

Title: Emergent Gauge Fields and their Condensation in Quantum Spin Liquids

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Abstract: Large quantum fluctuations in certain quantum spin systems destroy long range magnetic order such as antiferromagnetism. Resulting paramagnetic states are called a quantum spin liquids. These states support emergent gauge fields [1]. Under certain conditions, emergent gauge fields condense in the ground state, leading to a chiral spin liquid state [2]. A condensed 'magnetic field' for example, correspond to presence of spontaneous circulating spin current or spin 'chirality'[3]. In the light of recent search for spin liquids in frustrated quantum antiferromagnets, we revive our earlier approach and show that a variety of chiral spin liquid states are possible in 2D lattices. &nbsp; [1] G. Baskaran and P.W. Anderson, Phys. Rev., B 37, 580 (1988) [2] V. Kalmeyer and R. B. Laughlin, Phys. Rev. Lett., 59, 2095 (1987) [3] X.-G. Wen, F. Wilczek and A. Zee, Phys. Rev., B 39, 11413 (1989) [4] G Baskaran, Phys. Rev. Lett., 63, 2524 (1989)



**P W Anderson**  
2011

# Introduction

**Quantum Fluctuations in Antiferromagnets**

**Resonating Valence Bond State**

**Emergent Fermions and Gauge Fields  $U(1)$ ,  $SU(2)$ ,  $Z_2$**

**Kitaev spin-half model: Majorana Fermion,  $Z_2$  Gauge Field**

**Spin Vortices, Spin Twists, Spin Current, Skyrmions ...**

**Gauge Field Condensation and Chiral Spin Liquid State**

**Possible Chiral Spin Liquids in 2-Dimensional  $J_1 J_2$  Model**



$$[J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j] \leftrightarrow \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i U_{ij} \psi_j + H_G[U_{ij}]$$

emergent Link gauge fields

↓  
emergent Lattice fermions

$$\vec{S}_i = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\sigma}_i$$

↑  
Pauli Spin operators

# Mott Insulators

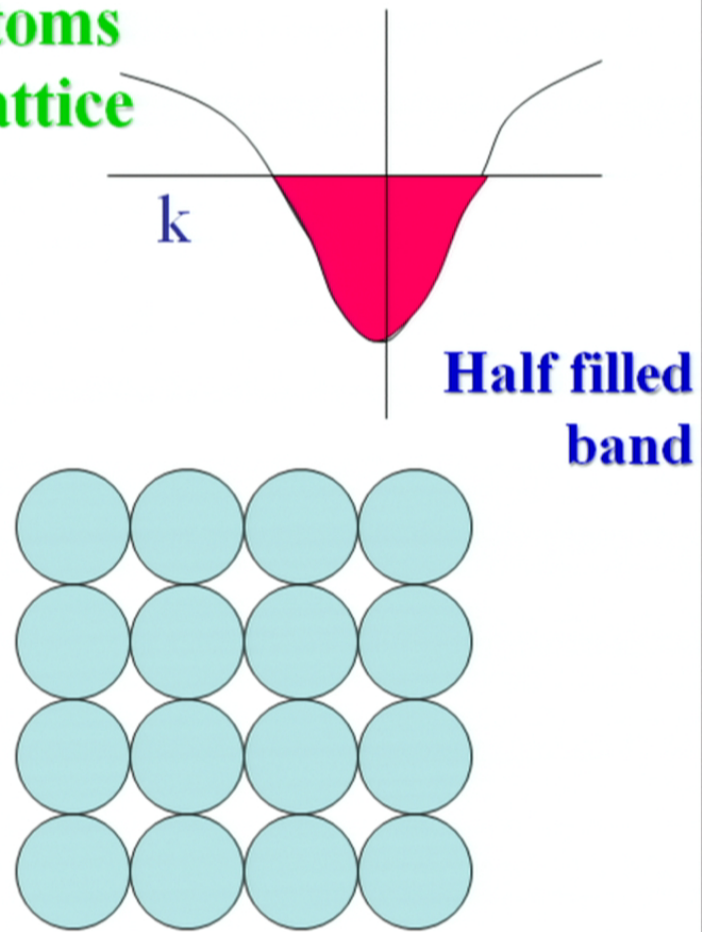
are seats of  
Quantum Spin Liquids



**A collection of hydrogen atoms  
forming a hypothetical 3D lattice**

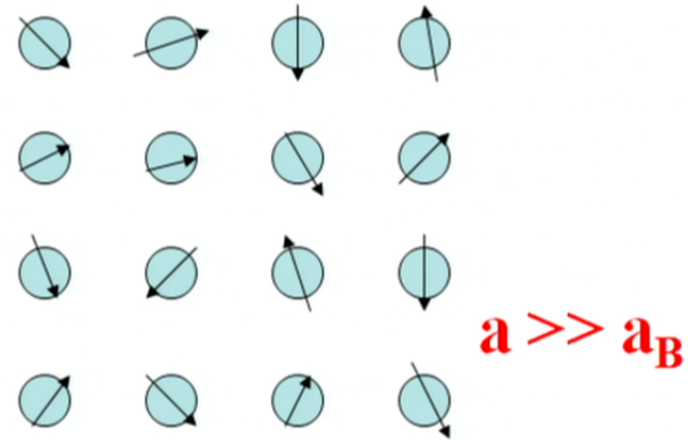
**1s atomic orbitals  
of individual H-atoms  
strongly overlap and  
form a tight binding  
half filled band**

**It is a metal**



**$a$ , lattice constant  $\sim a_B$  Bohr radius**

Let us expand the lattice



For  $a \gg a_B$

we get a Mott insulator

Spins are soft degrees of freedom  
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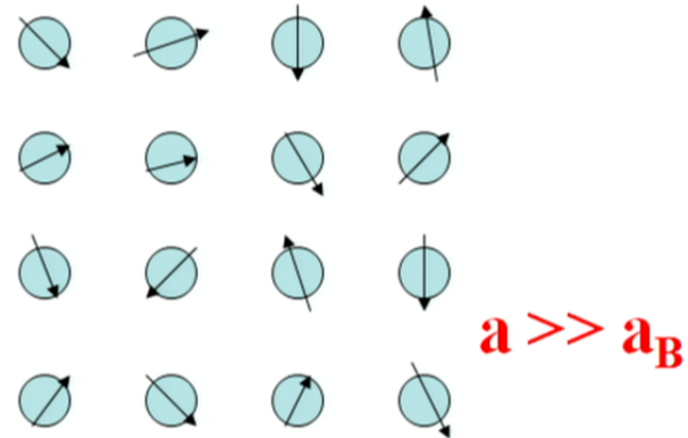


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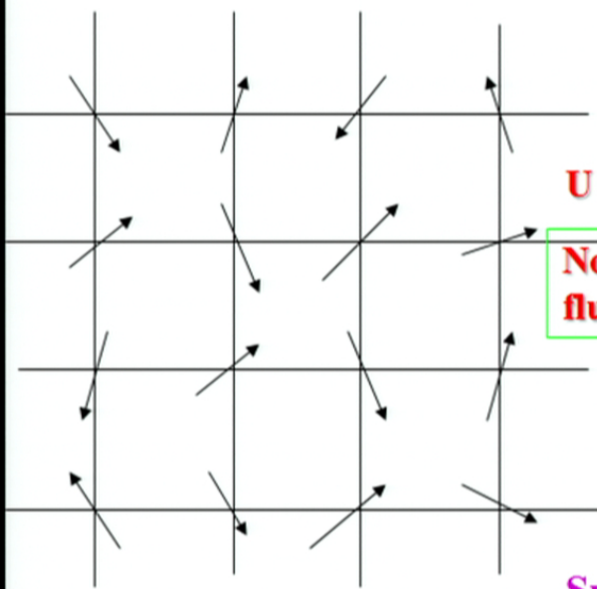


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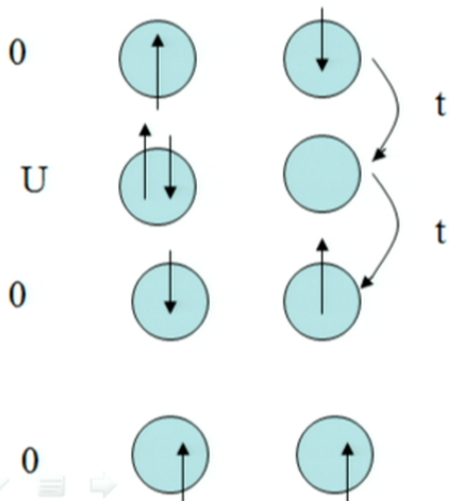
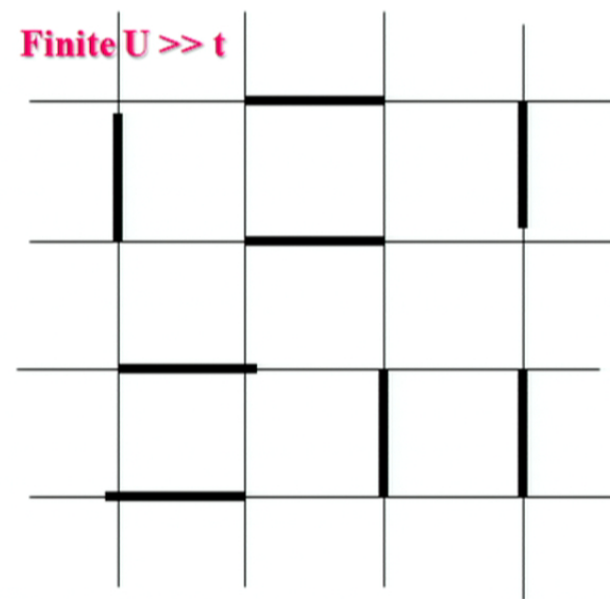




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**No quantum fluctuations**

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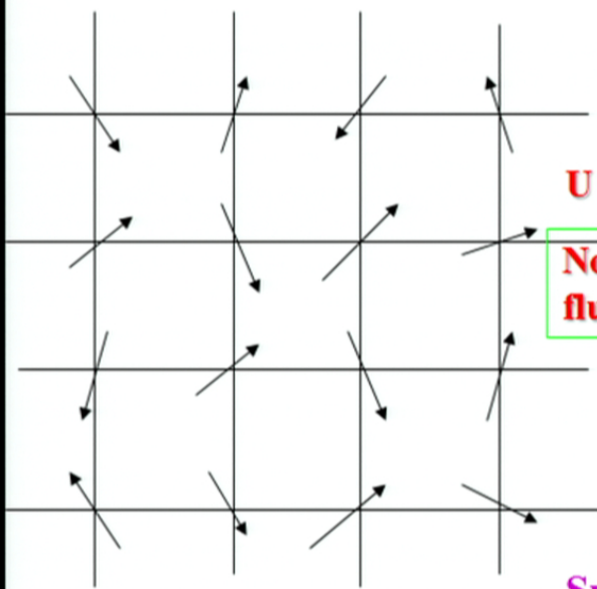
**Superexchange or Kinetic exchange process**

**Energy gain =  $J = \frac{-4t^2}{U}$**

**$\text{---} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$**

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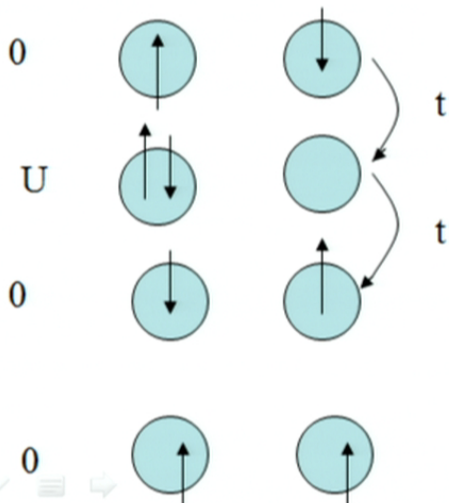
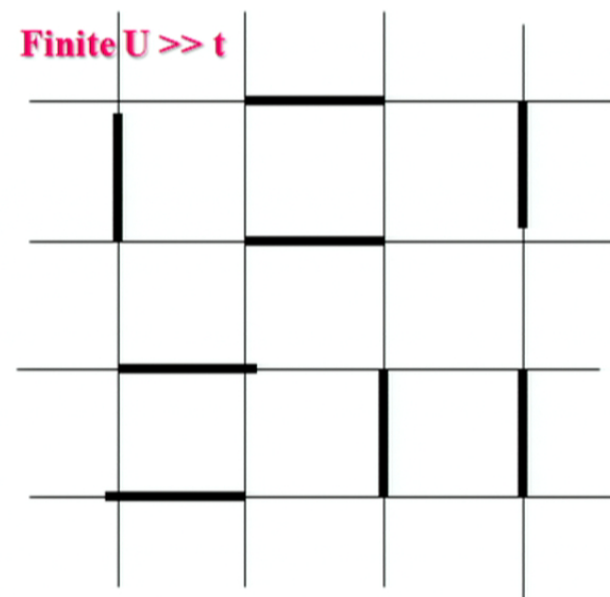
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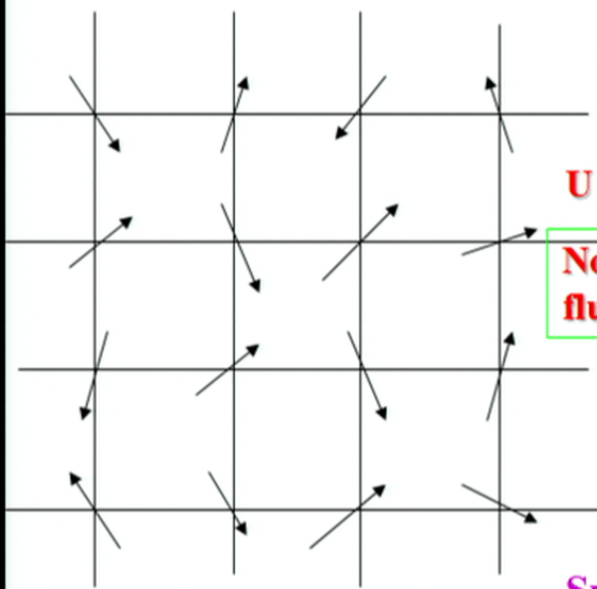
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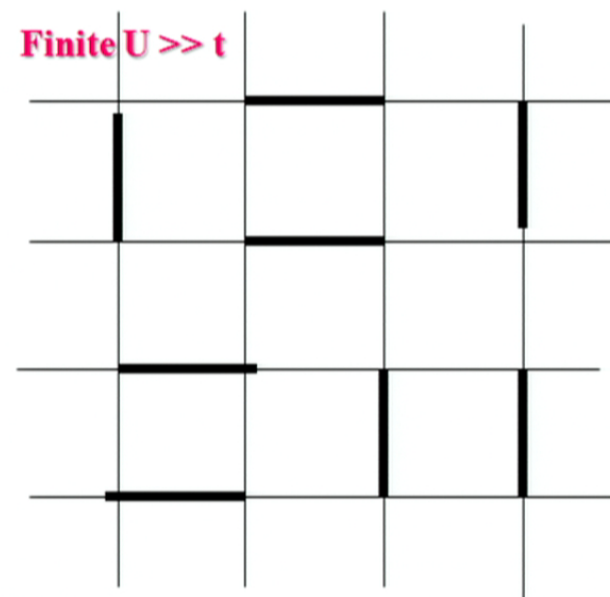
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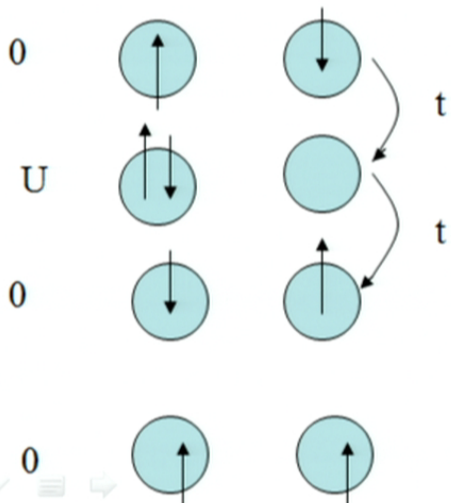
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## Quantum Fluctuations in spin systems

### Heisenberg Interaction among localized spins

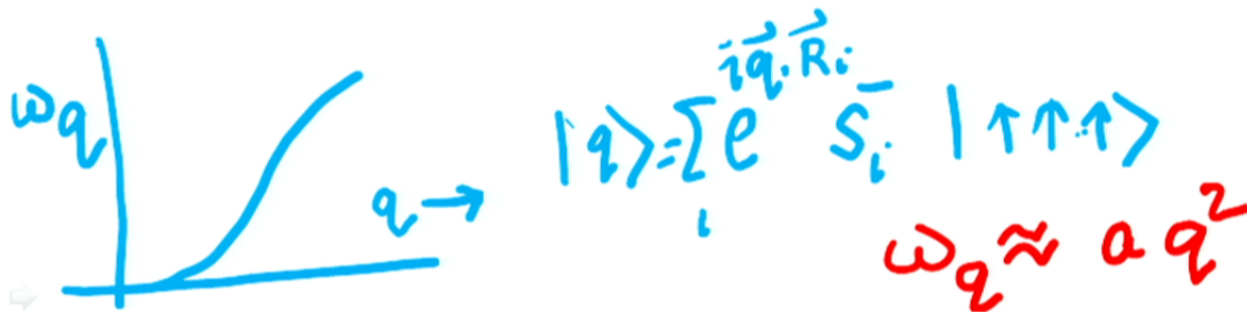
$$\mathbf{H} = J \sum \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \quad \text{Global SU(2), Spin Rotation Symmetry}$$

$J < 0$  (Ferromagnetic interaction)

Absence of zero point fluctuation

$|\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots\rangle$  eigen state

Quadratic spin wave (Boson) spectrum



## Zero point or Quantum Fluctuations are important

$$H = J \sum S_i \cdot S_j$$

in antiferromagnets

$J > 0$  (Antiferromagnetic)

$|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\dots\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$  not an eigen state

Two spins  $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow$  not an eigen state

$$|G\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

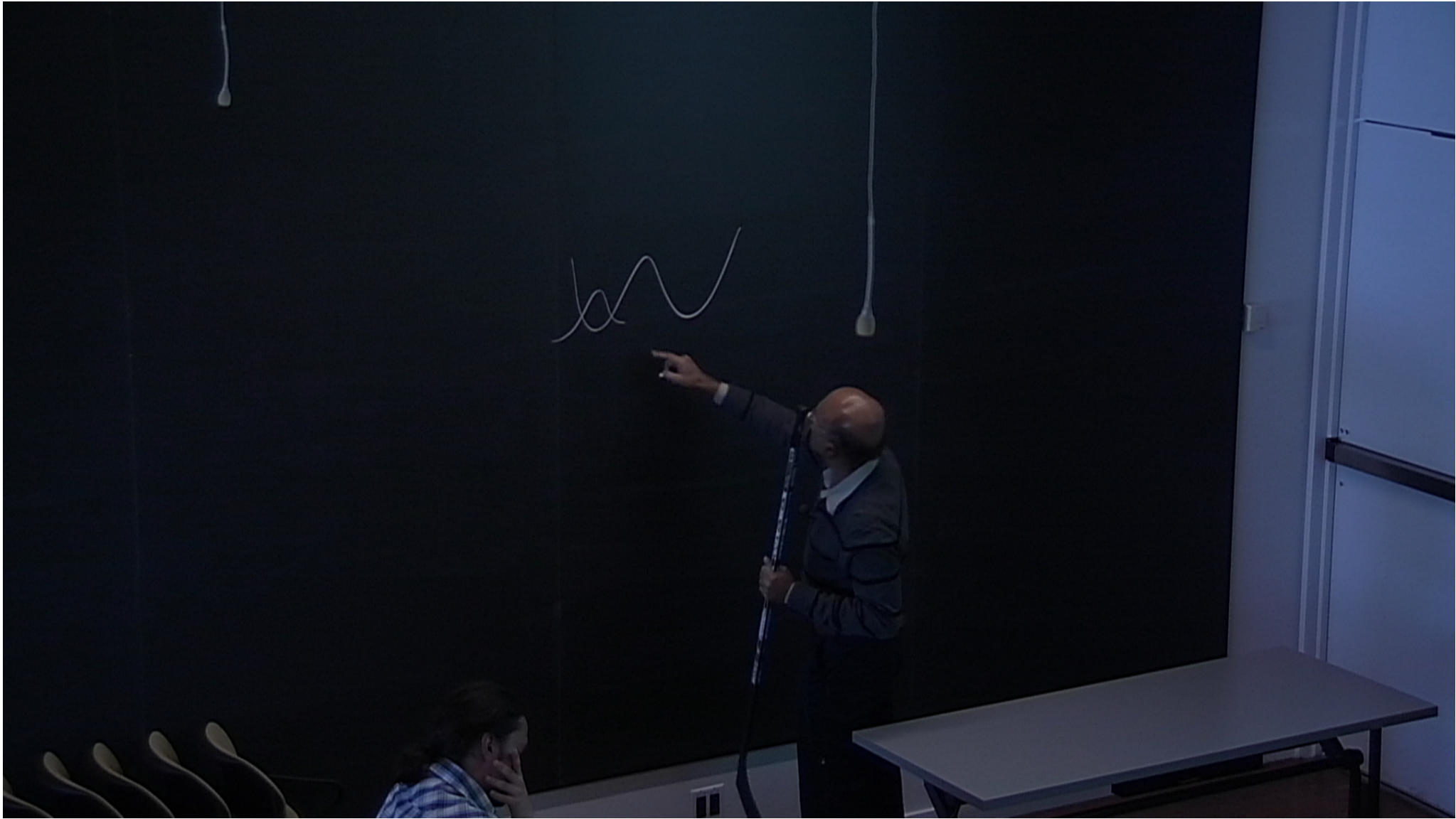
zero point fluctuations

$$|G\rangle \sim e^{-\sum \varphi_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^-} |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\dots\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$

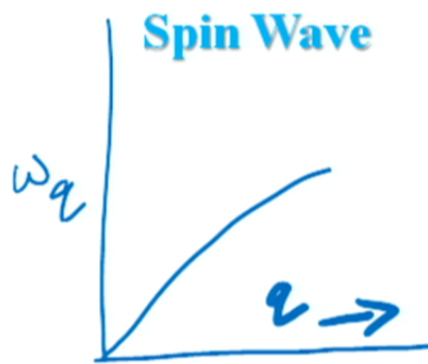
zero point reduction

$$\langle S_i^z \rangle = \frac{1}{2} - \delta m$$

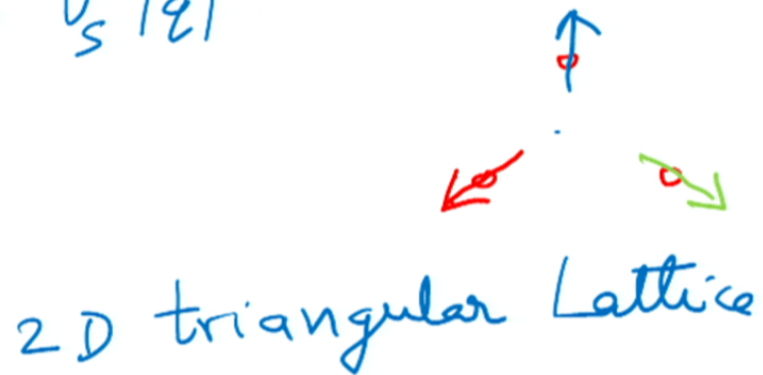
$\delta m \sim \ln L$   
in 1-d



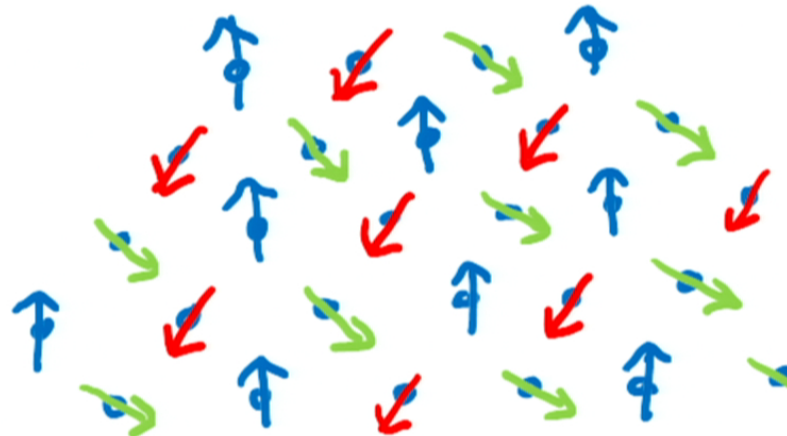
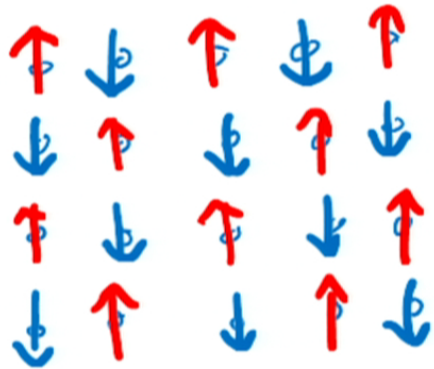
# Goldstone Mode



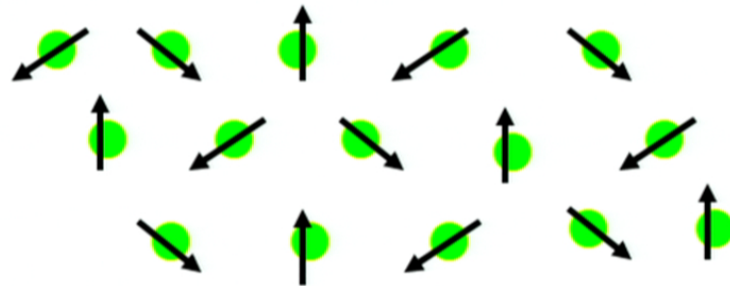
$$\omega_q \sim v_s |q|$$



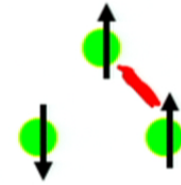
## 2D SQUARE LATTICE



**Spins have  
120 degree 3 sublattice pattern**



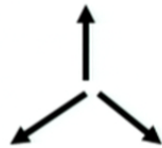
**Frustration**



**Ising Spins**



**Triangular lattice**



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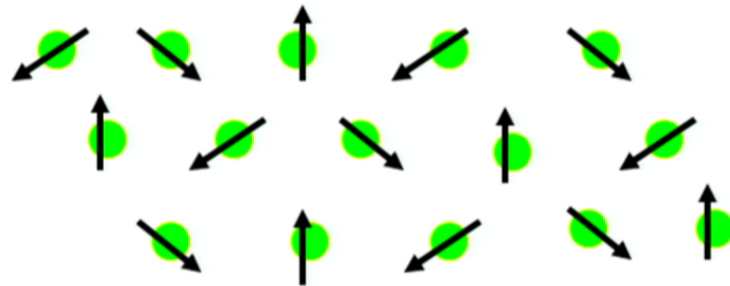
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**Kinetic energy**

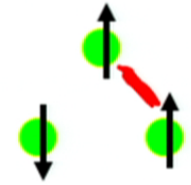
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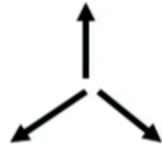
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**Kinetic energy**

**potential energy**

**Interesting physics and phases arises  
because of competition between  
kinetic and potential energies**

**When kinetic energy wins we have  
Quantum Spin Liquids**

**Anisotropic interaction  $\lambda$  U(1) symmetry**

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{S}_i^+ \mathbf{S}_j^- + \mathbf{S}_i^- \mathbf{S}_j^+) + \lambda S_i^z S_j^z$$

through Heisenberg interaction manage to relieve frustration ?

$$H = J(\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + \vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{S}_3 + \vec{S}_3 \cdot \vec{S}_1) \quad J > 0$$

$$\hat{\chi}_{123} \equiv \vec{S}_1 \cdot (\vec{S}_2 \times \vec{S}_3) \quad \text{CHIRALITY OPERATOR}$$

-----  $S_T = \frac{3}{2}$

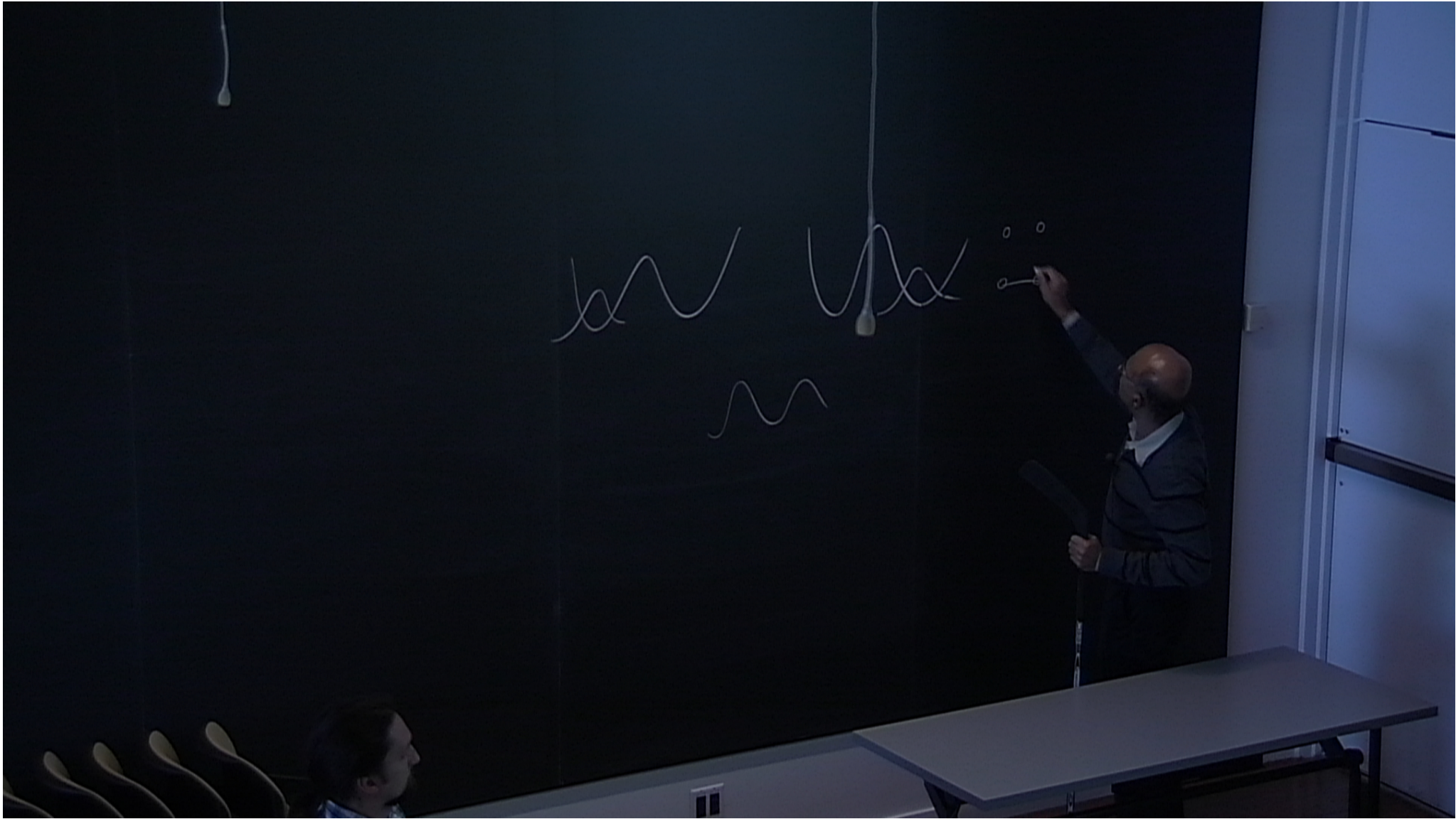
$$\Omega = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

-----  $S_T = \frac{1}{2}$

$\chi = +1$     $\chi = -1$

$$|\uparrow; \chi = +1\rangle = |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \Omega |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \Omega^2 |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

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## Classical

Liquid  
Liquid Crystal

Ising AFM  
(Spin Crystal)

Paramagnet  
(a Classical Spin Liquid)

Classical Spin Glass

## Quantum

Superfluid liquid  $^4\text{He}$   
**2D Vortex liquid  $^4\text{He}$ , vortex glass**  
Fermi Liquid, Nematic Liquid  
Superconductor

Solid  $^4\text{He}$ , Super Solid  $^4\text{He}$   
spin-half Quantum Antiferromagnet

Valence Bond Solid

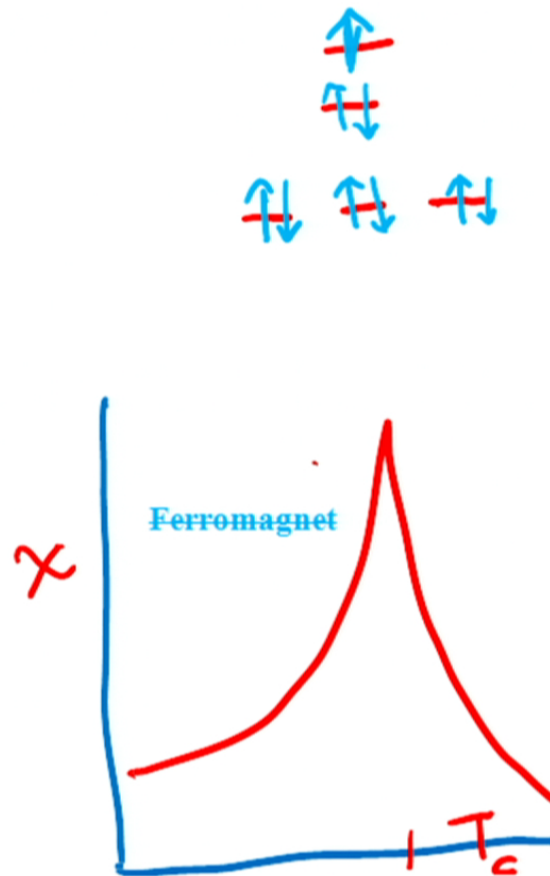
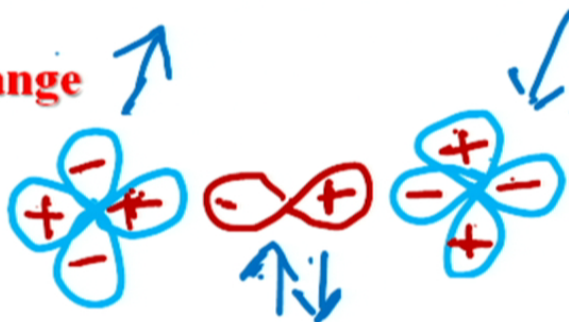
Quantum Spin Liquid  
(Quantum Melted Spin Crystal)

Valence Bond Glass  
Chiral Glass

# CuO - An elementary Mott Insulator



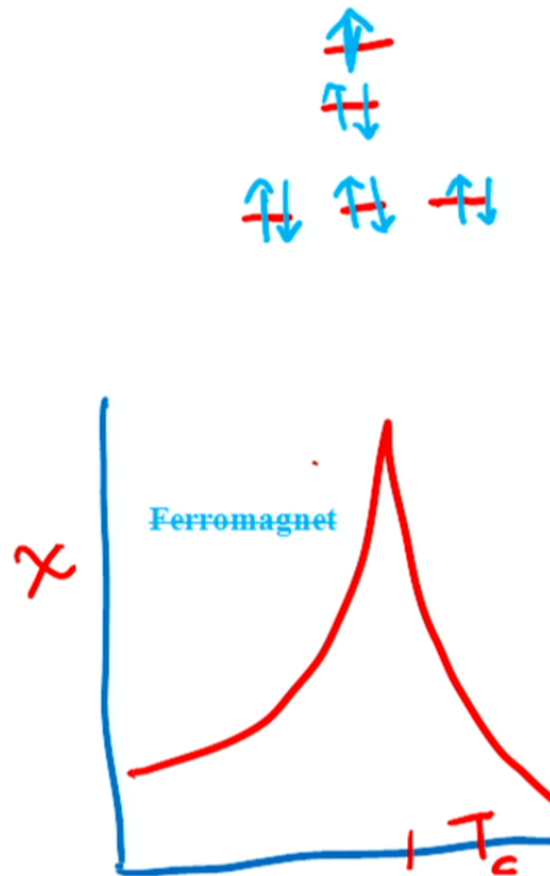
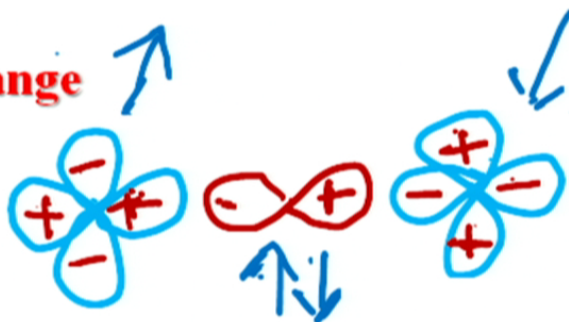
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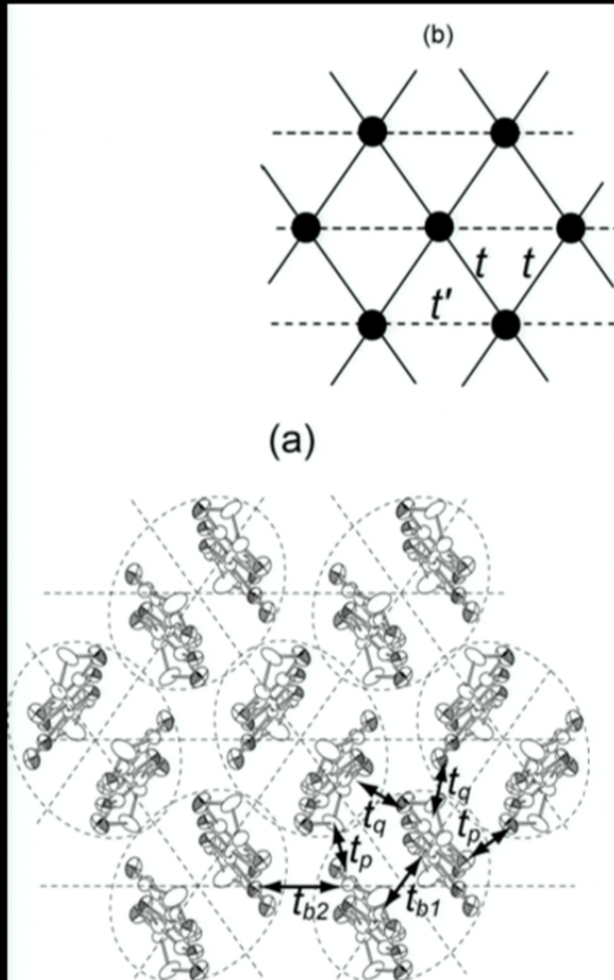


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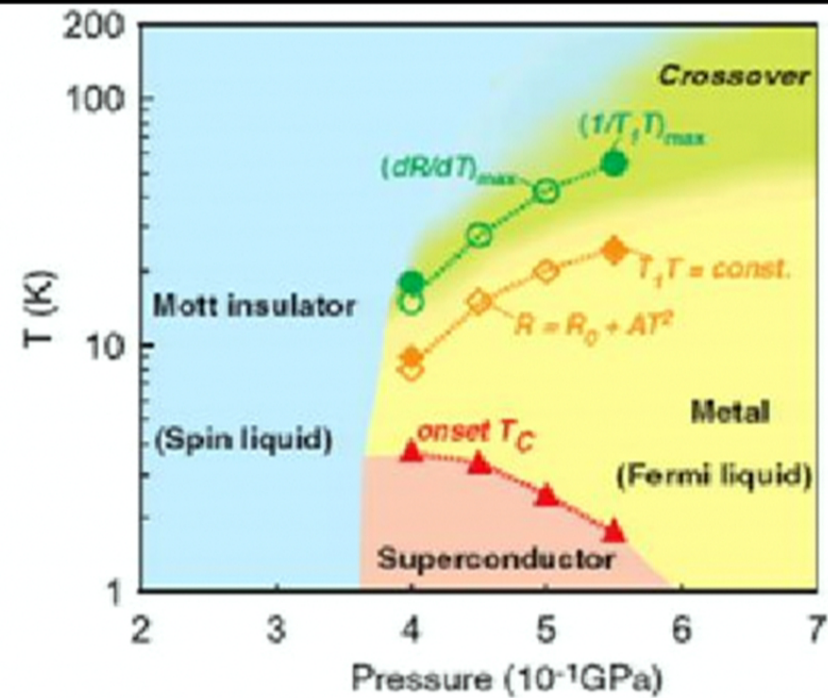
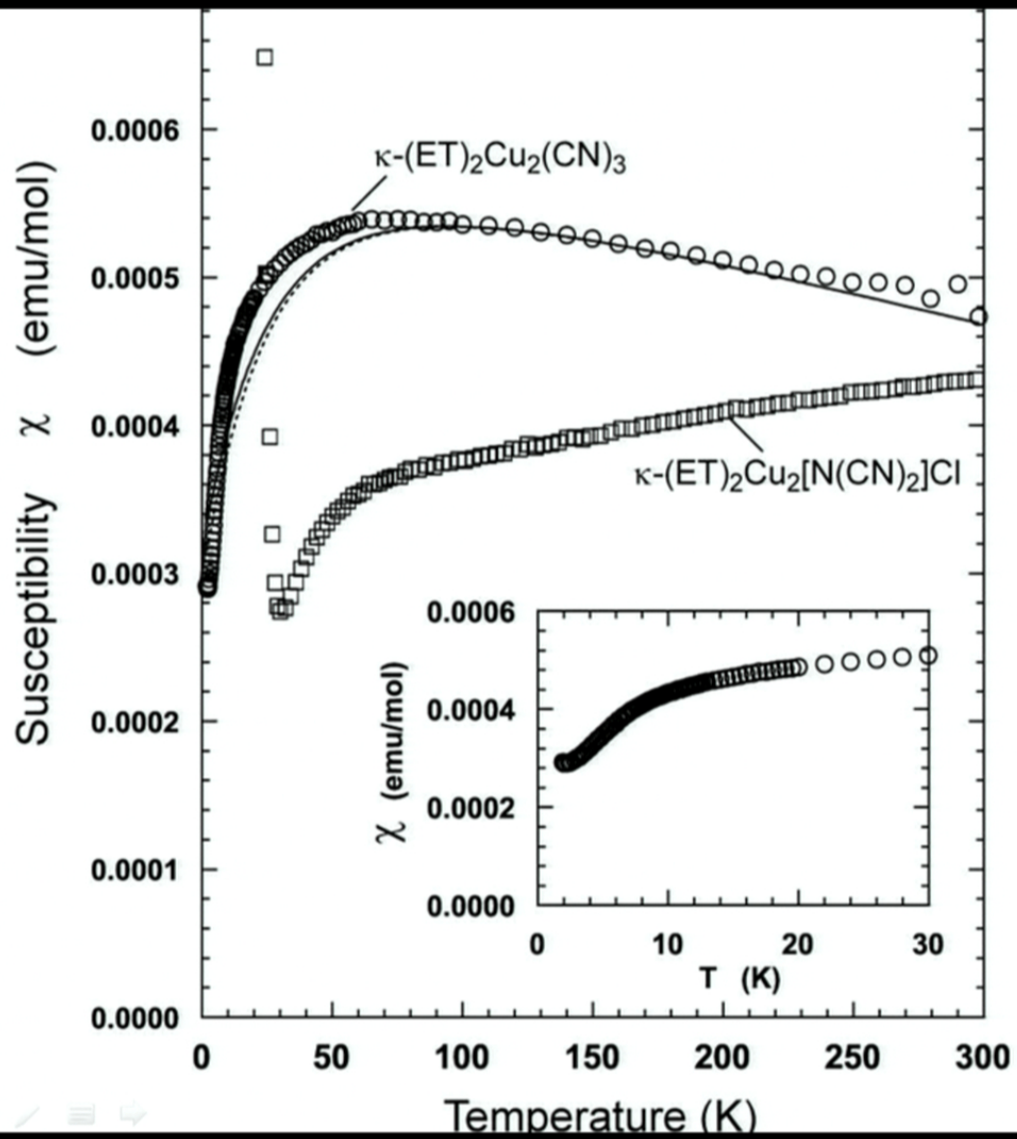


FIG. 1 (color online). The pressure-temperature phase diagram of  $\kappa$ -(ET)<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>, constructed on the basis of the resistance and NMR measurements under hydrostatic pressures. The Mott transition or crossover lines were identified as the temperature where  $1/T_1 T$  and  $dR/dT$  show the maximum as described in the text. The upper limit of the Fermi-liquid region was defined by the temperatures where  $1/T_1 T$  and  $R$  deviate from the Korringa's relation and  $R_0 + AT^2$ , respectively. The onset superconducting transition temperature was determined from the in-plane resistance measurements.



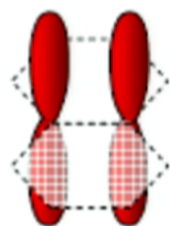


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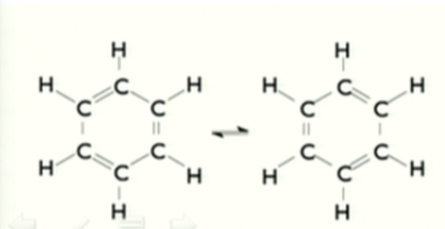
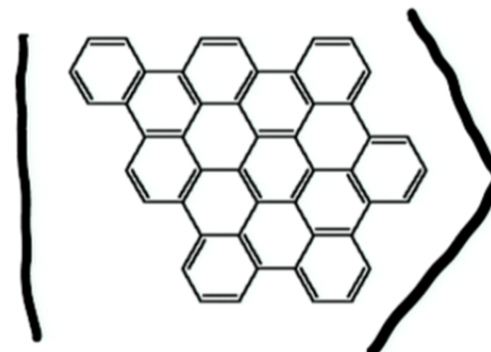
# Pauling's Idea of Resonating Valence Bond for Graphene

Dominance of **Neutral ( $C^0$ ) configurations**      **C:  $2s^2 2p^2$**

As a first approximation **polar ( $C^{1+}$ ,  $C^{1-}$ ) configurations** are ignored  
(there by approximating it as a Mott insulator !)



$$|RVB\rangle = \sum$$



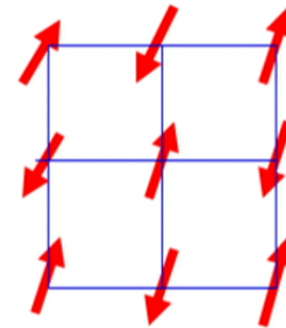
# Resonating Valence Bond (RVB) States

Pauling  
Anderson 1973  
Fazekas

## Quantum Heisenberg Antiferromagnets (spin half)

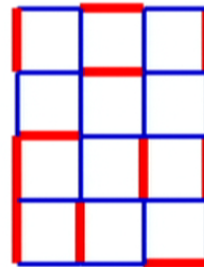
### Quantum fluctuations

Encouraged by lattice frustration and lower dimensionality  
may destroy long range AFM order (spin crystal)



## Resulting in a Quantum Spin Liquid, a RVB state

$$|RVB\rangle = \sum_C |C\rangle$$



$$|RVB; \phi\rangle \equiv P_G \left( \sum_{ij} \phi_{ij} b_{ij}^\dagger \right)^{\frac{N}{2}} |0\rangle$$

### Short range spin correlations

$$\langle S_{iz} S_{jz} \rangle \approx e^{\frac{-|i-j|}{\xi}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{|i-j|^\alpha}$$

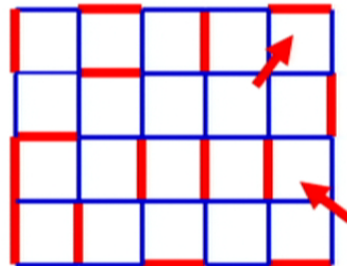
$$\text{---} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle]$$

After a long gap came Cuprates (Bednorz Muller 1986)

It is a realisation of RVB Quantum spin liquid in 2D (Anderson 1987)

Spin Susceptibility of undoped  $\text{La}_2\text{CuO}_4$  was Pauli like (Ganguly, Rao 1986)

Neutral Fermion excitations and Pseudo Fermi Surface  
spinon



Spinon as a Topological object (Kivelson, Rokhsar, Sethna 1987)

A Quantum Dimer Model & Topological Order (Kivelson, Rokhsar)

RVB Mean field solutions & Quantum Order (Wen)

# Emergent Fermions from Localized Spins

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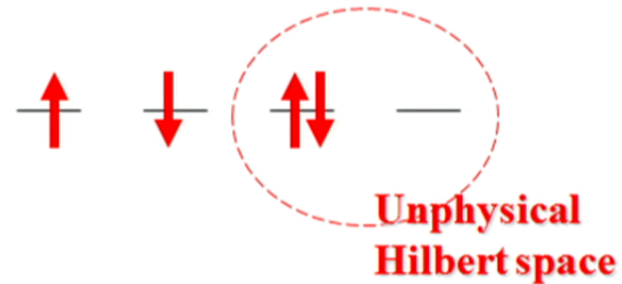
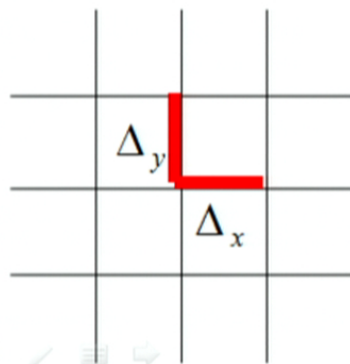
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Two complex fermion Hilbert space  $2^2 = 4$

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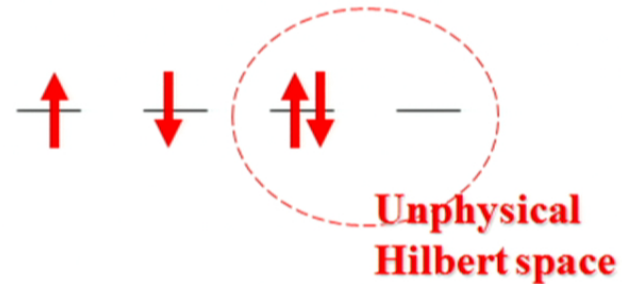
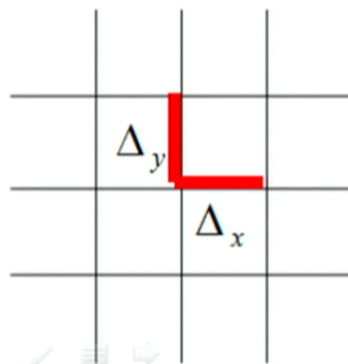
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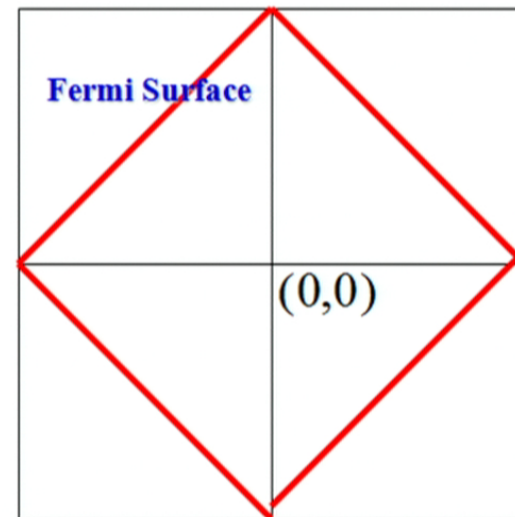
$$H_{pair} = -J \sum_{k, k'} \gamma(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') c_{-k'\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k'\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k\uparrow} c_{-k\downarrow}$$

$$H_{mF} \sim J \sum_{k\alpha} |\cos k_x + \cos k_y| \alpha_{k\sigma}^\dagger \alpha_{k\sigma}$$

$(\pi, \pi)$

$$|2D RVB\rangle = P_G \prod_k (u_k + v_k c_{k\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k\downarrow}^\dagger) |0\rangle$$

**GB, Zou, Anderson 1987**



**Recent work by**

**Tao Li and Vishwanath et al. (2011) find long range AFM order**

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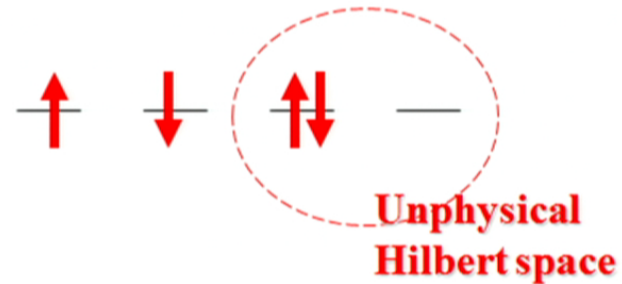
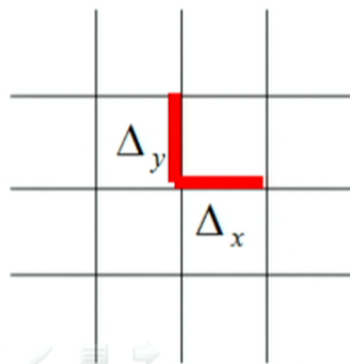
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## Dynamically generated Gauge Fields

GB, Anderson 1987

$$2^N \rightarrow 4^N$$

**Spin waves (Goldstone modes) are elementary excitations  
In magnetically ordered systems**

**Hilbert space enlargement helped us to see  
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## Dynamically generated Gauge Fields

GB, Anderson 1987

$$2^N \rightarrow 4^N$$

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**Local U(1) gauge symmetry**

$$H_s = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (S_i \cdot S_j - \frac{1}{4}) = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_{ij}^\dagger b_{ij}$$

$$C_{i\alpha}^+ \rightarrow e^{i\theta_i} C_{i\alpha}^+$$

$$b_{ij}^+ \rightarrow e^{i\theta_i} b_{ij}^+ e^{i\theta_j}$$

$$\Delta_{ij}^* \rightarrow e^{i\theta_i} \Delta_{ij}^* e^{i\theta_j}$$

**GB, Anderson**

**U(1) RVB magnetic field**

$$\Re \int e^{i\oint \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}} \sim \mathbf{S}_i \times (\mathbf{S}_j \times \mathbf{S}_k)$$

**Wen Wilczek Zee**

**Local SU(2) symmetry**

$$C_{i\uparrow} \rightarrow u_i C_{i\uparrow} + v_i C_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \quad |u_i|^2 + |v_i|^2 = 1$$

**Affleck Anderson Zou Hsu**

**Two complex fermion**

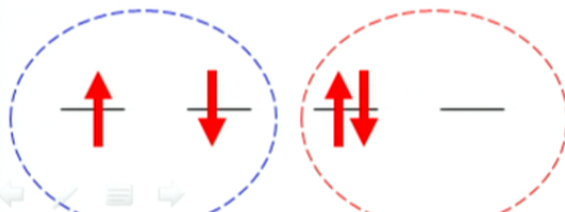
**Hilbert space  $2^2 = 4$**

$$2^{2N} = 2^N \times \dots \times 2^N$$

$\leftarrow 2^N \text{ times} \rightarrow$

Physical spin

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**When a physical spin and a Pseudo spin get identified the above  $2^N$  sectors become gauge copies of a  $Z_2$  gauge theory**

## Key aspects of RVB theory

**Enlargement of Hilbert space**

**Mean field theory – freezing link variables**

**Dynamically generated Gauge fields ( $Z_2$ ,  $U(1)$ ,  $SU(2)$ )**

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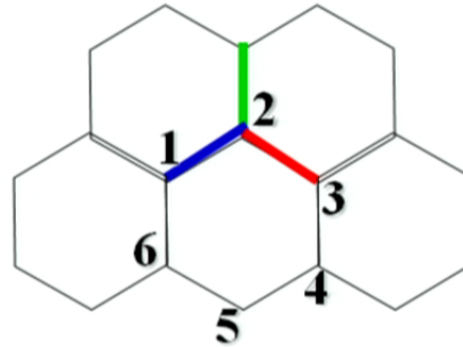
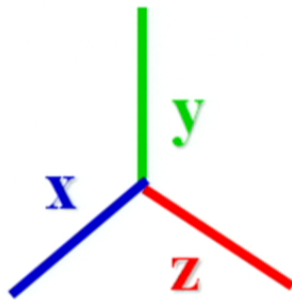
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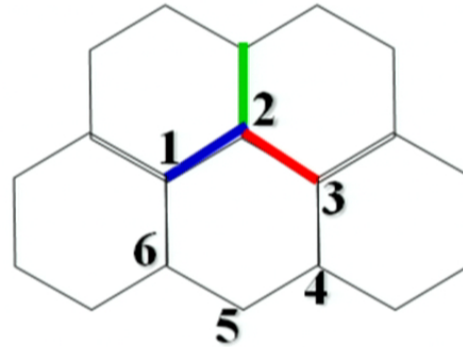
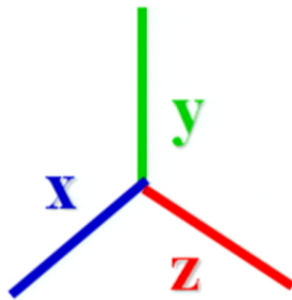
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## Kitaev's method of solution

2 Majorana fermions make one complex or Dirac fermion

$$\begin{aligned}\psi^+ &= \xi + i\zeta & \{\psi, \psi^+\} &= 1 \\ 2 &= \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} & \{\xi, \zeta\} &= 0 \\ & & \xi^2 = \zeta^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Introduce 4 Majorana fermions at each site:

$$c^\alpha, \quad \alpha = 0, x, y, z \quad \{c^\alpha, c^\beta\} = 2\delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$D_i |\Psi\rangle_{\text{phys}} = |\Psi\rangle_{\text{phys}} \quad \text{Dimension of Physical Hilbert Space } 2^{2N}$$

$$D_i \equiv c_i c_i^x c_i^y c_i^z \quad \text{Dimension of Enlarged Hilbert Space } 4^{2N}$$

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$$[\sigma_i^a, \sigma_j^b] = i\epsilon_{abc} \sigma_i^c \delta_{ij}$$

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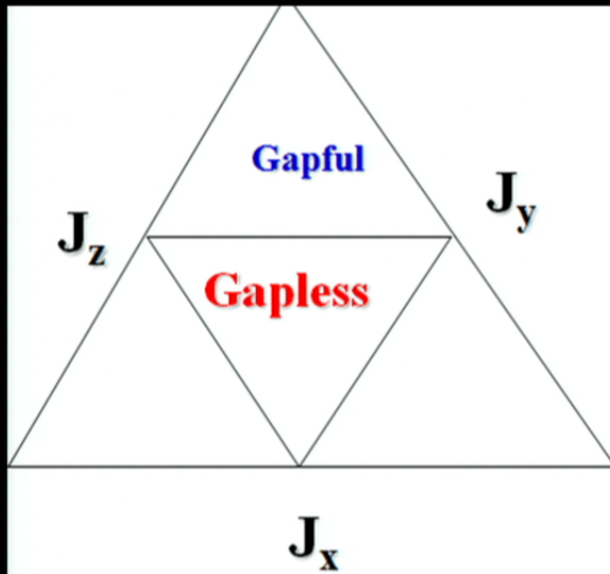
**Zero flux sector**  $B_p = 1$  for all plaquettes

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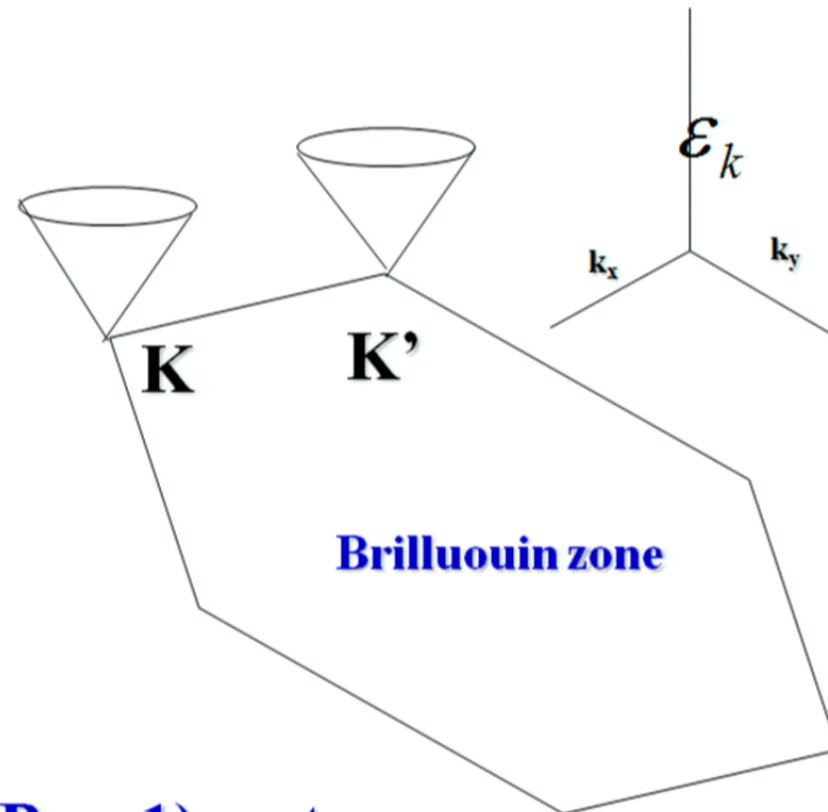
**The problem reduces to freely propagating Majorana fermion on the honeycomb lattice**

**This can be solved by Bogoliubov transformation combined with fourier transformation**





Only particle like fermionic excitations are present



For zero flux ( $B_p = 1$ ) sector

## Gauge Field Condensation and Chiral Symmetry Breaking

Is it possible to have non zero

$$\langle S_i \cdot (S_j \times S_k) \rangle \sim \langle e^{i \oint A \cdot dl} \rangle \neq 0$$

in the ground state ?

$$\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} = a B_{RVO}$$

**i.e.** Interaction among emergent gauge fields  
favor presence of finite magnetic fields in the ground state

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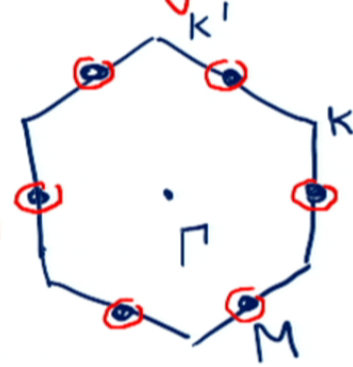
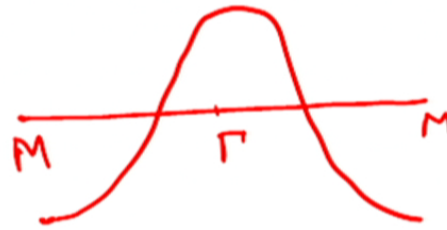
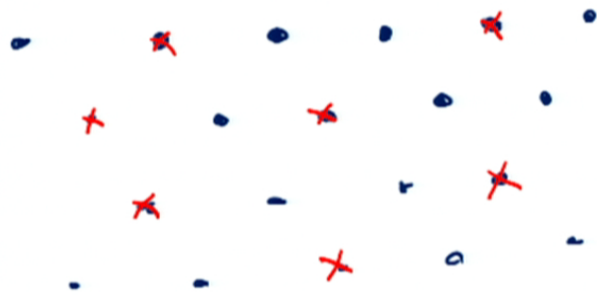
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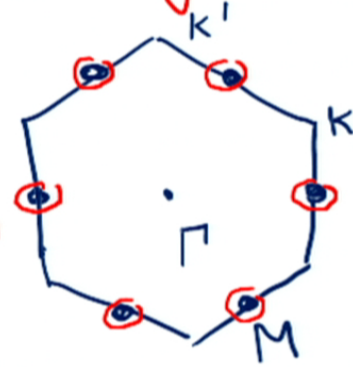
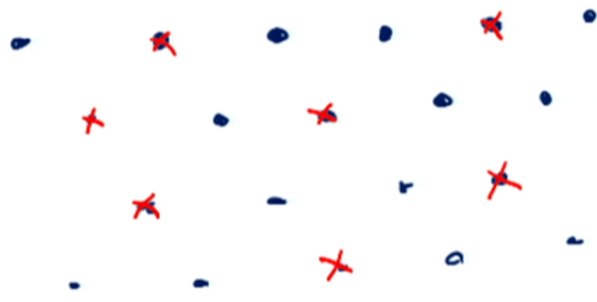
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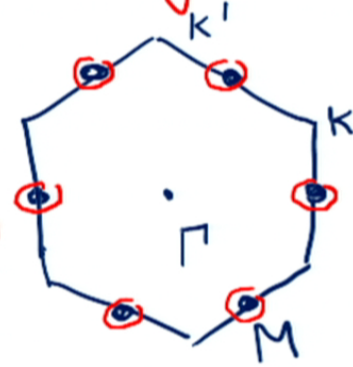
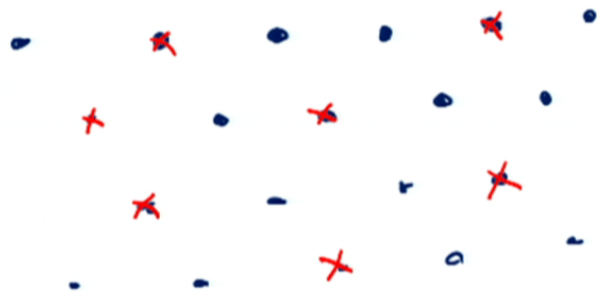
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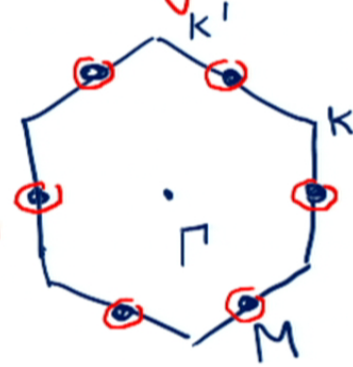
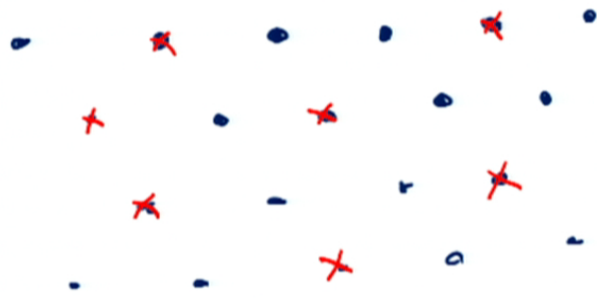
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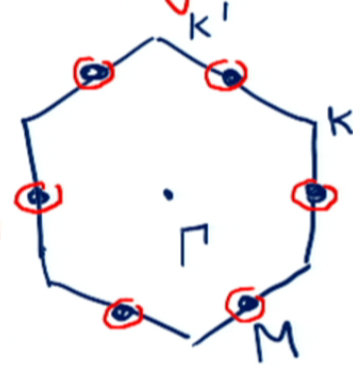
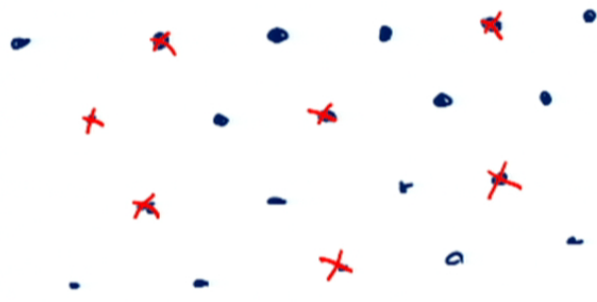
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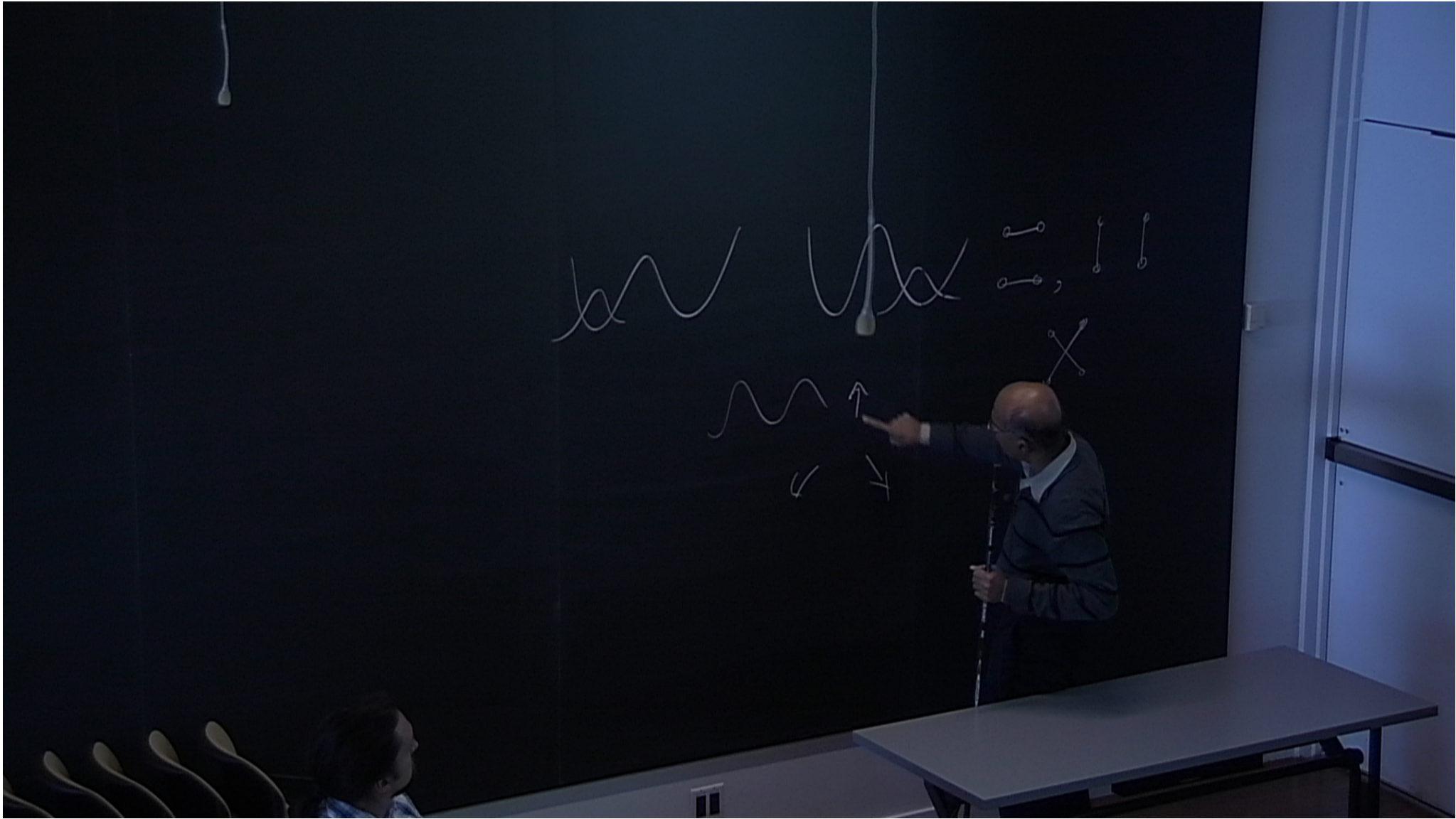
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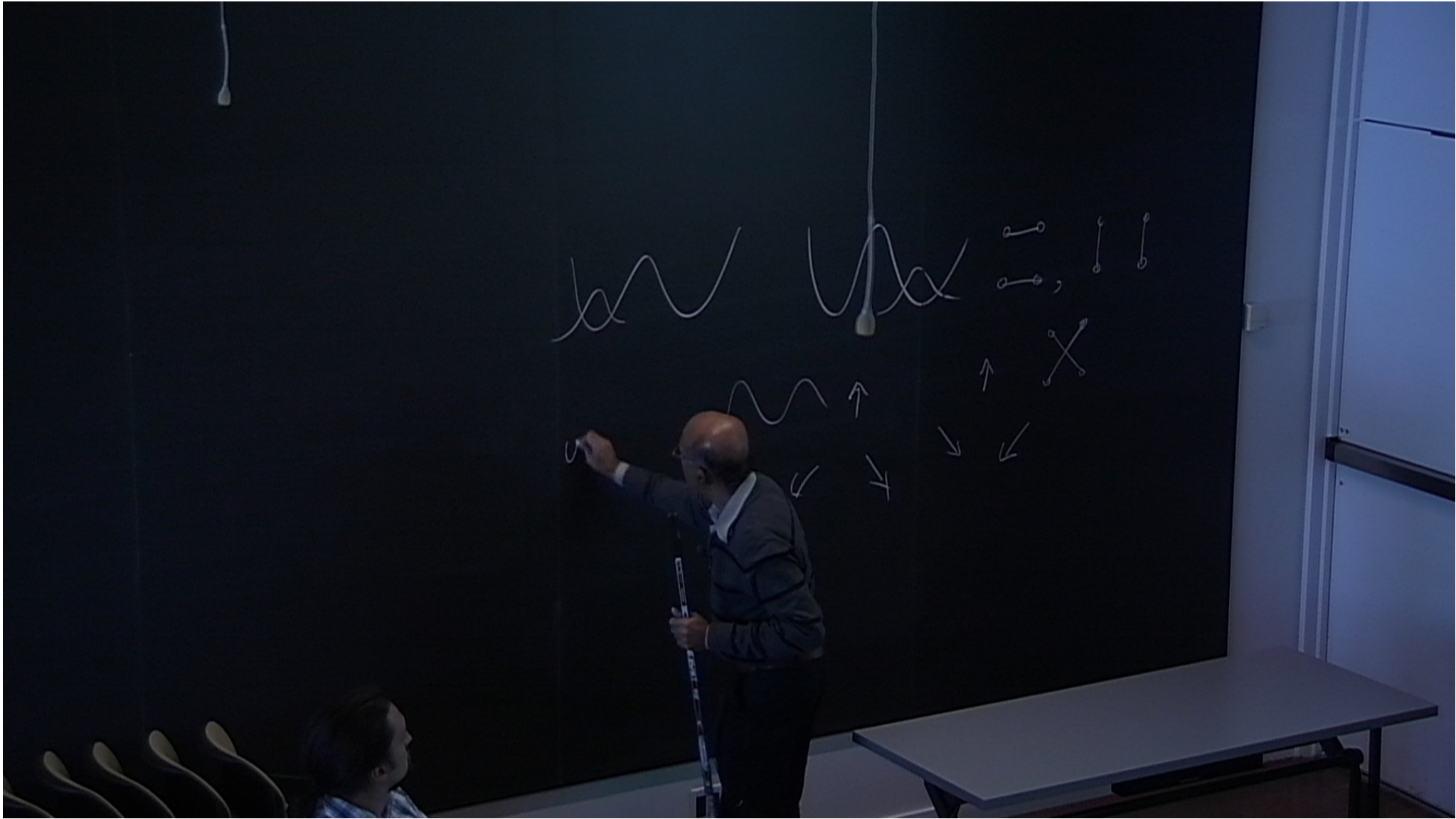
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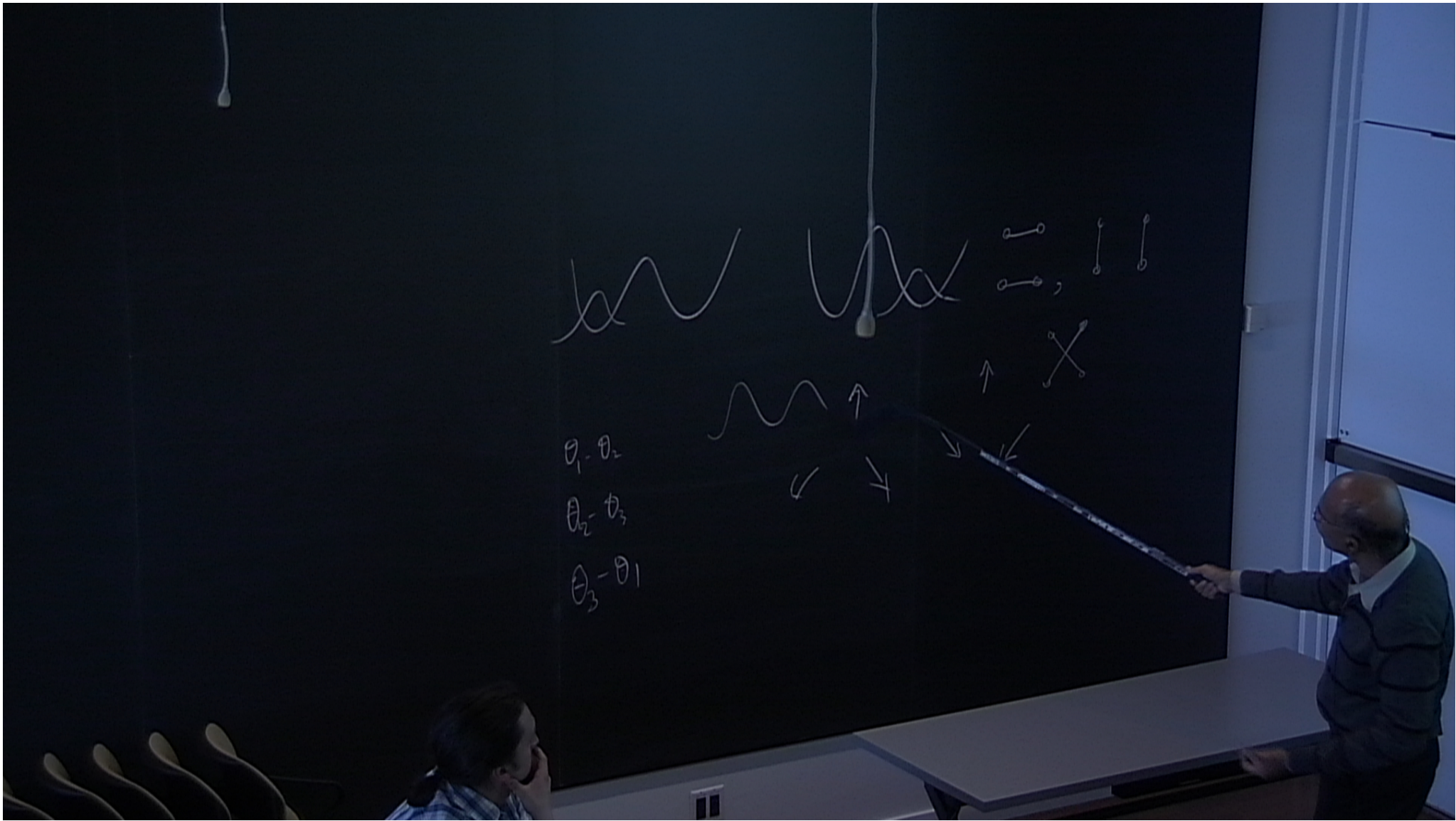
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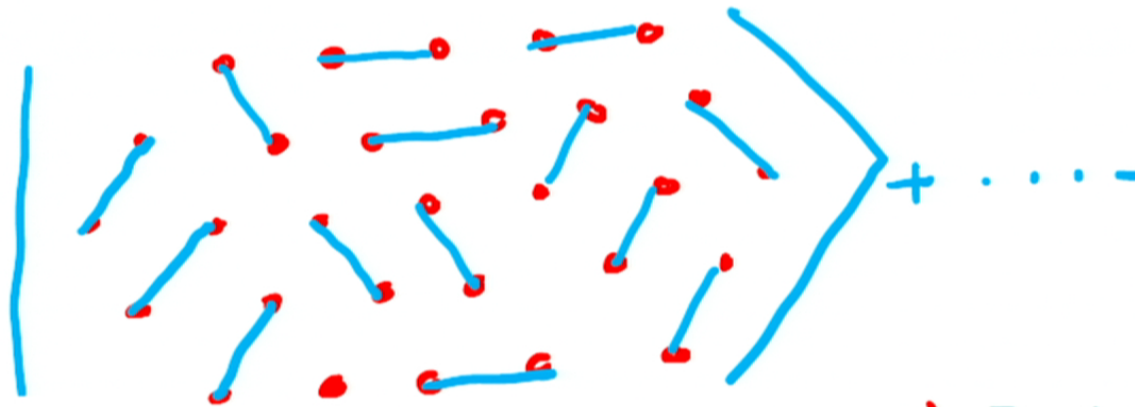
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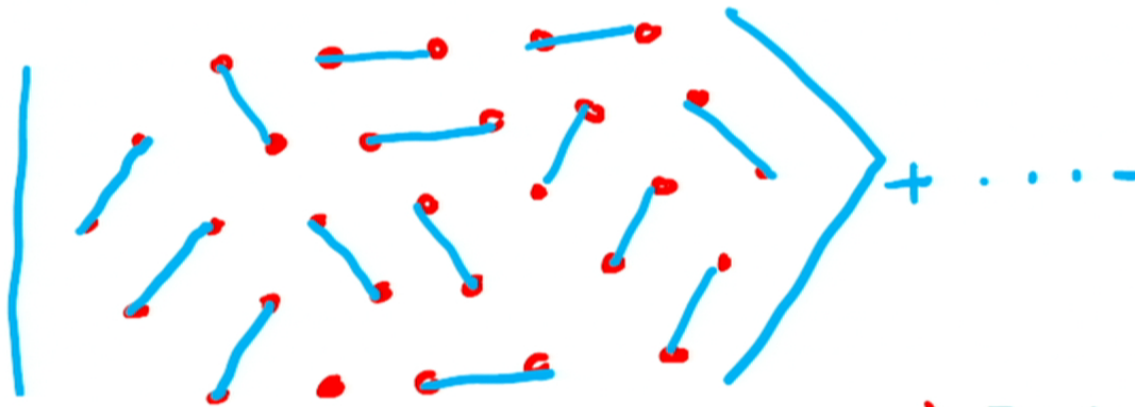
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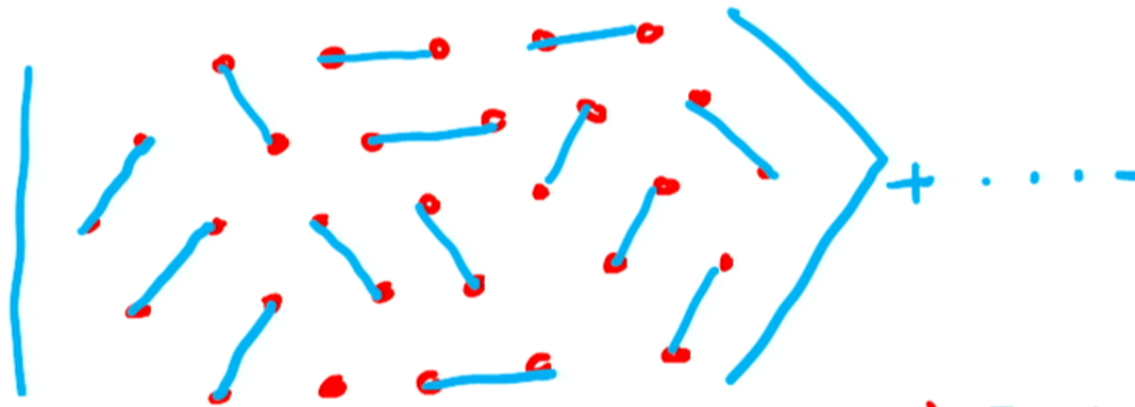
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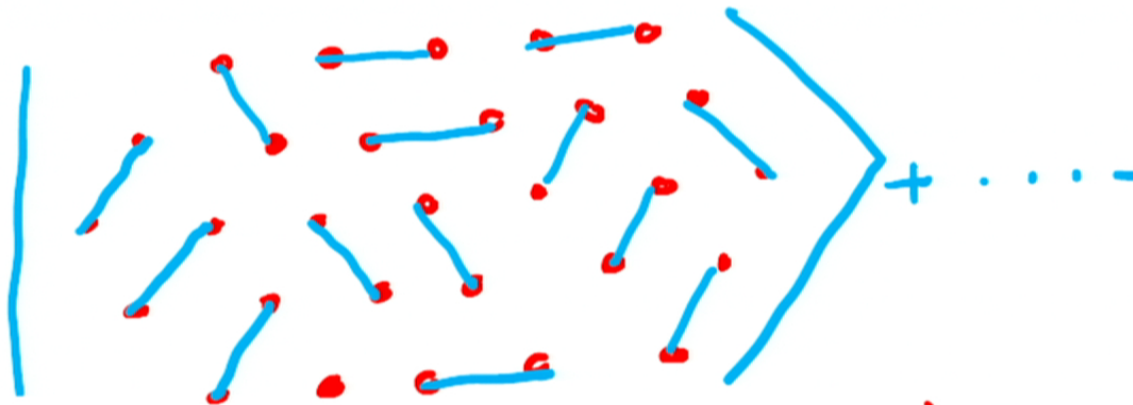
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$$\hat{\chi}_{ijk} \equiv \mathbf{S}_i \cdot (\mathbf{S}_j \times \mathbf{S}_k)$$

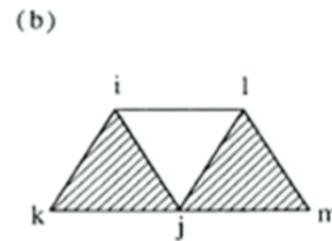
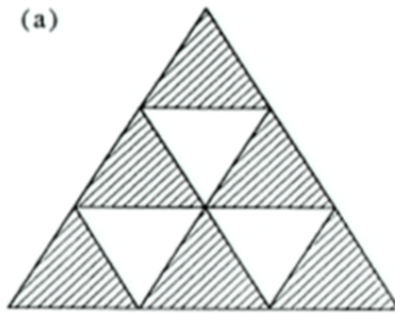
The eigenvalues of  $\hat{\chi}$  are  $\pm \sqrt{3}/4$  and 0

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$$\hat{\chi}_{ijk}^2 = -\frac{1}{16} (\mathbf{S}_i + \mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_k)^2 + \frac{15}{64}$$

GB PRL 1989 Application to  $J_1 J_2$  Model on a Triangular Lattice

$$\begin{aligned} H &= J \sum_{\text{nn}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j = \frac{1}{2} J \sum_{\langle ijk \rangle} (\mathbf{S}_i + \mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_k)^2 \\ &= -8J \sum_{\langle ijk \rangle} \hat{\chi}_{ijk}^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$H = J \sum_{nn} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \alpha J \sum_{nnn} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j = -8J \sum_{\langle ijk \rangle} \hat{\chi}_{ijk}^2 + \alpha J \sum_{nnn} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

$$Z(\beta) = \int \mathcal{D}m \text{Tr} \left\{ T \exp \left[ 16J \sum_{\Delta} \int_0^{\beta} \chi_{ijk}(\tau) m_{ijk}(\tau) d\tau \right] \exp \left[ -8J \sum \int_0^{\beta} m_{ijk}^2(\tau) d\tau \right] \right\}$$

$$\beta F[m] = \frac{(16J)^4}{4!} \sum \text{Tr}(T \chi \chi \chi \chi) m(\tau) m(\tau_2) m(\tau_3) m(\tau_4) d\tau_1 d\tau_2 d\tau_3 d\tau_4$$

$$- \frac{1}{24} (16\beta J)^2 g_1^2(\alpha) \sum m_{ijk} m_{jlm}$$

**First term, independent of nnn coupling has a local  $Z_2$  symmetry**

$$m_{ijk}(\tau) \rightarrow \sigma_{ijk} m_{ijk}(\tau)$$

◀ **Second term is an Ising term, which has a global  $Z_2$  symmetry**

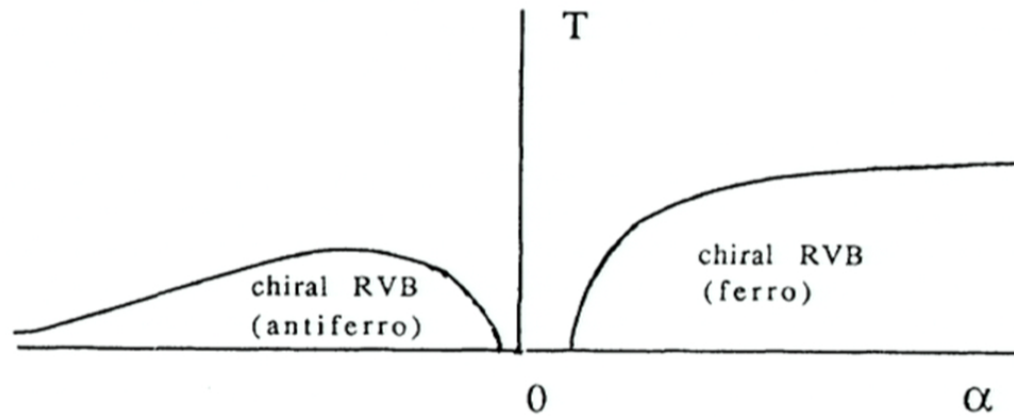


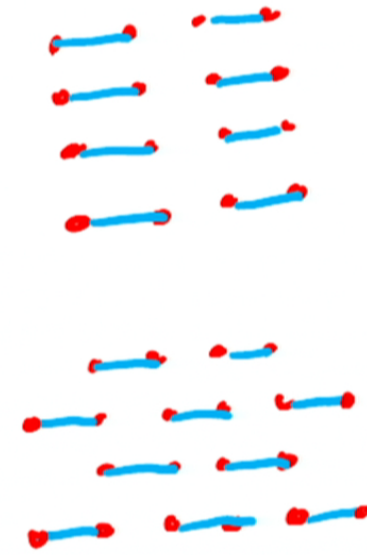
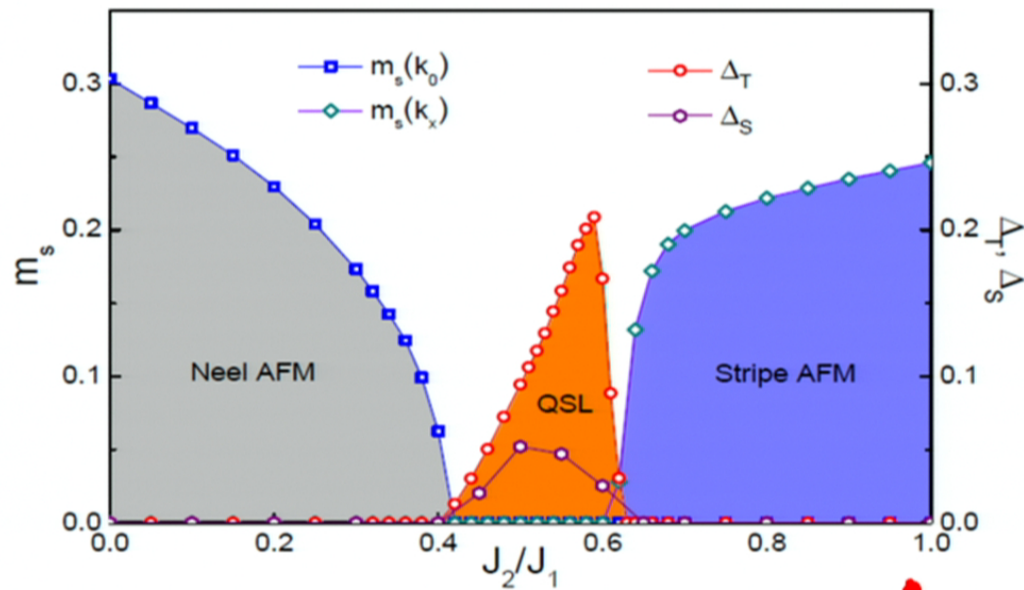
FIG. 2. Phase diagram as a function of the strength  $\alpha$  of the next-nearest-neighbor coupling.

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# Recent excitement in $J_1 J_2$ Model on a Square lattice

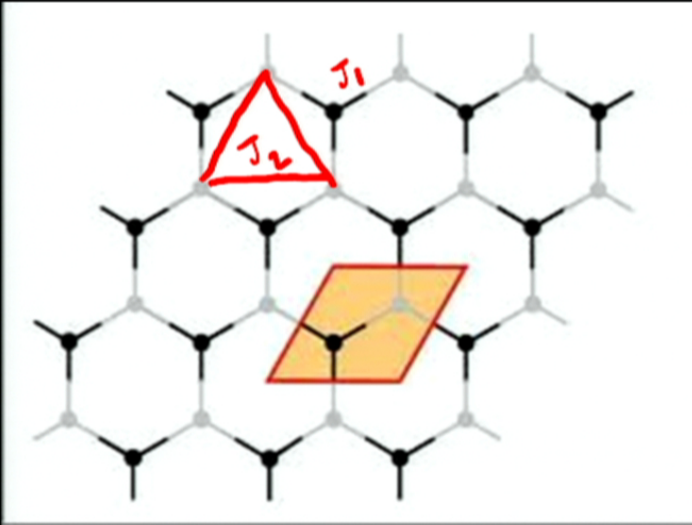
$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Valence bond order vs Spin liquid



at  $\frac{J_2}{J_1} = 0.5$   $H = -J \sum \hat{x}_{ijk}^2$

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$J_1, J_2$

Special value  $\frac{J_2}{J_1}$

$$H = -J \sum \chi_{ijk}^2$$

