Recent topics on two frustrated spin compounds Zenji Hiroi (ISSP, University of Tokyo)

Experiments on two compounds are introduced. One is Ag_2MnO_2 that contains an S-2 triangular lattice and shows unique phase transitions possibly associated with spin chirality degree of freedom expected for the classical XY spin model on the triangular lattice. The other is volborthite $Cu_3V_2O_7(OH)_2$ -2H₂O presenting an S-1/2 slightly distorted kagome lattice. This is obviously a quantum spin system: neither long-range order nor spin gap has been observed down to ~ 50 mK, much lower than J ~ 100 K. Surprisingly, very recent experiments under magnetic fields have found that there are at least three "transitions" in the ground state.