

Critical properties of the Bose-Hubbard model

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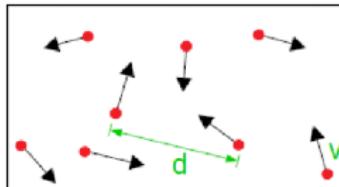
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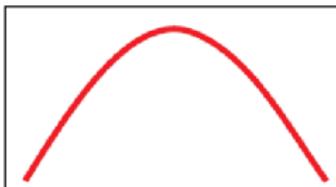
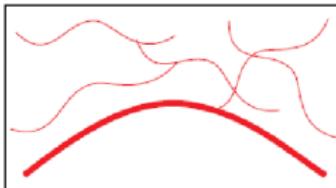
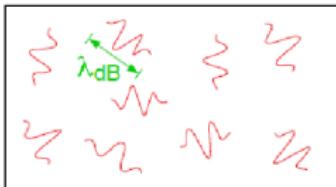
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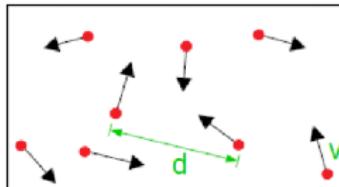
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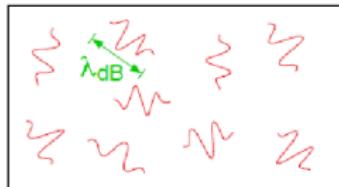
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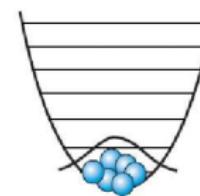
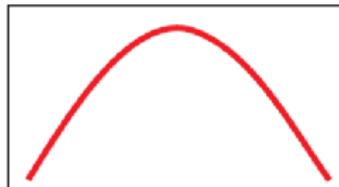
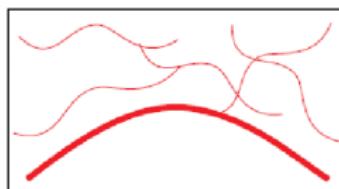


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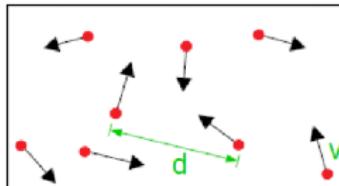
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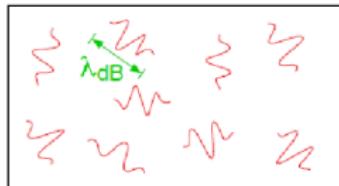
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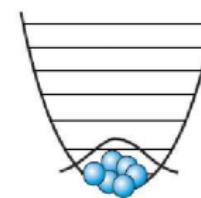
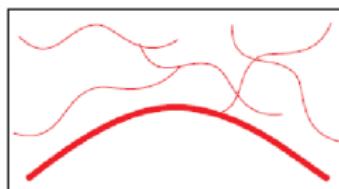


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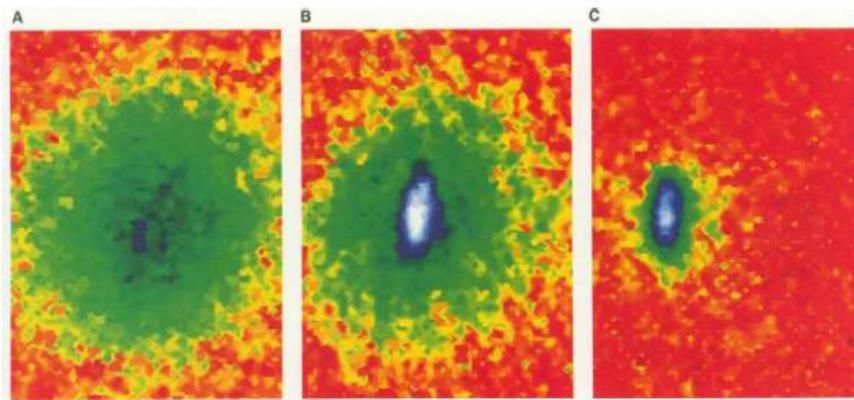
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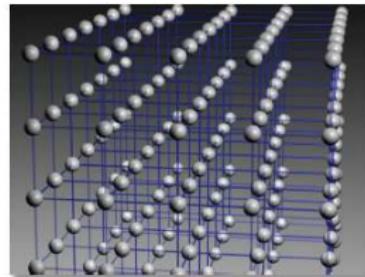
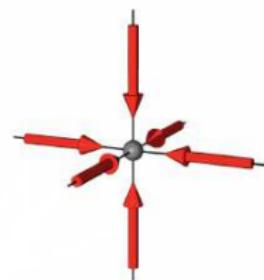
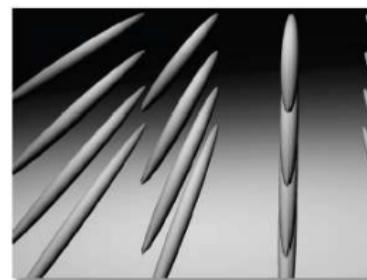
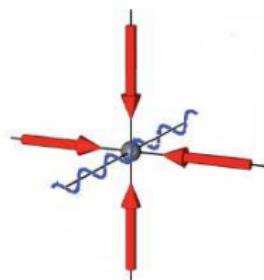
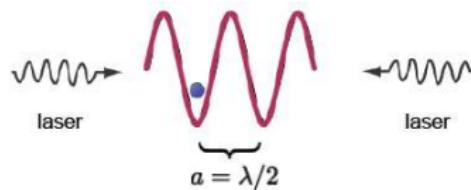
Bose-Einstein condensation



A: $1.7 \mu\text{K}$, B: 170nK , C: 20nK

$$T < T_c \approx 180 \text{nK} : n\lambda_{dB}^3 \approx 10^2 \gg 2.6$$

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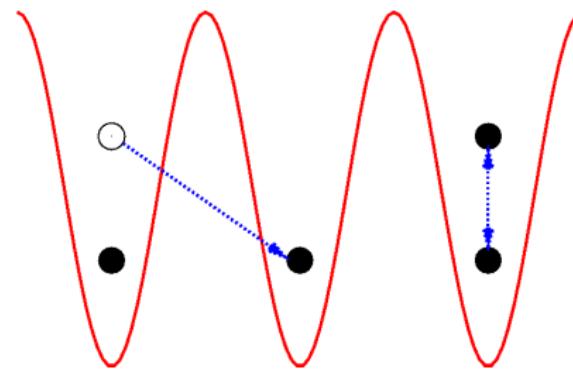
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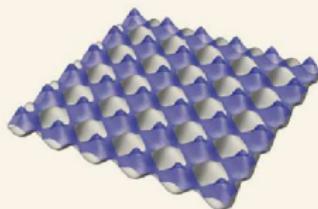
\hat{n}_i	number of particles on lattice site i
$\hat{b}_i^\dagger / \hat{b}_i$	creation/annihilation of a particle on lattice site i
$\hat{b}_i^\dagger \hat{b}_j$	tunneling of a particle from site j to site i
$\langle i,j \rangle$	restriction of tunneling processes to nearest-neighbor tunneling

Quantum phase transition: Superfluid → Mott-insulator

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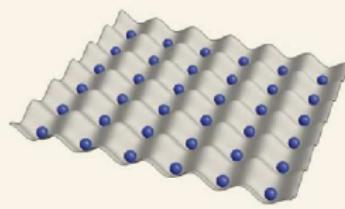
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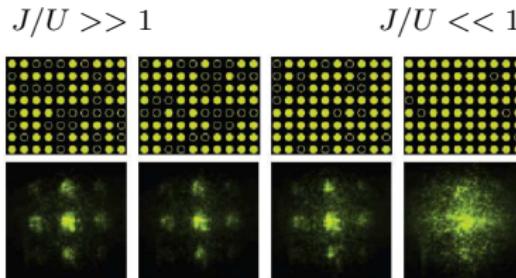
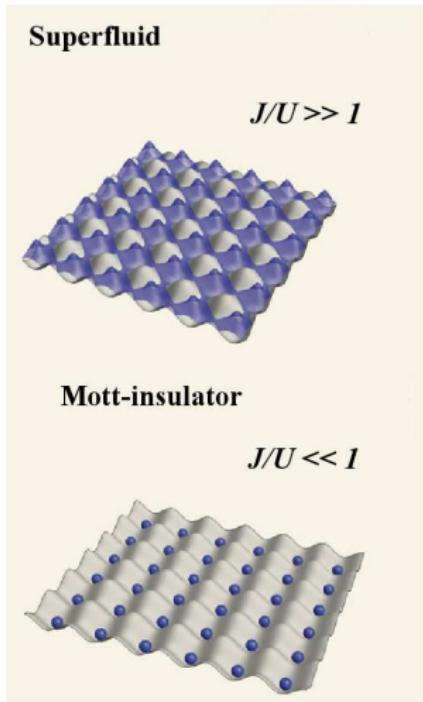
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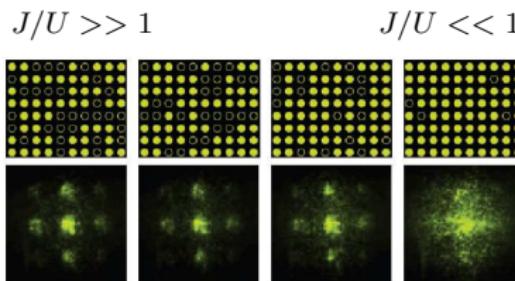
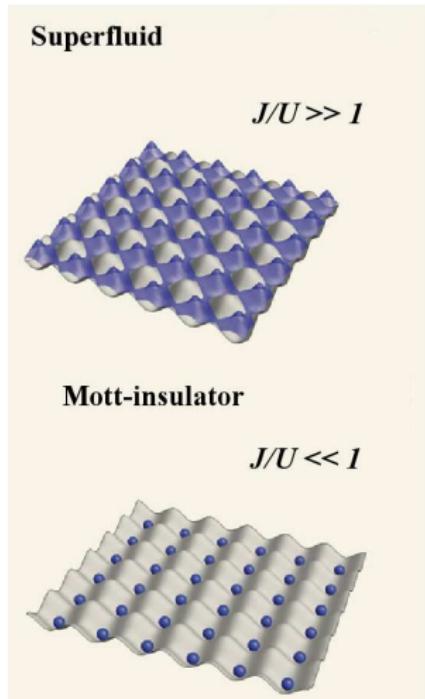
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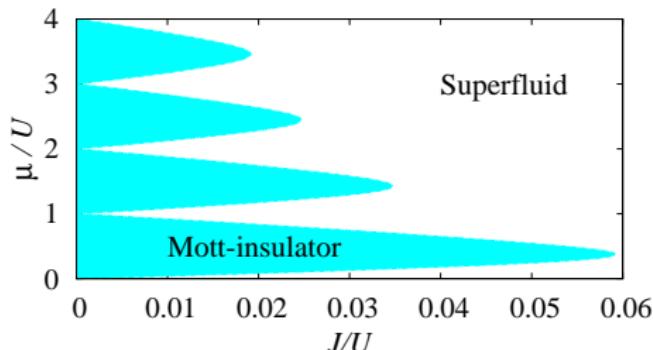
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$$\psi = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \eta^*} = \langle \hat{b}_i \rangle, \quad \psi^* = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \eta} = \langle \hat{b}_i^\dagger \rangle$$

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- Legendre-transformation of the free energy \mathcal{F} to the effective potential Γ :

$$\Gamma = \mathcal{F} - M(\eta\psi^* + \eta^*\psi)$$

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- Self-consistent determination of the order parameter ψ_0, ψ_0^* :

$$\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \psi^*} = -\eta, \quad \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \psi} = -\eta^* \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{H}|_{\eta=\eta^*=0} = \hat{H}_{\text{BH}}$$

$|\psi|^4$ -approach: $\rho_{c,4} = |\psi_{0,4}|^2 = -\frac{a_2}{2a_4}$

$|\psi|^6$ -approach: $\rho_{c,6} = |\psi_{0,6}|^2 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{-a_4 + \sqrt{a_4^2 - 3a_2a_6}}{a_6}$

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twisted boundary conditions: $\hat{b}_i \rightarrow e^{i\mathbf{x}\frac{\theta}{L}} \hat{b}_i$ and $\hat{b}_i^\dagger \rightarrow e^{-i\mathbf{x}\frac{\theta}{L}} \hat{b}_i^\dagger$

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$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{2}$: $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 1 \rightarrow (1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)$

$$\text{tr} [S^1 \hat{V} S^0 \hat{V} S^0 + S^0 \hat{V} S^0 \hat{V} S^1 + S^0 \hat{V} S^1 \hat{V} S^0]$$

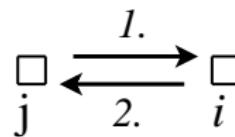
$$= \sum_j \left[\underbrace{\langle j|i\rangle \dots \langle m|j\rangle}_{=0} + \langle j|m\rangle \dots \langle i|j\rangle \right] + \sum_{\ell \neq m} \frac{\langle m|\hat{V}|\ell\rangle \langle \ell|\hat{V}|m\rangle}{E_m - E_{\ell}}$$

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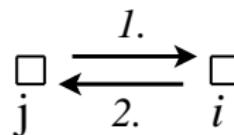
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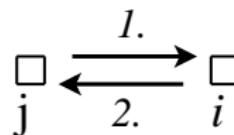
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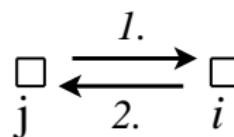
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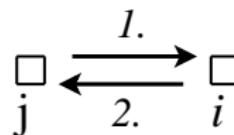


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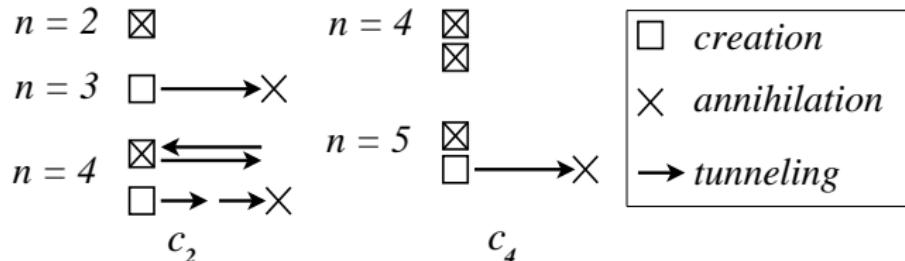
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For example, $w = 2D$ for a D -dimensional square lattice

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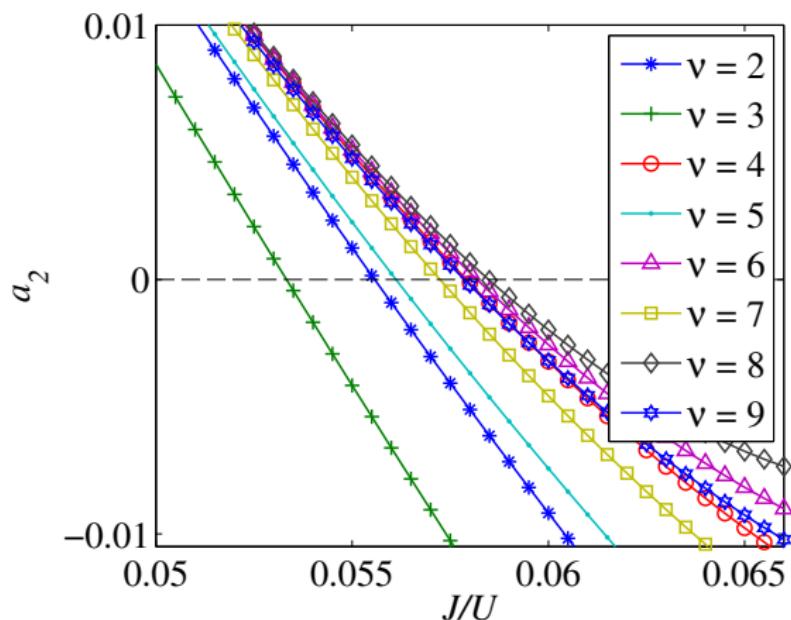
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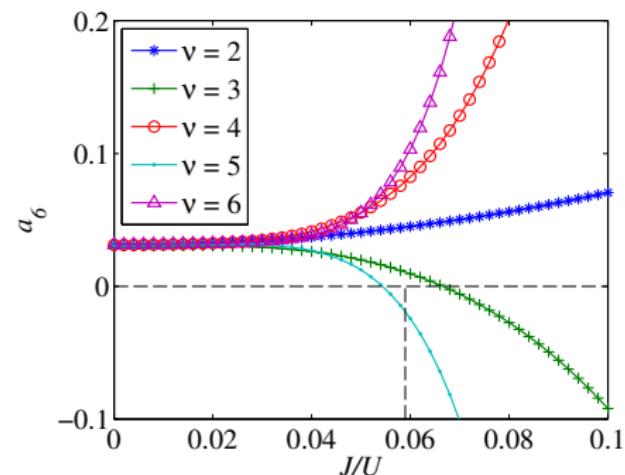
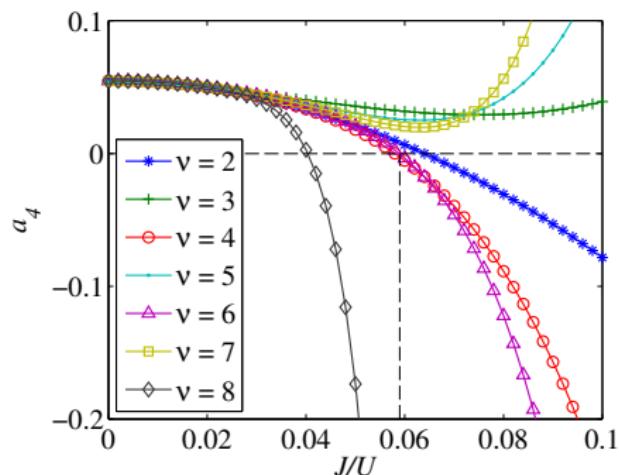
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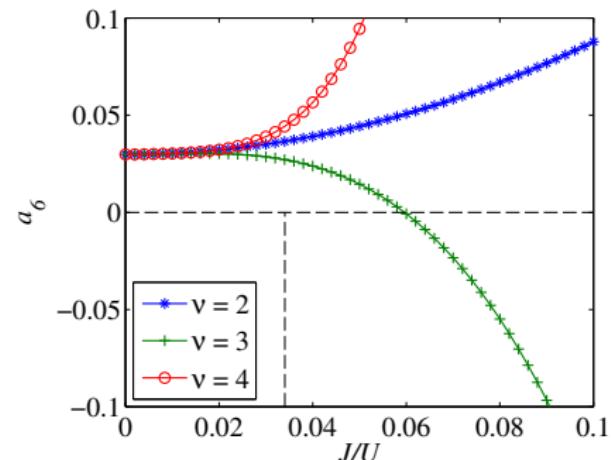
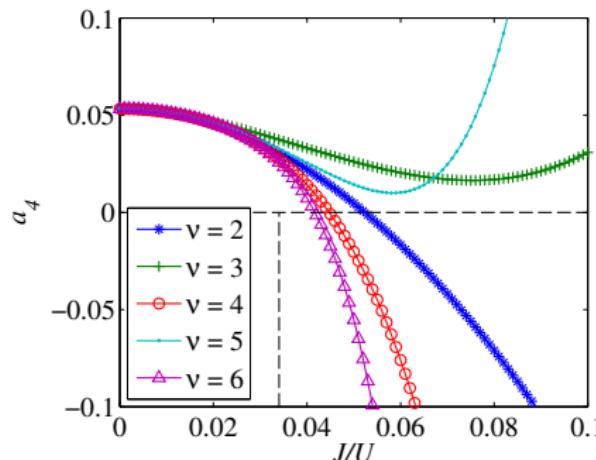
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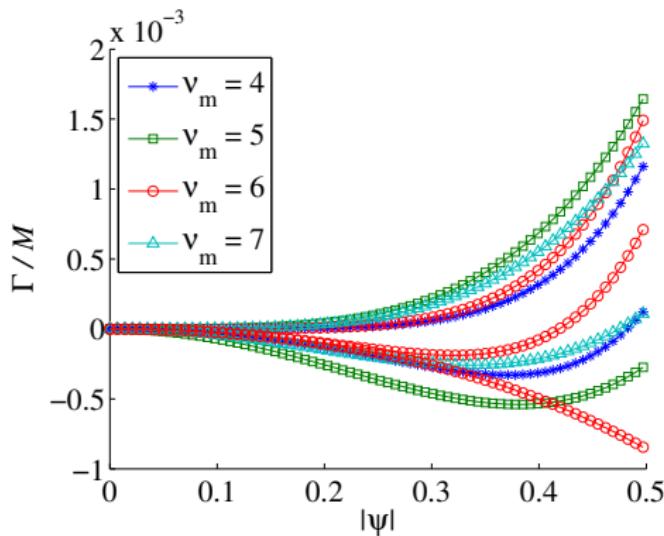
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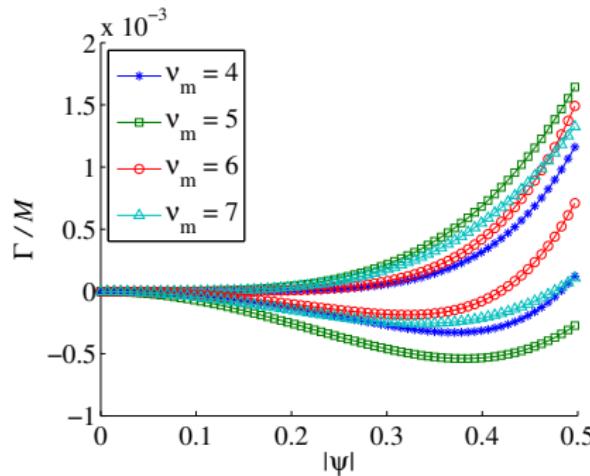
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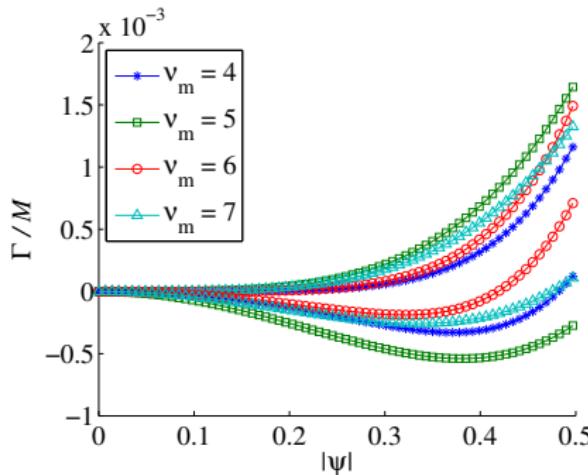


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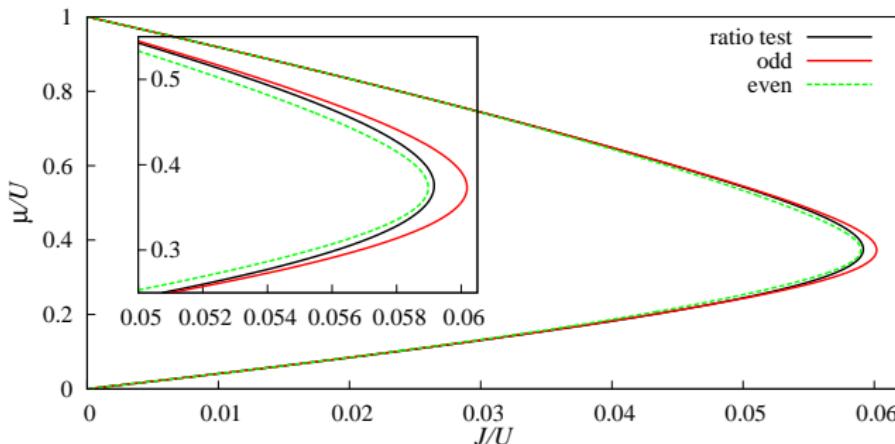
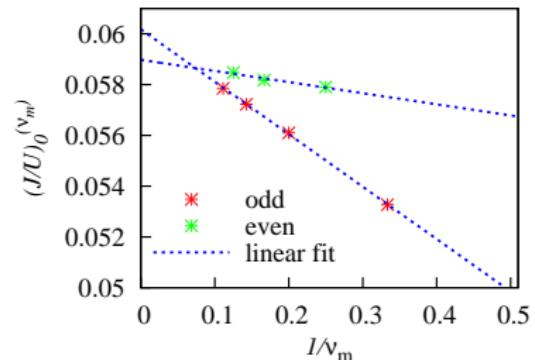
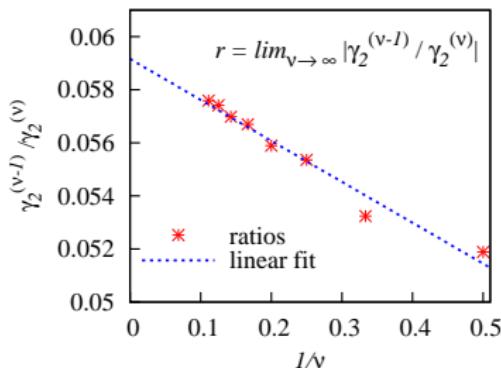
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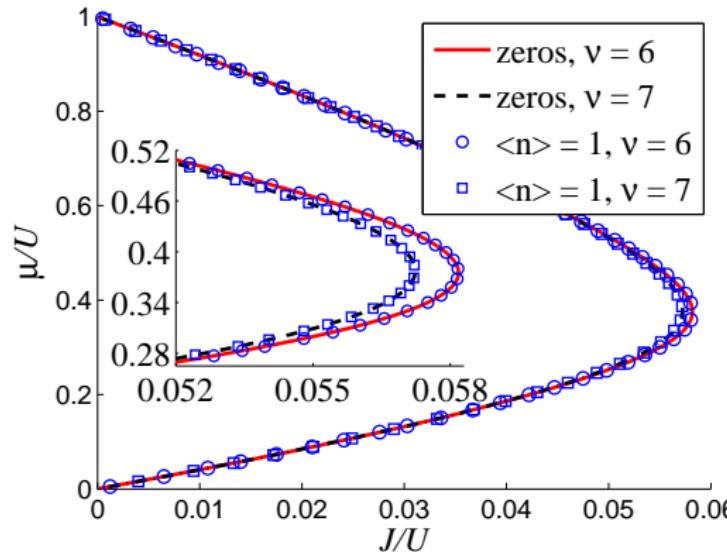
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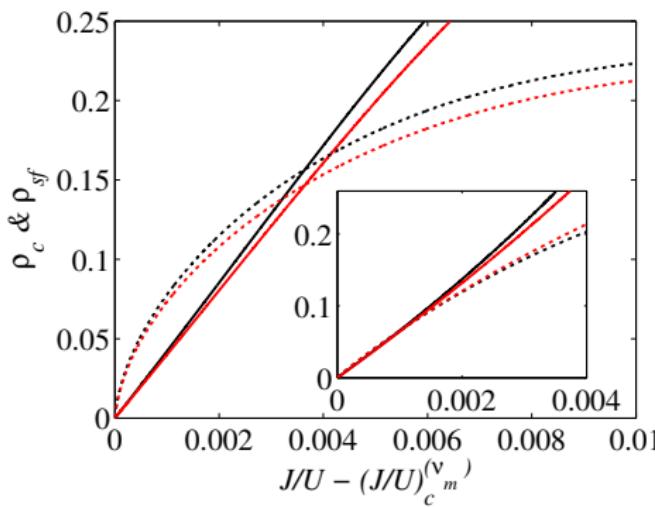
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black curves: ρ_{sf}

red curves: ρ_c

solid lines (odd orders): $|\psi|^4$ -approach

dotted lines (even orders): $|\psi|^6$ -approach

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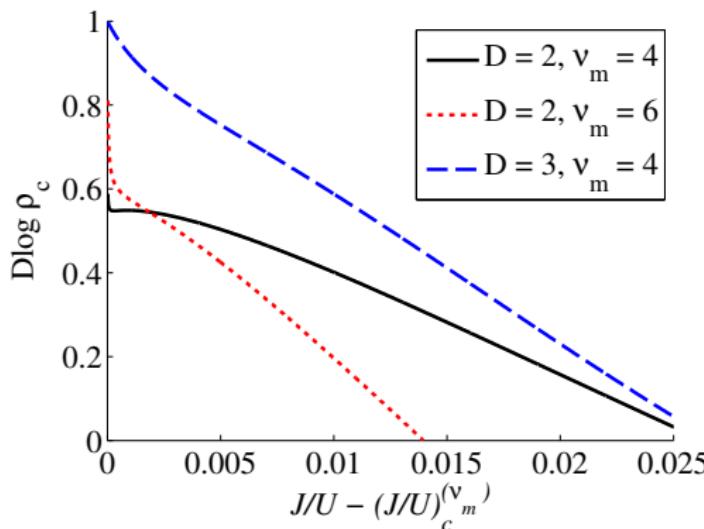
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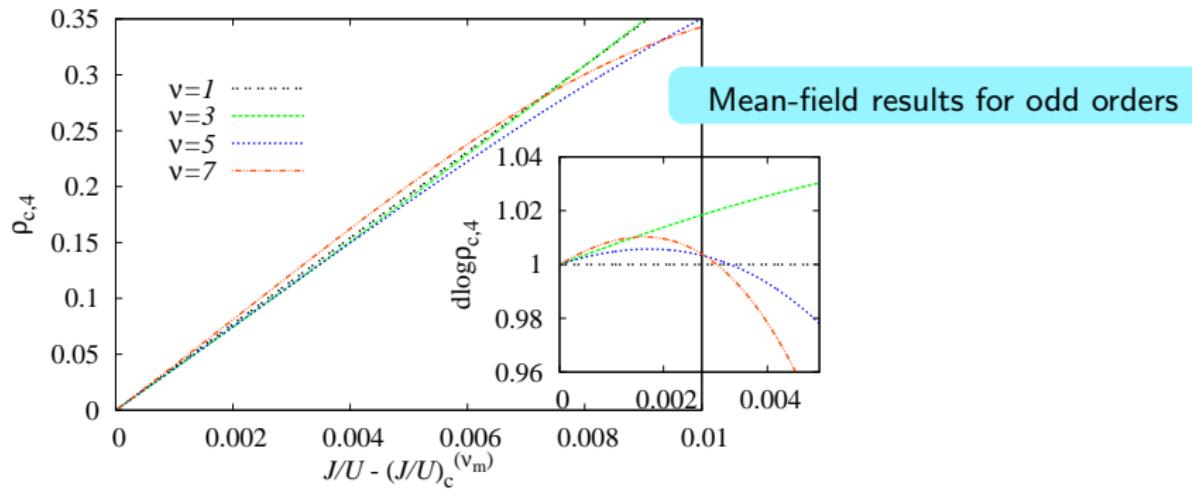
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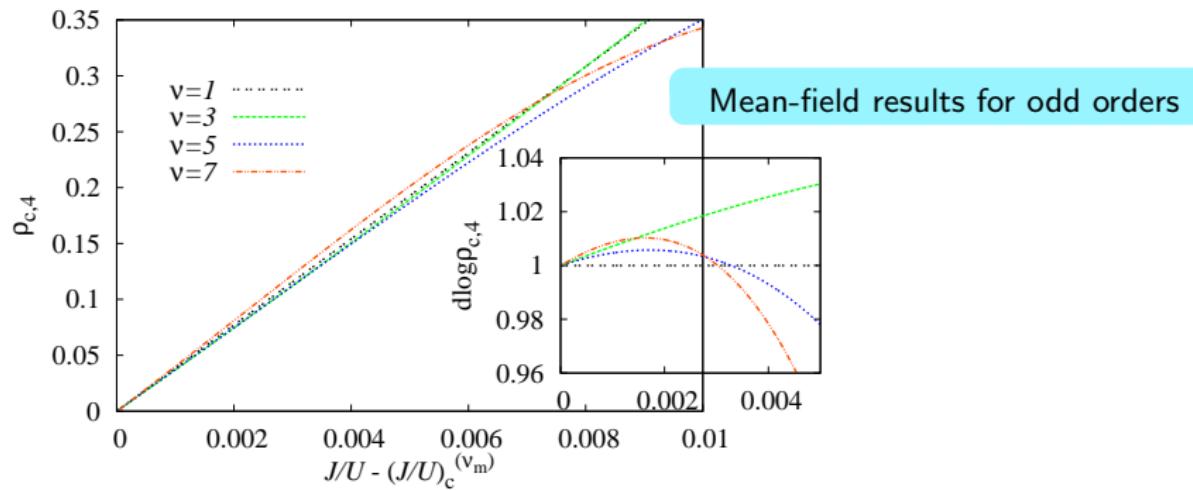
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$$q' = 2.4615$$

Superfluid density
 $\theta/L \rightarrow 0 : q' = 2.7818$

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 $q' \approx 2.52$

Critical exponents for $D = 2$

$|\psi|^4$ -approach

ν_m	$\beta_c^{(\nu_m)}$	$v^{(\nu_m)}$
3	1.3774	1.4291
5	1.0206	1.0836
7	1.0334	1.0221

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ν_m	$\beta_c^{(\nu_m)}$	$v^{(\nu_m)}$ (θ/L)	
		0.001	0.01
4	0.5715	0.6446	0.6463
6	0.6153	0.6525	0.6541

	β_c	v
$ \psi ^4$ -approach	0.7028	0.6784
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M. Campostrini et al. (3D XY-model)	0.6970(2)	0.67155(27)

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