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## Bootstrapping frustrated magnets: the fate of the chiral $O(N) \times O(2)$ universality class

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We study multiscalar theories with  $O(N) \times O(2)$  symmetry. These models have a stable fixed point in d dimensions if N is greater than some critical value  $N_c(d)$ . The expectation is that at this critical value  $N_c(d)$  a merger between the stable and unstable fixed point occurs and that for  $N < N_c(d)$  the fixed points move off into the complex plane. Previous estimates of this critical value from perturbative and non-perturbative renormalization group methods have produced mutually incompatible results. We use numerical conformal bootstrap methods to constrain  $N_c(d)$  for  $3 \le d < 4$ . Our results show that  $N_c > 3.78$  for d = 3. This favors the scenario that the models that are physically relevant to the description of frustrated magnets where N = 2, 3 and d = 3, do not have a stable fixed point, indicating a first-order transition. We also find evidence for the merger-and-annihilation scenario being responsible for the disappearance of this fixed point in the form of the square root behavior of  $\Delta_{SS}$  as  $N_c$  is approached from above. Our result highlights the utility of modern algorithms for the numerical conformal bootstrap.

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