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# Chiral Order in Spin Glasses

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# Canonical SG

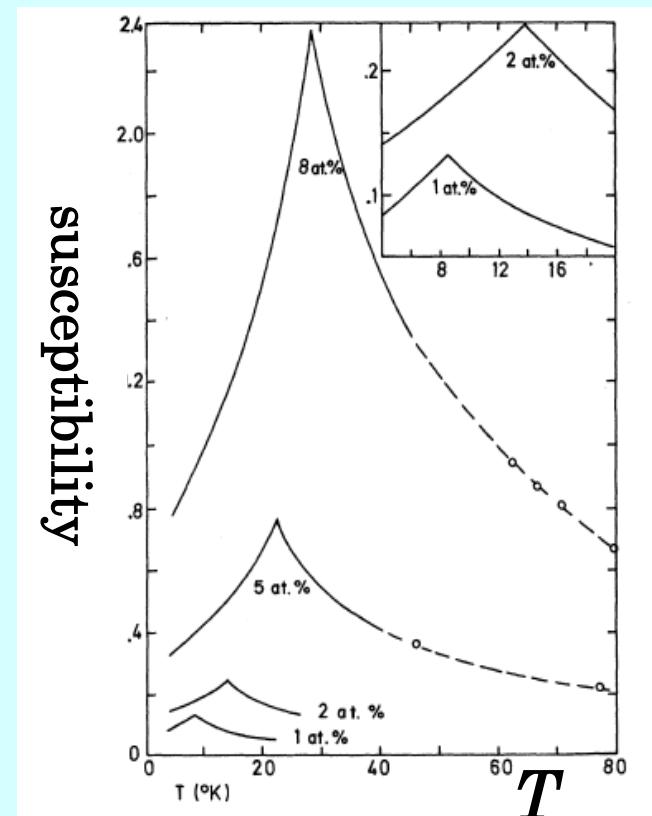
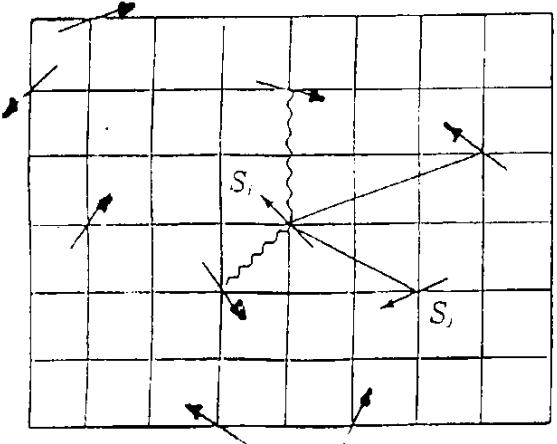
**CuMn, AuFe, etc.**

Heisenberg system with weak random magnetic anisotropy

## Frustration & randomness

Experimentally, thermodynamic SG transition and a SG ordered state has been established.

The true nature of the SG transition and the SG order state ? → still at issue



[Canella and Mydosh, 1972]

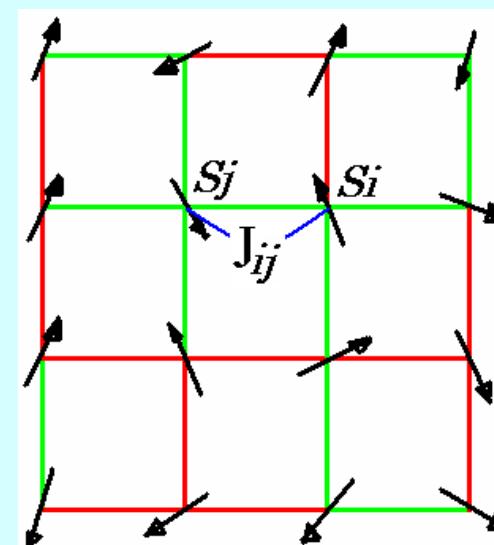
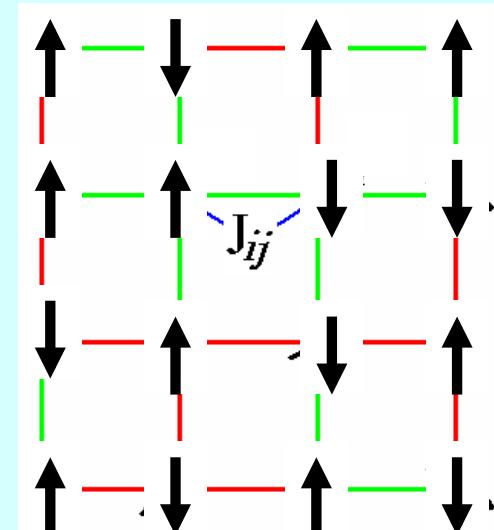
# Model of spin glasses

## 3D Edwards-Anderson model

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

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_i = S_{iz} : \text{Ising spin } (\text{FeMnTiO}_3) \\ S_i = (S_{ix}, S_{iy}, S_{iz}) : \text{Heisenberg spin} \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{(canonical SG)} \end{array} \right.$

$J_{ij}$  : **nearest-neighbor** random coupling  
with zero mean and variance  $J^2$   
Gaussian or binary ( $\pm J$ )



# Numerical results on the 3D EA SG models

## \* 3D Ising SG

The existence of a finite-temperature SG transition established in zero field. The nature of the ordered state still under debate.

## \* 3D isotropic Heisenberg SG

Earlier studies suggested no finite- $T$  transition  
[Olive, Young, Sherrington, '86, F. Matsubara et al '91]

The possibility of a finite- $T$  transition in the *chiral* sector was suggested [H.K., '92] --- chiral glass state

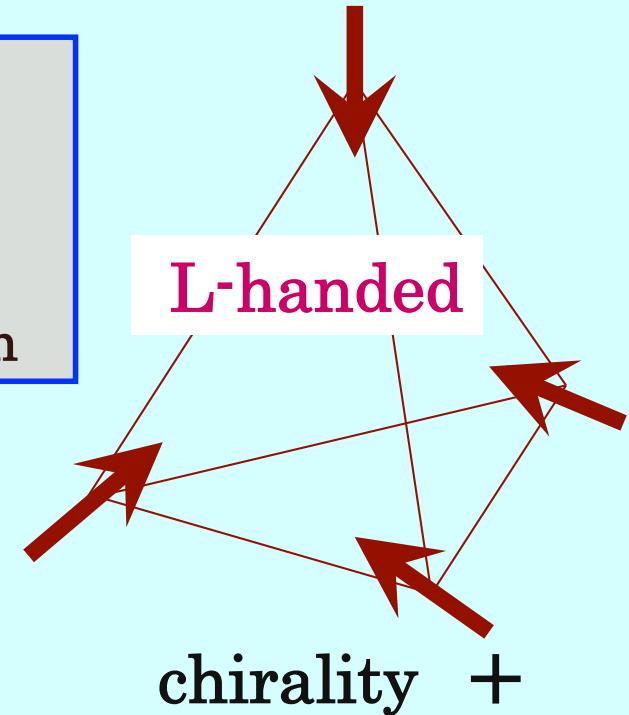
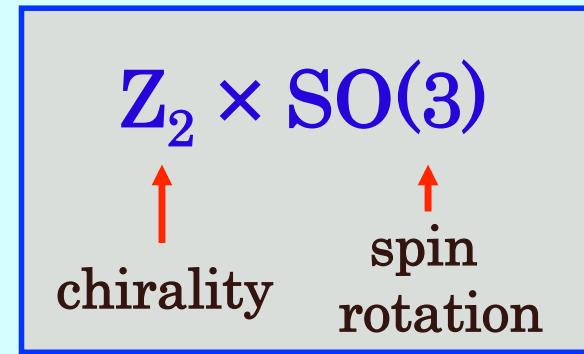
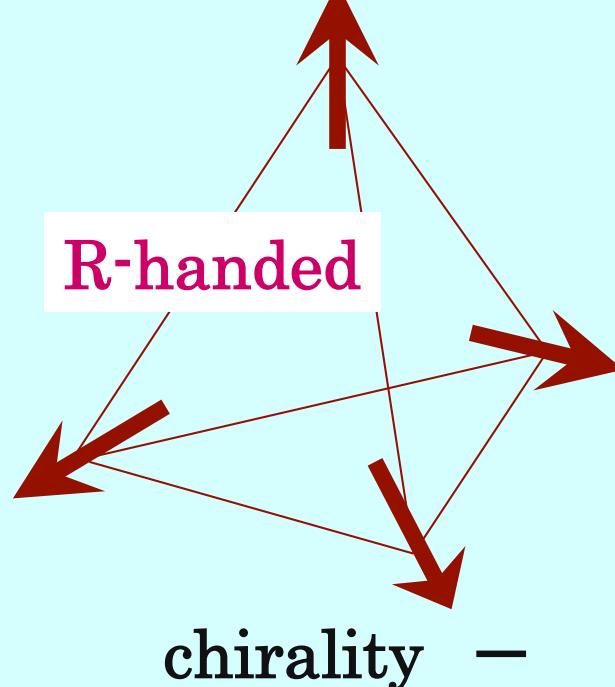
spin-chirality decoupling  $T_{SG} < T_{CG}$

Chirality scenario of experimental SG transition [H.K. '92]

Heisenberg SG possesses a new degree of freedom which is absent in Ising SG



## scalar chirality



$$\chi = S_i \cdot S_j \times S_k$$

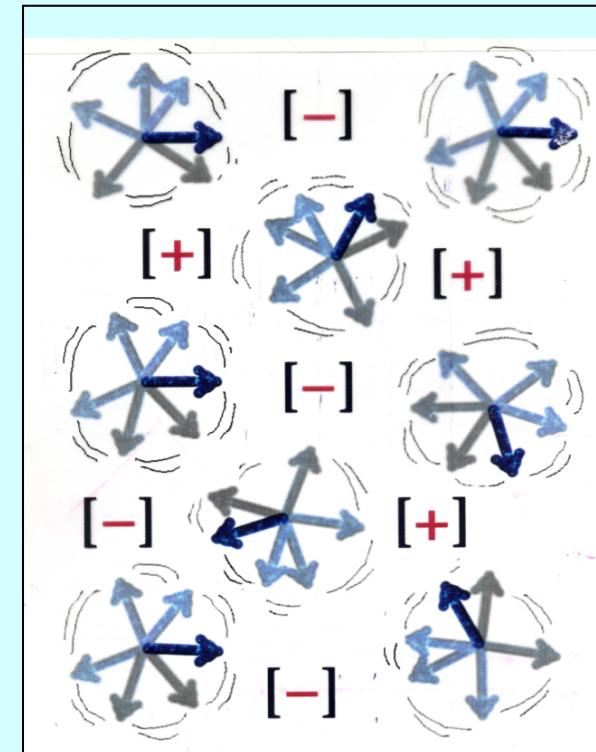


Unconventional  
anomalous Hall effect

# Chirality scenario of SG transiton

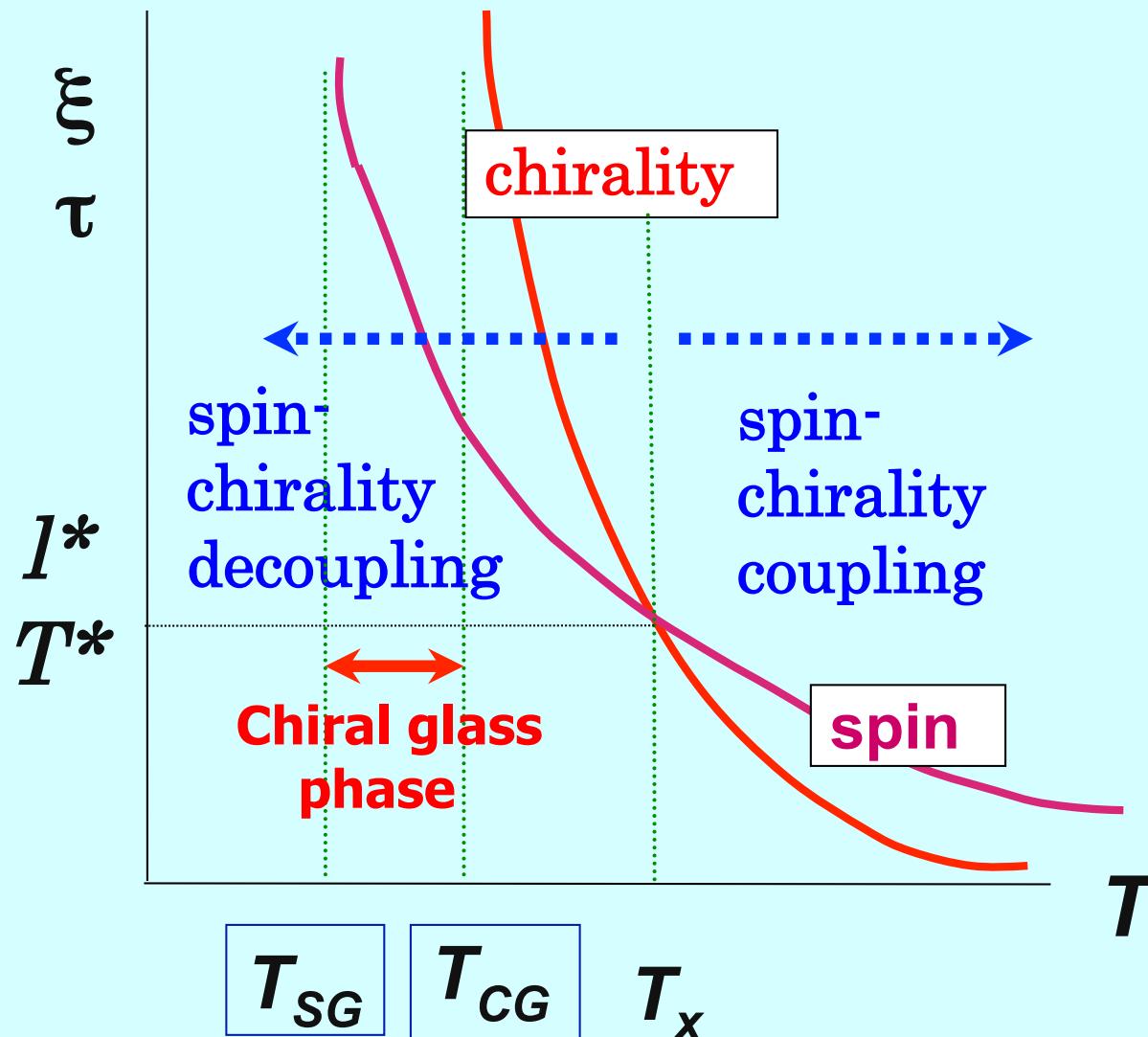
[H.K. '92~]

- \* Isotropic Heisenberg SG in 3D exhibits a **spin-chirality decoupling**, with the **chiral-glass** ordered phase not accompanying the standard SG order.
- \* **Chirality** is a hidden order parameter of real SG transitions. Experimental SG transition is a “disguized” chiral-glass transition: The spin is **recoupled** to the chirality, *i.e.*, mixed into the chirality via the random magnetic anisotropy.



[chiral-glass state]

# Spin-chirality decoupling in the 3D isotropic Heisenberg SG



How the spin  
and chiral  
correlations  
grow ?

$$T_{CG} > T_{SG}$$

# Recent controversy on the 3D Heisenberg SG

Due to the progress in the computer ability and simulation technique, significant numerical study now becomes possible for the 3D Heisenberg SG.

Consensus in recent numerical studies:

The 3D Heisenberg SG exhibits a finite- $T$  transition.

However, its nature has still been largely controversial.

Spin & chirality are decoupled or not ?

- \* Yes, decoupling occurs ( $T_{SG} < T_{CG}$ )

H.K.'98, K.Hukushima & H.K. '00 '05

- \* No decoupling ( $T_{SG} = T_{CG} > 0$ )

F.Matsubara, T.Shirakura et al,

B.W.Lee & A.P.Young '03; '07

I.Campos et al '06

L.Fernandez et al '09



Chirality scenario  
has been contested !

# Our MC simulation on the 3D Gaussian Heisenberg SG

[D.X.Viet and H.K, PRL102, 027202 ('09); PRB80, 064418 ('10)]

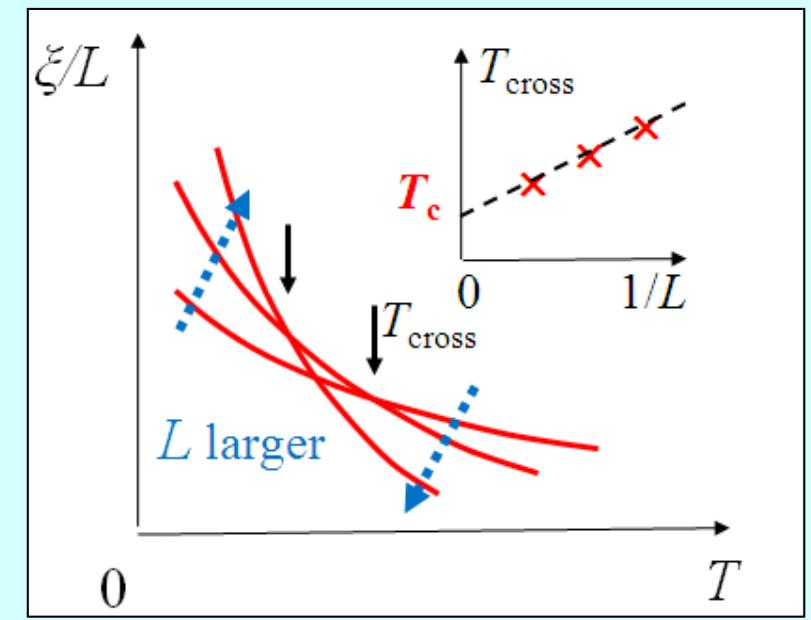
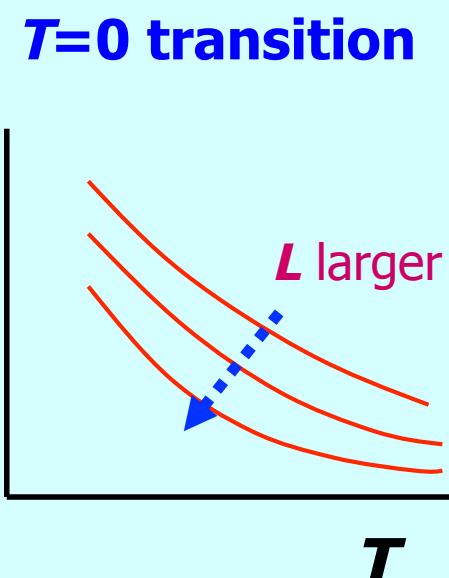
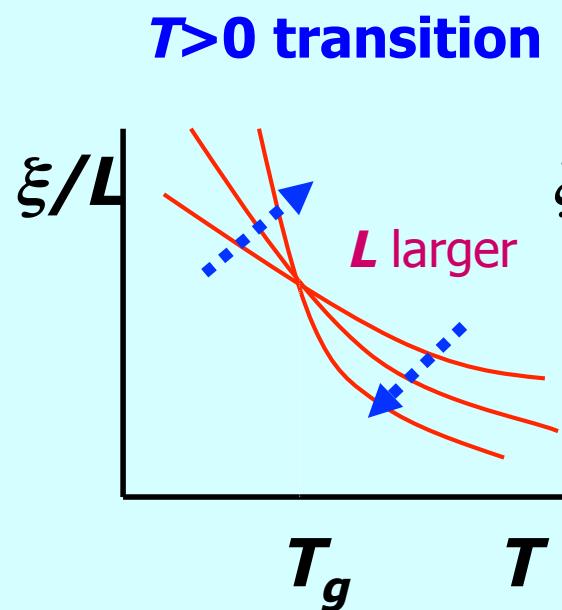
- \* Heat bath and over-relaxation method, combined with the temperature exchange technique
- \* System as large as  $L=32$  equilibrated well below  $T_g$
- \* Sample # large ( $\sim 10^3$  samples averaged)

Various independent quantities including the correlation length ratio  $\xi/L$ , Binder ratio  $g$ , and the glass order parameter  $q^{(2)}$  are calculated,

# Spin and chirality correlation length ratio $\xi/L$

--- a quantity most intensively studied

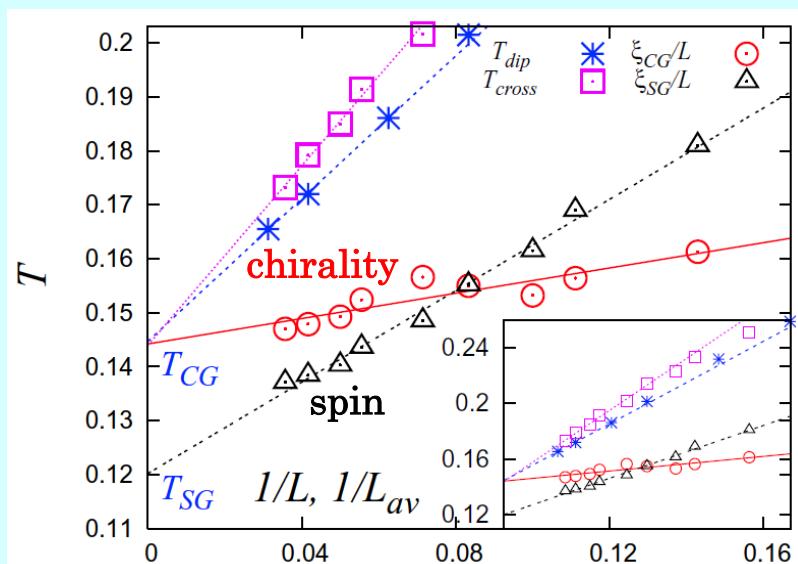
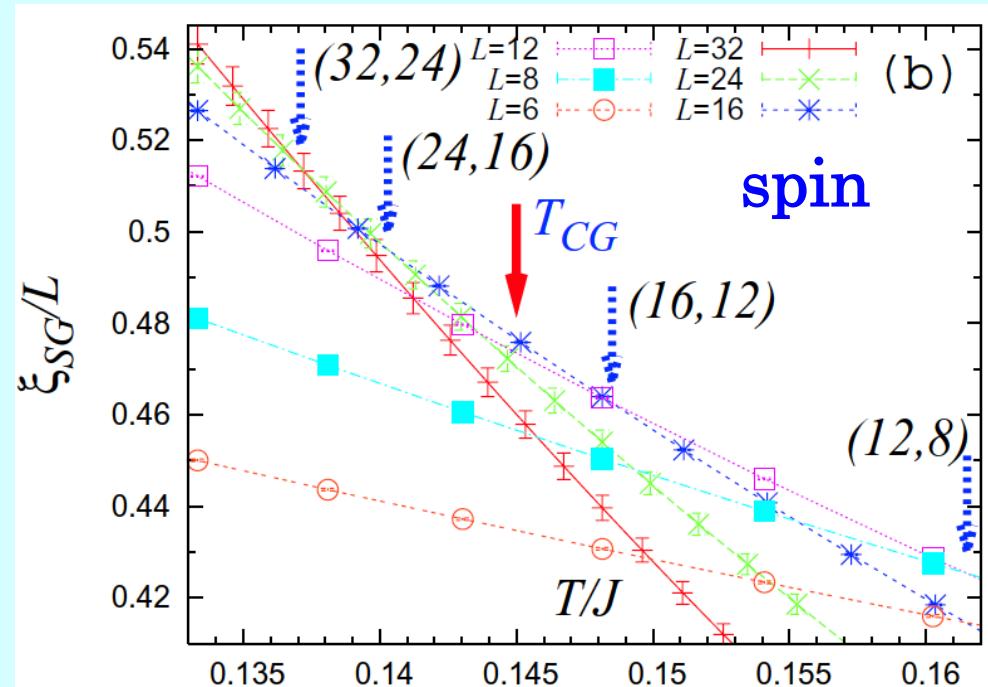
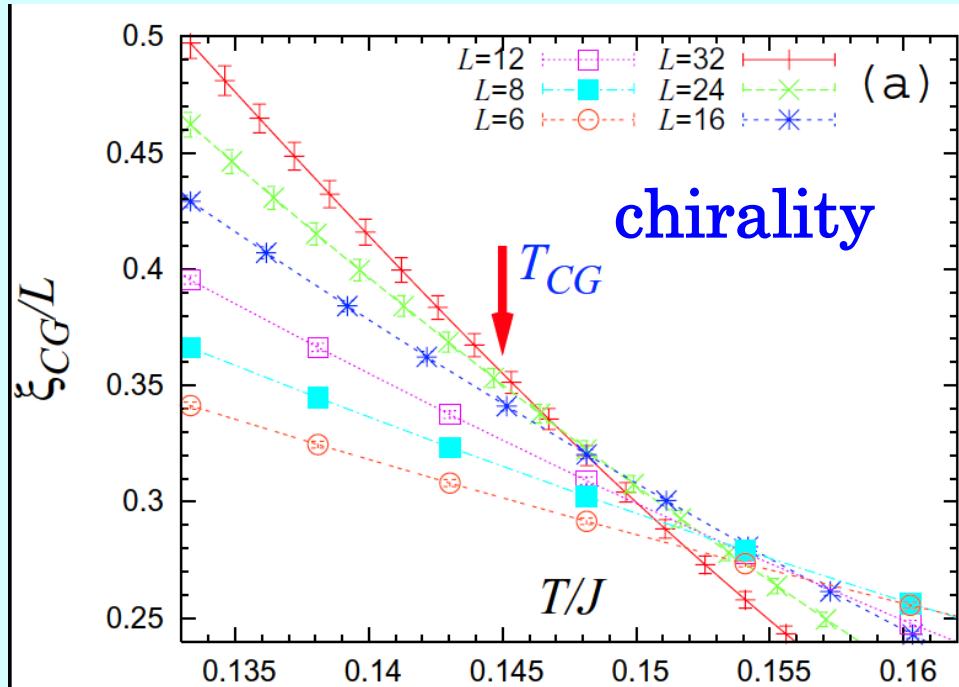
The transition temperature can be estimated from the size and temperature dependence of the dimensionless ratio  $\xi/L$



In reality ...

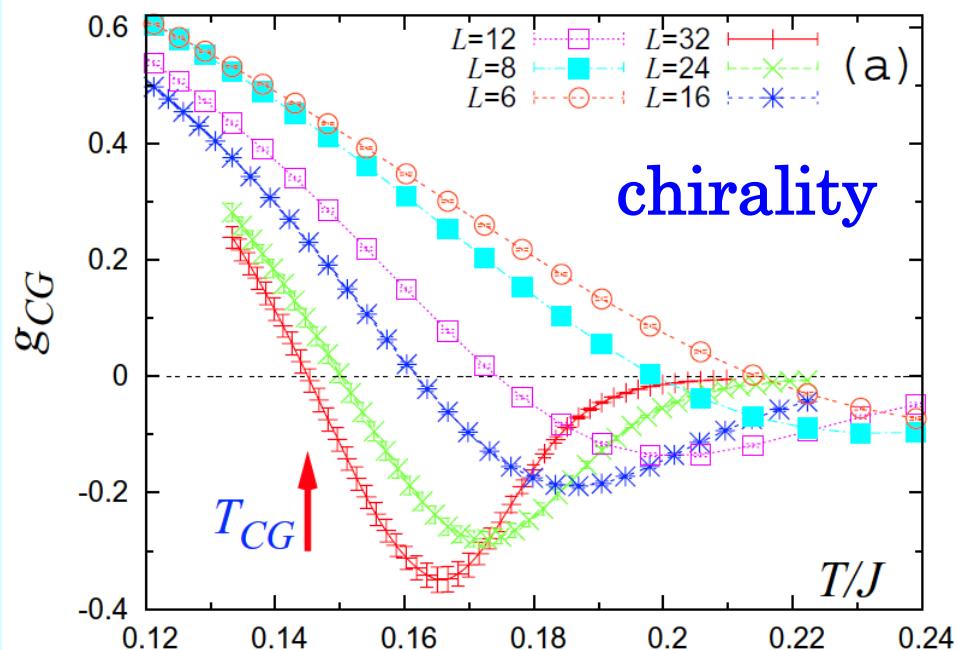
# Correlation length ratios $\xi/L$

[D.X. Viet and H.K., '10]

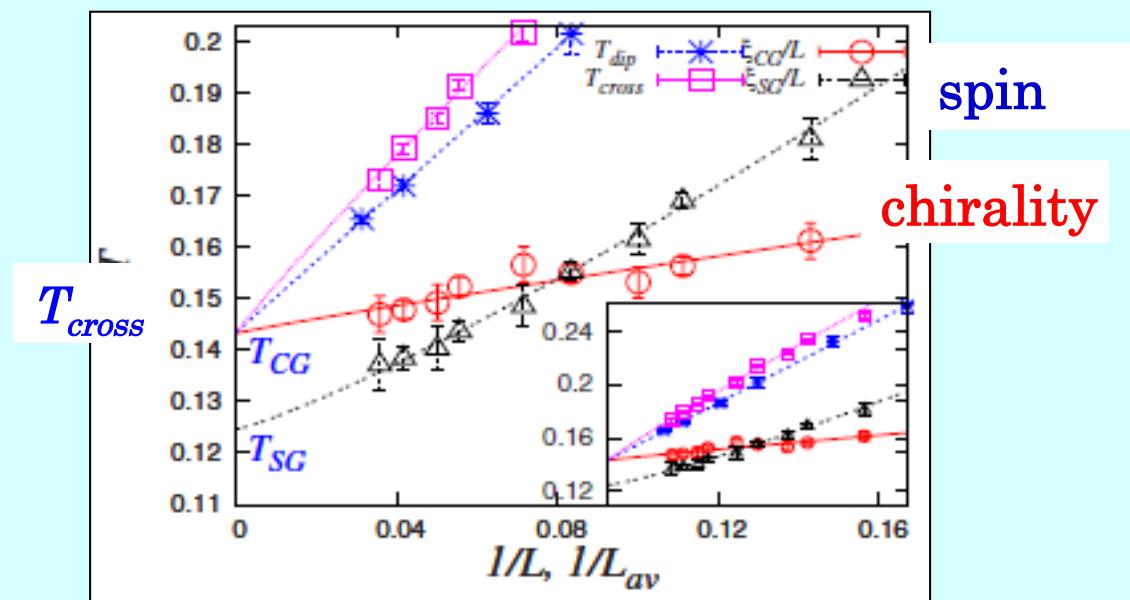
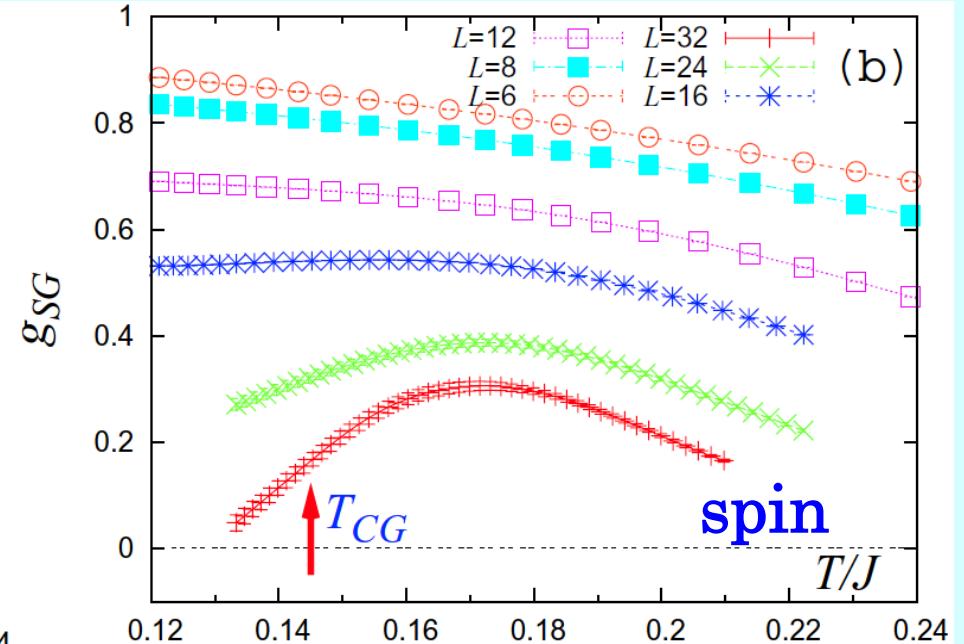


# Binder ratio

[D.X. Viet and H.K., '10]

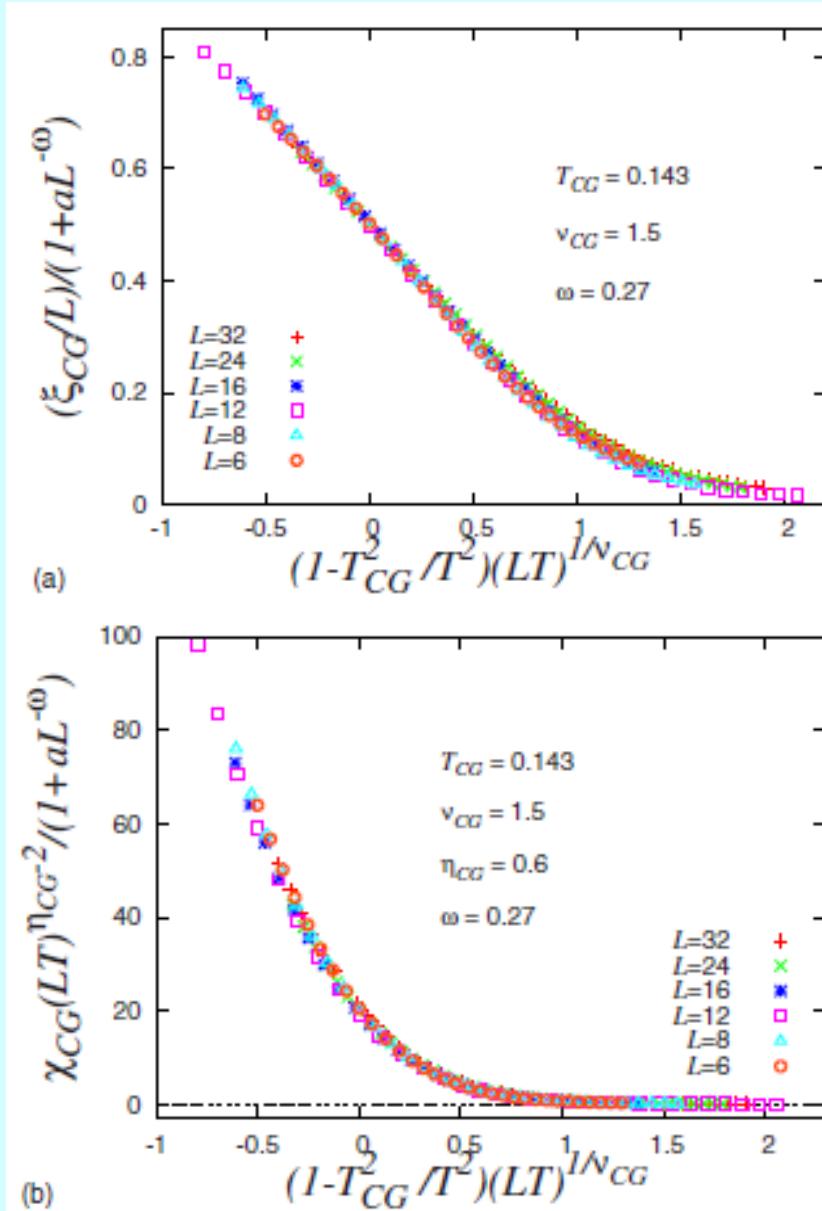


growing  
negative dip  
→ consistent  
with 1-step RSB



# Critical properties of the chiral-glass transition of the 3D Gaussian Heisenberg SG

Chiral glass correlation length  
Chiral glass susceptibility



Finite-size scaling plots  
with the leading  
correction-to-scaling

chiral-glass exponents

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{CG} &= 1.4(2) \\ \eta_{CG} &= 0.6(2)\end{aligned}$$

differ from the 3D  
Ising values !

$$\begin{aligned}\nu &\sim 2.5 \\ \eta &\sim -0.40\end{aligned}$$

# Chirality hypothesis

[H.K. 1992]

Isotropic (ideal) system

→ “spin-chirality decoupling”

Real system is weakly anisotropic !

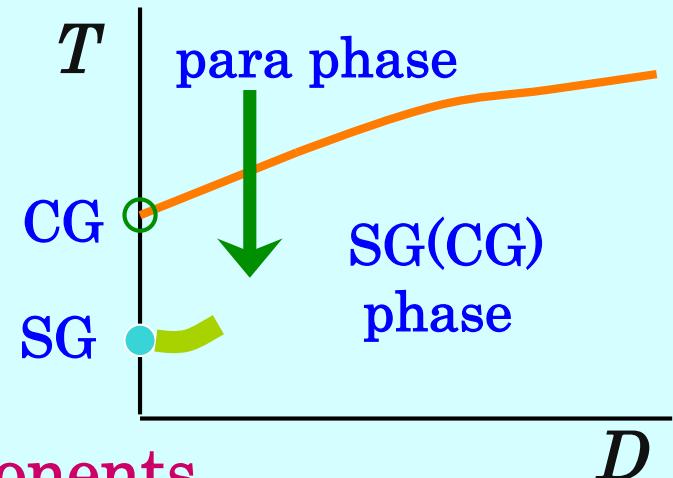
Spin is “recoupled” to the chirality due to the weak random magnetic anisotropy  $D$ .

$\mathbf{Z}_2$  [chiral]  $\times \cancel{\mathbf{SO}(3)}$  [spin-rotation]

The chiral-glass transition now appears as the SG transition.



“spin-chirality recoupling”  
experimental SG exponents = CG exponents



# Critical properties of canonical SG

	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\nu$	$\eta$
CuMn & AgMn [de Courtenary <i>et al.</i> ]	$1.0 \pm 0.1$	$2.2 \pm 0.1$	$\approx 1.4$	$\approx 0.4$
AgMn [Bouchiat]	$1.0 \pm 0.1$	$2.2 \pm 0.2$	$\approx 1.4$	$\approx 0.4$
AgMn [Levy <i>et al.</i> ]	$0.9 \pm 0.2$	$2.1 \pm 0.1$	$\approx 1.3$	$\approx 0.4$
CuAlMn [Simpsons]	$\approx 1.0$	$\approx 1.9$	$\approx 1.3$	$\approx 0.5$
PdMn [Coles and Williams]	$0.9 \pm 0.15$	$2.0 \pm 0.2$	$\approx 1.3$	$\approx 0.4$
AuFe [Taniguchi & Miyako]	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.0 \pm 0.2$	$\approx 1.3$	$\approx 0.5$
CdCr <sub>2×0.85</sub> In <sub>2×0.85</sub> S <sub>4</sub> [Vincent <i>et al.</i> ]	$0.75 \pm 0.10$	$2.3 \pm 0.4$	$\approx 1.3$	$\approx 0.2$
$\pm J$ Campbell <i>et al.</i>	$\approx 0.82$	$\approx 6.5$	$2.72 \pm 0.08$	$-0.40 \pm 0.04$
$\pm J$ Hasenbusch <i>et al.</i>	$\approx 0.77$	$\approx 5.8$	$2.45 \pm 0.15$	$-0.375 \pm 0.010$
Fe <sub>0.5</sub> Mn <sub>0.5</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub> [Gunnarsson <i>et al.</i> ]	$\approx 0.54$	$4.0 \pm 0.3$	$\approx 1.7$	$\approx -0.35$

Canonical  
SG Exp.

3D Ising

Chiral (Heisenberg)

$\beta \sim 1$     $\gamma \sim 2$     $\nu \sim 1.4$     $\eta \sim 0.6$

## Direct test of the chirality scenario

→ needs to measure the chirality directly

Use an anomalous Hall effect

as a probe of chiral order !

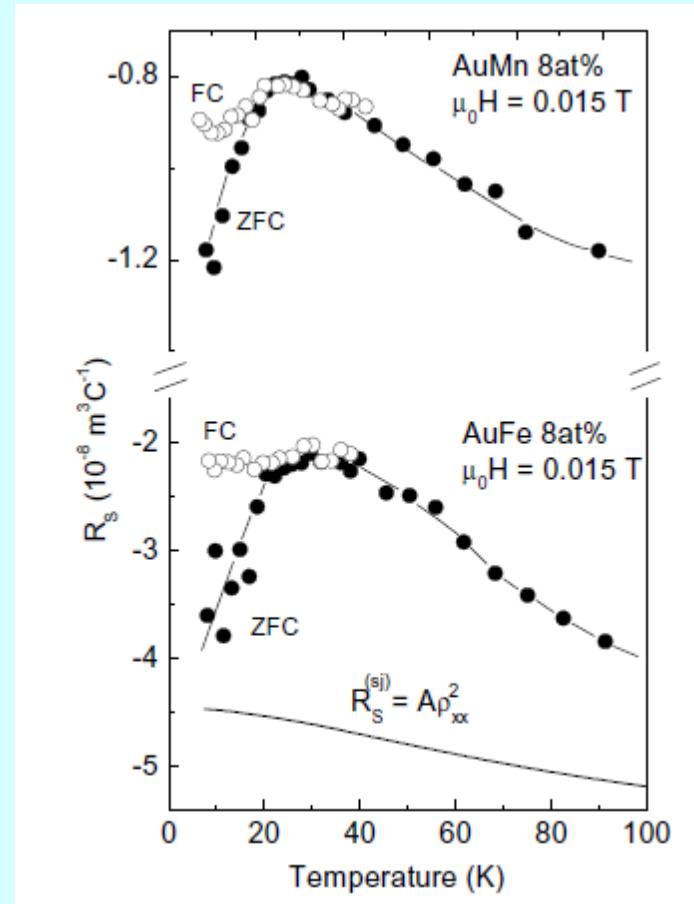
Measurements of linear and nonlinear chiral susceptibilities,  $X_\chi$  &  $X_{\chi\text{nl}}$ , becomes possible via measurements of Hall coefficient  $R_s$ .

[G. Tatara & H.K. '02, H.K. '03]

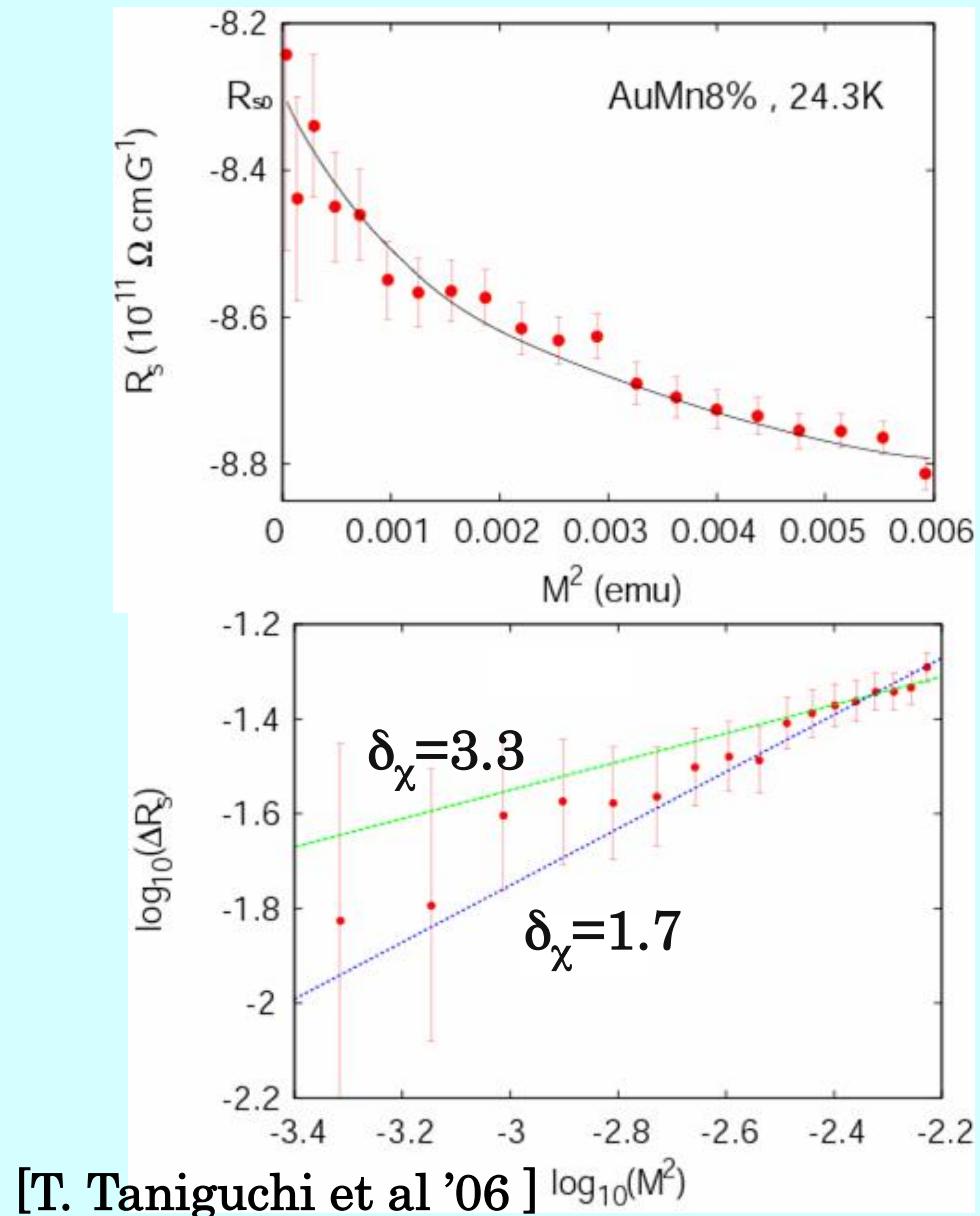
$$R_s = \rho_{xy} / M$$
$$= \underbrace{-A\rho - B\rho^2}_{\text{Chiral contribution}} - \underbrace{CD [X_\chi + X_{\chi\text{nl}} (DM)^2 + \dots]}_{\text{Chiral contribution}}$$

# Anomalous Hall coefficient $R_s$ of SG

Kageyama et al ('03) FeAl (RSG); T.Taniguchi et al ('04) AuFe  
P.Pureur et al ('04) AuMn;  
T. Taniguchi et al ('06) AuMn



[P.Pureur et al ('04)]



[T. Taniguchi et al '06 ]  $\log_{10}(M^2)$



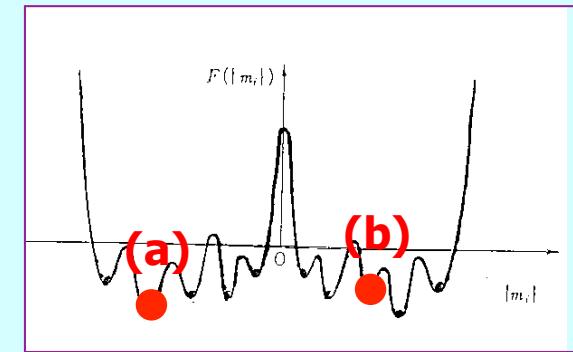
What is the nature of  
the chiral-glass ordered state ?

Is there an RSB ?

If so, what type ?

SG ordered state might possess a complex phase-space structure

→ RSB (replica-symmetry breaking)



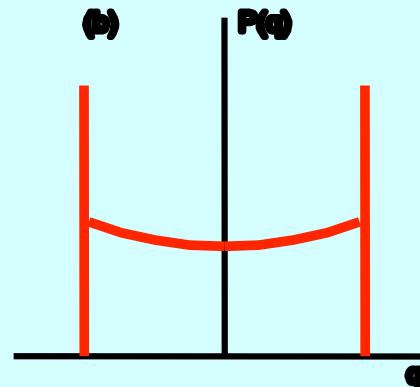
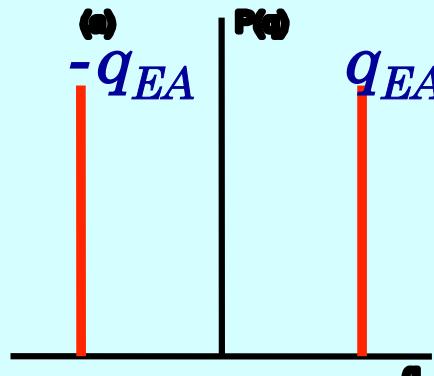
Possible multi-valley structure in SG

$q$ : overlap

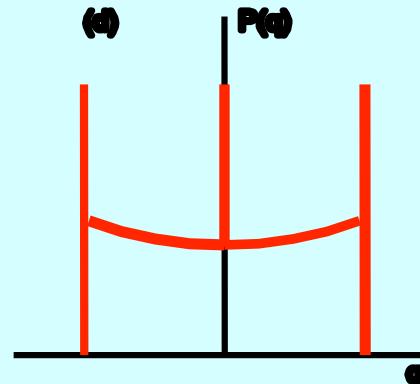
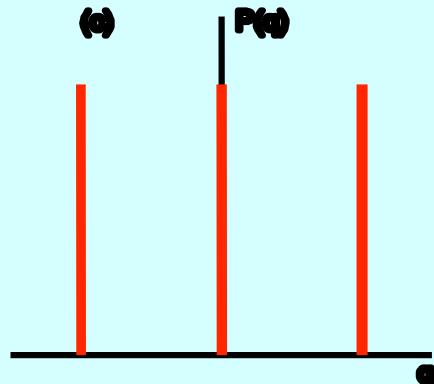
$$q = (1/N) \sum_i S_i^{(a)} S_i^{(b)}$$

Hierarchical RSB  
Parisi

Droplet picture  
(No RSB)  
Fisher & Huse

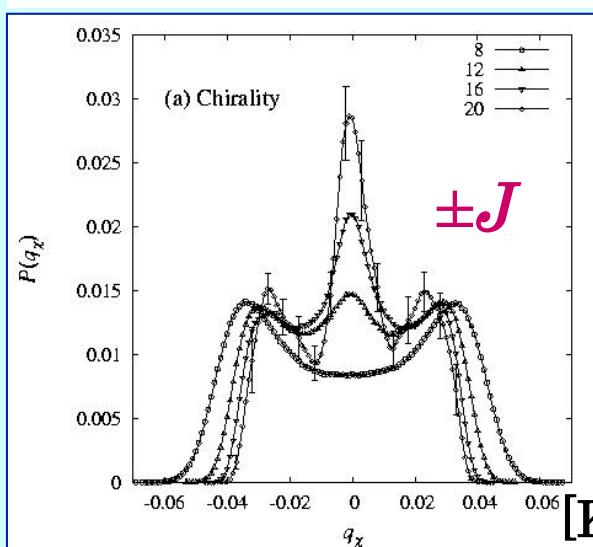
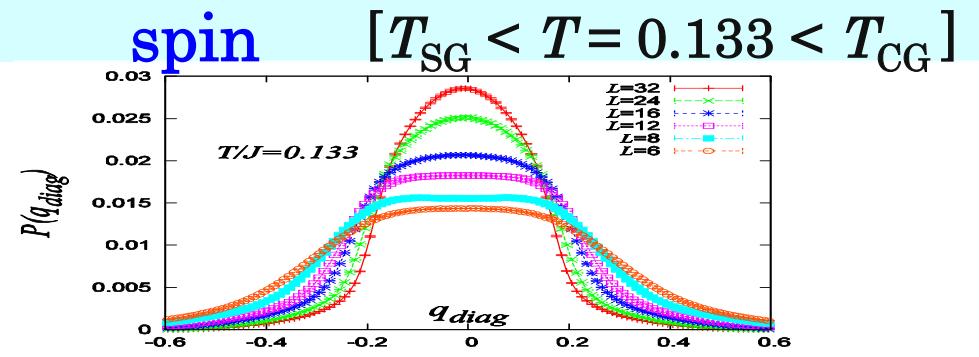
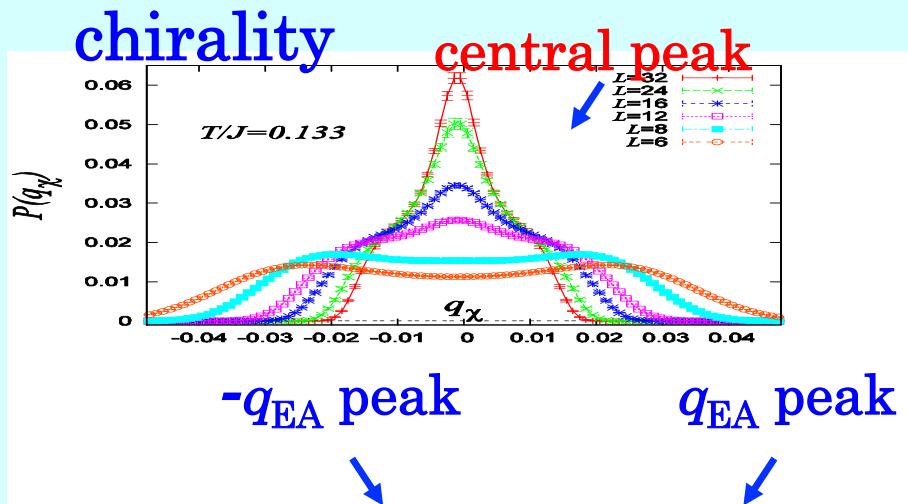


One-step RSB



Overlap distribution function:  $P(q)$

# Overlap distribution of the isotropic model

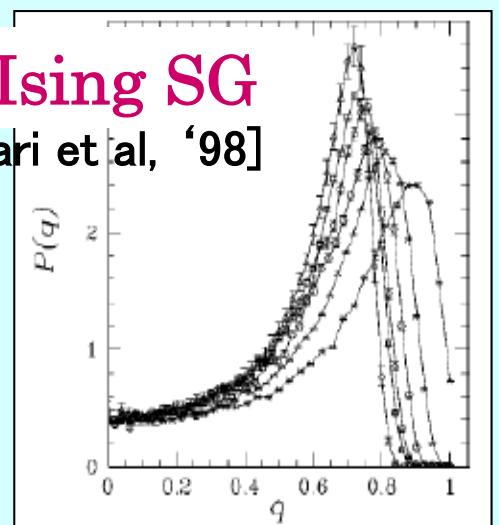


Chiral  $P(q_\chi)$ :  
central peak  
&  $\pm q_{EA}$  peak

→ 1-step-like RSB ?

[K.Hukushima & HK '05]

3D Ising SG  
[E. Marinari et al, '98]



# How to measure $P(q)$ experimentally ?

In equilibrium, FDT holds

$R(t_1, t_2)$ ; response function

$C(t_1, t_2)$ ; correlation function

SG in off-equilibrium

$T$ ; heat bath temperature

$$R(t_1, t_2) = (1/k_B T) [dC(t_1, t_2) / dt_1]$$

In off-equilibrium, FDT does not hold, but there is an off-equilibrium counterpart

$$R(t_1, t_2) = (X(t_1, t_2) / k_B T) [dC(t_1, t_2) / dt_1]$$

In the limit of  $t_1, t_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\downarrow 1 / k_B T_{eff}$

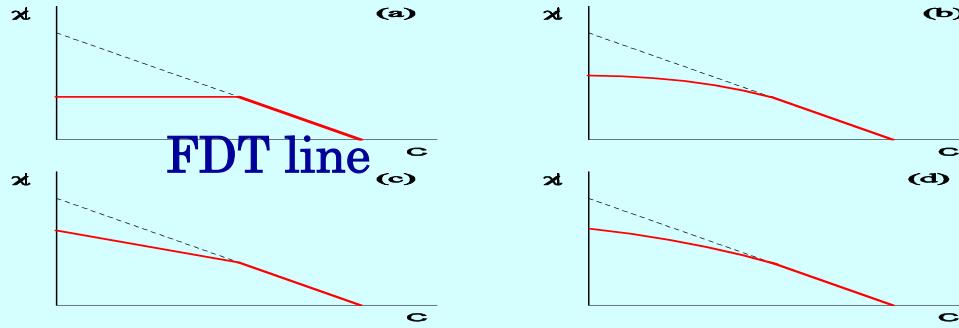
$$X(t_1, t_2) \rightarrow X(C(t_1, t_2))$$

[L.F. Kugliandolo and J. Kurchan '93]

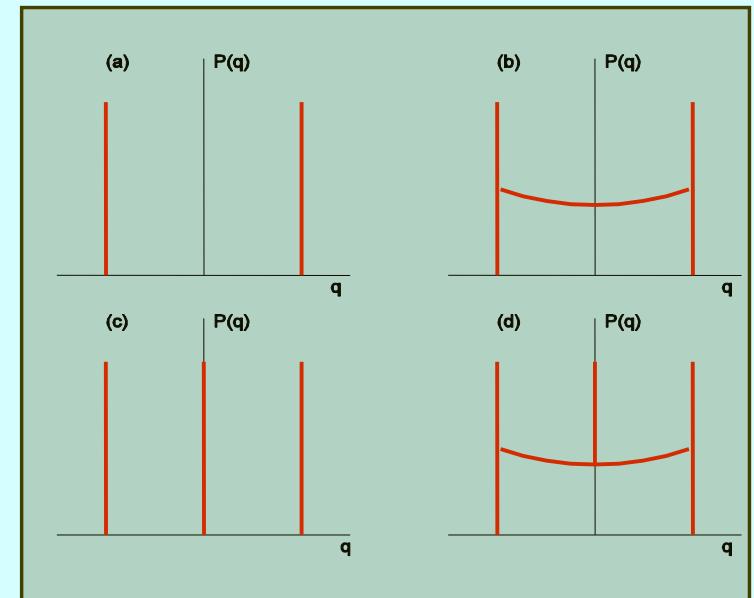
$$P(q) = dX(q) / dq$$

$P(q)$ ; overlap distribution function

# Susceptibility $\chi(t_1, t_2)$ vs. Correlation $C(t_1, t_2)$



- (a) No RSB
- (b) full-step RSB
- (c) 1-step RSB
- (d) combination of (b)+(c)

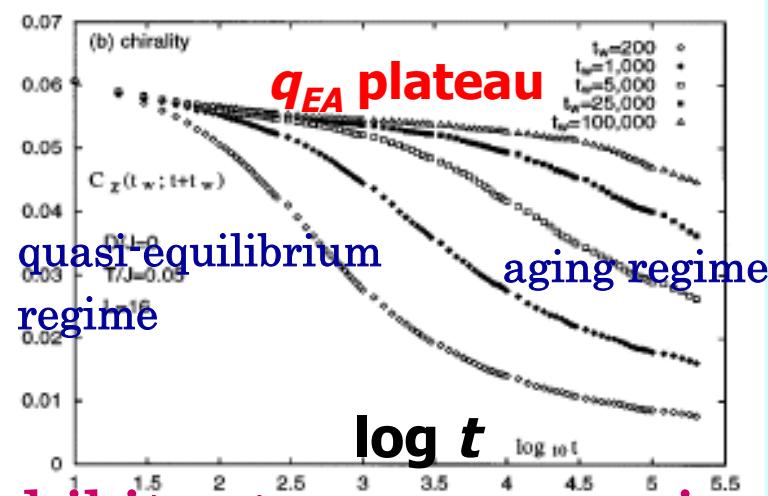


# Off-equilibrium MC simulation of the isotropic 3D Gaussian Heisenberg SG

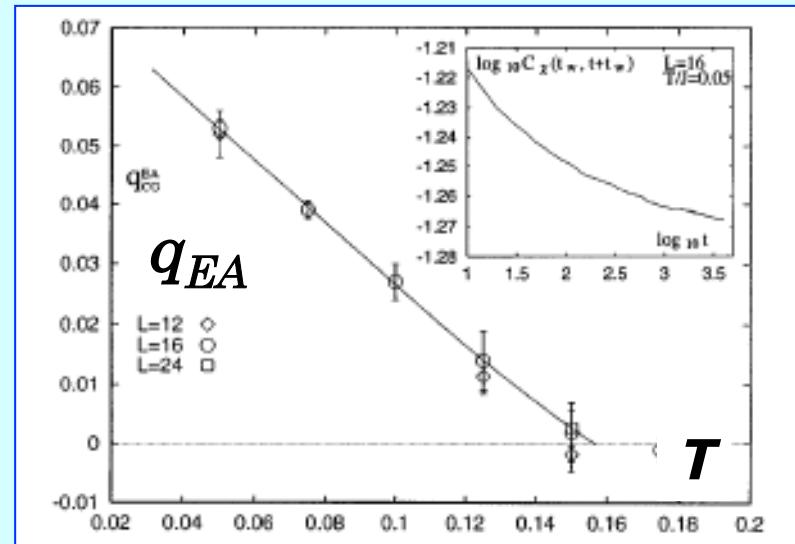
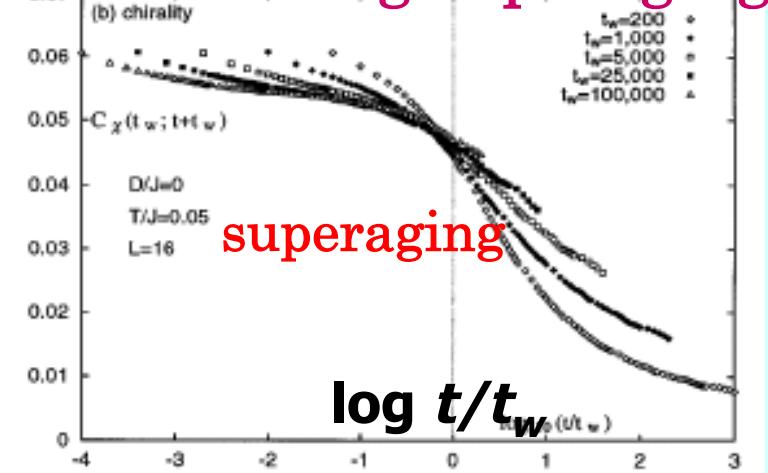
[HK, '98]

Chiral autocorrelations  $C_\chi(t, t_w)$  at  $T=0.05$

$t_w$ : waiting time



exhibits strong superaging !



Chiral EA parameter  $q_{EA}$

$$T_{CG} \sim 0.15$$

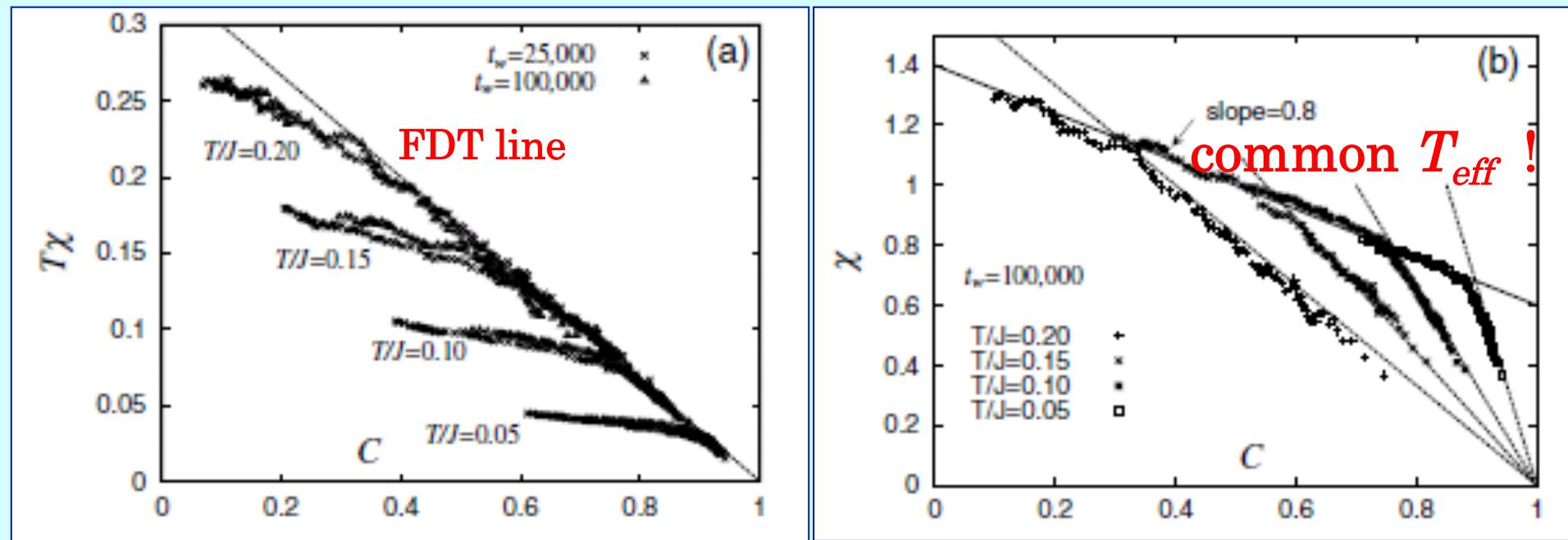
$$\beta \sim 1$$

# Off-equilibrium simulation of the weakly anisotropic 3D $\pm J$ Heisenberg SG

[HK, '03]

$\chi$ - $C$  plot for the spin

$T_g \sim 0.21$   $D=0.01$



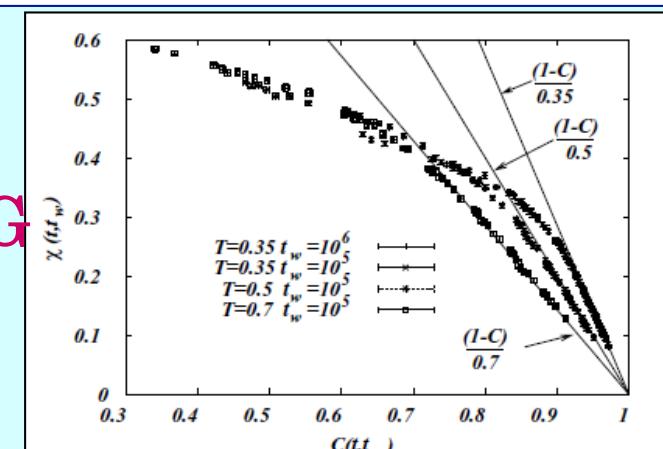
1-step-like behavior

$T_{eff} \sim 2T_g$   
irrespective of  $T$

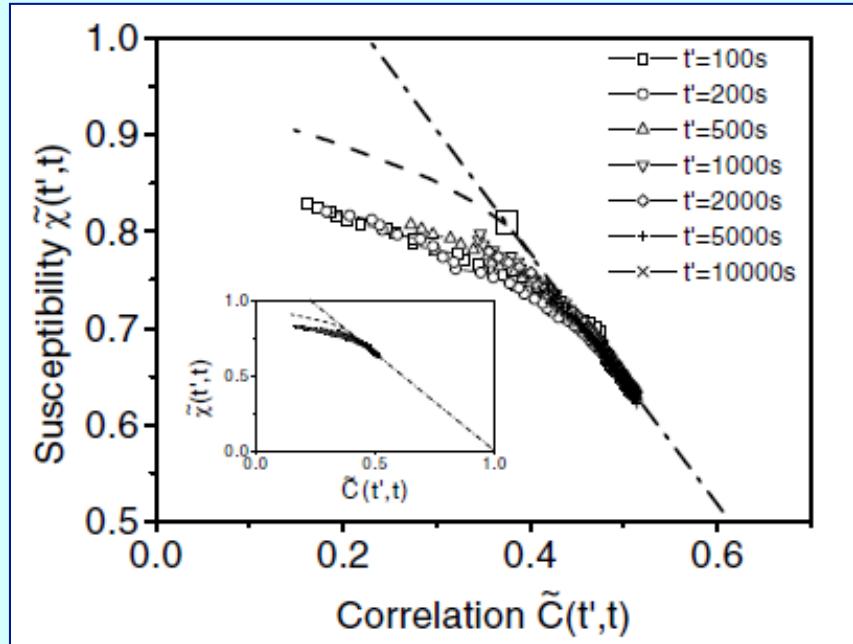
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3D Ising SG

[E. Marinari  
et al, '00]



# Experiment on Heisenberg-like SG



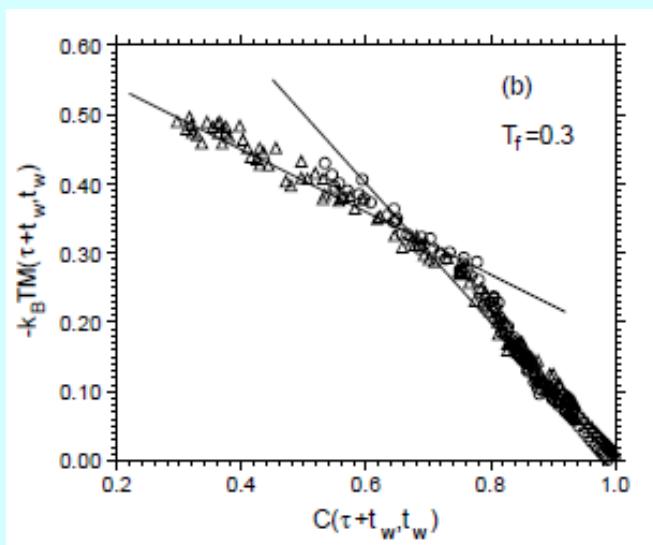
**CdCr<sub>1.7</sub>In<sub>0.3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>**

[D.Herisson and M.Ocio, '02]

1-step-like ?

$$T_{eff} \sim 1.9 T_g$$

(measured at  $T=0.8T_g$ )



**c.f. Lennard-Jones fluid simulation**

[J.-L. Barrat and W. Kob, '99]

$$T_{eff} \sim 1.5 T_{mc} \text{ (irrespective of } T\text{)}$$

$T_{mc}$ : mode-coupling temperature

SG (chiral-glass) ordered state of canonical SG  
might exhibit a **one-step-like RSB**

## Analogy to molecular glasses

Dynamical equations describing structural glass are similar to MF SG models exhibiting a 1-step RSB

[T.E. Kirkpatrick, D. Thirumalai, P.G. Wolynes '87]

1. Discontinuous 1-step RSB (discontinuous  $q_{EA}$  at  $T=Tg$ )

$p>2$ -spin MF SG,  $p>4$  state MF Potts SG

dynamical  $T_D$  and static  $Tg$  ( $T_D > Tg$ )



**structural glass**

2. Continuous 1-step RSB (continuous  $q_{EA}$  at  $T=Tg$ )

$2 < p < 4$  state MF Potts SG

No dynamical  $T_D$



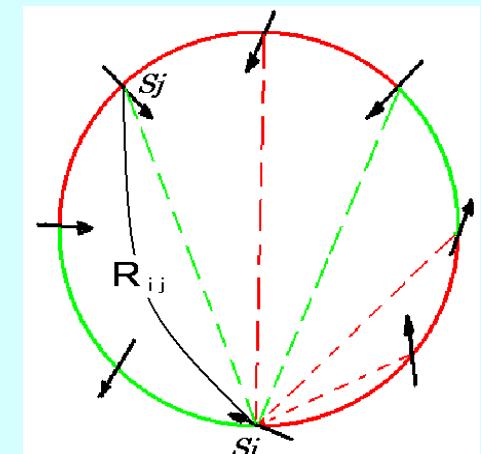
**Heisenberg-like SG**

# Reference model

1D Heisenberg SG model with a long-range power-law interaction

$$H = - \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \quad J_{ij} = c(\sigma) \frac{\epsilon_{ij}}{r_{ij}^\sigma}$$

$\epsilon_{ij}$  : Gaussian with zero mean  
and standard deviation unity



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$\sigma$ - $d$  correspondence expected

Varying  $\sigma$  of 1D LR model  $\sim$  varying  $d$  of SR modes

$$\sigma \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow d = \infty$$

$$\sigma \text{ large} \Leftrightarrow d = 1$$

$$\sigma = 2/3 \Leftrightarrow d = 6 \text{ (ucd)}$$

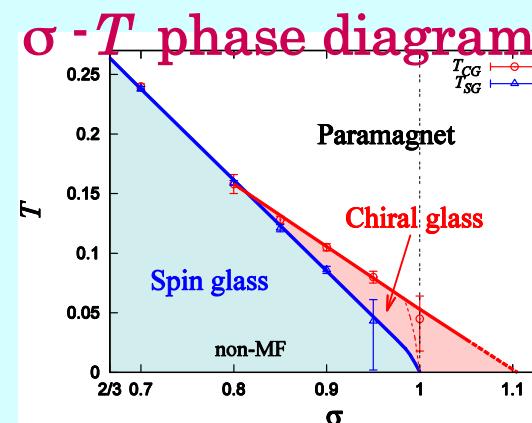
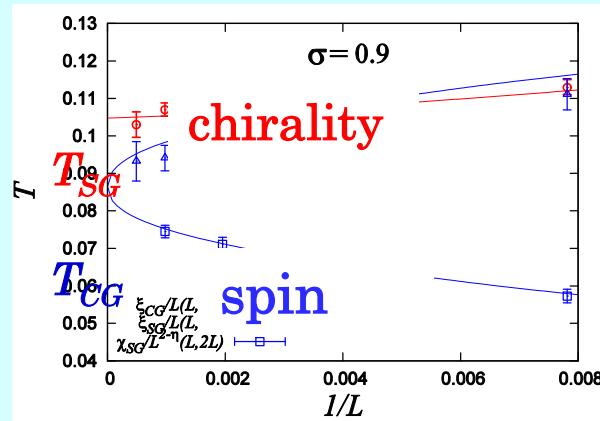
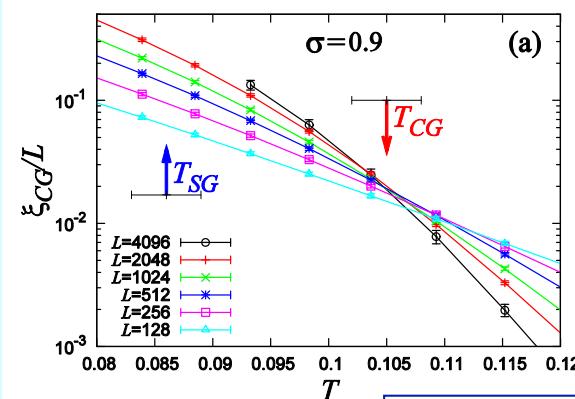
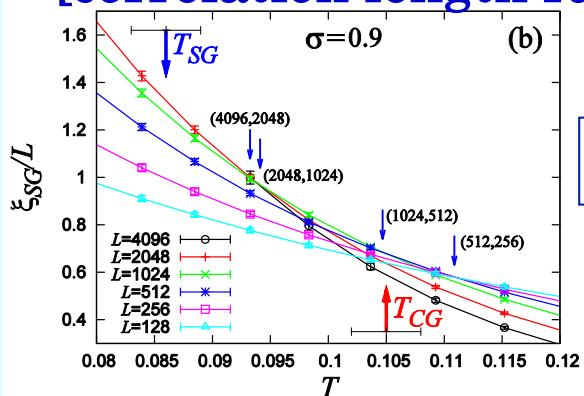
$$\sigma \approx 0.9 \Leftrightarrow d = 3$$

$$\sigma = 1.0 \Leftrightarrow \text{between } d = 2 \text{ & } d = 3$$

$\sigma=0.9$

[D.X.Viet & H.K. PRL 105, 097206 (2010); JPSJ 79, 104708 (2010) ]

[correlation length ratio]



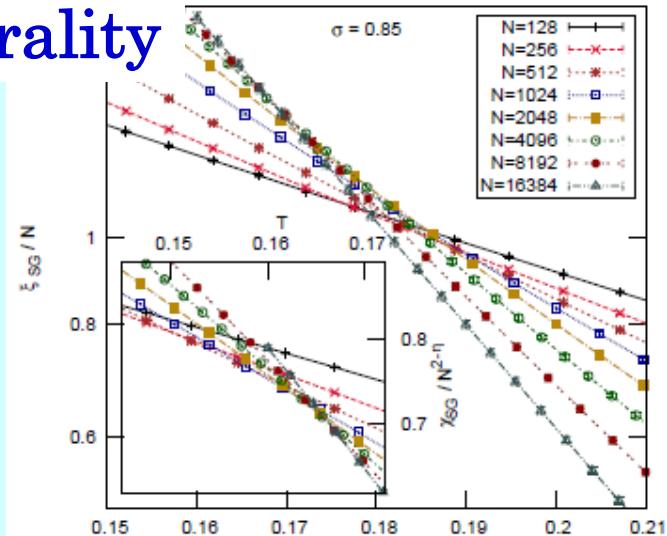
# Another 1D LR model

- randomly diluted model

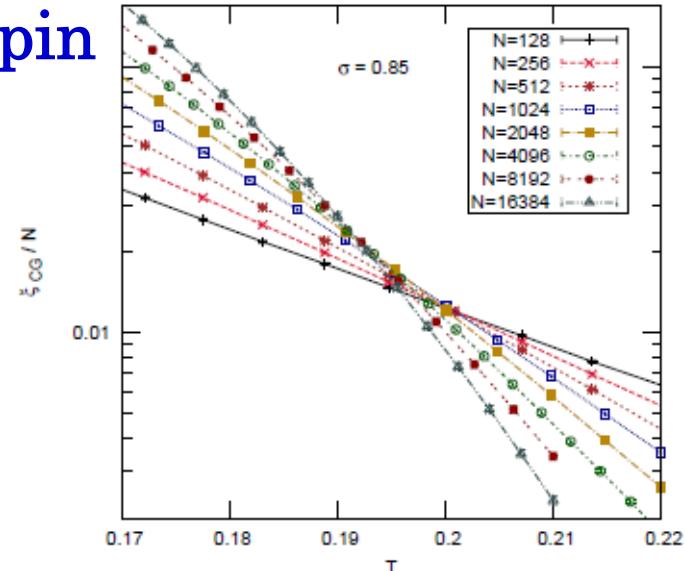
[A. Sharma & A.P. Young, '11]

$\sigma = 0.85$

chirality

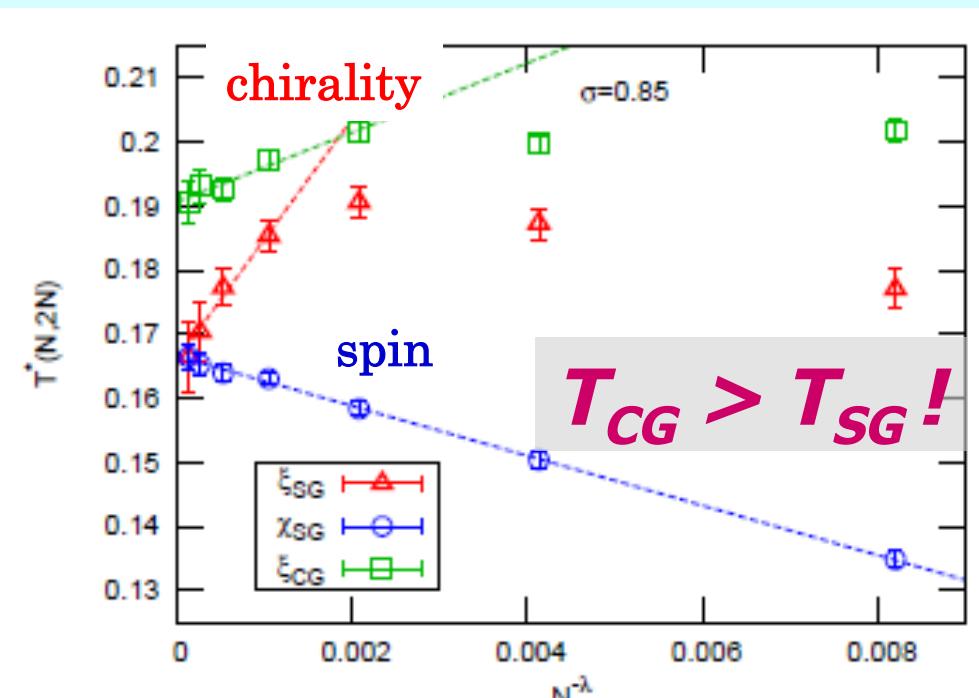


spin



Choose nonzero  $J_{ij}$   
with probability  $z \times p_{ij}$  ( $z=6$ )

$$p_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}^{-2\sigma}}{\sum_j (j \neq i) r_{ij}^{-2\sigma}},$$



## Summary

- \* An intriguing “spin-chirality decoupling” phenomenon occurs in Heisenberg-like SGs.
- \* SG (chiral-glass) ordered state of canonical SG might exhibit a 1-step-like RSB.
- \* Chirality scenario might solve the long-standing puzzles of experimental SG ordering.

***Chirality might be a missing link in spin glasses ?!***

