

# Symmetry enriched $U(1)$ topological orders: symmetry fractionalization of magnetic monopoles

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# Outline

1.  $U(1)$  quantum spin liquid in 3D: spinon, monopole, photon, and fractionalization
2. Symmetry fractionalization in spinons and spectrum
3. Symmetry fractionalization in monopoles and spectrum

# References

**“Magnetic Monopole” condensation transition out of spin ice U(1) QSL:  
application to Pr<sub>2</sub>Ir<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>**

Gang Chen, PRB 94, 205107, (2016)

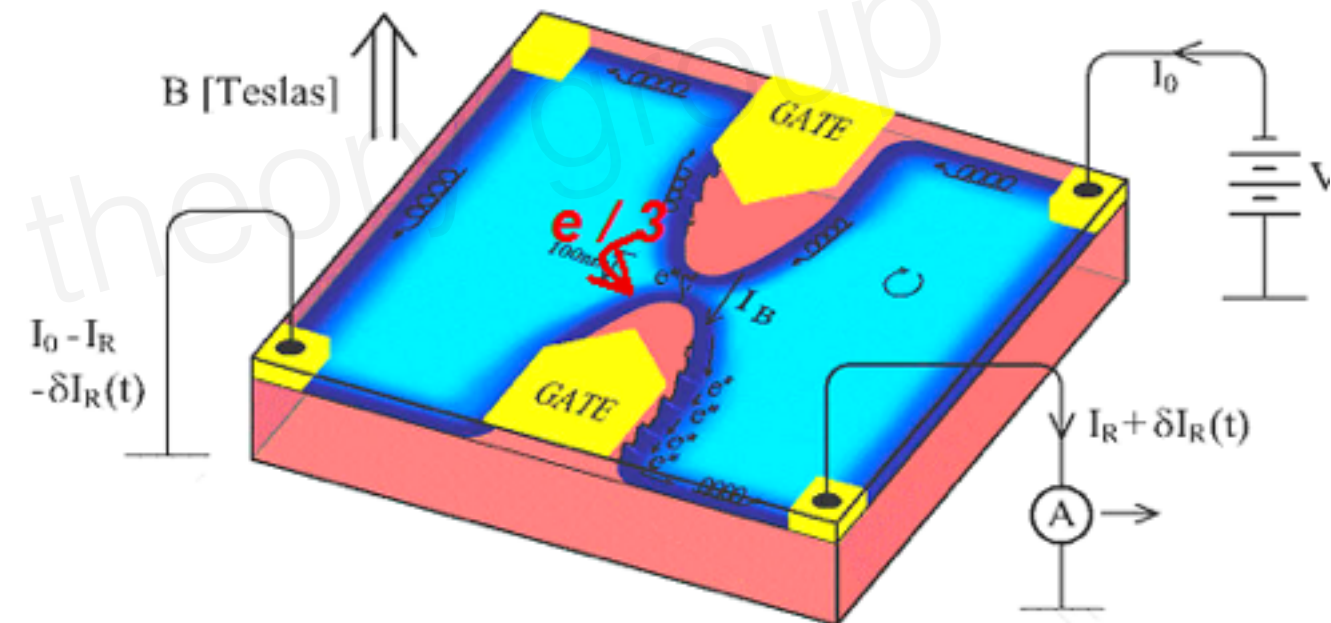
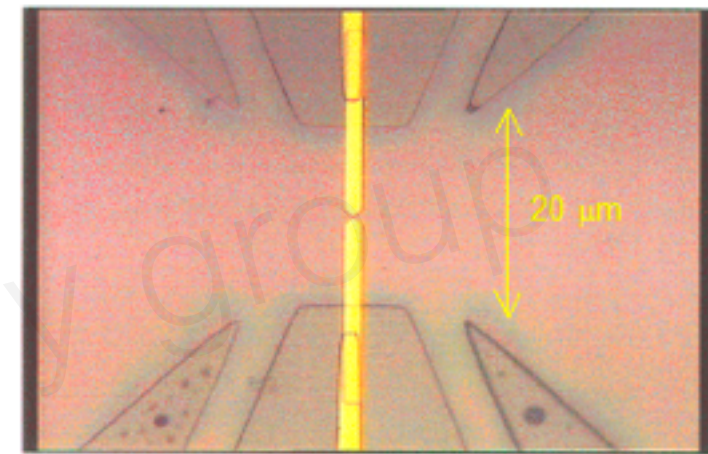
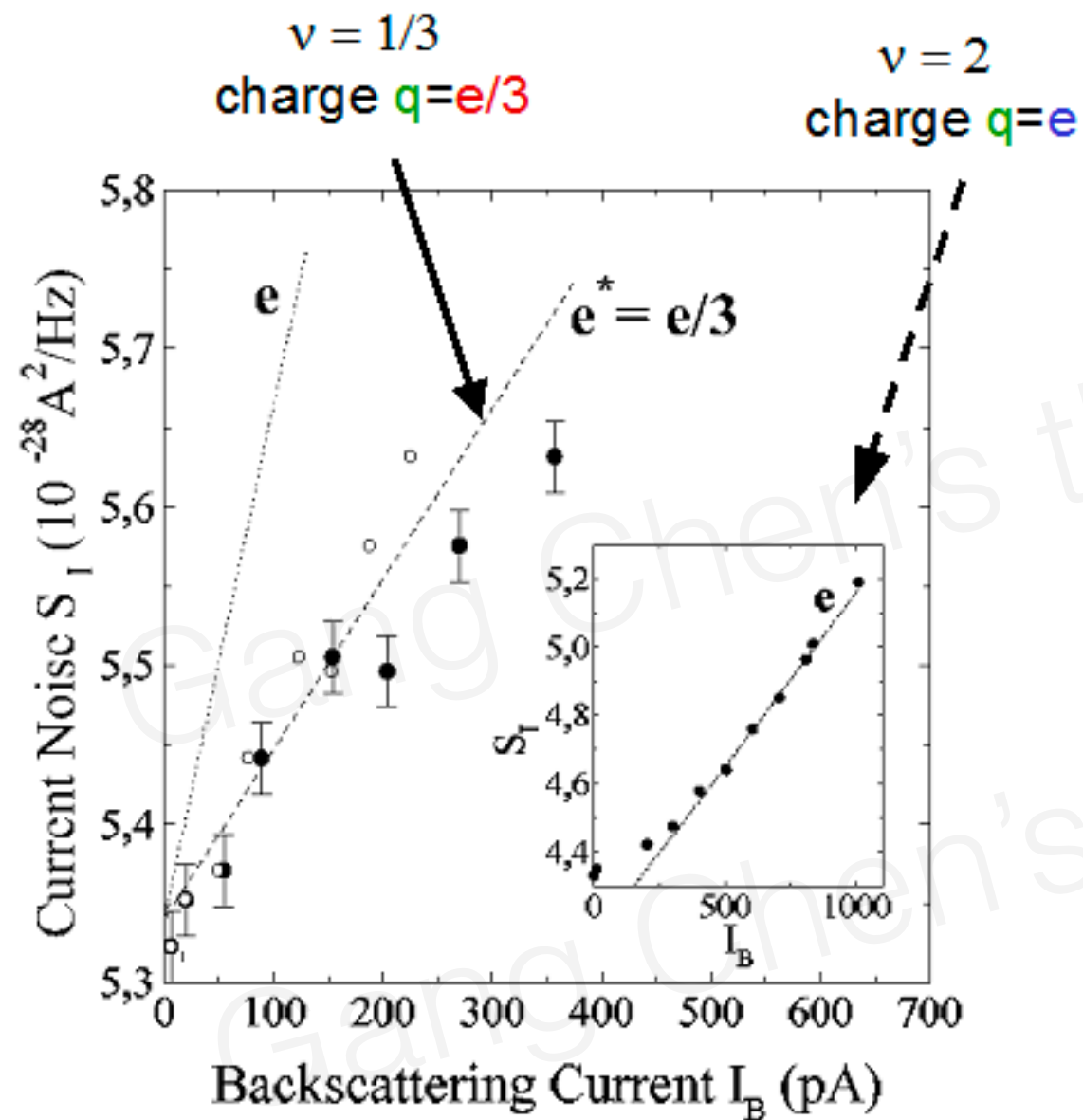
**The spectral periodicity of spinon continuum in quantum spin ice**

Gang Chen, PRB 96, 085136, (2017)

**Dirac’s “magnetic monopoles” in pyrochlore ice U(1) spin liquids:  
spectrum and classification**

Gang Chen, PRB 96, 195127, (2017)

# Fractionalization in FQHE: shot-noise measurement



Etien et al, PRL 79, 2526 (1997)  
also see Heiblum et al, Nature (1997)



FQHE is arguably the only existing topological order so far.

Chiral (Abelian) topological order



Fractionalization: fractionalized & deconfined excitation  
Chern-Simon gauge structure

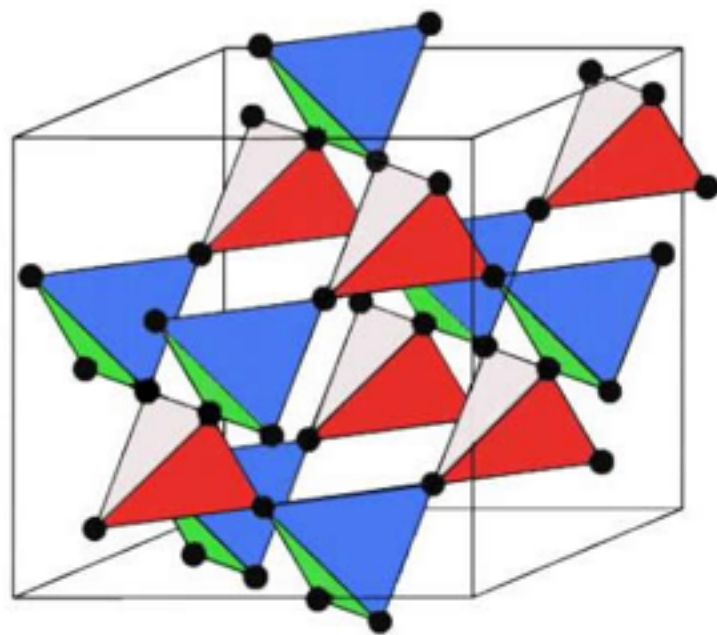


with charge U(1) **symmetry**:  
charge conservation

Fractionalized charge excitation

**Symmetry makes topological order more visible in experiments.**

# Pyrochlore spin ice



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H																								He
Li	Be																		B	C	N	O	F	Ne
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$$H = J_{zz} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i^z S_j^z + \text{dipolar}$$

Castelnovo, Gingras, Moessner, Sondhi, Schiffer,  
Shannon, Moon, Kim, Savary, Balents, .....

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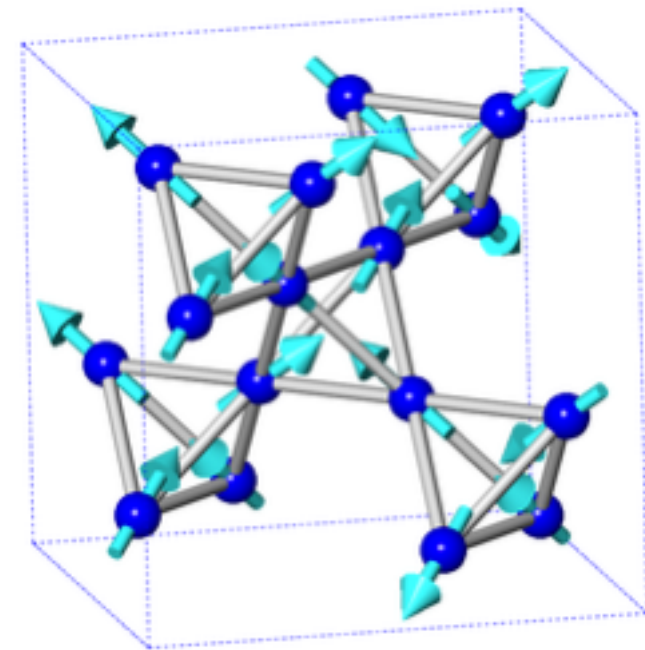
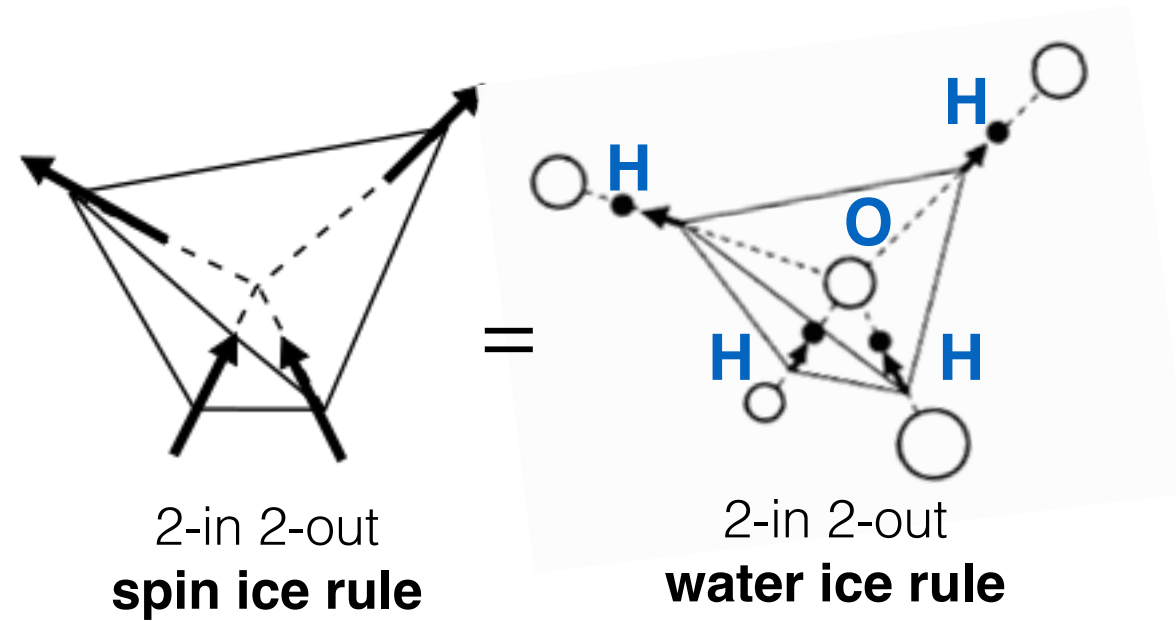
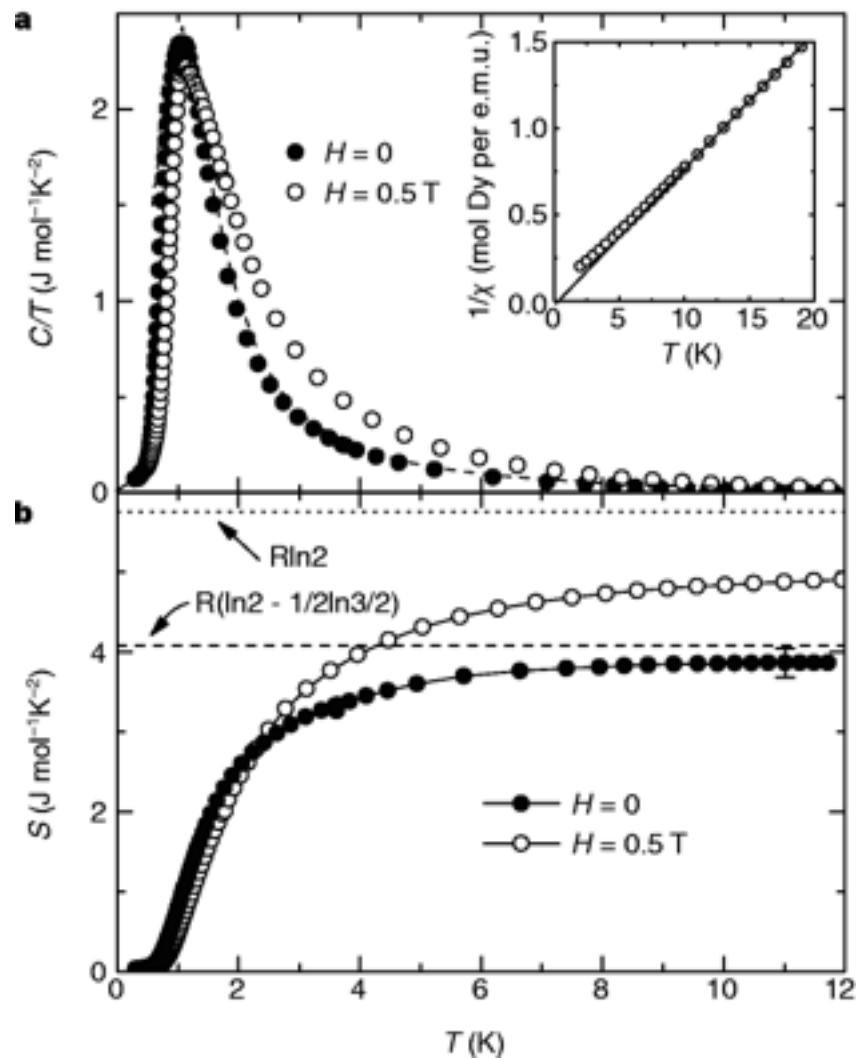
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# Classical spin ice

## Dy<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

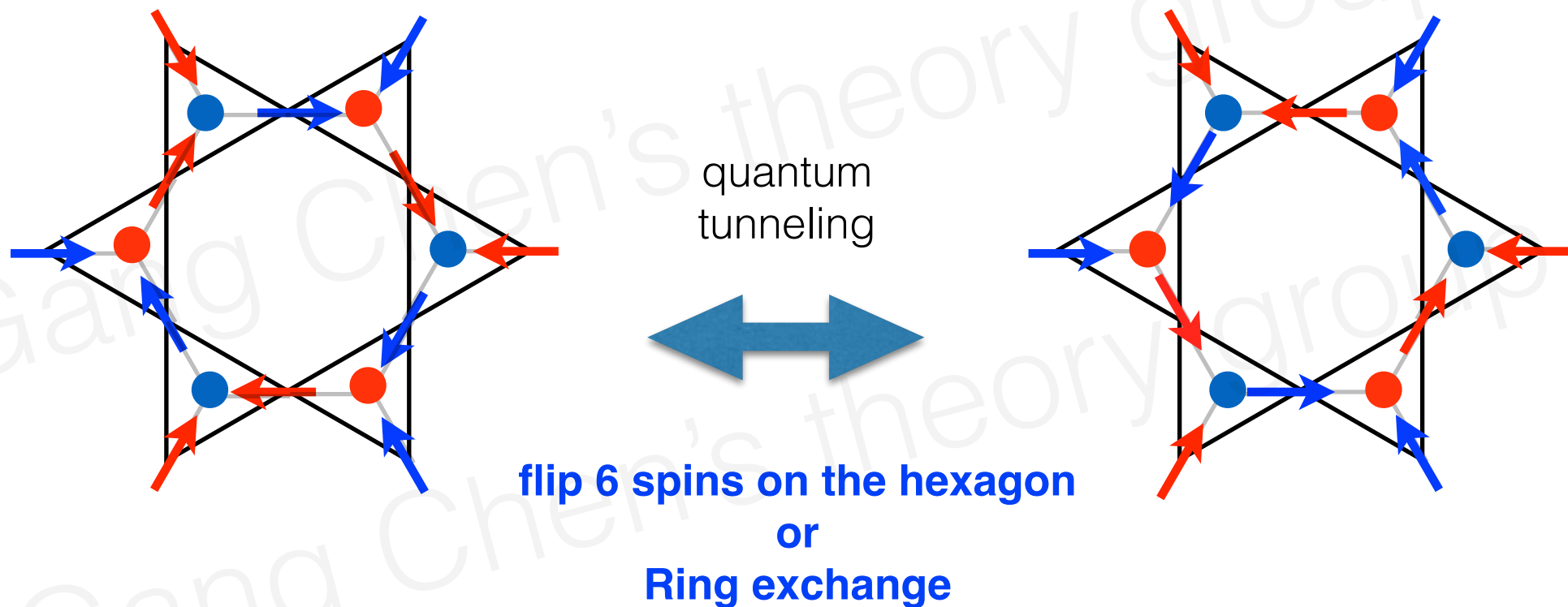


Pauling entropy in spin ice,  
Ramirez, etc, Science 1999

# Toy model and U(1) quantum spin liquid

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

Hermele, Fisher, Balents, PRB 2004



- 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) quantum spin liquid !

1. But classical spin ice is purely classical and is not a new phase of matter. It is smoothly connected to high temperature paramagnetic phase.

2. In contrast, quantum spin ice is a new quantum phase of matter.

# Ring exchange and a unitary transformation

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = (J_{\perp}^2/J_z)(J_{\perp}/J_z - 1)N_t \\ + J_{ring} \sum_{\square} (S_1^+ S_2^- S_3^+ S_4^- S_5^+ S_6^- + \text{H.c.}),$$

site we can make the transformation  $S^z \rightarrow S^z$  and  $S^{\pm} \rightarrow -S^{\pm}$  by making a  $\pi$  rotation about the  $z$  axis in spin space. One transformation with the desired effect, consisting of  $\pi$  rotations on a pattern of sites, is

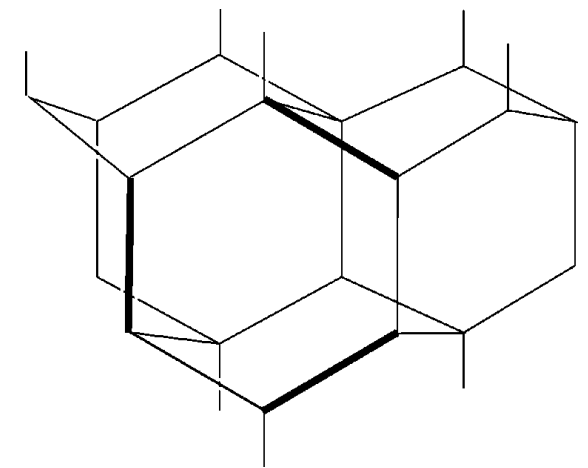
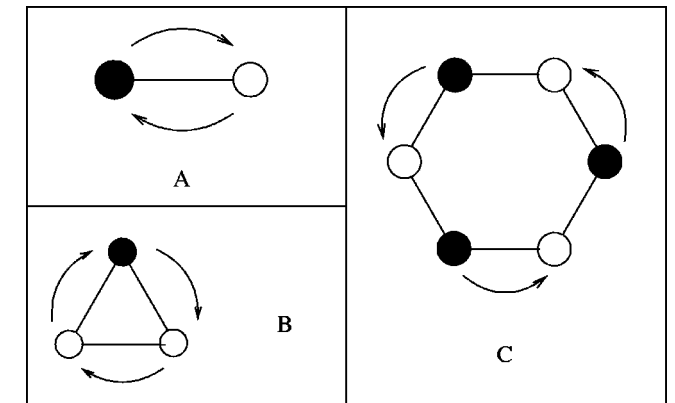
$$S_i^z \rightarrow S_i^z, \quad (7)$$

$$S_{\mathbf{R}i}^{\pm} \rightarrow \exp(i\mathbf{Q}_i \cdot \mathbf{R}) S_{\mathbf{R}i}^{\pm}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q}_0 = \mathbf{Q}_1 = (\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2)/2$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{Q}_3 = 0$ .

After this transformation the Hamiltonian takes the form

$$\mathcal{H}_p = -J_{ring} \sum_{\square} (S_1^+ S_2^- S_3^+ S_4^- S_5^+ S_6^- + \text{H.c.}), \quad (9)$$

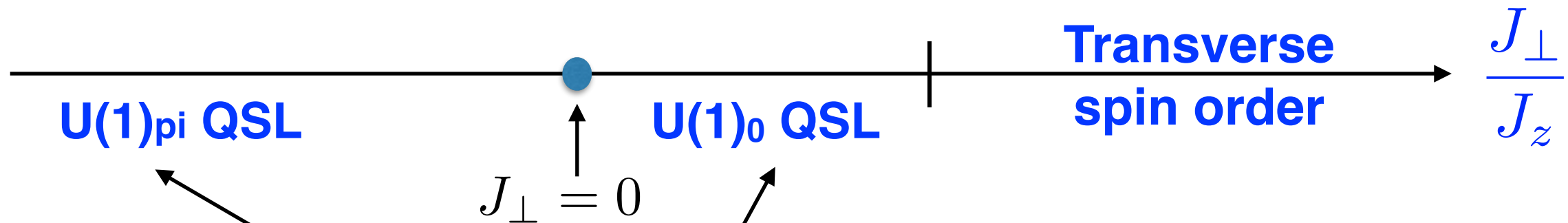
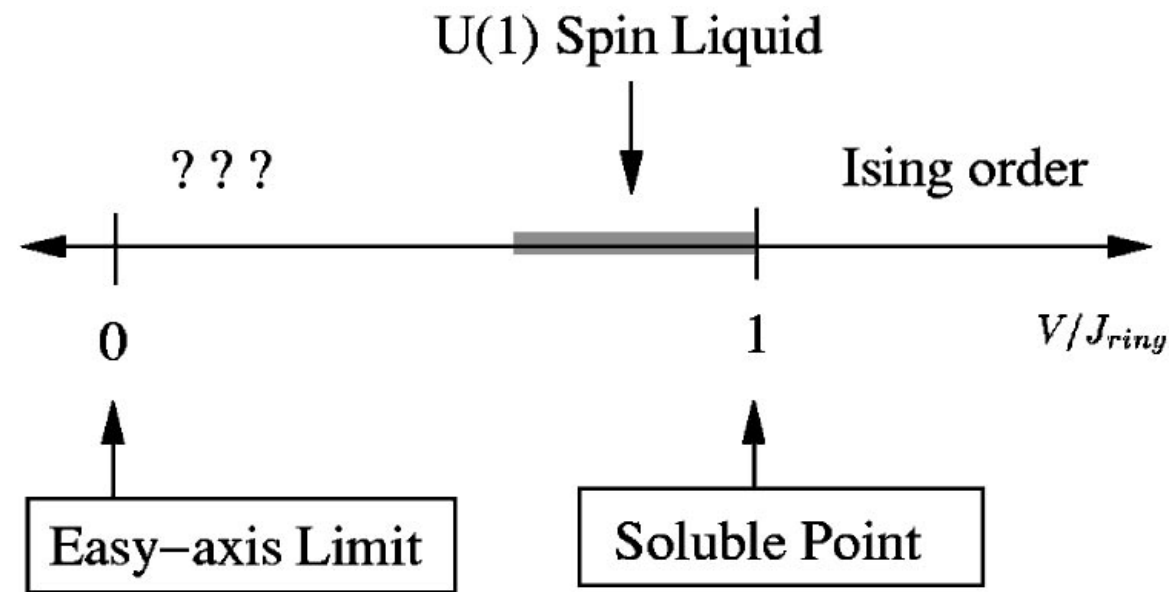


link on diamond lattice

Hermele, Fisher, Balents, PRB 2004

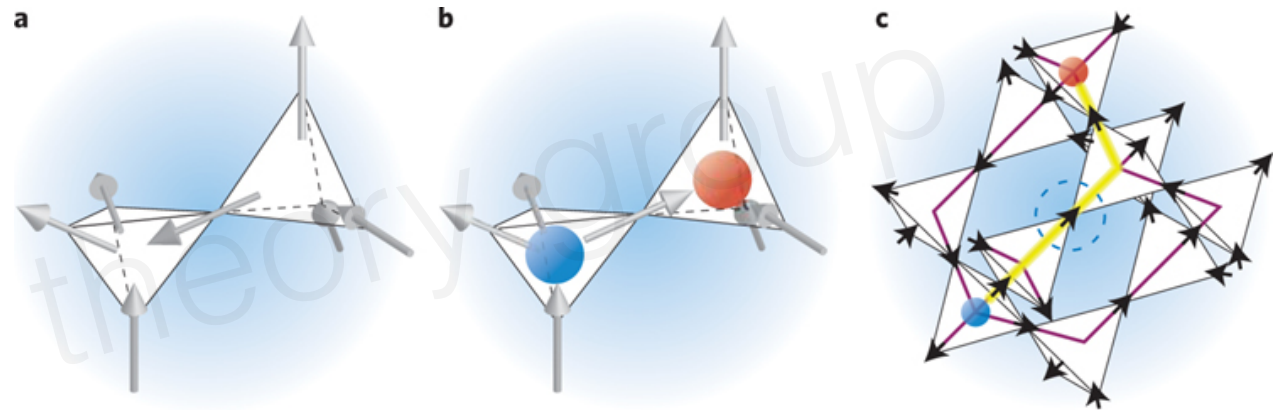
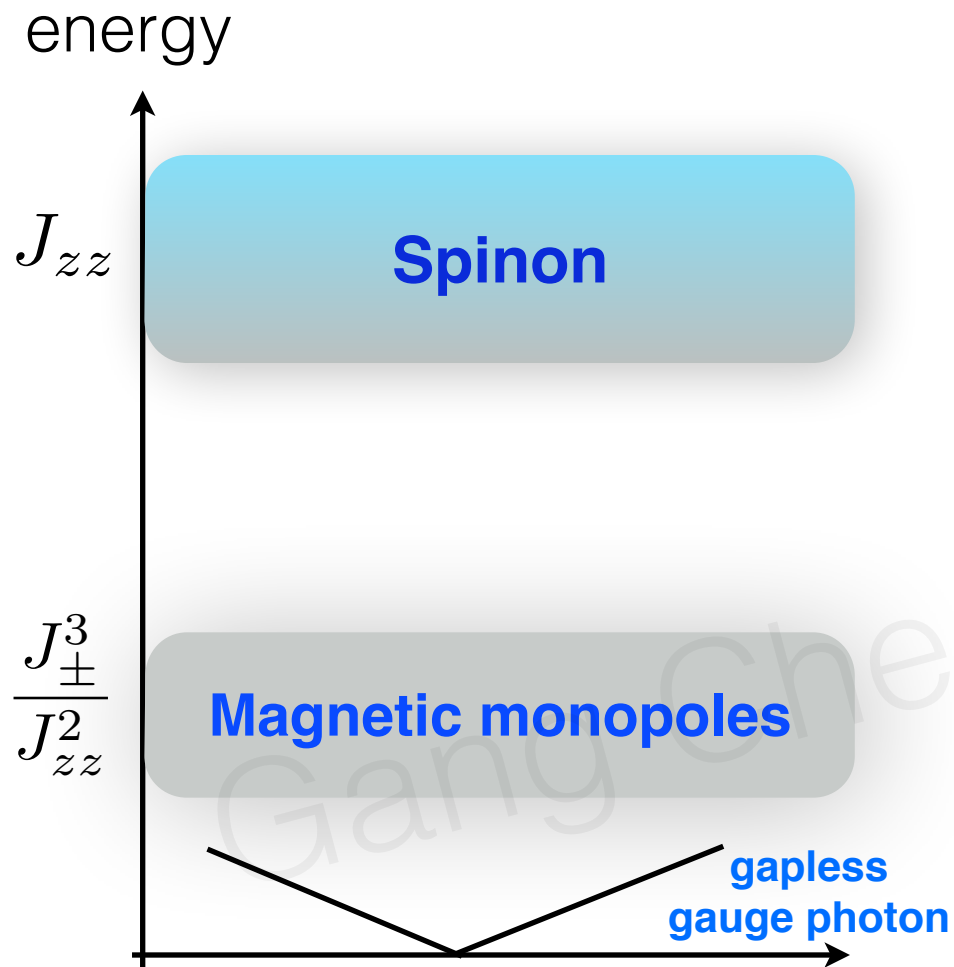


# Theoretical expectation



Related by unitary transformation  
(Hermele, Fisher, Balents 2004)

# Excitations in the U(1) QSL



Figs from Moessner&Schiffer,2009

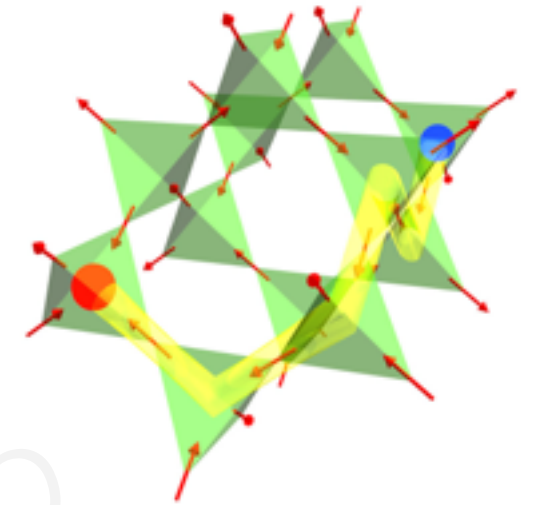
## Spinon deconfinement

- No LRO, no symmetry breaking, **cannot** be understood in Landau's paradigm!
- The right description is in terms of fractionalization and emergent gauge structure.

as quantum spin ice is a disordered state, there is no long range order, no symmetry breaking, it is a new phase of matter and cannot be understood in the Landau's paradigm of symmetry breaking.

## Equivalence of “notations”

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“Magnetic monopole”	Electric monopole	
Gauge photon	Gauge photon	purely quantum, no classical analogue

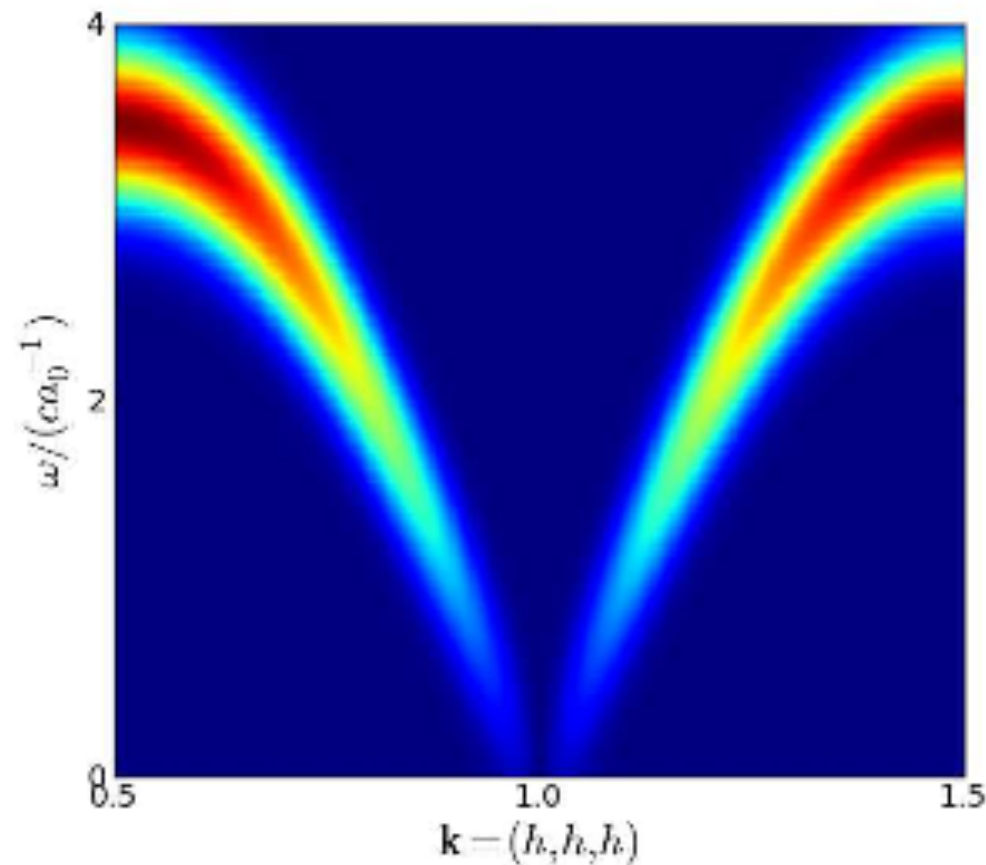


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rather than a fictitious particle.

**What piece of experimental info indicates these exotic and emergent particles?**

# Important question

What are sharp physical observables to confirm U(1) QSL ?



$$I(\omega) \sim \omega$$

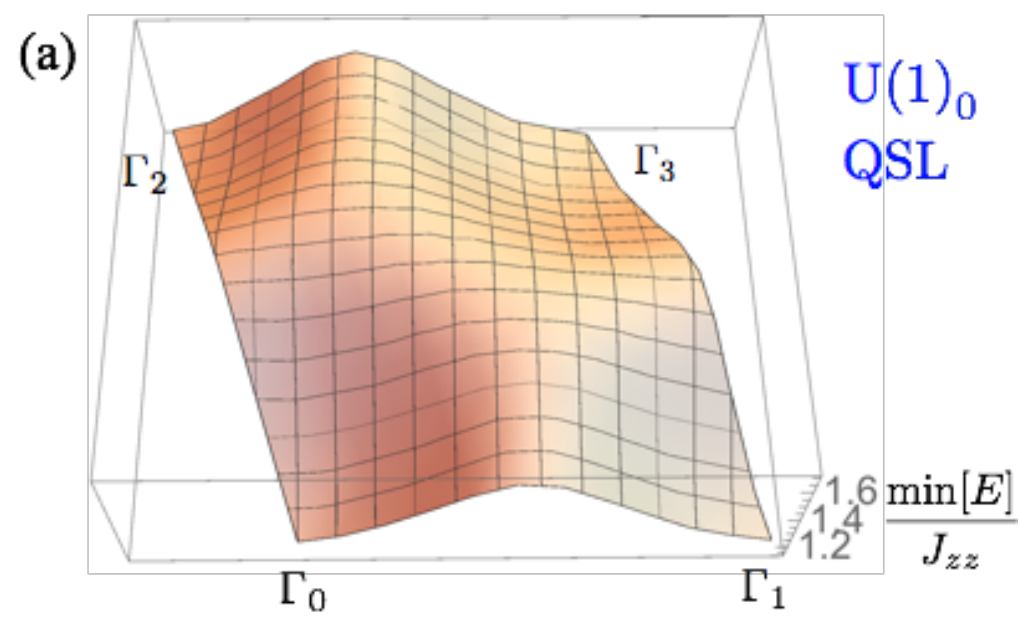
Nic Shannon, etc 2012,  
Savary, Balents, 2012

low energy scale suppressed intensity

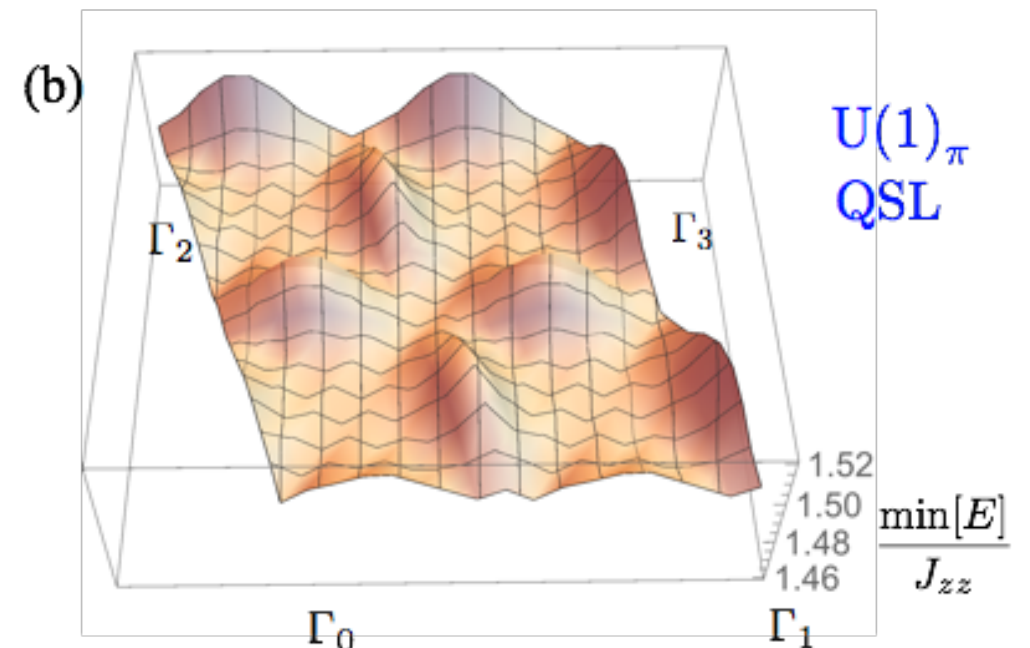
heat capacity (Savary & Balents):  
1000 times larger than phonon!

# Our answer:

the spectral periodicity of the spinon/monopole continuum



regular periodicity



enlarged periodicity

**Enlarged periodicity is like the fractional charge in FQHE.**

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PRB 96, 195127, (2017)



## 2. Symmetry fractionalization in spinons and spectrum

# Realistic models

- Usual Kramers' doublet and non-Kramers' doublet

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

S. H. Curnoe, PRB (2008).

Savary, Balents, PRL 2012

S. Onoda, etc, 2009, 2010

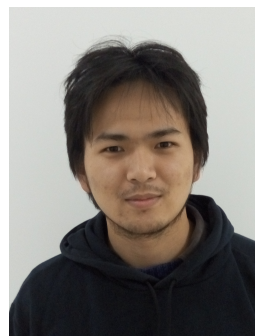
SB Lee, Onoda, Balents, 2012

- Dipole-octupole doublet

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



Yi-Ping Huang



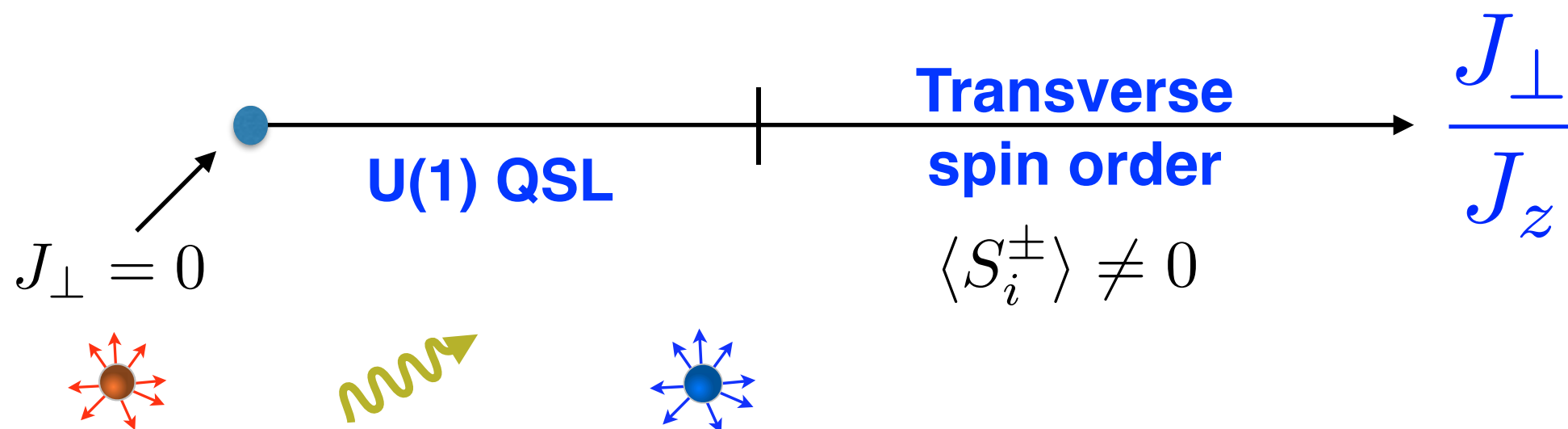
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Y-P Huang, **Gang Chen**, M Hermele, PRL 2014

Yao-Dong Li, **Gang Chen**, PRB 2017

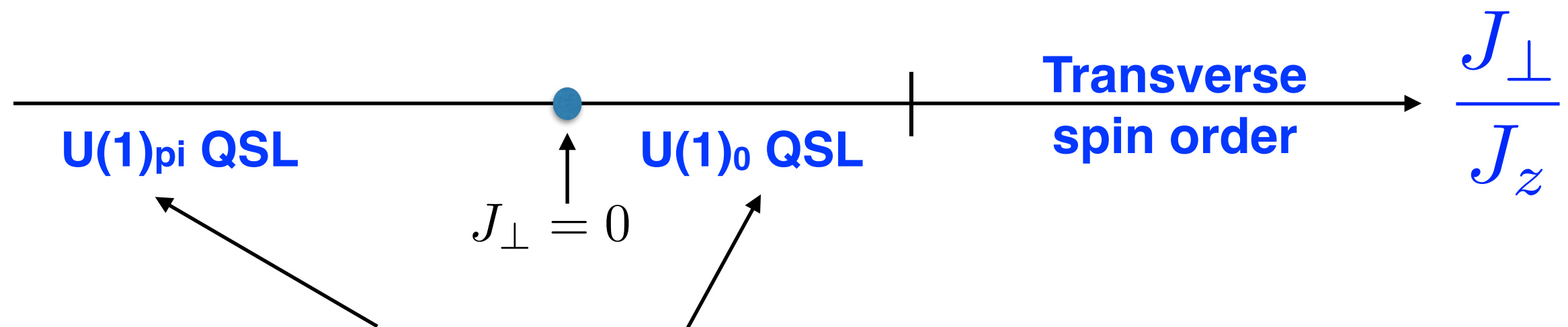
Use the XXZ model to illustrate the **universal** physics

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{XXZ}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{zz} S_i^z S_j^z - J_{\perp} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+),$$



Hermele, Fisher, Balents, 2004,  
 Banerjee, Isakov, Demle, YongBaek Kim 2008  
 Savary, Balents, 2012  
 Kato, Onoda, 2015  
 Nic Shannon, et al, 2012

# Frustrated regime: early theoretical study



Related by unitary transformation (Hermele, Fisher, Balents 2004)

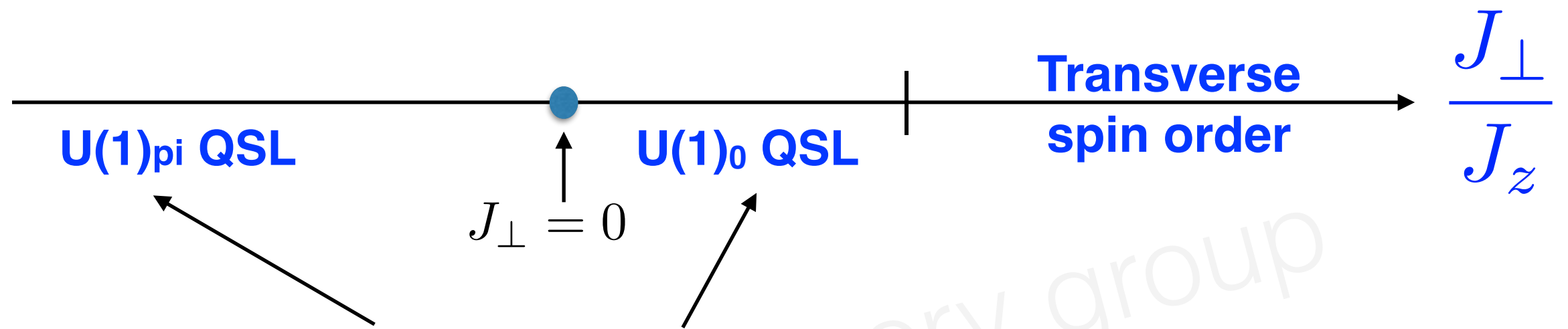
PHYSICAL REVIEW B **86**, 104412 (2012)



## Generic quantum spin ice

SungBin Lee,<sup>1</sup> Shigeki Onoda,<sup>2</sup> and Leon Balents<sup>3</sup>

one. We also consider the case of frustrated  $XY$  exchange, and find that it favors a  $\pi$ -flux QSL, with an emergent line degeneracy of low-energy spinon excitations. This feature greatly enhances the stability of the QSL with respect to classical ordering.



Related by unitary transformation (Hermele, Fisher, Balents 2004)

Besides the quantitative differences, are there sharp distinctions between the  $U(1)_{\pi}$  QSL on the left and the  $U(1)_0$  QSL on the right?



# Lattice gauge theory

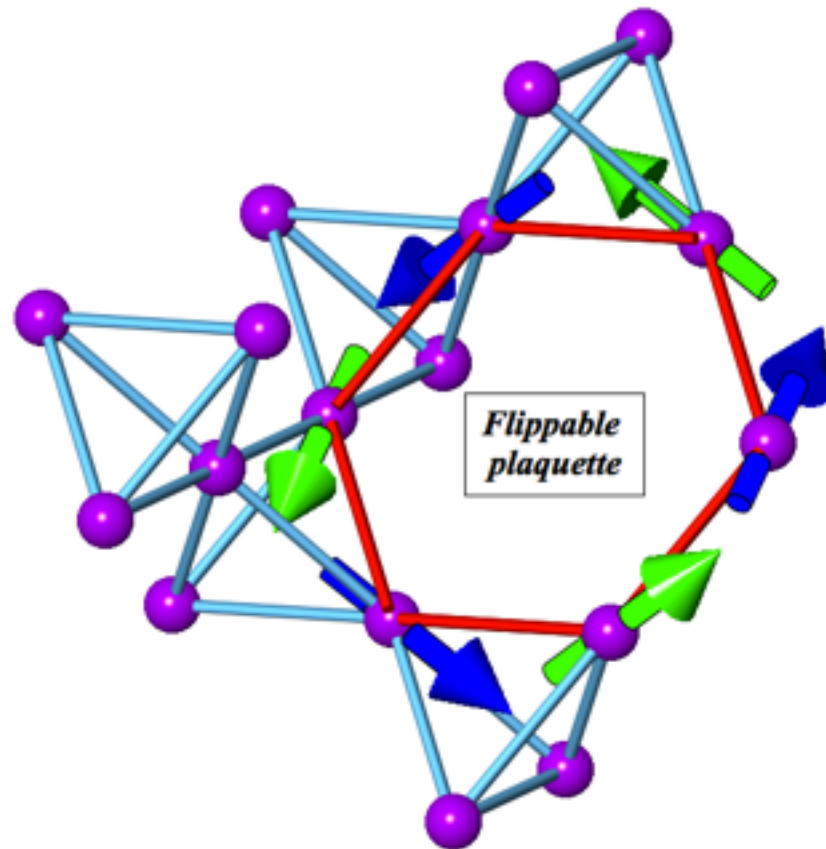


Figure from Michel Gingras' paper

Lattice gauge theory  
on the dual diamond lattice

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{XXZ}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{zz} S_i^z S_j^z - J_{\perp} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+),$$

3rd order degenerate perturbation  
(Hermele, Fisher, Balents 2004)



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{12J_{\perp}^3}{J_{zz}^2} \sum_{\hexagon_p} (S_i^+ S_j^- S_k^+ S_l^- S_m^+ S_n^- + h.c.),$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} &\simeq S_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'}^z \\ e^{iA_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'}} &\simeq S_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'}^{\pm} \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LGT}} = -K \sum_{\hexagon_d} \cos(\text{curl } A) + U \sum_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} (E_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} - \frac{\eta_{\mathbf{r}}}{2})^2$$

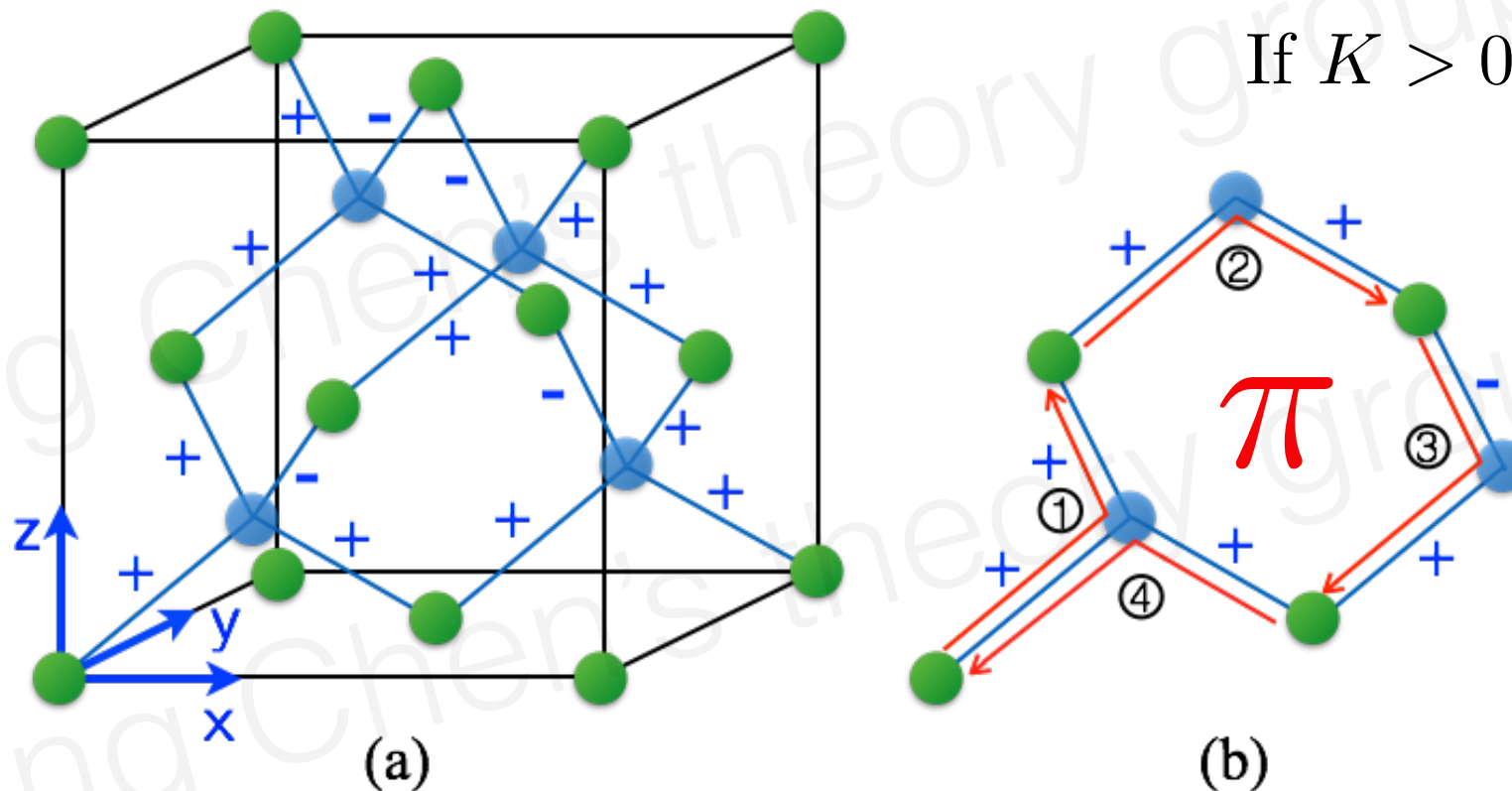
$$K = 24J_{\perp}^3 / J_{zz}^2$$

# Pi flux and the spinon translation.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{LGT}} = -K \sum_{\langle \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}' \rangle} \cos(\text{curl } A) + U \sum_{\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'} (E_{\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'} - \frac{\eta_{\mathbf{r}}}{2})^2$$

If  $K < 0$ ,  $\text{curl } A = \pi$

If  $K > 0$ ,  $\text{curl } A = 0$



$$T_{\mu}^s T_{\nu}^s (T_{\mu}^s)^{-1} (T_{\nu}^s)^{-1} = \pm 1$$

Aharonov-Bohm flux experienced by spinon via the 4 translation is identical to the flux in the hexagon.

# Pi flux means crystal symmetry fractionalization

with definitive momentum and other quantum number

It is like symmetry breaking.

$$T_{\mu}^s T_{\nu}^s = -T_{\nu}^s T_{\mu}^s$$

2-spinon scattering state in an inelastic neutron scattering measurement

$$|a\rangle \equiv |\mathbf{q}_a; z_a\rangle,$$

construct another 3 equal-energy states by translating one spinon by 3 lattice vector

$$|b\rangle = T_1^s(1)|a\rangle, \quad |c\rangle = T_2^s(1)|a\rangle, \quad |d\rangle = T_3^s(1)|a\rangle$$

$$T_1|b\rangle = T_1^s(1)T_1^s(2)T_1^s(1)|a\rangle = +T_1^s(1)[T_1|a\rangle],$$

$$T_2|b\rangle = T_2^s(1)T_2^s(2)T_1^s(1)|a\rangle = -T_1^s(1)[T_2|a\rangle],$$

$$T_3|b\rangle = T_3^s(1)T_3^s(2)T_1^s(1)|a\rangle = -T_1^s(1)[T_3|a\rangle],$$



$$\mathbf{q}_b - \mathbf{q}_a = 2\pi(100)$$

Xiao-Gang Wen, 2001, 2002,  
Andrew Essin, Michael Hermele, 2014  
Gang Chen, 1704.02734

# Spectral periodicity of the spinon continuum

spectral periodicity for the spinon continuum. The spectral periodicity can be reflected by the spectral intensity  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{q}, E)$ , the lower  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q})$  and upper excitation edge  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{q})$  of the spinon continuum. For  $U(1)_\pi$  QSL, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{q}, E) &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(100), E) = \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(010), E) \\ &= \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(001), E), \\ \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}) &= \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(100)) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(010)) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(001)), \\ \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{q}) &= \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(100)) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(010)) \\ &= \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{q} + 2\pi(001)).\end{aligned}$$

**But elastic neutron scattering will NOT see extra Bragg peak.**

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# Calculation to demonstrate the above prediction

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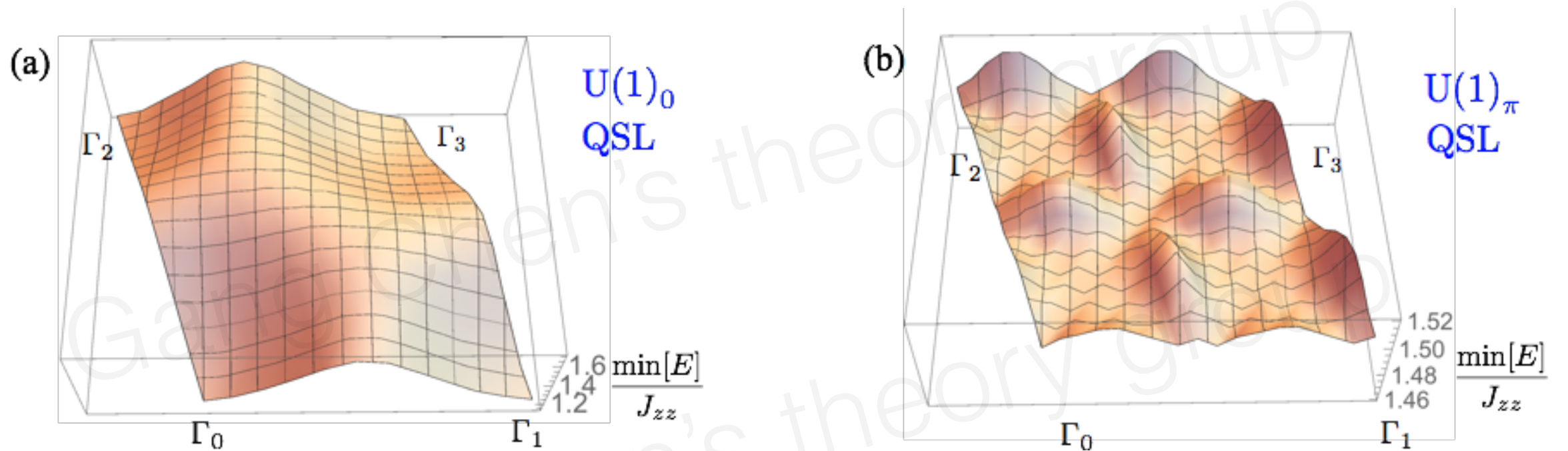


FIG. 3. (Color online.) The lower excitation edge of the spinon continuum in  $U(1)_0$  and  $U(1)_\pi$  QSLs. Here,  $\Gamma_0\Gamma_1 = 2\pi(\bar{1}11)$ ,  $\Gamma_0\Gamma_2 = 2\pi(1\bar{1}1)$ . We set  $J_{\perp} = 0.12J_{zz}$  for  $U(1)_0$  QSL in (a) and  $J_{\perp} = -J_{zz}/3$  for  $U(1)_\pi$  QSL in (b).

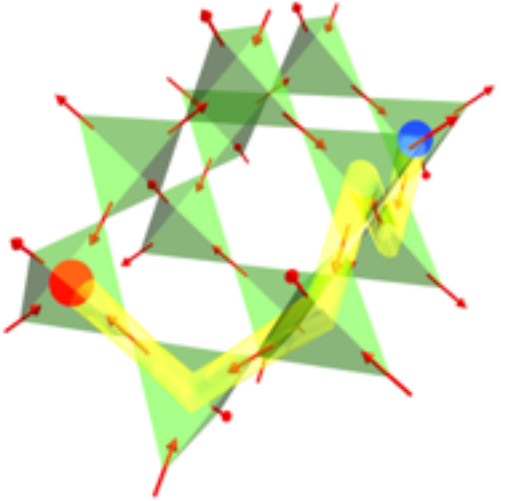
**Lower excitation edge of spinon continuum  
within the gauge MFT calculation**

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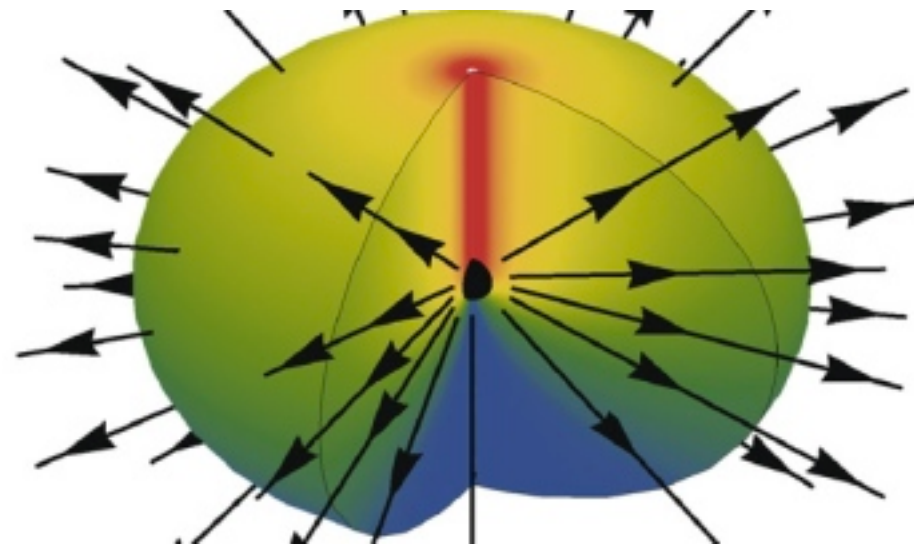
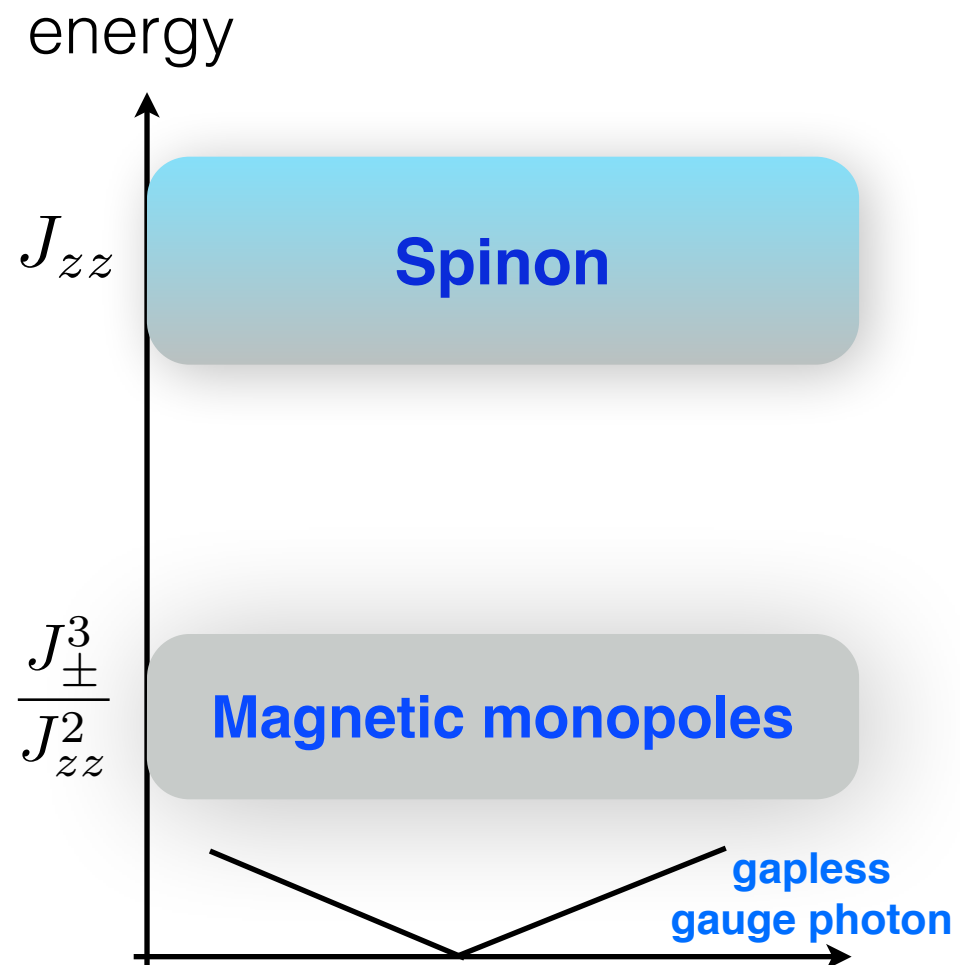


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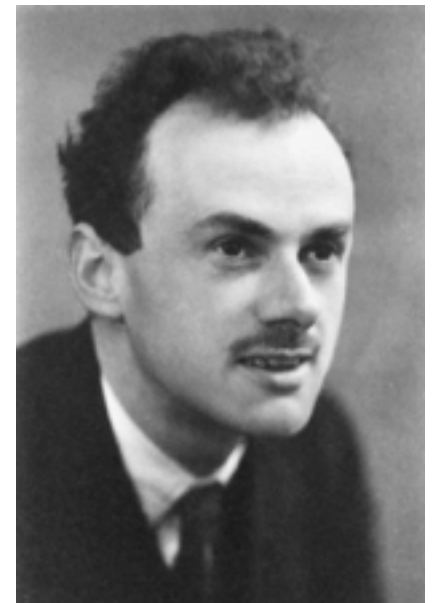
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# How to observe Dirac's “magnetic monopole”?



Dirac magnetic monopole



Dirac

# The odd number “2”

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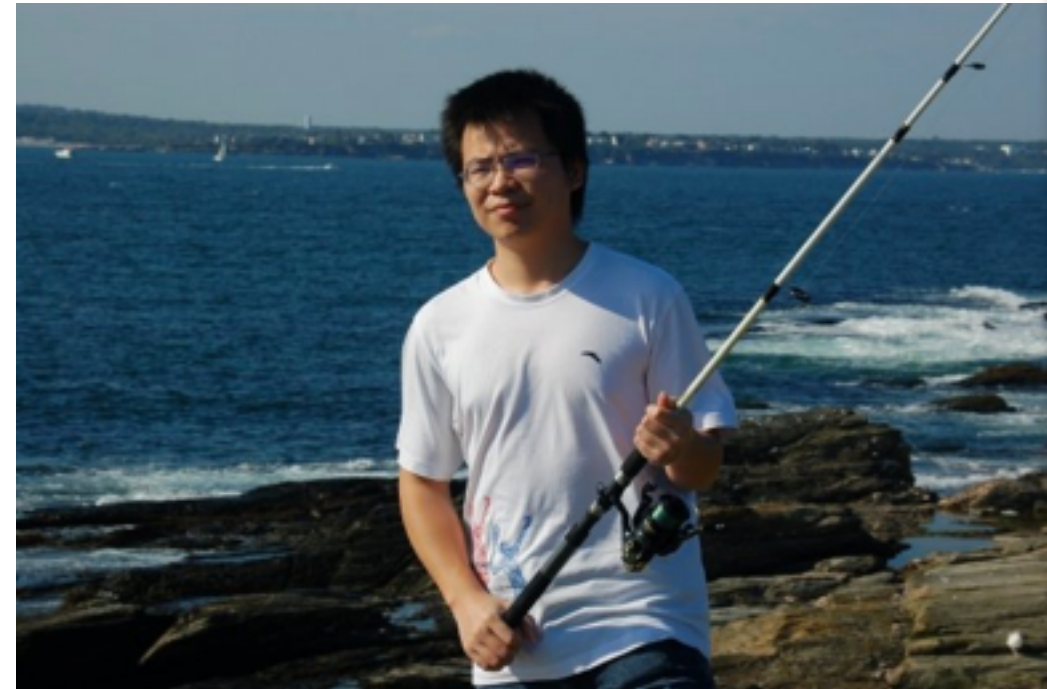
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two-electron  $\rightarrow$  Cooper pair  $\rightarrow$  superconductor (odd/even parity)!  
1/2 electron  $\rightarrow$  Majorana fermion  $\rightarrow$  topo quantum computation  
spin-1/2 chain  $\rightarrow$  gapless,  
spin-1 chain  $\rightarrow$  Haldane gap  
topological insulator  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological invariant  
 $\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological order,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  quantum spin liquid .....  
fermion doubling theorem, two Weyl nodes in Weyl semimetal  
single-layer graphene vs bilayer-layer graphene...

two (not 3) neutron stars emerge.....

2-electron  $\rightarrow$  Cooper pair  
superconductor,

$\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological invariant  
topological insulator

Haldane chain,

s-wave  
p-wave  
odd/even parity superconductor

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3个一起合并就是fine

# Kramers vs Non-Kramers doublet

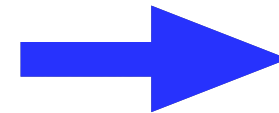
Kramers doublet: e.g. Yb ion in Yb<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

Yb<sup>3+</sup> ion: 4f<sup>13</sup> has J=7/2 due to SOC.

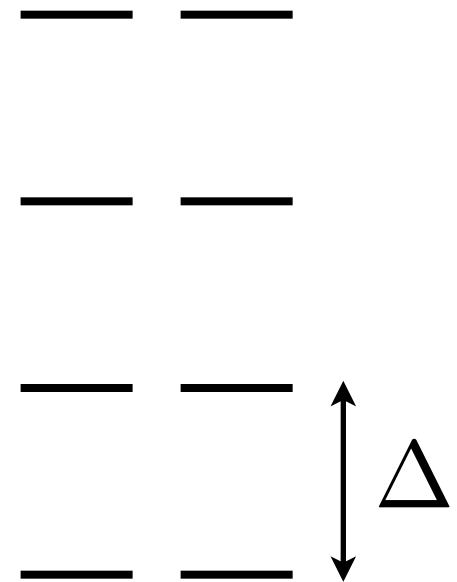
$$\mathcal{T} : S^x \rightarrow -S^x, S^y \rightarrow -S^y, S^z \rightarrow -S^z$$



J=7/2



CEF



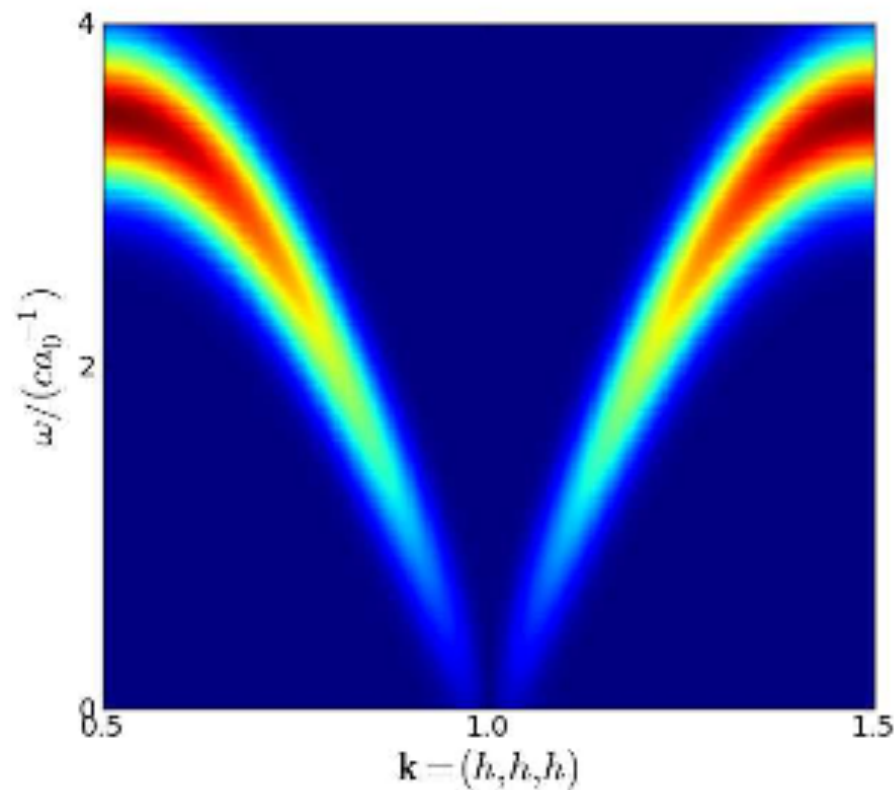
(unusual example is dipole-octupole doublet in Ce<sub>2</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and Nd<sub>2</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>),  
YP Huang, [GC](#), Hermele, PRL 2014; YD Li, [GC](#), PRB2016, YD Li, [GC](#), PRB 2017

In contrast, the Tb ion in Tb<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Pr ion in Pr<sub>2</sub>Ir<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Pr<sub>2</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Pr<sub>2</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, etc,  
are **non-Kramers doublets**

$$\mathcal{T} : S^{x,y} \rightarrow S^{x,y}, S^z \rightarrow -S^z.$$



# Emergent light: U(1) photon



$$I(\omega) \sim \omega$$

emergent U(1) photon in U(1) QSL

Hermele et al 2004  
N Shannon et al 2012,  
L Savary et al 2012

$$S_z \sim E \text{ (emergent electric field)}$$

Low energy theory

$$\text{Im}[E_{-\mathbf{k},-\omega}^\alpha E_{\mathbf{k},\omega}^\beta] \propto [\delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{k_\alpha k_\beta}{\mathbf{k}^2}] \omega \delta(\omega - v|\mathbf{k}|),$$

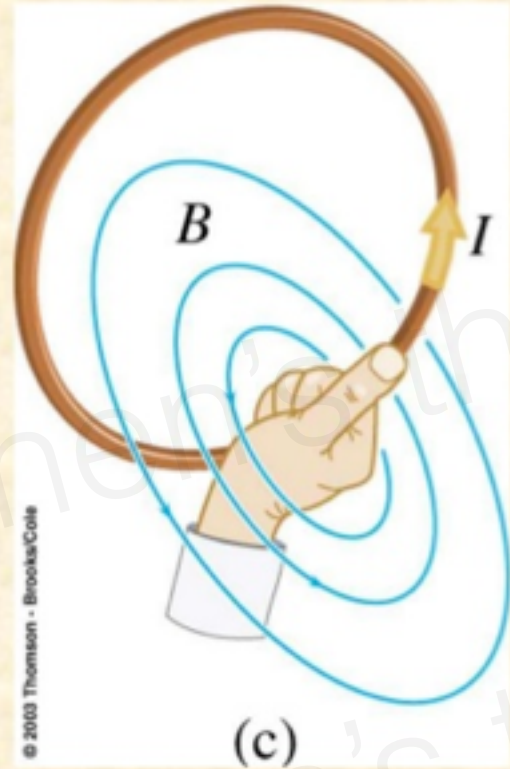
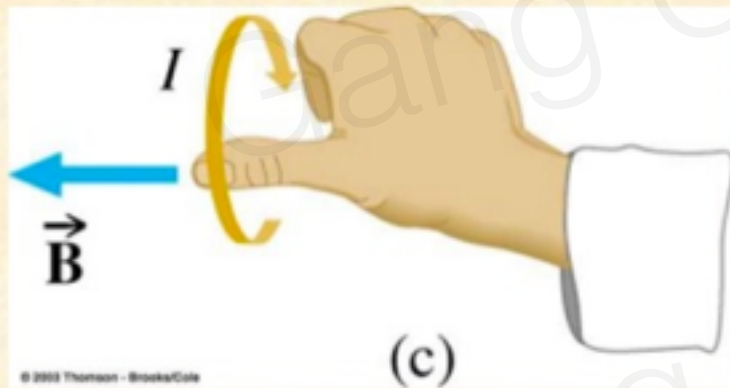
The well-known result of the photon modes in the INS measurement was obtained by considering the low-energy field theory that describes the long-distance quantum fluctuation within the spin ice manifold. The actual spin dynamics, that is captured by the  $S^z$  correlation in the INS measurement, operates in a broad energy scale up to the exchange energy and certainly contains more information than just the photon mode from the low-energy Maxwell field theory. What is the other informa-

Gang Chen, arXiv:1706.04333

# Electromagnetic duality

For loop or coil of wire, can still use 1<sup>st</sup> RHR, but direction of current constantly changes.

Easier to use 2<sup>nd</sup> Right Hand Rule. Fingers curl in direction of current, thumb points to direction of magnetic field.

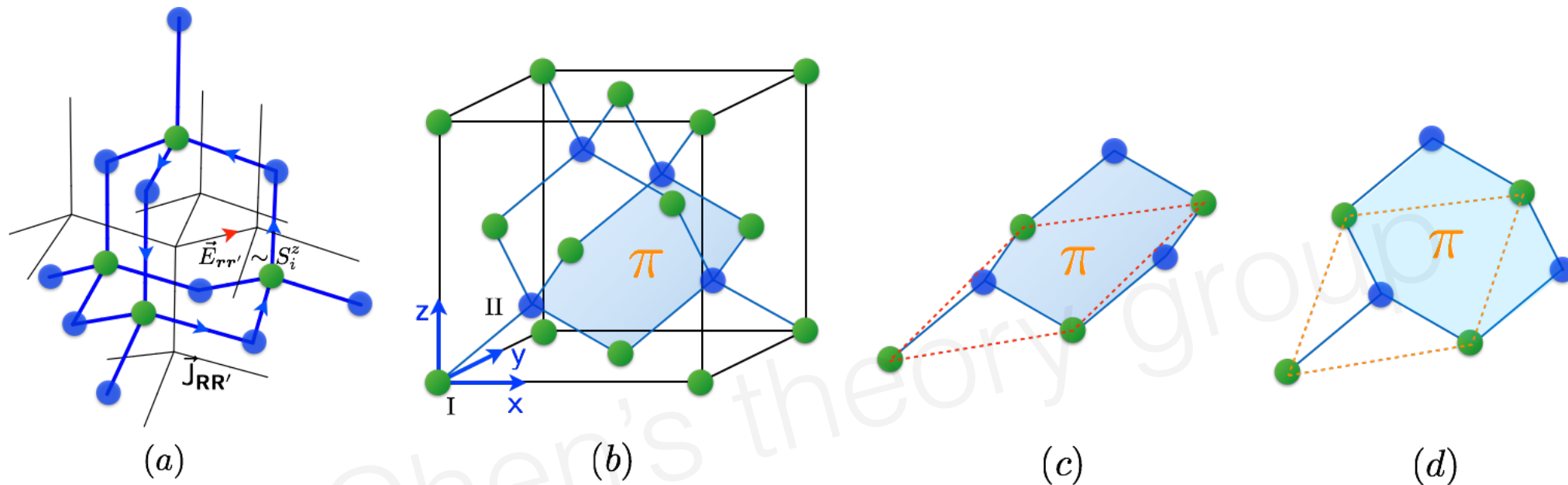


## Duality

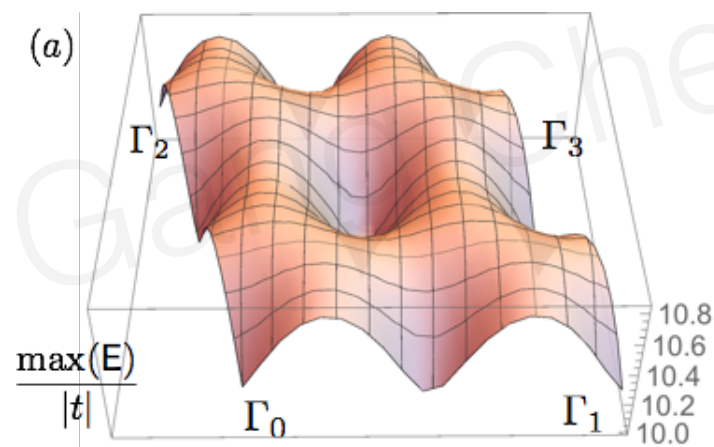
Electric loop current -> Magnetic field  
Magnetic loop current -> Electric field

$$S_z \sim E \text{ (emergent electric field)}$$

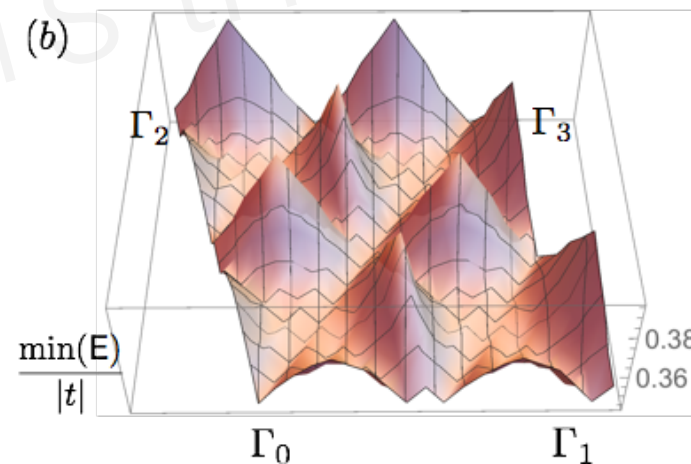
Sz correlation = monopole loop current correlation



$$H_{\text{dual}} = -t \sum_{\langle \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}' \rangle} e^{-i2\pi\alpha_{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'}} \Phi_{\mathbf{R}}^\dagger \Phi_{\mathbf{R}'} - \mu \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi_{\mathbf{R}}^\dagger \Phi_{\mathbf{R}} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{\square^*} (\text{curl} \alpha - \frac{\eta_{\mathbf{r}}}{2})^2 - K \sum_{\langle \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}' \rangle} \cos B_{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'} + \dots$$



the upper edge

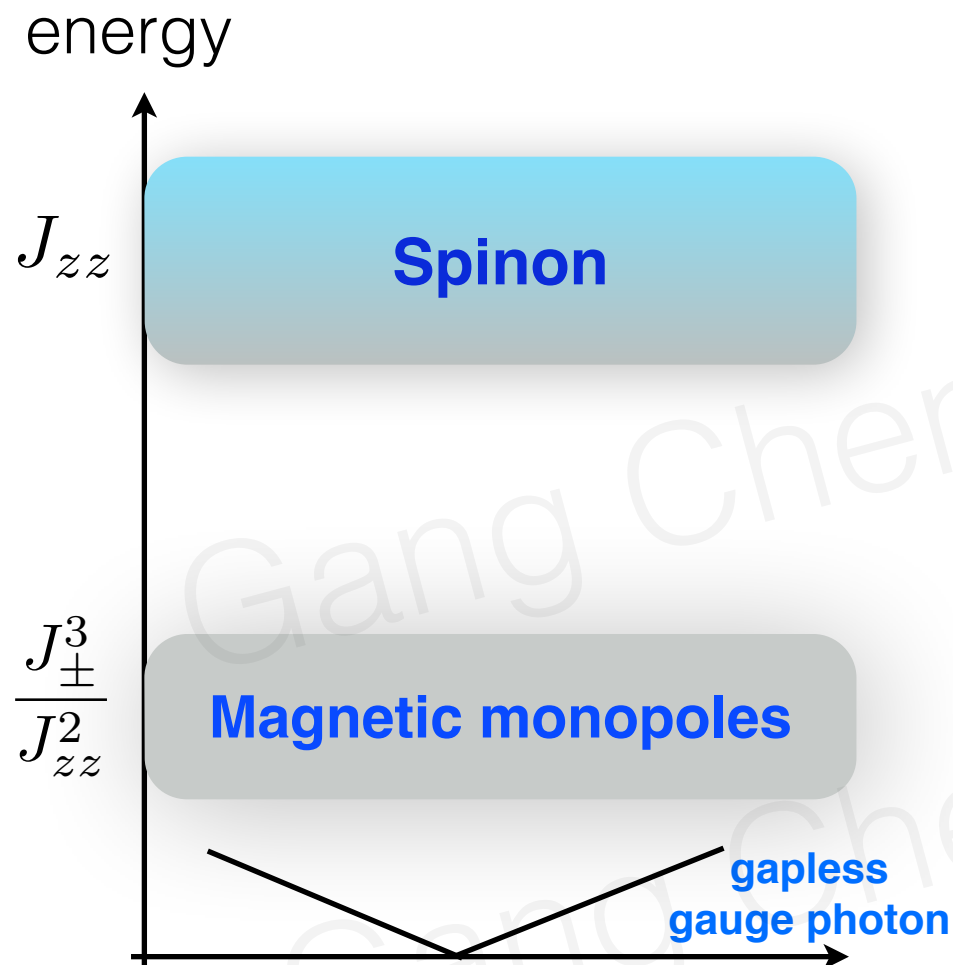


the lower edge

Monopole always experiences Pi flux

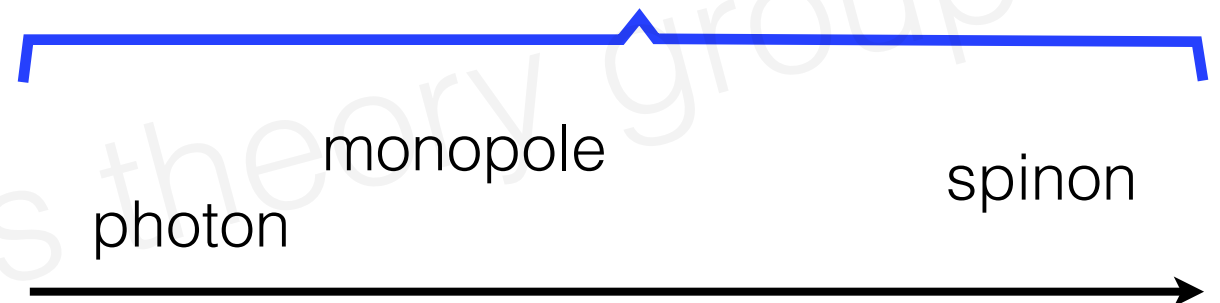


Suggestion 1: combine thermal transport with inelastic neutron



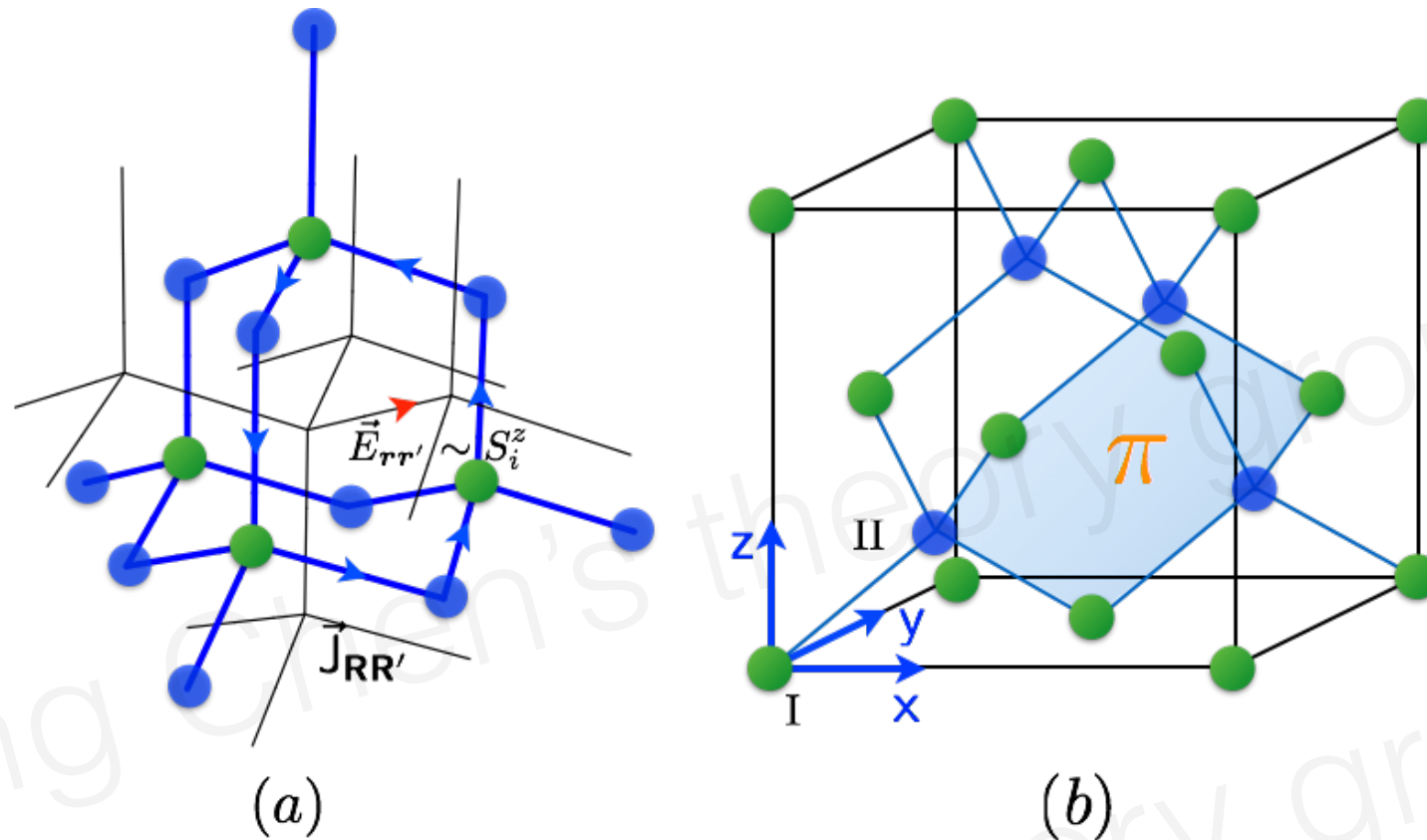
For **non-Kramers doublets** such as Pr ion in  $\text{Pr}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$  and Tb ion in  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$

**Visible in thermal transport**



**Visible in inelastic neutron scattering**

## Suggestion 2: effect of the external magnetic field

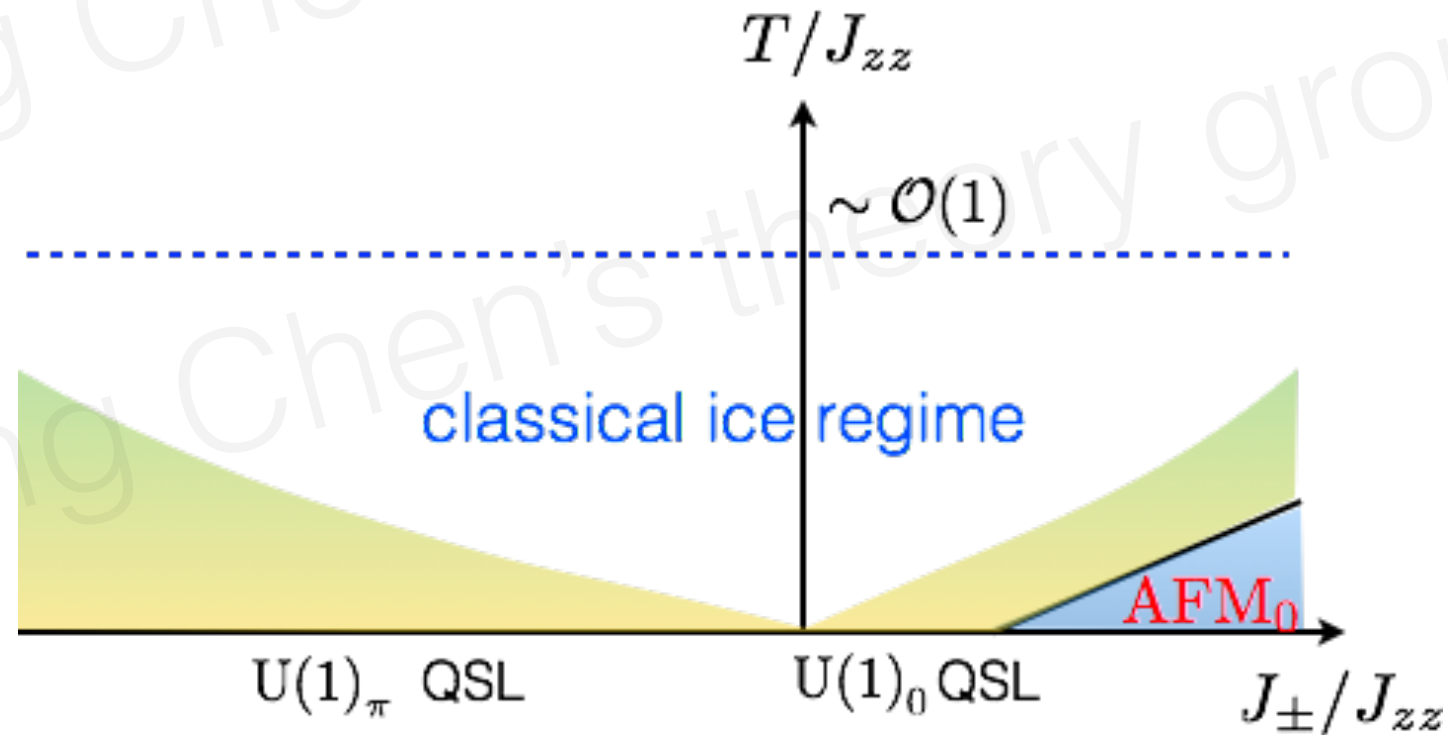


$$H_{Zeeman} = \vec{B} \cdot \sum_i S_i^z \hat{z}_i$$

The weak magnetic field polarizes  $S_z$  slightly, and thus modifies the background electric field distribution. This further modulates monopole band structure, creating “**Hofstadter**” monopole band, which may be detectable in inelastic neutron.

# Classification

Properties	$U(1)_{0,\pi}$ QSL	$U(1)_{\pi,\pi}$ QSL
Spinon flux	0	$\pi$
“Monopole” flux	$\pi$	$\pi$
Spinon continuum	Not enhanced	Enhanced
“Monopole” continuum	Enhanced	Enhanced



# Summary

1. We point out the existence of “magnetic monopole continuum” in the U(1) quantum spin liquid, and monopole is purely **quantum origin**.
2. We further point out that the “magnetic monopole” always experiences a  $\pi$  flux, and thus supports enhanced spectral periodicity with **folded Brillouin zone**.

In fact, continuum has been observed in  $\text{Pr}_2\text{Hf}_2\text{O}_7$  ( R. Sibille, et al, arXiv 1706.03604 Nature Physics).

