Quantum criticality: where are we and where are we going?

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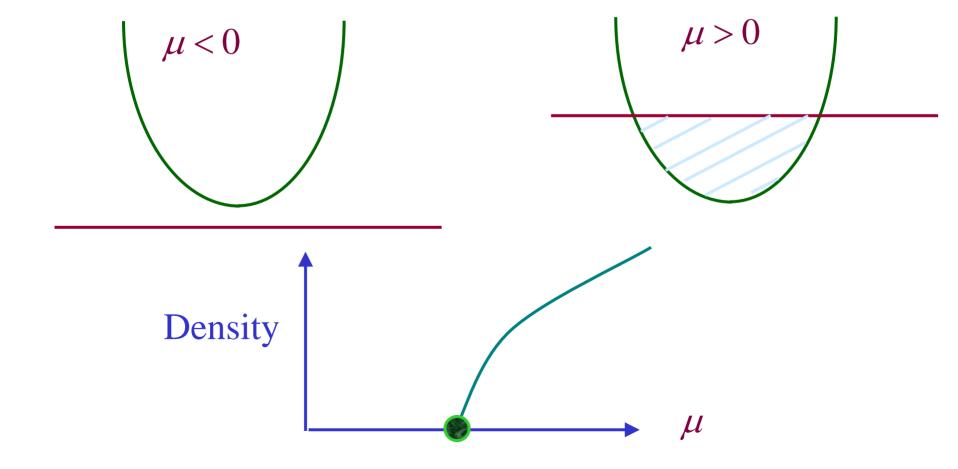
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I. Density driven transitions

Non-analytic change in a conserved density (spin) driven by changes in chemical potential (magnetic field)

$$H = \sum_{k} (\varepsilon_{k} - \mu) c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma}$$

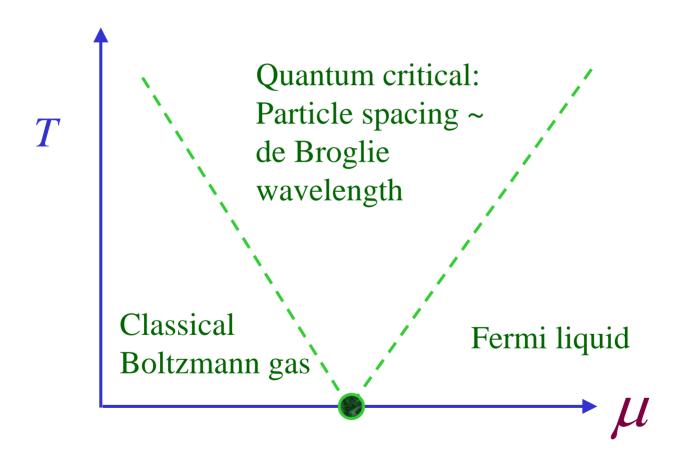
+ short-range repulsive interactions of strength u



Characteristics of this 'trivial' quantum critical point:

- No "order parameter". "Topological" characterization in the existence of the Fermi surface in one state.
- No transition at T > 0.
- Characteristic crossovers at T > 0, between quantum criticality, and low T regimes.
- Strong *T*-dependent scaling in quantum critical regime, with response functions scaling universally as a function of k^z/T and ω/T , where *z* is the dynamic critical exponent.

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RG flow characterizing quantum critical point:

$$\frac{du}{dl} = (2-d)u - \frac{u^2}{2}$$

$$d < 2$$

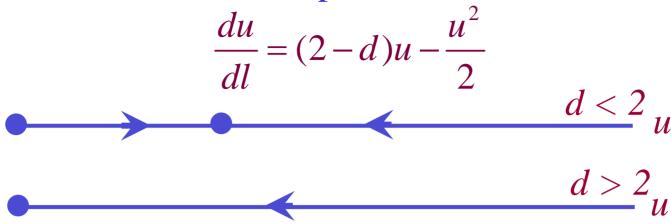
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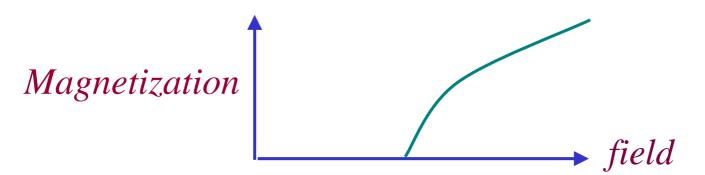
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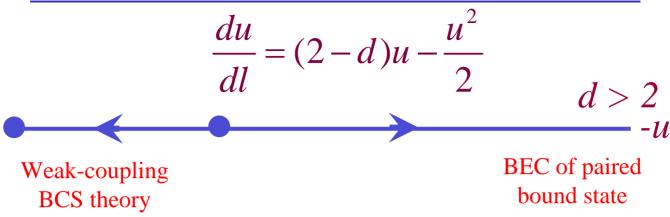
- d > 2 interactions are irrelevant. Critical theory is the *spinful* free Fermi gas.
- d < 2 universal fixed point interactions. In d=1 critical theory is the *spinless* free Fermi gas

1.B Bosons with repulsive interactions

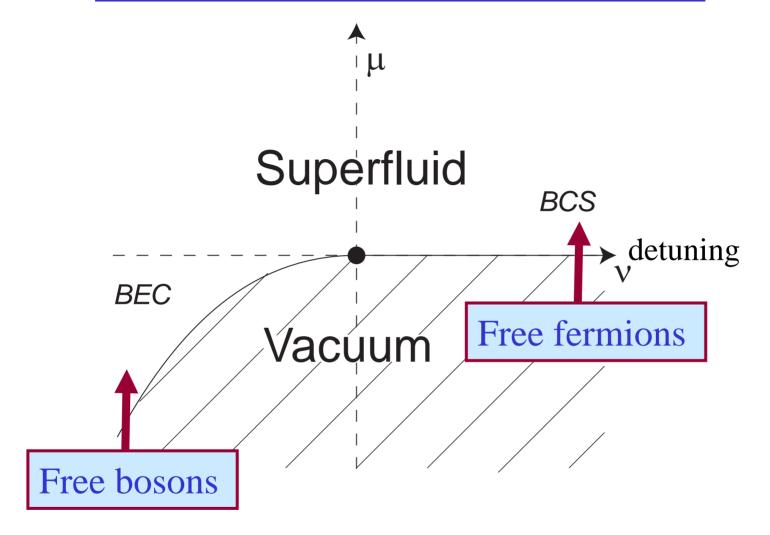


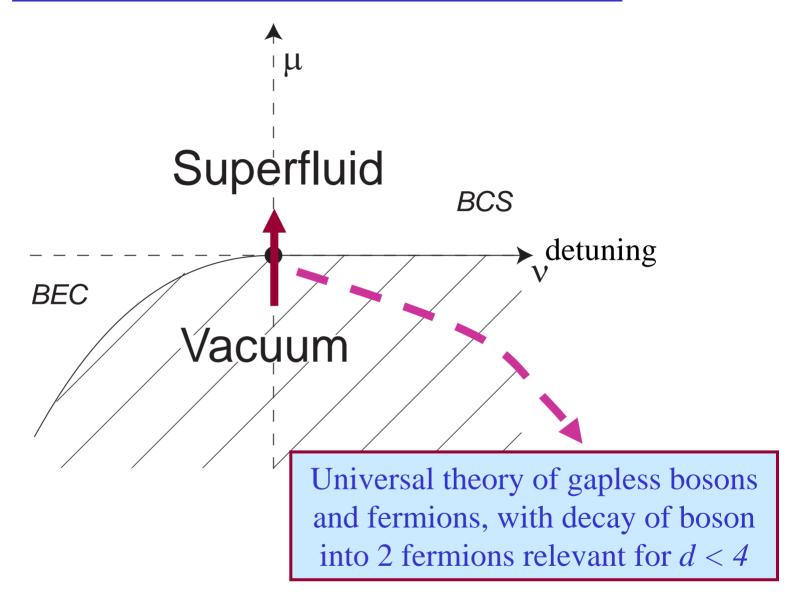
- Describes field-induced magnetization transitions in spin gap compounds
- Critical theory in d = 1 is also the *spinless* free *Fermi* gas.
- Properties of the dilute Bose gas in d > 2 violate hyperscaling and depend upon microscopic scattering length (Yang-Lee).

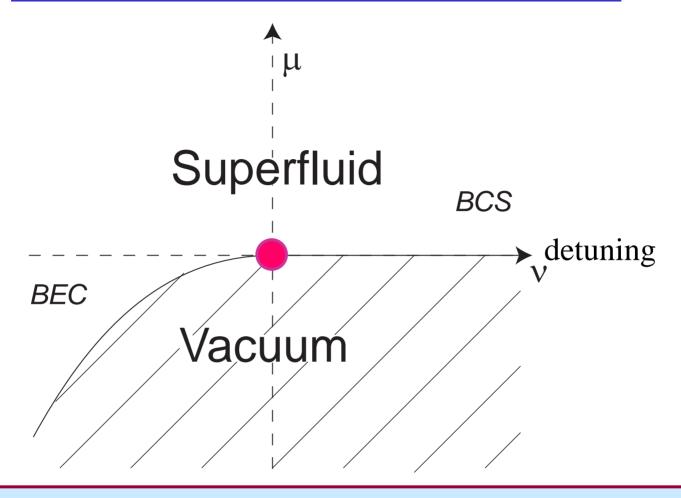




- Universal fixed-point is accessed by *fine-tuning* to a Feshbach resonance.
- Density onset transition is described by free fermions for weak-coupling, and by (nearly) free bosons for strong coupling. The quantum-critical point between these behaviors is the Feshbach resonance.







Quantum critical point at μ =0, ν =0, forms the basis of a theory which describes ultracold atom experiments, including the transitions to FFLO and normal states with unbalanced densities

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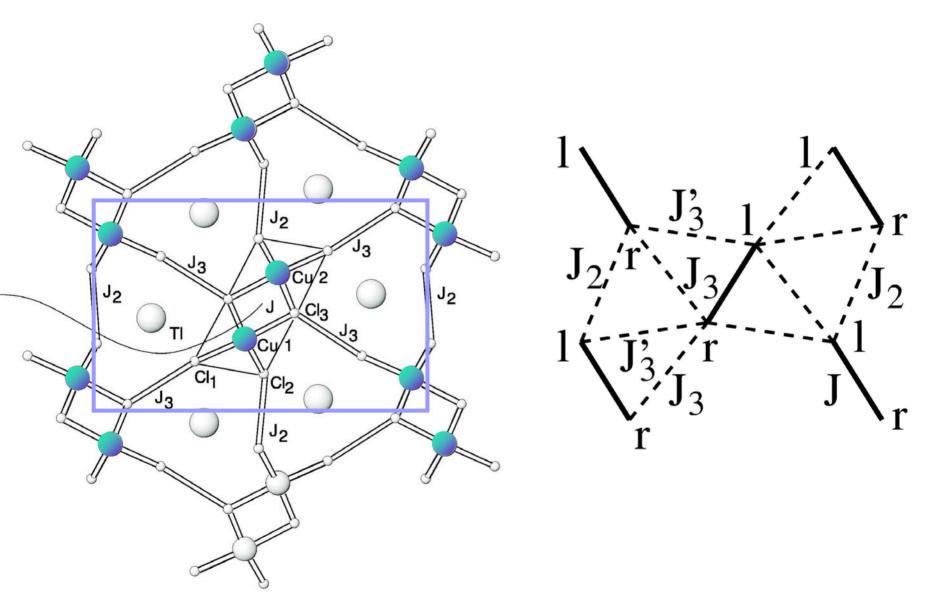
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2.A. Magnetic quantum phase transitions in "dimerized" Mott insulators:

Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson (LGW) theory:

Second-order phase transitions described by fluctuations of an order parameter associated with a broken symmetry

TICuCl₃



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Coupled Dimer Antiferromagnet

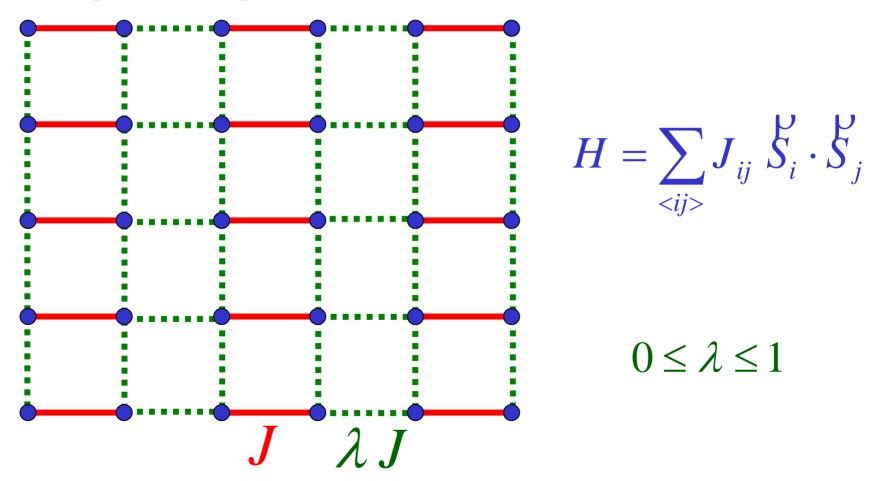
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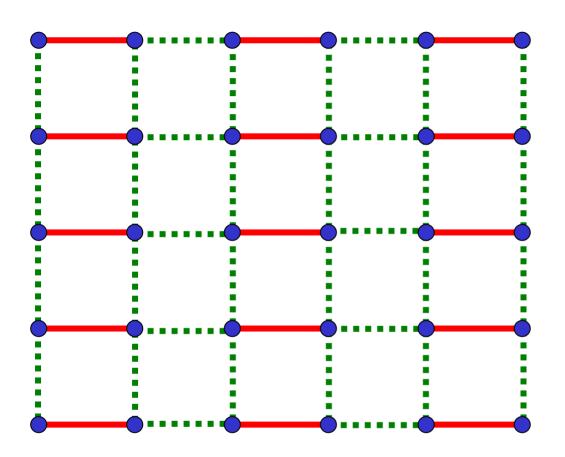
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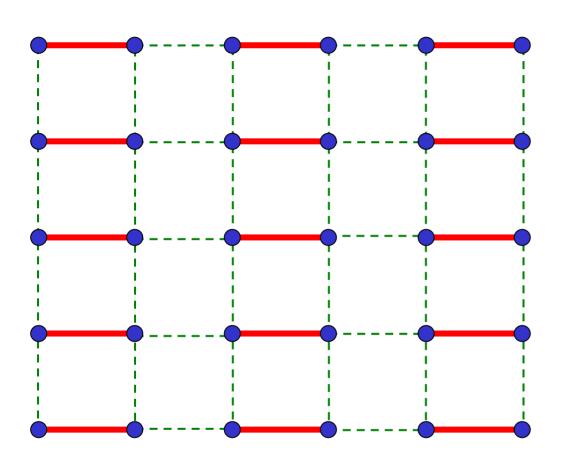
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S=1/2 spins on coupled dimers

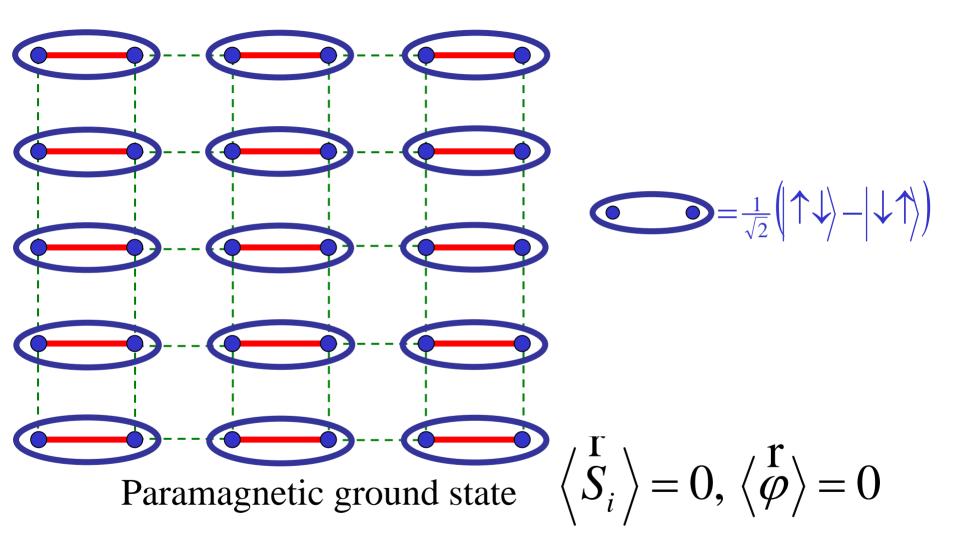




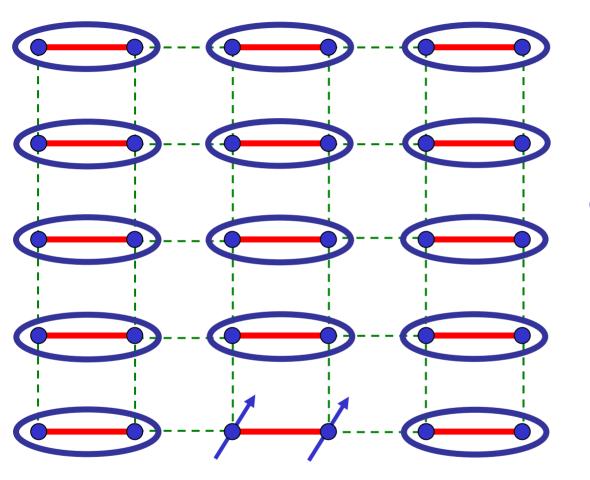
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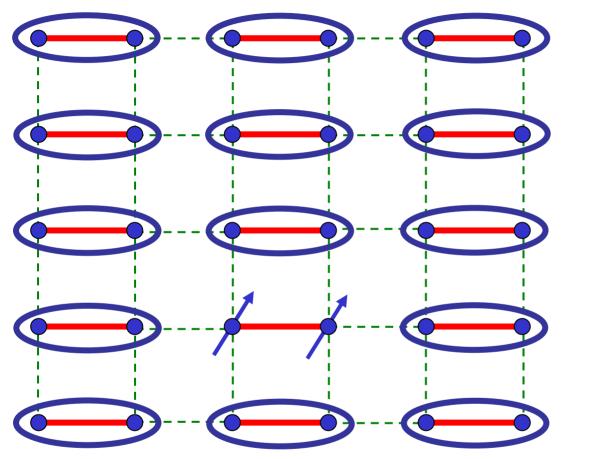


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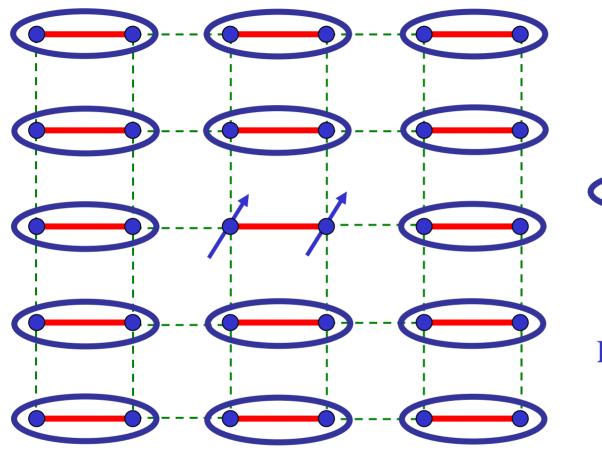
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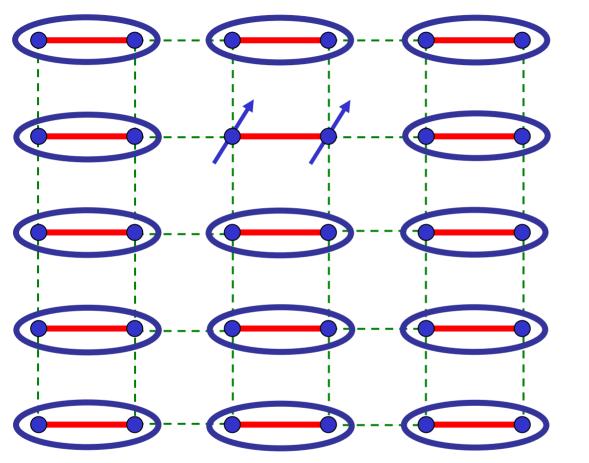
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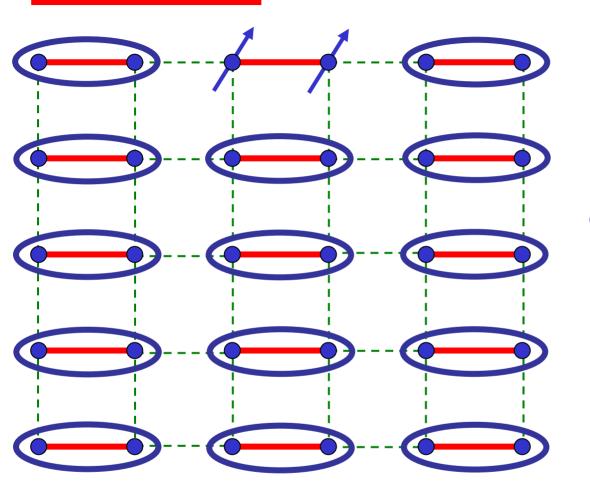
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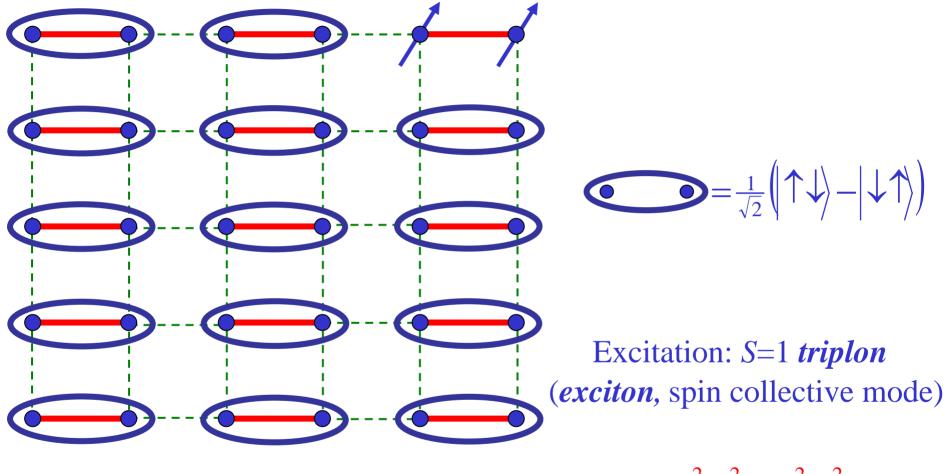
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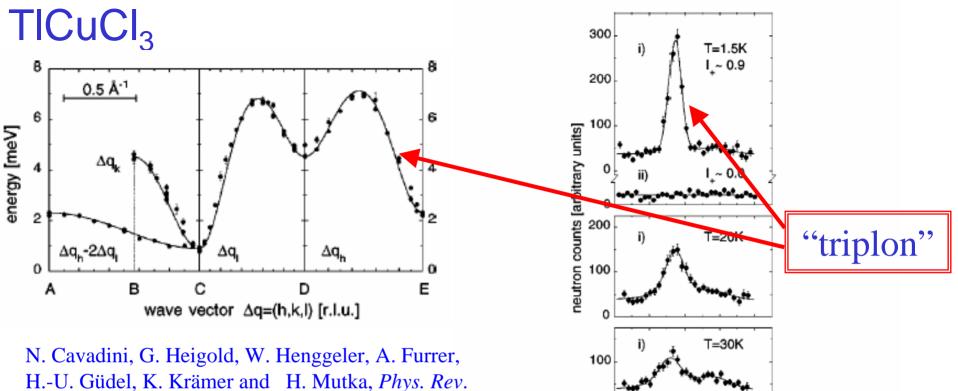
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Energy dispersion away from antiferromagnetic wavevector

$$\varepsilon_p = \Delta + \frac{c_x^2 p_x^2 + c_y^2 p_y^2}{2\Delta}$$

$$\Delta \rightarrow \text{spin gap}$$

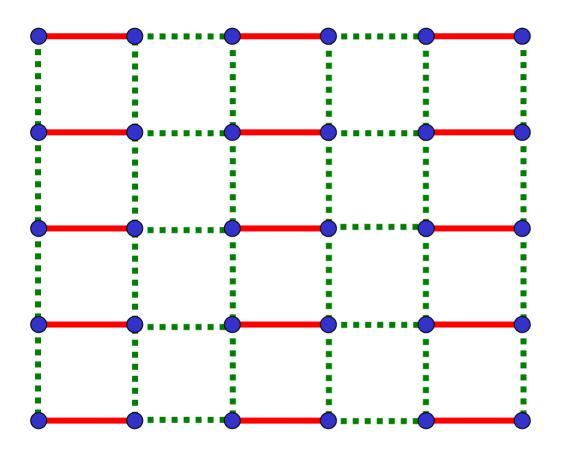


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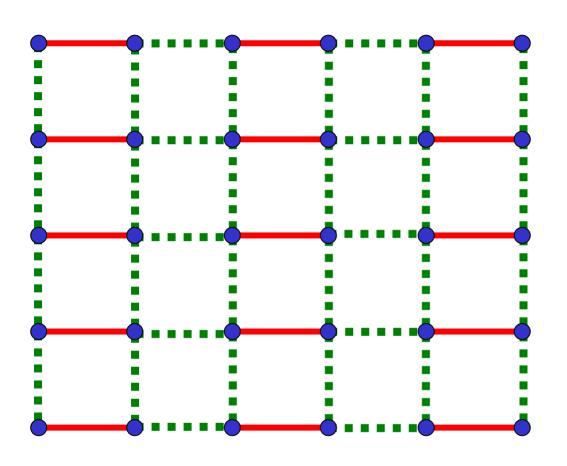
FIG. 1. Measured neutron profiles in the a^*c^* plane of TlCuCl₃ for i = (1.35,0,0), ii = (0,0,3.15) [r.l.u]. The spectrum at T = 1.5 K

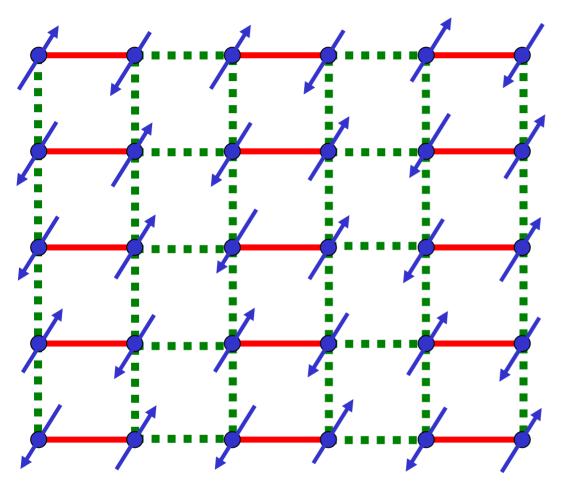
energy transfer [meV]

Coupled Dimer Antiferromagnet



Weakly dimerized square lattice





Excitations:

2 spin waves (*magnons*)

$$\varepsilon_{p} = \sqrt{c_{x}^{2} p_{x}^{2} + c_{y}^{2} p_{y}^{2}}$$

Ground state has long-range spin density wave (Néel) order at wavevector $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$

$$\langle \stackrel{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$$

spin density wave order parameter: $\varphi = \eta_i \frac{S_i}{S}$; $\eta_i = \pm 1$ on two sublattices



Neutron Diffraction Study of the Pressure-Induced Magnetic Ordering in the Spin Gap System TlCuCl₃

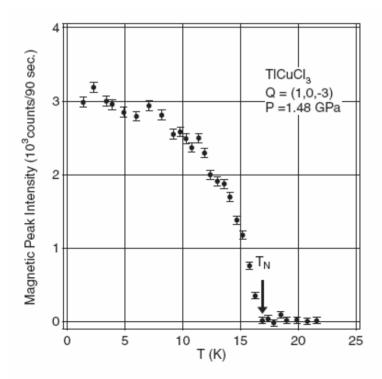
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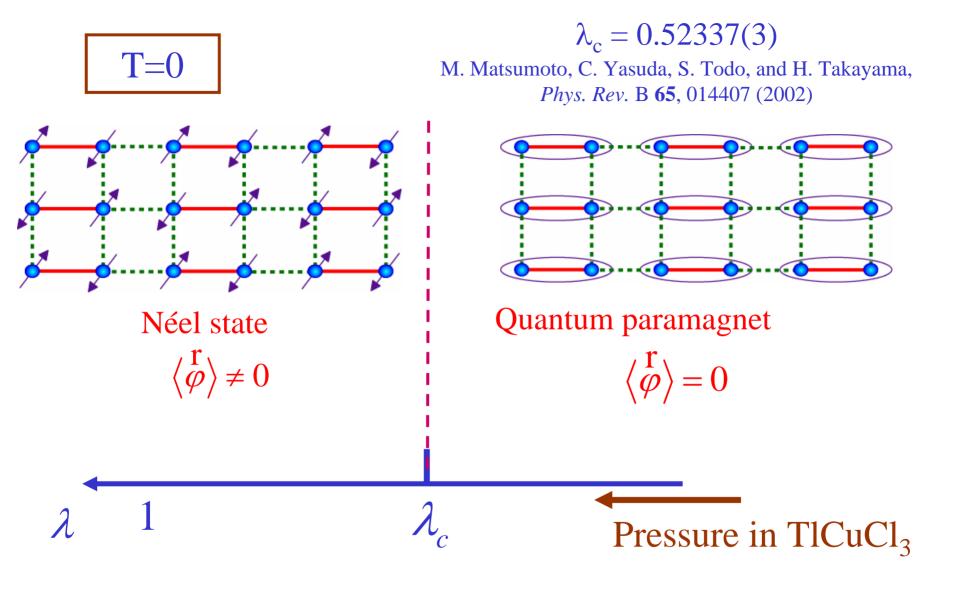
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Fig. 3. Temperature dependence of the magnetic Bragg peak intensity for Q = (1,0,-3) reflection measured at P = 1.48 GPa in TlCuCl₃.



LGW theory for quantum criticality

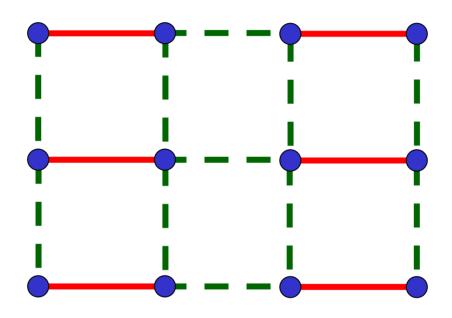
Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson theory: write down an effective action for the antiferromagnetic order parameter $\overset{r}{\varphi}$ by expanding in powers of $\overset{r}{\varphi}$ and its spatial and temporal derivatives, while preserving all symmetries of the microscopic Hamiltonian

$$S_{\varphi} = \int d^2x d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\nabla_x \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\partial_\tau \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \right)^2 + \left(\lambda_c - \lambda \right) \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi}^2 \right) + \frac{u}{4!} \left(\overset{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi}^2 \right)^2 \right]$$

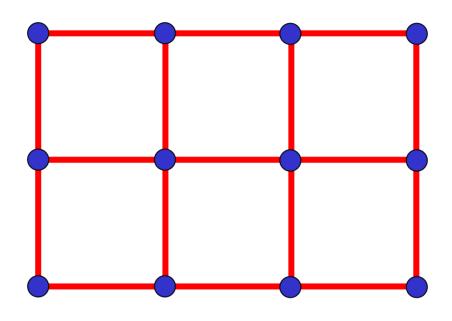
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Deconfined quantum criticality

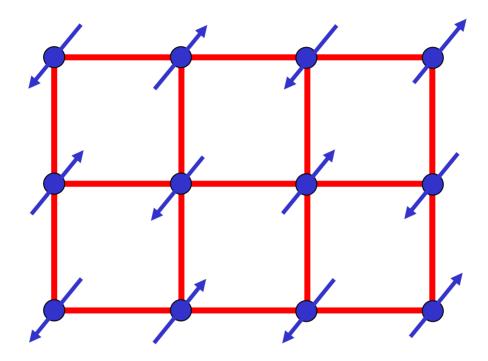
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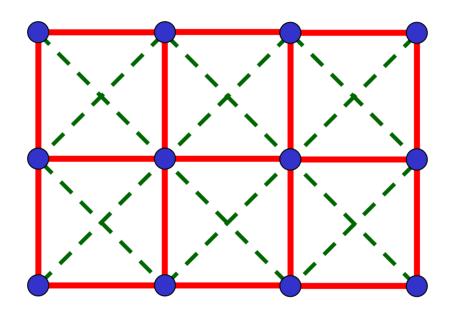
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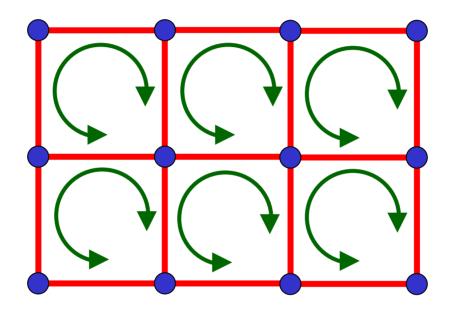


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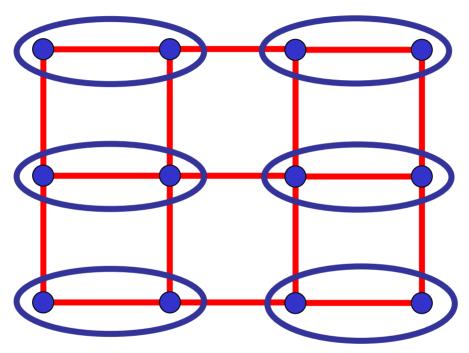
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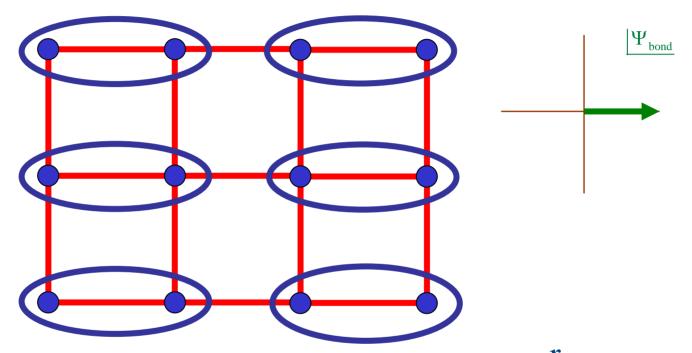


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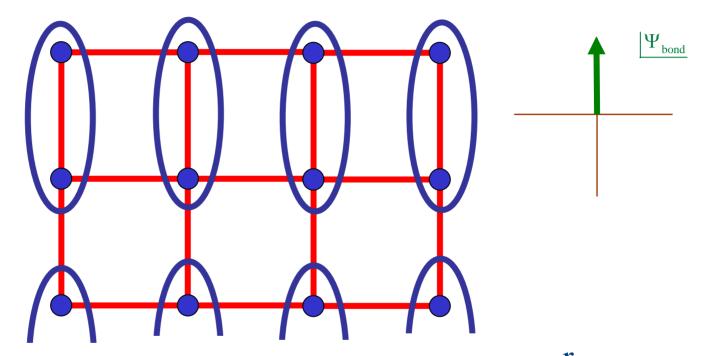


Possible large g paramagnetic ground state with $\langle \stackrel{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \rangle = 0$



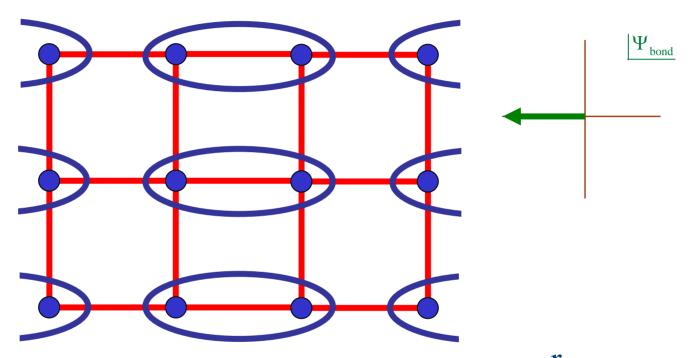
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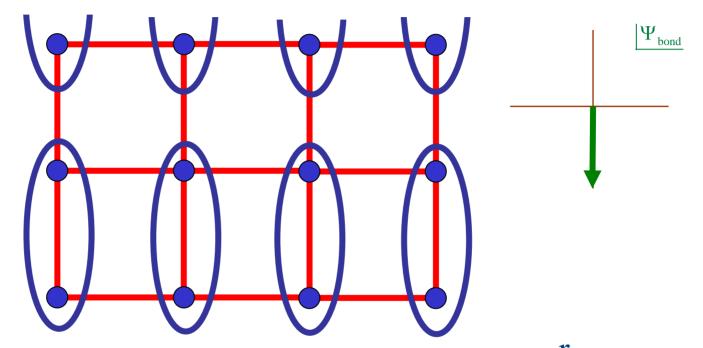
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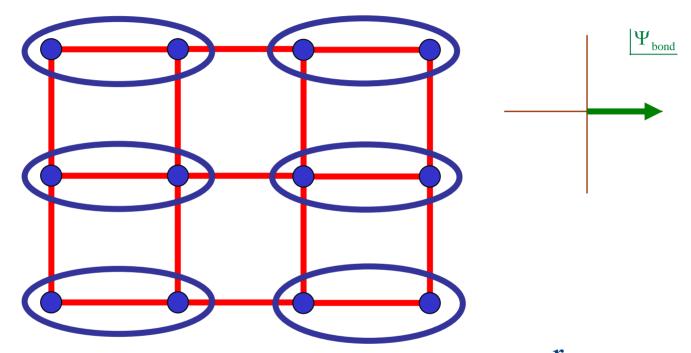
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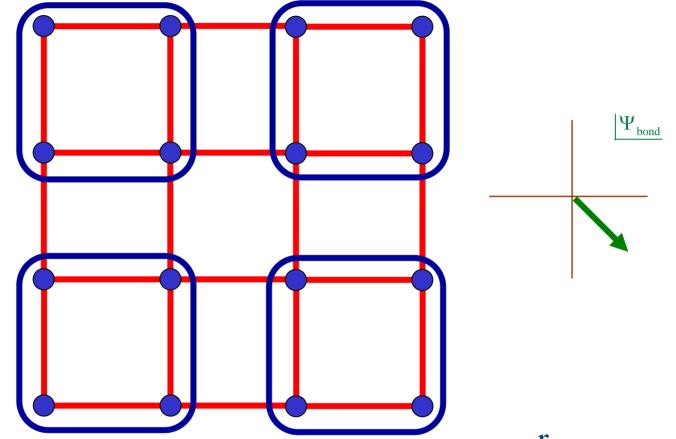
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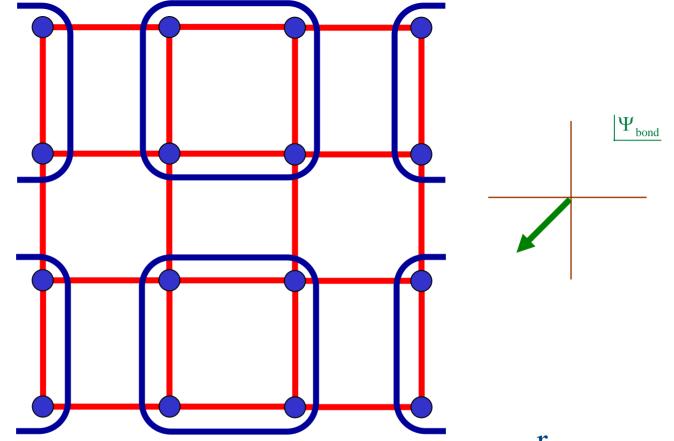
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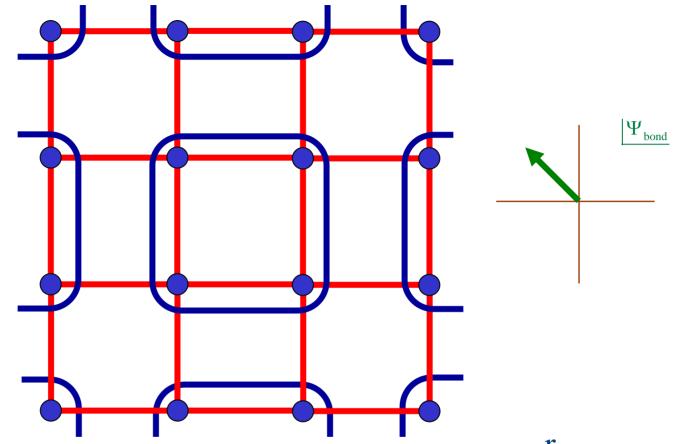
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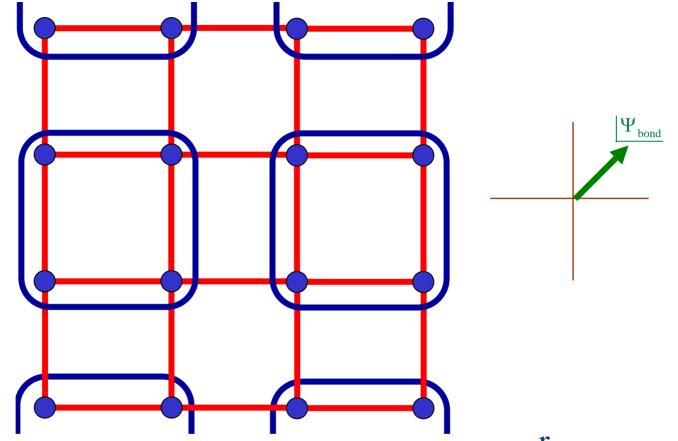
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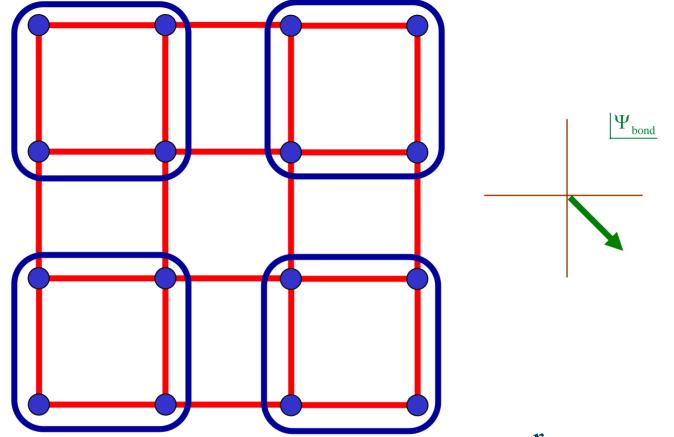
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LGW theory of multiple order parameters

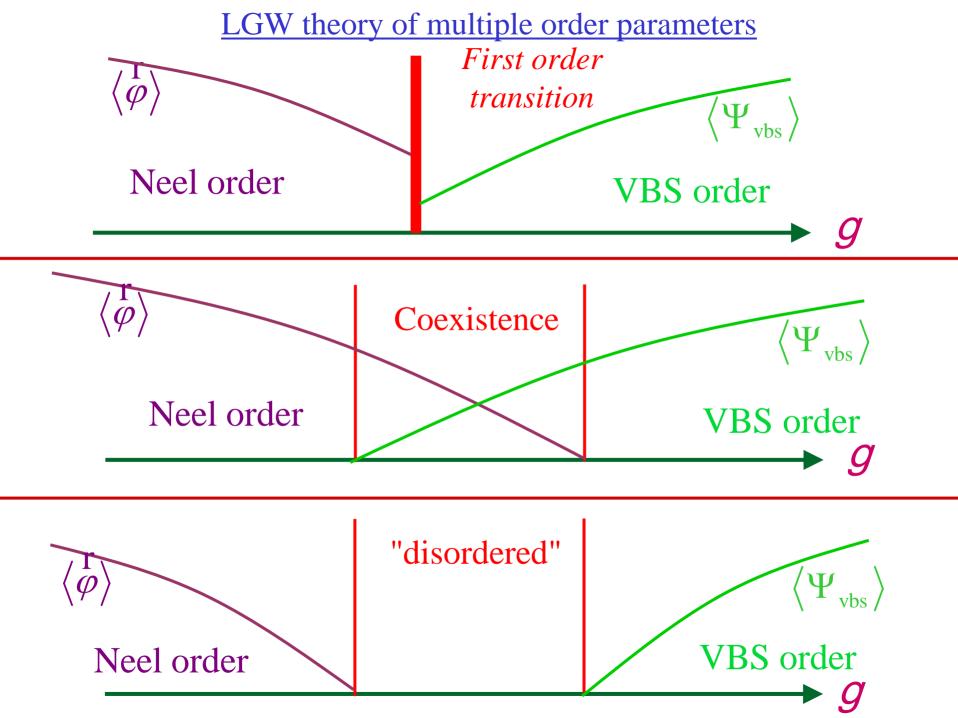
$$F = F_{\text{vbs}} \left[\Psi_{\text{vbs}} \right] + F_{\varphi} \left[\stackrel{\Gamma}{\varphi} \right] + F_{\text{int}}$$

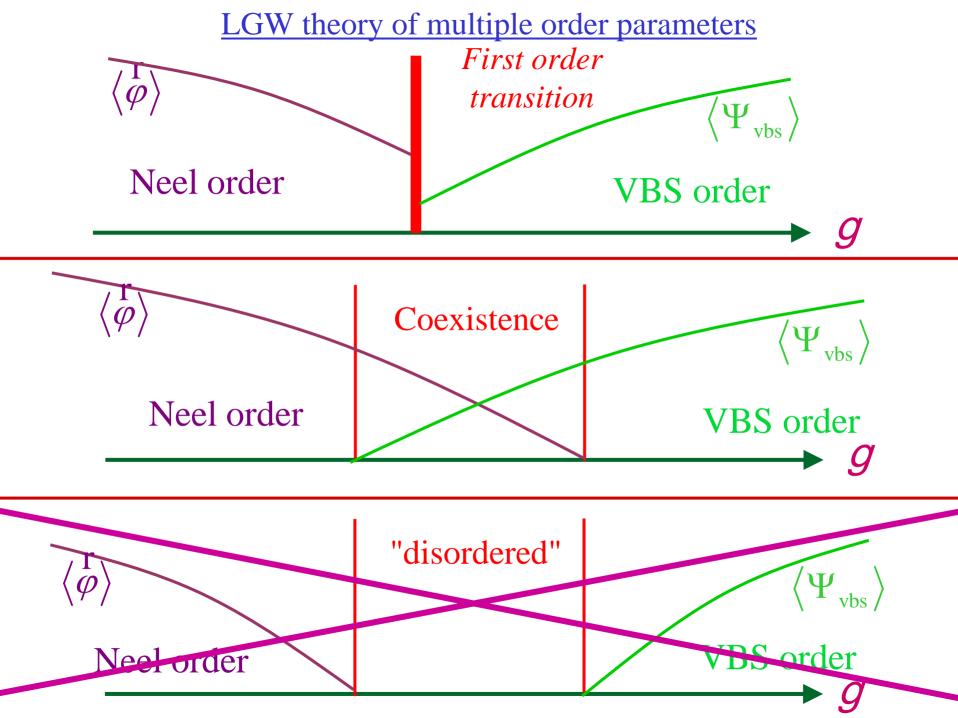
$$F_{\text{vbs}} \left[\Psi_{\text{vbs}} \right] = r_1 \left| \Psi_{\text{vbs}} \right|^2 + u_1 \left| \Psi_{\text{vbs}} \right|^4 + L$$

$$F_{\varphi} \left[\stackrel{\Gamma}{\varphi} \right] = r_2 \left| \stackrel{\Gamma}{\varphi} \right|^2 + u_2 \left| \stackrel{\Gamma}{\varphi} \right|^4 + L$$

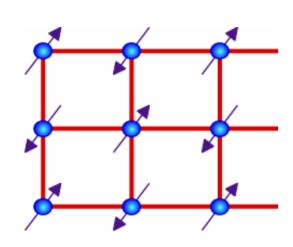
$$F_{\text{int}} = v \left| \Psi_{\text{vbs}} \right|^2 \left| \stackrel{\Gamma}{\varphi} \right|^2 + L$$

Distinct symmetries of order parameters permit couplings only between their energy densities



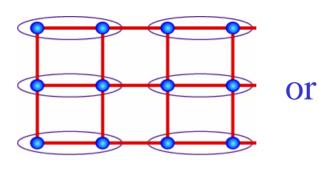


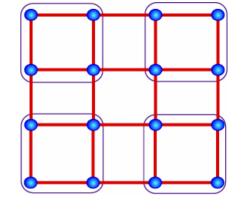
Proposal of deconfined quantum criticality



Neel order

$$\langle \stackrel{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \rangle \sim \langle z_{\alpha}^* \stackrel{\mathbf{r}}{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} z_{\beta} \rangle \neq 0$$





VBS order $\langle \Psi_{\rm vbs} \rangle \neq 0$

(associated with condensation of monopoles in A_{μ}),

$$S = 1/2$$
 spinons z_{α} confined,

$$S = 1$$
 triplon excitations

Second-order critical point described by

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{critical}} = \int d^2x d\tau \left[\left| (\partial_{\mu} - iA_{\mu})z_{\alpha} \right|^2 + r \left| z_{\alpha} \right|^2 + \frac{u}{2} \left(\left| z_{\alpha} \right|^2 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4e^2} \left(\partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu} \right)^2 \right]$$

at its critical point $r = r_c$, where A_{μ} is non-compact

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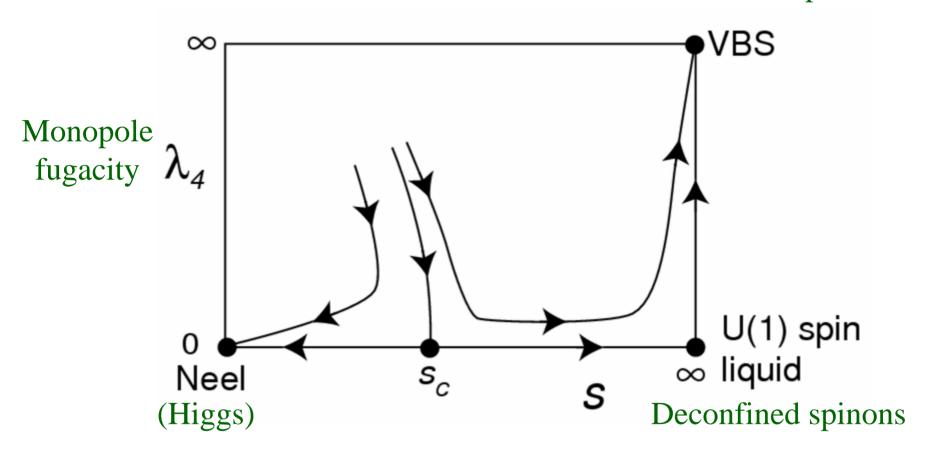
Theory of a second-order quantum phase transition between Neel and VBS phases

At the quantum critical point:

- $A_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu} + 2\pi$ periodicity can be ignored (Monopoles interfere destructively and are dangerously irrelevant).
- S=1/2 spinons z_{α} , with $\overset{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi} \sim z_{\alpha}^* \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} z_{\beta}$, are globally propagating degrees of freedom.

Second-order critical point described by emergent fractionalized degrees of freedom $(A_{\mu} \text{ and } z_{\alpha});$ Order parameters $(\varphi \text{ and } \Psi_{\text{vbs}})$ are "composites" and of secondary importance

Confined spinons



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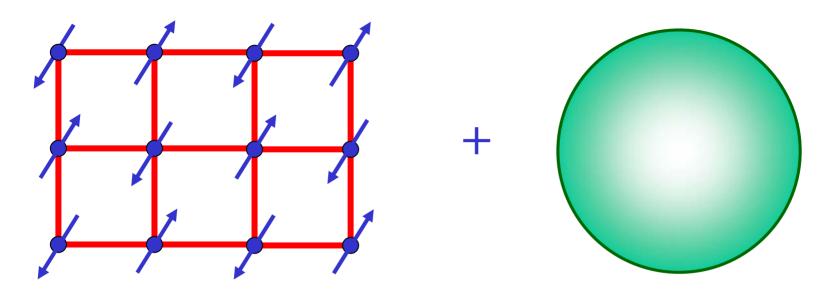
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The Kondo lattice



Local moments f_{σ}

Conduction electrons c_{σ}

$$H_{K} = \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + J_{K} \sum_{i} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \tau_{\sigma\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma} \cdot S_{fi} + J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_{fi} \cdot S_{fj}$$

Number of f electrons per unit cell = n_f = 1 Number of c electrons per unit cell = n_c 3.A. The heavy Fermi liquid (FL)

Hertz theory for the onset of spin density wave order

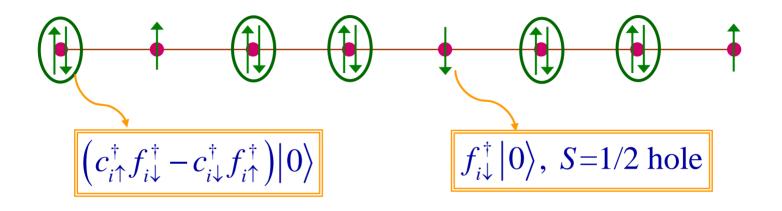
The "large" Fermi surface is obtained in the limit of large J_K

The Fermi surface of heavy quasiparticles encloses a volume which counts *all* electrons.

Fermi volume = $1 + n_c$

Argument for the Fermi surface volume of the FL phase

Single ion Kondo effect implies $J_K \to \infty$ at low energies

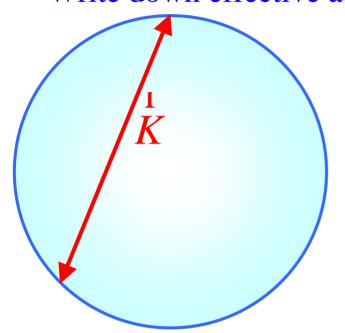


Fermi liquid of S=1/2 holes with hard-core repulsion

Fermi surface volume = -(density of holes) mod 2
= -(1-
$$n_c$$
) = (1+ n_c) mod 2

LGW (Hertz) theory for QCP to SDW order

Write down effective action for SDW order parameter ϕ



 ϕ fluctuations are damped by mixing with fermionic quasiparticles near the Fermi surface

$$S_{\varphi} = \int \frac{d^{d}q d\omega}{\left(2\pi\right)^{d+1}} \left| \stackrel{\mathbf{U}}{\varphi} \left(q,\omega\right) \right|^{2} \left(q^{2} + \left|\omega\right| + \left(J_{K} - J_{Kc}\right)\right) + \frac{u}{4} \int d^{d}r d\tau \left(\stackrel{\mathbf{r}}{\varphi}^{2}\right)^{2}$$

Fluctuations of $\dot{\varphi}$ about $\dot{\varphi} = 0 \Rightarrow$ paramagnons

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No Mottness

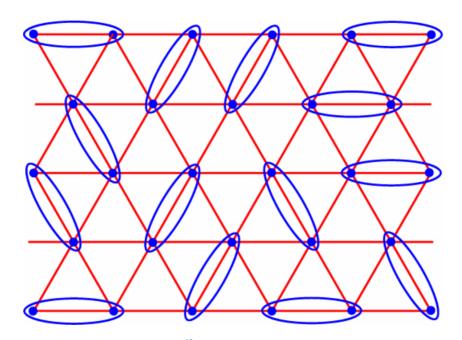
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3.B. The Fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL*)

Phases and quantum critical points characterized by gauge theory and "topological" excitations

Work in the regime with small J_K , and consider destruction of magnetic order by frustrating (RKKY) exchange interactions between f moments



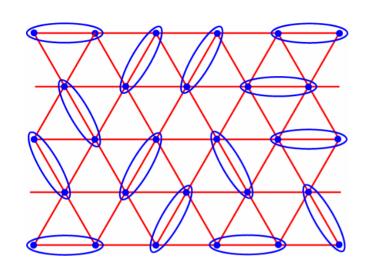
A <u>spin liquid</u> ground state with $\langle \varphi^r \rangle = 0$ and no broken lattice symmetries. Such a state has emergent excitations described by a Z_2 or U(1) gauge theory

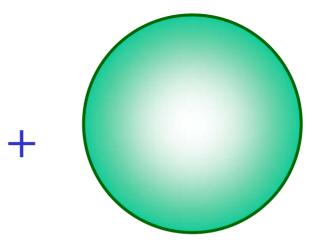
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Influence of conduction electrons





Conduction electrons c_{σ}

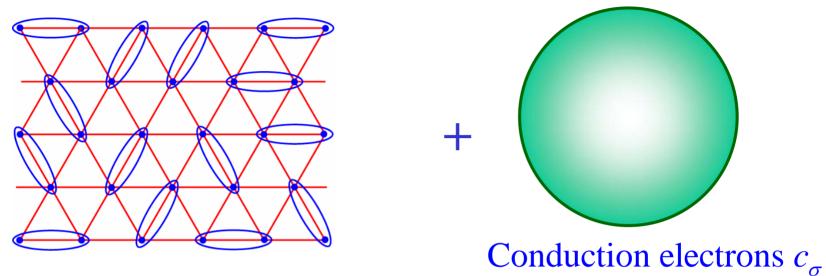
Local moments f_{σ}

$$H = \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{i} \left(J_{K} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \overset{\mathbf{r}}{\tau}_{\sigma\sigma} c_{i\sigma} \cdot \overset{\mathbf{r}}{S}_{fi} \right) + \sum_{i < j} J_{H} \left(i, j \right) \overset{\mathbf{r}}{S}_{fi} \cdot \overset{\mathbf{r}}{S}_{fj}$$

Determine the ground state of the quantum antiferromagnet defined by J_H , and then couple to conduction electrons by J_K

Choose J_H so that ground state of antiferromagnet is a Z_2 or U(1) spin liquid

Influence of conduction electrons



Local moments f_{σ}

At J_K = 0 the conduction electrons form a Fermi surface on their own with volume determined by n_c .

Perturbation theory in J_K is regular, and so this state will be stable for finite J_K .

So volume of Fermi surface is determined by $(n_c+n_f-1)=n_c\pmod{2}$, and does not equal the Luttinger value.

The (U(1) or Z_2) FL* state

A new phase: FL*

This phase preserves spin rotation invariance, and has a Fermi surface of *sharp* electron-like quasiparticles.

The state has "topological order" and associated neutral excitations. The topological order can be detected by the violation of Luttinger's Fermi surface volume. It can only appear in dimensions d > 1

$$2 \times \frac{v_0}{(2\pi)^d}$$
 (Volume enclosed by Fermi surface)

$$= (n_f + n_c - 1) \pmod{2}$$

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Fractionalized Fermi liquid with moments paired in a spin liquid. Fermi surface volume does not include moments and is unequal to the Luttinger value.

U(1) FL*

FL

$$\langle b \rangle = 0$$
, Deconfined

$$J_{K}$$

$$\langle b \rangle \neq 0$$
, Higgs

$$J_K$$

Fractionalized Fermi liquid with moments paired in a spin liquid. Fermi surface volume does not include moments and is unequal to the Luttinger value.

"Heavy" Fermi liquid with moments Kondo screened by conduction electrons. Fermi surface volume equals the Luttinger value.

U(1) FL*

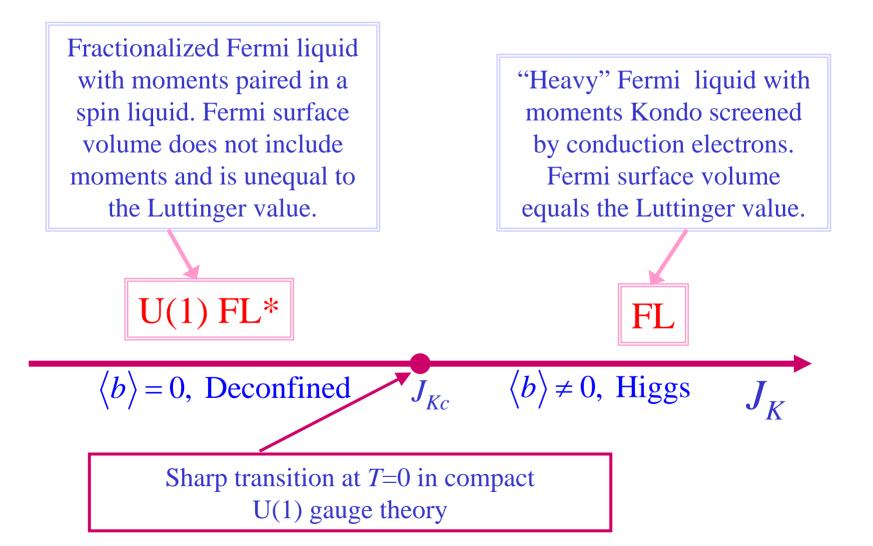
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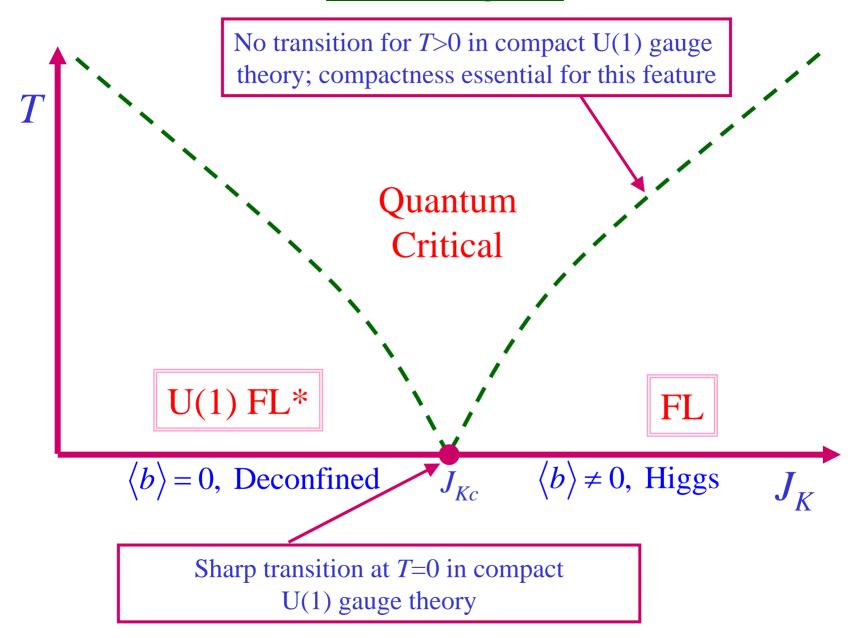
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, Deconfined

$$J_{\kappa}$$

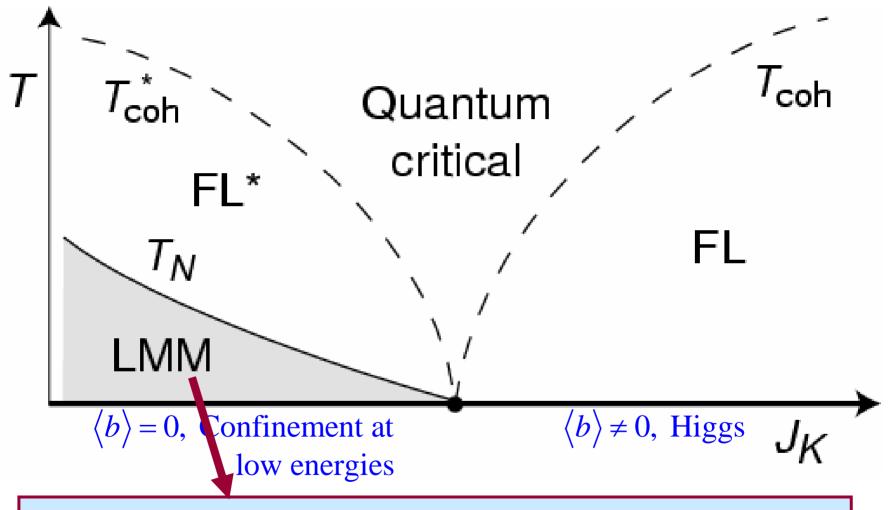
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, Higgs

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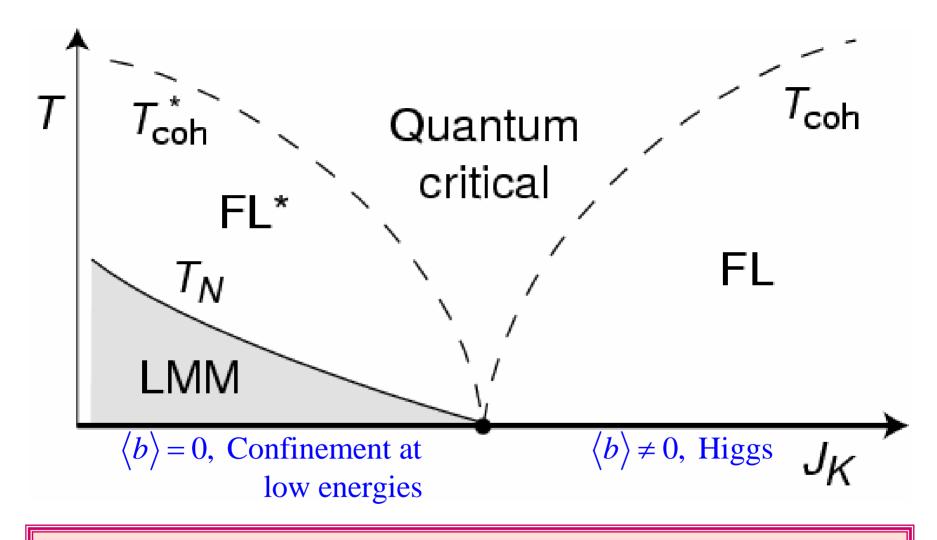
Deconfined criticality in the Kondo lattice?



Local moment magnetism: magnetism appears by spontaneous polarization of f moments (c electrons remain spectators).

Distinct from SDW order in FL state. **Includes Mottness**

Deconfined criticality in the Kondo lattice?



U(1) FL* phase generates magnetism at energies much lower than the critical energy of the FL to FL* transition

Conclusions

- 1. Good experimental and theoretical progress in understanding density-driven and LGW quantum phase transitions.
- 2. Many interesting transitions of strongly correlated materials associated with gauge or "topological" order parameters. Intimate connection with Luttinger theorem and lattice commensuration effects.

 Classification scheme?
- 3. Many experiments on heavy fermions compounds and cuprates remain mysterious effects of disorder?
- 4. Ultracold atoms offer new regime for studying many quantum phase transitions.