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# Physics motivation

the  $O(3)$  model in 1+1 dimensions

$$S = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^2x \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu n_a)^2, \quad n_a^2 = 1, \quad a = 1, 2, 3, \quad \nu = 1, 2$$

rich variety of effects, all similar to Quantum Chromodynamics:

- no dimensionful parameter, but dynamical mass generation
- asymptotic freedom: strongly coupled in the infrared
- topology & instantons
- lowest model of the  $O(N)$  and  $CP(N)$  series, large- $N$  possible  
 $O(3)$  best compared to  $SU(2)$  Yang-Mills
- fermions can be coupled
- lattice formulation = Heisenberg model:  $J \sum_{x,\nu} n_a(x) n_a(x + \hat{\nu})$
- global symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  conserved charges

## Euclidean path integrals

nonzero temperature  $\Rightarrow$  base space  $R^1 \cdot S^1_{1/T}$  (corresponding lattice)

- here: low temperatures = large temporal extent

nonzero density/chemical potential  $\Rightarrow$  action modified:

- one of the  $O(3)$  generators rotates  $n_{1,2}$

conserved current

couple  $\mu$  to that symmetry (other  $\mu$  couplings equivalent)

new action contains  $\mu Q$  (= charge), but in bosonic theories also  $\mu^2$

- continuum: 
$$g^2 \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu \vec{n})^2 + \underbrace{i\mu(n_1 \dot{n}_2 - n_2 \dot{n}_1)}_{\text{complex}} - \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2}{2} (n_1^2 + n_2^2)}_{+ \frac{\mu^2}{2} (n_3^2 - 1)}$$

⇒ suppression of the perpendicular component, effectively  $O(2)$  like with magnetic field

⇒ complex action/sign problem: importance sampling??  
note that imaginary  $\mu$  is fine

# Physics expectations

- (i) charged particles induced only after  $\mu$  has reached the mass gap  
= partition function remains  $\mu$ -indep. up to  $\mu_c = m^1$   
'Silver-Blaze' region & transition
- measuring  $\mu_c$  (having solved the sign problem) one gets information about the mass of the charged particles  
for other interesting insights see the talk by T. Sulejmanpasic
- (ii) for large  $\mu$  the system becomes more and more O(2)-like
- vortices
  - condensing or in vortex-antivortex pairs depending on the coupling = Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless transition  
no order parameter singular, two point correlators change

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<sup>1</sup>QCD:  $\mu_{\text{up}} = \mu_{\text{down}} \Rightarrow 3\mu_c = m_{\text{lightest baryon}}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{up}} = -\mu_{\text{down}} \Rightarrow 2\mu_c = m_{\text{pion}}$

# Dualization in a nutshell

- lattice action with  $n_1 + in_2 = n_{12} e^{i\phi}$ :  $(n_{12}^2 + n_3^2 = 1, \text{ spacing} = 1)$

$$S = -J \sum_{x,\nu} \left( n_3(x) n_3(x + \hat{\nu}) + \frac{1}{2} n_{12}(x) n_{12}(x + \hat{\nu}) \cdot \left\{ e^{i(\phi(x+\hat{\nu})-\phi(x))} e^{\mu \delta_{\nu,0}} + \underbrace{e^{-i(\phi(x+\hat{\nu})-\phi(x))} e^{-\mu \delta_{\nu,0}}}_{\text{not c.c.}} \right\} \right)$$

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- idea: for all terms  $A$  in the action, expand  $e^{-S_A[n]}$  with variables  $k_A$  then integrate out the original fields  $n$
- result: the system is now represented in 'dual variables'  $k$  typically constrained, simulated by worm algorithms *provided all weights are positive* = sign problem solved

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- bond variables for the three terms above  
e.g. for the third component:

$$e^{-S} \propto \prod_{x,\nu} e^{J n_3(x)n_3(x+\hat{\nu})} = \prod_{x,\nu} \sum_{k_\nu(x)=0}^{\infty} \frac{J^{k_\nu(x)}}{k_\nu(x)!} n_3(x)^{k_\nu(x)} n_3(x+\hat{\nu})^{k_\nu(x)}$$

- $J$  comes with a power of all dual variables



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- integrations over  $\{n_3(x), n_{12}(x), \phi(x)\} = \{\cos \theta(x), \sin \theta(x), \phi(x)\}$   
the latter gives constraints:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi(x) e^{i\phi(x) \sum_{\nu} [m_{\nu}(x+\hat{\nu}) - m_{\nu}(x)]} \equiv \delta_{\text{Kron}}(\nabla_{\nu} m_{\nu}) \quad \forall x$$

namely that  $m_{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}$  is **divergence-free**  
( $m_{\nu}$  is the difference of two nonnegative dual variables)

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- symmetry manifest
  - obviously the conserved charge reads  $Q = \sum_{x_1} m_0(x_0, x_1)$
- ⇒ on each time slice the net flux of the dual variable  $m_\nu$  is the charge  $Q$
- the coupling of the chemical potential is done via

$$e^{-\mu \sum_{x_1} m_0(x_0, x_1)} > 0$$

if the total weight of the dual variables  $m_\nu$  etc. is positive at  $\mu = 0$  ✓  
it remains so at  $\mu \neq 0$

⇒ sign problem solved

note that imaginary  $\mu$  is bad

# Full result and interpretation, in $O(4)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z = & \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bar{m}, k^{(3)}, k^{(4)} \in \mathbb{N}_0}} \prod_{x, \nu} \frac{(J/2)^{|m_\nu(x)| + 2\bar{m}_\nu(x)} J^{k_\nu^{(3)}(x) + k_\nu^{(4)}(x)}}{(|m_\nu^{(j)}(x)| + \bar{m}_\nu(x))! \bar{m}_\nu(x)! k_\nu^{(3)}(x)! k_\nu^{(4)}(x)!} && \text{(expans.)} \\
 & \times \prod_x \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{a(x)}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{b^{(3)}(x)}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{b^{(4)}(x)}{2})}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{a(x)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{b^{(3)}(x)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{b^{(4)}(x)}{2})} && \text{(integrated fields)} \\
 & \times \prod_x \delta(\nabla_\nu m_\nu \cdot e^{-\mu \sum_{x_1} m_0}) && \text{(constraints and chem. potential)} \\
 & \times \prod_x \delta_{\text{even}}(b^{(3)}(x)) \delta_{\text{even}}(b^{(4)}(x)) && \text{(evenness constraints)}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(x) &= \sum_\nu [ |m_\nu(x)| + |m_\nu(x + \hat{\nu})| + 2\bar{m}_\nu(x) + 2\bar{m}_\nu(x + \hat{\nu}) ] \\
 b^{(j)}(x) &= \sum_\nu [ k_\nu^{(j)}(x) + k_\nu^{(j)}(x + \hat{\nu}) ] \quad j = 3, \dots, N
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- second line = ‘beta function’
- fix length of original field by Lagrange multiplier:  
 numerator  $\Gamma$ ’s from integrating out unconstrained fields,  
 denominator  $\Gamma$  from integrating out Lagrange multiplier
- mass gap derived in original theory at large- $N$  with Lagrange mult.

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 \end{aligned}$$

- third line:  $\mu$  in (1,2)-components couples to conserved current manifest since parametrization with polar angle, adapted
- there must be a conserved current in e.g. the (3,4)-components not explicit in this representation (polar angle in (3,4)-component!)
- fourth line: more constraints (!)

# Intermezzo: Full result for CP(N-1) models

- $N$  chemical potentials  $\mu^{(j)}, j = 1, \dots, N$ :

$$Z = \sum_{\substack{m_\nu^{(j)}(x) \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bar{m}_\nu^{(j)}(x) \in \mathbb{N}_0}} \quad (2N \text{ 'colored' dual variables})$$

$$\prod_{x, \nu, j} \frac{J^{|m_\nu^{(j)}(x)| + 2\bar{m}_\nu^{(j)}(x)}}{(|m_\nu^{(j)}(x)| + \bar{m}_\nu^{(j)}(x))! \bar{m}_\nu^{(j)}(x)!} \quad (\text{exponent expansion})$$

$$\times \prod_x \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{a^{(1)}(x)}{2}) \Gamma(1 + \frac{a^{(2)}(x)}{2}) \dots \Gamma(1 + \frac{a^{(N)}(x)}{2})}{\Gamma(N + \frac{a^{(1)}(x)}{2} + \frac{a^{(2)}(x)}{2} + \dots + \frac{a^{(N)}(x)}{2})} \quad (\text{integrated fields})$$

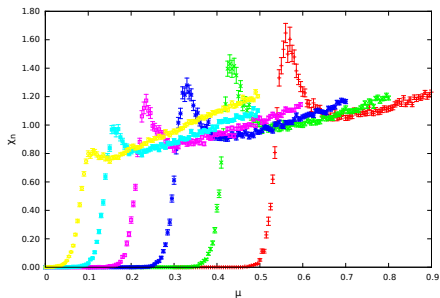
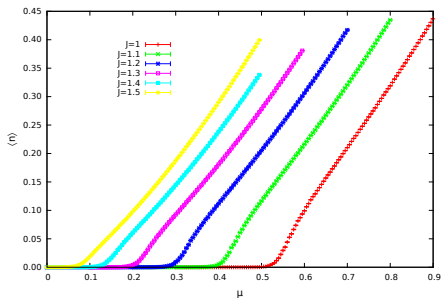
$$\times \prod_{x, j} \left( \delta(\nabla_\nu m_\nu) \cdot e^{-\mu \sum_{x_1} m_0} \right)^{(j)} \quad (\text{constraints and chem. potentials})$$

$$\times \prod_{x, \nu} \delta\left(\sum_j m_\nu^{(j)}(x)\right) \quad (\text{local U(1) symmetry, on bonds})$$

- no sign problem here either

# Numerical results: Silver blaze transition

- particle number density and its susceptibility as functions of  $\mu$  for different couplings  $J$ : (90×90 lattice)

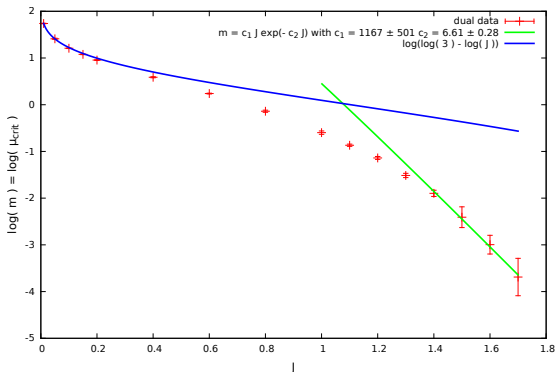


independent of  $\mu$  up to some  $\mu_c$  ✓

movie (10×1000)

- $\mu_C = m$  and expansions for mass (bare, in lattice units):

$$am = \begin{cases} -\log \frac{J}{3} & \text{strong coupling} \\ \# \exp(-2\pi J) & \text{weak coupling (large } N) \end{cases}$$



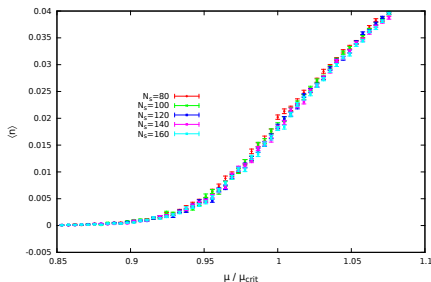
- also checked against conventional spectroscopy



# Order of the transition

- at fixed  $J = \text{fixed lattice spacing}$ , scaling of  $\langle Q \rangle$  with  $(J=1.3)$

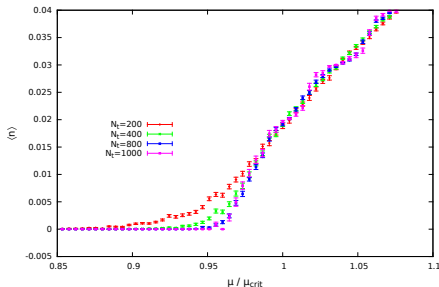
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$$L = 18 \dots 35 \frac{1}{m} \quad (T = 0.02m)$$

a crossover ...

temperature

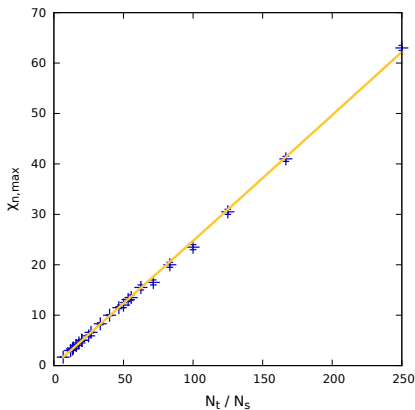


$$T = 0.02 \dots 0.005 m \quad (L = 22 \frac{1}{m})$$

... that sharpens as  $T \rightarrow 0$

- at  $T = 0$  non-analytic?! “quantum phase transition”

- scaling of the maximum of the particle number susceptibility  $\chi$  with  $1/LT = N_t/N_s$  (lattice aspect ratio):



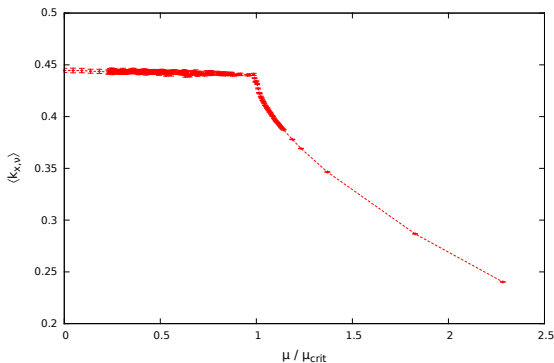
$$\chi_{\max} \propto \frac{1}{(LT)^\gamma} \quad \text{with } \gamma = 0.998(3)$$

# Nature of the transition

at large  $\mu$  the system tends to be planar due to expl. breaking  $+\frac{\mu^2}{2}n_3^2$

- out-of-plane hoppings become suppressed:

$$J \langle n_3(x) n_3(x + \hat{\nu}) \rangle_{\text{orig}} = \langle k_\nu(x) \rangle_{\text{dual}}$$



(value at small  $\mu \Rightarrow$  hoppings isotropic  $\checkmark$ )

# Two point correlator and vortices

in-plane:

$$C(x - y) = \langle e^{i\phi(x)} e^{-i\phi(y)} \rangle$$

- expectation in the O(2) model

$$\mathcal{L}_{O(2)} = -J \sum_{x,\nu} \cos(\phi(x + \hat{\nu}) - \phi(x))$$

th correlator decays exponentially/algebraically

$$C(x - y) \rightarrow \begin{cases} J^{|x-y|/a} & \text{for small } J = \text{strong coupling} \\ \frac{1}{|x-y|^{1/2\pi J}} & \text{for large } J = \text{weak coupling} \end{cases}$$

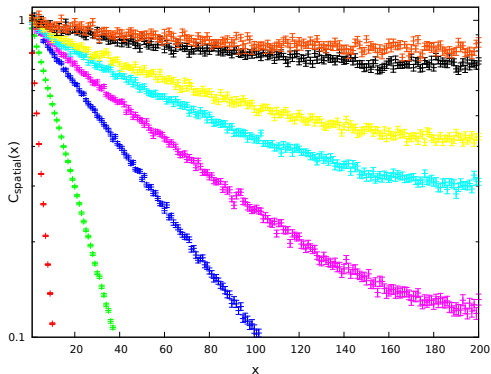
because vortices (also called merons)

$$\begin{cases} \text{condense} & \text{for small } J \\ \text{come in vortex-antivortex pairs} & \text{for large } J \end{cases}$$

both  $C(x - y) \xrightarrow{|x-y| \rightarrow \infty} 0$ : no ordered phase in 2d

Mermin-Wagner

- where will we land at  $\mu > \mu_c$ ?  $J_{O(2)} = J_{O(3)}^{\text{eff}}(\text{scale } \mu) \propto \log(\mu)$   
will we see BKT as a second transition?
- time-integrated spatial correlator ('zero-momentum') for the sake of high statistics  
logarithmically:



exp. decay lost above  $\mu_c$ ! time integration spoils interpretation

# Summary and outlook

- dualization of  $O(N)$  and  $CP(N-1)$  models with chemical potential(s)  
sign problem gone, actually in all dimensions  
(some) symmetries manifest
- more to learn from dual variables  
realization of mass gap?  
interplay of pert. expansion & nonpert. physics = resurgence?  
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- quantum phase transition?  $\chi_{\max} \sim 1/(LT)^{0.998(3)}$
- Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless as a second transition?  
more data, on two point and vortex correlator
- outlook: topological angle  $\theta$ , higher models & large- $N$