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**Spin 1/2 Heisenberg antiferromagnet on kagome:  $Z_2$  spin liquid with fermionic spinons**<sup>1</sup> ZHIHAO HAO, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, OLEG TCHERNYSHYOV, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD — Motivated by recent numerical and experimental studies of spin 1/2 Heisenberg antiferromagnet on kagome, we formulate a many-body model for the fermionic spinons introduced in Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 187203. The spinons experience strong onsite attraction. They also couple with a compact U(1) gauge field. The ground state of the model is generically a  $Z_2$  liquid. We calculate the edge of the two-spinon continuum, which can be measured in numerics and inelastic neutron scattering experiments.

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