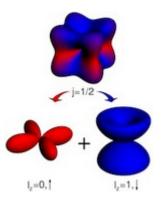
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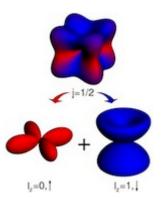


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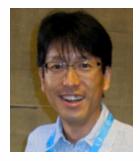
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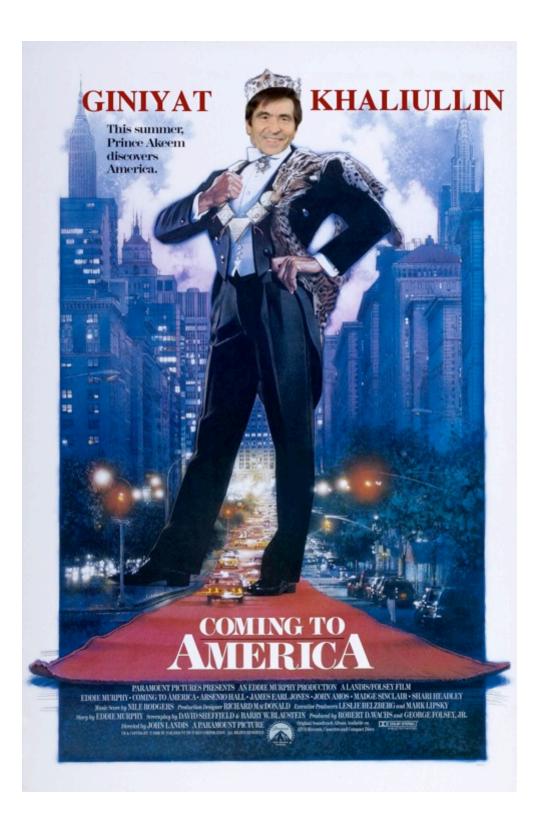
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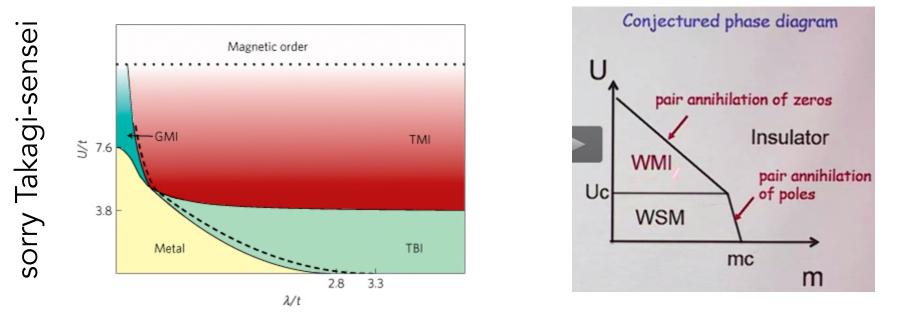
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- Many talks once again prove that we are really good at theory of free electrons - and there are still some good ideas being explored
- c.f. Potter's quantum oscillations nice!



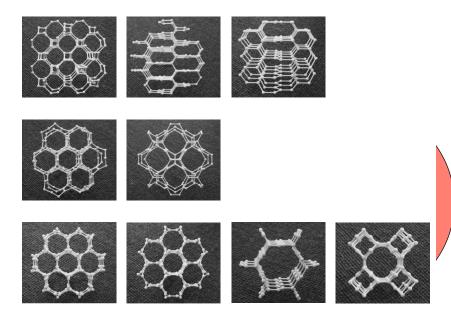
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But can we do *something* beyond weak interactions??

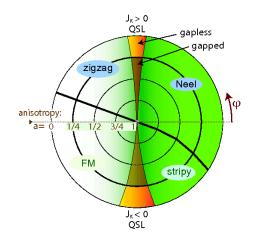


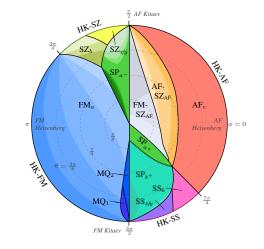
Crazy ideas...(of varying degree)...can we do better without throwing out the baby with the bathwater??

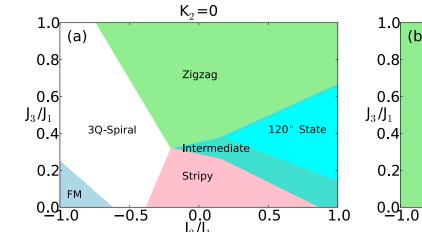
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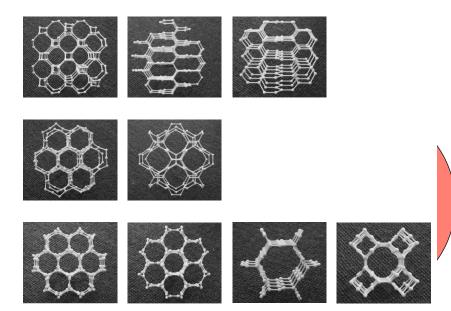




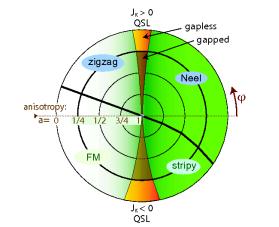


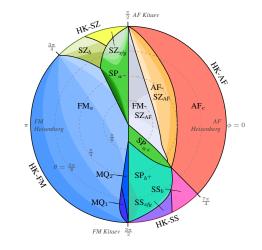
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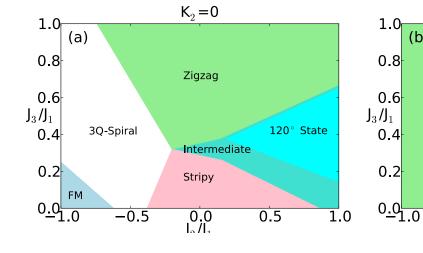
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Non-zoological questions??







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The biggest question for theorists is obvious:

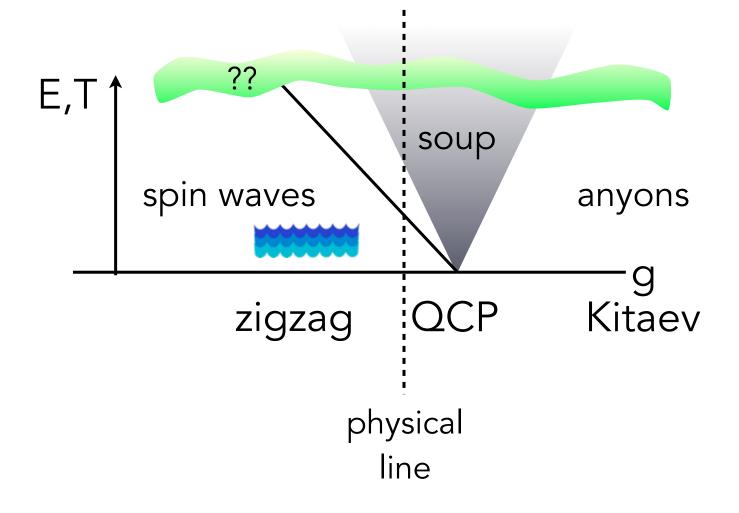
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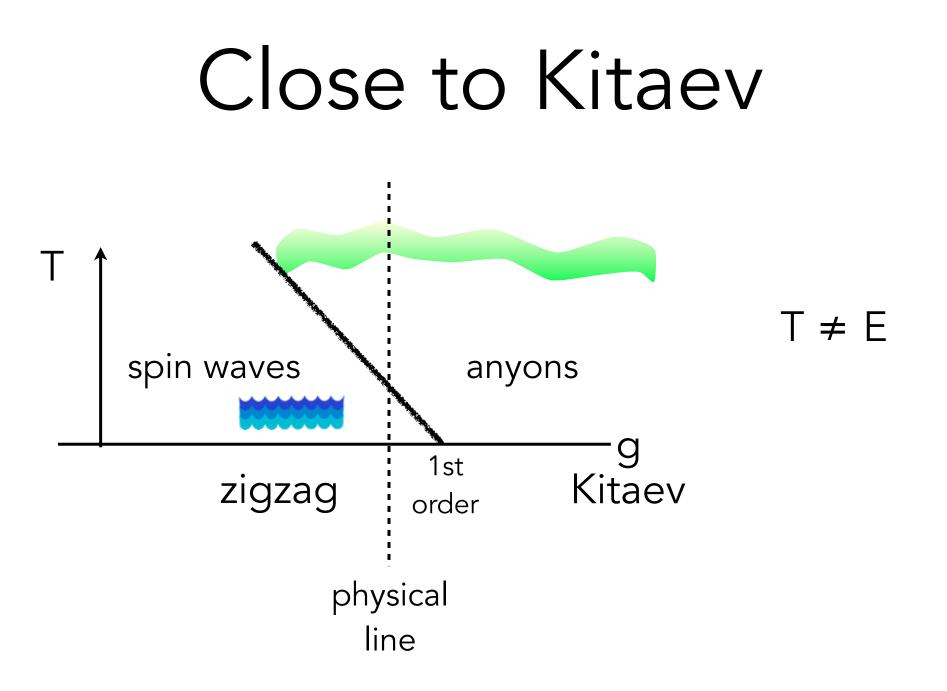


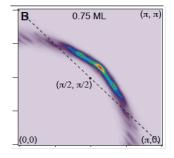
Other questions for Kitaev

- Can we actually get one of these systems into the spin liquid phase?
- Can we do some theory better than semiclassical and Kitaev's exact but special solution?
- What does it mean to be close to the Kitaev QSL? Could you tell?

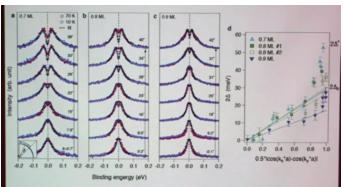
Close to Kitaev



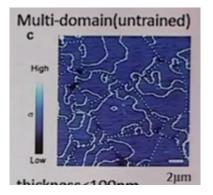




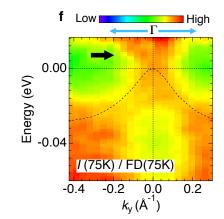




- Beautiful experiments on Sr₂IrO₄ from BJ Kim
- Surely theorists can learn something about high-T_c from this? Or conversely predict something that is different from cuprates??
- Or maybe we should just place bets...



Iridates



- Rich experiments on pyrochlores, Nd₂Ir₂O₇ etc.
- Some theory, yet pretty much all is mean-field. However, ARPES indicates strong correlations. MFT predicts lots of nodal physics, but is it really there??

Outline

- Iridate electronic structure
- Quadratic band touching
- Field theory of quantum criticality
- Incorporation of rare earth spins
- Kondo mean field
- Strong correlation effects band narrowing
- Fluctuation-induced first order physics
- Interplay of field, f-electron anisotropy, and Ir localization
- Field-induced nodal states
- Density matrix embedding theory
- Exact solution by AdS/CFT







