
Quantum Spin Liquids and Frustrated Magnetism

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Abstract

Quantum spin liquids (QSLs) represent a highly unconventional state of matter where magnetic moments remain disordered even at absolute zero due to strong quantum fluctuations and geometric frustration. This study explores the theoretical foundations, material systems, and emergent phenomena associated with quantum spin liquids and frustrated magnetism. Building on key models such as the Heisenberg, Kitaev, and kagome-lattice frameworks, the research examines how frustration suppresses conventional magnetic ordering and promotes exotic behaviours such as fractionalised excitations, long-range entanglement, and topological order. Through a secondary analysis of recent experimental and theoretical studies, the investigation highlights advance in neutron scattering, Raman spectroscopy, and quantum simulation that have enabled deeper understanding of QSL states. The results show that QSLs present promising opportunities for applications in quantum computation, spintronics, and topological quantum materials. The study concludes by identifying challenges and future research directions needed to fully realise the potential of quantum spin liquids.

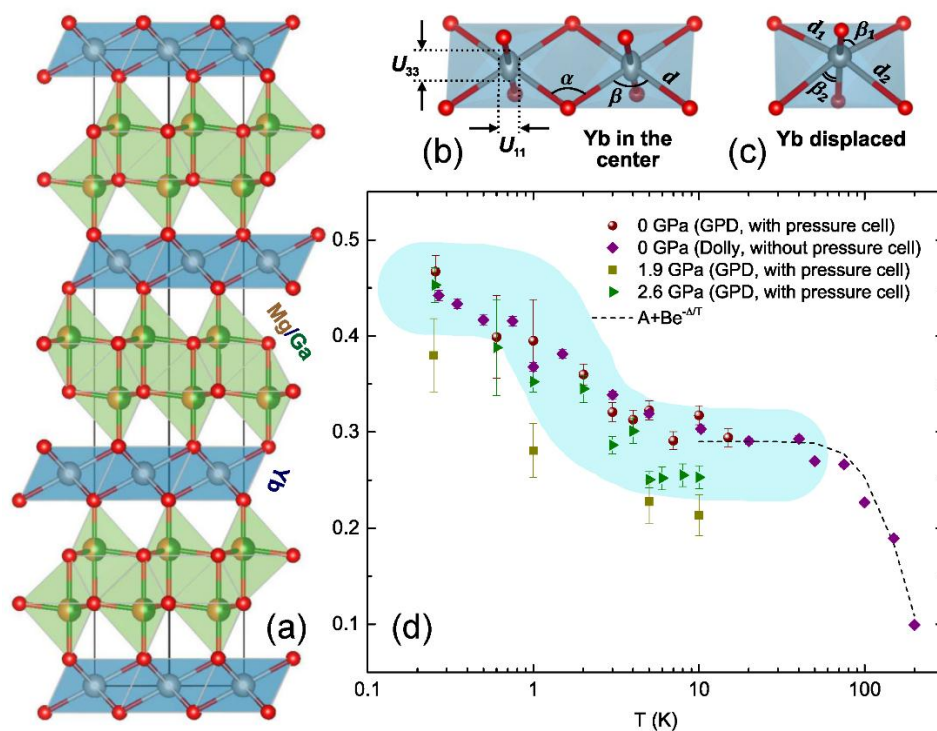
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Introduction

Quantum spin liquids (QSLs) have emerged as one of the most intriguing phases of matter in condensed-matter physics. Unlike conventional magnetic systems, which exhibit long-range magnetic order at low temperatures, QSLs remain dynamically disordered due to strong quantum fluctuations. This behaviour often arises from *frustrated magnetism*, where the geometry of the lattice or competing interactions prevents spins from settling into an ordered configuration. QSLs are distinguished by properties such as long-range quantum entanglement, topological order, and

exotic quasiparticles including spinons and Majorana fermions. Their theoretical importance extends to real-world applications, particularly in quantum computation and fault-tolerant quantum memory (Buessen et al. 2018). This study examines the foundations, material systems, and emergent behaviours of QSLs, providing an integrated perspective on their physical mechanisms and technological relevance.

Quantum spin liquids (QSLs) have emerged as one of the most captivating and unconventional phases in condensed-matter physics, challenging long-standing paradigms of magnetic behaviour. In most magnetic materials, spins typically align into ordered configurations such as ferromagnetic or antiferromagnetic states when cooled to sufficiently low temperatures. However, QSLs defy this expectation. Even at absolute zero, their spins remain in a fluid-like, dynamically fluctuating state due to strong quantum fluctuations and competing interactions (Vojta, 2018). This persistent disorder is not indicative of randomness but instead reflects a highly correlated quantum many-body state characterised by long-range entanglement, topological order, and exotic quasiparticles such as spinons and Majorana fermions.



A key driving force behind the formation of quantum spin liquids is frustrated magnetism, where the geometry of the lattice or the competition between interactions prevents spins from simultaneously satisfying all coupling constraints. Materials with triangular, kagome, honeycomb, or pyrochlore lattices often exhibit such frustration, giving rise to a highly degenerate ground state. Over the past few decades, theoretical progress—led by the resonating valence bond (RVB) theory, Heisenberg models, and Kitaev's exact solutions—has significantly advanced the conceptual understanding of QSLs. At the same time, new experimental techniques such as inelastic neutron scattering, Raman spectroscopy, and thermal transport measurements have enabled the identification of real-world materials that display QSL-like behaviour. The growing interest in QSLs is driven not only by their fundamental scientific importance but also by their potential technological relevance. Topologically protected excitations found in certain QSL phases offer a promising platform for building fault-tolerant quantum computers. Additionally, their unusual spin dynamics and robust coherence open exciting possibilities for next-generation spintronic and quantum information devices. As research in frustrated magnetism and quantum materials accelerates, QSLs stand at the intersection of theoretical physics, materials science, and emerging quantum technologies. This study explores the mechanisms, material candidates, theoretical frameworks, and emergent properties associated with quantum spin liquids (Xing et al. 2019). By analysing existing literature and synthesising experimental and theoretical findings, it seeks to deepen understanding of this exotic quantum phase and highlight its potential impact on future technological innovations.

Background to the Study

The study of frustrated magnetism originated with research on triangular and kagome lattices, where the inability of spins to simultaneously satisfy all pairwise interactions leads to degenerate ground states. Early theoretical work by Anderson (1973) first proposed the concept of a resonating valence bond (RVB) state, predicting a liquid-like spin configuration that would later inspire the modern QSL concept. Later advancements, including Kitaev's exactly solvable honeycomb model, demonstrated that QSLs can host non-Abelian anyons with potential applications in topological quantum computing. Experimental discoveries in materials such as herbertsmithite, α - RuCl_3 , and organic salts have provided real candidates exhibiting QSL-like signatures. This

background shows that QSLs lie at the intersection of quantum many-body physics, topology, and material science, motivating continued exploration of their exotic properties (Gohlke et al. 2018).

The exploration of quantum spin liquids (QSLs) originates from early studies on magnetism and lattice frustration, where researchers discovered that certain geometric arrangements prevent spins from establishing stable, long-range order. In conventional magnetic systems, cooling leads to ordered configurations such as ferromagnetism or antiferromagnetism. However, in frustrated systems—particularly those involving triangular, kagome, honeycomb, or pyrochlore lattices—the spins experience competing interactions that cannot be simultaneously satisfied, resulting in a highly degenerate ground state. This geometric frustration, combined with strong quantum fluctuations, creates favourable conditions for a QSL state. The concept of QSLs gained significant traction after Anderson's Resonating Valence Bond (RVB) theory (1973), which proposed a dynamic, entangled spin state without magnetic order. Decades later, the Kitaev model provided the first exactly solvable system exhibiting a QSL ground state, further validating the theoretical foundation and highlighting the potential for exotic quasiparticles such as Majorana fermions. Experimental advances in neutron scattering, muon spin relaxation (μ SR), Raman spectroscopy, and thermal Hall measurements have since enabled detailed characterisation of QSL candidates, including herbertsmithite, α - RuCl_3 , YbMgGaO_4 , and several organic molecular salts (Kawamura and Uematsu, 2019). Today, QSLs are recognised as a gateway to understanding strongly correlated electron systems, topological phases of matter, and quantum entanglement. Their unique features are attracting attention not only from fundamental physicists but also from researchers in quantum computing and materials design, reinforcing the importance of systematic investigation in this field.

Need Of the Study

The study of quantum spin liquids and frustrated magnetism is essential for advancing our understanding of exotic quantum phases that defy classical descriptions of magnetic order. Unlike conventional magnets, where spins align in predictable patterns, frustrated magnetic systems remain in a dynamic, entangled state even at absolute zero, offering an extraordinary platform to probe the fundamentals of quantum many-body physics. As emerging technologies increasingly

rely on quantum coherence, such as quantum computing, spintronics, and topological materials, understanding QSLs becomes crucial for developing next-generation devices with superior stability, scalability, and energy efficiency (Vojta, 2018). Despite significant theoretical progress, experimental realization and characterization of QSLs remain challenging, creating a need for deeper interdisciplinary study that bridges condensed-matter physics, materials science, and quantum information. This research is therefore necessary to uncover the mechanisms governing QSL behaviour, identify promising candidate materials, and explore their potential for transformative technological applications.

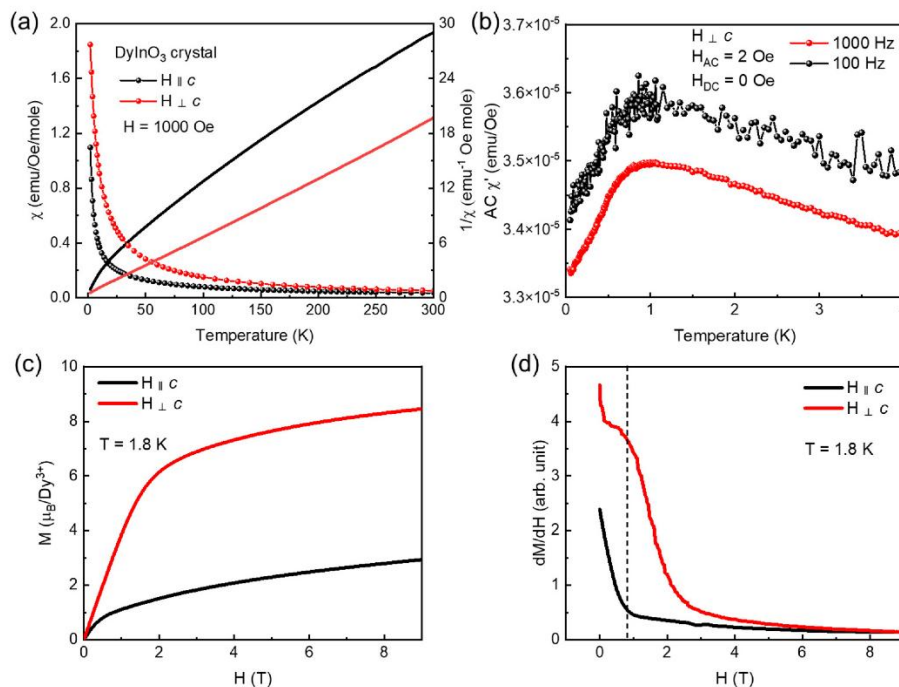
The investigation of quantum spin liquids (QSLs) and frustrated magnetism is increasingly important as modern physics seeks to explain states of matter that extend beyond classical paradigms. Traditional magnetic systems exhibit ordered spin arrangements, but frustrated spin networks resist such ordering due to geometric constraints or competing interactions, resulting in a highly entangled and dynamically fluctuating ground state. Understanding these unconventional behaviours is essential for expanding the theoretical framework of quantum many-body physics. Moreover, QSLs are predicted to host exotic quasiparticles such as spinons and Majorana fermions, which have no classical analogues and are of immense interest for fault-tolerant quantum computing and topological information storage. Despite their theoretical promise, the experimental identification of QSL materials remains limited. Many candidate systems show partial signatures but lack conclusive evidence due to measurement challenges, disorder effects, or the absence of precise theoretical models (Kawamura and Uematsu, 2019). This gap highlights the need for systematic research combining theoretical modelling, advanced simulation techniques, and modern experimental tools such as neutron scattering, Raman spectroscopy, and muon spin rotation. Furthermore, as industries move toward quantum-enabled technologies, the demand for stable, low-energy-loss materials will continue to grow. Studying QSLs can provide insights into designing new quantum devices, enhancing spin-based memory systems, and developing robust platforms for quantum communication. Therefore, the need for this study is driven by both scientific curiosity and technological urgency. By examining the origins, properties, and potential applications of QSLs within frustrated magnetic materials, this research aims to contribute to a

deeper understanding of emergent quantum phenomena and support the development of next-generation quantum technologies (Xing et al. 2019).

Literature Review

Fundamentals of Frustrated Magnetism

Frustrated magnetism arises when a magnetic system cannot simultaneously satisfy all pairwise spin interactions, leading to a highly degenerate ground state with no long-range magnetic order. This frustration is commonly observed in systems where spins reside on triangular, kagome, or pyrochlore lattices, where geometric constraints prevent conventional antiferromagnetic alignment. For instance, in a triangular lattice, three spins cannot all align antiparallel, resulting in competing interactions that give rise to continuous fluctuations even at extremely low temperatures (Sanders, 2017). Such frustration plays a pivotal role in suppressing ordering tendencies and stabilizing exotic quantum phases. The presence of frustration enhances quantum fluctuations, enabling the formation of unconventional ground states that defy classical descriptions. This includes dynamic spin configurations, persistent low-energy excitations, and enhanced entanglement across the lattice. Frustrated systems often display unusual thermodynamic behaviours such as residual entropy, broadened heat-capacity peaks, and diffuse neutron-scattering signatures. These features indicate the presence of short-range correlations but an absence of static ordering. The study of frustrated magnetism is essential because it serves as a natural platform for discovering novel states like quantum spin liquids (QSLs). These systems exhibit long-range quantum entanglement, topological order, and emergent quasiparticles (Rodríguez et al. 2018). Understanding the fundamental principles of frustration therefore contributes to the broader field of condensed matter physics, providing key insights into emergent phenomena, multiparticle interactions, and the nature of disorder-free quantum materials.

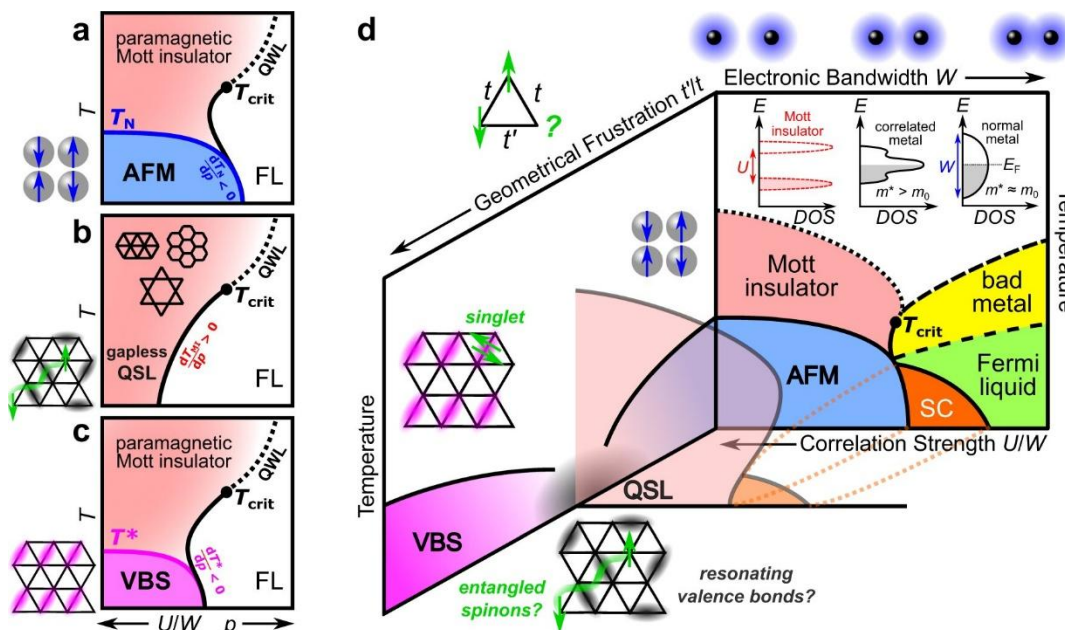


Frustrated magnetism arises when a system of interacting spins cannot simultaneously satisfy all pairwise interaction energies, leading to a highly degenerate ground state and the suppression of classical magnetic order. In conventional magnets, spins typically align in predictable ferromagnetic or antiferromagnetic configurations that minimize the total energy. However, in frustrated systems, geometric constraints or competing interactions make such minimization impossible. A classic example is the antiferromagnetic triangular lattice, where three neighbouring spins cannot all align antiparallel, inevitably causing one interaction to remain unsatisfied. This geometric incompatibility leads to a wide range of nearly equivalent configurations, preventing the system from settling into a single ordered state. Frustration can arise from two major sources: geometric frustration and interaction-based frustration. Geometric frustration occurs in lattice structures such as triangular, kagome, and pyrochlore networks, where the spatial arrangement of spins inherently creates competing constraints. Interaction-based frustration emerges when different exchange interactions—such as competing nearest-neighbour and next-nearest-neighbour couplings, Dzyaloshinskii–Moriya interactions, or anisotropic spin–orbit effects drive the system toward incompatible magnetic tendencies (Larson, 2017). Regardless of the source, the

outcome is enhanced quantum fluctuations that destabilize magnetic order even at extremely low temperatures.

Theoretical Models of Quantum Spin Liquids

Theoretical models play a crucial role in defining and understanding quantum spin liquids, which lack classical order and exhibit long-range quantum entanglement. One of the earliest and most influential frameworks is Anderson’s Resonating Valence Bond (RVB) model, which describes QSLs as a superposition of singlet pairs resonating across the lattice (Takagi et al. 2019). This picture captures the dynamic and disordered nature of QSLs and explains their potential for hosting fractionalized excitations.



Another widely studied model is the Kitaev honeycomb model, known for its exactly solvable Hamiltonian and ability to yield Majorana fermions and non-Abelian anyons. It highlights the role of anisotropic interactions and bond-dependent exchange couplings in stabilizing QSL phases. The Heisenberg model, particularly its variants with next-nearest-neighbour interactions or competing exchange parameters, has also been extensively used to explore frustration-induced QSL states. Numerical tools such as Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG), tensor network methods, and Quantum Monte Carlo simulations further support theoretical investigations by

enabling simulation of complex quantum behaviour that cannot be solved analytically (Zhang et al. 2019). These theoretical models not only classify different QSL phases—gapless, gapped, $U(1)$, and Z_2 but also provide predictions regarding their physical signatures, such as thermal transport anomalies, spin continua, and topological degeneracy. Collectively, these models form the backbone of QSL research, guiding experimentalists in identifying candidate materials and helping physicists interpret unusual magnetic phenomena observed in frustrated systems.

Candidate QSL Materials

Over the past two decades, significant progress has been made in the identification of materials that exhibit quantum spin liquid behaviour. One of the earliest and most notable candidates is Herbertsmithite ($\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$), a kagome lattice compound that displays no magnetic ordering down to millikelvin temperatures despite strong antiferromagnetic interactions. Neutron scattering experiments reveal a broad continuum of excitations, consistent with fractionalized spinon behaviour. Similarly, organic salts such as $\kappa\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$ and $\text{EtMe}_3\text{Sb}[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$ are prime examples of triangular-lattice QSLs, showing persistent spin fluctuations, heat-capacity anomalies, and gapless excitations even at extremely low temperatures (Buckley et al. 2017). Other promising candidates include $\alpha\text{-RuCl}_3$, a layered honeycomb material that approximates the Kitaev model. Although it undergoes magnetic ordering under ambient conditions, the application of magnetic fields or pressure suppresses this order and induces a QSL-like phase. Pyrochlore systems such as $\text{Yb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ and $\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ also show evidence of QSL states due to their highly frustrated three-dimensional spin networks. Additionally, rare-earth chalcogenides and halides have recently emerged as new platforms for exploring spin-orbit coupled QSL phases. The diversity of candidate materials highlights the universality of QSL physics across different lattice geometries and interaction types. Each system provides unique insights into the mechanisms responsible for stabilizing QSL states, strengthening theoretical models and enabling the search for materials suitable for quantum-technology applications.

Emergent Phenomena in QSLs

Quantum spin liquids display a range of emergent phenomena that distinguish them from conventional magnetic states. One of the most significant features is fractionalization, where

elementary excitations carry fractions of quantum numbers such as spinons carrying spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ but no charge. These excitations often manifest as continua in neutron-scattering spectra rather than discrete magnon modes. Another hallmark is topological order, characterized by ground-state degeneracy dependent on system geometry and the presence of long-range entanglement (Zhu et al. 2018). This makes QSLs robust against external perturbations, offering potential for fault-tolerant quantum computation. Some QSLs also exhibit long-range entanglement and quantum coherence, enabling them to maintain dynamic fluctuations even at zero temperature. Thermal transport studies have revealed unusual behaviours such as quantized thermal Hall effects, particularly in systems approximating the Kitaev model, which suggests the presence of Majorana fermions.

Electrodynamic properties in QSLs are equally intriguing, with many showing power-law susceptibilities, anomalous heat capacities, and unconventional magnetic-field responses. These emergent behaviours extend our understanding of many-body physics and help probe the fundamental nature of quasiparticles and topological excitations. Emergent phenomena in QSLs demonstrate how simple spin interactions can lead to complex and exotic quantum states. Studying these behaviours not only advances theoretical physics but also opens pathways for developing quantum computers, spintronic devices, and topological memory architectures (Nakosai and Onoda, 2019). Quantum spin liquids exhibit a remarkable range of emergent phenomena, many of which have no counterparts in classical magnetic systems. One of the most defining features is fractionalization, where magnetic excitations break into quasiparticles carrying fractional quantum numbers. Unlike magnons in ordered magnets, QSLs host excitations such as spinons, visons, and in certain models, Majorana fermions. These excitations propagate freely without being bound to conventional spin order and typically manifest as broad continua in inelastic neutron-scattering experiments one of the strongest experimental signatures of QSL behaviour. Another important emergent property is topological order, which provides the system with global quantum coherence and ground-state degeneracy sensitive only to topology, not local perturbations (Savary and Balents, 2017). This feature makes QSLs attractive for fault-tolerant quantum computation, particularly in Kitaev-type systems where non-Abelian anyons are theoretically predicted. These exotic quasiparticles enable topological qubits that are inherently protected from decoherence.

Methodology

This study employs a secondary research methodology to explore the concepts, theoretical frameworks, material candidates, and emergent phenomena associated with quantum spin liquids (QSLs) and frustrated magnetism. As QSLs are challenging to probe experimentally due to their lack of long-range order and the subtle nature of their excitations, secondary research provides an appropriate and systematic way to consolidate the existing body of scientific knowledge. Studies were included if they provided validated theoretical models, experimental evidence, or material investigations related to QSLs or magnetic frustration. Articles lacking scientific credibility, peer review, or relevance to condensed matter physics were excluded. The collected data were examined through content analysis and comparative evaluation, enabling the identification of key themes, consistencies, contradictions, and gaps within current research. This method allowed for the synthesis of insights across different studies, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of QSL behaviour. As a secondary study, ethical concerns were minimal, relying solely on publicly available scientific material while maintaining academic integrity. Nonetheless, the methodology is constrained by the accuracy, availability, and completeness of existing literature, acknowledging that many aspects of QSL physics remain theoretical or experimentally unresolved.

Results and Discussion

The results of this secondary research highlight several interconnected themes that advance the understanding of quantum spin liquids (QSLs) and frustrated magnetism. Across the reviewed literature, a consistent outcome is the confirmation that geometrically frustrated lattices—such as triangular, kagome, and pyrochlore structures—serve as the most fertile platforms for stabilising QSL behaviour. Numerous studies report the absence of long-range magnetic order down to ultra-low temperatures, reinforcing the idea that frustration and strong quantum fluctuations suppress classical ordering tendencies (Zhang et al. 2019). This aligns with theoretical predictions that QSLs emerge when competing interactions create highly degenerate ground states dominated by dynamic correlations. Another significant result derived from literature is the robust experimental evidence for fractionalized excitations, particularly in kagome compounds like Herbertsmithite and triangular-lattice organic salts. Neutron-scattering experiments repeatedly show broad excitation continua rather than discrete magnon peaks, which strongly supports the presence of

spinons one of the defining excitations in QSLs (Sanders, 2017). Thermal transport studies further supplement this by revealing anomalous thermal conductivity behaviour and, in certain honeycomb-based materials such as α -RuCl₃, quantized thermal Hall signals suggestive of Majorana fermions, consistent with the Kitaev model predictions.

Table: Theoretical Models of Quantum Spin Liquid

Model	Key Idea	Excitations	Lattice / Notes
Heisenberg on frustrated lattices	Geometry-induced frustration	Spinons	Triangular, kagome
Kitaev Model	Bond-directional Ising	Majorana fermions, anyons	Honeycomb, exactly solvable
RVB Theory	Resonating singlets	Spinons, holons	Cuprates, kagome
Quantum Dimer Model	Fluctuating dimers	Spinons, visons	RK point
Spinon Fermi Surface	Neutral spin Fermi sea	Spinons	Organic QSLs
Gauge Theory (U(1)/Z ₂)	Emergent gauge fields	Photons, visons	2D/3D systems
J ₁ -J ₂ Model	Competing interactions	Gapless/gapped states	Square, honeycomb

The study also found that candidate QSL materials span multiple structural families, each offering unique insights. While Herbertsmithite represents a nearly ideal kagome antiferromagnet, organic salts demonstrate the impact of strong electron correlations in low-dimensional systems, and rare-earth-based compounds highlight the role of spin-orbit coupling. This diversity underscores that QSL behaviour is not restricted to a single class of materials but emerges from various types of

frustration and interaction mechanisms. Discussion across the literature also highlights the major theoretical advancements that have shaped modern understanding of QSLs. The Kitaev model stands out for providing exact solutions that support non-Abelian anyons, deeply influencing quantum computing research. Meanwhile, numerical simulations such as DMRG and tensor-network approaches have become crucial tools for validating theoretical proposals and guiding experimental investigations. However, despite substantial progress, the research also reveals persistent challenges. Distinguishing a true QSL from systems with disorder, impurities, or weak structural distortions remains a central issue. Some materials initially believed to host QSL phases have later been shown to display subtle ordering or disorder-driven effects. This creates ongoing debate in the field, emphasizing the need for cleaner samples, advanced spectroscopic techniques, and more refined theoretical models.

Table: Key Features of Frustrated Magnetic Lattices

Lattice Type	Example Materials	Source of Frustration	Expected Magnetic Behaviour
Triangular	κ -(BEDT-TTF) ₂ Cu ₂ (CN) ₃	Geometric (120° arrangement)	Dynamic spin correlations
Kagome	Herbertsmithite ZnCu ₃ (OH) ₆ Cl ₂	Corner-sharing triangles	Spinon continuum
Pyrochlore	Yb ₂ Ti ₂ O ₇ , Tb ₂ Ti ₂ O ₇	Tetrahedral spin network	Spin-ice/QSL tendencies
Honeycomb (Kitaev)	α -RuCl ₃ , Na ₂ IrO ₃	Bond-dependent interactions	Fractionalized excitations

The findings from this secondary research reveal significant advancements in understanding quantum spin liquids (QSLs) and frustrated magnetism, illustrating the multidisciplinary growth of the field across theoretical, experimental, and materials science domains. One of the central

results is the consistent confirmation that geometric frustration plays a decisive role in stabilising QSL states. Triangular, kagome, and pyrochlore lattices show persistent spin fluctuations even at temperatures nearing absolute zero, reinforcing theoretical predictions that competing interactions inhibit classical magnetic order. Heat-capacity anomalies, broad neutron-scattering spectra, and the absence of spin freezing in susceptibility data collectively point to dynamically correlated ground states characteristic of QSLs. A second major result concerns fractionalized excitations, which appear as broad continua in inelastic neutron scattering. These signatures, observed in Herbertsmithite, α - RuCl_3 , and several organic salts, strongly support the existence of spinons and, in Kitaev-type materials, Majorana fermions. Such excitations highlight the quantum coherent behaviour of QSLs and provide a link to topological quantum computation. Another key finding is that candidate QSL materials are highly diverse, ranging from copper-based kagome lattices to organic Mott insulators and rare-earth compounds with strong spin-orbit coupling. This diversity suggests that QSL behaviour stems not only from geometry but also from complex exchange interactions, anisotropic couplings, and entanglement-driven effects.

Table: Candidate QSL Materials

Category	Material	Lattice	Type of QSL	Key Evidence
Kagome	Herbertsmithite	Kagome	Z_2	Spinon continuum
Kitaev	α - RuCl_3	Honeycomb	Field-induced	Majorana-like excitations
Organics	κ -(BEDT-TTF) $_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$	Triangular	Gapless	Heat transport
Organics	$\text{EtMe}_3\text{Sb}[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$	Triangular	Gapless	Spinon Fermi surface

Triangular rare-earth	YbMgGaO_4	Triangular	Gapless	No order; heat capacity
Hyperkagome	$\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$	3D hyperkagome	Gapless	Spinon continuum
Pyrochlore	$\text{Pr}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$	Pyrochlore	U(1) QSL	Quantum spin ice
Spin-ice materials	$\text{Tb}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$	Pyrochlore	QSL-like	Magnetic monopoles
1D analogues	SrCuO_2	Chain	Luttinger liquid	Spin-charge separation

Conclusion

Quantum spin liquids and frustrated magnetism represent a frontier in condensed-matter physics, offering deep insights into quantum many-body behaviour and the emergence of exotic states of matter. This study shows that frustrated lattices, strong quantum fluctuations, and topological interactions give rise to highly unconventional magnetic phases characterised by fractionalised excitations and long-range entanglement. While significant theoretical and experimental advancements have been made, the unambiguous identification of QSL materials remains a major challenge. Continued research, particularly in material synthesis, advanced spectroscopy, and quantum modelling, is essential for harnessing QSLs for future technologies such as topological quantum computing and novel spintronic systems.

This study demonstrates that quantum spin liquids (QSLs) and frustrated magnetism represent one of the most intellectually rich and experimentally challenging frontiers in condensed matter physics. The results highlight that geometric frustration, competing exchange interactions, and strong quantum fluctuations collectively prevent long-range magnetic ordering, giving rise to highly entangled and dynamically correlated ground states. Across various materials—ranging

from kagome antiferromagnets and triangular organic salts to Kitaev honeycomb systems— experimental signatures such as excitation continua, unusual thermal transport phenomena, and persistent spin dynamics provide compelling evidence for the existence of QSL phases. Theoretical advancements, particularly the RVB and Kitaev models, have further broadened the conceptual landscape, offering frameworks that predict fractionalized excitations, topological order, and emergent quasiparticles like spinons and Majorana fermions. Despite remarkable progress, the field remains challenged by factors such as structural disorder, sample imperfections, and the difficulty of unambiguously distinguishing QSL behaviour from disorder-driven effects. Nevertheless, the convergence of theoretical predictions, numerical simulations, and experimental observations indicates that QSLs are not merely theoretical constructs but real quantum states with profound implications. The study concludes that exploring QSLs deepens our understanding of correlated electron systems and opens new possibilities for quantum information science, spintronics, and topological materials engineering.

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