

Permanent Loop Current in Strongly Correlated Electron Systems based on fRG

fRG in **condensed
matter physics**



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2. Recent study of “non-local phase transition” based on fRG



ex. permanent loop current

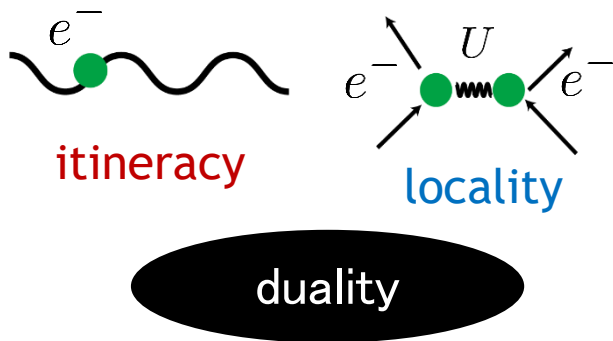
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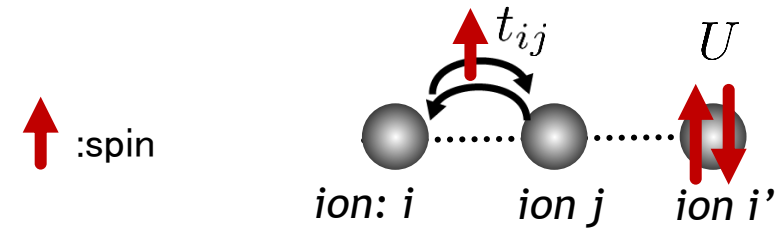
electrons in metal



Hubbard model

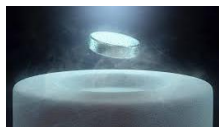
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i,j} t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \sum_i U n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

hopping (itineracy) Coulomb repulsion (locality)



intermediate region of itineracy and locality (U≈t)

- magnetic order
- charge order
- superconductivity



fRG is powerful in intermediate region.

fRG in Hubbard model

- g-ology fRG → 1D
- parquet fRG (Shultz) → 2D
- N-patch fRG (Metzner)
- fRG for orbital-order
- fRG for loop current/bond-order

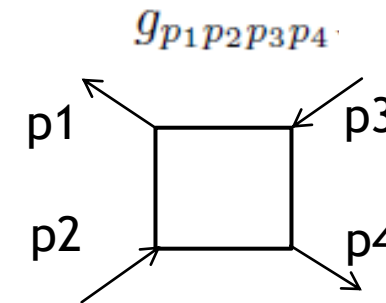
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Fourier transformation

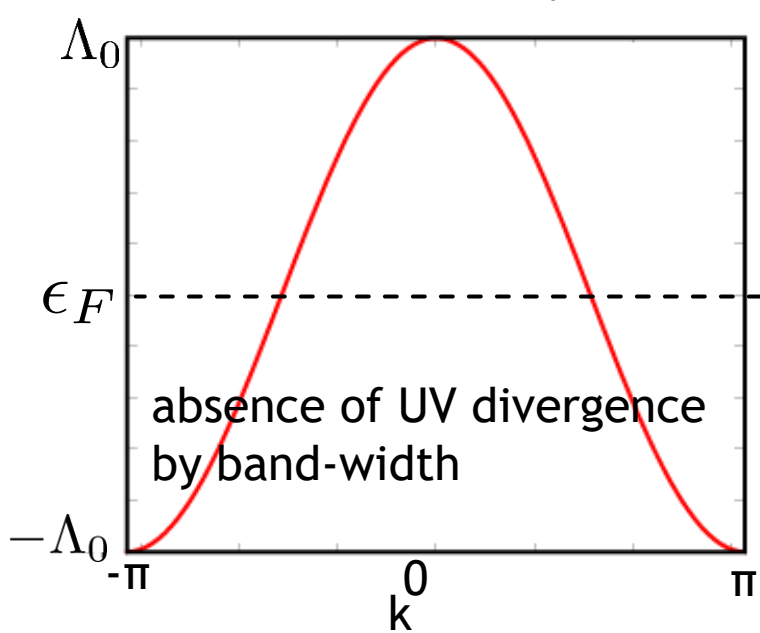
$$= \sum_{\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k+q,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\{p_i\}} \frac{g_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4}}{4} c_{p_1}^\dagger c_{p_2} c_{p_3} c_{p_4}^\dagger$$

→ band $p_i \equiv (k_i, \sigma_i)$



$$g_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} = U \delta_{p_1+p_4, p_2+p_3} (\delta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_3} \delta_{\sigma_2, \sigma_4} - \delta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \delta_{\sigma_3, \sigma_4}) = \text{initial 4-point vertex}$$

ϵ_k cos(k) band dispersion

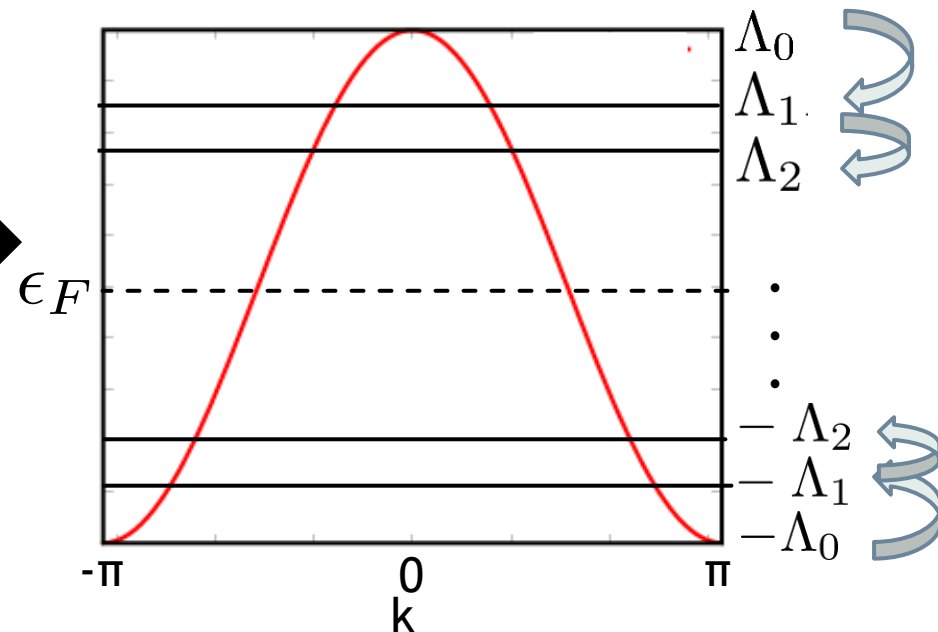


logarithmic energy cutoff

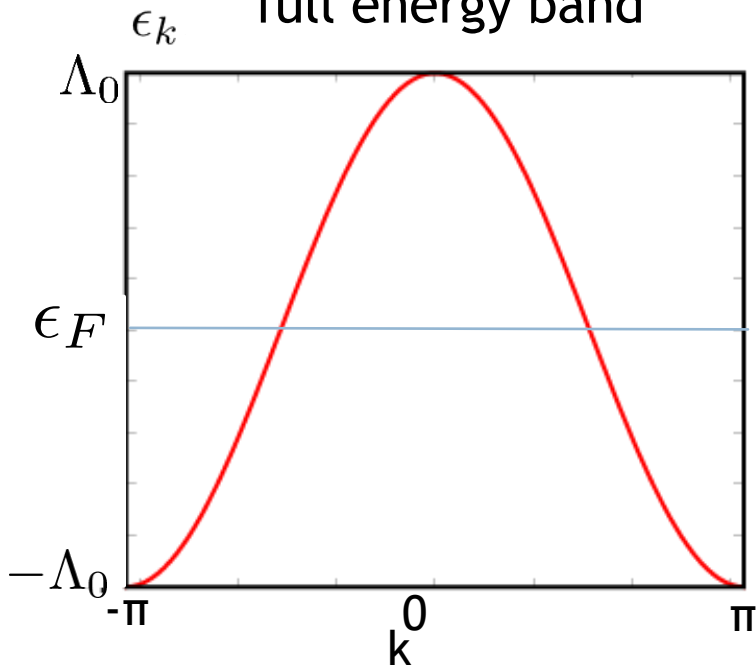


$$\Lambda_l = \Lambda_0 e^{-l\delta}$$

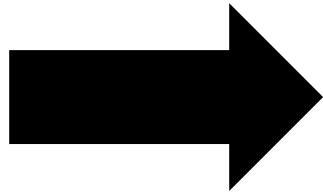
$l=0,1,2,3 \dots$
 δ : small value



full energy band

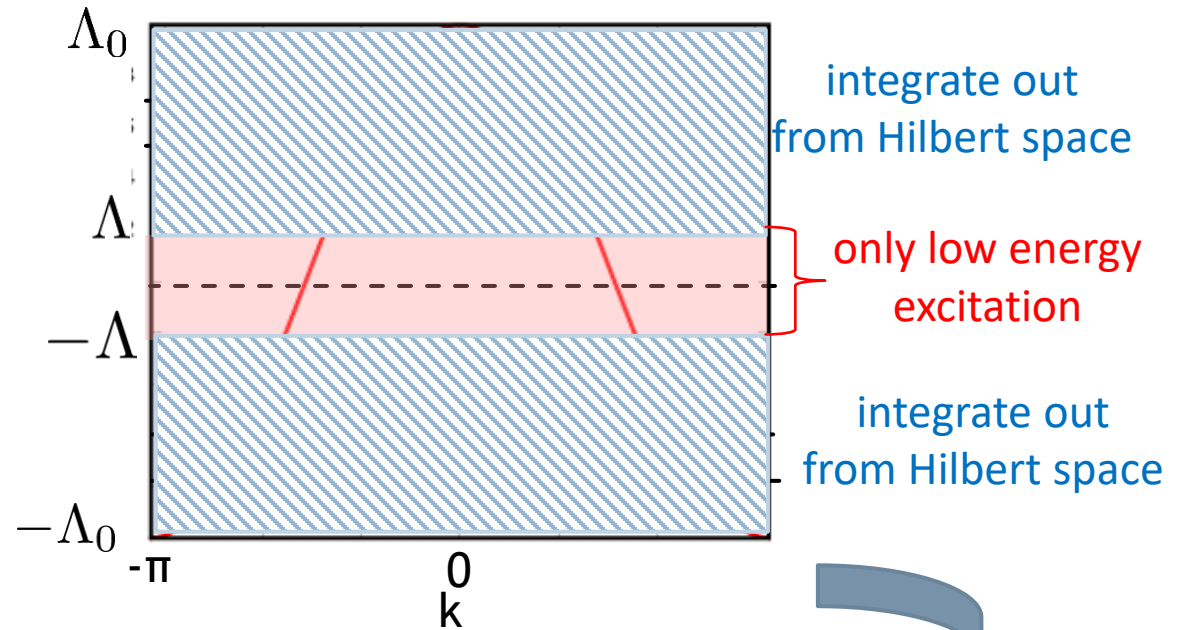


$$\Lambda_l = \Lambda_0 e^{-l/10}$$



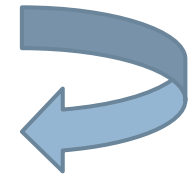
$$\Lambda_l : \Lambda_0 \rightarrow \Lambda$$

low energy effective model



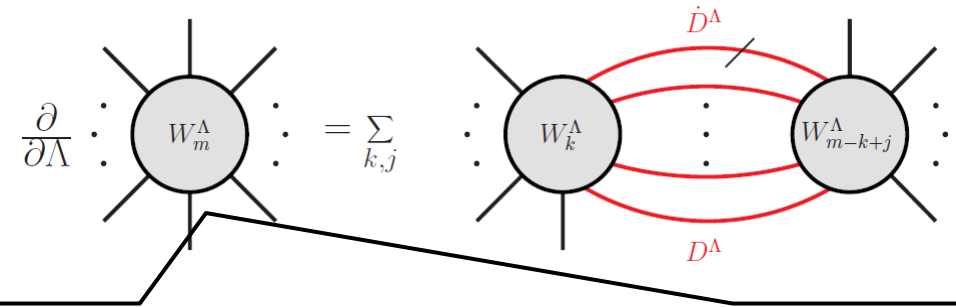
$$\hat{H}_{eff} = \sum_{\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k+q,\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k,\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\{p_i\}} \underline{g_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4}}^{\Lambda} c_{p_1}^{\dagger} c_{p_2} c_{p_3} c_{p_4}^{\dagger}$$

low energy effective interaction



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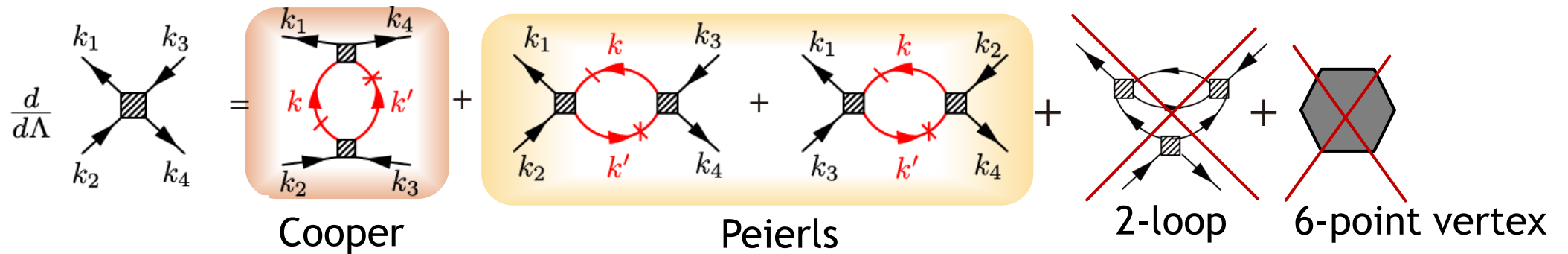
fRG differential equation

$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda_l} g_{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} = \sum_{pp'} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{dW_{p,p'}^-}{d\Lambda_l} g_{p_1 p p' p_4} g_{p p' p_2 p_3 p'} + \frac{dW_{p,p'}^+}{d\Lambda_l} \left(g_{p_1 p_3 p p'} g_{p p' p_2 p_4} - g_{p_1 p_2 p p'} g_{p p' p_3 p_4} \right) \right]$$

Wick-ordered fRG

$$W_{p,p'}^\pm = G_p^\Lambda(\epsilon) G_{p'}^\Lambda(\pm\epsilon)$$

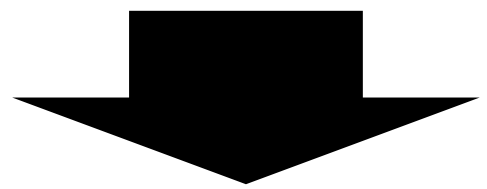
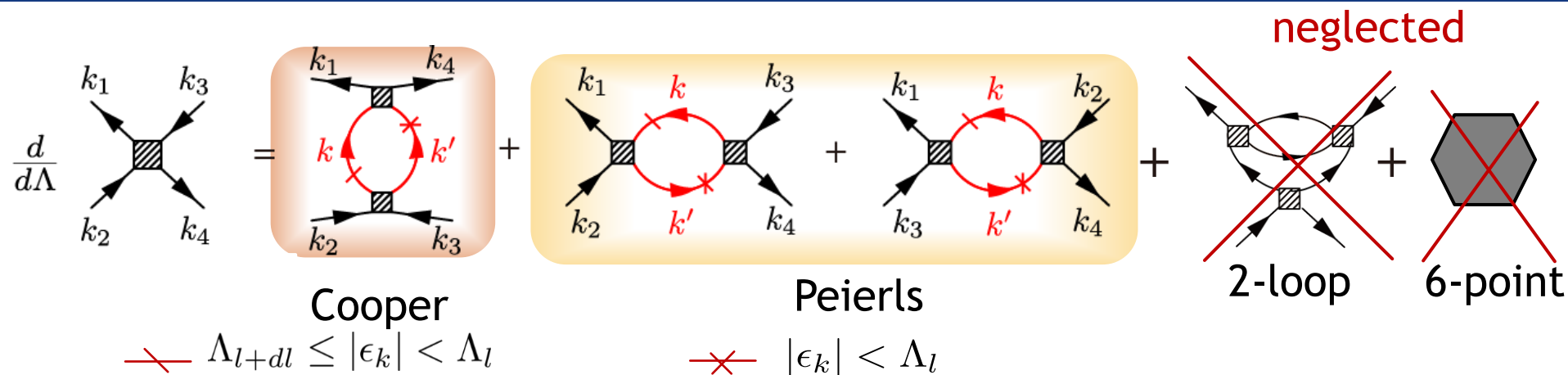
$$G_p^\Lambda(\epsilon) = (i\epsilon - \epsilon_k)^{-1} \theta(\Lambda_l - |\epsilon_k|)$$



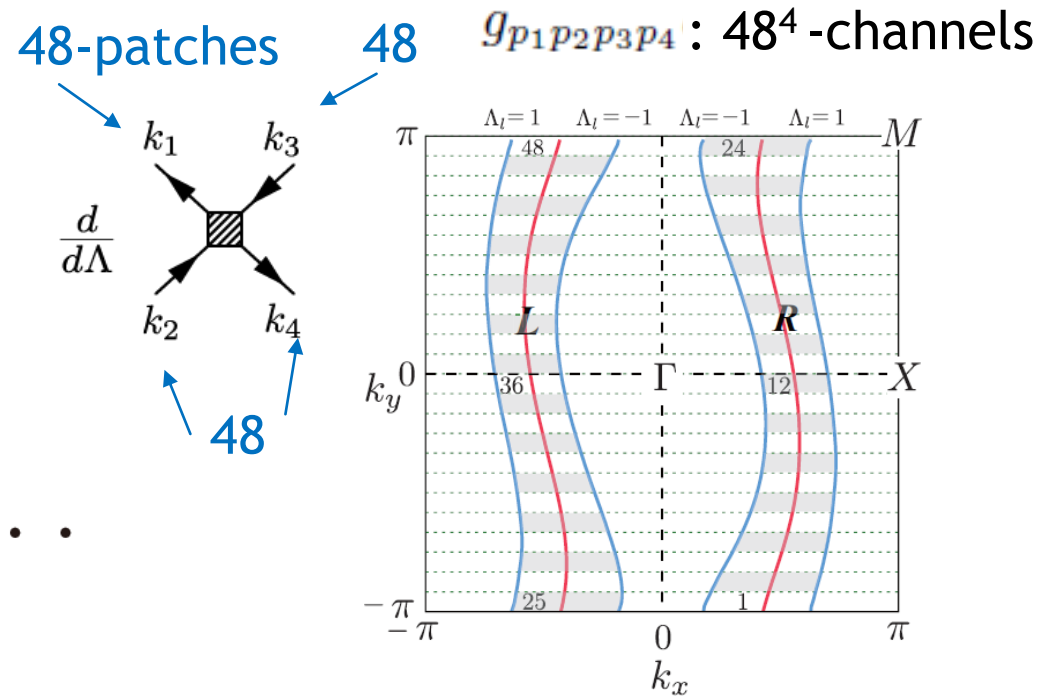
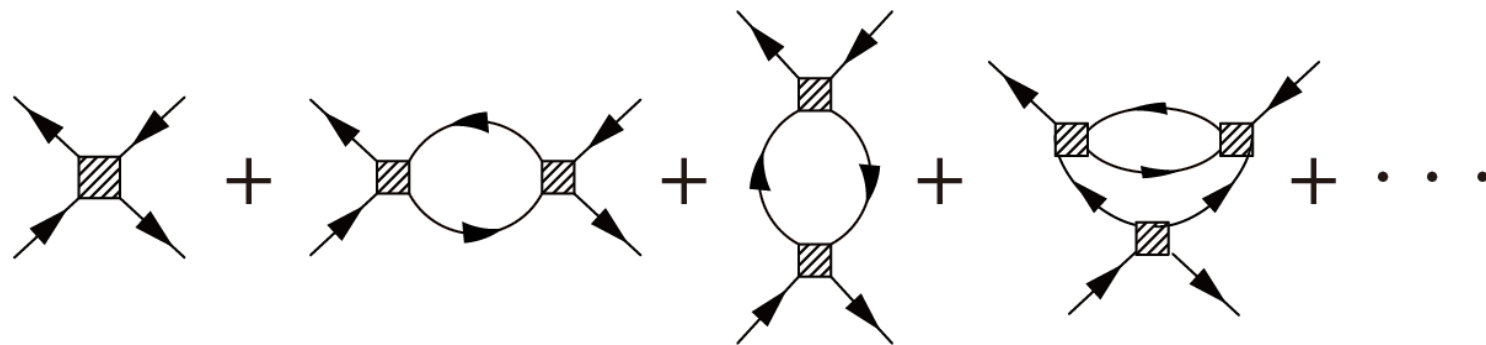
~~—~~ $\Lambda_{l+dl} \leq |\epsilon_k| < \Lambda_l$
on shell

~~—~~ $|\epsilon_k| < \Lambda_l$
low energy

fRG in Hubbard model



Parquet diagrams are automatically generated.



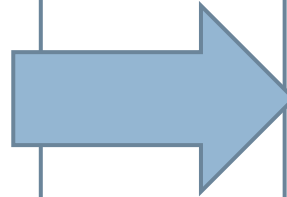


advantage

✓ **Higher-order scatterings of U** are automatically considered.

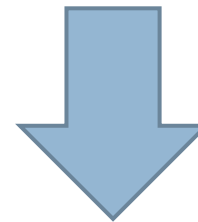
✓ **Vertex-corrections** are automatically considered.

→ beyond RPA/mean-field

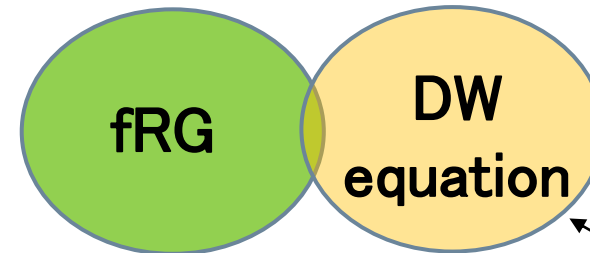


disadvantage

✓ Physical meaning is unclear.
ex. Which diagram/process are important ?



Both fRG & diagrammatic calculation are needed.



diagrammatic calculation with vertex corrections (later)

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recent discovery

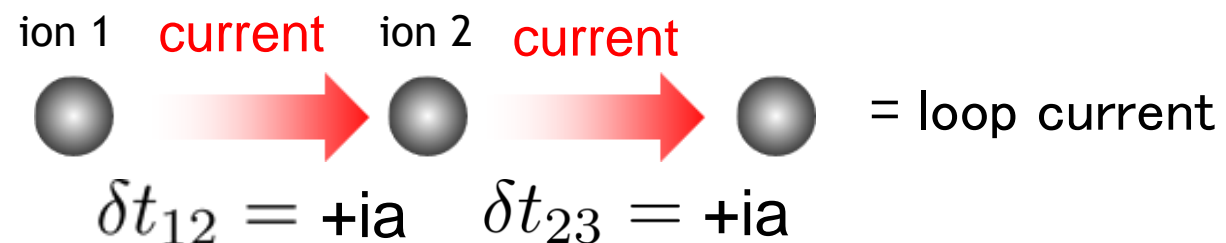
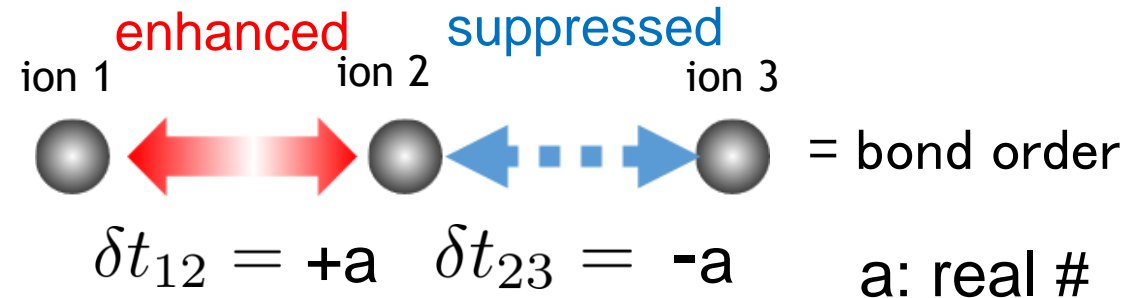
Based on fRG,
“new types of phase transitions” have been discovered!

= non-local order

order parameter of non-local order

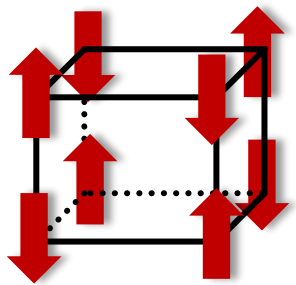
$$\hat{O} = \sum_{i \neq j} \delta t_{ij} c_i^\dagger \cdot c_j$$

= spontaneous symmetry breaking of hopping



local order

ex. **spin order**, charge order



order parameter
 $\langle S_i \rangle \neq 0$

i: lattice index

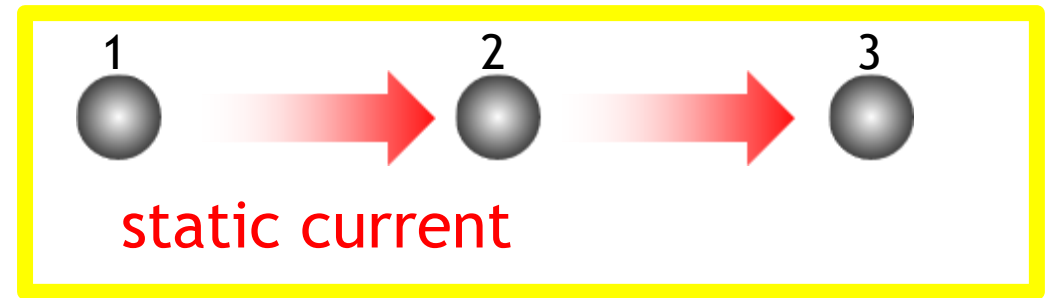


$$\hat{O} = \sum \hat{S}_z \underline{c_{i\sigma}^\dagger} \underline{c_{i\sigma}} \quad \sigma: \text{spin}$$

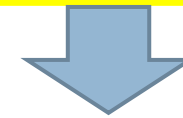
same site

non-local order

ex. **loop current order**



static current



order parameter

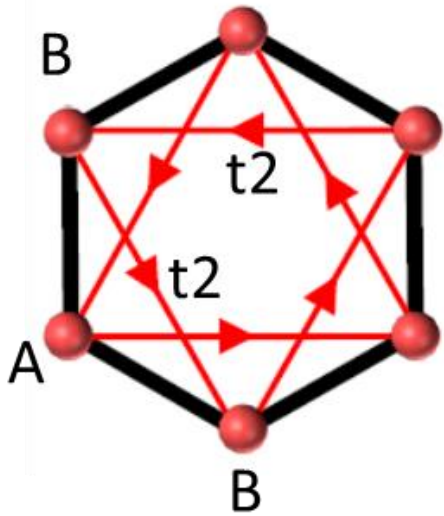
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different site

Haldane's loop current

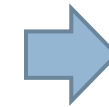
Phys. Rev. Lett. 61 2015 (1988)

→ Nobel Prize in 2016



$$H_{\text{Haldane}} = -t_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} c_i^\dagger c_j - t_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} e^{i\phi_{ij}} c_i^\dagger c_j + e^{-i\phi_{ij}} c_j^\dagger c_i$$

effective Aharonov-Bohm (AB) phase



Origin of this imaginary hopping was unknown.

Hermite system

pure imaginary hopping
= effective AB phase

* time reversal symmetry is broken.

* odd parity

cf. AB phase in magnetic-field

$$t_{ij} = te^{i\phi_{ij}} \approx \underbrace{t}_{\text{even}} + i \underbrace{t\phi_{ij}}_{\text{odd}}$$

space inversion → even odd

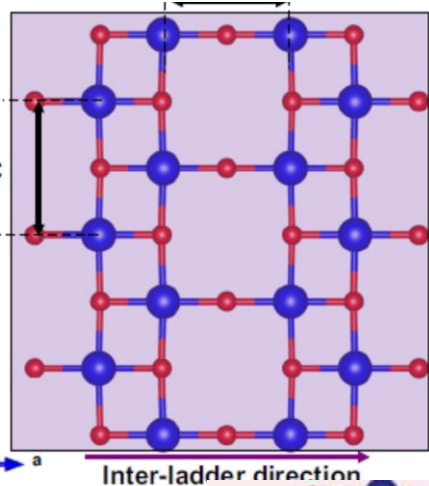
$$\phi_{ij} = -\phi_{ji}$$

$$\phi_{ij} = -e \int_{r_j}^{r_i} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

A: vector potential

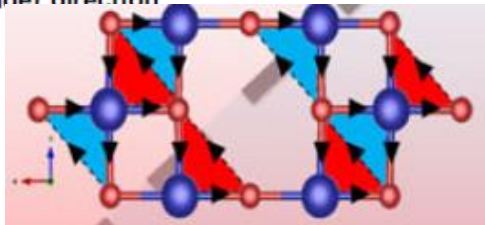
Cuprates

experiment



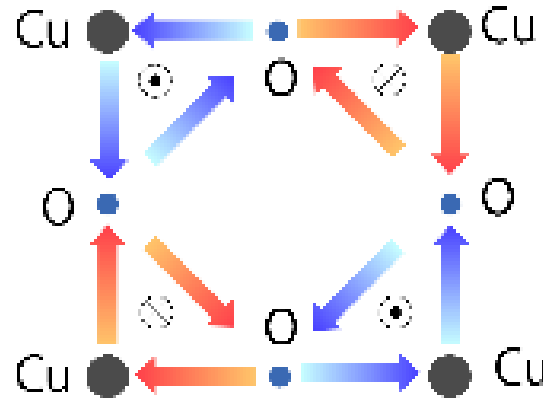
2-leg ladder

$\text{Sr}_{14}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{O}_{41}$



D Bounoua et al.,
Comm Phys 3, 123 (2020).

Varma's loop
current

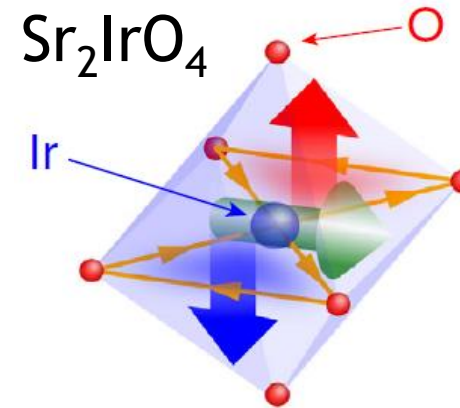


C. M. Varma,
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experiment

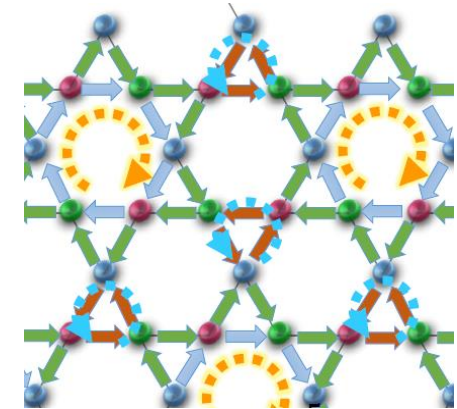
Iridate



H. Murayama *et al.*,
Phys. Rev. X 11, 011021 (2021). C. Guo et al., arXiv:2203.09593

experiment

kagome



C. Mielke et al., arXiv:2106.13443.

open problem

Emergence of loop currents **could not be explained** by RPA/ mean-field theory.



Can we explain by fRG? = our motivation

non-local order

$$\hat{O} = \sum_{i \neq j} \delta t_{ij}^\sigma c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma}$$

Fourier transformation



$$\hat{O} = \sum_{k,q} f_q^\sigma(k) c_{k+q,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma}$$

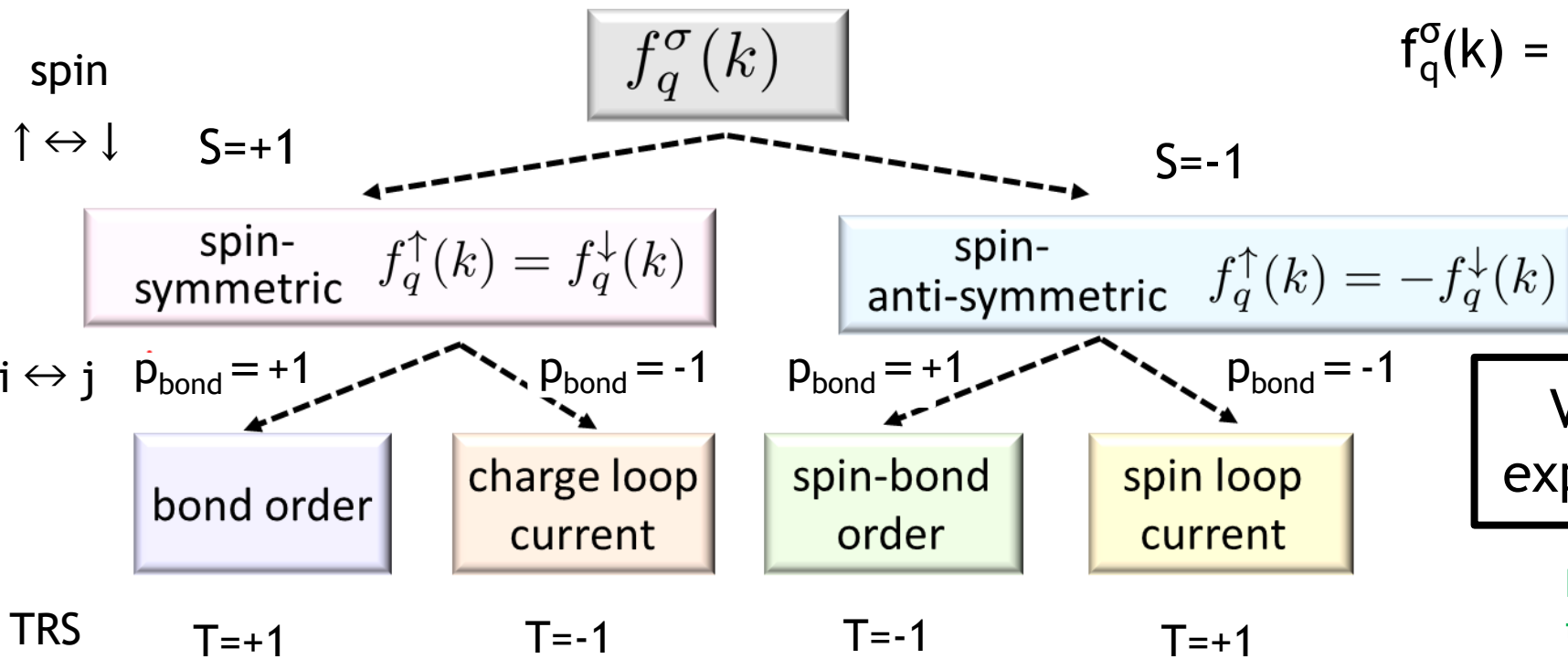
We call $f_q^\sigma(k)$ “form-factor”.



field theory

$$f_q^\sigma(k) = \text{symmetry breaking of self energy}$$

$$\delta \Sigma_{k\sigma}^q = \phi \cdot f_q^\sigma(k)$$

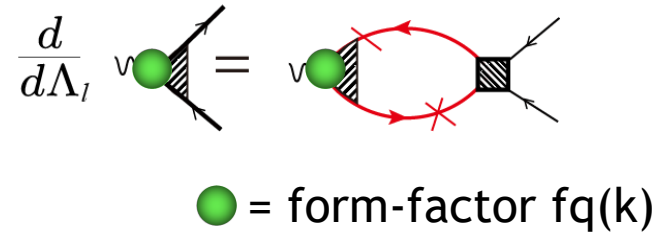
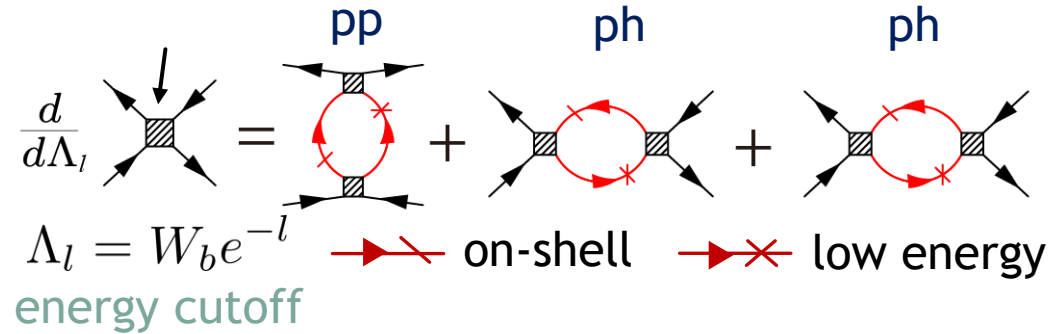
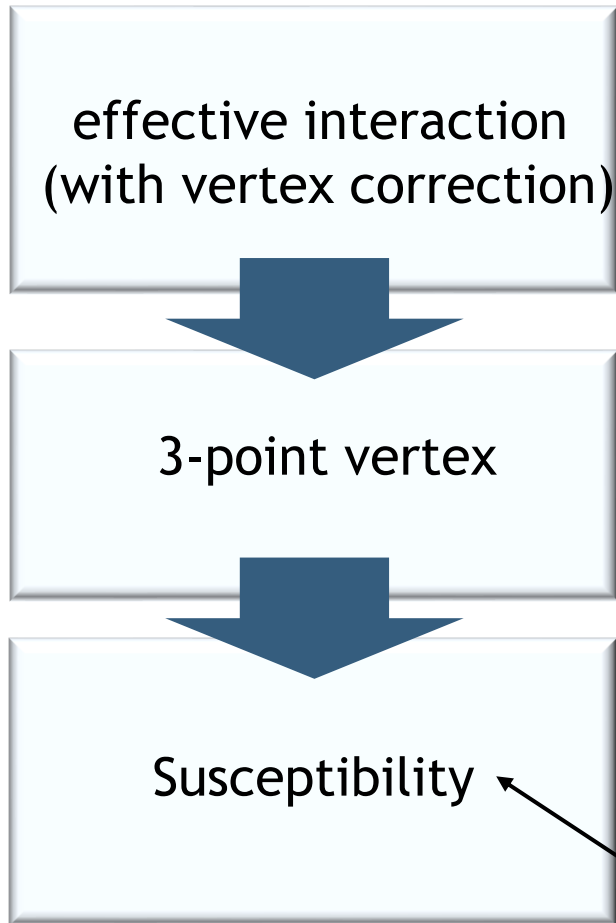


$$S * P_{\text{bond}} * T = 1$$

Various non-local order are explained by “non-local $f_q(k)$ ”.

RT et al., arXiv:2205.02280 (2022)
to be published in Phys. Rev. B

fRG + “optimized non-local form factor”

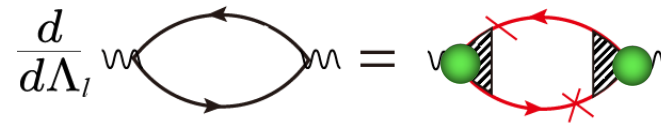


We optimize the form-factor $f_q(k)$.

$$f_k^q = \sum_{n,m=1}^7 2a_{nm}^q h_n(k_x) h_m(k_y),$$

a=coefficient

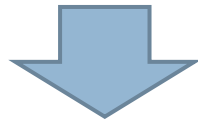
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higher-order many-body effects are considered.

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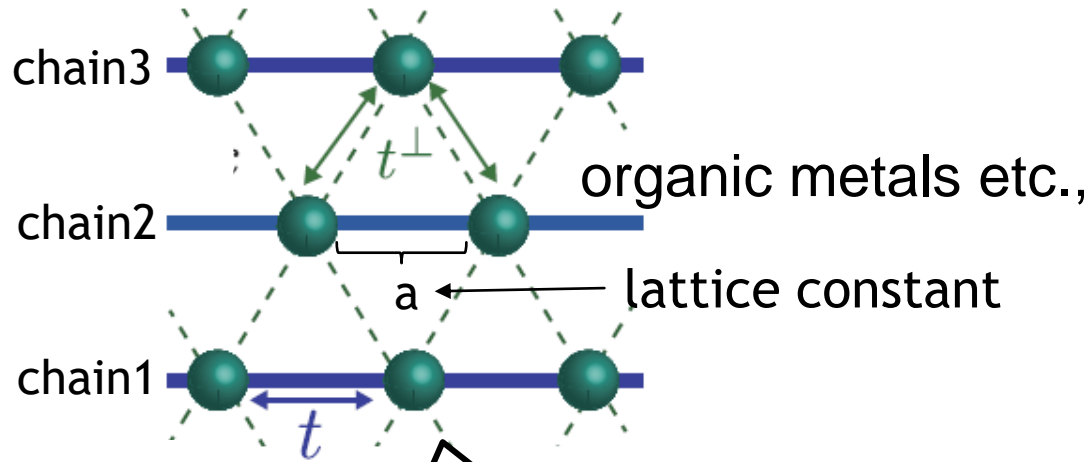
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i, j : site-index

t : intra-chain hopping

$t = 1$. fix

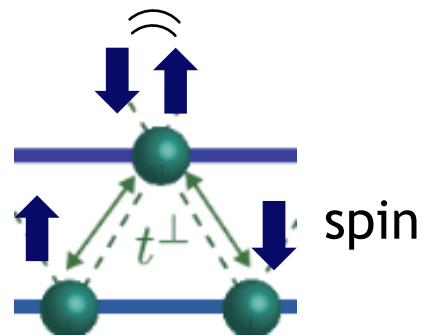
t^\perp : inter-chain hopping

$t^\perp = 0 - 0.3$

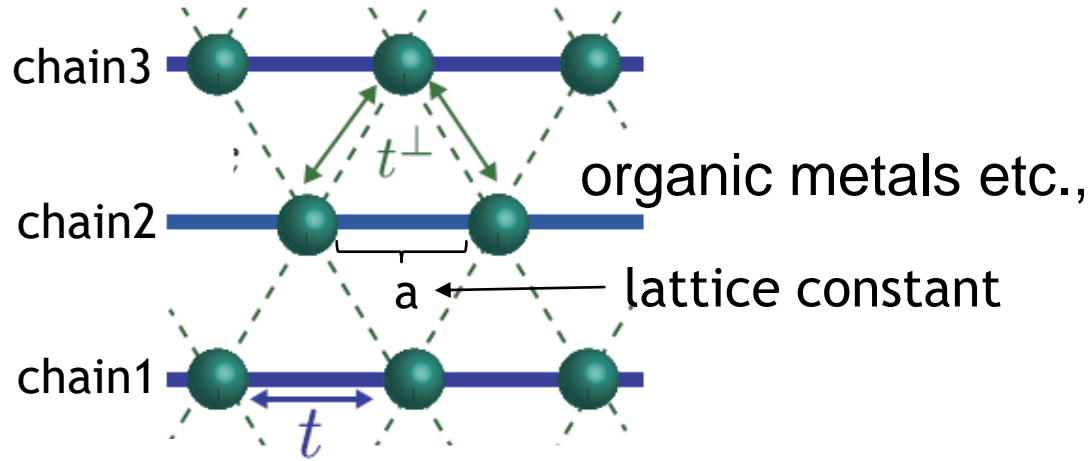
U : Coulomb repulsion

$U = 2$ fix

spin frustration



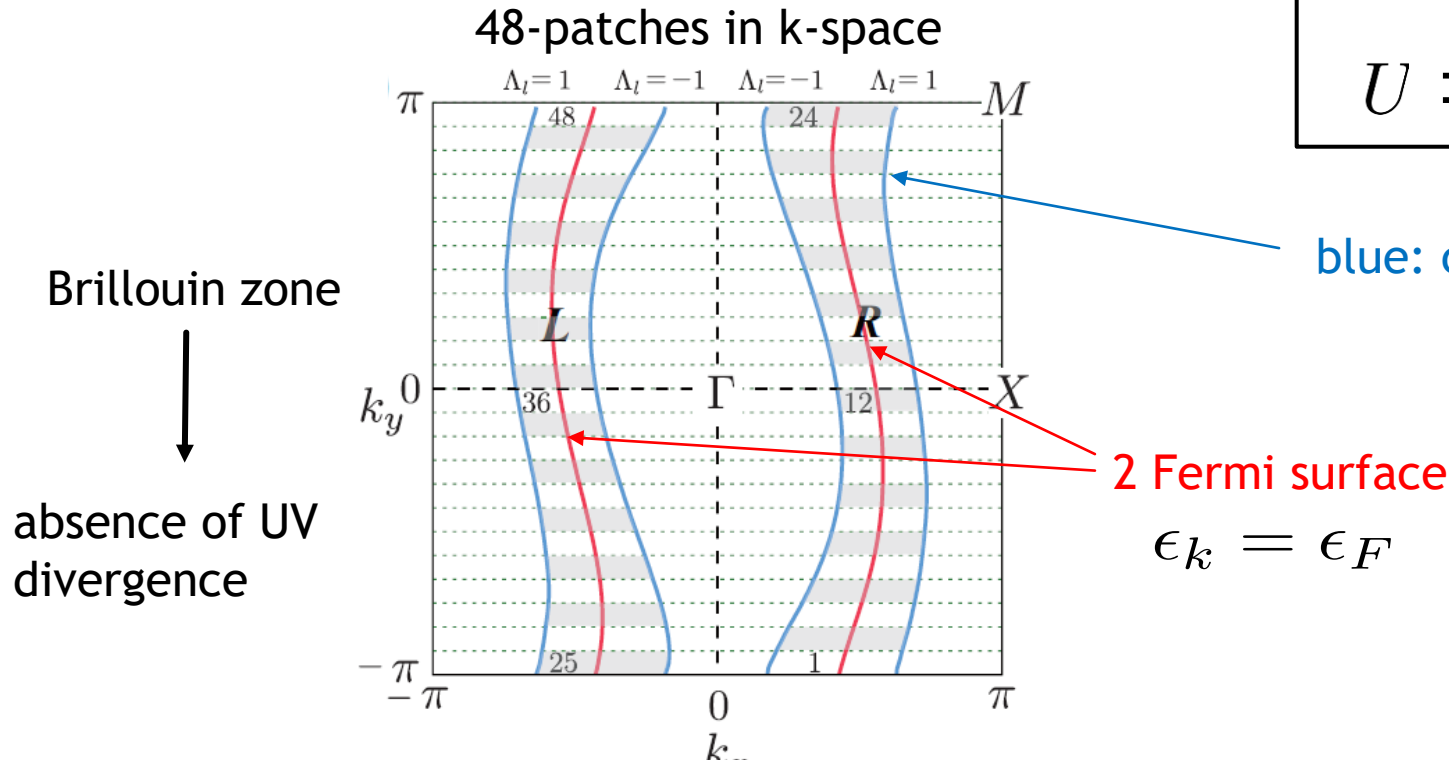
→ Spin order is suppressed.

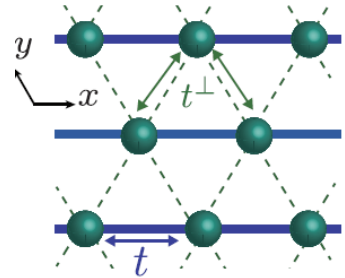


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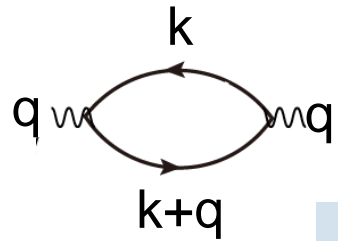
kinetic
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We calculate generalized susceptibility by fRG.
with non-local form factor

generalized susceptibility

$$\chi^{c(s)}(q) = \int_0^\beta d\tau \frac{1}{2} \langle A^{c(s)}(q, \tau) A^{c(s)}(-q, 0) \rangle e^{i\omega_n \tau}$$



$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda_1} \chi^{c(s)}(q) = \chi^{c(s)}(q)$$

$$A^{c(s)}(q) = \sum_{k\sigma\sigma'} \sigma_{\sigma\sigma'}^{0(z)} f_k^q c_{k+q\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma'}$$

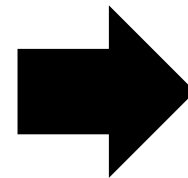
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$n=1$

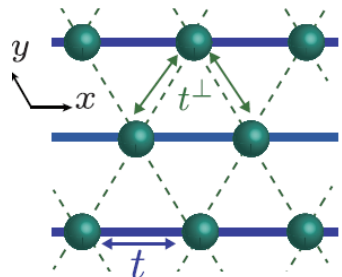
coefficient a is optimized.

$n=7$

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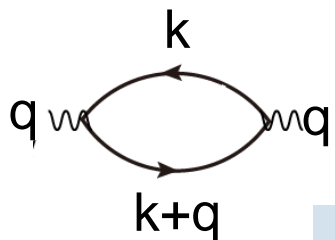


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kinetic interaction



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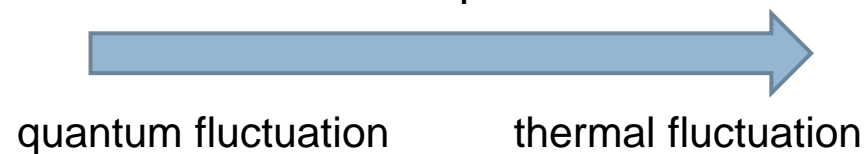
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$n=1$ coefficient a is optimized. $n=7$

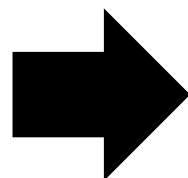
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$T=0$ ϵ_F $T=\infty$

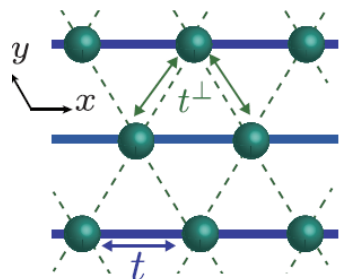


our interest = $T \ll \epsilon_F$

Quantum fluctuation is important !

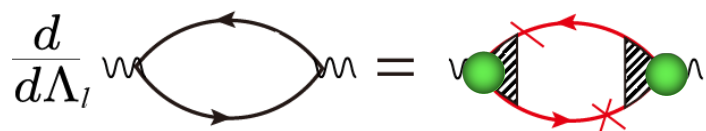


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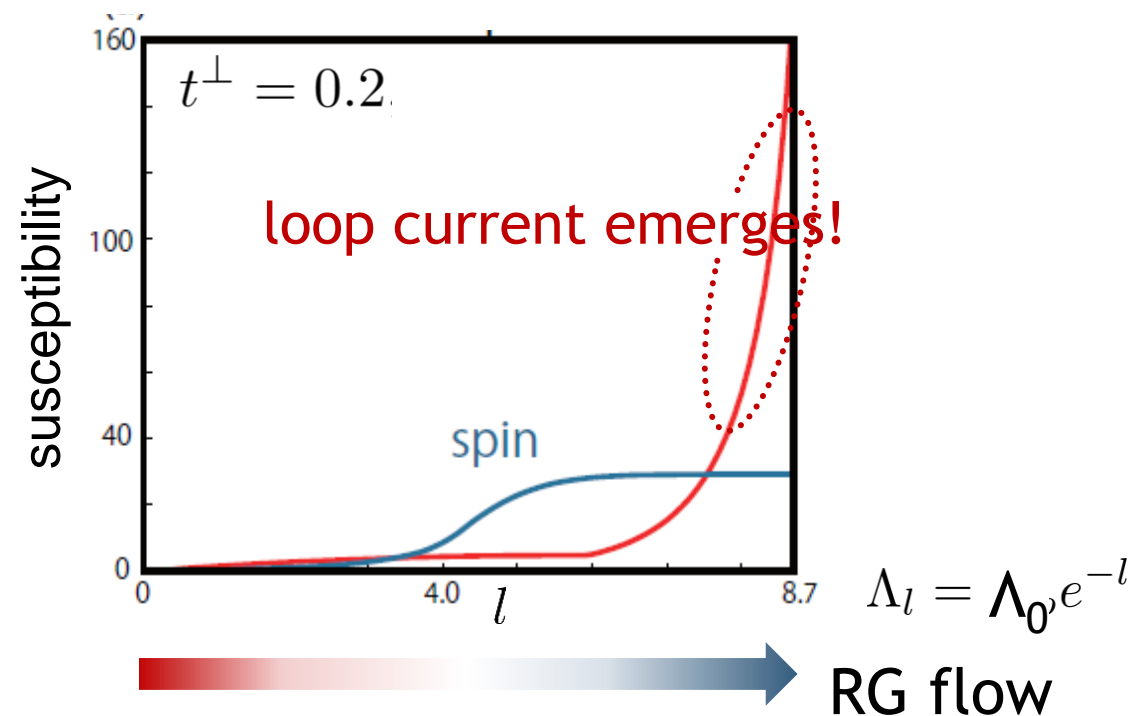
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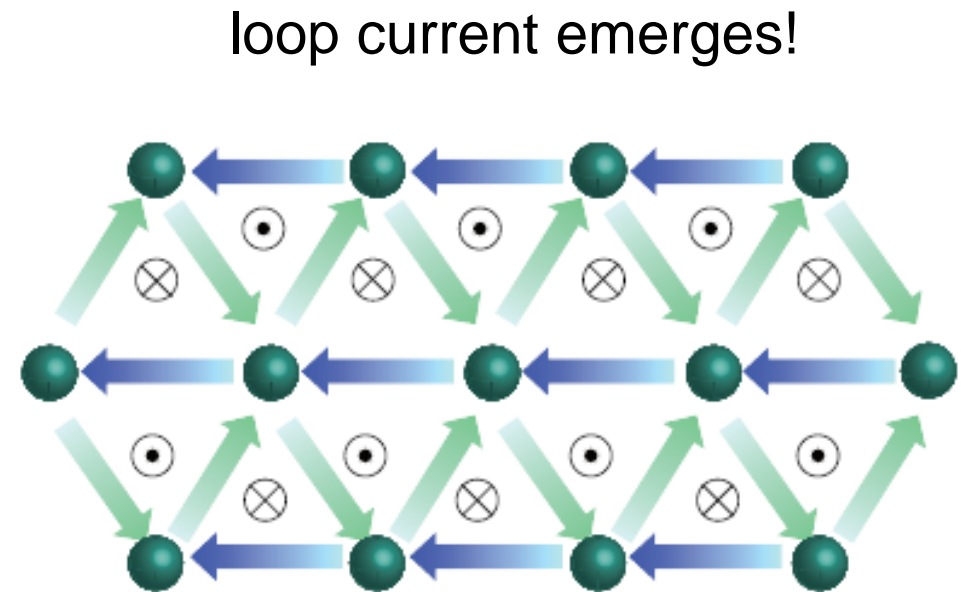
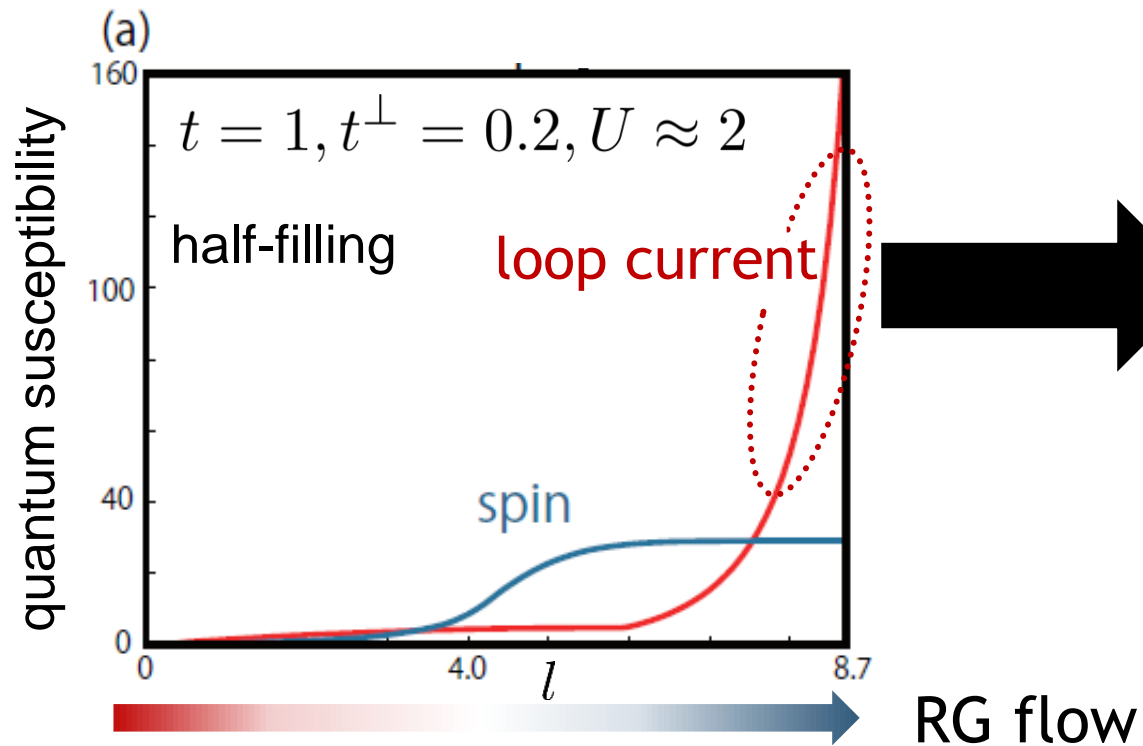
RG flow of particle-hole susceptibility



● = spin, charge, loop current, etc.,

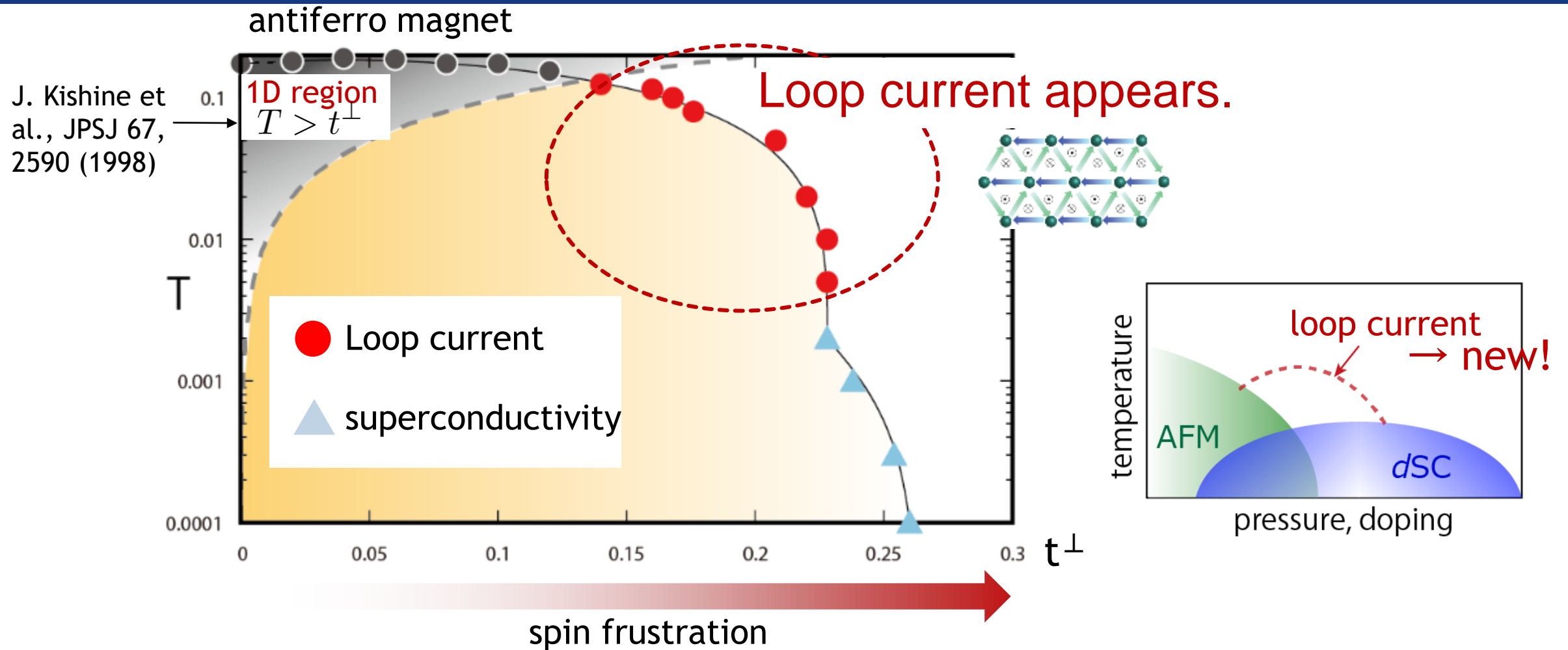
with 49-basis





* Development of loop current fluctuation is absent in RPA

phase diagram by fRG



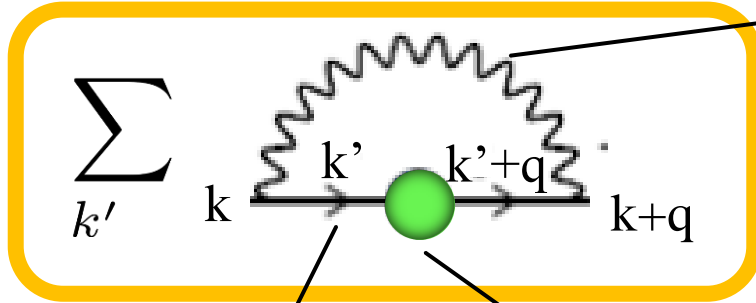
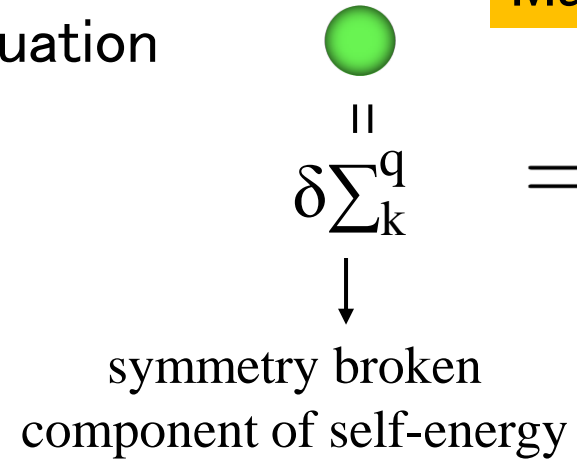
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We discover **loop current**, which was overlooked for years.

origin of loop current

Maki-Thompson (MT) vertex correction

DW equation



+ mean-field

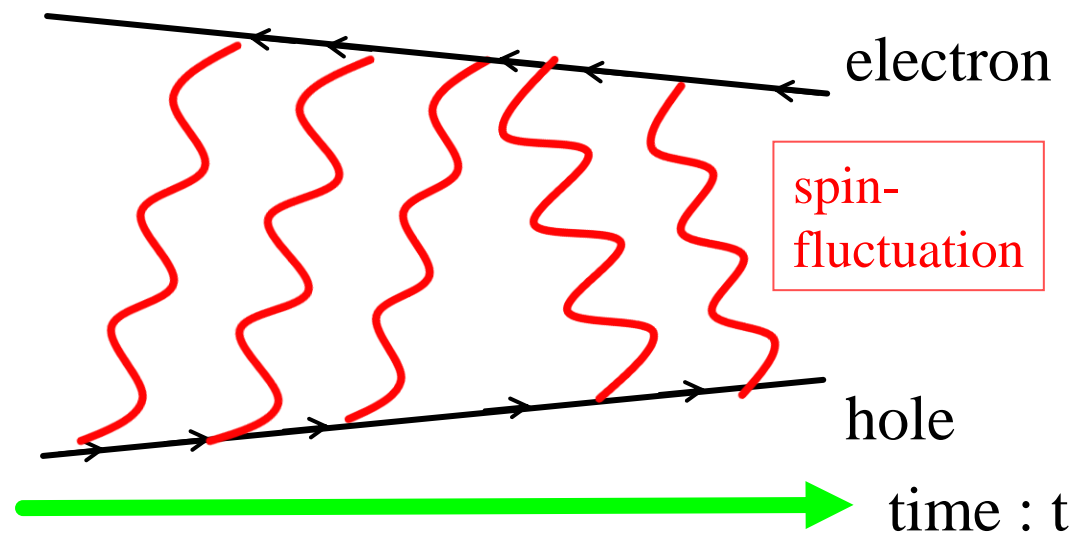


new mechanism of loop current revealed by fRG & DW equation

= MT-vertex correction by spin fluctuation induce loop current.

= spin fluctuation = local = non-local cause loop current.

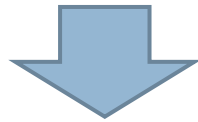
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1. Introduction: fRG in condensed matter physics

2. Recent study of “non-local phase transition” based on fRG



ex. permanent loop current

① coupled-chain Hubbard model

② kagome superconductor (2019~)

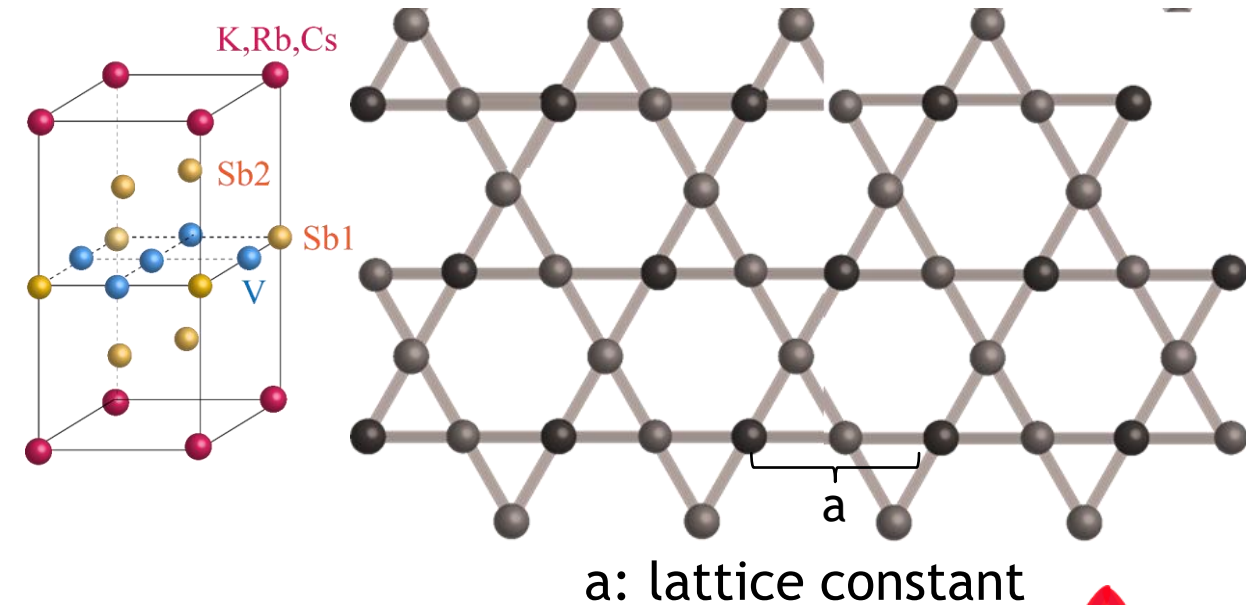
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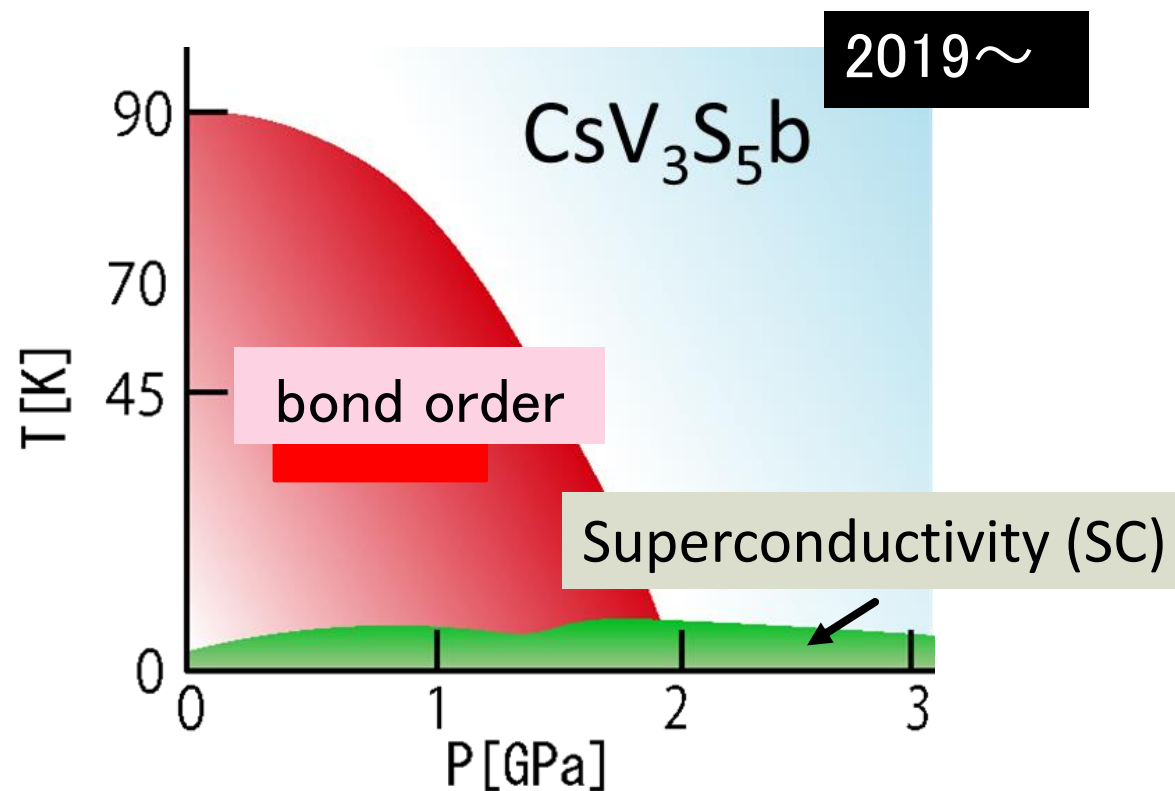
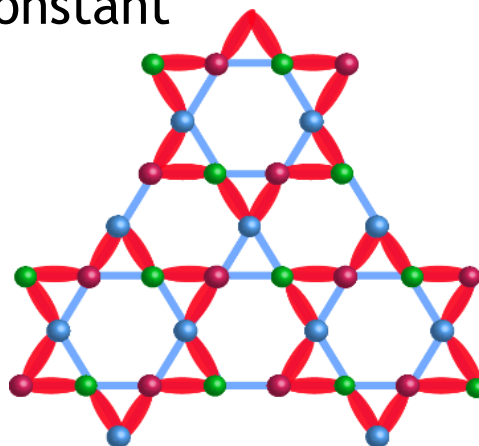
3. summary

New superconductor: AV_3Sb_5 (2019~)

Kagome network of Vanadium-ion



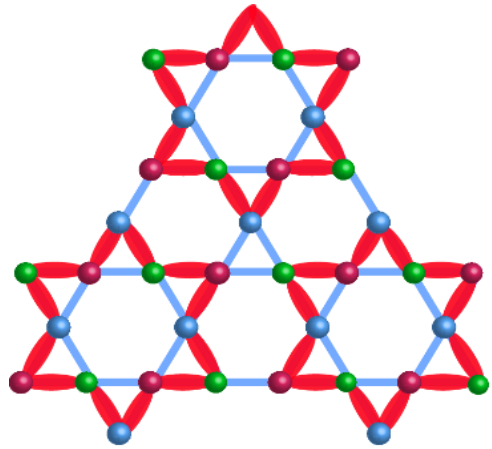
bond order (David-star)



— = Hopping-integral is spontaneously enhanced.

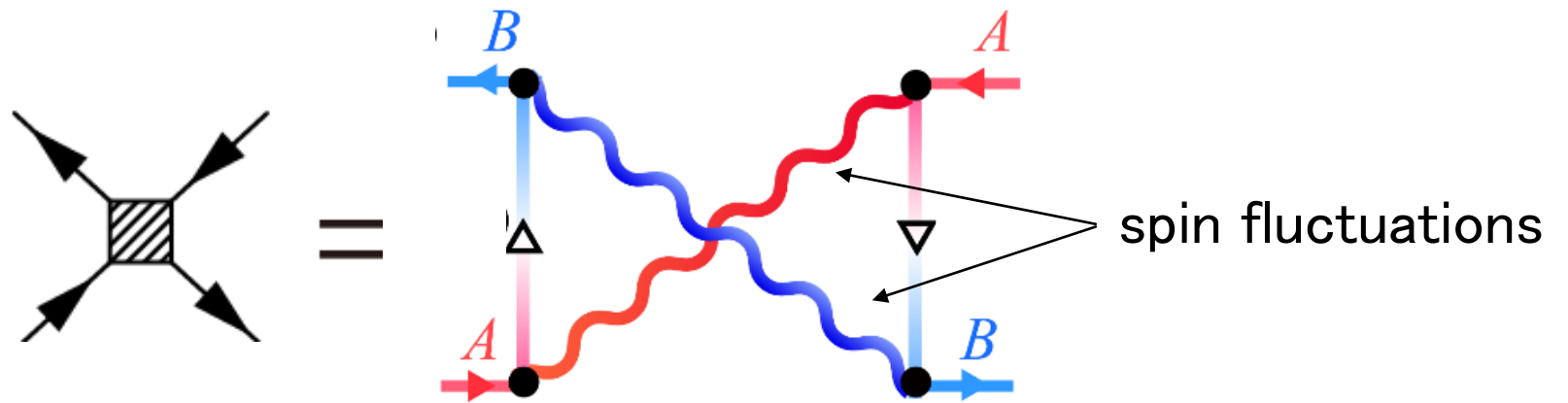
→ Translational symmetry is broken.

$$\psi(r) \neq \psi(r + a)$$

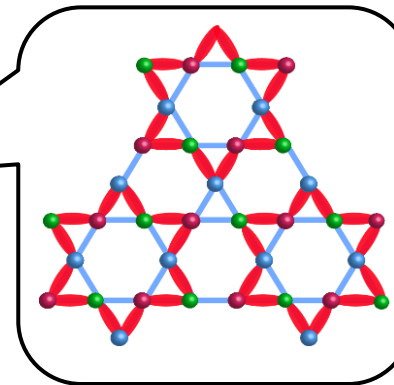
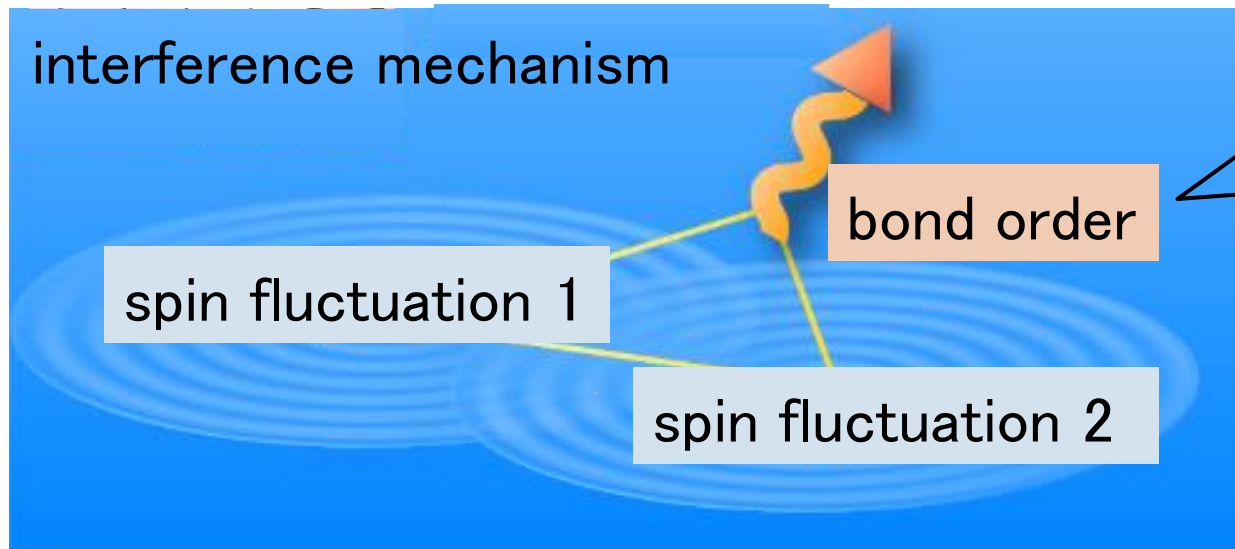


bond order (David-star)

We reveal that bond order is induced by AL vertex correction.
= interference of spin-fluctuations



Aslamasov-Larkin vertex correction



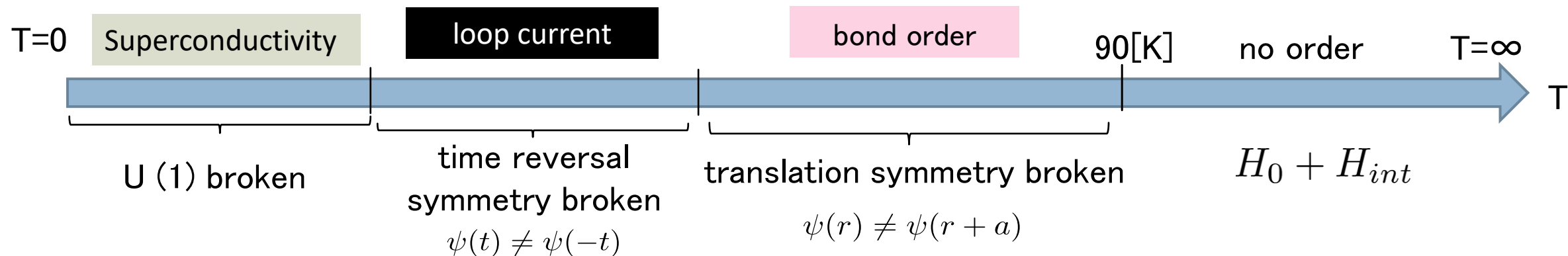
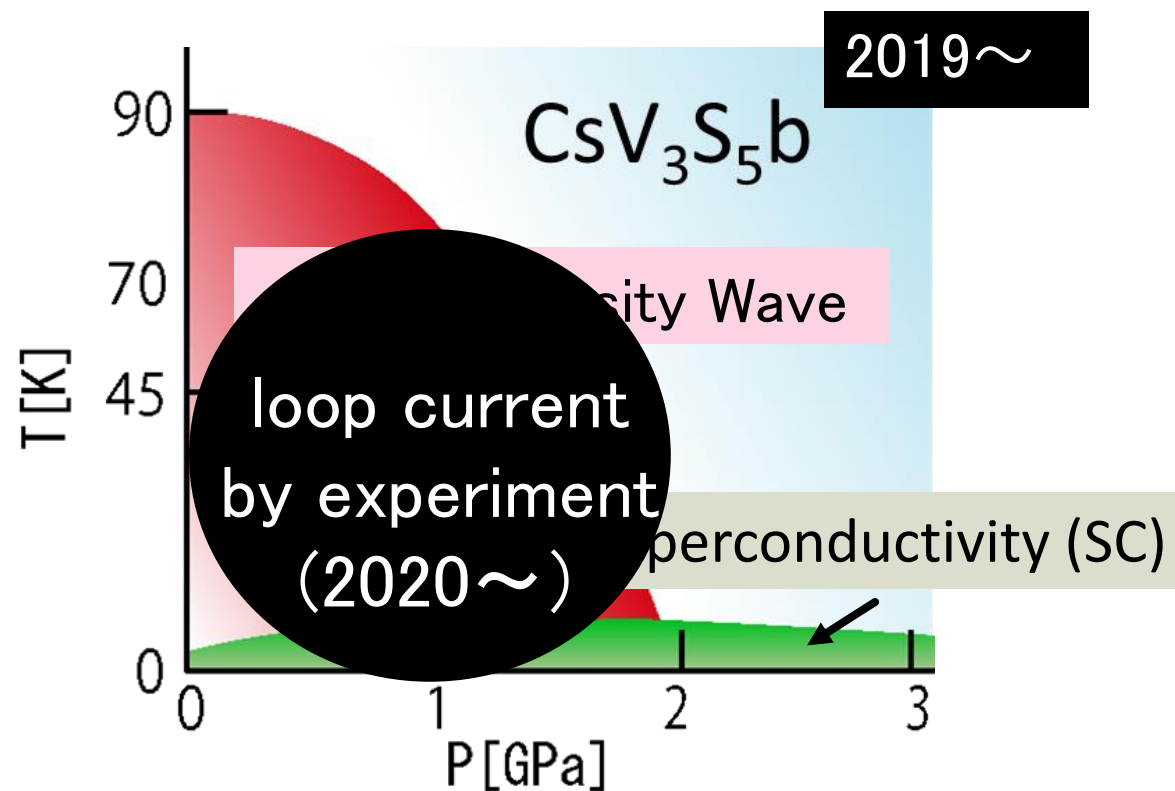
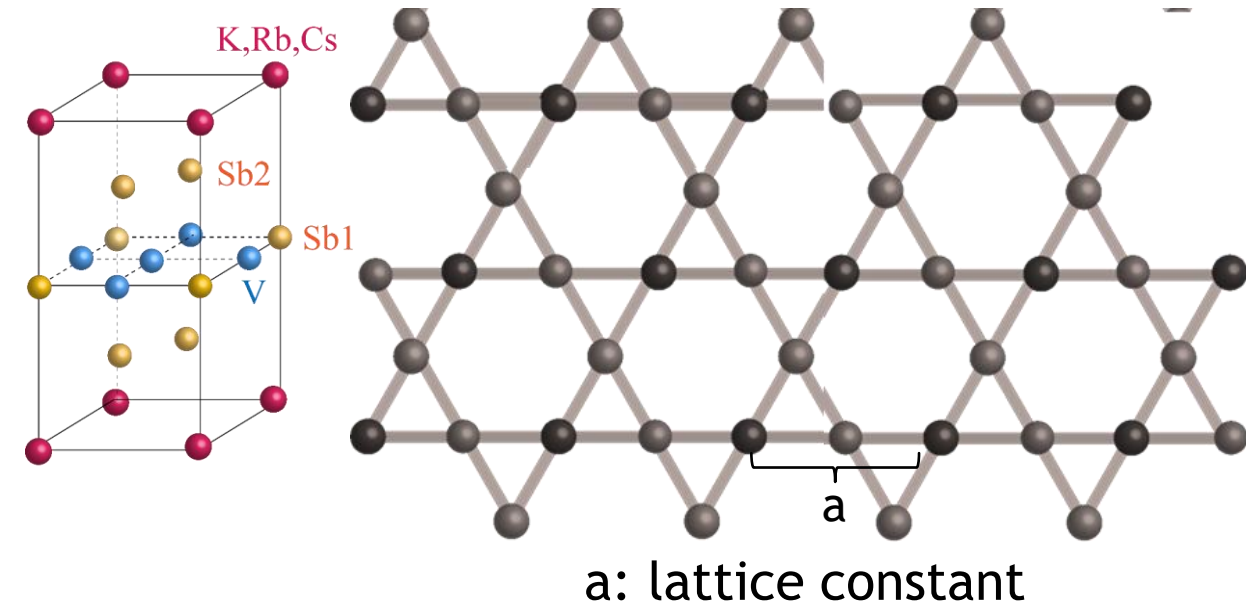
κ -(BEDT-TTF)₂X

bond-order by fRG

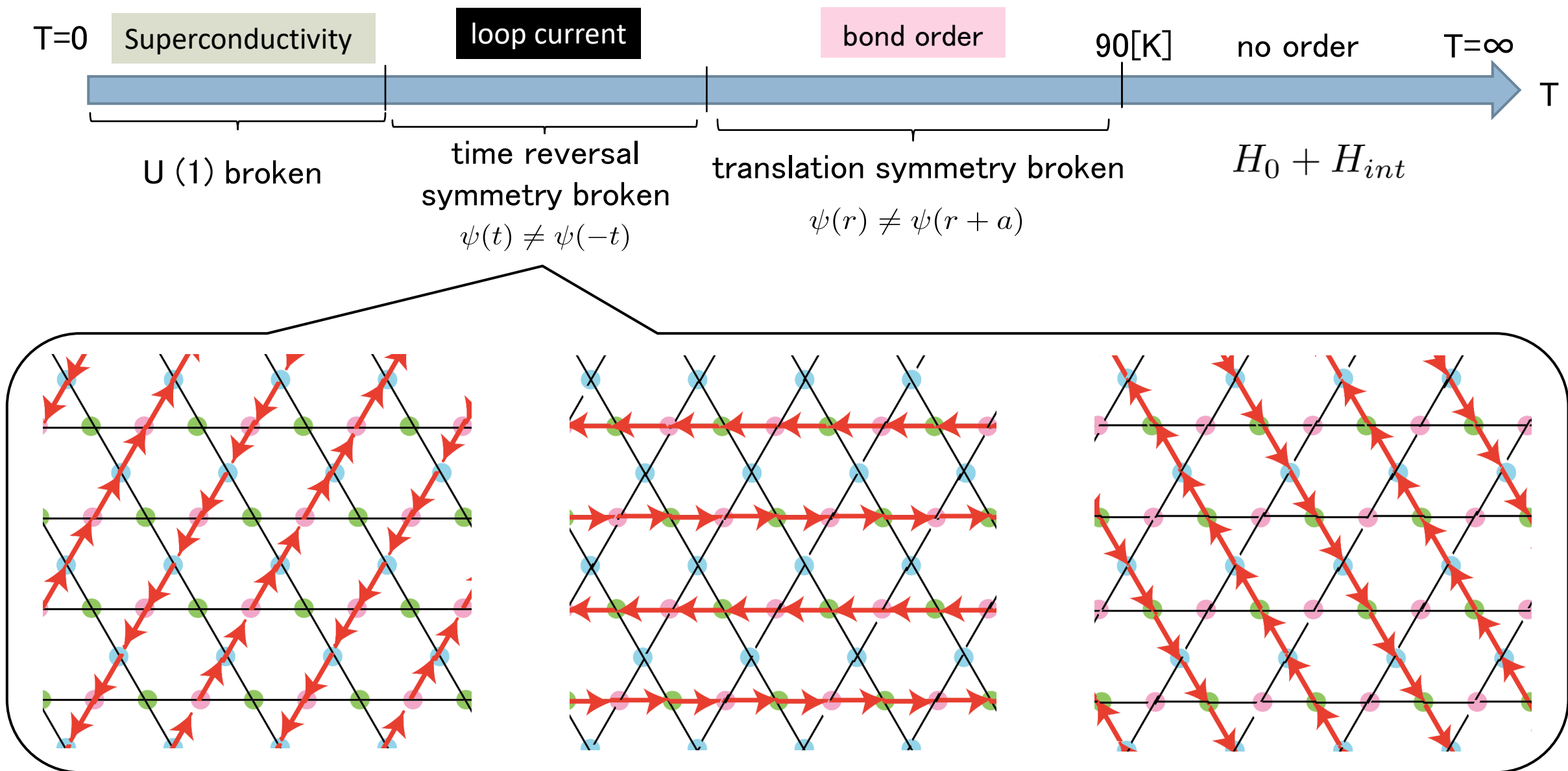
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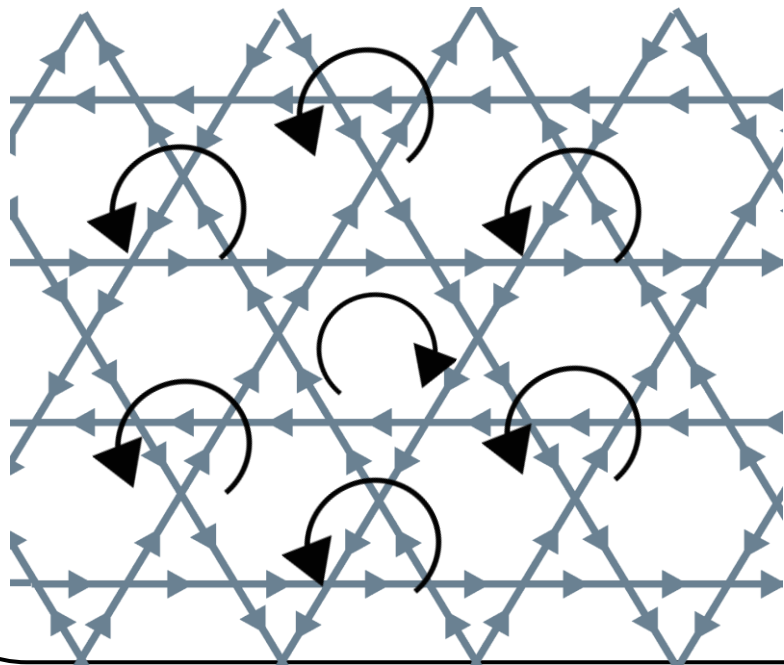
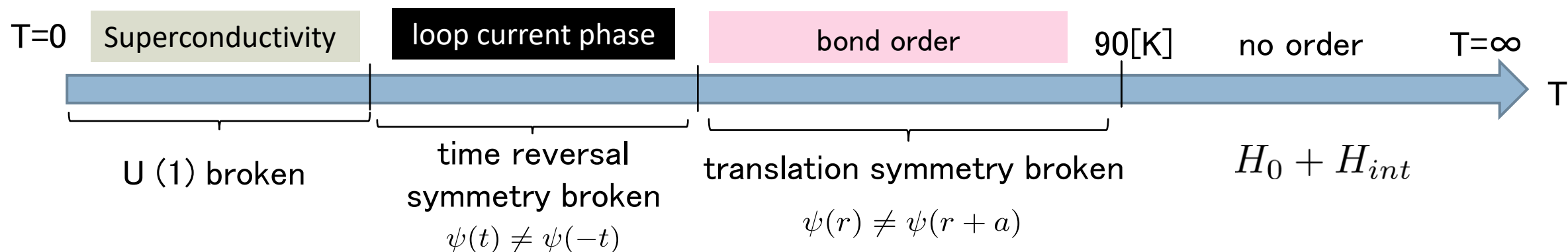
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loop current in kagome metal



loop current in kagome metal



Origin of loop current was unknown.



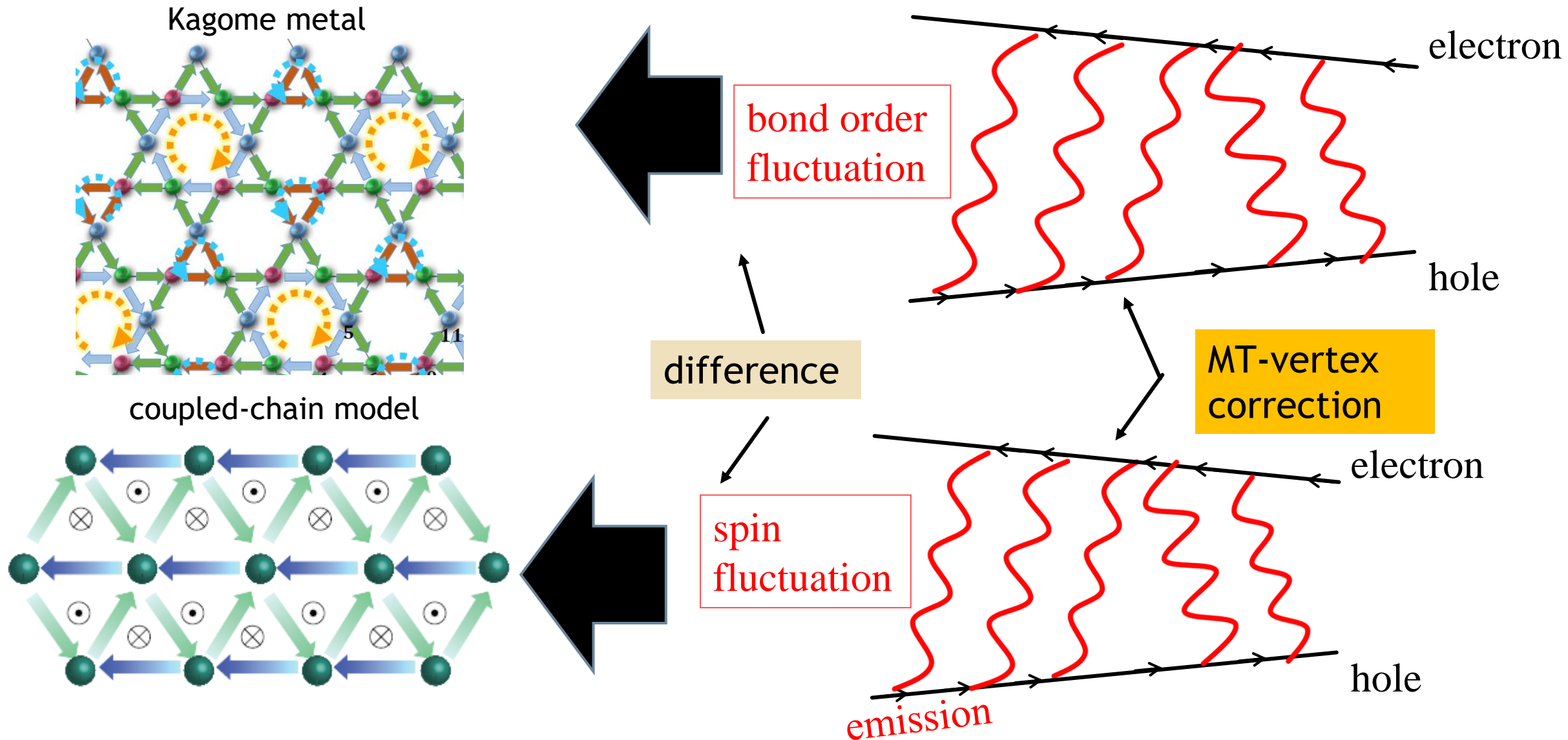
We reveal “Maki–Thompson vertex corrections induce loop current”.

R. Tazai *et al.*, arXiv:2207.08068 (2022).

new mechanism !

loop current in kagome metal

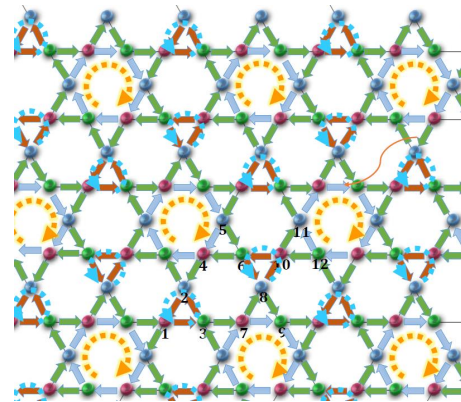
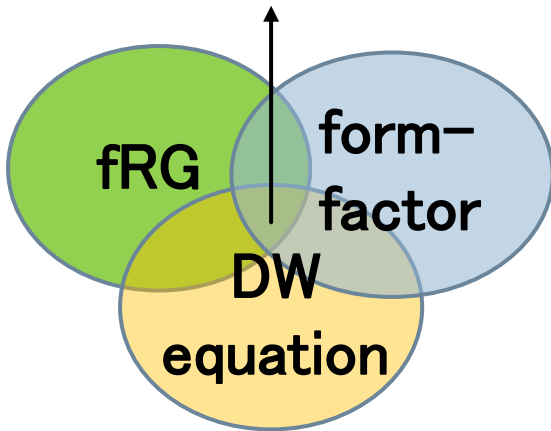
We reveal a new origin of “loop current” by Maki–Thompson vertex correction.



We discover the microscopic origin of **new phase transition** by using fRG.
ex. loop current

“Beyond mean-field vertex correction is necessary”

new phase transition
(ex. loop current)



Maki-Thompson VC
cause loop current in
Kagome (2021~)

▪ static, without joule heating
space-dependent

▪ By optimizing the **form-factor** in fRG,
new phase transition has been revealed.

▪ By comparing fRG & DW equation (=diagrammatic),
origin of phase transition is **clearly understood**.

