

Physics of 1D Kondo Lattices

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Kondo chain

$$H = \sum_n \left[-t \left(\psi_{\alpha,n}^+ \psi_{n+1,\alpha} + H.c. \right) + J_K \psi_n^+ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{S}_n \psi_n \right]$$

We study a **dense regular** array of magnetic moments interacting with conduction electrons.

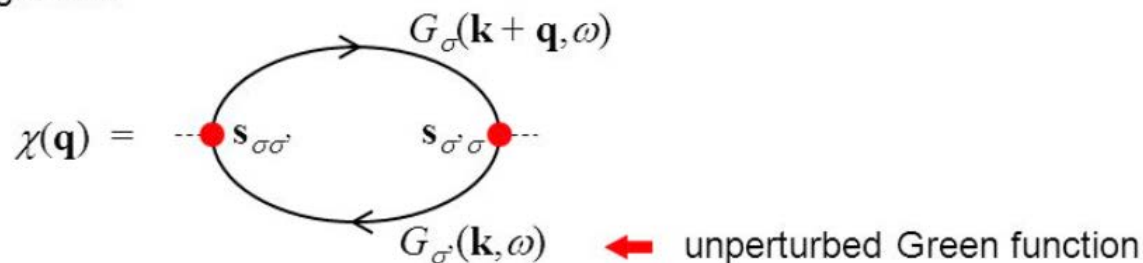
Single moment is screened by the electrons if $J_K > 0$. The **sign matters!**

Already 2 spins interact through polarization of the electron cloud – Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida (RKKY) interaction $\sim (J_K)^2$. **Sign does not matter!**

Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida (RKKY) interaction

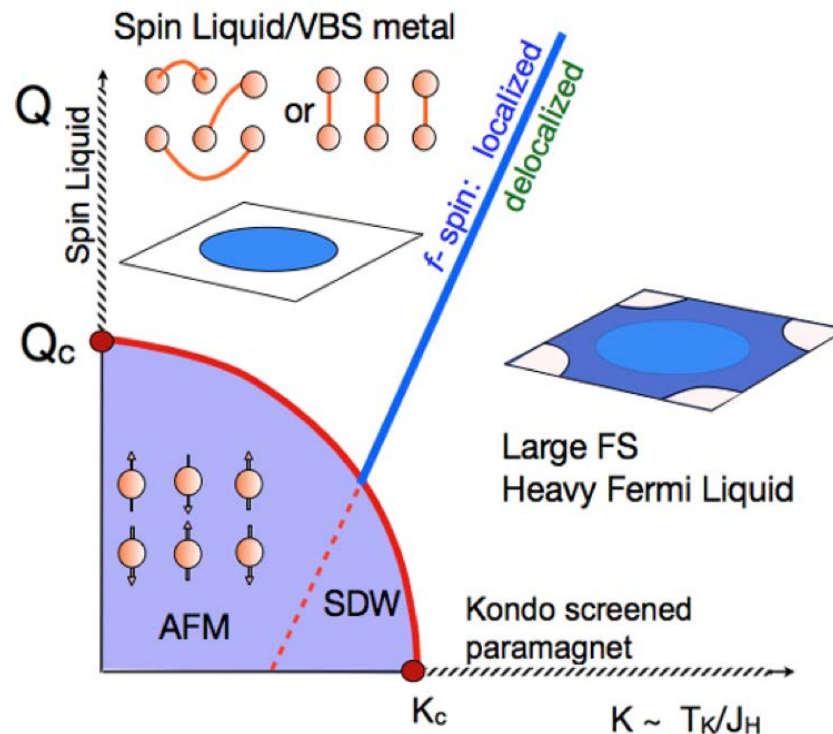
- localized impurity spin $\mathbf{S} \rightarrow$ acts like magnetic field $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q}) \sim \mathbf{S}$
- induces hole magnetization $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{q}) = \chi(\mathbf{q}) \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{q})$
- $\chi(\mathbf{q})$ from perturbation theory of 1st order for eigenstates (complicated integral over $\mathbf{k}$ vector of states $|\psi_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}\rangle$)

diagramm:

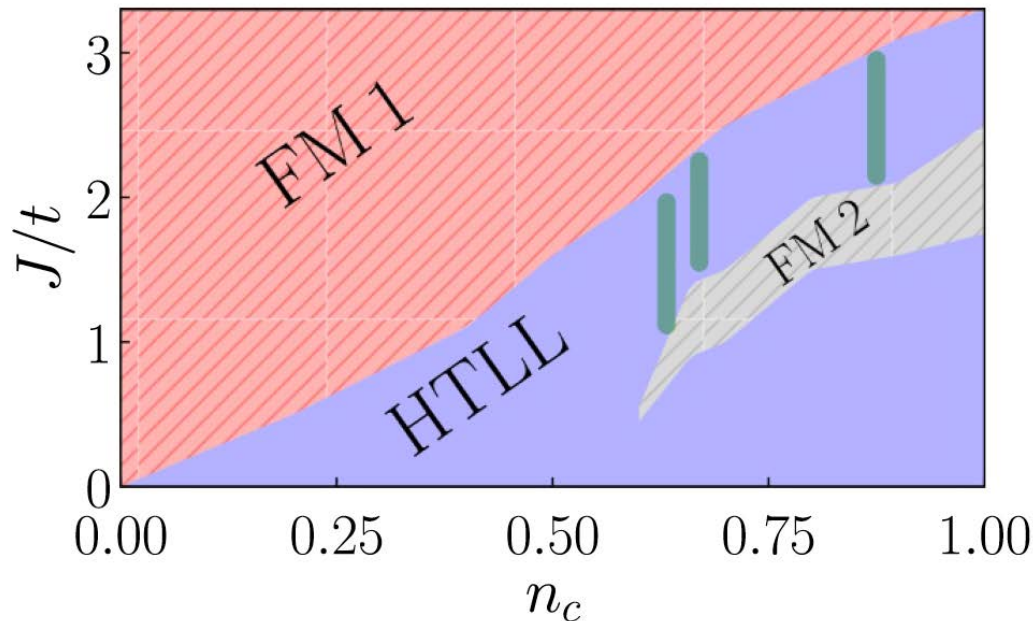


Standard Phase Diagram

- Modified Doniach's phase diagram: Kondo screening (multiple scattering on the same spin) competes with RKKY interaction.
- Q stands for quantum frustration



1D Kondo lattice: RKKY always wins



Schematic phase diagram from Khait et.al. 2018
HTLL stands for Heavy Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid.

From Khait et.al. 2018

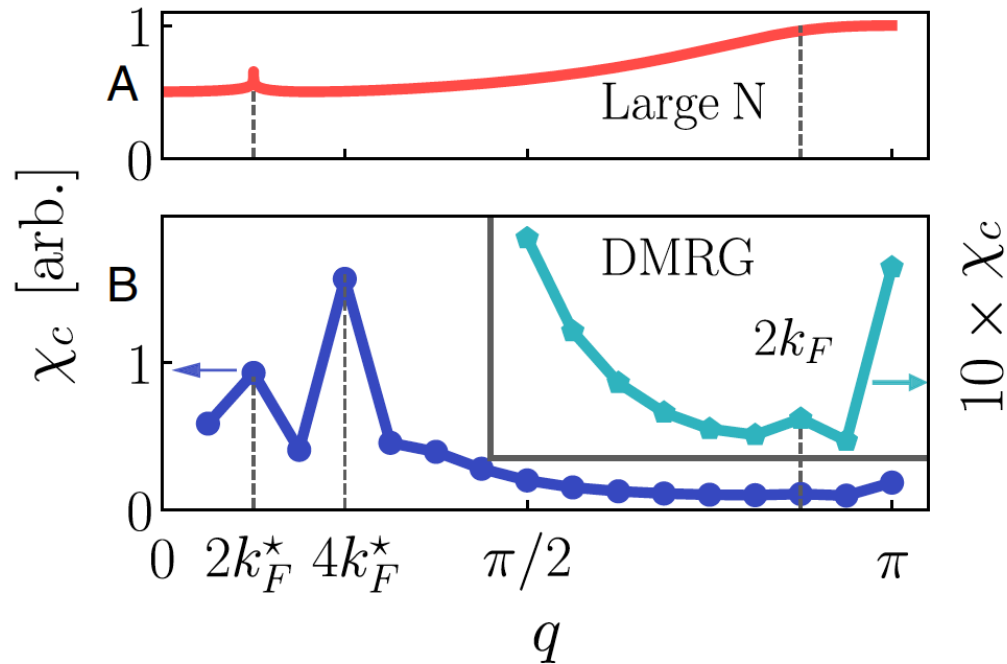


Fig. 2. Charge susceptibility vs. wave vector for $n_c = 0.875, J/t = 2.5$. (A) large- N approximation. (B) DMRG calculation. k_F^* denotes the large Fermi surface wave vector. Finite-field scaling of DMRG reveals divergent peaks at $2k_F^*$ and $4k_F^*$ as expected for a TLL. B, Inset shows a nondivergent peak at twice the small Fermi wave vector $2k_F$, which is attributed to the inverse of the hybridization gap $2r_0$ depicted in Fig. 6. arb, arbitrary units.

The large- N approximation – the $SU(2)$ symmetry is extended to $SU(N)$, the slave boson approach is used.

Our results

In 1D the KL phase diagram is **very rich**, richer than it has been envisaged before.

It depends on

A.) **Symmetry**: **SU(2)** vs. **SU(N)** or vs. **U(1)**. Large symmetry pulls towards Fermi liquid, small one – to short range spin order.

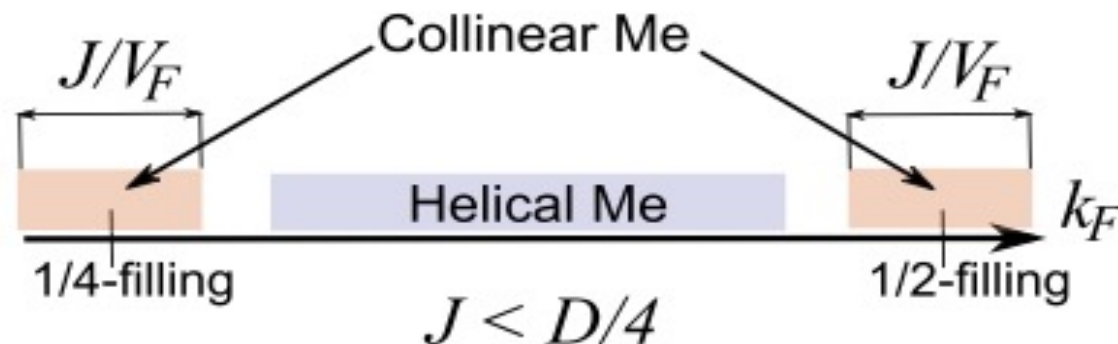
B.) **Band filling**. At $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ it is insulating spin liquid, otherwise for SU(2) it either a metal or $4k_F$ CDW.

C.) **Direct Heisenberg** exchange **J_H** :
for **$J_H \gg J_{\text{kondo}}$** we have a fractionalized spin liquid with odd-frequency pairing.

Numerics (McCulloch et.al. 2002, Khait et.al. 2018) was done for $J_K / t \sim 1$.

For smaller J_K / t we suggest an analytic approach.

Our Results for SU(2)



Strictly at $n = 1/2, 1/4, 3/4$ - **insulator**, in the vicinity it is TLL with gapped charge and spin excitations.

Further on –

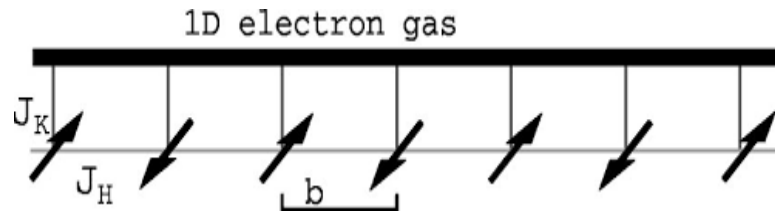
“helical metal” – $4k_F$ CDW with gapped spin sector.

More interesting physics emerges at strong Heisenberg exchange.

Kondo-Heisenberg chain:

Spin $S=1/2$ chain interacting with 1D electron gas.

$$H = \sum_k \epsilon(k) \psi_{k\alpha}^\dagger \psi_{k\alpha} + \frac{J_K}{2} \sum_{k,q} \psi_{k+q,\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{k,\beta} \mathbf{S}_q + J_H \sum_n \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{S}_{n+1}.$$



$$J_K \ll J_H$$

Zachar, Tsvelik, 2003

The continuum limit: $J_K \ll J_H$ and Fermi energy.

The electron band is *incommensurate* with the lattice: k_F not equal $\pi/2$.

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Our approach – semiclassical approximation

- Separate fast from slow degrees of freedom and integrate out the fast ones.
- The formalism: path integral for spins and fermions.
- Under the path integral spins are treated as vector fields with the Wess-Zumino Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZ}} = is \int_0^1 du (\mathbf{N}, [\partial_u \mathbf{N} \times \partial_\tau \mathbf{N}]); \quad \mathbf{N}(u=0) = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{N}(u=1) = \mathbf{S}_n/s;$$

Semiclassical approximation (continued)

- First step: at low T spins are *almost* ordered.
- Choose spin configuration which minimizes energy.
- Integrate over fluctuations around this configuration.
- Result: Ginzburg-Landau action for slow variables.

Spin configuration

$$\mathbf{S}_n/s = \mathbf{m} + b \left(\mathbf{e}_1 \cos(\alpha) \cos(qx_n + \theta) + \mathbf{e}_2 \sin(\alpha) \sin(qx_n + \theta) \right) \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2} .$$

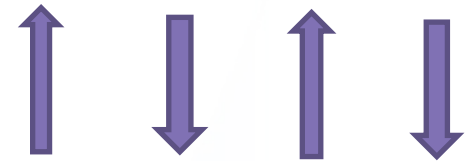
This is the form of spin field in the path integral. We will integrate over $\mathbf{S}_n(t)$ with Berry phase. It is assumed that $[\mathbf{S}_n(t)]^2 = s^2$, and this field is **smooth**.

To *satisfy this condition* we need

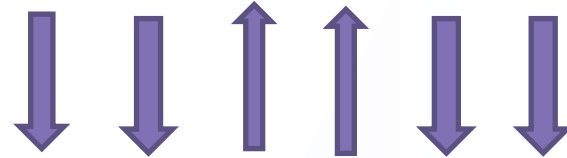
$\mathbf{m}^2 \ll 1$, $(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = \delta_{ij}$ - unit vector fields, $q = 2k_F$.

Acceptable spin configurations

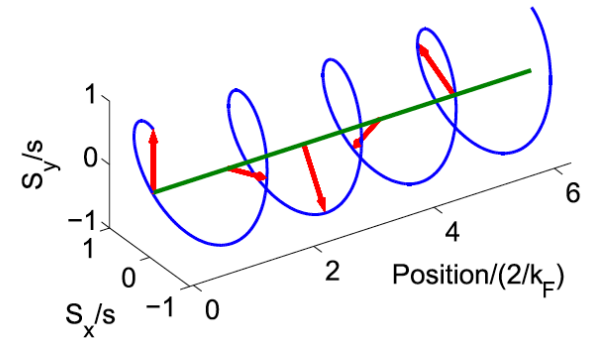
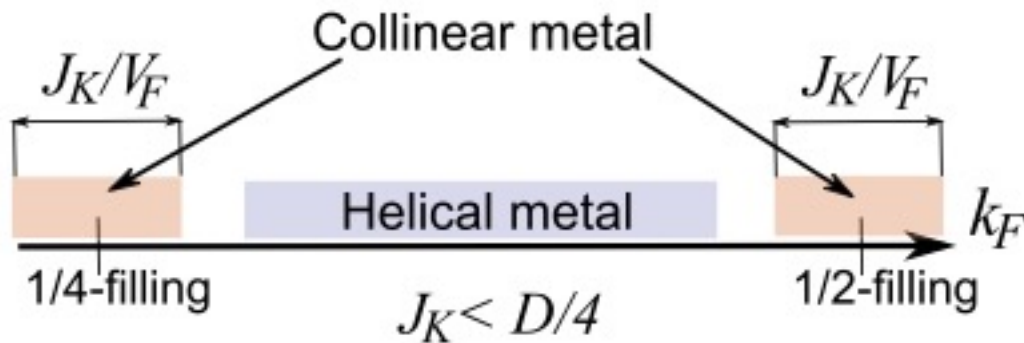
1. Collinear antiferromagnet – $\frac{1}{2}$ filling.



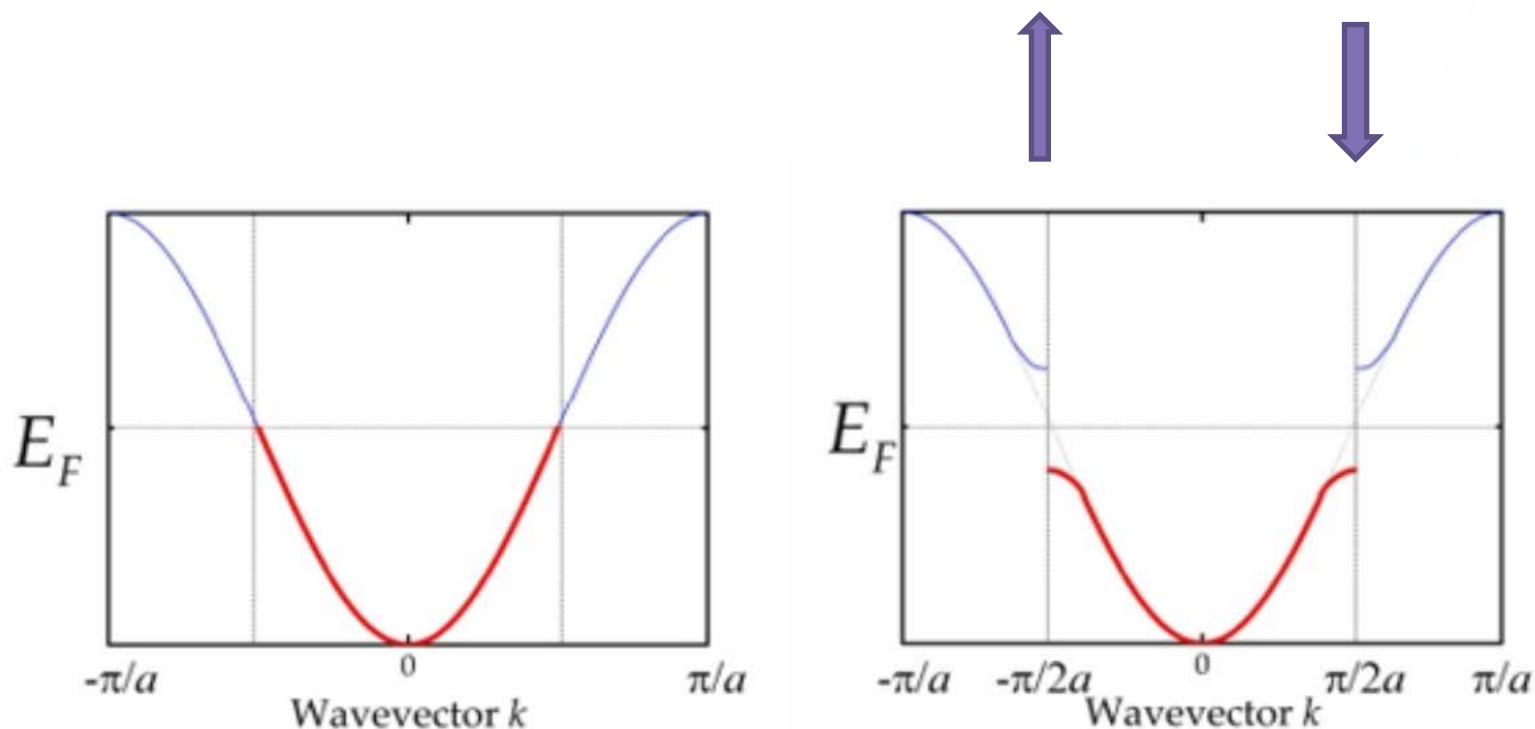
2. 2 spins up 2 – down -1/4 filling.



3. Non-collinear spiral – general filling:



Simplest case: $\frac{1}{2}$ filling



Antiferromagnetic spin configuration acts as a periodic potential and opens a spectral gap at $k_F = \pi/2$.

Our approach: semiclassical approximation for spins

Preparatory step: linearization of the band spectrum:

$$\mathcal{L}_F[\psi_{\pm}] = \sum_{\nu=\pm} \psi_{\nu}^{\dagger} \partial_{\nu} \psi_{\nu} ; \quad \partial_{\pm} \equiv \partial_{\tau} \mp i v_F \partial_x .$$

The most serious part of the interaction is backscattering:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{bs}}^{(n)} = J_K \left[R_n^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{S}_n) L_n e^{-2i k_F x_n} + h.c \right] ;$$
$$R \equiv \psi_+, L \equiv \psi_- ; \quad x_n \equiv n\xi .$$

The oscillations must be absorbed into the spin configuration:

$$\mathbf{S}_n/s = \mathbf{m} + b \left(\mathbf{e}_1 \cos(\alpha) \cos(qx_n + \theta) + \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{e}_2 \sin(\alpha) \sin(qx_n + \theta) \right) \sqrt{1 - m^2} .$$

The derivation: $\frac{1}{2}$ filling and its vicinity

$$|\mathbf{S}_j = S \left[\mathbf{m}(x) + (-1)^j \mathbf{n} \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2} \right], \quad \mathbf{n}^2 = 1.$$

We use non-Abelian bosonization procedure where the action of free $s=1/2$ fermions is represented as a sum of the Gaussian model and $SU_1(2)$ Wess-Zumino-Novikov-Witten model of $SU(2)$ matrix field $h(t,x)$:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \Phi_c)^2 + W_1[h] + iJ_K S \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2} \text{Tr} \left[e^{i\sqrt{2\pi}\Phi_c} h g^+ - H.c. \right] + A[S].$$

$$\mathbf{g} = i(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n})$$

$$A[\mathbf{S}] = iS \left(\mathbf{m} [\mathbf{n} \times \partial_\tau \mathbf{n}] \right) + 2\pi i S \times (\text{top.-term}).$$

This is the spin Berry phase.

The derivation: $\frac{1}{2}$ filling and its vicinity

- The Polyakov-Wiegmann identity:

$$W_k[hg] = W_k[h] + W_k[g] + \frac{k}{4\pi} \text{Tr}[g^{-1}(\partial_\tau - i\partial_x)gh(\partial_\tau + i\partial_x)h^{-1}],$$

$$J_R = -\frac{k}{4\pi}g(\partial_\tau + i\partial_x)g^{-1}, \quad J_L = \frac{k}{4\pi}g(\partial_\tau - i\partial_x)g^{-1}.$$

Use it and reffermionize:



$$L_f = r^+(\partial_\tau - i\partial_x)r + l^+(\partial_\tau + i\partial_x)l - \mu(r^+r + l^+l) + iJ_K S \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2}(r^+l - l^+r) + \frac{i}{2}(r^+ \boldsymbol{\sigma} r)[\mathbf{n} \times (\partial_\tau - i\partial_x)\mathbf{n}].$$

Now integrate over these **massive fermions** and massive field **m** :

Sigma model for the spin excitations

$$S[\mathbf{n}] = \int d\tau dx \left\{ \left[\frac{S}{2J_{RK KY}} + \frac{1}{4\pi v_F} \right] (\partial_\tau \mathbf{n})^2 + \frac{v_F}{4\pi} (\partial_x \mathbf{n})^2 \right\} + 2\pi(S + 1/2) \times (\text{top. term}).$$

Or in the canonical form:

$$S[\mathbf{n}] = \int d\tau dx \frac{1}{2g} \left[\frac{1}{c} (\partial_\tau \mathbf{n})^2 + c (\partial_x \mathbf{n})^2 \right] + 2\pi(S + 1/2) \times (\text{top. term}),$$

$$c = v_F \left(1 + \frac{2\pi v_F S}{J_{RK KY}} \right)^{-1/2}, \quad g^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(1 + \frac{2\pi v_F S}{J_{RK KY}} \right)^{1/2},$$

$$J_K \langle r_\sigma^+ l_\sigma \rangle = \frac{J_K^2}{\pi v_F} \ln \left[W / \sqrt{(v_F k_F^*)^2 + \Delta^2} \right] \equiv J_{RK KY}, \quad \Delta = J_K S.$$

Exact solution

- O(3) sigma model is one of the most beautiful field theories.
- Here strong interactions come solely from geometrical constraint on the field: $\mathbf{n}^2 = 1$.
- The result is *dynamical mass generation* . The spectrum is coherent triplet with gap Δ .

The energy scales

$$\Delta = \Lambda g^{-1} \exp(-2\pi/g).$$

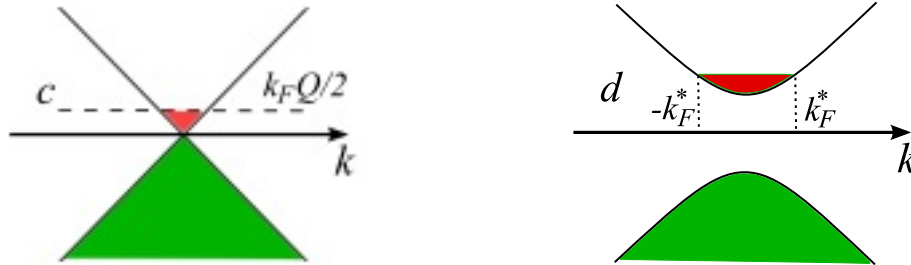
$$g \approx \frac{2|J_K|}{v_F} (2S \ln W/|J_K|)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta = v_F (\ln W/|J_K|)^{-1/2} \exp \left[- \frac{\pi v_F}{|J_K| (2S \ln W/|J_K|)^{1/2}} \right].$$

We see that formally the gap is exponentially small in $1/|J_K|$, like Kondo temperature, but it is **independent of the sign!**

At $1/2$ -filling we have insulator with charge gap $\sim J_K$ and short range AF correlations (spin liquid).

Vicinity of $\frac{1}{2}$ -filling



$$\langle\langle rr^+ \rangle\rangle = \frac{vq + E}{2E} \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - E} + \frac{-vq + E}{2E} \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu + E}, \quad E = \sqrt{(vq)^2 + \Lambda^2}.$$

we see that if $v|q| \ll \Lambda = J_K S$ the Dirac fermions can be approximated by nonrelativistic ones:

$$l \approx r \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \chi, \quad H = \chi_\alpha^+ \left(-\frac{v_F^2}{2\Lambda} \partial_x^2 - \mu \right) \chi_\alpha.$$

This limits our approach to doping

$$x < \frac{\Lambda}{\pi(v_F/a_0)} \sim \frac{J_K S}{W}.$$

Then the coupling between the fermions and the $\mathbf{n}$ field comes from

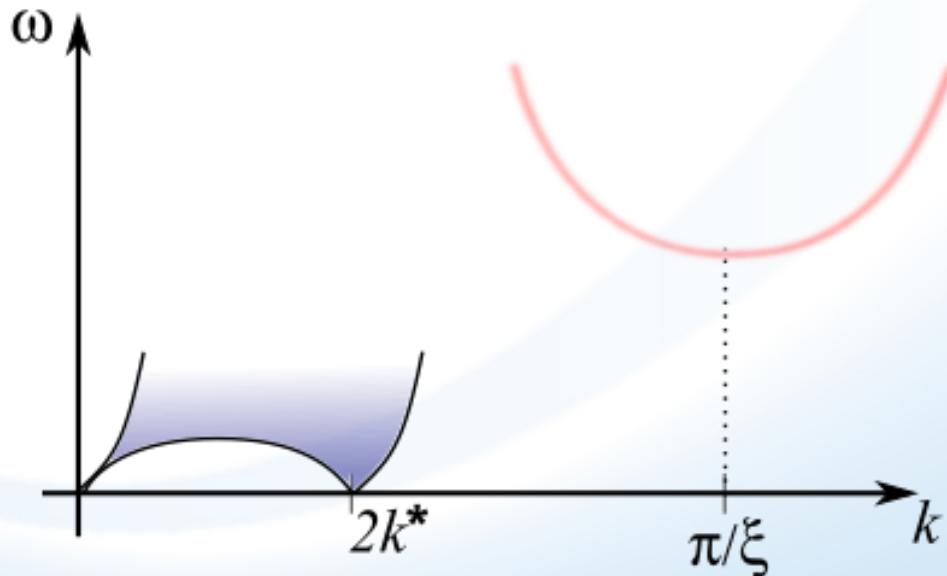
$$\frac{i}{2} (r^+ \boldsymbol{\sigma} r) [\mathbf{n} \times (\partial_\tau - i v_F \partial_x) \mathbf{n}] \approx \frac{1}{4} (\chi^+ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \chi) [\mathbf{n} \times (i \partial_\tau + v_F \partial_x) \mathbf{n}]$$

Integrating over field $\mathbf{n}$ we get the Hamiltonian of repulsive Fermi gas:

$$H = \chi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \left(-\frac{v_F^2}{2\Lambda} \partial_x^2 - \mu \right) \chi_{\alpha} + 3(\pi v_F/16) \chi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \chi_{\uparrow} \chi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \chi_{\downarrow}$$

Fermi momentum: $k_F^* = \pi/2 \ll k_F$ - large Fermi surface.

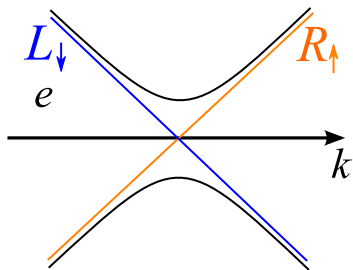
Excitations – all gapless.



Generic filling

$$(\sigma S)/S = \mathbf{m} + i\sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2} g^{-1} (e^{2ik_F x} \sigma^- + e^{-2ik_F x} \sigma^+) g,$$

Following the same steps we derive a massive sigma model for SU(2) g-matrix field:



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2J_{RK KY}} [\Omega_\tau^z]^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{Tr} \left(v_F^{-1} \partial_\tau g^+ \partial_\tau g + v_F \partial_x g^+ \partial_x g \right),$$

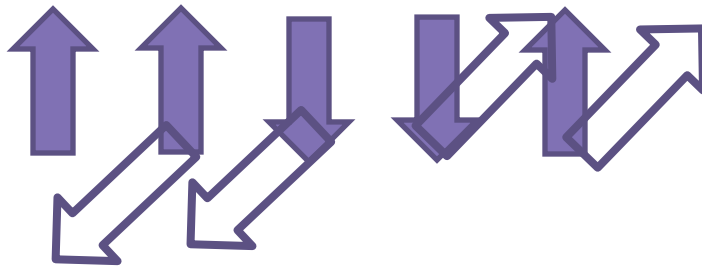
$$\Omega_\mu^a = i \text{Tr} \left(\sigma^a g^+ \partial_\mu g \right).$$

This is a version of anisotropic Principal Chiral Field model, the excitations are massive tensor particles $\Psi_{\alpha, \sigma}$, $\alpha, \sigma = +1/2, -1/2$ (Polyakov, Wiegmann 1983).

Gapless modes – “rotated” or dressed fermions $(\underline{R}, \underline{L})_\alpha = g_{\alpha\beta} (\underline{R}, \underline{L})_\beta$ with particular helicity.

$\frac{1}{4}$ filling

$$\mathbf{S}/S = \mathbf{m} + \sqrt{2} \left[\mathbf{X}_1 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} (j + 1/2) \right) + \mathbf{X}_2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} (j + 1/2) \right) \right] \sqrt{1 - \mathbf{m}^2},$$
$$\mathbf{X}_1^2 + \mathbf{X}_2^2 = 1, (\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_2) = 0.$$



- It is an insulator with a tendency to dimerization. The sigma model:

$$\mathcal{L}_{mag} = \frac{1}{2g} \left[(\partial_\mu \mathbf{X}_1)^2 + (\partial_\mu \mathbf{X}_2)^2 \right], \quad \mathbf{X}_1^2 + \mathbf{X}_2^2 = 1, (\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_2) = 0,$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = -\lambda (\mathbf{X}_1^2 - \mathbf{X}_2^2)^2$$

Excitations. $\frac{1}{4}$ -filling

- 1/N-approximation: excitations are vector particles.
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- It is possible that the system dimerizes (Xavier et.al. 2003 – numerics).

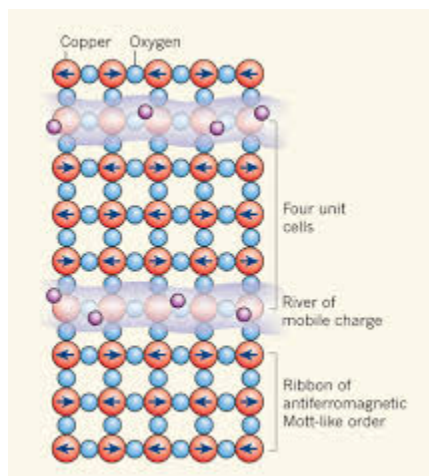
Conclusions

- Although Kondo chain is described by very simple model, its phase diagram is complicated even when one assumes $SU(2)$ symmetry.
- It includes insulators, para- and ferromagnetic metals, charge density waves.
- When direct Heisenberg exchange is added there is a phase with composite CDW and SC quasi long range order.

The problem

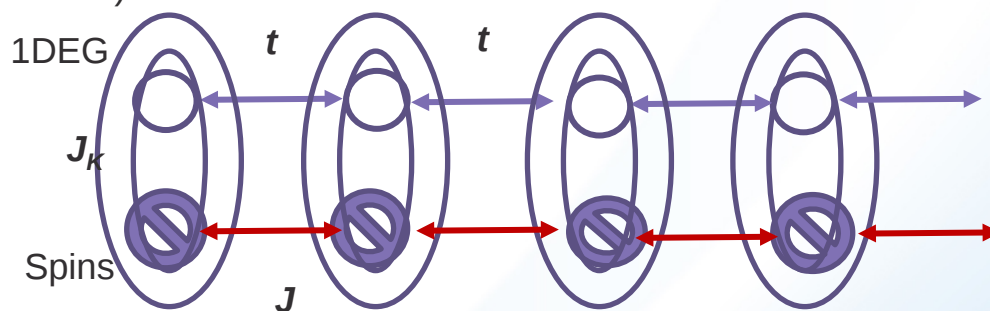
- May we have a metallic state in $D > 1$ where the Fermi surface volume is not related to the electron density, as it appears to be in the pseudogap phase of the cuprates?
- Senthil, Sachdev and Vojta (2005): yes, but the GS must have a nontrivial topology and fractionalized excitations.
- Their approach: gauge theories. Alas, too many uncontrollable steps.
- My approach: consider a *quasi-1D* model, treat the strongest interactions nonperturbatively in 1D and the rest of them approximately in controlled steps.

D > 1 array of Kondo-Heisenberg chains



This would be the most realistic arrangement, like in $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CuO}_4$ ($x=1/8$).

I will discuss a less realistic model first (Tsvelik, 2016):



It gives us answers to all questions posed in the beginning.

The core model: Kondo-Heisenberg chain

$$H = \sum_k \epsilon(k) \psi_{k\alpha}^\dagger \psi_{k\alpha} + \frac{J_K}{2} \sum_{k,q} \psi_{k+q,\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{k,\beta} \mathbf{S}_q + J_H \sum_n \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{S}_{n+1}.$$

This model constitutes an elementary block for a 2D or 3D model of fractionalized FL.

I'll derive its continuum limit using non-Abelian bosonization.

The 1st step is to linearize the spectrum of 1DEG:

$$\epsilon(k) \approx \pm v_F (k \mp k_F)$$

$$\psi(x) = e^{-ik_F x} R(x) + e^{ik_F x} L(x)$$

Bosonization of 1DEG

$$F_R^a = \frac{1}{2} R^+ \sigma^a R, \quad F_L^a = \frac{1}{2} L^+ \sigma^a L$$

Belong to the $SU_1(2)$ Kac-Moody algebra for spin currents and

$$I_R^z = R_\alpha^+ R_\alpha, \quad I_R^+ = R_\uparrow^+ R_\downarrow^+, \quad I_R^- = R_\downarrow R_\uparrow$$

belong to the $SU_1(2)$ Kac-Moody algebra for charge currents:

$$[j_R^a(x), j_R^b(x')] = i\epsilon^{abc} j_R^c(x) \delta(x - x') + \frac{i}{4\pi} \delta_{ab} \delta'(x - x')$$

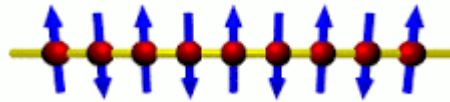
The Hamiltonian density of the 1DEG (free fermions) is

$$\mathcal{H}_{charge} = \frac{2\pi v_F}{3} \left(: \mathbf{I}_R \mathbf{I}_R : + : \mathbf{I}_L \mathbf{I}_L : \right)$$

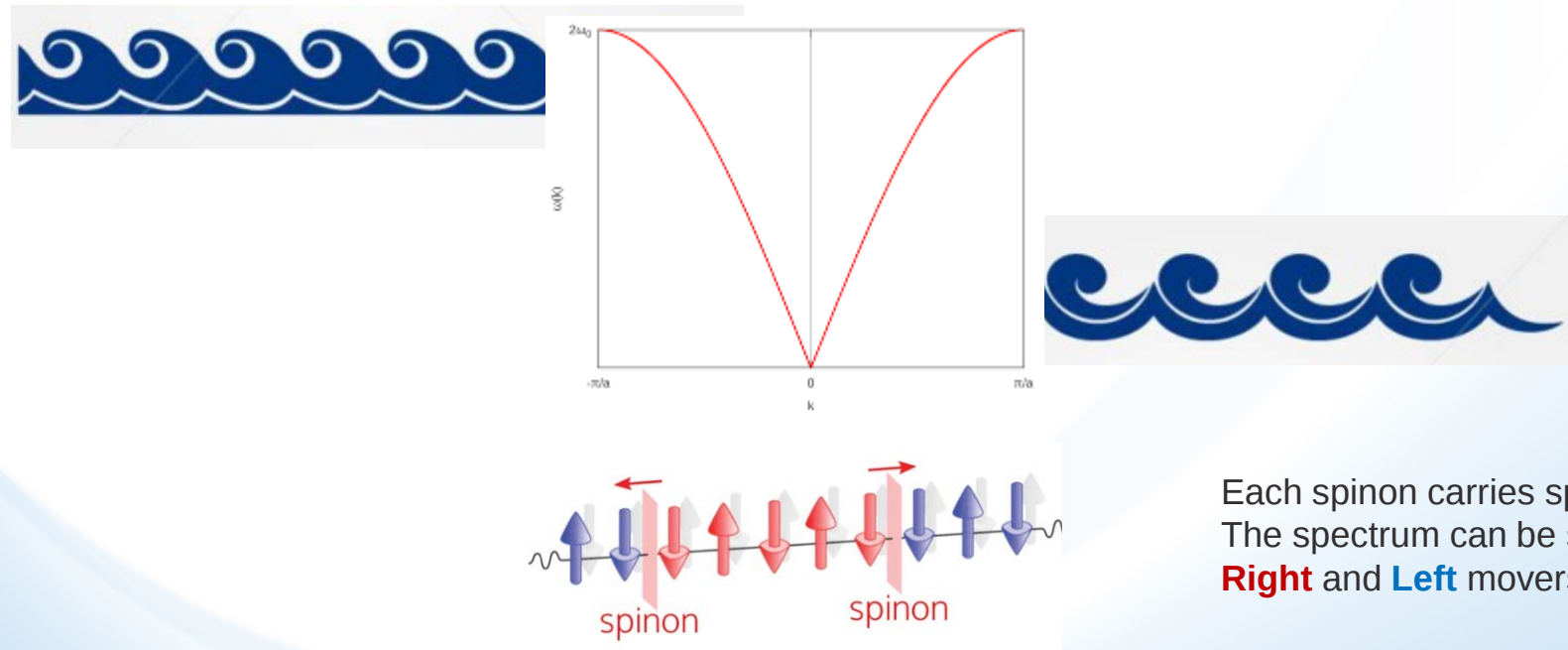
$$\mathcal{H}_s = \frac{2\pi v_F}{3} (: \mathbf{F}_R \mathbf{F}_R : + : \mathbf{F}_L \mathbf{F}_L :),$$

Heisenberg antiferromagnetic $S=1/2$ chain

At high energies we see individual spins.
But it is not them who is active at low energies.



At energies $\ll J_H$ we see **collective** excitations - **spinon** waves traveling in opposite directions:



Each spinon carries spin $\frac{1}{2}$,
The spectrum can be split into
Right and **Left** movers.

Bosonization of the S=1/2 Heisenberg chain

$$\mathcal{H}_H = \frac{2\pi v_H}{3} (: \mathbf{j}_L \mathbf{j}_L : + : \mathbf{j}_R \mathbf{j}_R :).$$

$$v_H = \pi J_H / 2$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = [\mathbf{j}_R(x) + \mathbf{j}_L(x)] + (-1)^n \mathbf{N}_s(x) + \dots, \quad x = na_0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \psi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \psi(x) = \mathbf{F}_R + \mathbf{F}_L + \left[e^{2ik_F x} \mathbf{s} + H.c. \right] + \dots,$$

Formation of the spin liquid

- Since 1DEG and Heisenberg chain are incommensurate, the staggered components of the magnetizations do not couple.

$$\frac{1}{2}\psi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \psi(x) \vec{S} \rightarrow (\mathbf{F}_R + \mathbf{F}_L)(\mathbf{j}_L + \mathbf{j}_R)$$

The *strictly marginal* interaction of currents of same chirality can be neglected.

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = \mathcal{H}_{charge} + \mathcal{H}_s^{(Rl)} + \mathcal{H}_s^{(Lr)},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_s^{(Rl)} = \frac{2\pi v_F}{3} : \mathbf{F}_R \mathbf{F}_R : + \frac{2\pi v_H}{3} : \mathbf{j}_L \mathbf{j}_L : + J_K \mathbf{F}_R \mathbf{j}_L,$$

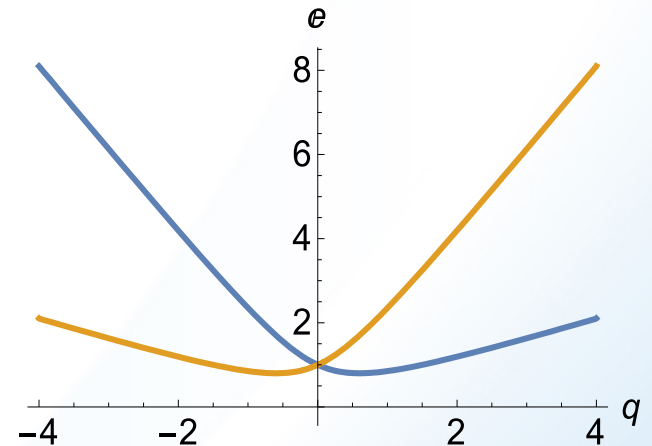
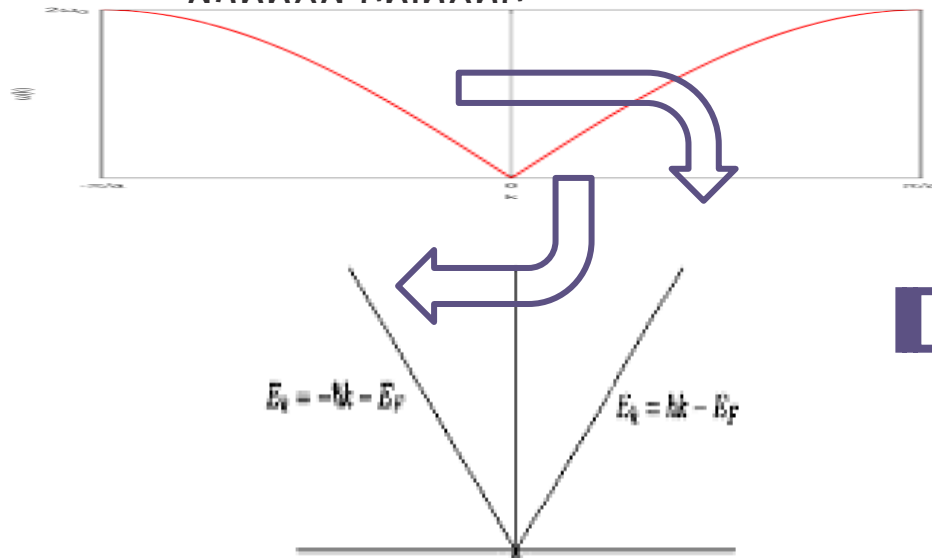
$$\mathcal{H}_s^{(Lr)} = \frac{2\pi v_F}{3} : \mathbf{F}_L \mathbf{F}_L : + \frac{2\pi v_H}{3} : \mathbf{j}_R \mathbf{j}_R : + J_K \mathbf{F}_L \mathbf{j}_R,$$

These models are exactly solvable (N. Andrei, 1980).

Spin gap formation in a single chain.

- When k_F not equal to $\pi/2$, spinons from 1DEG pair with spinons of opposite chirality from spin chain. The result is **TWO branches** of

gapped spinons



Exact solution, N. Andrei, 1980

$$E(k)_{\pm} = \pm k(v_H - v_F)/2 + \sqrt{k^2(v_F + v_H)^2/4 + \Delta^2},$$

$$\Delta = C \sqrt{J_K J_H} \exp[-\pi(v_F + v_H)/J_K],$$

Order parameters of KH chain

$$\mathcal{O}_{cdw} = \psi^\dagger(x) \left[(\mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{S}_{x+a_0}) \hat{I} + i(\vec{\sigma} \mathbf{S}_x) \right] \psi(x) e^{i(\pi/a_0 + 2k_F)x}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{sc} = i(-1)^{x/a_0} \psi(x) \sigma^y \left[(\mathbf{S}_x \mathbf{S}_{x+a_0}) \hat{I} + i(\vec{\sigma} \mathbf{S}_x) \right] \psi(x)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{cdw} & \mathcal{O}_{sc}^+ \\ -\mathcal{O}_{sc} & \mathcal{O}_{cdw}^+ \end{pmatrix} = A \hat{g},$$

A is a numerical amplitude and **g** is an SU(2) matrix.

Few facts about WZNW models

The action of the $SU_1(2)$ WZNW model can be written in terms of $SU(2)$ matrix field:

$$W[g] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d\tau dx \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu g^+ \partial_\mu g) - \frac{i}{24\pi} \int_0^\infty d\xi \int d\tau dx \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \text{Tr}(g^+ \partial_\alpha g g^+ \partial_\beta g g^+ \partial_\gamma g).$$

However, it can also be written in terms of the free bosonic field:

$$\mathcal{H}_{charge} = \frac{v_F}{2} \left[(\partial_x \Theta_c)^2 + (\partial_x \Phi_c)^2 \right]$$

$$[\Phi_c(x), \partial_x \Theta_c(x')] = i\delta(x - x')$$

Then important objects are **holomorphic** (dependent on $z = \tau + ix/v_F$) and **antiholomorphic** fields:

$$\varphi = (\Phi + \Theta)/2, \quad \bar{\varphi} = (\Phi - \Theta)/2.$$

Robustness against local perturbations

- All local primary fields both for 1DEG and Heisenberg chains can be factorized.
- Chiral parts of spin operators pair with parts with opposite chirality from 1DEG. Therefore the perturbations cannot acquire a vacuum average and thus lift the ground state degeneracy.

The operators can be factorized:

$$z_\sigma = (2\pi a_0)^{-1/4} \exp[i\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}\varphi], \quad \bar{z}_\sigma = (2\pi a_0)^{-1/4} \exp[-i\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}\bar{\varphi}], \quad \sigma = \pm 1.$$

$$z_\sigma = z_{-\sigma}^+.$$

For instance, the WZNW matrix field for the Heisenberg model and the 1DEG fermions

$$\hat{G}(x) = (-1)^n \left[A(\mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{S}_{n+1}) + iB(\mathbf{S}_n) \right], \quad x = a_0 n,$$

can be written

$$G_{\sigma\sigma'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi(1-\sigma\sigma')/4} z_\sigma^H [z_{\sigma'}^H]^+.$$

$$R_\sigma = \xi_\sigma \left(z_-^c z_\sigma^s \right), \quad L_\sigma = \xi_\sigma \left(\bar{z}_-^c \bar{z}_\sigma^s \right)$$

From **z-quanta** of various WZNW one can construct **nonlocal OPs** of the spin liquid:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{rL} \rangle = \sum_{\sigma} \langle z_\sigma^s [z_\sigma^H]^+ \rangle, \quad \langle \mathcal{O}_{lR} \rangle = \sum_{\sigma} \langle [\bar{z}_\sigma^s]^+ z_\sigma^H \rangle$$

Building D>1 model.

- Electrons tunnel between the chains. This tunneling will also generate an exchange between the Heisenberg chains.

$$H_{tunn} = t \sum_y \int dx (\psi_y^+(x) \psi_{y+1}(x) + H.c.),$$

$$H_{ex} = \sum_y \tilde{J} \int dx \mathbf{N}_y(x) \mathbf{N}_{y+1}(x), \quad \tilde{J}_{ferro} \sim -J_K^2 t^2 / W^3$$

In Random Phase approximation we have

$$G(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = [G_{1D}^{-1}(\omega, k_x) - t(\mathbf{k})]^{-1},$$

There are quasiparticle poles when $|t(k_y)| > 3.33\Delta(v_F/v_H)^{1/2}$

Electron and hole pockets appear.

The Green's functions

- The *single particle Green's function* is calculated from the symmetry considerations using a minimal information from the exact solution (Essler, Tsvelik, 2001):

$$G(\omega, k \pm k_F) = G_{RR,LL}(\omega, k), \quad G_{RR}(\omega, k) = G_{LL}(\omega, -k)$$

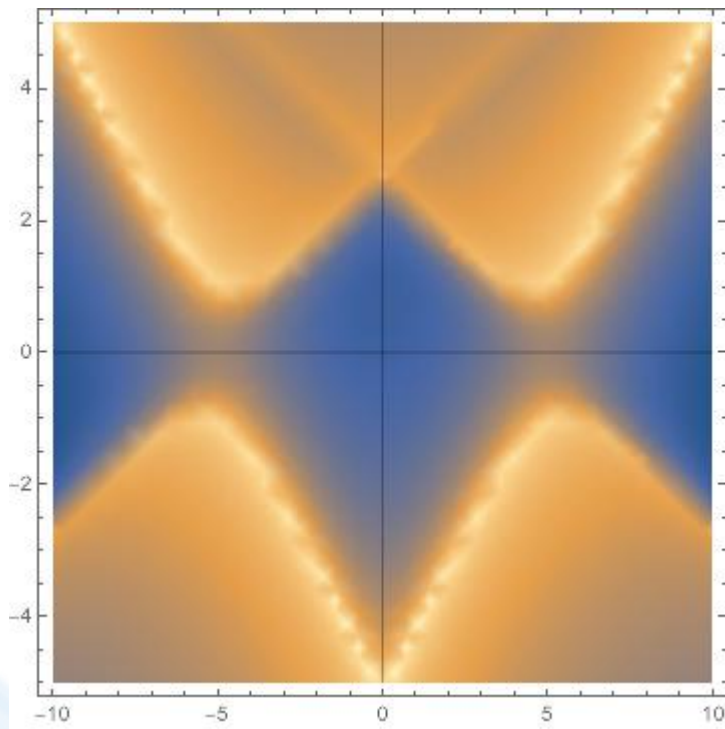
$$G_{RR}(\omega, k) = \frac{Z_0}{\omega - v_F k} \left[\frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{-(\omega - v_F k)(\omega + v_H k) + \Delta^2}} - 1 \right] + \dots,$$

■ The Luttinger theorem is fulfilled through zeroes: ■

$$G(0, \pm k_F) = 0$$

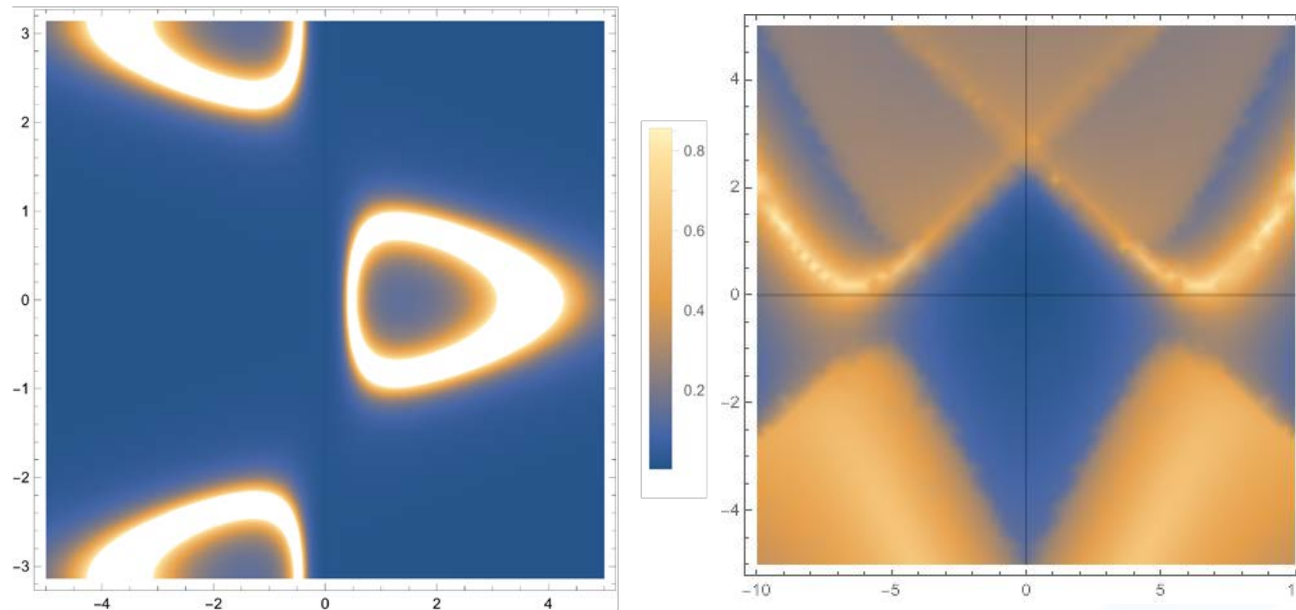
The *single particle Green's function* for a single chain calculated from the exact solution (Essler, Tsvetlik, 2001):

$$G(\omega, k \pm k_F) = G_{RR,LL}(\omega, k), \quad G_{RR}(\omega, k) = G_{LL}(\omega, -k)$$



$$G_{RR}(\omega, k) = \frac{Z_0}{\omega - v_F k} \left[\frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{-(\omega - v_F k)(\omega + v_H k) + \Delta^2}} - 1 \right] + \dots,$$

When interchain tunneling is allowed, spinons and holons recombine into quasiparticles which propagate in $D > 1$. The q.-p. dispersion is in the gap.



The plot of the quasiparticle weight near $k_x = k_F$ for $t_0 (v_H / v_F)^{1/2} / \Delta = 5$ and $v_F / v_H = 0.1$. The vertical axis is $k_y b$, the horizontal is $q = (k_x - k_F)(v_H / v_F)^{1/2} / \Delta$.

That is how small Fermi surface is formed!

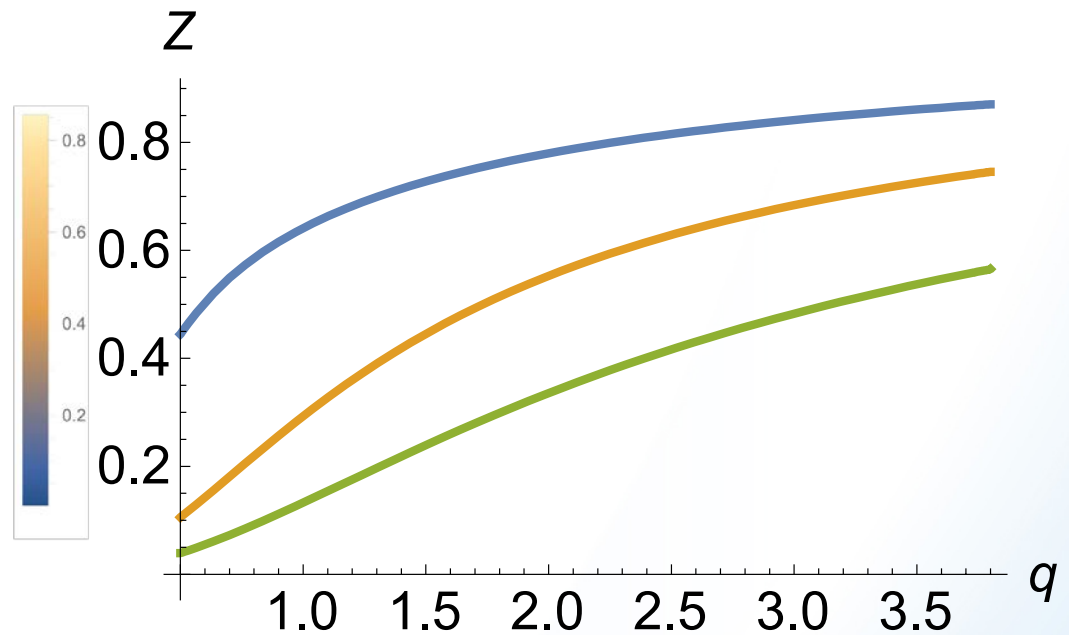
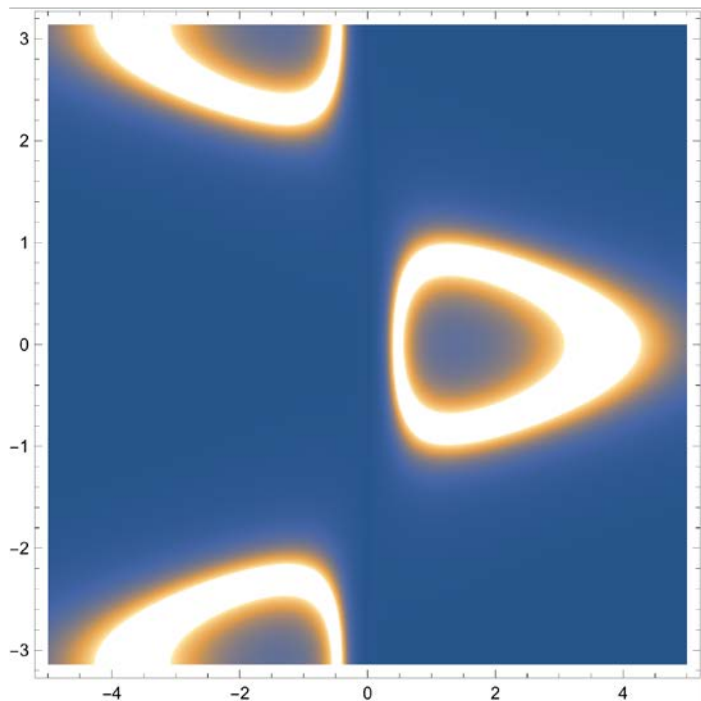
The fractionized particles still exist at finite energies.

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The *quasiparticle residue* Z as a function of $q = k_x (v_H v_F)^{1/2} / \Delta$ for (from top to bottom) $v_F / v_H = 3, 1, 0.1$.

Stability of the RPA solution

- The quasiparticle FS can be destroyed by two processes.
- **A.)** There is interaction between the gapless collective modes which leads to 3D order.
 - - The coupling between the OPs from different chains is an independent parameter: $T_c \ll E_F$.
- **B.)** The QPs can couple to the collective modes:
 - - **not possible**, the OPs wave vectors do not connect particle and hole FSs.

Is the ground state topological?

- Forget for a moment that the charge modes interact.
- Then the GS of spin sector of each chain is 4-times degenerate. Hence the GS of the array is 4^N – degenerate.
- This degeneracy cannot be probed by any local operator.
- In reality this picture holds only approximately, since the charge sector orders at some T .

Ginzburg-Landau functional

- Since OPs contain localized spins, to arrange the Josephson coupling *one needs spin exchange* besides the tunneling.

$$S = \sum_y \left[W[g_y] - \mathcal{J} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int dx \text{Tr}(\sigma^z g_y \sigma^z g_{y+1}^+ + H.c.) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{J} \sim \tilde{J}(t/\Delta)^2$$

To get the Fermi pockets one needs $t \sim \Delta$, but since the exchange is an independent parameter, the transition temperature may be $\ll$ than the Fermi energy of QPs.

Ginzburg-Landau theory – similar to He³ -A

- The order parameter is SU(2) matrix and can be parametrized by three angles or by angle ϕ and a unit vector

$$\vec{n} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta \cos \psi, \sin \theta \sin \psi)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{a_0}{8\pi} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}]^2 + \frac{\rho_{\perp}}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \vec{n})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} [\omega_{\mu}^3 - (2e/c) A_{\mu}]^2 - \frac{a_0}{4\pi} \mathbf{H} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}]$$

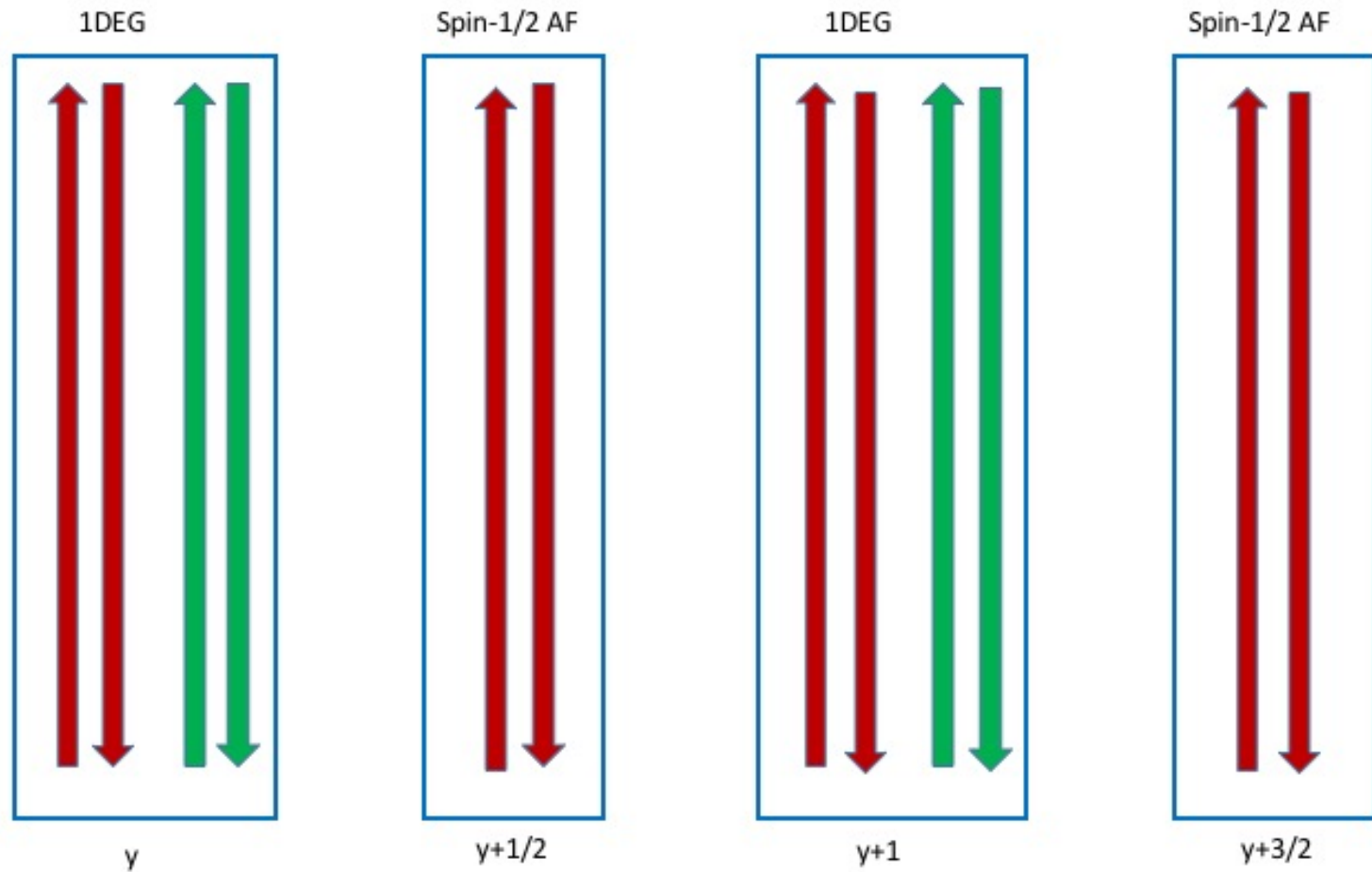
$$\omega_{\mu}^3 = \partial_{\mu} \phi + \cos \theta \partial_{\mu} \psi$$

Magnetic field will not destroy the OP, it will just rotate it from SC to CDW. At $H > H_{c1}$ the flux is equal to the topological charge of $\mathbf{n}$ -field.

Conclusions

- One may have a metallic state where the FS volume is not related to the electron density (in the given case $V_{\text{FS}} = 0$).
- The Luttinger theorem is fulfilled due to the *zeroes* of $G(0, k)$.
- For the KH model it is shown that this state is topologically nontrivial, as was suggested by Senthil *et.al* (2005).

The schematic picture of the bosonized model



Red arrows - chiral