

Frustrated Magnetism in Materials with Kagome Lattice

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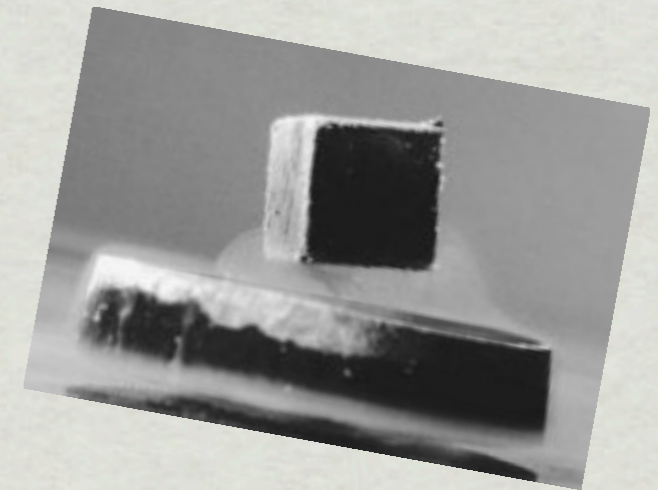
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SIMPLE RULES

Emergent
Phenomena



COMPLICATED BEHAVIOR

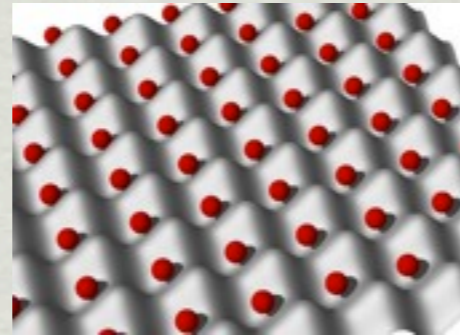


Strongly Correlated Systems!!



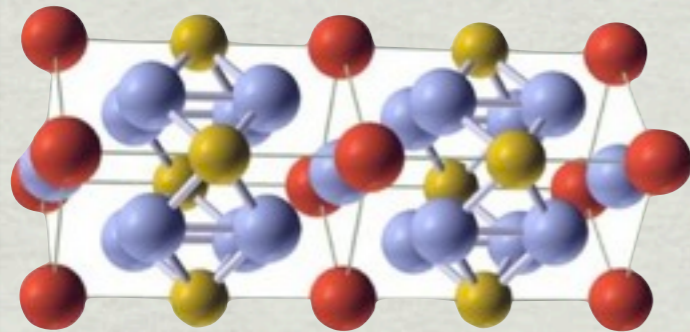
Emergent phenomena is responsible for both ...

**INTERESTING
PHYSICAL
PHENOMENA**



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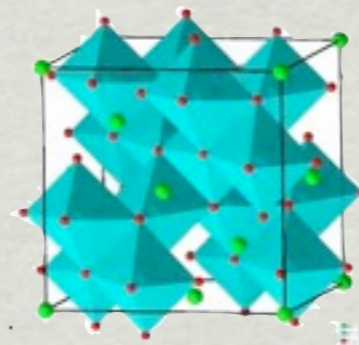
Heavy Fermions



**Fractional
Quantum Hall**



Superconductivity



Frustrated Magnets

**DIFFICULTY
UNDERSTANDING**

Nonperturbative ...

Beyond mean field...

Computational methods are one important component to computing properties and better understanding strongly correlated systems.

Computational Methods

Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo

Diffusion Monte Carlo

Dynamical Mean Field Theory

Density Matrix Renormalization Group

Determinant QMC

Exact diagonalization

Full Configuration Interaction QMC

Path Integral Monte Carlo

(Path Integral) Molecular Dynamics

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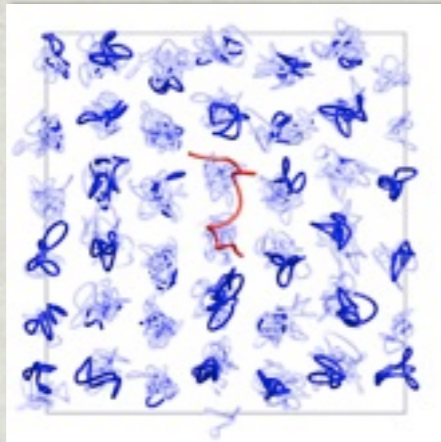
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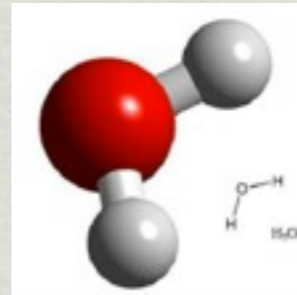
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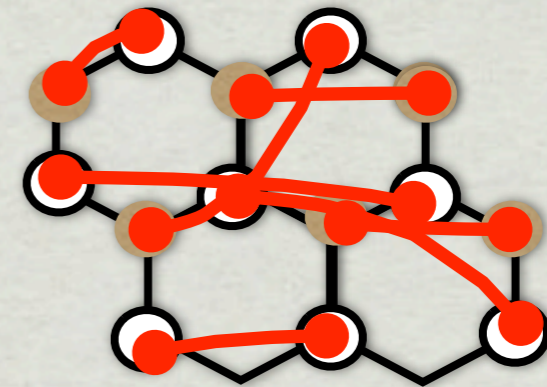
Success of Numerics



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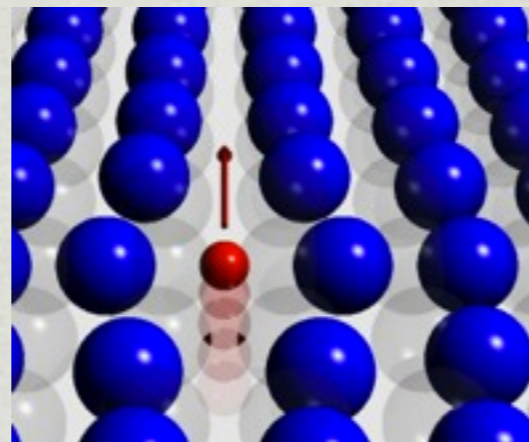
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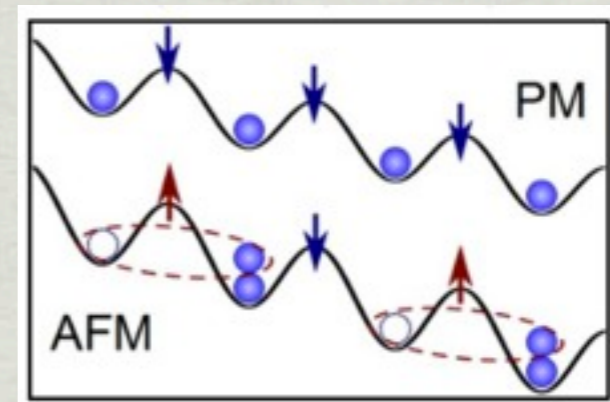
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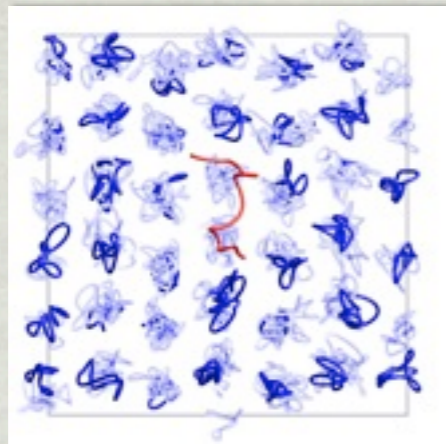


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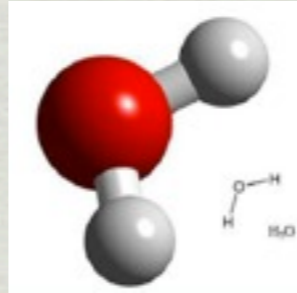


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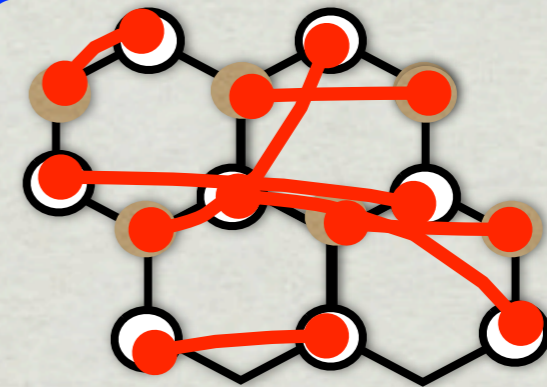
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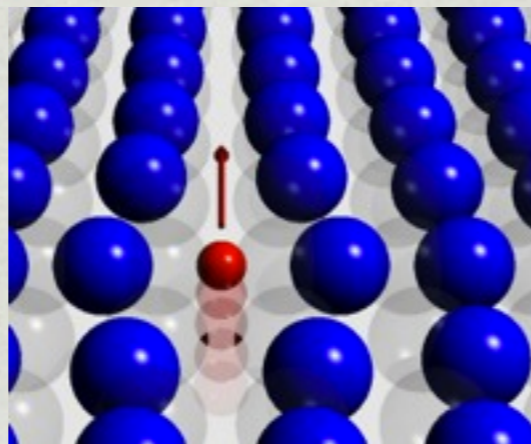
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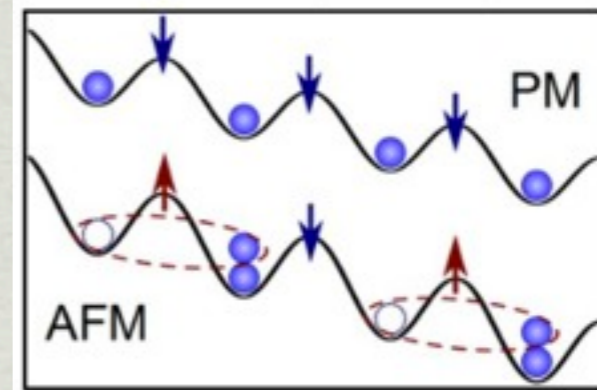
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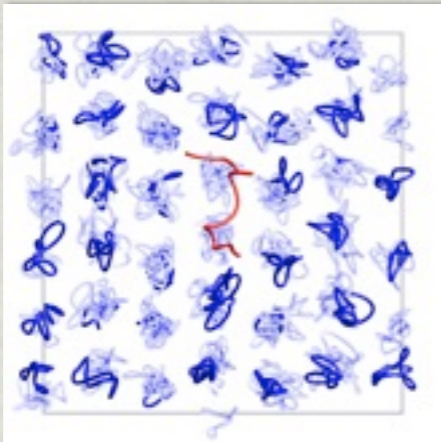


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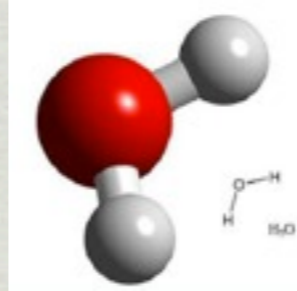


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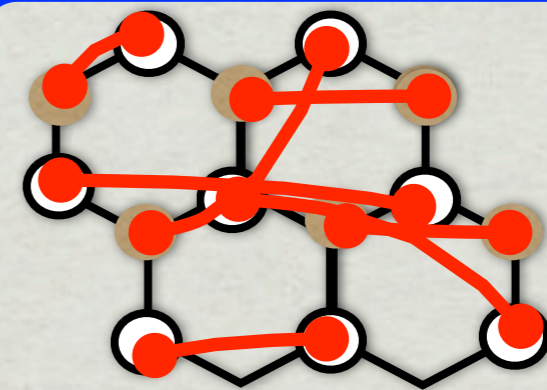
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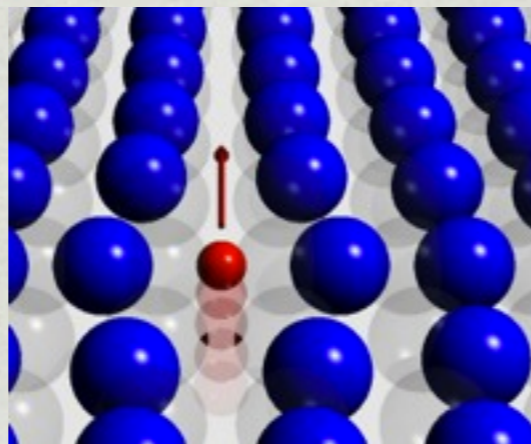
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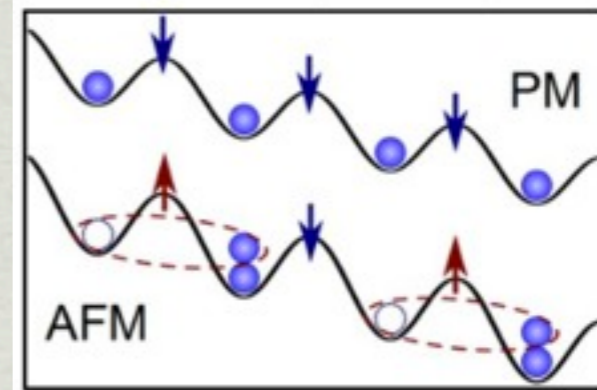
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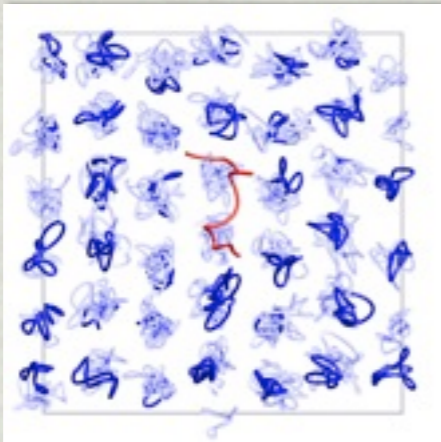


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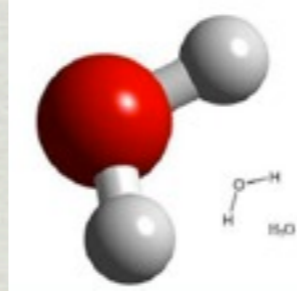


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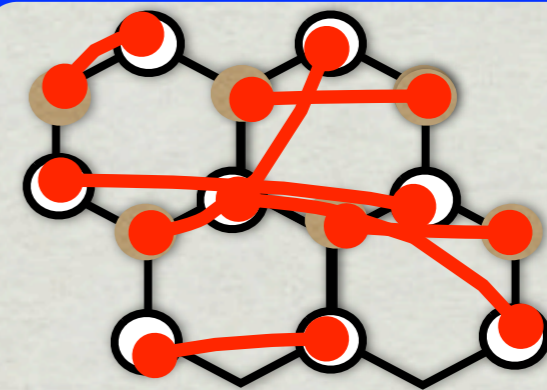
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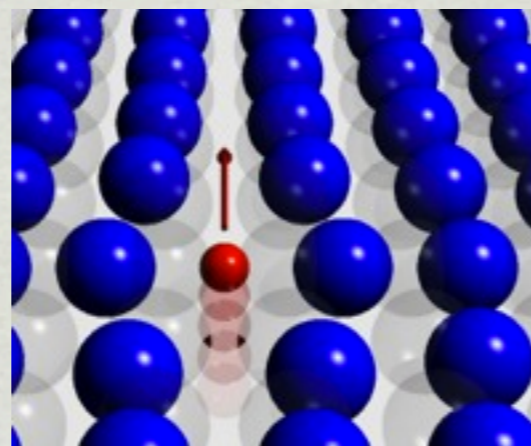
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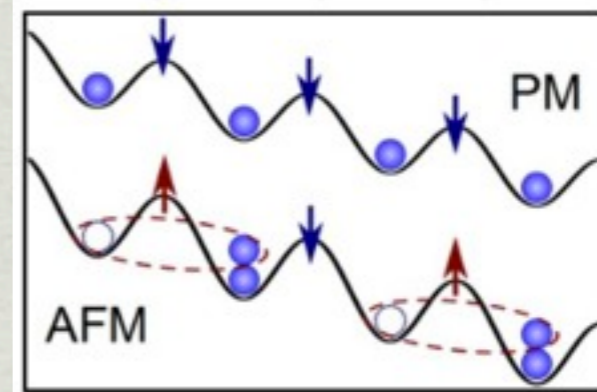
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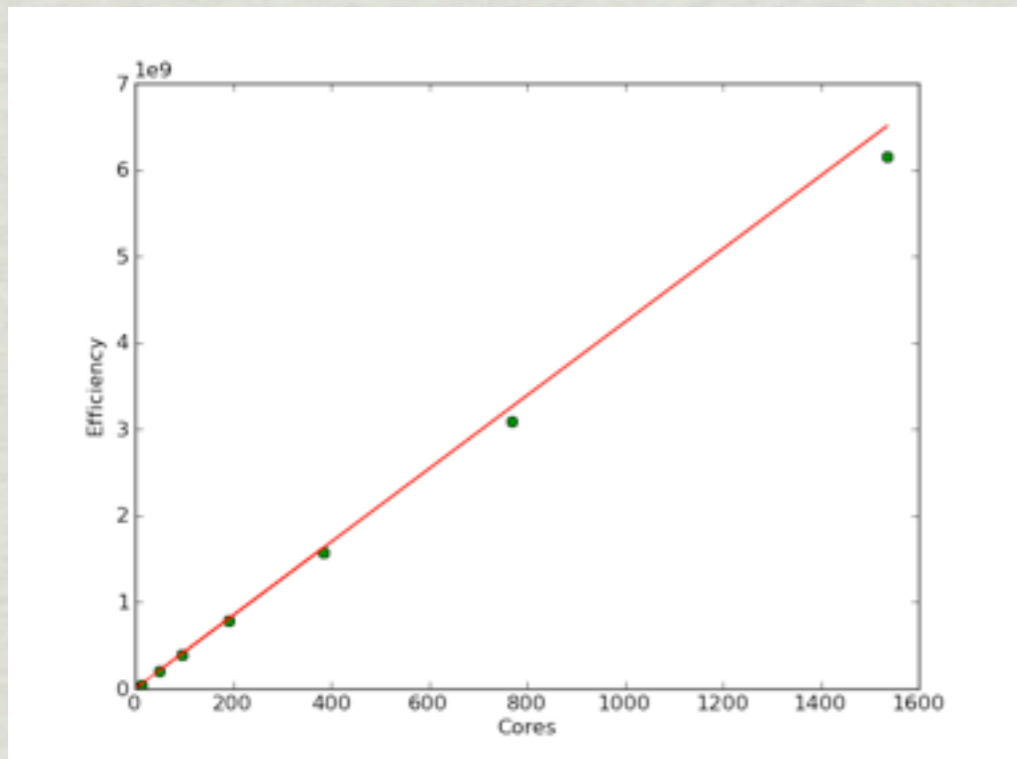
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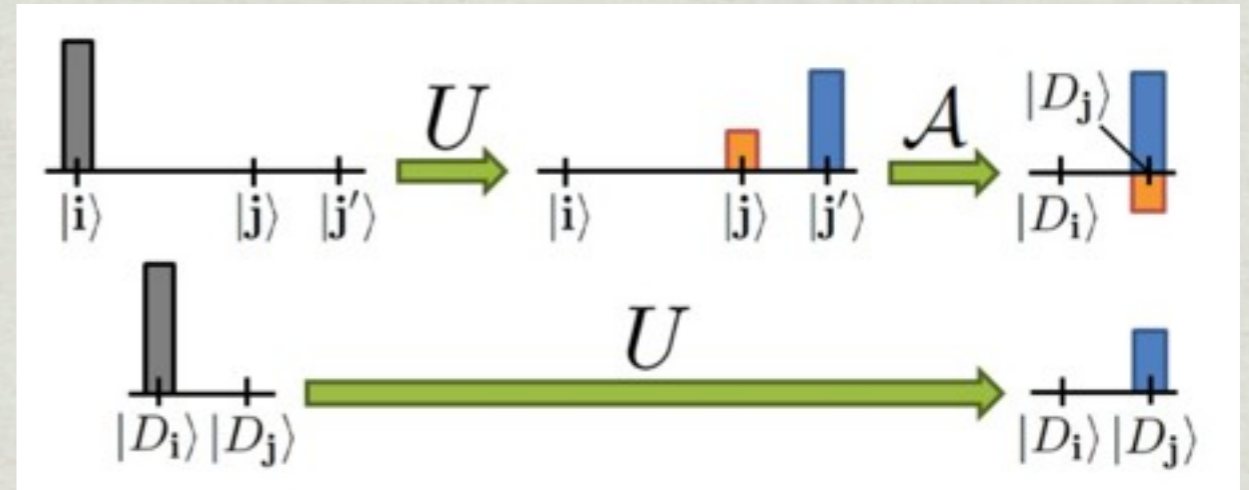
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Driving computational condensed matter

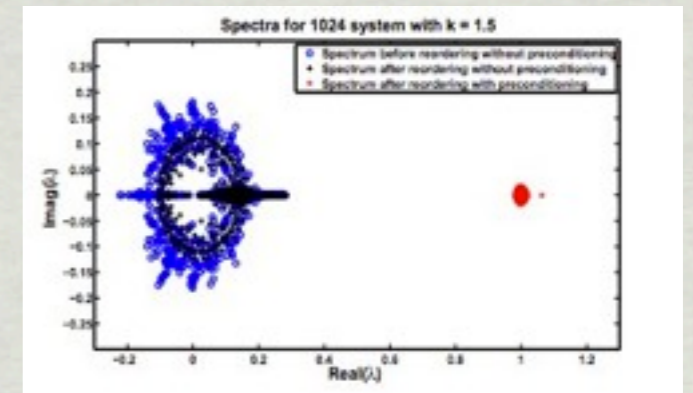
Massively Parallel Supercomputers



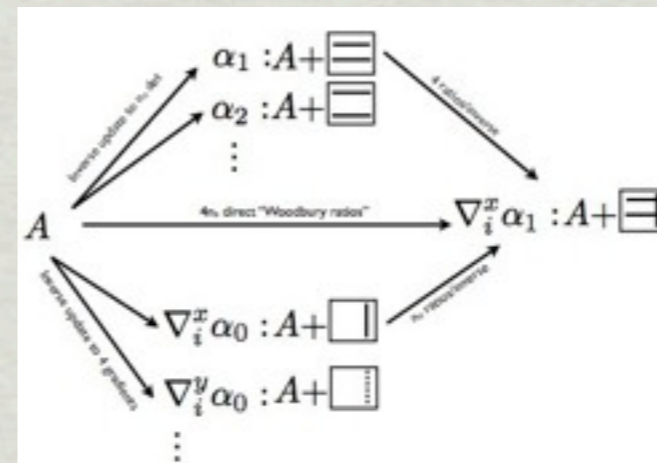
New Algorithms



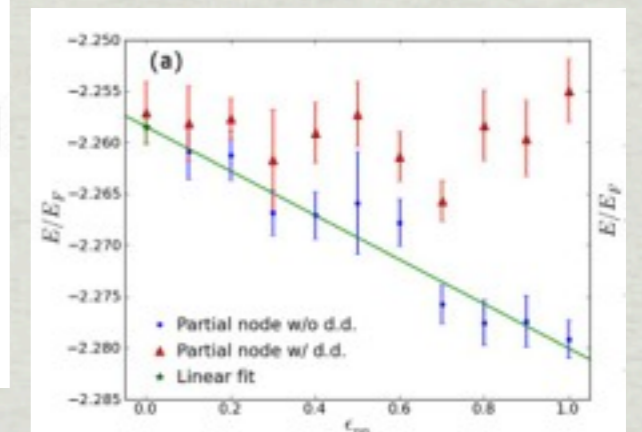
Working in an antisymmetric basis help.



$O(n^3) \rightarrow O(n^2)$



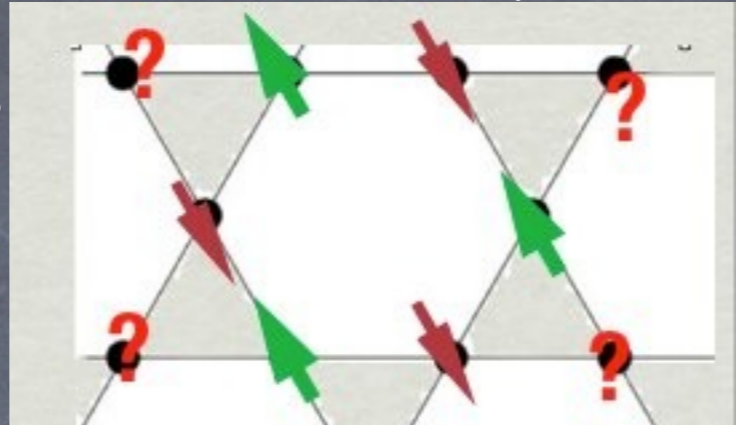
Determinants for constant cost



Attenuate the sign problem

We want to find interesting phases (like spin liquids)

A good place to search for spin liquids are frustrated lattices.



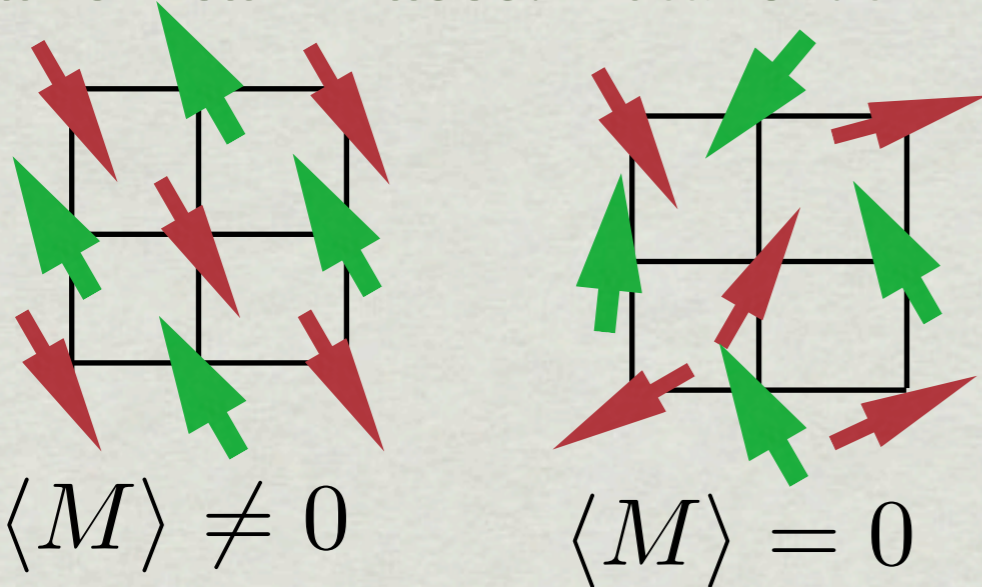
Use a variational approach to find likely spin-liquids

Use long history of theoretical work on spin-liquids to motivate the variational space to work in.

Find a new phase this way; connect to experiment

Spin Liquids

Canonical Phases: Local Order



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Spin Liquids: No local order parameter

The typical viewpoint: Featureless

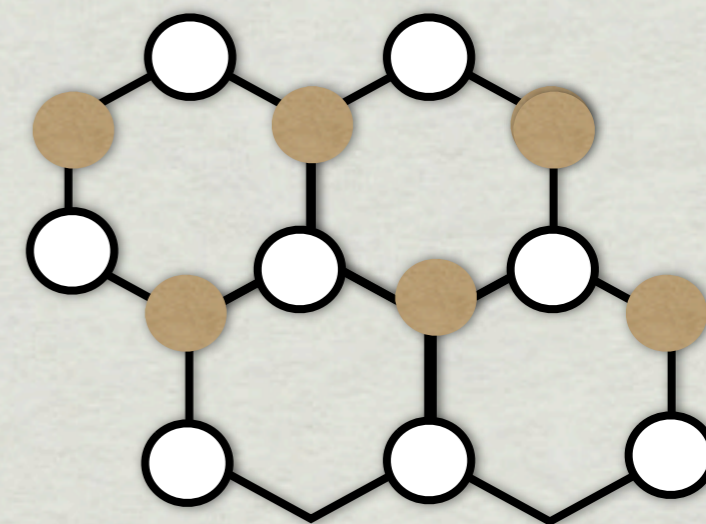
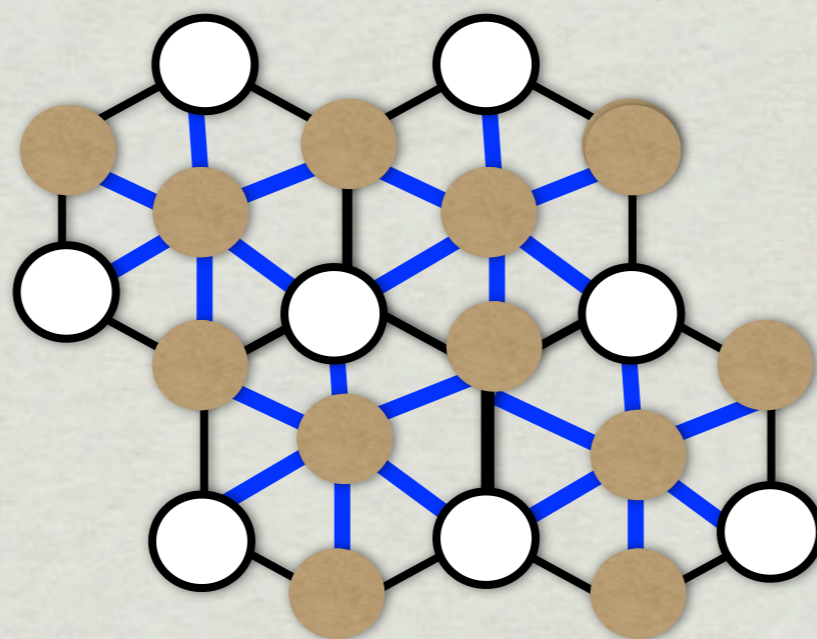
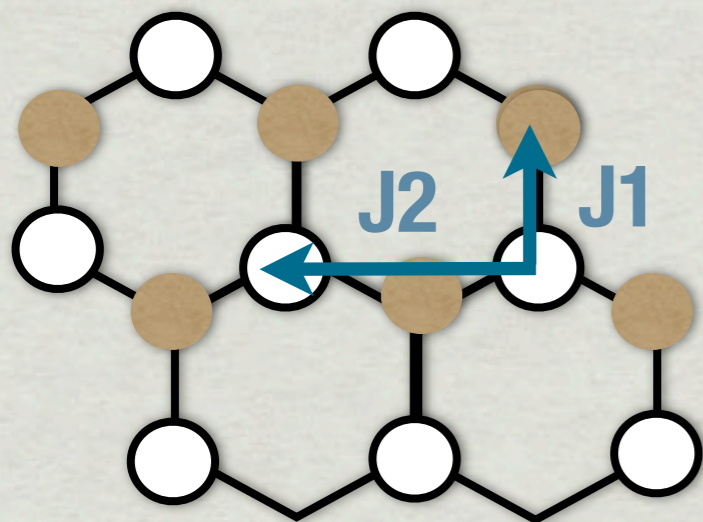
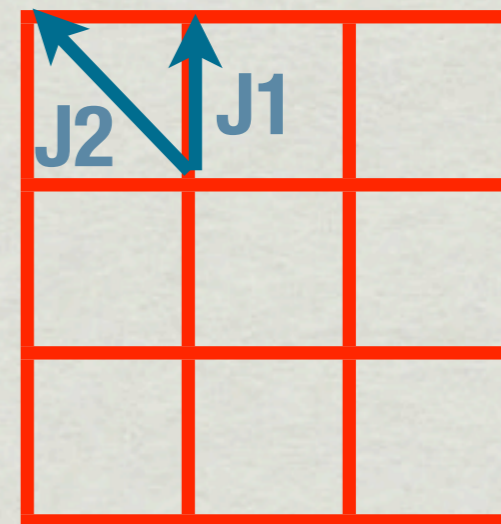
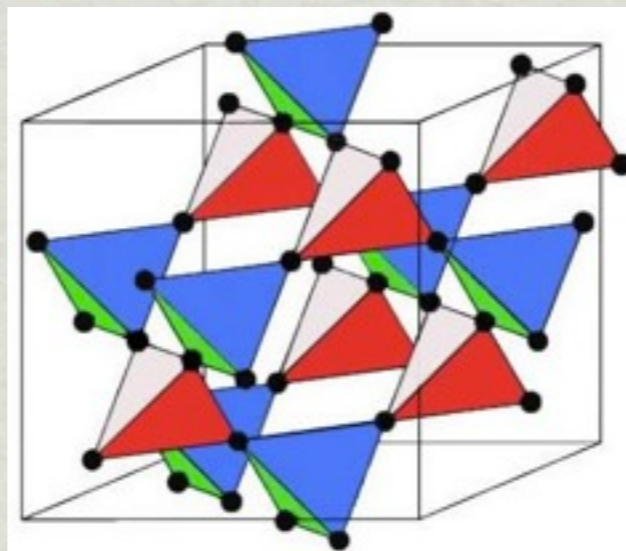
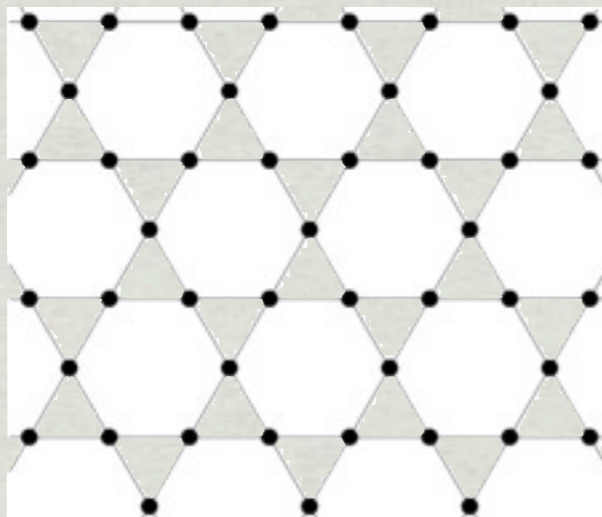
A better viewpoint:

Insulator + Long Range Entanglement

Very far from a product state - quantum circuits take a long time to build them.

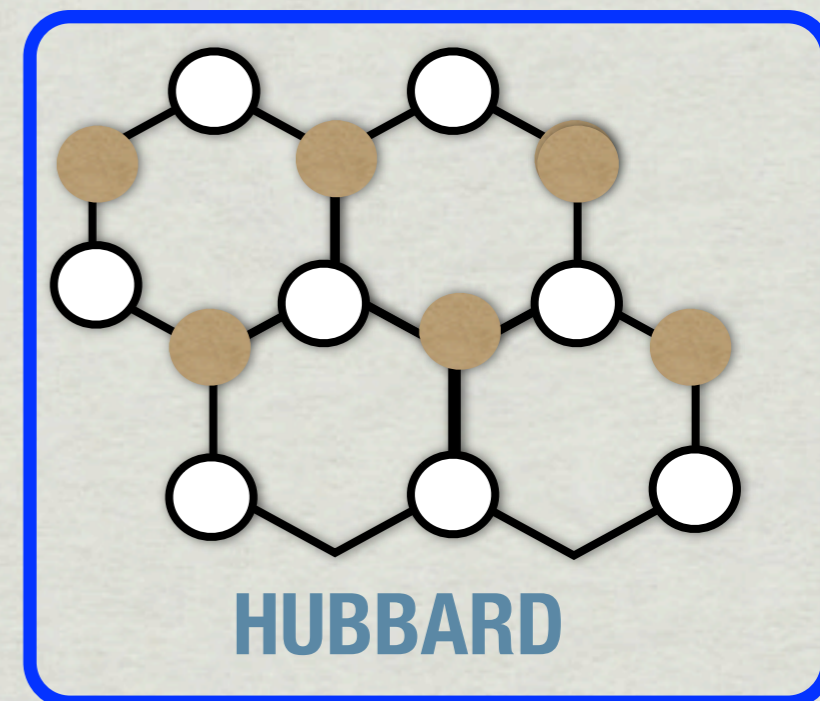
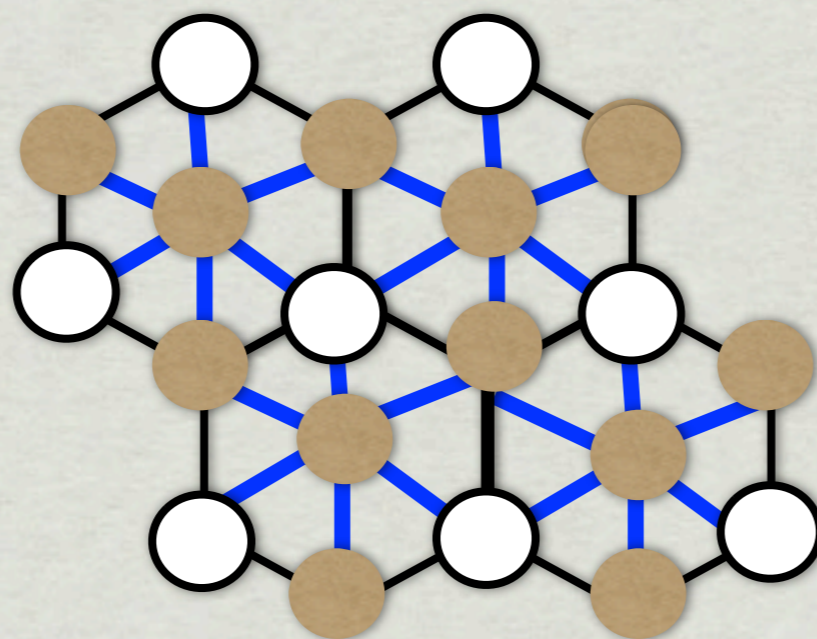
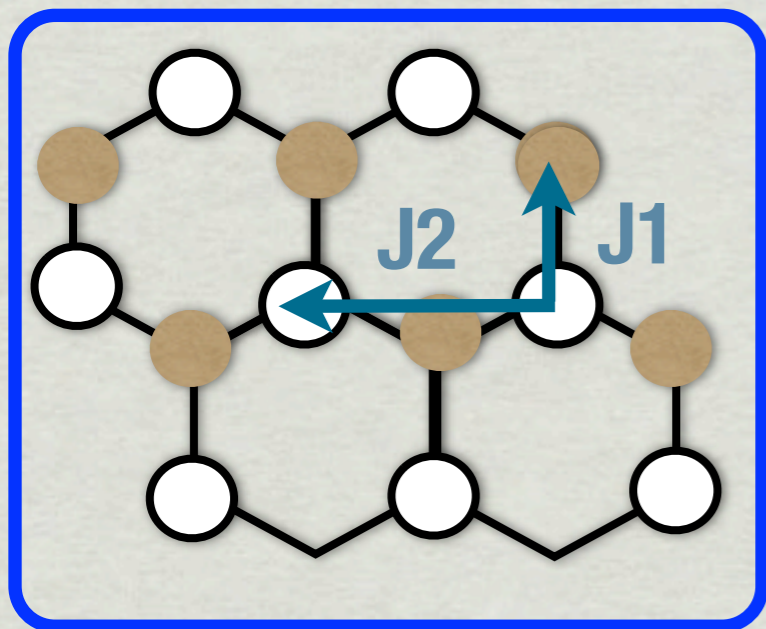
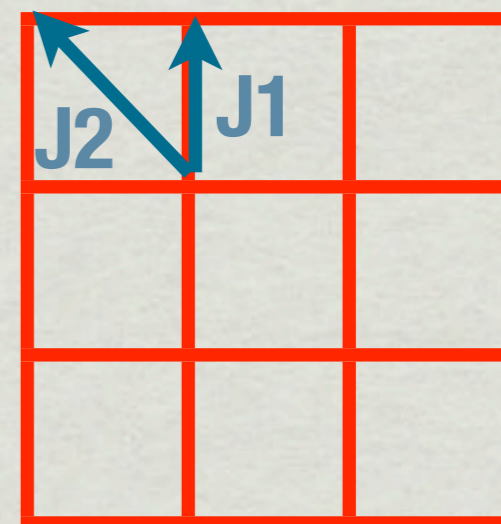
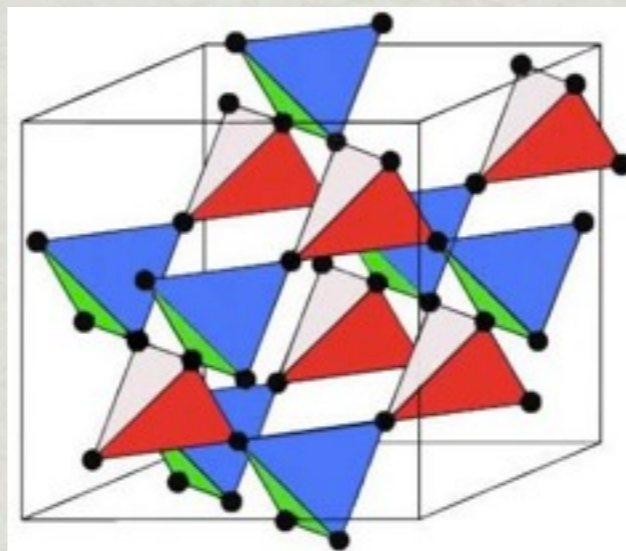
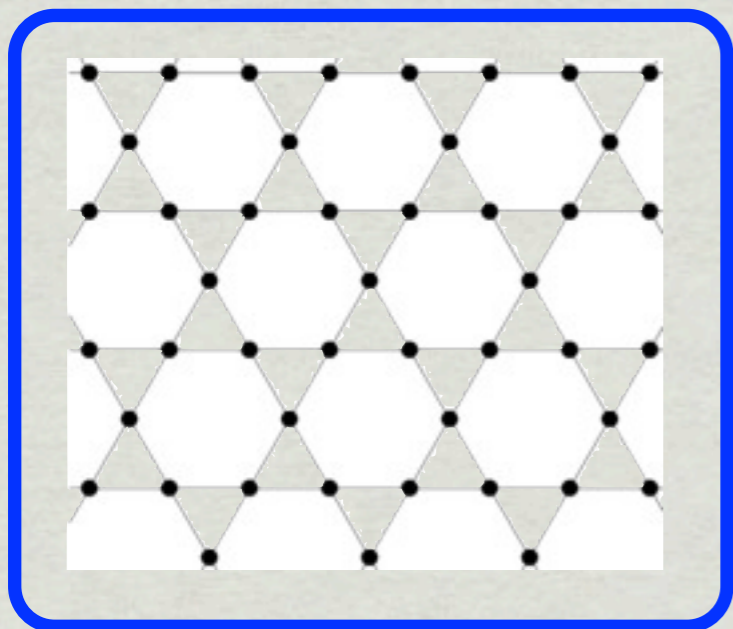
Fractionalized excitations: Spinons = Spin 1/2 fermionic excitations but no charge

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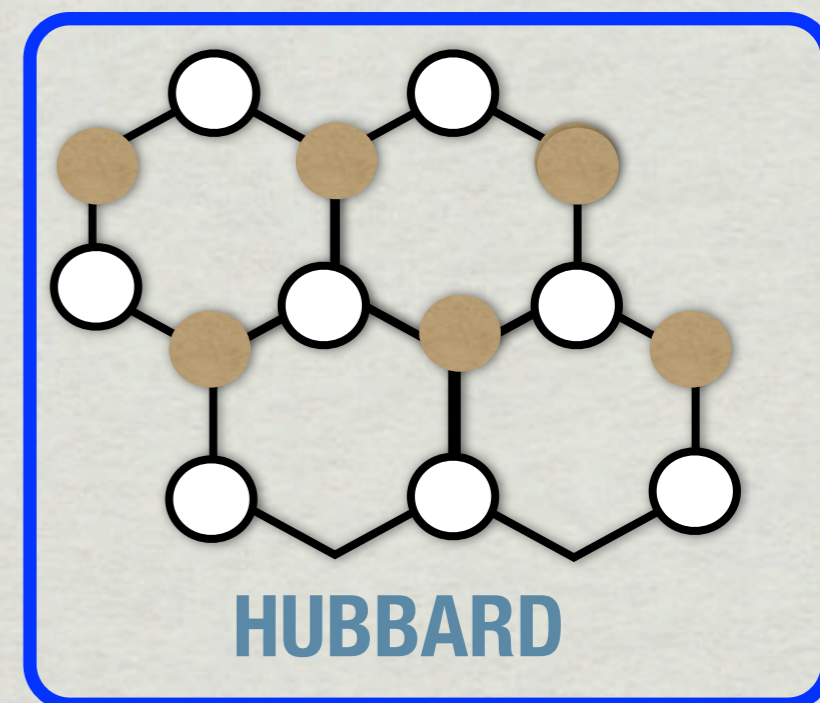
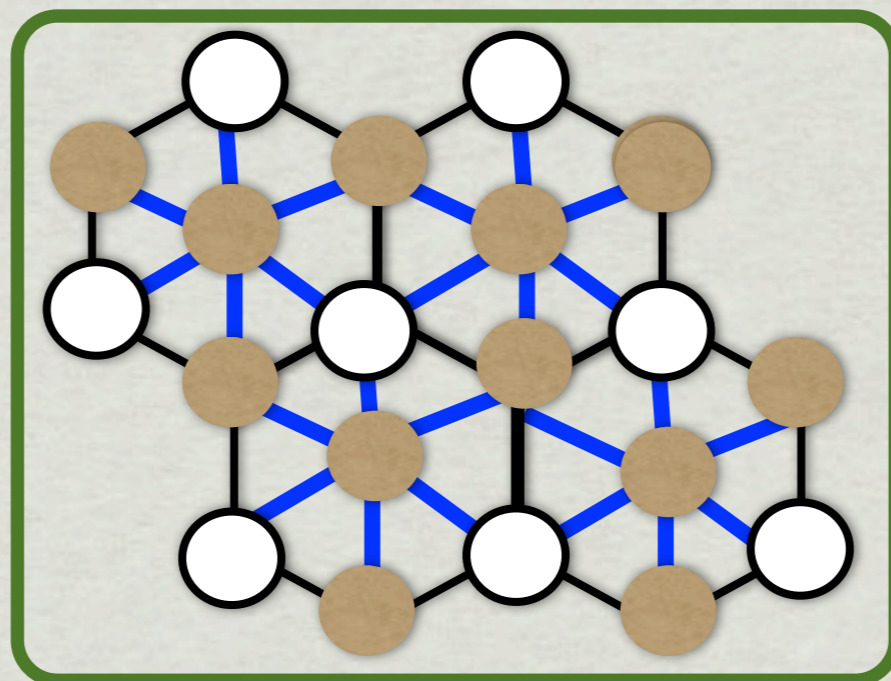
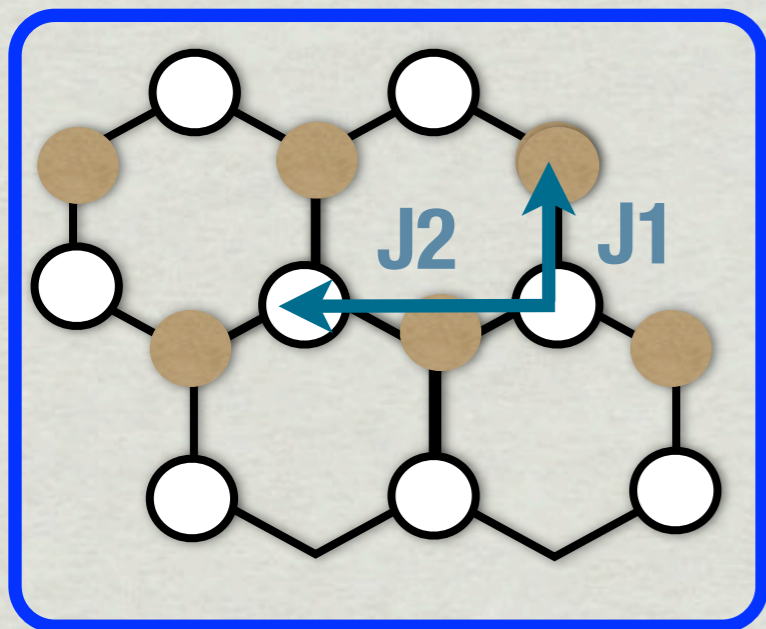
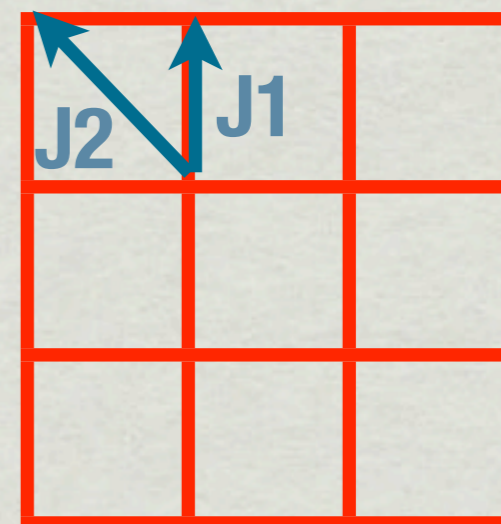
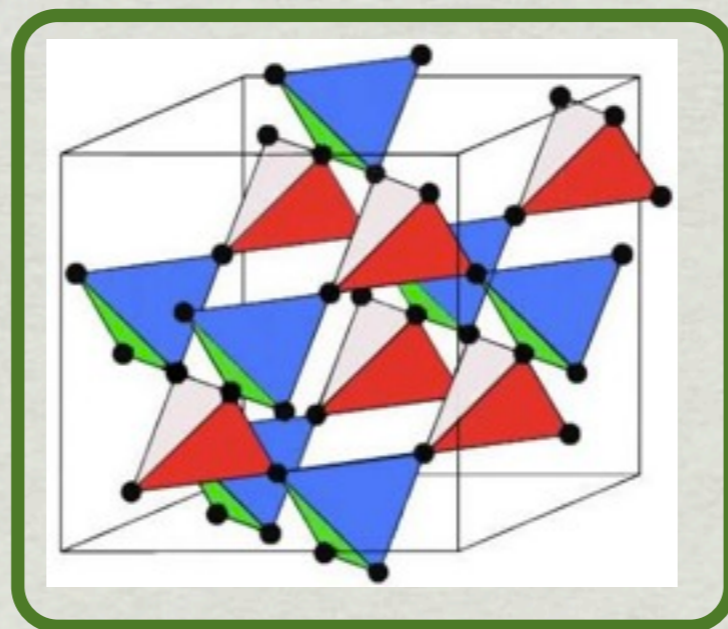
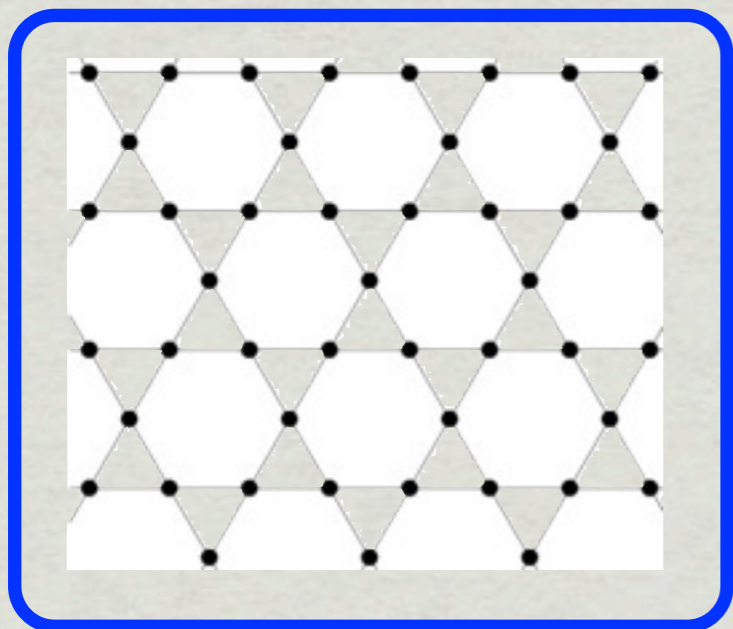


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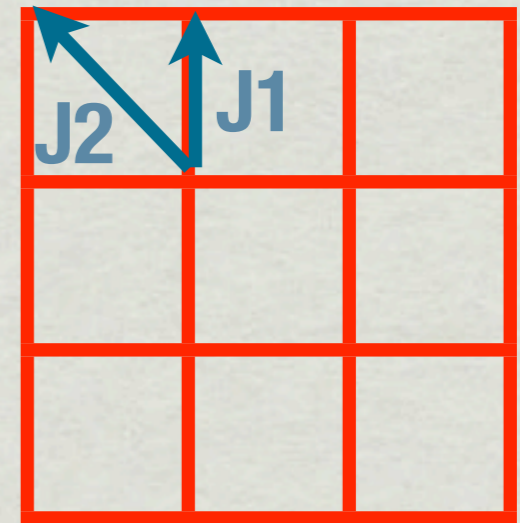
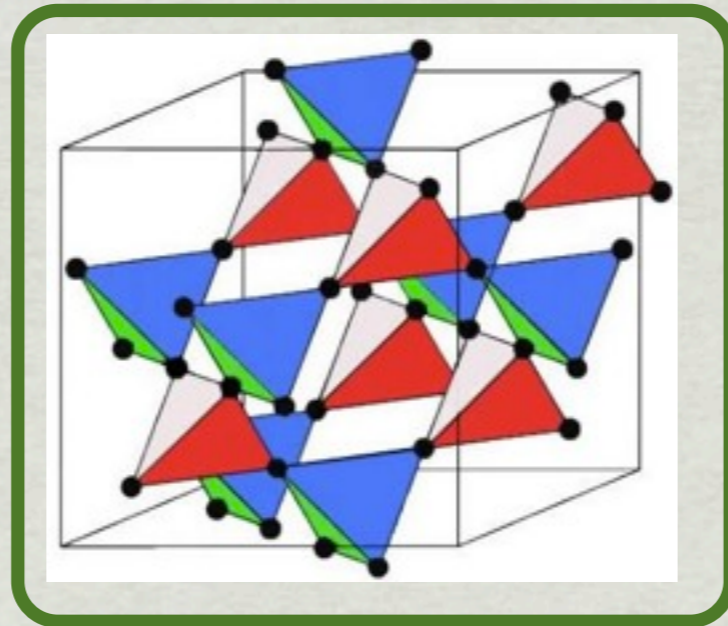
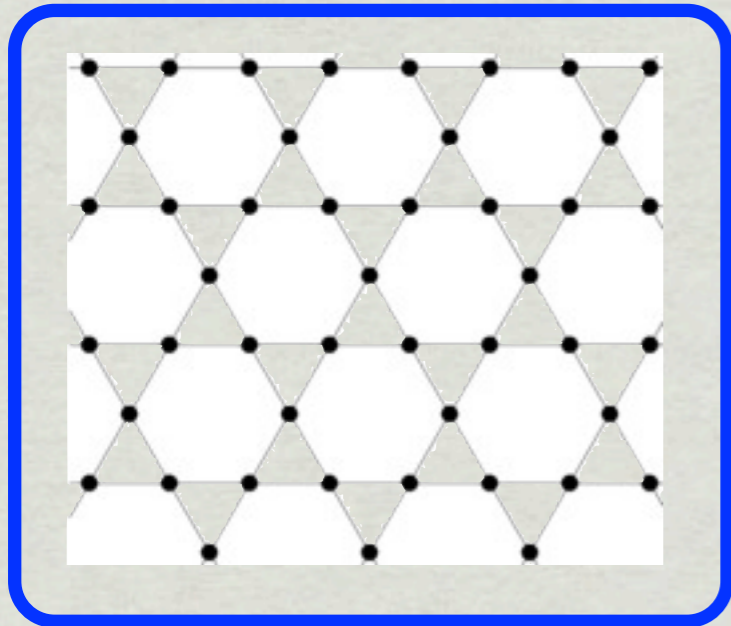
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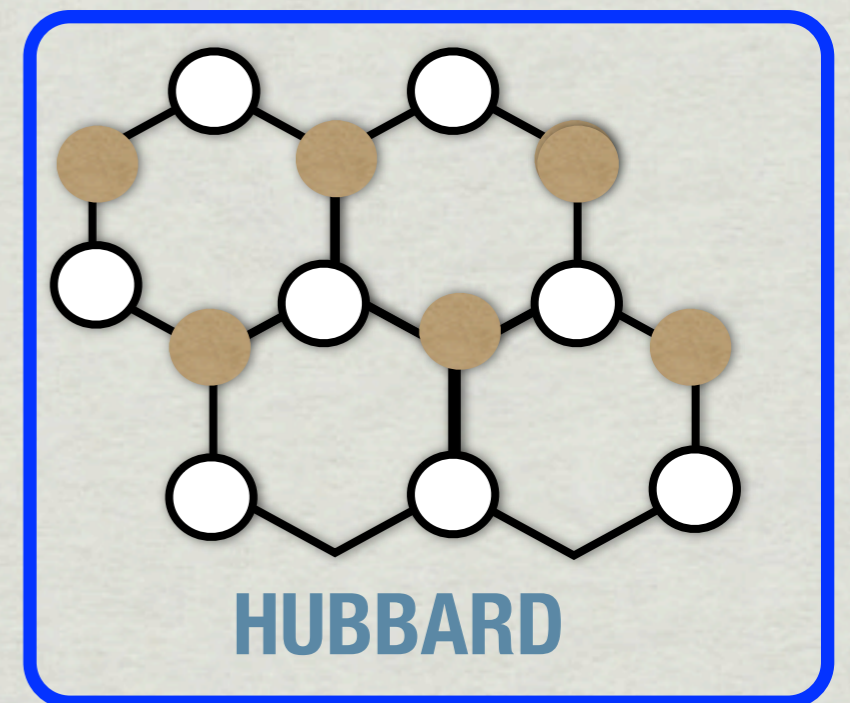
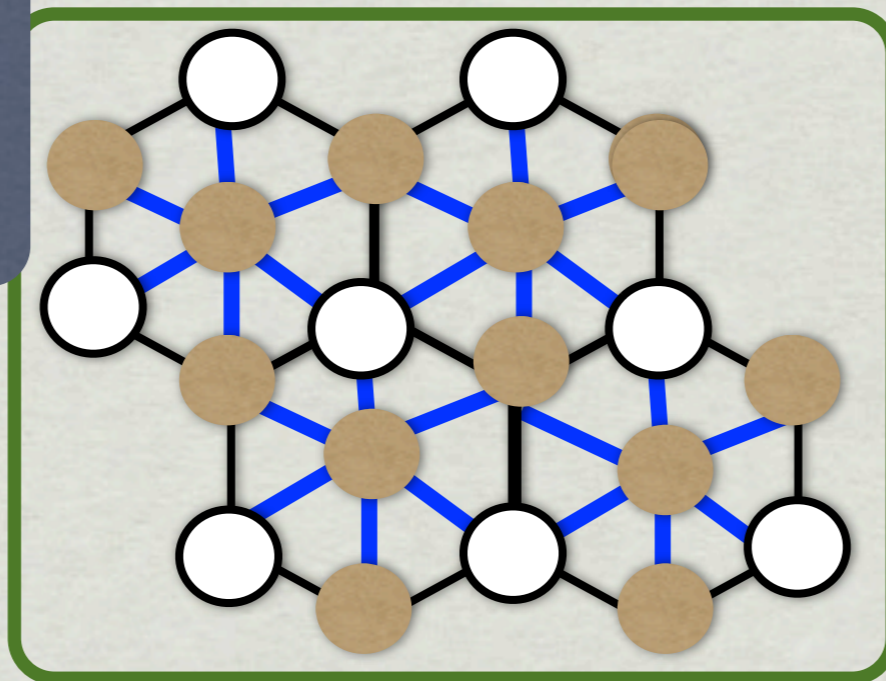
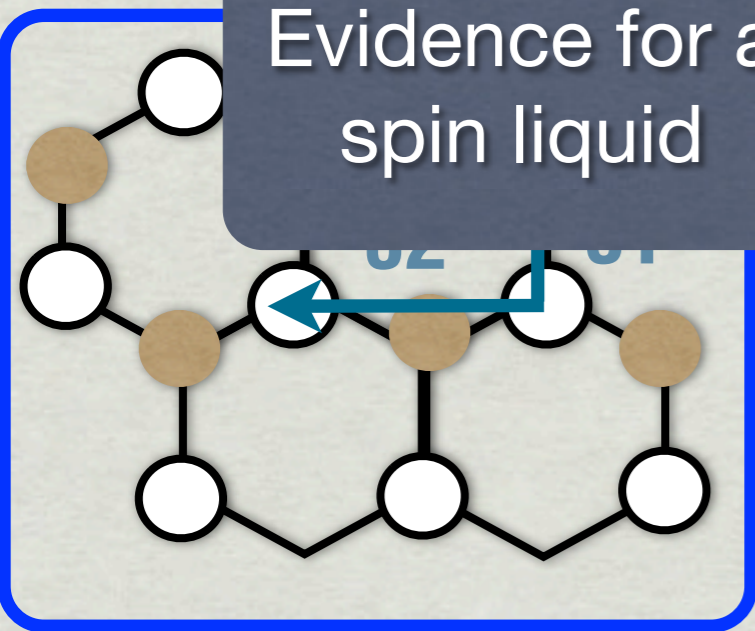
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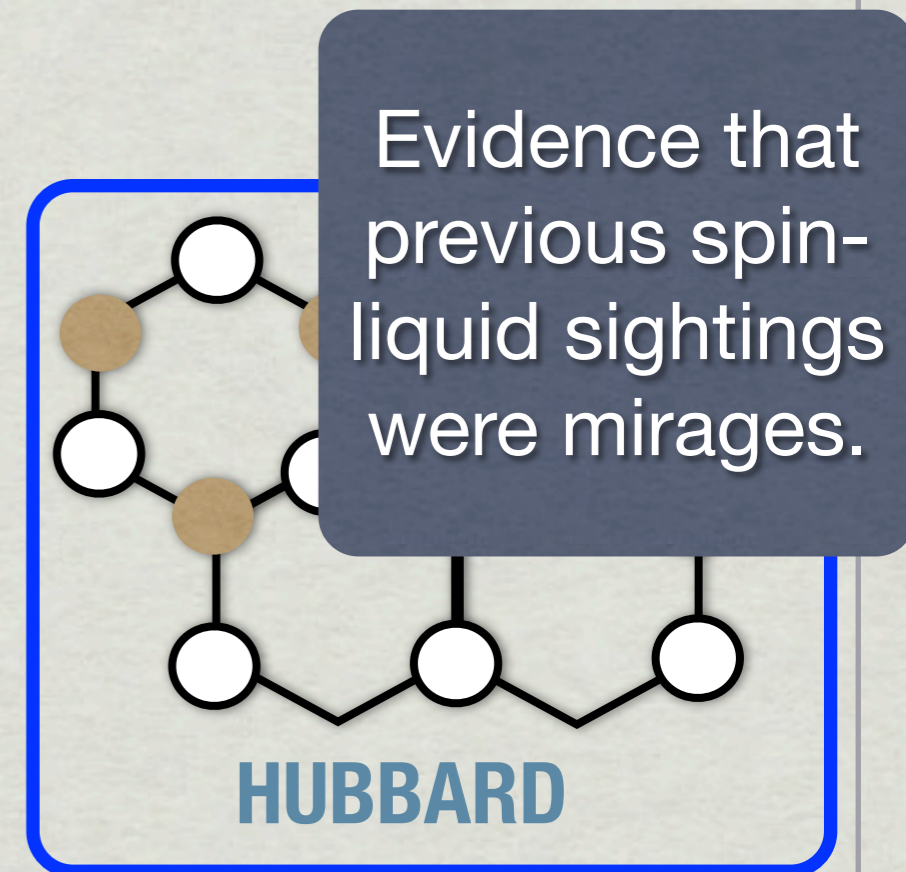
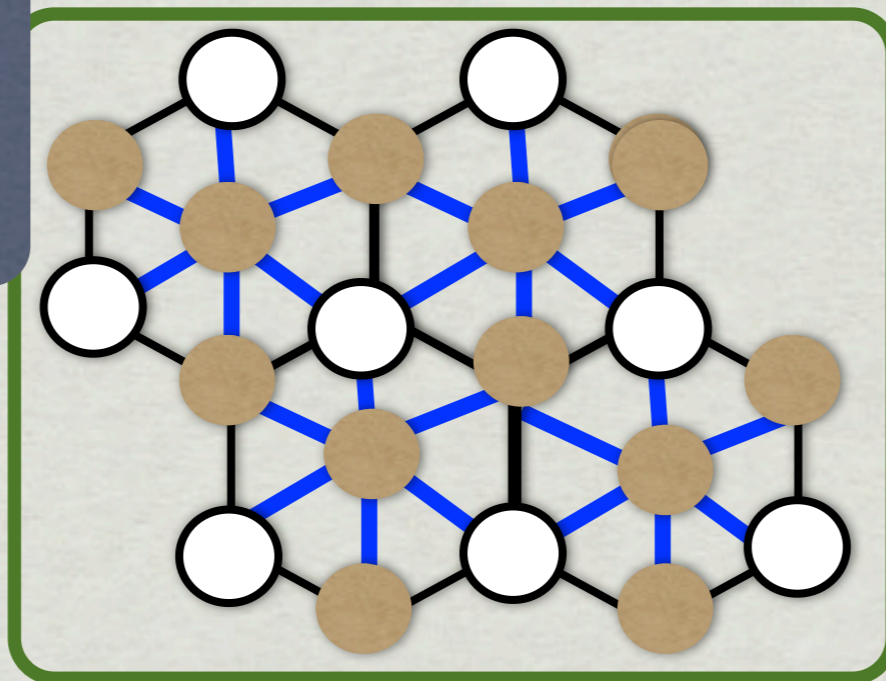
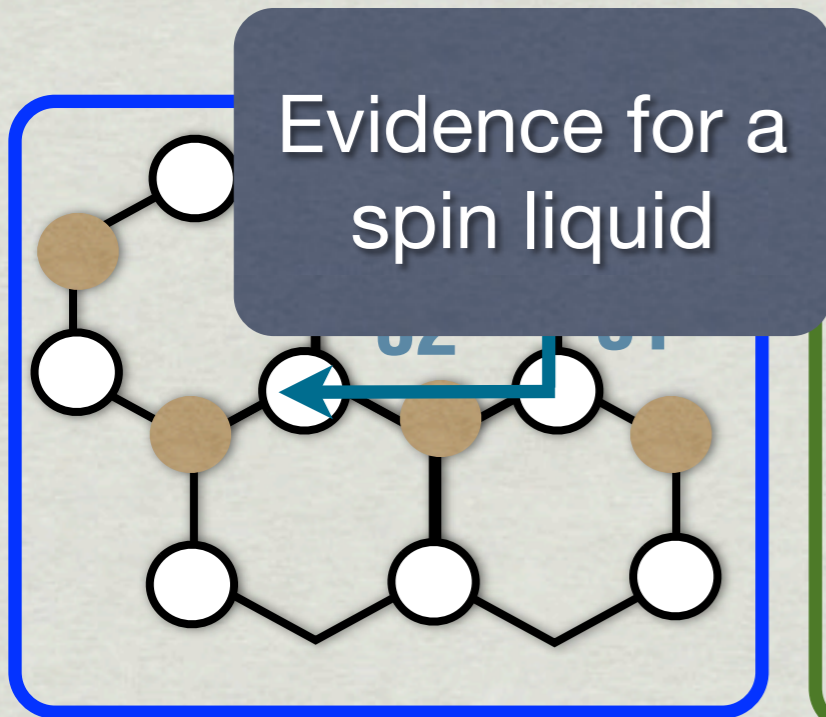
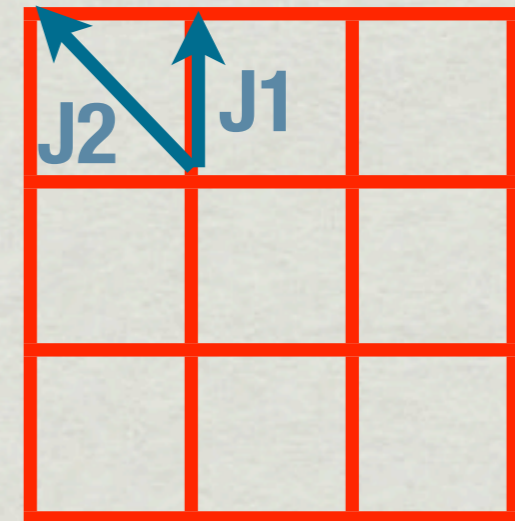
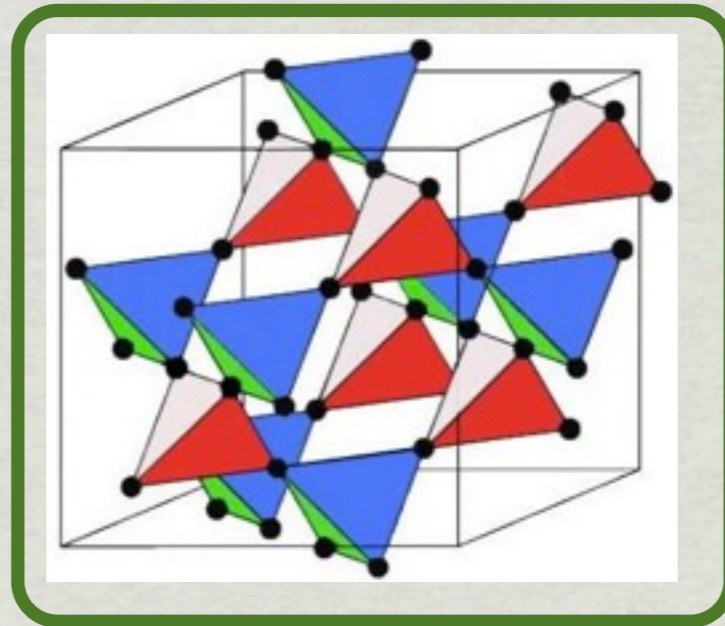
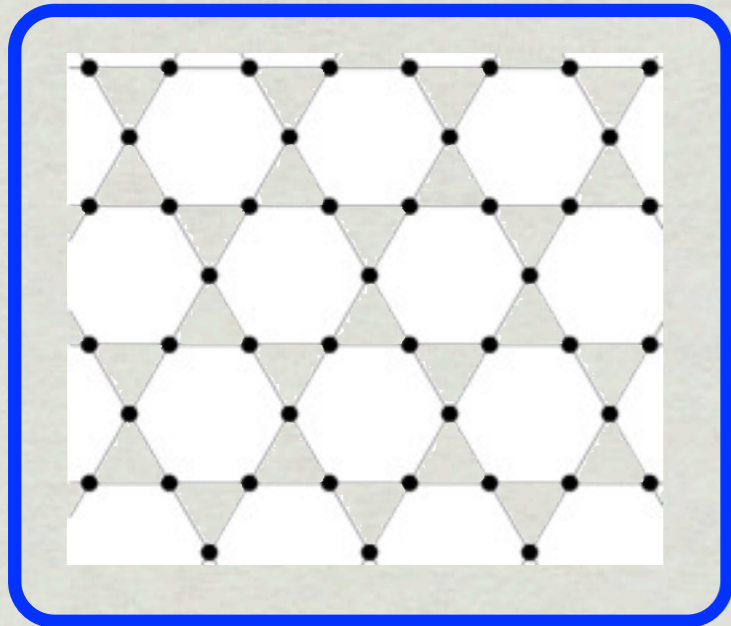
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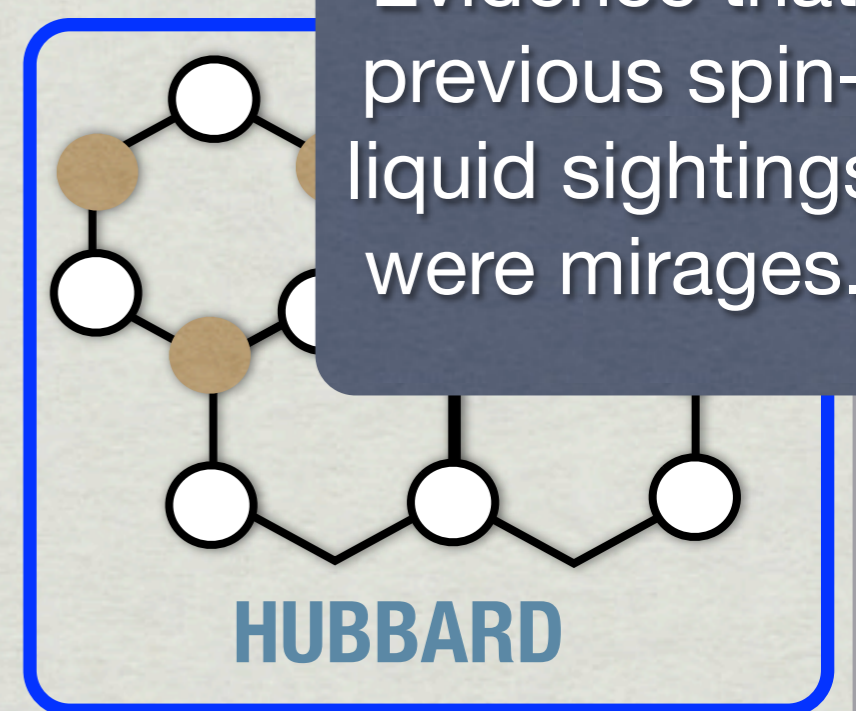
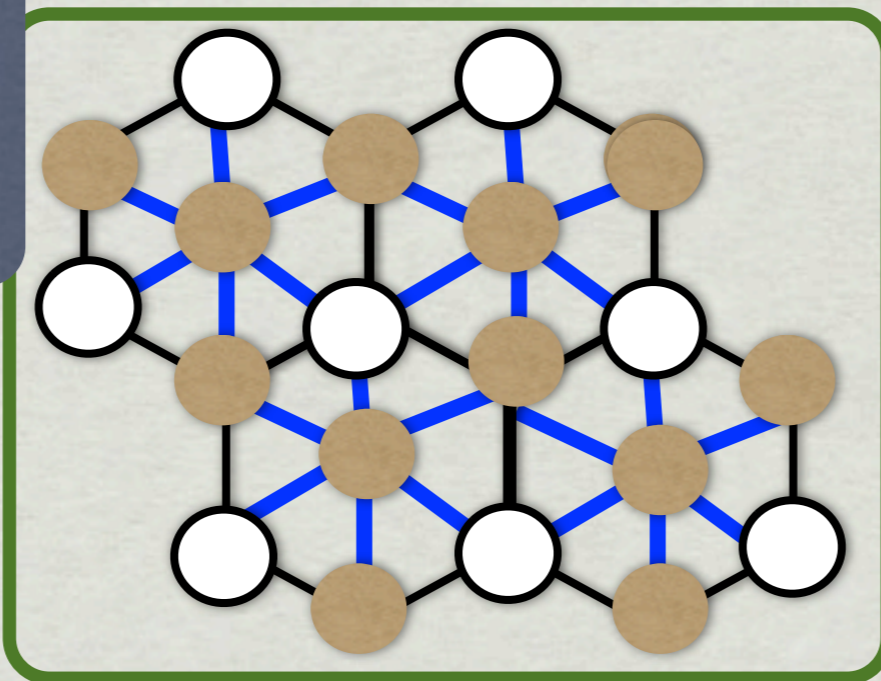
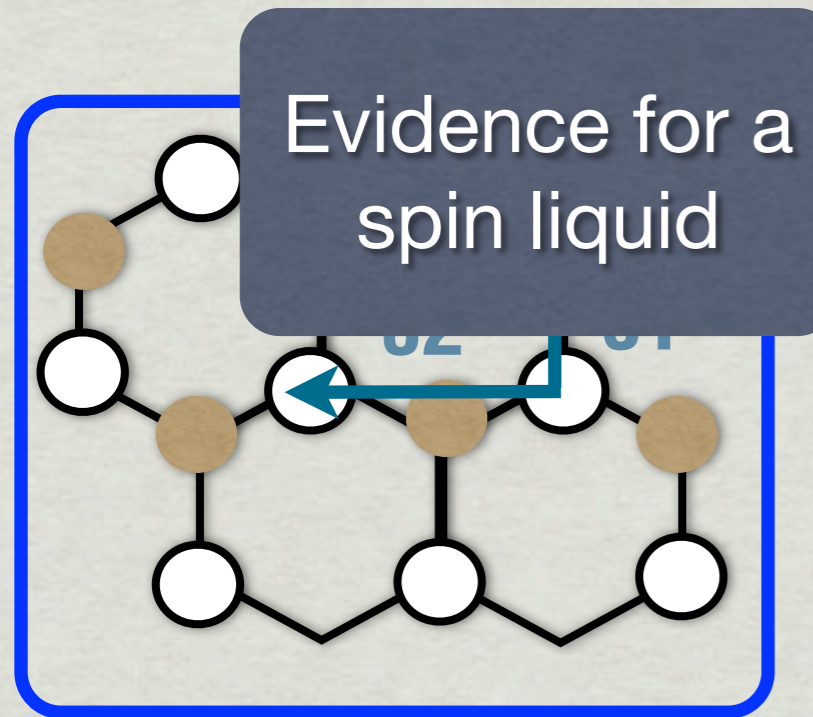
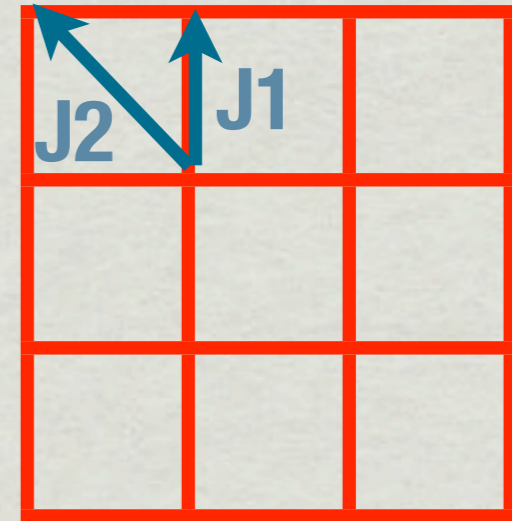
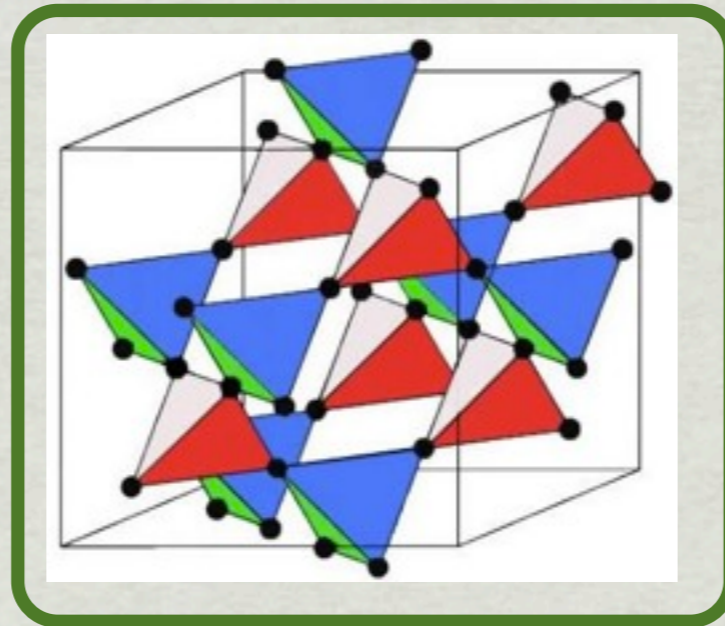
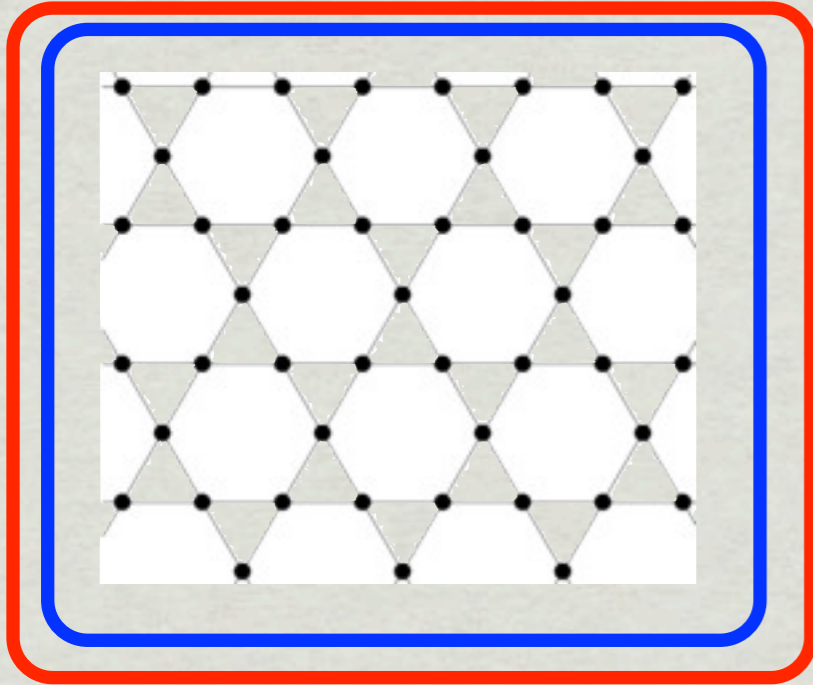
Evidence for a spin liquid



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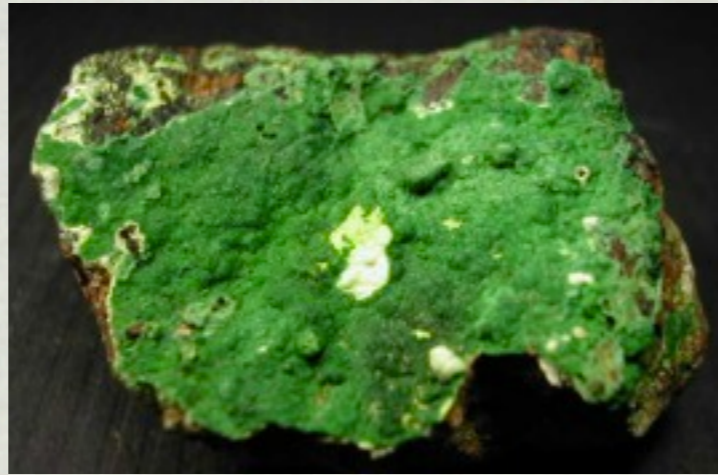


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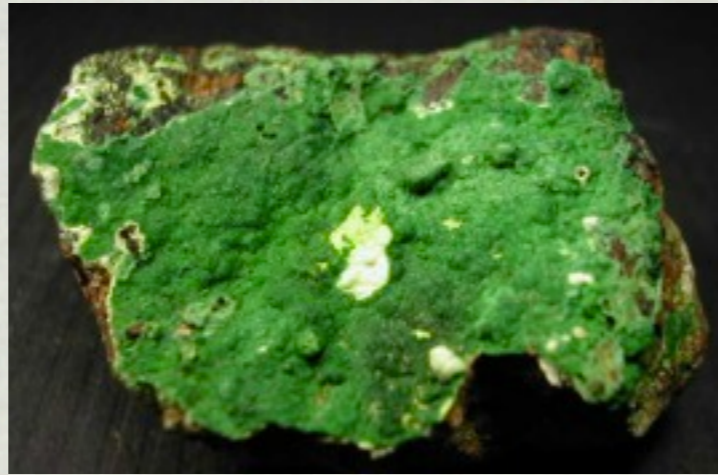
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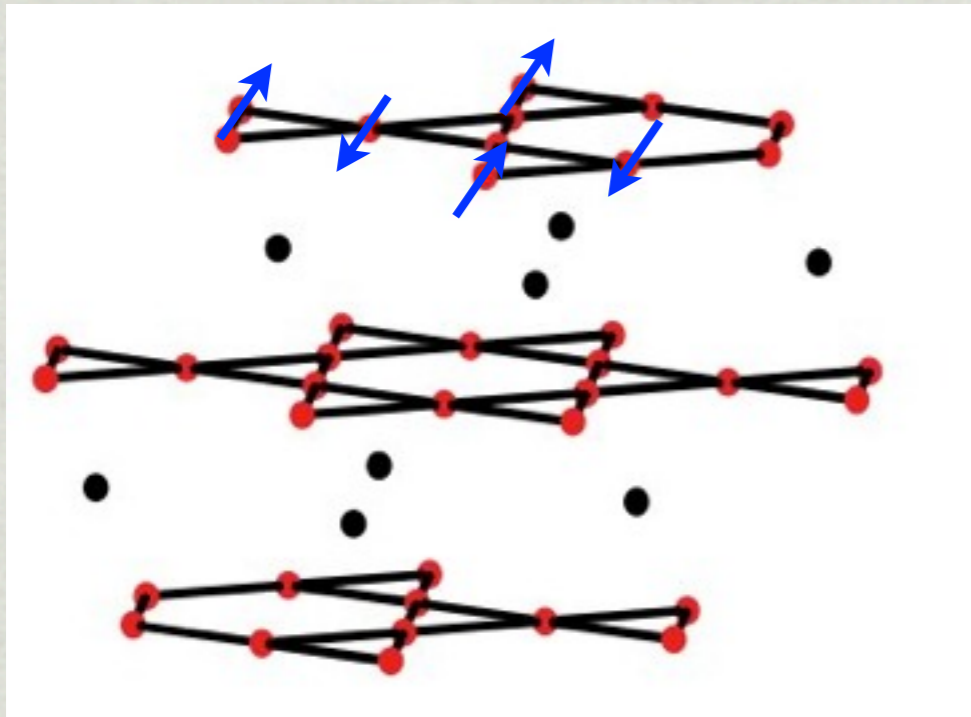
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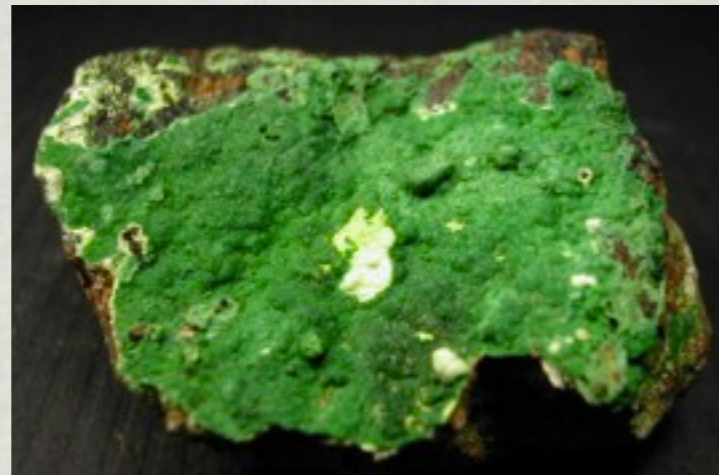
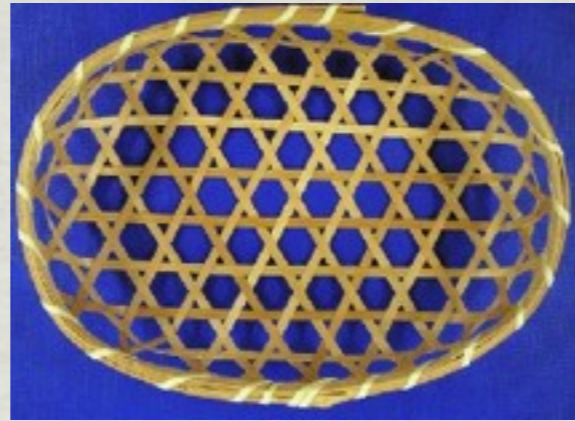
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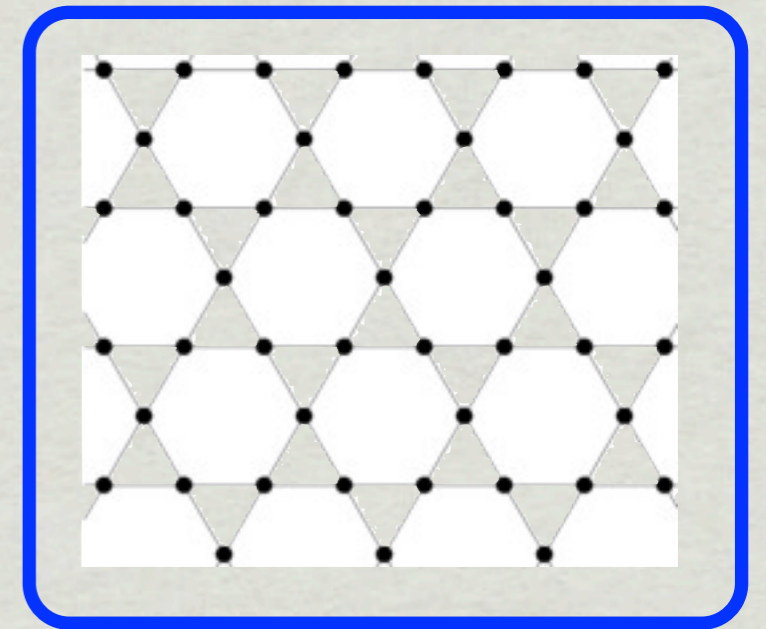
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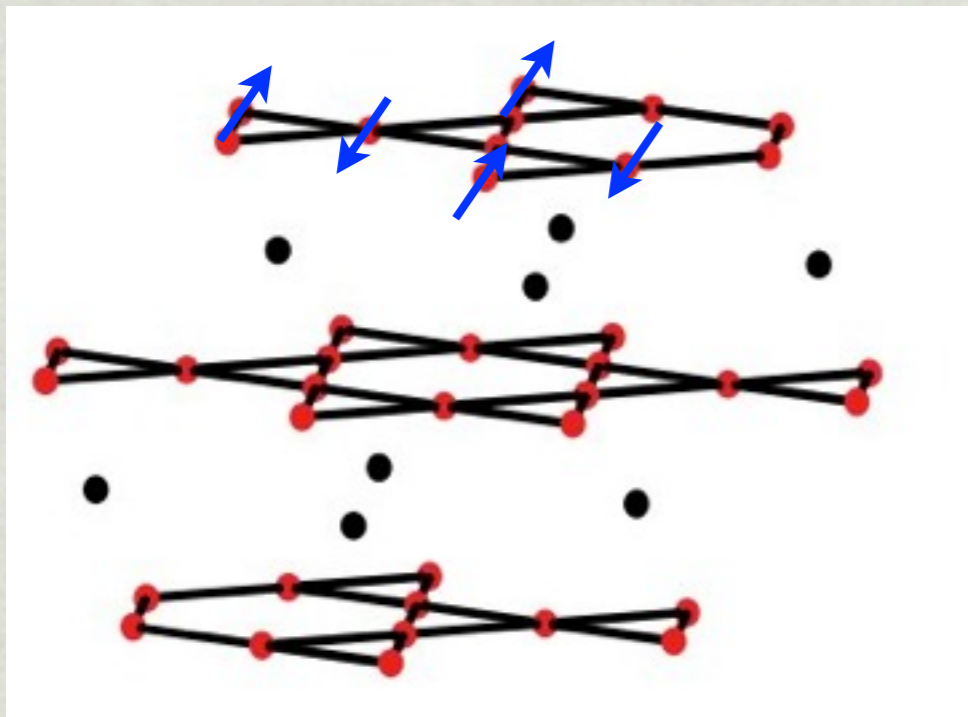
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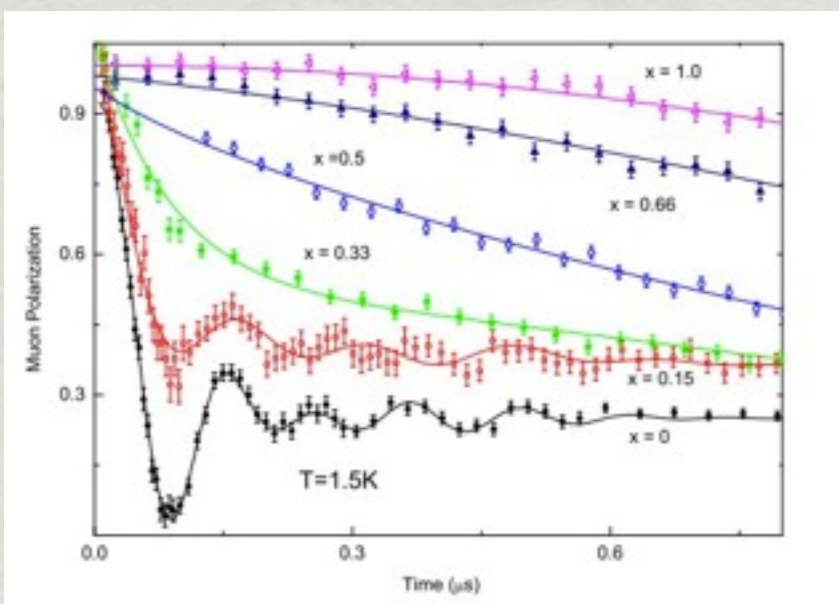
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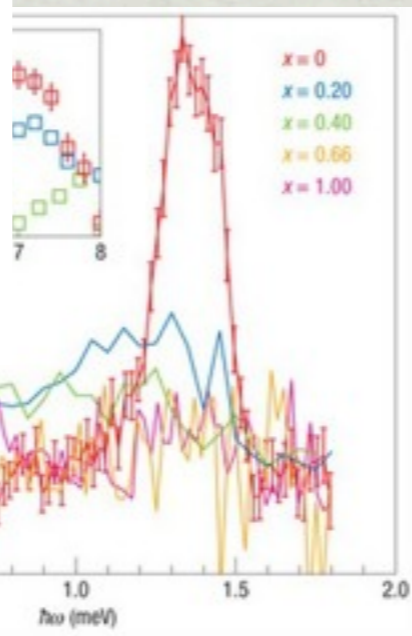
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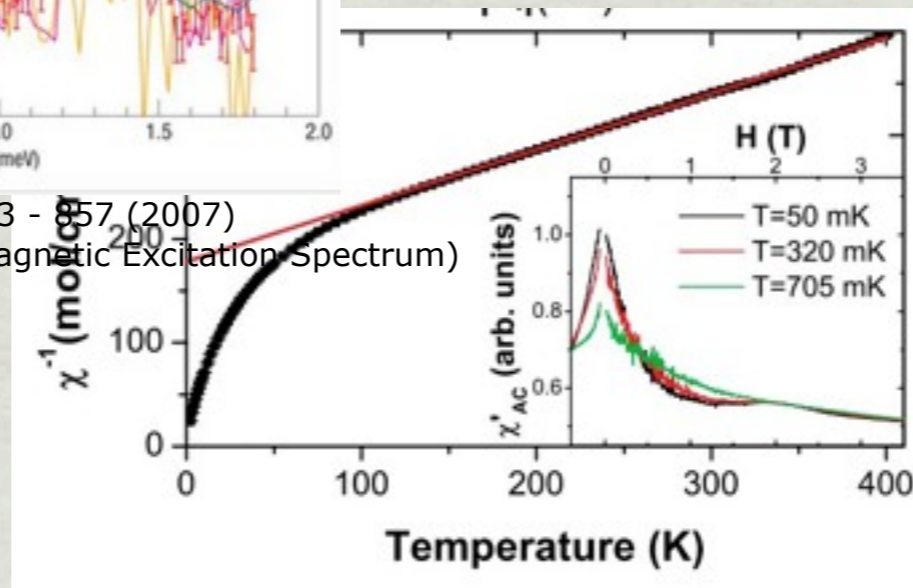
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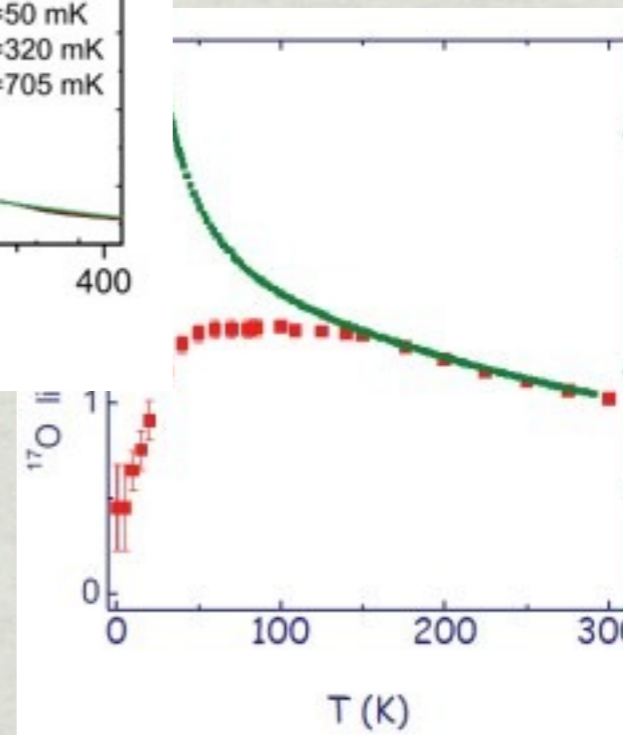
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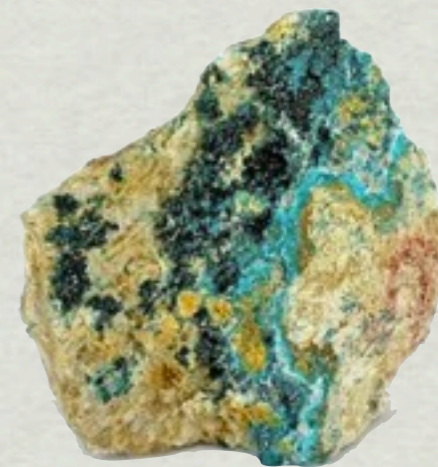
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PRL 98, 107204 (magnetic susceptibility)



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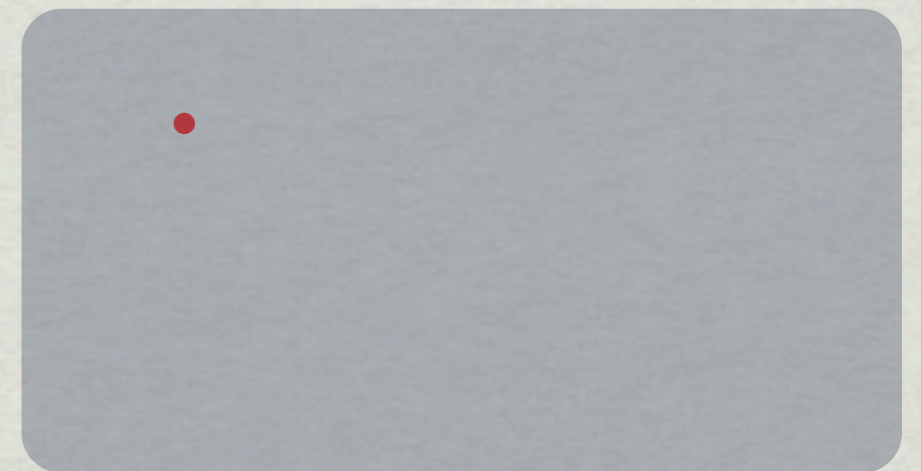
Experiments suggest no magnetic order

The Variational Approach

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Quantum Hall Effect
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HILBERT SPACE IS A BIG PLACE

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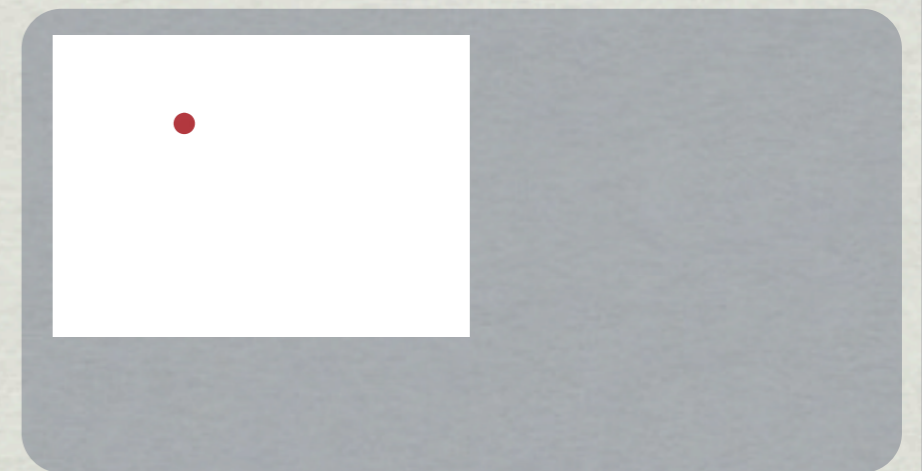
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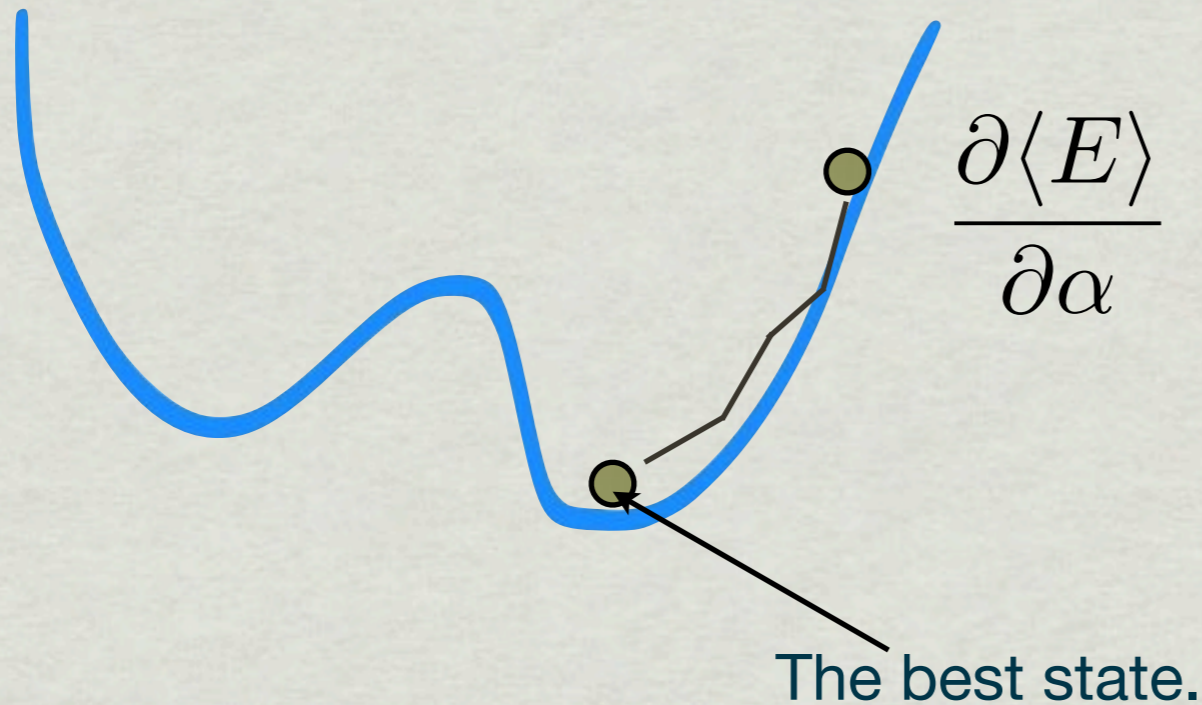
Let the computer find the right wave-function.



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Variational Monte Carlo

Variational Principle: $E_0 = \langle \Psi_0 | H | \Psi_0 \rangle \leq \langle \Psi_T | H | \Psi_T \rangle$



* Choose set of $\Psi[\vec{\alpha}]$

* Find the best one in set

Highly *nonlinear* optimization with an objective function $\langle E[\Psi[\vec{\alpha}]] \rangle$ and derivatives $\partial \langle E \rangle / \partial \alpha_i$ which can only be evaluated *noisily* and *slowly*.

A short (theoretical) history

1973 RVB proposed for triangular lattice *Anderson*

1987-1990: Quantum Dimer Models

Rokhsar and Kivelson

Gauge Theories

Fradkin; Kotliar

Projected Gutzwiller

Anderson; Gros

Slave Particles

Marston; Affleck; Lee

2000-2005: Triangular QDM

Sondhi; Moessner

Large N

Hermele

Projective Symmetry Group

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Toric Code

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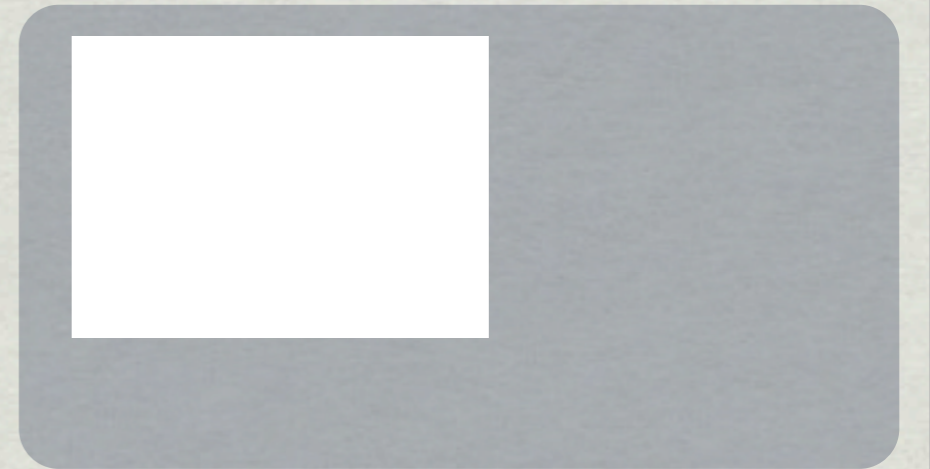
2012 - : Numerical Evidence



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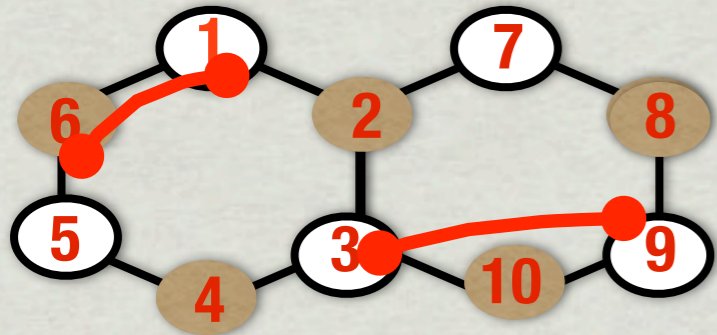
Slave Particles

Anderson RVB

$$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$



Each singlet gets a value.



$$\Psi = \alpha_1 \text{ [Diagram 1] } + \beta_1 \text{ [Diagram 2] } + \gamma_1 \text{ [Diagram 3] } + \dots$$

$$\phi(6, 1)\phi(2, 8)\phi(5, 9)\phi(4, 7)\phi(3, 10)$$

RVB wave functions

$$\Psi = \sum_{\text{dim.covering}} \prod_{[ij]} \phi(r_i - r_j) |\uparrow_i\downarrow_j - \uparrow_j\downarrow_i\rangle$$

Technically hard to work with

Projected Gutzwiller

Fermion Hamiltonian:

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Solve

Ψ_{fermion}



Projection

Ψ_{spin}



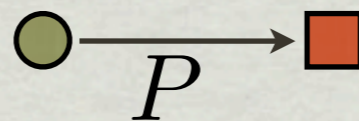
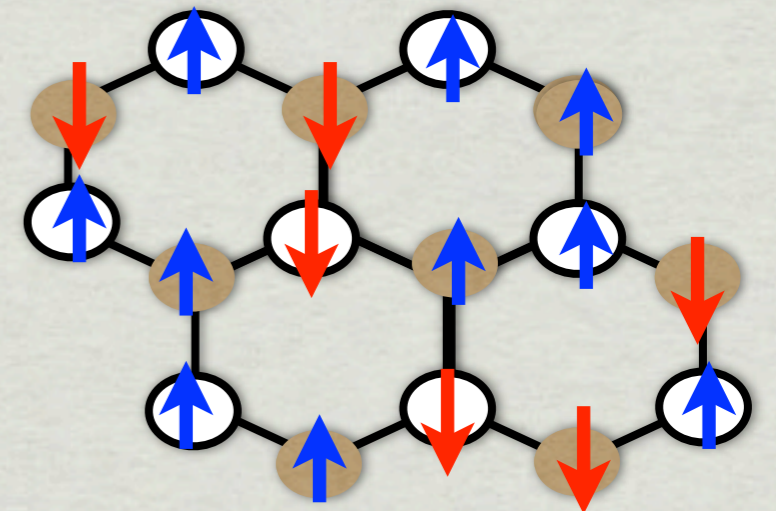
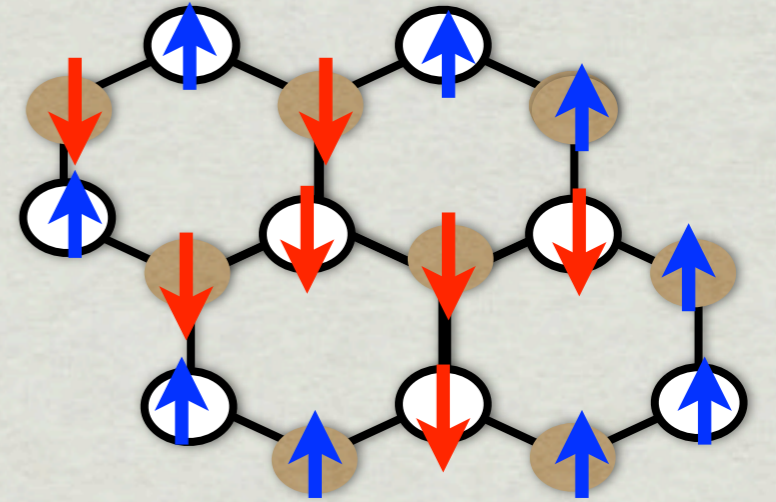
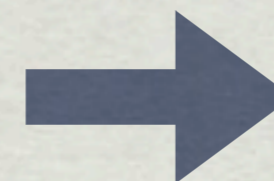
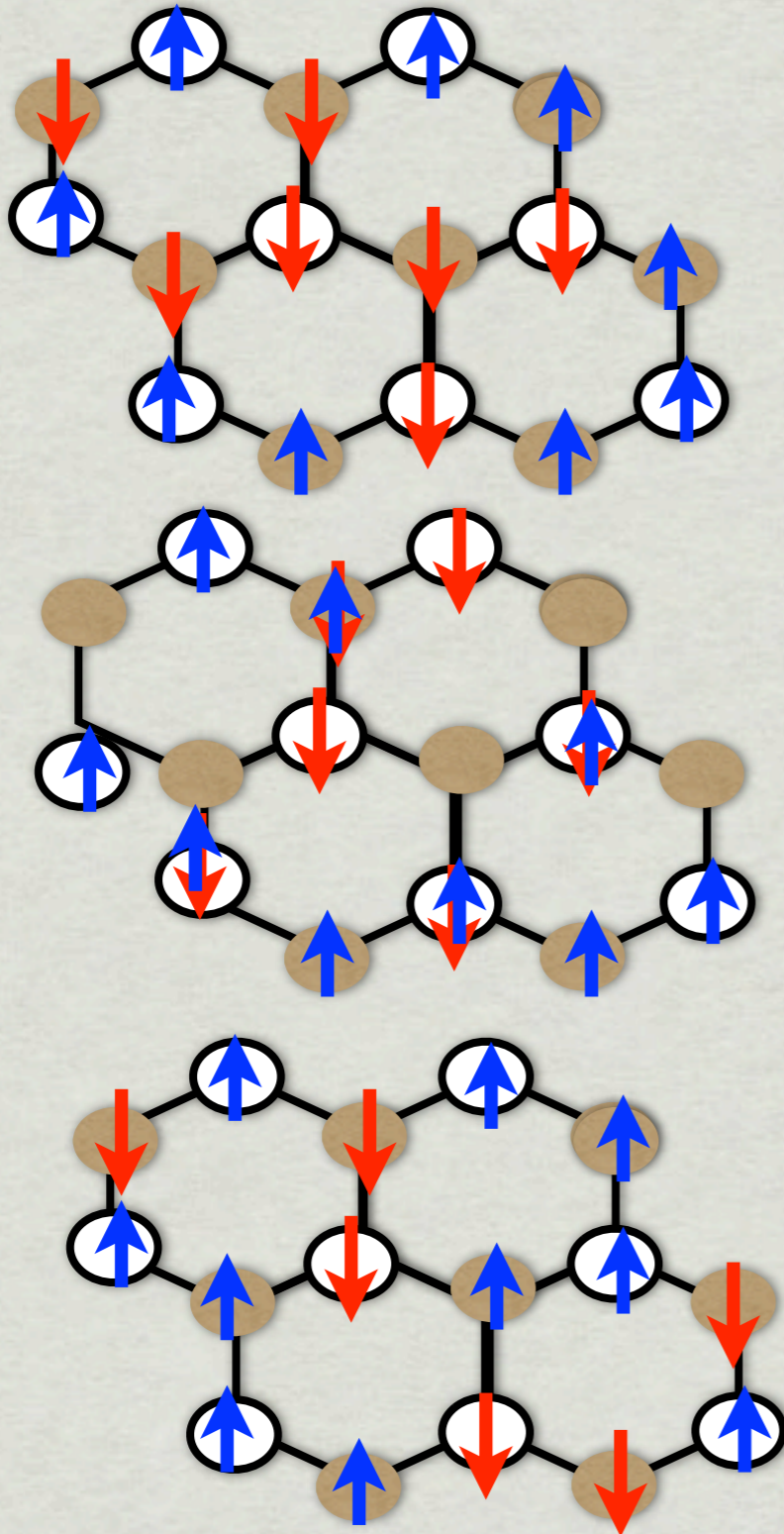
Parameters:
Optimize every hopping

An important trick

ELECTRONS

SPINS

$$P\Psi_{\text{electron}} = \Psi_{\text{spin}}$$



Slave Particles

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i \cdot S_j$$

Another perspective

Slave-Fermion + Mean Field

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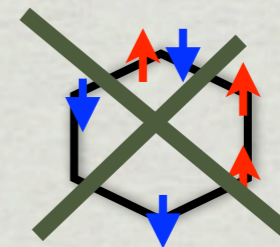
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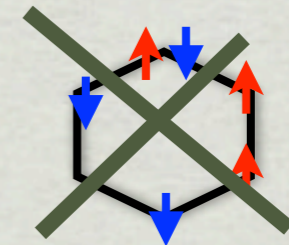
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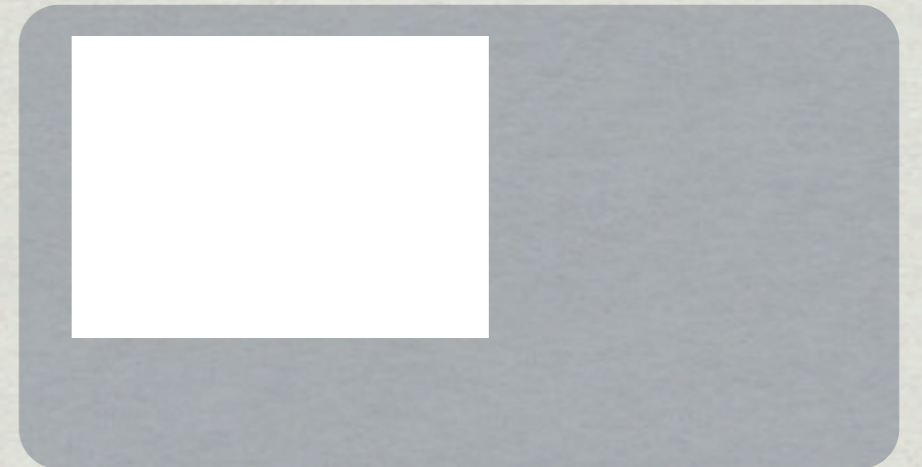
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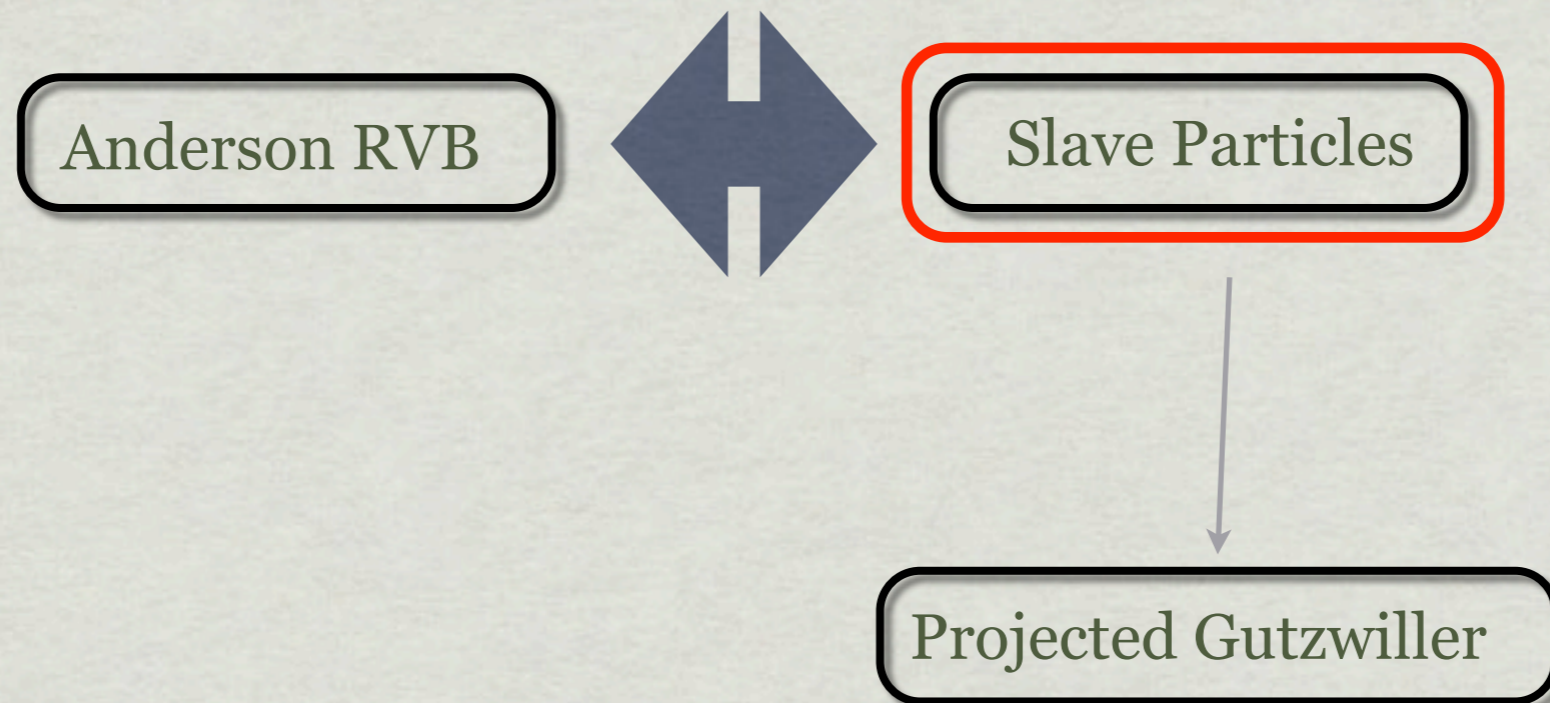
These are (almost) the same.

(up to a sign we can often gauge away)

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Goes under the name of Projected BCS

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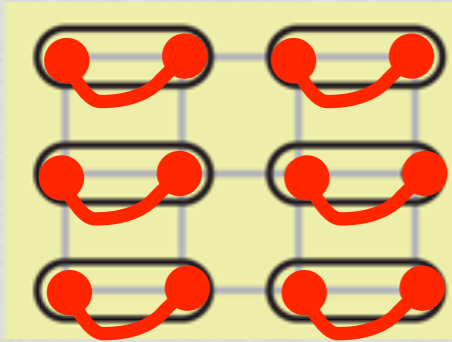
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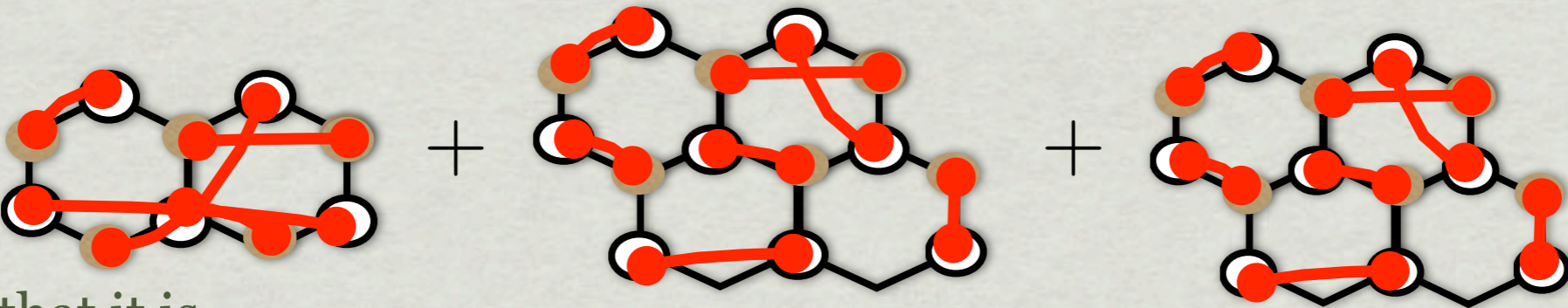
VALENCE BOND CRYSTAL

Monogamous pairs

Gapped

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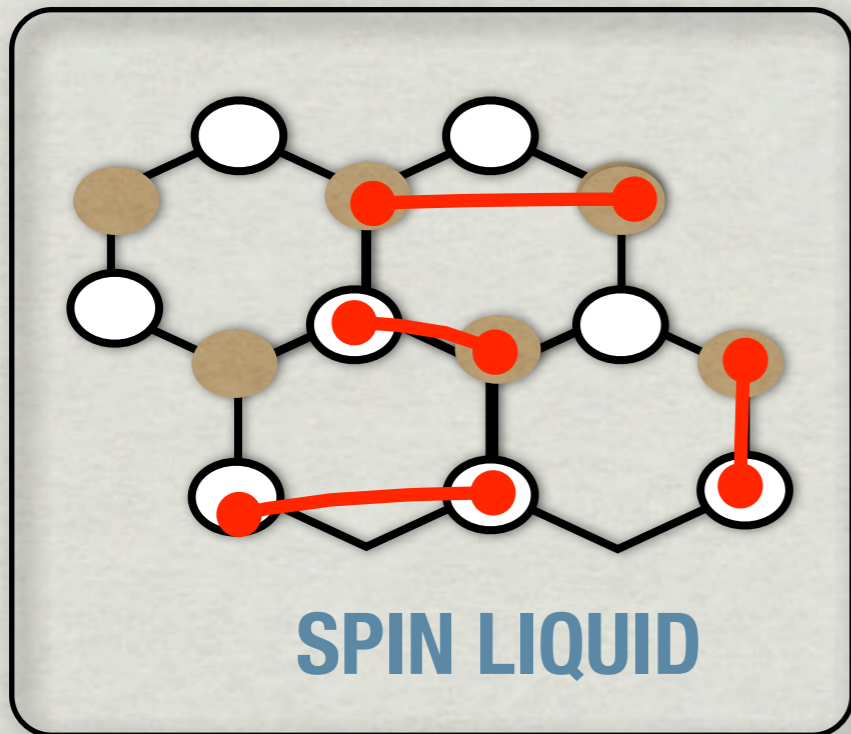
$$\Psi = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]}$$


We can see that it is

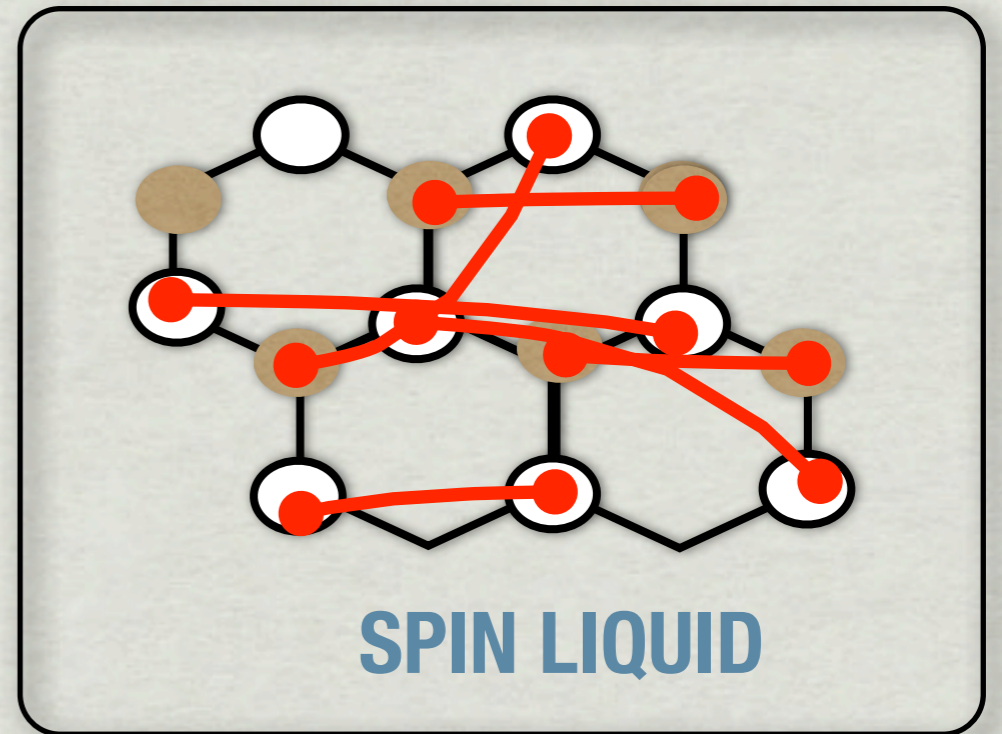
featureless

fractionalized excitations

long range entangled



Gapped

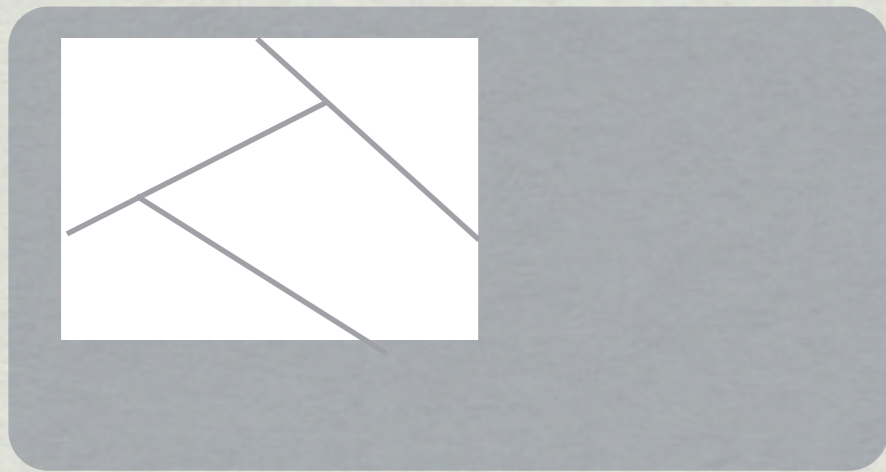


Gapless

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The projective symmetry group carves up the spin liquids.



The Variational Approach

Venerable history: BCS Superconductivity
Quantum Hall Effect
Model Wave-functions

Particularly valuable if the wave-function is conceptually simple and connects to analytical theory

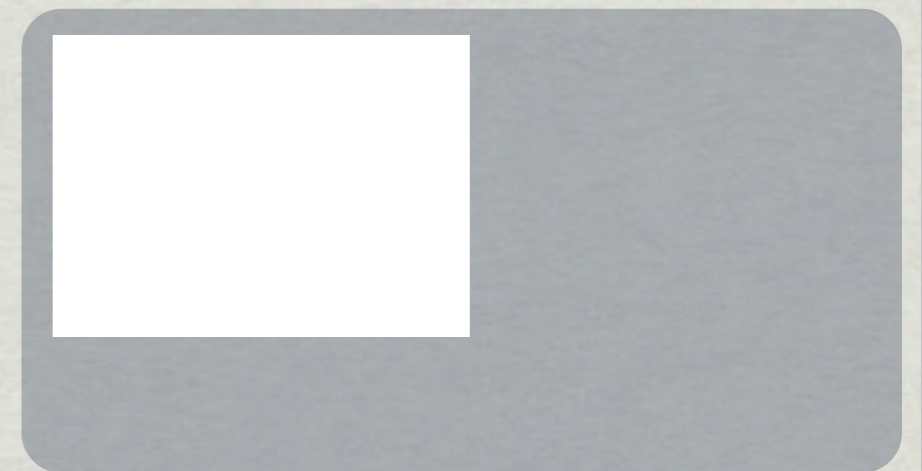
The perennial complaint about variational approach:

Biased - You get out what you put in.

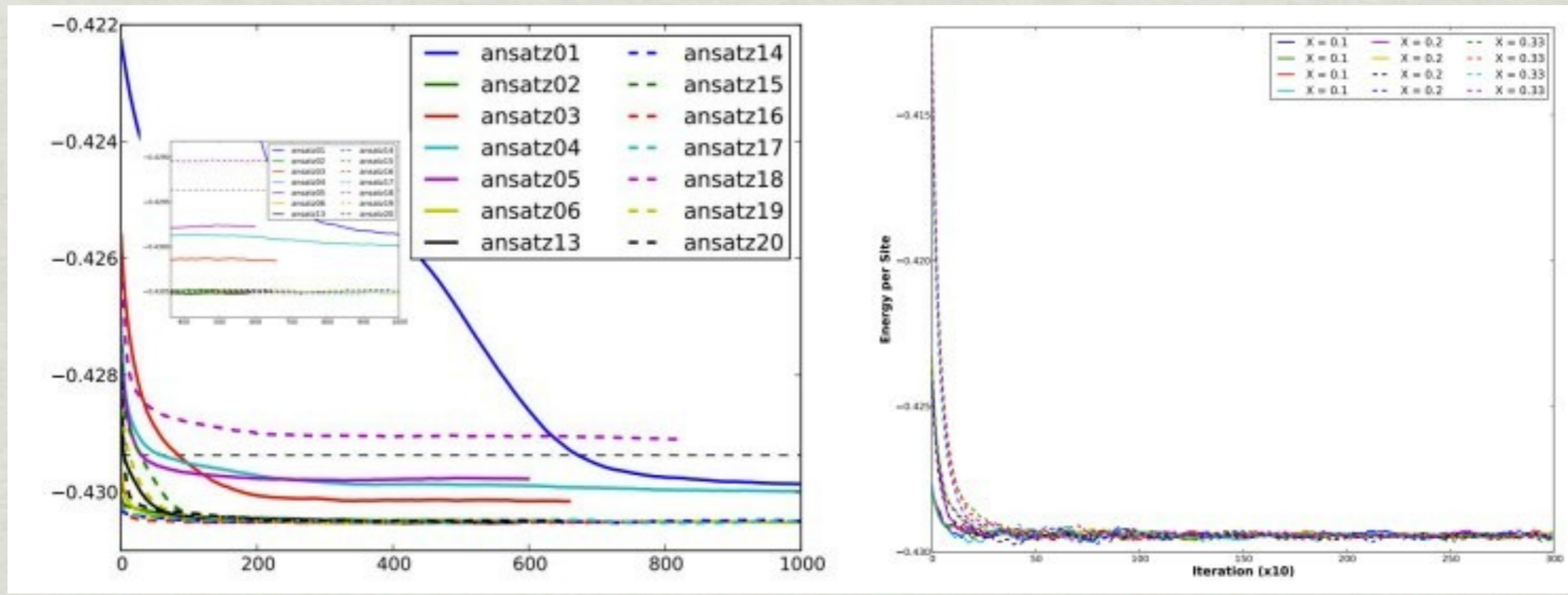
Often true ... We will minimize that bias by taking a huge number of parameters.

~1000 - 10,000 parameters

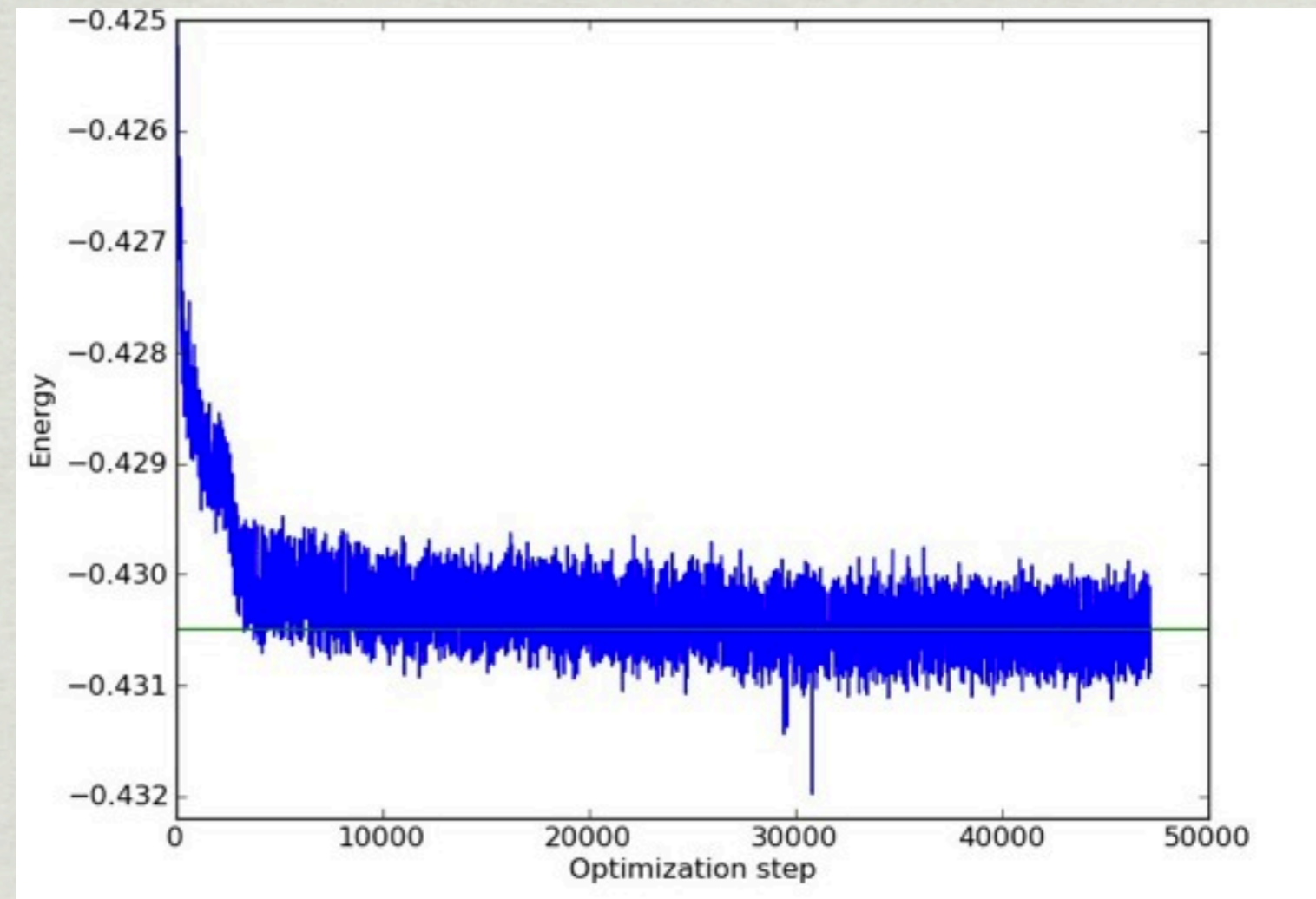
We take the idea of Projected BCS seriously and span the *entire* space of projected BCS. This is the first time this has been done in frustrated magnetism (lattice models at all).



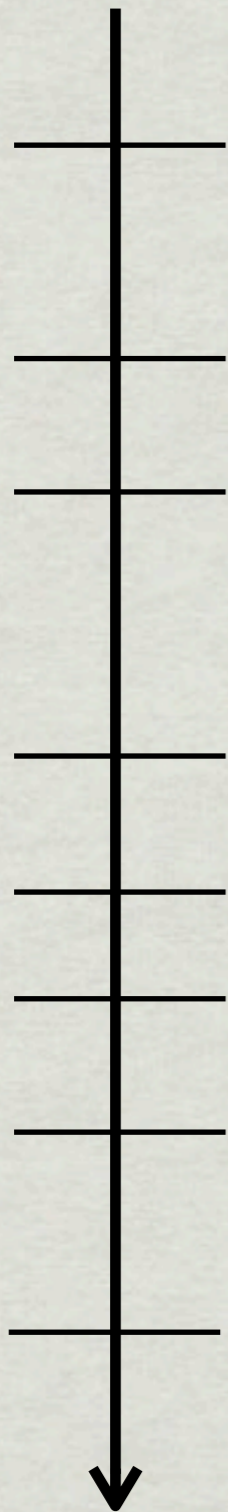
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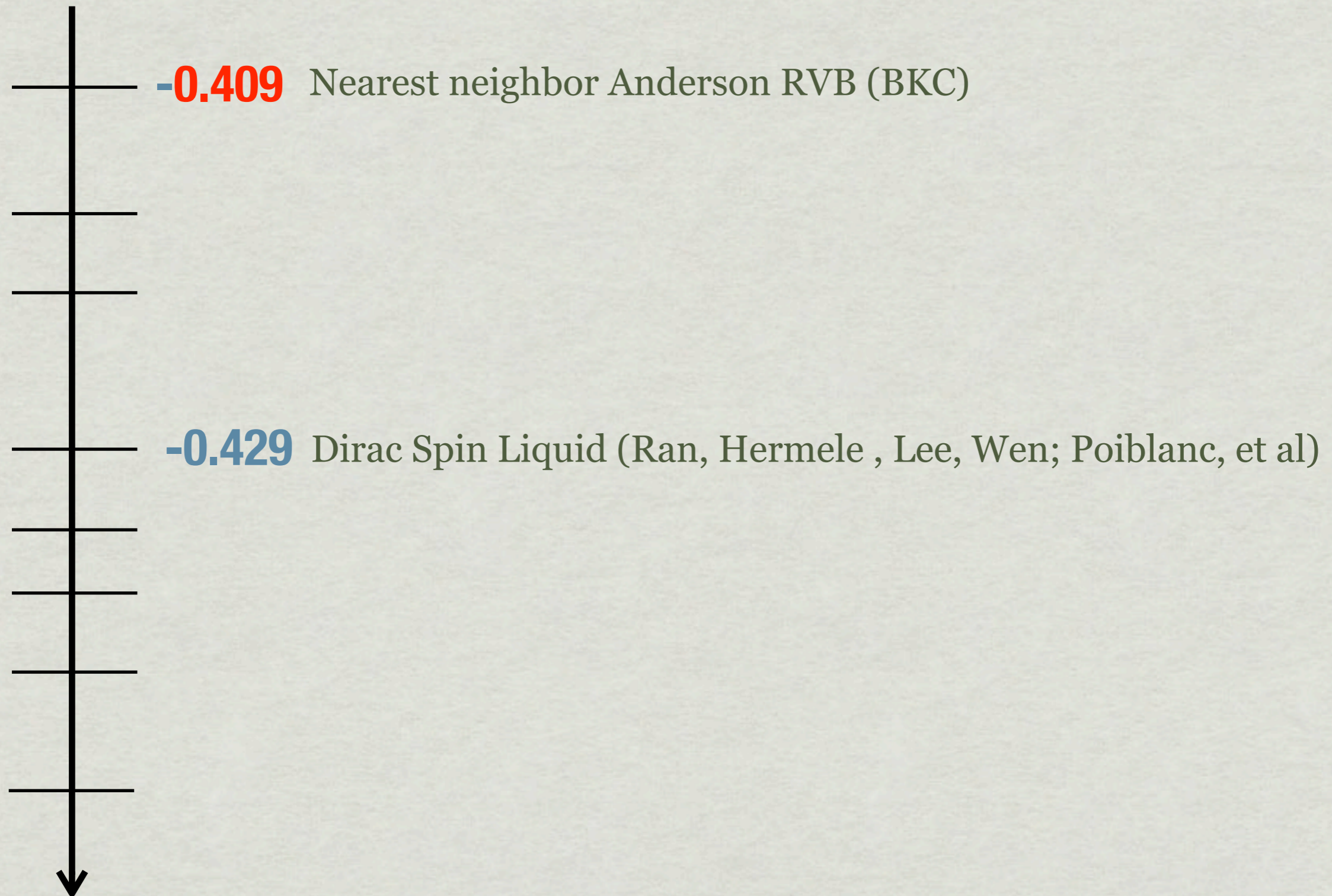


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Another nearby spin liquid?

Metric for spin liquid-ness:

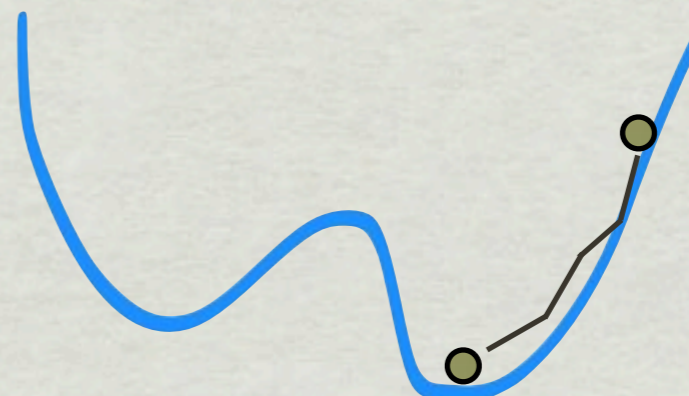
Assymetry in pre-projected $\vec{s}_i \cdot \vec{s}_j$

Search for a low-energy spin liquid:

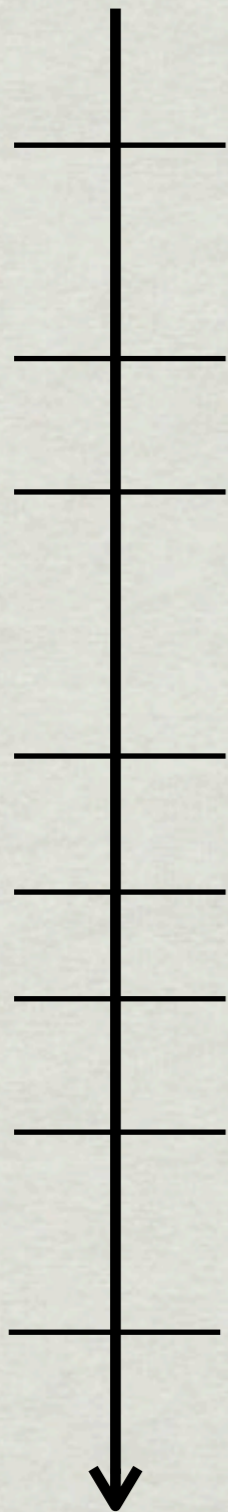
- * Start with the striped spin-liquid crystal
- * Take a random step in Hamiltonian space.
- * Accept this step if you become more “featureless.”

Walks uphill in energy to the Dirac spin liquid!

Dirac spin liquid is closest state.

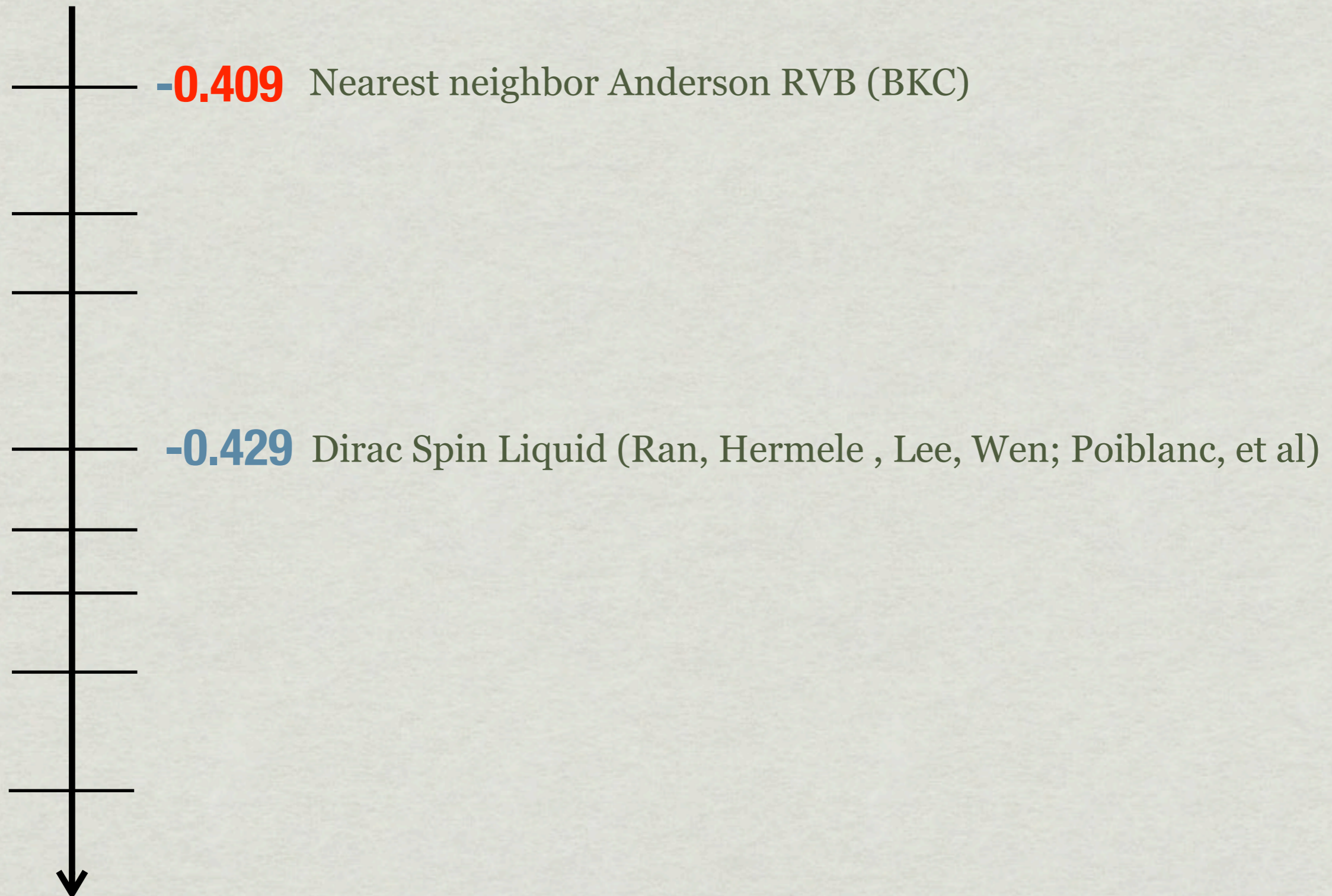


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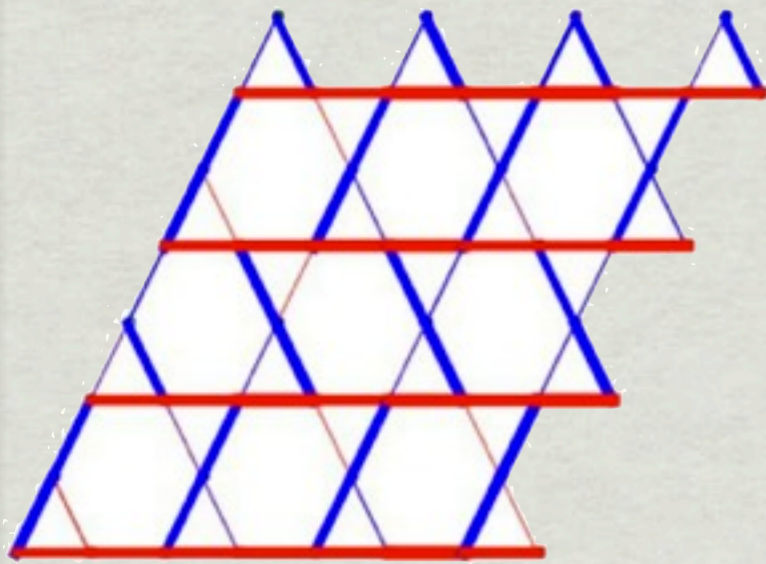


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Something new!

A striped spin liquid crystal!



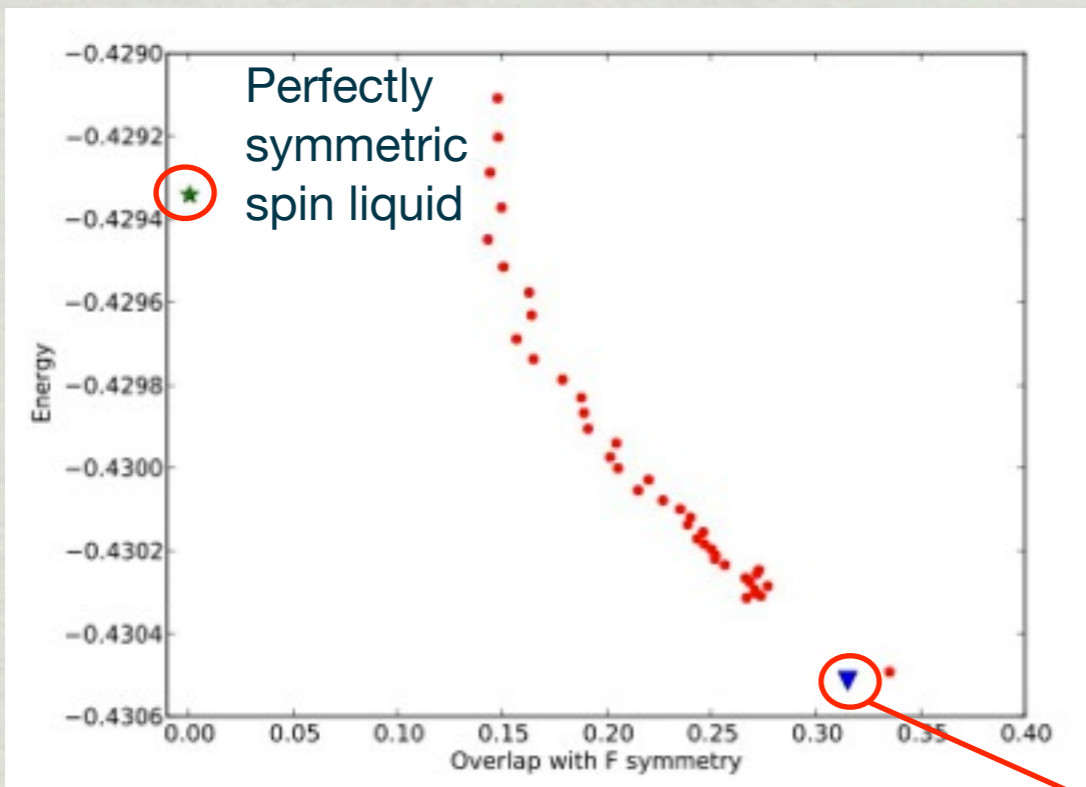
energy/bond

The typical viewpoint (for spin liquids): Featureless

Our new state: Doubles unit cell. Makes stripes.
Not a spin liquid.

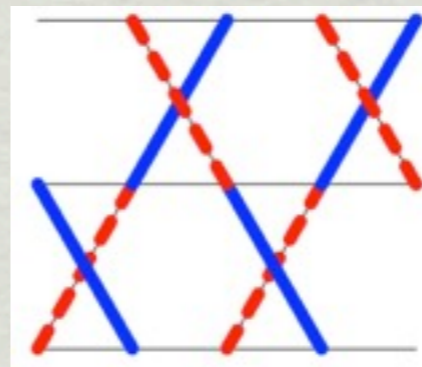
But: Almost as symmetric as a spin liquid
Energy variance: 10^{-3}
Not a valence bond solid!

Breaks F symmetry



"F Assymetry"

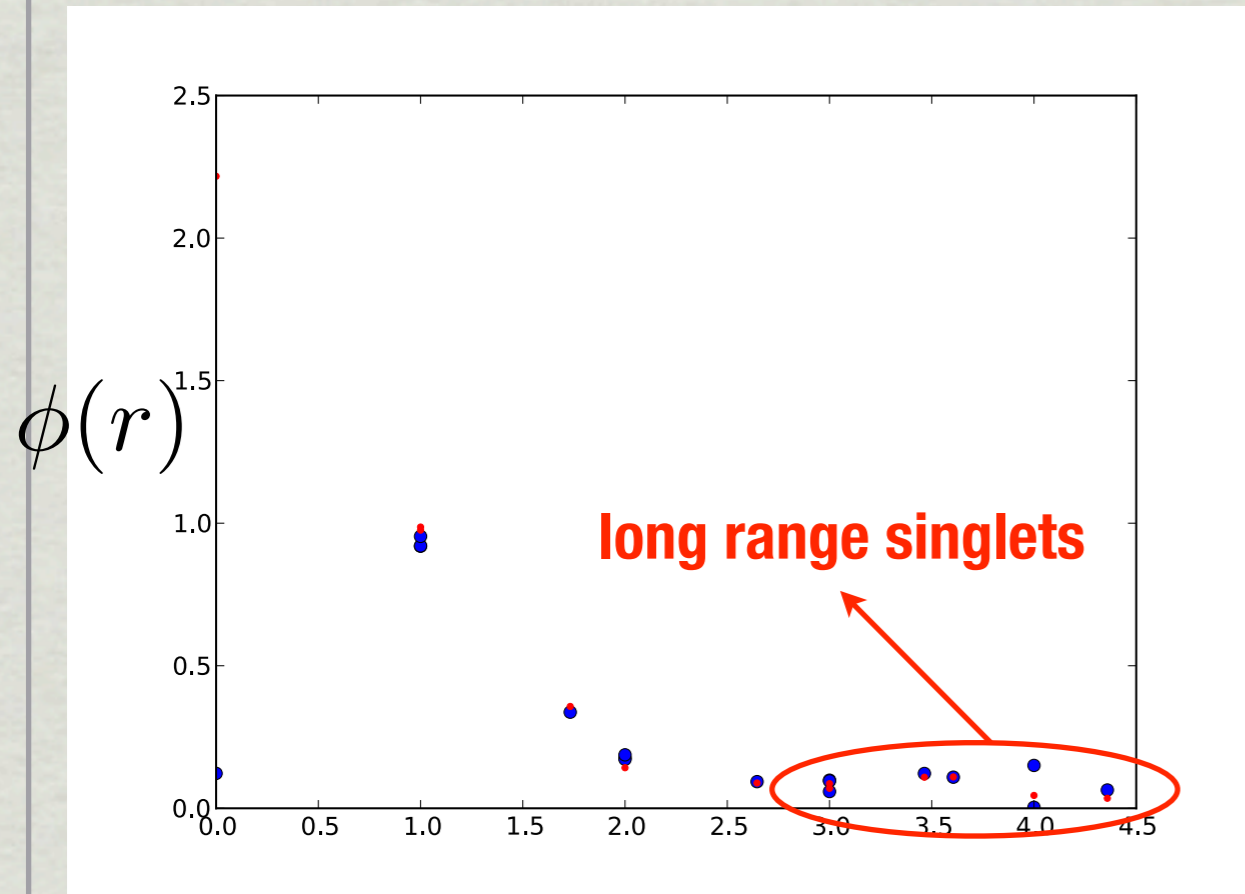
Sufficiently unbiased that we've found a totally new phase out of a variational study.



Broken symmetry

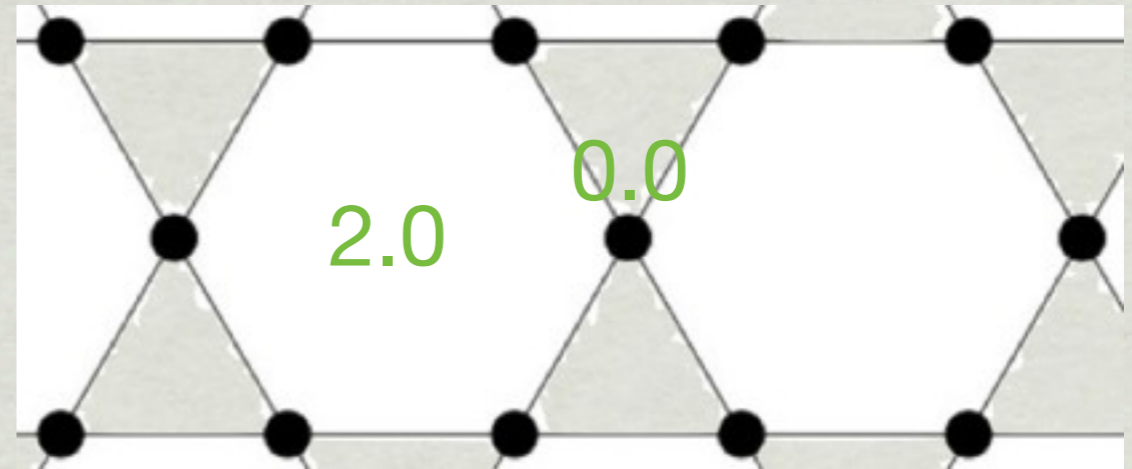
What am I?

Gapped or Gapless?



r
Gapless

Long Range Entangled?



Climbs uphill to the dirac state.
Almost uniform
Long range entangled

Long Range Entangled

Like a spin liquid, but symmetry broken.

There has been a huge amount of work understanding and classifying “spin-liquid” phases recently and broken symmetry phases previously. We now have a concrete example of something simultaneously both. Many open theoretical questions!

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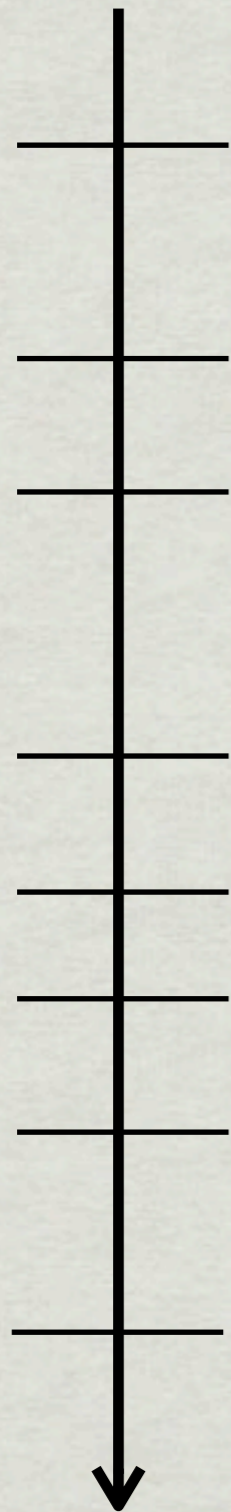
2013: Evenbly and Vidal; *Kagome (MERA)*

2013: Poiblanc and Schuch; *Kagome (PEPS)*



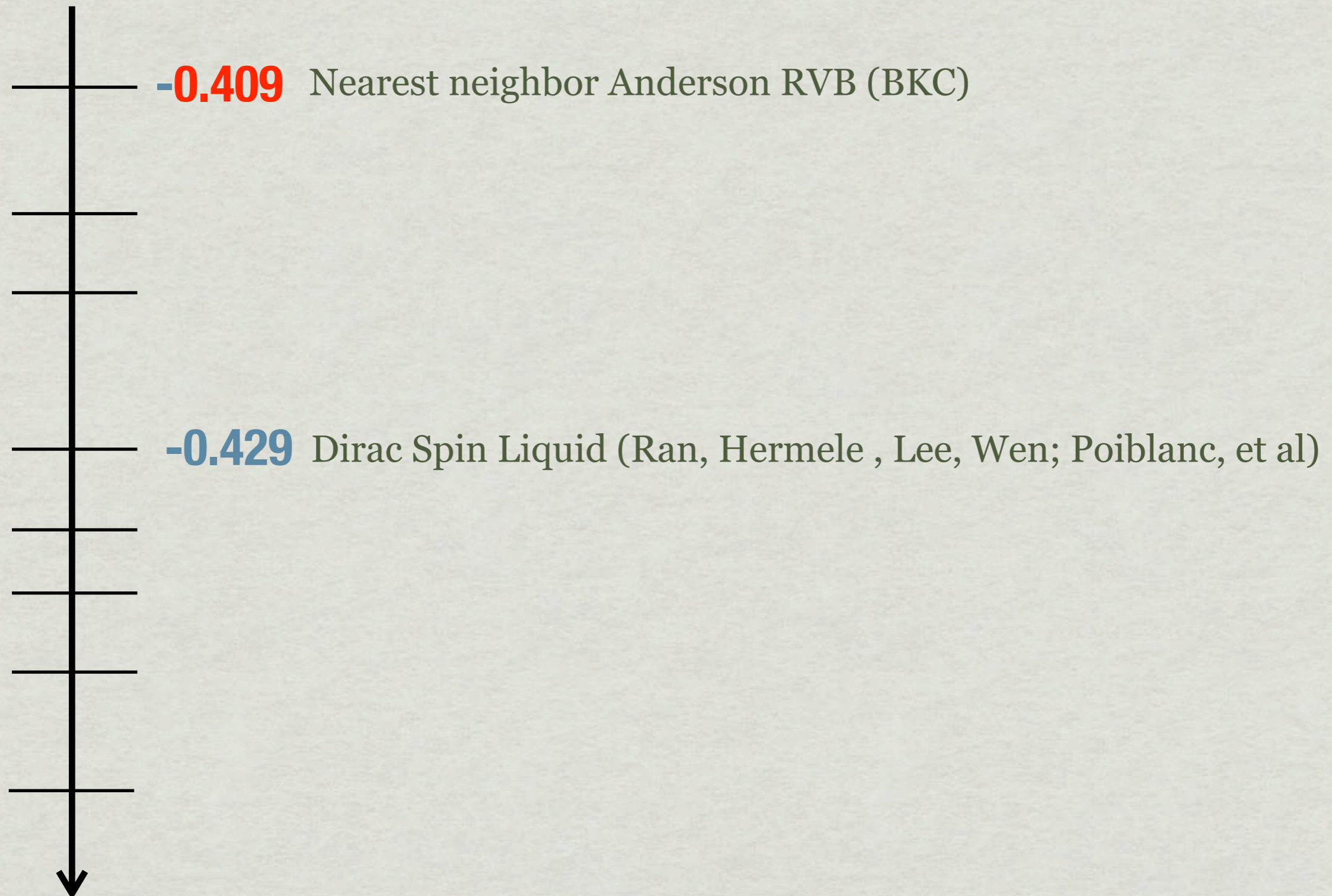
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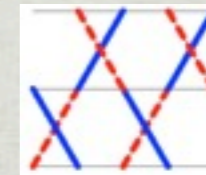
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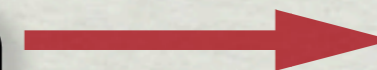
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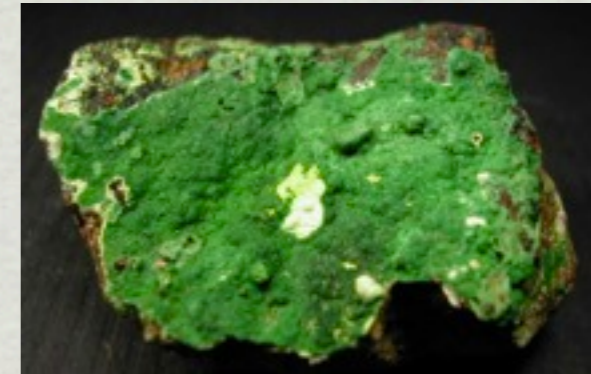
Tantalizing possibility:

Striped spin liquid crystal



Distorted Kagome

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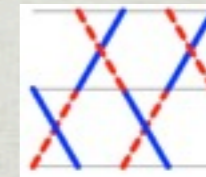
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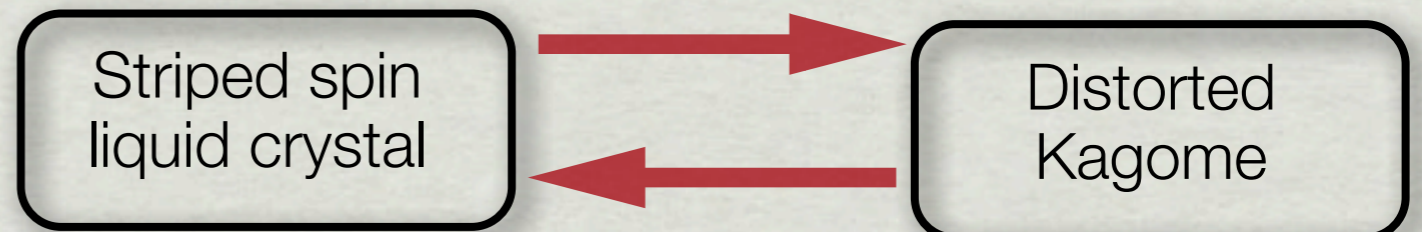
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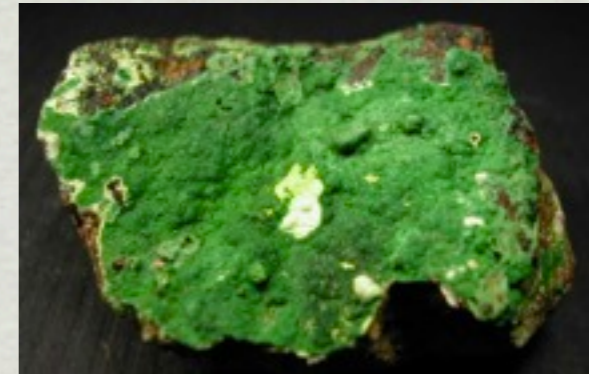
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Even if kagome distorts for other structural reasons, makes good candidate for striped spin liquid crystal.

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Conclusions 1

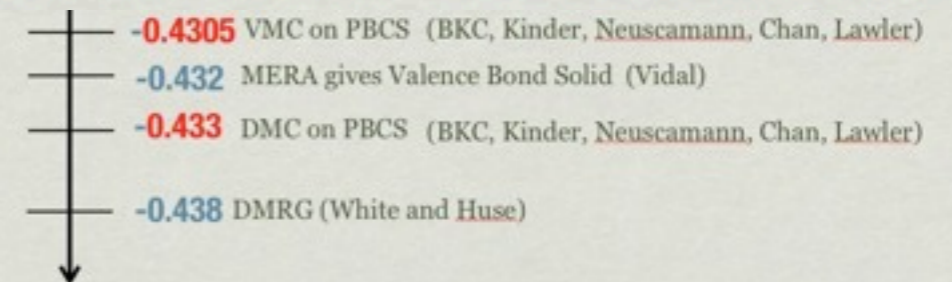
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Reasonable low energy state.

Better then tensor product state (MERA, PEPS)

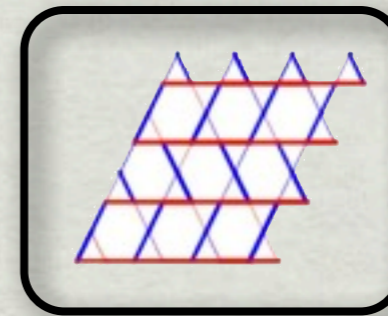
A bit worse (on quasi-1D ladders then DMRG)

...maybe different physics. Not clear how to reconcile?



- ✱ Find physically simple and energetically promising wave-functions in a largely unbiased way.

A new phase (in the language of RVB singlets)

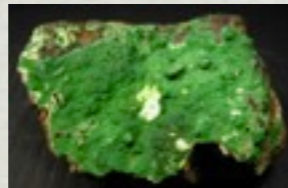


- ✱ Connection to experiment.

Matches much of the experimental data for Herbertsmithite:



Strong candidate for finite temperature phase of Volborthite; Zn paratacamite.



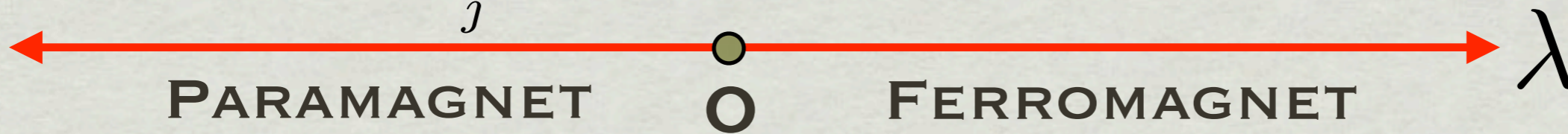
Nonequilibrium dynamics

Mott Insulating Bosons in a Tilted Lattice

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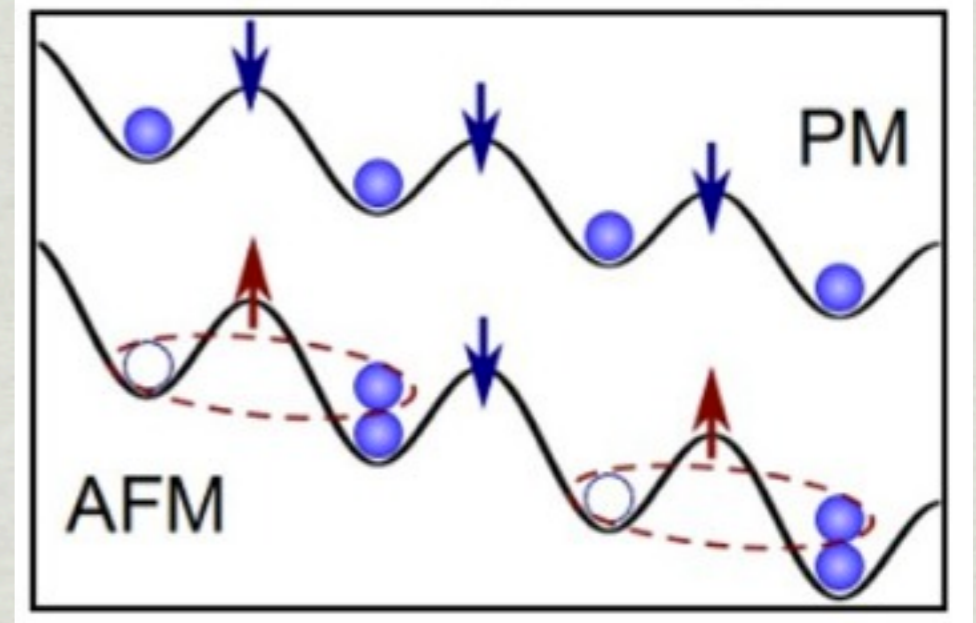
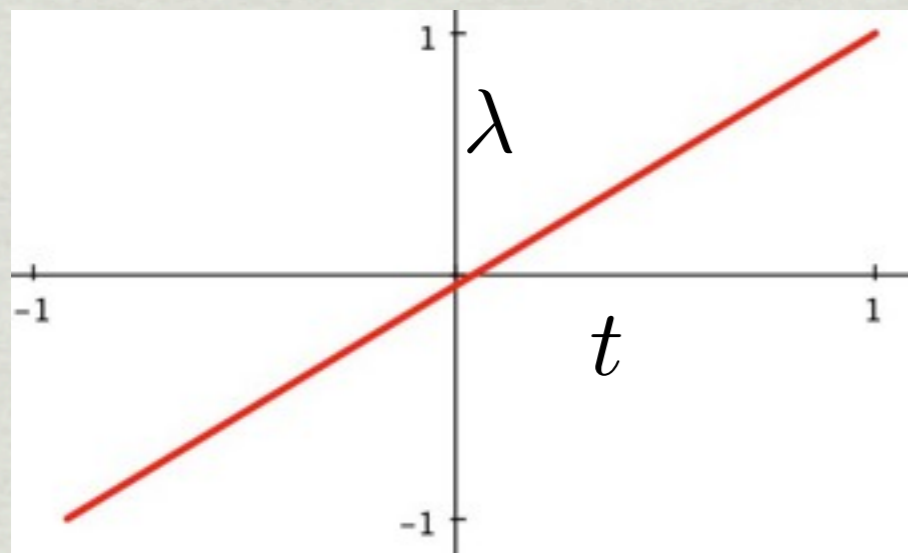
Projects out $\uparrow\uparrow$

$$H[\lambda] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j [s_j^z s_{j+1}^z + (1 - \lambda) s_j^x]$$



GREINER, ET. AL

Quantum critical point as you tune the ramp.



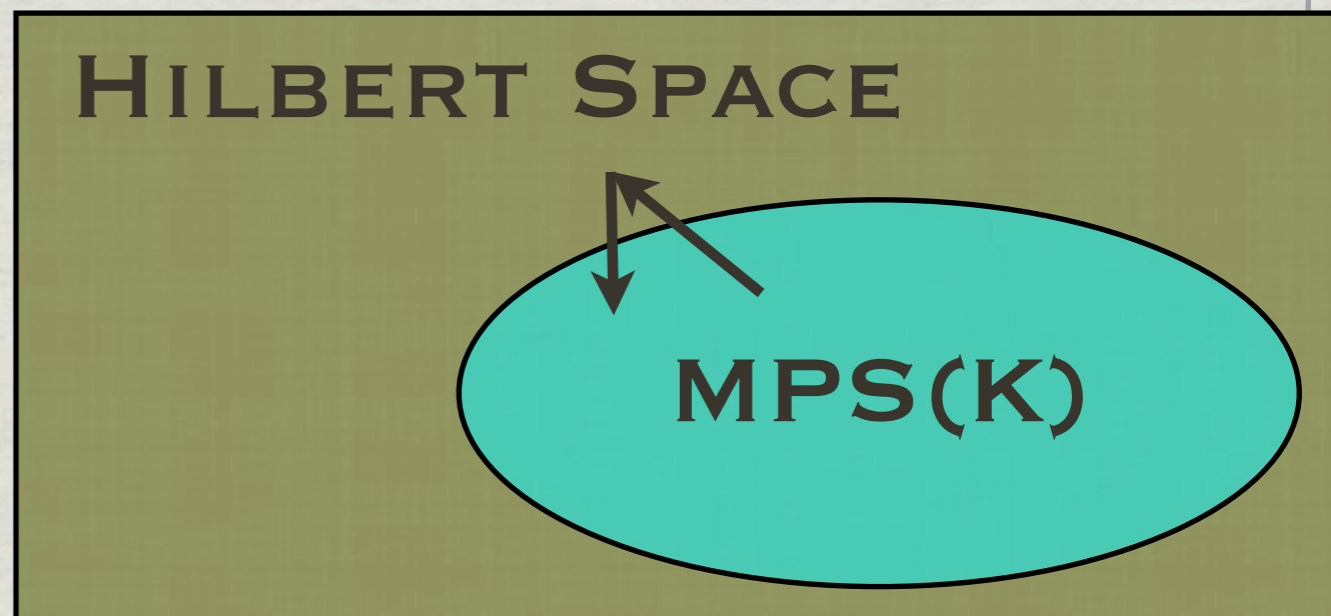
TIME EVOLUTION

1. Start with $\Psi_{\text{MPS}} = \sum_{\sigma_i} \text{Tr}[M_1^{\sigma_1} M_2^{\sigma_2} \dots M_k^{\sigma_k}] |\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_k\rangle$
for ferromagnet ground state. $\left(\right) k \times k$ matrix.

2. Apply $\exp \left[-it \left(-\sum_i \sigma_i^x + \delta(t) \sum_i \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_i^z + 1) \right) \right]$ exactly. This
increases the bond dimension to something too large.

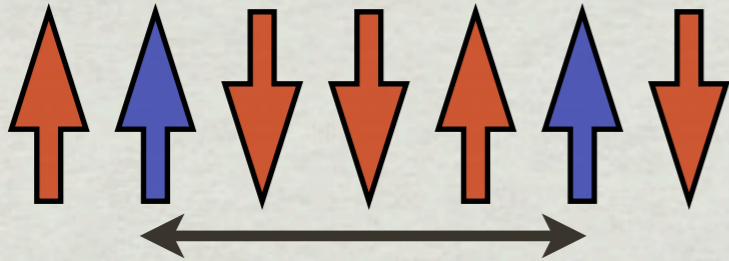
$\left(\right) 4k \times 4k$ matrix.

3. Project back to bond dimension of size k .

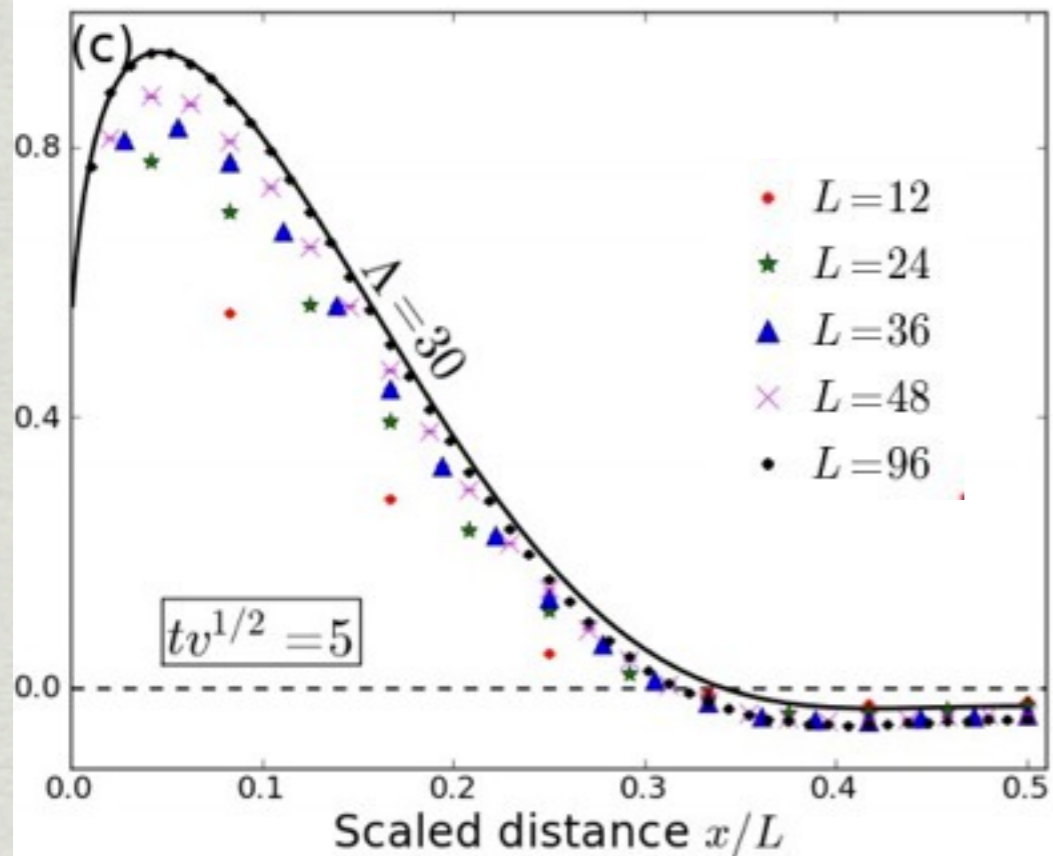
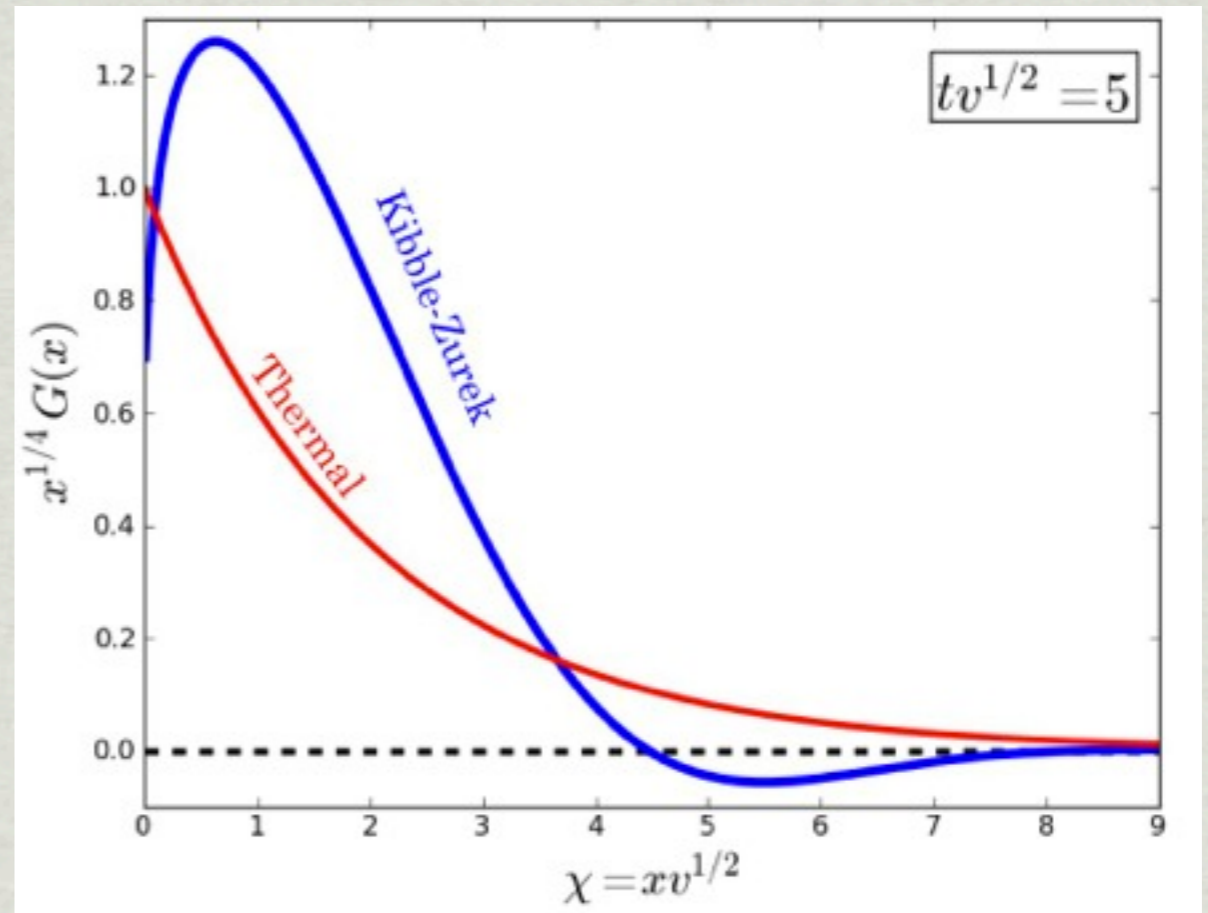


Q: CAN RAMPS PRODUCE INTERESTING STATES?

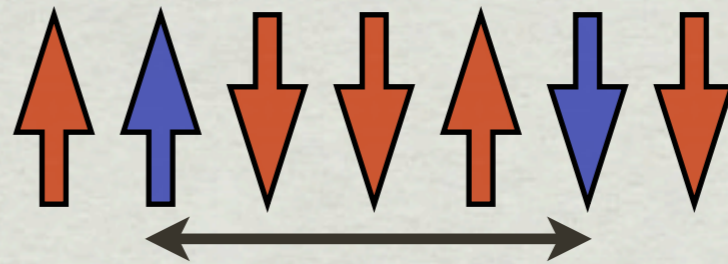
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If I'm up, then you're probably up as well.



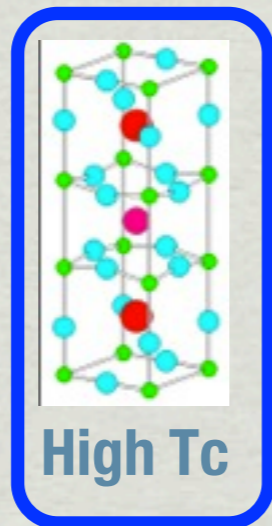
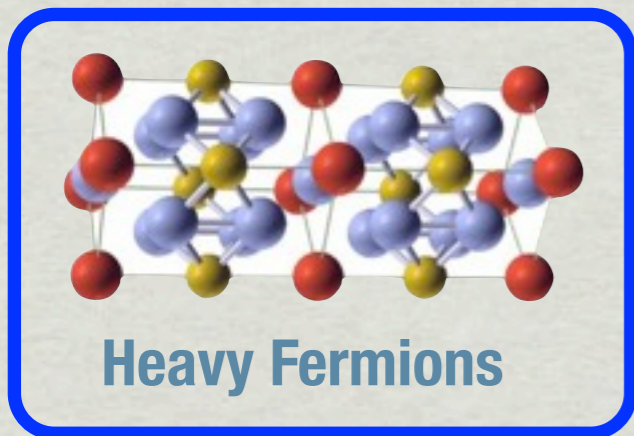
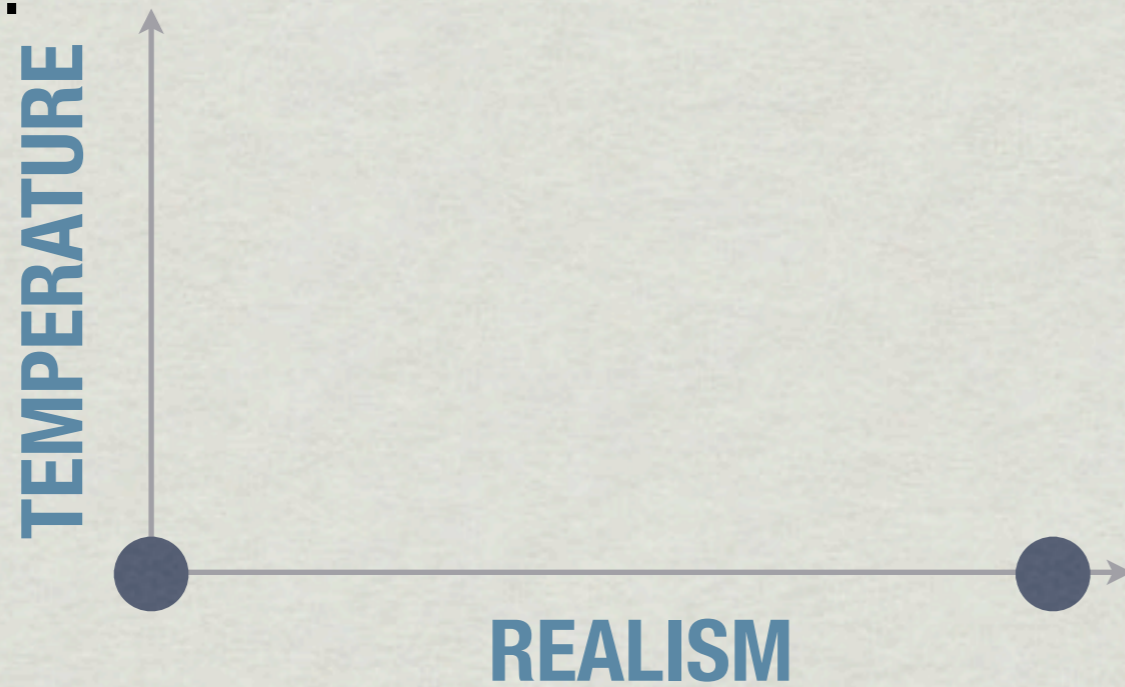
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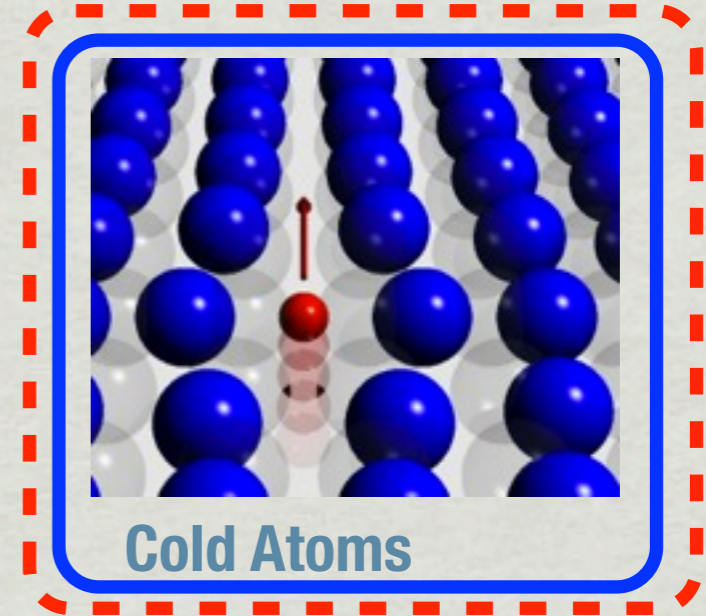
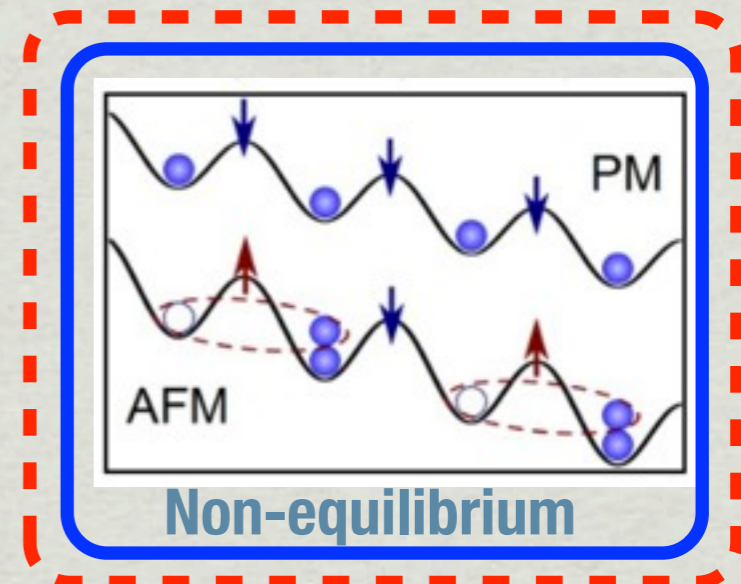
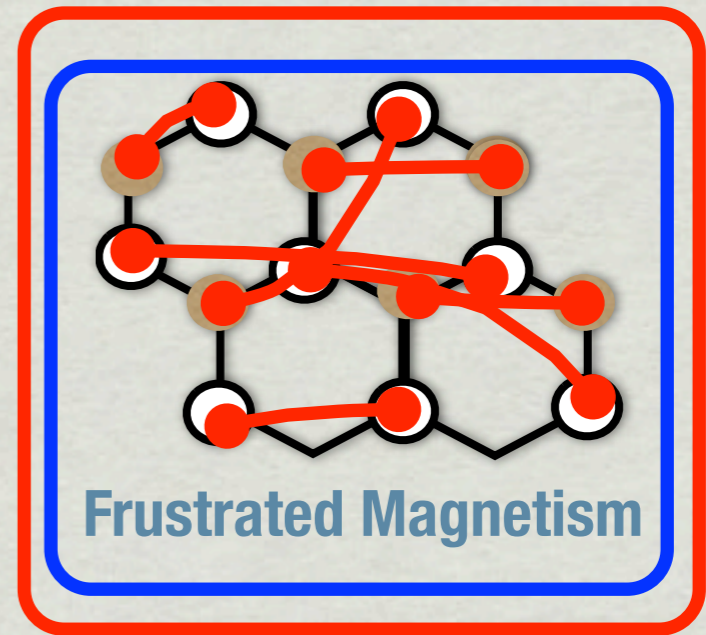
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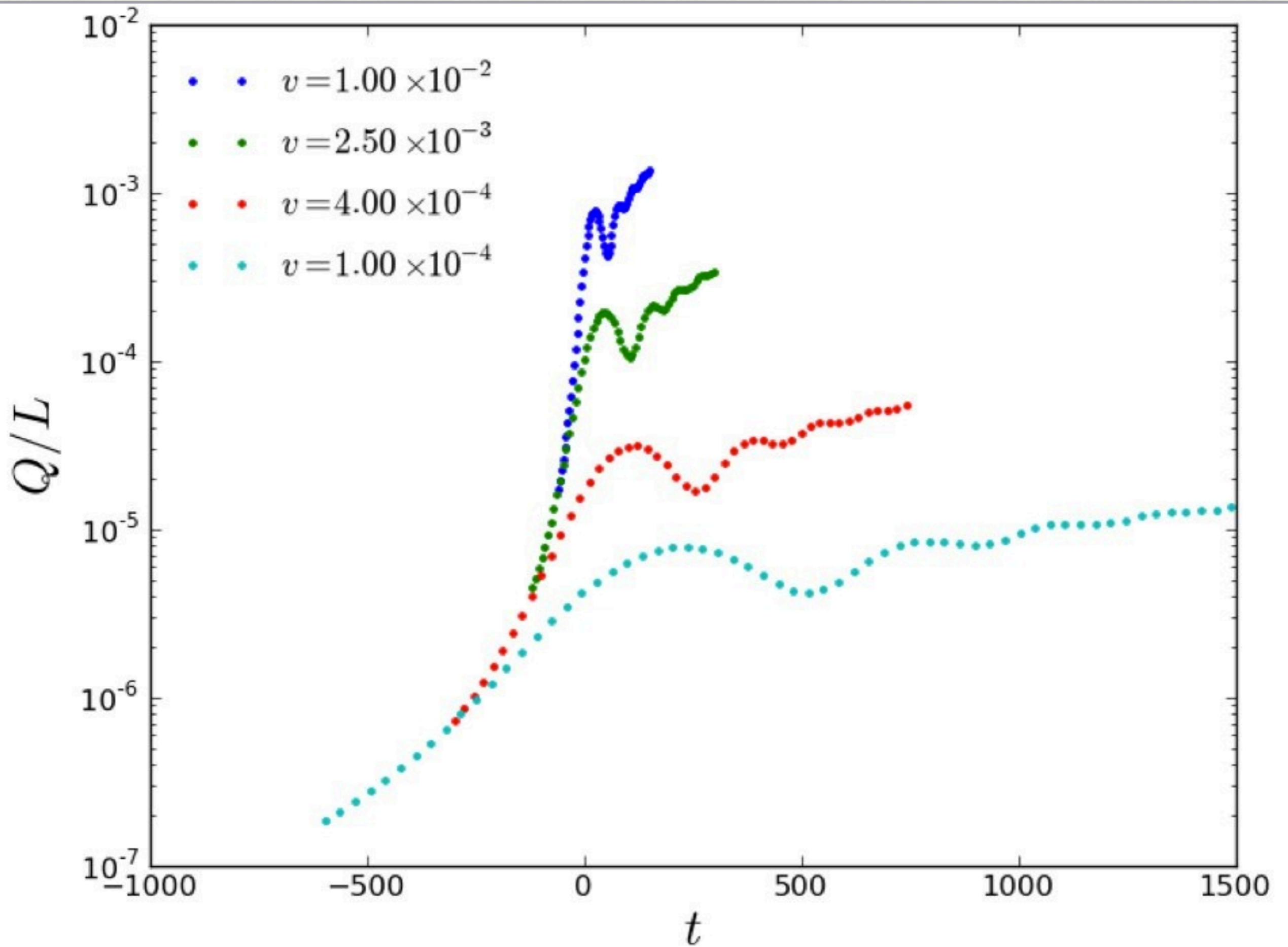
Optimistic about the future of computational condensed matter to make progress on many of the hardest problems in physics.

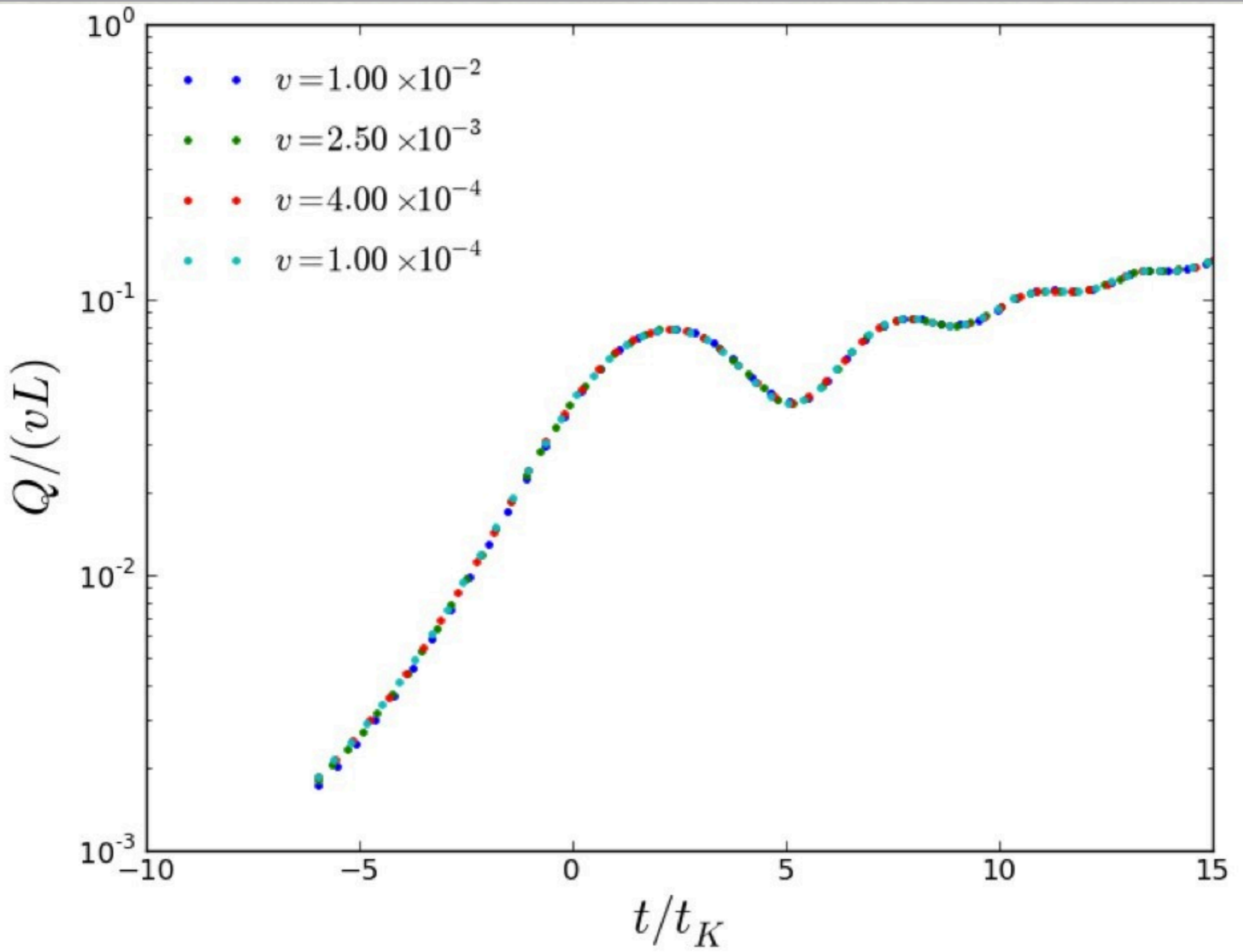


Non-fermi liquid

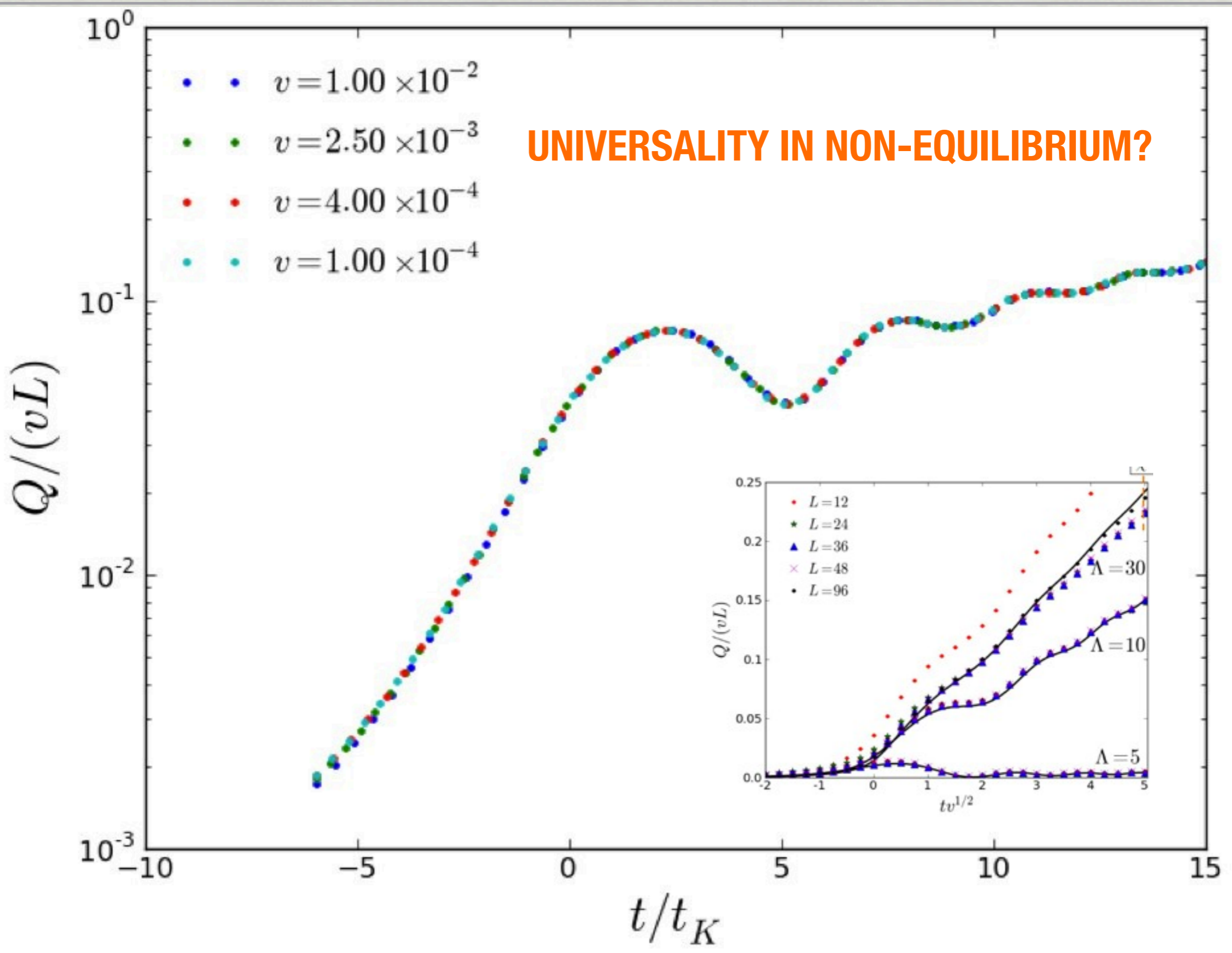


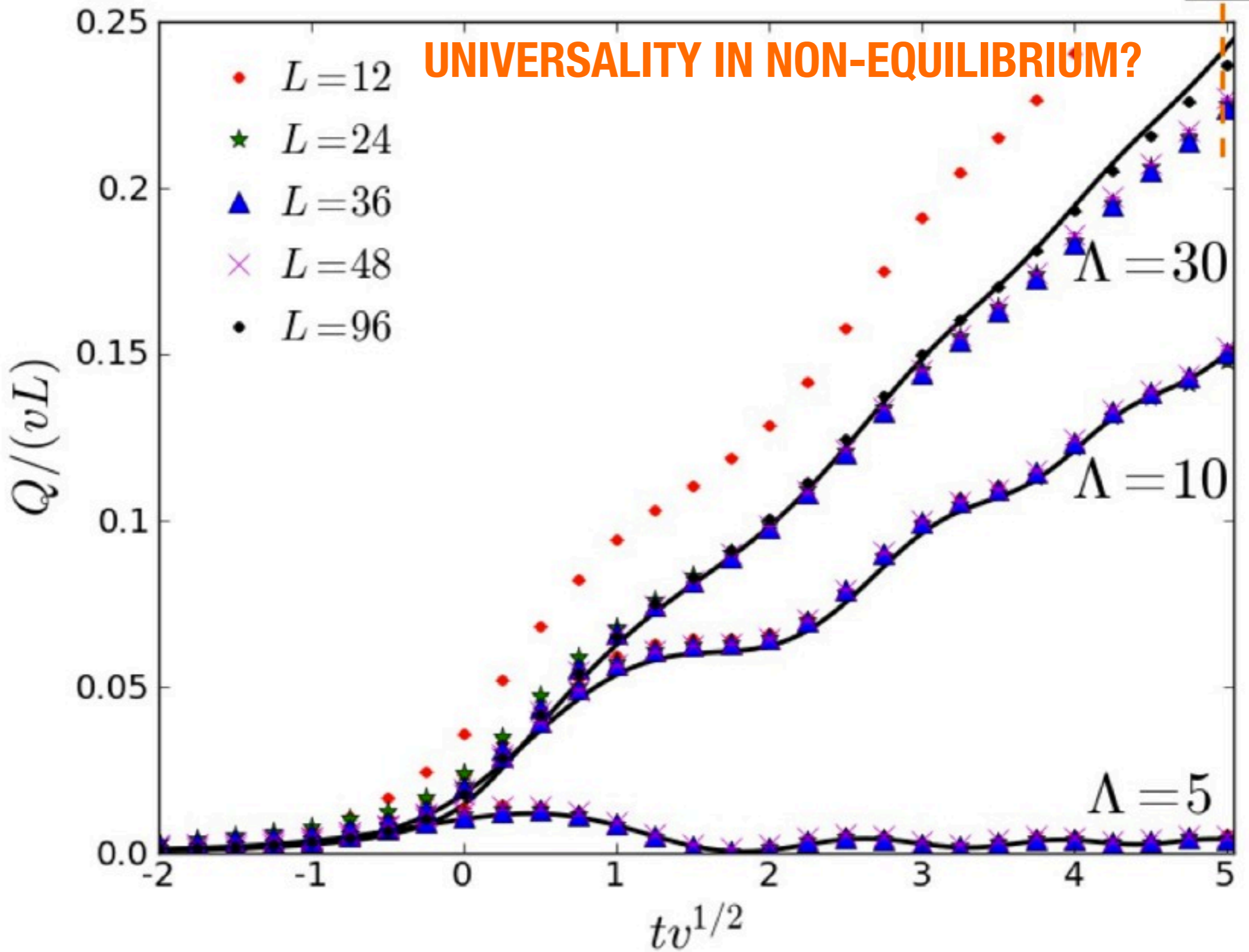
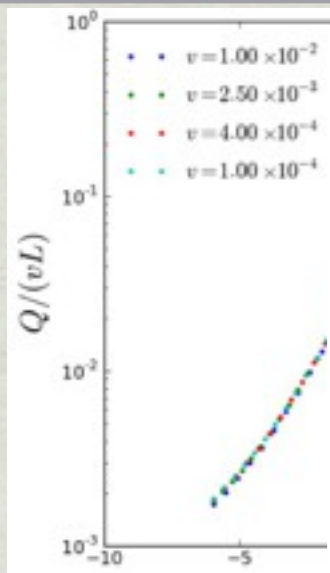
Conclusions 2





UNIVERSALITY IN NON-EQUILIBRIUM?





Ramps

Ground States: $H[\lambda]|\Psi_0[\lambda]\rangle = E_0[\lambda]|\Psi_0[\lambda]\rangle$

Time Evolution: $|\Psi(t)\rangle = \exp[iH[\lambda]t]|\Psi(0)\rangle$

Adiabatic Theorem: Slow ramps stay in the instantaneous ground state.

For linear ramps: $T \gtrsim \frac{\|H_{\text{final}} - H_{\text{init}}\|}{\Delta^2}$

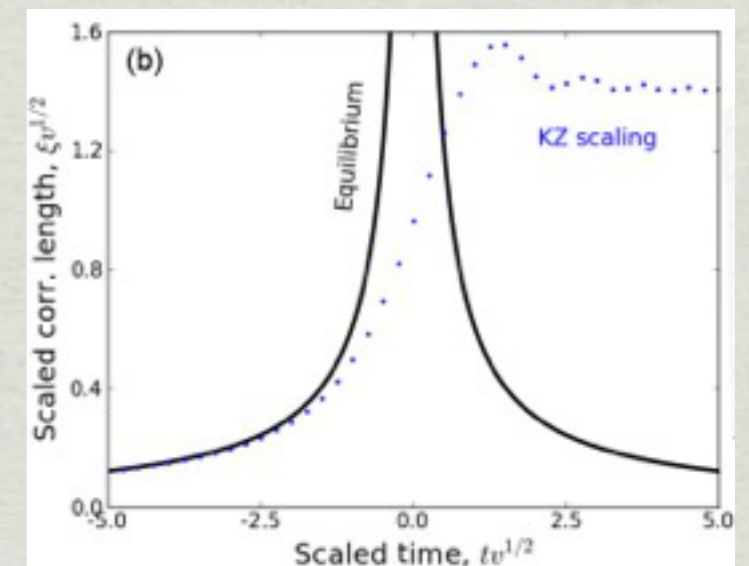


Gap

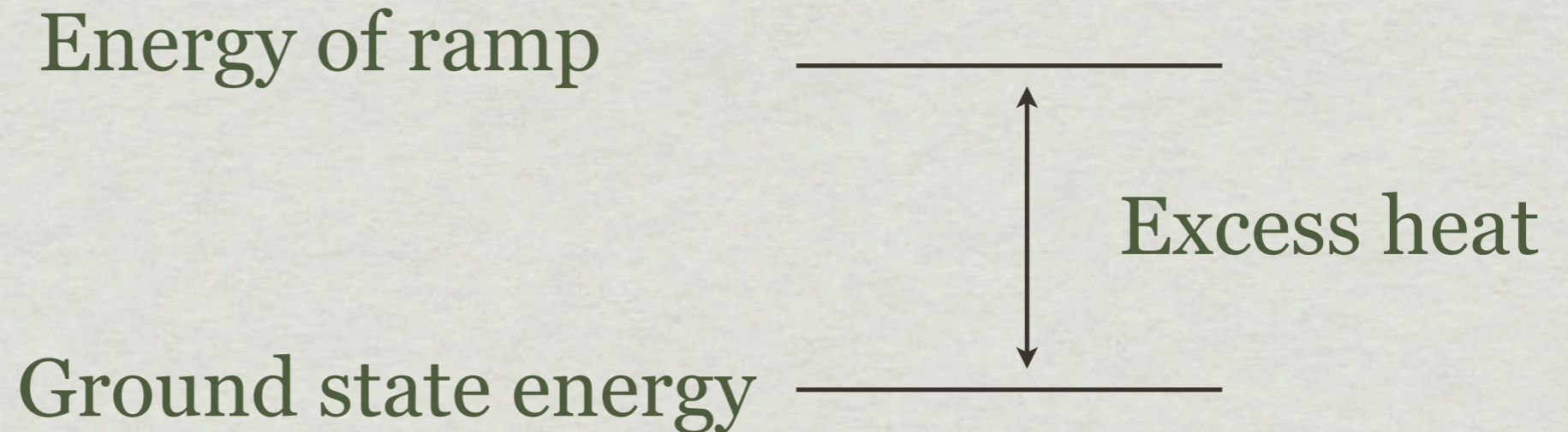
At a QCP, $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

All ramps eventually fall out of the ground state!

Physically: Correlation length grows faster than time spent in region.



What to measure



EXCESS HEAT: $Q = \langle \Psi(t) | H(t) | \Psi(t) \rangle - \langle \Psi_0 | H(t) | \Psi_0 \rangle$

$$\frac{Qt_k}{L/l_k} = \frac{Q}{vL} = q(\tau, \Lambda)$$

