

# Nambu-Goldstone bosons in nonrelativistic systems

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# Plan of my talk

## 1. General theorems on NGBs (30 min)

- Low energy effective Lagrangian
- General counting rules/Dispersion relations
- Anderson Tower of States
- Interactions

## 2. Englert-Brout-Higgs mechanism without Lorentz invariance

- mistakes in existence literature
- Necessity of breaking rotational invariance
- or prepare copy of the system to neutralize

# General theorems on NGBs

HW and H. Murayama, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 251602 (2012)

HW and H. Murayama, arXiv:1402.7066.

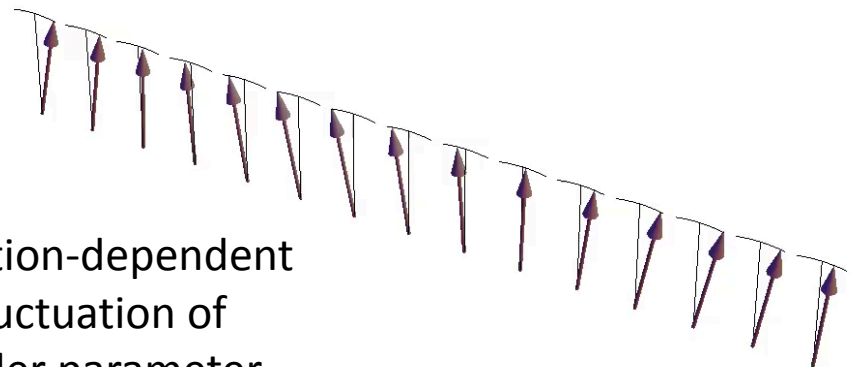
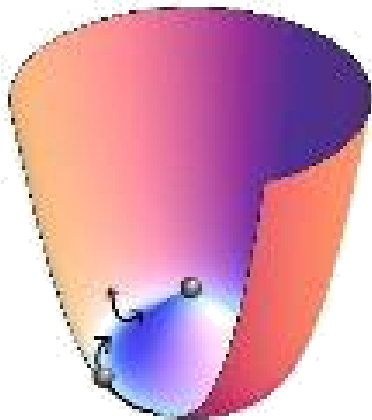
Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking (SSB)  
of *global* and *internal* symmetries



Nambu-Goldstone  
Bosons (NGBs)  
*gapless* particle-like  
excitation

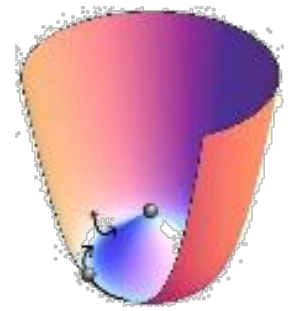


Higgs (amplitude)  
boson  
*gapped* particle-like  
excitation



position-dependent  
fluctuation of  
order parameter  
in the flat direction

# The *definition* of NGBs



- Gapless modes  
(fluctuation in the flat direction may have a gap)
- Fluctuation in the flat direction of the potential  
= transform *nonlinearly* under *broken* symmetries  
+ transform *linearly* under *unbroken* symmetries

Superfluid

$$\theta' = \theta + \epsilon$$

c.f. linear transformation

$$\vec{v}' = M\vec{v}$$

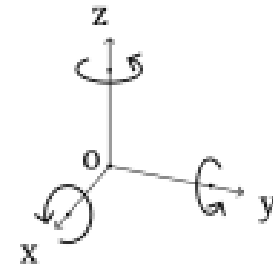
Magnets with unbroken  $S_z$

rotation around y (broken)

$$\delta n'_x = \epsilon_y, \delta n'_y = 0$$

rotation around z (unbroken)

$$\delta n'_x = -\epsilon_z \delta n_y, \delta n'_y = +\epsilon_z \delta n_x$$

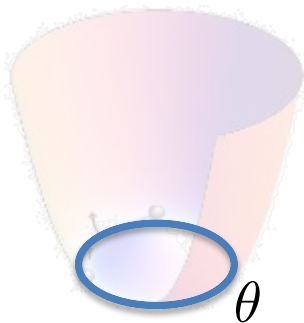


$$\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta n_x \\ \delta n_y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Flat direction of the potential

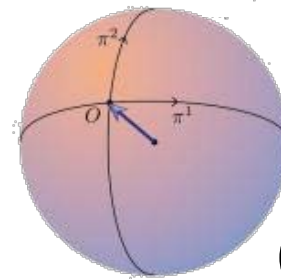
- Lie group  $G$ : symmetry of the Lagrangian
- Lie group  $H$ : symmetry of the ground state
- Coset space  $G/H$ : the manifold of degenerated ground states.
- $\dim(G/H) = \dim(G) - \dim(H)$

= the number of broken generators



$$U(1)/\{e\} = S^1$$

$$G = U(1)$$
$$H = \{e\}$$



$$(\theta, \phi)$$

$$G = SO(3)$$
$$H = SO(2)$$

$$SO(3)/SO(2) = S^2$$

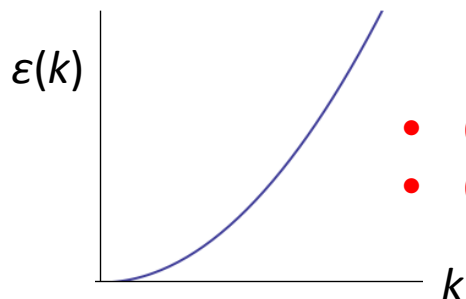
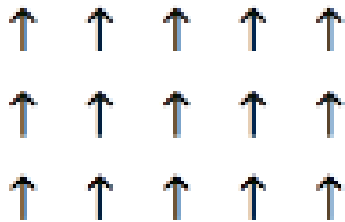
# Example of NGB (1): Magnets

Symmetry of the Heisenberg model:  $G = SO(3)$  (3 generators)

Symmetry of (anti)ferromagnetic GS :  $H = SO(2)$  (1 generator)

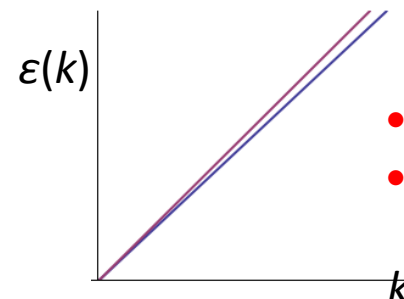
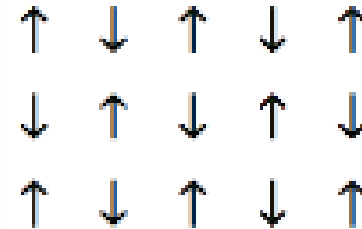
Two ( $3 - 1 = 2$ ) symmetries are spontaneously broken

## Ferromagnets



- One NGB
- Quadratic dispersion

## Antiferromagnets

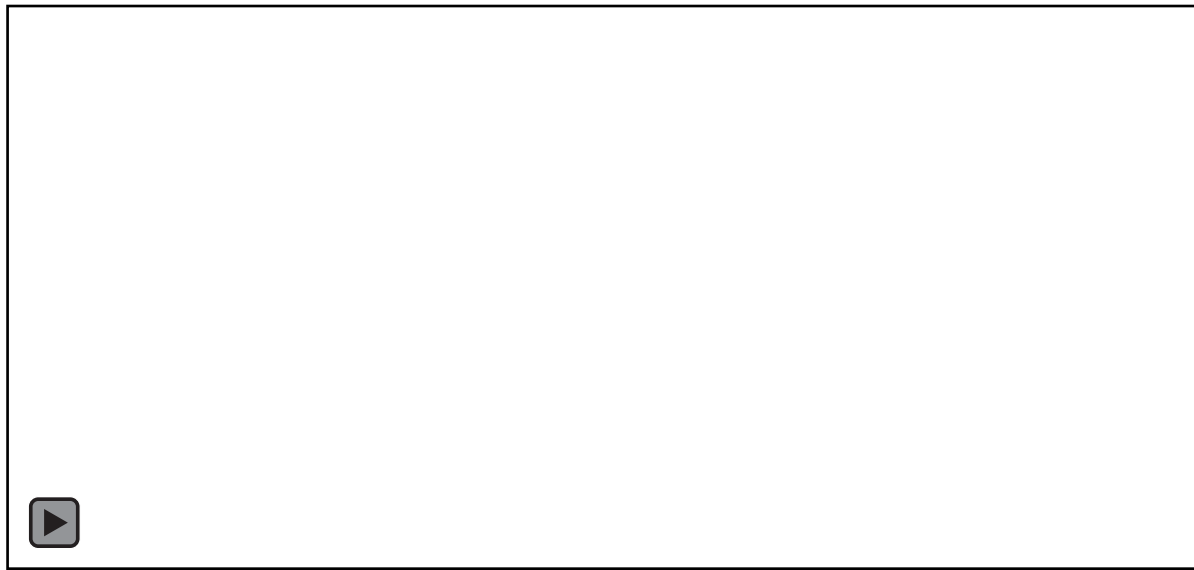
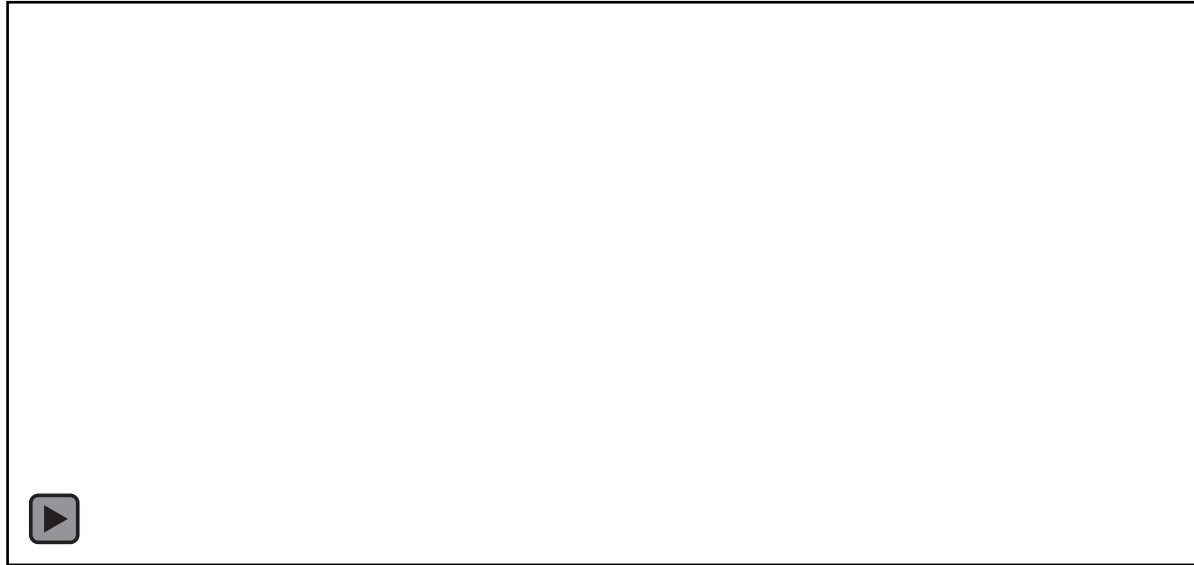


- Two NGBs
- Linear dispersion

# Antiferromagnet

↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑  
↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓  
↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑

No net magnetization  $\langle S_z \rangle = 0$





Ferromagnet



Nonzero magnetization  $\langle S_z \rangle \neq 0$



The time reversed motion is not a low-energy fluctuation

# Example of NGB (2): Spinor BEC

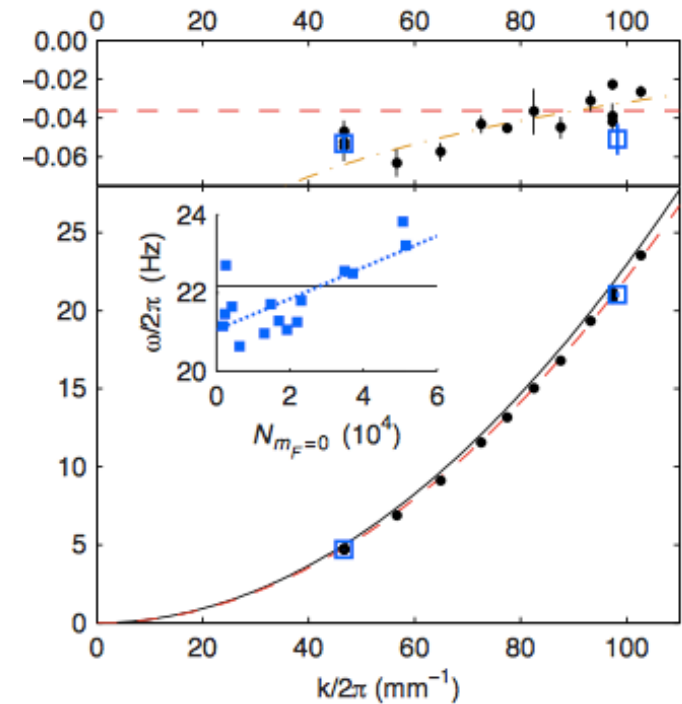
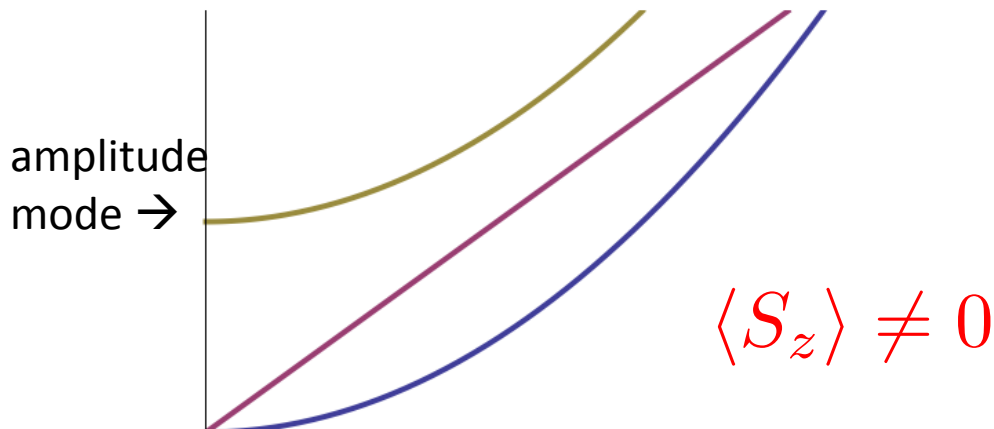
$G = U(1) \times SO(3)$  (4 generators)

$\rightarrow H = SO(2)$  (1 generator)

$4 - 1 = 3$  broken symmetries

Only 2 NGBs

- one linear mode (sound wave)
- one quadratic mode (spin wave)



Dan Stamper-Kurn et al  
arxiv:1404.5631

# Example of NGB (3): more high-energy side example

$$\mathcal{L} = D_\mu \psi^\dagger D^\mu \psi - m^2 \psi^\dagger \psi - \frac{g}{2} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2$$

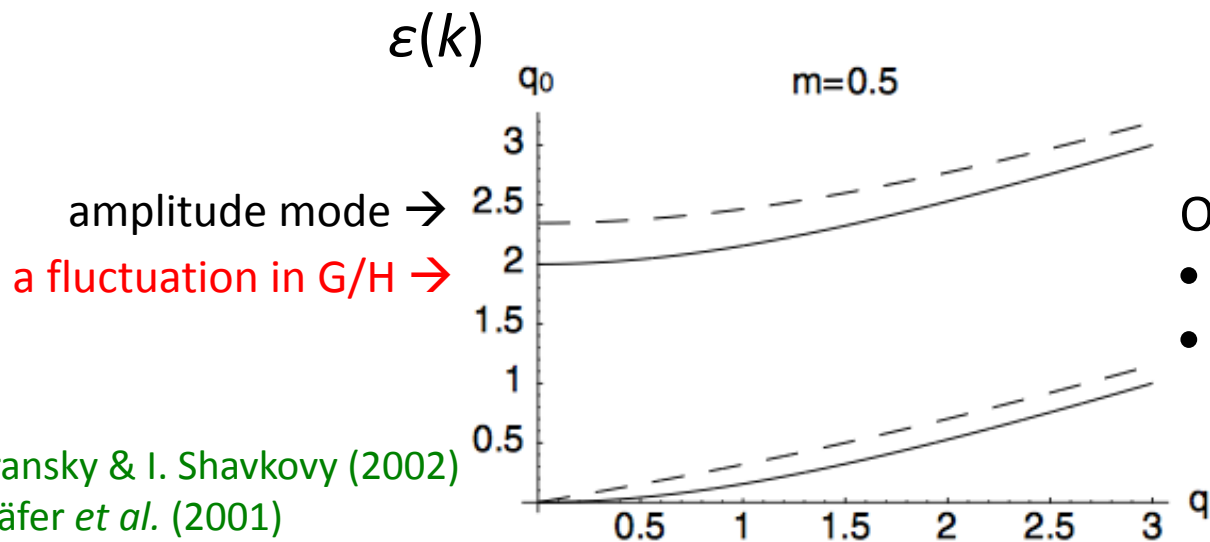
$$D_\nu = \partial_\nu + i\mu\delta_{\nu,0} \quad (\mu: \text{chemical potential}) \quad \psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2)^T$$

Symmetry of the Lagrangian:  $G = U(2)$  (4 generators)

Symmetry of the condensate :  $H = U(1)$  (1 generator)

$$\langle \psi \rangle = v(0, 1)^T$$

Three ( $4 - 1 = 3$ ) symmetries are spontaneously broken



Only two NGBs (gapless)

- One quadratic
- One linear

$$\langle Q_3 \rangle \neq 0$$

# Questions

- In general, how many NGBs appear?
- When do they have quadratic dispersion?
- What is the necessary information of the ground state to predict the number and dispersion?
- What is the relation to expectation values of conserved charges (generators)?

Y. Nambu, *J. Stat. Phys.* 115, 7 (2004)

$\langle [Q_a, Q_b] \rangle \neq 0$   Their zero modes are conjugate. Not independent modes.

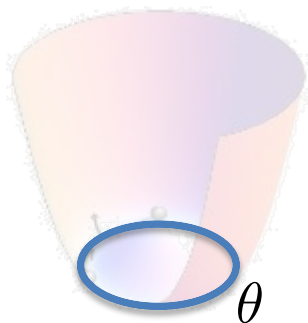
# Our approach

H. Leutwyler, Phys. Rev. D 49, 3033 (1994)

Low energy effective Lagrangian

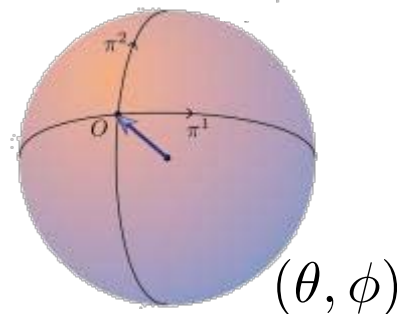
= **Non-Linear sigma model with the target space  $G/H$**   
**+ derivative expansion**

- $G/H$  : the manifold of degenerated ground states
- Effective theory after integrating out all fields with a mass term i.e., those going out of  $G/H$  (amplitude fields)



$$U(1)/\{e\} = S^1$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \theta \partial^\mu \theta$$



$$SO(3)/SO(2) = S^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \vec{n} \cdot \partial^\mu \vec{n}$$

# How to get effective Lagrangian?

- 1. From a microscopic model

$$\psi = \sqrt{n_0 + \delta n} e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SF}} &= i\psi^\dagger \dot{\psi} - \frac{\vec{\nabla}\psi^\dagger \cdot \vec{\nabla}\psi}{2m} - \frac{g}{2}(\psi^\dagger\psi - n_0)^2 \\ &\simeq \boxed{\delta n \dot{\theta}} - \frac{n_0}{2m} \vec{\nabla}\theta \cdot \vec{\nabla}\theta - \frac{g}{2}(\delta n)^2 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2g} \dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{n_0}{2m} \vec{\nabla}\theta \cdot \vec{\nabla}\theta} - \frac{g}{2}(\delta n - \dot{\theta}/g)^2 \end{aligned}$$

make n and  $\theta$   
canonically  
conjugate

- 2. Simply write down all terms

allowed by symmetry (+ derivative expansion)

For example:

the mass term is prohibited by symmetry

~~$$\frac{1}{2} m^2 \theta^2$$~~

# General form of effective Lagrangian

- In the presence of Lorentz symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g_{ab}(\pi) \partial_\mu \pi^a \partial^\mu \pi^b$$

- In the absence of Lorentz symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{c_a(\pi) \dot{\pi}^a}_{\text{dominant at low-energy}} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}_{ab}(\pi) \dot{\pi}^a \dot{\pi}^b - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab}(\pi) \nabla \pi^a \cdot \nabla \pi^b$$

Taylor expand ...

$$c_a(\pi) \dot{\pi}^a = -\frac{1}{2} \rho_{ab} \pi^a \dot{\pi}^b + O(\pi^3)$$

c.f. canonical conjugate between Goldstone mode and Amplitude

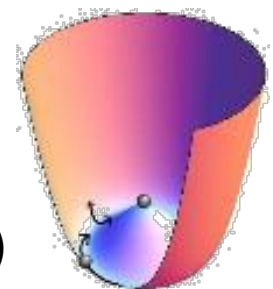
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SF}} \ni i\psi^\dagger \dot{\psi} = -n\dot{\theta}$$

**Canonical conjugate** relation

between  $\pi^a$  and  $\pi^b$  **in the low-energy limit**

$$p_b = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\pi}^b} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho_{ab} \pi^a \quad (\text{Only 1 low energy mode.})$$

May be an independent high energy mode)







# General counting rule

- type-A (unpaired) NGBs

$$n_A = \dim(G/H) - \text{rank } \rho$$

- type-B (paired) NGBs

$$n_B = (1/2)\text{rank } \rho$$

- The total number of NGBs

$$n_A + n_B = \dim(G/H) - (1/2)\text{rank } \rho$$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{cc|ccc} 0 & \lambda_1 & & & \\ -\lambda_1 & 0 & & & \\ \hline & & 0 & & \\ & & -\lambda_2 & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 & \lambda_m \\ & & & & -\lambda_m & 0 \\ \hline & & & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & & & 0 \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$i\rho_{ab} = \langle [Q_a, j_b^0(\vec{x}, t)] \rangle = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\Omega} \langle [Q_a, Q_b] \rangle$$

# Dispersion relations

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\rho_{ab}\pi^a\dot{\pi}^b + \frac{1}{2}\bar{g}_{ab}(0)\dot{\pi}^a\dot{\pi}^b - \frac{1}{2}g_{ab}(0)\nabla\pi^a \cdot \nabla\pi^b + \dots$$

$\omega$ 
 $\omega^2$ 
 $k^2$

- Type-A NGBs: linear dispersion (Type-I NGBs)
- Type-B NGBs: quadratic dispersion (Type-II NGBs)

Nielsen-Chadha's counting rule

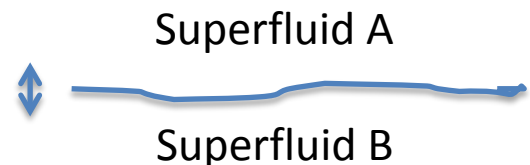
$$n_{\perp} + 2 n_{\parallel} \geq \dim(G/H)$$

H. B. Nielsen and S. Chadha (1976)

We proved the equality!

$$n_A + 2n_B = \dim(G/H)$$

c.f. Ripple motion of a domain wall  
= Goldstone mode of translation



$$\omega^2 = k^{3/2}$$

# Effective Lagrangian for magnets

## Ferromagnets

$$\mathcal{L} = -m \frac{n^x \dot{n}^y - n^y \dot{n}^x}{1 + n^z} + \cancel{\frac{\bar{g}}{2} \dot{\vec{n}} \cdot \dot{\vec{n}}} - \frac{g}{2} \partial_i \vec{n} \cdot \partial_i \vec{n}$$

$n_A = \dim(G/H) - \text{rank } \rho = 2 - 2 = 0$   
 $n_B = (1/2)\text{rank } \rho = 1$

## Antiferromagnets

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$n_A = \dim(G/H) - \text{rank } \rho = 2 - 0 = 2$   
 $n_B = (1/2)\text{rank } \rho = 0$

$$m = \frac{\langle [S_x, S_y] \rangle}{i\Omega} = \frac{\langle S_z \rangle}{\Omega} \quad : \text{ magnetization density}$$

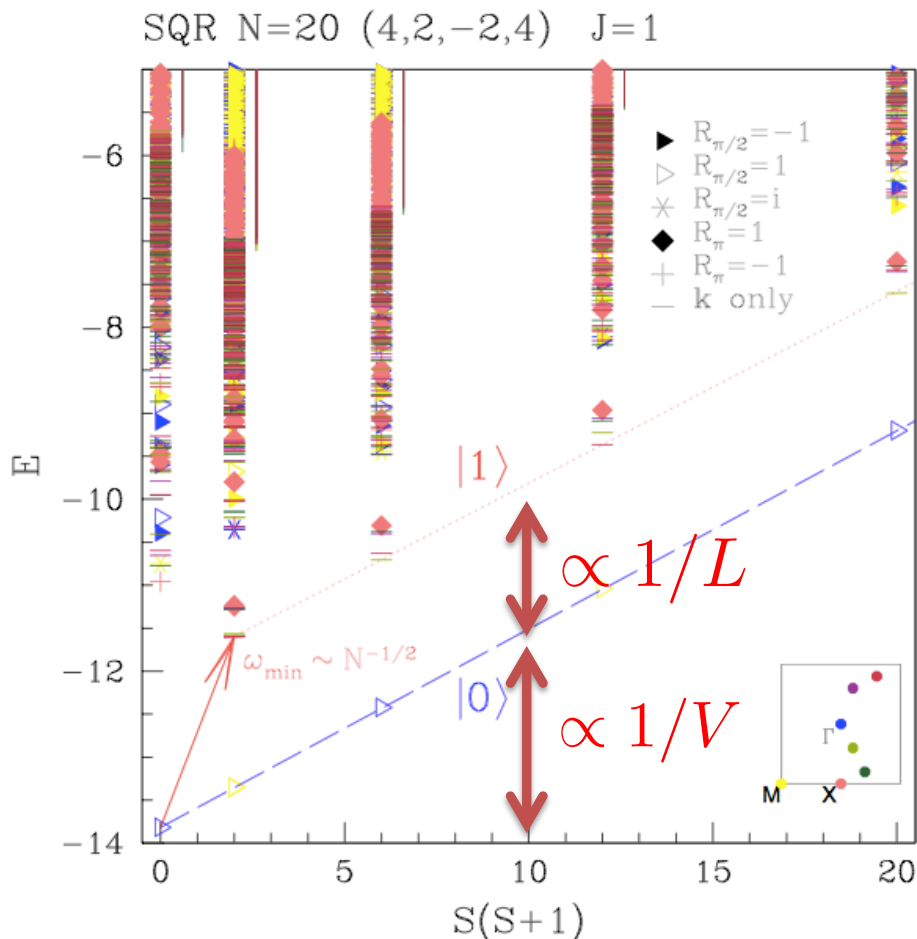
$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{\langle [S_i, S_j] \rangle}{i\Omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -m \\ m & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank } \rho = 2 \text{ or } 0$$

# Anderson Tower of States

Ref: (textbooks) Sachdev, Xiao-Gang Wen, P.W. Anderson

# Antiferromagnet on a square lattice

Simultaneous diagonalization of  $H$  and  $S^2=S(S+1)$  (in the sector  $S_z=0$ )  
 $N = 20$  is the total number of sites



The exact ground state is a  $|S = 0, S_z=0\rangle$   
 (Marshall-Lieb-Mattis theorem)

However, this state **does not have a Néel order**.

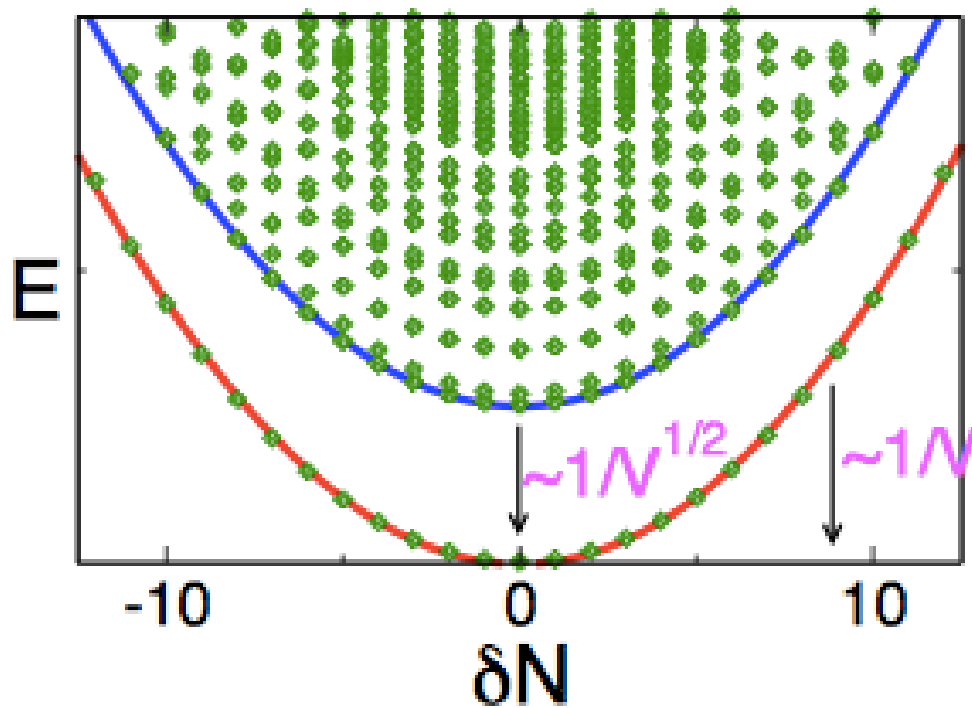
$$[\vec{S}^2, \text{Néel order}] \neq 0$$

A symmetry breaking state with a well-defined order parameter is a superposition of **low-lying excited state with energy  $S(S+1)/V = 1/L^d$**

On the top of it, there is a **Goldstone excitation with the excitation energy  $1/L$** .

Well-separation of two energy scales in dimensions  $d > 1$

# Bose Hubbard model on a lattice for $t \gg U$



$$[N, \theta] \neq 0$$

V. Alba et al.

[http://www.mpi-pks-dresden.mpg.de/~esicqw12/Talks\\_pdf/Alba.pdf](http://www.mpi-pks-dresden.mpg.de/~esicqw12/Talks_pdf/Alba.pdf)

# Tower of States

## from the effective Lagrangian

Nonlinear sigma model

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\rho}{2v^2} \dot{\vec{n}} \cdot \dot{\vec{n}} - \frac{\rho}{2} \partial_i \vec{n} \cdot \partial_i \vec{n}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{v^2}{2\rho} \vec{s} \cdot \vec{s} + \frac{\rho}{2} \partial_i \vec{n} \cdot \partial_i \vec{n}, \quad \vec{s} = (\rho/v^2) \dot{\vec{n}} \times \vec{n}$$

Fourier transform:

$$H = \frac{v^2}{2\rho V} \vec{S}^2 + \sum_{\vec{k}} \left[ \frac{v^2}{2\rho} \vec{s}_{-\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{s}_{\vec{k}} + \frac{\rho k^2}{2} \vec{n}_{-\vec{k}} \cdot \vec{n}_{\vec{k}} \right]$$

$$\vec{S} = \int d^d x \vec{s}(\vec{x}, t)$$

Superfluid

$$H_{\text{TOS}} \propto \frac{(N - N_0)^2}{V}$$

Antiferromagnet

$$H_{\text{TOS}} \propto \frac{\vec{S}^2}{V}$$

Crystals

$$H_{\text{TOS}} \propto \frac{\vec{P}^2}{mn_0V}$$

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Ferromagnet

$$H_{\text{TOS}} = 0$$

Symmetry can be broken even in  
a finite size system / 1+1 dimension

From this argument, softer dispersion  $E = p^{n>2}$  seems impossible!

What happens when both type-A and type-B present?



# Interactions

# Scaling of interactions among NGBs

- Quadratic part (free) part of action

$$S_{\text{free}}^{\text{type-A}} = \int d^d x dt \left( \frac{\bar{g}_{ab}(0)}{2} \dot{\pi}^a \dot{\pi}^b - \frac{g_{ab}(0)}{2} \vec{\nabla} \pi^a \cdot \vec{\nabla} \pi^b \right)$$

- Scaling of fields to keep the free part

$$\pi'^a(\alpha \vec{x}, \alpha t) = \alpha^{\frac{1-d}{2}} \pi^a(\vec{x}, t)$$

- Most relevant interactions

$$d^d x dt \nabla^2 \pi^3, \quad d^d x dt \partial_t^2 \pi^3$$

- Their scaling raw and *condition for the free fixed point*

$$\alpha^{-\frac{1-d}{2}} \Rightarrow d > 1$$

Symmetries will be restored  
in 1+1 dimensions (Coleman's theorem)

$$S_{\text{free}}^{\text{type-B}} = \int d^d x dt \left( -\frac{\rho_{ab}}{2} \pi^a \dot{\pi}^b - \frac{g_{ab}(0)}{2} \vec{\nabla} \pi^a \cdot \vec{\nabla} \pi^b \right)$$

$$\pi'^a(\alpha \vec{x}, \alpha^2 t) = \alpha^{-\frac{d}{2}} \pi^a(\vec{x}, t)$$

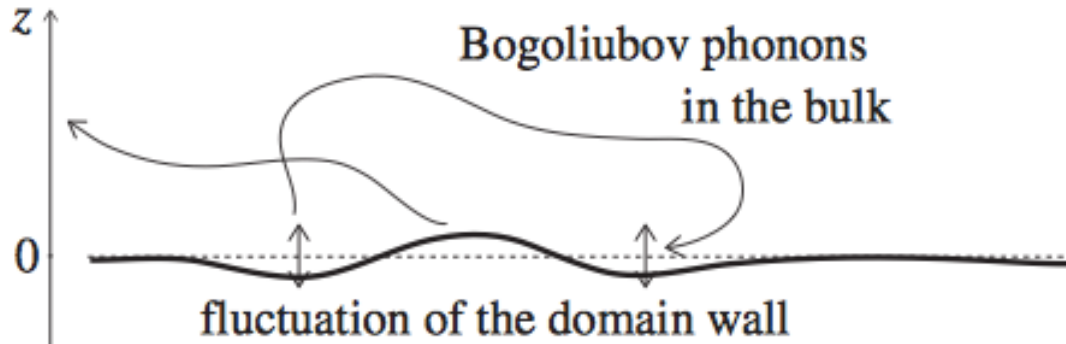
$$d^d x dt \nabla^2 \pi^3, \quad d^d x dt \partial_t \pi^3$$

- **SSB in 1+1 dimensions is OK!**
- Order parameters commute with H  
→ GS is one of their simultaneous eigenstates  
→ No quantum fluctuation

# Ripplons

HW and H. Murayama, PRD (2014)  
 H. Takeuchi and K. Kasamatsu  
 PRA (2013).

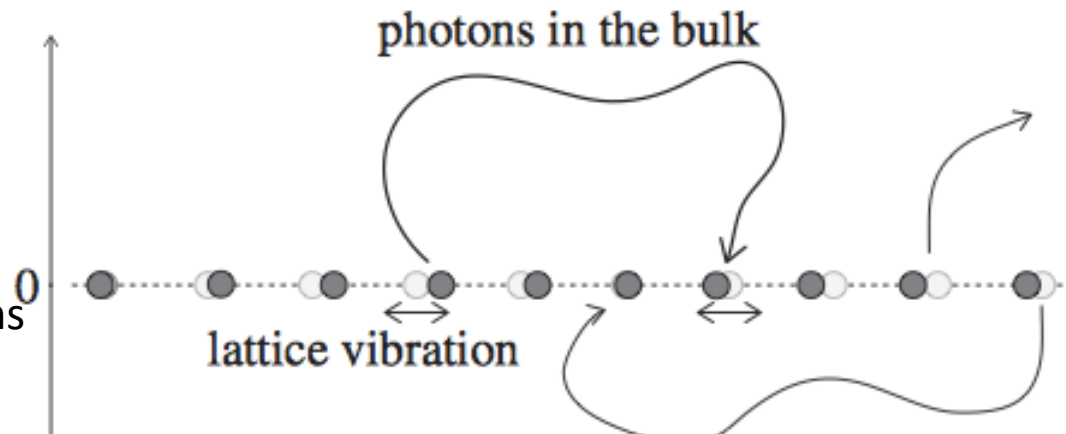
Superfluid-  
 Superfluid  
 interface



$$\omega \propto k^{3/2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \left[ (m_1 n_1 + m_2 n_2) \frac{\omega^2}{k} - \sigma k^2 \right] u_{-\vec{k}} u_{\vec{k}}$$

2D Crystal of  
 electrons  
 in 3+1 dimenisons

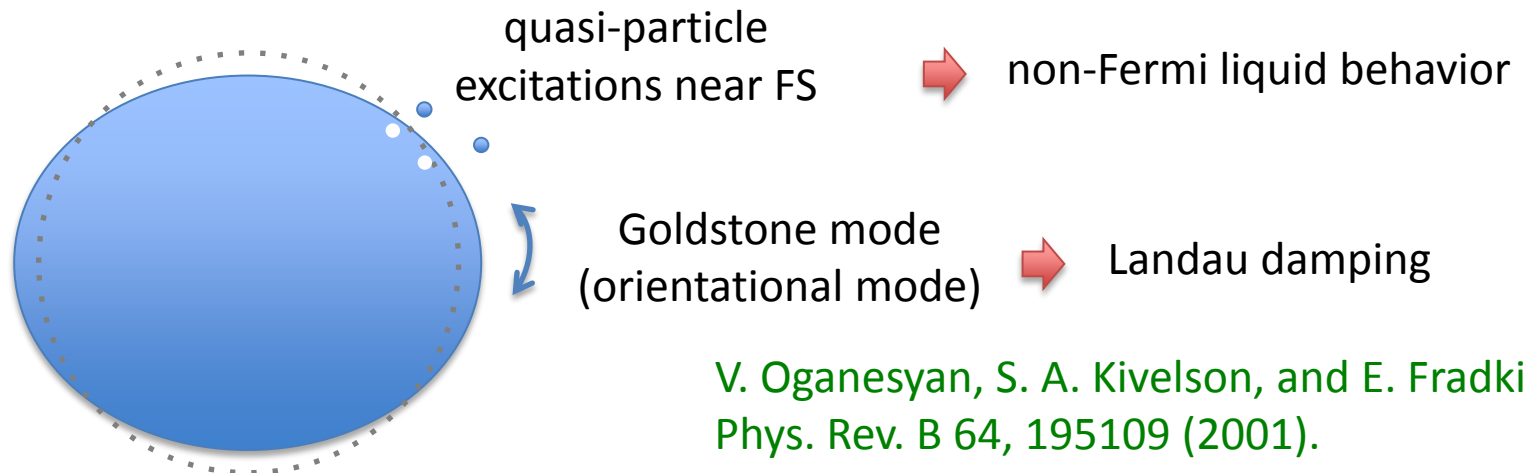


$$\omega \propto k^{1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ m n_0 \omega^2 - (n_0 e)^2 k^2 \frac{4\pi}{k} \right] u_{-\vec{k}} u_{\vec{k}}$$

# Non-Fermi liquid through NGBs

- Usually, interaction between NGBs with other fields are **derivative coupling**  $\psi^\dagger \vec{\nabla} \psi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \theta$   
interaction vanishes in the low-energy, long wavelength limit
- However, there is an exception



- I pinned down the condition for NFL:

$$[Q, \vec{P}] = 0$$

HW and Ashvin Vishwanath, arXiv:1404.3728

# Englert-Brout-Higgs mechanism without Lorentz invariance

HW and H. Murayama, arXiv:1405.0997.

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