

Quantum spin liquids from quadrupolar magnets

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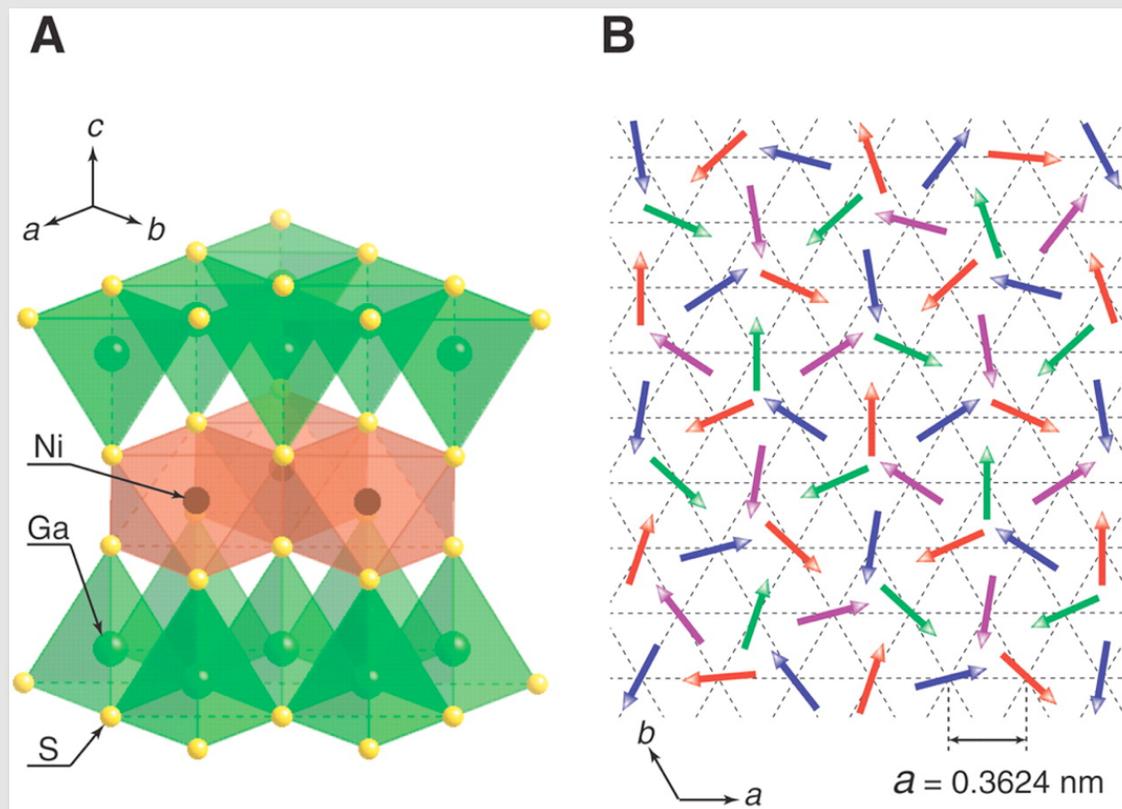
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Outline

- Quadrupolar magnets
 - Quantum Fluctuations : Spin Liquids
 - New percolation quantum criticality
- Quadratic band touchings in bilayer graphene

Motivation: NiGa₂S₄

layered insulator, $\text{Ni}^{2+} \rightarrow t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$ ($S=1$)



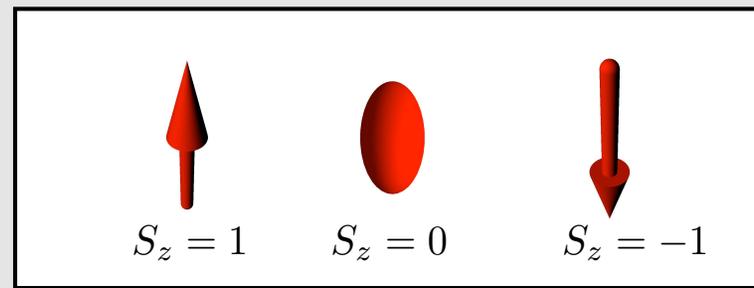
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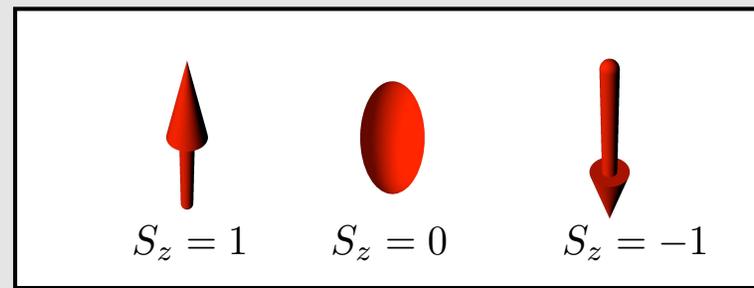
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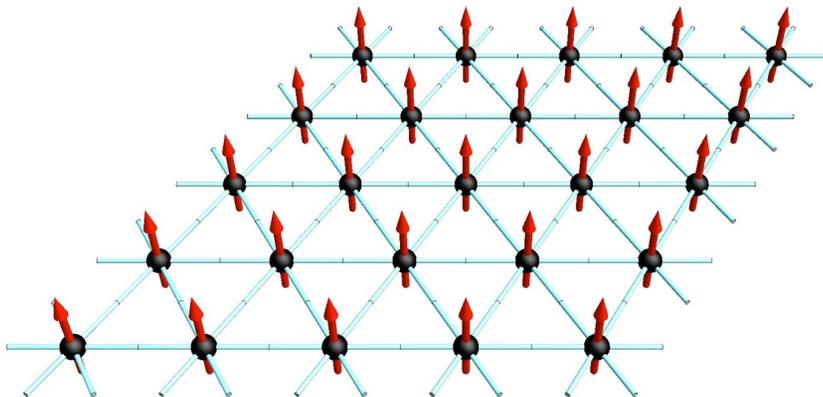
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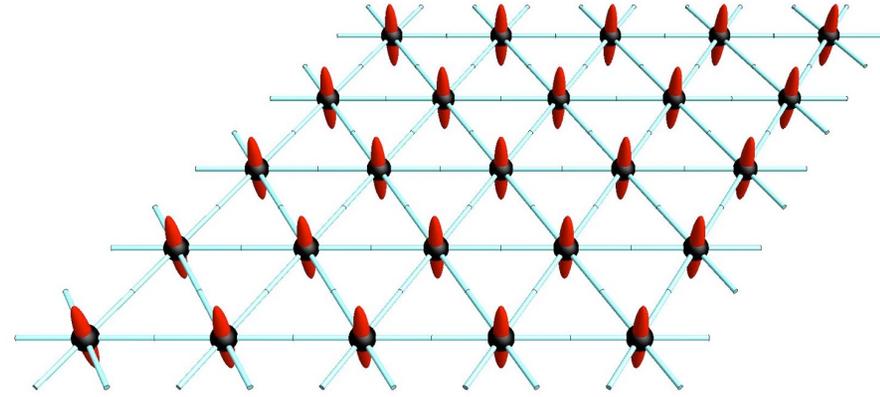
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Dipolar order



Quadrupolar order



Order Parameter

$$\langle S_\alpha \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle Q_{\alpha\beta} \rangle \neq 0$$

$$Q_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{S_\alpha S_\beta + S_\beta S_\alpha}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

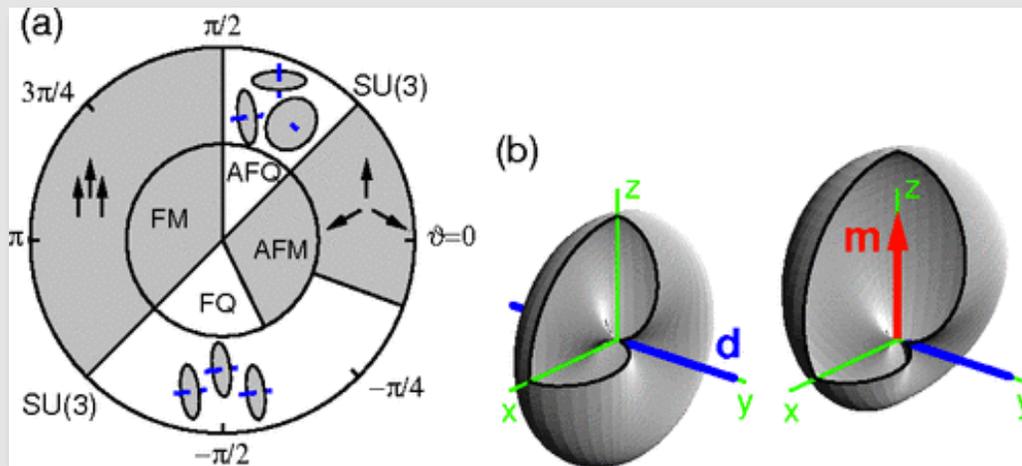
does not break TRS
but breaks spin-rotational symmetry
“Hidden Order”

Microscopics

What exchanges produce the “quadrupolar” order?

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left[J_H \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j)^2 \right]$$

(SO(3) symmetry with $S=1$)



Biquadratic model

R. K. Kaul, Phys. Rev. B, 86, 104411 (2012)

Unbiased, high-precision simulations of quantum spin models,
only possible with QMC w/o the sign problem

Surprisingly,

$$\hat{H}_J = -\frac{J}{3} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j)^2$$

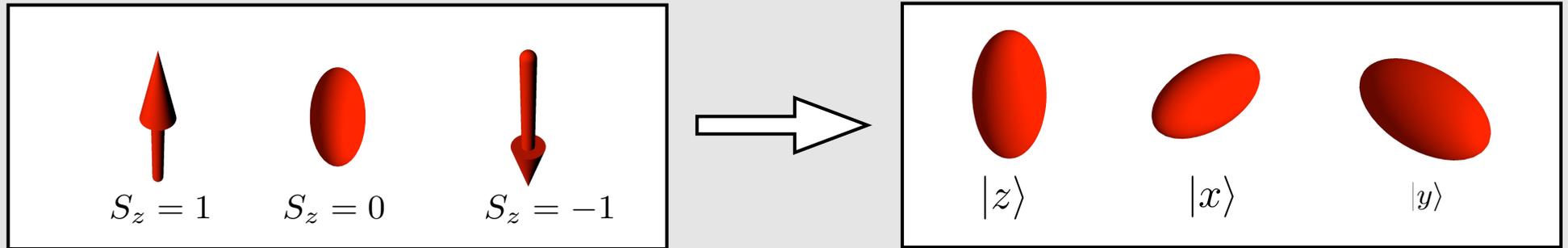
has no sign problem, even on non-bipartite lattices!

Unbiased methods with 10^5 spins
(numerically “exact” with controlled errors)

“Heisenberg model” of quadrupolar order

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$$\left(\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j\right)^2 - 1 = 3|\mathcal{S}\rangle\langle\mathcal{S}| \quad |\mathcal{S}\rangle = \frac{|xx\rangle + |yy\rangle + |zz\rangle}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$H_J = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\mathcal{S}_{ij}\rangle\langle\mathcal{S}_{ij}|$$

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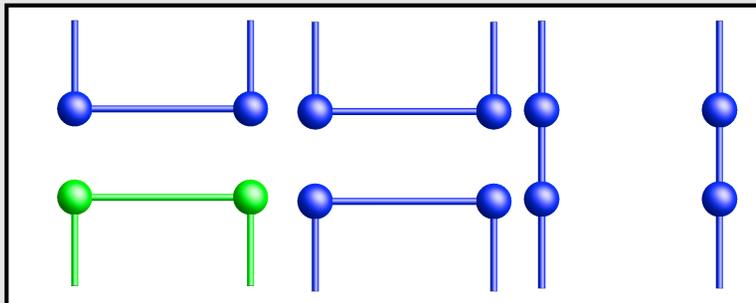
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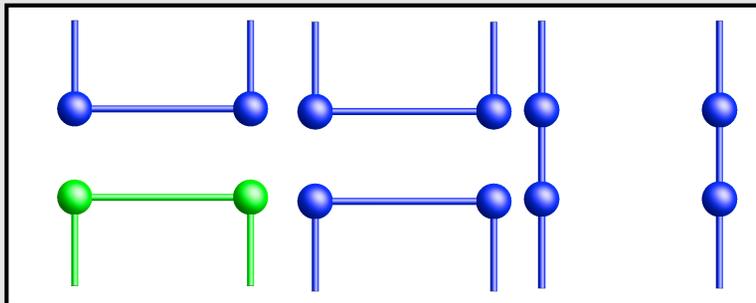


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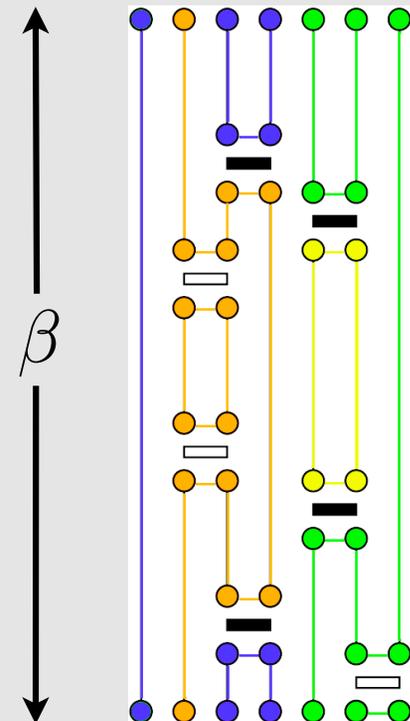
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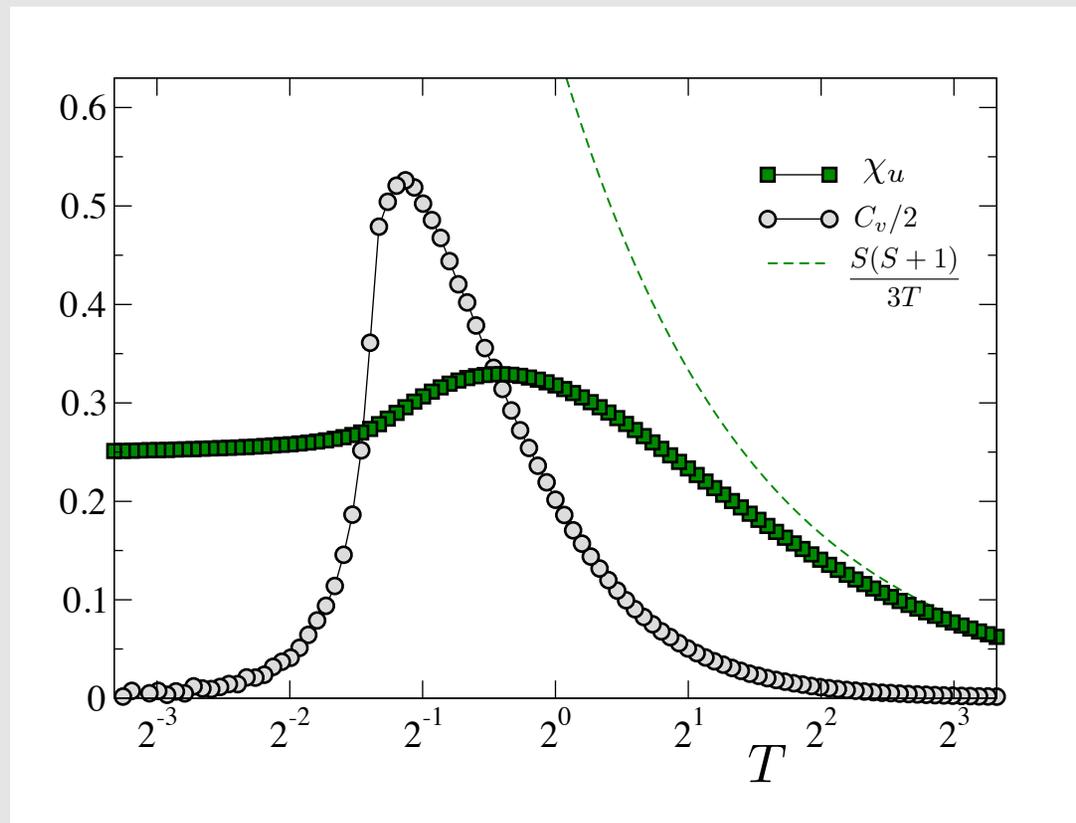
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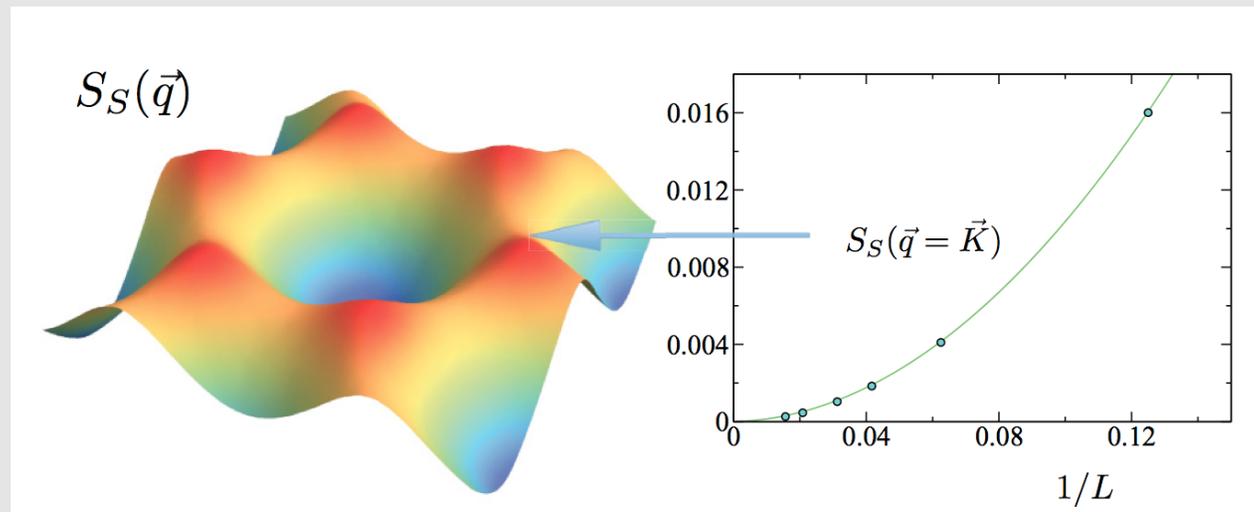


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spin structure factor shows absence of Bragg peaks and usual (dipolar) magnetism

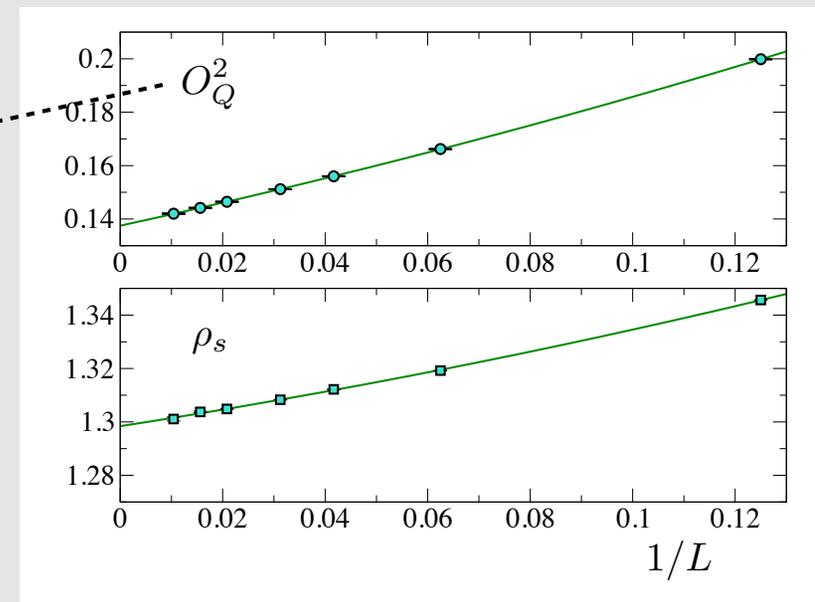
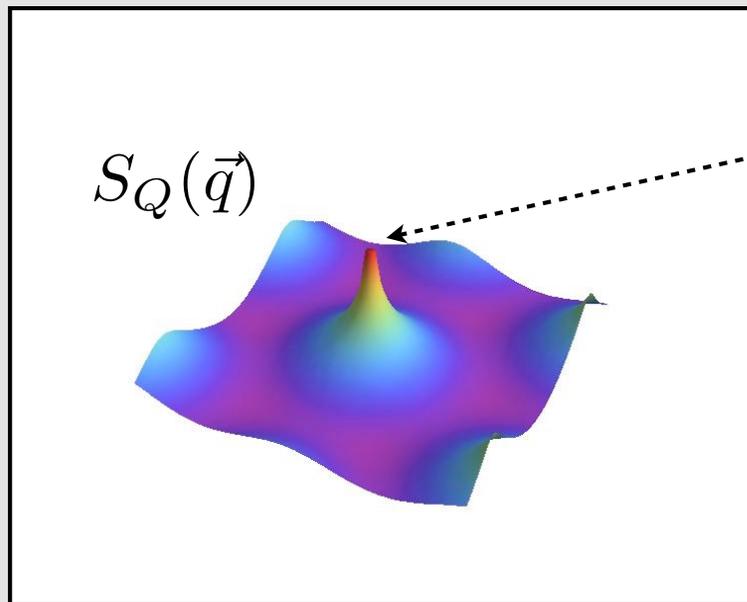


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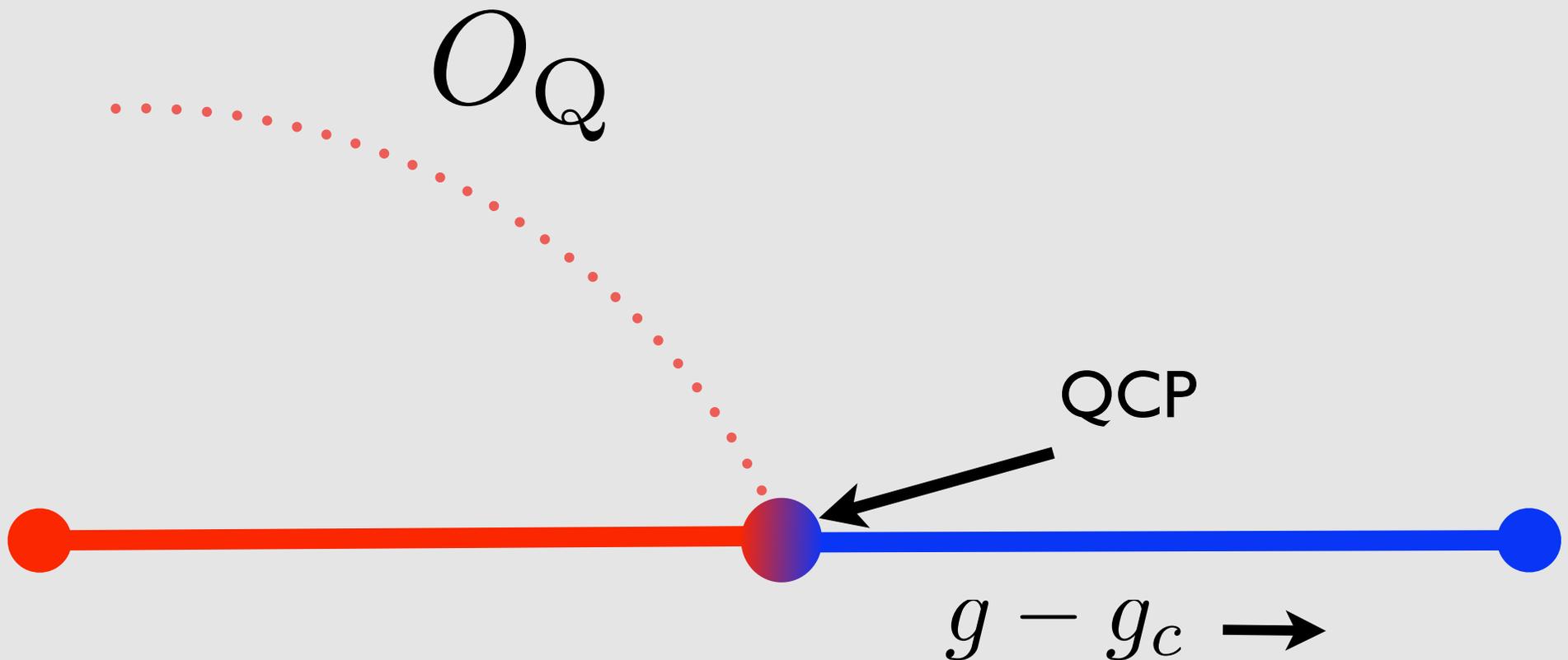
Quadrupolar order parameter shows long-range order!



$$O_Q^2 = 0.1376(2) \quad \rho_s = 1.298(2) \quad c = 1.869(4)$$

Quantum Criticality

Fundamental question:
what happens when you destroy quadrupolar order at $T=0$?



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Destruction of Quadrupolar

Classical spin nematics $Q_{\alpha\beta}$

$$S = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \text{Tr}[Q_i Q_j]$$

Landau Theory:

$$S = a \text{Tr}[Q^2] + b \text{Tr}[Q^3] + c_1 \text{Tr}[Q^4] + c_2 \text{Tr}[Q^2]^2$$

Nematic-Isotropic transition is first order

Z_2 phase & Quadrupolar

Lammert, Rokhsar & Toner, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1993)

Re-write as Z_2 gauge theory

$$S = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_{ij} \hat{n}_i \cdot \hat{n}_j + K \sum_{\square} \sigma \sigma \sigma \sigma$$

“half” vortices of director = Z_2 fluxes of IGT

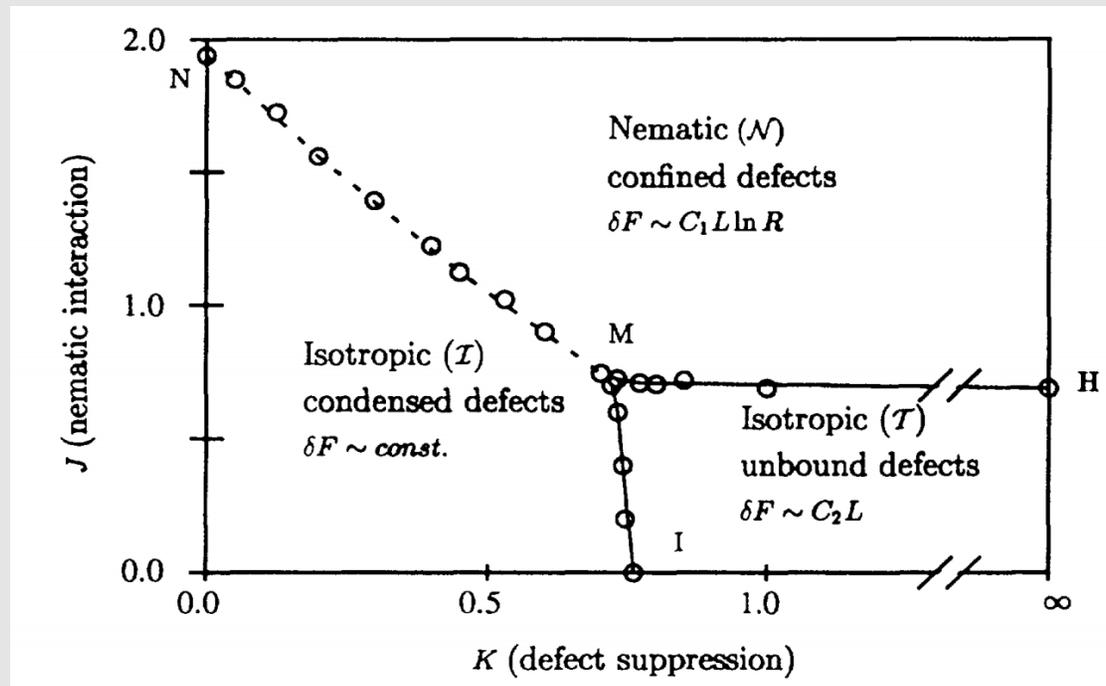
increasing K , suppresses vortices!

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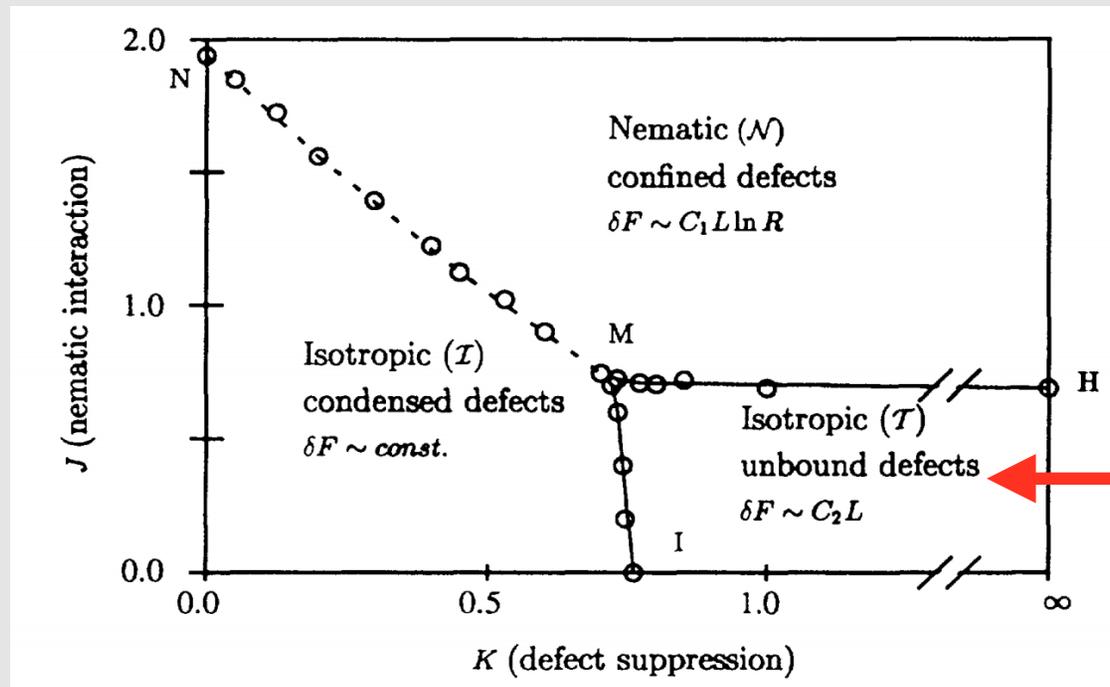


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Z_2 QSL

Search for \mathbb{Z}_2 phase

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Thermal transition out of quadrupolar can lead to \mathbb{Z}_2

Can we find a microscopic model where this happens?



thermal transitions in classical director models
(all cases known to me show first order N-I)



quantum transition in $d=2$ $S=1$ models
with quadrupolar order?

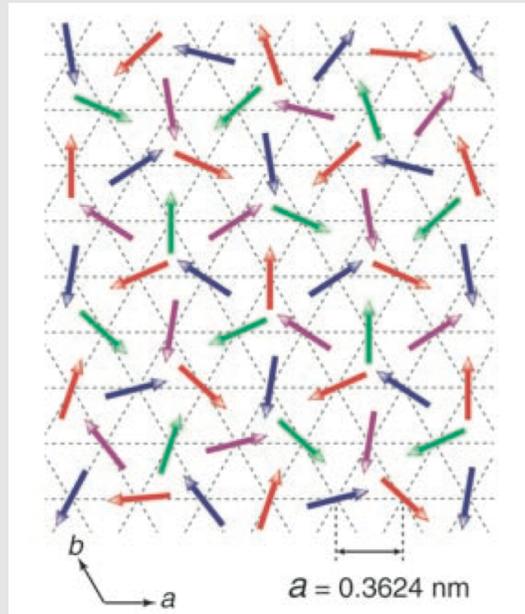
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Quantum Fluctuations

Frustration

$$\hat{H}_J = -\frac{J}{3} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j)^2 + \dots$$



regular Heisenberg exchange (nn, 3-nn ...)

From SO(3) to SO(N)

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$$H_J = -\frac{J}{3} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j)^2$$



$$H_J = -\frac{J}{N^2 - 2N} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\hat{L}_i \cdot \hat{L}_j)^2$$

$$\hat{L}_j^{\alpha\beta} |\gamma\rangle_j = i\delta_{\beta\gamma} |\alpha\rangle_j - i\delta_{\alpha\gamma} |\beta\rangle_j \quad N(N-1)/2$$

Remarkably, for all N this model is sign free on any lattice!

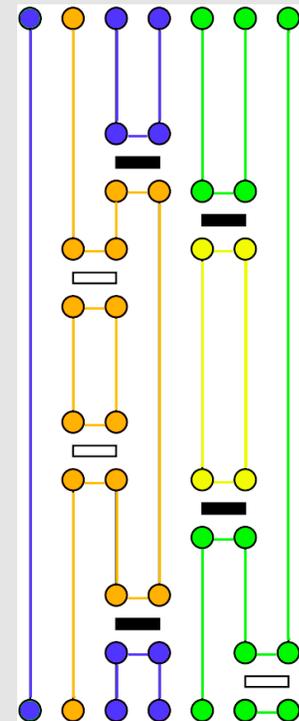
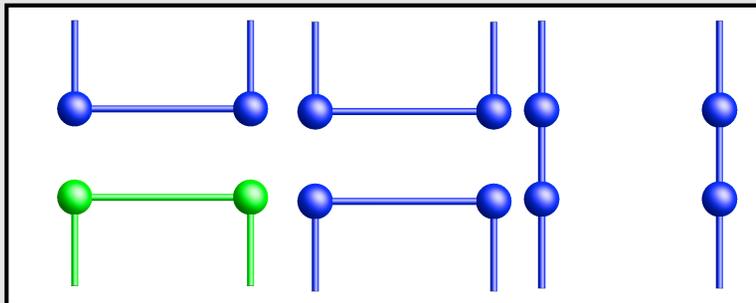
Projector Model

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one-d example

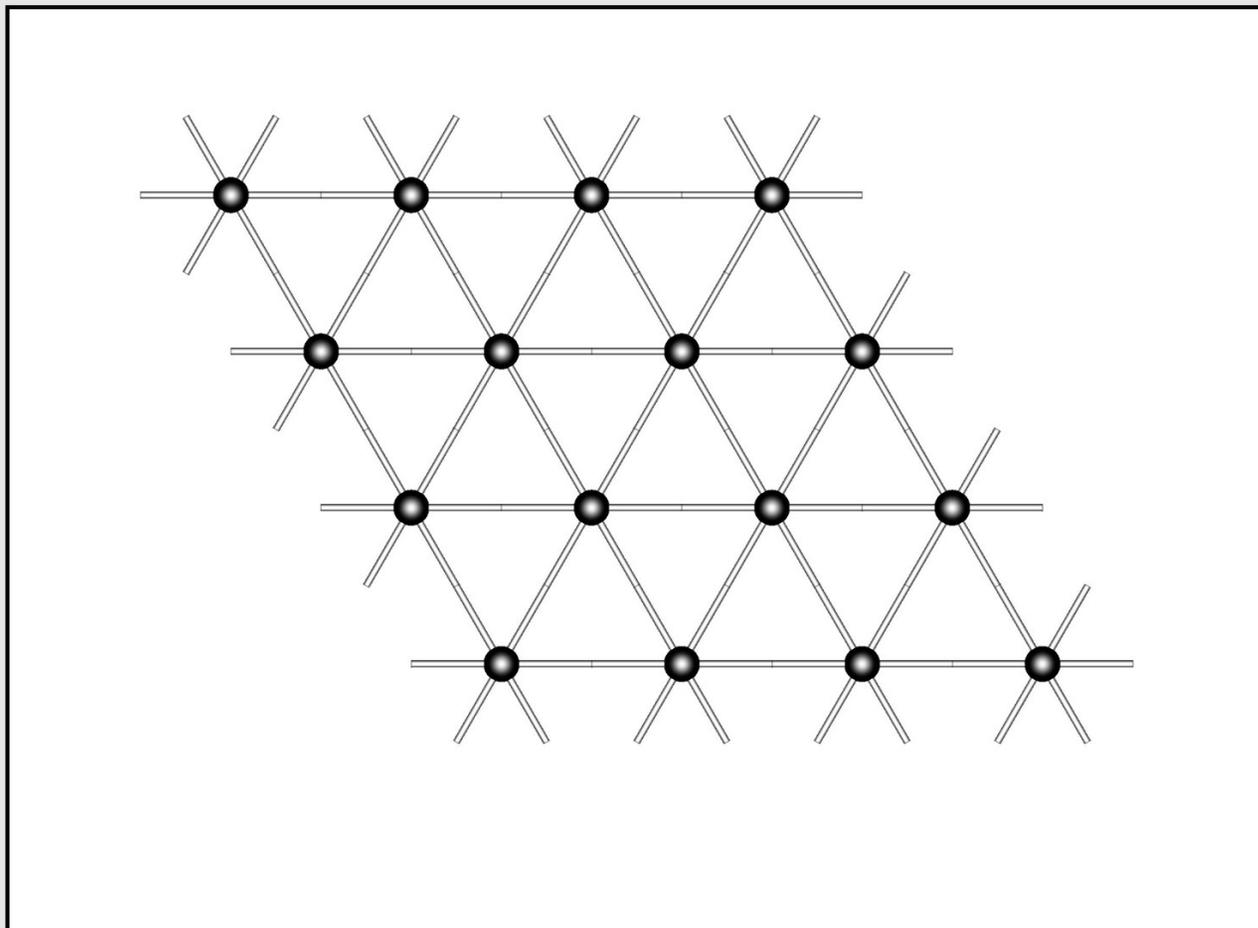
$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N |\alpha\alpha\rangle$$



Hilbert Space

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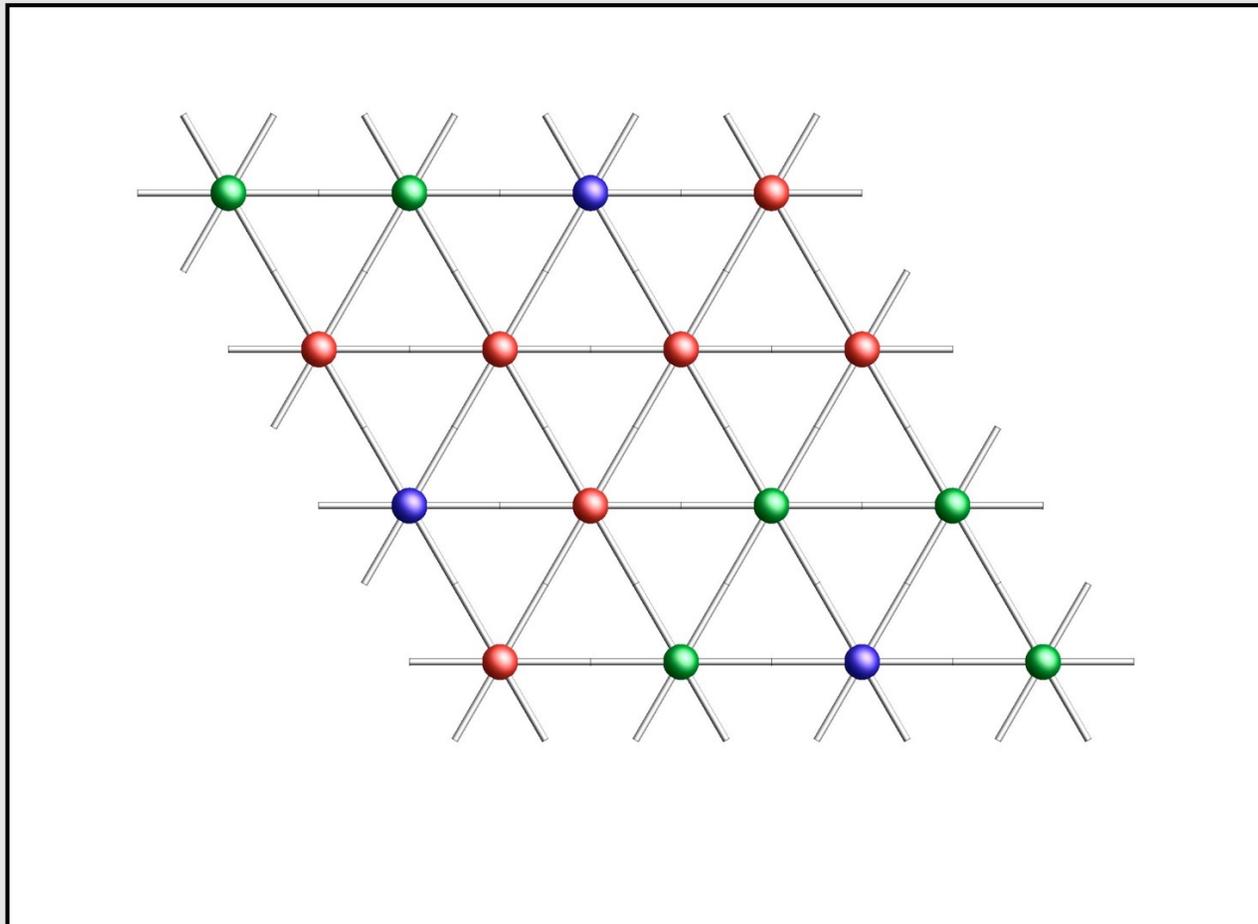
Consider any lattice



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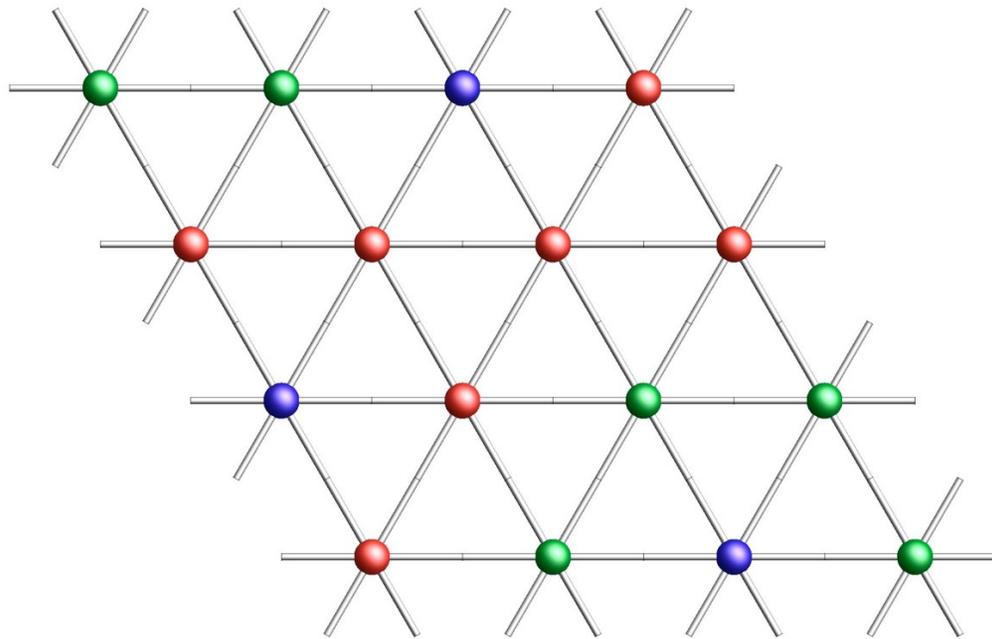
Assign one of N color to each site



Hilbert Space

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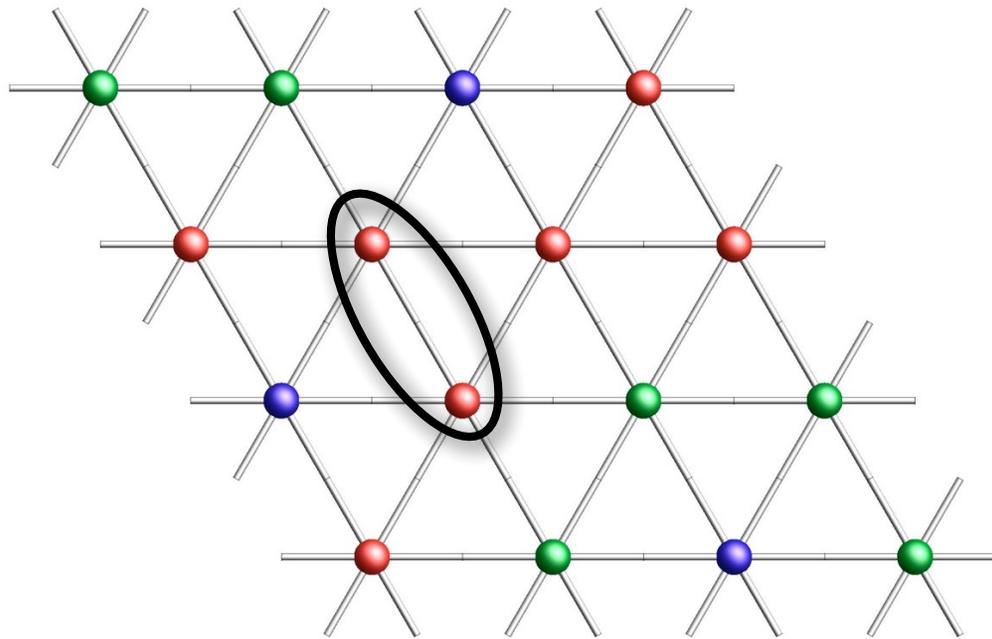
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Quantum Dynamics

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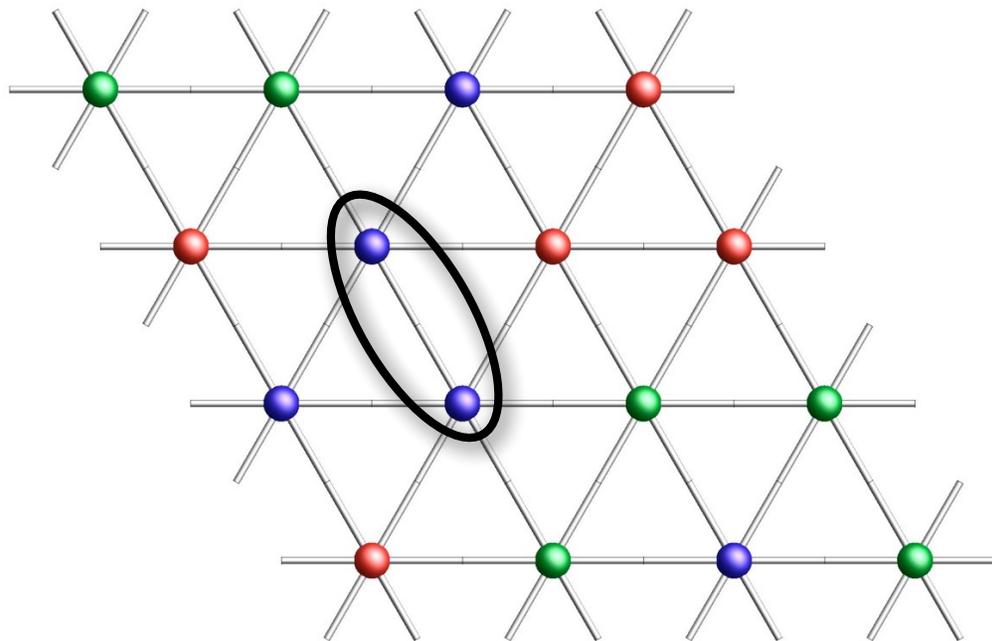
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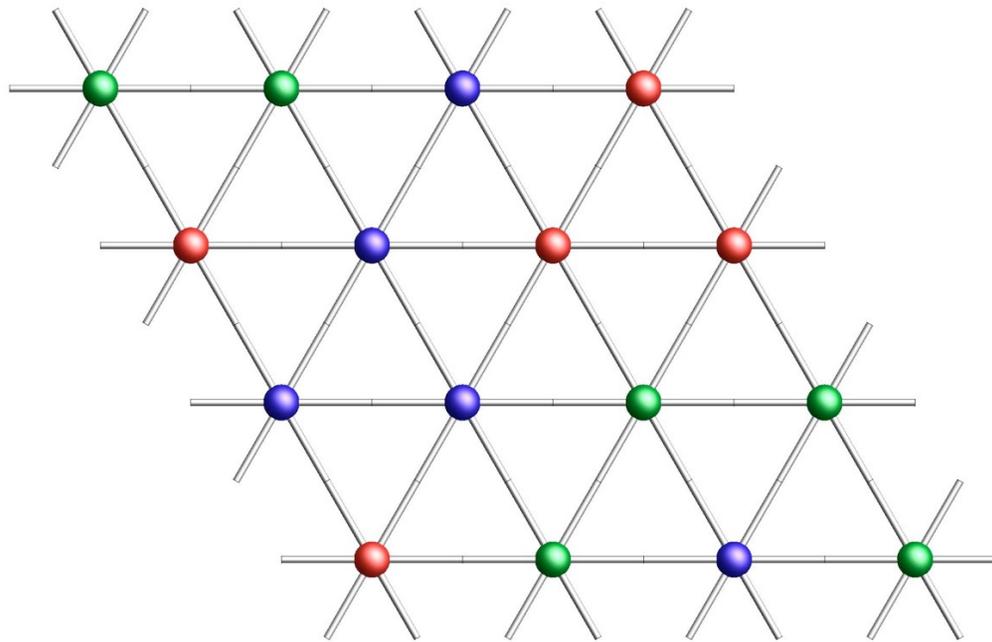
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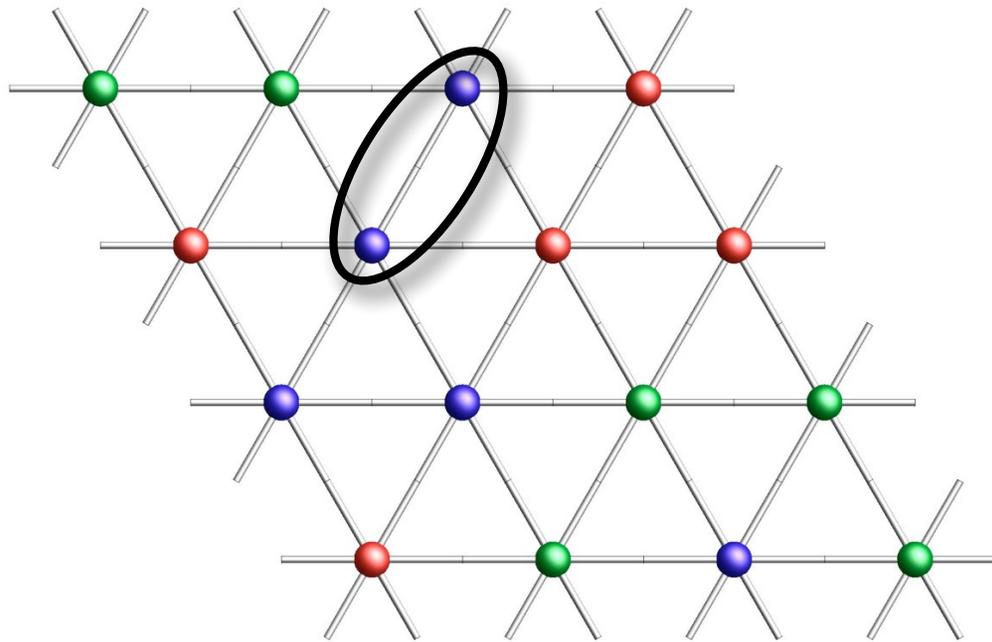
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SO(N) Projector Hamiltonian

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$$H_J = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\mathcal{S}_{ij}\rangle \langle \mathcal{S}_{ij}|$$

$N = 3$ ground state has quadrupolar order.

what is the ground state as N is varied?

Large- N : quantum dimer model

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$$H_J = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\mathcal{S}_{ij}\rangle \langle \mathcal{S}_{ij}|$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{QDM}} = -t \sum_{\text{plaq}} \left\{ \left(\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle_i \langle \begin{array}{c} \diagup \diagdown \\ \diagdown \diagup \end{array} |_i + h.c. \right) \right.$$

At large- N \hat{H}_J maps to a QDM, which has a valence bond-solid ground state.

Affleck; Read & Sachdev.
Moessner & Sondhi, PRB, PRL (2004)

QMC Simulations

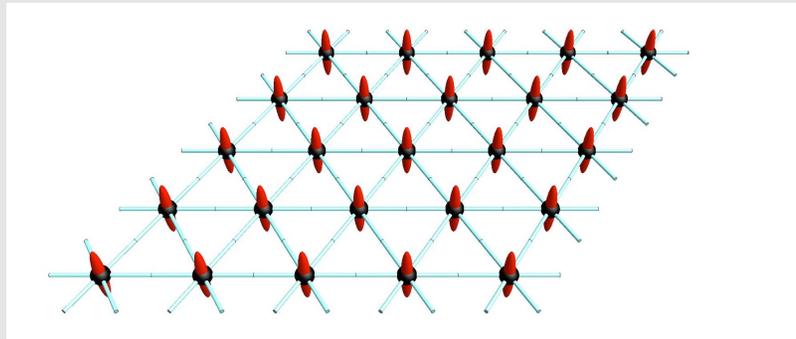
SSE method, A. W. Sandvik AIP (2011)

Loop, H. G. Evertz. Adv Phys (2003)

Finite-T. Efficient loop algorithm. Unbiased.

$$\beta = L$$

Triangular lattice



Quadrupolar order

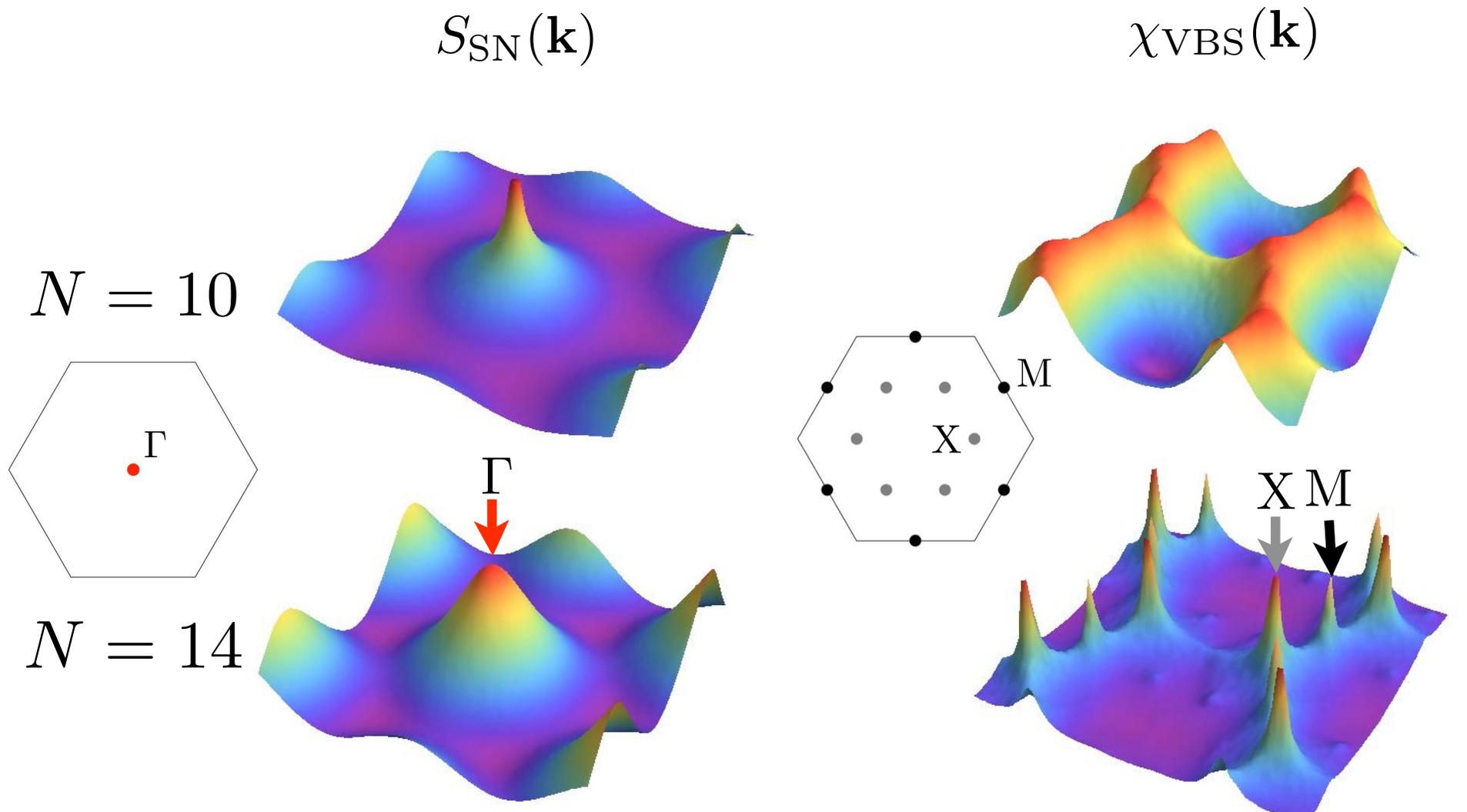
$$S_{\text{SN}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{site}}} \sum_{ij} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \langle \hat{Q}_{\alpha\alpha}(i) \hat{Q}_{\alpha\alpha}(j) \rangle$$

VBS order

$$\chi_{\text{VBS}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{site}}} \sum_{ij} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \frac{1}{\beta} \int d\tau \langle \hat{P}_{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_i + \hat{x}}(\tau) \hat{P}_{\mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_j + \hat{x}}(0) \rangle$$

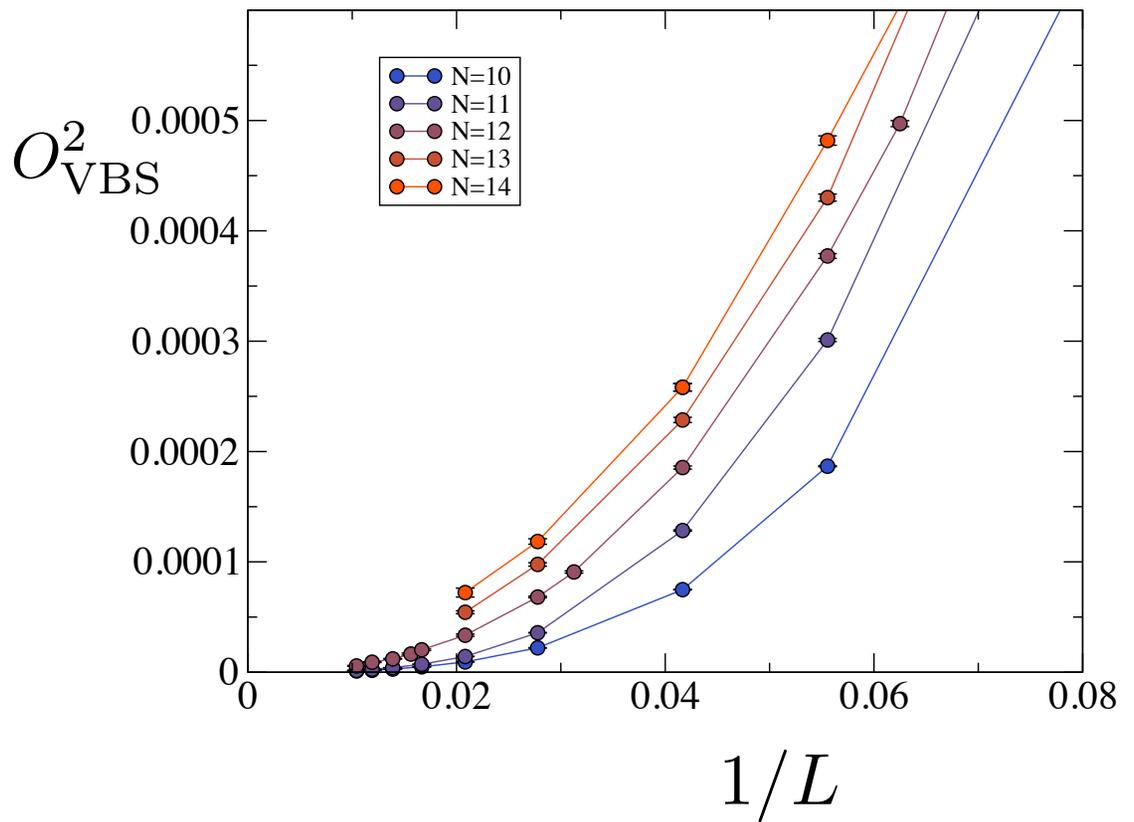
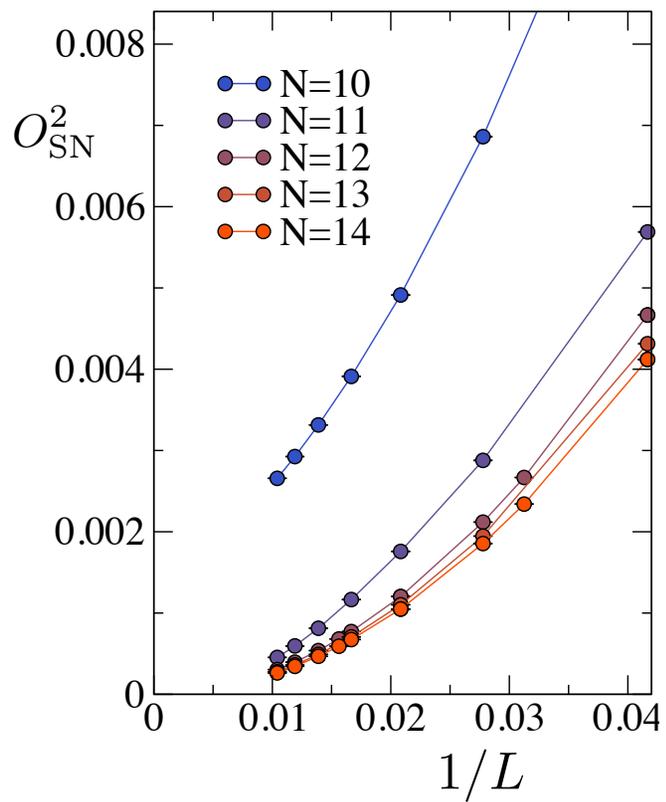
Correlation Functions

R. K. Kaul PRL (2015)



cf. Ralko, Ferrero, Becca, Ivanov & Mila (2006)

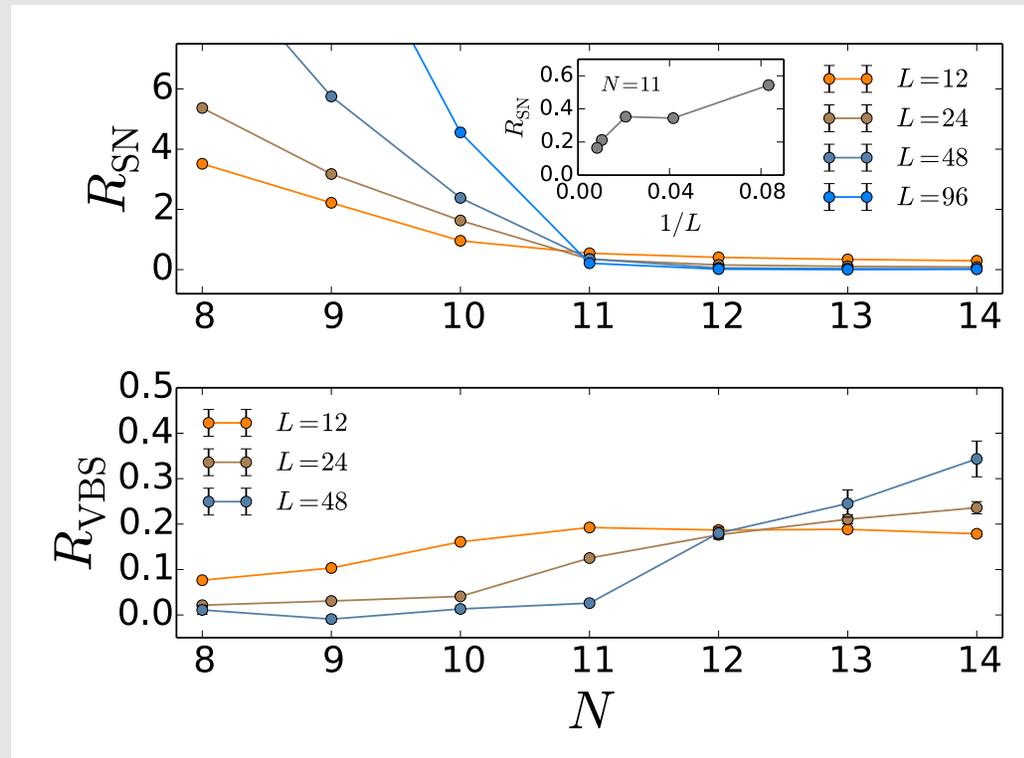
Extrapolation of Order



Q-VBS for H_J .

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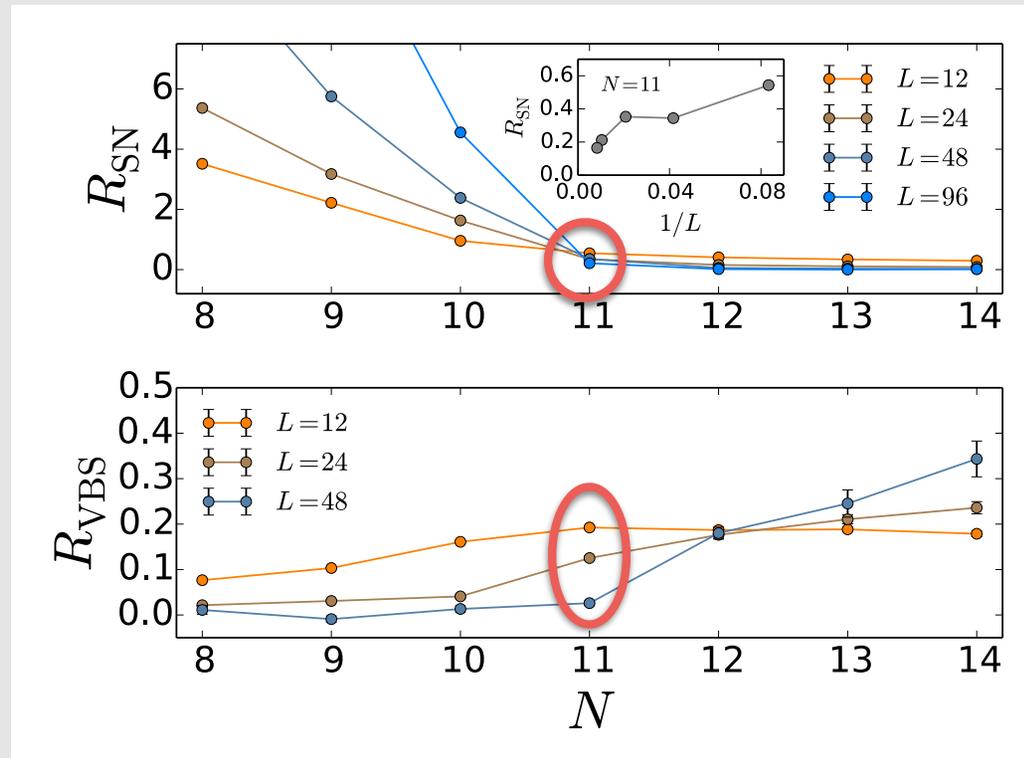
$$R_{\text{SN}} = 1 - \frac{S_{\text{SN}}(\Gamma + \mathbf{a}2\pi/L)}{S_{\text{SN}}(\Gamma)} \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{a} \equiv \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}/\sqrt{3})$$



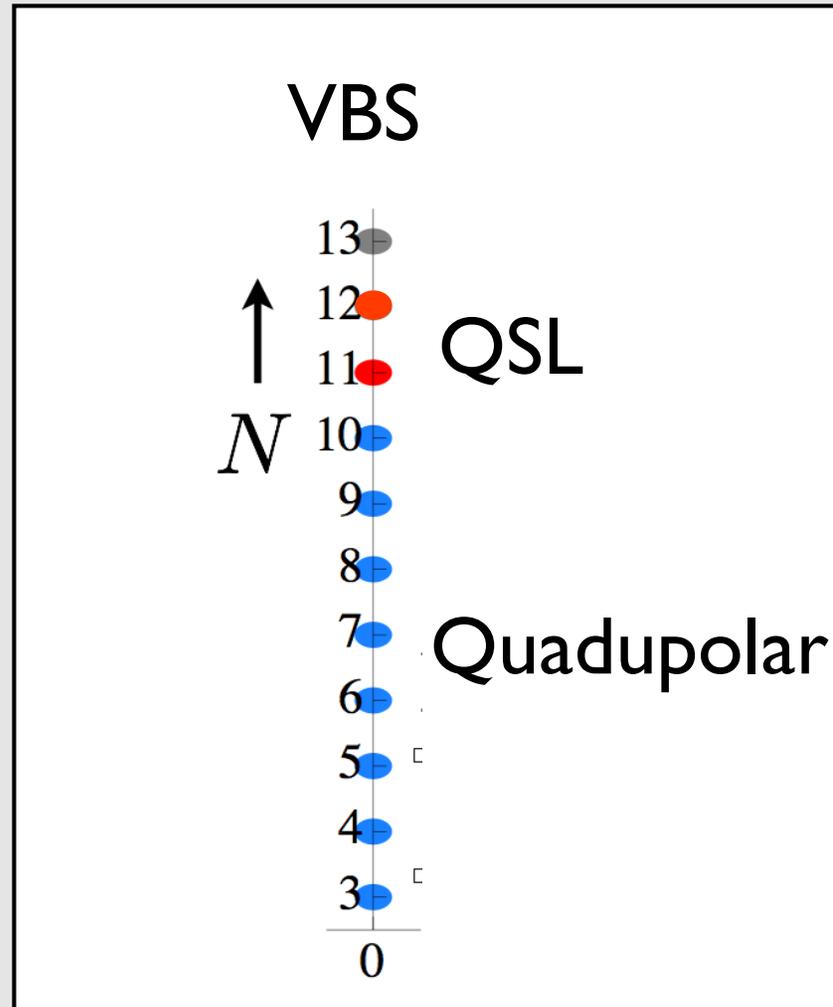
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Phase Diagram

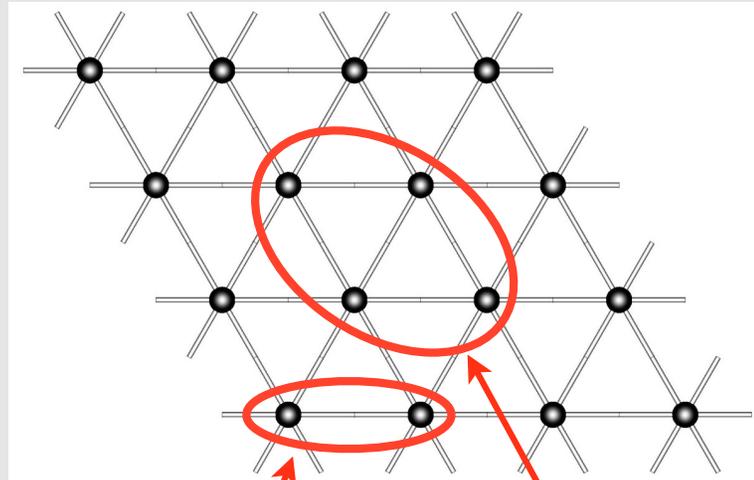


what is the nature of the QSL phase?

\mathbb{Z}_2 topological order?

phase transitions

A.W. Sandvik, PRL (2007)

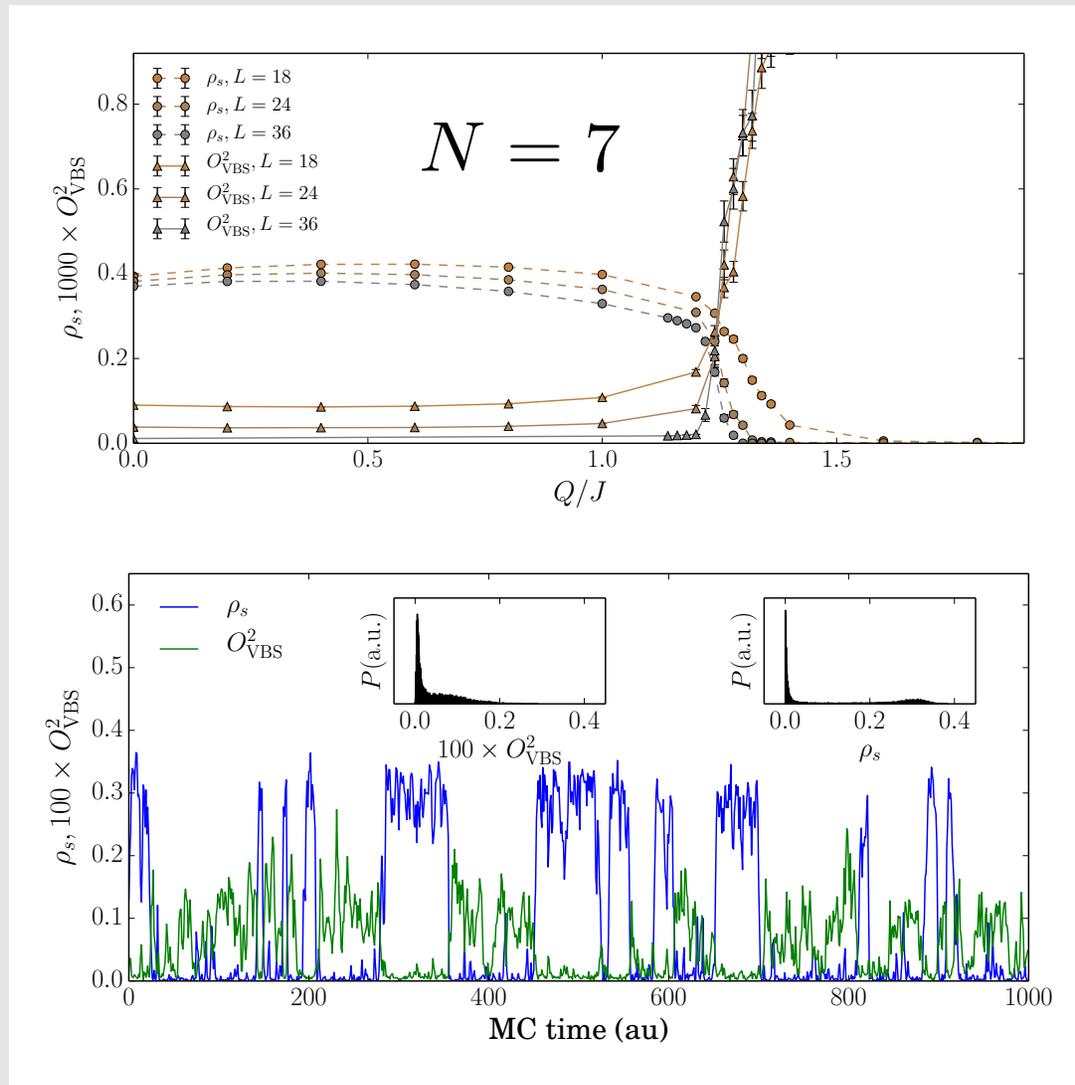


$$H_{J-Q} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} P_{ij} - Q \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle} P_{ij} P_{kl}$$

Sign-free way to tune from magnetic to VBS at fixed N!

Evidence for 1st order Q-VBS

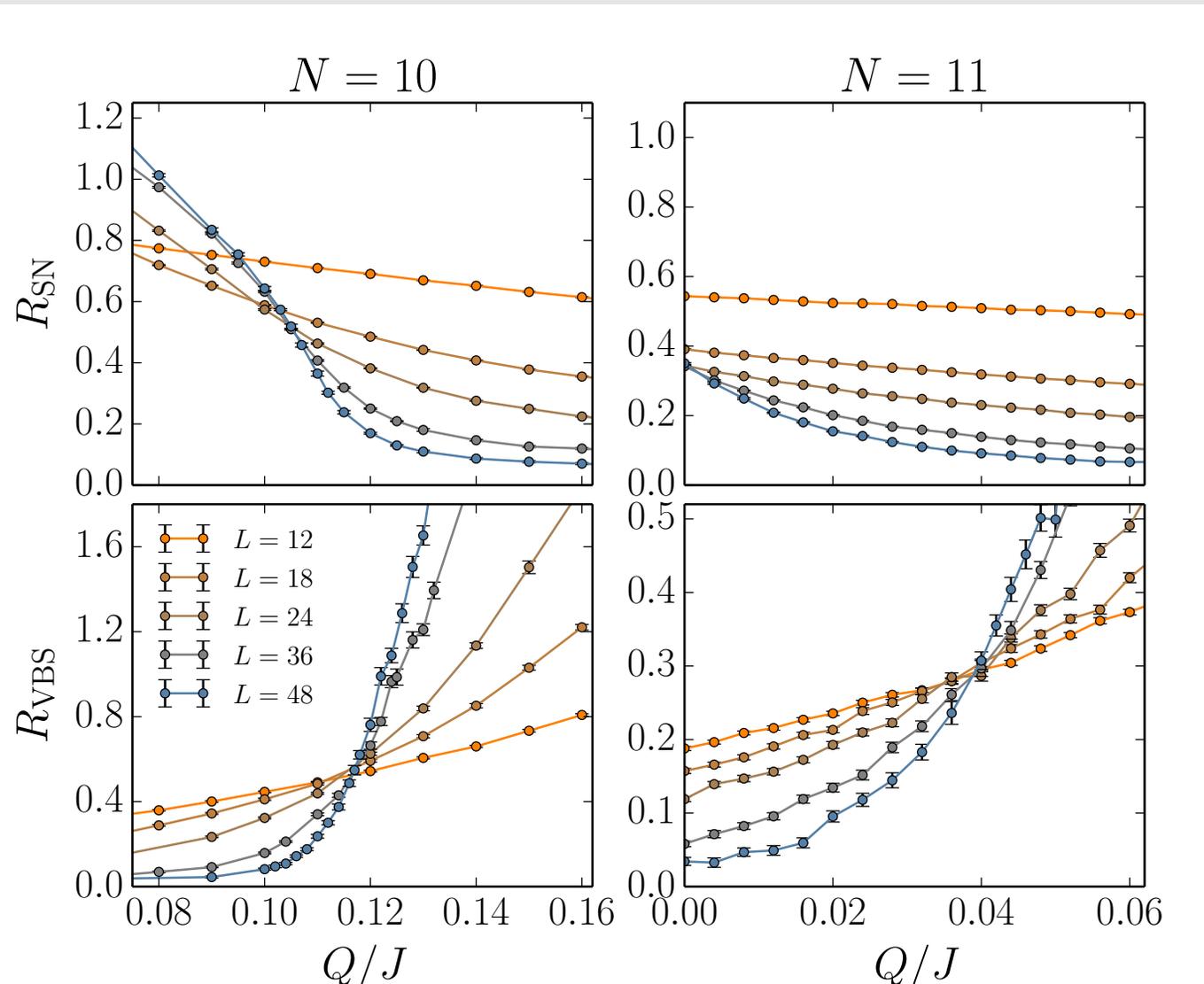
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$Q/J = 1.26$

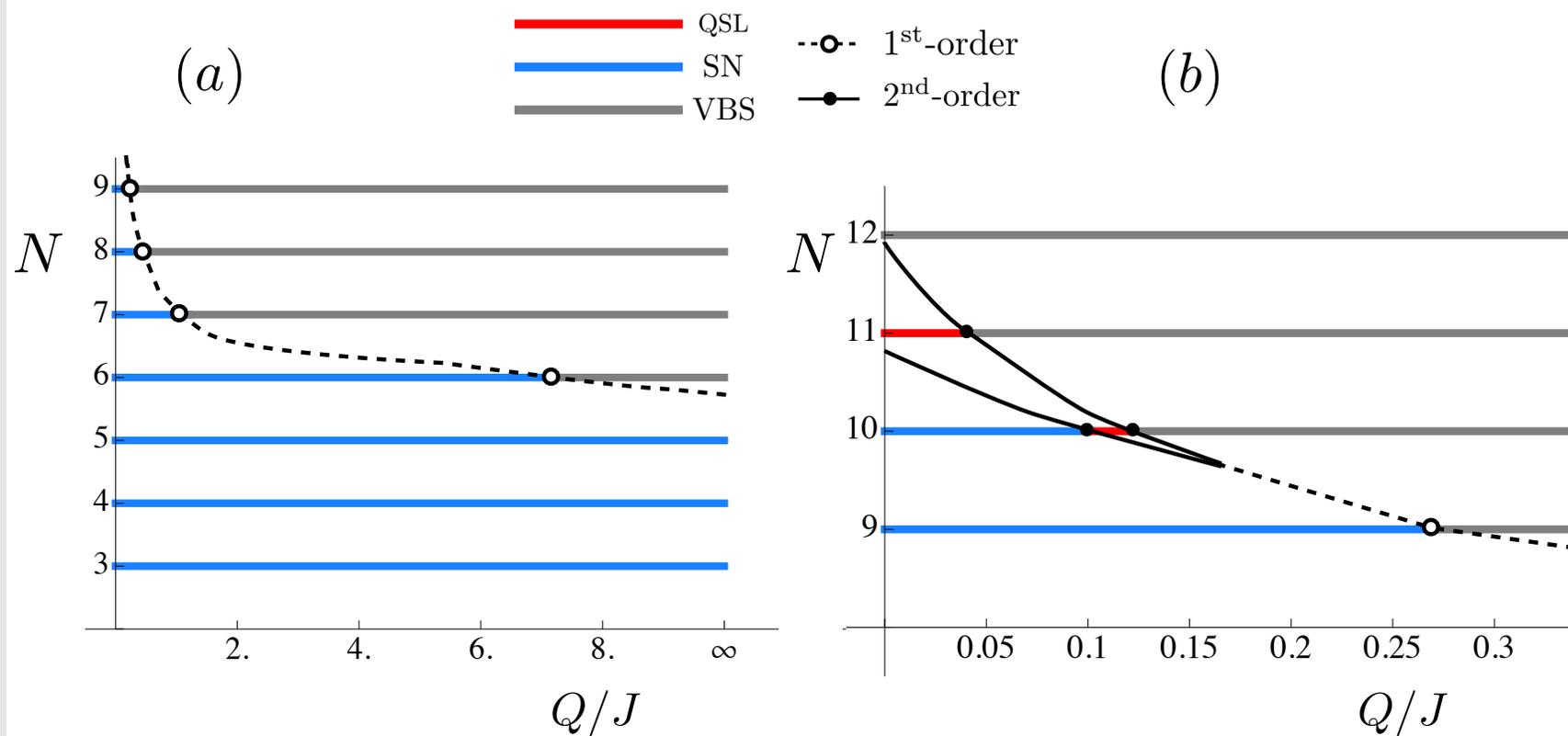
Intermediate QSL

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J-Q Phase Diagram

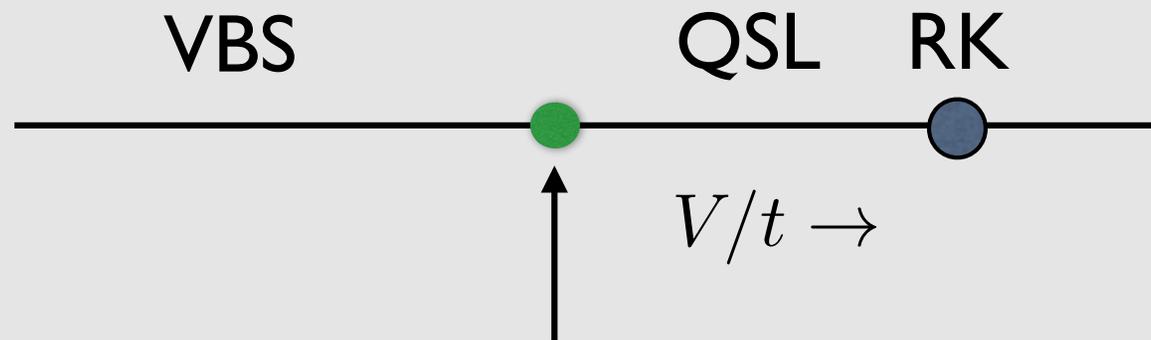
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QSL-VBS transition

Moessner & Sondhi, PRB, PRL (2004)

Triangular Quantum Dimer Model



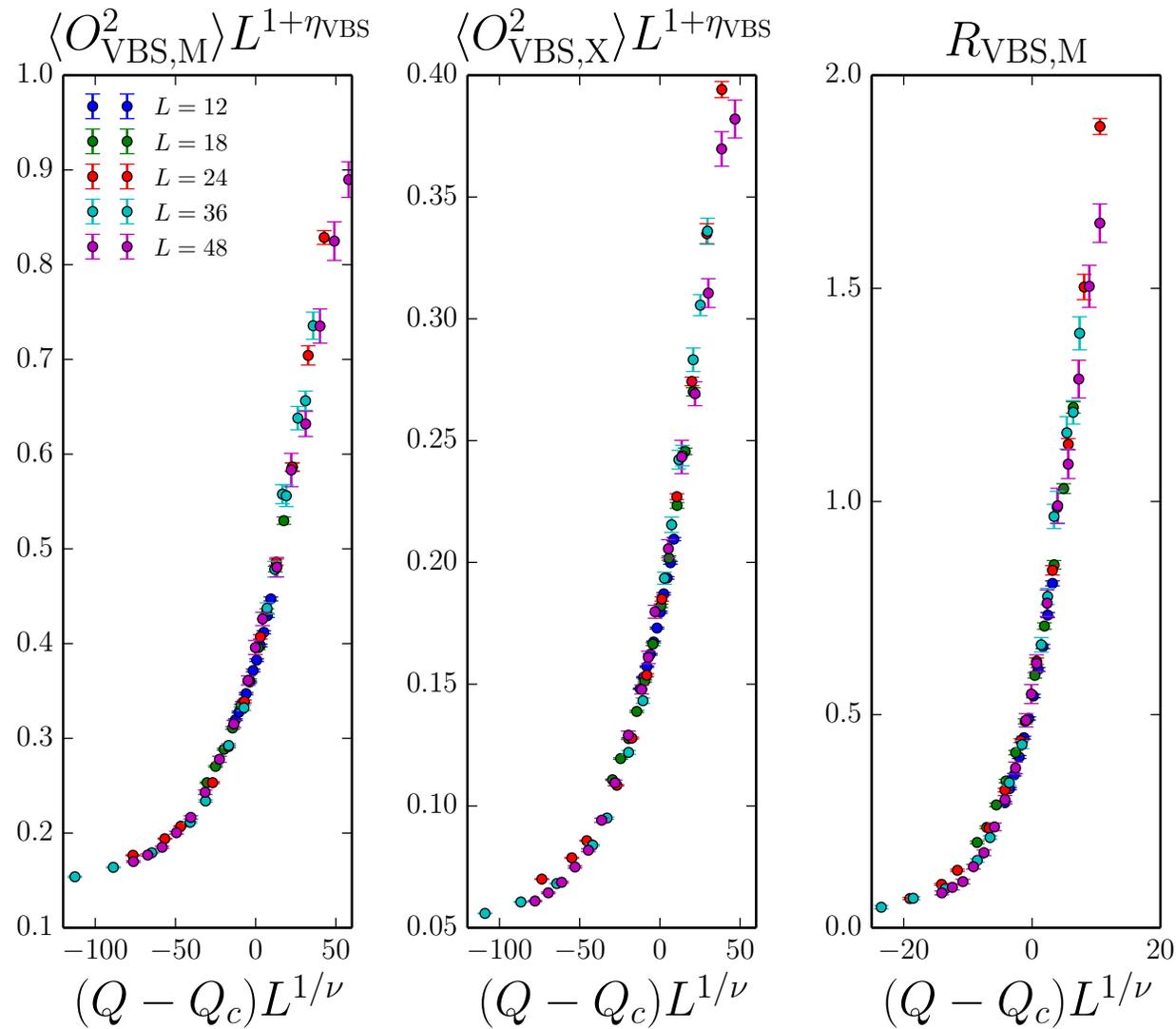
$O(4)^*$ transition.

VBS order parameter is bilinear in $O(4)$ theory

Hypothesis has never been tested!

QSL-VBS: $O(4)^*?$

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Critical Universality?

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$$\eta_{O(4)}^{(2)} = 1.375(5) \quad \eta_{O(4)}^{(1)} = 0.0359(9)$$

$$\nu_{O(4)} = 0.7525(10)$$

Quantum Effective Theory

Grover & Senthil (2007); Moessner, Sondhi, Fradkin (2001); Senthil, Fisher (2000)

$$S = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_{ij} \hat{n}_i \cdot \hat{n}_j + K \sum_{\square} \sigma \sigma \sigma \sigma$$

$$Z = \sum_c e^{-S - i \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_r (f_{r\tau} - 1)}$$

If director fluctuations are gapped: “odd-Ising gauge theory”

$$H_{IGT} = -K \sigma^z \sigma^z \sigma^z \sigma^z - h_{\perp} \sigma^x$$

$$\prod_{+} \sigma^x = -1$$

On triangular lattice get QSL or VBS. Trivial “I” absent!

SO(N) representation

Arovas, Auerbach; Demidio, Murthy, Kaul (unpublished)

$$H_J = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\mathcal{S}_{ij}\rangle \langle \mathcal{S}_{ij}|$$

$$H_b = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(b_{i\alpha}^\dagger b_{j\alpha}^\dagger \right) \left(b_{j\beta} b_{i\beta} \right) \quad n_b = 1$$

With $n_b \neq 1$ forms new SO(N)
spin “bosonic” representations

Large- N , $SO(N)$

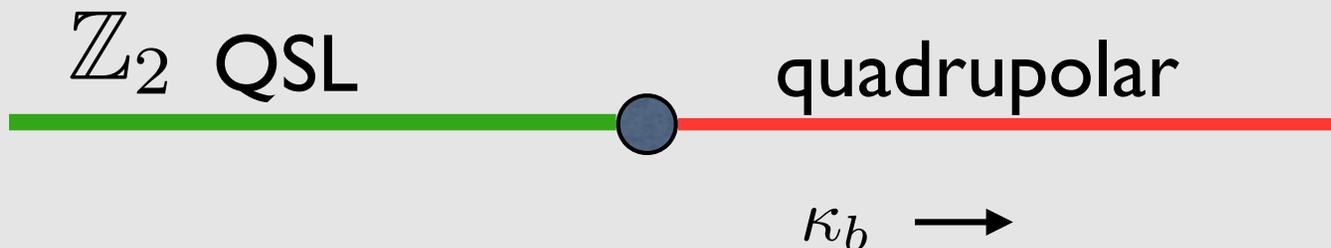
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Access saddle with $n_b = \kappa_b N$

$$\mathcal{L}_b = b_{i\alpha}^* \partial_\tau b_{i\alpha} + \frac{N}{J} |Q_{ij}|^2 + Q_{ij}^* b_{i\alpha} b_{j\alpha} + \text{c.c.} + \lambda_i (b_{i\alpha}^\dagger b_{i\alpha} - \kappa_b N)$$

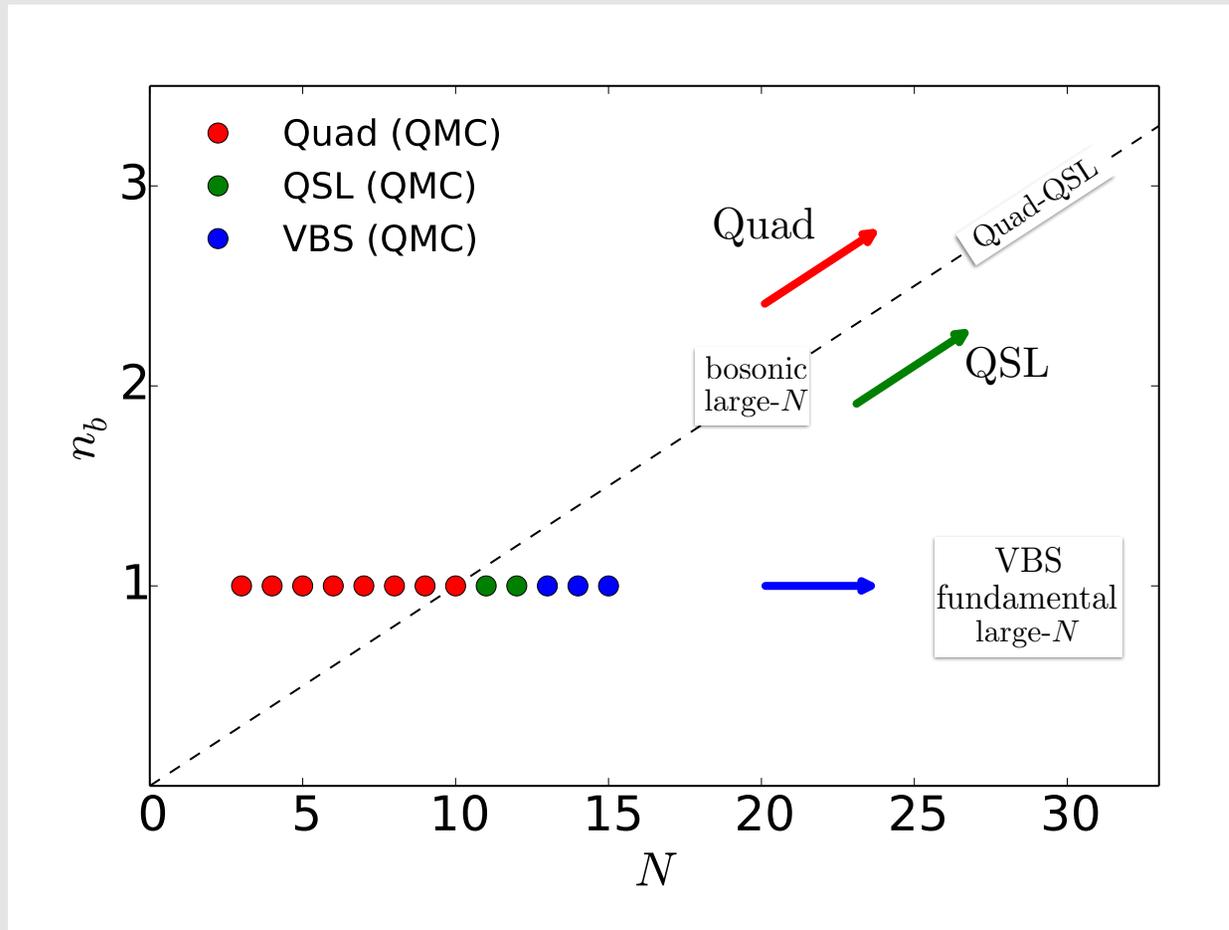
$(2\kappa_b^c + 1) \approx 1.20 \dots$ (triangular lattice)

Uniform saddle : only \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge fluctuations!
Stable to confinement.

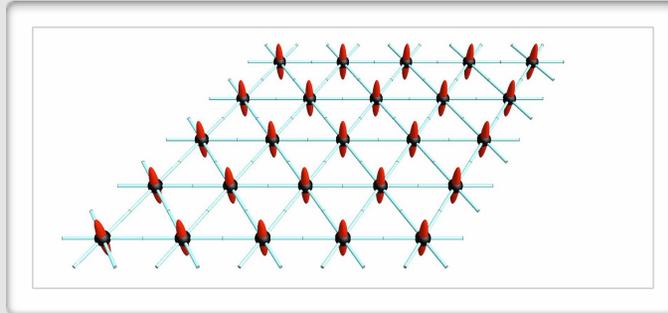


SO(N) phase diagram

$$H_b = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(b_{i\alpha}^\dagger b_{j\alpha}^\dagger \right) \left(b_{j\beta} b_{i\beta} \right) \quad (n_b \text{ \& } N)$$



Conclusions



- disordering $S=1$ quadrupolar insulators, a natural route to access \mathbb{Z}_2 phases.
- sign-free study of phase transitions
- nature of QSL?
- studies of QSLs in $d=3$?
- QSL physics with quenched disorder?

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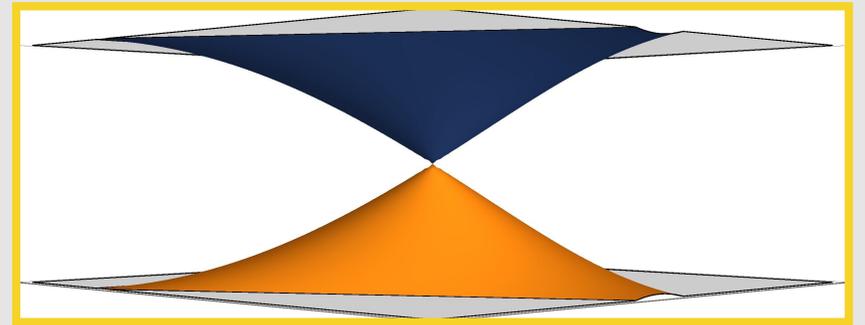
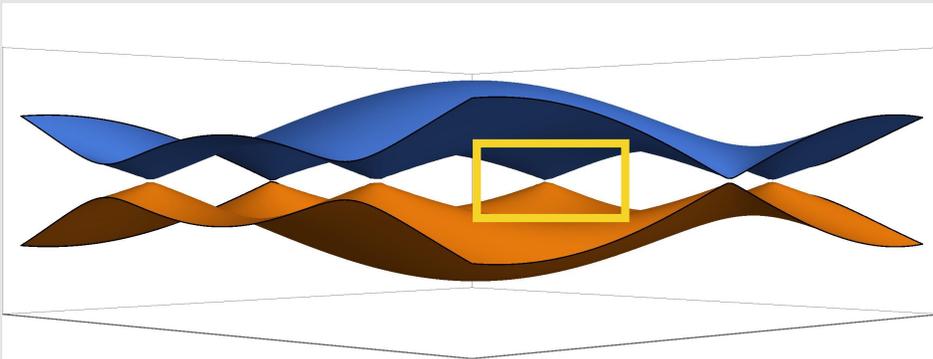
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Question

What is the effect of local quartic interactions on graphene's band structure?

Single Layer Graphene

$$H_{\text{SL}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger b_{j\sigma}$$

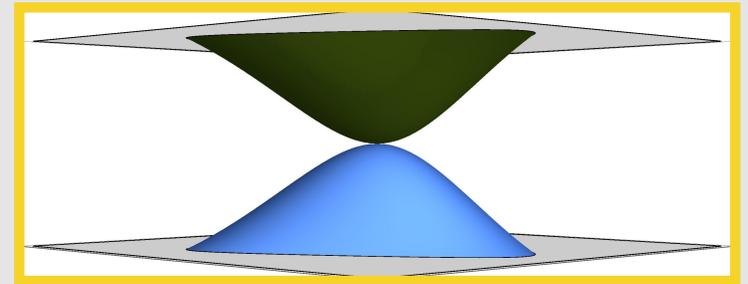
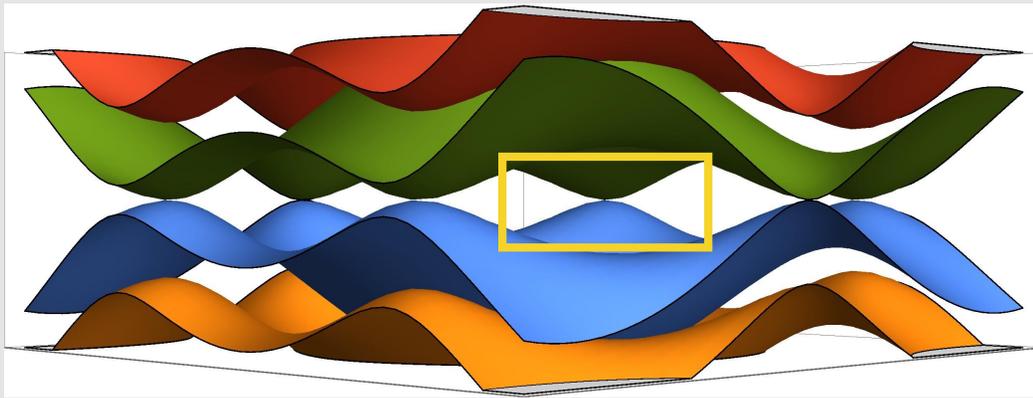


local quartic interactions *irrelevant*

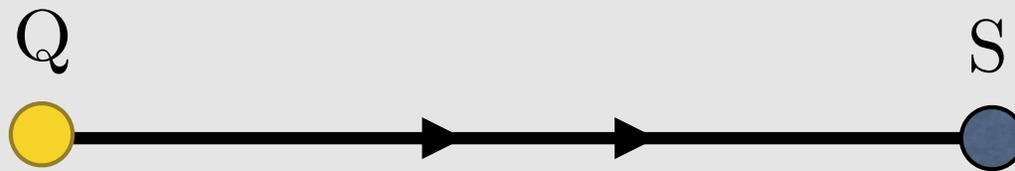


Bilayer Graphene

$$H_{\text{BSB}} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \ell} a_{i\sigma\ell}^\dagger b_{j\sigma\ell} - t_\perp \sum_i a_{i\sigma 2}^\dagger b_{i\sigma 1} + \text{h.c.}$$



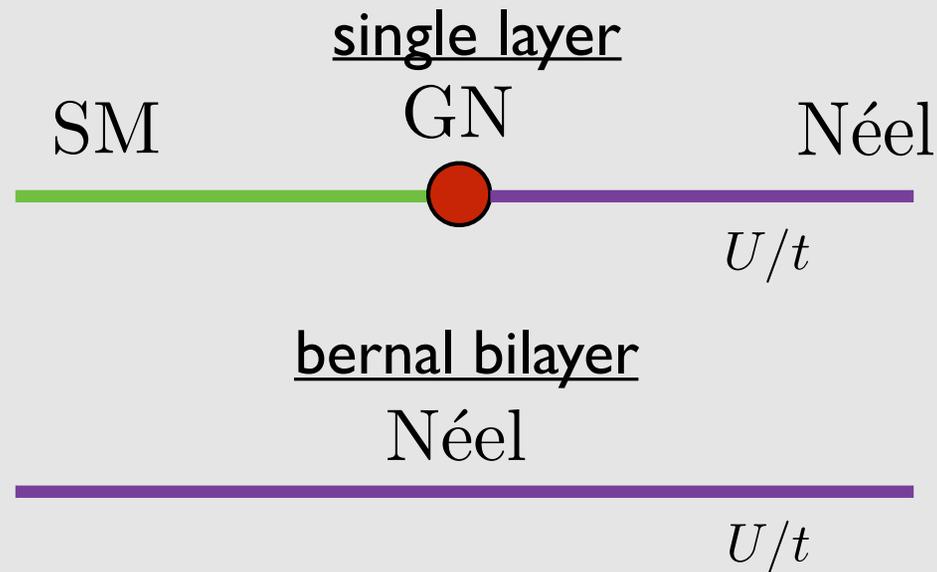
local quartic interactions *marginally relevant*



Hubbard Model Expectation

any short-range quartic interaction ...

$$H_U = U n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \quad U \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Néel phase.}$$



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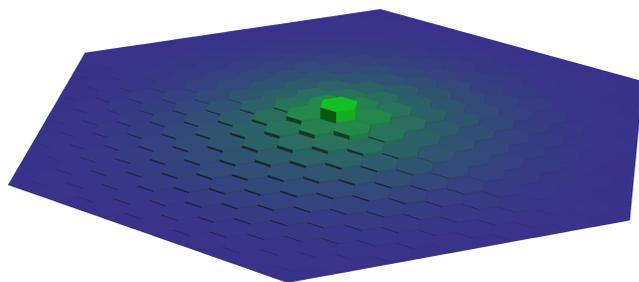
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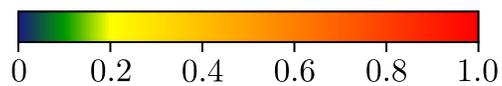
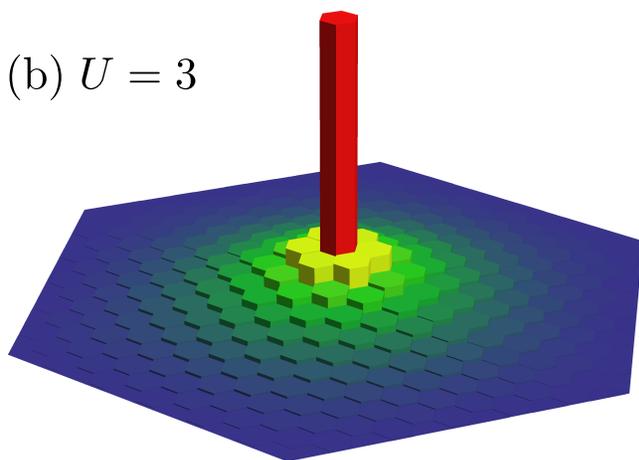
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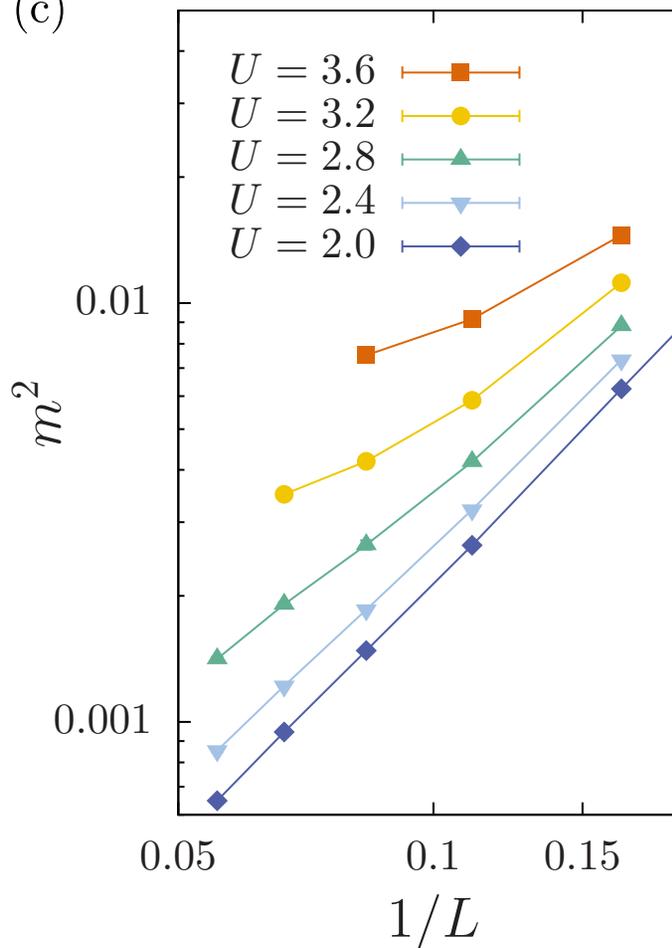
$S_{\text{AFM}}(\mathbf{k})$



(b) $U = 3$

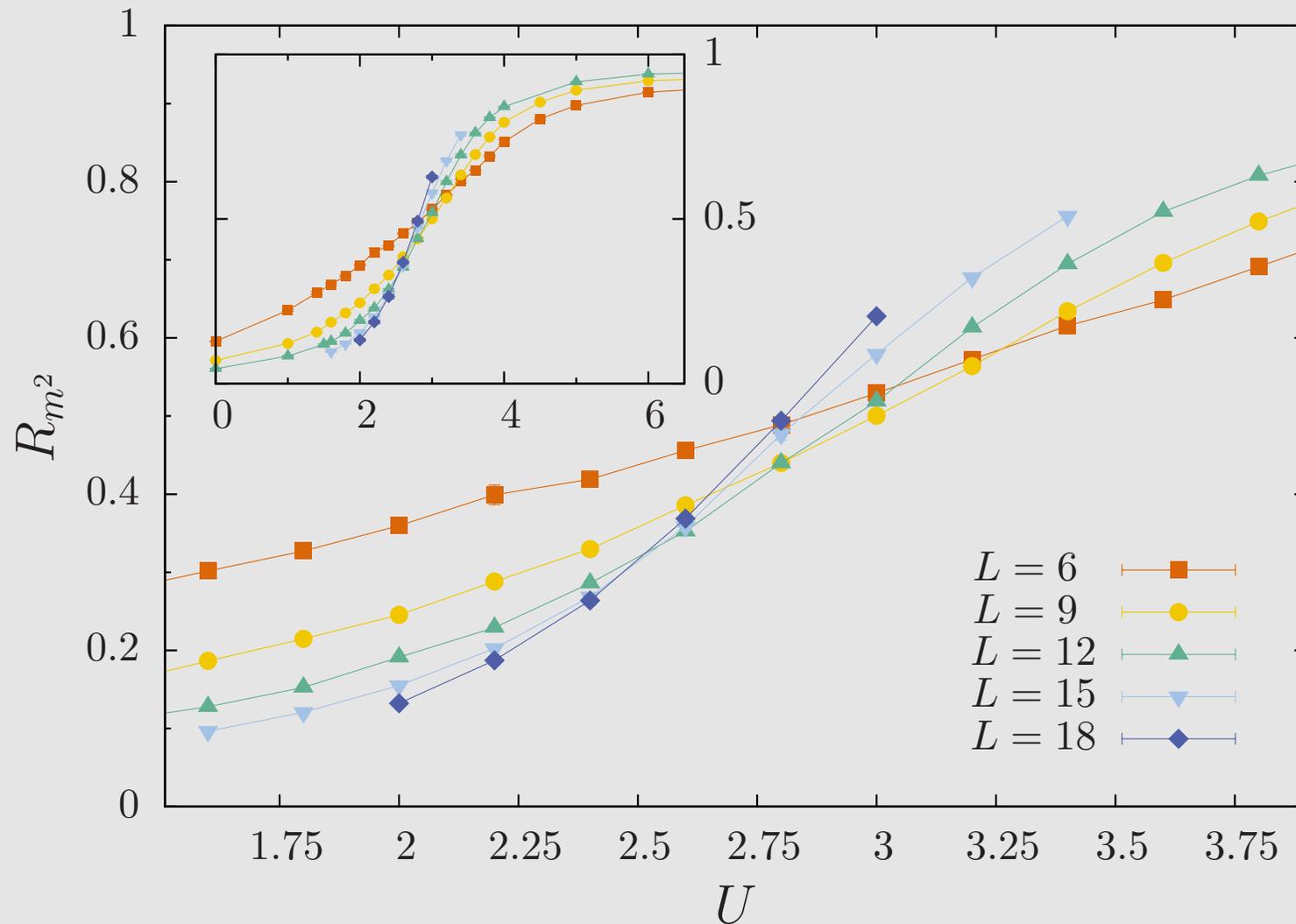


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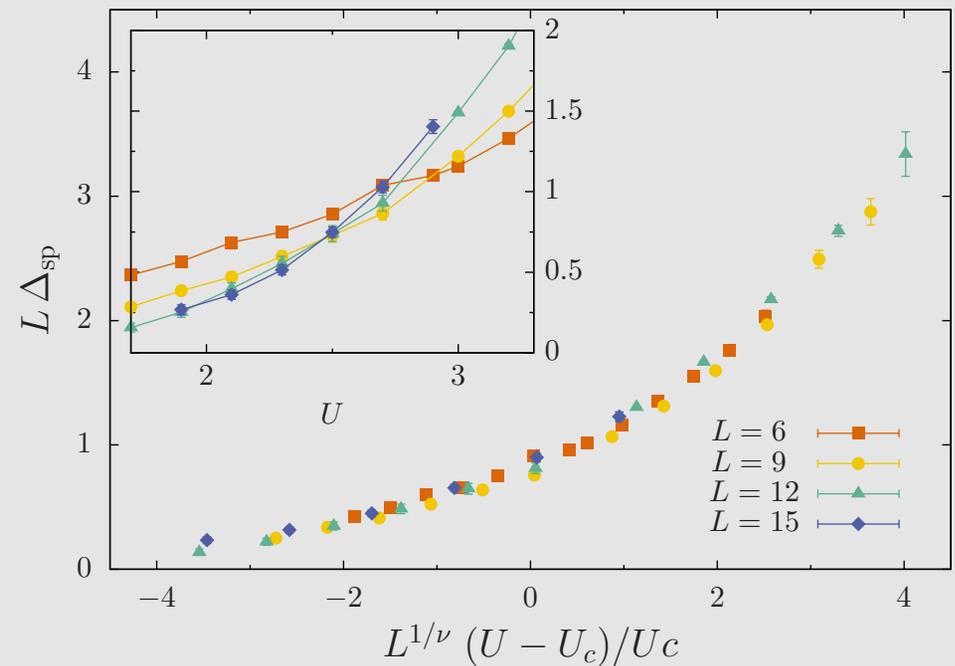
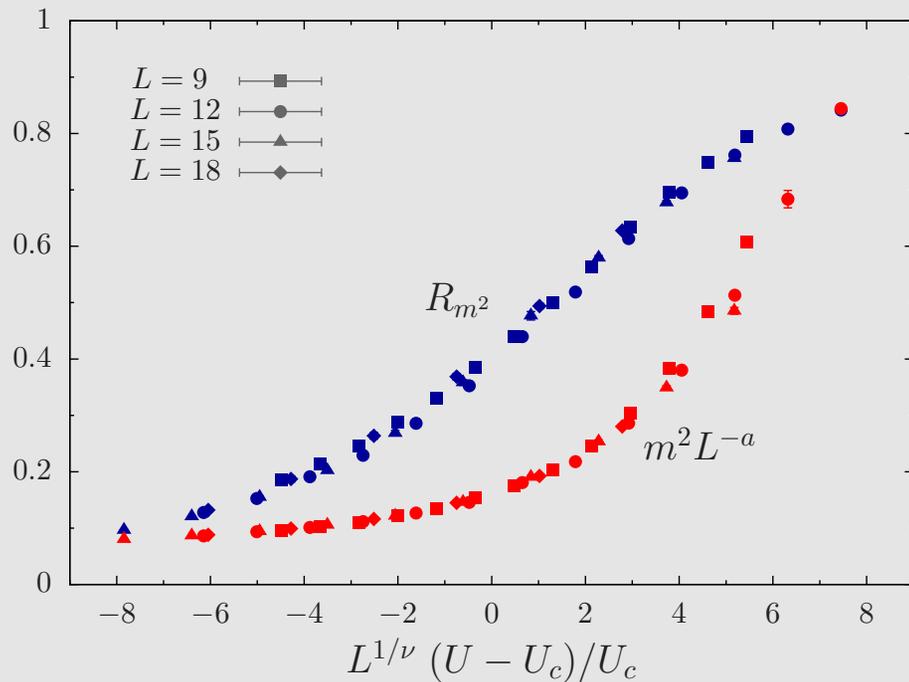
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Critical Collapse

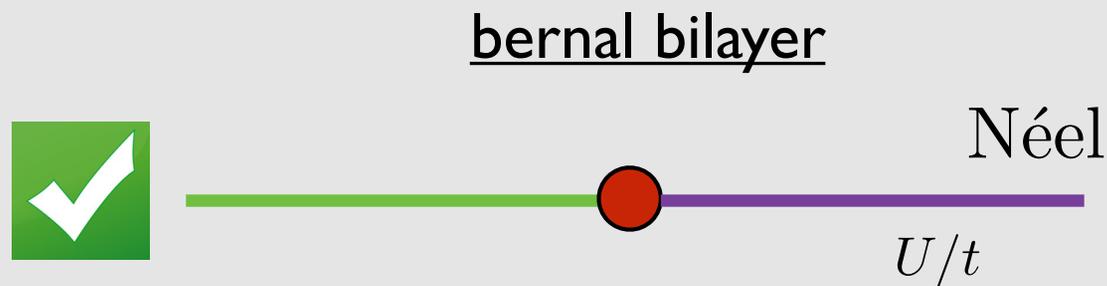
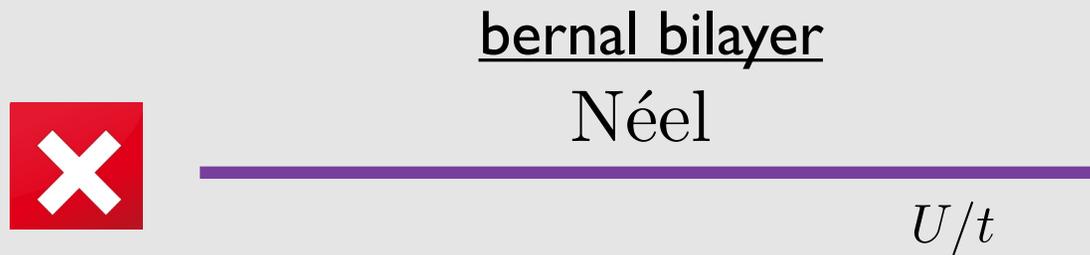
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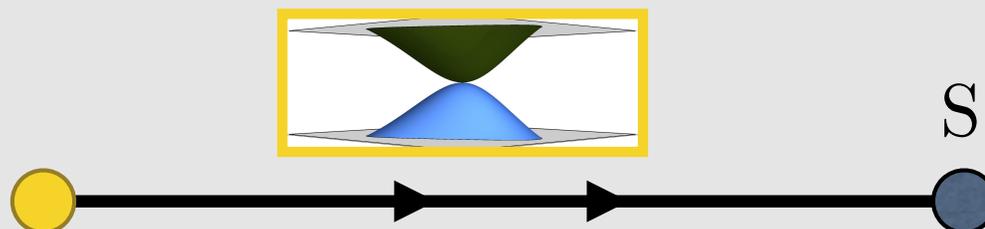
All our data is consistent with a quantum critical point

$$z = 0.9(2) \quad U_c = 2.5(2)$$

Revised Phase Diagram



What is the nature of weak coupling phase?
Quantum phase transition?
RG-flow?



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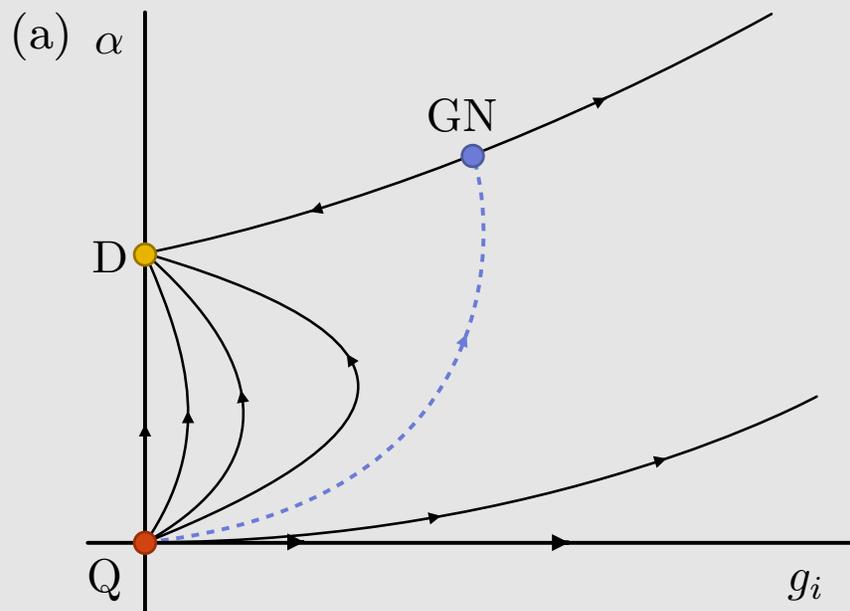
effective theory for quadratic part

$$H^{(2)} = \Psi_{\mathbf{K}+\mathbf{k}}^\dagger (\text{Re}[\phi(\mathbf{k})]\sigma^x + \text{Im}[\phi(\mathbf{k})]\sigma^y) \Psi_{\mathbf{K}+\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \alpha(k_x + ik_y) + \beta(k_x - ik_y)^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^3).$$

RG-flow

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$$\frac{dg}{d\ln b} = c_1 g^2$$

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\ln b} = \alpha$$

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nearest neighbor model on bilayer is finely tuned

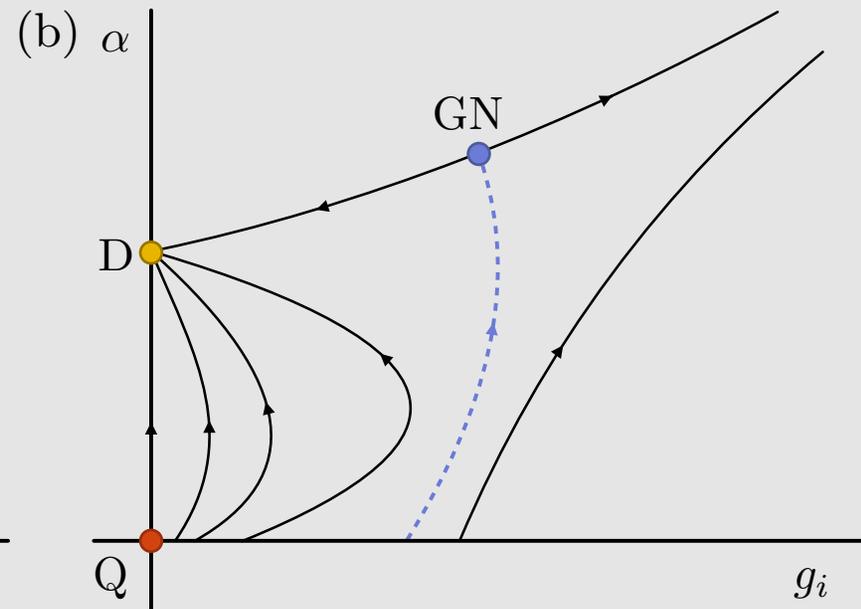
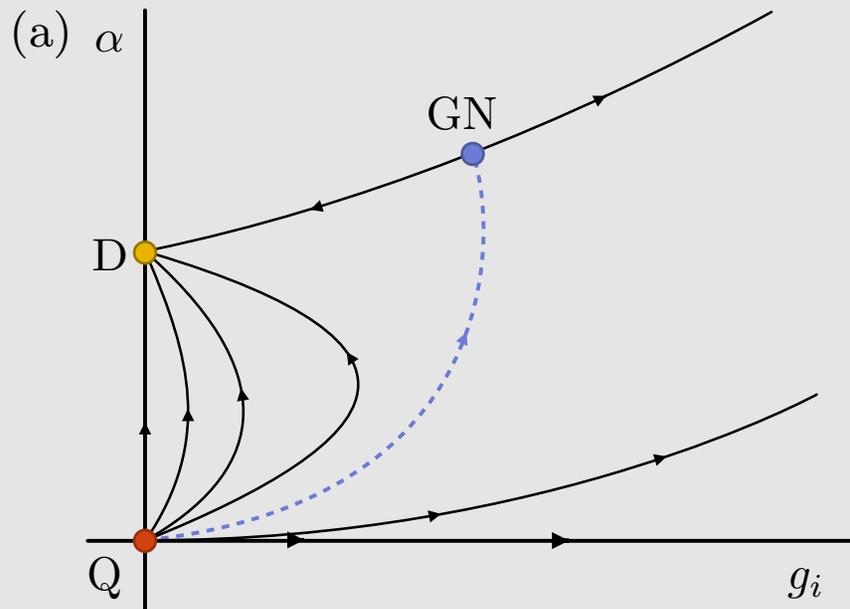
$$\alpha = 0$$

Quadratic band touching is not symmetry protected!

$$\frac{dg}{d\ln b} = c_1 g^2 \qquad \frac{d\alpha}{d\ln b} = \alpha + c_2 g^2$$

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Néel

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Dirac

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Summary

- weak interaction cause Dirac dispersion to emerge
- no weak coupling symmetry breaking (short-range)
- Gross-Neveu quantum criticality

phase diagram of Hubbard model with trigonal warping?
symmetry breaking with Coulomb interactions? (experiments?)