

Title: Spin Liquid and Topological Insulator in Frustrated Magnets

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Abstract: Recently several proposals are made for possible spin liquid and topological insulator phases in frustrated magnets. I will review some of these efforts and present some new results. Implications to real materials will also be made.

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3. $\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$: 3D Spin Liquid

☆ Topological Insulator

1. Theory of Topological Band Insulator

2. Towards Topological Mott Insulator

3. $\text{A}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$: 3D Topological Insulator

Prelude: Frustrated Magnets

Mott Insulators

Hubbard Model

$$H = \sum_{ij,\alpha} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i (n_i - \bar{n})^2$$



Insulators with an odd number of electrons per unit cell

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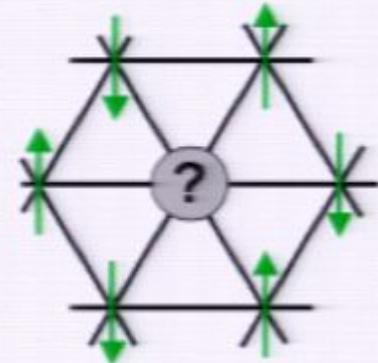
$$U/t \gg 1$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

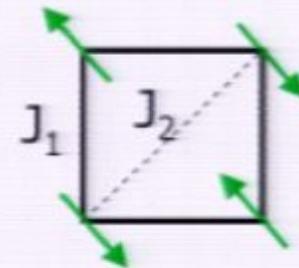
$$J \sim t^2/U$$

Geometric Frustration

The arrangement of spins on a lattice precludes (fully) satisfying all interactions at the same time



Large degeneracy of the (classical) ground state manifold $\sim e^{\alpha N}$



Consequence:

No energy scale of its own; **any perturbation is strong**

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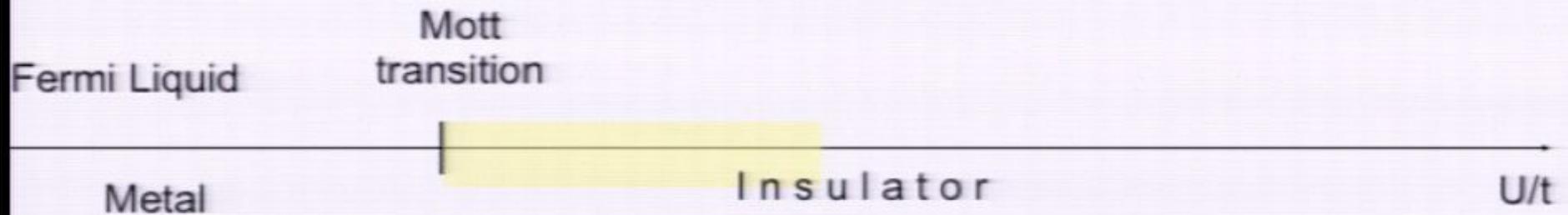
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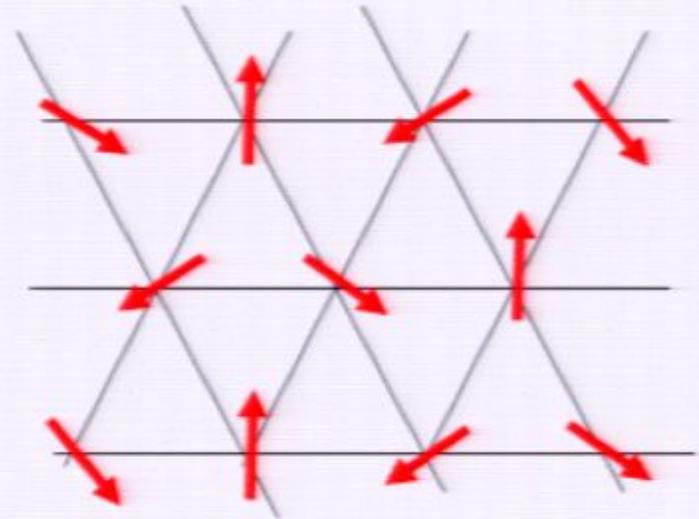
Virtual charge fluctuations are important !

Importance of charge fluctuations

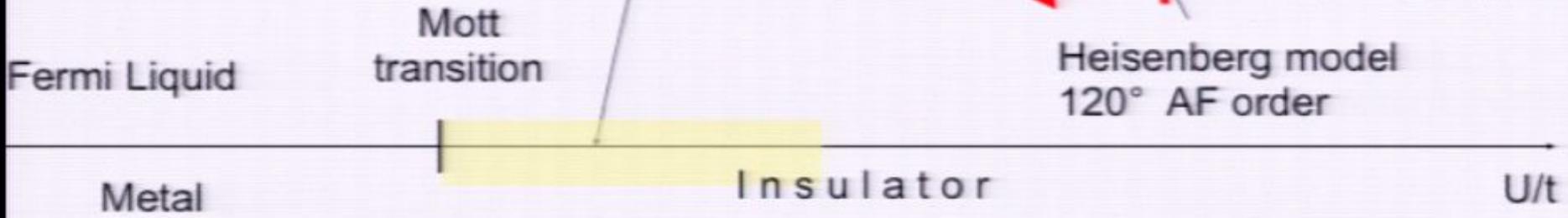


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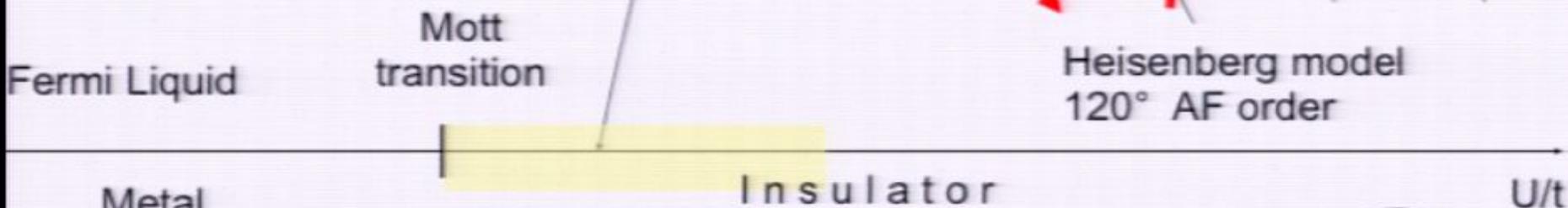
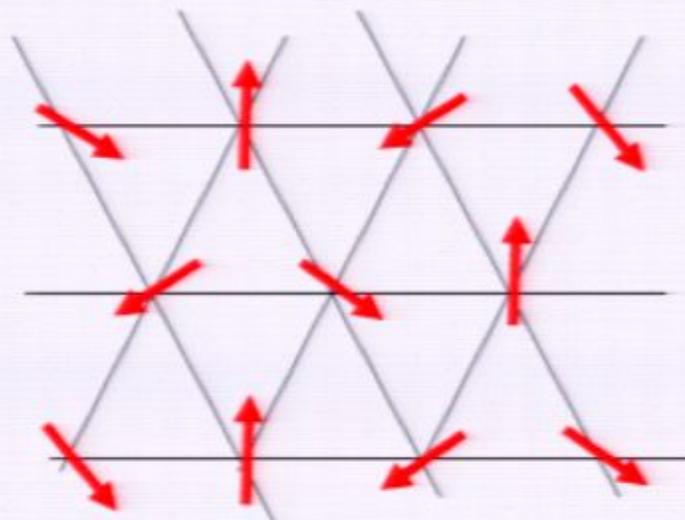


Heisenberg model
120° AF order

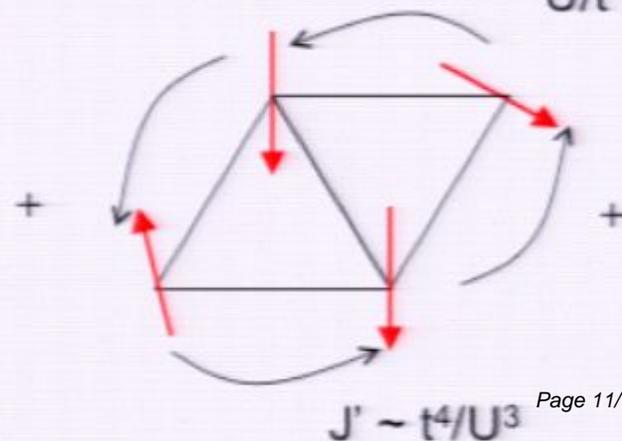
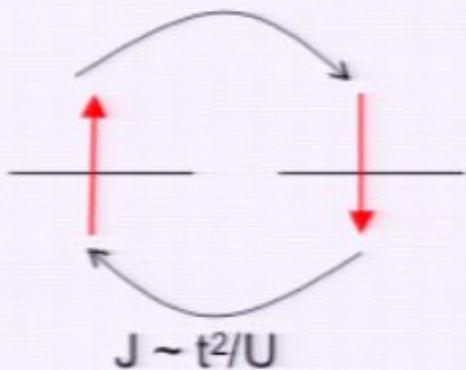


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Yada (2003)
 Motrunich (2005)
 S. Lee and P. A. Lee (2005)

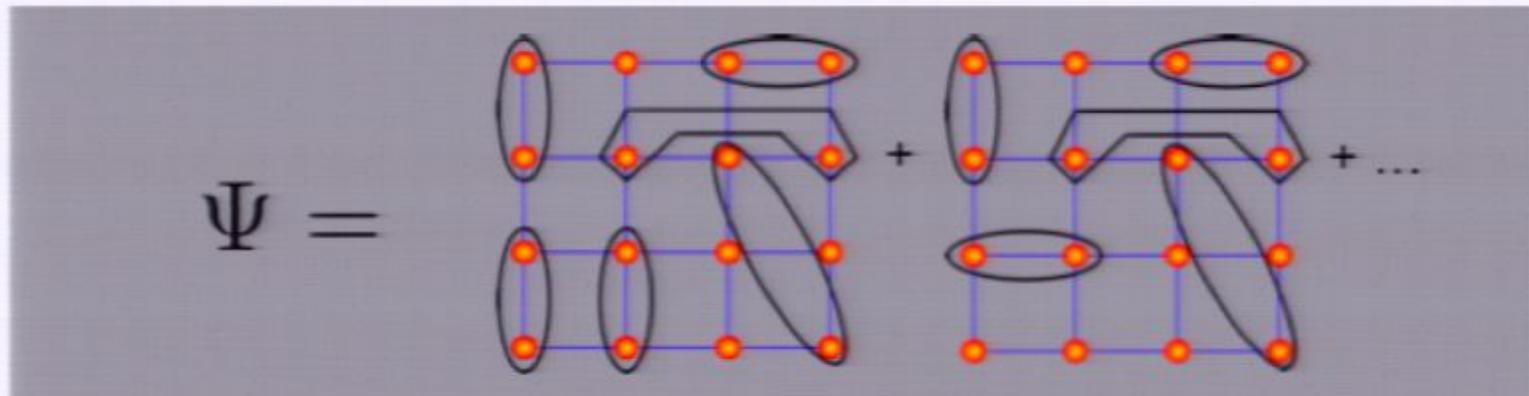


Ultimate Frustration

Disorder by Disorder: “Strong” Quantum Fluctuations

Novel Quantum State at $T=0$ without
a broken symmetry - Quantum Spin Liquid

P. W. Anderson
73, 87



$$\text{[Diagram of a pair of atoms with a blue bond and a black oval]} = |\text{VB}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

Superposition of valence bond configurations

Quantum Spin Liquid

Slave Particle Approach

Fermionic representation of the spin operator

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Slave Particle Approach

Projected Wave Function Approach

$$\Psi = P_G \Psi_{MF}$$

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✓ When $\Delta_{ij} = 0$ $H_{\text{eff}} = J \sum_{ij} |\chi_{ij}| e^{ia_{ij}} f_{i\alpha}^\dagger f_{j\alpha}$ is U(1) gauge invariant

$$f_{i\alpha} \rightarrow e^{i\theta_i} f_{i\alpha} \quad a_{ij} \rightarrow a_{ij} + \theta_i - \theta_j$$

The resulting theory is a U(1) gauge theory with fermionic spinons

U(1) Spin Liquid

✓ When $\Delta_{ij} \neq 0$ Only $a_{ij} = 0, \pi$ is allowed: Z2 gauge theory

Z2 Spin Liquid

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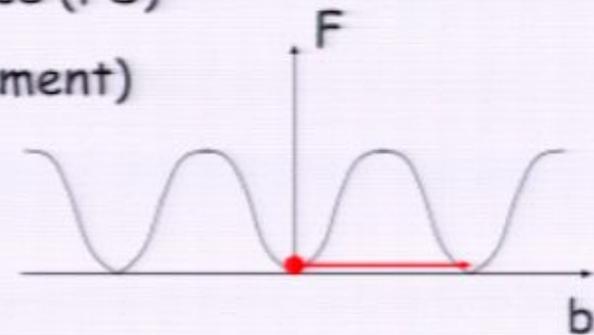
Unpaired spinons - gapped, Dirac or Fermi surface (FS)

Spinons must be gapless in $d=2$ (to avoid confinement)

$$\mathcal{L} \sim e^2 + \cos(\nabla \times \mathbf{a})$$

Strongly-coupled gauge theory:

FS in $d=2$: S. S. Lee, M. Metlitski, S. Sachdev,
J. McGreevy, H. Liu, T. Senthil



✓ Z2 Spin Liquid

Paired spinons

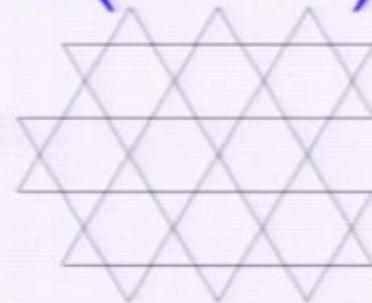
$T > 0$ Ising transition in $d=3$

Race for Spin Liquid

Search for Quantum Spin Liquid ($S=1/2$)

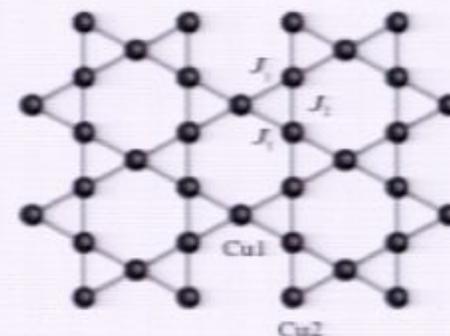
Herbertsmithite “Ideal” Kagome lattice

$\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$ D. G. Nocera, Y. S. Lee



Volborthite Distorted Kagome lattice

$\text{Cu}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Z. Hiori



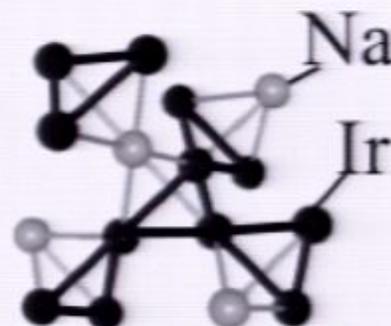
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Triangular Lattice;
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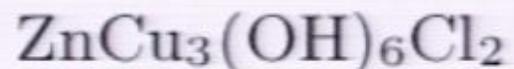
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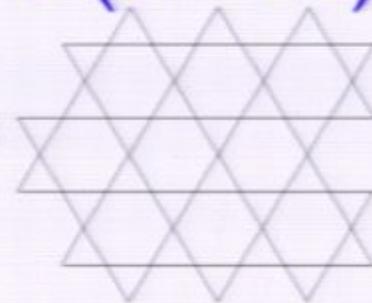


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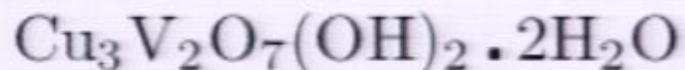
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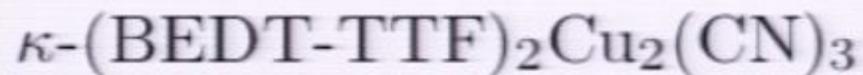
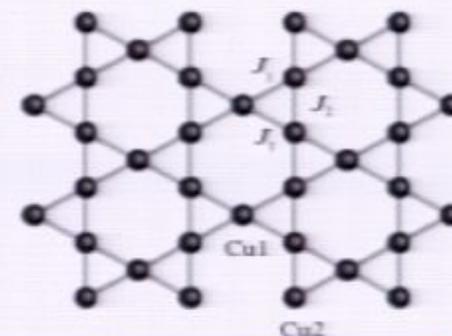
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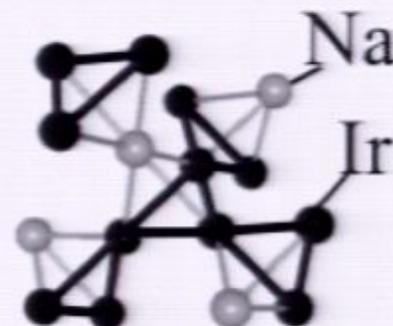


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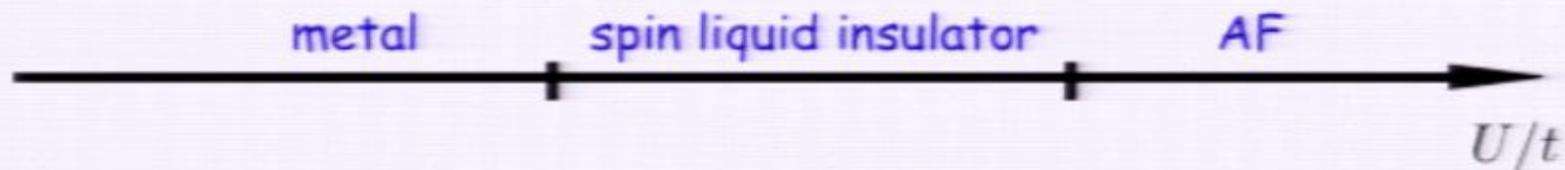


Weak Mott Insulator

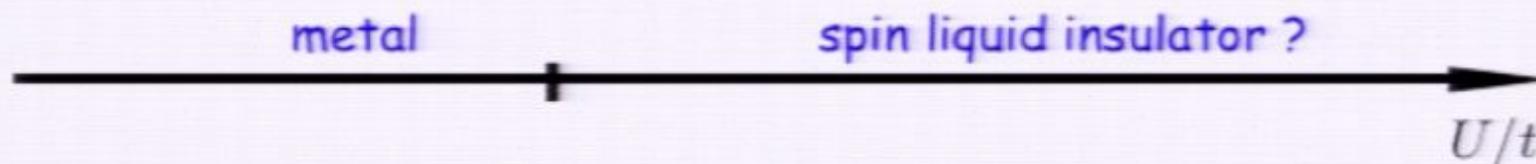
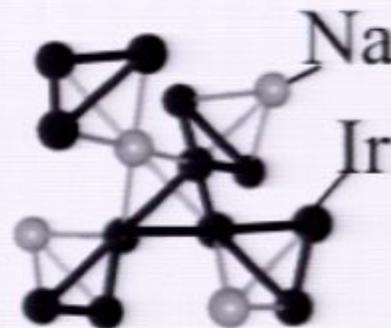


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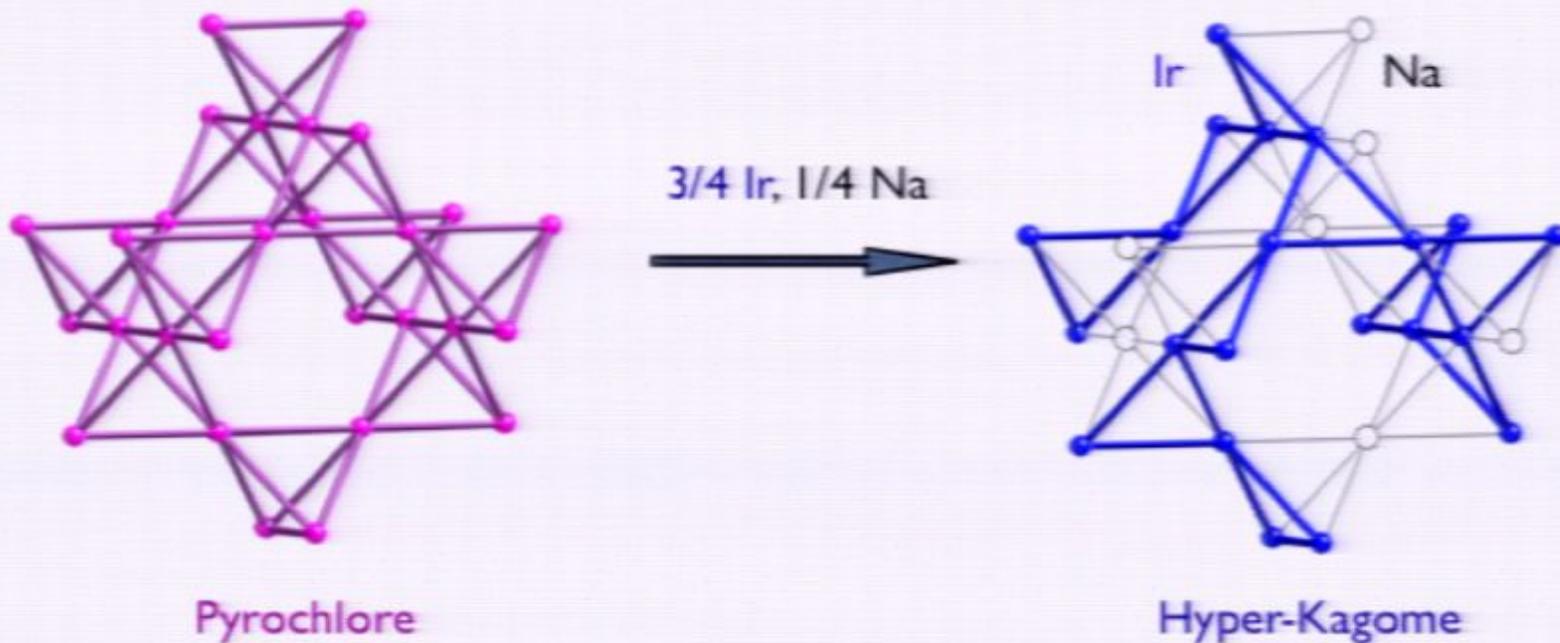
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Hyper-Kagome Lattice: $\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$

Three-dimensional Frustrated Magnet

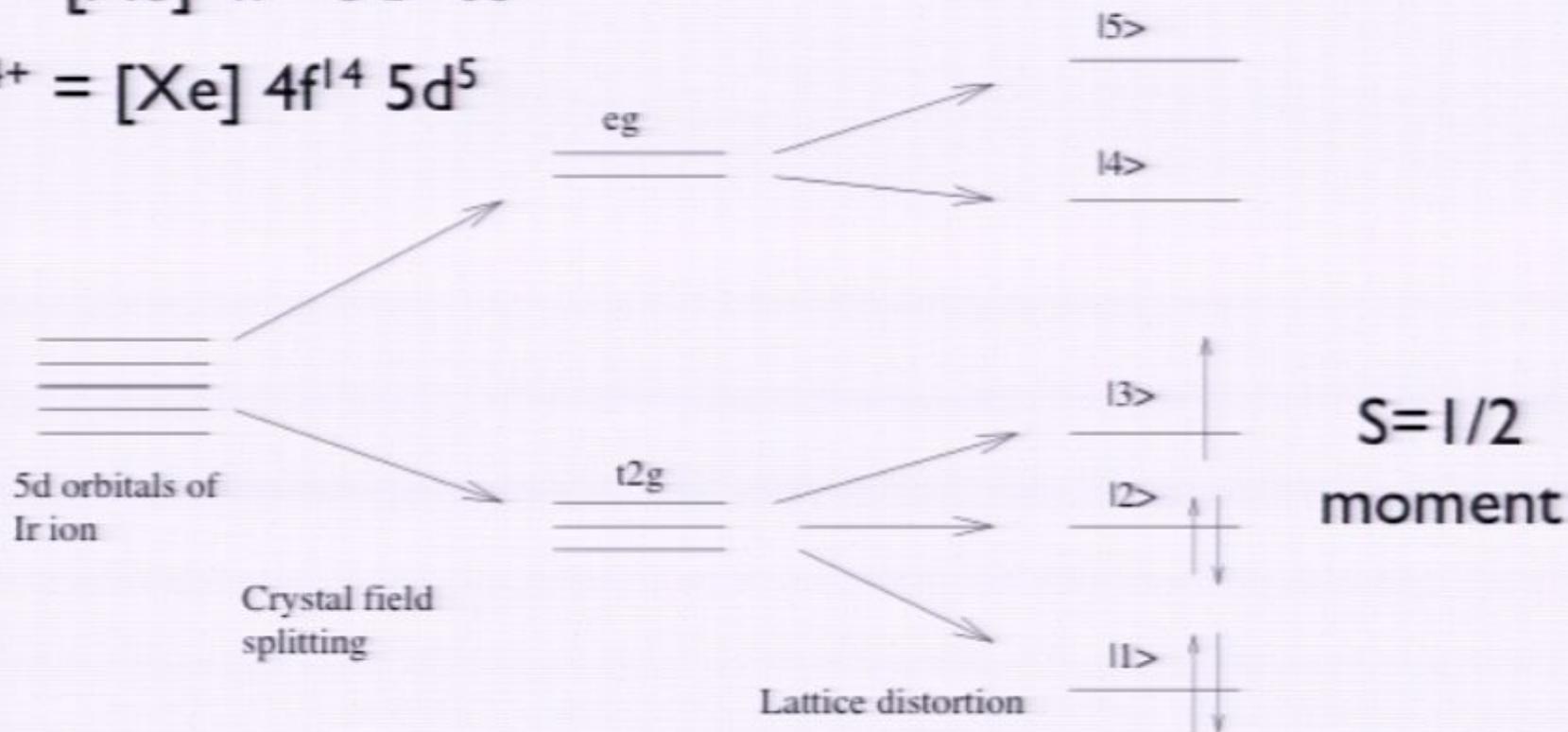
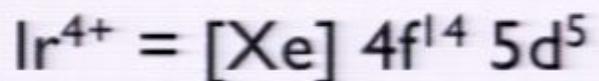
$\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$ has a Hyper-Kagome sublattice of Ir ions



$\text{Ir}^{4+} (5d^5)$ carries “ $S=1/2$ ” moment ?

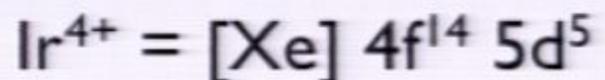
Y. Okamoto, M. Nohara, H. Agura-Katrori, and H. Takagi, PRL 99, 137207 (2007)

Small spin-orbit coupling limit



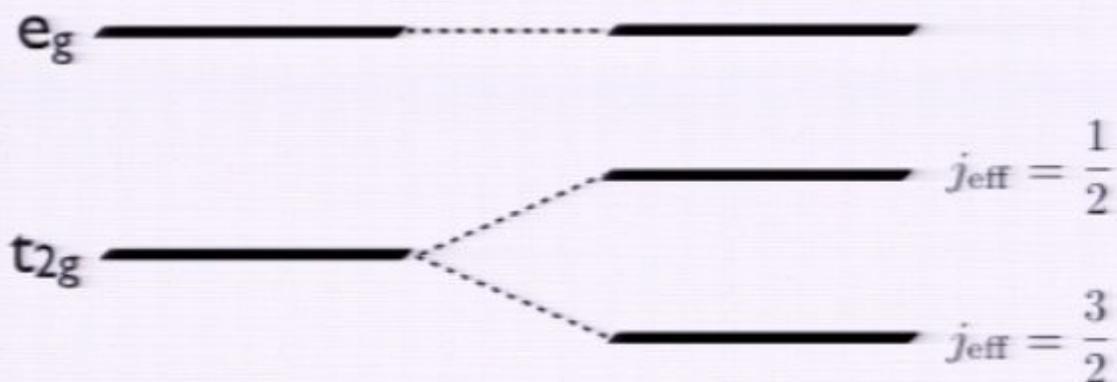
Without Spin-Orbit Coupling

5d orbitals of Ir⁴⁺: large spin-orbit coupling



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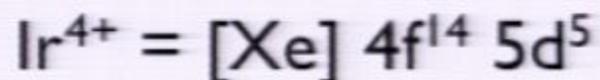
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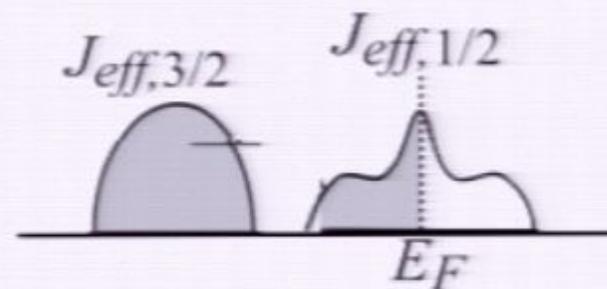
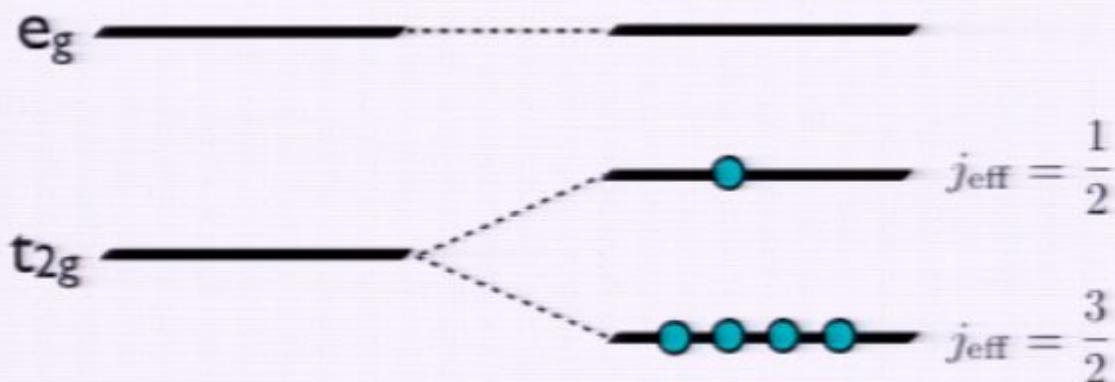
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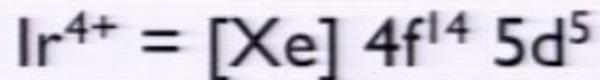
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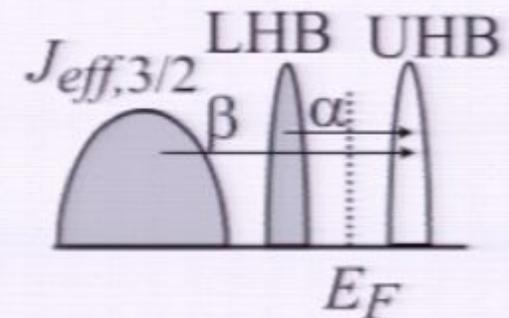
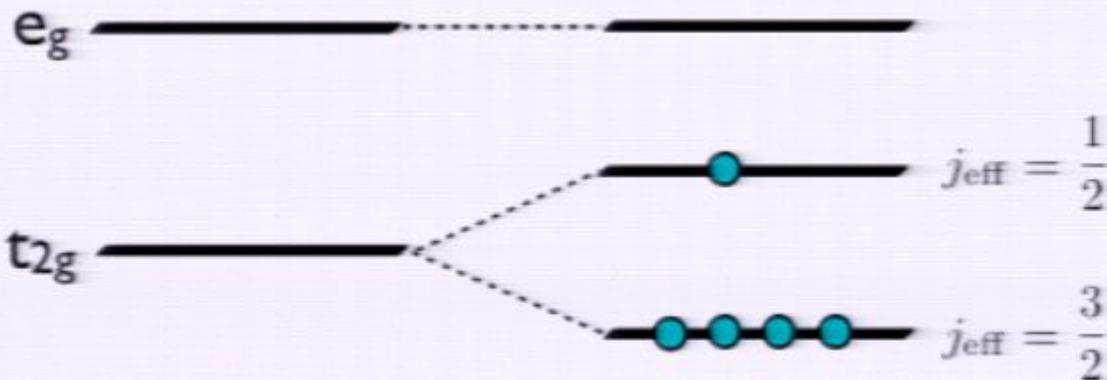
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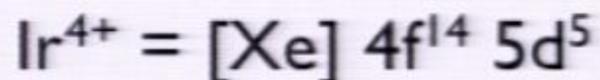
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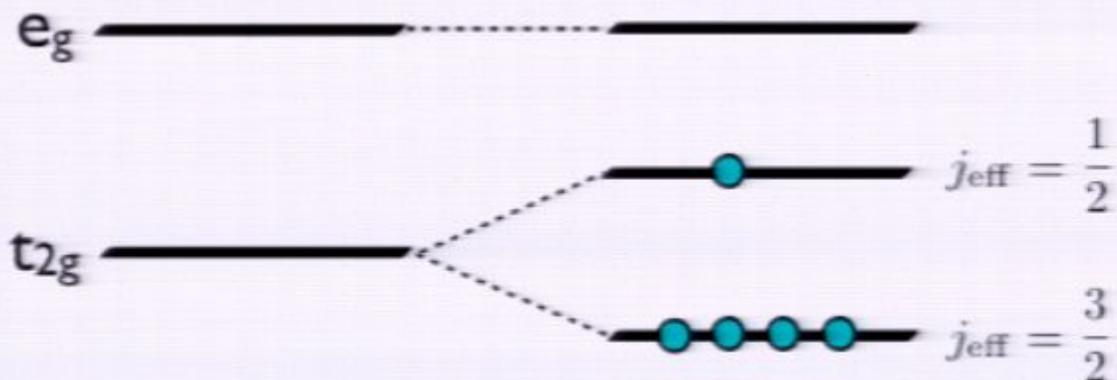
Half-filled $j_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}$ band

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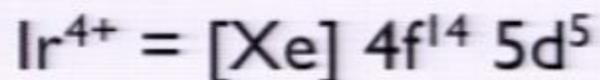
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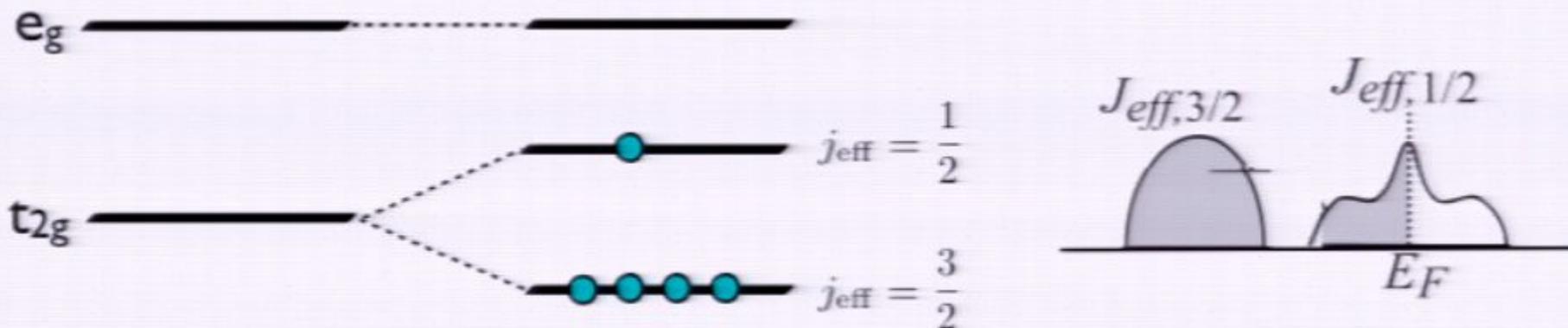
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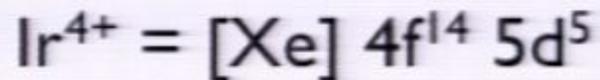
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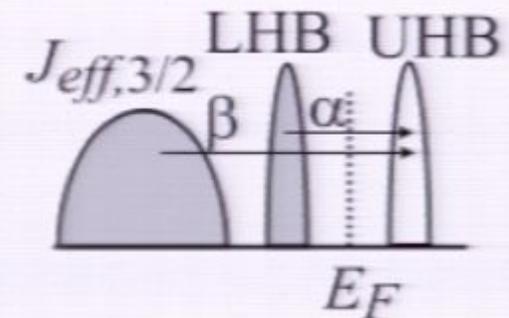
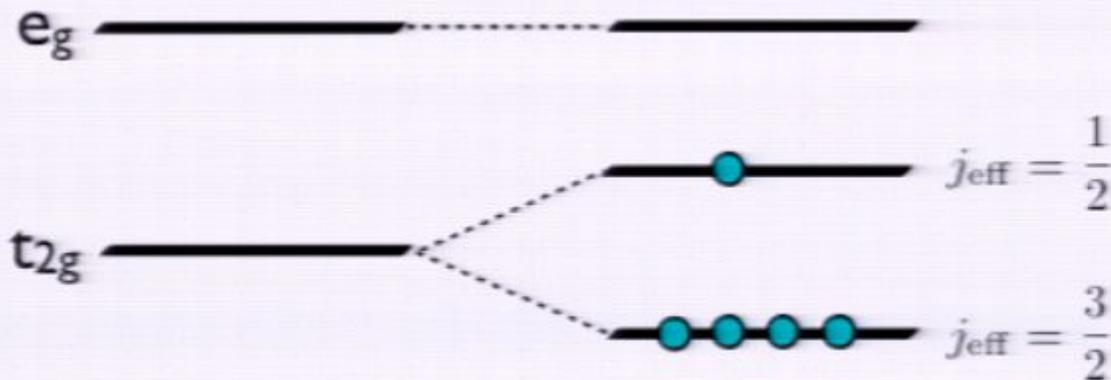
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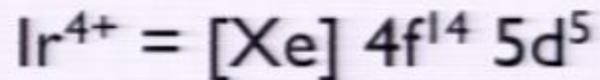
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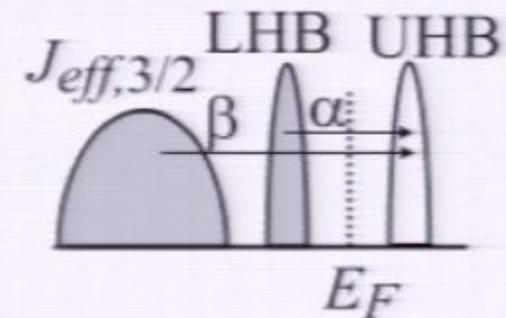
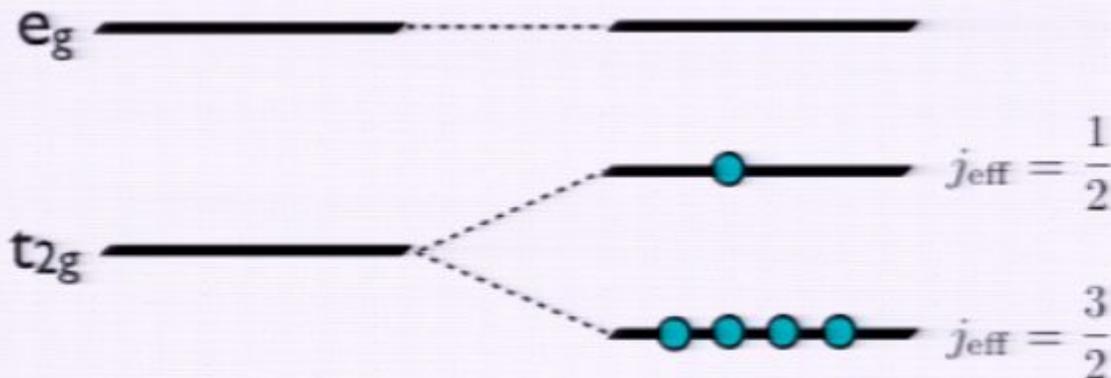
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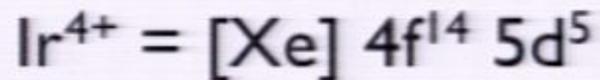
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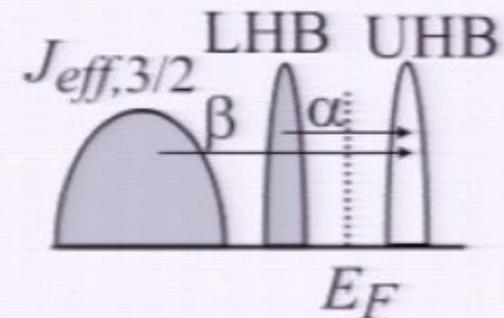
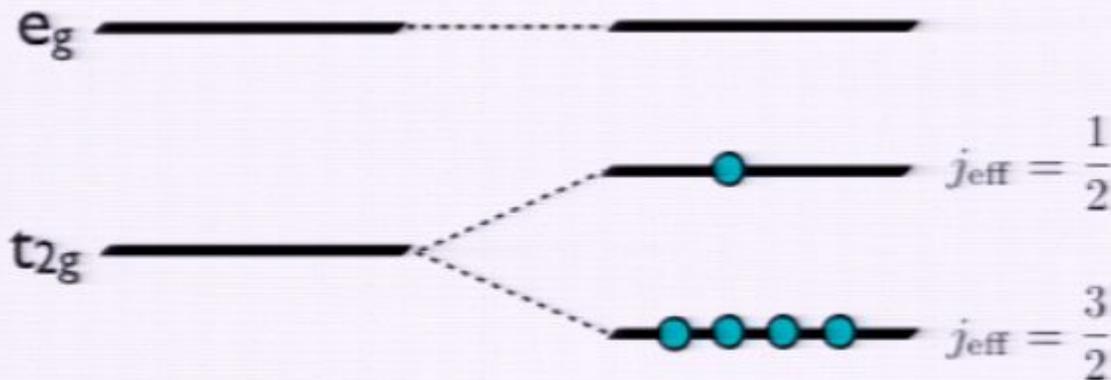
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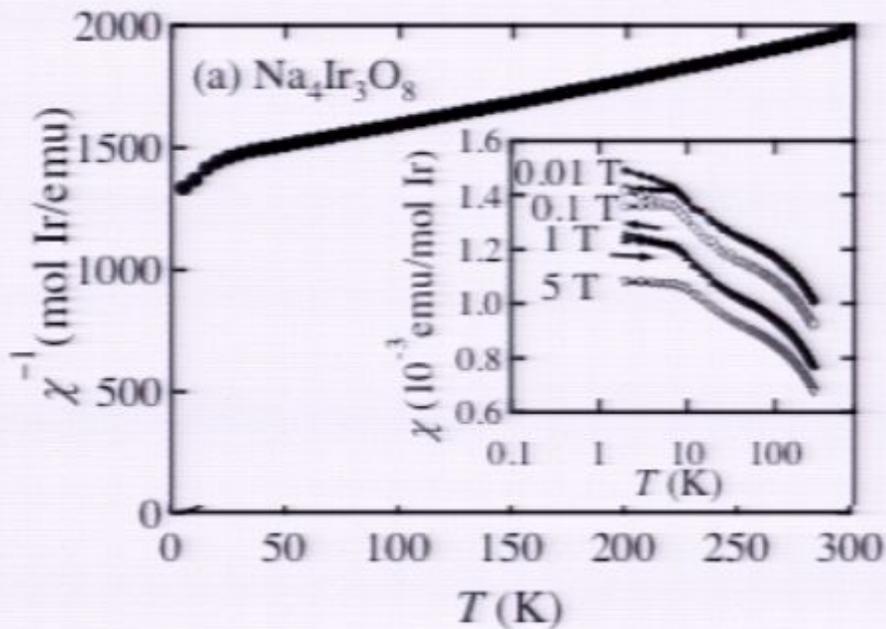


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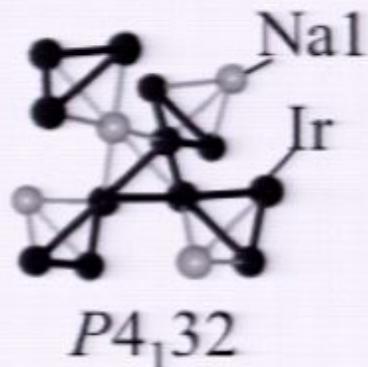


Curie-Weiss fit

$$\Theta_{CW} = -650K$$

No magnetic ordering

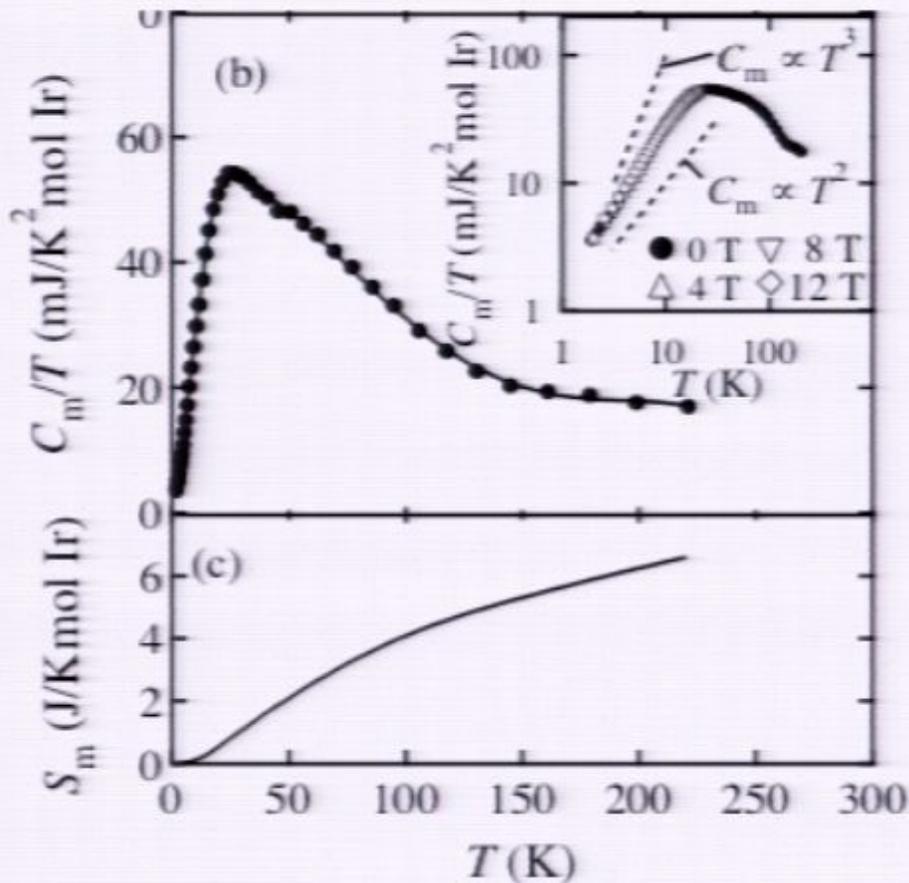
down to $|\Theta_{CW}|/300$



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Specific Heat; Low Energy Excitations ?

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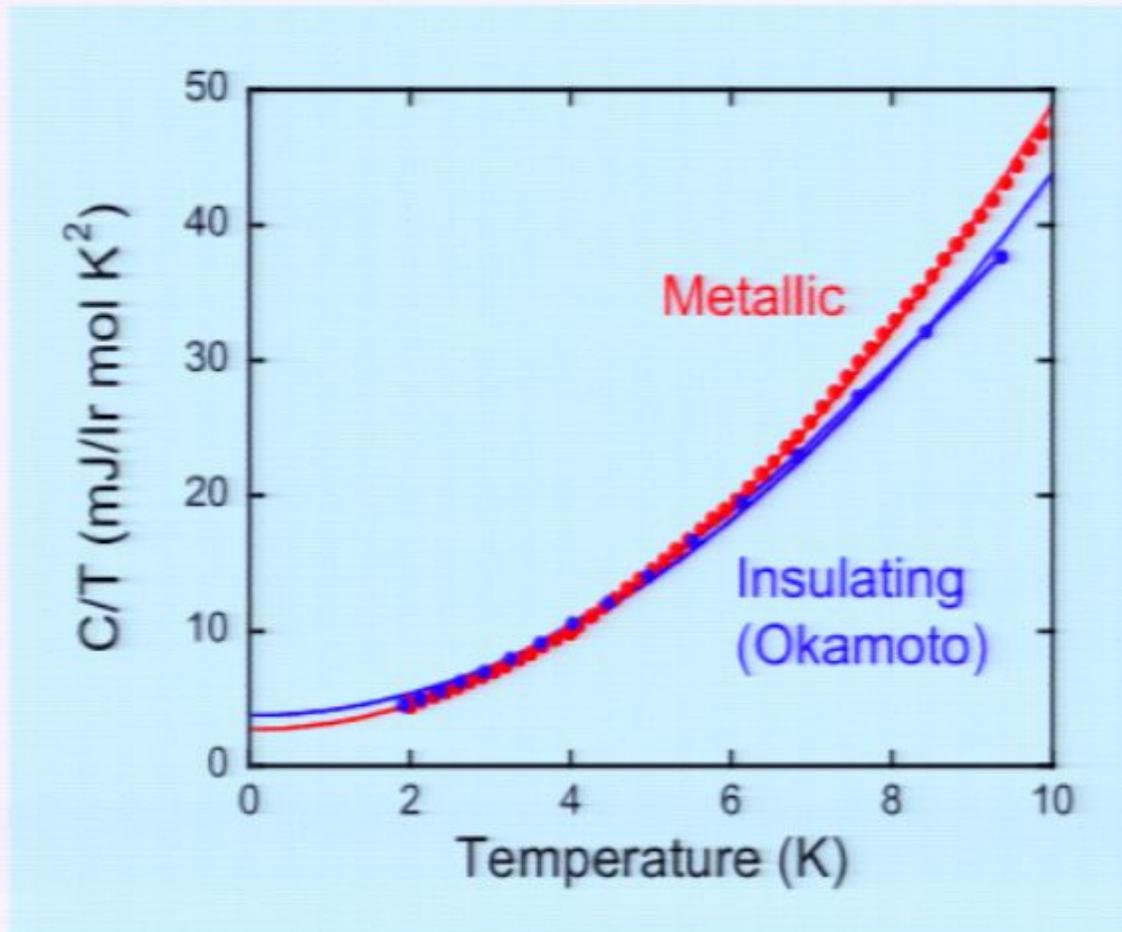


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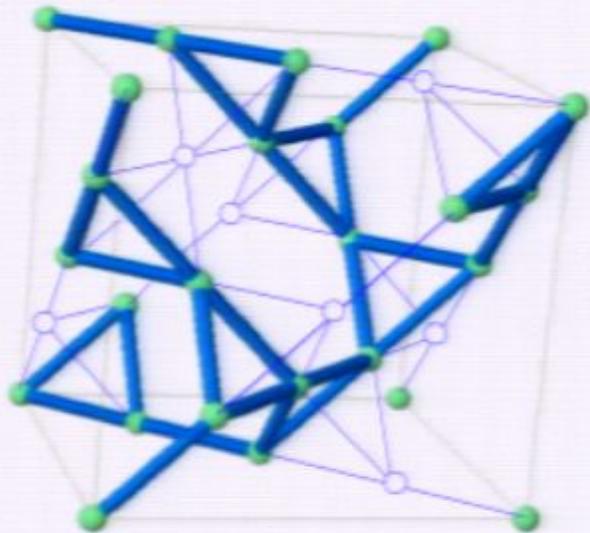
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Gapless Excitations
in an Insulator ?

Is the $T=0$ Ground State a Spin Liquid ?



Xiao-Gang's Notebook in 2020 ...



$$= (N_{ijk}, F_{klm, \chi\delta}^{ijm, \alpha\beta}, P_i^{kj, \alpha\beta})$$

Theory of Spin Liquid with Gapless Fermionic Spinons

Mean field theory + Projection $\chi_{ij} = \langle f_{i\alpha}^\dagger f_{j\alpha} \rangle$ $\Delta_{ij} = \langle \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} f_{i\alpha} f_{j\beta} \rangle$

the lowest energy state has uniform χ_{ij} and $\Delta_{ij} = 0$

The ground state energy after projection = - 0.41 J per site
c.f. exact diagonalization on 12-site cluster = - 0.42 J per site

The resulting spin liquid has a “spinon fermi surface”

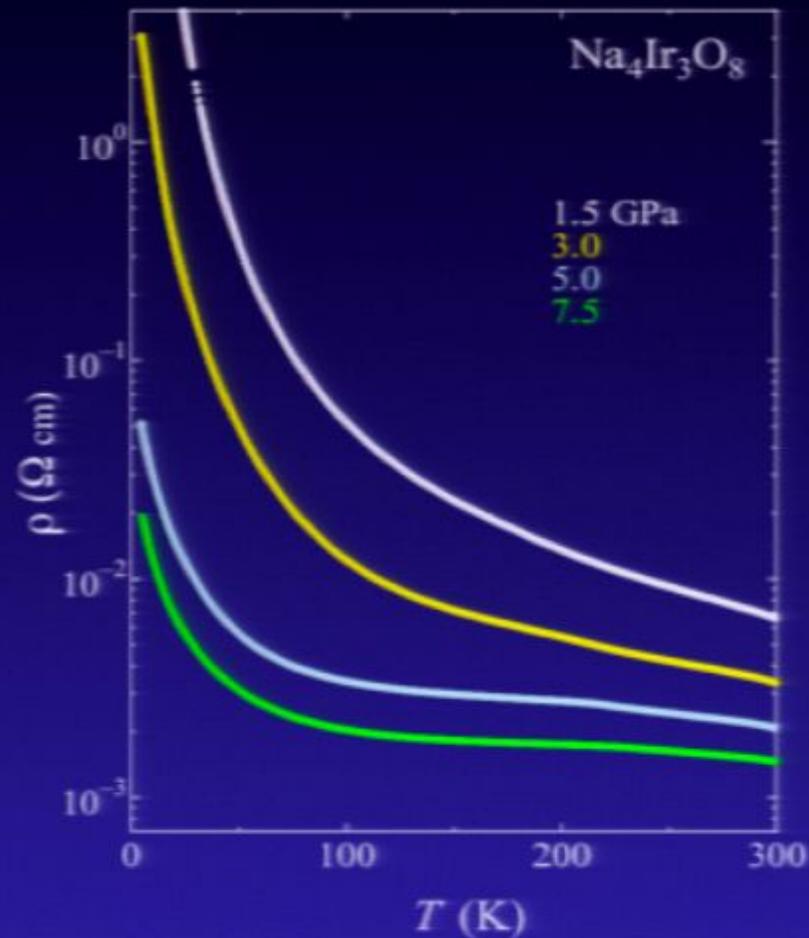
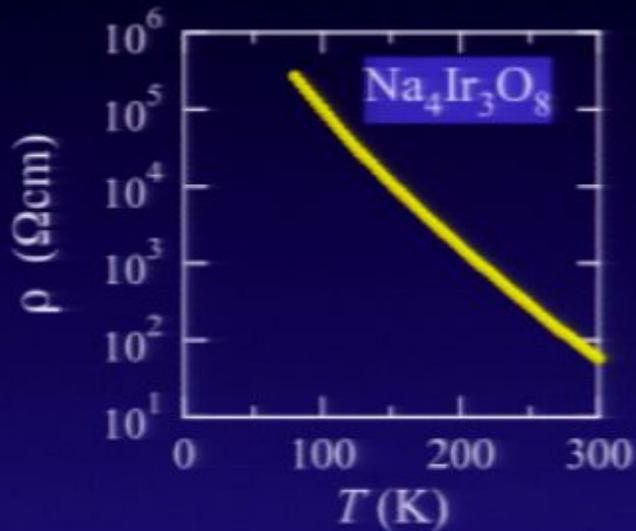
(Electron-like and Hole-like Pockets)

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M. J. Lawler, A. Paramekanti, Y. B. Kim and L. Balents, PRL 101, 197202 (2008)

Weak Motttness

Itinerancy and stabilization of spin liquid



ρ decreases rapidly
with pressure
almost metallic
indicative of proximity
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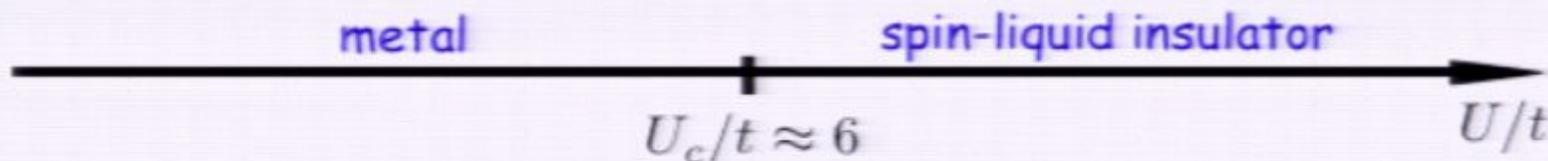
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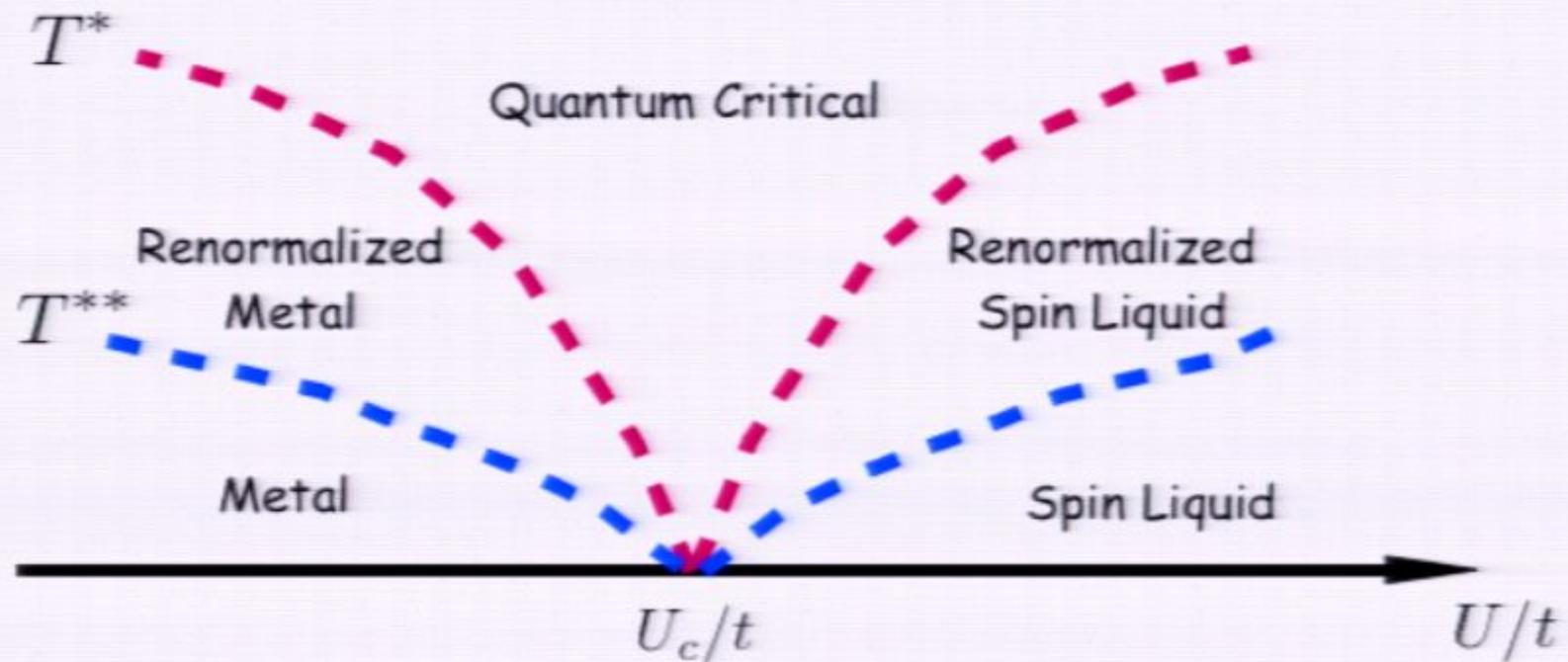
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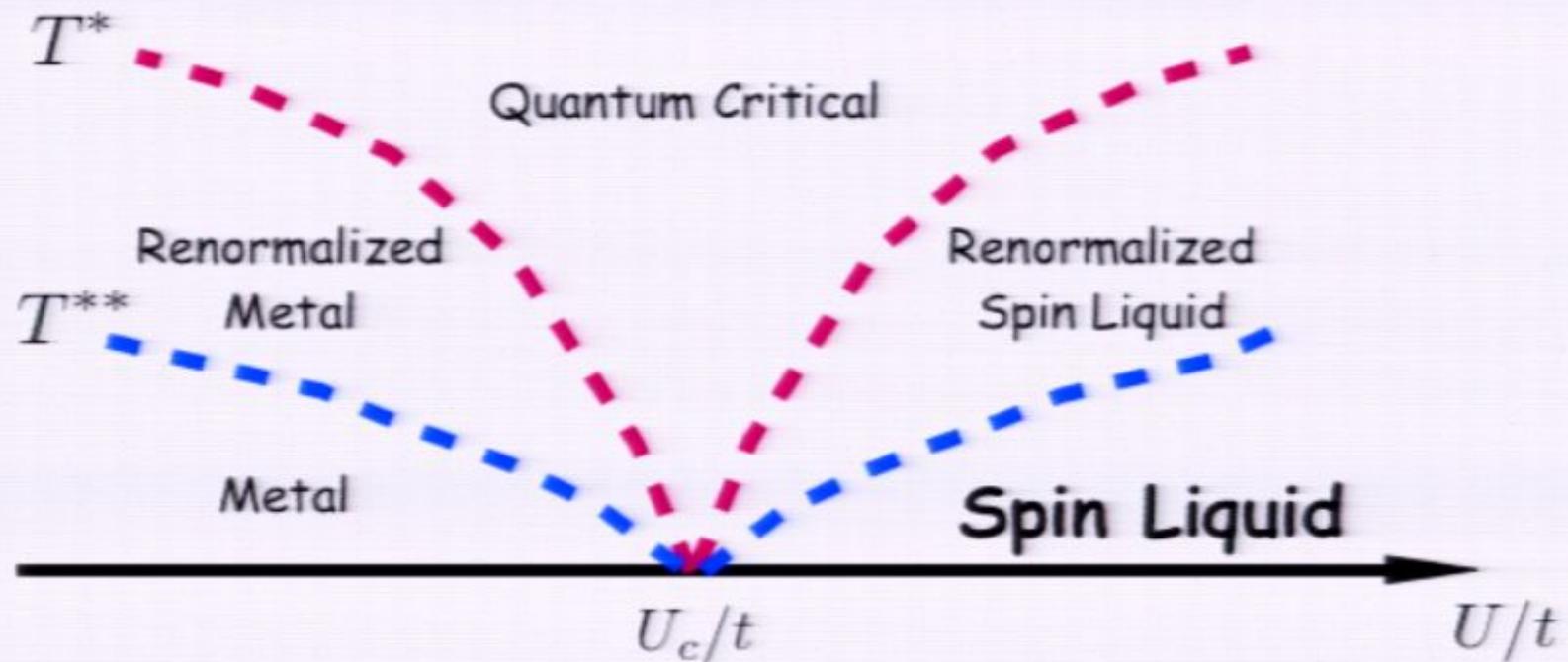
Finite Temperature Phase Diagram



$$T^* \propto |U - U_c|^{1/2} \quad \text{crossover in charge transport (rotor)} \\ z=1$$

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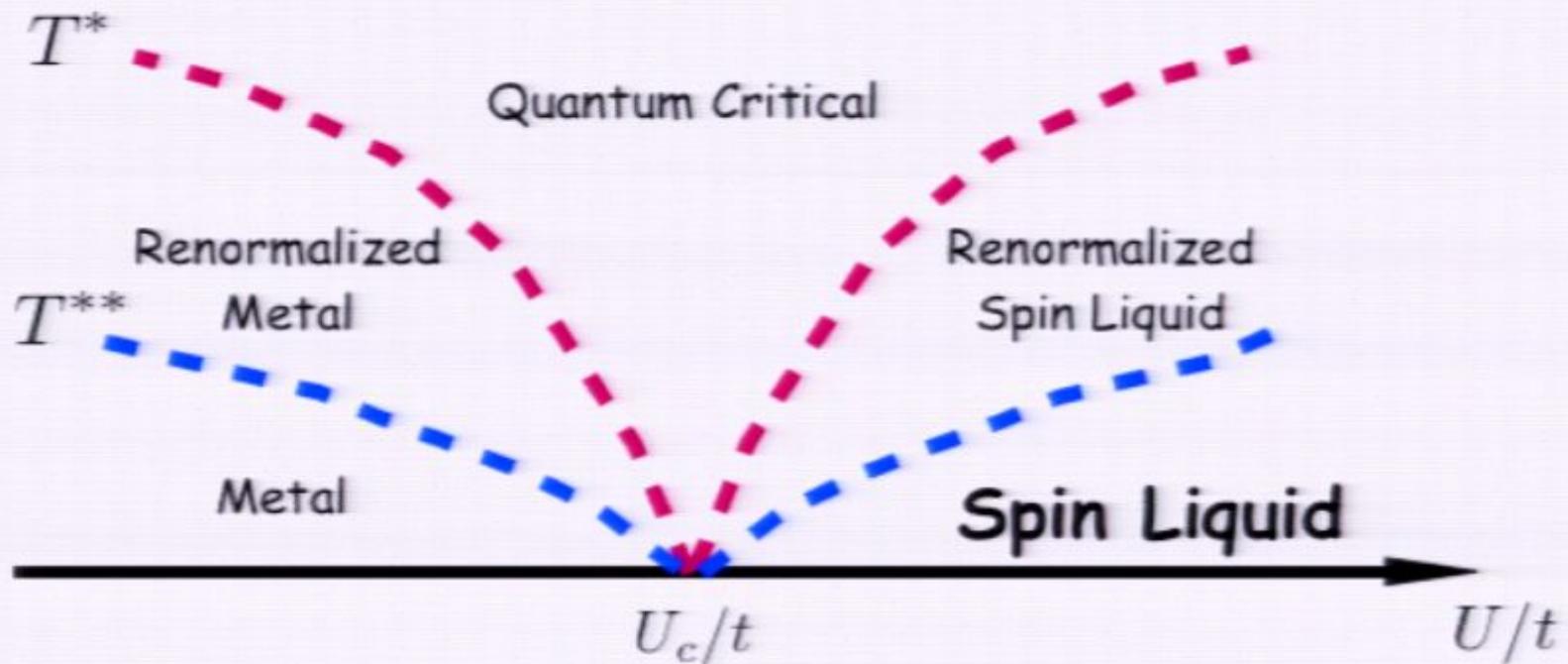


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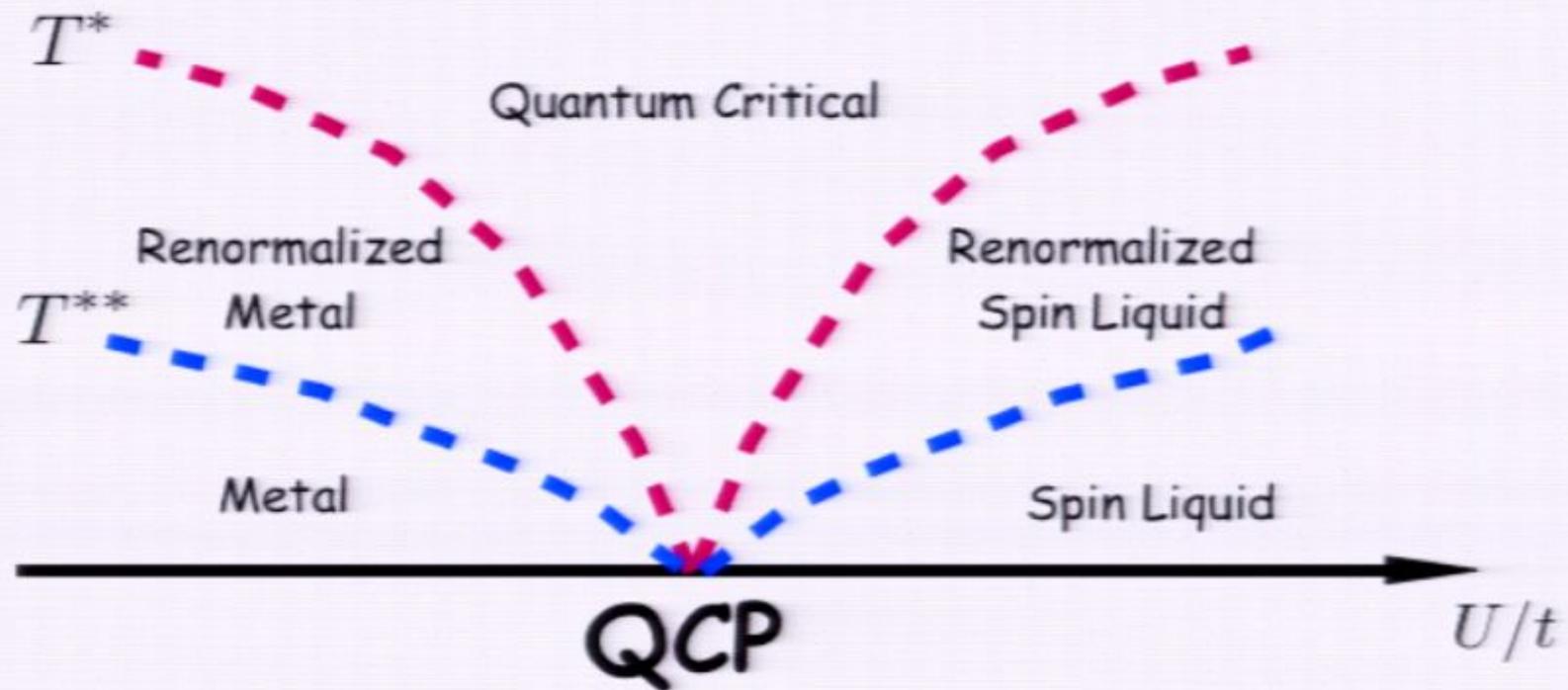
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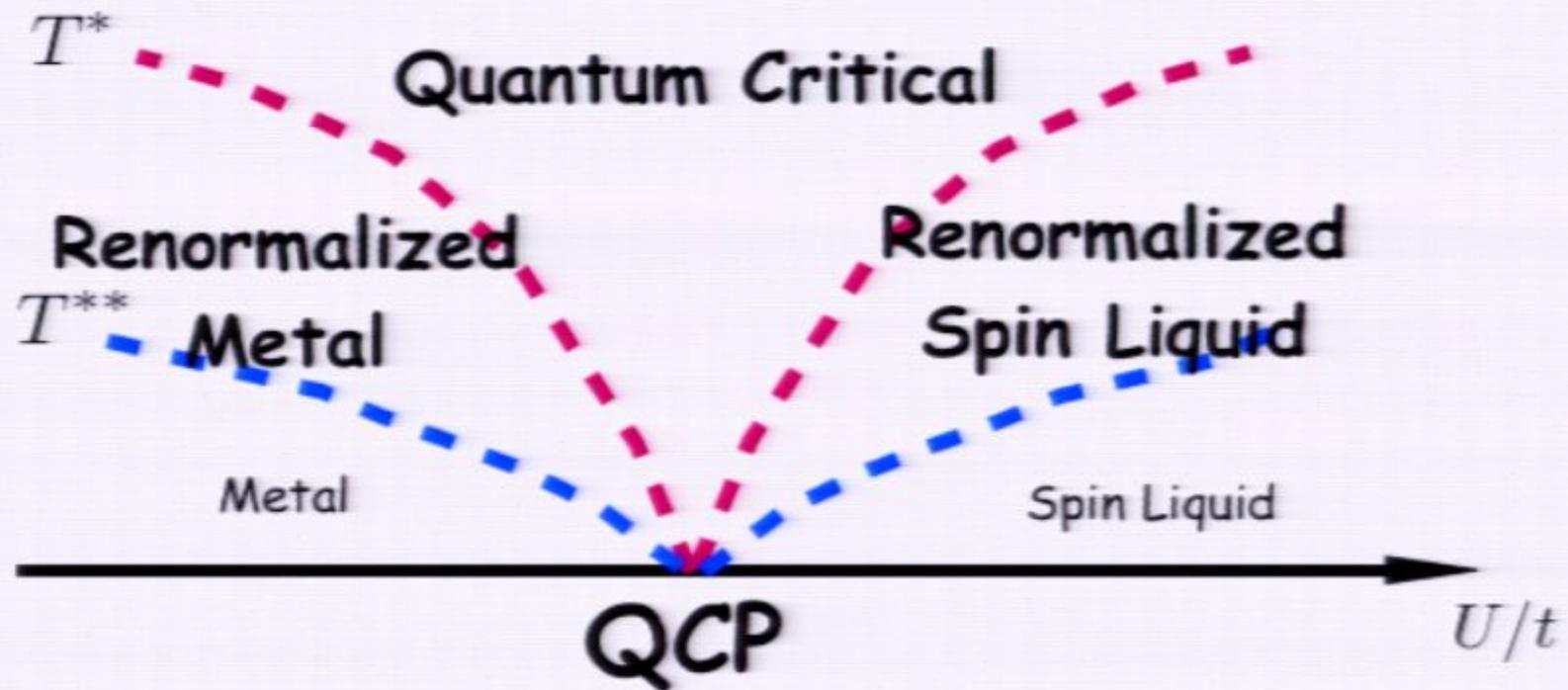


Quantum Critical Point

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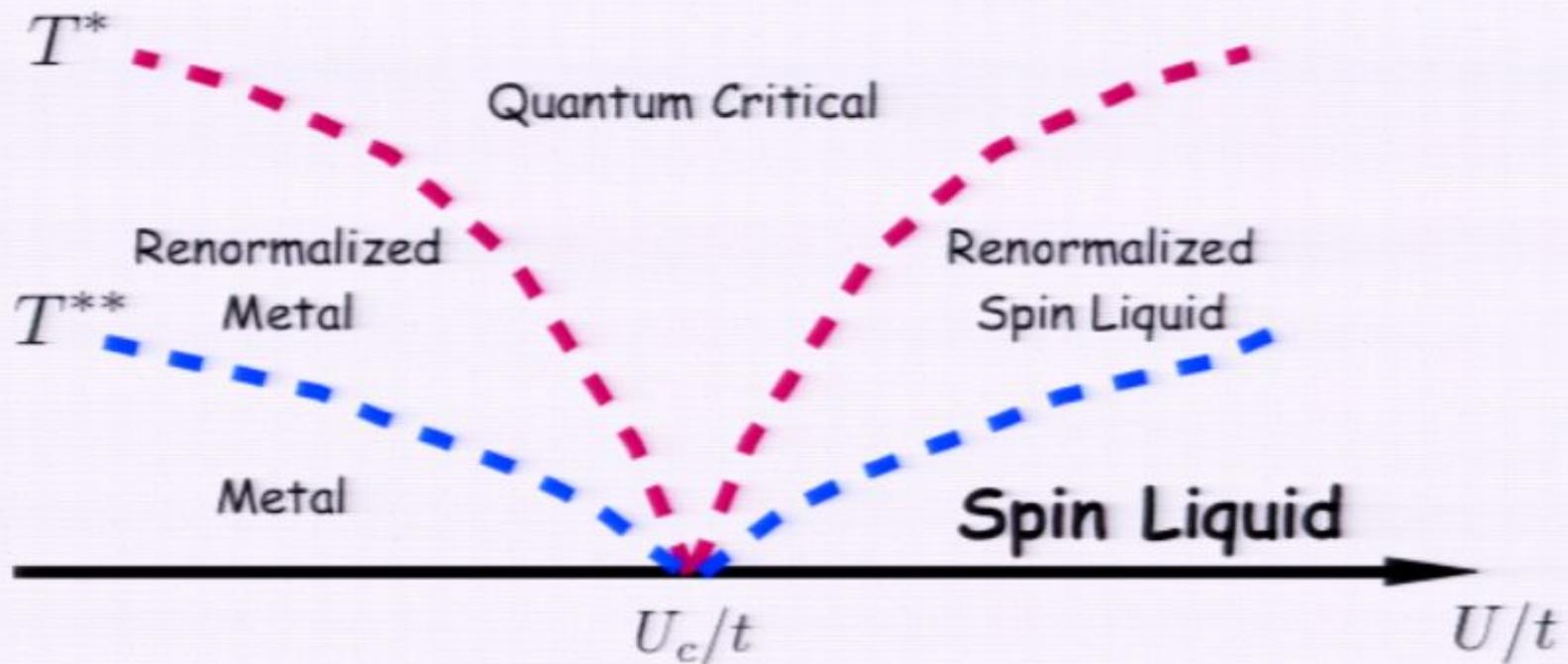
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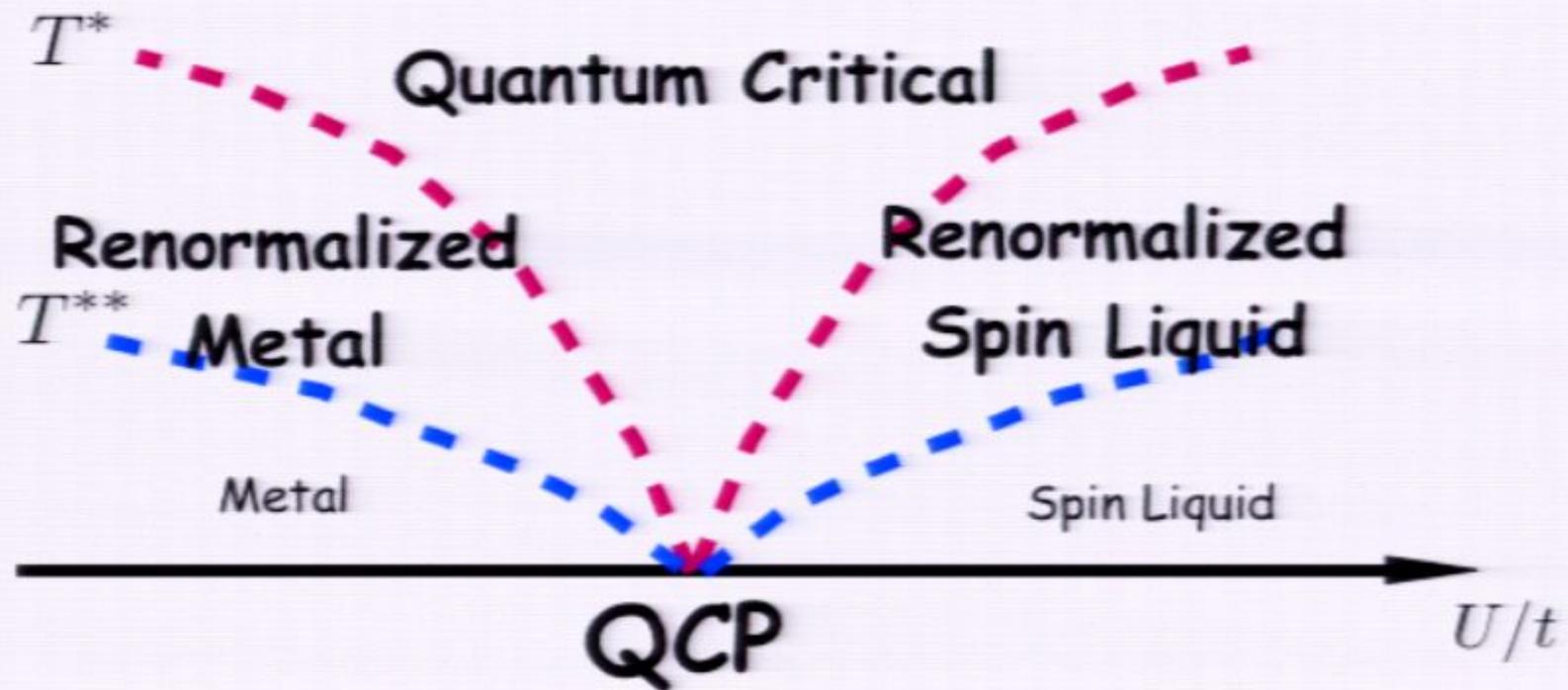
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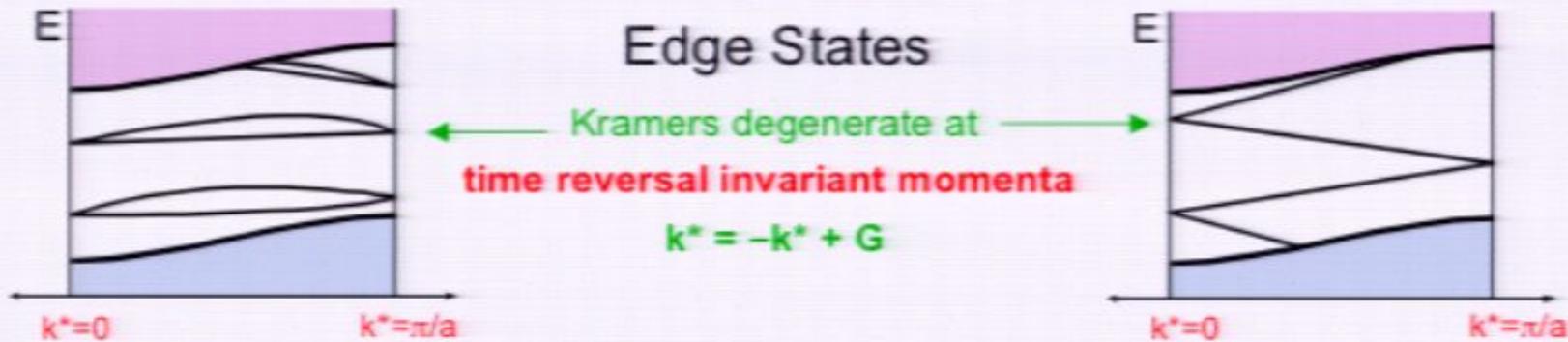
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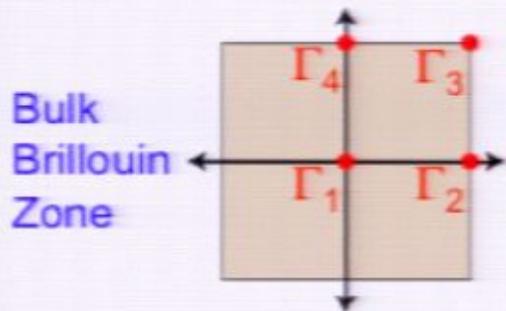
2D time reversal invariant band structure have a Z_2 topological invariant

$\nu=0$: Conventional Insulator

$\nu=1$: Topological Insulator



Inversion (P) Symmetry : determined by Parity of occupied 2D Bloch states at $\Gamma_{1,2,3,4}$



$$P|\psi_n(\Gamma_i)\rangle = \xi_n(\Gamma_i)|\psi_n(\Gamma_i)\rangle$$

$$\xi_n(\Gamma_i) = \pm 1$$

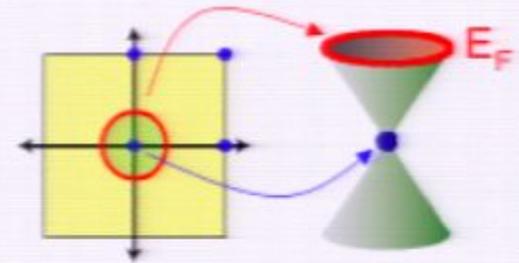
$$(-1)^\nu = \prod_{i=1}^4 \prod_n \xi_{2n}(\Gamma_i)$$

3D Topological Insulator

In 3D there are 4 Z_2 invariants: $(\nu_0; \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3)$ characterizing the bulk. These determine how surface states connect.

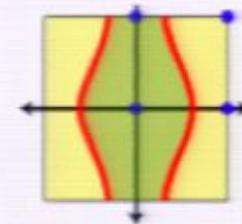
$\nu_0 = 1$: Strong Topological Insulator

Fermi surface encloses **odd** number of Dirac points



$\nu_0 = 0$: Weak Topological Insulator

Fermi surface encloses **even** number of Dirac points



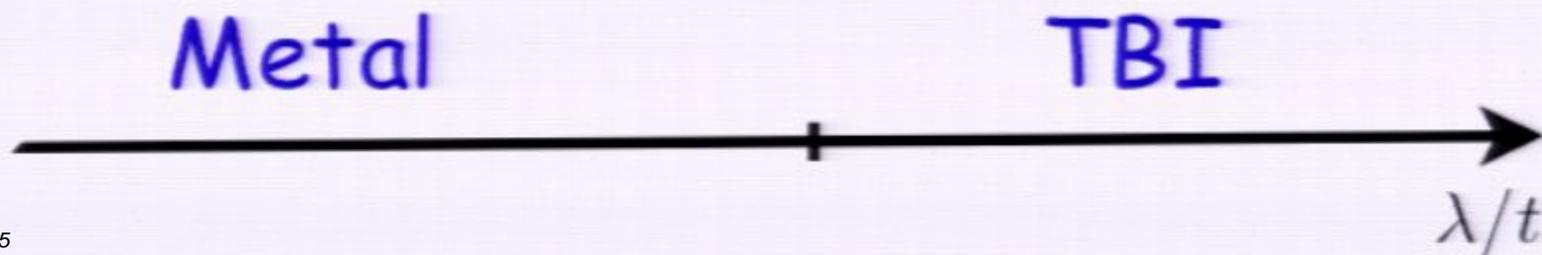
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Towards Topological Mott Insulator

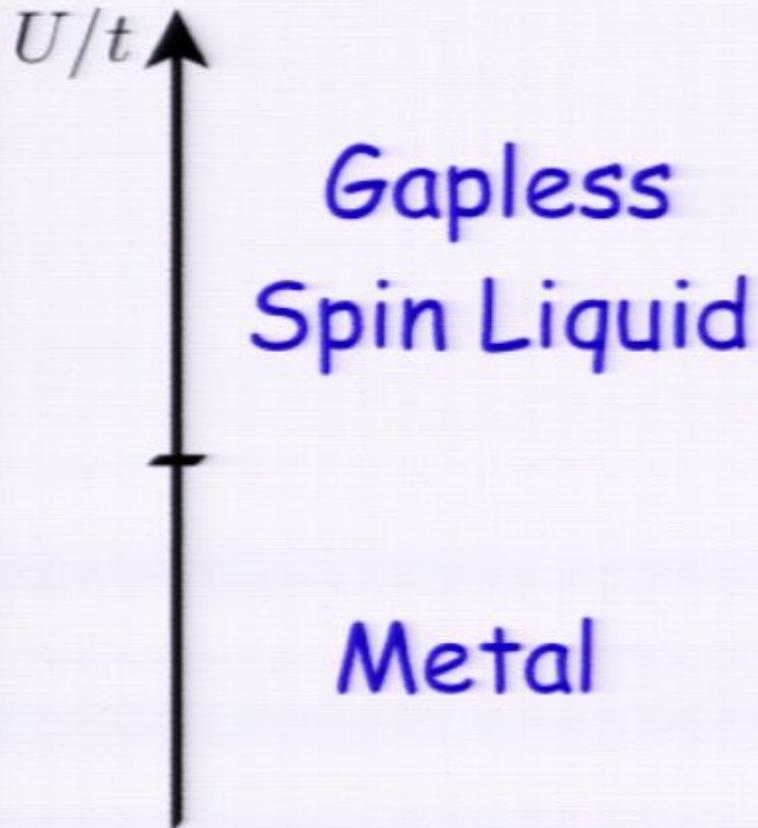
What about interaction effect ?

Assume strong spin-orbit coupling λ leads to a topological insulator in the absence of U



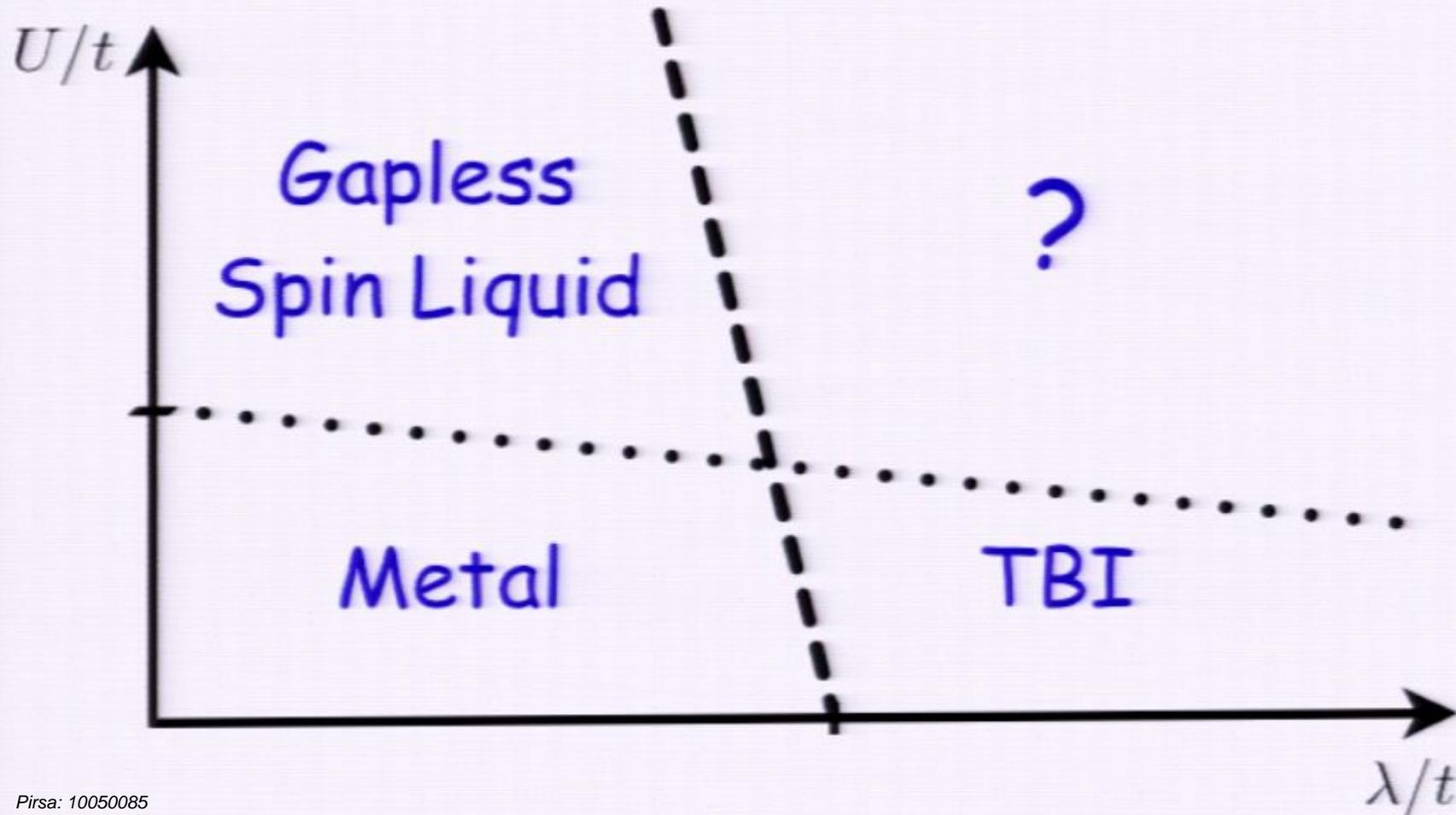
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Topological Mott Insulator: The rotor (charge) degree of freedom is gapped

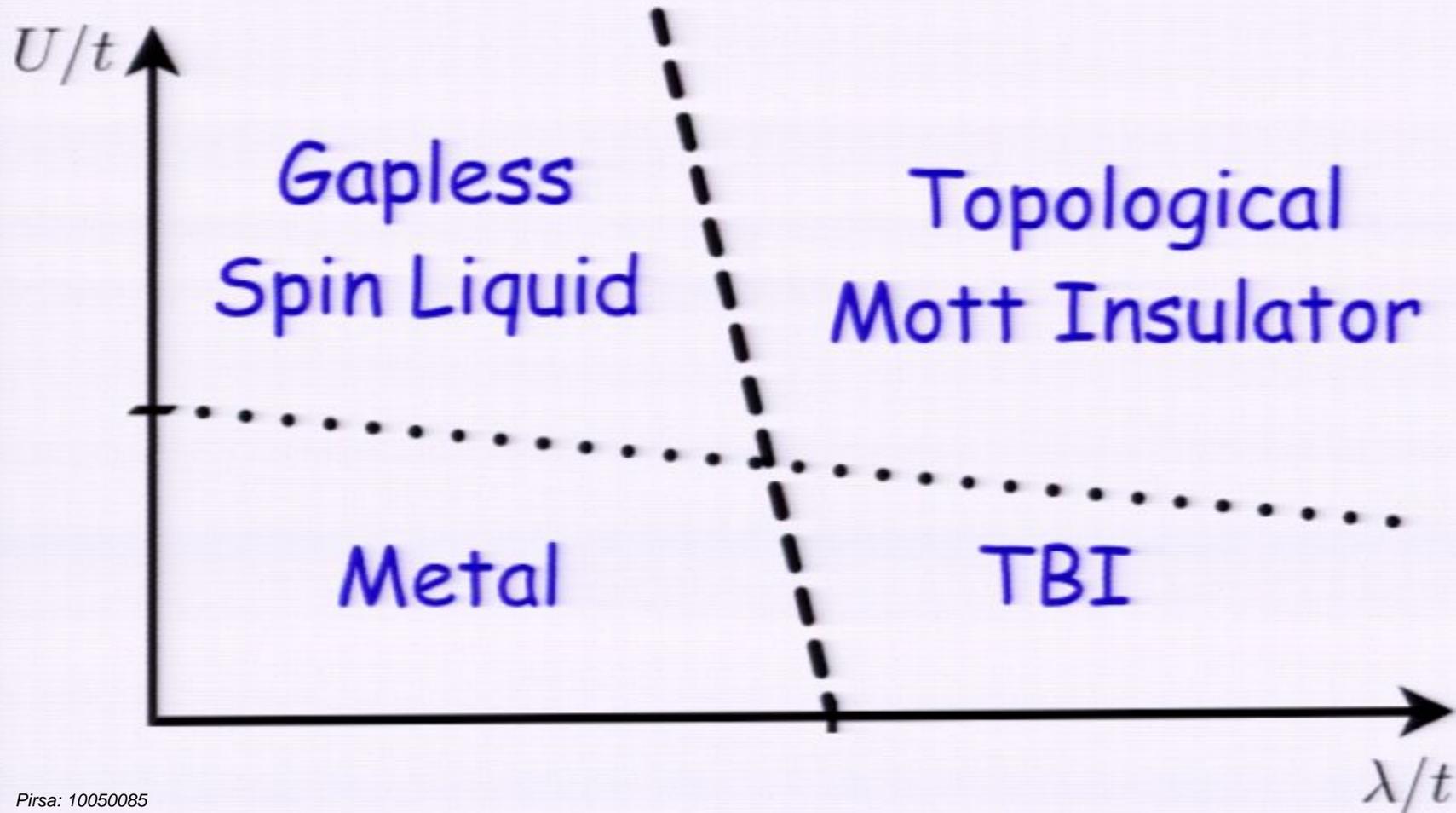
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The spinon band structure is topological; interacting with U(1) gauge field

Such phases are unstable in 2D, but possible in 3D

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large U

3d U~2-10eV



Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
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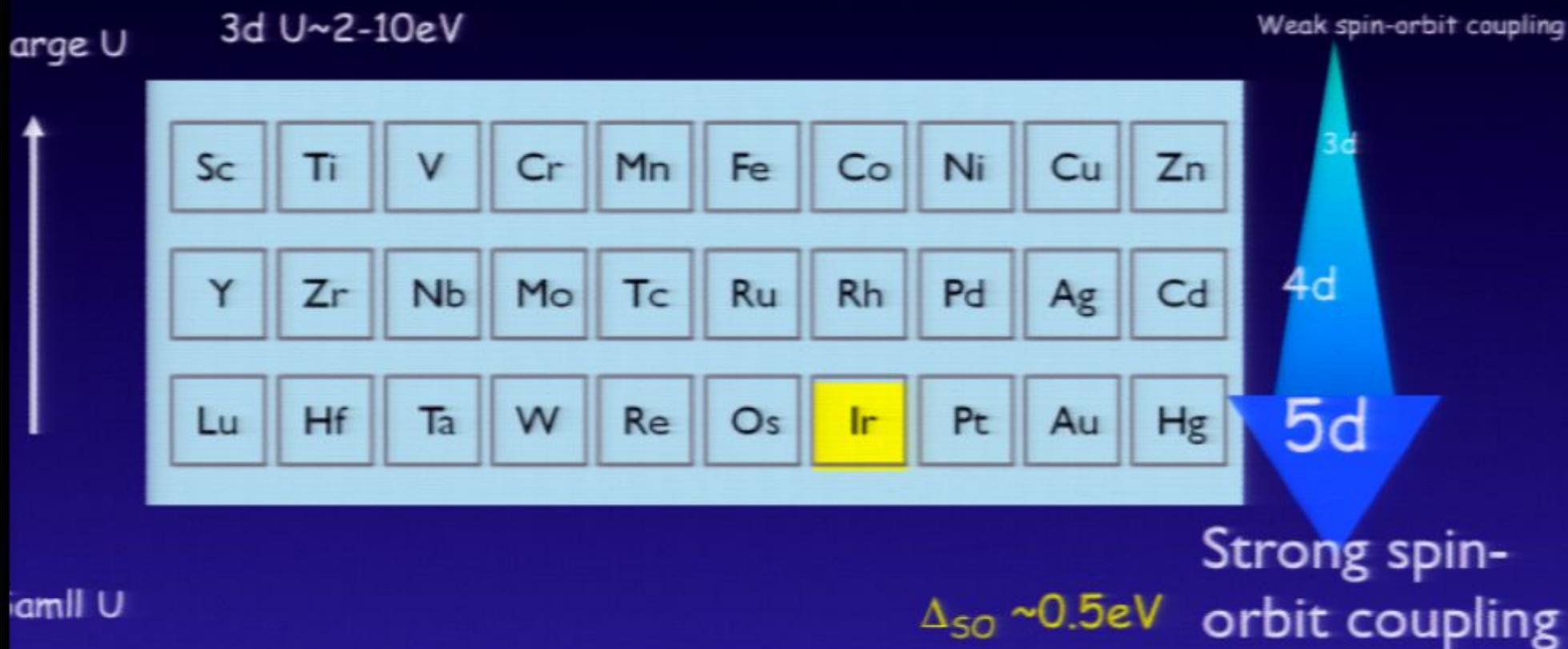
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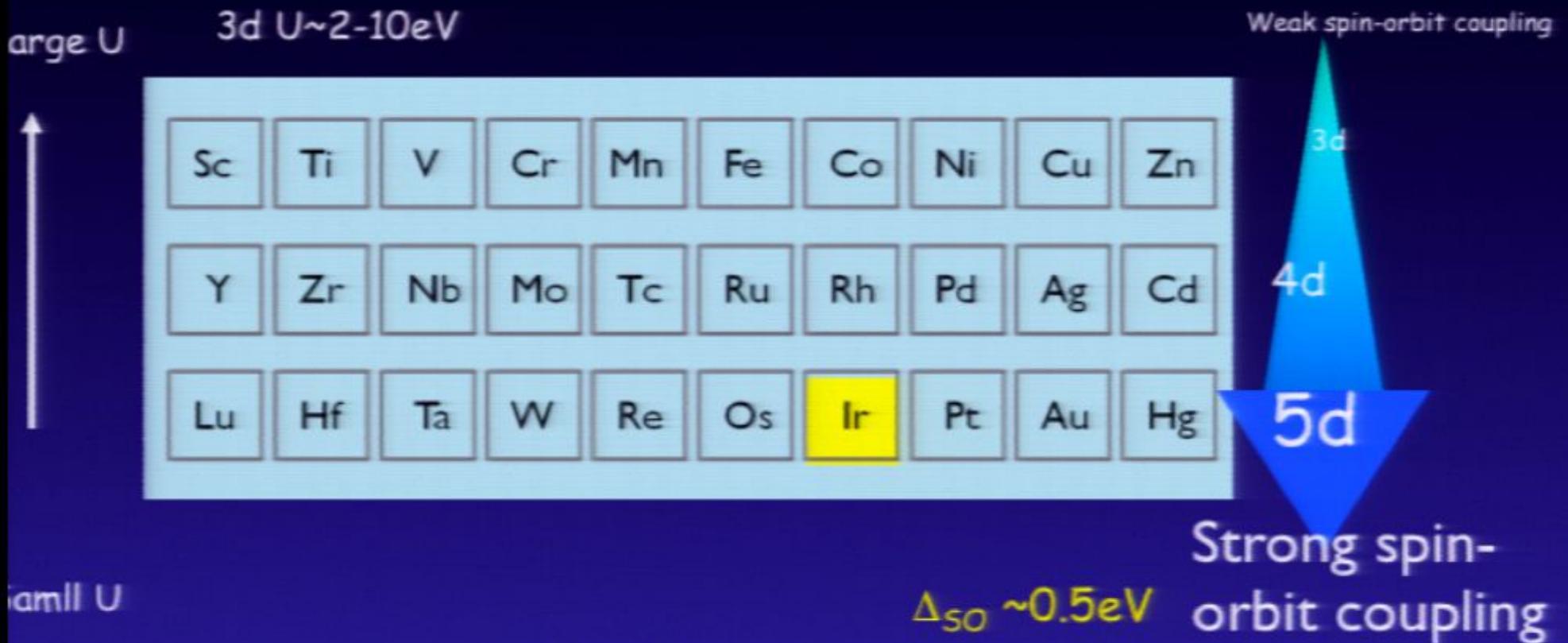
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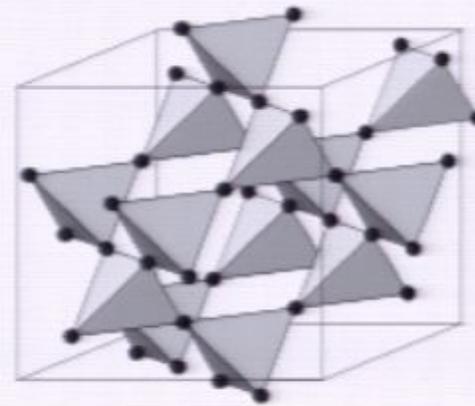
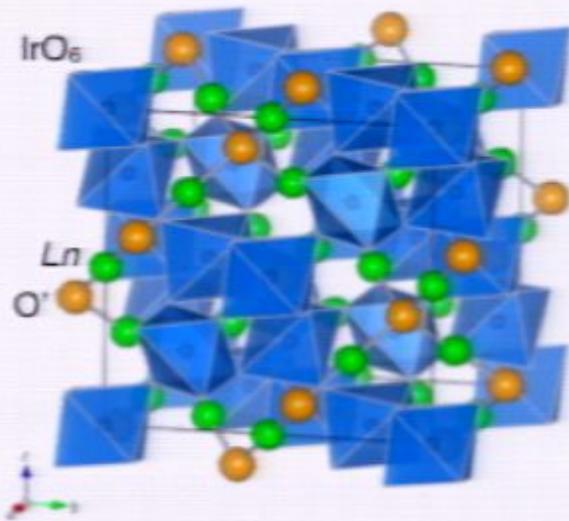
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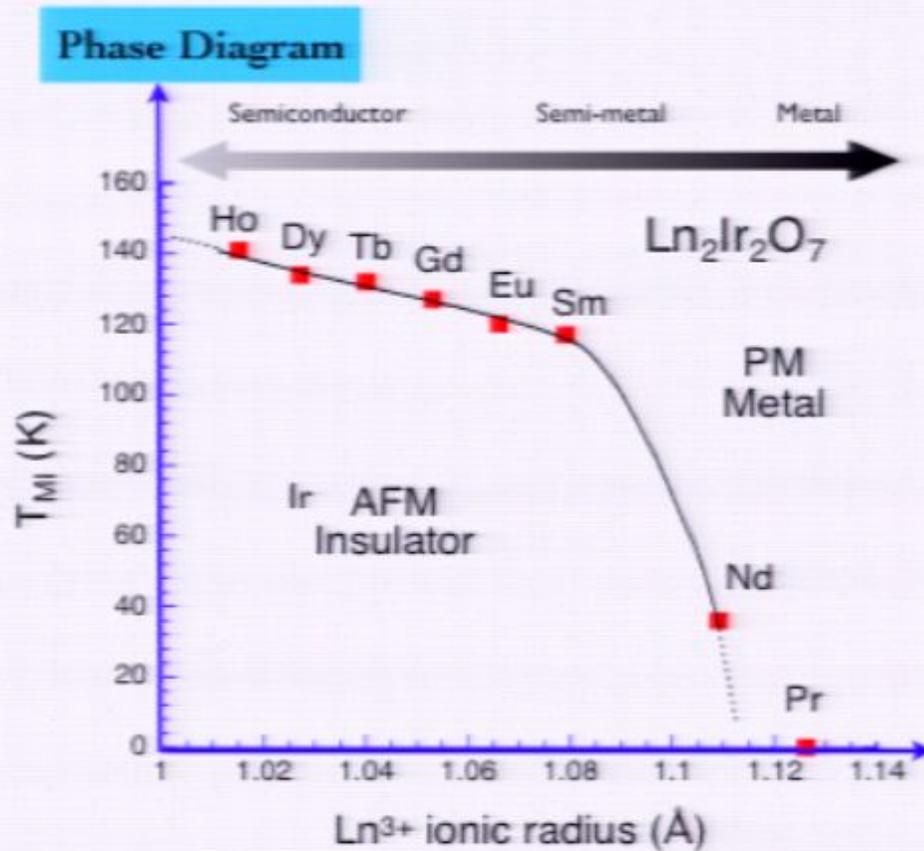
A=Ln and Ir reside in the inter-penetrating two pyrochlore lattices (cubic, FCC Bavais lattice)

A=Ln local moments may be important only at low temperatures

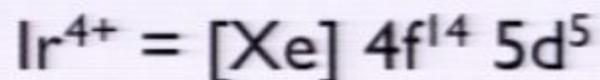
D. Yanagishima and Y. Maeno, *JPSJ* 70, 2880 (2001)

Metal-Insulator Transition

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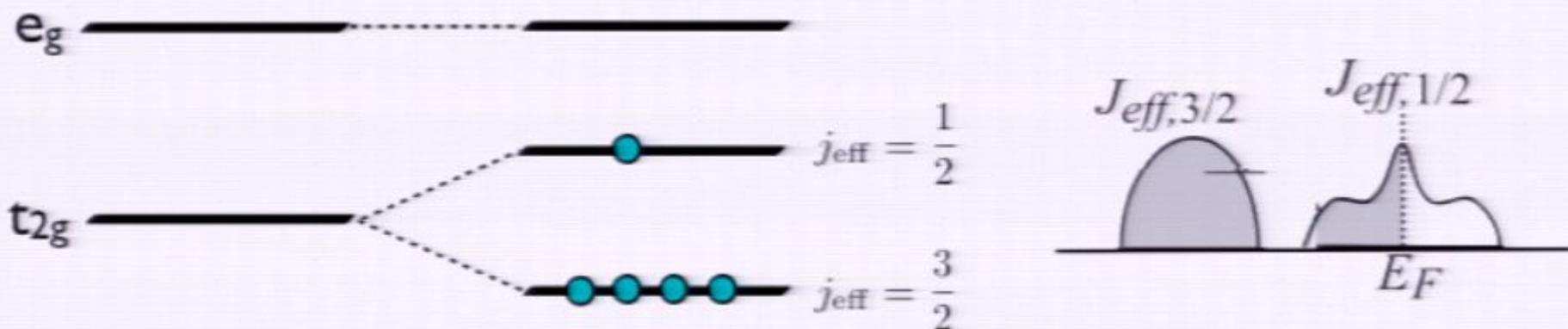


5d orbitals of Ir⁴⁺: large spin-orbit coupling



$$H_{SO} = \lambda_{SO} \mathbf{L}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i$$

$e_g - t_{2g}$ splitting $\gg \lambda_{SO} \gg$ splitting within t_{2g}

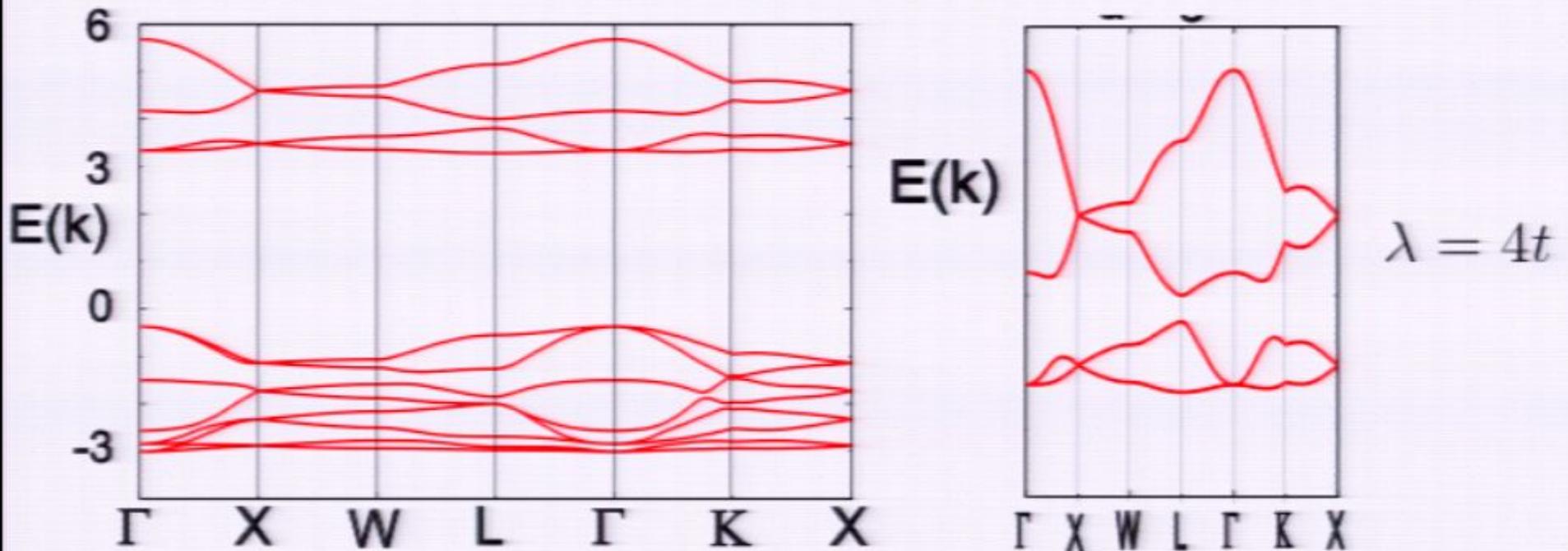


Half-filled $j_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}$ band

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Band Structure with Spin-Orbit at $U=0$



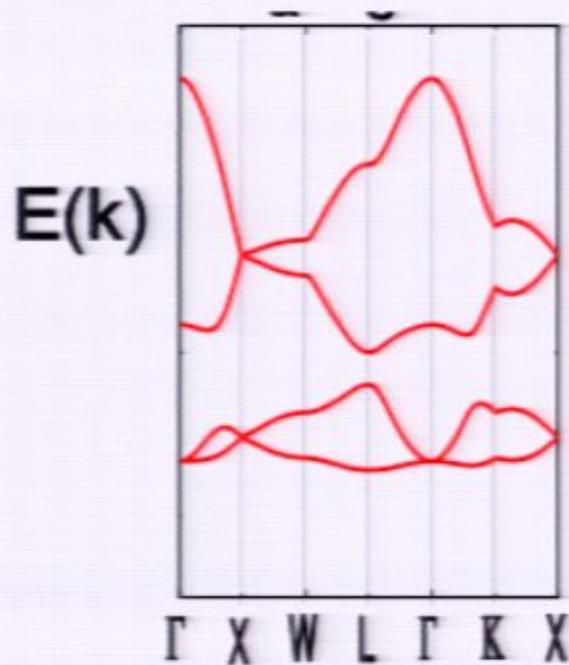
12 (=3 x 4) degenerate bands or 24 bands

20 (=5 x 4) d-electrons

Half-filled $j=1/2$ bands

D. A. Pesin and L. Balents, 2009

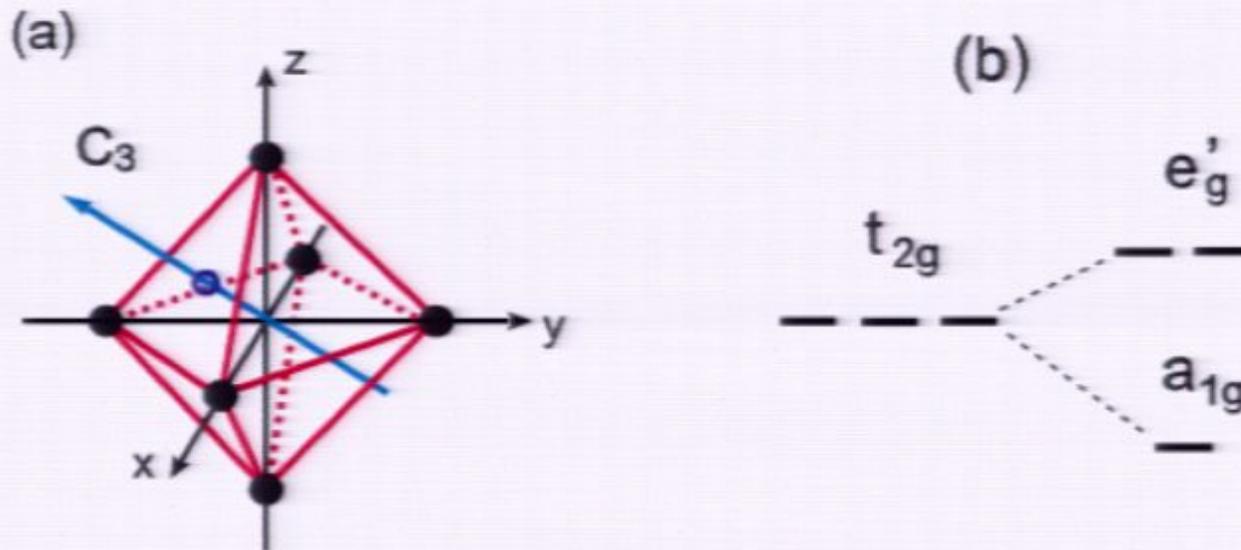
Z2 Topological Index: $(\nu; \nu_1\nu_2\nu_3)$



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Strong Topological Insulator !

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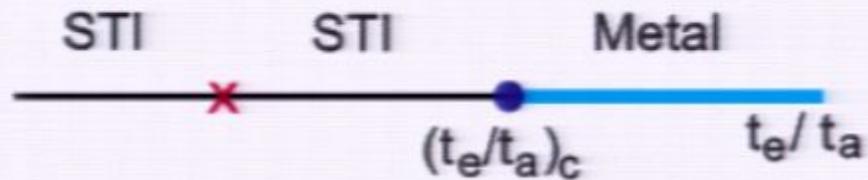
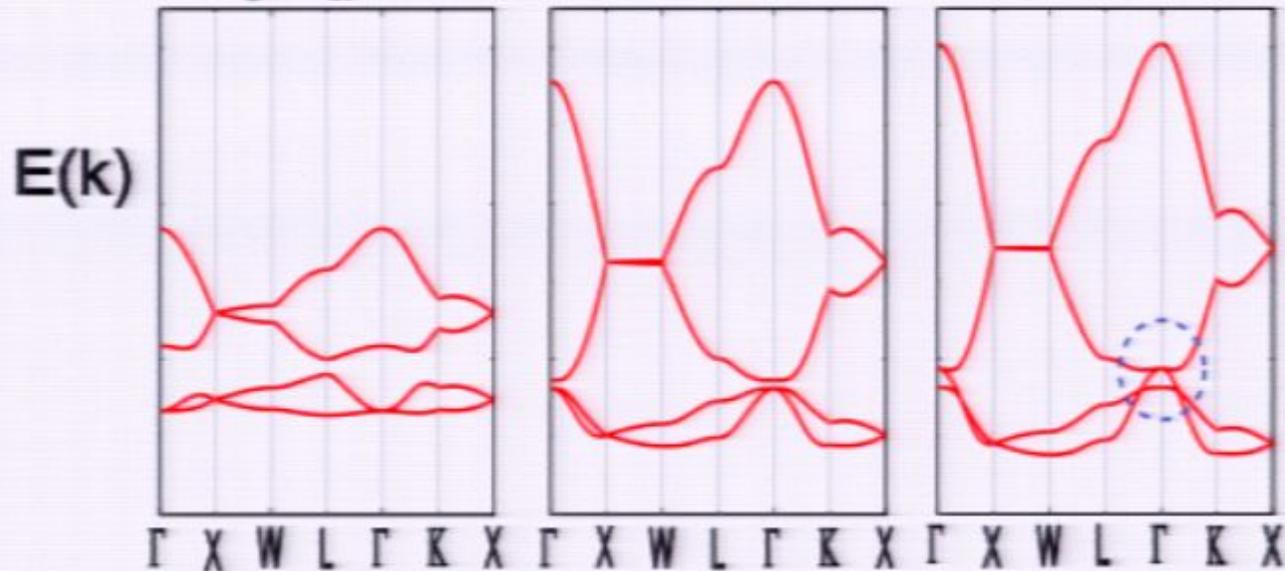


compression or elongation of the surrounding oxygen octahedra along a C_3 symmetry axis

Trigonal Crystal Field at the Ir site

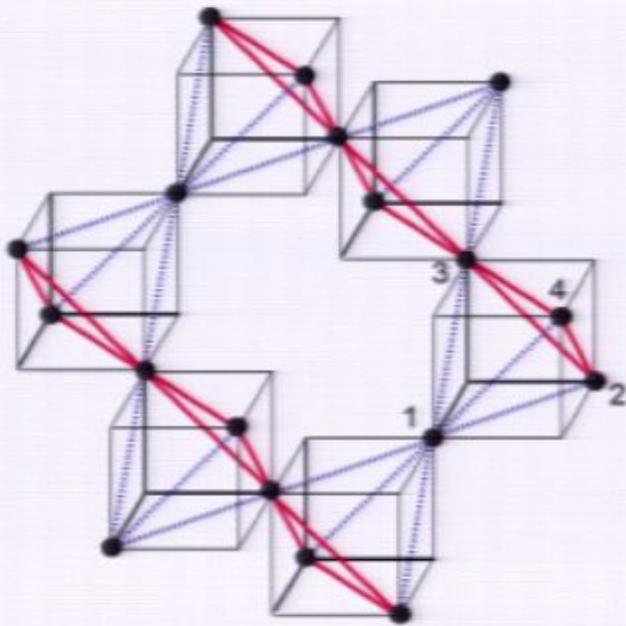
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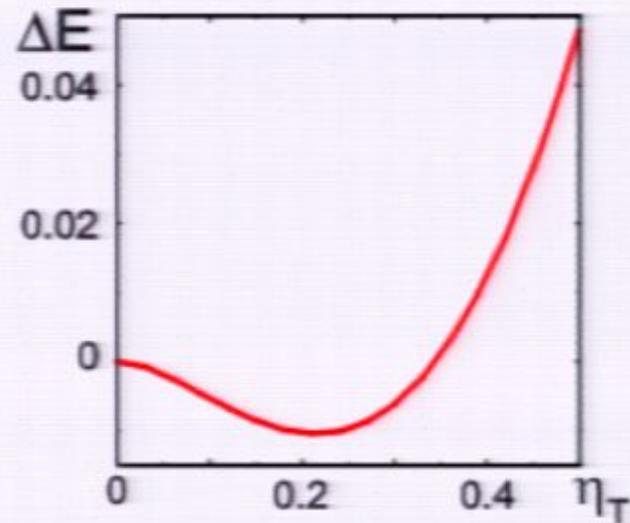


Saving Topological Insulator

Electron-Lattice Coupling



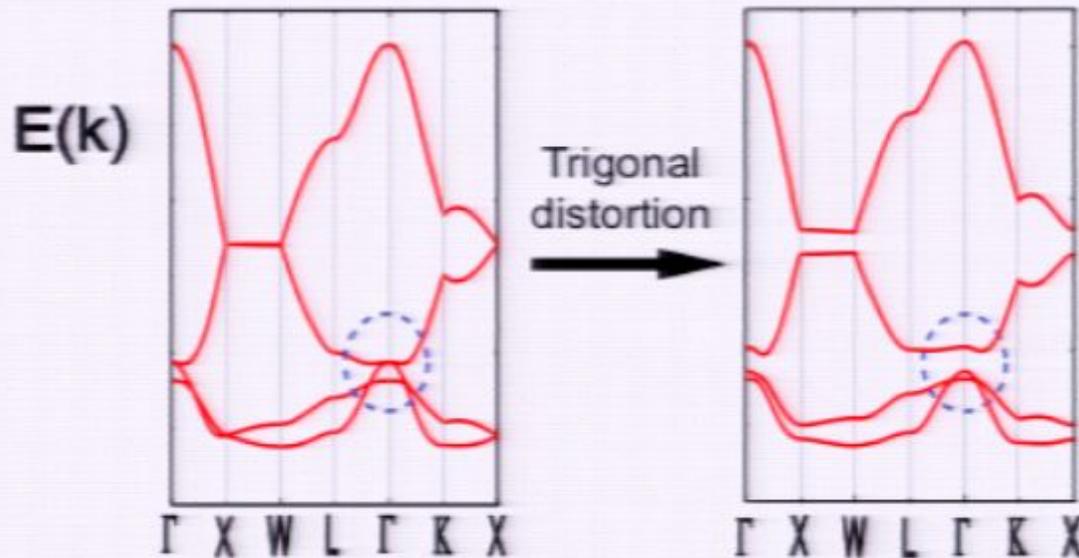
Trigonal Lattice Distortion of the Ir pyrochlore lattice



Distortion along the [111] direction: Inversion symmetry intact

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Resurrection of Topological Insulator



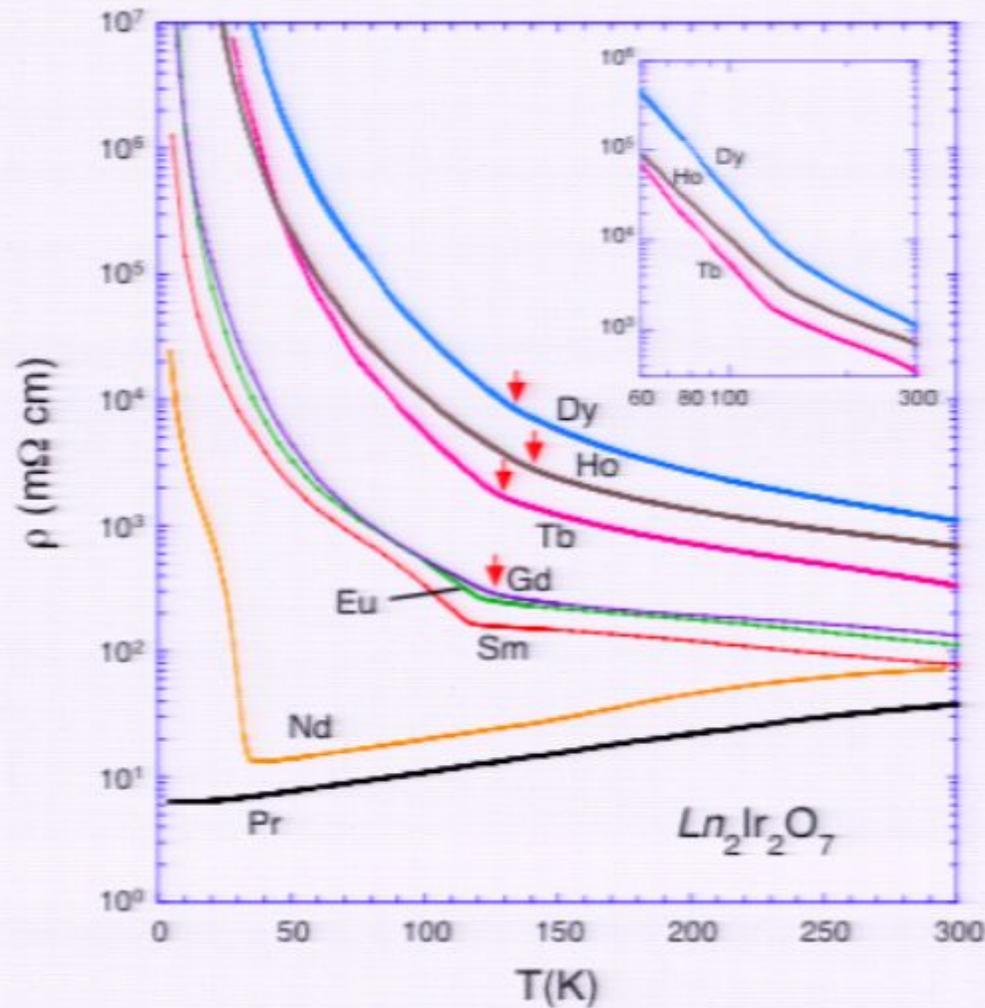
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Apply uniaxial pressure along the [111] direction

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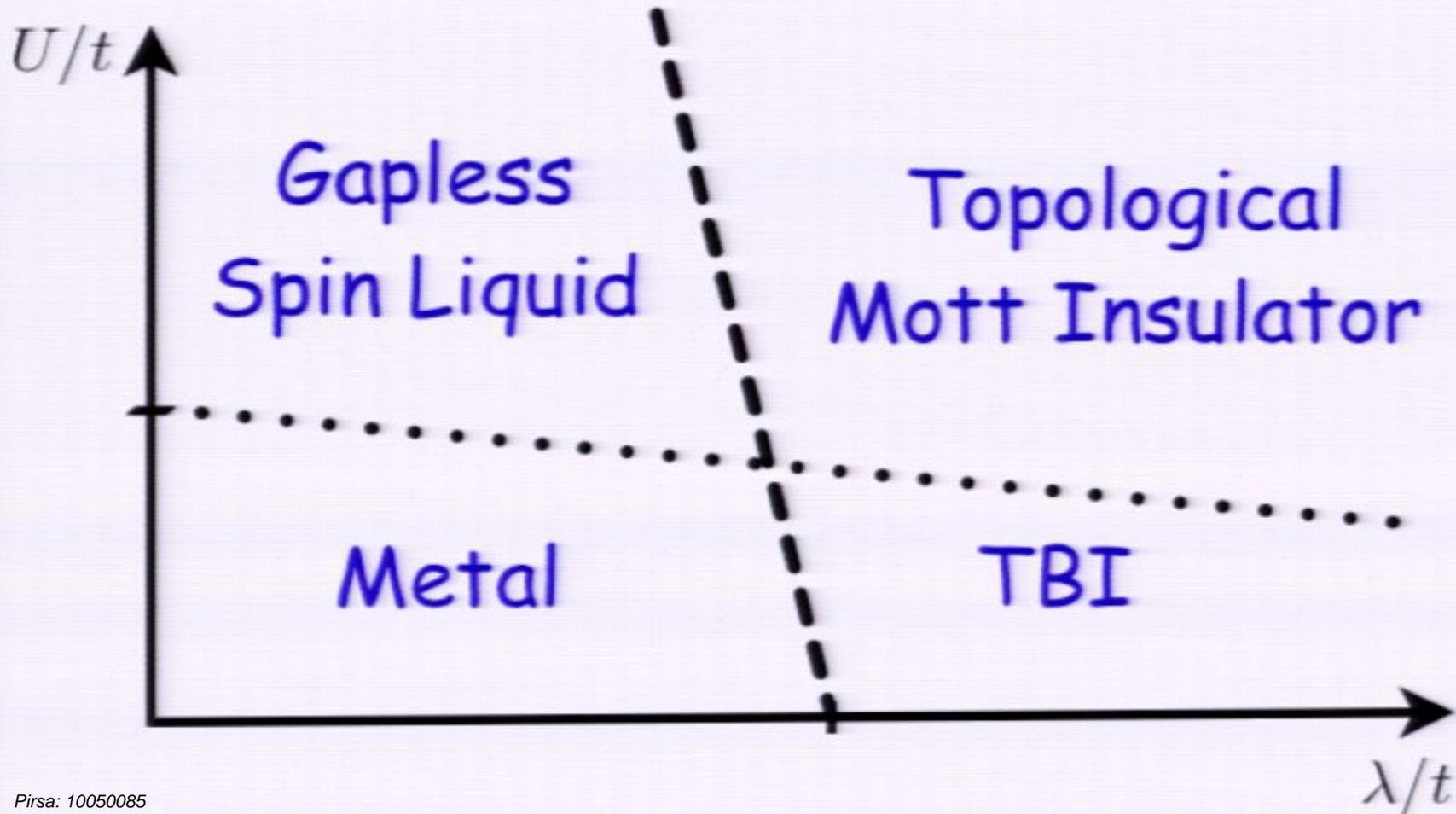


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Surface States of Topological Mott Insulator

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Gapless
Spin Liquid



Top
Mott





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U(1) spin liquid:
 more stable/better-controlled
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 (compared to the usual 2D U(1) spin liquid with FS)

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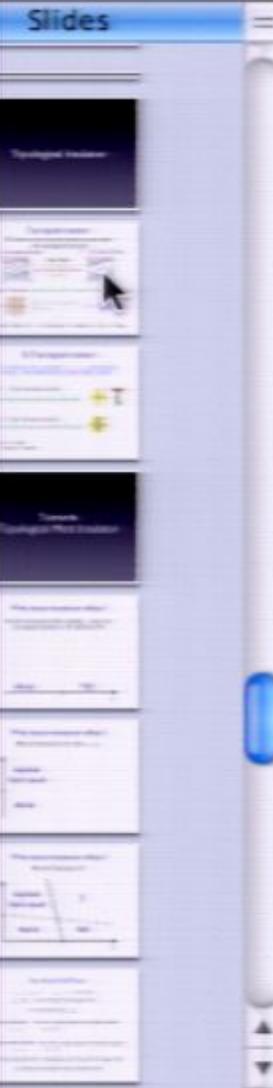
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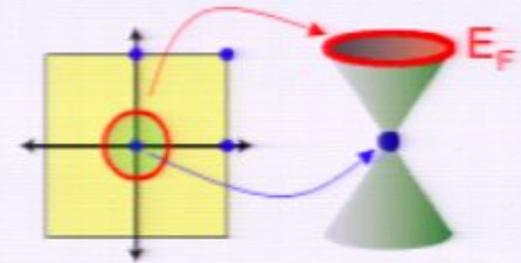


3D Topological Insulator

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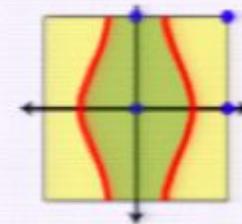
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$\nu_0 = 0$: Weak Topological Insulator

Fermi surface encloses **even** number of Dirac points



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