

Competing orders in the cuprate superconductors

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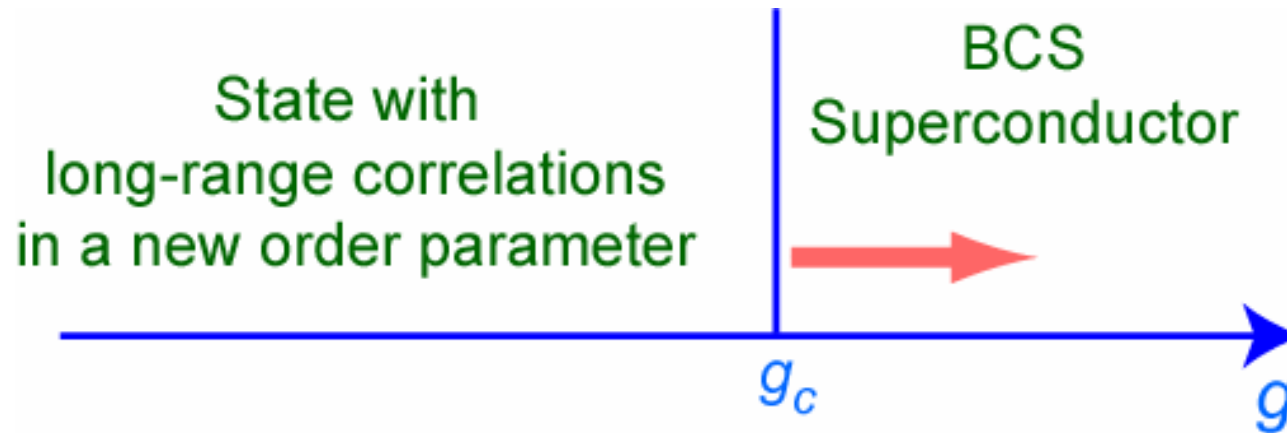
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Hypothesis: cuprate superconductors are characterized by additional order parameters, associated with the proximate Mott insulator, along with the familiar order associated with the Bose condensation of Cooper pairs in BCS theory. These orders lead to new low energy excitations

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Study physics in a generalized phase diagram which includes new phases (which need not be experimentally accessible) with long-range correlations in the additional order parameters. Expansion away from quantum critical points provides a systematic and controlled theory of the low energy excitations (including their behavior near imperfections such as impurities and vortices and their response to applied fields) and of crossovers into “incoherent” regimes at finite temperature.

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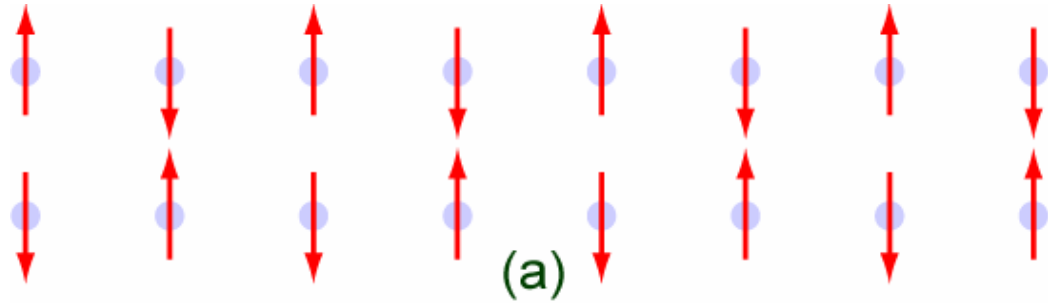
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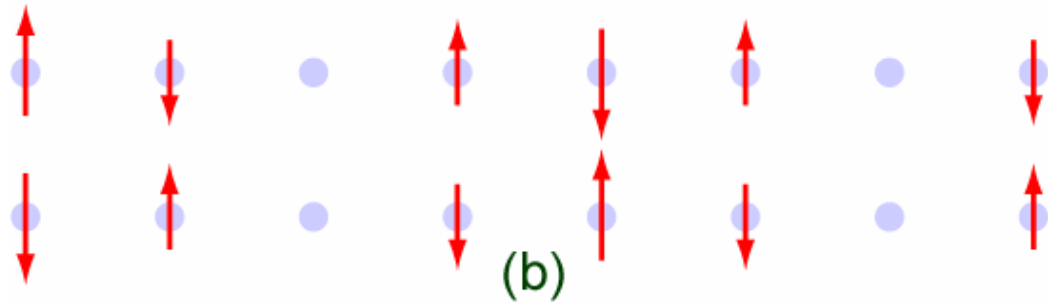
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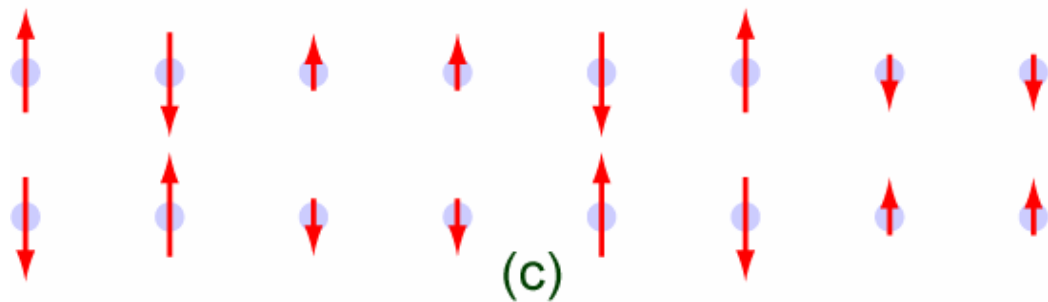
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$$\vec{K} = (\pi, \pi) ; N_2 = 0$$



$$\vec{K} = (3\pi/4, \pi) ; N_2 = 0$$



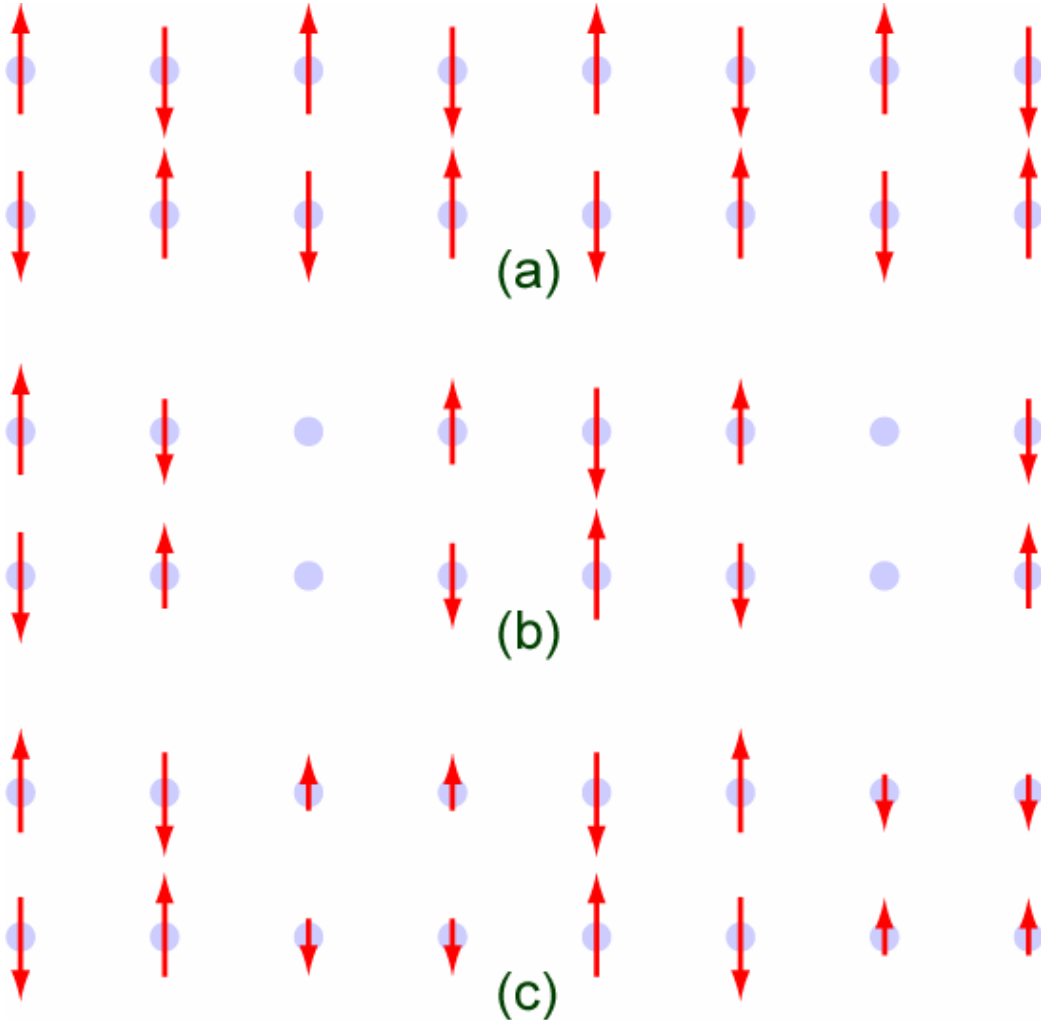
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$$N_2 = (\sqrt{2} - 1) N_1$$

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Key properties

States can also have
bond order.

$$Q_a(\mathbf{r}_i) \equiv \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+a}$$

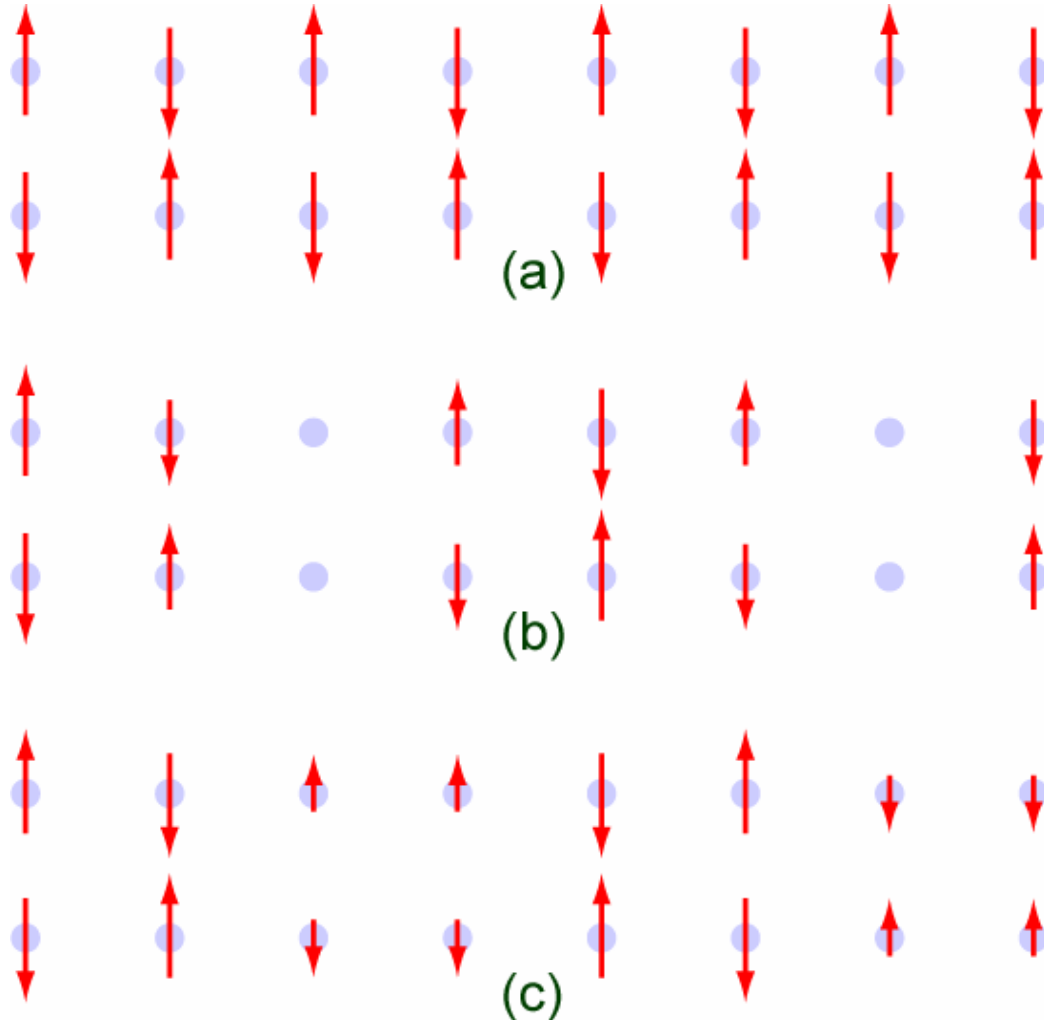
Values of $\langle Q_a(\mathbf{r}_i) \rangle$
modulate with
wavevector $2\vec{K}$;

$\langle Q_a(\mathbf{0}) \rangle$ is a measure of
site charge density

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Order specified by a single vector N .

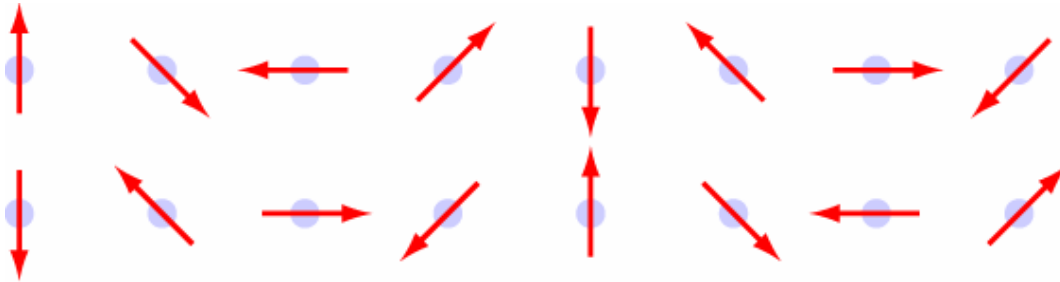
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B. Noncollinear spins

(B.I. Shraiman and E.D. Siggia,
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$$\vec{K} = (3\pi/4, \pi) ;$$

$$N_2^2 = N_1^2, N_1 \cdot N_2 = 0$$

Solve constraints by expressing $N_{1,2}$ in terms of two complex numbers z_\uparrow, z_\downarrow

$$N_1 + iN_2 = \begin{pmatrix} z_\downarrow^2 - z_\uparrow^2 \\ i(z_\downarrow^2 + z_\uparrow^2) \\ 2z_\uparrow z_\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

Order in ground state specified by a spinor $(z_\uparrow, z_\downarrow)$ (modulo an overall sign)

Order parameter space: S_3/Z_2

Physical observables are invariant under the Z_2 gauge transformation $z_a \rightarrow \pm z_a$

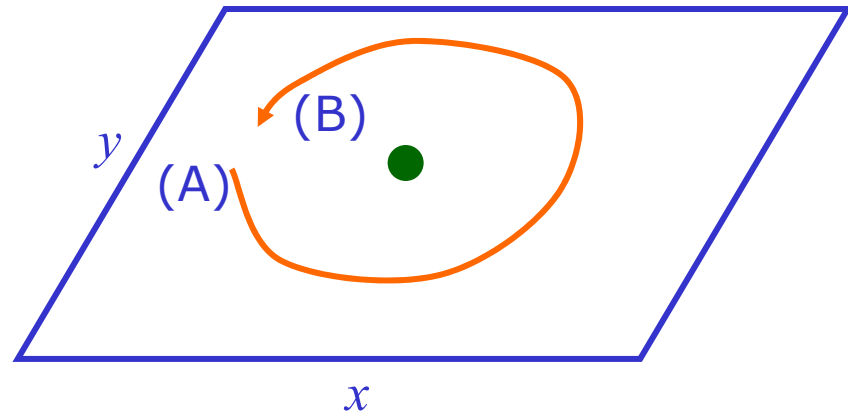
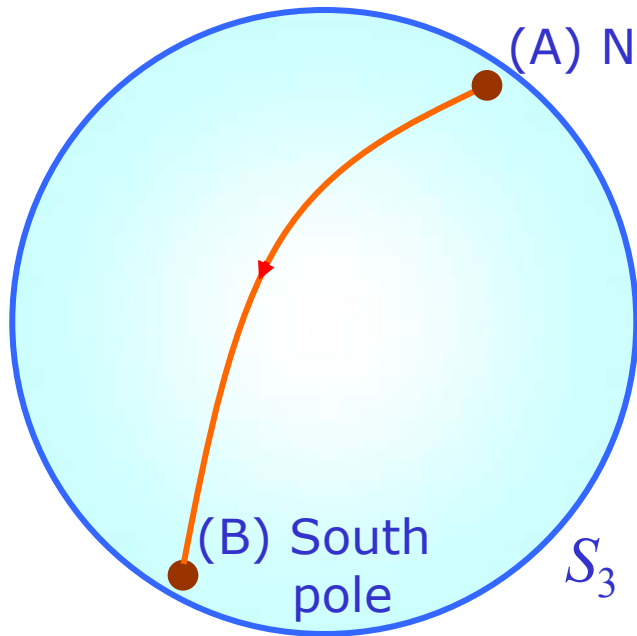
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Vortices associated with $\pi_1(S_3/Z_2) = Z_2$ (visons)

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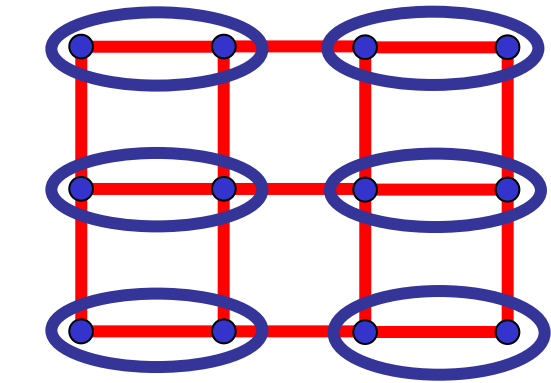


Quantum fluctuations leading to loss of magnetic order produce a paramagnetic state with a spinor ($S=1/2$) quasiparticle excitation, $(z_{\uparrow}, z_{\downarrow})$, with a Z_2 gauge charge, a vison vortex gap, and topological order associated with vison suppression in the ground state.

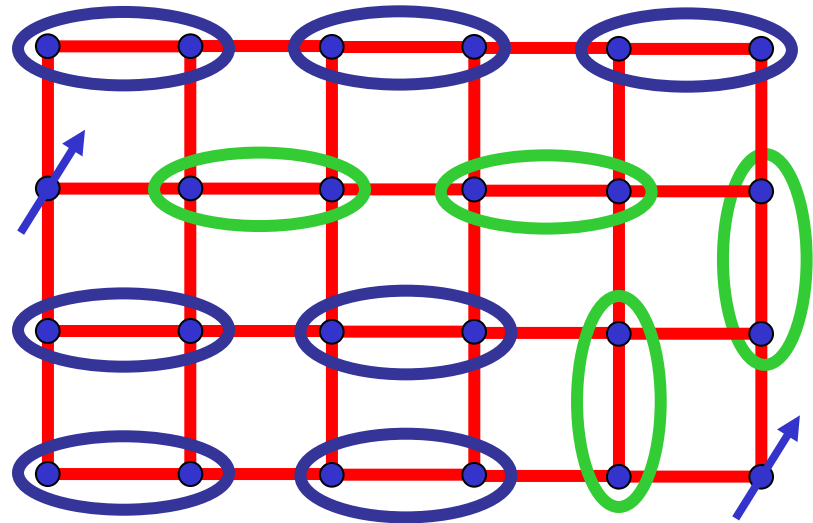
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A. Bond order and spin excitons



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$



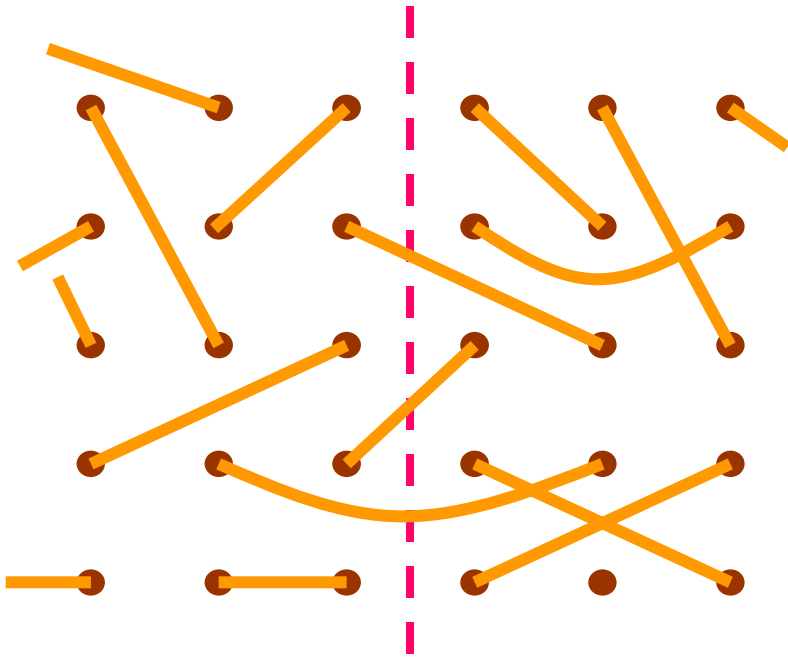
$S=1/2$ spinons are *confined*
by a linear potential into a
 $S=1$ spin exciton

Such a state is obtained by quantum-``disordering'' collinear state with $\vec{K} = (\pi, \pi)$:
fluctuating N becomes the $S=1$ spin exciton and Berry phases induce bond order

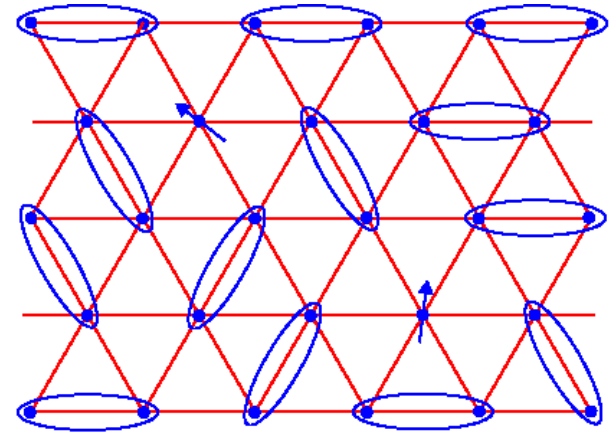
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Number of valence bonds cutting line is conserved modulo 2 – this is described by the same Z_2 gauge theory as non-collinear spins



RVB state with free spinons

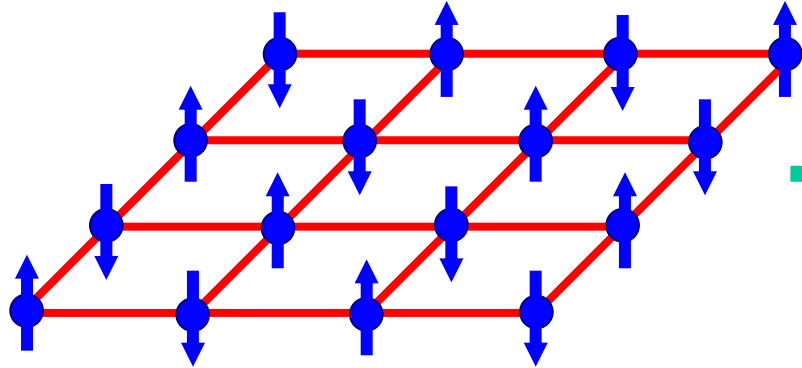
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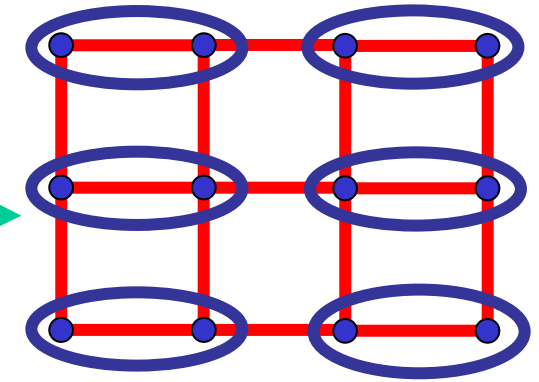
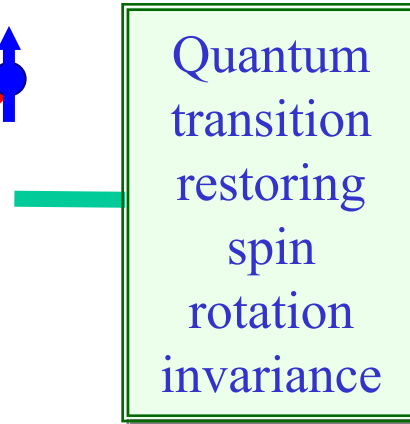
Orders of Mott insulators in two dimensions

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A. Collinear spins, Berry phases, and bond order

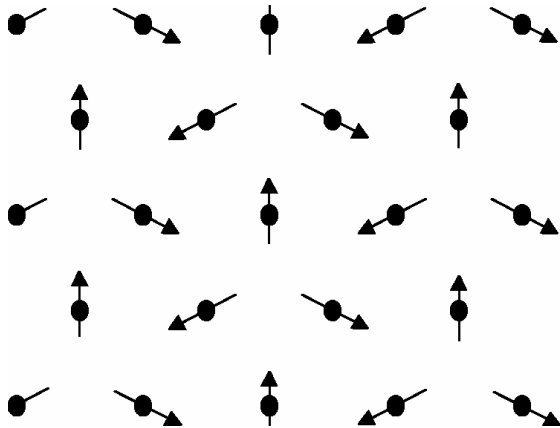


Néel ordered state

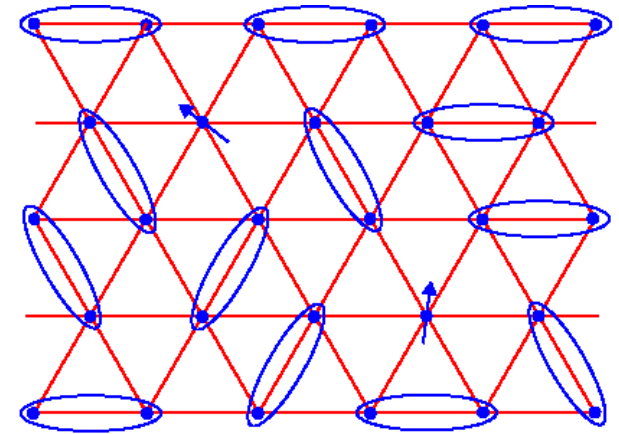
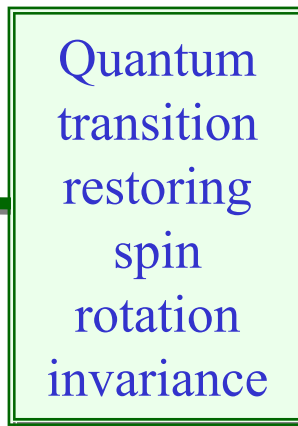


Bond order and $S=1$ spin exciton

B. Non-collinear spins and deconfined spinons.



Non-collinear ordered antiferromagnet

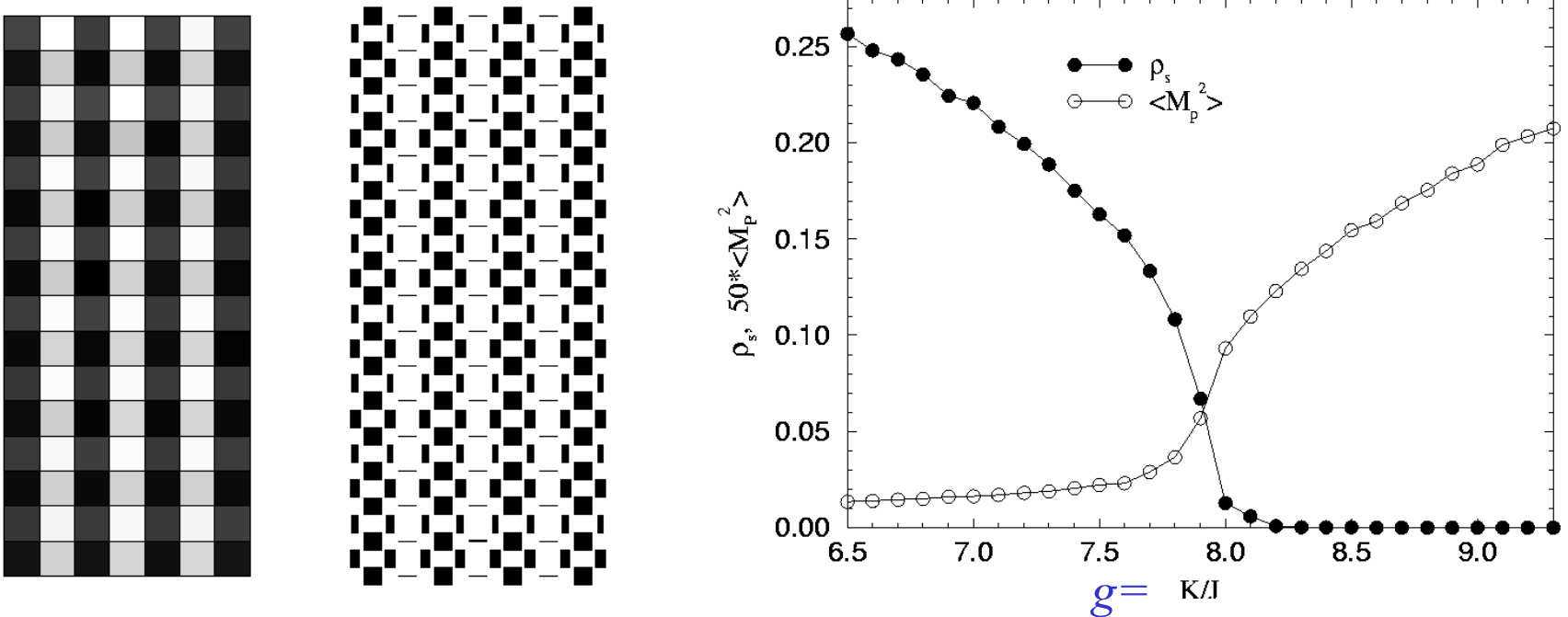


Topological order: RVB state with Z_2 gauge visons, $S=1/2$ spinons

Bond order in a frustrated $S=1/2$ XY magnet

A. W. Sandvik, S. Daul, R. R. P. Singh, and D. J. Scalapino, [cond-mat/0205270](https://arxiv.org/abs/cond-mat/0205270)

First large scale numerical study of the destruction of Neel order in a $S=1/2$ antiferromagnet with full square lattice symmetry



$$H = 2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y) - K \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle \square} (S_i^+ S_j^- S_k^+ S_l^- + S_i^- S_j^+ S_k^- S_l^+)$$

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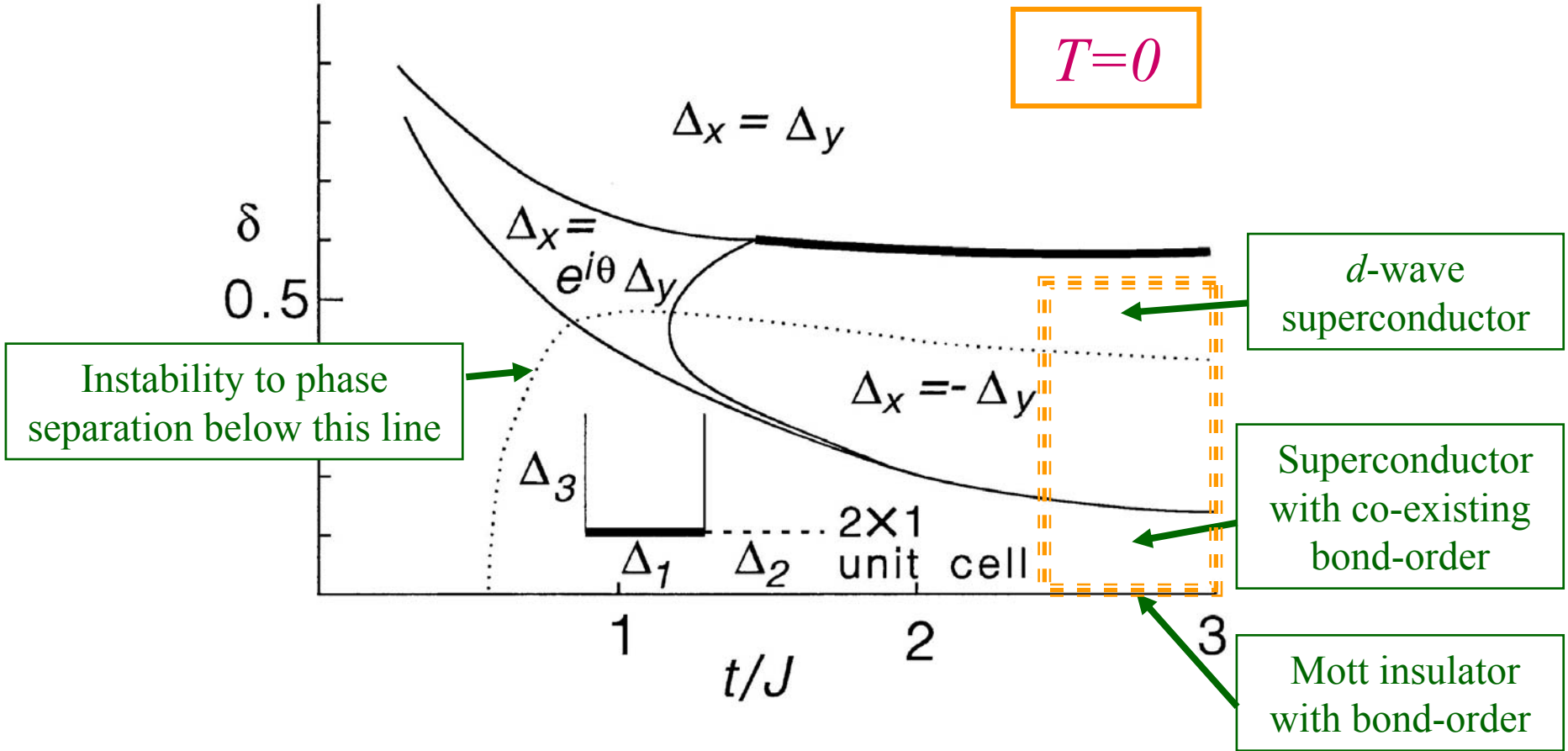
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Doping a paramagnetic bond-ordered Mott insulator

systematic $Sp(N)$ theory of translational symmetry breaking, while preserving spin rotation invariance.

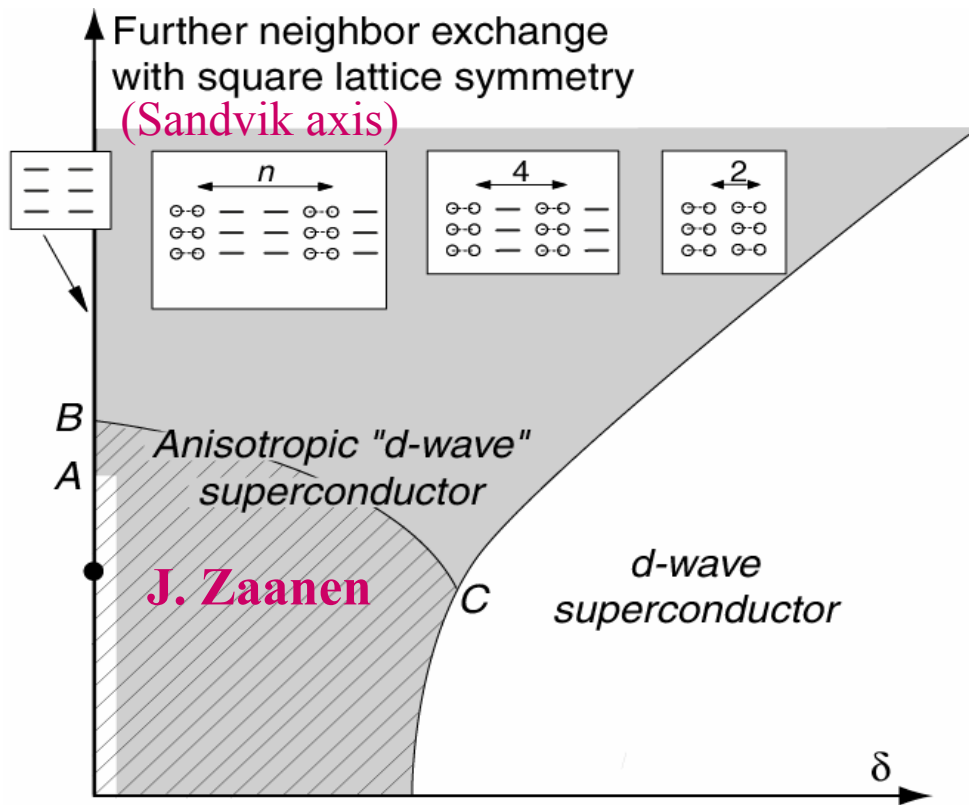


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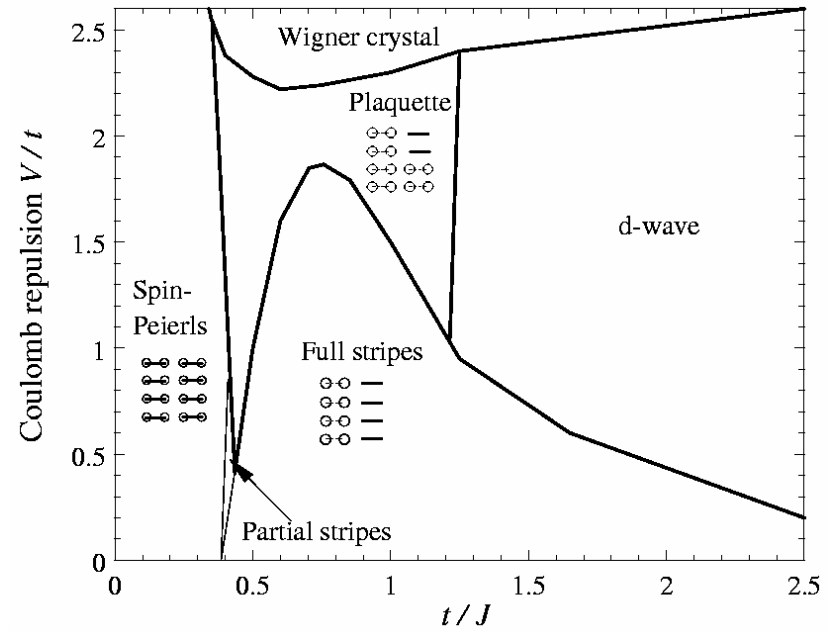
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Hatched region --- static spin order
 Shaded region ---- static bond/charge order



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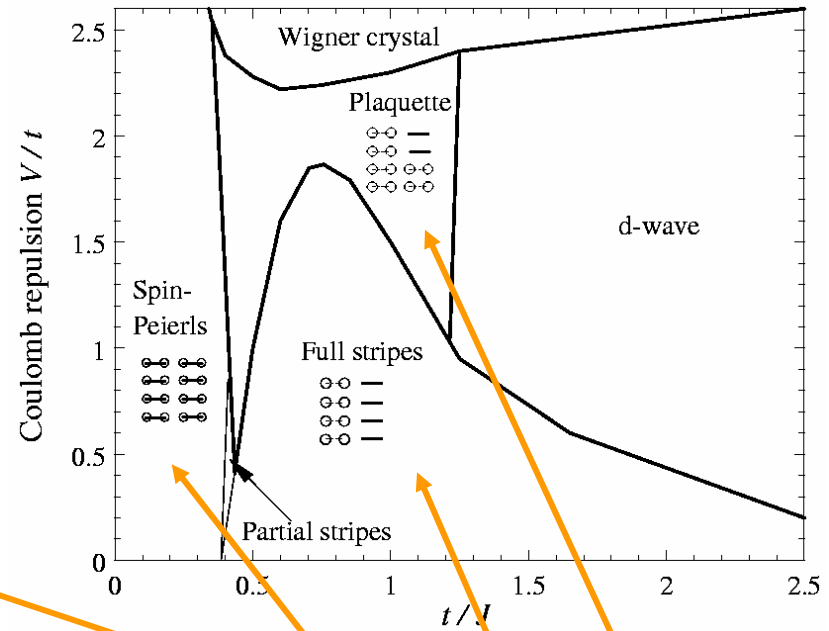
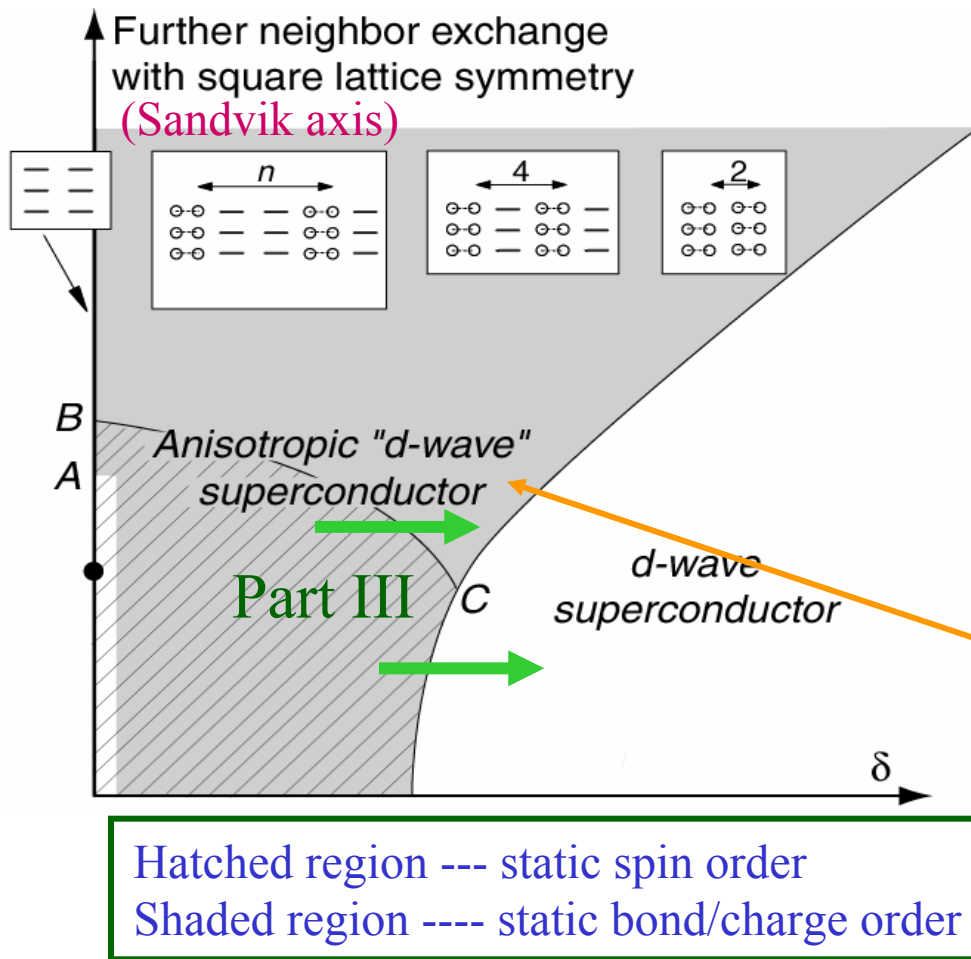
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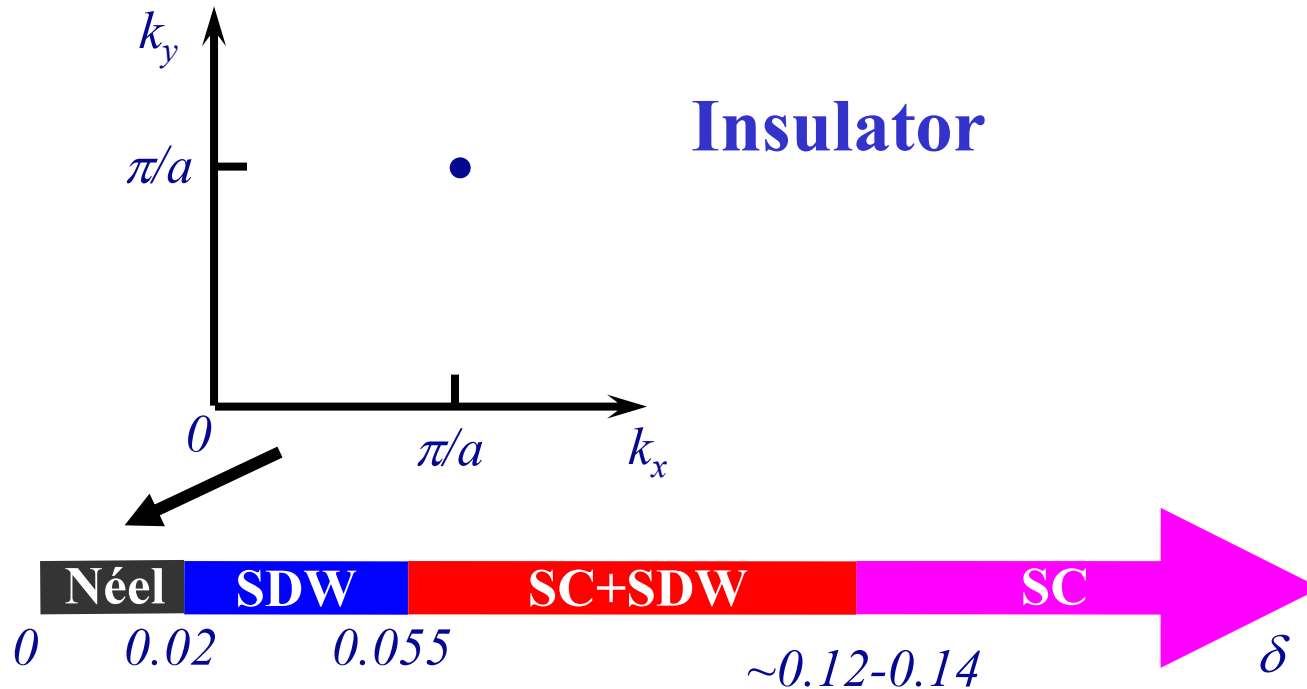
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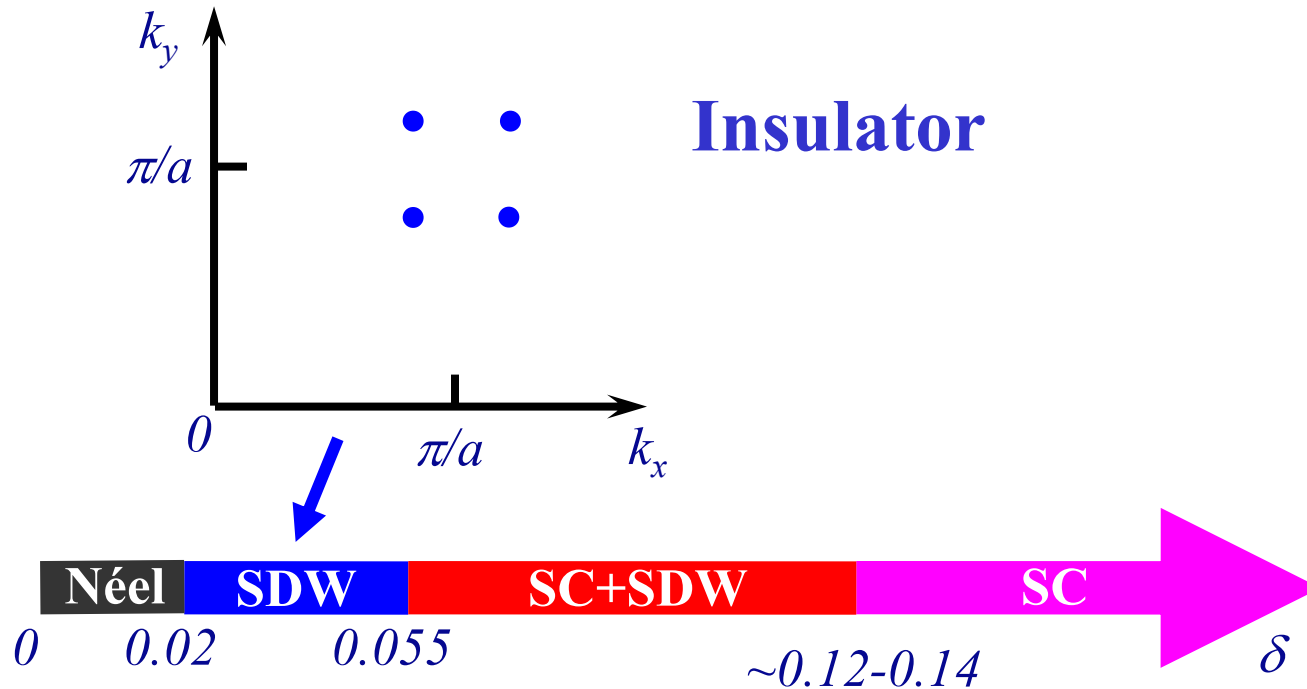
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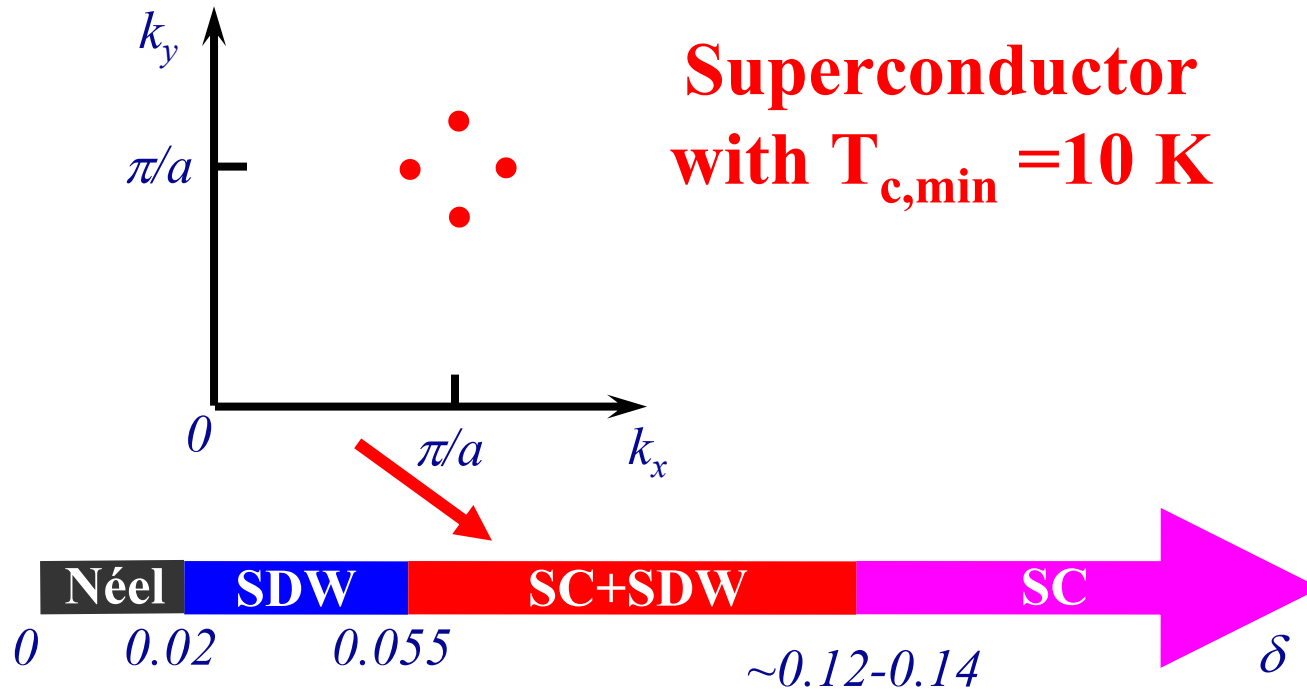
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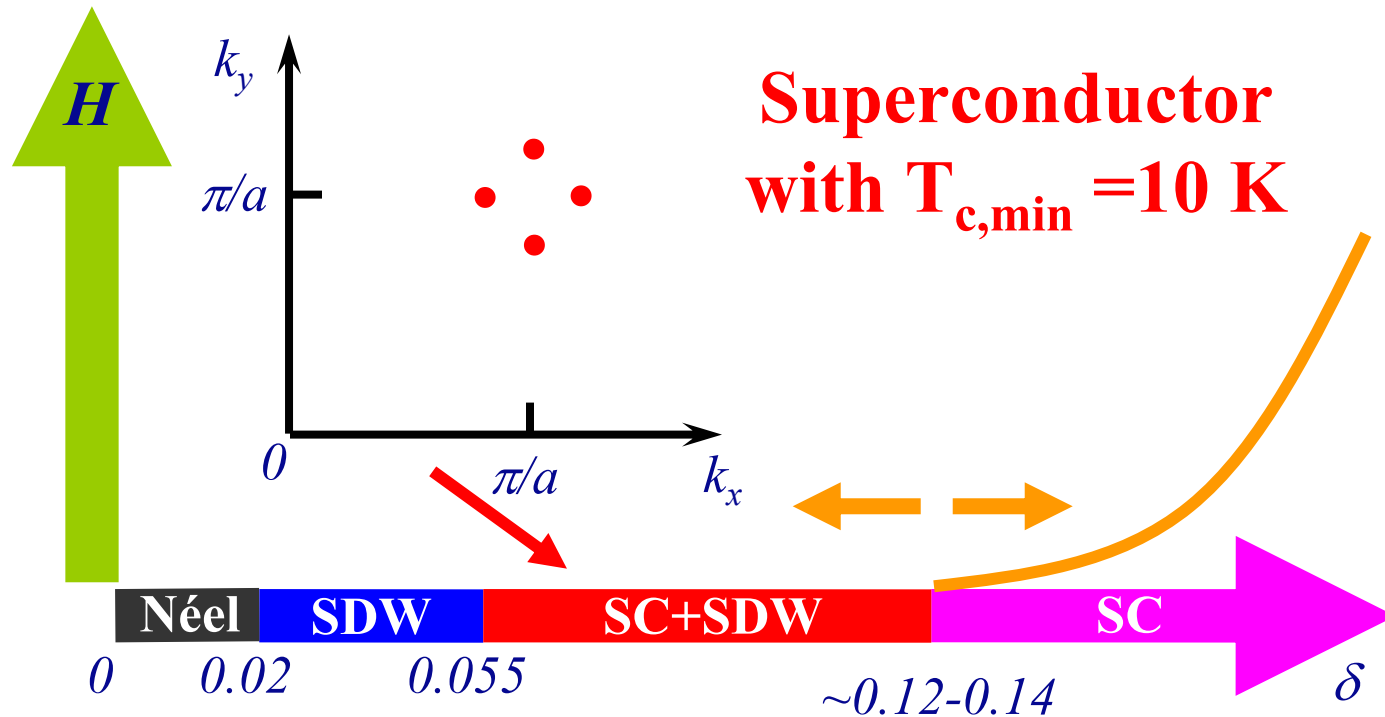
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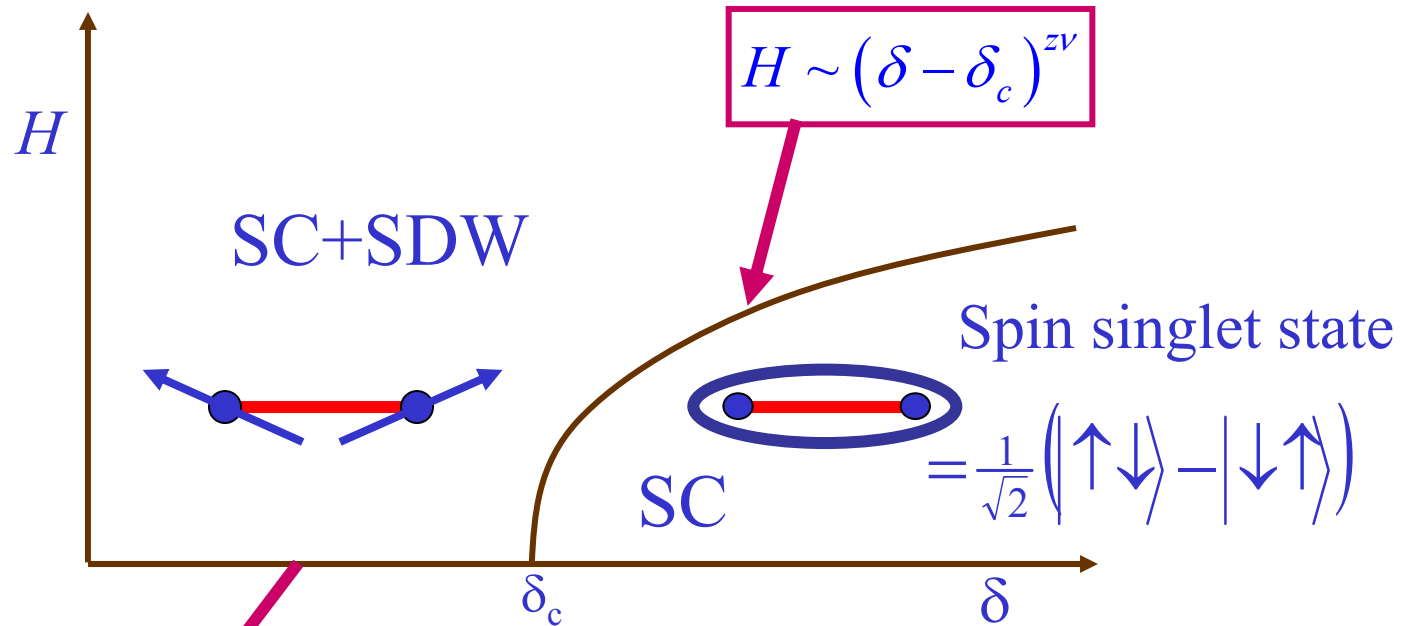
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Use simplest assumption of a direct second-order quantum phase transition between SC and SC+SDW phases

Follow intensity of elastic Bragg spots in a magnetic field

Effect of the Zeeman term: precession of SDW order about the magnetic field



$$H \sim (\delta - \delta_c)^{\zeta}$$

SC+SDW

Spin singlet state

SC

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

Characteristic field $g\mu_B H = \Delta$, the spin gap
1 Tesla = 0.116 meV

Elastic scattering intensity

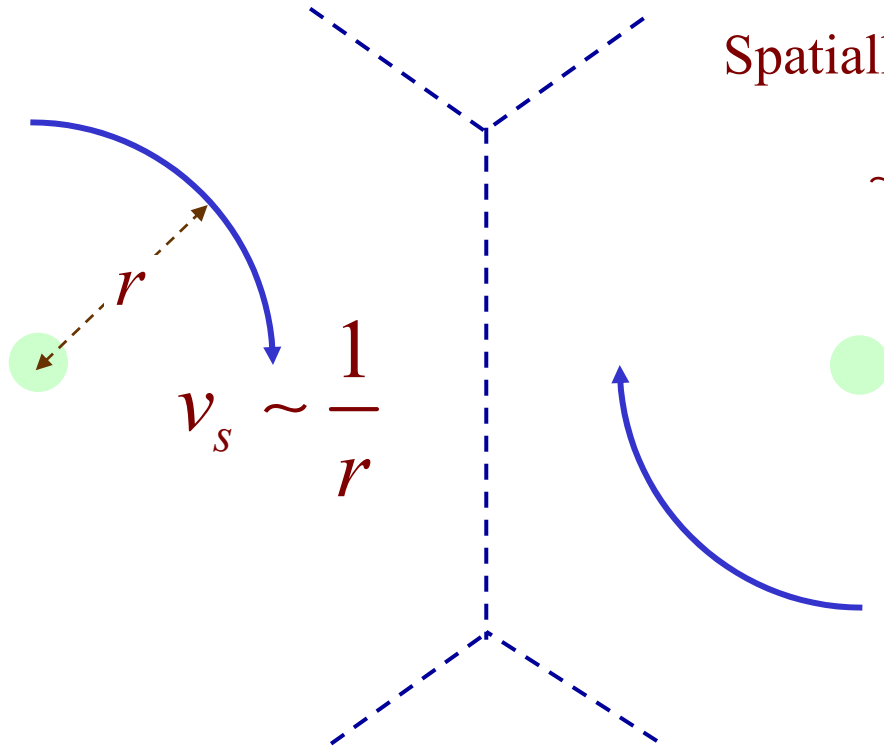
$$I(H) = I(0) + a \left(\frac{H}{J} \right)^2$$

Effect is negligible over experimental field scales

Dominant effect: **uniform** softening of spin excitations by superflow kinetic energy

Spatially averaged superflow kinetic energy

$$\sim \langle v_s^2 \rangle \sim \frac{H}{H_{c2}} \ln \frac{3H_{c2}}{H}$$



The suppression of SC order appears to the SDW order as an effective δ :

$$\delta_{\text{eff}}(H) = \delta - C \frac{H}{H_{c2}} \ln \left(\frac{3H_{c2}}{H} \right)$$

Competing order is enhanced in a “halo” around each vortex

Main results

$T=0$

Elastic scattering intensity

$$I[H, \delta] \approx I[0, \delta_{\text{eff}}]$$

$$\approx I[0, \delta] + a \frac{H}{H_{c2}} \ln\left(\frac{3H_{c2}}{H}\right)$$

“Normal”
(Bond order)

SDW

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$$\delta_{\text{eff}}(H) = \delta_c \Rightarrow$$
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SC+
SDW

SC

δ_c

δ

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$S = 1$ exciton energy

$$\varepsilon(H) = \varepsilon(0) - b \frac{H}{H_{c2}} \ln\left(\frac{3H_{c2}}{H}\right)$$

δ_c

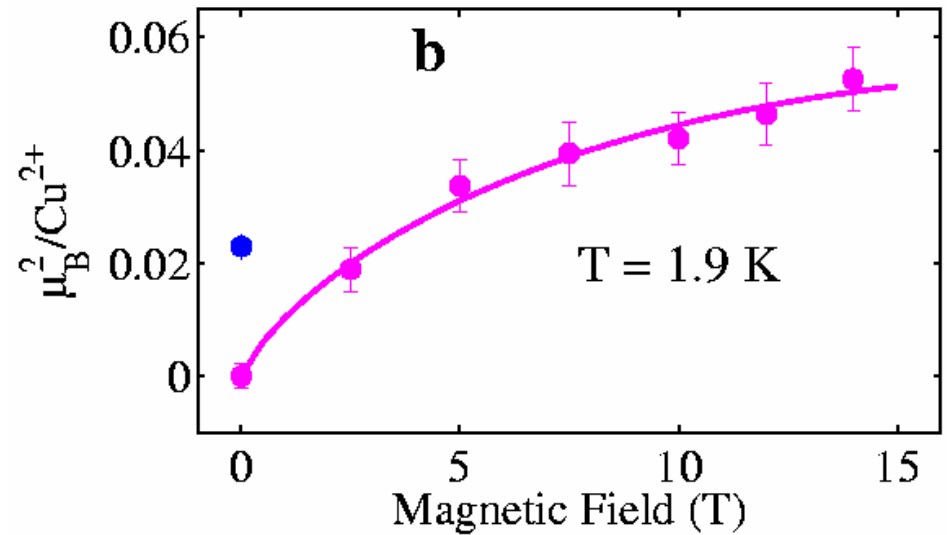
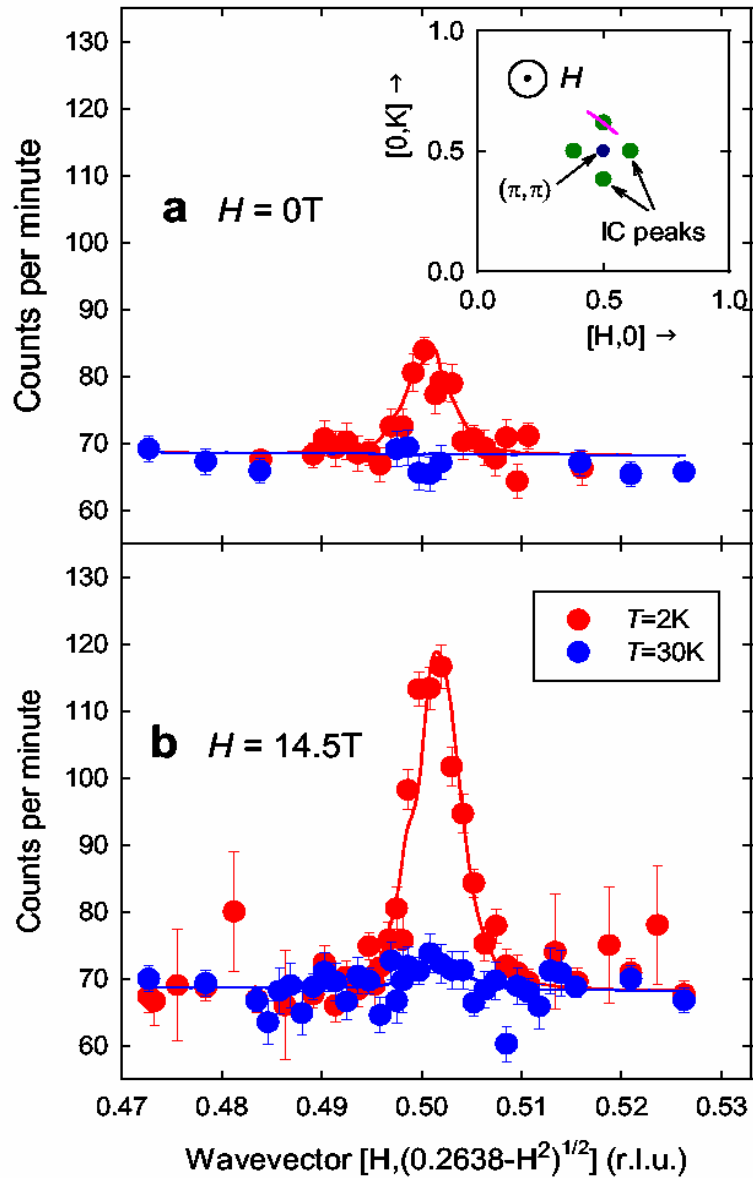
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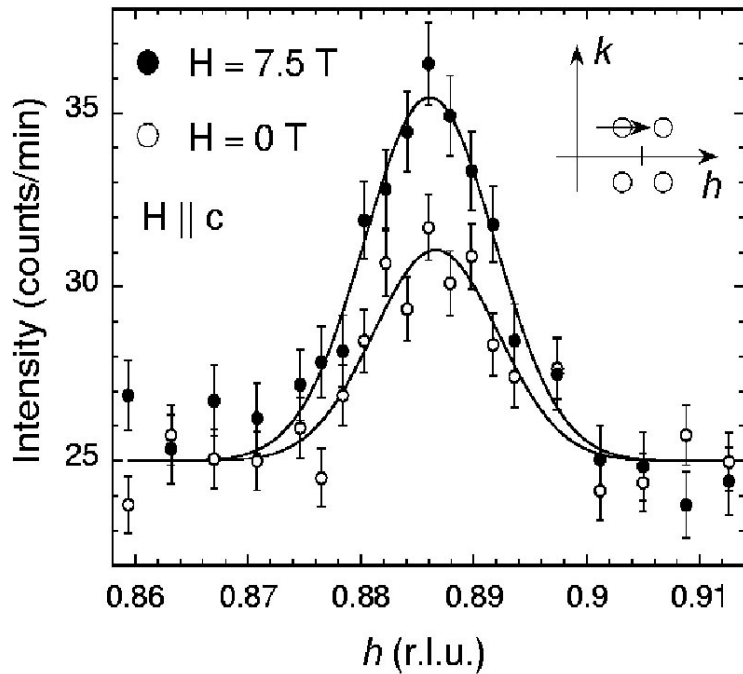
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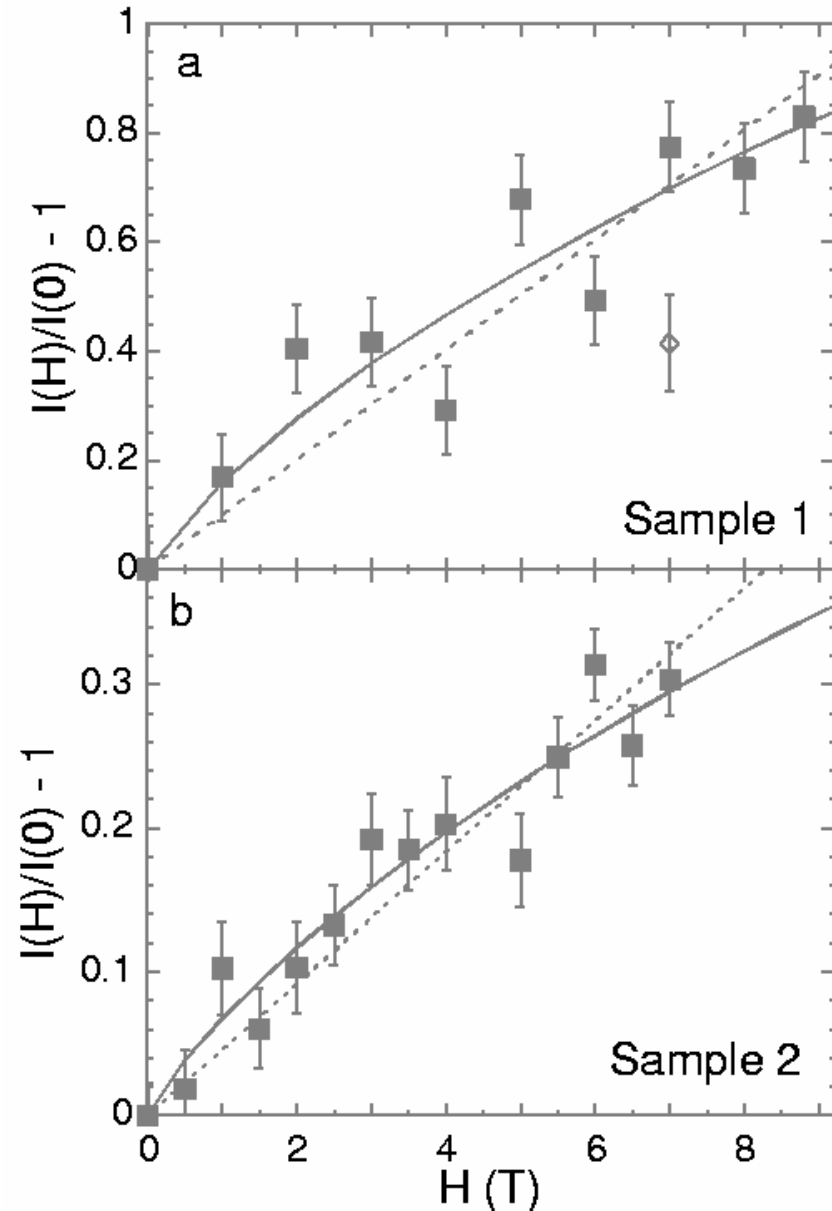
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Solid line --- fit to : $\frac{I(H)}{I(0)} = 1 + a \frac{H}{H_{c2}} \ln\left(\frac{3.0H_{c2}}{H}\right)$

a is the only fitting parameter

Best fit value - $a = 2.4$ with $H_{c2} = 60 \text{ T}$



Aside: Topological order with collinear spins (J. Zaanen)

$$\text{SDW order: } S_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\text{Collinear spins: } \Rightarrow \Phi_\alpha = n_\alpha e^{i\theta} \text{ with } n_\alpha \text{ real}$$

$$Z_2 \text{ gauge symmetry: } n_\alpha \rightarrow -n_\alpha \text{ and } \theta \rightarrow \theta + \pi$$

Effective action

$$\mathcal{S} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_{ij} n_{\alpha i} n_{\alpha j} - J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_{ij} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j) - K \sum_{\square} \prod_{\square} \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow Z_2 \text{ gauge field}$$

Can obtain a topologically ordered state with

$$\langle n_\alpha \rangle = 0 \quad ; \quad \langle e^{i\theta} \rangle = 0$$

but Z_2 gauge flux suppressed

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Outline

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Magnetic order

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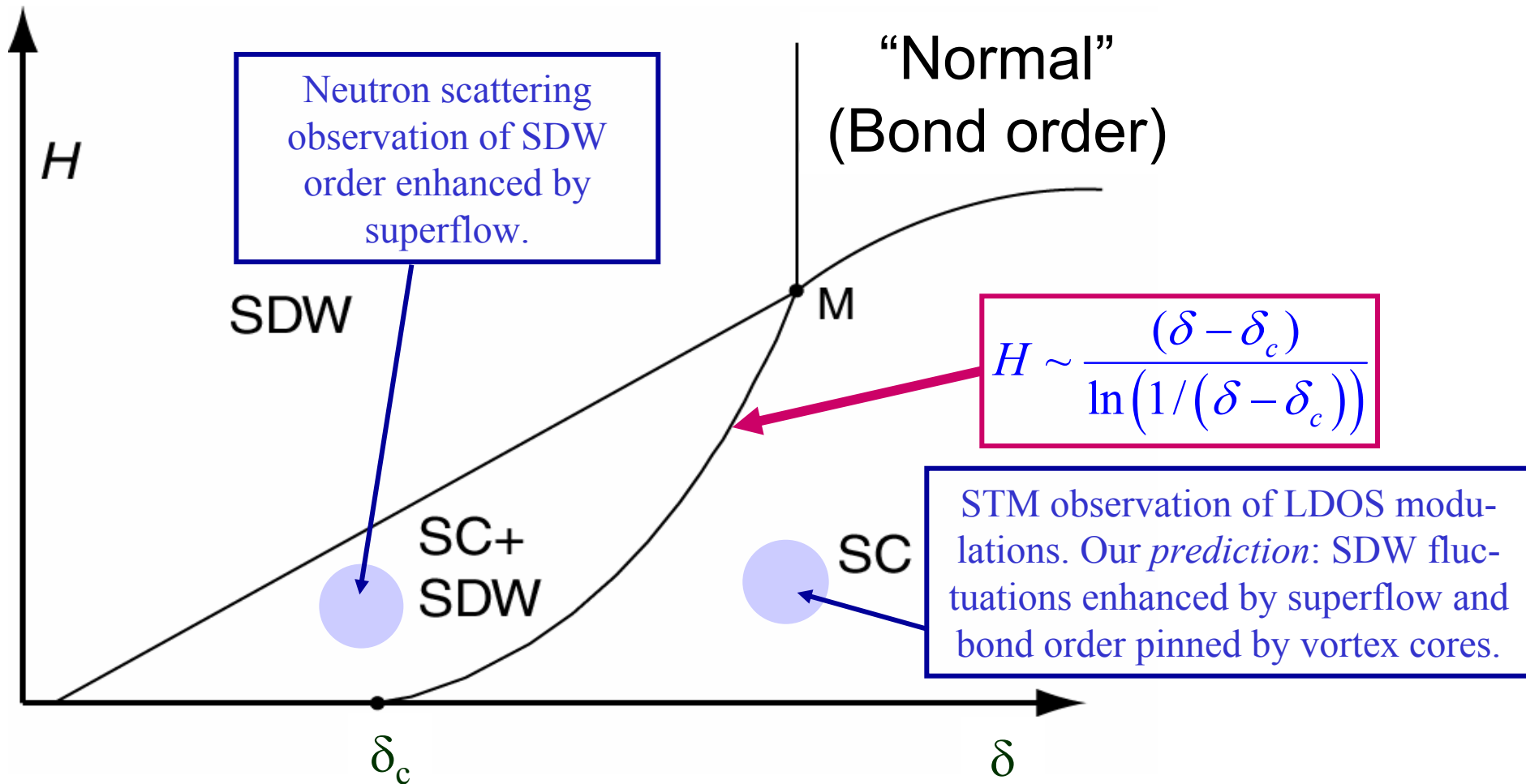
Tuning order and transitions by a magnetic field.

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STM experiments on $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$

V. Conclusions

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IV. Connections with LDOS modulations

SDW order: $S_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.}$

Bond order: $Q_a(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_\alpha S_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) S_\alpha(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{a}) \approx \sum_\alpha \Phi_\alpha^2(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{a}} e^{2i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.}$

Superflow reduces energy of dynamic spin exciton, but action so far does not lead to static charge order because all terms are invariant under the “sliding” symmetry:

$$\Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\theta}$$

Small vortex cores break this sliding symmetry on the lattice scale, and lead to a pinning term, which picks particular phase of the local bond order

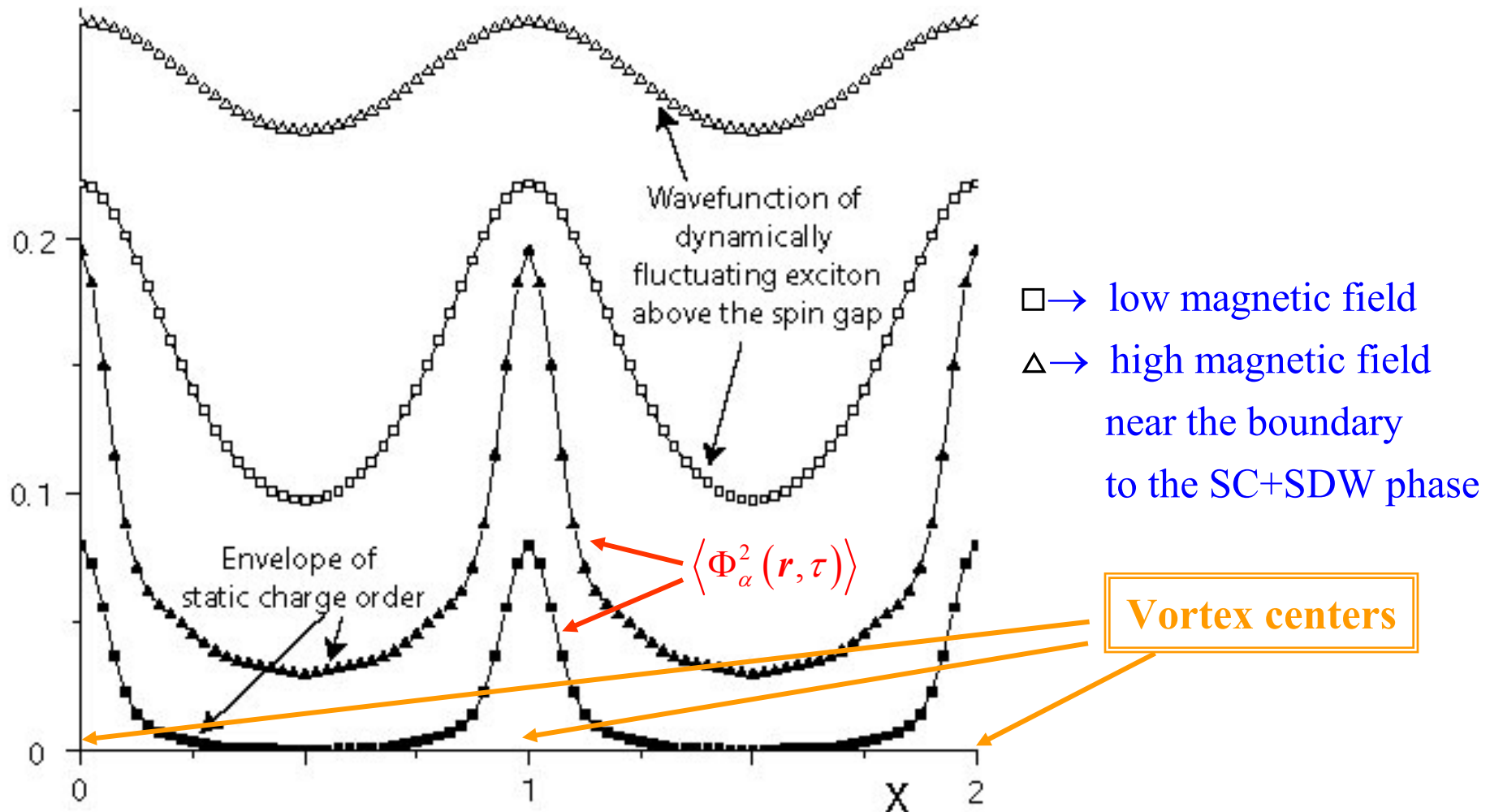
$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{pin}} = \zeta \sum_{\text{All } \mathbf{r}_v \text{ where } \psi(\mathbf{r}_v)=0} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \left[\sum_\alpha \Phi_\alpha^2(\mathbf{r}_v) e^{i\theta} + \text{c.c.} \right]$$

With this term, SC phase has bond order but dynamic SDW
i.e. **there is no static spin order (no “spins in vortices”)**

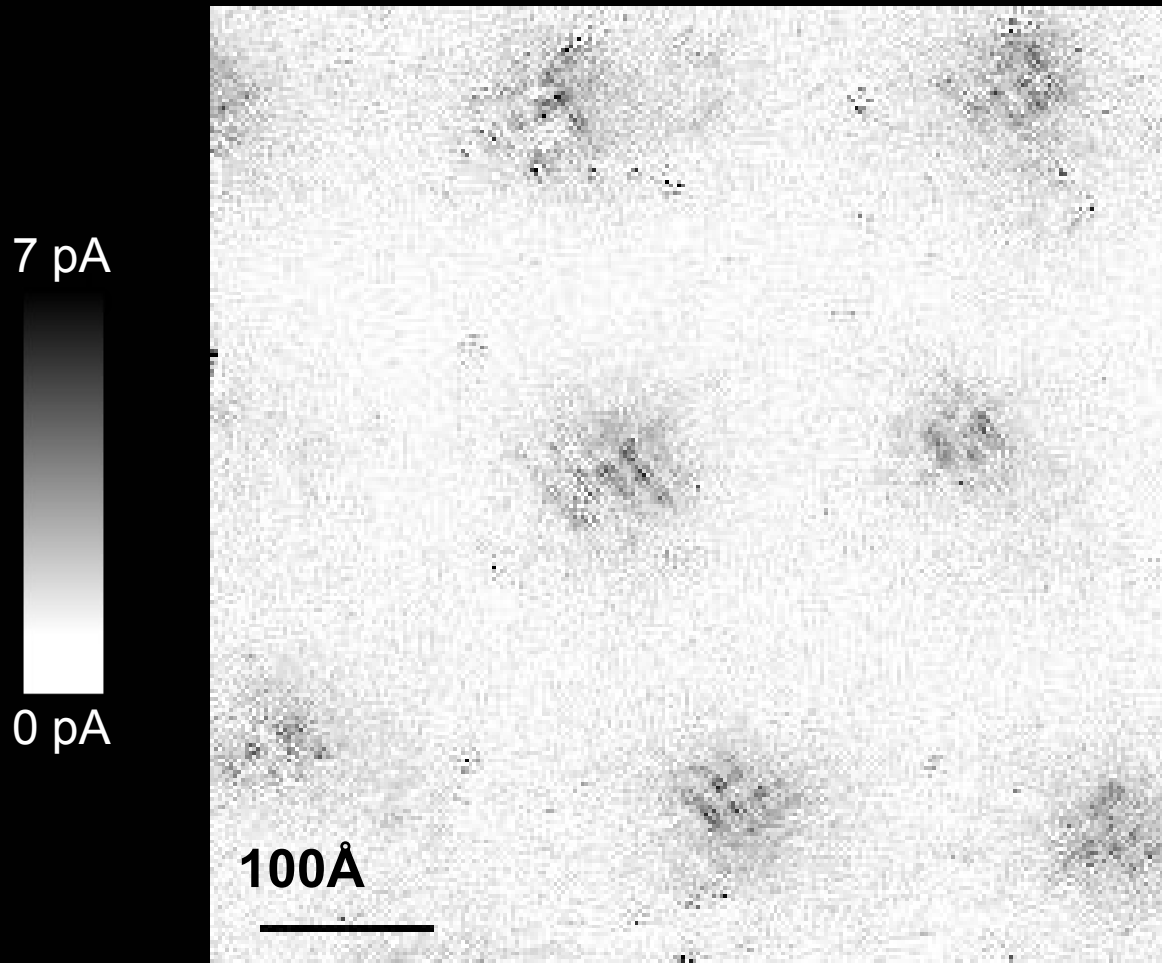
$$\langle \Phi_\alpha^2(\mathbf{r}) \rangle \neq 0 \quad ; \quad \langle \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = 0$$

Pinning of static bond order by vortex cores in SC phase, with dynamic SDW correlations

$$\langle \Phi_\alpha^2(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \rangle \propto \zeta \int d\tau_1 \langle \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \Phi_\alpha^*(\mathbf{r}_v, \tau_1) \rangle^2 \quad ; \quad \langle \Phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \rangle = 0$$

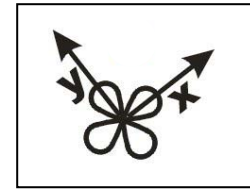
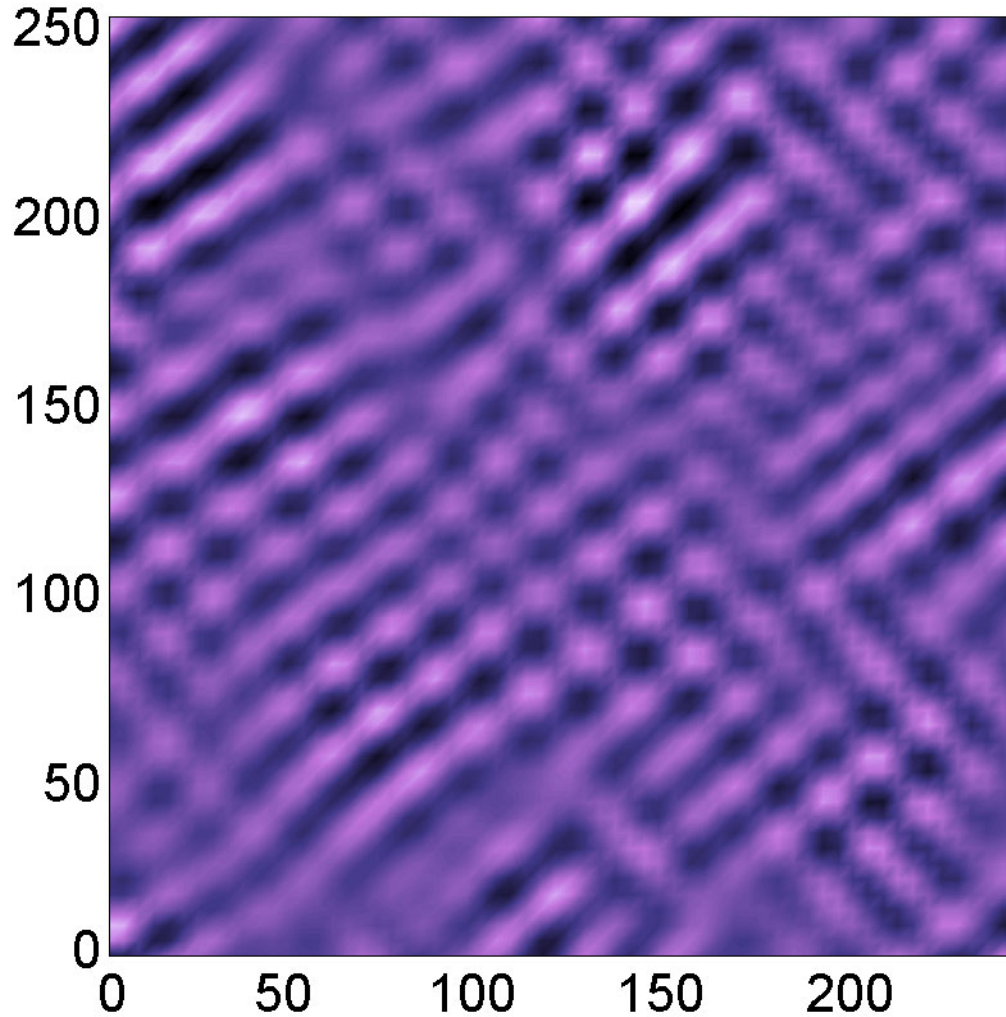


Vortex-induced LDOS of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ integrated from 1meV to 12meV



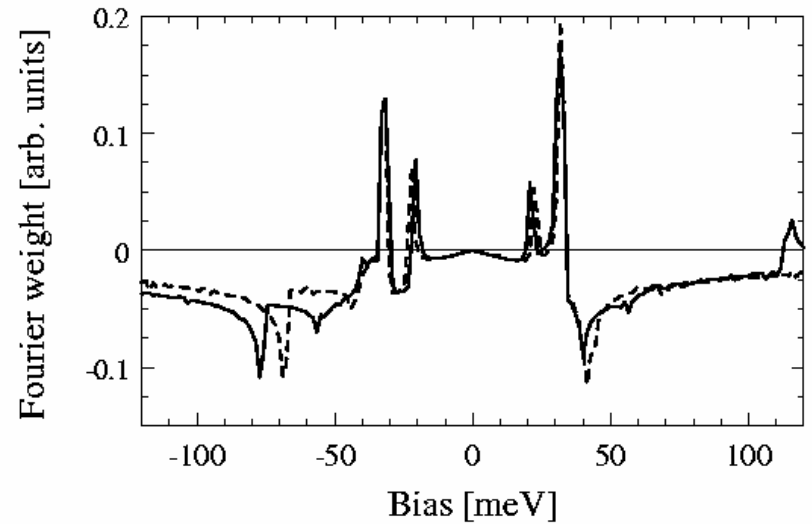
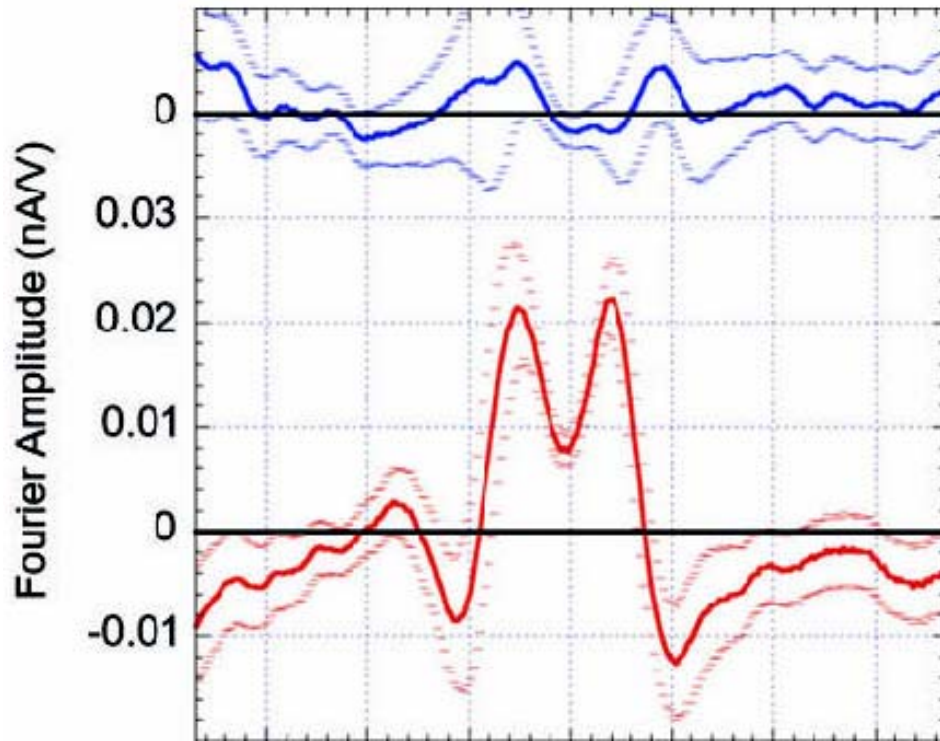
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IV. STM image of LDOS modulations in $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ in zero magnetic field



Period = 4 lattice spacings

Spectral properties of the STM signal are sensitive to the microstructure of the charge order



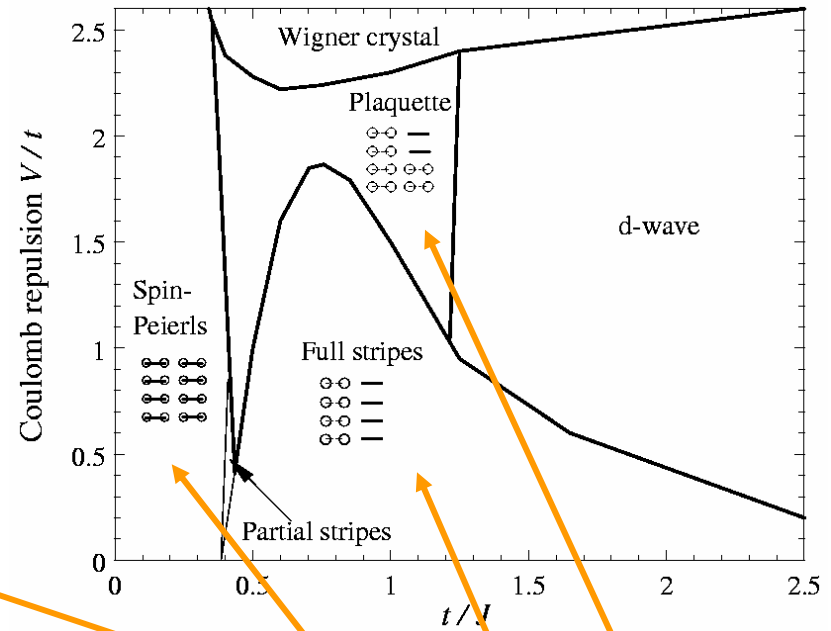
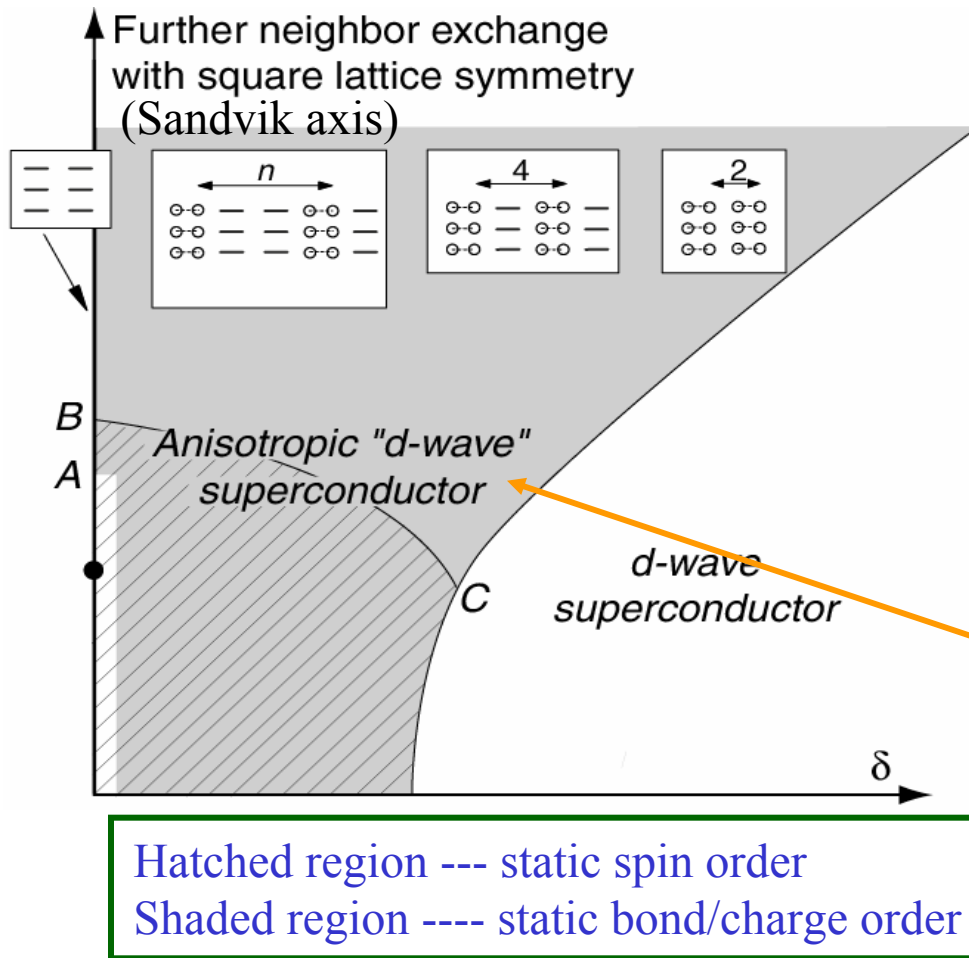
Theoretical modeling shows that this spectrum is best obtained by a modulation of bond variables, such as the exchange, kinetic or pairing energies.

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Global phase diagram



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Conclusions

- I. Cuprate superconductivity is associated with doping Mott insulators with charge carriers. The correct paramagnetic Mott insulator has bond-order and confinement of spinons (collinear spins in magnetically ordered state).
- II. Theory of quantum phase transitions provides semi-quantitative predictions for neutron scattering measurements of spin-density-wave order in superconductors; theory also proposes a connection to STM experiments.
- III. Future experiments should search for SC+SDW to SC quantum transition driven by a magnetic field.
- IV. Major open question: how does understanding of low temperature order parameters help explain anomalous behavior at high temperatures ?