

Quantum criticality with two length scales

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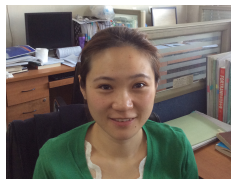
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outlines

Background

- Deconfined quantum criticality
- introduction to finite-size scaling
- J-Q model and scaling violation

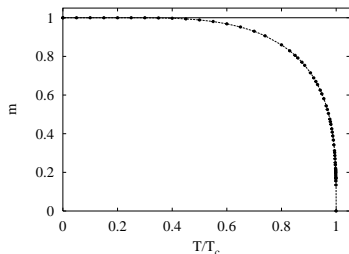
QMC study of deconfined criticality

- Quantum Monte Carlo methods
- spinon deconfinement and critical exponents
- VBS domain wall thickness
- critical scaling with two lengths and phenomenological explanation
- Anomalous critical scaling at Finite temperature

Conclusions

Thermal phase transitions

- ▶ At critical point, divergent length scale leads to singularity, which is the result of **thermal fluctuations**
- ▶ Quantum mechanics is largely irrelevant



3D Ising FM-Paramagnetic transition (MC simulation)

- ▶ The coarse grained continuum field description:
Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson Hamiltonian

$$H(\Phi) = \int dV ((\nabla\Phi)^2 + s\Phi^2 + u(\Phi^2)^2); \quad \mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{-H(\Phi)}$$

where Φ is the **order parameter**, s is a function of T .

- ▶ Meanfield: $\Phi^2 = -s/2u$ for $T < T_c$ ($s \sim s'(T - T_c)$).
- ▶ well understood within Wilson's **RG** framework;
 - longrange order $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$: spontaneous symmetry breaking
 - universality class: symmetry and dimensions

Quantum phase transitions

- ▶ happens at **zero temperature**, when adapt g in $H = H_0 + gH_I$; $[H_0, H_I] \neq 0$, continuous transition
- ▶ at g_c , the correlation length diverges, due to **quantum fluctuations**
- ▶ **path integral** maps D -dim quantum systems onto **classical field theories** in $D + 1$ -dim

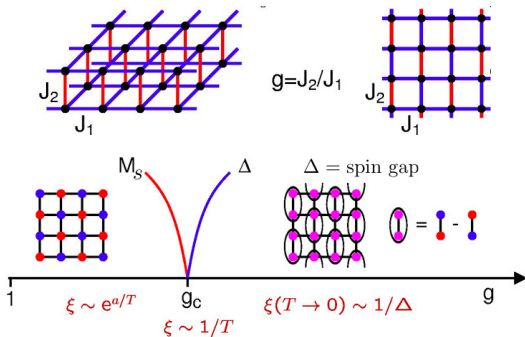
$$\mathcal{S}(\Phi) = \int dV d\tau ((\partial_\tau \Phi)^2 + v^2 (\nabla_x \Phi)^2 + s\Phi^2 + u(\Phi^2)^2)$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{-\mathcal{S}(\Phi)}$$

- ▶ many of these transitions can be understood in the conventional **Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson framework**

- ▶ for example: AF Néel-Paramagnetic transition

H_0 is AF Heisenberg Hamiltonian, $g = J_2/J_1$




- 3D classical Heisenberg universality class: confirmed by QMC
- Experimental realized

However, many strongly-correlated quantum materials seem to defy such a description and call for new ideas

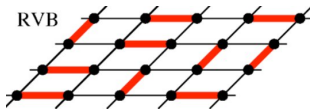
for example, continuous transition from Néel to VBS state

Non-trivial non-magnetic ground state

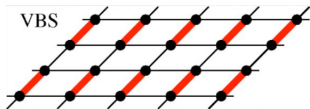
▶ Valence bond  = $(\uparrow_i \downarrow_j - \downarrow_i \uparrow_j) / \sqrt{2}$

- resonating valence-bond (RVB) spin liquid

exotic state without any long-range order



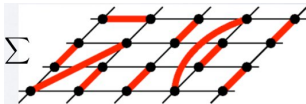
- valence-bond solid (VBS) breaking the translation and rotation symmetry of the lattice



VBS order parameter (D_x, D_y)

$$D_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (-1)^{x_i} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+\hat{x}}, \quad D_y = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (-1)^{y_i} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+\hat{y}}$$

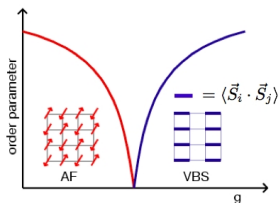
▶ valence-bond state: the overcomplete basis



$$\langle \mathbf{m}_s \rangle = \langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i (-1)^{x_i+y_i} \rangle = 0$$

Deconfined quantum criticality

describe the direct continuous transition from Néel to VBS
in 2D Read and Sachdev, 1989; Senthil, Vishwanath, Balents, Sachdev, Fisher (2004)



- the direct continuous transition violates the "Landau rule": Néel-param should be in 3D O(3) universality class; but transition away from VBS could be in 3D O(2) (Z_4 anisotropy is dangerously irrelevant, [Léonard and Delamotte, PRL 2015](#)) universality class.

either first order or a phase in between

- reason: Berry phase related interference effect in path integral, complex statistical weight in the field theories, **NOT** like classical statistical systems

New physics is called

Deconfined quantum criticality

Field-theory description with spinor field \mathbf{z}

- Order parameters of the Néel state and the VBS state are **NOT** the fundamental objects, they are **composites of fractional quasiparticles carrying $S = 1/2$**

$$\Phi = z_\alpha^* \sigma_{\alpha\beta} z_\beta$$

\mathbf{z} : spinor field (2-component complex vector); σ : Pauli

$$\mathcal{S}_z = \int d\mathbf{r}^2 d\tau [|(\partial_\mu - iA_\mu)z_\alpha|^2 + s|z_\alpha|^2 + u(|z_\alpha|^2)^2 + \kappa(\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu A_\lambda)^2]$$

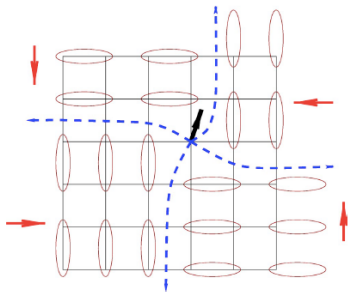
\mathbf{A} is a $U(1)$ symmetric gauge field; related to the VBS order parameter (D_x, D_y)

Non-compact CP^1 action

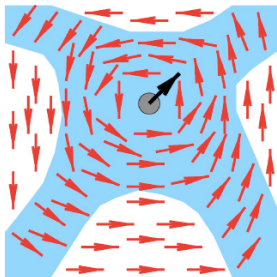
Physical picture

Levin and Senthil, PRB 70, 2004

At the core of the Z_4 vortex, there is a spinon



Blue-shaded regions are domain walls (Not a line). The thickness ξ_{DW} diverges faster than the correlation length ξ : two length scales, emergent $U(1)$ symmetry



- Spinons bind together in the VBS state (**confinement**) and condensate the Néel state, **deconfine** at the critical point leading to a **continuous** phase transition

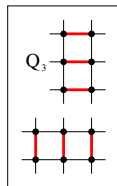
- Only SU(N) generalization can be solved when $N \rightarrow \infty$, nonperturbative numerical simulations are required to study small N
- The most natural physical realization of the Néel-VBS transition for SU(2) spins is in **frustrated quantum magnets**

however, notoriously difficult to study numerically:
sign problem in QMC

Designer Hamiltonian: J - Q model

Sandvik designs the J - Q model

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} P_{ij} - Q \sum_{\langle ijklmn \rangle} P_{ij} P_{kl} P_{mn}, \quad P_{ij} = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \right)$$



Lattice symmetries are kept ($J - Q_2$ version similar)

- large Q , columnar VBS

VBS order parameter

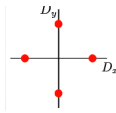
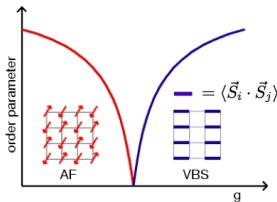
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- small Q , Néel

Néel order parameter

$$\mathbf{m}_s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i (-1)^{x_i+y_i}$$



- No sign problem for QMC simulations,
- ideal for QMC study of the DQC physics

Finite-size scaling

- Correlation length divergent for $T \rightarrow T_c$: $\xi \propto |\delta|^{-\nu}$, $\delta = T - T_c$
- Other singular quantity: $A(T, L \rightarrow \infty) \propto |\delta|^\kappa \propto \xi^{-\kappa/\nu}$
- For L-dependence at T_c just let $\xi \rightarrow L$: $A(T \approx T_c, L) \propto L^{-k/\nu}$
- Close to critical point: $A(T, L) = L^{-\kappa/\nu} g(L/\xi) = L^{-\kappa/\nu} f(\delta L^{1/\nu})$

For example

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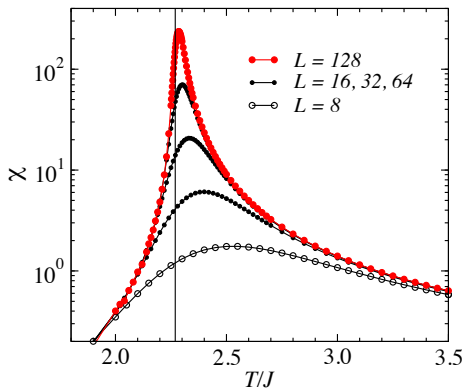
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$$\chi(T, L) L^{-\gamma/\nu} = f(\delta L^{1/\nu})$$

2D Ising model $\gamma = 7/4$, $\nu = 1$

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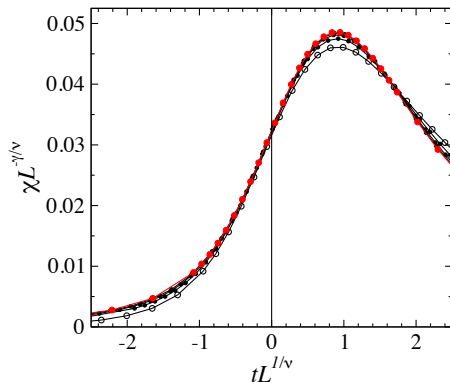
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systematic critical-point analysis

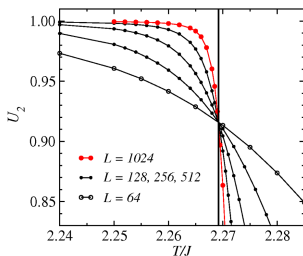
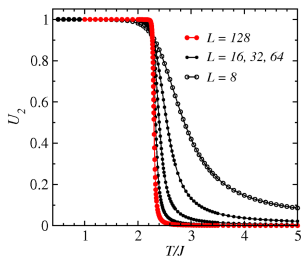
- consider a quantity with $\kappa = 0$, or, with known κ/ν

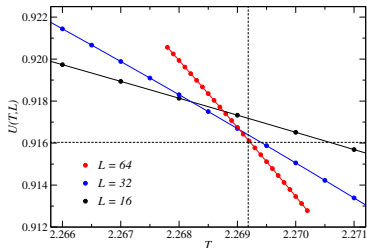
$$AL^{\kappa/\nu} = f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, u_1 L^{-\omega_1}, u_2 L^{-\omega_2}, \dots)$$

corrections to scaling are included (RG theory); u_i are irrelevant fields

- (almost) size-independent at T_c leads to crossings at T_c

Binder cumulant $U = \frac{1}{2} \left(3 - \frac{\langle m^4 \rangle}{\langle m^2 \rangle^2} \right)$, dimensionless $\kappa = 0$
2D Ising model; MC results





Drift in $(L, 2L)$ crossing points

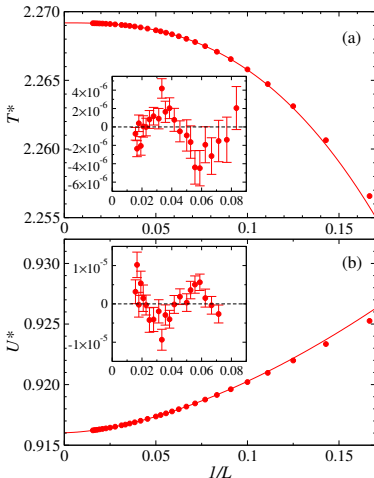
- scaling corrections in crossings

$$T^* = T_c + aL^{-(1/\nu+\omega)}$$

$$U^* = U_c + bL^{-\omega}$$

ω : unknown correction to scaling,
free exponent in fits

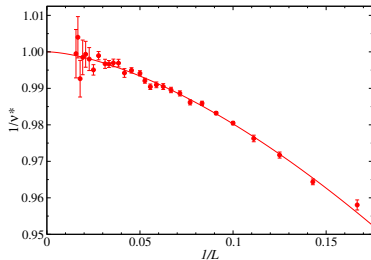
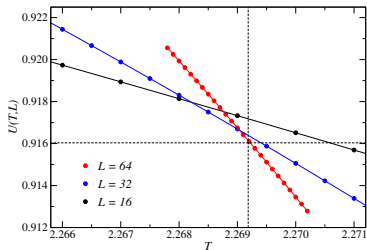
$$Q(T, L) = f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, uL^{-\omega})$$



- correlation-length exponent ν

can be extracted from the slope of U : $s(T, L) = \frac{dU(T, L)}{dT}$

$$\ln\left(\frac{s(T^*, 2L)}{s(T^*, L)}\right) / \ln 2 = \frac{1}{\nu} + aL^{-\omega} + \dots$$



numerical study of the J-Q model

FSS of squared order parameter(A)

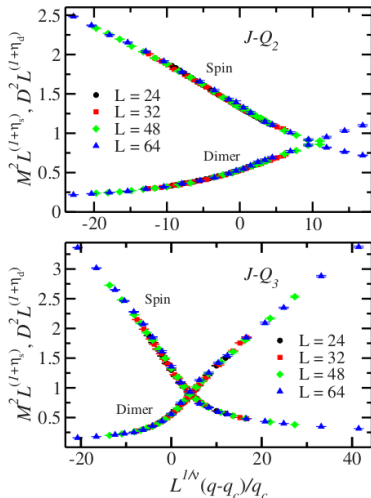
$$A(q, L) = L^{-(1+\eta)} f[\delta L^{1/\nu}], \quad \delta = q - q_c, (q = Q/(J + Q))$$

Data "collapse":

M^2 and D^2 simultaneously \rightarrow single continuous transition!

- $J-Q_2$ model; $q_c = 0.961(1)$
 $\eta_s = 0.35(2)$; $\eta_d = 0.20(2)$;
 $\nu = 0.67(1)$
- $J-Q_3$ model; $q_c = 0.600(3)$
 $\eta_s = 0.33(2)$; $\eta_d = 0.20(2)$;
 $\nu = 0.69(2)$ Lou, Sandvik and Kawashima, PRB 2009
- Comparable results for honeycomb J-Q model

Alet and Damle, PRB 2013 Kaul et al., PRL 2014



scaling violation

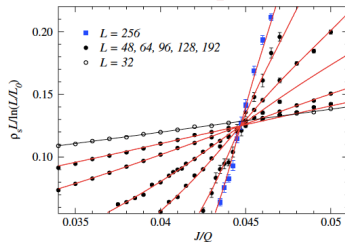
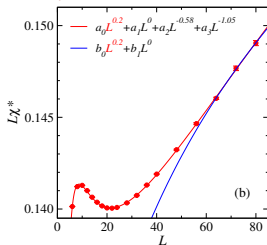
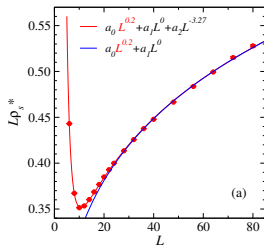
Spin stiffness $\rho_s \propto \delta^{\nu(d+z-2)}$, susceptibility $\chi \propto \delta^{(d-z)\nu}$

Conventional FSS

$$\rho_s(\delta, L) = L^{-\nu(d+z-2)/\nu} f(\delta L^{1/\nu}), \quad \chi(\delta, L) = L^{-\nu(d-z)/\nu} f(\delta L^{1/\nu})$$

At critical point: $\rho_s \propto L^{-(d+z-2)} = L^{-z}$, $\chi \propto L^{-(d-z)}$

$z = 1$ for J - Q model, $\rho_s L$ and χL should be constants at q_c



- $z \neq 1$ does not work
- **large scaling corrections?** Sandvik PRL 2010, Bartosch PRB 2013
- **weak first-order transition?** Chen et al PRL 2013

The enigmatic current state is well summed up in
[Nahum et al arXiv: 1506.06798](#)

In this talk, we will try to resolve this puzzle

- **study the deconfinement of spions**
- **VBS domain wall thickness**
- **introduce scaling form with two-length scales and give phenomenological explanation**
- **anomalous critical scaling at finite temperature**

Quantum Monte Carlo method

General idea of QMC :

- rewrite a quantum-mechanical trace or expectation value into a classical form

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}\{Ae^{-\beta H}\}}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta H}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\langle \Psi | A | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} \rightarrow \frac{\sum_c A_c W_c}{\sum_c W_c}$$

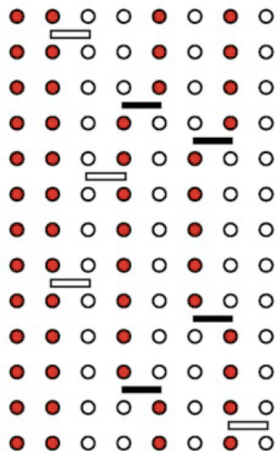
W_c is the weight of a configuration, A_c is the estimator of A .

- There are many different ways of doing it:
Worldline (worm), SSE, Fermion determinant, ...

SSE Quantum Monte Carlo method

- A SSE configuration:
spin state + operator string

-1 +1 -1 -1 +1 -1 +1 +1



- diagonal and loop updates
- observables and estimators
 - ▶ **energy estimator** : number of operators, $H_c = -n/\beta$
 - ▶ **spin stiffness estimator** : winding number fluctuations

$$\rho_s = \frac{\langle W_\alpha^2 \rangle}{L^{d-2}\beta}$$

- ▶ **staggered magnetization**:

$$m_{sz} = \sum_i (-1)^{i_x+i_y} s_{iz} / N$$

Projector Quantum Monte Carlo method

For ground state calculations

Apply the imaginary time evolution operator to an initial state

$$U(\tau \rightarrow \infty)|\Psi_0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$$

where $U(\tau) = (-H)^\tau$ or $U(\tau) = \exp(-H\tau)$

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | U(\tau) A U(\tau) | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_0 | U(\tau) U(\tau) | \Psi_0 \rangle} \rightarrow \frac{\sum_c A_c W_c}{\sum_c W_c}$$

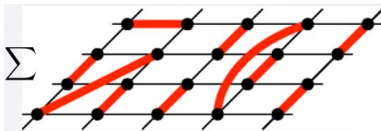
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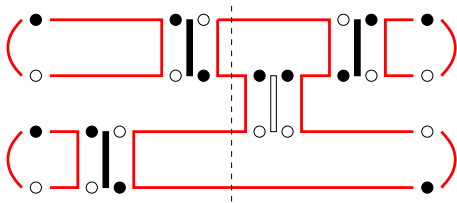
- using VB basis (in the singlet sector)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_v f_v |v\rangle, \quad |v\rangle = |(a_1, b_1) \cdots (a_{N/2}, b_{N/2})\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ \bullet \end{array} = (\uparrow_i \downarrow_j - \downarrow_i \uparrow_j) / \sqrt{2}$$

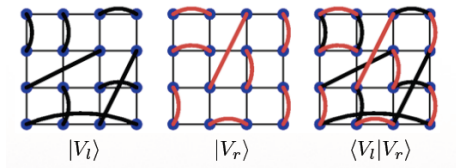


- take $U(\tau) = \exp(-\tau H)$, SSE representation $\rightarrow Z = \sum_c W_c$
- loop update algorithm are used



Expectation values

- energy estimator: $H_c = -n/2\tau$
- correlation functions computed using **transition graphs**

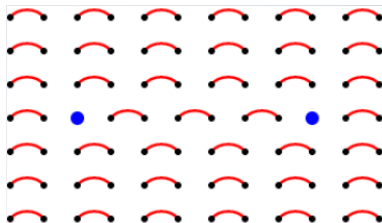


$$\langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & (i)_L(j)_L \\ \frac{3}{4}\phi_{ij}, & (i,j)_L, \end{cases}$$

$\phi_{ij} = \pm 1$, i, j on the same/different sublattice

spinons and Deconfinement of spinons

- The excitations of VBS carry $S = 1$
 - ▶ bound spinon pair
 - ▶ confining string
- The confining string weakens as q_c is approached
 - ▶ deconfinement



The distance Λ diverges,
 $\propto \xi_{DW}(?)$

QMC simulations can be carried out in the $S = 1$ space

Extend valence-bond basis to total spin $S > 0$ states

Tang and Sandvik PRL 2011, Banerjee and Damle JSTAT 2010

Consider $S_z = S$

- for even N spins: $N/2 - S$ bonds, $2S$ unpaired "up" spins

$S = 0$



$\langle V_\beta | V_\alpha \rangle$, 2 loops

$S = 1$



$\langle V_\beta(j, l) | V_\alpha(i, k) \rangle$,
1 loop, 2 strings

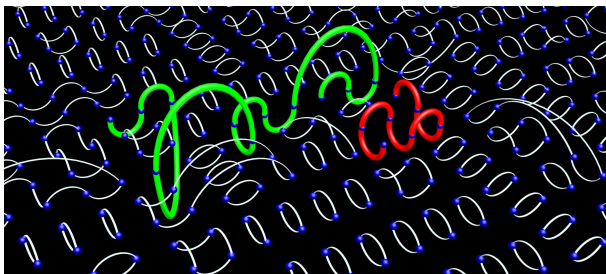
- transition graph has $2S$ open strings

study spinon bound states and unbinding

The two-spinon distance in the $J-Q_2$ model

A QMC transition graph representing $\langle \psi_L | \psi_R \rangle$ of $S = 1$ states

- two strings (spinons) in a background of loops formed by valence bonds.
- two strings represent two spinons in bound state



J-Q model in deep VBS phase

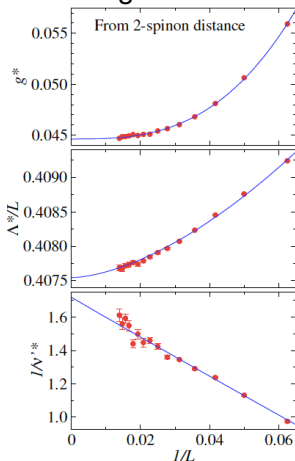
animation at VBS

J-Q model at the critical point

animation at q_c

The two-spinon distance in the $J-Q_2$ model

Define the size of spinon bound state Λ as root-mean-square string distance



Crossing-point analysis of Λ/L

- We find that Λ/L at q_c is dimensionless, like the Binder ratio R_1 of Néel order parameter.
- The crossing points of $(L, 2L)$ converge monotonically

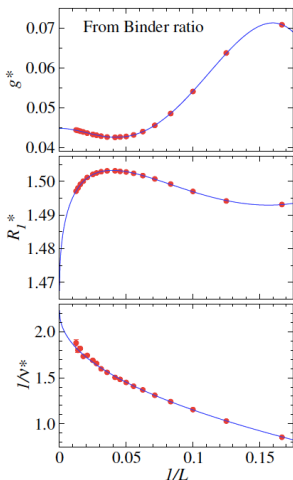
$$g^* - q_c \propto L^{-(1/\nu' + \omega)}, \quad \Lambda^*(L)/L - R \propto L^{-\omega}$$

$1/\nu'$ can be extracted from slopes at the crossing point

- ▶ we find $q_c = 0.04463(4)$, $\nu' = 0.58(2)$

Transition is associated with spinon deconfinement

The Binder ratio in the $J-Q_2$ model



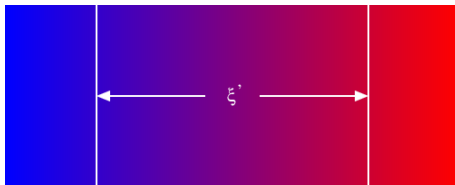
Similar crossing-point analysis of the Binder ratio

- From Binder ratio, we have $\nu = 0.446$ which controls the correlation.
- what is ν' ?
 - ▶ DQC theory: two diverging length scales
$$\xi \propto (q - q_c)^{-\nu}, \quad \xi_{DW} \propto (q - q_c)^{-\nu'}, \quad \nu' > \nu$$
 - ▶ $\nu/\nu' = 0.77(3)$ agrees with the result obtained from the VBS domain-Wall energy calculations suggesting ν' is the domain wall thickness exponent

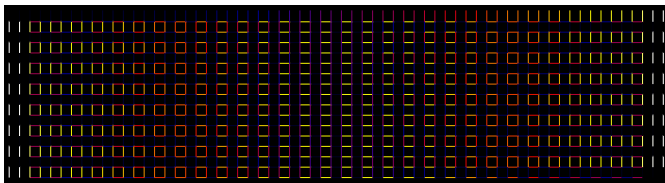
fundamental length scale: domain wall thickness

In some classical systems (clock models, XY model with symmetry breaking field) the thickness of a domain wall is larger than the correlation length

$$\xi \sim \delta^{-\nu}, \quad \xi_{DW} \sim \delta^{-\nu'}, \quad \nu' > \nu$$



VBS domain wall behaves similarly



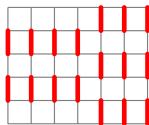
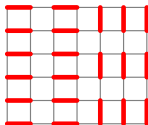
VBS domain-wall scaling in the critical J-Q model

$$\phi = \pi/2$$

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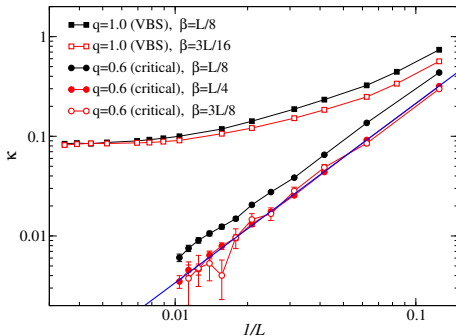
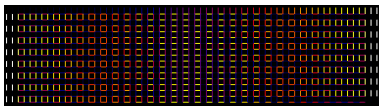
two kinds of VBS domain walls are imposed in open-boundary systems

π wall splits into two $\pi/2$ walls



$$\delta F = F_{wall} - F_{uniform}$$

$$\kappa = \delta F / L^{d+z-1}$$



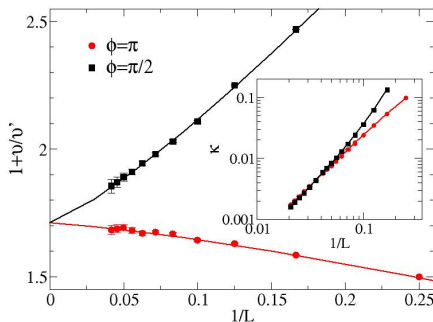
At deconfined critical point q_c , $\kappa \propto L^{-b}$, $b \approx 1.80(1)$

At deconfined critical point

- domain-wall energy can be expressed as $\kappa = \rho_s / \Lambda$
 ρ_s is a stiffness: energy cost of a twist of the VB order
 Λ is the width of the region over which the twist distributes.

- According to DQC theory,
 $\rho_s \propto 1/\xi$, $\Lambda \propto \xi_{DW}$
 $\kappa \propto \frac{1}{\xi \xi_{DW}} \propto (q - q_c)^{\nu + \nu'}$
- translate to finite size at q_c :
 $\xi_{DW} = L, \xi = \xi_{DW}^{\nu/\nu'}$

$$\kappa(q_c) \propto L^{-(1 + \nu/\nu')}$$



we have $b = 1 + \nu/\nu'$, and $\nu/\nu' = 0.80(1)$

- The only other estimate from analysis of the emergent U(1) symmetry: $\nu/\nu' = 0.83(4)$, [J. Lou et al PRB 80, 180414\(R\)\(2009\)](#)

Domain wall scaling in classical model

3D q -state clock model ($q > 3$): basic example of **dangerously irrelevant perturbation**

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

► θ restriction:



The prediction for the domain wall energy in $L \rightarrow \infty$

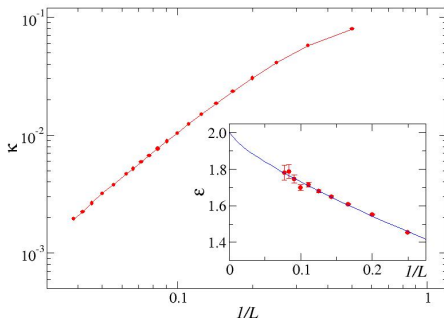
$$\kappa \sim \frac{1}{\xi \xi_{DW}}$$

But, finite-size scaling at T_c shows

$$\kappa \sim L^{-2} \neq L^{-(1+\nu/\nu')}$$

The **dangerously irrelevant perturbation** in the J-Q model is **more serious**

$\xi \sim \xi_{DW}^{\nu/\nu'}$, $\nu/\nu' \approx 0.47$, ν' is **universal** [Léonard and Delamotte, PRL 2015](#)



Quantum criticality with two lengths

Two divergent lengths tuned by one parameter:

$$\xi \propto \delta^{-\nu}, \quad \xi' \propto \delta^{-\nu'}$$

A quantity $A \propto \delta^\kappa$, finite-size scaling of A

- Conventional scenario

$$A(\delta, L) = L^{-\kappa/\nu} f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, \delta L^{1/\nu'}), \quad A(\delta = 0, L) \propto L^{-\kappa/\nu}$$

When $L \rightarrow \infty$, $f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, \delta L^{1/\nu'}) \rightarrow (\delta L^{1/\nu})^\kappa$

- We propose

$$A(\delta, L) = L^{-\kappa/\nu'} f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, \delta L^{1/\nu'}), \quad A(\delta = 0, L) \propto L^{-\kappa/\nu'}$$

When $L \rightarrow \infty$, $f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, \delta L^{1/\nu'}) \rightarrow (\delta L^{1/\nu'})^\kappa$

Example: spin stiffness $\rho_s \propto \delta^{\nu(d+z-2)}$, $\kappa = \nu(d+z-2)$. At q_c

$$\rho_s \propto L^{-(d+z-2)} \text{ or } \rho_s \propto L^{-(d+z-2)\nu/\nu'}$$

General scaling theory for ρ_s and χ , single length scale

Fisher et al PRB,40,546(1989)

Free energy density scales

$$f_s(\delta, L, \beta) \sim \xi^{-(d+z)} Y\left(\frac{\xi}{L}, \frac{\xi^z}{\beta}\right), \quad \xi \sim \delta^{-\nu}$$

- $\rho_s \frac{\Delta^2 \phi}{L^2}$ is the excess energy due to a **twist along apace**:

$$\Delta f(\delta, L, \beta) \sim \xi^{-(d+z)} \tilde{Y}\left(\frac{\xi}{L}, \frac{\xi^z}{\beta}\right) \sim \rho_s \frac{\pi^2}{L^2}$$

\tilde{Y} has to behave like $(\xi/L)^2$, thus

$$\rho_s \sim \xi^{2-(d+z)}$$

replacing ξ to L , we have $\rho_s \sim L^{-(d+z-2)}$

- Similarly, $\chi \frac{\Delta^2 \phi}{\beta^2}$ is the excess energy density needed to enforce the twist, which means $\tilde{Y} \sim \xi^{2z}/\beta^2$

$$\chi \sim \xi^{2z-(d+z)}, \quad \chi \sim L^{-(d-z)}$$

Two correlation lengths scenario

Free energy density scales

$$f_s(\delta, L, \beta) \sim \xi^{-(d+z)} Y\left(\frac{\xi}{L}, \frac{\xi^z}{\beta}, \frac{\xi'}{L}, \frac{\xi'^z}{\beta}\right)$$

the excess energy due to a twist along apace:

$$\rho_s \left(\frac{\Delta\phi}{L}\right)^2 \sim \Delta f(\delta, L, \beta) \sim \xi^{-(d+z)} \tilde{Y}_s\left(\frac{\xi}{L}, \frac{\xi^z}{\beta}, \frac{\xi'}{L}, \frac{\xi'^z}{\beta}\right)$$

which means

$$\tilde{Y}_s \sim \left(\frac{\xi}{L}\right)^a \left(\frac{\xi'}{L}\right)^{2-a}$$

The larger correlation length ξ' reaches L first, so $L \sim \xi' \sim \delta^{-\nu'}$, we have $a = 2$, and

$$\rho_s \sim \xi^{-(d+z-2)}$$

but, since $L = \xi'$, $\xi = L^{\nu/\nu'}$,

$$\rho_s \sim L^{-(d+z-2)\nu/\nu'}$$

Similarly, we have

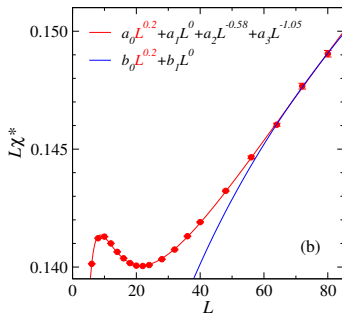
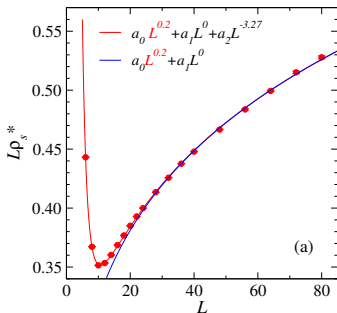
$$\chi \sim L^{-(d-z)\nu/\nu'}$$

Evidence for unconventional scaling in J-Q model

We have

$$\rho_s \sim L^{-(z+d-2)\nu/\nu'} \sim L^{-\nu/\nu'}, \quad \text{instead of } \rho_s \sim L^{-(z+d-2)} \sim L^{-1}$$

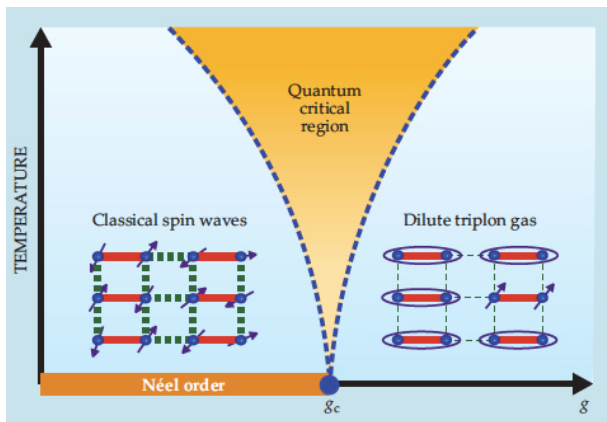
$$\chi \sim L^{-(d-z)\nu/\nu'} \sim L^{-\nu/\nu'}, \quad \text{instead of } \chi \sim L^{-(d-z)} \sim L^{-1}$$



- this unexplains drifts in $L\rho_s$ and χL in J-Q and other models ($z = 1, d = 2$)
- **Behavior was interpreted as flow to first-order transition is due to unconventional scaling!**

Anomalous critical scaling at finite Temperature

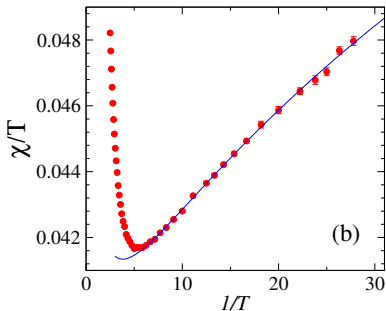
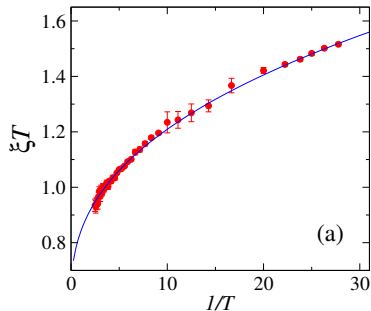
Quantum critical point at $T = 0$ governs the behavior in a $T > 0$ region which expands out from $(g_c, T = 0)$: **experimentally important**



Anomalous critical scaling at finite Temperature

- $\beta = 1/T$ is also a 'finite-size': $L \rightarrow \beta^{1/z}$
- conventional scaling ($z = 1$ for J-Q)
 - ▶ $\xi \sim L$ leads to $\xi_T \propto \beta^{1/z} = T^{-1}$,
 - ▶ $\chi \sim L^{-(d-z)}$ leads to $\chi_T \propto \beta^{-(d-z)/z} = T$
- new scaling with ν/ν' :

$$\xi_T \propto T^{-\nu'/\nu}; \chi \sim L^{-\nu/\nu'} \text{ leads to } \chi_T \propto T^{\nu/\nu'}$$



Conclusions

- Two length scales observed explicitly in the J-Q model
- No sign of first-order transition in the J-Q model
- Simple two-length scaling hypothesis explains scaling violation of spin stiffness and susceptibility
- For $T > 0$ we find scaling laws from finite-size scaling forms experimentally important

Thank you !