

Orbital Frustration and Entanglement with Spin and Lattice degrees of freedom

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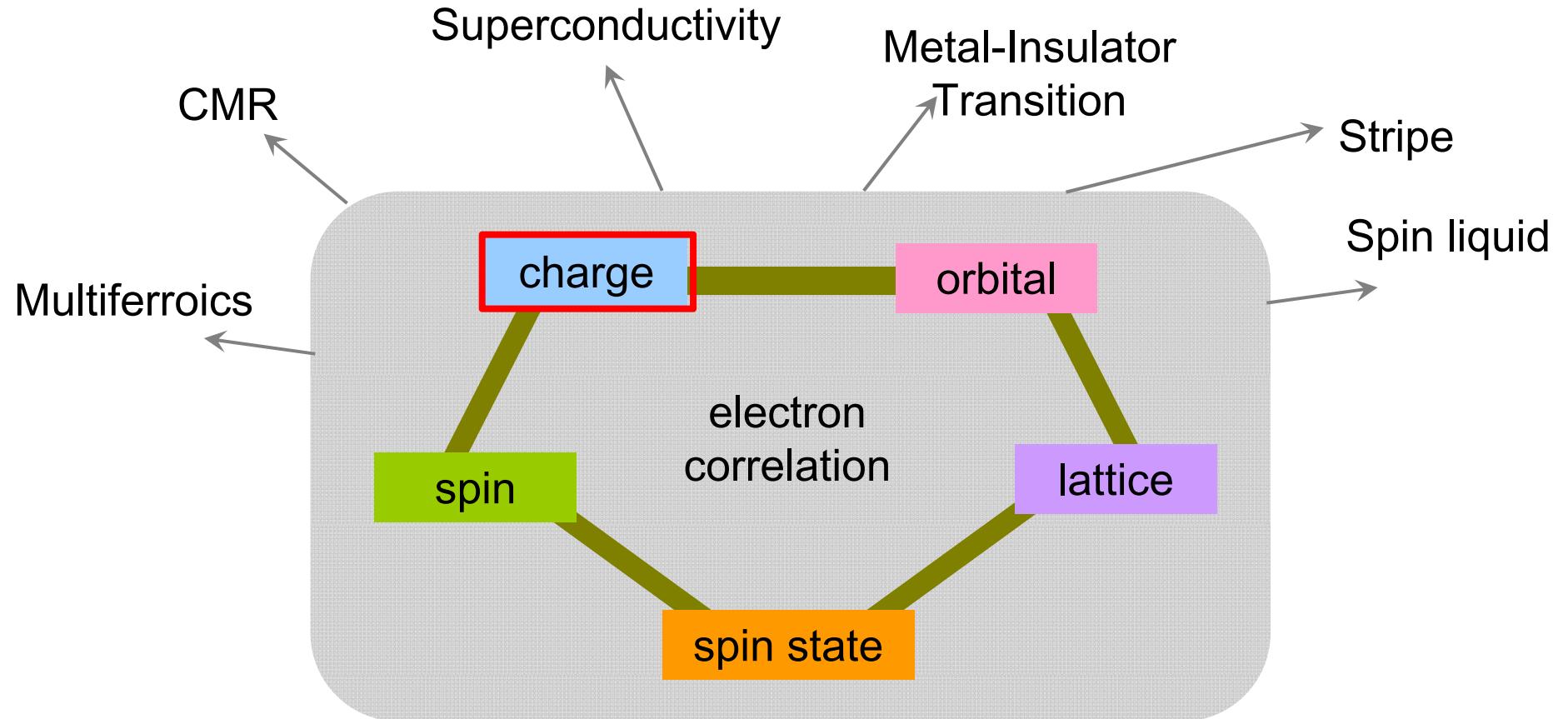
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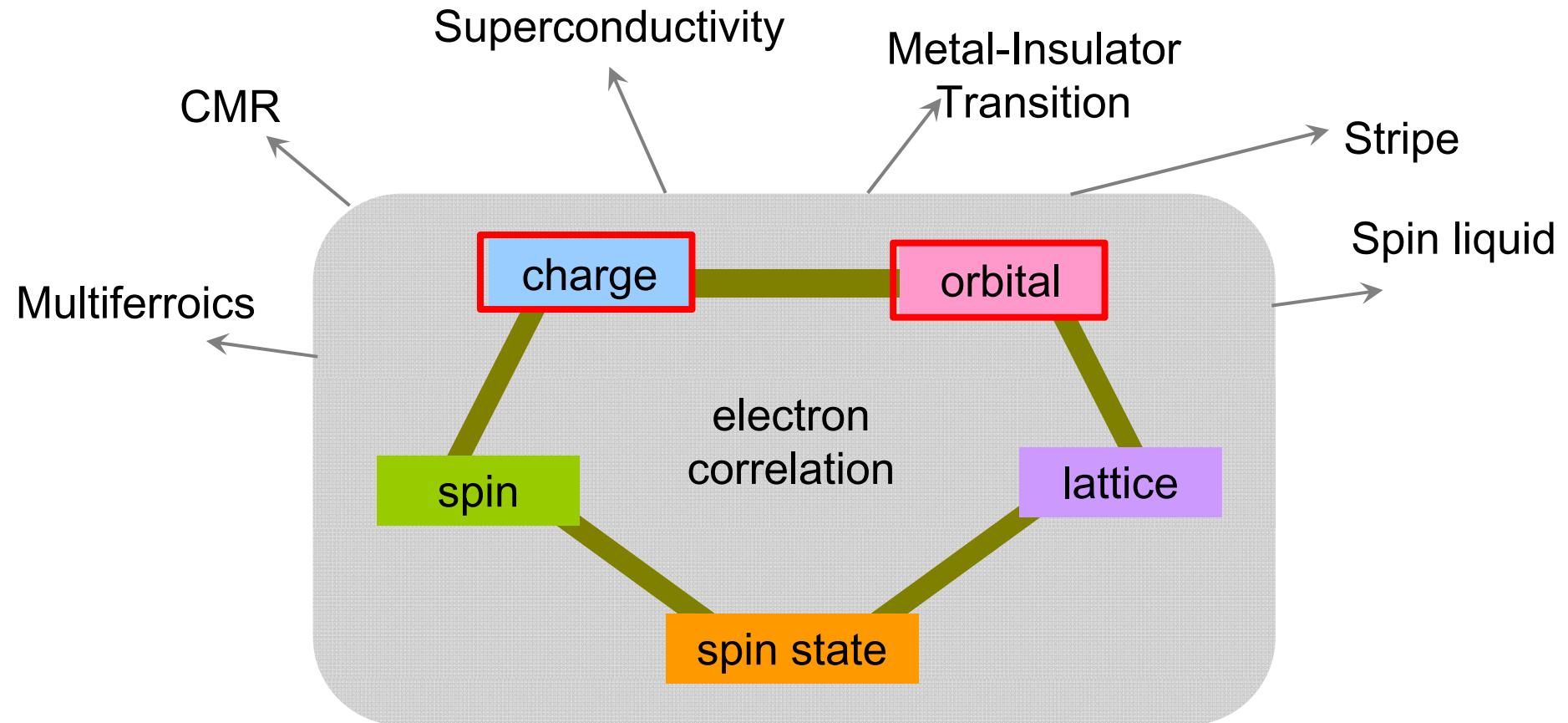
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Correlated system with multi-degrees



Orbital Physics

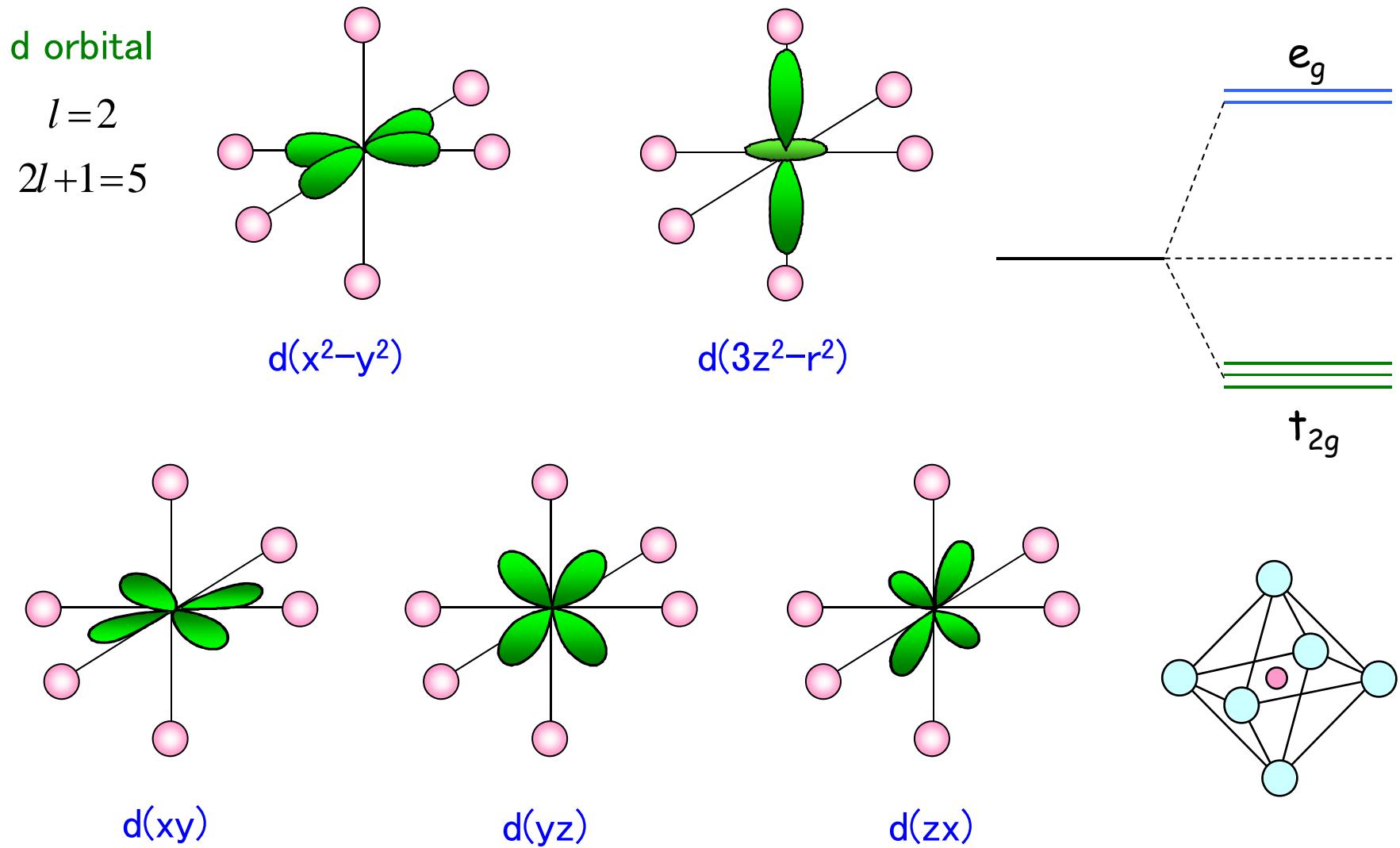


Kurogo



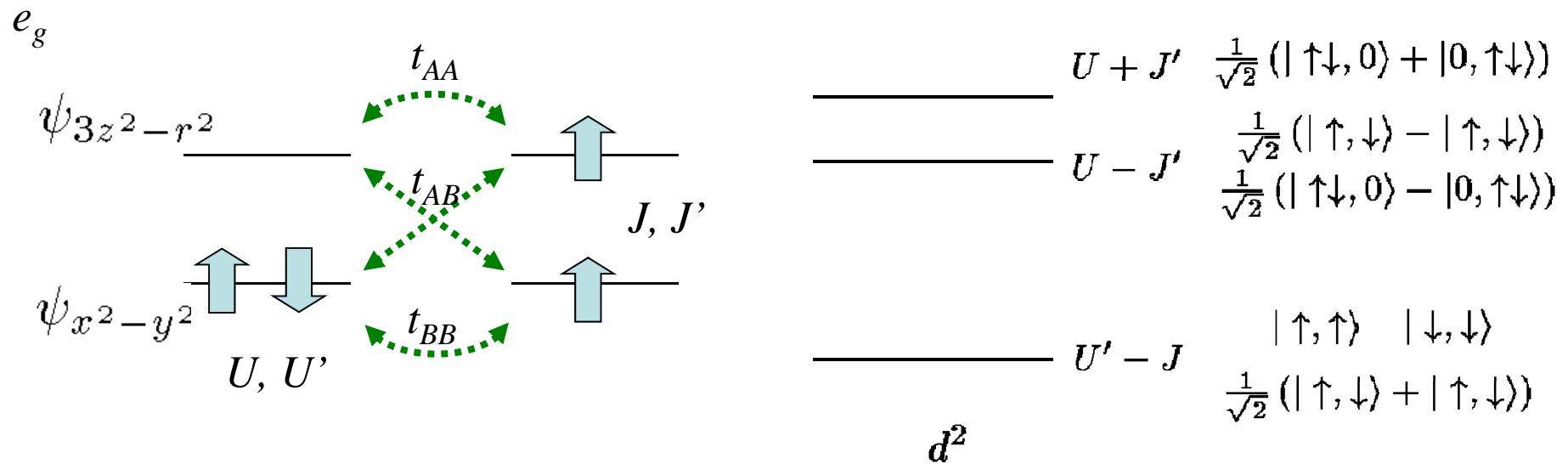
Main actor, Hidden Boss

Orbital degree of freedom

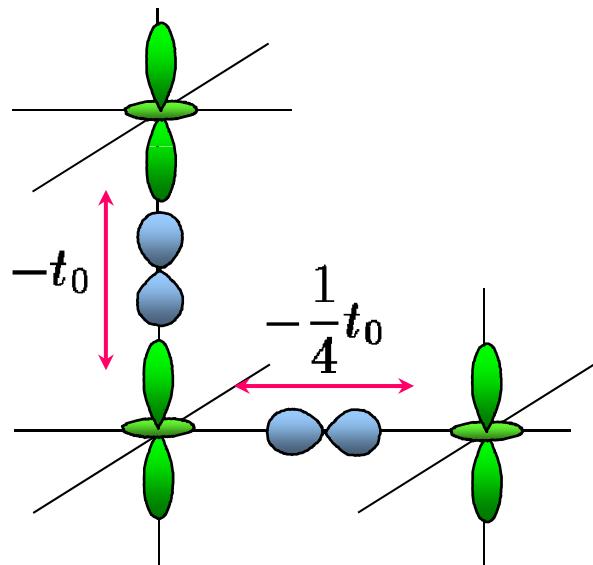


Multi-orbital Hubbard model

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \gamma\sigma} t_{\gamma\gamma'} (c_{i\gamma\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\gamma'\sigma} + H.c.) \\
 & + U \sum_{i\gamma} n_{i\gamma\uparrow} n_{i\gamma\downarrow} + U' \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} n_{iA\sigma} n_{iB\sigma'} \\
 & - J \sum_{i\sigma\sigma'} c_{iA\sigma}^\dagger c_{iB\sigma} c_{iB\sigma'}^\dagger c_{iA\sigma'} - J' \sum_{i\gamma} c_{i\gamma\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\bar{\gamma}\uparrow} c_{i\gamma\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\bar{\gamma}\downarrow},
 \end{aligned}$$

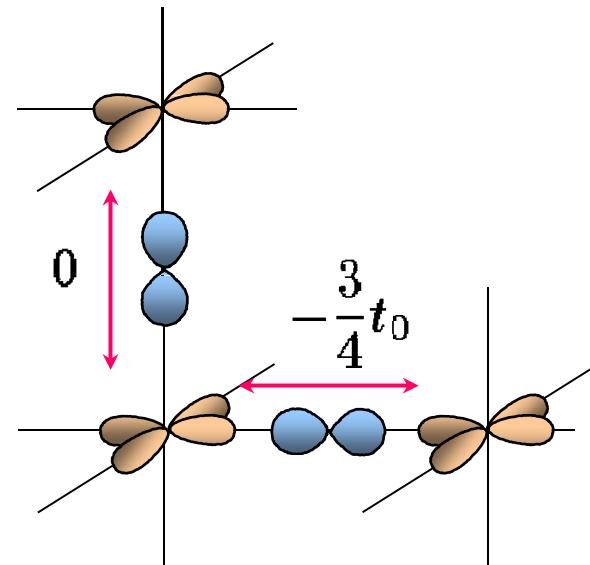
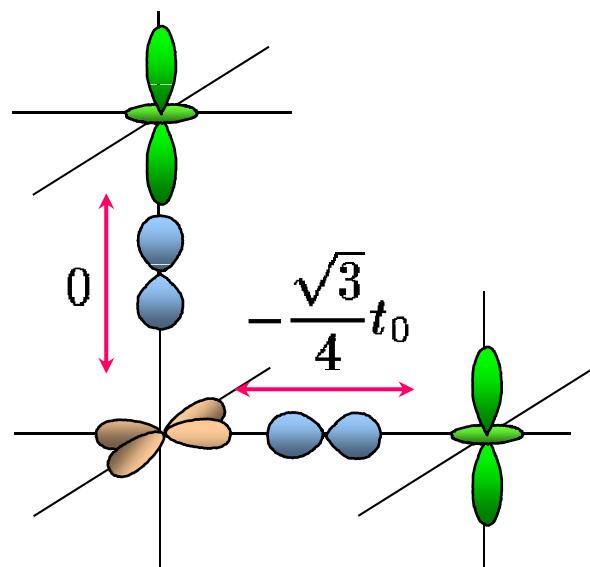


Electron transfer

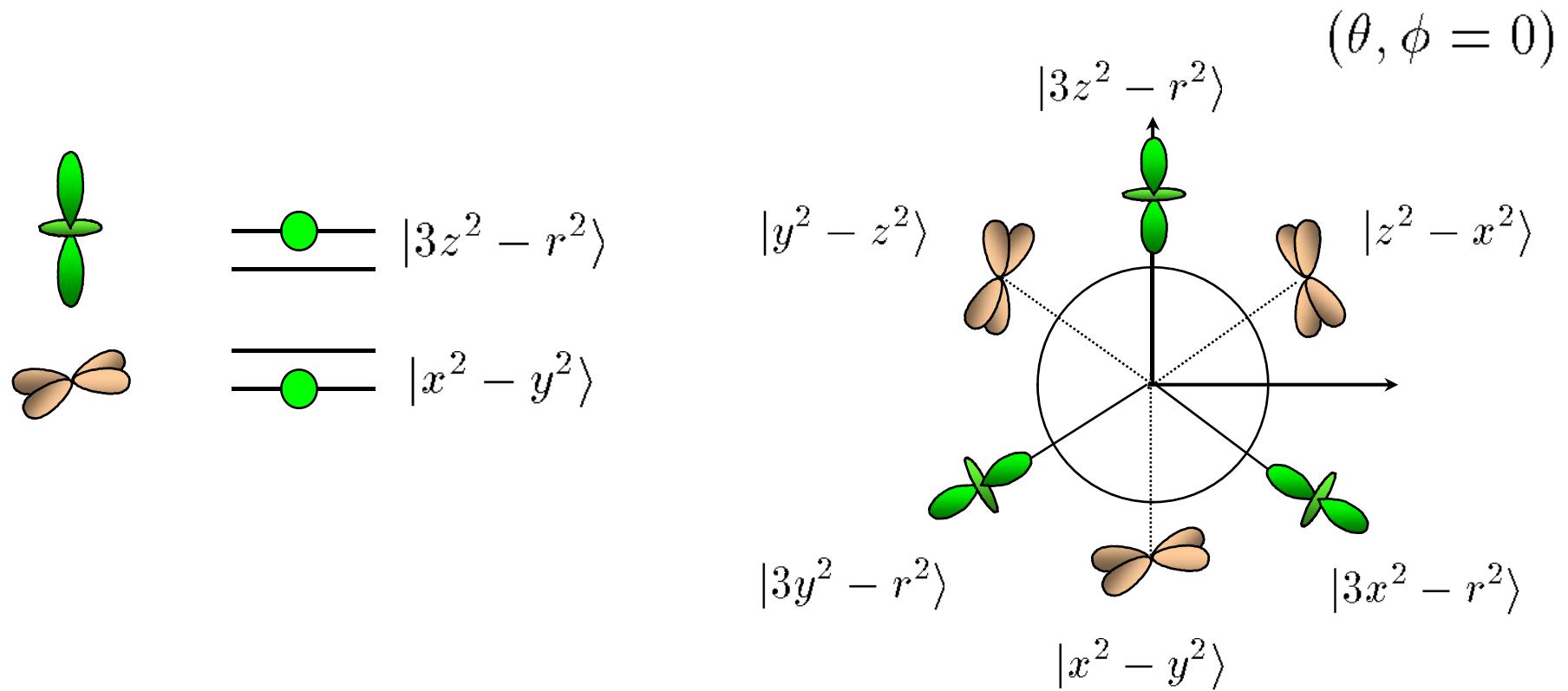


Through O_{2p} orbital

NN e_g orbital



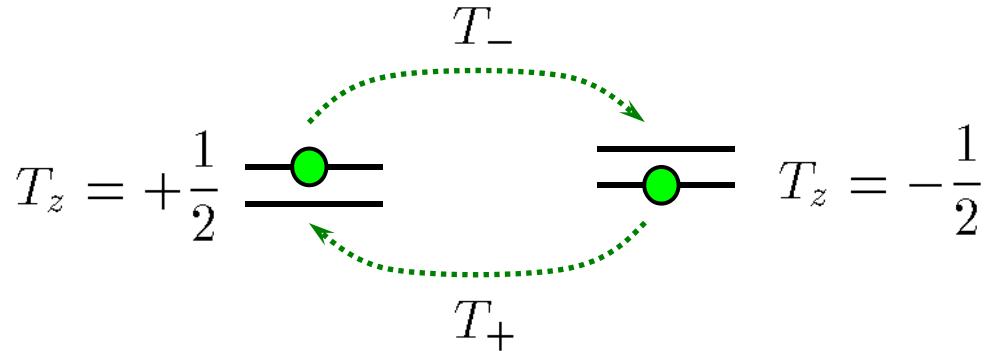
Pseudo-spin



$$|\theta, \phi\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |3z^2 - r^2\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |x^2 - y^2\rangle$$

Pseudo-spin

$$\vec{T}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \sigma} c_{i\gamma_1\sigma}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\gamma_1\gamma_2} c_{i\gamma_2\sigma}$$



$$E_g \times E_g = A_{1g} + E_g + A_{2g}$$

Electric
monopole

$$T_0$$

Electric
quadrupole

$$T_x \ T_z$$

Magnetic
monopole

$$T_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} & |3z^2 - r^2\rangle \\ & |x^2 - y^2\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|3z^2 - r^2\rangle + i|x^2 - y^2\rangle)$$

Spin-Orbital model

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right) \\
 & -2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left[\left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_i^l \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_j^l \right) \right] \\
 & -2J_3 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_i^l \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_j^l \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_i^l = \cos \left(\frac{2\pi n_l}{3} \right) T_i^z + \sin \left(\frac{2\pi n_l}{3} \right) T_i^x$$

$(n_x, n_y, n_z) = (1, 2, 3)$ l : $i j$ bond direction

$$J_1 = \frac{t_0^2}{U' - J} \quad J_2 = \frac{t_0^2}{U - J'} \quad J_3 = \frac{t_0^2}{U + J'}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{U + J'}$$

$$\frac{}{U - J'}$$

$$\frac{}{U' - J}$$

K. I. Kugel, and D. I. Khomskii,
 Sov. Phys. Usp. 25, 231 ('82).

Spin-Orbital model

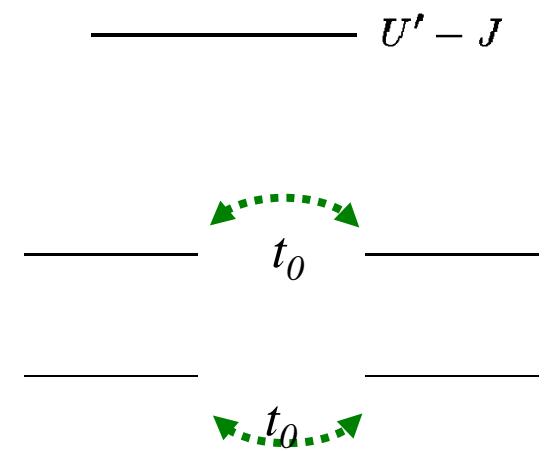
$$t_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} = \delta_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} t_0 \quad J_2 = J_3$$

$U + J'$

$U' + J$

SU(2) \times SU(2) spin-orbital model

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j \right) \\ &\quad -2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$t_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} = \delta_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} t_0 \quad J_1 = J_2 = J_3 \quad (J = J' = 0)$$

SU(4) spin-orbital model

$$H = 2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} + \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j \right) + const.$$

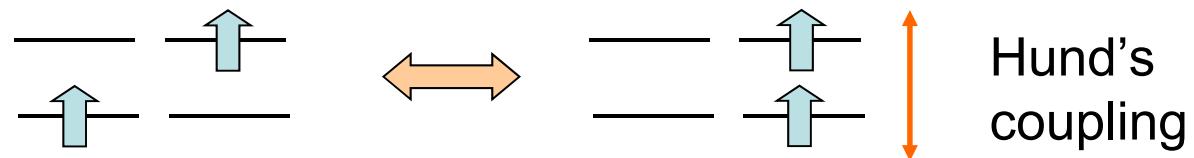
Spin-Orbital model

$SU(2) \times SU(2)$ spin-orbital model

$$J_1 = \frac{t_0^2}{U' - J} > J_2 = J_3 = \frac{t_0^2}{U + J}$$

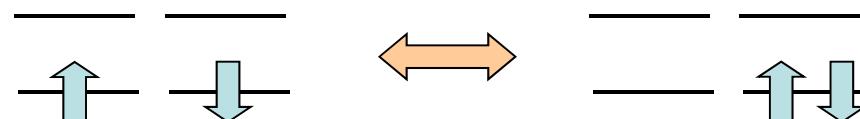
$$H = -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j \right)$$

Spin triplet Orbital singlet



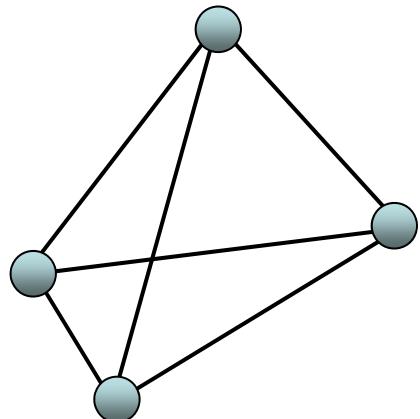
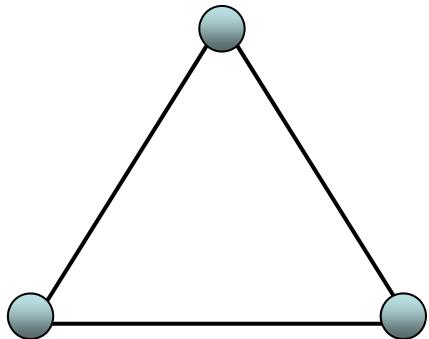
$$-2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{T}_i \cdot \vec{T}_j \right)$$

Spin singlet Orbital triplet

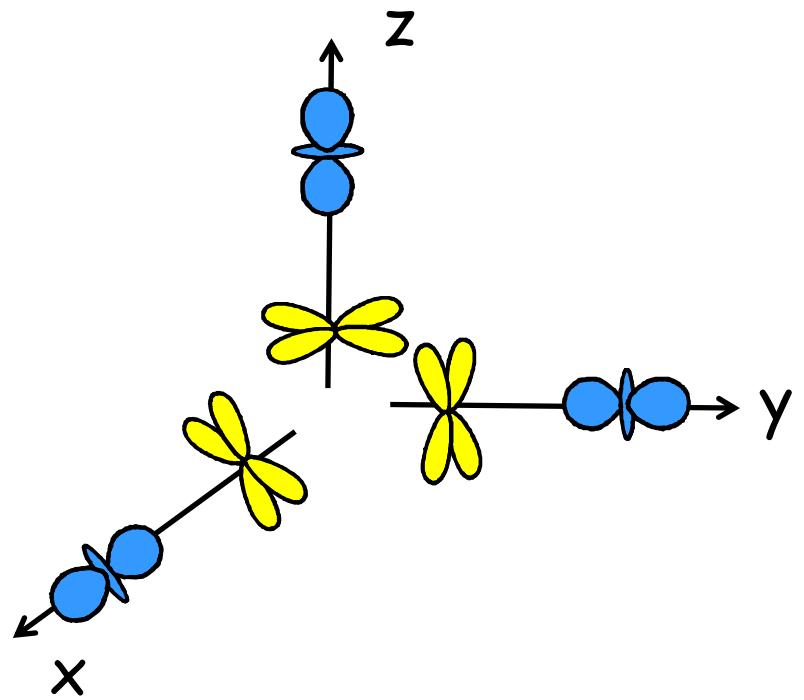


Orbital & frustration

Geometrical frustration



Intrinsic orbital frustration



Even without geometrical
frustration

Orbital models

Spin-Orbital model

Kugel-Khomskii model

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{SE} = & -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right) \\ & -2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left[\left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_i^l \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tau_j^l \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Orbital only model

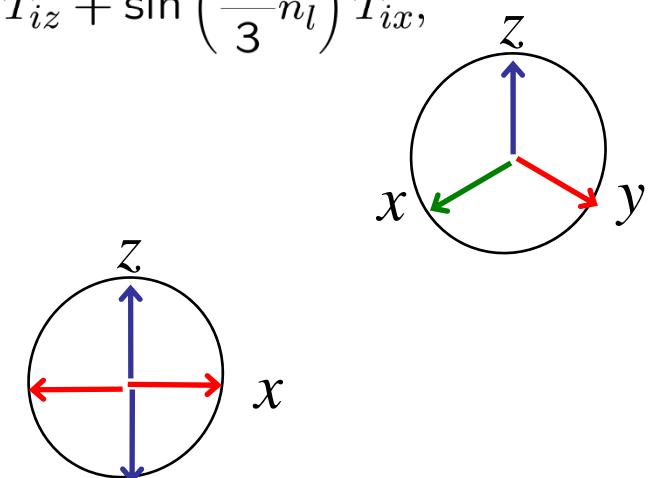
120° model

$$\mathcal{H} = 2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \quad \tau_i^l = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{iz} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{ix},$$

Orbital compass model

$$\mathcal{H} = 2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} T_i^l T_j^l$$

\vec{T}
Pseudo-spin ($S=1/2$)
for doubly degenerate orbital



120° model in a cubic lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = 2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \tau_i^l \tau_j^l$$

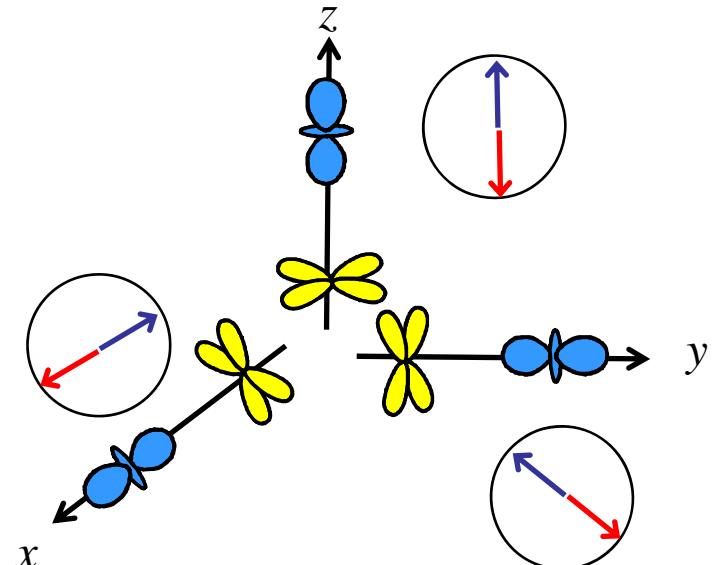
$$\tau_i^l = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{iz} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{ix},$$

$l (= x, y, z)$: bond direction

$$(n_x, n_y, n_z) = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\begin{cases} T_{iz}T_{jz} & l = z \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{iz} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{ix} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{jz} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{jx} \right] & l = x \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{iz} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{ix} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{jz} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{jx} \right] & l = y \end{cases}$$

eg orbitals in a cubic lattice



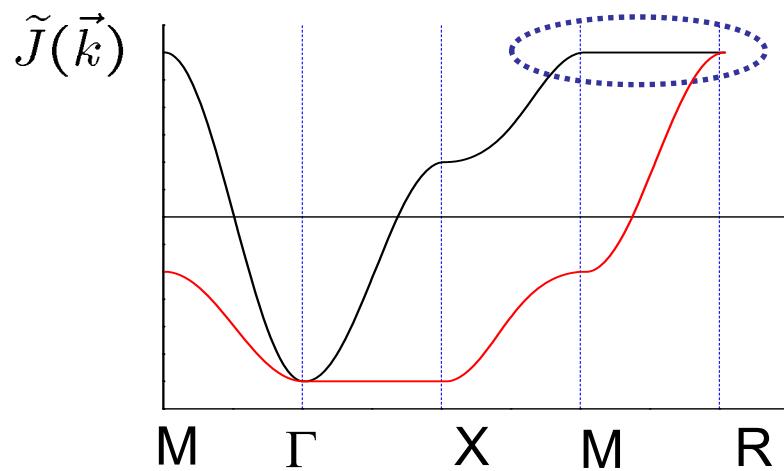
A kind of frustration

Interaction explicitly depends
on bond direction

Orbital 120° model in a cubic lattice

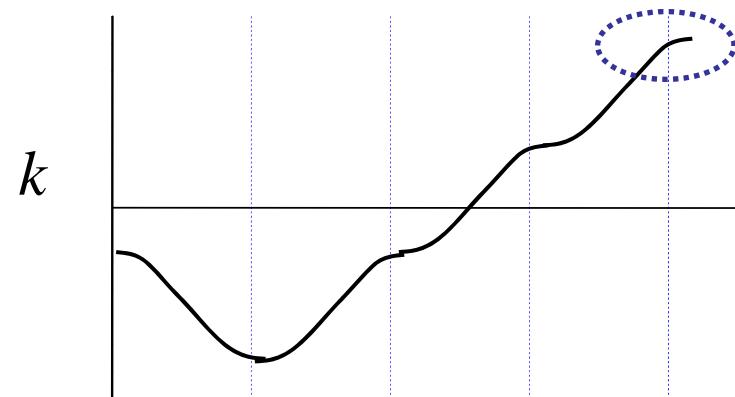
Interaction in momentum space

e_g orbital model



$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{J}(\vec{k}) = & J[-c_x - c_y - c_z \\ \pm & \sqrt{c_x^2 + c_y^2 + c_z^2 - c_x c_y - c_y c_z - c_z c_x}]\end{aligned}$$

Heisenberg model



$$\begin{aligned}J(\vec{k}) = & J \{c_x + c_y + c_z\} \\ c_l = & \cos(ak_l)\end{aligned}$$



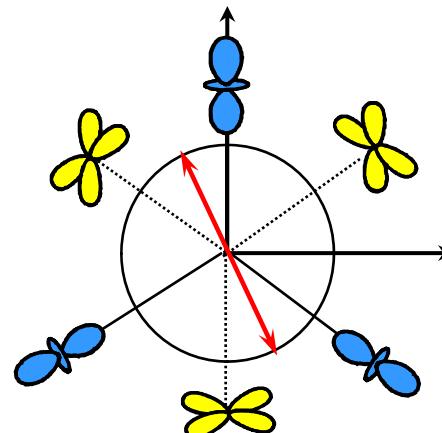
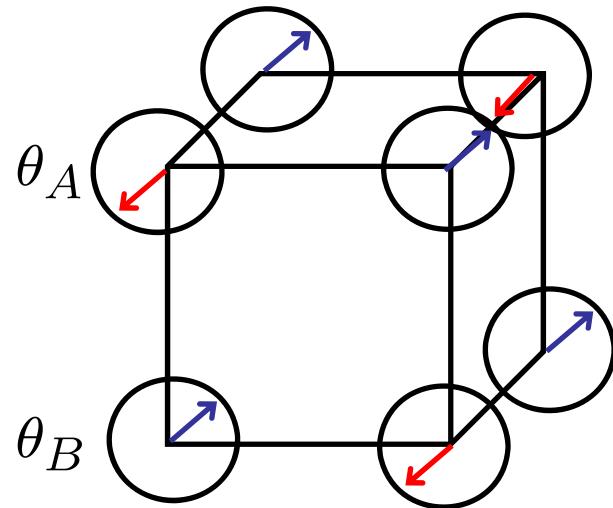
Orbital configuration is not determined uniquely in classical ground state
(like frustrated spin systems)

Degeneracy in classical ground state

A macroscopic degeneracy in classical GS

[1] continuous staggered states

Feiner et al PRL(97)
Khaliullin et al. PRB(97)
Ishihara et al. PRB (00)
Kubo et al. JPSJ (02)
Nussinov et al. EPL(04)



$$(\theta_A/\theta_B) = (\theta/\theta + \pi) \quad \forall \theta$$

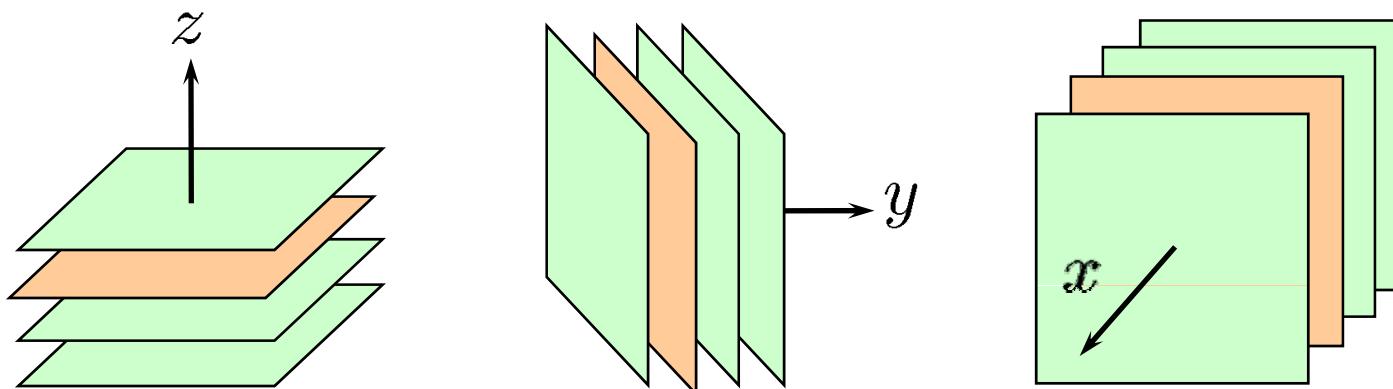
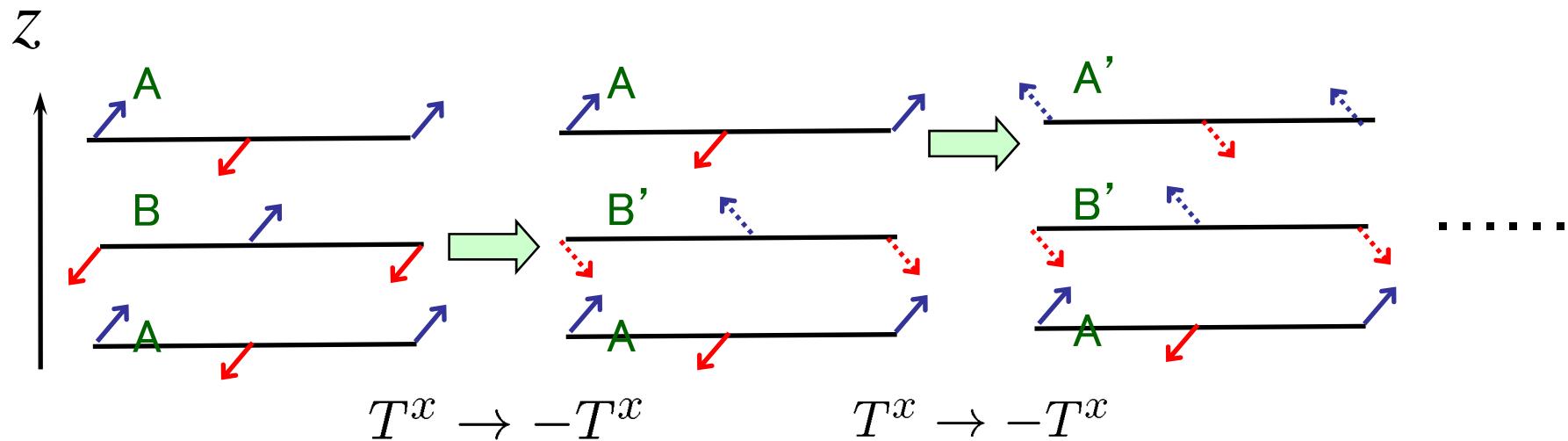


No continuous symmetry
in Hamiltonian

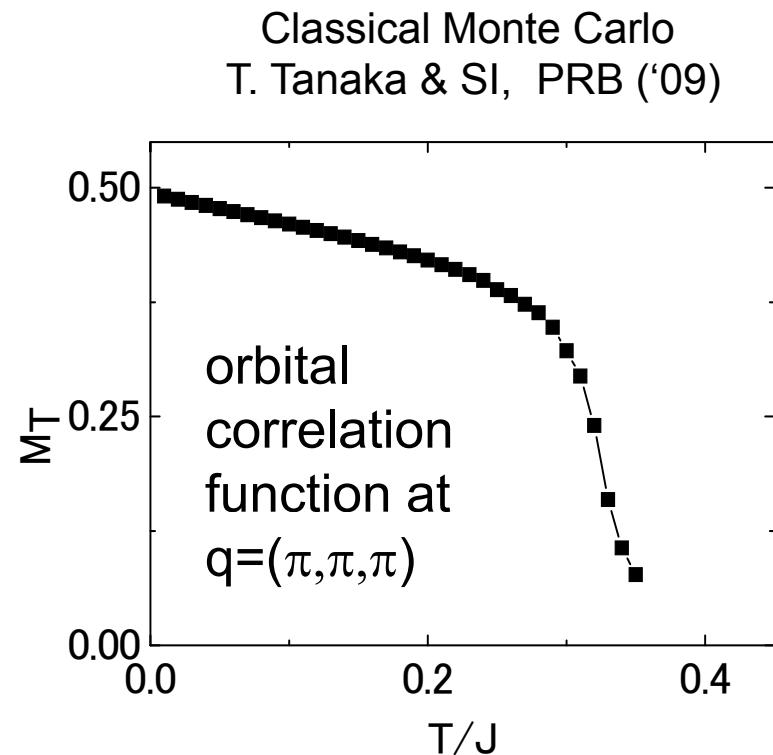
Degeneracy in classical ground state

[2] staking degenerate states

$$\mathcal{H}(z - \text{direction}) \sim 2JT_i^z T_j^z$$

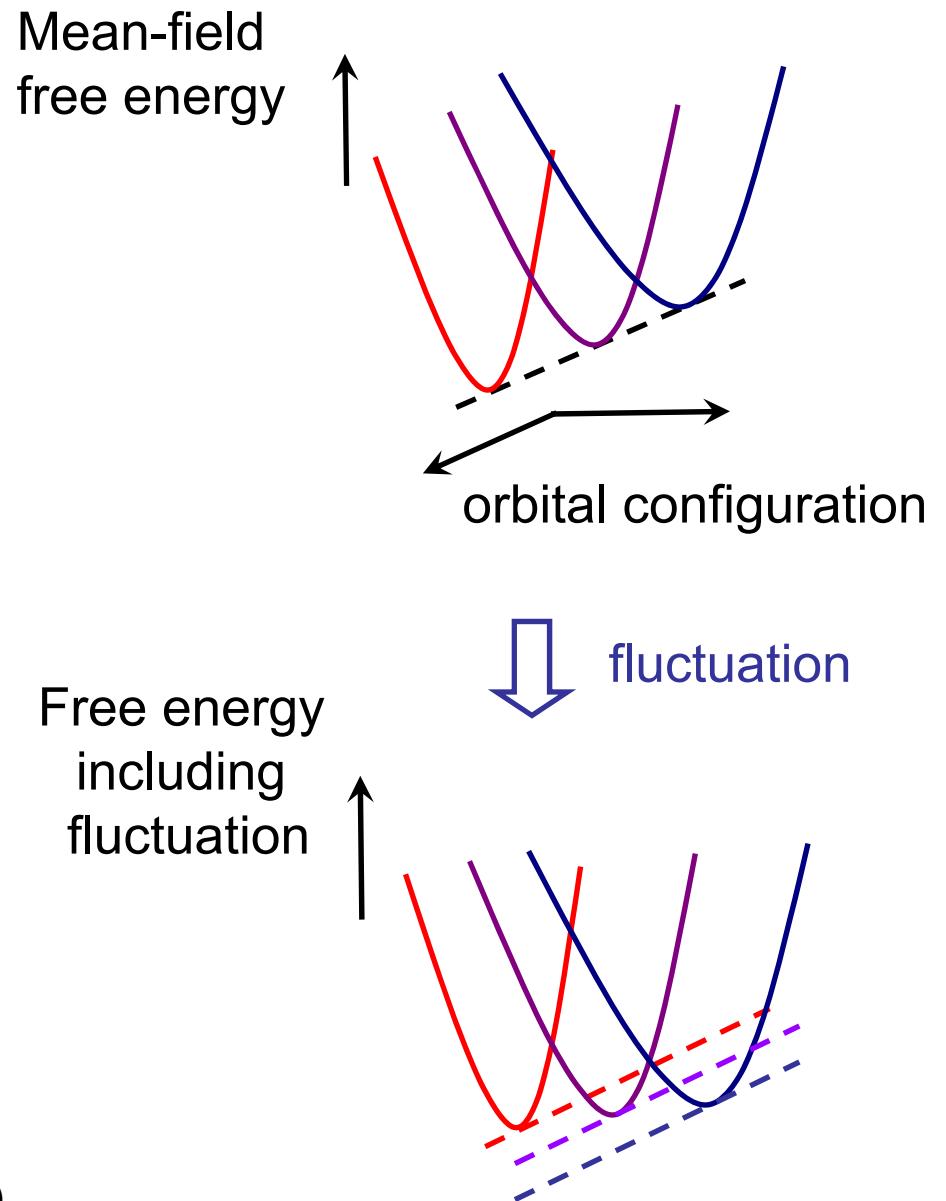


Order by fluctuation



Thermal/Quantum fluctuation
↓
Long-range orbital order

Feiner et al (97), Khaliullin et al. (97)
SI et al. (00), Kubo et al. (02), Nussinov et al. (04)

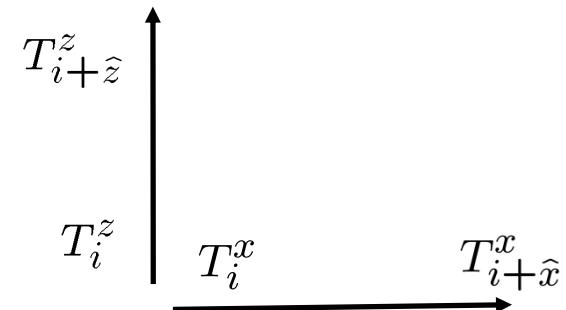


Compass model in a square lattice

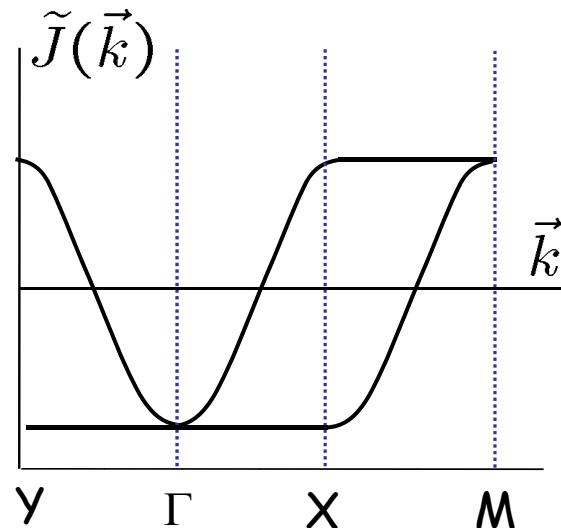
“Orbital compass model” in a 2-dim. square lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_i (T_i^x T_{i+\hat{x}}^x + T_i^z T_{i+\hat{z}}^z)$$

Kugel-Khomskii JETP (73),
Khomskii-Mostovoy J. Phys (03)
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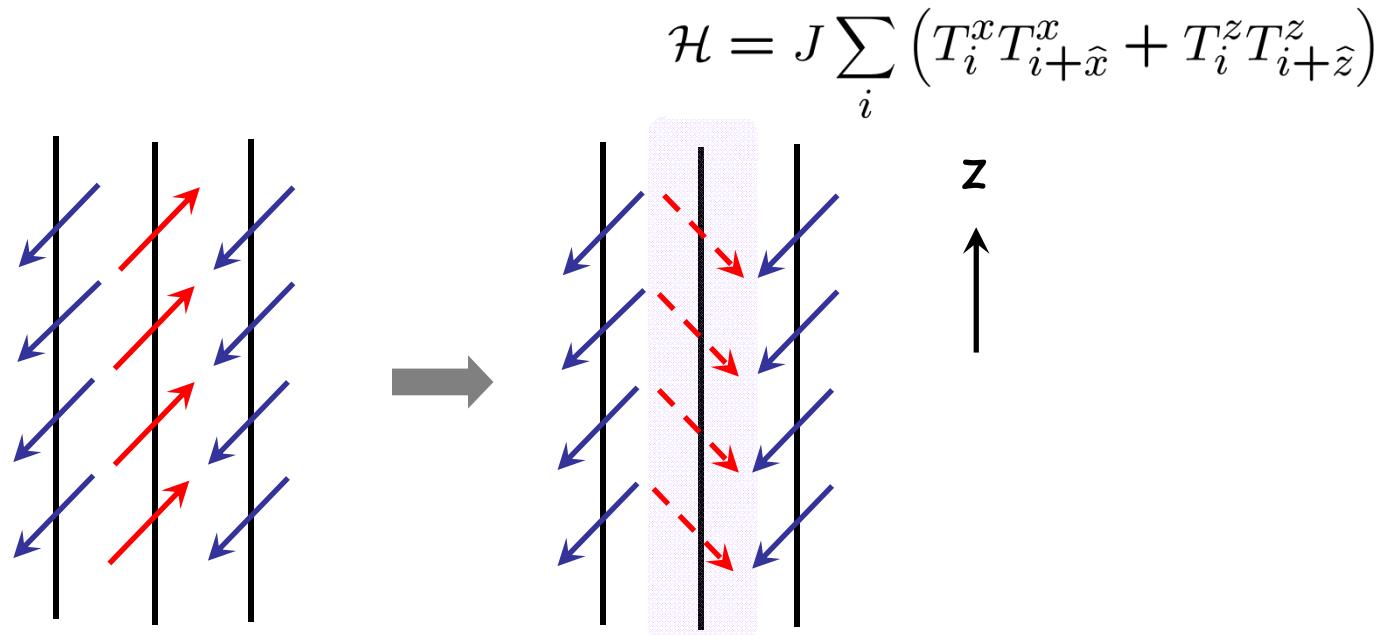


Momentum dependence of orbital interaction



Continuous classical
GS degeneracy

Symmetry of Compass model

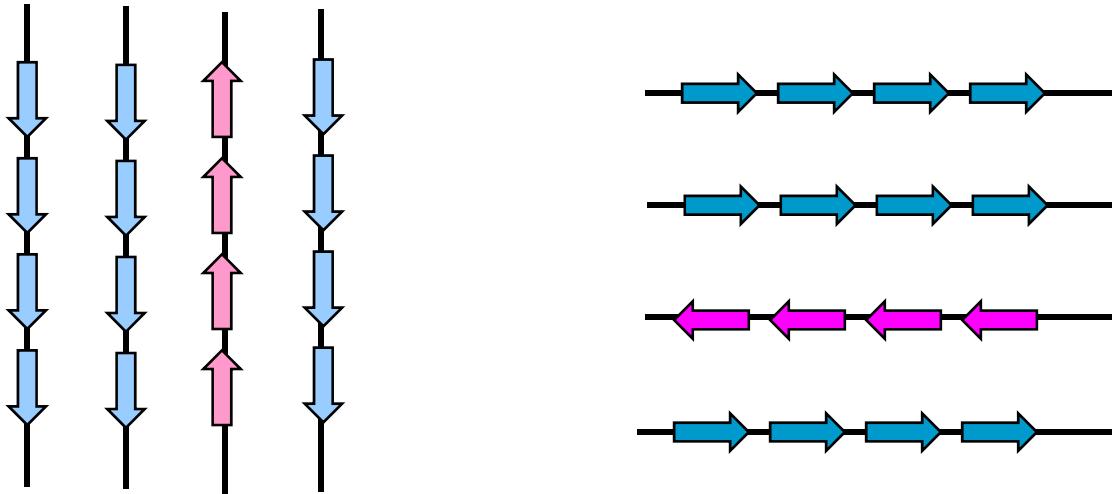


Hamiltonian is invariant
under the transformation of $T^z \rightarrow -T^z$ in each column

Mishra et al PRL(04), Nussinov et al. EPL(04),
Dorier et al. PRB('05), Doucot et al. PRB(05)

Conventional orbital order does not appear
(generalized Elitzur's theorem)

Directional order



Directional order

: T^x (T^z) correlation along x (z) direction

$$D = N^{-1} \sum_i (T_i^x T_{i+\hat{x}}^x - T_i^z T_{i+\hat{z}}^z)$$

Mishra et al PRL(04) Classical
Dorier et al. PRB('05) T=0
Doucot et al. PRB(05) T=0

Present talk

Orbital 120°model
in a cubic lattice

Classical GS degeneracy
Order by disorder

Ring exchange interaction
in orbital 120 °model

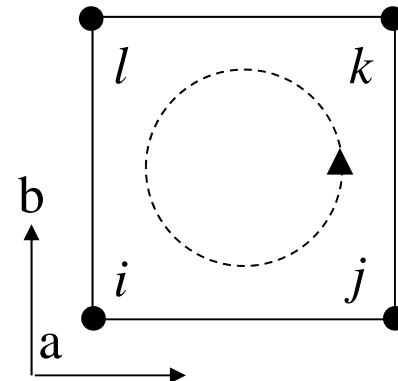
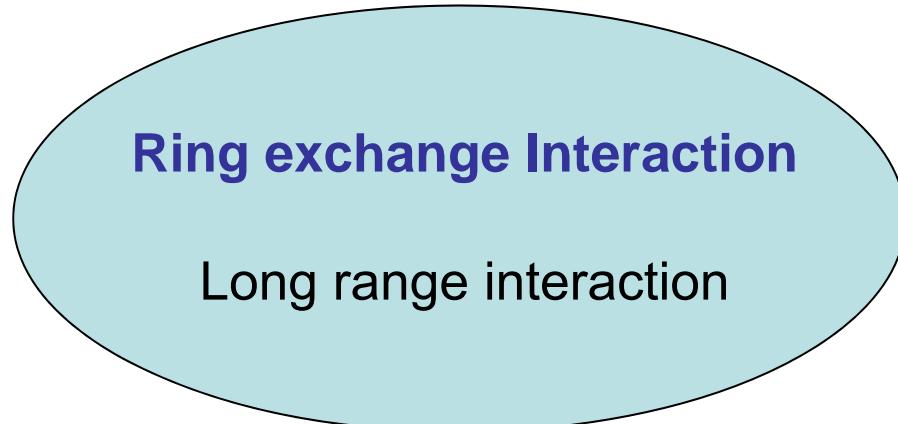
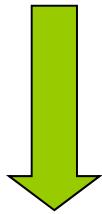
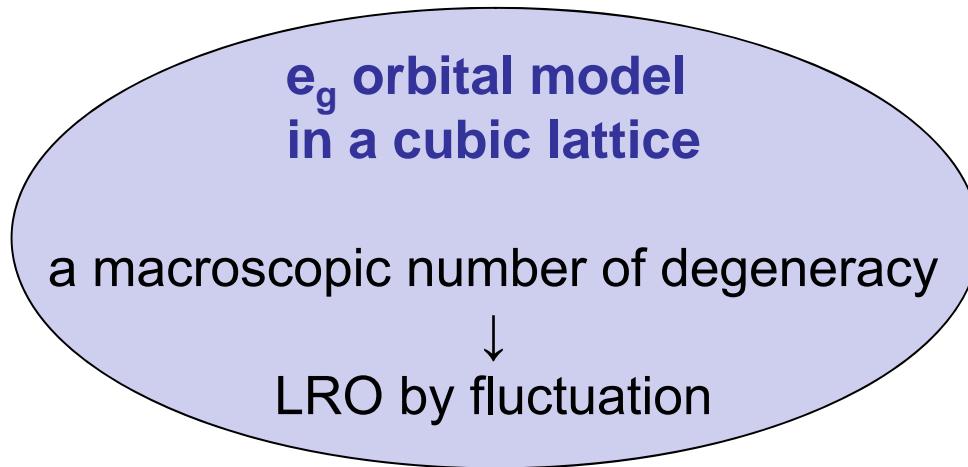
Orbital 120 °model
in honeycomb lattice

Effect of
dynamical Jahn-Teller
and spin liquid

Orbital excitation

Ring-exchange interaction in orbital 120 mode

Ring exchange interaction



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High-Tc cuprates
Spin ladder
Triangular magnet
SU(4) model
Deconfined criticality

Close to MIT
(Nickelates
Manganite with pressure)

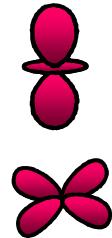
Model

Spin-less e_g orbital Hubbard model

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_l} \sum_{\mu\mu'=u,v} \left[t_l^{\mu\mu'} c_{i\mu}^\dagger c_{j\mu'} + h.c. \right] + U \sum_i n_{iu} n_{iv}$$

$$= H_t + H_U$$

$$|u\rangle = |3z^2 - r^2\rangle$$



$$|v\rangle = |x^2 - y^2\rangle$$

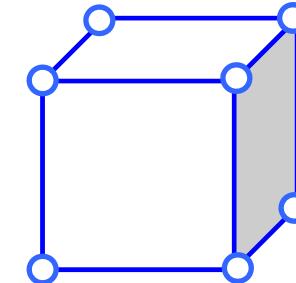
perturbation up to $O(t^4)$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_2 + H_4$$

2nd order

$$H_J = H_2 = J \sum_i \left(\tau_i^x \tau_{i+\hat{x}}^x + \tau_i^y \tau_{i+\hat{y}}^y + \tau_i^z \tau_{i+\hat{z}}^z \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \tau_i^x = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x & d_{3z^2-r^2} \\ \tau_i^y = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x & d_{x^2-y^2} \\ \tau_i^z = T_i^z & T^z \rightarrow +\frac{1}{2} \quad T^z \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



Cubic lattice
Half filling
Spin less

Ring exchange interaction

4th order term

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_4 &= K_{NN} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_a} (\tau_i^a \tau_j^a - \bar{\tau}_i^a \bar{\tau}_j^a - T_i^y T_j^y) \\ &+ K_{NNN} \sum'_{\langle ij \rangle_a} \left(\tau_i^a \tau_j^a - 5\bar{\tau}_i^a \bar{\tau}_j^a + \frac{1}{2} T_i^y T_j^y \right) \\ &+ K_{3NN} \sum''_{\langle ij \rangle_a} \tau_i^a \tau_j^a + \boxed{\mathcal{H}_R}\end{aligned}$$

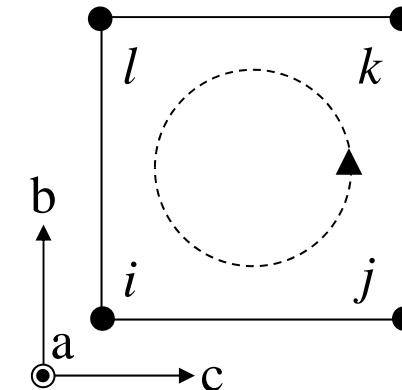
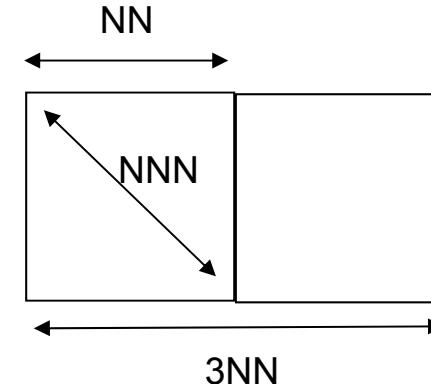
$$K_{NN} = 3t^4/(2U^3) \quad K_{NNN} = 3t^4/(4U^3) \quad K_{3NN} = 4t^4/U^3$$

Ring exchange interaction

$$\mathcal{H}_R = K_R \sum_{[ijkl]_a} \frac{1}{2} (\tau_i^{a+} \tau_j^{a-} \tau_k^{a+} \tau_l^{a-} + H.c.)$$

$$\tau_i^{\pm a} = \tau_i^a \pm i(\sqrt{3}/2)T_i^y$$

$$K_R = 40t^4/U^3$$



$$r_R = \sqrt{K_R/(20J)}$$

$$r_R = 0.1 - 0.2$$

LaMnO₃

$$r_R = 0.4 - 0.5$$

LaNiO₃

Ring exchange v.s. NN exchange

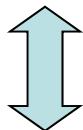
c.f. f-electron system (Kuramoto, Shiba)
doped manganite (Khomskii, Shiba, Nagaosa)

Ring exchange interaction

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$$\tau_i^{\pm a} = \tau_i^a \pm i(\sqrt{3}/2)T_i^y$$

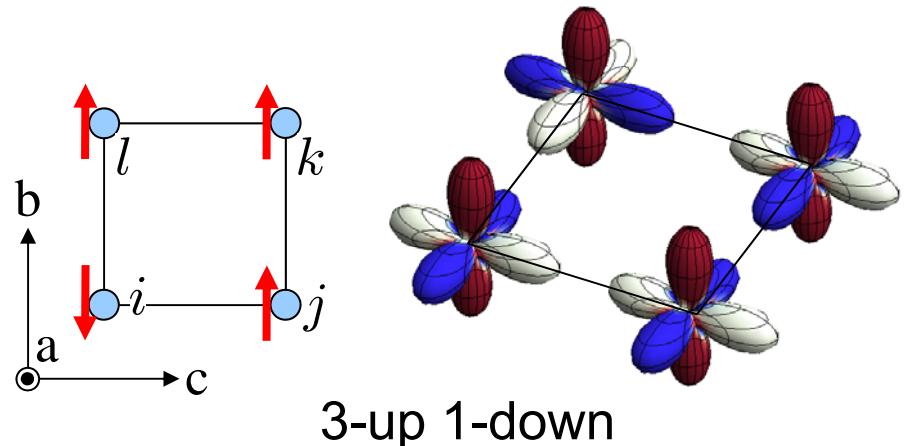
$$K_R = 40t^4/U^3$$



$$T^y \propto \overline{l_x l_y l_z}$$

A_{2g} Magnetic octupole

$$|3z^2 - r^2\rangle + i|x^2 - y^2\rangle$$



2nd order NN exchange

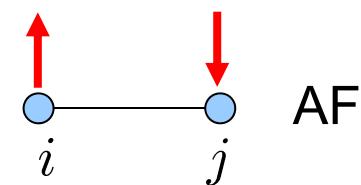
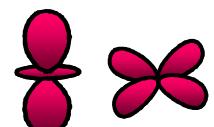
$$H_J = H_2 = J \sum_i \left(\tau_i^x \tau_{i+\hat{x}}^x + \tau_i^y \tau_{i+\hat{y}}^y + \tau_i^z \tau_{i+\hat{z}}^z \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \tau_i^x = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x \\ \tau_i^y = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x \\ \tau_i^z = T_i^z \end{cases}$$

$$T^z \propto 3l_z^2 - l^2$$

$$T^x \propto l_x^2 - l_y^2$$

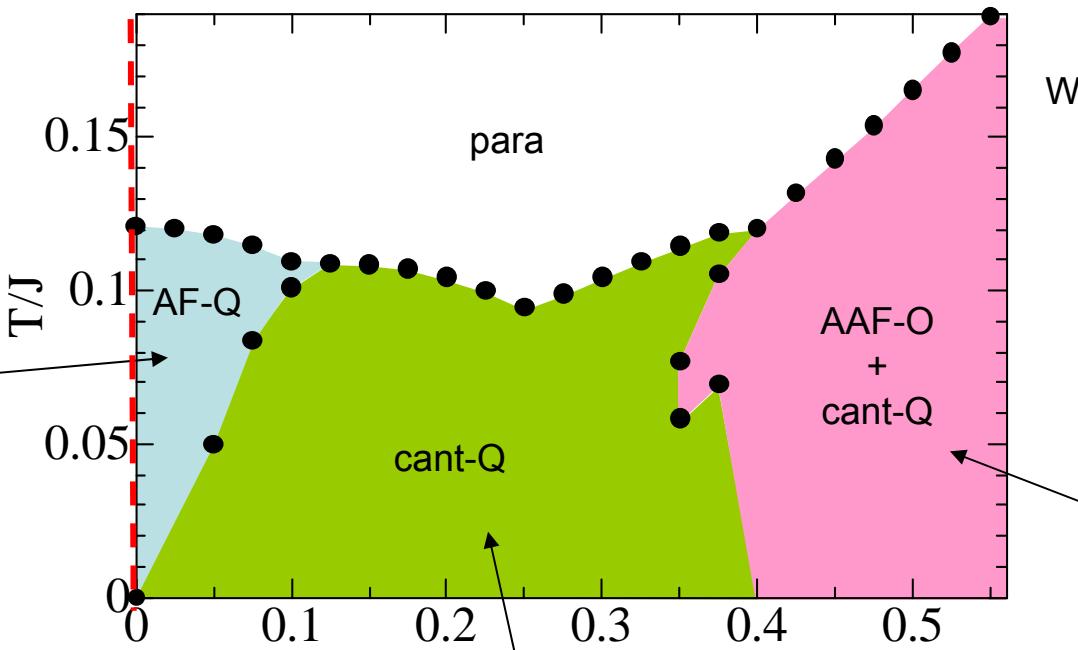
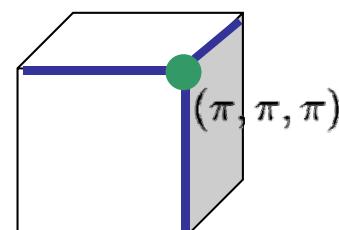
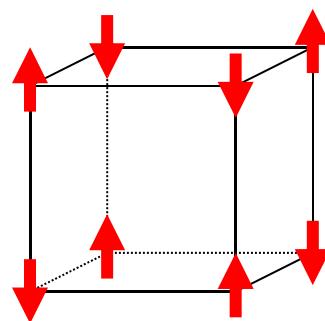
E_g Electric quadrupole



Phase diagram (classical)

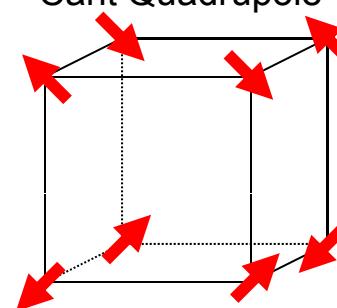
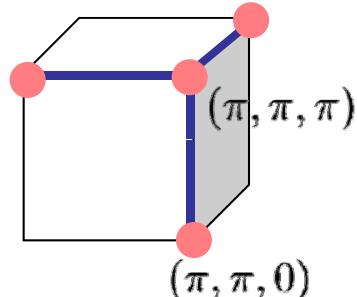
$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_2 + H_4$$

Antiferro Quadrupole



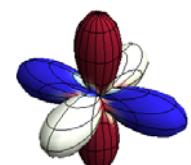
$$r_R = \sqrt{K_R/(20J)}$$

Cant Quadrupole



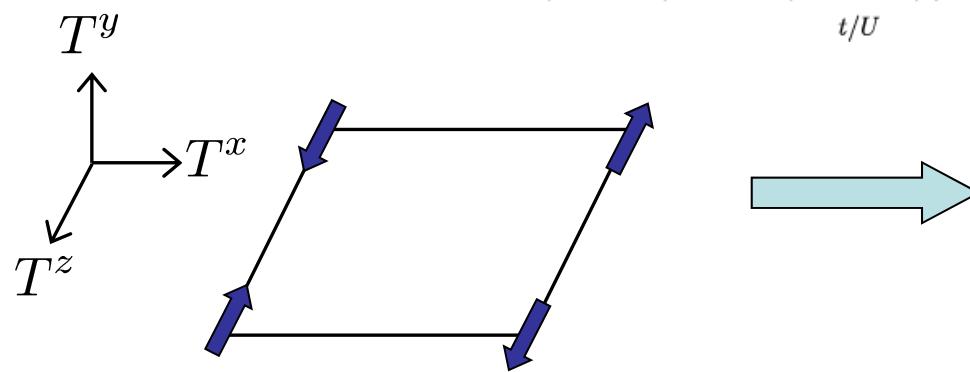
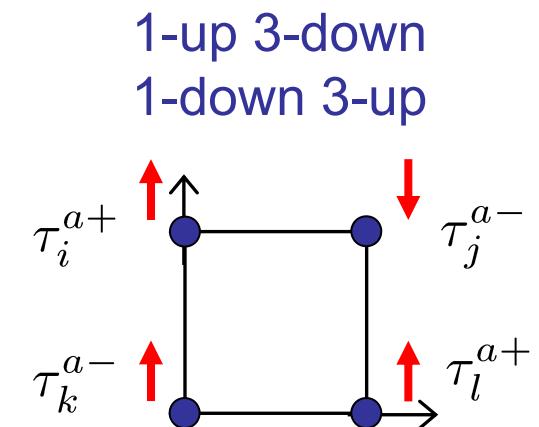
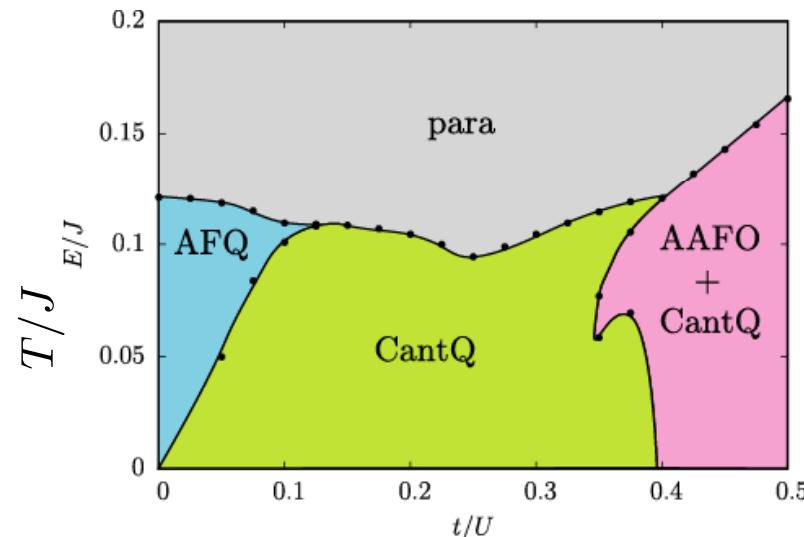
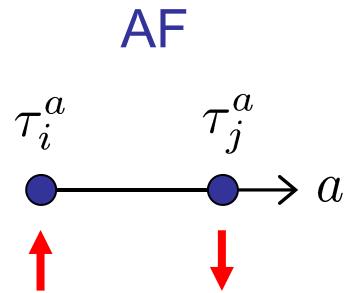
Classical Monte Carlo
Mean field
 10^*10^*10 cluster
Wang-Landau method

Octupole
+
Quadrupole



Ring exchange
lifts the degeneracy
in a different way
from NN exchange

Octupole order



Strong competition between H_J & H_K on the T_x - T_z plane

Ferro T_y order

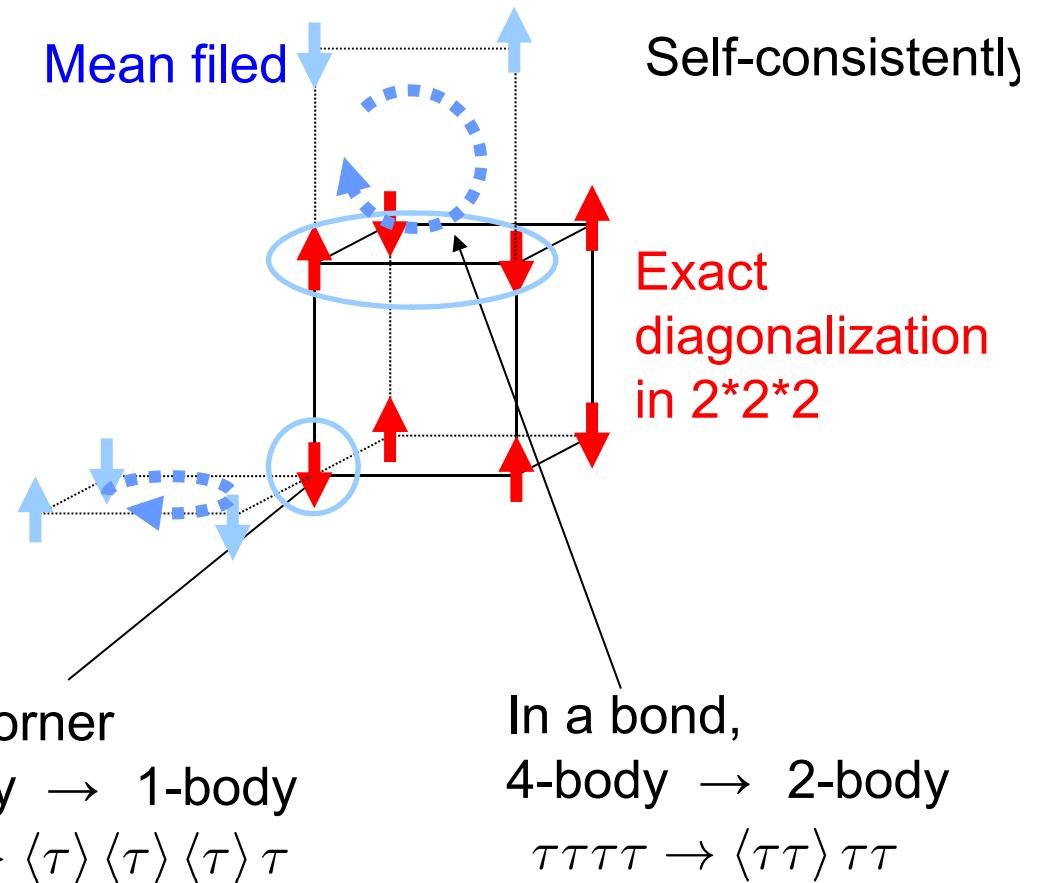
$$\frac{3}{4} K (T_i^z T_j^z T_k^y T_l^y + \dots)$$

Antiferro Ferro

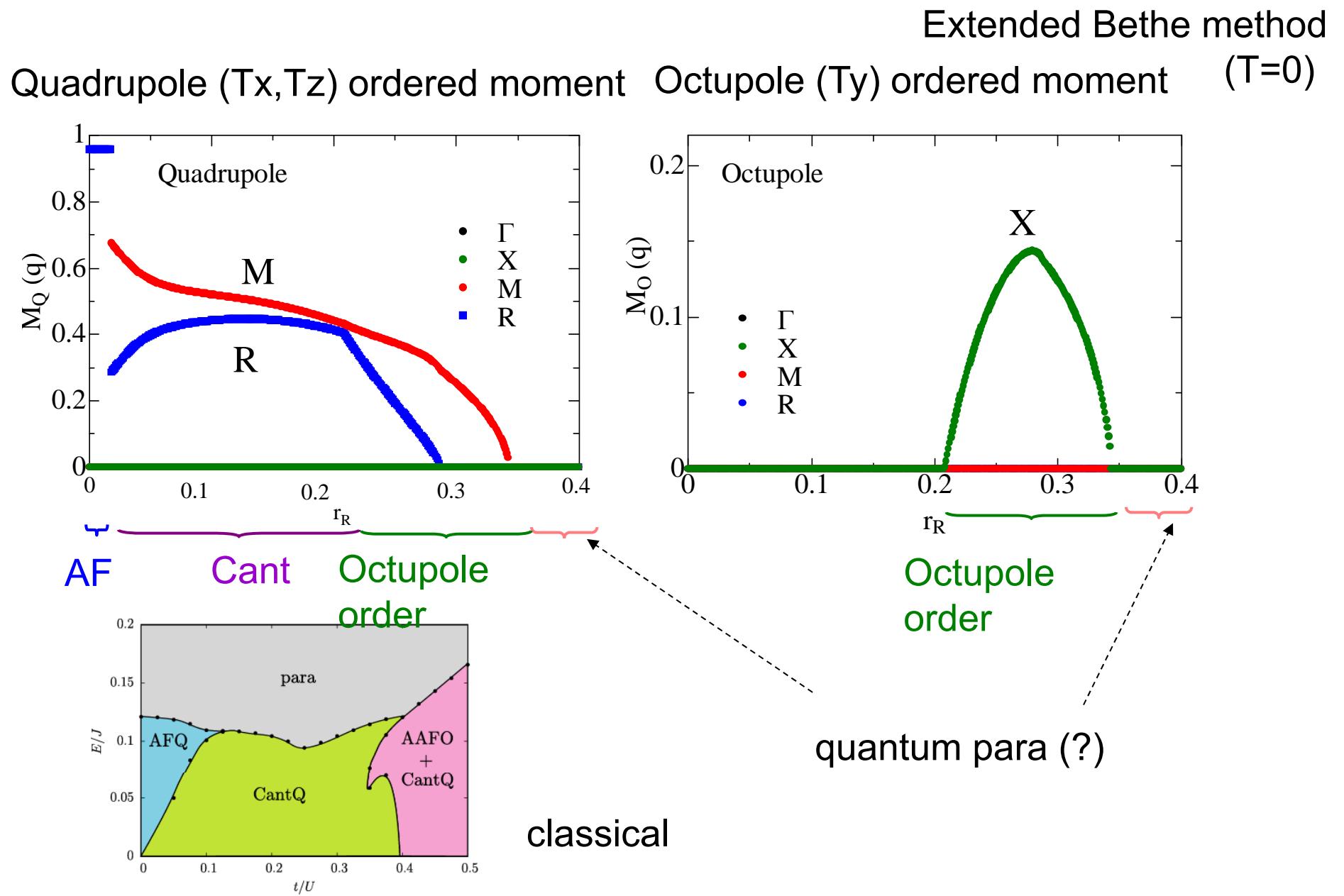
Quantum orbital state

- Extended Bethe method
- Exact diagonalization (Lanczos)
- Spin wave (zero-point energy)

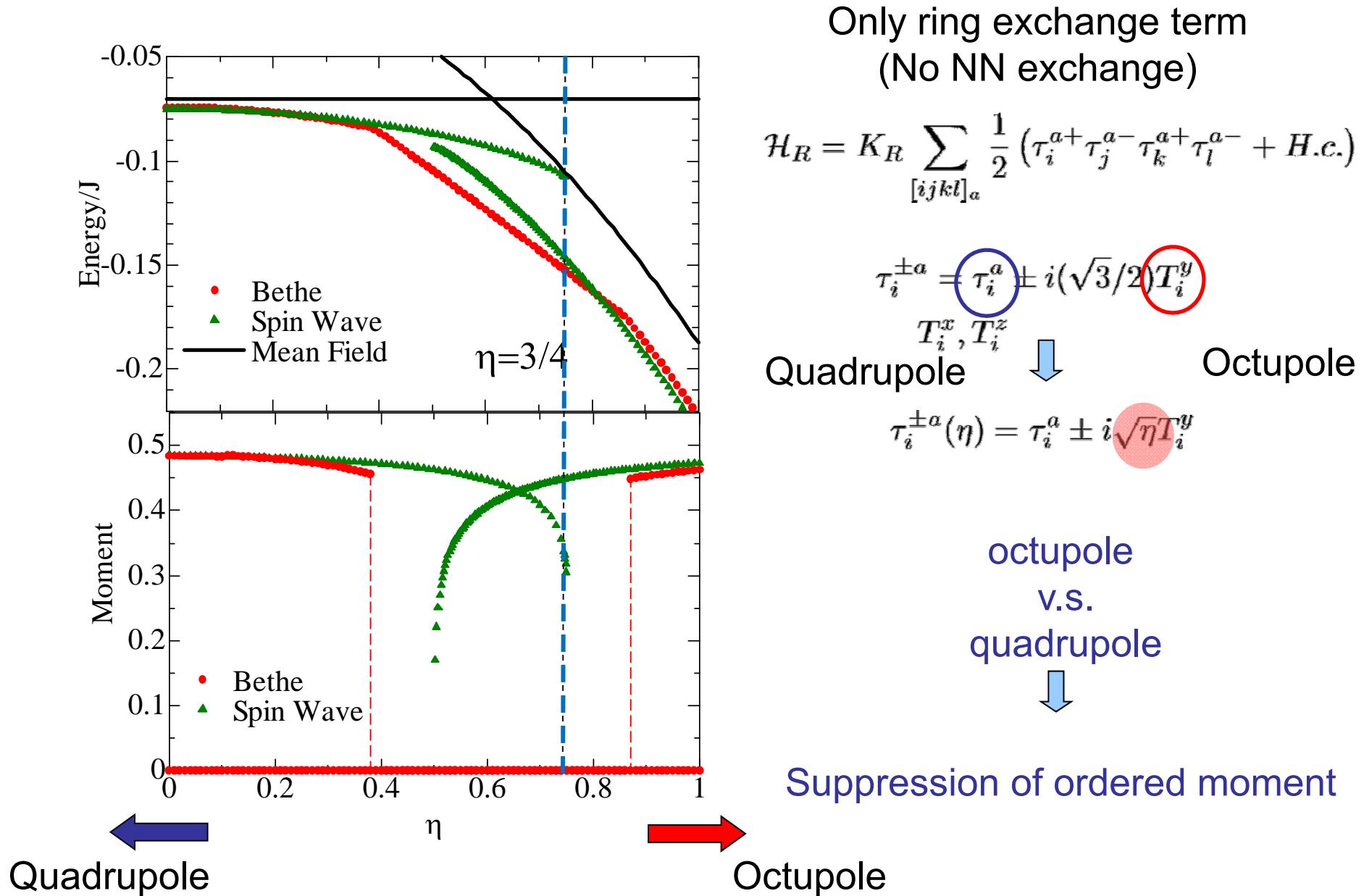
Extended Bethe approximation



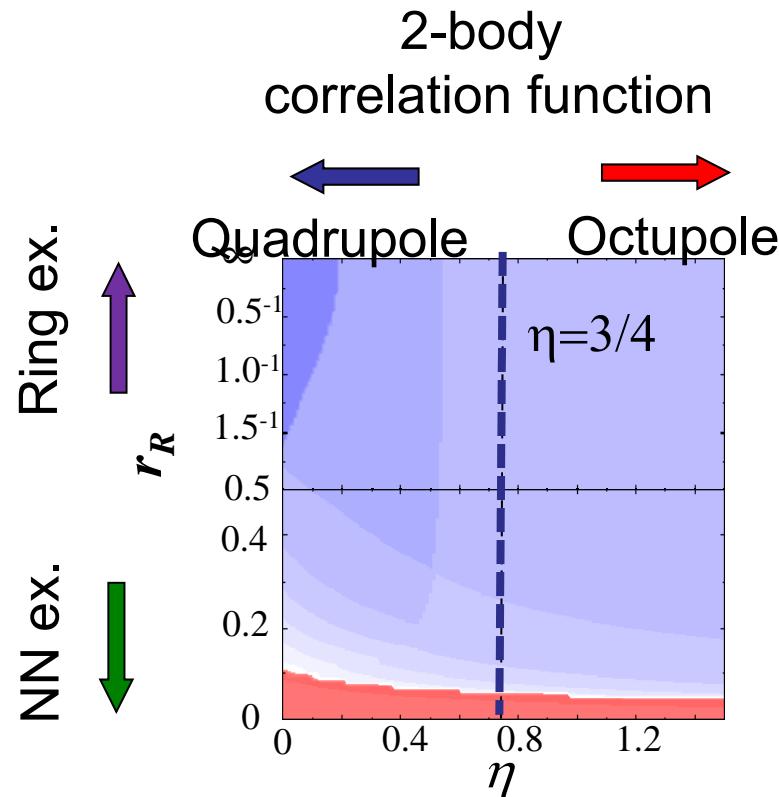
Quantum orbital state



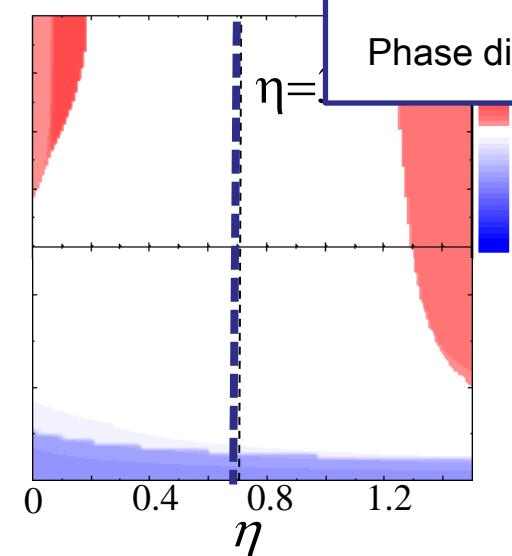
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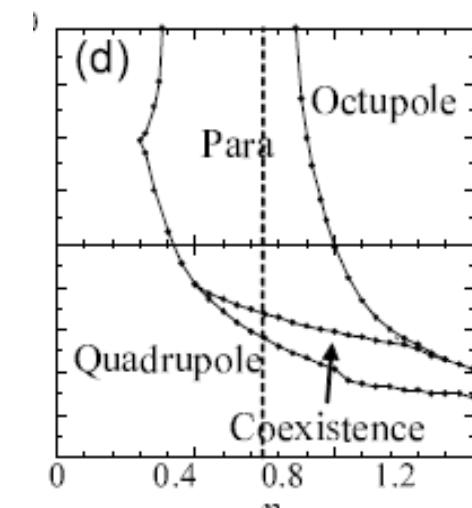
Phase diagram (quantum)



Plaquette correlation fu



Phase diagram by Bethe method



Ring exchange v.s. NN exchange

2-body correlation func.

$$K_Q(\mathbf{q}) = 4N^2 \sum_{ij} \langle T_i^x T_j^x + T_i^z T_j^z \rangle e^{\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$

Plaquette 4-body correlation func.

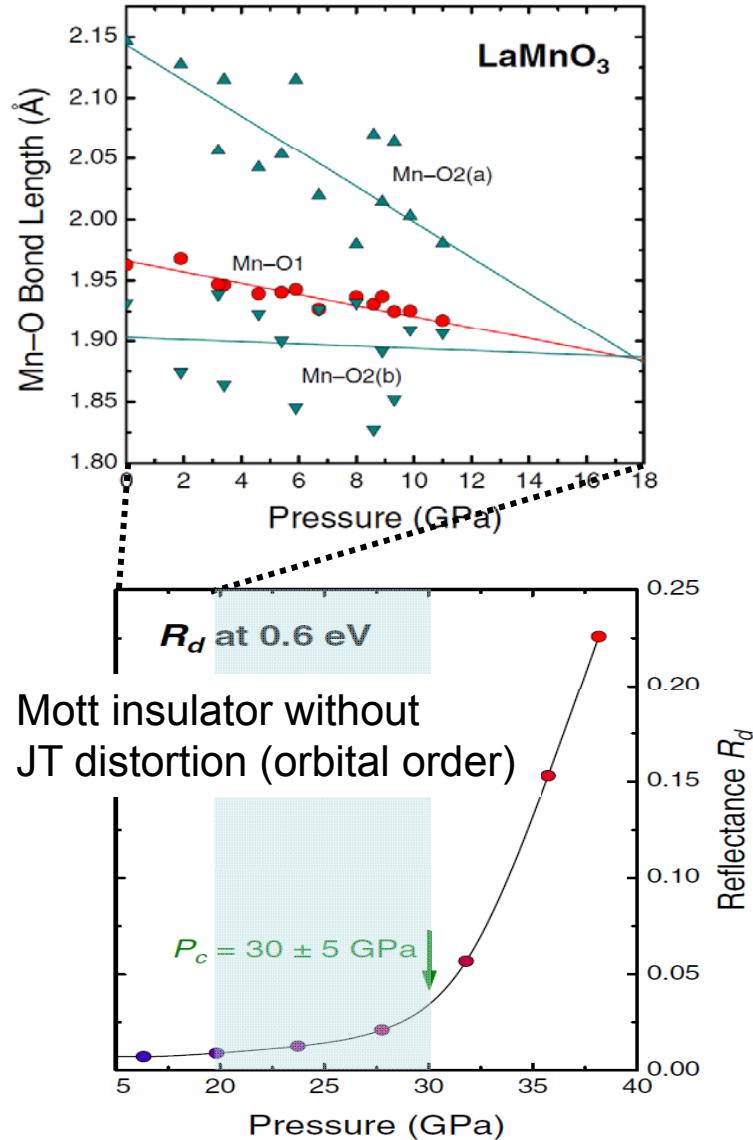
$$P^\alpha = \frac{1}{6N} \sum_{[ijkl]} (1 - 16 \langle T_i^\alpha T_j^\alpha T_k^\alpha T_l^\alpha \rangle)$$

Octupole v.s. Quadrupole

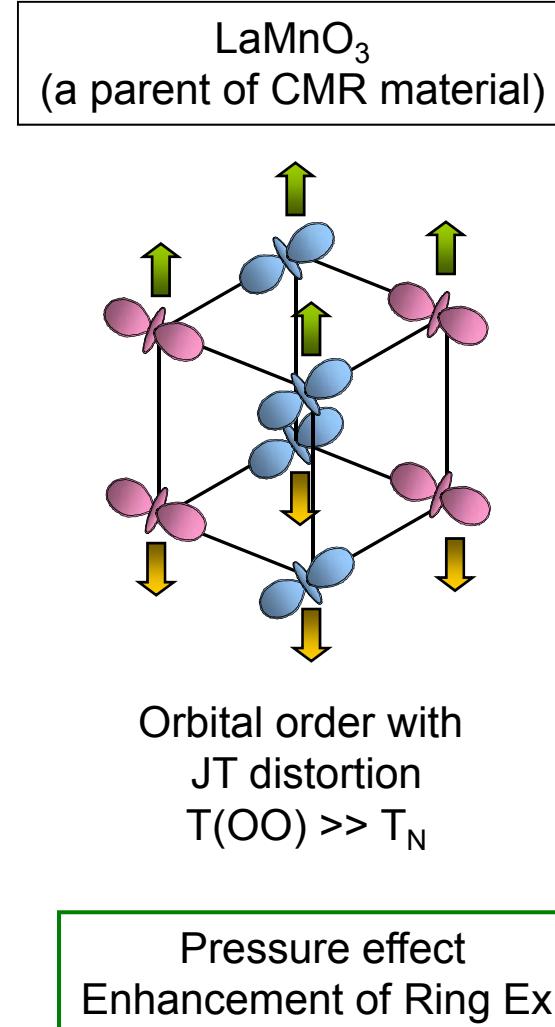


Suppression of ordered moment

Implication for experiments



I. Loa, et.al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **87**, 125501 (2001)



Orbital 120 mode
on a honeycomb lattice

120° model in a cubic lattice

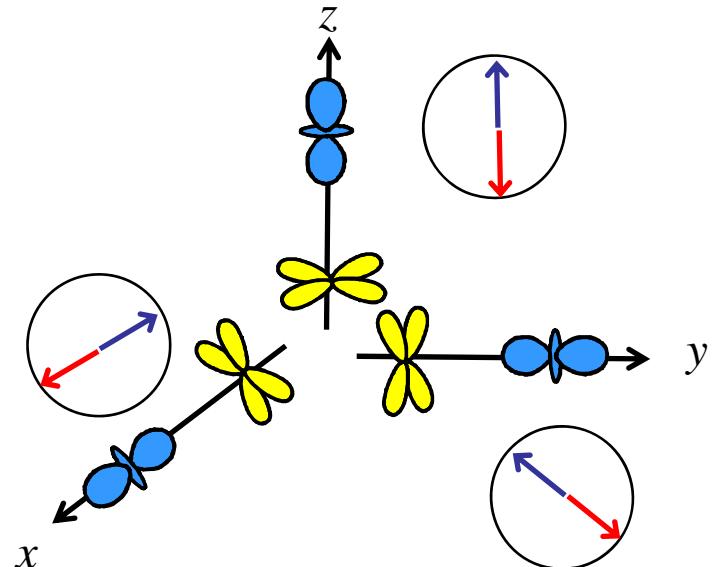
$$\mathcal{H} = 2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \tau_i^l \tau_j^l$$

$$\tau_i^l = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{iz} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n_l\right) T_{ix},$$

$l (= x, y, z)$: bond direction

$$(n_x, n_y, n_z) = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\begin{cases} T_{iz}T_{jz} & l = z \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{iz} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{ix} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{jz} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{jx} \right] & l = x \\ \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{iz} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{ix} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{2}T_{jz} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_{jx} \right] & l = y \end{cases}$$

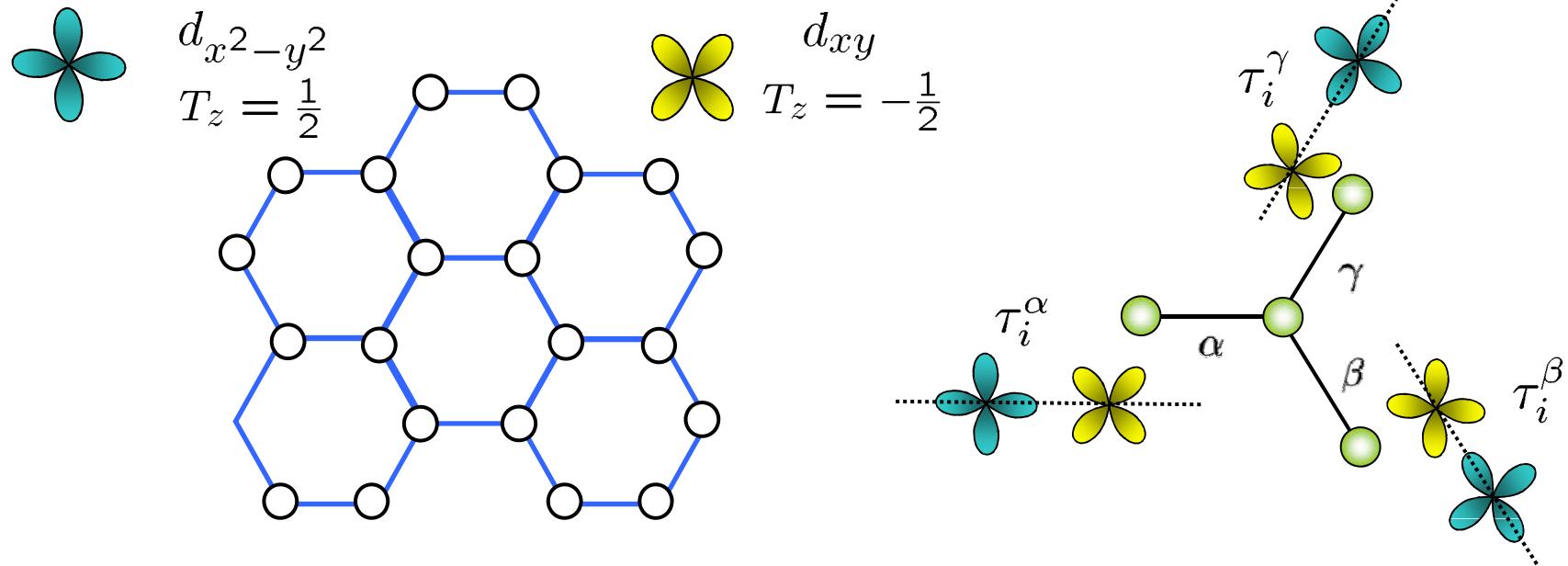


A kind of frustration

Interaction explicitly depends
on bond direction

Honeycomb lattice 120 degree model

Doubly-degenerate orbital on a honeycomb lattice



$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}J \sum_i \left(\frac{3}{4} + \tau_i^\alpha \tau_{i+\delta_\alpha}^\alpha + \tau_i^\beta \tau_{i+\delta_\beta}^\beta + \tau_i^\gamma \tau_{i+\delta_\gamma}^\gamma \right)$$

$$J < 0$$

$$\tau_i^l = \cos \left(\frac{2n_l \pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) T_i^z + \sin \left(\frac{2n_l \pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) T_i^x$$

$$(n_\alpha, n_\beta, n_\gamma) = (1, 2, 3)$$

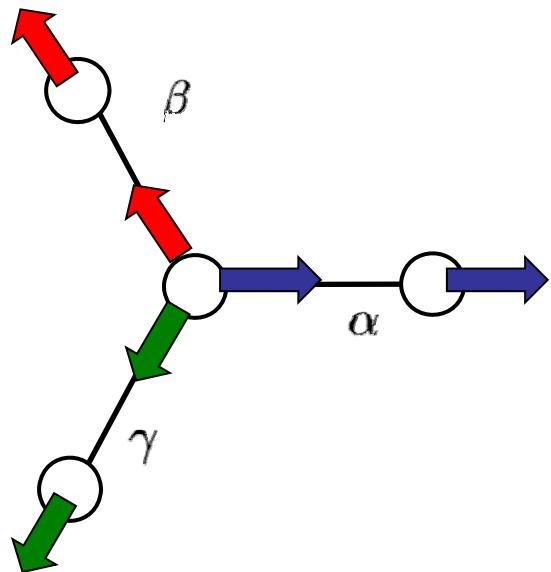
Honeycomb lattice orbital model

Interaction in momentum space

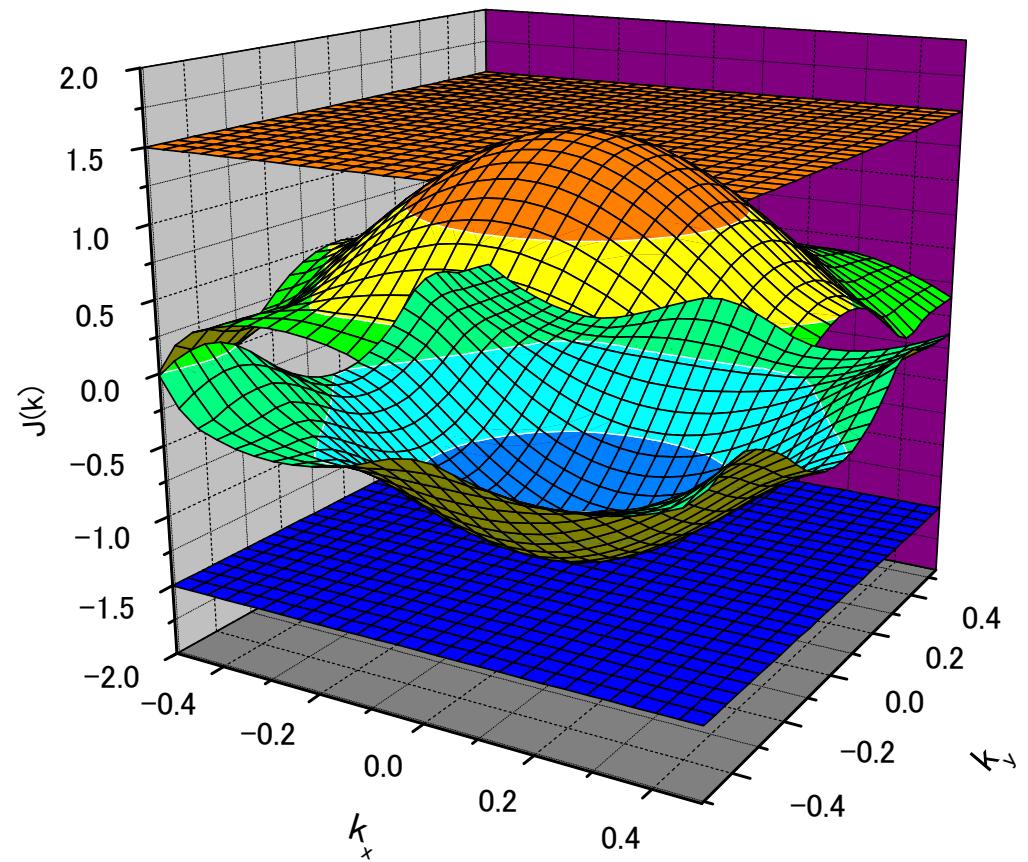
$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\vec{k}} \Psi(\vec{k})^t \hat{J}(\vec{k}) \Psi(\vec{k})$$

$J(\vec{k})$

$$\Psi(\vec{k})^t = [T_A^x(\vec{k}), T_A^z(\vec{k}), T_B^x(\vec{k}), T_B^z(\vec{k})]$$



An intrinsic frustration
for orbital pseudo-spin



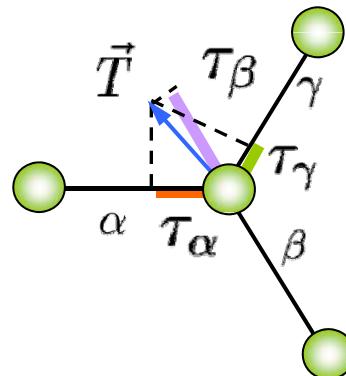
Flat dispersion

Classical ground state

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{i \in A, l} \left(\tau_i^l - \tau_{i+\hat{l}}^l \right)^2 - \frac{3}{16} J N$$

τ_i^l : a projection component along l

“ $\tau=\tau$ rule”

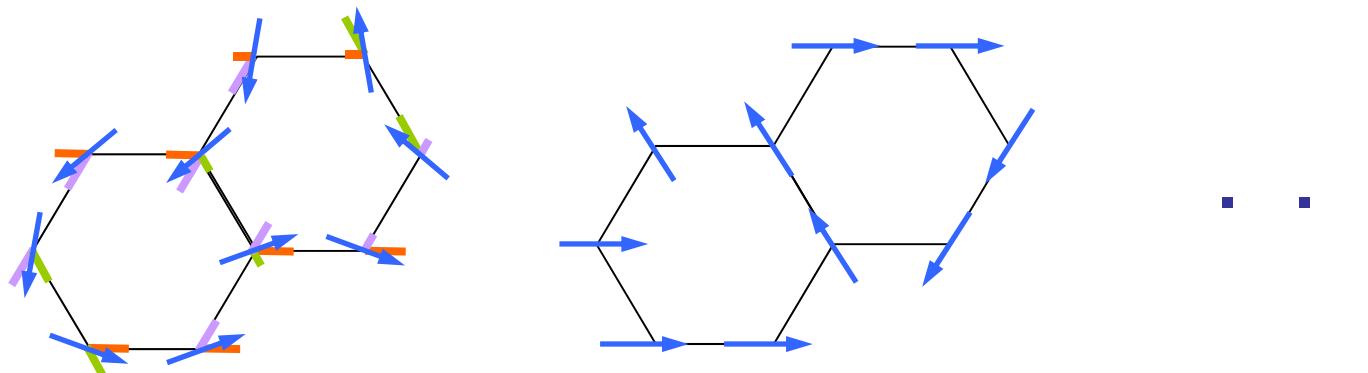


Classical ground states:

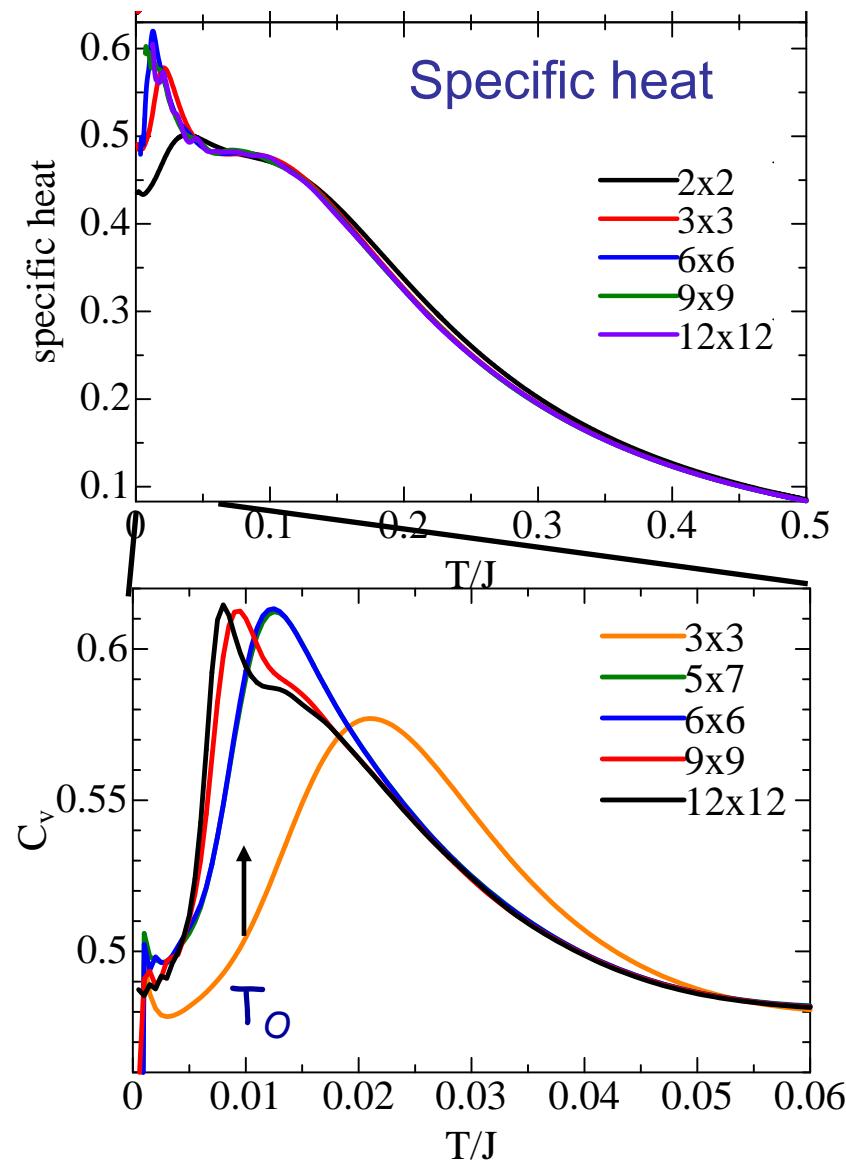
$$\tau_i^l = \tau_j^l$$

for all NN bonds

A macroscopic number of degeneracy in classical configurations



Classical state at finite T



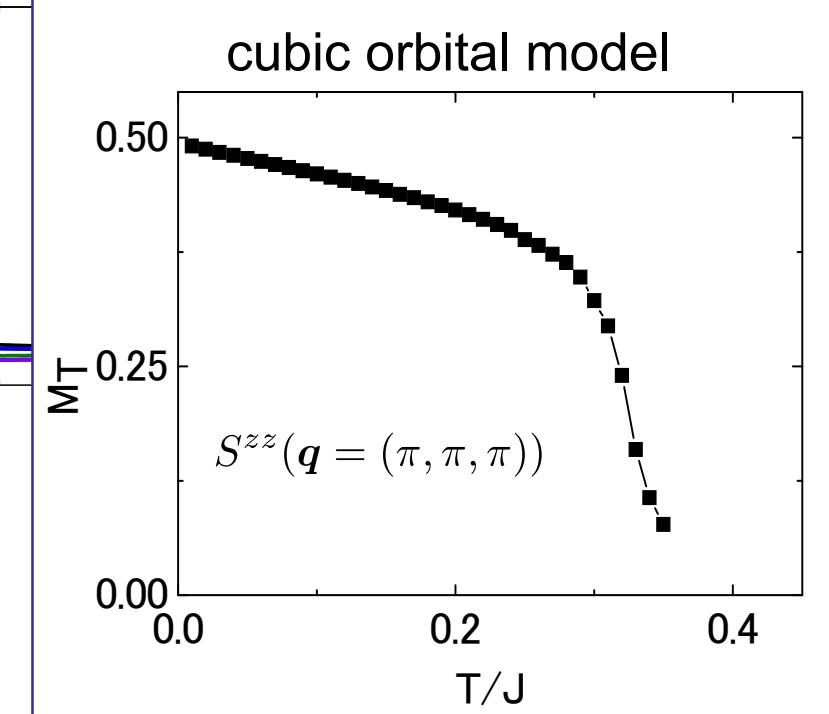
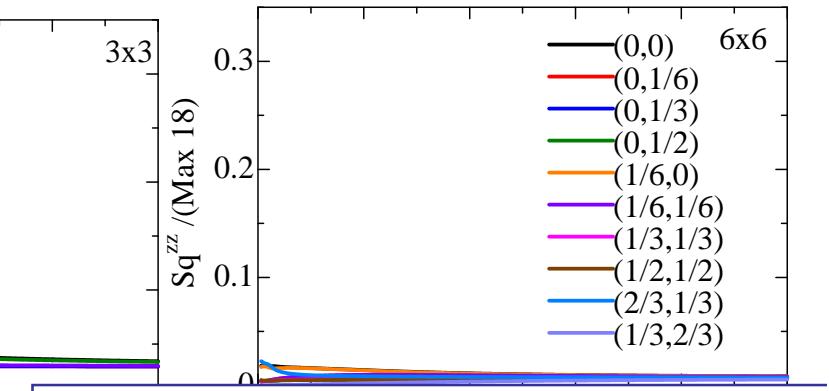
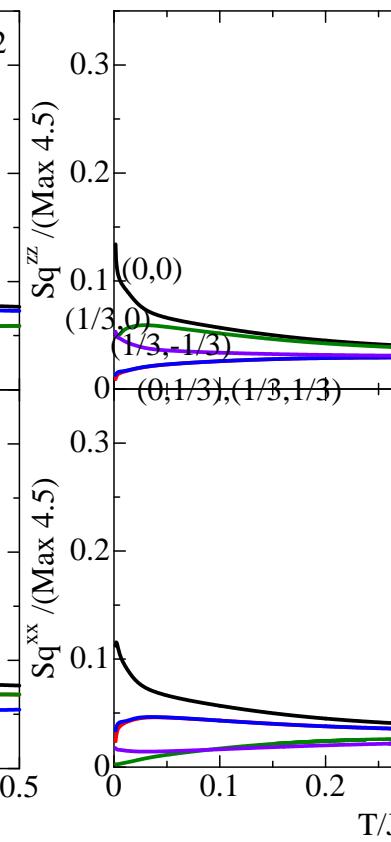
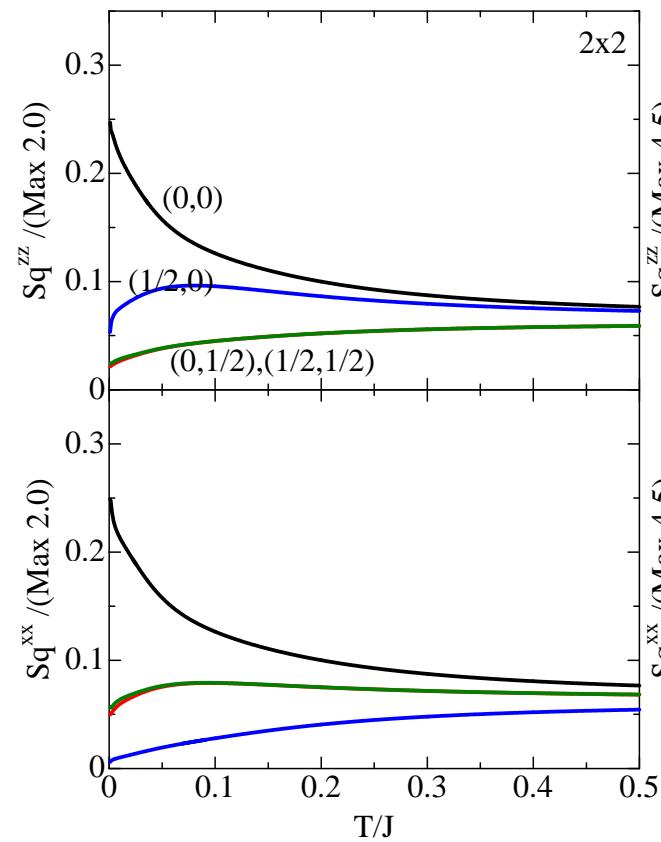
Multi-Canonical MC
(Classical)
Orbital Model
 $N=2 \times 2 - 12 \times 12$

A peak in specific heat
at very low $T \ll T_{MF} = 3J/4$

Correlation function (classical)

Orbital correlation function

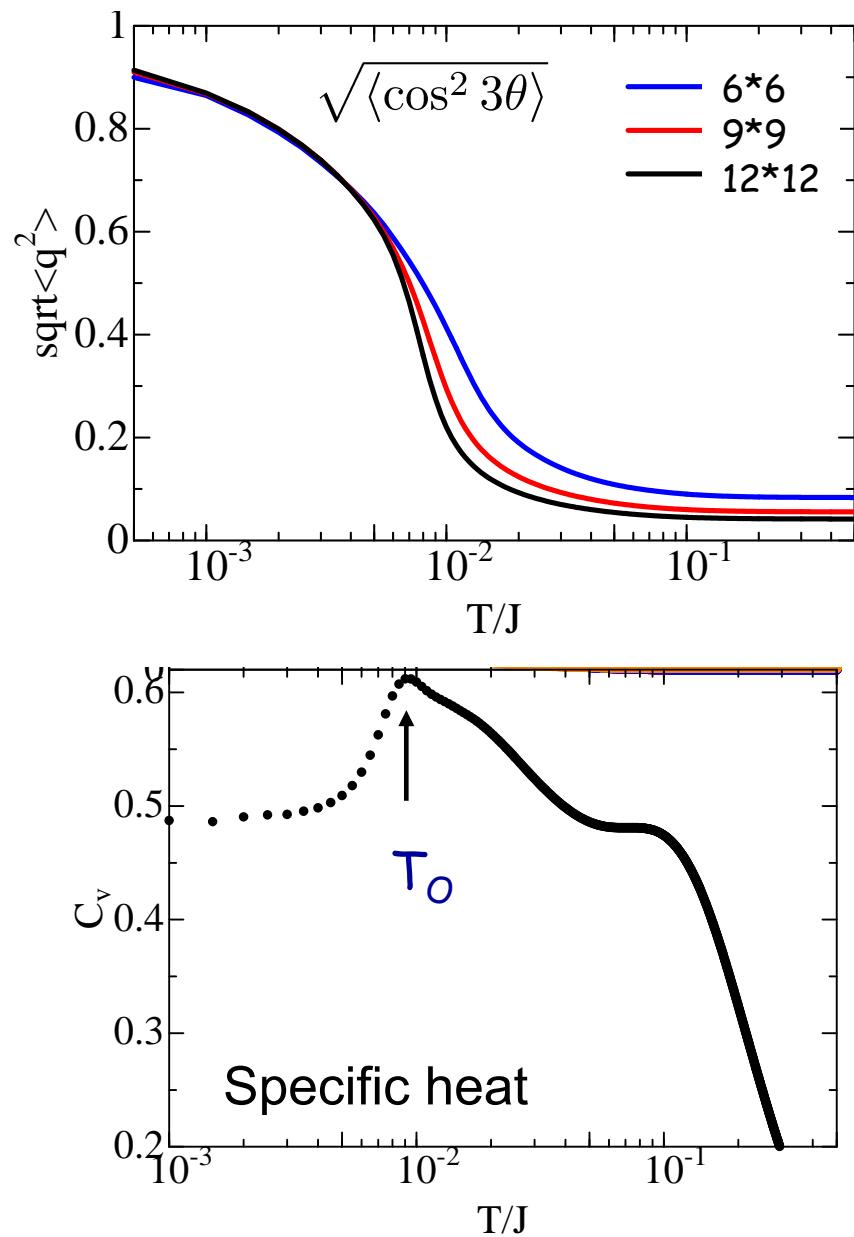
$$S^{zz}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij} \langle T_i^z T_j^z \rangle e^{i\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$



No order by thermal fluctuation

Also No KT transition, No directional order

A kind of angle order



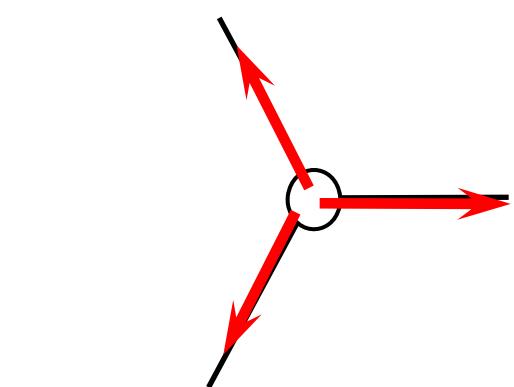
Multi-Canonical MC (Classical)

Order Parameter (?) $\langle \cos 3\theta \rangle$

$$\langle \cos^2 3\theta \rangle = \sqrt{\left\langle \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_i \cos 3\theta_i \right)^2 \right\rangle}$$

Orbital angle is fixed
at $\cos 3\theta = 1$ or $\cos 3\theta = -1$
below T_O

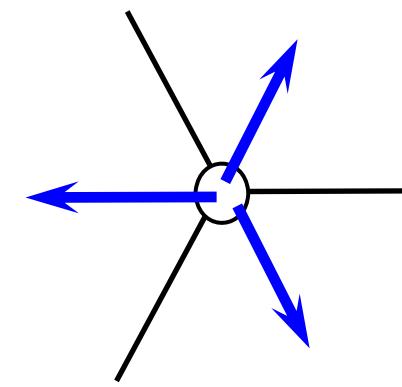
A kind of angle order



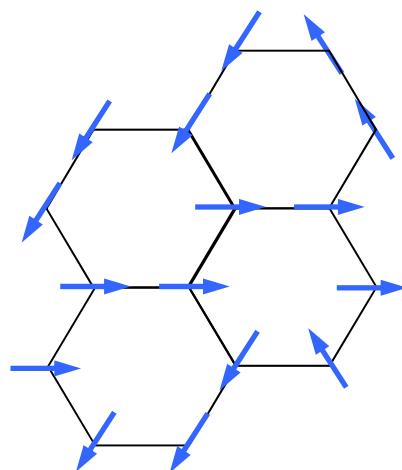
$\cos 3\theta = 1$ at all sites
 $\theta = 0 \text{ or } 2\pi/3 \text{ or } 4\pi/3$

$\langle \cos 3\theta \rangle$

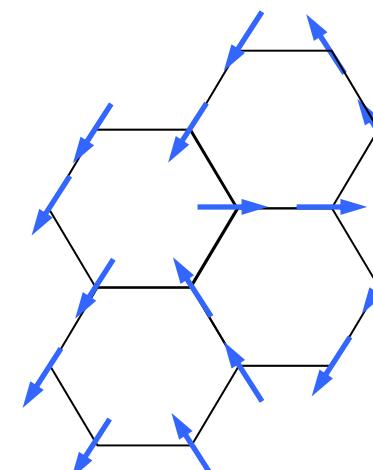
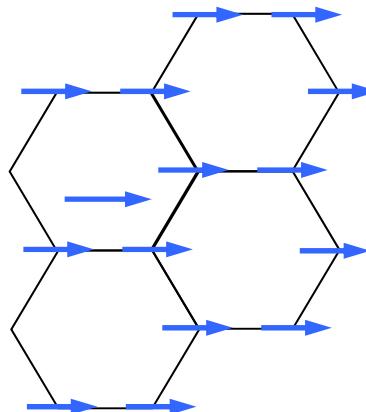
OR



$\cos 3\theta = -1$ at all sites
 $\theta = \pi \text{ or } 1\pi/3 \text{ or } 5\pi/3$



$\cos 3\theta = 1$



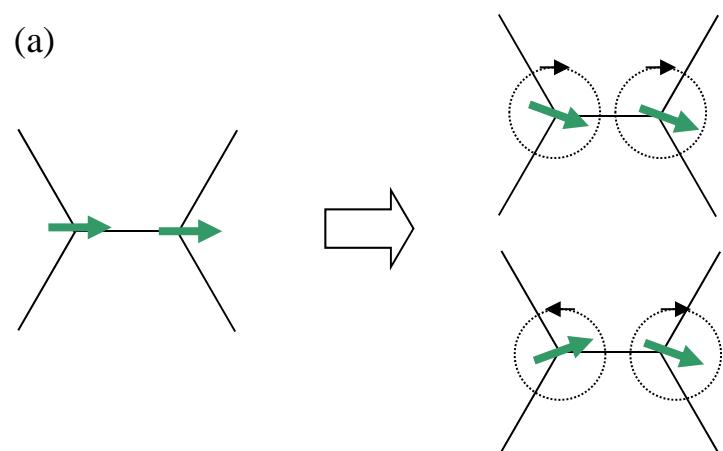
A macroscopic number of degenerate configurations still remain

Why $\cos 3\theta = +1 / -1$?

Fluctuation with keeping
a condition $\tau_i^l = \tau_j^l$ rule

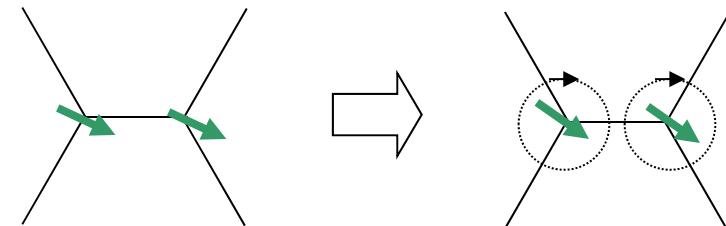
$$\cos 3\theta = \pm 1$$

(a)



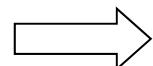
$$\cos 3\theta \neq \pm 1$$

(b)



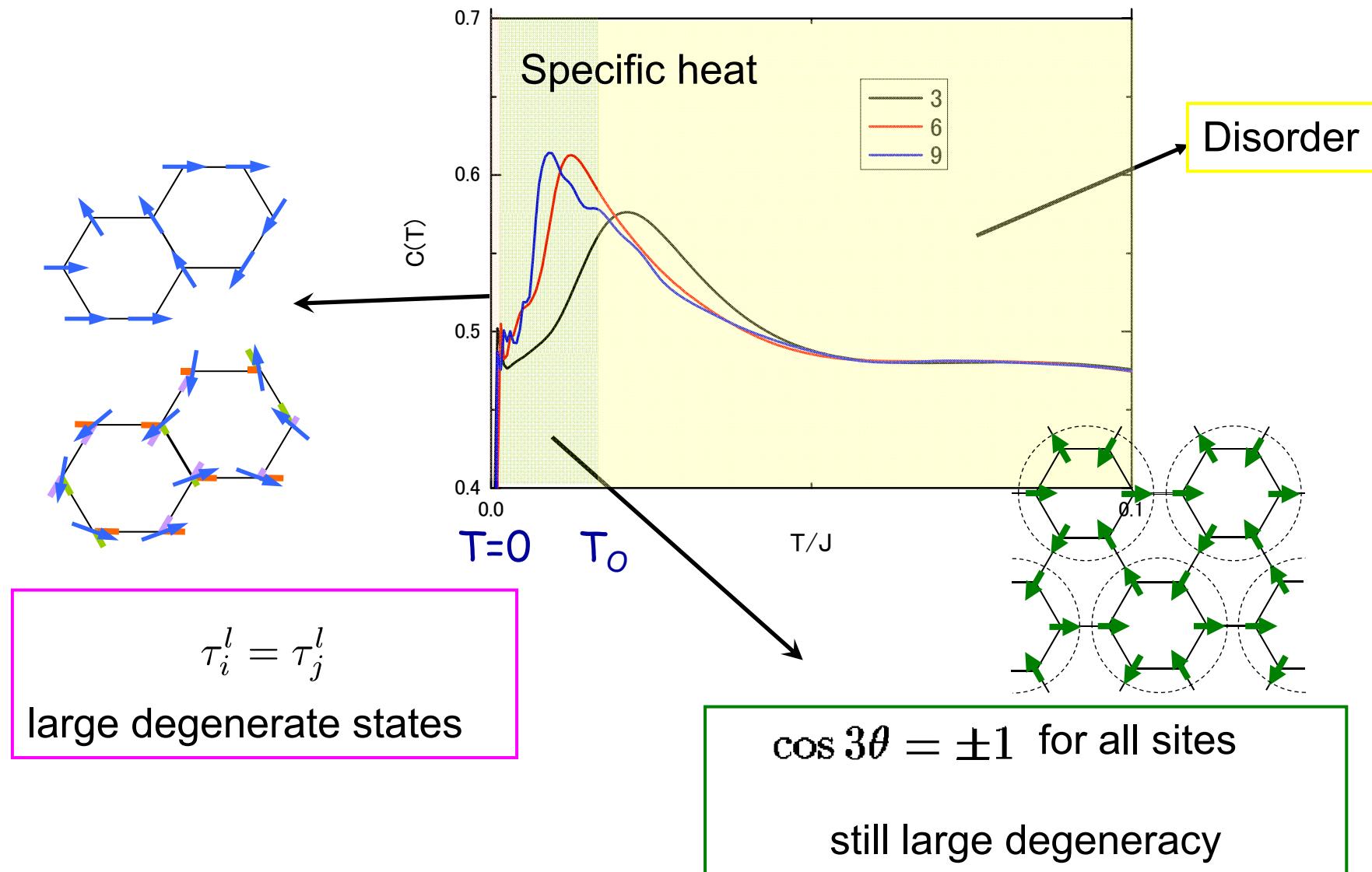
low-lying fluctuation around

$$\cos 3\theta = \pm 1$$

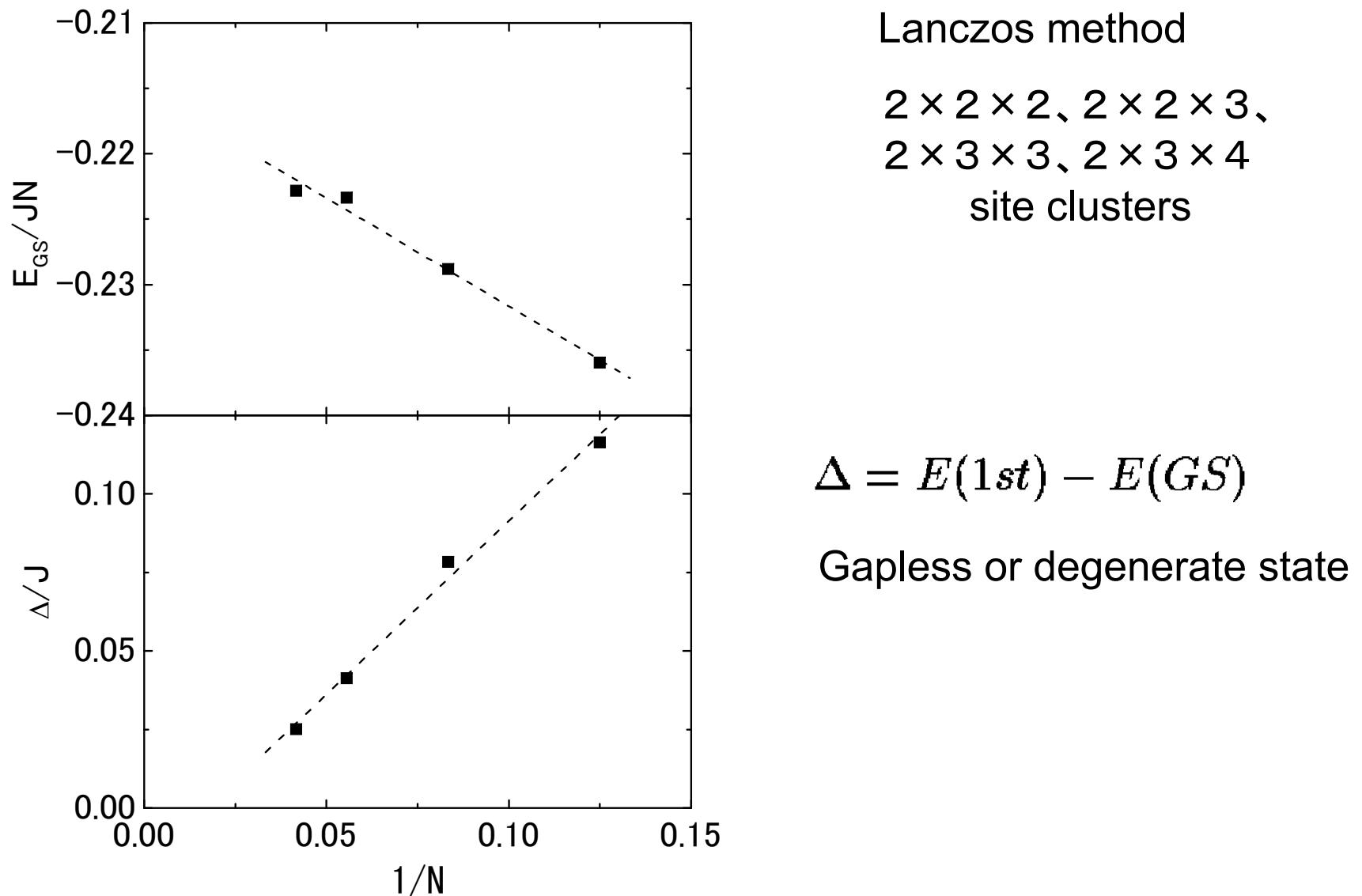


entropy gain in finite T

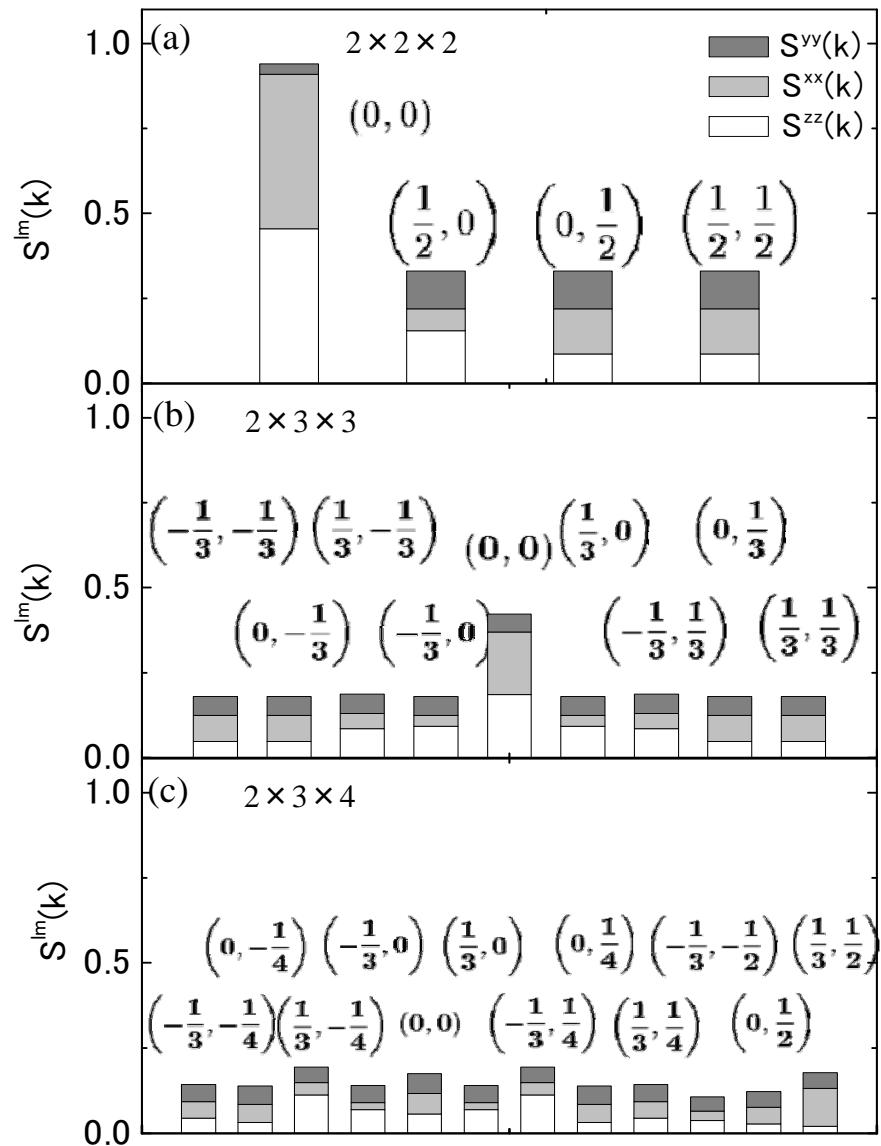
Classical phase diagram



Quantum state at T=0



Quantum state at T=0



Exact diagonalization
in finite cluster
by
Lanczos method

$$S^{zz}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij} T_i^z T_j^z e^{i\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$

No possibility of conventional order by quantum fluctuation

Variational approach

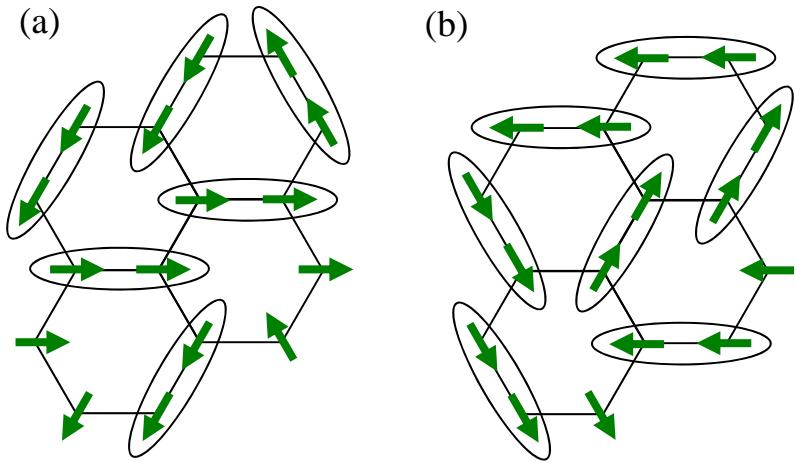
Honeycomb lattice is covered by NN bonds
with the minimum bond energy

trial wave function

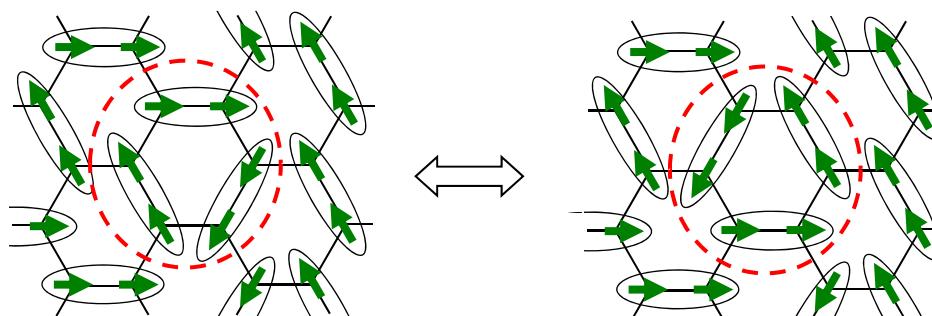
$$|\Psi^{(+)}\rangle = \mathcal{N} \sum_l \mathcal{A}_l \left\{ |\psi_l^{(\uparrow)}\rangle + |\psi_l^{(\downarrow)}\rangle \right\},$$

$$|\psi_l^{(\uparrow)}\rangle = \prod_{\langle ij \rangle_l} U(\phi_\eta)_{\langle ij \rangle_l} |\uparrow \cdots \uparrow\rangle.$$

$$U(\phi_\eta)_{\langle ij \rangle_l} = \exp [-i\phi_\eta (T_i^y + T_j^y)],$$



Quantum Resonance

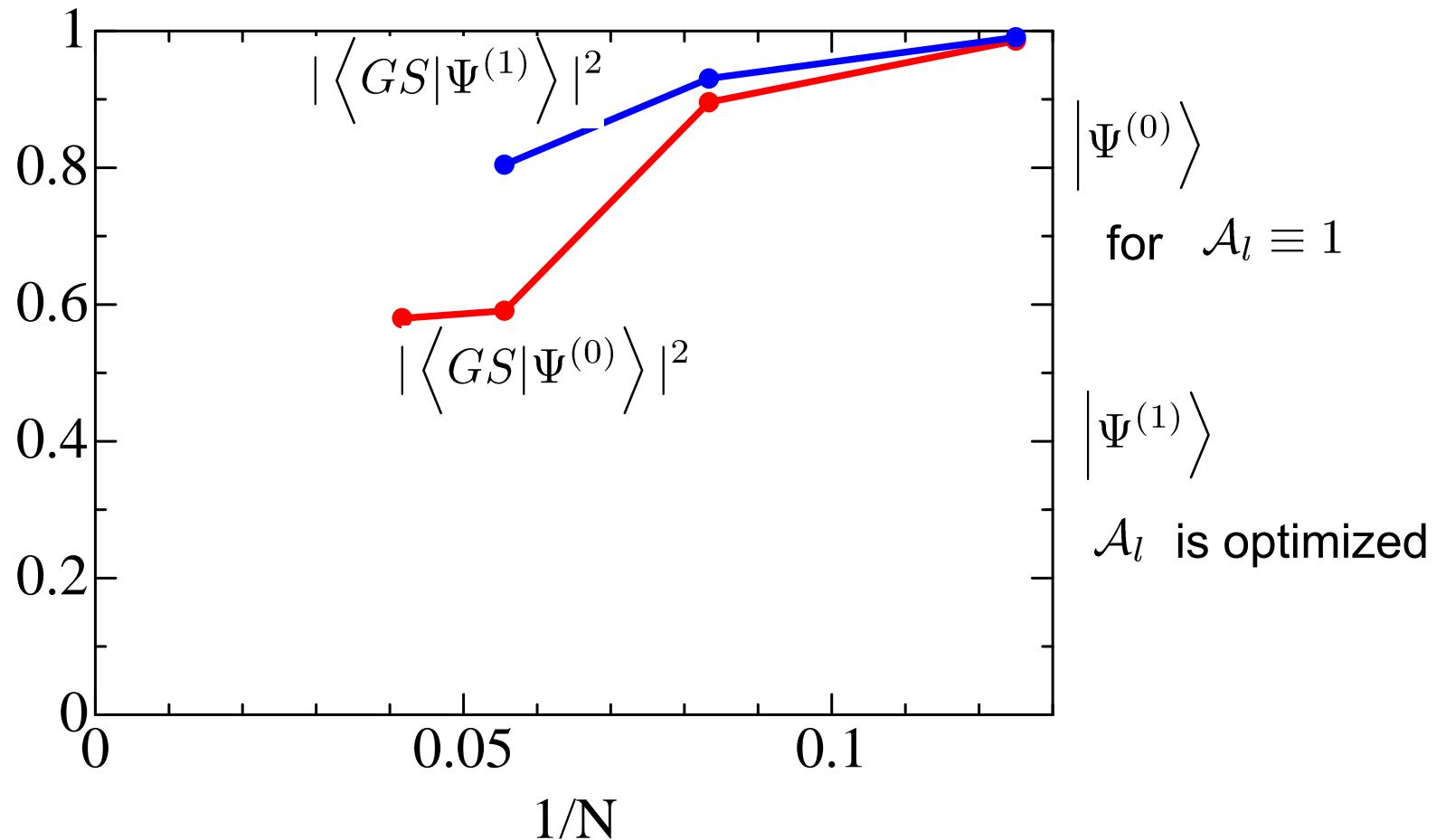


Resonance energy:

~10% of energy gain
of quantum effect

Variational approach

Overlap between the trial w.f. and GS w.f. by Lanczos

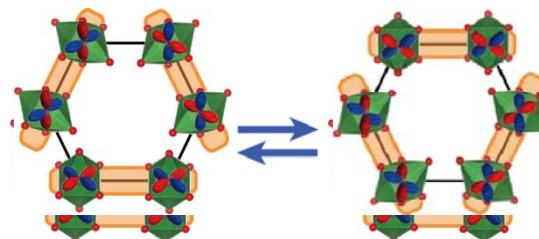


Dynamical JT effect on Honeycomb lattice spin-orbital model

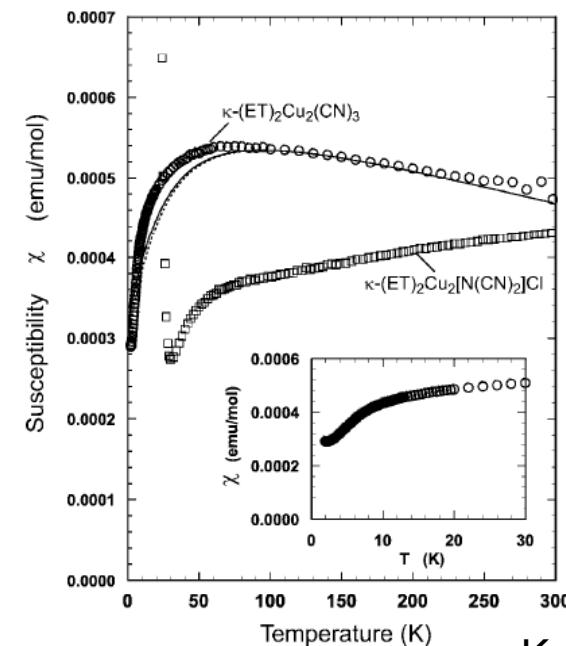
Quantum Spin Liquid State

No long range magnetic order
down to low temperatures

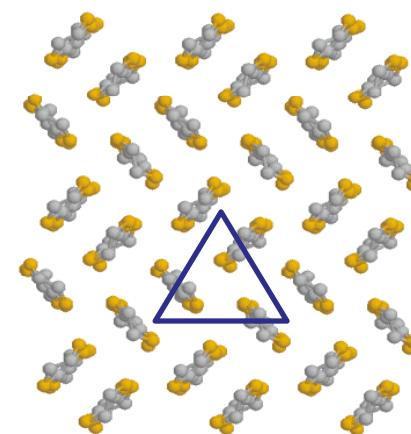
- One-dimensional spin chain
No LRO at finite Temperature
 $S=1/2$ $S=1$ (Haldane)
- Geometrical Frustration
e.g. 2dim. triangular lattice
- A possibility of spin liquid in
Spin-Orbital system
with Dynamical Jahn-Teller effect



$\kappa\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$



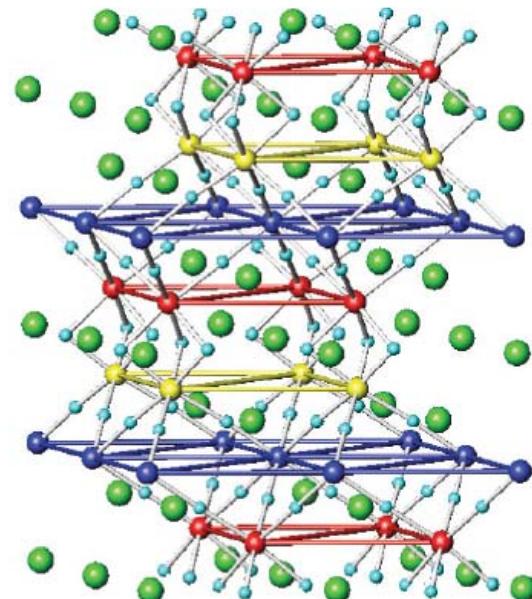
Kanoda Gr.



$\text{Ba}_3\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_9$

Spin liquid state in the $S=1/2$ triangular lattice $\text{Ba}_3\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_9$

No LRO $T > 0.2\text{K}$



(a)

● Ba ● Cu
● Sb(1) ● Sb(2)
● O

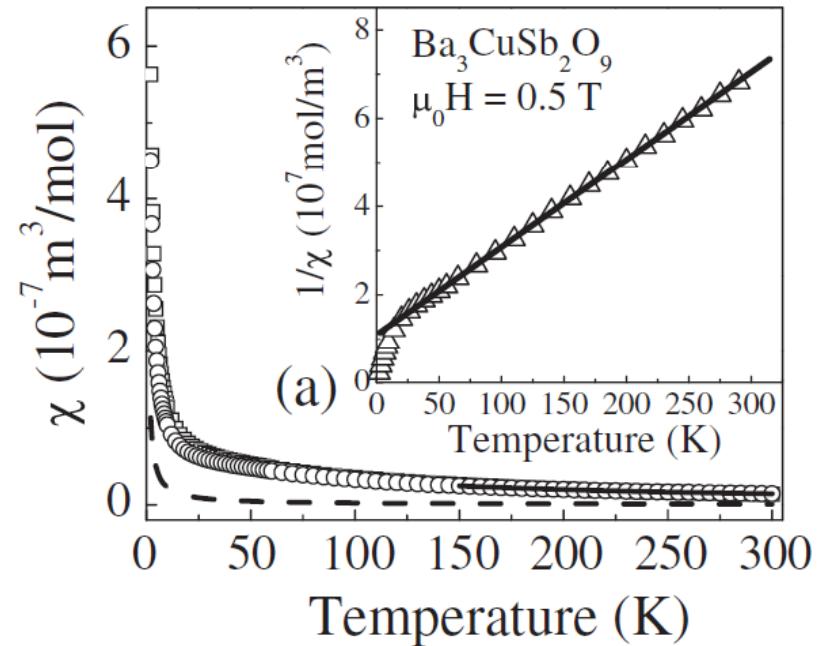
c
b
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Orbital degeneracy

E

E

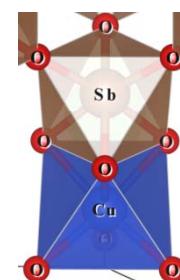
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H. D. Zhou et al. PRL106, 147204 (2011)

$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{d}^9)$

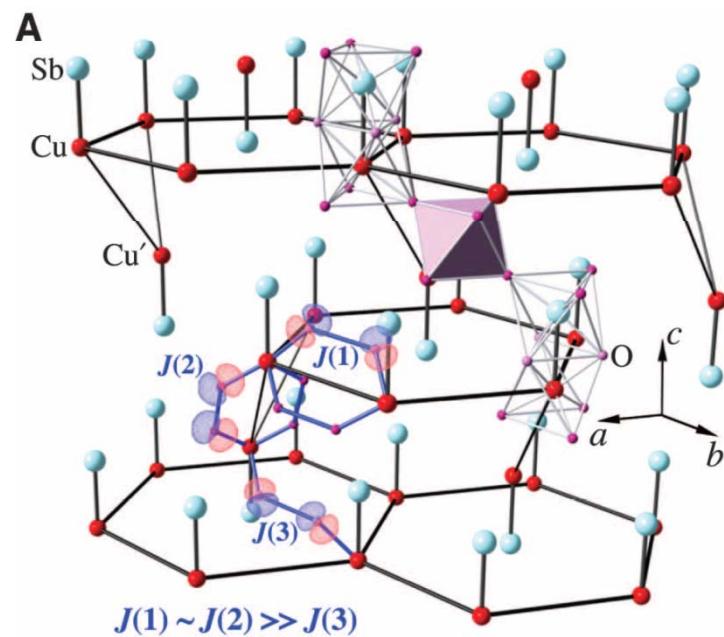
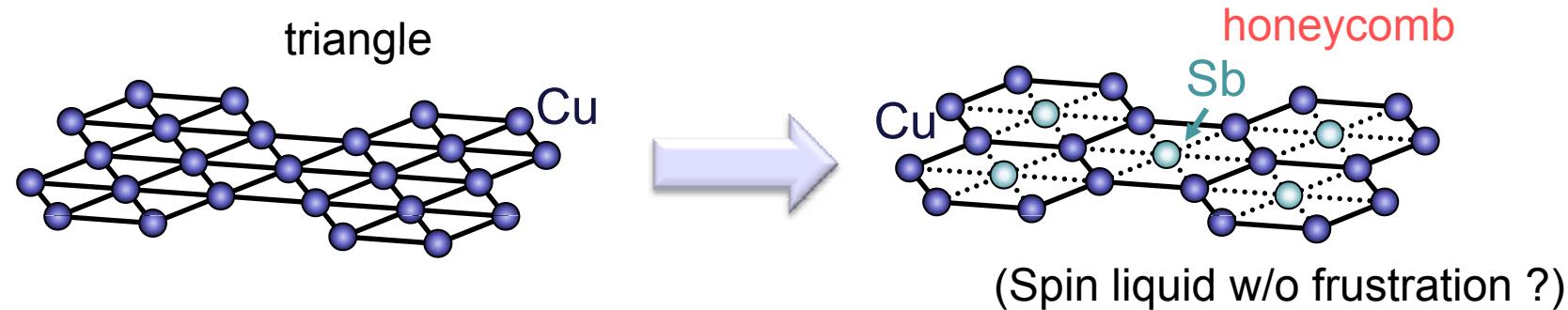
C_{3v}



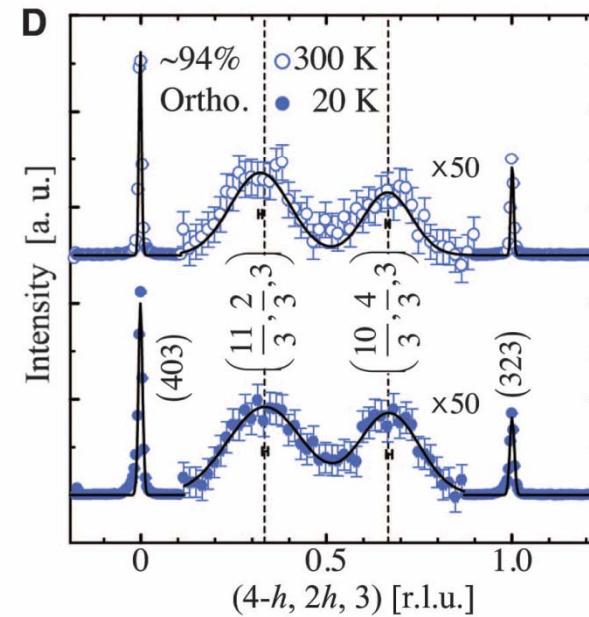
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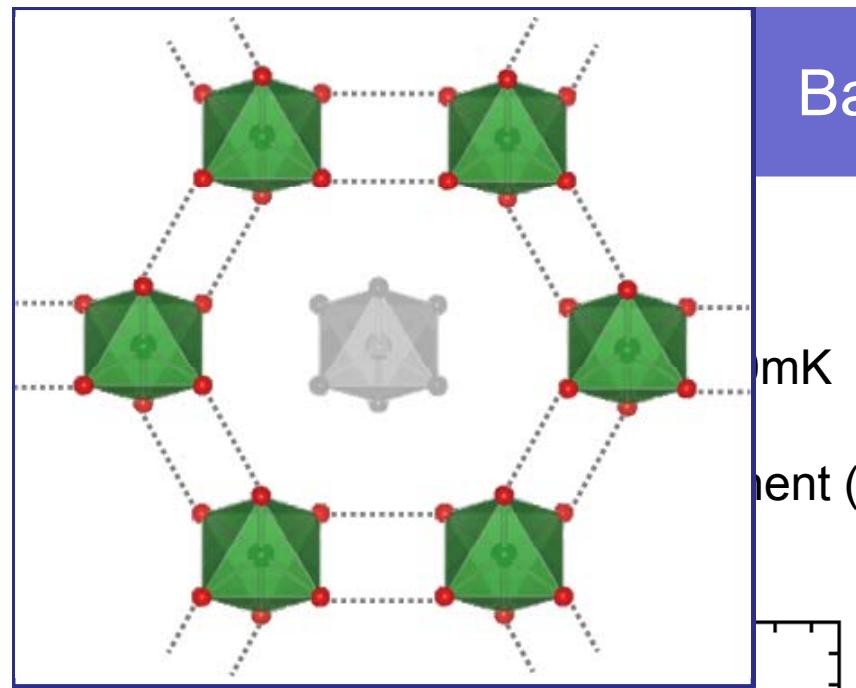
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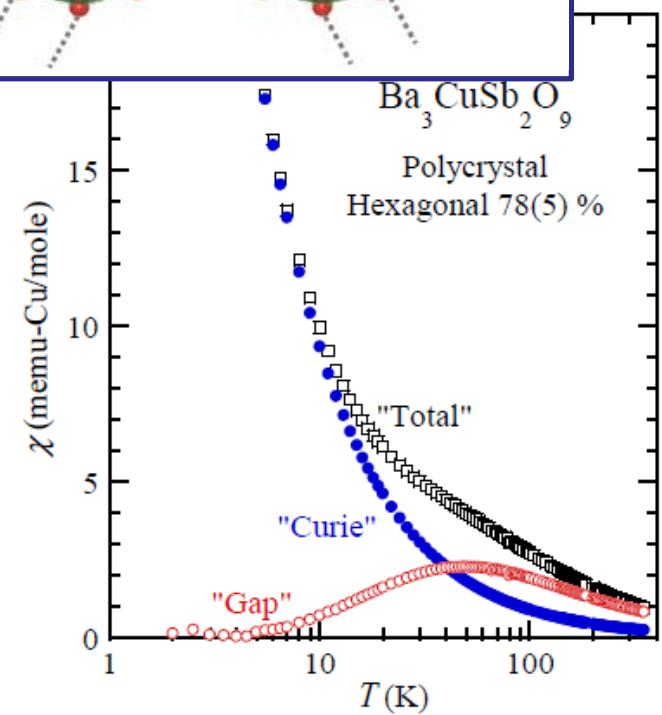


X-ray diffraction





$\text{Ba}_3\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_9$

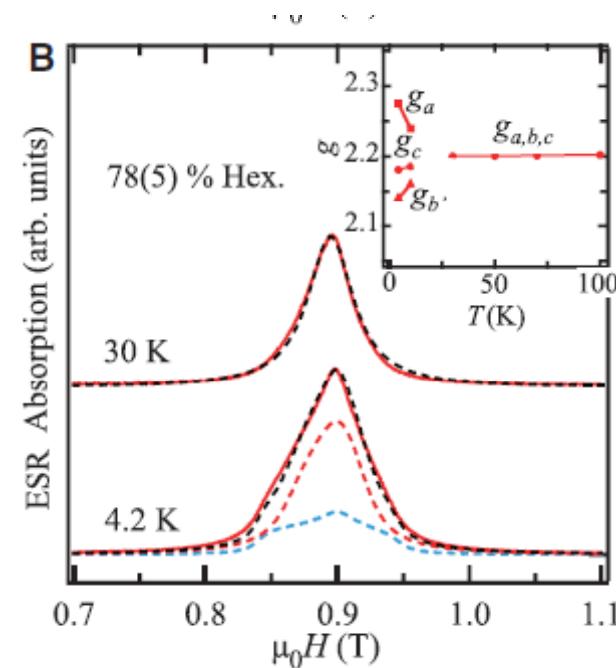


mK
moment (~50K)

ESR

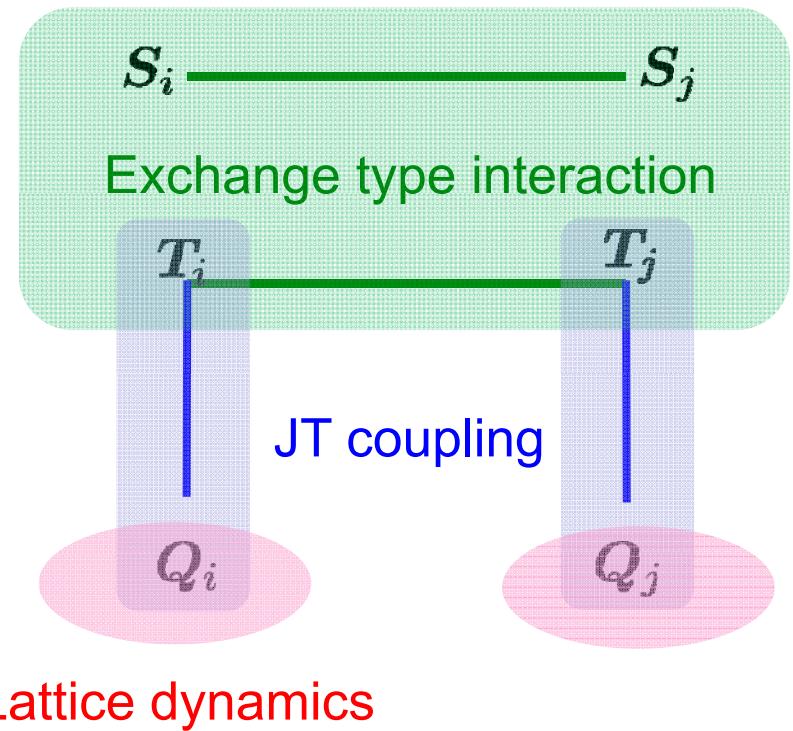
Nearly isotropic g-factor

No/weak static JT distortion
(Dynamical JT ?)



But.
orbital freezing in EXAFS

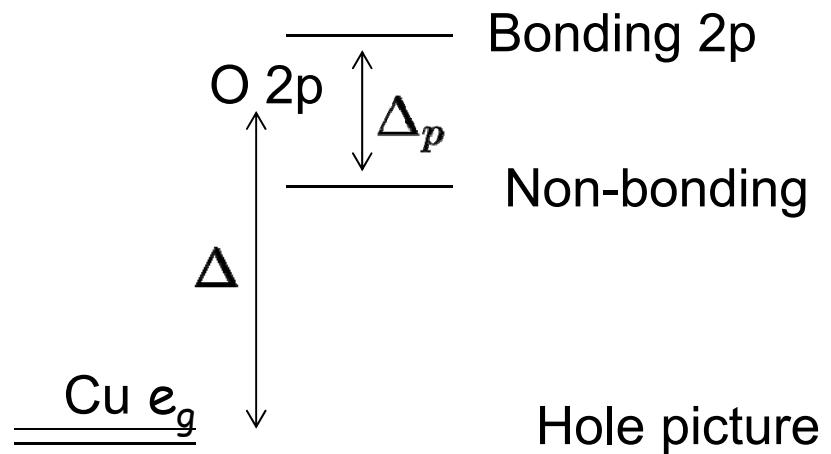
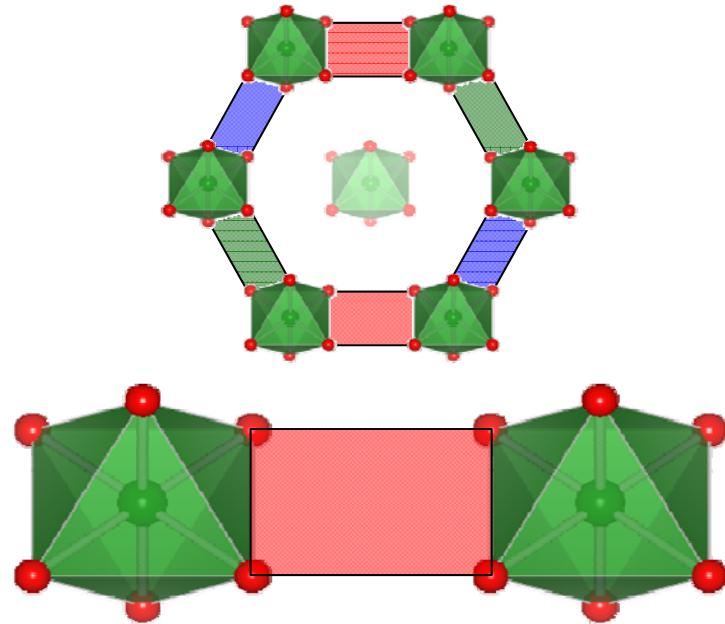
Orbital –Spin + Dynamical JT system



- ✓ Inter-site Exchange Interaction v.s.
Local Dynamical JT Effect
- ✓ A possible scenario for spin liquid in $\text{Ba}_3\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_9$

$$H = H_{\text{exch}} + H_{\text{JT}}$$

Spin-orbital Superexchange



dp type model Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} d_i^\dagger p_j + h.c. + \Delta \sum n_p + U_d \sum n_\uparrow^d n_\downarrow^d + U', J, J' + \dots$$

Perturbation for electron transfer



Kugel-Khomskii type Hamiltonian

Super-exchange interaction

Kugel-Khomskii type Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{exch}} = \sum_{<ij>_\gamma} (H_{dd}^{ij;\gamma} + H_{dpd}^{ij;\gamma}) \sim \sum_{ij} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j) (T_i T_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{dd}^{ij;\gamma} &= -A_d \left(\frac{5}{4} - 5\tau_i^\gamma \tau_j^\gamma + 3\bar{\tau}_i^\gamma \bar{\tau}_j^\gamma + 3T_i^y T_j^y \right) \\ &\quad - B_d \left(\frac{5}{2} \cancel{+} 2\tau_i^\gamma \cancel{+} 2\tau_j^\gamma - 6T_i^y T_j^y \right) P_{ij}^S \\ &\quad - C_d \left(\frac{5}{4} \cancel{+} 2\tau_i^\gamma \cancel{+} 2\tau_j^\gamma + 5\tau_i^\gamma \tau_j^\gamma - 3\bar{\tau}_i^\gamma \bar{\tau}_j^\gamma \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{dpd}^{ij;\gamma} &= -A_p (4 \cancel{+} 4\tau_i^\gamma \cancel{+} 4\tau_j^\gamma + 4\tau_i^\gamma \tau_j^\gamma - 12\bar{\tau}_i^\gamma \bar{\tau}_j^\gamma) \\ &\quad - (B_p + 2C_p) (4 \cancel{+} 4\tau_i^\gamma \cancel{+} 4\tau_j^\gamma + 4\tau_i^\gamma \tau_j^\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

$$A_d = \frac{t_p^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4} \frac{1}{U'_d - J_d}$$

$$B_d = \frac{t_p^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4} \frac{1}{U'_d + J_d}$$

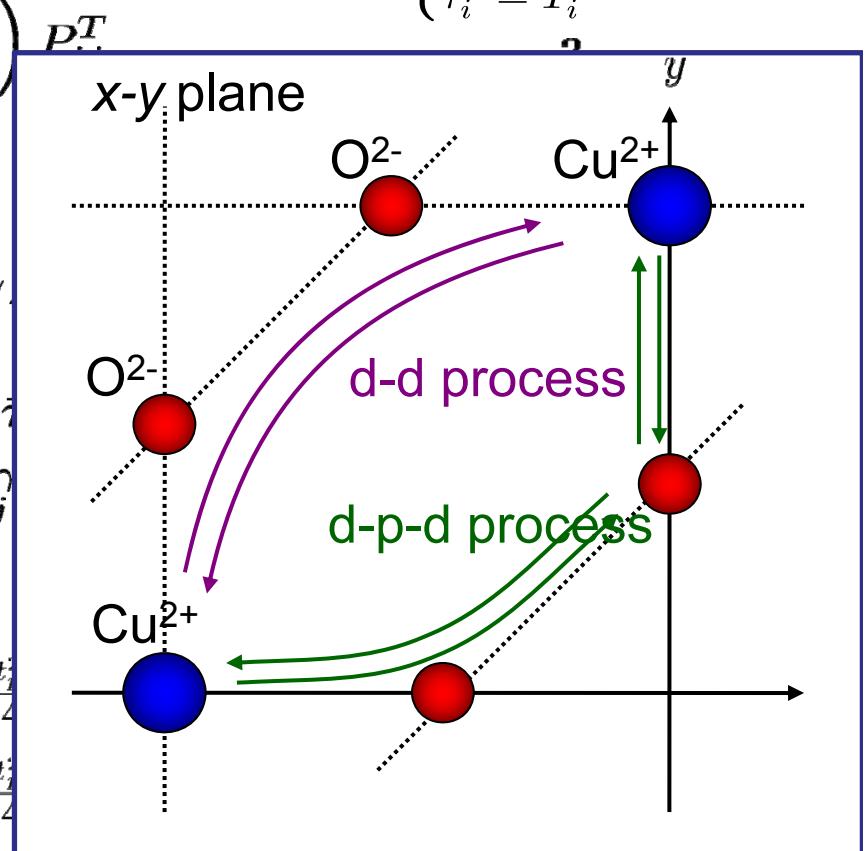
$$C_d = \frac{t_p^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4}$$

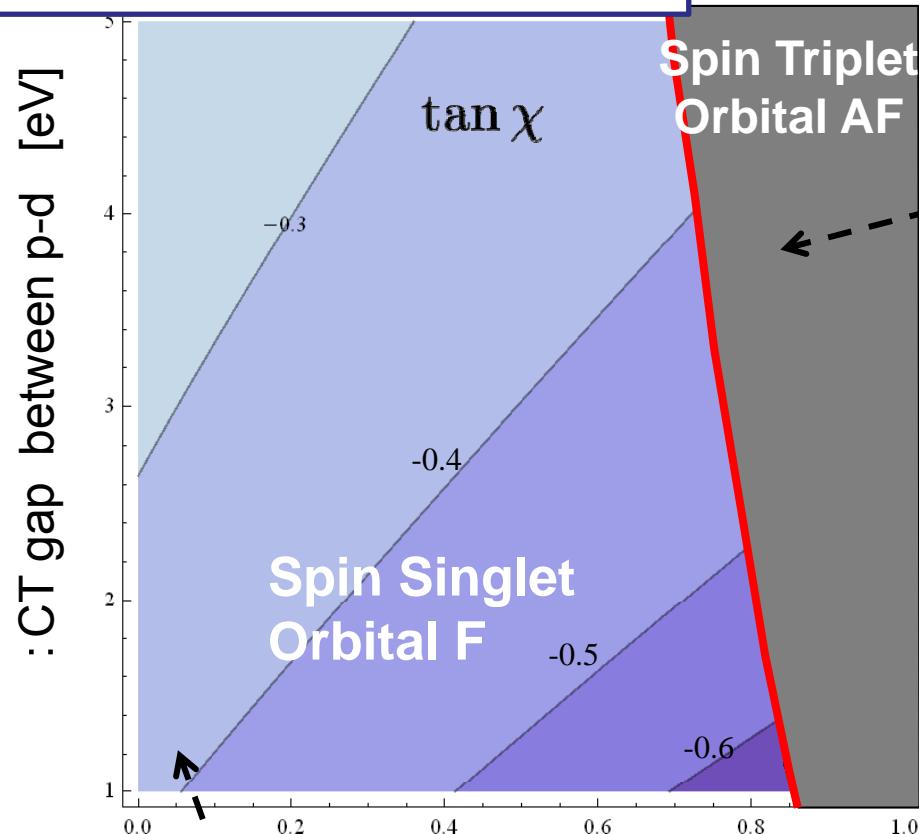
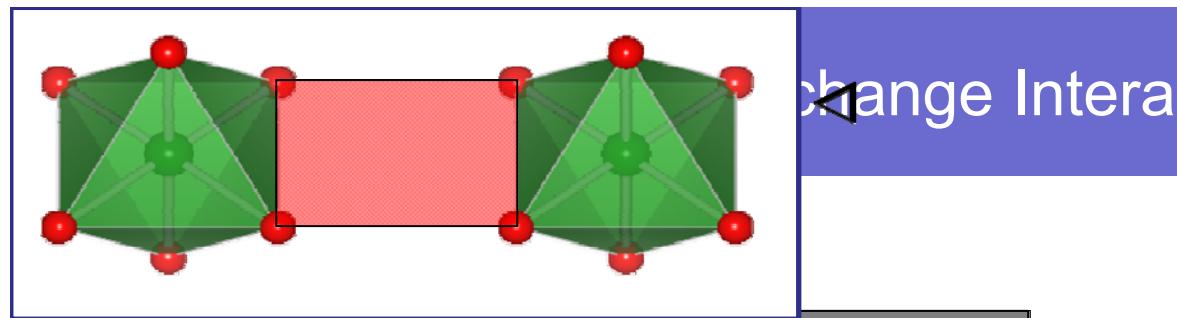
$$A_p = \frac{t_p'^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4} \frac{1}{U'_p - J_p + 2\Delta}$$

$$B_p = \frac{t_p'^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4} \frac{1}{U'_p + J_p + 2\Delta}$$

$$C_p = \frac{t_p'^2 t_d^4}{\Delta^4}$$

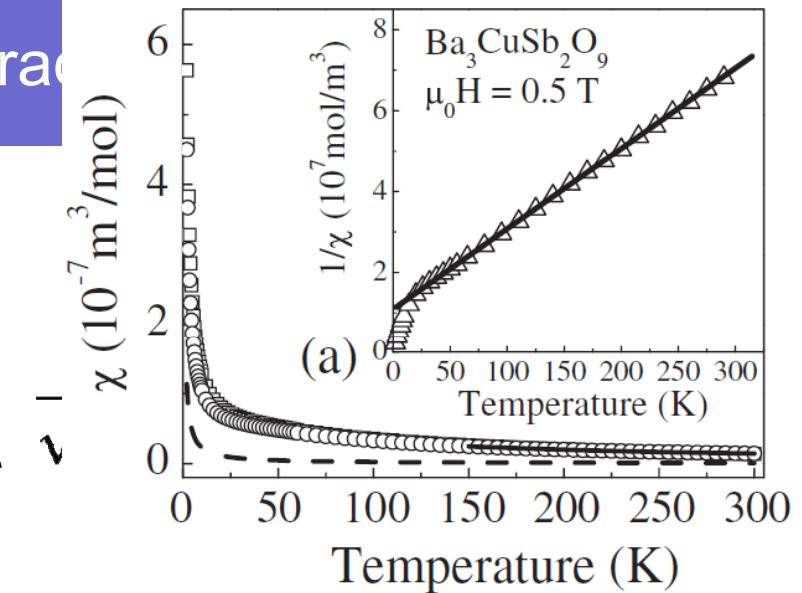
$$\begin{cases} \tau_i^x = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x \\ \tau_i^y = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^z + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^x \\ \tau_i^z = T_i^z \\ \bar{\tau}_i^x = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^z \\ \bar{\tau}_i^y = -\frac{1}{2}T_i^x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T_i^z \\ \bar{\tau}_i^z = T_i^x \end{cases}$$





$x = J_d/U'_d = J_p/U'_p = J'_p/U'_p'$
Hund coupling

$(\cos \chi |uu\rangle + \sin \chi |vv\rangle)_T |{\text{Singlet}}\rangle_S$



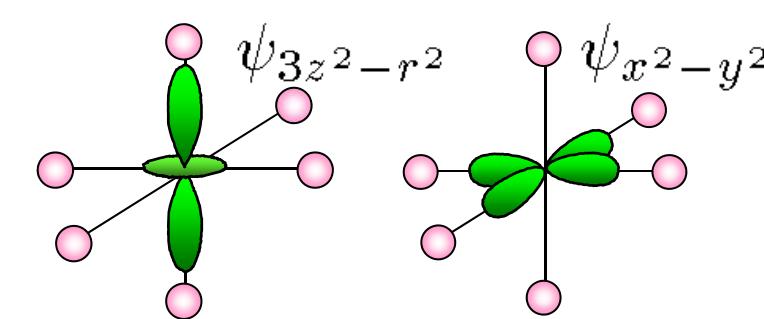
Spin: AF Orbital : F
in a wide region

Consistent with
positive Weiss constant



Spin: F Orbital : AF
in a usual corner share bond
(e.g. Perovskite)

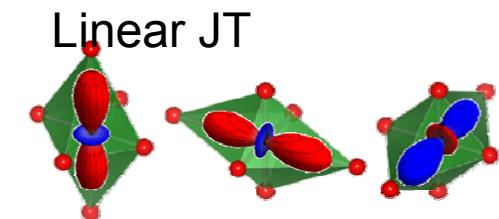
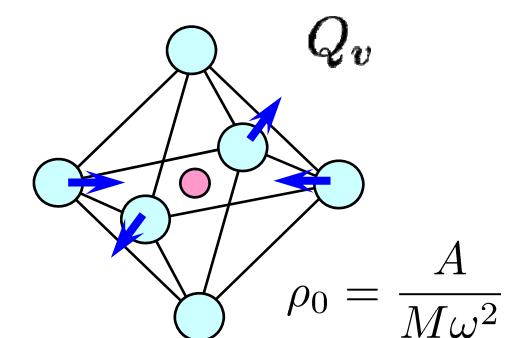
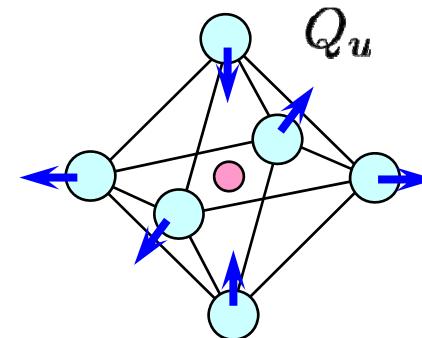
$E \times e$ Jahn-Teller effect



$$H_{\text{JT}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_v^2} \right) + \frac{M\omega^2}{2} (Q_u^2 + Q_v^2) + A(\sigma^x Q_v - \sigma^z Q_u)$$

Kinetic Linear potential

$$+ B(Q_u^3 - 3Q_v^2 Q_u) \quad \text{Anharmonic potential}$$



$$E_{\text{JT}} \sim M\omega\rho_0^2/2$$

JT energy gain (0.1-1eV)

$J_{AH} \sim B\rho_0^3$

Anharmonic potential energy
(1-10meV)

$J_{DJT} \sim (\hbar\omega)^2/E_{\text{JT}}^2$

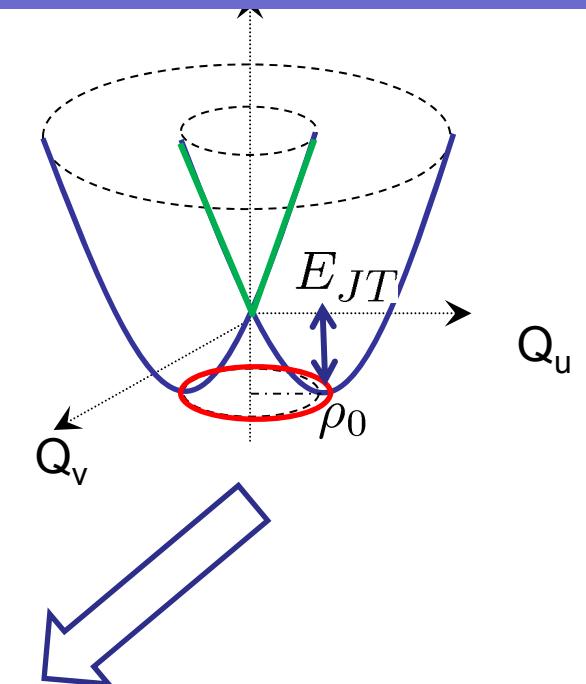
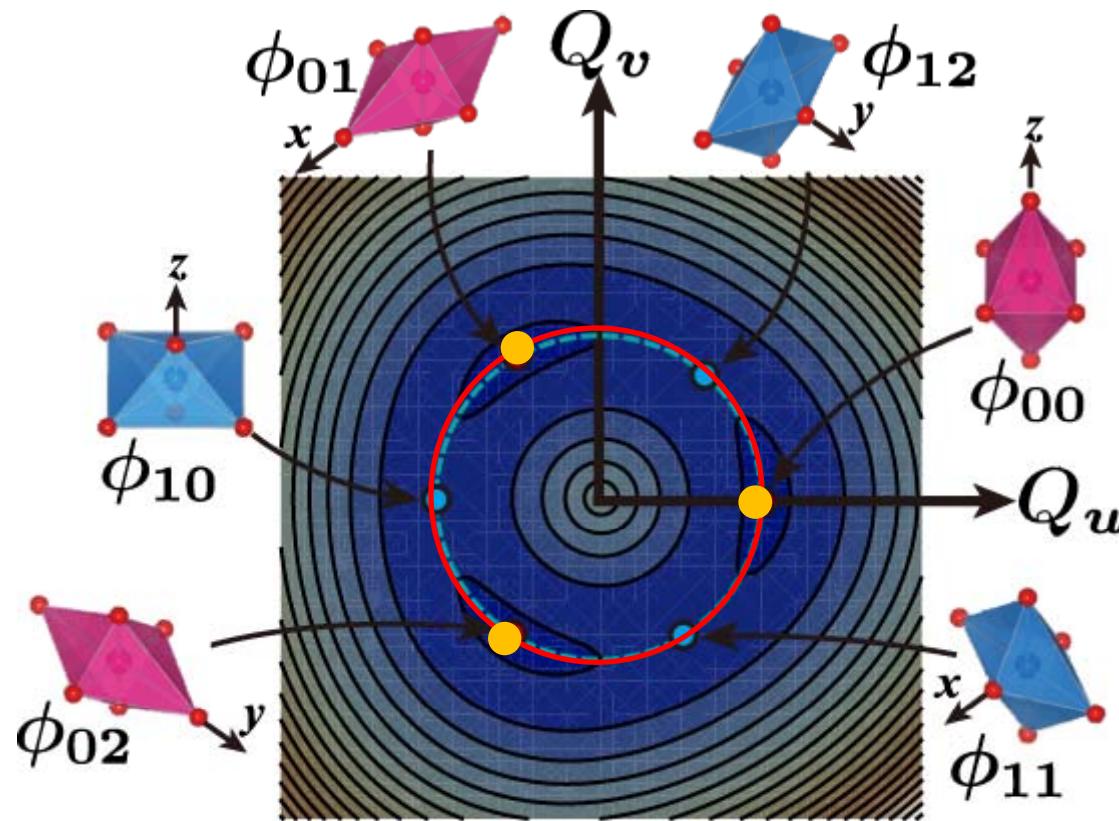
dJT energy gain (1-10meV)

$J_{SE} \sim O(t_{pd}^4 t_{pp}^2 / (U\Delta^4))$

Inter-site exchange (1-10meV)

Dynamic Jahn-Teller effect

Lower adiabatic potential with anisotropy



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} = -(2M\rho_0^2)^{-1} \partial^2 / (\partial\theta^2) + B\rho_0^3 \cos 3\theta$$

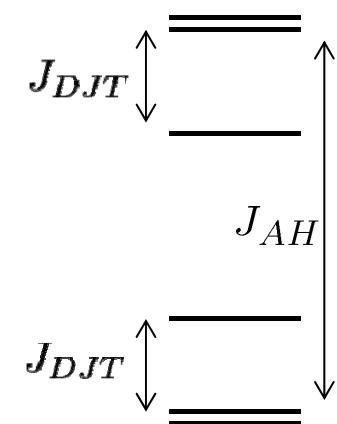
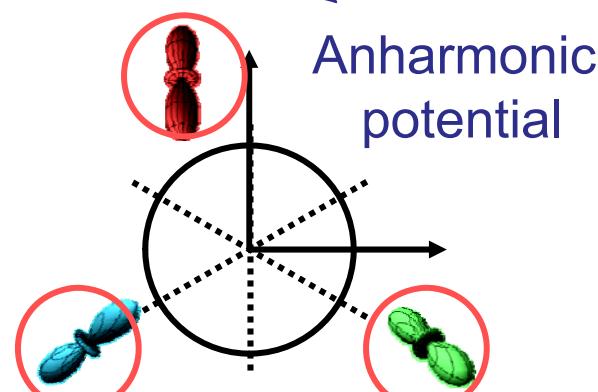
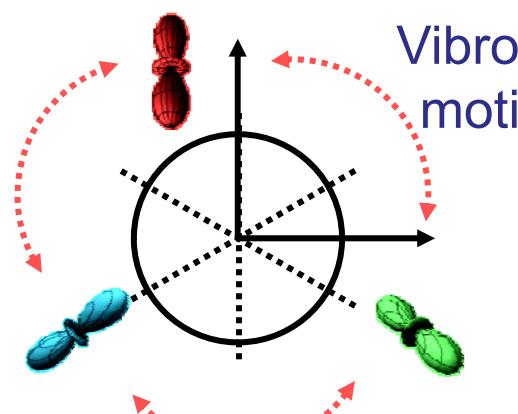
Rotational Mode

Tunnel between
3-potential minima

Hamiltonian for low-lying vibronic states

Effective Hamiltonian for the lowest 6 vibronic states

$$H_{JT} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^z (J_{DJT}A + J_{AH}B)$$



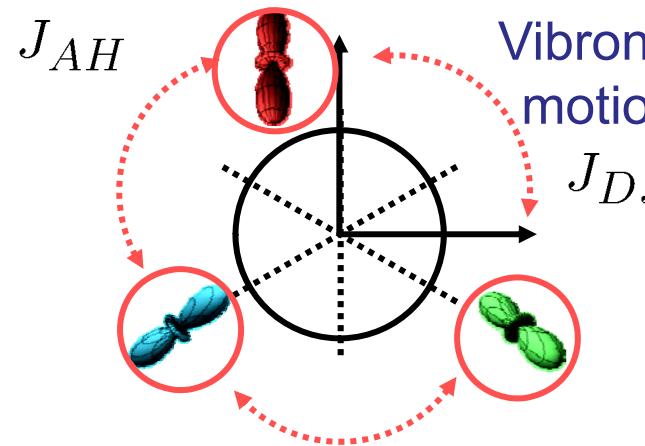
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Superexchange v.s. dJT

$$H = H_{\text{exch}} + H_{\text{JT}}$$

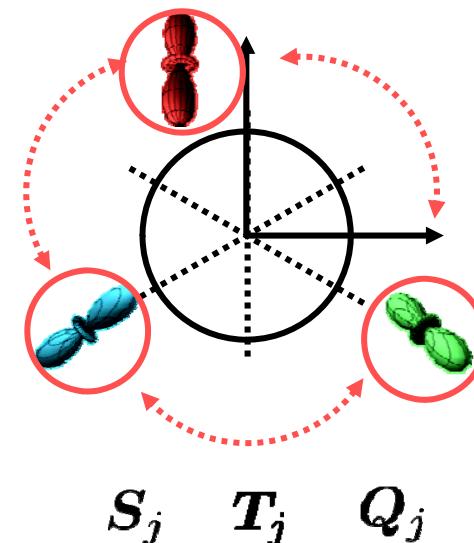
Anharmonic potential



Site i

Superexchange interaction

J_{SE}



Site j

Local v.s. Inter-site

c.f. Kondo v.s. RKKY

Method

Exact-diagonalization
+

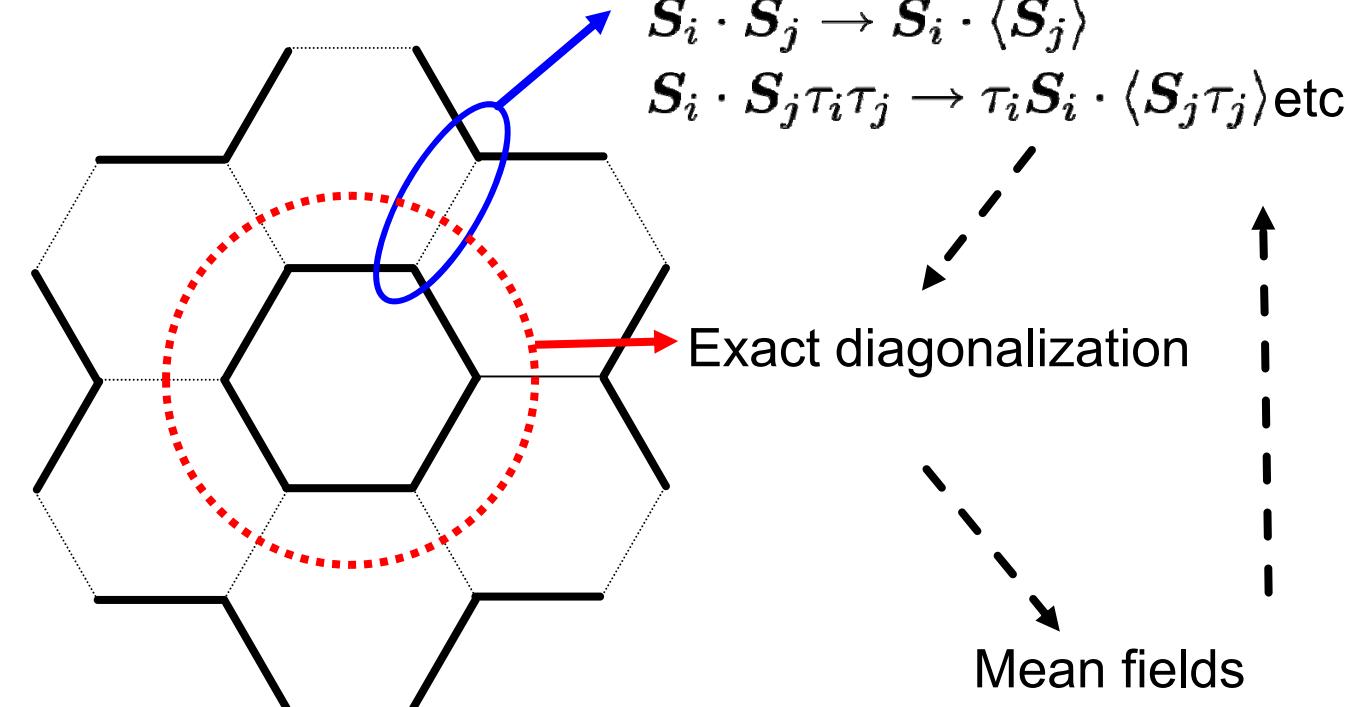
Mean field (MF) approx.

$$H = H_{\text{exch}} + H_{\text{JT}}$$

Mean field approx.

$$\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \langle \mathbf{S}_j \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \tau_i \tau_j \rightarrow \tau_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \langle \mathbf{S}_j \tau_j \rangle \text{etc}$$

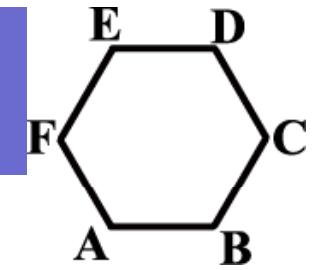


Also
QMC+MF method

Further

H_{exch} is analyzed by Exact Dagonalization, & MF method

Spin & Orbital State



$$J_{SE}/J_{AH} = 0.15 : fix$$

Neel-type spin moment

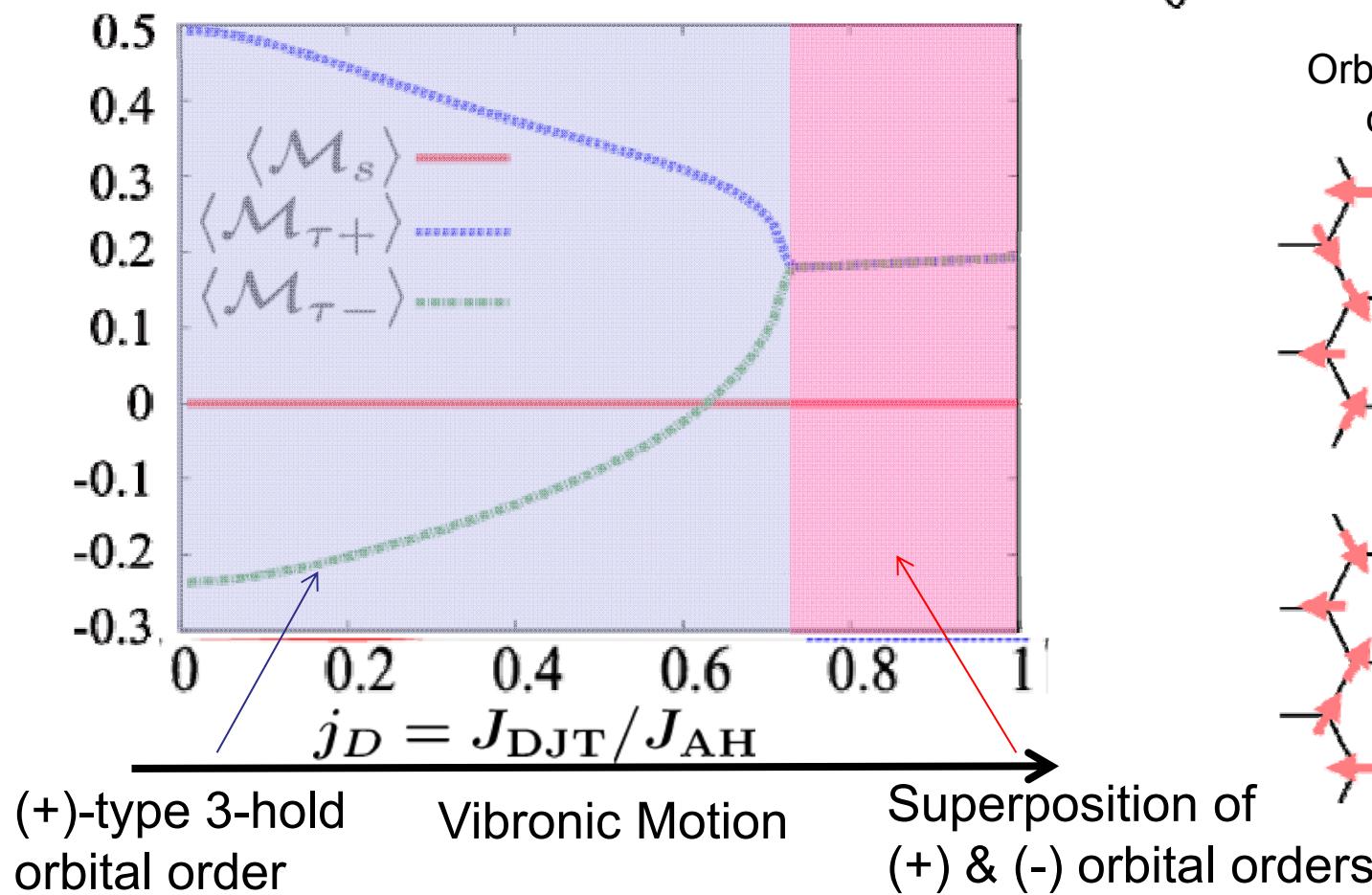
3-hold orbital ordered moment (+)

3-hold orbital ordered moment (-)

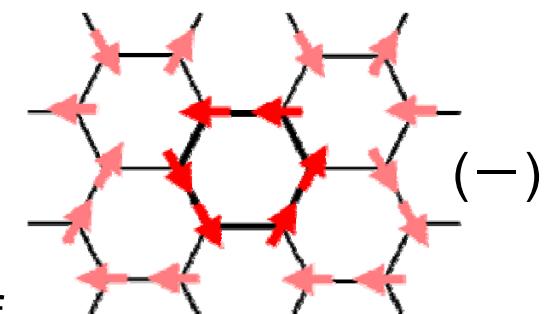
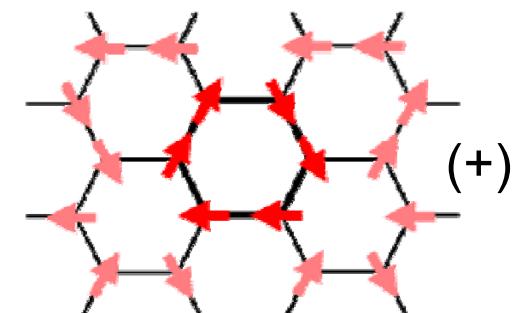
$$\mathcal{M}_s = \frac{1}{6} \sum_i (-1)^i S_i^z$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\tau+} = -\frac{1}{6}(\tau_A^z + \tau_B^z + \tau_C^x + \tau_D^x + \tau_E^y + \tau_F^y)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\tau-} = -\frac{1}{6}(\tau_A^x + \tau_B^y + \tau_C^y + \tau_D^z + \tau_E^z + \tau_F^x)$$

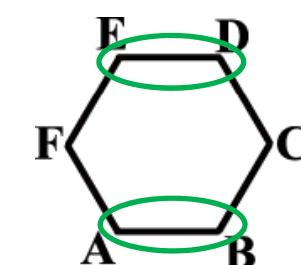
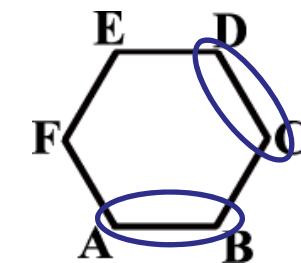
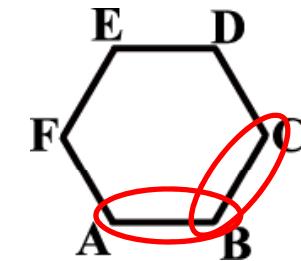
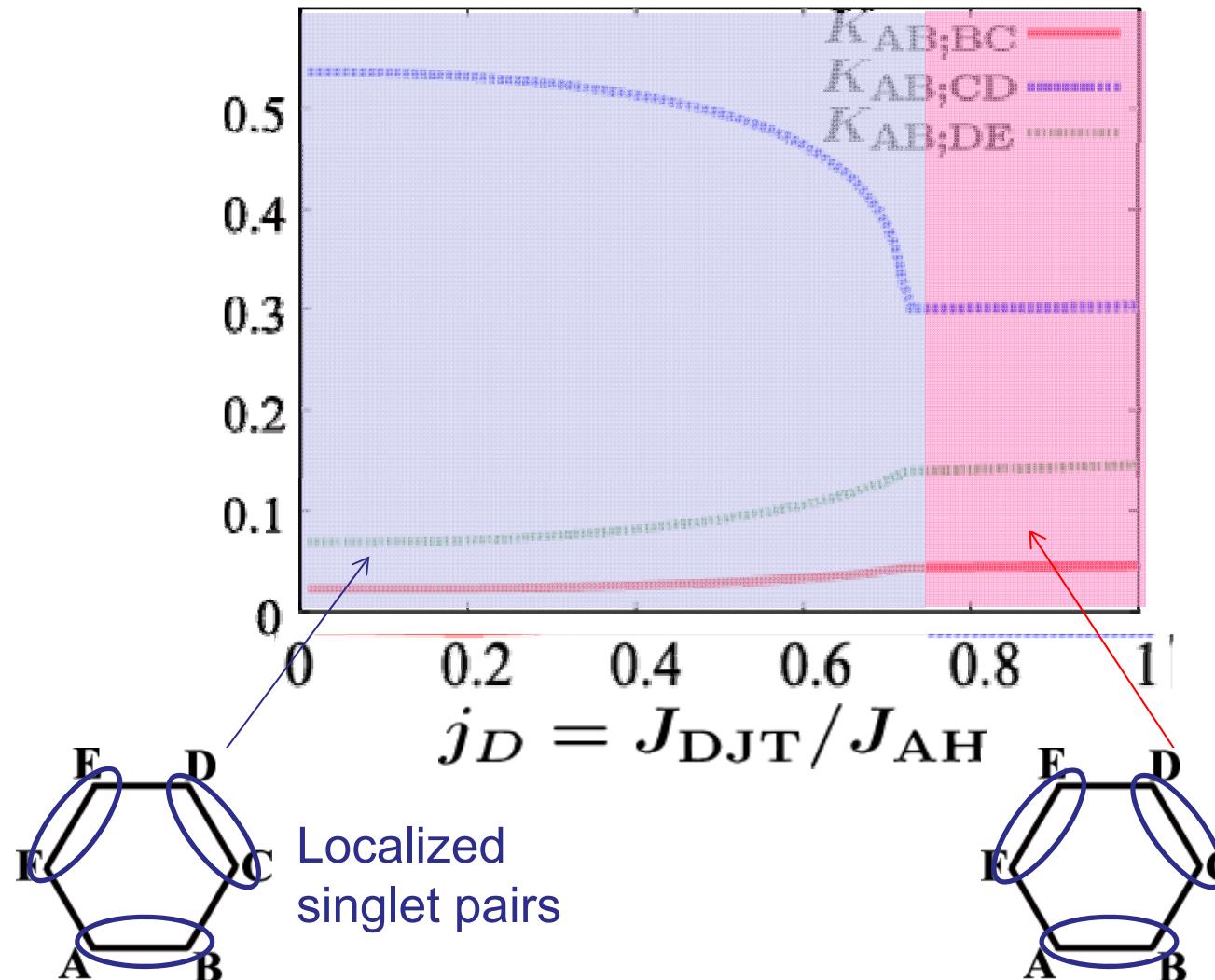


Orbital pseudospin configuration

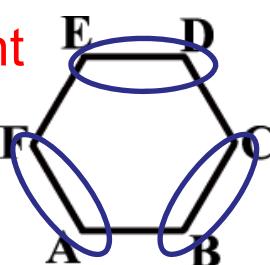
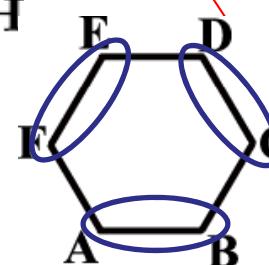


Spin & Orbital State

Bond correlation function $K_{ij;kl} = \langle (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j)(\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l) \rangle$



Resonant



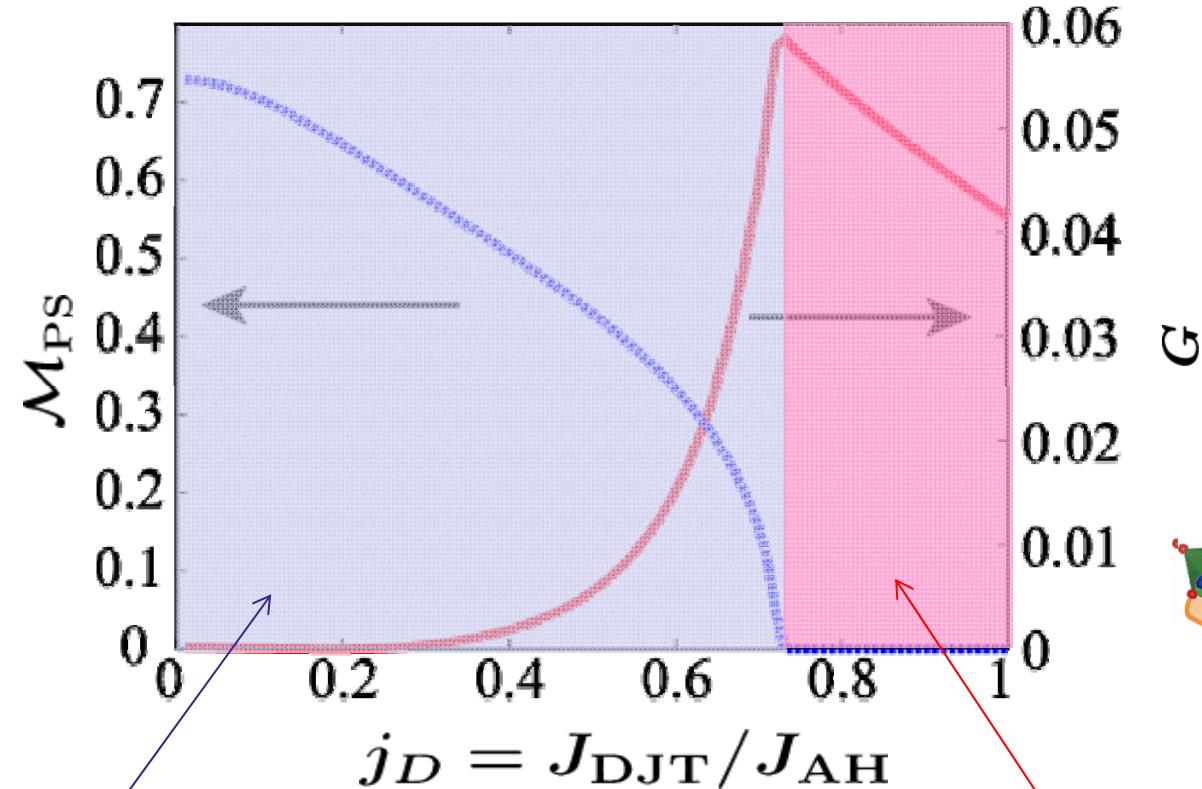
Spin & Orbital State

Spin-orbital entanglement

$$G = \left[\frac{1}{6} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_l} G_{ij}^l \right]^2$$

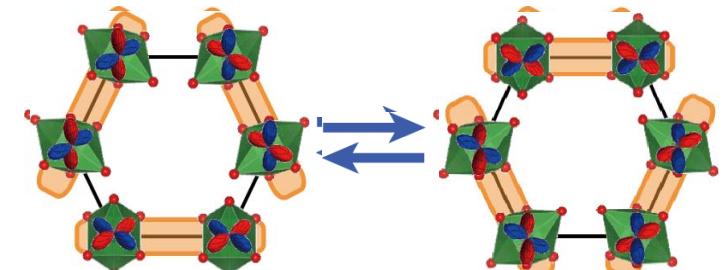
$$G_{ij}^l = 16[\langle (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j)(\tau_i^l \tau_j^l) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle \langle \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \rangle]$$

3-fold orbital order parameter $\mathcal{M}_{\text{PS}} \equiv \langle \mathcal{M}_{\tau+} - \mathcal{M}_{\tau-} \rangle$

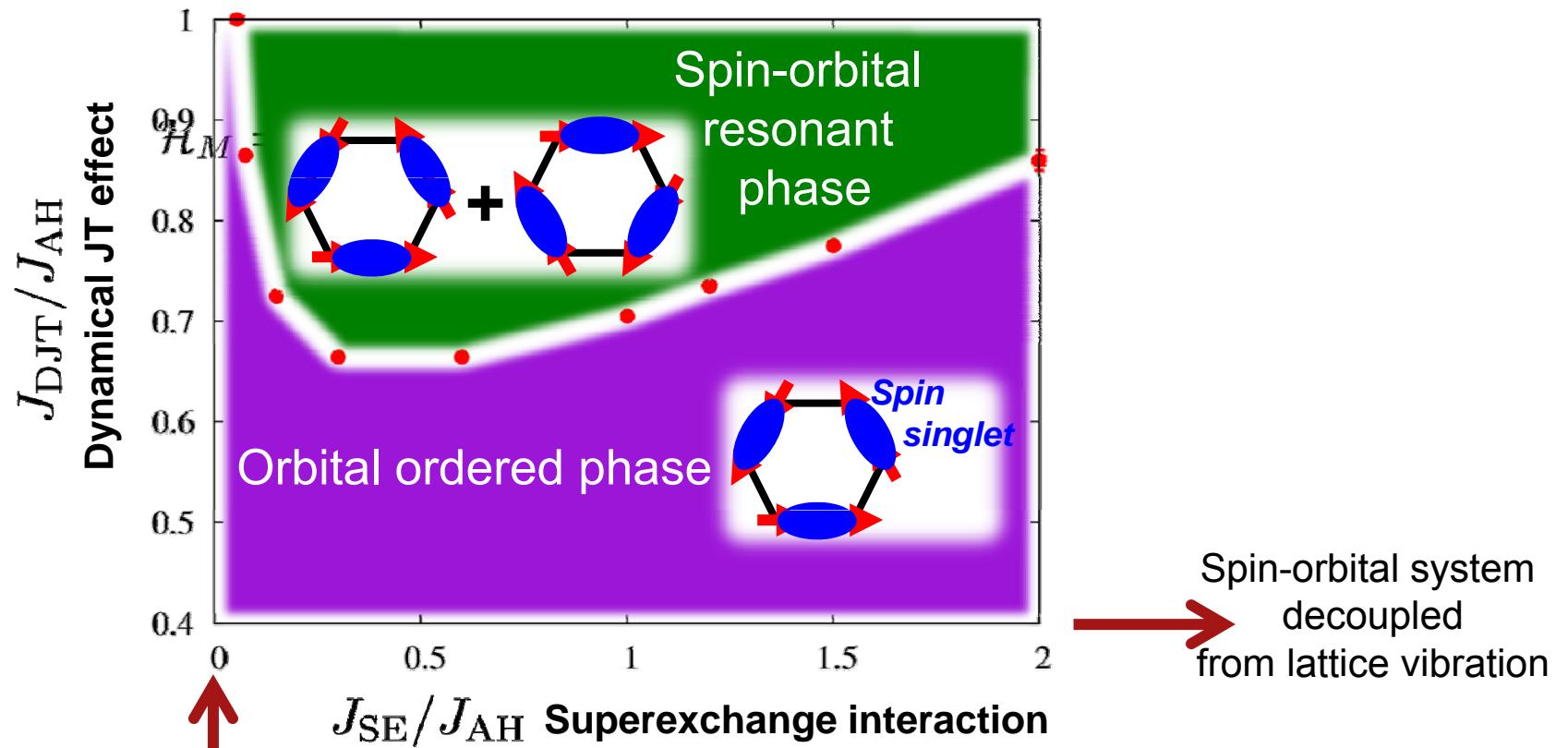


Spin-orbital disentangled
orbital order

Spin-orbital entangled quantum state



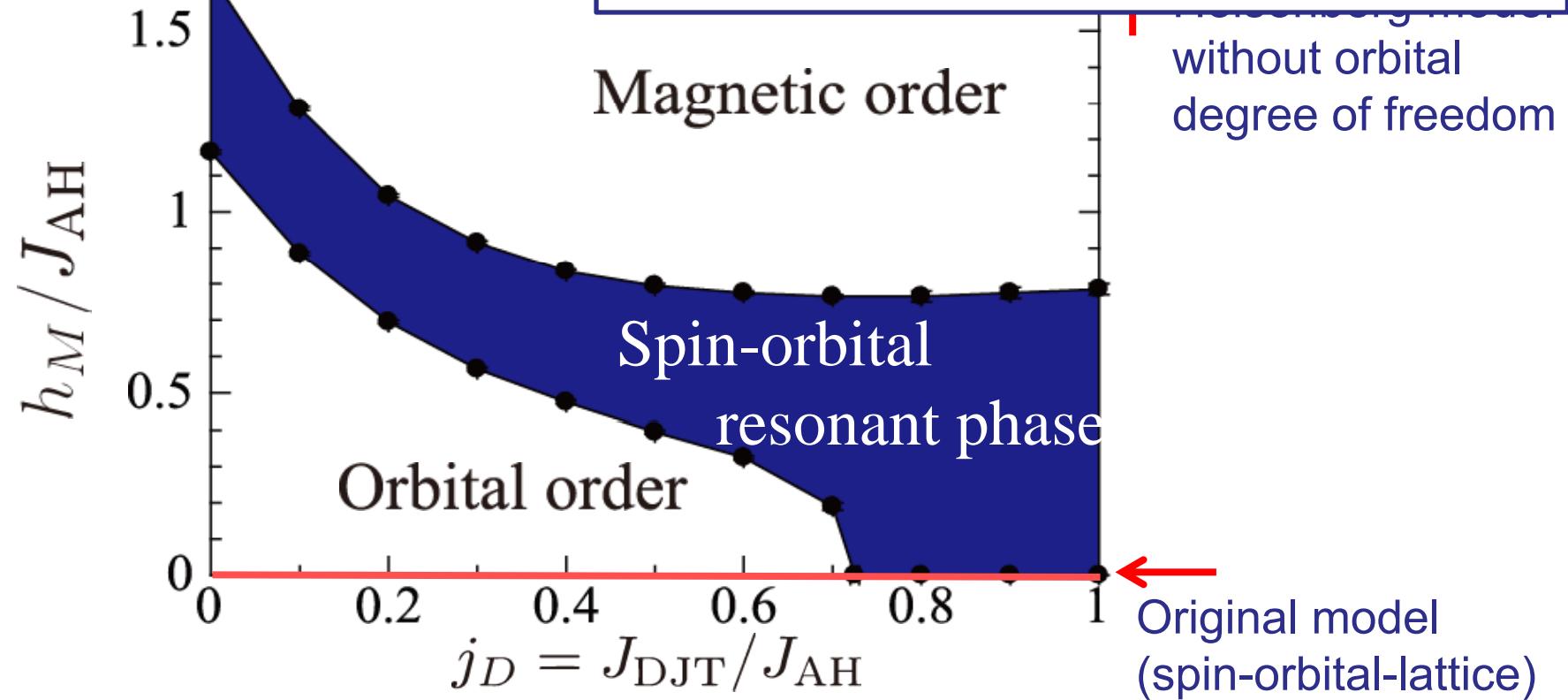
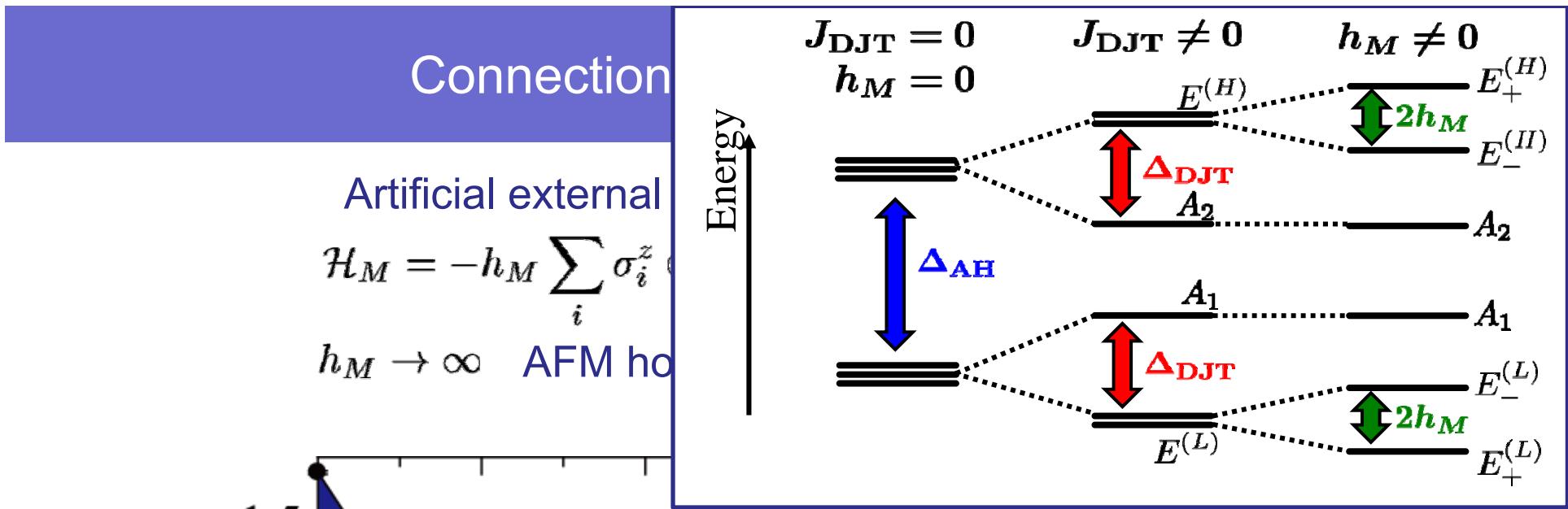
Superexchange v.s. dJT



Spin-orbital system
with reduced orbital moments

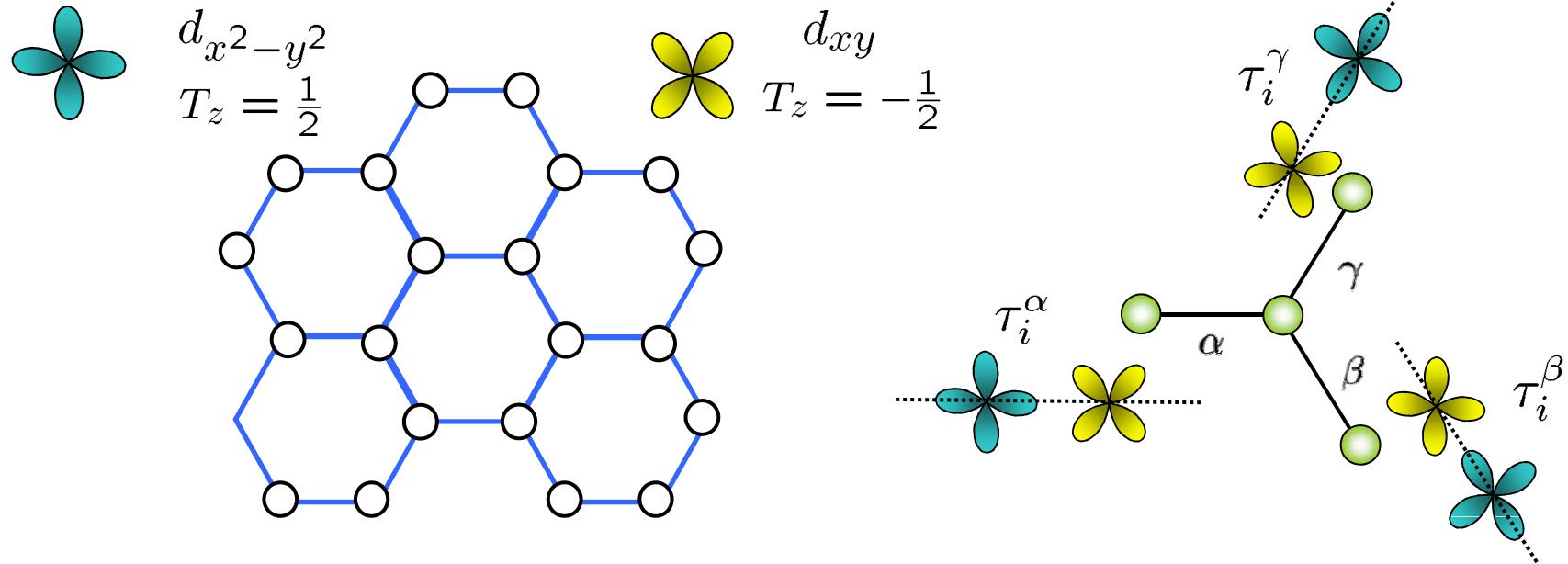
Competition between Dynamical JT and superexchange interaction

Spin-orbital resonant state



Honeycomb lattice 120 degree orbital model

Doubly-degenerate orbital on a honeycomb lattice



$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}J \sum_i \left(\frac{3}{4} + \tau_i^\alpha \tau_{i+\delta_\alpha}^\alpha + \tau_i^\beta \tau_{i+\delta_\beta}^\beta + \tau_i^\gamma \tau_{i+\delta_\gamma}^\gamma \right)$$

$$J < 0$$

$$\tau_i^l = \cos \left(\frac{2n_l \pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) T_i^z + \sin \left(\frac{2n_l \pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) T_i^x$$

$$(n_\alpha, n_\beta, n_\gamma) = (1, 2, 3)$$

Variational approach

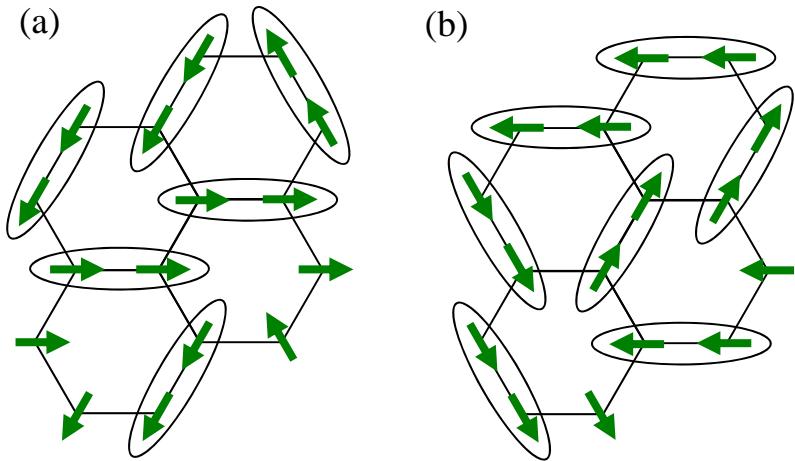
Honeycomb lattice is covered by NN bonds
with the minimum bond energy

trial wave function

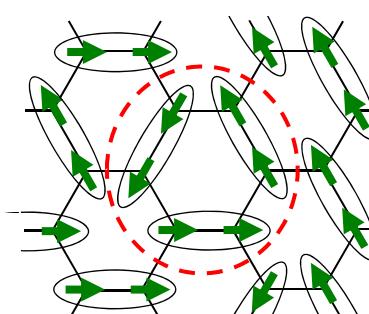
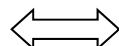
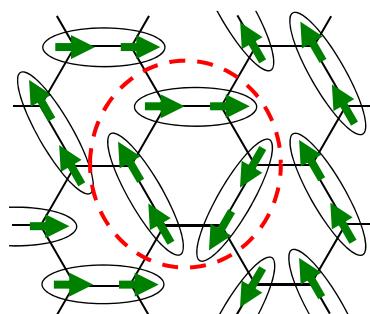
$$|\Psi^{(+)}\rangle = \mathcal{N} \sum_l \mathcal{A}_l \left\{ |\psi_l^{(\uparrow)}\rangle + |\psi_l^{(\downarrow)}\rangle \right\},$$

$$|\psi_l^{(\uparrow)}\rangle = \prod_{\langle ij \rangle_l} U(\phi_\eta)_{\langle ij \rangle_l} |\uparrow \cdots \uparrow\rangle.$$

$$U(\phi_\eta)_{\langle ij \rangle_l} = \exp [-i\phi_\eta (T_i^y + T_j^y)],$$



Quantum Resonance



Resonance energy:

~10% of energy gain
of quantum effect

Connection to orbital-only model

Generalization of electron transfer

$$t_{pd} \rightarrow t_{pd}(\eta)$$

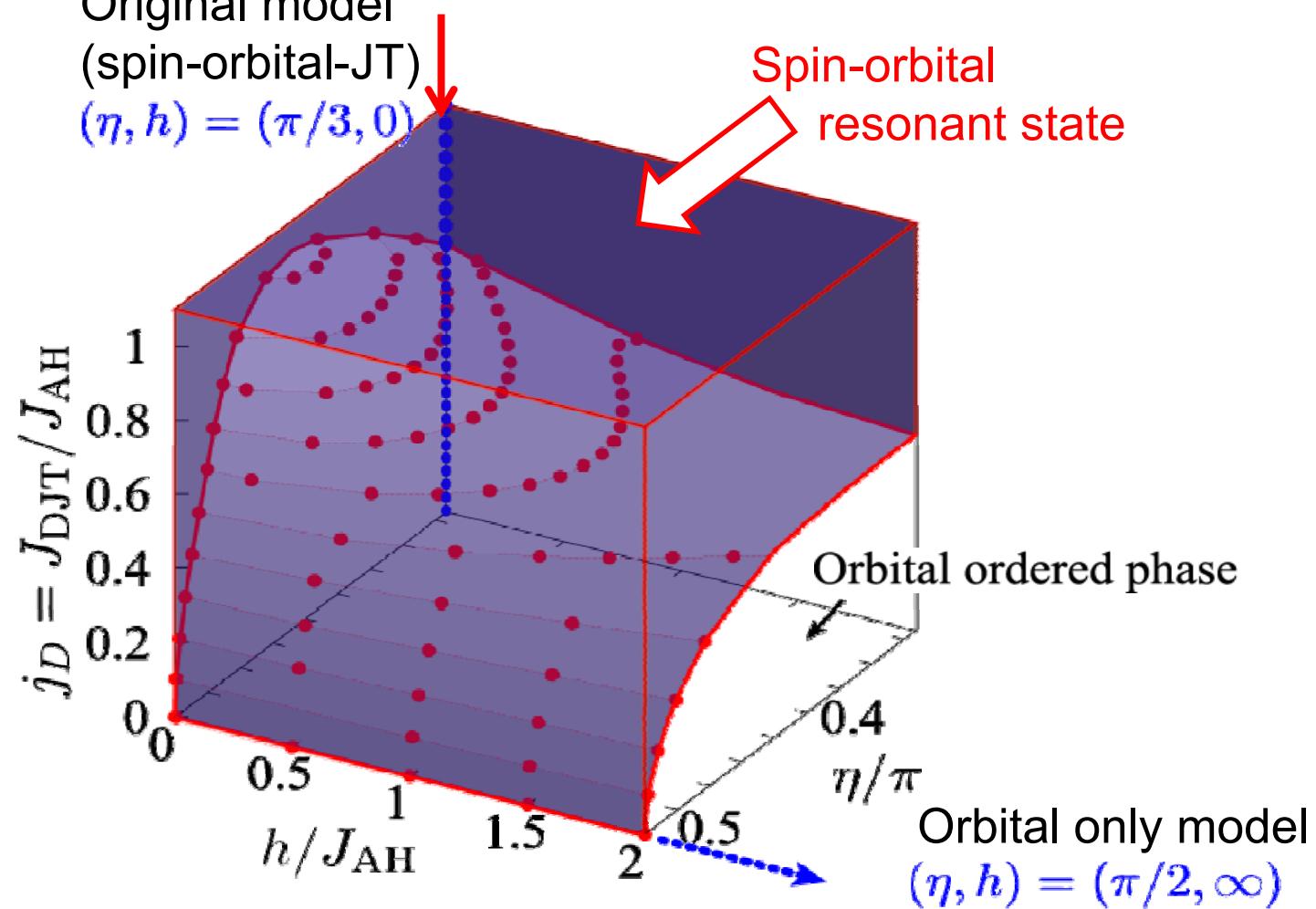
Staggered magnetic field

$$\mathcal{H}_h = -h \sum_i (-1)^i S_i^z$$

Original model
(spin-orbital-JT)

$$(\eta, h) = (\pi/3, 0)$$

Spin-orbital
resonant state

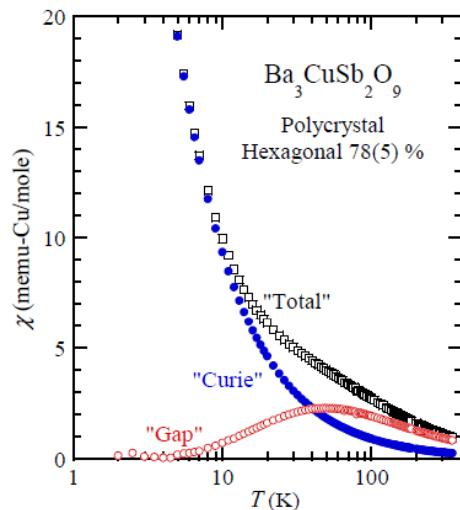


Discussion for $\text{Ba}_3\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_9$

Low energy excitation + Gapped excitation

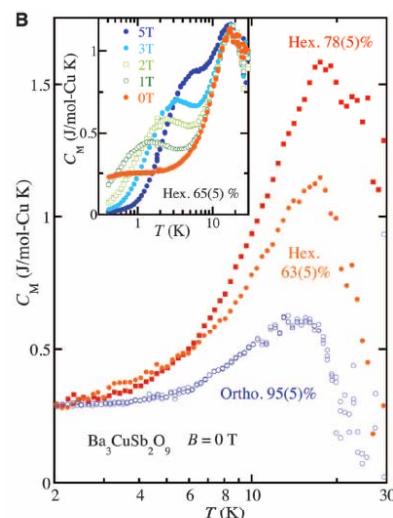
- Susceptibility

$$\chi \sim \chi(\text{free}) + \chi(\text{gap})$$



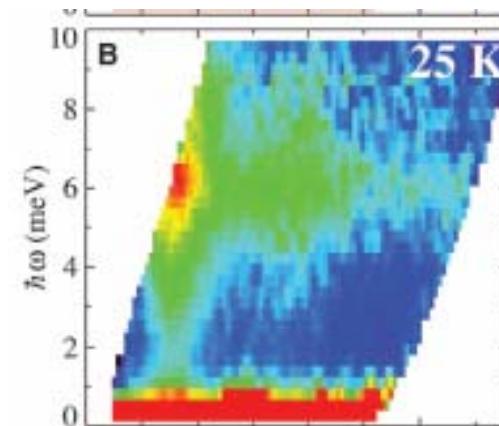
- Specific heat

low energy + gapped parts



- Inelastic Neutron scattering

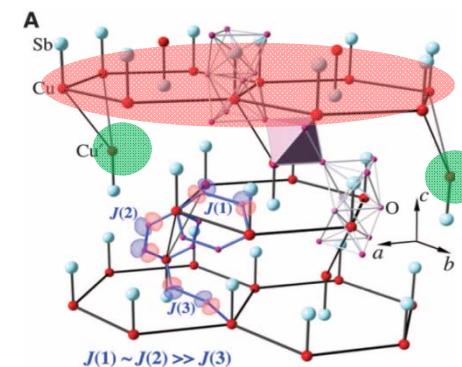
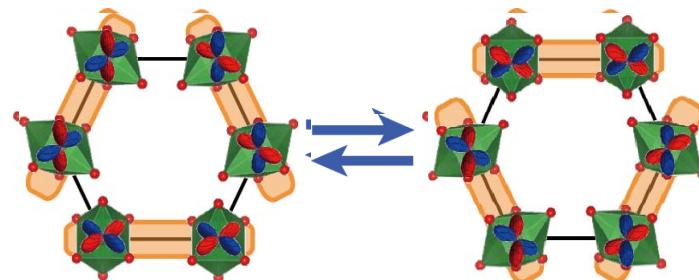
Gapped excitation



Nakatsuji et al.
Science 336, 559 (2012)

Spin-orbital resonance

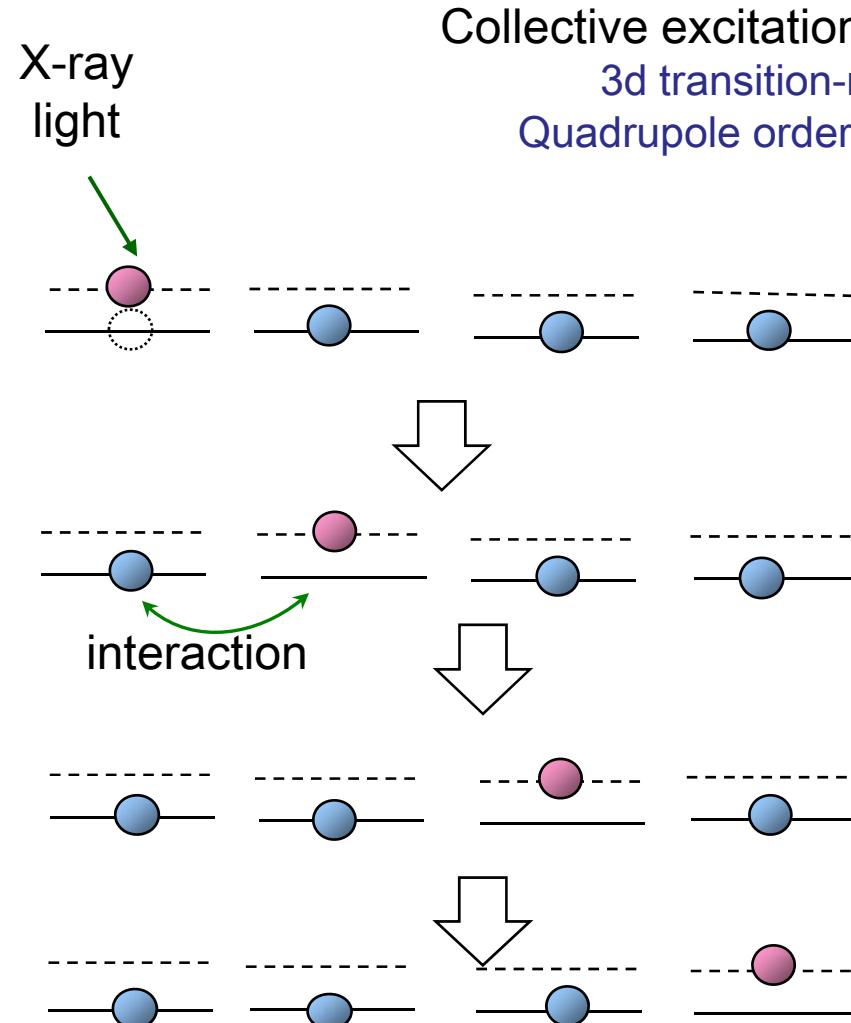
Gapped spin liquid



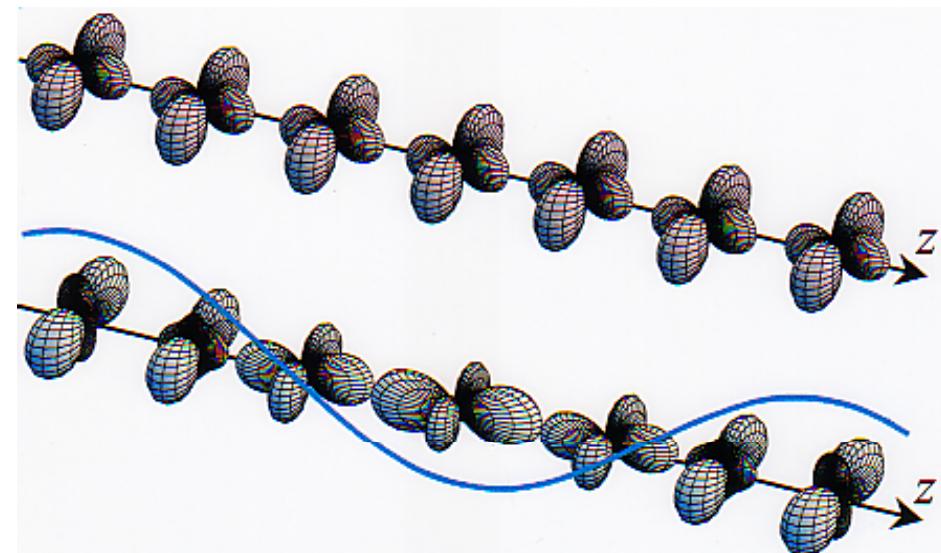
Orbital Excitation “Orbiton” & INS as an experimental probe

Orbiton

Orbital wave (orbiton)



Collective excitation in orbital ordered state
3d transition-metal compounds
Quadrupole order in 4f electron systems

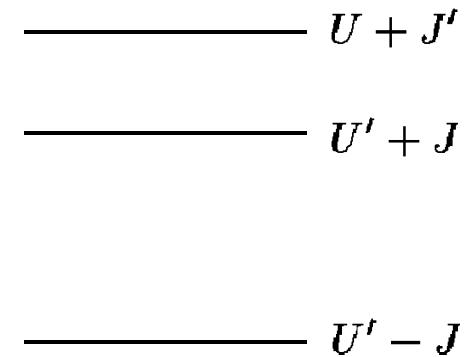


M. Cyrot and C. Lyon-Caen, J.
Phys. (Paris) 36, 253 (1975)

Orbiton

Spin-orbitla model

$$H = -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right) - 2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} + \tau_i^l \tau_j^l + \tau_i^l + \tau_j^l \right)$$



Horstein-Primakoff trans.

$$T_i^z = \frac{1}{2} - t_i^\dagger t_i$$

$$T_i^+ = \left(1 - t_i^\dagger t_i\right)^{1/2} t_i$$

$$T_i^- = t_i^\dagger \left(1 - t_i^\dagger t_i\right)^{1/2}$$

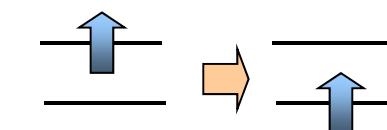
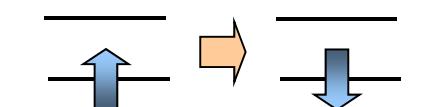
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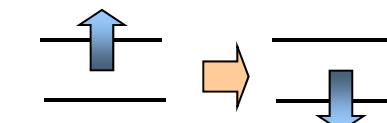
orbiton-magnon

$s_i^\dagger s_i$

$t_i^\dagger t_i$

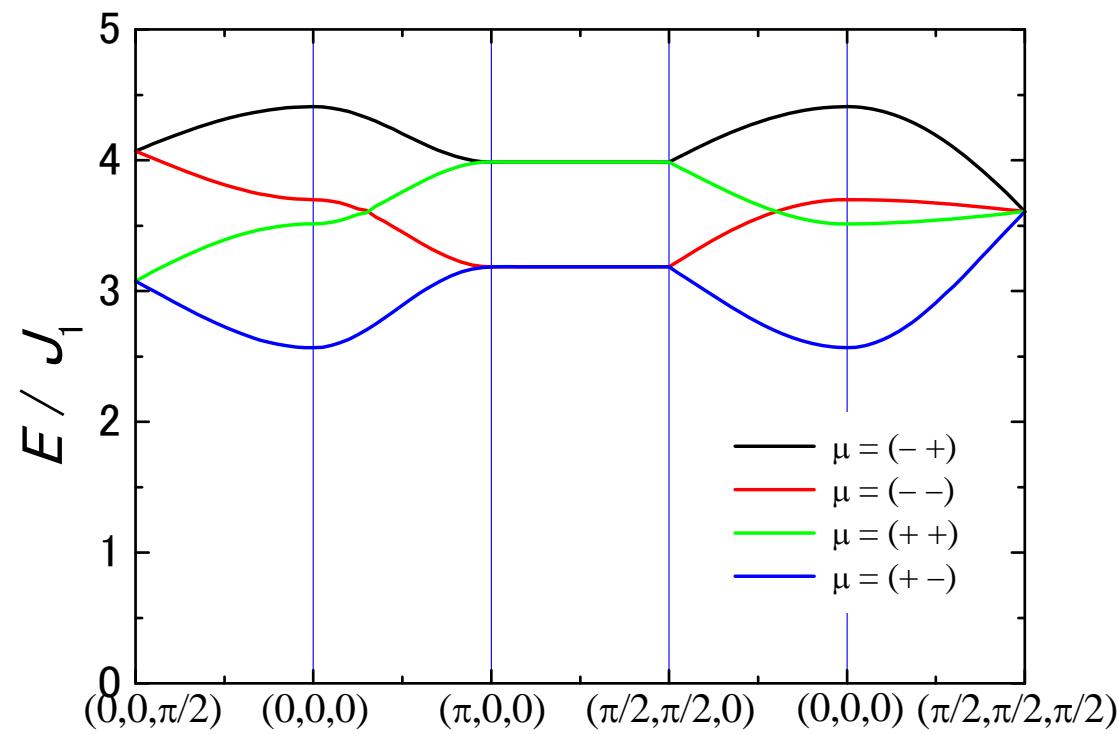


$t_i^\dagger s_i^\dagger \quad t_i s_i \quad t_i^\dagger s_i \quad t_i s_i^\dagger$



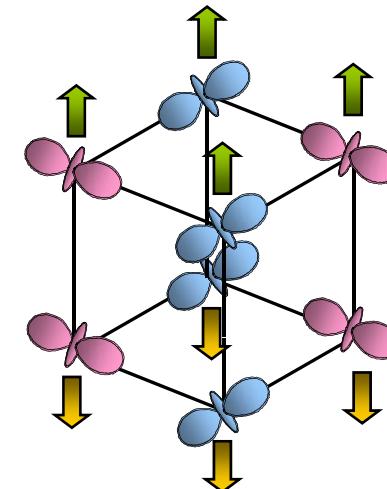
Orbiton dispersion relation

LaMnO₃
-a mother compound of CMR material -



4-modes
(4-inequivalent Mn sites)

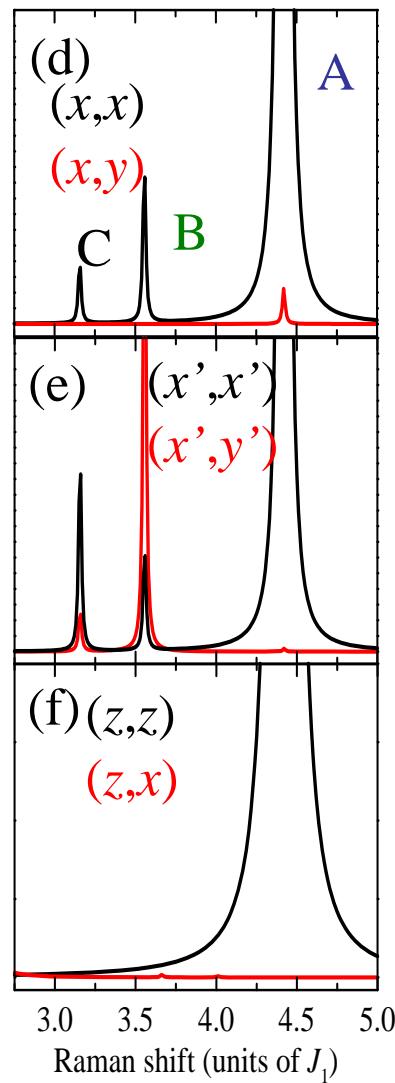
Gap-full excitation
(No SU(2) or O(2))



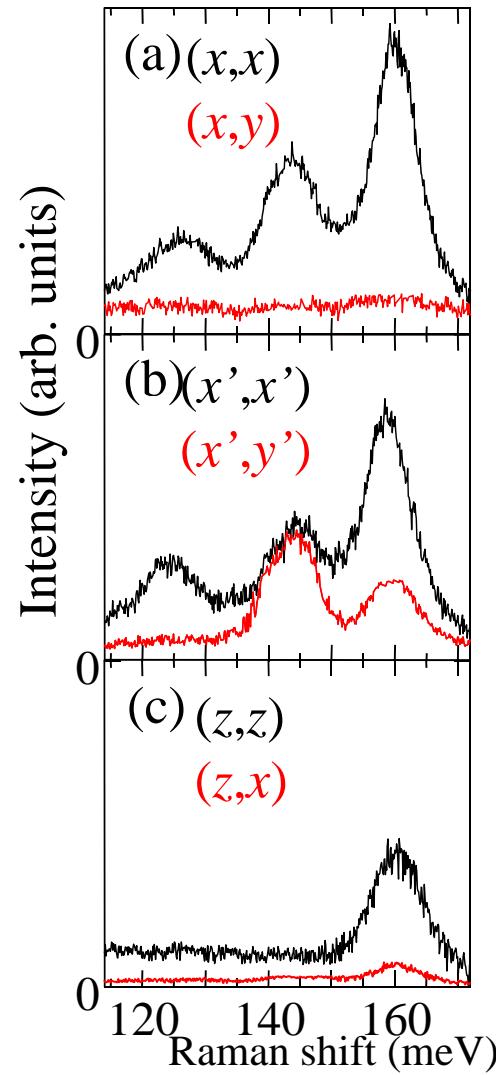
S. Ishihara, J. Inoue, S. Maekawa
Phys. Rev. B 55, 8280 ('97).

Orbiton by Raman scattering

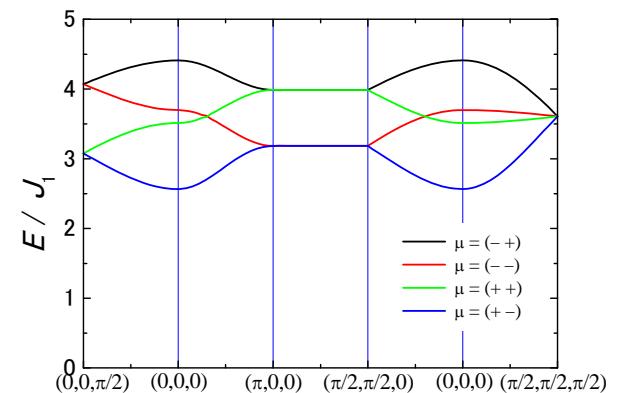
Theory



Experiment



LaMnO₃



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Nature 410 180 ('01)

(Multi-phonon ?)

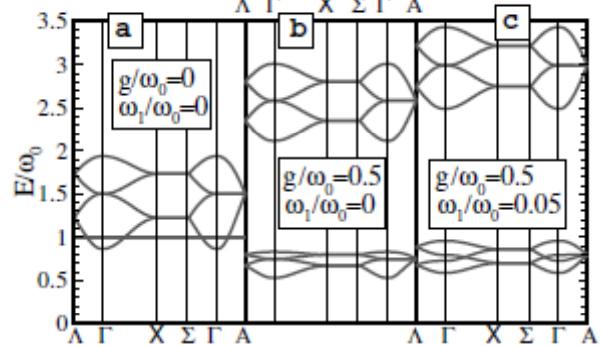


FIG. 2. Orbiton and phonon dispersion, neglecting dynamical effects due to the $e\text{-}p$ coupling; (a) without $e\text{-}p$ coupling g and without bare phonon dispersion, (b) $g/\omega_0 = 1/2$, no bare phonon dispersion, and (c) $g/\omega_0 = 1/2$, finite bare phonon dispersion. The points of high symmetry in the Brillouin zone correspond to those of Ref. [13].

Stabil + Dynamical

Effects of JT coupling mics (Dynamical JT,

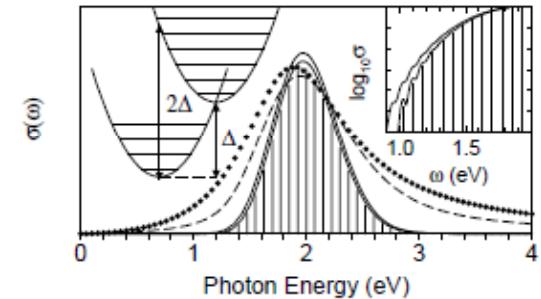
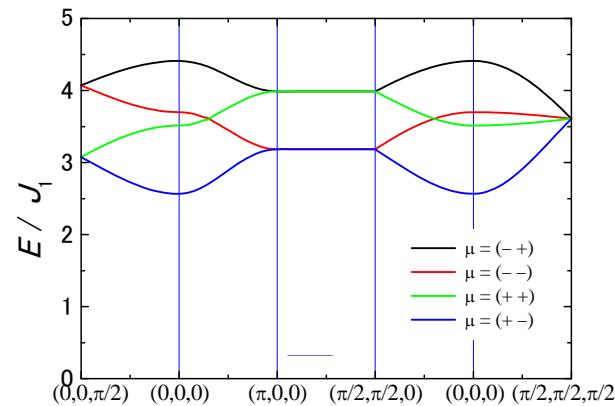


FIG. 2. Optical conductivity of LaMnO_3 . The points are the lowest Lorentzian oscillator fit by Jung *et al.* [16] to their data. The dashed curve is a $T = 0$ sum of convolved Lorentzians centered at the vibrational replicas shown as vertical bars; the solid curves are $T = 0$ (lower) and $T = 300$ K (upper) sums of convolved Gaussians, also shown in the inset on a logarithmic scale. Tick marks in the inset denote decades.

Vibronic excitation (cooperative JT problem)

SI et al. Phys. Rev. B 62, 2338 ('00)
Frozen JT distortion
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Orbital – Lattice coupling

$$H_J = -2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \tau_i^l \tau_j^l \right)$$

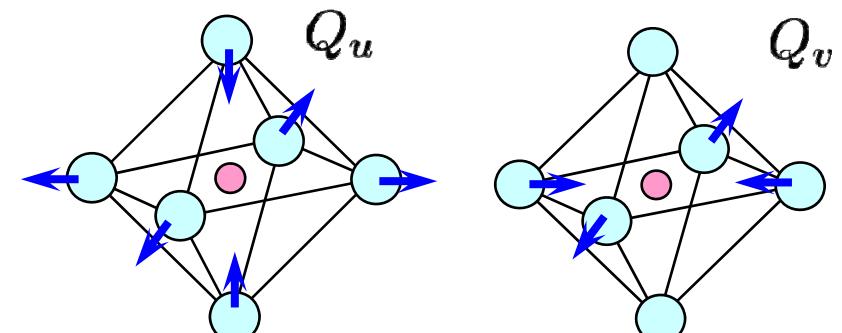
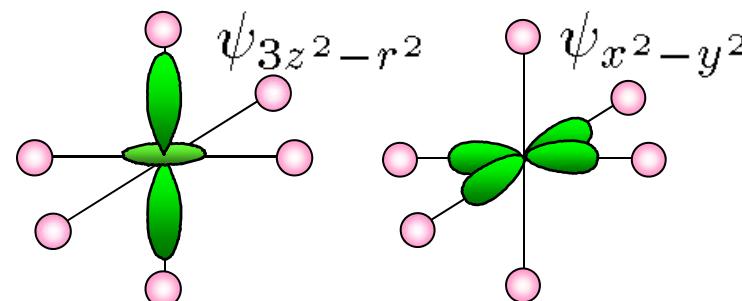
Exchange interaction

$$-2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} + \tau_i^l \tau_j^l + \tau_i^l + \tau_j^l \right)$$

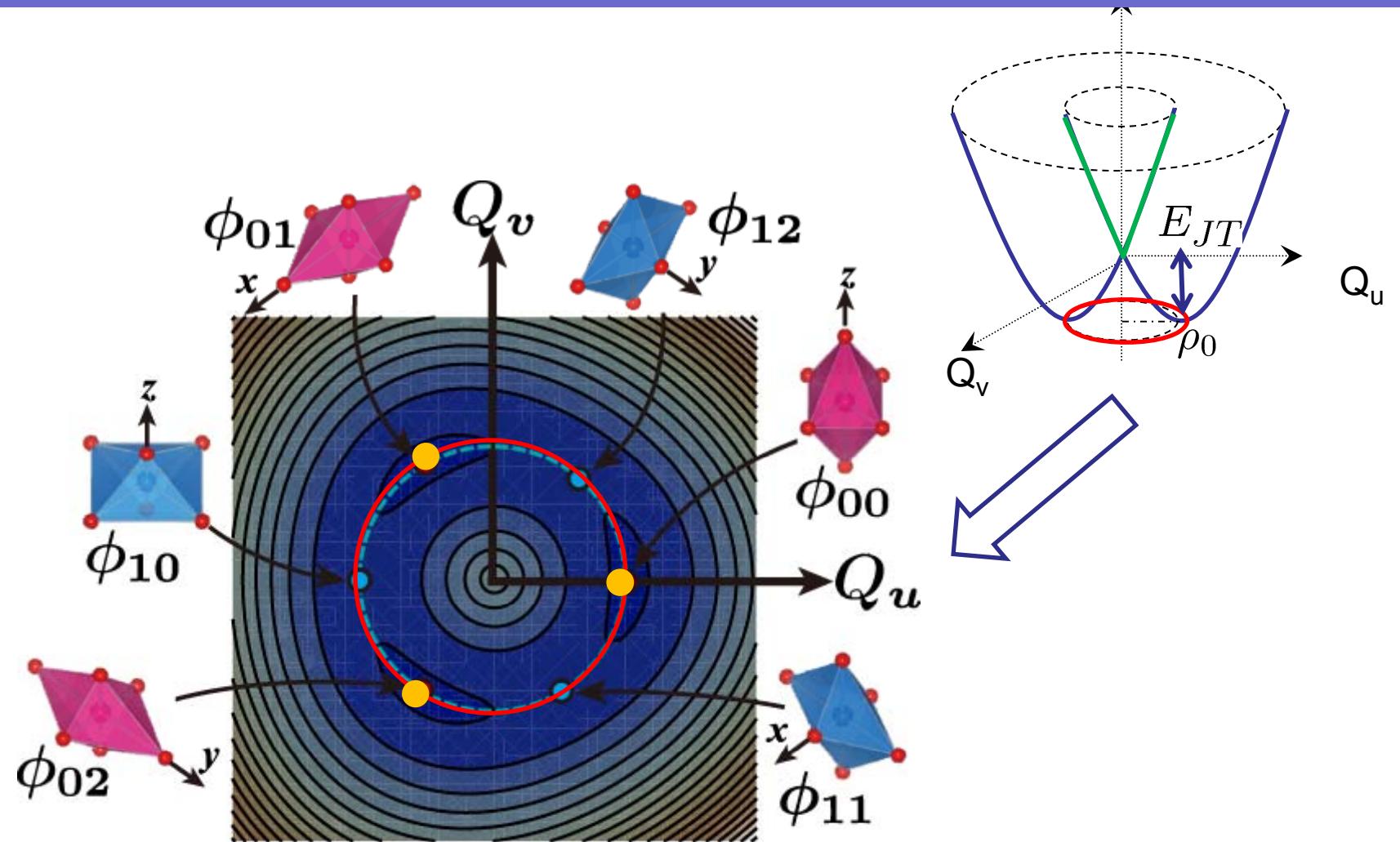
$\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \rightarrow \langle \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \rangle$

$$H_{\text{JT}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_v^2} \right) + \frac{M\omega^2}{2} (Q_u^2 + Q_v^2) + A(\sigma^x Q_v - \sigma^z Q_u)$$

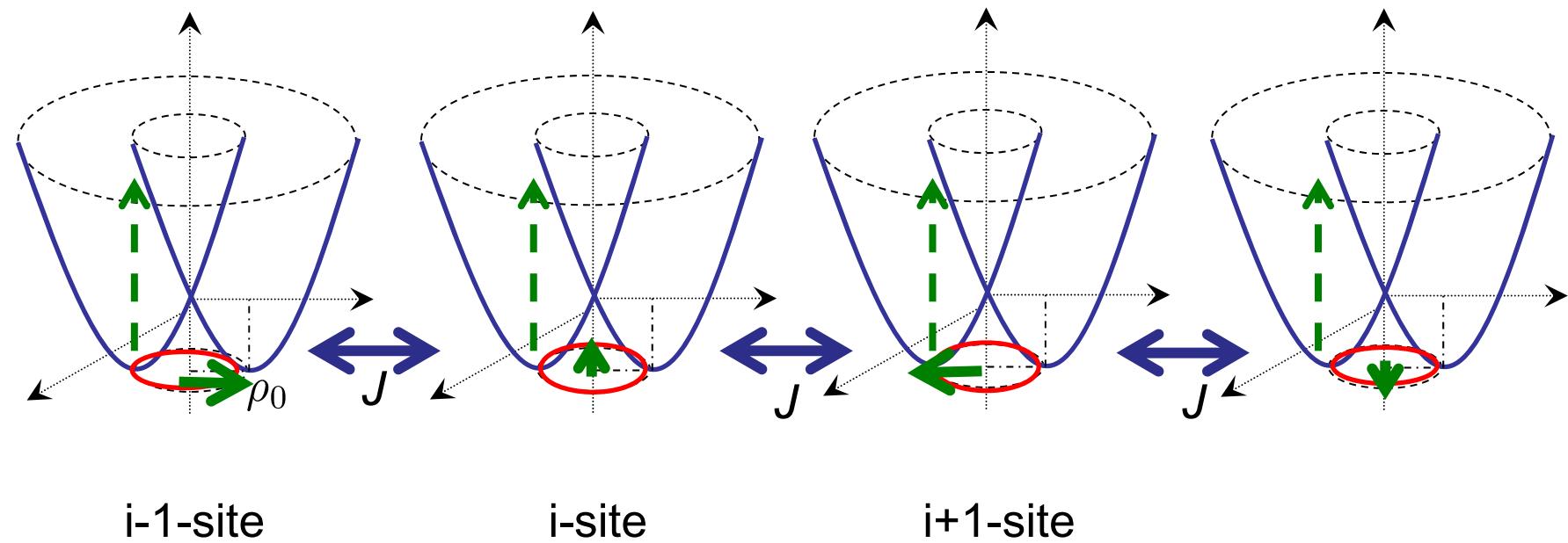
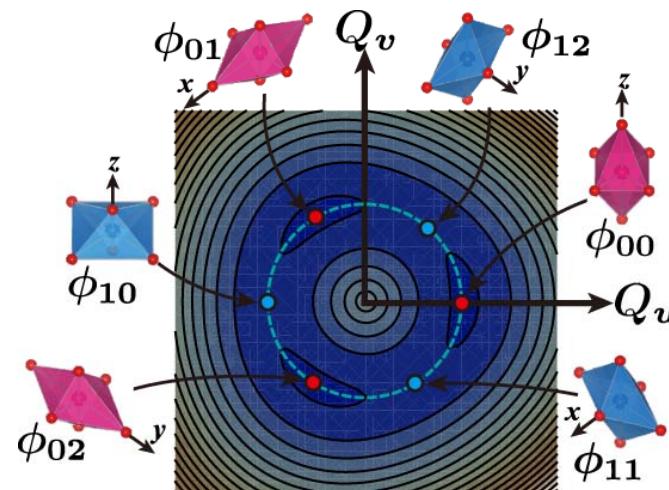
Kinetic Lattice potential JT interaction



Dynamic Jahn–Teller effect



Vibronic collective mode

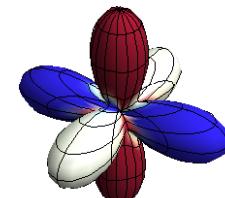


Summary

“Orbital-Frustration-Entanglement”

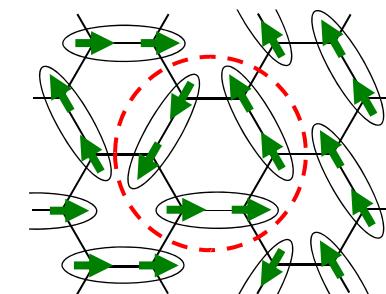
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Magnetic quadrupole order



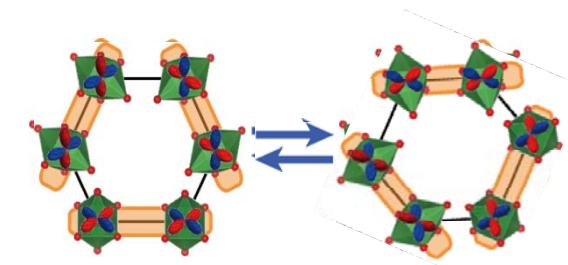
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Possibility of quantum orbital state



- DJT effect in honeycomb lattice spin-orbital model

Spin-Orbital resonant state
Implication to Ba₃Sb₂CuO₉



- Orbital excitation

Low energy collective
vibronic mode

