

Title: Tackling old problems with new tools: from frustration to pairing in strongly correlated many body systems

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Abstract: New quantum simulation platforms provide an unprecedented microscopic perspective on the structure of strongly correlated quantum matter. This allows to revisit decade-old problems from a fresh perspective, such as the two-dimensional Fermi-Hubbard model, believed to describe the physics underlying high-temperature superconductivity. In order to fully use the experimental as well as numerical capabilities available today, we need to go beyond conventional observables, such as one- and two-point correlation functions. In this talk, I will give an overview of recent results on the Hubbard model obtained through novel analysis tools: using machine learning techniques to analyze quantum gas microscopy data allows us to take into account all available information and compare different theories on a microscopic level. In particular, we consider Anderson's RVB paradigm to the geometric string theory, which takes the interplay of spin and charge degrees of freedom microscopically into account. The analysis of data from quantum simulation experiments of the doped Fermi-Hubbard model shows a qualitative change in behavior around 20% doping, up to where the geometric string theory captures the experimental data better. This microscopic understanding of the low doping limit has led us to the discovery of a binding mechanism in so-called mixed-dimensional systems, which has enabled the observation of pairing of charge carriers in cold atom experiments.

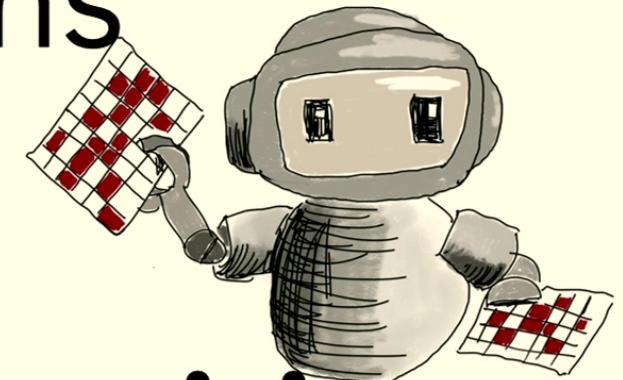
Intriguingly, mixed-dimensional systems exhibit similar features as the original two-dimensional model, e.g. a stripe phase at low temperatures. At intermediate to high temperatures, we use Hamiltonian reconstruction tools to quantify the frustration in the spin sector induced by the hole motion and find that the spin background is best described by a highly frustrated J1-J2 model.

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Tackling old problems with new tools: **from frustration to pairing**



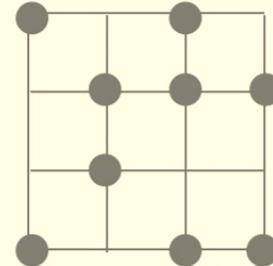
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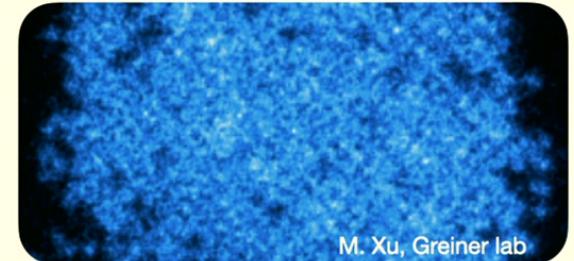
A. Mann, Nature 475 (2011)



$$H_t^{\text{reg}} = -t \sum_x \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle_x} (\tilde{c}_i^\dagger \tilde{c}_j + h.c.)$$



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1911: Heike Kamerlingh Onnes
discovers superconductivity



**“the shame and despair
of theoretical physics”**

1957: BCS theory of
conventional superconductivity



1986: Bednorz & Müller discover
high temperature superconductivity



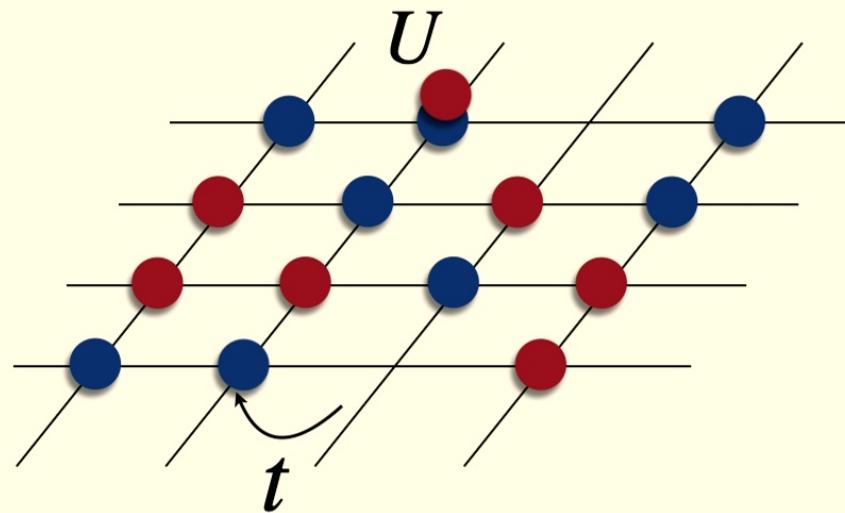
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J.M. Blatt, *Theory of Superconductivity* (Academic Press, New York, 1964)



Fermi-Hubbard model

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$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} (\hat{c}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow}$$

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tunneling

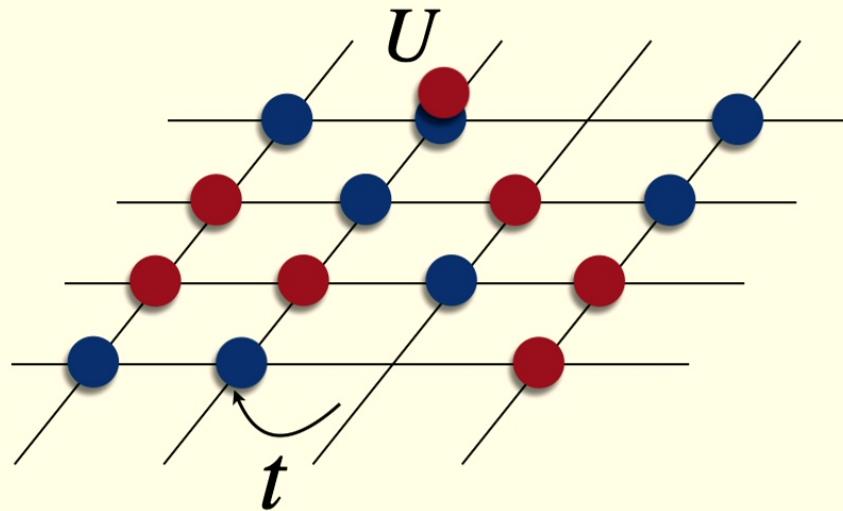
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interaction

Hilbert space dimension: $4^{16} = 4294967296$, using symmetries: $\sim 10^7$



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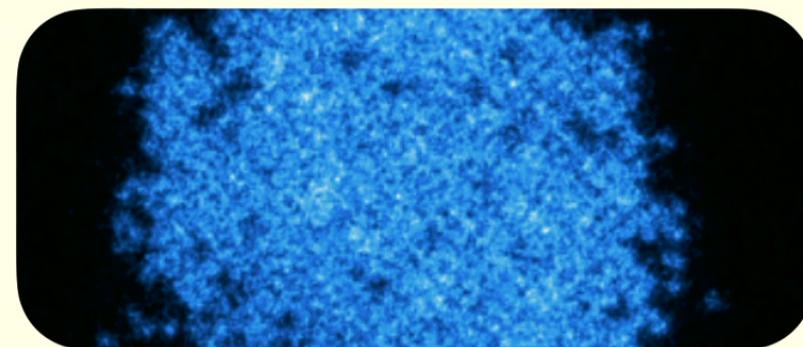
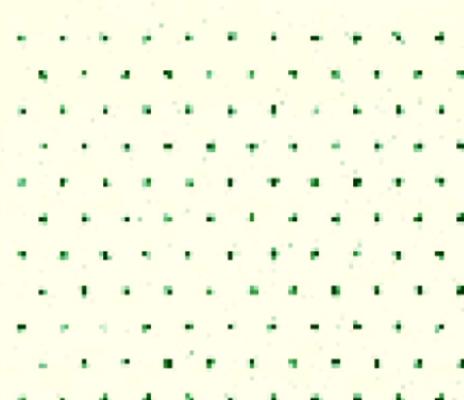
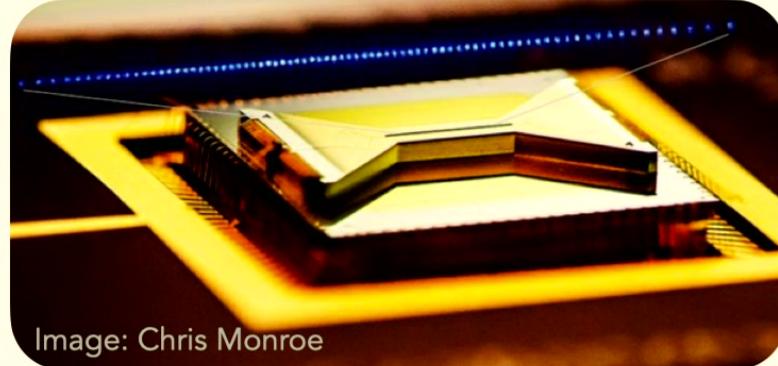
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Quantum simulation & computation

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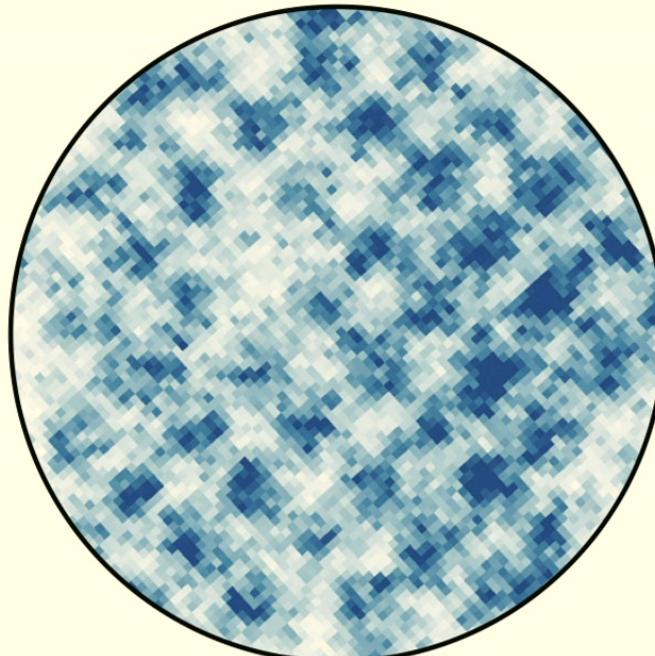
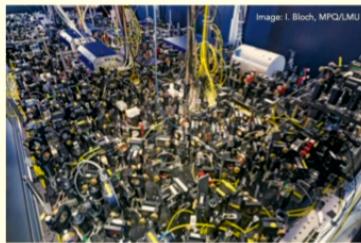
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Quantum gas microscopy

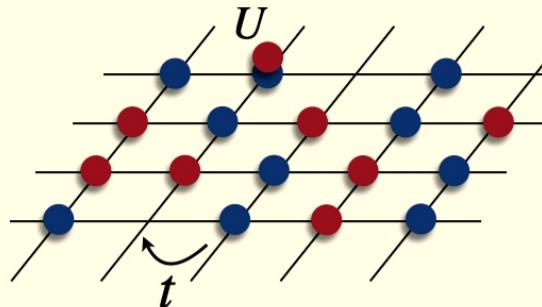
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tunneling

interaction

temperature

Large U limit: $t - J$ model

$$\hat{H}_{t-J} = -t \hat{P} \left[\sum_{\langle \mathbf{i},\mathbf{j} \rangle, \sigma} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{i},\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{j},\sigma} + h.c. \right] \hat{P} + J \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i},\mathbf{j} \rangle} \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{j}} - \frac{1}{4} \hat{n}_{\mathbf{i}} \hat{n}_{\mathbf{j}} \right)$$

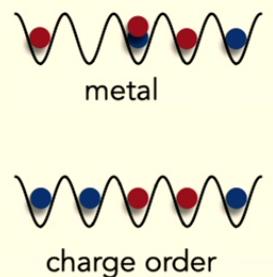
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tunneling

spin-exchange

$U \gg t$

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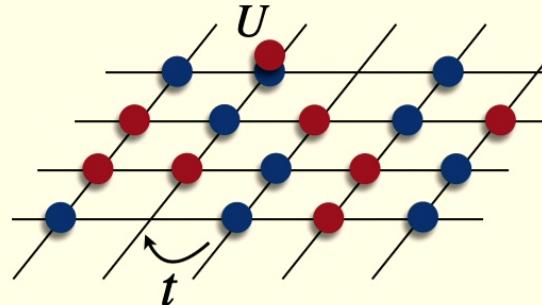
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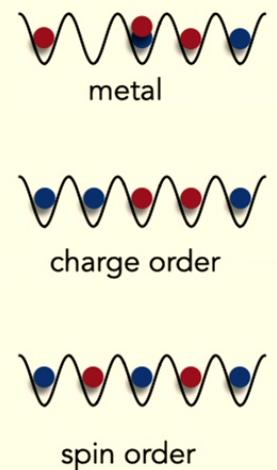
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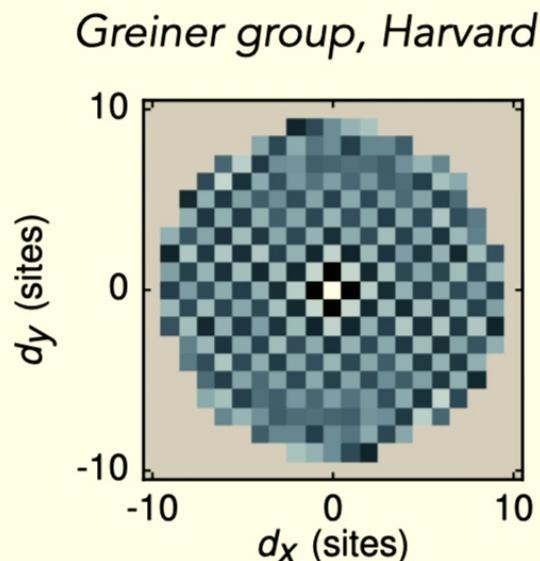
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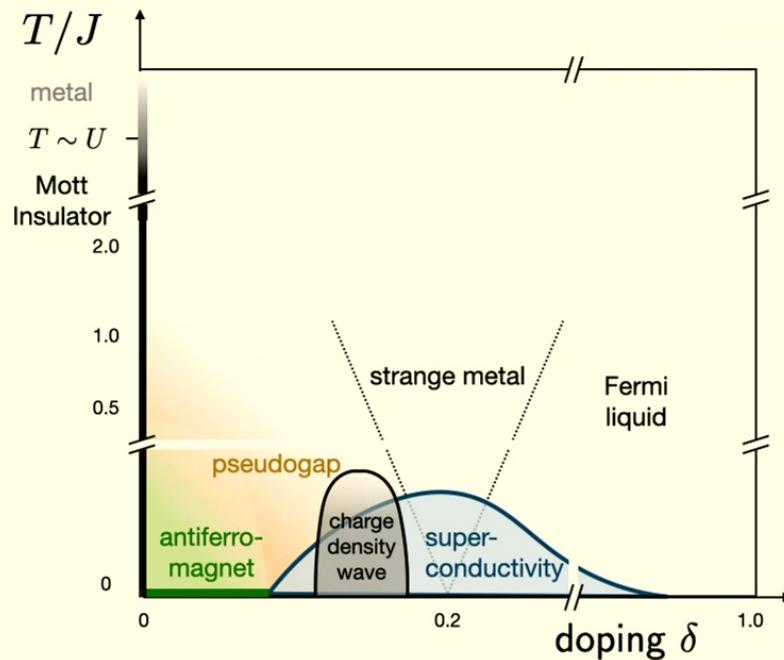


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Review article: Fermi-Hubbard with cold atoms
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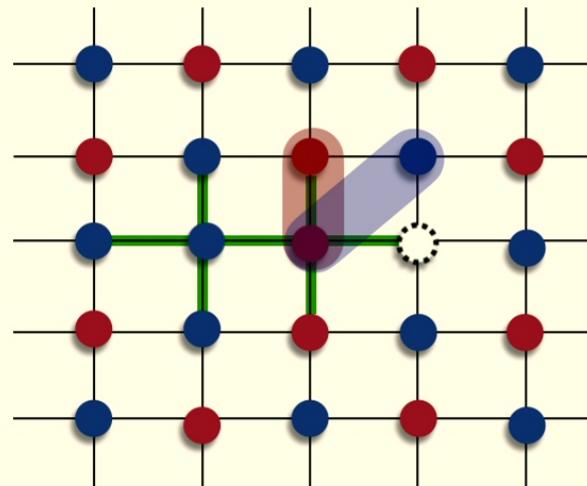




Geometric string theory

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$$\frac{dE}{dl} = 2J (C_{\mathbf{e}_x + \mathbf{e}_y} - C_{\mathbf{e}_x})$$

Grusdt et al., PRX 8 (2018), Grusdt et al., PRB 99 (2019), Bohrdt et al., NJP 22 (2020)

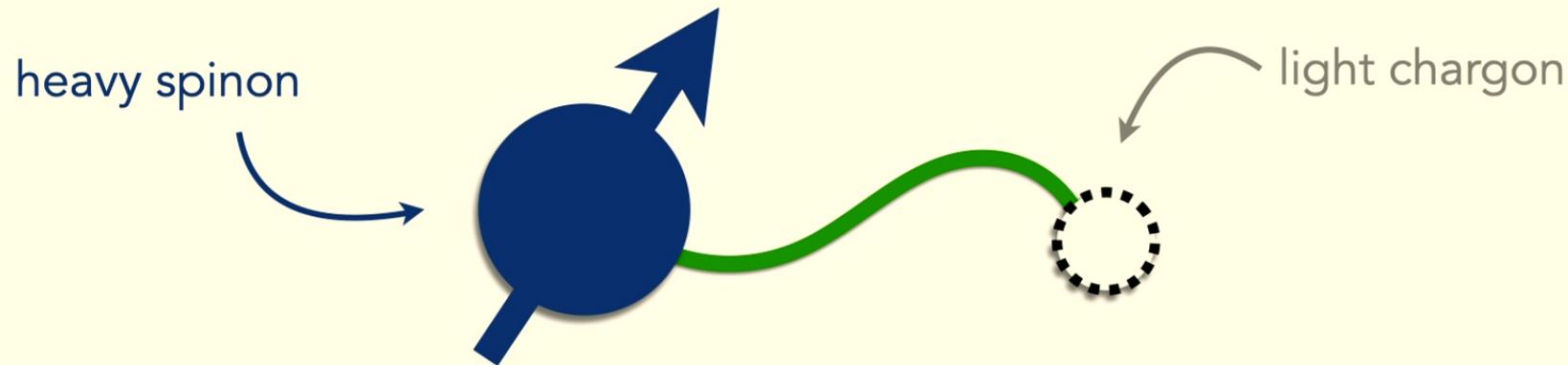
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- Born-Oppenheimer approximation: $|\psi\rangle \simeq |\psi_{\text{spinon}}\rangle \otimes |\psi_{\text{string}}\rangle$

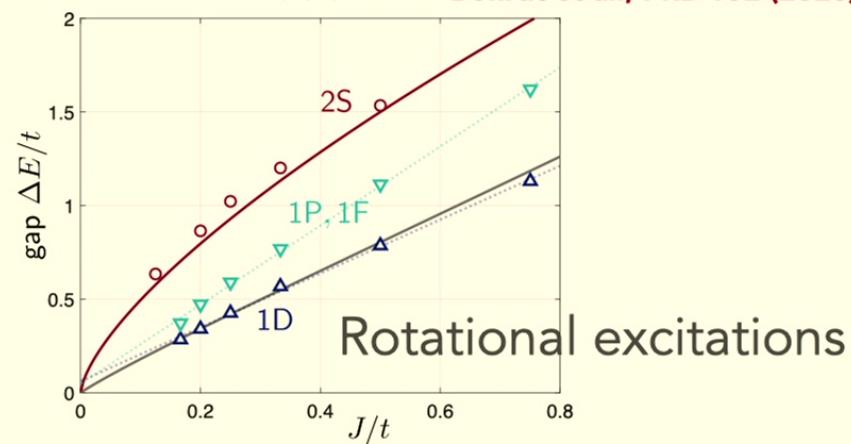
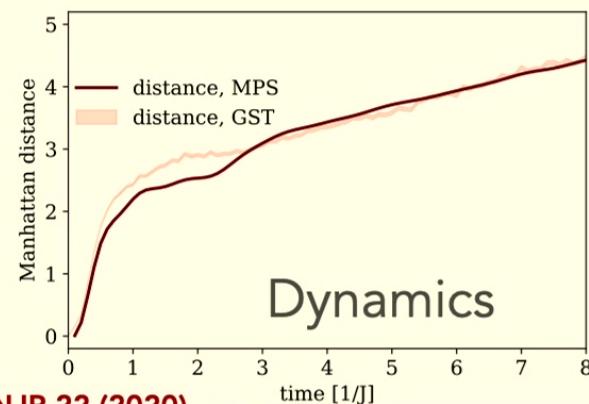
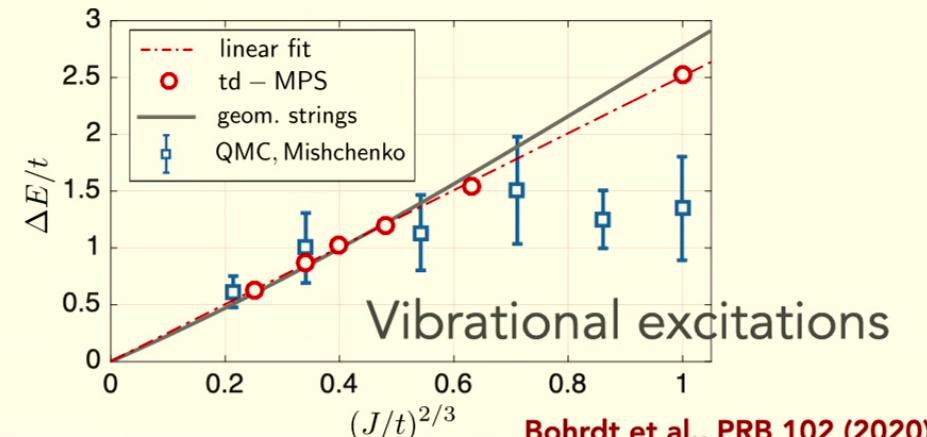
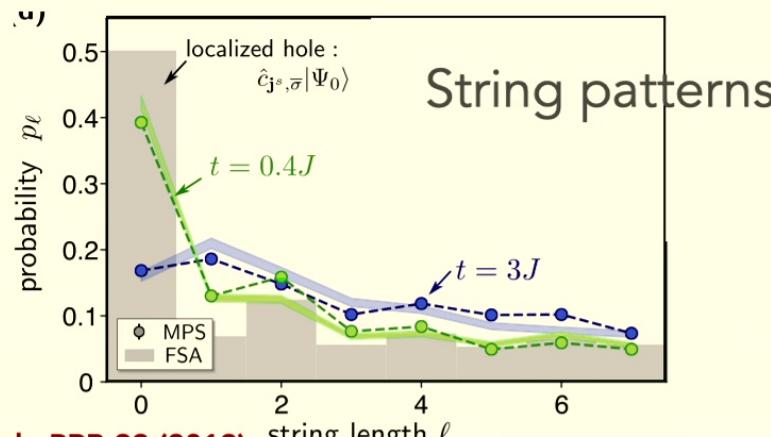




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A single hole

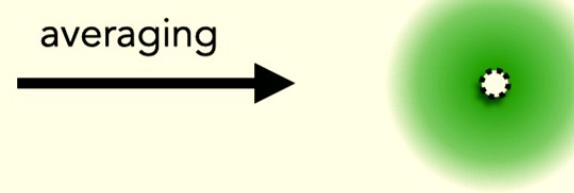




Quantum projective measurements

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$$|\psi\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right. \langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right. \langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right. \langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right. \langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \right| + \dots$$

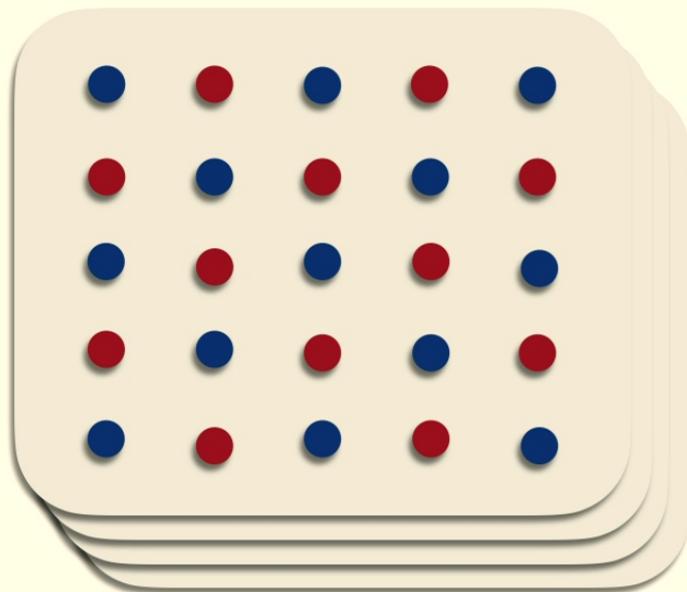




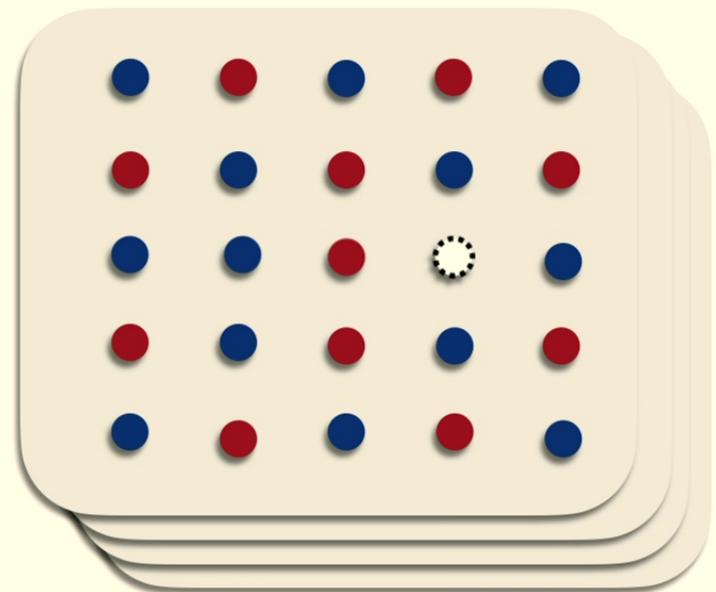
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Snapshots at half-filling
(QMC, experimental data, ...)



Geometric string theory snapshots
at finite doping

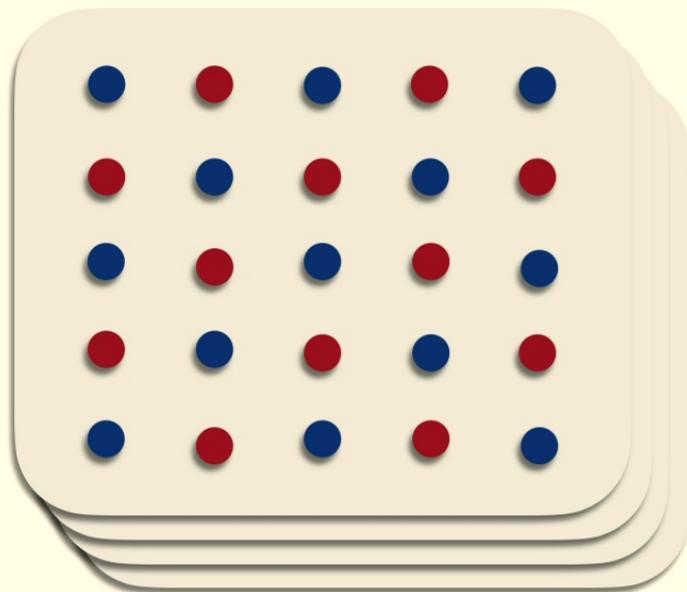




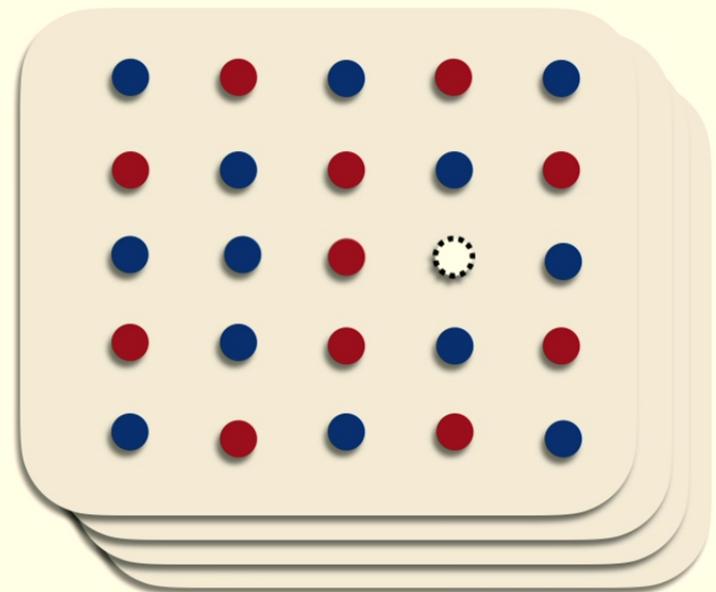
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Resonating valence bond states

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The Resonating Valence Bond State in La_2CuO_4 and Superconductivity

P. W. ANDERSON

RVB state.] It is our hypothesis that pure La_2CuO_4 is in an RVB state; this proposal is supported to some extent by the magnetic susceptibility data of Ganguly and Rao (3).

It is not easy to calculate with RVB states or to represent them. I want to give here a representation in terms of Gutzwiller-type projections of mobile-electron states, which is probably not particularly useful computationally but is suggestive. This representa-

$$|\psi\rangle = |\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}\rangle + |\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \bullet & \circ \\ \hline \circ & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}\rangle + |\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \circ & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \circ \\ \hline \end{array}\rangle + \dots$$

Anderson, Science 235 (1987)



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Trial wavefunction

$$|\psi\rangle = \hat{P}_{GW} |\psi_0\rangle$$



Fermi sea

project out double occupancies

M. Gutzwiller, PRL 10 (1963); C. Gros, Annals of Physics 189 (1989)

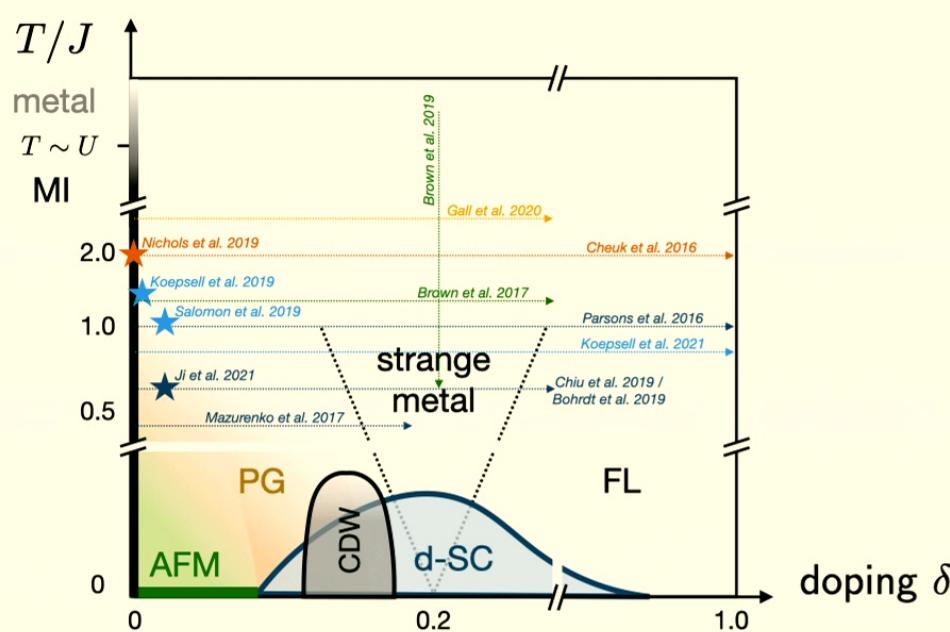


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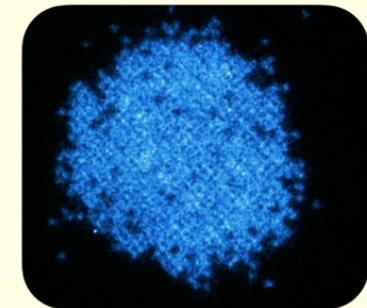
Bohrdt et al., Annals of Physics (2021)



We want a finite temperature state

$$\hat{\rho} = \hat{P}_{GW} e^{-\hat{H}_{MF}/k_B T} \hat{P}_{GW}$$

We want snapshots



Metropolis Monte Carlo sampling with

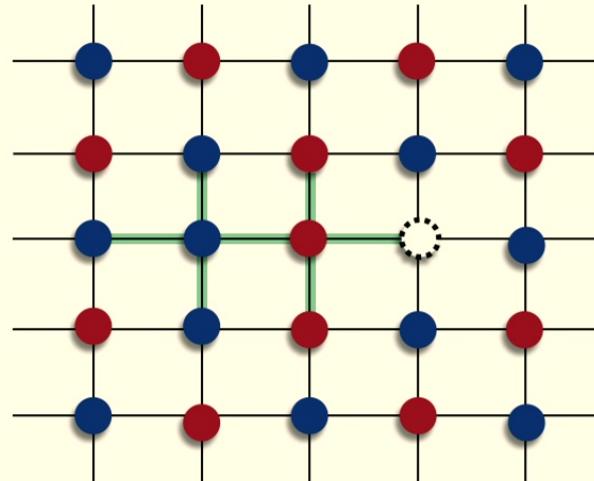
$$p_\beta(\alpha_r, \alpha_k) = e^{-\beta E(\alpha_k)} |\langle \alpha_r | \alpha_k \rangle|^2$$



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Candidate theories

Geometric string theory



Grusdt et al., PRX 8 (2018), Grusdt et al., PRB 99 (2019),
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Resonating valence bond theory (π -flux theory)

$$|\psi\rangle = |\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}\rangle + |\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}\rangle \\ + |\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}\rangle + |\text{---} \text{---} \text{---}\rangle \\ + \dots$$

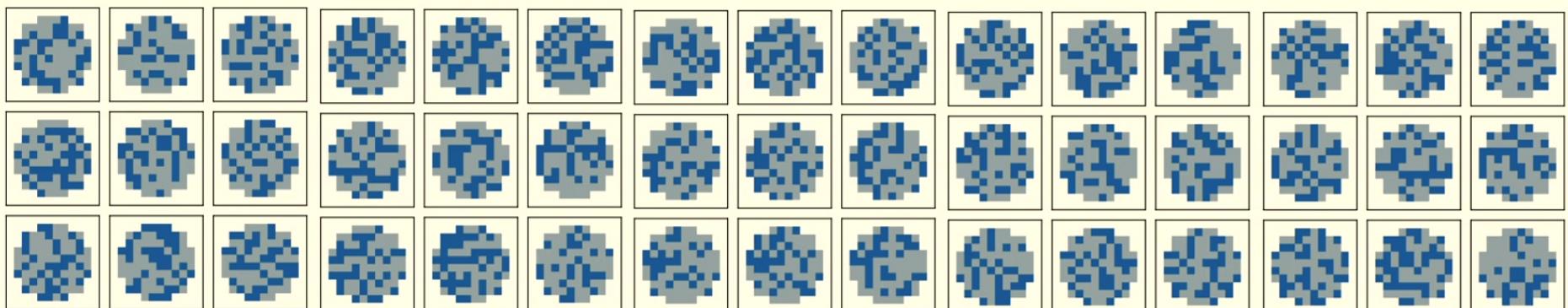
P. W. Anderson, Science 235, 1196 (1987)



“The theoretical problem is so hard that
there isn't an obvious criterion for right.”

— Steven Kivelson, Stanford University

Science 314 (2006)

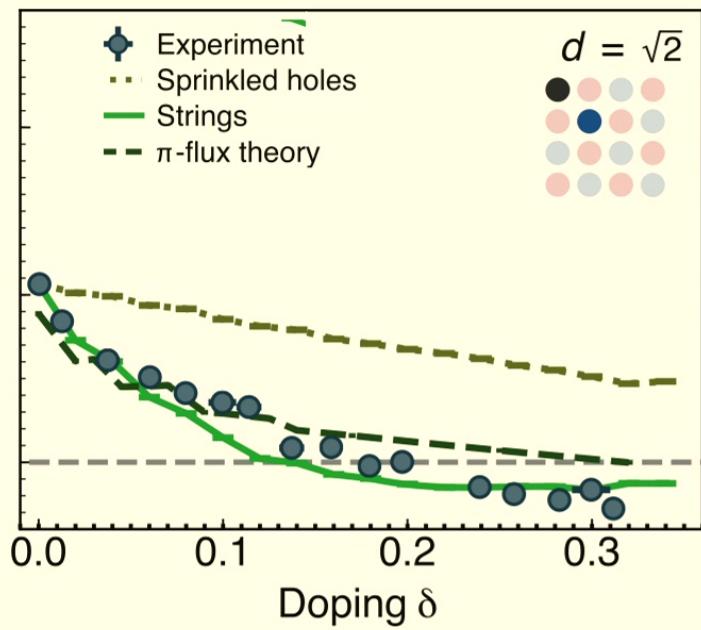




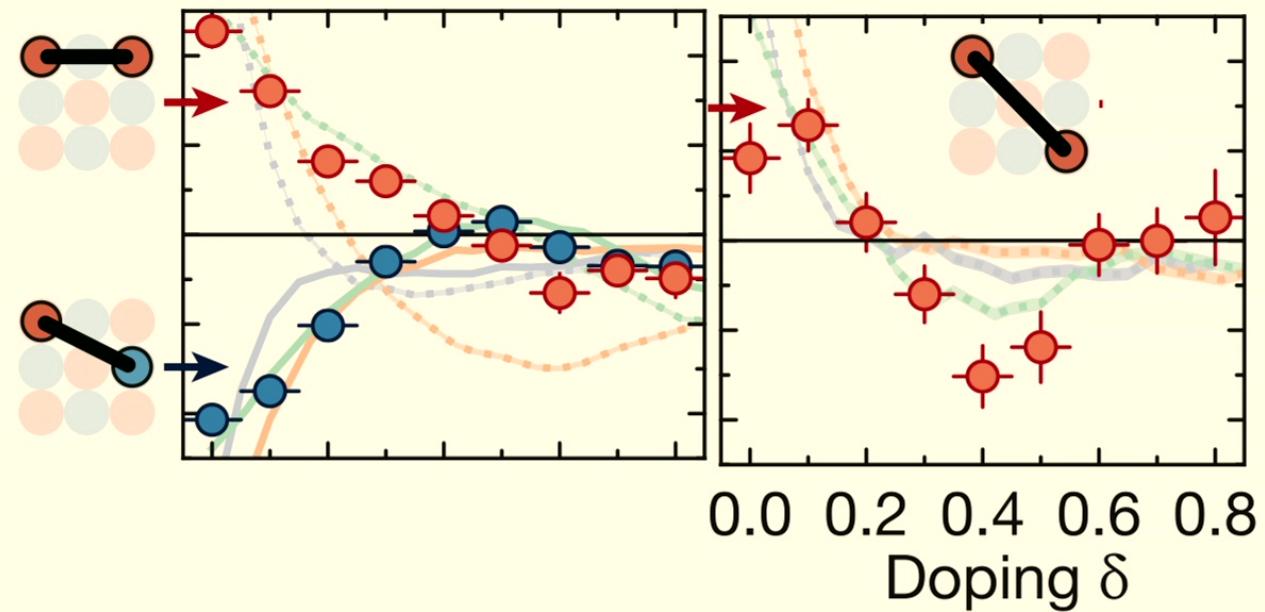
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ED Free uRVB π -flux String



Chiu et al., Science 365, 6450 (2019)



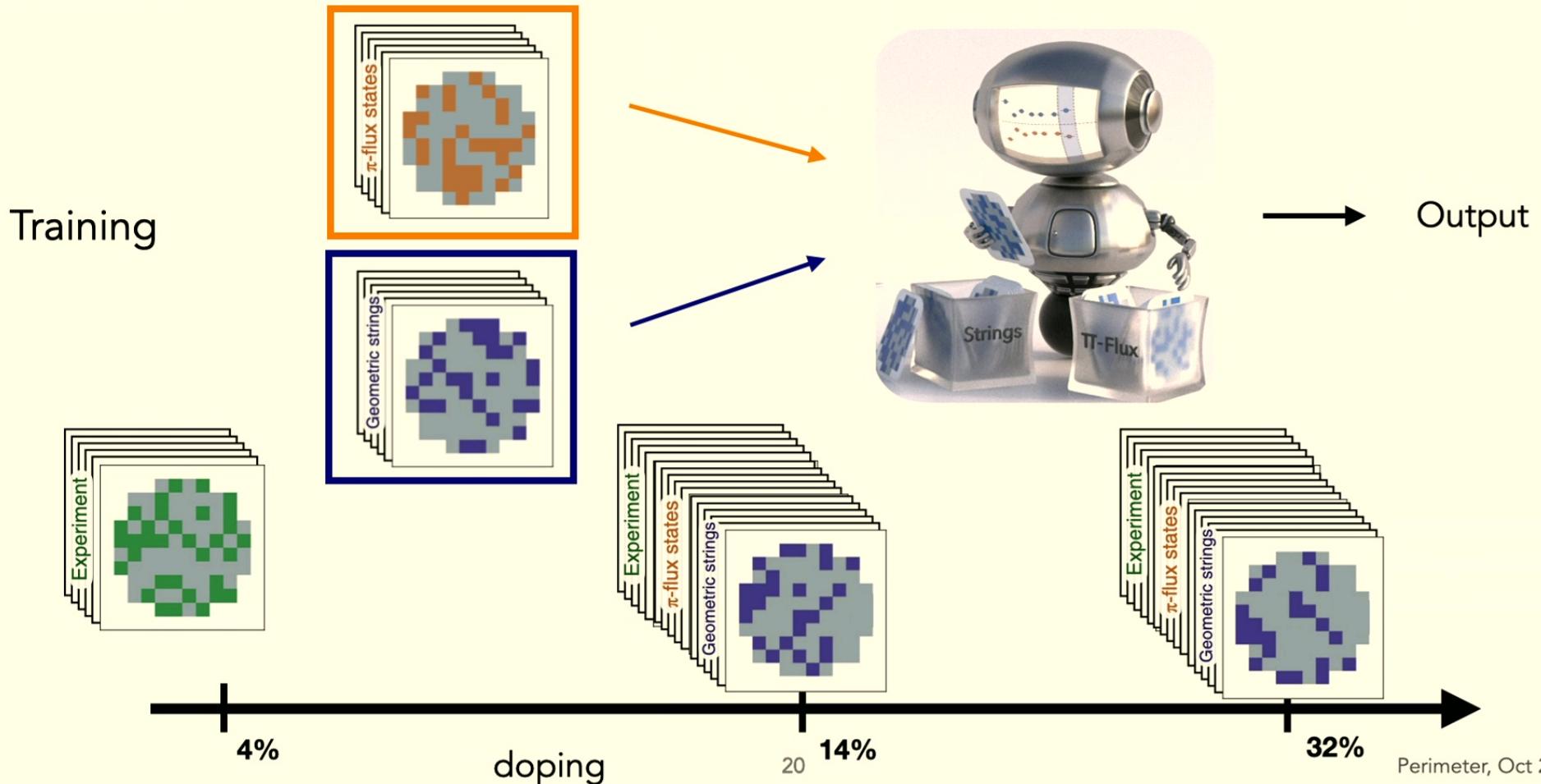
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Machine learning snapshots

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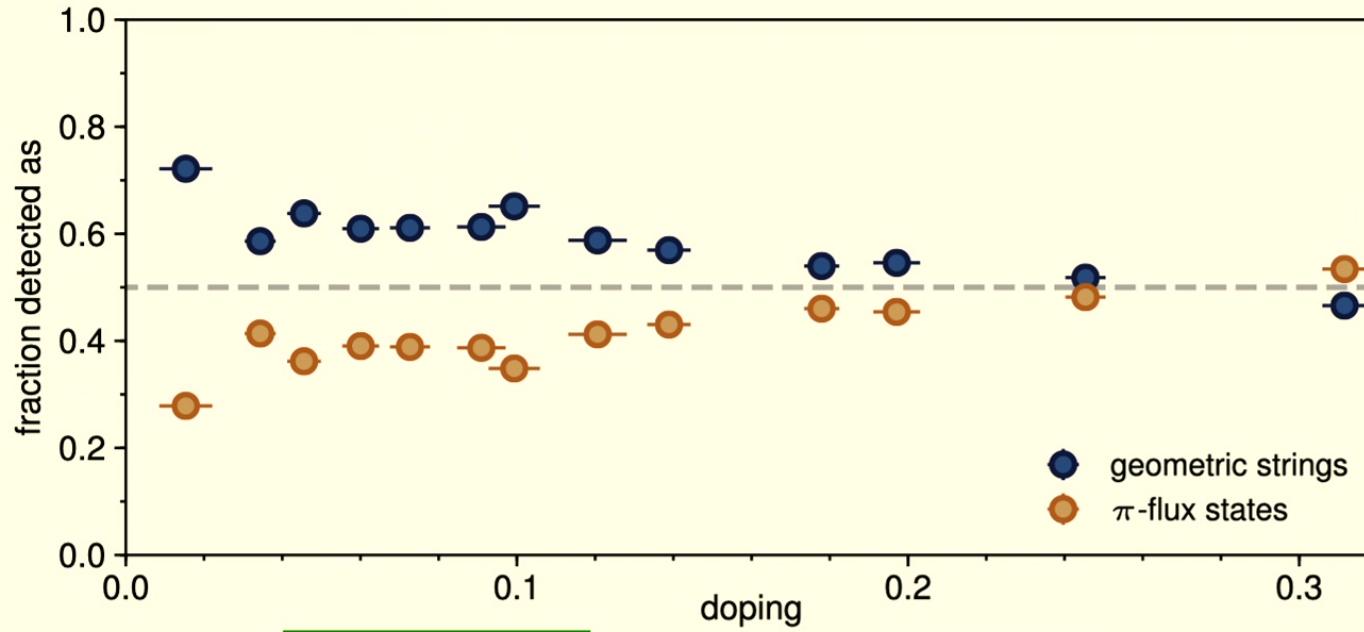


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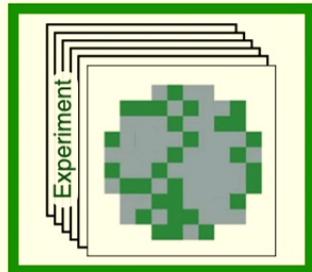


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Classify



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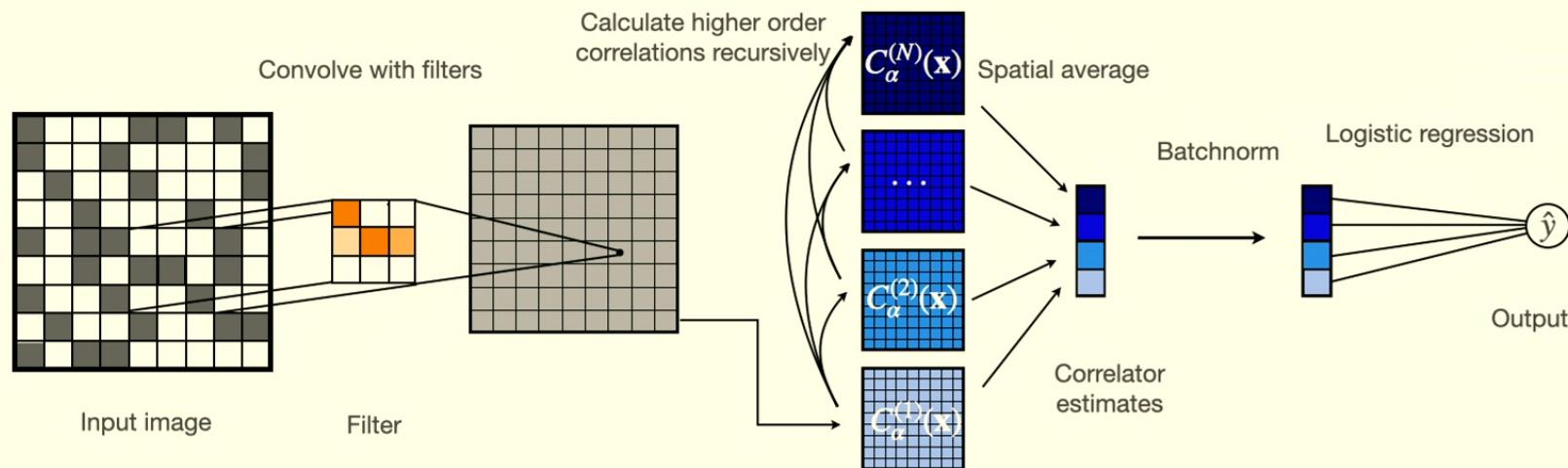
Output

Bohrdt et al., Nature Physics 15 (2019)

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Interpretability



$$C_{\alpha}^{(1)}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{a}, k} f_{\alpha, k}(\vec{a}) S_k(\vec{x} + \vec{a})$$

$$C_{\alpha}^{(2)}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{(\vec{a}, k) \neq (\vec{b}, k')} f_{\alpha, k}(\vec{a}) f_{\alpha, k'}(\vec{b}) S_k(\vec{x} + \vec{a}) S_{k'}(\vec{x} + \vec{b})$$

C. Miles, A. Bohrdt et al., Nature Communications 12 (2021)

See also: Wetzel & Scherzer, PRB 96 (2017)

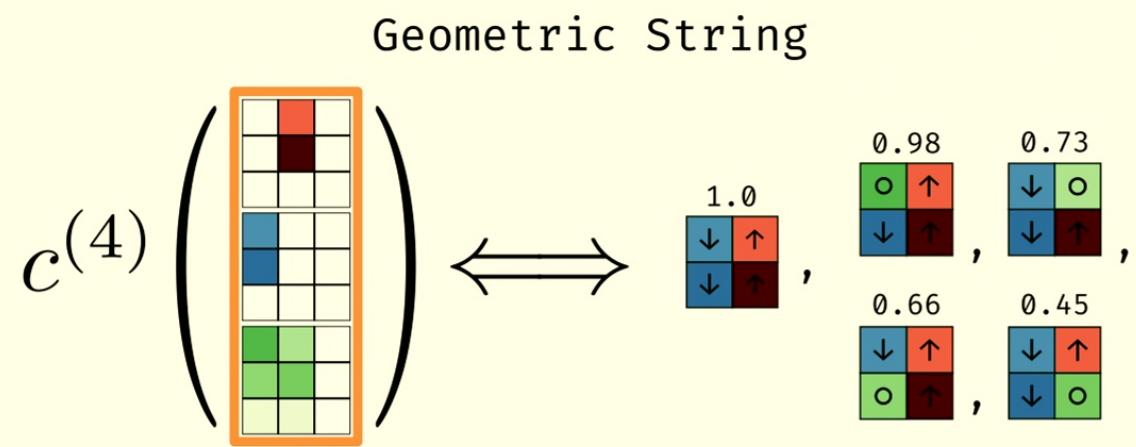
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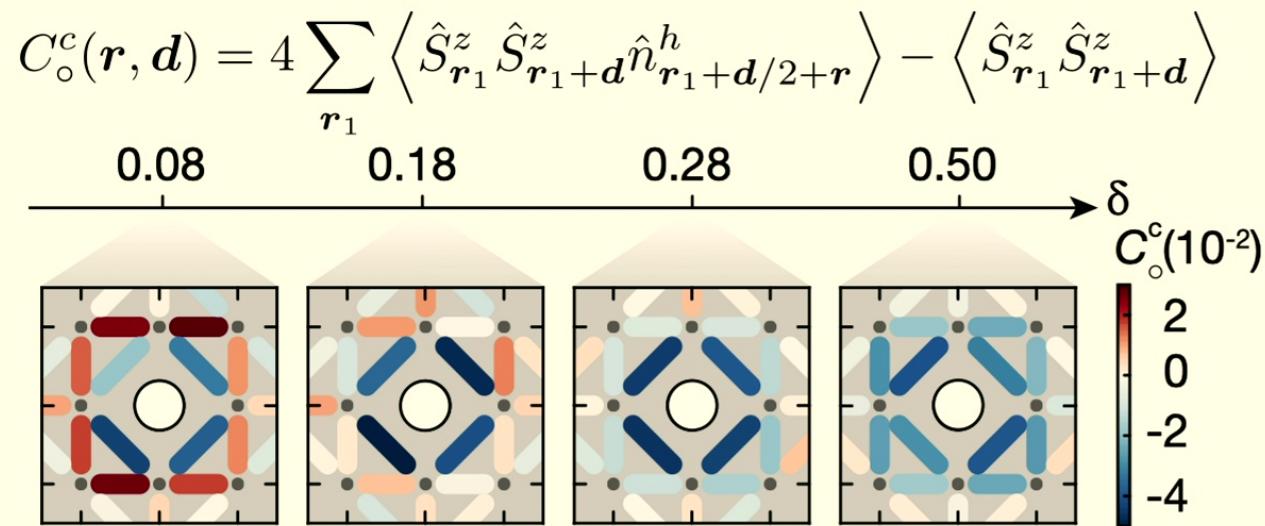
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Phase diagram



Koepsell et al., Science 374 (2021)

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What have we learned?

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Geometric string theory is a good description! What about pairs?

- Strong pairing mechanism in mixed-dimensional bilayer systems
- Internal structure of pairs in 2D systems

RVB state doesn't capture spin-charge correlations correctly

- What about the spin background?



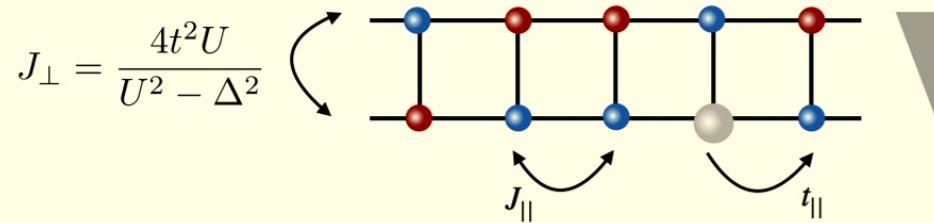
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Mixed dimensional systems

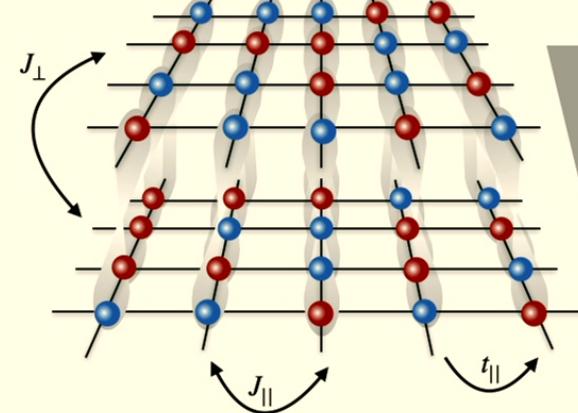
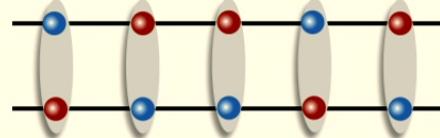


Mixed dimensional bilayer systems

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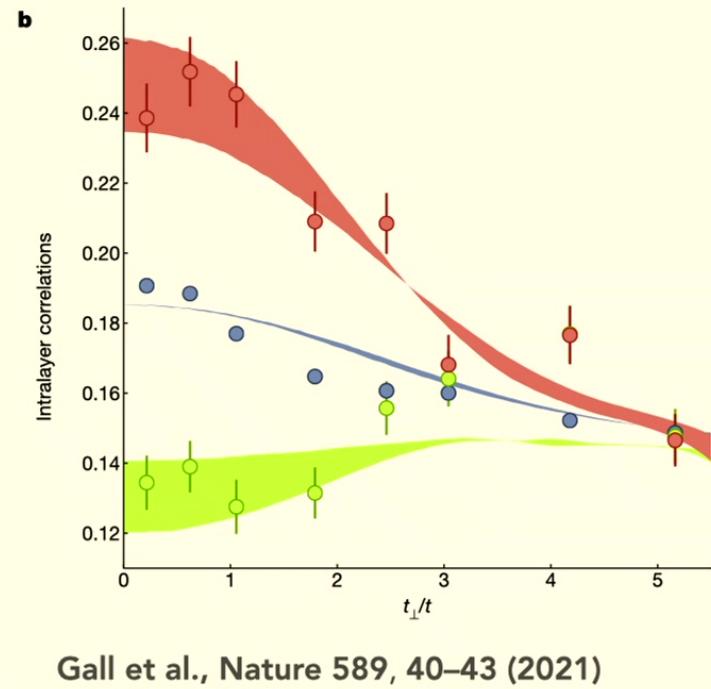
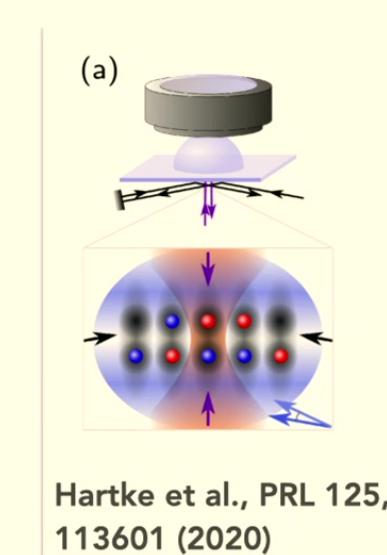
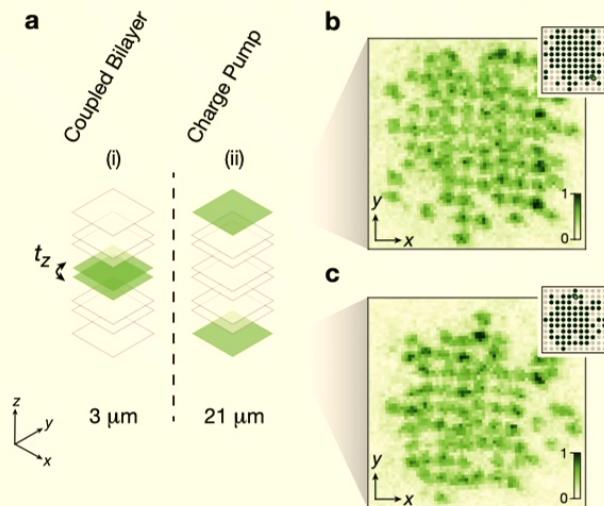
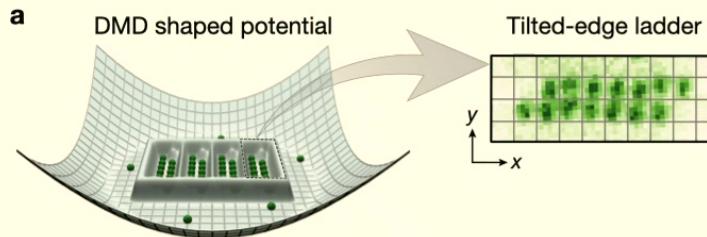
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Ladder and bilayer systems

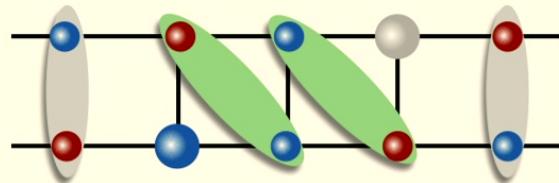
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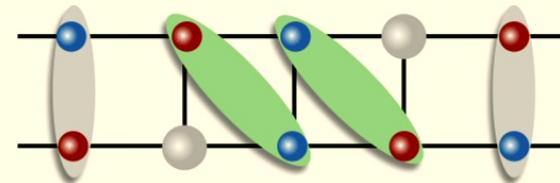


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Pairing



spinon-chargon

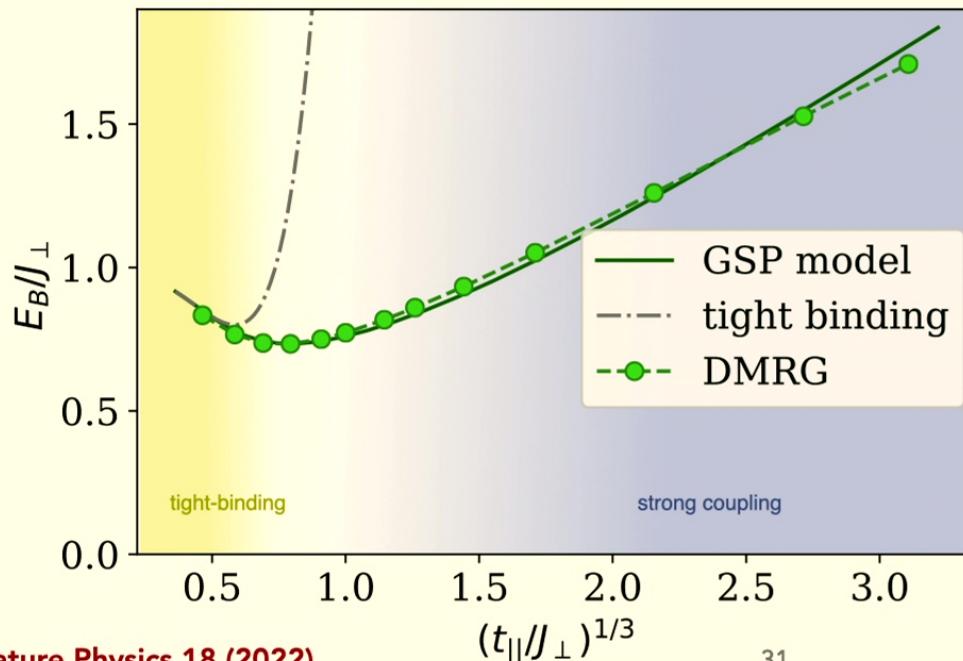
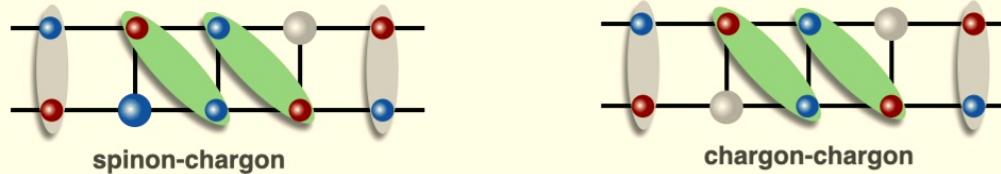


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Binding energy



Bohrdt et al., Nature Physics 18 (2022)

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$$E_B = 2 \cdot E_1 - (E_0 + E_2)$$

String theory prediction:

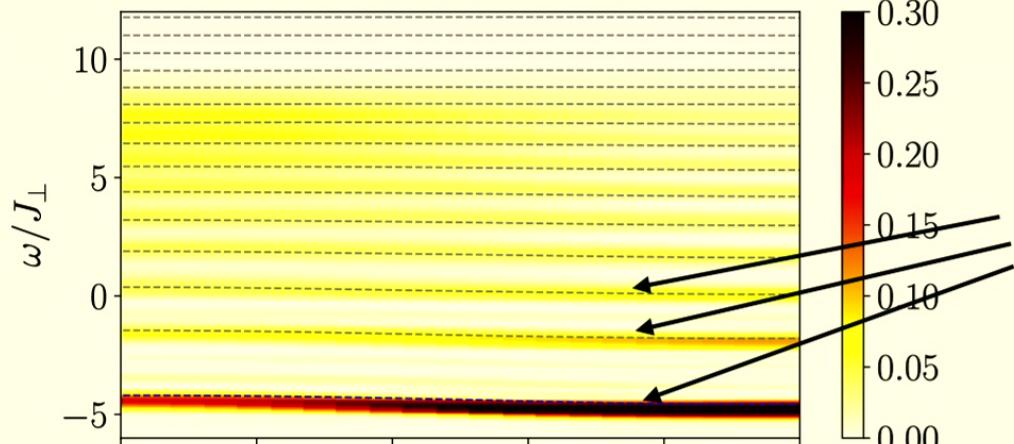
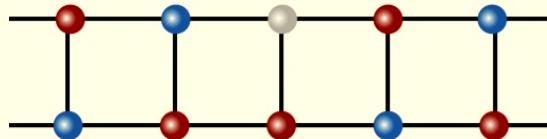
$$E_B = \underbrace{\alpha (2 - 2^{1/3})}_{=0.740\dots} t^{1/3} \sigma_0^{2/3} + \mathcal{O}(J)$$

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Spectral function

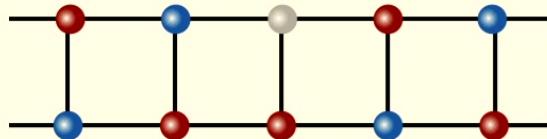


**Parton model
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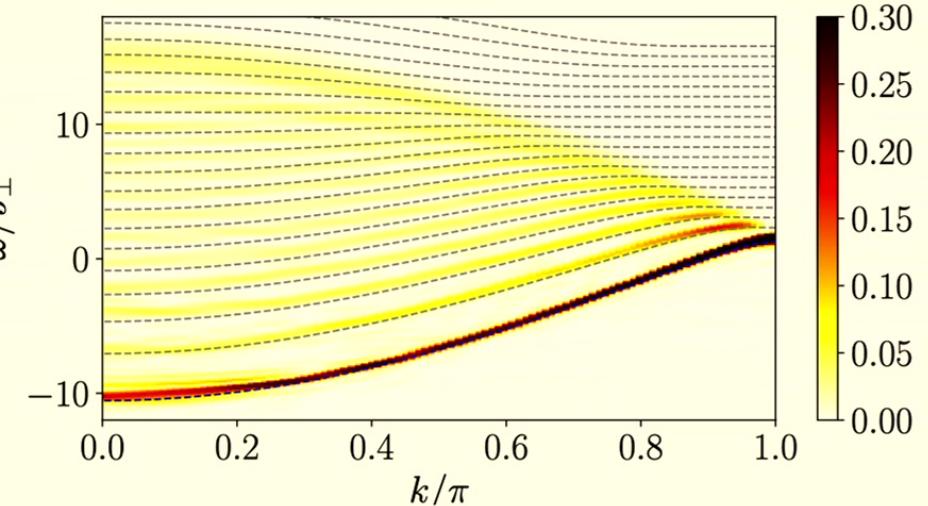
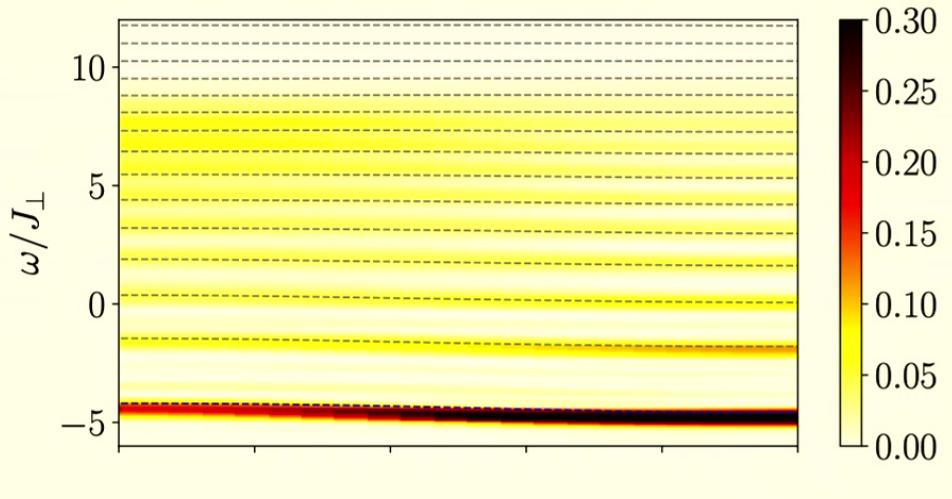


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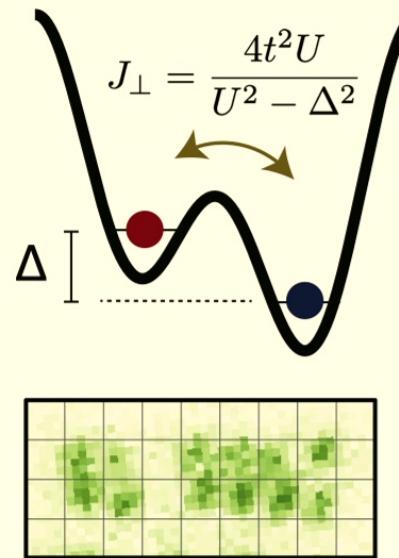
$$A_{1/2}(\vec{k}, \omega) = \sum_n \delta(\omega - E_n^{(1)} + E_0) |\langle \psi_n | \hat{c}_{\vec{k}} | \psi_0 \rangle|^2$$



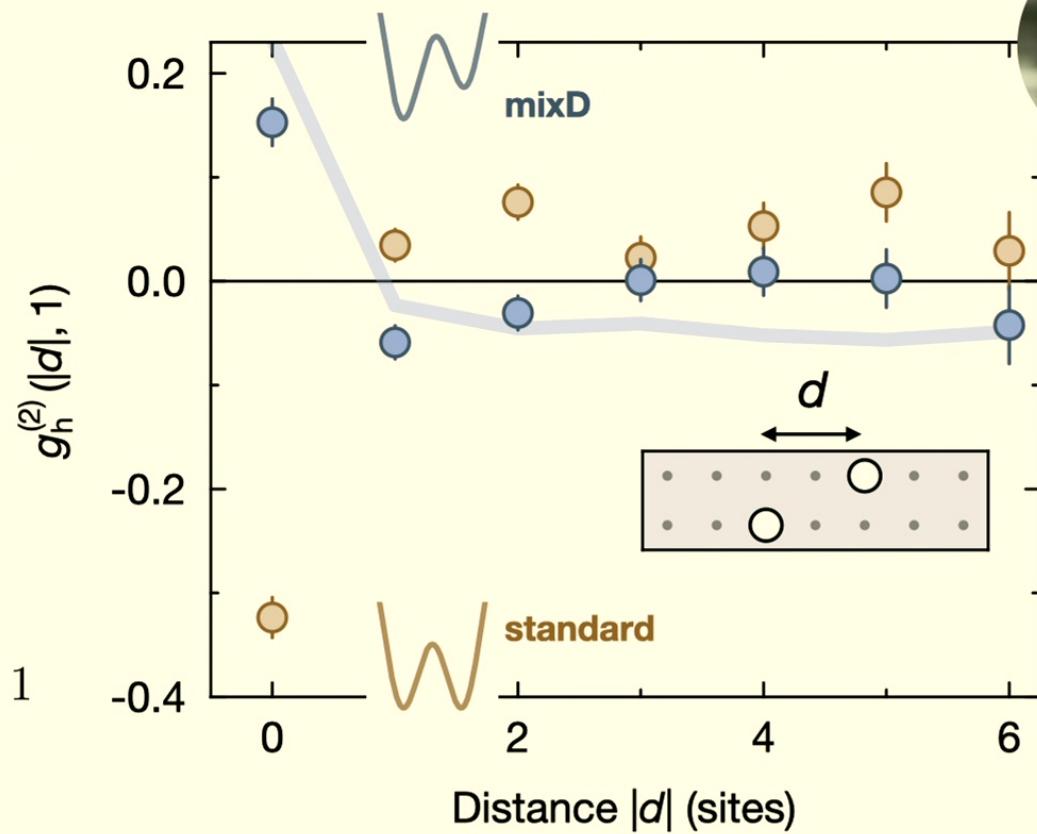


Pairing in mixed dimensions — experiments

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$$g_h^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{i-l=r} \frac{\langle \hat{n}_i^h \hat{n}_l^h \rangle}{\langle \hat{n}_i^h \rangle \langle \hat{n}_l^h \rangle} - 1$$



Hirthe et al., arXiv2203.10027

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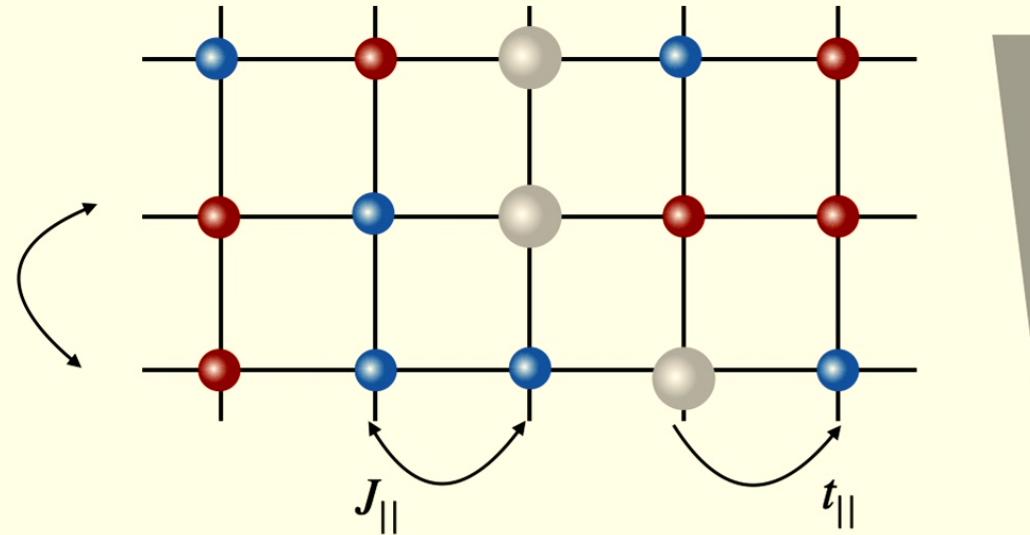
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Mixed dimensional 2D systems

$$J_{\perp} = \frac{4t^2U}{U^2 - \Delta^2}$$

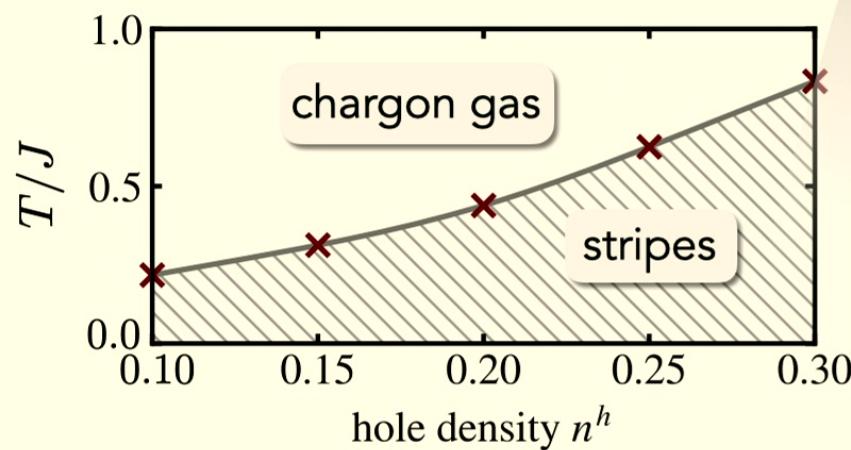


$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -t_{||} \hat{\mathcal{P}} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\mu, \sigma=\pm} \left[\hat{c}_{i,\mu,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j,\mu,\sigma} + h.c. \right] \hat{\mathcal{P}} + \sum_{\langle \vec{i}_\mu \vec{j}_{\mu'} \rangle} J_{\mu, \mu'} \left[\hat{\vec{S}}_{\vec{i}\mu} \cdot \hat{\vec{S}}_{\vec{j},\mu'} - \frac{1}{4} \hat{n}_{\vec{i},\mu} \hat{n}_{\vec{j},\mu'} \right]$$



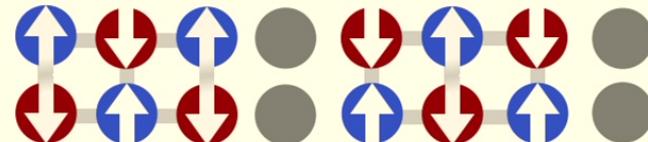
Phase diagram of the mixD $t - J$ model

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stripes

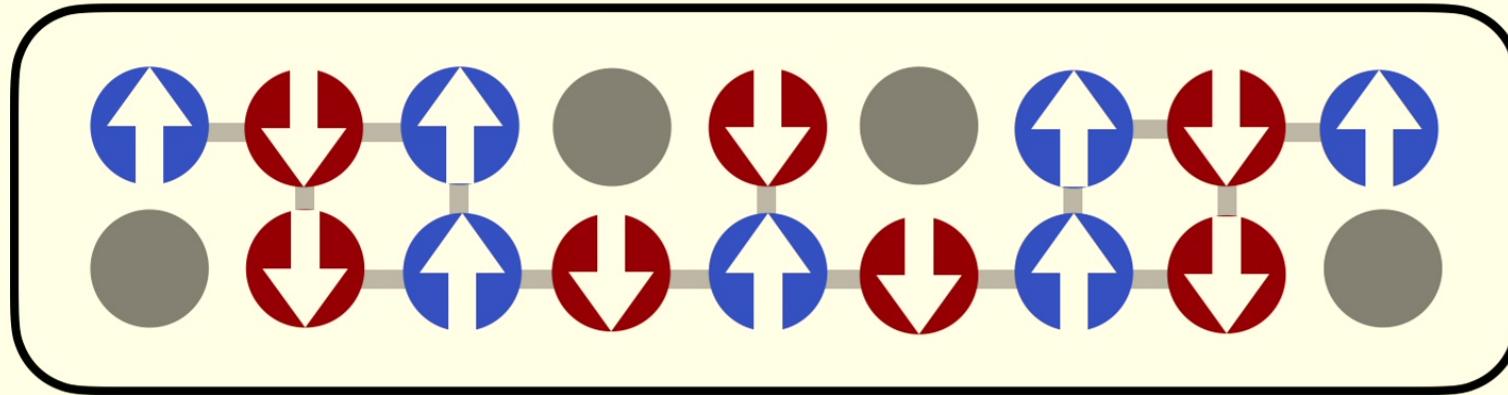
- * Stable stripe phase $\rightarrow T_c$ of order J
- * Hidden AFM correlations (long-range incommensurate order in ground state)





Hole motion induces frustration

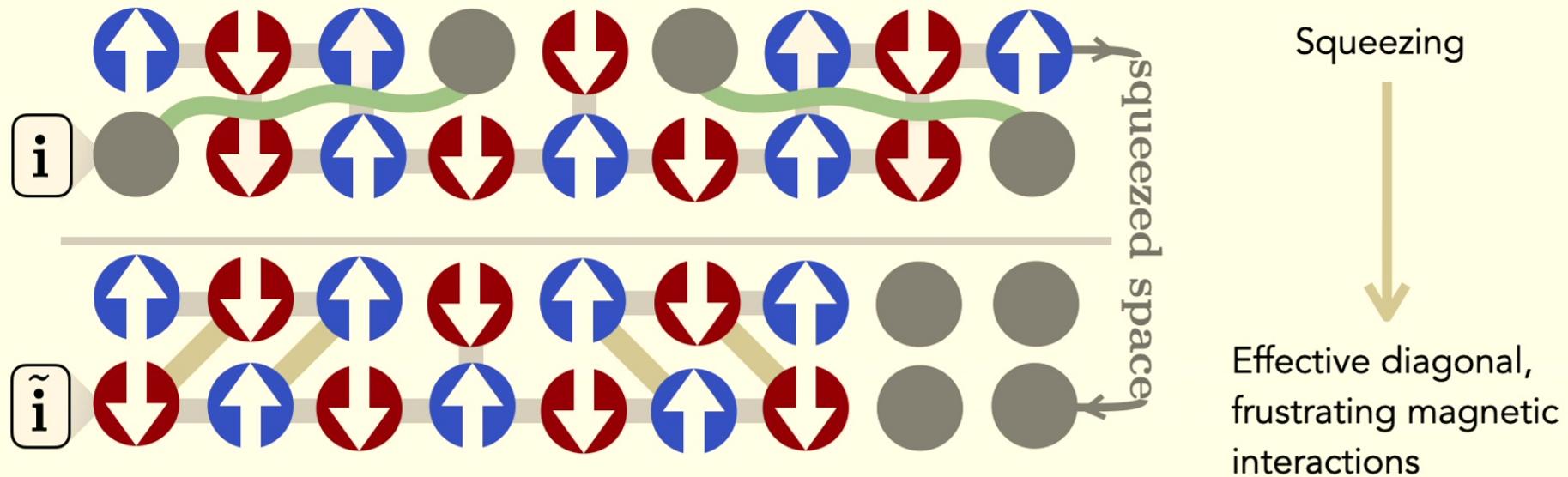
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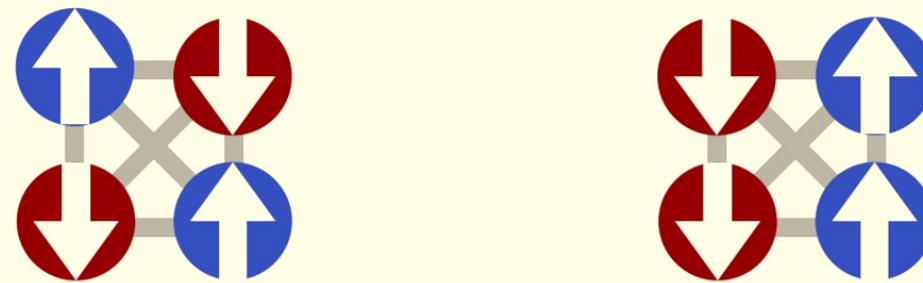


MixD setting: squeezed space well defined \rightarrow ideal platform to quantify frustration



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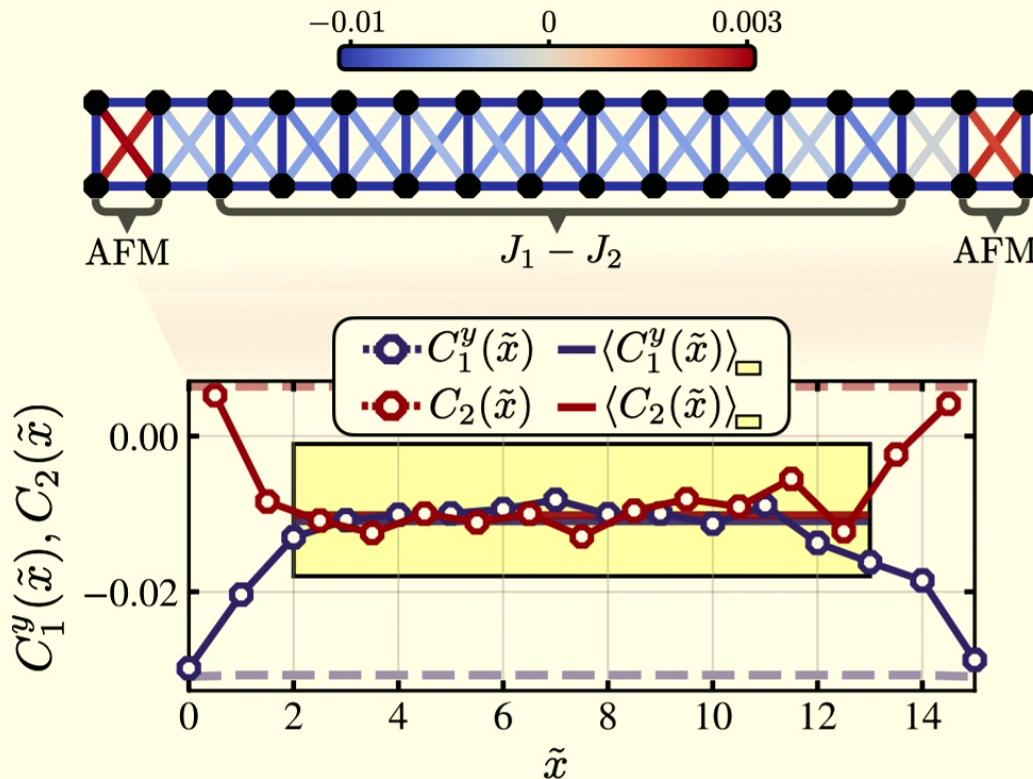
Frustration





Correlations in squeezed space

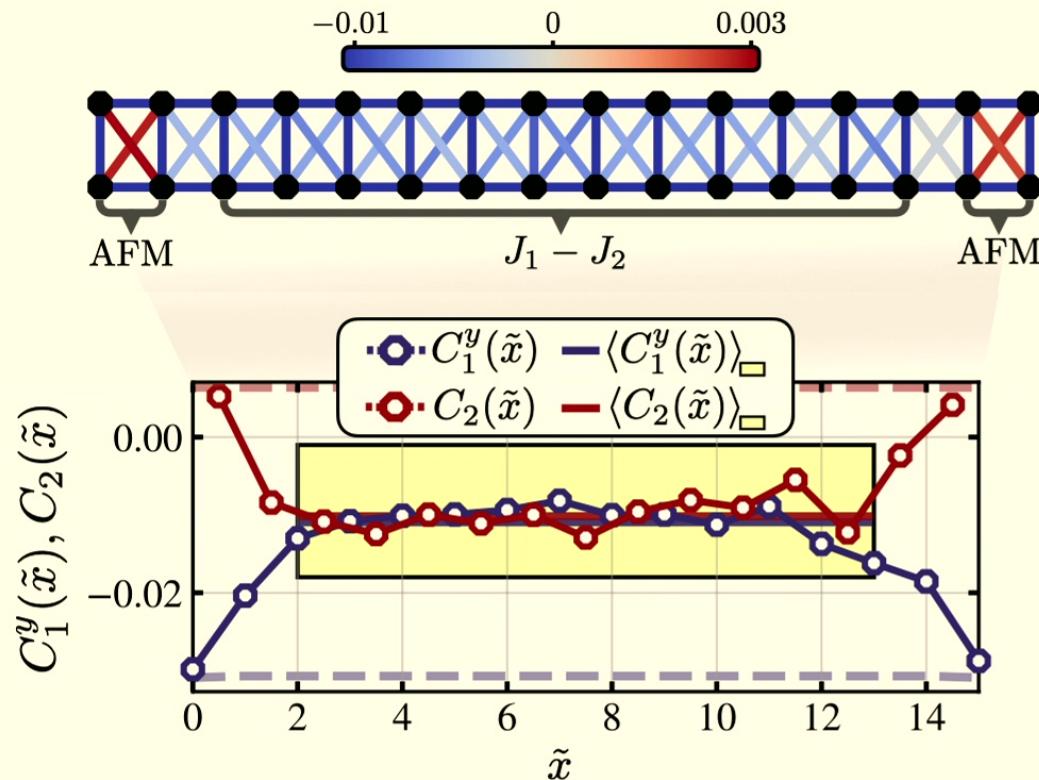
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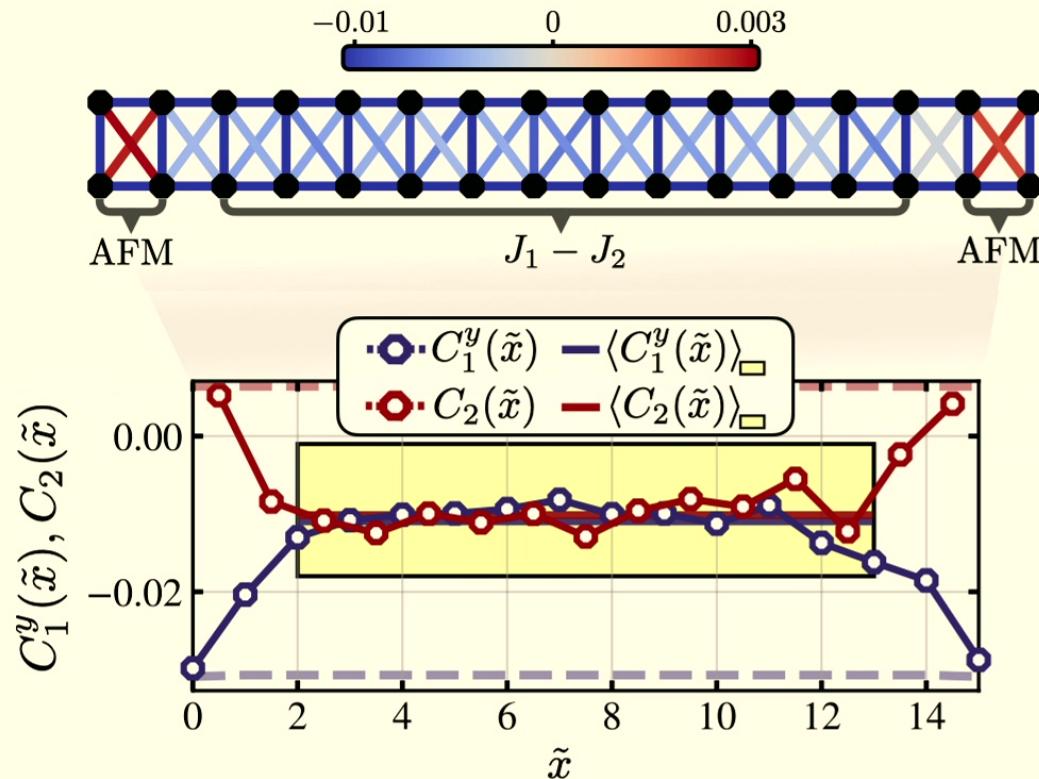


$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\{J_H\}} = \sum_{\mu=x,y} J_1^\mu \sum_{\langle \tilde{i}, \tilde{j} \rangle_\mu} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\tilde{i}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\tilde{j}} + J_2 \sum_{\langle \langle \tilde{i}, \tilde{j} \rangle \rangle_{\text{diag}}} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\tilde{i}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\tilde{j}}$$



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- SU(2) invariance — only need snapshots in z-basis!
- Only need to numerically simulate a spin Hamiltonian!



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Hamiltonian

$$H(\mu) = \sum_{l=1}^m \mu_l E_l$$

E_l form a standard operator basis for local interactions

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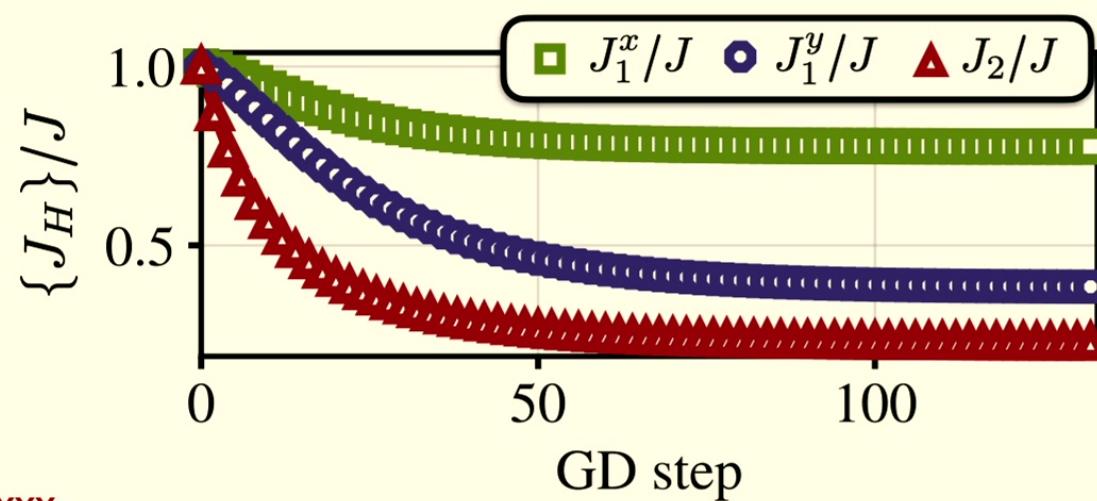
- * Hamiltonian reconstruction via gradient descent

→ Minimize objective function

$$\mathcal{G} = \ln Z(\beta, \{J_H\}) + 3\beta \left(\sum_{\mu=x,y} J_1^\mu \mathcal{M}_1^\mu + J_2 \mathcal{M}_2 \right)$$

Simulated, purely magnetic model

Measured correlations in squeezed space



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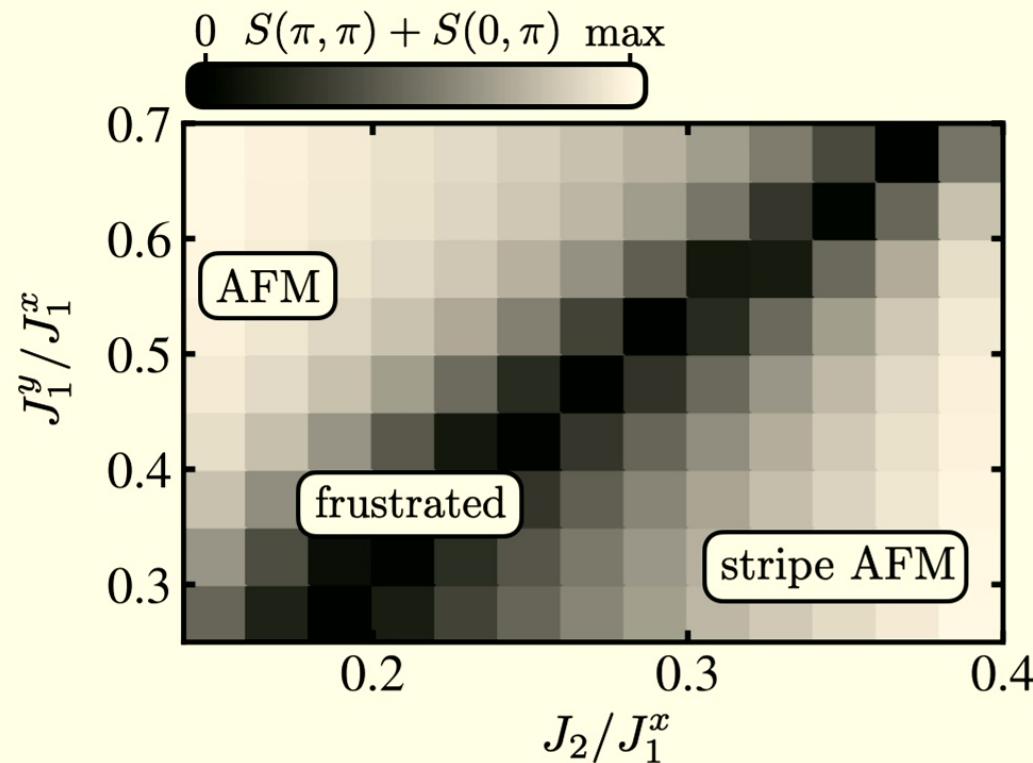
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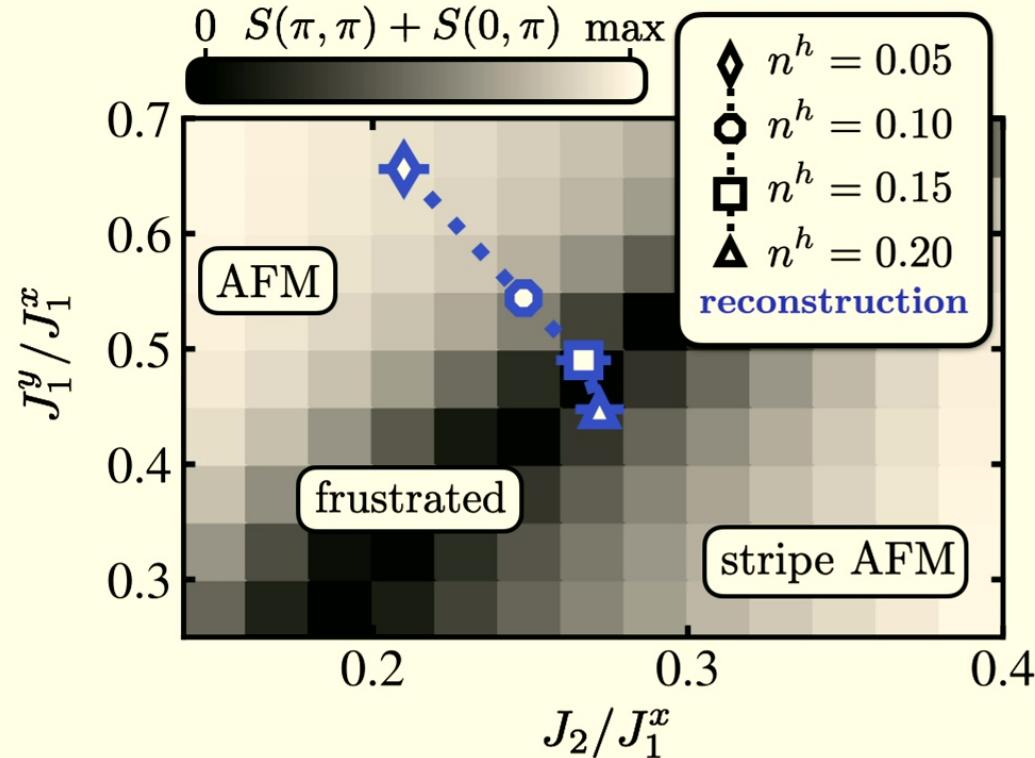
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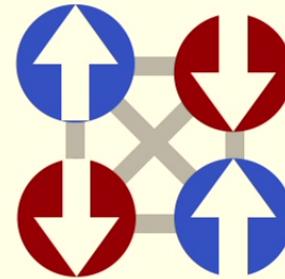
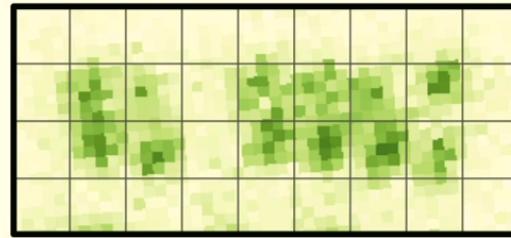
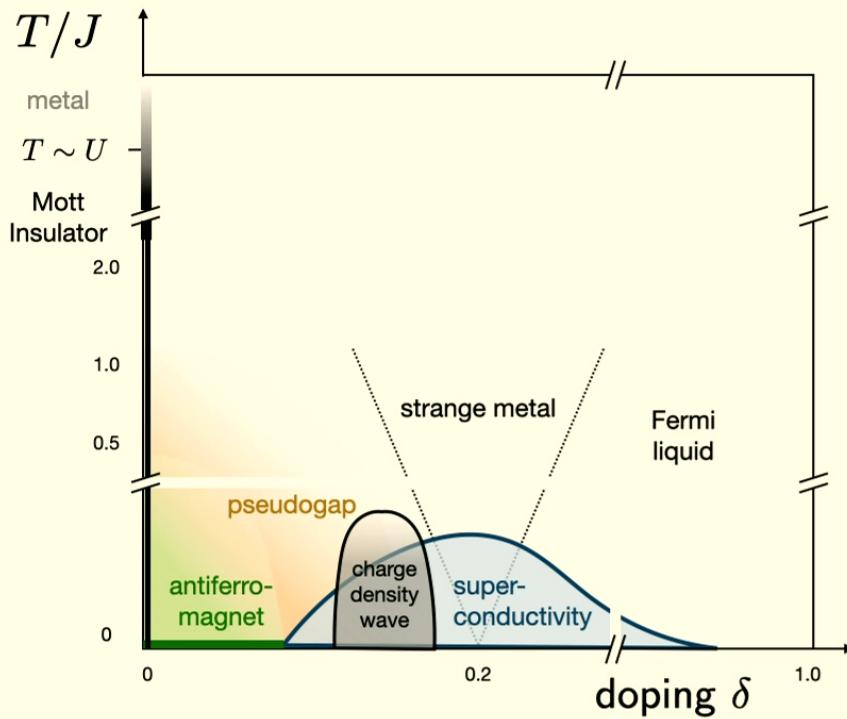
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