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Symmetry breaking Schwinger Boson Mean Field Theory solutions on Kagome¹ SHIVAM GHOSH, CHRISTOPHER L. HENLEY, LASSP, Cornell University — Schwinger Boson Mean Field theory (SBMFT) is a powerful technique for describing both quantum disordered and symmetry broken phases of Heisenberg spins as a function of spin length $\kappa = 2S$. Previous applications of SBMFT have been to study *symmetric* SL's which preserve lattice and time reversal symmetries (TRS). The *assumption* of a symmetric ground state reduces the number of mean field variables simplifying search for SL saddle points. We go beyond the manifold of *symmetric* SL's on the kagome lattice and using an optimization² technique search for solutions that may *spontaneously* break lattice and TRS. An exhaustive search for saddle points on a 4×4 lattice shows that the lowest energy solutions have zero flux ($[0hex]$) through hexagons in agreement with the Greedy Boson theorem³ However, amongst the manifold of $[0hex]$ solutions we find a state *lower* in energy than Sachdev's uniform $Q_1 = -Q_2$ state, extending up to $\kappa = 0.3$, which *spontaneously* breaks lattice symmetry and differs from uniform solution in flux patterns through length eight loops . We also characterize other (higher in energy) *chiral* saddle points

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