

Title: Gapless Spin Liquids in Two Dimensions

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Abstract: Many crystalline materials predicted by band theory to be metals are insulators due to strong electron interactions. Both experiment and theory suggest that such Mott-insulators can exhibit exotic gapless spin-liquid ground states, having no magnetic or any other order. Such "critical spin liquids" will possess power law spin correlations which oscillate at various wavevectors. In a sub-class dubbed "Spin Bose-Metals" the singularities reside along surfaces in momentum space, analogous to a Fermi surface but without long-lived quasiparticle excitations. I will describe recent theoretical progress in accessing such states via controlled numerical and analytical studies on quasi-1d model systems.

Gapless Spin Liquids in Two dimensions

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Focus - Quantum Phases of 2d electrons (spins) with
emergent rather than broken *symmetry*

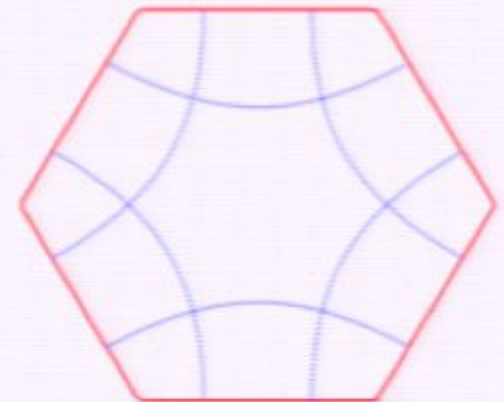
Outline:

Quantum theory of solids; Metals and Band Insulators

Mott insulators

Spin liquids

Gapless spin liquids



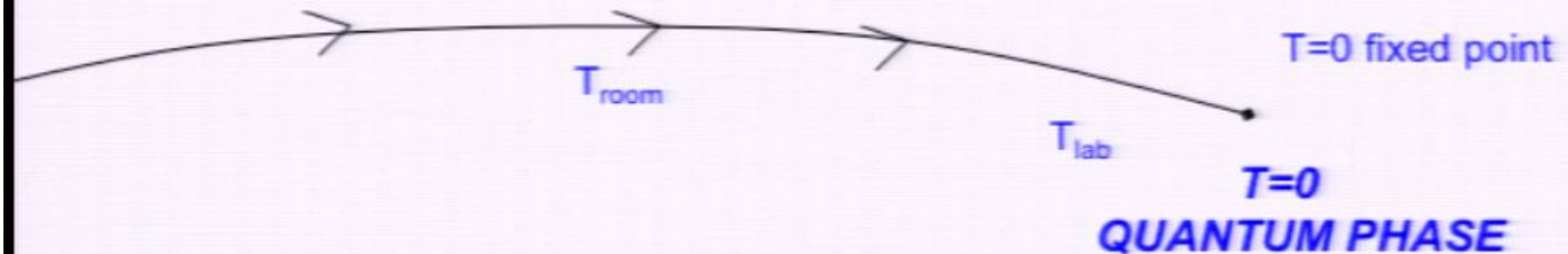
“Simplicity” of Electrons in solids

separation of energy scales for the electrons;

kinetic energy
and Coulomb energy:

$$E_{KE}, E_{coul} \gg T_{room} \gg T_{lab}$$

RG Flows



Quantum Theory of Solids: 2 dominant phases

Odd number of electrons/cell



Metals

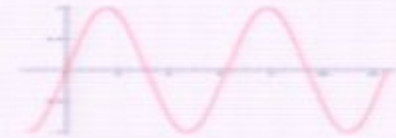
Even number of electrons/cell



Band Insulators

Band Theory: Metals versus insulators

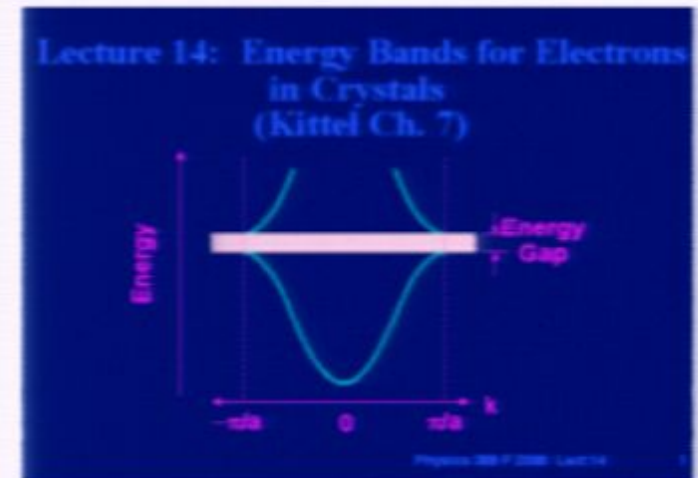
$$H = \sum_j \frac{\mathbf{p}_j^2}{2m} + \sum_i V(\mathbf{r}_i)$$



Energy Bands

Band insulators: Filled bands

Metals: Partially filled highest energy band



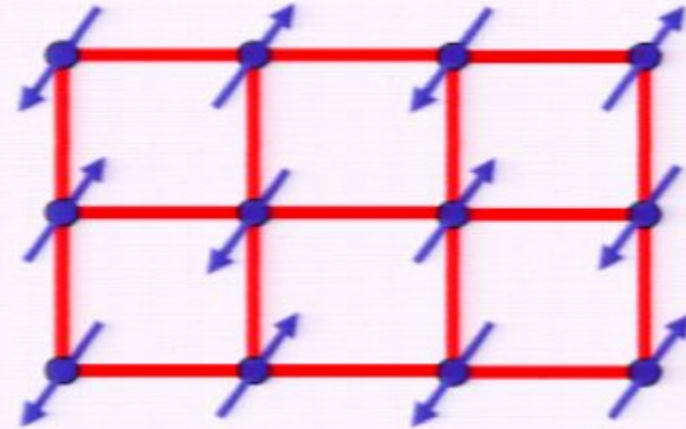
Even number of electrons/cell - (usually) a band insulator

Odd number per cell - always a metal

But most d and f shell crystals with odd number of electrons are NOT metals

Due to Coulomb repulsion
electrons get stuck on atoms

“Mott Insulators”



Mott Insulators:
Insulating materials with odd
number of electrons/unit cell



Quantum Phases of Electrons

odd number of electrons/cell
(from atomic s or p orbitals) → Metal

even number of electrons/cell → Band Insulator

number of electrons/cell
(from atomic d or f orbitals) → Mott insulator

Spin Physics in Mott insulators

Toy model - Hubbard with one electron/site

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

For $U \gg t$ electrons get self localized - residual $s=1/2$ operator per site

Generalized Heisenberg spin model:

$$H_{spin} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + \dots$$

Global symmetry: $SU(2)$ spin symmetry

Discrete lattice point/space group

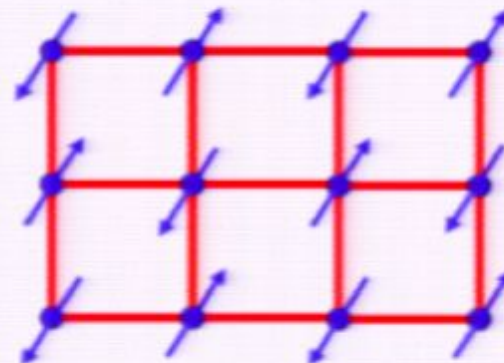
Symmetry breaking in Mott insulators

Mott Insulator \rightarrow Unit cell doubling (“Band Insulator”)

Symmetry
breaking

2 electrons/cell

Ex: 2d square Lattice AFM



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(from atomic s or p orbitals)



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Mott
insulator



Symmetry breaking
eg AFM



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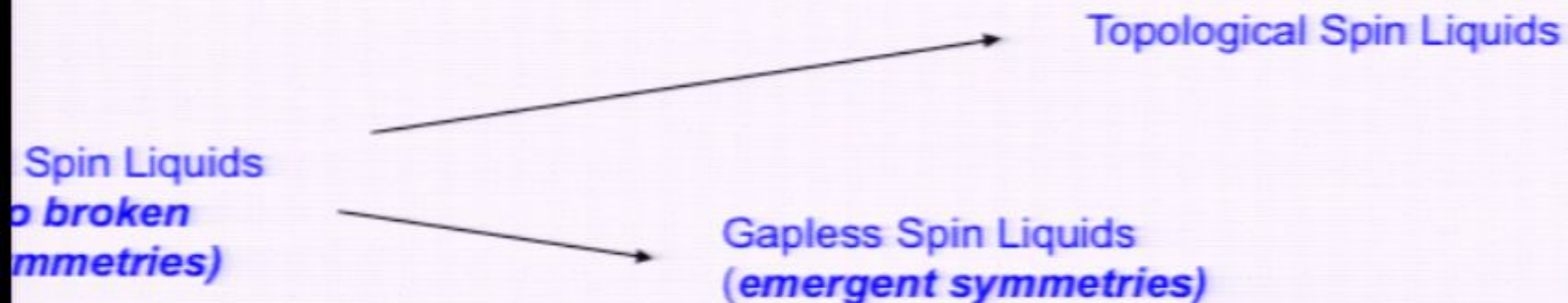
2d Spin liquids

Mott insulators with no broken symmetries

Theorem (Matt Hastings, 2005): Mott insulators on an L by L torus have a low energy excitation with $(E_1 - E_0) < \ln(L)/L$.

Remarkable implication: 2d spin liquids come in two flavors

- 1) Topological Spin Liquids
- 2) Gapless Spin liquids



Topological Spin Liquids

Topological Spin liquids are time reversal invariant analogs of the Fractional Quantum Hall effect states

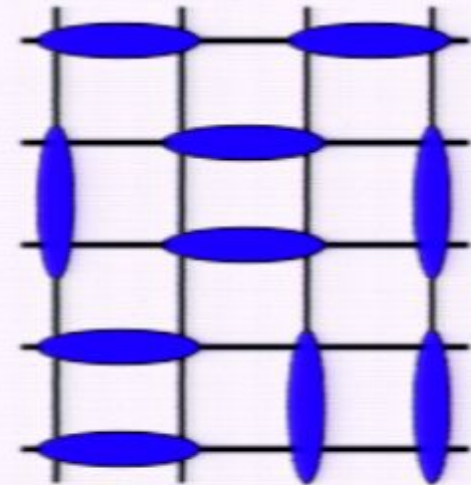
Gap to all bulk excitations

Ground state degeneracies on a torus

“Particle” excitations with fractional quantum numbers, eg spinon

Simplest is short-ranged RVB, Z_2 Gauge structure

RVB state (Anderson)



No example (yet) of a physically reasonable $SU(2)$ spin model with a topological spin liquid ground state

Gapless Spin liquids

Stable gapless phases with no broken symmetries

no free particle description

Power-law correlations with anomalous exponents

Emergent symmetries at low energies

Lattice scale physics manifest in IR



Valence bonds on all length scales

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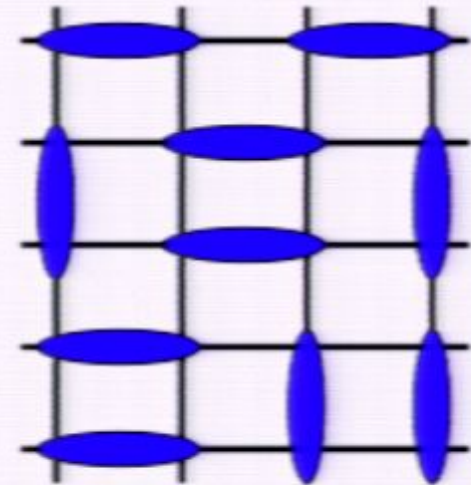
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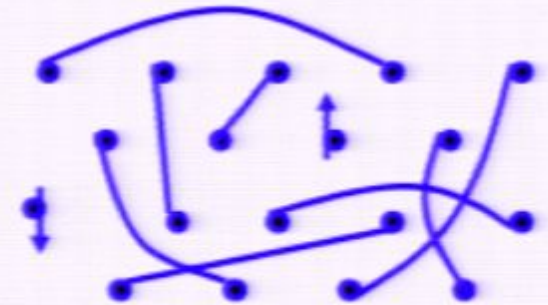
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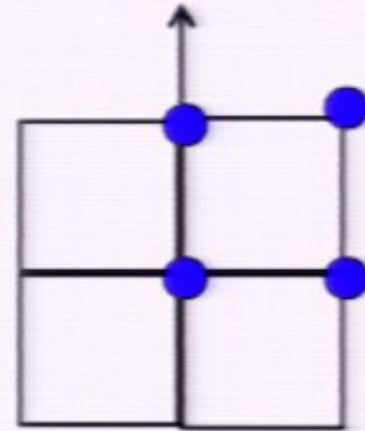


Valence bonds on all length scales

2 classes of gapless SL's

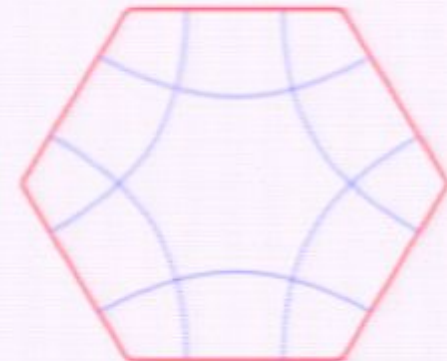
Algebraic Spin Liquids

Power law correlations at a
finite set of discrete momenta



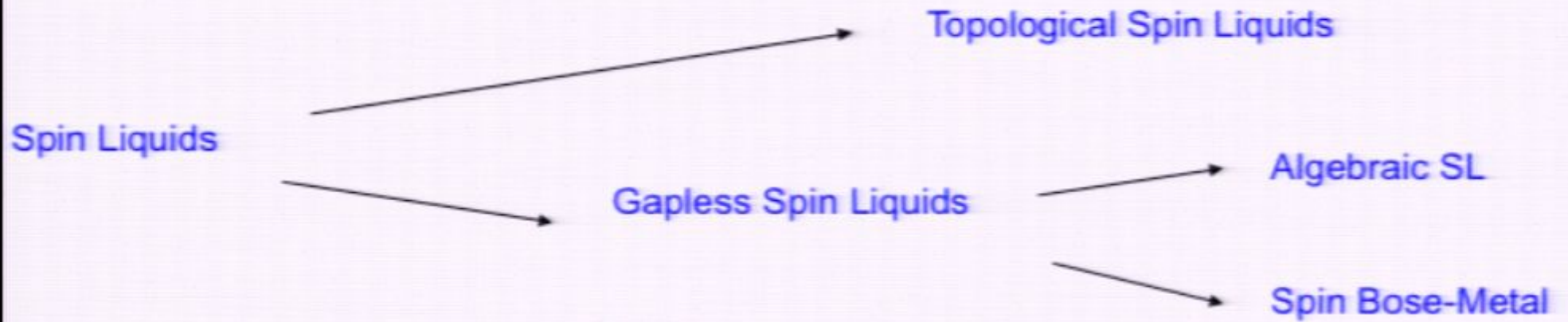
“Spin Bose-Metals”

Spin correlation functions singular along
surfaces in momentum space



“Bose Surfaces”

2d Spin liquids



Access gapless spin liquids?

1.) Algebraic spin liquids

- Frustration
- low spin ($s=1/2$)
- low coordination number (Kagome lattice)

Kagome lattice AFM

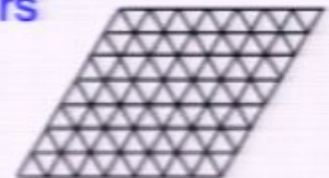


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2.) Spin Bose-Metals

- Quasi-itinerancy
- "Weak" Mott insulator
- Small charge gap, comparable to J

Triangular lattice based
Organic Mott insulators



Theoretical route to Gapless SL's: Slave-fermions

Generalized Heisenberg $s=1/2$ model

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Fermionic representation of spin-1/2

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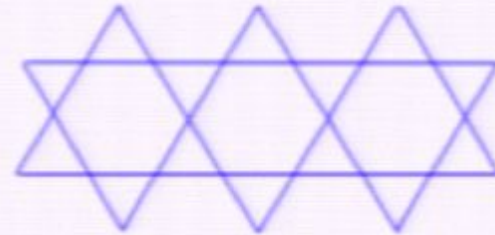
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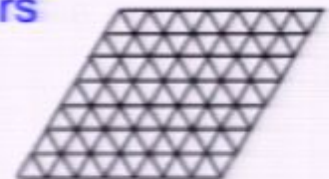


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Gutzwiller-projected "Spinon" determinant

$$P_G (|\text{Fermi Sea}\rangle = \prod_{k < k_F} c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k\downarrow}^\dagger |vac\rangle)$$

$$= a |(\uparrow) (\uparrow) (\downarrow) (\uparrow) (\downarrow) (\uparrow)\rangle + b |(\uparrow\downarrow) (0) (\uparrow) (\uparrow) (\downarrow)\rangle$$

$$+ c |(\uparrow) (\downarrow) (\uparrow\downarrow) (\uparrow) (0)\rangle + d |(\downarrow) (\uparrow) (\uparrow) (\downarrow) (\uparrow) (\downarrow)\rangle + \dots$$

real-space configurations

Arrive at a spin wavefunction

Gauge Theory

Gauge redundancy:

$$f_{i\alpha} \rightarrow e^{i\theta_i} f_{i\alpha} \quad \text{leaves spin invariant} \quad \vec{S}_i = f_{i\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} f_{i\beta}$$

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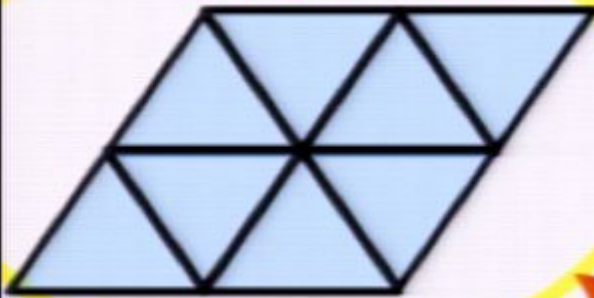
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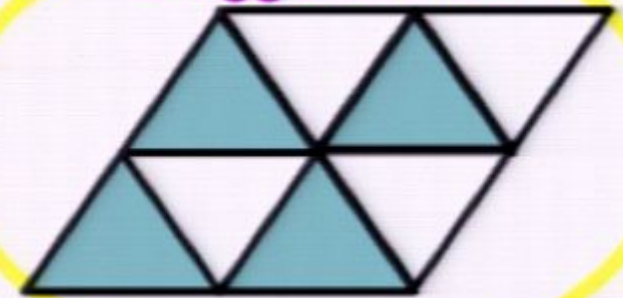
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Examples of “fermionic” spin liquids

uniform flux

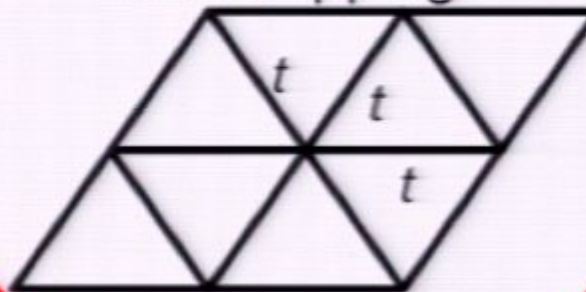


staggered flux



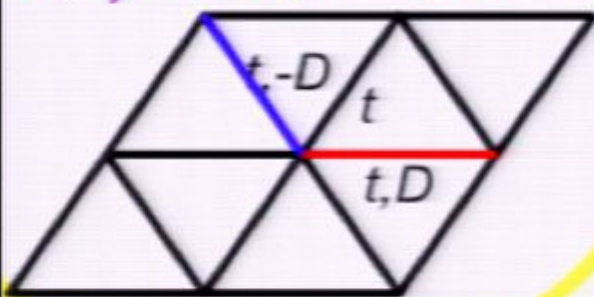
uRVB

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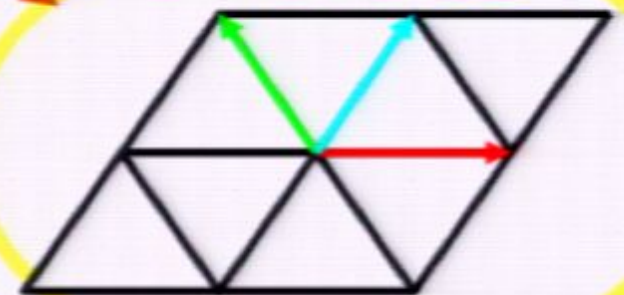


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d_{x-y}^2 Z₂ spin liquid



d+id chiral SL



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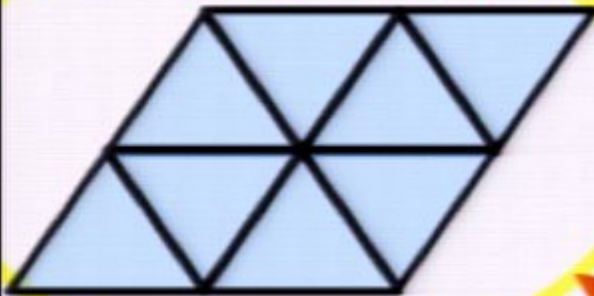
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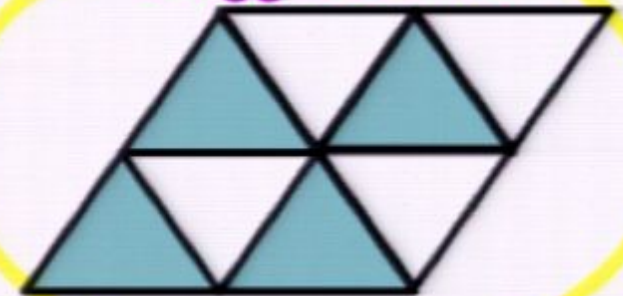
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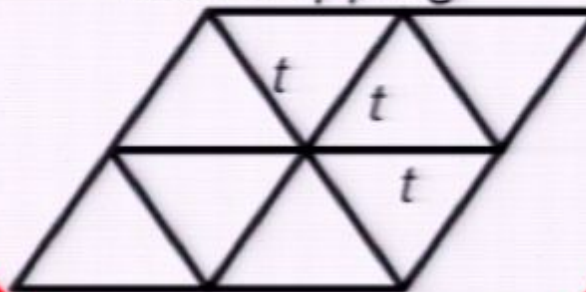


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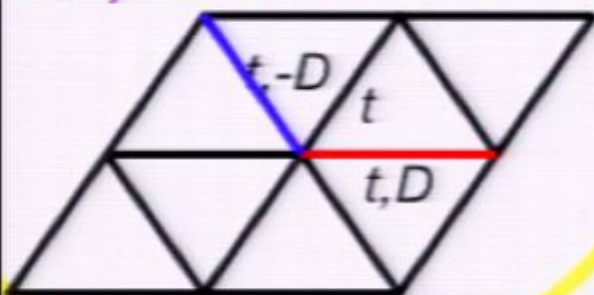
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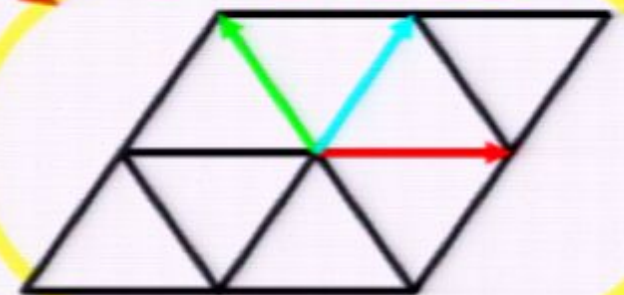


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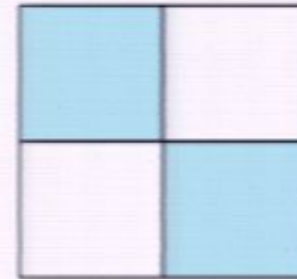


Algebraic Spin Liquid (example)

Staggered flux state on 2d square lattice

Mean field Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{SF}}^0 = - \sum_{r \in A} \sum_{r' \text{ NN } r} \{ [it + (-1)^{(r_y - r'_y)} \Delta] f_{r\alpha}^\dagger f_{r'\alpha} + \text{H.c.} \},$$



Band structure has relativistic dispersion with four 2-component Dirac fermions



Effective field theory is non-compact QED3

$$\mathcal{L}_E = \bar{\Psi} [-i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ia_\mu)] \Psi + \frac{1}{2e^2} \sum_{\mu} (\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} \partial_\nu a_\lambda)^2 + \dots,$$

Note: can argue that the monopoles are irrelevant due to massless Fermions, cf Polyakov confinement argument for pure compact U(1) gauge theory

Emergent symmetry in Algebraic spin liquid

Spin Hamiltonian has **global SU(2)** spin symmetry

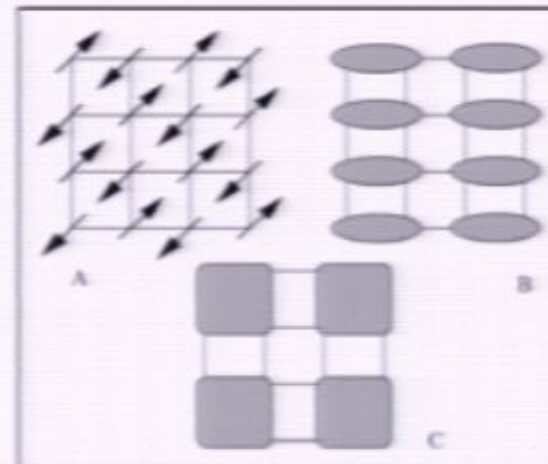
$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle rr' \rangle} \mathbf{S}_r \cdot \mathbf{S}_{r'} + \dots$$

Low energy effective field theory is non-compact QED3 with **SU(4) flavor symmetry** and **U(1) flux conservation symmetry**

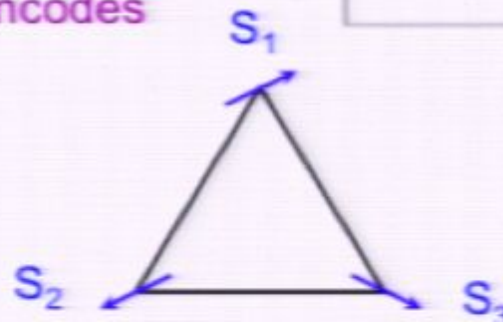
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The SU(4) symmetry encodes slowly varying competing order parameters

The U(1) flux conservation symmetry encodes a conserved spin chirality



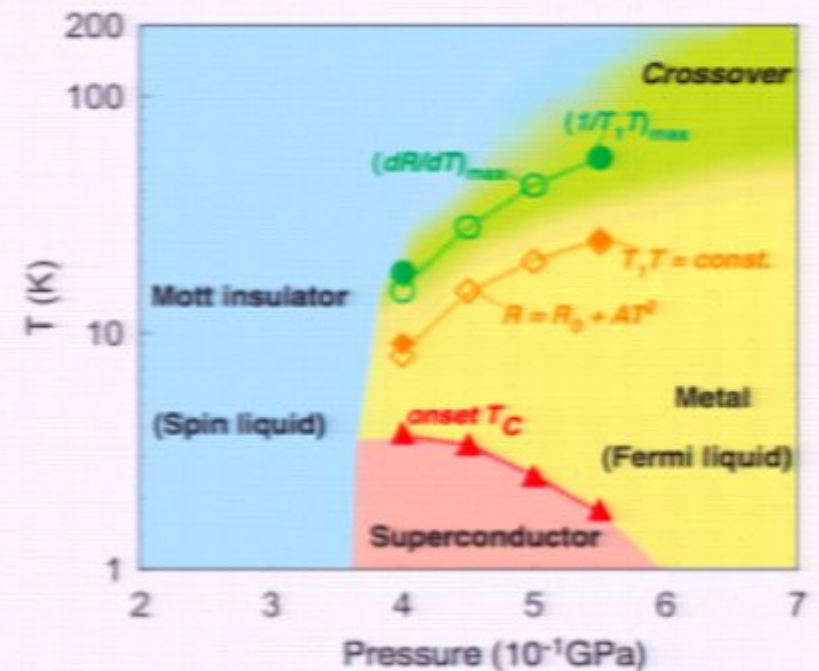
$$\nabla \times a \sim \vec{S}_1 \cdot (\vec{S}_2 \times \vec{S}_3)$$



Candidate Spin Bose-Metal: $k-(ET)_2Cu_2(CN)_3$

Kanoda et. al. PRL 91, 177001 (2005)

Modelled as triangular Hubbard at half filling
Weak Mott insulator - metal under pressure
No magnetic order down to 20mK $\sim 10^{-4}$ J
Large entropy – more than in a metal
“Metallic” specific heat, $C \sim T$



Motrunich (2005) , S. Lee and P.A. Lee (2005)
suggested spin liquid with “spinon Fermi surface”

Hubbard on triangular lattice

At half filling

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Hubbard}} = -t \sum_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

metal

???

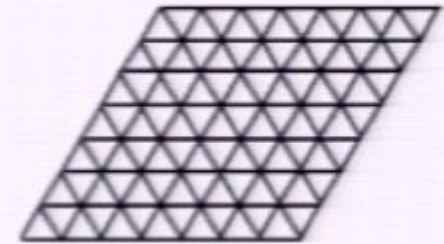
insulator

Neel order for nn
Heisenberg model

U/t

Fermi liquid

Weak Mott insulator with
small charge gap



Weak Mott Insulator --> spin model with *ring exchange*

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{2t^2}{U} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \frac{20t^4}{U^3} \sum_{\text{rhombi}} (P_{ijkl} + \text{h.c.}) + \dots$$

Ring exchange mimics
charge fluctuations



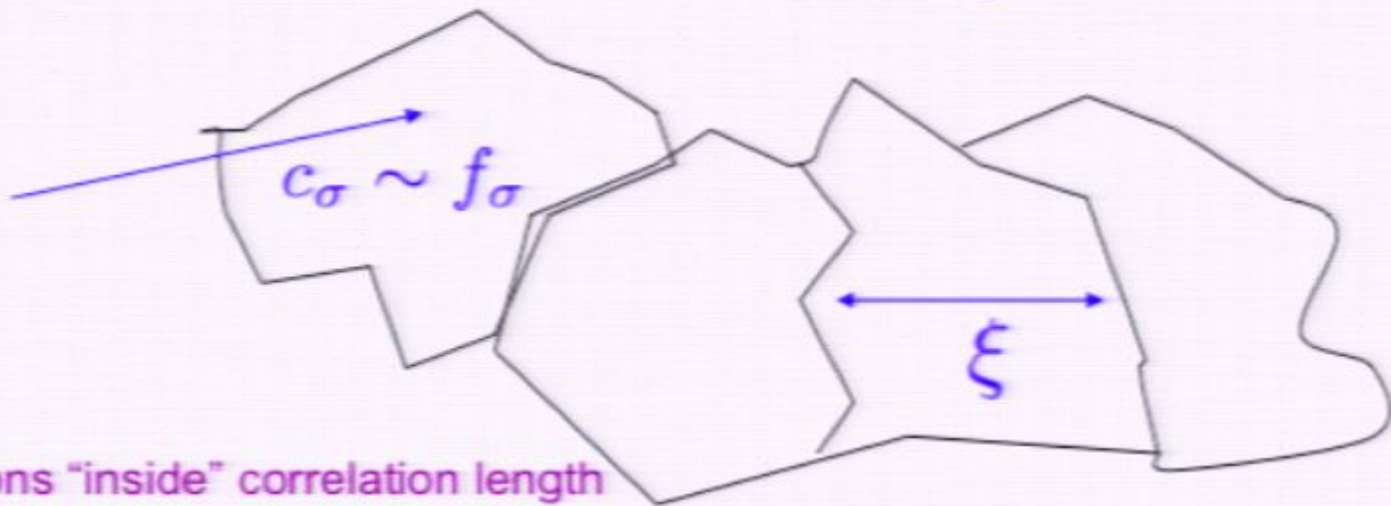
Weak Mott insulator: Which spin liquid?

Motrunich (2005)

Long charge correlation length,

$$\langle c_\sigma(x) c_\sigma^\dagger(0) \rangle \sim e^{-x/\xi} \quad \xi \gg a$$

Inside correlation region electrons do not "know" they are insulating

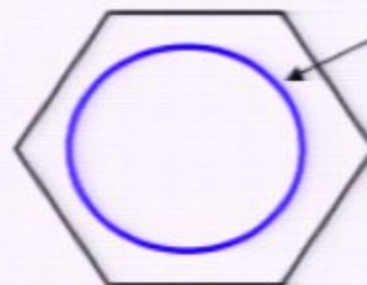


Spin correlations "inside" correlation length resemble spin correlations of free fermion metal, oscillating at $2k_F$

$$\langle \vec{S}(x) \cdot \vec{S}(0) \rangle \sim \cos(2k_F x) / x^\alpha$$

Appropriate spin liquid:

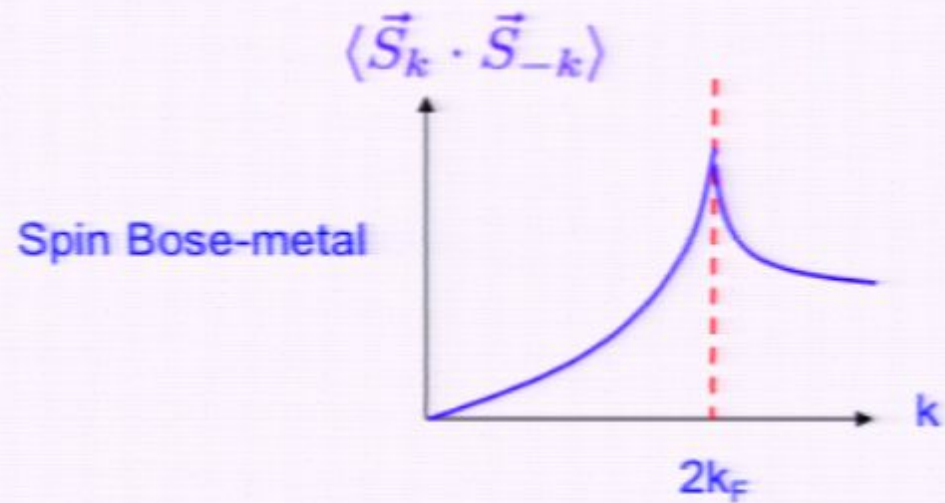
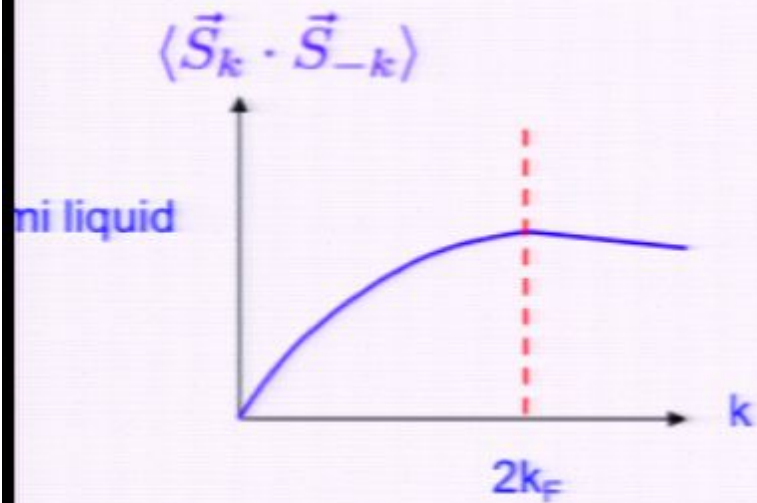
Putzwiller projected Fermi sea
 ("Spin Bose-Metal")



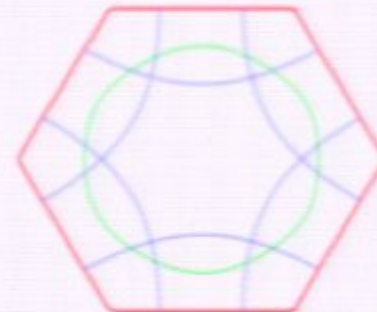
Spinon Fermi surface is not physical in the spin model

Phenomenology of Spin Bose-Metal (from Gutzwiller wf and Gauge theory)

Singular spin structure factor at " $2k_F$ " in Spin Bose-Metal
(more singular than in Fermi liquid metal)



$2k_F$ "Bose surface" in
triangular lattice Spin Bose-Metal



Is projected Fermi sea a good caricature
of Triangular ring model ground state?

$$\hat{H}_{\text{ring}} = J_2 \sum_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_4 \sum_{\text{rhombi}} (P_{ijkl} + \text{h.c.})$$

Variational Monte Carlo analysis suggests it might be for $J_4/J_2 > 0.3$
(O. Motrunich - 2005)

A theoretical quandary: Triangular ring model is intractable

- Exact diagonalization: so small,
- Quantum Monte Carlo - sign problem
- Variational Monte Carlo - biased
- DMRG - problematic in 2d

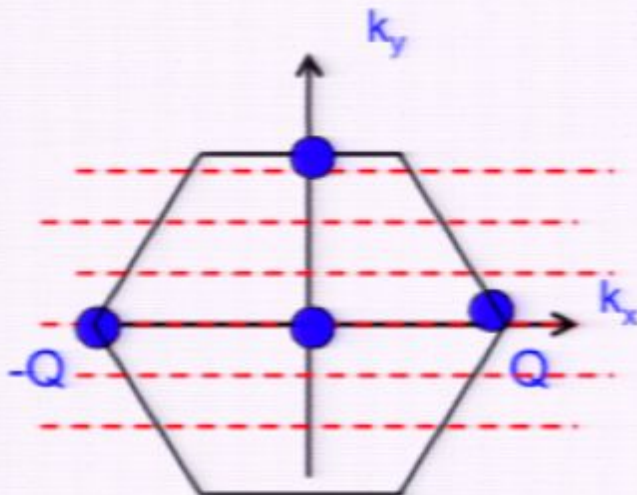
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Quasi-1d route to Spin Bose-Metal

Triangular strips:

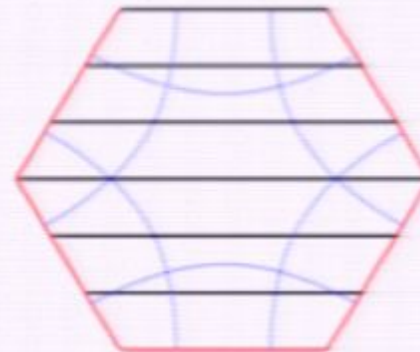


Algebraic Spin liquid



Few gapless 1d modes

Spin Bose-Metal

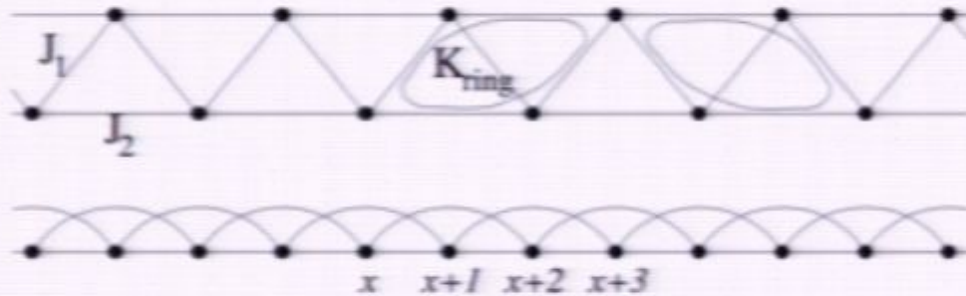


Fingerprint of 2d singular surface -
many gapless 1d modes, of order N

***New spin liquid phases on quasi-1d strips,
each a descendent of a 2d Spin Bose-Metal***

2-leg zigzag strip

$$\mathcal{H}_\Delta = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + K \sum_{\langle 1234 \rangle} [\mathcal{P}_{1234} + \mathcal{P}_{1234}^{-1}]$$



Analysis of J_1 - J_2 - K model on zigzag strip

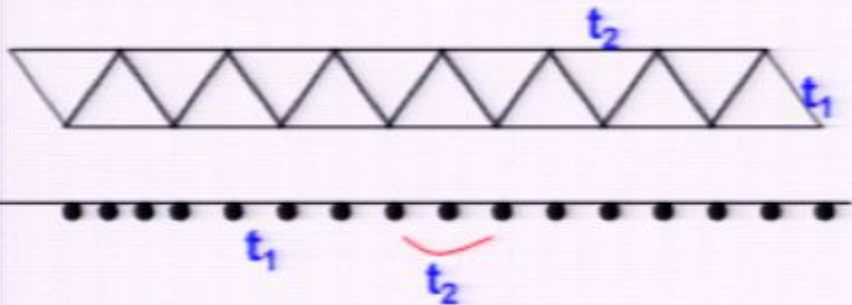
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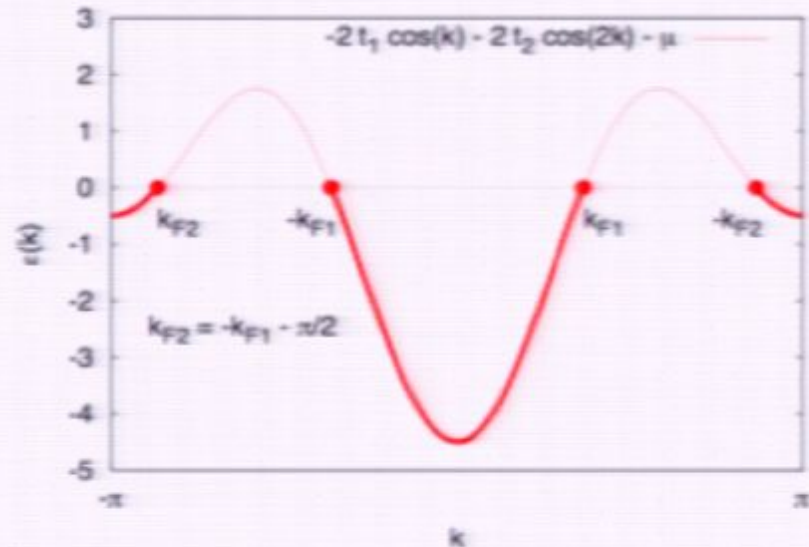
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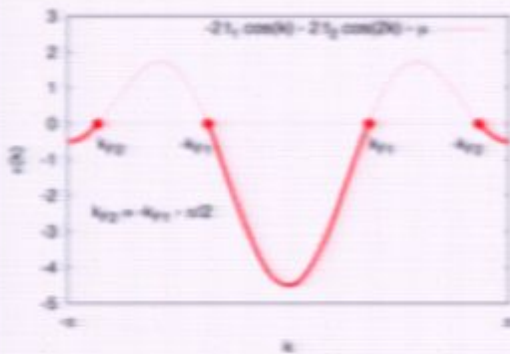
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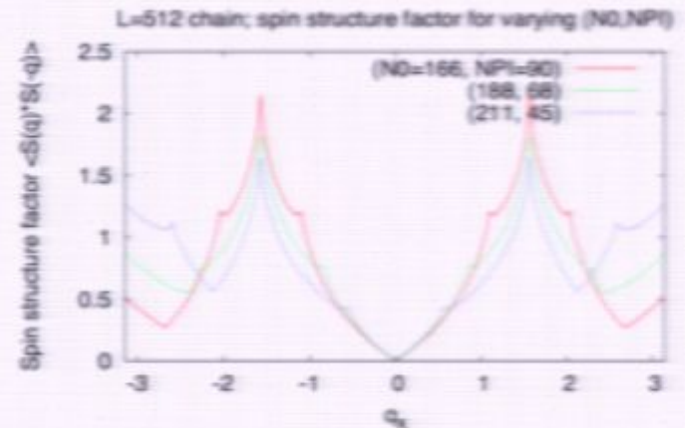
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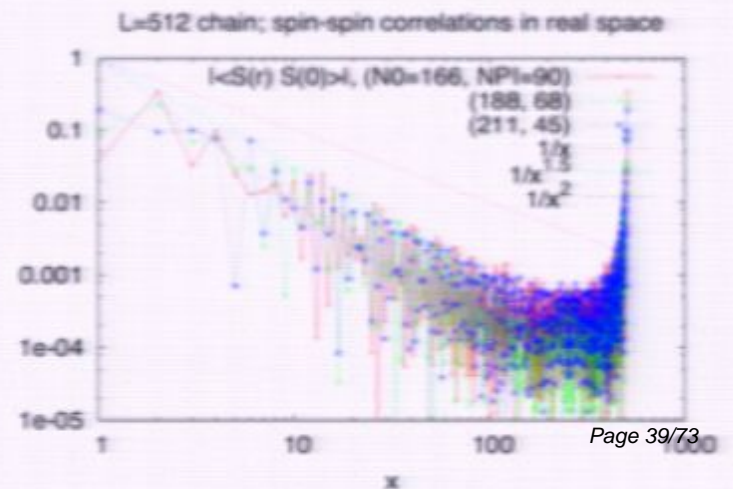
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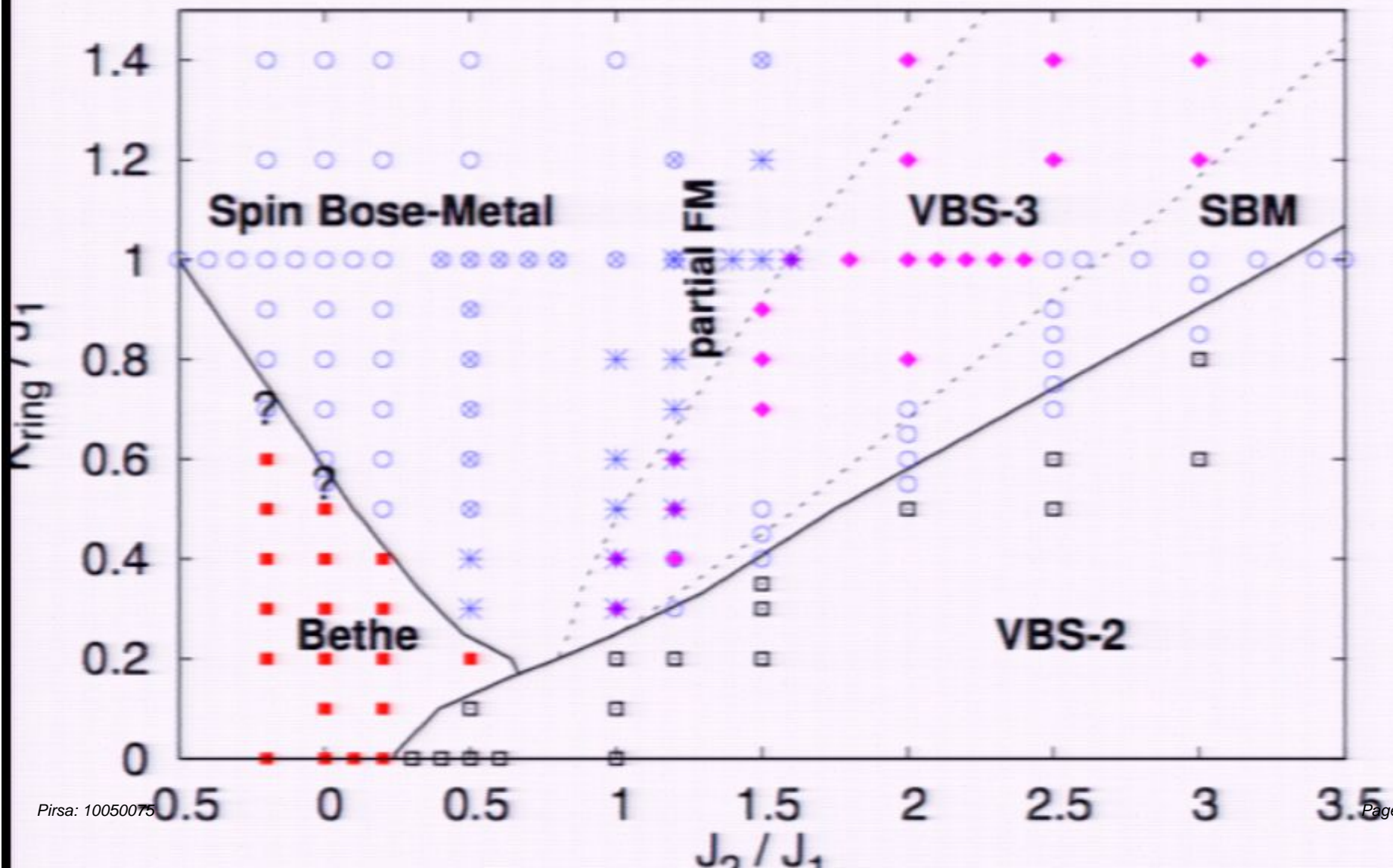
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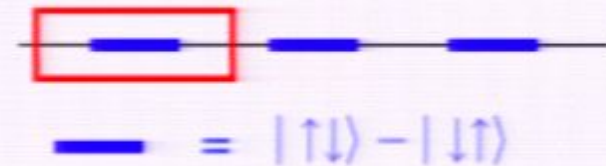
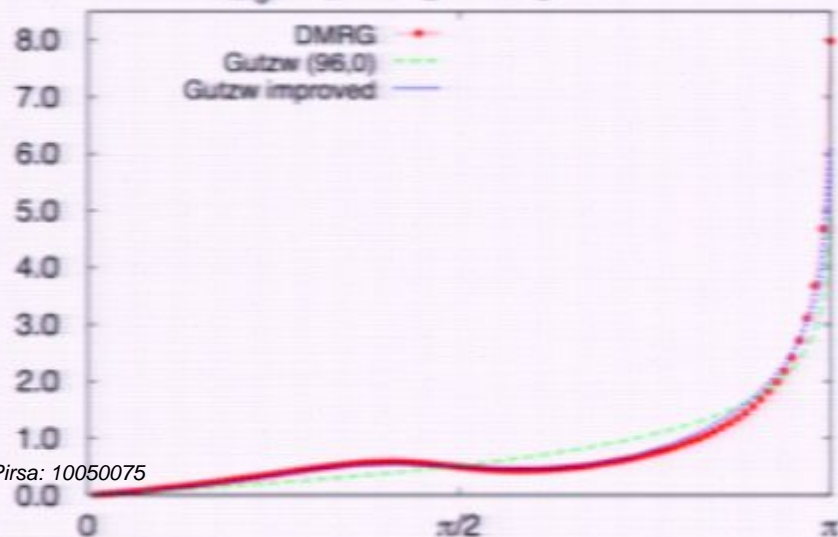


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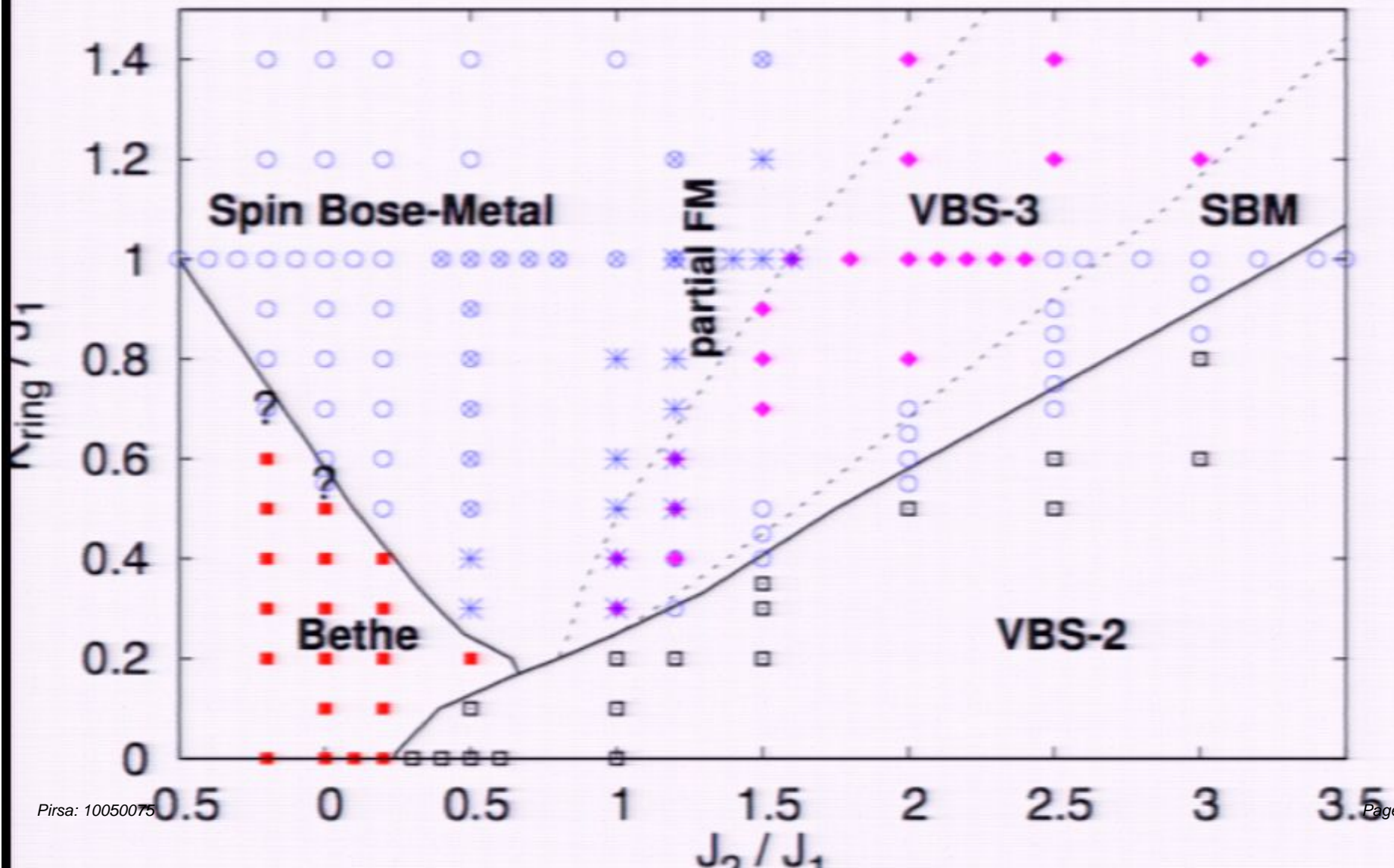
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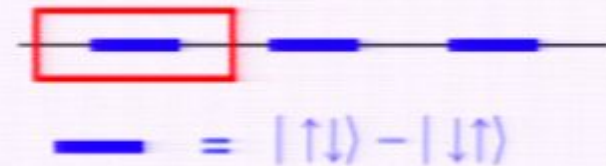
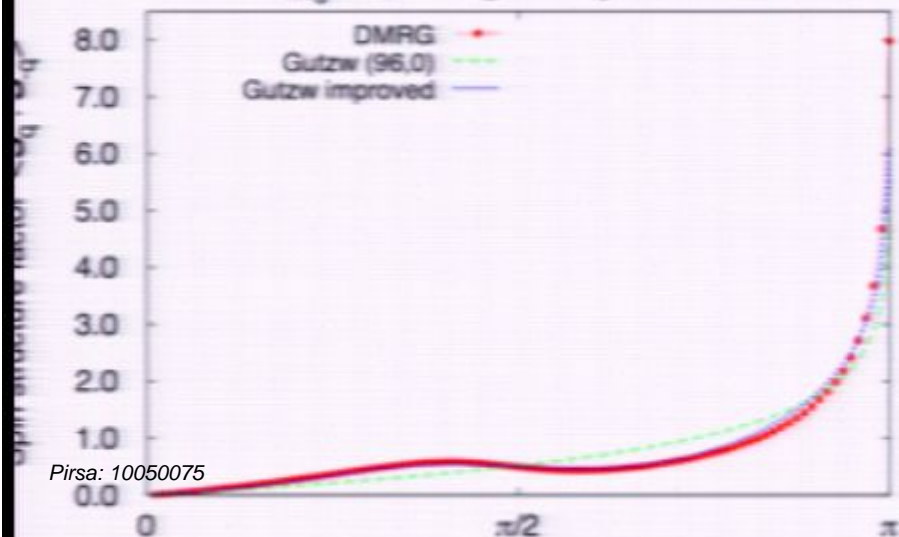


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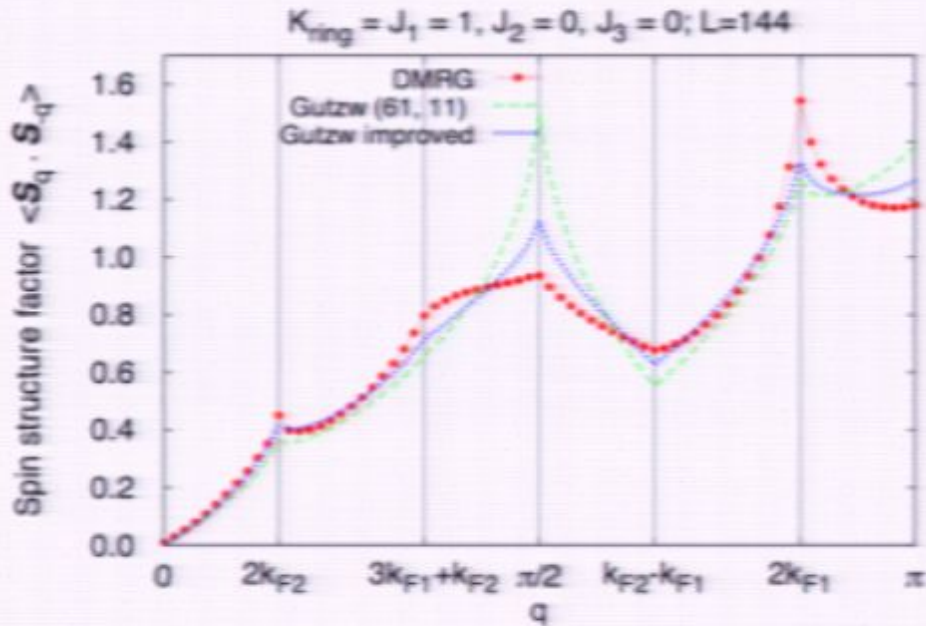
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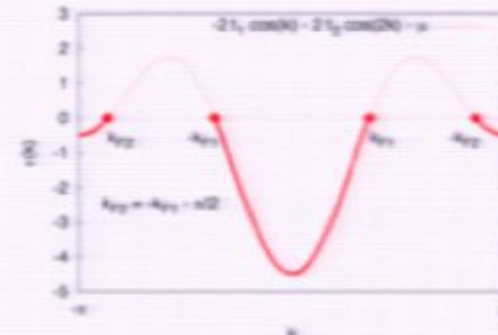
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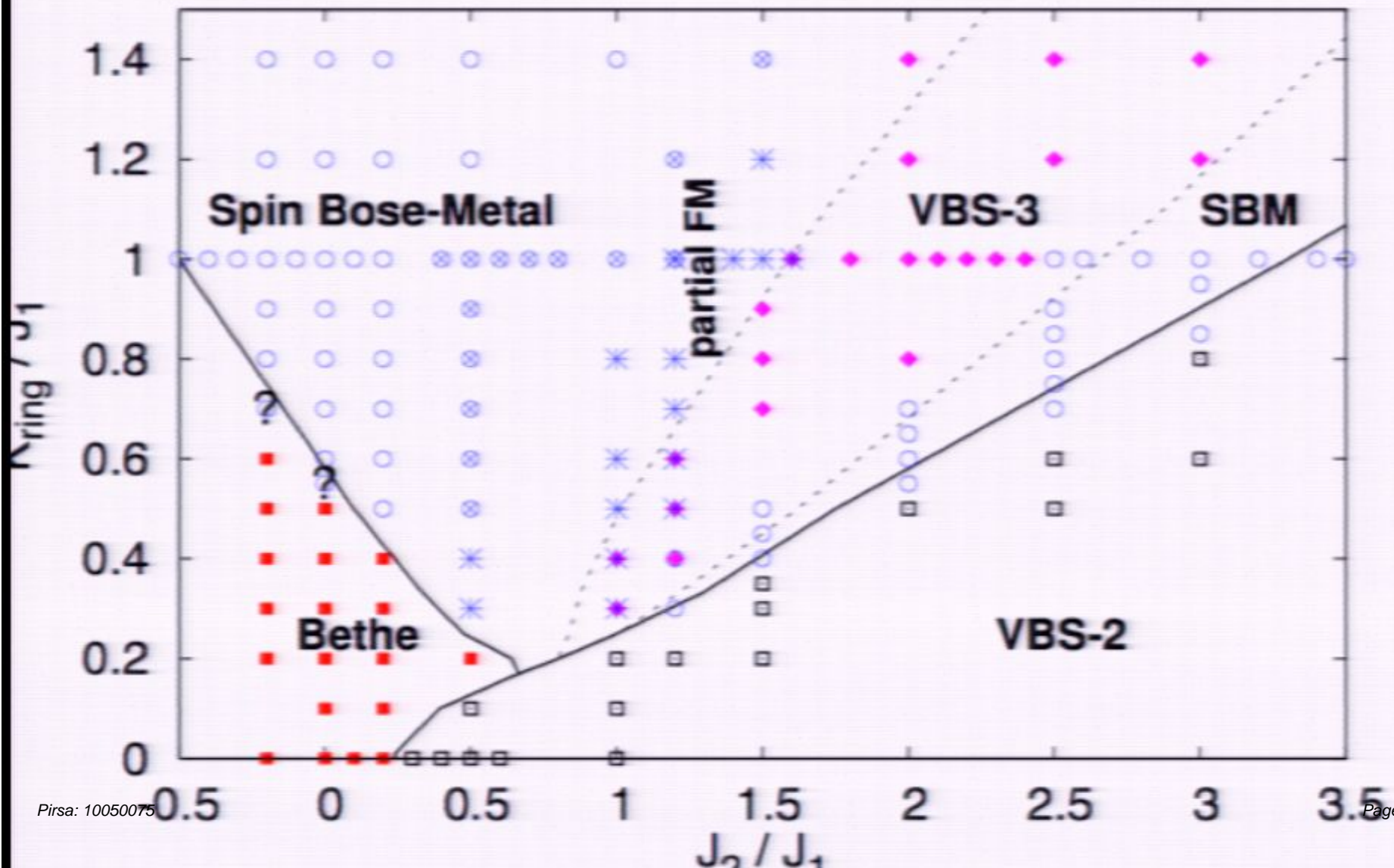


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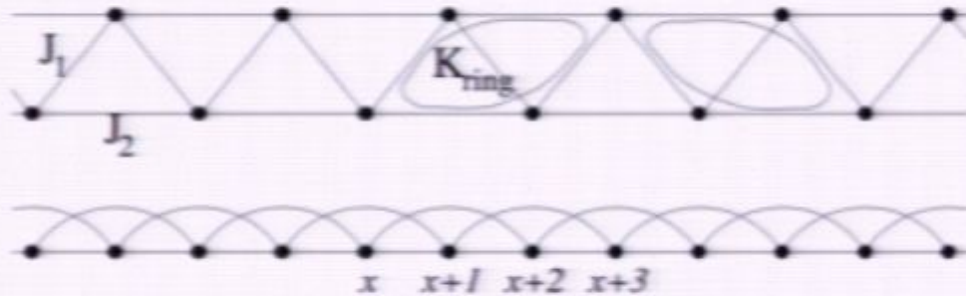


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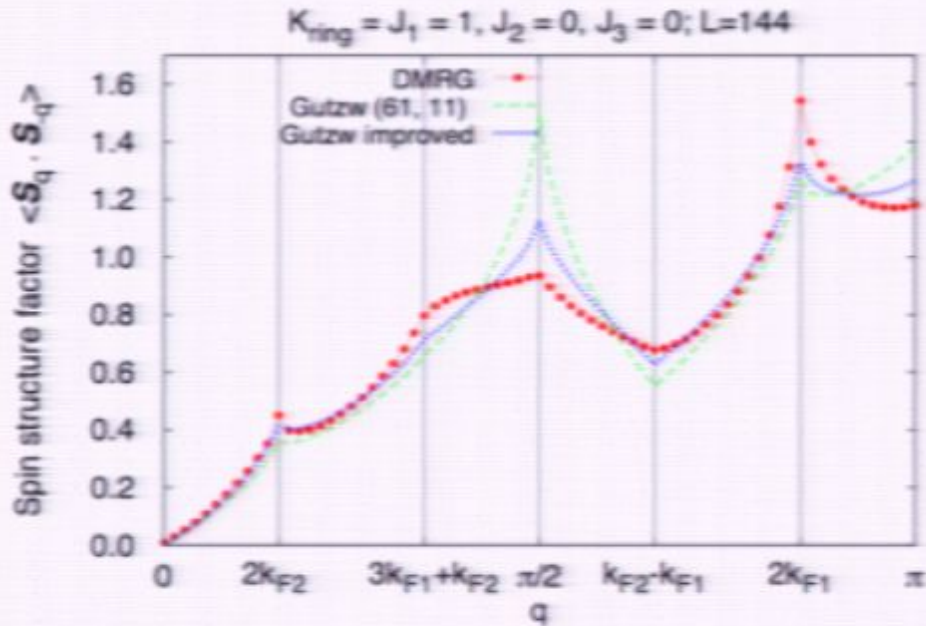
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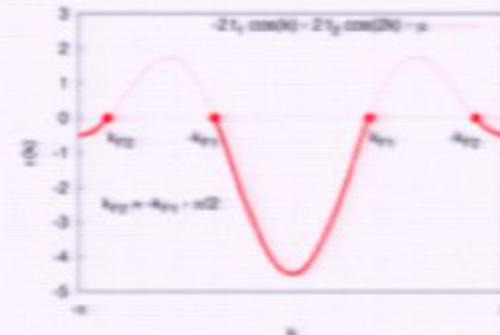
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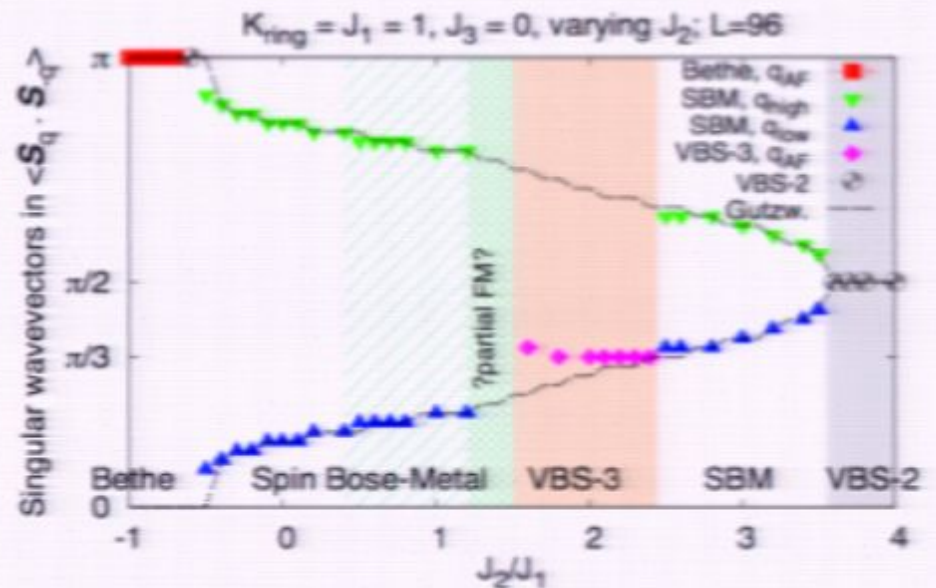
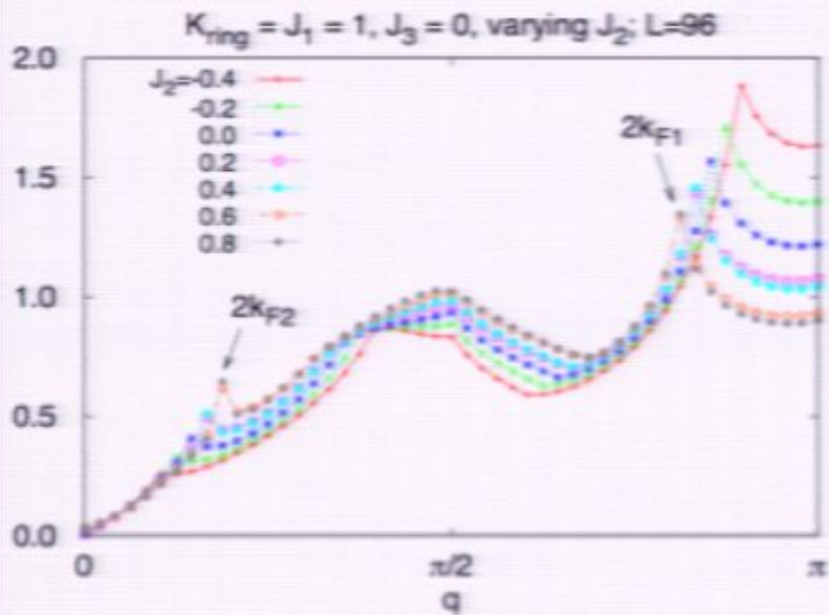
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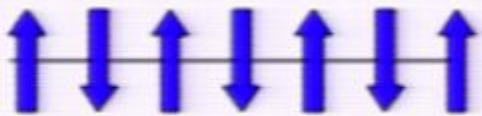


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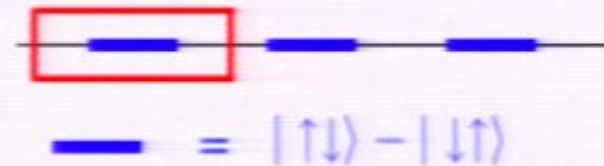
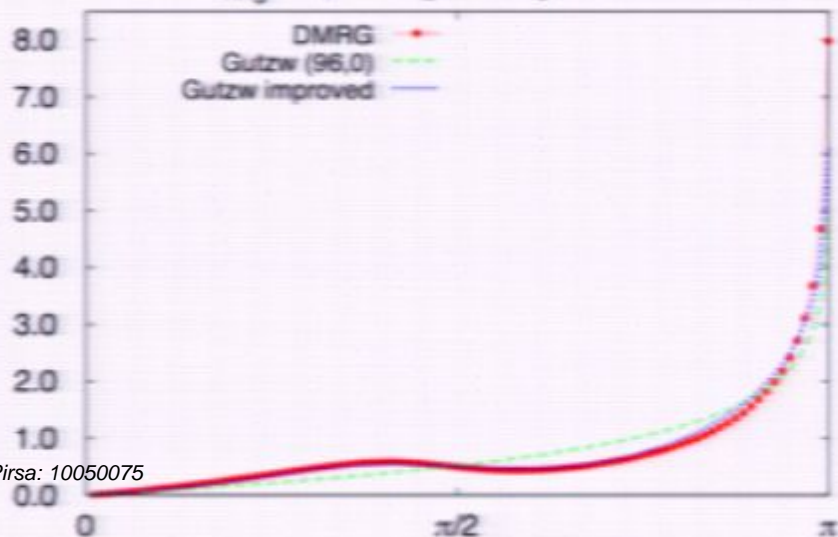


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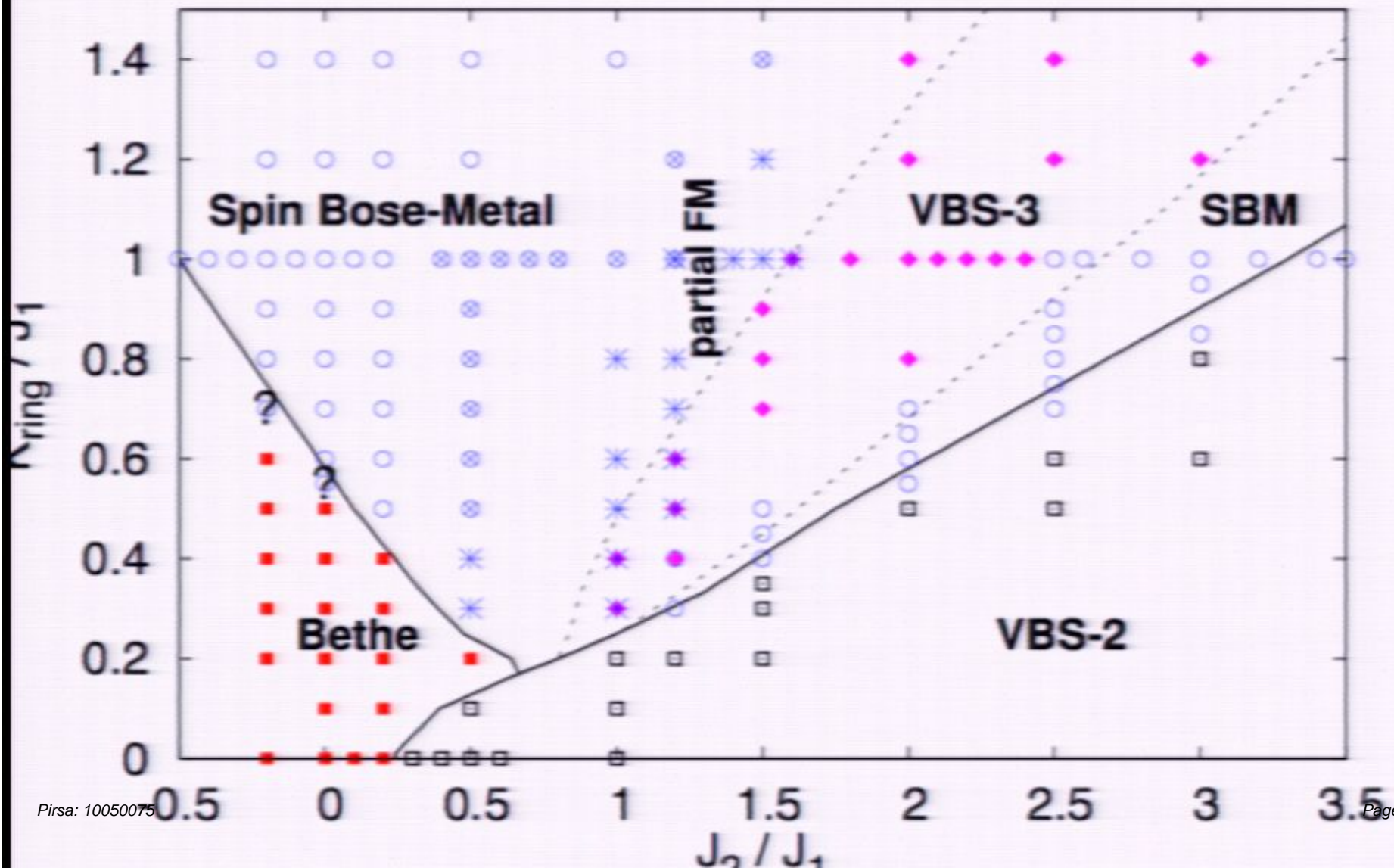
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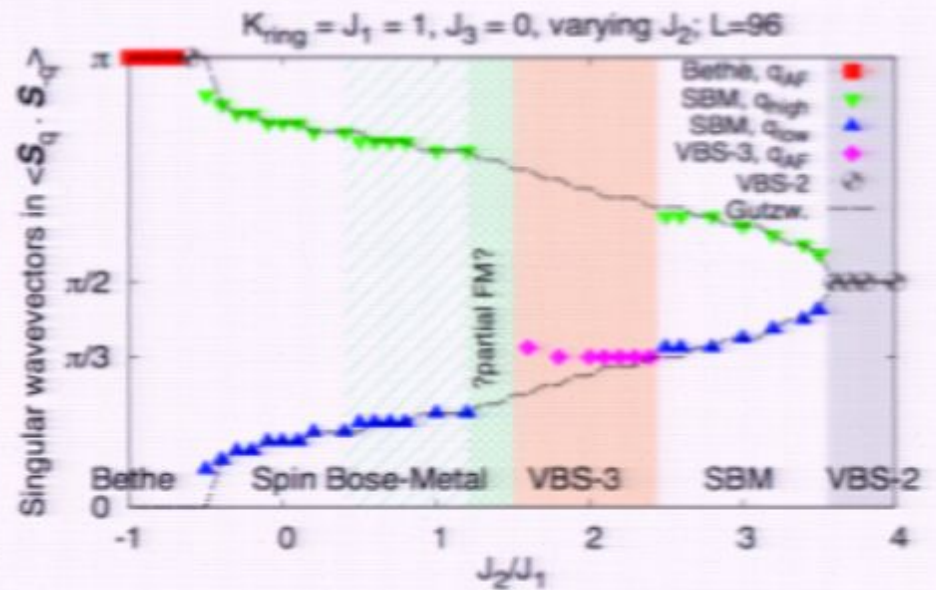
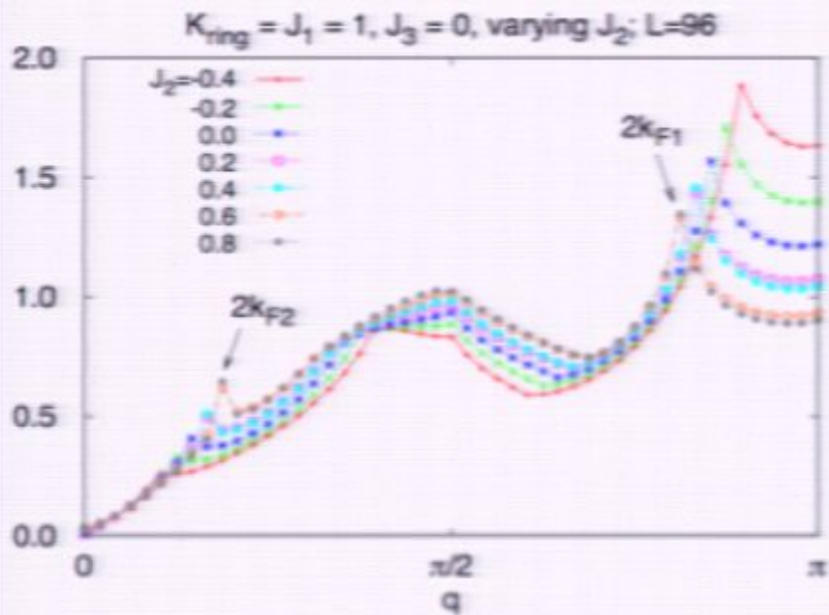
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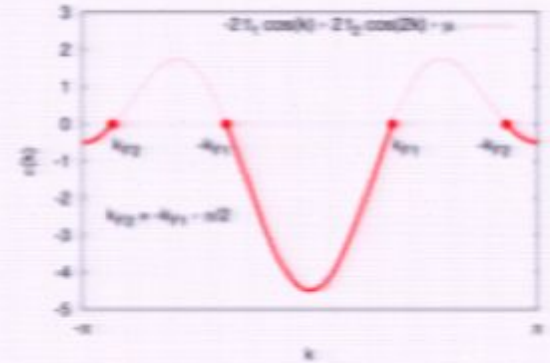


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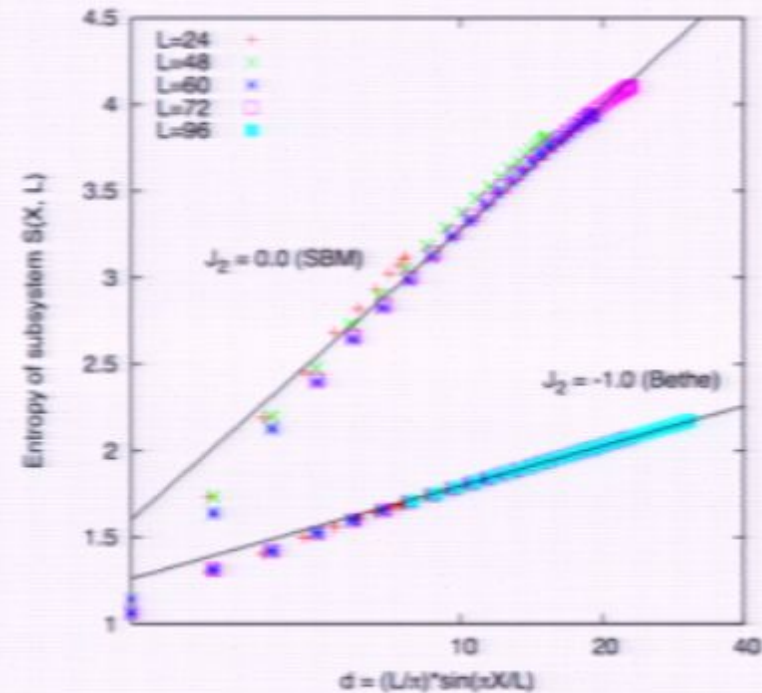
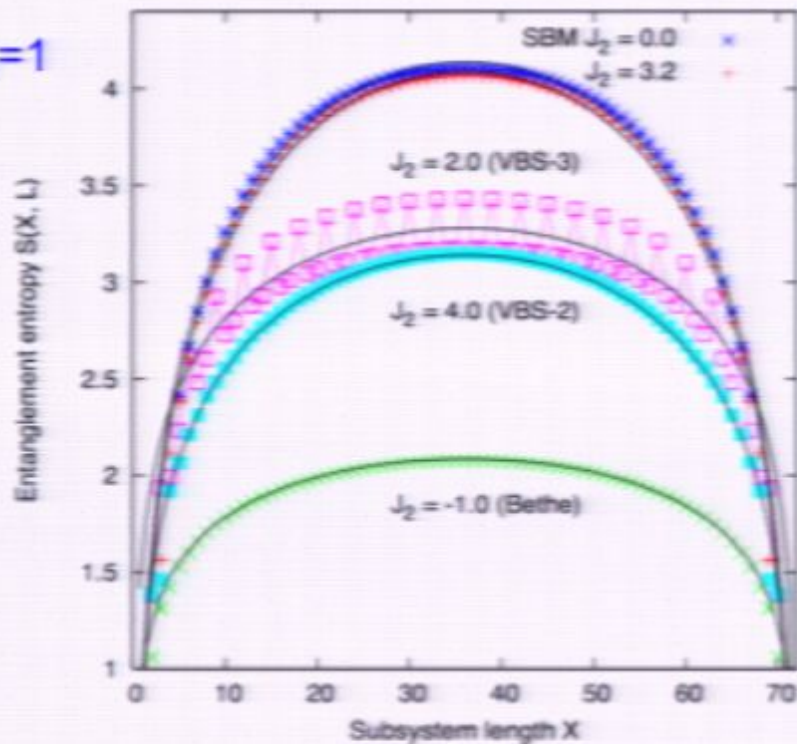
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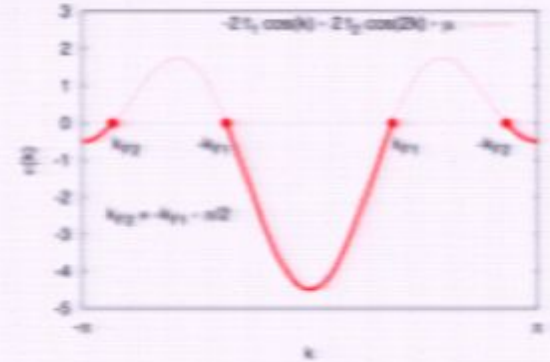


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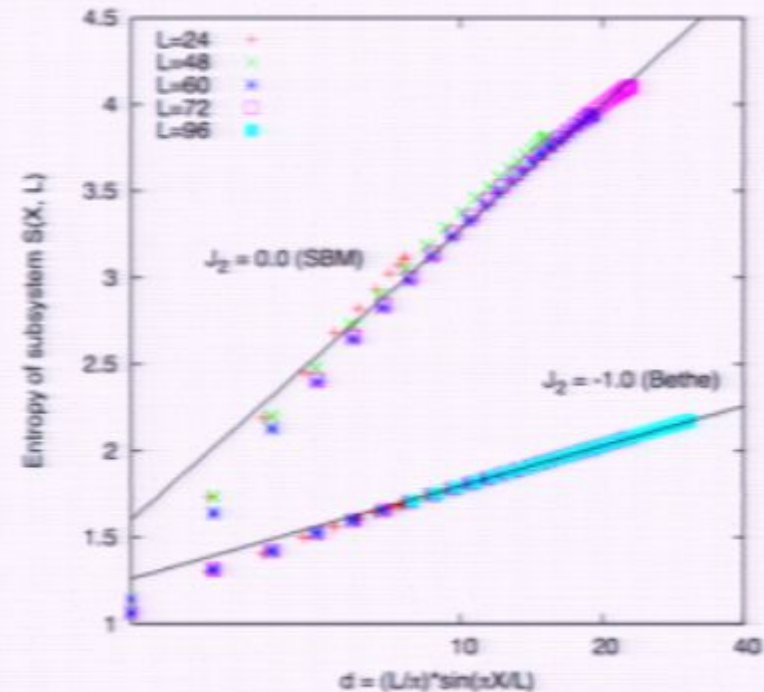
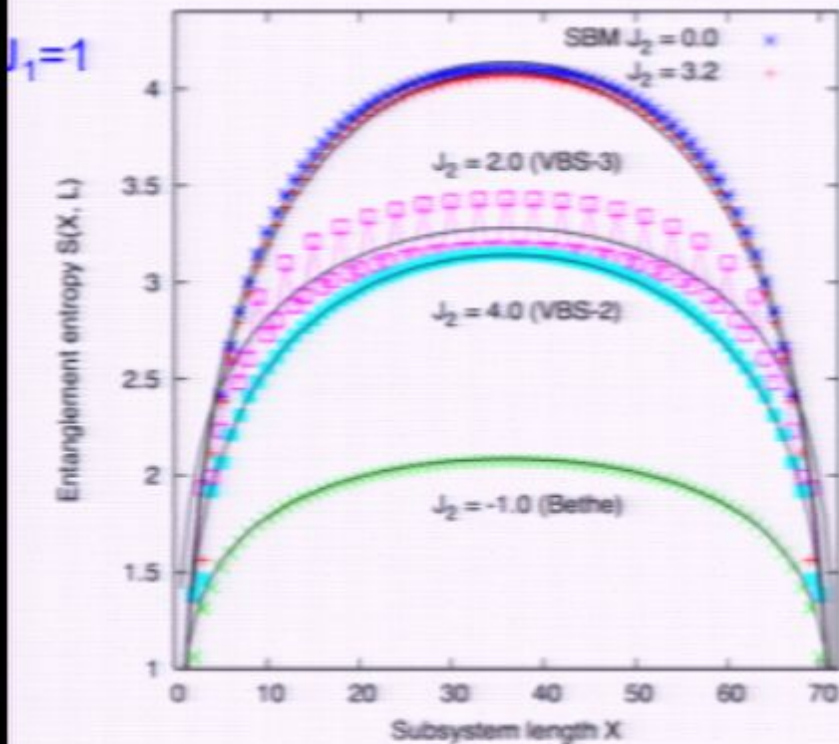
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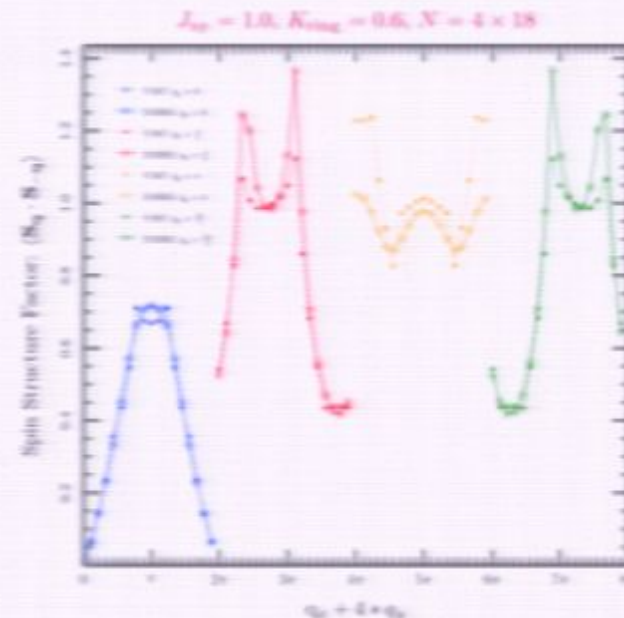
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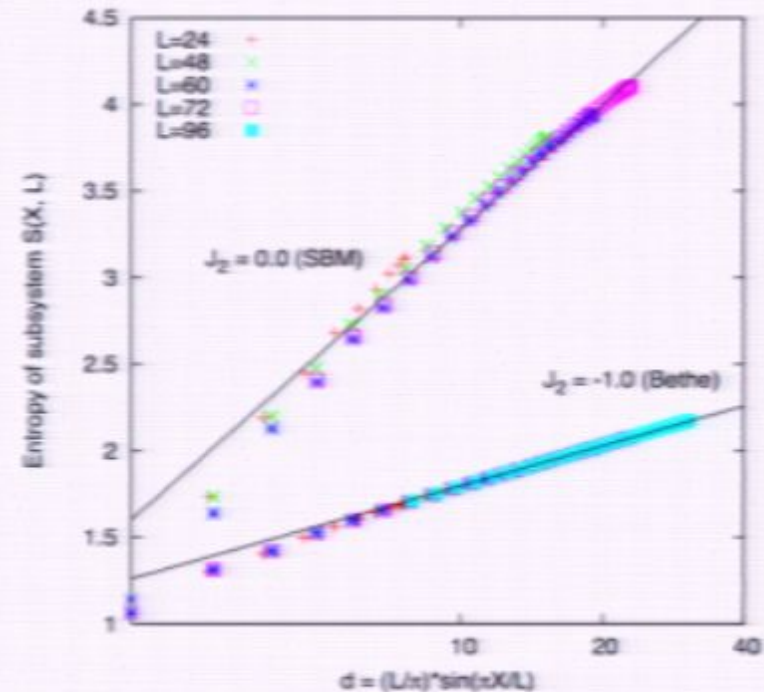
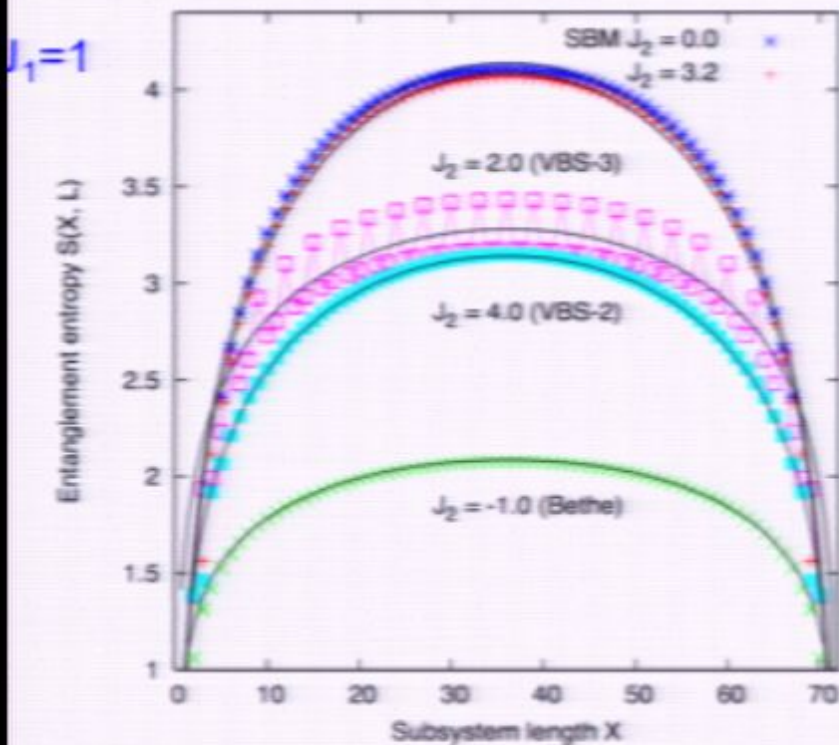
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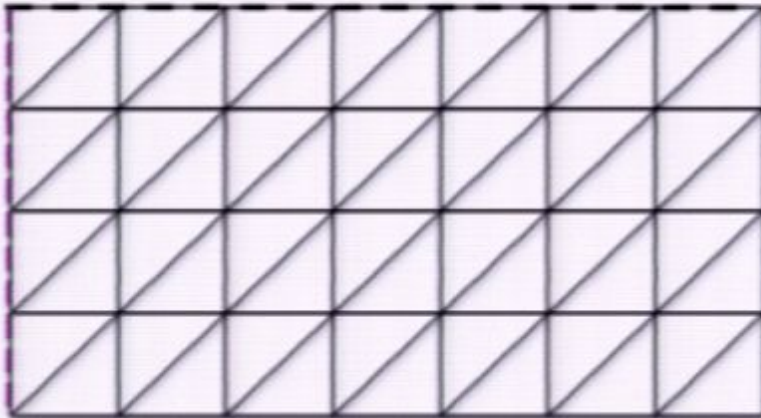
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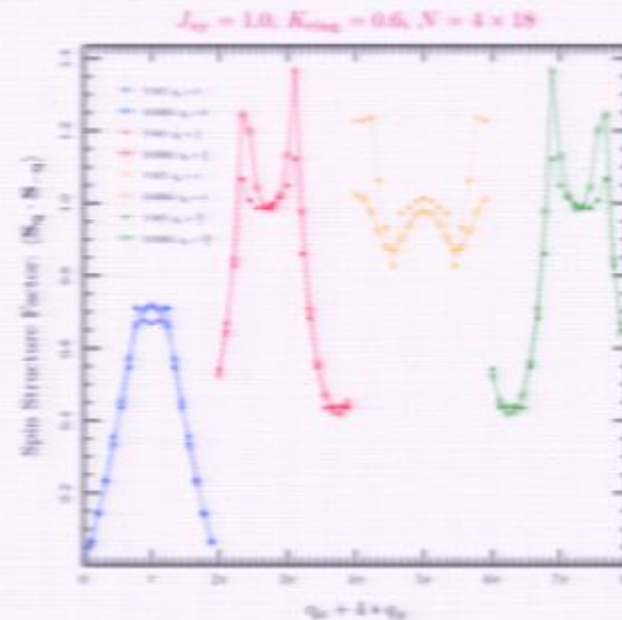
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For 2d Spin Bose-Metal expectation is that
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2d Spin Bose-Metal as entangled as a 2d Fermi liquid

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(lattice scale physics manifest in the IR)
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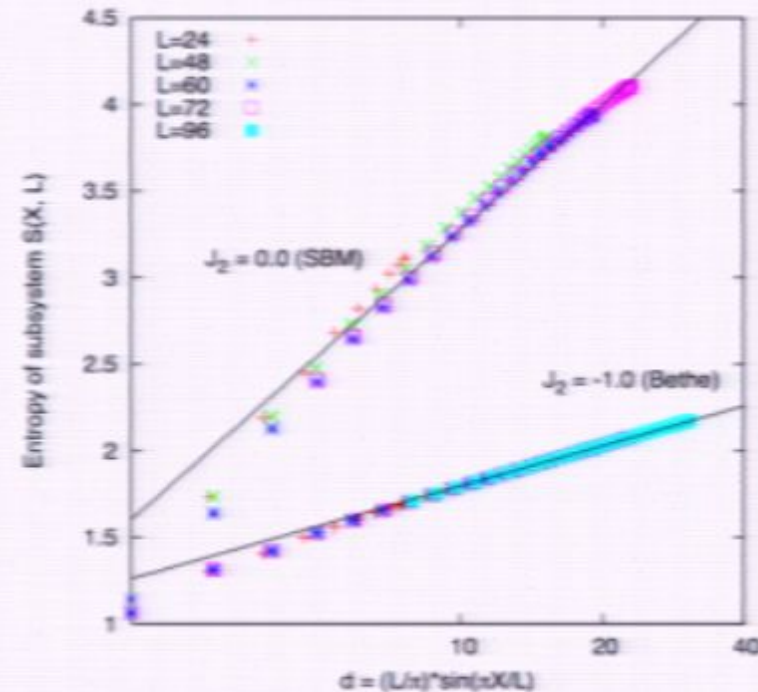
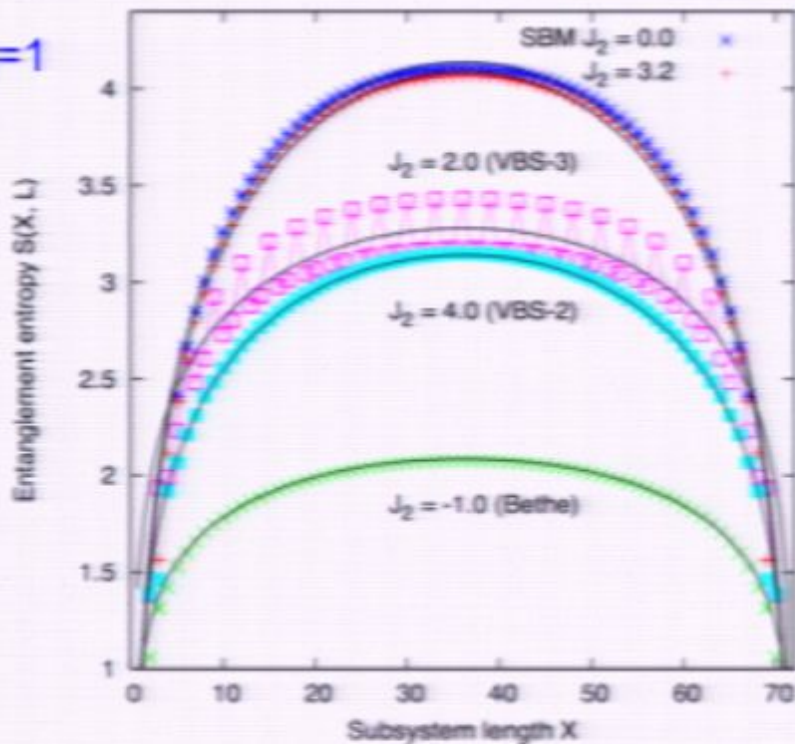
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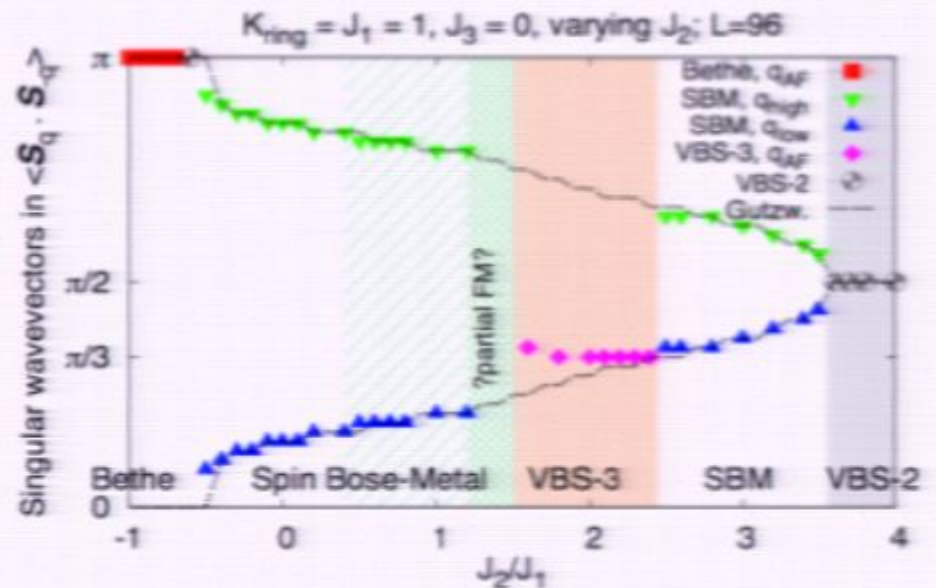
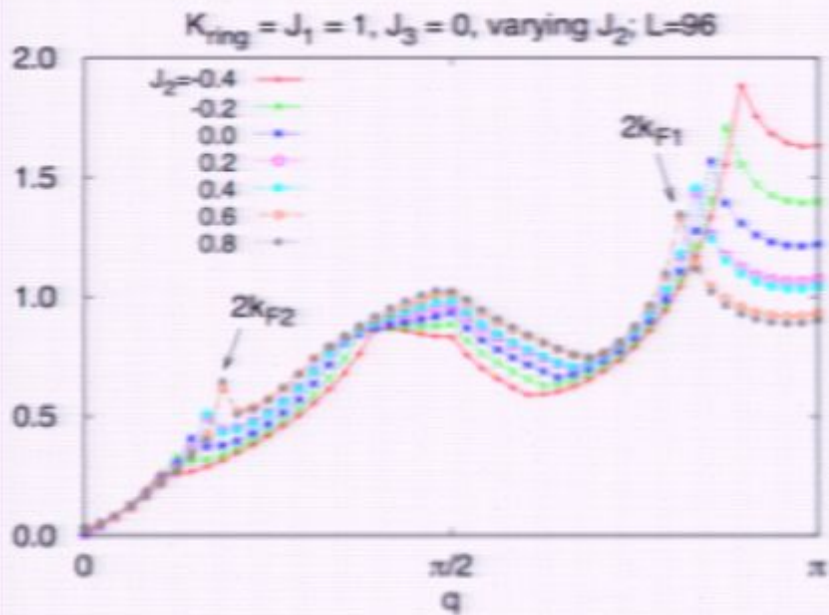
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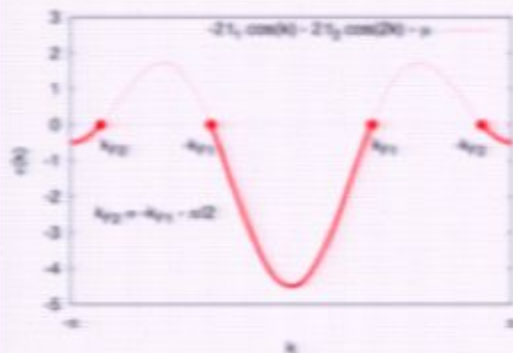
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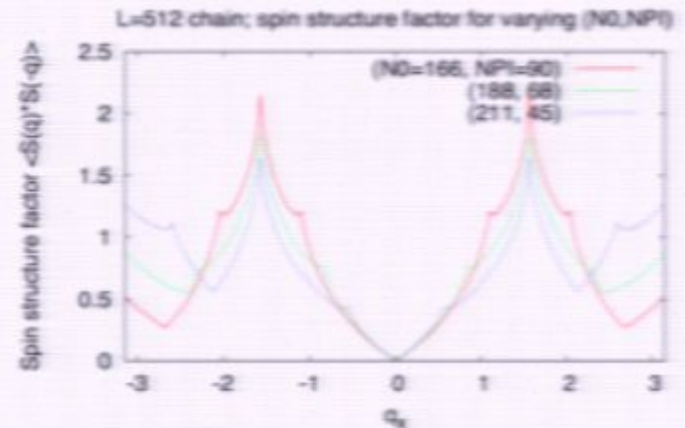


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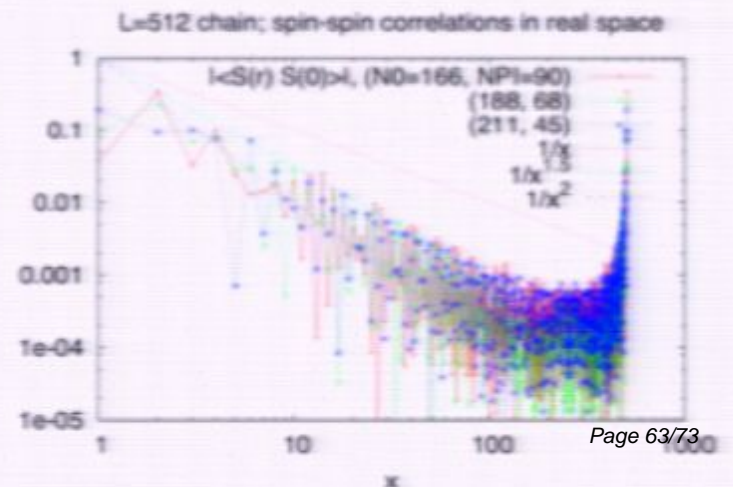
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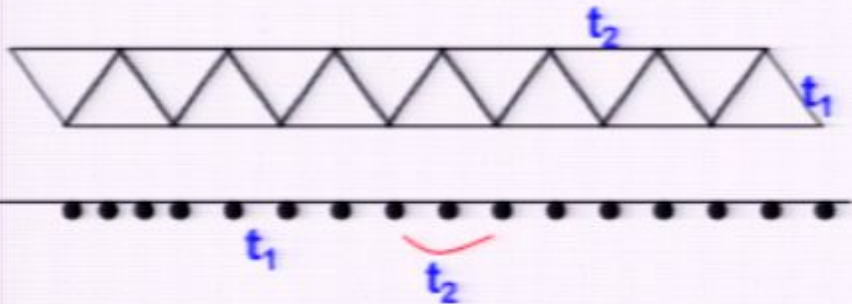
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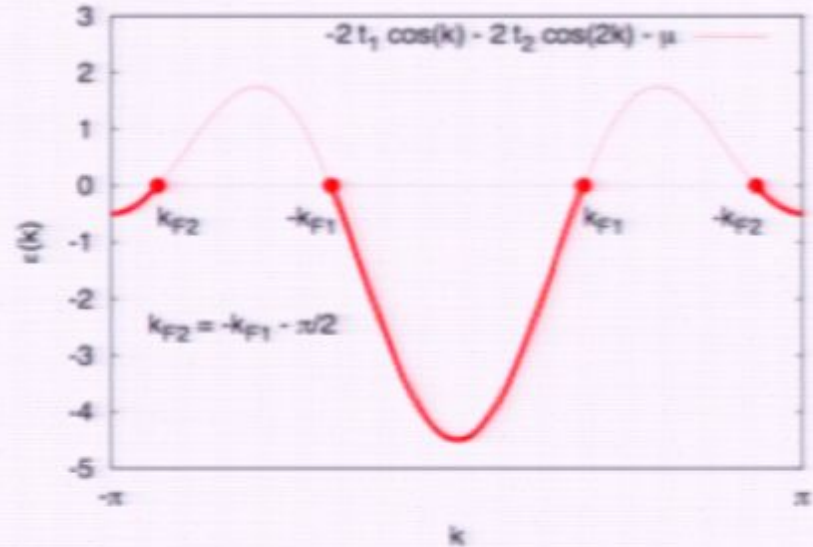
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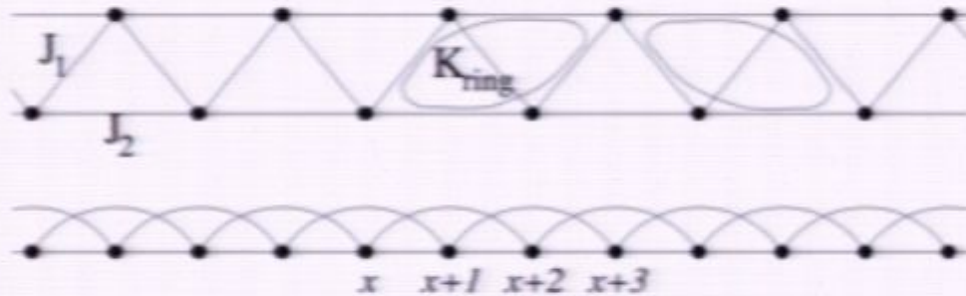


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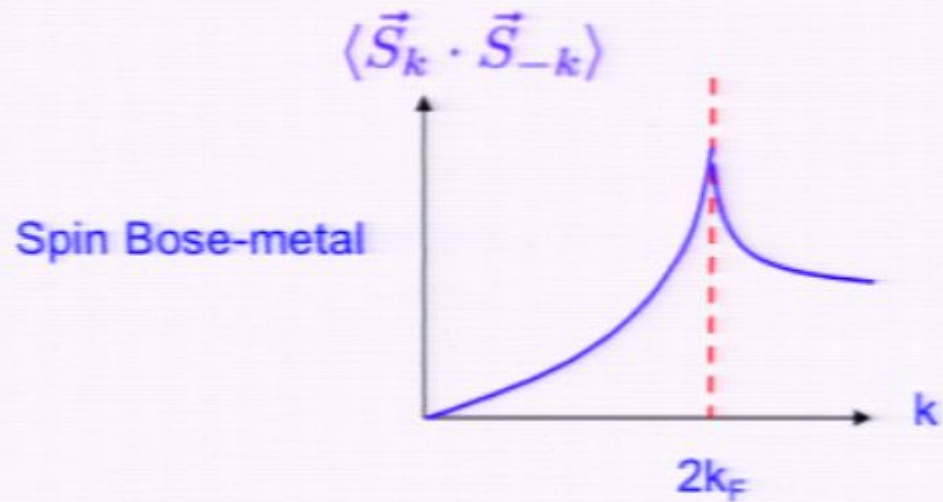
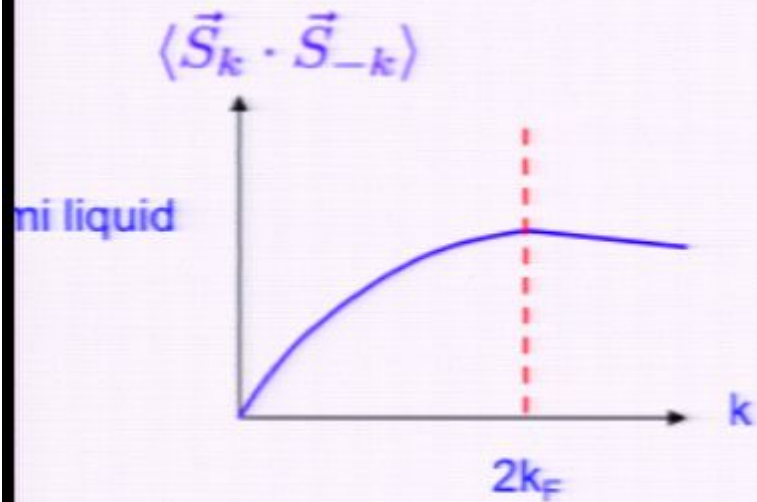
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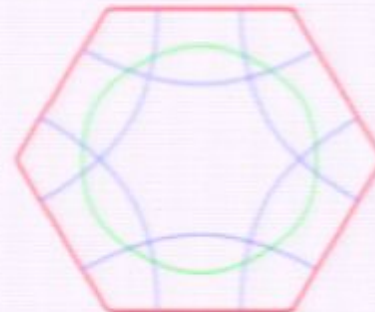
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$2k_F$ "Bose surface" in
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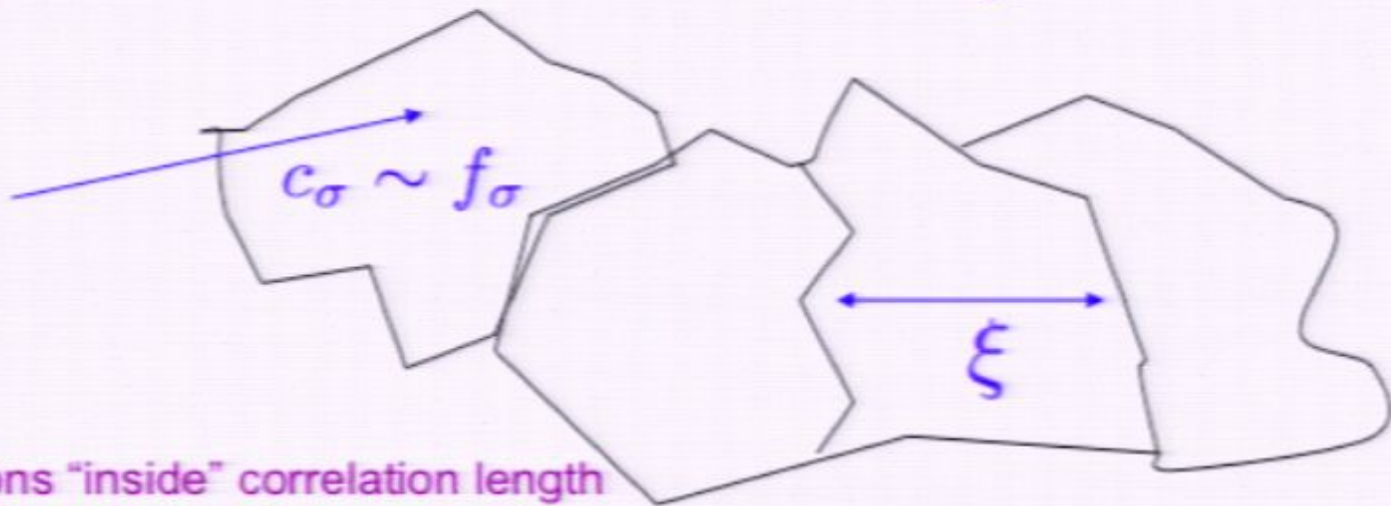
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Motrunich (2005)

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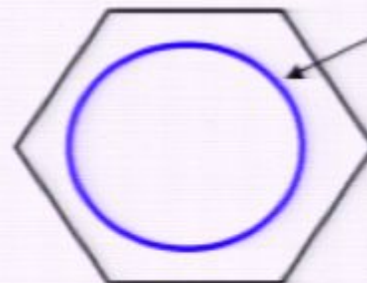


Spin correlations "inside" correlation length resemble spin correlations of free fermion metal, oscillating at $2k_F$

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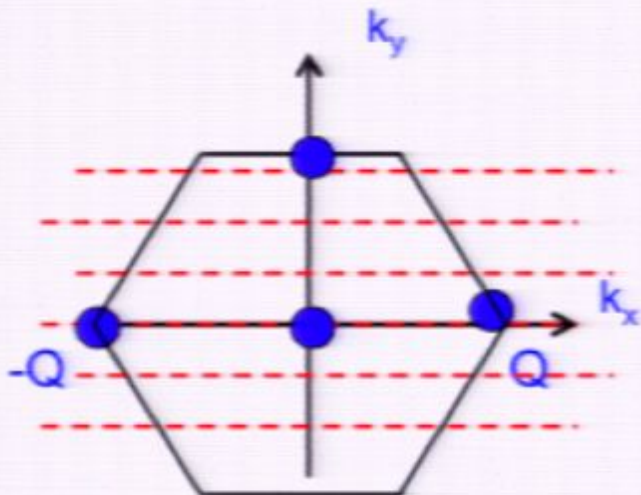
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Quasi-1d route to Spin Bose-Metal

Triangular strips:

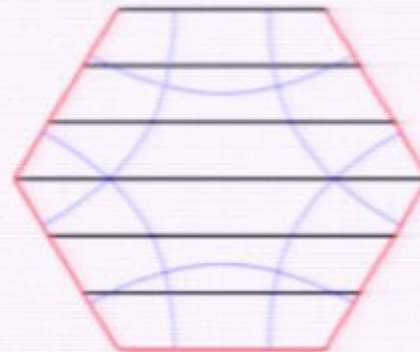


Algebraic Spin liquid



Few gapless 1d modes

Spin Bose-Metal

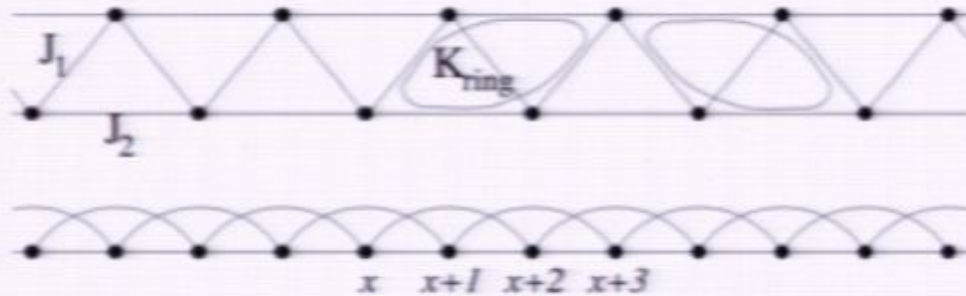


Fingerprint of 2d singular surface - many gapless 1d modes, of order N

***New spin liquid phases on quasi-1d strips,
each a descendent of a 2d Spin Bose-Metal***

2-leg zigzag strip

$$\mathcal{H}_\Delta = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + K \sum_{\langle 1234 \rangle} [\mathcal{P}_{1234} + \mathcal{P}_{1234}^{-1}]$$



Analysis of J_1 - J_2 - K model on zigzag strip

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Variational Monte Carlo of Gutzwiller wavefunctions

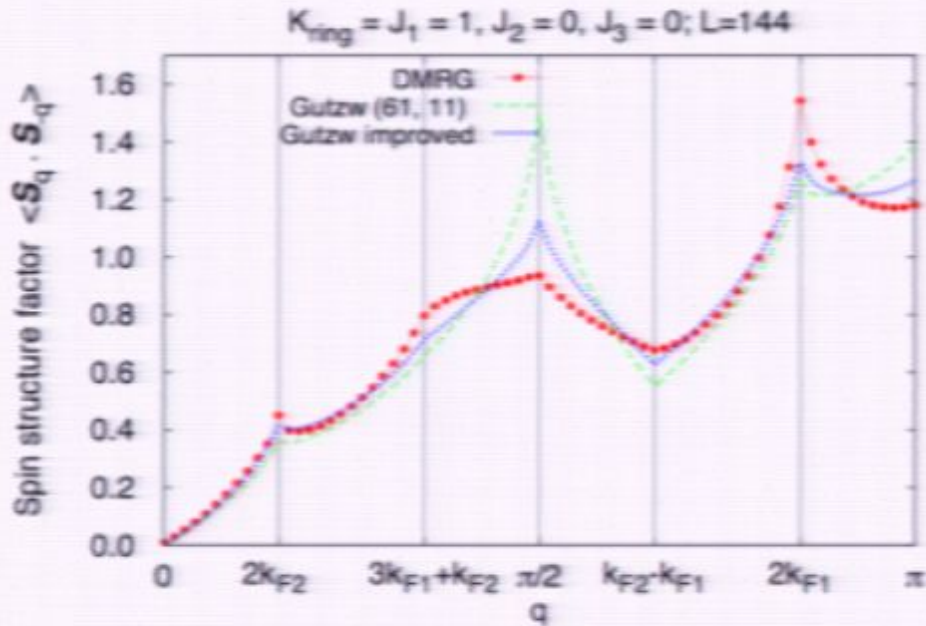
DMRG

Bosonization of gauge theory

Spin Bose-Metal: Spin Structure Factor

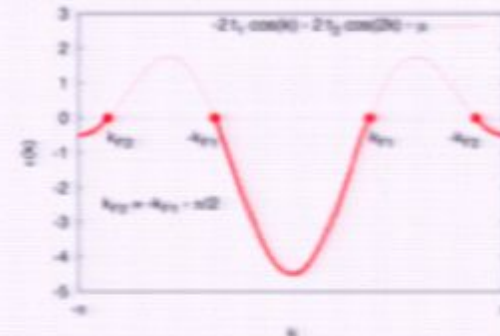
Singularities in momentum space locate the "Bose" surface (points in 1d)

$$\langle \vec{S}_k \cdot \vec{S}_{-k} \rangle$$



Gutzwiller improved has 2 variational parameters)

Angular momenta can be identified with $2k_{F1}, 2k_{F2}$ which enter into Gutzwiller wavefunction!

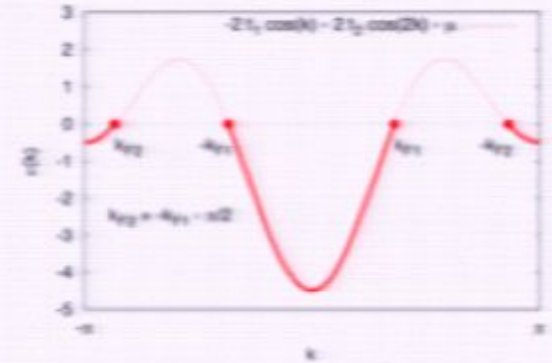


Entanglement in SBM? Quasi-1d Gauge Theory

size about two
points,
size and integrate
gauge field

$$f_\alpha(x) = \sum_{a,P} e^{iPk_{Fa}x} f_{Pa\alpha}$$

$$f_{Pa\alpha} \sim e^{i(\varphi_{a\alpha} + P\theta_{a\alpha})}$$



Fixed-point" theory of zigzag Spin Bose-Metal

$$\mathcal{L}_{sl} = \mathcal{L}_\sigma + \mathcal{L}_\chi$$

Two gapless spin modes

$$\mathcal{L}_\sigma = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{a=1,2} \left[\frac{1}{v_a} (\partial_\tau \theta_{a\sigma})^2 + v_a (\partial_x \theta_{a\sigma})^2 \right]$$

Gapless spin-chirality mode

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = \frac{1}{2\pi g} \left[\frac{1}{v} (\partial_\tau \theta_\chi)^2 + v (\partial_x \theta_\chi)^2 \right]$$

$$\chi = \vec{S}_{x-1} \cdot [\vec{S}_x \times \vec{S}_{x+1}] \quad \chi \sim \partial_x \varphi_\chi$$

emergent global symmetries: SU(2)xSU(2) and U(1) Spin chirality

3 Gapless Boson modes – central charge c=3