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Phase separation and charge-ordered phases of the $d = 3$ Falicov-Kimball model at nonzero temperature: Temperature-density-chemical potential global phase diagram from renormalization-group theory

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The global phase diagram of the spinless Falicov-Kimball model in $d = 3$ spatial dimensions is obtained by renormalization-group theory. This global phase diagram exhibits five distinct phases. Four of these phases are charge-ordered (CO) phases, in which the system forms two sublattices with different electron densities. The CO phases occur at and near half filling of the conduction electrons for the entire range of localized electron densities. The phase boundaries are second order, except for the intermediate and large interaction regimes, where a first-order phase boundary occurs in the central region of the phase diagram, resulting in phase coexistence at and near half filling of both localized and conduction electrons. These two-phase or three-phase coexistence regions are between different charge-ordered phases, between charge-ordered and disordered phases, and between dense and dilute disordered phases. The second-order phase boundaries terminate on the first-order phase transitions via critical endpoints and double critical endpoints. The first-order phase boundary is delimited by critical points. The cross-sections of the global phase diagram with respect to the chemical potentials and densities of the localized and conduction electrons, at all representative interactions strengths, hopping strengths, and temperatures, are calculated and exhibit ten distinct topologies.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Falicov-Kimball model (FKM) was proposed by L. M. Falicov and Kimball1 to analyze the thermodynamics of semiconductor-metal transitions in SmB$_6$ and transition-metal oxides.2–5 The model incorporates two types of electrons: one type can undergo hopping between sites and the other type cannot hop, thereby being localized at the sites. Thus, in its introduction, the FKM described the Coulomb interaction between mobile electrons and localized f-band electrons. There have been a multitude of subsequent physical interpretations based on this interaction, including that of localized ions attractively interacting with mobile electrons, which yields crystalline formation.6,7 Another physical interpretation of the model is as a binary alloy, in which the localized degree of freedom reflects A or B atom occupation.8,9 In this paper we employ the original language, with $d$ and $f$ electrons as conduction and localized electrons with a repulsive interaction between them.

Since there is no interacting spin degree of freedom in the Hamiltonian, the model is traditionally studied in the spinless case, commonly referred as the spinless FKM (SFKM) and which is in fact a special case of the Hubbard model in which one type of spin (e.g., spin-up) cannot hop.10 In spite of its simplicity, this model is able to describe many physical phenomena in rare-earth and transition metal compounds, such as metal transitions, charge ordering, etc.

Beyond the introduction of the spin degree of freedom for both electrons,11–27 there also exist many extensions of the original model. The most widely studied extensions include multiband hybridization,28–35 $f$-$f$ hopping,36–40 correlated hopping,41–45 nonbipartite lattices,46,47 hard-core bosonic particles,48 magnetic fields,16,24–27,47,48 and next-nearest-neighbor hopping.49 Exhaustive reviews are available in Refs. 50–53. The wider physical applications of both the basic FKM and its extended versions have aimed at explaining valence transitions,12,18–20 metal-insulator transitions,12,21–23,54 mixed valence phenomena,55 Raman scattering,56 colloidal magnetoresistance,24–27 electronic ferroelectricity,34,37–39 and phase separation.12,40,41,57–59

After the initial works on the FKM,1–5 the literature had to wait 14 years for rigorous results. Two independent studies, by Kennedy and Lieb57 and by Brandt and Schmidt60,61 proved for dimensions $d \geq 2$ that, at low temperatures, FKM has long-range charge order with the formation of two sublattices. Various methods have been used in the study of the FKM. In most of these studies, either the $d \rightarrow \infty$ infinite-dimensional limit or $d = 1,2$ low-dimensional cases have been investigated. Studies include limiting cases such as ground-state analysis or the large interaction limit. Renormalization-group theory62 offers fully physical and fairly easy techniques to yield global phase diagrams and other physical phenomena. The nontrivial nature of SFKM motivated us to determine the global phase diagram of the model, which resulted in a richly complex phase diagram involving charge ordering and phase coexistence, as exemplified in Fig. 1.

We use the general method for arbitrary dimensional quantum systems developed by A. Falicov and Berker63 to obtain the global phase diagram of the SFKM in $d = 3$, in terms of both the chemical potentials and the densities of the two types of electrons, for all temperatures. The outline of this paper is as

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are fermions, so that the Pauli exclusion principle forbids the occupation of a given site by more than one localized electron or by more than one conduction electron.

The first term of the Hamiltonian is the kinetic energy term, responsible for the quantum nature of the model. The system being invariant under sign change of $t$ (via a phase change of the local basis states in one sublattice), only positive $t$ values are considered. The second term is the screened on-site Coulomb interaction between localized and conduction electrons, with positive and negative $U_0$ values corresponding to attractive and repulsive interactions. We consider only the repulsive case, since the attractive case can be connected to the repulsive one by the particle-hole symmetry possessed by either type of electrons. Particle-hole symmetries are achieved by the transformations of $w_i \rightarrow 1 - w_i$ for the localized electrons and $c_i^\dagger \rightarrow \kappa_i c_i^\dagger$, $c_i \rightarrow \kappa_i c_i$ for the conduction electrons, where, for a bipartite lattice, $\kappa_i = 1$ for one sublattice and $\kappa_i = -1$ for the other.\cite{5,53} The last two terms of the Hamiltonian are the chemical potential terms with $\nu_0$ and $\mu_0$ being the chemical potential for a localized and conduction electron.

In order to carry out a renormalization-group transformation easily, we trivially rearrange the Hamiltonian given in Eq. (1) into the equivalent form of

$$
-\beta \mathcal{H} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [t(c_i^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_i) + U(n_i w_i + n_j w_j) + \mu(n_i + n_j) + \nu(w_i + w_j)]
\equiv \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [-\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij}],
$$

where $\beta = 1/k_B T$ and $\langle ij \rangle$ denotes the sum runs over all nearest-neighbor pairs of sites. Note that, as in all renormalization-group studies, the Hamiltonian has absorbed the inverse temperature. The dimensionless hopping strength $t$ can therefore be used as the inverse temperature. Here $c_i^\dagger$ and $c_i$ are, respectively, creation and annihilation operators for the conduction electrons at lattice site $i$, obeying the anticommutation rules $\{c_i, c_j\} = [c_i^\dagger, c_j^\dagger] = 0$ and $\{c_i^\dagger, c_j\} = \delta_{ij}$, while $n_i = c_i^\dagger c_i$ and $w_i$ are electron number operators for conduction and localized electrons respectively. The operator $w_i$ takes the values 1 or 0, for site $i$ being respectively occupied or unoccupied by a localized electron. The particles are fermions, so that the Pauli exclusion principle forbids the occupation of a given site by more than one localized electron or by more than one conduction electron.

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where, for a $d$-dimensional hypercubic lattice, $U = U_0/2d$, $\mu = \mu_0/2d$, $v = v_0/2d$, and $-\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij}$ is the two-site Hamiltonian involving only nearest-neighbor sites $i$ and $j$.

### III. Renormalization-Group Theory

#### A. Suzuki-Takano method in $d = 1$

In $d = 1$ the Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) is

$$ -\beta \mathcal{H} = \sum_i [ -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij} ]_{i+1}. \quad (3) $$

The renormalization-group procedure traces out half of the degrees of freedom in the partition function,

$$ \text{Tr}_{\text{odd}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{odd}} e^{\sum_{i} [ -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij} ]_{i+1}} $$

$$ \simeq \prod_i \text{Tr}_i e^{[ -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij} ]_{i+1}} $$

$$ \simeq e^{\sum_{odd} [ -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij} ]_{i+1}} = e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}. \quad (4) $$

Here and throughout this paper primes are used for the renormalized system. Thus, as an approximation, the non-commutativity of the operators beyond three consecutive sites is ignored at each successive length scale, in the two steps indicated by $\simeq$ in the above equation. Earlier studies have established the quantitative validity of this procedure.

The above transformation is algebraically summarized in

$$ e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij}} = T_i e^{[ -\beta \mathcal{H}_{ij} ]_{i+1}}, \quad (5) $$

### Table II. The three-site basis states that appear in Eq. (7), in the form $|w_n, u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}|$. The total localized and conduction electron numbers $w$ and $n$, the eigenvalue $\mu$ of the operator $T_{ij}$ defined after Eq. (8) are indicated. $|\psi_{11,13}|$, $x = 0, 1, \ldots, 15$, are respectively obtained from $|\psi_{11,13}|$ by the action of $T_{ij}$, while the corresponding Hamiltonian matrix elements are multiplied by the $u$ values of the states.

| $w$ | $n$ | $\mu$ | Three-site basis states |
|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 0   | 0   | +   | $|\phi_1\rangle = |00,00\rangle$ |
| 0   | 1   | +   | $|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00,01\rangle + |01,00\rangle)$ |
| 0   | 1   | -   | $|\phi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00,01\rangle - |01,00\rangle)$ |
| 0   | 2   | -   | $|\phi_4\rangle = |01,01\rangle$ |
| 1   | 0   | +   | $|\phi_5\rangle = |00,10\rangle$ |
| 1   | 1   | +   | $|\phi_6\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00,11\rangle + |01,10\rangle)$ |
| 1   | 1   | -   | $|\phi_7\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00,11\rangle - |01,10\rangle)$ |
| 1   | 2   | -   | $|\phi_8\rangle = |01,11\rangle$ |
| 2   | 0   | +   | $|\phi_9\rangle = |10,10\rangle$ |
| 2   | 1   | +   | $|\phi_{10}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10,11\rangle + |11,10\rangle)$ |
| 2   | 1   | -   | $|\phi_{11}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10,11\rangle - |11,10\rangle)$ |
| 2   | 2   | -   | $|\phi_{12}\rangle = |11,11\rangle$ |
where $i, j, k$ are three successive sites. The operator $-\beta^2 \mathcal{H}'_{i,j,k}$ acts on two-site states, while the operator $-\beta \mathcal{H}_{i,j} - \beta \mathcal{H}_{j,i}$ acts on three-site states. Thus we can rewrite Eq. (5) in matrix form as

$$
\langle u_i v_k | e^{-\beta^2 \mathcal{H}'_{i,j,k}} | u_j v_k \rangle = \sum_{s_j} \langle u_i s_j v_k | e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{i,j}} | u_j s_j v_k \rangle \delta_{s_j},
$$

(6)

where state variables $u_i, v_k, s_j, \tilde{u}_\ell$, and $\tilde{v}_\ell$ can be one of the four possible single-site $| u_i, n_i \rangle$ states at each site $\ell$, namely one of (00), (01), (10), and (11). Equation (6) indicates that the unrenormalized $64 \times 64$ matrix on the right-hand side is contracted into the renormalized $16 \times 16$ matrix on the left-hand side. We use two-site basis states, $| \psi_p \rangle$, and three-site basis states, $| \psi_q \rangle$, in order to block-diagonalize the matrices in Eq. (6). These basis states are the eigenstates of total localized and conduction electron numbers. The set of $| \psi_p \rangle$ and $| \psi_q \rangle$ are given in Tables I and II, respectively. The corresponding block-diagonal Hamiltonian matrices are given in Appendixes A and B.

With these basis states, Eq. (6) can be rewritten as

$$
\langle \psi_p | e^{-\beta^2 \mathcal{H}'_{i,j,k}} | \psi_p \rangle = \sum_{s_j} \sum_{q, \tilde{q}} \langle \psi_p | u_i v_k | u_j s_j v_k | \psi_q \rangle \delta_{s_j}
$$

$$
\times \langle \psi_q | e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{i,j}} - \beta \mathcal{H}_{j,i} | \psi_q \rangle \langle \psi_q | u_i s_j v_k | u_j v_k | \phi_p \rangle.
$$

(7)

Once written in the basis states $| \phi_p \rangle$, the block-diagonal renormalized matrix has 13 independent elements, which means that renormalization-group transformation of the Hamiltonian generates nine more interaction constants apart from $t$, $U$, $\mu$, and $v$. In this 13-dimensional interaction space, the form of the Hamiltonian stays closed under renormalization-group transformations. This Hamiltonian is

$$
-\beta \mathcal{H}_{i,j} = t(c_i^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_i) + U(n_i w_i + n_j w_j) + \mu(n_i + n_j) + v(w_i + w_j) + J n_i n_j
$$

$$
+ K w_i w_j + L n_i n_j w_i w_j + P(n_i w_i + n_j w_j)
$$

$$
+ V_v n_i n_j (w_i + w_j) + V_w (n_i + n_j) w_i w_j
$$

$$
+ Q T_i w_i w_j + R T_j (w_i + w_j) + G
$$

(8)

TABLE III. Interaction constants $K_v$, runaway coefficients $K_v'$, and expectation values $M_v = \langle \tilde{K}_v \rangle$, at the phase sinks. Here, $\tilde{K}_v$ are used as abbreviations for the conjugate operators for interaction constants $K_v$ (e.g., $\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle = \langle \hat{c}_i^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_i \rangle$, $\langle \hat{U} \rangle = (n_i w_i + n_i w_j)$, etc.). The nonzero hopping expectation value is $-a = -0.62905$. In the subscripts in the first columns, the left and right entries refer to the localized and conduction electrons, respectively, as dilute (d) or dense (D).

| Phase sink | $t$ | $U$ | $\mu$ | $v$ | $J$ | $K$ | $L$ | $P$ | $V_v$ | $V_w$ | $Q$ | $R$ |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 0 | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 0 | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |

| Phase sink | $t'/t$ | $U'/U$ | $\mu'/\mu$ | $v'/v$ | $J'/J$ | $K'/K$ | $L'/L$ | $P'/P$ | $V_v'/V_v$ | $V_w'/V_w$ | $Q'/Q$ | $R'/R$ |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}, \delta_{\text{DD}}$ | $-a$ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}, \delta_{\text{DD}}$ | $-a$ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}, \delta_{\text{DD}}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}, \delta_{\text{DD}}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 |

| Phase sink | $\langle i \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{U} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{\mu} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{v} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{J} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{K} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{L} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{P} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{V}_v \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{V}_w \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{Q} \rangle$ | $\langle \hat{R} \rangle$ | Character |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | dilute-dilute |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | dense-dense |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | dense-dilute |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | dense-dense |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | dense-dense |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $-a$ | a | a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | dilute-charge ord. dilute |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $-a$ | 0 | $2-a$ | 0 | 1 | $-a$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | dilute-charge ord. dense |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $-a$ | a | a | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | a | 0 | a | 1 | 2 | dense-charge ord. dilute |
| $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ | $-a$ | 2 | $-2-a$ | 2 | 1 | $-a$ | 1 | 2 | 2 | $-2-a$ | $-1+2a$ | $-2+4a$ | dense-charge ord. dense |
where $T_{ij}$ is a local operator that switches the conduction electron states of sites $i$ and $j$: $T_{ij}|w_i,n_i,w_j,n_j\rangle = u|w_i,n_i,w_j,n_j\rangle$ with $u = 1$ for $n_i + n_j < 2$ and $u = -1$ otherwise. When $T_{ik}$ is applied, further below to three consecutive sites $i$, $j$, $k$, $T_{ik}|w_i,n_i,w_j,n_j,w_k,n_k\rangle = u|w_i,n_i,w_j,n_j,w_k,n_k\rangle$ with $u = 1$ for $n_i + n_j + n_k < 2$ and $u = -1$ otherwise.

To extract the renormalization-group recursion relations, we consider the matrix elements $\gamma'_{\phi,\phi} = \langle \phi|e^{-\beta H_c}|\phi\rangle$. With $\gamma_{9,9} = \gamma_{5,5}$, $\gamma_{10,10} = \gamma_{6,6}$, $\gamma_{11,11} = \gamma_{7,7}$, and $\gamma_{12,12} = \gamma_{8,8}$, 12 out of 16 diagonal elements are independent and, with $\gamma_{11,11} = \gamma_{11,11} = \gamma_{6,6} = -\gamma_{6,7}$, only one of the four off-diagonal elements is independent, summing up to 13 independent matrix elements. Thus we obtain the renormalized interaction constants in terms of $\gamma'$, defining $\gamma'_{p,p} = \gamma_{p,p}$ for the diagonal elements and $\gamma'_{0,0} = \gamma_{0,7}$ for the only independent off-diagonal element

$$t' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_{5,5}}{\gamma_3}, \quad U' = \ln \frac{\gamma_{14,0}}{\gamma_{2,5}}, \quad \mu' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_5}{\gamma_1},$$

$$v' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2}{\gamma_1 \gamma_3 \gamma_6}, \quad J' = \ln \frac{\gamma_{3,5} \gamma_{12}}{\gamma_2 \gamma_5},$$

$$K' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_2 \gamma_5 \gamma_{12}^2 \gamma_{15}^2}{\gamma_5^2 \gamma_7 \gamma_5 \gamma_{14}}, \quad L' = \ln \frac{\gamma_{14,0} \gamma_2 \gamma_{12}^2 \gamma_{13} \gamma_{16}}{\gamma_{7}^2 \gamma_5 \gamma_{13} \gamma_{14} \gamma_{15}}.$$

$$P' = \ln \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_{2,5}}, \quad V'_n = \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_0 \gamma_{12}}, \quad V'_w = \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}{\gamma_{15} \gamma_{12}^2 \gamma_{13}}.$$

$$Q' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}, \quad R' = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}{\gamma_{2,5} \gamma_{15}^2 \gamma_{12}^2}, \quad G' = \ln \gamma_1.$$

The matrix elements $\gamma'$ of the exponentiated renormalized Hamiltonian are connected, by Eq. (7), to the matrix elements, $\eta_{\alpha,\beta} = \langle \psi_\alpha|e^{-\beta H_c}|\psi_\beta\rangle$ of the exponentiated unrenormalized Hamiltonian,

$$\gamma_0 = \eta_{12,18} + \eta_{21,27} + \eta_{36,42} + \eta_{45,51},$$

$$\gamma_1 = \eta_1 + \eta_3 + \eta_{10} + \eta_{16},$$

$$\gamma_2 = \eta_3 + \eta_7 + \eta_{13} + \eta_{28}.$$
The matrix elements $\eta_{q,\bar{q}}$ can be obtained in terms of the unrenormalized interactions via exponentiating the unrenormalized Hamiltonian matrix whose elements are given in Appendix B.

**B. Renormalization-group transformation in $d > 1$**

Equations (9) and (10), together with Appendix B, constitute the renormalization-group recursion relations for $d = 1$, in the form $\vec{K}' = R(\vec{K})$, where $\vec{K} = (t, U, \mu, v, J, K, L, P, V_a, V_{\nu}, Q, R, G)$. To generalize to higher dimension $d > 1$, we use the Migdal-Kadanoff procedure,\textsuperscript{75,76}

$$\vec{K}' = b^{d-1} R(\vec{K}),$$

where $b = 2$ is the rescaling factor and $R$ is the renormalization-group transformation in $d = 1$ for the interaction constants vector $\vec{K}$. This procedure is exact for $d$-dimensional hierarchical lattices\textsuperscript{77-79} and a very good approximation for hypercubic lattices for obtaining complex phase diagrams.

Each phase in the phase diagram has its own (stable) fixed point(s), which is called a phase sink (Table III). All points within a phase flow to the sink(s) of that phase under successive renormalization-group transformations. Phase boundaries also have their own (unstable) fixed points (Table IV), where the relevant exponent analysis gives the order of the phase transition. Thus, the repartition of the renormalization-group flows determine the phase diagram in thermodynamic-field space. Matrix multiplications, along the renormalization-group trajectory, with the derivative matrix of the recursion...
The latter are determined (Table III) by the left eigenvector, the trajectory to the expectations values at the phase sink. Relations relate the expectation values at the starting point of the recursion matrix at the sink, where \( b = 2 \) is the length-rescaling factor of the renormalization-group transformation. When the expectation values are thus calculated for the points of the phase boundary, the phase diagram in density space is determined.\(^{80,81}\)

**IV. GLOBAL PHASE DIAGRAM OF SFKM**

The global phase diagram of SFKM is calculated, as described above, for the whole range of the interactions \( (t, U, v, \mu) \). The global phase diagram is thus four-dimensional. \( 1/t \) can be taken as the temperature variable. We present the calculated global phase diagram in four subsections: The first subsection gives the \( t = 0 \) classical submodel. The other subsections are devoted to small, intermediate, and large values of the interaction \( |U| \). We present constant \( t/|U| \) cross sections in terms of the localized and conduction electron chemical potentials \( v/|U| \) and \( \mu/|U| \) and in terms of the localized and conduction electron densities \( \langle w_i \rangle \) and \( \langle n_i \rangle \).

**A. Classical submodel \( t = 0 \)**

Setting the quantum effect to zero, \( t = 0 \), yields the classical submodel, closed under the renormalization-group flows. The global flow basins in \( v/|U| \) and \( \mu/|U| \) are the same for all \( U \), given in Fig. 2. There exist four regions of a disordered phase within this submodel, which are localized-dilute-conduction-

![Figure 4](image-url)  
**FIG. 4.** Zoomed portion of Fig. 3, for the \( |U| = 0.1, t/|U| = 10 \) phase diagram.

![Figure 5](image-url)  
**FIG. 5.** Constant \( t/|U| \) cross sections of the phase diagram for interaction \( |U| = 1 \), in terms of the chemical potentials (upper panels) and densities (lower panels) of the localized and conduction electrons. The dotted and thick full lines are respectively first- and second-order phase transitions. Phase separation (i.e., phase coexistence) occurs inside the dotted boundaries, as identified in the figure. The details of the coexistence region in the lower-right panel are given in Fig. 6. The quadruple point Q tie line is shown as the thin straight line. The dashed lines are not phase transitions, but smooth changes between the different density regions of the disordered (\( \delta \)) phase.
dilute, localized-dilute-conduction-dense, localized-dense-conduction-dilute, and localized-dense-conduction-dense regions, denoted by $\delta_{\text{dd}}, \delta_{\text{dD}}, \delta_{\text{DD}}$, and $\delta_{\text{DD}}$, respectively. [In phase subscripts throughout this paper, the first and second subscripts respectively describe localized and conduction electron densities, as dilute (d) or dense (D).] In the renormalization-group flows, each $\delta$ region is the basin of attraction of its own sink. The dashed lines between the different regions are not phase boundaries, but smooth transitions (such as the supercritical liquid-gas or up-magnetized-down-magnetized transitions), which are controlled by zero-coupling null fixed points.82

It should be noted that the Suzuki-Takano and Migdal-Kadanoff methods are actually exact for this classical submodel, and yield exactly the same picture as obtained in Ref. 83.

B. Small $|U|$ regime

In this subsection, we present our results for $|U| = 0.1$, representative of the weak-interaction regime. The $t = 0$ phase diagram of Fig. 2 evolves under the introduction of quantum effects via a nonzero hopping strength $t$. It should be noted that increasing the dimensionless Hamiltonian parameter $t$ is equivalent to reducing temperature, as in all renormalization-group studies. The first effect is the decrease and elimination (left panels of Fig. 3) of the (smooth) passage between the $\delta_{\text{dd}}$ and $\delta_{\text{dD}}$ regions. With this elimination, all four regions meet at $t/v = 0.5$ and $w_i = n_i = 0.5$, the half filling of both localized and conduction electrons. With increasing $t$ (equivalent to decreasing temperature), four new, charge-ordered (CO) phases emerge at $t \simeq 0.6$. The CO phases occur at and near half filling of conduction electrons for the entire range of localized electron densities. The CO phases grow with increasing $t$ (decreasing temperature) until saturation at high $t$ (right panels of Fig. 3).

All of the new CO phases have nonzero hopping density $\langle e^1_i c_j + c_j^1 e_i \rangle = -a = -0.629050$ at their phase sinks. The expectation values at the sinks are evaluated as the left eigenvector of the recursion matrix with eigenvalue $b^t$. In the CO phases, the hopping strength $t$ diverges to infinity under repeated renormalization-group transformations (whereas in the $\delta$ phases, $t$ vanishes under repeated renormalization-group transformations). The localized electron density is $\langle w_i + w_j \rangle = 0$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{dD}}$, while $\langle w_i + w_j \rangle = 2$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{Dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{DD}}$, which throughout the corresponding phases calculationally translates as low (d) and high (D) localized electron densities, respectively. Recall that on phase labels (CO and $\delta$) throughout this paper, the first and second subscripts respectively describe localized and conduction electron densities.

The conduction electron density is $\langle n_i + n_j \rangle = a = 0.629050$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{dD}}$, while $\langle n_i + n_j \rangle = 2 - a = 1.370950$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{Dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{DD}}$. The nearest-neighbor conduction electron number correlation is $\langle n_i n_j \rangle = 0$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{dD}}$, while $\langle n_i n_j \rangle = 1 - a = 0.370950$ at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{Dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{DD}}$. Consequently, for conduction electrons, if a given site is occupied, its nearest-neighbor site is empty at the sinks of $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{dD}}$. The $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{Dd}}$ phases are connected to the $\text{CO}_{\text{dd}}$ and $\text{CO}_{\text{dD}}$ phases by particle-hole interchange on the conduction electrons. Thus, in the CO phases, the lattice can be divided into two sublattices with different electron densities. The behavior at the CO sinks therefore indicates charge-ordered phases at finite temperatures, as also previously seen in ground-state studies.81,84,85 Note that this charge ordering is a purely quantum mechanical effect caused by hopping, since the SFKM Hamiltonian Eq. (1) studied here does not contain an interaction between electrons at different sites.

In the small $|U|$ regime, all phase boundaries around the CO phases are second order. As seen in the expanded Fig. 4, all four CO phases and all four regions of the $\delta$ phase (as narrow slivers) meet at $v_j/|U| = \mu/|U| = 0.5$ and $w_i = n_i = 0.5$, the half-filling point of both localized and conduction electrons. All characteristics of the sinks and boundary fixed points are given in Tables III and IV.

C. Intermediate $|U|$ regime

In this subsection, the phase diagram for $|U| = 1$, representative of the intermediate-interaction regime, is presented. Figure 5 gives constant $t/|U|$ cross sections. First-order phase boundaries appear in the central region of the phase diagram, at and near the half filling of both localized and conduction electrons.

For low values of $t$ (left panels of Fig. 5), equivalent to high temperatures, two first-order phase boundaries, bounded by four critical points C, pinch at a quadruple point Q. In the (left-lower) density-density phase diagram, four phase separation (coexistence) regions mark the first-order phase transitions. Inside these regions, coexistence (phase separation) occurs between the phases on each side of these regions, as indicated on the figure. The tie line of the quadruple point is
shown as a thin straight line. All four \( \delta \) phases coexist (phase separate) on this line.

As \( t \) increases (temperature decreases), the four charge-ordered CO phases appear again at \( t \approx 0.6 \), as seen in the leftmost panels of Fig. 1. The CO phases again occur at and near half filling of conduction electrons for the entire range of localized electron densities. In the right panels of Fig. 5, the second-order transition lines bounding the CO phases terminate at two critical endpoints \( E^2 \) and two double critical endpoints \( E_2 \) on the first-order line in the central region (zoomed in Fig. 6). Thus, first-order transitions and phase separation occur between the pairs of \( \delta_{DD} \) and \( \delta_{dd} \), \( \delta_{DD} \) and \( \delta_{Dd} \), \( \delta_{DD} \) and \( \delta_{dD} \), and \( \delta_{DD} \) and \( \delta_{dd} \) phases, as indicated on Fig. 6, at and near the half filling of both localized and conduction electrons.

The evolution of the phase diagrams between right and left panels of Fig. 5 are shown in Fig. 1.

**D. Large \(|U|\) regime**

The evolution of the global phase diagram, as the interaction strength is increased, is seen in the phase diagrams in Fig. 7. The CO phases emerge again at \( t \approx 0.6 \). With increasing \( t \) (decreasing temperature), the CO phases grow, until saturation seen in Fig. 7. The topology of the phase diagram with five phases stays the same for all \( t \gtrsim 0.6 \).

The constant \( t/|U| \) cross sections of the phase diagram are given in Fig. 7. For \( U = 1.5 \), the double critical endpoints \( E_2 \) have split into pairs of simple critical endpoints \( E \), resulting in six separate critical endpoints. For \( U = 1.845 \) 628 (Fig. 8), the inner two critical endpoints have merged into a single double critical endpoint. For \( U = 10 \), the double critical endpoint has split into two critical endpoints and the critical lines in...
In these CO phases the bipartite lattice is divided into two sublattices of alternating electron density. The CO phases occur at or near the half filling of conduction electrons. The phase diagrams with all five phases for \( t \geq 0.6 \) exhibit different topologies, for the small, intermediate, and large \(|U|\) regimes.

For the small \(|U|\) (weak-interaction) regime, all phase boundaries are second order. All five phases meet at \( v'\mu/|U| = \mu/|U| = 0.5 \) and \( (w_i) = (n_i) = 0.5 \), the half-filling point of both localized and conduction electrons.

For the intermediate \(|U|\) (intermediate-interaction) regime, a first-order phase boundary emerges in the central region of the phase diagram. This first-order boundary is centered at \( v'\mu/|U| = \mu/|U| = 0.5 \) and is bounded by two critical points C. The second-order lines bounding the CO phases terminate at critical endpoints E and double critical endpoints E2 on the first-order boundary. Due to this first-order phase transition at and near the half filling of both localized and conduction electrons, a rich variety of phase separation (phase coexistence) occurs, as indicated on Figs. 1, 5, 6, and 7.

For the large \(|U|\) (strong-interaction) regime, as \(|U|\) is increased, the critical endpoints pass through each other by merging and unmerging as double critical endpoints. For large \(|U|\), the COdd and CODD phases are detached from the COdd and COap phases, forming two separate bundles, at high and low densities of localized electrons respectively. First-order transitions occur between the variously dense and dilute \( \delta \). The global phase diagram underpinning all of these cross sections is decidedly quite complex.

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APPENDIX A: BLOCK-DIAGONAL RENORMALIZED HAMILTONIAN

The matrix elements of the block-diagonal renormalized two-site Hamiltonian in the \( \{\phi_p\} \) basis are given in Eq. A1, where \( \langle \phi_p | - \beta \mathcal{H}_{i,k} | \phi_p \rangle = \epsilon_p + G' \) for the 12 independent diagonal elements and \( \langle \phi_0 | - \beta \mathcal{H}_{i,k} | \phi_7 \rangle = \epsilon_0 \) for the only independent off-diagonal element

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\begin{align*}
\epsilon_1 &= 0, & \epsilon_2 &= t' + \mu', & \epsilon_3 &= -t' + \mu', & \epsilon_4 &= 2\mu' + J', \\
\epsilon_5 &= v' + R', & \epsilon_6 &= t' + U'/2 + \mu' + v' + P'/2 + R', \\
\epsilon_7 &= -t' + U'/2 + \mu' + v' + P'/2 - R', \\
\epsilon_8 &= U' + 2\mu' + v' + J' + P' + V_\mu - R', \\
\epsilon_{13} &= 2v' + K' + Q' + 2R', \\
\epsilon_{14} &= t' + U' + \mu' + 2v' + K' + P' + V_\mu + Q' + 2R', \\
\epsilon_{15} &= -t' + U' + \mu' + 2v' + K' + P' + V_\mu - Q' - 2R', \\
\epsilon_{16} &= 2(U' + \mu' + v') + J' + L' + 2(P' + V_\mu + V_w) - Q' - 2R', \\
\epsilon_0 &= (U' - P')/2.
\end{align*}
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APPENDIX B: BLOCK-DIAGONAL UNRENORMALIZED HAMILTONIAN

The matrix elements of the block-diagonal unrenormalized three-site Hamiltonian in the \(|\psi_q\rangle\) basis are given in Eq. (B1), where \(\langle \psi_q | - \beta H_{i,j} - \beta H_{j,k} | \psi_q \rangle = \epsilon_q + 2G\) for the diagonal elements and \(\langle \psi_q | - \beta H_{i,j} - \beta H_{j,k} | \psi_q \rangle = \epsilon_{q,q}\) for the off-diagonal elements

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\begin{align*}
\epsilon_1 &= 0, \quad \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = \epsilon_4 = \epsilon_6/2 = \mu, \quad \epsilon_5 = \epsilon_7 = 2\mu + J, \\
\epsilon_8 &= 3\mu + 2J, \quad \epsilon_9 = \epsilon_{34}/2 = v + R, \quad \epsilon_{10} = v + 2R, \\
\epsilon_{12} &= \epsilon_{18} = U/2 + \mu + v + R/2, \\
\epsilon_{13} &= \epsilon_{19} = \mu + v + P + R, \quad \epsilon_{15} = \mu + v + P, \\
\epsilon_{16} &= \epsilon_{49}/2 = U + \mu + v, \\
\epsilon_{21} &= U/2 + 2\mu + v/2 + J + P + (V_n - R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{22} &= \epsilon_{28} = U + 2\mu + v + J + P + V_n - R, \\
\epsilon_{24} &= U + 2\mu + v, \quad \epsilon_{25} = 2\mu + v + 2P, \\
\epsilon_{27} &= U/2 + 2\mu + v + J + P + (V_n - R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{30} &= U + 3\mu + v + 2J + P + V_n - R, \\
\epsilon_{31} &= U + 3\mu + v + 2(J + P + V_n - R), \\
\epsilon_{33} &= 2v + K + Q + 3R, \\
\epsilon_{36} &= \epsilon_{42} = U/2 + \mu + 2v + K + P + (V_w + Q + 3R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{37} &= \epsilon_{43} = U + \mu + 2v + R, \\
\epsilon_{39} &= U + \mu + 2v + K + P + V_w, \quad \epsilon_{40} = \mu + 2(v + P), \\
\epsilon_{45} &= \epsilon_{51} = 3U/2 + 2(\mu + v) + J + K + L/2 + 2P + 3(V_n + V_w)/2 - (Q + 3R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{46} &= \epsilon_{52} = U + 2(\mu + v) + J + 2P + V_n - R, \\
\epsilon_{48} &= U + 2(\mu + v) + K + 2P + V_w, \\
\epsilon_{54} &= 2U + 3\mu + 2(v + J) + K + L + 3(P + V_n) + 2V_w - Q - 3R, \\
\epsilon_{55} &= 2U + 3\mu + 2(v + J + P + V_n - R), \\
\epsilon_{57} &= 3v + 2(K + Q) + 4R, \\
\epsilon_{58} &= \epsilon_{60} = U + \mu + 3v + 2K + P + V_w + Q + 2R, \\
\epsilon_{59} &= U + \mu + 3v + 2(K + P + V_w), \\
\epsilon_{61} &= \epsilon_{63} = 2(U + \mu + 3v + J + 2K + L + 3P + 2V_n + 3V_w - Q - 2R, \\
\epsilon_{62} &= 2(U + \mu) + 3v + 2(K + P + V_w), \\
\epsilon_{64} &= 3(U + \mu + v) + 2(J + K + L) + 4(P + V_n + V_w - Q - R), \\
\epsilon_{2,3} &= \epsilon_{6,7} = \sqrt{2t}, \quad \epsilon_{12,15} = \epsilon_{24,27} = (2t + R)/\sqrt{2}, \\
\epsilon_{12,18} &= (U - R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{13,16} &= \epsilon_{25,28} = \epsilon_{37,40} = \epsilon_{49,52} = \sqrt{2}(t + R), \\
\epsilon_{15,18} &= -\epsilon_{21,24} = R/\sqrt{2}, \quad \epsilon_{21,27} = (U + V_n - R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{36,39} &= \epsilon_{48,51} = (2t + Q + 3R)/\sqrt{2}, \\
\epsilon_{39,42} &= -\epsilon_{45,48} = (Q + R)/\sqrt{2}, \\
\epsilon_{45,51} &= (U + L + V_n + V_w - Q - R)/2, \\
\epsilon_{58,59} &= \epsilon_{62,63} = \sqrt{2}(t + Q + 2R).
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