

# (Topological Aspects of) Quantum Spin Nanotubes - $S=1/2$ Three-Leg Spin Tube-

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Reactor Fugen



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research



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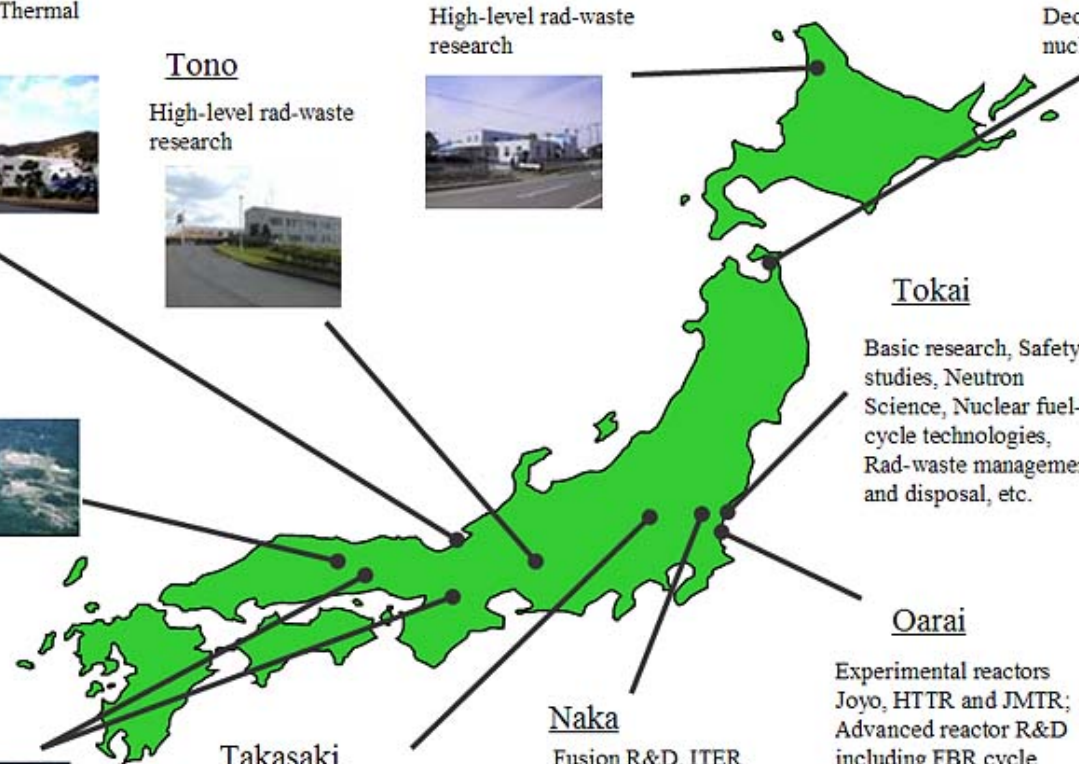
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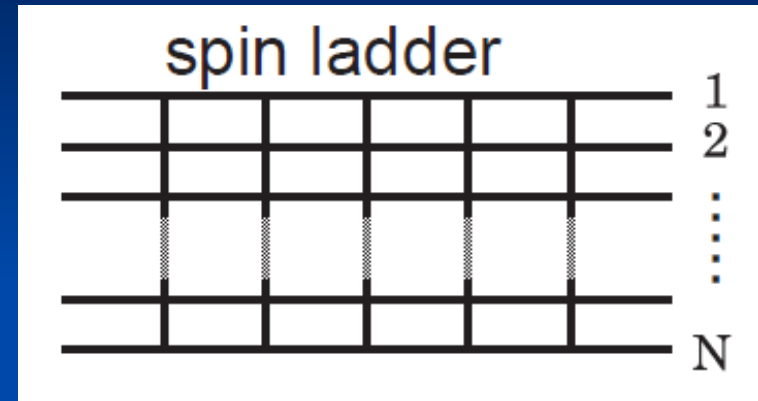
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- Carrier doped spin tubes

# Introduction

## Spin Ladder

Two (even) legs : Spin gap

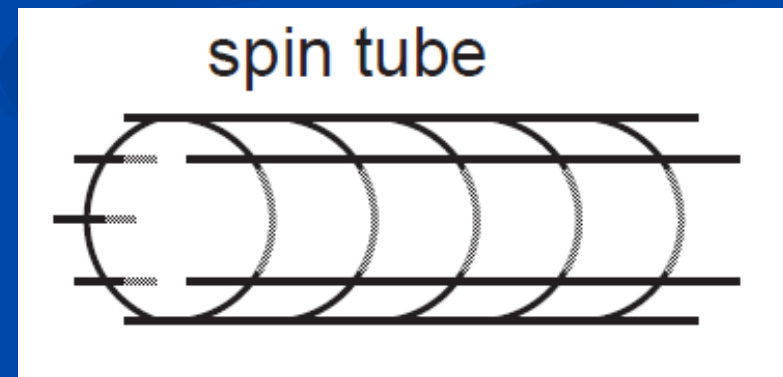
Three (odd) legs : Gapless



## Spin Tube

Two (even) legs : Spin gap

Three (odd) legs : **Spin gap**



$$H = J_r \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^L S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i+1,j} + J_l \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^L S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i,j+1}$$

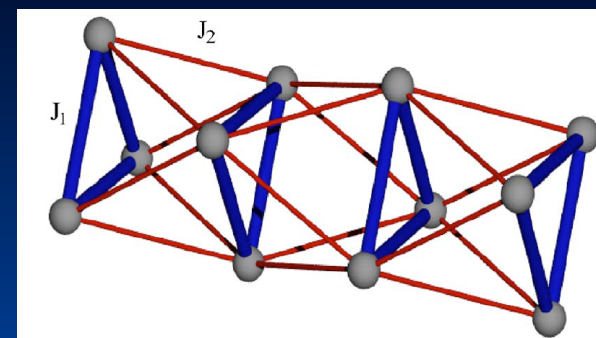
$$S=1/2$$

## Real spin tubes

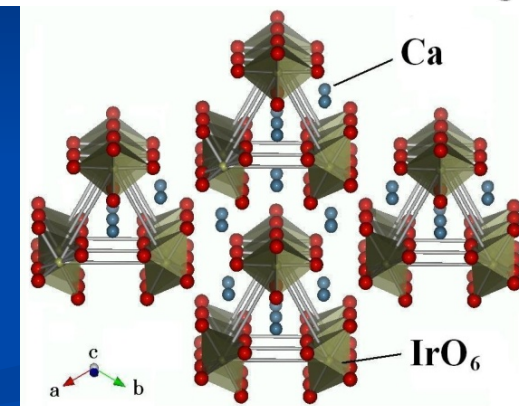
3-leg



*J. Schnack, et al, PRB70, 174420 (2004).*



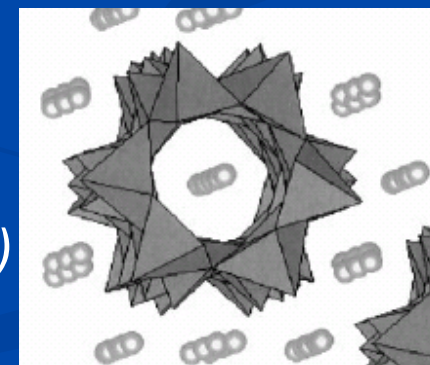
*H. Sato, et al, (Chuo University)*



9-leg



*P. Millet, et al, J. Solid State Chem. 147, 676 (1999)*



7-leg

**Organic compounds**

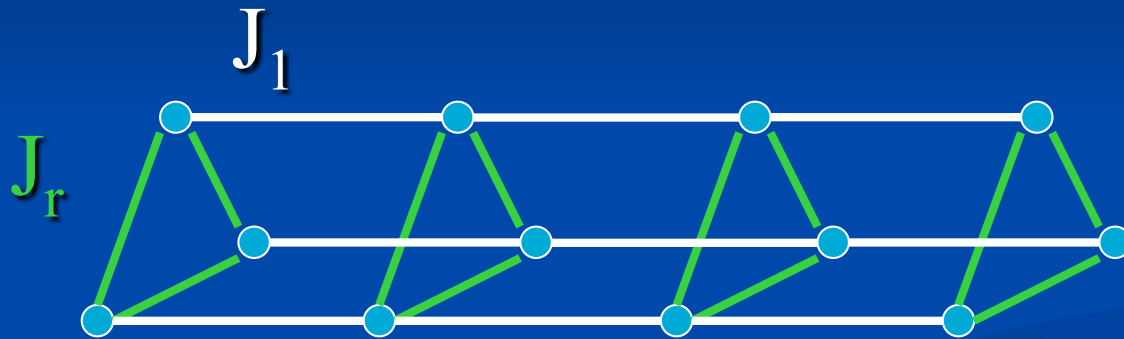
*Unpublished (Tsukuba University)*

# Theories on 3-leg spin tubes

- Schulz 1996:  $S=1/2$  Bosonization
- Kawano-Takahashi 1997:  $S=1/2$ , Spin gap  $\sim 0.28J_{\perp}$
- Cabra-Honecker-Pujol 1998:  $S=1/2$ ,  $1/3$  magnetization plateau
- Sato-TS 2007 : field-induced new phases
- TS-Sato-Okunishi-Okamoto-Itoi 2008, 2010: Isosceles triangle
- Nishimoto-Arikawa 2008: Isosceles triangle
- Charrier-Capponi-Oshikawa-Pujol 2010: Integer spin
- Nishimoto-Fuji-Ohta 2011:  $S=3/2$ , Spin gap
- Lajko-Sindzingre-Penc 2012:  $S=1/2$ , Multispin exchange
- Okunishi-Sato-TS-Okamoto-Itoi 2012: new phase at  $m=1/3$

# $S=1/2$ Three-leg spin tube

Model





# S=1/2 Three-leg spin tube

Kawano-Takahashi: JPSJ 66 (1997) 4001

Effective model based on Chirality operators

Density Matrix Renormalization Group(DMRG)

$J_r > 0$  : Spin gap

$J_r/J_1 \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\Delta = 0.28J_1$

I. Affleck, Phys. Rev. B 37, 5186 (1988)

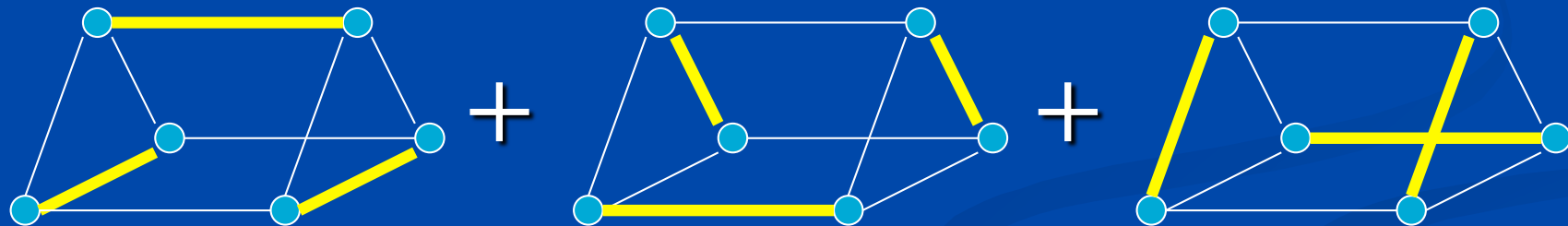
Lieb-Shultz-Mattis theorem

odd-leg ladders: gapless

or Ground state is degenerated.

# Gap due to double periodicity

Singlet with double periodicity (Kawano-Takahashi)



⇒ Quantum phase transition  
with respect to  $J_r/J_1$

# Analysis of Quantum Phase Transition

Numerical diagonalization: Low-lying excitation

$3 \times L$  spin systems:  $L \leq 8$

Phenomenological renormalization

Scaled gap:  $L\Delta$

$L\Delta$  is independent of size  $\Rightarrow$  Gapless

$L\Delta$  increasing with size : Gapped

$L\Delta$  decreasing with size : Degenerated with GS

(DMRG : Direct calculation of gap)

# Spin Gap

$J_1=1$  fixed, varying  $J_r$

Ground state : singlet

1st excited state : triplet  $k=\pi$

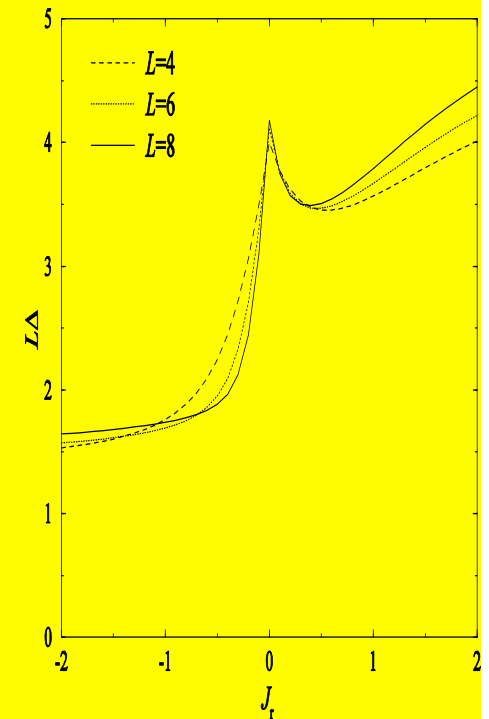
$J_r=0$  three chains : gapless

$J_r \rightarrow -\infty$  ( $S=3/2$  chain) : gapless

Result:

$J_r > 0$ : Spin gap is opening  
with increasing  $J_r$

$J_r < 0$ : Always gapless



# Doubly degenerated Ground State

Singlet excitations  $k=\pi$   
degenerated with GS



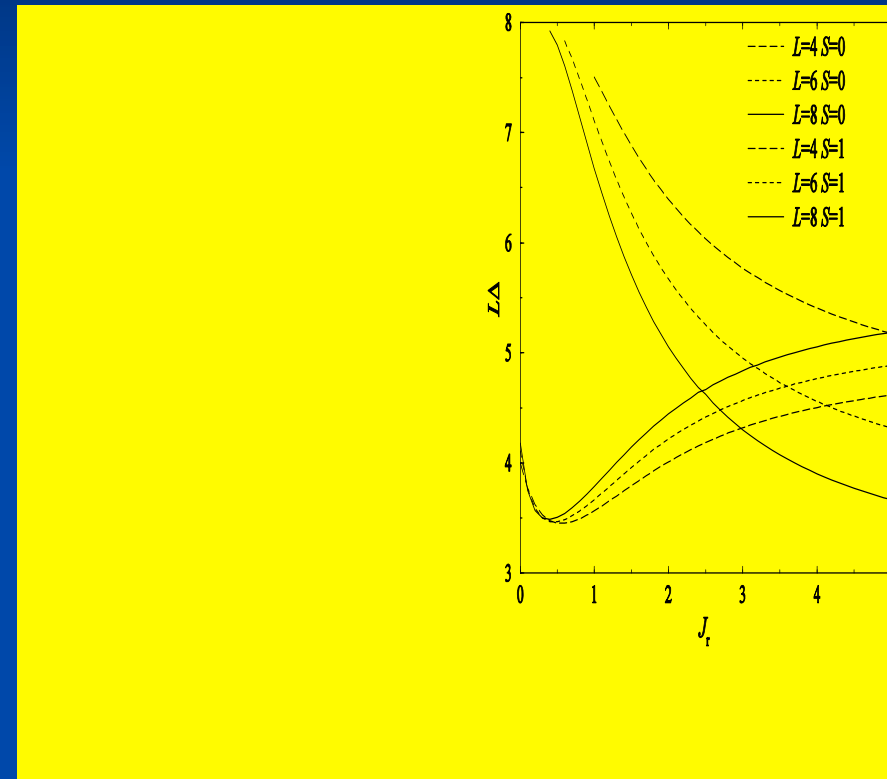
Double periodicity



Spin gap

Critical point  $J_{rc}$

$J_{rc} = 0$  or finite ?



# Quantum Phase Transition between 3-leg spin tube and ladder -Isosceles Triangle Tube-

Distortion from a regular triangle ( $J_r > J_{rc}$ )

$$\alpha = J_r' / J_r$$

$\alpha=0$  : Three-leg ladder  
gapless

$\alpha=1$  : Spin gap

$\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  : Dimer and monomer  
gapless



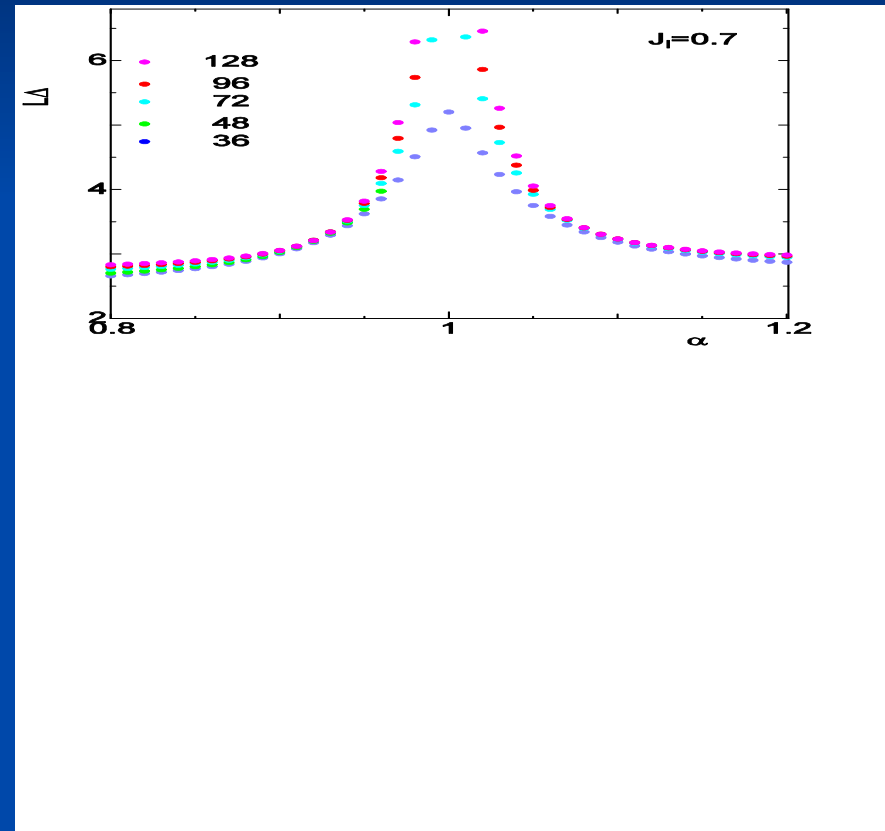
Quantum phase transition with respect to  $\alpha$

# Spin Gap by DMRG

$J_1=0.7$  fixed

Spin gap is open  
only in a very small region

$$\alpha \sim 1$$

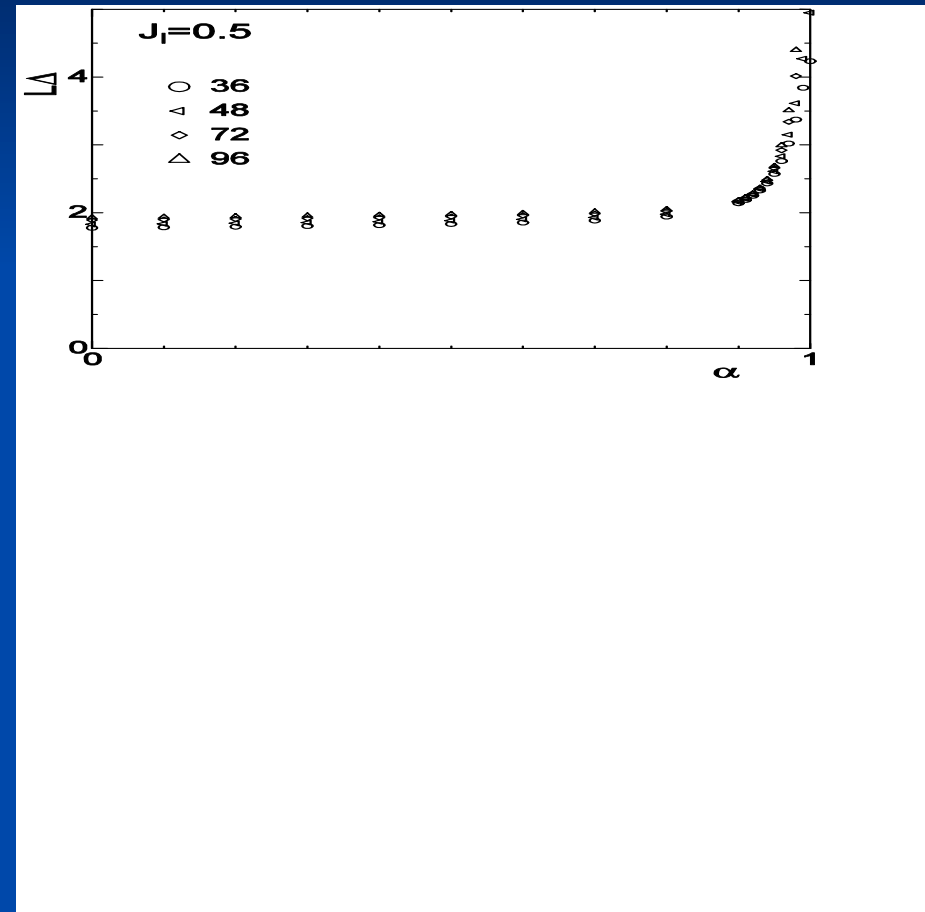


# Large Size Corrections

- Logarithmic system size corrections

$$\sim 1/\log L$$

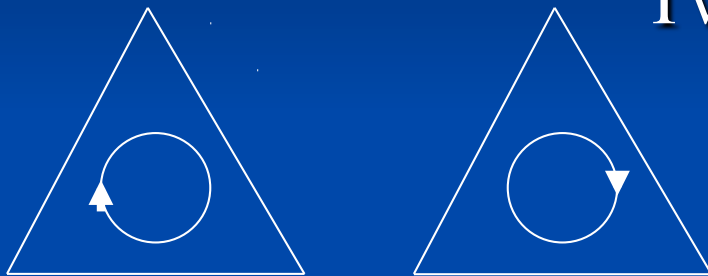
- 3-leg ladder looks gapped !





# Previous Effective Hamiltonian

Chiral symmetry:  $S=1/2$  Regular triangle cluster  
Two doublets are degenerated.



Chirality operators

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^+ |\cdot L\rangle &= 0, & \tau^- |\cdot L\rangle &= |\cdot R\rangle, \\ \tau^+ |\cdot R\rangle &= |\cdot L\rangle, & \tau^- |\cdot R\rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\uparrow L\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \omega |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \omega^{-1} |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle), \\ |\downarrow L\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \omega |\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \omega^{-1} |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle), \\ |\uparrow R\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \omega^{-1} |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \omega |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle), \\ |\downarrow R\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \omega^{-1} |\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + \omega |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle), \quad \omega = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$J_r/J_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$H = J_1/3 \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1} [1 + \gamma (\tau_j^+ \tau_{j+1}^- + \tau_j^- \tau_{j+1}^+)]$$

SU(2) symmetry

# New effective theory

## ■ Hubbard model on 3-leg tube

$$H = H_{\text{hop}} + H_{\text{int}},$$

$$H_{\text{hop}} = \sum_{n=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} (t c_{n+1,i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{n,i,\sigma} + s_{i+1,i} c_{n,i+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{n,i,\sigma} + h.c.),$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = U \sum_{n=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^3 n_{n,i,\uparrow} n_{n,i,\downarrow},$$

Large  $U \Rightarrow$  Heisenberg model

$$J_1 = t^2/U, \quad J_r = s^2/U,$$
$$\alpha = J_r' / J_r = \beta^2$$



# Criterion of Spin Gap

- Hopping term: 3 bands

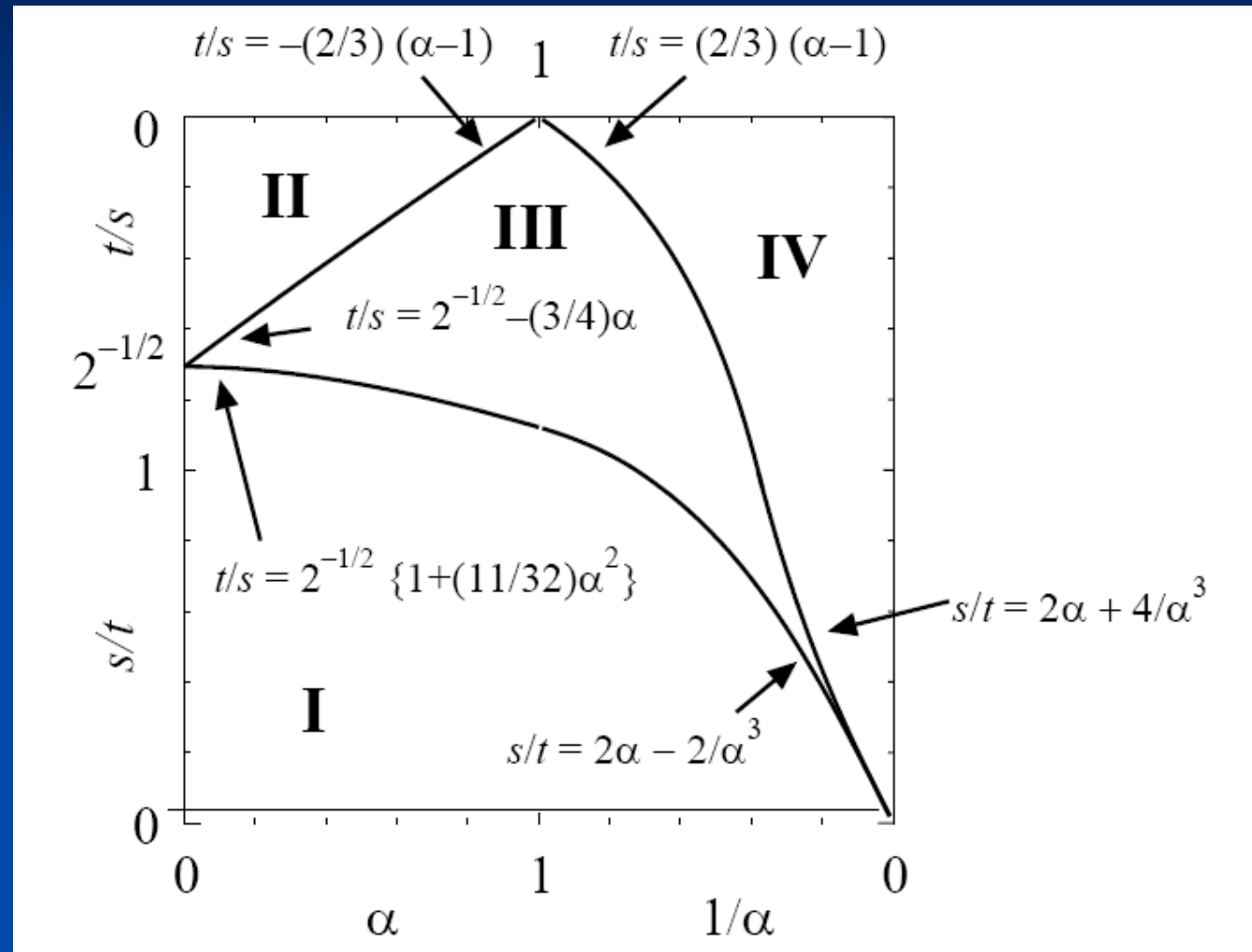
$$\begin{aligned}E_1(k) &= -\beta s + 2t \cos k, \\E_2(k) &= \frac{1}{2}(\beta s - \sqrt{\beta^2 + 8} + 4t \cos k), \\E_3(k) &= \frac{1}{2}(\beta s + \sqrt{\beta^2 + 8} + 4t \cos k),\end{aligned}$$

- Number of Fermi points
  - 0 to 3 pairs of Fermi points
- Criteria
  - Even pairs: Gapped
  - Odd pairs: Gapless  $\Rightarrow$  phase boundary

# Phase diagram by effective theory

Phase III:  
Gapped

Phase I?



# Level spectroscopy

- KT phase boundary between gapped and gapless  
Logarithmic size corrections (Okamoto-Nomura)  
 $J_1$ - $J_2$  frustrated spin chain  $(J_2/J_1)_c=0.2411\dots$

Triplet excitation gap  $\Delta_t \sim 1/L (1-C/\log L \dots)$

Singlet excitation gap  $\Delta_s \sim 1/L (1+3C/\log L \dots)$

At the critical point  $C=0$

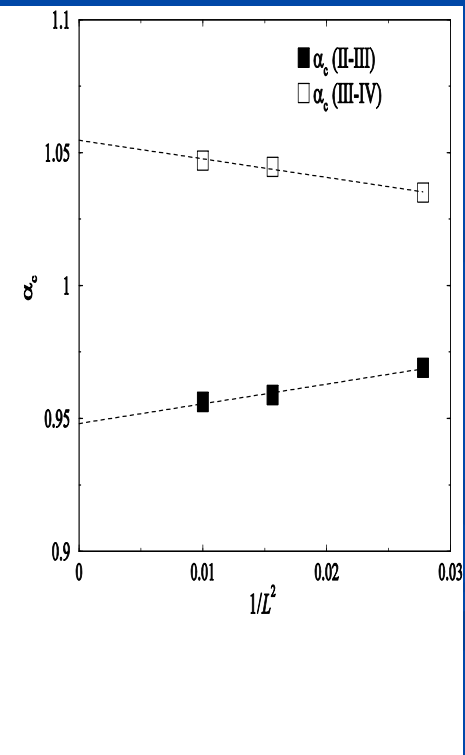
$\Delta_t = \Delta_s \Rightarrow$  precise phase boundary

# Phase boundary $\alpha_c$

- By level spectroscopy with numerical diagonalization up to  $L=10$

for  $J_1=0.2$

( $J_r=1$  fixed)



# $J_{1c}$ for symmetric case $\alpha=1$

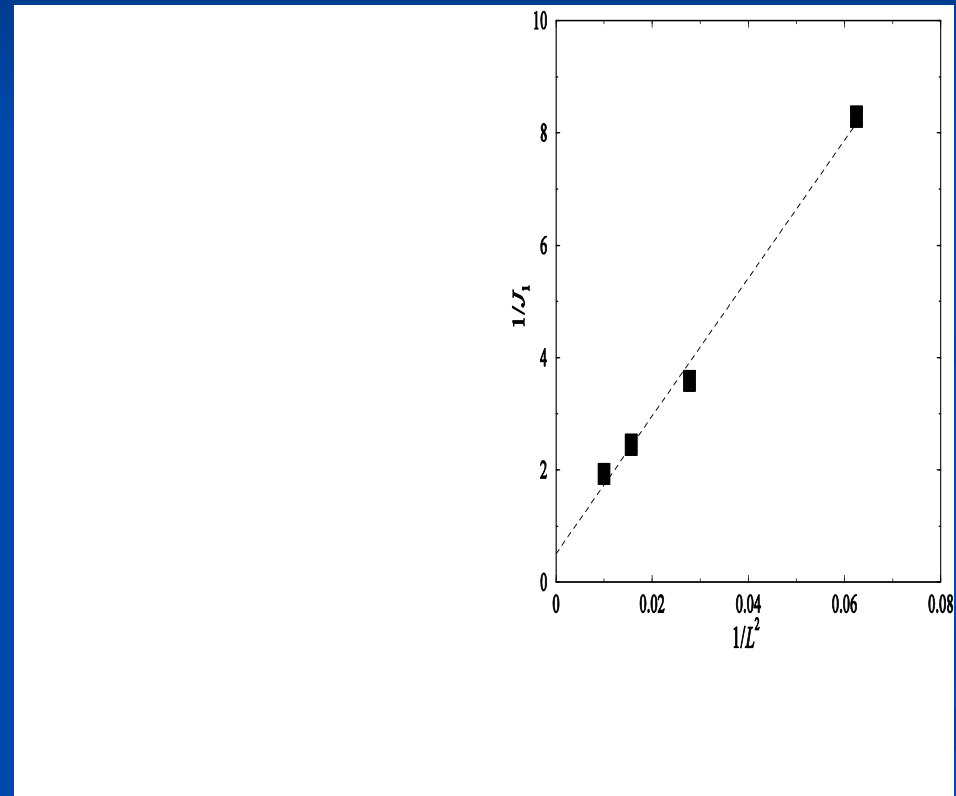
- Large size dependence

Critical point

$$1/J_1 = 0.51 \mp 0.4$$

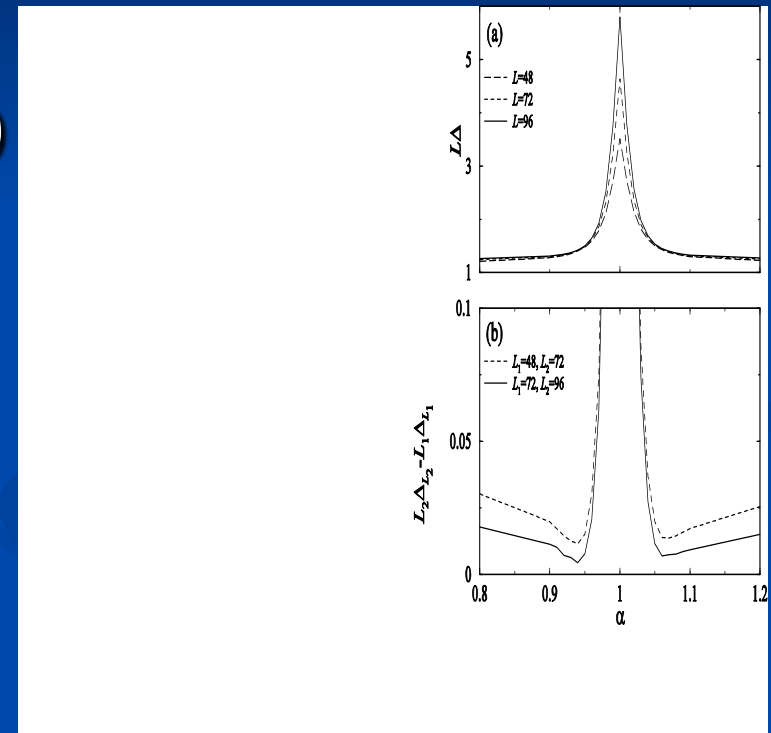
It is difficult to  
determine

$J_{rc} = 0$  or not .



# Phenomenological renormalization

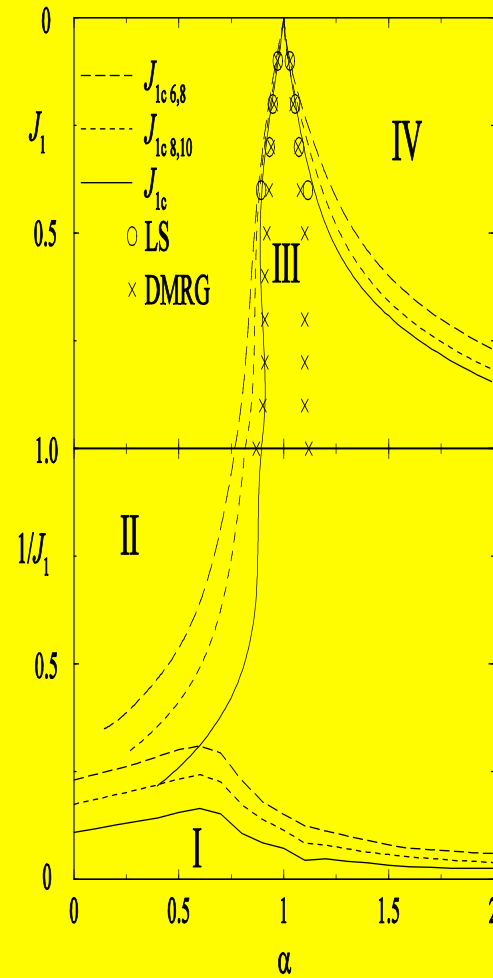
- DMRG up to  $L=128$
- Diagonalization up to  $L=10$
- No fixed points by  
$$L_1\Delta_{L_1} = L_2\Delta_{L_2}$$
- Gapless points determined  
by the minimum of  
$$L_1\Delta_{L_1} - L_2\Delta_{L_2}$$



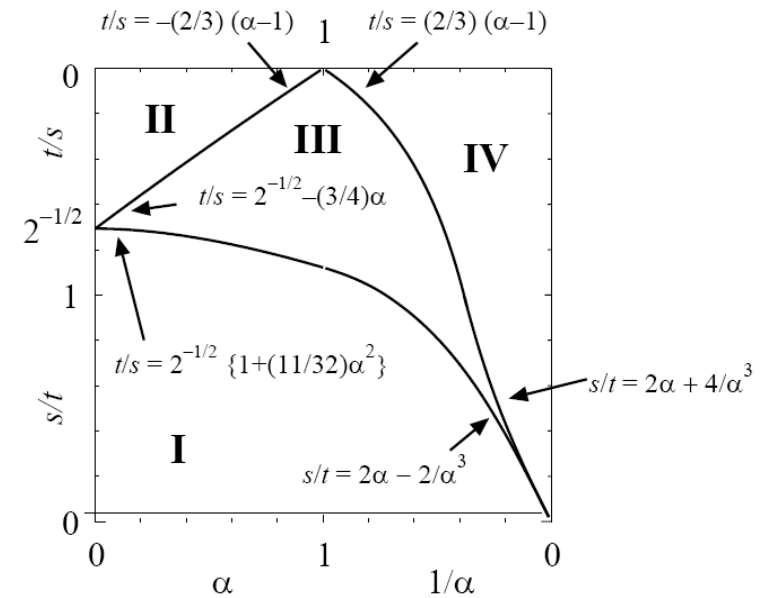
DMRG for  $J_1=0.3$



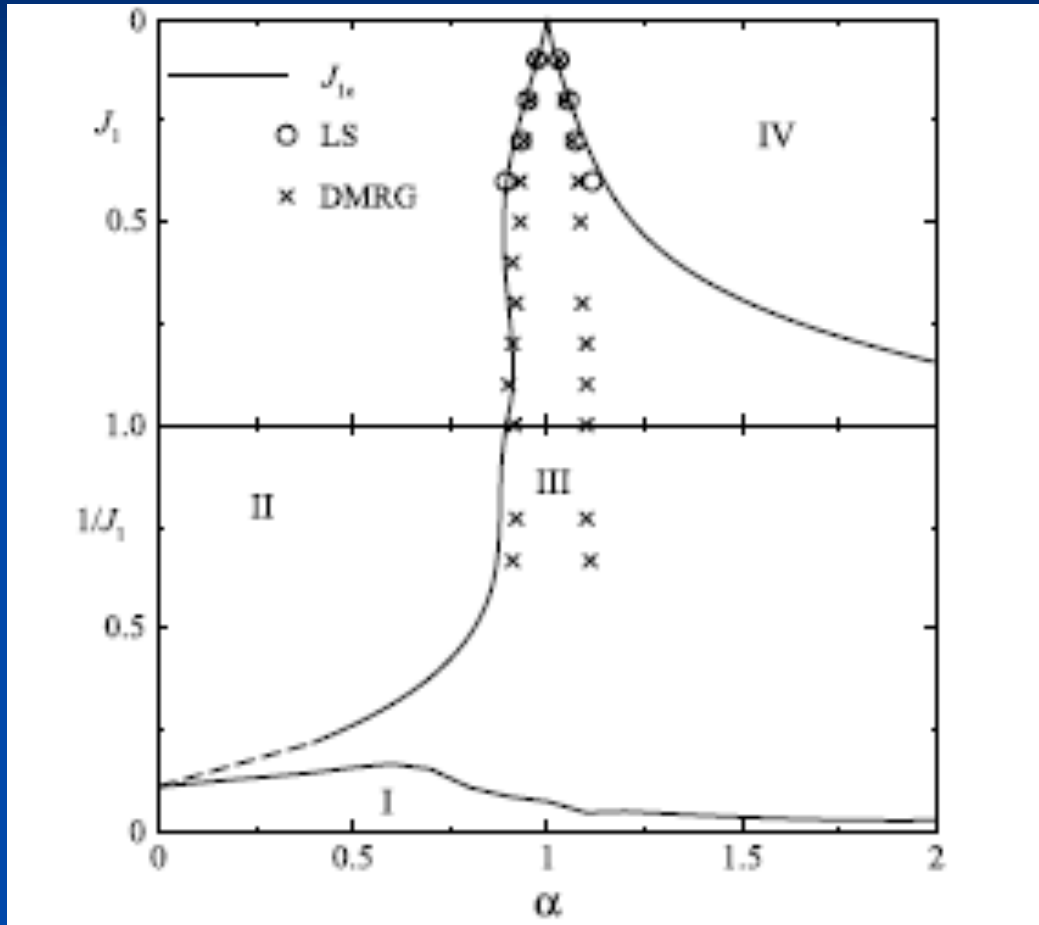
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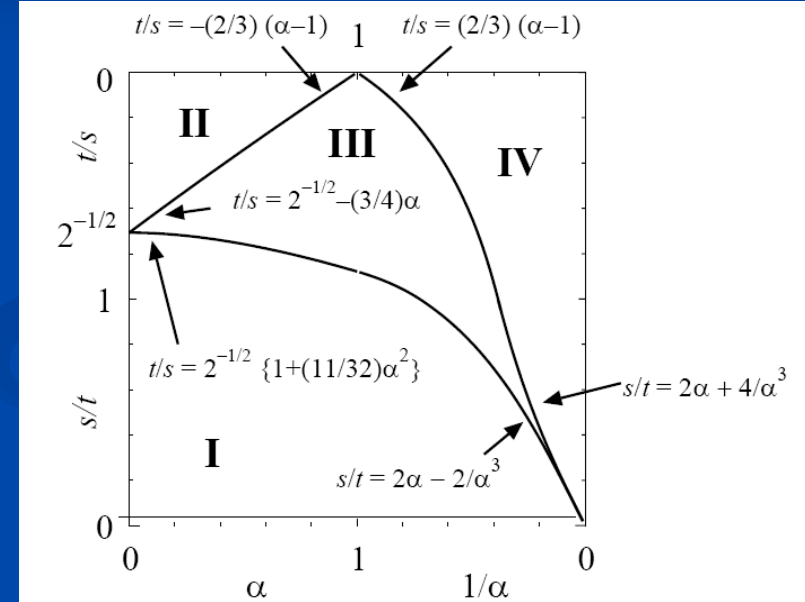
## Effective theory



# Numerical Phase Diagram



## Effective theory



# BKT transition

Conformal field theory analysis

$$\langle S_0^z S_r^z \rangle \sim (-1)^r r^{-\eta}$$

$$\Delta \sim \pi v_s \eta / L \rightarrow \eta$$

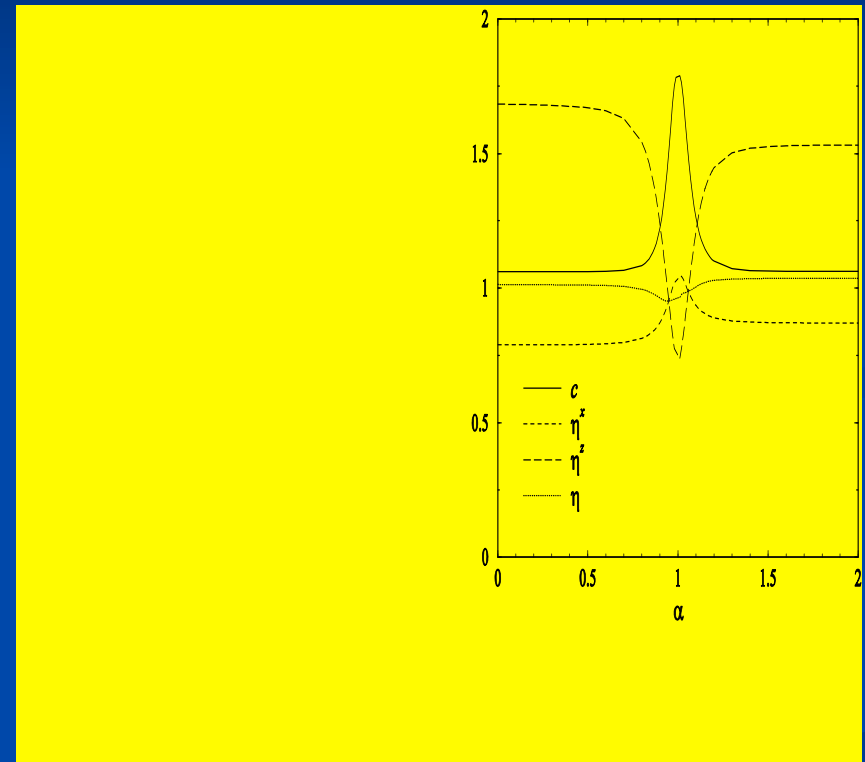
Central charge :  $c$

Numerical diagonalization:

$\eta=1$   $c=1$  for gapless phases

$\Rightarrow$  **BKT transition**

Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless



$J_1=0.3$

# Phenomenological Renormalization

## -Singlet gap-

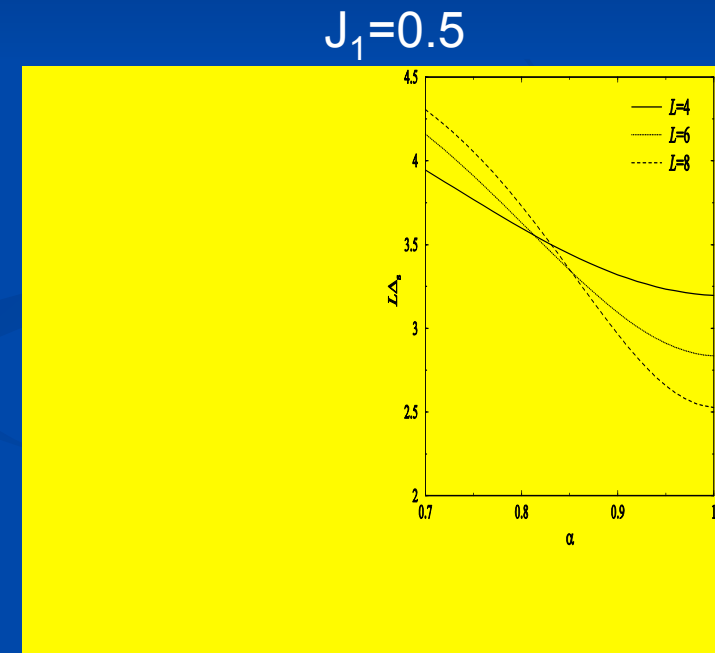
- Spin gap (singlet-triplet) : large size correction
- Singlet-singlet gap

Degenerated in gapped phase

Size-dependent fixed point

$$(L+2) \Delta(L+2, \alpha_c) = L \Delta(L, \alpha_c)$$

Extrapolate  $\alpha_c(L) \Rightarrow \alpha_c(\infty)$



## Quantized Berry phase

Y.Hatsugai, JPSJ (2006)

”Local characterization of quantum liquids”

For spin systems (without magnetic field),

- make a local  $SU(2)$  twist  $\theta$  only at one link as,

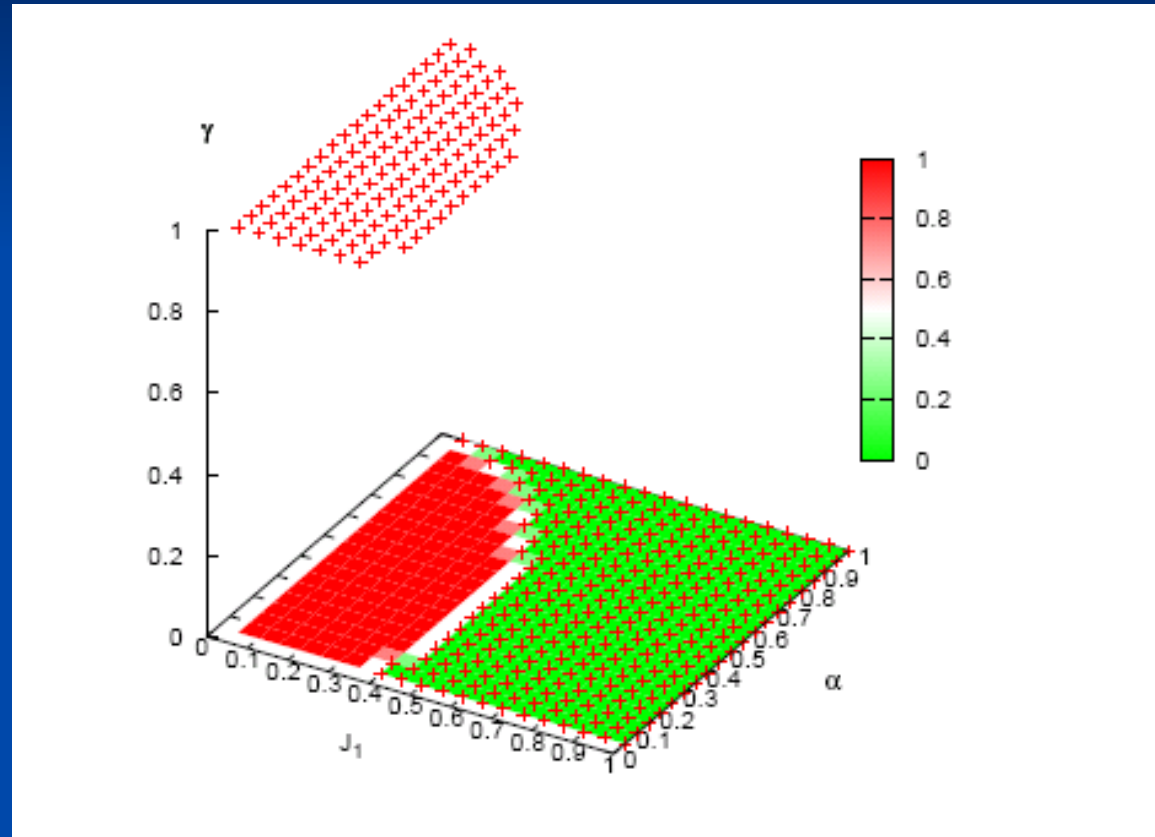
$$J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rightarrow J_{ij}/2 \left( e^{-i\theta} S_i^+ S_j^- + e^{i\theta} S_i^- S_j^+ + 2S_i^z S_j^z \right)$$

- sum up the (lattice) Berry connection,

$$\gamma = \text{Arg} \prod_{\mathcal{C}} \langle \psi_{\theta_j}^U | \psi_{\theta_{j+1}}^U \rangle, \quad |\psi_{\theta_j}^U\rangle = |\psi_{\theta_j}\rangle \langle \psi_{\theta_j} | \phi \rangle$$

$|\phi\rangle$  : (arbitrary) reference state to fix the gauge

# Calculation of quantized Berry phase for $L=4$ (Otsuka-TS 2012)

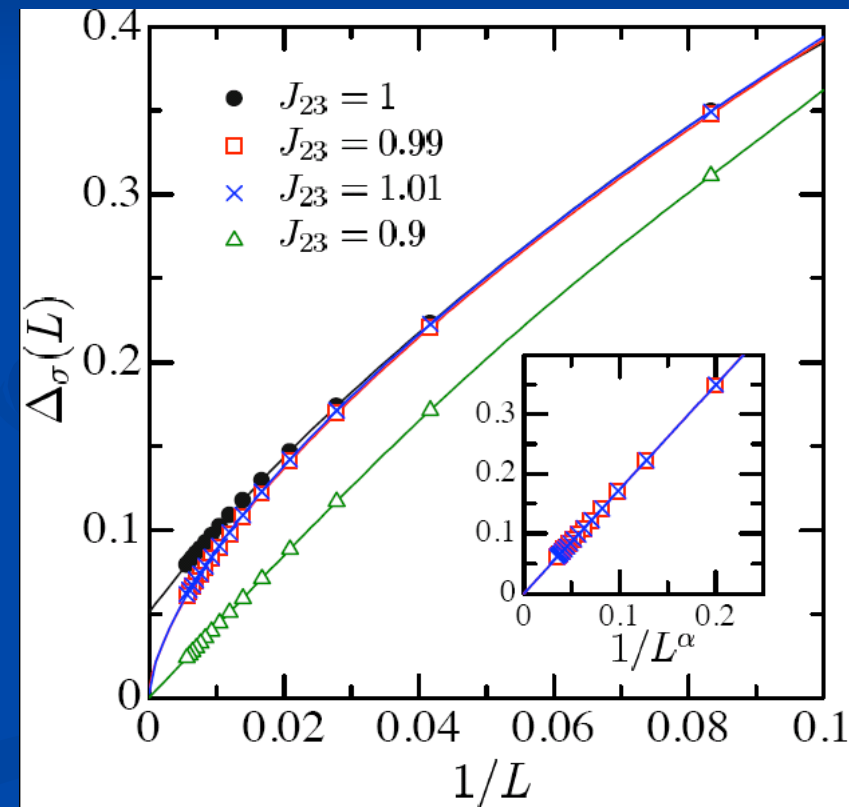


It supports the mechanism of spin gap.

# Another work

- DNRG by Nishimoto and Arikawa :  
PRB 2008

Spin gap is open just for the symmetric tube ( $\alpha=1$ ), otherwise gapless, assuming the size correction has a power law.



# Summary1

S=1/2 Three-leg spin tube

Regular triangle tube

Chiral symmetry

$J_r > 0 \Rightarrow$  Spin gap

Isosceles triangle tube

No chiral symmetry

Spin gap in a small region  $\alpha = J_r' / J_r \sim 1$

Quantum phase transition (BKT transition)

$\alpha = 1$

$\alpha = 0$

Spin tube

$\leftrightarrow$

Spin ladder

Spin gap

Gapless

Distortion from regular triangle  $\Rightarrow$  Gap vanishes rapidly

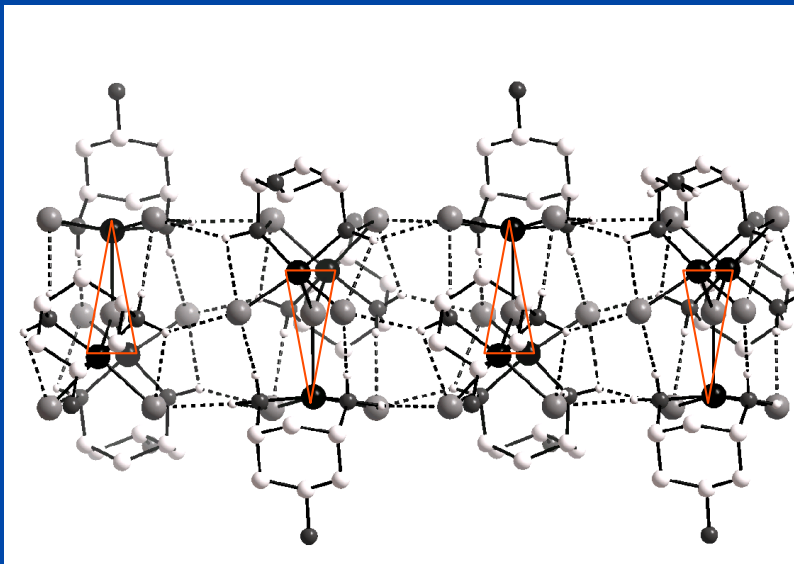
$J_{rc} = \text{finite or } 0 ?$  still an open question



## 2. A real spin tube $[(\text{CuCl}_2\text{tachH})_3\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}_2$

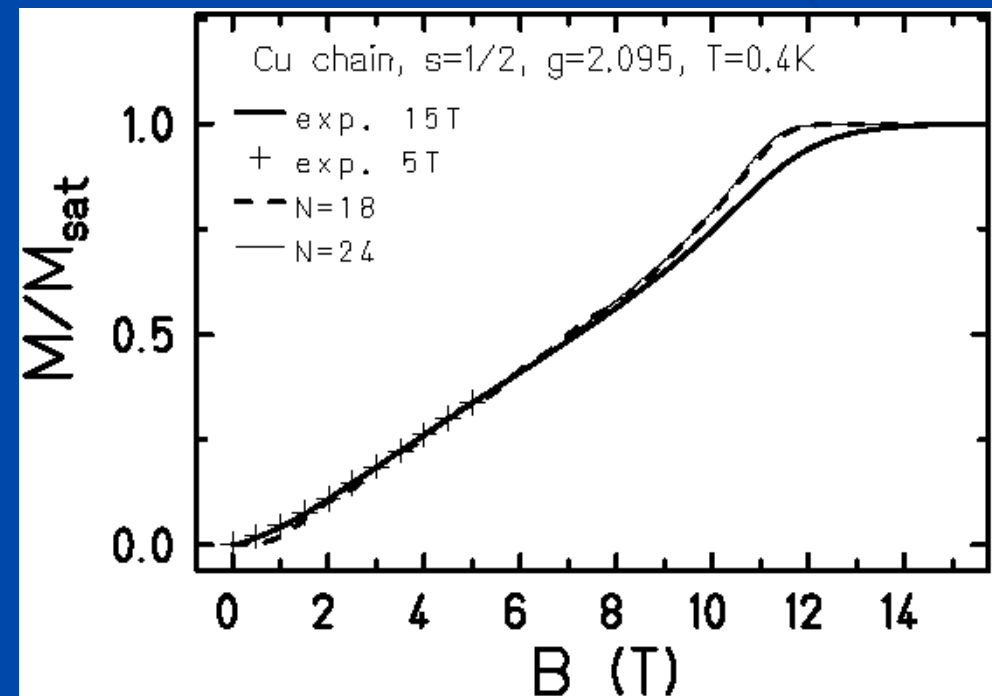
J. Schnack, H. Nojiri, P. Kögerler, G.J. T. Cooper and L. Cronin  
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Assembly of triangular clusters



Phys. Rev. B **70**, 174420 (2004)

MH-curve



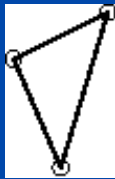
The model parameter is about  $J'/J=2$

# What is the triangular lattice quantum spin tube? <sup>1</sup>

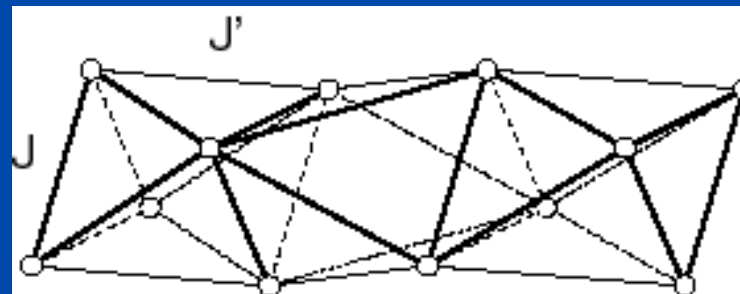
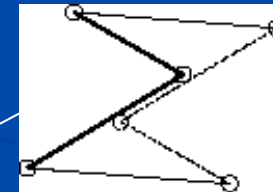
Hamiltonian:

$$H = J \sum_i \sum_{j=1}^3 S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i,j+1} + J' \sum_i \sum_{j=1}^3 [S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i+1,j} + S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i+1,j+1}]$$

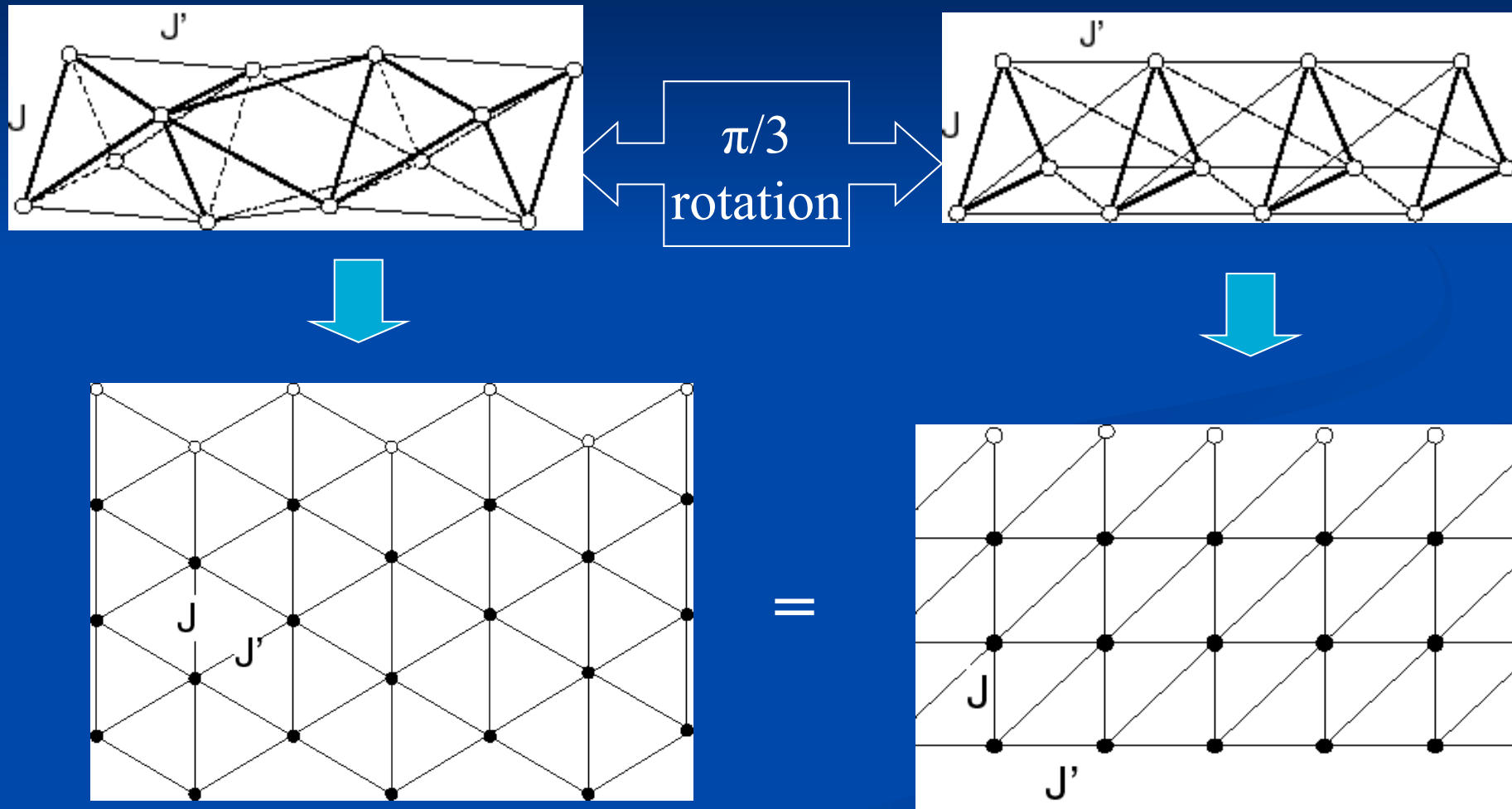
intra triangle  
coupling



inter triangle  
coupling



# Expand the tube



Triangular lattice structure

We can expect two phases

(A)  $J \gg J'$  weakly coupled triangles



quantum phase transition

(B)  $J \ll J'$  rhombic lattice(modulated square lattice)

If  $J=0$ , no frustration!

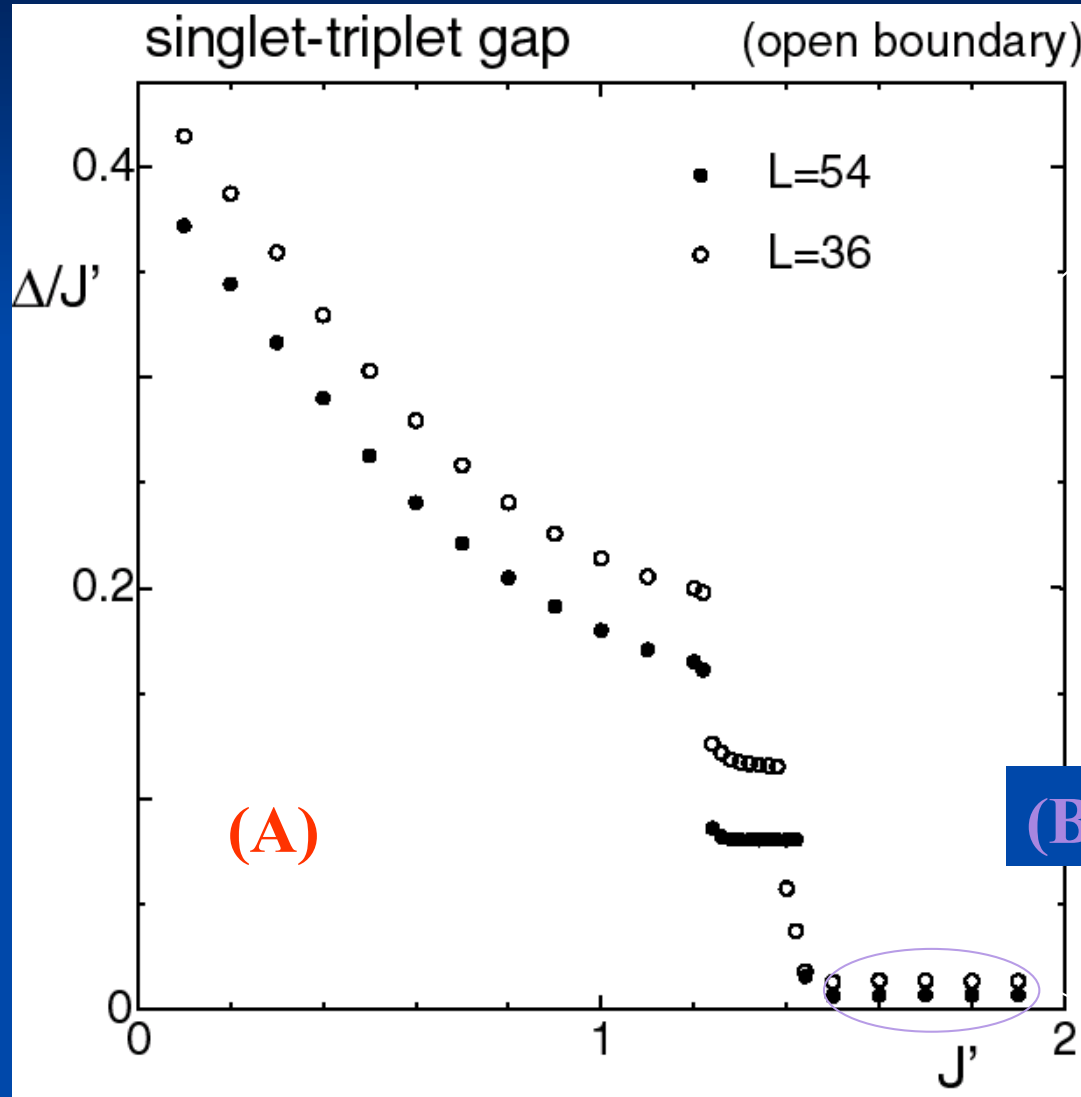


DMRG, finite size method

MH-curve : 36 x 3 spins,  $m=80$

Spin gap : up to 144 x 3 spins,  
up to  $m=220$  with  $m$  extrapolation  
(empirical)

# Spin gap (Okunishi et al. 2005, Fouet et al. 2006)



(C) intermediate phase??

First order transition is expected, since the gap exhibits discontinuities

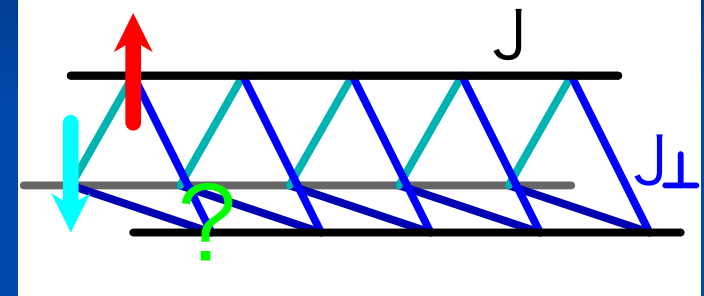
This is a boundary excitation

# 1/3 magnetization plateau

Three-leg spin tube

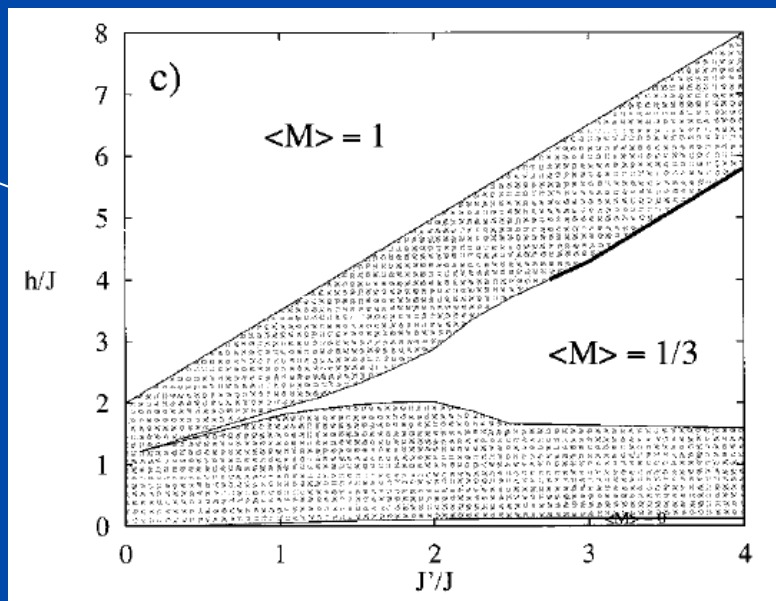
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{l,j} \left[ J \vec{S}_{l,j} \cdot \vec{S}_{l,j+1} + J_{\perp} \vec{S}_{l,j} \cdot \vec{S}_{l+1,j} - H S_{l,j}^z \right]$$

One of the simplest 1D magnets with geometrical **frustration**



Phase diagram of the  $S=1/2$  tube (Exact Diagonalization)

critical



$M=1/6$  plateau

*Cabra, Honecker and Pujol, PRL79, 5126 (1997); PRB58, 6241 (1998).*

## $S = 1/2$ Three-Leg Spin Nanotube

- Isosceles case

all the spin-couplings are of  $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{S}$  type (isotropic)

$$J'_r / J_r \equiv \alpha$$

$J_r = 1$ , unit energy

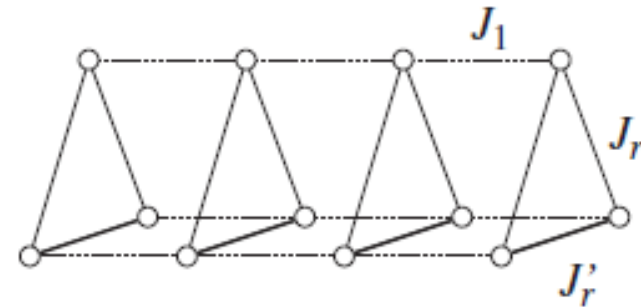
$\alpha = 0$  : 3-leg ladder

$\alpha = 1$  : regular triangle tube

$\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  : 2-leg ladder + single chain

- $M = M_s/3$  state ( $M_s$  : saturation magnetization)

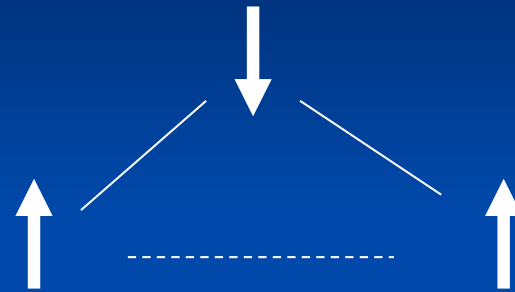
we are interested in the  $M = M_s/3$  state when  $J_1 \ll 1$  (maybe plateau)



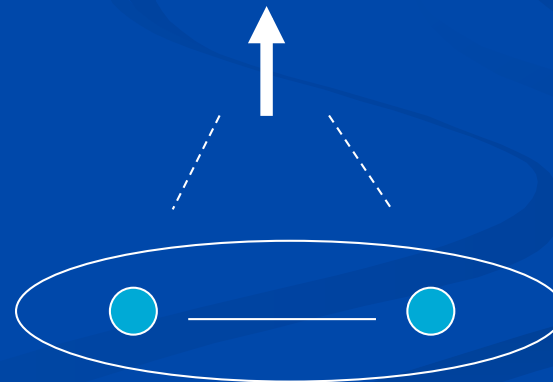


# Two mechanisms of $1/3$ plateau

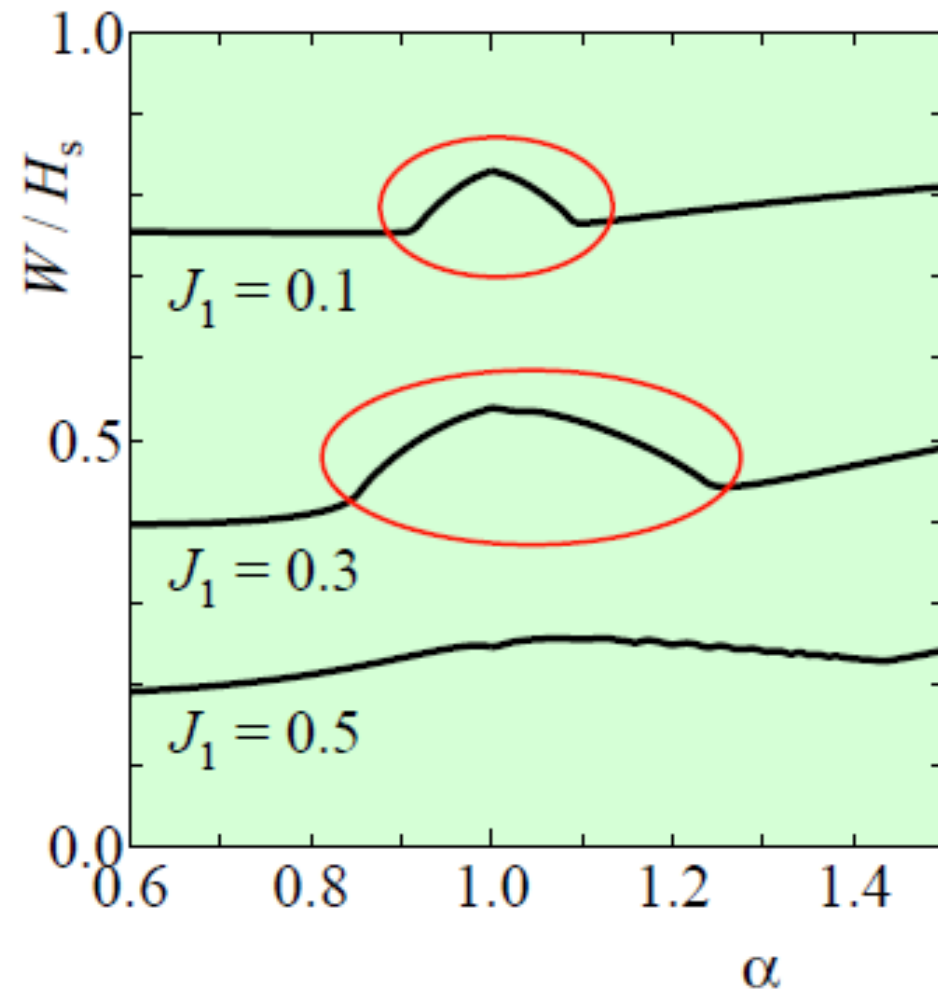
- 3-leg ladder  
and plateau



- Dimer-monomer  
plateau



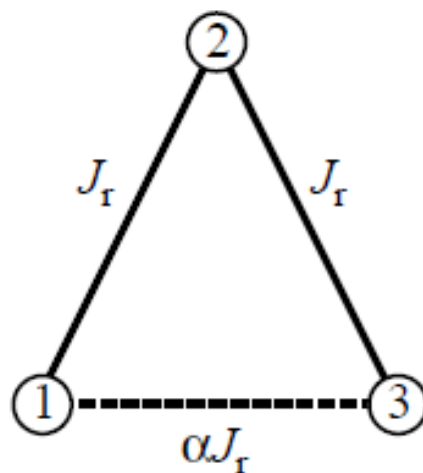
- Plateau width  $W$  near  $\alpha = 1$  and  $J_1 \ll 1$  (by DMRG)  
normalized by the saturation field  $H_s$



anomalous behavior of the plateau width near  $\alpha = 1$   
new and exotic!!

## Spin States of Isosceles Triangles

- Eigenstates of isosceles triangles at  $S_{\text{tot}}^z = 1/2$

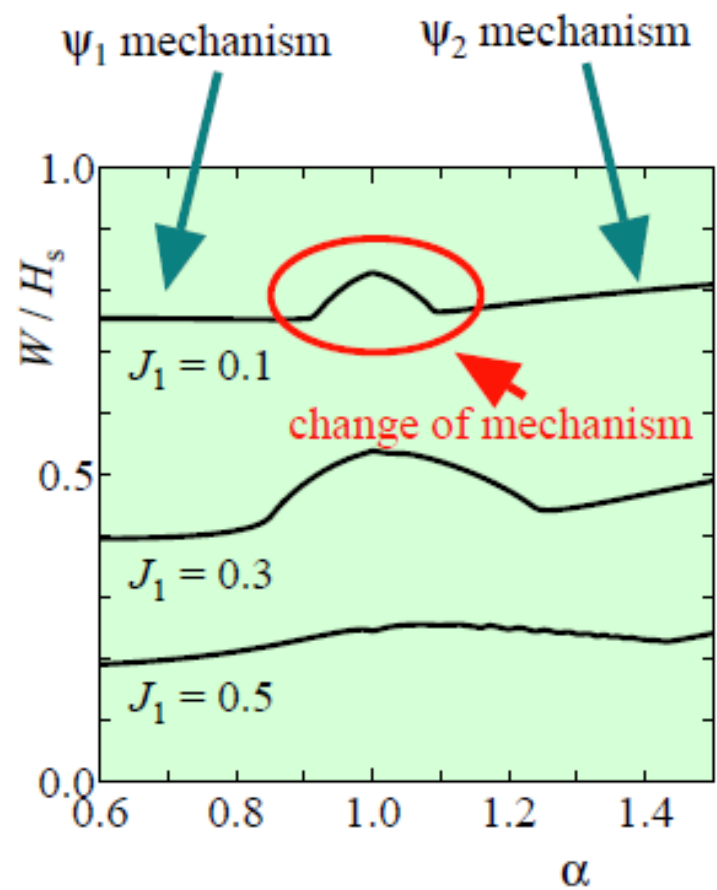


	state	energy	$S_{\text{tot}}$	$P$
$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} ( \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - 2 \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle +  \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle)$		$-1 + \alpha/4, (\alpha < 1, \text{GS})$	$1/2$	$+1$
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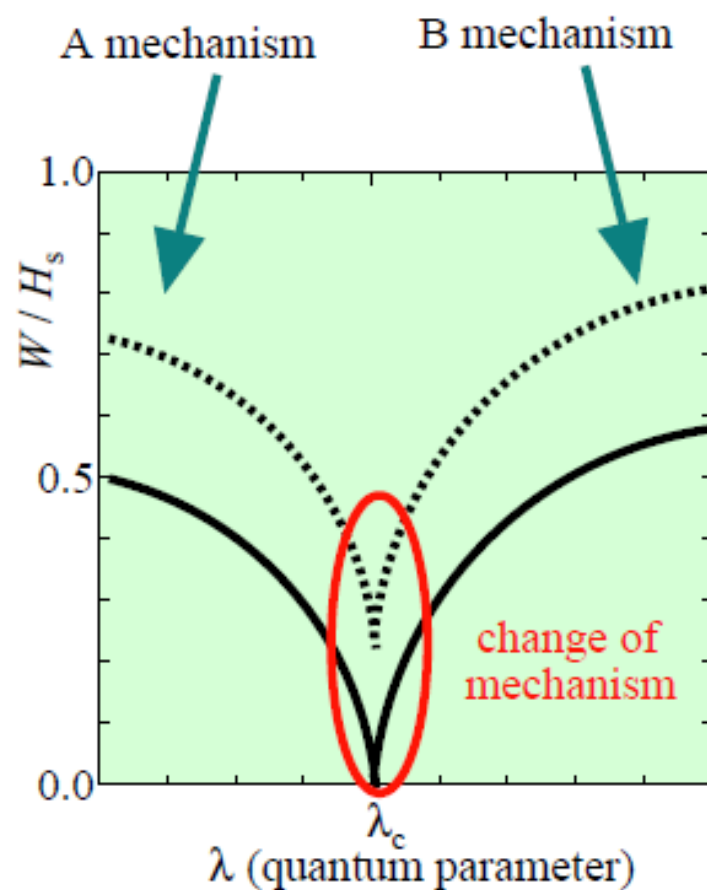
$P : 1 \Leftrightarrow 3$  parity

wave functions do not depend on  $\alpha$

● Behavior of plateau width near the mechanism-changing point



present case



usual cases

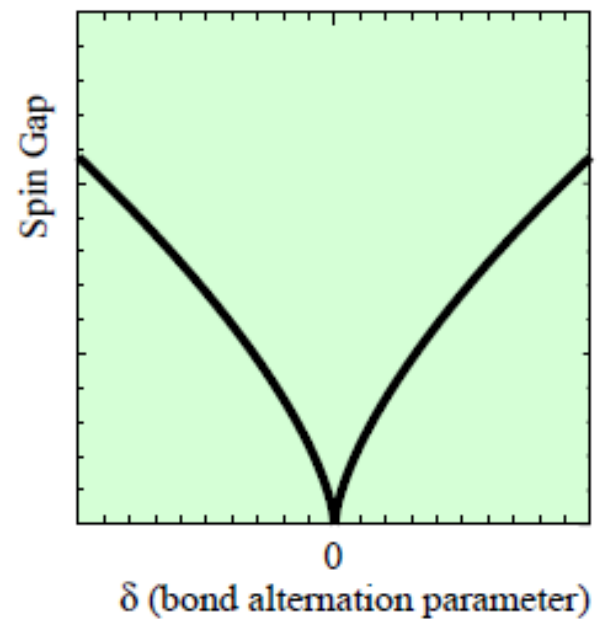
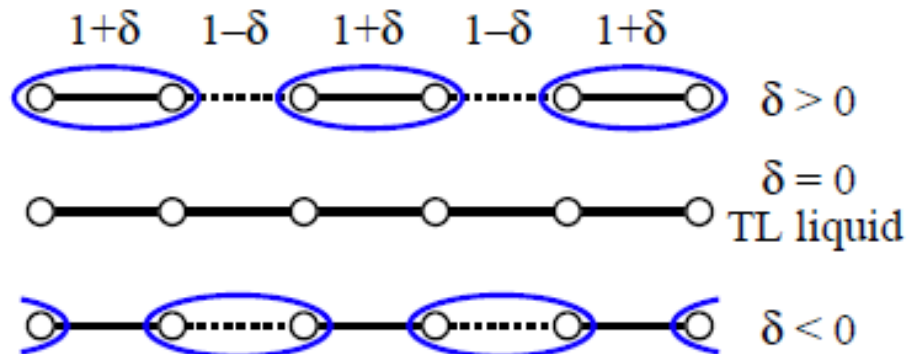
● Usual cases

$W$  decreases near  $\lambda_c$

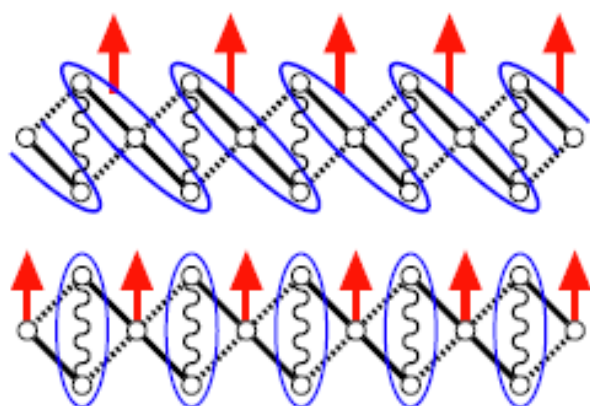
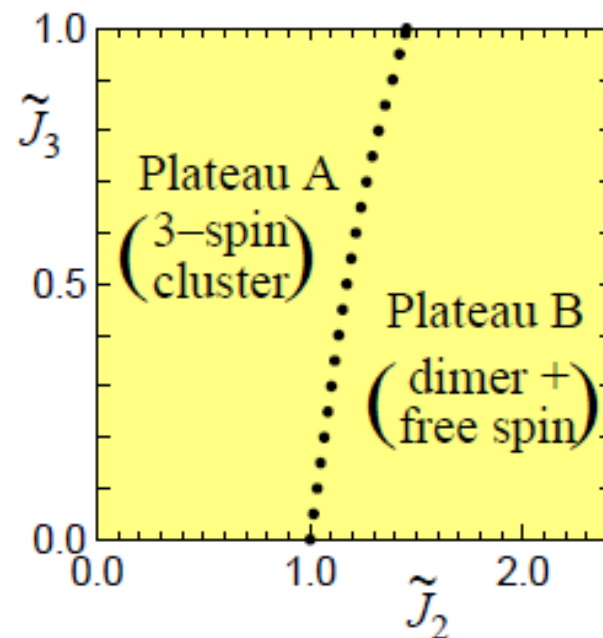
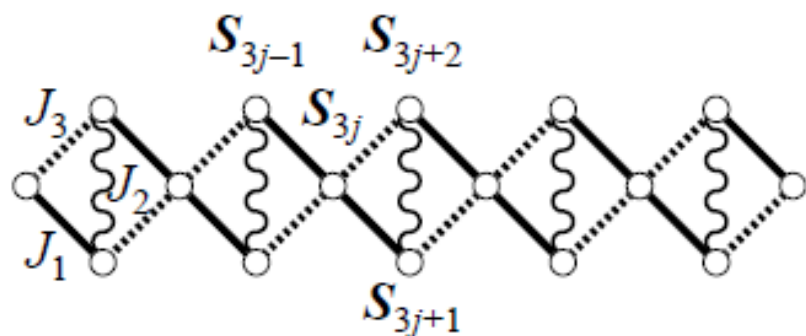
reconstruction of the unit cell occurs at  $\lambda_c$

**example 1** :  $S = 1/2$  bond-alteranting model at  $M = 0$ ,

spingap  $\propto |\delta|^{2/3} / \sqrt{|\log |\delta||}$



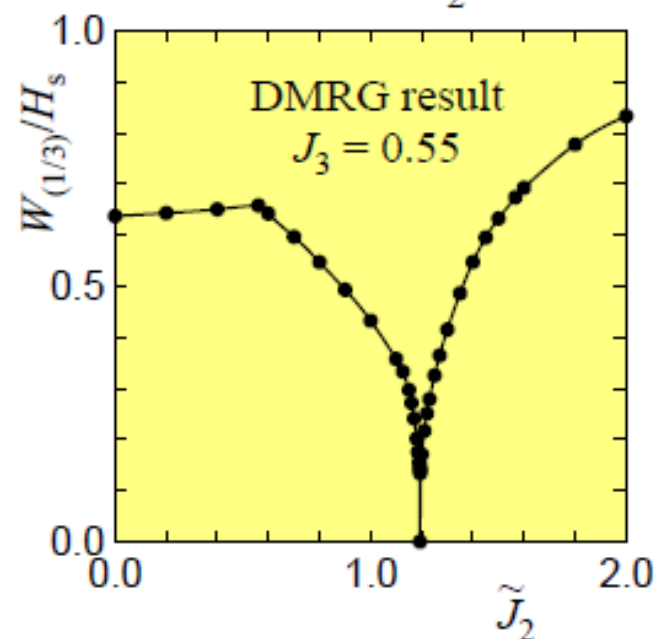
**example 2** :  $S = 1/2$  distorted diamond chain model at  $M = M_s/3$



Plateau A

Plateau B

also, reconstruction of the unit cell



● present case (note that  $J_r \gg J_1$ )

reconstruction of the unit cell **does not** occur at  $\alpha = 1$

unit cell is always a triangle for  $\alpha \lesseqgtr 1$

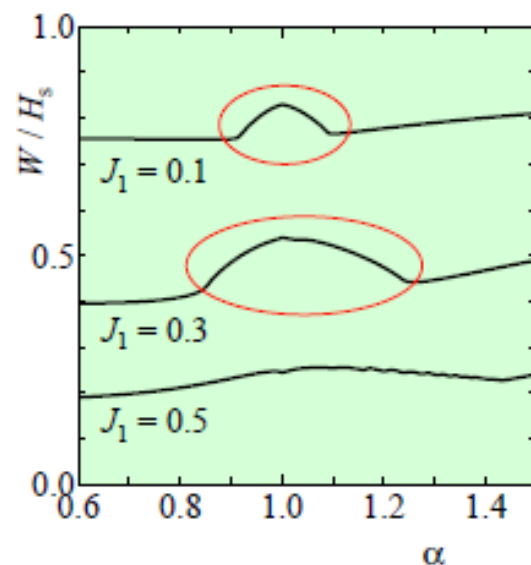
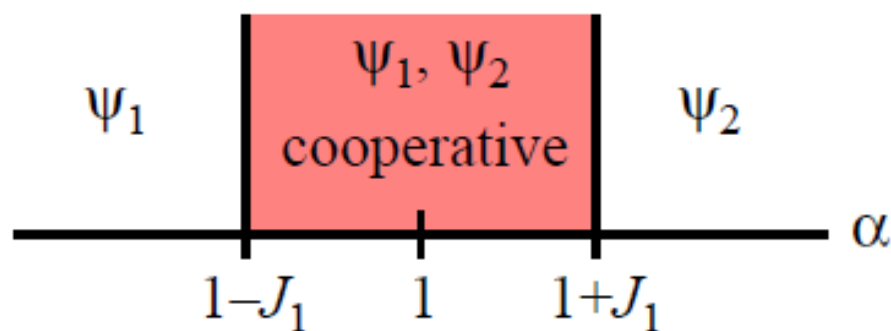
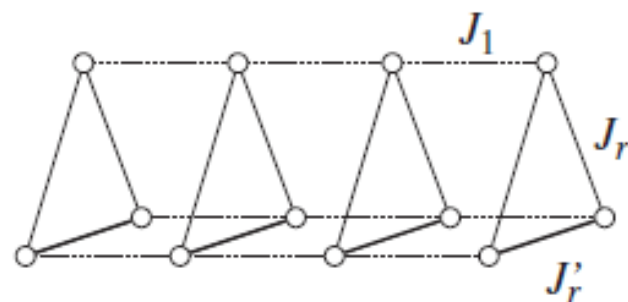
GS of a triangle is changed at  $\alpha = 1$

energy difference between  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  states,  $E_2 - E_1 = 1 - \alpha$

perturbation by  $J_1$ , both of  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  states are relevant when  $J_1 \gtrsim |1 - \alpha|$

thus, in the  $1 - J_1 \lesssim \alpha \lesssim 1 + J_1$  region, interesting phenomena will occur

in fact, the increase of  $W$  is observed in this region



## Perturbation Theory from the $J_1 \ll 1$ Limit

- Eigenstates of isosceles triangles at  $S_{\text{tot}}^z = 1/2$

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- Perturbation theory by use of pseudospin representation

pseudospin  $\vec{T}$  ( $T = 1/2$ ),  $\psi_2 \Leftrightarrow |\uparrow\rangle$ ,  $\psi_1 \Leftrightarrow |\downarrow\rangle$

note that  $S_{\text{tot}}^z = 1/2$  for both of  $|\uparrow\rangle$  and  $|\downarrow\rangle$

lowest order in  $J_1$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = J_1 \sum_j (T_j^x T_{j+1}^x + T_j^z T_{j+1}^z) - (\alpha - 1) \sum_j T_j^z$$

transverse field  $XZ$  (or equivalently,  $XY$ ) model



● Transverse field  $XZ$  model

transverse field XXZ model ( $\Delta \equiv J_z/J_{xy}$ )

field  $h$  along the  $x$ -direction

(Dmitriev et al, PRB **65**, 172409 (2002);

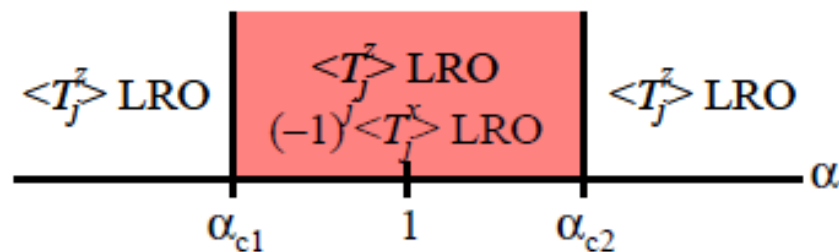
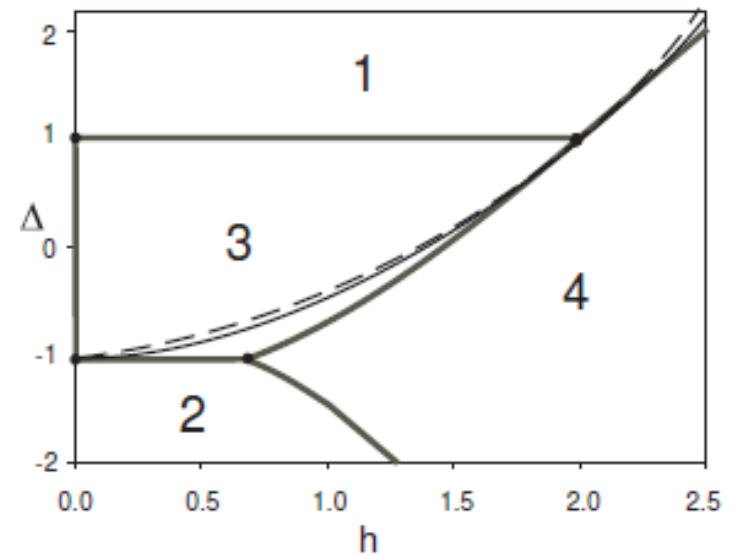
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1:  $z$ -Néel,  $(-1)^j \langle S_j^z \rangle$  LRO, (of course  $\langle S_j^x \rangle$  LRO)

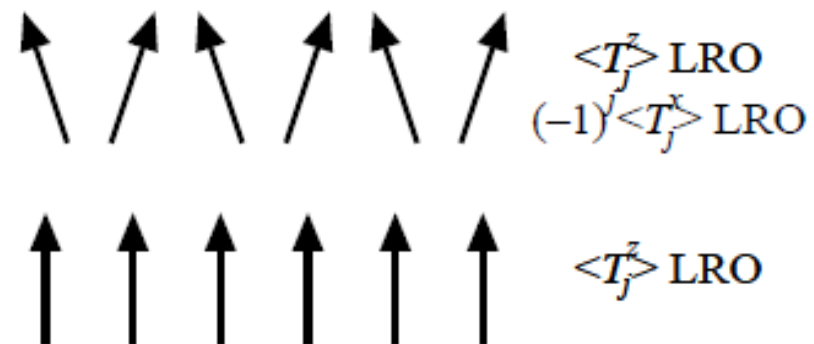
2:  $z$ -Ferro,  $\langle S_j^z \rangle$  LRO, (of course  $\langle S_j^x \rangle$  LRO)

3:  $y$ -Néel,  $(-1)^j \langle S_j^y \rangle$  LRO, (of course  $\langle S_j^x \rangle$  LRO)

4: No LRO, (of course  $\langle S_j^x \rangle$  LRO)



their results read for our case



semiclassical picture

suppose the pseudo spin  $\vec{T}$  turn to the  $+x$  direction

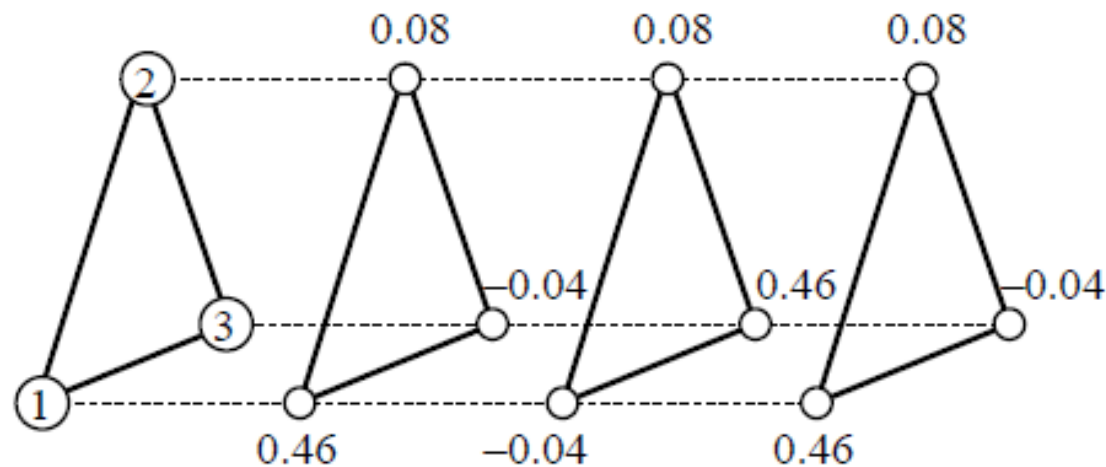
$$|T_{+x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}\right)|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}\right)|\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$\langle S_1^z \rangle \equiv \langle T_{+x} | S_1^z | T_{+x} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{6} = 0.455$$

$$\langle S_2^z \rangle \equiv \langle T_{+x} | S_2^z | T_{+x} \rangle = \frac{1}{6} = 0.167$$

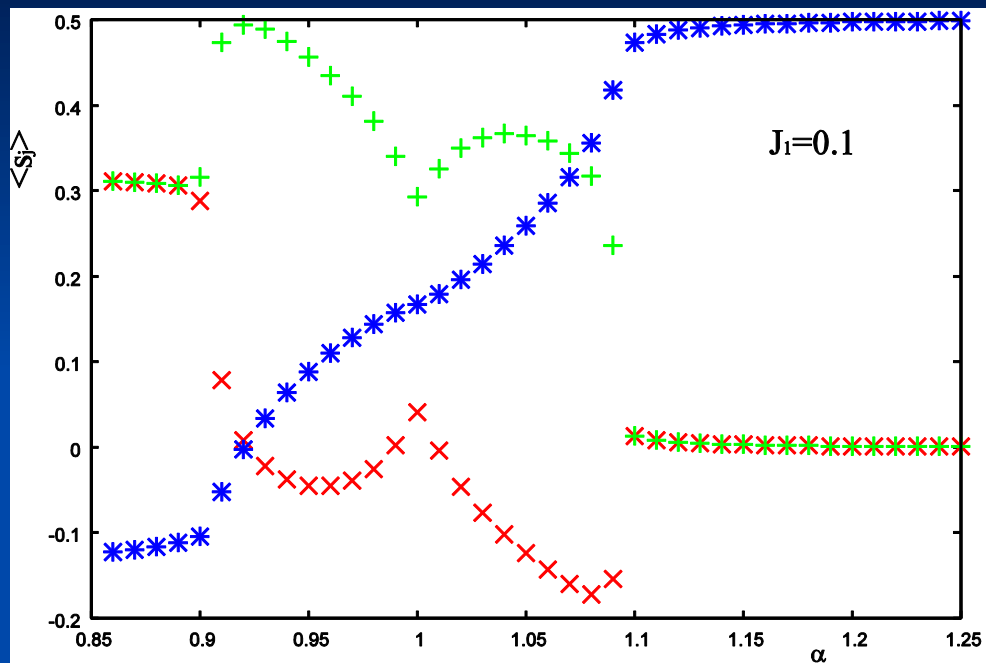
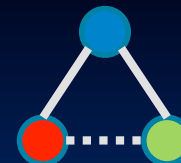
$$\langle S_3^z \rangle \equiv \langle T_{+x} | S_3^z | T_{+x} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{6} = -0.122$$

these expectation values well explain the DMRG results

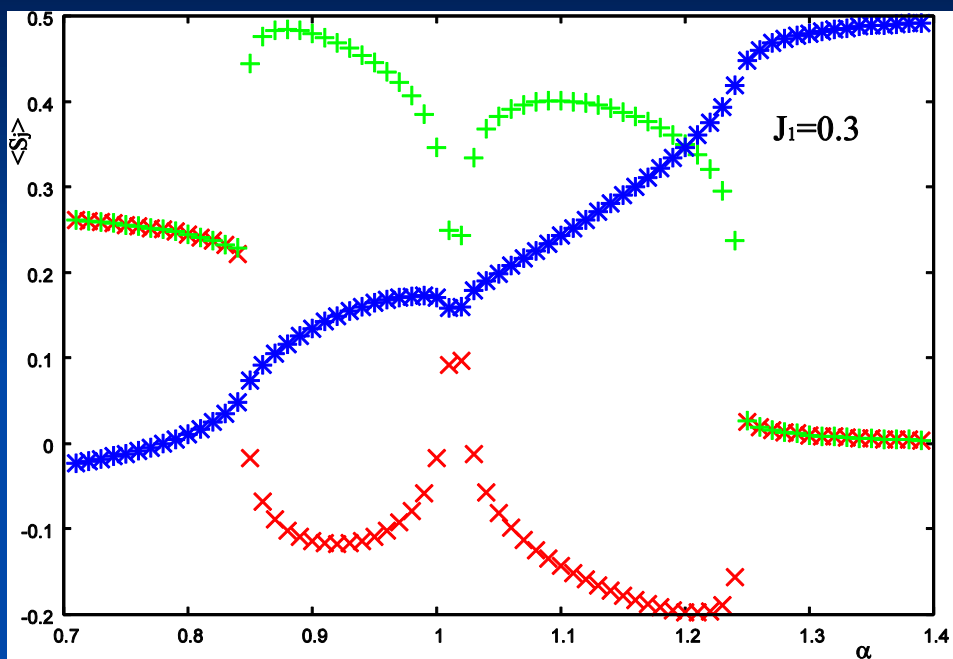
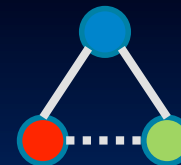


$$J_1 = 0.1, \alpha = 0.95$$

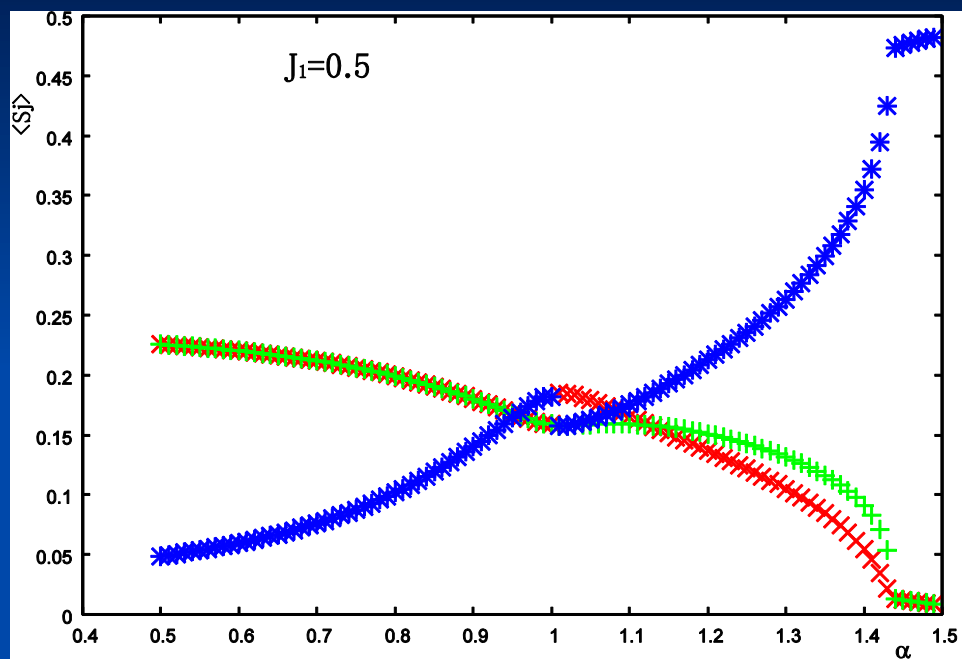
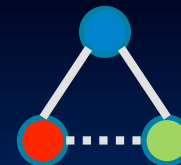
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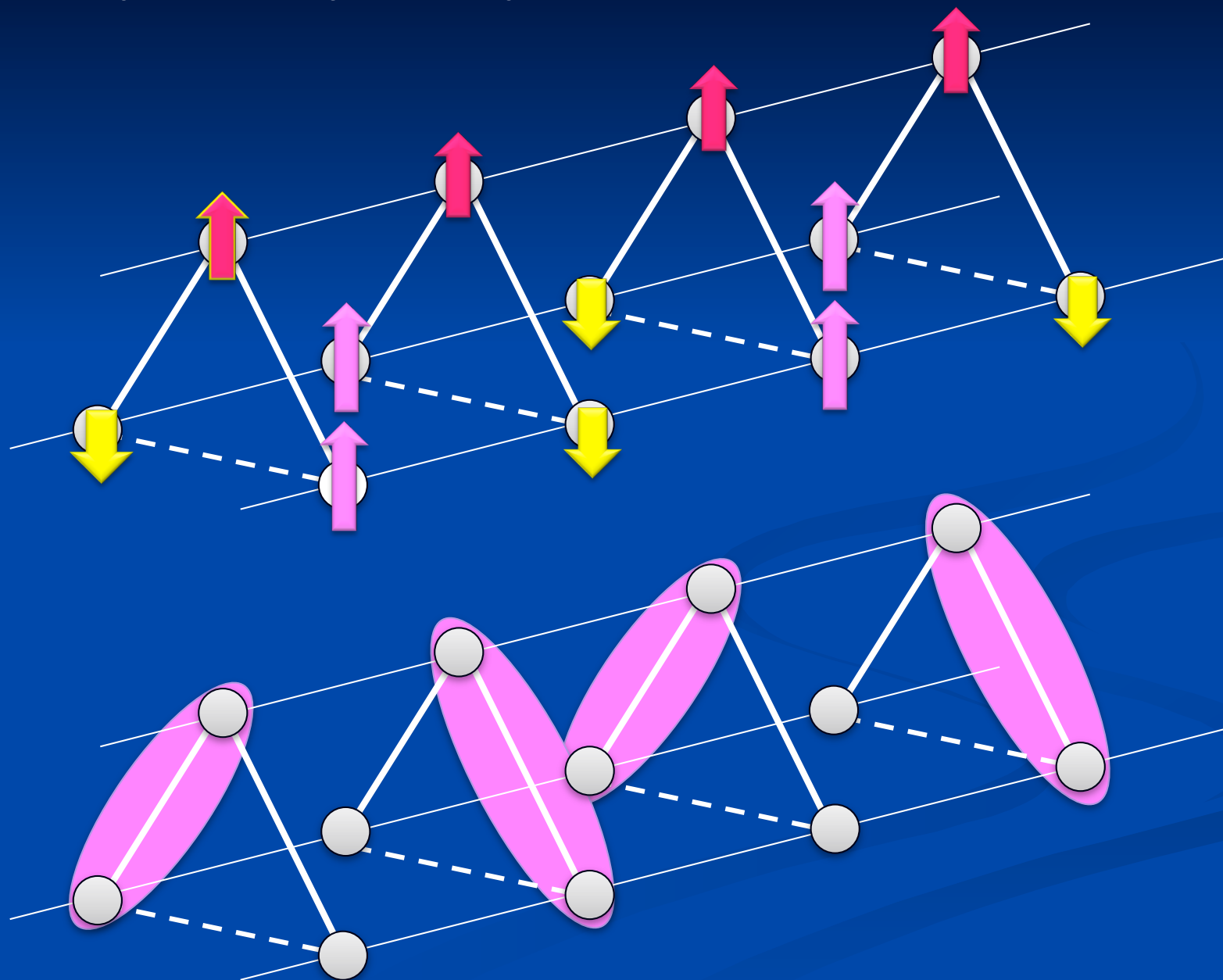
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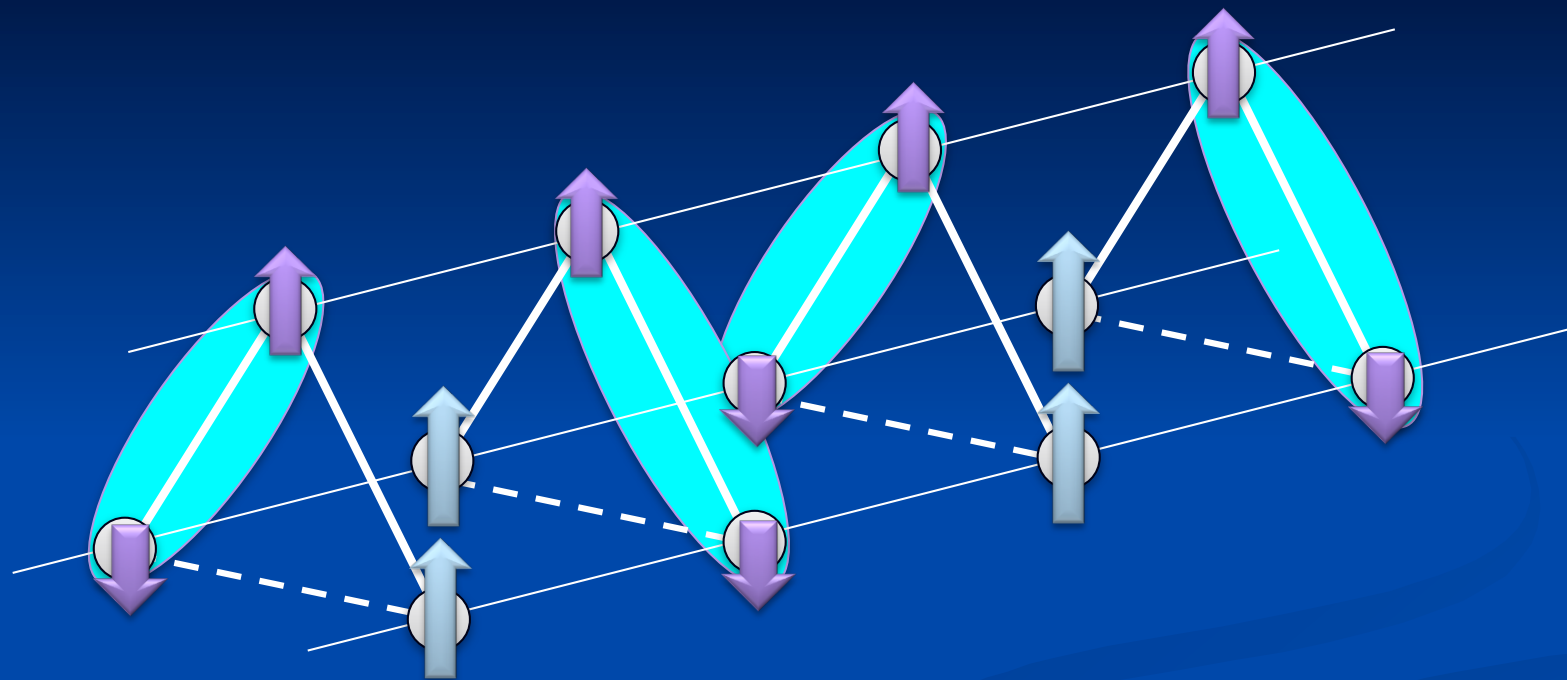


# Expectation value of each spin by DMRG for large $J_1$



$Z_2$ -symmetry breaking state  
in the  $1/3$  plateau of asymmetric spin tube



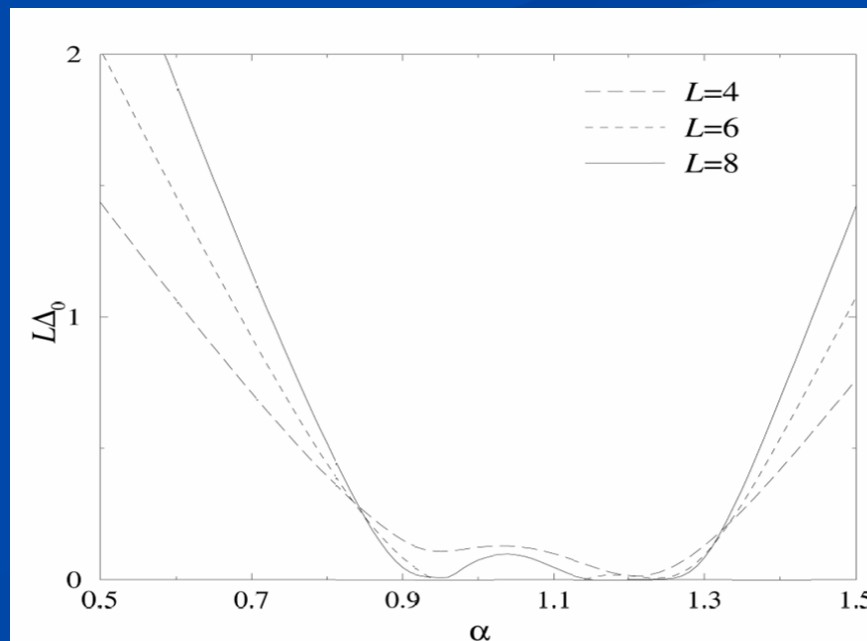


$\approx$  triplet dimer

# Phenomenological renormalization

- New phase  
Excitation  $\Delta_0$  with  $k=\pi$ , Parity=odd  
is degenerated with the ground state at  $m/m_s=1/3$
- Scaled gap  $L\Delta_0$   
should be decreasing fn. of  $L$  at the new phase.

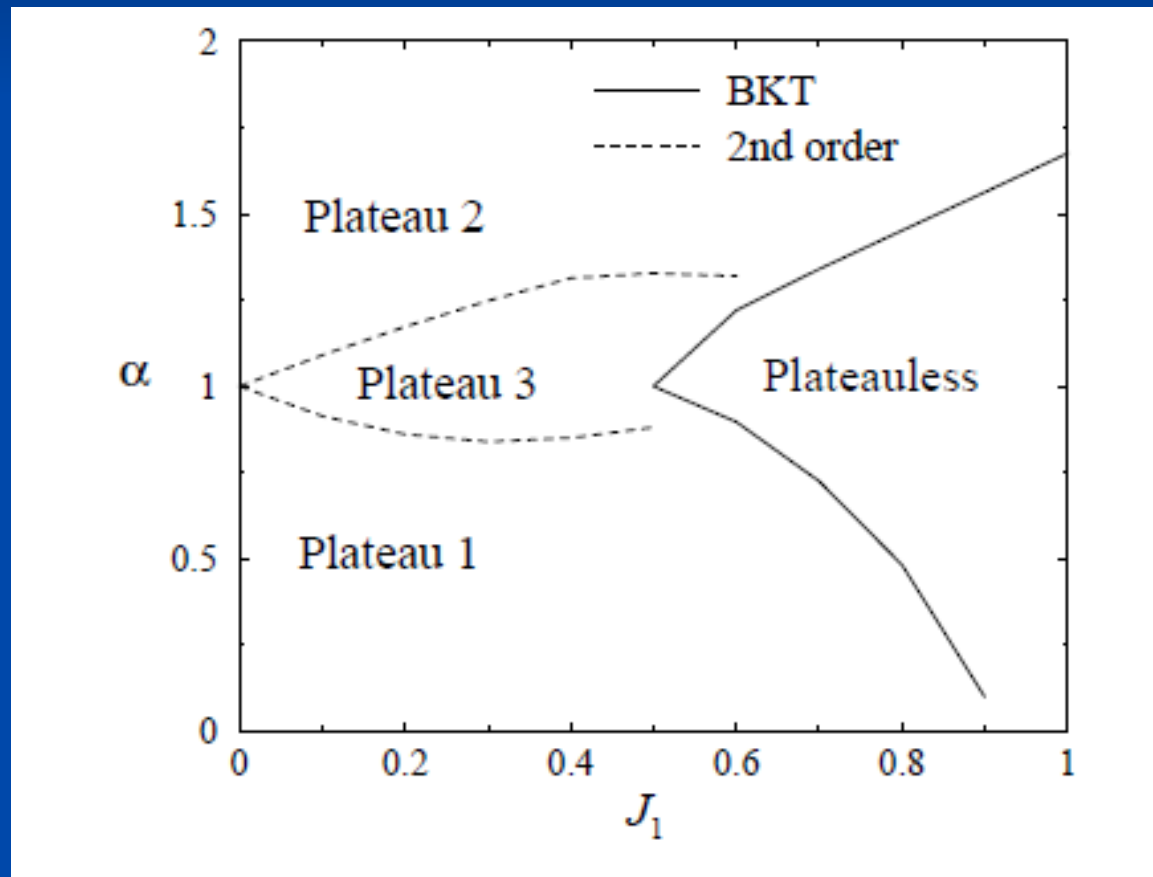
$$J_1=0.3$$

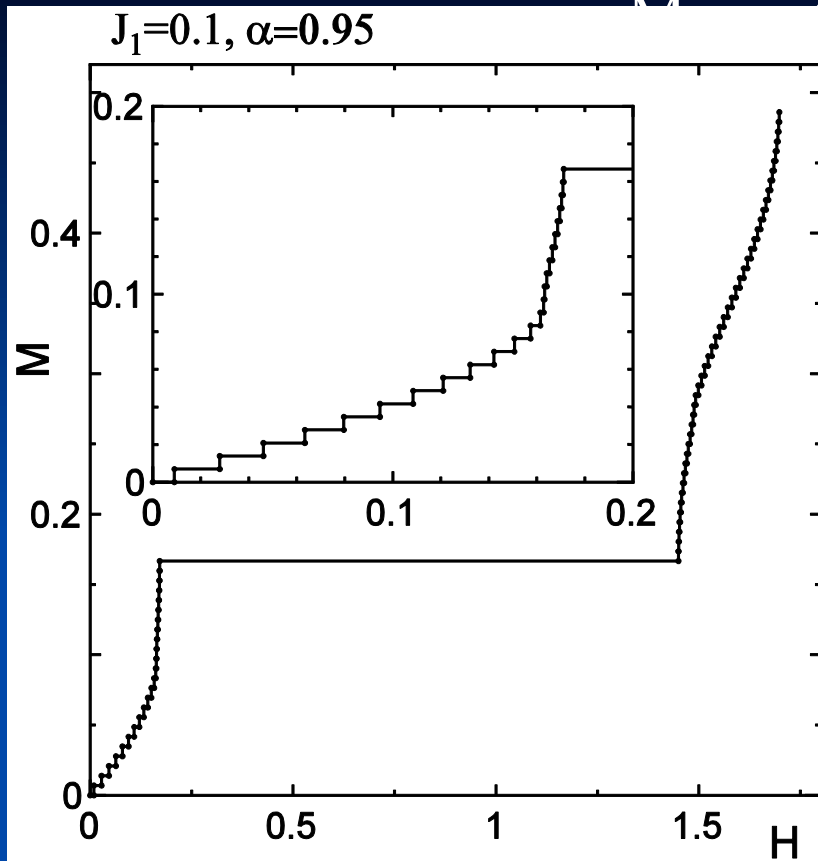


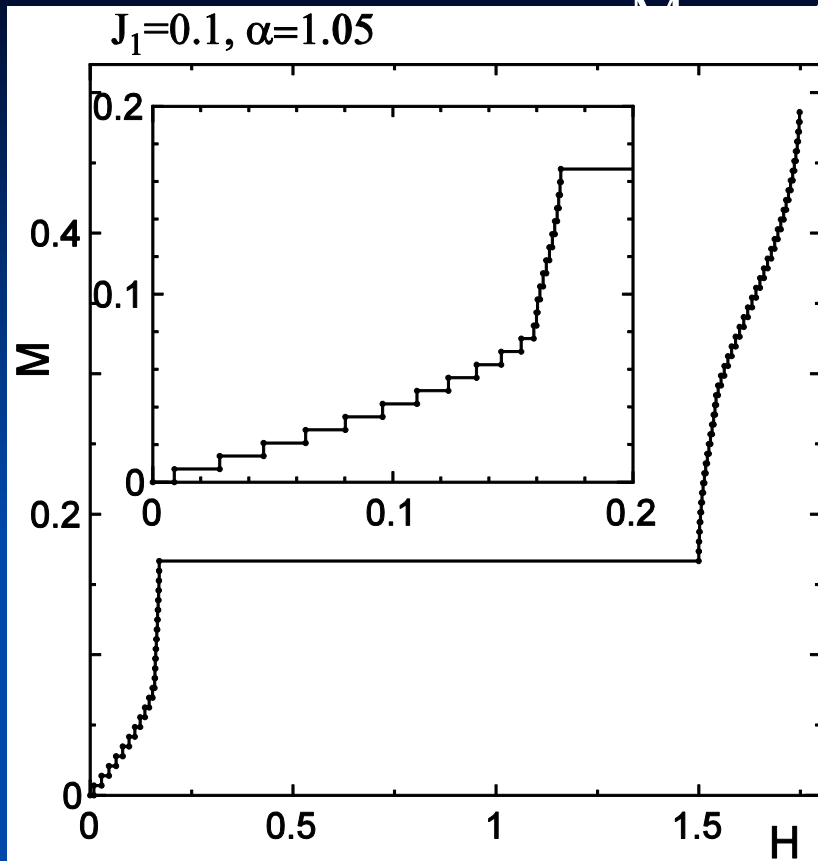


# Phase diagram for $m/m_s=1/3$

- Dimer-monomer plateau
- New phase Staggered order
- uud plateau







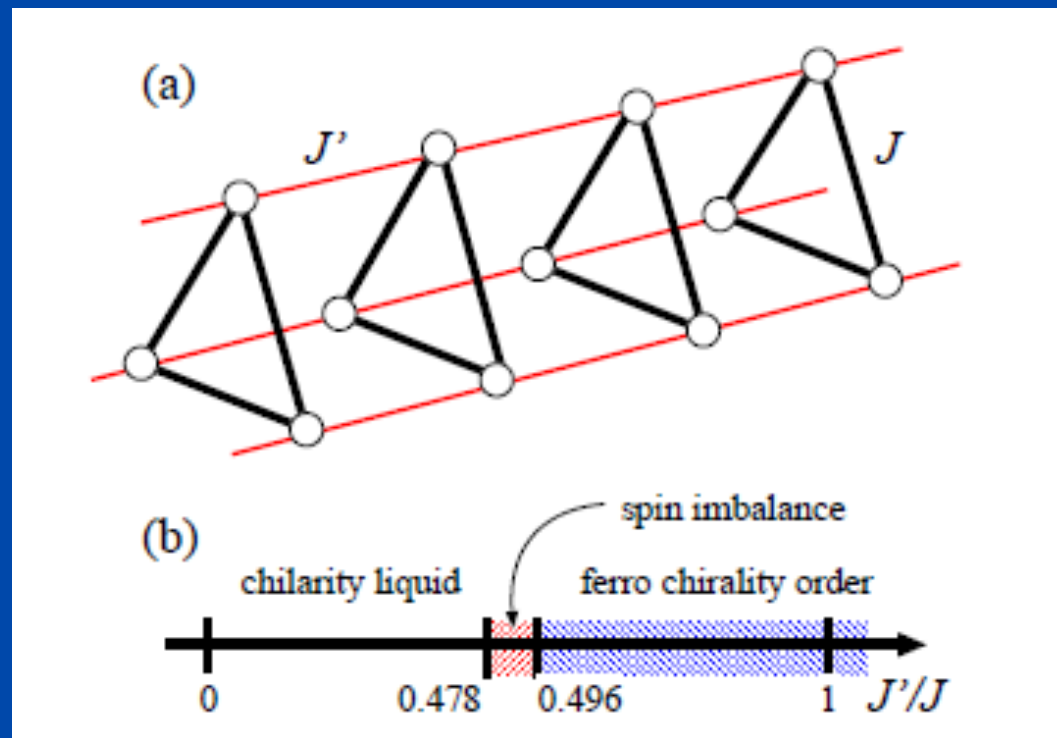
# Summary

- 1/3 magnetization plateau of  $S=1/2$  three-leg spin tube
- New exotic phase between two conventional plateau phases
- New phase:  
translational symmetry breaking,  
staggered magnetization, dimer, chiral order

$$\langle \vec{S}_1 \times \vec{S}_2 \times \vec{S}_3 \rangle$$

# Chirality at $m=1/3$

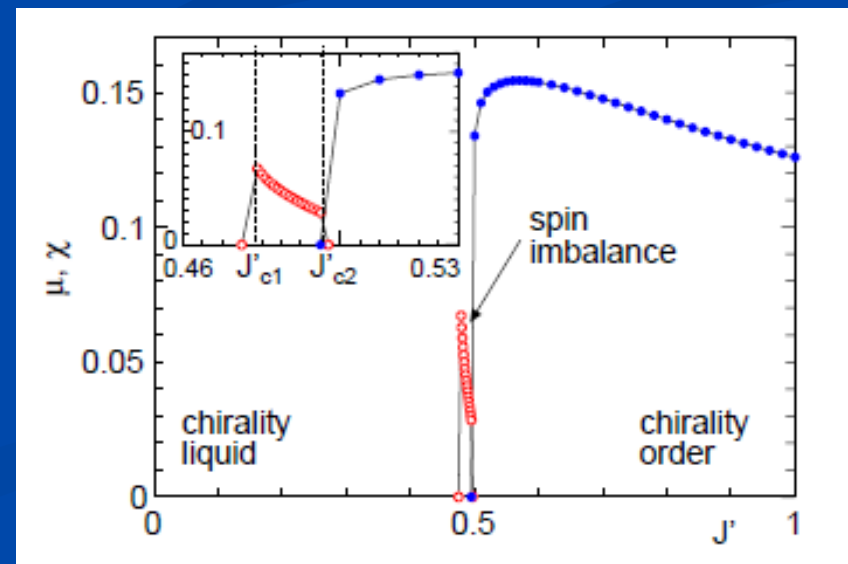
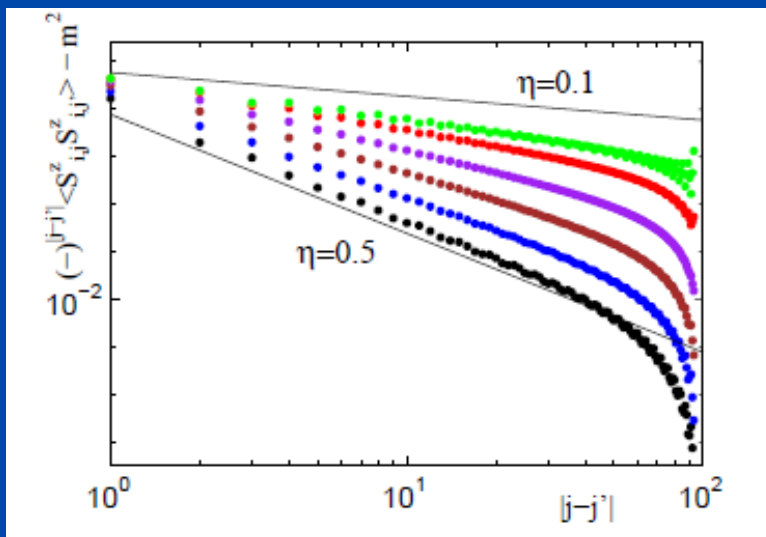
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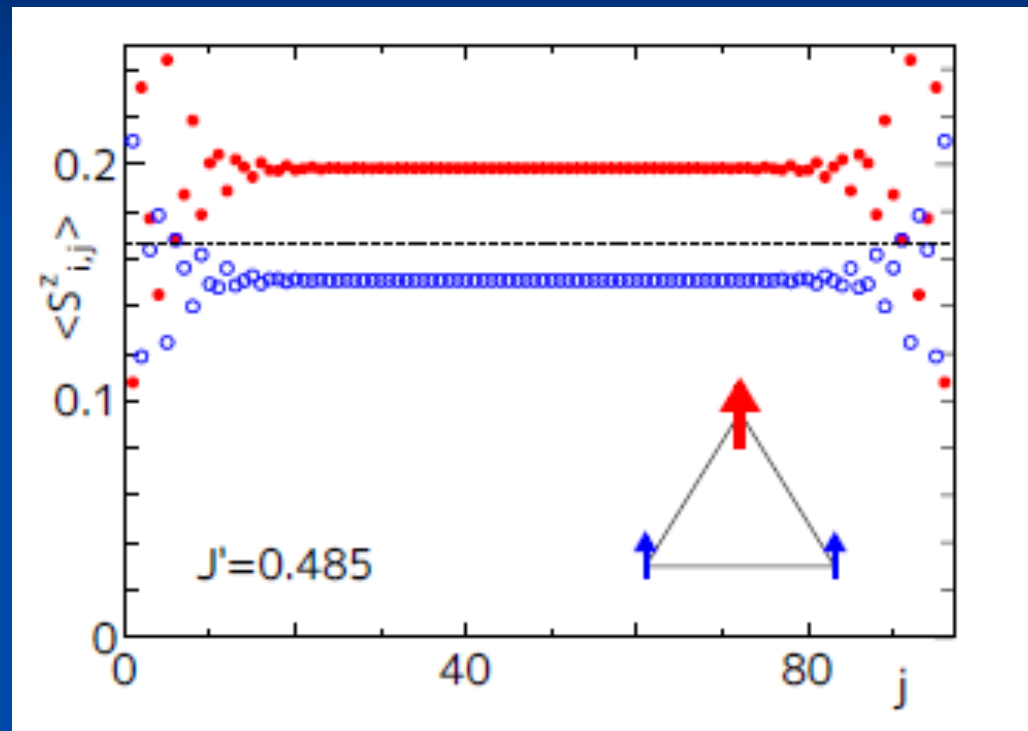
# DMRG calculation (L=144)

$$\chi_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathbf{S}_{i,j} \times \mathbf{S}_{i+1,j})^z / 3,$$

$$\mu_j = S_{1,j}^z - (S_{2,j}^z + S_{3,j}^z) / 2,$$



# Spin imbalance phase



# Phase diagram

