

# Studying correlated systems with PEPS

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- Some motivations: «trivial» vs «topological» spin liquids (on frustrated lattices)
- The Projected Entangled Pair State (PEPS) scheme
- «Holographic» framework & the bulk-edge correspondence

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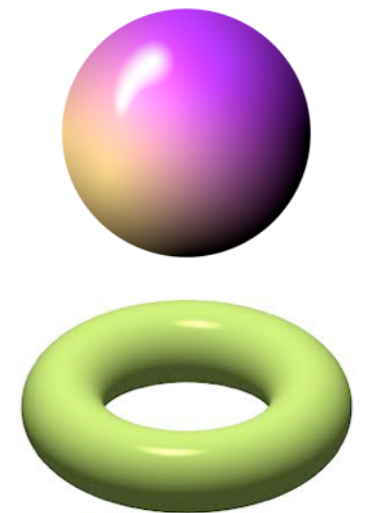
# Exotic «spin liquids» beyond the «order parameter» paradigm

- \* no spontaneous broken symmetry
- \* no local order
- \* **Topological order**
  - Do they exist in materials ?  
in simple models ?
  - How to detect them ?

X. G. Wen

**GS degeneracy** (depends on **topology** of space)

Topological order can also be detected by  
entanglement measures !

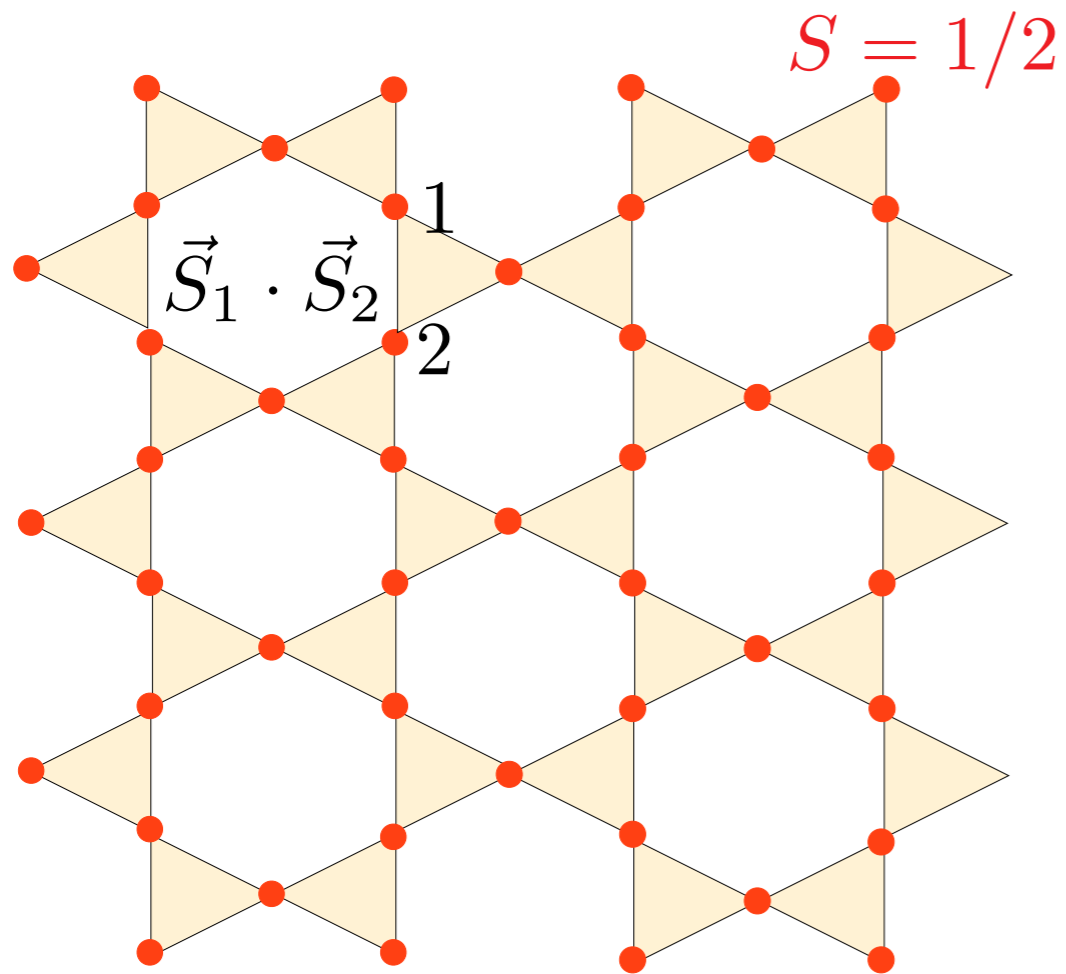


# The many-body spectrum of a topological liquid

Excitations are fractional (created by pairs)



Best candidate : spin-1/2 Heisenberg QAF on the Kagome lattice !



Herbertsmithite: P. Mendels (Orsay)  
& Z. Hiroi (ISSP)

Numerical «evidence» (DMRG)  
for a (gapped) spin liquid:

S. Yan, D.A. Huse & S. White, Science 2011  
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**topological features ?**

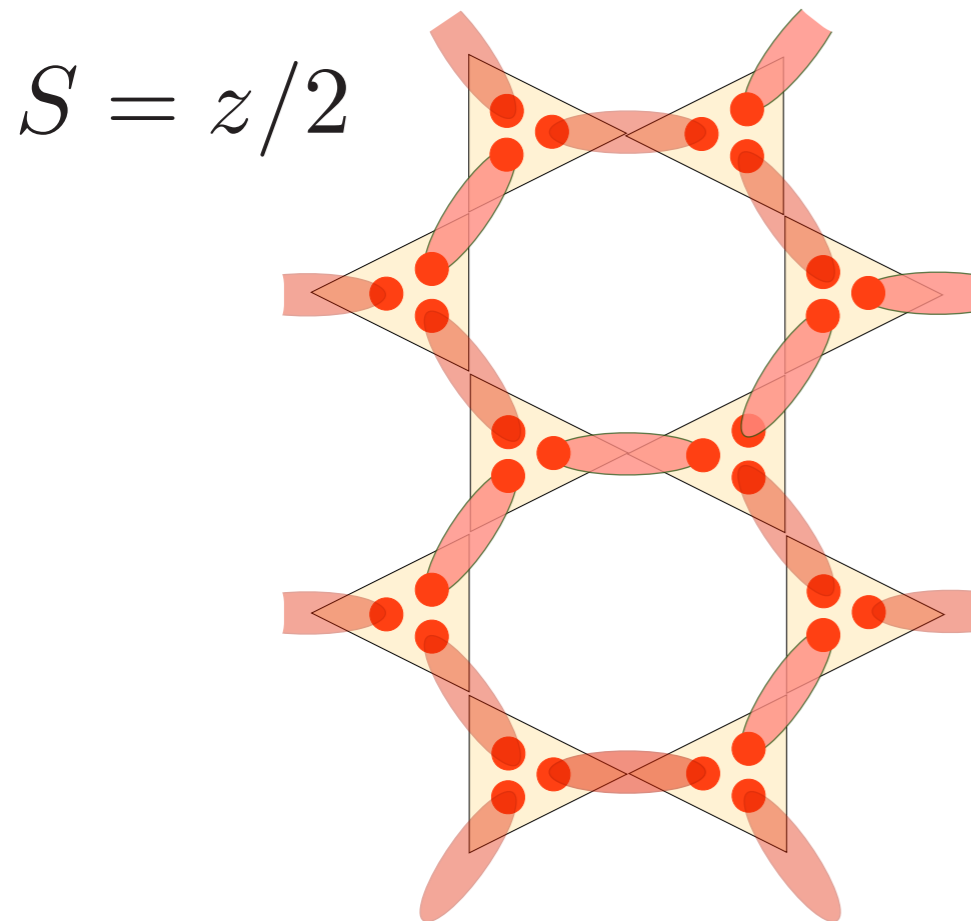
# TWO TYPES OF SPIN LIQUIDS:

## spin-S AKLT

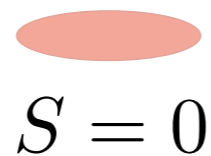
$\text{Bi}_3\text{Mn}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{NO}_3)$  material

J. Lavoie et al., Nat. Phys. 6, 850 (2010)

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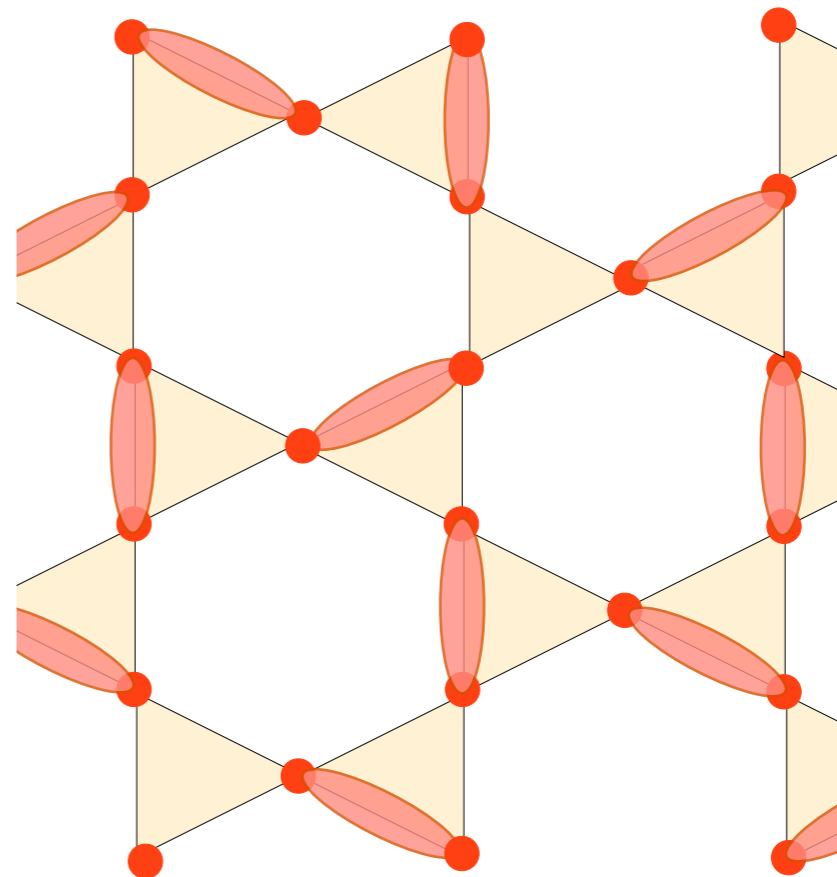
«Trivial» liquid



## spin-1/2 RVB

P. Fazekas and P.W. Anderson

Philosophical Magazine 30, 423-440 (1974)



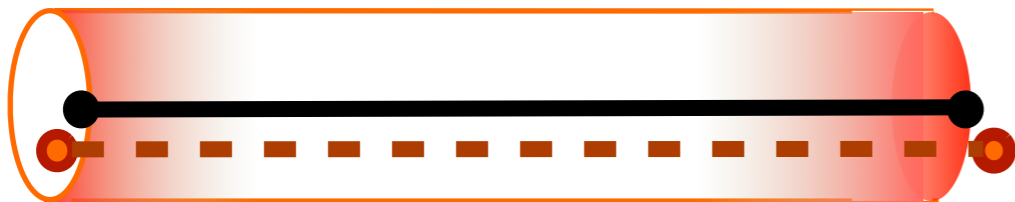
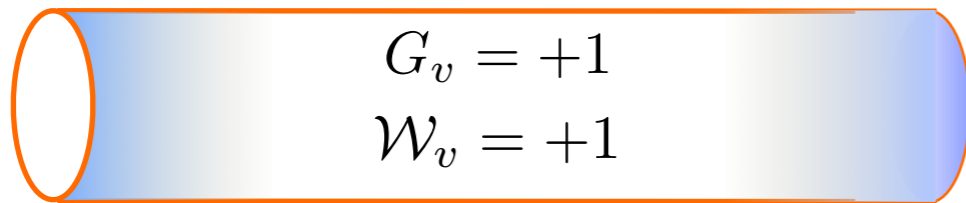
Equal-weight superposition  
of NN singlet coverings

Topological liquid

Hasting-Oshikawa-LSM theorem

# $\mathbb{Z}_2$ spin liquid :

topological GS inserting «spinons» and «visons»



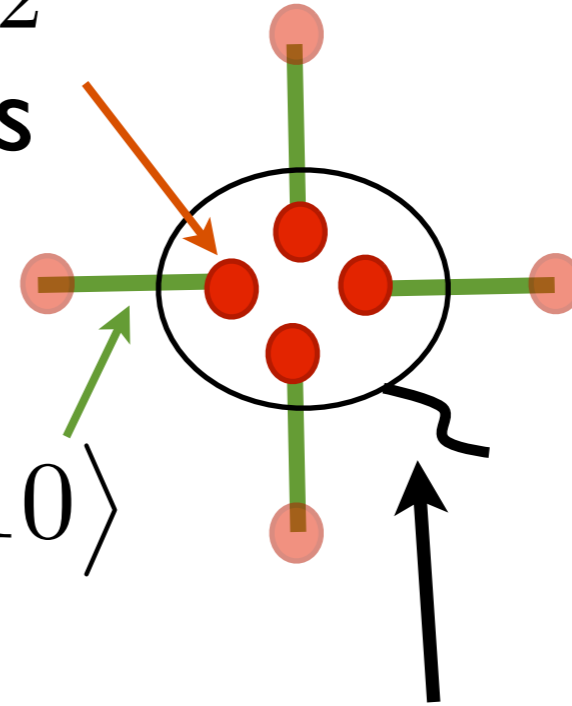
same class as  
Kitaev's Toric Code  
(fixed point  $\xi = 0$ )

# Projected Entangled Pair States (PEPS) construction

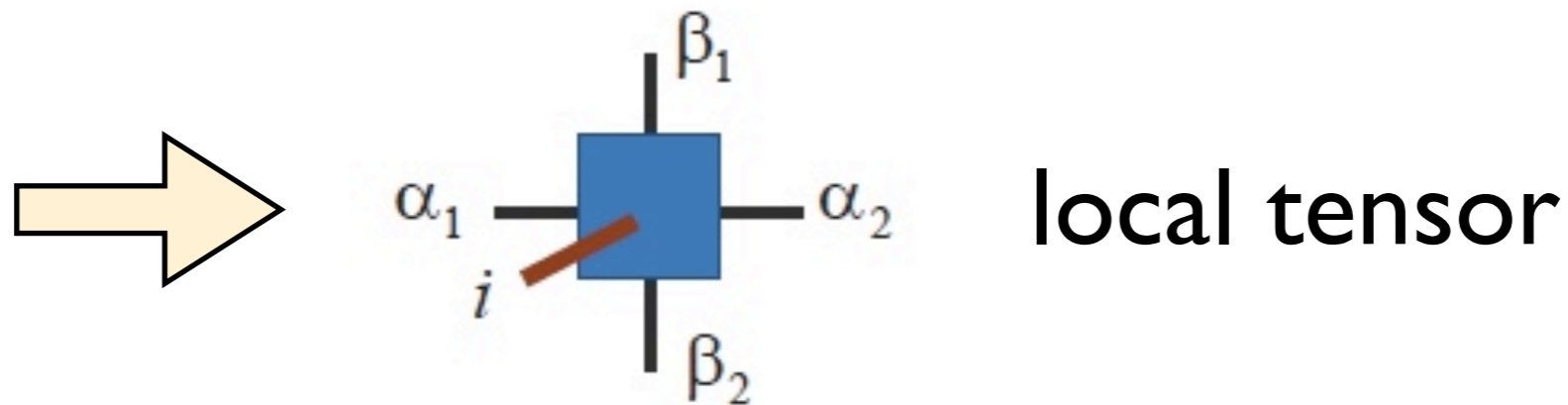
Ex.: the spin-2 AKLT

$S=1/2$   
 $D=2$  virtual states

$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle = |01\rangle - |10\rangle$$



Project onto **physical** subspace  $d = 2S_{\text{phys}} + 1$ :





# The PEPS as a variational ansatz

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum C_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N\rangle$$

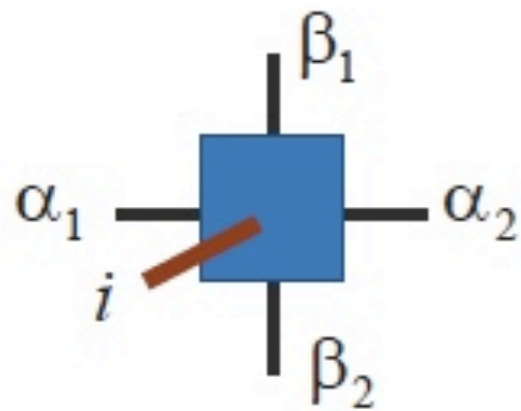
$$A_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2; \beta_1, \beta_2}^i$$

$$i = \{1, \dots, d_{\text{phys}}\}$$

$$\alpha, \beta = \{1, \dots, D\}$$

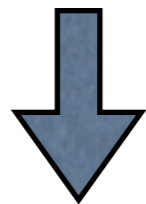
dimension of auxiliary  
(or virtual) space

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F. Verstraete  
G. Vidal

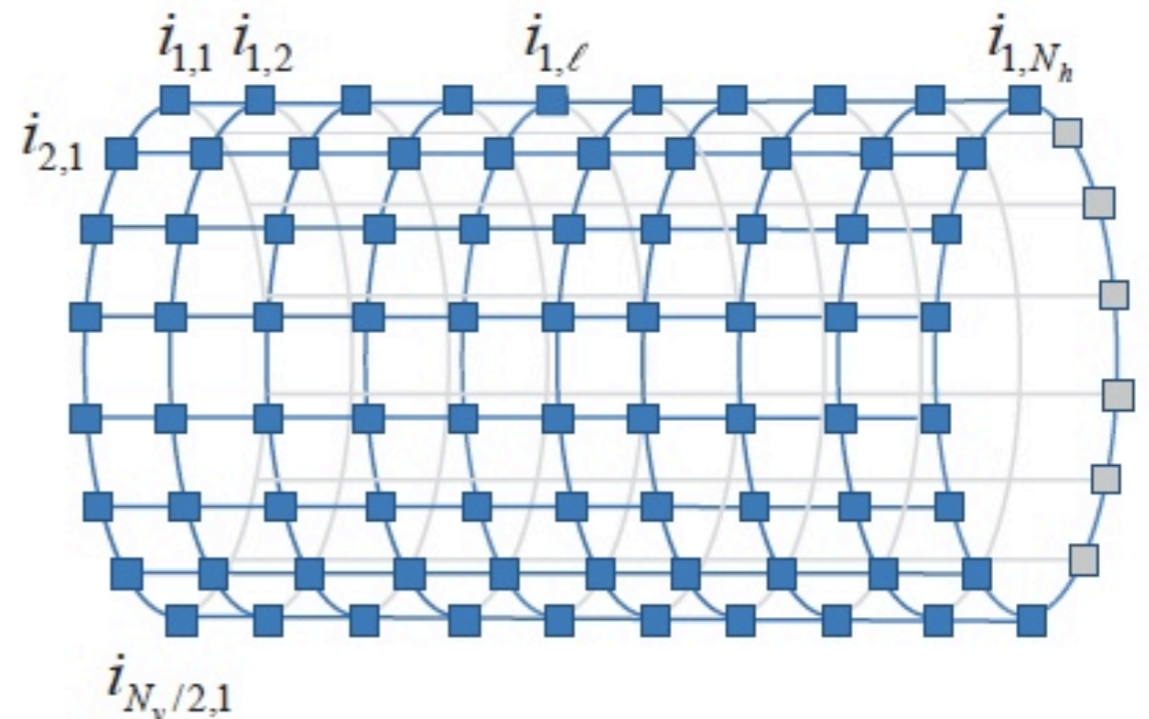


$$N = N_v N_h$$

Coefficients  $C_{\{i_{1,1}, \dots, i_{N_v, N_h}\}}$   
of the wavefunction

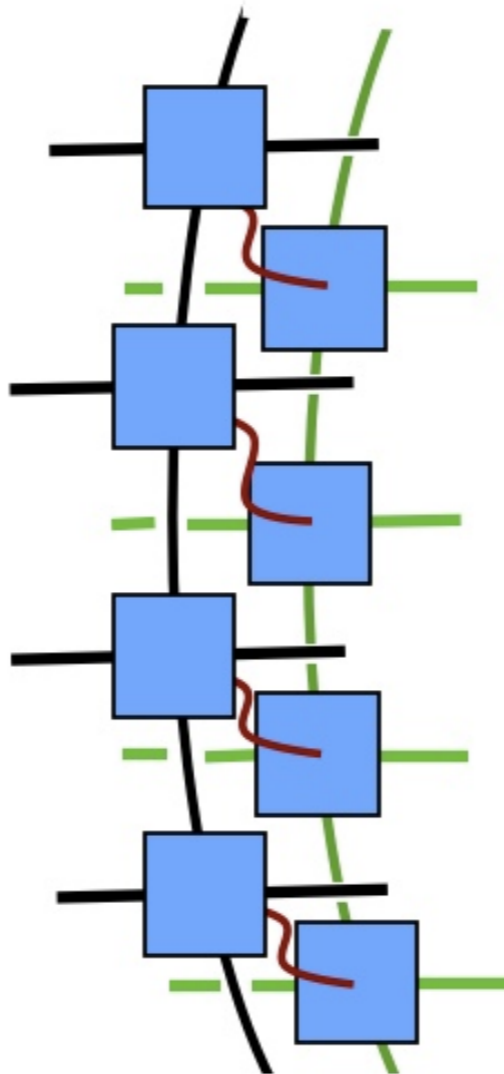


“contract” product of tensors



Build «double layer» tensor network  
by contracting physical variables

$$\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle \quad \rightarrow$$



«transfer matrix»

$$D^{2N_v} \times D^{2N_v}$$

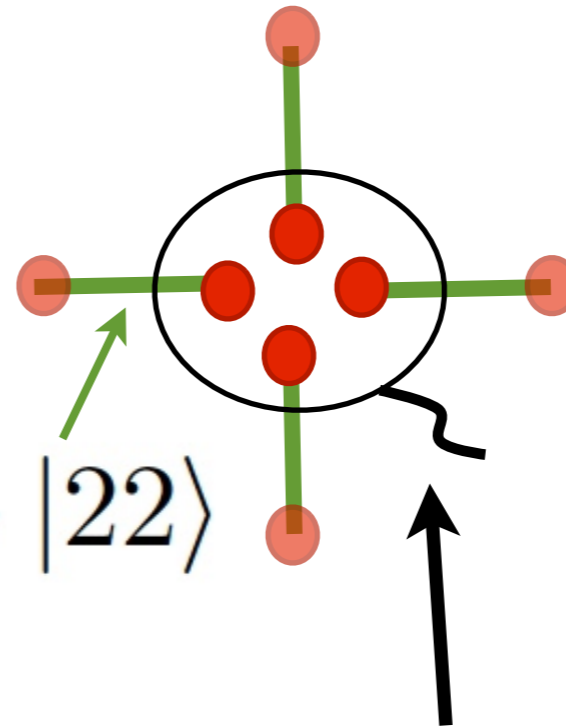
Iterate product of TM's to build **infinite** cylinder

if  $D$  small enough **exact contractions** possible...

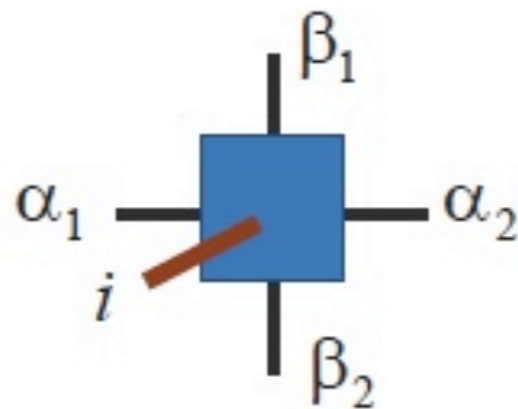
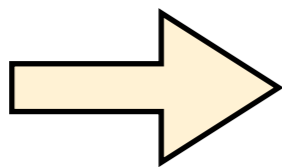
# The spin-1/2 RVB can be written as a PEPS !

virtual states:  $1/2 \oplus 0$   
( $D=3$ )

$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle = |01\rangle - |10\rangle + |22\rangle$$

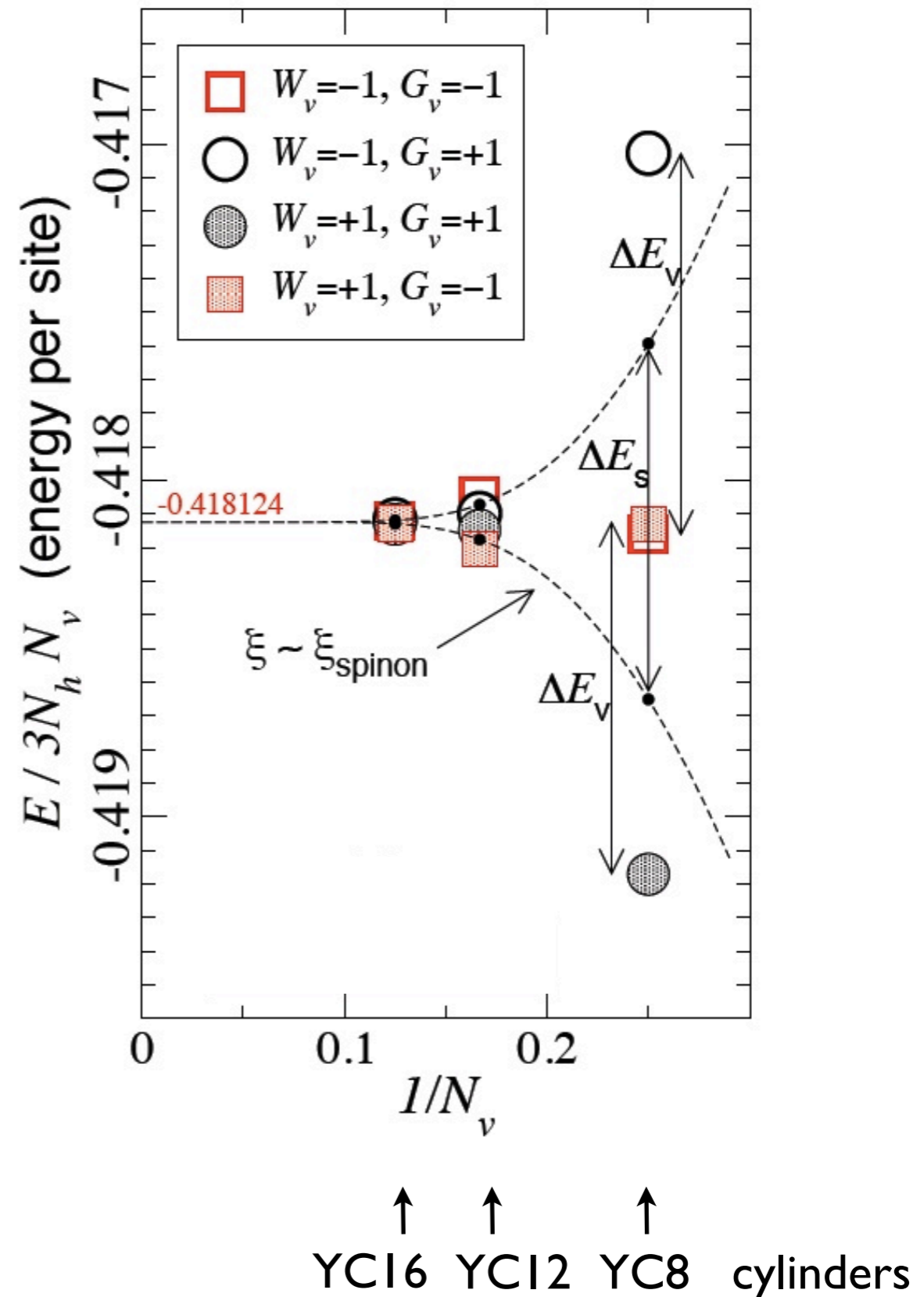
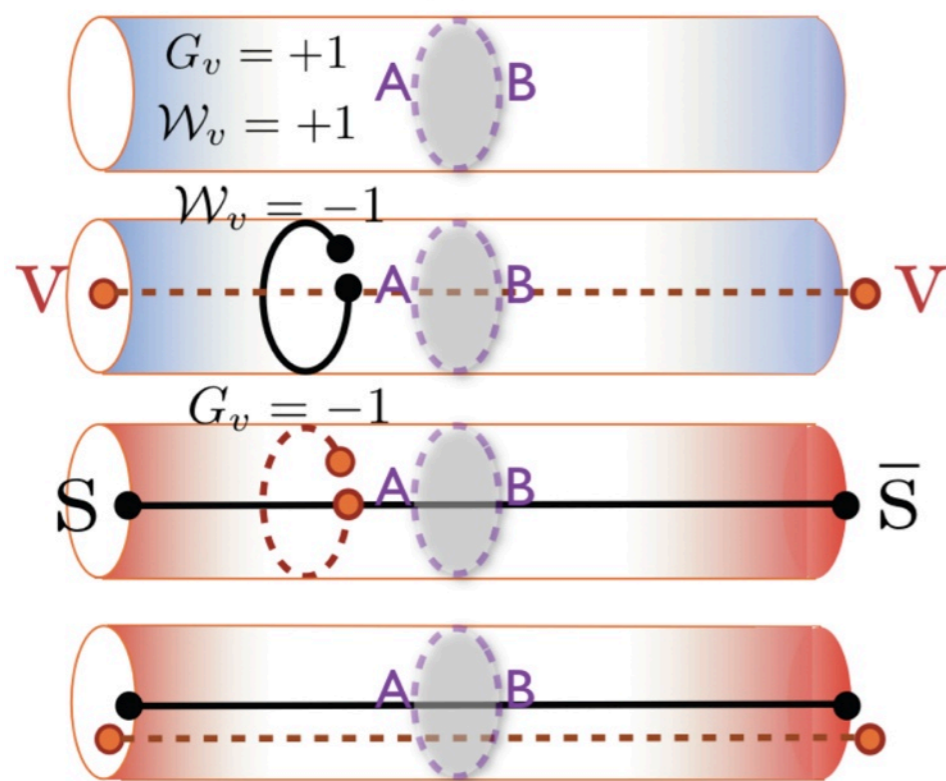


Project onto **physical** subspace  $S=1/2$  ( $d=2$ )



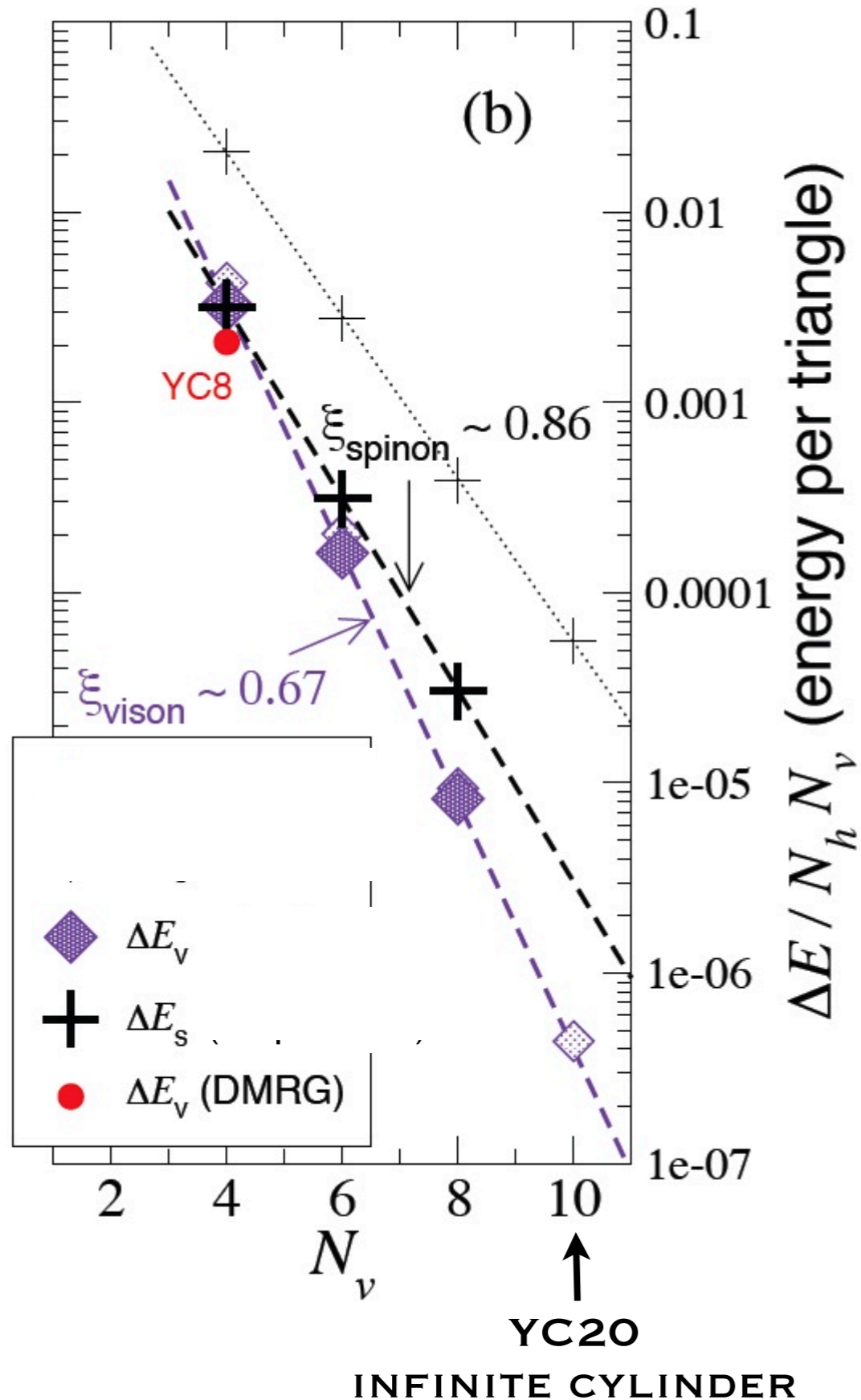
PEPS tensor

# Finite size scaling of RVB energy



# Gs energy splittings (semi-log scale)

$(N_h \rightarrow \infty)$



$$\Delta E_s = a N_h N_v \exp(-N_v / \xi_{\text{spinon}}),$$

$$\Delta E_v = b N_h N_v \exp(-N_v / \xi_{\text{vison}}),$$



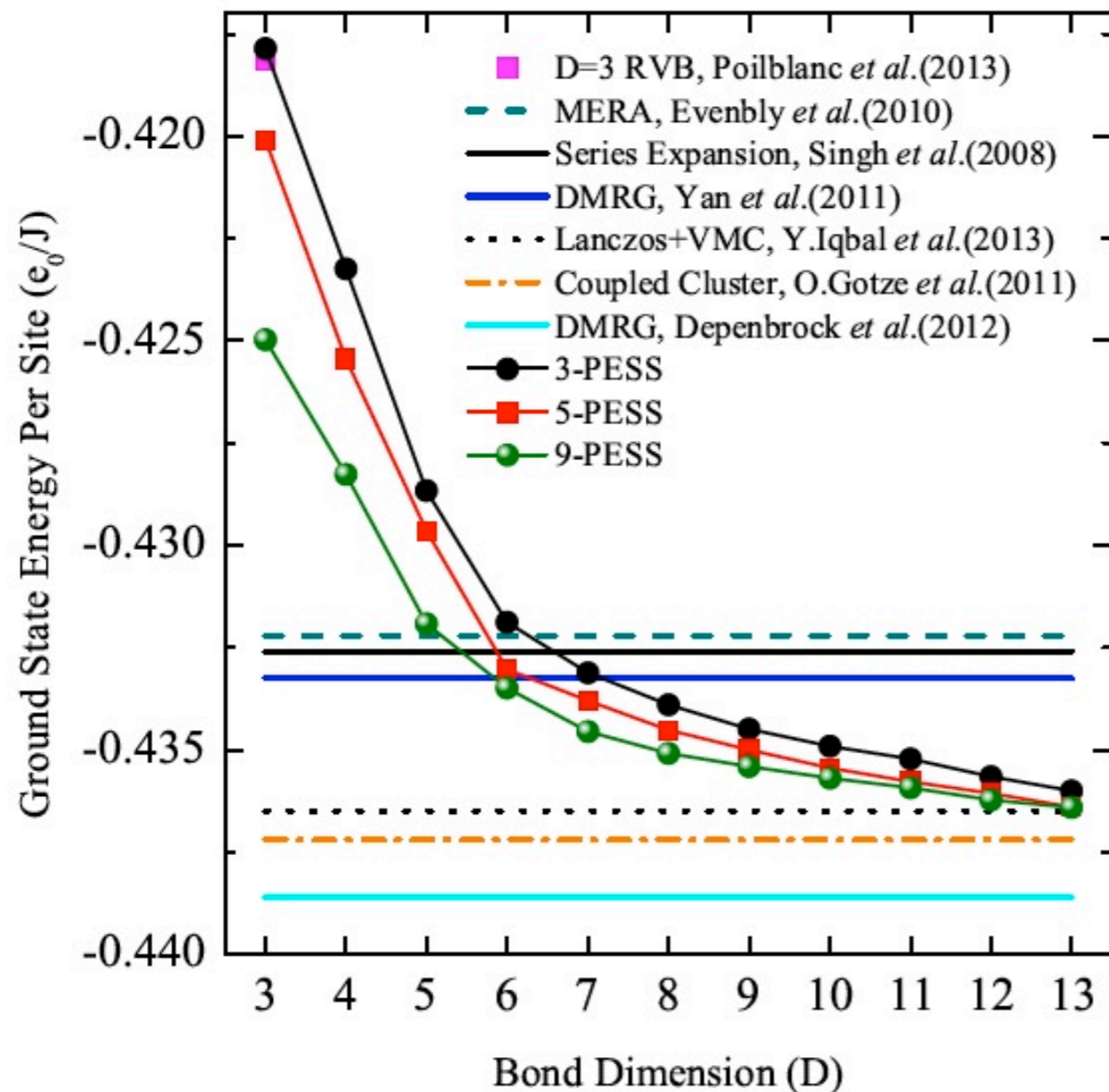
Very short coherence lengths

$\xi < 1$  unit cell

# Improving the RVB / PEPS ...

## «Projected Entangled Simplex»

Z. Y. Xie, J. Chen, J. F. Yu, X. Kong, B. Normand, and T. Xiang,  
arXiv:1307.5696



Simple update method  
based on imaginary-time evolution

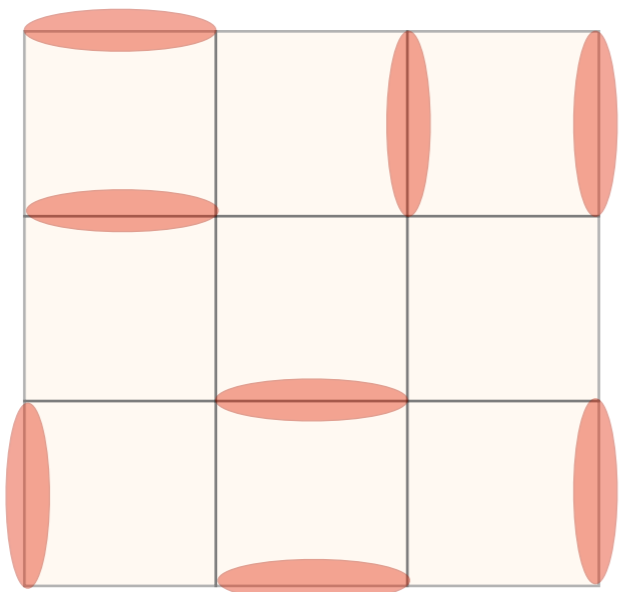
# Fermionic **charge degrees of freedom** in the PEPS framework

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Could a d-wave superconductor emerge from doping  
the RVB state  
(on the square lattice) ?

RVB spin liquid

$\Sigma$   
VB



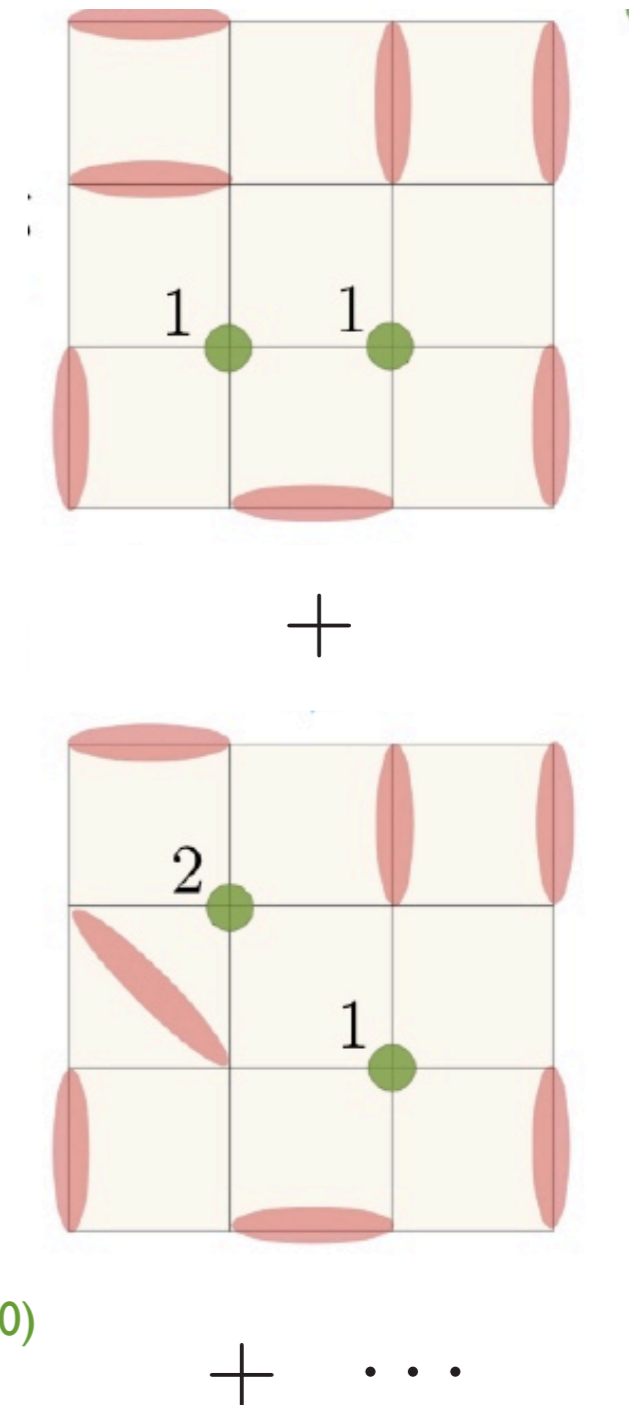
doping



$\Sigma$   
VB+holes

fermion representation !

(Corboz, Evenbly, Verstraete, Vidal, PRA 2010)

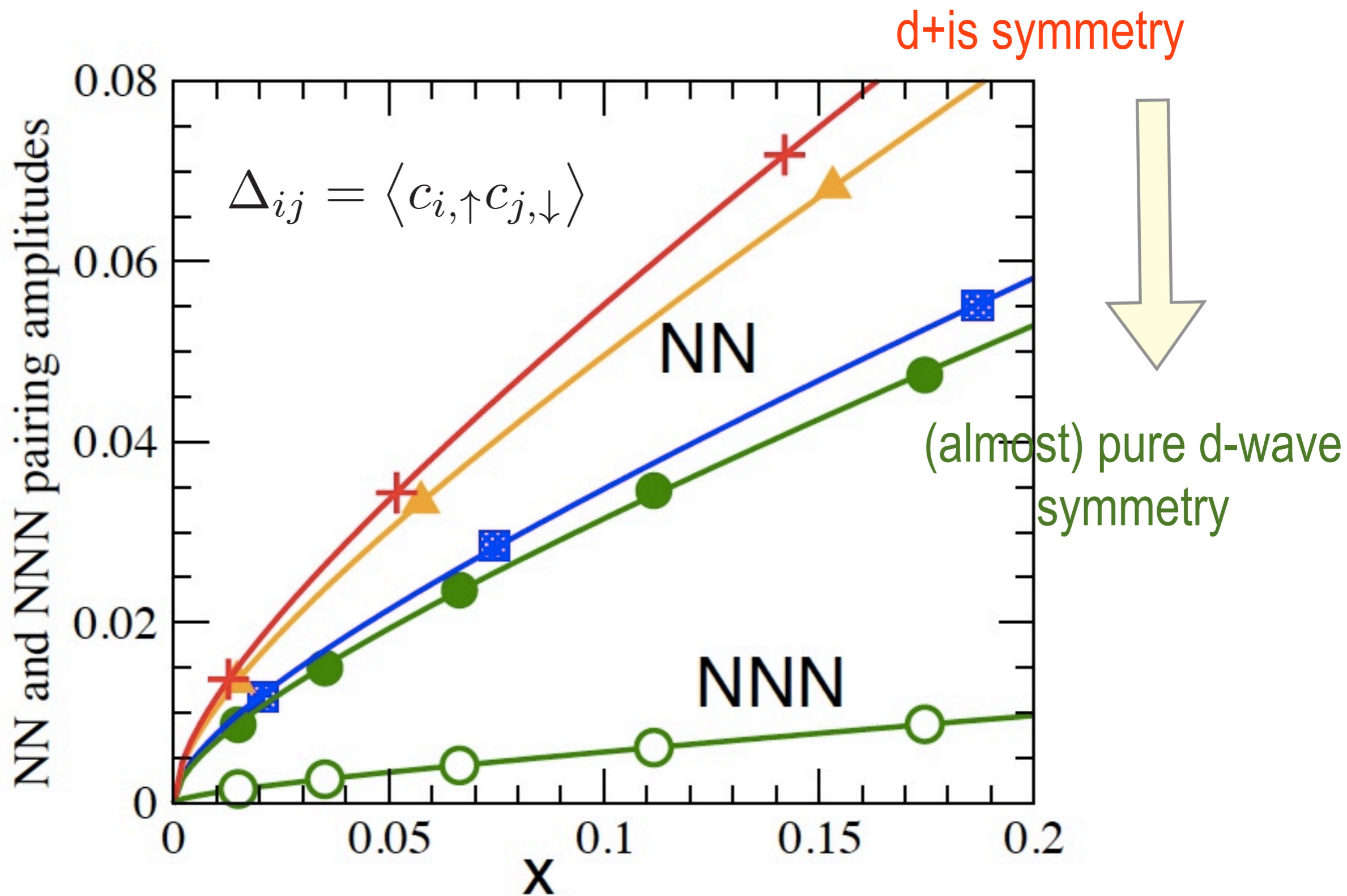


Mott insulator

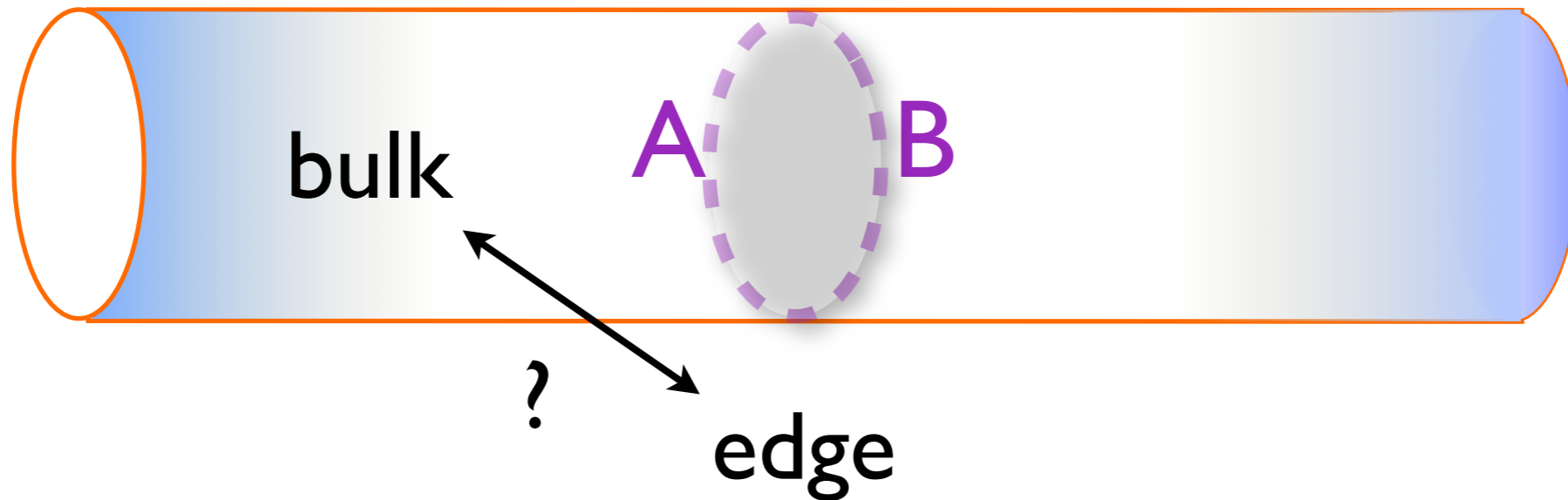
Superconductor ?



# Superconducting pairing amplitude

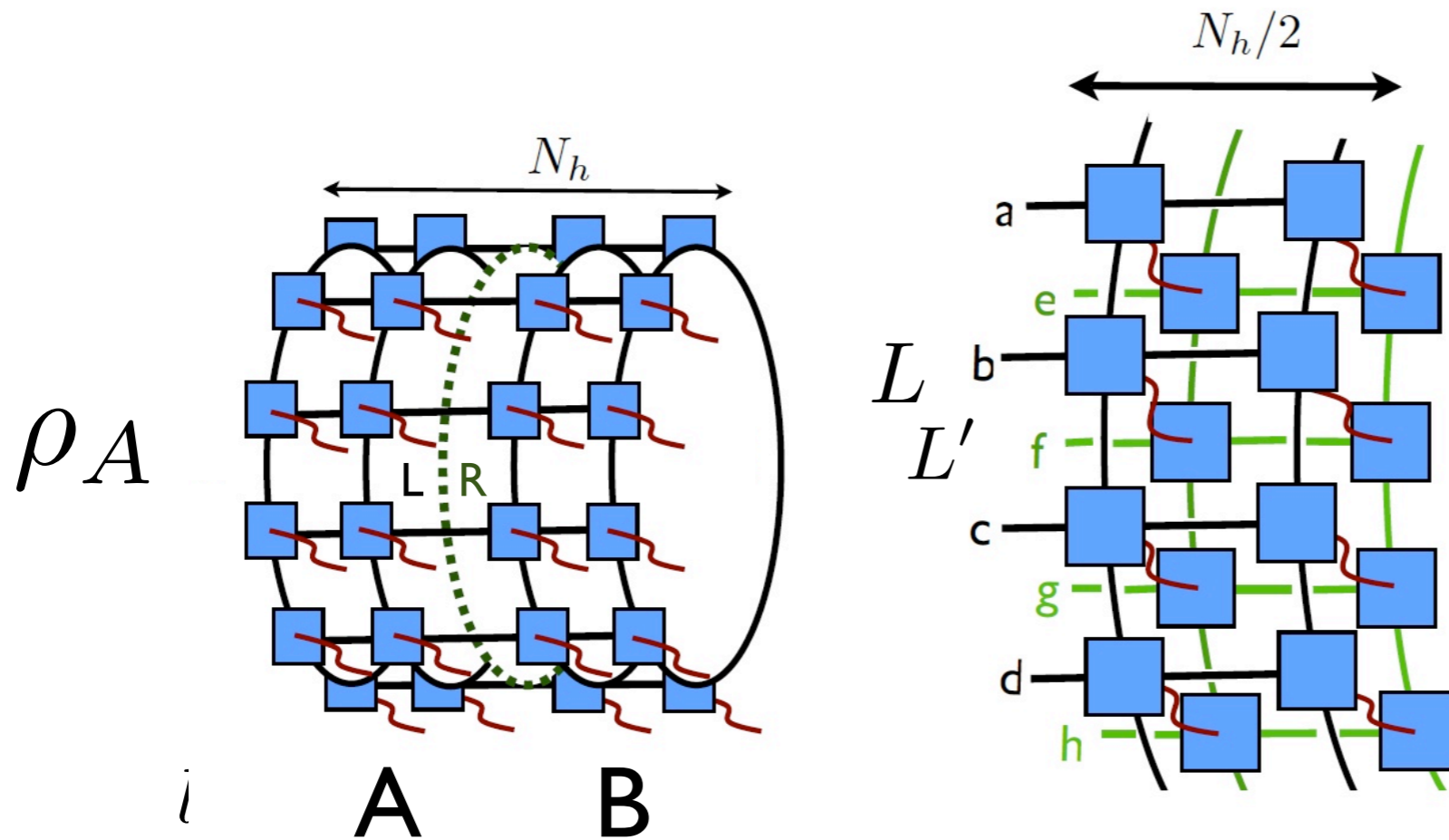


# «Holographic» framework



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

Reduced density matrix



$$\sigma_b^2$$

**lives" on the boundary**

Basic formula:  $\rho_A = U \sigma_b^2 U^\dagger$

isometry: maps 2D onto 1D

J. Ignacio Cirac, DP, Norbert Schuch, Frank Verstraete  
 Phys. Rev. B 83, 245134 (2011)

# Entanglement entropy

$$S_{\text{VN}} = -\text{Tr}\{\rho_A \ln \rho_A\} = -\text{Tr}\{\sigma_b \ln \sigma_b\}$$

(Von Neumann)

“area” law



$$S_{\text{VN}} \sim C N_v - \ln D$$

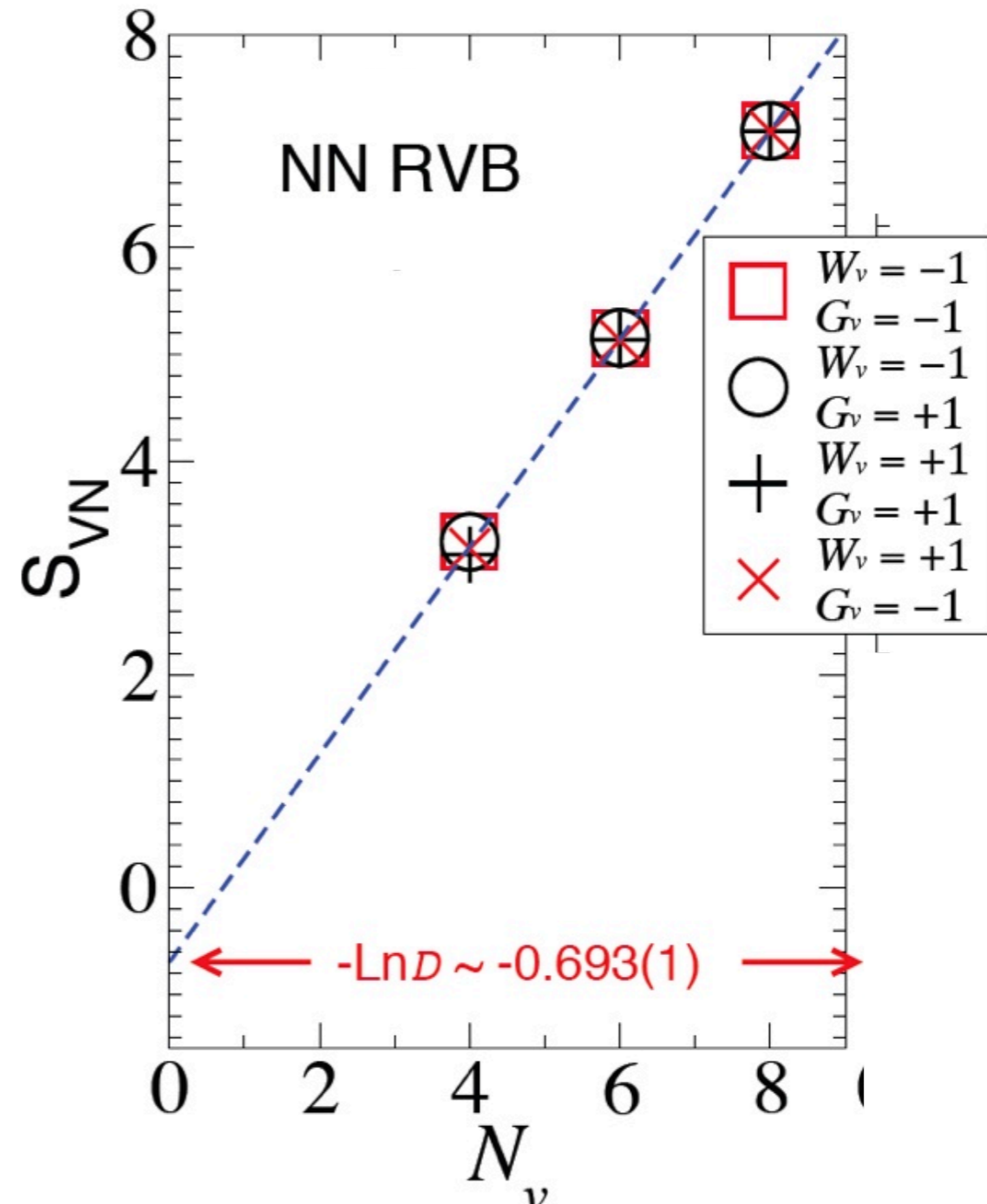
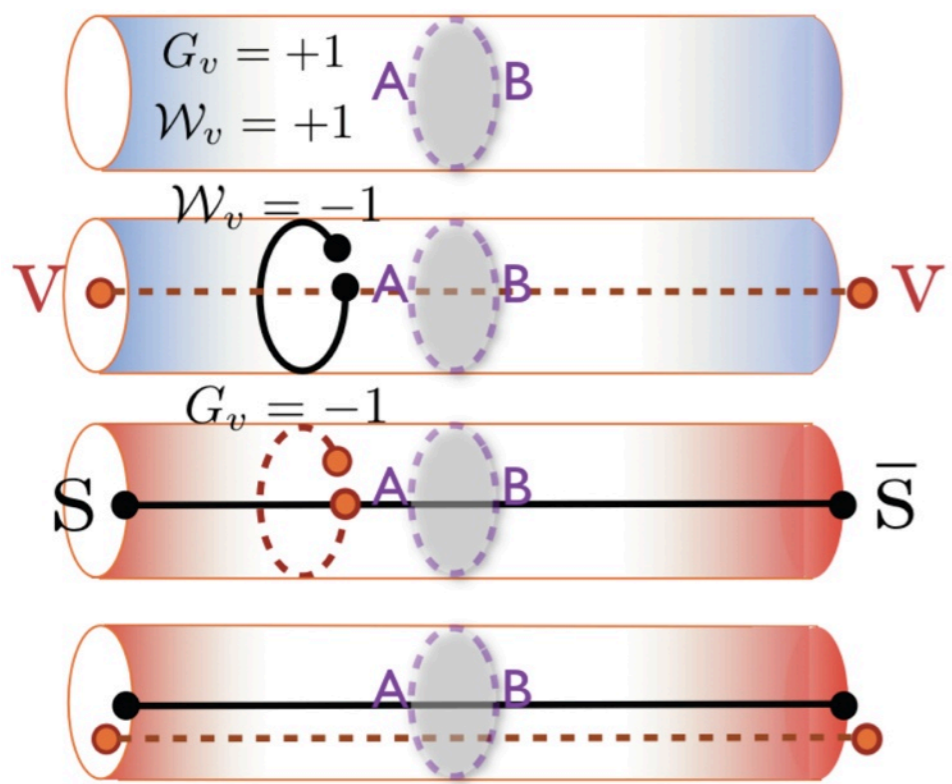


subleading correction to area law:  
topological entropy

Kitaev & Preskill, 2006

Levin & Wen, 2006

# Numerical results



$S_{\text{TE}} \simeq -\ln 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ spin liquid}$

# Entanglement Hamiltonian (acting on the edge)

$$\sigma_b^2 = \exp(-H_b)$$

The spectrum of  $H_b$  is in one-to-one  
with the true edge spectrum !

Li & Haldane



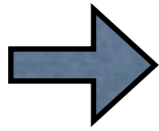
local operator (on the edge):

$D \times D$  matrix  $\Rightarrow$  basis of  $D^2$  operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{\text{edge}} = & c_0 N_v + \sum_{\lambda, i} c_\lambda \hat{x}_\lambda^i + \sum_{\lambda, \mu, r, i} d_{\lambda\mu}(r) \hat{x}_\lambda^i \hat{x}_\mu^{i+r} \\ & + \sum_{\lambda, \mu, \nu, r, r', i} e_{\lambda\mu\nu}(r, r') \hat{x}_\lambda^i \hat{x}_\mu^{i+r} \hat{x}_\nu^{i+r'} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

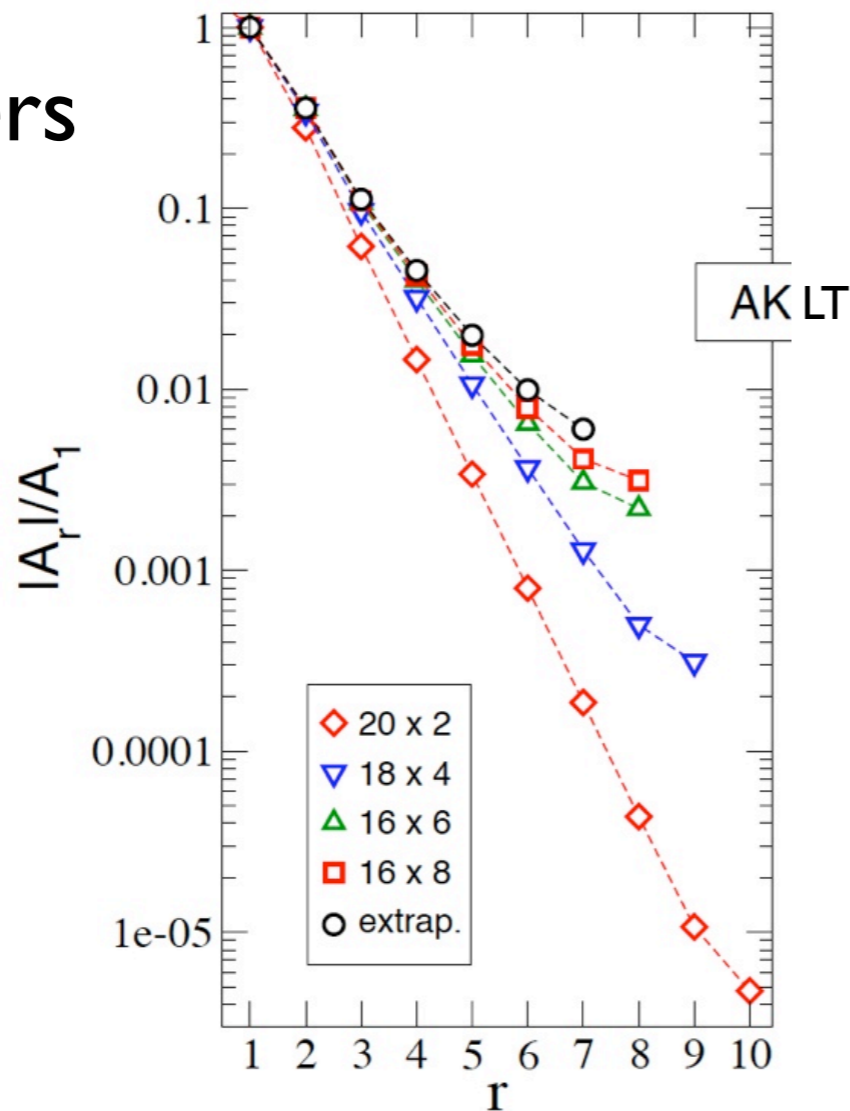
Is it local ?

# Trivial gapped spin liquid



## Short-range entanglement Hamiltonian

AKLT cylinders  
( $D=2$ )



$$H_b = A_0 N_v + \sum_{r,k} A_r \mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_{k+r} + R\hat{X}$$
$$A(r) \sim \exp(-r/\xi_b)$$

$\xi_b$  traks bulk correlation length

# Topological gapped spin liquid

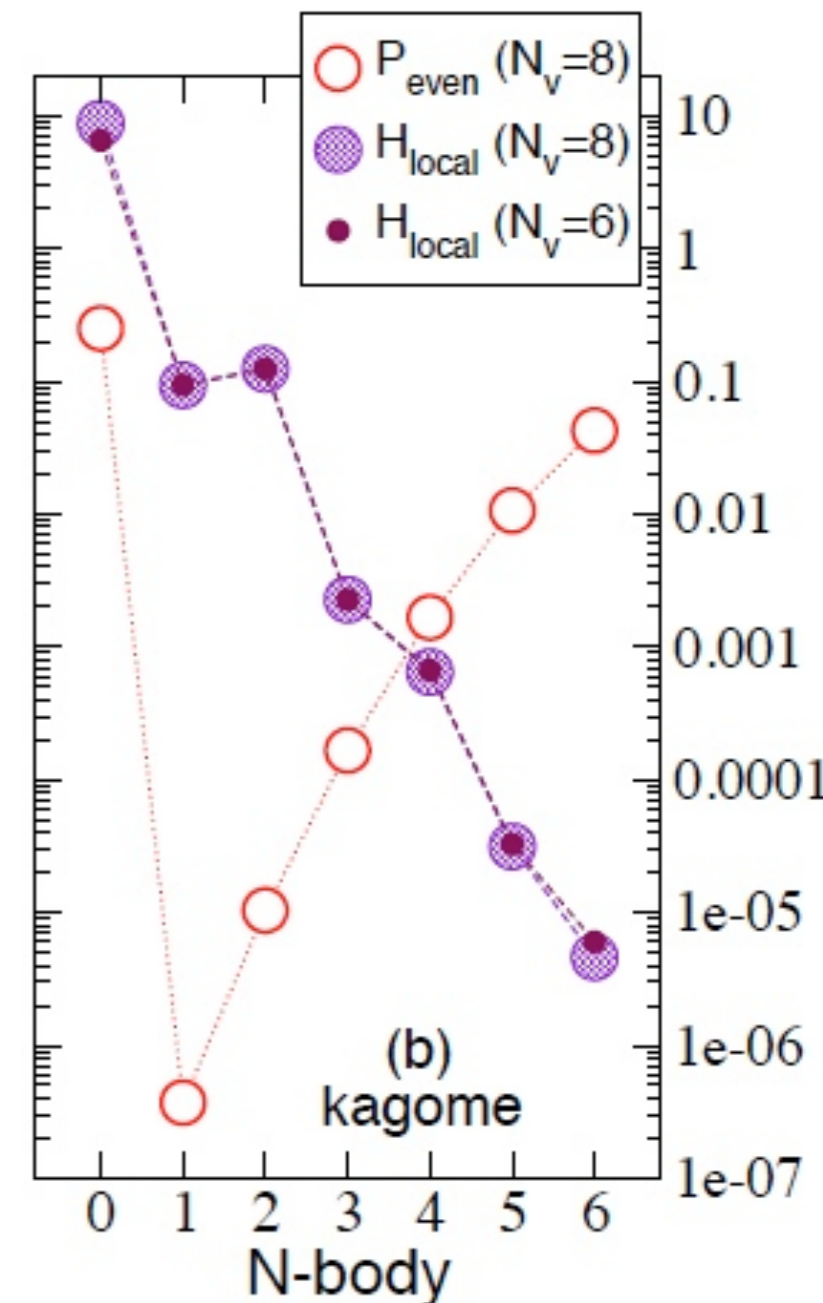
→ Entanglement Hamiltonian highly non-local

$$\tilde{H}_b = H_1 + \beta_\infty (\mathbf{1}^{\otimes N_v} - \mathcal{P}) \quad \beta_\infty \rightarrow \infty$$

$$H_1 = H_{\text{local}} \mathcal{P} \quad \text{supported by the non-zero eigenvalue sector of the RDM}$$

projector characterizing topological sectors

Example: Kagome RVB





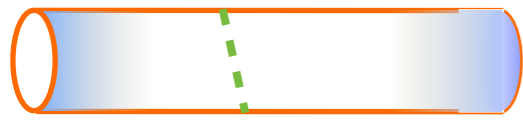
## CONCLUSION

- \* Qualitative understanding of (simple) correlated phases (topo SL, SC, incompressible phases, supersolids, nematics,...)
- \* Systematic improvement can be made for physical Hamiltonians : iPEPS

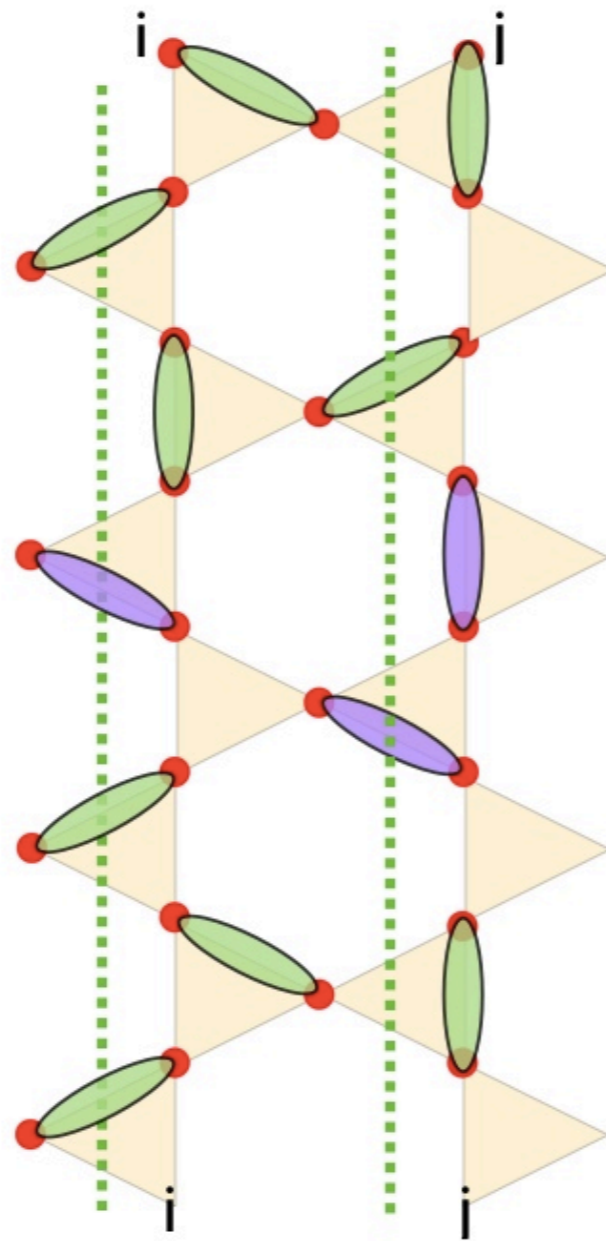
## OUTLOOK

- \* Chiral RVB SL ?
- \* Attack microscopic models with optimization schemes

# Fix the cylinder boundaries

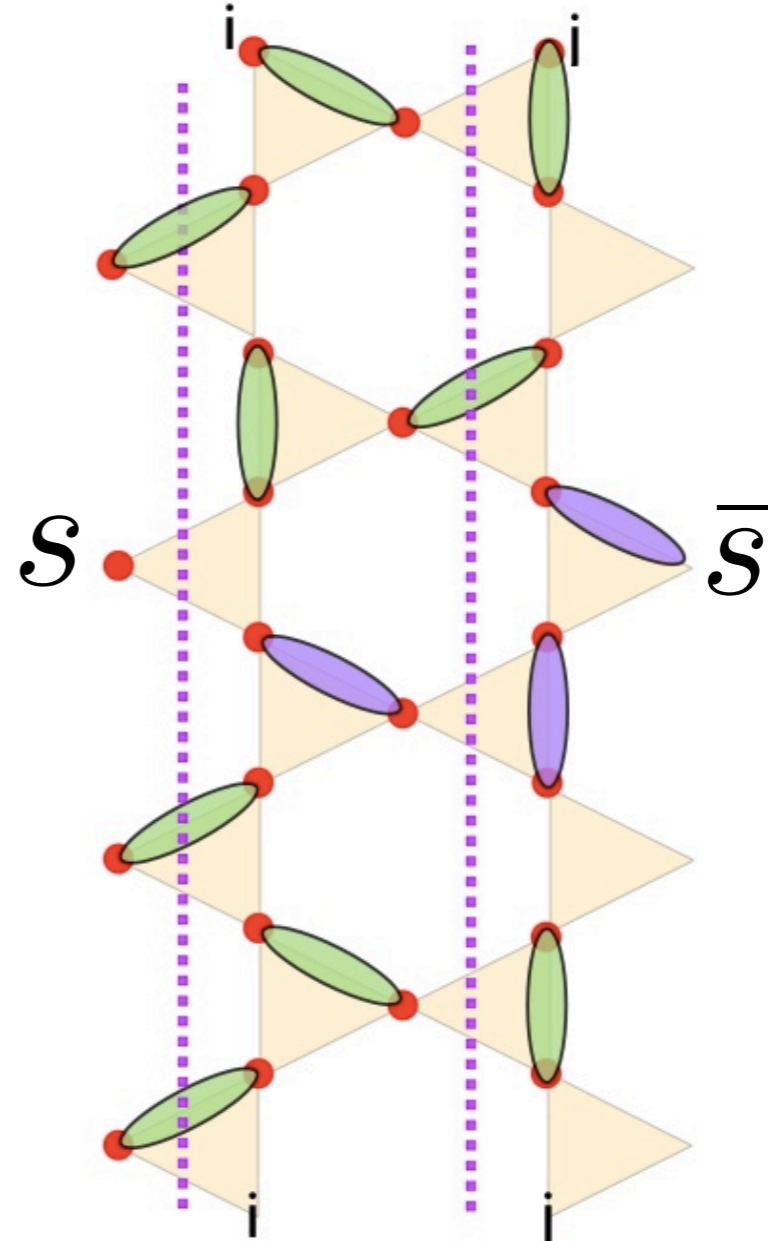


cylinder geometry



«even»

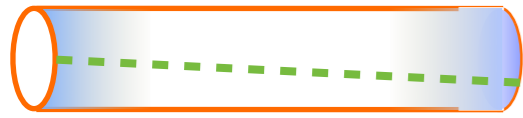
$$G_v = +1$$



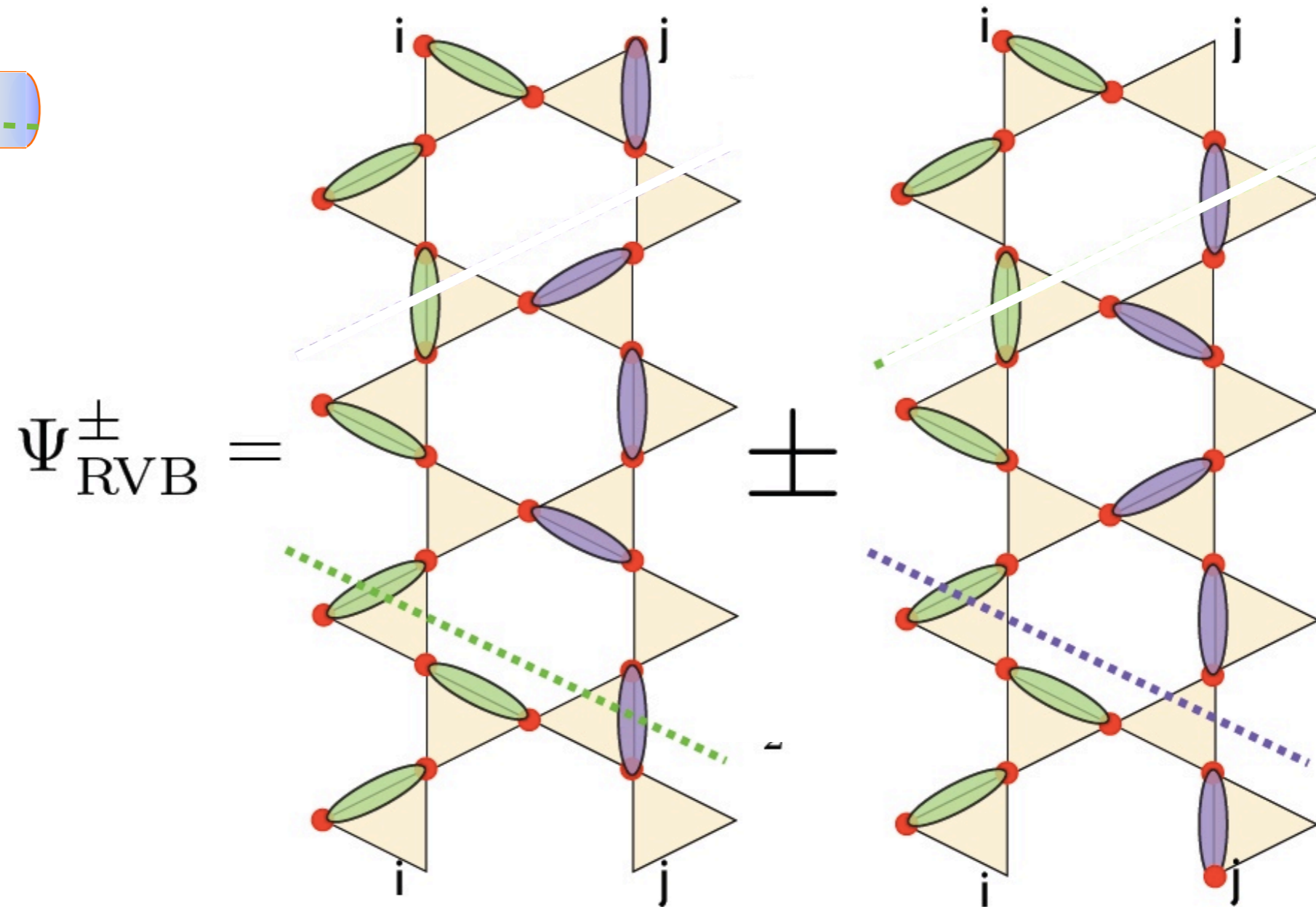
«odd»

$$G_v = -1$$

# Eigenstates of a «Wilson loop» operator



cylinder geometry



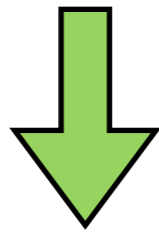
$+$  no vison flux:  $w_v = +1$

$-$   $\mathbb{Z}_2$  vison flux:  $w_v = -1$

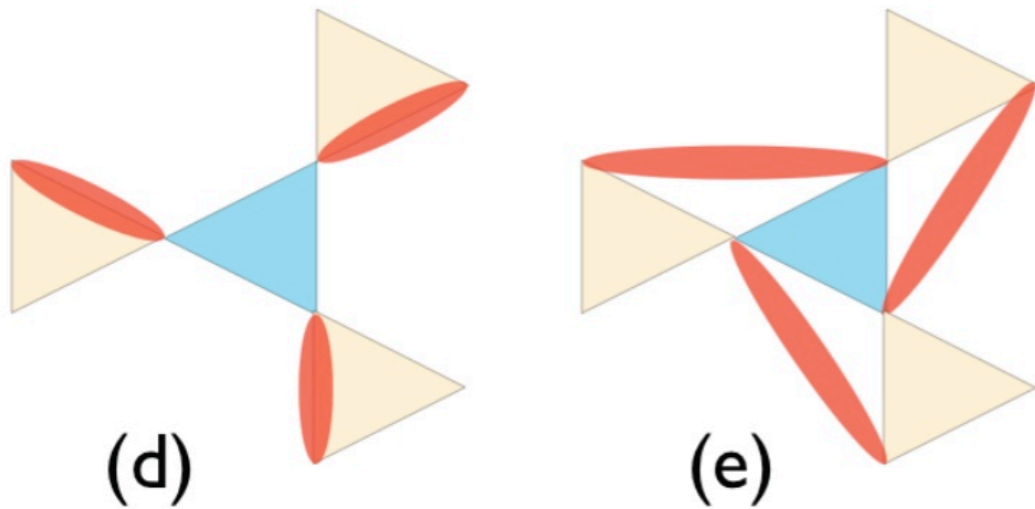
# Improving the RVB / PEPS ...

## Step I: The «Simplex RVB»

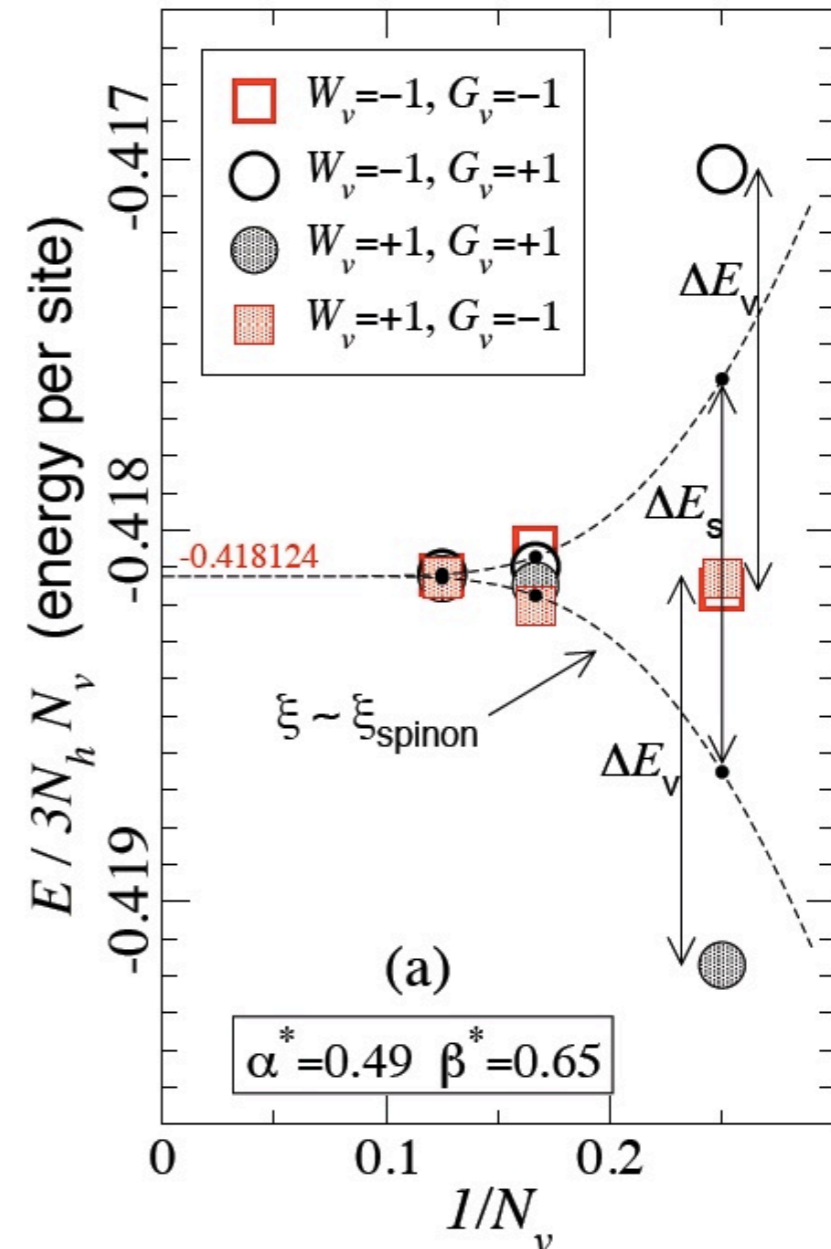
«defect triangles» cost energy !



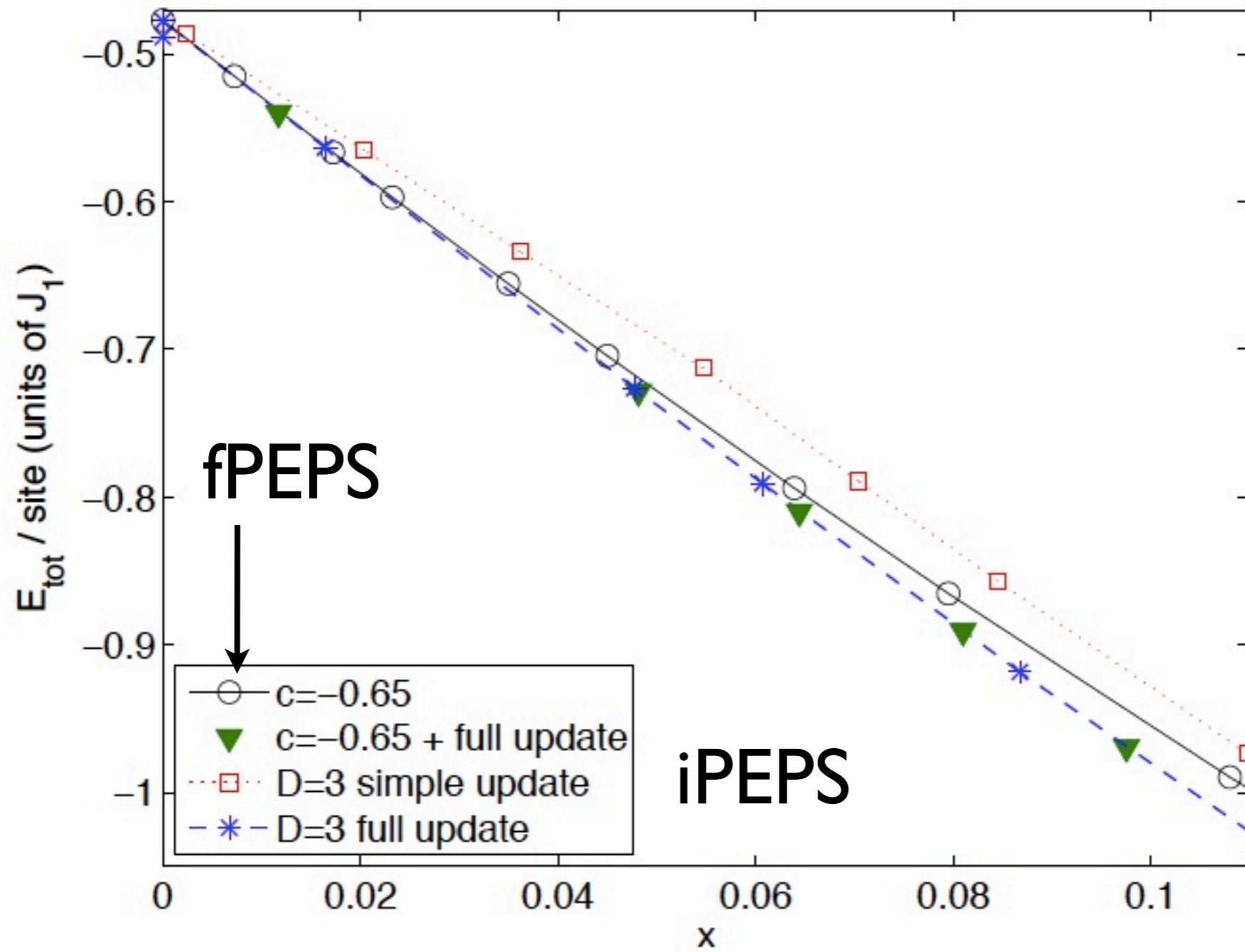
dressing by introducing  
NNN singlets  
(Zeng & Elser 90')



Finite size scaling of energy



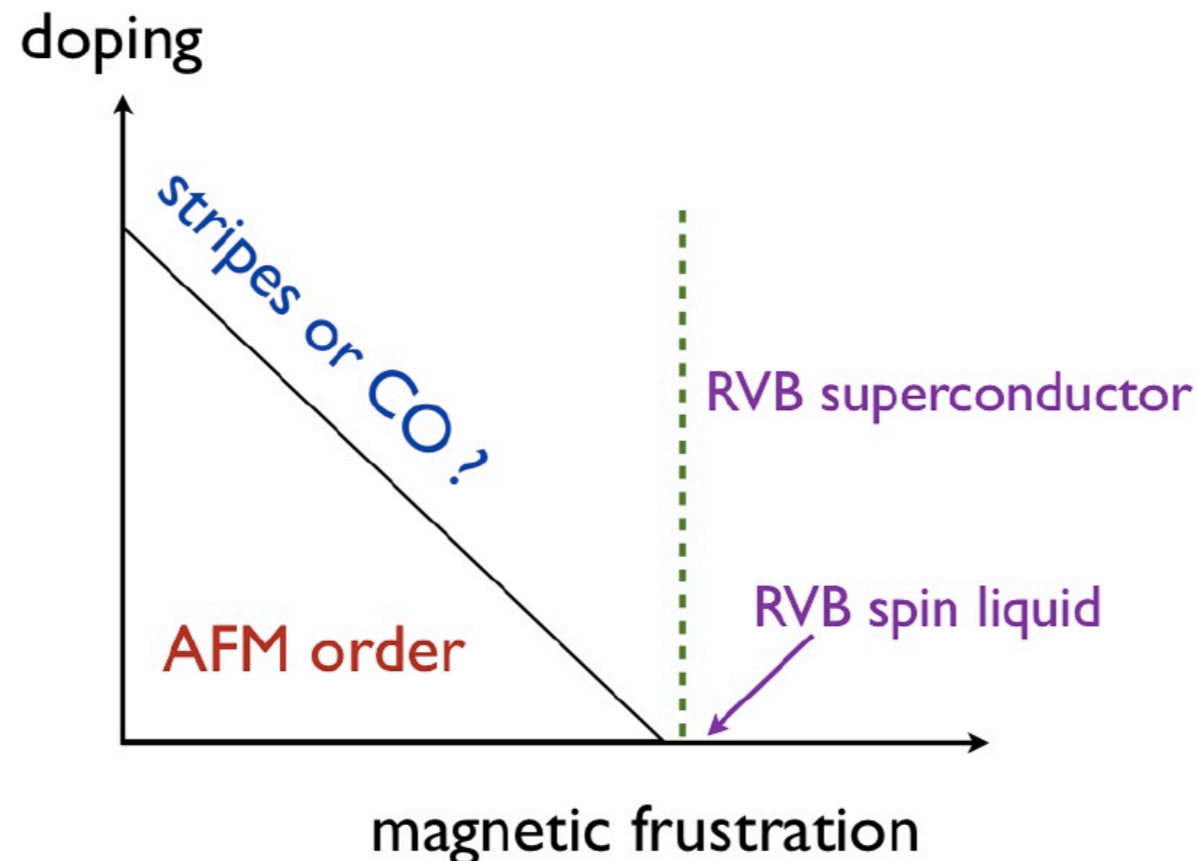
# Variational energy : fPEPS vs iPEPS



Very good ansatz !

# RVB superconductors from doping the RVB state (on the square lattice) ?

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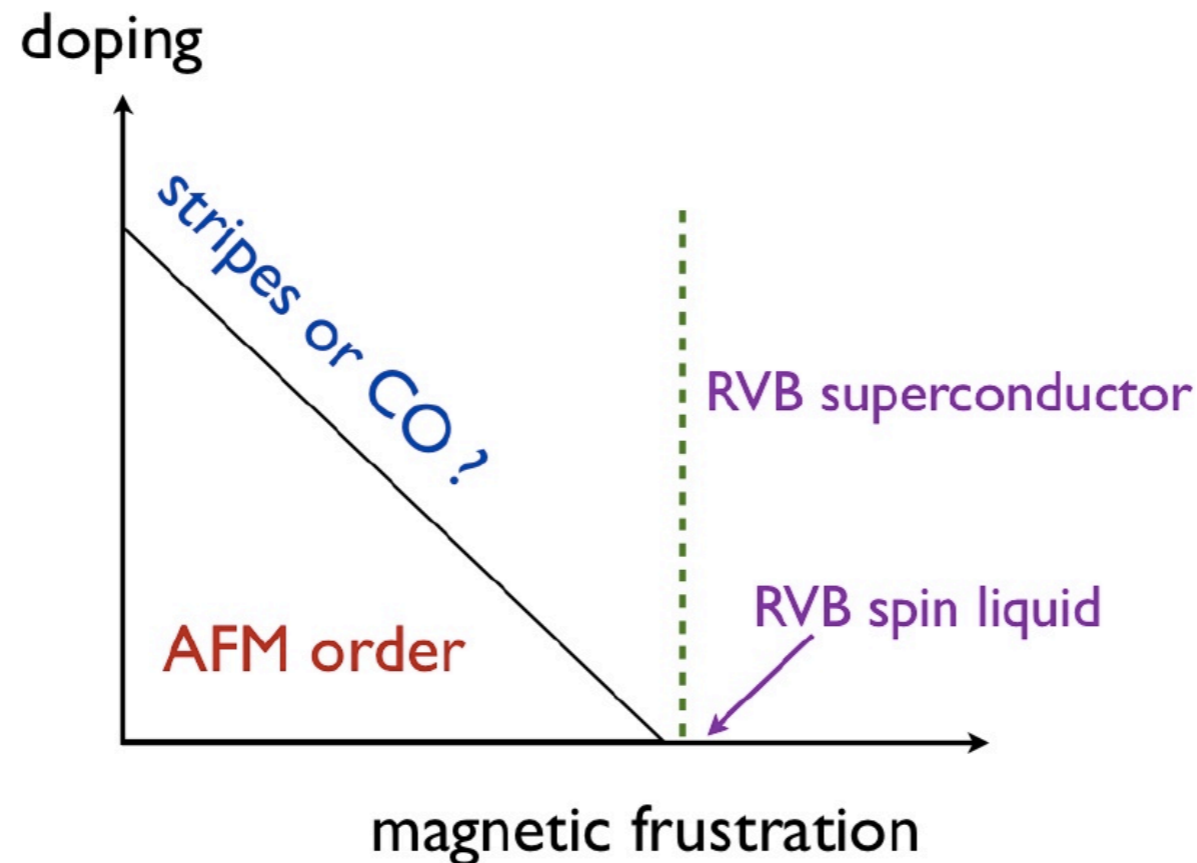


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