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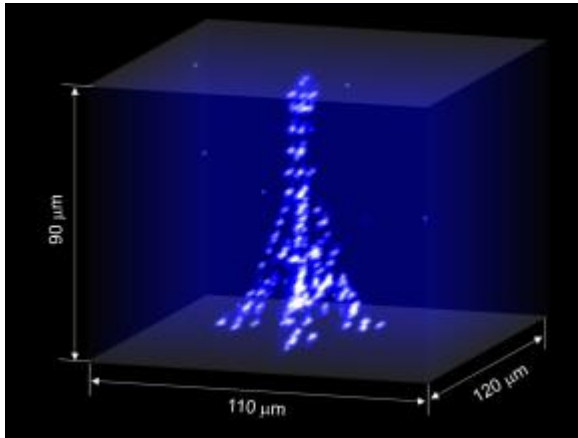
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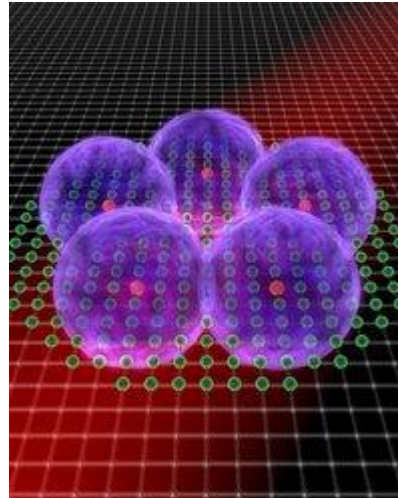
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# Rydberg atoms

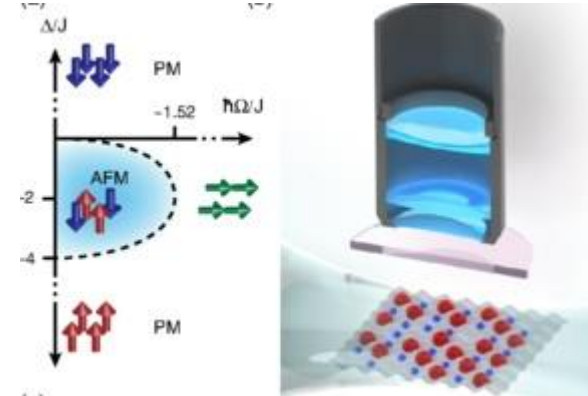
Arrays of Rydberg atoms: perfect to simulate spin models



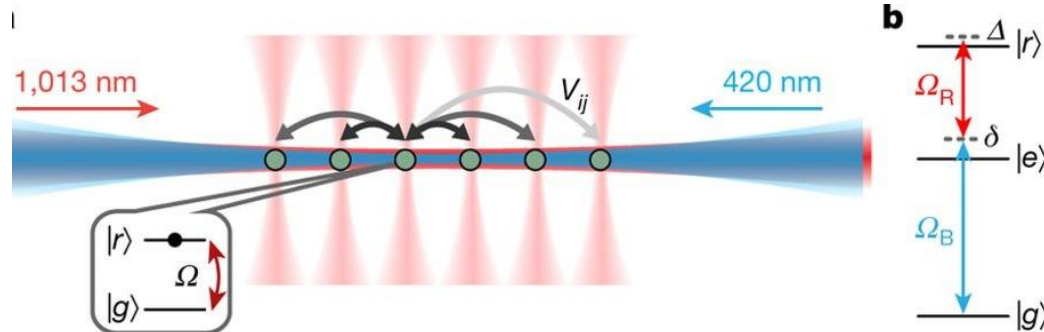
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Munich  
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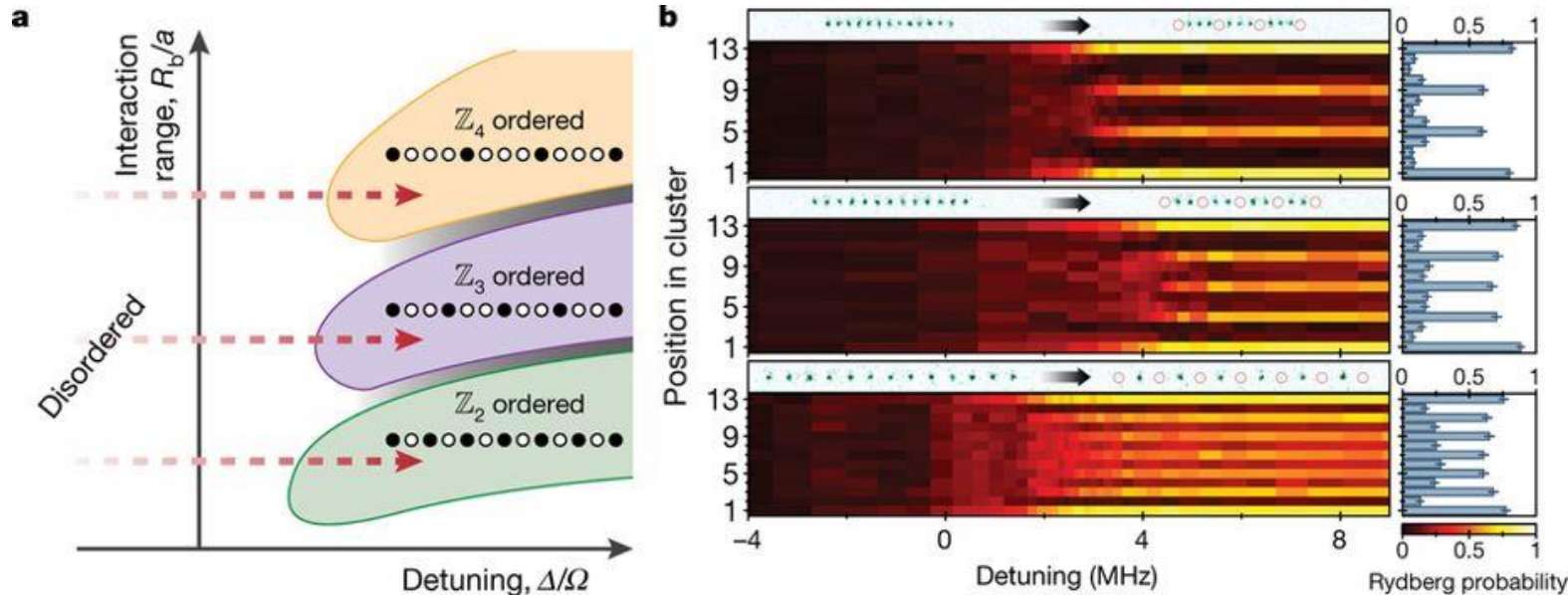


Harvard  
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# Rydberg atoms: Blockade

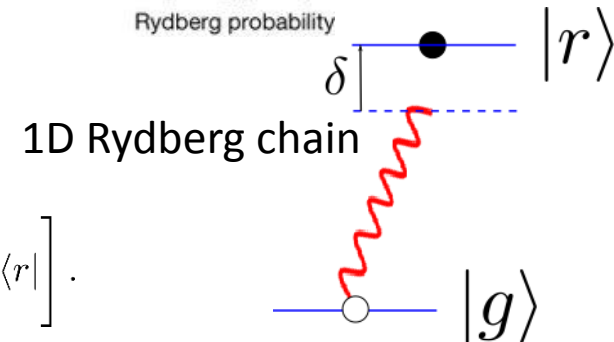
## Rydberg blockade: $PXP$ dynamics!

[Bernier et al., Nature 551, 579 (2017)]



$$H_{Ryd} = \sum_i \left[ -\Omega(|r\rangle_i \langle g| + |g\rangle_i \langle r|) + \delta |r\rangle_i \langle r| + \sum_{k>0} V_k |r\rangle_i \langle r| \otimes |r\rangle_{i+k} \langle r| \right]$$

$$\approx \sum_i \left[ -\Omega |g\rangle_{i-1} \langle g| (|r\rangle_i \langle g| + |g\rangle_i \langle r|) |g\rangle_{i+1} \langle g| + \sum_{k>1} V_k |r\rangle_i \langle r| \otimes |r\rangle_{i+k} \langle r| \right].$$



Kibble-Zurek

Quantum scars, connection to graph theory

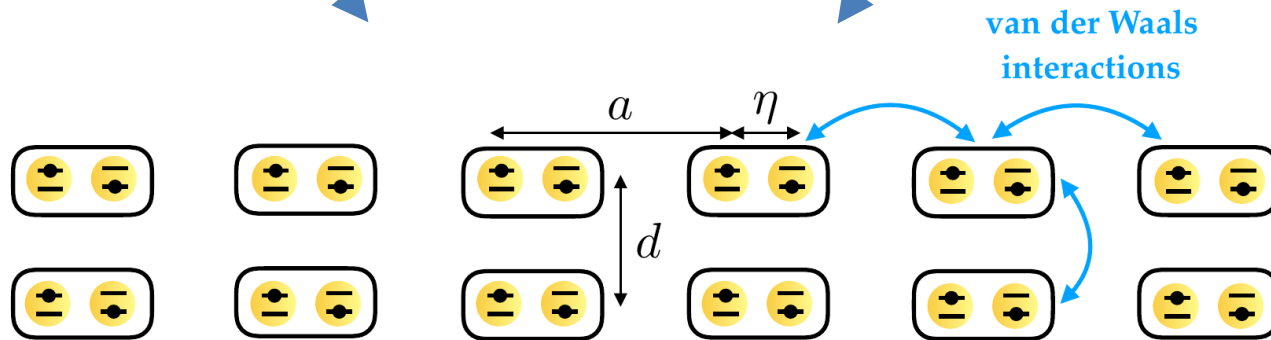
[Keesling et al., arXiv:1809.05540]

[Turner et al., Nature Phys. 14, 745 (2018)]

# Take home message

Controllable 2D  
geometries of  
Rydberg arrays

Suitable encoding of  
gauge degrees of  
freedom



Emerging 2D lattice gauge theory

# Outline

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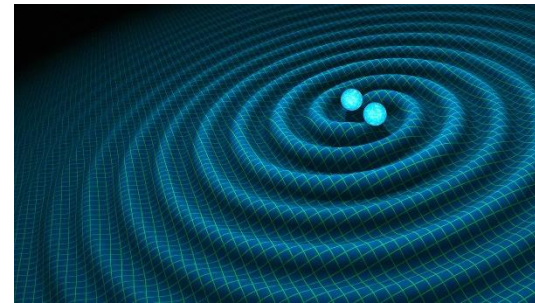
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# I.1 Why Gauge Theories?

Gauge theories appear everywhere!

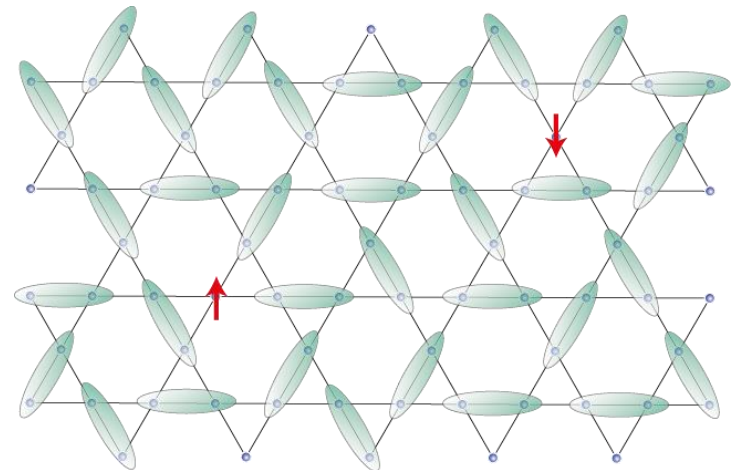
HEP: “All” fundamental interactions are gauge theories (even gravity)

	Fermions			Bosons	
Quarks	$u$ up	$c$ charm	$t$ top	$\gamma$ photon	Force carriers
	$d$ down	$s$ strange	$b$ bottom	$Z$ Z boson	
Leptons	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$W$ W boson	
	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	$g$ gluon	



**Condensed Matter:** Emerging local symmetry

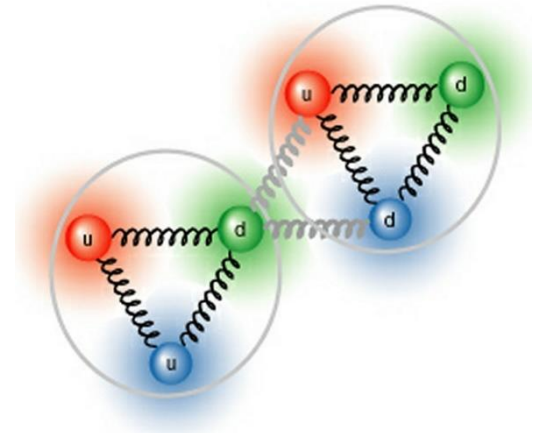
Quantum magnetism,  
high- $T_c$  superconductivity  
& topological order





# I.2 Why Lattice Gauge Theories?

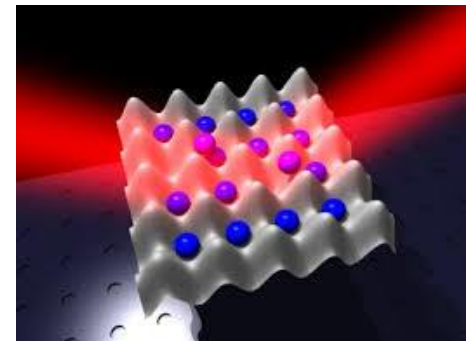
Wilson'74: Lattice formulation to study QCD  
by Quantum MonteCarlo



**Success:** Static properties at low fermion density

**Sign problems:** Dynamics, phase diagram at high density

Perfect opportunity for tensor networks and  
quantum simulation!

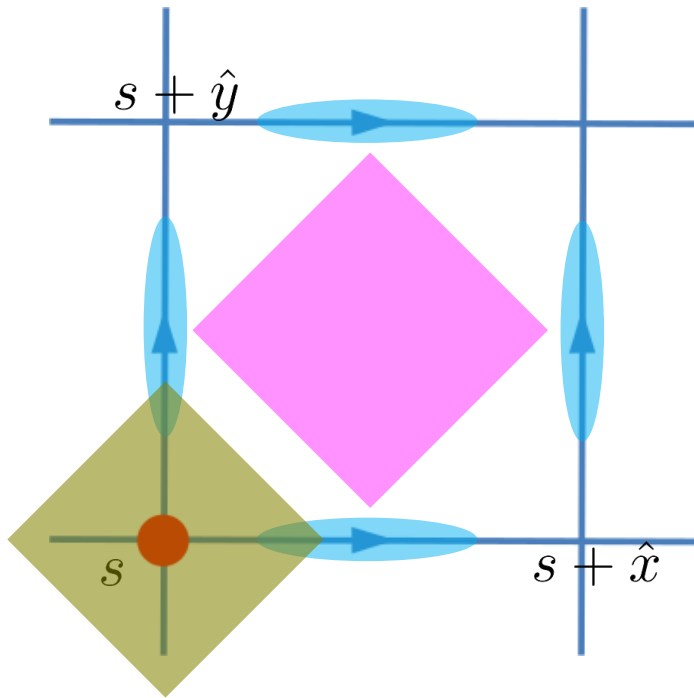


Hamiltonian approach: engineer an emergent gauge theory

# I.3 Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory [Kogut,Susskind'75]

2D QED: **Dynamical gauge field** = operator on **electro-magnetic quanta**

$$[\hat{E}_{s,\mu}, \hat{U}_{s,\mu}] = -\hat{U}_{s,\mu}$$



+ Electro-magnetic energy

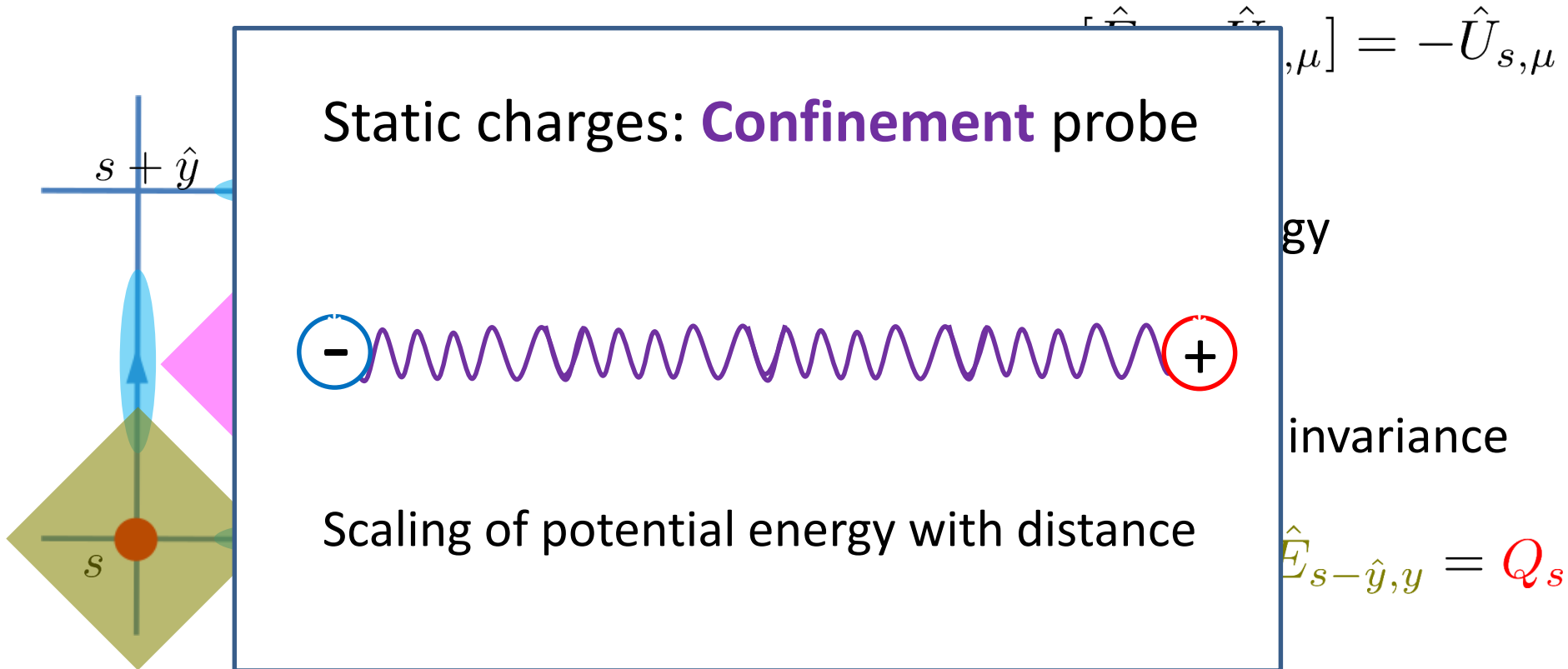
+ Gauss law U(1) gauge invariance

$$\hat{E}_{s,x} + \hat{E}_{s,y} - \hat{E}_{s-\hat{x},x} - \hat{E}_{s-\hat{y},y} = Q_s$$

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# I.4 Spin gauge theory [Horn'81,Orland'90,Wiese'97...]

2D Spin QED: **Electric truncated,  $2S+1$  states!** (For QCD see Wiese)

**Minimal choice:  $S=1/2$**

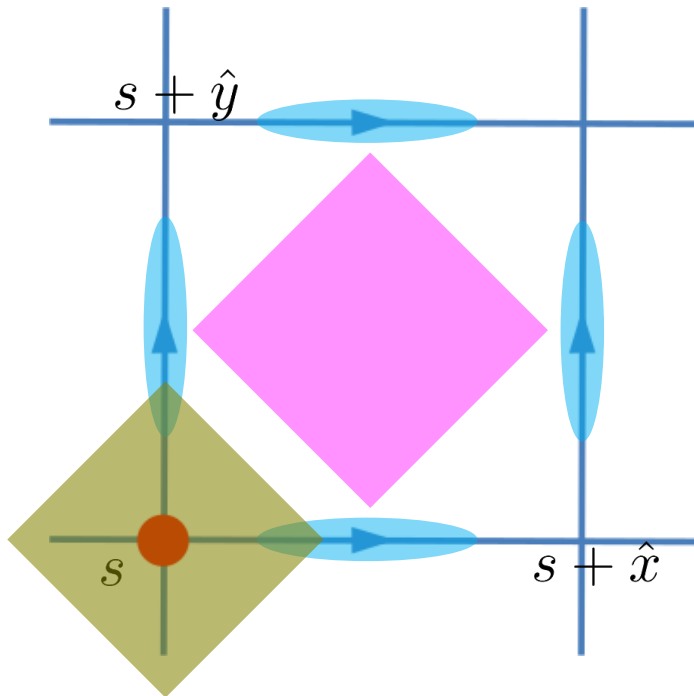
$$\hat{E}_{s,\mu} = \hat{S}_{s,\mu}^z, \quad \hat{U}_{s,\mu} = \hat{S}_{s,\mu}^- = \hat{S}_{s,\mu}^x + i\hat{S}_{s,\mu}^y$$

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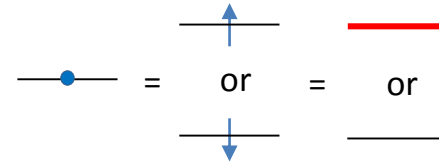
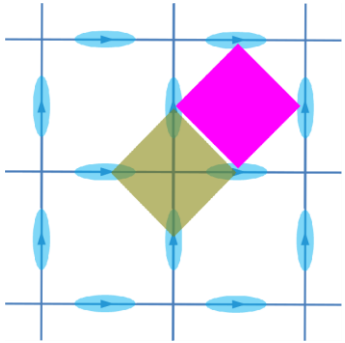
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Lattice gauge prototype! **Emerging in condensed matter systems!**

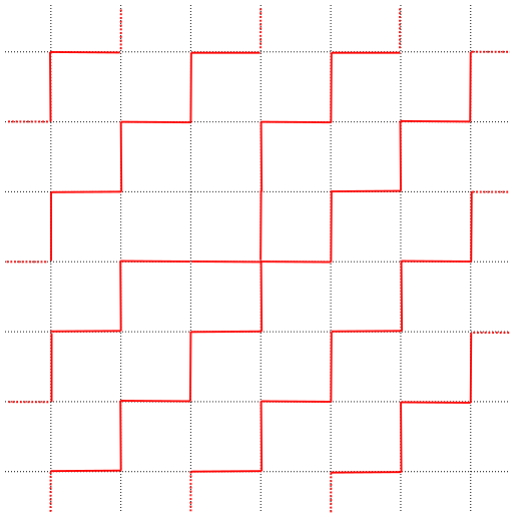
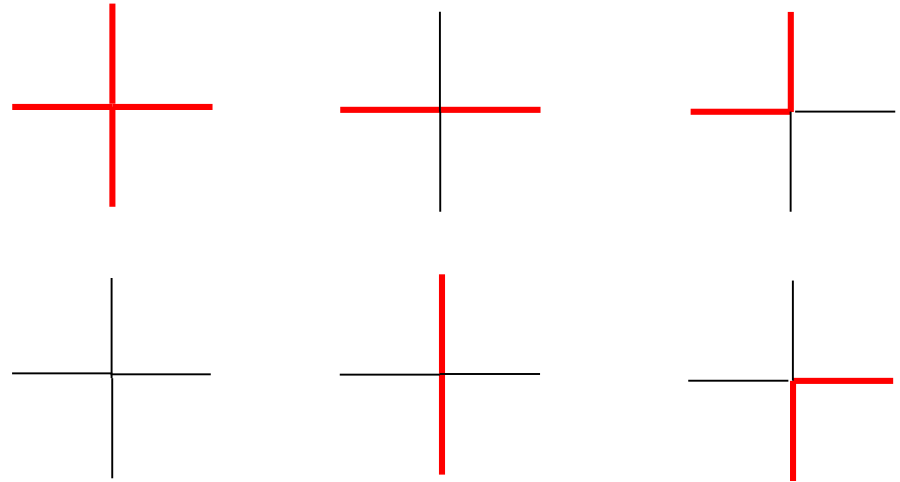
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## 2D QED $S=1/2$ : Graphical notation



Gauss law no charges: 6 building blocks!

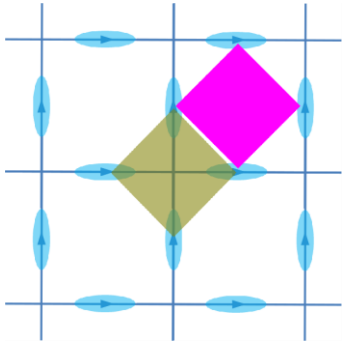
Equivalent to spin ice [Slater'41]



Physical states: strings going up & right

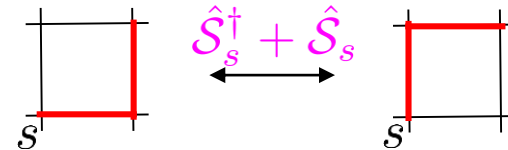
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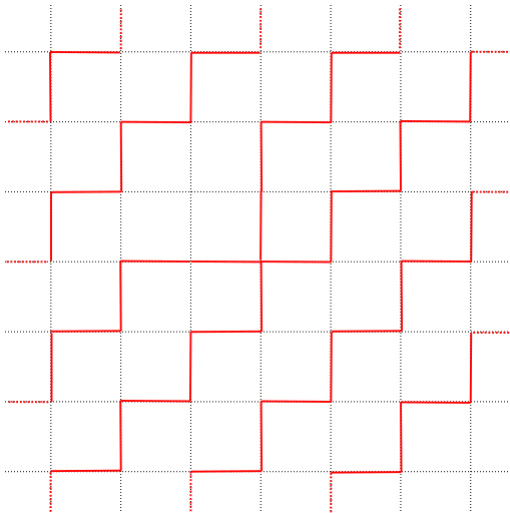


## Plaquette operator: Kinetic term for strings

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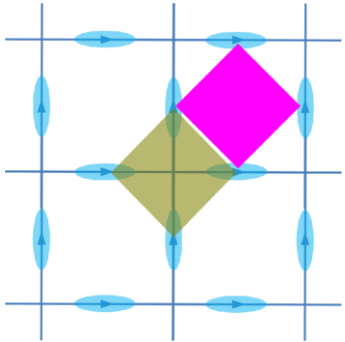


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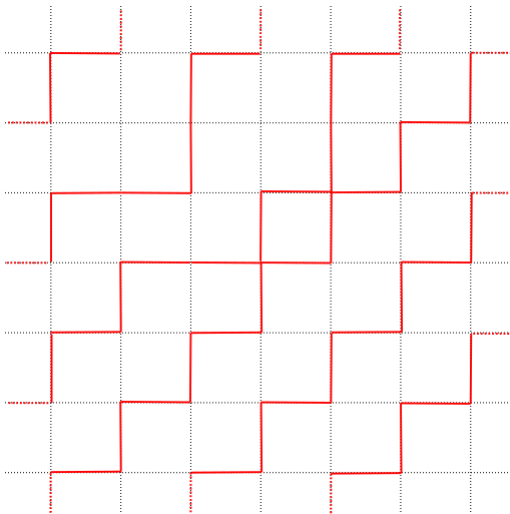
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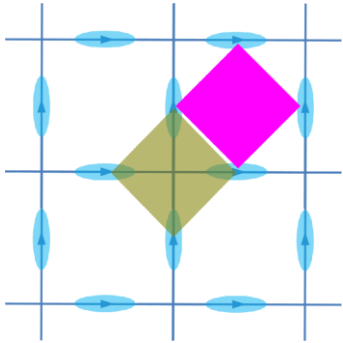
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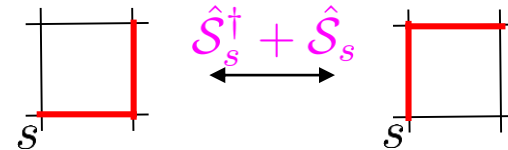
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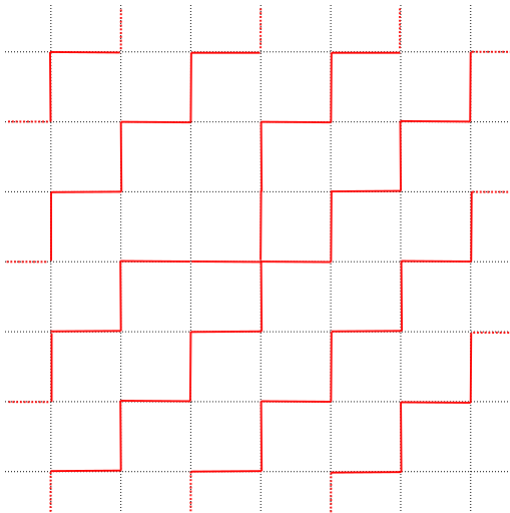


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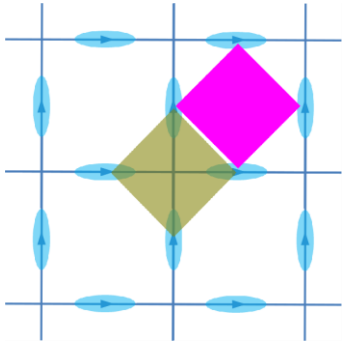
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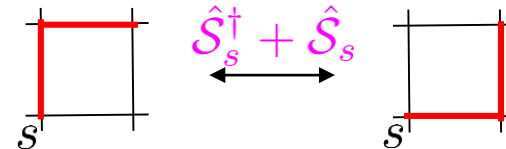
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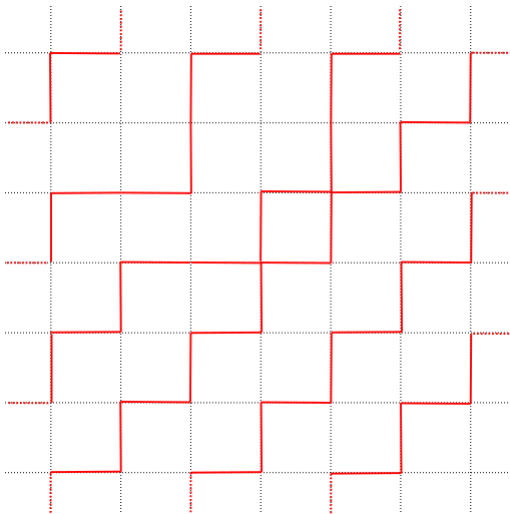


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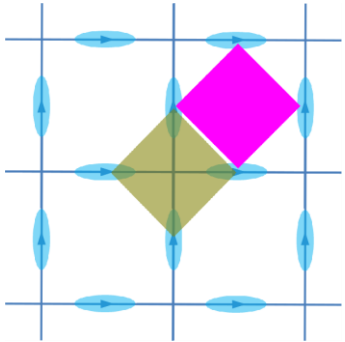


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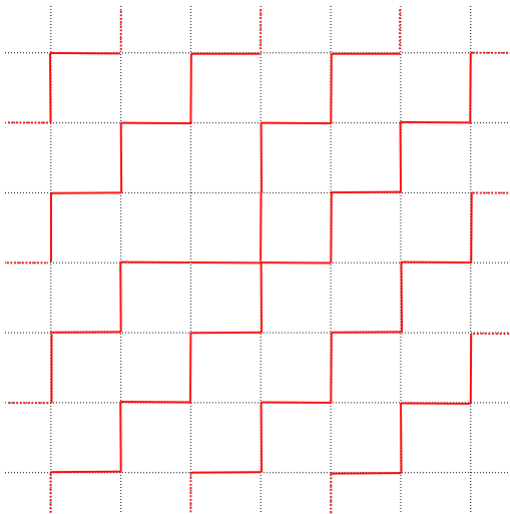
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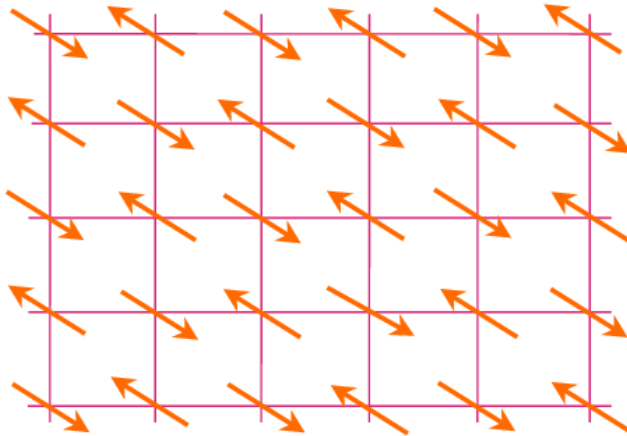
Equivalent to dimer move

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up to spin redefinition

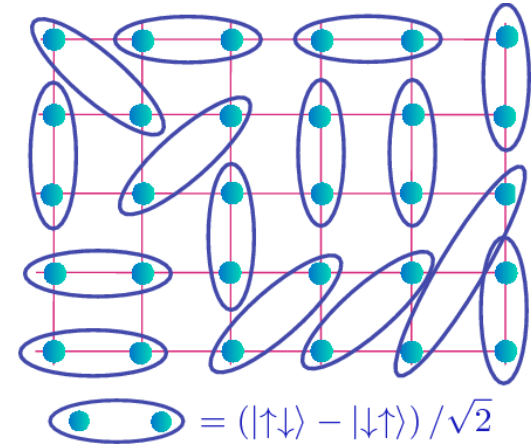
# I.6 Quantum dimer model

Antiferromagnets

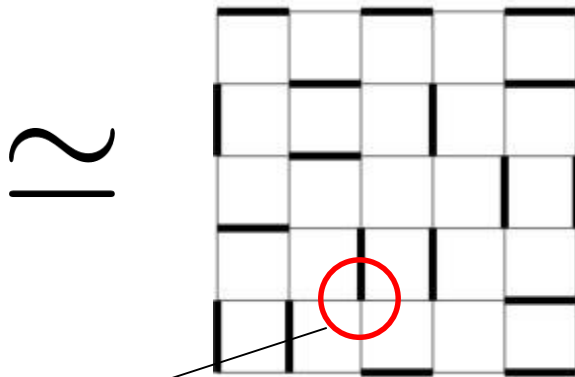


Valence bond (VB) covering

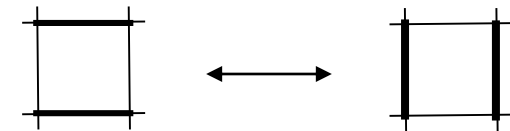
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Hard-core dimers



Quantum fluctuations



Resonating  
valence bonds

[Anderson, Baskaran'87]

[Rokhsar, Kivelson'88]...

$S=1/2$  spin gauge theory

[Moessner, Sondhi, Fradkin'01]

Hard core = Gauss law

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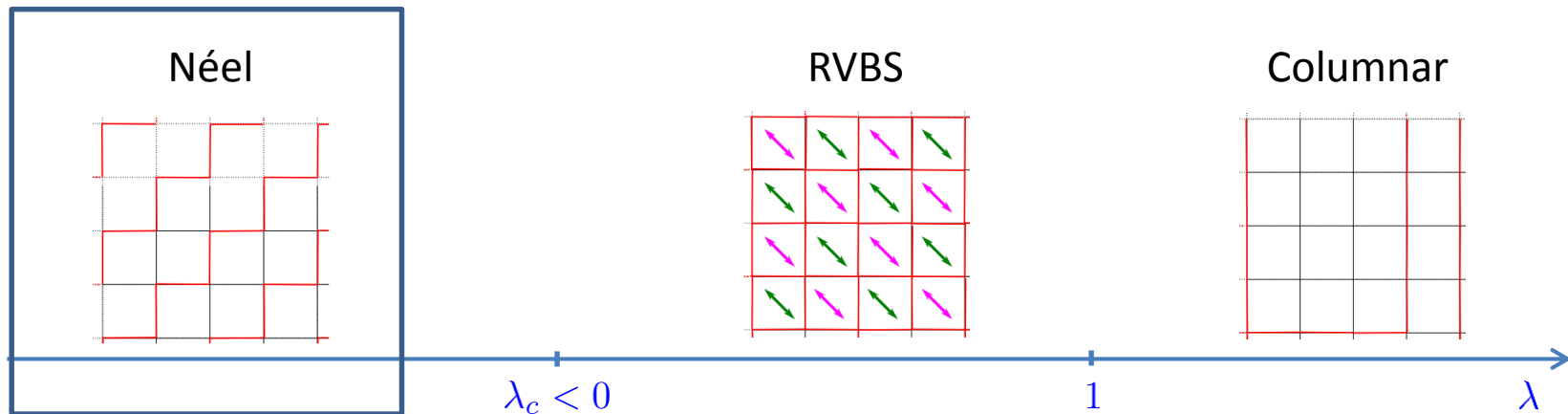
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Flippable background  
Order by disorder

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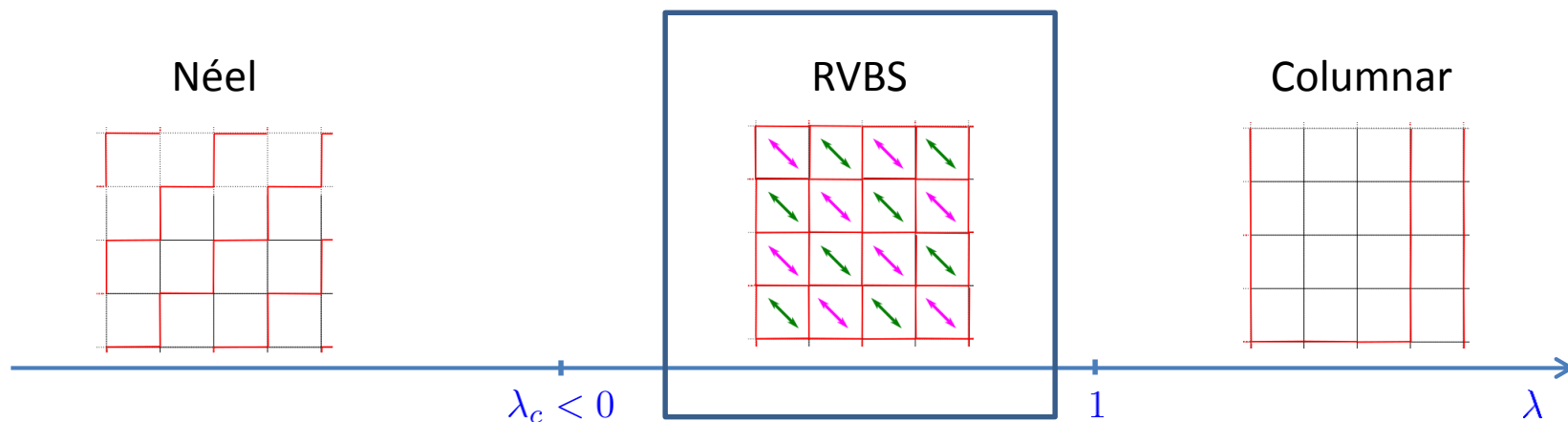
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Resonating Valence Bond  
Solid: Correlations break  
translational invariance

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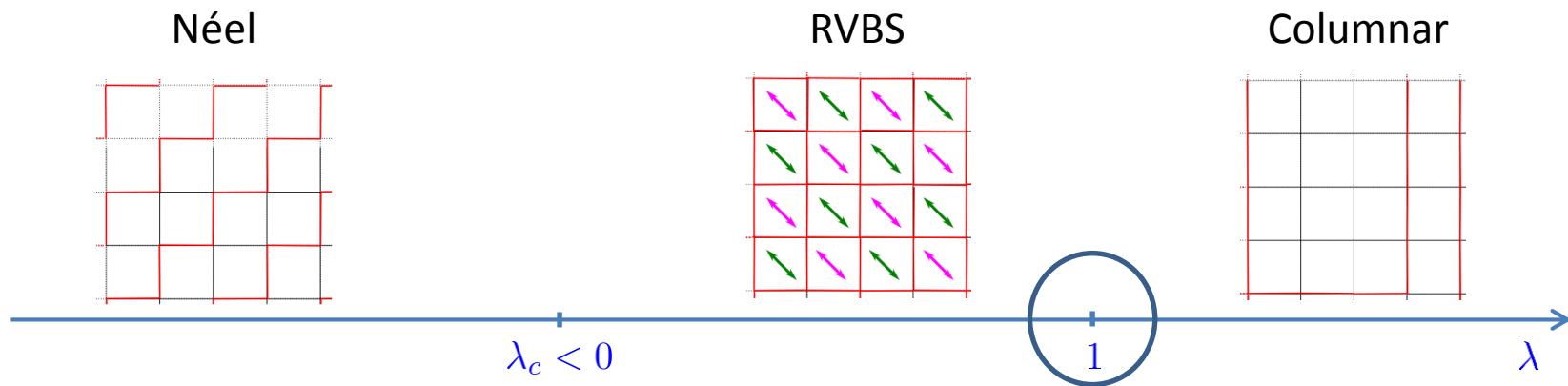
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$$\lambda = 1$$

Integrable: superposition all  
physical states, short-range  
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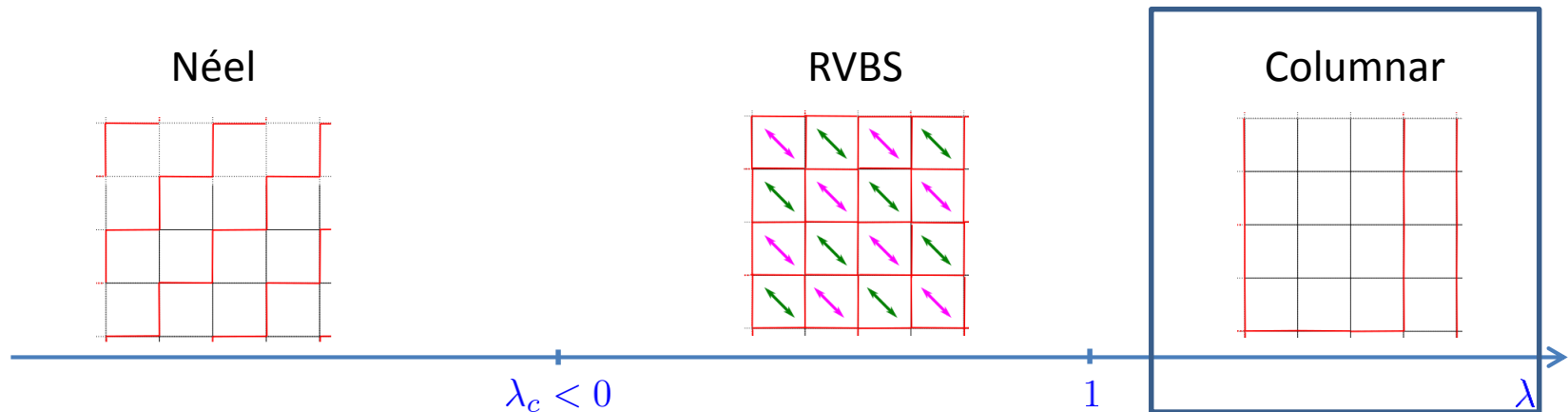
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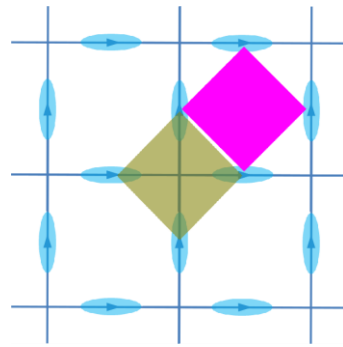
# I.8 Challenge in simulating spin gauge theories

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Plaquette interaction hard to implement

Existing proposal to simulate Gauss law and dynamics

- Analogue approach: Gauss law from energy penalty  
plaquette interactions perturbatively



[Büchler *et al*'05,  
Glaetzle *et al*'14]

- Digital simulation with Rydberg gates:  
Gauss law by dissipation  
plaquette interactions from sequential operations

[Weimer *et al*'10]

[Tagliacozzo,AC *et al*'13]



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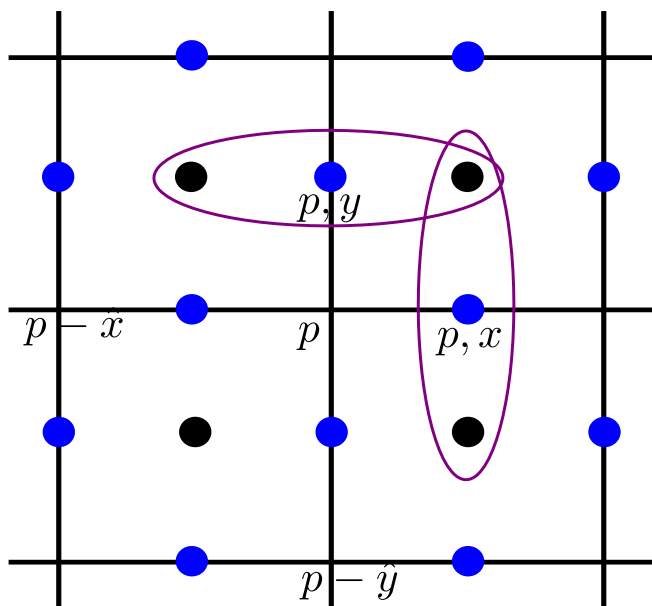
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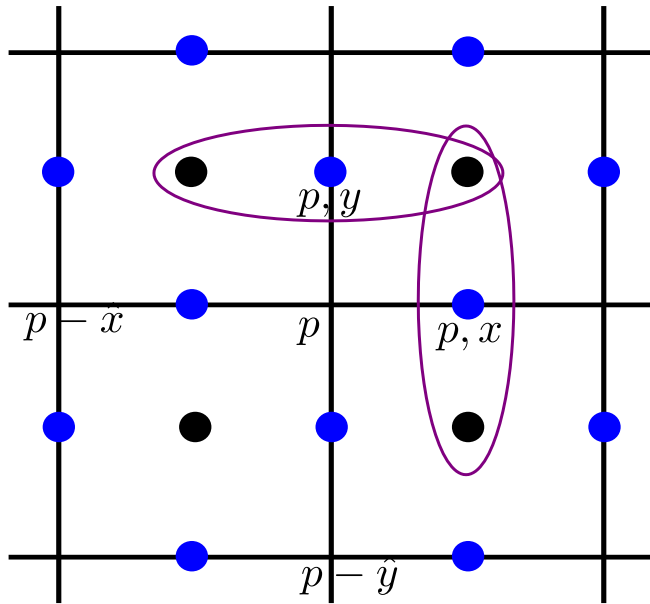
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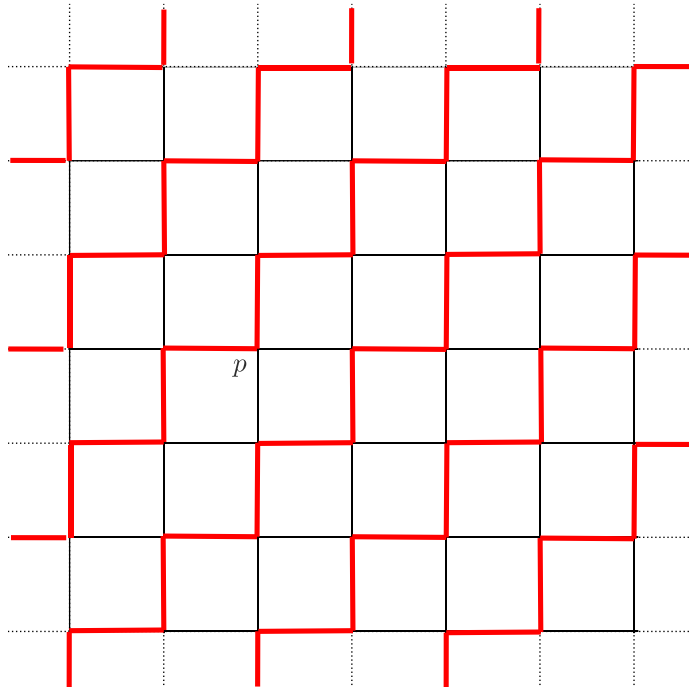
Spin version of height construction

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cf. duality in KS  $U(1)$ , [J. Zhang *et al* PRL **121**, 223201 (2018)]

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All plaquettes flippable



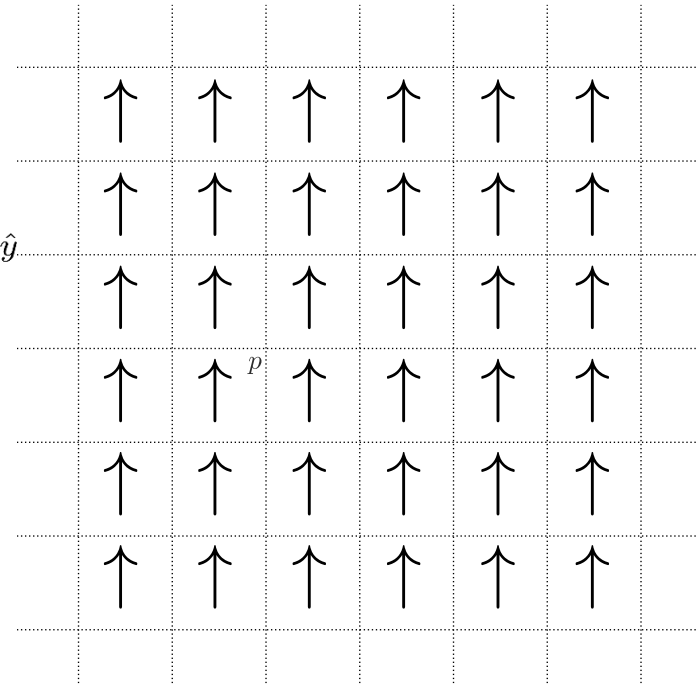
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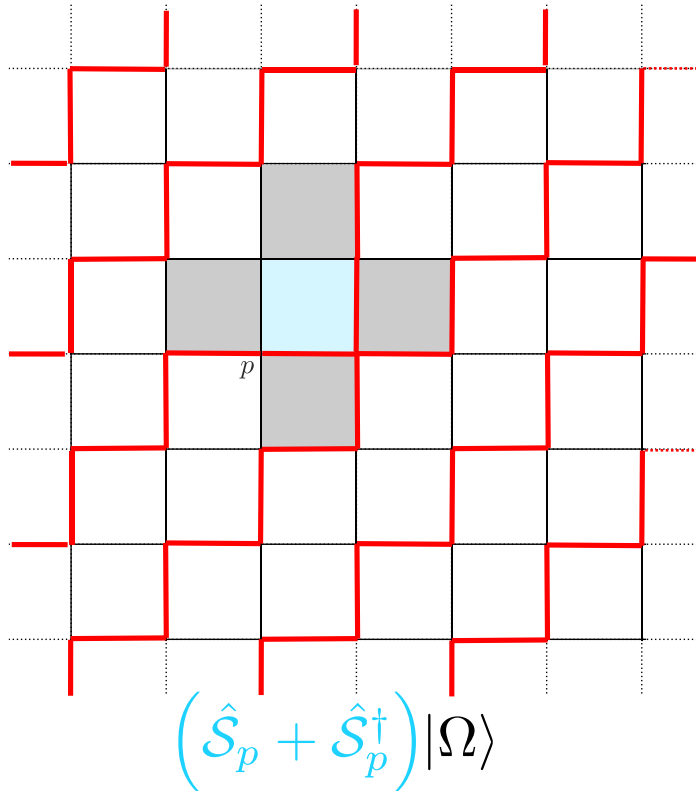
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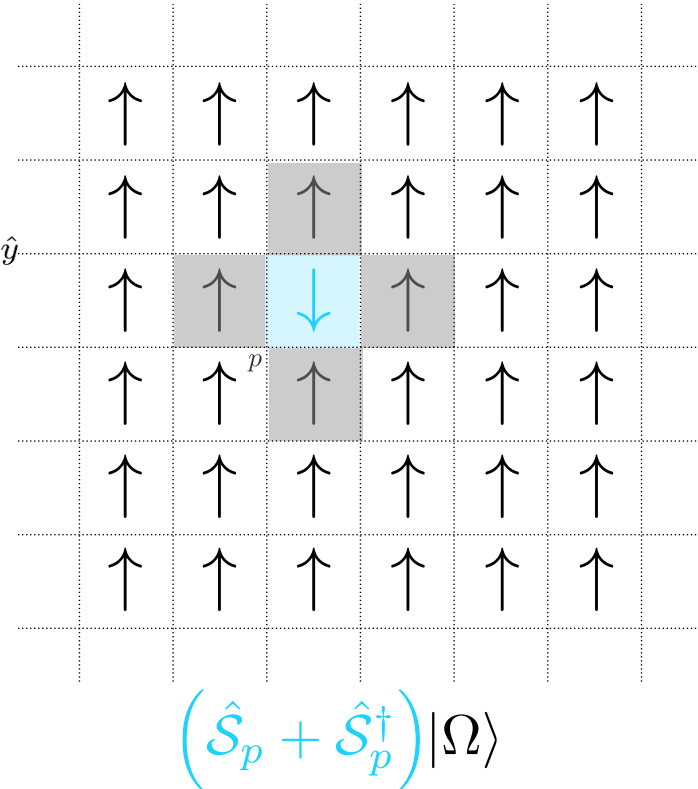
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Plaquette action: flip and blockade



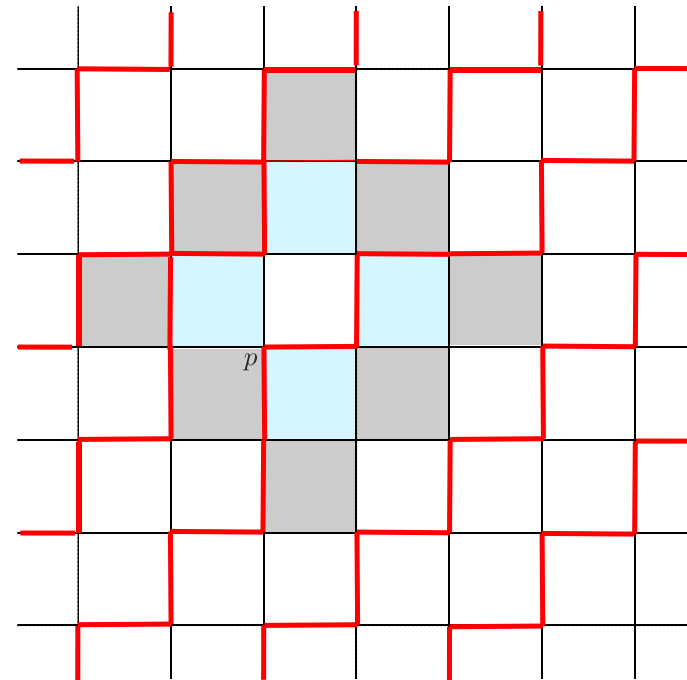
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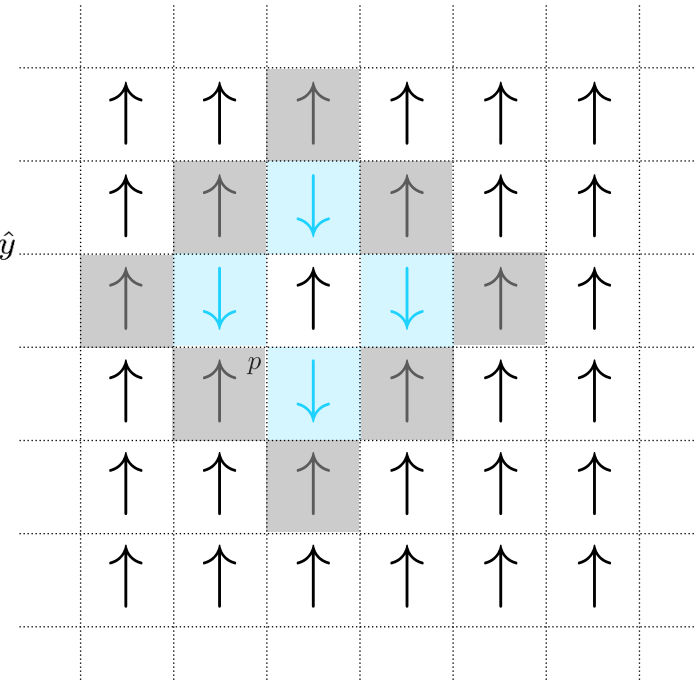
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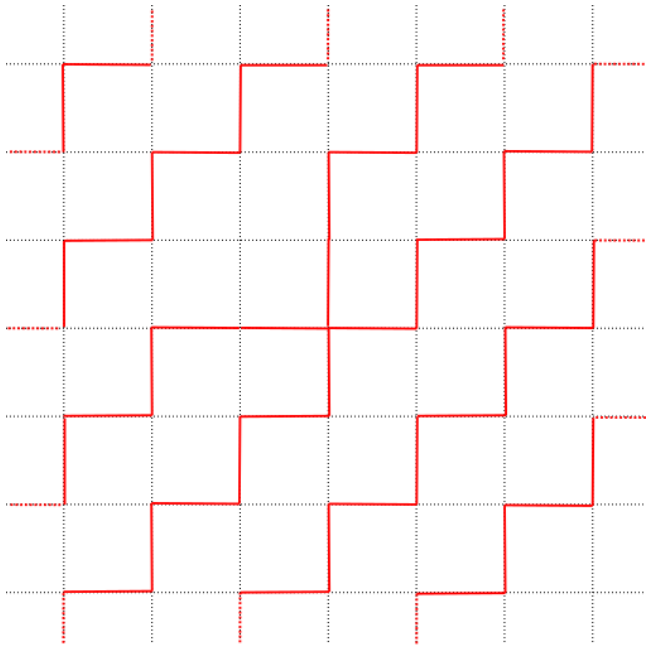
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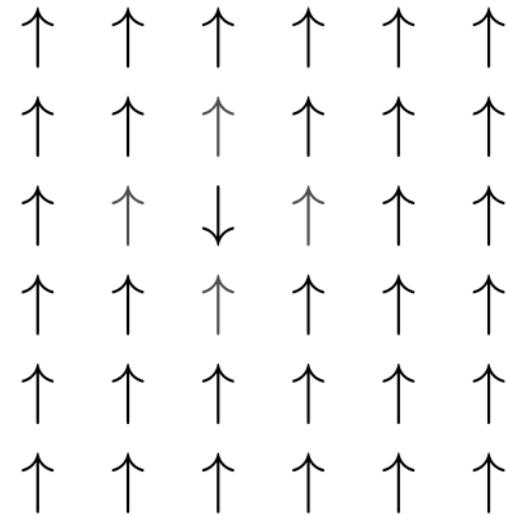
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Original string states



Dual plaquette spins



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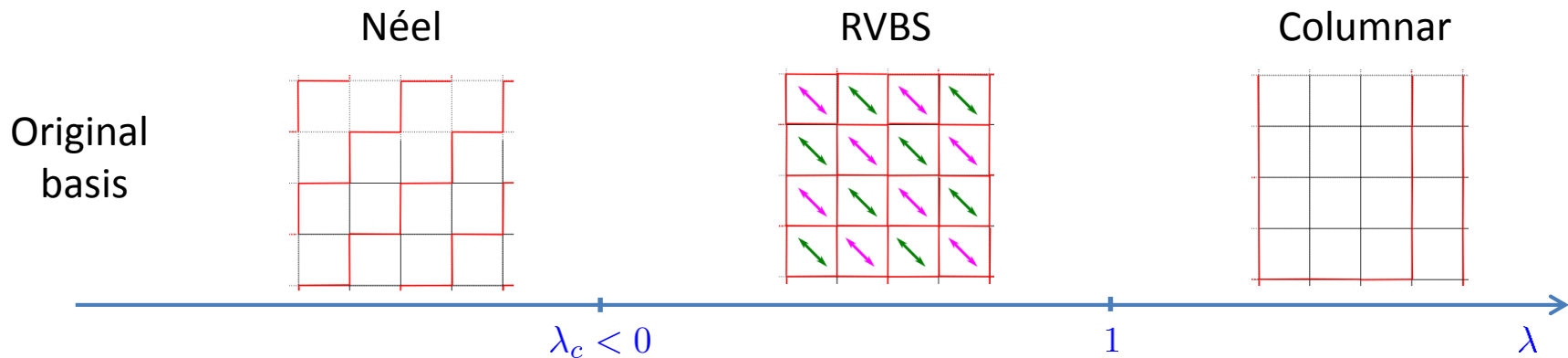
Valid for other lattices and background charges

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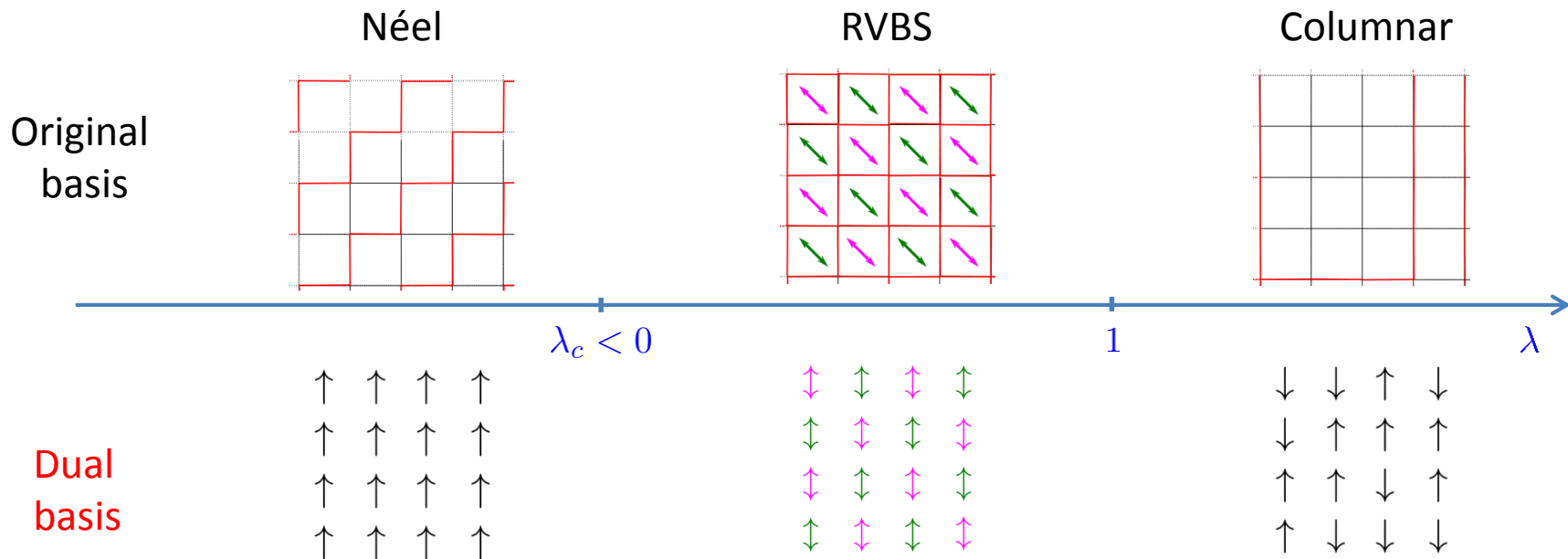


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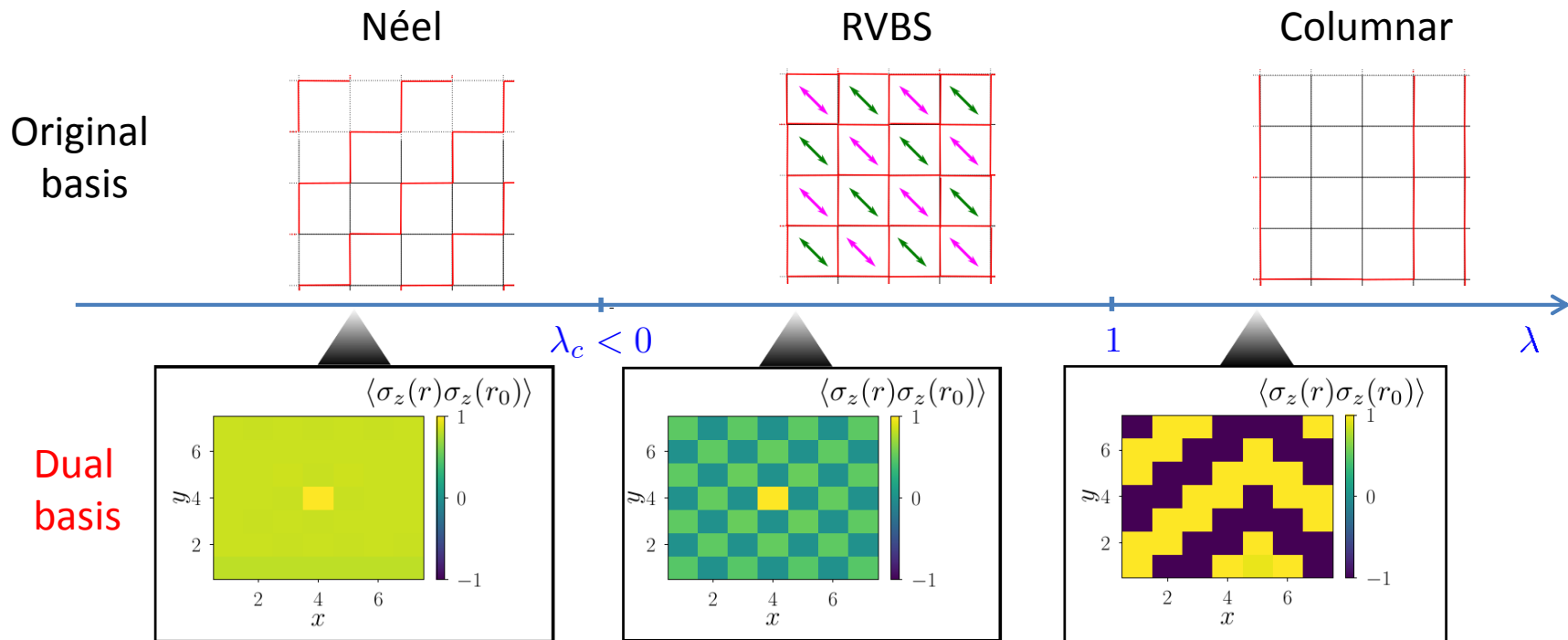


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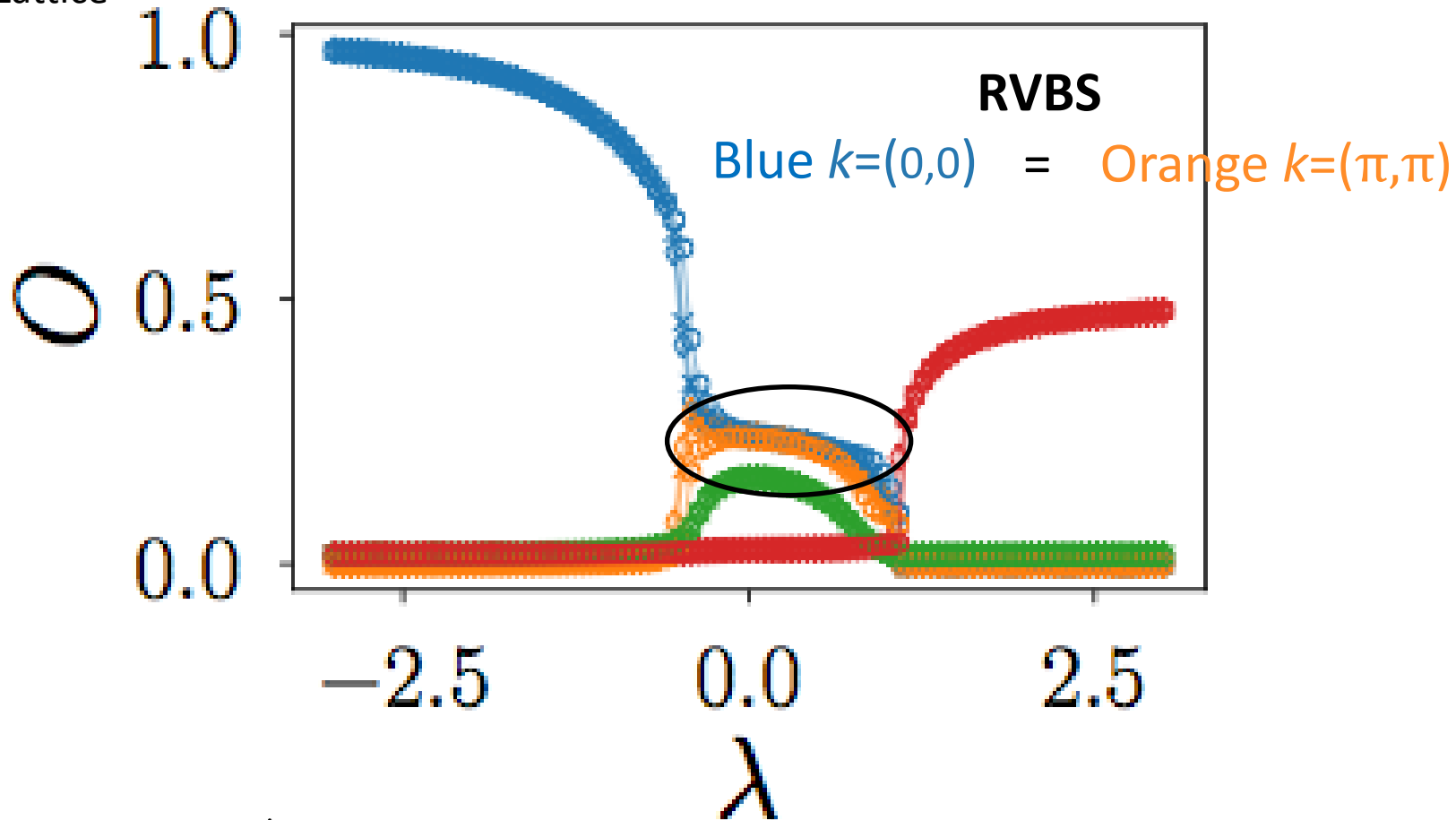
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Structure factors and **potential energy**: good order parameters

DMRG 8x8 Lattice



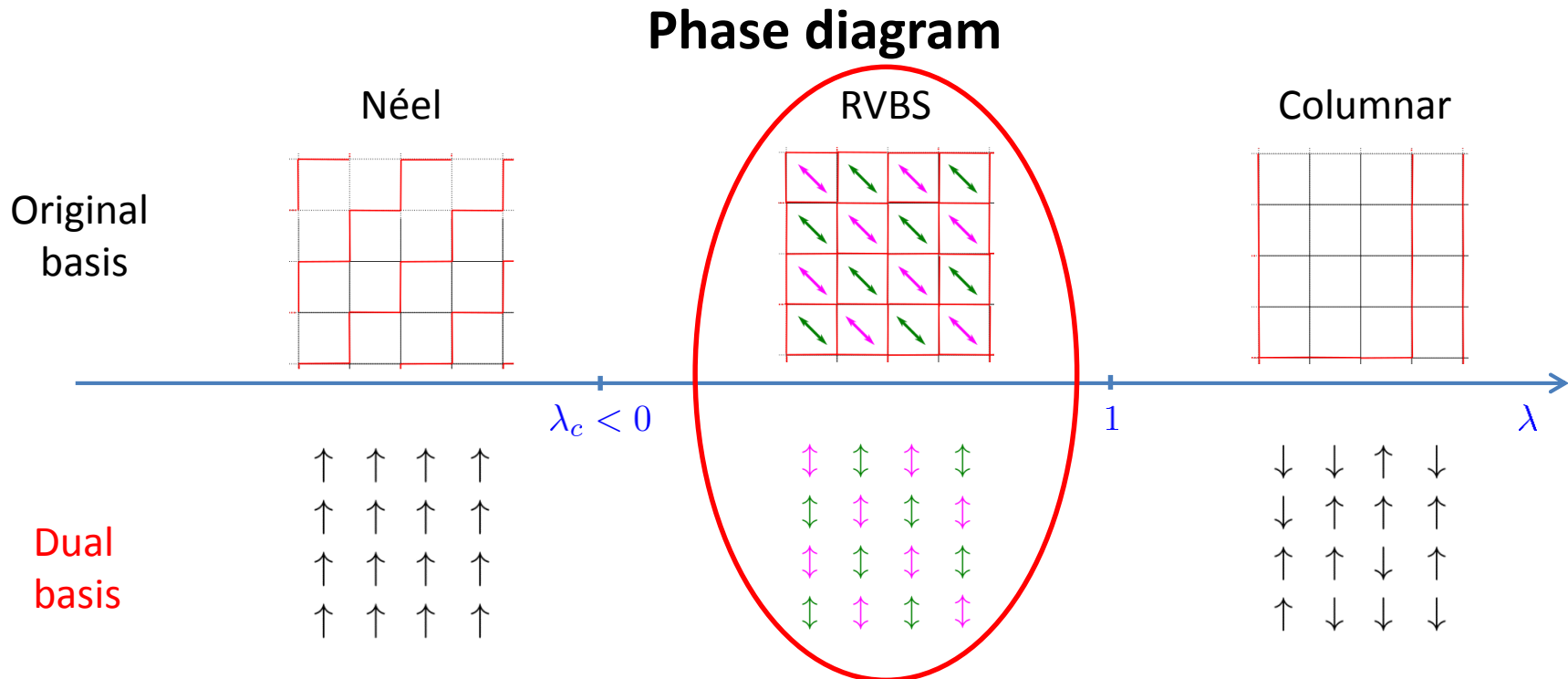
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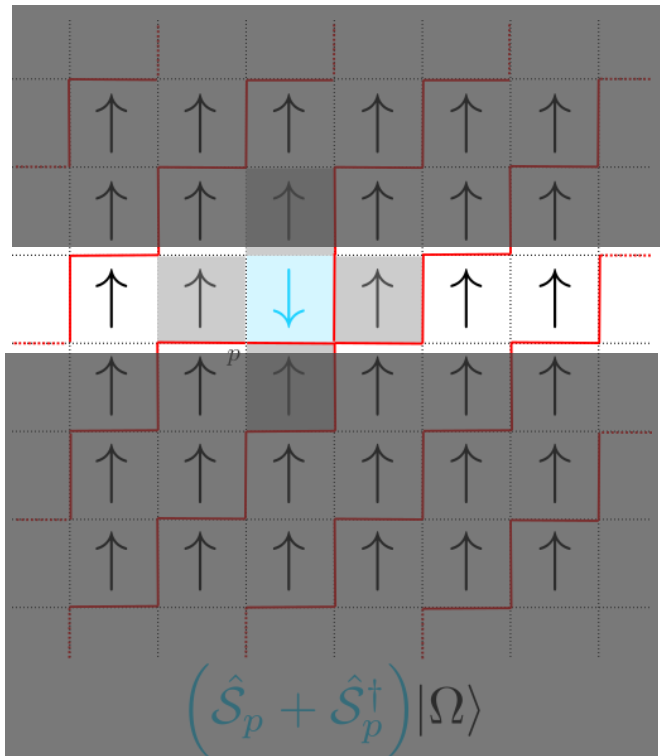
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Anti-blockade term restores charge conjugation  
Crucial to achieve the RVBS phase



# Special case.1 RK on a ladder [AC *et al*, to appear]

Minimalist instance: just blockade!



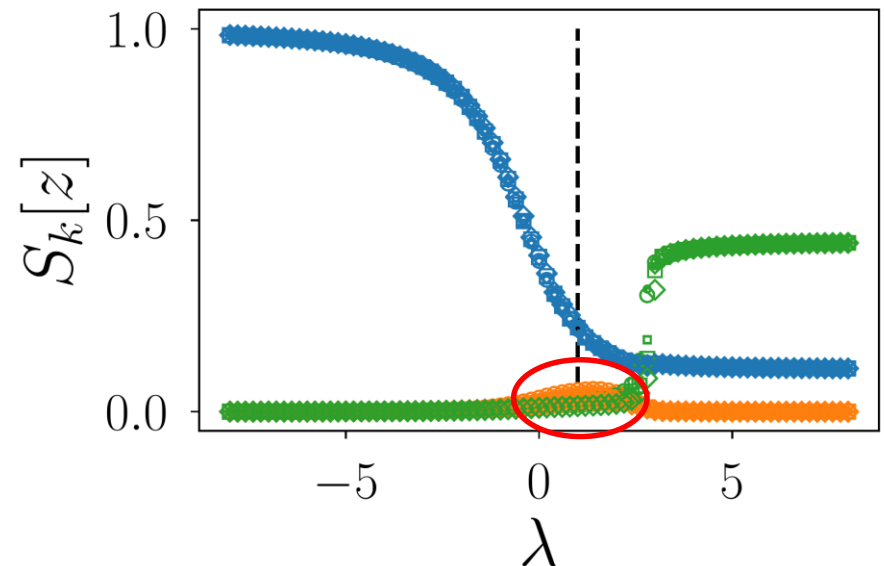
[Moessner, Sondhi'01]

$$H_{dRK} \rightarrow -J \sum_s P_s^{\uparrow\uparrow} \left( 2\hat{S}_s^x - \lambda \right)$$

$$= PXP + \text{detuning}$$

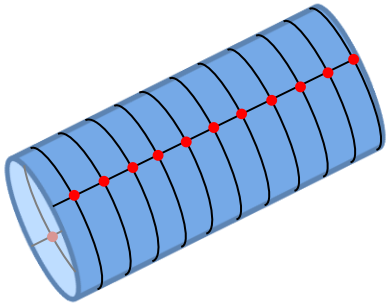
Realized by a Rydberg chain!

RVBS replaced by a **disorder phase**



No free lunch:  
we need antiblockade!

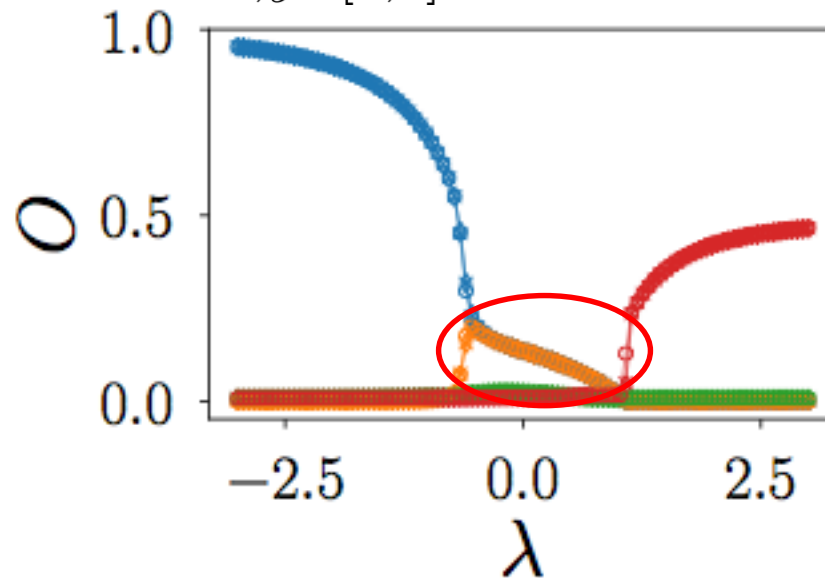
## Special case.2 RK on a periodic ladder [AC *et al*, to appear]



Periodic ladder: simplest cylinder

Bulk plaquettes have all neighbors, 3 independent

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DMRG 64x2

Minimal geometry hosting a **RVBS** phase

# Outline

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From static to dynamical gauge theories

The Rokhsar-Kivelson model

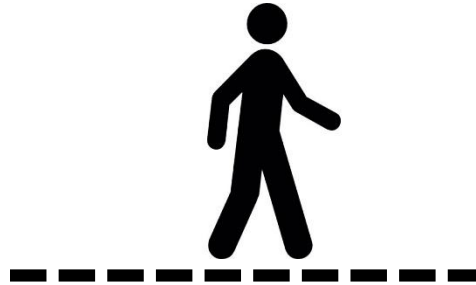
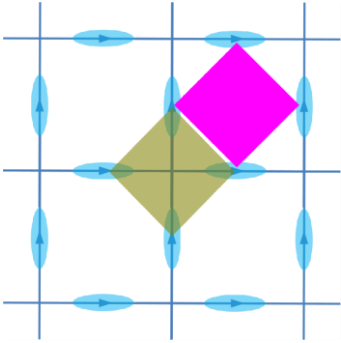
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Converting Ring exchange to blockade

## III. Rydberg implementation and examples

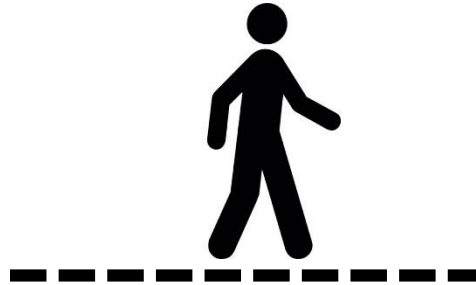
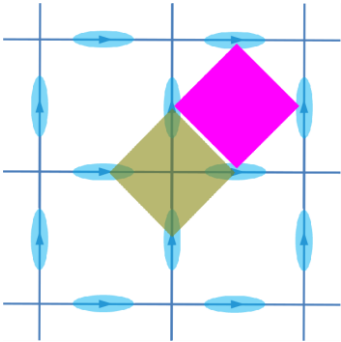
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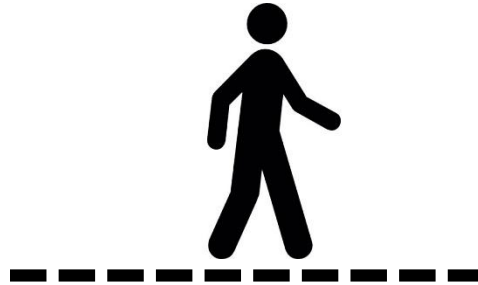
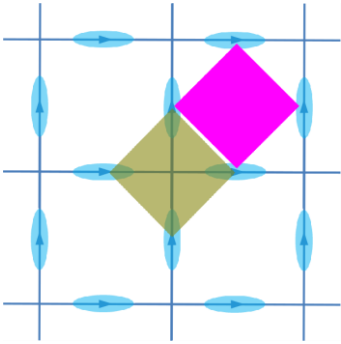


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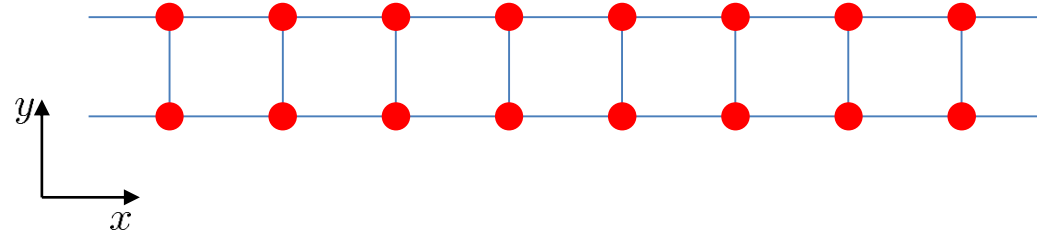
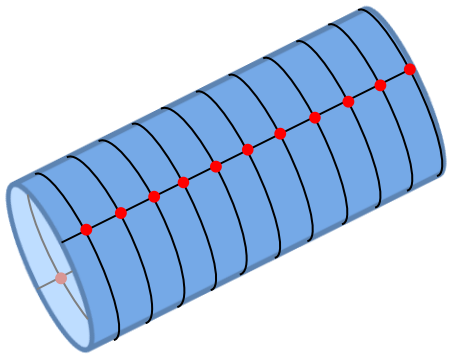
Lesson from blockade: projectors from nearest-neighbor interactions

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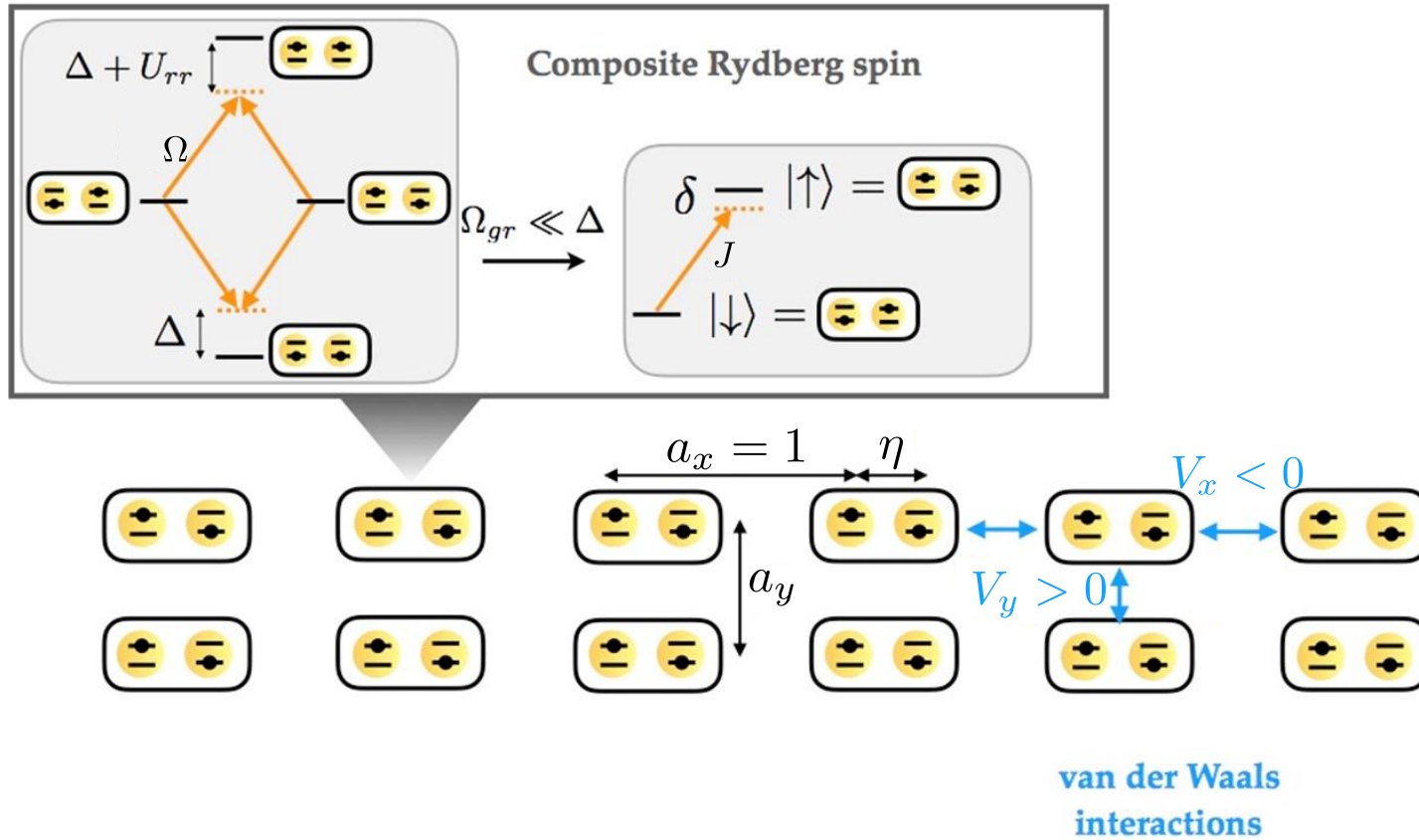
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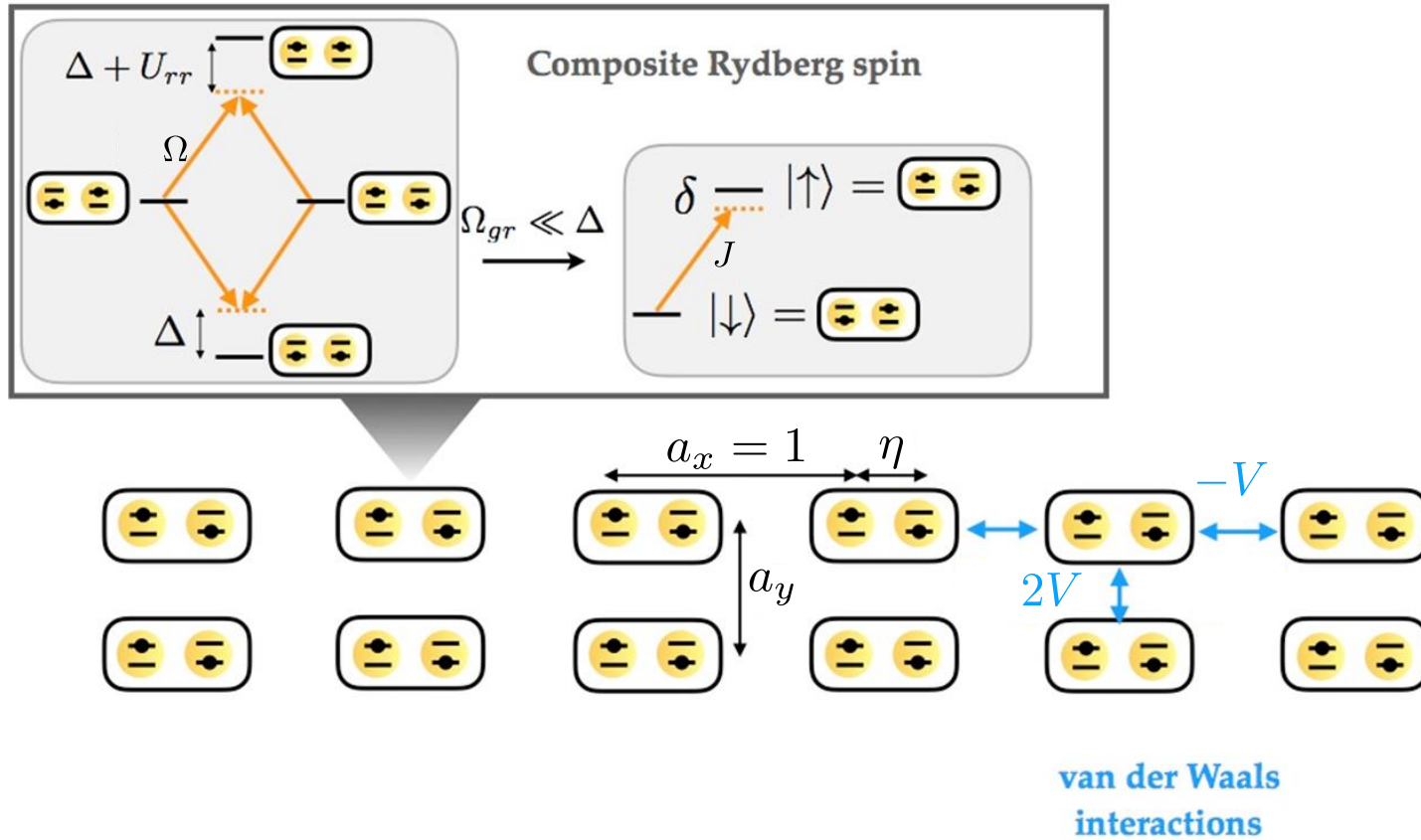
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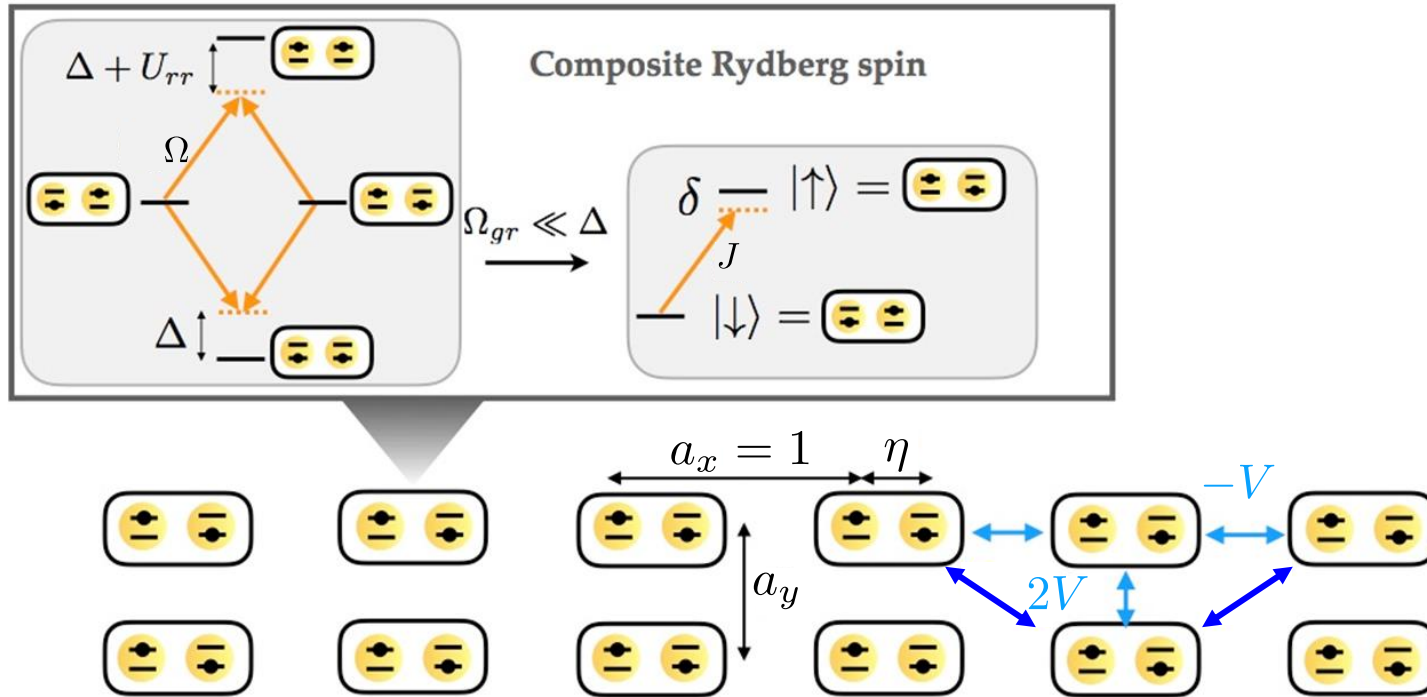
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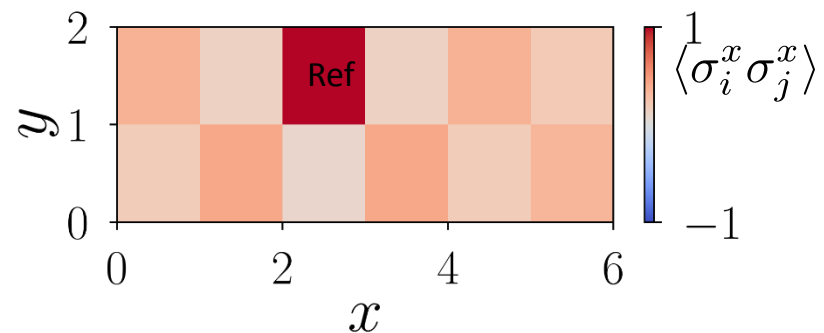
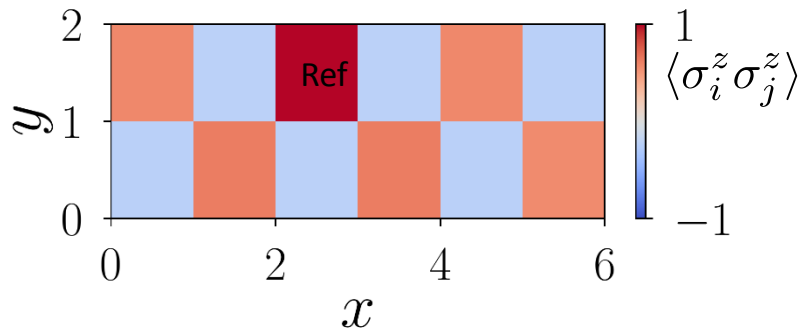
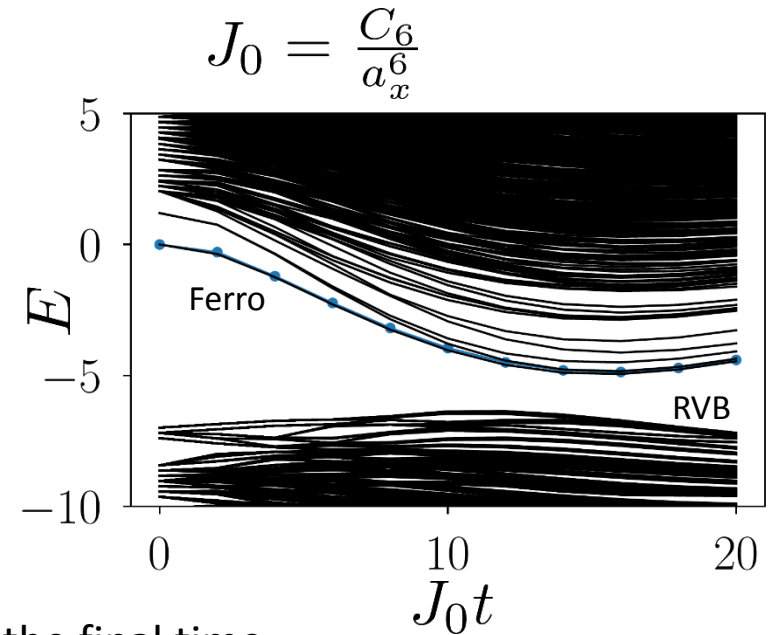
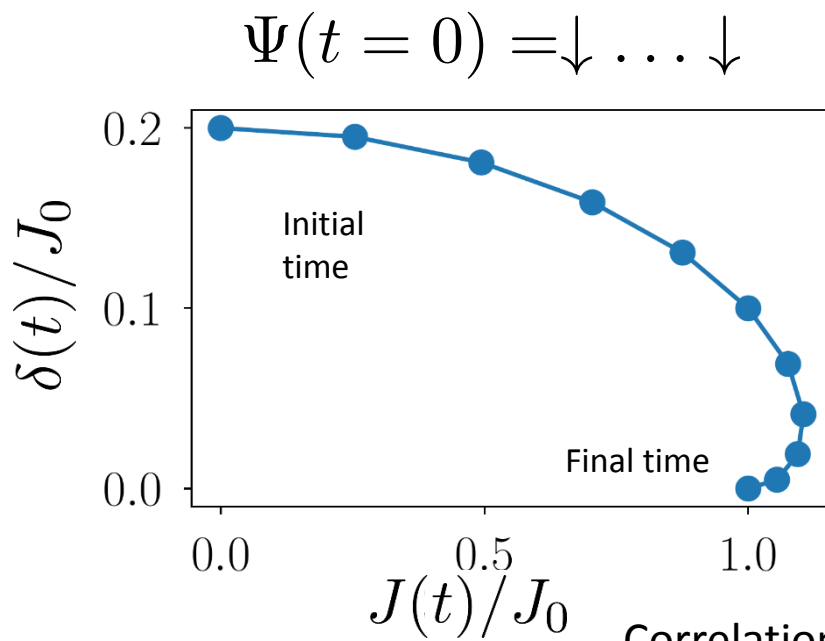


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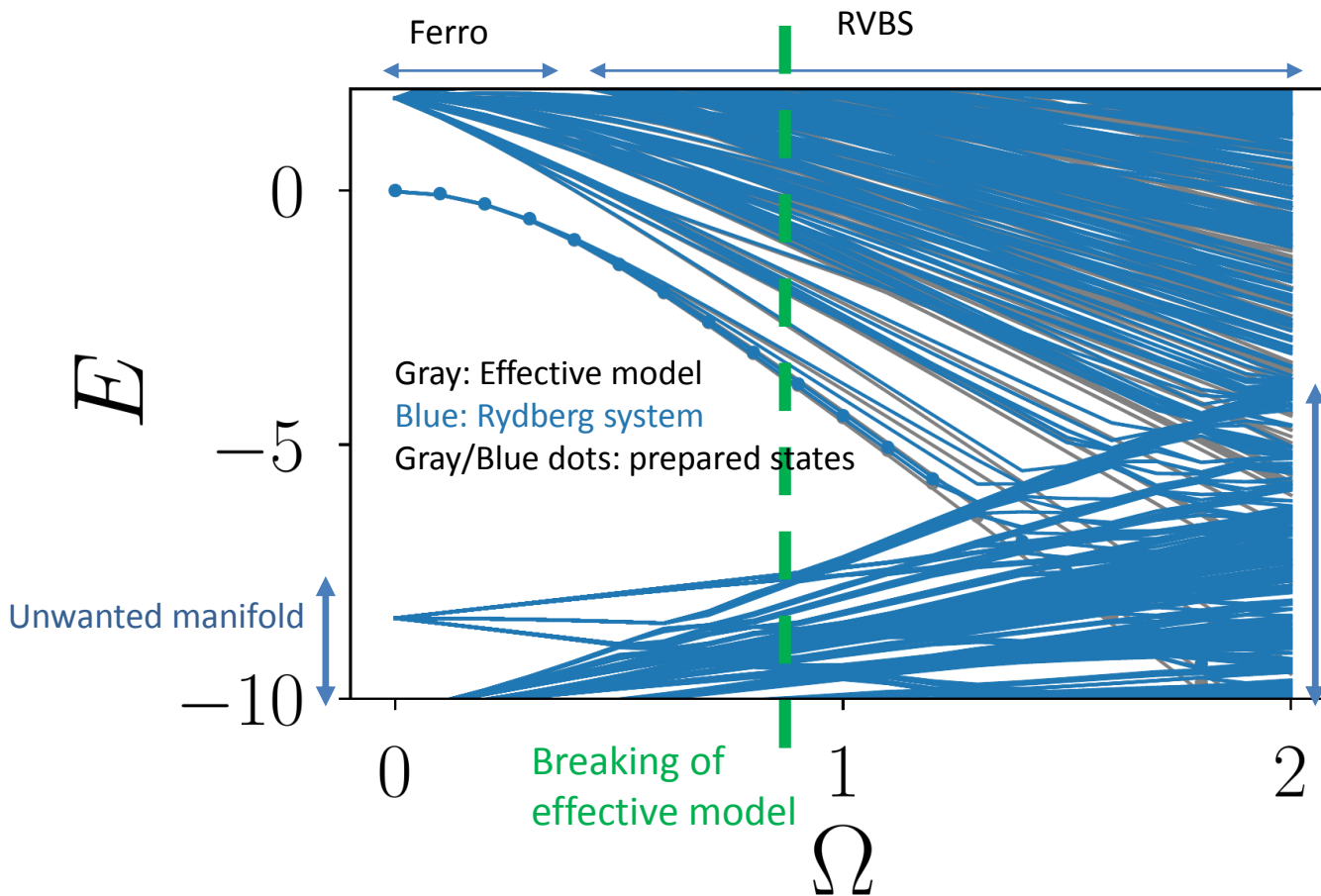
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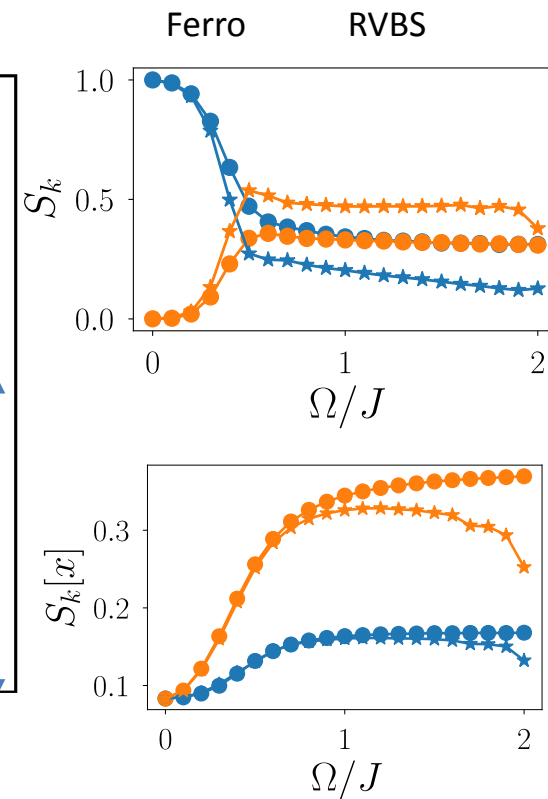
Full Rydberg Model 6x2 PBC  $\eta = 0.38a_x \rightarrow a_y(\eta = 0.38a_x) = 0.59a_x, V = 15.8J_0, \Lambda = -0.92J_0$

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## Checking the validity of the effective model



## Structure Factor



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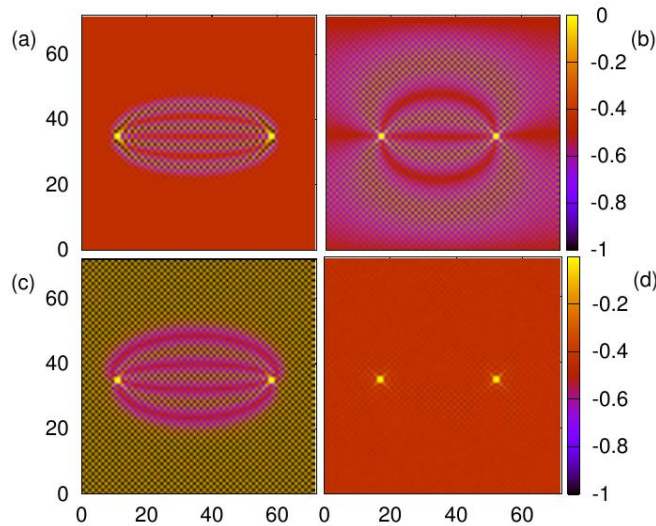
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- Anisotropic tunable coupling
- Larger spin from macro-atoms



# Rokhsar-Kivelson on the square lattice [AC *et al*, to appear]

