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Abstract: The most interesting states of the cuprate compounds are not the superconductors with high critical temperatures. Instead, the novelty lies primarily in the higher temperature metallic "normal" states from which the superconductors descend, and in competing low temperature states with density wave order. I will review recent experimental and theoretical progress in understanding these states. The experimental evidence is compatible with the presence of a metal with topological order in the 'pseudogap' regime of low carrier density.

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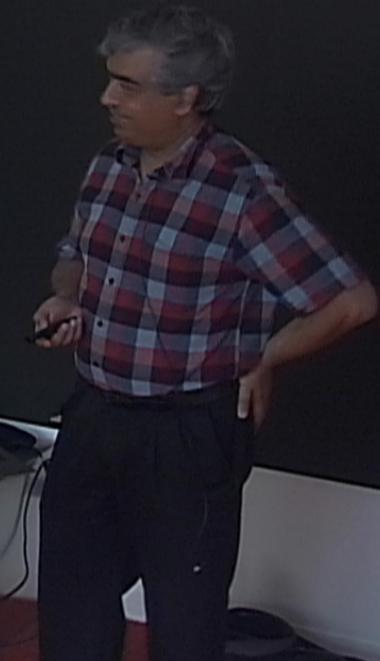
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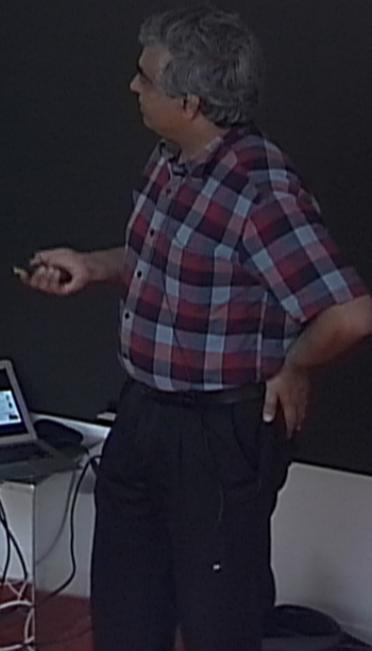
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## Flavors of Quantum Matter

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Independent electrons, or pairs of electrons



### B. Topological quantum matter

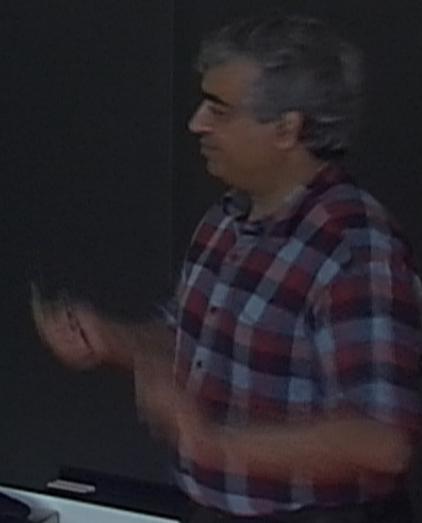
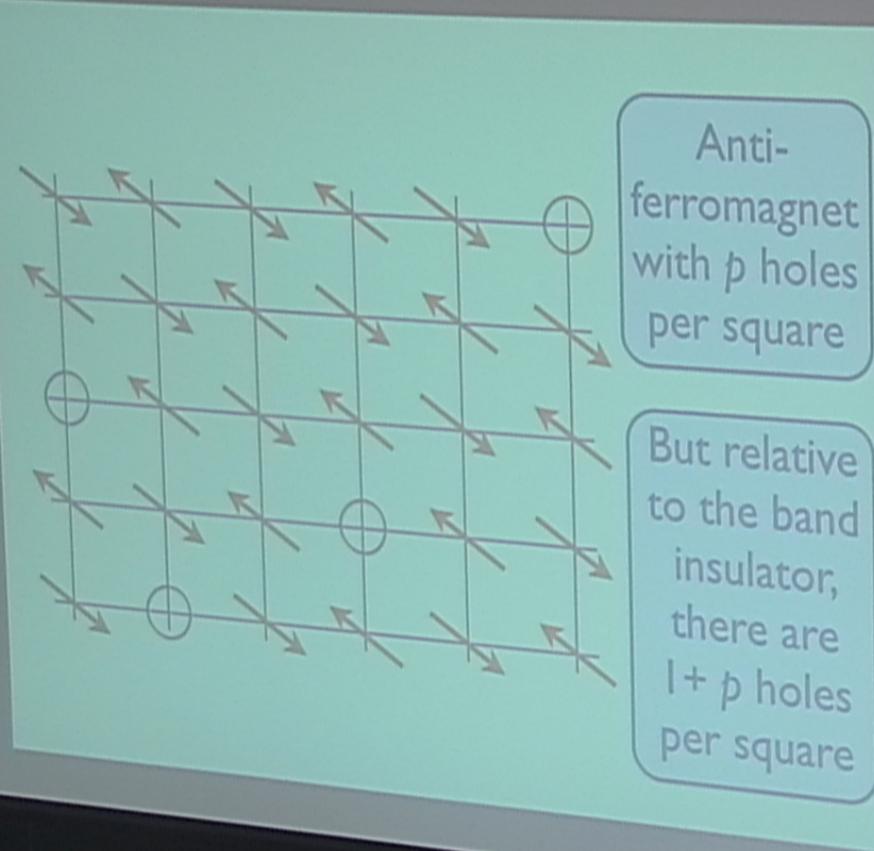
Long-range quantum entanglement leads  
to sensitivity to spatial topology



### C. Quantum matter without quasiparticles

Hydrodynamics, memory functions,  
holography, and field theory





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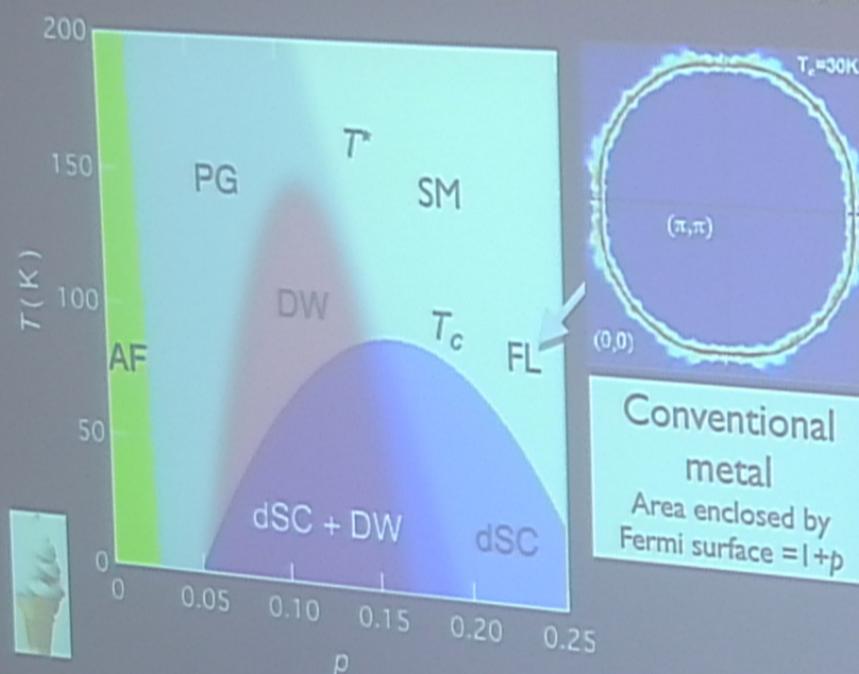
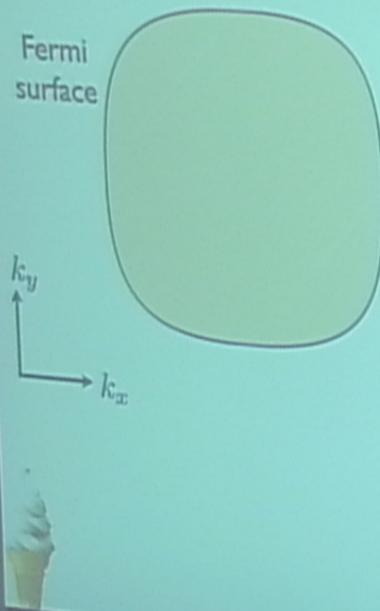
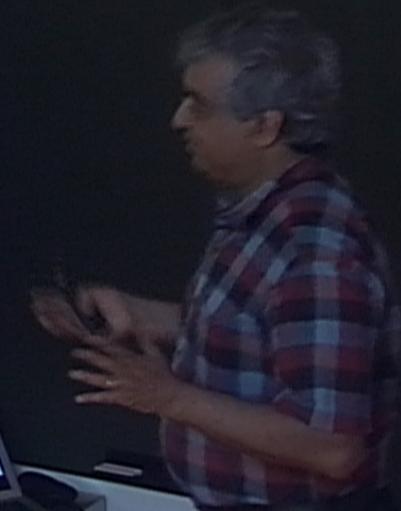


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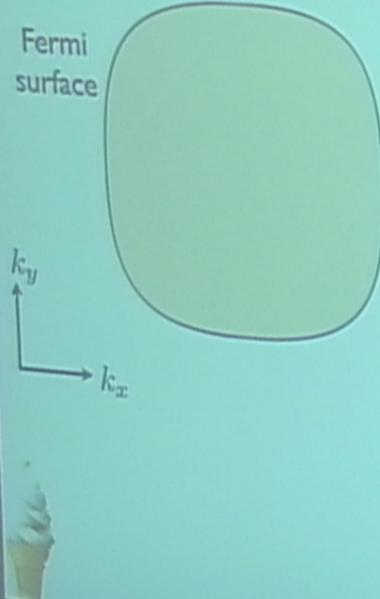
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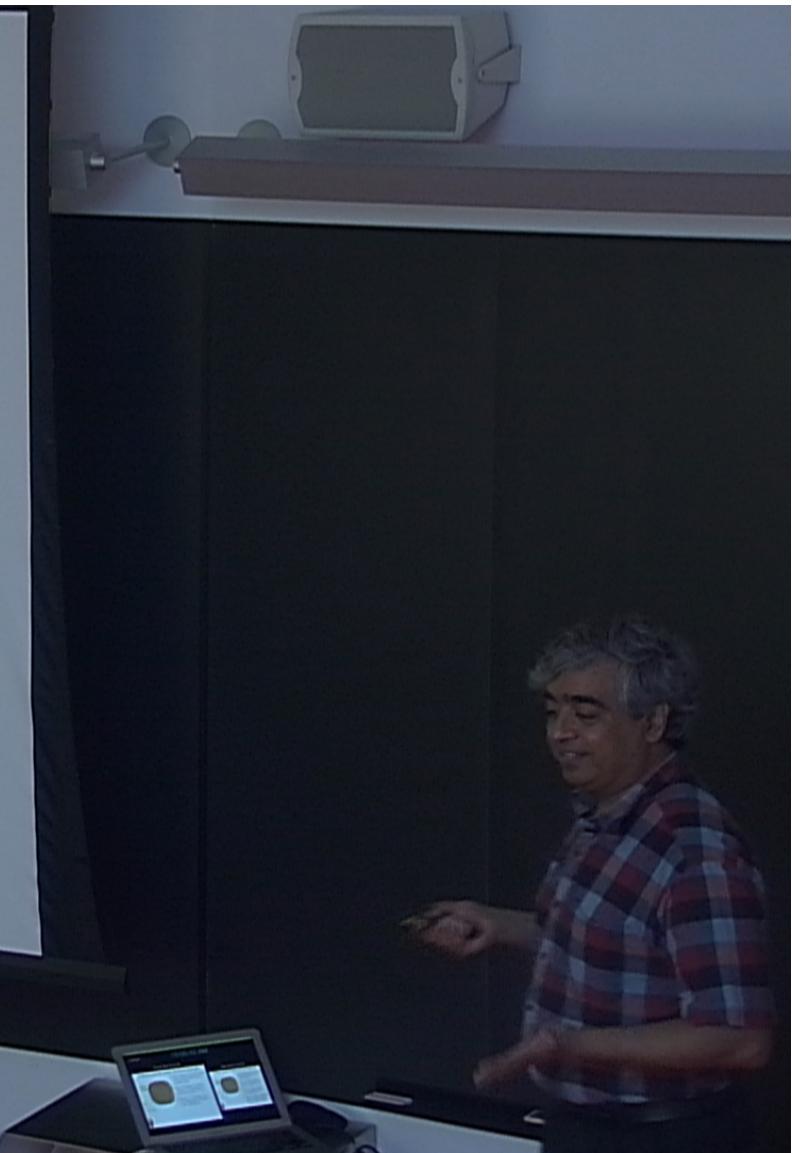
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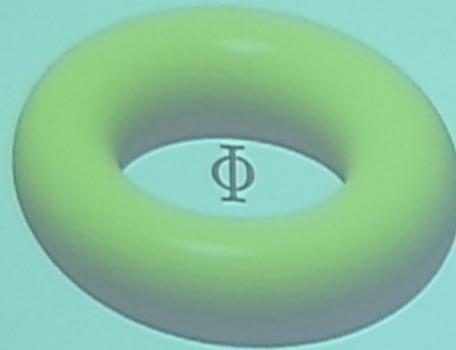


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### Topological argument for the area of Fermi surface



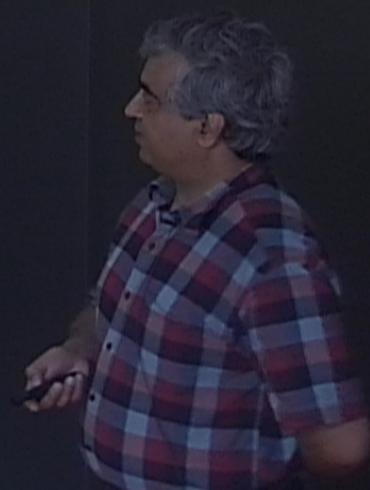
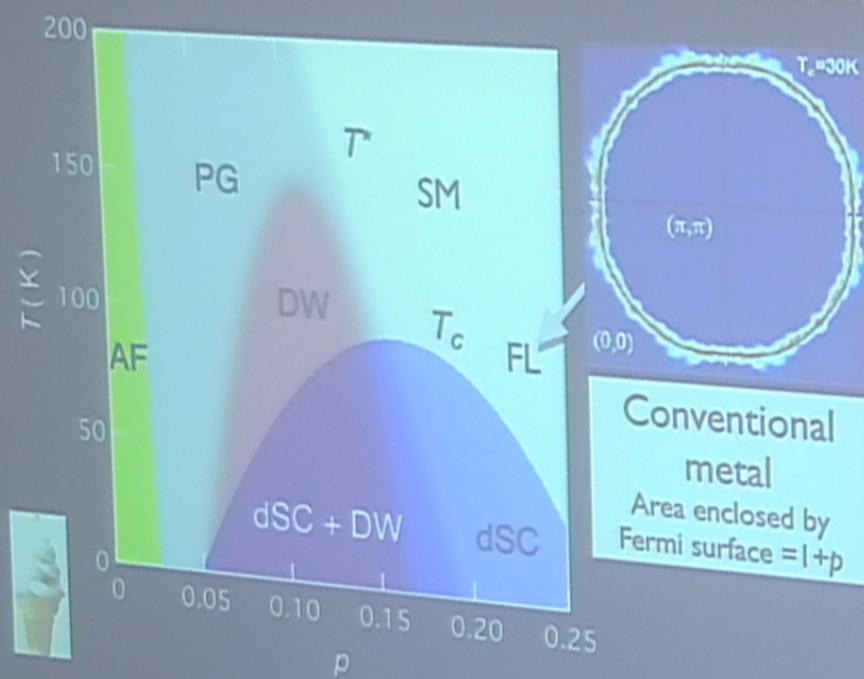
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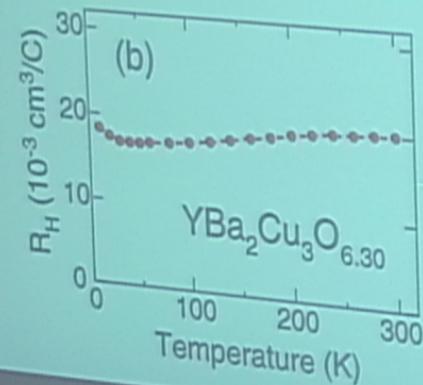
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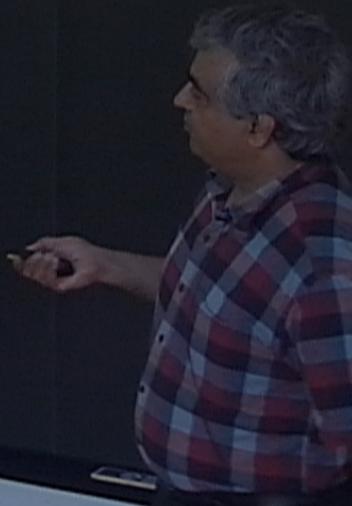
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$T$ -independent Hall effect in a magnetic field of fermions of charge  $+e$  and density  $p$



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Spectroscopic evidence for Fermi liquid-like energy and temperature dependence of the relaxation rate in the pseudogap phase of the cuprates

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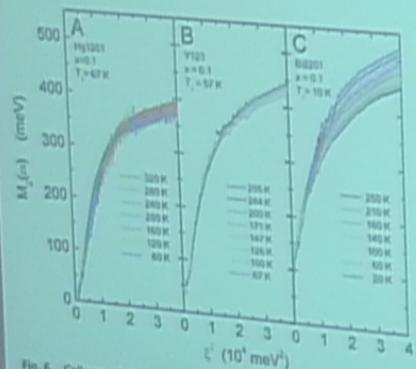


Fig. 6. Collapse of the frequency and temperature dependence of the relaxation rate of underdoped cuprate materials. Normal state  $M_2(\omega, T)$  as a function of  $\epsilon^2 \omega^2 (\text{meV}^2) + (p \text{ eV}^2 T)^2$

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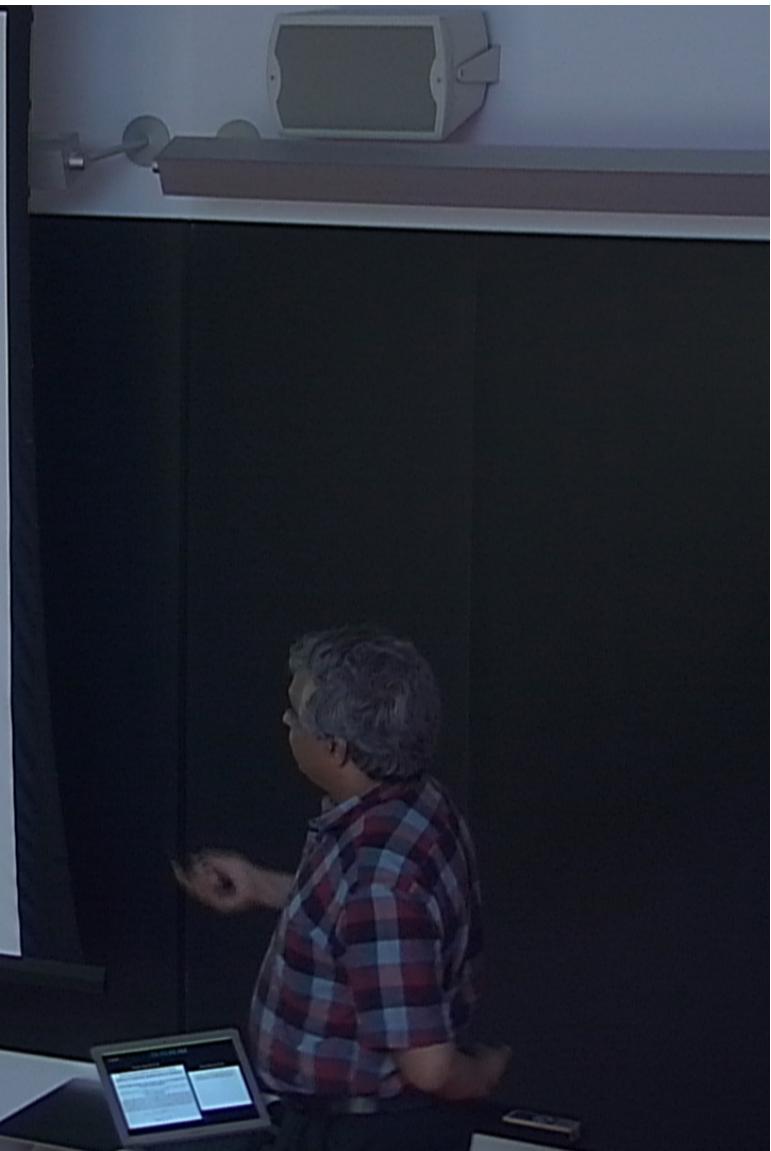
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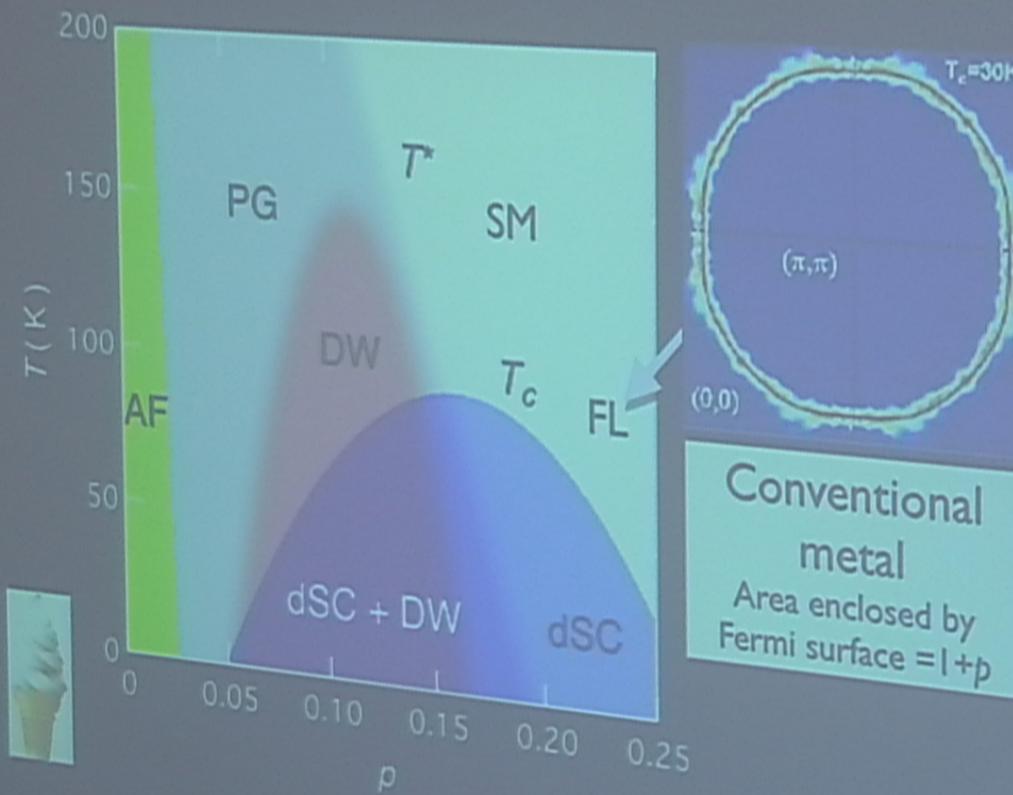
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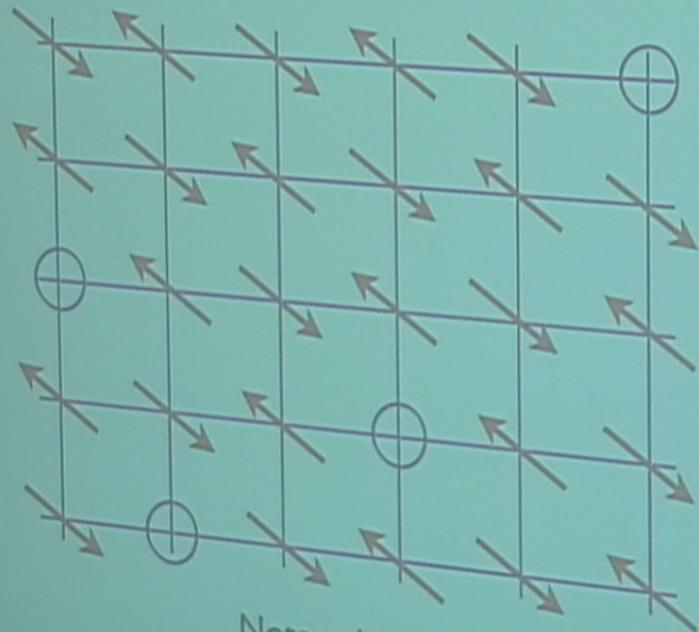
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Answer: Yes.

There can be a Fermi surface of size  $p$ ,  
but it must be accompanied by  
topological order, in a  
“fractionalized Fermi liquid”.

At  $T=0$ , such a metal must be separated from  
a Fermi liquid (with a Fermi surface of size  
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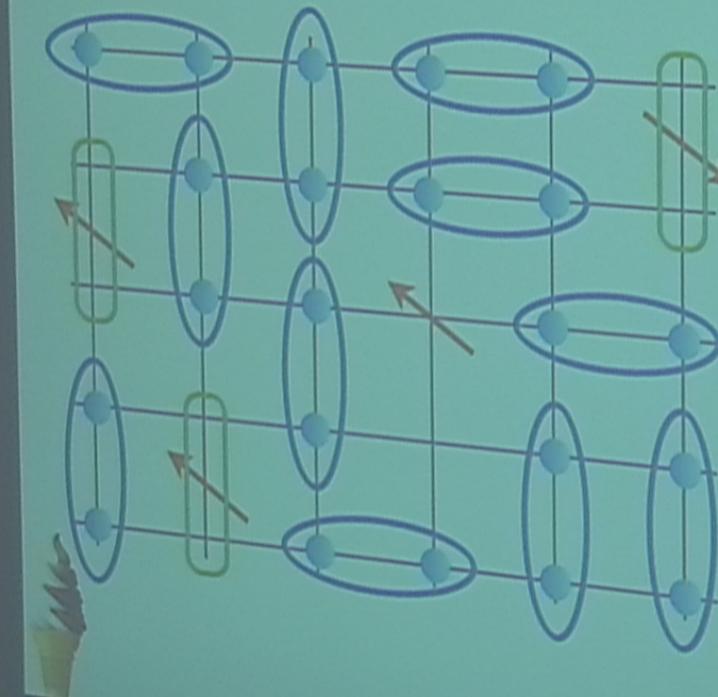


Anti-  
ferromagnet  
with  $p$  holes  
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Note: relative to the fully-filled band insulator,  
there are  $1+p$  holes per square

## Fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL\*)

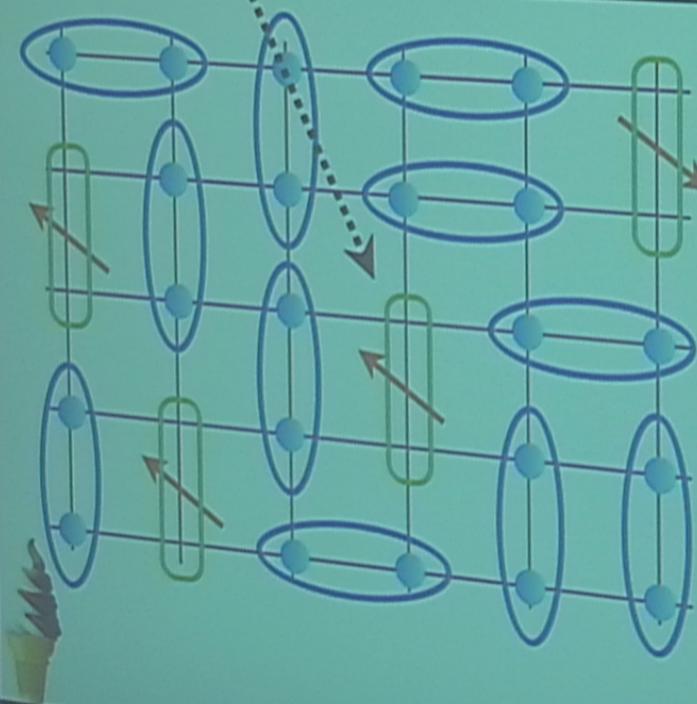
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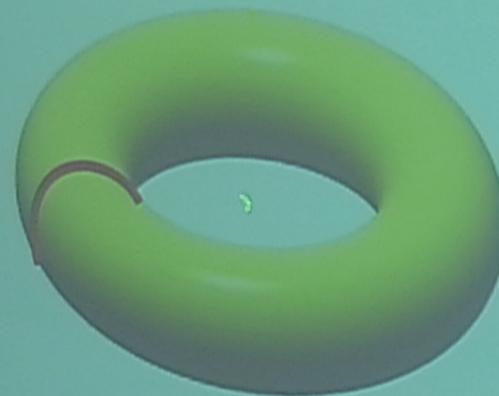
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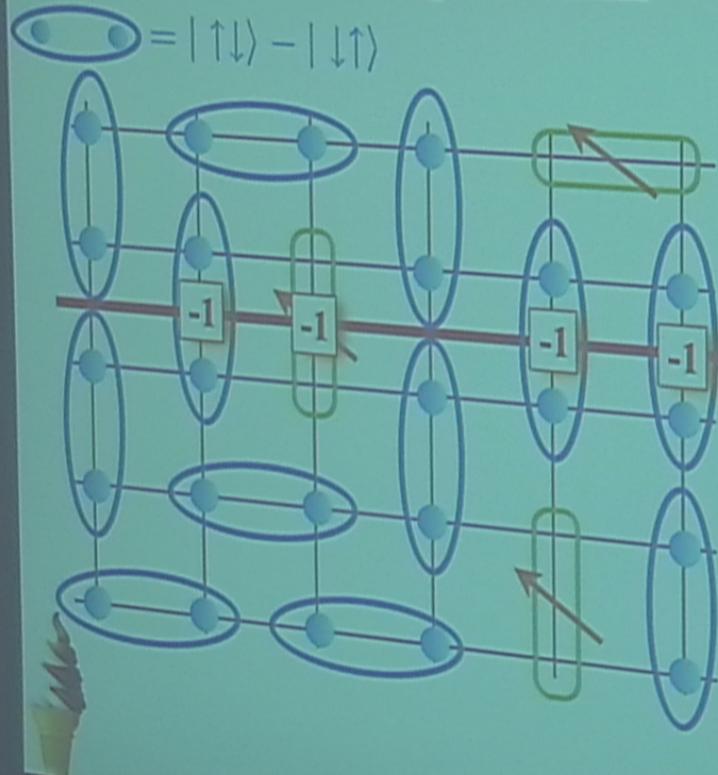
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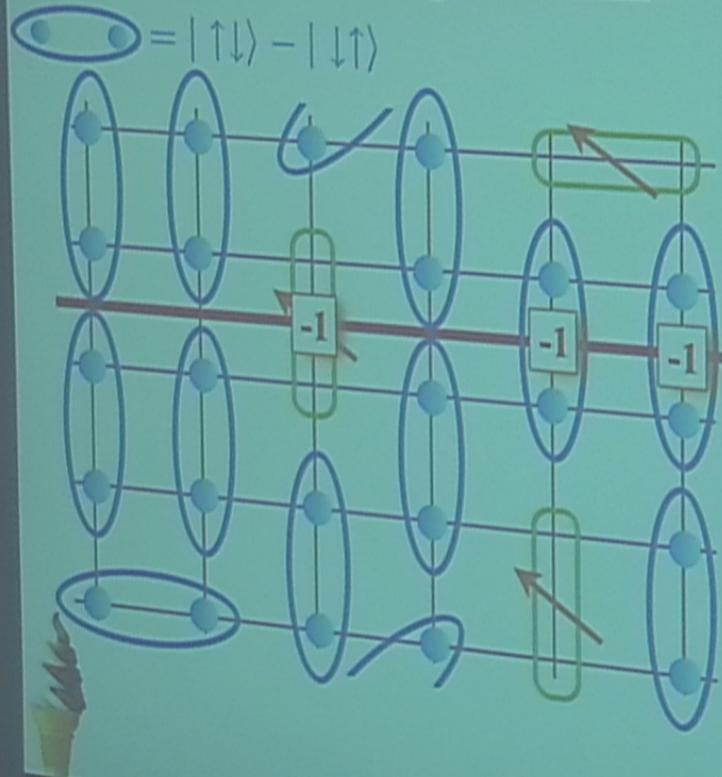
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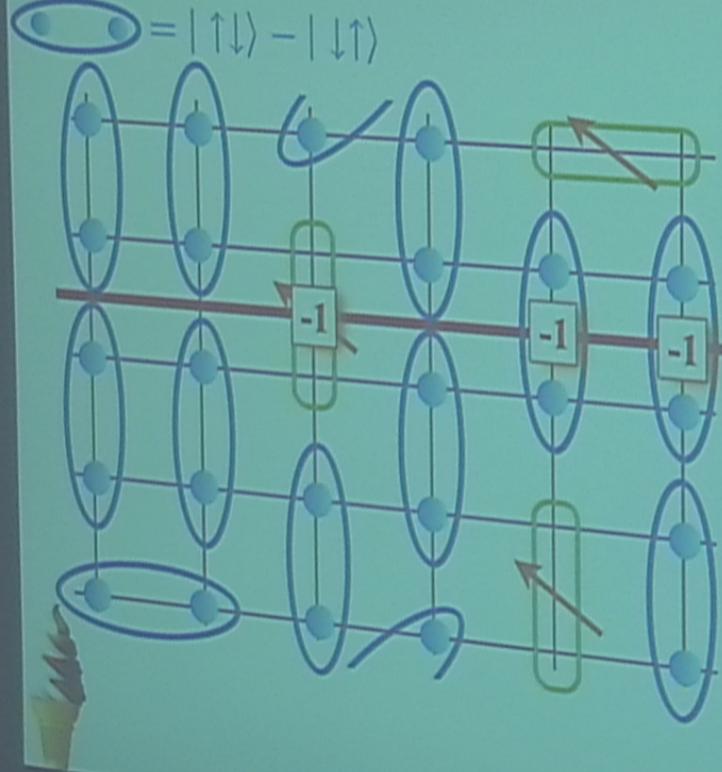
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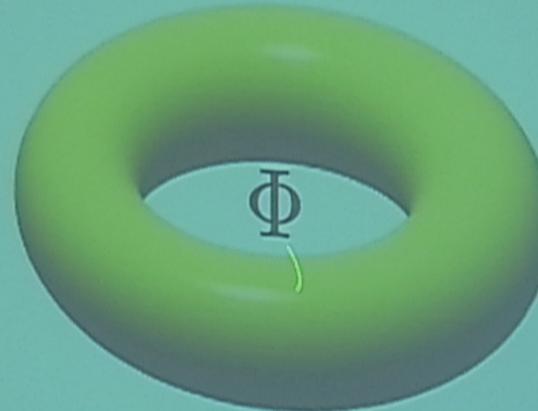
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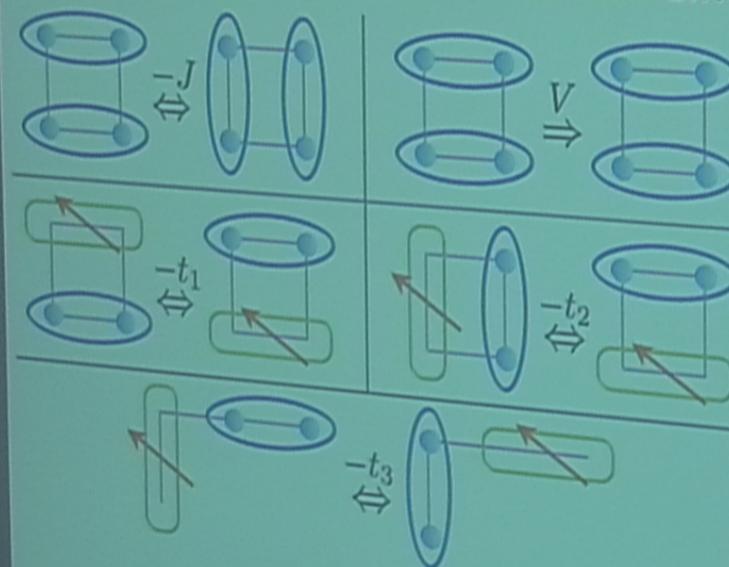
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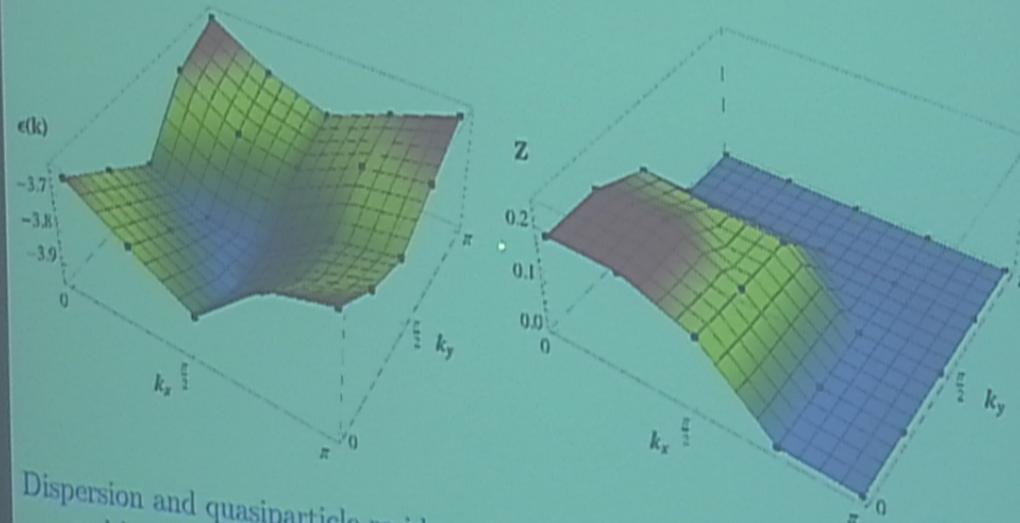
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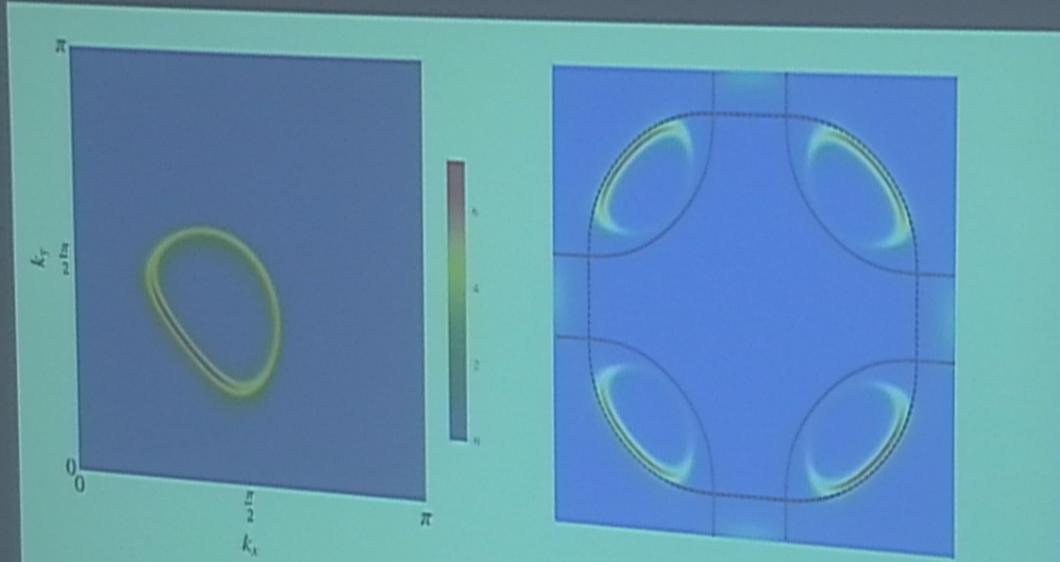
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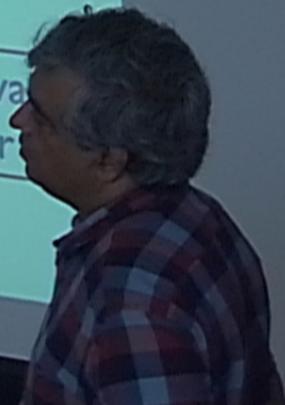
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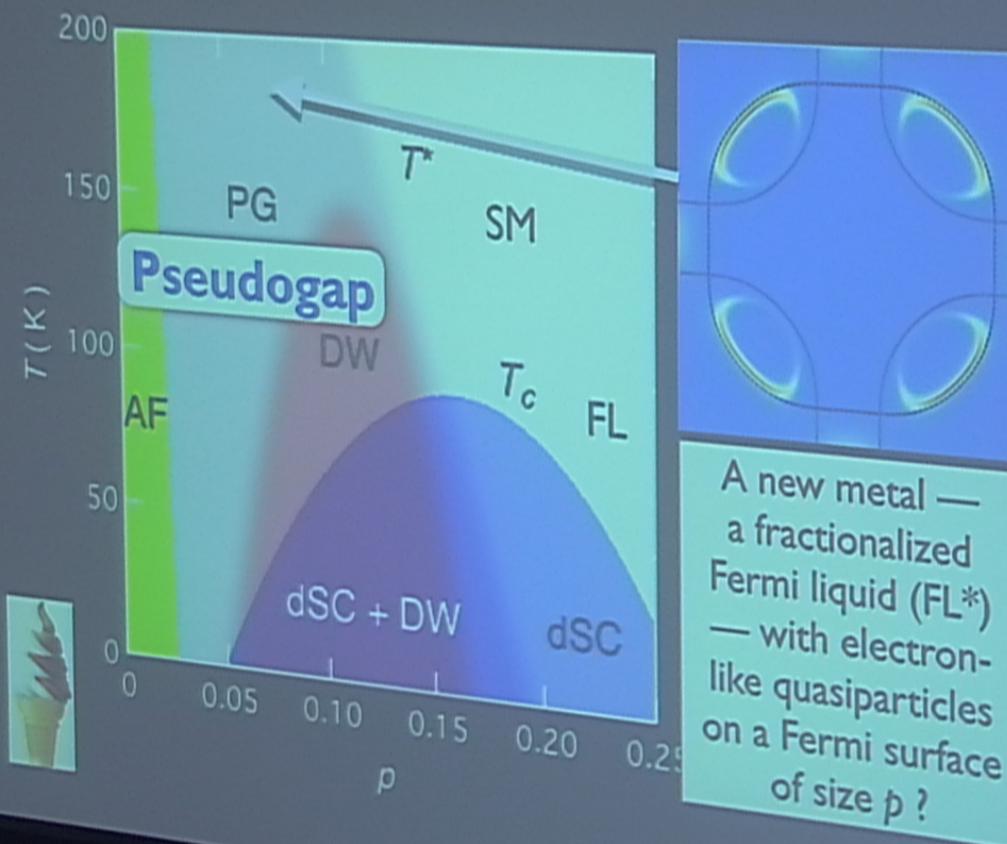
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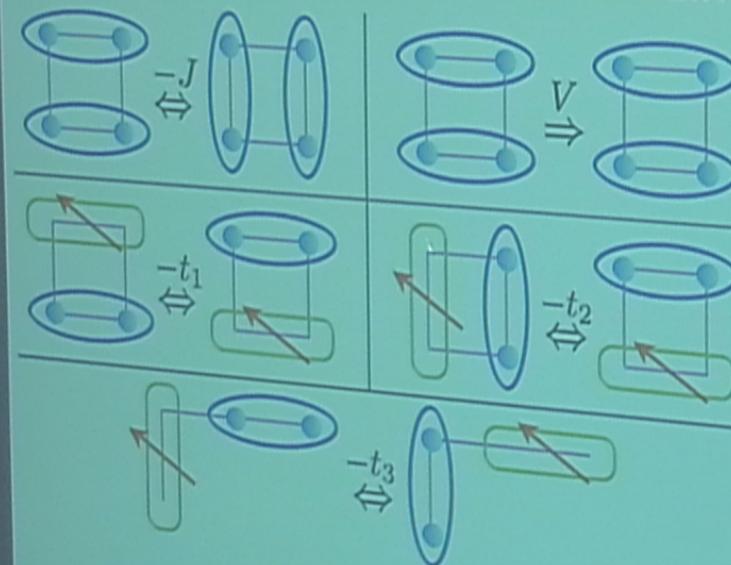
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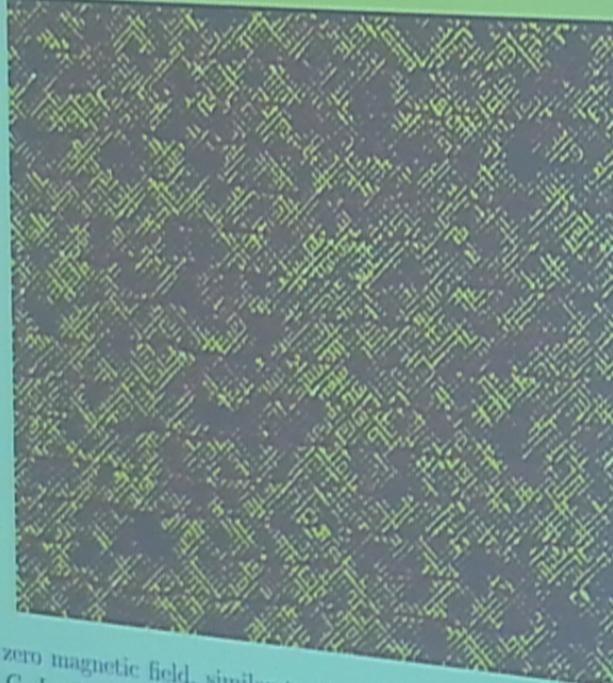
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Disordered uni-directional charge density waves  
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"R-map" of BSCCO in zero magnetic field, similar to those published in Y. Kohsaka, C. Taylor, K. Fujita, A. Schmidt, C. Lupien, T. Hanaguri, M. Azuma, M. Takano, H. Eisaki, H. Takagi, S. Uchida, and J. C. Davis, Science **315**, 1380 (2007). Davis group has sub-angstrom resolution capabilities, with lattice drift corrections, which make sublattice phase-resolved STM possible.

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Density wave form factor (internal particle-hole pair wavefunction)

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{d^2k}{4\pi^2} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

Time-reversal symmetry requires  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{P}(-\mathbf{k})$ .

We expand (using reflection symmetry for  $\mathbf{Q}$  along axes or diagonals)

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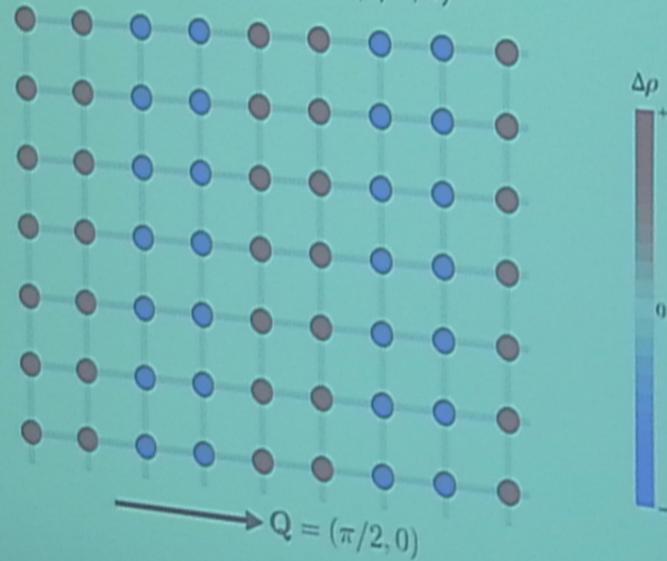
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### Conventional CDW order: *s*-form factor

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$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{k}) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q} = 2\pi(1/4, 0)$$

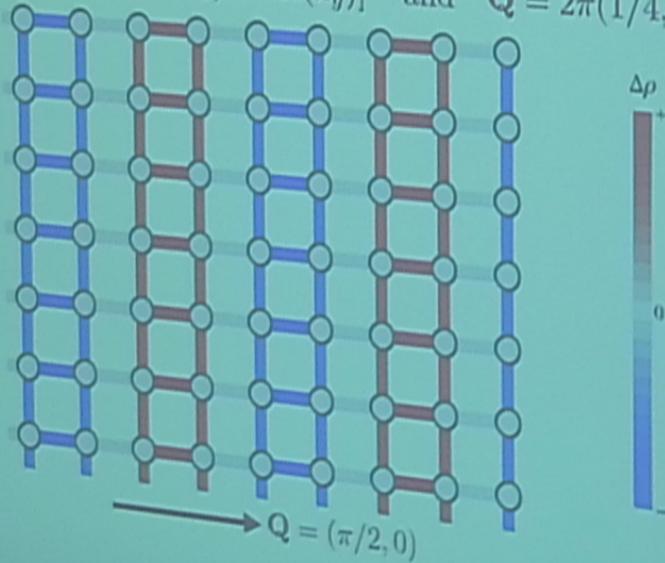


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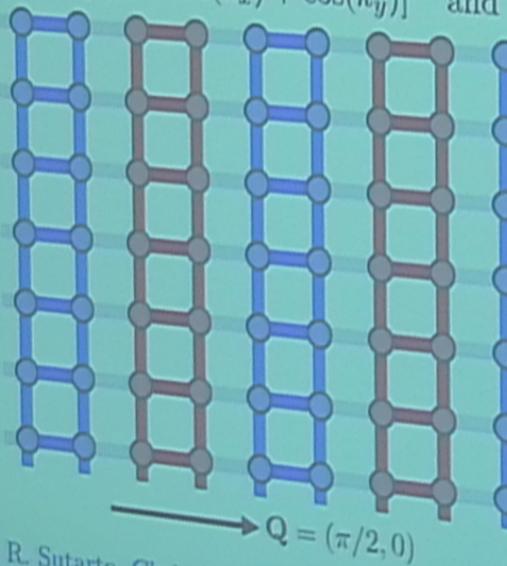
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$$P_{ij} = \left[ \int_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \right] e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j)/2} + \text{c.c.}$$

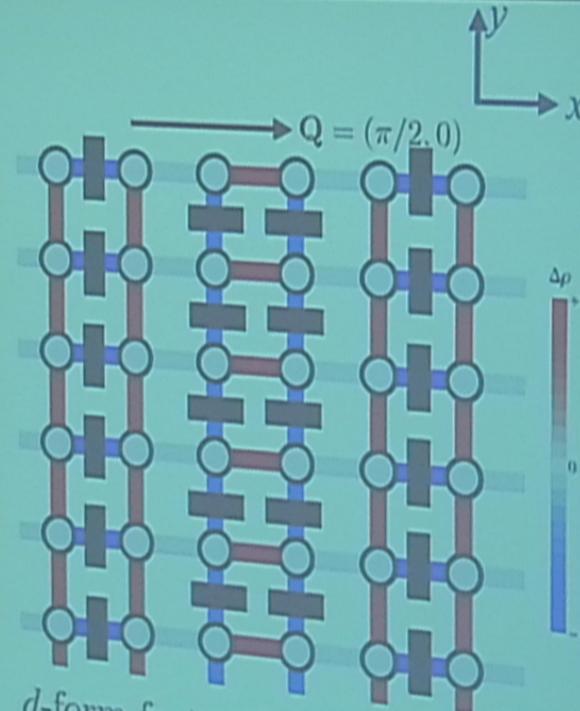
$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{k}) = e^{i\phi} [1/2 + \cos(k_x) + \cos(k_y)] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q} = 2\pi(1/4, 0)$$

X-ray observations indicate strong  $s'$  component in LBCO



David Hawthorn,  
Waterloo

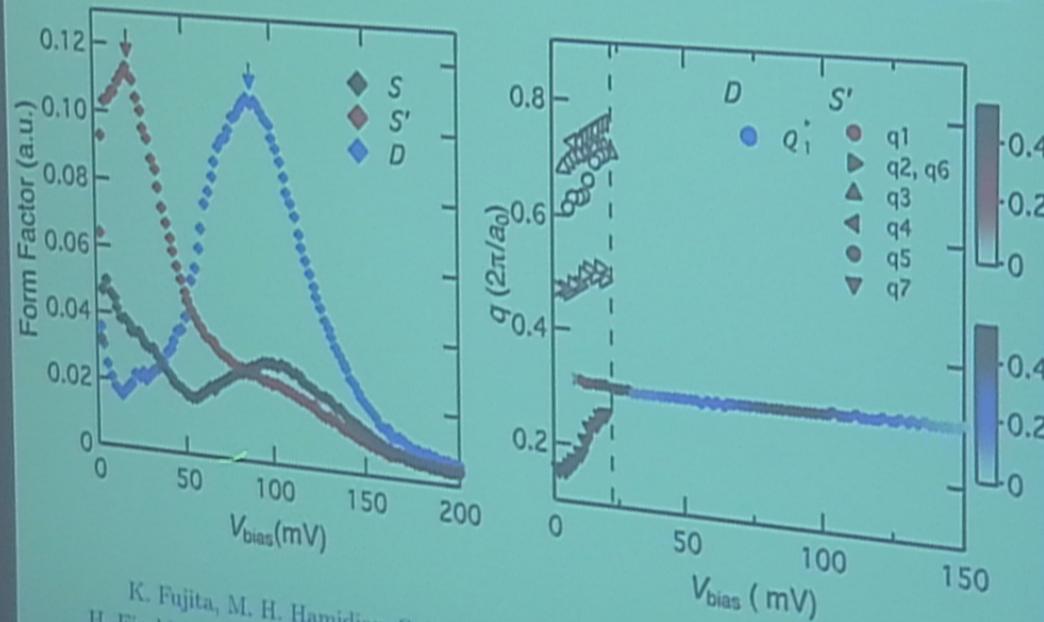
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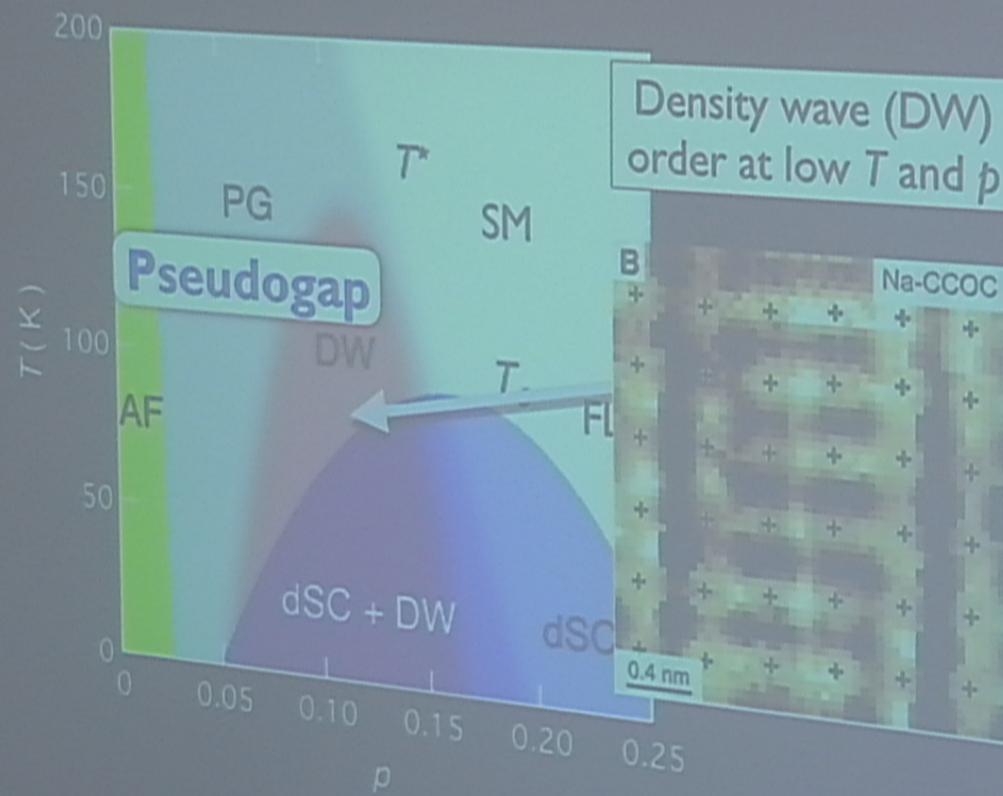
Predicted  $d$  form factor observed  
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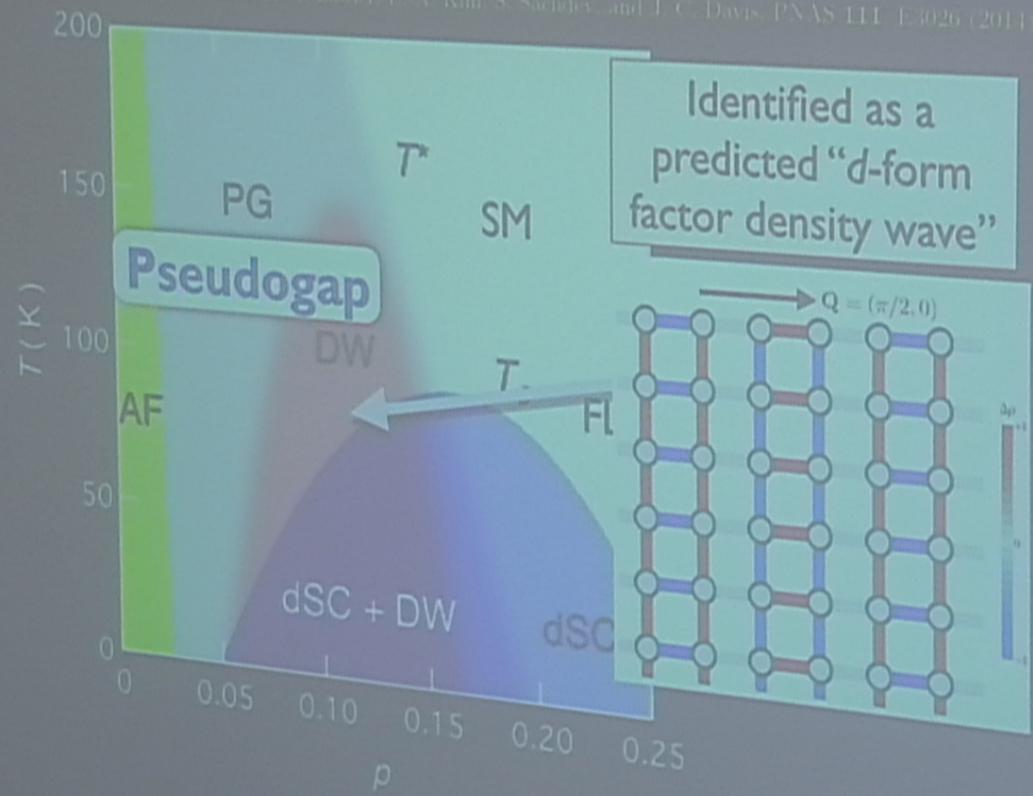
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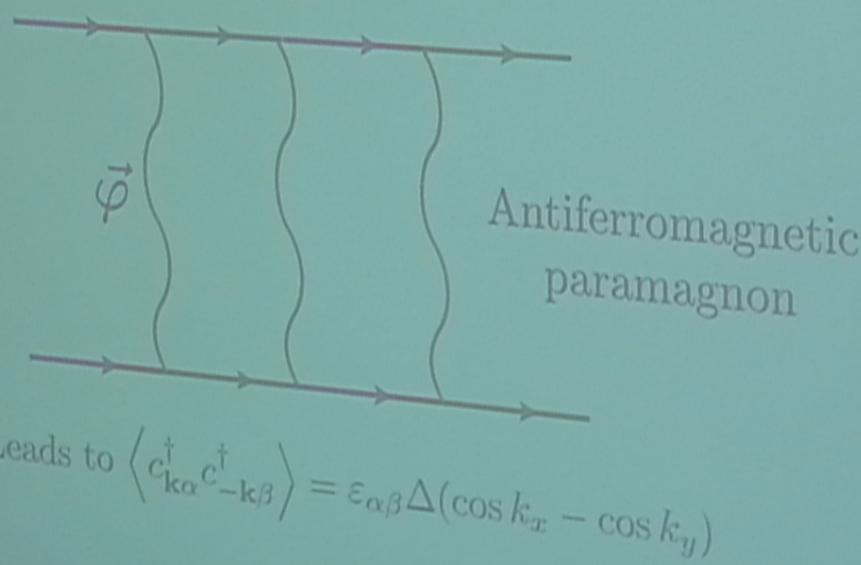
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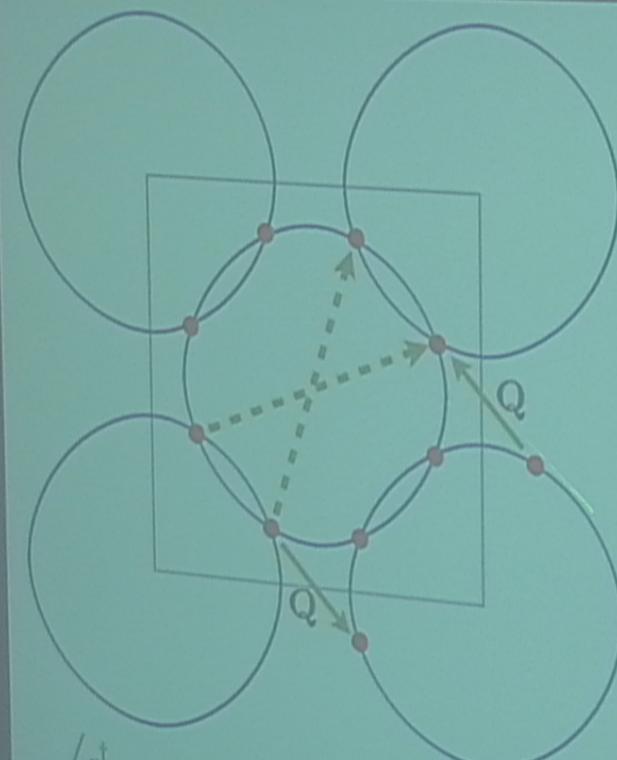
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## Pairing “glue” for d-wave superconductivity from antiferromagnetic fluctuations



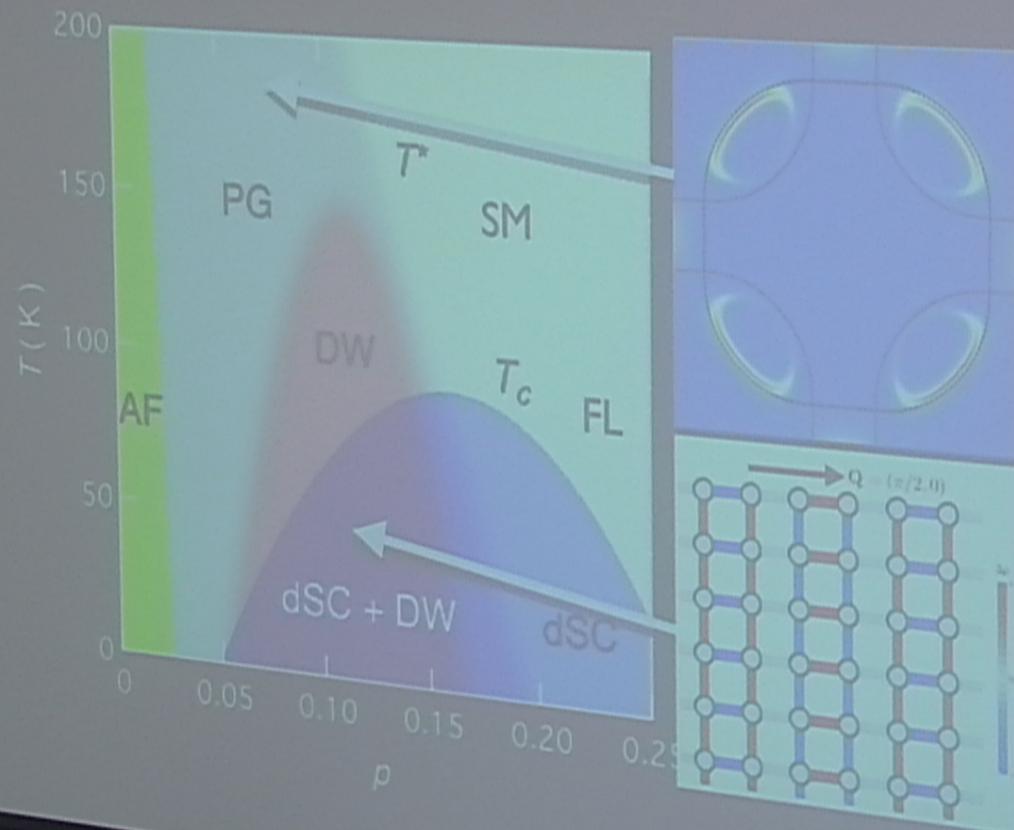
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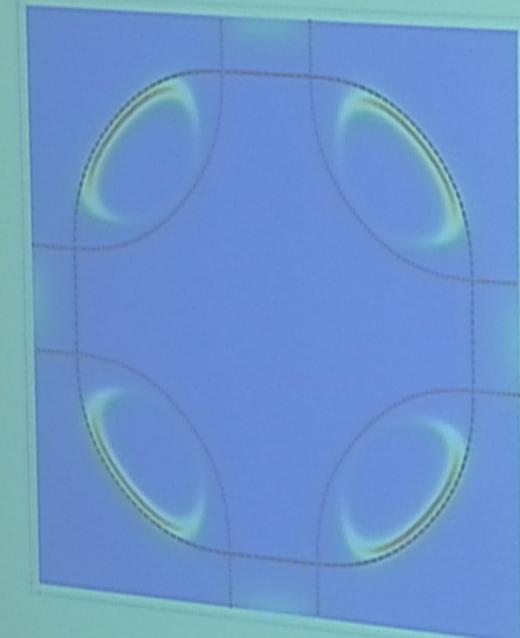


Density wave instability of large Fermi surface (FL) leads to an incorrect “diagonal” wavevector

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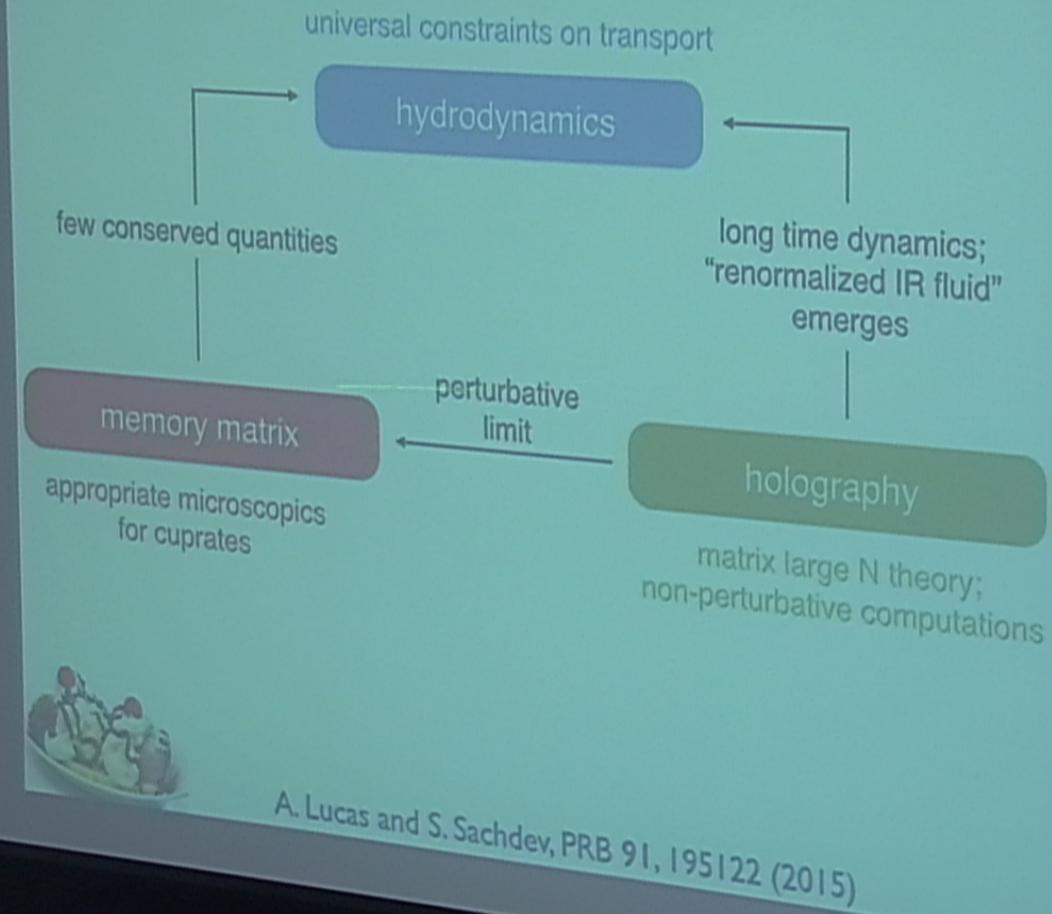
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Fermi surface of  
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Y. Qi and S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. B 81, 115129 (2010)



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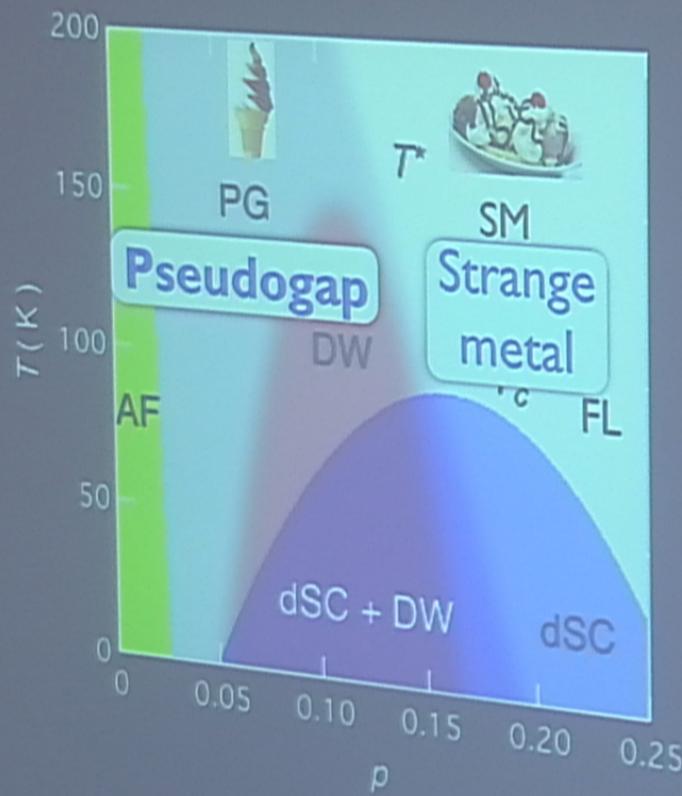
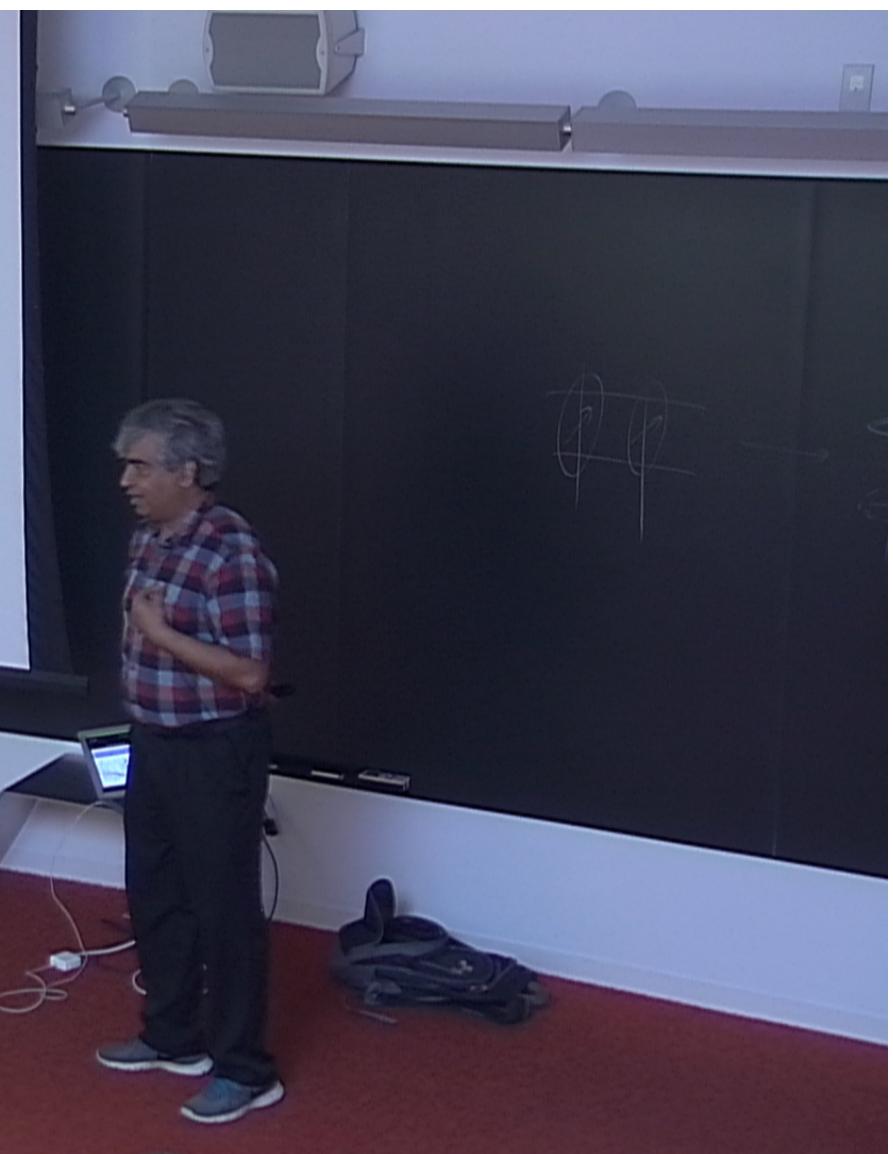
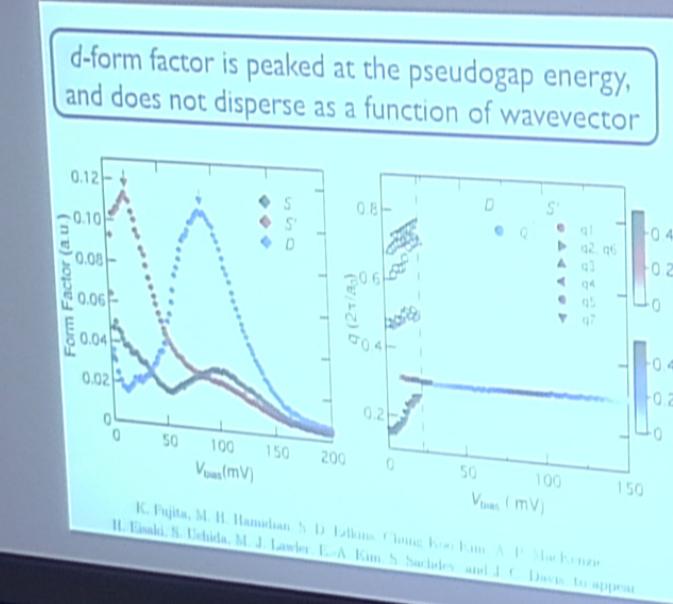


Figure: K. Fujita and J. C. Seamus Davis

## Conclusions

1. Predicted d-form factor density wave order observed in the non-La hole-doped cuprate superconductors.
2. Proposed the pseudogap metal is a fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL\*): a Fermi liquid co-existing with topological order
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# **A tensor product state approach to spin-1/2 square J1-J2 Heisenberg model: evidence for deconfined quantum criticality**

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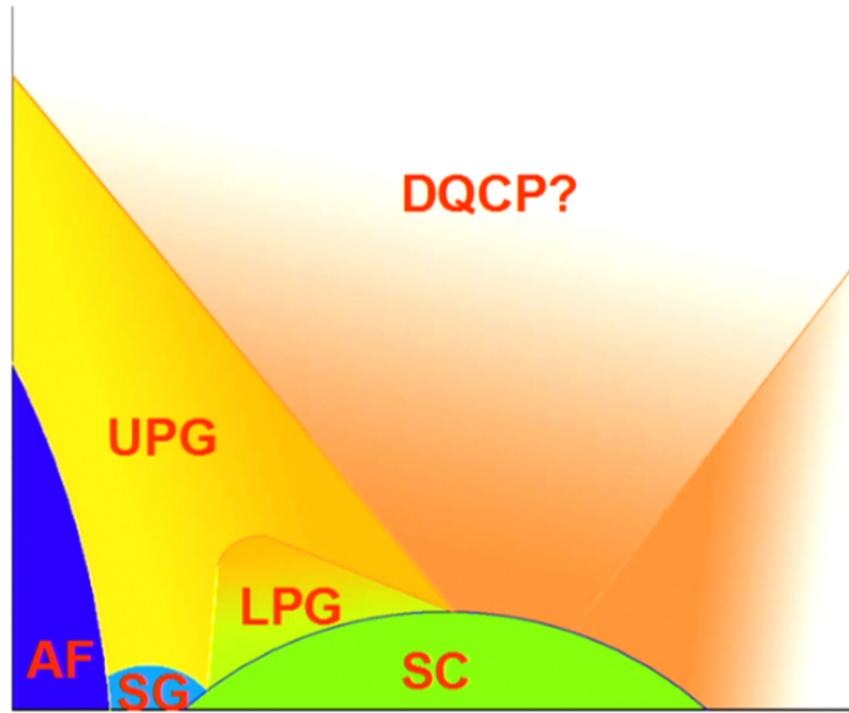
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Subir Sachdev, Science 288, 475, (2000)



# DQCP in spin models

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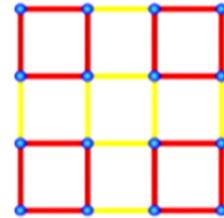
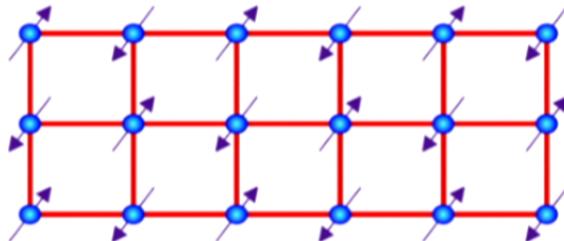
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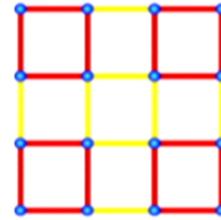
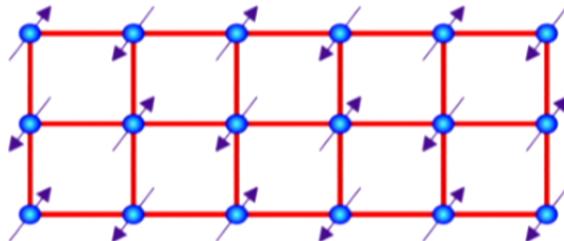
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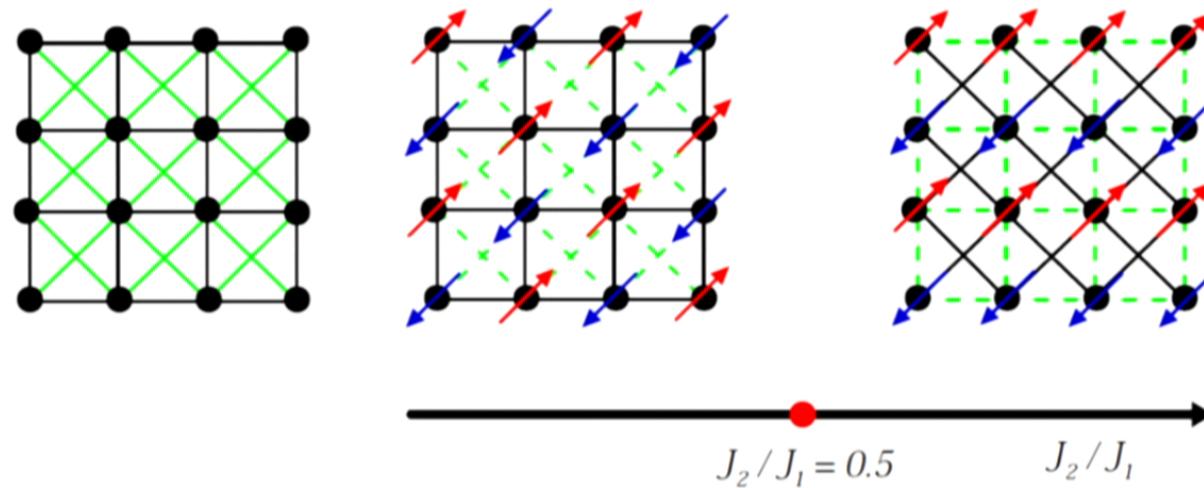
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# Relevant spin model for cuprates

J1-J2 model:

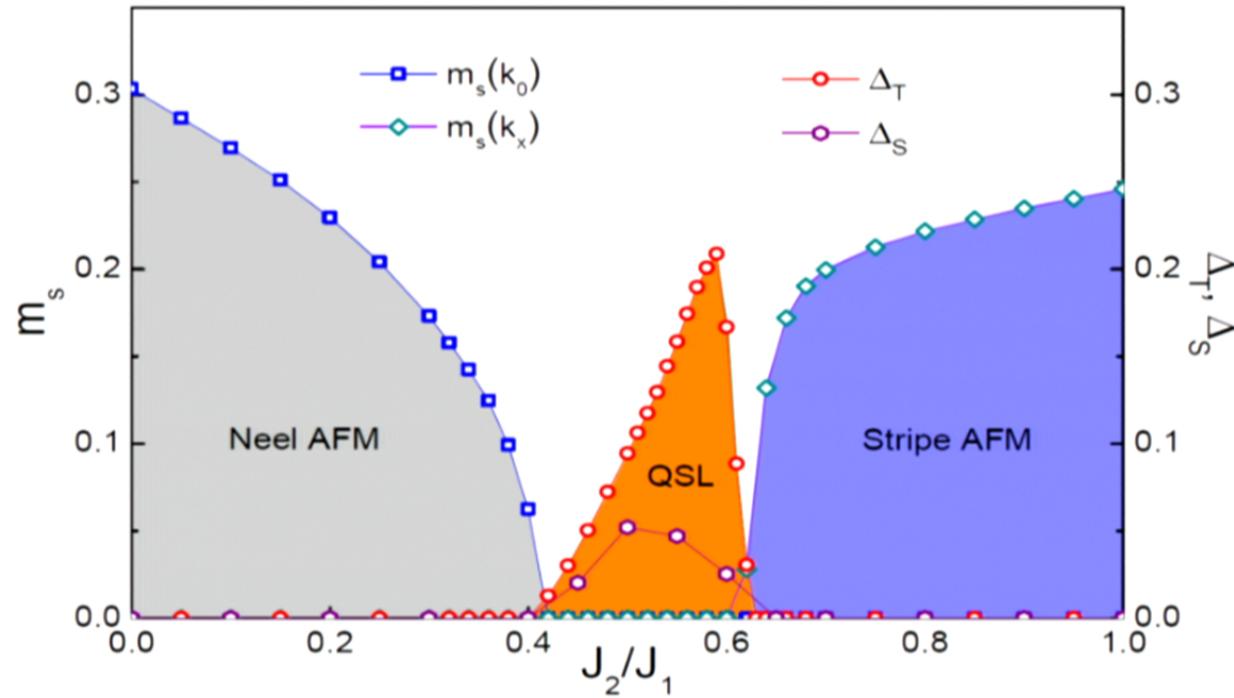
$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Landau Paradigm: a meanfield phase diagram



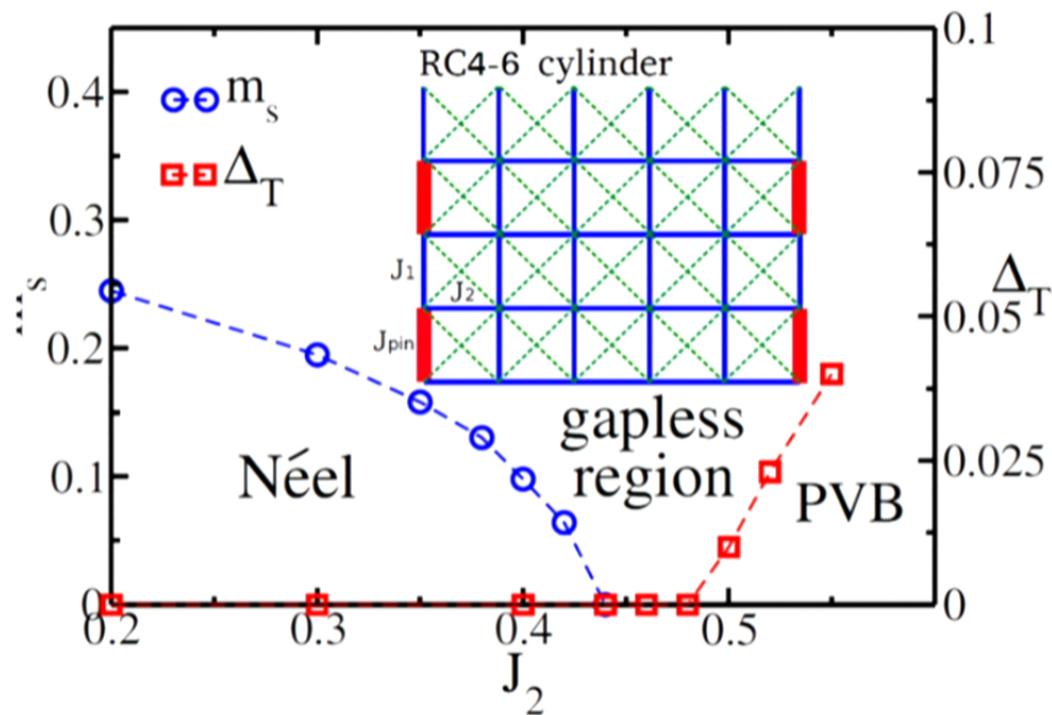
# Recent progress

A recent work by using density matrix renormalization group(DMRG) algorithm claims a Z2 spin liquid



Hong-Chen Jiang, Hong Yao, Leon Balents, Phys. Rev. B 86, 024424 (2012)

Another work by using SU(2) symmetry DMRG algorithm suggests a different result



Shou-Shu Gong, Wei Zhu, D. N. Sheng, Olexei I. Motrunich, Matthew P. A. Fisher  
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# Landau paradigm: meanfield approach

- The key concept is to find an ideal trial wave function, e.g., for a spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  system:

$$|\Psi_{trial}\rangle = \otimes (u^\uparrow |\uparrow\rangle_i + u^\downarrow |\downarrow\rangle_i)$$

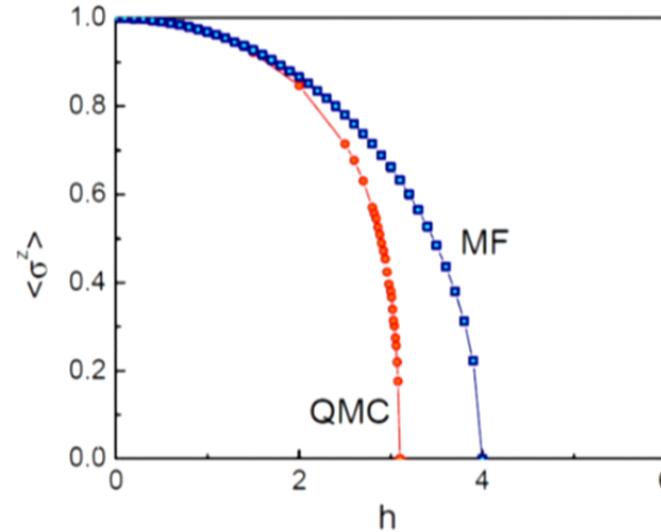
- After minimizing the energy, we can find various symmetry ordered phases.

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - h \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

$$h_{MF}^c = 4$$

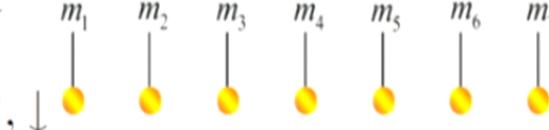
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$$\langle \sigma_z \rangle \propto |h - h_c|^\beta$$



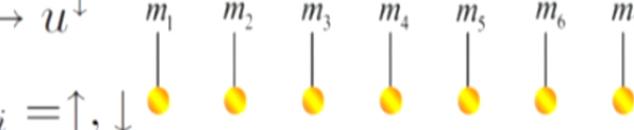
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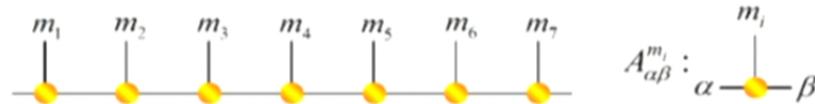
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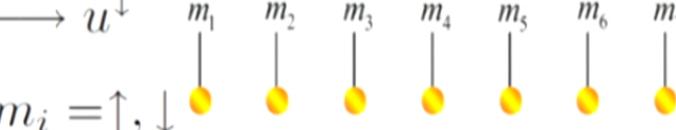
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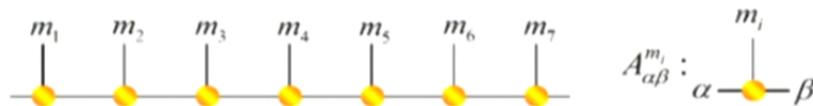
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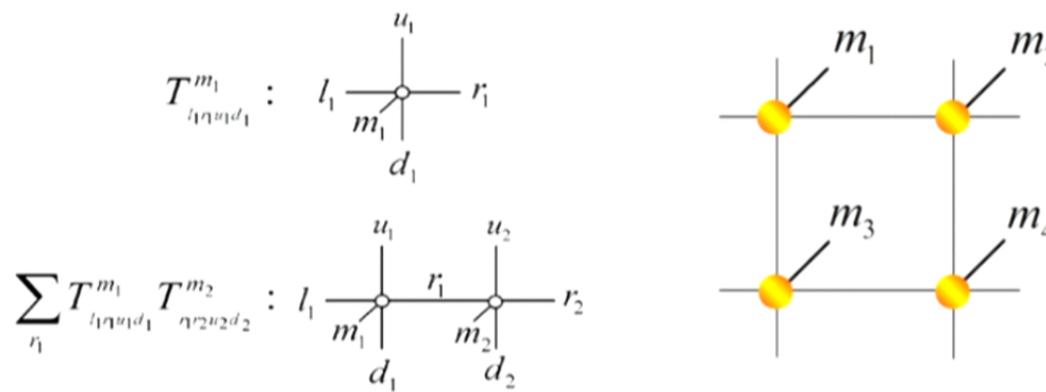
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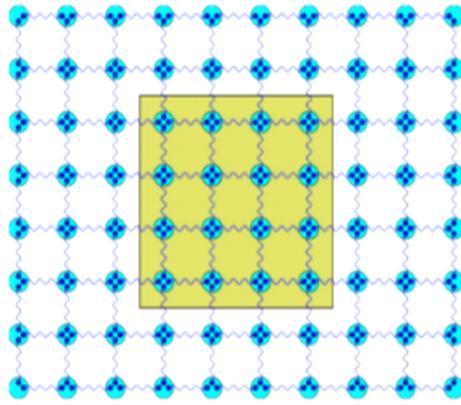
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**TPS:**  $\uparrow \rightarrow T_{l r u d}^\uparrow; \quad \downarrow \rightarrow T_{l r u d}^\downarrow$  (F. Verstraete and J. I. First 2004)



# Properties of TPS:



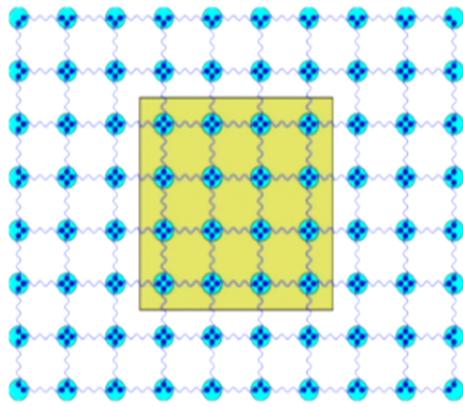
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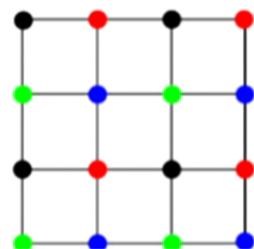
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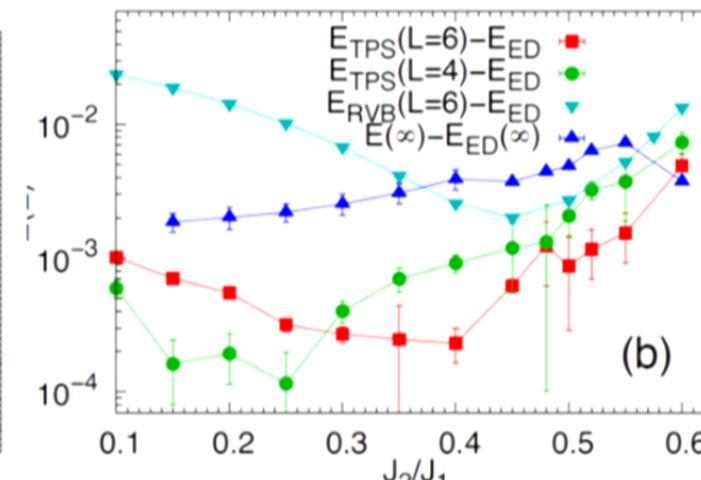
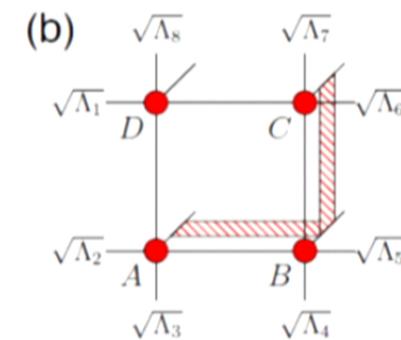
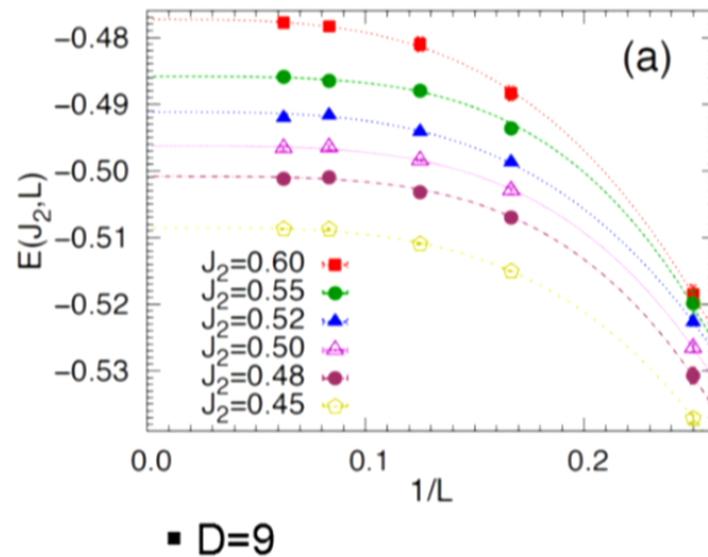
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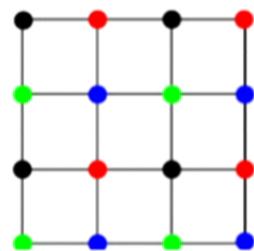
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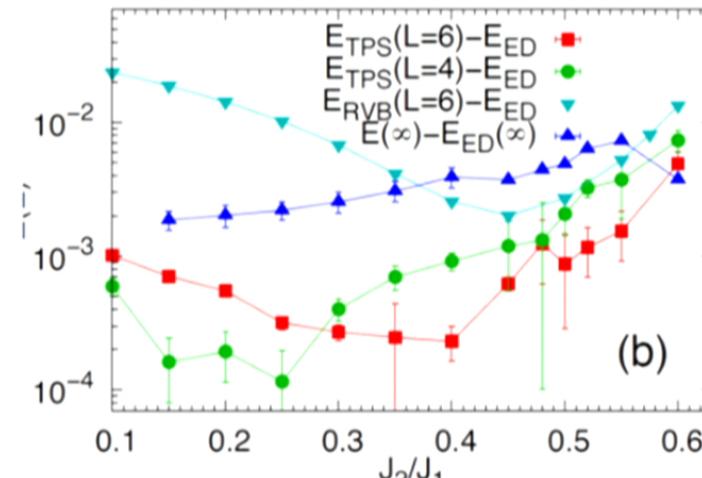
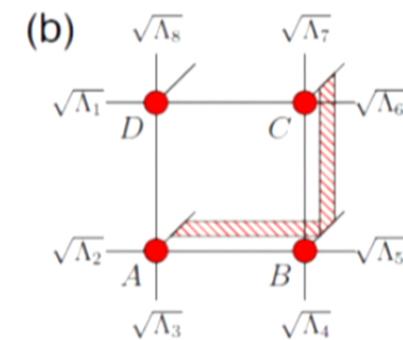
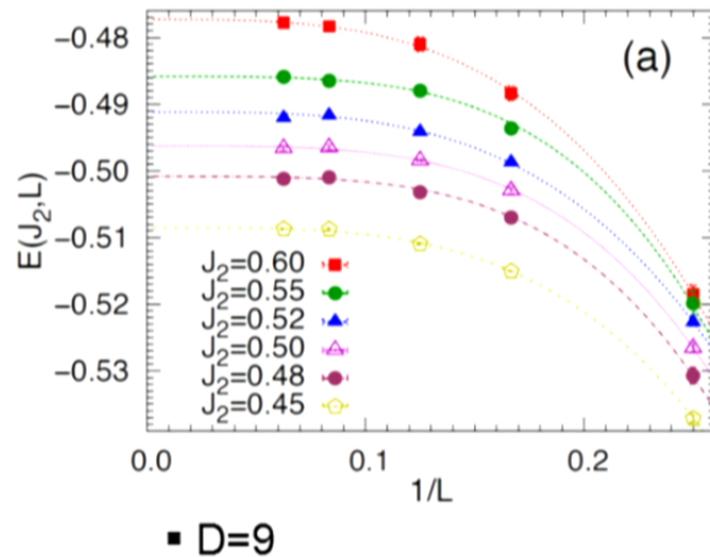
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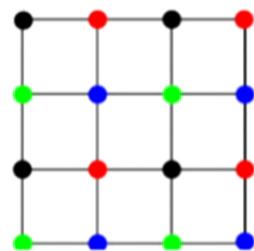
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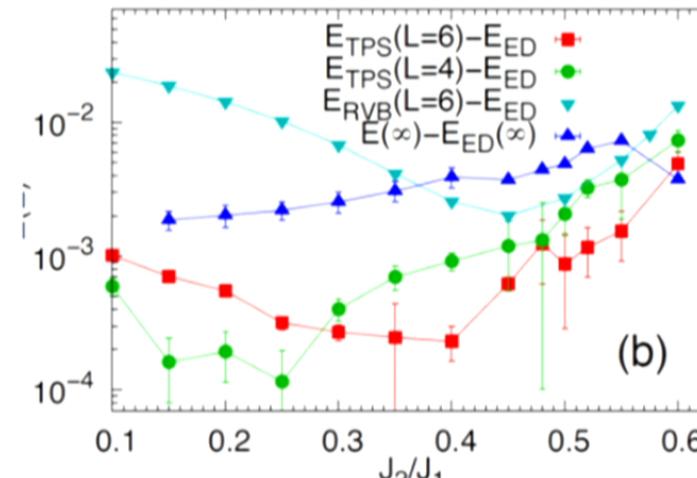
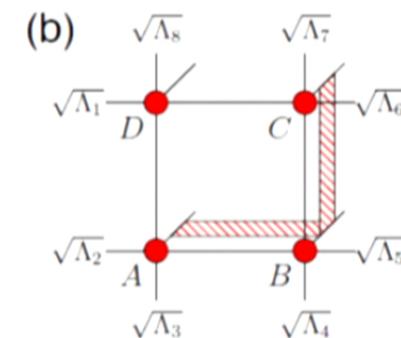
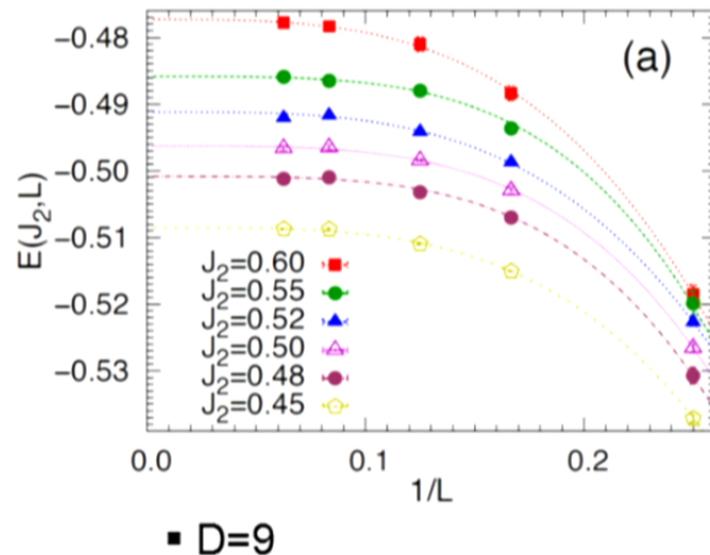
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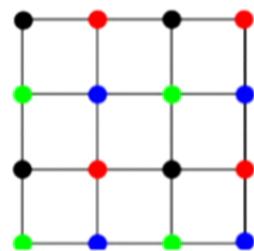
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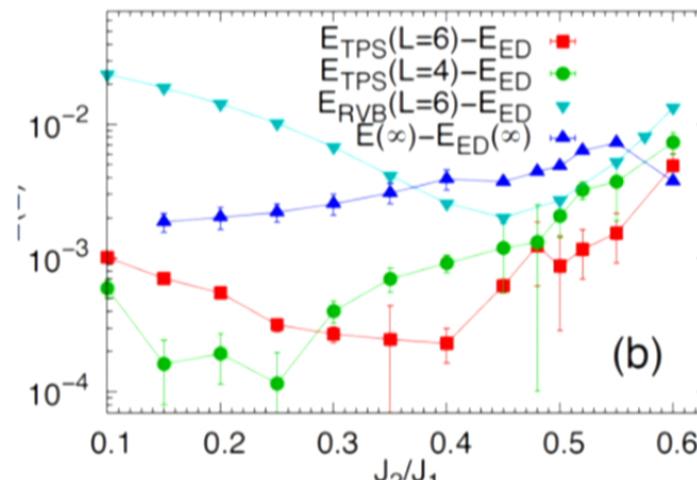
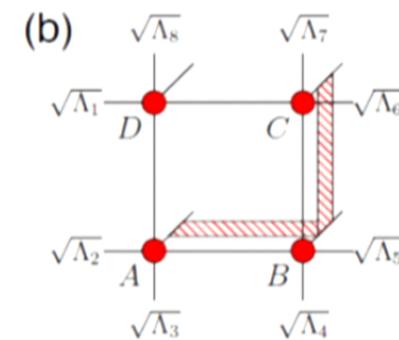
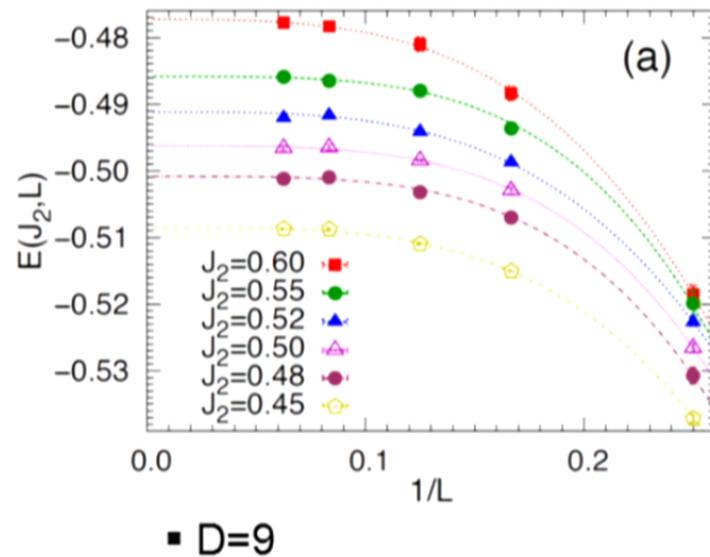
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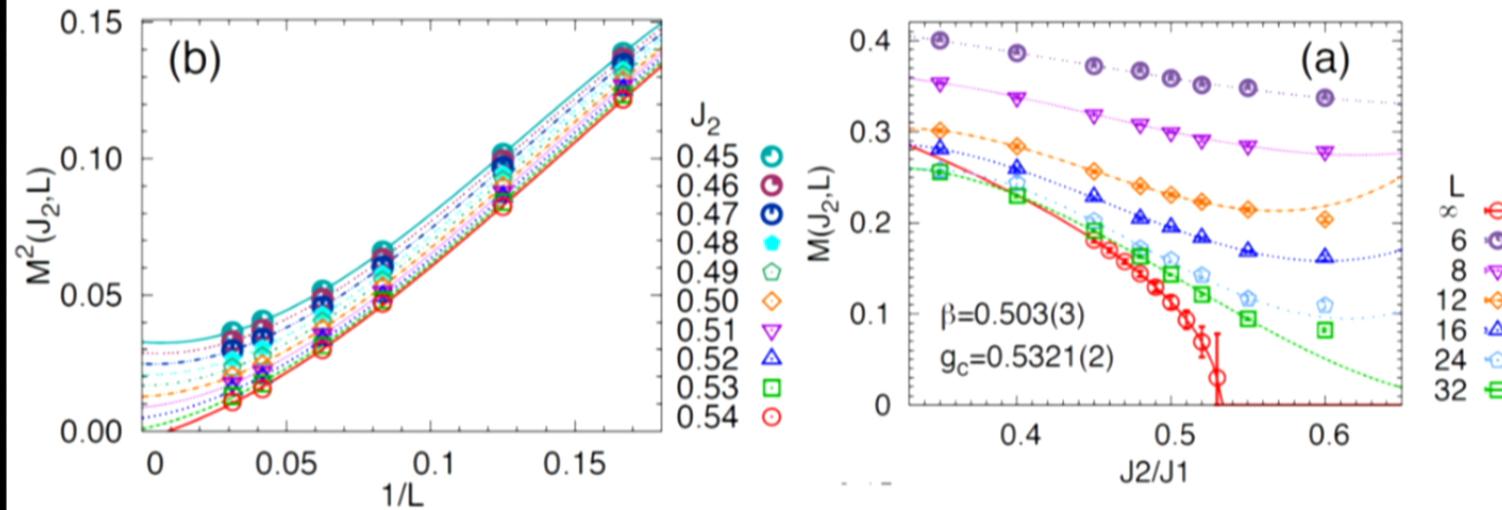
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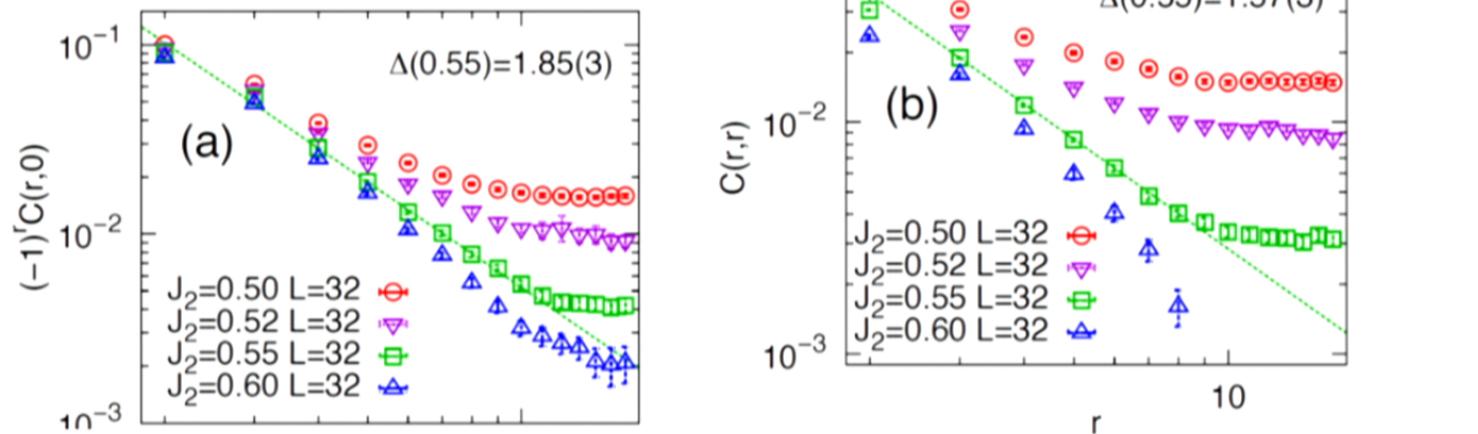


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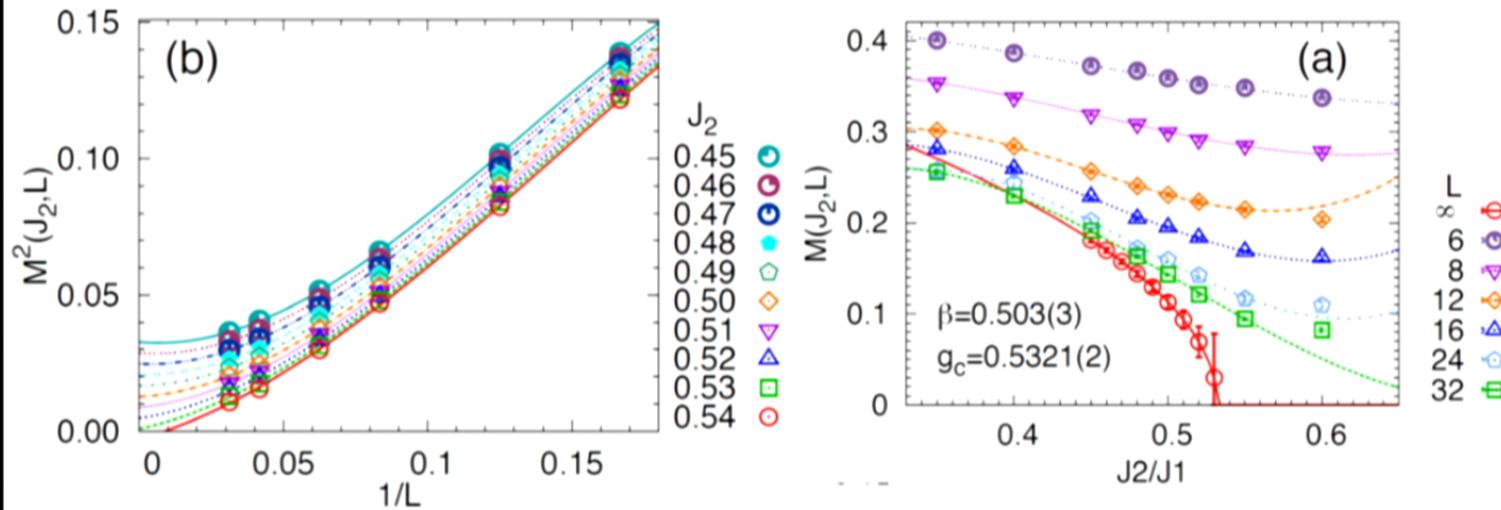
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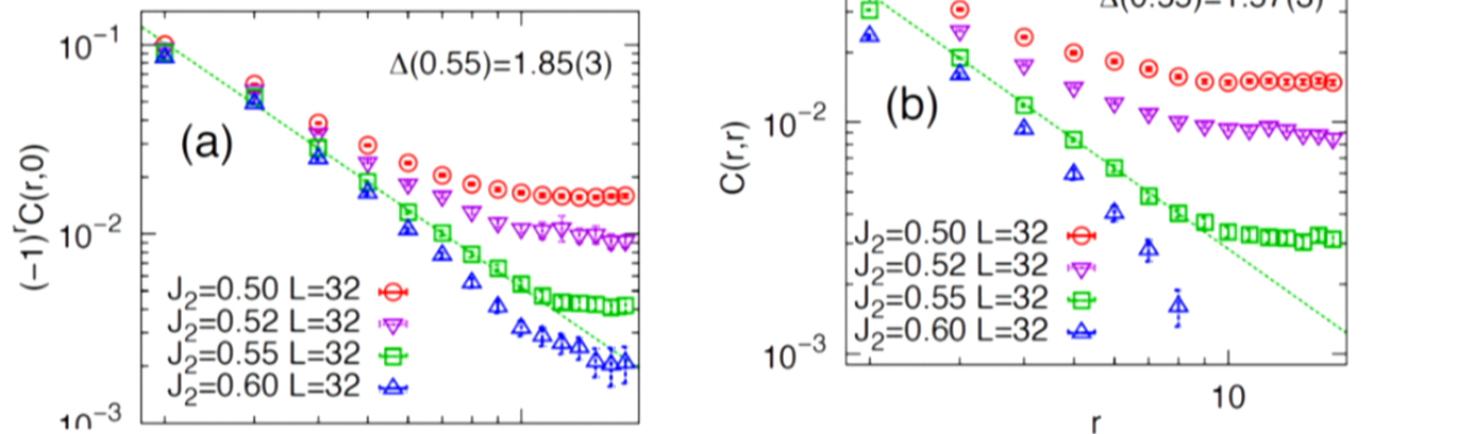
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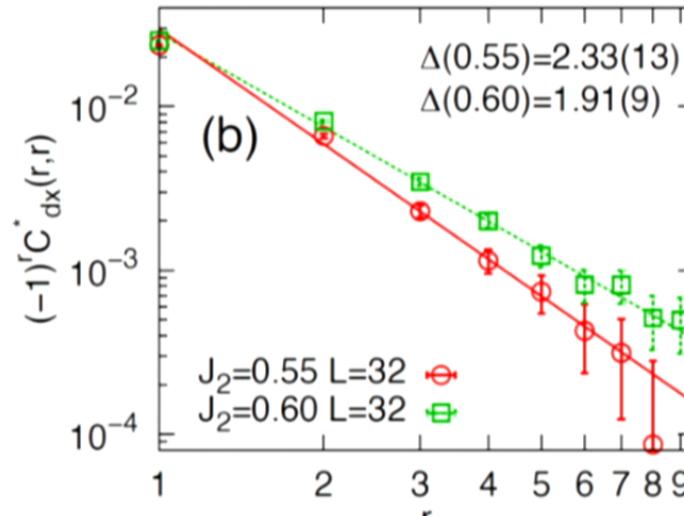
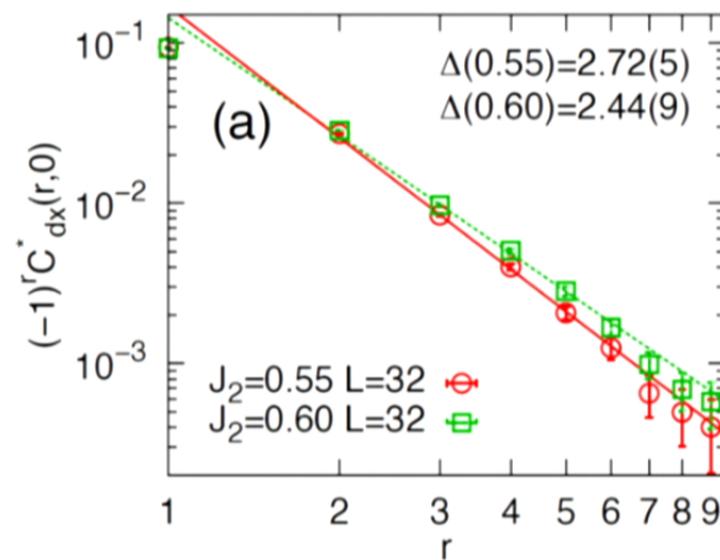
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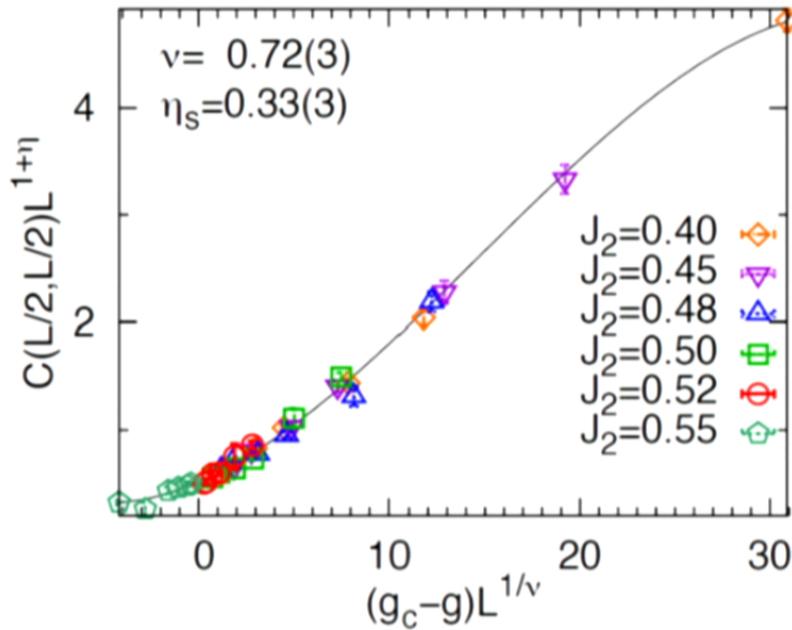
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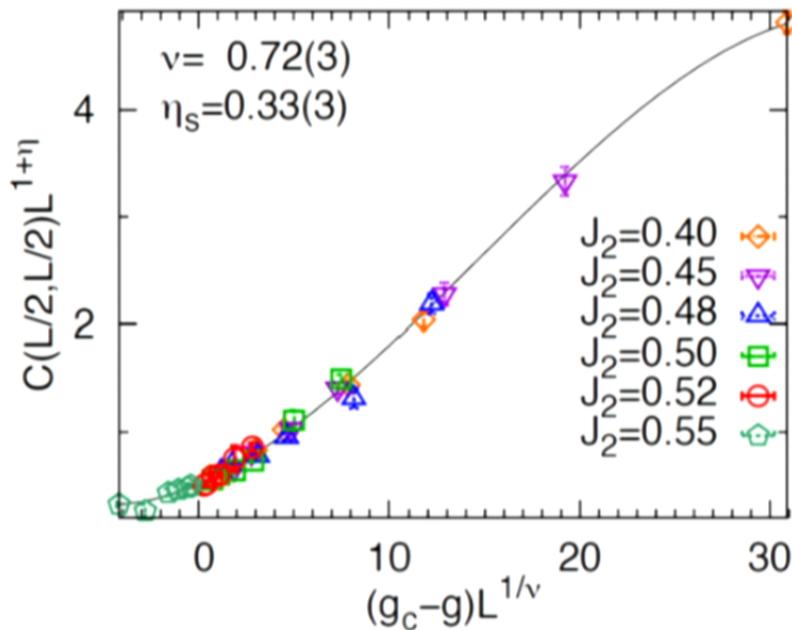
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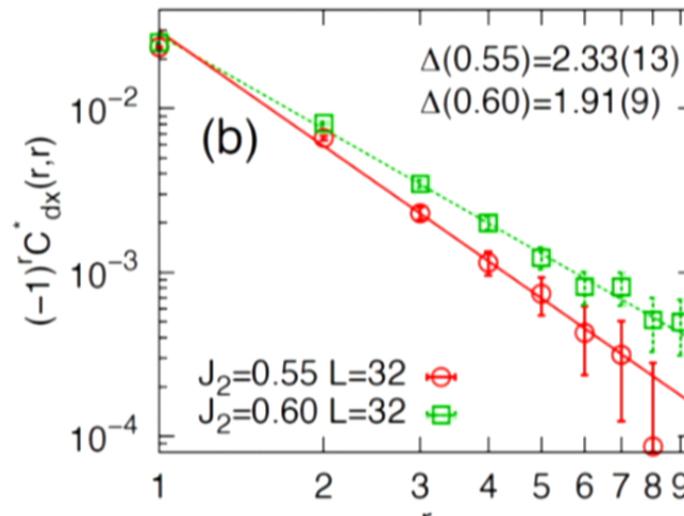
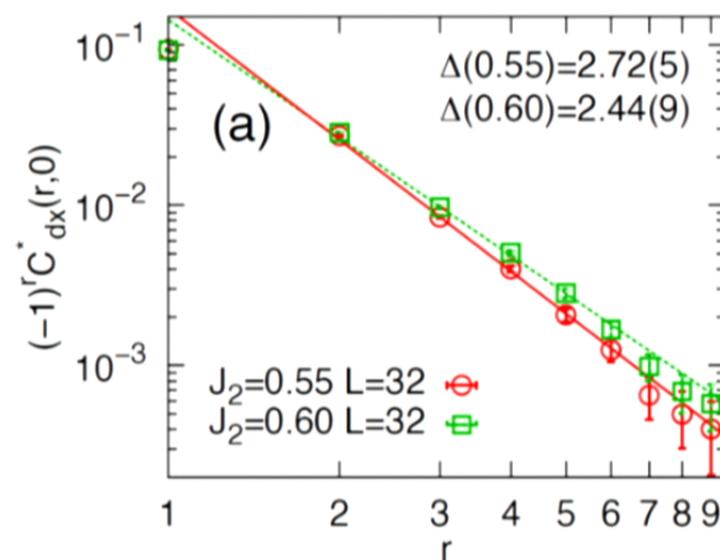
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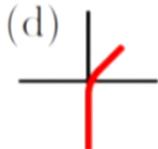
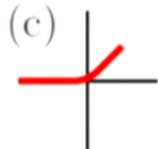
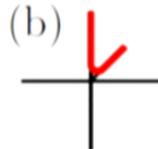
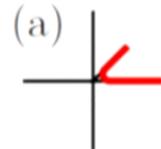
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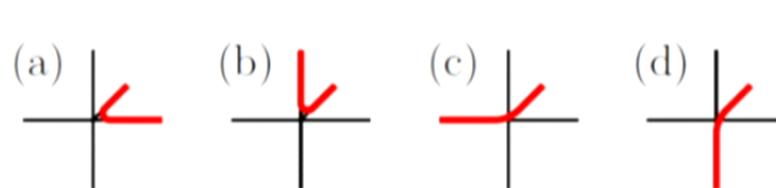


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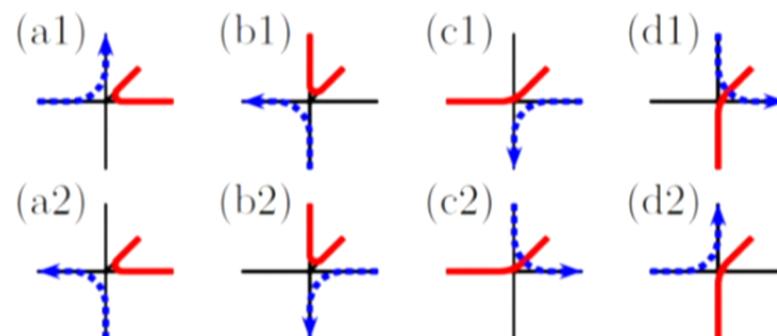


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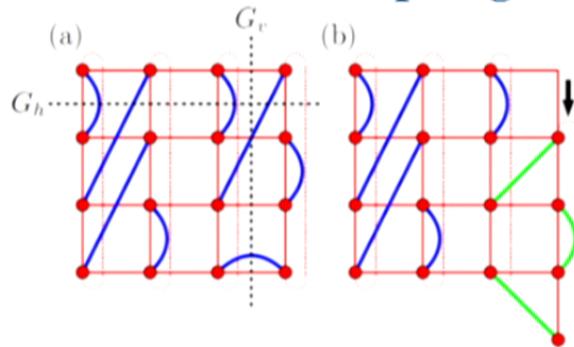
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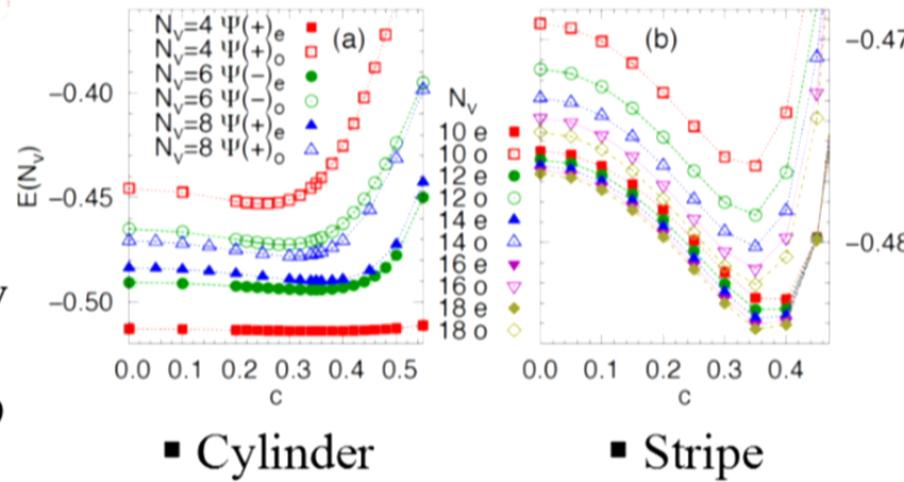
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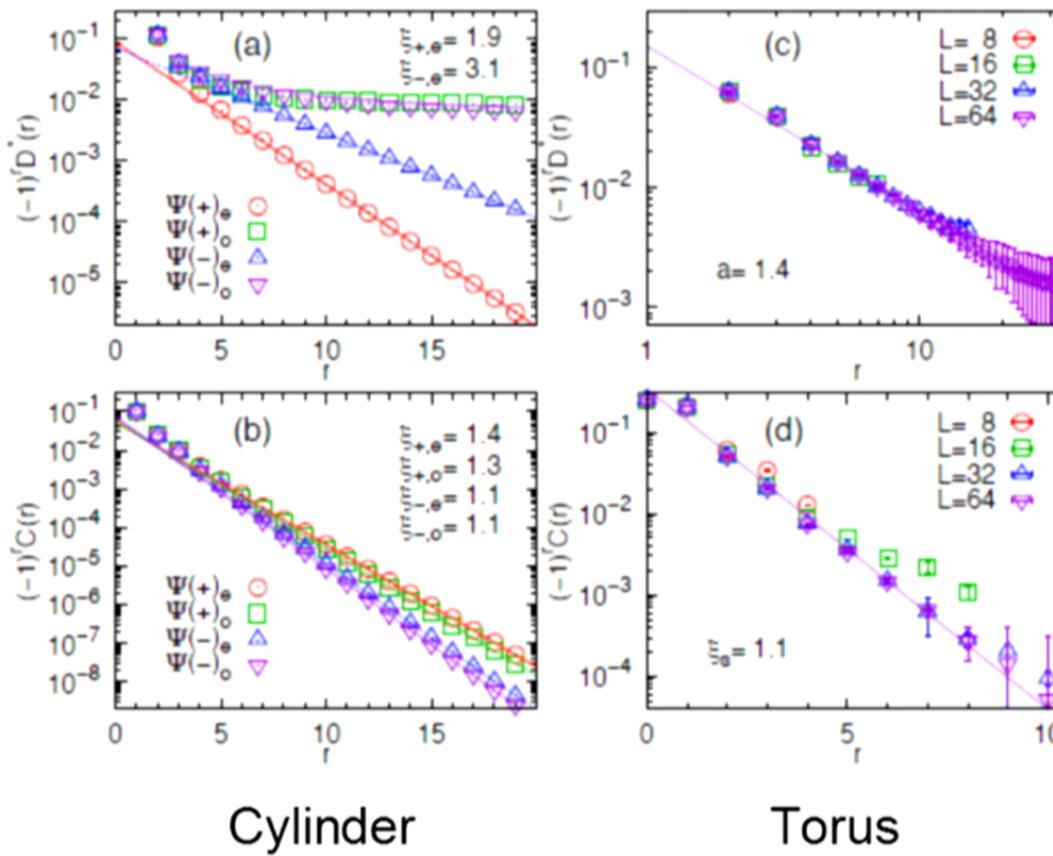
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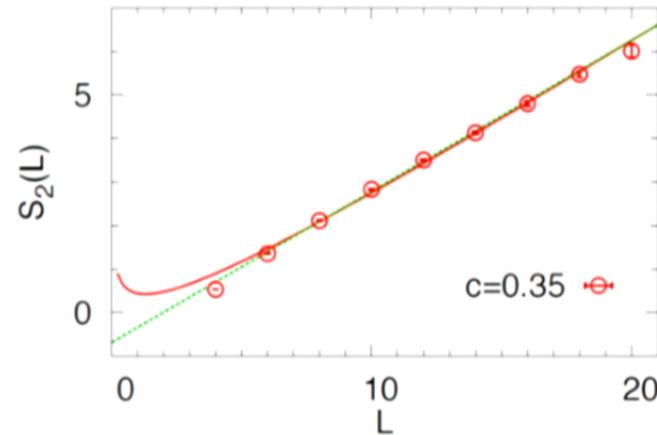
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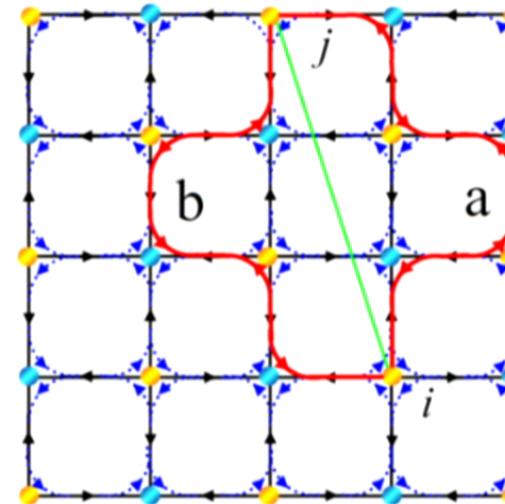
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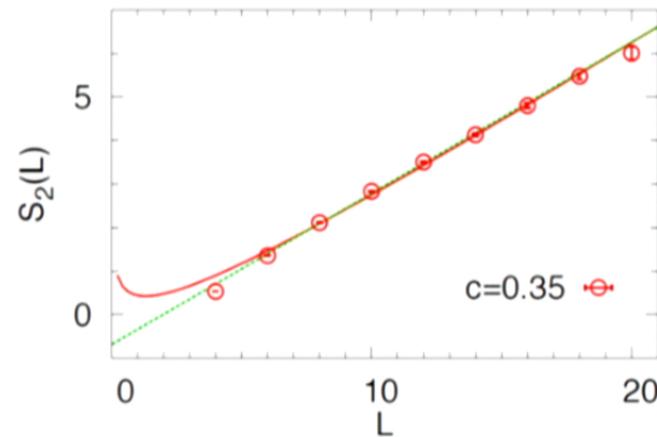
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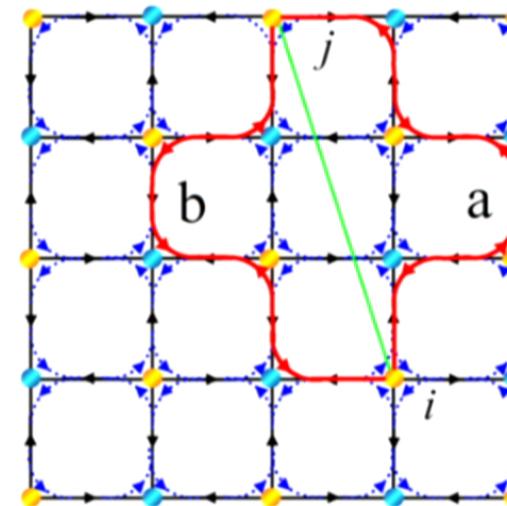
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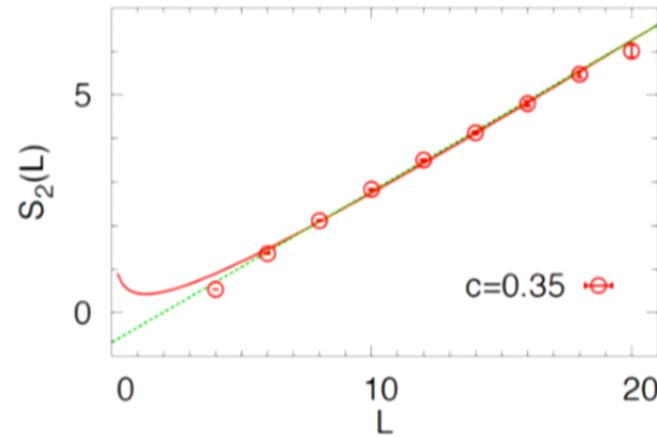
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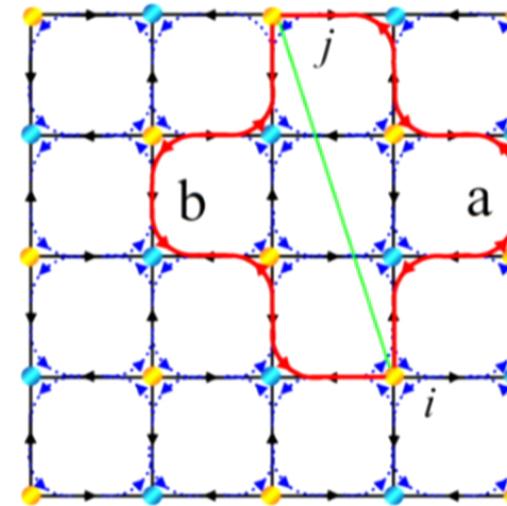
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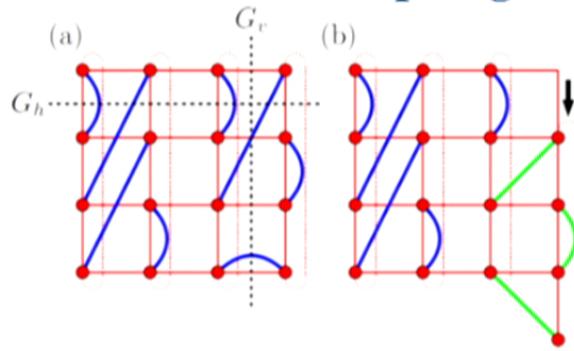
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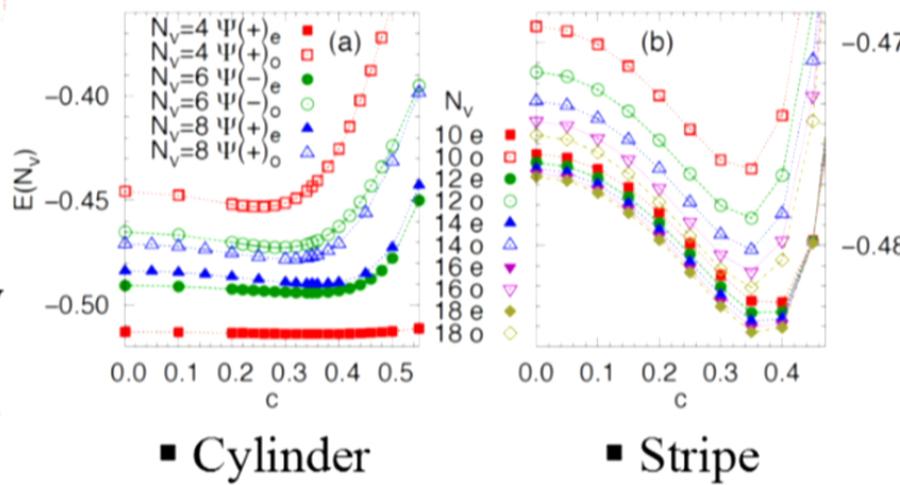
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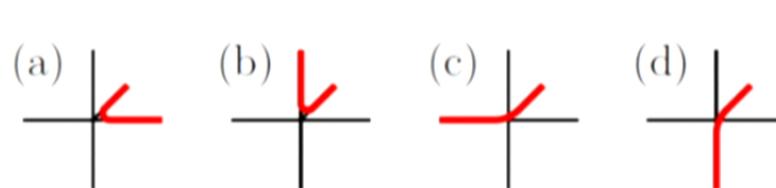


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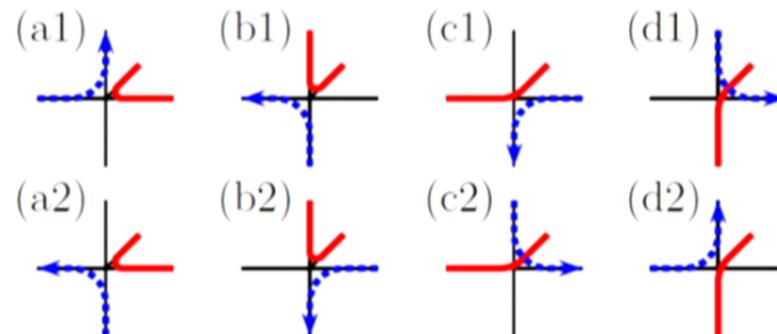
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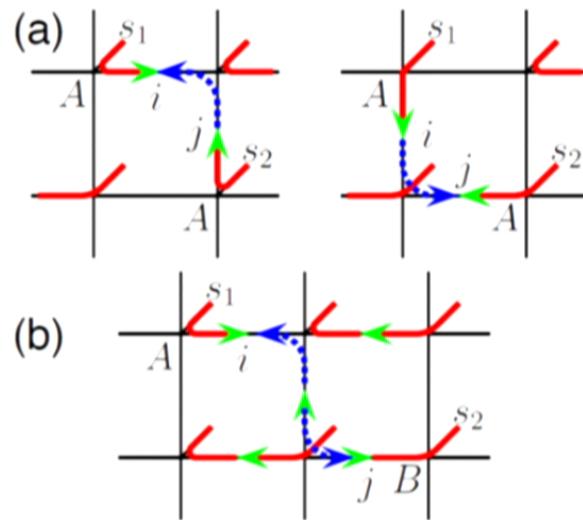
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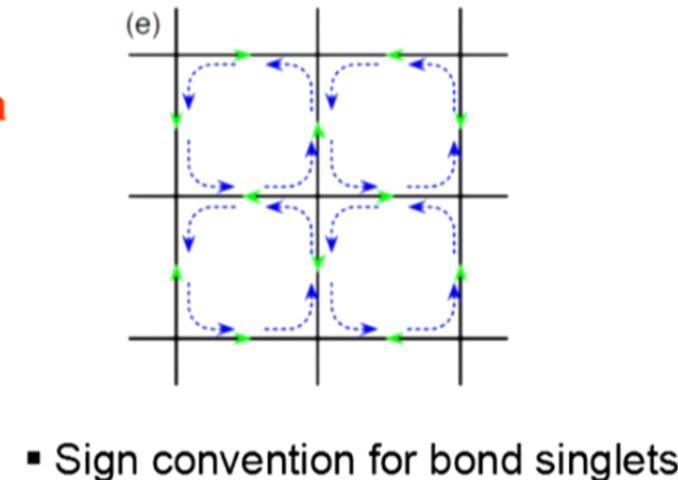
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