

# Ground state manifold in the $SU(3)$ symmetric Heisenberg model on the kagome lattice

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# SU(2) vs. SU(3) - two sites



$$\mathcal{P}_{12}(|\alpha\beta\rangle - |\beta\alpha\rangle) = -(|\alpha\beta\rangle - |\beta\alpha\rangle) \quad E=-1, \text{ odd wave function}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{P}_{12} \quad \mathcal{P}_{12}(|\alpha\beta\rangle + |\beta\alpha\rangle) = +(|\alpha\beta\rangle + |\beta\alpha\rangle) \quad E=+1, \text{ even wave function}$$

Addition of two  $S=1/2$  SU(2) spins:

$$1/2 \otimes 1/2 = 0 \oplus 1$$

using Young diagrams:

$$2 \times 2 = 1 + 3$$

$$\square \otimes \square = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$\square$   $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  spins

$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$   $|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$  singlet  
odd (anti-symmetrical)

$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$   $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$  triplet  
even (symmetrical)

Addition of two SU(3) spins:

$$3 \times 3 = \bar{3} + 6$$

$$\square \otimes \square = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$\square$   $|a\rangle, |b\rangle, \text{ and } |c\rangle$ .

$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$   $|ab\rangle - |ba\rangle, |ab\rangle - |ba\rangle, |ab\rangle - |ba\rangle$   
odd (anti-symmetrical).

$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$   $|aa\rangle, |bb\rangle, |cc\rangle, |ab\rangle + |ba\rangle,$   
 $|ac\rangle + |ca\rangle, \text{ and } |bc\rangle + |cb\rangle$   
even (symmetrical)

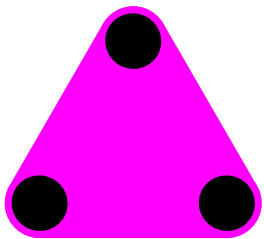
# SU(3) irreps on 3 sites

Addition of three SU(3) spins (27 states):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{3} &= \mathbf{1} + 2 \times \mathbf{8} + \mathbf{10} \\
 \square \otimes \square \otimes \square &= \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus 2 \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

SU(3) singlet  
spins fully antisymmetrized

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} = |abc\rangle + |bca\rangle + |cab\rangle - |acb\rangle - |bac\rangle - |cba\rangle$$

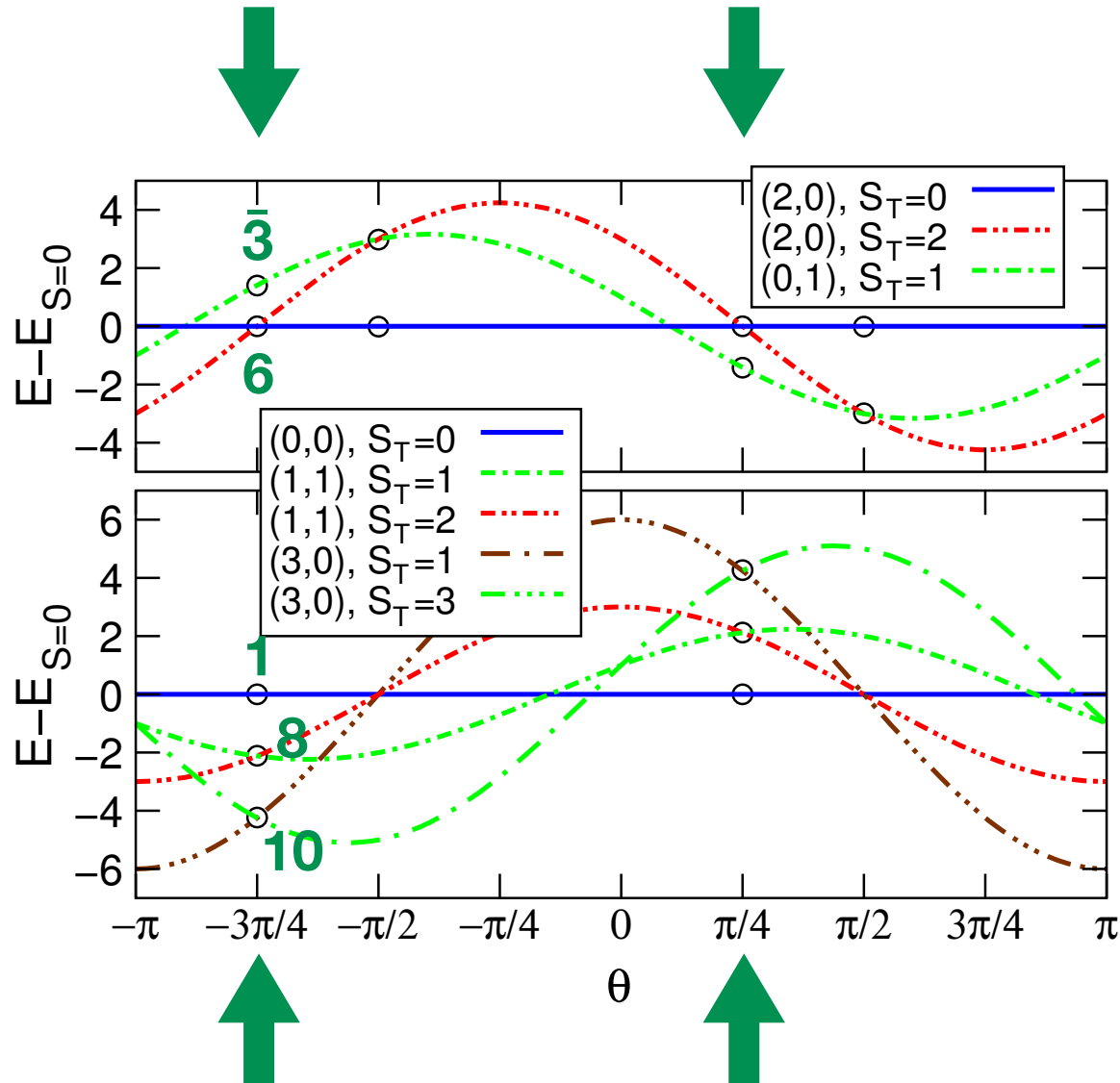


in the SU(3) singlet the spins are fully entangled:  
we cannot write it in a product form

# SU(3) in S=1 spin model

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{i,j} \left[ \cos \vartheta \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j + \sin \vartheta (\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j)^2 \right]$$

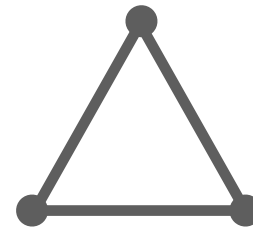
degeneracy as a signature of increased symmetry



 S=1

$$1 \otimes 1 = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2 \quad \text{SU(2)}$$

$$3 \times 3 = \bar{3} + 6 \quad \text{dim. of SU(3)}$$



$$1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 2 \oplus 2 \oplus 3$$

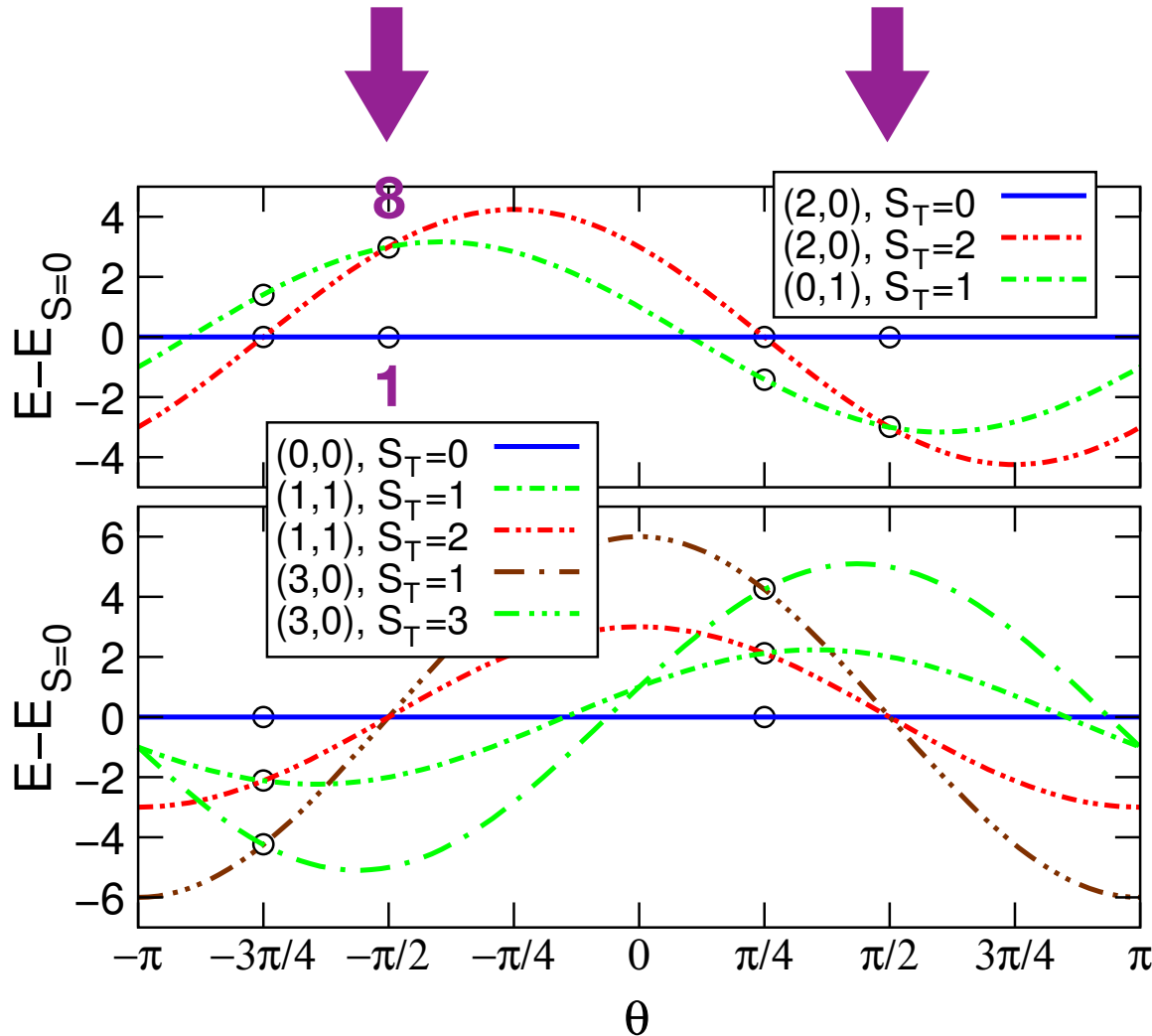
$$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 1 + 2 \times 8 + 10$$



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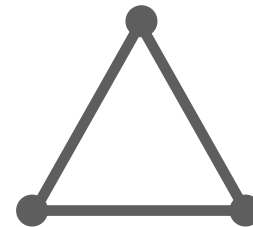
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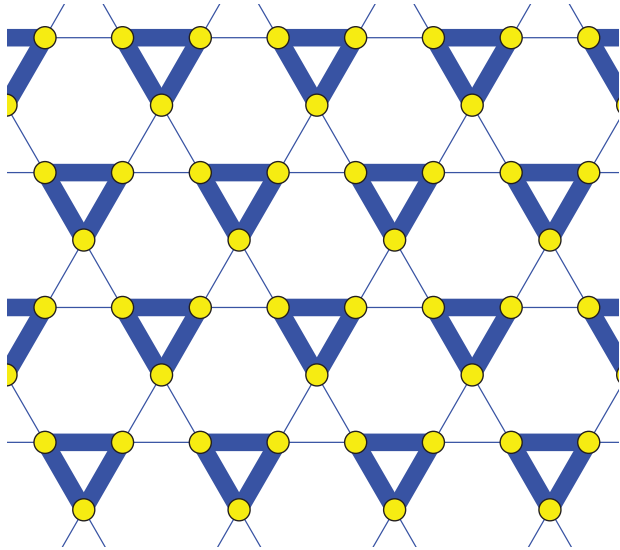
$$3 \times \bar{3} = 1 + 8$$



$$1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 2 \oplus 2 \oplus 3$$

# What do we know about SU(3) Kagome ?

The trimerized/simplex solid state/simplex valence-bond crystal for the fundamental **3** irrep model and S=1 Kagome (BLBQ, including the pure Heisenberg point)



D. P. Arovas, Phys. Rev. B **77**, 104404 (2008).

SU(3)

Large-N expansion: Hermele & Gurarie, Phys. Rev. B **84**, 174441 (2011);

iPEPS and ED: Corboz, Penc, Mila, & Läuchli, Phys. Rev. B **86**, 041106(R) (2012)

S=1

H. J. Changlani, A. M. Läuchli, Trimerized ground state of the spin-1 Heisenberg antiferromagnet on the kagome lattice, Phys. Rev. B **91**, 100407 (2015)

T. Liu, W. Li, A. Weichselbaum; J von Delft, Jan, G. Su, Simplex valence-bond crystal in the spin-1 kagome Heisenberg antiferromagnet, Phys. Rev. B **91**, 060403(R) (2015)

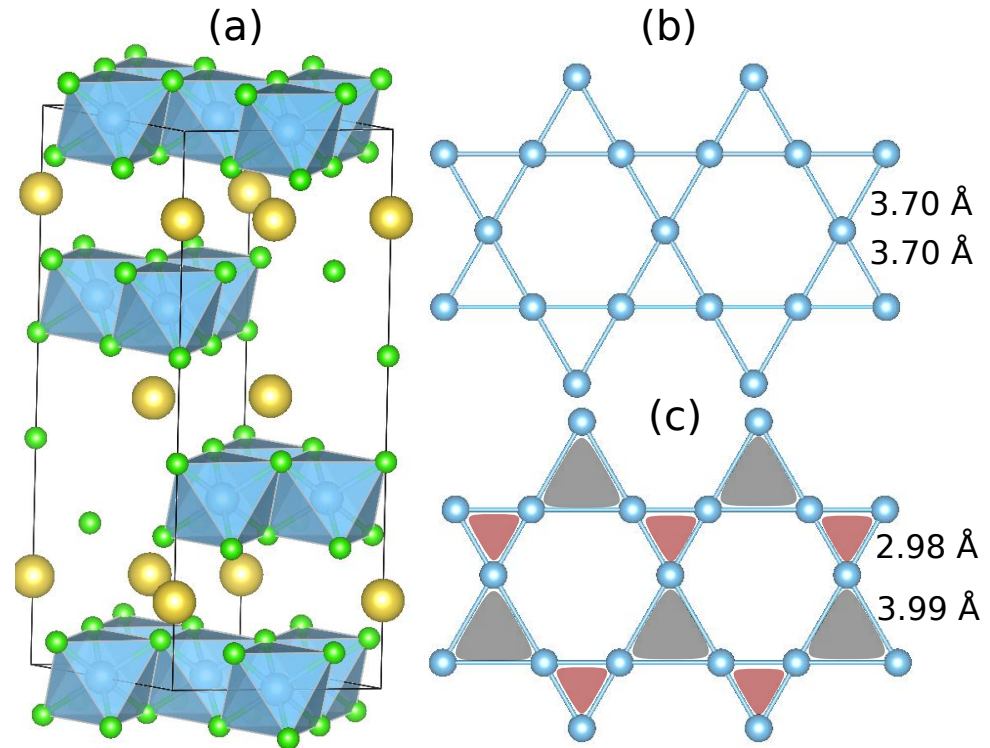
# Trimerized phase in the $S = 1$ Kagome antiferromagnet with ring exchange

Spin-lattice coupling and the emergence of the trimerized phase in the  $S = 1$  Kagome antiferromagnet  $\text{Na}_2\text{Ti}_3\text{Cl}_8$

A. Paul, C.-M. Chung, T. Birol, and H. J. Changlani,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 167203 (2020)

layers of edge-sharing  $\text{TiCl}_6$  octahedra

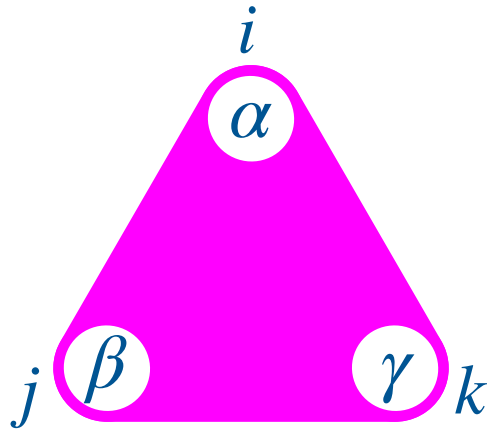
$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_{bq} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j)^2$$
$$+ \frac{J_R}{2} \sum_{\Delta=i,j,k} ((\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j)(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_k) + (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_k)(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j))$$



# Simplex solid in SU(3) Kagome

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SU(3) singlet on N sites,  
represented by  $b_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(i)$   
Schwinger bosons:

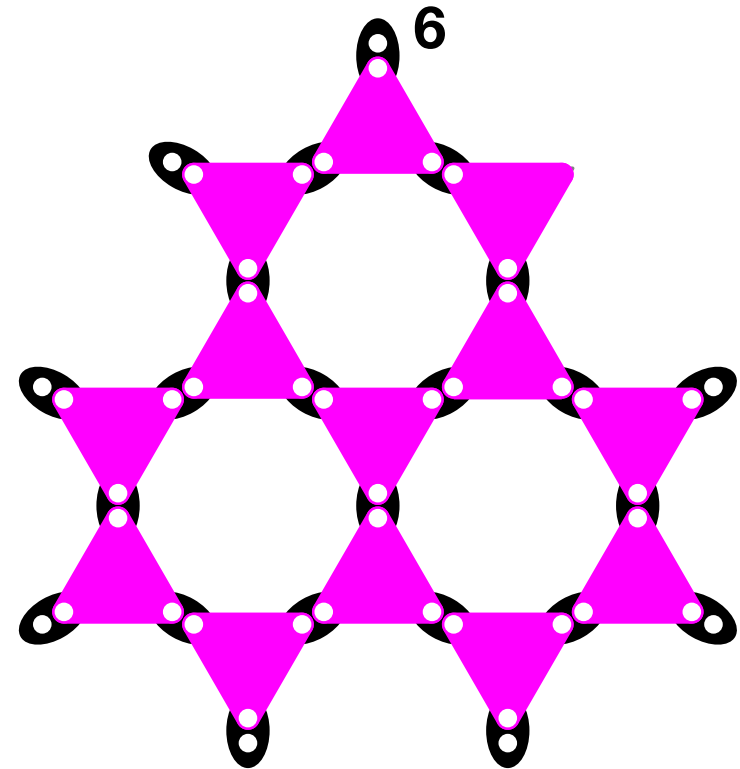


$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} b_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(i) b_{\beta}^{\dagger}(j) b_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(k) |0\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{3} = \bar{\mathbf{3}} + \mathbf{6}$$

$$\square \otimes \square = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \square\square$$

Each site hosts the symmetric,  
6 dimensional irrep  
(like in the S=1 AKLT state).



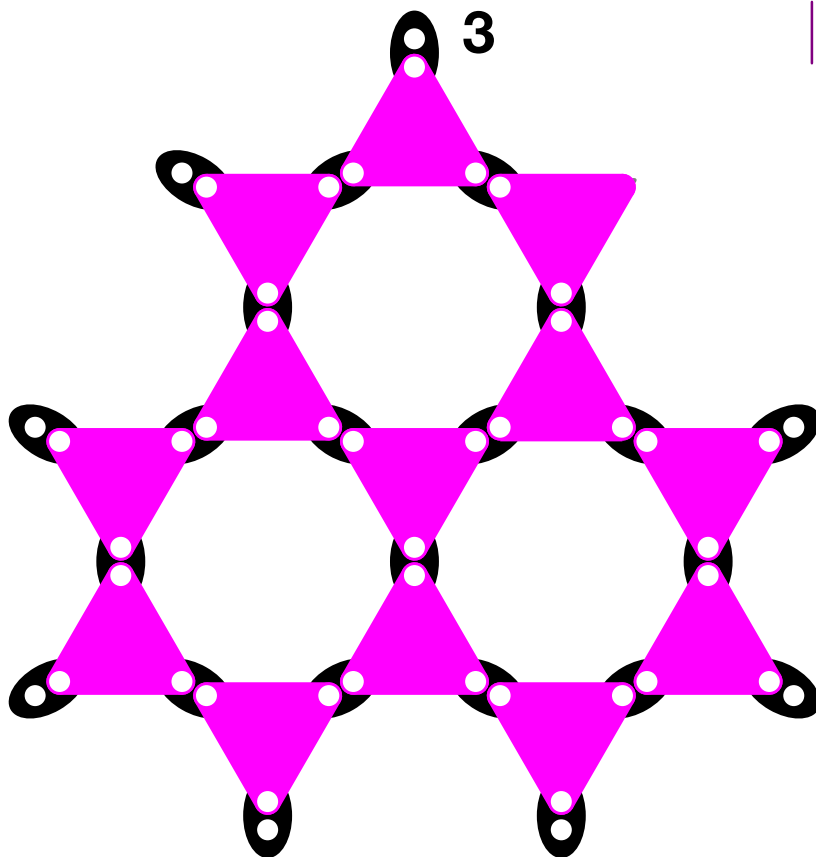
# But we can do this with fermions as well !

SU(3) singlet on 3 sites, represented by fermions :

$$|\mathbf{1}(i_1, i_2, i_3)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} f_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(i_1) f_{\beta}^{\dagger}(i_2) f_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(i_3) |0\rangle = \mathcal{F}_{i_1, i_2, i_3} |0\rangle$$

femionic simplex solid wave function:

$$|\text{FSS}\rangle = \prod_{\Delta_i} \prod_{\nabla_j} \mathcal{F}_{\Delta_i} \mathcal{F}_{\nabla_j} |0\rangle$$



$$\bar{\mathbf{3}} \times \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{3} + \bar{\mathbf{6}}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Each site hosts the antisymmetric, 3 dimensional irrep.

# Tensor network for Kagome

I. Kurecic, L. Vanderstraeten, N. Schuch: A gapped SU(3) spin liquid with  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  topological order, Phys. Rev. B **99**, 045116 (2019)

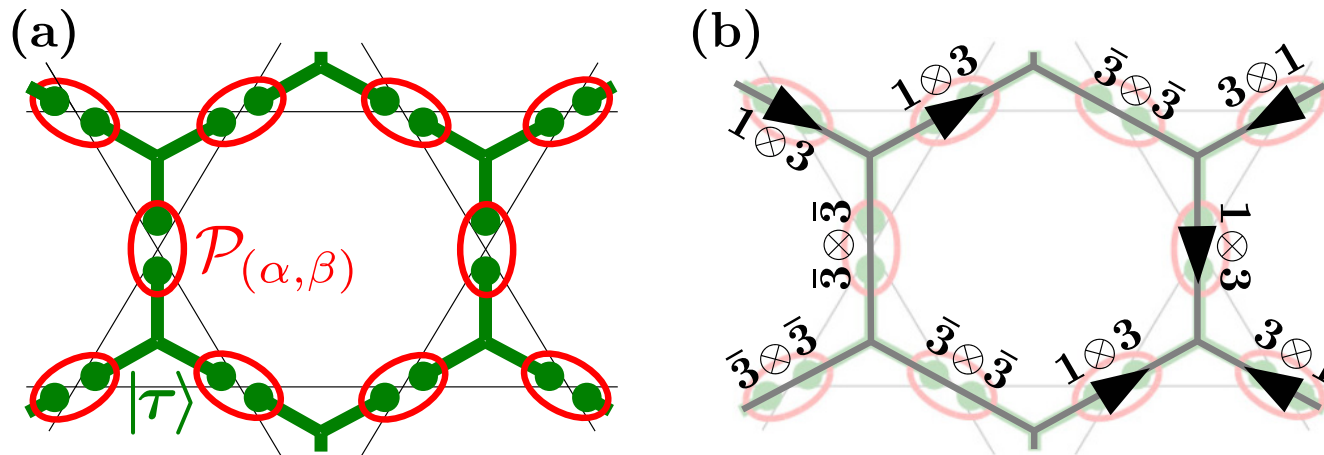


FIG. 1. (a) The model is constructed from trimers  $|\tau\rangle$  which are in a singlet state with representation  $\mathcal{H}_v \equiv \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{3}}$  at each site (green dots), to which a map  $\mathcal{P}_\bullet$  is applied which selects the physical degrees of freedom from  $\mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_v$ . (b) Mapping to a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  topological model: Each site holds a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  degree of freedom: one of two arrows or no arrow. The arrows are pointing towards the  $\mathbf{3}$  representation and satisfy a Gauss law across each vertex due to the fusion rules of the SU(3) irreps.

parent Hamiltonian has 17 (?) sites, not shown in the papers

# Do we know the parent Hamiltonian ?

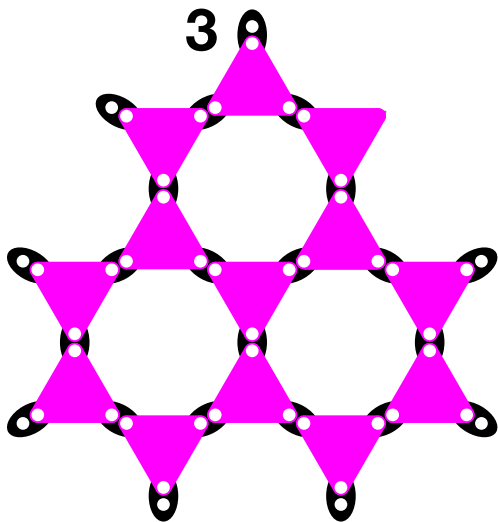
A guess: sum of local projectors, like in the S=1 AKLT model

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathcal{P}_{i,j} + K \sum_{\triangle, \nabla} (\mathcal{P}_{i,j,k} + \mathcal{P}_{i,k,j})$$

We may try it on a small cluster: we generate the FSS, and ask whether the condition for being an eigenstate :

$$\langle \text{FSS} | \mathcal{H}^2 | \text{FSS} \rangle \langle \text{FSS} | \text{FSS} \rangle = \langle \text{FSS} | \mathcal{H} | \text{FSS} \rangle^2$$

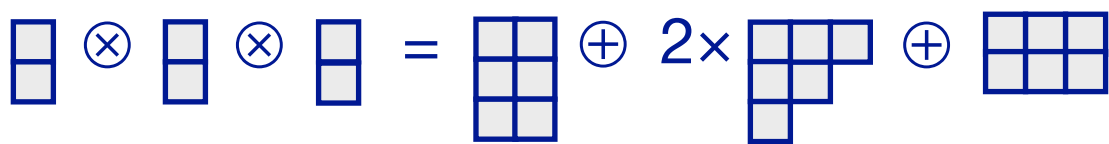
is satisfied with some values of J and K.

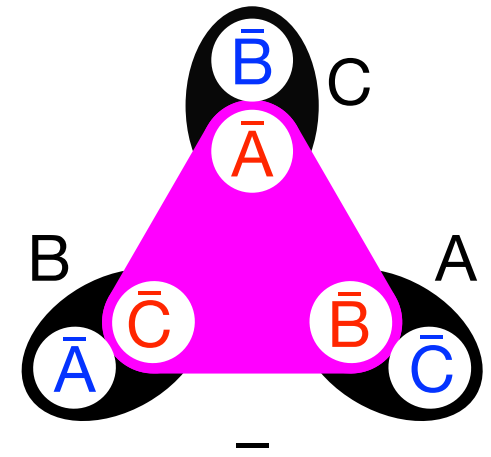


Surprise: it is satisfied for any value of J and K,  
the FSS is always an eigenstate of H !  
(c.f. AKLT in S=1 chain)

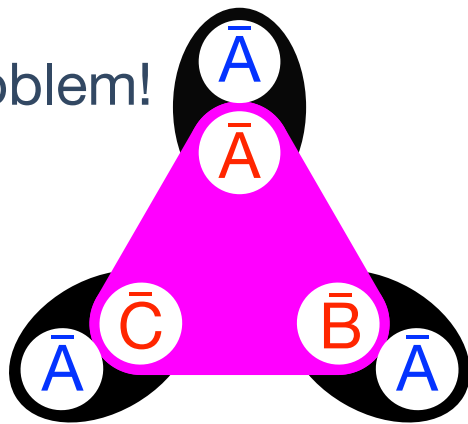
But how does this happen?

# The irreps in a triangle

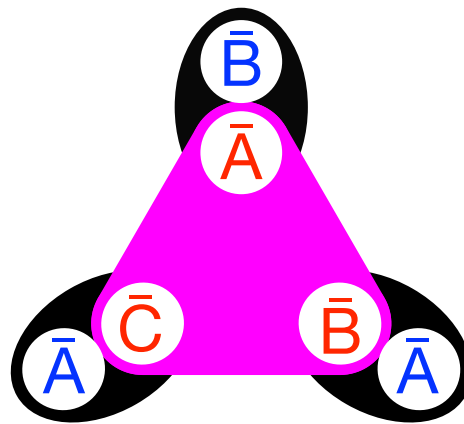
$$\bar{3} \otimes \bar{3} \otimes \bar{3} = 1 \oplus 2 \times 8 \oplus \bar{10}$$




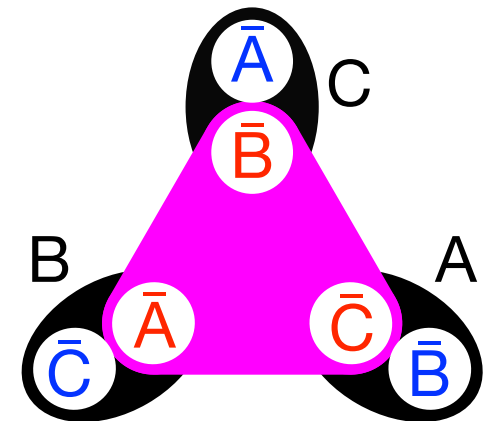
problem!



$$1 \odot 10 = 0$$



$$1 \odot 8 = 8$$

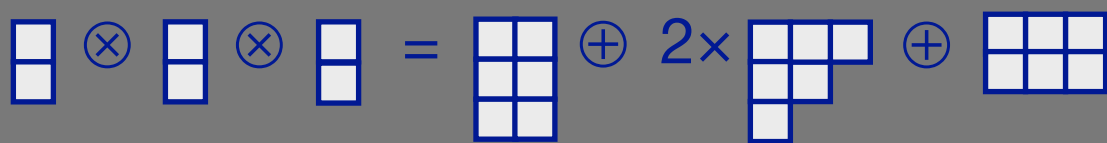


The sum cancels because of odd number of antisymmetrizations:  $(-1)^3 = -1$

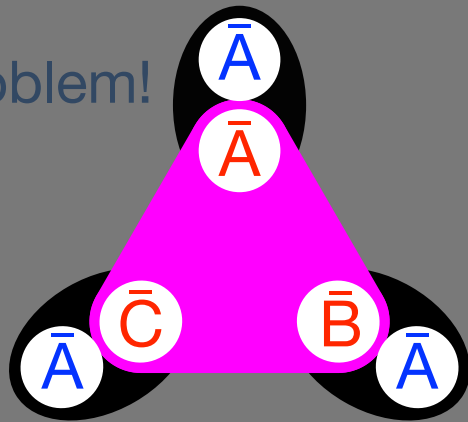
$$1 \odot 1 = 0$$



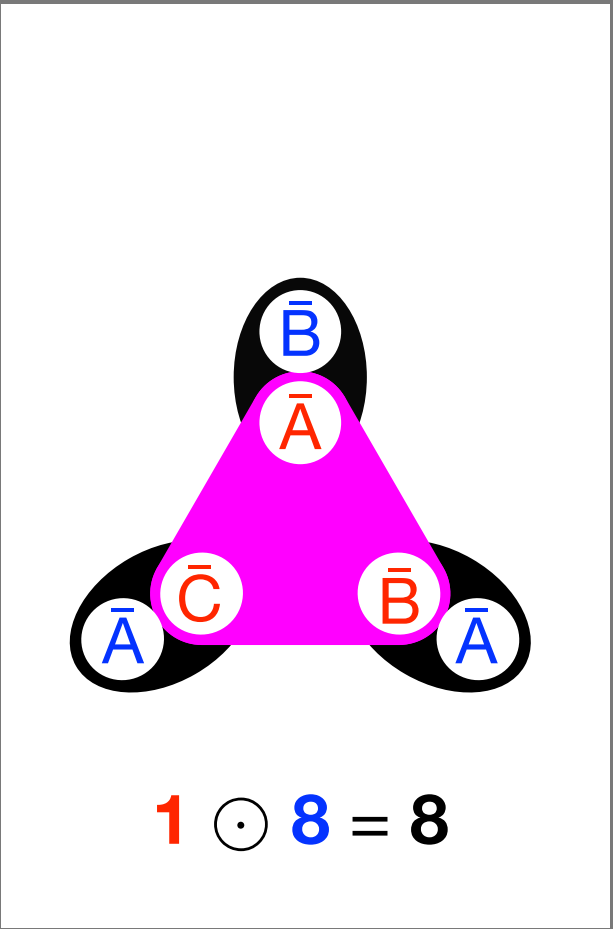
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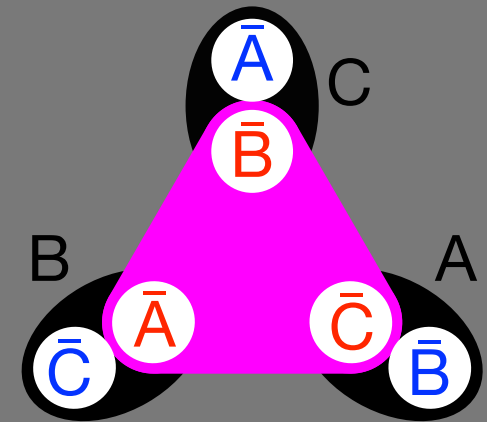
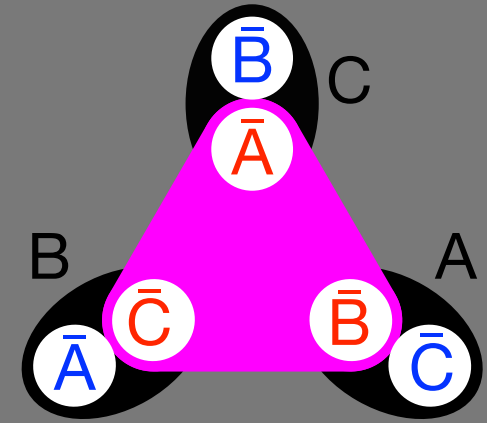
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# Comparing the S=1 AKLT chain with FSS

AKLT chain

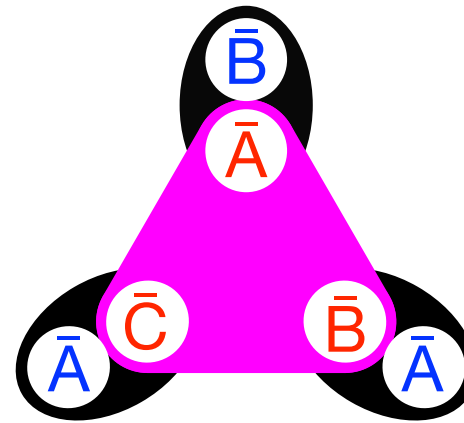


$s=1$   
 $s^z=1$

$s=1$   
 $s^z=0$

$S=0$  or  $1$

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{AKLT}} = \sum_{\text{bonds}} |S=2\rangle\langle S=2|$$



$$1 \odot 8 = 8$$

Fermionic simplex solid is an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{FSS}} = \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} (c_1 |\mathbf{1}\rangle\langle \mathbf{1}| + c_{10} |\mathbf{10}\rangle\langle \mathbf{10}|)$$

and ground state when  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_{10} > 0$ .

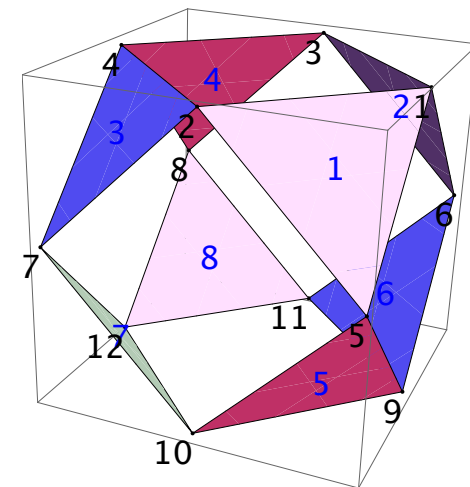
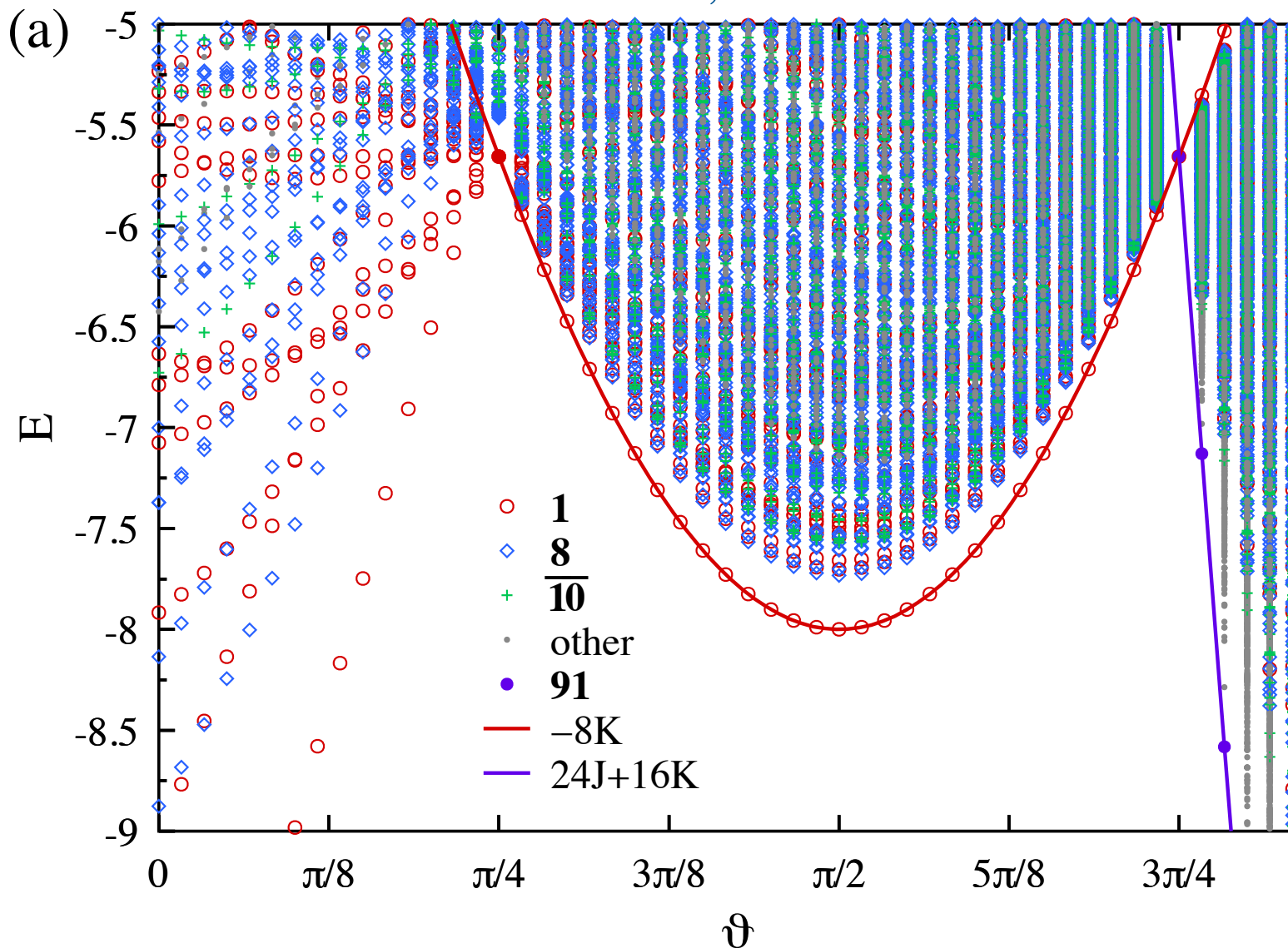
$$J = \frac{1}{6} (c_{10} - c_1), \quad K = \frac{1}{6} (c_{10} + c_1)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathcal{P}_{i,j} + K \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} (\mathcal{P}_{i,j,k} + \mathcal{P}_{i,k,j})$$

# full ED for small system (12 sites)

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathcal{P}_{i,j} + K \sum_{\triangle, \nabla} (\mathcal{P}_{i,j,k} + \mathcal{P}_{i,k,j})$$

$$J = \cos \vartheta, K = \sin \vartheta$$



34650 states in the  
 $n_A = n_B = n_C$   
 sector, but the  
 symmetry group is  
 large

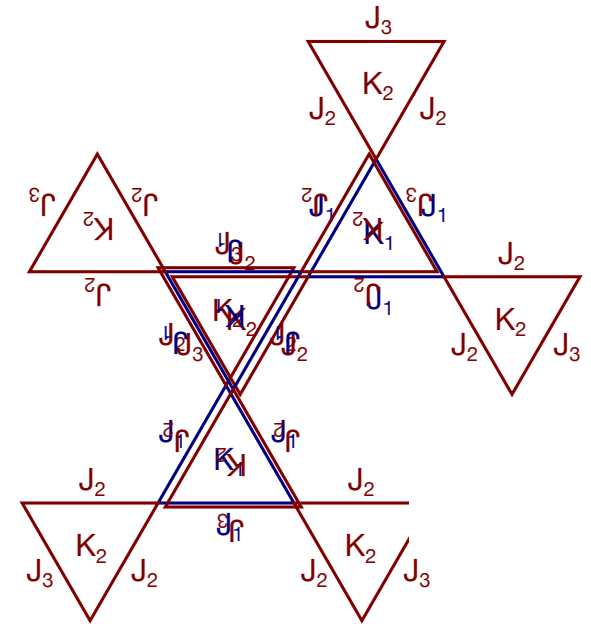
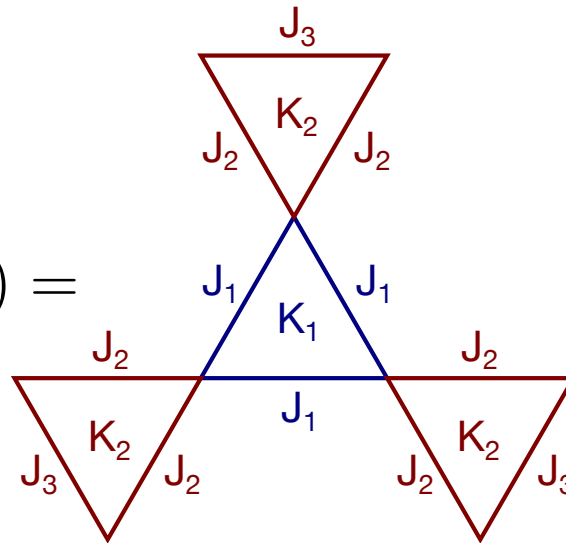
# Lower bound on energy

Let us write the lattice Hamiltonian as a sum over the lattice of a Hamiltonian defined on a (9-site) open cluster:

$$\mathcal{H}(J, K) = \sum_{\text{lattice}} \mathcal{H}_9(J_1, J_2, J_3, K_1, K_2)$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_9(J_1, J_2, J_3, K_1, K_2) =$$



with a condition

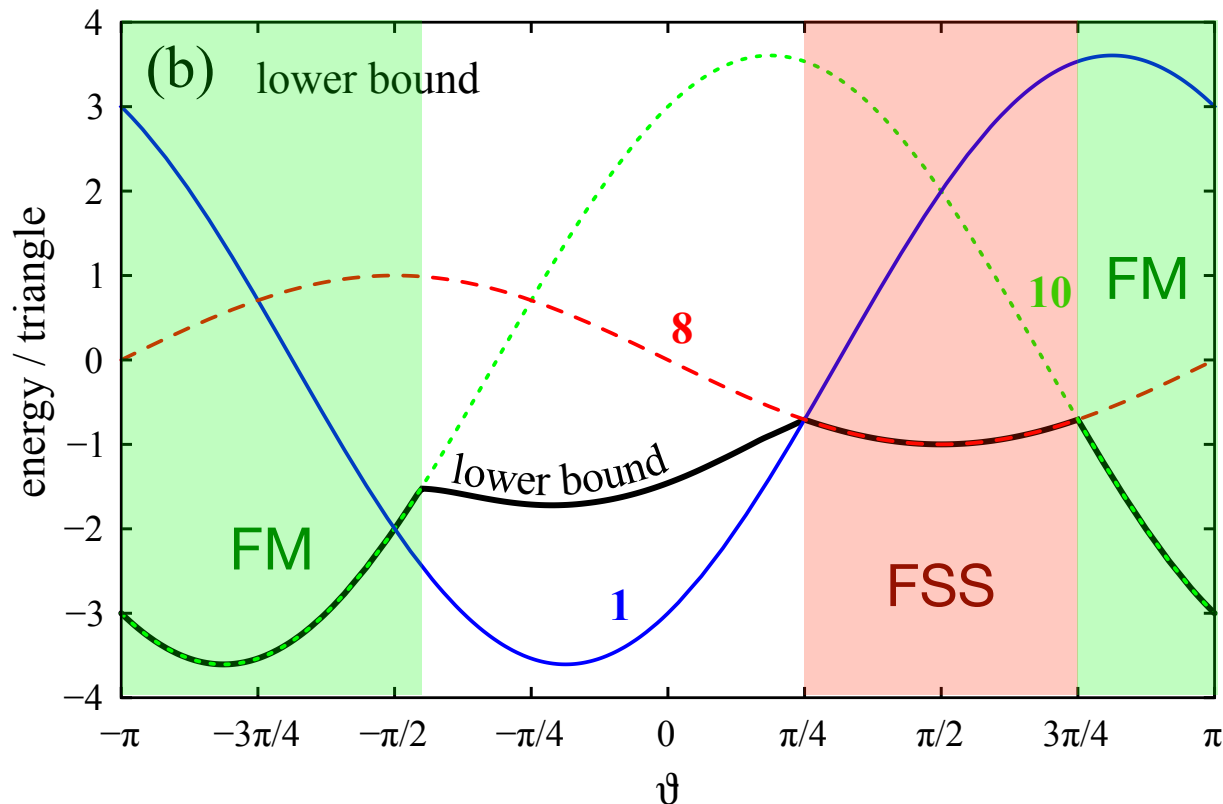
$$J = J_1 + 2J_2 + J_3$$

$$K = K_1 + 3K_2$$

# Lower bound on energy

The energy calculated from the ground states of the sub-Hamiltonians will always be lower than the ground state energy of  $\mathcal{H}$ , as the true ground state of  $\mathcal{H}$  can be viewed as a variational wavefunction for  $\mathcal{H}_g$

$$E_{\text{LB}} = \max_{\substack{J=J_1+2J_2+J_3 \\ K=K_1+3K_2}} E_{\text{GS}}(J_1, J_2, J_3, K_1, K_2)$$



Actually, the energies of a single triangle gives also a lower bound (per triangle)

$$\varepsilon_1 = -3J + 2K$$

$$\varepsilon_8 = -K$$

$$\varepsilon_{10} = 3J + 2K$$

The FM and the FSS saturate the lower bound, they are ground states (beware uniqueness)

# full ED for small system (12 sites)

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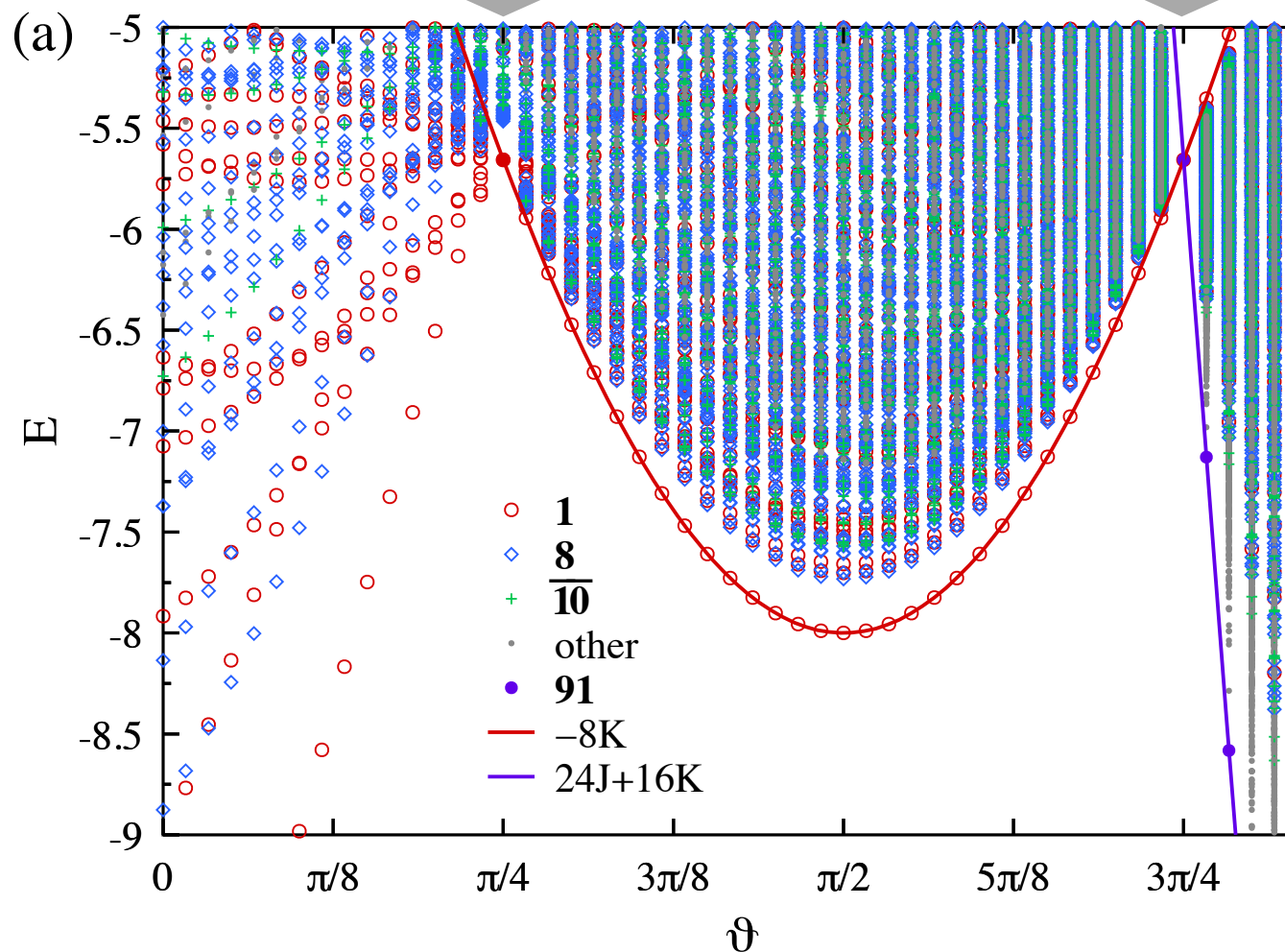
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\triangle, \nabla} |\mathbf{10}\rangle \langle \mathbf{10}|$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\triangle, \nabla} |\mathbf{1}\rangle \langle \mathbf{1}|$$

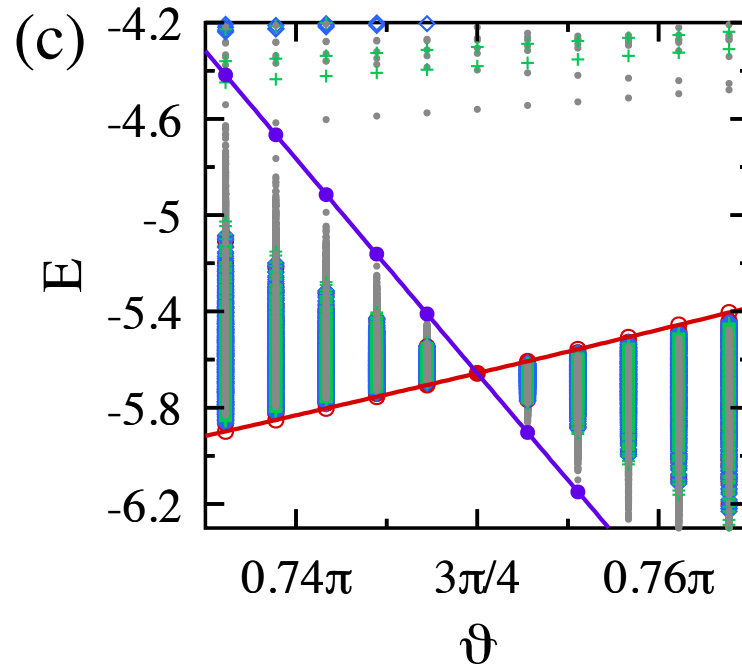
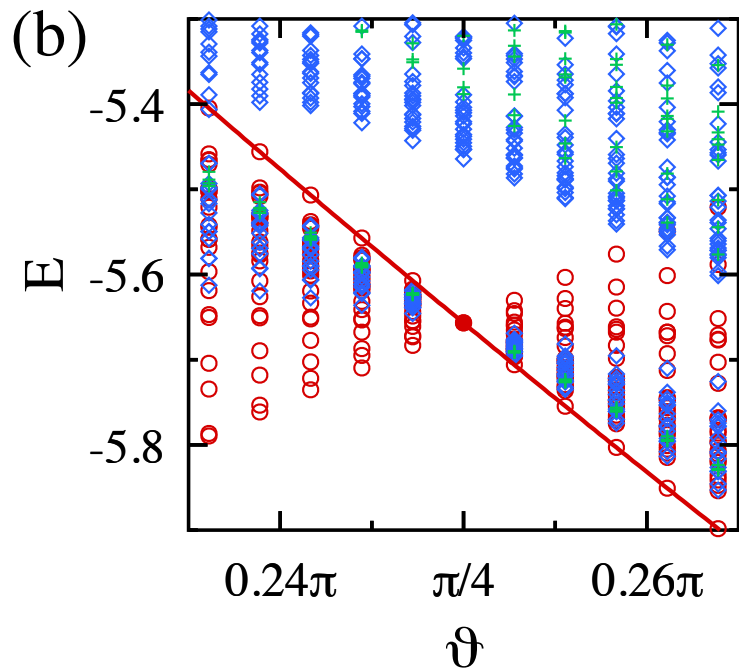
$$c_1 = 3(K - J)$$

$$c_{10} = 3(K + J)$$

$$J = \cos \vartheta, K = \sin \vartheta$$



# full ED for small system (12 sites) - degenerate GS

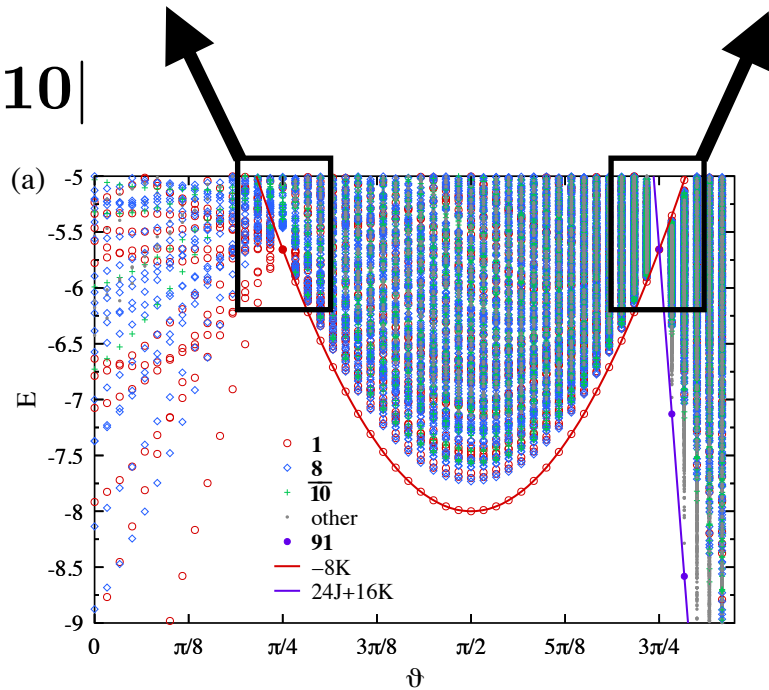


$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} |\mathbf{10}\rangle \langle \mathbf{10}|$$

$$J = K$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} |\mathbf{1}\rangle \langle \mathbf{1}|$$

$$J = -K$$

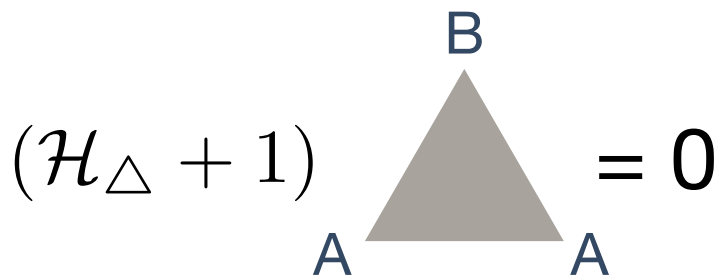
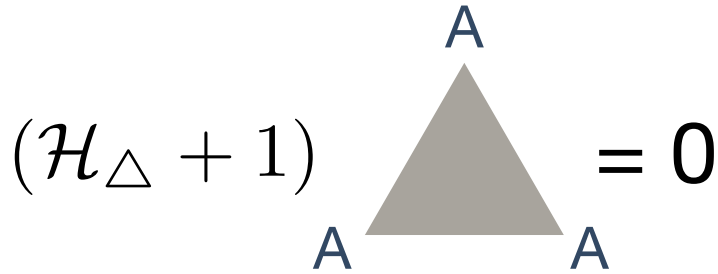




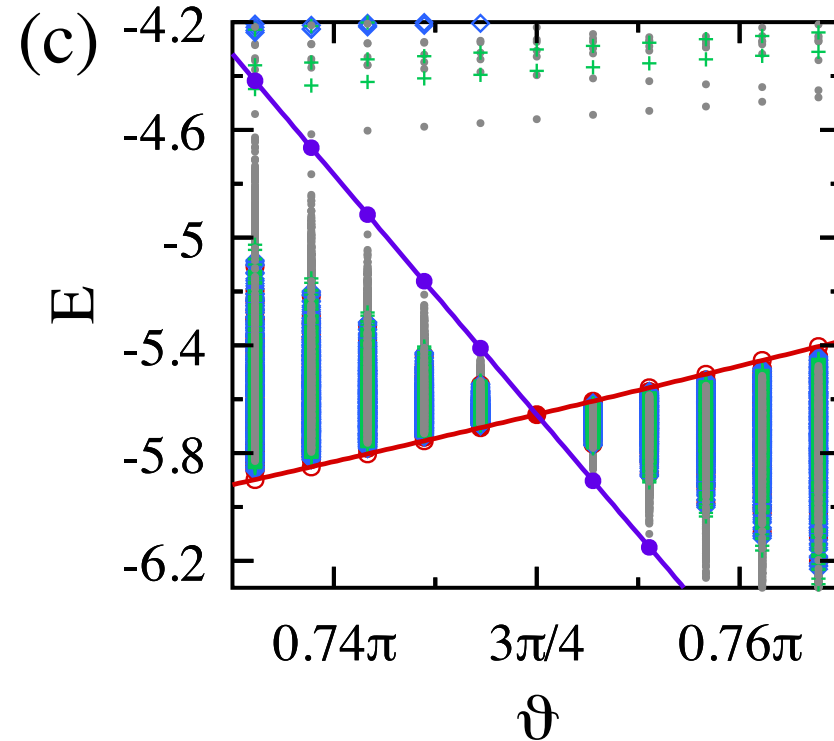
# The $\vartheta=3\pi/4$ ( $J = -K$ ) case

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} |\mathbf{1}\rangle\langle\mathbf{1}|$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Delta} = \mathcal{P}_{i,j,k} + \mathcal{P}_{i,k,j} - \mathcal{P}_{i,j} - \mathcal{P}_{i,k} - \mathcal{P}_{j,k}$$



triangles having no more than two colors are degenerate eigenstates



385427 states are degenerate

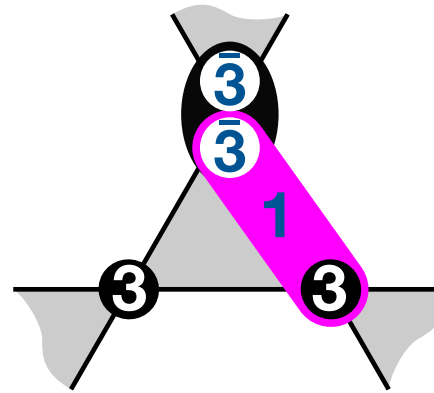
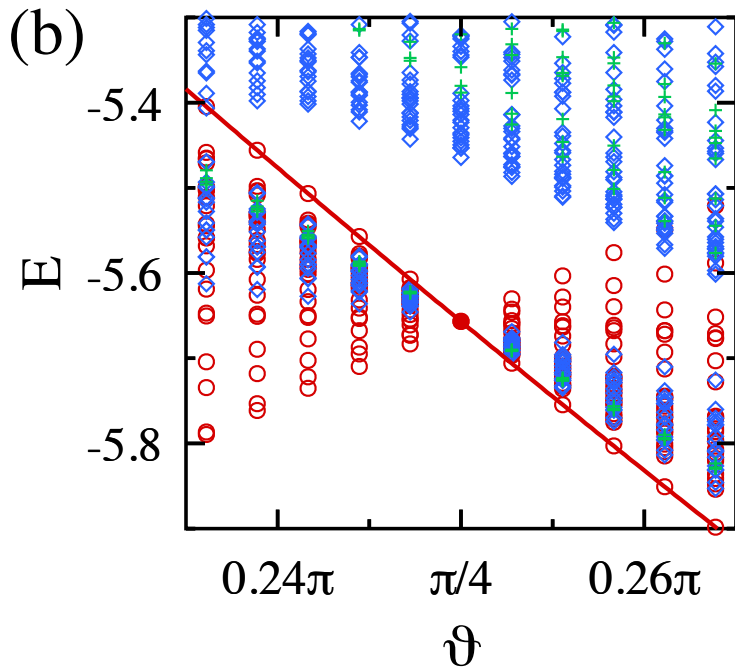
$3^{12}=531441$  is the total number of states



# The $\vartheta = \pi/4$ ( $J = K$ ) case

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\triangle, \nabla} |\mathbf{10}\rangle \langle \mathbf{10}|$$

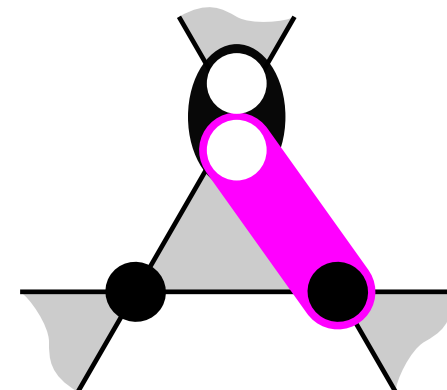
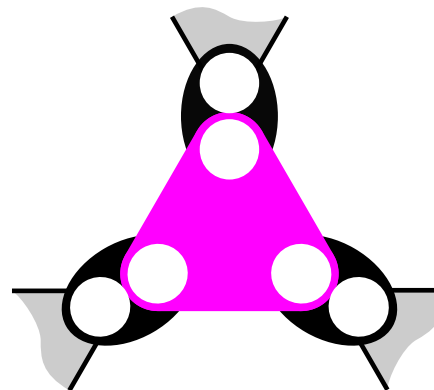
$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8}$$



The irreps of 3 spins in the triangle contain **1** and **8**, but no **10**.

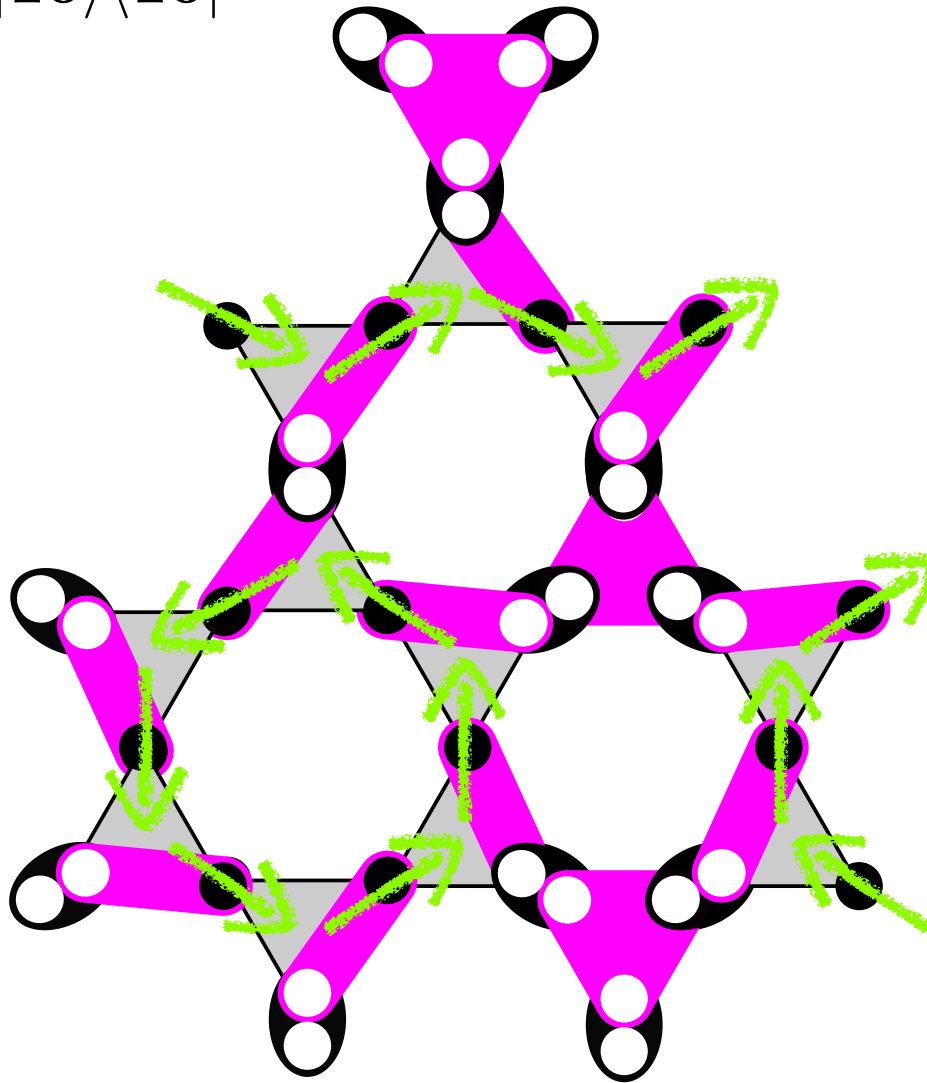
cf. I. Kurecic, L. Vanderstraeten, N. Schuch, PRB **99**, 045116 (2019)

the building blocks are:



# The $J = K$ case: Lego time!

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\Delta, \nabla} |\mathbf{10}\rangle \langle \mathbf{10}|$$



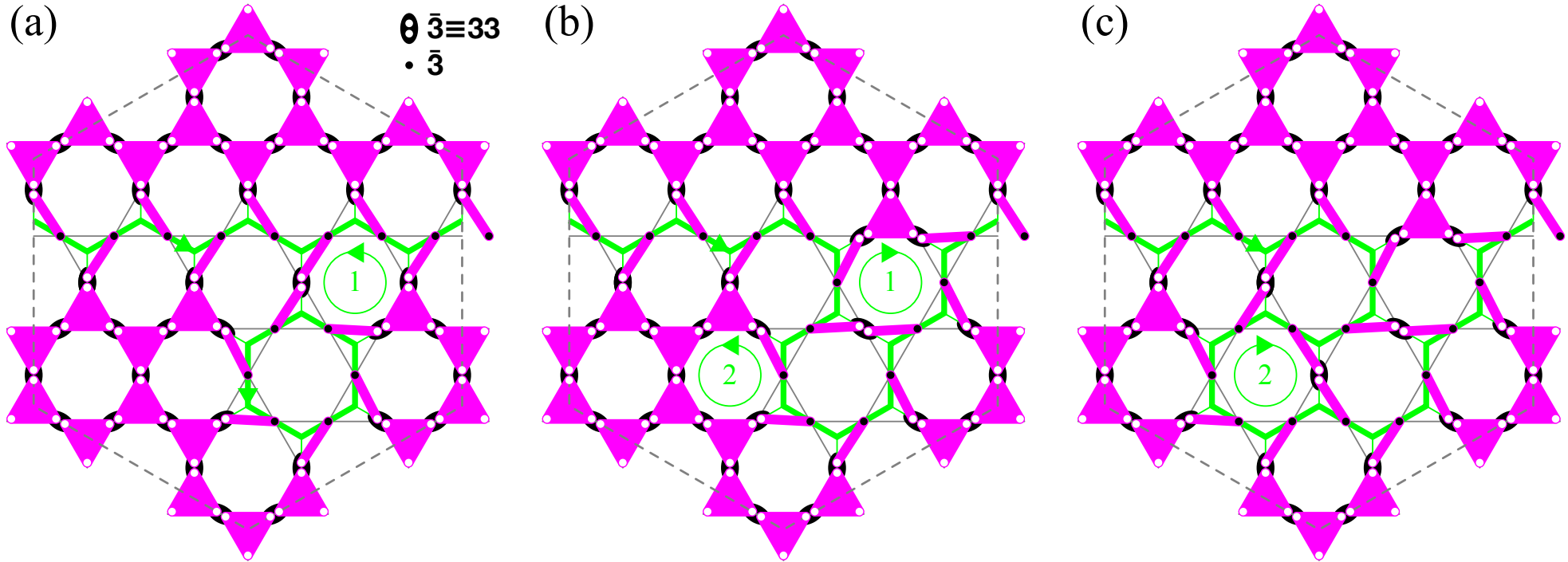
“current conservation” - some kind of a Coulomb liquid ?

On each bond 3 possibilities:  
2 directions of arrow and  
absence of an arrow.

$Z_3$  degrees of freedom

topological sectors  
(definition not obvious  
because of overlap and non-  
orthogonality)

# The $J = K$ case: singlet states characterized by directed loops on honeycomb lattice



local moves  $\Rightarrow$

number of undirected loops =  $2 \times 2 \times 2^{(N_{\text{hex}}-1)}$

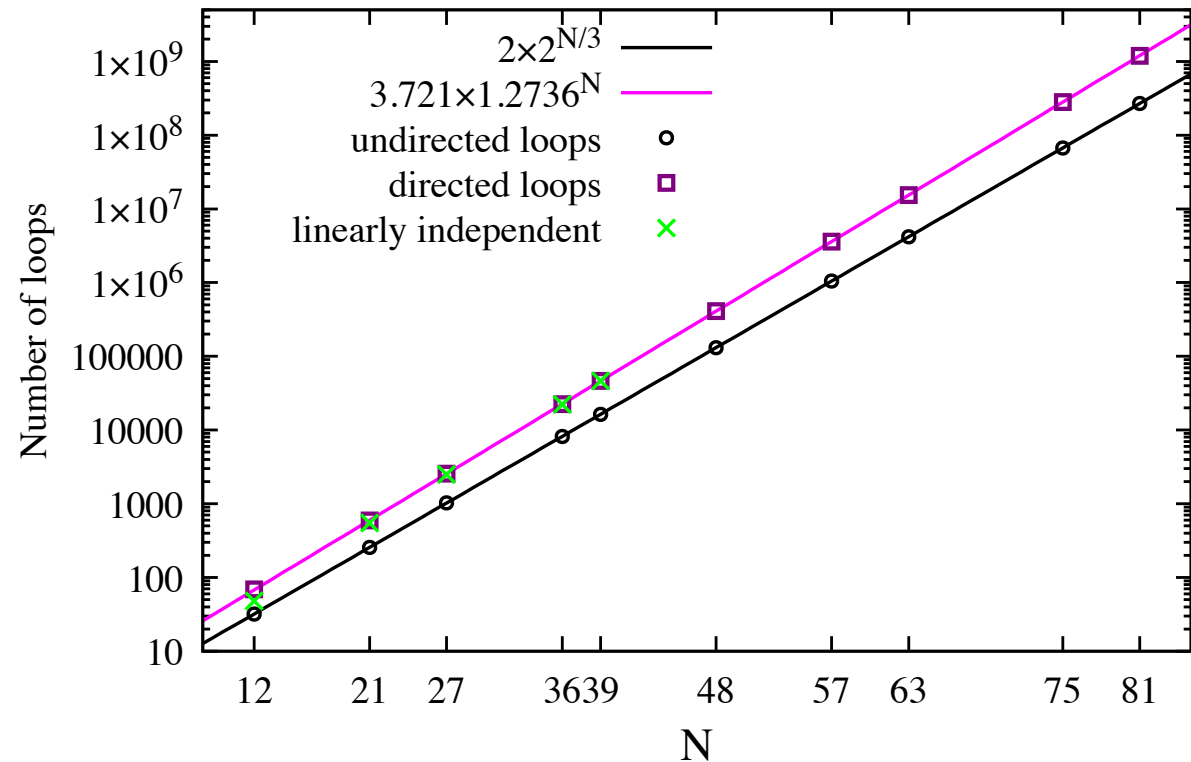
extensive number of loops

for 12 sites they span the singlet GS manifold

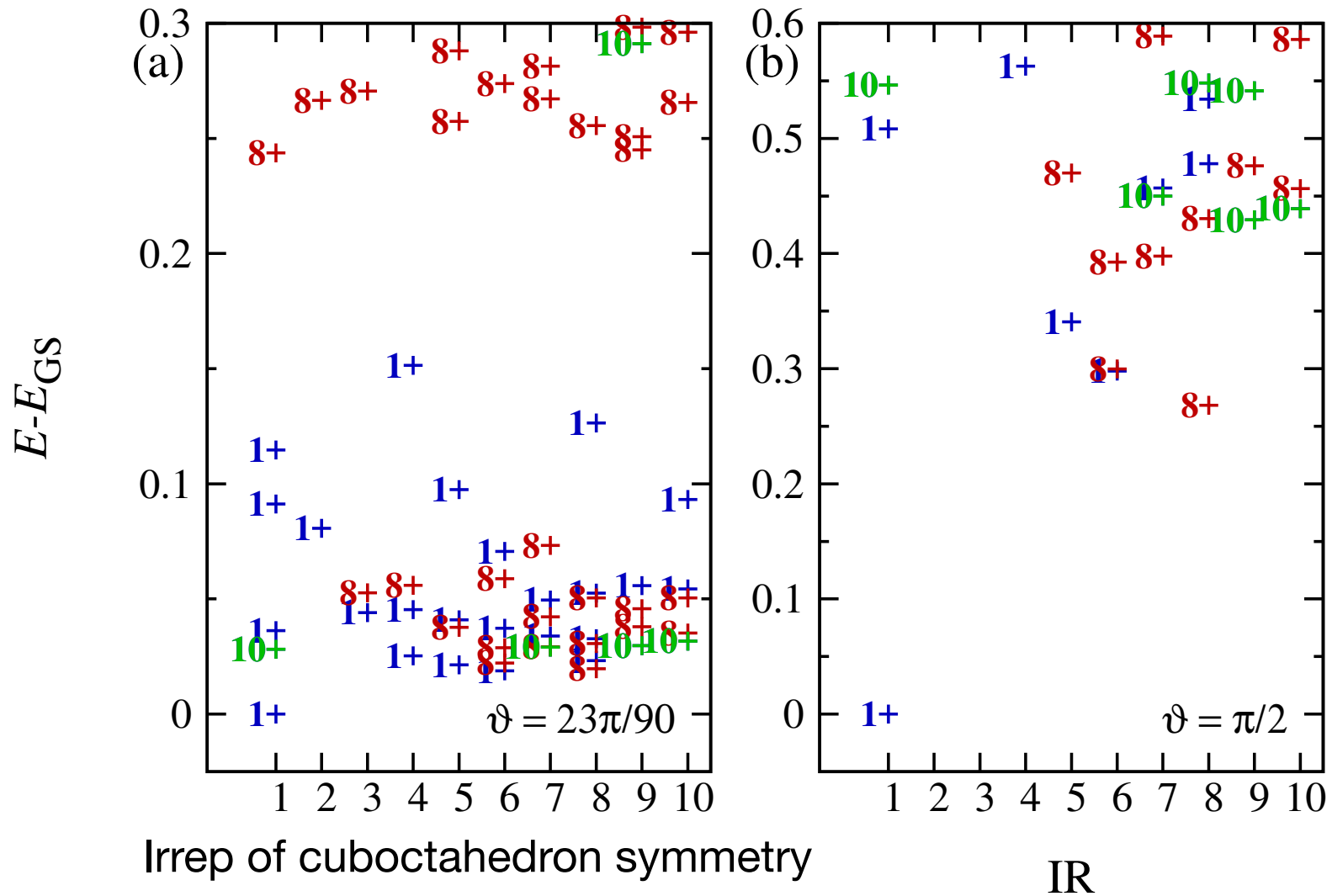
N	undirected	directed	linearly independent
12	32	69	48
27	1024	2551	2485
36	8192	22437	22332

# degeneracy of the manifold

N	undirected	directed	linearly independent (GS manifold)	total # of singlets
12	32	69	48	462
21		595		1385670
27	1024	2551	2485	414315330
36	8192	22437	22332	2861142656400
39	16384	46339	46219	57468093927120
48	131072	408665		521086299271824330



# The $J = K$ case: other irreps also appear

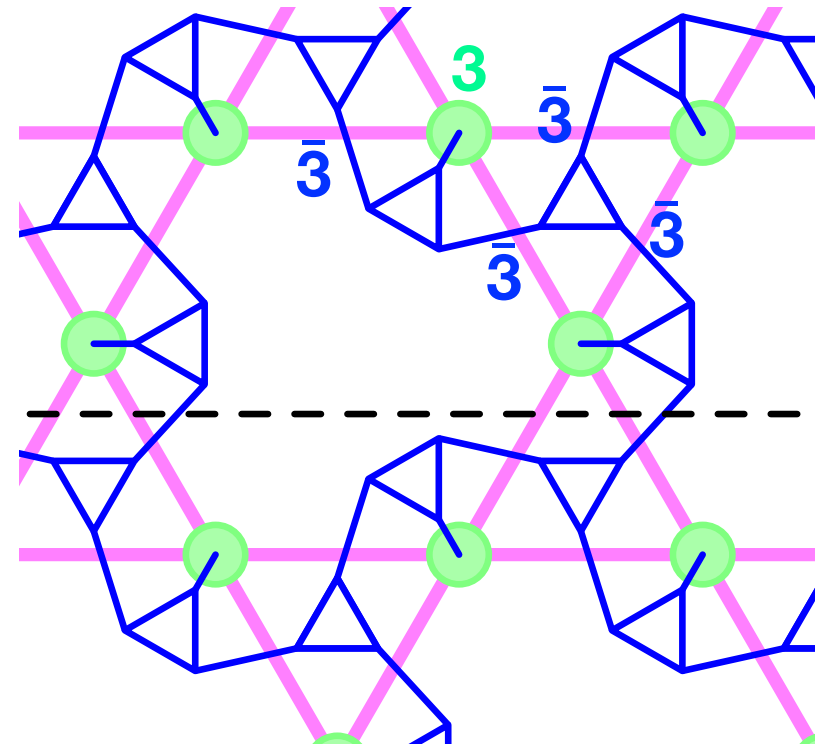
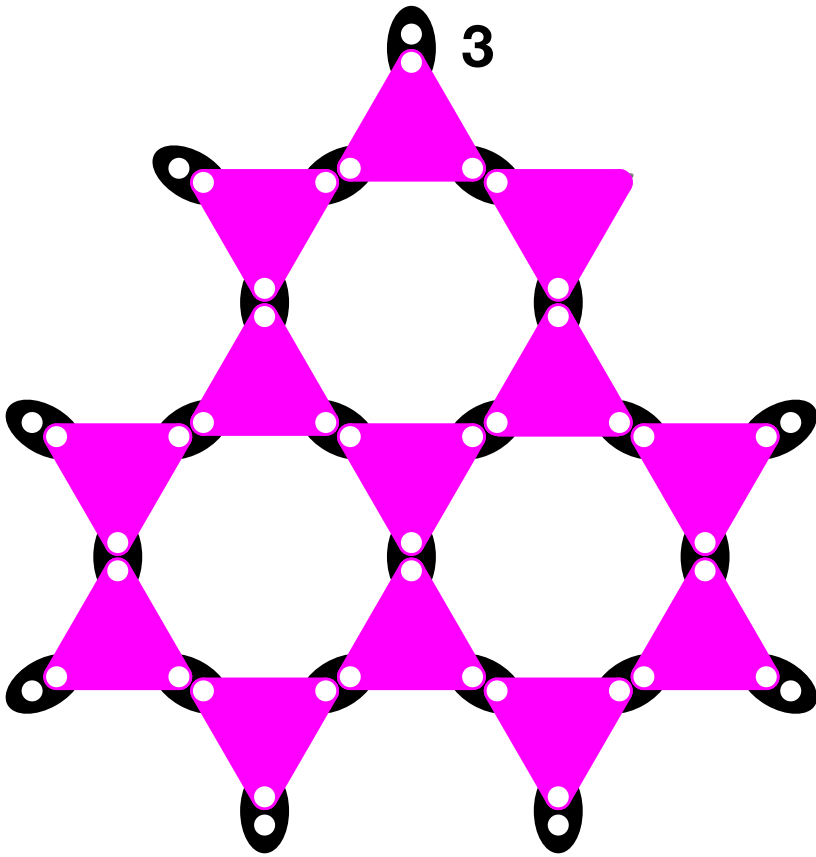


degeneracy at  $\vartheta = \pi/4$ :  $468 = (48) \times \mathbf{1} + (40) \times \mathbf{8} + (10) \times \overline{\mathbf{10}}$

What is the origin of the higher SU(3) irreps ???

# Tensor network: the wave function

$$|\mathbf{1}(i_1, i_2, i_3)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} f_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(i_1) f_{\beta}^{\dagger}(i_2) f_{\gamma}^{\dagger}(i_3) |0\rangle$$



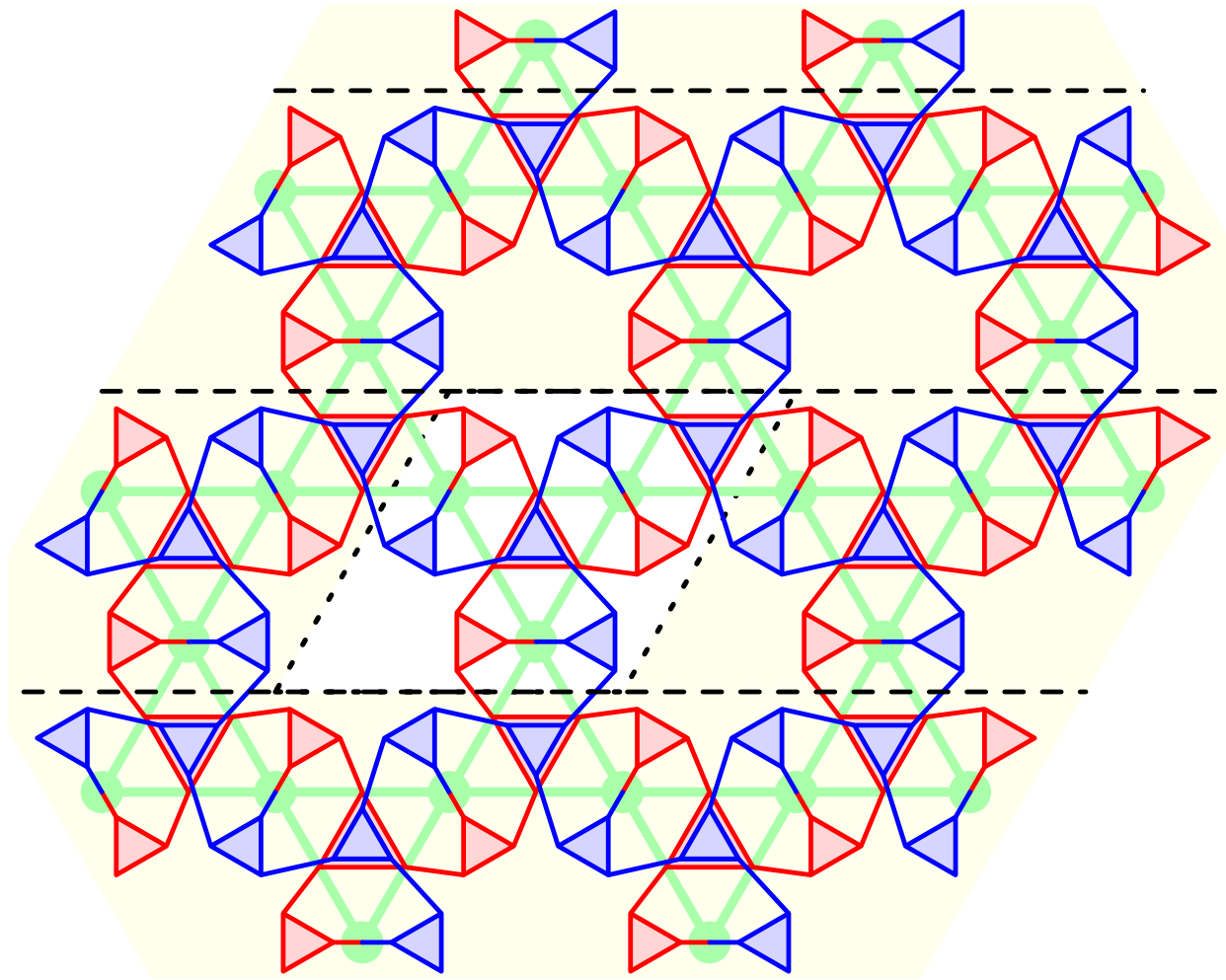
$$\bar{\mathbf{3}} \times \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{3} + \bar{\mathbf{6}}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$$

each triangle represents the antisymmetrizing Levi-Civita symbol

we antisymmetrize at each **3** site

# Tensor network: the overlap



graph of contracted  
Levi-Civita symbols

R. Penrose,  
Applications of  
negative dimensional  
tensors, 1971

Penrose polynomial,  
defined for plane graphs

12: 13392

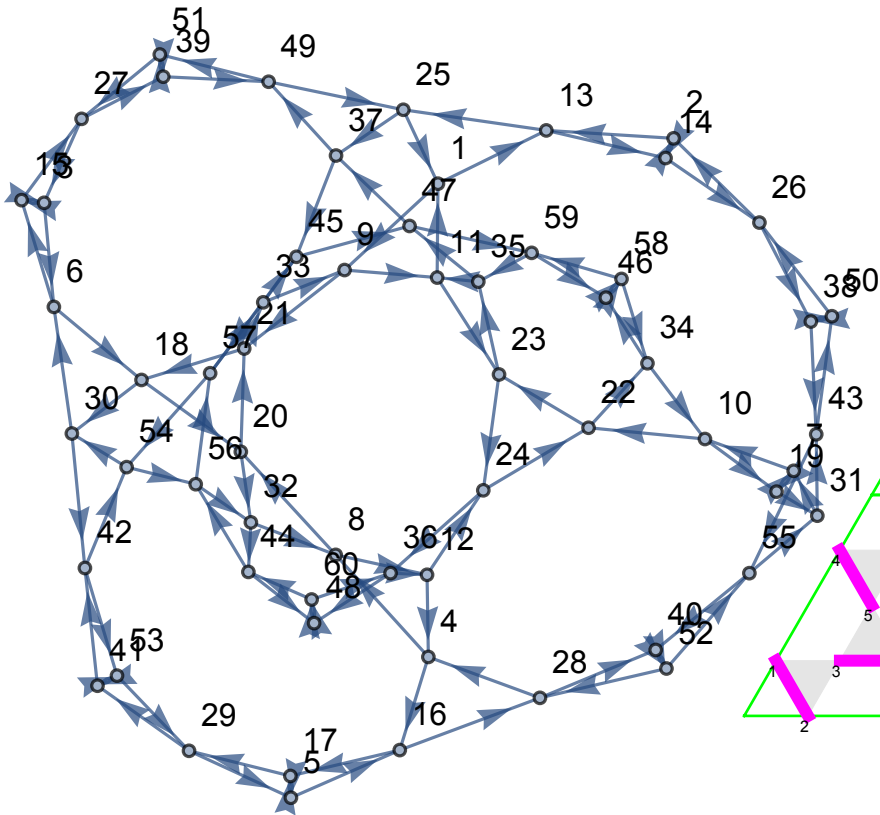
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36: 2220531642144

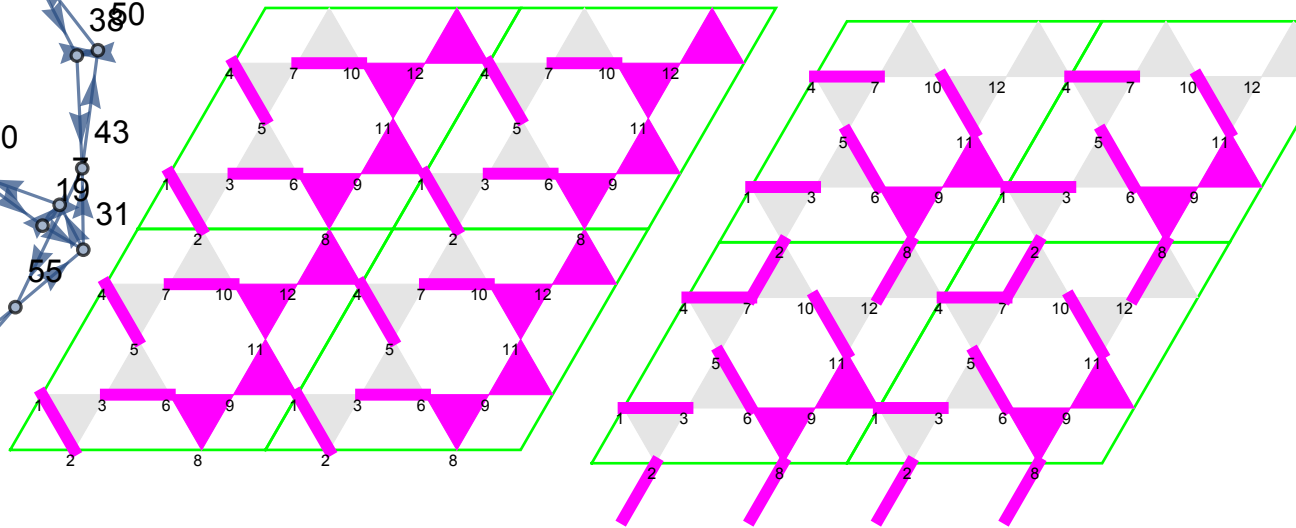
# Example for overlap (12 sites)

$\epsilon_{1,9,11} \epsilon_{2,13,14} \epsilon_{3,6,15} \epsilon_{4,8,12} \epsilon_{5,16,17} \epsilon_{7,10,19} \epsilon_{18,20,21} \epsilon_{22,23,24} \epsilon_{25,37,49} \epsilon_{26,38,50}$   
 $\epsilon_{27,39,51} \epsilon_{28,40,52} \epsilon_{29,41,53} \epsilon_{30,42,54} \epsilon_{31,43,55} \epsilon_{32,44,56} \epsilon_{33,45,57} \epsilon_{34,46,58} \epsilon_{35,47,59} \epsilon_{36,48,60}$   
 $\epsilon_{1,13,25} \epsilon_{2,14,26} \epsilon_{3,15,27} \epsilon_{4,16,28} \epsilon_{5,17,29} \epsilon_{6,18,30} \epsilon_{7,19,31} \epsilon_{8,20,32} \epsilon_{9,21,33} \epsilon_{10,22,34}$   
 $\epsilon_{11,23,35} \epsilon_{12,24,36} \epsilon_{37,45,47} \epsilon_{38,43,50} \epsilon_{39,49,51} \epsilon_{40,52,55} \epsilon_{41,42,53} \epsilon_{44,48,60} \epsilon_{46,58,59} \epsilon_{54,56,57}$

= 49152



The graphs are  
 “bipartite” (median graph for  
 degree 3 regular bipartite graph)



Penrose graph



# Evaluating Penrose graphs

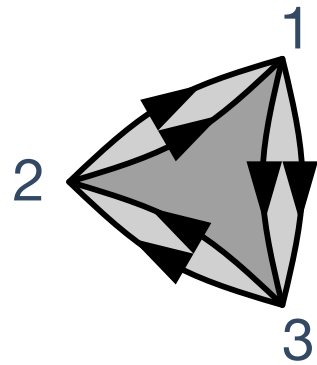
$$\varepsilon_{i,j,k} \varepsilon^{i,j,k} = 6$$

implied sum over repeated indices

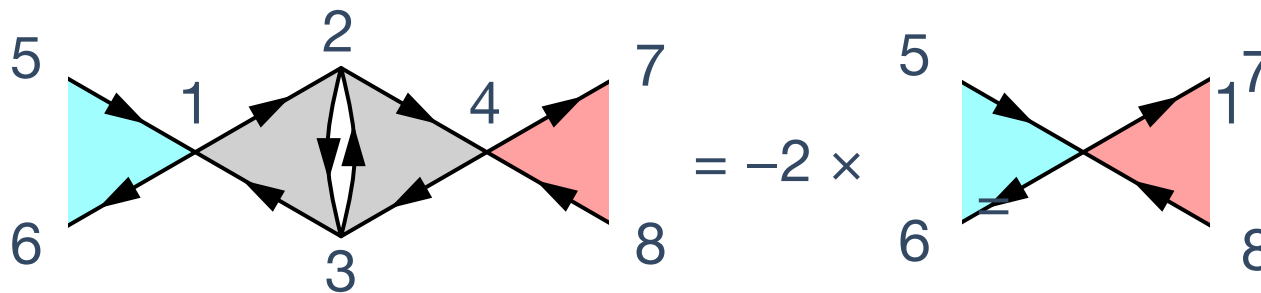
$$\varepsilon_{i,j,k} \varepsilon^{i,j,l} = 2\delta_k^l$$

$$\varepsilon_{i,j,k} \varepsilon^{i,l,m} = \delta_j^l \delta_k^m - \delta_j^m \delta_k^l$$

We can define a recursive procedure to evaluate the Penrose graph:

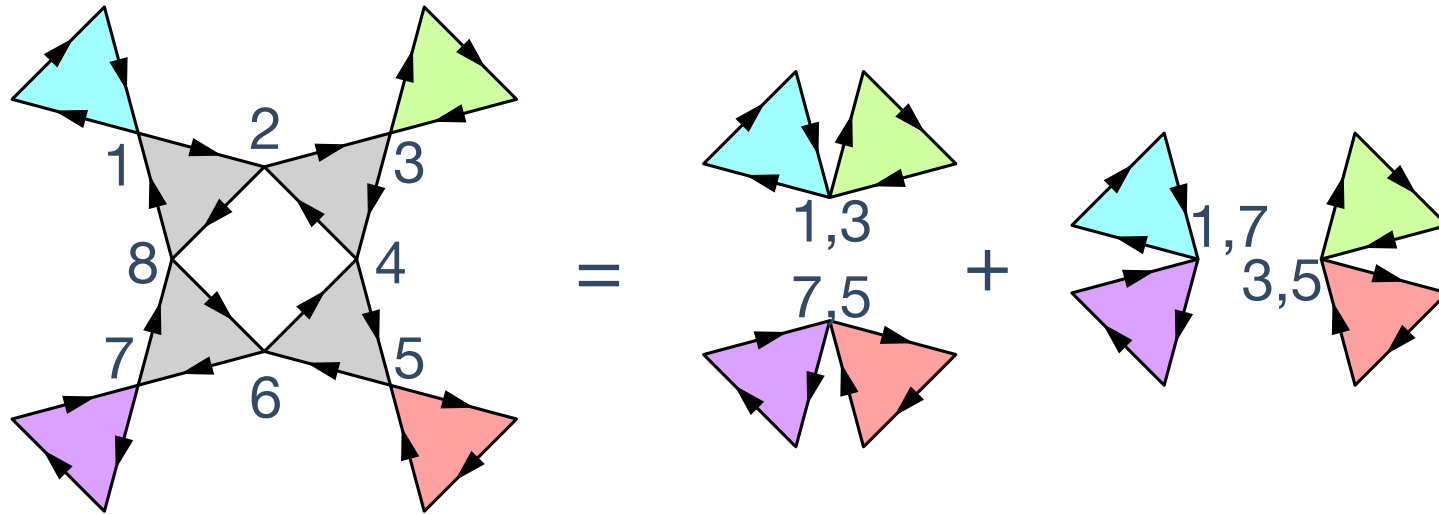


$$\varepsilon_{1,2,3} \varepsilon^{1,2,3} = 6$$

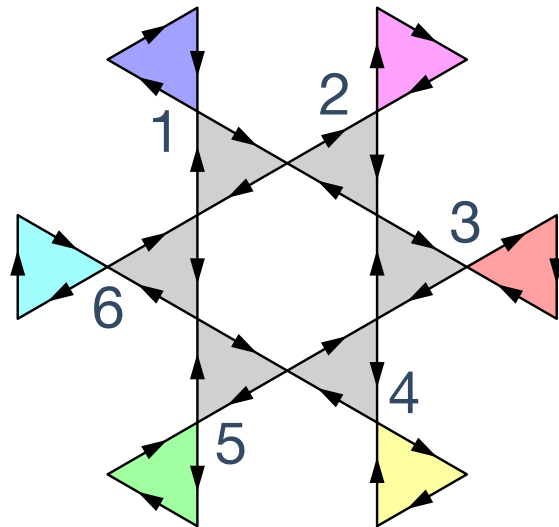


$$\dots \varepsilon_{5,1,6} \varepsilon^{1,2,3} \varepsilon_{2,4,3} \varepsilon^{4,7,8} \dots = -2 \times \dots \varepsilon_{5,1,6} \varepsilon^{1,7,8} \dots$$

# Evaluating Penrose graphs



$$\dots \epsilon_{1,2,8} \epsilon^{2,3,4} \epsilon_{4,5,6} \epsilon^{6,7,8} \dots = \delta_1^3 \delta_5^7 + \delta_1^7 \delta_5^3$$



$$= -\delta_1^2 \delta_3^6 \delta_5^4 - \delta_1^6 \delta_3^4 \delta_5^2 - \delta_1^4 \delta_3^2 \delta_5^6 + \delta_1^4 \delta_3^6 \delta_5^2$$

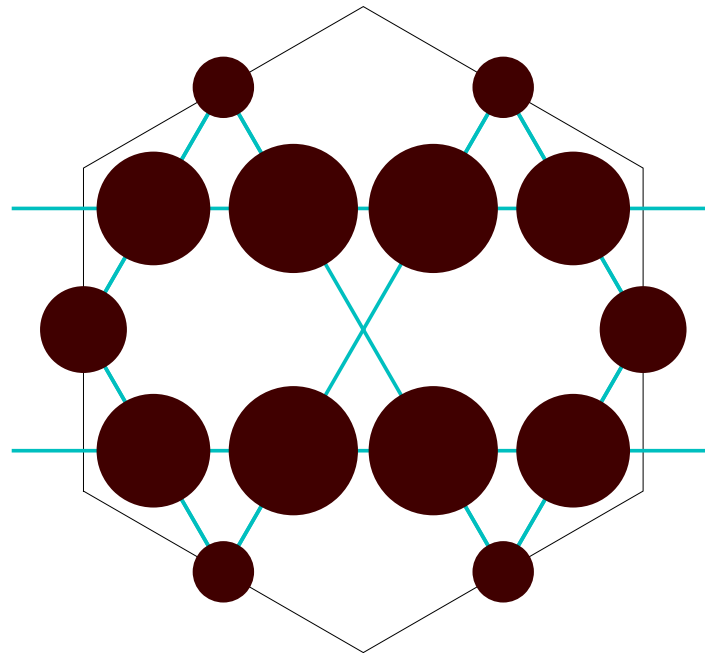
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calculated using “tensor network”

12 sites

27 sites

48 sites



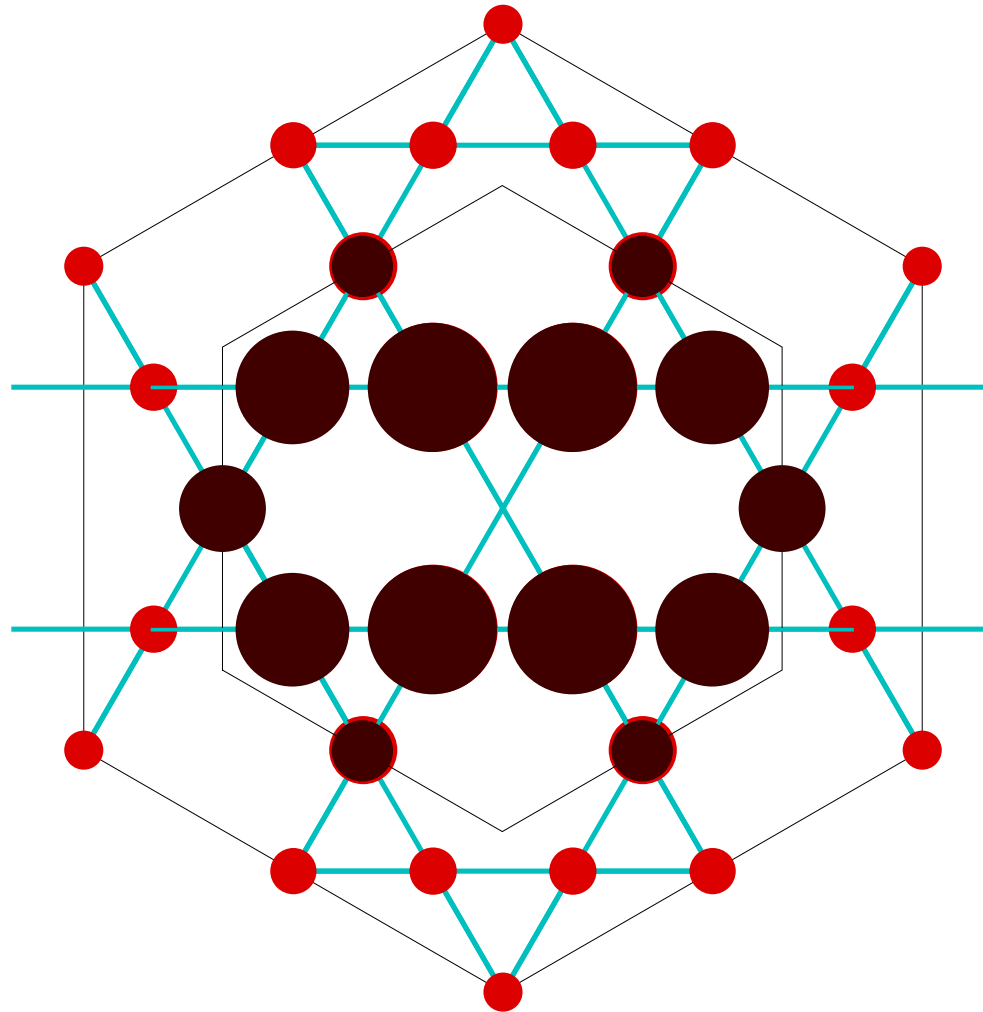
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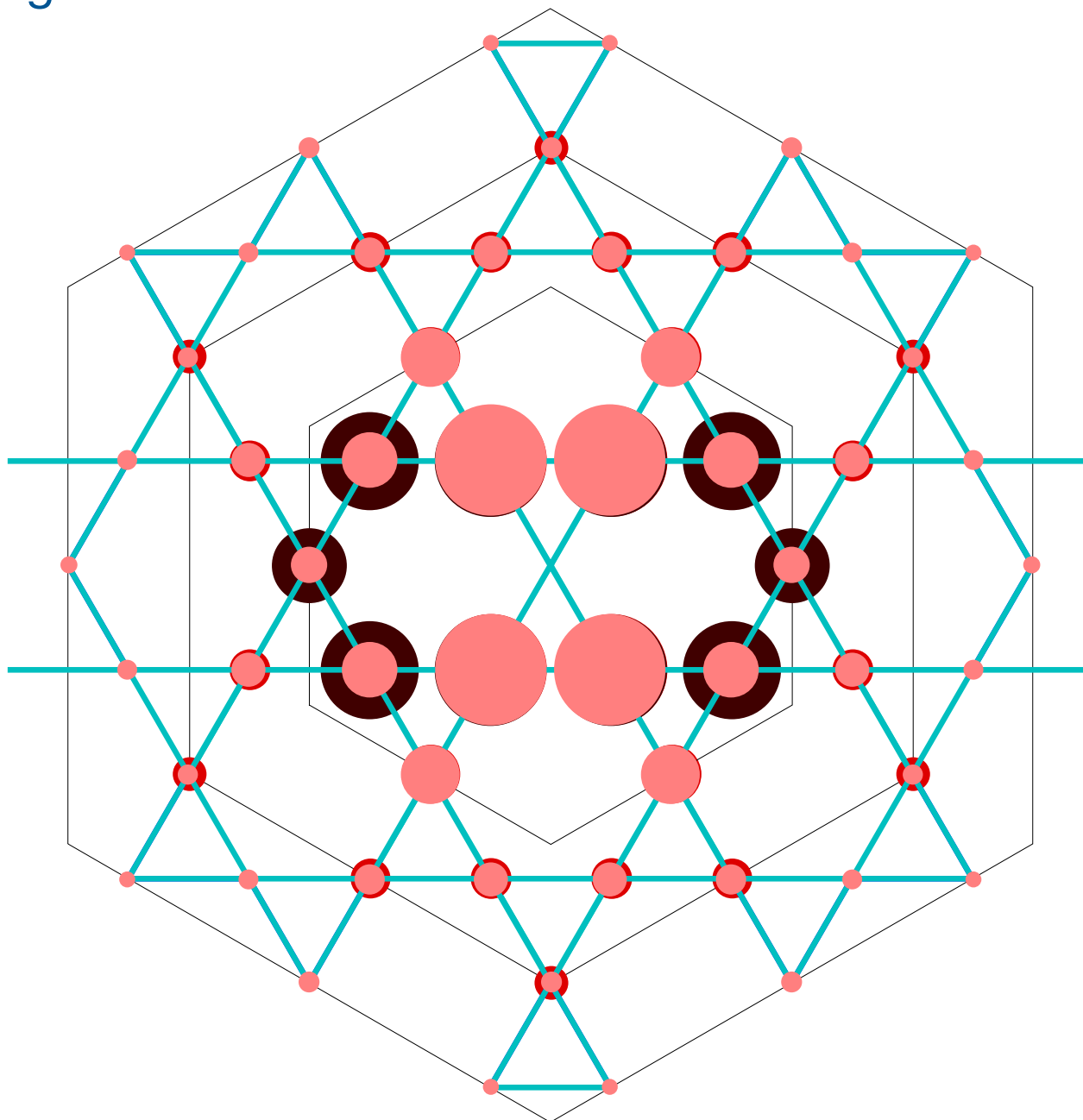
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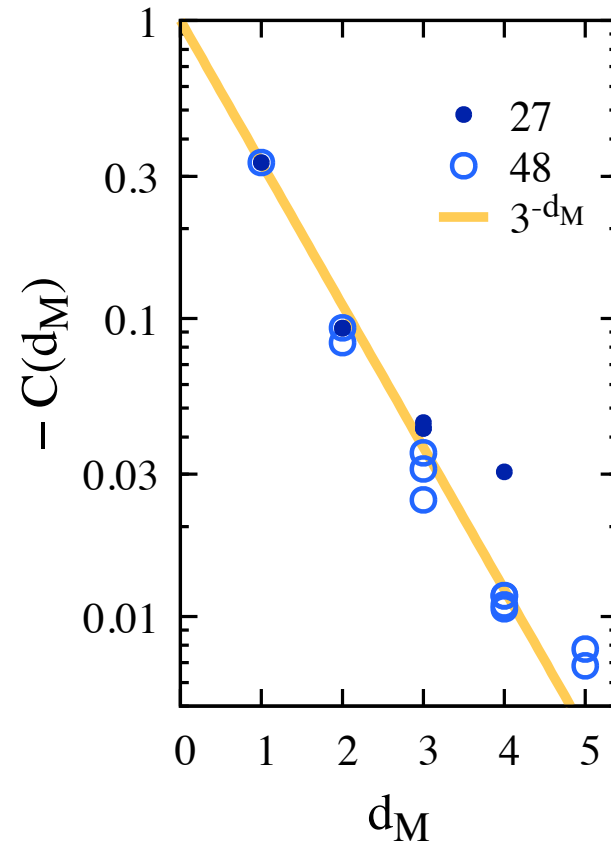
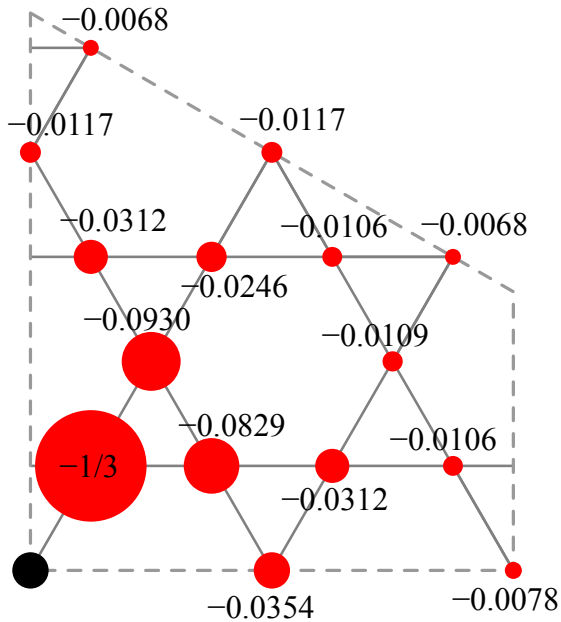
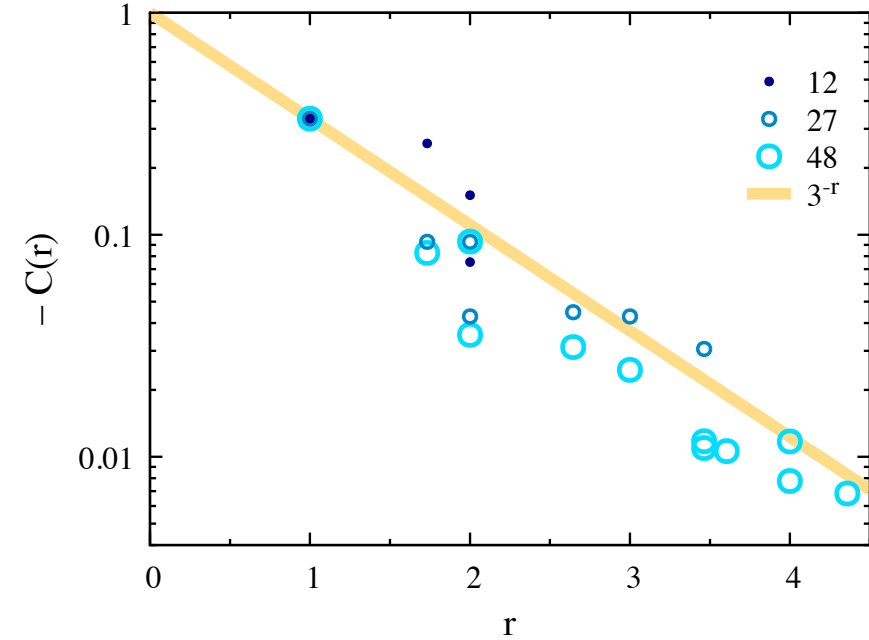
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# Spin-spin correlation function

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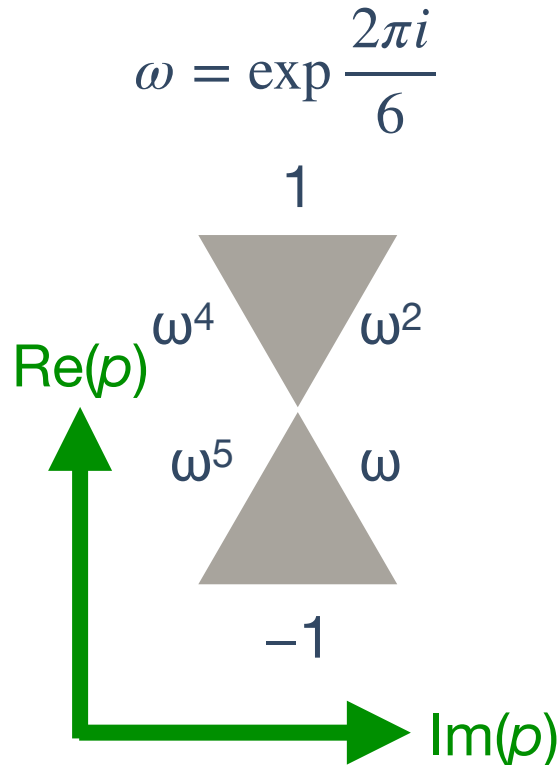
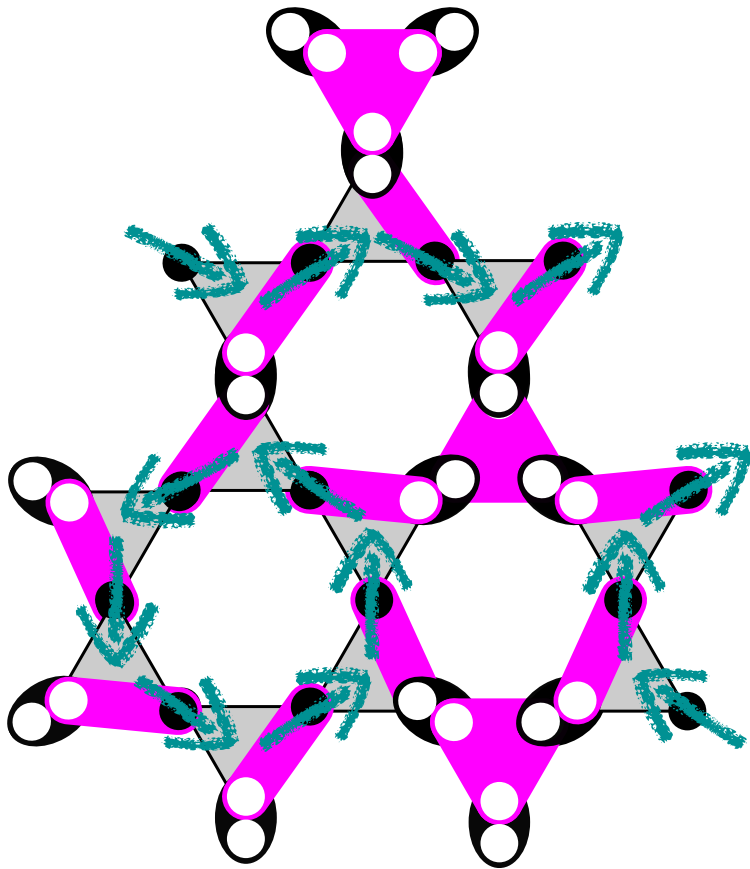
$$\begin{aligned}
 C(r) &= \langle \text{FSS} | A^\mu A_\mu | \text{FSS} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \text{FSS} | (P_{0,r} - 1/3) | \text{FSS} \rangle \\
 &\approx 3^{-r}
 \end{aligned}$$



Manhattan distance

# Topological sectors (polarizability)

following Bulaevskii, Batista, Mostovoy, and Khomskii,  
Phys. Rev. B **78**, 024402 (2008).

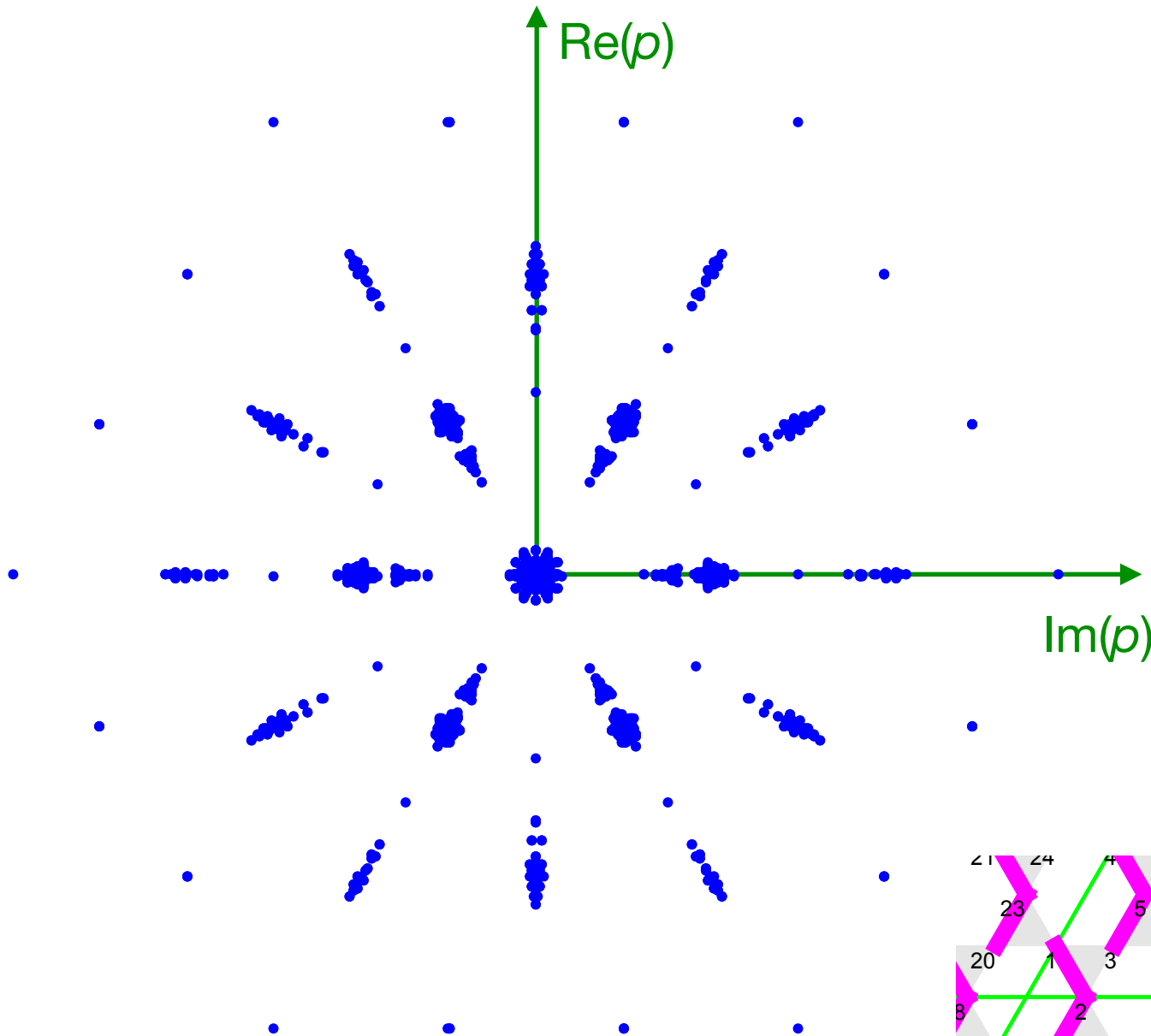


we calculate the  
eigenvalues of the  
polarization operator  
 $p$ :

$$p = \sum_{j \in \text{bonds}} \omega^{l(j)} \langle \mathcal{P}_j \rangle$$

where  $\langle \mathcal{P}_j \rangle$  is the  
expectation value of  
the spin correlation  
on the bond.

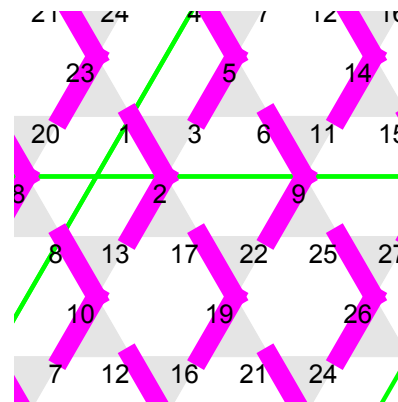
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27 sites, 2485 states



banana states, have maximal polarization



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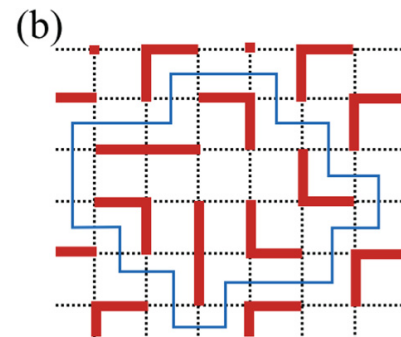
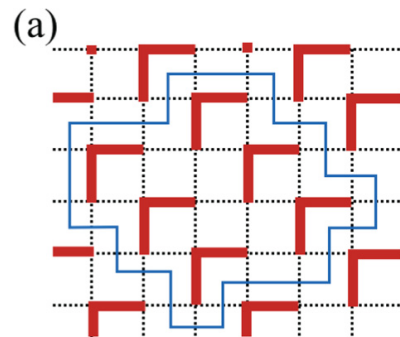
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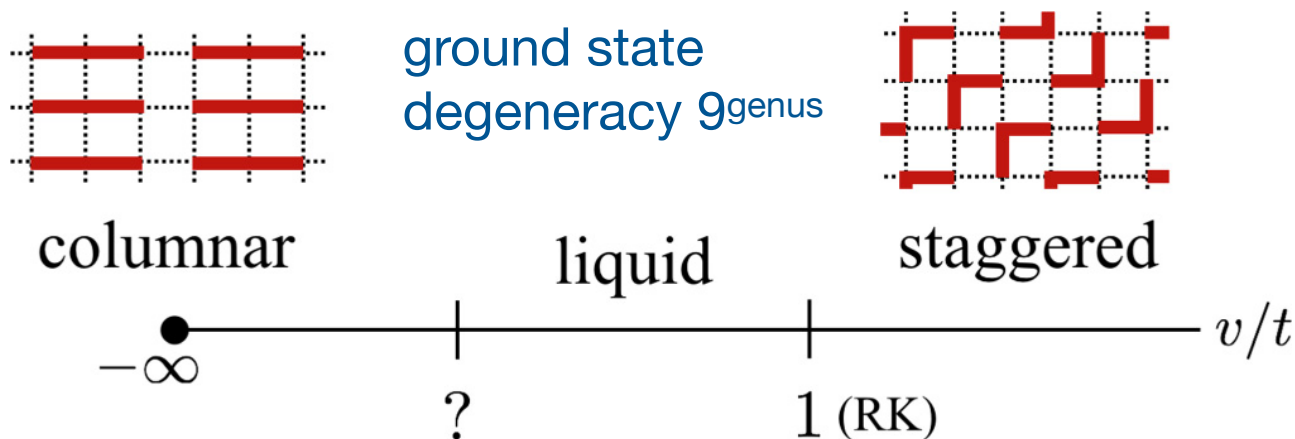
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They defined winding numbers, leading to 3 topological sectors along both direction ( $Z_3$  vs.  $Z_2$  for dimer coverings).



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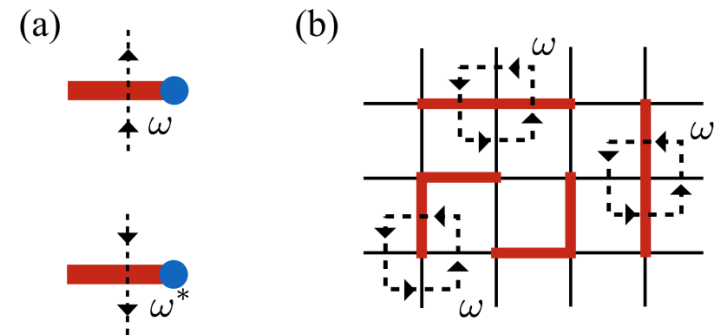
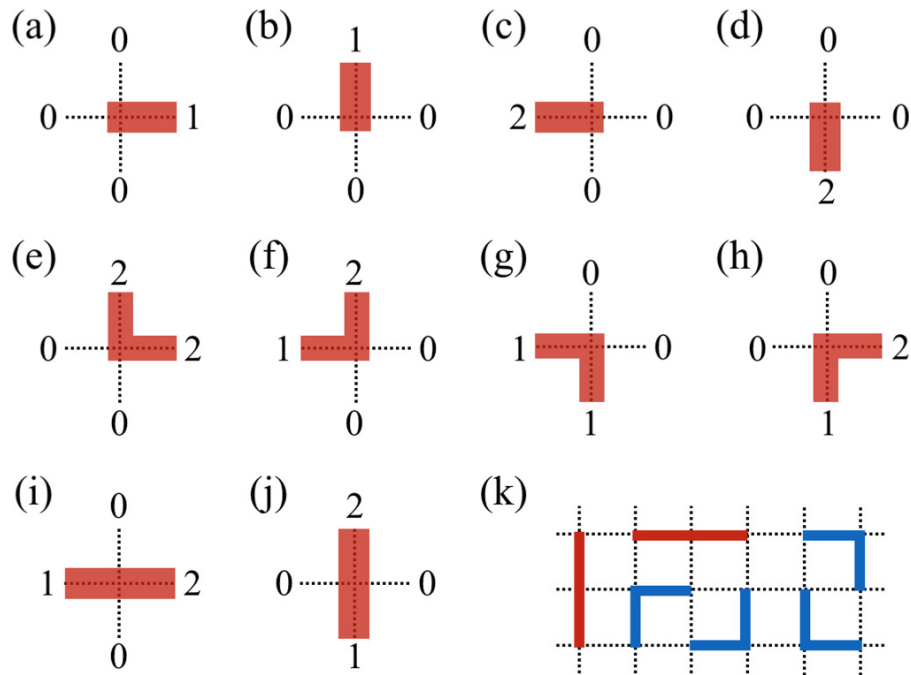


FIG. 2. (a) Assignment of the weight  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$  and its conjugate  $\omega^*$  for the passage through the dual lattice with the center of the trimer (blue dot) on the right and left side of the path, respectively. (b) For any elementary loop surrounding a site, the total weight is always  $\Gamma = \omega$ . For any loop surrounding a single trimer, the total weight is  $\Gamma = \omega^3 = 1$ .

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Trimers are now singlets of an SU(3) models (antisymmetry denoted by arrows).

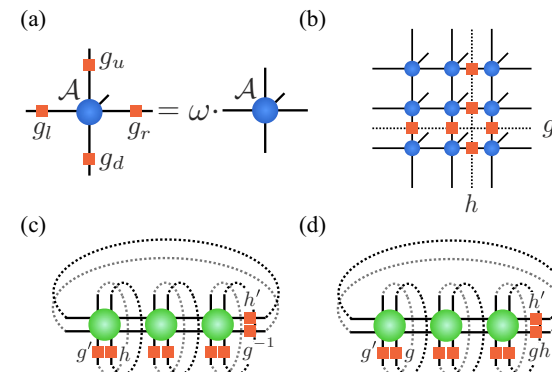
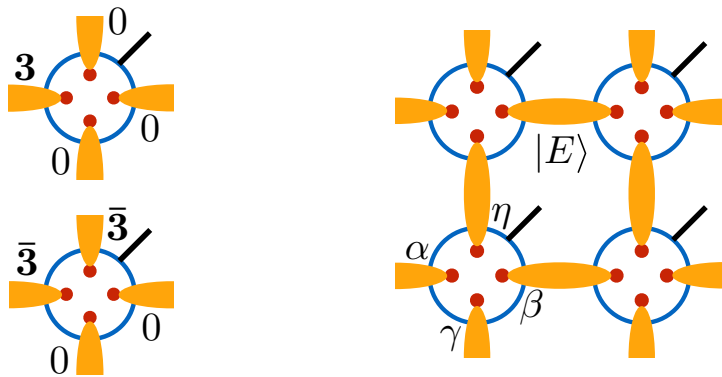
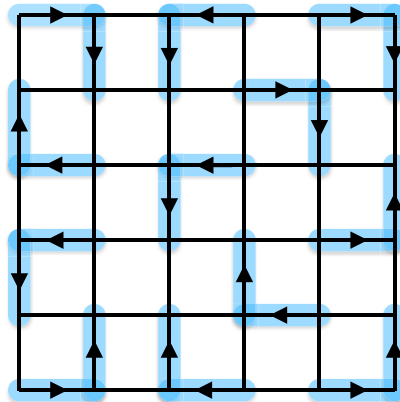


FIG. 5. (a)  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  gauge symmetry of the PEPS local tensor. (b) Constructing nine states by inserting gauge flux along two non-contractible loops on a torus. (c) and (d) A  $3 \times 1$  torus formed by double tensors and the  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  gauge symmetry elements is used to compute modular  $S$  and  $T$  matrices.

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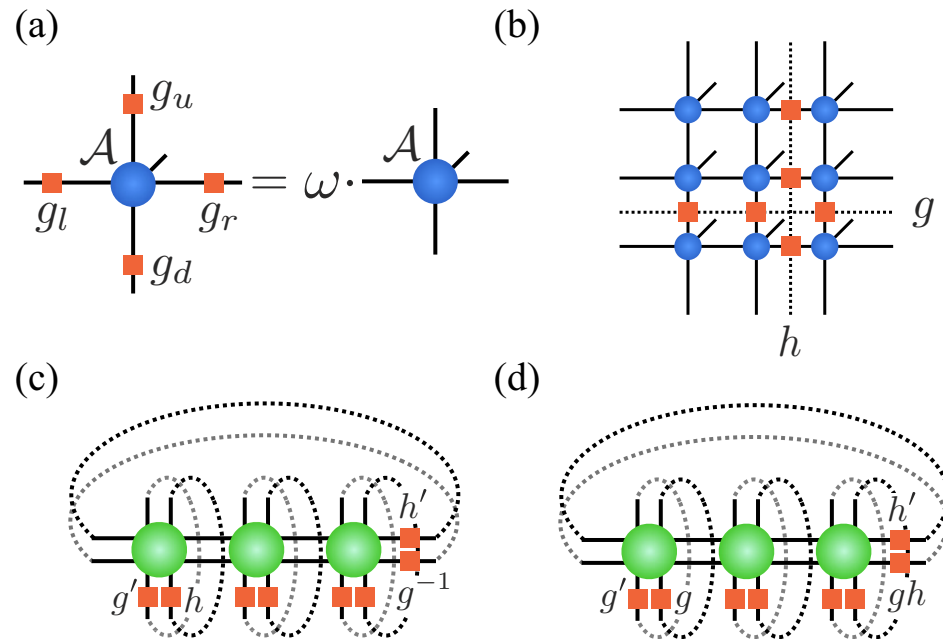
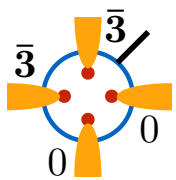
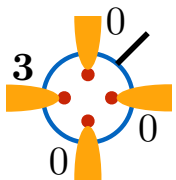
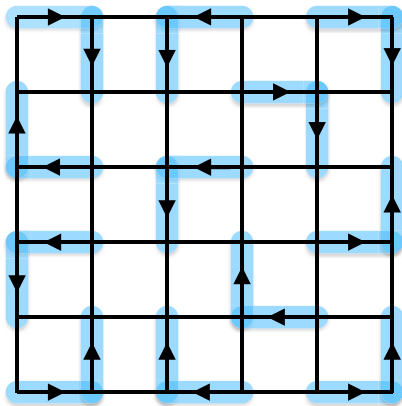


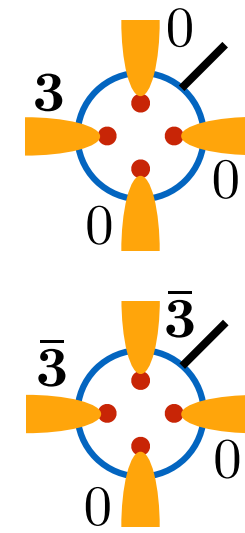
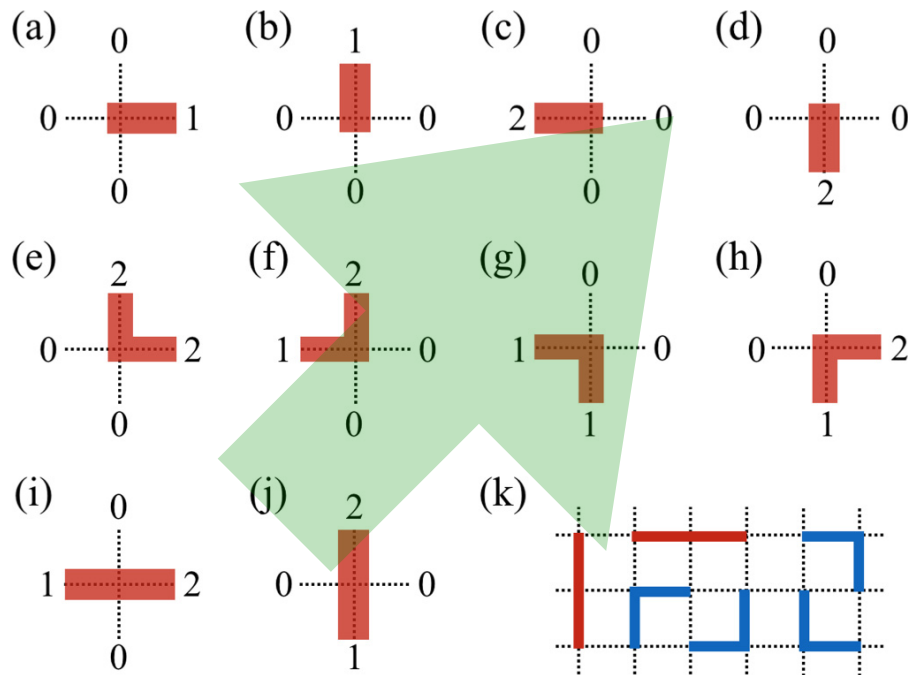
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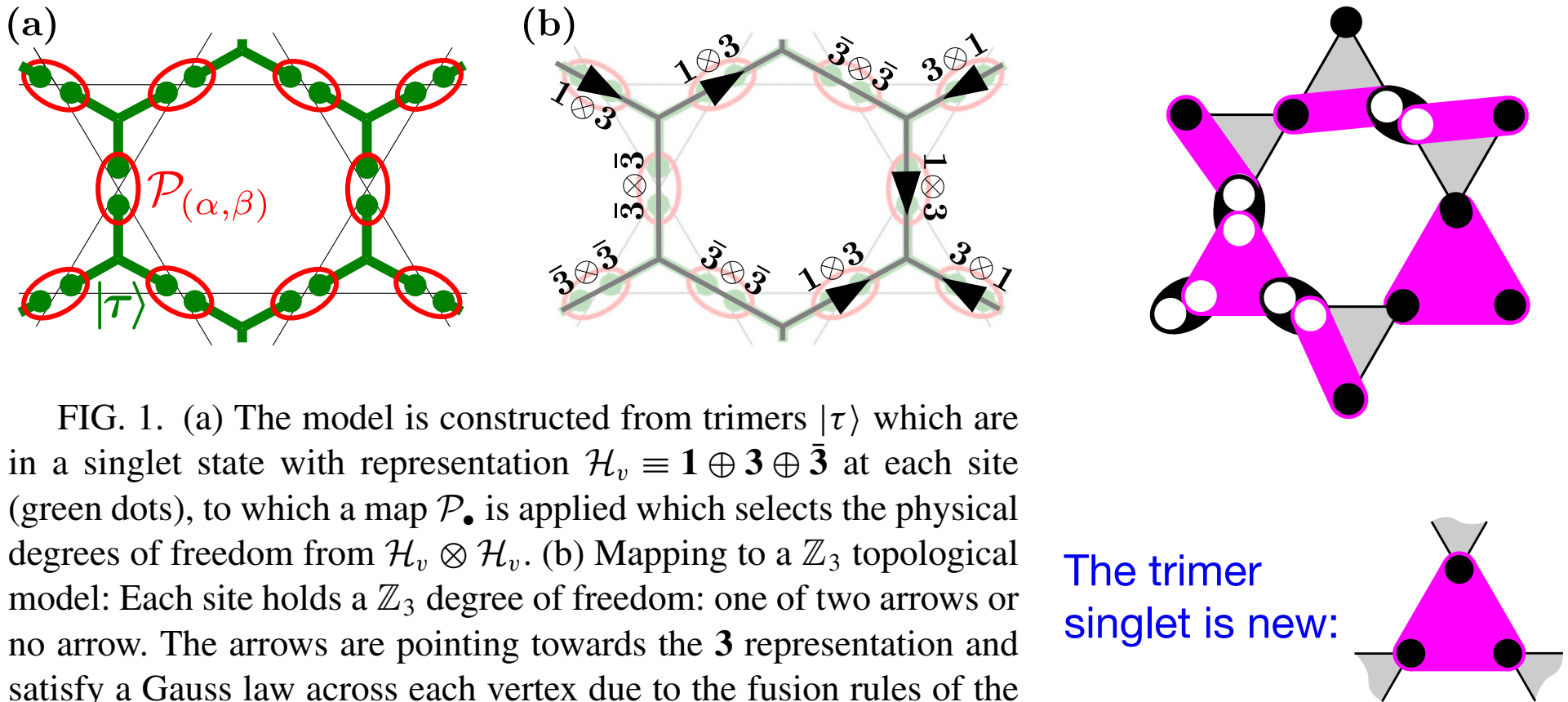


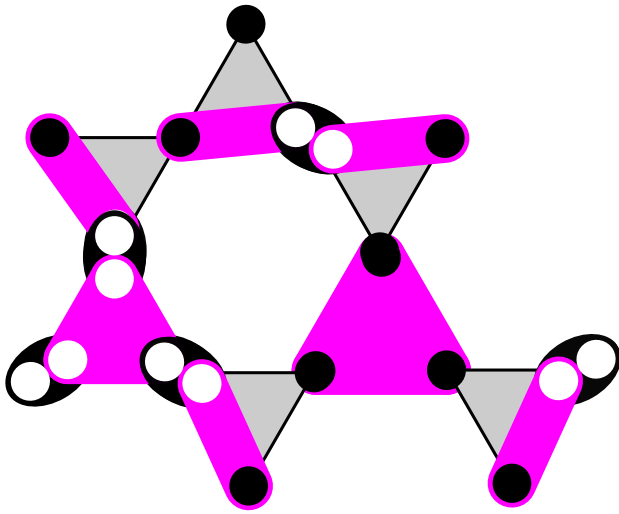
FIG. 1. (a) The model is constructed from trimers  $|\tau\rangle$  which are in a singlet state with representation  $\mathcal{H}_v \equiv \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{3}}$  at each site (green dots), to which a map  $\mathcal{P}_{\bullet}$  is applied which selects the physical degrees of freedom from  $\mathcal{H}_v \otimes \mathcal{H}_v$ . (b) Mapping to a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  topological model: Each site holds a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  degree of freedom: one of two arrows or no arrow. The arrows are pointing towards the  $\mathbf{3}$  representation and satisfy a Gauss law across each vertex due to the fusion rules of the SU(3) irreps.

The trimer singlet is new:

parent Hamiltonian has 17 (?) sites, not shown in the papers

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$$N_{\text{sites}} = \frac{3}{2}N_{\bar{3}\bar{3}\bar{3}} + 3N_{\mathbf{333}} + \frac{3}{2}N_{\bar{3}\mathbf{3}}$$

$$N_{\text{tris}} = N_{\bar{3}\bar{3}\bar{3}} + N_{\mathbf{333}} + N_{\bar{3}\mathbf{3}}$$

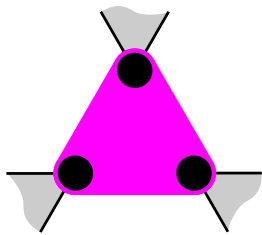
$$3N_{\text{tris}} = 2N_{\text{sites}}$$

so

$$2N_{\text{sites}} = 3N_{\bar{3}\bar{3}\bar{3}} + 6N_{\mathbf{333}} + 3N_{\bar{3}\mathbf{3}}$$

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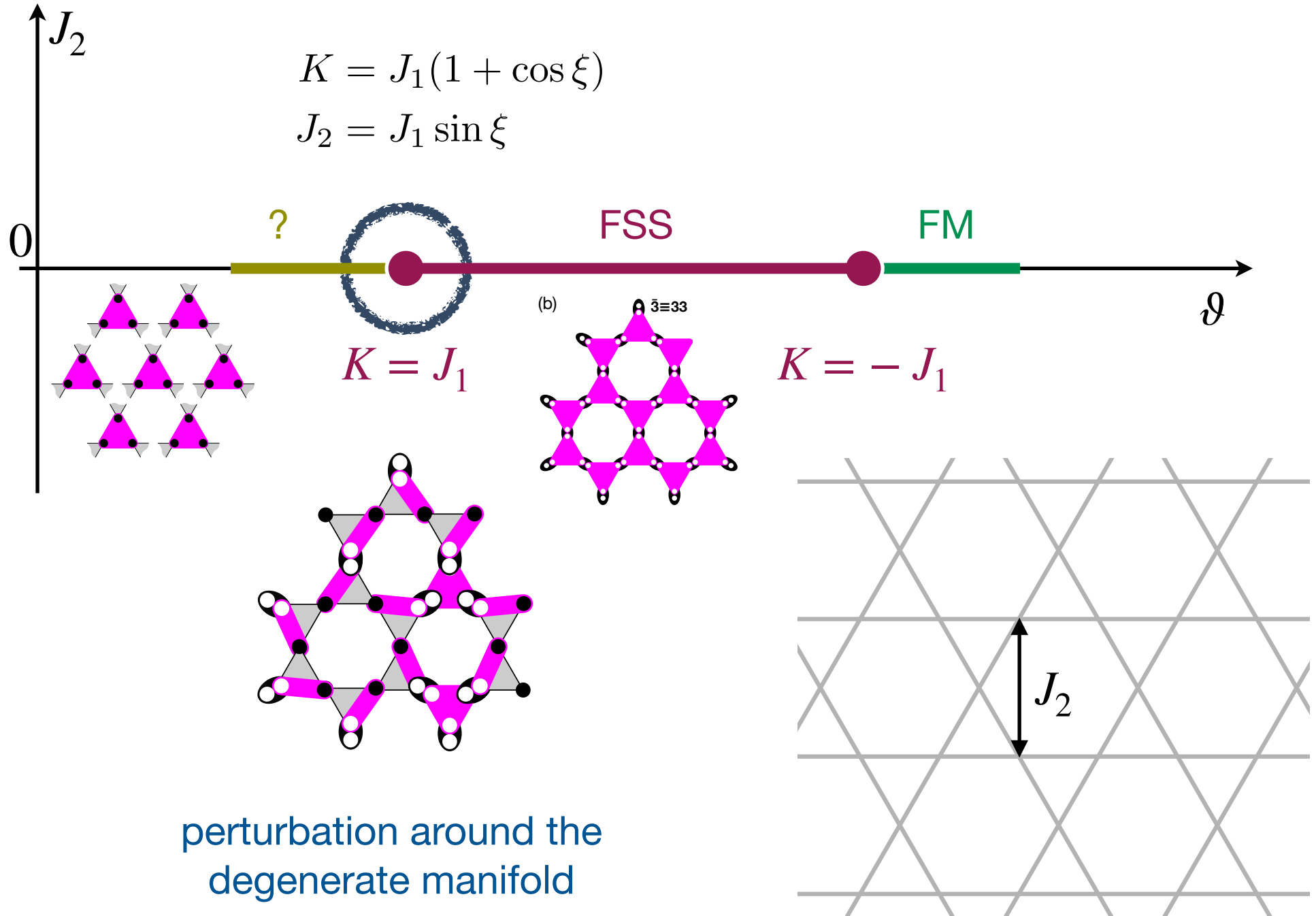
gives that  $N_{\mathbf{333}} = 0$ .



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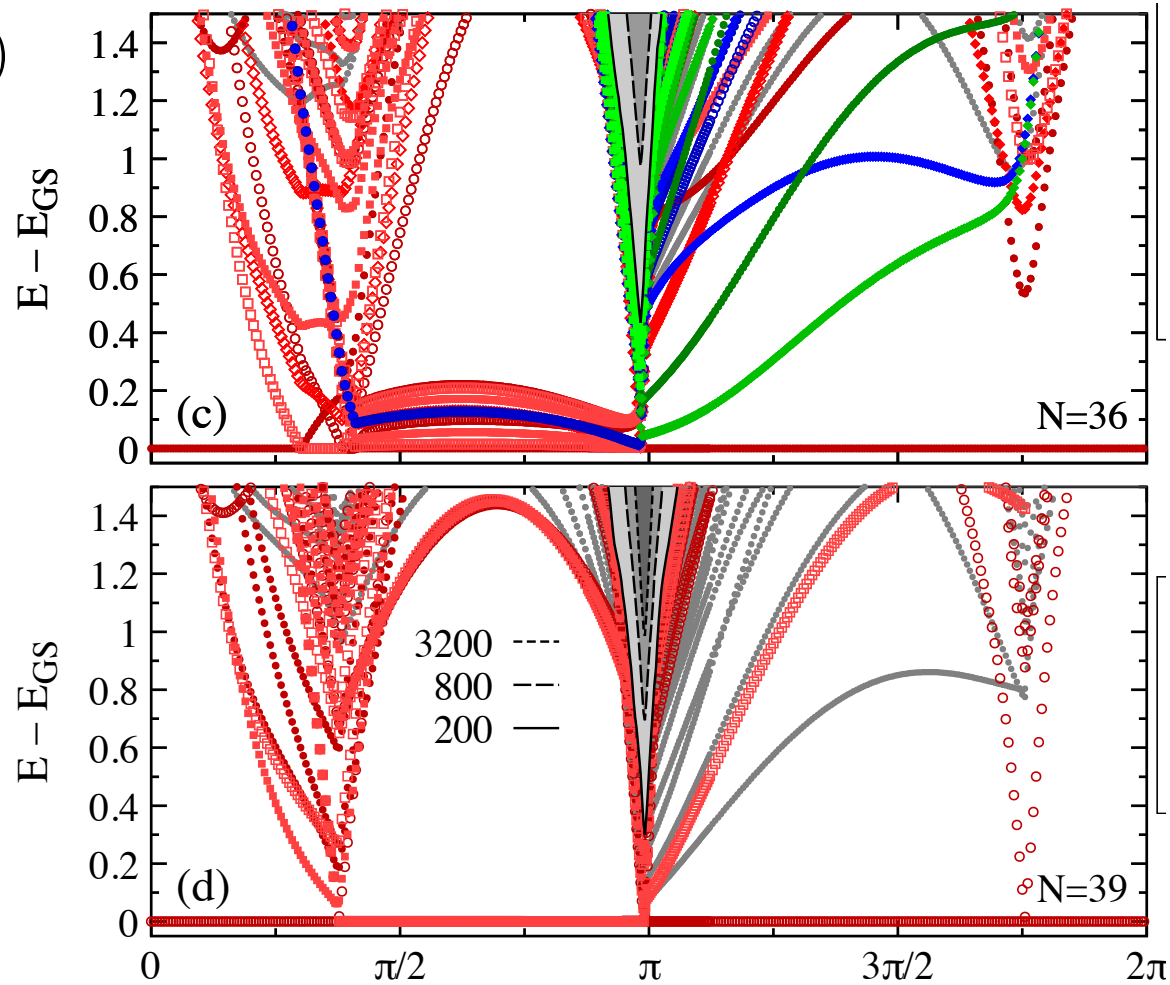
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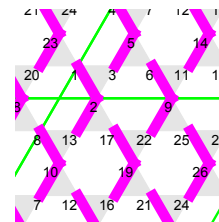
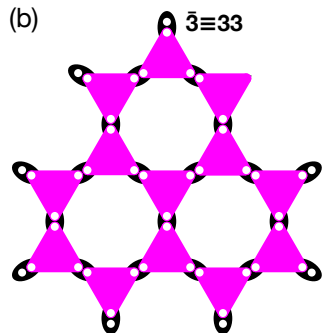
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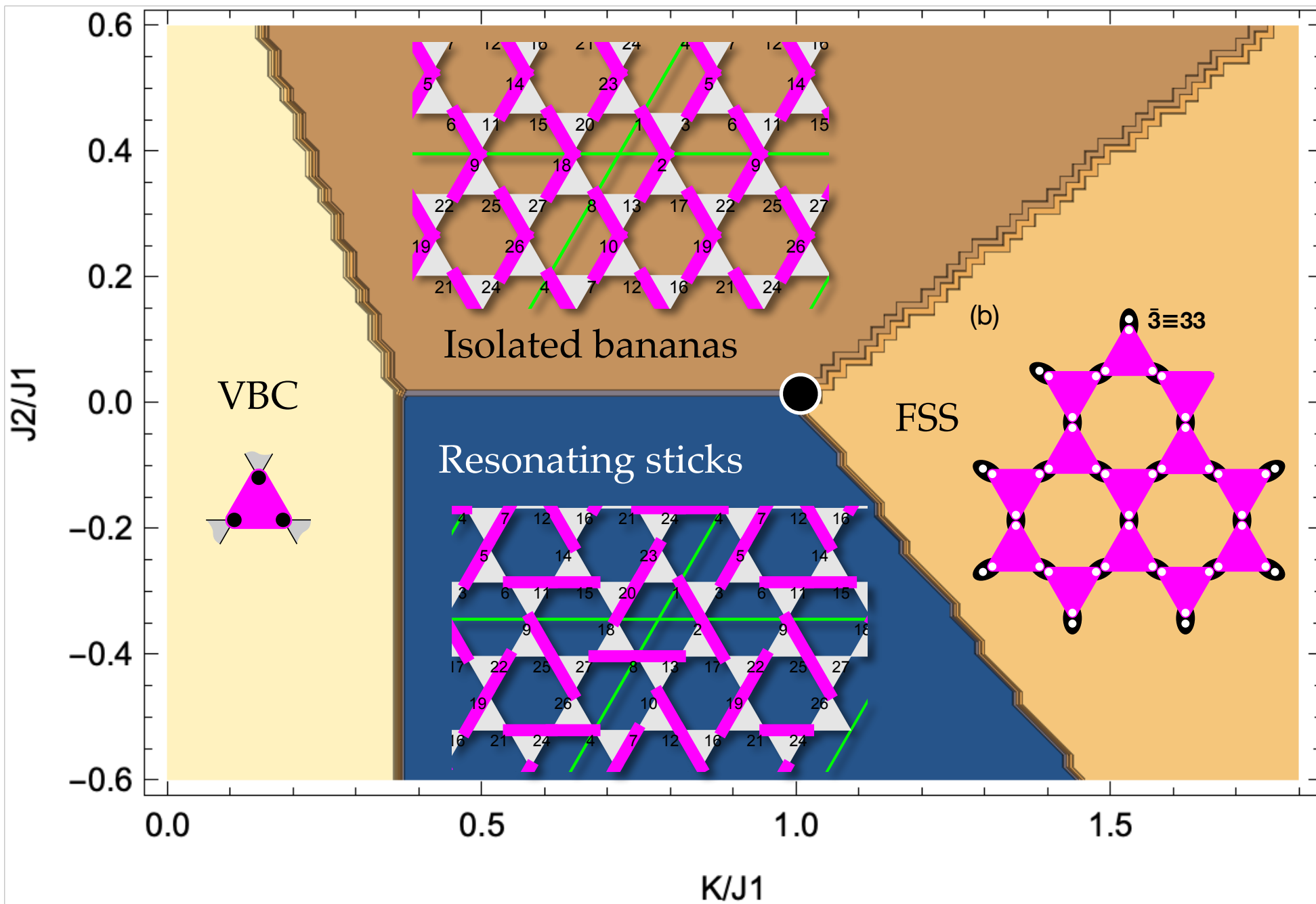
$$J_2 = J_1 \sin \xi$$



ED in the Hilbert space spanned by singlets

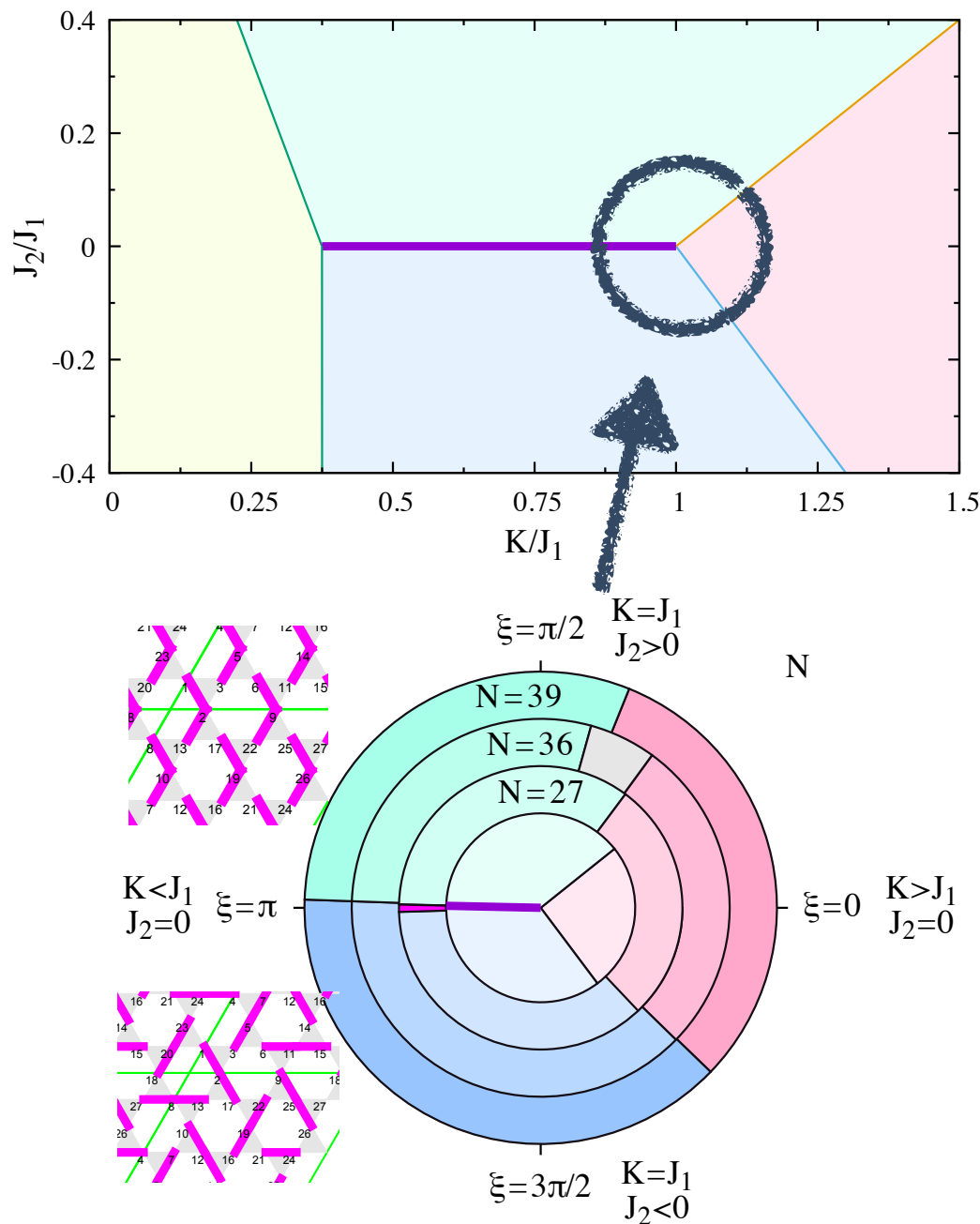
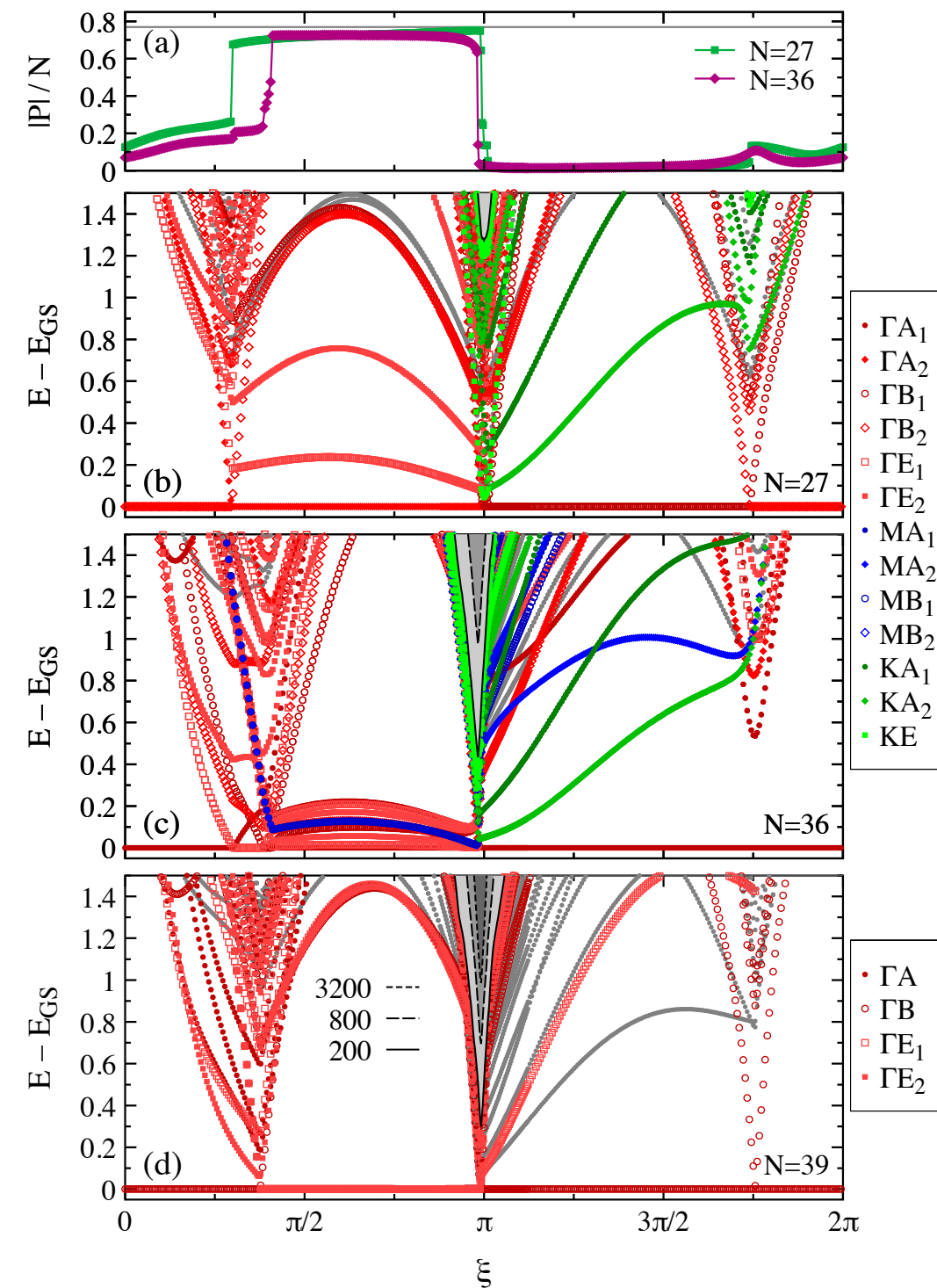


# K - J2 model : comparing diagonal energies



# ED in the Hilbert space spanned by singlets

## $K - J_1 - J_2$ model



# Conclusions

- Designed an exact AKLT-like ground state with a simple parent Hamiltonian.
- For special cases, a macroscopically large number of states become degenerate.
- Gauss law, states characterized by topological (?) quantum numbers (sectors)
- Phases emanate from a quantum multicritical point
- many open questions: Coulomb phase, fractional excitations, origin of non-singlet states,...