



Superconductivity and bond order in a doped Mott insulator

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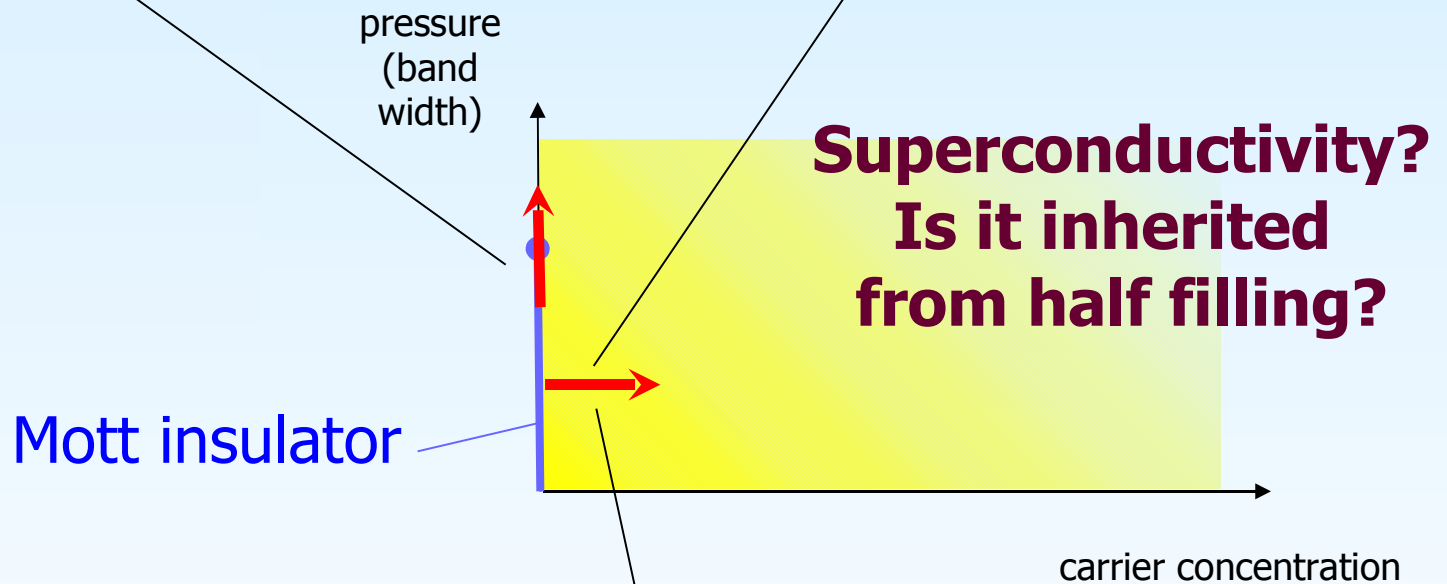
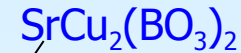
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Moving away from the Mott insulator

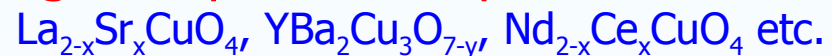
quasi two dimensional organic
charge transfer salts



CuBO₃-planes with Cu²⁺-spins
on a Shastry-Sutherland lattice



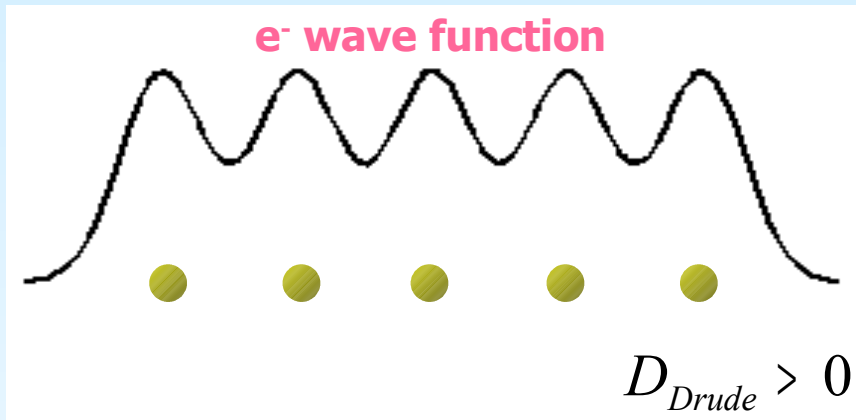
high temperature superconductors



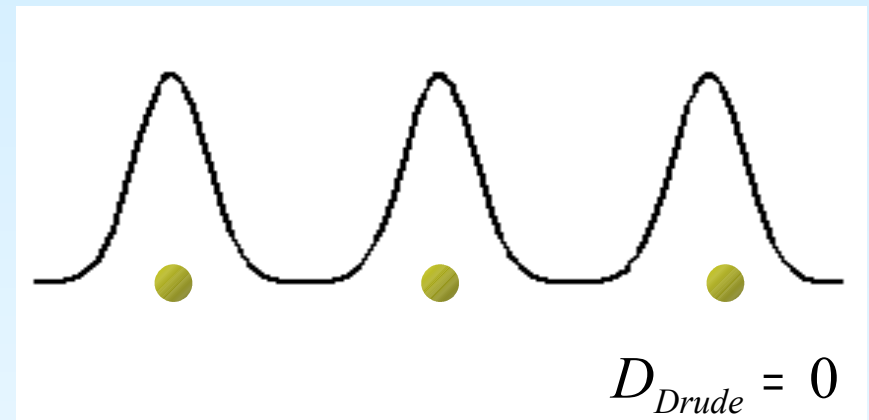


Mott insulator

periodic solid at commensurate filling (odd # of e^- per site)



weak interaction
metal



strong repulsion
localization due to
strong Coulomb repulsion

electric field changes boundary condition

W. Kohn, Phys. Rev. 133, A171 (1964)

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}_i + L) = e^{i\phi} \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

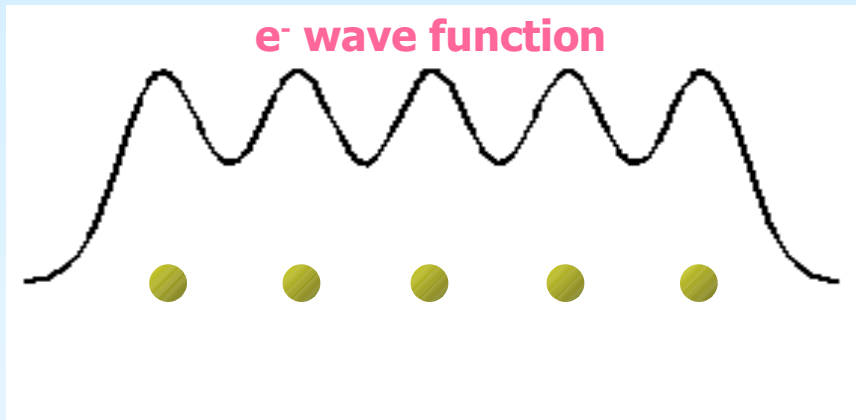
$$D_{Drude} \propto \frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta \phi^2}$$

$$\sigma'(\omega) = \frac{D_{Drude}}{\pi} \frac{\tau}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}$$

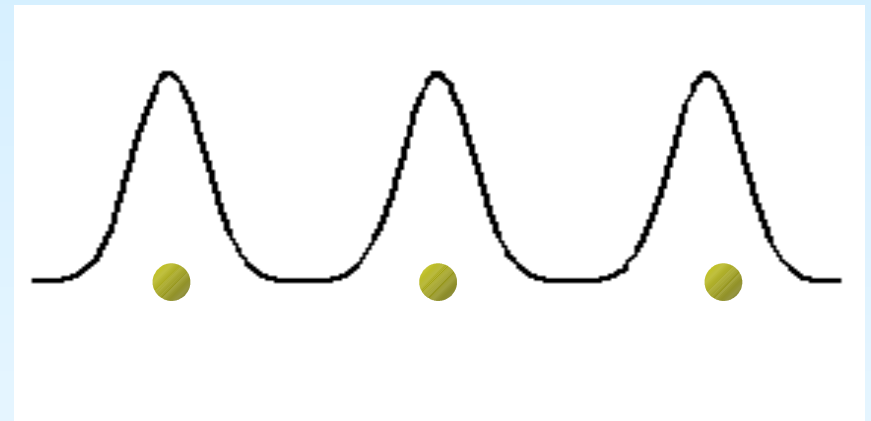


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interesting
consequences:

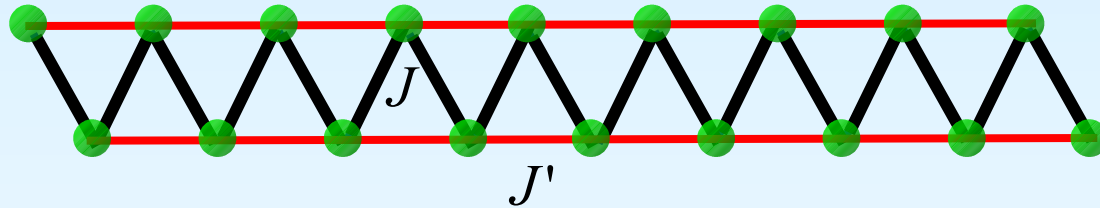
- what happens to the spin degree of freedom?
- coupling to orbital degrees + lattice
- transition tuned by changing overlap
- physics away from commensurate filling
- role of disorder
- ...



Majumdar-Ghosh model

C. K. Majumdar, D. K. Ghosh, J. Math. Phys. 10 1388 (1969)

$$H = J \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} + J' \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+2}$$



$J' = \frac{1}{2} J$ ground state is exactly known: $|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\Psi_1\rangle + |\Psi_2\rangle)$

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{N/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\left| \uparrow_{2i}, \downarrow_{2i+1} \right\rangle - \left| \downarrow_{2i}, \uparrow_{2i+1} \right\rangle \right)$$

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{N/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\left| \uparrow_{2i-1}, \downarrow_{2i} \right\rangle - \left| \downarrow_{2i-1}, \uparrow_{2i} \right\rangle \right)$$



Shastry-Sutherland model

Physica 108B (1981) 1069-1070
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1)

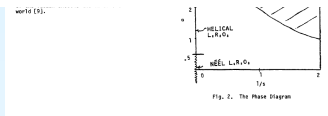
EXACT GROUND STATE OF A QUANTUM MECHANICAL ANTIFERROMAGNET

B. Sriram Shastry and Bill Sutherland

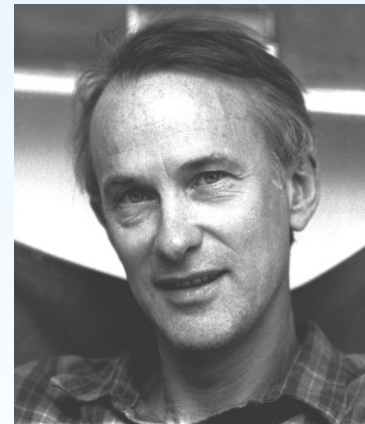
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We present some exact results for the ground state of a quantum mechanical antiferromagnetic model in the two dimensions with next-nearest neighbor interactions.

ground state the state
 $(\sigma_x, \sigma_y) = (\pm 1, \pm 1)$
 is an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian Eq. (1) with eigenvalue
 $E_0 = -2J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$ (4)
 We use the notation (\pm, \pm) for a simple combination of the spins σ_x and σ_y . This is convenient for writing the identity $\sigma_i^2 = \sigma_j^2 = 1$ and using the first two of Eqs. (1) and (2). We further show that E_0



Sriram Shastry

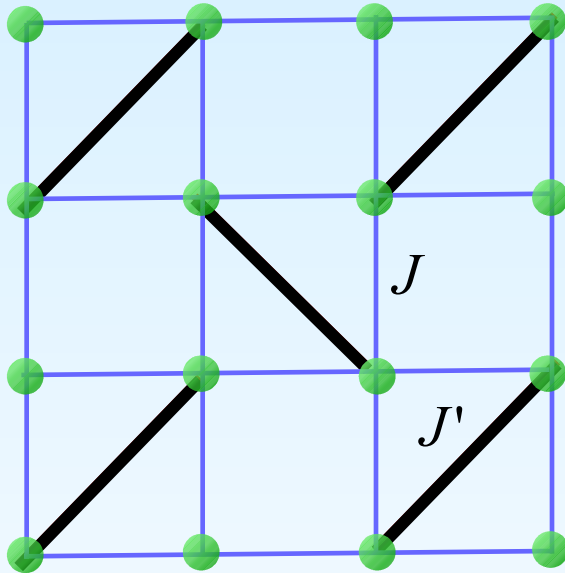


Bill Sutherland



Shastry-Sutherland model

B. S. Shastry and B. Sutherland, Physica B **108**, 1069 (1981)



$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J' \sum_{ij \in \text{diag}} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

ground state is exactly known:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_{ij \in \text{diag}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$

valence bond crystal



Shastry-Sutherland model

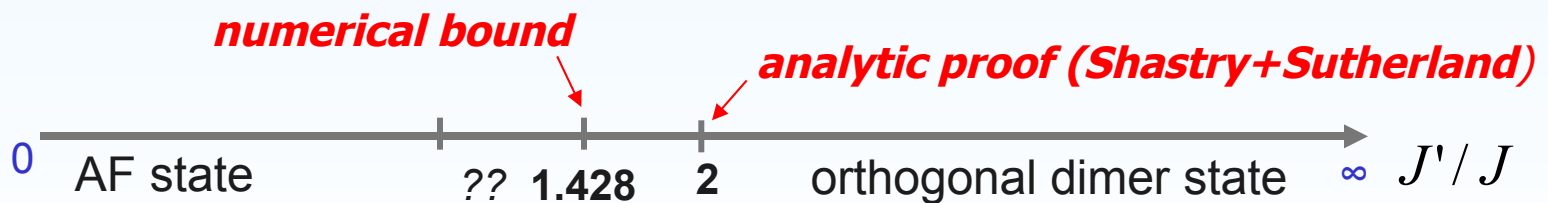
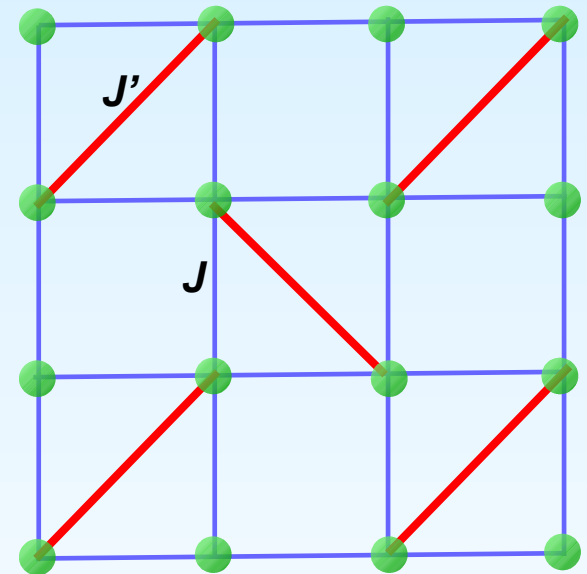
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(1) $J'/J \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$ orthogonal dimer state

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \prod_{ij \in \text{diag}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$

(2) $J'/J \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$ antiferromagnet

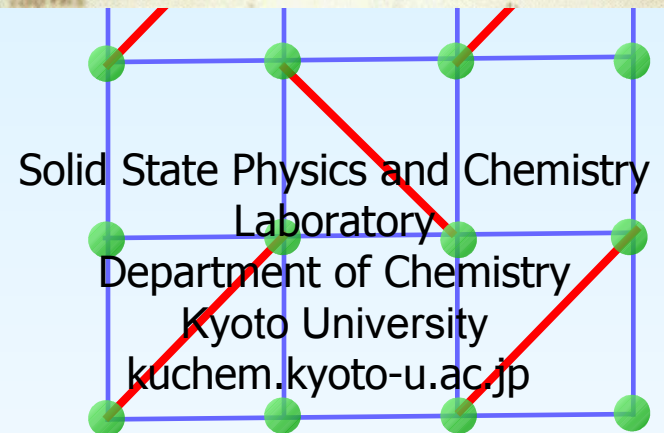
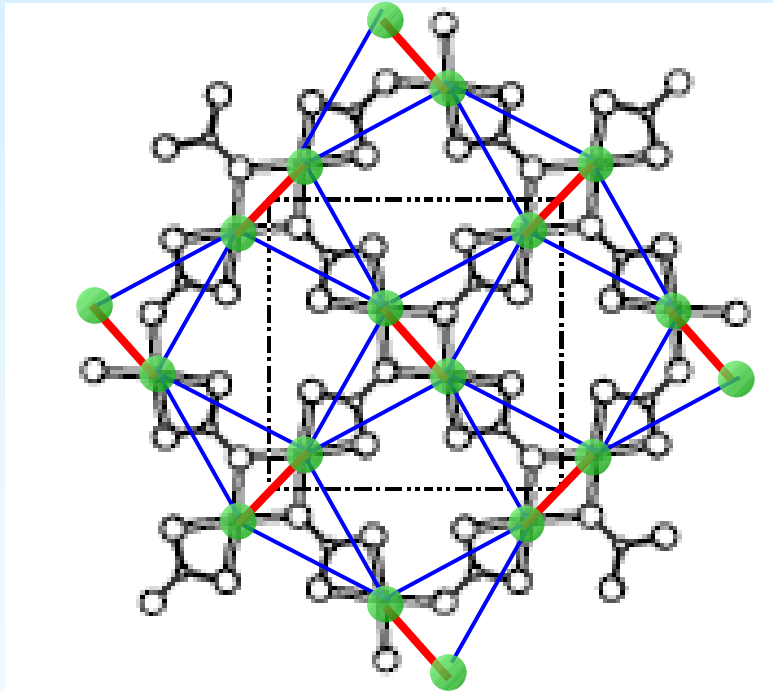
(3) orthogonal dimer remains the **exact** ground state for some finite J'/J





CuBO₃-planes in SrCu₂(BO₃)₂

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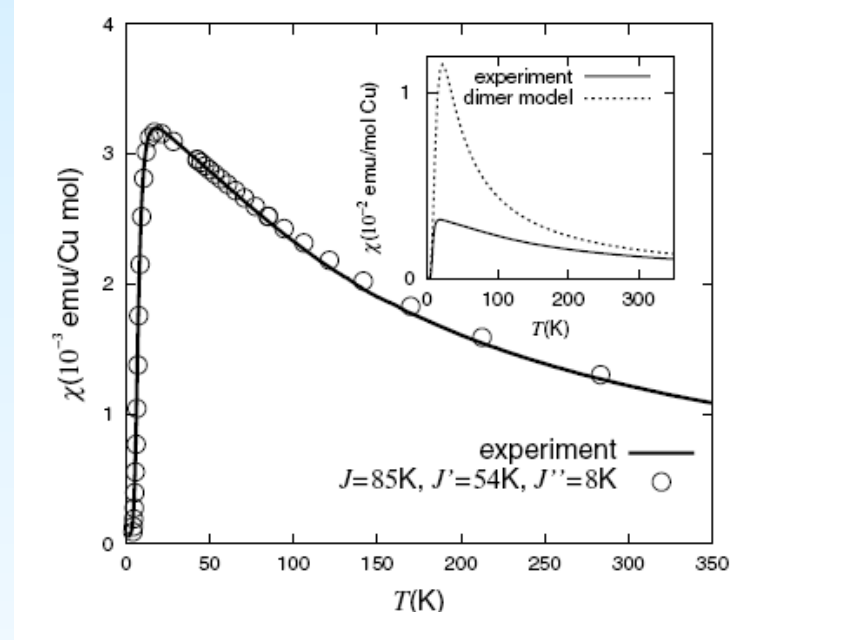
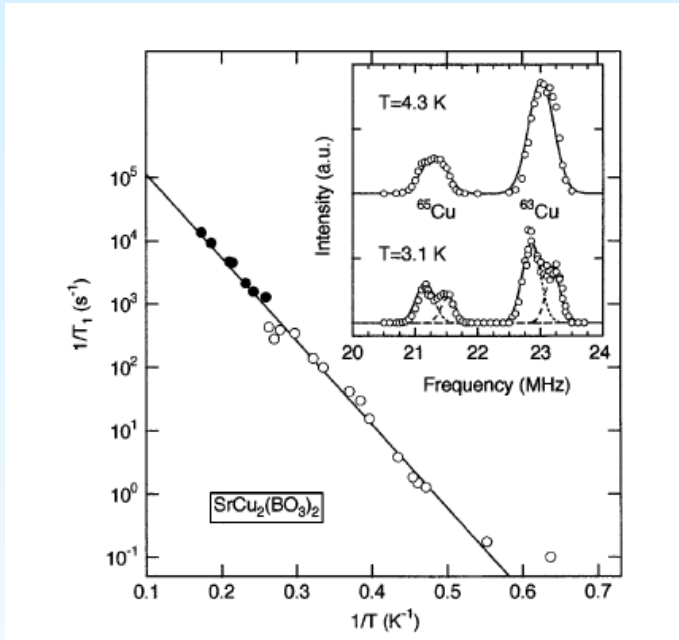
● Cu²⁺ sites → exchange interactions: J' ———
J ———



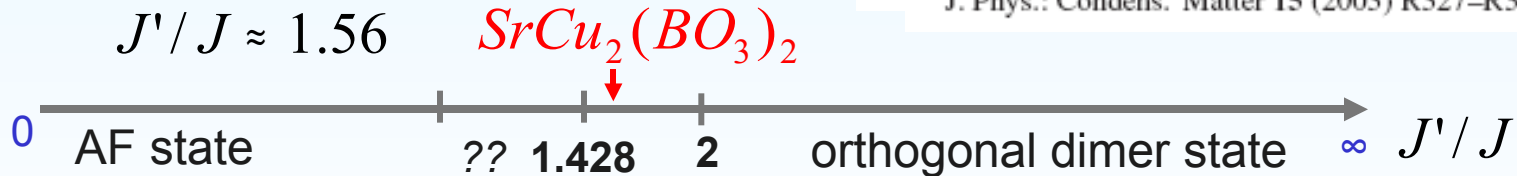
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spin gap seen in NMR + susceptibility



Shin Miyahara and Kazuo Ueda
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→ valence bond crystal is fragile



adding charge carriers to $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

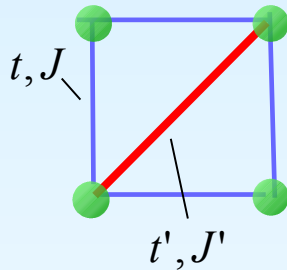
Heisenberg model

$$H = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

t-J model

$$H_{tJ} = \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \left(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right)$$

$$\text{with: } \sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma} \leq 1$$



super exchange

$$J_{ij} = 4t_{ij}^2 / U$$

We know:

$$J, J' \longrightarrow t'^2 / t^2$$

We don't know:

t', t (relative sign?)

- sign of t is irrelevant
- if $t' > 0$ for hole doping, electron doping is described by $t' < 0$ and vice versa



LDA calculation:

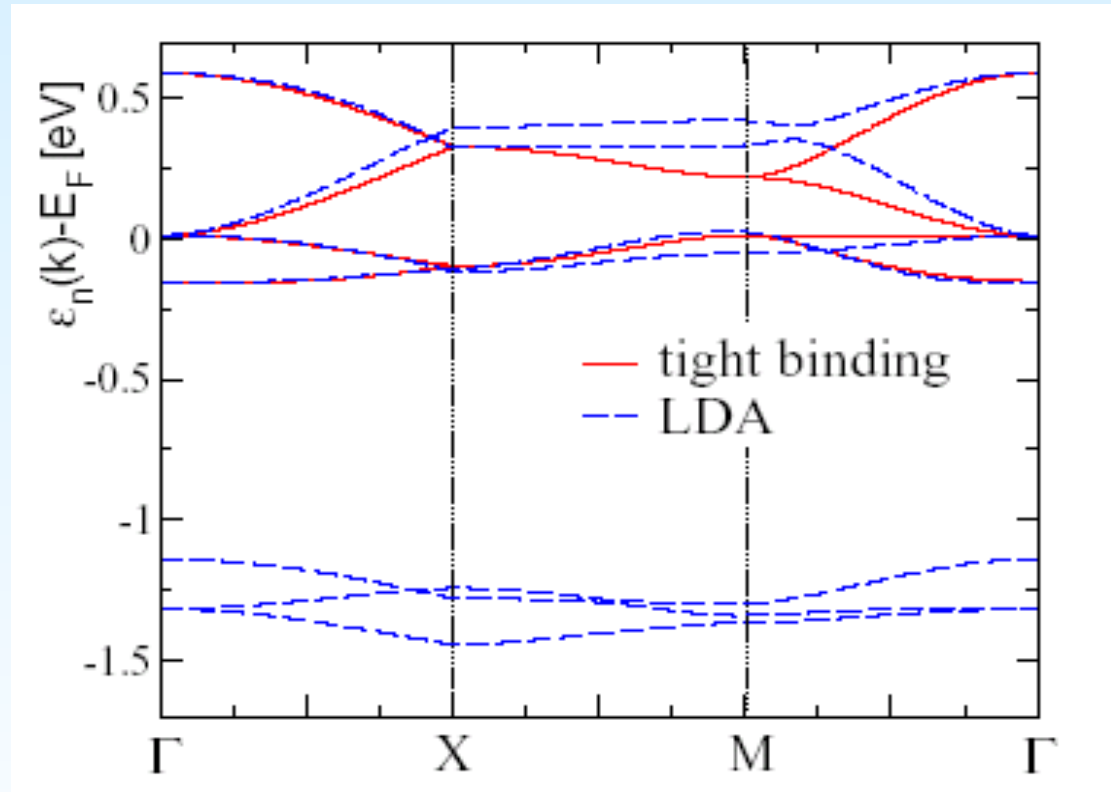
- experiments at half filling

$$J'/J \approx 1.56 \Rightarrow t'/t \approx 1.25$$

- tight binding fit

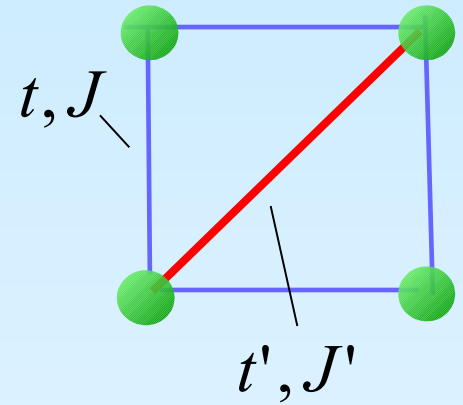
$$t'/t \approx 1.2$$

$$t' > 0$$





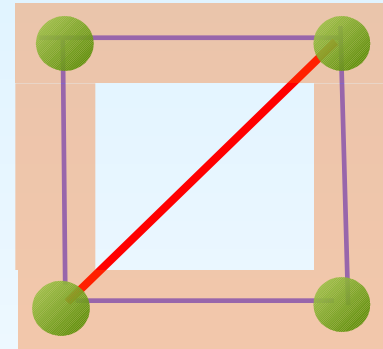
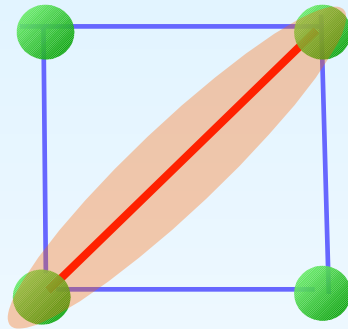
adding one hole to 4 sites



electron doping: ($t' < 0$)

hole doping: ($t' > 0$)

single
doped
carrier



**electron is localized on the
dimer bond**

hole delocalizes

expect strong asymmetry between electron and hole doping



experimental situation

- several groups are trying very hard to add carriers to $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$
- recently: 2%+2.5% electron doping + 2.5% hole doping



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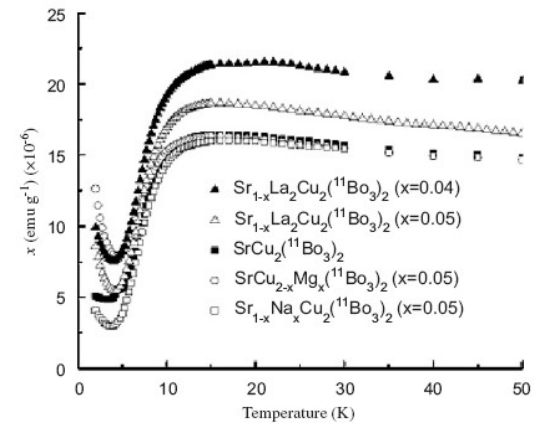
Crystal growth and magnetic behaviour of pure and doped $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$

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Mean field approach to the t-J model

(Baskaran, Zou, Anderson (1988); Kotliar + Liu (1988))

$$H_{tJ} = \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \left(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \frac{1}{4} n_i n_j \right) \quad \text{with: } \sum_{\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma} \leq 1$$

slave boson: $c_{i\sigma} = f_{i\sigma} b_i^+$ $\sum_{\sigma} f_{i\sigma}^+ f_{i\sigma} = 1 - b_i^+ b_i$

Mean field ground state

$$|\Psi_{\text{mf}}\rangle = \left(b_{q=0}^+ \right)^{N_h} \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \left(u_{\mathbf{k}} + v_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^+ f_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^+ \right) |0\rangle$$

Bose-condensate

BCS-wave function

$$|\Psi_{\text{mf}}\rangle \neq |\Psi_{\text{exact}}\rangle$$

mean field theory poorly reproduces the exact
valence bond crystal at half filling



proper projection

P. W. Anderson, Science **235**, 1196 (1987)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}) |\Phi_{\text{BCS}}\rangle$$

projection to states

with $\sum_{\sigma} n_{i\sigma} \leq 1$

fermion mean field state

$$H_{\text{mf}} = \sum_{ij,\sigma} t_{ij}^* c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{ij} (\Delta_{ij} c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{j\downarrow}^+ + h.c.)$$

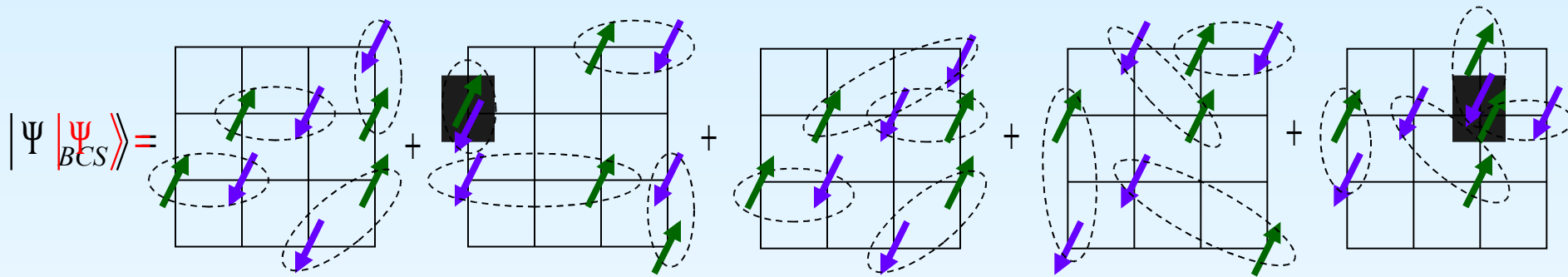
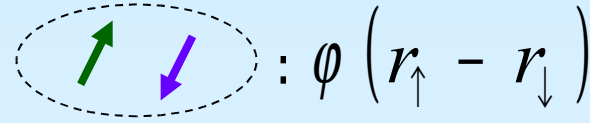
variational approach:

- minimize: $E = \frac{\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$ w.r.t. $\Delta_{ij}, t_{ij}^*, \mu_i \dots$

D. M. Ceperley, G. V. Chester, M. H. Kalos, Phys. Rev. B 16, 3081 (1977)

proper projection in real space

$$|\Psi_{BCS}\rangle = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_P (-1)^P \prod_{i=1, \dots, N} \varphi(r_{i,\uparrow} - r_{P_i,\downarrow})$$



- exact ground state included \rightarrow at half filling $|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_{\text{exact}}\rangle$

- allows distinction between ODLRO + singlet gap Δ_{ij}

$$F_{i'j'}(i-j) = \langle B_{ii'}^+ B_{jj'} \rangle$$

$$B_{ij}^+ = c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{j\downarrow}^+$$

superconducting
order parameter

$$|\psi|^2 = F_{i'j'}(i-j \rightarrow \infty)$$

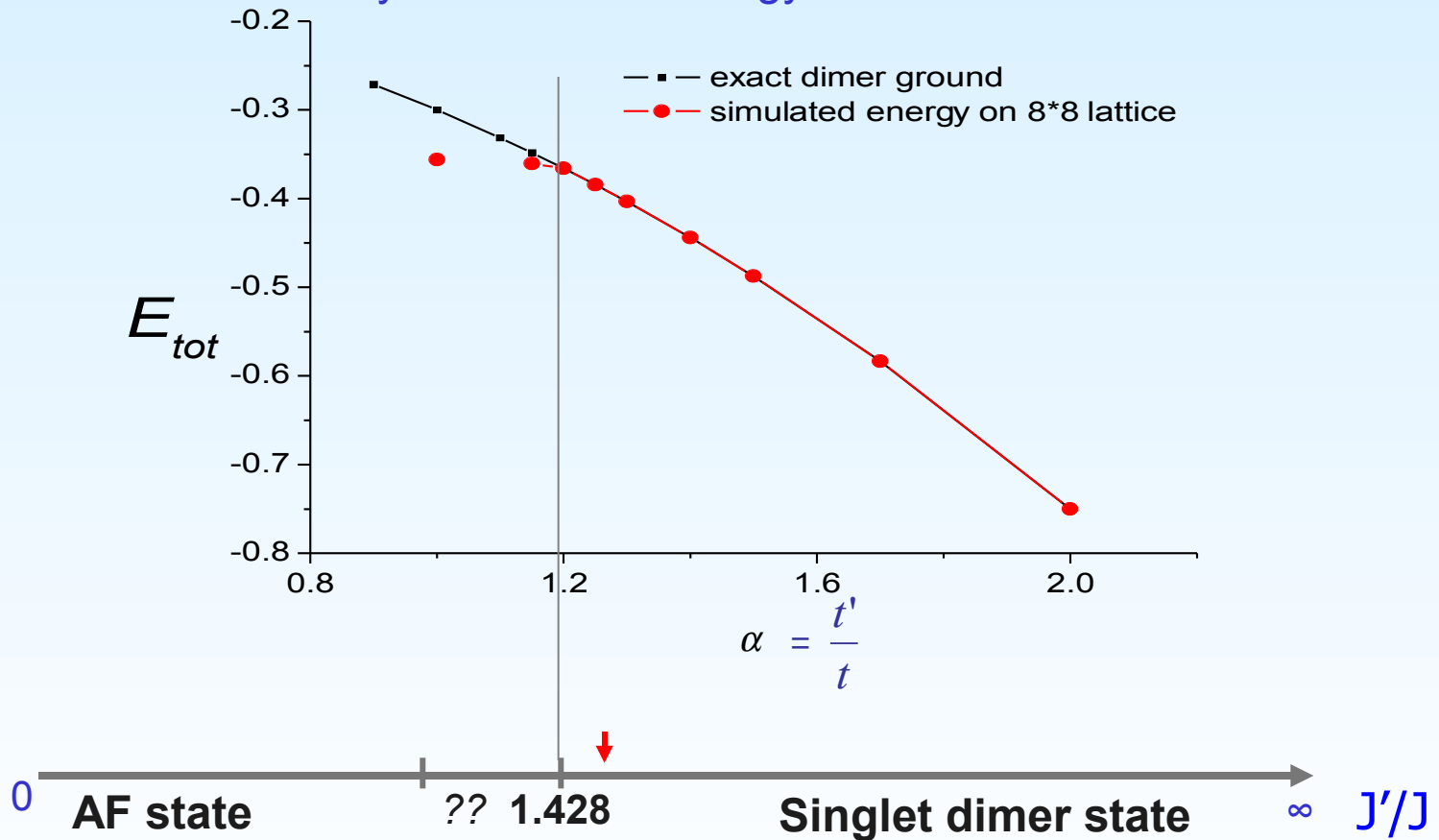
Meissner effect
flux quantization



half filling

- $|\Psi_{\text{RVB}}\rangle$ yields the exact ground state energy and the exact spin correlations at half filling! $\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle = -\frac{3}{4}$ or $= 0$

theory & simulated energy v.s. t'/t

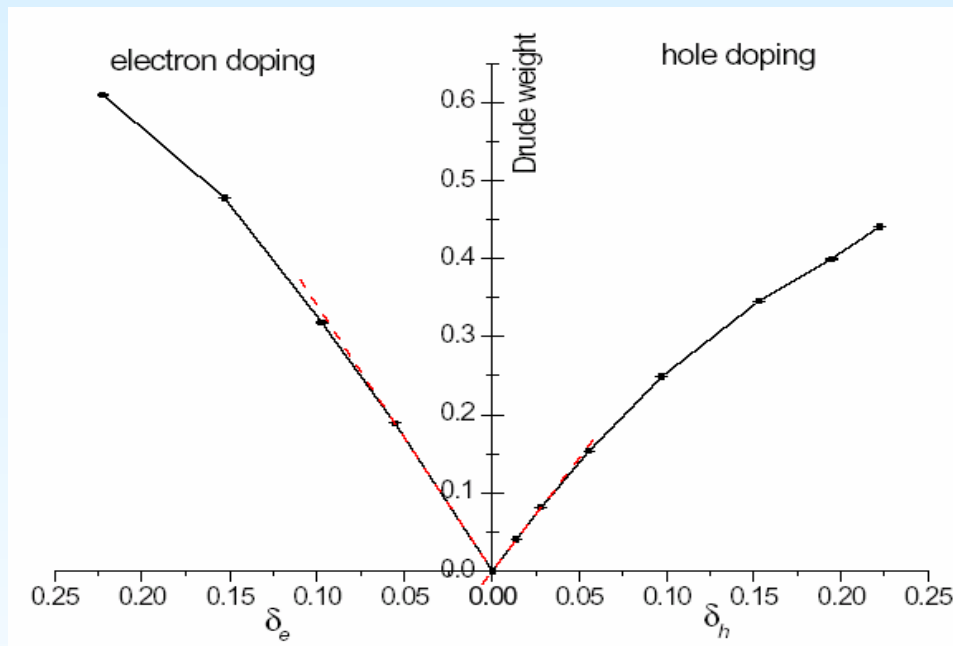




finite doping

Low frequency Drude weight

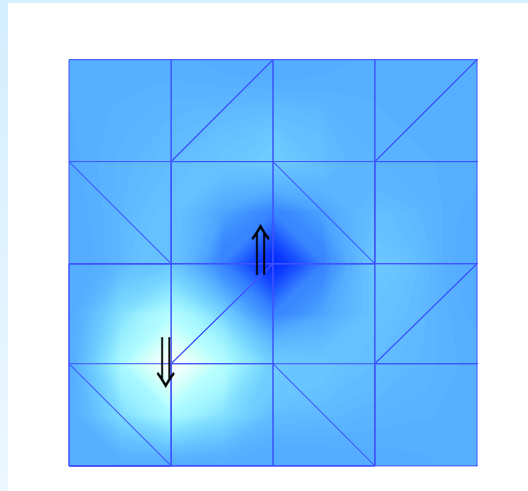
$$\sigma'(\omega) = \frac{D_{Drude}}{\pi} \frac{\tau}{1 + (\omega \tau)^2}$$



metallic or superconducting !



spin correlations $\langle \mathbf{S}_{i=0} \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle$

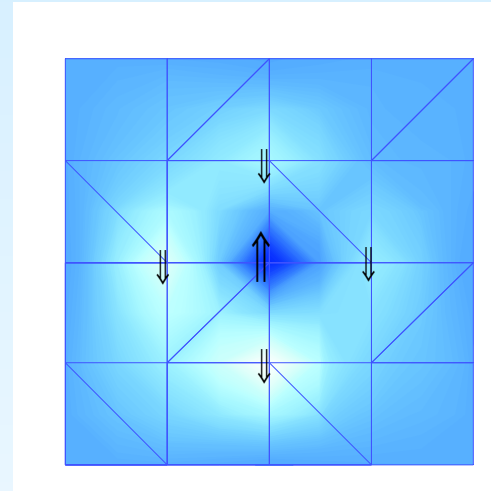


$$|\Psi\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle \cdots |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$$

valence bond crystal

electron doping

singlets localize



$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} |\Rightarrow\rangle|\cdots\rangle|\Rightarrow\rangle|\cdots\rangle \cdots |\Rightarrow\rangle|\cdots\rangle$$

resonating valence bond state

hole doping

singlets delocalize



superconductivity (ODLR) $F_{i'j'}(i-j) = \langle B_{ii'}^+ B_{jj'} \rangle$

$$|\psi|^2 = F_{i'j'}(i-j \rightarrow \infty) \quad (B_{ij} = c_{i\uparrow} c_{j\downarrow})$$

no superconductivity
in the valence bond crystal!

$$\Delta_{ij} \neq 0 \quad \text{in } |\Phi_{\text{BCS}}\rangle$$

$$z_{\mathbf{k}} = 0 \quad (\text{discontinuity in } n_{\mathbf{k}})$$

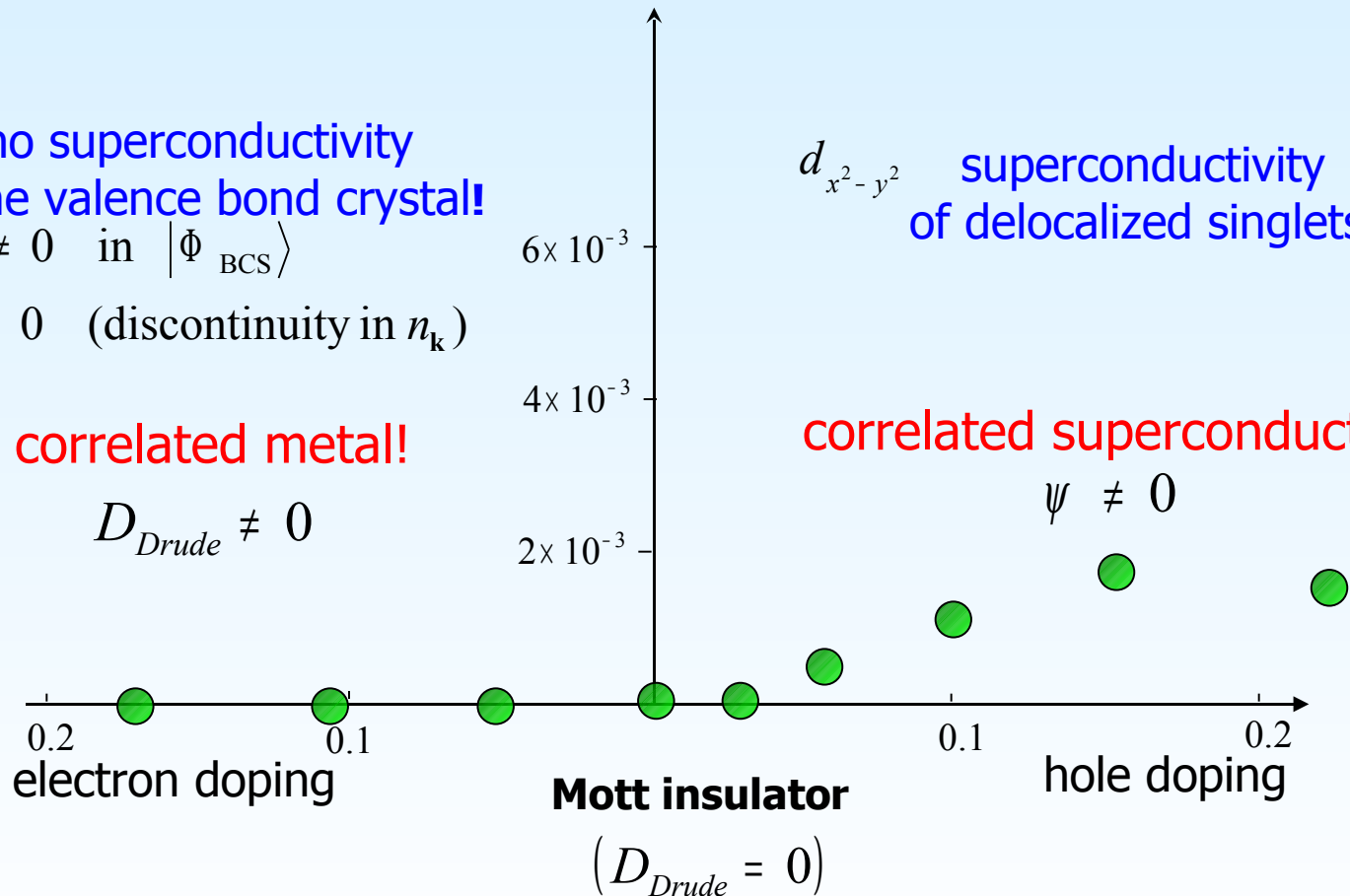
correlated metal!

$$D_{\text{Drude}} \neq 0$$

$d_{x^2-y^2}$ superconductivity
of delocalized singlets

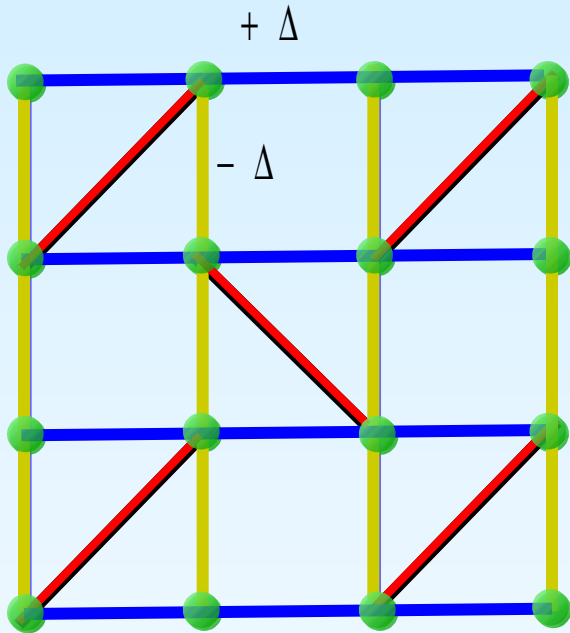
correlated superconductor!

$$\psi \neq 0$$

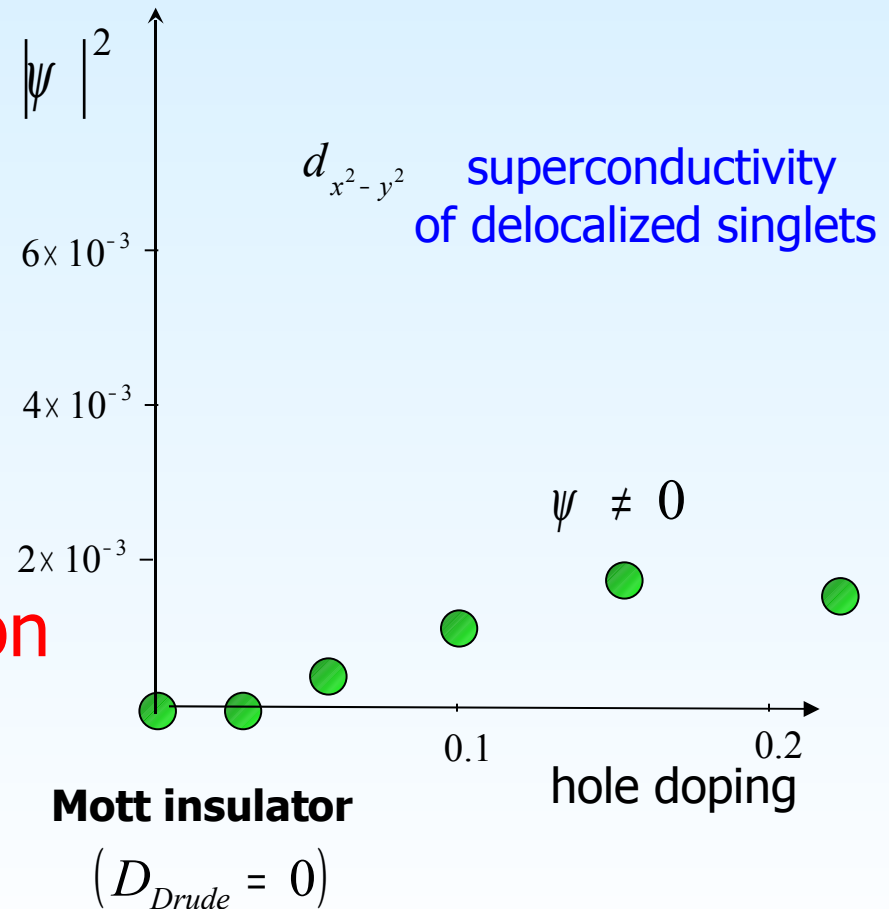




hole doping



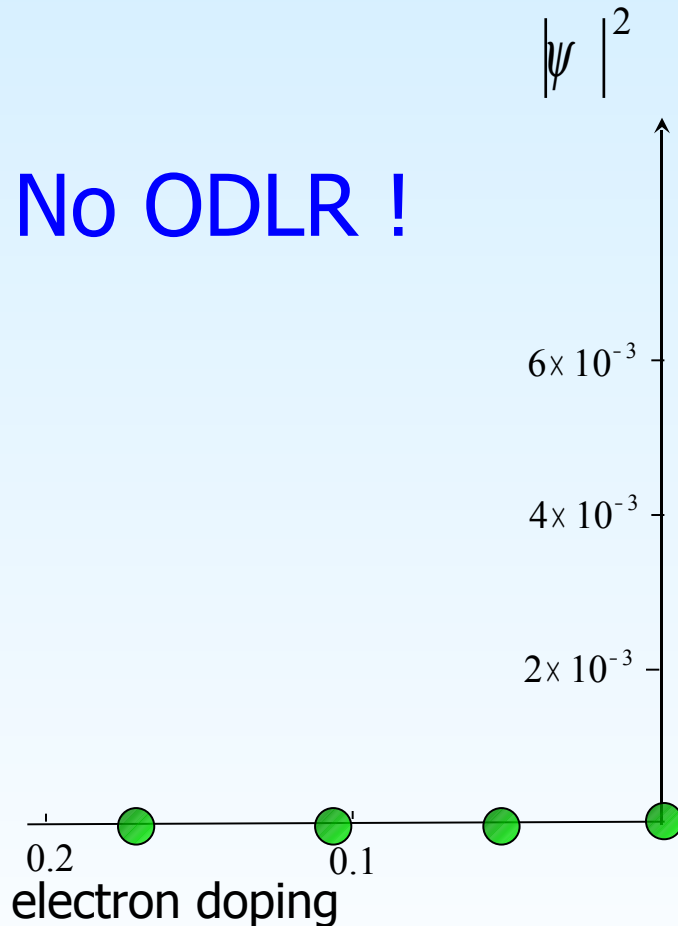
s.c. is not a delocalization
of preformed singlets !





electron doping

No ODLR !



$$\Delta_{ij} \neq 0!$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}) \prod_{\mathbf{k}} (u_{\mathbf{k}} + v_{\mathbf{k}} f_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^+ f_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^+) |0\rangle$$

broken U(1) symmetry

no ODLR \rightarrow U(1) symmetry not broken

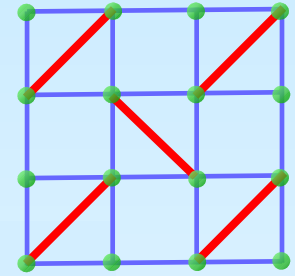
full projection changes the symmetry breaking

- known at half filling:
Affleck, Zou, Hsu, Anderson PRB **38**, 745 (1988)
- new for doped systems

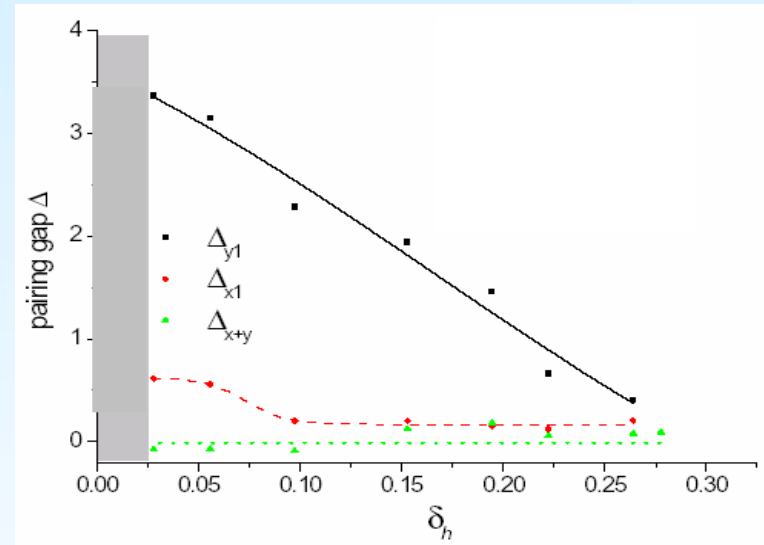
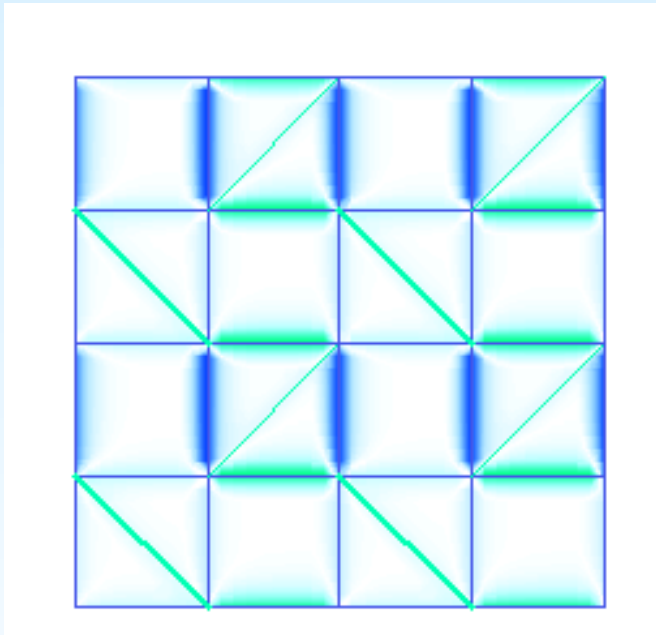


Are there other symmetries broken in the doped system?

hole doping: singlet pairing gap forms a plaquette state



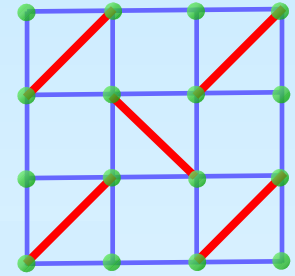
Δ_{ij}



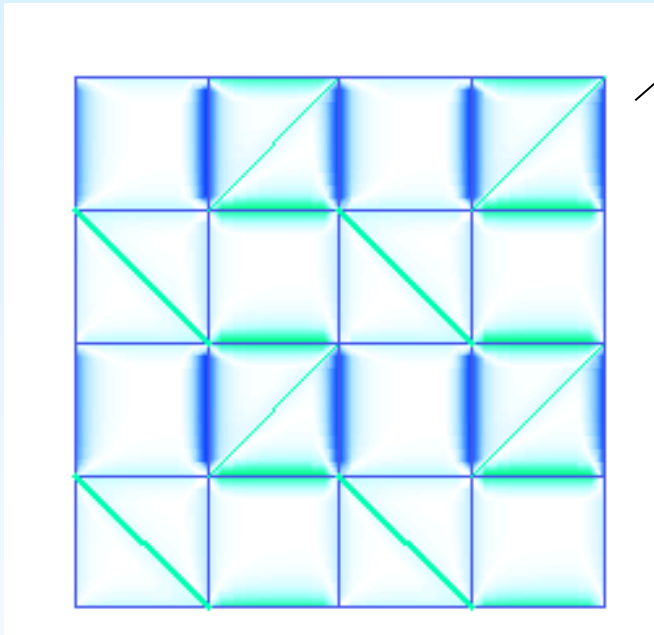


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Δ_{ij}



$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|11\rangle - |22\rangle)$$

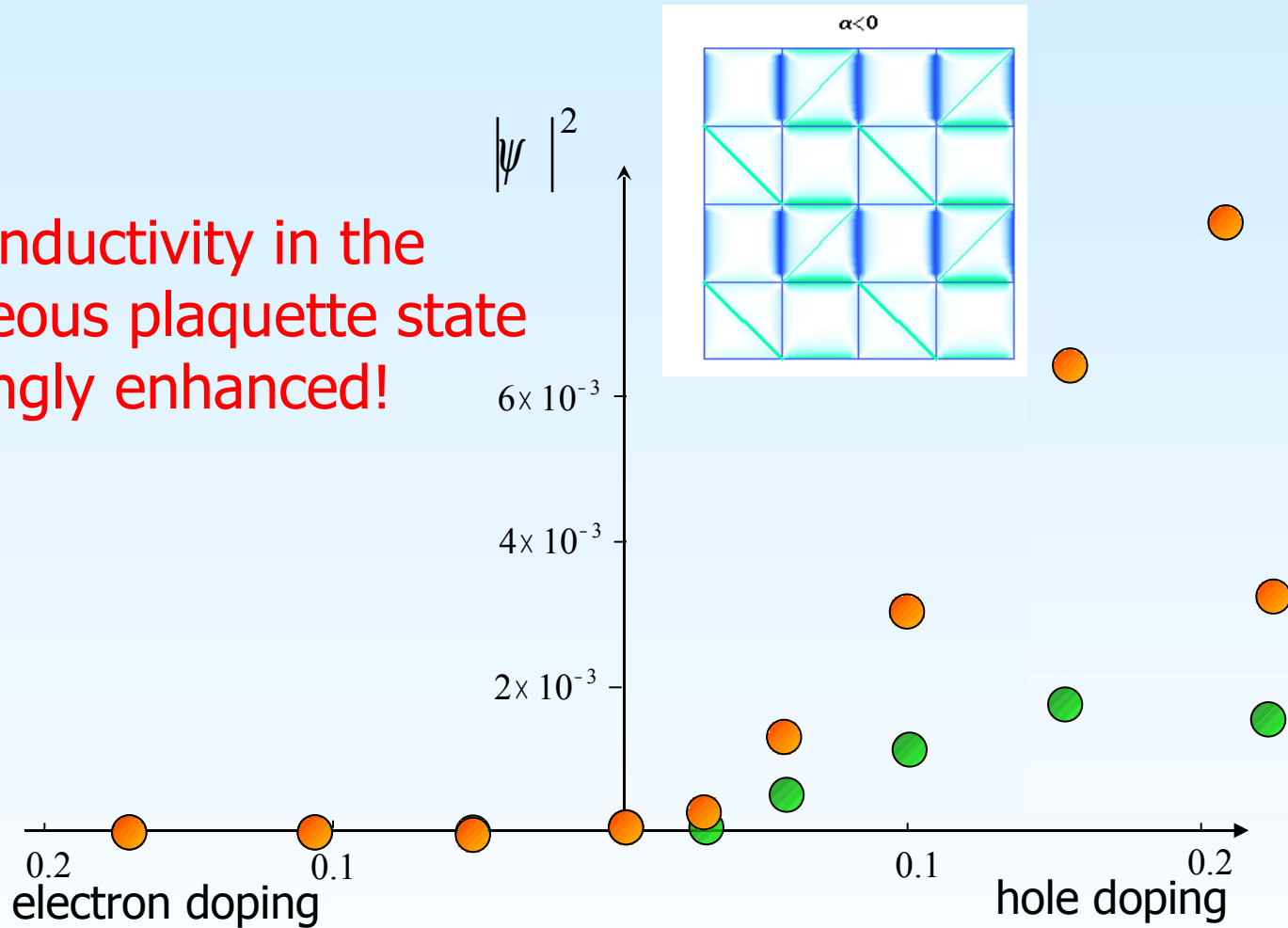
- inhomogeneous bond order
- due to kinetic energy gain of doped holes
- no charge order

Is bond order helping or hurting superconductivity?



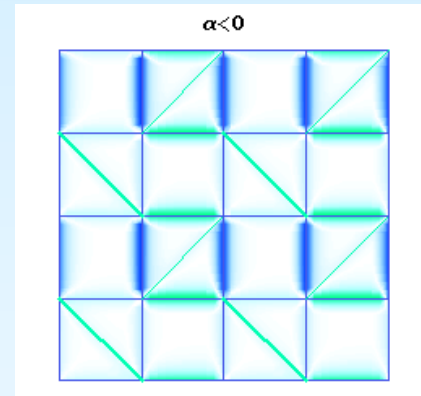
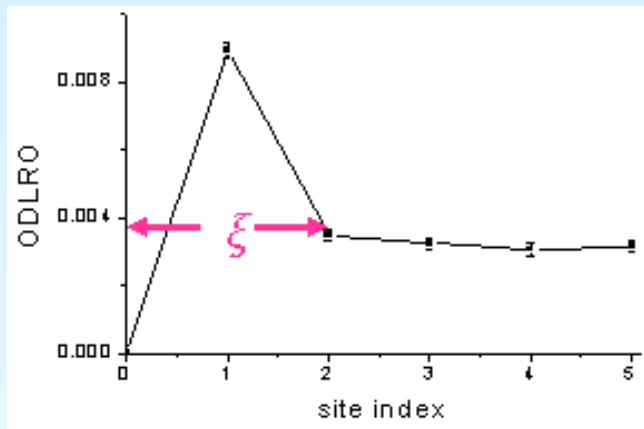
Results: superconductivity in the plaquette state

superconductivity in the inhomogeneous plaquette state is strongly enhanced!

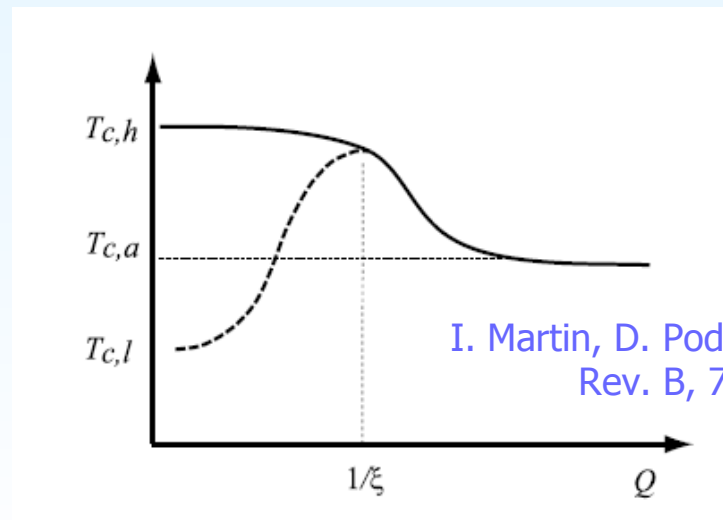




enhancement of superconductivity by inhomogeneities



$$Q_{\text{inh}} \approx \pi / a_0 \approx \xi^{-1}$$

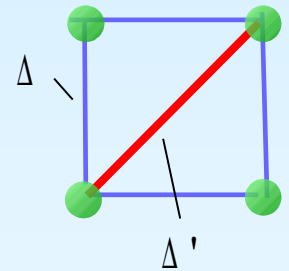
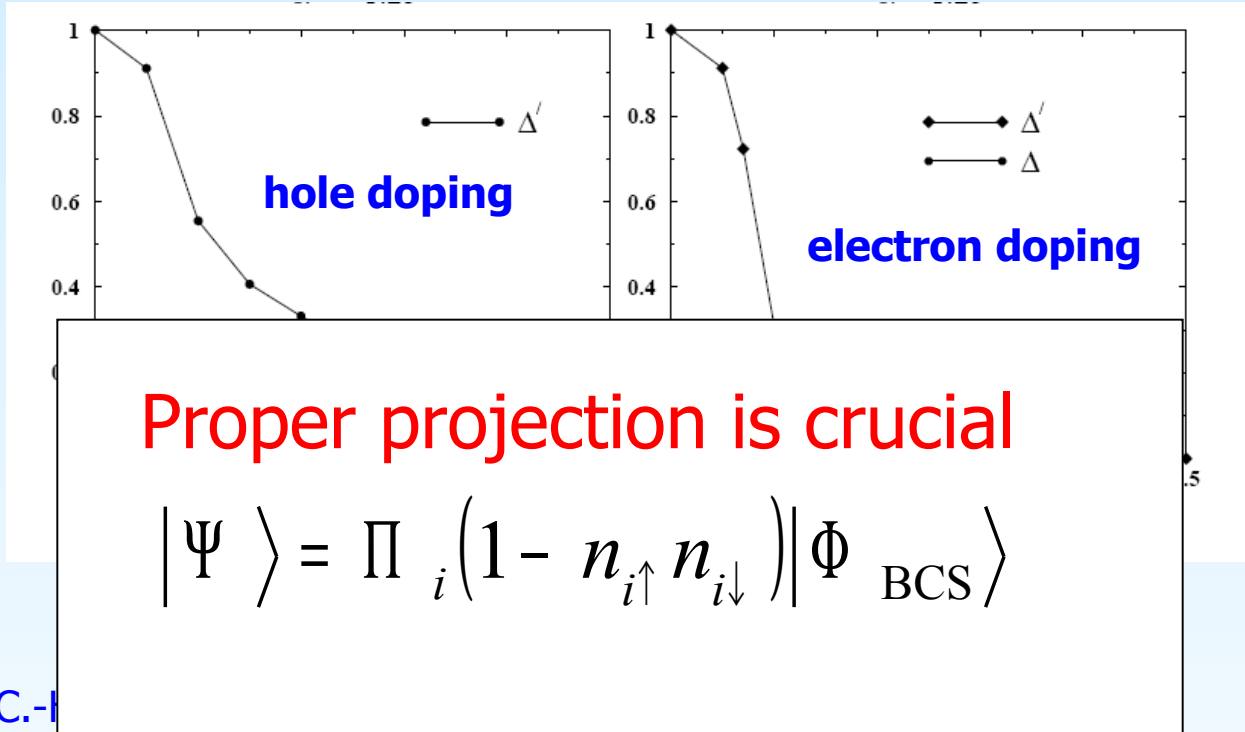


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comparison with mean field theory

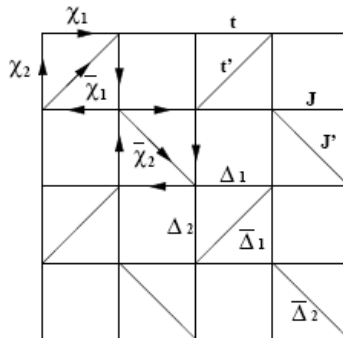
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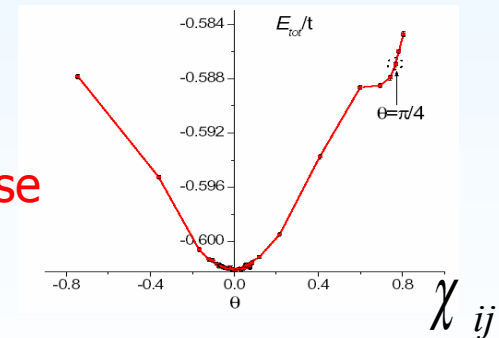
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flux phase

$$t_{ij} \rightarrow e^{i\chi_{ij}} t_{ij}^0$$



no flux phase





Conclusions

- $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$: strong asymmetry between hole and electron doping
- hole doped $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$
d-wave RVB state with inhomogeneous bond order and enhanced superconductivity ($T_c \sim 2 \text{ K}$)
- electron doped $\text{SrCu}_2(\text{BO}_3)_2$
new metallic state
- the vicinity of the Mott state is full of surprises!

