

Spinor Bose gas in optical lattices

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Outline:

Motivation

Spin Hamiltonians
(differences from electronic systems)

Ground states

mean-field

1D

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Mott Insulating phase has been achieved in cold atoms:

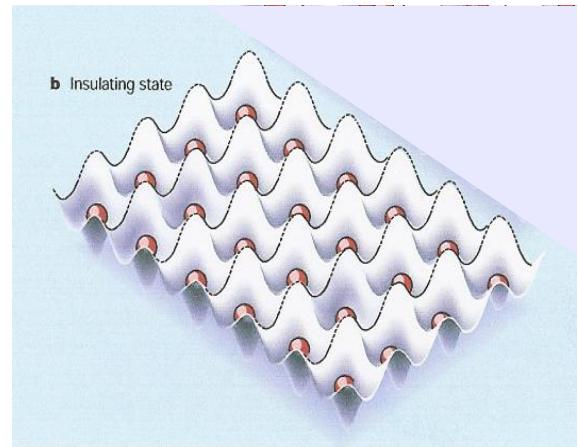
Greiner, Esslinger, Bloch, Porto, Chin, Takahashi ..

Lattice potential from optical standing waves

Particles -- Bosons (here)

Integral number of particle per site

Hubbard repulsion prevents
particles from hopping



But: Bosons have (hyperfine) spins $F = I \oplus S$

spins frozen in earlier experiments (spin-polarized Bosons)

Spin-1 superfluids have already been studied:

^{23}Na $F=1$ (MIT)

^{87}Rb $F=1$ (Georgia Tech, Berkeley ..)

Q: Mott states for spin-1 atoms in optical lattice
(arrangements of spins, i.e., magnetic states)

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shall consider one particle per well (stability)

one orbital per well (assuming sufficiently low energy)

First consider bulk gas (superfluid; no lattice)

dilute gas: effective short-ranged (delta-function) interaction

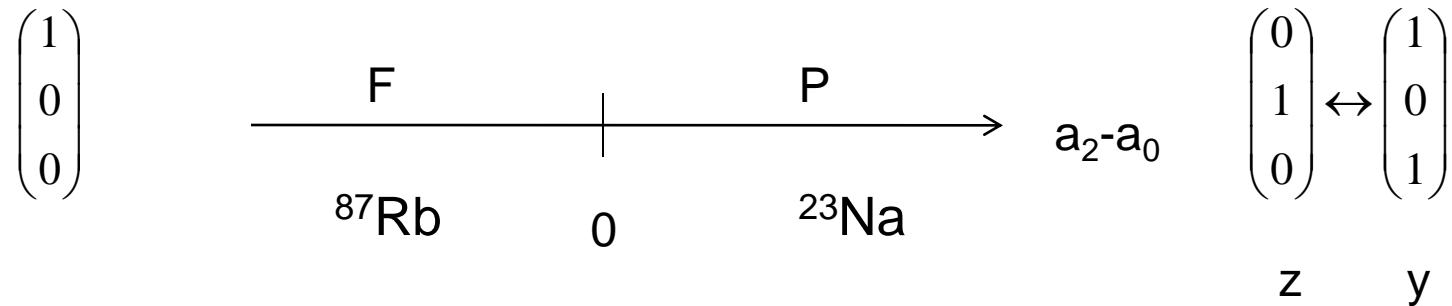
two spin-1 Bose particles, total spin 0 or 2 (1 non-interacting)

two interaction constants g_0, g_2

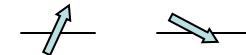
equivalently two scattering lengths a_0, a_2

$$g_0 = \frac{4\pi\hbar a_0}{M} \quad g_2 = \frac{4\pi\hbar a_2}{M}$$

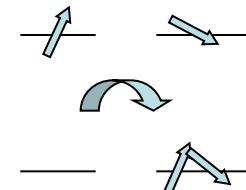
Phase diagram (mean-field):



With lattice, no tunneling, spin random:



Small tunneling amplitude t :



mixes virtual states with two particles per site

on-site energy spin dependent

$$H = H_{\text{hopping}} t + H_{\text{on-site Hubbard}} U$$

$$U_0 \propto 4 \pi \hbar^2 a_0/m \quad U_2 \propto 4 \pi \hbar^2 a_2/m \quad [\text{spin-1 forbidden}]$$

$$^{23}\text{Na} \text{ atoms: } a_2 > a_0 > 0; \quad U_2 > U_0 > 0$$

$$^{87}\text{Rb} \text{ atoms: } a_0 > a_2 > 0; \quad U_0 > U_2 > 0$$

Spin Hamiltonian:

two sites:

classify states according to total spin:

$$E_{S=0} = -4 t^2 / U_0 \quad U_0 \propto 4 \pi \hbar^2 a_0 / m$$

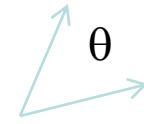
$$E_{S=1} = 0$$

$$E_{S=2} = -4 t^2 / U_2 \quad U_2 \propto 4 \pi \hbar^2 a_2 / m$$

^{23}Na atoms: $a_2 > a_0 > 0$; $E_0 < E_2 < E_1 = 0$

^{87}Rb atoms: $a_0 > a_2 > 0$; $E_2 < E_0 < E_1 = 0$

Very different from two classical spins
 $E(\theta)$ monotonic with θ



$$E_0 \sim E_2 < E_1 = 0$$

$$H_{ij}^{\text{int}} = \varepsilon_0 + J(S_i \cdot S_j) + K(S_i \cdot S_j)^2$$

very different from Heisenberg ($K=0$)

[Yip 03; Imambekov 03]

(electronic systems, typically K small [4th order in hopping])

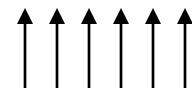
$$H = \sum H_{ij}$$

$$H_{ij} = \varepsilon_0 P_{ij}^{(0)} + \varepsilon_2 P_{ij}^{(2)}$$

$$\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_2 < 0$$

Case 1: $\varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_0 \leq 0$

Favor parallel spins



Similar to Heisenberg with $J < 0$

Case 2: $\epsilon_0 < \epsilon_2 \leq 0$

very different from Heisenberg with $J > 0$

two sites

$|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle$

bad

$|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$

$|00\rangle$

much better

(symmetric)

[Bosons]

Lattice:

$\dots \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow \dots$

Neel ordering: bad

$\dots 0000000000 \dots$

much better

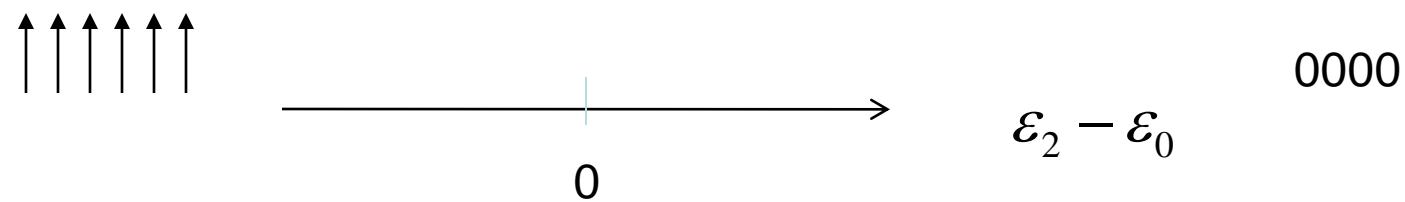
exact if $\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_2 < 0$

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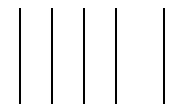
Mean-field, direct analogy with superfluid



bulk BEC:



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nematic order / quadrupolar order

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle \neq \langle S_x^2 \rangle \neq \frac{2}{3}$$

rotational symmetry broken,

no moment

time-reversal not broken

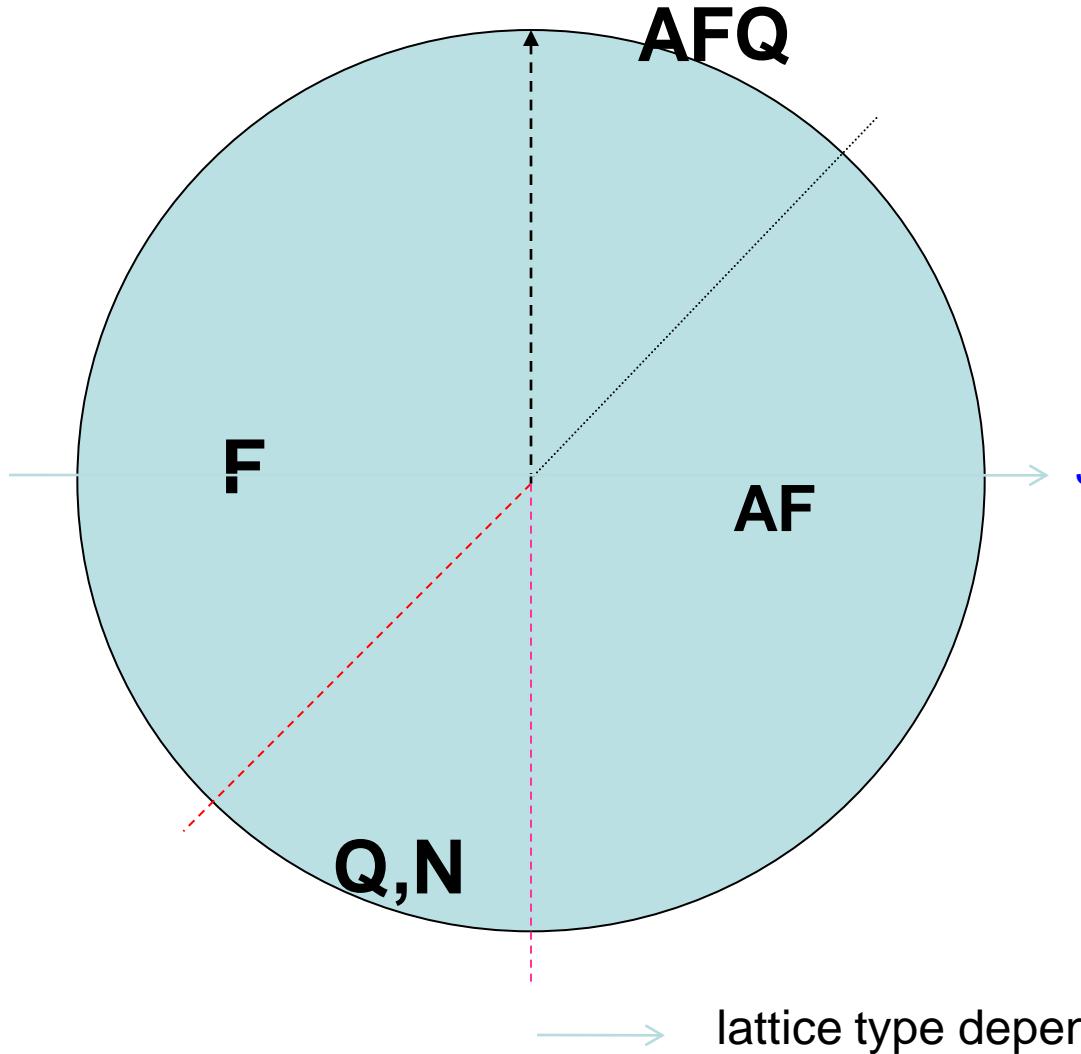
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K

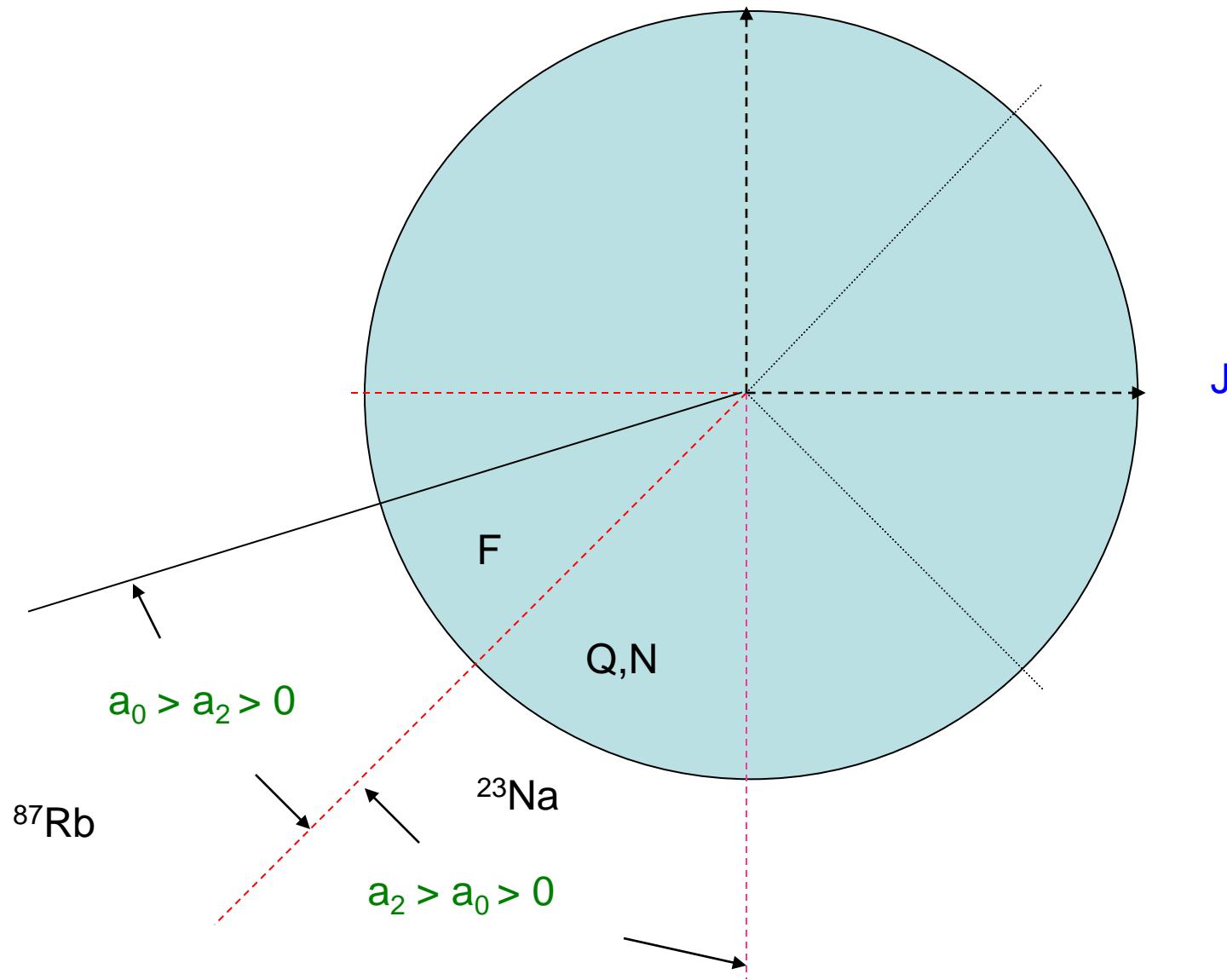
Chen+Levy 73
Papanicolaou 88

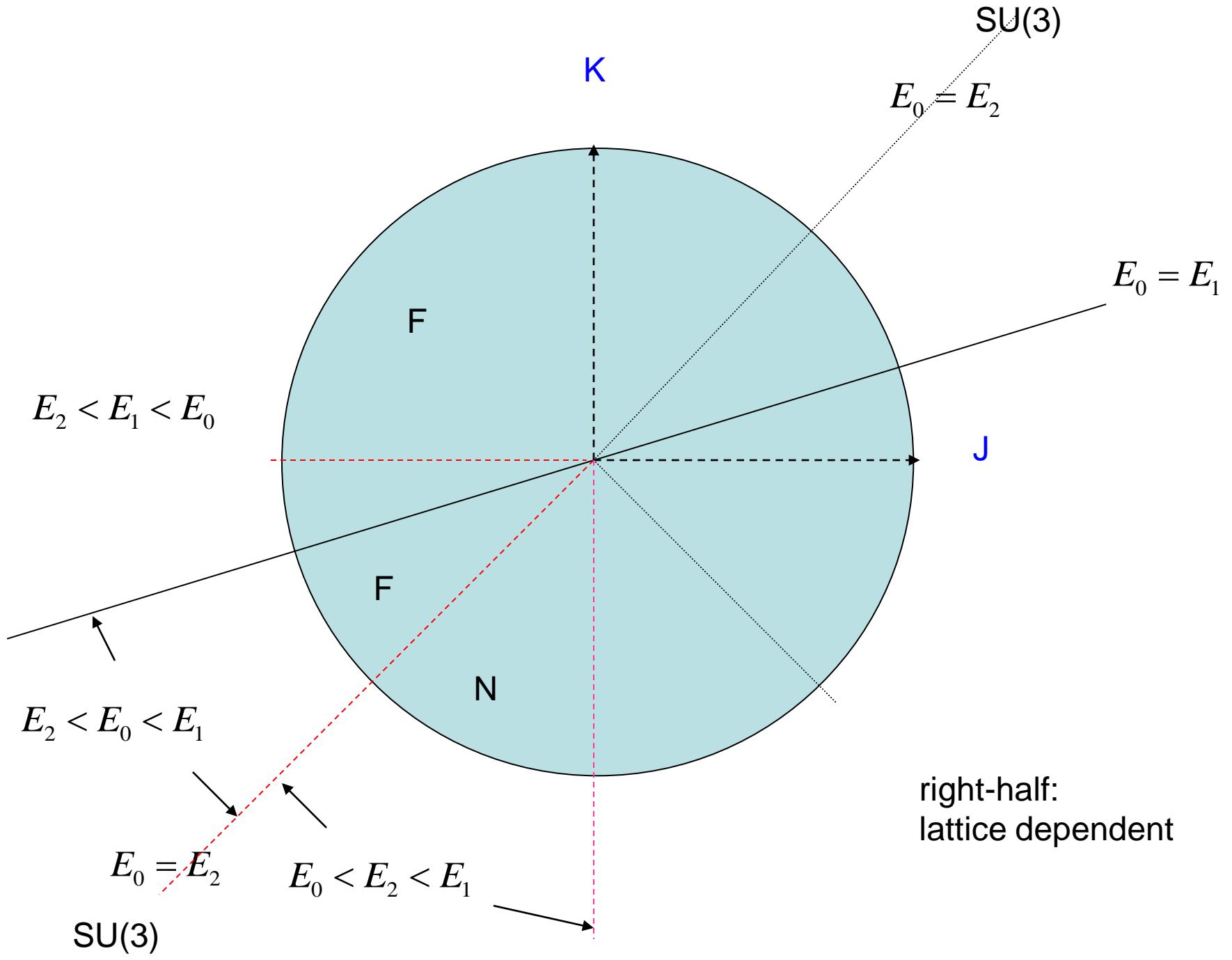
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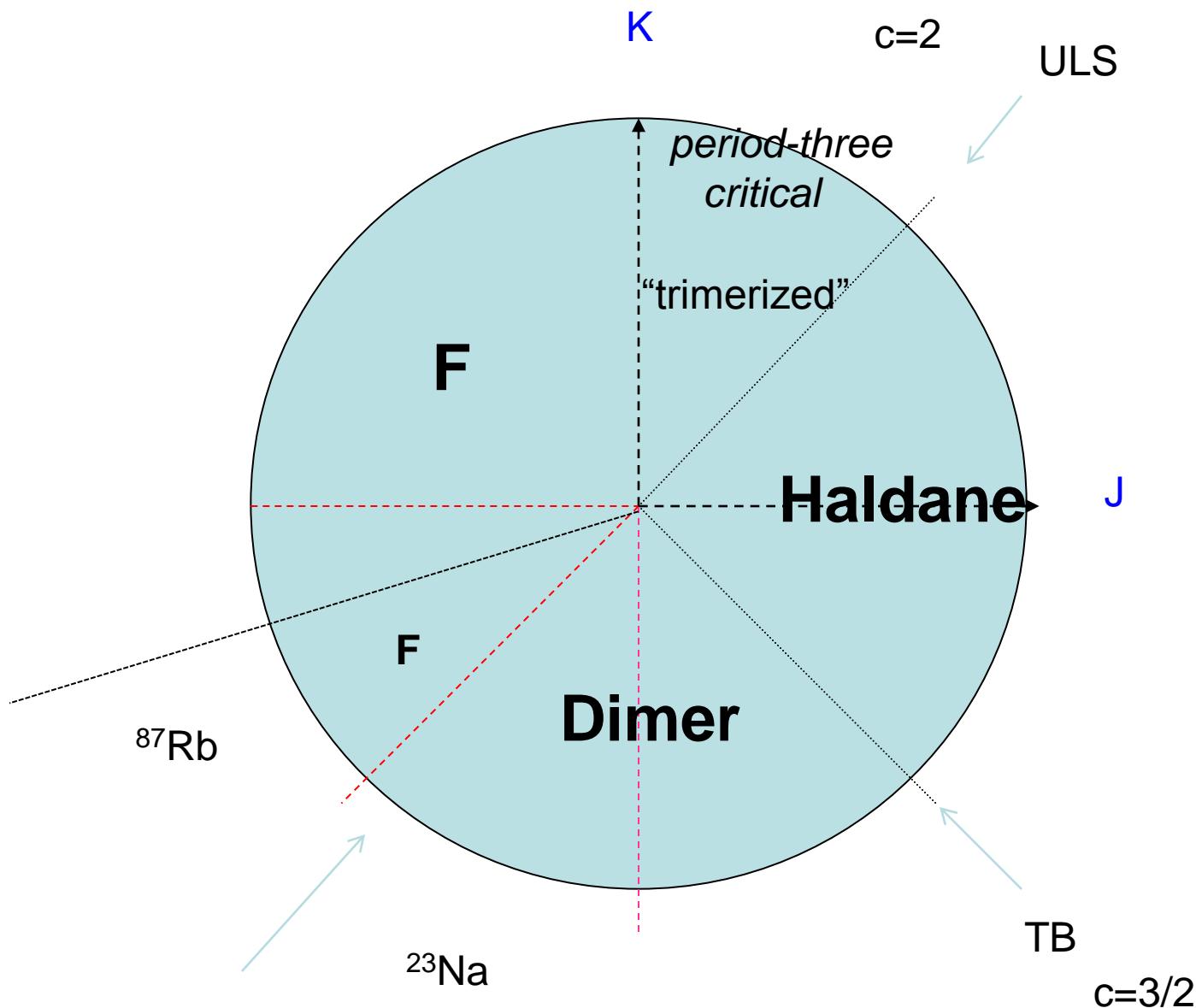
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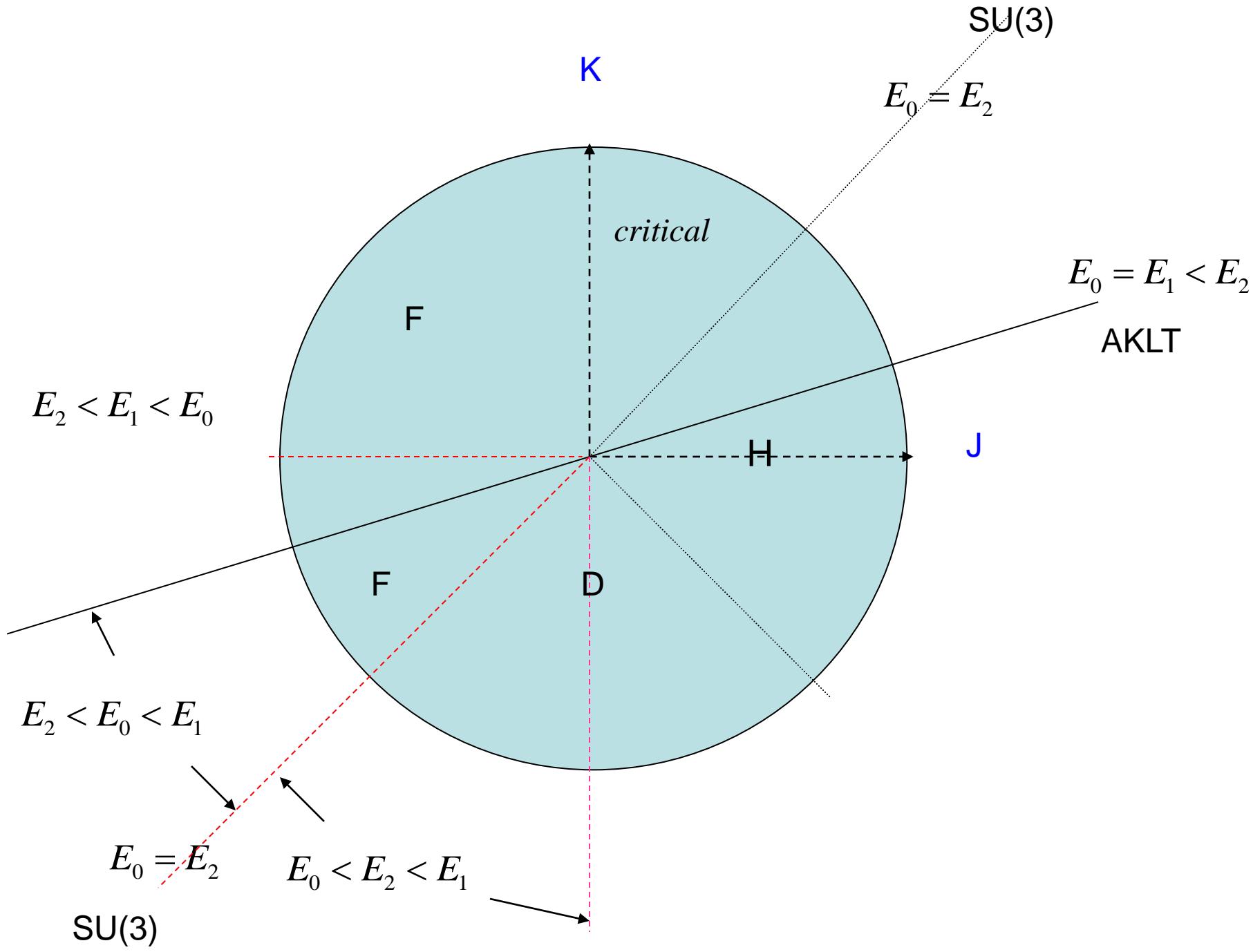
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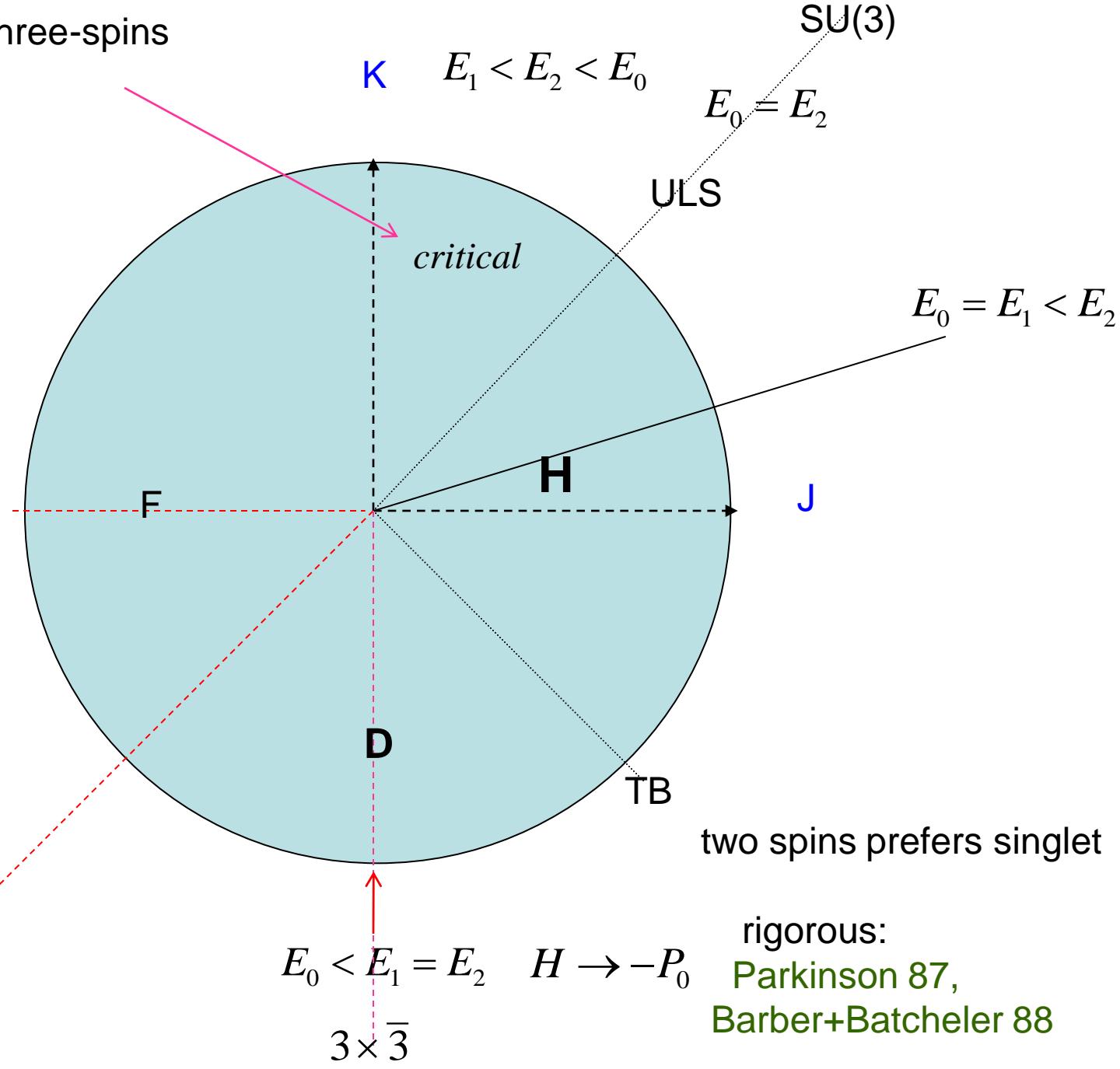
1D:





Ground state for three-spins
unique singlet

1 1 1
0
1 → 0
2



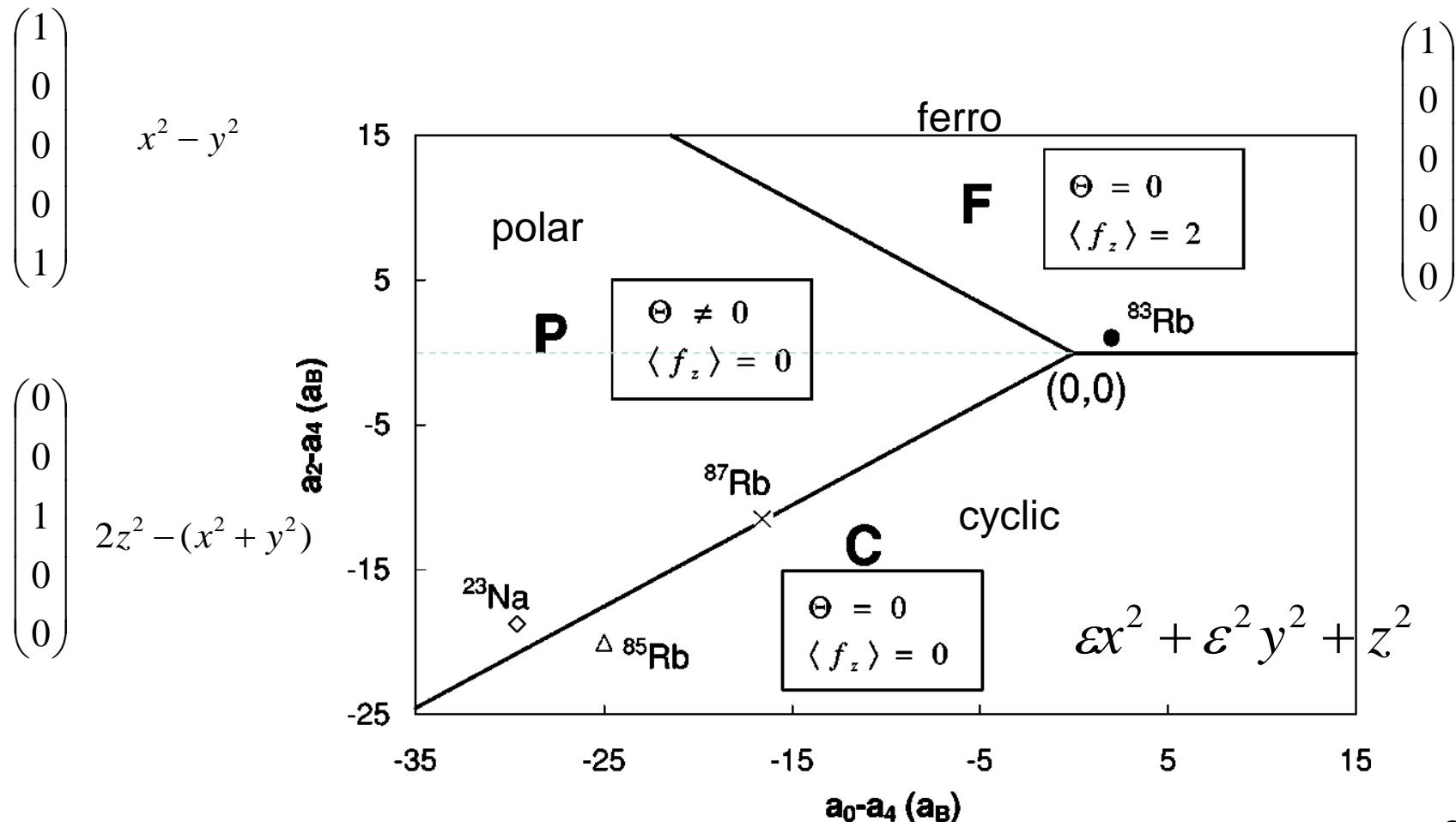
Spin-2

Available systems:

^{23}Na	$F=2$	upper
^{87}Rb	$F=2$ (Hamburg, Mainz, Tokyo.)	
^{83}Rb	$F=2$	lower /86 days
^{85}Rb	$F=2$	lower $/ a < 0$

$2 \oplus 2 = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$; scattering lengths a_0, a_2, a_4

Bulk phase diagram (BEC), mean-field [Ciobanu, Yip, Ho; 2000]



$$\varepsilon = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

Lattice, insulating state, one Boson per site

$$H = \sum H_{ij}$$

$$H_{ij} = \varepsilon_0 P_{ij}^{(0)} + \varepsilon_2 P_{ij}^{(2)} + \varepsilon_4 P_{ij}^{(4)}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = -\frac{4t^2}{U_0}, \dots$$

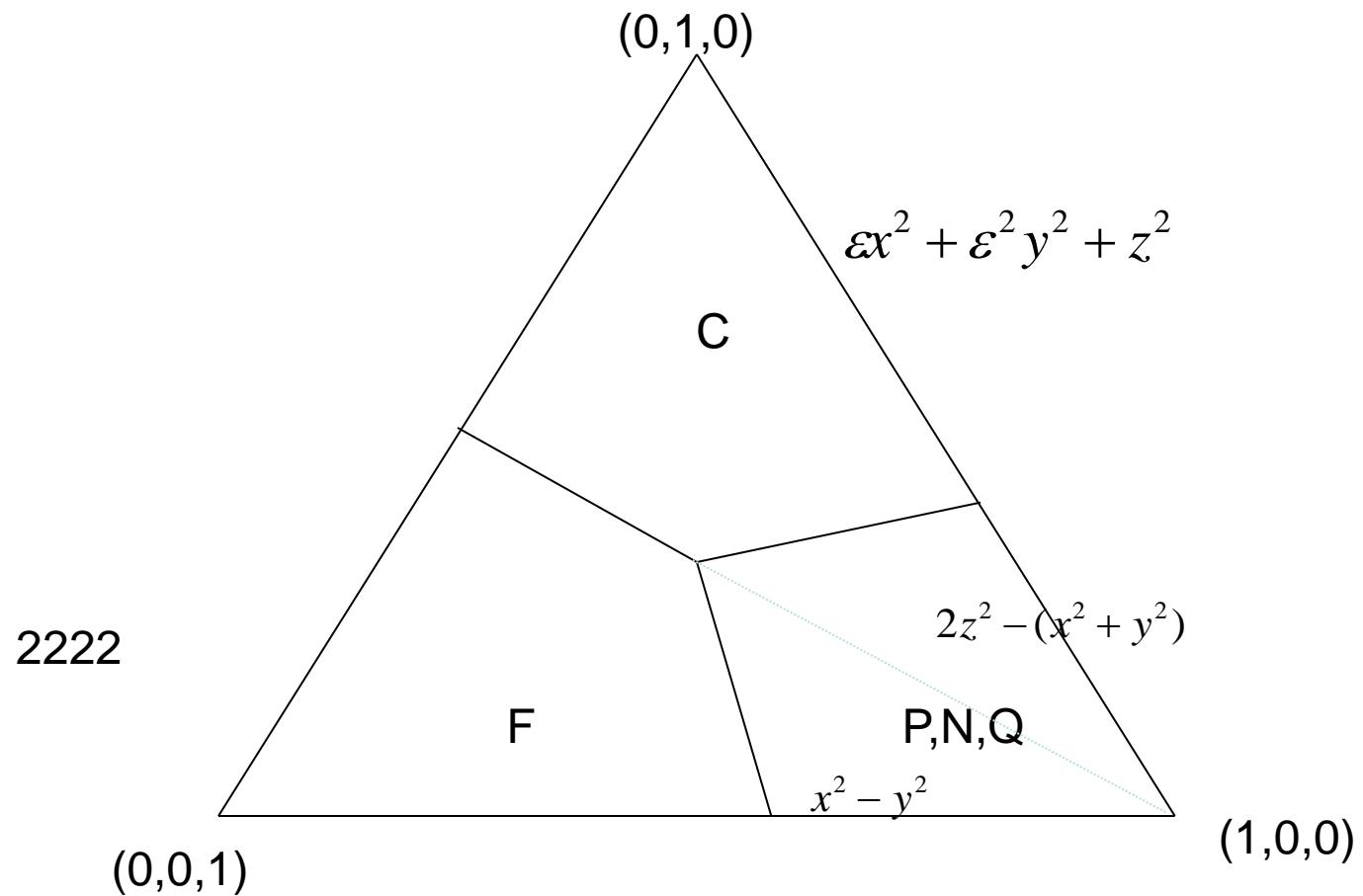
$$U_0 \propto a_0, \dots$$

$$\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_4 < 0$$

Mean-field:

$$(x_0, x_2, x_4) = (\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_4) / (\varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 + x_2 + x_4 &= 1 \\x_{0,2,4} &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$



$$H_{eff} = \sum H_{ij}$$

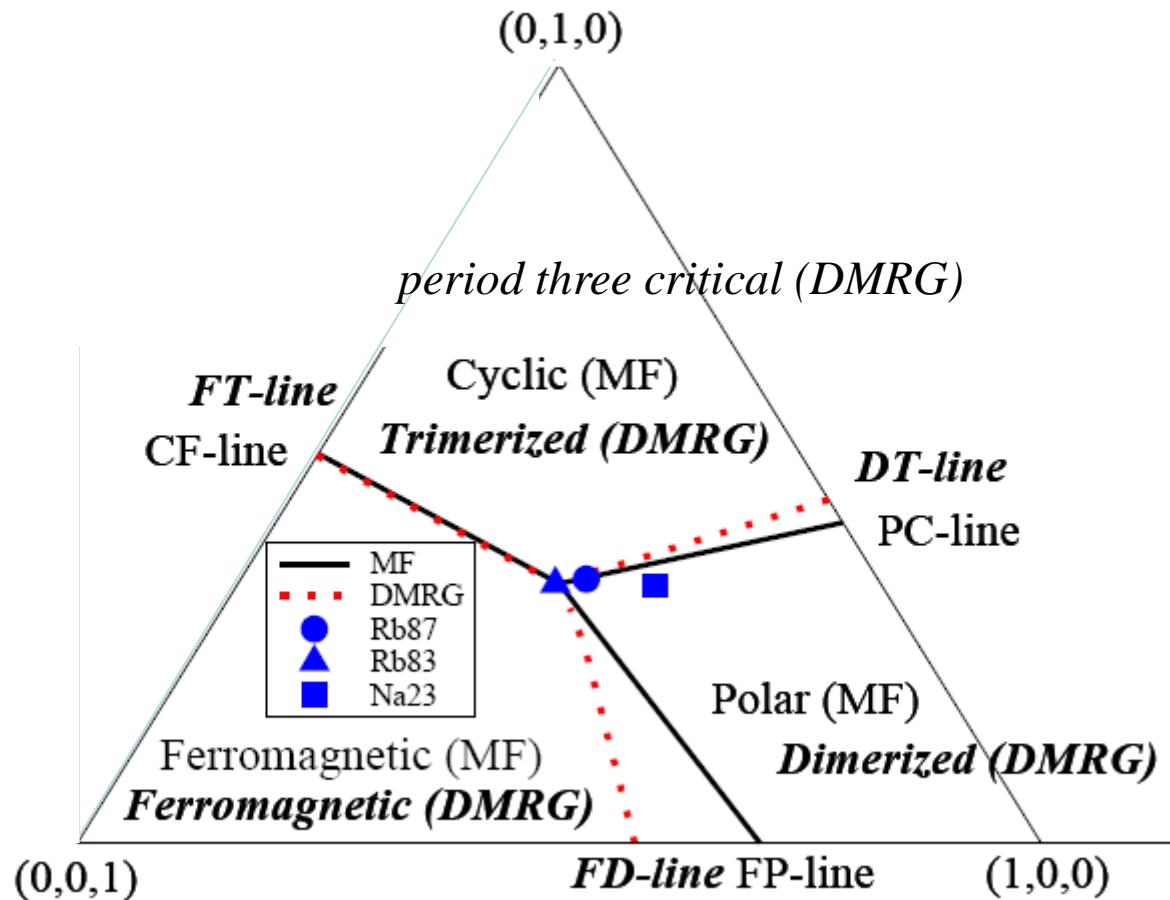
$$H_{ij} = J_1(\vec{S}_i \bullet \vec{S}_j) + J_2(\vec{S}_i \bullet \vec{S}_j)^2 + J_3(\vec{S}_i \bullet \vec{S}_j)^3 + J_4(\vec{S}_i \bullet \vec{S}_j)^4$$

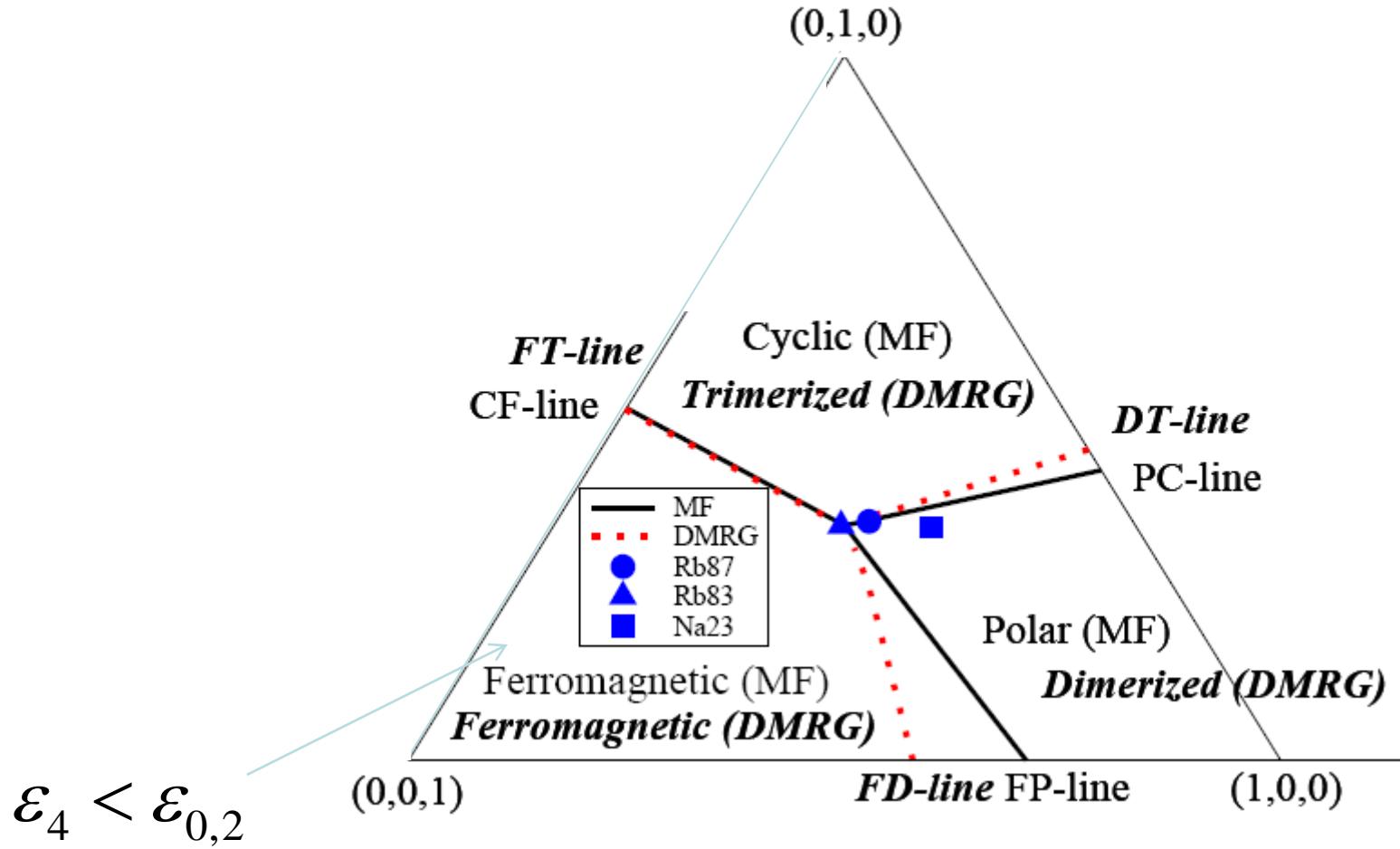
Complete phase diagram

e.g. S^3 surface of a sphere in 4D

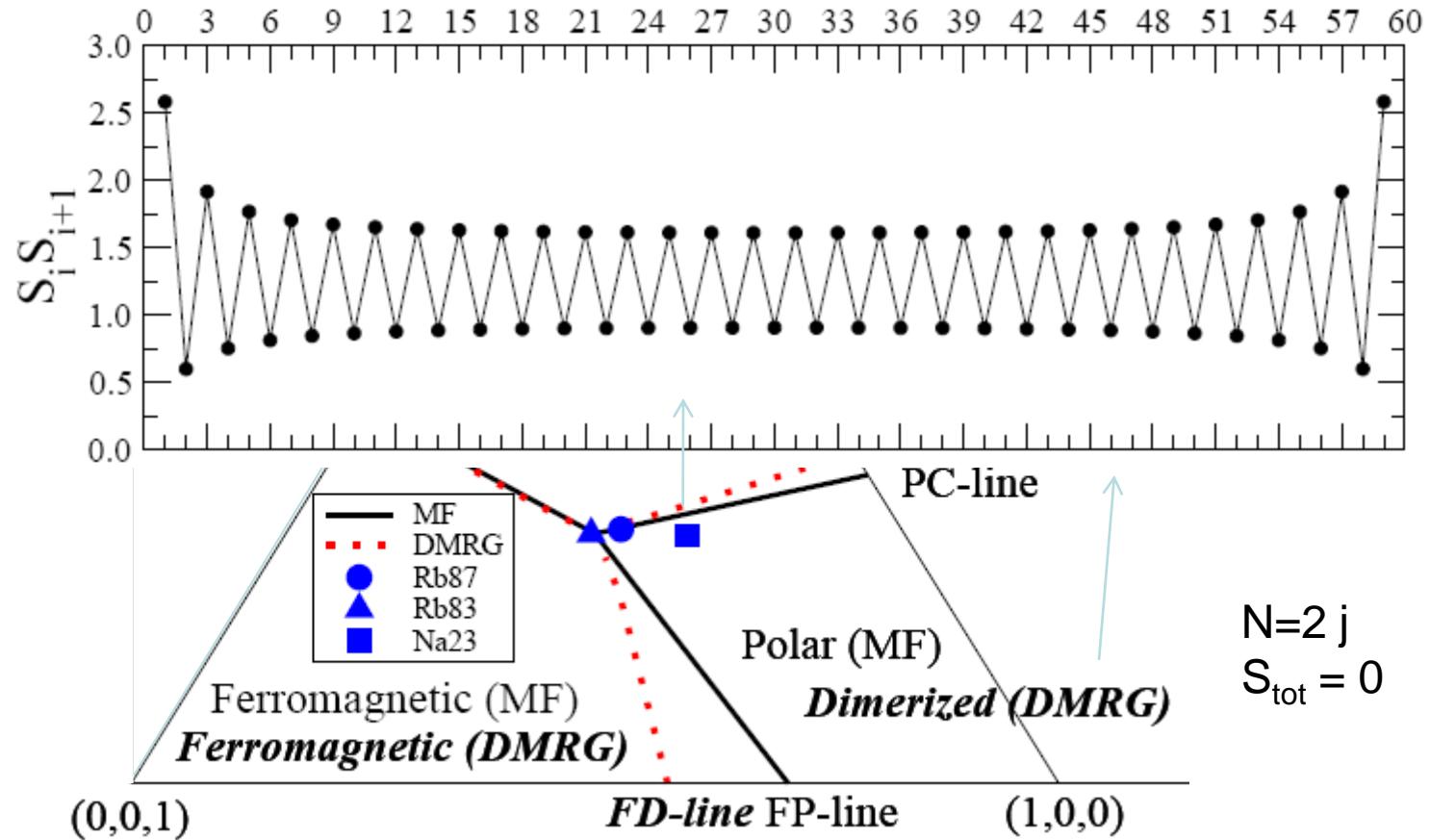
here: small subset

1D (DMRG)

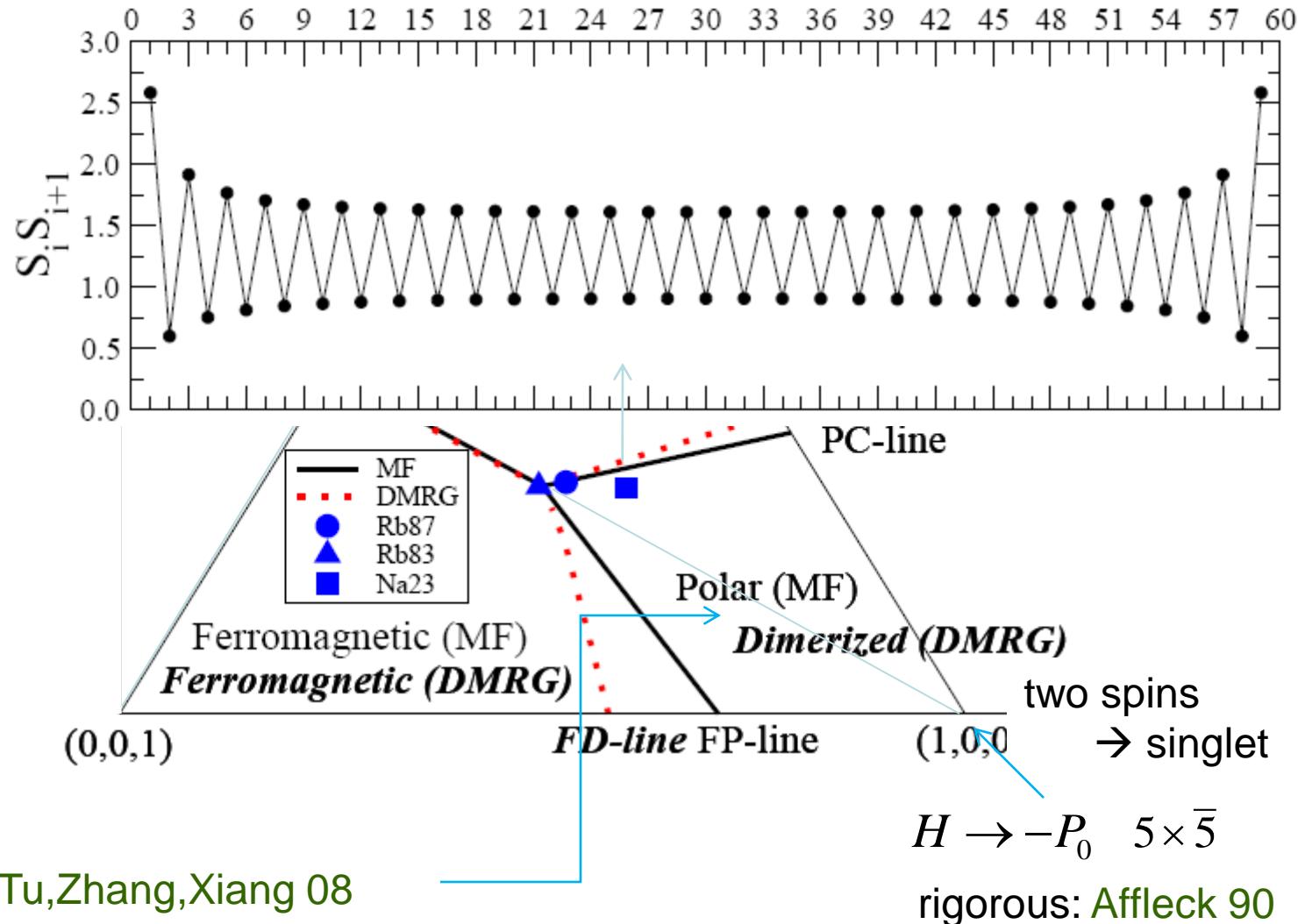




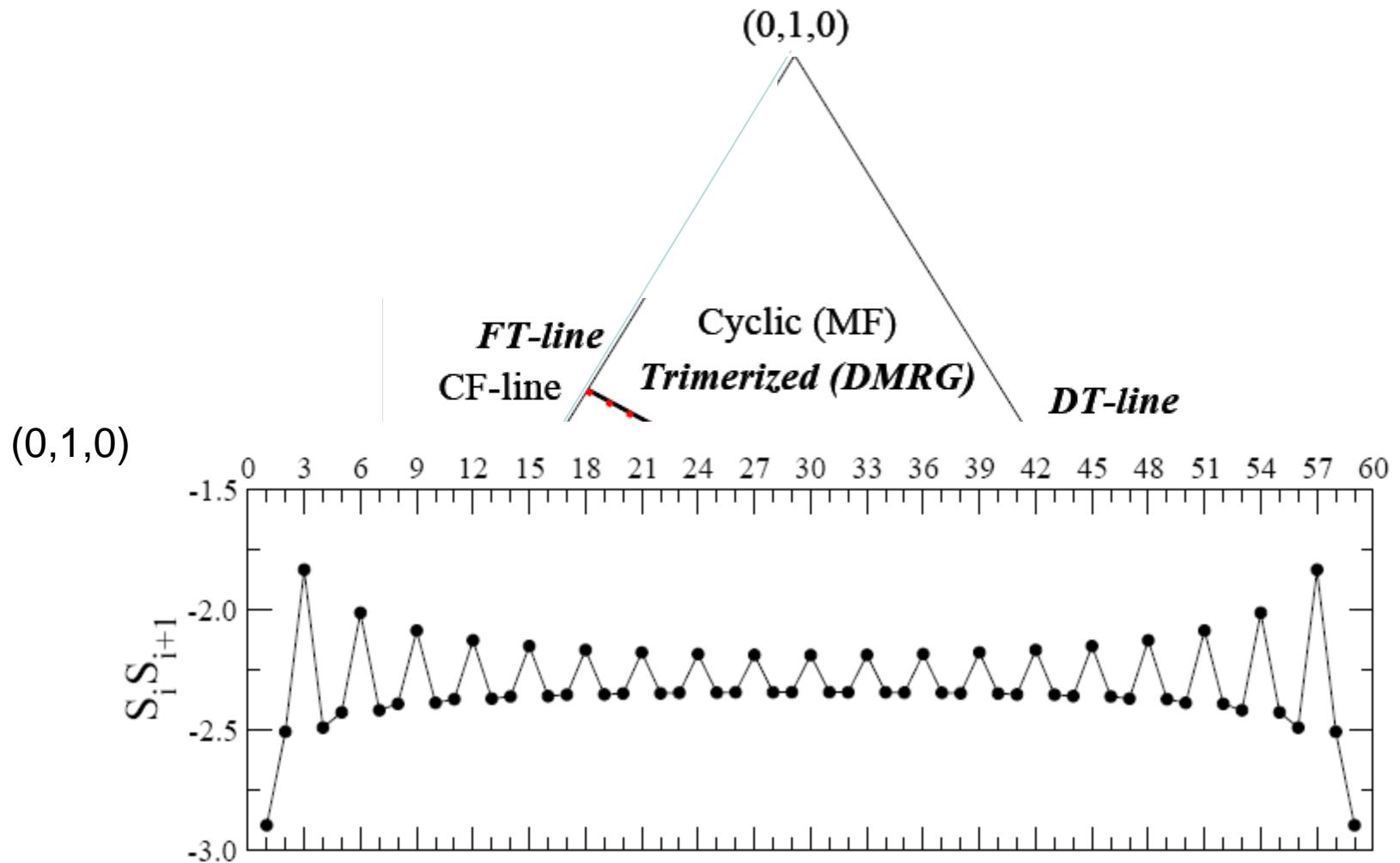
Na23



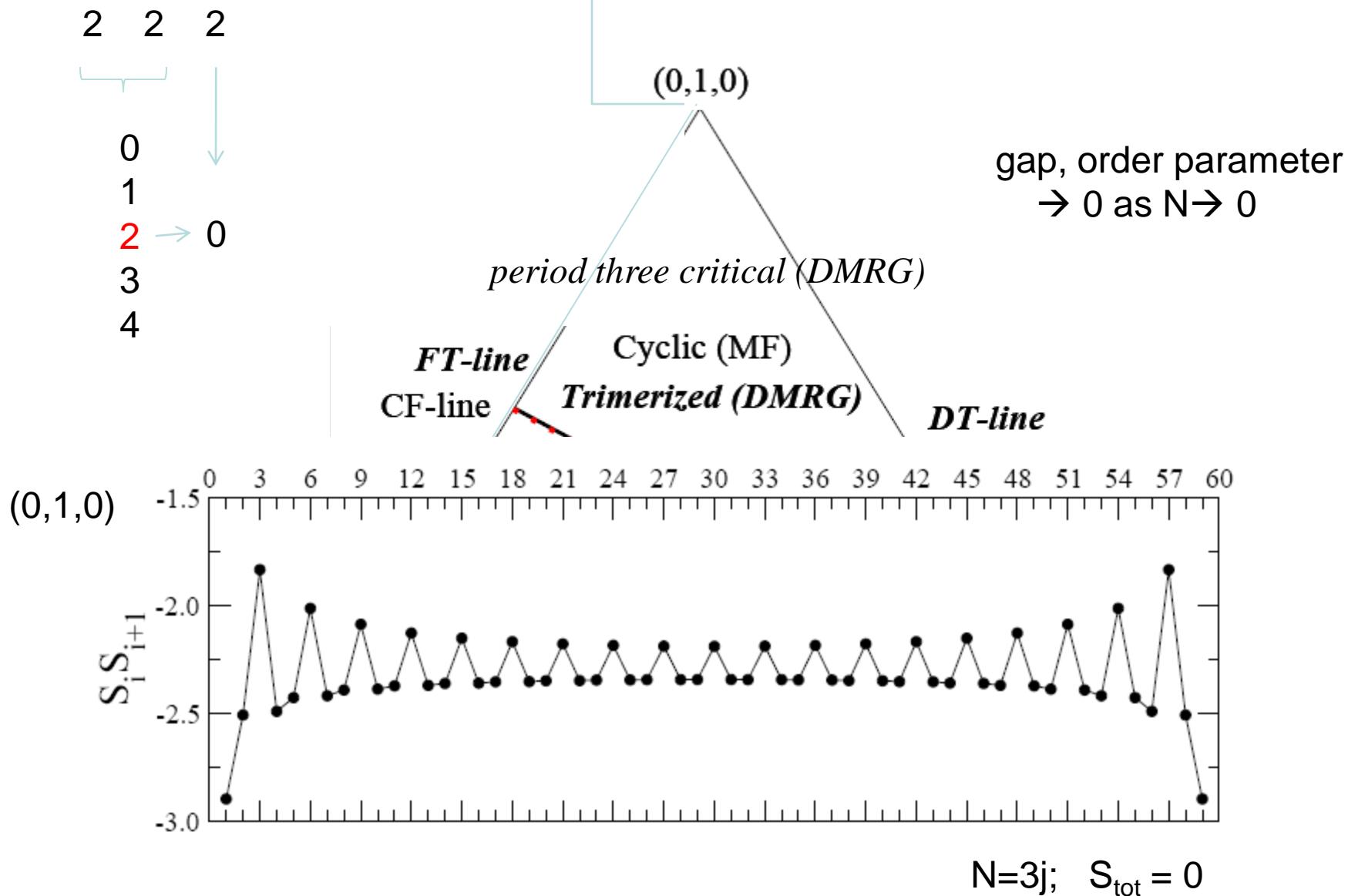
Na23



SO(5); Tu,Zhang,Xiang 08

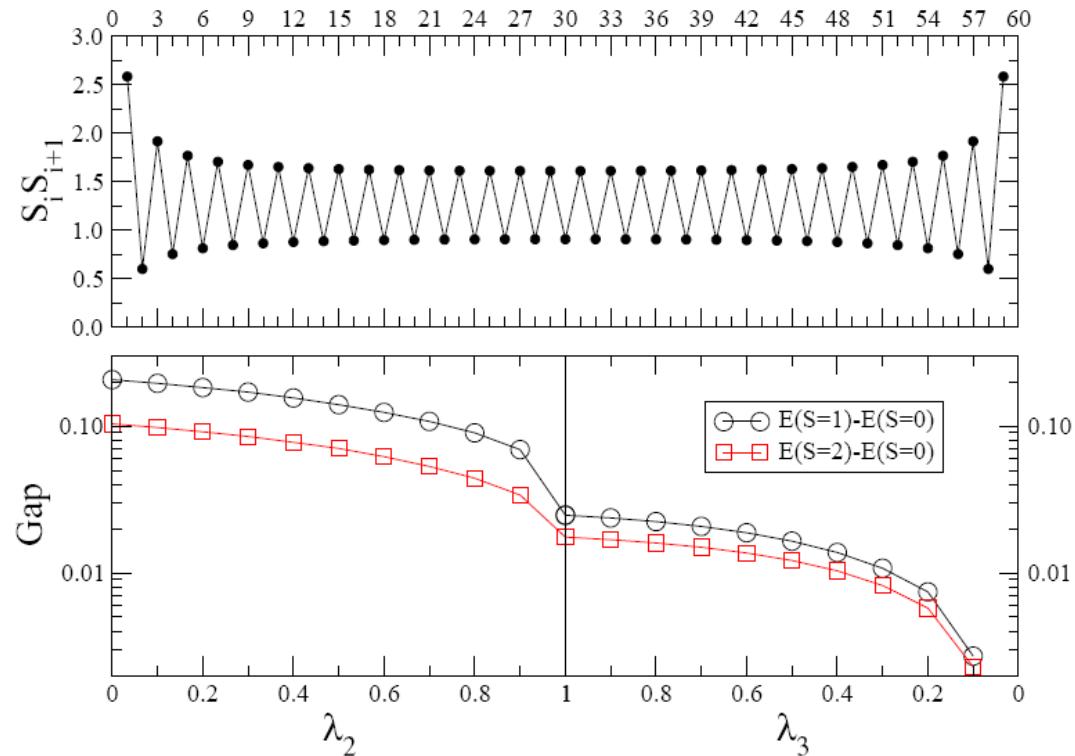


Ground state of three spins
= unique singlet



Adiabatic connection between ground states:

Na23 (dimerized)

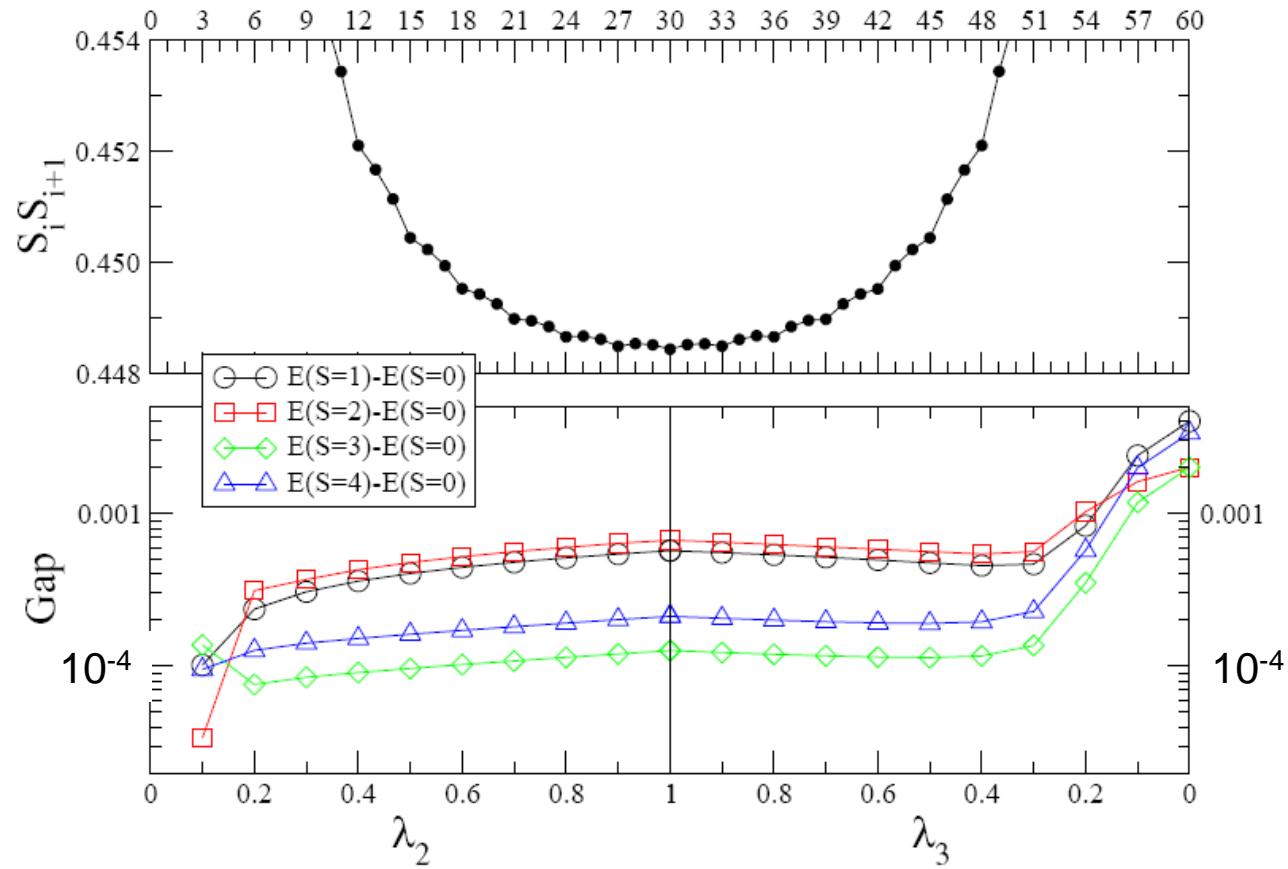


1 λ_2 1 λ_2

1 1 λ_3 1 1 λ_3

Adiabatic connection between ground states:

Rb87 (trimerized)



— 1 λ_2 — 1 λ_2 —

1 λ_2 1 λ_2

— 1 λ_3 — 1 λ_3 —

1 λ_3 1 λ_3

Summary:

Spinor Bosons in optical lattice

realize spin Hamiltonians usually not available in electronic systems

Spin 1

Mean-field: ferro, nematic/quadrupolar

1D: ferro, dimer

Spin 2:

Mean-field: ferro, nematic/quadrupolar, cyclic

1D: ferro, dimer, trimer (period-three critical)

superlattice helps distinguishing phases