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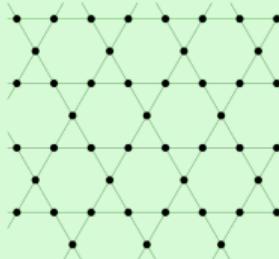
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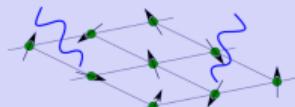


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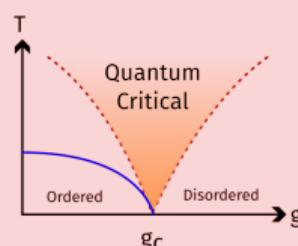
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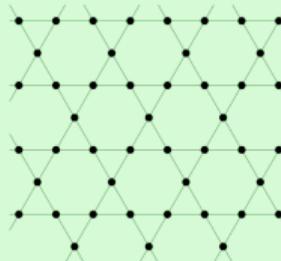
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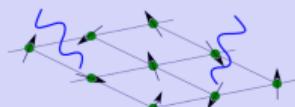
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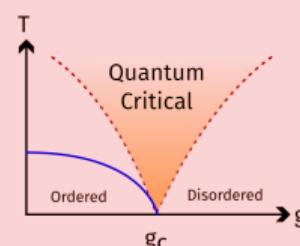
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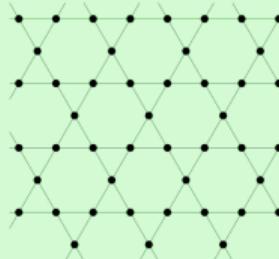
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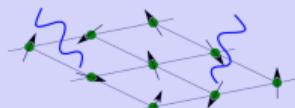


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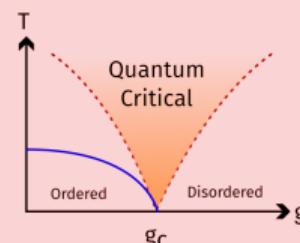
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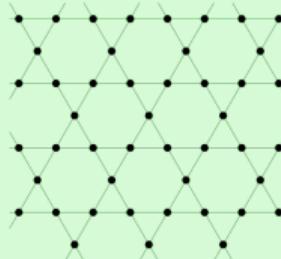
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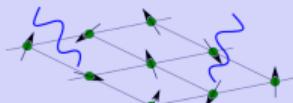
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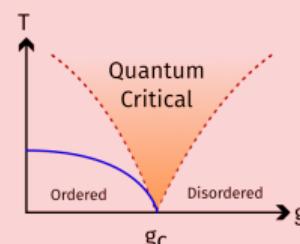
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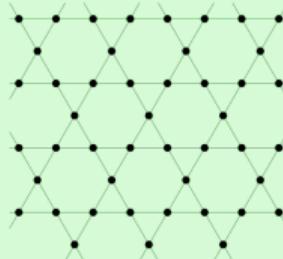
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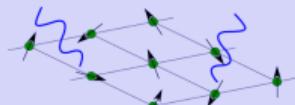


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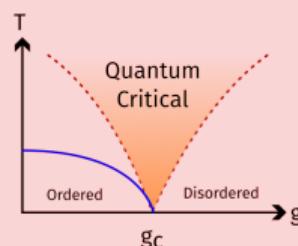
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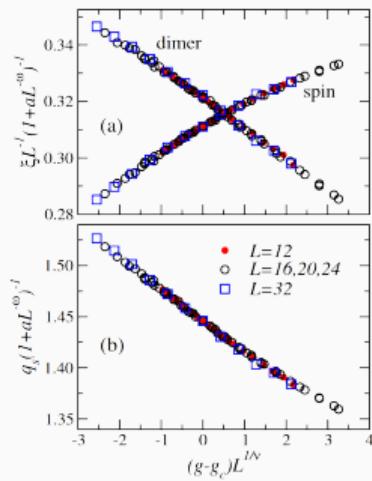


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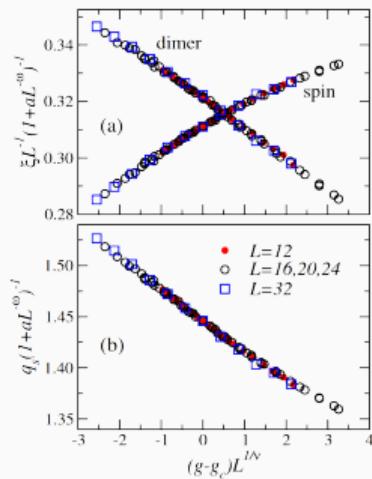


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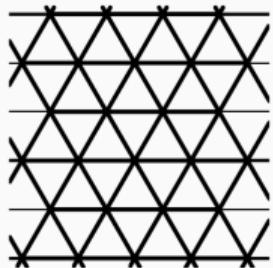
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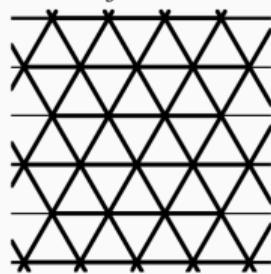
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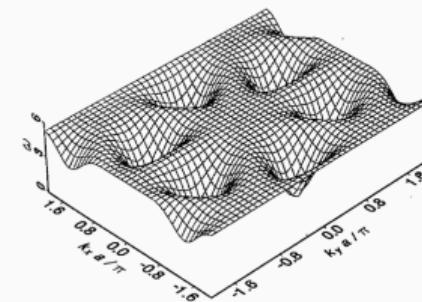
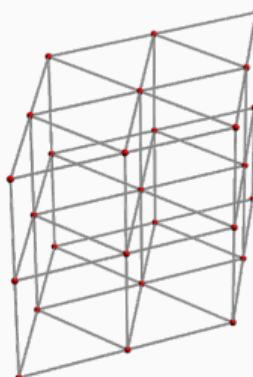
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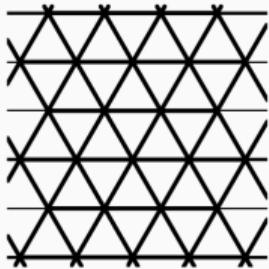
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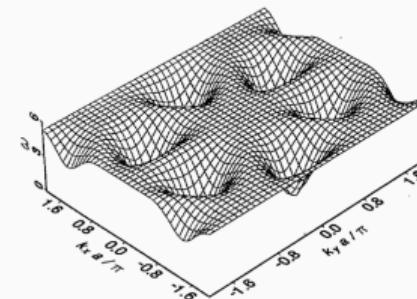
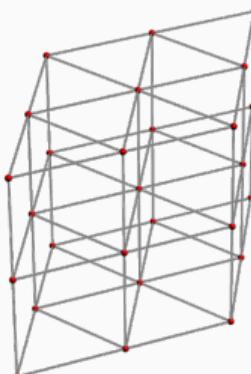
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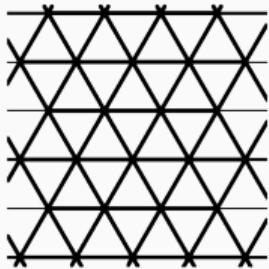
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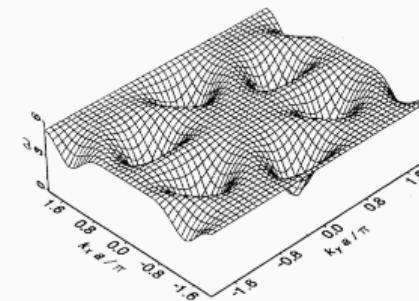
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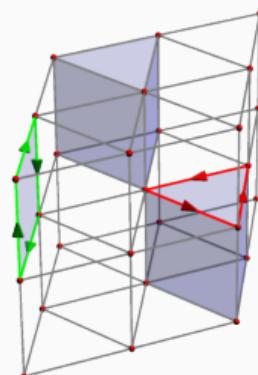
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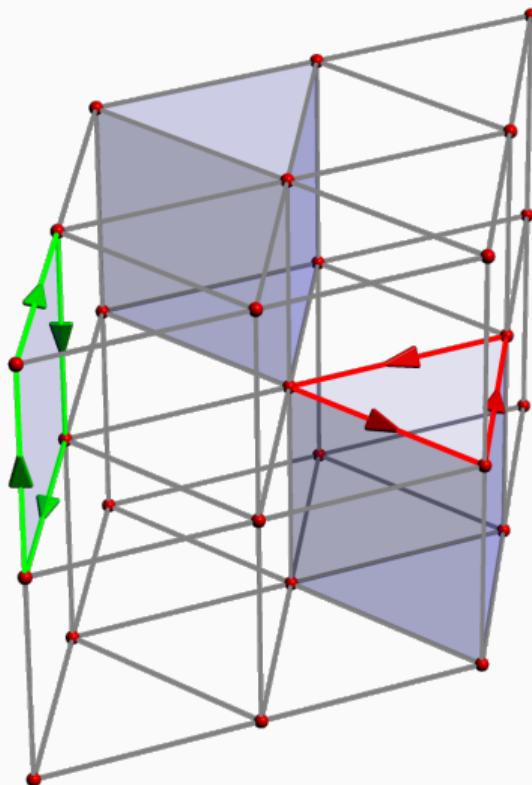


Exact sign-problem free mapping, preserves emergent  $O(4)$  symmetry

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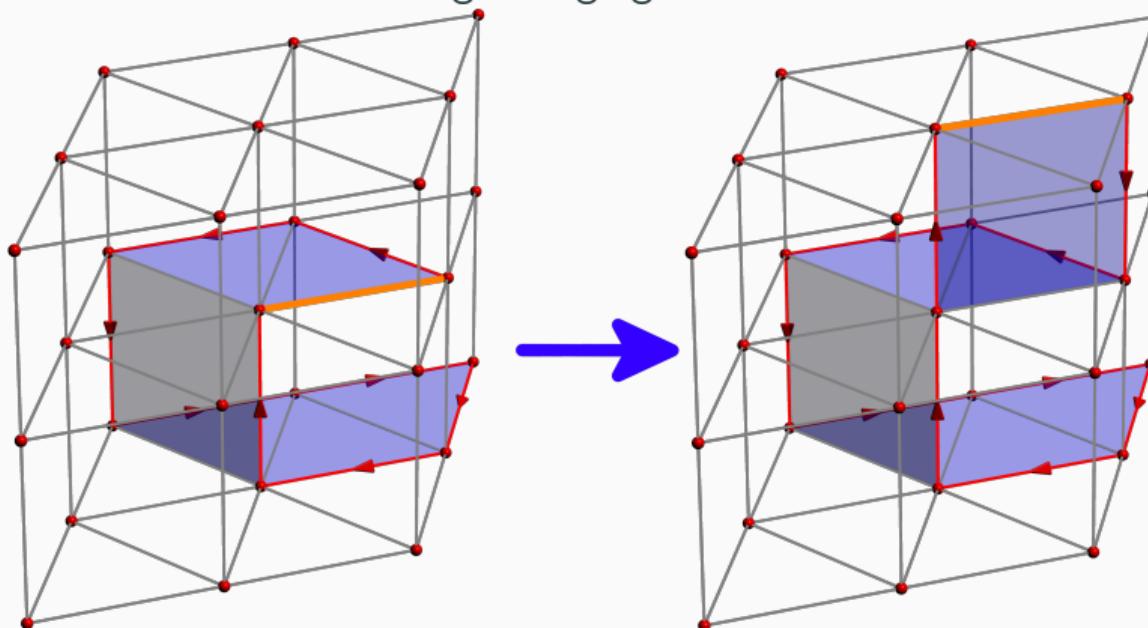
## Duality transformation for bosons coupled to $\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge fields



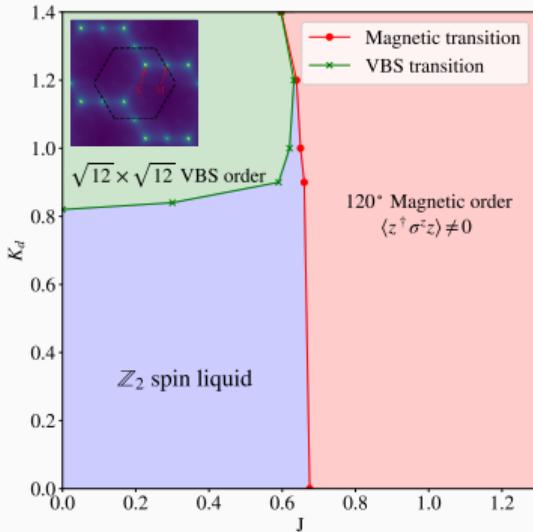
- Generalization of bosonic “world-lines”
  - odd world-lines must contain surfaces of gauge flux
- Berry phase contributes frustration in the surface action
- AF order = current proliferation, asymmetry in different current flavors

## Worm algorithms difficult with gauge fluctuations

“Surface worm algorithm” allows for growth of ligaments, but is insufficient for avoiding diverging correlation time

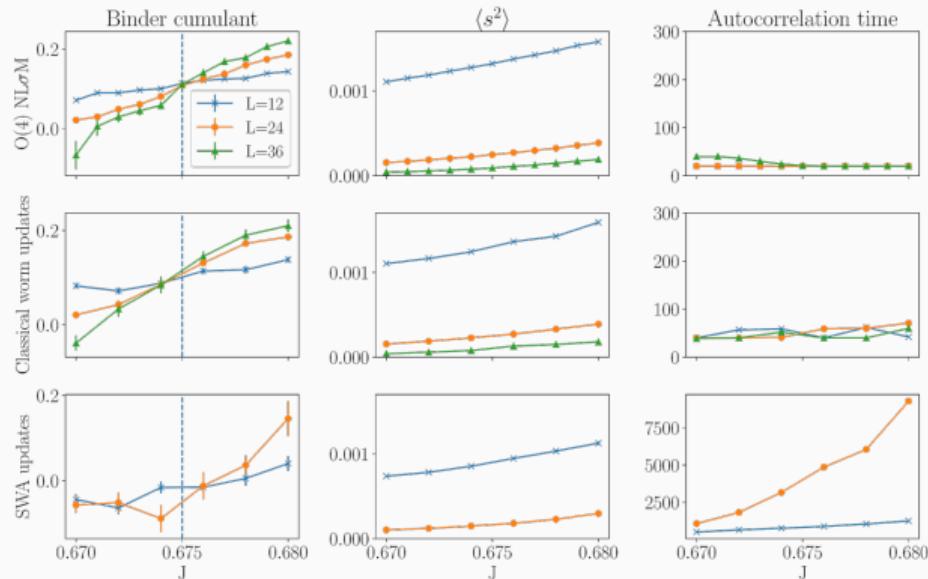
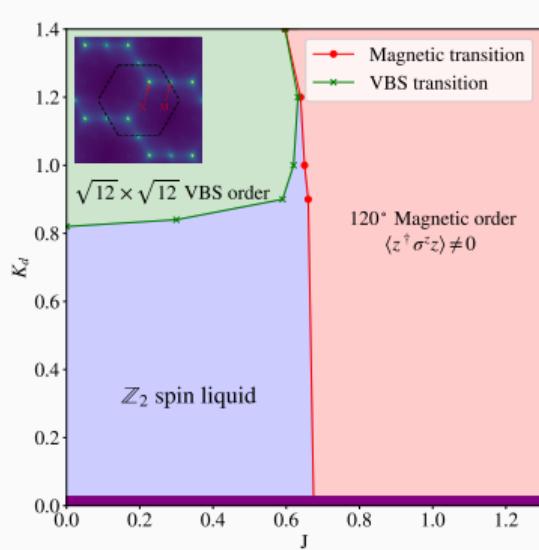


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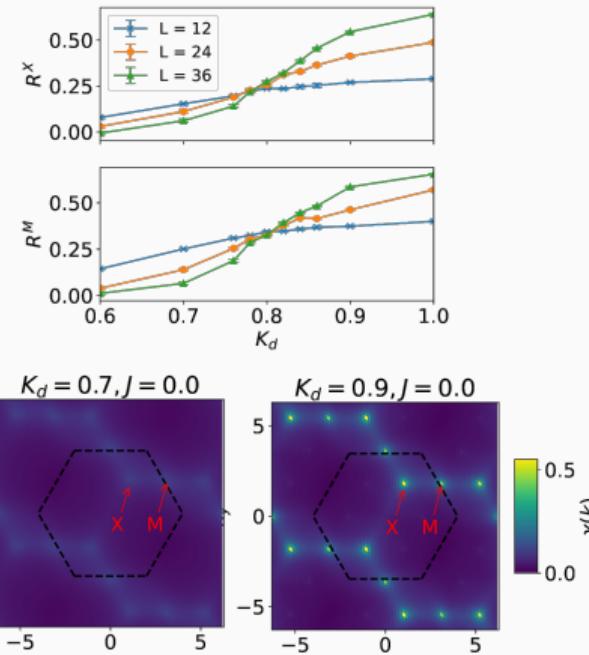
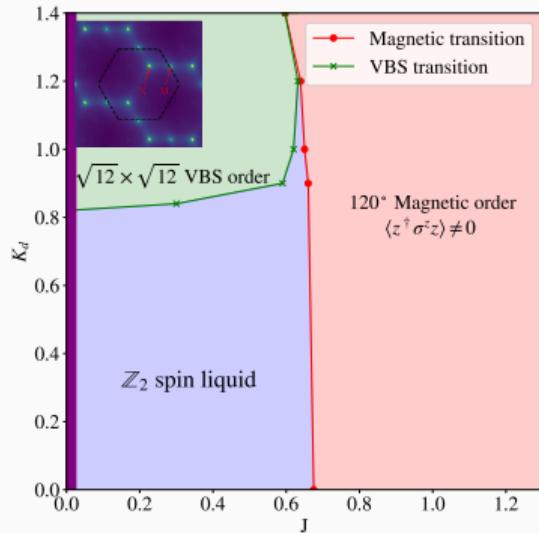
- VBS order only commensurate with system sizes multiples of 12
- Surprisingly technical simulation - geometrically complex and no “obvious” bottleneck
- Wolff cluster update utilized on gauge DOFs in addition to SWA

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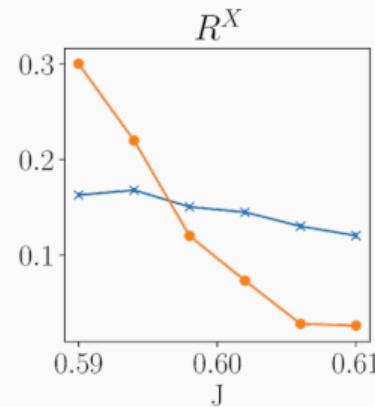
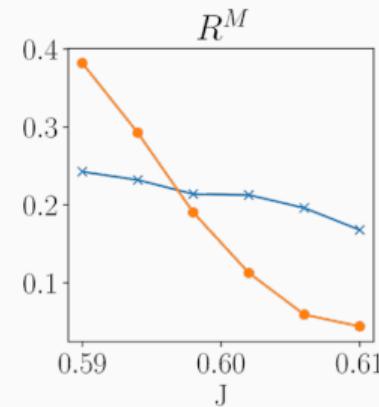
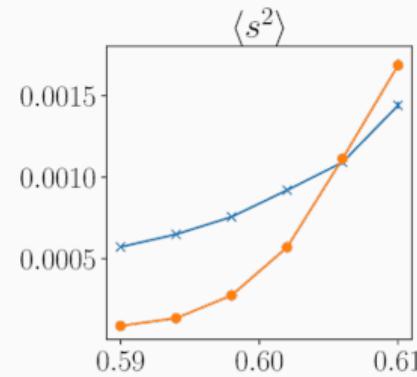
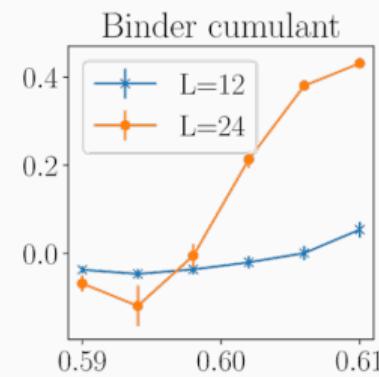
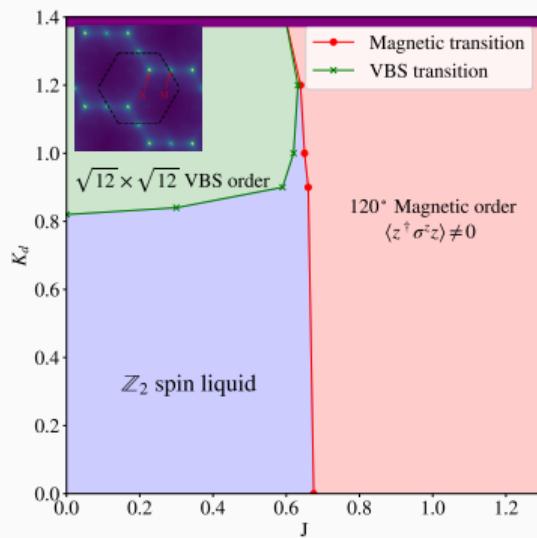


SWA still identifies transition, although restricted to small systems

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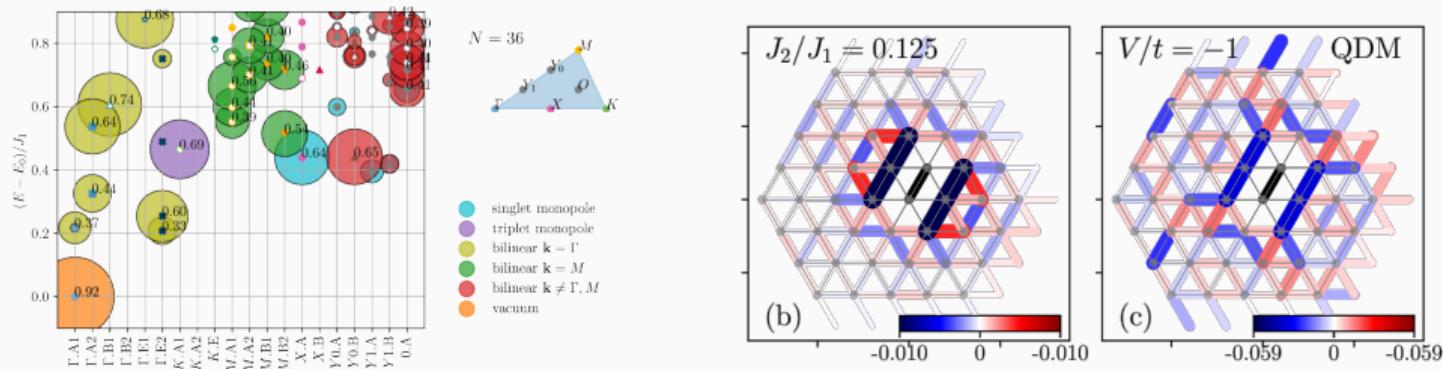


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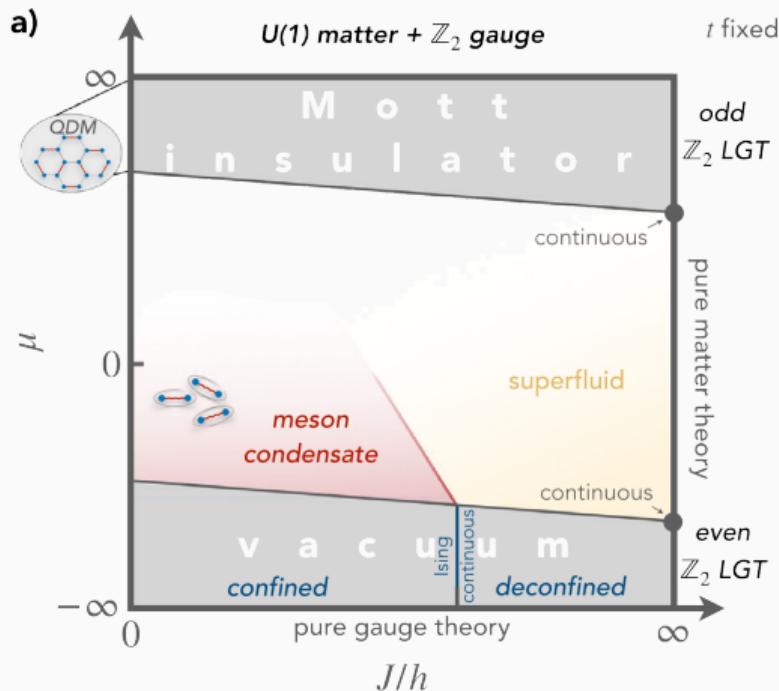
Low-energy spectrum of  $J_1 - J_2$  model has high overlap with Dirac spin liquid and  $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{12}$  VBS (Wietek, arXiv:2303.01585)



AF to VBS transition described by Dirac spin liquid (Jian, Phys. Rev. B 97, 195115)

# Outlook and future directions

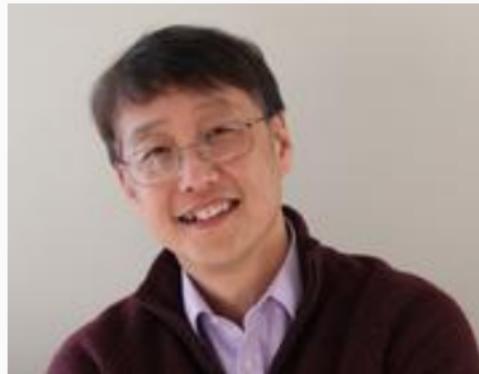
- Bosons coupled to discrete gauge fields remains a relatively unexplored research direction, also relevant for quantum simulators (Homeier et al. Commun Phys 6, 127 (2023))
- PIMC formulation is rather rudimentary, can this mapping be applied to continuous time? SSE?



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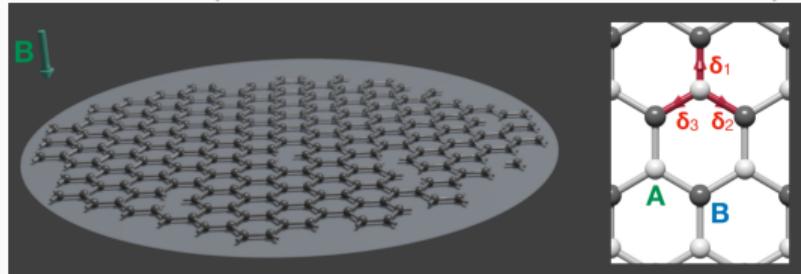
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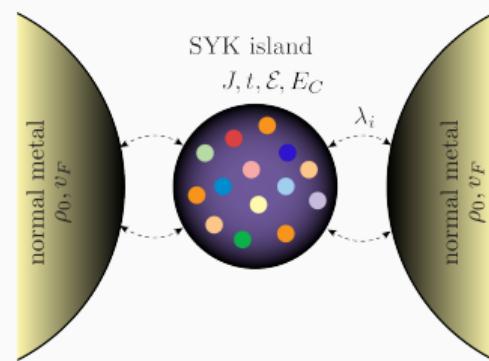
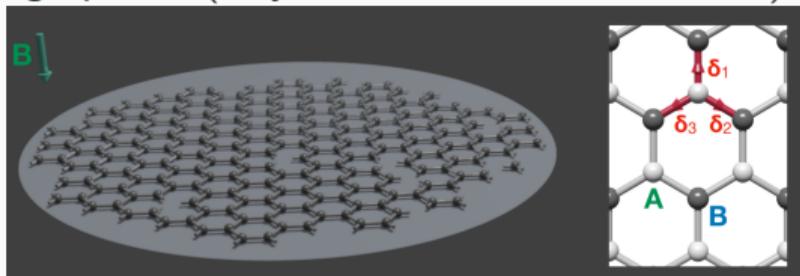


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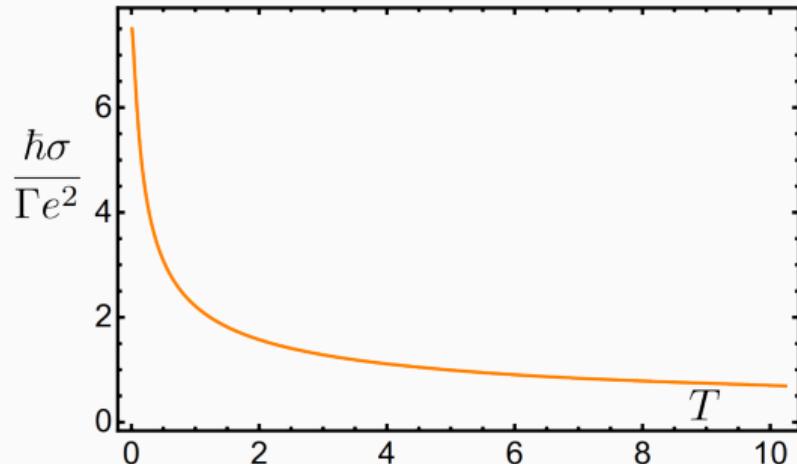
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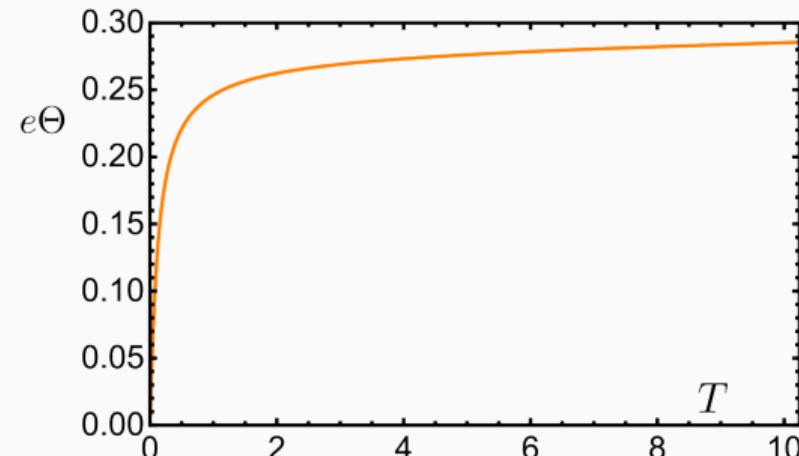
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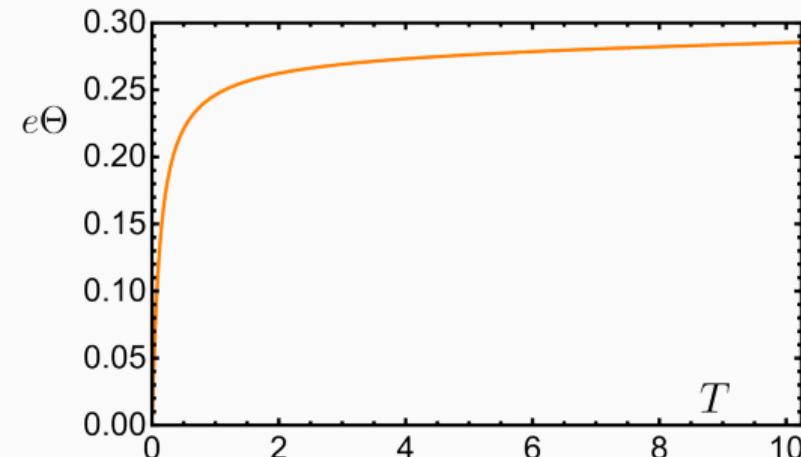
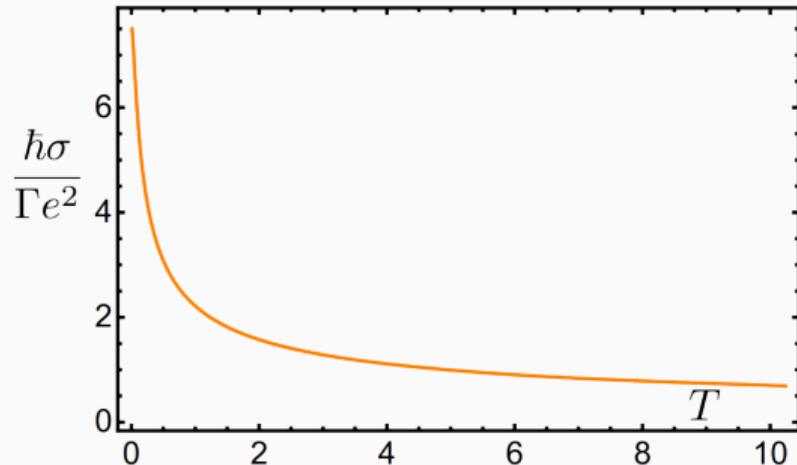
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Can statistical fluctuations be used as a probe for strongly-correlated physics?

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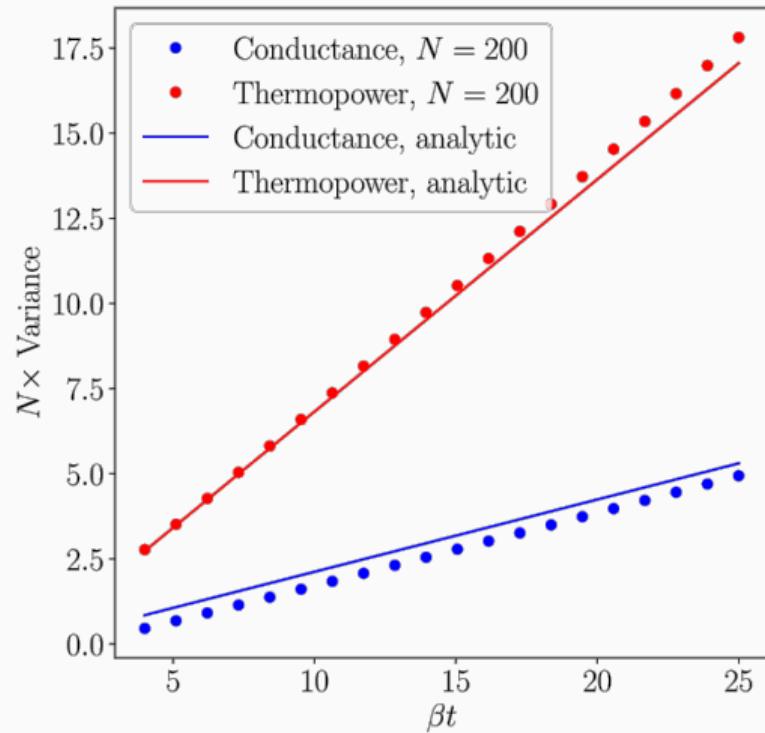
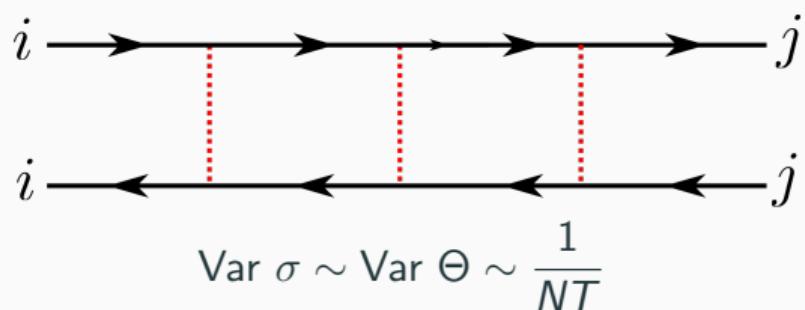
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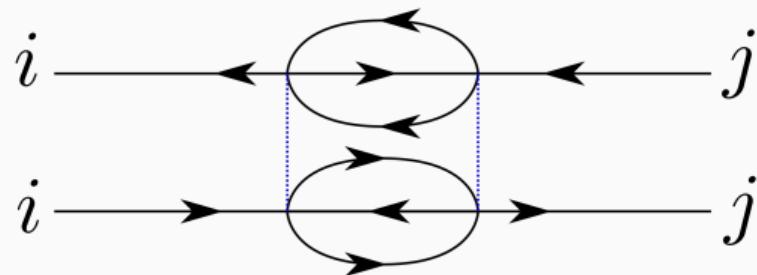
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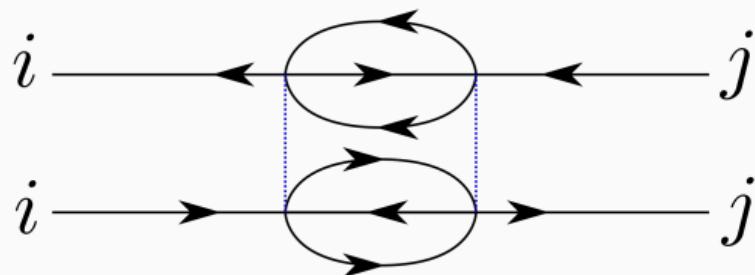
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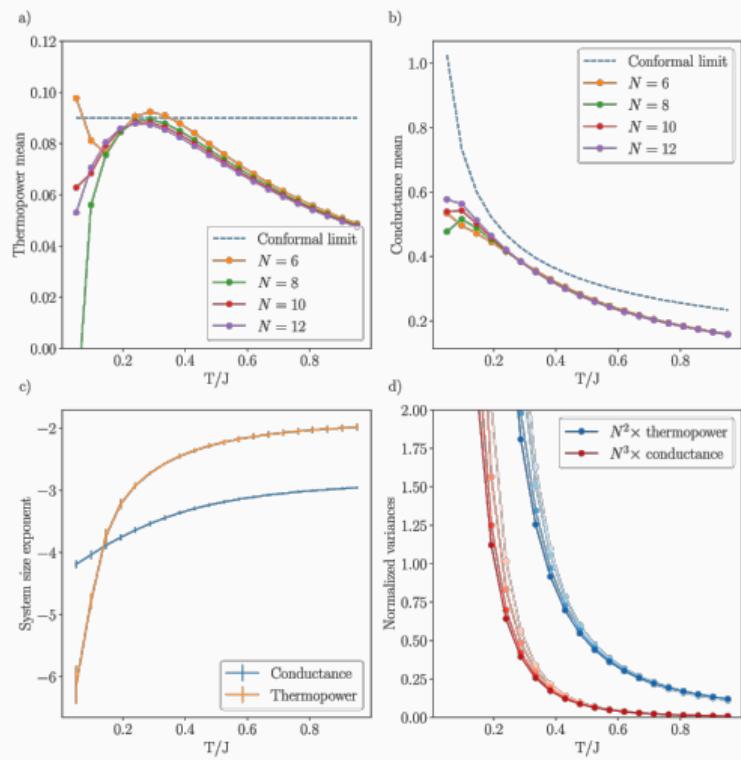
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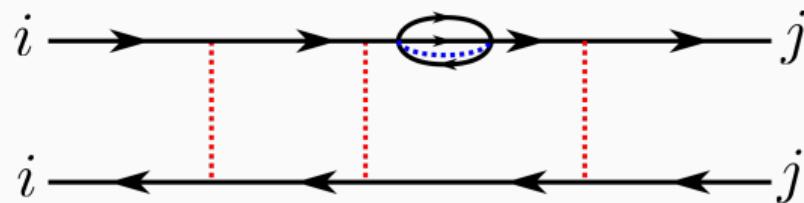
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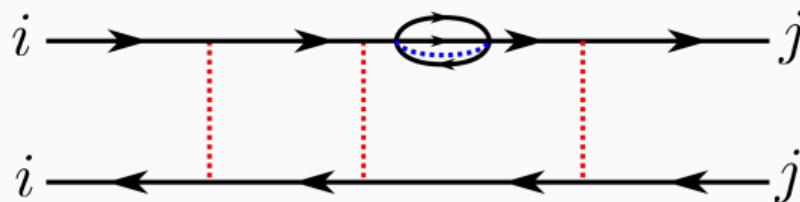
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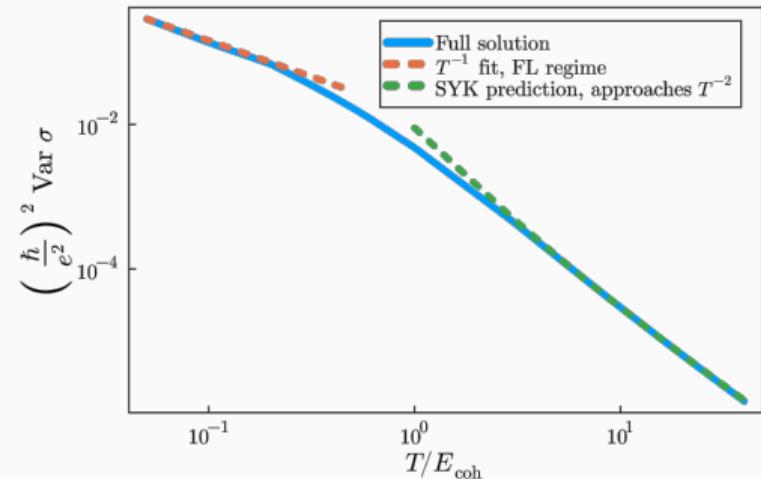
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## Outlook

- These results worked within an *equilibrium* setting - can we do better? Recover UCF as  $T \rightarrow 0$ ?
- Fluctuations for SYK in Schwarzian-dominated regime may yield new results