

# New Quantum Phases of Monolayers of Helium

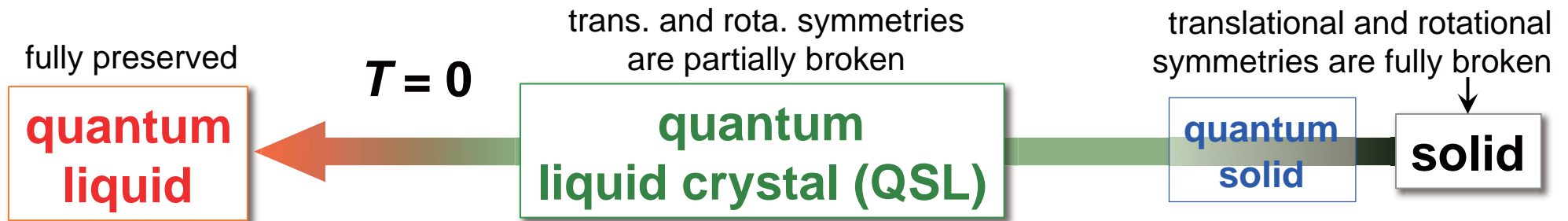
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1. New **quantum spin liquid** state in 2D  $^3\text{He}$
2. Search for **supersolidity** in 2D  $^4\text{He}$
3. Liquefaction of  $^3\text{He}$  in 2D
4. Search for superfluidity in monolayer liquid  $^3\text{He}$

**Quantum Liquid Crystal**

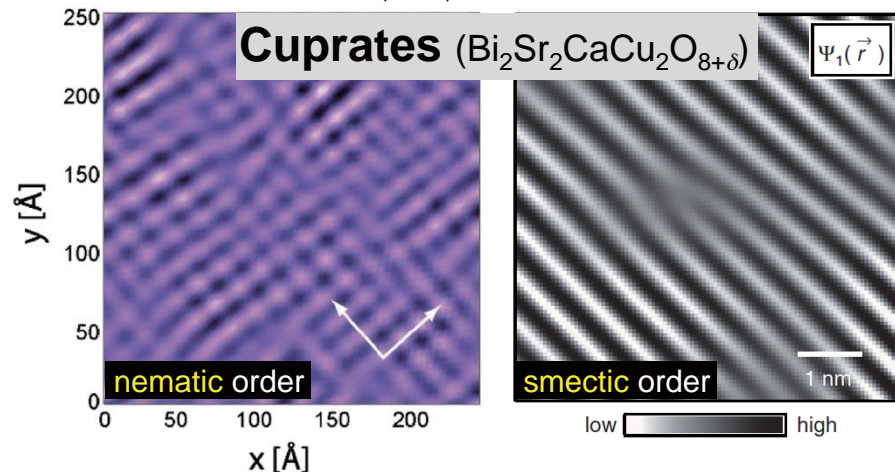
# New quantum state of matter: Quantum Liquid Crystal



electronic Nematic phases

atomic QLC phases ?

C. Howald et al., PRB 67, 014533 (2003) A. Mesaros et al., Science 333, 426 (2011)



**$\text{Sr}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$**  R.A. Borzi et al. Science 315, 214 (2007)

**2DES in GaAs/GaAlAs** M.P. Lilly et al., PRL 82, 394 (1999)

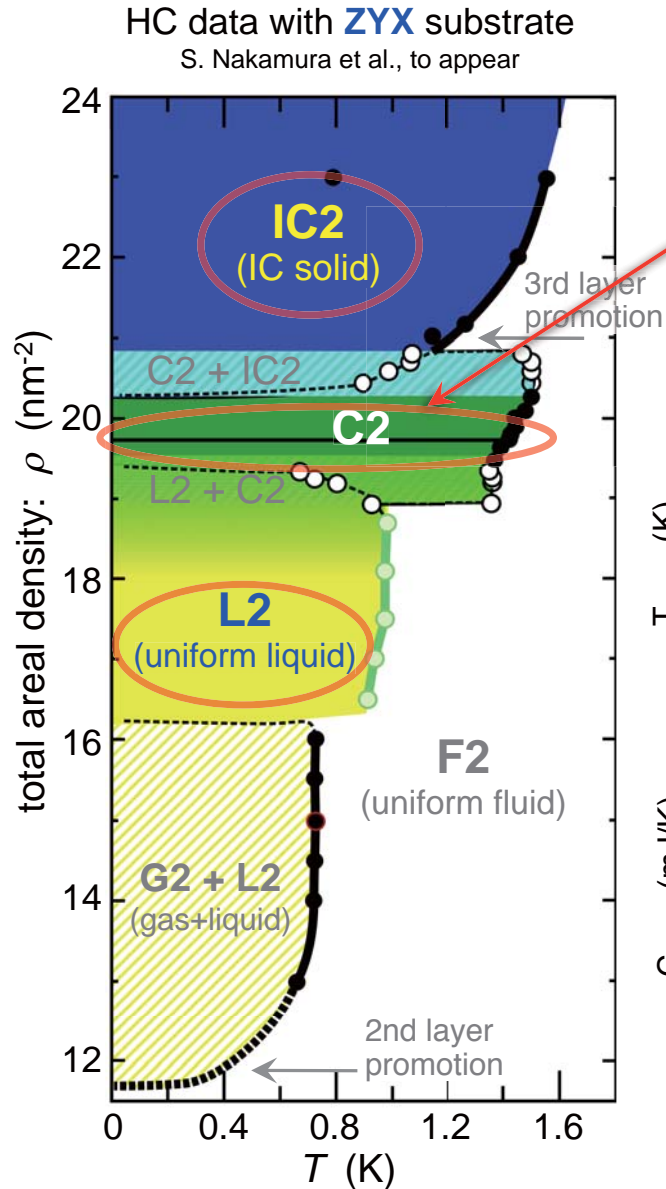
**2D  $^4\text{He}$**  • supersolidity ?

**2D  $^3\text{He}$**  • gapless quantum spin liquid  
• stripe superfluid phase

- Q.** interplay between superfluid (or spin) and spatial orders?
- Q.** ubiquitous for strongly correlated 2D quantum systems?

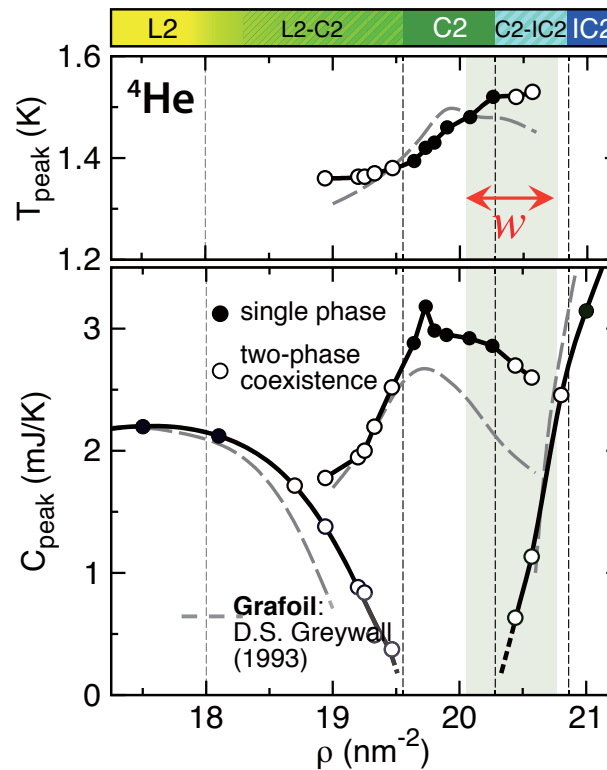
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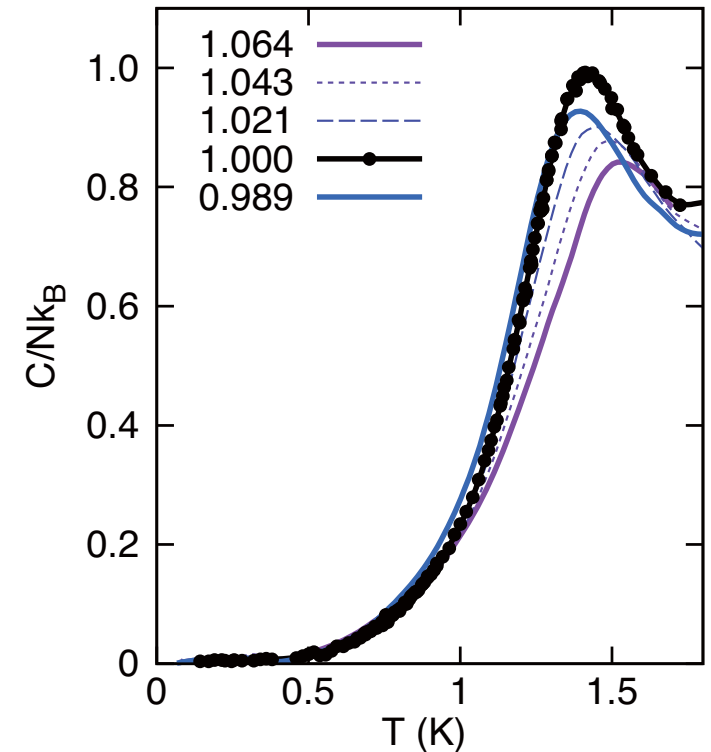


**C2: compressible commensurate phase!?**

$$w \equiv \Delta\rho_{C2}/\rho_{C2} \approx 0.10$$

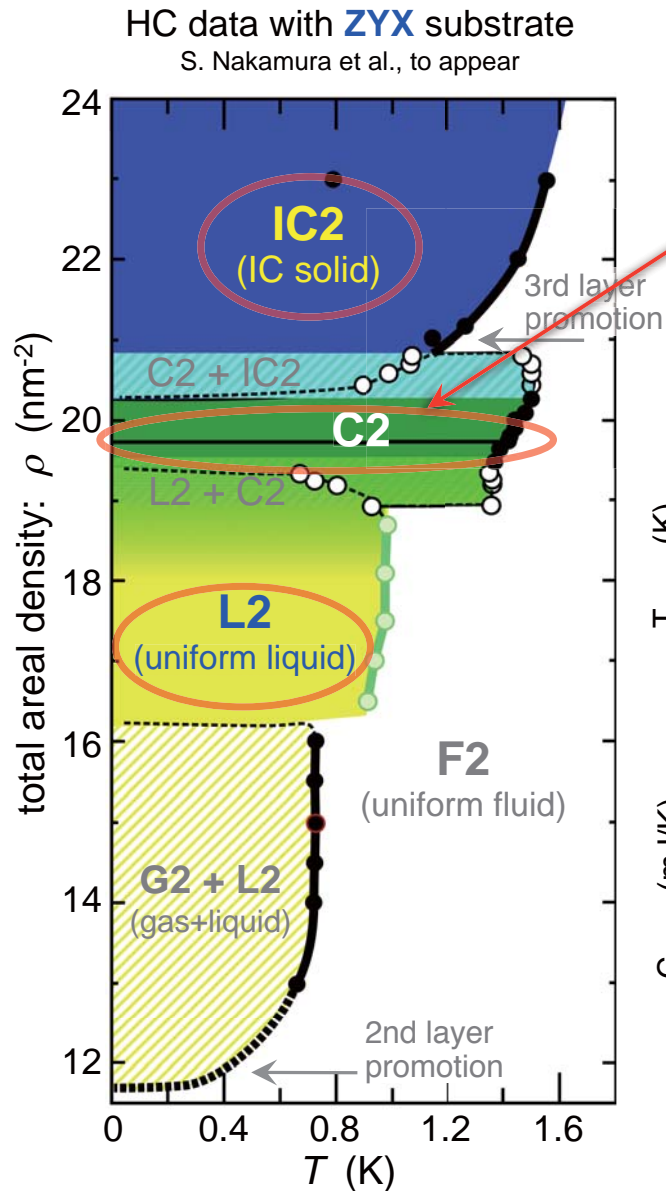


pure phase within  $w$



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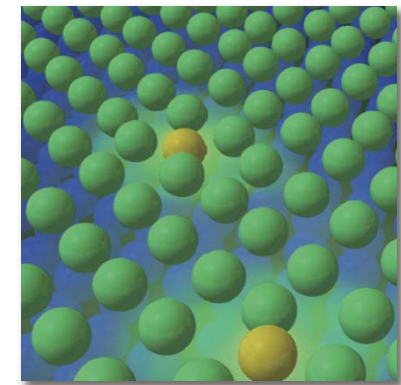
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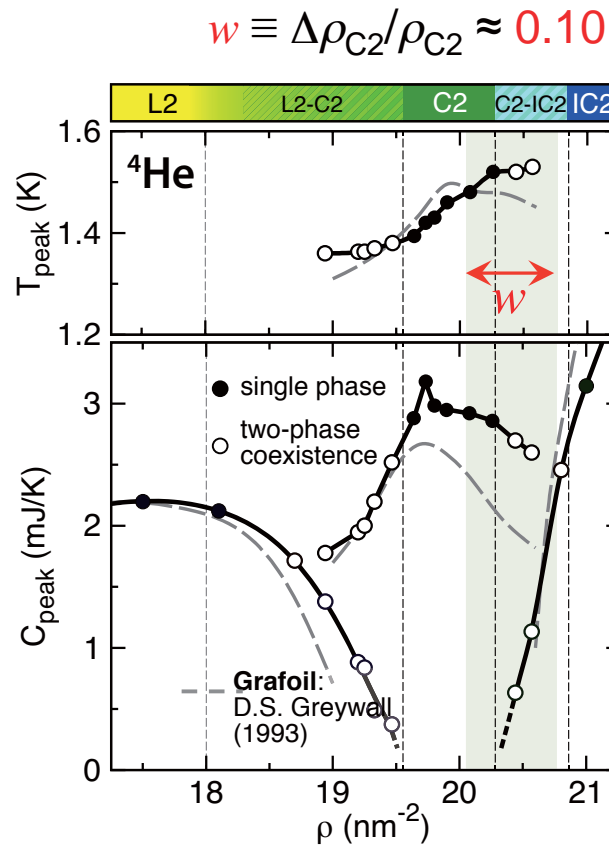
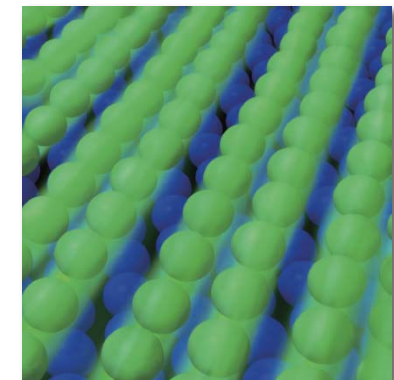
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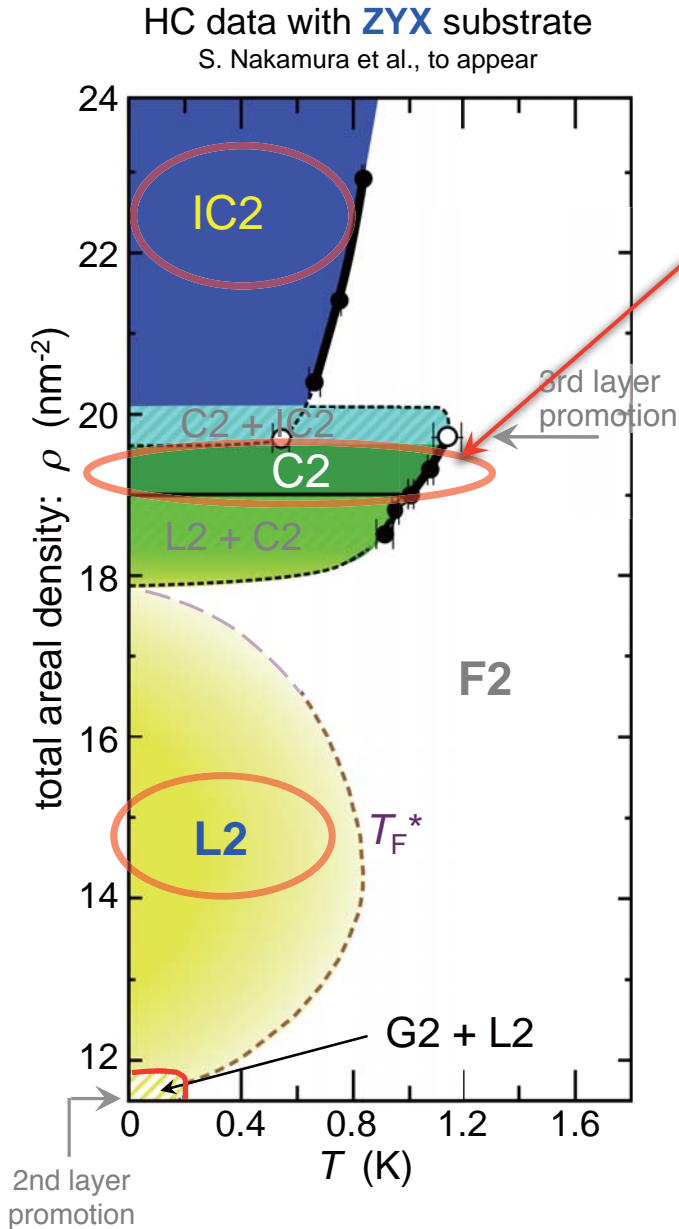
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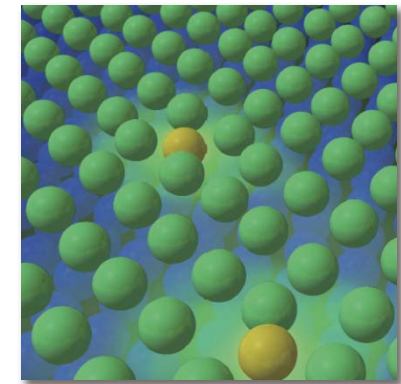
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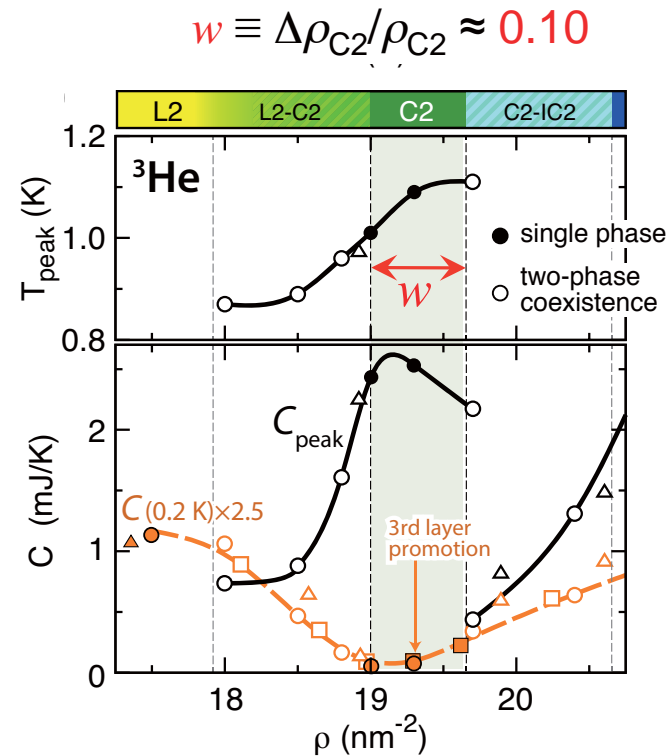
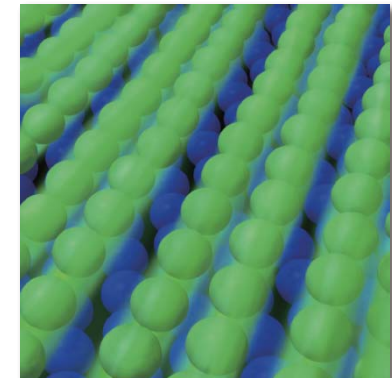
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# Gapless quantum spin liquid (QSL) in 2D materials

**QSL:**  $\langle S_i \rangle = 0$  without LRO at  $T = 0$

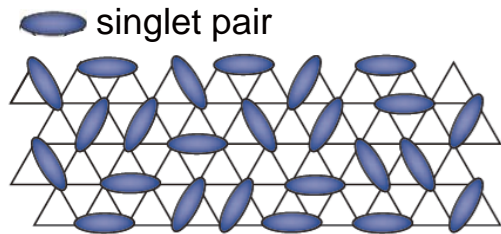
theories

2D  $^3\text{He}$

## Short range RVB (resonating valence bond)

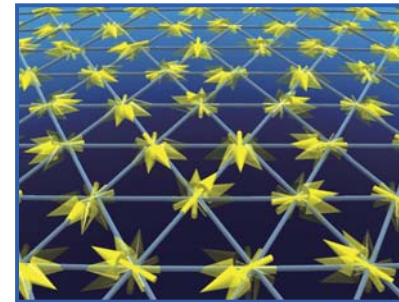
P.W. Anderson (1973, 1987)

$S = 1/2$  Heisenberg N.N. antiferromagnet on triangular lattice (HAFT)



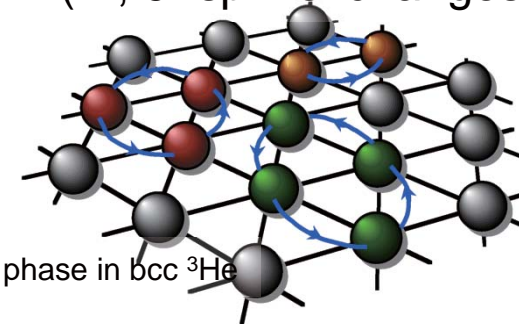
+ ...  
gapful ( $\Delta \sim J$ )

$S = 1/2$  on triangular lattice



ring exchanges

(4-, 6- spin exchanges)

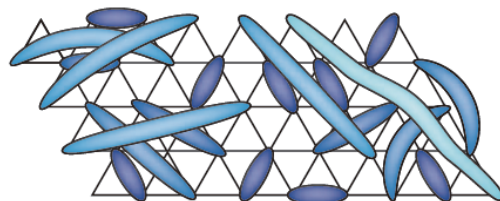


cf. u2d2 phase in bcc  $^3\text{He}$

## Long range RVB

L.S. Doucot and P.W. Anderson (1988)

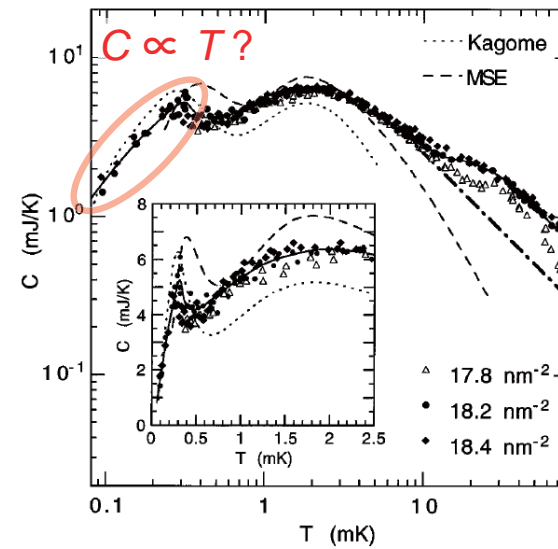
HAFT with longer distance interactions



gapless  
+ ...

Exp. claim of **gapless GSL** in 2D  $^3\text{He}$   
K. Ishida, HF et al. PRL 79, 3451 (1997)

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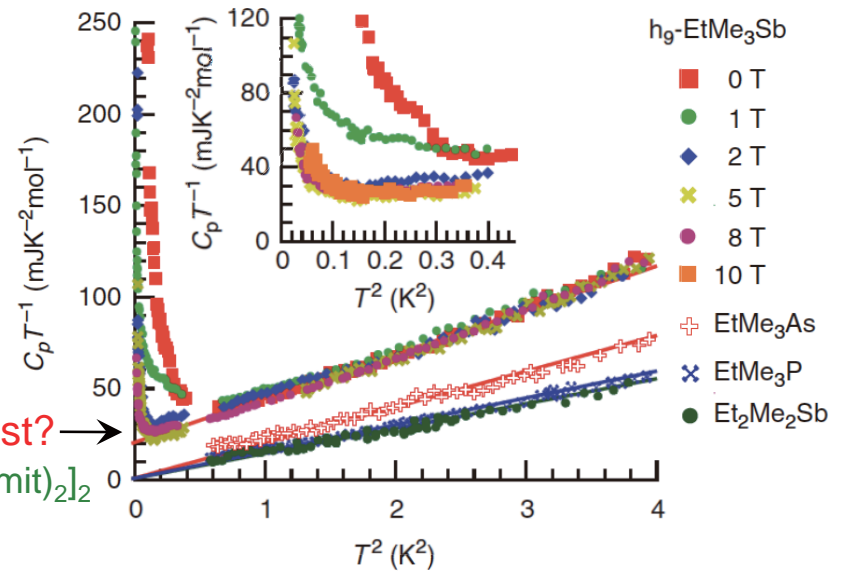


# 2D $^3\text{He}$

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2015 M. Kamada et al.  $^3\text{He}/\text{HD}/\text{HD}/\text{gr}$   
 • found new gapless QSL



$CT \approx \text{const?}$  →

$\text{EtMe}_3\text{Sb}[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

Really  $C \propto T$ ?

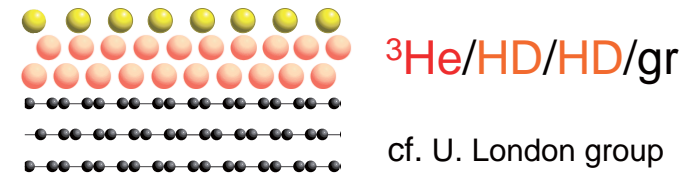
## electronic systems

- 2003 Y. Shimizu et al.  $[\kappa\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3]$   $S=1/2$  HAFT  
 $\text{NMR-}T_2, \chi \rightarrow \text{const}$
- 2008 S. Yamashita et al.  $C \propto T$
- 2010 M. Yamashita et al.  $\kappa/T \rightarrow 0$
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- $\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$   $S=1/2$  3D hyper-Kagome
- 2007 Y. Okamoto et al.  $C \propto T^{2.5}, \chi \rightarrow \text{const}$



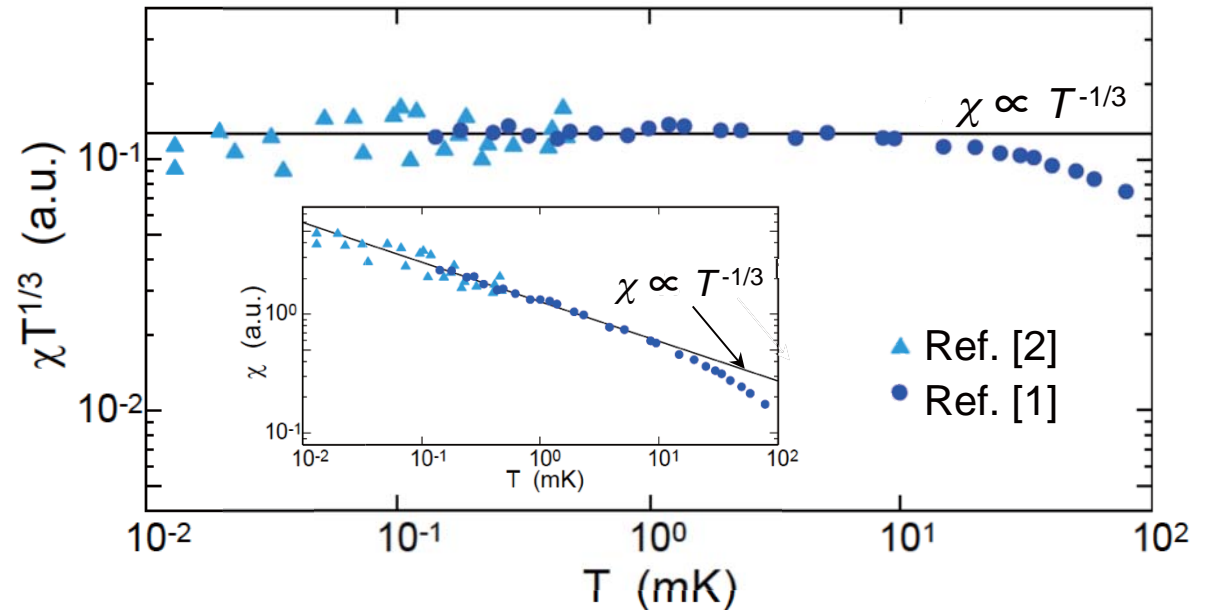
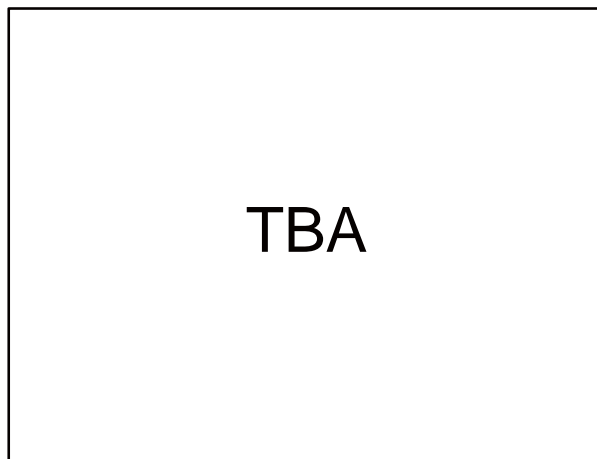
# Found new QSL phase in 2D $^3\text{He}$

- **On bilayer of HD** M. Kamada, QFS2015 (Thursday afternoon)
- **Lowest density solid  $^3\text{He}$  ever found ( $5.25 \text{ nm}^{-2}$ )**



$$C \propto T^{2/3} !$$

$$\chi \propto T^{-1/3} !$$



$$\chi T / C (\propto R_W) = \text{const.} \quad \dots \text{ Can define Wilson ratio ?!}$$

[1] H. Ikegami et al., PRL **85**, 5146 (2000)

[2] R. Masutomi, et al., PRL **92**, 025301 (2004)

# Entropy change of new QSL phase

${}^3\text{He}/\text{HD}/\text{HD}/\text{gr}$

$$\rho = 5.25 \text{ nm}^{-2}$$

TBA

Advantages of 2D  ${}^3\text{He}$ :

- phonon contribution to  $C$  ( $\propto T^2$ ) appears only at very high  $T$  ( $>$ )

Spin entropy change deduced from specific heat data:

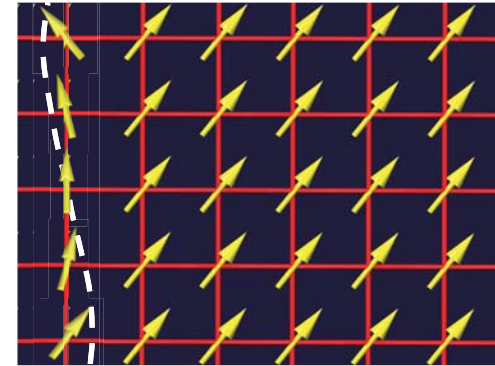
$$\Delta S \approx Nk_B \ln 2 \rightarrow \text{quantum solid (or QLC)}$$

# What are elementary excitations in QSLs ?

## classical magnets with LRO

- **magnon** (boson) at  $T \neq 0$

e.g. 2D AFM spin wave :  $C \propto T^2$  ,  $\chi = \text{const.}$



**Magnon** (spin wave)

## gapless QSL

$C \propto T^{2/3}$  has been predicted by several **fermion fractionalization** theories, but has not been experimentally seen before!

→ deconfined **spinon** Fermi surface?

- C.P. Nave and P.A. Lee, PRB **76**, 235124 (2007)

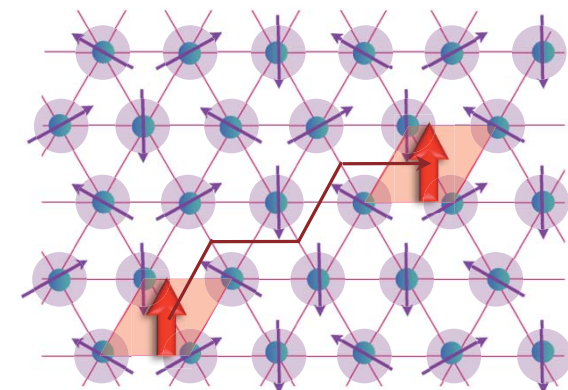
- O. I. Motrunich, PRB, **72**, 045105 (2005):  
Hubbard model with **4-spin exchange**

$$C \propto T^{2/3} , \chi = \text{const.}$$

- R.R. Biswas, *et al.*, PRB, **83**, 245131 (2011)

$S=1$  SU(2) **Majorana fermion**

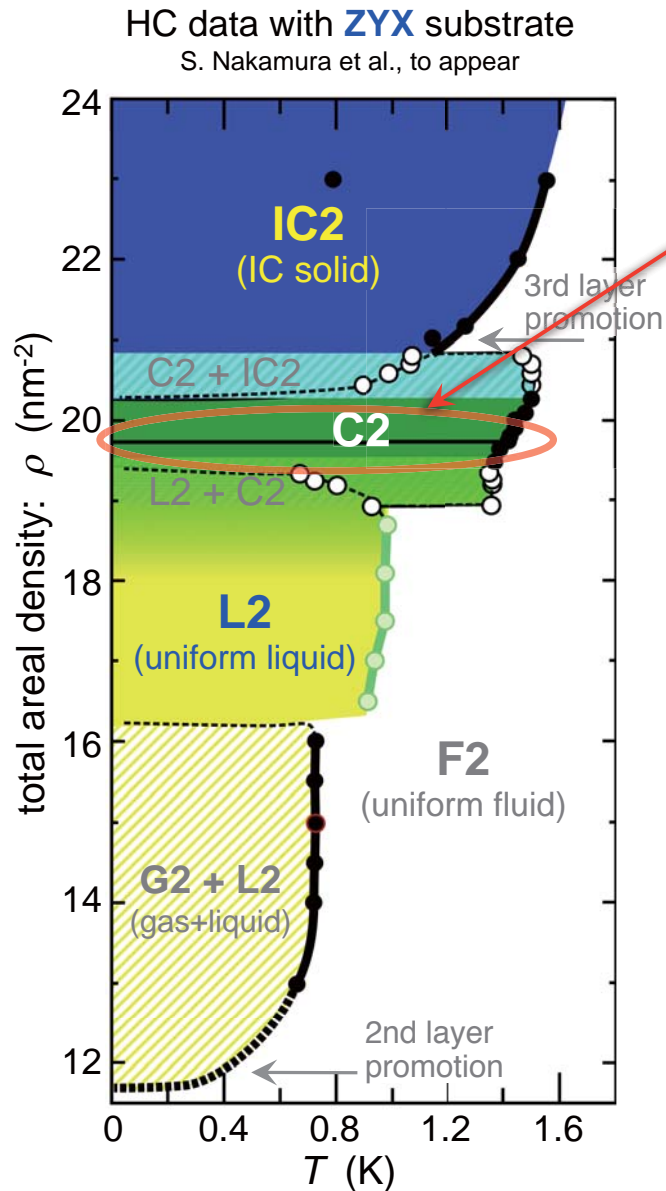
$$C \propto T^{2/3} , \chi \propto T^{-1/3} , R_W \approx 4$$



**Spinon** ( $S = 1$ )  
quasi-particle like

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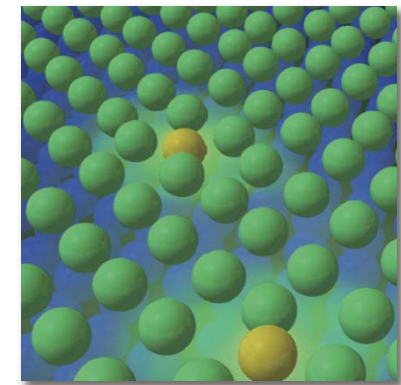
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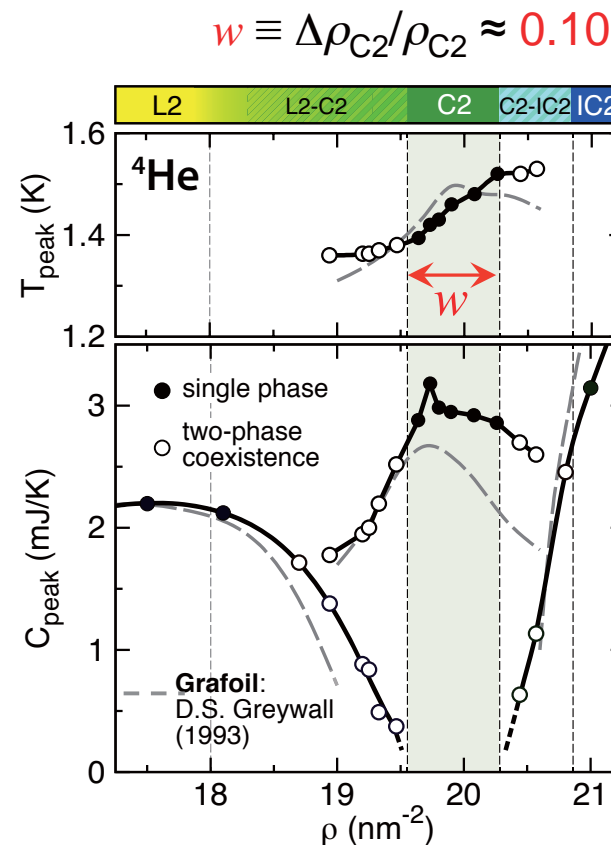
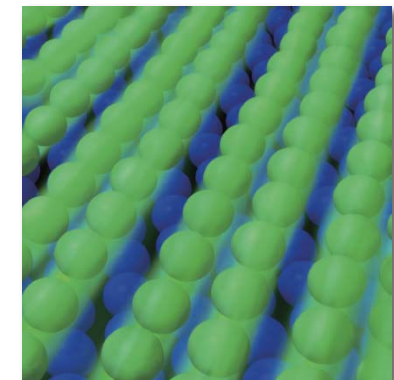
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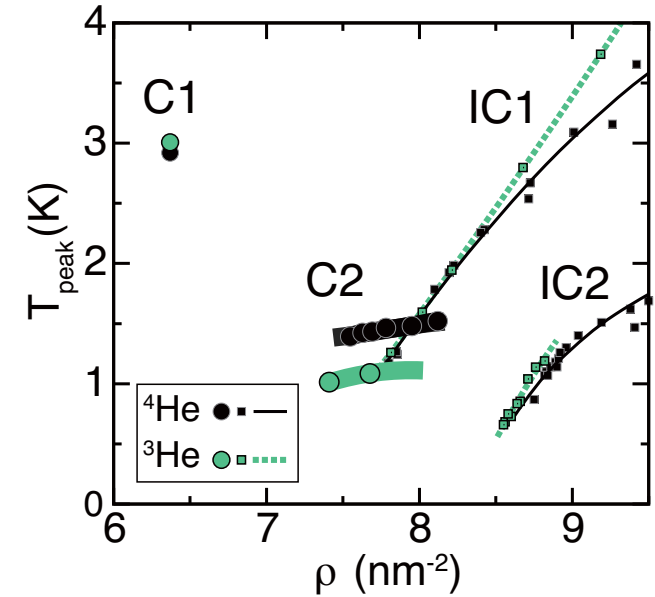
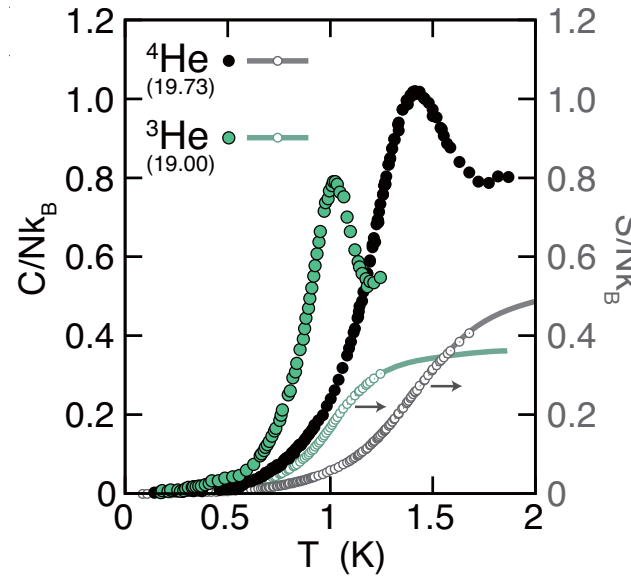
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# Supersolid transition at $T < 1$ K in $^4\text{He-C2}$ ?

S. Nakamura et al., arXiv:1406.4388v1

- Should be of 2D melting
- **Anomalous isotope effect:**  
 $1.4 \times T_{\text{peak}}(^3\text{He}) \approx T_{\text{peak}}(^4\text{He})$
- Entropy release for  $^4\text{He}$  is larger than  $^3\text{He}$  by 40%.



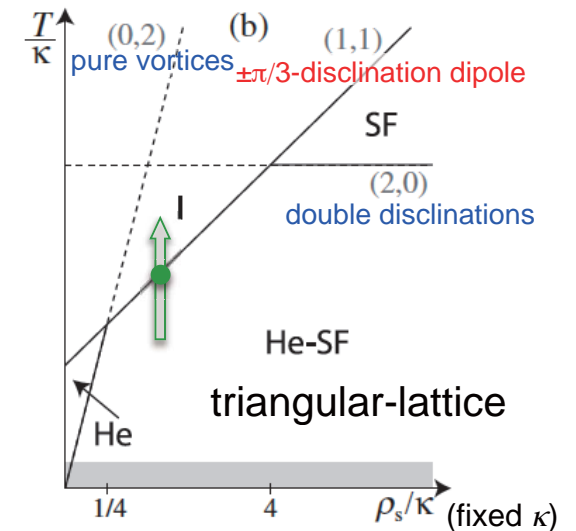
## Possible supersolid transition in $^4\text{He-C2}$ phase

Both **spatial** and **gauge** symmetries are *spontaneously, partially* and *simultaneously* broken below  $T_{\text{peak}}$ ?

Intertwining of **crystalline** and **superfluid** orders in triangular lattice ?

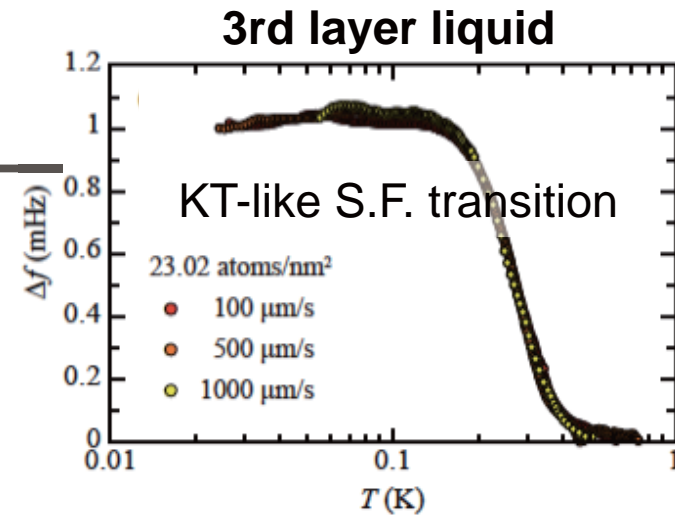
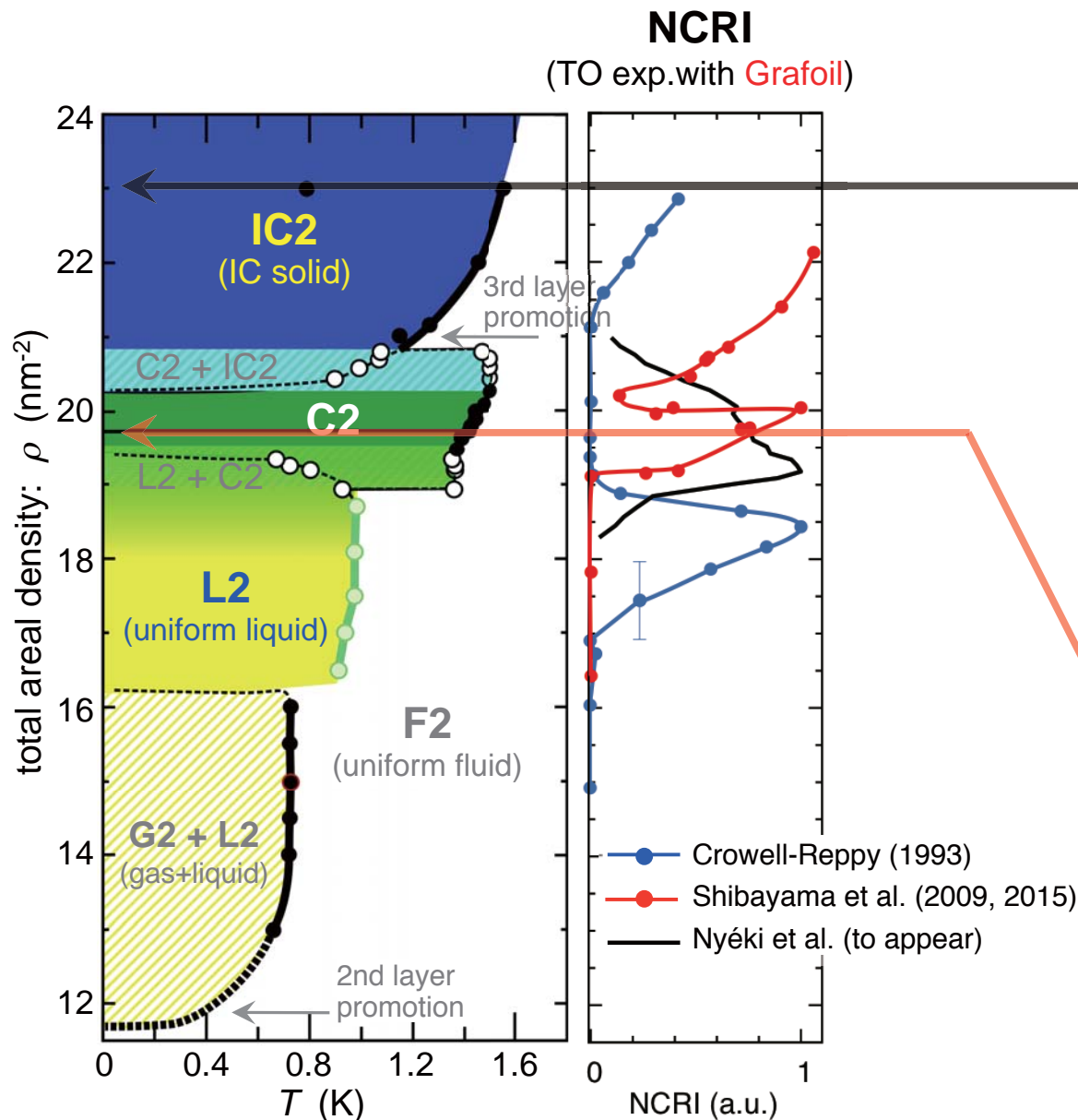
S. Gopalakrishnan, J.C.Y. Teo, and T.L. Hughes, PRL **111**, 025304 (2013)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{el.}} = \kappa[(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 + (\nabla \times \mathbf{n})^2] + \rho_s |\nabla \theta|^2$$

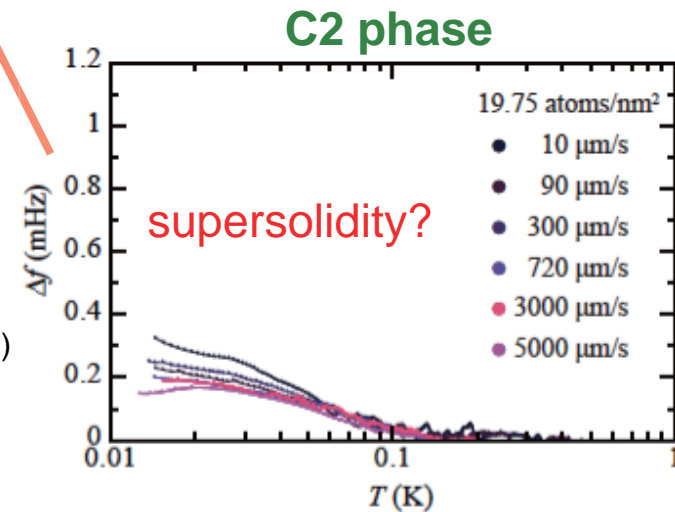




# Torsional oscillator measurements with **Grafoil** substrate



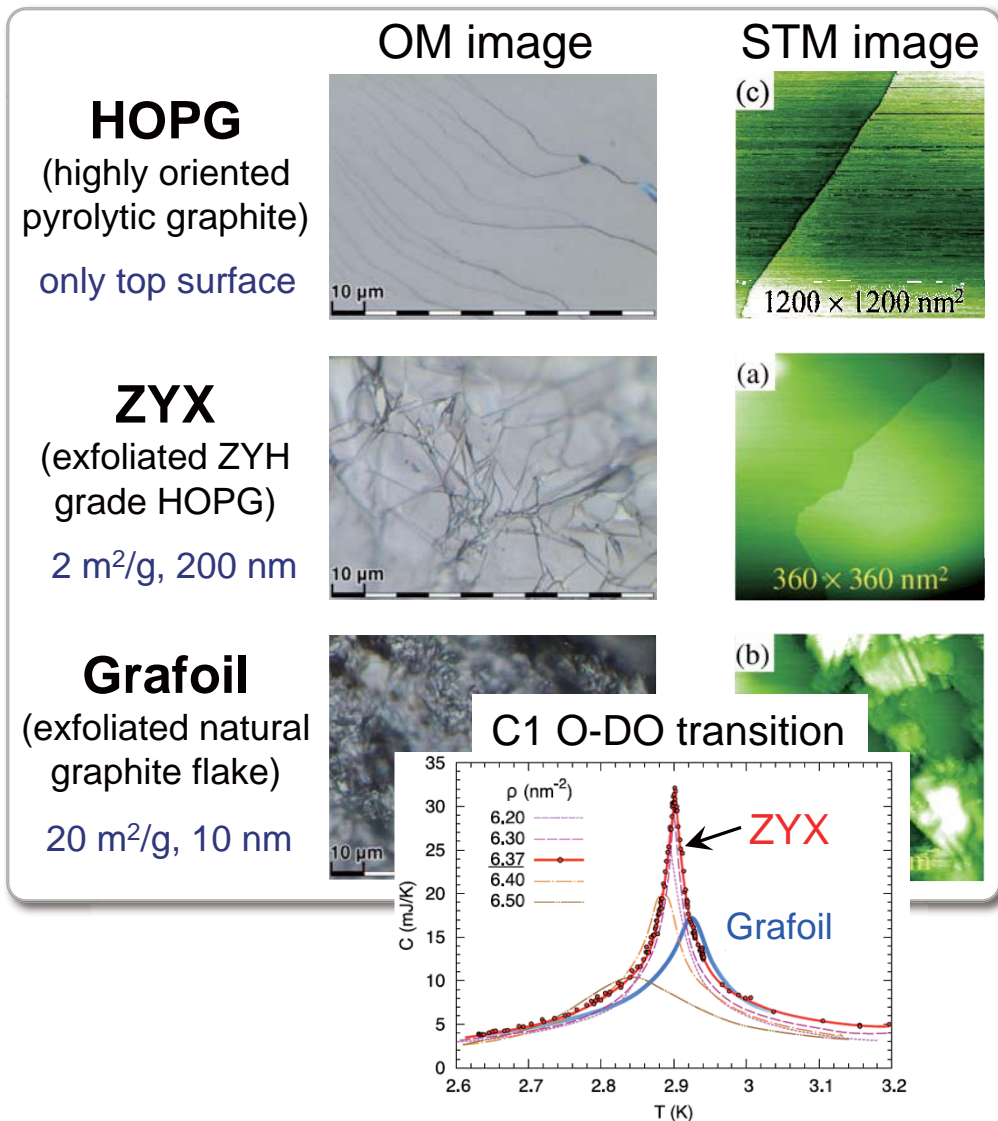
Y. Shibayama et al. (2015)



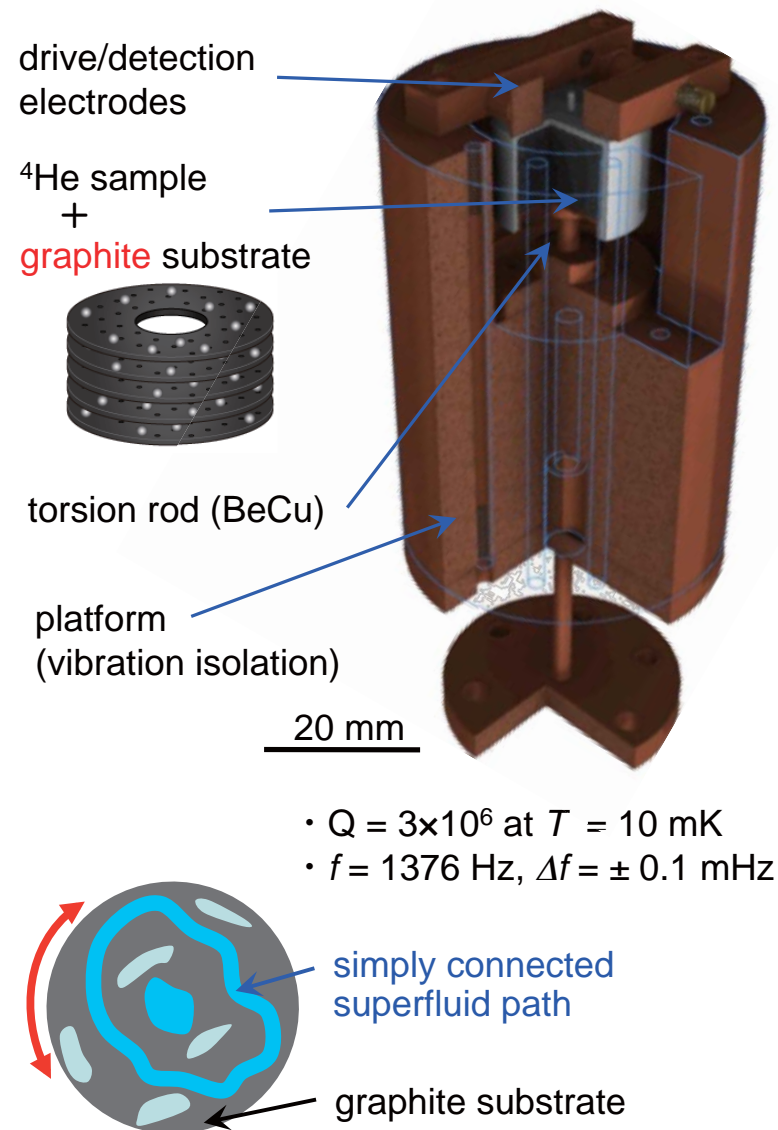
However,  $\Delta\rho_s/\rho \approx 0.01$  (too small)

# Need for better graphite substrate for T.O. experiments to search for supersolidity

## various exfoliated graphite substrate



## torsional oscillator

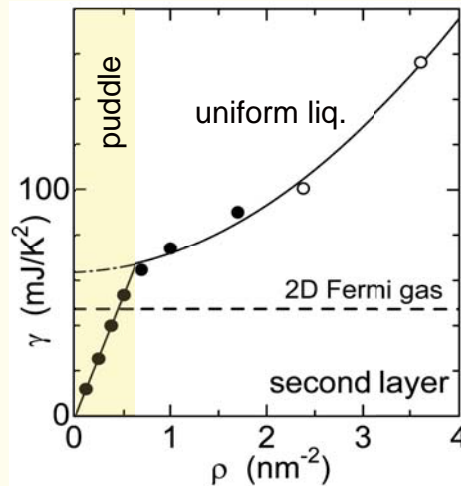
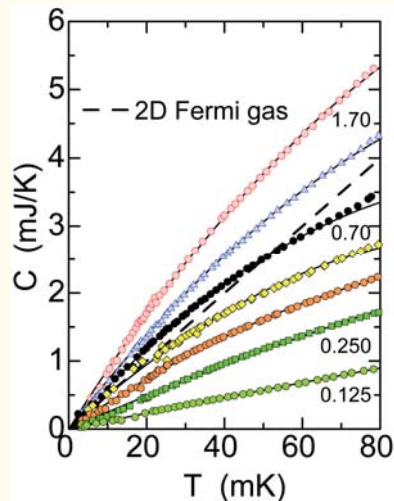
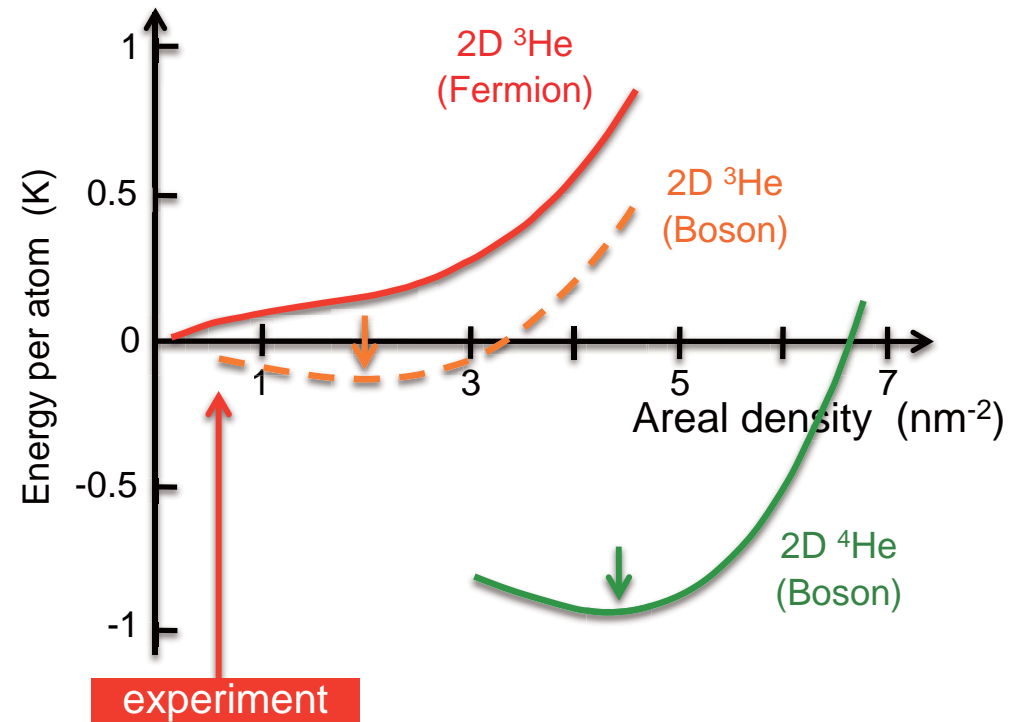


# Liquefaction of 2D $^3\text{He}$

## Theoretical predictions

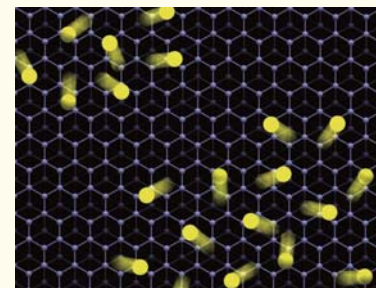
2D  $^3\text{He}$  is a unique material which stays quantum gas at the ground state. (cf.  $^1\text{H}$ )

- VMC A. D. Novaco and C. E. Campbell, Phys. Rev. B 11, 2525 (1975).
- VMC M. D. Miller and L. H. Nosanow, J. Low Temp. Phys. 32, 145 (1978).
- VMC B. Krishnamachari and G. V. Chester, Phys. Rev. B 59, 8852 (1999).
- DMC V. Grau, J. Boronat and J. Casulleras, PRL, 89, 045301 (2002)



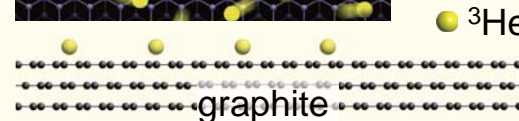
## Recent specific heat measurements of monolayer $^3\text{He}$ on graphite

D. Sato et al., PRL **109**, 235306 (2012)



$^3\text{He}$  atoms liquefy at surprisingly low density:

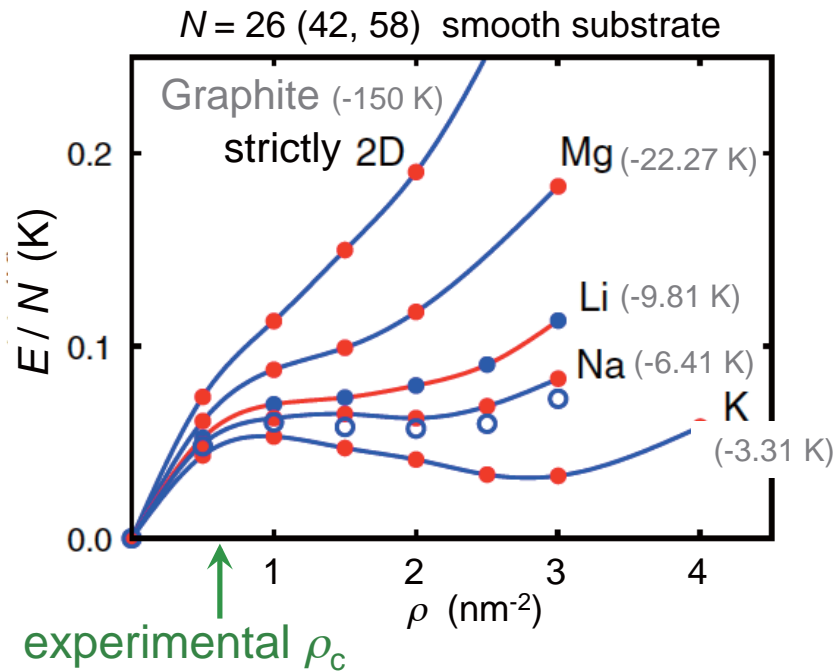
$$\rho_c \approx 0.6 \text{ nm}^{-2} \quad (a \approx 1.4 \text{ nm})$$



# Recent theoretical calculations

**New DMC calculation** for quasi 2D  $^3\text{He}$  claimed **no bound state**, again!

M. Ruggeri, S. Moroni, and M. Boninsegni, PRL 111, 045303 (2013)



- Verified previous results, i.e., no bound state, for strictly 2D.
- Bound states can be **meta-stabilized only on much more weakly attractive substrates** such as Li, Na and K than graphite.

Another approach from clusters:

## Adiabatic hyperspherical coordinates calculations

N. Sakumichi and H. Suno

- Tiny but finite binding energies for  $N = 2$  and 3.
- 2D  $^3\text{He}$  seems to be self-bound at  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

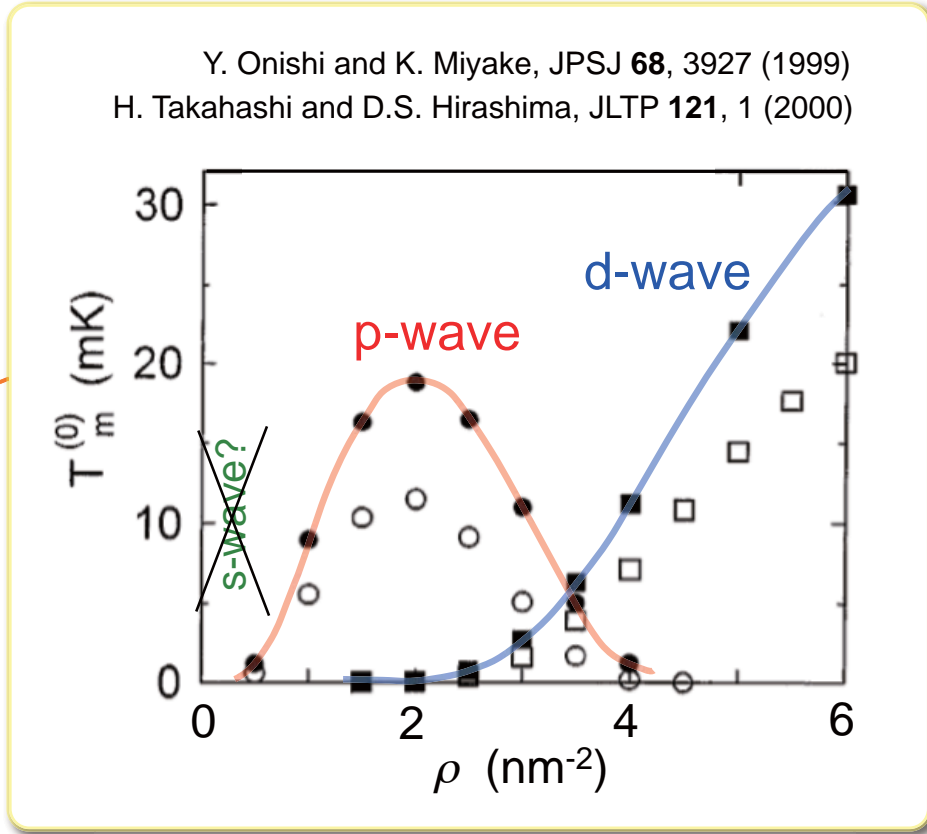
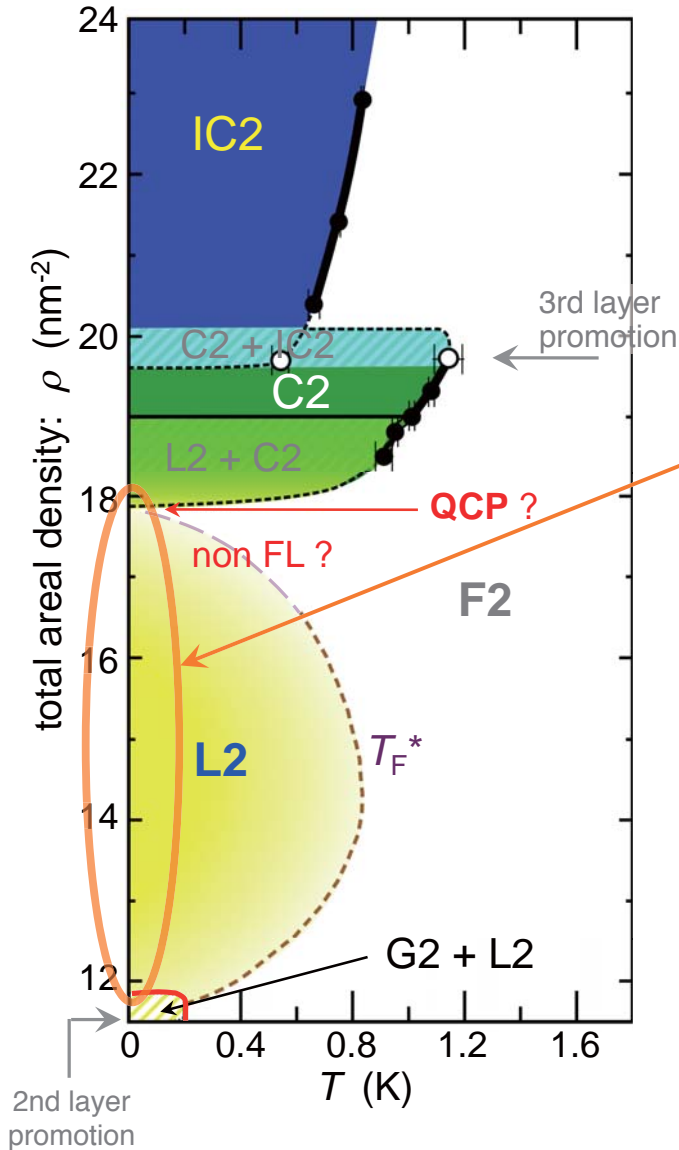
Challenge for theorists and experimentalists as well.

# Possible superfluid transitions in monolayer liq. $^3\text{He}$

S. Nakamura et al., arXiv:1406.4388v1  
 D. Sato et al., JLTP **158**, 201 (2010); to appear

## theoretical predictions

Y. Onishi and K. Miyake, JPSJ **68**, 3927 (1999)  
 H. Takahashi and D.S. Hirashima, JLTP **121**, 1 (2000)



Wide density range ( $0.6 \leq \rho \leq 6 \text{ nm}^{-2}$ )

→ interaction tunable system



# Grand challenges in 2D QFS

## 1. Study and confirmation of **quantum liquid crystal** (quantum liquid state, supersolid, etc)

- **Needs direct information on spatial order**

neutron scattering, synchrotron X-ray scattering, LEED, etc., below 1 K

- **Inconsistency among existing *ab initio* calculations**

stability of QLC phase (or commensurate phase)

- **Needs better substrate good for transport measurements**

other graphite than ZYX, ...?

## 2. Confirmation of **liquefaction** (many body condensation) of $^3\text{He}$ in 2D

- **Needs more theoretical efforts**

## 3. Search for possible superfluidity of monolayer $^3\text{He}$ (mechanism?, *p*-wave $\rightarrow$ *d*-wave transition?)