

# Physics of New Quantum Phases in Superclean Materials

研究課題名：

リング交換が生む新奇な磁性状態の解明

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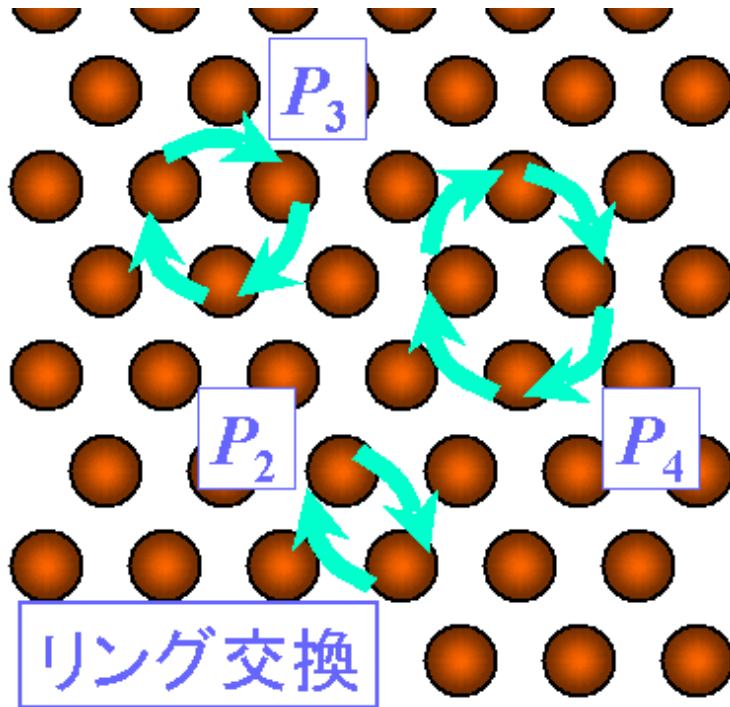
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# Ring Exchange Interaction

## 2D Quantum Solids [Solid $^3\text{He}$ films, Wigner crystals]



Quantum tunneling process

Cyclic permutation  
of  $n$  particles



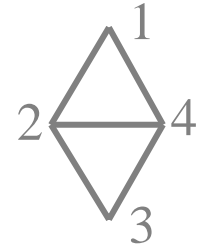
Cyclic permutation  
of  $n$  spins ( $P_n$ )

## $n$ -spin cyclic permutation operators:

$$2P_2 = \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j + 1$$

$$P_3 + P_3^{-1} = \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j + \vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{\sigma}_k + \vec{\sigma}_k \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i$$

$$4(P_4 + P_4^{-1}) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j + (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)(\vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_4) + (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_4)(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3) - (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3)(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_4)$$



4 spin ring exchange itself has strong **spin frustration**

## Multiple Spin Exchange Model

$$H = - \sum_n (-1)^n J_n \sum P_n, \quad (J_n < 0) \quad \text{upto } n \leq 4$$

$$= J \sum_{\text{n.n.}} P_2 + K \sum_{\square} (P_4 + P_4^{-1}) + \dots$$

$$J = 2J_3 - J_2 (< 0)$$

$$K = -J_4 (> 0)$$

Competition between FM  $J$  and AF  $K$  interactions.

# solid $^3\text{He}$ films:

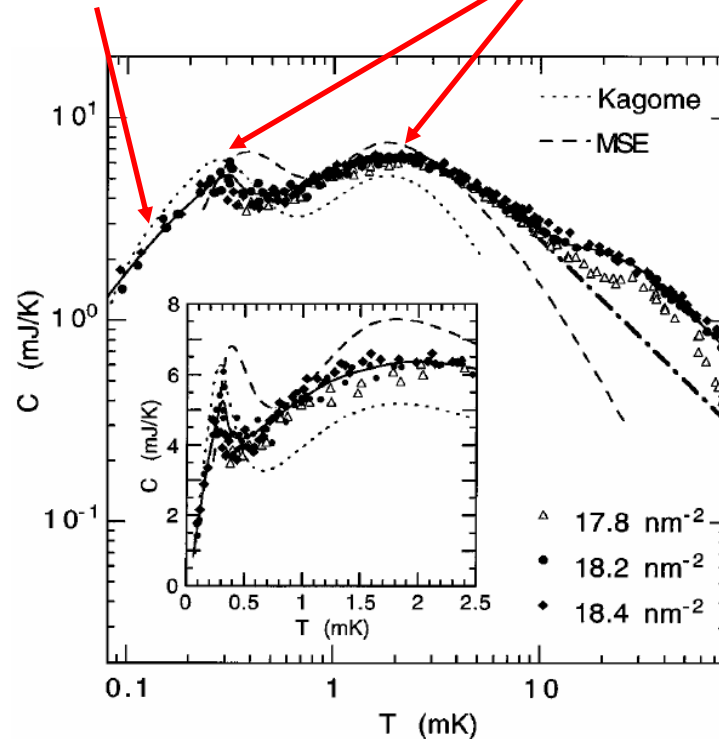
	Low density	High density
Estimates of $-K/J (> 0)$	0.2	0.1
Weiss temp. $J_\chi$	AF	FM

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Strong frustration (competition)

Low-density regime in 2<sup>nd</sup> layer  
 K. Ishida *et al.*, PRL **79**, 3451 (1997)

linear specific heat (c.f. 2D FM)      double peak structure



**gapless spin liquid**

# Electron systems

## ✓ Copper Oxides [La<sub>x</sub>Ca<sub>14-x</sub>Cu<sub>24</sub>O<sub>41</sub>, La<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub>]

$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + J_4 \sum_{\square} (P_4 + P_4^{-1})$$

$$J_4 / J = 0.05 \sim 0.1$$

### • Hubbard model


$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c.) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

M. Takahashi,  
J. Phys. C **10**, 1289 ('77)

High-order term derived from the strong coupling expansion

$$H = \frac{t^2}{2U} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j + \frac{5t^4}{2U^3} \sum_{\square:(i,j,k,l)} \left[ (\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j)(\vec{\sigma}_k \cdot \vec{\sigma}_l) + (\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_l)(\vec{\sigma}_k \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j) - (\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_k)(\vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{\sigma}_l) \right]$$

$4(P_{1234} + P_{1234}^{-1}) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j$



### • d-p model

H.J.Schmidt and Y.Kuramoto

# Present understanding

- Magnetism induced by ring exchange is not well understood.
  - Mean field approximation is not good, ---- because of strong quantum fluctuations.
- Ring exchange causes cooperative dynamics of many magnons.

## One of our goals:

### Novel quantum magnetic phase

- Novel order ?
- Novel excitation ?
- Novel dynamics ?

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# Exotic Magnetism induced by Ring Exchanges

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- Square Lattice -- nematic order –
- Future prospects

# Two-Leg Ladder — Spin chirality and Duality —

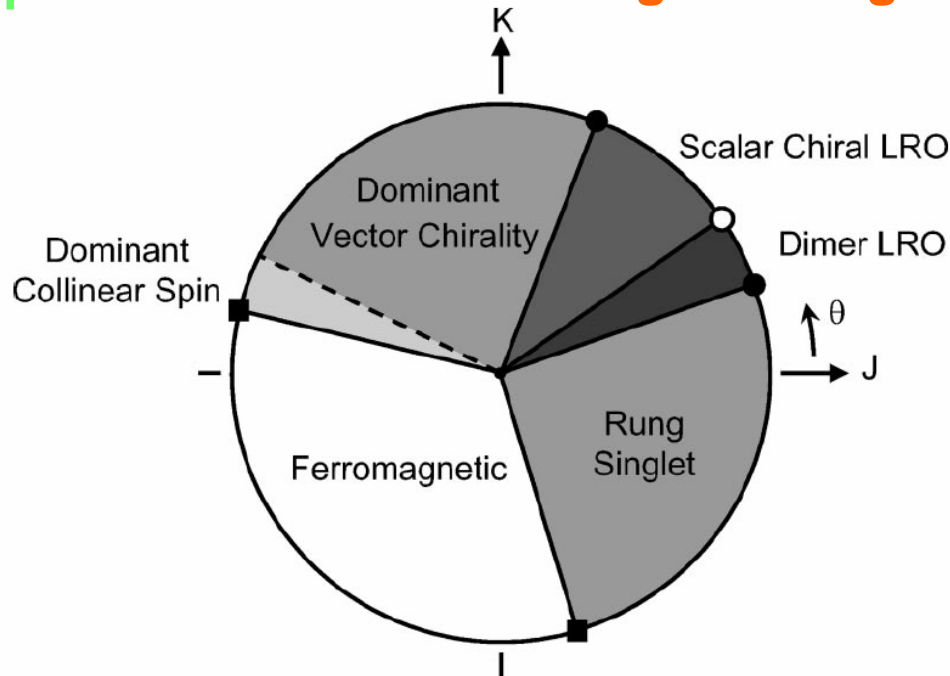
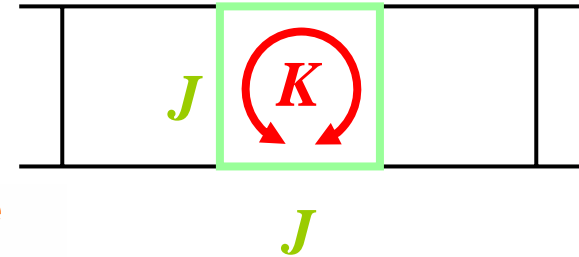
Collaborators: T. Hikihara (Hokkaido Univ.), M. Nakamura (Tokyo Sci. Univ.)

Hamiltonian:

$$H = J \sum_l \vec{s}_{1,l} \cdot \vec{s}_{2,l} + J \sum_l \sum_{\mu=1,2} \vec{s}_{\mu,l} \cdot \vec{s}_{\mu,l+1} + K \sum_{\square} (P_4 + P_4^{-1})$$

2-leg spin ladder

ring exchange



A. Läuchli *et al.*, PRB **67**, 100409(R) (2003).

T. Hikihara, TM, and X. Hu, PRL **90**, 087204 (2003).



## ➤ Duality relation in the two-leg ladder

- Duality transformation:

$$\vec{S}_l \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\vec{s}_{1,l} + \vec{s}_{2,l}) + \vec{s}_{1,l} \times \vec{s}_{2,l},$$

$$\vec{T}_l \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\vec{s}_{1,l} - \vec{s}_{2,l}) - \vec{s}_{1,l} \times \vec{s}_{2,l}.$$

- Dual operators

- ✧ Neel-spin and vector chirality.
- ✧ staggered dimer order and scalar chiral order

- Duality relation in the parameter space

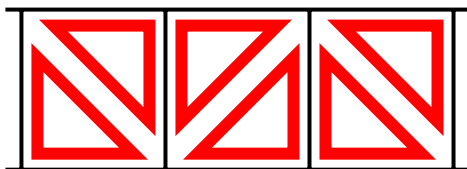
## ➤ Matrix-product solvable models on the ladder

Matrix-product ansatz + Duality transformation

- Staggered scalar-chiral state

$$|\Psi_0(u)\rangle = \text{Tr} \{ \tilde{g}_1(u) \tilde{g}_2(-u) \cdots \tilde{g}_{L-1}(u) \tilde{g}_L(-u) \},$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{g}_l(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ iu \mathbf{1} |s\rangle_l - \sqrt{2} \sigma^+ |t^+\rangle_l + \sqrt{2} \sigma^- |t^-\rangle_l + \sigma^z |t^0\rangle_l \right\}.$$

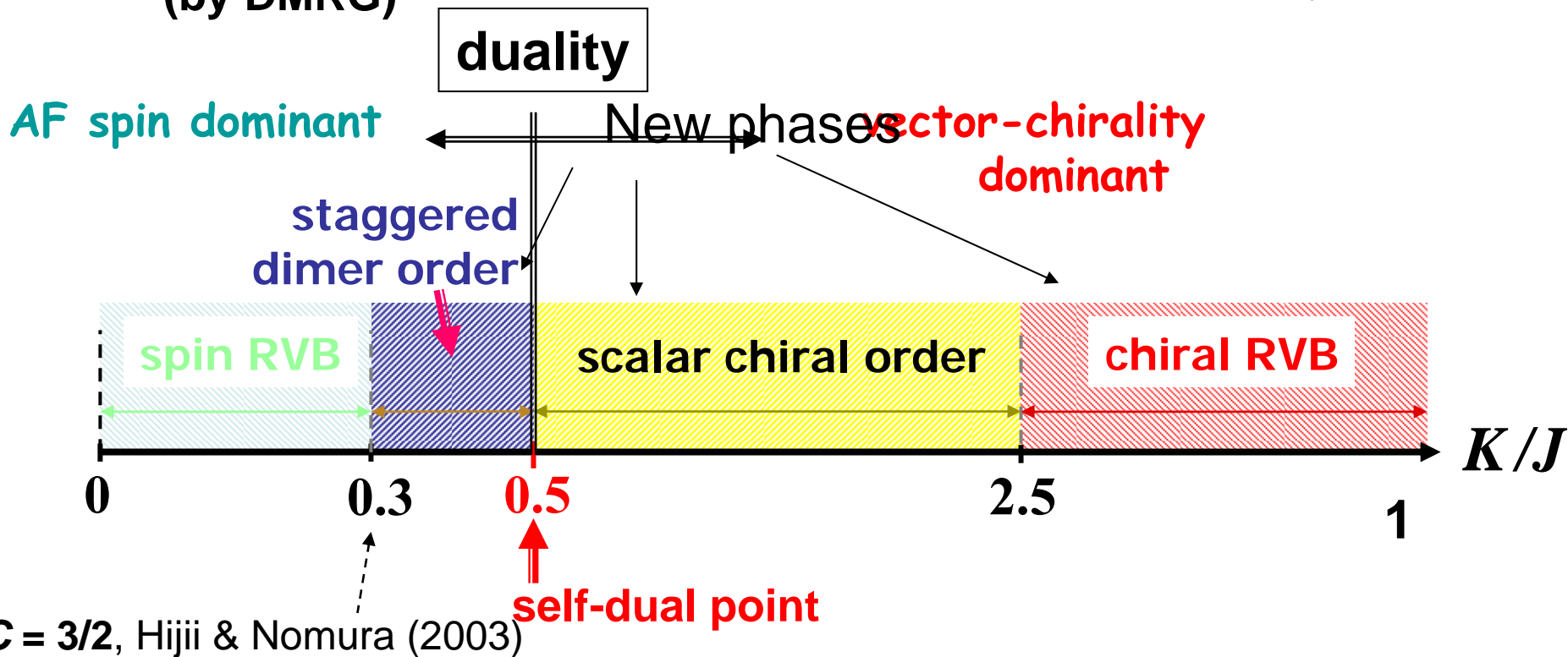


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$$\left\langle \vec{s}_{1,l} \cdot \left( \vec{s}_{1,l+1} \times \vec{s}_{2,l+1} \right) \right\rangle > 0$$

□ **Phase diagram:**  
(by DMRG)

T. Hikihara, TM, X. Hu (2003).  
A. Laeuchli, G. Schmid, M. Troyer (2003).



□ **Scalar chiral phase**

- (1) ground states are **doubly degenerate**,
- (2) there is **a finite energy gap**,
- (3) **scalar chiral LRO** and short-range spin correlation.

# Square lattice

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## — Nematic order in frustrated ferromagnets —

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N. Shannon, TM, and P. Sindzingre, to appear in *Phys. Rev. Lett.*

**Frustrated antiferromagnets**..... well studied.

AF interaction prefers formation of **dimer singlets**.

*Resonating valence bonds*     *P. W. Anderson*

- Triangular lattice AF model
- Square lattice AF J1-J2 model
- Kagome lattice

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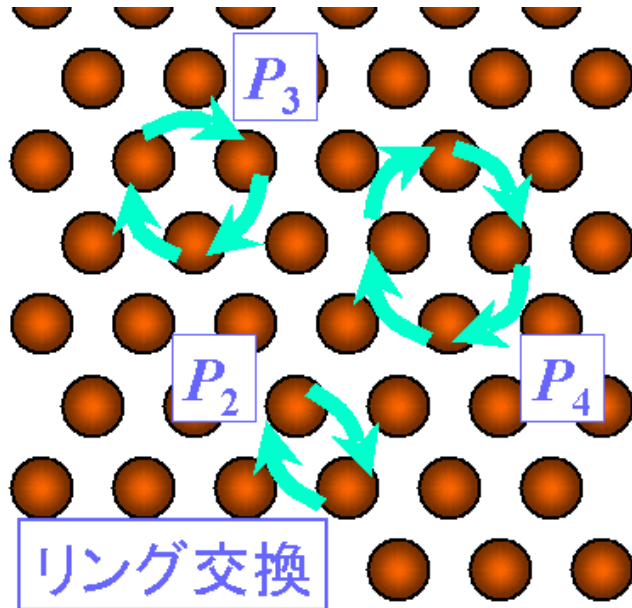
Some of them show spin LRO and some of them show spin gaps...

**Frustrated ferromagnets**..... not well studied.

Competition between FM and AF interactions.

# Frustrated ferromagnets

## □ Solid $^3\text{He}$ films on graphite



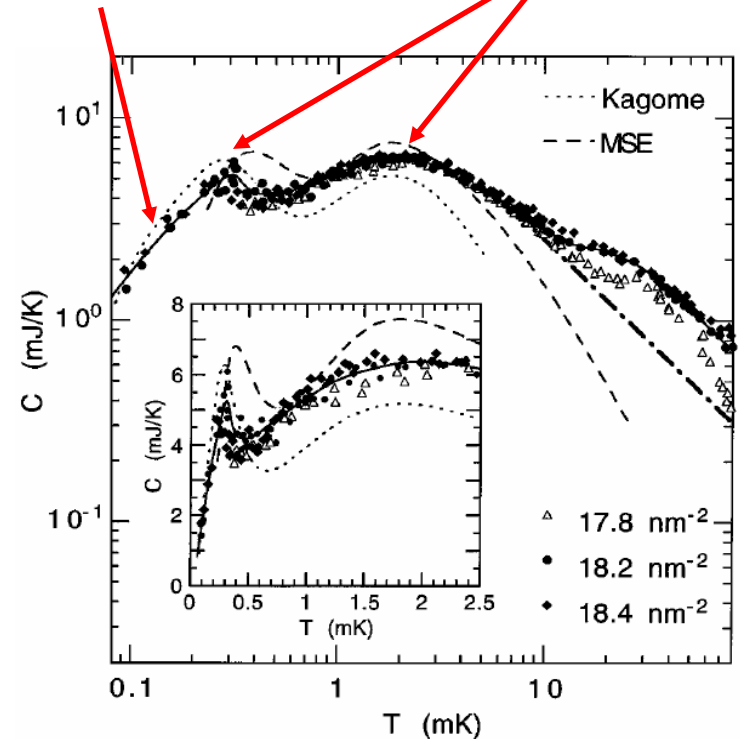
Competition between  
**FM 3-spin exchange**  
 and **AF 4-spin exchange**

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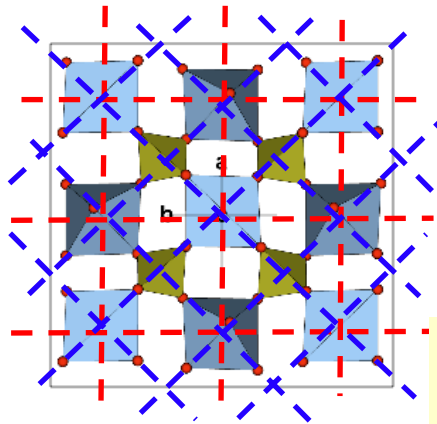
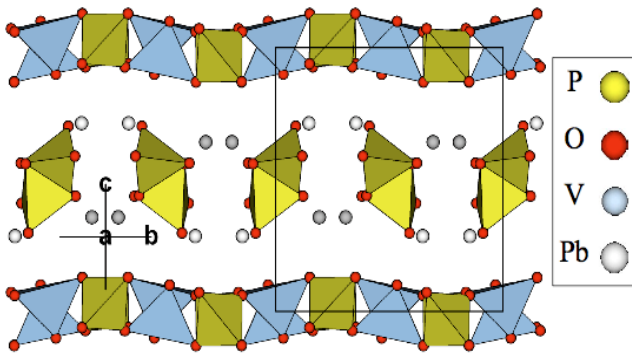
**gapless spin liquid**

# Frustrated ferromagnets square lattice

□  $\text{Pb}_2\text{VO}(\text{PO}_4)_2$   $S=1/2$  square lattice system

E. Kaul *et al.*, JMMM 272-276 (II), 922 (2004)

$\text{Pb}_2\text{VO}(\text{PO}_4)_2$  : Structure



FM  $J_1$  – AF  $J_2$  model

$$J_1 < 0 \text{ FM}$$

$$J_2 > 0 \text{ AF}$$

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\text{N.N.}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\text{N.N.N}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j,$$

spin-1/2  $\text{V}^{4+}$  in layered pyramids

□  $(\text{CuCl})\text{LaNb}_2\text{O}_7$  —  $S=1/2$  square lattice system,  $\Theta_w > 0$

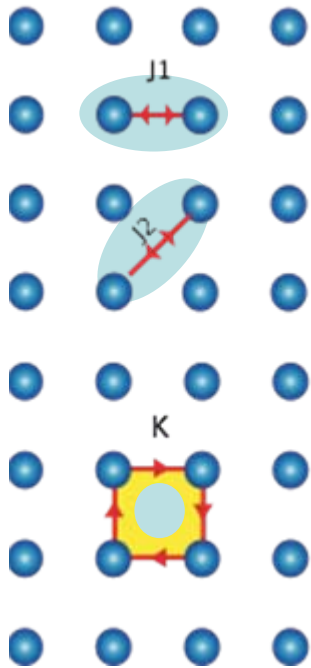
H. Kageyama *et al.*, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. (2005)

No spin order, spin gap,  $S=2$  bound states?

# the model we consider

extended FM Heisenberg model on square lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = 2J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_1} \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j + 2J_2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_2} \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j + K \sum_{\langle 1234 \rangle} P_{1234} + P_{1234}^{-1}$$



FM n.n. interaction

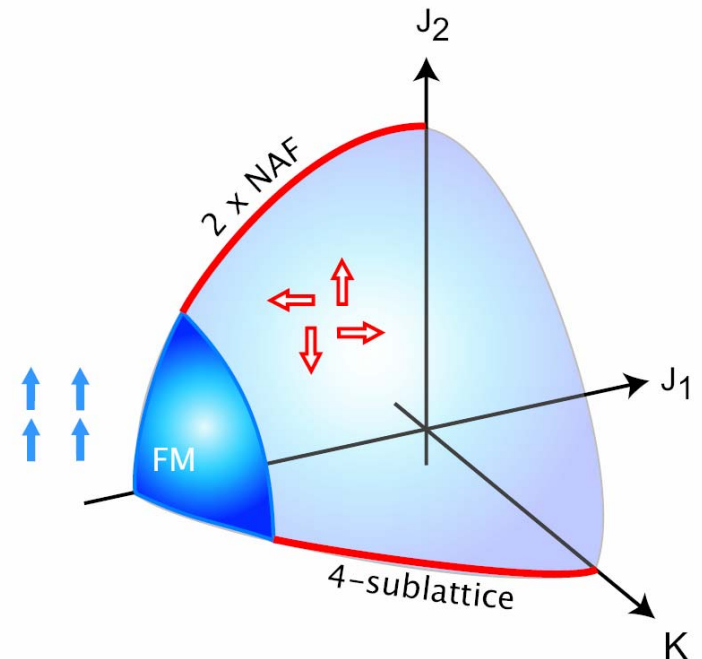
$$J_1 < 0$$

AF n.n.n. interaction

$$J_2 > 0$$

AF 4-spin cyclic exchange

$$K > 0$$



mean field phase diagram

# Previous theoretical works

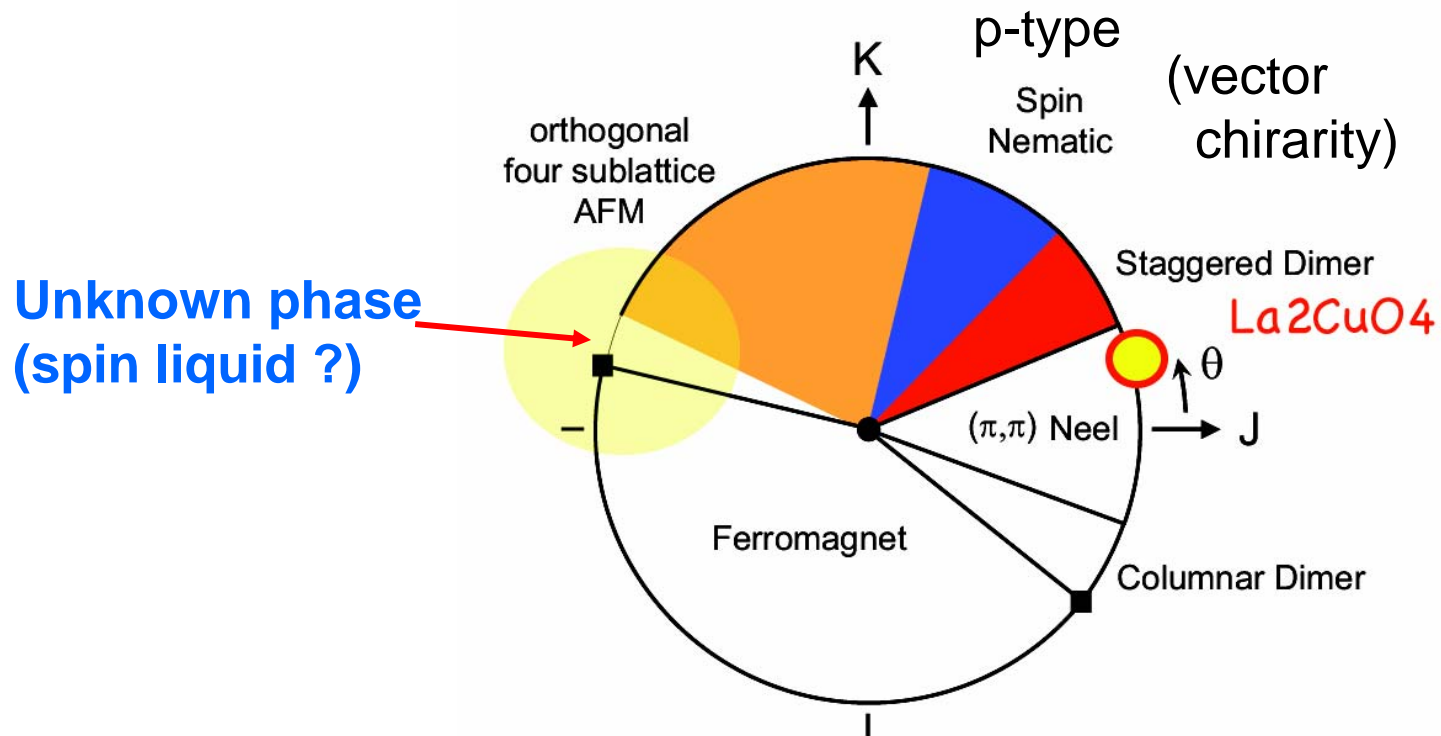
## Multiple-spin exchange model on the square lattice

$$H = J \sum_{\text{n.n.}} P_2 + K \sum_{\square} (P_4 + P_4^{-1}),$$

$$(J_2 = 0)$$

A. Laeuchli *et al.*, PRL (2005)

$$J < 0 \text{ (FM)}, \quad K > 0 \text{ (AF)}$$





# Instability in FM state at boundary with AF

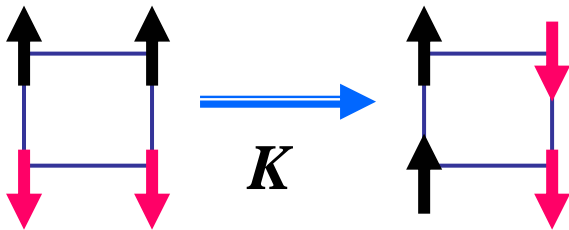
## ➤ One-magnon excitation

dispersion:  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) = -4(J_1 + 2K) + 2(J_1 + 2K)(\cos k_x + \cos k_y)$

At  $K/|J_1| = 1/2$ , **zero flat mode** (localized magnons!)

One magnon instability.

## ➤ Two-magnon excitation -----exactly solvable-----



Cooperative dynamics

*d-wave symmetry*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \left| \begin{array}{cc} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle - \left| \begin{array}{cc} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{array} \right\rangle \right\} \exp(i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}/2)$$

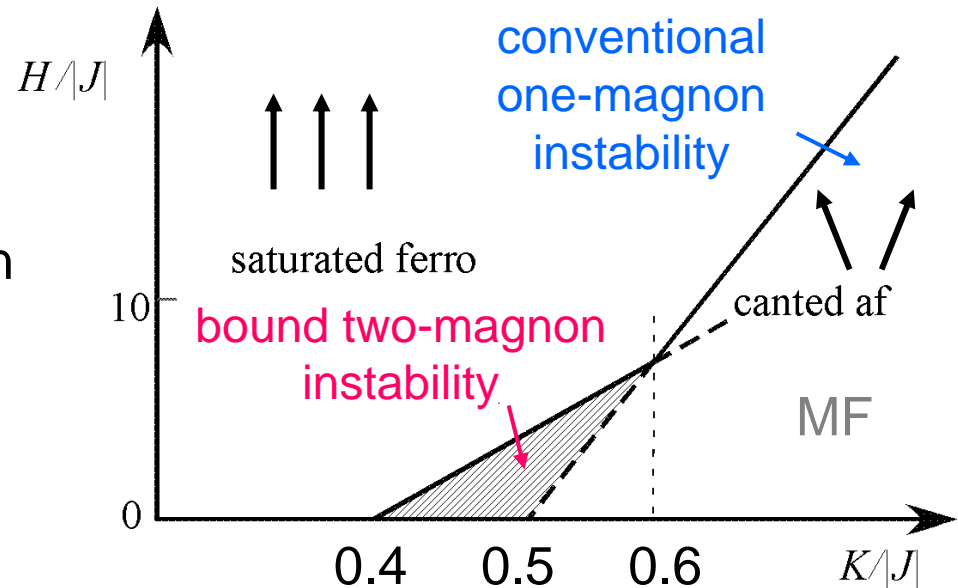
The lowest state has  $q = 0$

**! Two-magnon bound states**  
**have lower energy at**  
**one-magnon instability point.**

➡ **New instability**

- **In the magnetic field**

**Two-magnon instability** first appears at  $H_{c2}$  before one-magnon instability ( $H_{c1}$ ).



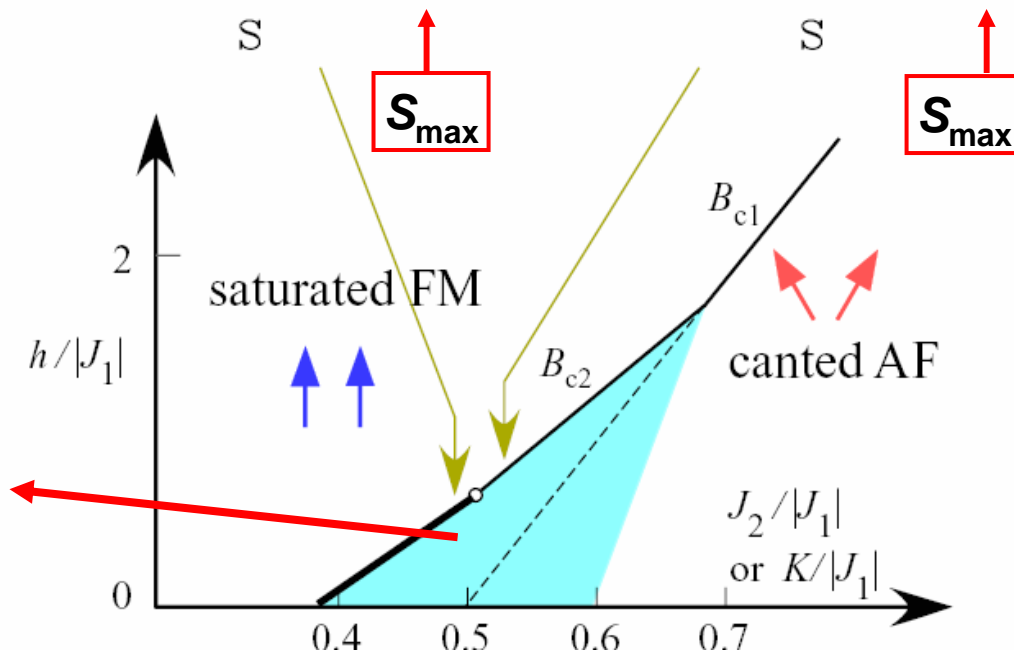
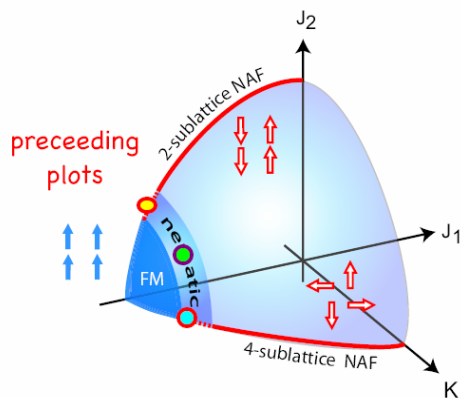
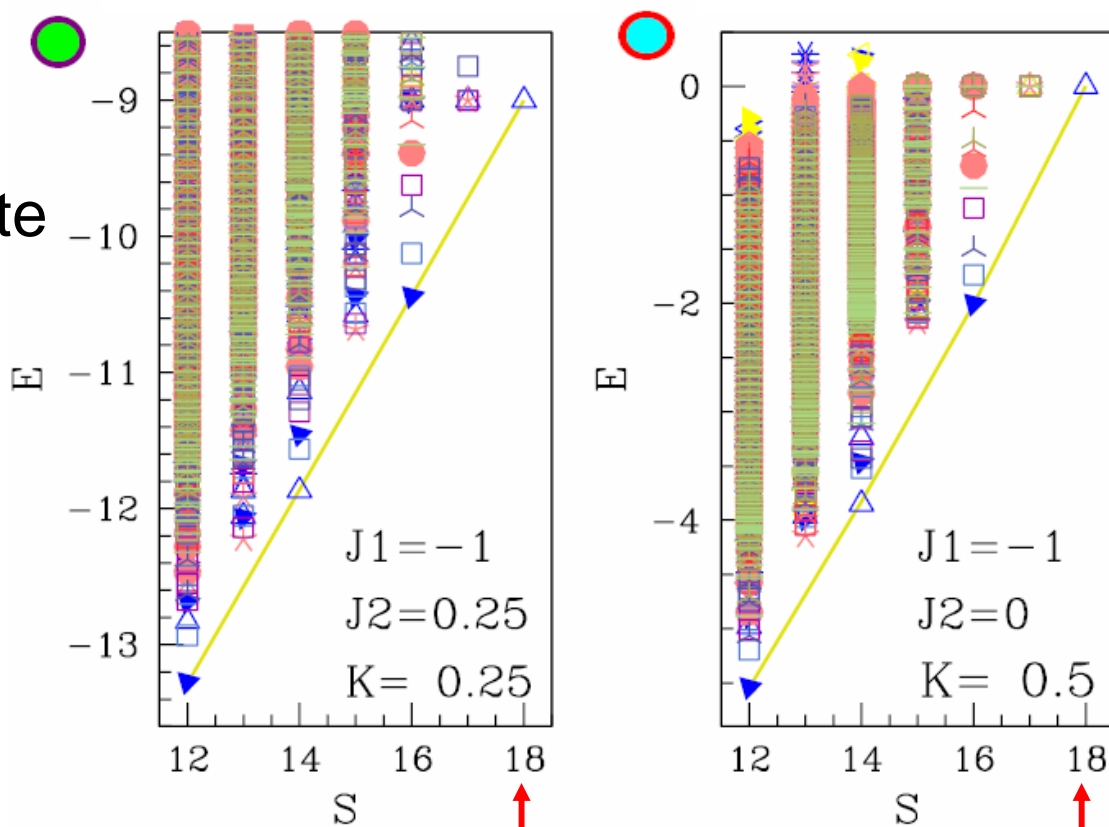
## Magnon pairs have

- hopping process.
- repulsive interactions between bound bi-magnons (if  $K > 0$ ).



2<sup>nd</sup> order transition at saturation field

# Energy spectrum near fully polarized state



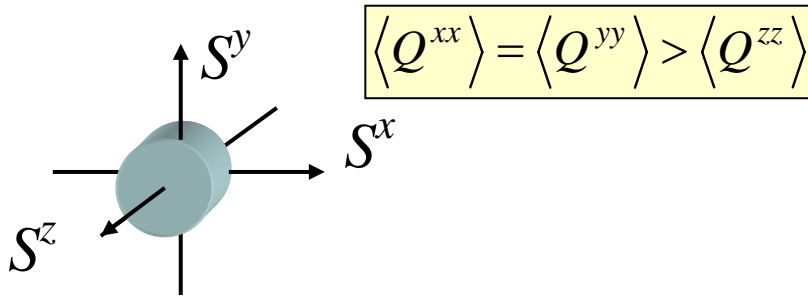
**Condensation (BEC) of d-wave magnon pairs**

# What is the nature of this phase?

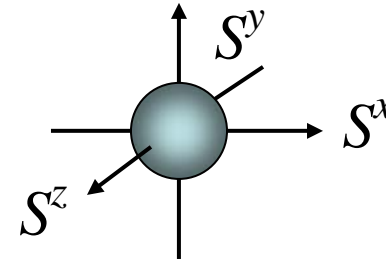
- Spin nematic operator (n-type) — quadrupole order

$$Q^{\alpha\beta}(r_i, r_j) = \frac{1}{2}(S_i^\alpha S_j^\beta + S_i^\beta S_j^\alpha) - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{\alpha\beta} \langle \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \rangle$$

nematic order



disorder (isotropic)



- Magnon pairing operator

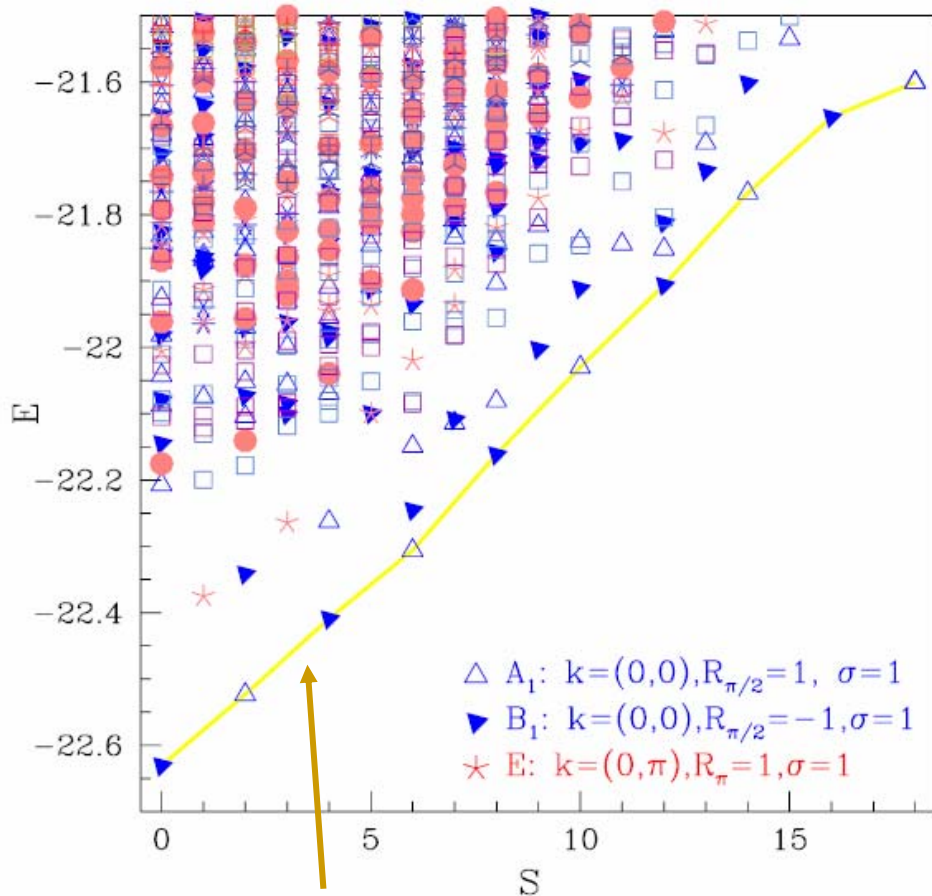
$$S_i^- S_j^-$$

Relation between the magnon pairing and the nematic operators

$$S_i^- S_j^- = Q^{xx} - Q^{yy} - 2iQ^{xy}$$

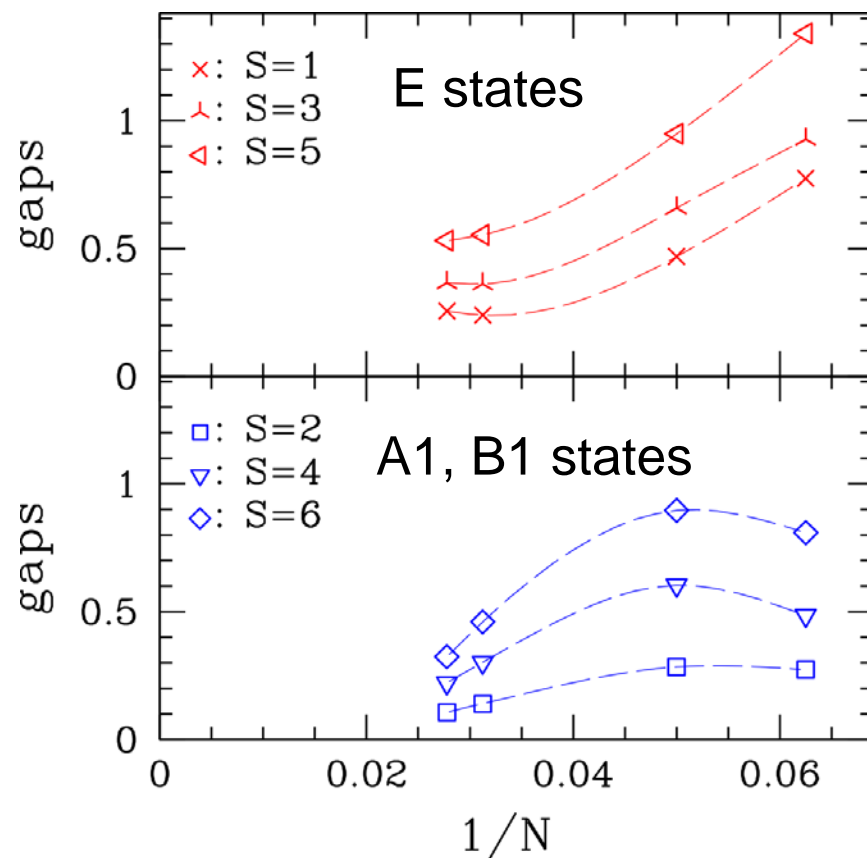
**BEC of bound magnon pairs = Spin nematic LRO**

Full spectrum:  $J_1$ - $J_2$  model on square lattice  $J_1=-1, J_2=0.4$



Only even spin sectors contribute to ground state.

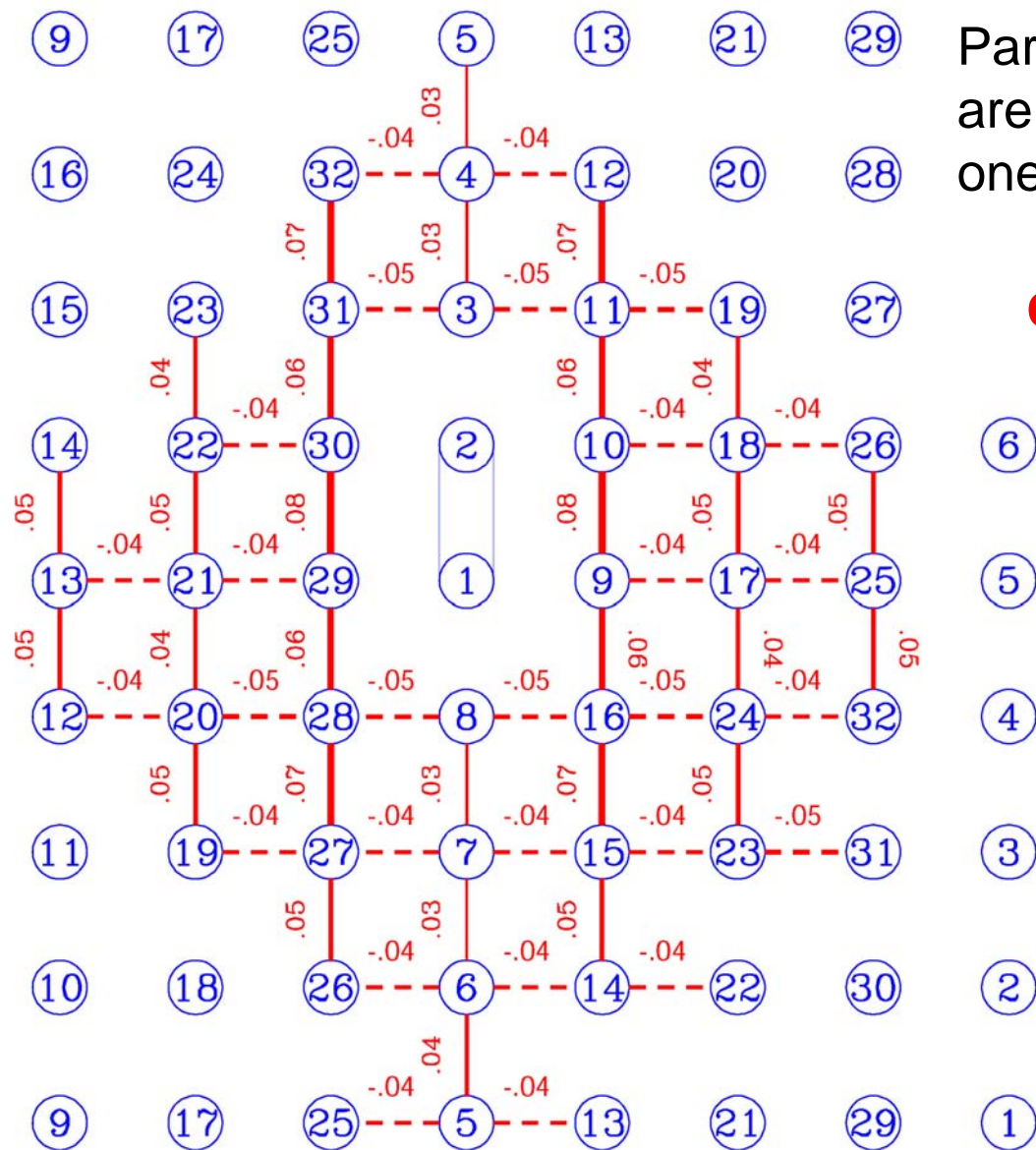
In AF ordered phase,  $A_1$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $E$  states must be gapless, **but**



No spin order [**Spin liquid**]

**Condensation (BEC) of d-wave magnon pairs**

- Long-range nematic correlation in  $S=0$  ground state

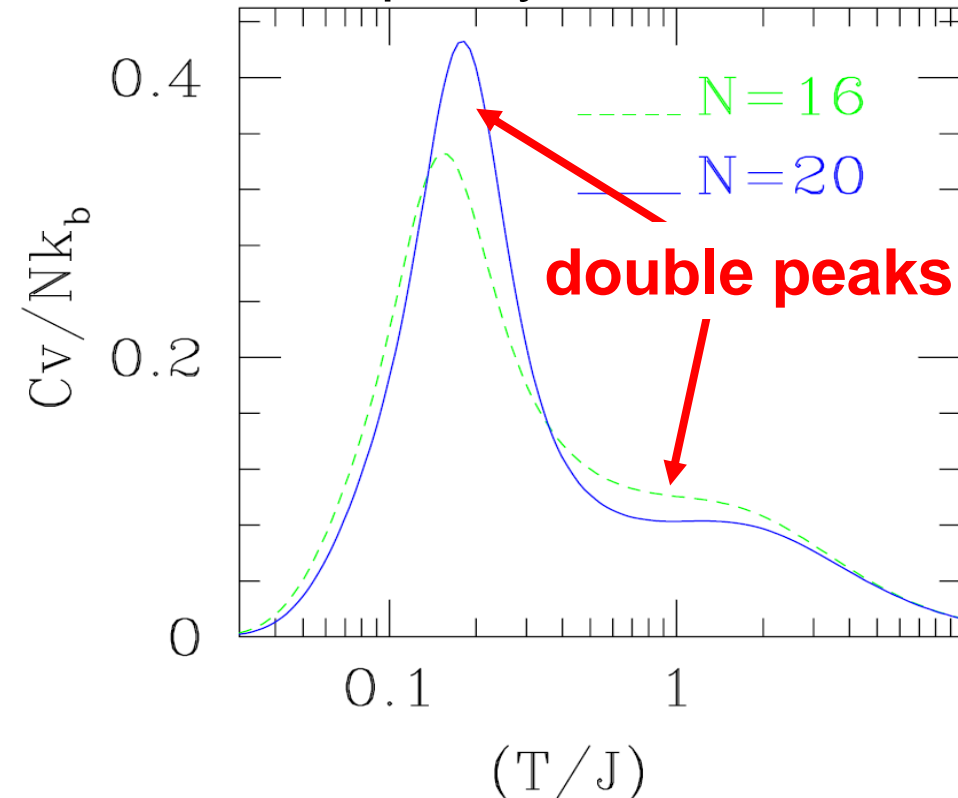


Parallel bond correlations are positive, but perpendicular ones are negative.

**d-wave symmetry.**

$J_1$ - $J_2$  model:  $J_1=-1, J_2=0.4$

## Heat capacity



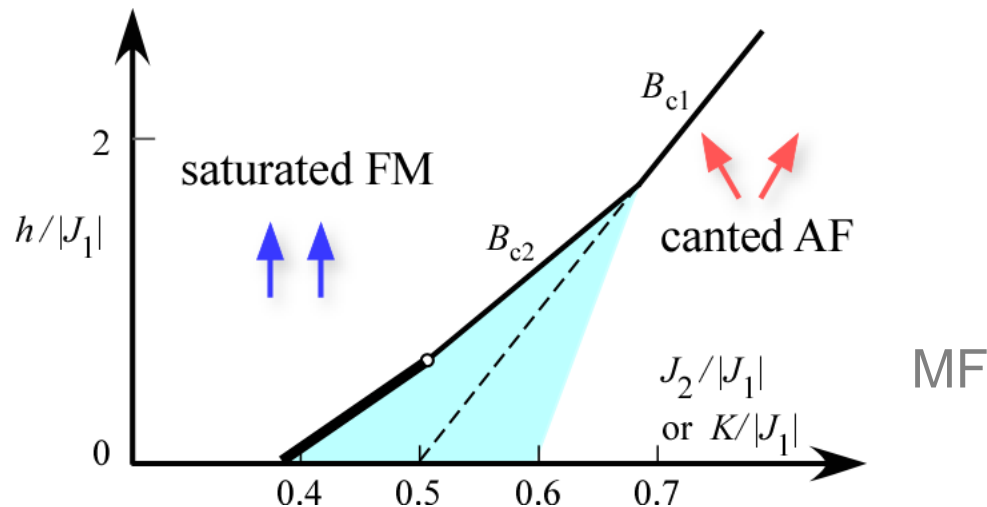
## Two energy scales

- High temperature peak:  $T \sim J_1$   
formation of spin 1 objects due to **short-range spin correlation**.
- Low temperature peak:  $T \sim 0.1J_1$   
**short-range nematic correlation** between spin 1 degrees of freedom.

# Square lattice frustrated ferromagnets

( $J_1$ - $J_2$  model, J-K model)

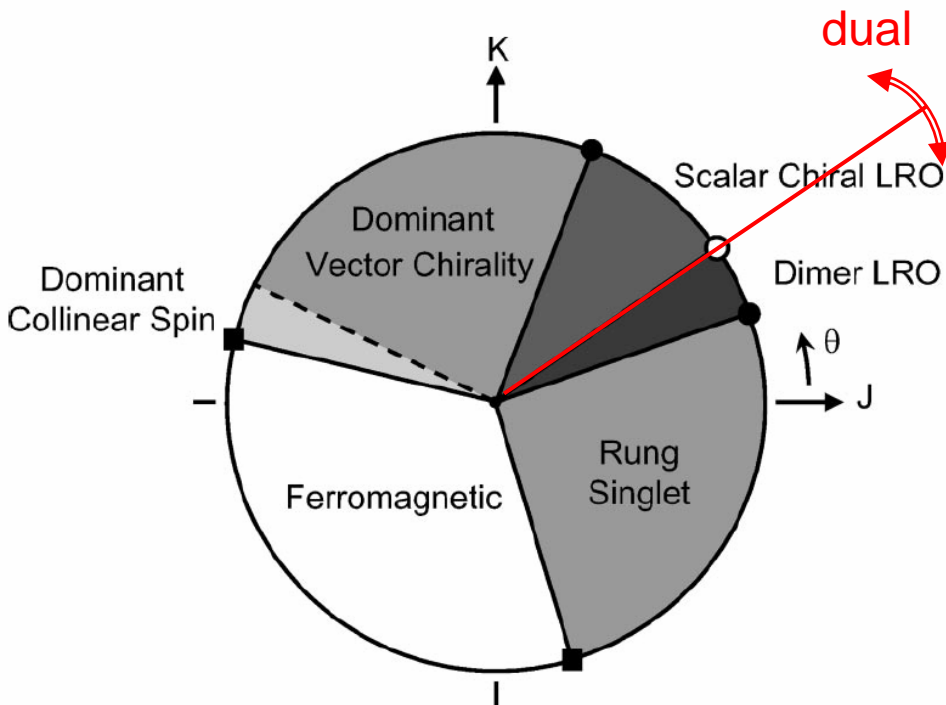
- Near saturation field, nematic order is induced by two magnon instability.
- Down to zero field, there is spin nematic order with d-wave symmetry.



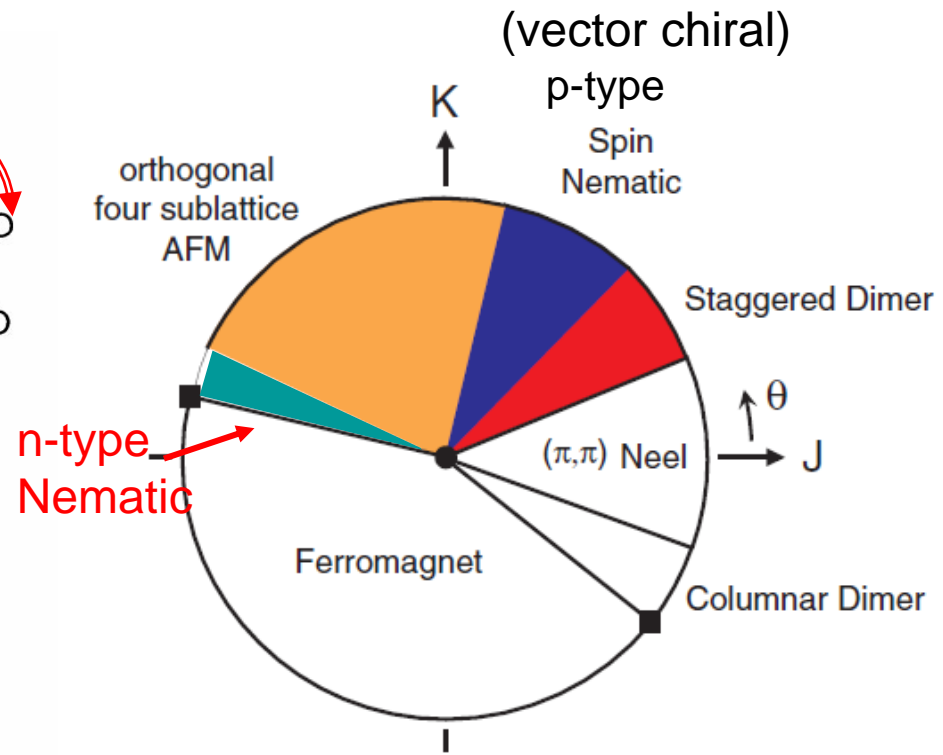
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## Ladder Lattice



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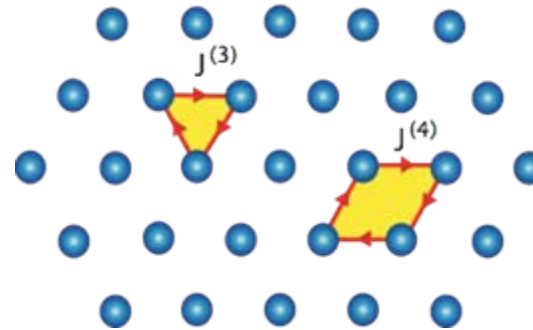
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# future prospects

- contact with experiment -

Multiple spin exchange  
model on a triangular lattice  
-- application to gapless  
spin liquid in solid  $^3\text{He}$  on  
graphite



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- Ring exchange induced spin liquid ?
- Frustrated ferromagnet ?  
→ Nematic order ?