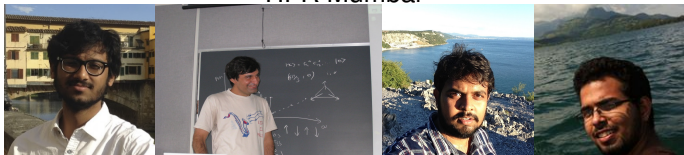


# Melting of three-sublattice order

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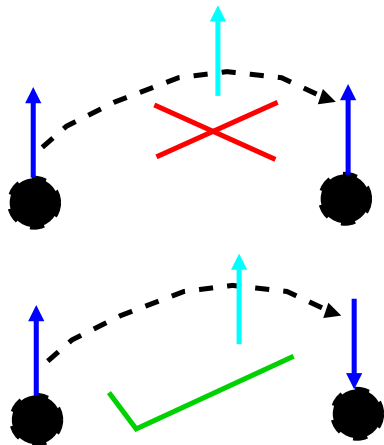


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# Recap: Local moments in Mott materials

- ▶ Band-theory of solids  $\rightarrow$  electron-waves occupying modes determined by electrostatic potential of nuclear array
- ▶ Strong e-e interactions  $\rightarrow$  Failure of band picture
- ▶ Electron particles localized on lattice sites  
charge frozen, spin remains dynamical

## Recap: Antiferromagnetic exchange



# Recap: A Goodenough description

- ▶ Without spin-orbit: Isotropic exchange interactions.

$$E = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \quad J > 0$$

When is  $J > 0$ , large?

Are nearest neighbour interactions dominant?

Difficult (quantum chemistry/ab-initio studies) questions

Thumb-rule answers: **Goodenough-Kanamori-Anderson rules**

J.B. Goodenough, *Magnetism and the Chemical Bond* (1963)

## Complications

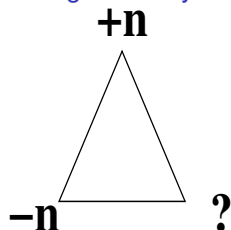
- ▶ **Spin-orbit coupling**  $\lambda$   
spin anisotropy terms
- ▶ Orbital degeneracy  
**Interplay between orbital structure and spin physics**  
e.g. Vanadium spinels (Tsunetsugu & Motome 2003)

## Recap: Néel order

- ▶ Bipartite lattice and nearest neighbour  $J > 0$   
Spins spontaneously pick axis  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\langle \vec{S}_{\vec{r}} \rangle = (-1)^{\vec{r}} \mathbf{n}$   
**Néel (antiferromagnetic) Order**

# Geometric Frustration

Triangles on my mind...



- ▶ Triangles in nearest-neighbour connectivity *frustrate* Néel order
- ▶ Geometry induces *competition* between leading exchange interactions

Frustration spawns novel states

- ▶ Quenching of the leading exchange  $J$   
 *$J$  cannot pick ground state at classical level*
- ▶ Sub-dominant interactions & quantum fluctuations play major role  
*Opens the door for variety of novel low temperature states*

# Frustrated magnets: Plethora of lattices and materials

- ▶ Triangular lattice:  $S = 1$   $\text{AgNiO}_2$  ( $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ),  $S = 1/2$   $\text{Cs}_2\text{CuCl}_4$  ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )...
- ▶ Kagome:  $S = 5/2$  Fe jarosite ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ),  $S = 1/2$  *Herbertsmithite*  $\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$  ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ),  $S = 1$   $\text{Ni}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_8$  ( $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ )...
- ▶ Pyrochlore, pyrochlore-slab  $S = 3/2$   $\text{SrCr}_{9p}\text{Ga}_{12-9p}\text{O}_{19}$   $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  (SCGO)...

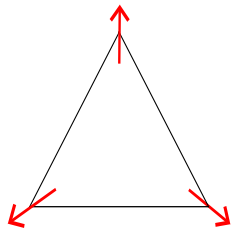
# Single ion anisotropy can be large

- ▶ Single ion anisotropy  $-D(\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2$  can dominate over  $J$
- ▶ Pyrochlore *spin ice*  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  ( $\text{Ho}^{3+}$ ,  $(L + S) = 8$ )  
Easy axes  $\mathbf{n}$  point outward from center of each tetrahedron  
 $D \sim 50K$ ,  $J \sim 1K$   
*Harris et. al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 79, 2554 (1997)*
- ▶ Kagome Nd-langasite  $\text{Nd}_3\text{Ga}_5\text{SiO}_{14}$  ( $\text{Nd}^{3+}$ ,  $(L + S) = 9/2$ )  
Easy axis perpendicular to lattice plane,  $J \sim 2K$ ,  $D \sim 10K$   
*Robert et. al., Physica B 2006*
- ▶ So it makes sense to study leading quantum effects in a  $J/D$  expansion  
*Not our focus today*

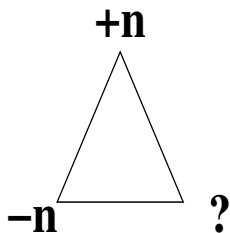


# Anisotropy amplifies frustration

- ▶ Isotropic spins on a triangle



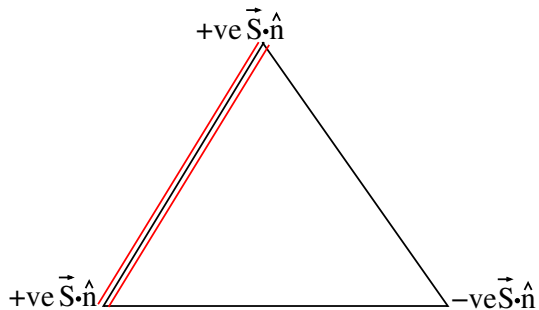
- ▶ Easy-axis  $\mathbf{n}$  and triangular motifs...



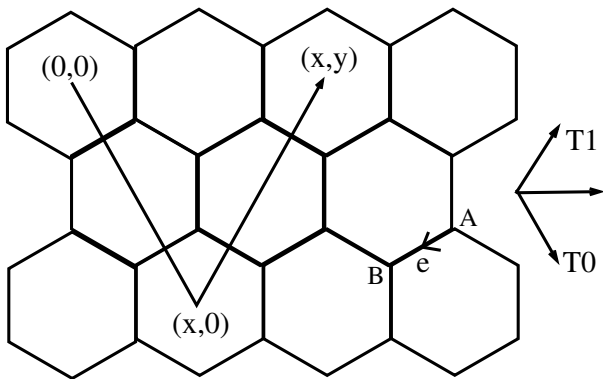
# Wannier's triangular lattice model

- ▶  $H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - D \sum_i (S_i^z)^2$ , with  $D \gg J$  on the triangular lattice.
- ▶ To leading order  $S_i^z = \pm S \rightarrow \sigma = \pm 1$   
$$H \approx JS^2 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$
- ▶ Minimum energy configurations?

# Minimally frustrated configurations



- ▶ One frustrated bond per triangle



Honeycomb lattice dimer model: One dimer touching each honeycomb vertex

Classic problem in graph-theory/combinatorics/statistical mechanics

## Ising ‘liquid’ in $T \rightarrow 0$ limit

- ▶ Calculation of Stephenson (64) gives

$$\langle \sigma(\mathbf{r})\sigma(0) \rangle \sim \frac{A}{r^{9/2}} + \frac{B \cos(2\pi(x+y)/3)}{\sqrt{r}}$$

- ▶ Spins neither freeze, nor fluctuate independently.
- ▶ Instead, form highly correlated “spin liquid”.

# Understanding this result:

- ▶ Dimers, heights, and Ising models of frustration
- ▶ (Obvious) connection to odd Ising gauge theories
- ▶ Connection to Kosterlitz-Thouless theory



# From microscopic $H(R)$ to coarse-grained $h(r)$

- ▶ Locality: What happens “outside” cannot affect what happens “inside”.

$$h(r) \rightarrow h(r) + 1$$

More of a redundancy than a symmetry. (Field theorists: “compactification radius”)

- ▶ Translation symmetry:  $h(r) \rightarrow h(r) + 1/3$
- ▶ Rotation by  $2\pi/6$  about triangular site:  $h(r) \rightarrow -h(r)$

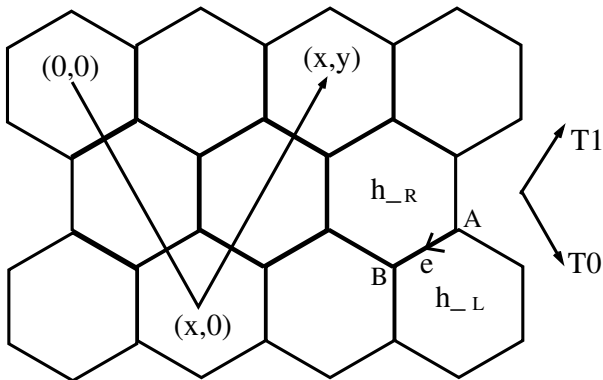


# Effective action for coarse-grained $h(r)$

- ▶ Fewer flippable plaquettes  $\rightarrow$  larger “tilt”

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\pi}{g} (\nabla h)^2 + \lambda_6 \cos(6\pi h) + \dots$$

# Ising spins in terms of $h(r)$



$$\sigma(R) = \exp(-3\pi i H(R)) = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} i(X + Y) - i\pi H(R)\right)$$

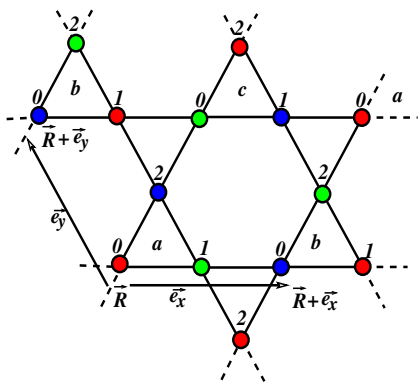
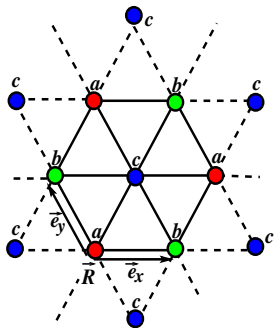
$$\sigma(r) \sim A e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot r} e^{-i\pi h(r)} + B e^{-3i\pi h(r)} + h.c.$$

# KT vortices and “odd Ising gauge theory”

- ▶ Nonzero temperature: Heights no longer single valued  
Vortex:  $h \rightarrow h \pm 2$  ambiguity when three dimers touch honeycomb site (fully frustrated Ising triangle)
- ▶ Configuration space not dimer model, but model with odd number of dimers touching each honeycomb site
- ▶ “Electric field  $E_{A \rightarrow B} = n_{AB} - 1/3$  no longer divergence-free  
But violations are  $0 \pmod{2}$

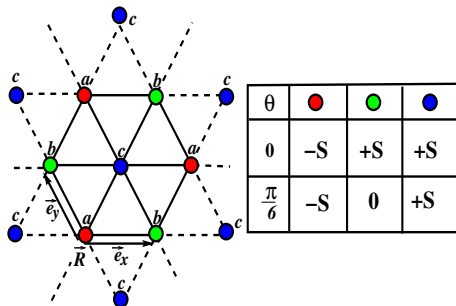
Field-theory language: Configuration space of odd-Ising gauge theory

# Our focus: Easy-axis antiferromagnets on Kagome and triangular lattices



Natural tripartite structure

# Three-sublattice order on the triangular lattice



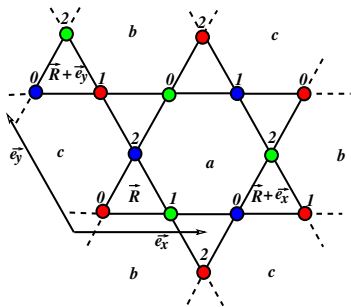
$$\psi = |\psi| e^{i\theta} = - \sum_{\vec{R}} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \vec{R}} S_{\vec{R}}^z$$

Ferri vs antiferro order distinguished by the choice of phase  $\theta$

Ferri:  $\theta = 2\pi m/6$ , Antiferro:  $\theta = (2m + 1)\pi/6$  ( $m = 0, 1, 2 \dots 5$ )

# Three-sublattice order on the Kagome lattice

$\theta$	●	●	●
0	-S	+S	+S
$\frac{\pi}{6}$	-S	0	+S



$$\psi = |\psi| e^{i\theta} = - \sum_{\vec{R}} \sum_{\alpha=0,1,2} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \vec{R} - 2\pi i \frac{\alpha}{3}} S_{\vec{R},\alpha}^z$$

Again: Ferri vs antiferro distinguished by the choice of phase  $\theta$

Ferri:  $\theta = 2\pi m/6$ , Antiferro:  $\theta = (2m + 1)\pi/6$  ( $m = 0, 1, 2 \dots 5$ )

# On general symmetry grounds:

- ▶ **Three** ways in which this order can melt on heating
  - Two-step melting** (intermediate KT phase with power-law order for  $T \in (T_{c1}, T_{c2})$ )  
OR
  - Three-state Potts transition followed by Ising transition**  
OR
  - Single first-order transition** (always possible!)

# Our results—Landau-Ginzburg analysis:

- ▶ Thermodynamic signature of KT phase:

$$\chi_{\tilde{n}}(B) \sim 1/|B|^{p(T)} \text{ with } p(T) \in (\frac{2}{3}, 0) \text{ for } T \in (T_{c1}, T_{c2}).$$

- ▶ KT phase can

Pinch-off at multicritical point  $\mathcal{M}_7$ , giving way to three-state Potts criticality.  $c_{\mathcal{M}_7} = ?$

OR

Pinch-off at multicritical point  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Clock}}$ , giving way to first-order transition line.

- ▶  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Clock}}$  previously known, not  $\mathcal{M}_7$

Note: Conjecture (Dorey-Tateo-Thompson '96) relates  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Clock}}$  to self-dual  $Z_6$   $c = 1.25$  CFT (Zamolodchikov-Fateev '85)

$$\rightarrow c_{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Clock}}} = 1.25$$



# Our results—Computations for microscopic models:

- ▶ Existence of KT phase in  $S = 1$  triangular lattice antiferromagnets with moderate easy-axis (single-ion) anisotropy
- ▶ Quantitative verification of predicted singular susceptibility in KT phase in several cases
- ▶ How does the KT phase pinch-off for specific cases?
  - ▶ Preliminary evidence for  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Clock}}$  on the triangular lattice  
Similar, more preliminary results on Kagome lattice systems
  - ▶ Conjecture for  $\mathcal{M}_?$  in triangular bilayers

# Incipient three-sublattice order in triangular Ising AFM

- ▶ Recall: Power-law correlator in  $T \rightarrow 0$  limit:

$$\langle \sigma_r^z \sigma_0^z \rangle \sim \frac{\cos(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{r^{1/2}}$$

Incipient order at three-sublattice wavevector  $\mathbf{Q} = (2\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$

Stephenson (1964)

- ▶ Perturbations can stabilize this order...

# Triangular lattice-gas models for monolayer films on graphite

- ▶ Three-sublattice long-range order of noble-gas monolayers on graphite

Birgeneau, Bretz, Chan, Vilches, Wiechert...(1970—1990)

$$H_{J_1 J_2} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - J_1 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - J_2 \cdots - B \sum_i \sigma_i^z$$

Long-range three-sublattice ordering (wavevector  $\mathbf{Q}$ ) at low temperature

D. P. Landau (1983)

# Ising models for “Artificial Kagome-ice”

- ▶  $H_{\text{Kagome}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - J_1 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - J_2 \dots$
- ▶ Only nearest-neighbour couplings  $\rightarrow$  **classical short-range spin liquid** (Kano & Naya 1950)
- ▶ Second-neighbour ferromag. couplings destabilize spin liquid (Wolf & Schotte 88)  
Ferrimagnetic three-sublattice order at low  $T$ .
- ▶ “Artificial Kagome-ice: Moments  $\mathbf{M}_i = \sigma_i^z \mathbf{n}_i$  ( **$\mathbf{n}_i$  at different sites non-collinear**)  
Expt: Tanaka *et. al.* (2006), Qi *et. al.* (2008), Ladak *et. al.* (2010,11)  
Theory: Moller, Moessner (2009), Chern *et. al.* (2011)

# Prototypical example of order-by-(quantum) disorder

- ▶  $H_{\text{TFIM}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - \Gamma \sum_i \sigma_i^x$  on the triangular lattice  
Long-range order at three-sublattice wavevector  $\mathbf{Q}$
- ▶ Ordering of “antiferro” type  $\rightarrow (+, -, 0)$   
antiferro order provides maximum “room” for quantum fluctuations  
Moessner, Sondhi, Chandra (2001), Isakov & Moessner (2003)

Prospects for experimental realization slim? (large moments, dipolar couplings...)

# $S = 1$ triangular lattice antiferromagnets with single-ion anisotropy (more promising)

- ▶  $H_{\text{AF}} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j - D \sum_i (S_i^z)^2$  on triangular lattice
- ▶ Low-energy physics for  $D \gg J$ :  
$$H_b = -\frac{J^2}{D} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (b_i^\dagger b_j + h.c.) + J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (n_i - \frac{1}{2})(n_j - \frac{1}{2}) + \dots$$
  
KD & Senthil (06)
- ▶ Low-temperature state for  $D \gg J$ : “supersolid” state of hard-core bosons at half-filling.  
Auerbach & Murthy (97), Heidarian & KD, Melko, Wessel...(05)
- ▶ Implies: Three-sublattice order in  $S^z$  + “ferro-nematic” order in  $\vec{S}_\perp$   
(Simple easy-axis version of Chandra-Coleman (1991)  
“spin-nematic” ideas)  
(also related to Tsunetsugu-Arikawa (2006) proposal for  $\text{NiGa}_2\text{S}_4$ )

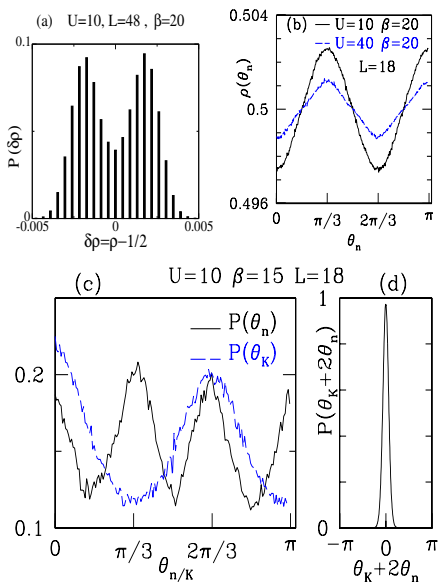
# Is three-sublattice ordering of $S^z$ in $H_{AF}$ ferri or antiferro?

- ▶ Natural expectation: Quantum fluctuations induce antiferro order (like in the transverse field Ising model)



Initial confusion: Ordering will be antiferro three-sublattice order  
*e. g.* Melko *et. al.* (2005)

# Actual state has ferrimagnetic three-sublattice order





# Symmetry breaking transitions: Generalities

- ▶ Symmetry-breaking state characterized by long-range correlations of “order-parameter”  $\hat{O}$
- ▶ phenomenological Landau free energy density  $\mathcal{F}[\hat{O}]$   
Expanding  $\mathcal{F}$  in powers of  $\hat{O}$  (symmetry allowed terms)
- ▶ Neglecting spatial variation & fluctuations:  
phase transition  $\rightarrow$  change in minimum of  $\mathcal{F}$

# Fluctuation effects at continuous transitions:

- ▶ More complete description of long-wavelength physics:  
Include (symmetry allowed) gradient terms in  $\mathcal{F}$   
Integrate over all possible order parameter configurations
- ▶ In most cases: Corrections to mean-field exponents

# Symmetries are (usually) decisive:

- ▶ Transformation properties of  $\hat{O}$  determine nature of continuous transition

# Landau-theory for melting of three-sublattice order

►  $\mathcal{F} = K|\nabla\psi|^2 + r|\psi|^2 + u|\psi|^4 + \lambda_6(\psi^6 + \psi^{*6}) + \dots$

Connection with six-state clock models

$$Z = \sum_{\{p_i\}} \exp\left[\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} V\left(\frac{2\pi}{6}(p_i - p_j)\right)\right]$$

Each  $p_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$

$$V(x) = K_1 \cos(x) + K_2 \cos(2x) + K_3 \cos(3x)$$

Cardy (1980)

# Simplest lattice model

$$H_{xy} = -J_{xy} \sum_{\langle \vec{r}\vec{r}' \rangle} \cos(\theta_{\vec{r}} - \theta_{\vec{r}'}) - h_6 \sum_{\vec{r}} \cos(6\theta_{\vec{r}}) .$$

(higher harmonics  $J^{(p)}$  ( $p = 2, 3$ ) left out of  $H_{xy}$  for simplicity)

# Melting scenarios for three-sublattice order

- ▶ Analysis (Cardy 1980) of generalized six-state clock models
  - Three generic possibilities of relevance here:
    - Two-step melting**, with power-law ordered intermediate phase  
OR
    - 3-state Potts transition** to ferromagnetic phase followed by loss of ferromagnetism via Ising transition at higher temperature..  
or vice-versa...  
OR
    - First-order transition (always possible!)

# Melting of three-sublattice order in various examples

- ▶ Antiferro three-sublattice order in triangular lattice transverse field Ising model  
**Two-step melting**  
Isakov & Moessner (2001)
- ▶ Ferrimagn. three-sublattice order in triangular lattice-gas models of monolayer films  
**Two-step melting**  
D.P. Landau (83)
- ▶ Ferri. three-sublattice order in Kagome Ising antiferromagnets  
**With second-neighbour ferro couplings: Two step melting**  
Wolf & Schotte (88)  
**With long-range dipolar couplings: Three-state Potts transition**  
Moller & Moessner (09), Chern, Mellado, Tchernyshyov (11)

# Nature of melting transition in $S = 1 H_{AF}$ ?

- ▶ Prediction of Boninsegni & Prokofiev (2005)

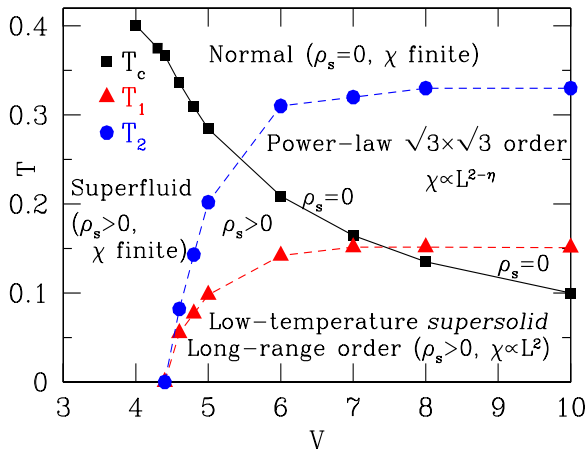
Three-state Potts transition

Prediction based on argument about relative energies of different kinds of domain walls

hard to get right at quantitative level



# Our answer from large-scale QMC simulations



Heidarian & KD (submitted to PRB)

# Detecting power-law order?

Need scattering experiment to detect power-law version of Bragg peaks

Or

*Real-space* data by scanning some local probe + Lots of image-processing

# Alternate thermodynamic signature(!)

- ▶ Singular thermodynamic susceptibility to *uniform* easy-axis field  $B$ :

$$\chi_u(B) \sim \frac{1}{|B|^{p(T)}}$$

- ▶  $p(T) = \frac{4-18\eta(T)}{4-9\eta(T)}$  for  $\eta(T) \in (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9})$

So  $p(T)$  varies from  $2/3$  to  $0$  as  $T$  increases from  $T_{c1}$  to just below  $T_{c2}$

KD (PRL 2015)

## Recall: picture for power-law ordered phase

- ▶ In state with long-range three-sublattice order,  $\theta$  feels  $\lambda_6 \cos(6\theta)$  potential.  
Locks into values  $2\pi m/6$  (resp.  $(2m + 1)\pi/6$ ) in ferri (resp. antiferro) three-sublattice ordered state for  $T < T_{c1}$
- ▶ In power-law three-sublattice ordered state for  $T \in (T_{c1}, T_{c2})$ ,  $\lambda_6$  does not pin phase  $\theta$   
 $\theta$  spread uniformly  $(0, 2\pi)$
- ▶ But vortices continue to be irrelevant  
Distinction between ferri and antiferro three-sublattice order lost for  $T \in (T_{c1}, T_{c2})$

## More formal RG description

- ▶ Fixed point free-energy density:  $\frac{\mathcal{F}_{KT}}{k_B T} = \frac{1}{4\pi g} (\nabla\theta)^2$   
with  $g(T) \in (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{4})$  corresponding to  $T \in (T_1, T_2)$
- ▶  $\lambda_6 \cos(6\theta)$  *irrelevant* along fixed line
- ▶  $\langle \psi^*(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{0}) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{r^{\eta(T)}}$   
with  $\eta(T) = g(T)$

Jose, Kadanoff, Kirkpatrick, Nelson (1977)

# General argument—I

Starting point: Ferrimagnetic three-sublattice order also involves uniform magnetization  $m$

More complete theory should treat  $m$  and  $\psi$  on equal footing

- ▶ Symmetries allow coupling term  $\tilde{\lambda}_3 m (\psi^3 + \psi^{*3})$   
augment  $\frac{\mathcal{F}_{\text{KT}}}{k_B T}$  with gapped free-energy density  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{ferro}}(m)$ :  
 $\mathcal{F}_{\text{ferro}}(m) + \lambda_3 m \cos(3\theta)$

- ▶  $\lambda_3$  formally irrelevant along fixed line  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{KT}}$

→

Physics of two-step melting unaffected— $m$  “goes for a ride...”

But ...

# General argument—II

- ▶  $m$  “inherits” power-law correlations of  $\cos(3\theta)$ :

$$C_m(r) = \langle m(r)m(0) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{r^{9\eta(T)}}$$

- ▶  $\chi_L \sim \int^L d^2r C_m(r)$  in a finite-size system at  $B = 0$
- ▶  $\chi_L = \chi_{\text{reg}} + bL^{2-9\eta(T)}$  for  $\eta(T) \in (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9})$

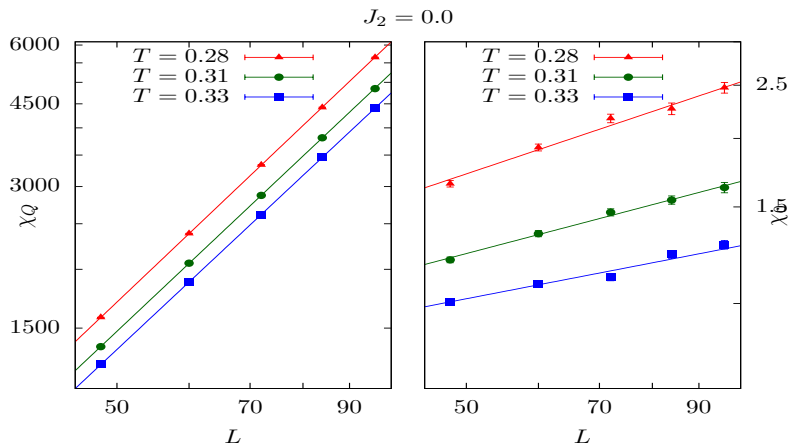
Diverges with system size at  $B = 0$

# General argument—III

- ▶ Uniform field  $B > 0 \rightarrow$  additional term  $h_3 \cos(3\theta)$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{KT}}$
- ▶ Strongly relevant along fixed line, with RG eigenvalue  $2 - 9g/2$
- ▶ Implies finite correlation length  $\xi(B) \sim |B|^{-\frac{2}{4-9\eta}}$
- ▶  $\chi_u(B) \sim |B|^{-\frac{4-18\eta}{4-9\eta}}$  for  $\eta(T) \in (\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9})$



# Test in prototypical example



In power-law ordered phase of  $H_{\text{TfIM}}$  on triangular lattice  
Biswas, KD (*submitted to PRB*)

## More complete coarse-grained description

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_{\text{xy}} + H_{\text{Ising}} - J_{\theta\tau} \sum_{\vec{r}} \tau_{\vec{r}} \cos(3\theta_{\vec{r}}) ,$$

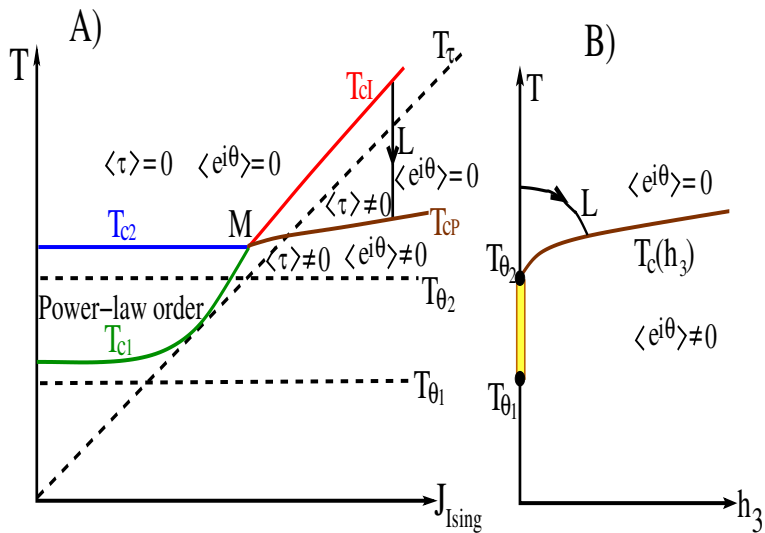
$$\text{where } H_{\text{Ising}} = -J_{\text{Ising}} \sum_{\langle \vec{r}\vec{r}' \rangle} \tau_{\vec{r}} \tau_{\vec{r}'} - h \sum_{\vec{r}} \tau_{\vec{r}} ,$$

$$H_{\text{xy}} = -J_{\text{xy}} \sum_{\langle \vec{r}\vec{r}' \rangle} \cos(\theta_{\vec{r}} - \theta_{\vec{r}'}) - h_6 \sum_{\vec{r}} \cos(6\theta_{\vec{r}}) ,$$

with  $h \propto B$ .

KD (PRL 2015)

# Phase diagram of $H_{\text{eff}}$



KD (PRL 2015)

# The argument...

- ▶ Start with known phase diagrams of  $H_{xy}$  and  $H_{\text{Ising}}$  and build in effects of  $J_{\theta\tau}$
- ▶ When  $\tau$  orders,  $H_{xy}$  sees effective three-fold symmetric perturbation  $h_{3\text{eff}} \cos(3\theta_{\vec{r}})$  with  $h_{3\text{eff}} \sim \langle \tau \rangle$
- ▶ When  $e^{i\theta}$  orders,  $H_{\text{Ising}}$  sees effective field  $h_{\text{eff}\tau_{\vec{r}}}$  with  $h_{\text{eff}} \sim \langle \cos(3\theta) \rangle$

# The “new” multicritical point $\mathcal{M}$ ?

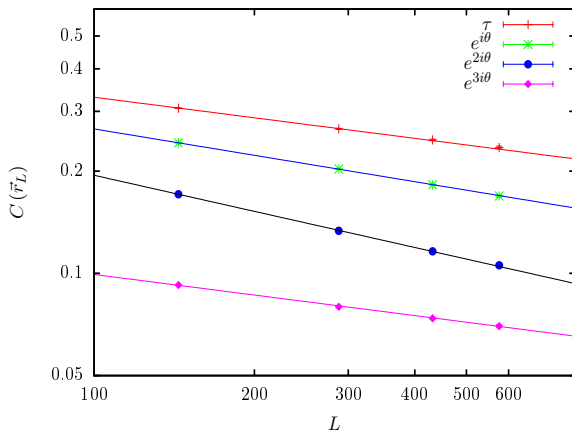
▶ c-theorem argument:  $1 \leq c \leq \frac{3}{2}$

▶ To search:

$$J_{xy} = h_6 = 1.0, J_{\theta\tau} = 0.25$$

Parametrize:  $J_{\text{Ising}} = f_{xy}T_{\theta_1}/T_\tau$  and  $T = f_I f_{xy}T_{\theta_1}$  [with  $T_{\theta_1} = 1.04$   
and  $T_\tau = 3.6409$ ]

# Multicritical melting at $\mathcal{M}_?$



$$[f_{xy}^{\mathcal{M}_?}, f_I^{\mathcal{M}_?}] \approx [1.5570(8), 1.0061(5)]$$

$C_{2\theta}$  [ $C_{3\theta}$ ] rescaled by a factor of 7 [factor of 10]

$\eta_{3\theta} = \eta_\tau = 0.201(20)$ ,  $\eta_\theta = 0.258(5)$ , and  $\eta_{2\theta} = 0.353(6)$ .

KD (PRL 2015)

# Speculation (aka wishful thinking?)

- ▶ If relative strength of first/second neighbour exchange tunable relative to long-range dipolar part in artificial kagome-ice:  
Could tune melting to multicritical point  $\mathcal{M}$ ?...
- ▶ Computations challenging due to long-range interactions

# $\mathcal{M}_?$ vs $\mathcal{M}_{\text{clock}}$

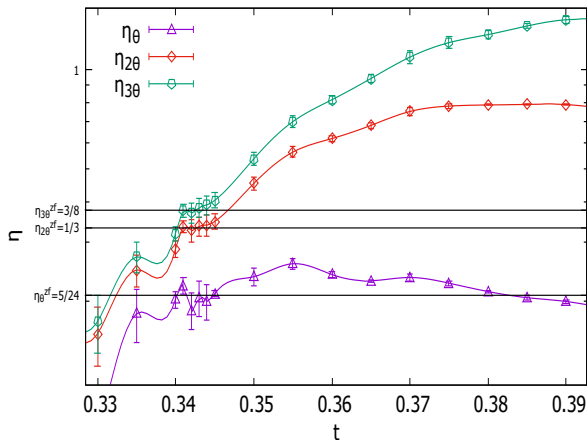
- ▶ Conjecture (Dorey '96):  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{clock}}$  corresponds to  $c = 1.25$  self-dual  $Z_6$  CFT constructed by Zamolodchikov-Fateev ('85).
- ▶ Conjecture yields exponents at  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{clock}}$ :  $\eta_{3\theta} = 3/8$ ,  $\eta_{2\theta} = 1/3$ , and  $\eta_{\theta} = 5/24$ .

$\eta_{2\theta}$  and  $\eta_{3\theta}$  very different from values at  $\mathcal{M}_?$

Recall: at  $\mathcal{M}_?$ ,  $\eta_{3\theta} = \eta_{\tau} = 0.201(20)$ ,  $\eta_{\theta} = 0.258(5)$ , and  $\eta_{2\theta} = 0.353(6)$ .

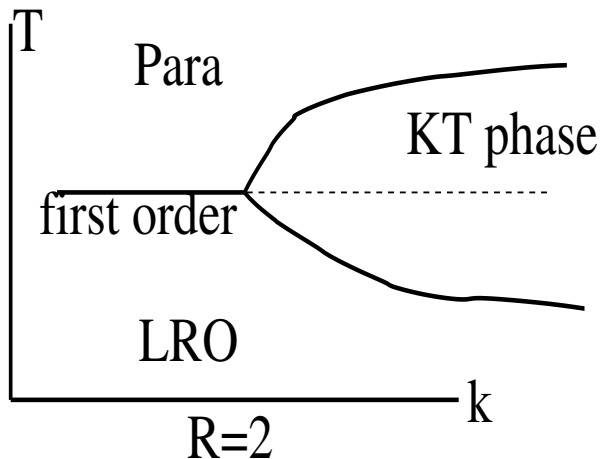


# Test of conjectured exponents for $\mathcal{M}_{\text{clock}}$



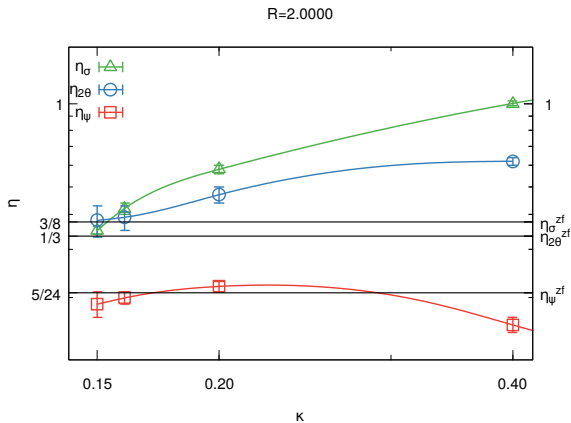
Preliminary results on Cardy's six-state clock model (S. Shivam)

# Schematic of pinch-off in triangular lattice Ising AFM



$$J_1 = 1, R = J_2 + J_3, \kappa = J_2 - J_3$$

# Evidence for $\mathcal{M}_{\text{clock}}$ in triangular Ising AFM



Preliminary results (Geet Rakala)

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