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# IMPURITY ENTANGLEMENT IN SPIN CHAINS

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$$S(r, R) = -\text{Tr} \rho_A \ln \rho_A$$

von Neumann Entropy  
(Renyi)

 Difficult to measure.

Klich, Levitov, PRL 102, 100502 (2009)

Song, Rachel, Le Hur, PRB 82, 012405 (2010)

Song, Flindt, Rachel, Klich Le Hur, PRB 83, 161408(R) (2011)

Song, Laflorencie, Rachel, Le Hur, PRB 83, 224410 (2011)

 Difficult for Numerics (Melko) easy for DMRG

 Area Law: Numerics Eisert, Cramer, Plenio, RMP 82, 277 (2010)

 Impurities

# OUTLINE

✿ Example Model

✿ Definition

✿ Gapless Systems: Kondo  
Impurities. Scaling, Screening  
Cloud.

✿ Intuitive Pictures:  
Impurity Valence Bonds (IVB)  
Single Particle Entanglement  
(SPE). Fixed Point  
Entanglement (FPE).

✿ Gapped Systems

✿ Boundary Fields  
(TFIM)

# A SPIN CHAIN MODEL

# EXAMPLE MODEL

## J1-J2 Spin Chain with Impurity

$$H = J'_K \left( \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + J_2 \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_3 \right) + \sum_{r=2}^{R-1} \vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r+1} + J_2 \sum_{r=2}^{R-2} \vec{S}_r \cdot \vec{S}_{r+2}$$

► Impurity: Boundary or Spin

Impurity  $J'_K$

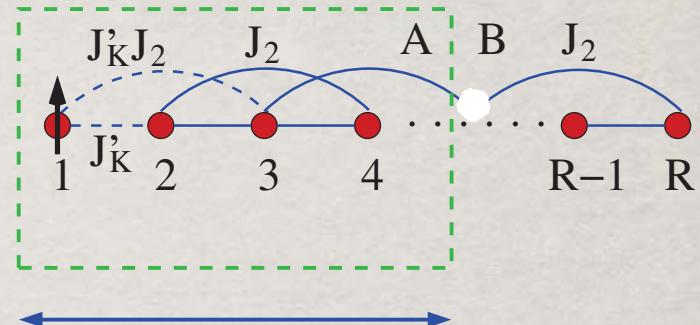
► For  $J_2 \leq J_2^c$  directly related to the Kondo Model

S Eggert, I Affleck, PRB 46, 10866 (1992).  
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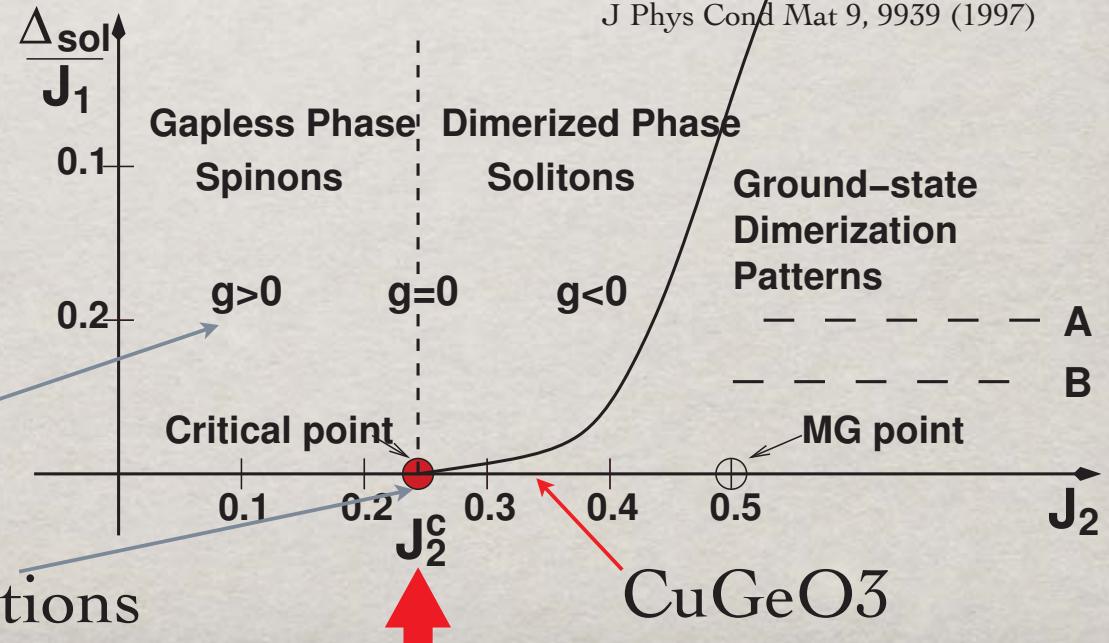
► Logarithmic corrections for  $J_2 < J_2^c$

Log Corrections

No Log Corrections



$J_2=0$ , Bethe Ansatz, Frahm, Zvyagin  
J Phys Cond Mat 9, 9939 (1997)



Cardy, Calabrese, JSTAT P06002 (2004)

S=1/2 spin chain with PBC:      **Critical Models**

$$S^{PBC}(r, R) = \frac{c}{3} \ln \left[ \frac{R}{\pi} \sin \left( \frac{\pi r}{R} \right) \right] + s_1$$

S=1/2 spin chain with OBC:

$$S_U(r, R) \simeq \frac{c}{6} \ln \left[ \frac{2R}{\pi} \sin \left( \frac{\pi r}{R} \right) \right] + \ln g + \frac{s_1}{2}$$

Non Universal Independent of BC

Affleck, Ludwig PRL 67, 161 (1991)

**Universal BC dependent** (thermodynamic impurity entropy)

Impurity entanglement entropy should exhibit Universality

# HOW TO DEFINE THE IMPURITY ENTANGLEMENT ?

# IMPURITY ENTANGLEMENT

The entanglement has both a uniform and an alternating part

$$S(r, R) = S_U(J'_K, r, R) + (-1)^r S_A(J'_K, r, R)$$

N. Laflorencie, ESS, M.-S. Chang, I Affleck, PRL 96, 100603 (2006).  
P. Calabrese, J. Cardy, J. Stat. Mech. (2010) P04023  
P. Calabrese, J. Stat. Mech. (2011) P01017

Then we can define the impurity entanglement as:

$$S_{imp} = S(\text{impurity}) - S(\text{no impurity})$$

$$S_{imp}(J'_K, r, R) \equiv S_U(J'_K, r, R) - S_U(1, r-1, R-1), \quad r > 1.$$

The entanglement from a system with one site removed is subtracted ! (Also an alternating part).



Only Impurity, Single Site Impurity Entanglement

$$s_{\text{imp}} \equiv S(l = 1, L)$$

$$s_{\text{imp}} = - \sum_{\pm} \left( \frac{1}{2} \pm m_{\text{imp}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1}{2} \pm m_{\text{imp}} \right), \quad m_{\text{imp}} = \langle S_1^z \rangle$$

Spin Boson Problem, NRG

Le Hur, PRL 98, 220401 (2007), Ann. Phys. 323, 2208



$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{\sum |\lambda_i| - 1}{2}$$

Eigenvalues of  $\rho_{CA}^{T_A}$

Only Impurity, Negativity

Sodano, Bose, Bayat, PRB 81 064429(2010), PRB 81 100412 (2010)

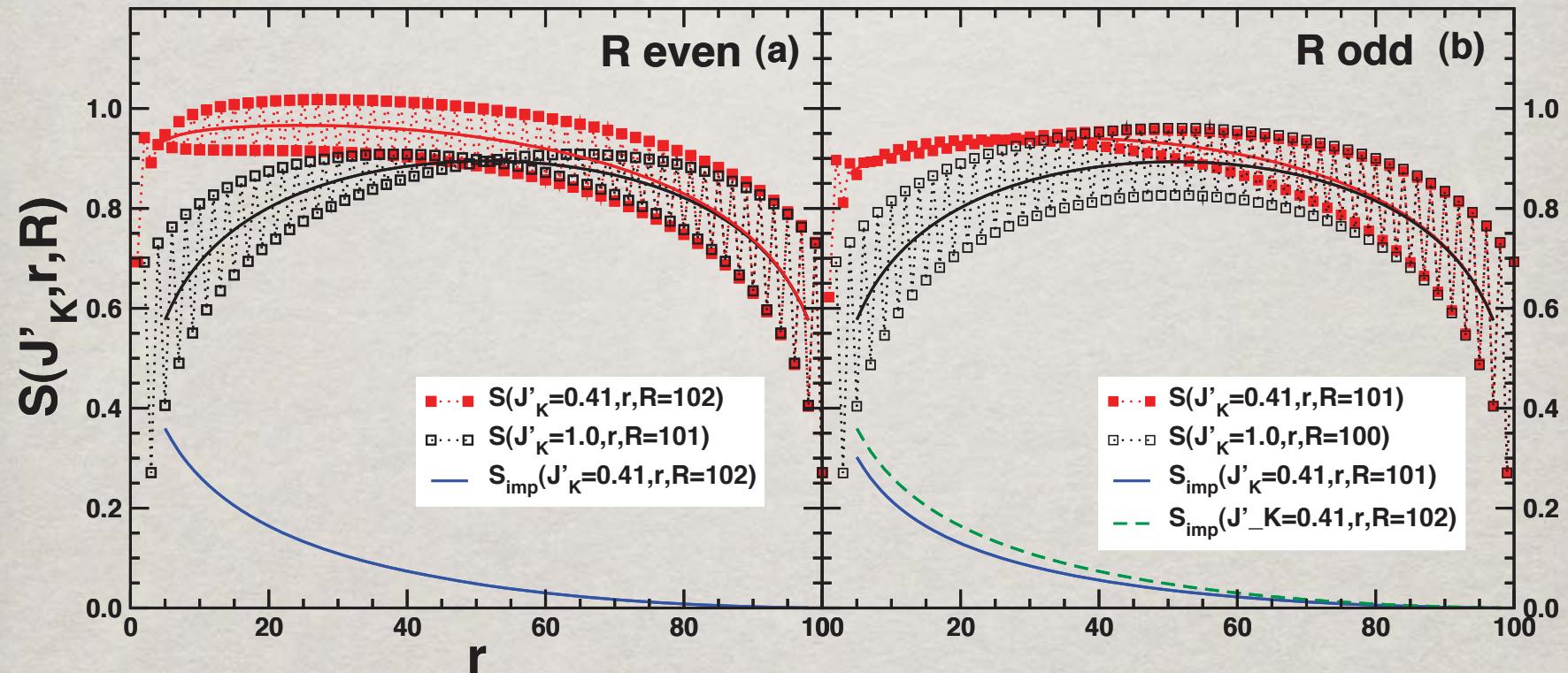


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Note that :  $S_{imp} \neq S(J'_K) - S(J'_K = 0)$

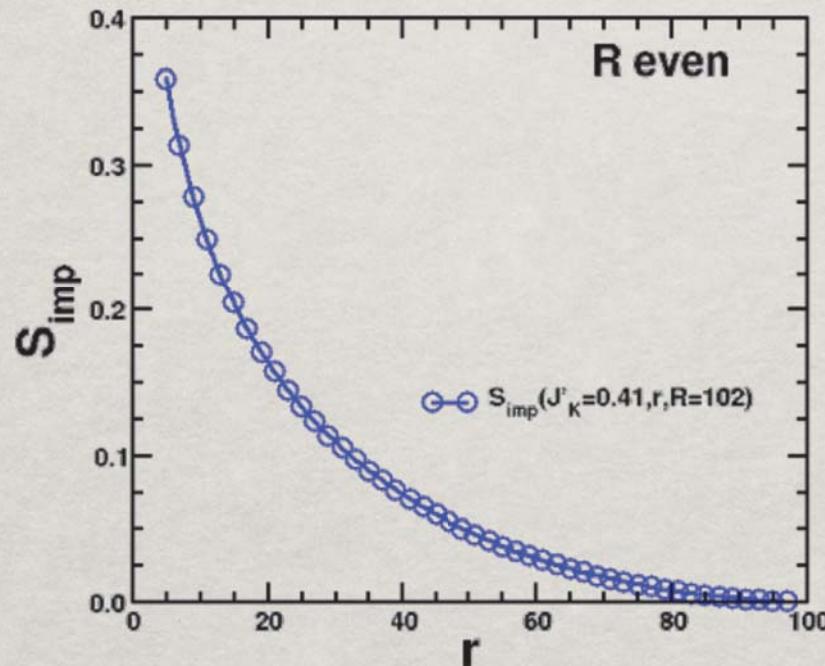
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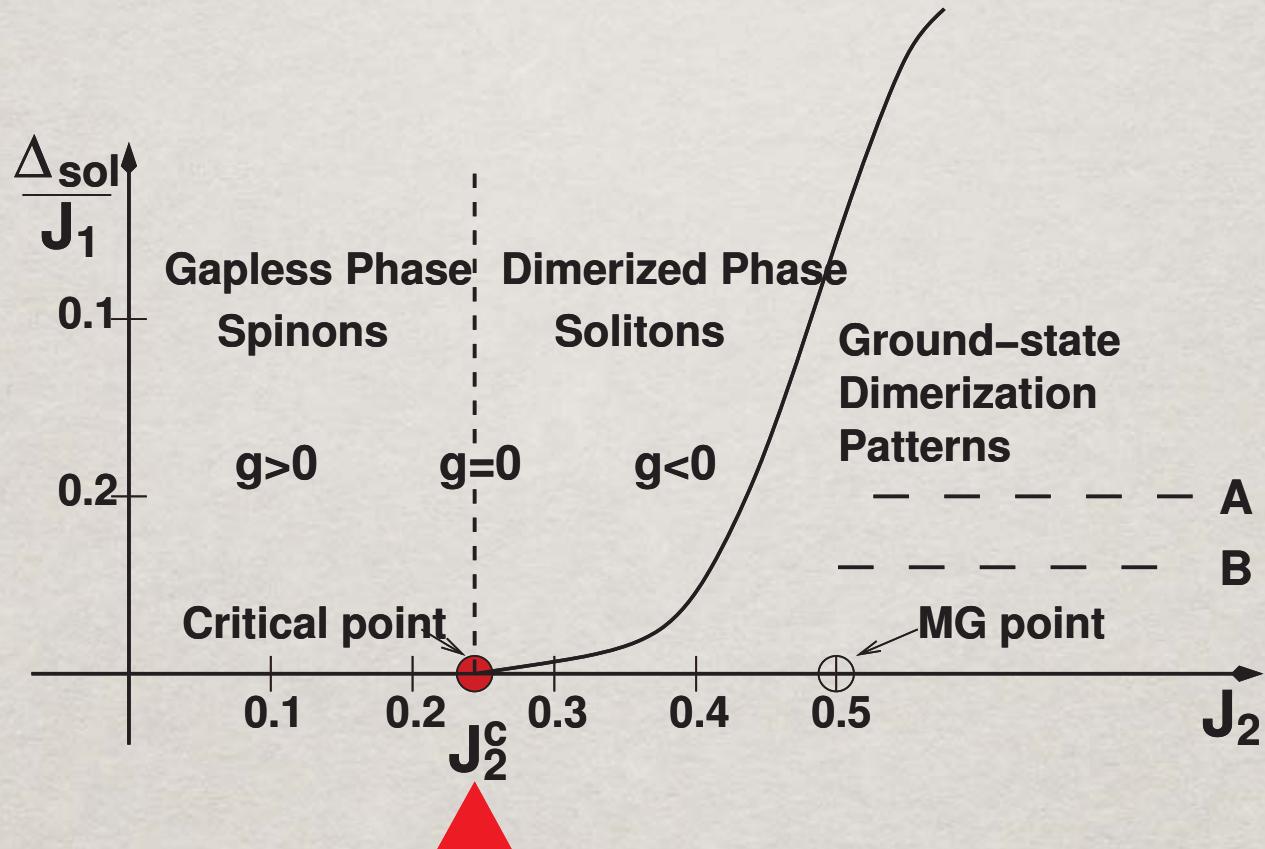
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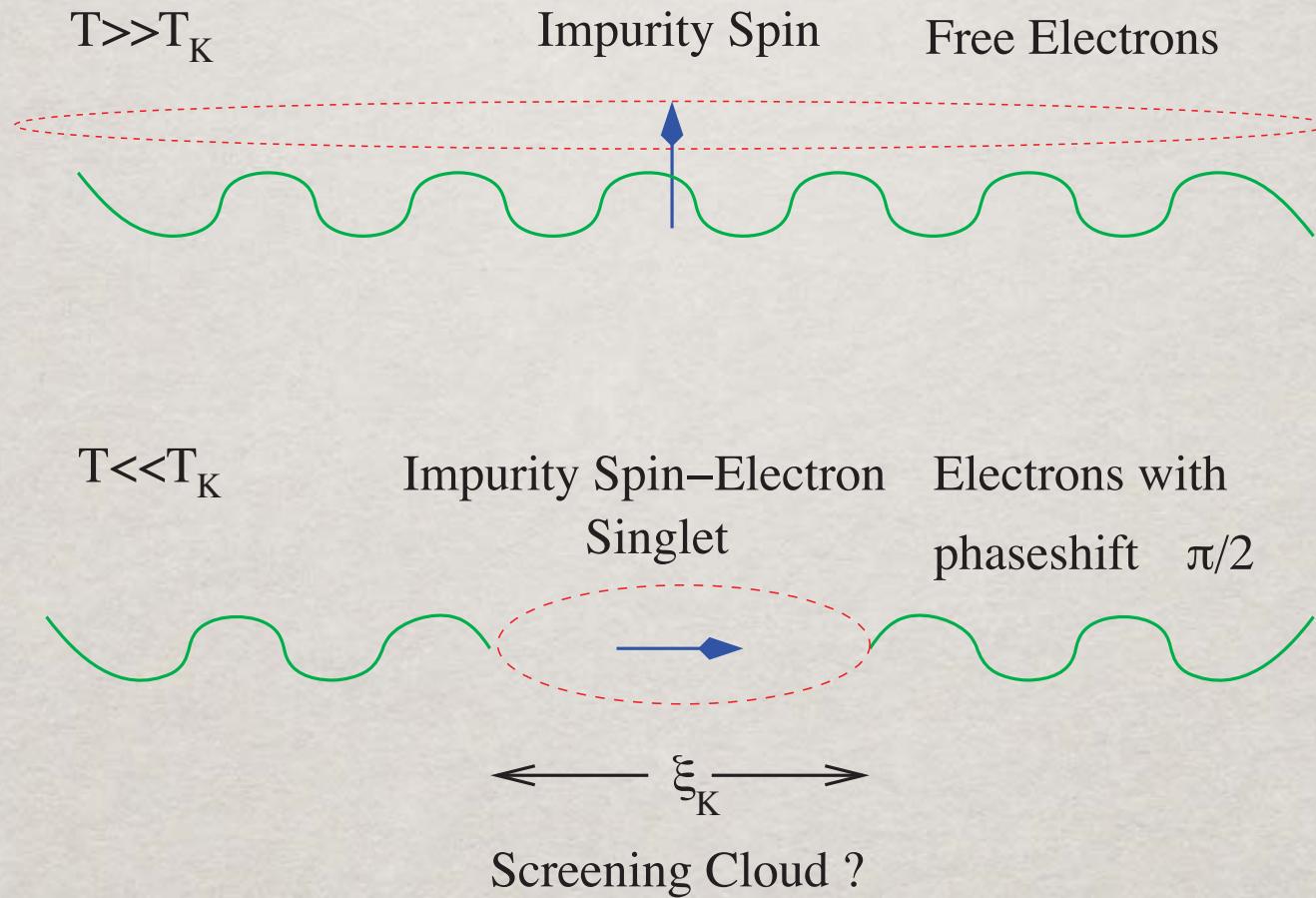
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# KONDO PHYSICS



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$$H = J_K \mathbf{S}_{\text{imp}} \cdot \psi_1^{\dagger\alpha} \frac{\sigma_\alpha^\beta}{2} \psi_1^\beta - t \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \left( \psi_i^{\dagger\alpha} \psi_{i+1,\alpha} + \psi_{i+1}^{\dagger\alpha} \psi_{i,\alpha} \right)$$

$$\xi_K \sim \frac{e^{a/J'_K}}{\sqrt{J'_K}}$$



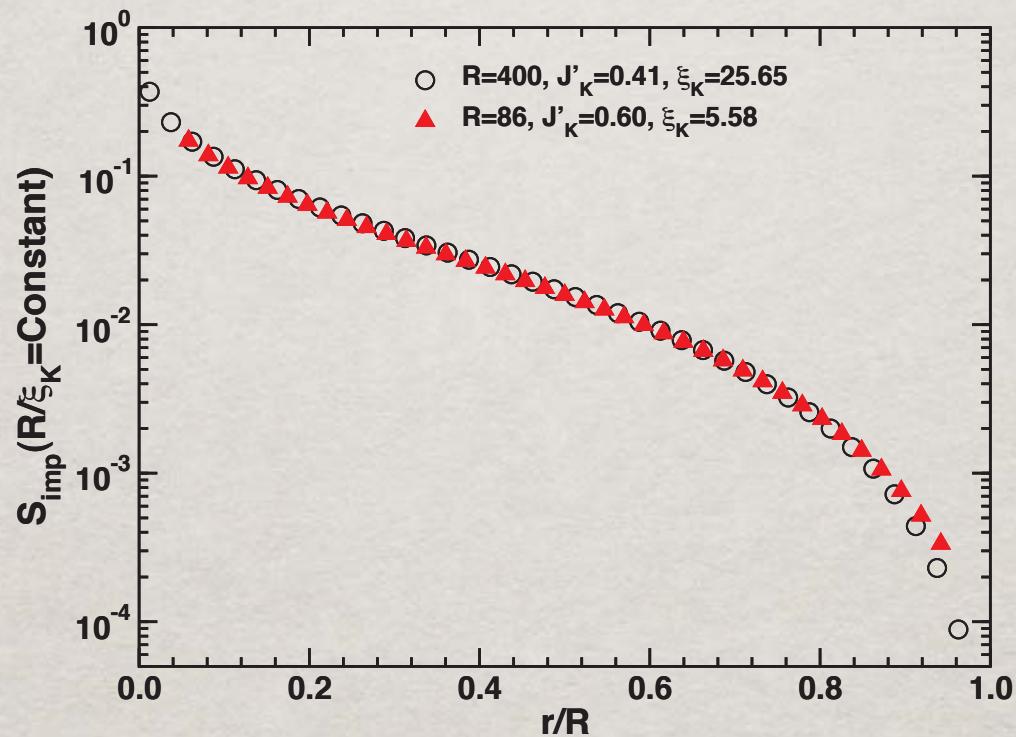
In the spin sector: Same low energy effective Hamiltonian

$$J_K \propto J'_K$$

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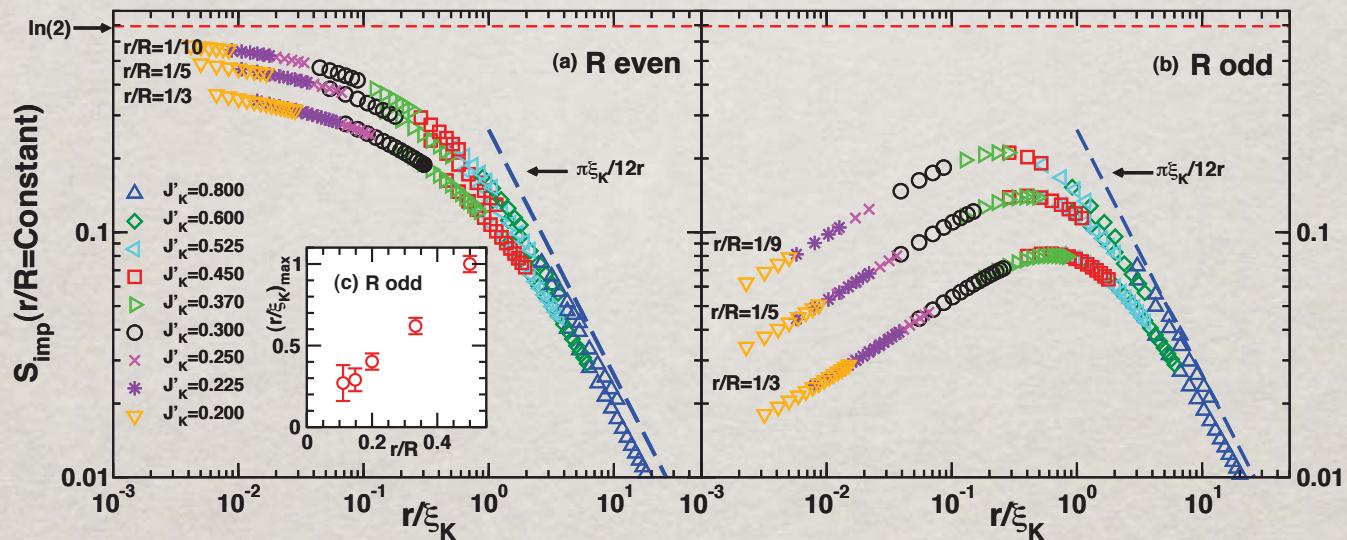
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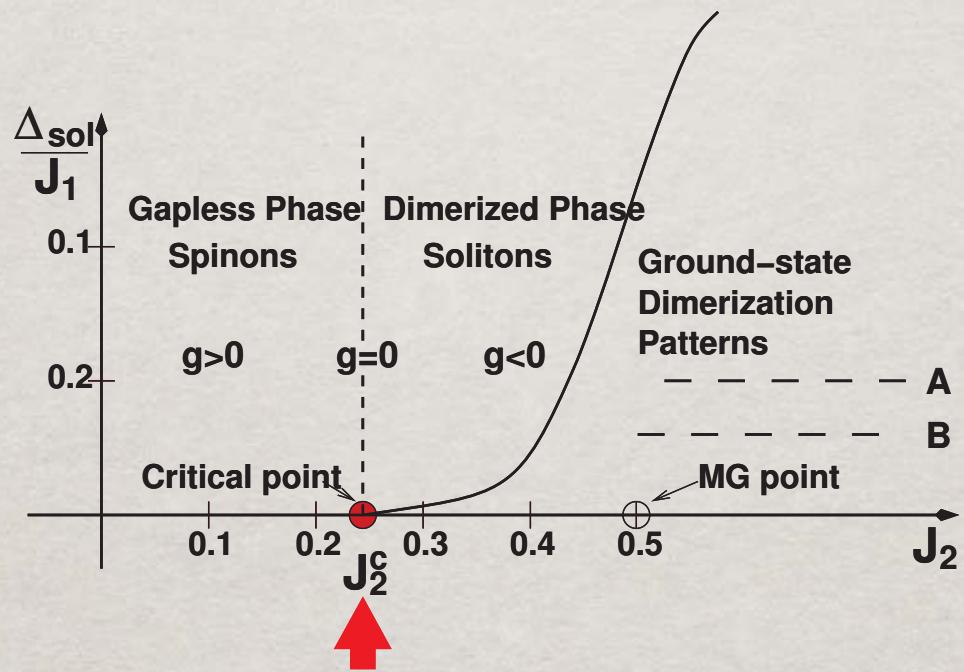
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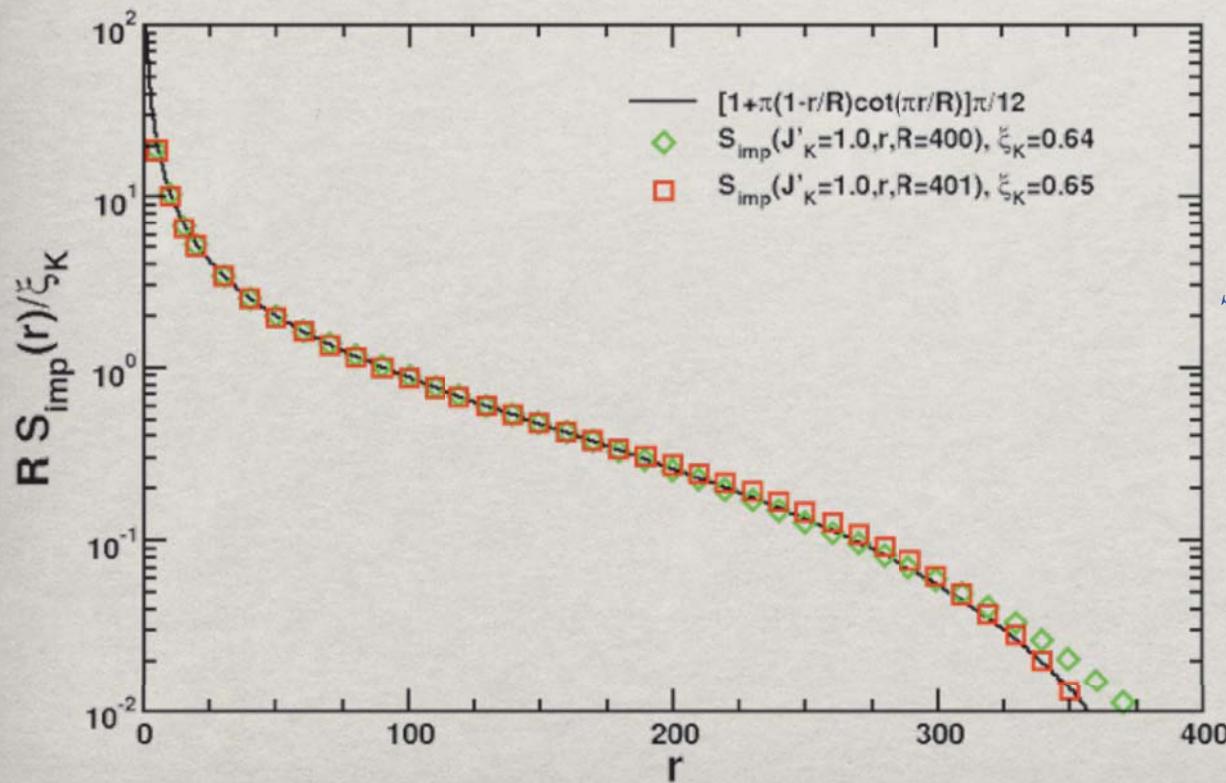
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Perturbation theory in:

Free Hamiltonian density for left-moving spin bosons

$$H_{int} = -(\pi\xi_K)\mathcal{H}_{s,L}(0)$$

$$S_{imp} = [\pi\xi_K/(12R)][1 + \pi(1 - r/R) \cot(\pi r/R)]$$



$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\pi\xi_K}{12r}}$$

$$S_{imp}(T) = [\pi^2\xi_K T/(6v)] \coth(2\pi r T/v) \\ T, v/r \ll T_K$$

$$S_{imp}(T) \rightarrow c_{imp}(T) \quad rT \gg v$$

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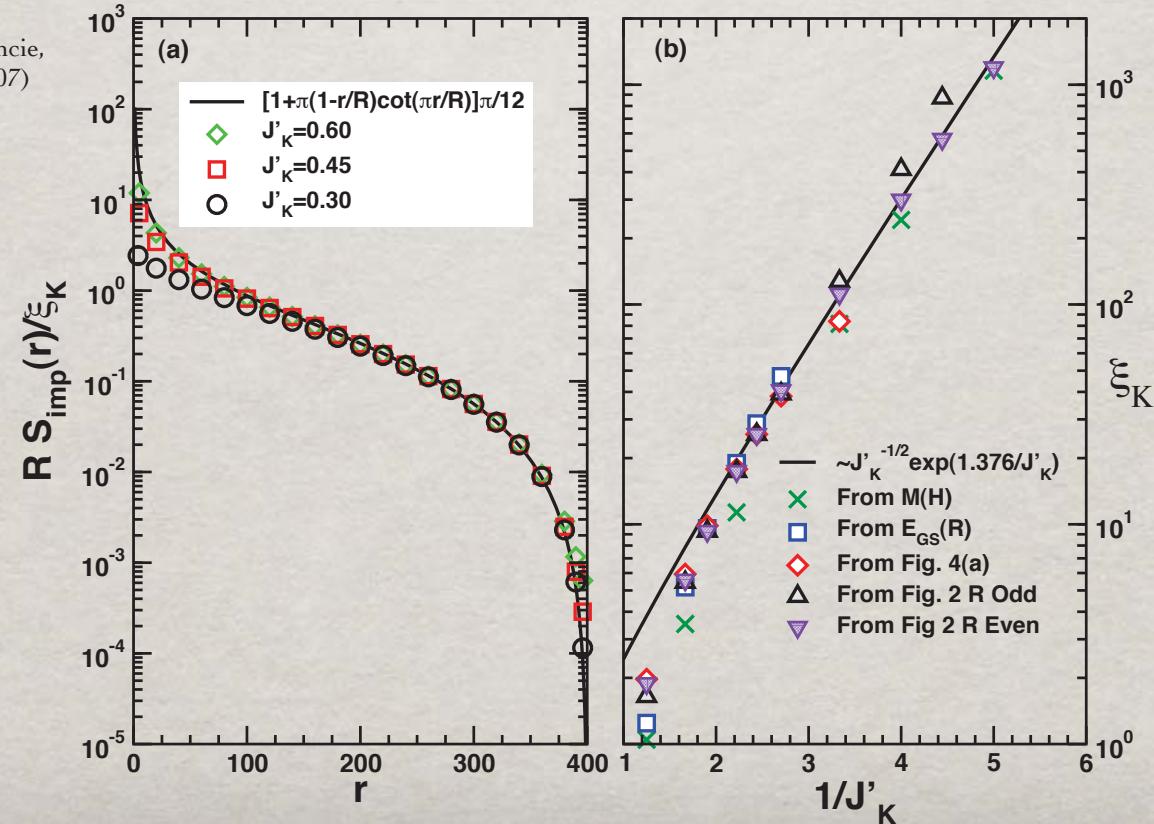
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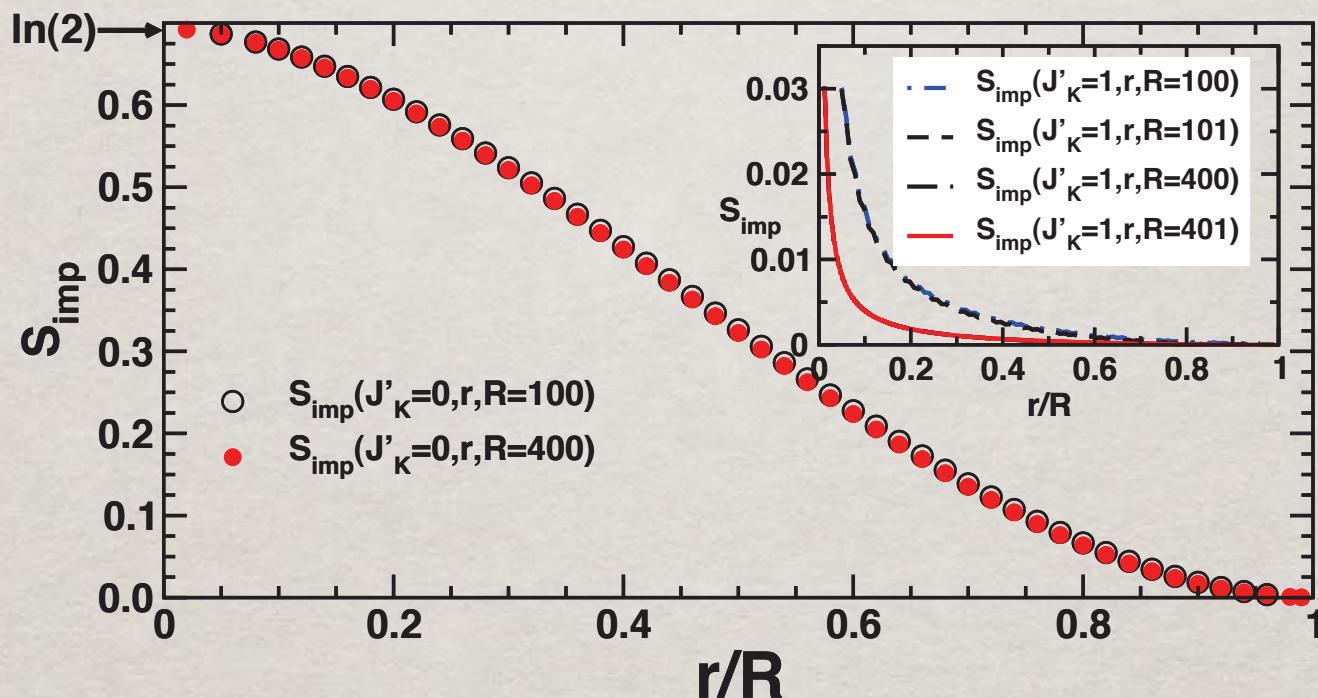
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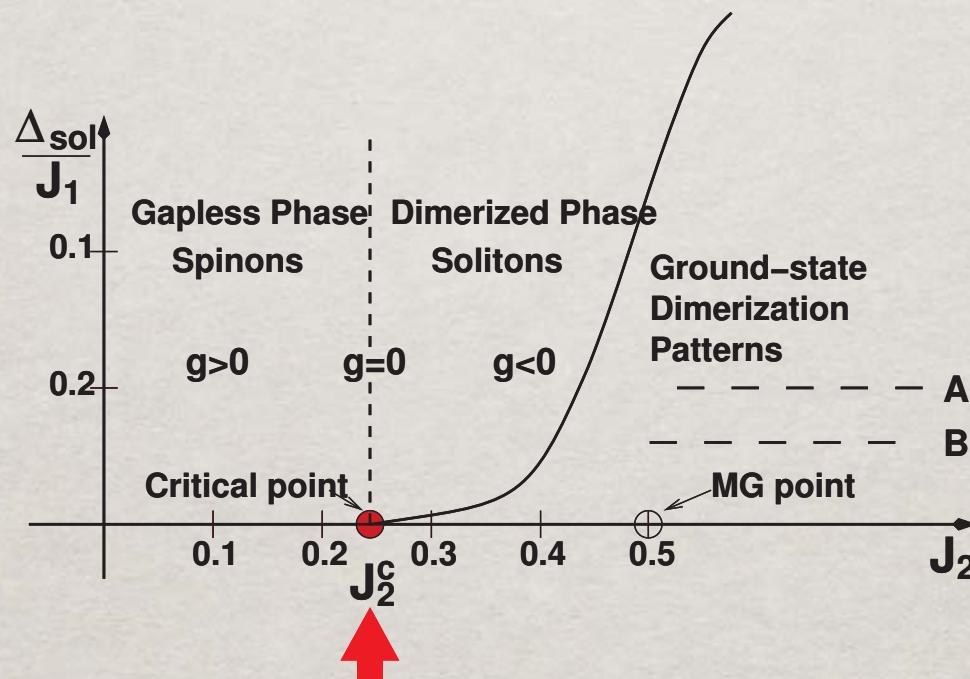
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# HOW CAN THIS BE NON-ZERO ?

Start with singlet ground-state

$$|\psi\rangle = (1/\sqrt{2})[| \uparrow\rangle | \downarrow\rangle - | \downarrow\rangle | \uparrow\rangle]$$

The density matrix for the entire system:

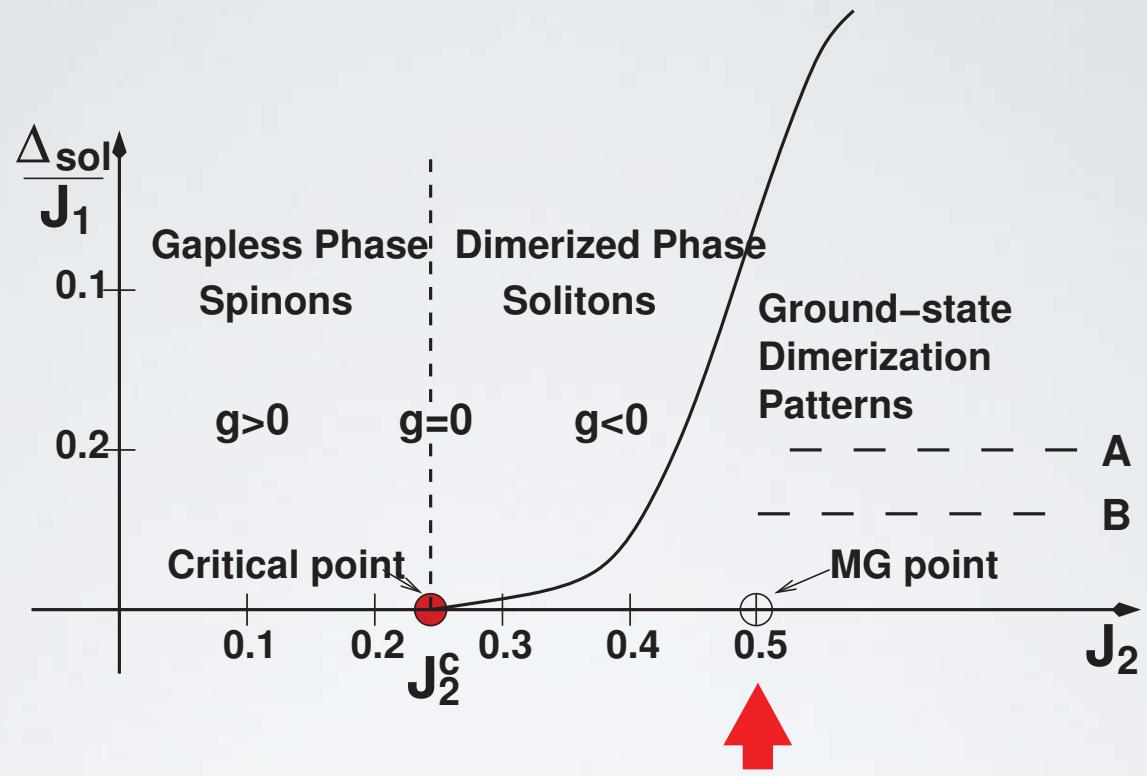
$$\rho_P \equiv |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \frac{1}{2} \left[ | \uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow | \otimes | \downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow | + | \downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow | \otimes | \uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow | - | \uparrow\rangle\langle\downarrow | \otimes | \downarrow\rangle\langle\uparrow | - | \downarrow\rangle\langle\uparrow | \otimes | \uparrow\rangle\langle\downarrow | \right]$$

Do partial trace:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow} & -\rho_{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ -\rho_{\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow} & \rho_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} \end{pmatrix}.$$

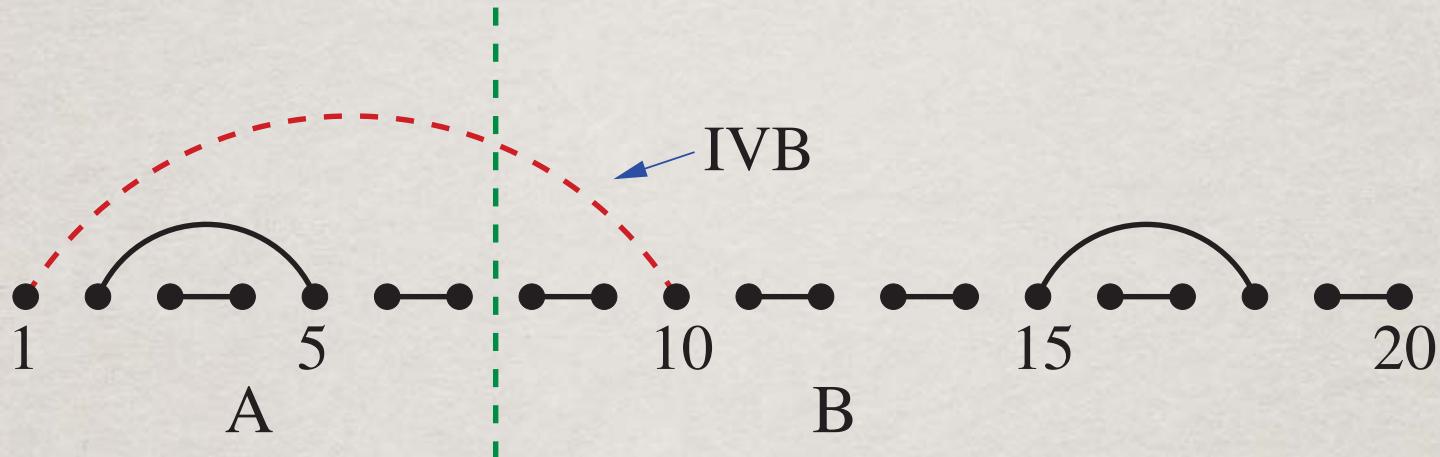
Defined on sites 2,3...R

# CAN WE UNDERSTAND THIS ?



# GAPPED SYSTEMS

# IMPURITY VALENCE BOND



When a singlet (IVB) is cut by the boundary we get  $\ln(2)$

$$S_{imp} = (1 - p) \ln 2$$

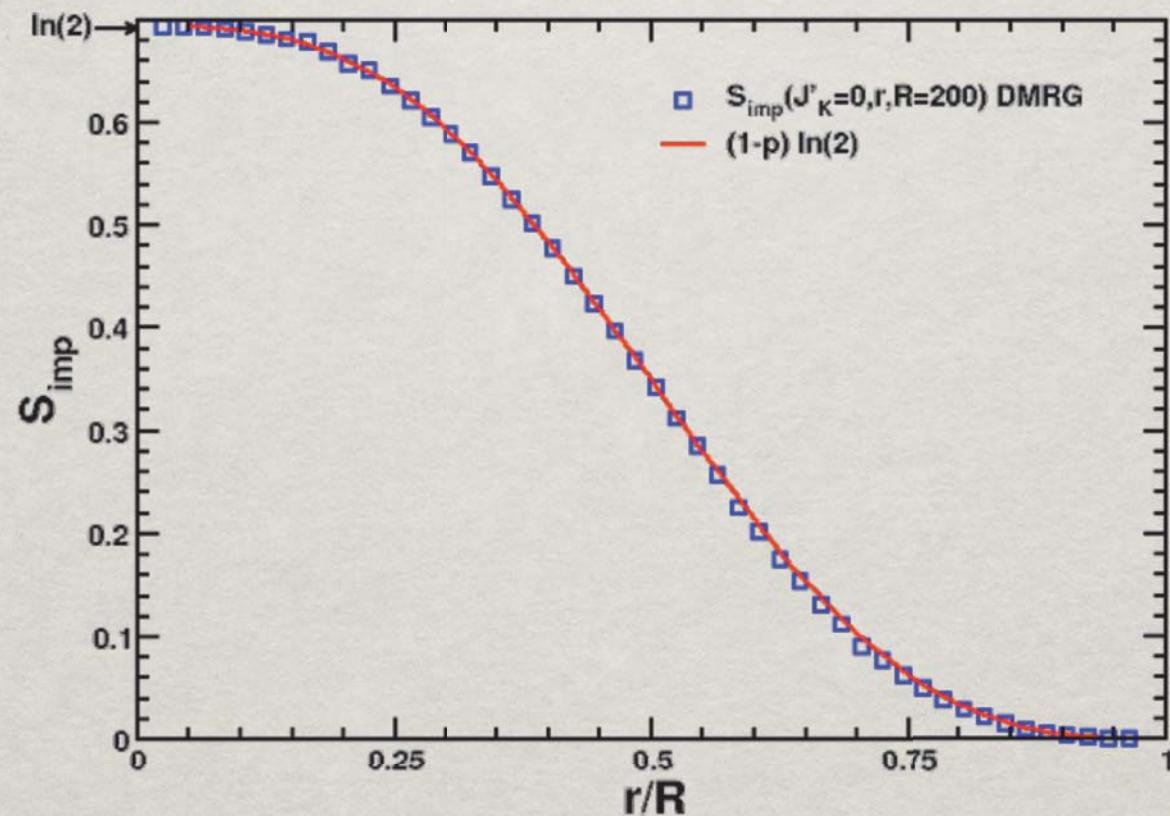
G. Refael, J. E. Moore, PRL 93, 260602 (2004).  
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$p$  is the probability that the IVB is in part A

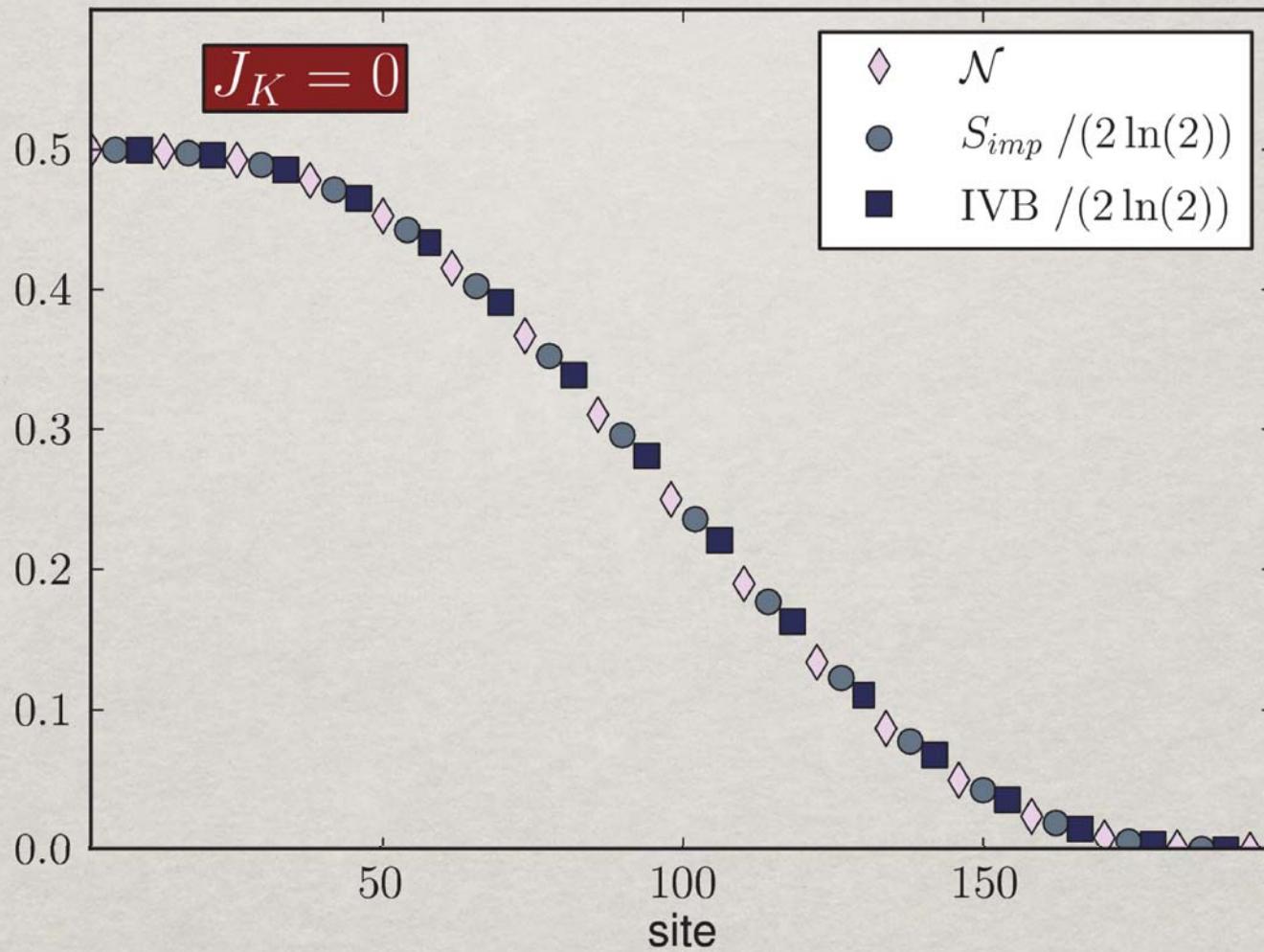
$$p = \int_A |\Psi(x)|^2 dx, \quad \Psi(x) \sim \sin(\pi x/L)$$

Where  $\Psi(x)$  is the wavefunction with a single **Soliton** (L odd)

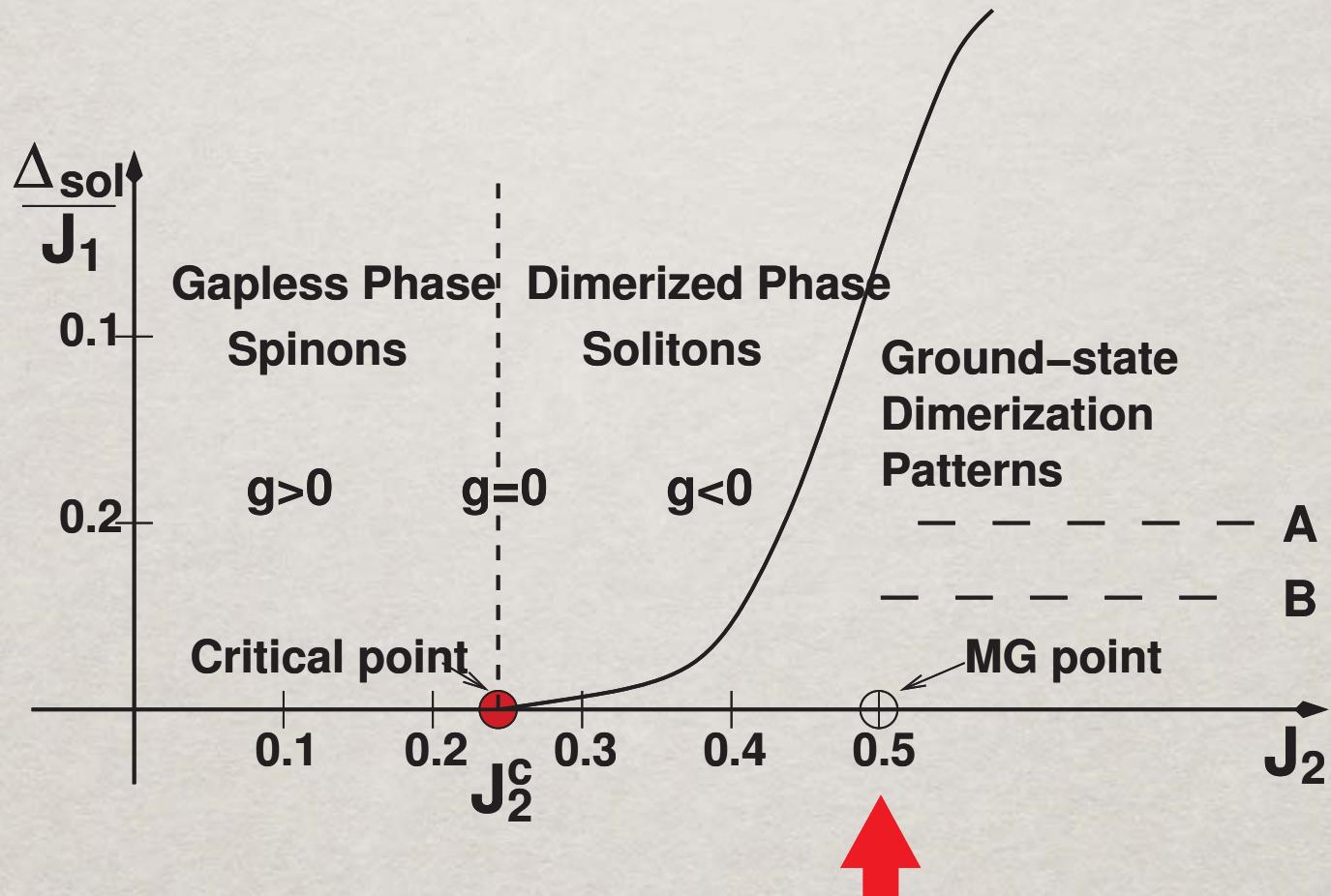
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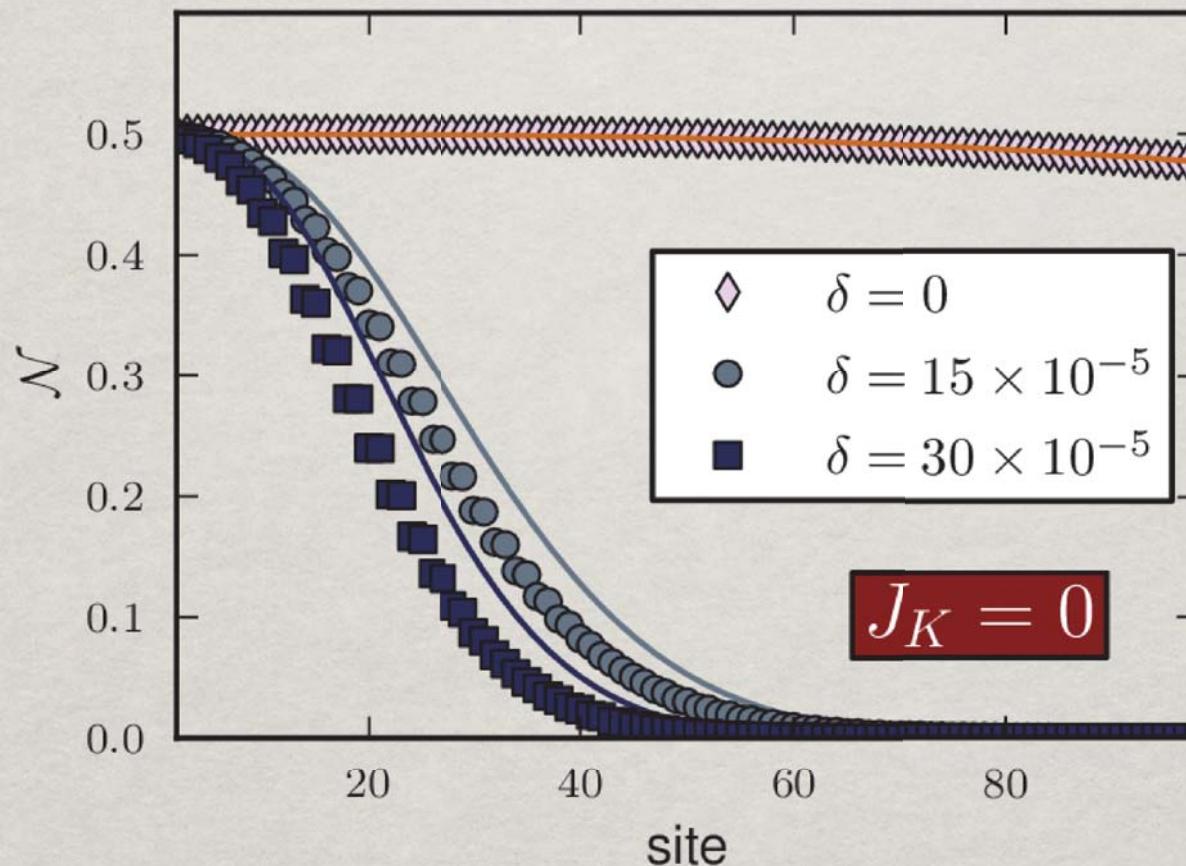
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# NON-ZERO DIMERIZATION



# SINGLE PARTICLE ENTANGLEMENT

Consider tight binding model with a single particle

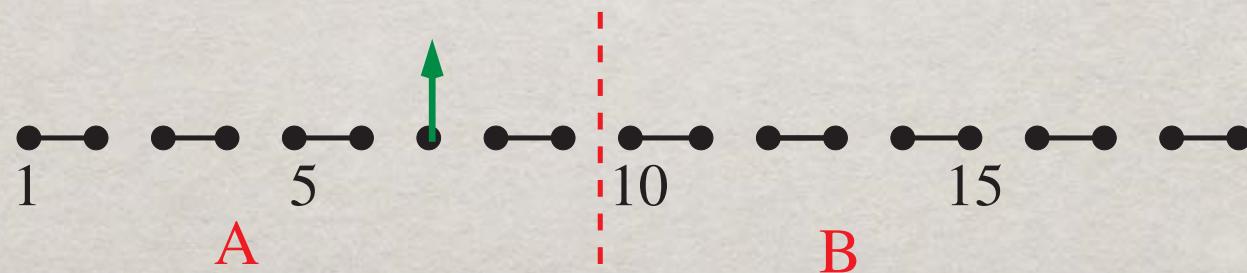
$$\rho_A = p|1\rangle\langle 1| + (1 - p)|0\rangle\langle 0|$$

Where  $|1\rangle$  is the state with the particle in A

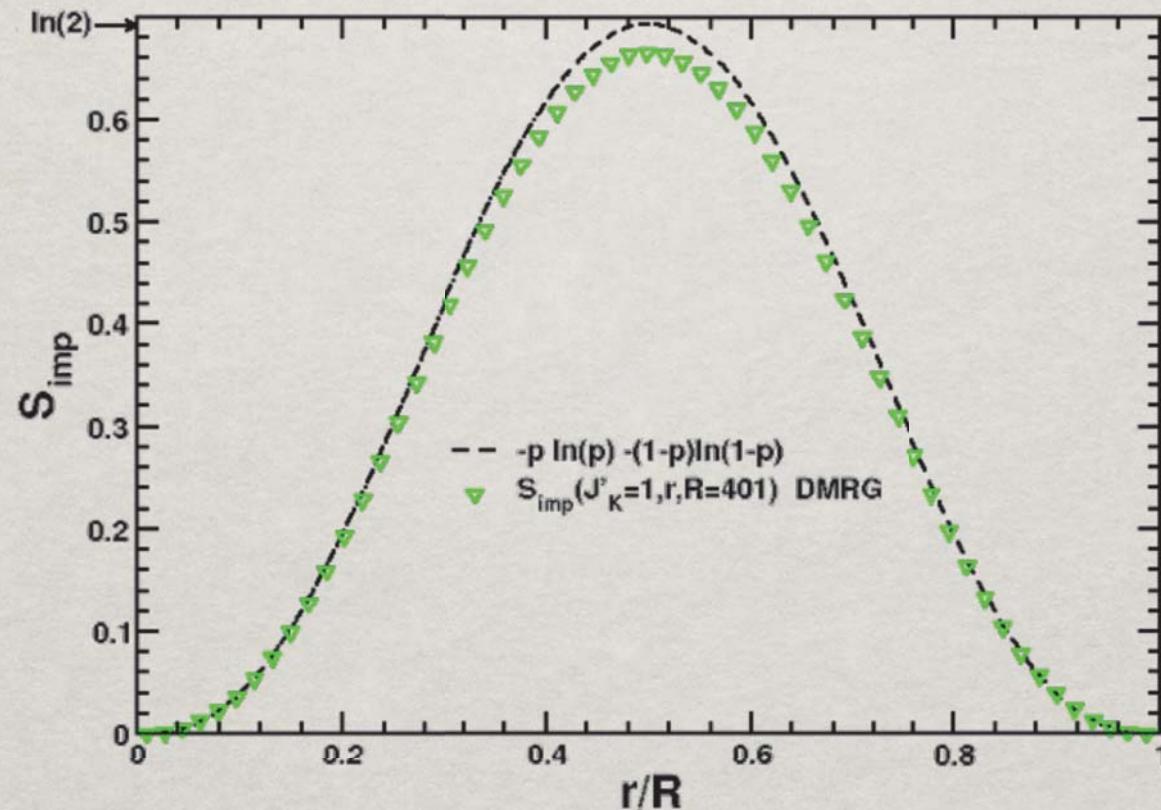
Then we get:

$$S_{\text{SPE}} = -p \ln p - (1 - p) \ln(1 - p)$$

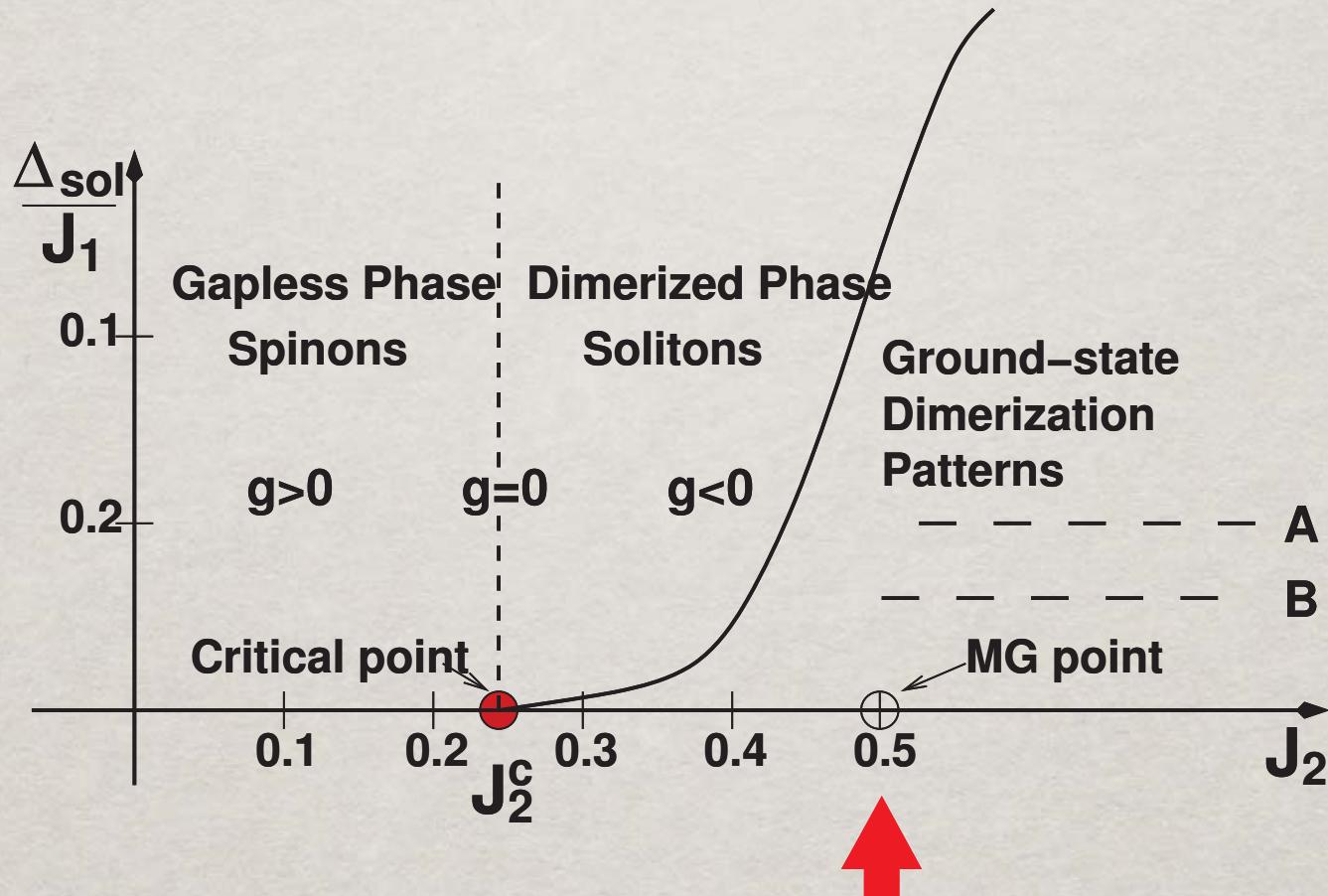
For R odd and  $J'_K = 1$  a soliton is present we use this:



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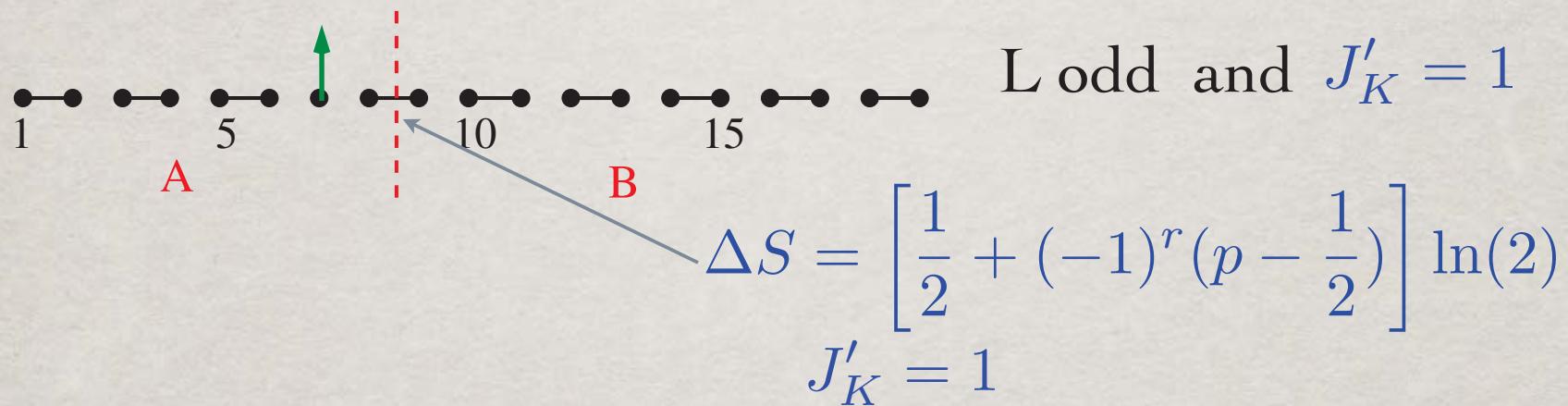


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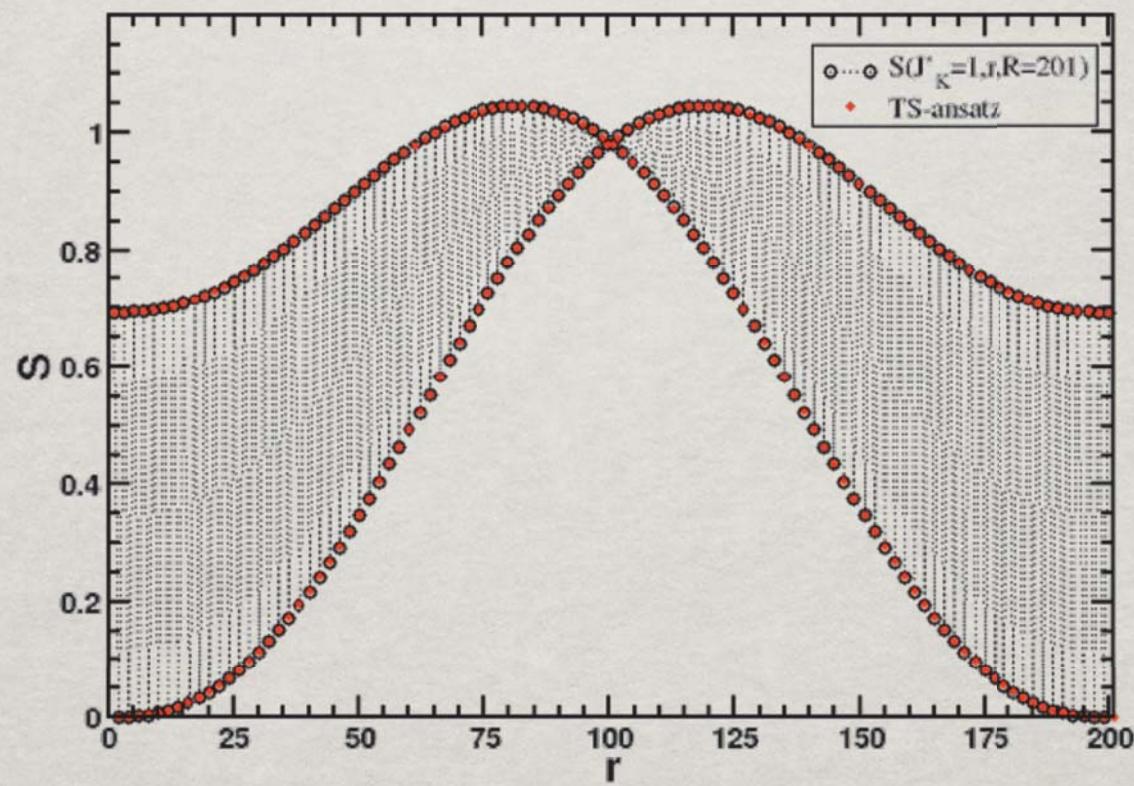
For the *total* entanglement there's an additional term:



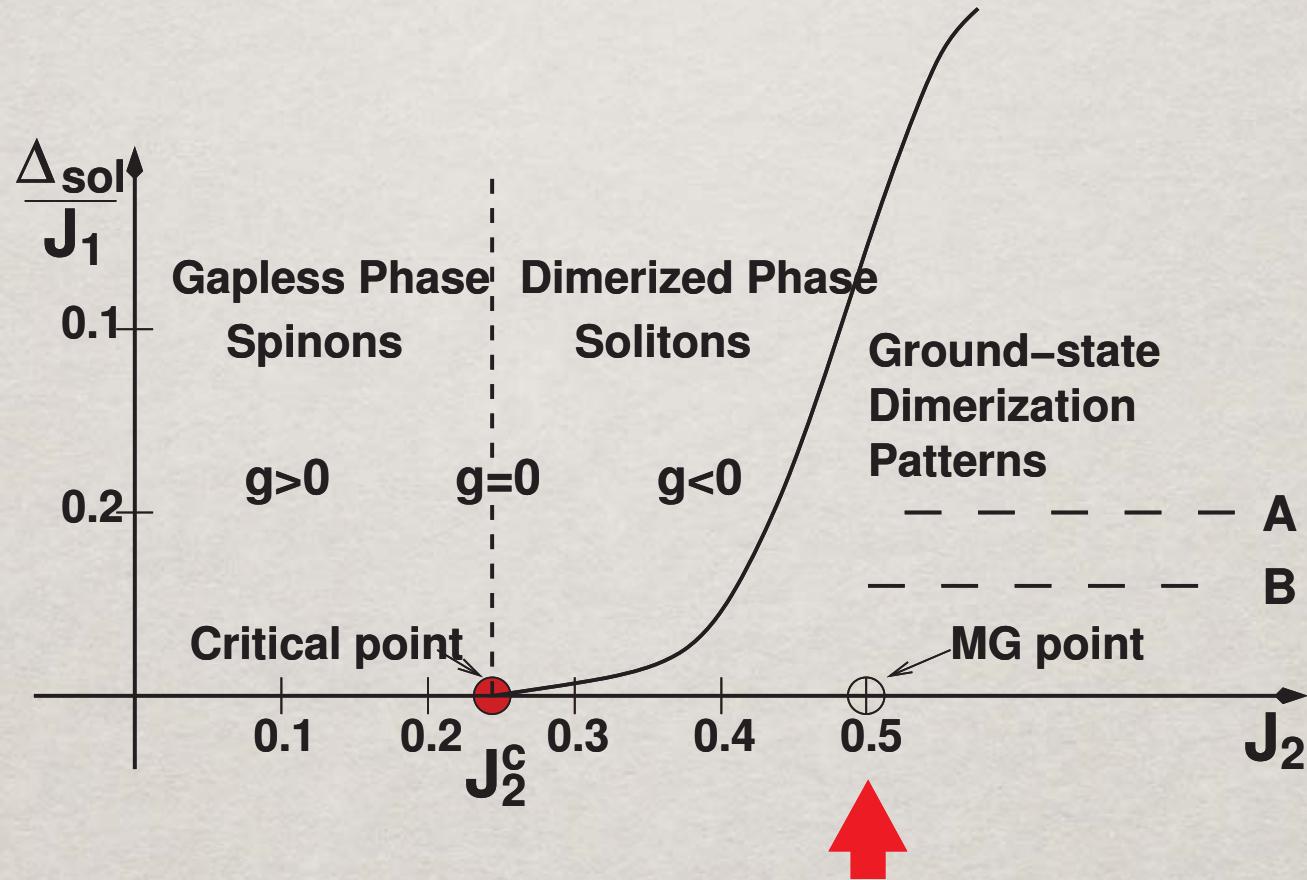
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$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= S_{\text{SPE}} + \Delta S \\
 &= p \ln p - (1-p) \ln(1-p) + \left[ \frac{1}{2} + (-1)^r \left( p - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \ln(2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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# SOLITON ANSATZ AT J2=J/2

Thin soliton state:  $|n\rangle \equiv | \overbrace{- \dots -}^n \uparrow - \dots - \rangle$

Orthogonal TS-ansatz

Variational Ansatz:  $|\Psi_{TS}^\uparrow\rangle \simeq \sum_{n=0}^{N_d} \psi_n^{sol} |n\rangle$

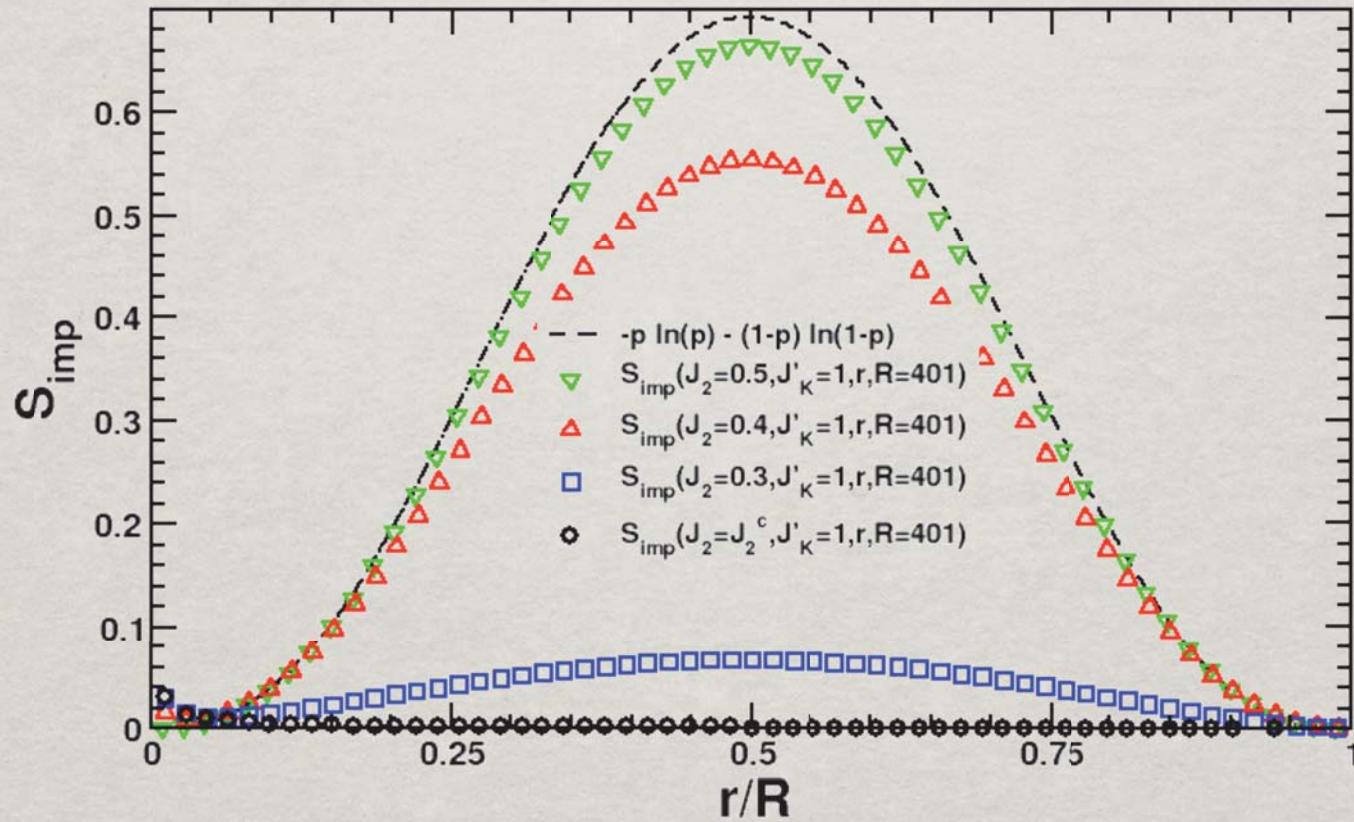
$$|\Psi_{TS}^\uparrow\rangle = \sum_{i,j=0}^3 C_{i,j} |\psi_i\rangle |\phi_j\rangle \quad \text{R odd } J'_K = 1$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{r-1}{2}} \psi_n^{sol} | \overbrace{- \dots -}^n \uparrow - \dots - \rangle |\phi_1\rangle = | \overbrace{- - - \dots - - -}^{\frac{R-r}{2}} \rangle$$

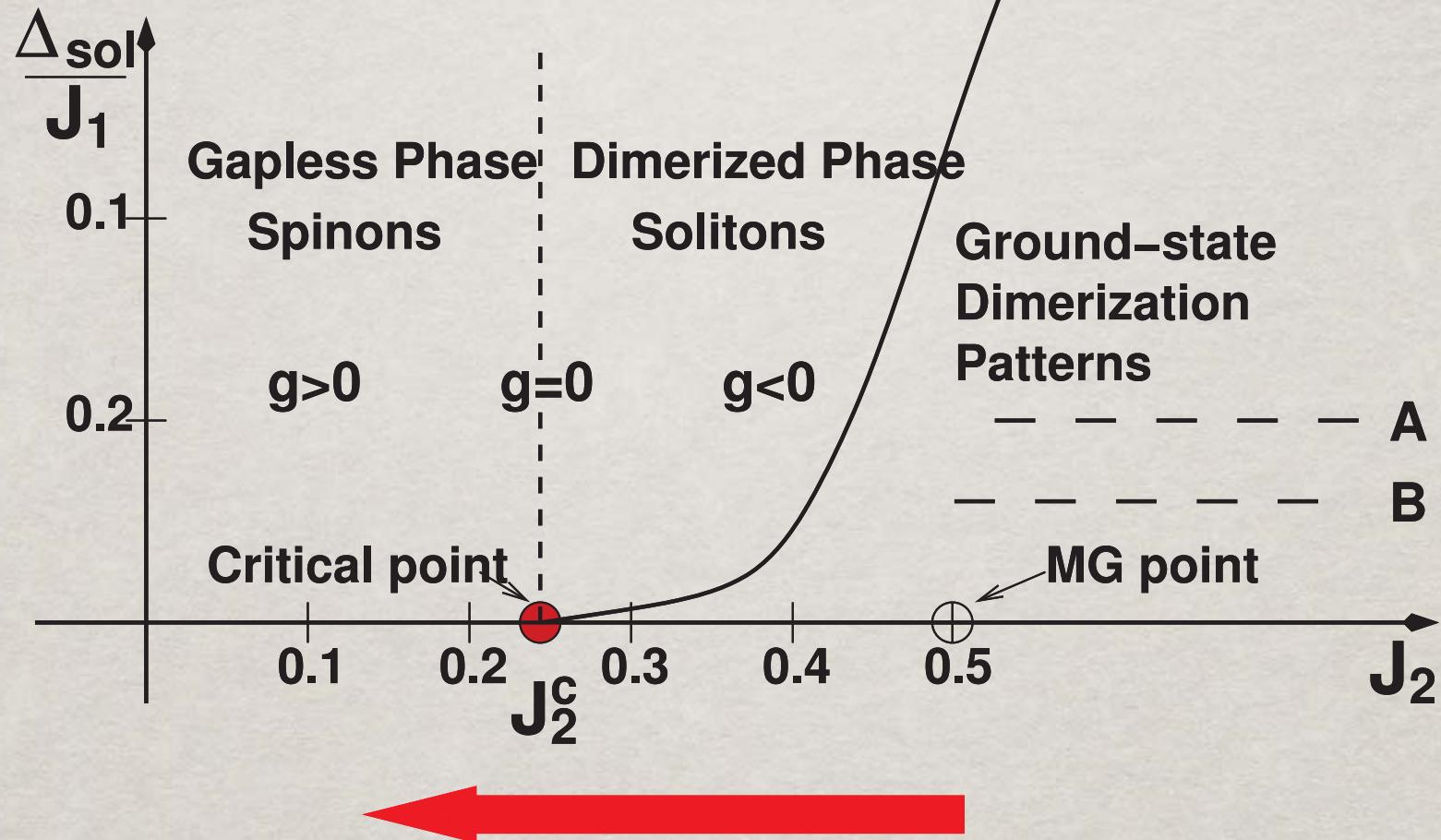
$$|\psi_2\rangle = | \overbrace{- - - \dots - - -}^{\frac{r-1}{2}} \uparrow \rangle |\phi_2\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{R-r}{2}-1} \psi_{\frac{r+1}{2}+n}^{sol} | \downarrow \overbrace{- \dots -}^n \uparrow - \dots - \rangle$$

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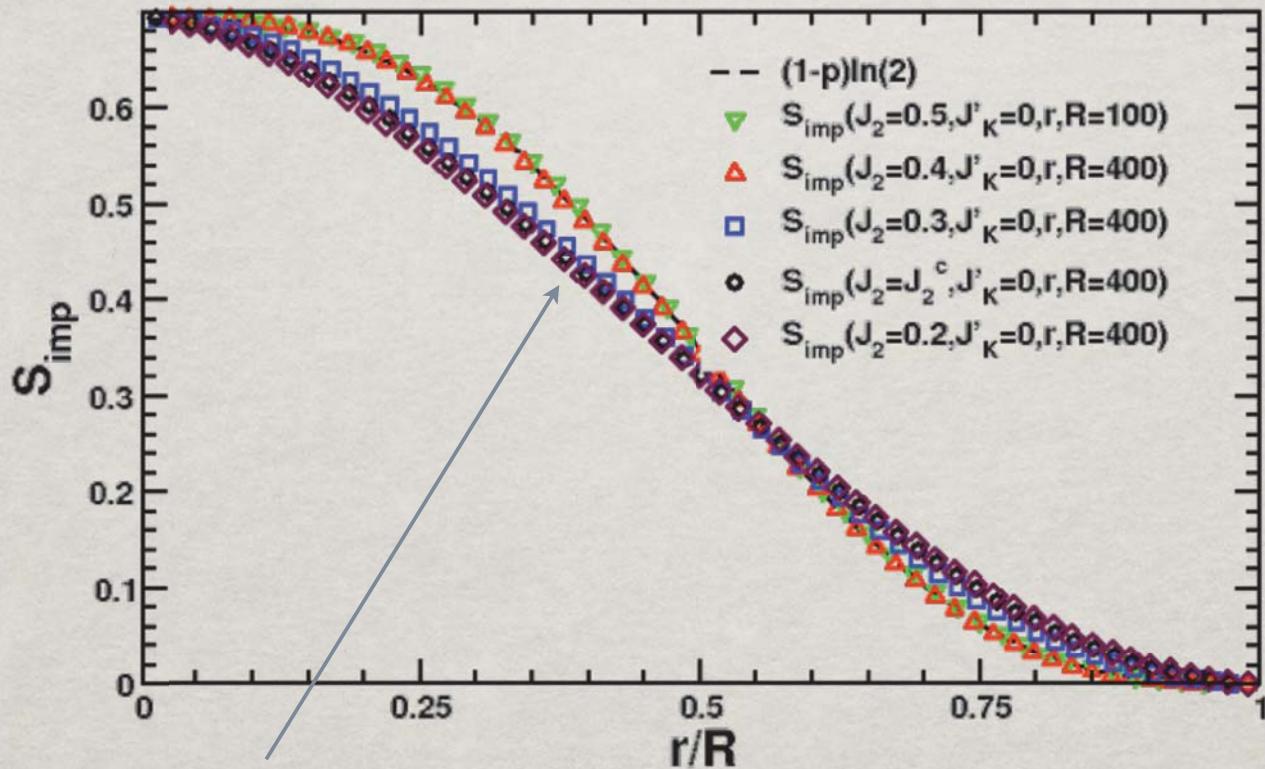
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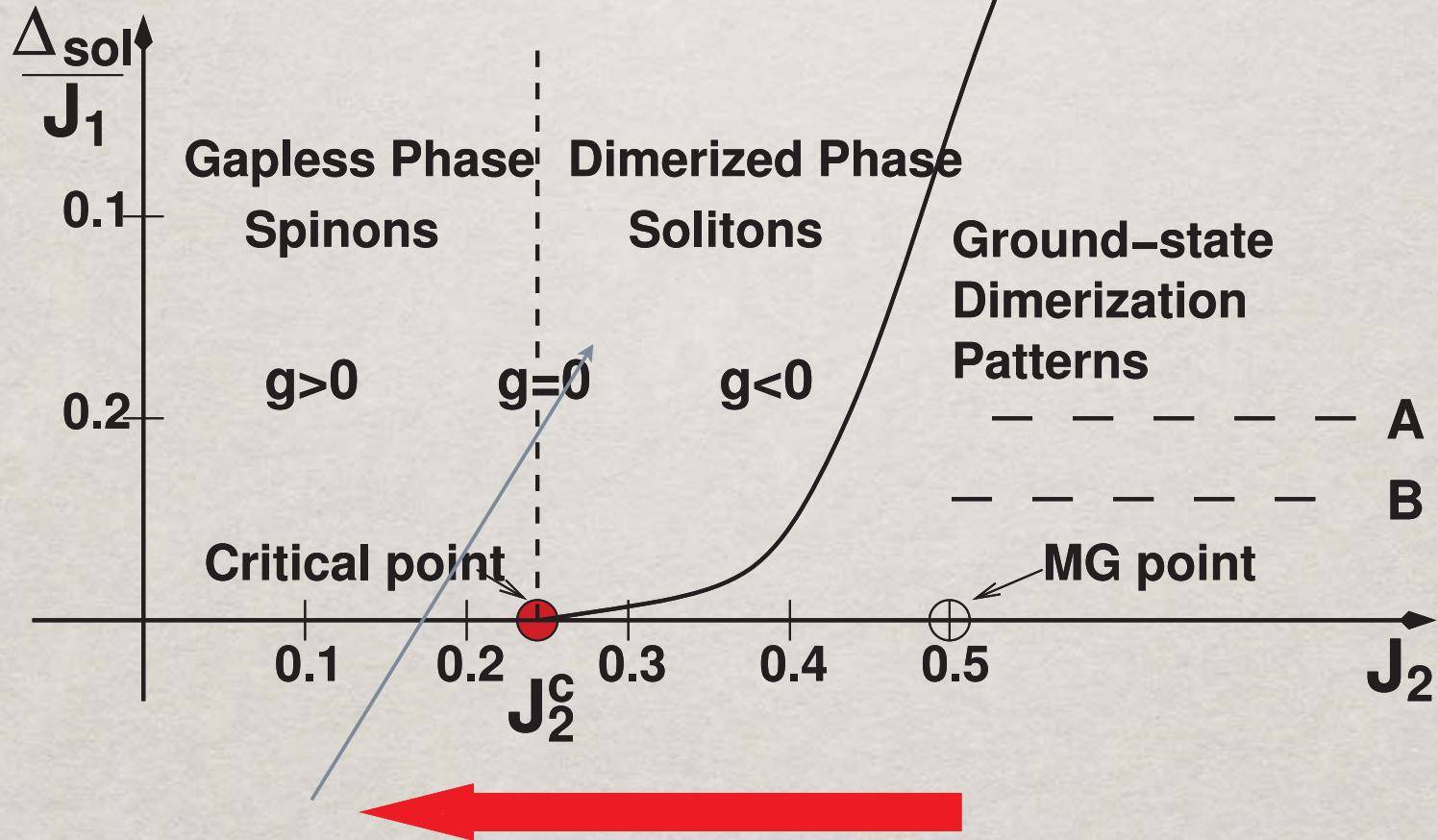


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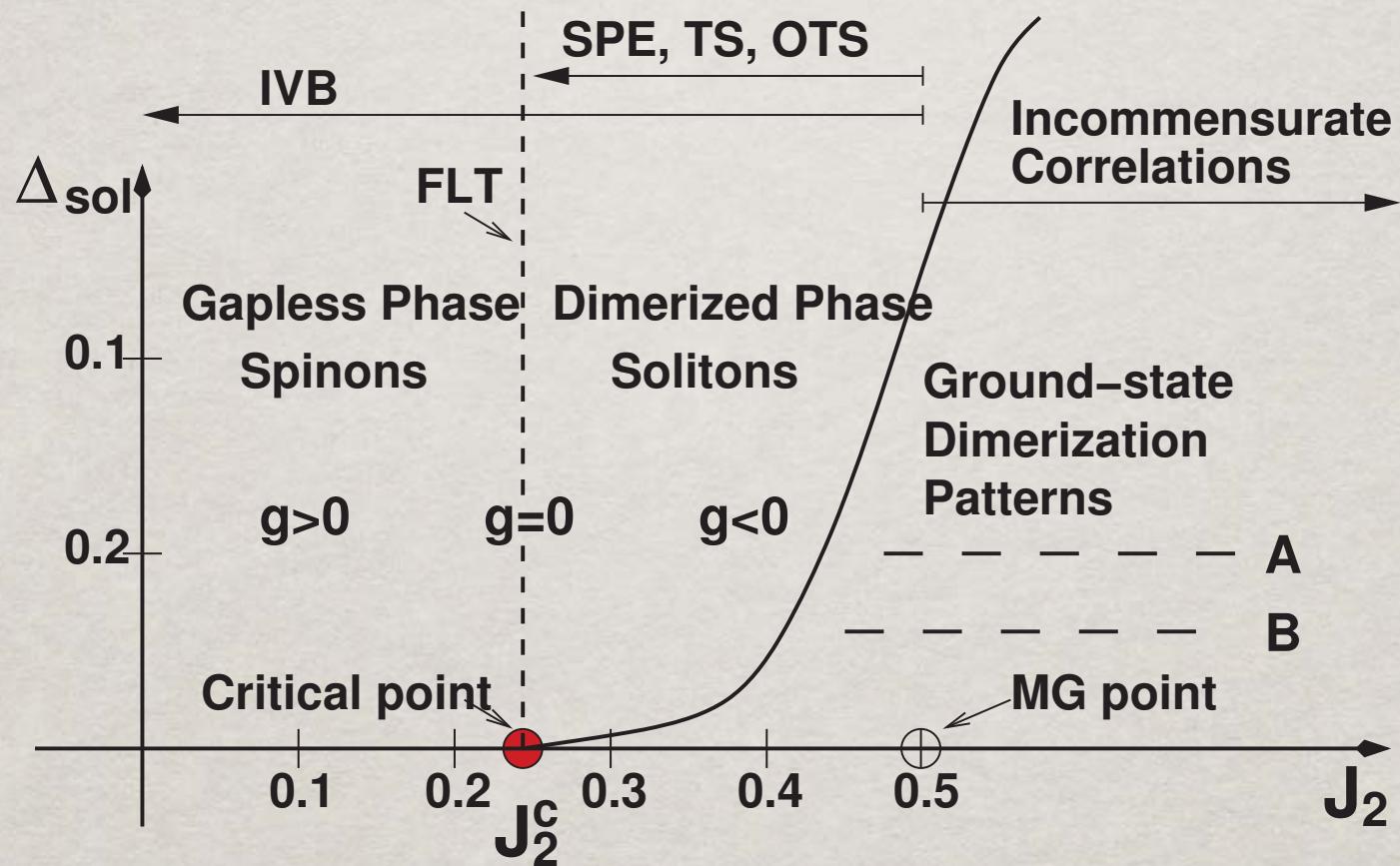
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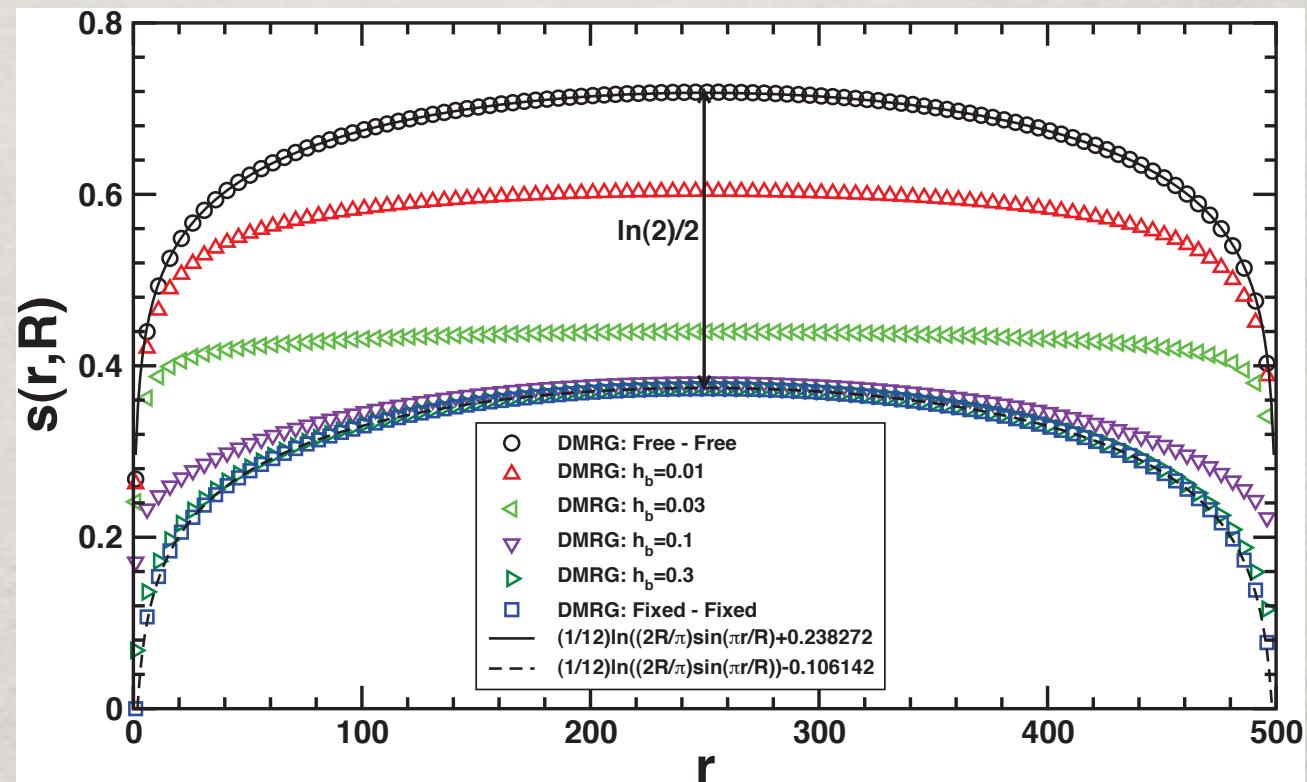
# INTUITIVE PICTURE



# OTHER IMPURITY ENTANGLEMENT

# BOUNDARY FIELDS

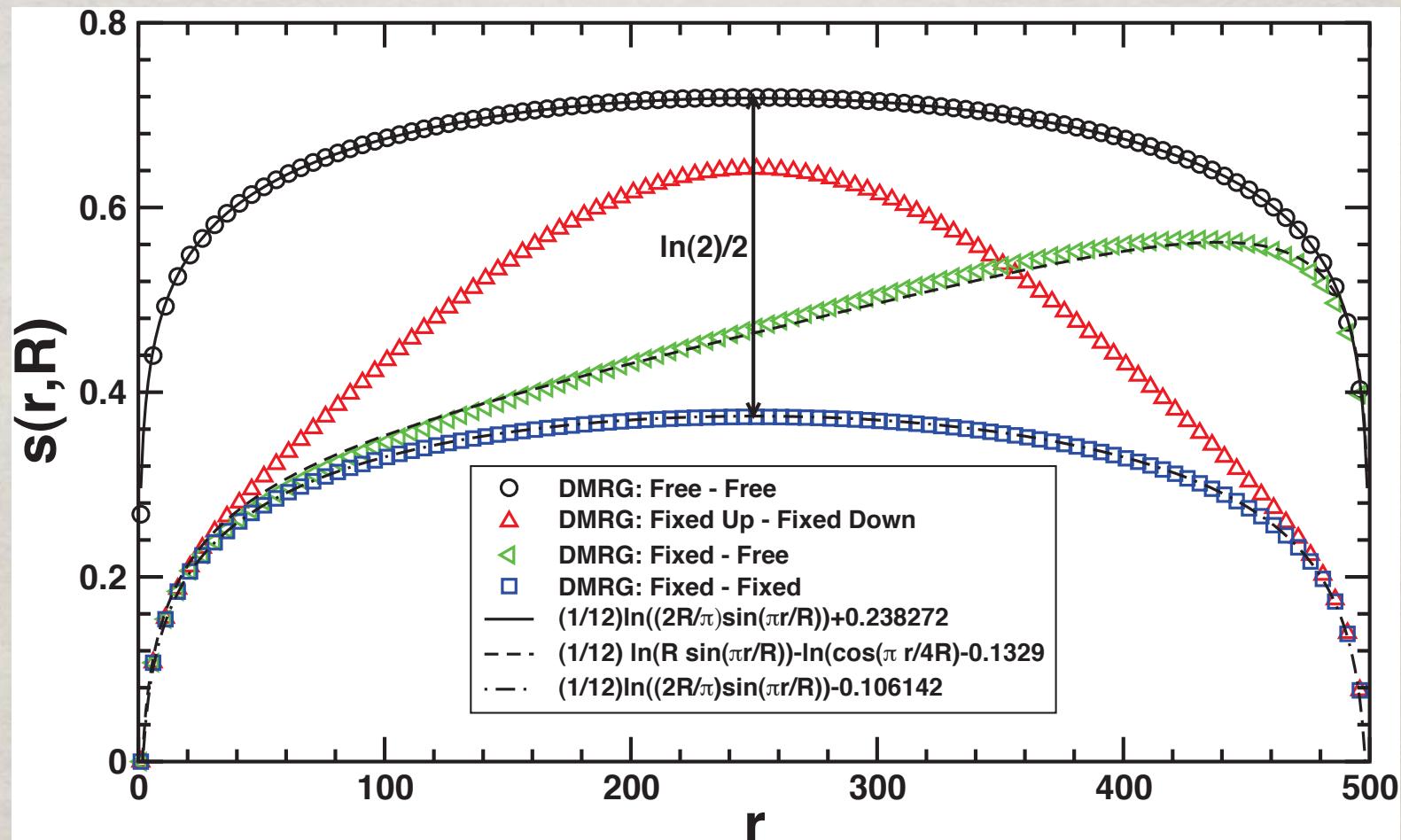
Critical TFIM



Zhou, Barthel, Fjaerestad, Schollwock, PRA 84 050305

$g=1$  free,  $g=1/\sqrt{2}$  fixed

# BOUNDARY FIELDS



# THANKS

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