

# Effective Theories for Magnetic Systems

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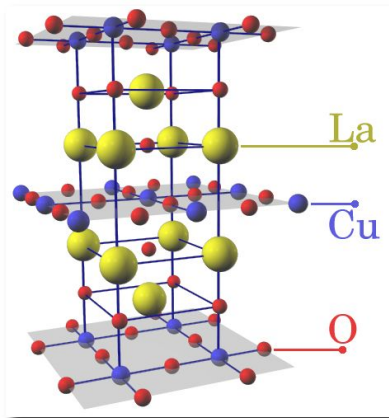
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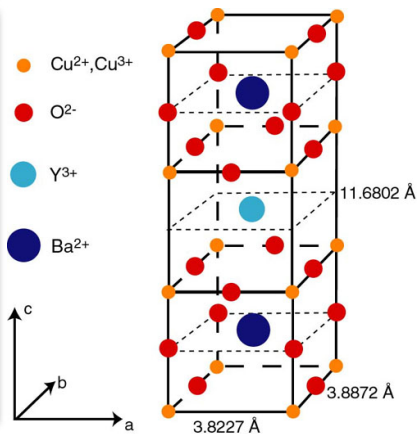
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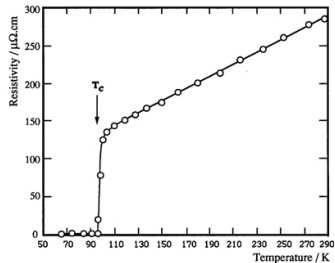
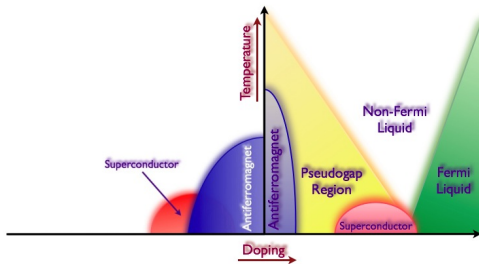
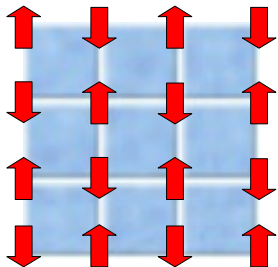


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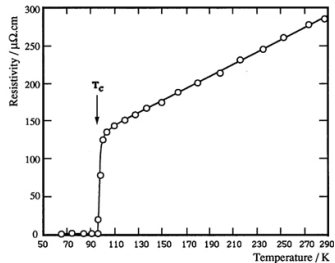
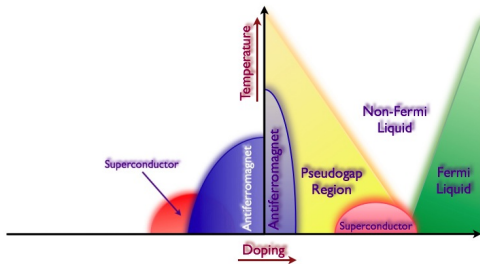
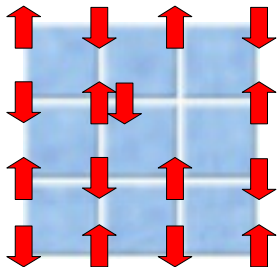
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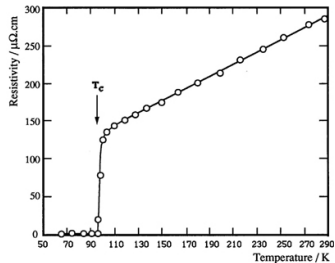
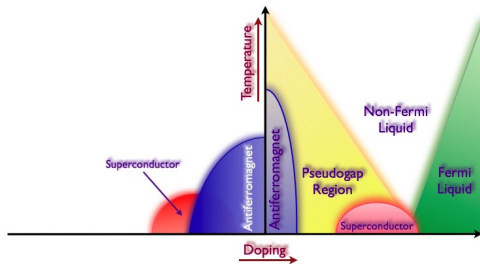
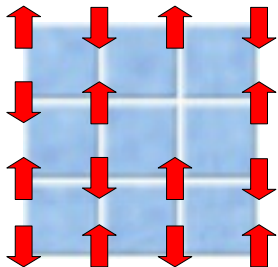
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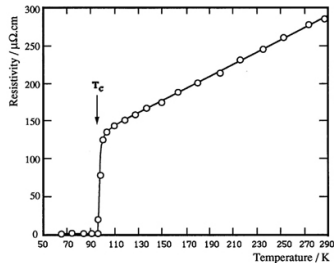
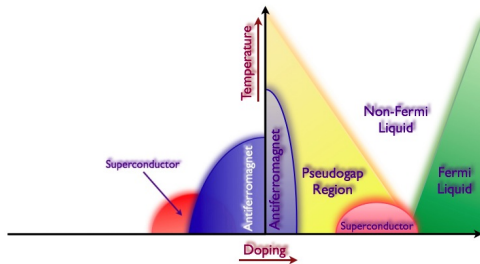
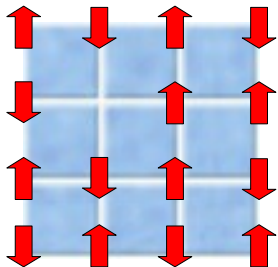
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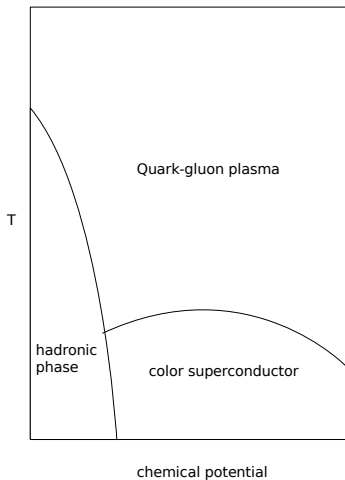
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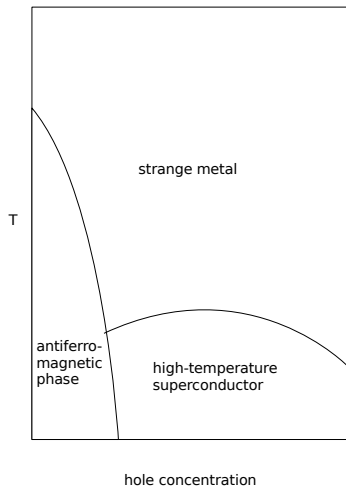
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# Phase diagrams of QCD and of doped antiferromagnets

QCD phase diagram



Phase diagram of cuprates



## Correspondences between QCD and Antiferromagnetism

	QCD	Antiferromagnetism
broken phase	hadronic vacuum	antiferromagnetic phase
global symmetry	chiral symmetry	spin rotations
symmetry group $G$	$SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R$	$SU(2)_s$
unbroken subgroup $H$	$SU(2)_{L=R}$	$U(1)_s$
Goldstone boson	pion	magnon
Goldstone field in $G/H$	$U(x) \in SU(2)$	$\vec{e}(x) \in S^2$
order parameter	chiral condensate	staggered magnetization
coupling strength	pion decay constant $F_\pi$	spin stiffness $\rho_s$
propagation speed	velocity of light	spin-wave velocity $c$
conserved charge	baryon number $U(1)_B$	electric charge $U(1)_Q$
charged particle	nucleon or antinucleon	electron or hole
long-range force	pion exchange	magnon exchange
dense phase	nuclear or quark matter	high- $T_c$ superconductor
microscopic description	lattice QCD	Hubbard or $t$ - $J$ model
effective description of Goldstone bosons	chiral perturbation theory	magnon effective theory
effective description of charged fields	baryon chiral perturbation theory	magnon-hole effective theory

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Effective magnon field in  $SU(2)/U(1) = S^2$

$$\vec{e}(x) = (e_1(x), e_2(x), e_3(x)), \quad \vec{e}(x)^2 = 1$$

Low-energy effective action for antiferromagnetic magnons

$$S[\vec{e}] = \int d^2x dt \frac{\rho_s}{2} \left( \partial_i \vec{e} \cdot \partial_i \vec{e} + \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} \right)$$

Neuberger, Ziemann (1989); Hasenfratz, Leutwyler (1990);  
Hasenfratz, Niedermayer (1993)

Low-energy effective action for ferromagnetic magnons

$$S[\vec{e}] = \int d^2x \left[ \int_{S^1} dt \frac{\rho_s}{2} \partial_i \vec{e} \cdot \partial_i \vec{e} - im \int_{H^2} dt d\tau \vec{e} \cdot (\partial_t \vec{e} \times \partial_\tau \vec{e}) \right]$$

The prefactor of the Wess-Zumino term — the total spin  
 $M = \int d^2x m$ , i.e. the magnetization of the ferromagnet —  
is quantized in half-integer units.

Leutwyler (1994); Hofmann (1999); Bär, Imboden, Wiese (2004)

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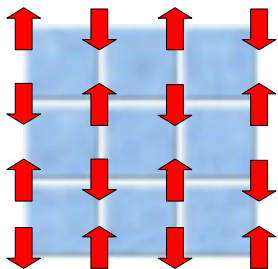
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## The spin 1/2 quantum Heisenberg model



Quantum spins  $[S_x^a, S_y^b] = i\delta_{xy}\epsilon_{abc}S_x^c$  and their Hamiltonian

$$H = J \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{S}_x \cdot \vec{S}_y$$

Partition function at inverse temperature  $\beta = 1/T$

$$Z = \text{Tr} \exp(-\beta H)$$

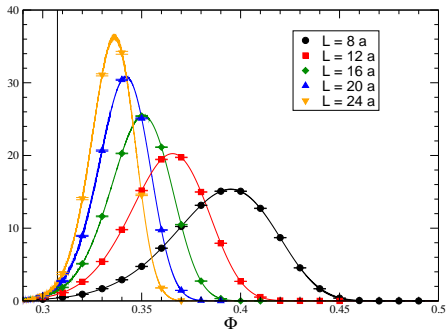
## Spin chain with periodic boundary conditions





# Excellent agreement of Monte Carlo simulations with effective field theory predictions for the constraint effective potential

Göckeler, Leutwyler (1991)



Very accurate determination of low-energy parameters:

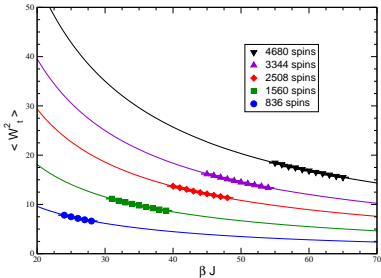
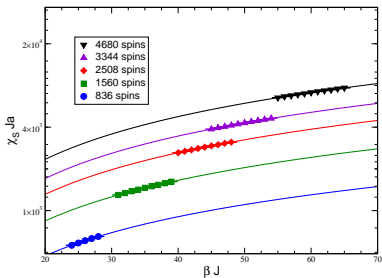
$$\mathcal{M}_s = 0.30743(1)/a^2, \quad \rho_s = 0.1808(4)J, \quad c = 1.6585(10)Ja$$

Gerber, Hofmann, Jiang, Nyfeler, Wiese (2009)

# Fit to $\varepsilon$ -regime predictions of magnon chiral perturbation theory for the Heisenberg model on a honeycomb lattice

$$\chi_s = \frac{\mathcal{M}_s^2 L^2 \beta}{3} \left\{ 1 + 2 \frac{c}{\rho_s L l} \beta_1(l) + \left( \frac{c}{\rho_s L l} \right)^2 [\beta_1(l)^2 + 3\beta_2(l)] \right\}$$

$$\chi_u = \frac{2\rho_s}{3c^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{\rho_s L l} \tilde{\beta}_1(l) + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{c}{\rho_s L l} \right)^2 \left[ \tilde{\beta}_2(l) - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\beta}_1(l)^2 - 6\psi(l) \right] \right\}$$



$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_s = 0.2689(4), \quad \rho_s = 0.102(2)J, \quad c = 1.297(16)Ja$$

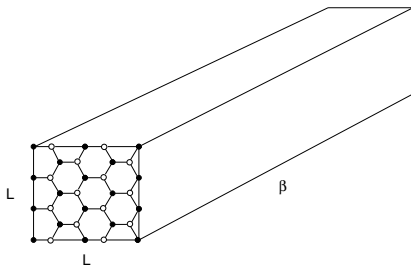
Hasenfratz, Niedermayer (1993); Jiang, Kämpfer, Nyfeler, Wiese (2008)

## Effective quantum mechanical rotor in the $\delta$ -regime

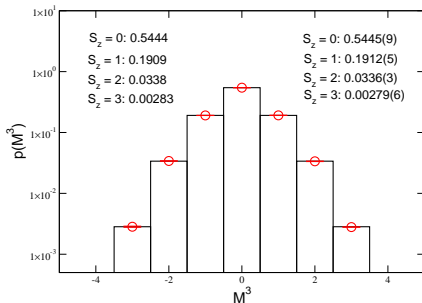
$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^2x \frac{\rho_s}{2} \left( \partial_i \vec{e} \cdot \partial_i \vec{e} + \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} \right) = \frac{\Theta}{2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e}$$

## Probability distribution of magnetization $M^3 = S^3$

$$p(M^3) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{S \geq |M^3|} \exp(-\beta E_S), \quad E_S = \frac{S(S+1)}{2\Theta}, \quad \Theta = \frac{\rho_s L^2}{2c^2}$$



Honeycomb Lattice, 836 Spins,  $\beta J = 60$



Perfect agreement without additional adjustable parameters

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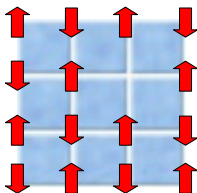
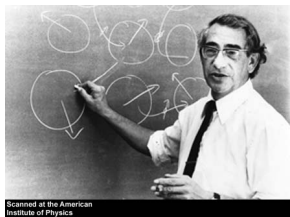
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## The Hubbard Model



$$H = -t \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} (c_x^\dagger c_y + c_y^\dagger c_x) + U \sum_x (c_x^\dagger c_x - 1)^2, \quad c_x = \begin{pmatrix} c_{x\uparrow} \\ c_{x\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

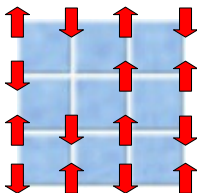
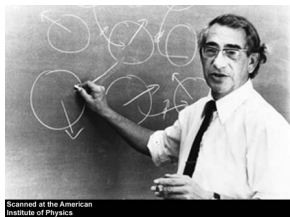
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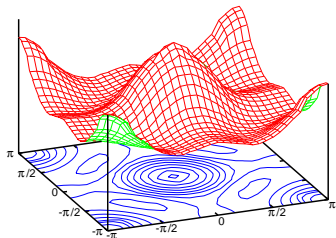
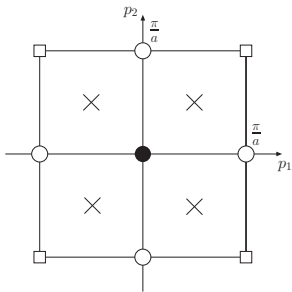
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## Hole dispersion in the $t$ - $J$ model



## Hole pockets centered at lattice momenta

$$k^\alpha = \left(\frac{\pi}{2a}, \frac{\pi}{2a}\right), \quad k^{\alpha'} = -k^\alpha, \quad k^\beta = \left(\frac{\pi}{2a}, -\frac{\pi}{2a}\right), \quad k^{\beta'} = -k^\beta$$

## Hole fields

$$\psi_+^f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_+^{k^f}(x) - \psi_+^{k^{f'}}(x)], \quad \psi_-^f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_-^{k^f}(x) + \psi_-^{k^{f'}}(x)]$$

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## Nonlinear realization of the $SU(2)_s$ symmetry

$$u(x)\vec{e}(x) \cdot \vec{\sigma}u(x)^\dagger = \sigma_3, \quad u_{11}(x) \geq 0$$

Under  $SU(2)_s$  the diagonalizing field  $u(x)$  transforms as

$$u(x)' = h(x)u(x)g^\dagger, \quad u_{11}(x)' \geq 0,$$

$$h(x) = \exp(i\alpha(x)\sigma_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(i\alpha(x)) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(-i\alpha(x)) \end{pmatrix} \in U(1)_s$$

The composite vector field

$$v_\mu(x) = u(x)\partial_\mu u(x)^\dagger = iv_\mu^a(x)\sigma_a, \quad v_\mu^\pm(x) = v_\mu^1(x) \mp iv_\mu^2(x)$$

transforms as

$$v_\mu^3(x)' = v_\mu^3(x) - \partial_\mu\alpha(x), \quad v_\mu^\pm(x)' = \exp(\pm 2i\alpha(x))v_\mu^\pm(x)$$

## Transformation rules of fermion fields

$$SU(2)_s : \quad \psi_{\pm}^f(x)' = \exp(\pm i\alpha(x))\psi_{\pm}^f(x),$$

$$U(1)_Q : \quad {}^Q\psi_{\pm}^f(x) = \exp(i\omega)\psi_{\pm}^f(x),$$

$$D_i : \quad D_i\psi_{\pm}^f(x) = \mp \exp(ik_i^f a) \exp(\mp i\varphi(x))\psi_{\mp}^f(x),$$

$$O : \quad O\psi_{\pm}^{\alpha}(x) = \mp\psi_{\pm}^{\beta}(Ox), \quad O\psi_{\pm}^{\beta}(x) = \psi_{\pm}^{\alpha}(Ox),$$

$$R : \quad R\psi_{\pm}^{\alpha}(x) = \psi_{\pm}^{\beta}(Rx), \quad R\psi_{\pm}^{\beta}(x) = \psi_{\pm}^{\alpha}(Rx)$$

## Leading terms in the effective Lagrangian for holes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_{\substack{f=\alpha,\beta \\ s=+,-}} \left[ M\psi_s^{f\dagger}\psi_s^f + \psi_s^{f\dagger}D_t\psi_s^f + \Lambda(\psi_s^{f\dagger}v_1^s\psi_{-s}^f + \sigma_f\psi_s^{f\dagger}v_2^s\psi_{-s}^f) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2M'}D_i\psi_s^{f\dagger}D_i\psi_s^f + \sigma_f\frac{1}{2M''}(D_1\psi_s^{f\dagger}D_2\psi_s^f + D_2\psi_s^{f\dagger}D_1\psi_s^f) \right] \end{aligned}$$

## Covariant derivative coupling to composite magnon gauge field

$$D_{\mu}\psi_{\pm}^f(x) = [\partial_{\mu} \pm iv_{\mu}^3(x)]\psi_{\pm}^f(x)$$

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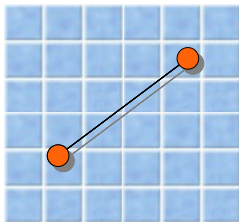
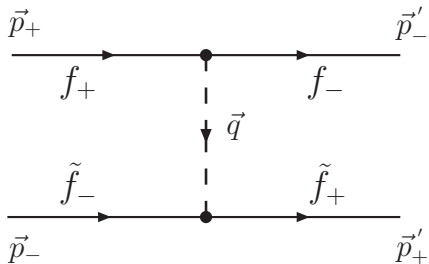
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## Magnon exchange



## One-magnon exchange potentials

$$V^{\alpha\alpha}(\vec{r}) = \gamma \frac{\sin(2\varphi)}{r^2}, \quad V^{\beta\beta}(\vec{r}) = -\gamma \frac{\sin(2\varphi)}{r^2},$$
$$V^{\alpha\beta}(\vec{r}) = V^{\beta\alpha}(\vec{r}) = \gamma \frac{\cos(2\varphi)}{r^2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{\Lambda^2}{2\pi\rho_s}$$

## Two-hole Schrödinger equation for an $\alpha\beta$ pair

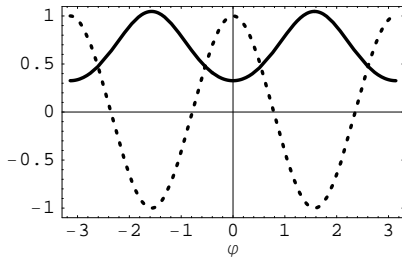
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{M'}\Delta & V^{\alpha\beta}(\vec{r}) \\ V^{\alpha\beta}(\vec{r}) & -\frac{1}{M'}\Delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1(\vec{r}) \\ \Psi_2(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_1(\vec{r}) \\ \Psi_2(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

### Making the ansatz

$$\Psi_1(\vec{r}) \pm \Psi_2(\vec{r}) = R(r)\chi_{\pm}(\varphi)$$

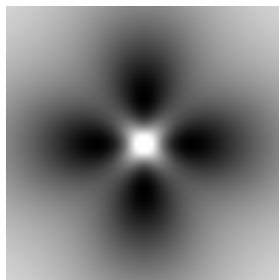
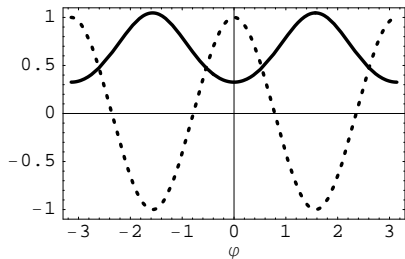
for the angular part of the wave function one obtains

$$-\frac{d^2\chi_{\pm}(\varphi)}{d\varphi^2} \pm M'\gamma \cos(2\varphi)\chi_{\pm}(\varphi) = -\lambda\chi_{\pm}(\varphi)$$

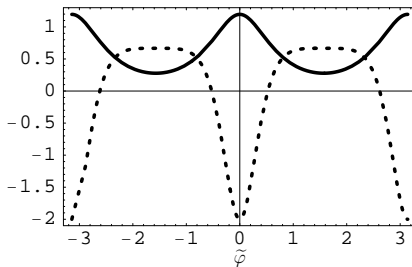


looks like s-wave,  
but turns out to be p-wave

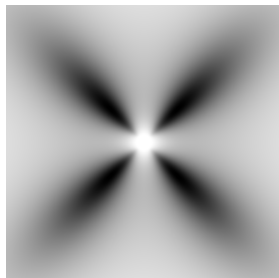
## Two-hole bound states of $\alpha\beta$ and $\alpha\alpha$ pairs



Angular wave function



Probability density



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## Effective Lagrange function for quantum mechanical rotor

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\Theta}{2} \partial_t \vec{e} \cdot \partial_t \vec{e} + \sum_{f=\alpha,\beta} \Psi^{f\dagger} [E(\vec{p}) - i\partial_t + v_t^3 \sigma_3] \Psi^f, \quad \Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_+^f(t) \\ \psi_-^f(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Spherical coordinates for the staggered magnetization

$$\vec{e} = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta) \Rightarrow v_t^3 = \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \partial_t \varphi$$

## Canonically conjugate momenta

$$\Theta \partial_t \theta = p_\theta, \quad \Theta \partial_t \varphi = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (p_\varphi + iA_\varphi)$$

## Abelian monopole Berry gauge field

$$A_\theta = 0, \quad A_\varphi = i \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \sigma_3, \quad F_{\theta\varphi} = \partial_\theta A_\varphi - \partial_\varphi A_\theta = \frac{i}{2} \sin \theta \sigma_3$$



## Rotor Hamiltonian in the single-hole sector

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -\frac{1}{2\Theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \partial_\theta [\sin\theta \partial_\theta] + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} (\partial_\varphi - A_\varphi)^2 \right\} + E(\vec{p}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left( J^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) + E(\vec{p}) \end{aligned}$$

## Angular momentum operators

$$J_\pm = \exp(\pm i\varphi) \left( \pm \partial_\theta + i \cot\theta \partial_\varphi - \frac{1}{2} \tan\frac{\theta}{2} \sigma_3 \right), \quad J_3 = -i\partial_\varphi - \frac{\sigma_3}{2}$$

## Energy spectrum

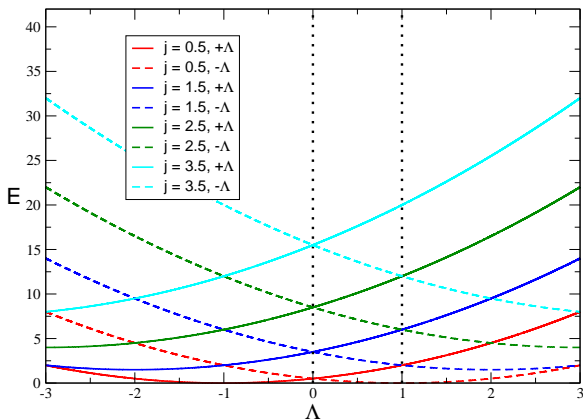
$$E_j = \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left[ j(j+1) - \frac{1}{4} \right] + E(\vec{p}), \quad j \in \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots \right\}$$

## Wave functions are monopole harmonics

$$Y_{\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}}^\pm(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \exp(\pm i\varphi), \quad Y_{\frac{1}{2}, \mp\frac{1}{2}}^\pm(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$

# Rotor spectrum in the single-nucleon sector ( $\Lambda = g_A |\vec{p}| / M$ )

$$E_j = \frac{1}{2\Theta} \left[ j'(j' + 2) + \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{2} \right] + E(\vec{p}), \quad j' = j \pm \frac{\Lambda}{2}$$



Leutwyler (1987); Chandrasekharan, Jiang, Pepe, Wiese (2008)

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- There are intriguing analogies between antiferromagnets and QCD.
- Doped antiferromagnets are described quantitatively by a systematic low-energy effective field theory analogous to chiral perturbation theory.
- Magnon exchange binds hole pairs in analogy to the deuteron.
- Spirals phases are analogous to pion condensation in nuclear matter.
- Systems on the honeycomb lattice as well as electron-doped systems have been investigated with the same techniques.
- Fermions have characteristic effects on the rotor spectrum, caused by Abelian or non-Abelian monopole Berry gauge fields.
- The rotor problem tests the effective theory nonperturbatively.
- Perturbative matching of  $\Lambda$  to the infinite volume effective theory is necessary before  $g_A$  could be extracted from the rotor level splitting.