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Quantum antiferromagnet on a Bethe lattice at percolation
II. Effective Hamiltonian for dangling spins SHIVAM GHOSH, HITESH
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lowest energy excitations of spin 1/2 Heisenberg antiferromagnets on percolation
clusters (about the Neel ordered state) were believed to be “quantum rotor states”
scaling with cluster size as $1/N$, until Wang and Sandvik [Wang et al, Phys. Rev.
B 81, 054417 (2010)] discovered a class of states in the diluted square lattice that
had even lower energies and had a different finite size scaling of the gap exponent.
They conjectured these anomalous states were due to local even/odd sublattice im-
balances, leading to emergent local moments called “dangling spins” that interact
over large distances, mediated through intervening spins. We have pursued this
question on the $z=3$ Bethe lattice at the percolation threshold. Exact diagonaliza-
tion shows, for every cluster, a split-off group of low-energy states having the same
quantum numbers as can be made using the dangling spins. We identify these with
the Wang-Sandvik anomalous states and model their energies using an effective pair
Hamiltonian coupling the “dangling spins.” The couplings are a function of sepa-
ration and geometry; the parameters are solved by fitting to a database of different
clusters. The separation dependence of these interactions can be related to the gap
scaling with N . We will also compare the effective Hamiltonian predictions to the
intersite susceptibility matrix of each cluster.

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