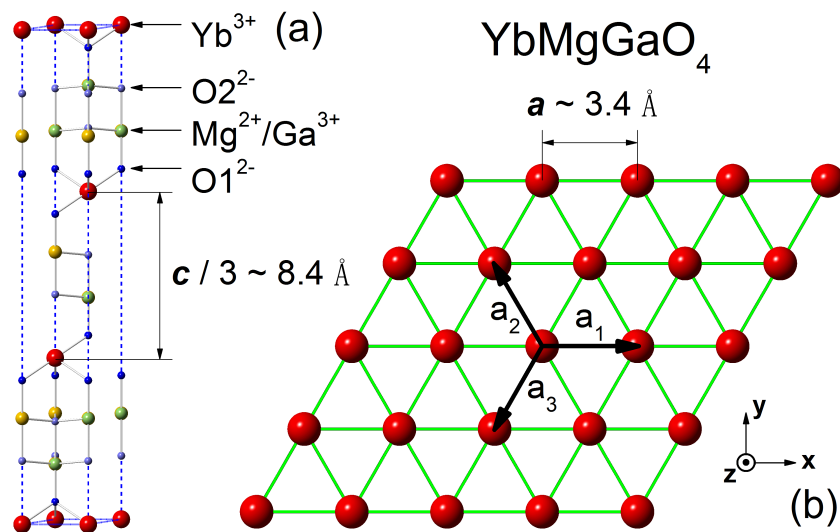
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and a crystalline lattice or a magnetic field. Mott insulators are a particularly interesting class, with an odd number of electrons in each unit cell. Their low energy physics is captured by a spin model with an odd number of $S = 1/2$ moments in the unit cell. A powerful result due to Lieb, Schultz, and Mattis in 1D¹, later extended to higher dimensions by Hastings and Oshikawa^{2,3}, holds that if all symmetries remain unbroken, the ground state must be ‘exotic’ - such as a Luttinger liquid in 1D, or a quantum spin liquid in higher dimensions, with fractional ‘spinon’ excitations. These exotic states cannot be represented as simple product states, as a consequence of long ranged quantum entanglement. This general re-

tirely different theoretical approaches are needed. We argue that if a spin-orbit coupled insulator at odd filling is time-reversal symmetric, its ground state must, in a precise sense, be exotic. We introduce two theoreti-

What is the physical origin of the QSL?

4f electron is very localized, and dipolar interactions weak.



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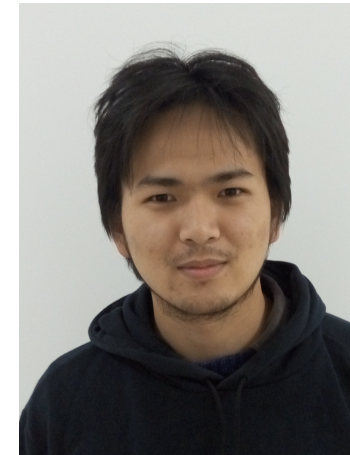
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [J_{zz} S_i^z S_j^z + J_{\pm} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+) + J_{\pm\pm} (\gamma_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^+ + \gamma_{ij}^* S_i^- S_j^-) - \frac{iJ_{z\pm}}{2} (\gamma_{ij}^* S_i^+ S_j^z - \gamma_{ij} S_i^- S_j^z + \langle i \leftrightarrow j \rangle)], \quad (1)$$

where $S_i^{\pm} = S_i^x \pm iS_i^y$, and the phase factor $\gamma_{ij} = 1, e^{i2\pi/3}, e^{-i2\pi/3}$ for the bond ij along the $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$ direction (see Fig. 1), respectively. This generic Hamil-

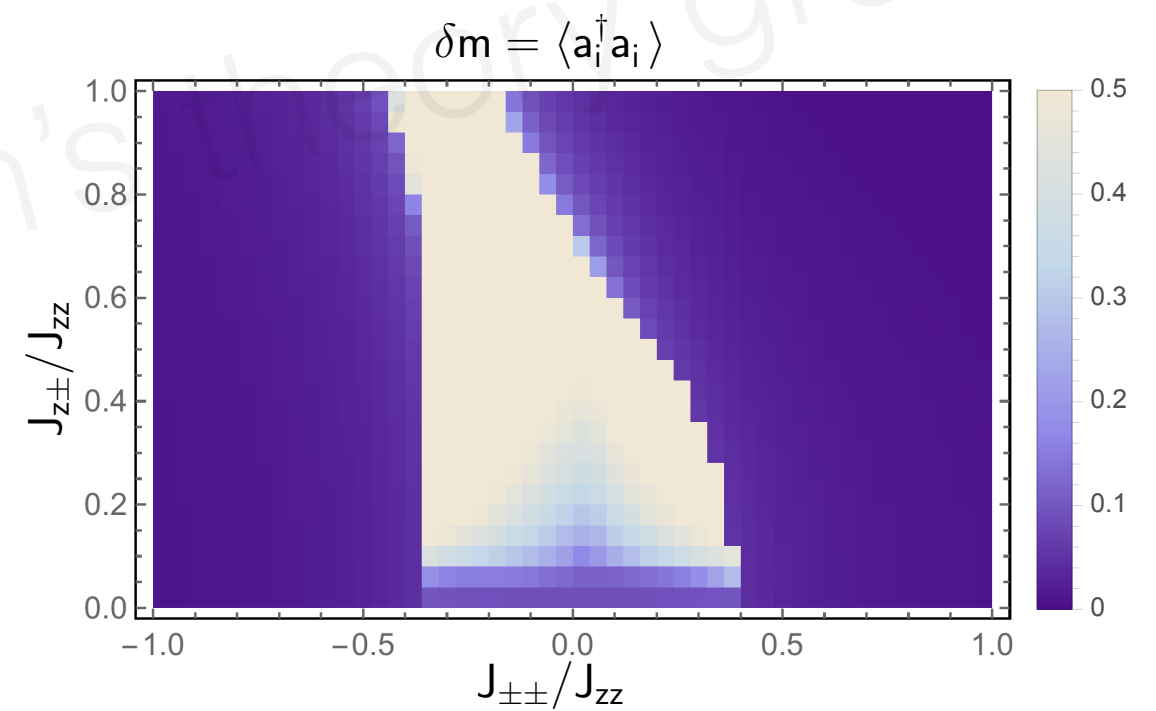
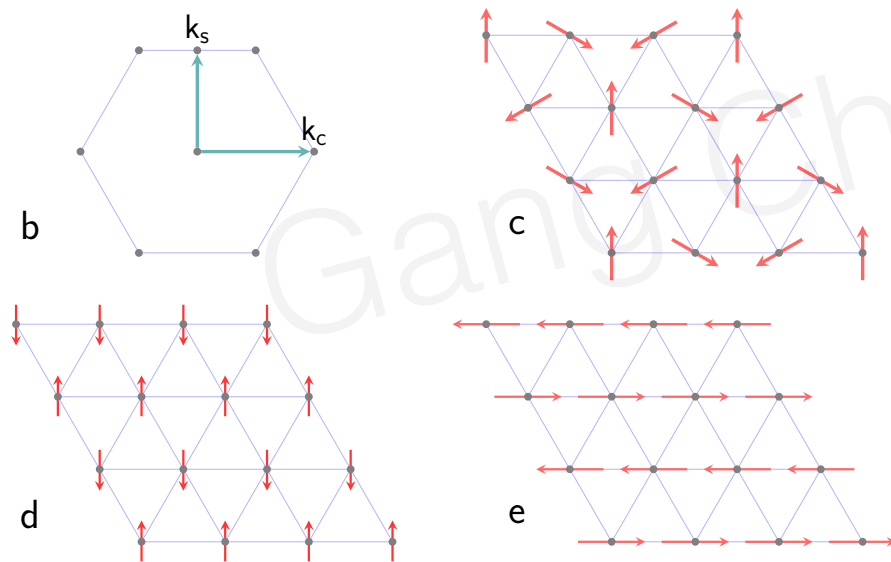
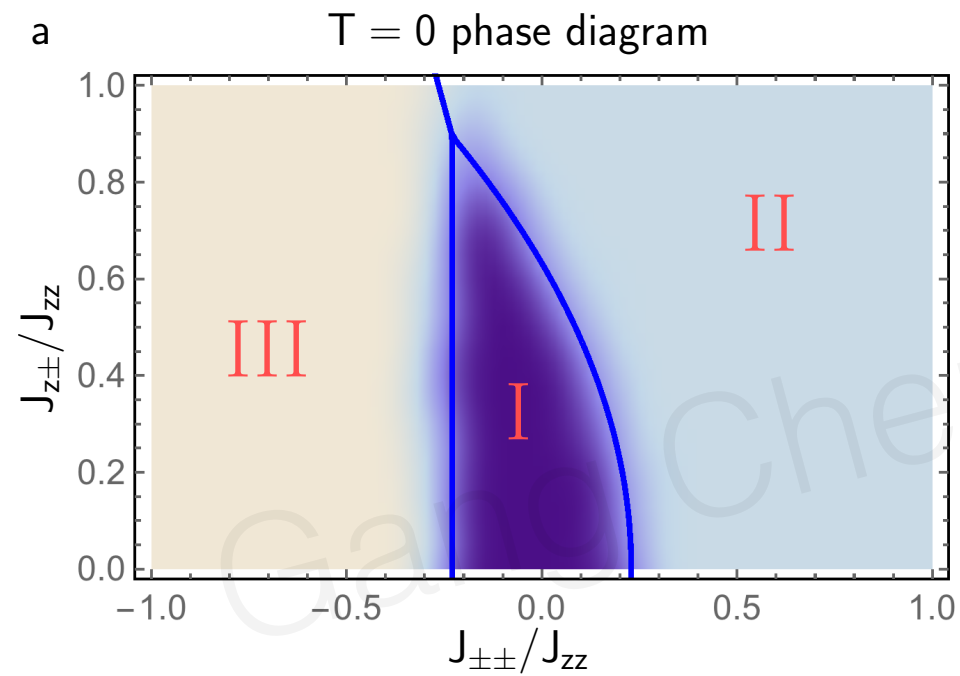
The spin-1/2 XXZ model supports conventional order.

(Yamamoto, etc, PRL 2014)

Anisotropic spin interaction
could potentially stabilize QSL.



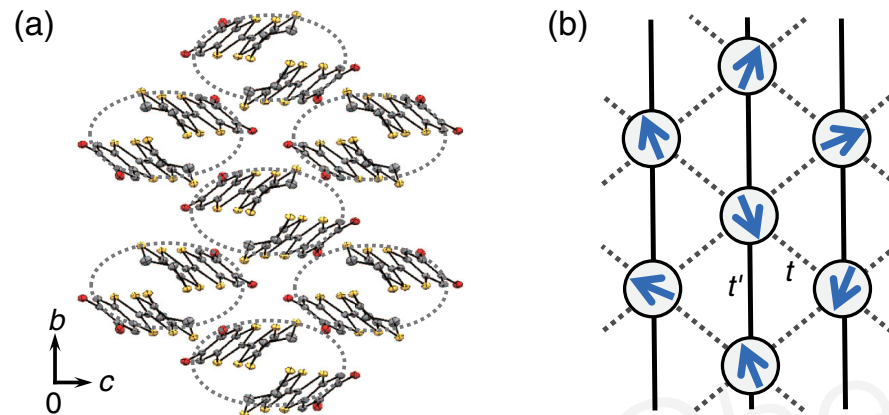
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Spinon Fermi surface U(1) QSL in organic magnets?

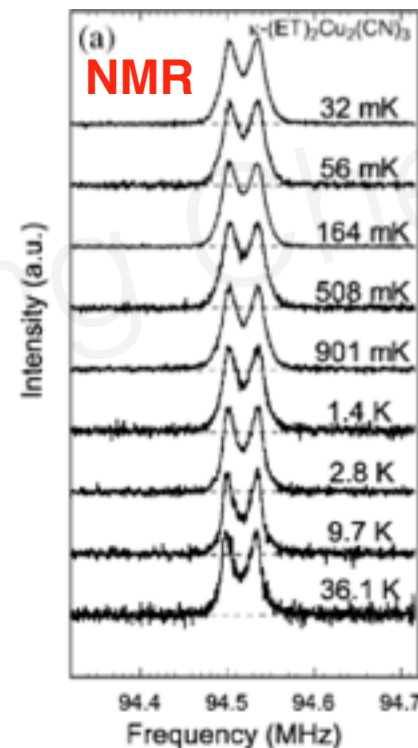
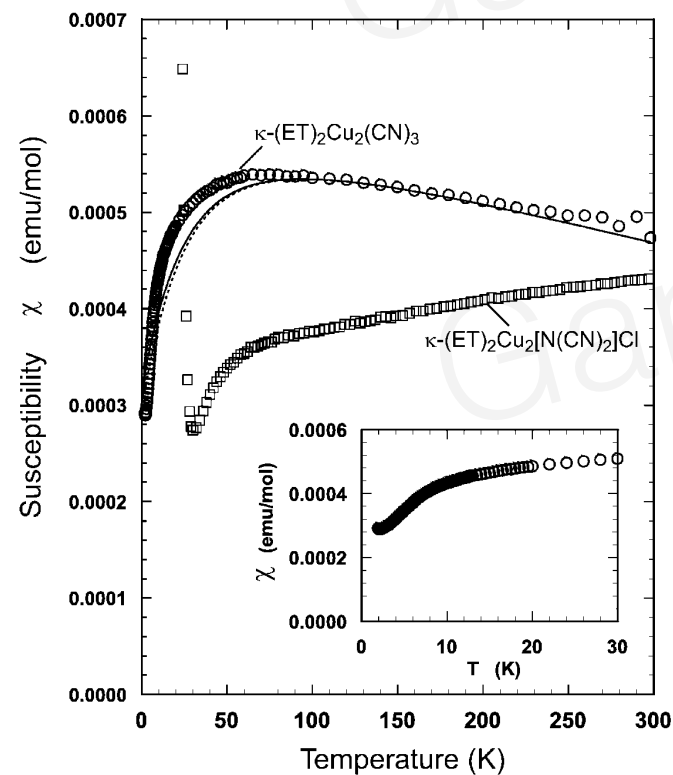


Kanoda



κ -(BEDT-TTF)₂Cu₂(CN)₃,
EtMe₃Sb[Pd(dmit)₂]₂,
 κ -H₃(Cat-EDT-TTF)₂

a new one!



- * No magnetic order down to 32mK
- * Constant spin susceptibility at zero temperature

Other experiments: transport,
heat capacity, optical absorption, etc,
Unfortunately, **no neutron scattering** so far.

- Theoretical understanding: expected phase diagram

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + h.c. + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$



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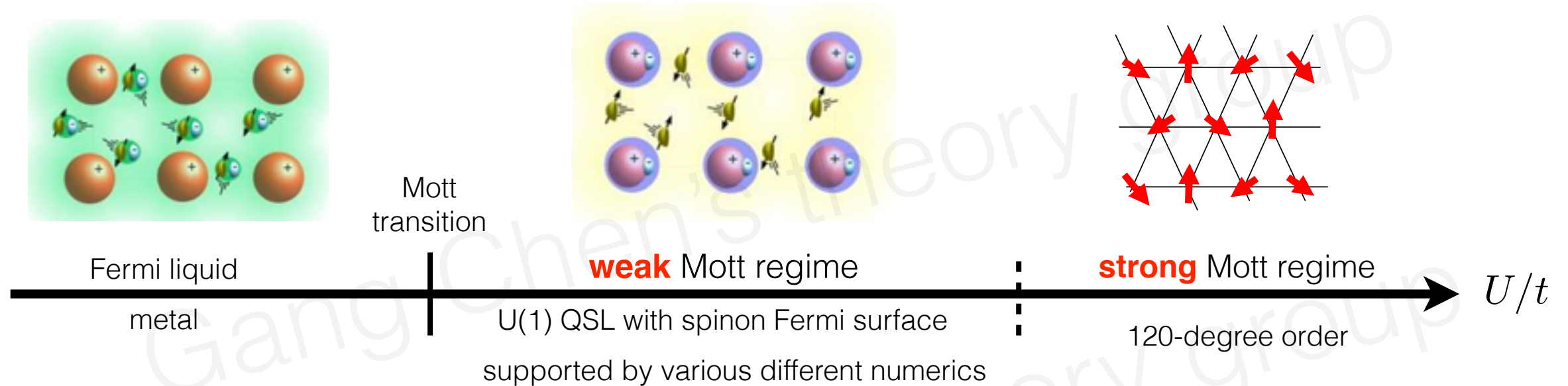


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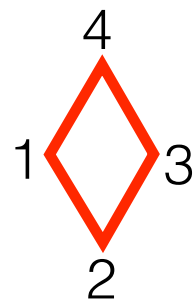
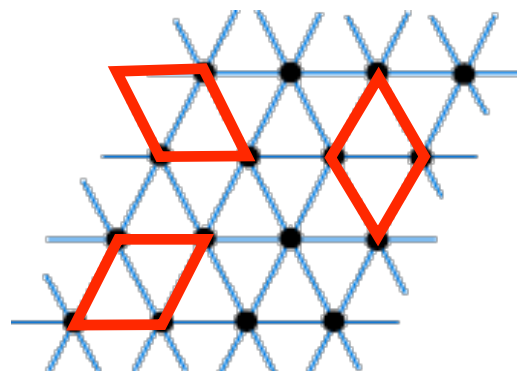
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Senthil's cartoon



- Physical mechanism** for weak Mott insulator spin liquids: perturbation in t/U

$$H_{\text{pert}} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + K \sum_{1234} (P_{1234} + P_{1234}^{-1}) + \dots$$



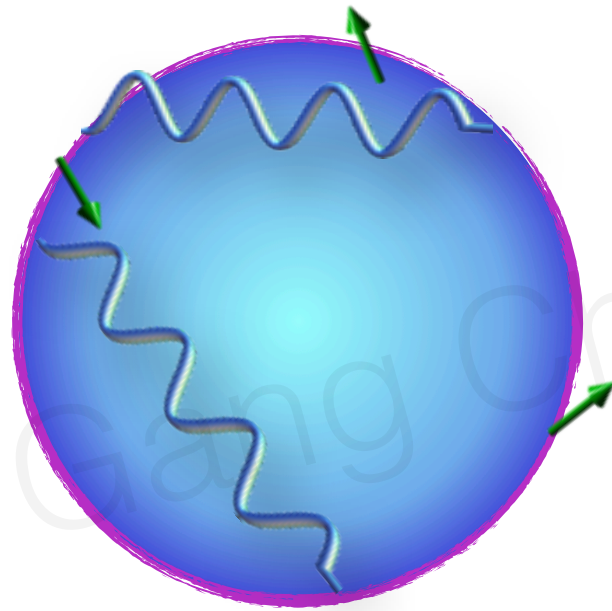
4-site ring exchange

$$(\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2)(\mathbf{S}_3 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4) + (\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4)(\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3) - (\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3)(\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4)$$



Motrunich

Low energy property of spinon Fermi surface U(1) QSL: spinon non-Fermi liquid




$$S = \int d^3x \left[\Psi_j^* (\partial_0 - i a_0 - \mu_F) \Psi_j + \frac{1}{2m} \Psi_j^* (-i \nabla - \mathbf{a})^2 \Psi_j + \frac{1}{4g^2} f_{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu} \right].$$



gauge photon is overly Landau-damped.

Spinon Fermi surface coupled
with dynamical U(1) gauge field:
instanton event is suppressed.

dual to extremal/charged black hole?

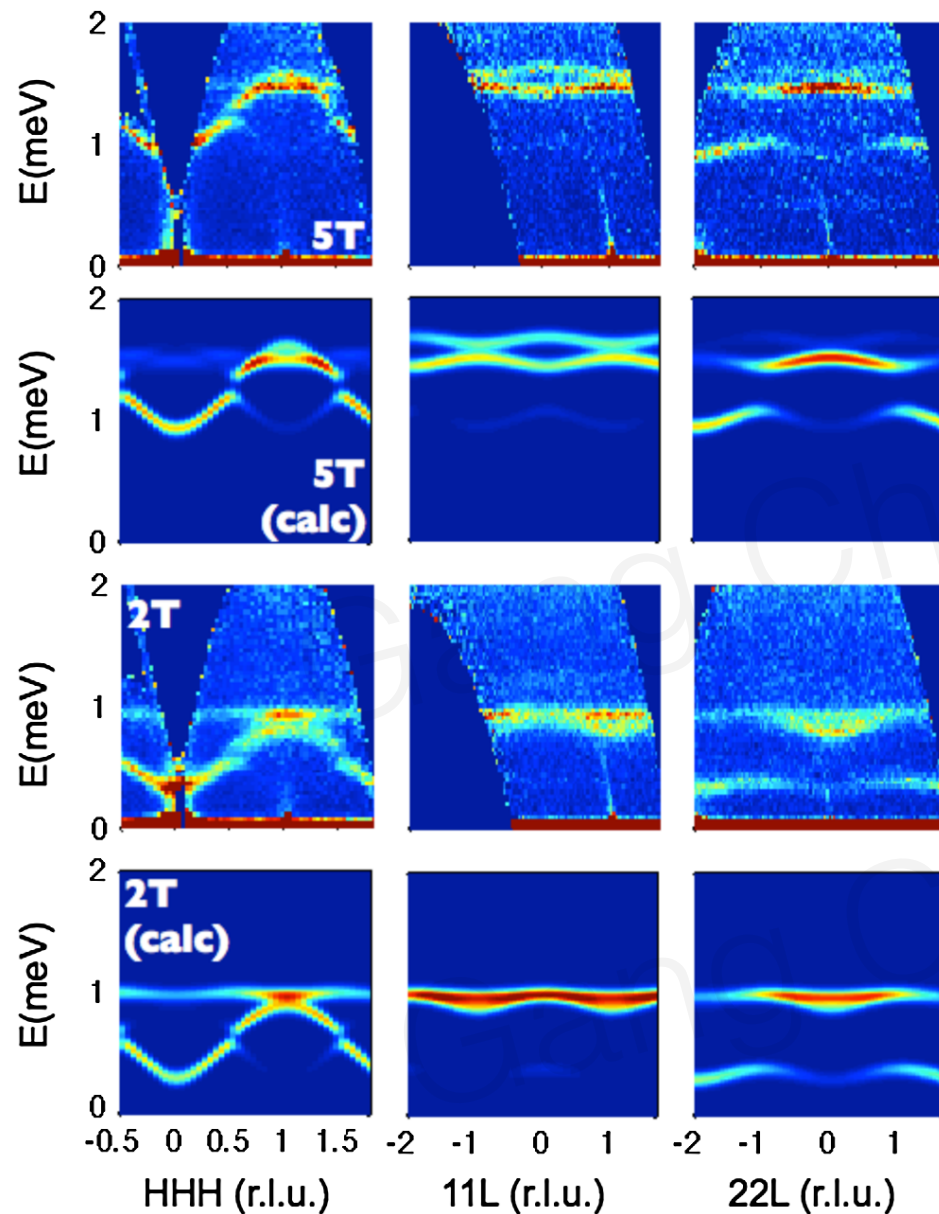


$$Re\Sigma \sim Im\Sigma \sim \omega^{2/3}$$

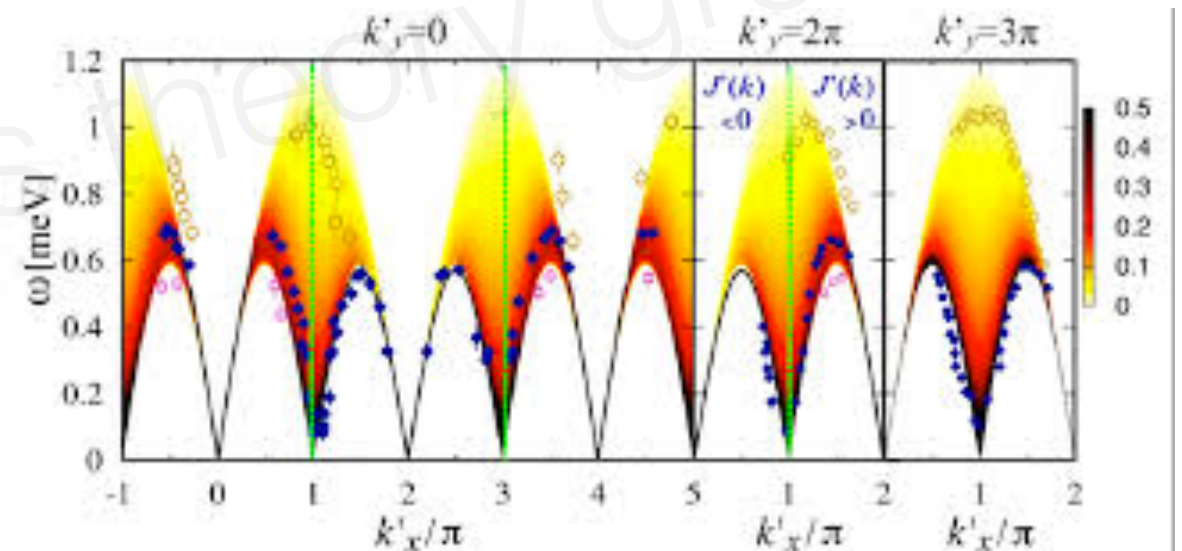
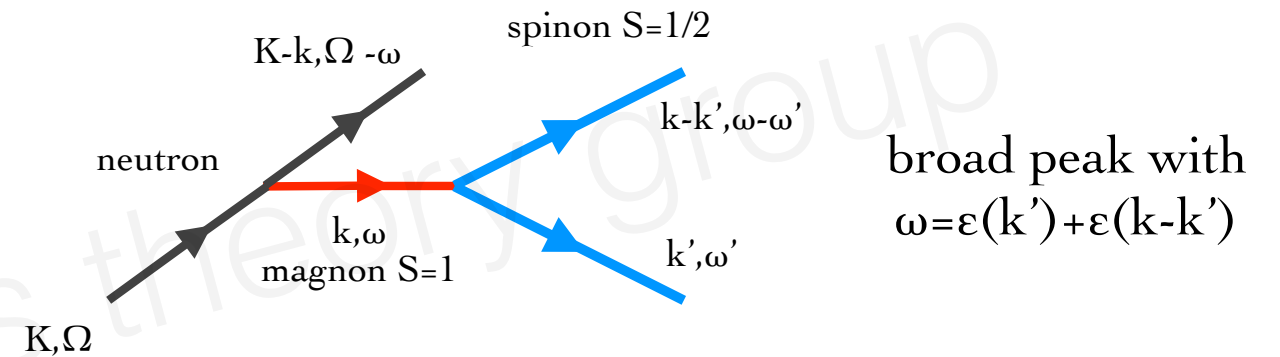
Hermele et al., PRB 70, 214437 (04)

Sung-Sik Lee, PRB 78, 085129(08).

Spin wave vs (fractionalized) spinon continuum

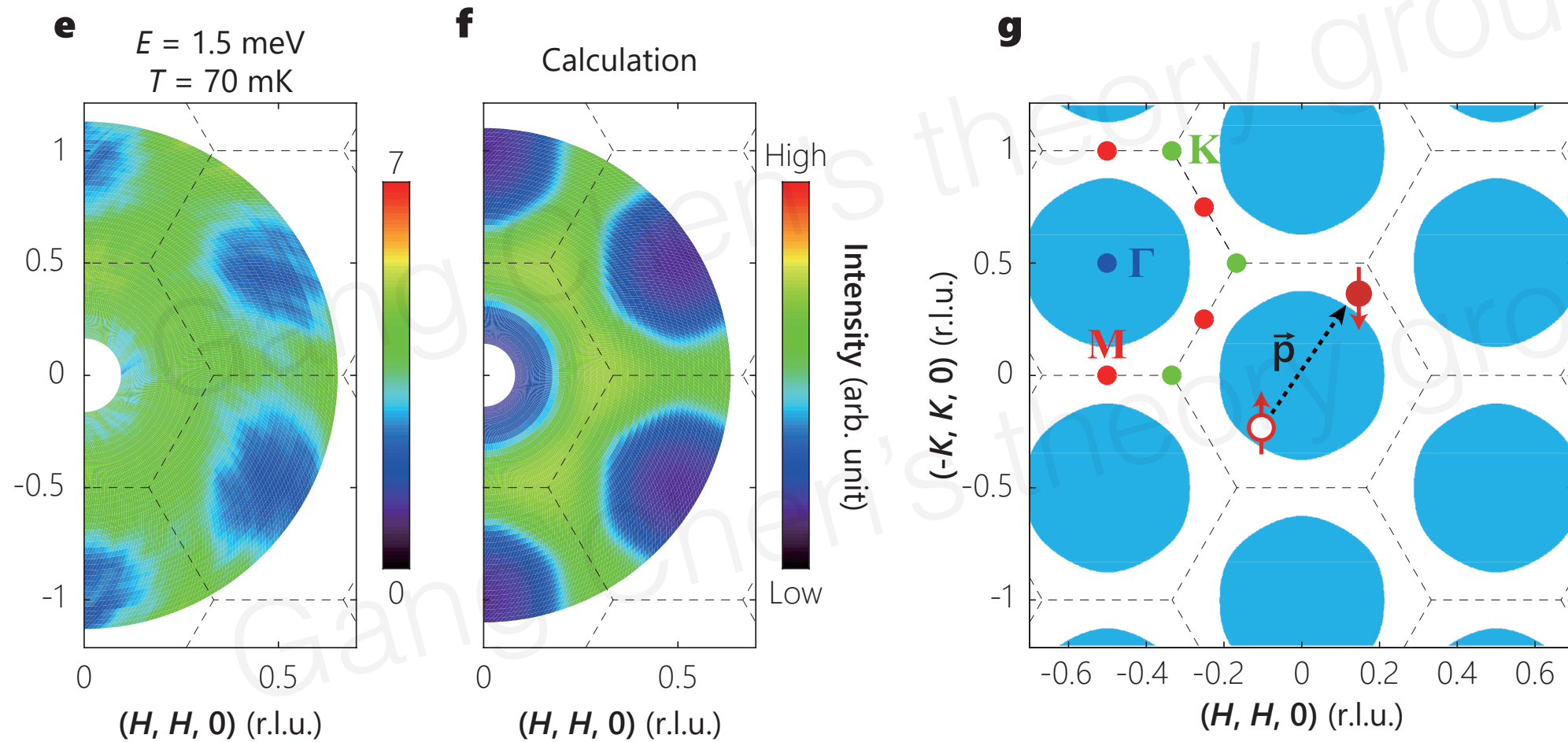


spin wave in $\text{Yb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$
L Savary, et al, PRX 2011

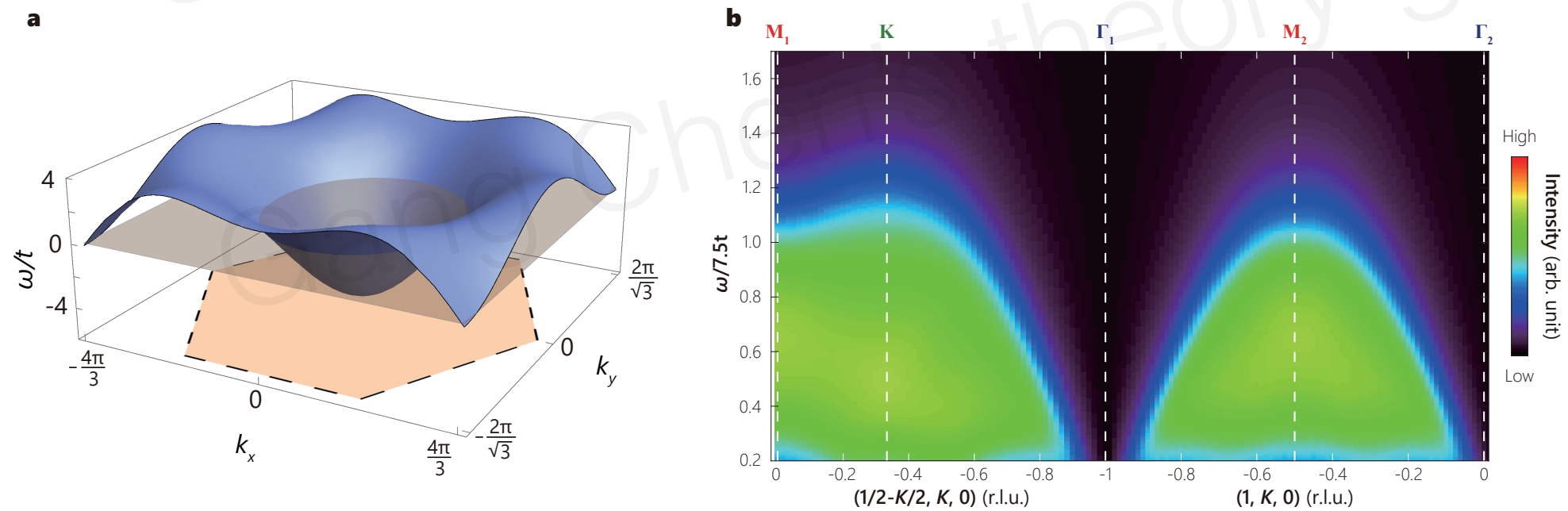
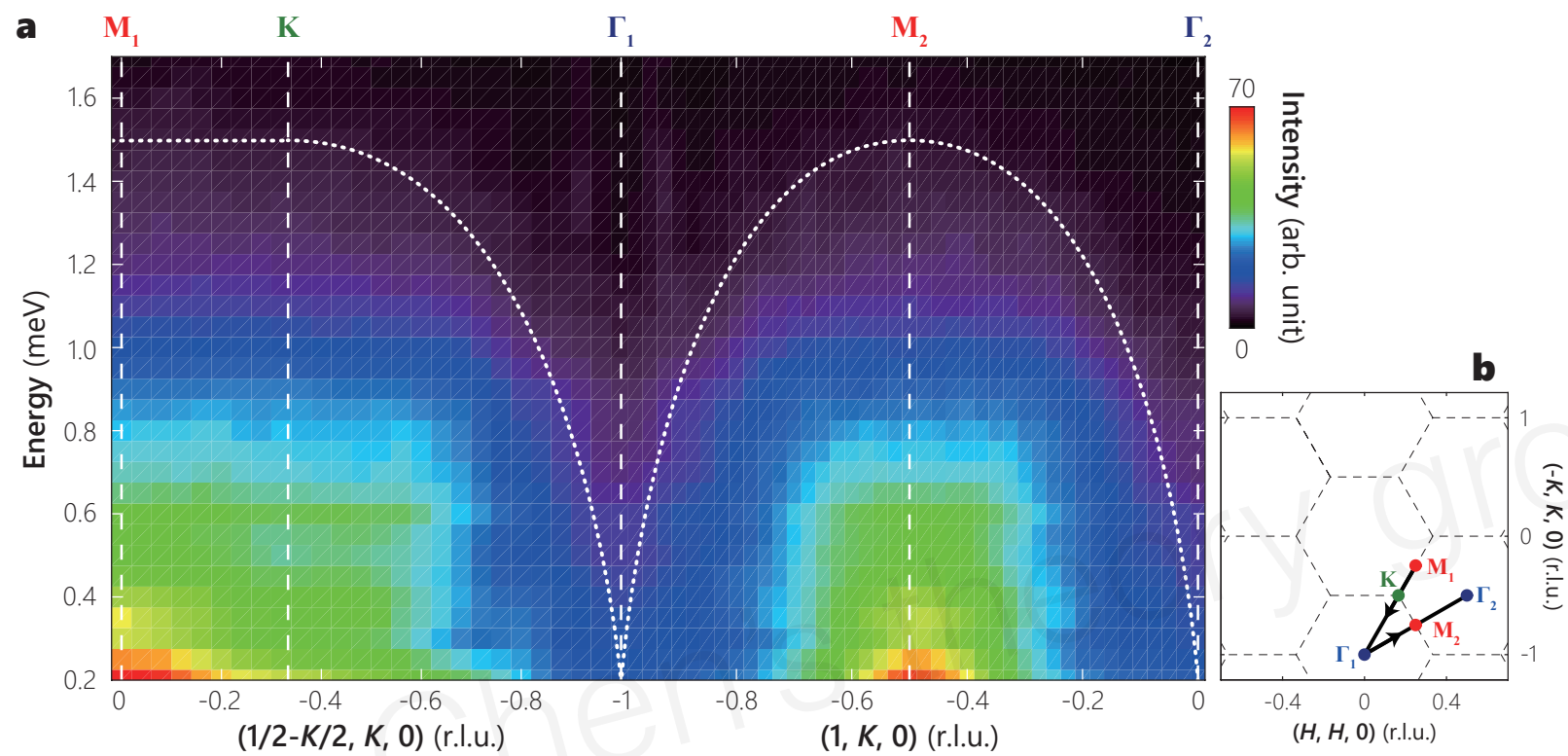


spinon continuum in Cs_2CuCl_4
Masanori, etc NatPhys 2009
but these are **1d spinons** !

Huge spinon continuum at all energies



Yao Shen, ...GC, Jun Zhao arxiv 2016

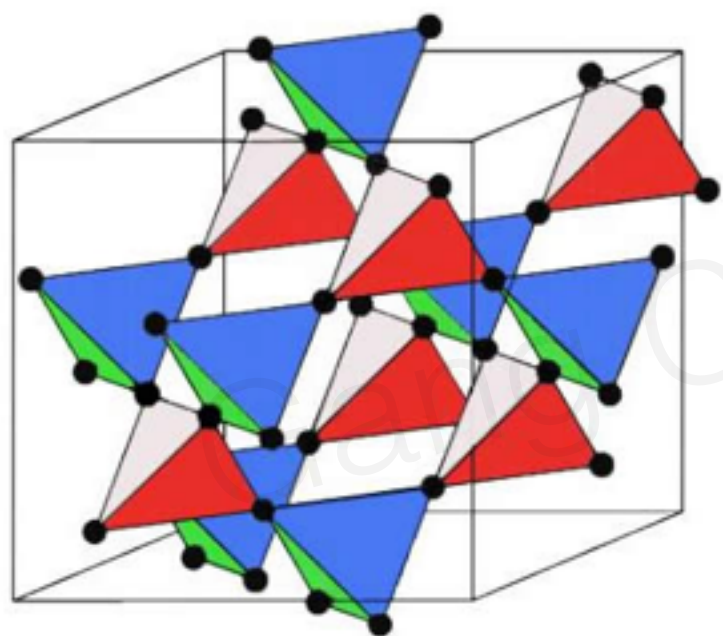


Summary

1. QSL is a field that bridges the fundamental ideas with the frontier experiments, it provides exciting opportunities for both theorists and experimentalists.
2. Rare-earth triangular lattice quantum spin liquid: **YbMgGaO₄**
 - To our best knowledge, this is the **first strong spin-orbit coupled** quantum spin liquid candidate with odd number of electrons per unit cell and effective spin-1/2 moment.

- Octupolar $U(1)$ quantum spin liquid
of quantum spin ice

Rare-earth pyrochlores



Rare Earth Elements

by Geology.com

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La-Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
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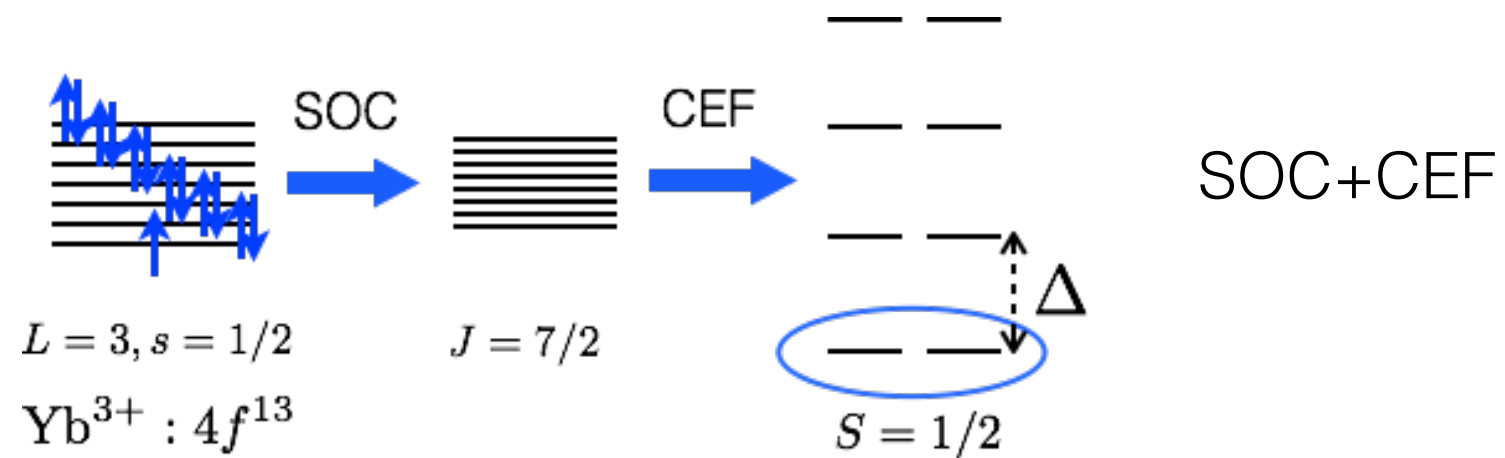
Lanthanides

La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
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Actinides

Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr
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Rare-earth local moments: a **crude** classification



Kramers' doublet: R^{3+} with **odd** number of electrons

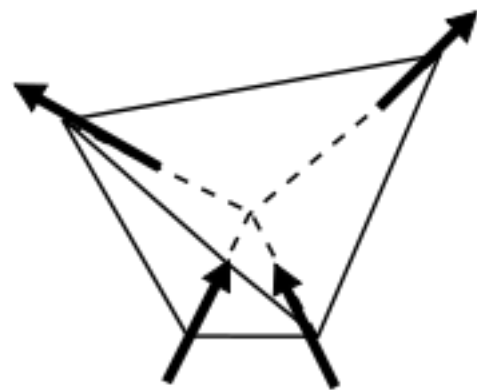
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Non-Kramers' doublet / singlet: R^{3+} with **even** number of electrons

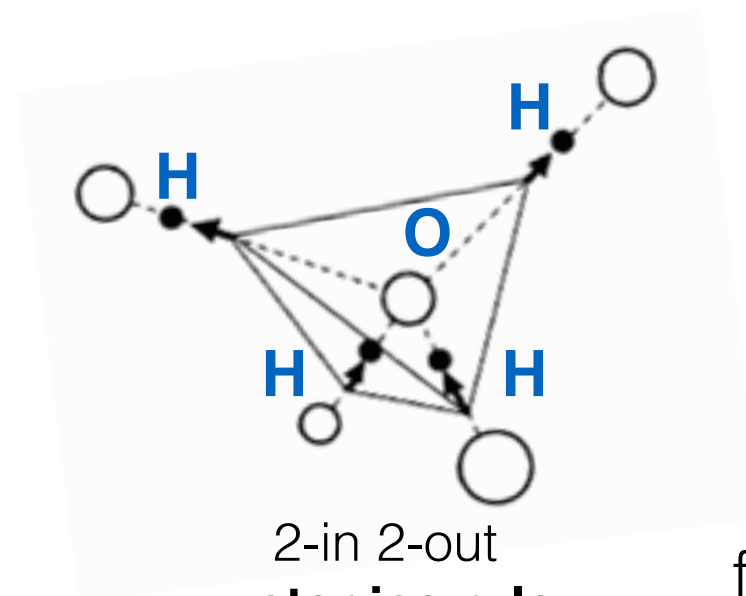
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Spin ice (Ising) limit

$$H = J_{zz} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i^z S_j^z + \dots$$



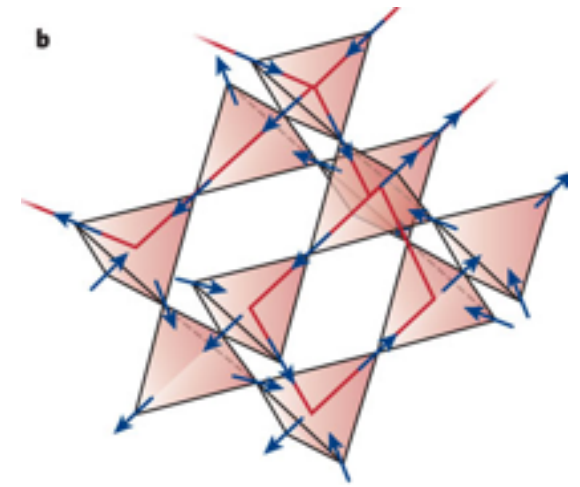
2-in 2-out
spin ice rule



2-in 2-out
water ice rule

from wiki

Classical spin ice



- The “2-in 2-out” states are extensively degenerate.
- At temperature $T < J_{zz}$, the system **thermally** fluctuates within the ice manifold, leading to classical spin ice and interesting experimental discoveries.

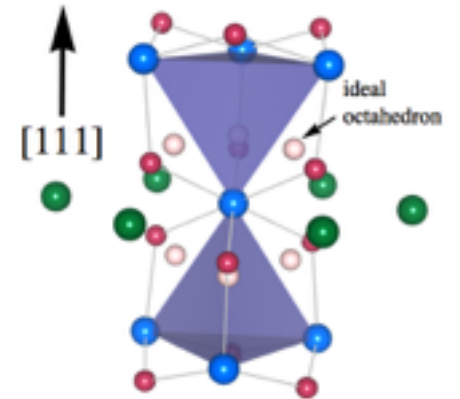


Pinch points in spin correlation

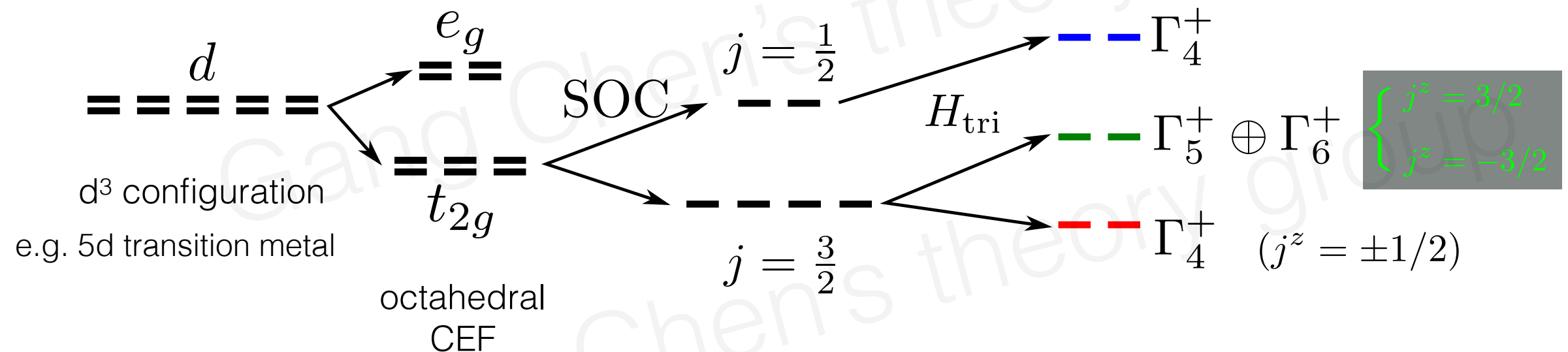
Dipole-octupole doublet

The early classification of local moments is a bit crude !
One should carefully examine the wavefunction of the local doublet.

Local physics: start with t_{2g} electrons



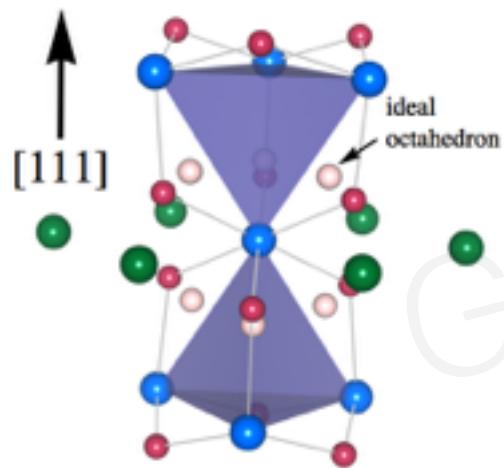
- Local moments on pyrochlore lattice: effective spin-1/2



d electrons under D_{3d}
point group crystal field

- Why is this Kramers doublet so special ?

ONE-dimensional representations of the point group !



$$R(2\pi/3)|J^z = \pm 3/2\rangle = -|J^z = \pm 3/2\rangle$$

$$R(2\pi/3) \equiv e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}J^z} = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3} \times (\pm\frac{3}{2})} = e^{\mp i\pi} = -1$$

$$|J^z = +3/2\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{time reversal}} |J^z = -3/2\rangle$$

More generally, ...

- Also applies to 4*f* electron moments on pyrochlore

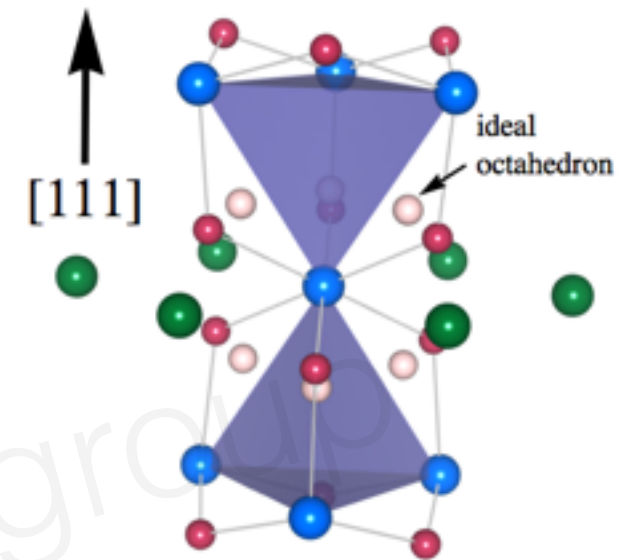
$$J = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{15}{2}, \dots$$

with the local crystal field Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{cf}} = 3B_2^0(J^z)^2 + \dots \quad \text{if } B_2^0 < 0.$$

e.g. local doublet wavefunction of Dy³⁺ ($J = \frac{15}{2}$) in Dy₂Ti₂O₇

$$|\phi_0^\pm\rangle = 0.981|\pm\frac{15}{2}\rangle \pm 0.190|\pm\frac{9}{2}\rangle - 0.022|\pm\frac{3}{2}\rangle \mp 0.037|\mp\frac{3}{2}\rangle + 0.005|\mp\frac{9}{2}\rangle \pm 0.001|\mp\frac{15}{2}\rangle$$



Bertin, etc, J. Phys: cond.mat 2012

Emphasis: what matters is the wavefunction, not the spin value !

- may generally apply to any Kramers' doublets with $J > 1/2$!

e.g, Ce: **Ce₂Sn₂O₇**

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Candidate Quantum Spin Liquid in the Ce³⁺ Pyrochlore Stannate Ce₂Sn₂O₇

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$4f^1$ ion in D_{3d} local symmetry to the susceptibility was realized between $T = 1.8$ and 370 K, and the resulting calculation of the single ion magnetic moment is shown in Fig. 2(c). The wave functions of the ground state Kramers doublet correspond to a linear combination of $m_J = \pm 3/2$ states. The fitted coefficients result in energy levels at $50 \pm$

Ce³⁺ ($4f^1$, $^2F_{5/2}$).

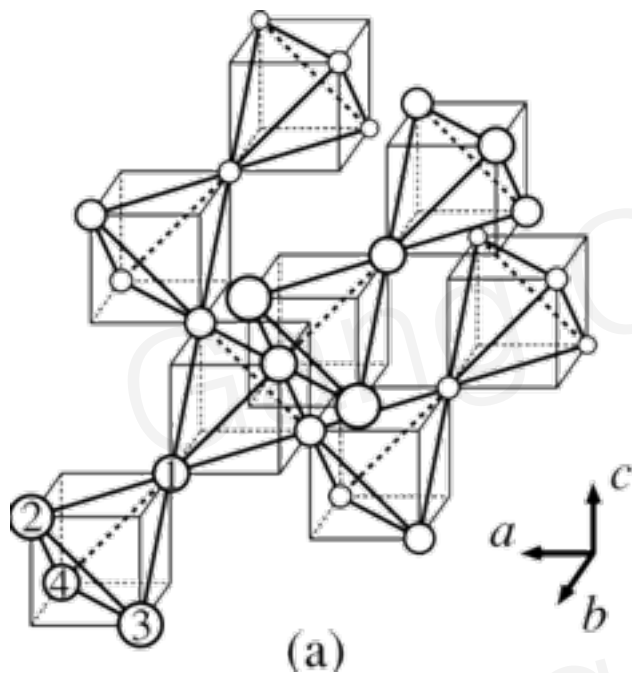
$$J = \frac{5}{2}$$

Realistic **XYZ model**
and
Symmetry Enriched $U(1)$ topological order

Symmetry properties

- Effective spin-1/2 under lattice symmetry Tetrahedral Group

$$T_d \times \mathcal{I} \times \text{translations} \quad \text{and} \quad T_d = \{C_3, M\}$$



$$\begin{cases} S^z = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{3}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \left| -\frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle -\frac{3}{2} \right| \\ S^+ = \left| \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle -\frac{3}{2} \right|, \quad S^- = \left| -\frac{3}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{3}{2} \right| \end{cases}$$

$$C_3 : S^\mu \rightarrow S^\mu$$

$$M : S^{x,z} \rightarrow -S^{x,z}, \quad S^y \rightarrow S^y$$

$$\mathcal{I} : S^\mu \rightarrow S^\mu$$

Important: \mathbf{S}^x and \mathbf{S}^z transform identically (as a dipole),
while \mathbf{S}^y transforms as an octupole moment under *mirror*.

Generic model: XYZ model

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_z S_i^z S_j^z + J_x S_i^x S_j^x + J_y S_i^y S_j^y + J_{xz} (S_i^x S_j^z + S_i^z S_j^x)$$

Uniform Spatially !

VS

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \{ J_{zz} \mathbf{S}_i^z \mathbf{S}_j^z - J_{\pm} (\mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_j^- + \mathbf{S}_i^- \mathbf{S}_j^+) + J_{\pm\pm} (\gamma_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_j^+ + \gamma_{ij}^* \mathbf{S}_i^- \mathbf{S}_j^-) + J_{z\pm} [\mathbf{S}_i^z (\zeta_{ij} \mathbf{S}_j^+ + \zeta_{ij}^* \mathbf{S}_j^-) + i \leftrightarrow j] \},$$

Anisotropic Spatially !

A small transformation into XYZ model

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_z S_i^z S_j^z + J_x S_i^x S_j^x + J_y S_i^y S_j^y + J_{xz} (S_i^x S_j^z + S_i^z S_j^x)$$



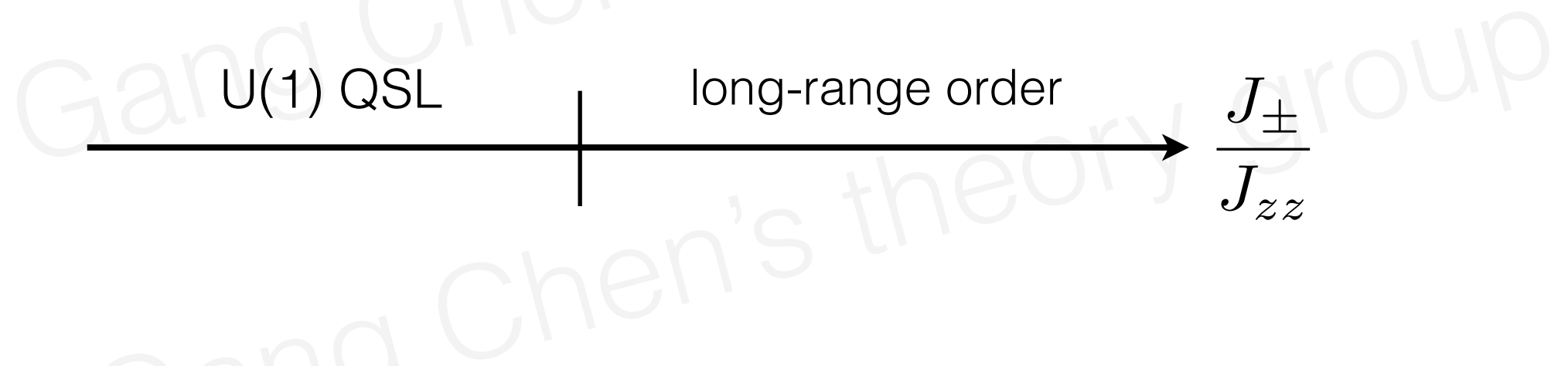
Rotation around the y axis
in the effective spin space

$$H_{\text{XYZ}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \tilde{J}_z \tilde{S}_i^z \tilde{S}_j^z + \tilde{J}_x \tilde{S}_i^x \tilde{S}_j^x + \tilde{J}_y \tilde{S}_i^y \tilde{S}_j^y \quad \text{XYZ model}$$

XXZ model can lead to U(1) QSL

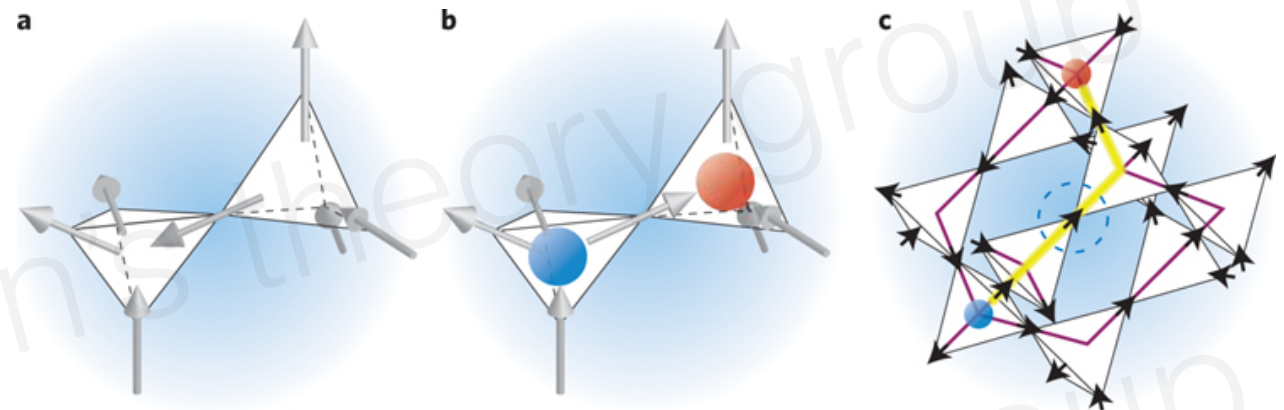
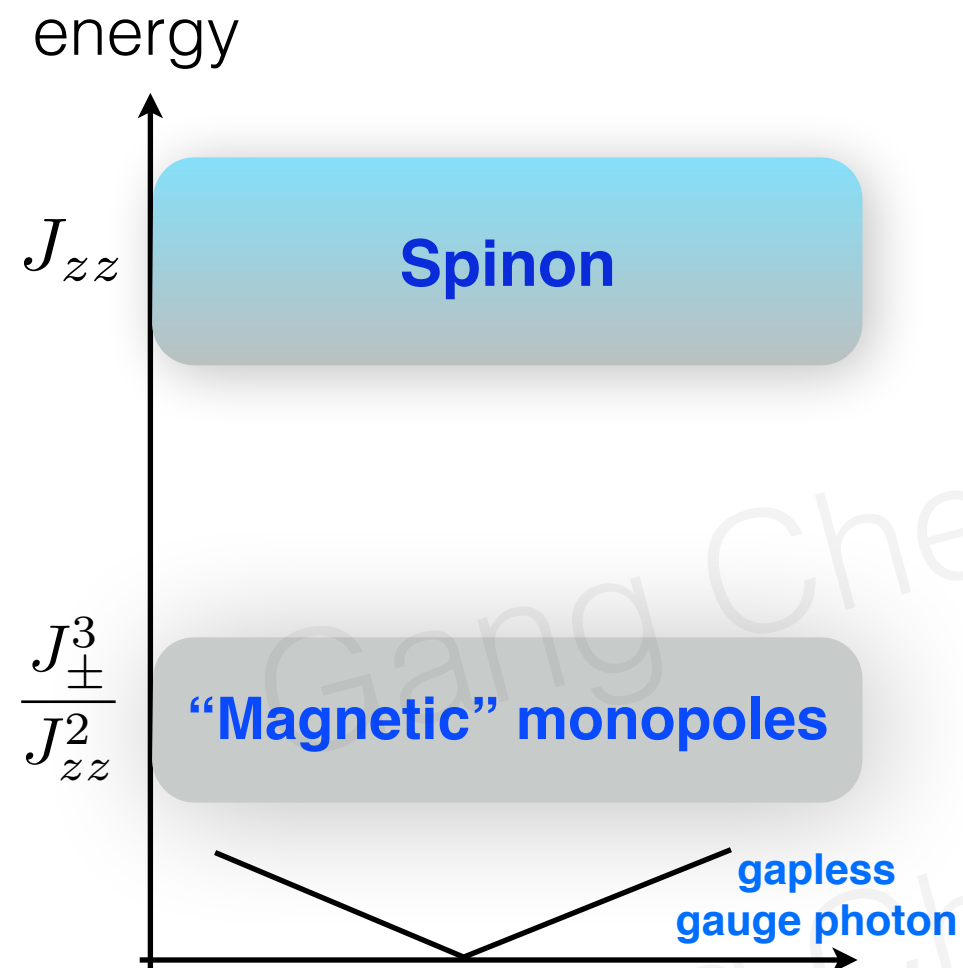
$$H = J_{zz} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i^z S_j^z - J_{\pm} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+) + \dots$$

Hermele, Fisher, Balents, Moessner, Isakov,



- Pretty much one can add any term to create **quantum** tunneling, as long as it is not too large to induce magnetic order, the **ground state** is a U(1) QSL !

Emergent Quantum Electrodynamics



Figs from Moessner&Schiffer,2009

Spinon deconfinement

Emergent electric field

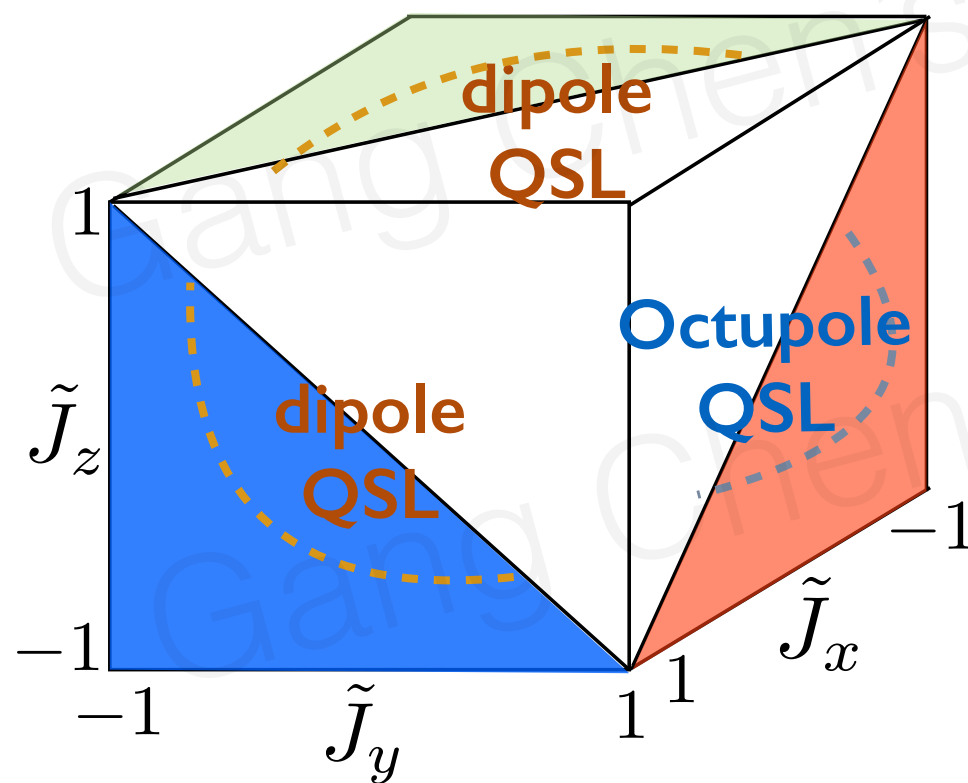
$$S^z \sim E$$

Emergent vector potential

$$S^{\pm} \sim e^{\pm iA}$$

XYZ model is the generic model that describes the interaction between DO doublets.

$$H_{\text{XYZ}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathcal{J}_x \tau_i^z \tau_j^z + \mathcal{J}_y \tau_i^y \tau_j^y + \mathcal{J}_z \tau_i^z \tau_j^z$$



3D phase diagram

Each component (not just S_z) can be emergent electric field, depending on the parameters !

Study phase on a cube: $-1 \leq \tilde{J}_{x,y,z} \leq 1$.

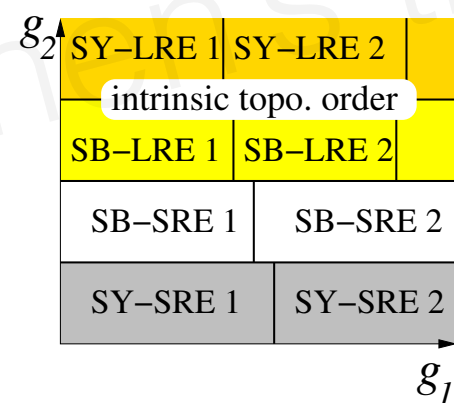
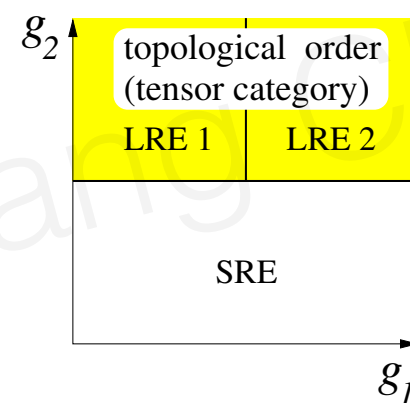


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Gapped phases w/ symmetry \rightarrow SET and SPT phases

- there are **LRE symmetric states** \rightarrow **S**ymm. **E**nriched **T**opo. phases
 - **100**s symm. spin liquid through the **PSG** of topo. excit. Wen 02
 - **8** trans. symm. enriched **Z_2** topo. order in 2D, **256** in 3D Kou-Wen 09
 - **1000,000**s symm. **Z_2** spin liquid through $[\mathcal{H}^2(SG, Z_2)]^2 \times$ Hermle 12
 - Classify SET phases through $\mathcal{H}^3[SG \times GG, U(1)]$ Ran 12
- there are **SRE symmetric states** \rightarrow many different phases

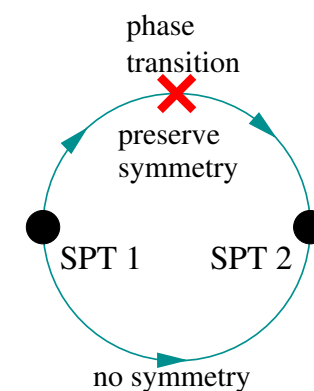
We may call them **symmetry protected trivial (SPT)** phase



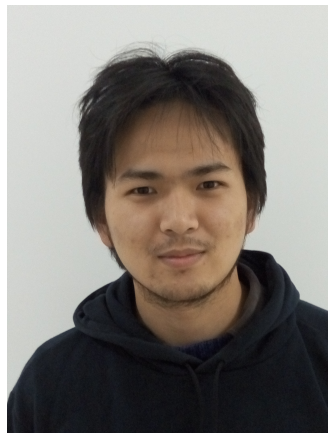
SET orders
(tensor category
w/ symmetry)

symmetry breaking
(group theory)

SPT phases
(group cohomology
theory)



- Control spinons in a quantum spin ice $U(1)$ quantum spin liquid



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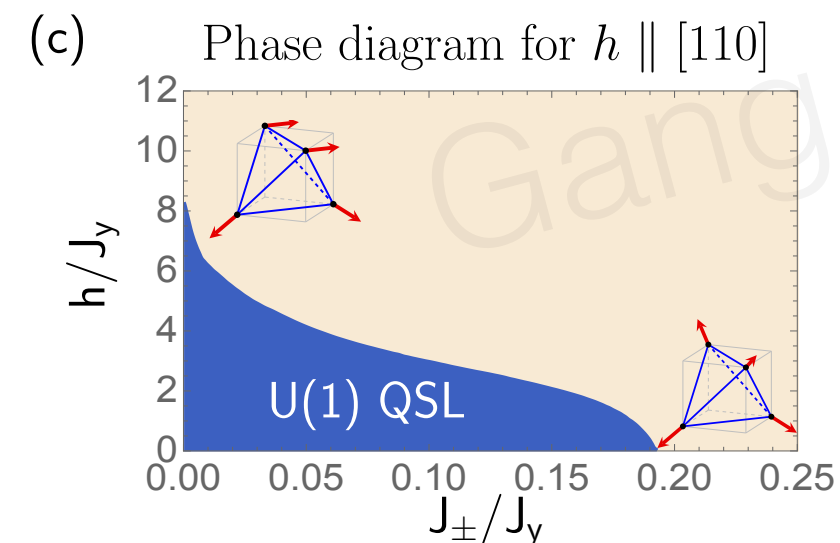
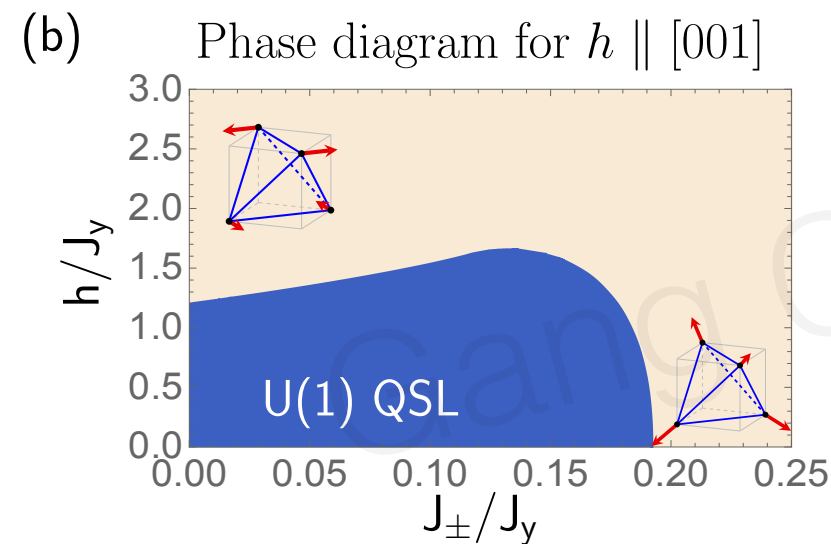
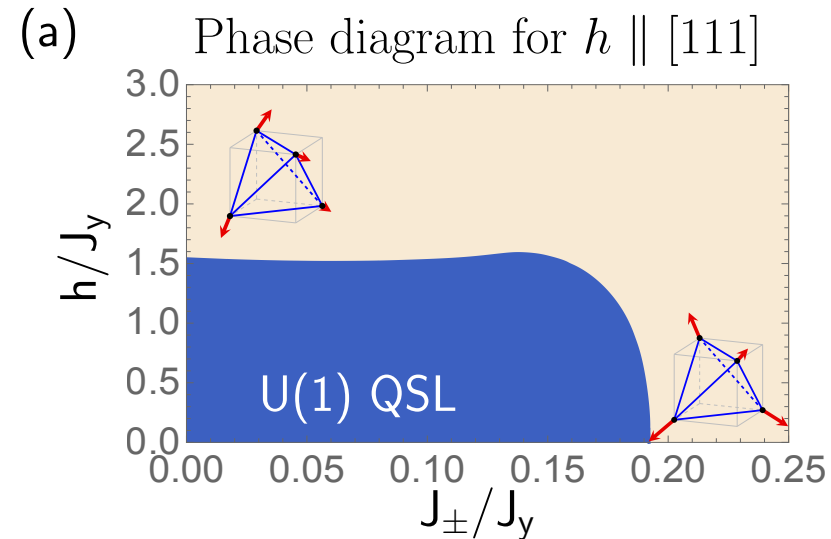
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Field-driven Higgs transition for octupolar U(1) QSL

How to tell if Ce₂Sn₂O₇ is an octupolar U(1) QSL or not ?

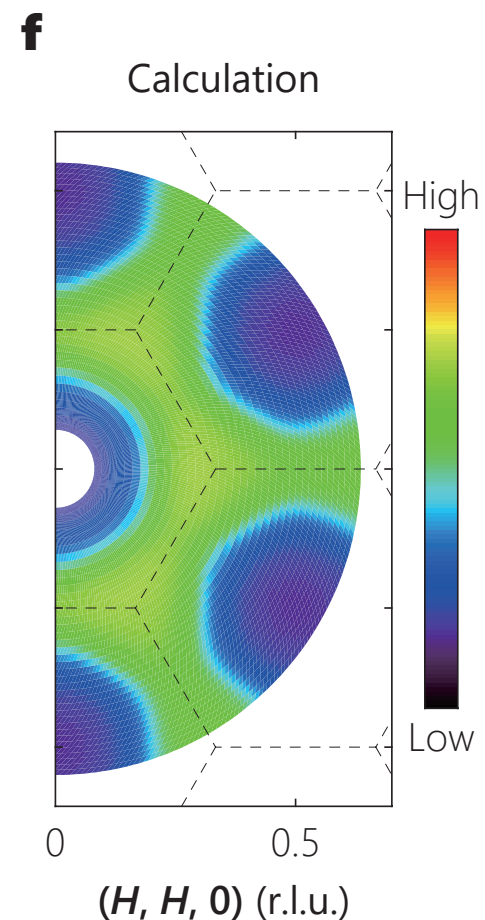
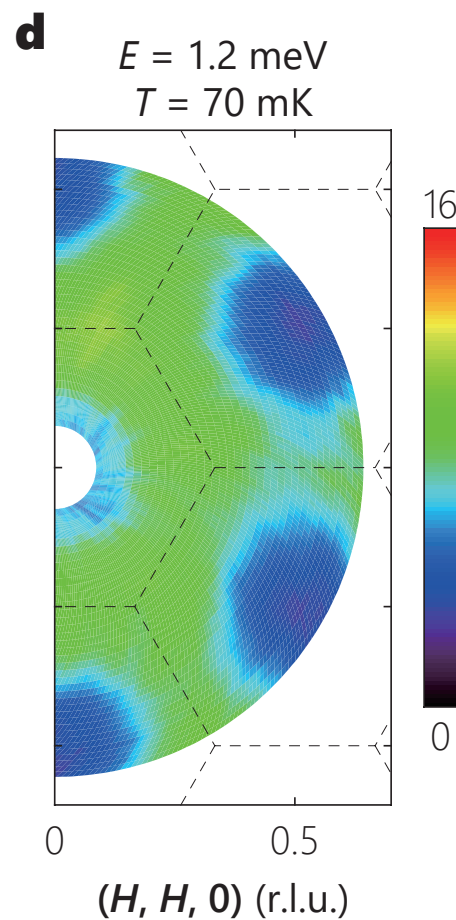
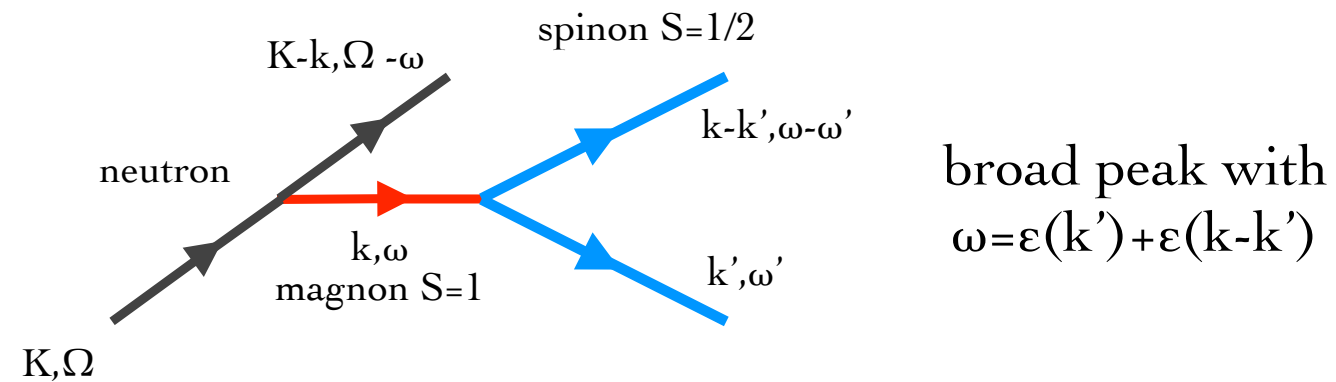
The idea to use a little knob that could simply lead to some clear experimental consequence, very much like the isotope effect of BCS superconductors.

Here we apply external magnetic field, and expect a field-driven Higgs transition to magnetic ordering as the **field only couples to the matter field** (spinons).



$$H_{\text{sim}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_y \tau_i^y \tau_j^y - J_{\pm} (\tau_i^+ \tau_j^- + h.c.) - \sum_i h (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{z}_i) \tau_i^z, \\ \tau_i^{\pm} = \tau_i^z \pm i \tau_i^x$$

Inelastic neutron scattering and spinon continuum

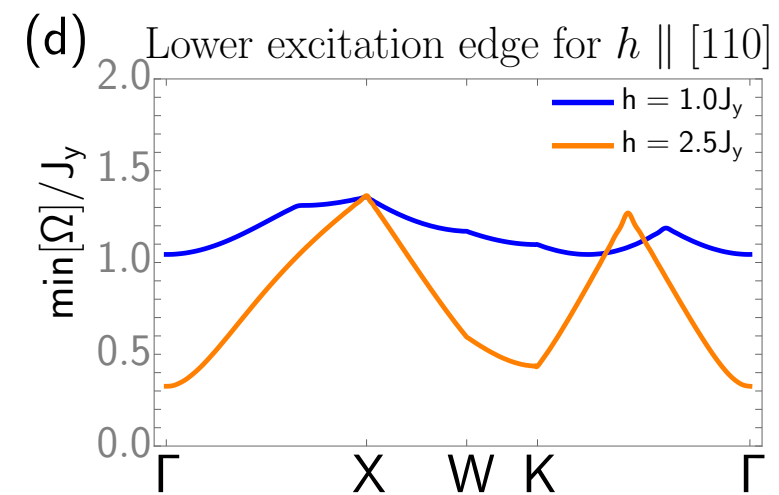
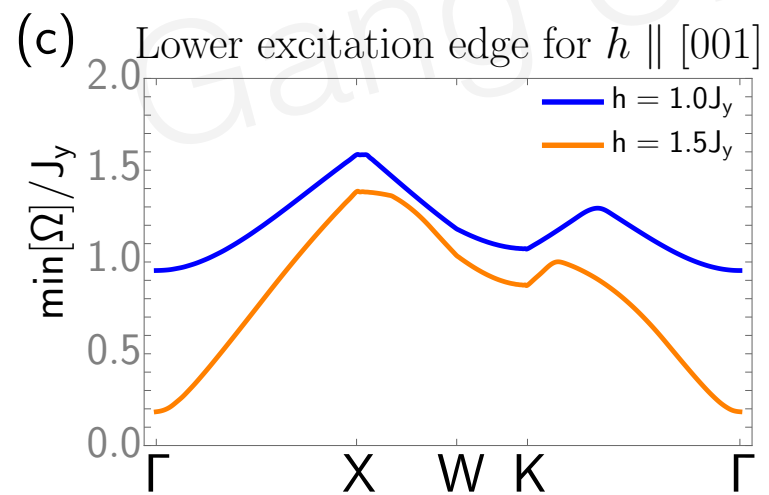
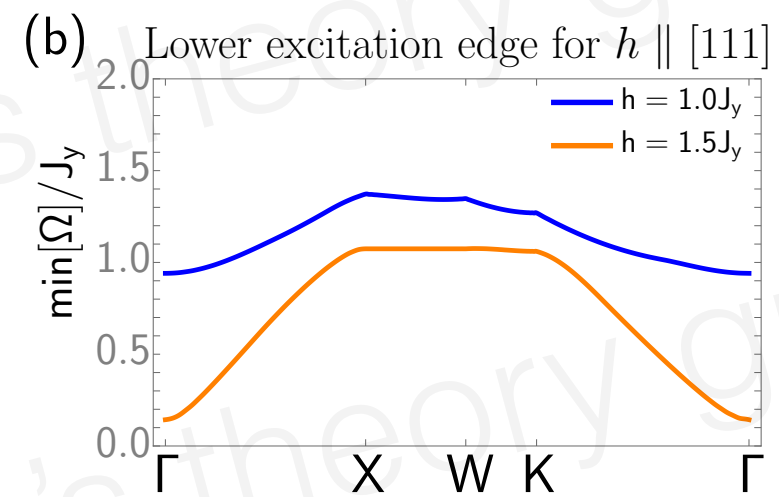
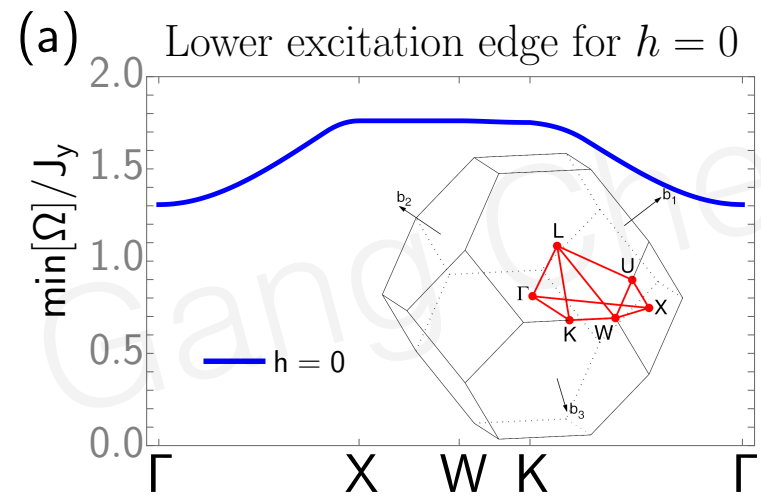


Spinon continuum
in YbMgGaO₄
(today's arXiv)

Lower excitation edge

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2,$$

$$\Omega(\mathbf{q}) = \omega_i(\mathbf{k}_1) + \omega_j(\mathbf{k}_2),$$



Neutron scattering and thermal transport

Different U(1) QSLs	Heat capacity	Inelastic neutron scattering measurement
Octupolar U(1) QSL for DO doublets	$C_v \sim T^3$	Gapped spinon continuum
Dipolar U(1) QSL for DO doublets	$C_v \sim T^3$	Both gapless gauge photon and gapped spinon continuum
Dipolar U(1) QSL for non-Kramers' doublets	$C_v \sim T^3$	Gapless gauge photon
Dipolar U(1) QSL for usual Kramers' doublets	$C_v \sim T^3$	Both gapless gauge photon and gapped spinon continuum

Thermal transport

see both contribution, but there is a big separation of energy scales in spinon and gapless photons.

Material survey: other DO doublet systems

Our doublet can potentially be realized for any Kramers spin moment with $J > 1/2$.

Two well-known systems:

- Pyrochlores $A_2B_2O_7$,

e.g. ,

$Nd_2Ir_2O_7$, $Nd_2Sn_2O_7$, $Nd_2Zr_2O_7$, etc

$Dy_2Ti_2O_7$,

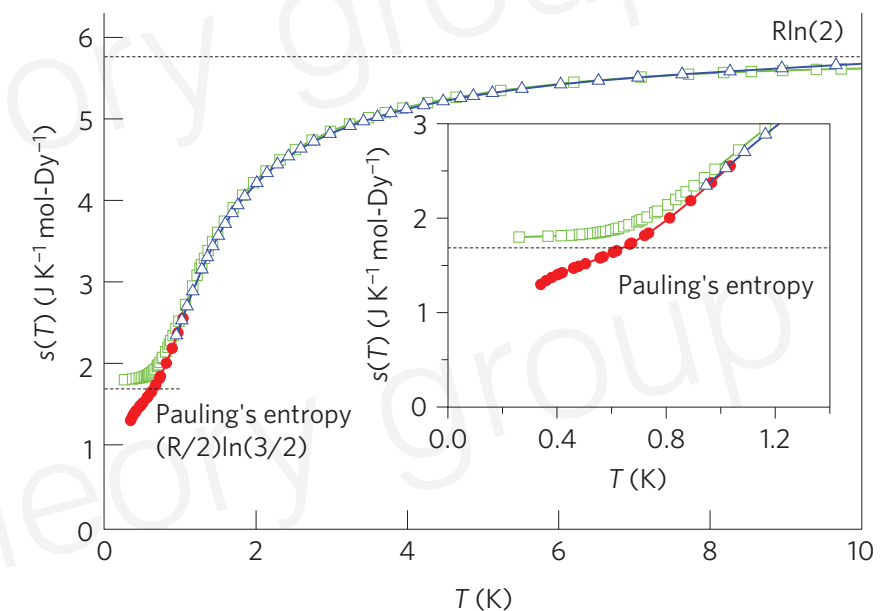
$Cd_2Os_2O_7$, etc

$Ce_2Sn_2O_7$,

- Spinels AB_2X_4 , B=lanthanide?

e.g. $CdEr_2Se_4$

$CdYb_2S_4$



Prof Gaulin's group, $Dy_2Ti_2O_7$, Nat Phys, 2013

Conclusion

- We propose a new doublet dubbed “dipole-octupole” doublet.
- We propose a generic XYZ model for our new doublet.
- This XYZ model supports both exotic (octupolar) order and symmetry enriched U(1) quantum spin liquid (quantum spin ice) ground states.
- There exist a large class of materials (not just pyrochlore, **any other lattices with the same point group**) that can support such doublets.
- The remarkable properties of the doublet allows a direct comparison between numerics and experiments. We propose a way to detect the consequence of symmetry enrichment.