

# Emergent Spinon Dispersion and Symmetry Breaking in Two-Channel Kondo Lattices

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Two-channel Kondo lattice serves as a model for a growing family of heavy-fermion compounds. We employ a dynamical large- $N$  technique and go beyond the independent bath approximation to study this model both numerically and analytically using renormalization group ideas. We show that the Kondo effect induces dynamic magnetic correlations that lead to an emergent spinon dispersion. Furthermore, we develop a quantitative framework that interpolates between infinite dimension where the channel-symmetry broken results of mean-field theory are confirmed, and one-dimension where the channel symmetry is restored and a critical fractionalized mode is found.

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The screening of a magnetic impurity by the conduction electrons in a metal is governed by the Kondo effect. The multichannel version is when several channels compete for a single impurity, as a result of which the spin is frustrated and a new critical ground state formed with a fractional residual impurity entropy. In the two-channel case, this entropy  $\frac{1}{2} \log 2$  corresponds to a Majorana fermion. If the channel symmetry is broken, the weaker channels decouple and the stronger-coupled channels *win* to screen the impurity at low temperature [1–4].

While the case of a single impurity is well understood, much less is known about Kondo lattices where a lattice of spins is screened by conduction electrons [5–7], especially if multiple conduction channels are involved [8]. The most established fact is the prediction of a large Fermi surface (FS) in the Kondo-dominated regime of the single-channel Kondo lattice [9]. In the multichannel case, the continuous channel symmetry naturally leads to new patterns of entanglement which are potentially responsible for the non-Fermi liquid physics [10,11], symmetry breaking, and possibly fractionalized order parameter [12]. This partly arises from the fact that the residual entropy seen in the impurity has to eventually disappear at zero temperature in the case of a lattice.

Beside fundamental interest, a pressing reason for studying this physics is that the multichannel Kondo lattice (MCKL), and in particular 2CKL, seems to be an appropriate model for several heavy-fermion compounds, e.g., the family of PrTr<sub>2</sub>Zn<sub>20</sub> (Tr = Ir, Rh) [13,14] as well as recent proposals that MCKLs may support nontrivial topology [15,16] and non-Abelian Kondo anyons [17,18].

The MCKL model is described by the Hamiltonian

$$H = H_c + J_K \sum_j \vec{S}_j \cdot c_{ja}^\dagger \vec{\sigma} c_{ja}, \quad (1)$$

where  $H_c = -t_c \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (c_{iaa}^\dagger c_{jaa} + \text{H.c.})$  is the Hamiltonian of the conduction electrons and Einstein summation over

spin  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N$  and channel  $a, b = 1, \dots, K$  indices is assumed. This model has  $SU(N)$  spin and  $SU(K)$  channel symmetries and we are interested in analyzing the effect of a channel symmetry breaking  $H \rightarrow H + \sum_j \Delta \vec{J}_j \cdot \vec{O}_j$ , where  $\vec{O}_j \equiv (\vec{S}_j \cdot c_{ja}^\dagger \vec{\sigma} c_{jb}) \vec{\tau}_{ab}$  and  $\vec{\tau}$ 's act as Pauli matrices in the channel space [19]. At first look, at least certain deformation of the MCKL can be thought of as a channel magnet. (A naïve strong coupling limit is not a spin singlet, but the Nozières doublet. See Supplemental Material [20] for a deformation that changes this.) In the  $J_K \rightarrow \infty$  limit [20], the spin is quenched due to formation of Kondo singlet with either (for  $K = 2$ ) of the channels, leading to a doublet over which  $\vec{O}$  acts like  $\vec{\tau}$  [20,21]. Interaction among adjacent doublets leads to a “channel magnet”  $H_{\text{eff}} \propto (t^2/J_K) \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{O}_i \cdot \vec{O}_j$ . While channel Weiss-field favors a channel antiferromagnetic (channel AFM) superexchange

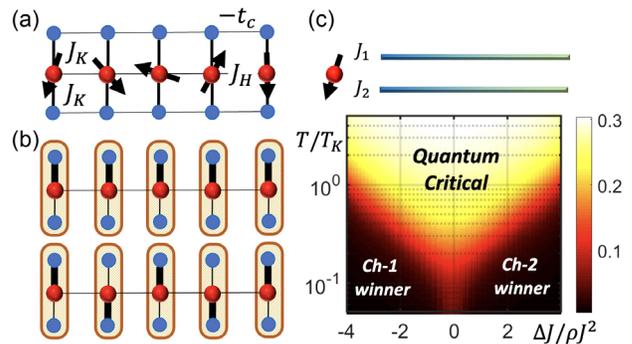


FIG. 1. (a) The 1D version of the two-channel Kondo lattice model studied here. (b) The strong coupling leads to a channel magnet; two different patterns of channel symmetry breaking, channel FM (top) and channel AFM (bottom). Bold lines represent spin singlets. (c) The entropy  $S$  of two-channel Kondo impurity vs channel asymmetry and temperature. At the symmetric point,  $S$  reduces to a fraction of the high- $T$  value.

interaction, the mean-field theory predicts a variety of channel ferromagnetic (channel FM) and channel AFM solutions [Fig. 1(b)] depending on the conduction filling.

On the other hand, some differences to a channel magnet are expected since the winning channel has a larger FS [12,22] and the order parameter  $\tilde{O}$  is strongly dissipated by coupling to fermionic degrees of freedom. Although a channel-symmetry broken ground state is predicted by both single-site dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT) [19,23] and static mean-field theory [22,24,25], it has not been observed in recent cluster DMFT studies [26]. Furthermore, the effective theory of fluctuations in the large- $N$  limit [22] predicts a disordered phase below the lower critical dimension but the nature of this quantum paramagnet is unclear. In 1D, Andrei and Orignac have used non-Abelian bosonization to show [27] that the ground state is gapless and fractionalized (dispersing Majoranas for  $K = 2$ ), a prediction that contradicts the analysis by Emery and Kivelson [28], and has *not* been confirmed by the density matrix renormalization group calculations [21].

Resolving these issues requires a technique that is applicable to arbitrary dimensions and goes beyond static mean field and DMFT by capturing both quantum and spatial fluctuations. Here, we show that the dynamical large- $N$  approach, recently applied successfully to study Kondo lattices [29–36], is precisely such a technique.

We assume the spins transform as a spin- $S$  representation of  $SU(N)$ . In the impurity case [37], the spin is fully screened for  $K = 2S$  whereas it is overscreened and underscreened for  $K > 2S$  and  $K < 2S$ , respectively [38]. The focus of this Letter is on the Kondo-dominated regime of the double-screened case  $K/2S = 2$  which is schematically shown in Fig. 1(a). We use Schwinger bosons  $S_{j\alpha\beta} = b_{ja}^\dagger b_{j\beta}$  to form a symmetric representation of spins with the size  $2S = b_{ja}^\dagger b_{j\alpha}$ . We then rescale  $J_K \rightarrow J_K/N$  and treat the model (1) in the large- $N$  limit, by sending  $N, K, S \rightarrow \infty$ , but keeping  $s = S/N$  and  $\gamma = K/N = 4s$  constant. The constraint is imposed on average via a uniform Lagrange multiplier  $\mu_b$ .

In the present large- $N$  limit, the Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida (RKKY) interaction is  $O(1/N)$  [inset of Fig. 2(a)] and we need to include an explicit Heisenberg interaction  $H \rightarrow H + J_H \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$  between nearest neighbors  $\langle ij \rangle$  to couple the impurities. Nevertheless, we will show that an infinitesimal  $J_H$  is sufficient to produce significant magnetic correlations due to a novel variant of RKKY interaction. For simplicity we limit ourselves to ferromagnetic correlations  $J_H < 0$ .

For a  $\mathcal{V}$  site lattice, the Lagrangian becomes [30,39]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_k \bar{c}_{ka\alpha} (\partial_\tau + \epsilon_k) c_{ka\alpha} + \sum_k \bar{b}_{k\alpha} (\partial_\tau + \epsilon_k) b_{k\alpha} \\ & + \sum_j \frac{\bar{\chi}_{ja} \chi_{ja}}{J_K} + \sum_j \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (\bar{\chi}_{ja} b_{ja} \bar{c}_{jaa} + \text{H.c.}) + 2\mathcal{V} \mu_b S. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

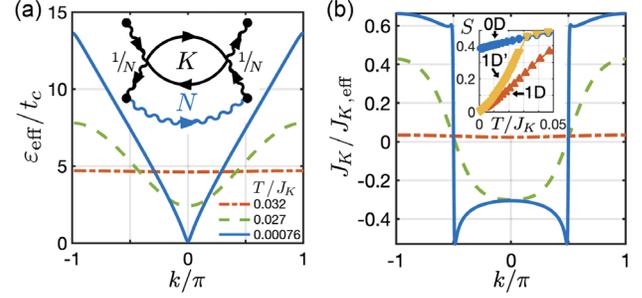


FIG. 2. 1D 2CKL model. The temperature evolution of (a) the effective energy  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$  for spinons and (b) the inverse effective Kondo coupling  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1}$  for holons. At high- $T$ ,  $J_{K,\text{eff}} = J_K$  with no  $k$  dependence. Initially, Kondo effect develops locally and  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ . Then dispersion emerges in both  $G_\chi$  and  $G_b$ , with  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1}$  vanishing only at  $k \sim \pm k_F$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}$  only at  $k \sim 0$ . Inset of (a): despite an  $O(1/N)$  RKKY interaction (black), an initial spinon dispersion (blue) can lead to an  $O(1)$  amplification to in the present overscreened case. Inset of (b): Entropy  $S$  vs  $T$  for 0D, 1D ( $t_b = 0.2t_c$ ), and 1D' ( $t_b = 0.0002t_c$ ).

Here,  $b$ 's are bosonic spinons and  $\chi$ 's are Grassmannian holons that mediate the local Kondo interaction. In momentum space, the electrons and bosons have dispersions  $\epsilon_k = -2t_c \cos k - \mu_c$  and  $\epsilon_k = -2t_b \cos k - \mu_b$ , respectively.  $t_b$  is the (assumed to be homogeneous) nearest neighbor hopping of spinons due to large- $N$  decoupling of the  $J_H$  term [30]. Here, we focus on a half-filled conduction band  $\mu_c = 0$ , but similar results are obtained at other commensurate fillings [20]. In the large- $N$  limit the dynamics is dominated by the noncrossing Feynman diagrams, resulting in boson and holon self-energies [ $\vec{r} \equiv (j, \tau)$ ]

$$\Sigma_b(\vec{r}) = -\gamma G_c(\vec{r}) G_\chi(\vec{r}), \quad \Sigma_\chi(\vec{r}) = G_c(-\vec{r}) G_b(\vec{r}), \quad (3)$$

whereas  $\Sigma_c$  is  $O(1/N)$  and thus the electrons propagator  $G_c^{-1}(k, z) = z - \epsilon_k$  remains bare, with  $z$  complex frequency. Equations (3) together with the Dyson equations  $G_b^{-1}(k, z) = z - \epsilon_k - \Sigma_b(k, z)$  and  $G_{\chi,a}^{-1}(k, z) = -J_{K,a}^{-1} - \Sigma_\chi(k, z)$  form a set of coupled integral equations that are solved iteratively and self-consistently, while  $\mu_b$  is adjusted to satisfy the constraint. Thermodynamic variables are then computed from Green's functions [29,30].

First, we study the case in which  $J_H$  is absent, or  $\epsilon_k = -\mu_b$ . In this limit, the self-energies remain local  $\Sigma_{b,\chi}(n, \tau) \rightarrow \delta_{n0} \Sigma_{b,\chi}(\tau)$  and the problem reduces to the impurity problem [39]. It has never been studied whether the large- $N$  overscreened impurities are susceptible to symmetry breaking [2]. To do so, we assume that half of  $K$  channels are coupled to the impurity with  $J_K + \Delta J$  and the other half with  $J_K - \Delta J$ . This corresponds to a uniform symmetry breaking deformation  $\Delta \mathcal{L} = (\Delta J / J_K^2) \times \sum_j [\bar{\chi}_{j1} \chi_{j1} - \bar{\chi}_{j2} \chi_{j2}]$  of the Lagrangian. Figure 1(c) shows the entropy of the 2CK impurity model as a function of

channel asymmetry, verifying that the impurity is indeed critical with respect to channel symmetry breaking. In symmetric 2CK, the ground state entropy at large- $N$  is fractional with a universal dependence on  $(\gamma, s)$  [20,39].

Next, we focus on finite  $t_b$  case for two settings of 1D and  $\infty$ D, which correspond to a Bethe lattice with coordination numbers  $z = 2$  and  $z = \infty$ . In 1D,  $G(k, z)$  and  $\Sigma(k, z)$  depend on  $k$  and  $z$ , but in  $\infty$ D, self-energies have no spatial dependence and the Green's functions of spinons and electrons obey  $G_{b,c}^{-1} = z + \mu_{b,c} - \Sigma_{b,c}(z) - t_{b,c}^2 G_{b,c}$ .

Importantly, the criticality of overscreened impurity solution ensures that an infinitesimal spinon hopping seed  $t_b \sim 0$  can get an  $O(1)$  amplification [inset of Fig. 2(a)] and dispersions for spinons and holons are *dynamically* generated. Restricting ourselves to translationally invariant solutions with lattice periodicity  $a$ , this effect can be succinctly represented by the zero-frequency spinon and holon effective dispersion  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1}(k) \equiv -\text{Re}[G_\chi^{-1}(k, \omega = 0)]$  and  $\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}(k) \equiv -\text{Re}[G_b^{-1}(k, \omega = 0)]$ , shown in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) for various temperatures. This emergent spinon dispersion is independent of the choice of the seed and agrees qualitatively with the finite  $t_b$  results [20]. The consumption of the residual entropy in the lattice by the emerging dispersion is visible in the inset of Fig. 2(b). We stress that in 1D, this apparent transition most likely becomes a crossover when  $N$  is finite [40]. In the case of  $\infty$ D, the system is prone to spin or channel magnetization, as discussed later. Such symmetry breakings would consume the residual entropy [20].

Figures 3(a) and 3(b) show the finite frequency spectral function of spinons and holons, respectively. Both are dominated by a sharp mode with emergent Lorentz invariance. The spinons are gapless and linearly dispersing and the holons form a FS. The temperature collapse of Fig. 3(c) confirms that the spectra are critical with the local spectra obeying a  $T^{1-2\Delta_{b,\chi}} G_{b,\chi}''(x = 0, \omega) = f_{b,\chi}(\omega/T)$  behavior. Figure 3(d) shows similar collapse for the case of infinite-coordination Bethe lattice ( $\infty$ D). A marked difference between the two cases is that  $\Delta_\chi > 1/2$  for 1D, which leads to  $-G_\chi''$  minima at  $\omega \sim 0$ , whereas  $\Delta_\chi < 1/2$  in  $\infty$ D, manifested as a peak at  $\omega \sim 0$ .

What is the effect of channel symmetry breaking on the volume of FS? According to Luttinger's theorem, the FS volume is related to electron phase shift  $v_a^{\text{FS}} = \mathcal{V}^{-1} \sum_k \delta_a(k)$  for a  $d$  dimensional lattice. From the  $K = 4S$  case of the Ward identity [41], the electron phase shift is related to that of holons  $N\delta_{c,a}(k) = \delta_{\chi,a}(k)$ , which itself is defined as

$$\delta_{\chi,a}(k) = -\text{Im}\{\log[-G_{\chi,a}^{-1}(k, 0 + i\eta)]\}. \quad (4)$$

The locus of points at which  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1}(k)$  changes sign defines a holon FS which generalizes to any dimension. In 1D, holons are occupied for  $|k| < \pi/2$ . So, we find that  $v_{\chi,a}^{\text{FS}} = 2\pi S/K = \pi/2$  and the total change in electron FS

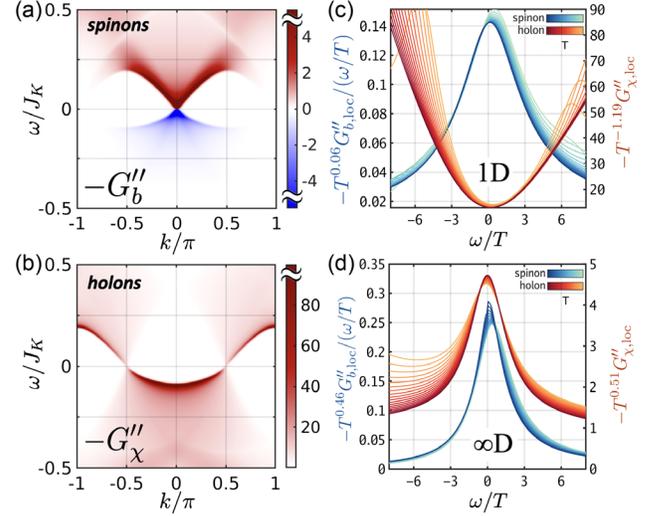


FIG. 3. The spectral function of (a) spinons and (b) holons in a 1D two-channel Kondo lattice at  $T/J_K = 0.0072$ , showing emergent linearly dispersing spinons at  $k = 0$  (bare dispersion is quadratic) and holons with Fermi point at  $\pm k_F$ . Scaling collapse of spinon and holon Green's functions in the 2CK critical regime in (c) 1D lattice ( $z = 2$ )  $0.0072 \leq T/J_K \leq 0.03$  and (d)  $\infty$ D Bethe lattice ( $z = \infty$ )  $0.006 \leq T/J_K \leq 0.03$ . For both cases,  $J_K/t_c = 6$ ,  $t_b/t_c = 0.2$ , and  $s = 0.15$ .

is  $N\Delta v_{c,a}^{\text{FS}} = \pi/2$ , corresponding to a large FS in the critical phase. We use Eq. (4) to study the effect of a uniform symmetry breaking field  $\Delta\mathcal{L}$ . Figure 4(a) shows how FSs of slightly favored and disfavored channels evolve as a function of  $T$  in the two cases. In 1D, the FS asymmetry disappears, restoring a channel symmetric criticality at low  $T$ , consistent with the Mermin-Wagner theorem. On the other hand, in  $\infty$ D the asymmetry grows and one channel totally decouples from the spins, with gapped spinons and also gapped holons for both channels. The exponents are related to  $\Delta_\chi$ ; varying  $\Delta J$  in Eq. (4) we find

$$\frac{\partial v_{\chi,a}^{\text{FS}}}{\partial \Delta J} = \frac{-1}{\mathcal{V}} \sum_k G_\chi''(k, 0 + i\eta) = -G_\chi''(x = 0, 0 + i\eta). \quad (5)$$

Assuming  $|G_\chi(\vec{r})| \sim |\vec{r}|^{-2\Delta_\chi}$ , the holon FS is unstable against symmetry breaking when  $G_\chi''(k_F, 0 + i\eta) \sim T^{2\Delta_\chi - d - 1}$  diverges. This  $2\Delta_\chi < d + 1$  regime coincides with when the symmetry breaking term  $\Delta J$  is relevant, in the renormalization group (RG) sense. On the other hand instability of the entire holon FS requires the divergence of  $G_\chi''(x = 0, 0 + i\eta) \sim T^{2\Delta_\chi - 1}$ , i.e.,  $2\Delta_\chi < 1$  which is a more stringent condition and agrees with Fig. 4(a), confirming  $\Delta_\chi = 1/2$  as the marginal dimension.

Figure 4(a) shows that the symmetry breaking  $\Delta\mathcal{L}$  is relevant in  $\infty$ D, but is irrelevant in 1D. To establish this from the microscopic model, one has to access the infrared (ir) fixed point. From the numerics we see that the system flows to a critical ir fixed point, in which spinons and

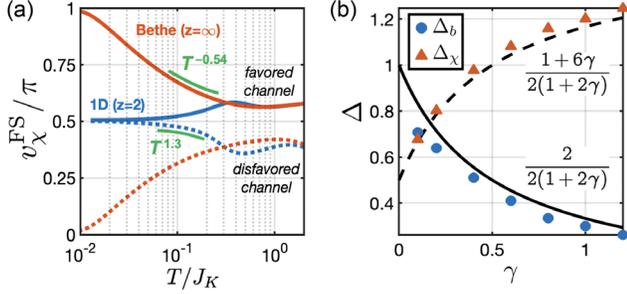


FIG. 4. (a) The evolution of FS in the presence of small channel symmetry breaking in 1D and  $\infty$ D with temperature. (b) The scaling exponents  $\Delta_{b/\chi}$  in 1D from the numerics. The lines show the analytical values given by Eqs. (9).

holons are critical in addition to electrons. For an impurity  $G_b \sim |\tau|^{-2\Delta_b}$  and  $G_\chi(\tau) \sim |\tau|^{-2\Delta_\chi}$  are reasonable at  $T = 0$ . The exponents are known [20,39]:

$$0, \infty\text{D}: \Delta_\chi = \frac{\gamma}{2(1+\gamma)}, \quad \Delta_b = \frac{1}{2(1+\gamma)}, \quad (6)$$

and coincide with those of the  $\infty$ D in the small  $t_b$  regime we are interested here [20]. In the presence of a dimensionless  $\lambda_0 = \Delta J/\rho J_K^2$ , the RG analysis  $d\lambda/d\ell = (1 - 2\Delta_\chi)\lambda$  predicts a dynamical scale  $w \sim T_K \lambda_0^{1+\gamma}$  [cf. Fig. 1(c)].

The 1D case is more subtle; as  $T \rightarrow 0$ , we see from Fig. 2 that  $J_{K,\text{eff}}^{-1}(\pm k_F) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}}(0) \rightarrow 0$  at the ir fixed point [42]. This means that the Kondo coupling flows to strong coupling at  $|k| < k_F$ , to weak coupling at  $|k| > k_F$ , and gets critical at  $k = \pm k_F$ , while the spinons are gapless at  $k = 0$ . At these momenta, the Dyson equation has the scale-invariant form  $G_b \Delta \Sigma_b|_{k \sim 0} = G_\chi \Delta \Sigma_\chi|_{k \sim \pm k_F} = -1$ .

We can obtain a low-energy description by expanding fields near zero energy, e.g.,  $\psi(x) \sim e^{ik_F x} \psi_R + e^{-ik_F x} \psi_L$  for electrons and holons. In 1+1 dimensions, the conformal invariance of the fixed point dictates the following form for the  $T = 0$  Green's functions  $G(x, \tau) = G(z, \bar{z})$ :

$$G_b = -\bar{\rho} \left( \frac{a^2}{\bar{z}z} \right)^{\Delta_b}, \quad G_{\chi R/L} = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{a}{\bar{z}} \right)^{\Delta_\chi \pm 1/2} \left( \frac{a}{z} \right)^{\Delta_\chi \mp 1/2}, \quad (7)$$

where  $z = v\tau + ix$  and  $\bar{\rho} = 2s/a$ . The  $G_{cR/L}$  is obtained from  $G_{\chi R/L}$  by  $\Delta_\chi \rightarrow 1/2$ . These Green's functions can be conformally mapped to finite  $T$  via  $z \rightarrow (\beta/\pi) \sin(\pi z/\beta)$  replacement. Furthermore, in terms of  $q = k + i\omega/v$ , they have the Fourier transforms:

$$G_b = -2\pi a^2 \bar{\rho} v_b^{-1} (a^2 \bar{q} q)^{\Delta_b - 1} \zeta_0(\Delta_b), \quad G_{\chi R/L} = \mp a^2 v_\chi^{-1} (a \bar{q})^{\Delta_\chi - 1 \mp 1/2} (a q)^{\Delta_\chi - 1 \pm 1/2} \zeta_1(\Delta_\chi), \quad (8)$$

where  $\zeta_n(\Delta) \equiv 2^{1-2\Delta} \Gamma(1 - \Delta + n/2) / \Gamma(n/2 + \Delta)$ . From matching the powers of frequency in Eqs. (3), (7), and (8),

we conclude that  $\Delta_b + \Delta_\chi = \frac{3}{2}$  in order to satisfy the self-consistency. Moreover, from the matching of the amplitudes of the Green's functions we find [20]

$$1\text{D}: \Delta_\chi = \frac{1+6\gamma}{2(1+2\gamma)}, \quad \Delta_b = \frac{2}{2(1+2\gamma)}. \quad (9)$$

Note that  $\Delta_\chi > 1/2$ , ensuring that channel symmetry breaking perturbations are irrelevant in 1D. These are in excellent agreement with the exponents extracted from  $\omega/T$  scaling [Fig. 4(b)] and we have established a semi-analytical framework to interpolate between 1D and  $\infty$ D.

The emergent dispersion in Fig. 2, the scaling dimensions in Eq. (9), and their relation to symmetry breaking in Fig. 4 are the central results of this Letter. In the following we discuss some of the implications of these results for physical observables that are independent of our fractionalized description, leaving the details to [20].

The fractionalization  $S_{\alpha\beta} \sim b_\alpha^\dagger b_\beta$  or  $b_\alpha^\dagger c_{\alpha\alpha} \sim \chi_\alpha$  contraction are related to order parameter fractionalization [12,43]. In the long time and distance limit, correlation functions of  $b_\alpha^\dagger c_{\alpha\alpha}$  and that of  $\chi_\alpha$  are given by  $\Sigma_\chi$  and  $G_\chi$ , respectively and thus, have exponents that add up to zero. On the other hand, correlators of gauge-invariant operators  $\mathcal{X}_{ab} \equiv \bar{\chi}_a \chi_b$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{ab} \equiv b_\alpha^\dagger b_\beta c_{b\beta}^\dagger c_{\alpha\alpha}$  are exactly equal since both can be constructed by taking derivatives of free energy with respect to  $\Delta J^{ab}$ , either before or after Hubbard-Stratonovitch transformation. A diagrammatic proof of this equivalence is provided in [20]. Scaling analysis gives  $\chi_{\text{ch}}(x=0) \sim T^{4\Delta_\chi - 1}$  and  $\chi_{\text{ch}}^{\text{1D}}(q=0) \sim T^{4\Delta_\chi - 2}$  up to a constant shift coming from the regular part of free energy.

Another nontrivial feature of the 2CK impurity fixed point is its magnetic instability [2] whose large- $N$  incarnation is  $\Delta_b < 1/2$  for the impurity (or  $\infty$ D) in Eq. (6). From Eq. (9), we see that this also holds for 1D 2CKL for  $\gamma > 1/2$ . This is reflected in the divergence of the uniform  $\chi_m(q=0)$  static magnetic susceptibilities as a function of  $T$ . Using scaling analysis  $\chi_m^{\text{1D}}(q=0) \sim T^{4\Delta_b - 2}$  and  $\chi_m(x=0) \sim T^{4\Delta_b - 1}$  up to a constant shift, in good agreement with numerics [20]. Note that this critical spin behavior is different from the gapped spin sector observed in [21,28], but is qualitatively consistent with [27].

Lastly, the fact that the fixed point discussed above is ir stable follows from the fact that the interaction is exactly marginal due to  $\Delta_b + \Delta_\chi = 3/2$  and that vertex corrections remain  $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$ . The 1+1D correlators (7) can be obtained from three sets of decoupled Luttinger liquids for each of the  $c$ ,  $b$ ,  $\chi$  fields with fine-tuned Luttinger parameters that give the correct exponents. Such a spinon-holon theory will have a Virasoro central charge  $c_0/N = 1 + \gamma$ . On the other hand the coset theory of [20,27,44] predicts  $c_{AO}/N = \gamma/(1 + \gamma)$ . We have used  $T \rightarrow 0$  heat capacity and the excitation velocities  $v$  to compute the central charge according to  $C/T = (\pi k_B^2/6v)c$

as a function of  $\gamma$  and found  $c = c_0$  [20]. Note that there is no contradiction with the  $c$  theorem since the uv theory is not Lorentz invariant due to ferromagnetism. The discrepancy with  $c_{AO}$  is likely rooted in inability of Schwinger bosons to capture gapless spin liquids [45].

In summary, we have shown that the dynamical large- $N$  approach can capture symmetry breaking in multichannel Kondo impurities and lattices in the presence of both emergent and induced ferromagnetic correlations within an RG framework with explicit examples on 0D, 1D, and  $\infty$ D. The scaling analysis enables an analytical solution to the critical exponents and susceptibilities which are in good quantitative agreement with numerics, and is applicable to higher dimensional CFTs. A determination of the upper and lower critical dimensions and the effect of antiferromagnetic correlations are left to a future work [46].

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