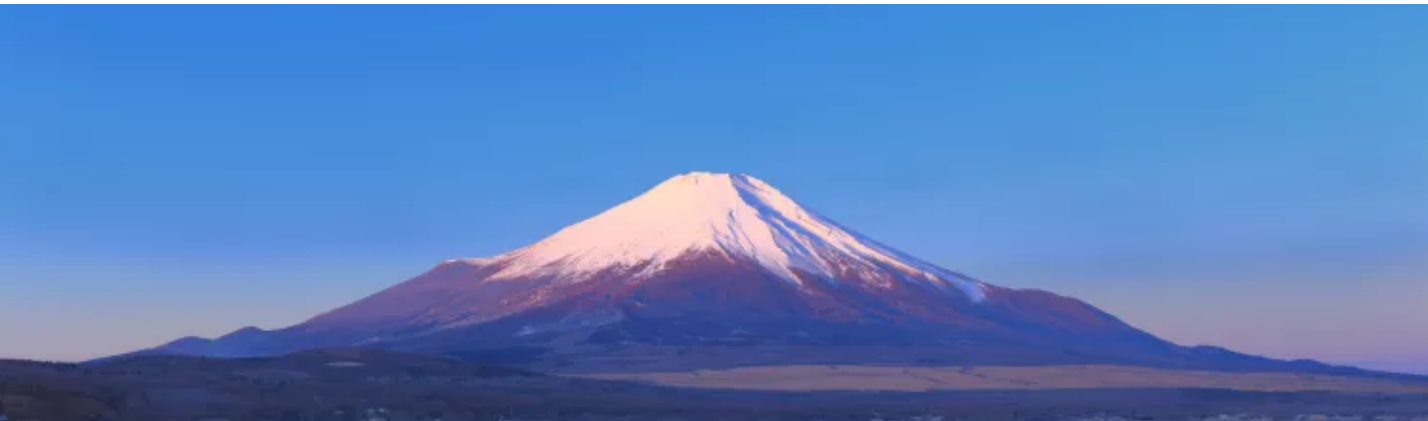


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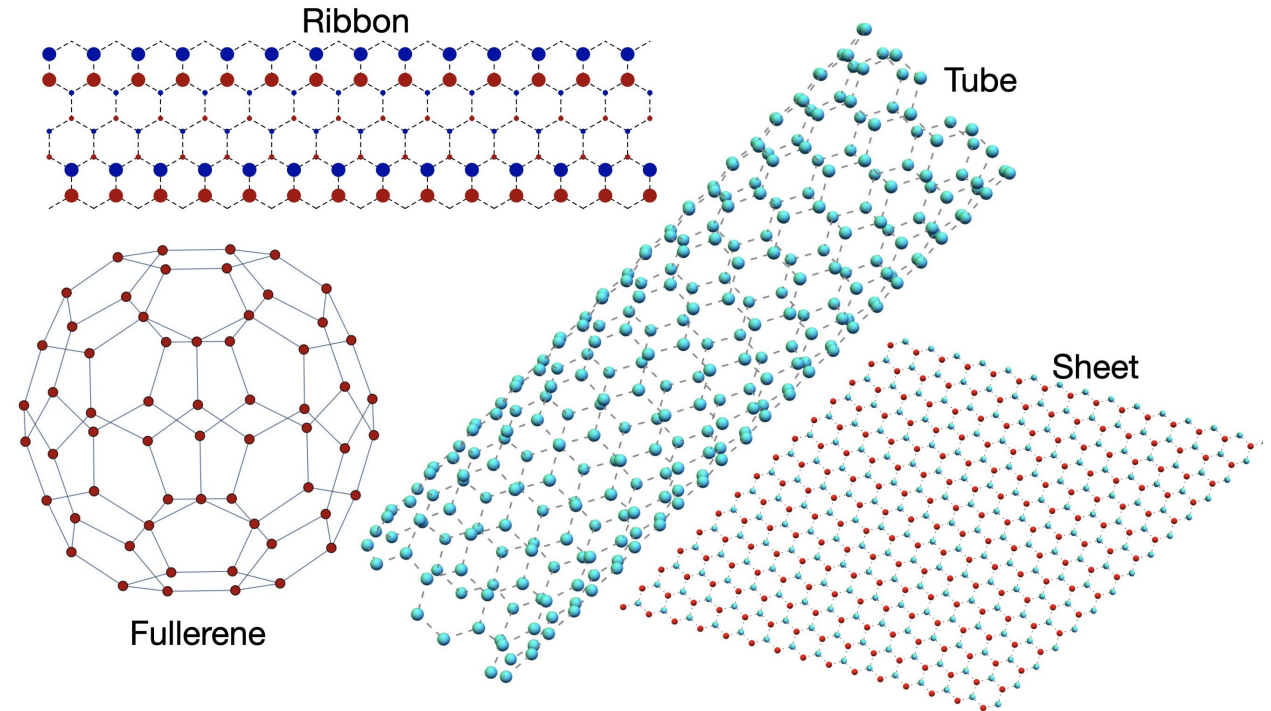
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WHY LOW-D MATERIALS?

- At least one of the dimensions of the material is small (\sim nanoscale)
- Quantum effects and strong correlations induce novel phenomena
- Novel quantum electronics
- Fault tolerant quantum computing



WHY DO WE EXPECT STRONG CORRELATIONS IN LOW -D?

Isn't QED perturbative?

Let's first assume a quadratic dispersion relation:

Average kinetic energy of electron

$$E_k \approx n_d^{2/d} (2m^*)$$

Density of electrons Effective mass

$n_d = 1/l^d$

Mean distance between electrons Dimension of system

Average Coulomb energy of electron

$$E_C \approx e^2 n_d^{1/d} / \epsilon_0$$

Dielectric constant (depends on medium)

$$V(r) = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{E_C}{E_K} \propto (n_0/n_d)^{1/d} \quad : \quad n_0 = (m^* e^2 / \epsilon_0)^d$$

Fiducial density

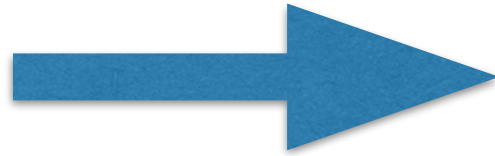
Strength of electron correlations depends on density of electrons and dimensionality of system

2D EXAMPLE: GRAPHENE

Honeycomb lattice

Use linear dispersion and set $d = 2$:

$$E_K \approx v_F n^{1/2}$$

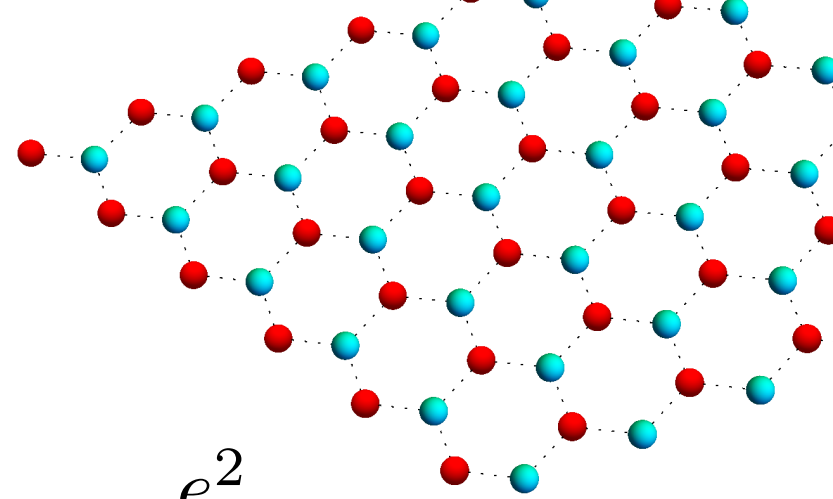


$$\Gamma = \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 v_F}$$

Independent of electron density!

Let's plug in some numbers:

$$v_F \approx \frac{c}{300} \longrightarrow \Gamma \approx 2 - 3$$



The electrons in graphene are strongly interacting!

In general, lower dimensions enhance correlations.

SYMMETRIES RELEVANT FOR LOW-D MATERIALS

- Time-reversal symmetry T : $T^2 = \pm 1$

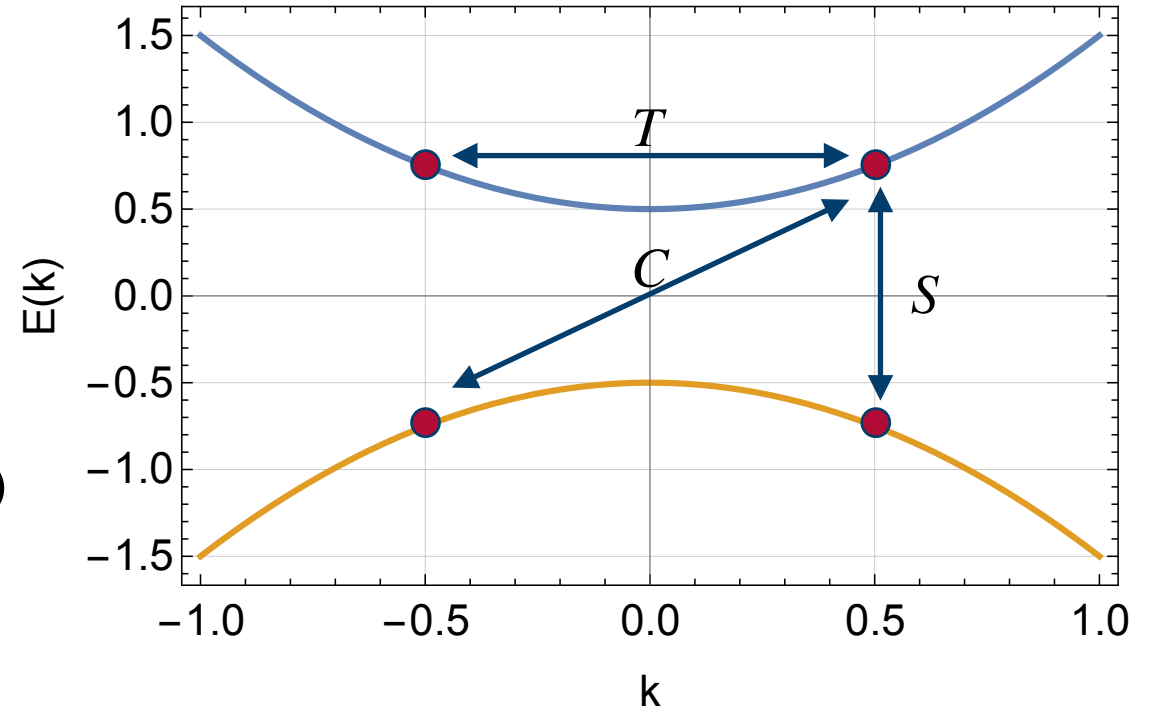
$$t \rightarrow -t \implies E(k) = E(-k)$$

- Charge conjugation symmetry (or *particle-hole* symmetry) C : $C^2 = \pm 1$

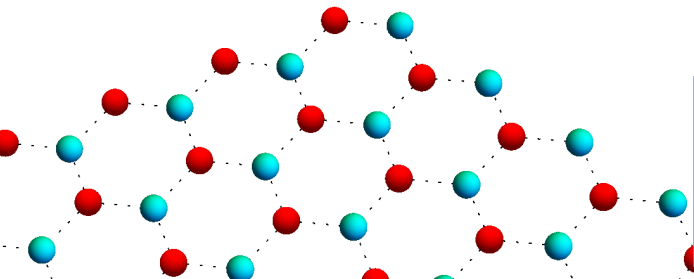
Spectrum symmetric about zero: $E_+(k) = -E_-(-k)$

- Chiral symmetry (or *sublattice* symmetry)

$$S: \quad S^2 = S \quad E_+(k) = -E_-(k)$$

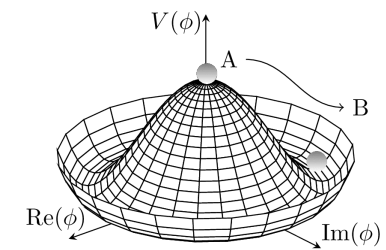


Normally, different phases of matter are distinguished by their ground-state symmetries (and lack thereof)

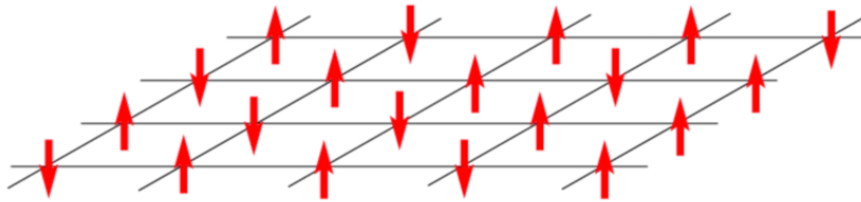


SYMMETRY BREAKING AND PHASES OF MATTER

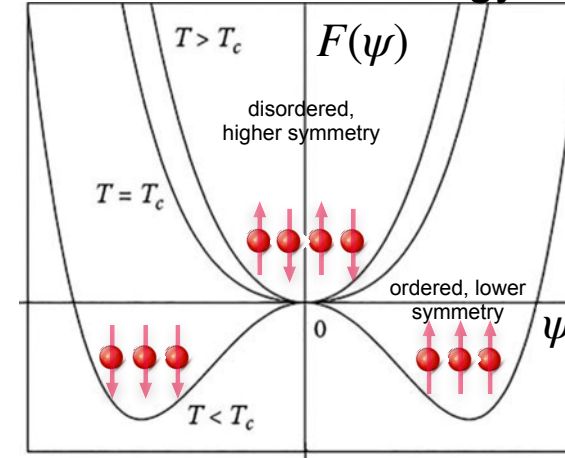
... and the transitions between them ...



Ising Model



Landau Free Energy

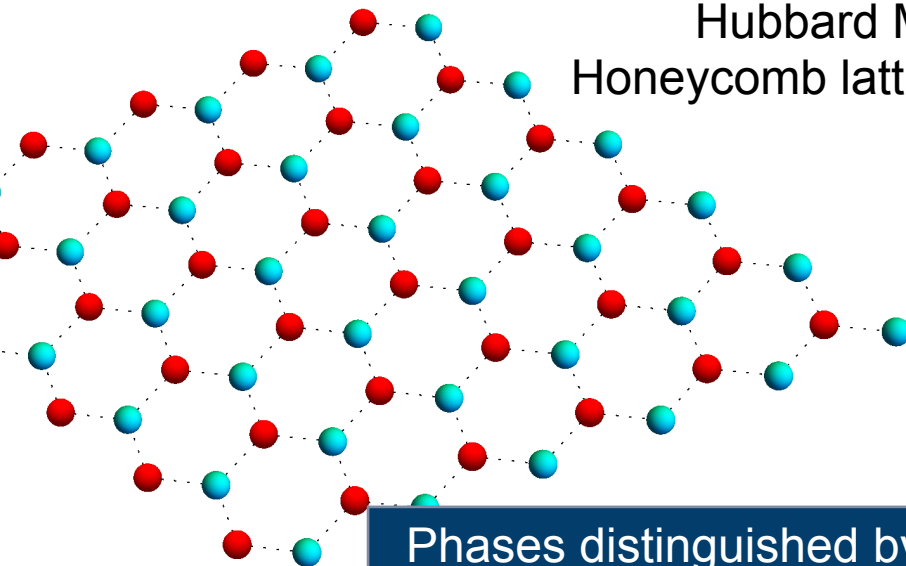


Continuous order parameter
in a discrete system?

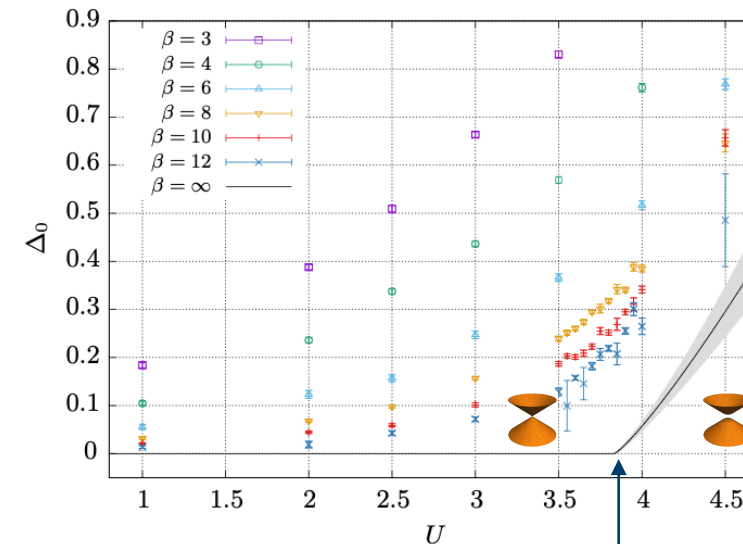


J. Ostmeyer, **TL**, et al. [arXiv:1912.03278]
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Hubbard Model on
Honeycomb lattice (graphene)



Phases distinguished by
different symmetries

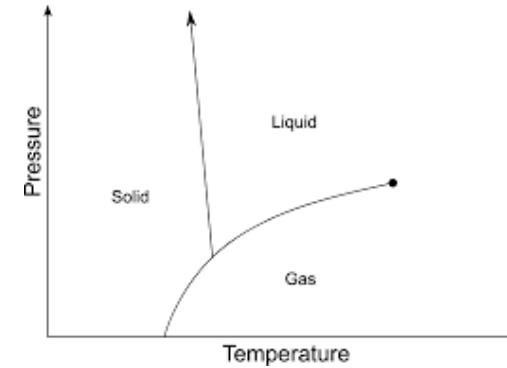


Most accurate prediction of critical coupling: $U_c = 3.834(14)$

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PHASES OF MATTER THAT SHARE THE SAME SYMMETRIES

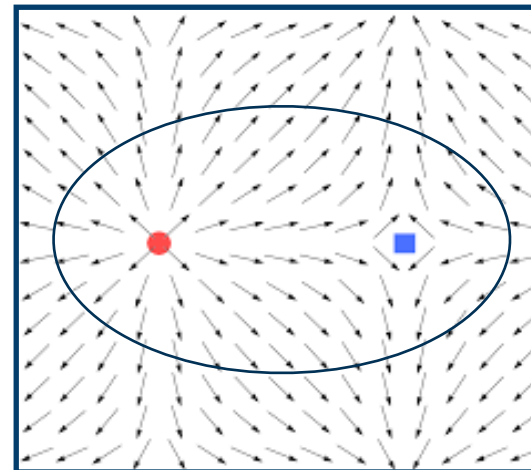
Classic example: liquid/gas transition



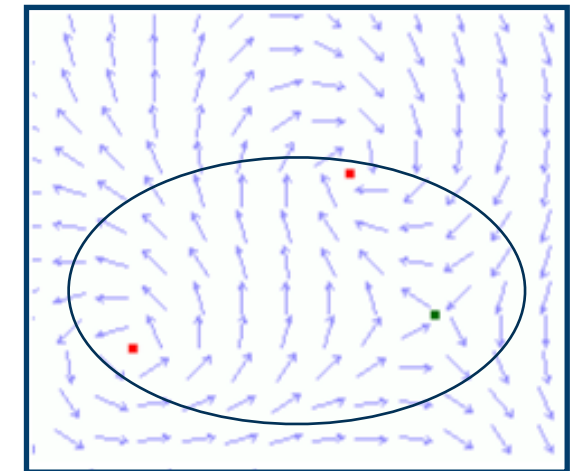
Another example: BKT transition (XY-Model)

Phases classified by local topological invariant

$$\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \text{ (ie winding number)}$$



$$J < J_c \\ |\nu| = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$



$$J > J_c \\ |\nu| = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Phases are distinct, but the ground states do not break the symmetry of the system

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Phases of matter classified topologically

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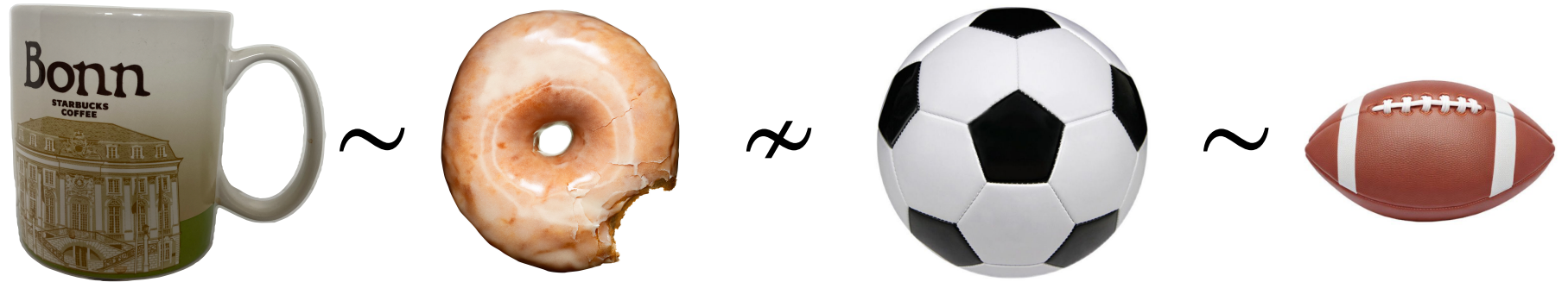
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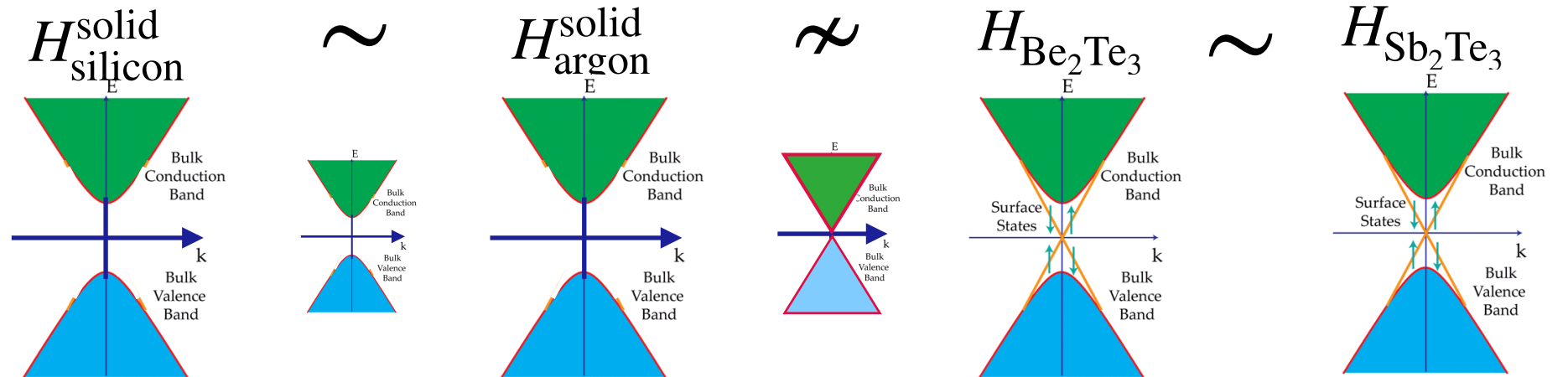
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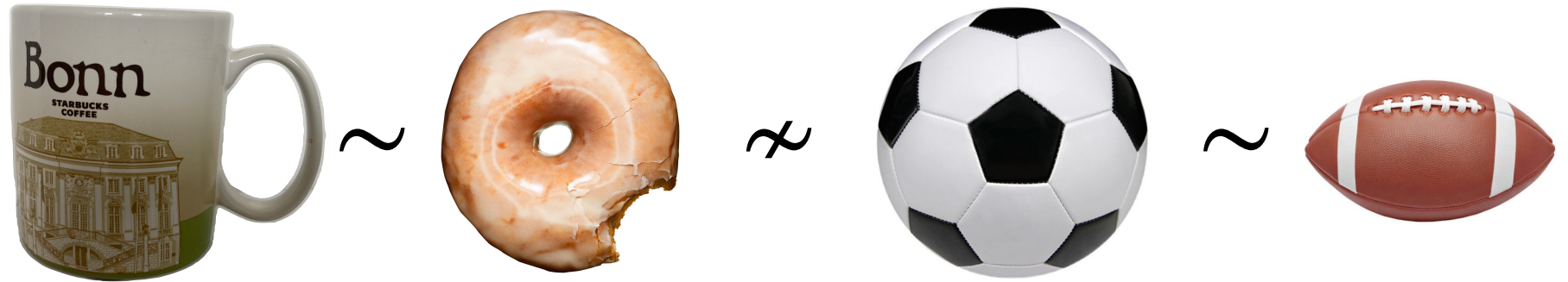
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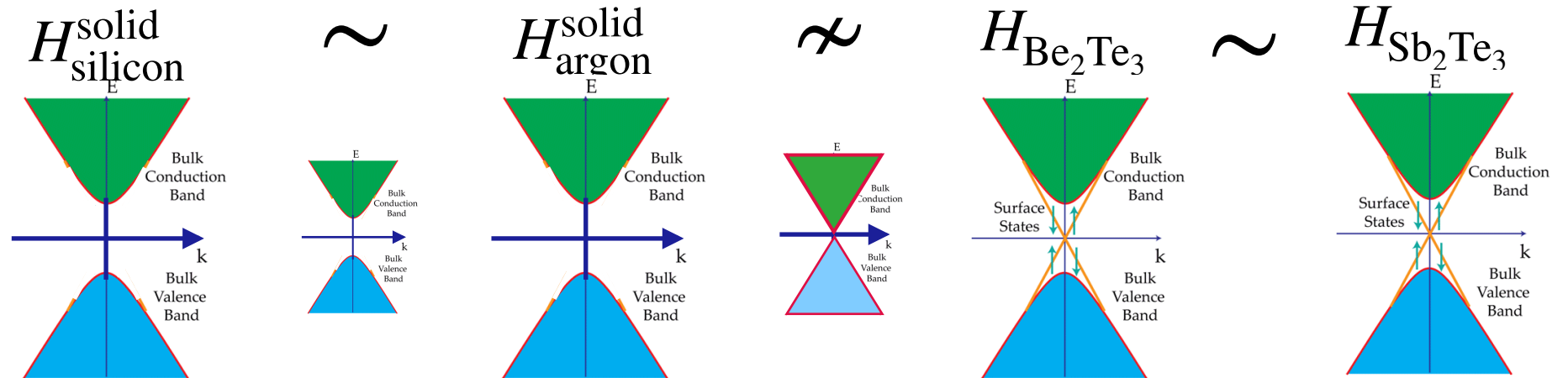
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9 Topological invariants: \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_2

CLASSIFICATION OF MATTER: *THE TEN-FOLD WAY*

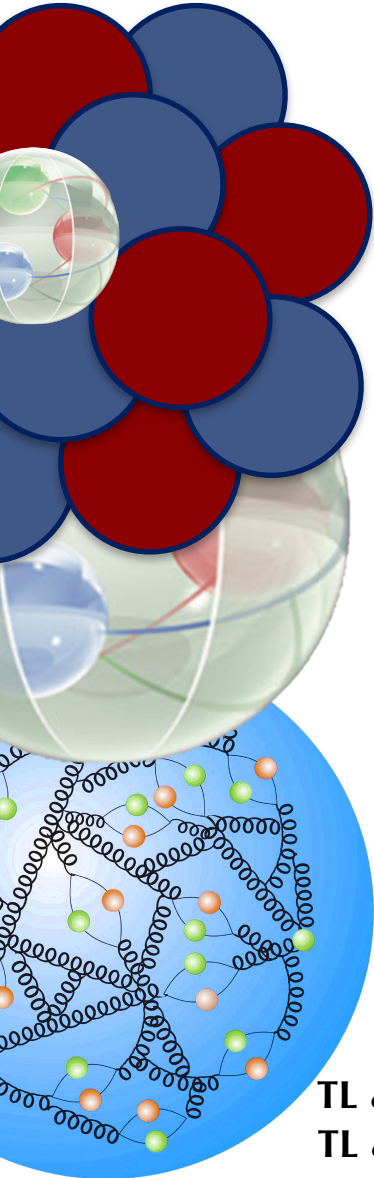
... aka having 'particle-physics envy' ...

AZ	Symmetry			Dimension							
	T	C	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	0	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}
AIII	0	0	1	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0
AI	1	0	0	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}
BDI	1	1	1	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2
D	0	1	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2
DIII	-1	1	1	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0
AII	-1	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	\mathbb{Z}
CII	-1	-1	1	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0
C	0	-1	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0
CI	1	-1	1	0	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0

Bott periodicity

NOVEL FORMS OF EMERGENT PHENOMENA

“Strong Emergentism” vs “Weak Emergentism”



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 $\sim 1-8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$

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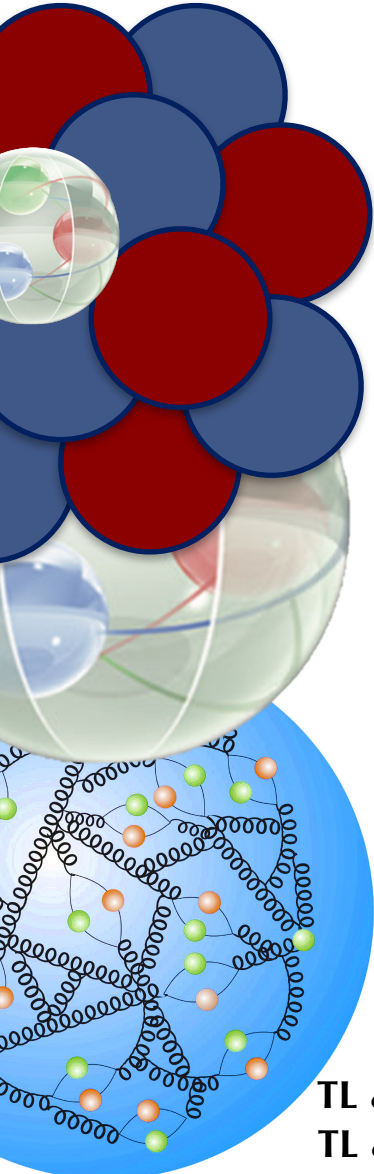
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Representation 1

QHE: Quantized cyclotron orbits

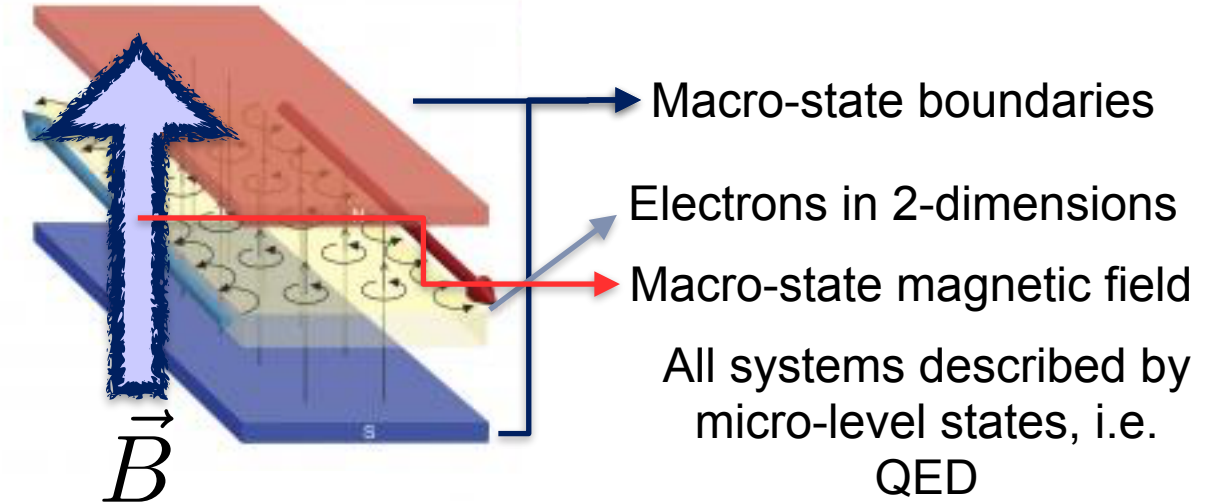
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FQHE: Anyons (composite electrons)

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The (Fractional) Quantum Hall effect

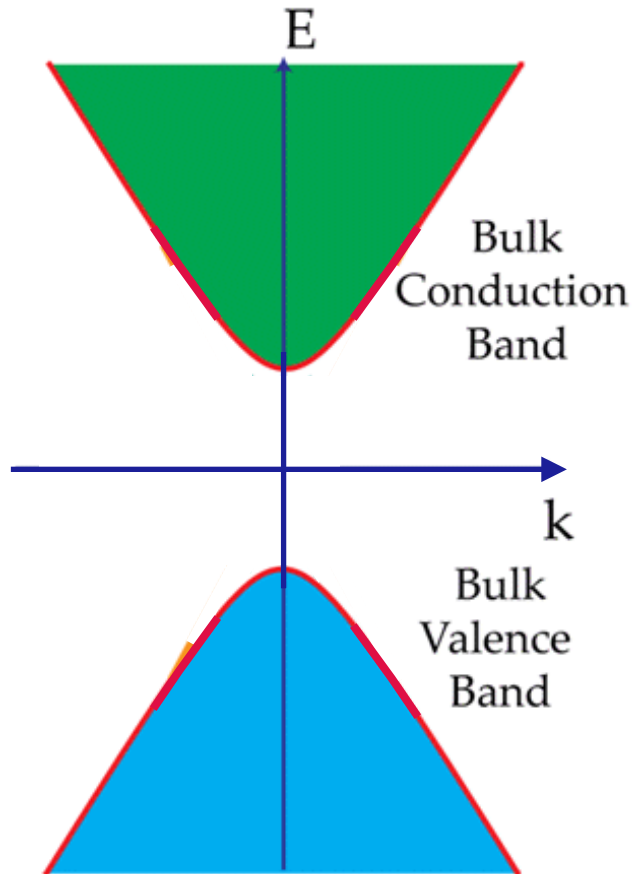
Representation 2



Weak emergence is “. . . reducible in principle, but also *in principle irreducible in practice*” (M. Bedau, 2010)

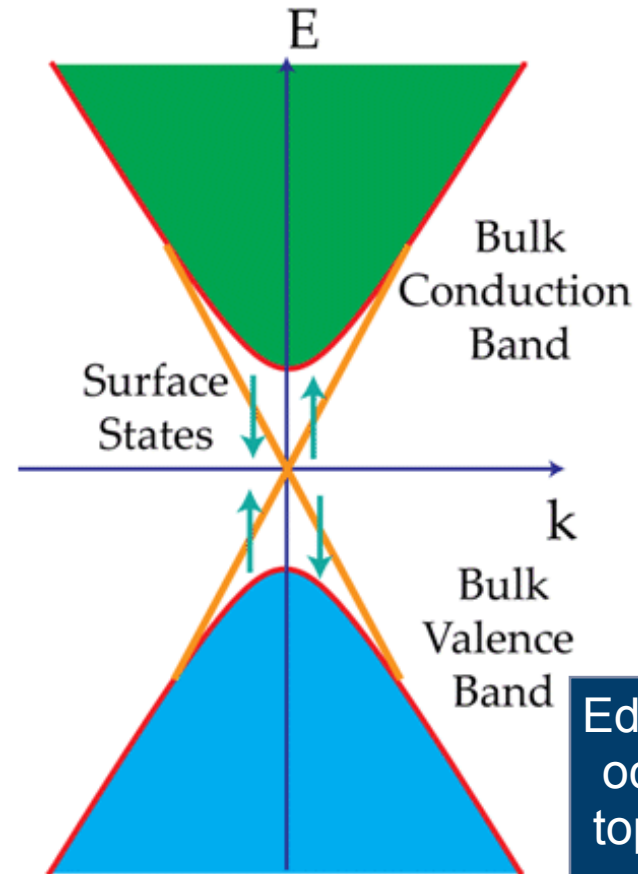
TOPOLOGICAL INSULATORS . . .

. . . and the bulk-boundary correspondence

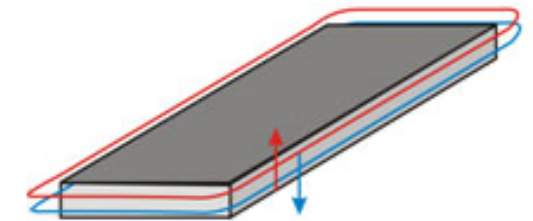


trivial insulator

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topological insulator



2D topological insulator

Edge/surface (localized) states occur at boundaries between topologically distinct materials

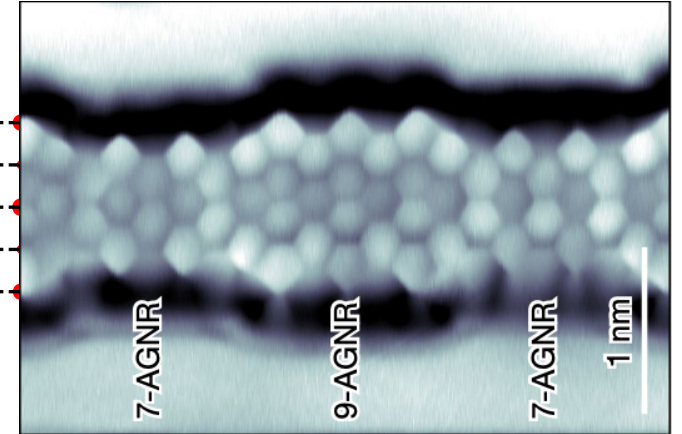
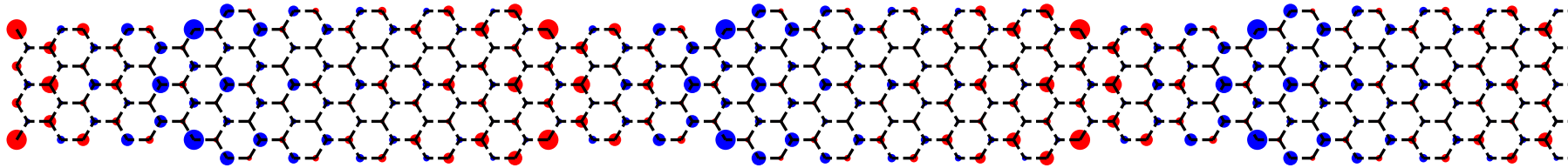
Localized states are “symmetry-protected”

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LOCALIZATION

Hybrid nanoribbons

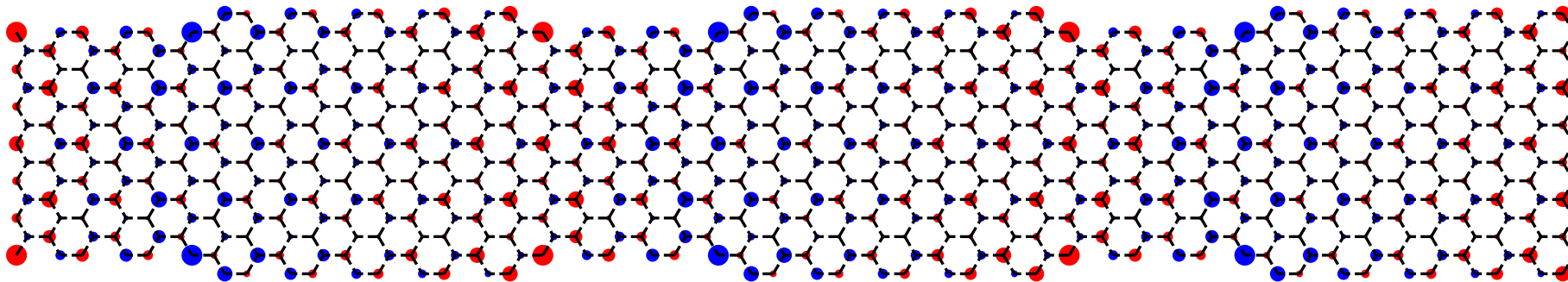
What is an hybrid nanoribbon?

7/9 ribbon

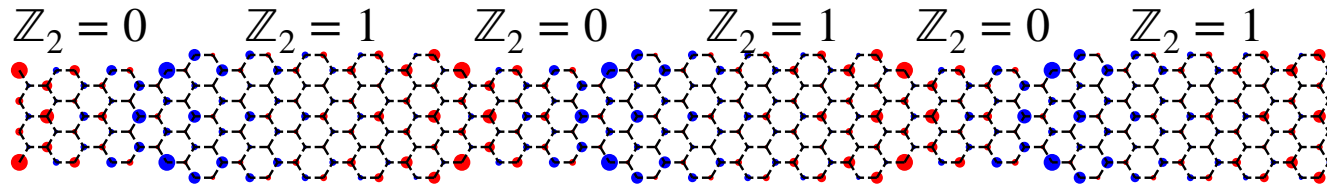


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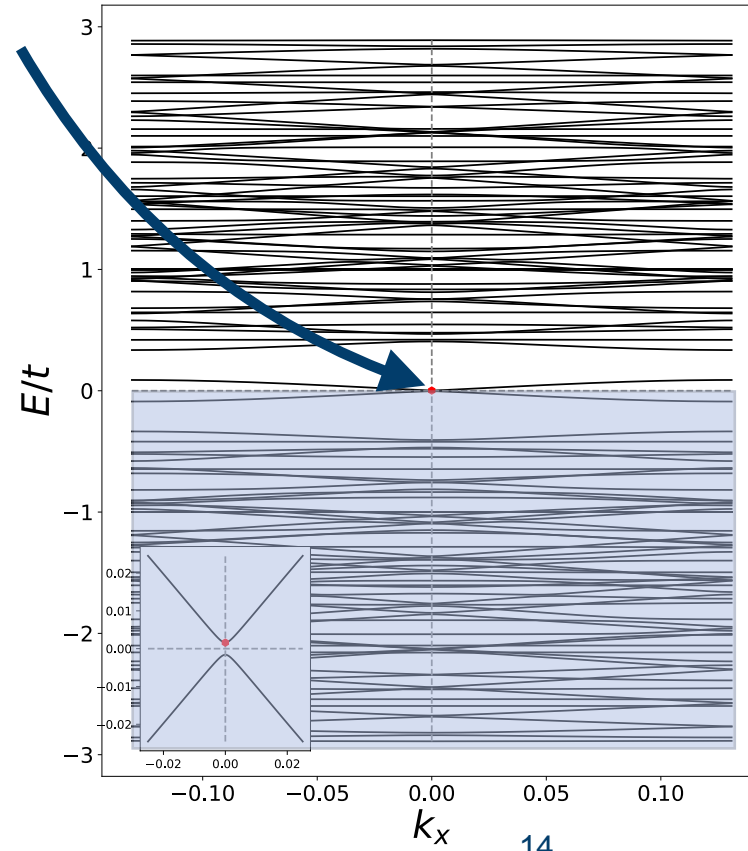
13/15 ribbon



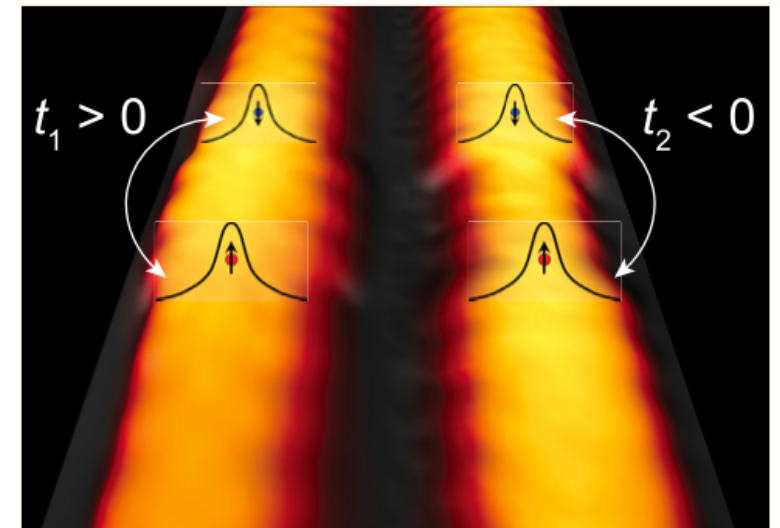
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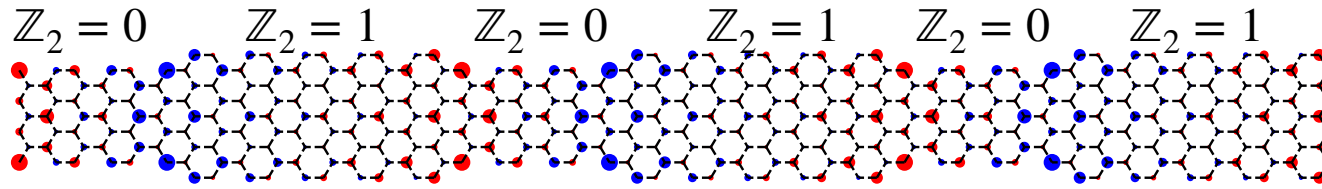


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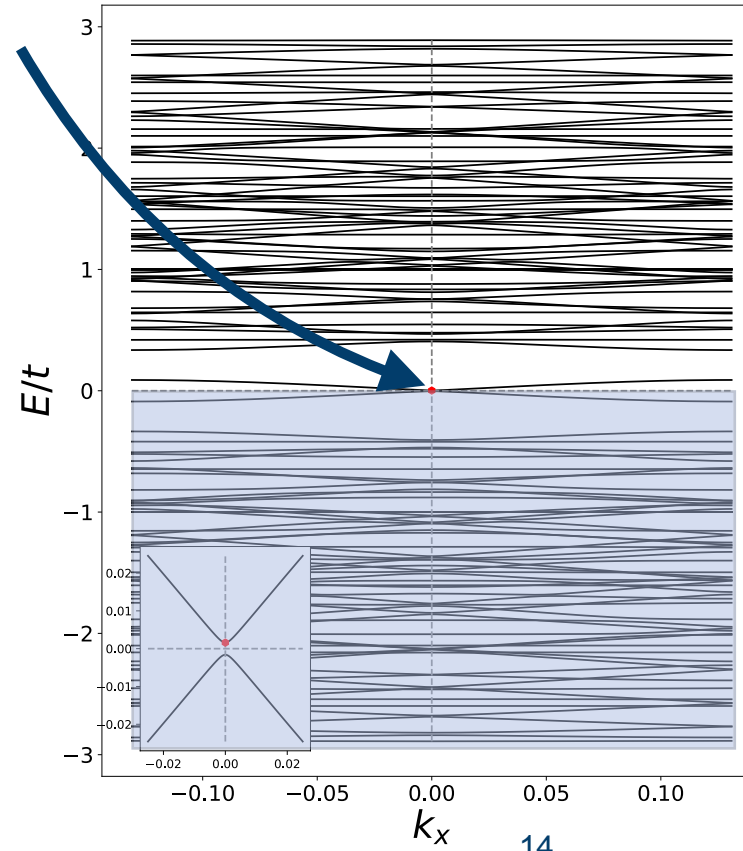
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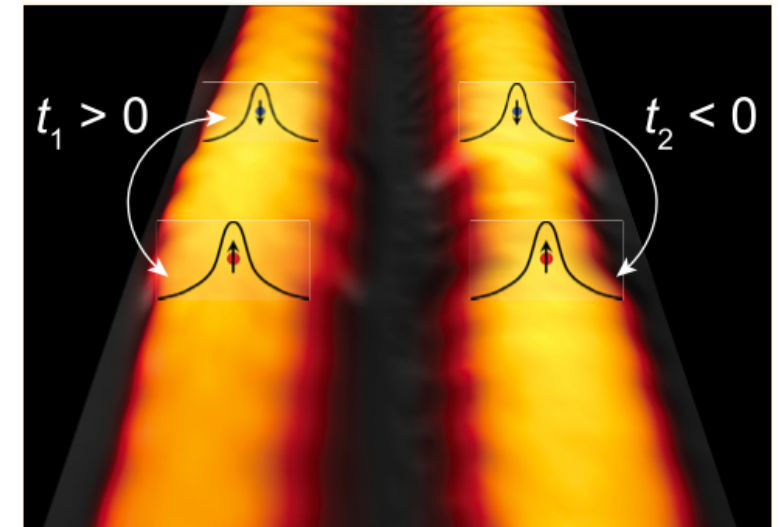


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All theoretical analysis is based off *non-interacting* dynamics!

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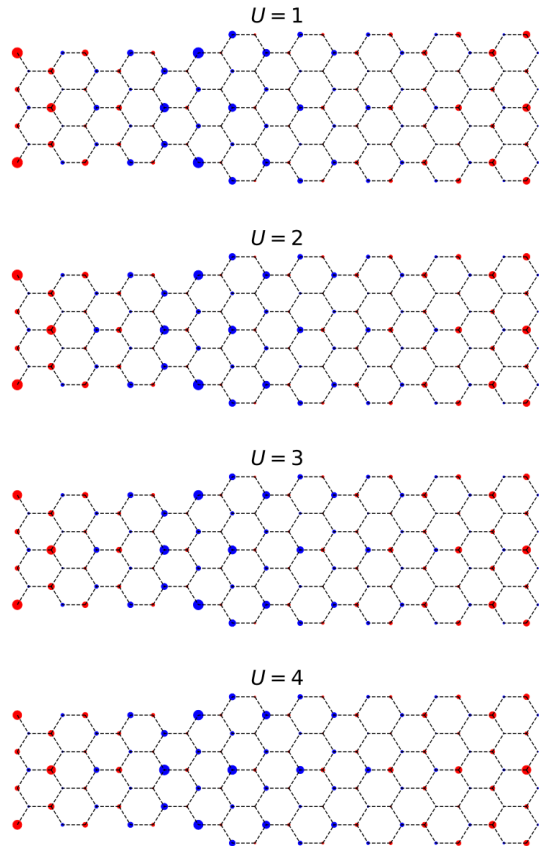
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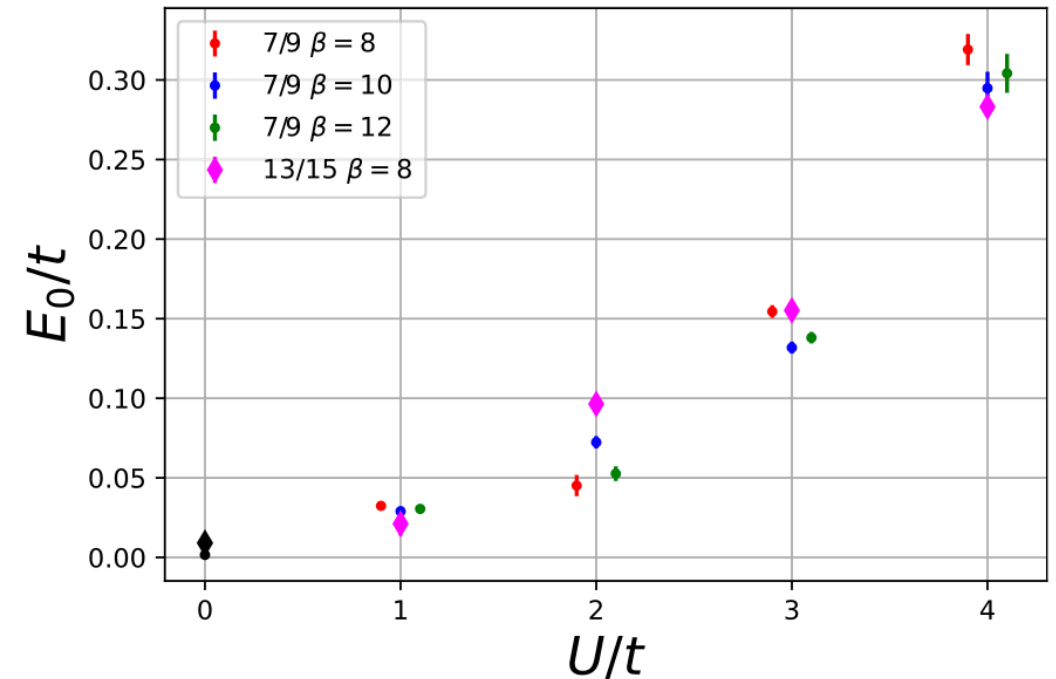
HOW DOES INTERACTION CHANGE THINGS?

Simulations with Quantum Monte Carlo



Localizations persist with strong interactions

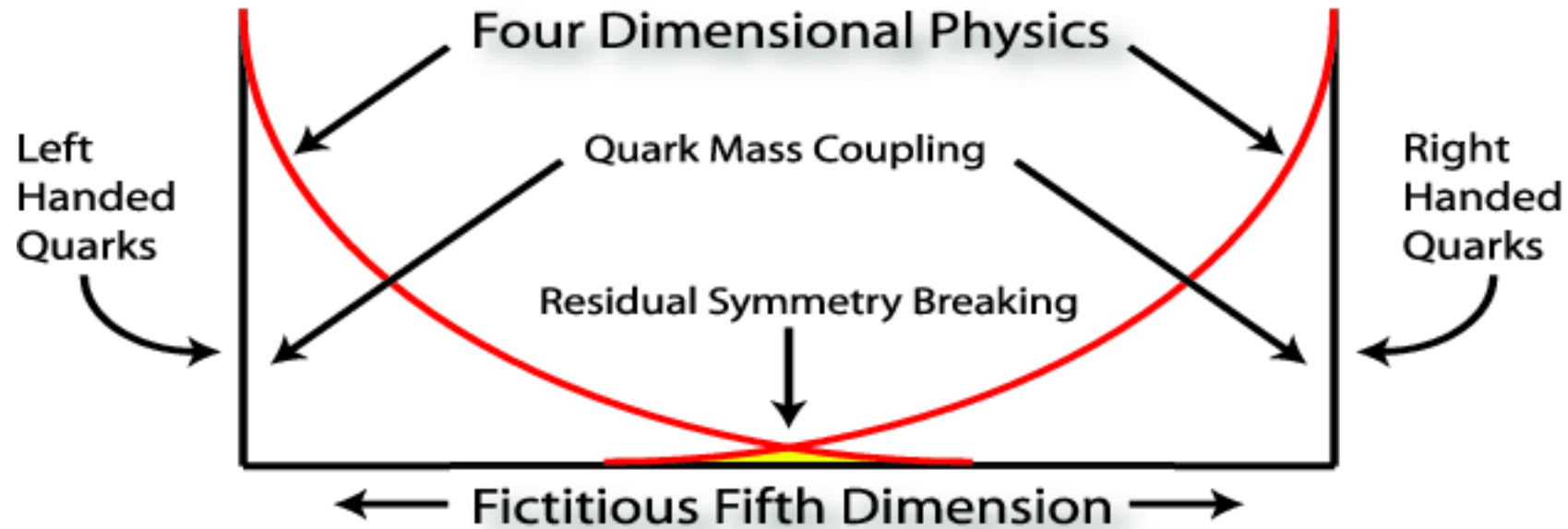
$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} (a_{i,\sigma}^\dagger a_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) + U \sum_i \left(n_{i,\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{i,\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$



But energy depends on U !

DO SUCH LOCALISATIONS LOOK FAMILIAR?

Domain-Wall fermions in LQCD

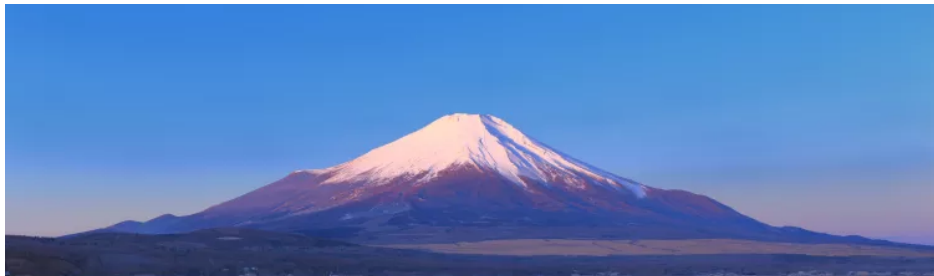
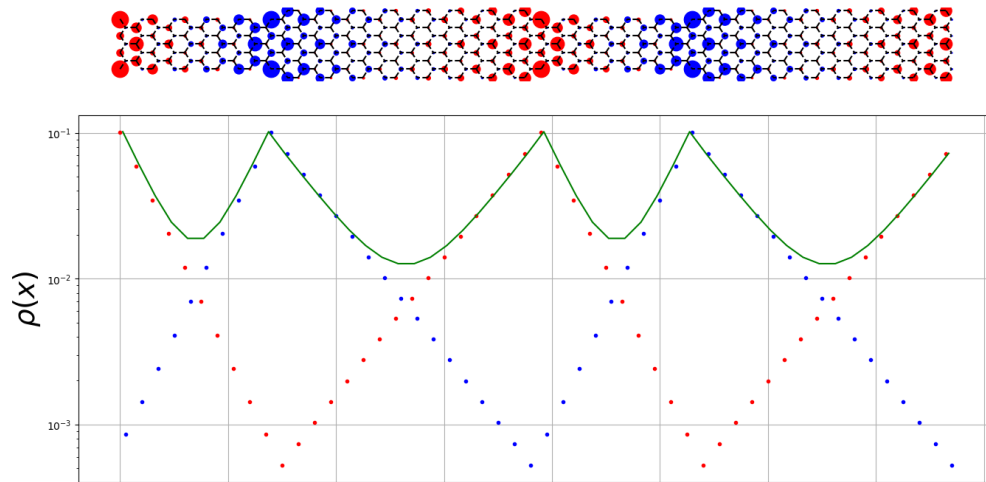


Hybrid ribbons provide physical manifestation of domain wall fermions

OUR INVESTIGATIONS LEAD US TO A NEW TYPE OF LOCALIZATION

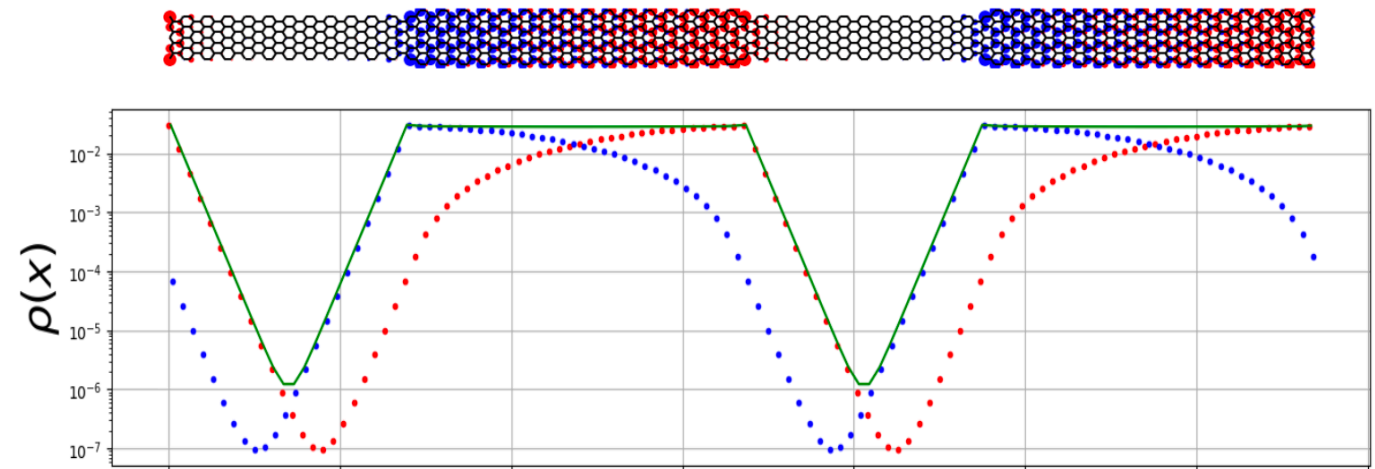
Fuji vs Kilimanjaro J. Ostmeyer, L. Razmadze, E. Berkowitz, **TL** & U.-G. Meißner, [arXiv:2401.04715] Phys.Rev.B 109 (2024) 195135

7/9 hybrid



Predicted from Cao *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 076401 (2017)

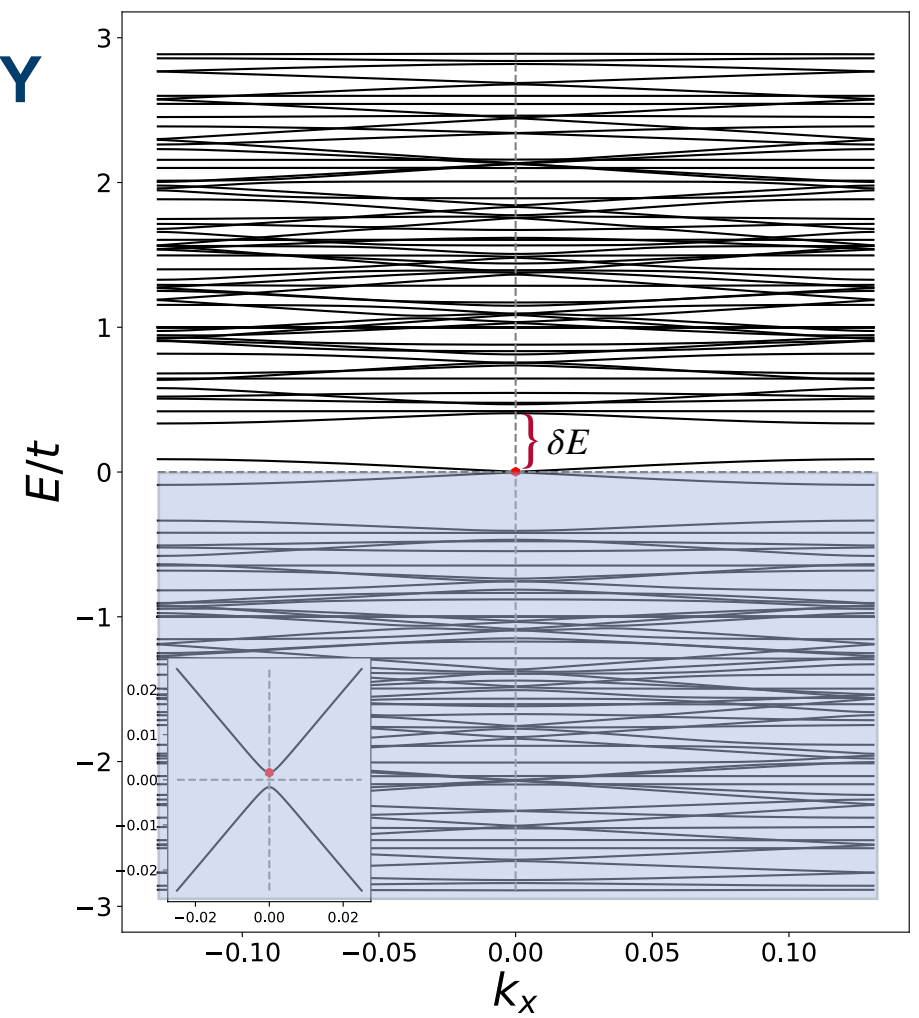
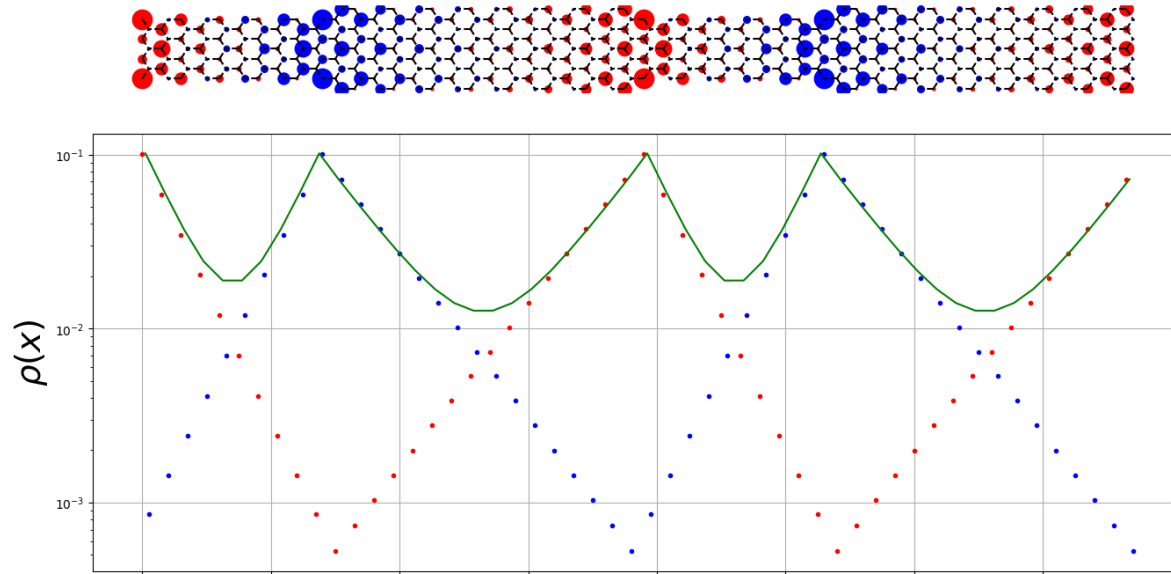
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Our addition to Cao *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 076401 (2017)

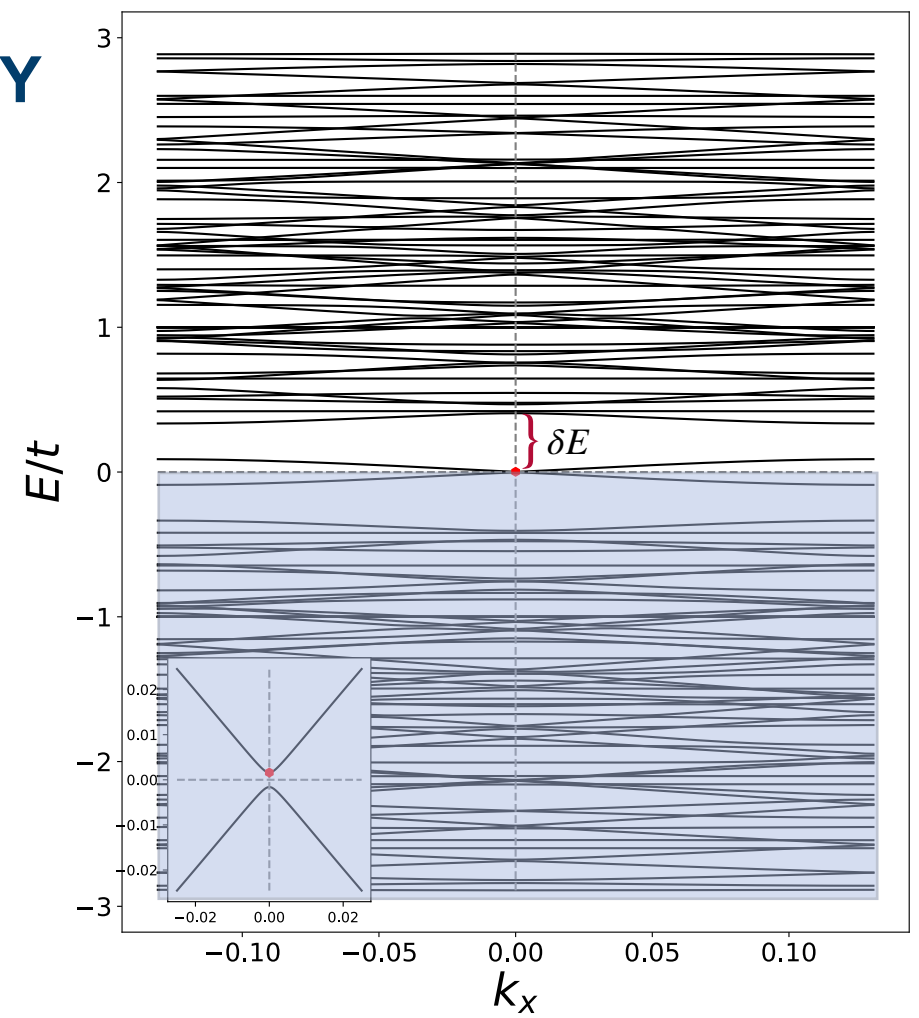
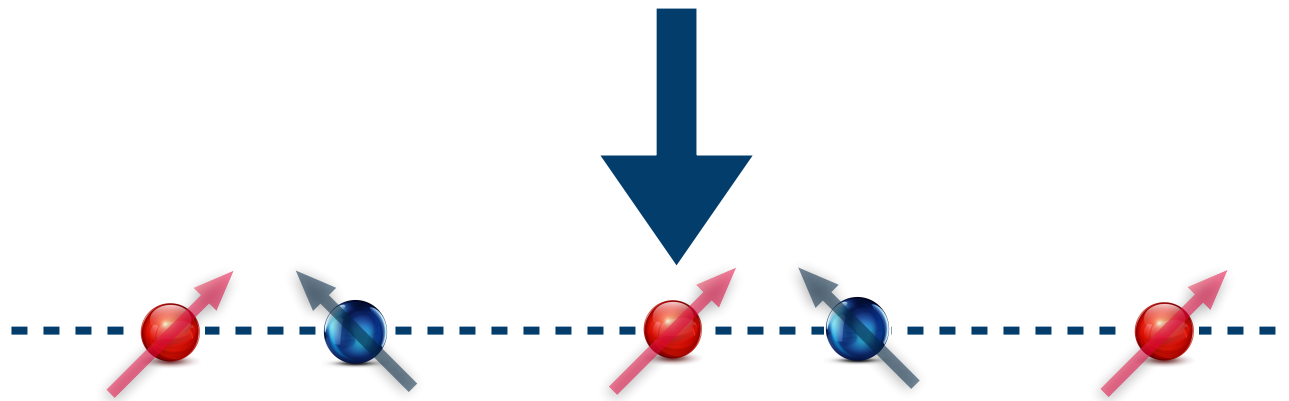
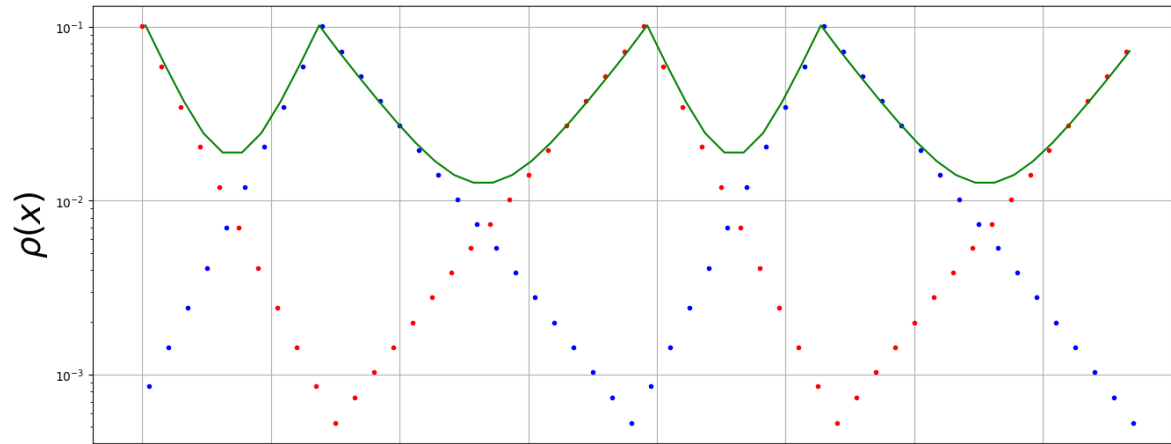
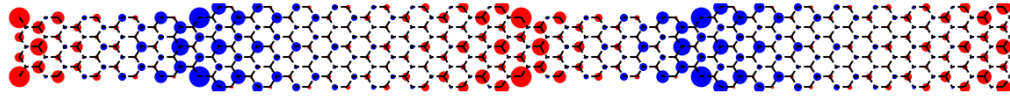
SUCH LOCALIZATIONS ALLOW US TO SIMPLIFY OUR THEORY

1-D effective theory



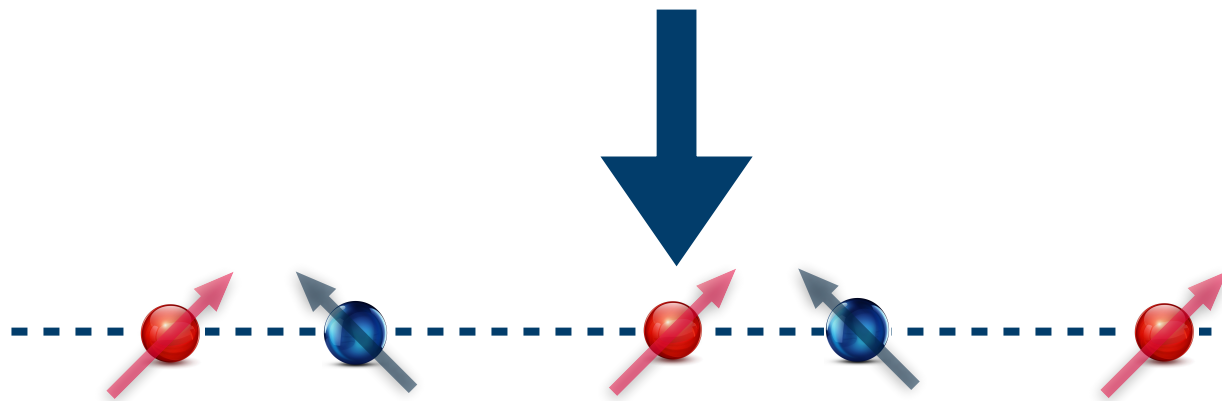
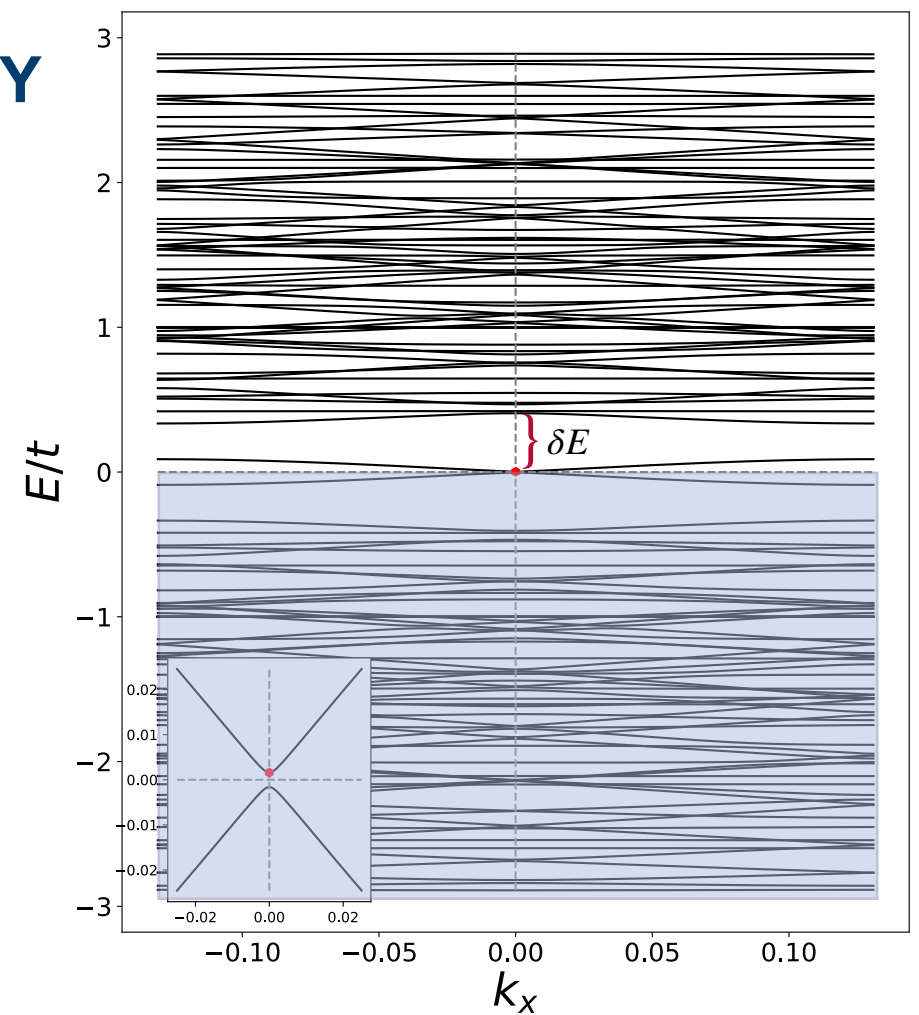
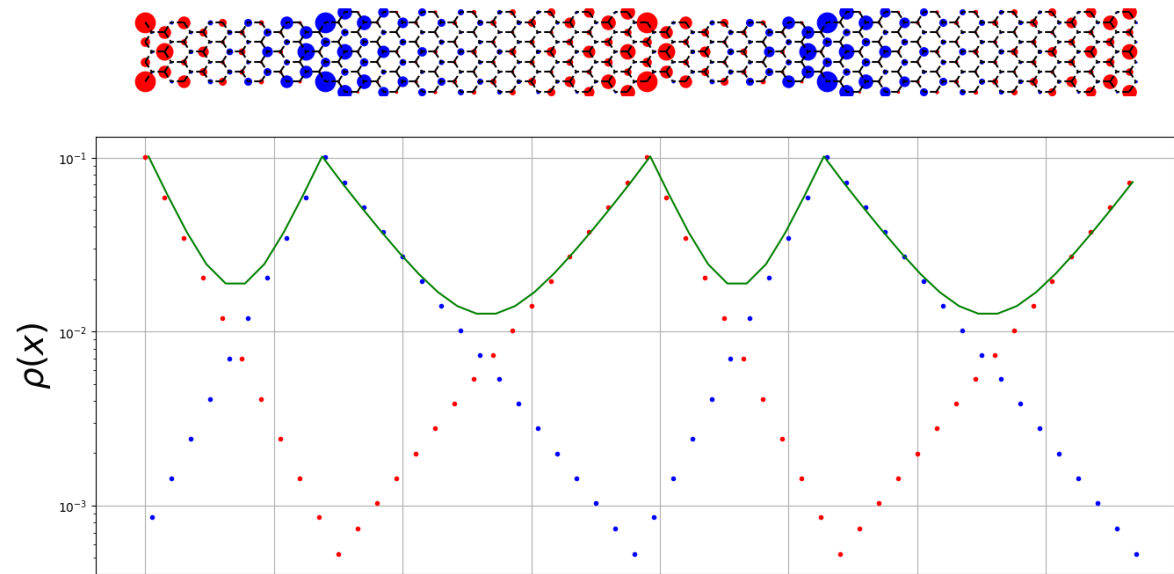
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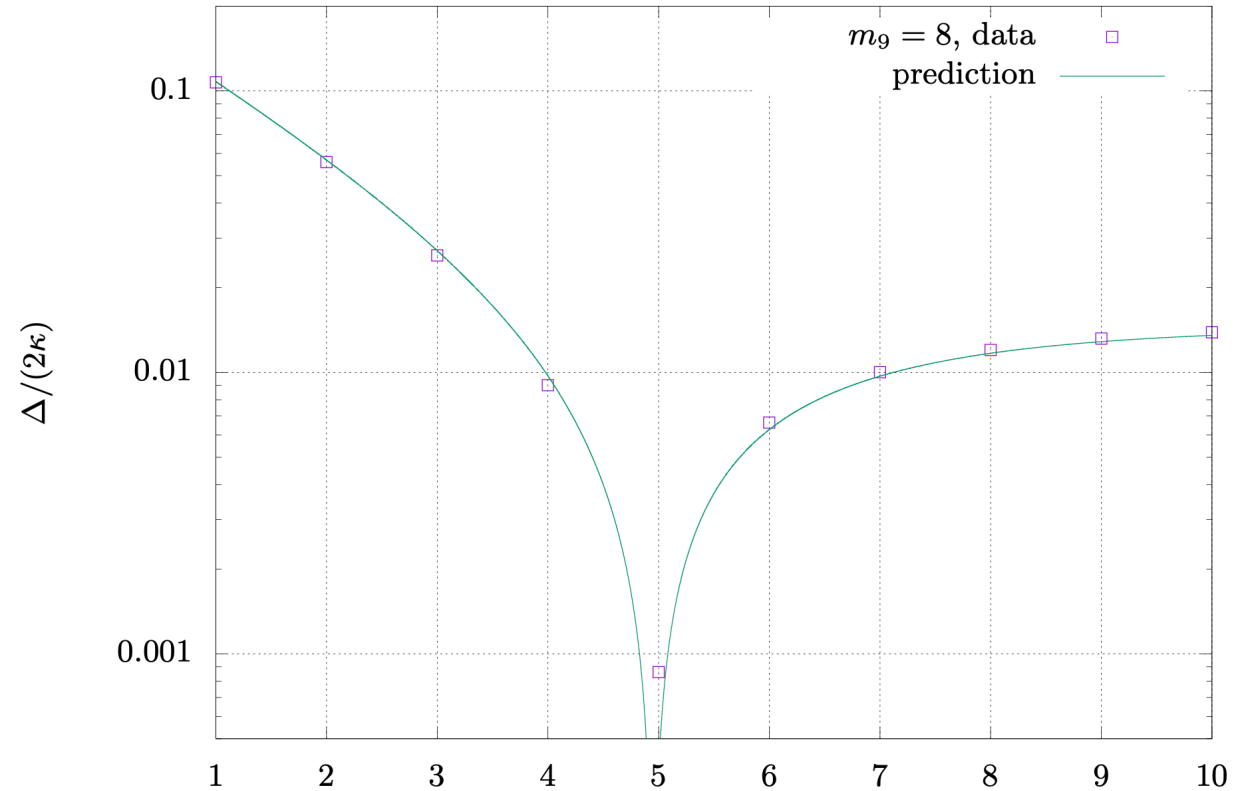
Low-energy ET

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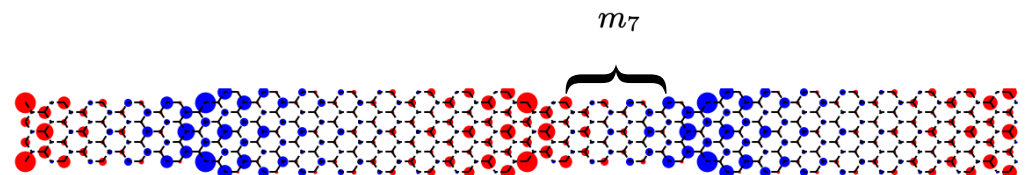
TUNING LOW-ENERGY CONSTANTS (LECS)

$$H_{1D} = - \sum_i \left(t_A a_{2i}^\dagger a_{2i-1} + t_B a_{2i+1}^\dagger a_{2i+2} + \text{H.c.} \right) = - \sum_k a_k^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t_A e^{ik} + t_B e^{-ik} \\ t_A e^{-ik} + t_B e^{ik} & 0 \end{pmatrix} a_k$$

- Match t_A and t_B to underlying theory with a particular geometry
- Predict low-energy spectrum of different geometries



<NUMERIQS>



INCLUDING INTERACTIONS WITHIN OUR ET

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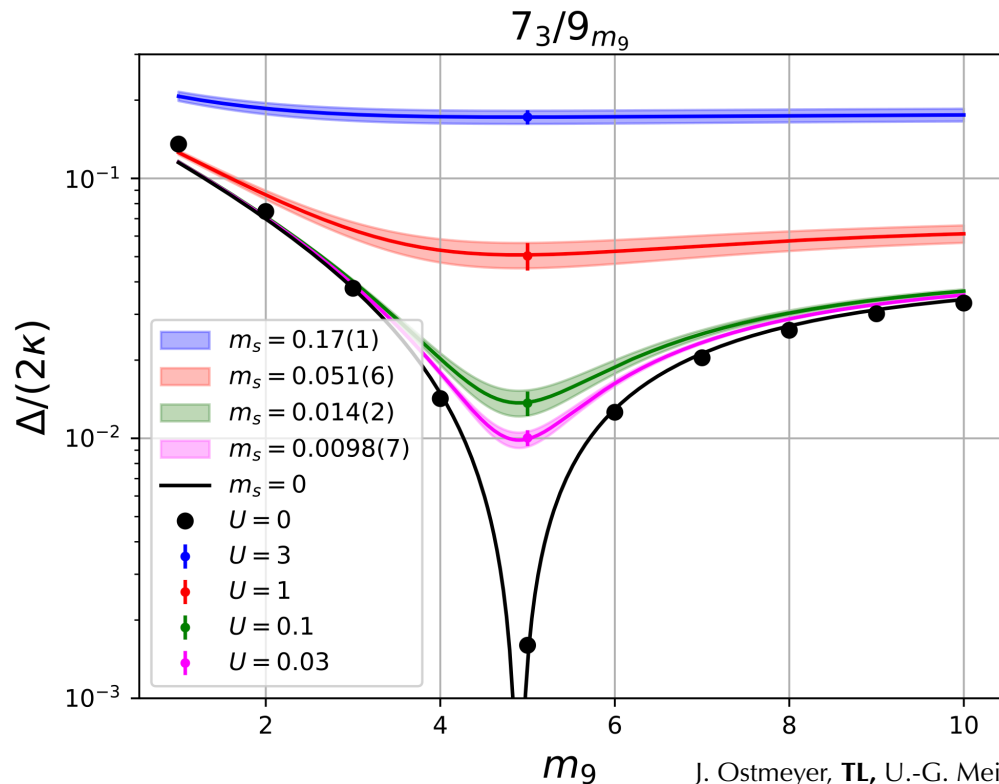
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Tune m_s to underlying theory

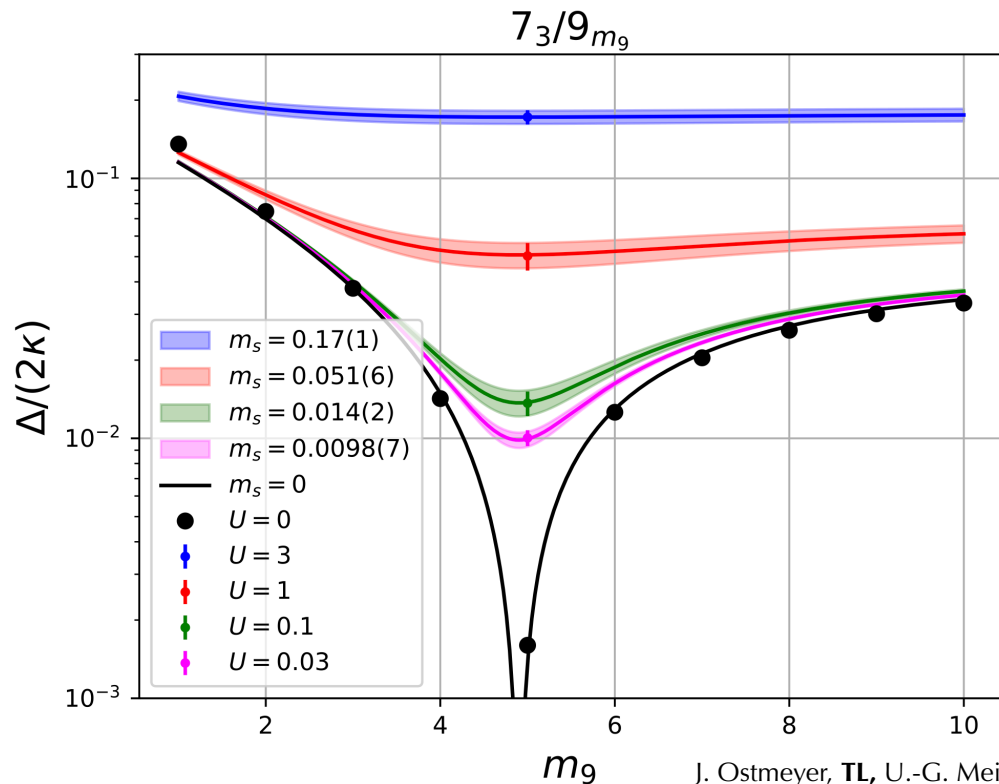


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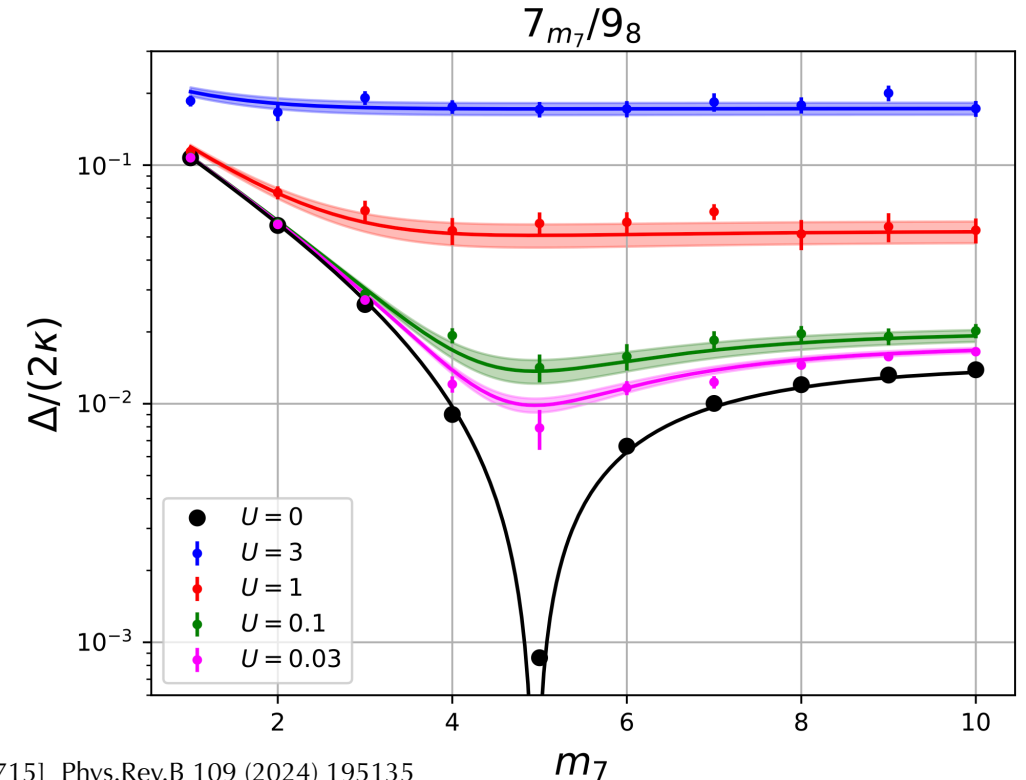
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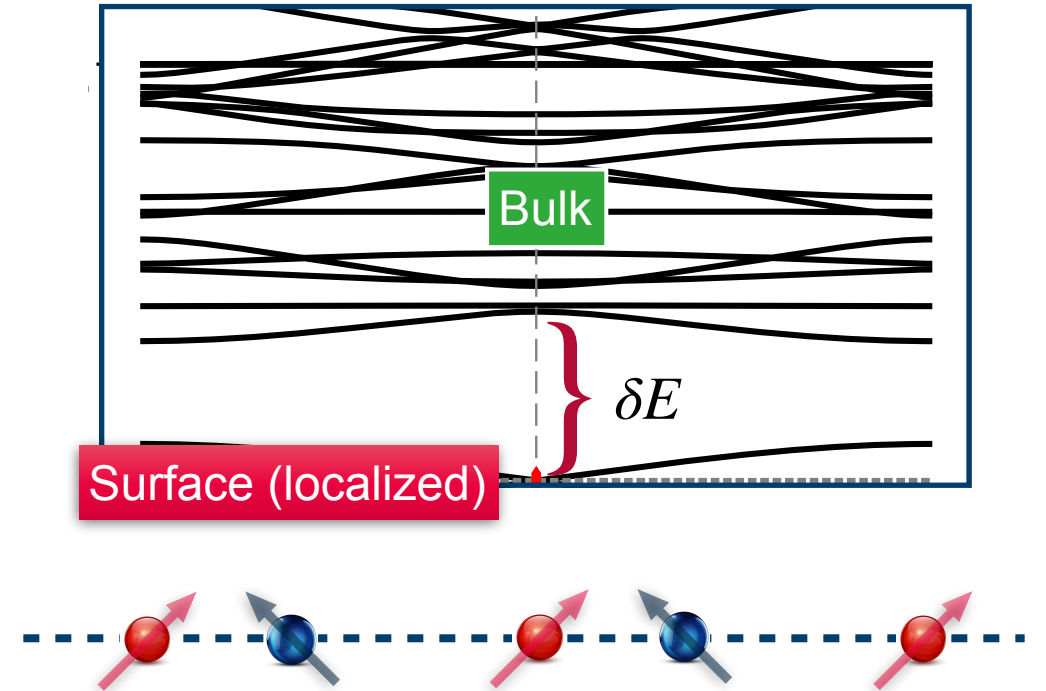


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INGREDIENTS FOR AN EFT

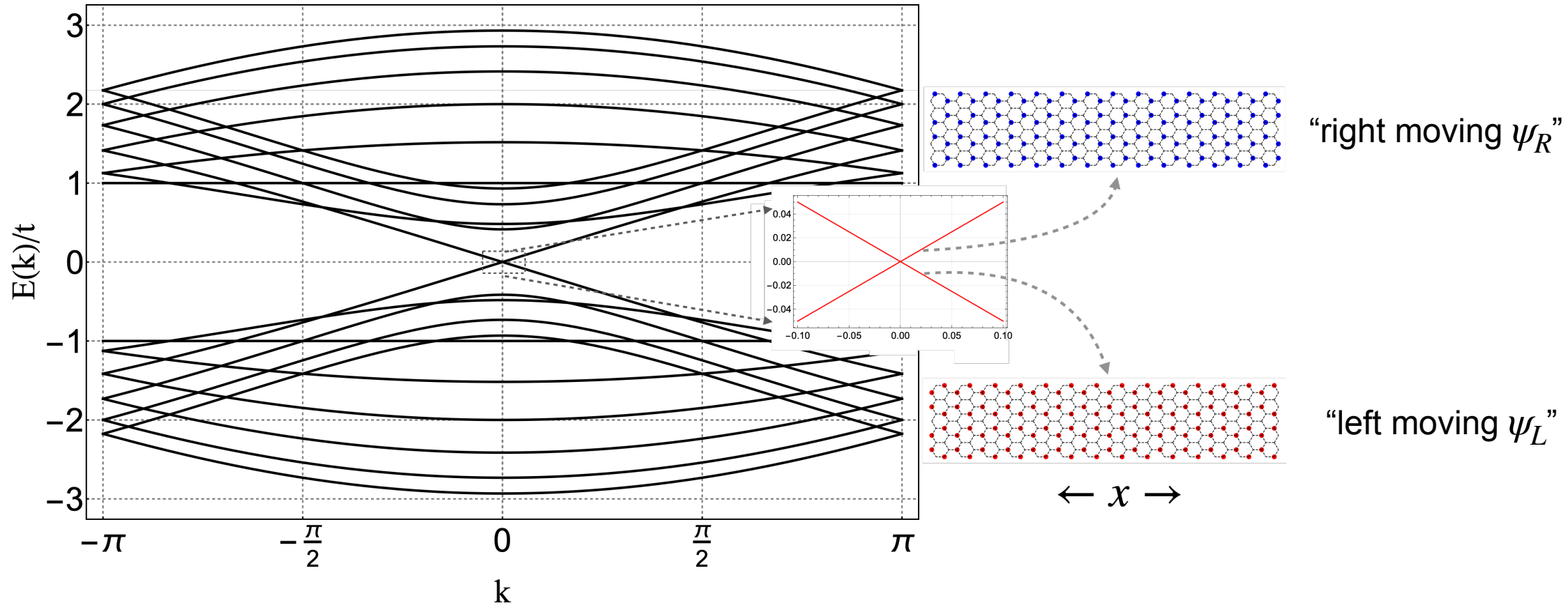
- Separation of scales (ie energy gap to bulk states)
- Identification of relevant low-energy degrees of freedom
- Interactions terms constrained by symmetries



$$\delta H_{T,C,S}^i + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{q}{\delta E}\right)^{i+1}\right)$$

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Pure armchair nano ribbon (w/ width = 11)



Low-energy (non-interacting) dispersion $E(k) = \pm v_f k$

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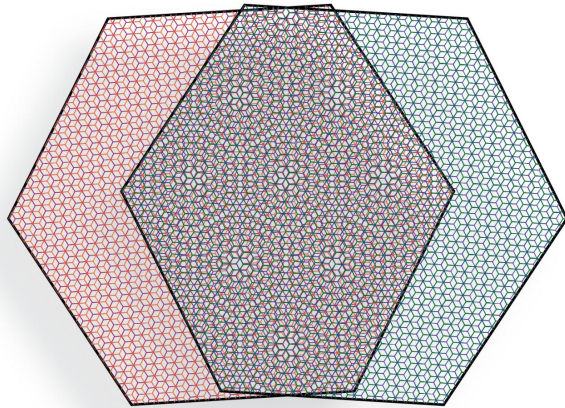
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QED in 1+1 dimensions: massless Schwinger model with fermi velocity v_f

$$\implies m_s = \frac{ev_f}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

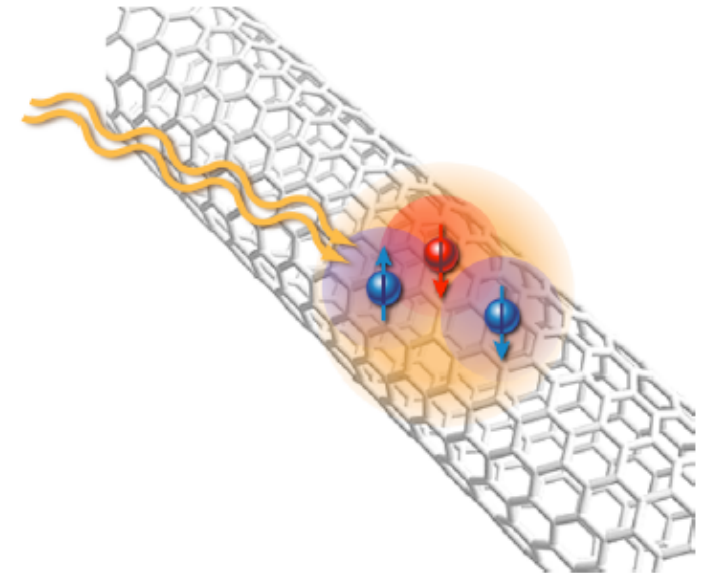
OTHER EXAMPLES OF EMERGENT PHENOMENA

Superconductivity in bilayers
with a twist



Andrei, E.Y., MacDonald, A.H. Graphene bilayers with a twist. *Nat. Mater.* **19**, 1265–1275 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41563-020-00840-0>

Bound three-body (trion) state
in doped systems

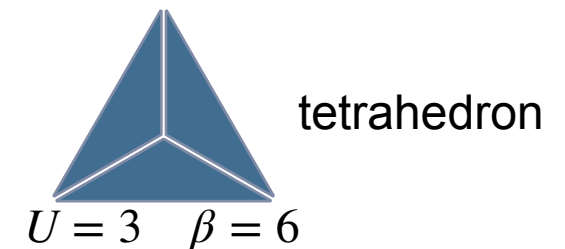
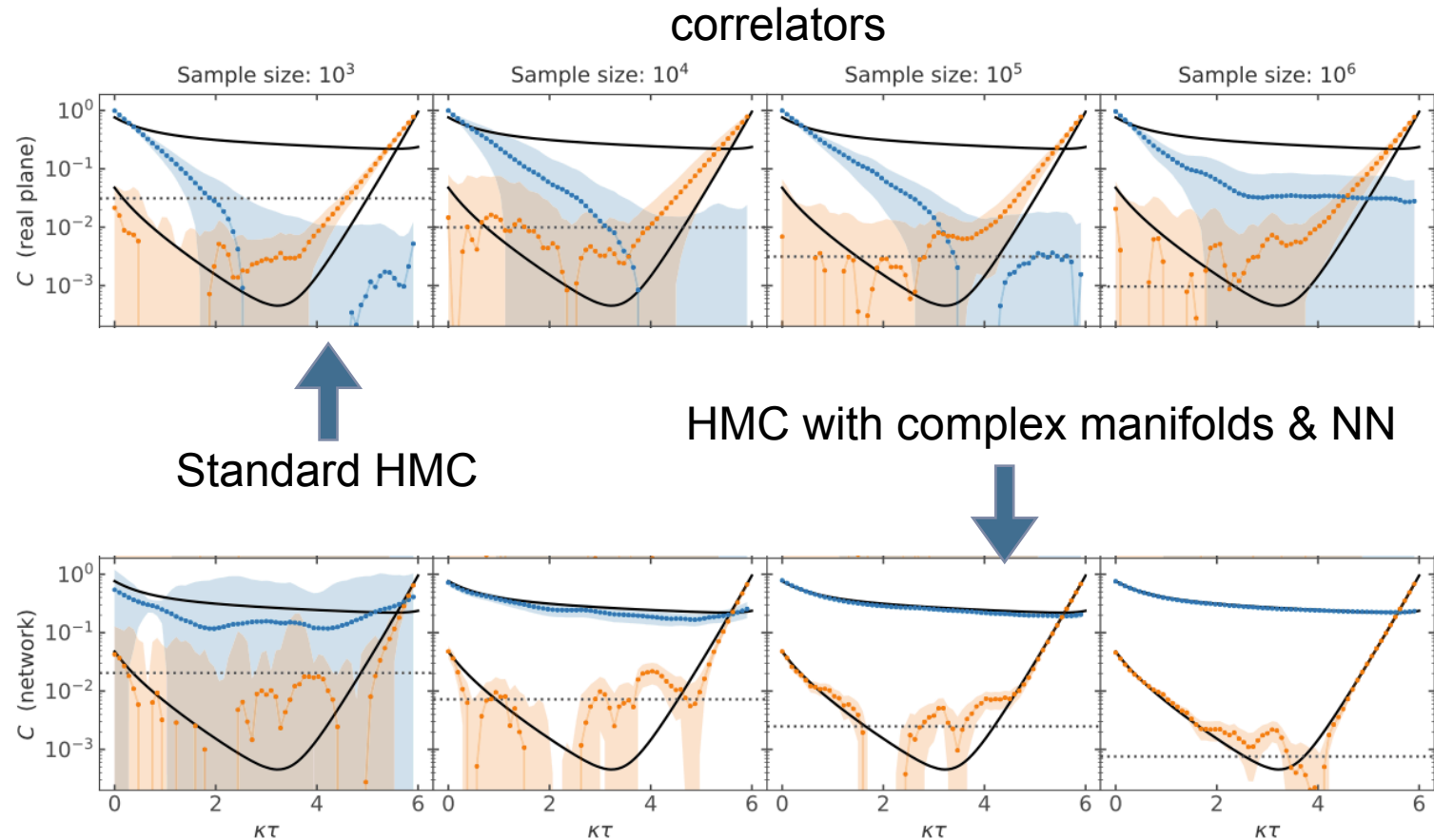


Matsunaga et al., PRL 106, 037404 (2011)

LOW-D SYSTEMS ARE PERFECT TESTBEDS FOR NOVEL ALGORITHMS

Tackling the sign problem

- Stochastic simulations at finite chemical potential
 - Suffer from numerical sign problem
 - Similar situation to LQCD
- Deform path integral contour integral into the complex plane
 - Manifolds comprising Lefschetz thimbles have significantly reduced sign problem
- Test Machine Learning (ML) algorithms to learn these manifolds and alleviate sign problem



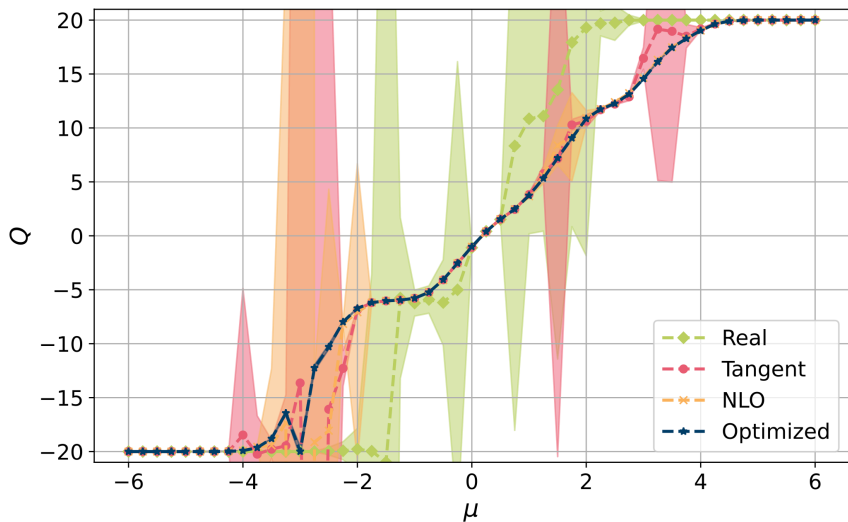
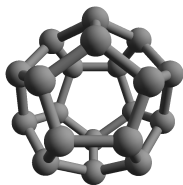
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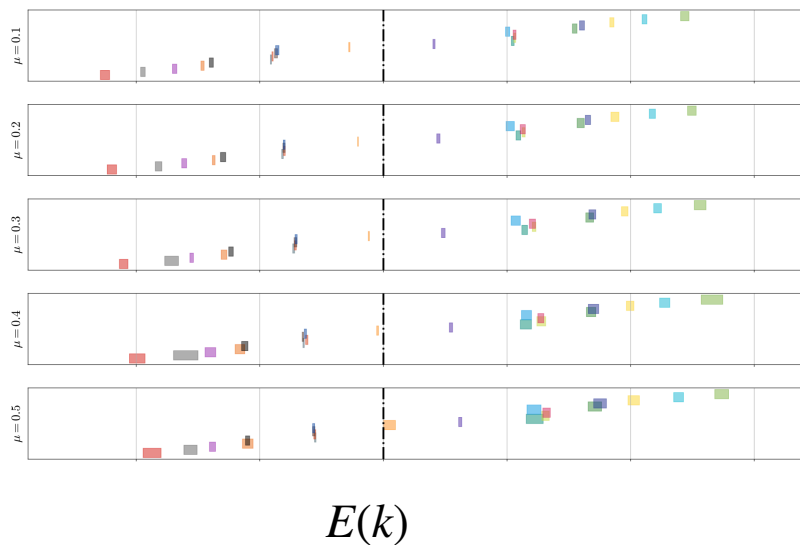
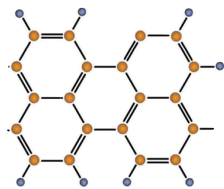
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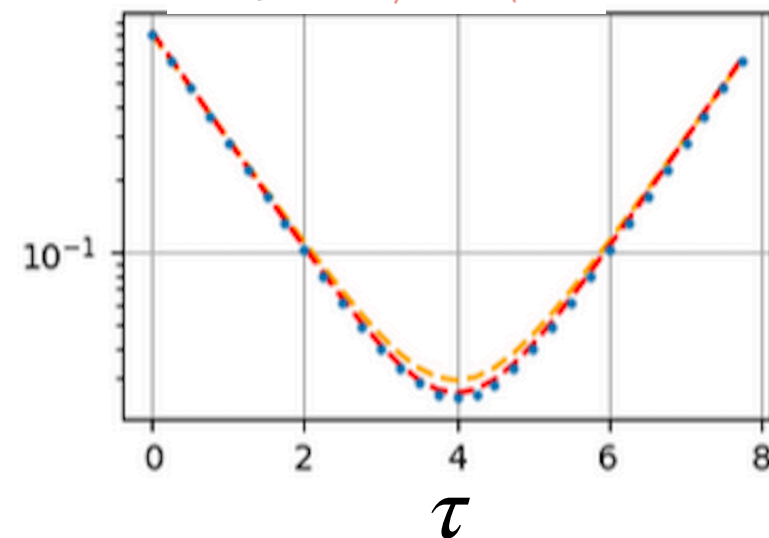
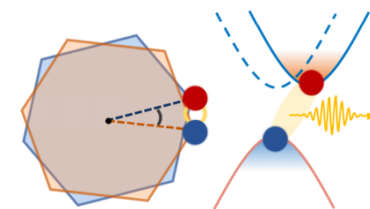
Making predictions. . .



Global charge Q of C_{20} fullerene as a function of doping μ

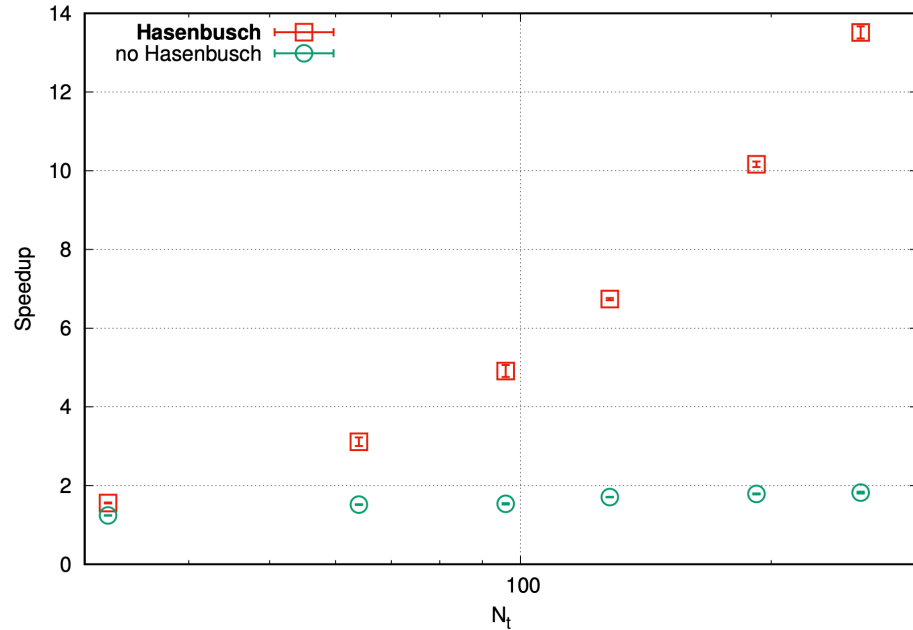


Spectrum of perylene as a function of doping μ



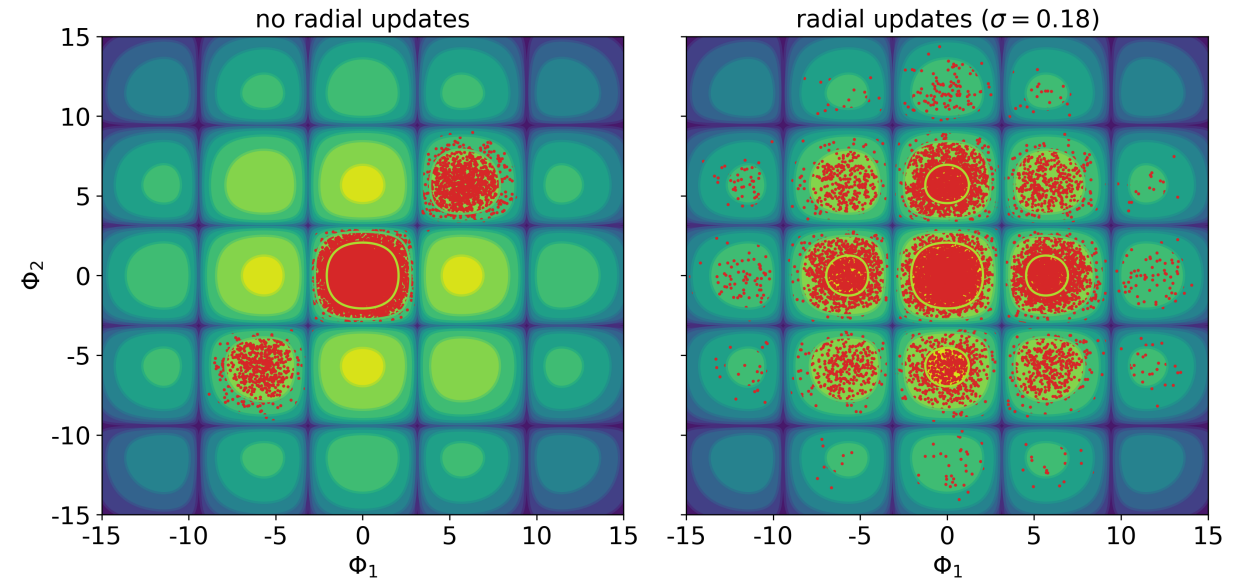
Correlators corresponding to *exciton* (particle/hole) excitations

OTHER EXAMPLES OF ALGORITHMIC ADVANCEMENTS



10x speedup using Hasenbusch preconditioning (from LQCD)

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Circumventing ergodicity problems with, e.g. radial updates

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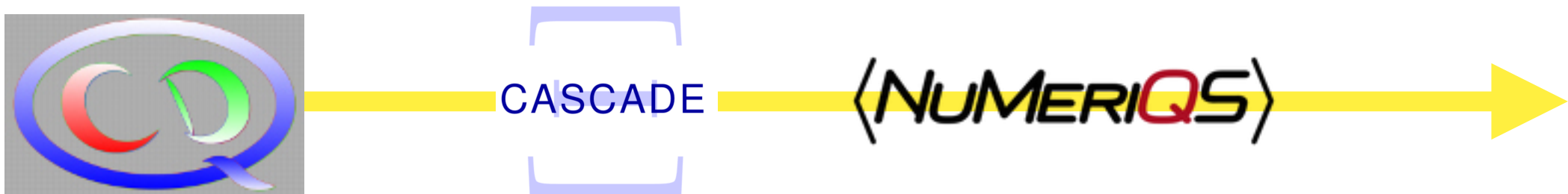
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