

The long-range XY model and other examples of exotic BKT scaling



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Long Range $O(N)$ models

$$H = -J \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}} r^{-d-\sigma} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{i}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{r}} \quad \sigma > 0$$

Recursion Relations and Fixed Points for Ferromagnets with Long-Range Interactions*

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Sak's Criterion

$$\sigma < \sigma_* = 2 - \eta_{\text{SR}}$$

$$\longrightarrow = p^{-2+\eta} \quad \text{vs} \quad p^{-\sigma}$$

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Why $d = 2$ XY model?

$$H = - \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}} \frac{J}{r^{2+\sigma}} \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{i}} - \theta_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{r}})$$

- ❑ In the SR: a **line** of fixed points
- ❑ **Numerical results**: hard to get
- ❑ Analytical mappings **fail** beyond n-n couplings (e.g. Villain, Sine-Gordon representations)

Short-range BKT transition

Nearest-neighbors case:

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle} \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{i}} - \theta_{\mathbf{j}})$$

Low-temperature approximation

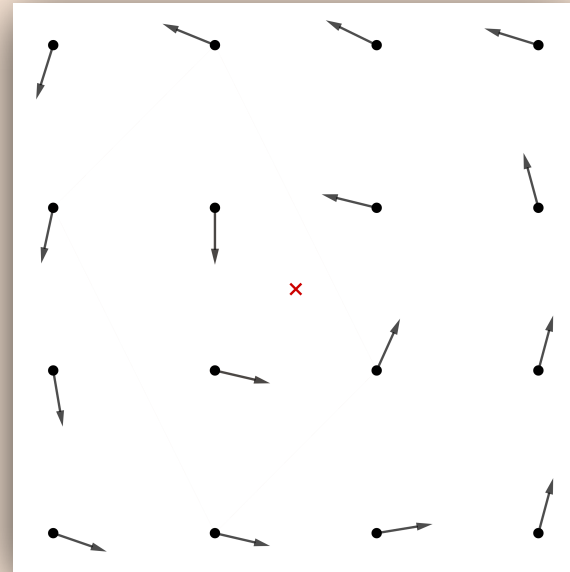
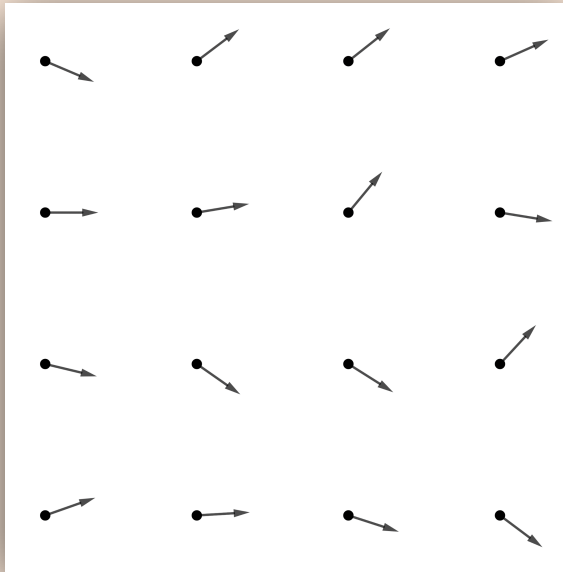
$$\cos(\theta_{\mathbf{i}} - \theta_{\mathbf{j}}) \approx \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \theta|^2$$

Gaussian power-law correlations

$$\langle \mathbf{s}_0 \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{r}} \rangle_0 = \langle \cos(\theta_0 - \theta_{\mathbf{r}}) \rangle_0 \sim r^{-\frac{1}{2\pi J}}$$

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What about topological configurations?



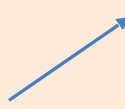
Coulomb gas representation:

$$H = \pi J \sum_{i \neq j} m_i m_j \ln |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| + \epsilon_c \sum_i m_i^2$$

$y = e^{-\epsilon_c}$ Vortex fugacity

BKT flow equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{j} &= -4\pi^3 J^2 y^2 \\ \dot{y} &= (2 - \pi J) y \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian FPs line 

Vortices relevant for

$$J < J_{BKT} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

Low-temperature phase

$$\langle \mathbf{S}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S}_r \rangle \sim r^{-\eta_{sr}} \quad \eta_{sr} < \frac{1}{4}$$

Field-theoretical approach: long-range

Long-range perturbation:

$$H = H_{\text{SR}} - \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}} \frac{g}{r^{2+\sigma}} \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{i}} - \theta_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{r}})$$

Tricky continuous limit

Non-local

$$S_g = -g \int d^2 \mathbf{x} (\cos \theta \nabla^\sigma \cos \theta + \sin \theta \nabla^\sigma \sin \theta)$$

Dimension of the perturbation

Interacting

$$\langle \cos \theta \nabla^\sigma \cos \theta \rangle \sim L^{-\sigma} \langle \cos \theta \cos \theta \rangle \sim L^{-(\sigma + \eta_{sr}(J))}$$

Gaussian FPs line

$$\eta_{sr} > \frac{1}{4}$$

Destroyed by vortices

$$\eta_{sr} < 2 - \sigma$$

Destroyed by long-range

BKT transition survives

$$\frac{7}{4} < \sigma < 2$$

First Order Phase Transition in the Plane Rotator Ferromagnetic Model in Two Dimensions

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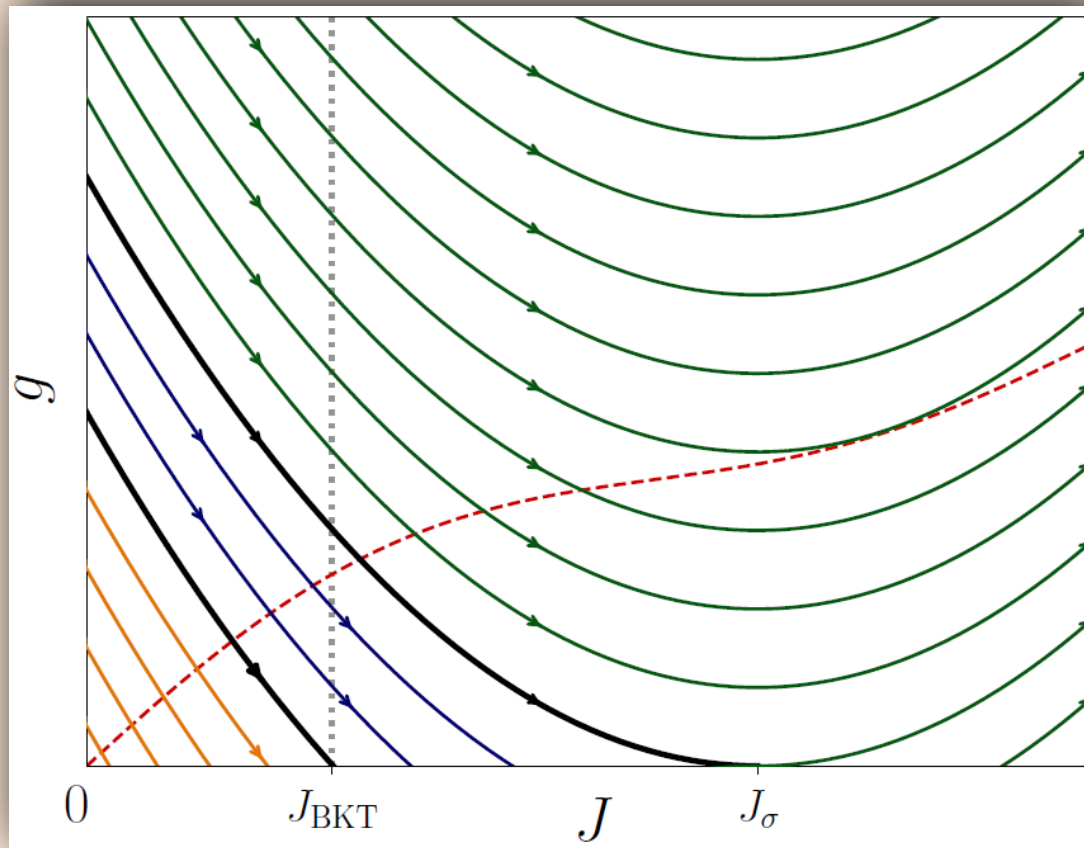
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Abstract. We show that the two-dimensional isotropic ferromagnetic rotator model exhibits a first order phase transition if the interaction decays as $r^{-\alpha}$ with $2 < \alpha < 4$.

$$\dot{g} = (2 - \sigma - \eta_{sr}(J))g \quad \text{Long-range}$$

$$\dot{J} = \eta_{sr}(J)g$$

$$\dot{y} = (2 - \pi J)y \quad \text{Vortices}$$



Low-Temperature phase

For low temperatures:

$$g \rightarrow \infty \quad \eta_{sr} \rightarrow 0$$

Effective Gaussian theory

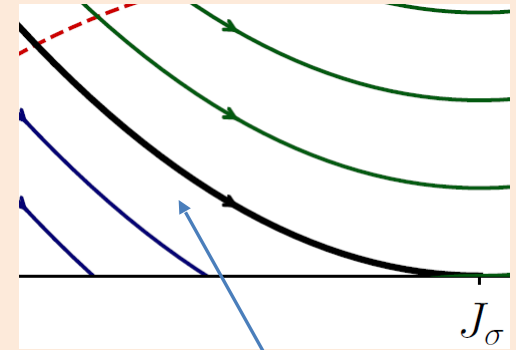
$$S_g \sim -g \int d^2\mathbf{x} \theta \nabla^\sigma \theta$$

$$g \sim e^{\ell(2-\sigma)} = a^{2-\sigma}$$

$$m = \langle \cos \theta \rangle \sim e^{-a^{2-\sigma}/g}$$

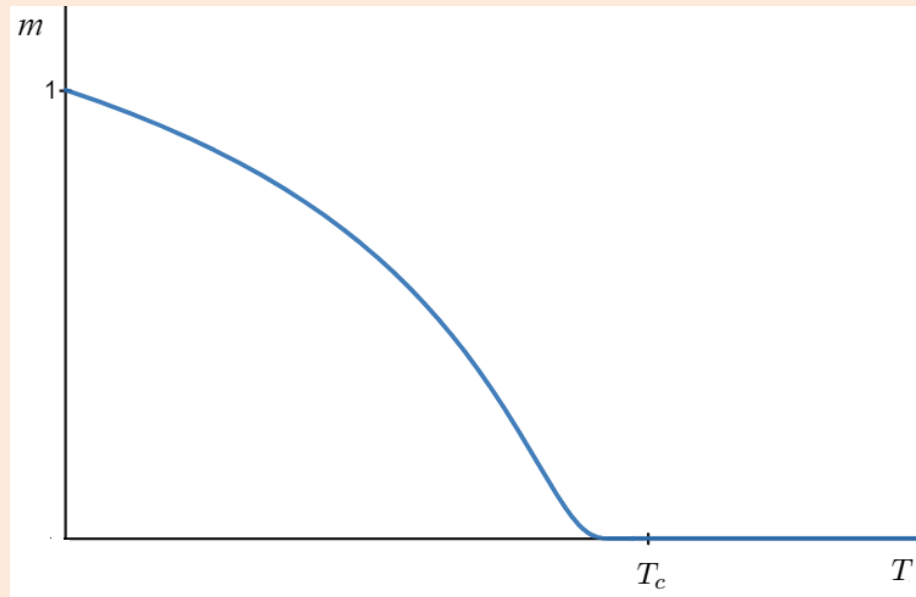
Universal scaling

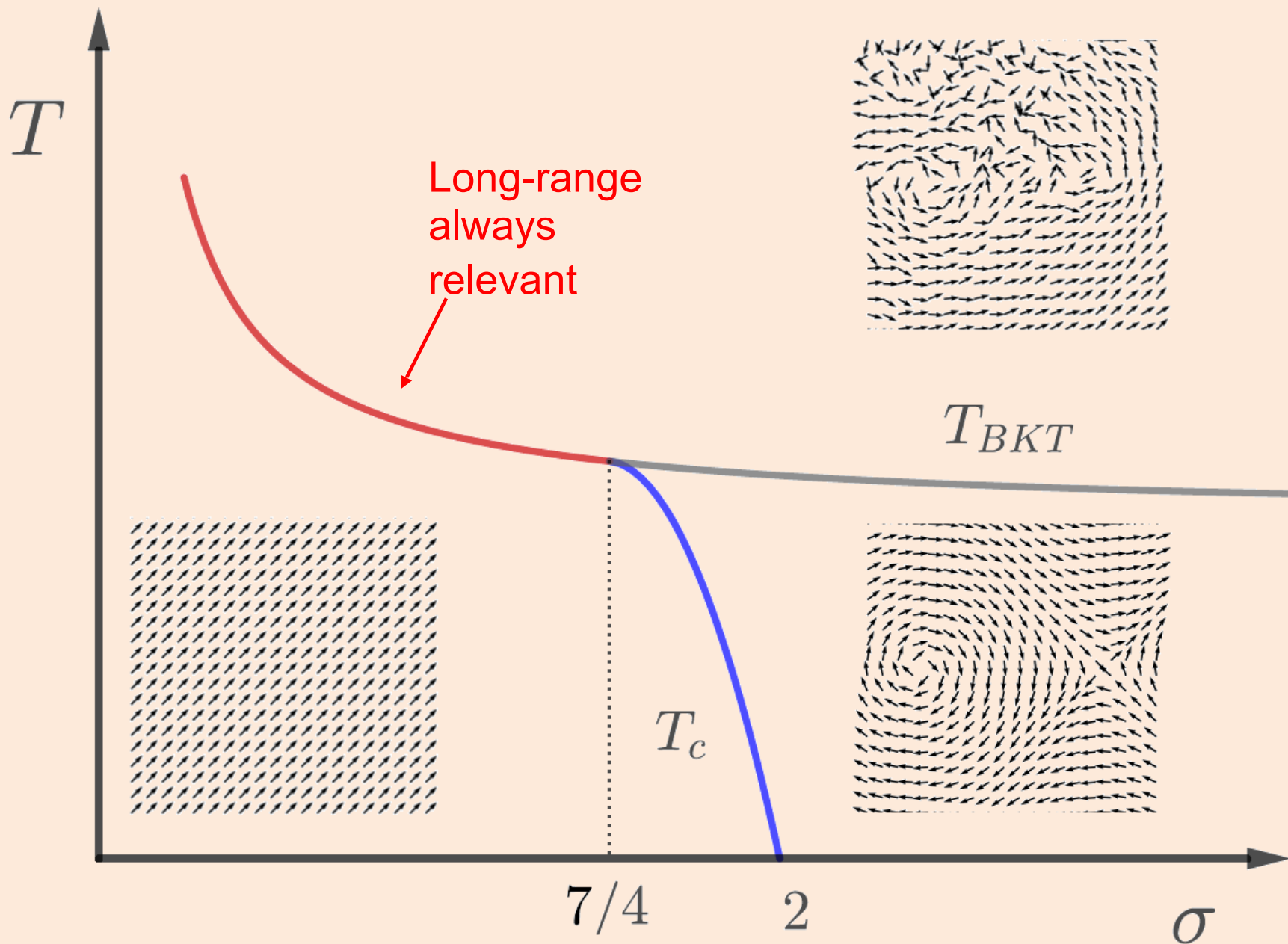
$$g \sim e^{-(T_c - T)^{-1/2}} a^{2 - \sigma}$$



Infinite order phase transition

$$\ln m \sim -e^{(T_c - T)^{-1/2}}$$





Villain model

Long-range version of the Villain model

$$H = J \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}} r^{-2-\sigma} (\theta_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{r}} - \theta_{\mathbf{i}} - 2\pi n_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{r}})^2$$

Discrete link variables

Continuous

Always a relevant perturbation

$$S_{sr} \sim \int d^2x \theta \nabla^2 \theta \quad S_g \sim \int d^2x \theta \nabla^\sigma \theta$$

Not in the same universality class of XY!

Vortices gas Hamiltonian

$$H = \pi J \sum_{i \neq j} m_i m_j U(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) + \epsilon_c \sum_i m_i^2$$

Vortex-vortex potential

$$U(r) \sim r^{2-\sigma} - 1$$

$$1 < \sigma < 2$$

$$U(r) \sim \ln r$$

$$\sigma < 1$$

Always irrelevant

Puzzling results!

Conclusions

- ❑ SCHA: suggests BKT survives
- ❑ QFT: coexistence of BKT and SSB for $\frac{7}{4} < \sigma < 2$
- ❑ Infinite order phase transition
- ❑ What about $\sigma < \frac{7}{4}$?

Non-Hermitian many-body phases of matter

Adiabatic Elimination

$$\Gamma \gg \delta, \Omega$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{eff}} = \int dx \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(x) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(x) \right) \hat{\Psi}(x) + \frac{g}{2} \int dx \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(x) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(x) \hat{\Psi}(x) \hat{\Psi}(x)$$

Cold atoms in imaginary potential

$$V(x) = V_r \cos \left(\frac{2\pi x}{d} \right) - iV_i \sin \left(\frac{2\pi x}{d} \right)$$

$$V_i = \frac{|d|^2 \mathcal{E}_0^2}{\hbar \Gamma}$$

Tomonaga Luttinger Liquid Theory

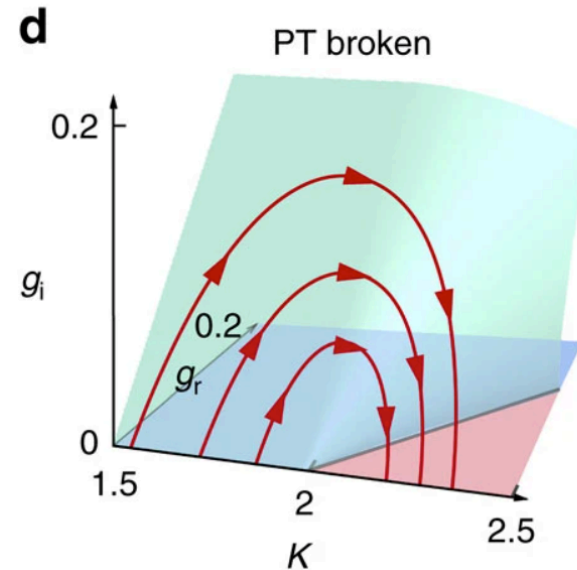
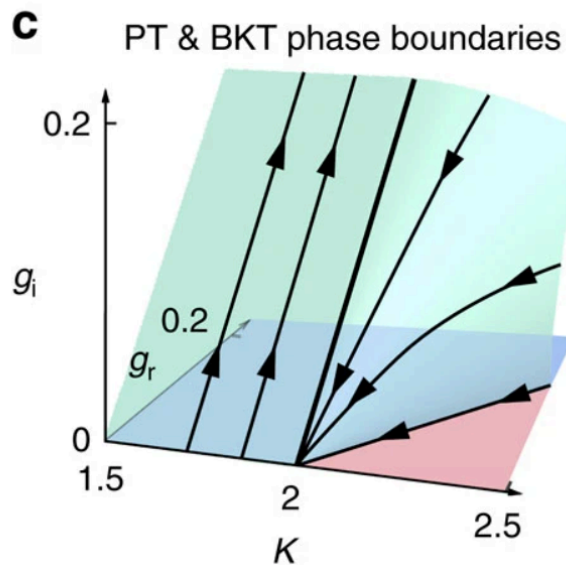
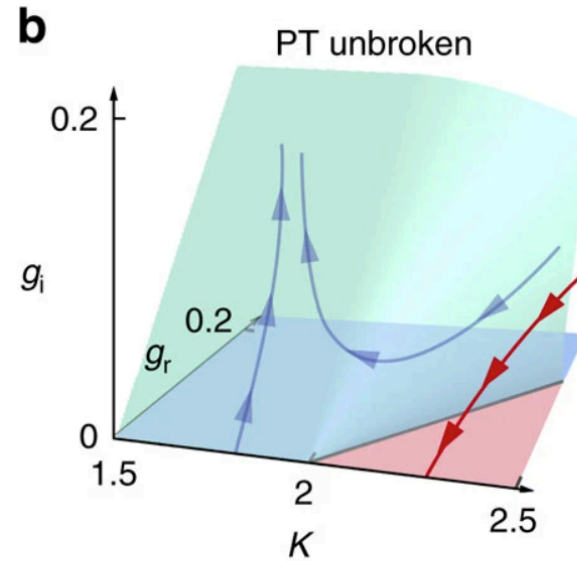
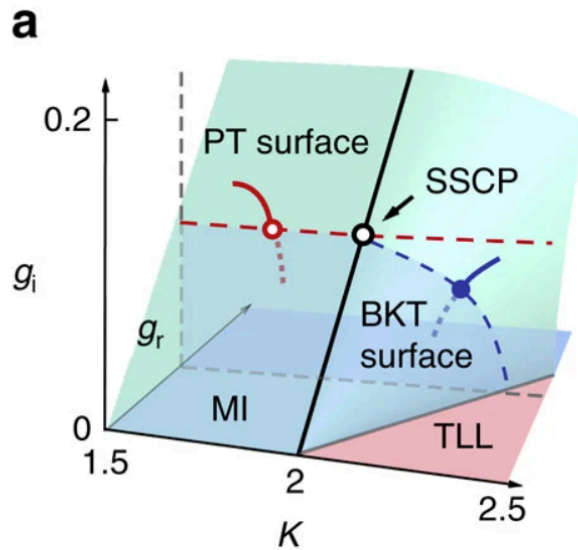
$$\hat{H}_{\text{TLL}} = \int dx \frac{\hbar v}{2\pi} \left[K \left(\partial_x \hat{\theta} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{K} \left(\partial_x \hat{\phi} \right)^2 \right]$$

Bosonic field: $\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(x) = \sqrt{\hat{\rho}(x)} e^{-i\hat{\theta}(x)}$

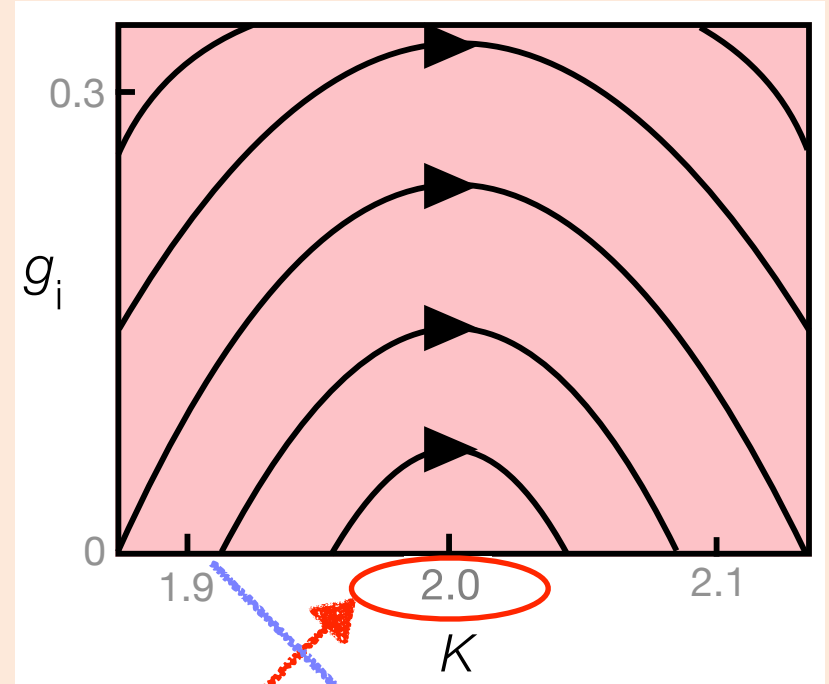
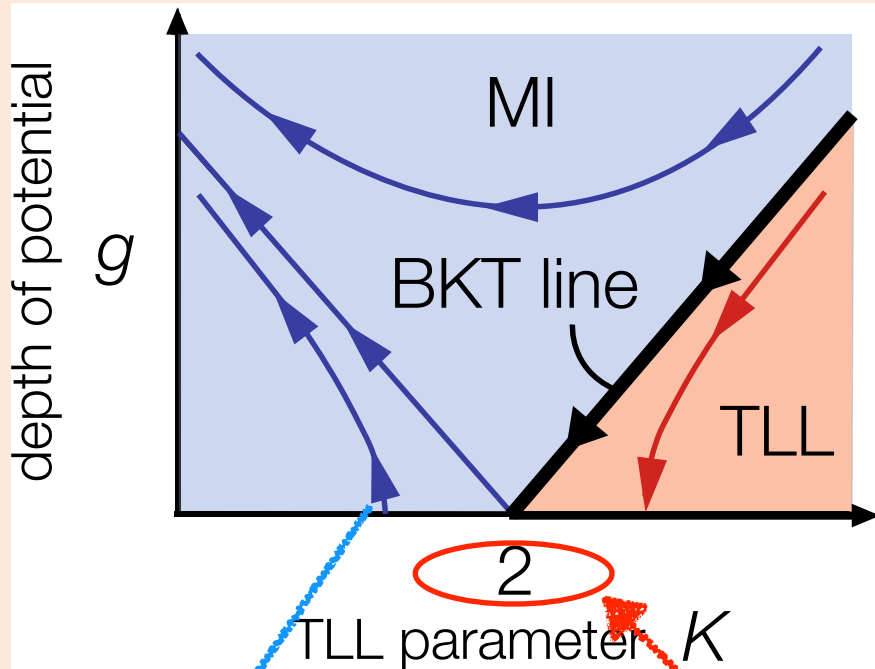
$$\hat{H} = \int dx \left\{ \frac{\hbar v}{2\pi} \left[K \left(\partial_x \hat{\theta} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{K} \left(\partial_x \hat{\phi} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{g_r}{\pi} \cos(2\hat{\phi}) - \frac{ig_i}{\pi} \sin(2\hat{\phi}) \right\}$$

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PT-Symmetric sine-Gordon model



BKT Flows compared

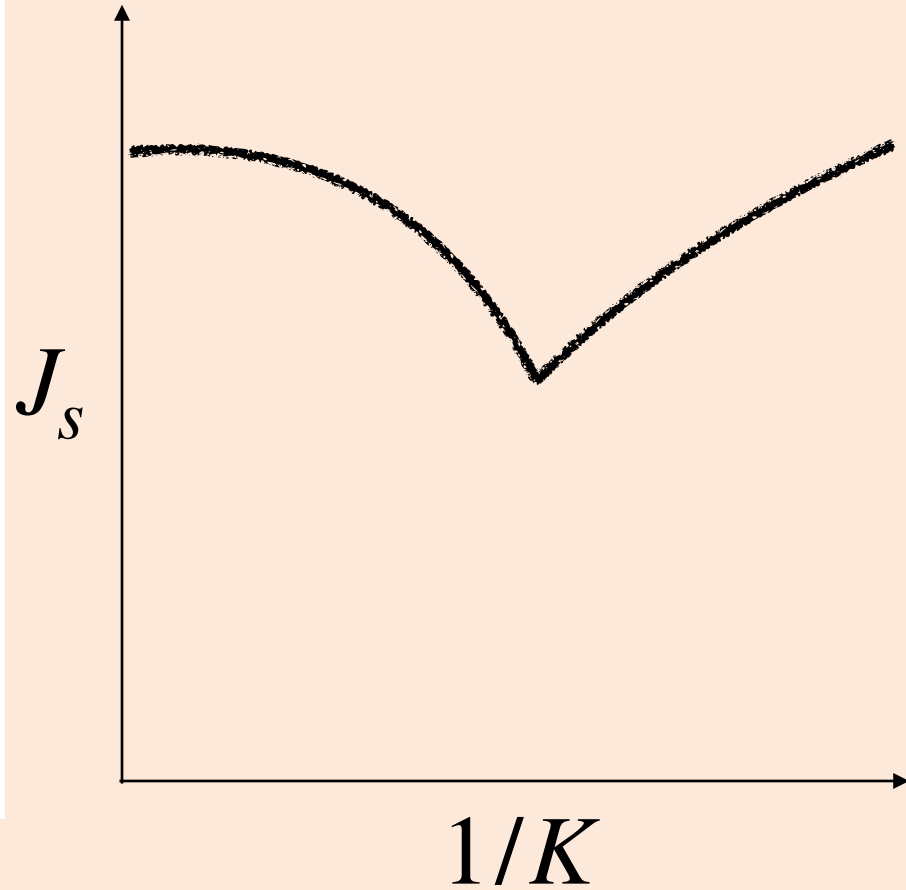
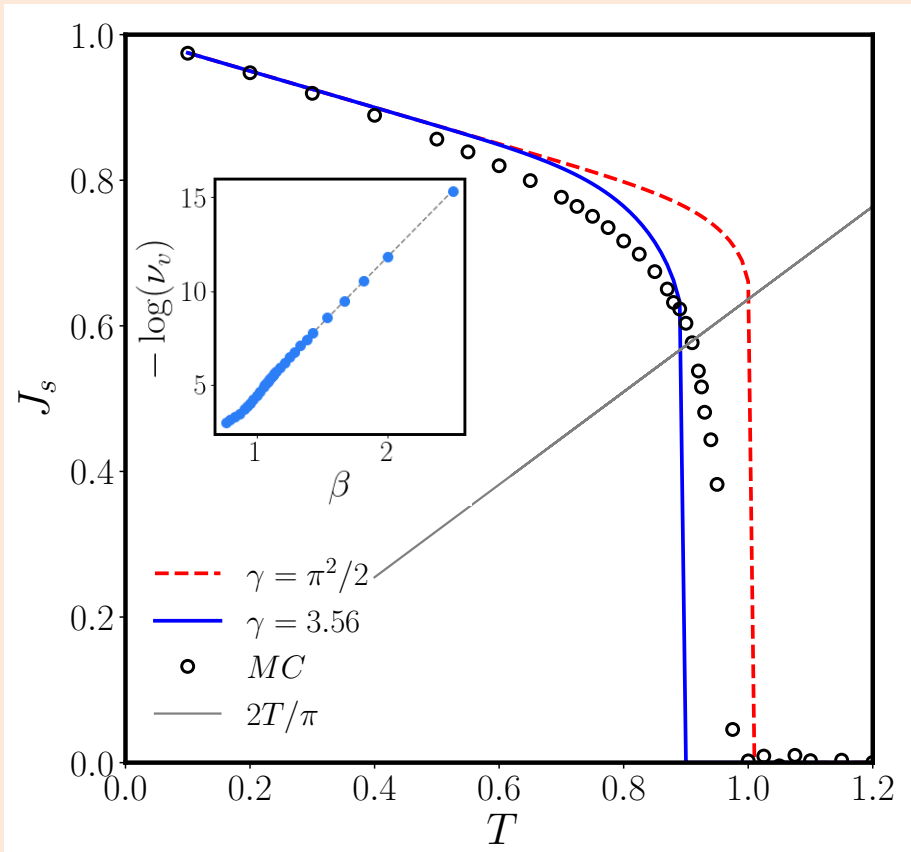


Unstable lines

BKT critical point

Stable lines

Superfluid Stiffness compared



FRG description of the sine-Gordon model

$$(2 + k\partial_k)\tilde{u}_k = \frac{a}{2\pi z_k \tilde{u}_k} \left[a - \sqrt{a^2 - \tilde{u}_k^2} \right]$$

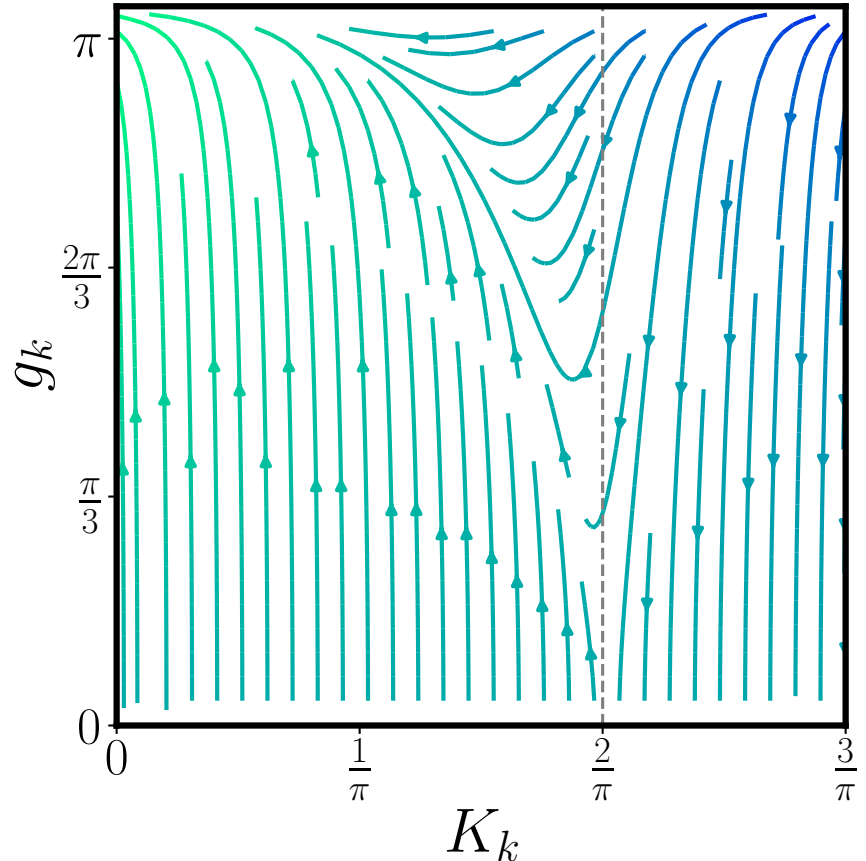
$$R_k = ak^2$$

$$k\partial_k z_k = -\frac{a}{24\pi} \frac{\tilde{u}_k^2}{[a^2 - \tilde{u}_k^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

BKT at a d=4 Lifshitz point?

ND, A. Trombettoni, D. Zappalà

arXiv:2003.04909



non-Hermitian RG vs FRG

$$g_k = \frac{u_k}{\pi} \quad K_k = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 z_k}$$

$$\frac{dK}{dl} = - (g_r^2 - g_i^2) K^2,$$

$$\frac{dg_r}{dl} = (2 - K)g_r + 5g_r^3 - 5g_i^2 g_r$$

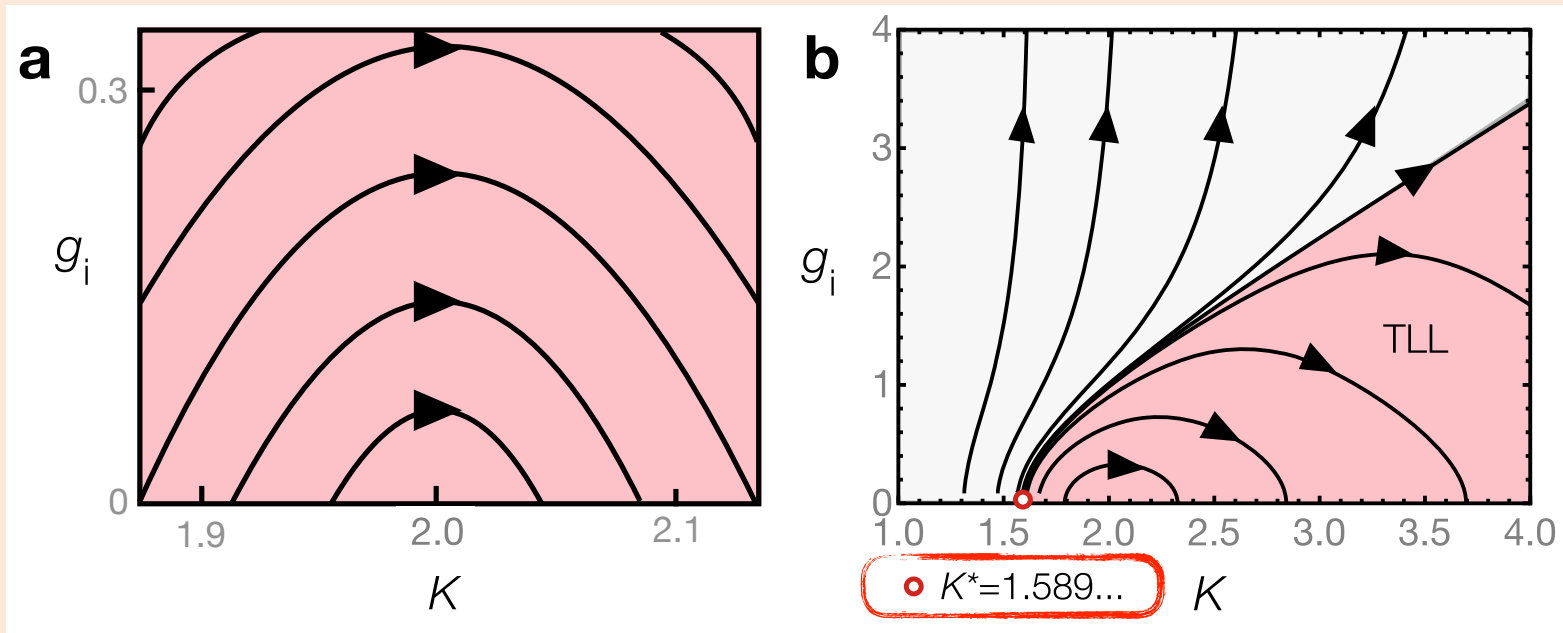
$$\frac{dg_i}{dl} = (2 - K)g_i - 5g_i^3 + 5g_r^2 g_i.$$

$$(2 + k\partial_k) \bar{u}_{1,k} = \frac{1}{2\pi z_k} \frac{\bar{u}_{1,k}}{(\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - (\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)} \right]$$

$$(2 + k\partial_k) \bar{u}_{2,k} = \frac{1}{2\pi z_k} \frac{\bar{u}_{2,k}}{(\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - (\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)} \right]$$

$$k\partial_k z_k = -\frac{1}{24\pi} \frac{(\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)}{\left(1 - (\bar{u}_{1,k}^2 - \bar{u}_{2,k}^2)\right)^{3/2}}$$

non-Hermitian RG vs FRG

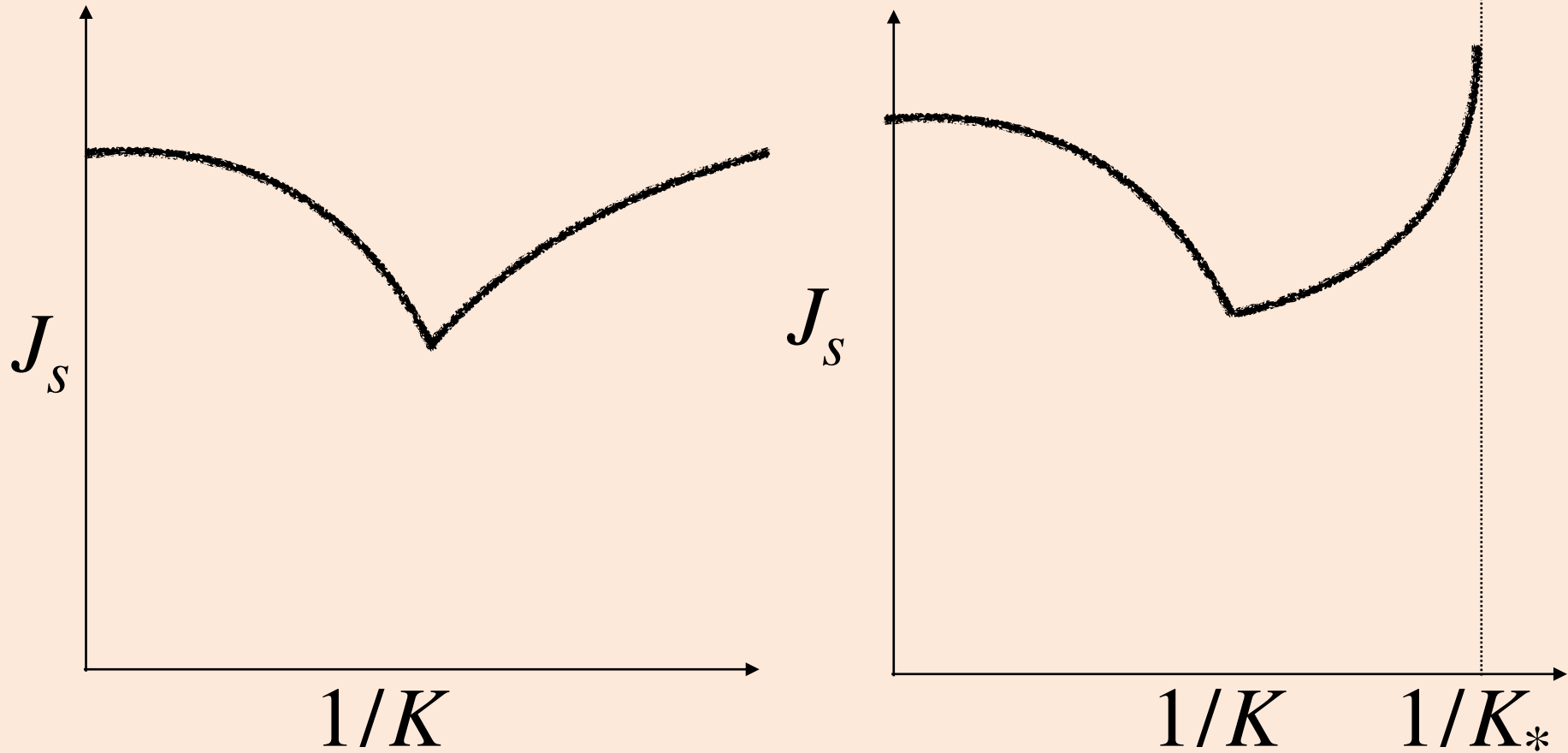


Breakdown of the TLL phase also in the PT broken regime

New massive phase

non-Hermitian RG vs FRG

New massive phase



Breakdown of the TTL phase also in the PT broken regime

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