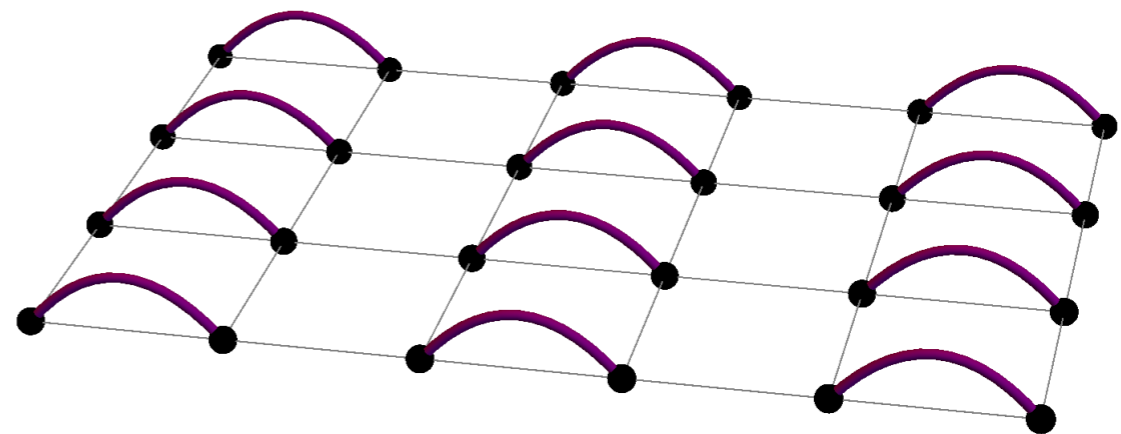
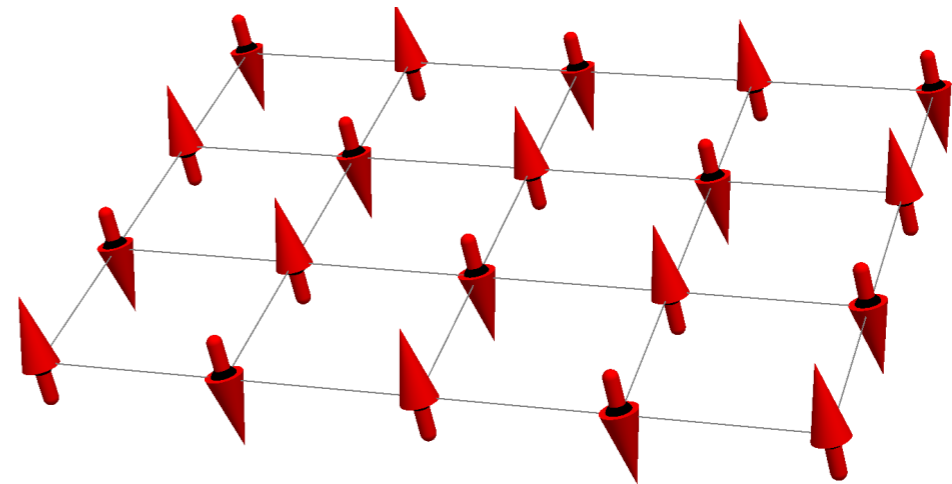
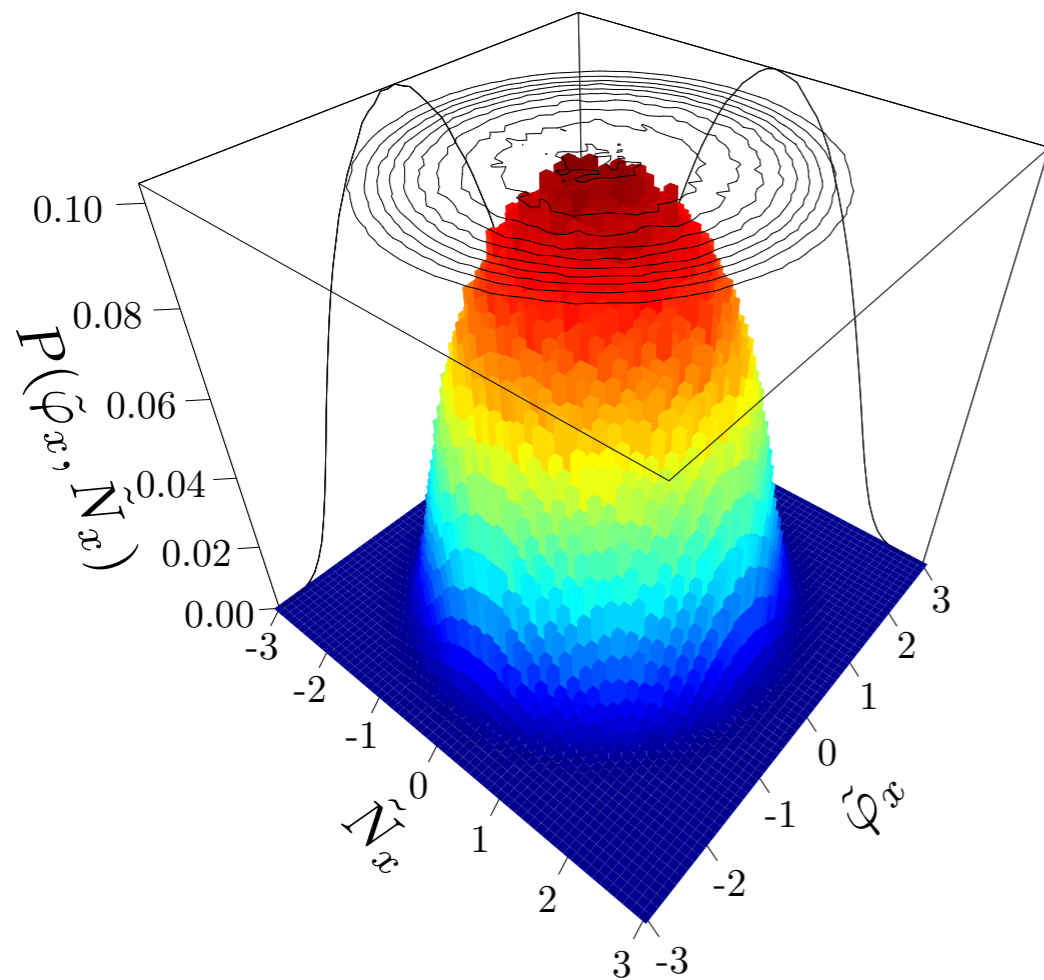


Emergent $SO(5)$ symmetry and dualities at deconfined critical points



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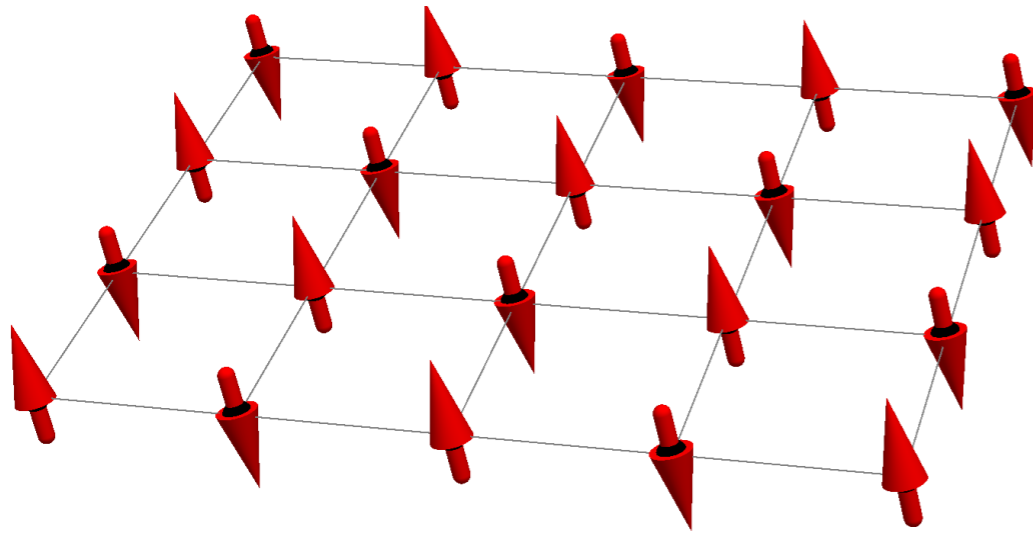


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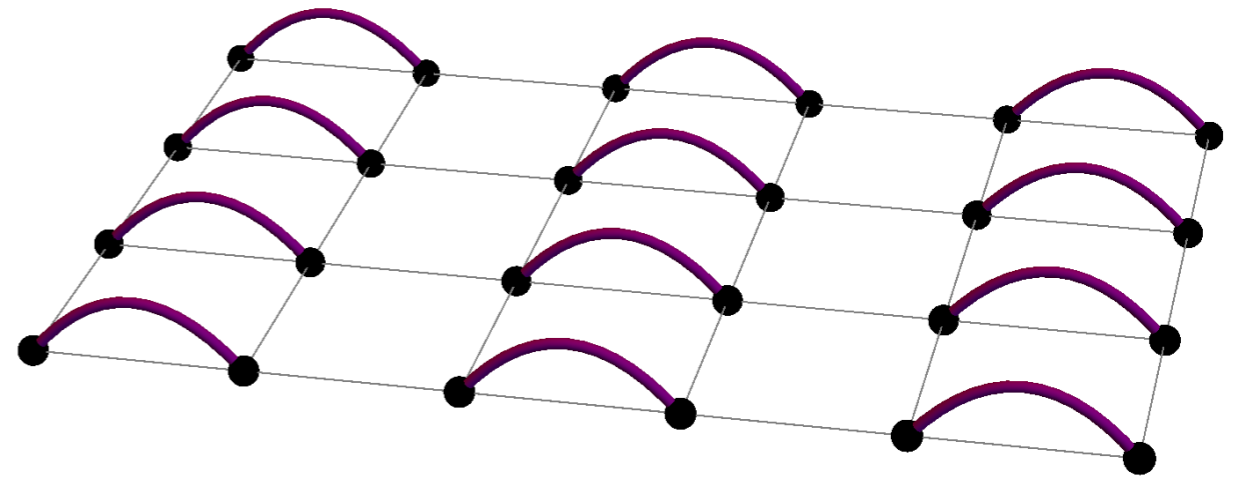
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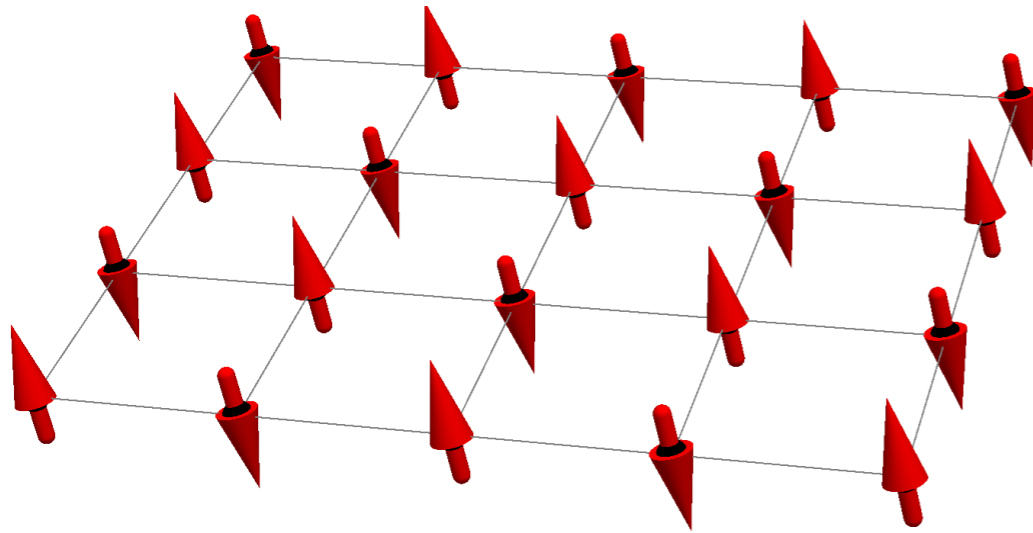
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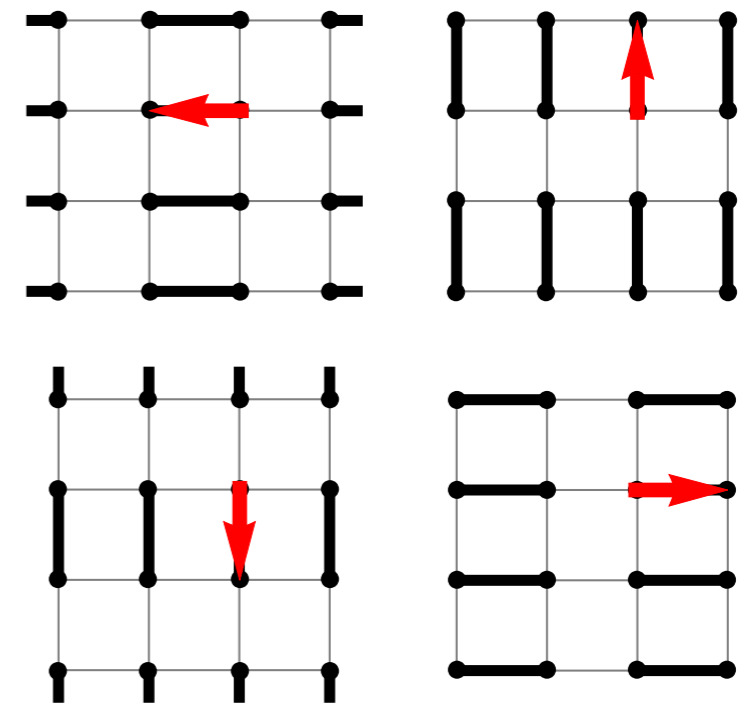
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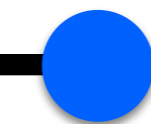
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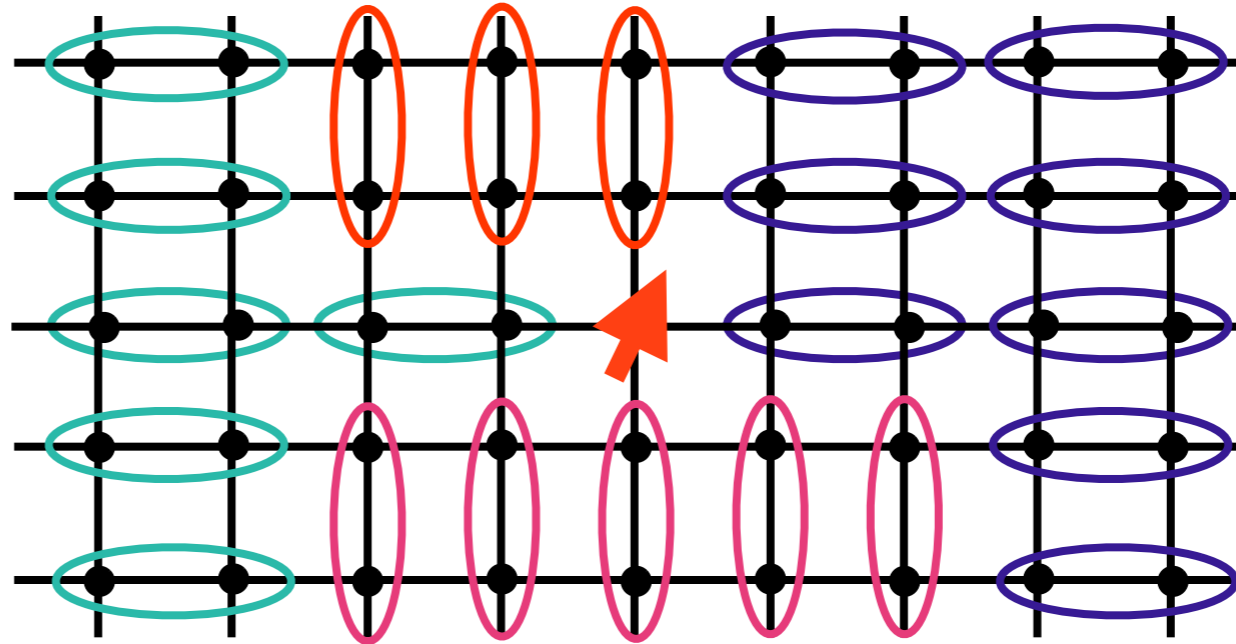
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Neel-VBS transition

Landau-Ginsburg theory fails to capture quantum #s of topological defects.

Vortex in VBS order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$:

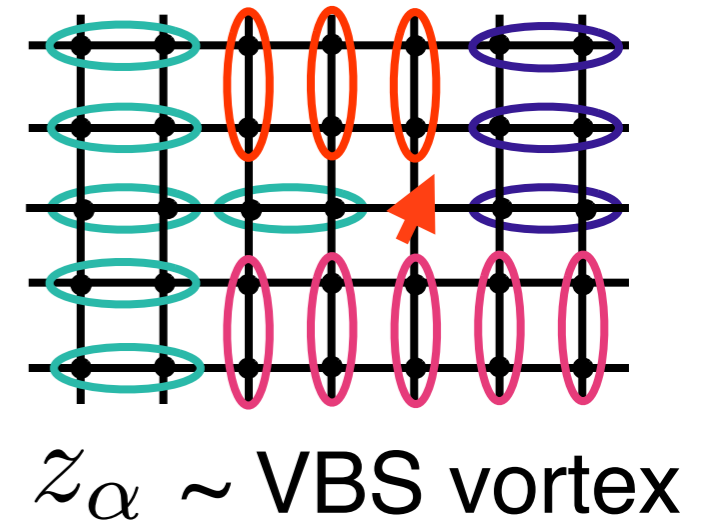


Captured with fractionalised representation of Neel order parameter:

$$\vec{N} = \mathbf{z}^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \mathbf{z} \quad \mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2), \quad \text{U(1) gauge symmetry: } \mathbf{z} \sim e^{i\chi} \mathbf{z}$$
$$\mathbf{z} \sim \text{VBS vortex}$$

NCCP¹ model

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial - ia)\mathbf{z}|^2 + m^2|\mathbf{z}|^2 + \lambda(|\mathbf{z}|^2)^2$$



Operators

Neel order parameter

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VBS order parameter:

inserts monopoles in gauge field

$$\varphi_x + i\varphi_y = \mathcal{M}_a$$

Internal symmetries

Spin symmetry:

$SO(3)$ rotations of \vec{N}

Flux conservation (emergent):

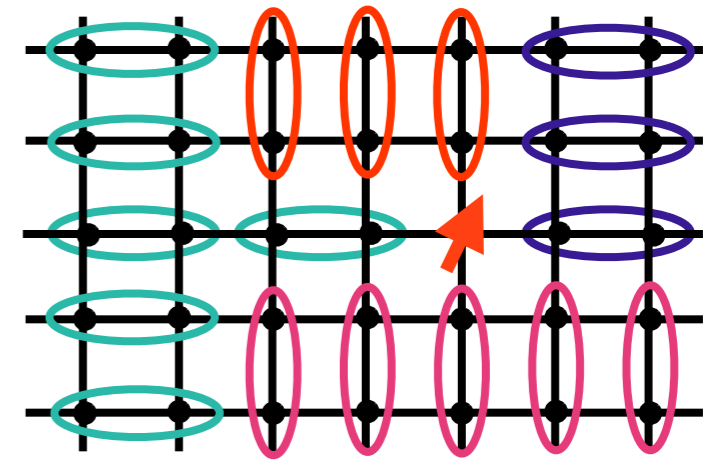
$U(1)$ rotations of $\vec{\varphi}$

Could there be an emergent symmetry relating \vec{N} and $\vec{\varphi}$?

Neel-VBS superspin

Field theory directly in terms of \vec{N} , $\vec{\varphi}$?

$$\vec{n} = (N_x, N_y, N_z, \varphi_x, \varphi_y)$$



WZW term to attach spin-1/2 to VBS vortex:

More formally, to ensure correct anomalies for $SO(3) \times O(2)$

Tanaka & Hu '05

Senthil & Fisher '06

$$S = \int \left(\frac{1}{g} (\nabla \vec{n})^2 + \text{strong anisotropies} \right) + S_{\text{WZW}}$$

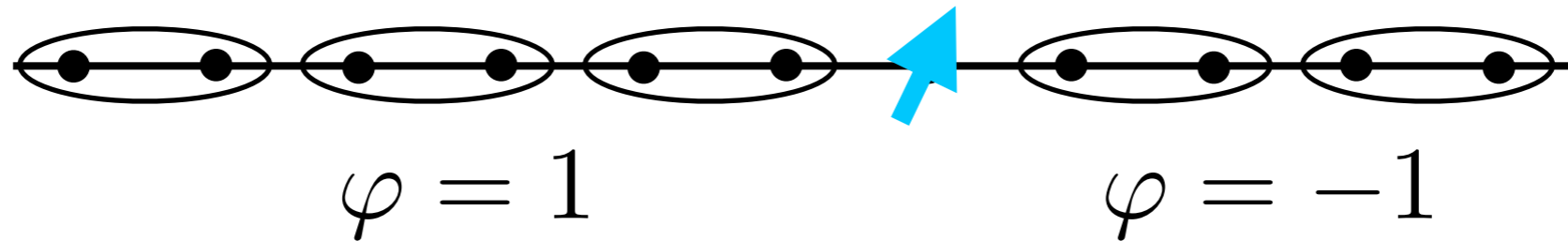
reduce symmetry to $SO(3) \times O(2)$ or $SO(3) \times \text{lattice}$

Motivation to speculate about $SO(5)$

- Numerically: $SO(5)$ emerges to excellent precision at J_c

[1D reminder: spin-1/2 chain]

$$H = J \sum_i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$$



Flows to a conformal field theory with the emergent symmetry

$$\frac{SU(2) \times SU(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = SO(4) \quad \begin{array}{l} (1+1D \text{ conformal invariance} \\ \Rightarrow \text{conserved currents doubled}) \end{array}$$

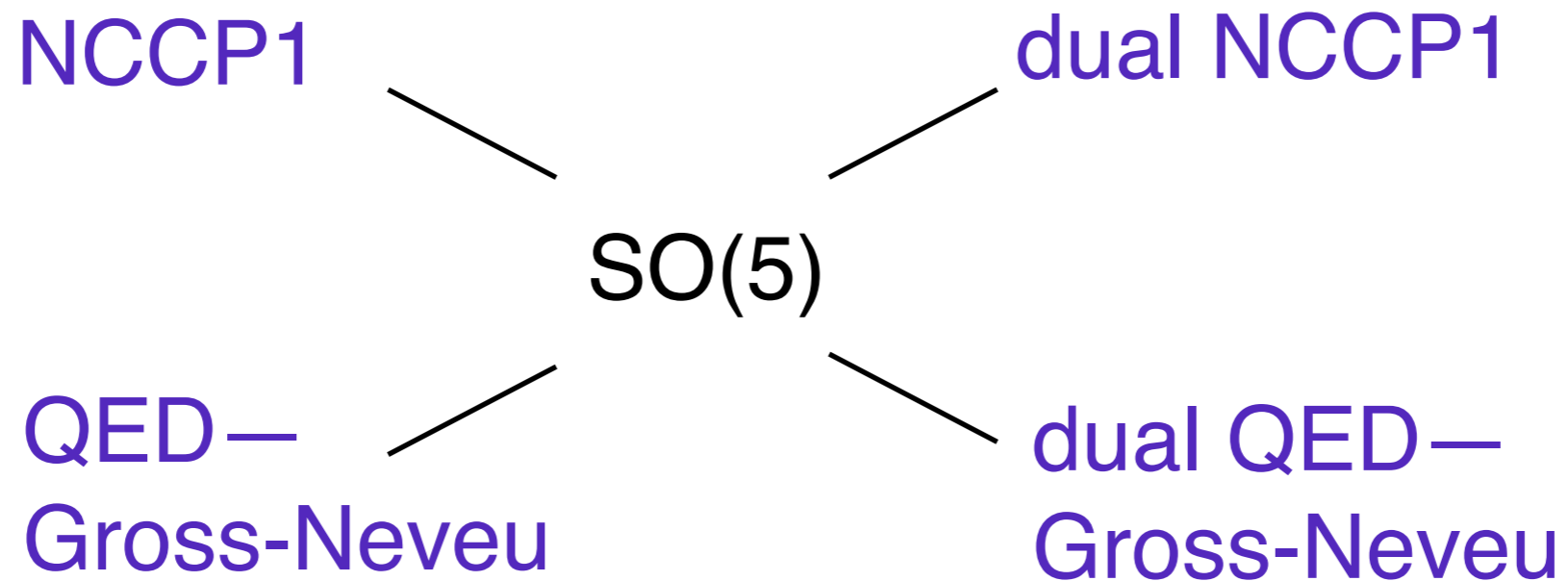
This $SO(4)$ rotates the ‘superspin’ $\vec{n} = (\varphi, N_x, N_y, N_z)$

$$S = \frac{1}{g} \int dx dt (\nabla \vec{n})^2 + \frac{2\pi i \epsilon_{abcd}}{\text{Area}(S^3)} \int du dx dt n_a \partial_x n_b \partial_t n_c \partial_u n_d$$

WZW term attaches spin-1/2 to VBS domain wall

Duality web

$SO(5)$ can be understood in terms of a web of dualities



None of these theories has explicit $SO(5)$.

DCP also related to two theories with explicit $SO(5)$:

- QCD with $N_f=2, N_c=2$
- Surface of 3+1D topological paramagnet (SPT) with $SO(5)$

True critical point?

At first glance, numerics (up to $L=640$) show continuous transition. However, **strong violations of finite-size scaling**

Kuklov et al 08, Sandvik '11, Banerjee et al '10, Harada et al '13...

AN, Chalker, Serna, Ortuno, Somoza '15 Shao, Guo, Sandvik '16

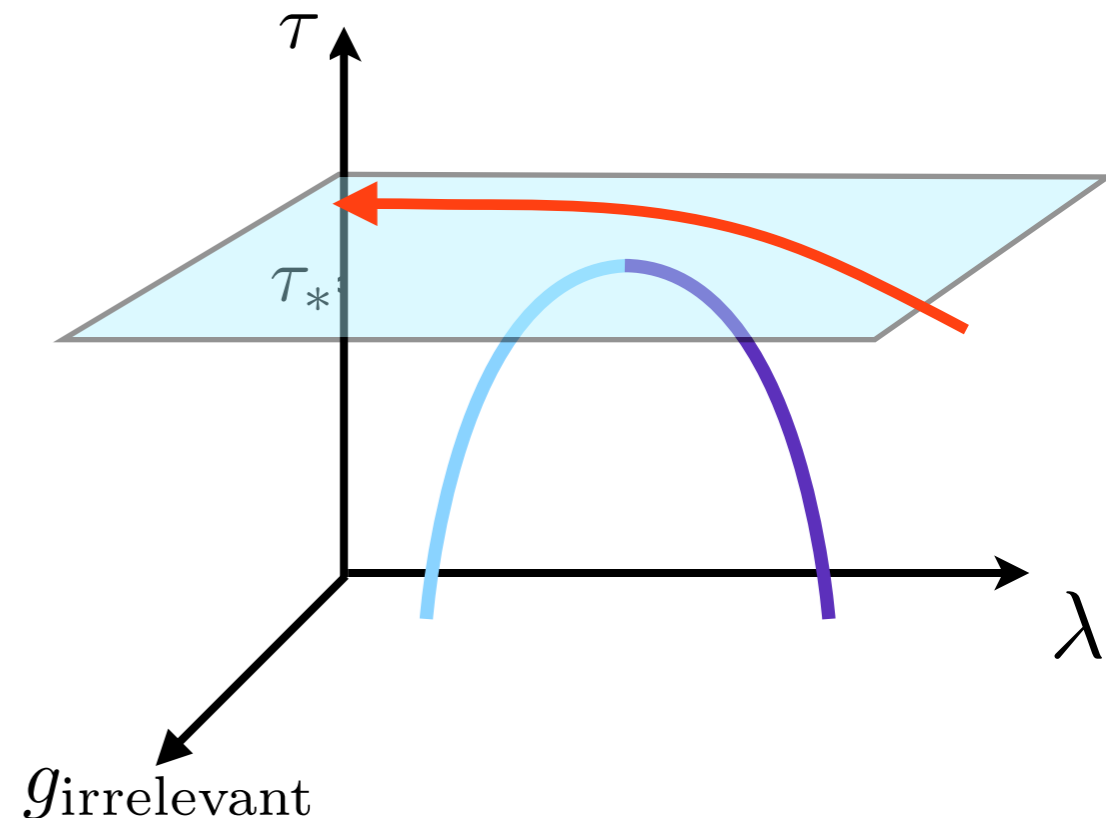
also, tension with conformal bootstrap bounds for $SO(5)$

Simmons-Duffin; Nakayama, Ohtsuki '16

One scenario is that transition is ultimately first order, with $\xi \gg 640$. If so, $SO(5)$ & dualities are approximate, not exact.

RG analysis: even in this scenario there is 'quasiuniversality':

Large ξ and $SO(5)$ symmetry are *robust*, not due to fine-tuning. $SO(5)$ holds up to accuracy " $1/\xi^{\text{const}}$ "

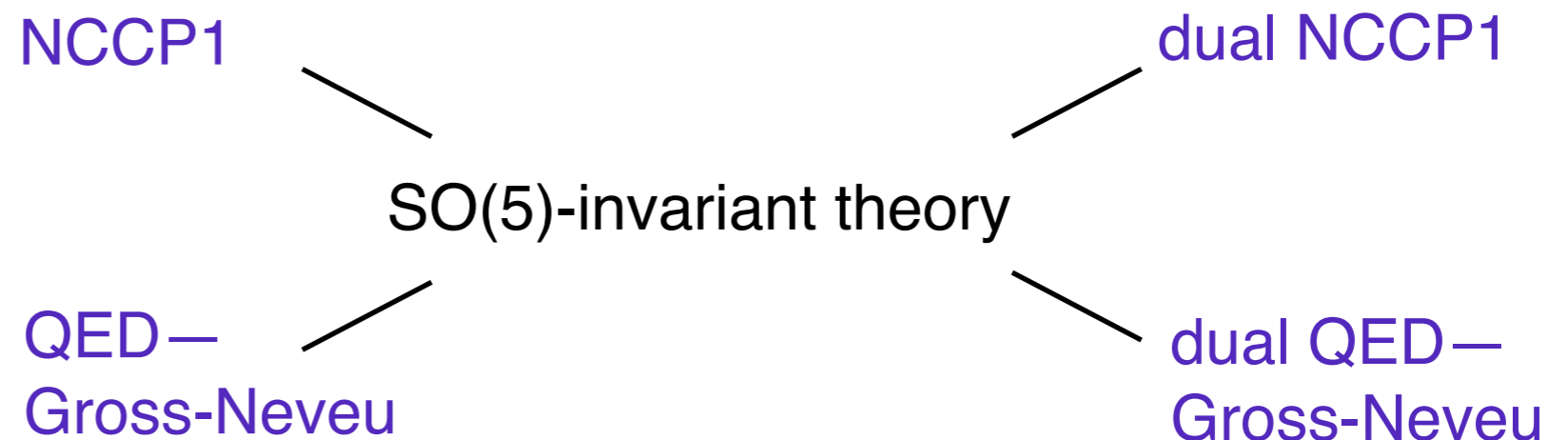


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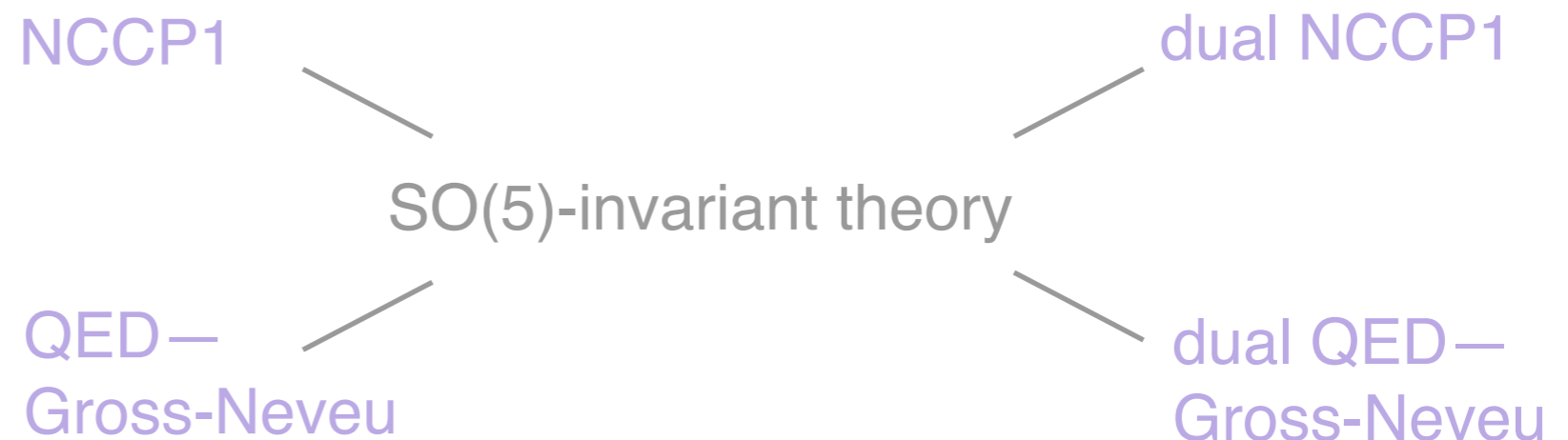
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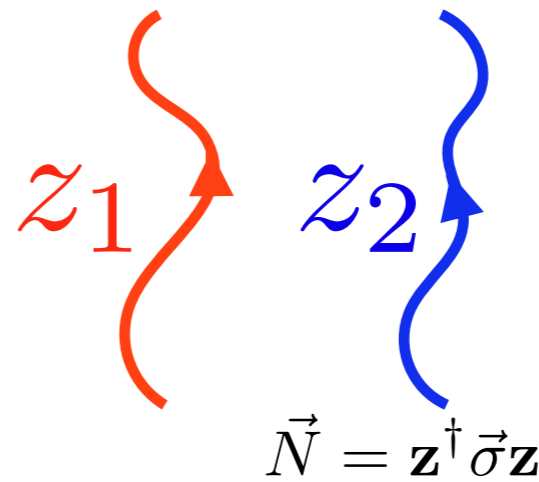
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- Numerical results
- 'Naive' RG interpretation

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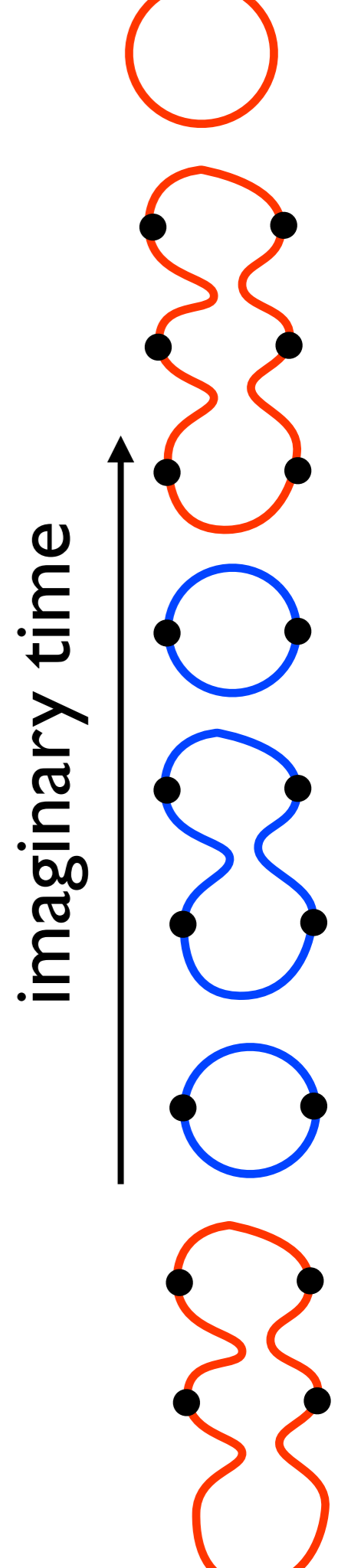

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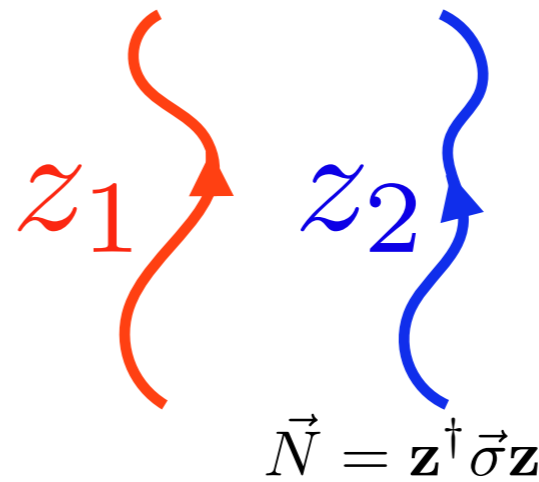
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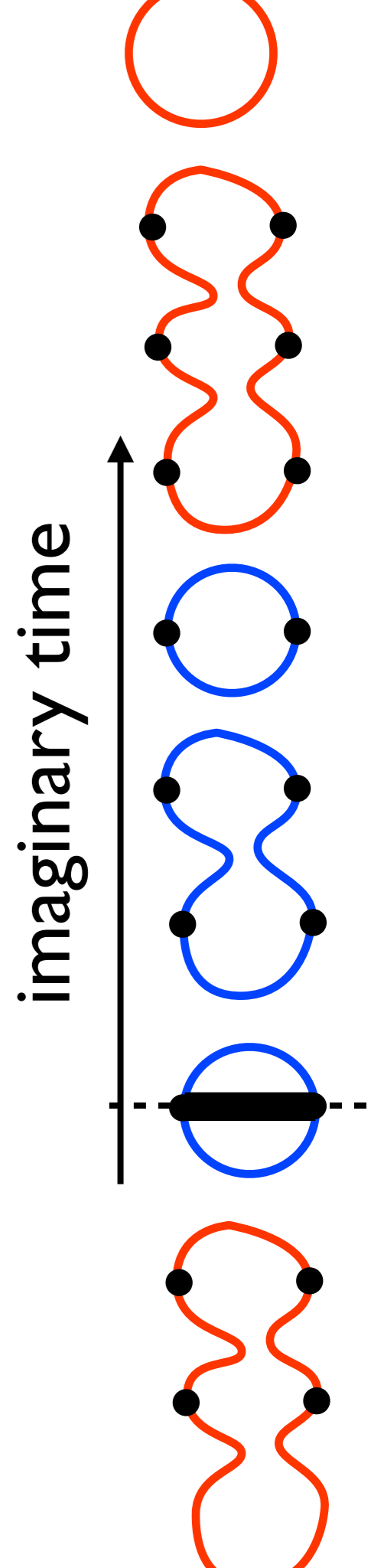

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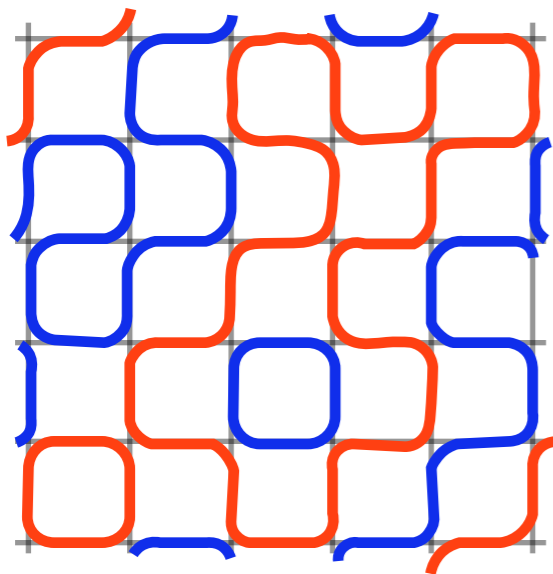


1+1D example: spin-1/2 chain

Standard 2D loop model

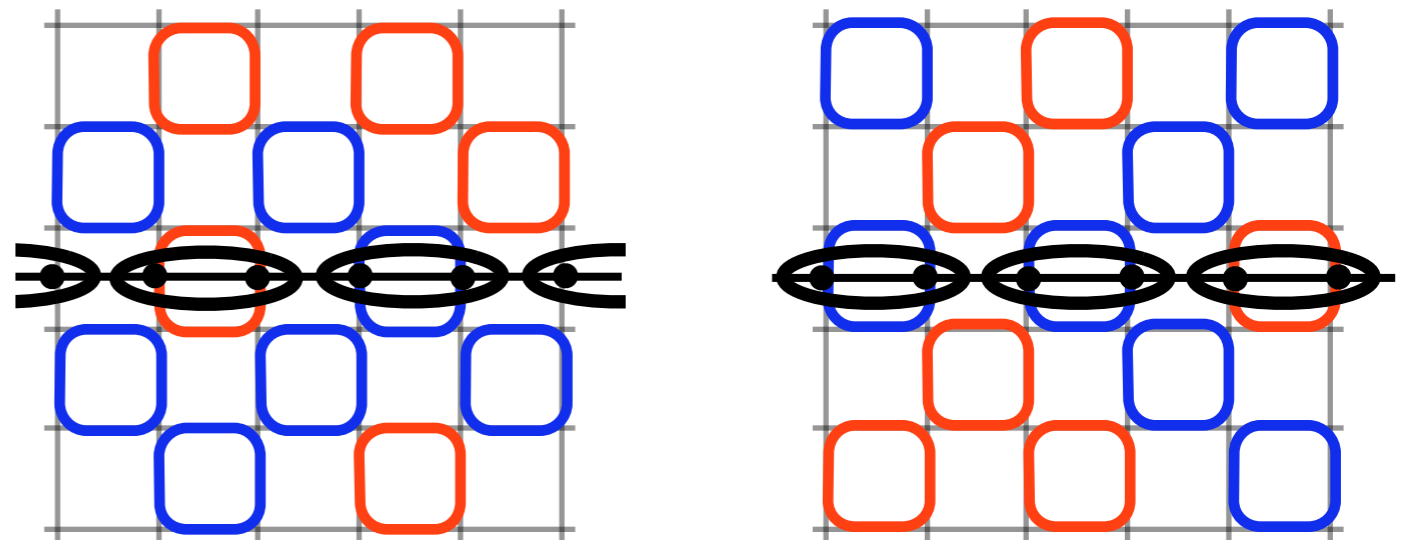
→ universal physics of spin-1/2 chain

**Gapless
spin-1/2 chain**



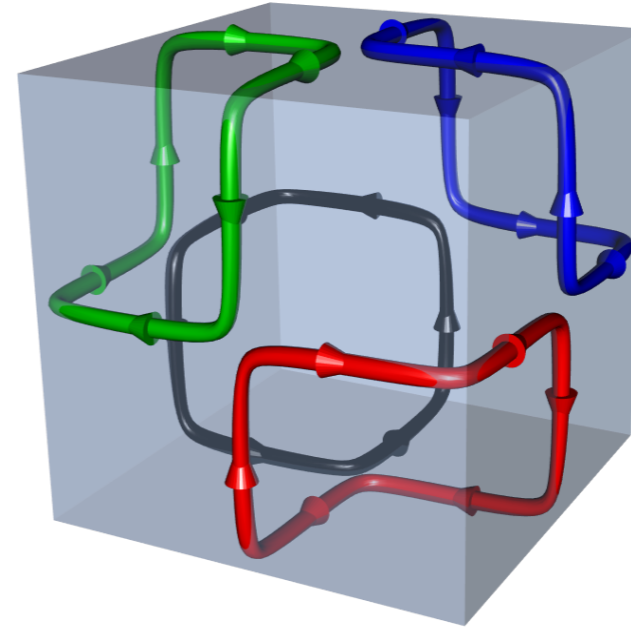
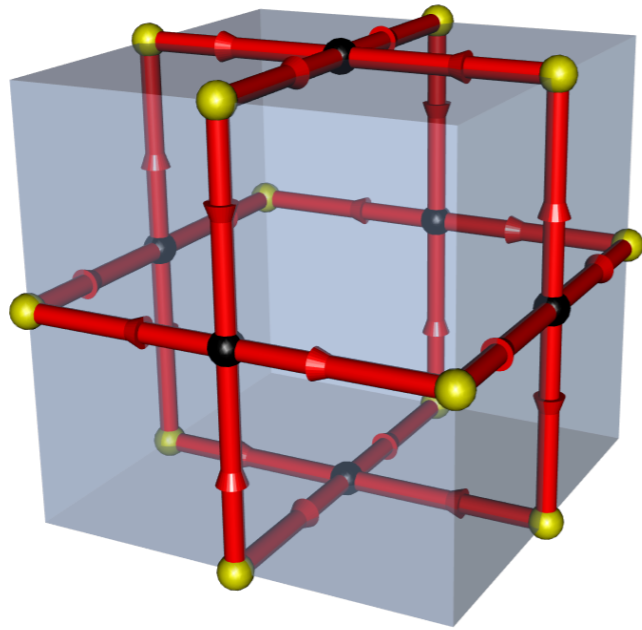
Long loops mediate
power law $\langle \vec{N}(0) \cdot \vec{N}(r) \rangle$
correlations

**Gapped
VBS states**

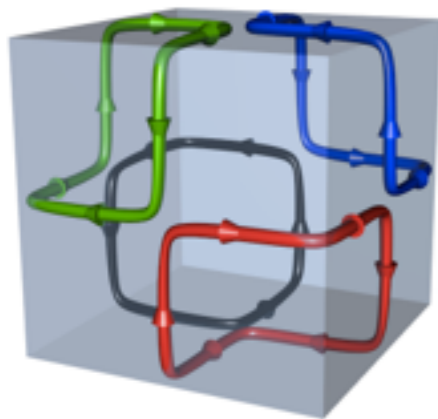


Two packings of **short loops** →
two **VBS** configurations

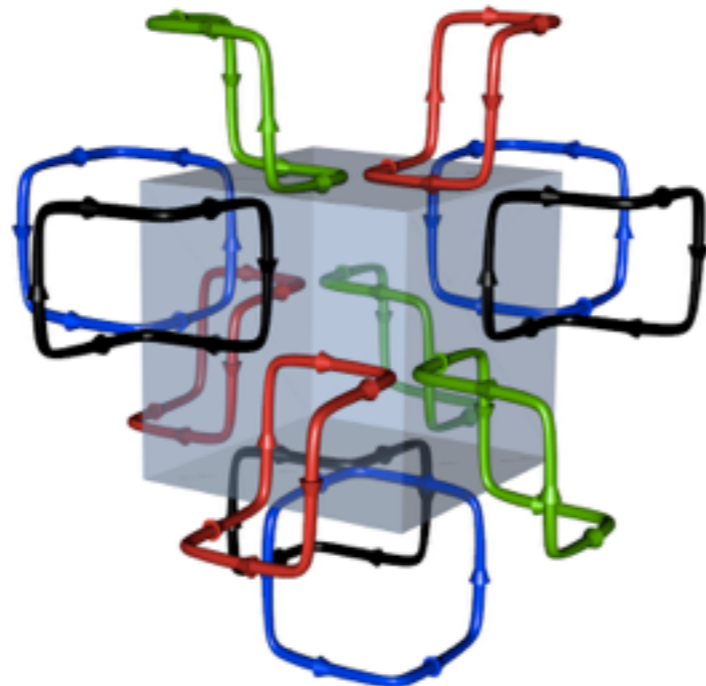
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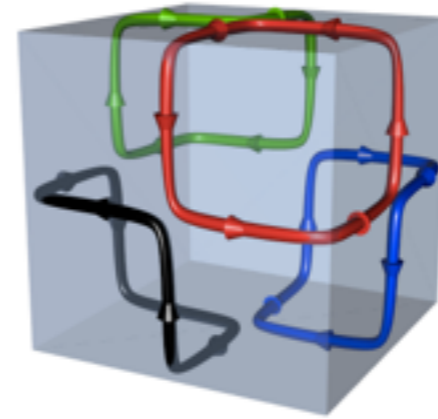
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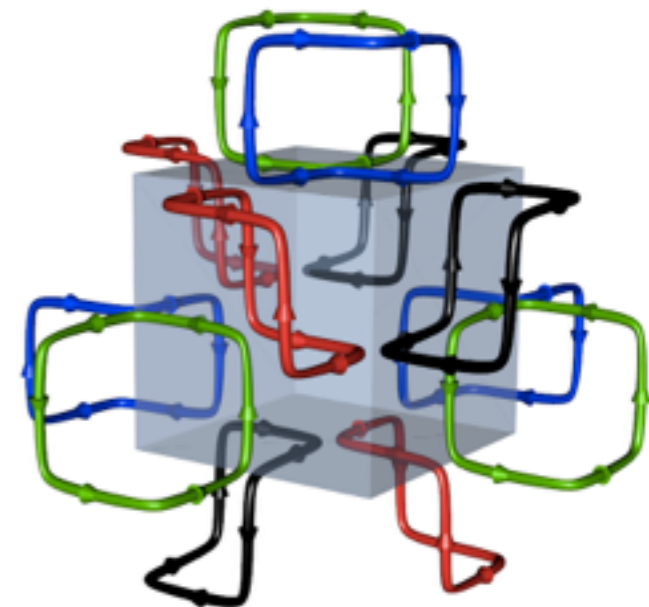
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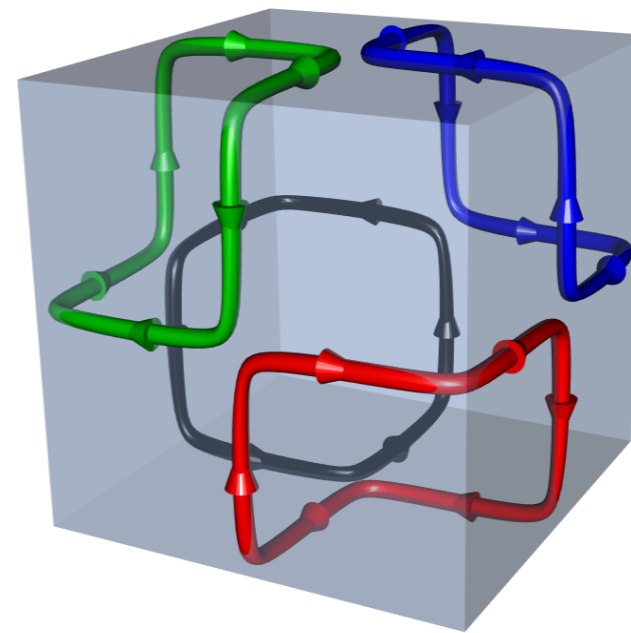
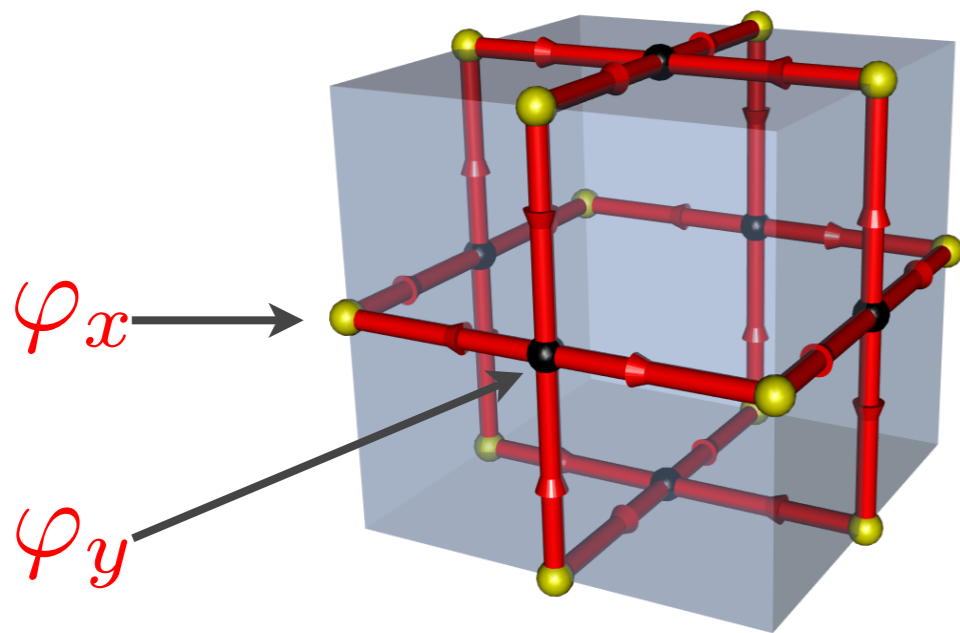


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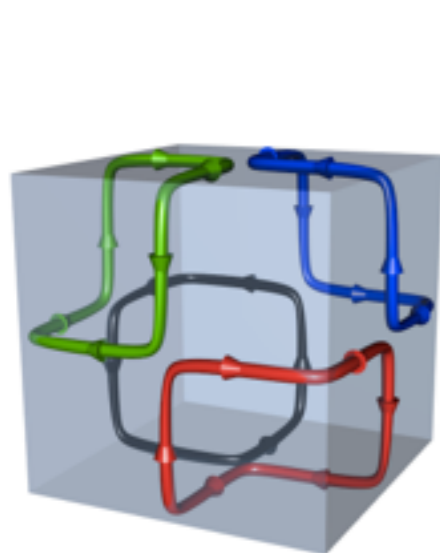


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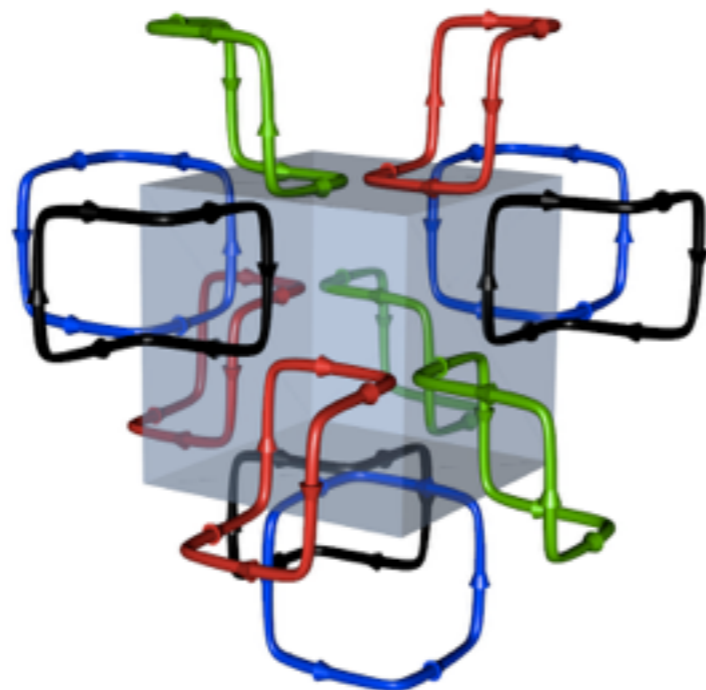
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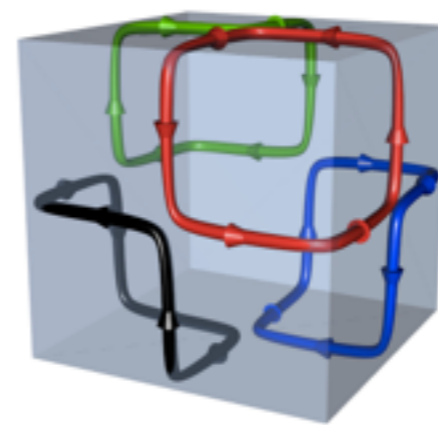
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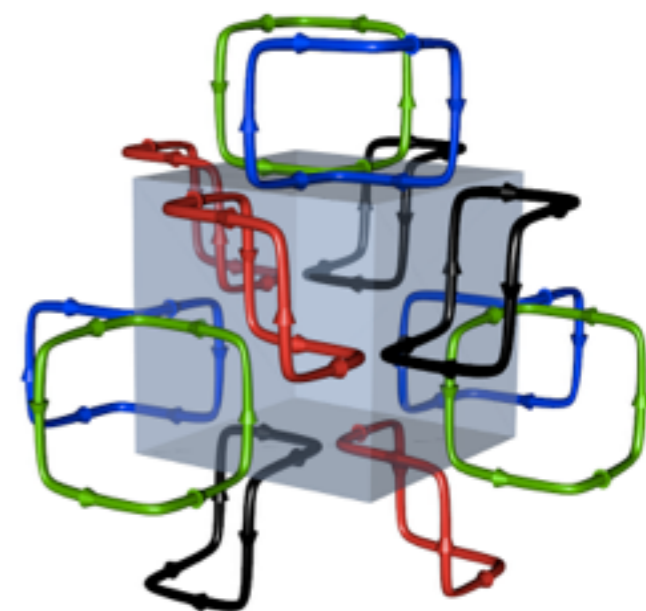
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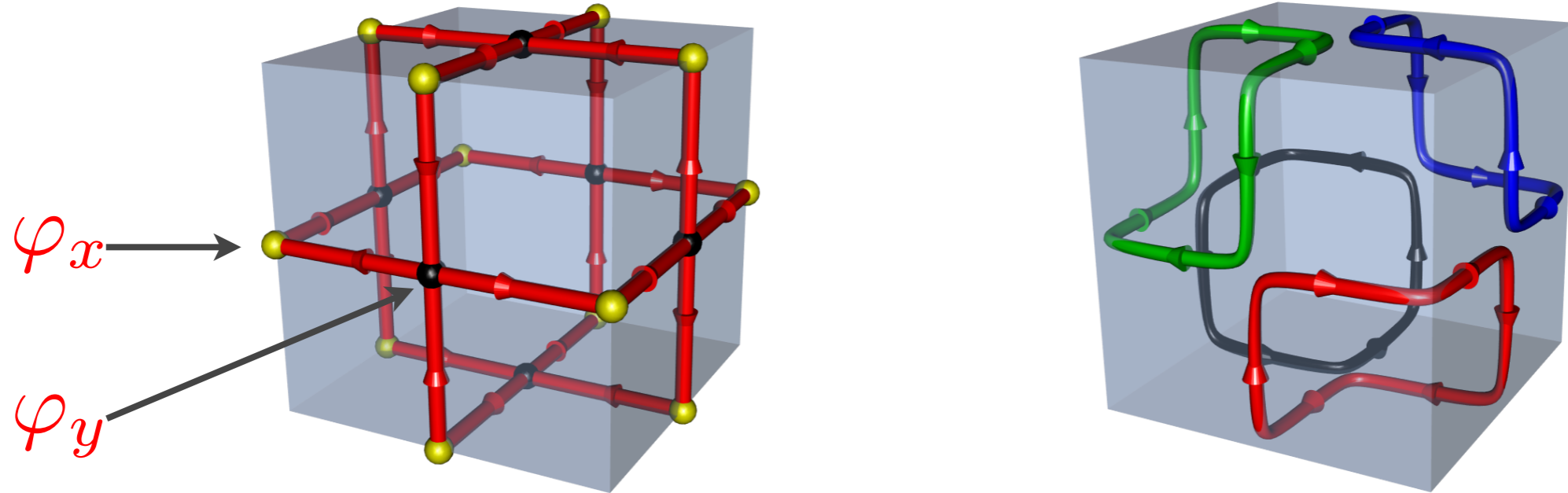


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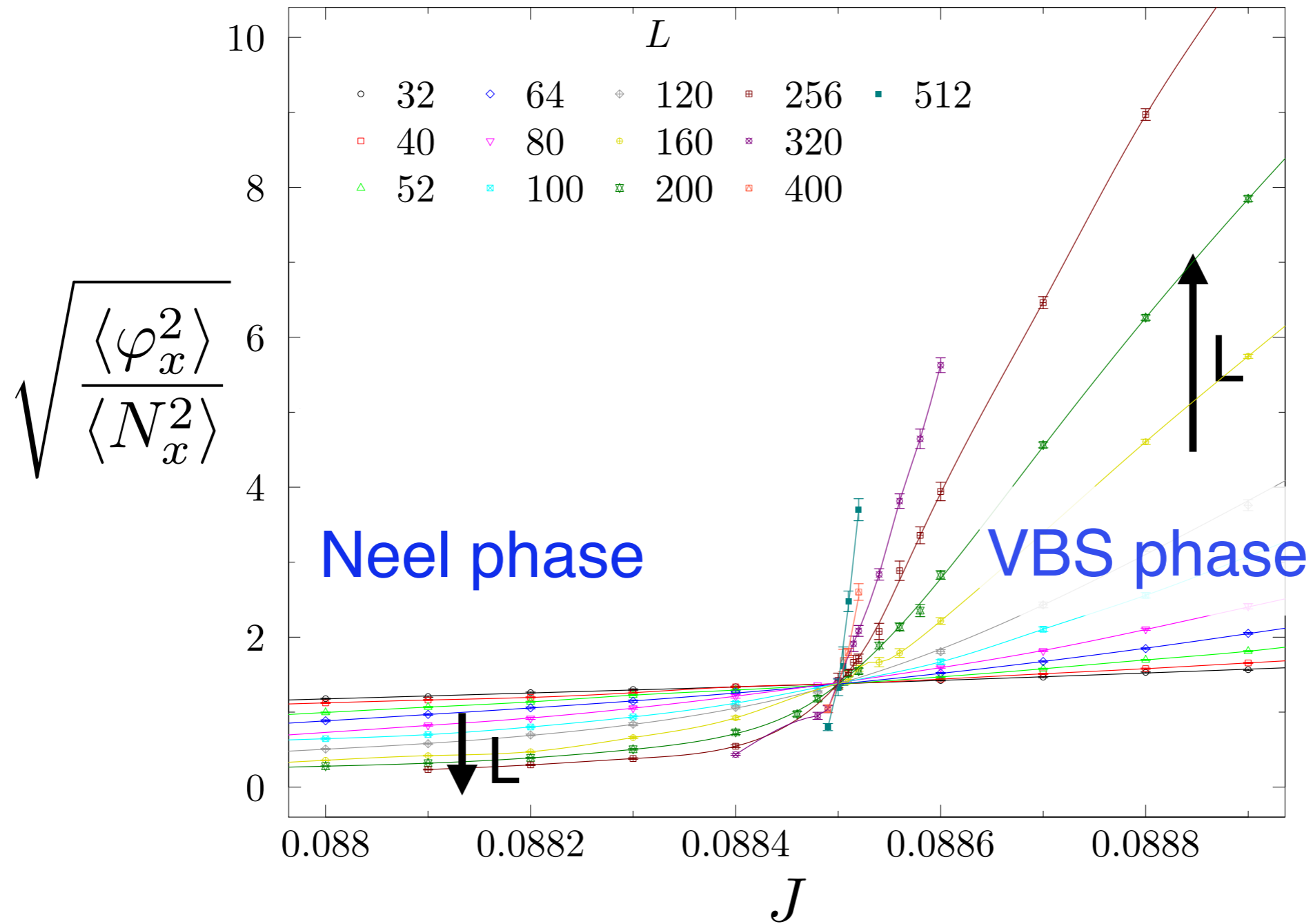
Long-distance properties as in JQ model, but more efficient to simulate. Exact spacetime isotropy also removes some scaling corrections.

SO(5)

$$\vec{n} = \left(\overbrace{(\varphi_x, \varphi_y)}^{\text{U}(1)}, \overbrace{(N_x, N_y, N_z)}^{\text{SO}(3)} \right)$$
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{U}(1)?}$$

Look for emergent $\text{U}(1)$ in (φ_x, N_x) plane

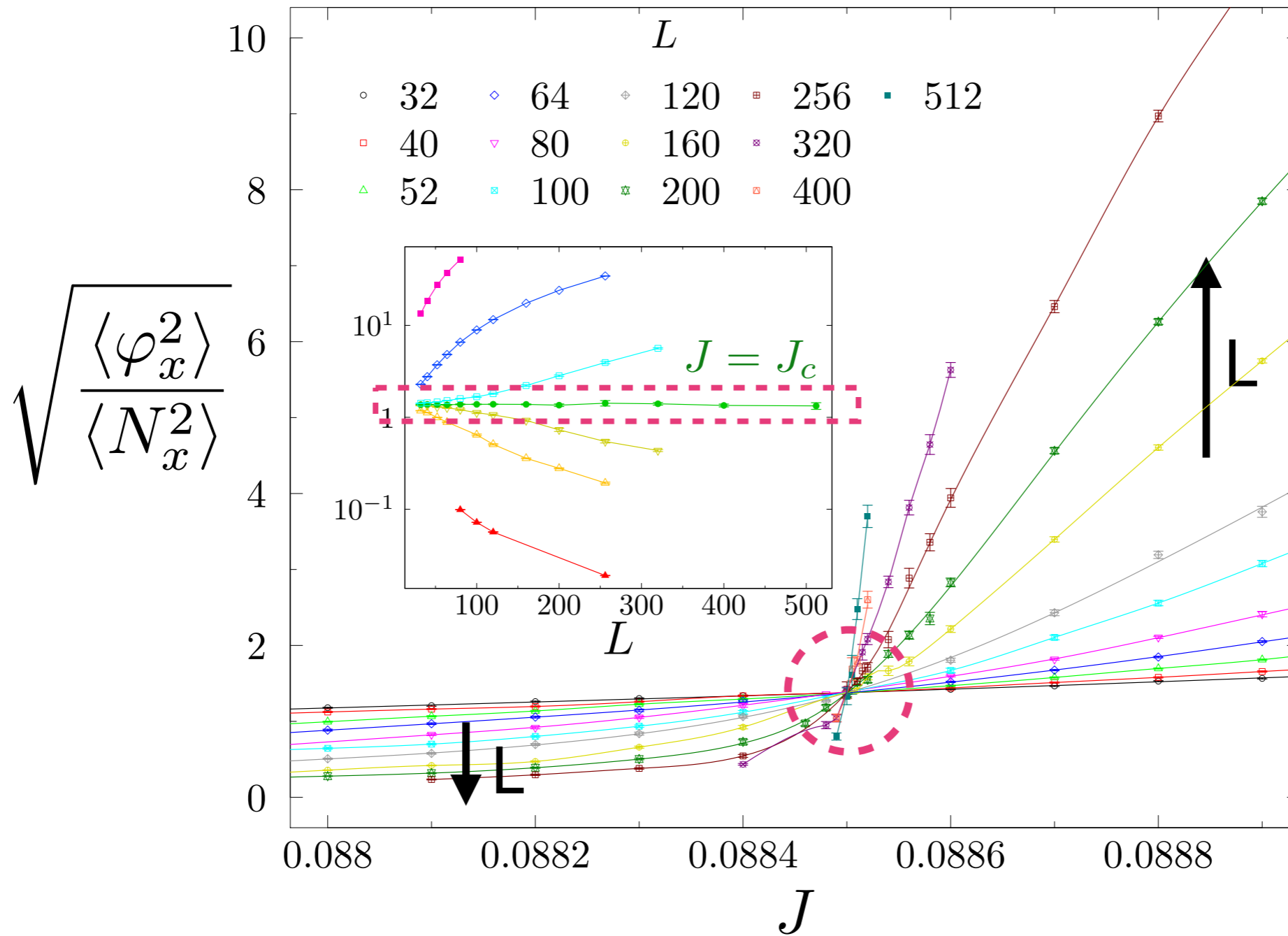
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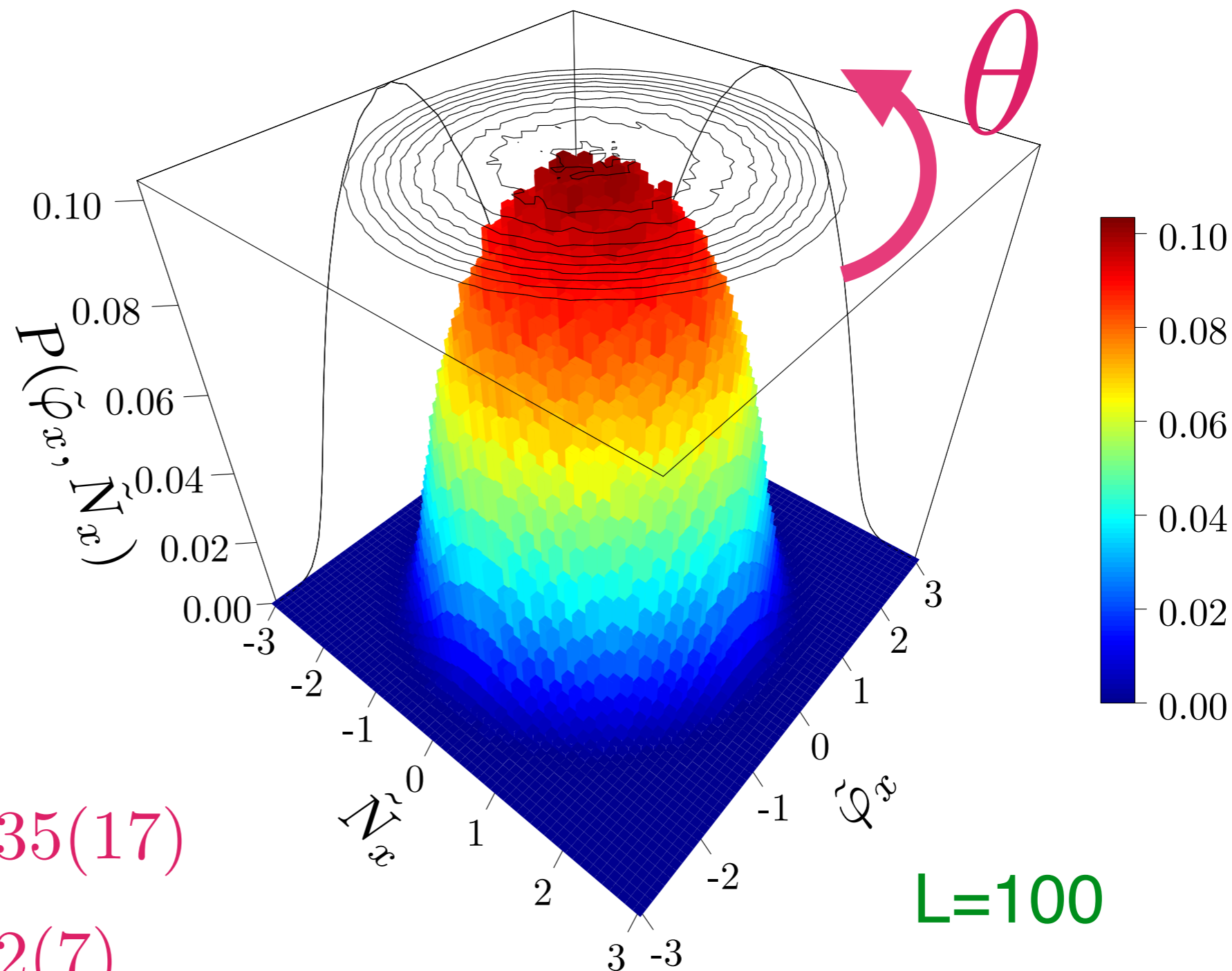
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Joint Neel/VBS probability distribution



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$$\langle \cos 4\theta \rangle = 0.0002(7)$$

$$\langle \cos 6\theta \rangle = 0.0002(5)$$

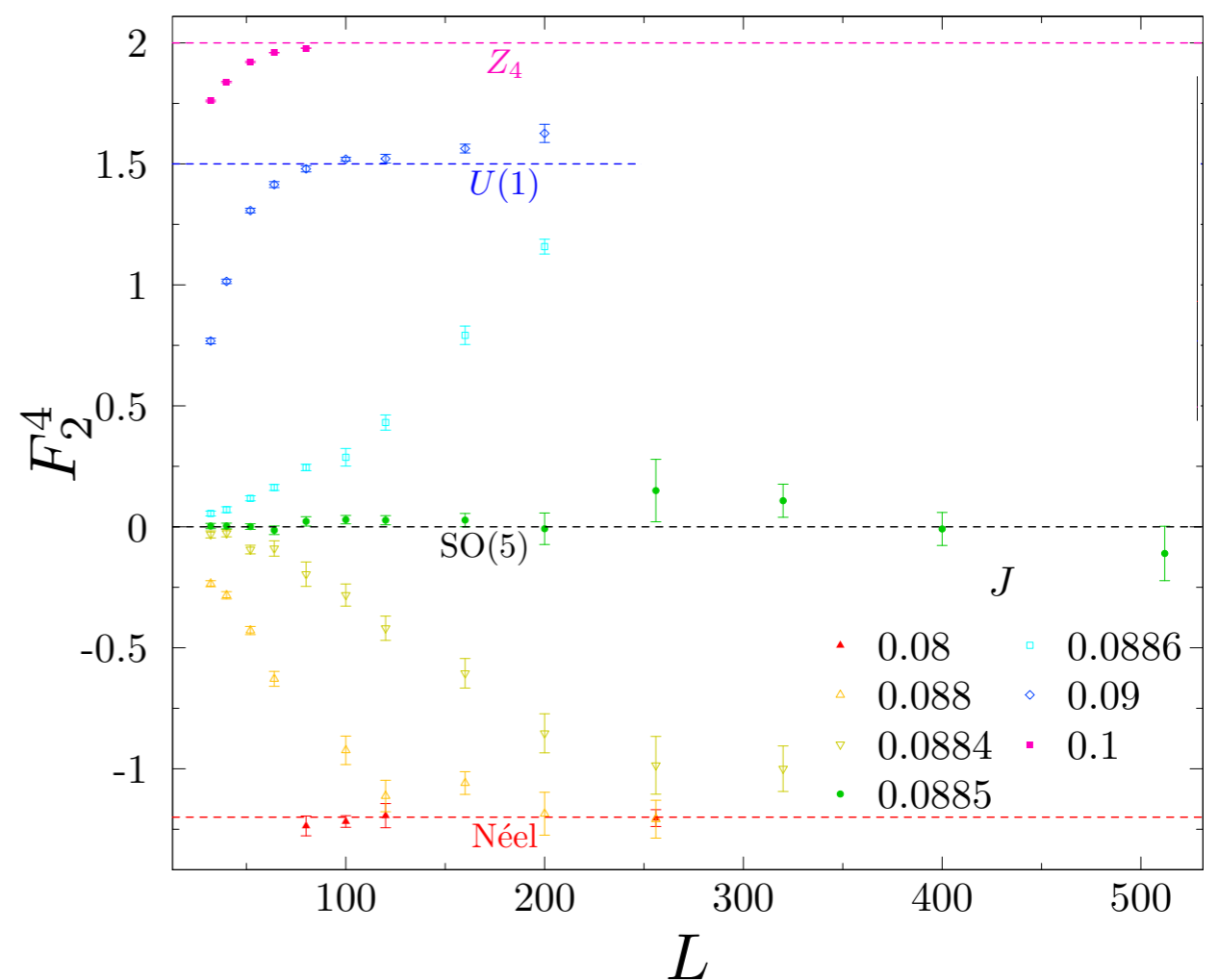
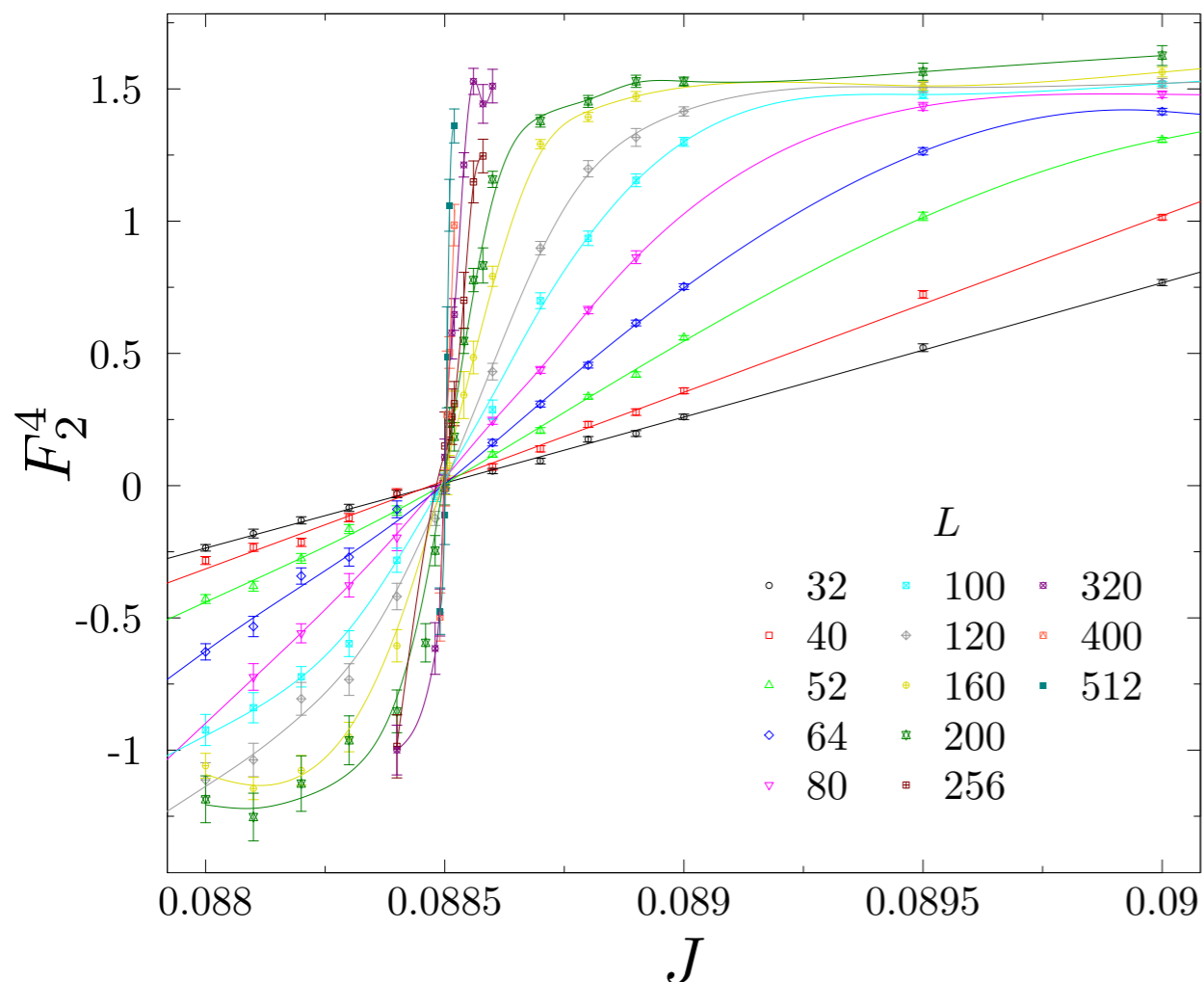
(Variances normalized to one)

Scaling of Neel and VBS fluctuations

$$F_2^4 = \langle \tilde{N}_x^4 - \tilde{\varphi}_x^4 \rangle = \begin{cases} -1.2 & \text{Neel phase} \\ 0 & \text{SO(5)} \\ 1.5 & \text{VBS, U(1) regime} \\ 2 & \text{VBS, "Z}_4\text{" regime} \end{cases}$$

As a function of coupling

As a function of L



Operators

Classify operators into SO(5) multiplets

Vector $\vec{n} = (\varphi_x, \varphi_y, N_x, N_y, N_z)$

Symmetric traceless 2-cpt and 4-cpt tensors

$$X_{ab}^{(2)} = n_a n_b - \frac{1}{5} \delta_{ab} n^2 \qquad X_{abcd}^{(4)} = n_a n_b n_c n_d - (\dots)$$

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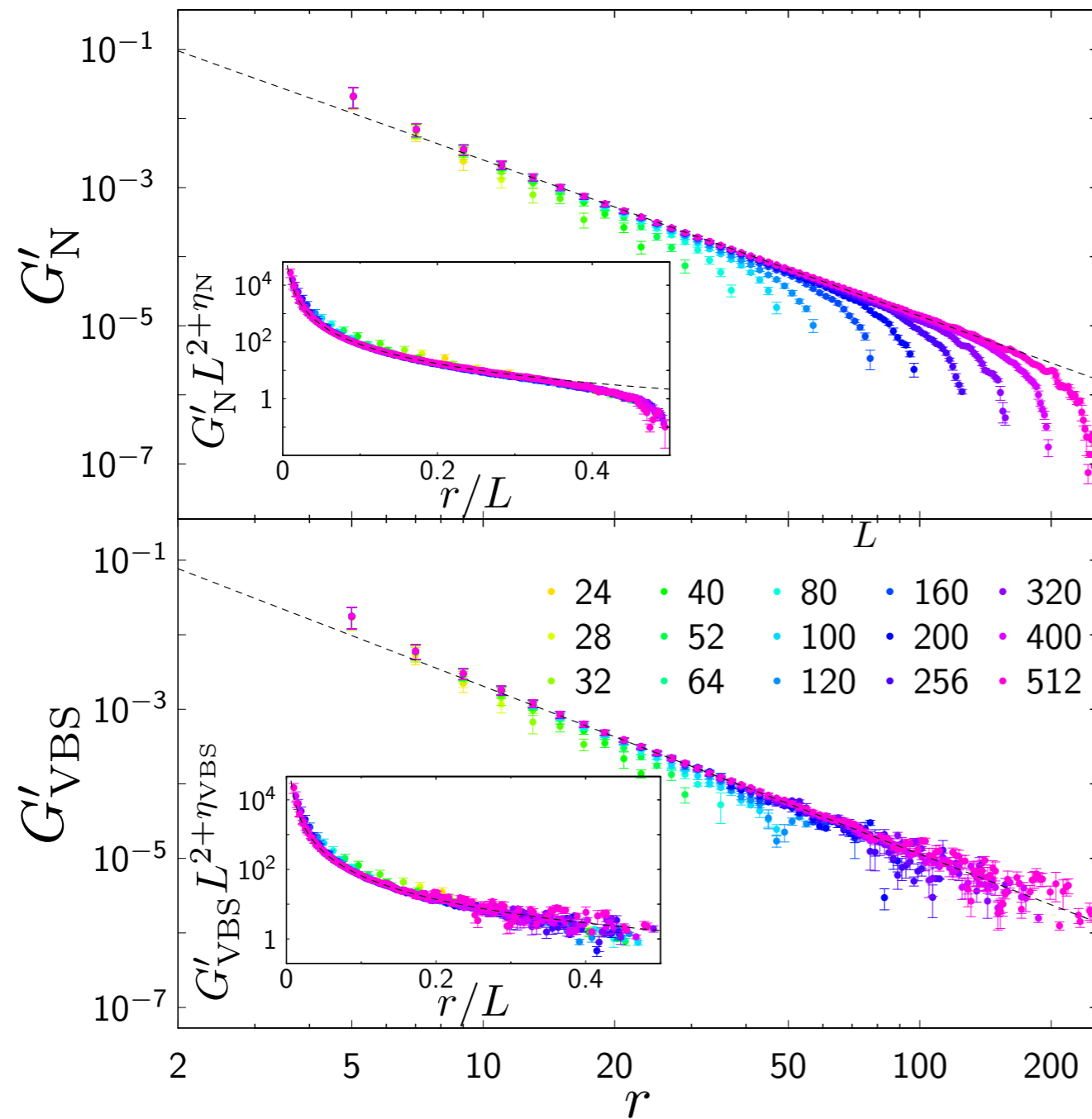
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Symmetry between components of vector



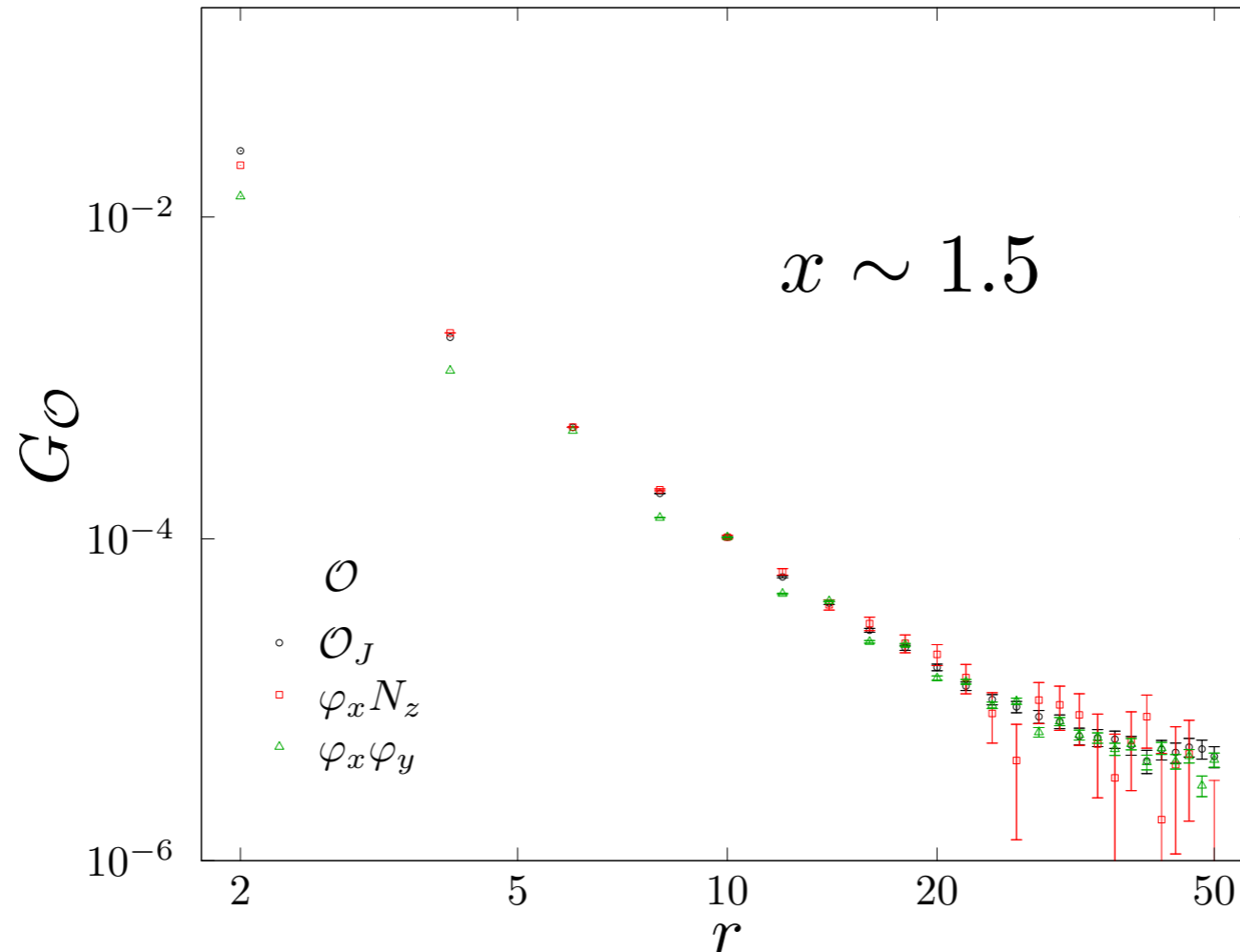
$$\eta_{\text{Néel}} = 0.259(6)$$

$$\eta_{\text{VBS}} = 0.25(3)$$

Operators

Symmetry between cpts of symmetric tensor: $X_{ab}^{(2)}$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(0)\mathcal{O}(r) \rangle \text{ for } \mathcal{O} = \begin{cases} \varphi_x N_z \\ \varphi_x \varphi_y \\ \frac{3}{5} \vec{\varphi}^2 - \frac{2}{5} \vec{N}^2 \end{cases}$$



Emergence of SO(5)

$$\vec{n} = (\varphi_x, \varphi_y, N_x, N_y, N_z)$$

For exact SO(5) to emerge, need sufficiently stable fixed point.

$$X_{ab}^{(2)} = n_a n_b - \frac{1}{5} \delta_{ab} n^2$$

RG relevant

$$X_{abcd}^{(4)} = n_a n_b n_c n_d - (\dots)$$

SO(5) singlets

Must be RG irrelevant

Contrast Wilson-Fisher CFTs where singlet mass strongly relevant

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SO}(5)} - \delta J \sum_{a=1,2} X_{aa}^{(2)} + \lambda \sum_{a,b=1,2} X_{aabb}^{(4)} + \kappa \sum_{a=1,2} X_{aaaa}^{(4)} + \dots$$

Tuning parameter

$$\sim \vec{\varphi}^2 - \frac{2}{3} \vec{N}^2$$

Higher Neel-VBS anisotropy

$$\sim (\vec{\varphi}^2)^2 + \dots$$

“Z₄” VBS anisotropy

$$\sim \varphi_x^4 + \varphi_y^4 + \dots$$

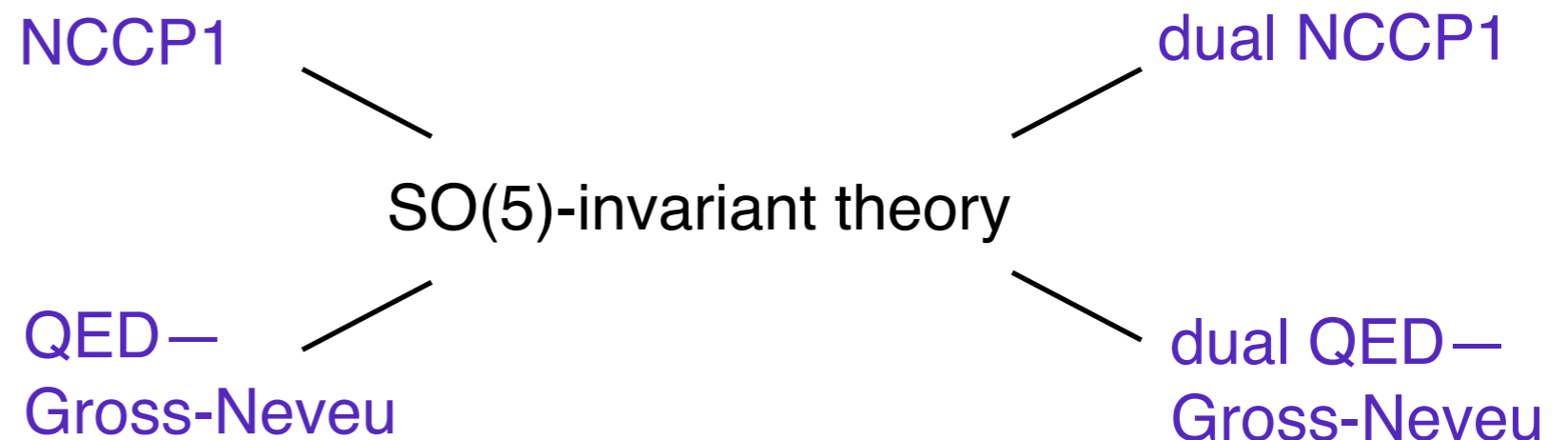
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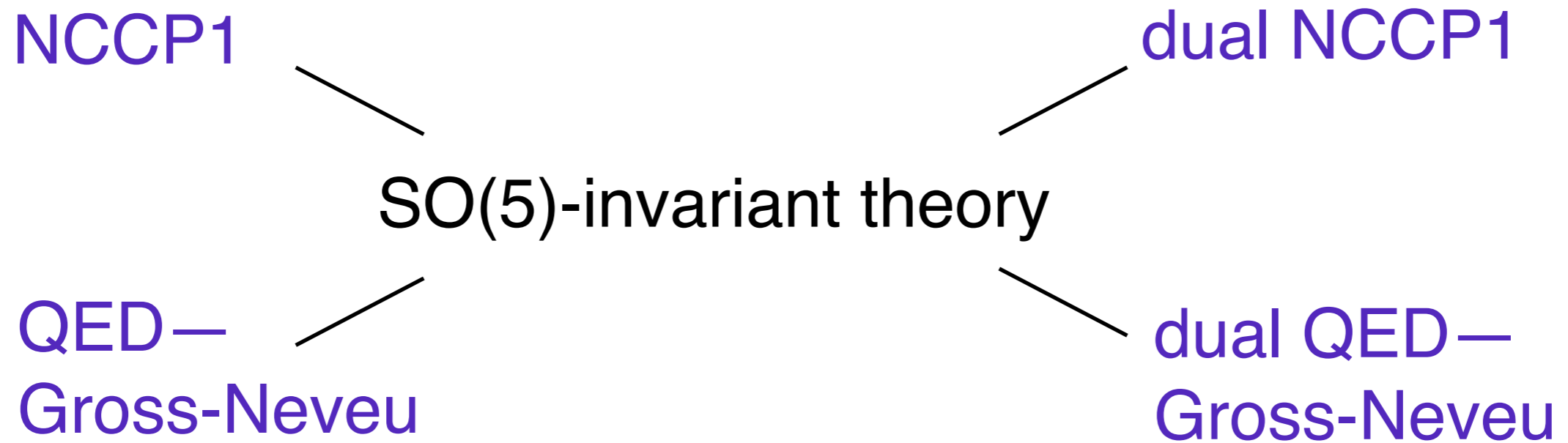
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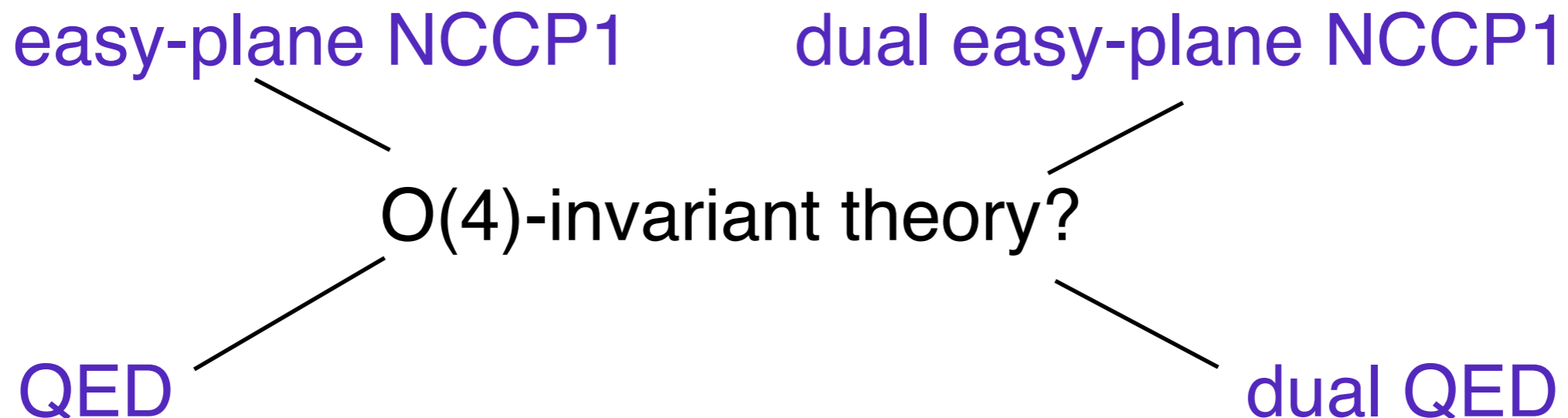
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Two duality webs



More
speculatively:

but see recent simulations:
Qin, He, You, Lu, Sen, Sandvik, Xu, & Meng '17
Zhang, He, Eggert, Moessner, & Pollmann '17



Particle-vortex duality for complex scalar field

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial\Phi|^2 + m^2|\Phi|^2 + \lambda|\Phi|^4$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dual}} = |(\partial - ia)w|^2 - m^2|w|^2 + \lambda'|w|^4 + \dots$$

Gauge invariant U(1) order parameter:

$$\Phi \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_a \quad \text{inserts monopole in } a$$

\mathcal{L} and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dual}}$ describe same system with different bare couplings.
May have same IR behaviour and in fact they do.

Recently, extension of particle-vortex duality idea to

Dirac fermion

Wang & Senthil '15; Metlitski & Vishwanath '16;
Seiberg et al '16; Karch & Tong '16; Son '15;

[Aside: strong and weak duality]

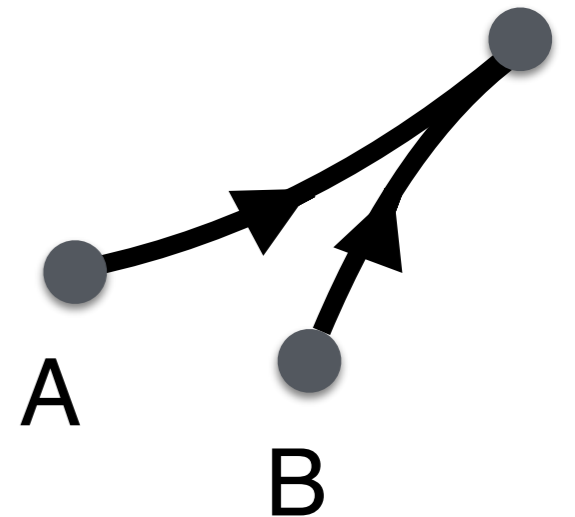
for two field theories A and B which share the ‘microscopic’ symmetry $G = G_A \cap G_B$:

Weak statement (derived):

Theories A and B have the same operator content and anomalies.

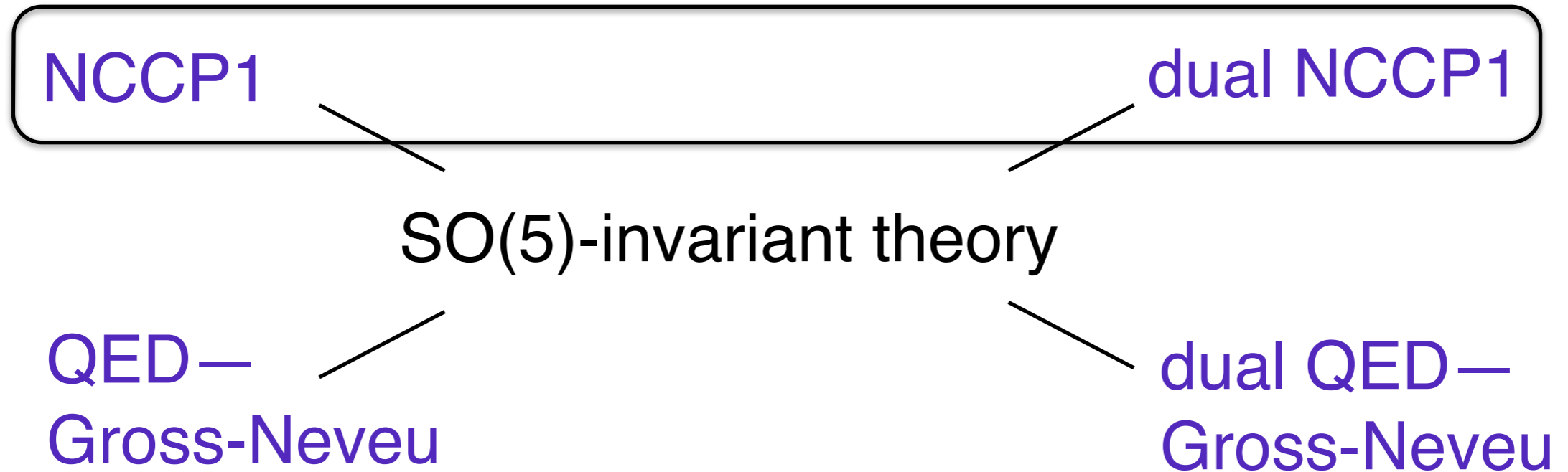
Strong statement (conjectured):

Theories A and B become the same under RG



For DCPs, it is the strong dualities that imply large emergent symmetries.

Dualities



Self-duality of NCCP¹

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial - ia)\mathbf{z}|^2 + m^2|\mathbf{z}|^2 + \lambda(|\mathbf{z}|^2)^2$$

Apply particle-vortex duality to both species of spinon $z_1 \longrightarrow w_2$
 $z_2 \longrightarrow w_1^*$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dual}} = |(\partial - i\tilde{a})\mathbf{w}|^2 - m^2|\mathbf{w}|^2 + \lambda(|\mathbf{w}|^2)^2 + \kappa(\mathbf{w}^\dagger \sigma_z \mathbf{w})^2 + \dots$$

We have SU(2) for \mathbf{z} . But a priori, do **not** have SU(2) for \mathbf{w} .

	$\varphi_x + i\varphi_y$	$N_x + iN_y$	N_z
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in \mathcal{L}	\mathcal{M}_a	$2z_1^* z_2$	$ z_1 ^2 - z_2 ^2$
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in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dual}}$	<u>$2w_2^* w_1$</u>	$\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{a}}^*$	<u>$w_1 ^2 - w_2 ^2$</u>

Self-duality of NCCP¹

Conjecture: at the critical point of \mathcal{L} , duality becomes a self-duality

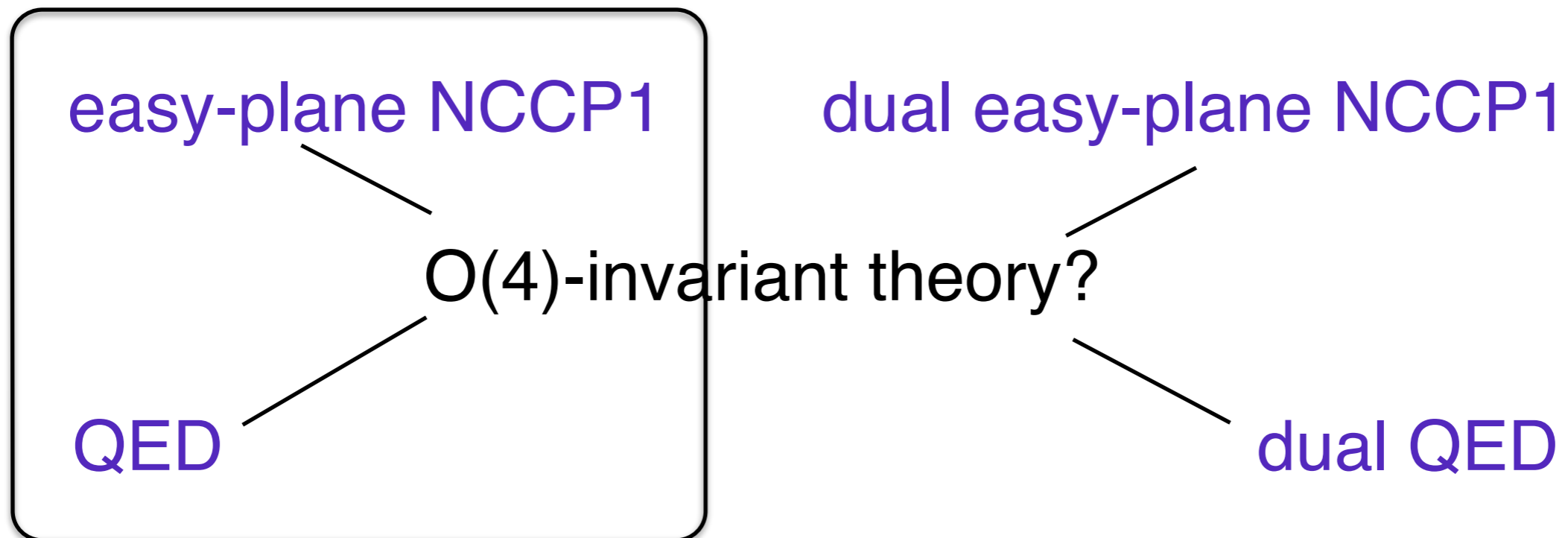
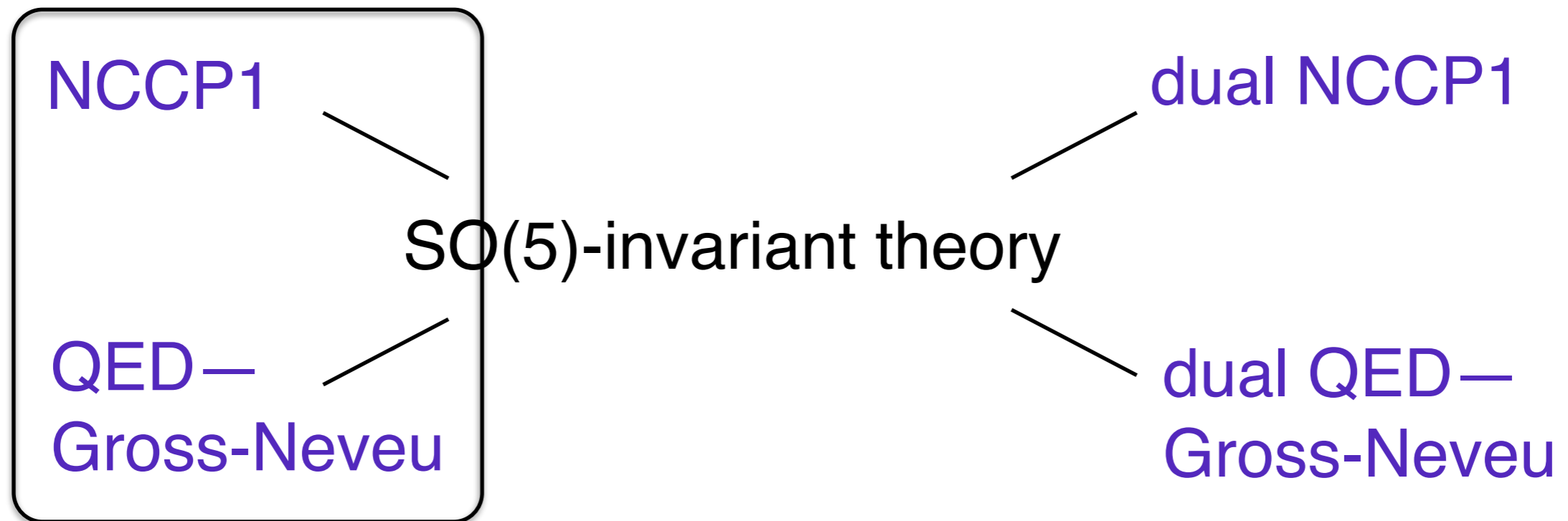
$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial - ia)\mathbf{z}|^2 + \lambda(|\mathbf{z}|^2)^2 \iff \mathcal{L}_{\text{dual}} = |(\partial - i\tilde{a})\mathbf{w}|^2 + \lambda(|\mathbf{w}|^2)^2$$

Dual field \mathbf{w} has **emergent SU(2) symmetry**. This rotates Neel into VBS

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This implies SO(5) (and vice versa).

Boson-fermion dualities



QED

Two 2-component Dirac **fermions**, dynamical U(1) gauge field

$$\mathcal{L}_{qed} = \sum_{j=1}^2 i\bar{\psi}_j \not{D}_a \psi_j + \dots \quad \text{SU(2) global flavour symmetry}$$

This is a theory of **bosons**: all gauge invariant operators are bosonic. What are the ‘elementary’ ones?

Naively, **S=1** bilinears: $\bar{\psi}_i \vec{\sigma}_{ij} \psi_j$

In fact monopole is an **S=1/2** boson: $f_i^\dagger \mathcal{M}_a$

Borokhov, Kapustin, Wu '02

Possible duality with easy-plane NCCP1 model

QED—Gross-Neveu

Two 2-component Dirac **fermions**, dynamical U(1) gauge field

$$\mathcal{L}_{qed-gn} = \sum_{j=1}^2 i\bar{\psi}_j \not{D}_a \psi_j + \phi \bar{\psi} \psi + V(\phi)$$

Ising scalar tuned to critical point

Elementary ‘order parameters’

$$f_1^\dagger \mathcal{M}_a \quad f_2^\dagger \mathcal{M}_a \quad \phi$$

5 real components...

Dual representations of 5 order parameters

Conjecture: duality to NCCP¹, emergent SO(5)

QED—GN
symmetries

NCCP¹
symmetries

$$\begin{array}{l} SU(2)_{\text{flavour}} \\ T \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_1^\dagger \mathcal{M}_a \longleftrightarrow \varphi_x - i\varphi_y \\ f_2^\dagger \mathcal{M}_a \longleftrightarrow N_x + iN_y \\ \phi \longleftrightarrow N_z \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} U(1)_{\text{VBS}} \\ SO(3)_{\text{spin}} \end{array} \right.$$

Under previous assumptions about stability of SO(5) fixed point, *either* symmetry can protect emergent SO(5) (at critical point)

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Tuning parameter
Neel-VBS anisotropy
“Z₄” VBS anisotropy

QED-GN $\mathcal{L}_{SO(5)} + m^2 X_{55}^{(2)} + \lambda' X_{5555}^{(4)} + \dots$

Ising mass
Higher anisotropy

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Ising mass
Higher anisotropy

[Aside: duality building blocks]

elementary bosonic duality

$$|D_A \Phi|^2 - |\Phi|^4 \longleftrightarrow |D_a w|^2 - |w|^4 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ad}A$$

elementary boson-fermion duality

$$\begin{aligned} i\bar{\psi} \not{D}_A \psi &\longleftrightarrow |D_a w|^2 - |w|^4 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ad}A + \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{ada} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \text{Ad}A \\ &\longleftrightarrow |D_{\tilde{a}} \tilde{w}|^2 - |\tilde{w}|^4 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \tilde{\text{ad}}A - \frac{1}{4\pi} \tilde{\text{ad}}\tilde{a} - \frac{1}{8\pi} \text{Ad}A \end{aligned}$$

“S” and “T” operations

- make background gauge field dynamical
- add level 1 Chern Simons term for background gauge field

integrate out gauge field $\int_a e^{\frac{i}{2\pi} \int \text{ad}A} = \delta(A)$

more handwavingly: deform each side to reach new fixed point

Can we make $SO(5)$ explicit?

- in field theory?
- in lattice model?

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WZW model?

$$S = \int \left(\frac{1}{g} (\nabla \vec{n})^2 + \text{strong anisotropies} \right) + S_{\text{WZW}}$$

Not well-defined ctm theory (nonrenormalizable),
not useful for calculations

Possible alternative: QCD with $N_f = N_c = 2$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{v=1,2} i\bar{\psi}_v \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - ia_\mu) \psi_v + \dots$$

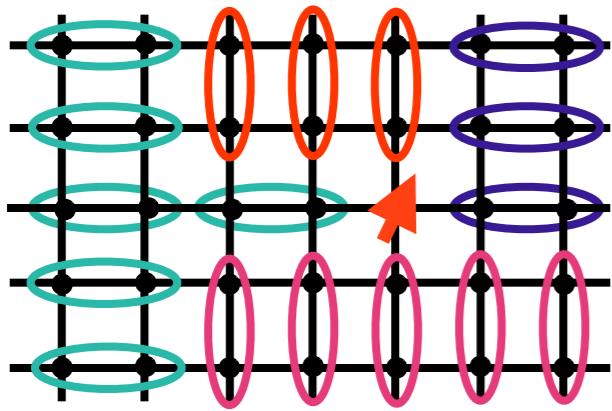
SU(2) global \longrightarrow $v=1,2$ \longleftarrow SU(2) gauge

This theory has exact $SO(5)$ and the same anomalies as DCP

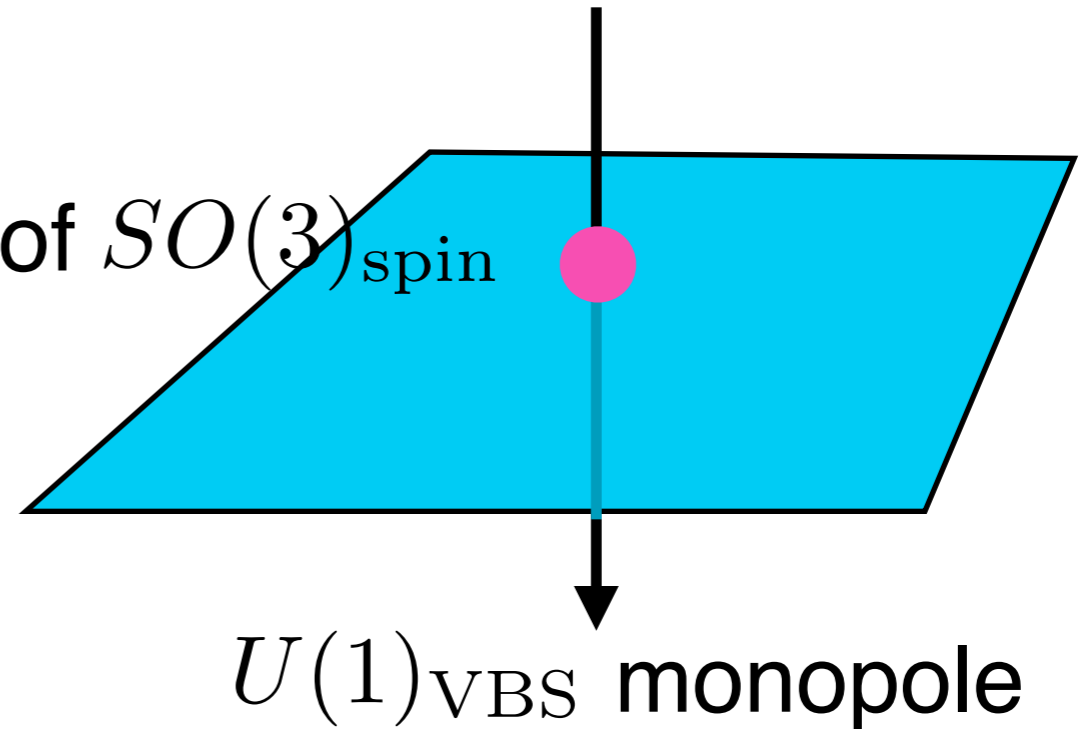
One way to see: couple to \vec{n} and integrate out fermions in large mass expansion (Abanov-Wiegmannization): gives WZW model

SO(5) anomaly

SO(5) cannot be incorporated in a microscopic 2+1D model, due to anomaly.



spin-1/2 of $SO(3)_{\text{spin}}$



Must live at surface of SO(5) SPT ('topological paramagnet') with correct response to SO(5) gauge field $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5)$

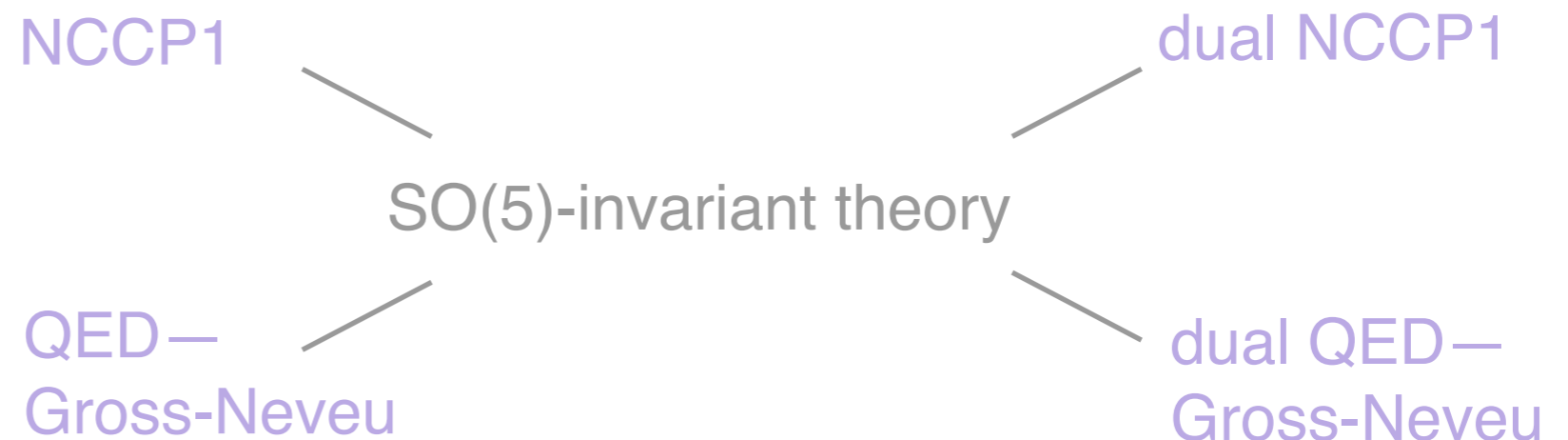
QCD description implies a 3+1D parton construction for this SPT. Is there a nicer picture for its wavefunction?

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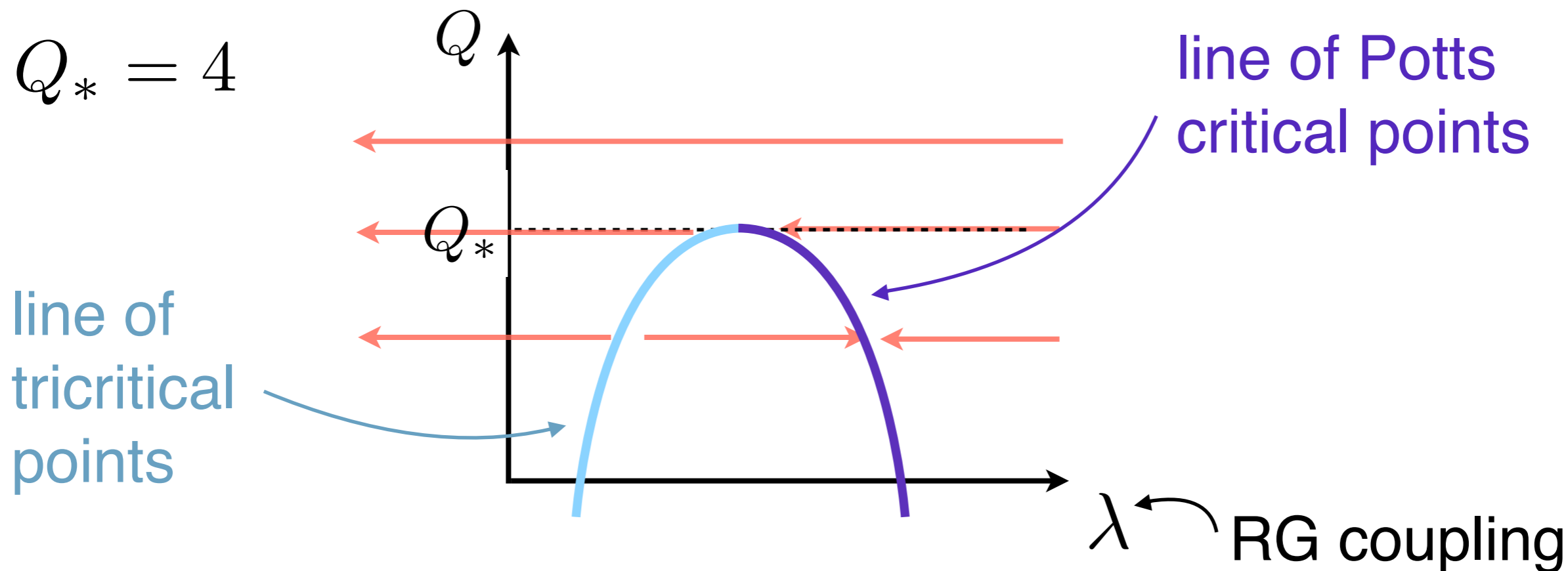
$SO(5)$ in a very different microscopic model

Pseudocriticality

Quasi—universality at a weak first order transition,
due to nearby unphysical fixed point.

Illustrate using Q-state Potts model in 2d

Nienhuis et al '79
Cardy, Nauenberg, Scalapino '80



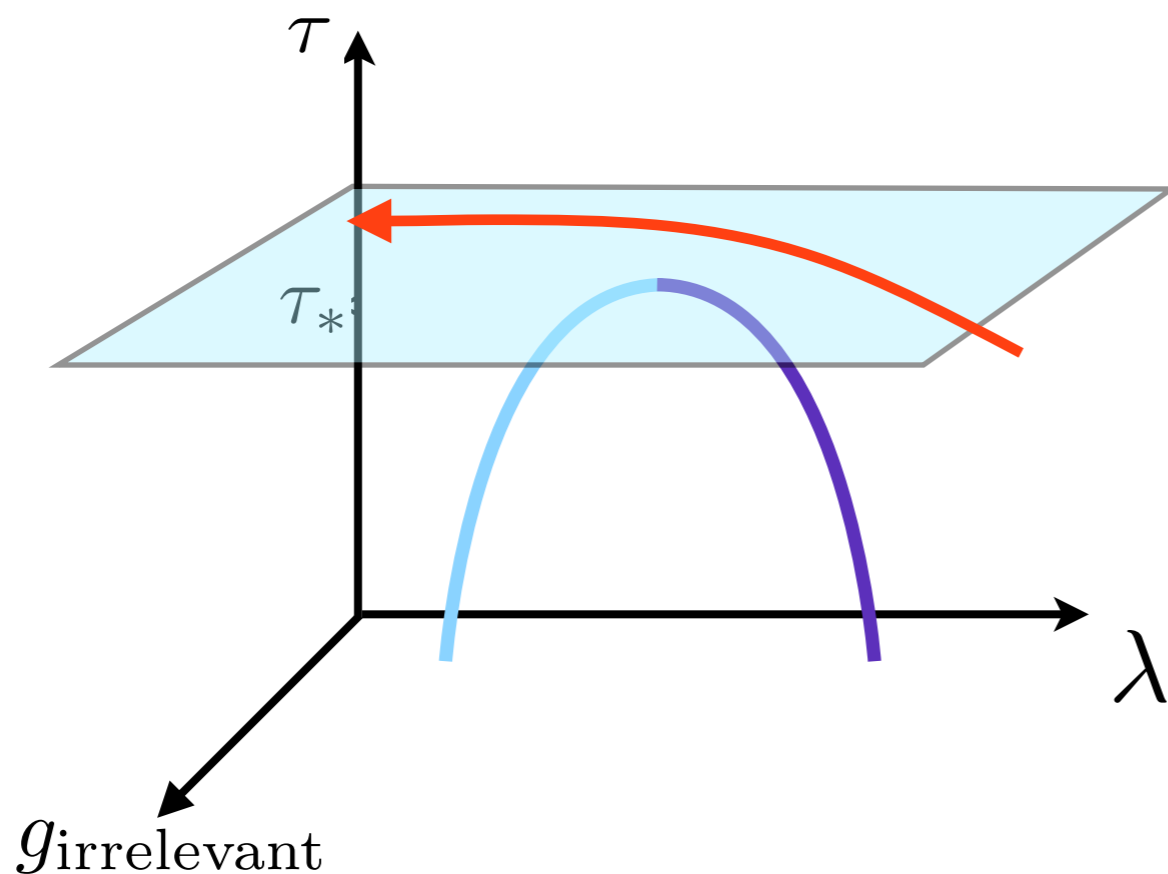
For $Q \gtrsim Q_*$, slow RG flow due to inaccessible nearby fixed point.

$$\xi \sim \exp\left(\frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{Q - Q_*}}\right)$$

Pseudocriticality

Same topology of RG flows in many other theories, with different 'deformation parameter' τ

Small $\tau - \tau_*$: RG flows attracted to quasiuniversal flow line



$$\xi \sim e^{\frac{a}{\sqrt{\tau - \tau_*}}}$$

$$g_{irrelevant} \sim \xi^{-\text{const}}$$

- Effective exponents, etc. drift as λ flows
- However, these drifts are quasiuniversal when ξ is large

Application to NCCP¹

NCCP¹ in $d=3$ plausibly in this regime with $\xi \gg 640$

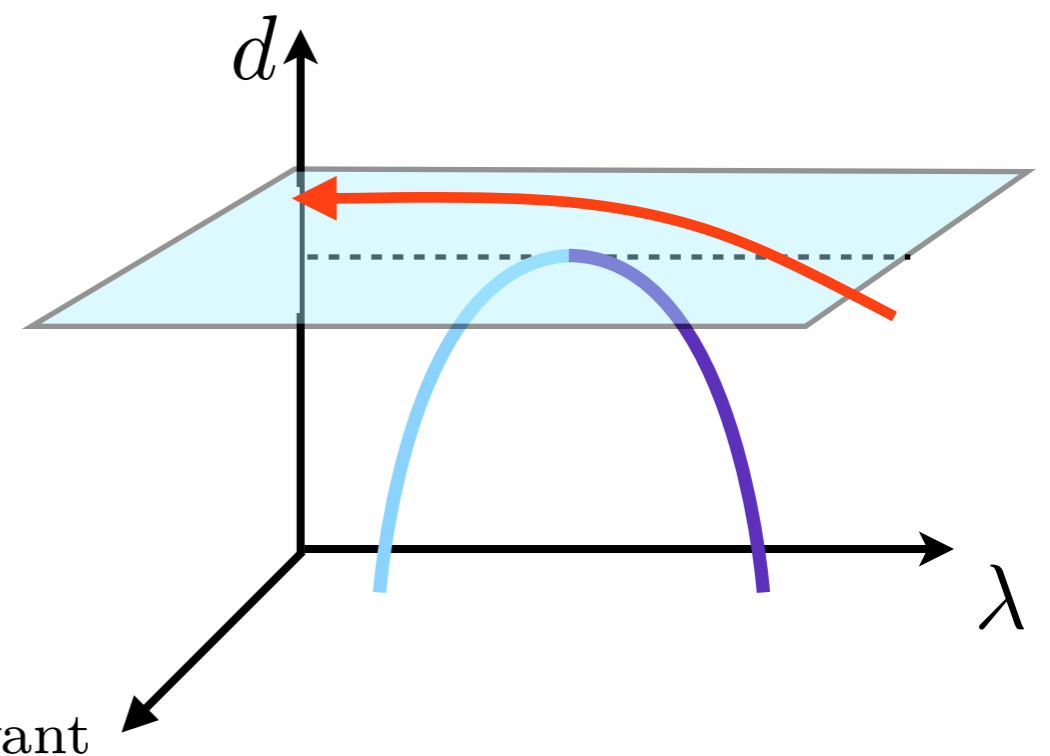
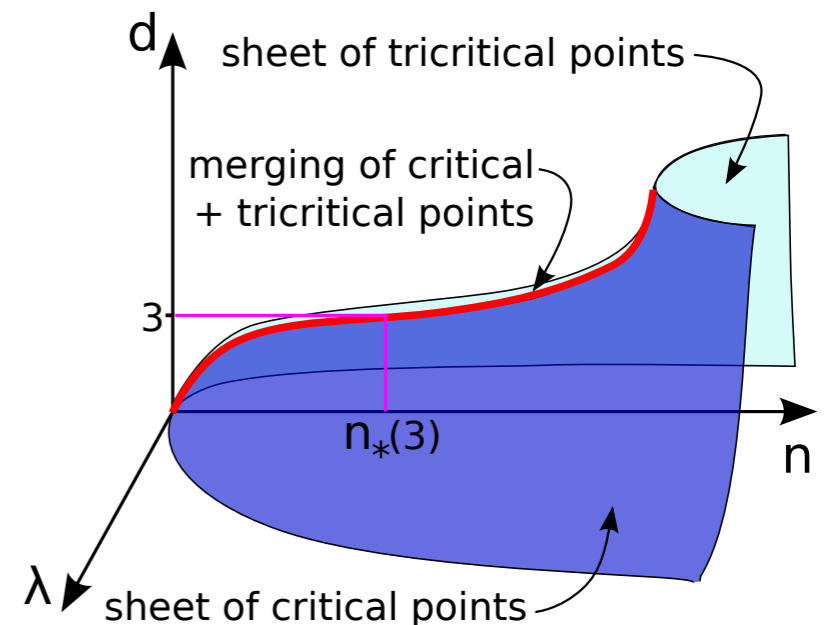
RG fixed points for NCCP ^{$n-1$}
in d dimensions

Conjecture based on large n ,
 $2+\epsilon$, $4-\epsilon$, replica limit.

Slice at constant $n=2$ (NCCP¹):

Can explain ubiquitous
'drifts' at DCP as quasiuniversal
feature of flow line

Can also be made
compatible with SO(5)

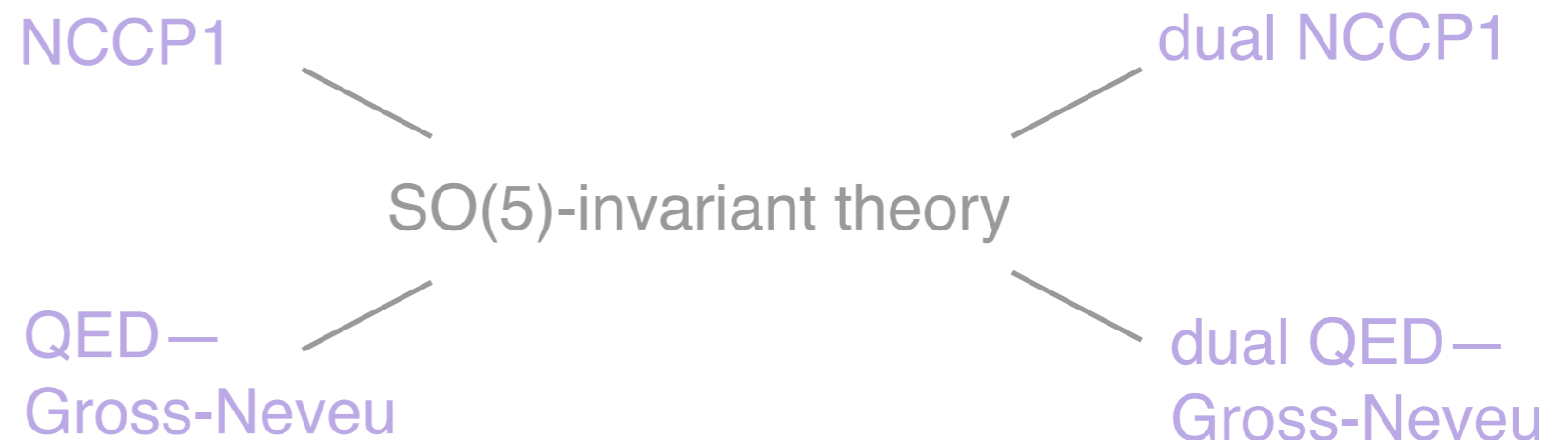


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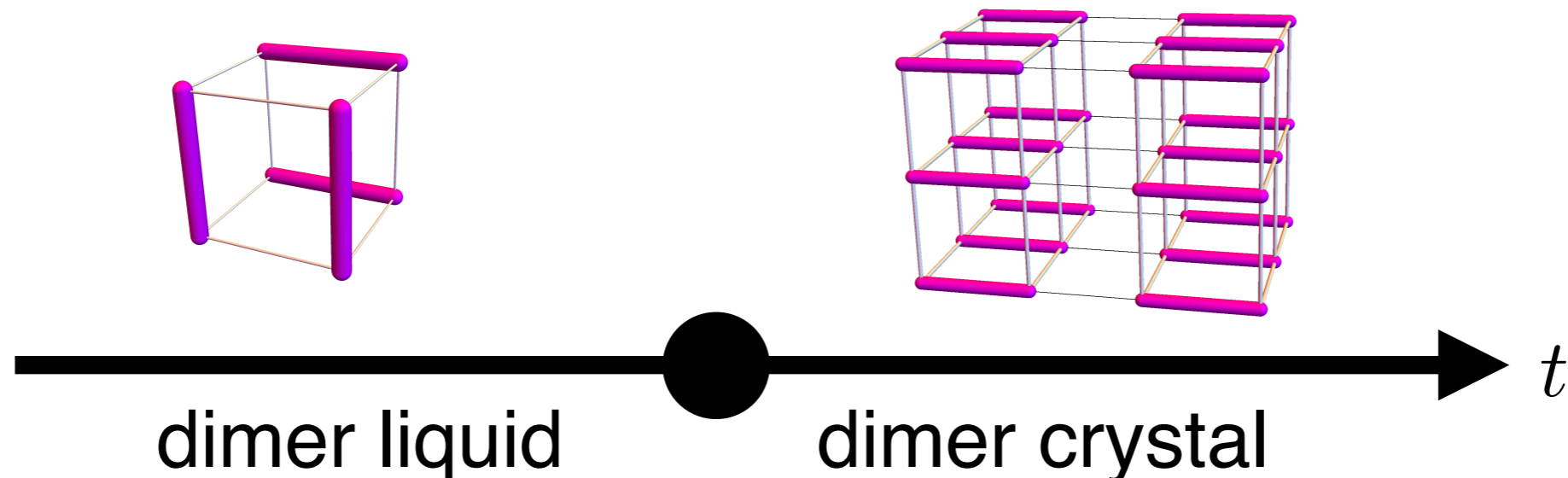
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SO(5) in a very different model

Classical dimers in 3D: **columnar ordering transition**

Argued to be described by NCCP¹ Powell, Chalker '08

Chen, Gukelberger, Trebst, Alet, Balents, '09



$$Z = \sum_{\text{fully-packed dimer configs}} e^{-E/T}$$

Vary interaction t on squares
Also, fixed interaction on cubes

Charrier & Alet

JQ model and loop model had **SO(3) x lattice** symmetry.
Here, only **lattice x U(1)**.

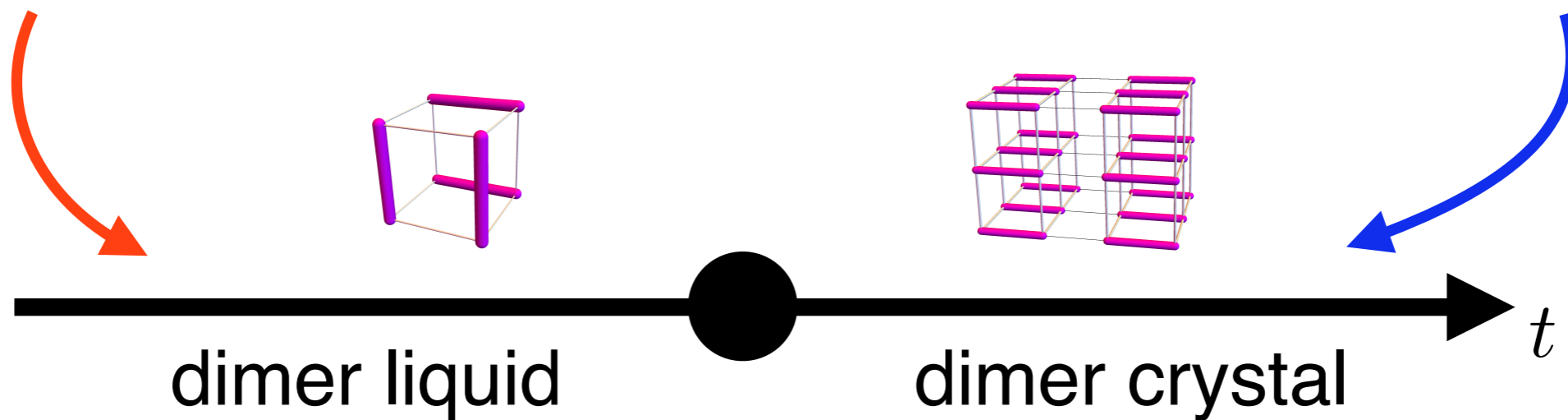
SO(5) in a very different model

LRO for $\varphi_x + i\varphi_y$
operator which inserts
monomer (NCCP1 monopole)

Columnar order parameter

$$\vec{N} = (N_x, N_y, N_z)$$

6-fold anisotropy



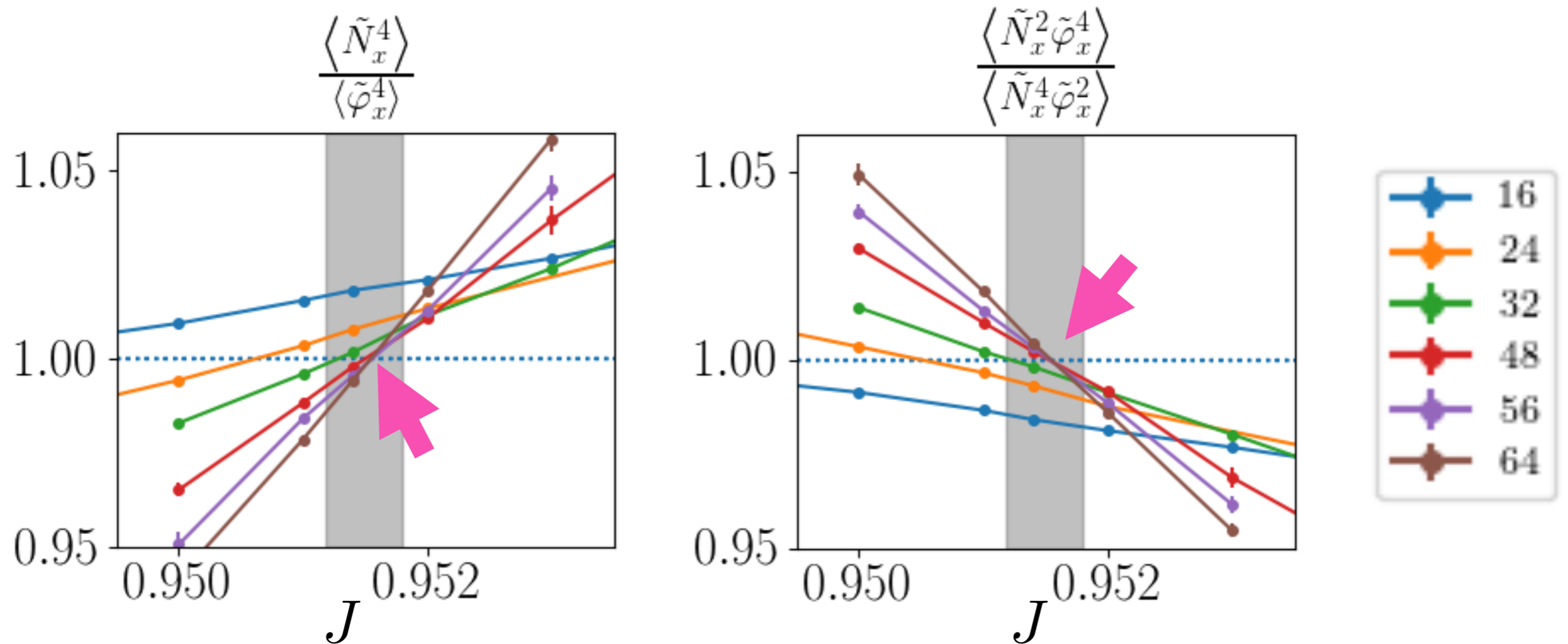
Microscopic symmetry $(\varphi_x, \varphi_y, N_x, N_y, N_z) \rightarrow \mathbf{SO(5)?}$
 $\mathbf{U(1)} \times \text{lattice}$

Emergence of SO(5) is allowed here:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{SO(5)}} + \delta J \sum_{a=1,2} X_{aa}^{(2)} + \lambda \sum_{a=1,2} X_{aabb}^{(4)} + \kappa \sum_{a=3,4,5} X_{aaaa}^{(4)} + \dots$$

Classical dimers: numerics

Check emergent U(1) symmetry for (N_x, φ_x)



Moment ratios consistent with SO(5) to very good precision

Confirmation that SO(5) is generic

Outlook

Emergent $SO(5)$ in Neel—VBS transition and related models to very high precision

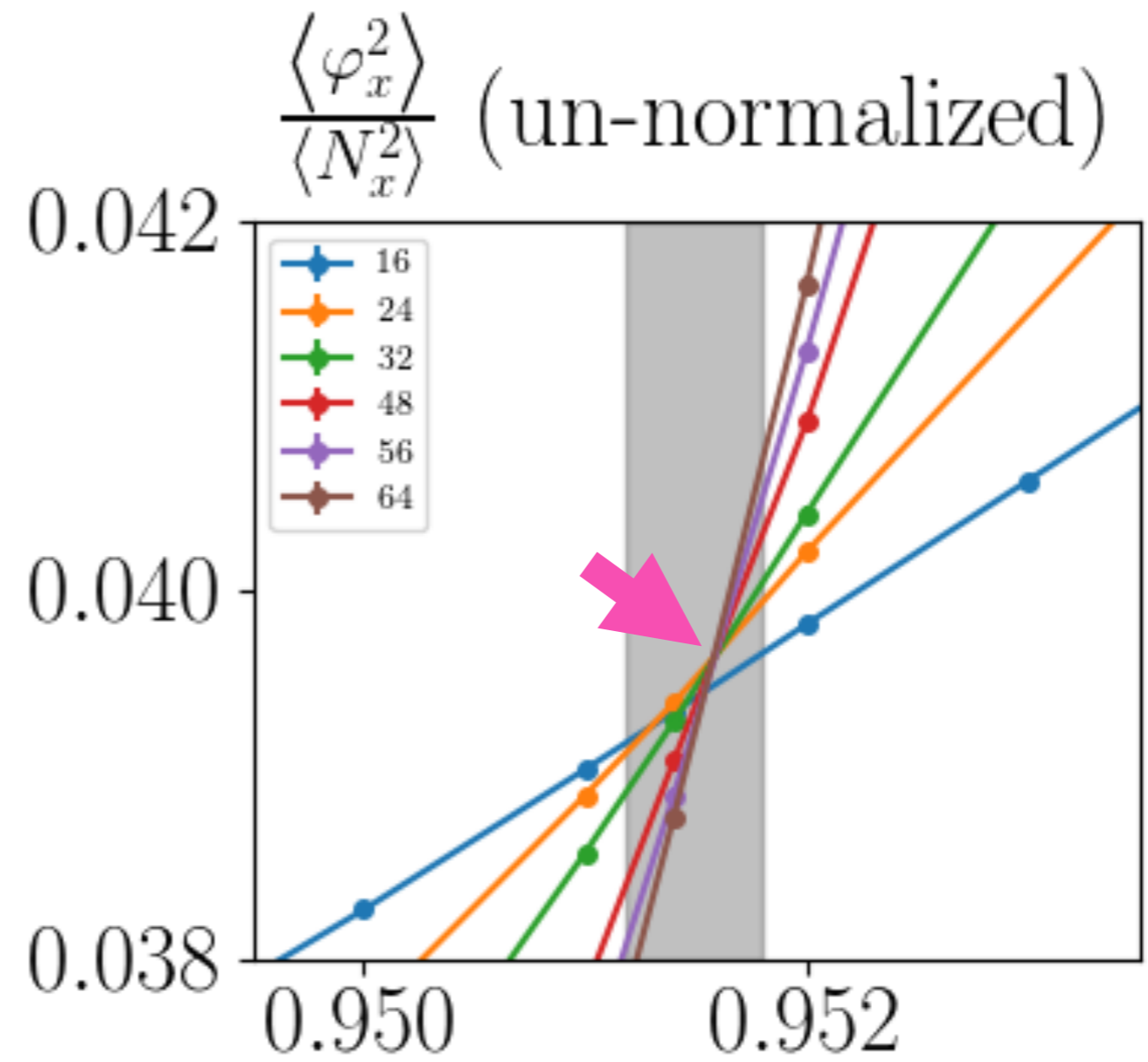
Conjectured duality webs for $SO(3)$ -symmetric and easy-plane deconfined criticality. Further simulations for fermionic theories?

Picture for ‘quasiuniversal’ behaviour due to nearby fixed-point annihilation. Applications to other quantum phase transitions?

Connection to 3+1D $SO(5)$ topological paramagnet

Nice model for this?

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Strategy for simulations

Heisenberg AFM → stat mech of loops in spacetime

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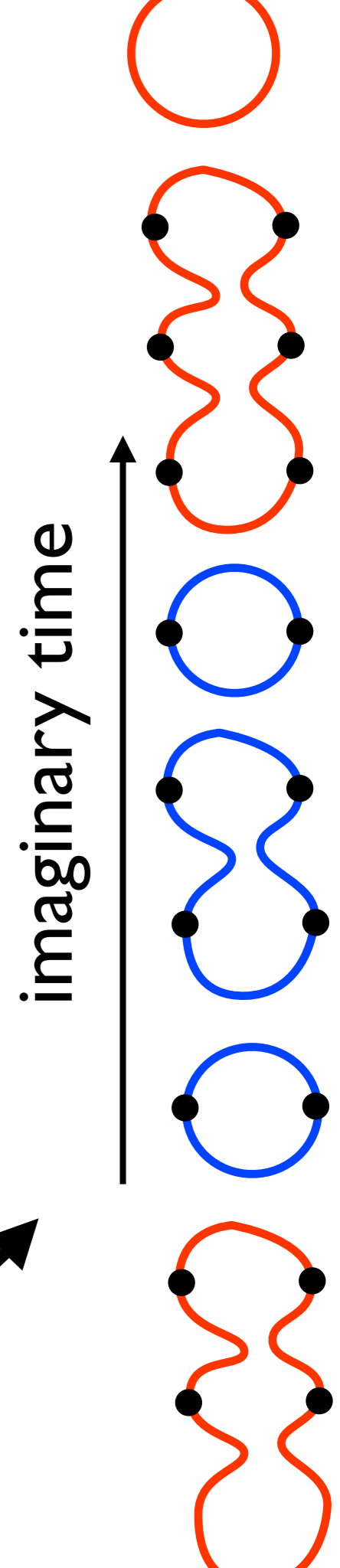
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\bullet\rangle_A |\bullet\rangle_B + |\circ\rangle_A |\circ\rangle_B)$$

Two spins with S.S coupling:

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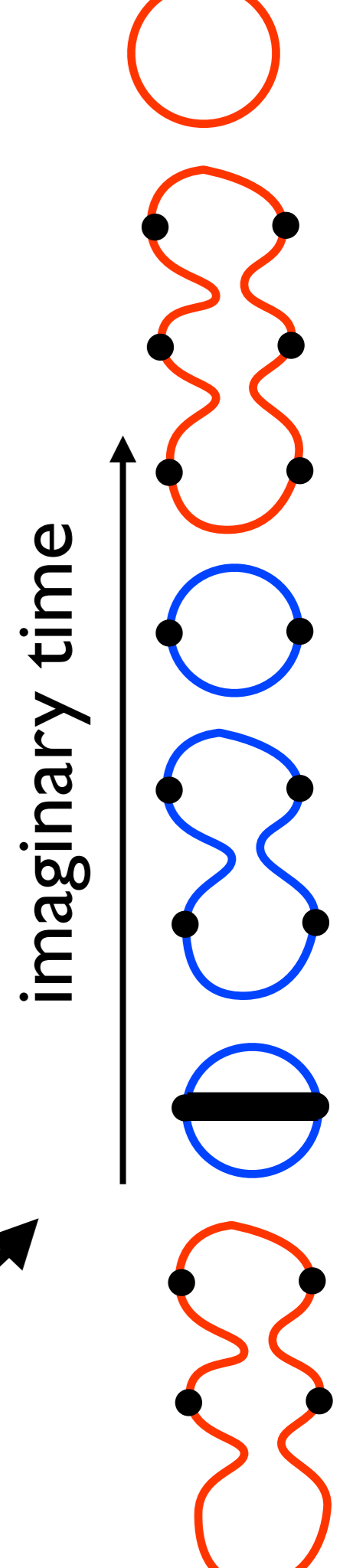
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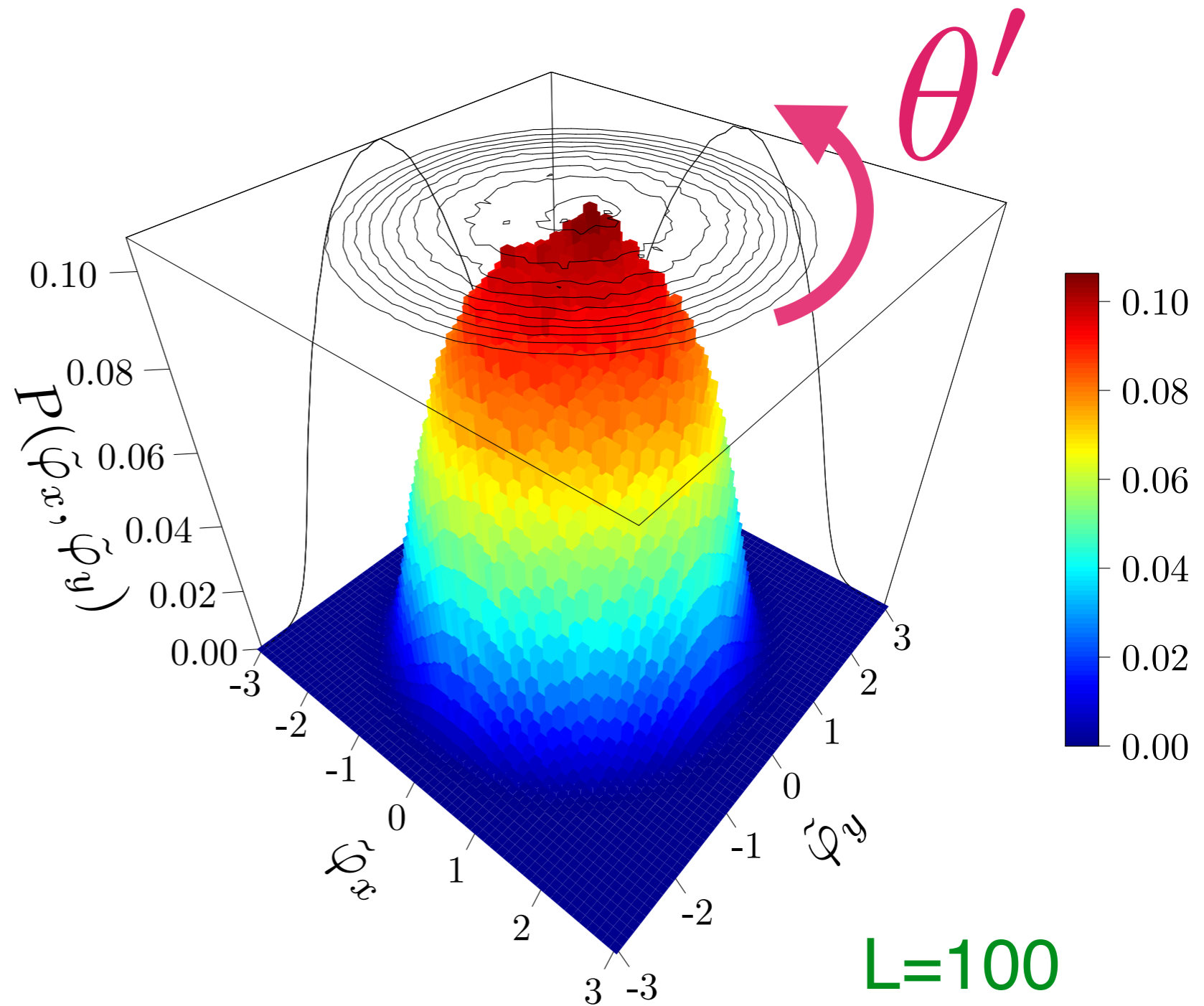
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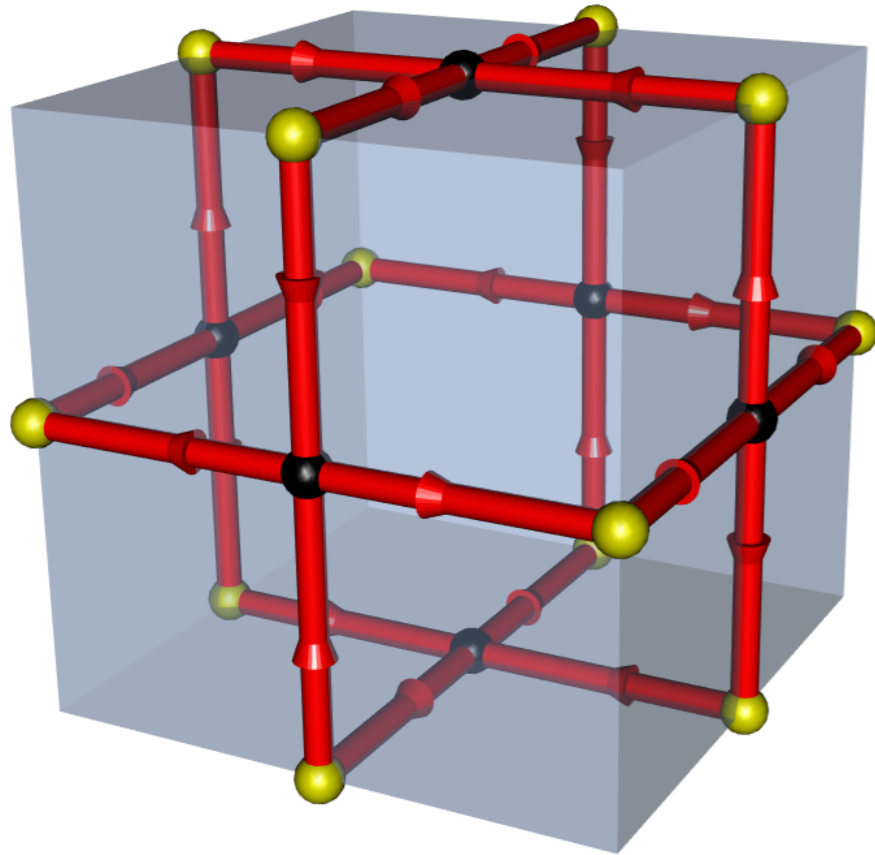
'Old' emergent U(1) symmetry for VBS



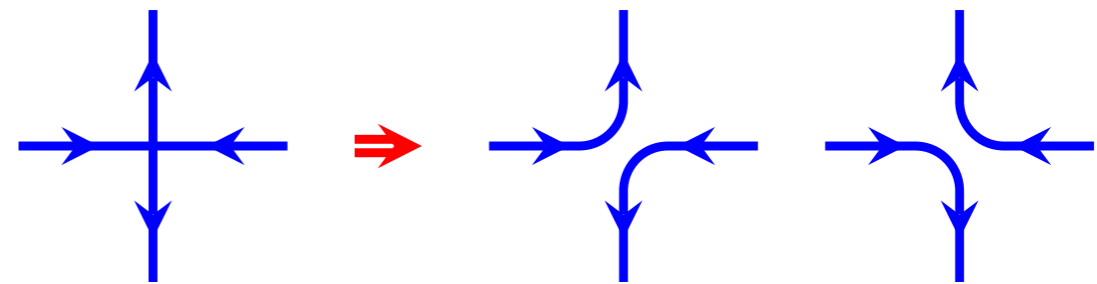
$$\langle \cos 4\theta' \rangle = 0.0028(14)$$

(Variances normalized to one)

Interactions



Loop configuration given by breaking up each node



$$Z = \sum_{\text{coloured loop configs}} \exp \left(J \sum \varphi \varphi \right)$$

Interaction is between n.n. nodes on same sublattice

Mapping to NCCP^1 model

Analogous to Heisenberg magnet.

(transfer matrix \rightarrow spin- $1/2$ on square lattice)

Exact mapping of loop model to lattice CP^1 model.

Microscopic gauge group is compact, but:

Explicit Berry phase calculation for hedgehogs:

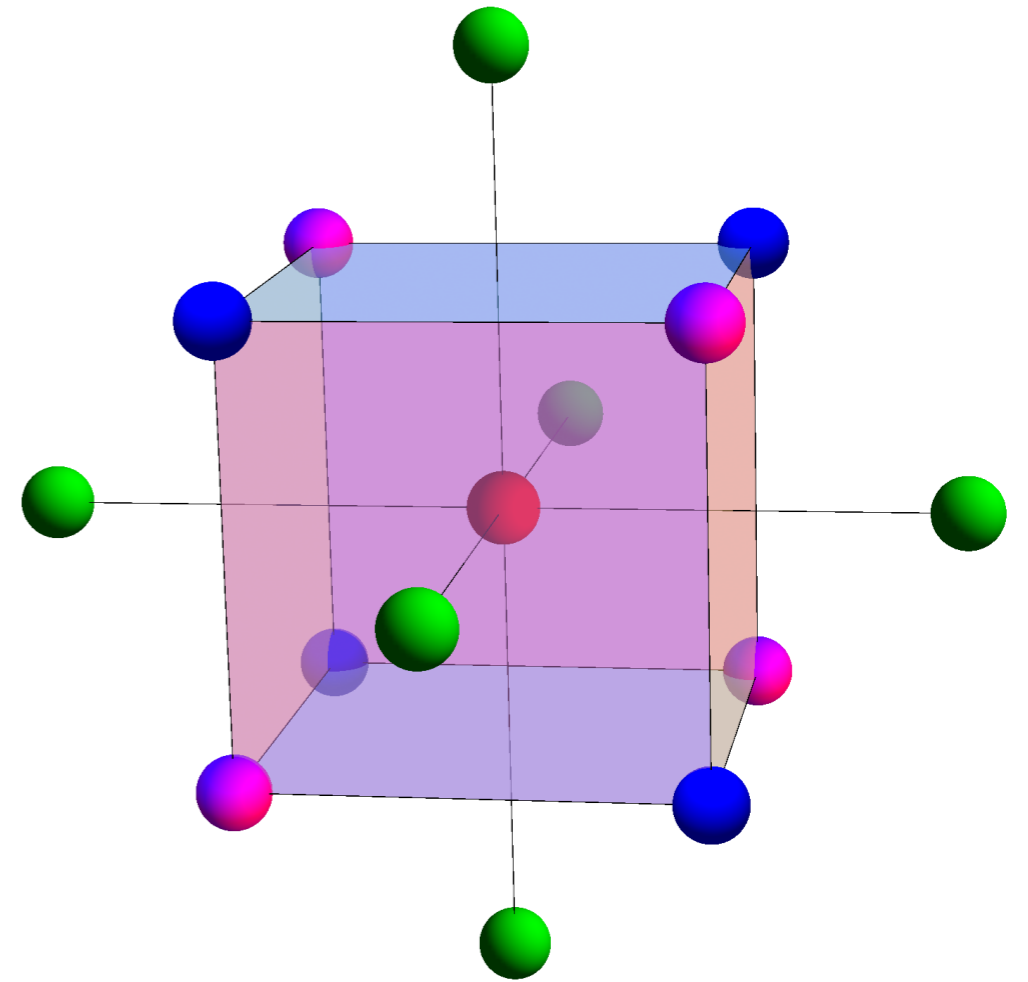
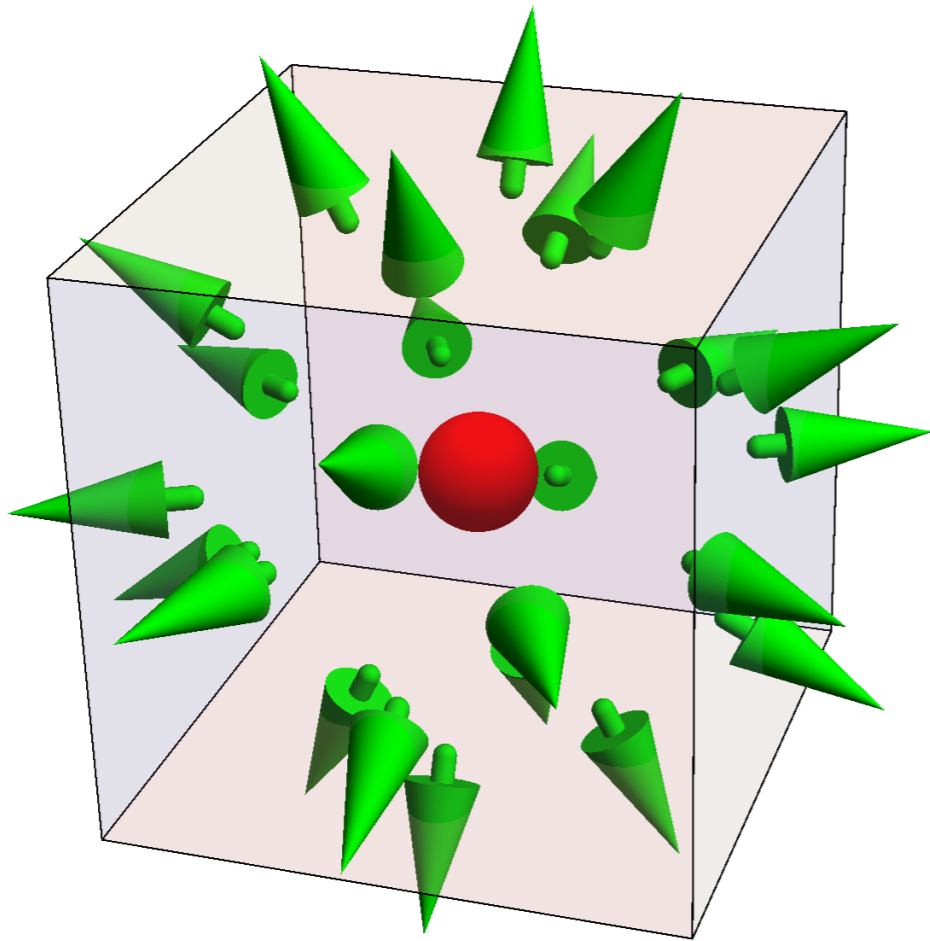
$$1, i, -1, -i$$

only quadrupled hedgehogs in continuum.

(Dual point of view: VBS vortex = spinon worldline)

PRL 107, 110601 (2011), PRB 88, 134411 (2013), and arXiv: 1506.06798

Hedgehogs

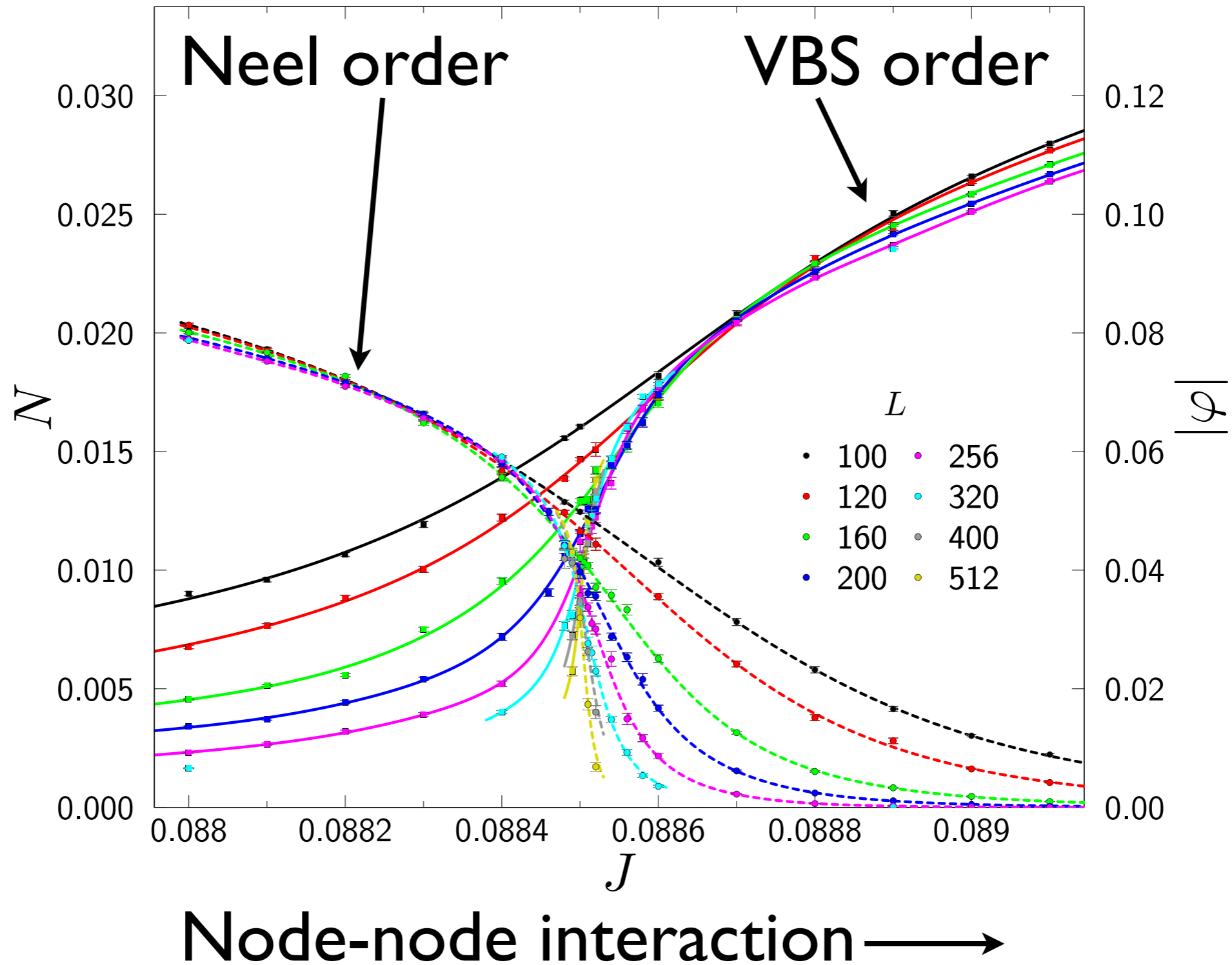


Microscopic hedgehog fugacity proportional to $|, i, -|, -i$

Coarse-grained hedgehog fugacity vanishes \Rightarrow NCCP¹

(More precisely: only quadrupled hedgehogs in continuum)

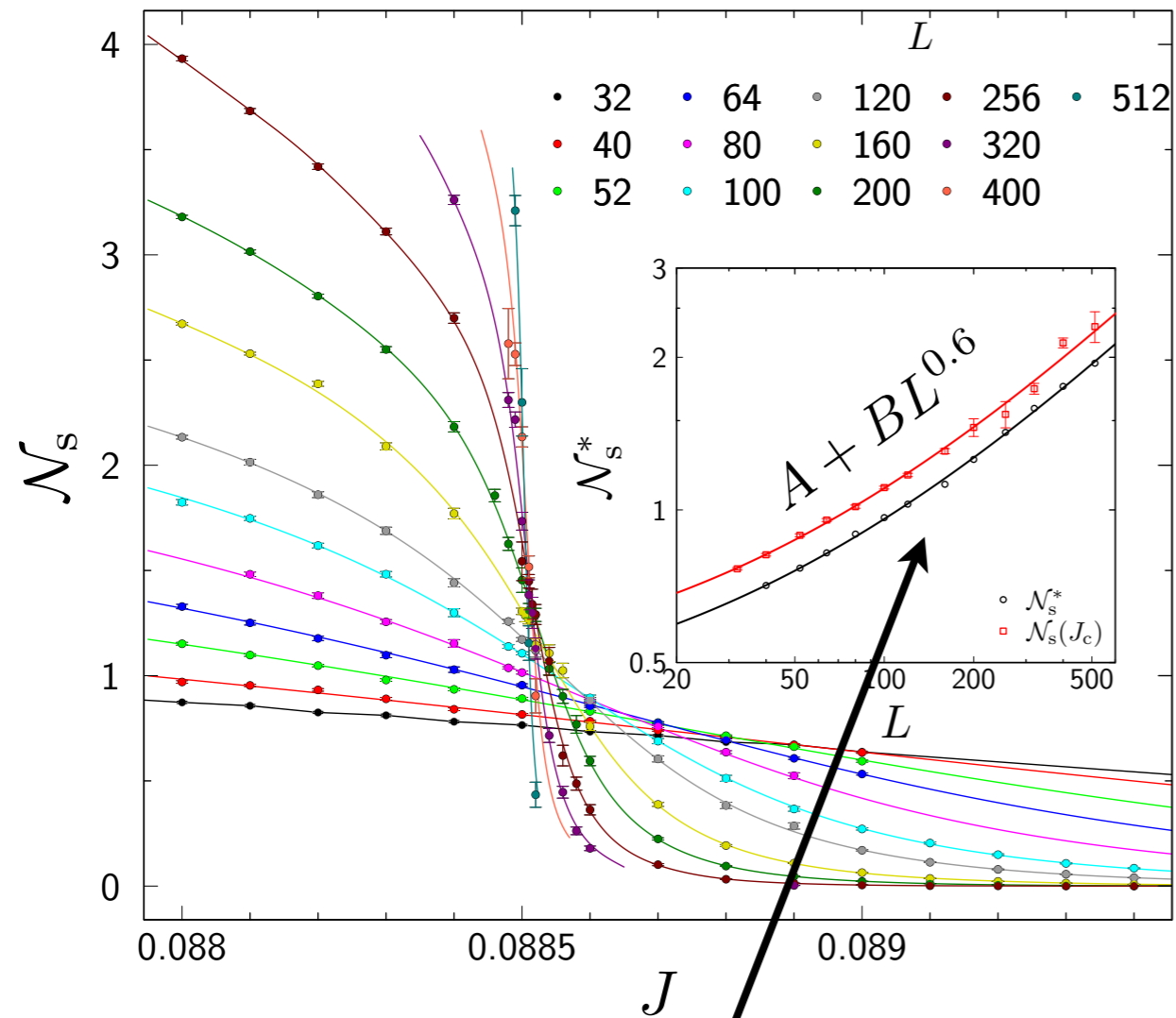
Direct, apparently continuous transition



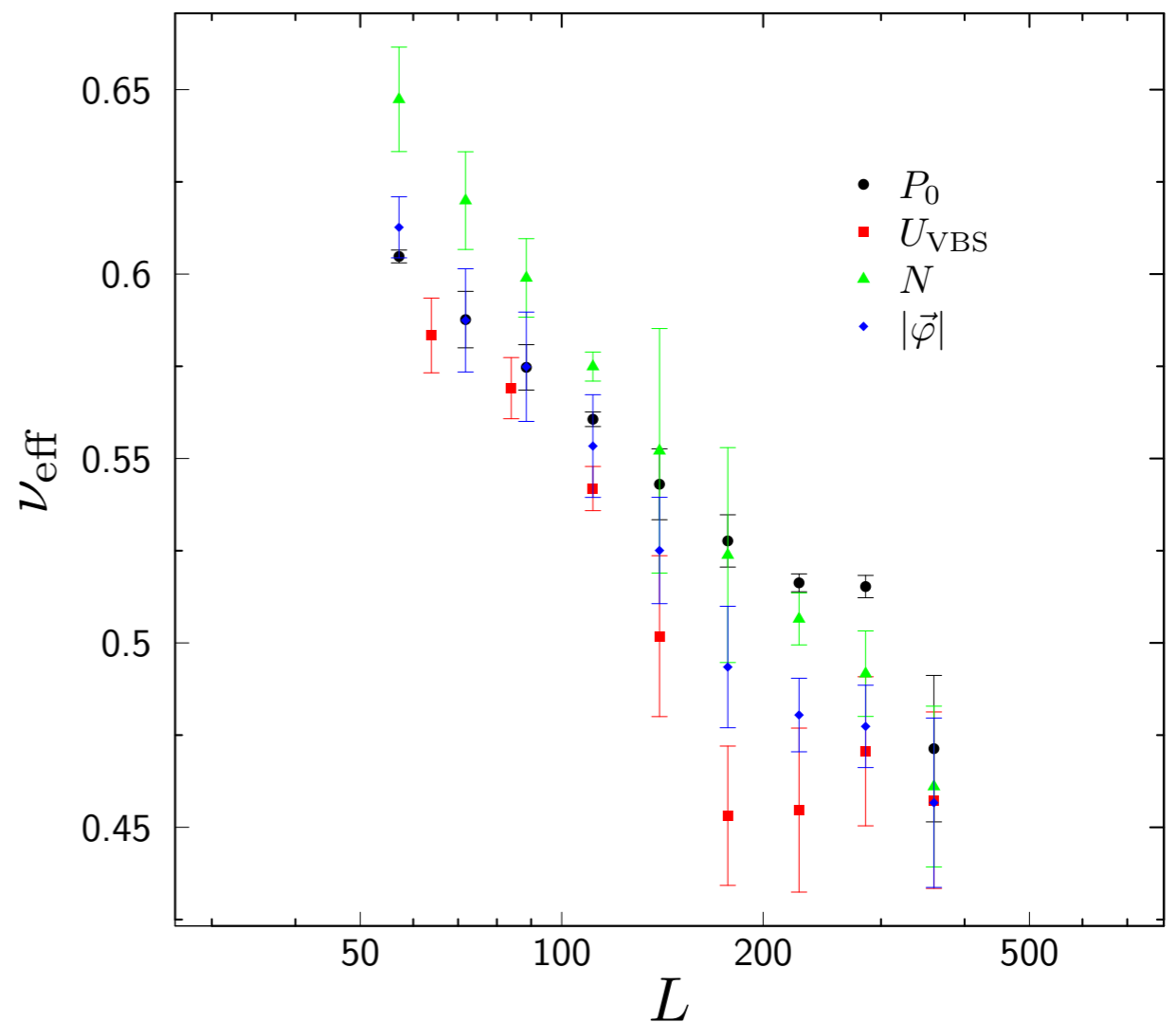
Scaling collapse fails

(e.g. order parameters, heat capacity.....)

Diverging Neel stiffness



Critical exponents drift

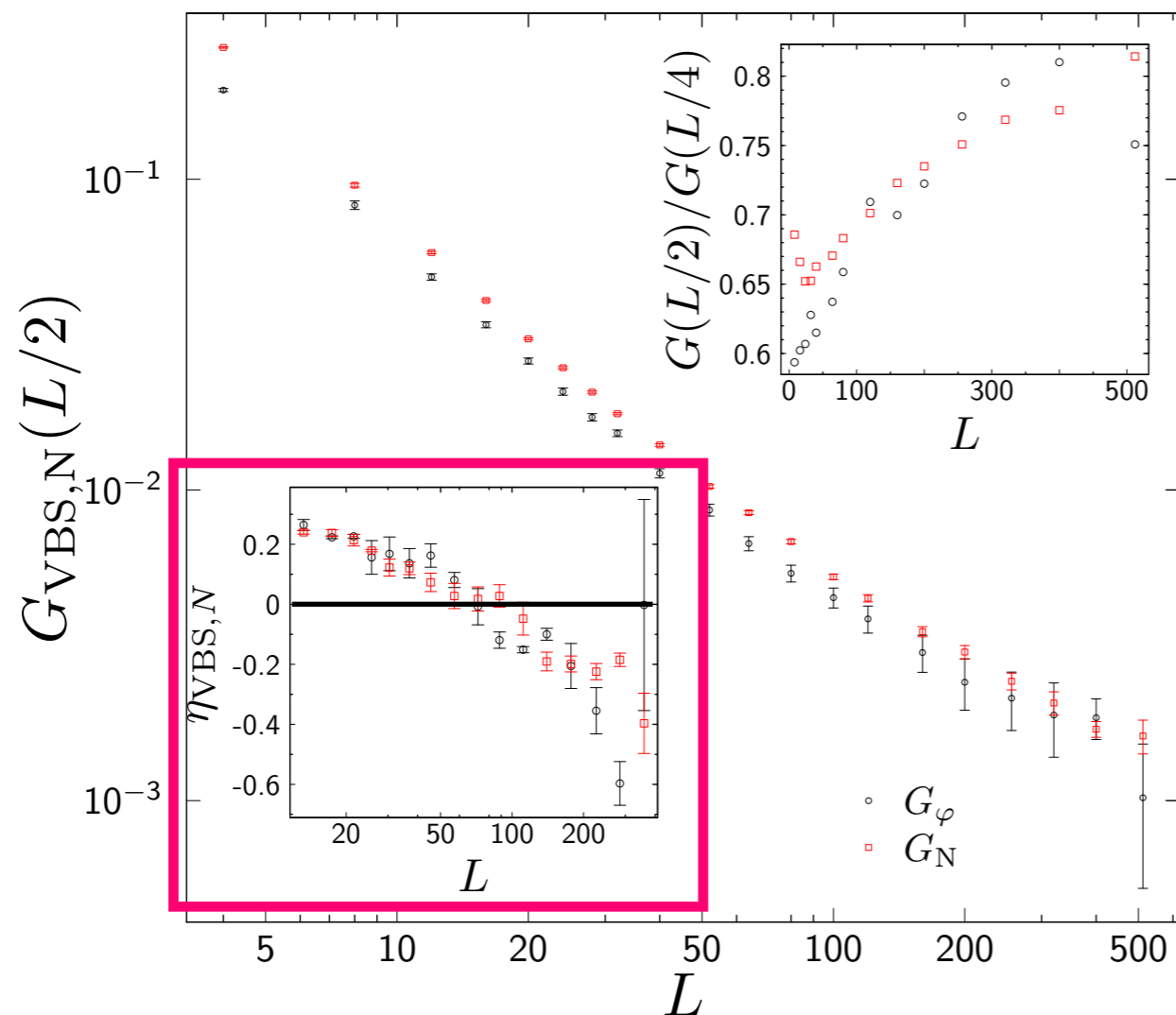


Power law divergence, not log (cf Sandvik '10)

Violation of unitarity bounds

Assuming $G(r, L) = L^{-(1+\eta)} f(r/L)$,

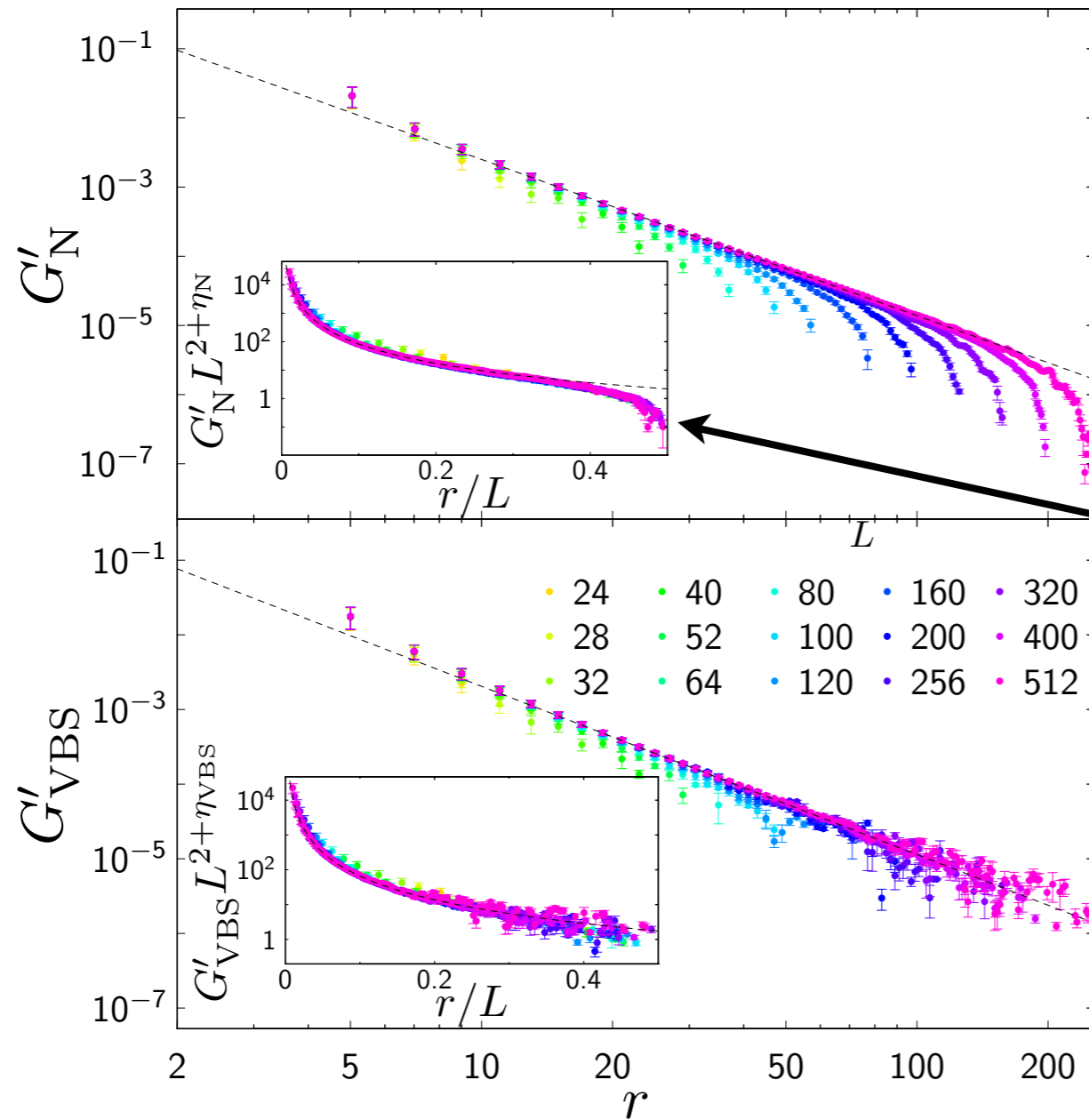
anomalous dimensions for Neel/VBS become negative at large size



But $\eta \geq 0$

for any unitary CFT

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scaling collapse!

$$\eta_{\text{Neel}} = 0.259(6)$$

$$\eta_{\text{VBS}} = 0.25(3)$$