

# Introduction to Magnetism and Magnetic Materials – part II



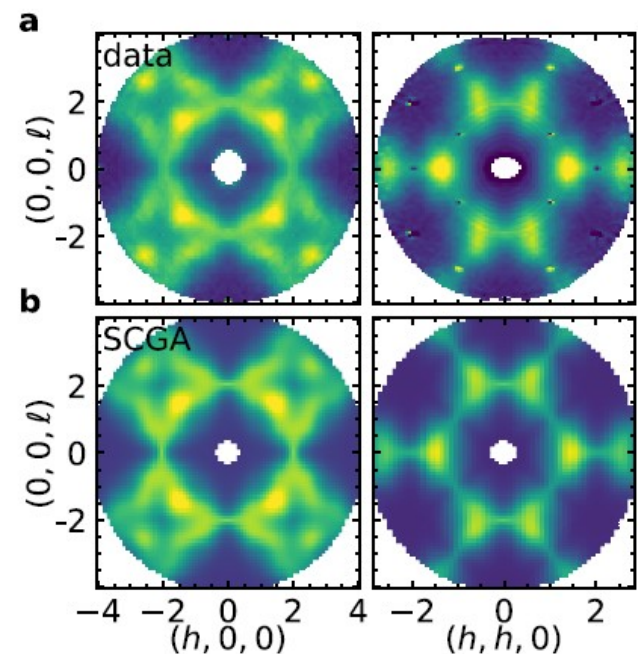
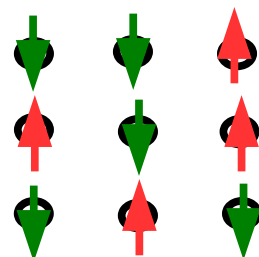
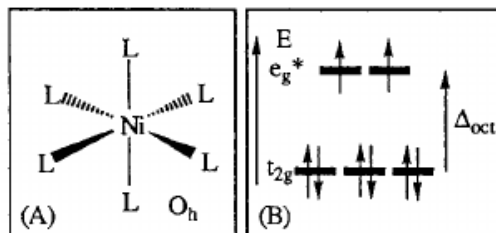
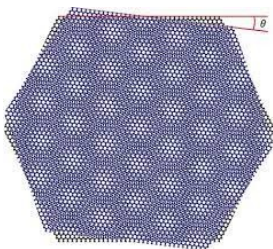
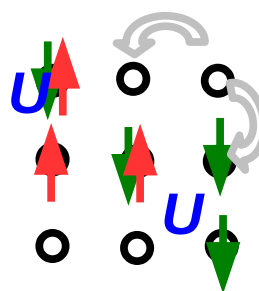
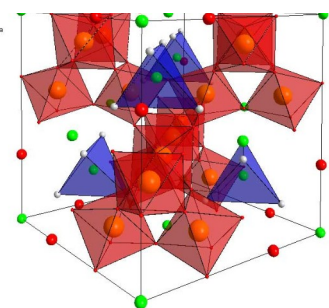
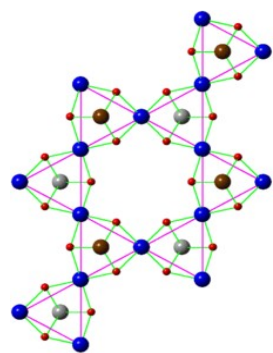
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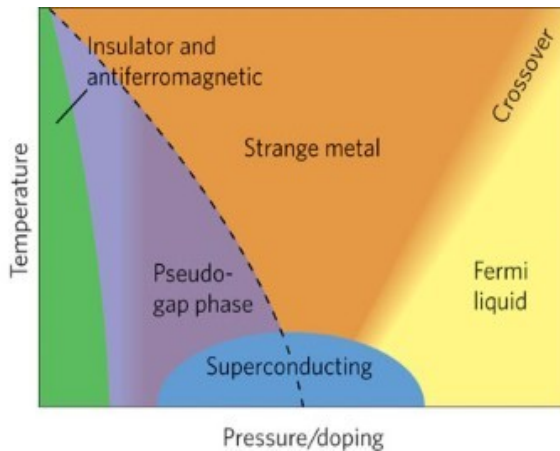
Planck computing + RCC @ FSU



**Magnetic Properties from First Principles School, Turkey, Nov. 24, 2021**

## Outline of the lectures

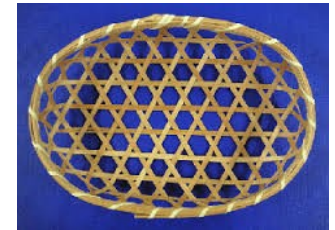
- **What, why and how of quantum magnetism:** How does a spin model arise from a fermionic one? What new phases of matter can emerge in these materials?
- What are some (new and old) **problems in magnetism** that we care about solving and what is the status of their solution?



$$H_{\text{Hubbard}} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

$$H_{\text{Heisenberg}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

“Kagome” Japanese basket



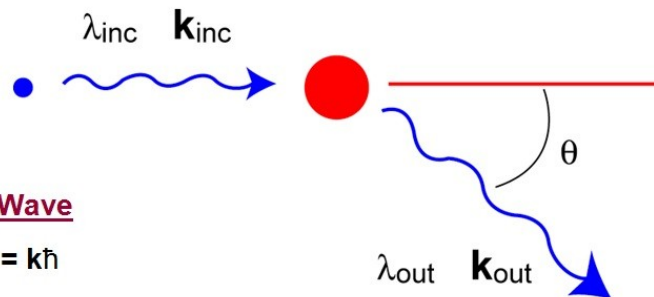
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- What are some **analytic + numerical techniques** that have been useful?
- **Where are we headed to next?** Important inputs from numerical techniques (such as density functional theory) are crucial for making connections to what is seen in experiments. The grand challenge is to develop **predictive tools** to study these systems.

# Neutron scattering: an important probe for magnetism



## Principles of neutron scattering



### Particle

$$E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{mV^2}{2}$$

### Wave

$$\mathbf{p} = \hbar \mathbf{k}$$

### Scattering process

$$\hbar\omega = E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{inc}} = \frac{m}{2}(V_{\text{out}}^2 - V_{\text{inc}}^2)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k}_{\text{out}} - \mathbf{k}_{\text{inc}}$$

information about microscopic motion

information about microscopic structure

Fig. from Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin

$$S^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) + i\omega t} \times \langle s_i^\mu(t) s_j^\nu(0) \rangle.$$

- Neutron has spin (and no charge), which interacts with electron spin
- Neutrons produced are typically in the few meV to few 100 meV range, energy transfer is also roughly that order

# How should we calculate spin dynamics\*?

see: S. Zhang, H.J.C, K. Plumb, O. Tchernyshyov, R. Moessner, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2019)

## Monte Carlo + Landau-Lifshitz spin dynamics (MD/LL)

A. Keren, PRL (1994)

P. Conlon, J. Chalker, PRL (2009)

Effective magnetic field experienced by spin, where  $H = \text{Hamiltonian}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{s}_i = -\mathbf{s}_i \times \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i}$$

Average dynamics over many initial configurations (IC) chosen from a thermal ensemble generated in Monte Carlo (MC)

$$\langle s_i^\mu(t) s_j^\nu(0) \rangle = \sum_{\text{IC from MC}} s_i^\mu(t) s_j^\nu(0)$$

In practice, time evolution with fourth order Runge Kutta method.

Approx. 10,000 MC samples were used, and up to 8192 spins

## Stochastic “Large N” theory (SLN)

P. Conlon, J. Chalker, PRL (2009)

D. Garanin, B. Canals, PRB (1999)

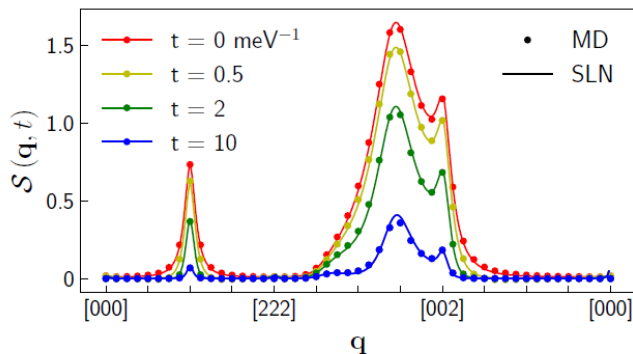
Model for hydrodynamics of spins (Langevin equation) in the presence of a random “noise” term which mimics the role of temperature

$$\frac{d}{dt} s_i^\mu = \gamma \sum_j \Delta_{ij} \frac{\partial E}{\partial s_j^\mu} + \xi_i^\mu(t)$$

**Gaussian noise term**

- 1) Assume spin is a “soft” one – i.e. its length is not fixed
- 2) Assume spin has N components, N large

Under these conditions, an exact analytical expression can be obtained, but  $\gamma$  needs to be fit to MD.



## Linear spin wave theory (LSWT)

P. W. Anderson, PR (1952)

R. Kubo, PR (1952)

The only semi-quantum approach among the three techniques

LSWT requires a unique ground state to perturb around

We use Monte Carlo to “sample” many local low energy minima (these include ordered and disordered configs)

LSWT in real space (8192 sites)

(parallelly also realized by X. Bai et al PRL 2019 – Mourigal and Chalker groups)

(\*Detailed math. expressions for dynamical structure factor in the supplement of our paper)

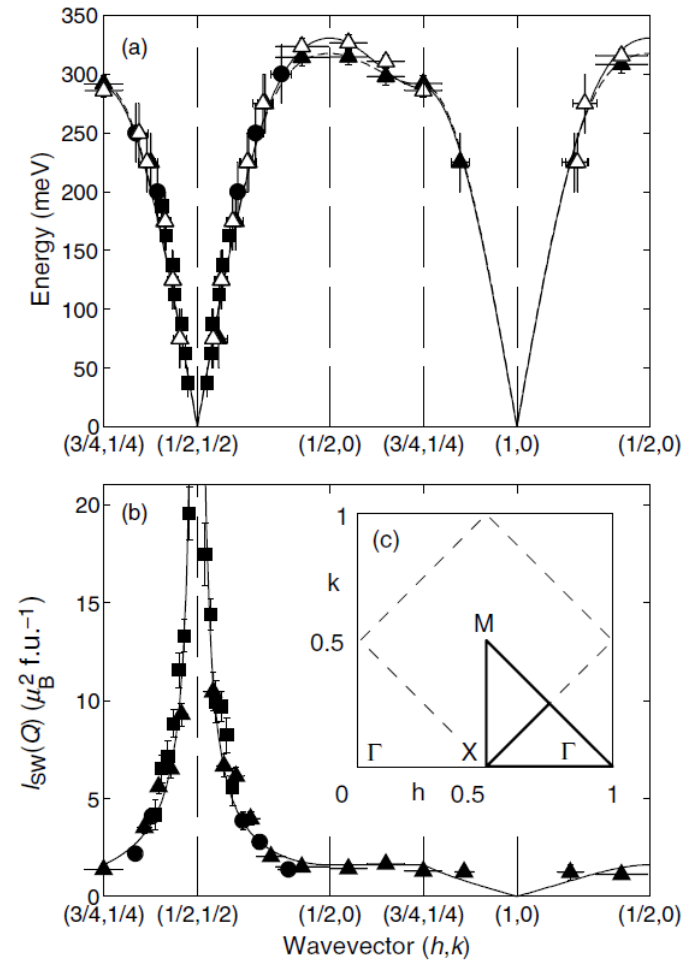
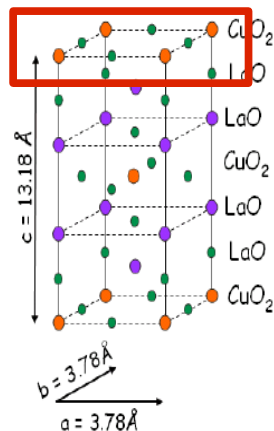
# The undoped cuprate – effectively a 2D square lattice AFM

$$H_{\text{Heisenberg}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j,$$

## Neutron Scattering Studies of Antiferromagnetic Correlations in Cuprates

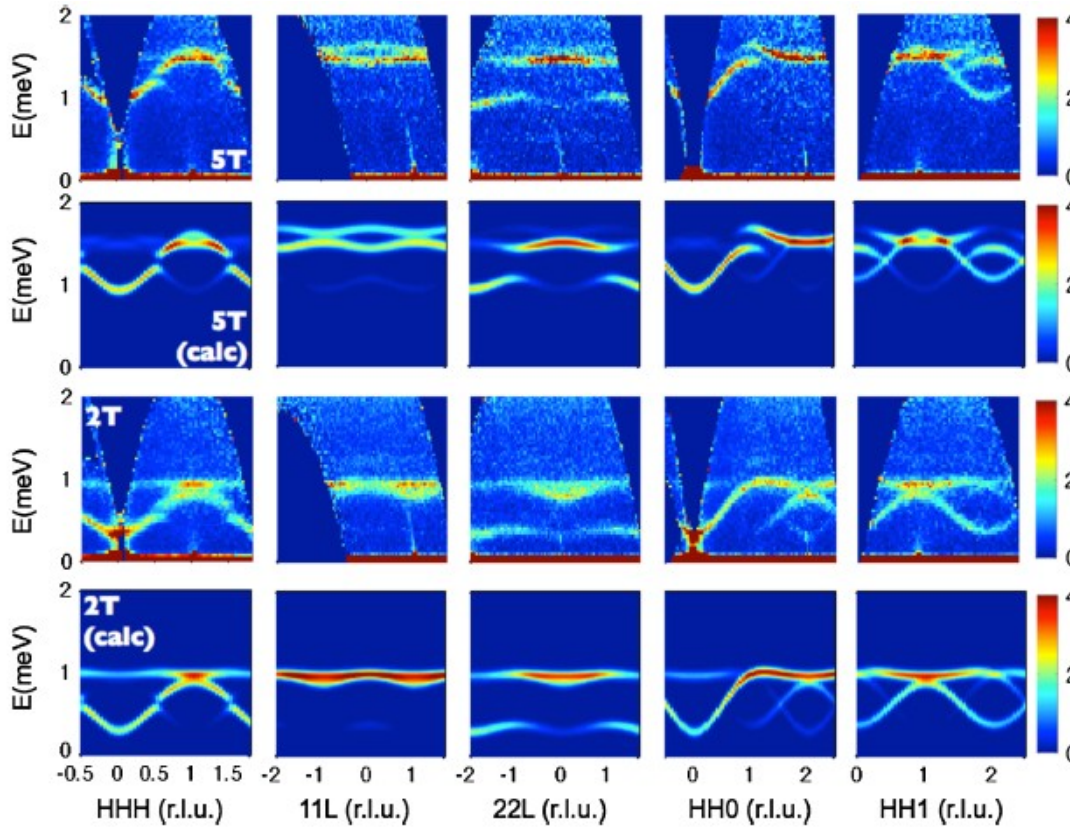
John M. Tranquada

Neutron scattering studies have provided important information about the momentum and energy dependence of magnetic excitations in cuprate superconductors. Of particular interest are the recent indications of a universal magnetic excitation spectrum in hole-doped cuprates. That starting point provides motivation for reviewing the antiferromagnetic state of the parent insulators, and the destruction of the ordered state by hole doping. The nature of spin correlations in stripe-ordered phases is discussed, followed by a description of the doping and temperature dependence of magnetic correlations in superconducting cuprates. After describing the impact on the magnetic correlations of perturbations such as an applied magnetic field or impurity substitution, a brief summary of work on electron-doped cuprates is given. The chapter concludes with a summary of experimental trends and a discussion of theoretical perspectives.



**Figure 6.9.** (a) Spin-wave dispersion in  $\text{La}_2\text{CuO}_4$  along high-symmetry directions in the 2D Brillouin zone, as indicated in (c);  $T = 10 \text{ K}$  (295 K): open (filled) symbols. Solid (dashed) line is a fit to the 10-K (295-K) data. (b) Spin-wave intensity vs. wave vector. Line is prediction of linear spin-wave theory. From Coldea et al. [68].

# Spin wave theory in practice – account for general spin directions



$$\mathbf{s}_i = \sqrt{S^2 - S(x_i^2 + y_i^2)} \mathbf{u}_i + \sqrt{S}(x_i \mathbf{v}_i + y_i \mathbf{w}_i)$$

$$\approx \left( S - \frac{x_i^2 + y_i^2}{2} \right) \mathbf{u}_i + \sqrt{S}(x_i \mathbf{v}_i + y_i \mathbf{w}_i).$$

$$S_{\text{quantum}}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{S}{N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$

$$\times \sum_{\alpha} (\eta_i^{\mu} \cdot \psi_{\alpha}^i) (\eta_j^{\nu} \cdot \psi_{\alpha}^j)^* \delta(\omega - \omega_{\alpha}) \text{sgn}(\omega_{\alpha})$$

$$\psi_{\alpha}^i \equiv ([\psi_{\alpha}]_{2i}, [\psi_{\alpha}]_{2i+1})^T$$

$$\eta_i^{\mu} \equiv (v_i^{\mu}, w_i^{\mu})$$

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## Quantum Excitations in Quantum Spin Ice

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## Dynamical Structure Factor of the Three-Dimensional Quantum Spin Liquid Candidate NaCaNi<sub>2</sub>F<sub>7</sub>

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# How should we deal with problems with no ordered state? Continuum of excitations due to “fractionalization”



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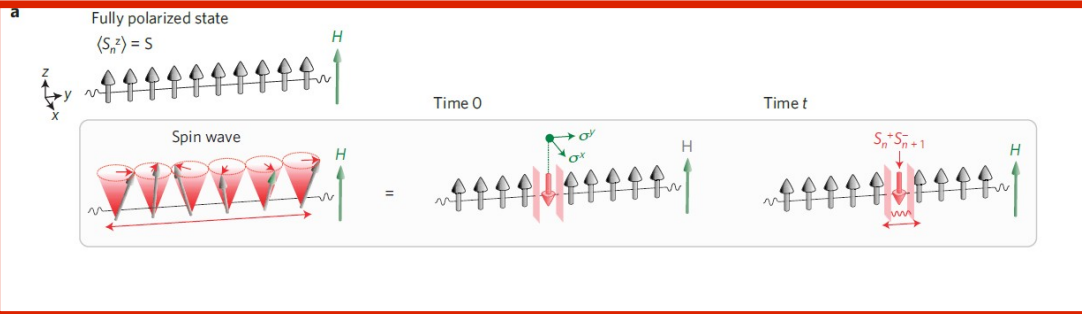
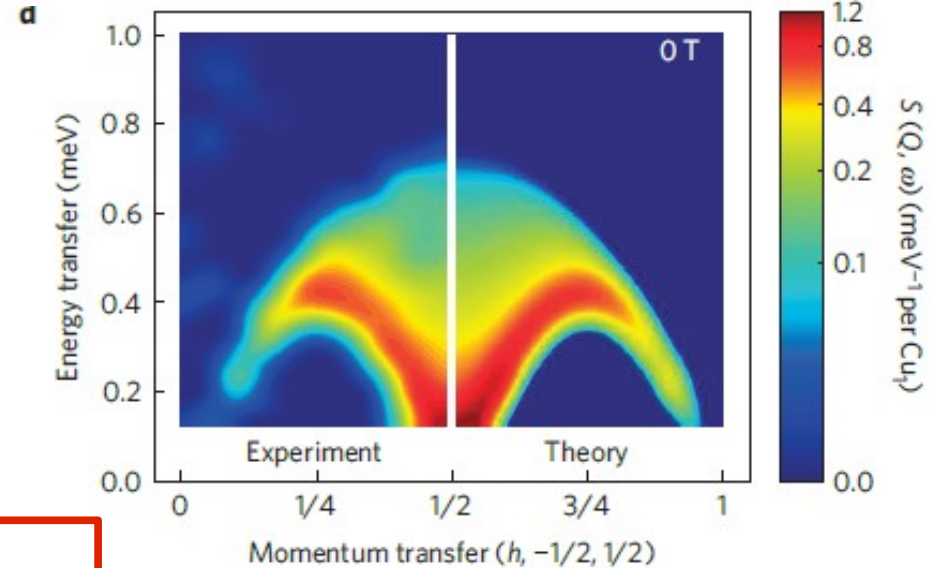
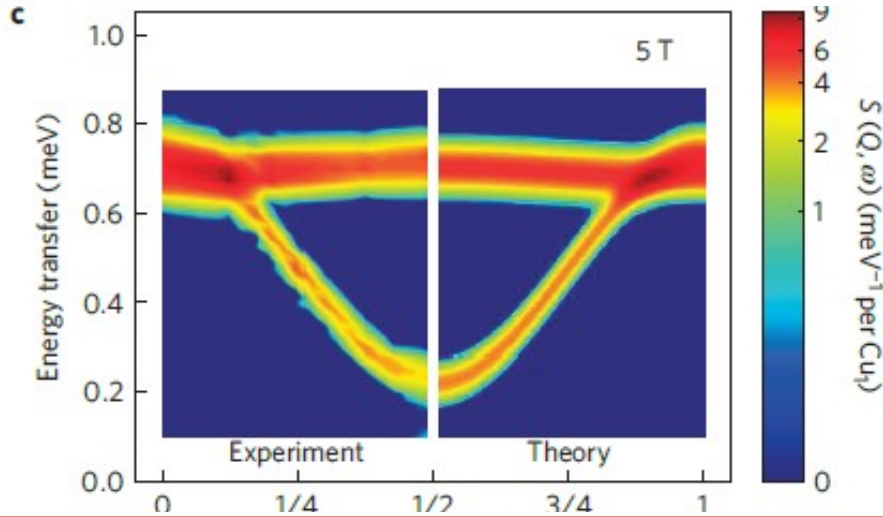
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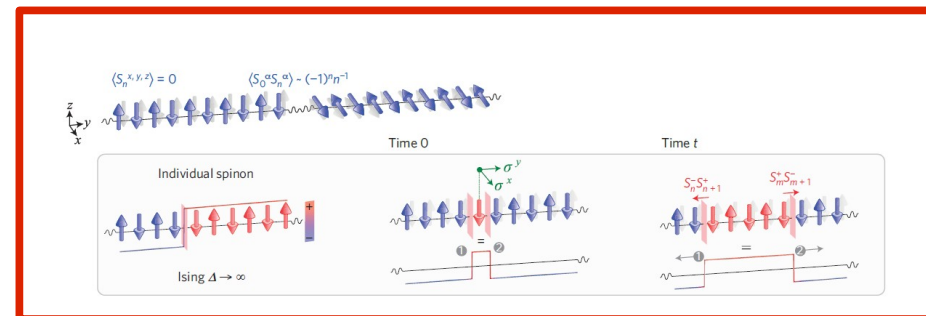
## Fractional spinon excitations in the quantum Heisenberg antiferromagnetic chain

Martin Mourigal<sup>1,2,3\*</sup>, Mechthild Enderle<sup>1</sup>, Axel Klöpperpieper<sup>4</sup>, Jean-Sébastien Caux<sup>5</sup>, Anne Stunault<sup>1</sup> and Henrik M. Rønnow<sup>2</sup>




Spin wave theory works!

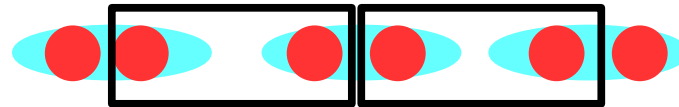
Beyond spin wave!



# Low dimension + integer spin is even more unusual!

$$H_{\text{Heisenberg}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j,$$

Spin-1 = 



Thouless

Haldane

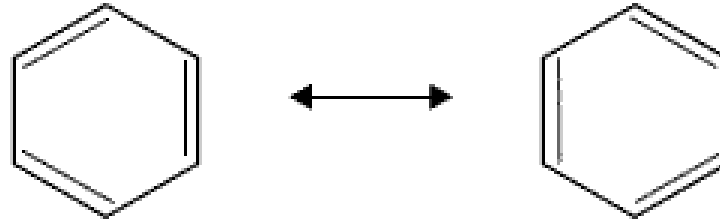
Kosterlitz

Consequence of “topology” and “fractionalization”

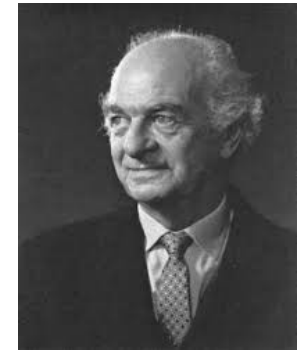


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# “Quantum spin liquids”: ground state is disordered (States outside conventional Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson paradigm)



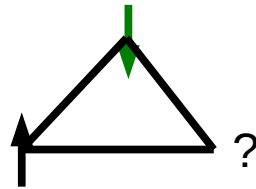
Two resonance Kekule forms of benzene



Linus Pauling



PW Anderson

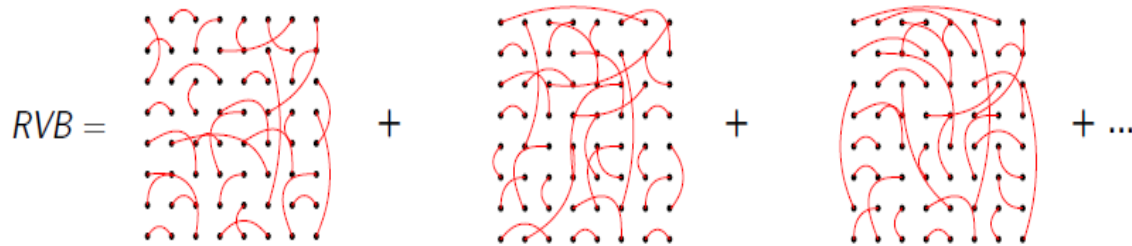


Original proposal of triangular lattice spin liquid

**Spin liquid is a phase of matter with**

- (1) no symmetry breaking, no local order parameter to characterize phase
- (2) yet have long range “entanglement” (property important for collective/fractional excitations)
- (3) More modern definitions emphasize role of topology and also relax (1)

Possibly for quantum computing (Kitaev)



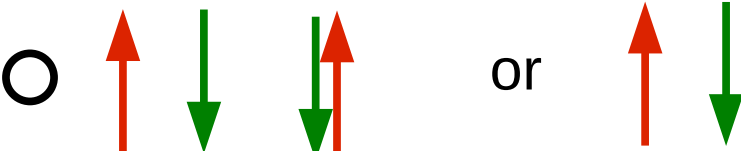

F. Becca's talk

Current effort: look for it in real materials!

**OK.. let us just try to solve this on a (big) computer!**



$$H \psi = E \psi \quad \text{“Solve” the Schrodinger equation}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_N} \Psi^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_N} |q_1 q_2 \dots q_N\rangle$$

$q$  on a site  $i$  is  or  (depends on model)

**Problem?**

The Hilbert space is **HUGE!**

$N=100$  spins   $2^{100} \sim 10^{30}$  states   $10^{16}$  PetaBytes

Summit (Oak Ridge) has largest storage array = 250 PetaBytes

# Exact diagonalization (30-50 sites/spins)

## Conceptually simple, but tricks to make it work efficiently

### Toolkit for theoretical toy “experiments” for discovering exotic phases

Laughlin's flux pumping experiment to detect “topological order” (chiral spin liquid).

K. Kumar, HJC, B. Clark, E. Fradkin, *PRB* (2016)

Simplex solid phase in a spin 1 system.

HJC, A. Lauchli, *PRB* (R) (2015)

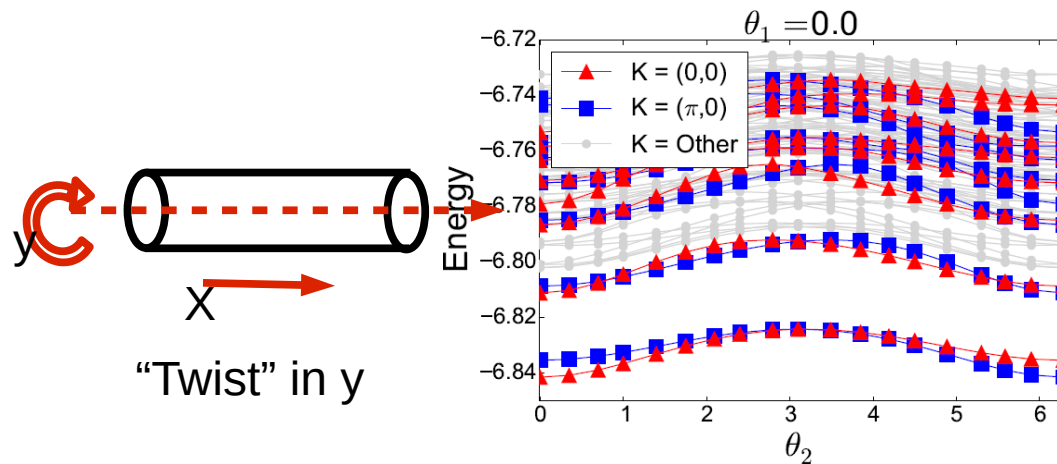
### Finite temperature treatments

“quantum spin ice” candidate material (32 site cluster, 536 million dimensional space, 1 million core hours for phase diagram)

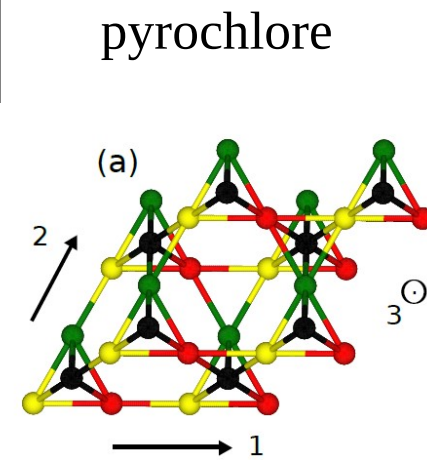
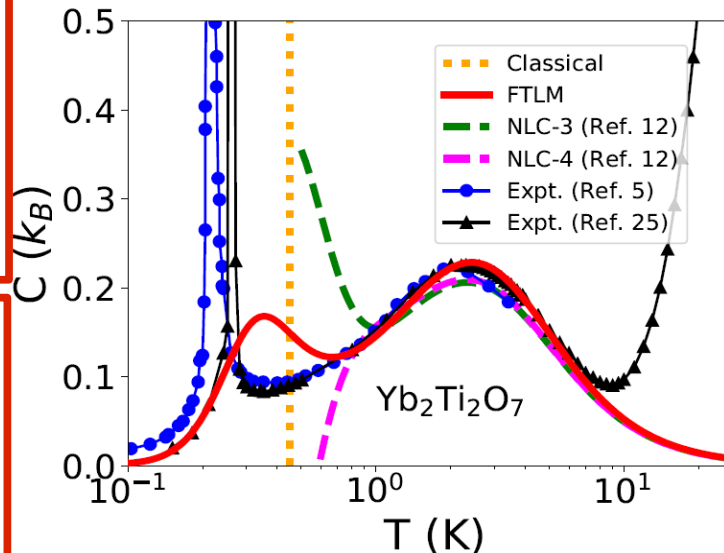
HJC (2017), A. Scheie et al (HJC lead theorist) *PRL* (2017), *PNAS* (2020)

### Fingerprints of order and entanglement from reduced density matrices

Li+Haldane, C. L. Henley + HJC... Vishvanath, Bernevig, Grover, K. Yang, Melko

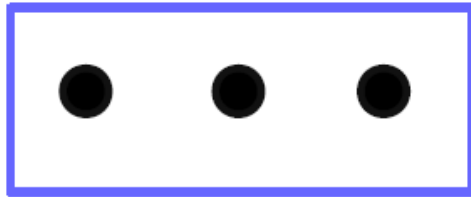
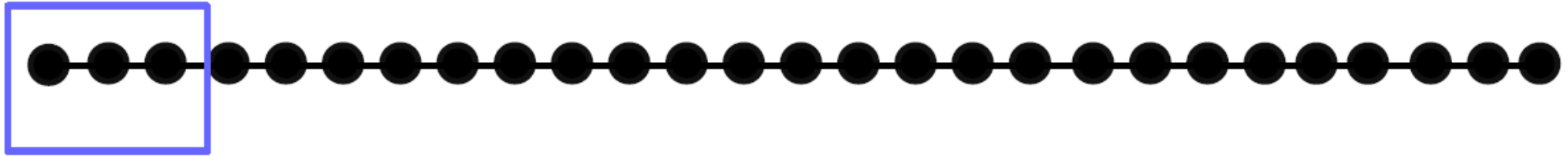


Recent finite temperature Lanczos (FTLM) calculations on experimentally relevant pyrochlores (frustrated systems in 3d) HJC (2017)

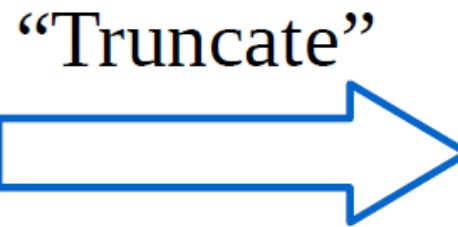


# Divide and conquer strategy: Renormalization group

Key advances due to Ken Wilson ,  L. Kadanoff, M. Fisher, B. Widom ...



2 x 2 x 2 states



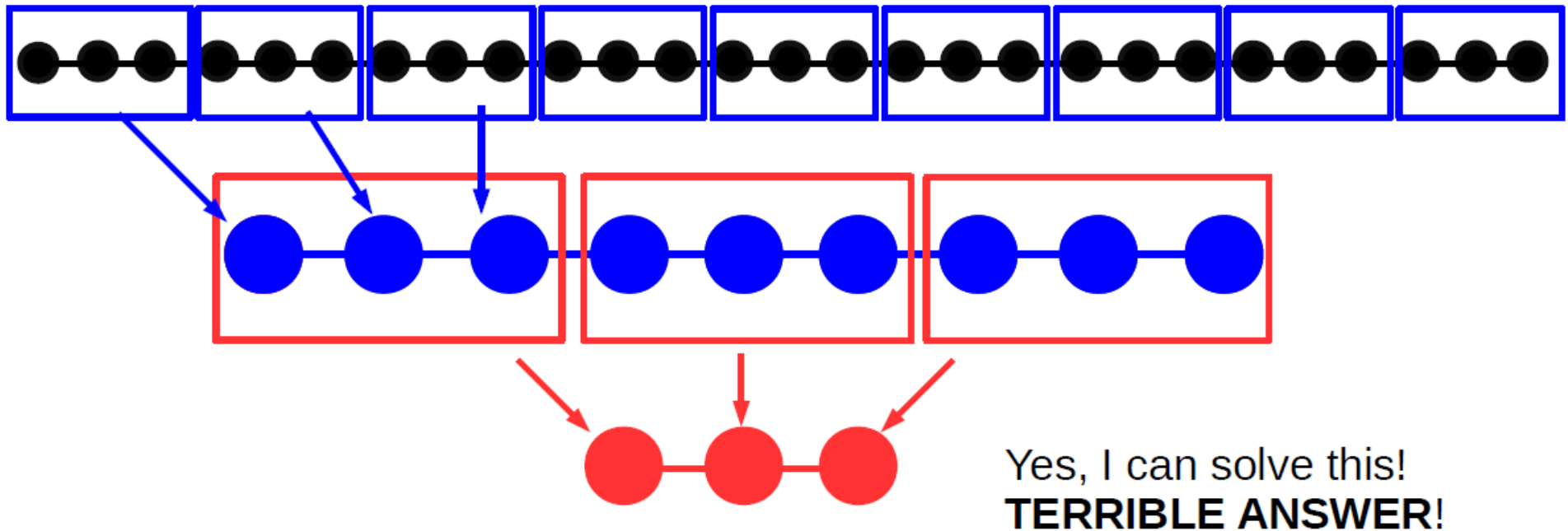
2 states

“Truncate” could mean any set of rules that reduce  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  states to 2 states.

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## Problem???

Does not work very well.  
Inter block interactions  
/block boundaries are important!

## Solution

Incorporate **correct boundary conditions** when truncating!

Steve White  
(PRL, 1992)



# Efficient quantum wavefunctions: an information compression problem

matrix product state (MPS): basis of density matrix renormalization group  
(S. White 1992, building on Wilson's work Later: Ostlund-Rommer+Vidal, Verstraete + others...)

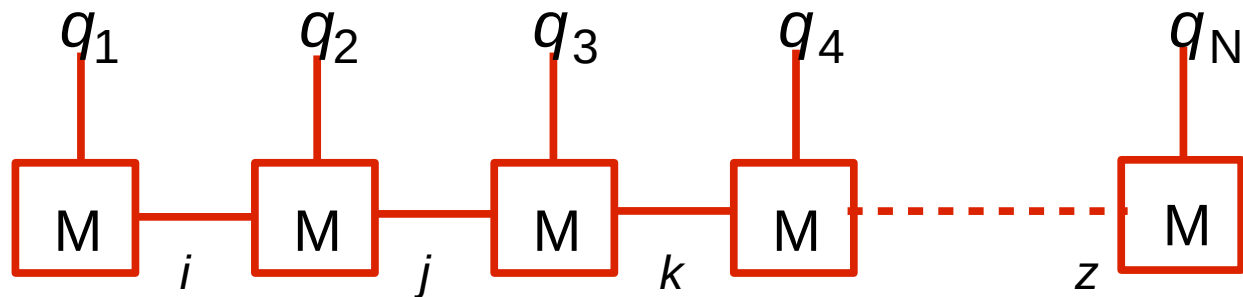


$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_N} \Psi^{q_1 q_2 \dots q_N} |q_1 q_2 \dots q_N\rangle$$

Physical indices  
Spins/electron  
occupation number

$$\Psi^{q_1 q_2 q_3 \dots q_N} = \sum_{i, j, k, \dots, z} M_i^{q_1} M_{ij}^{q_2} M_{jk}^{q_3} \dots M_z^{q_N}$$

Auxiliary indices  
(summed over)  
have dimension D



Matrix  
Product State  
(MPS)

Amount of information  $\approx N$  sites  $\times$  (dimension of matrix= $D$ )<sup>2</sup>

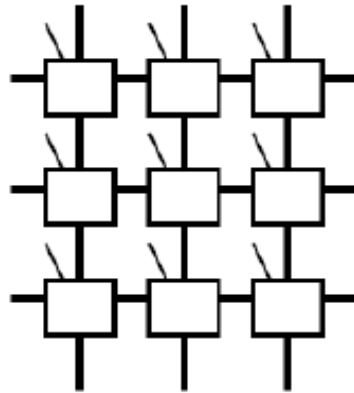
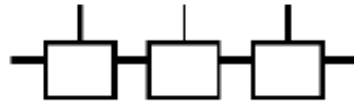
For a 100 spin problem with  $D=200$  need about 60 MB (vs  $10^{16}$  PB)

# Information compression can be done in several ways

Tensor networks: very much an ongoing endeavor

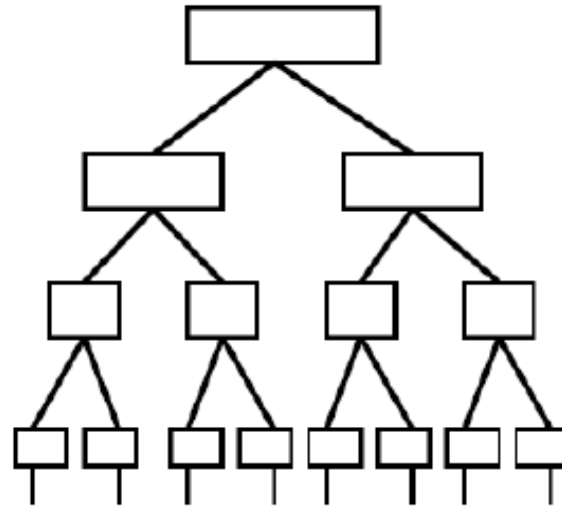
## MPS/ DMRG

(a)



(b)

## TPS /PEPS



(c)

## TTN



Miles Stoudenmire (Flatiron Inst.)

### Other networks/related methods

**MERA:** Vidal PRL' 08

**GTNS:** Z. Gu, X.G. Wen (2010)

**CPS:** HJC, Kinder, Umrigar, Chan, PRB (2009); Marti et al, (2010)

Mezzacapo et al (2009)

**PESS:** T. Xiang et al. (2013)

### For a nice review:

Verstraete, Cirac, Murg (2009) arXiv 0907.2796



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Impact of this field has been far reaching (S. White, PRL milestone paper 1992)

Ads-CFT and MERA  
Quantum entanglement  
Quantum chemistry

Quantum information  
Neural networks/machine learning  
Many-body localization

# Machine learning/artificial neural networks and quantum many-body physics

RESEARCH ARTICLE

MANY-BODY PHYSICS

## Solving the quantum many-body problem with artificial neural networks

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The challenge posed by the many-body problem in quantum physics originates from the difficulty of describing the nontrivial correlations encoded in the exponential complexity of the many-body wave function. Here we demonstrate that systematic machine learning of the wave function can reduce this complexity to a tractable computational form for some notable cases of physical interest. We introduce a variational representation of quantum states based on artificial neural networks with a variable number of hidden neurons. A reinforcement-learning scheme we demonstrate is capable of both finding the ground state and describing the unitary time evolution of complex interacting quantum systems. Our approach achieves high accuracy in describing prototypical interacting spins models in one and two dimensions.

$$\Psi_M(\mathcal{S}; \mathcal{W}) = \sum_{\{h_i\}} e^{\sum_j a_j \sigma_j^z + \sum_i b_i h_i + \sum_{ij} W_{ij} h_i \sigma_j^z}$$

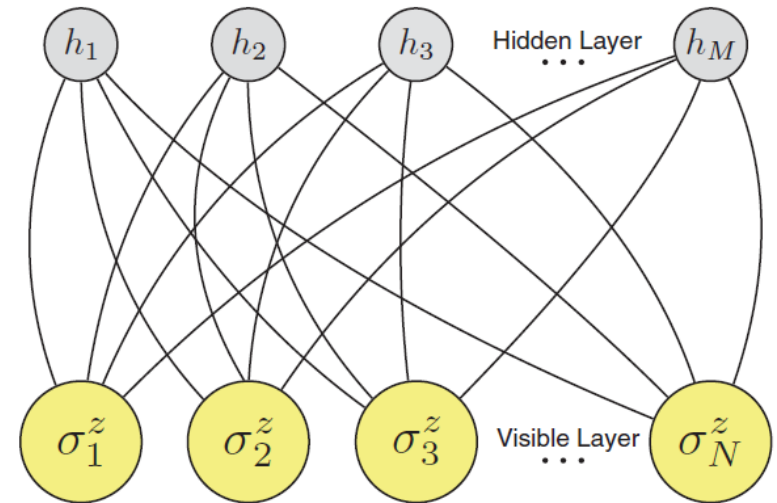
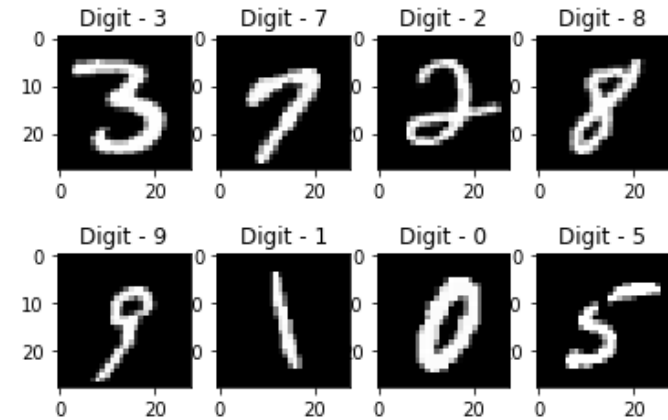


Fig. 1. Artificial neural network encoding a many-body quantum state of  $N$  spins. A restricted Boltzmann machine architecture that features a set of  $N$  visible artificial neurons (yellow dots) and a set of  $M$  hidden neurons (gray dots) is shown. For each value of the many-body spin configuration  $\mathcal{S} = (\sigma_1^z, \sigma_2^z, \dots, \sigma_N^z)$ , the artificial neural network computes the value of the wave function  $\Psi(\mathcal{S})$ .

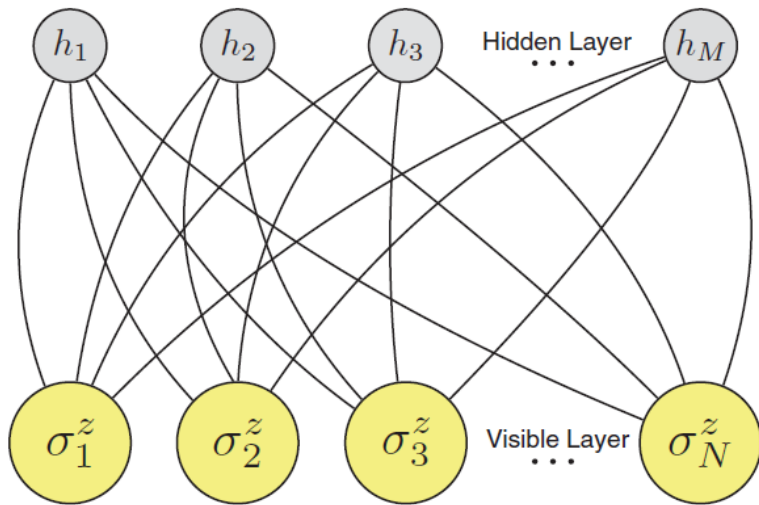
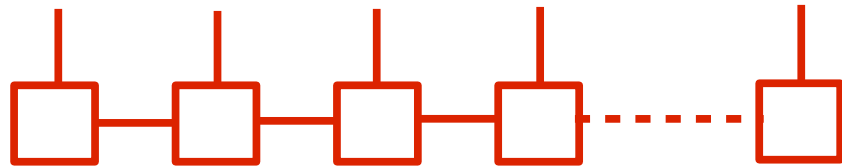
Closely related to “correlator product states” proposed by us in 2009  
(HJC, J. Kinder, C. Umrigar, G. K. Chan, PRB 2009)



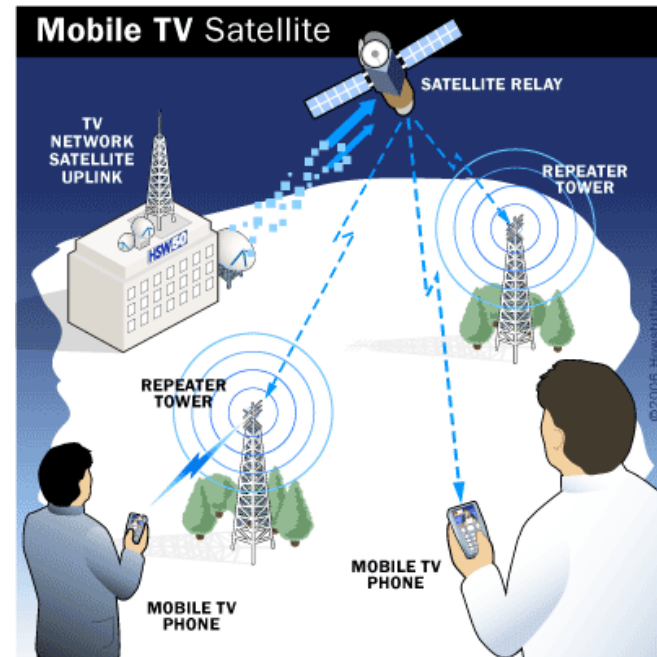
G. Chan  
(Caltech)

# Artificial neural networks vs matrix product states (MPS)

(cartoon not to be taken too literally...)



**Fig. 1. Artificial neural network encoding a many-body quantum state of  $N$  spins.** A restricted Boltzmann machine architecture that features a set of  $N$  visible artificial neurons (yellow dots) and a set of  $M$  hidden neurons (gray dots) is shown. For each value of the many-body spin configuration  $S = (\sigma_1^z, \sigma_2^z, \dots, \sigma_N^z)$ , the artificial neural network computes the value of the wave function  $\Psi(S)$ .

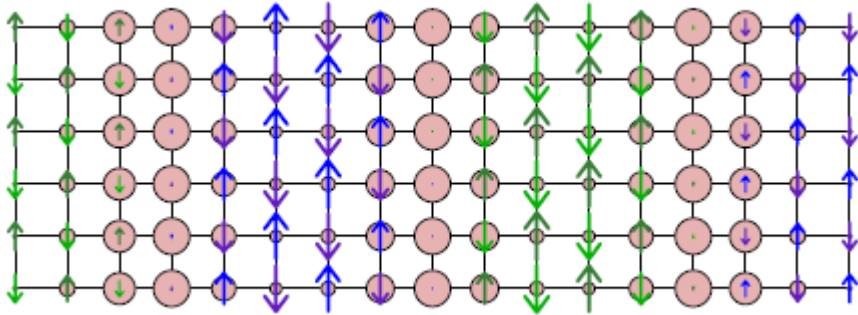


# MPS/DMRG (Density Matrix Renormalization Group)

Many success stories

Few 100 – few 1000 sites/particles

Spin and charge stripes in t-J model of cuprates (still somewhat controversial)



Numerics: White, Scalapino (2003)

Expt: Tranquada Theory: Kivelson, Fradkin

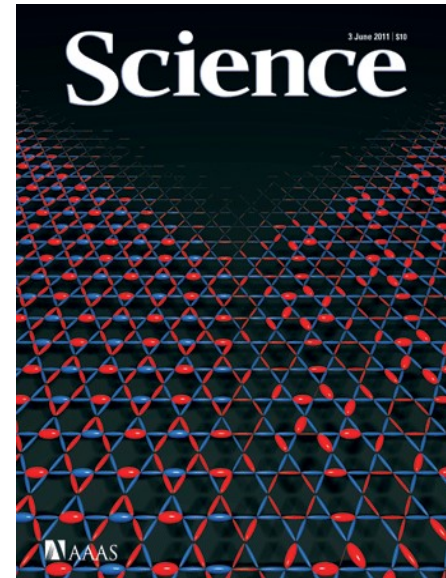
Other viewpoints: Hellberg, Manousakis, Sorella

## Several applications

Ground and excited states of low dimensional systems, conclusive numerical proof of Haldane gap

Time evolution of quantum systems

Quantum chemical systems (Especially polymers)



S. Yan, D. Huse, S. White (2011)

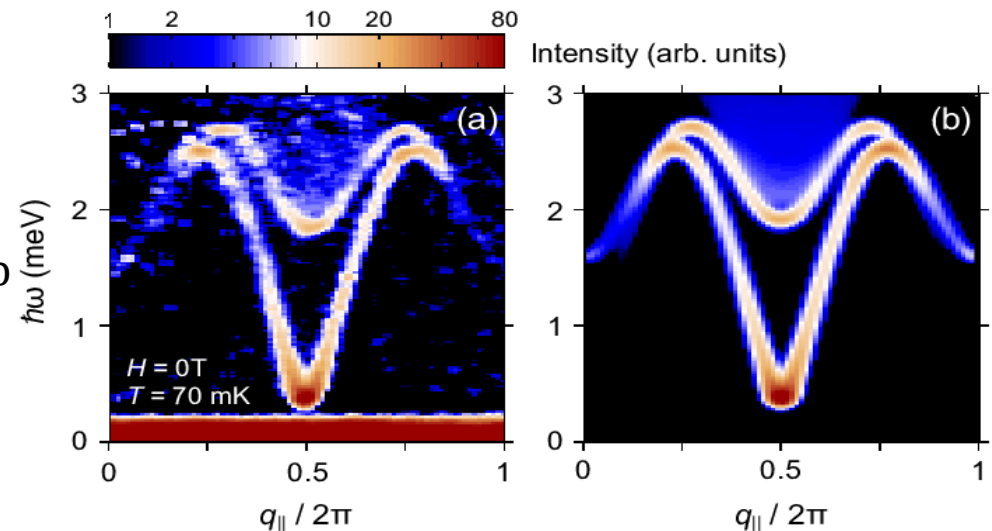
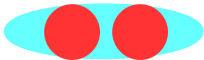
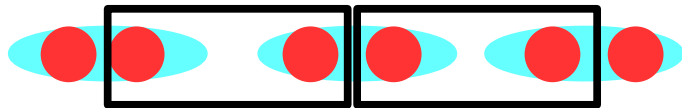


Fig. From Giamarchi, Kollath

# S=1 kagome physics with DMRG

$$H_{\text{Heisenberg}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

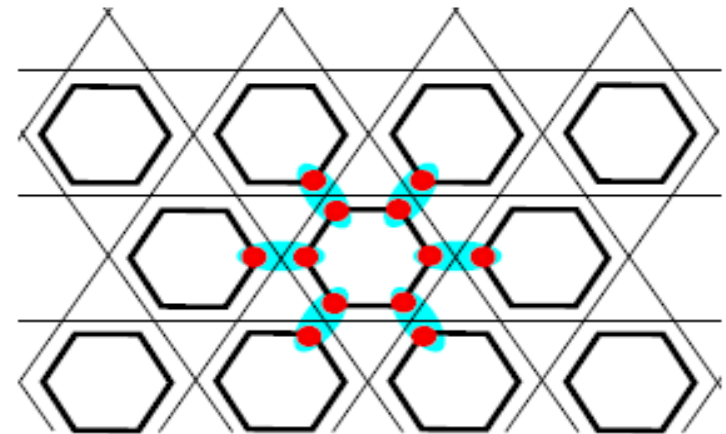
Spin-1 = 



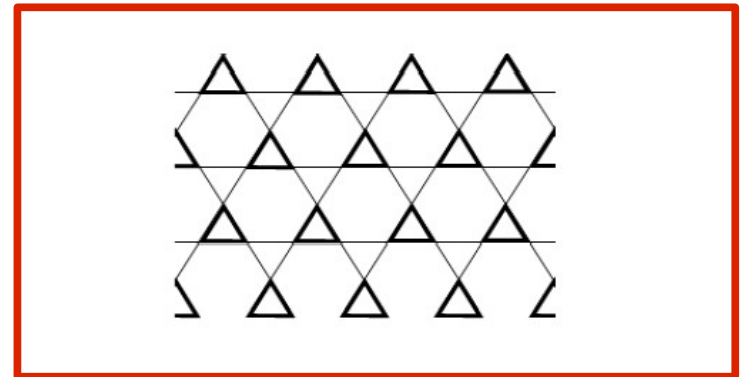
Consequence of “fractionalization”



Haldane



K. Hida, JPSJ (2000) – variationally superior



Wins!

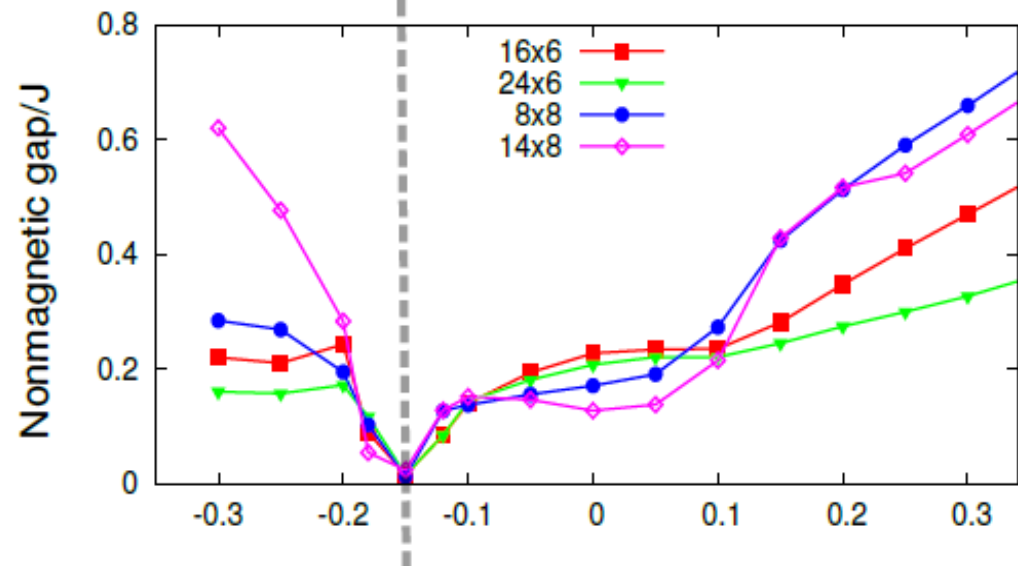
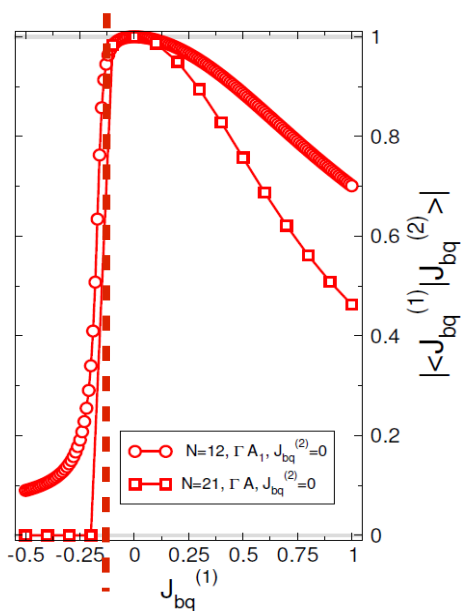
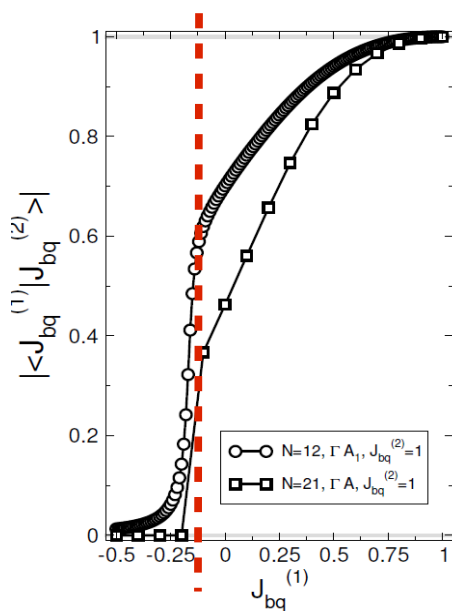
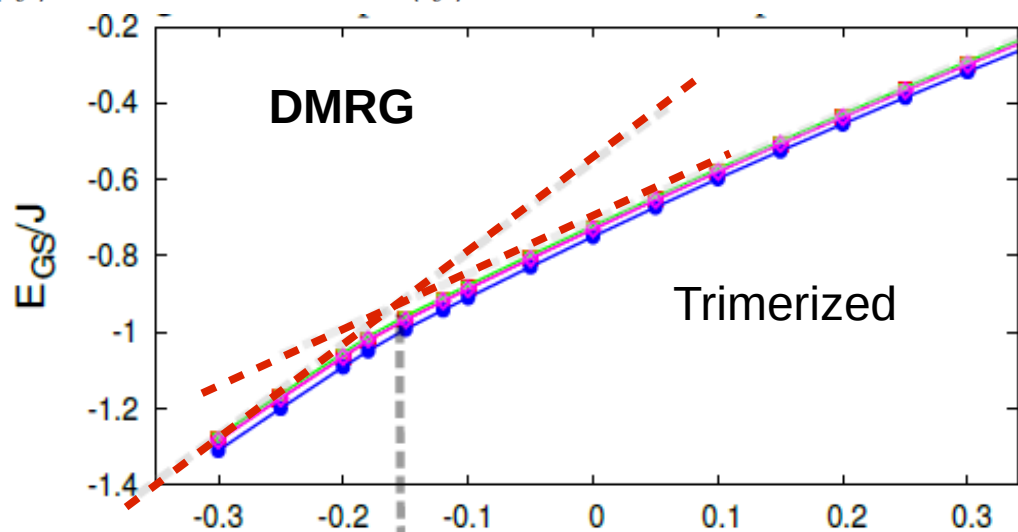
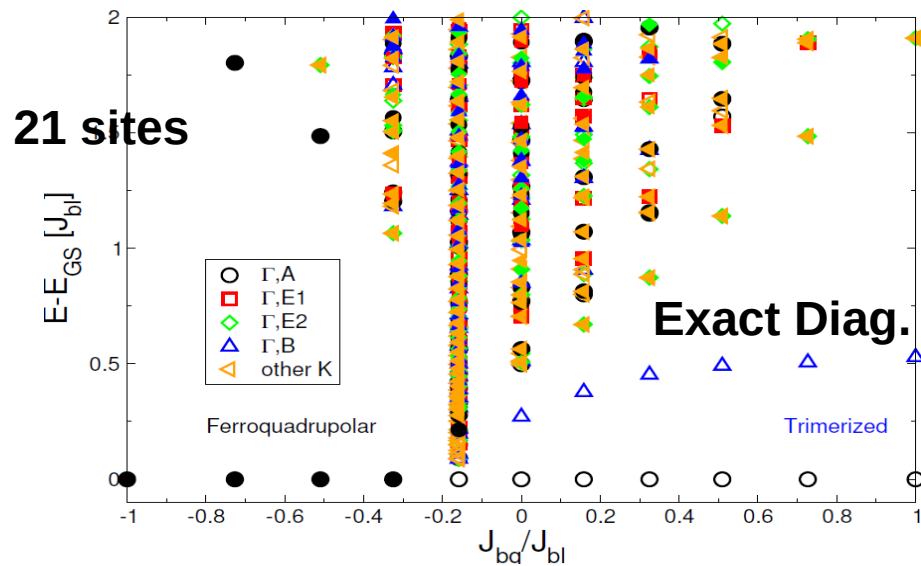
+ many other competitors  
(eg.  $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$  within  $1/S$ )

DMRG+ED: **HJC**, A. Lauchli, PRB(R) (2015)  
 Tensor nets: T. Liu et al. (von Delft), PRB (2015)  
 Series expansion: Oitmaa, Singh (2016)  
 Earlier related: Arovas, PRB (2008), Corboz et al., PRB (2012)  
 More recently for Na<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>8</sub>: Paul, Chung, Birol, **HJC**, PRL (2020)

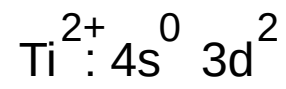
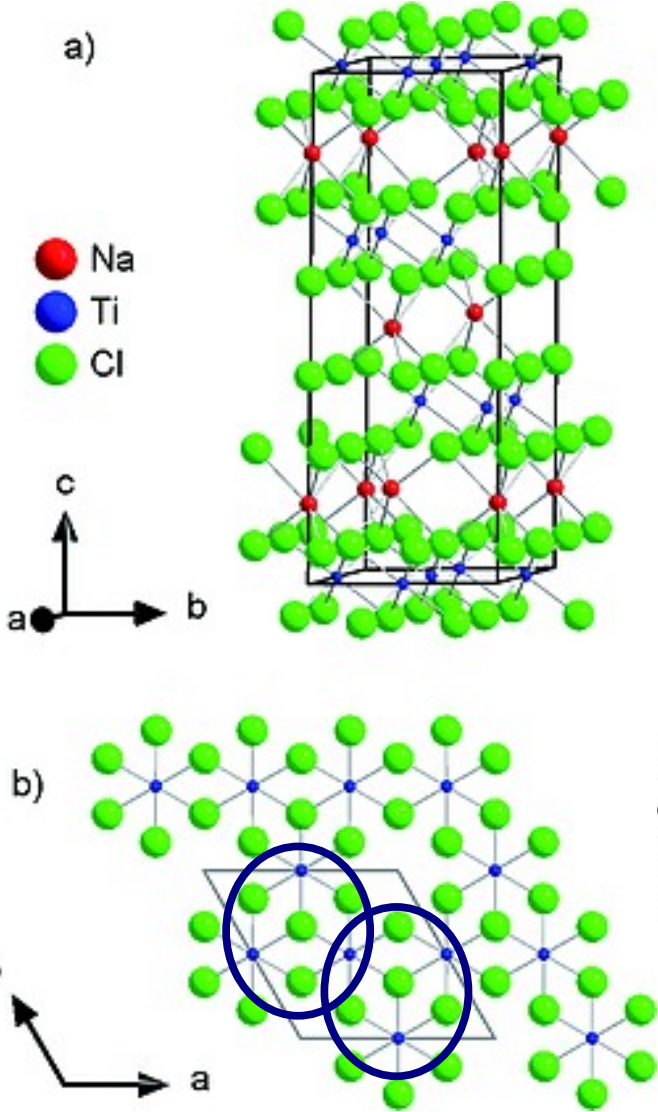
See Affleck, Kennedy, Lieb, Tasaki model

# S=1 kagome: Tune biquadratic term

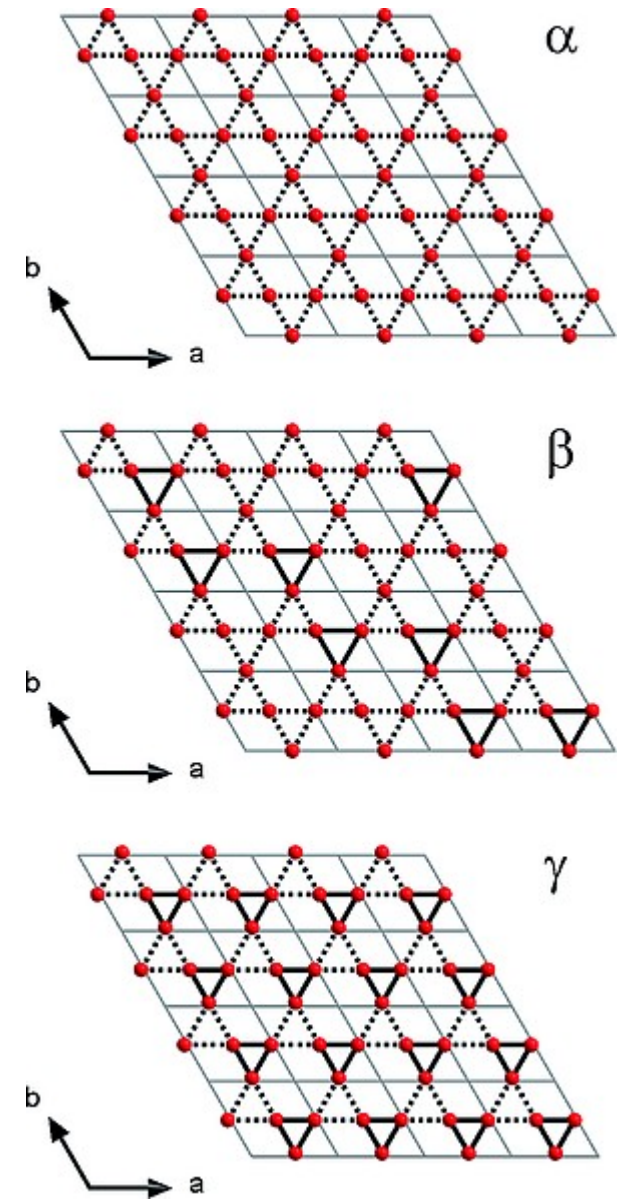
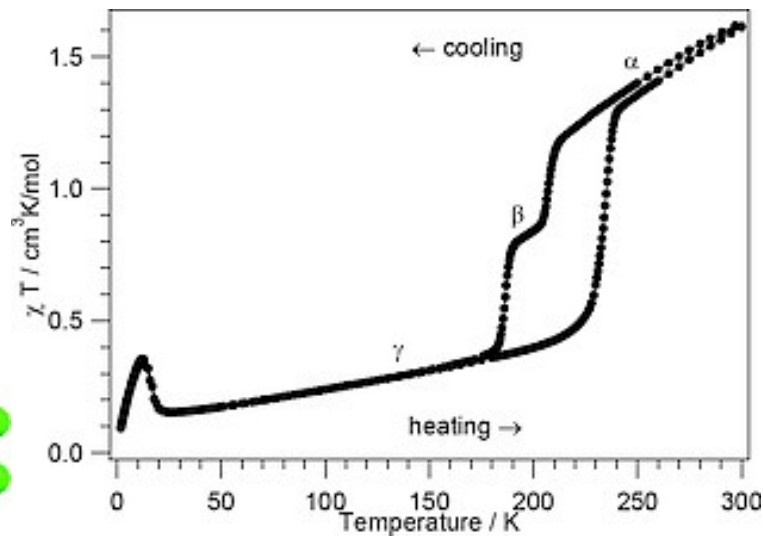
HJC, A.M. Lauchli, *PRB(R)*, 2015  $\mathcal{H} = J_{bl} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_{bq} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j)^2$



# What do experiments say? ( $S=1$ realization $\text{Na}_2 \text{Ti}_3 \text{Cl}_8$ )



Titanium has strong Hund's coupling, hence its two spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  electrons are strongly ferromagnetically coupled



Hinz et al (1995), Hanni et al (2017),

Now grown and characterized at Hopkins by McQueen group (JHU) reports spontaneous inversion symmetry breaking + **our recent work with T. Birol's group** (PRL 2020)

# DMRG applications

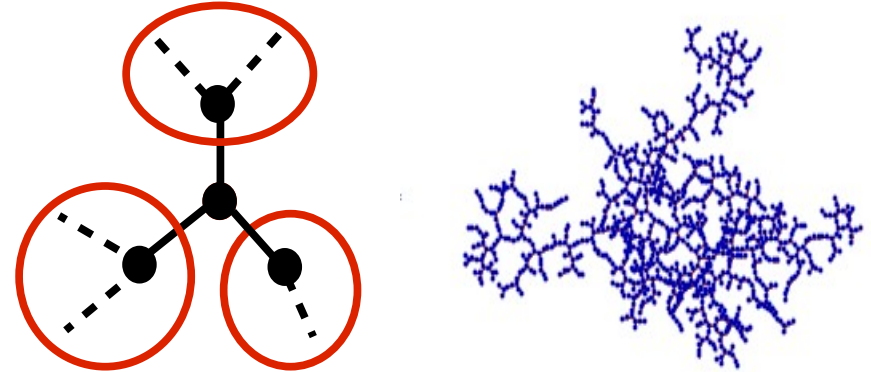
+ Some of our contributions in this rapidly growing field

Historically, many successes: Haldane gap in spin 1 chain, time evolution of 1d quantum systems (Haldane, Nobel Prize 2016)

Applications to quasi 2D systems relatively recent Yan, Huse, White, Science (2011)

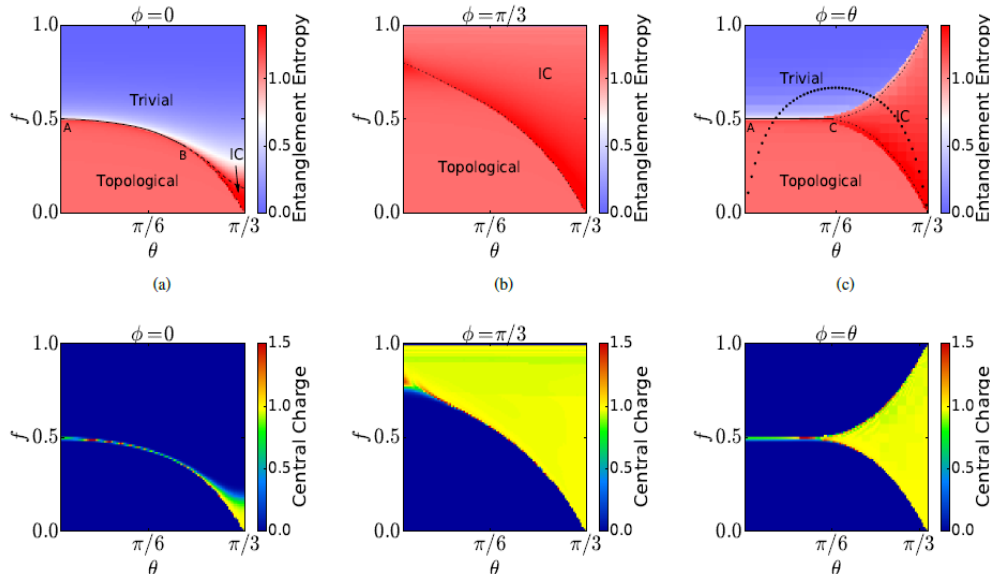
Practical and conceptual issues being researched: choice of geometries, excited states, thermal properties, computational expense

## Dilution disordered magnets (DMRG on trees)



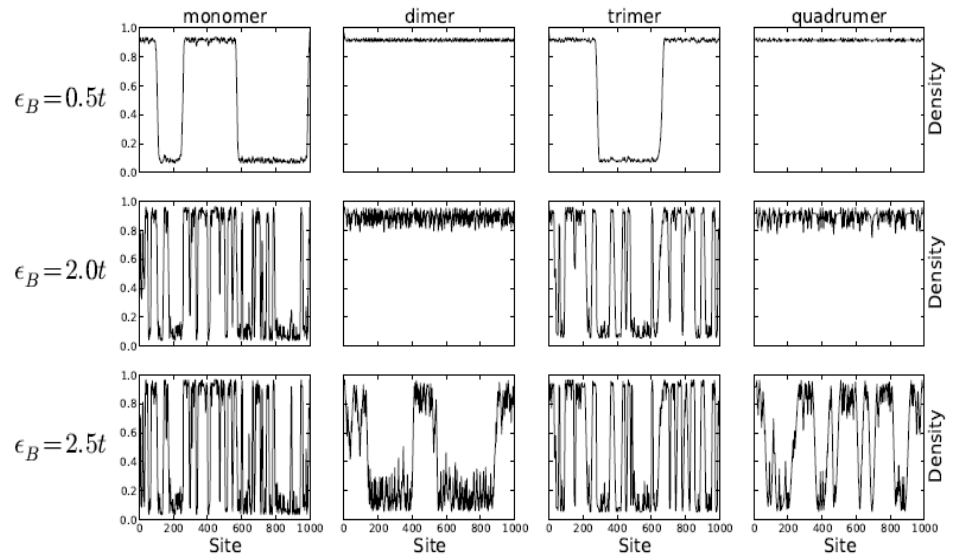
HJC, Ghosh, Pujari, Henley, *PRL* (2013)

HJC, Ghosh, Henley, Lauchli, *PRB* (2013)



## Phase diagrams in 1d

Y. Zhuang, HJC, Tubman, Hughes *Phys. Rev. B* 2015



## Interplay of disorder and interactions 22

HJC, Tubman, Hughes, *Scientific Reports* 2016

# No theory of everything: Tremendous progress but unique limitations

	Exact	DMRG/MPS	Tensor nets	Q Monte Carlo	Variational MC	DMFT/ DMET
<b>Lattice</b>	any	1D, trees, 2D cylinders (HJC)	2D	any	any	any
<b>Size (model dependent)</b>	<b>Approx 40</b>	1000+ in 1D, 100 + in 2D <b>Width limited</b>	10 x 10 or “infinite”	Large (few 100 – few 1000)	Large	<b>Limited by size of local cluster</b>
<b>Finite temp./excitations?</b>	Yes  finite temp experiments 3d pyrochlore HJC (2017)	<b>Ongoing (eg. METTS, White et al), topological degeneracies elusive</b>	<b>Formally yes, not done yet</b>	<b>Excited states difficult</b>	<b>No, but ongoing (eg. Clark, VAFT)</b>	Yes
<b>Major error</b>	None	Low entanglement, but error goes away, gapless systems difficult	Low entanglement, but error goes away, gapless systems difficult	<b>Sign problem or fixed node bias, error remains</b>	<b>Variational bias, Error remains but can be made accurate for certain problems</b>	<b>Form of Greens’ function (DMFT), choice of mean field bath (DMET)</b>
<b>Real materials ? (Hubbard model enough?)</b>	No	Molecules White, Chan	Not yet	Yes Ceperley, Umrigar, Zhang	Yes	Yes DFT+DMFT Kotliar, Imada

Recent efforts: theoretical formulation of map from solids to models  
HJC, Zheng, Wagner et al (2015, 2017)

Combine these  
Clark, HJC (2014)



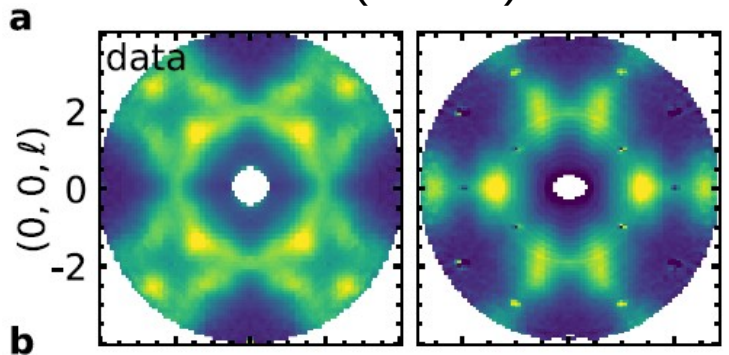
# “Predicting” dynamics of strongly correlated magnets

Look at lots of experiments and learn Hamiltonians: some “success” stories

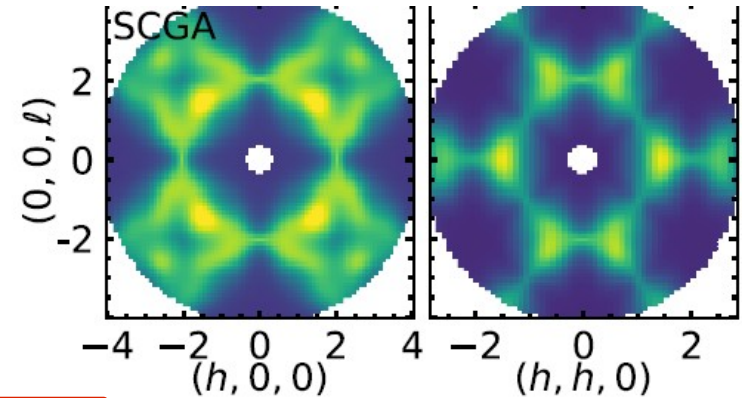
## Frustrated $S=1$ pyrochlore $\text{NaCaNi}_2\text{F}_7$



K. Plumb (Brown)



Fit magnetic couplings to STATIC structure factor (typically 0.1 meV to 10 meV)

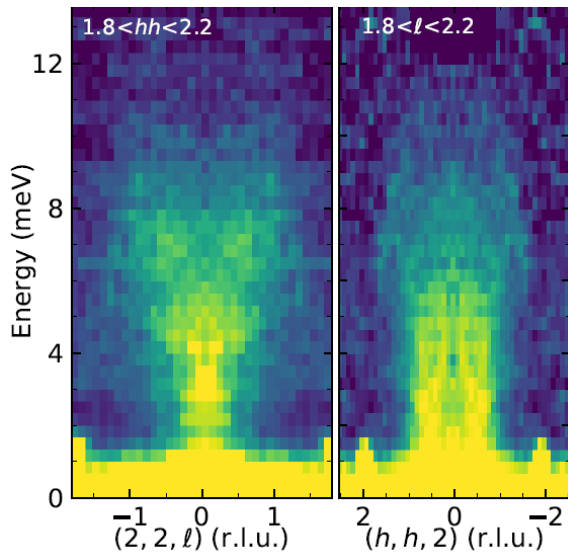


**Lattice model only of magnetic ions**

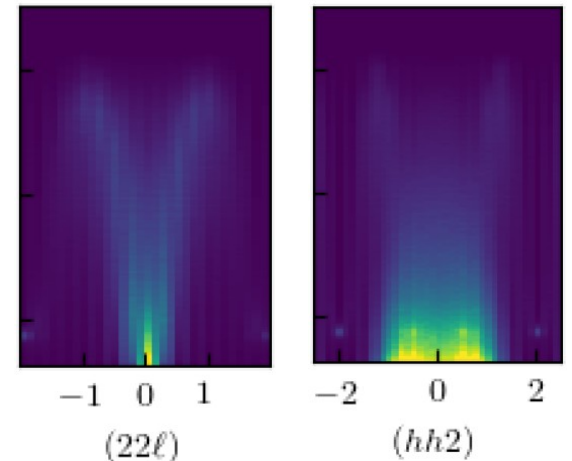
Calculations with classical and semiclassical model methods (pyrochlore – 3d version of kagome)

Plumb, HJC, et al, Nat. Phys (2019)  
Zhang, HJC, et al, PRL (2019)

Other work by us in this area:  
Scheie et al, PRL (2017), PNAS (2020)



make prediction for DYNAMIC properties (classical Monte Carlo + molecular dynamics or semiclassical spin wave theory)



**Indications for a quantum spin liquid**

S. Zhang, HJC, Plumb, Moessner, Tchernyshyov, Phys Rev. Lett. (2019)

# “Predicting” dynamics of strongly correlated magnets

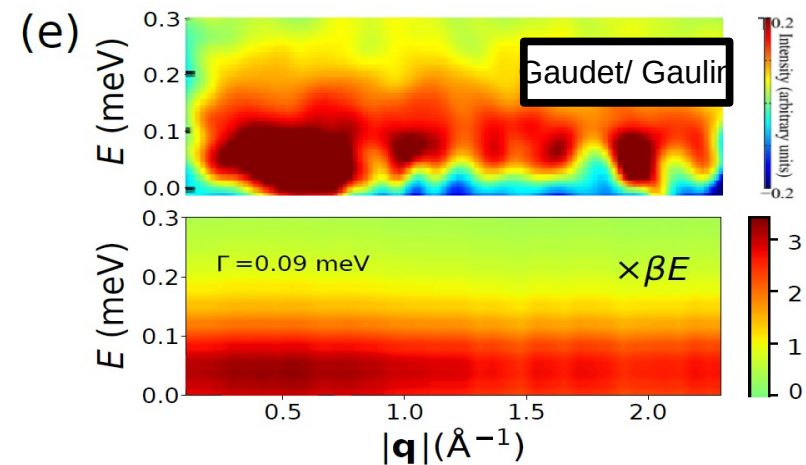
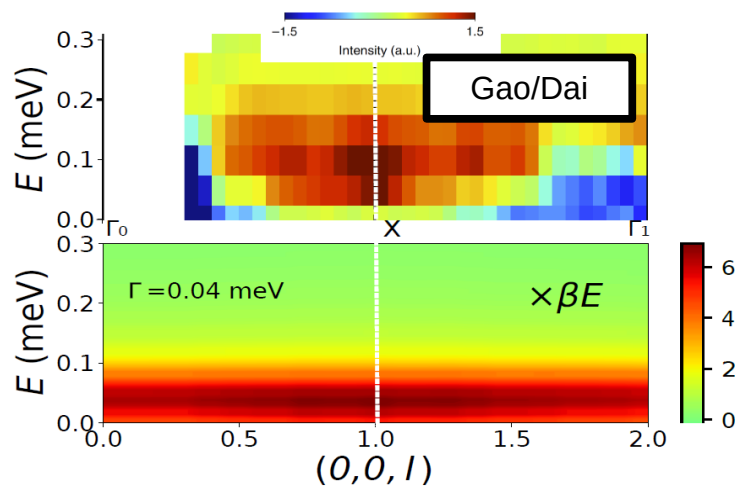
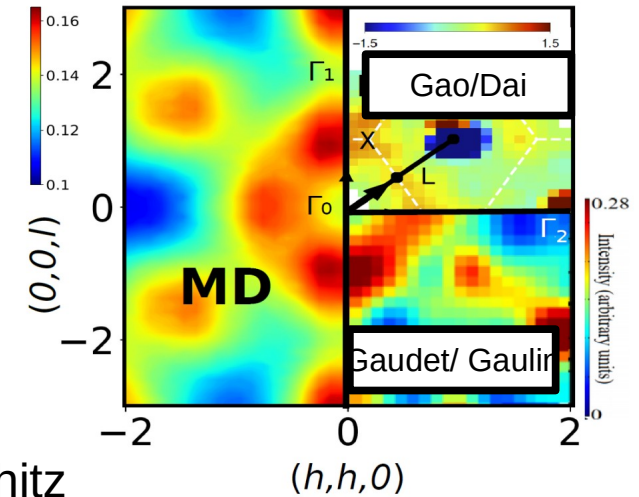
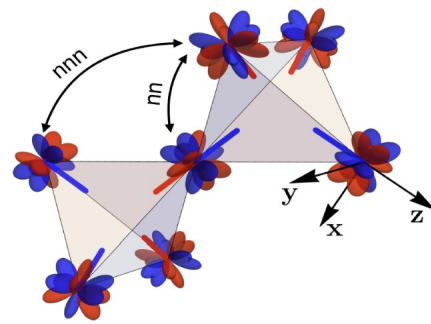
Look at lots of experiments and learn Hamiltonians: some “success” stories

Frustrated  $S=1/2$  pyrochlore  $\text{Ce}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$



Anish Bhardwaj  
(FSU/NHMFL)

Using rescaled Molecular dynamics/ Landau Lifshitz



# What makes such problems in magnetism challenging?

We need DFT + other methods to reliably predict properties of magnetic materials.  
Data shown here is for alpha ruthenium chloride which is a Kitaev spin liquid material.

TABLE I. The spin Hamiltonians for  $\alpha$ -RuCl<sub>3</sub> considered in this work. Dashes (–) indicate that the value is unavailable or negligible. The bolded models are considered in the main text, and results for the other models are given in the Supplemental Information. Asterisks in the ‘BA’ column signify that the full Hamiltonian has different values for the X/Y bonds compared with the Z bonds, and that the parameter values given in the row have been bond averaged.

Reference	Method	$J_1$	$K_1$	$\Gamma_1$	$\Gamma'_1$	$J_2$	$K_2$	$J_3$	$K_3$	BA
1 Winter et al. PRB [48] <sup>a</sup>	Ab initio (DFT + exact diag.)	-1.7	-6.7	+6.6	-0.9	–	–	+2.7	–	*
2 Winter et al. NC [28]	Ab initio-inspired (INS fit)	-0.5	-5.0	+2.5	–	–	–	+0.5	–	
3 Wu et al. [41]	THz spectroscopy fit	-0.35	-2.8	+2.4	–	–	–	+0.34	–	
4 Cookmeyer and Moore [53]	Magnon thermal Hall (sign)	-0.5	-5.0	+2.5	–	–	–	+0.1125	–	
5 Kim and Kee [47]	DFT + $t/U$ expansion	-1.53	-6.55	+5.25	-0.95	–	–	–	–	
6 Suzuki and Suga [54, 55]	Magnetic specific heat	-1.53	-24.4	+5.25	-0.95	–	–	–	–	
7 Yadav et al. [49] <sup>b</sup>	Quantum chemistry (MRCI)	+1.2	-5.6	+1.2	-0.7	+0.25	–	–	–	
8 Ran et al. [27]	Spin wave fit to INS gap	–	-6.8	+9.5	–	–	–	–	–	
9 Hou et al. [50] <sup>c</sup>	Constrained DFT + $U$	-1.87	-10.7	+3.8	–	–	–	+1.27	+0.63	*
10 Wang et al. [51] <sup>d</sup>	DFT + $t/U$ expansion	-0.3	-10.9	+6.1	–	–	–	+0.03	–	
11 Eichstaedt et al. [45, 57] <sup>e</sup>	Fully ab initio (DFT + cRPA + $t/U$ )	-1.4	-14.3	+9.8	-2.23	–	-0.63	+1.0	+0.03	*
12 Eichstaedt et al. [45, 57] <sup>e</sup>	Neglecting non-local Coulomb	-0.2	-4.5	+3.0	-0.73	–	-0.33	+0.7	+0.1	*
13 Eichstaedt et al. [45, 57] <sup>e</sup>	Neglecting non-local SOC	-1.3	-13.3	9.4	-2.3	–	-0.67	+1.0	+0.1	*
14 Banerjee et al. [22]	Spin wave fit	-4.6	+7.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	
15 Kim et al. [46, 56]	DFT + $t/U$ expansion	-12	+17	+12	–	–	–	–	–	
16 Kim and Kee [47] <sup>f</sup>	DFT + $t/U$ expansion	-3.5	+4.6	+6.42	-0.04	–	–	–	–	
17 Winter et al. PRB [48] <sup>g</sup>	Ab initio (DFT + exact diag.)	-5.5	+7.6	+8.4	+0.2	–	–	+2.3	–	
18 Ozel et al. PRB [58]	Spin wave fit / THz spectroscopy	-0.95	+1.15	+3.8	–	–	–	–	–	
19 Ozel et al. PRB [58]	Spin wave fit / THz spectroscopy	+0.46	-3.50	+2.35	–	–	–	–	–	

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_\gamma} [JS_i \cdot S_j + KS_i^\gamma S_j^\gamma + \Gamma(S_i^\alpha S_j^\beta + S_i^\beta S_j^\alpha) + \Gamma'(S_i^\gamma S_j^\alpha + S_i^\alpha S_j^\gamma + S_i^\beta S_j^\gamma + S_i^\gamma S_j^\beta)],$$

<sup>a</sup> Using the proposed minimal model, which is bond averaged and neglects small  $\Gamma'_1 = -0.9$  meV. Values for the monoclinic ( $C2/m$ ) crystal structure.

<sup>b</sup> We use the sign convention in Refs. [54, 56].

<sup>c</sup> This work gives values for several values of  $U$ . Here we use the  $U = 3.5$ eV parameters.

<sup>d</sup> Values for the C2 structure.

<sup>e</sup> These are the parameters from the preprint version in Ref. [57]. They were revised in the published version, Ref. [45]. In the Supplemental Information we show that this slight modification does not affect our conclusions.

<sup>f</sup> Case 0, corresponding to P3 structure and weaker Hund’s coupling than in Model 15.

<sup>g</sup> Values for P3 structure.

**No single Hamiltonian describes all experiments (neutron scattering, specific heat etc.)**

Ref. P. Laurell, S. Okamoto, NPJ (2020) 26  
also P.Maksimov, A. Chernyshev, PRR (2020)

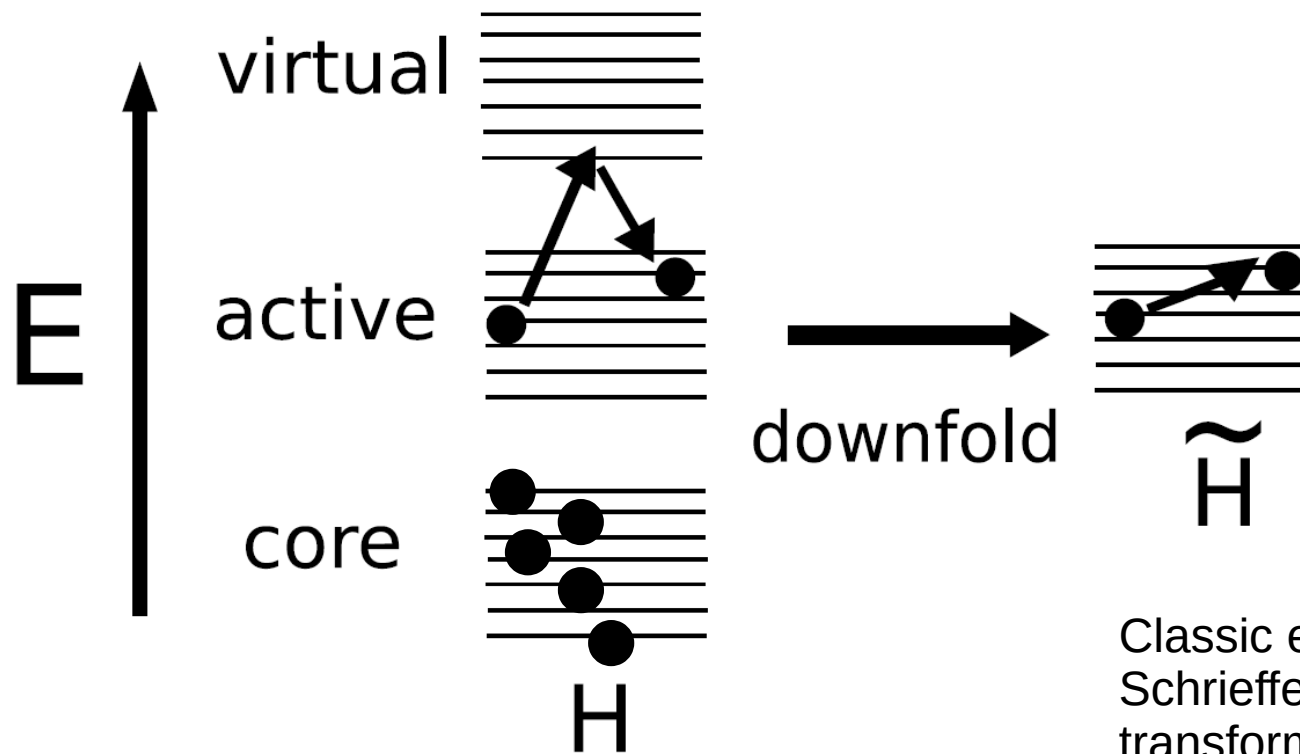
# What exactly do we mean by “effective Hamiltonian”?

posing and offering a solution to the problem = “density matrix downfolding”

HJC, H. Zheng, L. Wagner, *J. Chem Phys* (2015)  
H.Zheng\*, HJC\* et al. *Front. Phys.* (2018)



L. Wagner  
(UIUC)



Classic example is the  
Schrieffer Wolff  
transformation

A real material has many bands (orbitals) – s,p,d,... but the models we like to work with have fewer bands

How does one compress this information to get an effective Hamiltonian?

# Effective Hamiltonian is an operator compression problem

“density matrix downfolding”

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Given a set of low energy wavefunctions (**not necessarily eigenstates**) how does one “learn” the effective Hamiltonian parameters

Reconstruction problem

$$\tilde{H} = C + \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_l c_k$$

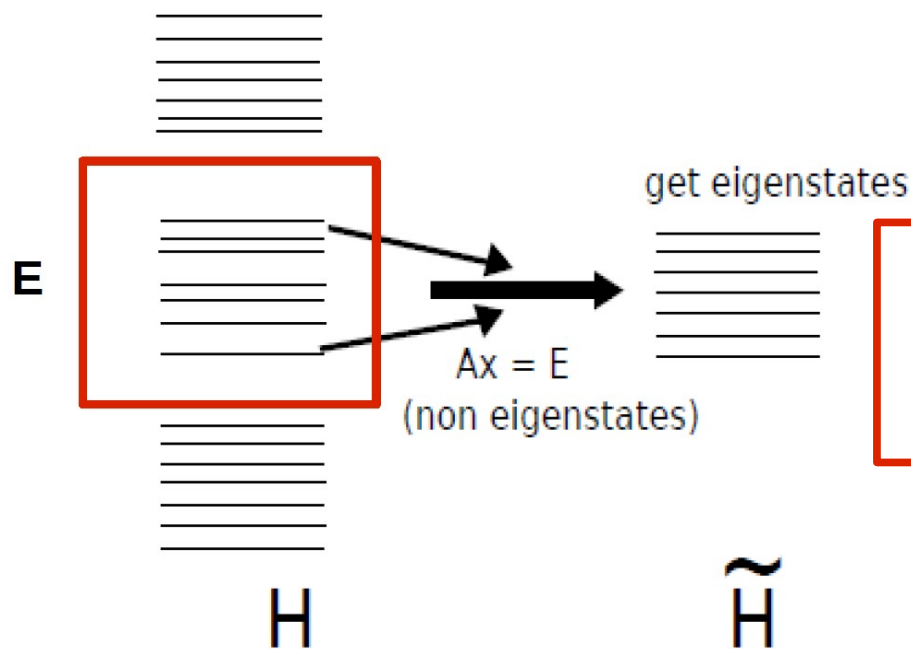
Finally solve

$$\tilde{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Our criterion :

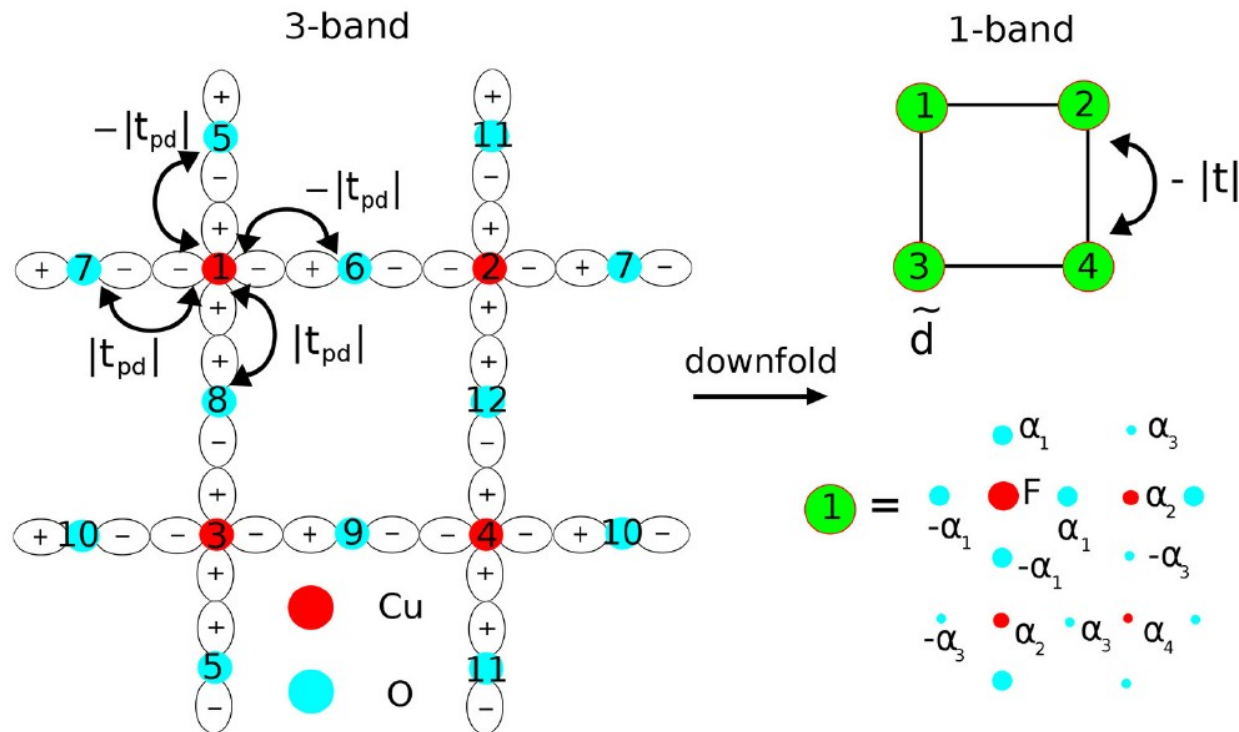
$$\langle c_i^\dagger c_j \rangle_{\text{Model}} = \langle c_i^\dagger c_j \rangle_{\text{Ab-initio}}$$

$$\langle c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_l c_k \rangle_{\text{Model}} = \langle c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_l c_k \rangle_{\text{Ab-initio}}$$



# Toy example: Three to one band model at half filling

H.Zheng\*, HJC\*, K. Williams, B. Busemeyer, L. K. Wagner, Front. Phys (2018)



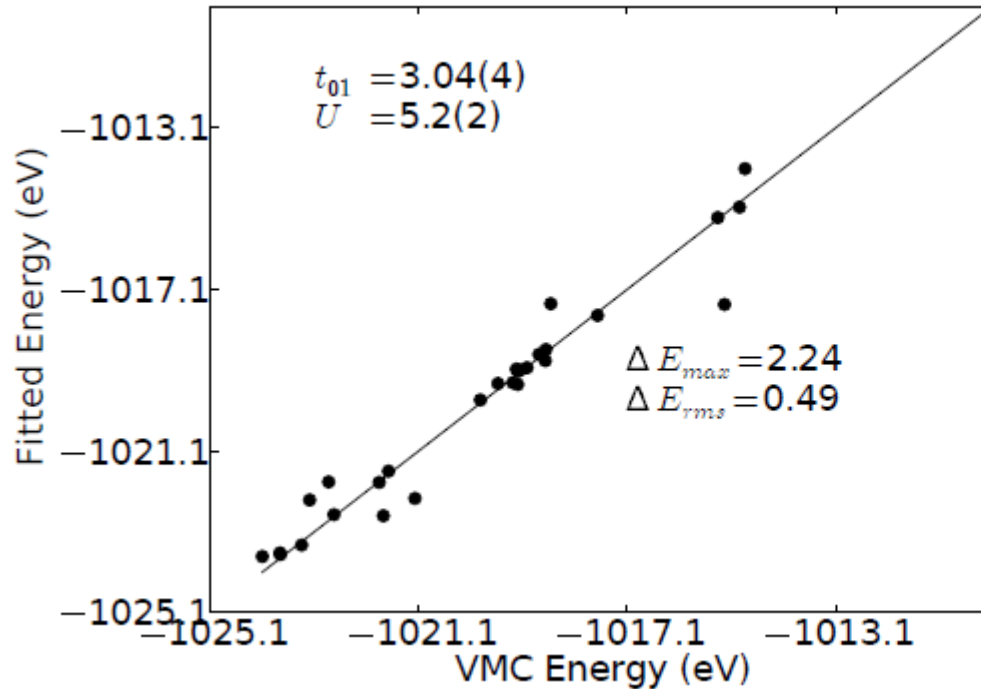
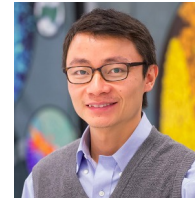
$$H = \epsilon_p \sum_{j \in p, \eta} n_{j, \eta} + \epsilon_d \sum_{i \in d, \eta} n_{i, \eta} + t_{pd} \sum_{\langle i \in d, j \in p \rangle, \eta} \text{sgn}(p_i, d_j) (c_{i, \eta}^\dagger c_{j, \eta} + \text{h.c.})$$

$$+ U_p \sum_{j \in p} n_{j, \uparrow} n_{j, \downarrow} + U_d \sum_{i \in d} n_{i, \uparrow} n_{i, \downarrow} + V_{pd} \sum_{\langle i \in p, j \in d \rangle} n_j n_i, \quad \Delta \equiv \epsilon_p - \epsilon_d$$

$$H = E_0 - t \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle, \eta} \tilde{d}_{i, \eta}^\dagger \tilde{d}_{j, \eta} + U \sum_i \tilde{n}_\uparrow^i \tilde{n}_\downarrow^i$$

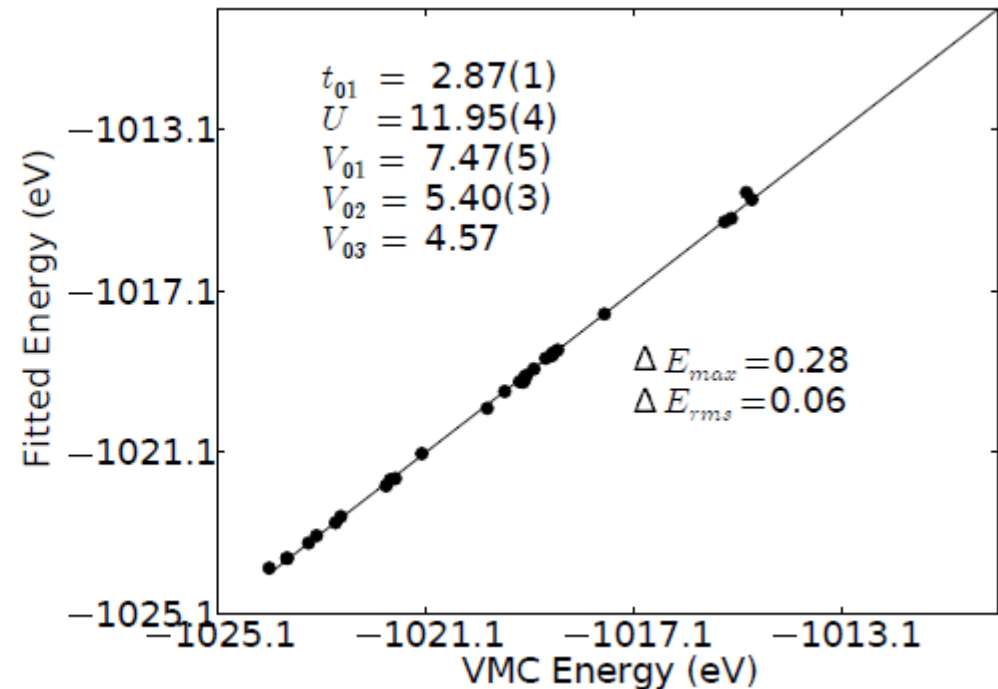
# Benzene molecule

Hubbard and extended Hubbard (PPP) model



**Hubbard only**

$$H = -t \sum_{ij} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + \text{h.c.} + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

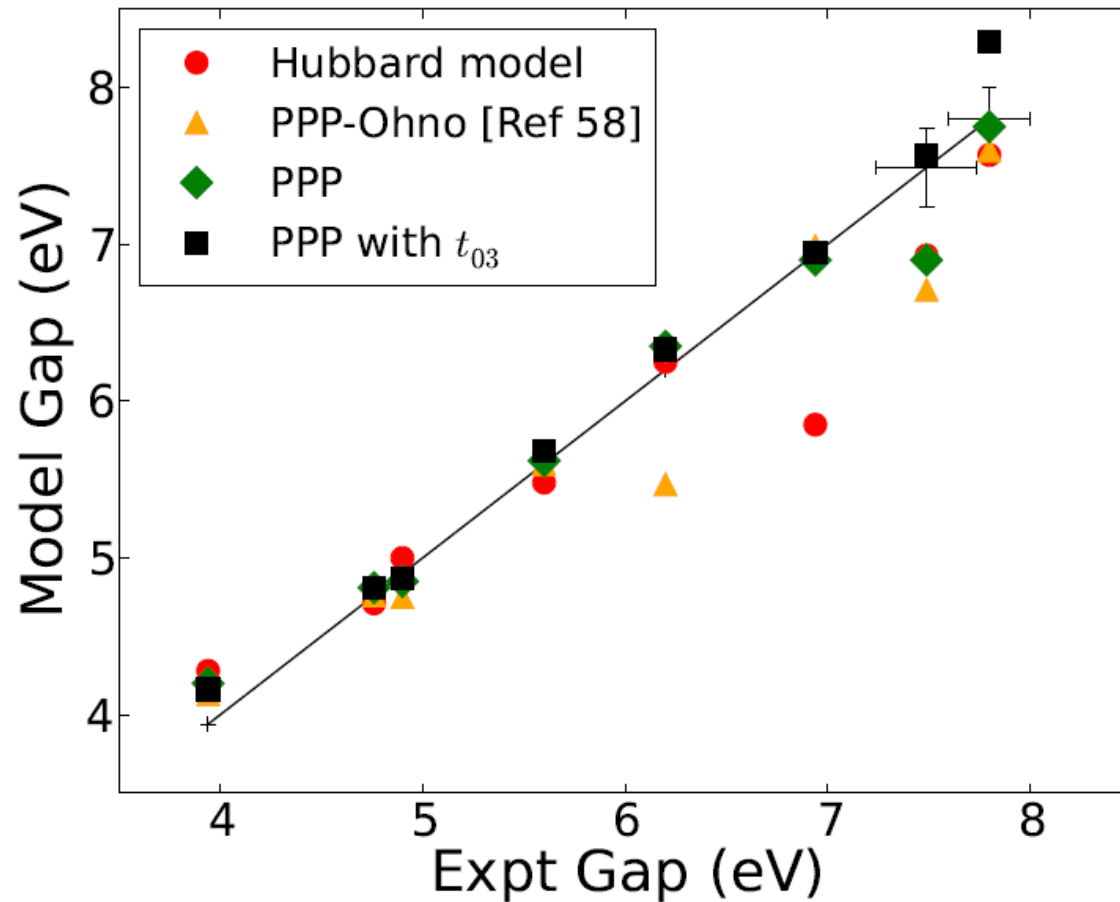


**Extended Hubbard**

$$H = - \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + \text{h.c.} + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow} + \sum_{ij} V_{ij} n_i n_j$$

# Benzene molecule

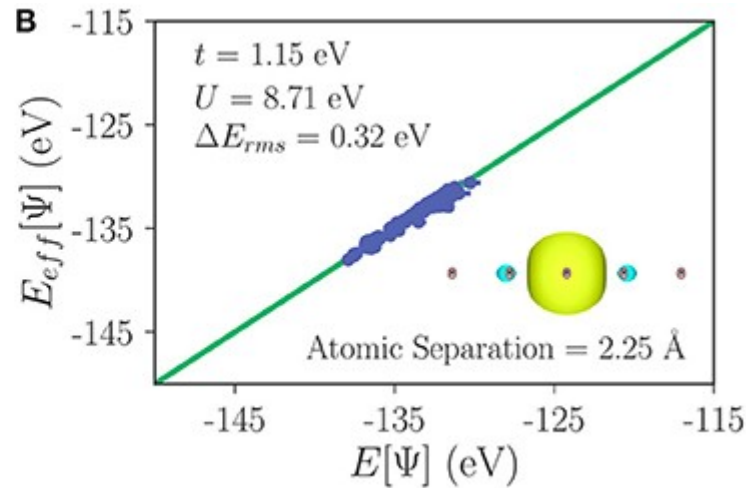
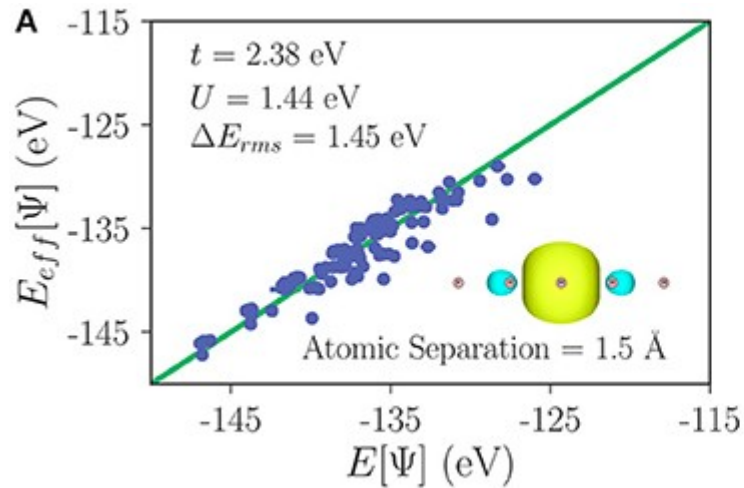
Reconstructing eigenstates by solving lattice model of 6 electrons  
+ comparison to experiment



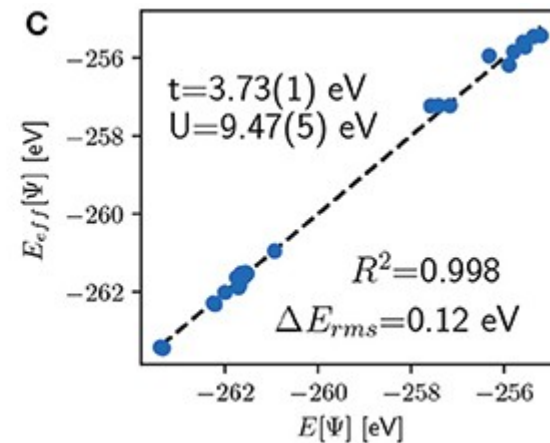
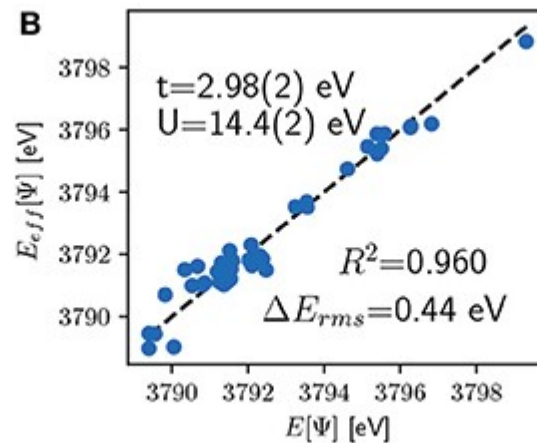
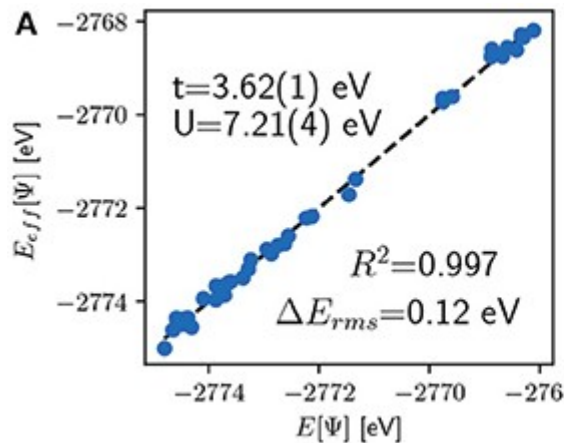
Some subtleties:  
Need to calculate parameters from variational and diffusion MC, and extrapolate

Comparable to previous semi-empirical fits + We DO NOT use experimental data!

# Other problems of interest



Hydrogen chain  
(Kiel Williams)



Graphene  
(Huihuo Zheng)





## Summary

- Quantum magnetism offers a wide variety of physical phenomena especially in low dimensions and/or problems with frustration (eg. spin liquidity)
- As a community, we are closer to realizing Dirac's vision of intelligent approximations for understanding all the beautiful effects of quantum mechanics in a many-body setting
- New improved numerical methodologies are being researched to have more predictive power. This is a challenge, and schools such as this one are much needed!
- Those studying materials and models need to talk more with one another! There may not be a “theory of everything”