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Inequalities involving Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potentials in dimensions 2 and 3

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This paper is devoted to a collection of results on nonlinear interpolation inequalities with Schrödinger operators involving Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potentials, and their consequences. As symmetry plays an important role for establishing optimal inequalities, we shall consider various cases corresponding to a circle, a two-dimensional torus, and also the Euclidean spaces of dimensions 2 and 3. The results are new and we put the emphasis on the methods, as very little is known on symmetry, rigidity and optimality in the presence of a magnetic field. Spectacular applications are new magnetic Hardy inequalities in dimensions 2 and 3.

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problems involving magnetic fields play a peculiar role in the calculus of variations. It is fair to say that there are no simple physical intuitions that may serve as a guide; one has to extract information through exact computations, such as for the Landau Hamiltonian. A case in point are the *symmetry properties* where in the absence of magnetic fields one has fairly robust methods. The isoperimetric inequality is one of the main sources of intuition; its proofs are essentially different versions of the isoperimetric problem. This is not the case in the presence of magnetic fields and there are very few results in this direction.

A notable example is the work of Avron, Herbst and Simon [2] who proved that the ground state energy of the hydrogenic atom in a constant magnetic field has cylindrical symmetry. The proof is quite involved. Another result that comes to mind is the result of Faber and Krahn who proved the equivalent of the Faber–Krahn inequality for the Dirichlet eigenvalue of the Laplacian operator with a constant magnetic field and with a Dirichlet boundary condition on a domain. The disk yields the smallest ground state energy among domains of equal area. Again, the proof is quite involved and some arguments are non-linear. In this connection one should mention the recent result of Nys and van Schaftingen [8] who showed perturbatively that in some variational problems involving a small constant magnetic field the minimizers break the symmetry of the problem. Besides the constant magnetic field, a large class of physically relevant variational problems involve Aharonov–Bohm fields and the purpose of this paper is to give an up-to-date account of the state of the art.

The Aharonov–Bohm effect states that the wave function of a charged quantum particle passing by a thin magnetic solenoid experiences a phase shift. This, however, is not an apparent interaction with the solenoid except through the vector potential of the particle with the ‘unphysical’ vector potential. This prediction was first made originally by Ehrenberg and Siday in 1949 (see [18]) and then again in the context of the Aharonov–Bohm effect (see [1]) and we will stay with the custom of calling it the Aharonov–Bohm effect. It cannot be explained in terms of classical mechanics, but it has been experimentally verified (see [4]). It counts as one of the important non-classical effects.

One question one may pose is the influence of the Aharonov–Bohm potential on the energies of systems, say, of a particle in a potential interacting with a magnetic field. It is relatively straightforward to write the Hamiltonian for this situation and one may ask for the effect of the Aharonov–Bohm field on the spectrum of the Hamiltonian. One fruitful approach is to relate the ground state energy of a mechanical particle in an external potential to the minimization of a variational problem. This also works in the presence of magnetic fields. In particular, with the Aharonov–Bohm field. In this context, this leads

which are the dual versions of the *Keller–Lieb–Thirring spectral estimates* in various symmetry settings, we are interested in getting as much insight about the best constants in the inequalities and also about the qualities of their extremal functions. Indeed, in many cases studying the properties of those extremal functions allows us to get very accurate, or even sharp, estimates for the best constants in the inequalities (see [1]).

In Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^d$, the *magnetic Laplacian* is defined via a *magnetic vector potential* $\mathbf{A}$ by

$$-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} \psi = -\Delta \psi - 2i \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla \psi + |\mathbf{A}|^2 \psi - i (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{A}) \psi.$$

In the case of dimensions $d = 2$ and $d = 3$. The *magnetic field* is $\mathbf{B} = \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{A}$. The quadratic form associated with $-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}}$ is given by $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2$ and well-defined functions in the space

$$H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) : \nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)\}$$

The *magnetic gradient* takes the form

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} := \nabla + i \mathbf{A}.$$

The *Aharonov–Bohm magnetic field* can be considered as a singular measure supported on the set $x_1 = x_2 = 0$, where $(x_i)_{i=1}^d$ is a system of cartesian coordinates. The *magnetic potential* is defined as follows.

We now consider *polar coordinates* (r, θ) such that

$$r = |x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \quad \text{and} \quad r e^{i\theta} = x_1 + i x_2$$

The *Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potential* is defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{a}{r^2} (x_2, -x_1) = \frac{a}{r} \mathbf{e}_{\theta} \tag{1.1}$$

where a is a real constant and $\{\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_{\theta}\}$, with $\mathbf{e}_r = \frac{x}{r}$, denotes the orthogonal basis associated with our polar coordinates. The magnetic gradient and the magnetic Laplacian are explicitly given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i a \right), \quad -\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i a \right)^2.$$

We now consider *cylindrical coordinates* (ρ, θ, z) where

$$\rho = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \quad \rho e^{i\theta} = x_1 + i x_2 \quad \text{and} \quad z = x_3$$

The *Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potential* is defined by

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tic gradient and the magnetic Laplacian are explicitly given by

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho}, \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i a \right), \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right), \\ -\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i a \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.\end{aligned}$$

consider Aharonov–Bohm type magnetic potentials on compact manifolds: on the circle, the sphere and the torus. The expression of the magnetic Laplacian will be given case by case.

Our paper is intended to provide a general overview of the mathematical results concerning various functional inequalities involving Aharonov–Bohm potentials. The main results are:

- Ground state energy estimates.
- Magnetic interpolation inequalities.
- Results for optimal functions.
- Keller–Lieb–Thirring inequalities.
- Hardy inequalities.

In the next section, all of the above inequalities will be considered on compact manifolds: on the two-dimensional sphere S^2 , on the two-dimensional flat torus T^2 and on $\mathbb{R}^3$, with consequences on Hardy inequalities on the Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^3$. It is crucial to consider precise geometric settings as we are interested in optimal inequalities, which rely on non-trivial symmetry results. A sharp magnetic interpolation inequality is

$$\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}^2 \geq \mu_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathcal{X})}^2 \quad (1.3)$$

for any u in the appropriate $H_{\mathbf{A}}^1$ space, for any $\lambda > 0$, and for any $p > 2$, on a compact manifold $\mathcal{X}$ in order to fix ideas. Assuming that $\text{vol}(\mathcal{X}) = 1$, the *optimal inequality* is to determine the largest value of $\lambda > 0$ for which $\mu_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \lambda + C$ for some constant C which is computed in terms of the geometry of $\mathcal{X}$. Equality is then realized by the constants. It is usually not enough to prove that the equality is achieved in the inequality if $\mu_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda)$ denotes the first eigenvalue, for any $\lambda > 0$. If we consider the Euler–Lagrange equation, reformulated as the slightly more general *rigidity* question. For which λ do we know that any solution is actually a constant? To obtain *rigidity*, we need to establish symmetry properties, which is usually the most difficult part of the proof. In the non-compact case, optimal functions are not constants, but the problem has an additional difficulty, but the problem can also be reduced to a symmetry question.

Another interpretation of the rigidity issue in terms of a *phase transition*. In the compact manifold case, the optimal function for (1.3) is always a constant if

and one can prove in many cases that there is a bifurcation from a phase (solutions are constant) to a non-symmetric phase for a threshold responding to the optimal inequality.

Do-Thirring (KLT) inequalities are estimates of the ground state $E_0[V]$ for the magnetic Schrödinger operator $-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - V$ in terms of V . They are obtained by duality from (1.3) with $q = p/(p-2)$. KLT inequalities are completely equivalent to (1.3), including for optimality issues and related questions, and essential for proving various *magnetic Hardy inequalities*, which are one of the highlights and the main motivations of this paper. However, it is the fact that the accurate spectral information is carried by the KLT

inequalities that actually consider not only the *superquadratic* case $p > 2$, but also the *subquadratic* case $p < 2$ in which the role of the L^2 and L^p norms are exchanged. The following nonlinear interpolation inequality is

$$\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathcal{X})}^2 \geq \lambda_{\mathbf{A}}(\mu) \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}^2 \quad (1.4)$$

in (1.2) and we can also draw a whole series of consequences (rigidity, etc.) as in the superquadratic case. In particular, we are able to prove some new and interesting results on optimality and rigidity.

This paper collects many results on functional inequalities with magnetic fields in various geometric settings. Therefore it is difficult to pick particularly significant ones, but we believe that the interest of the paper lies as much in the methods as in the results because very little is known on optimal inequalities with Aharonov–Bohm magnetic fields and on the symmetry properties of the corresponding optimal functions. The most visible outcome of our work is the proof of these inequalities, which are important tools in functional analysis. The presence of the magnetic field is a key feature, for instance in dimension $d = 2$. Let us draw the attention of the reader to some results that are prominent in this

paper. Section 1 deals with nonlinear magnetic interpolation inequalities, optimality and rigidity results on S^1 in the subquadratic case. This is a new result which complements the theory on *magnetic rings* in the superquadratic case studied in [14]. It was natural to study it in view of the *carré* method technique by Bakry and Emery in [3], but as far as we know, it is an original result in the presence of a magnetic potential when $p < 2$.

Section 2 is the counterpart of Theorem 3.1 in the case of the torus $\mathbb{T}^2 \approx S^1 \times S^1$. It is remarkable that we achieve an optimality result here as symmetry considerations on products of manifolds are known to be difficult.

Section 3 deals with quadratic interpolation inequalities for proving KLT and then

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l to consider also what happens on $\mathbb{S}^2$: see Proposition 2.2 and Corol-
results in the superquadratic case.

magnetic Hardy inequalities of Theorem 4.2 are a new and striking
of the nonlinear Hardy–Sobolev interpolation inequalities of [7] on
an space $\mathbb{R}^2$.

5.1 and 5.2 are two examples of application of the nonlinear magnetic
m inequalities to magnetic Hardy inequalities on $\mathbb{R}^3$, which signifi-
cantly improve upon the results in [19, 22].

clude this introduction by some mathematical observations and some
ferences. The overall question is to determine the functional spaces
adapted to magnetic Schrödinger operators in the spirit of [13]. Magnetic
inequalities (without optimal constants) are usually not an issue as
deduced from the non-magnetic interpolation inequalities by the *dia-*
quality: see for instance [27]. However we are interested in retaining
about the magnetic field and characterizing optimality cases, which is
a difficult target. As a convention, we shall speak of *Hardy–Sobolev*
when a term $\int |x|^{-2} |u|^2 dx$ is subtracted from the kinetic energy and of
Aharonov–Nirenberg inequalities when various pure power weights are taken
On $\mathbb{R}^d$, Δ_A has the same scaling properties as the non-magnetic Lapla-
n Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potential and its spectrum is explicit.
ies are spectral estimates but it has to be emphasized that they differ
classical estimates as they inherit nonlinear properties of the interpo-
lities. Finally, it is a remarkable fact that, in presence of a magnetic
Hardy inequality can be established in the two-dimensional case (see
[1] for related papers).

is organized as follows. Section 2 is devoted to some preliminary
e circle $\mathbb{S}^1$ and on the two-dimensional sphere $\mathbb{S}^2$. New interpolation
e established on the sphere $\mathbb{S}^2$, with an optimality result. Section 3
the study of a class of subquadratic magnetic interpolation inequal-
d on the flat torus $\mathbb{T}^2$. We are able to identify a sharp condition of
d deduce several Hardy inequalities in dimensions $d = 2$ and $d = 3$.
start by recalling earlier, non-optimal but numerically almost sharp,
interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{R}^2$ in the presence of an Aharonov–Bohm
d in order to establish some Hardy inequalities on $\mathbb{R}^2$. Section 5 is
Hardy inequalities on $\mathbb{R}^3$ with singularities which are either spherically
y symmetric.

Set-Up and Preliminary Results

s devoted to various results on the sphere $\mathbb{S}^d$ without magnetic field

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only for completeness but also as introductory material for Secs. 2.3

Magnetic interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{S}^d$

on $\mathbb{S}^d$, we consider the uniform probability measure $d\sigma$, which is the one induced by the Lebesgue measure in $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$, duly normalized and denote by $\|\cdot\|_{L^q}$ the corresponding L^q norm. Here we state known results for later use.

Interpolation inequalities without weights

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Interpolation inequalities

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 \geq \frac{d}{p-2} (\|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 - \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2) \quad (2.1)$$

holds for $p \in [1, 2) \cup (2, +\infty)$ if $d = 1$ and $d = 2$, and for any $p \in [1, 2) \cup (2, 2^*]$ if $d \geq 3$, where $2^* := 2d/(d-2)$ is the Sobolev critical exponent. See [5, 6] for $p > 2$. For $d = 1$ or $d \geq 2$ and $p \leq (2d^2 + 1)/(d-1)^2$.

We know from [12] that there exists a concave monotone increasing function $\mu_{0,p}(\lambda)$ on $(0, +\infty)$ such that $\mu_{0,p}(\lambda)$ is the optimal constant in the

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 \geq \mu_{0,p}(\lambda) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^d) \quad (2.2)$$

where $\mu_{0,p}(\lambda) = \lambda$ if and only if $\lambda \leq d/(p-2)$. In this range, equality is achieved for u a constant function: this is a *symmetry* range. On the opposite, for $\lambda > d/(p-2)$, the optimal function is not constant and we shall say that there is *symmetry breaking*.

For $1 \leq p < 2$ is similar: there exists a concave monotone increasing function $\lambda_{0,p}(\mu)$ on $(0, +\infty)$ such that $\lambda_{0,p}(\mu)$ is the optimal constant in the

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2 \geq \lambda_{0,p}(\mu) \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^d)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^d) \quad (2.3)$$

where $\lambda_{0,p}(\mu) = \mu$ if and only if $\mu \leq d/(2-p)$. In this symmetry range, constants are optimal functions, while there is symmetry breaking if $\mu > d/(2-p)$: optimal functions are non-constant.

In the symmetry range, positive constants are actually the only *positive* solutions of the Lagrange equation

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$$-\varepsilon \Delta u + \lambda u = u^{p-1}$$

where $\varepsilon = 1$ is the sign of $(p-2)$, while there are multiple solutions in the symmetry breaking range. The limit case $p = 2$ can be obtained by taking the limit

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hted Poincaré inequality for the ultra-spherical operator

ical coordinates $(z, \omega) \in [-1, 1] \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$, we can rewrite the Laplace–operator on $\mathbb{S}^d$ as

$$\Delta = \mathcal{L}_d + \frac{1}{1-z^2} \Delta_\omega \quad \text{with } \mathcal{L}_d u := (1-z^2) u'' - d z u'$$

notes the Laplace–Beltrami operator on $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ and $\mathcal{L}_d$ is the *ultra-operator*. In other words, $\mathcal{L}_d$ is the Laplace–Beltrami operator on $\mathbb{S}^d$ functions which depend only on z . The operator $\mathcal{L}_d$ has a basis of $G_{\ell,d}$, the Gegenbauer polynomials, associated with the eigenvalues for any $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ (see [28]). Here d is not necessarily an integer.

consider the eigenvalue problem

$$-\mathcal{L}_2 f + \frac{4a^2}{1-z^2} f = \lambda f. \quad (2.4)$$

the unknown function according to $f(z) = (1-z^2)^a g(z)$, we obtain

$$-\mathcal{L}_{2(2a+1)} g + 2a(1+2a)g = \lambda g$$

lines the eigenvalues $\lambda = \lambda_{\ell,a}$ given by

$$2(2a+1) - 1 + 2a(1+2a) = (\ell+2a)(\ell+2a+1), \quad \ell \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.5)$$

te by $g_{\ell,a}(z) = G_{\ell,2(2a+1)}(z)$ the associated eigenfunctions and define $(1-z^2)^a g_{\ell,a}(z)$. By considering the lowest positive eigenvalue, we obtain *Poincaré inequality*.

For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and any function $f \in H_0^1[-1, 1]$, we have

$$(1-z^2)|f'(z)|^2 + \frac{4a^2}{1-z^2}|f(z)|^2 \Big) dz \geq \lambda_{1,a} \int_{-1}^1 |f(z) - \bar{f}(z)|^2 dz,$$

$$\bar{f}(z) = (1-z^2)^a \frac{\int_{-1}^1 f(z)(1-z^2)^a dz}{\int_{-1}^1 (1-z^2)^{2a} dz}.$$

chieved by a function f if and only if f is proportional to $f_{1,a}(z) =$

consistency that, if $f(z) = (1-z^2)^a g(z)$, then

$$\left((1-z^2)|f'(z)|^2 + \frac{4a^2}{1-z^2}|f(z)|^2 \right) dz$$

at-hand side is the Dirichlet form associated with the operator

$$-\mathcal{L}_{2(a+1)} + 2a(1+2a). \quad \square$$

ic rings: Superquadratic inequalities on $\mathbb{S}^1$

, we review a series of results which have been obtained in [14] in the case $p > 2$, in preparation for an extension to the subquadratic case will be studied in Sec. 3.

ic interpolation inequalities and consequences

er the superquadratic case $p > 2$ in dimension $d = 1$. We recall that θ where $\theta \in [0, 2\pi) \approx \mathbb{S}^1$. As in [14] we consider the space $H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$ of ic functions $u \in C^{0,1/2}(\mathbb{S}^1)$, such that $u' \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)$. Inequality (2.2) en as

$$\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \lambda \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1) \quad (2.6)$$

, $1/(p-2)$. We also have the inequality

$$\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} \geq \frac{1}{4} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1), \quad (2.7)$$

[21], with the convention that $\|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} = 0$ if u^{-2} is not integrable ial case, if u changes sign. Notice that inequality (2.7) is formally the $d-2$) and $\lambda = d/(p-2)$ of (2.2) when $d = 1$ (see [14, Appendix A]). was shown that the inequality (for complex-valued functions)

$$\|u\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \lambda \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \mu_{a,p}(\lambda) \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{C}) \quad (2.8)$$

after eliminating the phase, to the inequality

$$a^2 \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \mu_{a,p}(\lambda) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1).$$

nce is relatively easy to prove if ψ does not vanish, but some care otherwise: see [14] for details. Here we denote by $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda)$ the optimal (2.8). Using (2.8) and then (2.6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & + a^2 \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \\ & - 4a^2 \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + 4a^2 \left(\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \right) \\ & - 4a^2 \left(\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{a^2 + \lambda}{1 - 4a^2} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \right) \geq (a^2 + \lambda) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

dition $(a^2 + \lambda)/(1 - 4a^2) \leq 1/(p-2)$, which provides an estimate of estimate turns out to be optimal

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$2) + \lambda(p - 2) \leq 1$, then $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda) = a^2 + \lambda$ and equality in (2.8) is only by the constants.

$2) + \lambda(p - 2) > 1$, then $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda) < a^2 + \lambda$ and equality in (2.8) is not by the constants.

tion $a \in [0, 1/2]$ is not a restriction. First, replacing ψ by $e^{iks} \psi(s)$ for rows that $\mu_{a+k,p}(\mu) = \mu_{a,p}(\mu)$ so that we can assume that $a \in [0, 1]$. Considering $\chi(s) = e^{-is} \bar{\psi}(s)$, we find that

$$|\psi' + i a \psi|^2 = |\chi' + i(1 - a)\chi|^2,$$

$$= \mu_{1-a,p}(\mu).$$

ic Hardy inequalities on $\mathbb{S}^1$ and $\mathbb{R}^2$

can draw an easy consequence of Proposition 2.1 on a Keller–Lieb–inequality. By Hölder’s inequality applied with $q = p/(p - 2)$, we

$$(\mathbb{S}^1) - \mu^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\theta \geq \|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 - \mu^{-1} \|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2.$$

with $\lambda = 0$ and μ such that $\mu^{-1} \|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} = \mu_{a,p}(0)$, we know that d side is non-negative. See [14] for more details. Altogether we obtain magnetic Hardy inequality on $\mathbb{S}^1$: for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, any $p > 2$ and if ϕ is a non-trivial potential in $L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$, then

$$\|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \frac{\mu_{a,p}(0)}{\|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\sigma, \quad \forall \psi \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{S}^1). \quad (2.9)$$

ial case of the more general interpolation inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 - \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\theta &\geq \|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 - \mu \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \\ &\geq -\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$, where we denote by $\lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ the inverse function of $\lambda \mapsto \mu_{a,p}(\lambda)$, Proposition 2.1. See [13] for details.

ard non-magnetic Hardy inequality on $\mathbb{R}^d$, i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \psi|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{4} (d - 2)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

$d = 2$, but this degeneracy is lifted in the presence of a Aharonov–tic field. According to [26], we have

ask whether an improvement can be obtained if the singularity $|x|^{-2}$ is replaced by a weight which has an angular dependence. Using polar coordinates and the interpolation inequalities of [12], the inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \psi|^2 dx \geq \frac{(d-2)^2}{4 \|\varphi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\varphi(\theta)}{|x|^2} |\psi|^2 dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

in [24], under the condition that $q \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2}(d-2)^2/(d-1)$, again with Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$. Magnetic and non-radial improvements have been obtained in [14]. Let us give a statement in preparation for similar extensions to dimension $d = 3$.

1 ([14]). Let $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.1), $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p > 2$, $q = p/(p-2)$ and φ is a non-negative function in $L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$. With the above notations, the

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx \geq \tau \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\varphi(\theta)}{|x|^2} |\psi|^2 dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

constant $\tau > 0$ which is the unique solution of the equation

$$\lambda_{a,p}(\tau \|\varphi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}) = 0.$$

if $a^2/\|\varphi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} \leq 1/(p+2)$.

Magnetic interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{S}^2$

In Secs. 2.1 and 2.2, we state some new results concerning the two-sphere with main results in Proposition 2.2 and Corollary 2.2.

Magnetic ground state estimate

Consider the magnetic Laplacian on $\mathbb{S}^2$ and the associated Dirichlet form $\mathcal{E}_A$, where $d\sigma$ is the uniform probability measure on $\mathbb{S}^2$. Using cylindrical coordinates $(\theta, z) \in [0, 2\pi) \times [-1, 1]$, we can write that $d\sigma = \frac{1}{4\pi} dz d\theta$ and assume the magnetic gradient takes the form

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1-z^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - i a u \right) \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.11}$$

where a is a magnetic flux, so that

$$|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u|^2 = (1-z^2) \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{1-z^2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - i a u \right|^2.$$

Assume that $a \in \mathbb{R}$. With the notation (2.11), we have

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$$\Lambda_a = \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |k - a| (|k - a| + 1). \tag{2.12}$$

at $\Lambda_a \leq \Lambda_{1/2} = 3/4$.

an write u using a Fourier decomposition

$$u(z, \theta) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} u_{k, \ell}(z) e^{i k \theta}$$

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$$\| \mathbf{A} u \|^2 = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left((1 - z^2) |u'_{k, \ell}(z)|^2 + \frac{(k - a)^2}{1 - z^2} |u_{k, \ell}(z)|^2 \right)$$

□

$$u_{k, \ell}(z) = f_{\ell, |k - a|/2}(z) \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} u(z, \theta) \frac{2 f_{\ell, |k - a|/2}(z) e^{-i k \theta}}{\int_{-1}^1 (1 - z^2)^{|k - a|} dz} d\sigma$$

is an eigenfunction of (2.4) with eigenvalue $\lambda = \lambda_{\ell, \mathbf{a}}$ such that $2 \mathbf{a} =$ □
 (2.5), we conclude that the spectrum of $-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}}$ is given by

$$(\ell + |k - a|)(\ell + |k - a| + 1), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \ell \in \mathbb{N}. \quad \square$$

quadratic interpolation inequalities and consequences

2.2. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p >$ □. With the notation (2.11), there exists a monotone increasing function $\lambda \mapsto \mu_{a, p}(\lambda)$ on $(-\Lambda_a, +\infty)$ such that $\mu_{a, p}(\lambda)$ is constant in the inequality □

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \geq \mu_{a, p}(\lambda) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{S}^2). \\ \mu_{a, p}(\lambda) \geq 2(\lambda + \Lambda_a)/(2 + (p - 2)\Lambda_a) \text{ and } \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\Lambda_a} \mu_{a, p}(\lambda) = 0, \\ \text{by (2.12).}$$

proof is adapted from [13, Proposition 3.1]. For an arbitrary $t \in (0, 1)$, that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 &\geq t \left(\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 - \Lambda_a \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + (1 - t) \left(\|\nabla |u|\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 + \frac{\lambda + t \Lambda_a}{1 - t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \right) \\ &\geq (1 - t) \mu_{0, p} \left(\frac{\lambda + t \Lambda_a}{1 - t} \right) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

ence of Lemma 2.2 and of the *diamagnetic inequality* (see, e.g., [27, 1])

2), the estimate is obtained by choosing t such that □

$$\frac{\lambda + t \Lambda_a}{1 - t} = \frac{2}{p - 2}$$

that $\mu_{0,p}(2/(p-2)) = 2/(p-2)$. The limit as $\lambda \rightarrow -\Lambda_a$ is obtained
ground state of $-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}}$ on $H^1(\mathbb{S}^2)$ as test function. □

same method as for the proof of (2.9), we can deduce a Hardy-type

2. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $p > 2$ and $q = p/(p-2)$. With the notation (2.11), if ϕ
al potential in $L^q(\mathbb{S}^2)$, then □

$$\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \geq \frac{\mu_{a,p}(0)}{\|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^2)}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \phi |u|^2 d\sigma, \quad \forall u \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{S}^2).$$

Magnetic Interpolation Inequalities

is devoted to new and optimal interpolation inequalities involving L^p
subquadratic range $p \in (1, 2)$ on the circle and on the torus (Secs. 3.1

Keller–Lieb–Thirring inequalities yield new magnetic Hardy inequalities
and $\mathbb{R}^3$ (Sec. 3.3).

On rings: Subquadratic interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{S}^1$

we use the results of Sec. 2.2.1 to the subquadratic range $1 < p < 2$ using the
[1].

Proof of the inequality

case of (2.1) corresponding to $d = 1$, we have the non-magnetic inter-
polation inequality

$$(p-1)\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1) \quad (3.1)$$

(2). Our first result is the magnetic counterpart of this inequality.

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \in [1, 2)$. Then there exists a concave monotone
function $\mu \mapsto \lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ on $\mathbb{R}^+$ such that □

$$\|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \mu \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{C}). \quad (3.2)$$

denote by $\lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ the optimal constant in (3.1).

existence of $\lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ is a consequence of (3.1) and of the *diamagnetic*
 $\rho = |\psi|$ and ϕ be such that $\psi = \rho(\theta) \exp(i\phi(\theta))$. Since

$$|\psi' - ia\psi|^2 = |\rho'|^2 + |\phi' - a|^2 \rho^2 \geq |\rho'|^2,$$

$\|\psi' - ia\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \|\psi'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2$. The concavity of $\mu \mapsto \lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ is a

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ence of an optimal function

For all $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p \in [1, 2)$ and $\mu \geq -a^2$, equality in (3.2) is attained by at least one function in $H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$.

Consider a minimizing sequence $\{\psi_n\}$ for

$$\inf \left\{ \|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \mu \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 : \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1), \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)} = 1 \right\}.$$

By the Poincaré inequality we know that the sequence $(\psi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded in $H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$. By the compact Sobolev embeddings, this sequence is relatively compact in $L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)$. The map $\psi \mapsto \|\psi' - i a \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2$ is lower semi-continuous, which proves the claim. □

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vanishing property

Assume that $a \in (0, 1/2)$, $p \in [1, 2)$ and $\mu \geq -a^2$. If $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$ is a minimizer for (3.2) with $\|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)} = 1$, then $\psi(s) \neq 0$ for any $s \in \mathbb{S}^1$.

The proof goes as in [14]. Let us decompose $v(s) = \psi(s) e^{i a s}$ as a real and an imaginary part, respectively v_1 and v_2 , which both solve the same Euler–Lagrange

$$-v_j'' - \mu(v_1^2 + v_2^2)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} v_j = \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) v_j, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

$v \in C^{0,1/2}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ and the nonlinear term is continuous, hence v is smooth. If $w = (v_1 v_2' - v_1' v_2)$ is constant. If both v_1 and v_2 vanish at the same point, then w vanishes identically, which means that v_1 and v_2 are proportional. If $a \in (0, 1/2)$, ψ is not 2π -periodic, a contradiction. □

Reduction to a scalar minimization problem

Recall from Sec. 2.1.1 if $a = 0$ and assume in the proofs that $a > 0$. The main steps of the proof are similar to the case $p > 2$ of [14]. We repeat the key points for

Let us define

$$\mathcal{Q}_{a,p,\mu}[u] := \frac{\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + a^2 \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}{\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}.$$

Let $u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$ be such that $u(s_0) = 0$ for some $s_0 \in (-\pi, \pi]$, then

$$|u(s)|^2 = \left(\int_{s_0}^s u' ds \right)^2 \leq \sqrt{2\pi} \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)} \sqrt{|s - s_0|}$$

is integrable. In this case, as mentioned earlier, we adopt the convention

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |u(s)|^2 ds.$$

For any $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p \in [1, 2]$, $\mu > -a^2$,

$$\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = \min_{u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1) \setminus \{0\}} \mathcal{Q}_{a,p,\mu}[u].$$

Consider functions on $\mathbb{S}^1$ as 2π -periodic functions on $\mathbb{R}$. If $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$, $(\psi(s)e^{ias})$ satisfies the condition

$$v(s+2\pi) = e^{2i\pi a} \psi(s), \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R} \tag{3.4}$$

$$\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = \min \frac{\|v'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \mu \|v\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}{\|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}$$

minimization is taken on the set of the functions $v \in C^{0,1/2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that (3.4) holds.

If $u e^{i\phi}$ written in polar form, the boundary condition becomes

$$u(\pi) = u(-\pi), \quad \phi(\pi) = 2\pi(a+k) + \phi(-\pi) \tag{3.5}$$

and $\|v'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 = \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \|u\phi'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2$ so that

$$\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = \min \frac{\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \|u\phi'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}{\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}$$

minimization is taken on the set of the functions $(u, \phi) \in C(\mathbb{R})^2$ such that (3.5) holds.

Multiplication of u by a constant so that $\|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)} = 1$, the Euler–Lagrange equations are

$$u'' + |\phi'|^2 u + \mu |u|^{p-2} u = \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) u \quad \text{and} \quad (\phi' u^2)' = 0.$$

By integrating the second equation and using Lemma 3.3, we find a function ϕ such that $\phi' = L/u^2$. Taking (3.5) into account, we deduce from

$$L \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{ds}{u^2} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi' ds = 2\pi(a+k)$$

$$\|u\phi'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 = L^2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{ds}{u^2} = \frac{(a+k)^2}{\|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2}.$$

It follows that

$$\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = \min_{u,k} \mathcal{Q}_{a+k,p,\mu}[u]$$

minimization is taken on all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and on all functions $u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$.

For the restriction $a \in (0, 1/2)$, the minimum is achieved by $k = 0$.

The case $a = 1/2$ is a limit case that can be handled as in [14, Theorem III.7].

The result holds also true, with the minimizer being in $H_0^1(\mathbb{S}^1) \setminus \{0\}$, and

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, as in [14], the study of (3.2) is reduced to the study of the inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1) \quad (3.6)$$

ow a real valued function. Necessary adaptations to the trivial case the limit case $a = 1/2$ are straightforward and left to the reader. The is the analogue of Proposition 2.1 in the subcritical range.

1. Let $p \in (1, 2)$, $a \in (0, 1/2)$, and $\mu > 0$.

$a^2 + 4a^2 \leq 1$, then $\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = a^2 + \mu$ and equality in (3.6) is achieved the constants.

$a^2 + 4a^2 > 1$, then $\lambda_{a,p}(\mu) < a^2 + \mu$ and equality in (3.6) is not achieved nstants.

se (i) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + a^2 \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-2} + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \\ &= (1 - 4a^2) \left(\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{\mu}{1 - 4a^2} \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \right) \\ &+ 4a^2 \left(\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|u^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

(3.1) that

$$\|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{\mu}{1 - 4a^2} \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \frac{\mu}{1 - 4a^2} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2$$

$\leq 1/(2 - p)$ and conclude using (2.7).

, let us consider the test function $u_\varepsilon := 1 + \varepsilon w_1$, where w_1 is the corresponding to the first non-zero eigenvalue of $-d^2/ds^2$ on $H^1(\mathbb{S}^1)$, boundary conditions, namely, $w_1(s) = \cos s$ and $\lambda_1 = 1$. A Taylor ows that

$$\mathcal{Q}_{a,p,\mu}[u_\varepsilon] = (1 + a^2 - \mu(2 - p)) \varepsilon^2 + o(\varepsilon^2),$$

the result. Notice that the Taylor expansion is also valid if $a = 0$, so the optimal constant in (3.1), and also that a similar Taylor expansion of (2.7), which formally corresponds to $p = -2$. $\square$

ov–Bohm magnetic interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{T}^2$

a toy model for Aharonov–Bohm magnetic fields on the flat torus

consider the flat torus $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \approx [-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi) \ni (x, y)$ with periodic boundary conditions in x and y . We denote by $d\sigma$ the uniform probability measure $dx\,dy/(4\pi^2)$ and consider the magnetic gradient

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi := (\psi_x, \psi_y - i a \psi) \tag{3.7}$$

kinetic energy □

$$\|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{T}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 \, d\sigma = \iint_{\mathbb{T}^2} (|\psi_x|^2 + |\psi_y - i a \psi|^2) \, d\sigma.$$

Magnetic ground state estimate

Assume that $a \in [0, 1/2]$. With the notation (3.7), we have

$$\iint_{\mathbb{T}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 \, d\sigma \geq a^2 \iint_{\mathbb{T}^2} |\psi|^2 \, d\sigma, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{T}^2).$$

Take a Fourier decomposition on the basis $(e^{i\ell x} e^{ik y})_{k,\ell \in \mathbb{Z}}$. We find that the modes are given by

$$\begin{aligned} k = 0, \quad \ell = 0 : \lambda_{00} &= a^2, \\ k = 1, \quad \ell = 0 : \lambda_{10} &= (1 - a)^2 \geq a^2 \quad \text{since } a \in [0, 1/2], \\ k = 0, \quad \ell = 1 : \lambda_{01} &= 1 + a^2. \end{aligned}$$

$(k, \ell) = (0, 0)$ is the lowest mode. □

Kry–Emery method applied to the 2-dimensional torus

Consider the flow given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u + (p - 1) \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u}$$

such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 = 0$$

and, and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\|\nabla u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - \lambda \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \right) \\ &= \|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + (p - 1) \iint_{\mathbb{T}^2} \Delta u \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u} \, d\sigma - \lambda (2 - p) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

and. Integrations by parts show that

$$\|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 = \|\text{Hess } u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - \lambda \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \Big) \\ & \Big) \Big(\|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - \lambda \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \Big) + (p-1) \left\| \text{Hess } u - \frac{\nabla u \otimes \nabla u}{u} \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

and the Poincaré inequality that

$$\|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \geq \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2,$$

constant 1, so we can conclude in the case $1 \leq p < 2$ that $\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - \lambda \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2$ is monotone non-increasing if $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$. As a consequence we have the following result.

3.1. For any $p \in [1, 2)$, we have

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \geq \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{T}^2).$$

tensorization result without magnetic potential

than Proposition 3.1 follows from a tensorization argument that can be found in [1, 17].

3.2. For any $p \in [1, 2)$, we have

$$(2-p) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \geq \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{T}^2). \quad (3.8)$$

factor $(2-p)$ is the optimal constant.

working on $\mathbb{T}^2$ a function depending only on $x \in \mathbb{S}^1$, it is clear that the inequality (3.8) cannot be improved. The proof of (3.8) can be done with the same method applied to $\mathbb{S}^1$ and goes as follows.

Consider the flow given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u'' + (p-1) \frac{|u'|^2}{u}$$

that $\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 = 0$ on the one hand, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} (\|u'(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 - \lambda \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2) \\ &= \|u''\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + (p-1) \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} u'' \frac{|u'|^2}{u} d\sigma - \lambda (2-p) \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \\ &= \|u''\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 + \frac{1}{3} (p-1) \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \frac{|u'|^4}{u^2} d\sigma - \lambda (2-p) \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand. Hence

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Inequalities with Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potentials

1, because of the Poincaré inequality $\|u''\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2 \geq \|u'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2$. Up to of λ , this computation also holds if $p > 2$ or if $p = -2$, as noticed is straightforward to extend it to the limit case $p = 2$ corresponding omic Sobolev inequality.

to [11, Proposition 3.1] or [17, Theorem 2.1] and up to a straightforward to the periodic setting, the optimal constant for the inequality on is the same as for the inequality on $\mathbb{S}^1$, provided $1 \leq p < 2$. □

quence of Proposition 3.2, we have the inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \geq \Lambda_{0,p}(\mu) \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\mathbb{T}^2), \quad (3.9)$$

$\Lambda_{0,p}(\mu)$ is a concave monotone increasing function on $(0, +\infty)$ such that for any $\mu \in (0, 1/(2-p))$. □

Magnetic interpolation inequality in the flat torus

consider the generalization of (3.9) to the case $a \neq 0$.

Assume that $p \in [1, 2)$ and $a \in [0, 1/2]$. With the notation (3.7), concave monotone increasing function $\mu \mapsto \Lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ on $(0, +\infty)$ such $\Lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = a^2$ where $\Lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$ is the optimal constant in the inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \geq \Lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2, \quad \forall u \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{T}^2). \quad (3.10)$$

have that

$$\Lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \geq \mu + (1 - \mu(2-p))a^2 \quad \text{for any } \mu \leq \frac{1}{2-p}.$$

an arbitrary $t \in (0, 1)$, we can write that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \\ & \geq t \left(\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - a^2 \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + (1-t) \left(\|\nabla |u|\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \frac{\mu}{1-t} \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^p \right) + t a^2 \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \\ & \geq \left[(1-t) \Lambda_{0,p} \left(\frac{\mu}{1-t} \right) + t a^2 \right] \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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metry result in the subquadratic regime

tion of the results on magnetic rings of Theorem 3.1, we can prove a
ult for the optimal functions in (3.10) in the case $p < 2$. Let $\Lambda_{a,p}(\mu)$
l constant in (3.10).

2. Assume that $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and $p \in [1, 2)$. Then

$$\Lambda_{a,p}(\mu) = \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \quad \text{if } \mu \leq \frac{1}{p-2}$$

nal function for (3.2) is then constant with respect to x . Moreover,
+ μ if and only if $\mu(2-p) + 4a^2 \leq 1$ and equality in (3.10) is then
by the constants.

s use the notation $\int f dx := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f dx$ in order to denote a normal-
on with respect to the single variable x , where y is considered as a
or almost every $x \in \mathbb{S}^1$ we can apply (3.2) to the function $\psi(x, \cdot)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{T}^2) + \mu \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \\ & \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 + \mu \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 - \mu \int \left(\int |\psi|^p dy \right)^{\frac{2}{p}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

$u := |\psi|$, $v(x) := \left(\int |u(x, y)|^p dy \right)^{1/p}$ and observe that

$$\int u^{p-1} u_x dy \leq v^{1-p} \left(\int u^p dy \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \left(\int |u_x|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int 1 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{p-1}{p}}$$

inequality, under the condition $p \leq 2$, that is,

$$|v_x|^2 \leq \int |u_x|^2 dy \leq \int |\partial_x \psi|^2 dy.$$

that if $\mu \leq 1/(2-p)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & |v_x|^2 d\sigma + \mu \left(\int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |v|^p d\sigma \right)^{2/p} - \mu \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |v|^2 d\sigma + \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \\ & \geq \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

the equality is achieved by functions v which are constant with respect
orem 3.1 applies. $\square$

Hardy inequalities in dimensions 2 and 3

on, we draw some consequences of our results on magnetic rings of

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Inequalities with Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potentials

Lieb–Thirring inequalities on the circle

duality we obtain a spectral estimate.

3.3. Assume that $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and $p \in [1, 2)$. If ϕ is a non-negative function such that $\phi^{-1} \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$, then the lowest eigenvalue λ_1 of $-(\partial_y - ia)^2 + \phi$ is bounded below according to

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_{a,p} \left(\|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-1} \right)$$

is achieved by a constant potential ϕ if $\|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-1} (2-p) + 4a^2 \leq 1$.

Hölder’s inequality with exponents $2/(2-p)$ and $2/p$, we get that

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi^{-\frac{p}{2}} (\phi |\psi|^2)^{\frac{p}{2}} d\sigma \leq \|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\sigma$$

$-p)$, and with $\mu = \|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{-1}$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |\psi'|^2 d\sigma + \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\sigma \geq \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |\psi'|^2 d\sigma + \mu \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\sigma$$

$$\geq \lambda_{a,p}(\mu) \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |\psi|^2 d\sigma. \quad (3.11)$$

at, then there is equality in Hölder’s inequality. □

ral estimate (3.11) is of a different nature than (2.10) because the magnetic potential and the magnetic kinetic energy have the same sign. By considering the case $\mu(2-p) + 4a^2 = 1$, we obtain an interesting estimate.

1. Let $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p \in (1, 2)$ and $q = p/(2-p)$. If ϕ is a non-negative function such that $\phi^{-1} \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} |\psi'|^2 d\sigma + \frac{1-4a^2}{2-p} \|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \phi |\psi|^2 d\sigma \\ & \geq \left(\frac{1-4a^2}{2-p} + a^2 \right) \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^1)}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{S}^1). \end{aligned}$$

□

Hardy-type inequalities in dimensions two and three

by $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi)$ the angular coordinate associated with $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We can deduce a Hardy-type inequality for Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potentials in dimension $d = 2$.

2. Let $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.1), $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p \in (1, 2)$ and $q = p/(2-p)$. If ϕ is a non-negative function such that $\phi^{-1} \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$ with $\|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} = 1$, then for any function $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ we have

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Consider cylindrical coordinates $(\rho, \theta, z) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi) \times \mathbb{R}$ such that $\square$. In this system of coordinates the magnetic kinetic energy is

$$|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \rho} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} - ia\psi \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right|^2 \right) dx$$

$\rho d\rho d\theta dz$. The following result was proved in [22, Sec. 2.2].

For any $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \rho} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right|^2 \right) d\mu \geq \frac{1}{4} \iiint_{\mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi) \times \mathbb{R}} \frac{|\psi|^2}{\rho^2 + z^2} d\mu, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

Give an elementary proof. Assume that ψ is smooth and has compact support. The inequality follows from the expansion of the square

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \rho} + \frac{\rho \psi}{2(\rho^2 + z^2)} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{z \psi}{2(\rho^2 + z^2)} \right|^2 \right) d\mu \geq 0, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3) \quad \square$$

Integration by parts of the cross terms. $\square$

3.7 is an improved version of the standard Hardy inequality in the plane. The left-hand side of the inequality does not involve the angular part of the gradient. A consequence of Corollary 3.1 and Lemma 3.7 is a Hardy-like inequality in dimension $d = 3$. For the angular part we argue as in Corollary 3.2. The remaining proof are left to the reader.

3. Let $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.2), $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p \in (1, 2)$ and $q = p/(2 - p)$. If $\phi \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$ such that $\phi^{-1} \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$ with $\|\phi^{-1}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)} = 1$, then for any complex valued $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx + \frac{1 - 4a^2}{2 - p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\phi(\theta)}{\rho^2} |\psi(x)|^2 dx \\ \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx + \left(\frac{1 - 4a^2}{2 - p} + a^2 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{\rho^2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

The case is $\phi \equiv 1$, for which we obtain that $\square$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx + a^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|\rho|^2} dx \quad \forall \psi \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^3). \quad \square$$

4.1. Hardy–Bohm Magnetic Interpolation Inequalities in $\mathbb{R}^2$

Hardy–Bohm interpolation inequalities on $\mathbb{R}^2$ are considered without weights in Sec. 4.1. They were first introduced as in [7] in order to prove the new magnetic Caffarelli–

ic interpolation inequalities without weights

er on $\mathbb{R}^2$ the Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potential $\mathbf{A}$ given by (1.1).
magnetic inequality

$$|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 \geq |\nabla |\psi||^2 \quad \text{a.e. in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\in (2, \infty)$ and $\lambda > 0$, the Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality

$$\|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 + \lambda \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \geq C_p \lambda^{\frac{p}{2}} \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^2) \quad (4.1)$$

constant C_p , we deduce that

$$\|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 + \lambda \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \geq \mu_{a,p}(\lambda) \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2, \quad \forall \psi \in H_a^1(\mathbb{R}^2). \quad (4.2)$$

[3] for details. Here $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda)$ is the optimal constant in (4.2) for any λ and, as a function of λ , $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda)$ is monotone increasing and concave. The right-hand sides in (4.1) and (4.2) involve norms with respect to Lebesgue measure. It turns out that $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda)$ is equal to the best constant of the problem.

4.1. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \in (2, \infty)$. The optimal constant in (4.2) is

$$\mu_{a,p}(\lambda) = C_p \lambda^{\frac{p}{2}}, \quad \forall \lambda > 0$$

is not achieved on $H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$ if $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

In the construction we know that $\mu_{a,p}(\lambda) \geq C_p \lambda^{p/2}$. By taking an optimal function in (4.1) and considering $\psi_n(x) = \psi(x + n\mathbf{e})$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{S}^1$, we see that equality is not achieved.

We prove by contradiction that equality is not achieved. If $\psi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$ achieves equality, let $\phi = e^{ia\theta}\psi$. Since

$$\|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\partial_r \psi|^2 + \frac{|\partial_\theta \phi|^2}{|x|^2} dx$$

in (4.1) is achieved by functions with a constant phase only, this implies that $\phi = 0$ a.e., a contradiction with the periodicity of ψ with respect to $\theta \notin \mathbb{Z}$. $\square$

Section 4.1 means that the Aharonov–Bohm magnetic potential plays a role in weighted interpolation inequalities. This is why it is natural to introduce inequalities with adapted scaling properties.

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published in [9] and, earlier, in [25]. The exponent $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} + 2/p$ is determined by scaling invariance and as p varies in $(2, \infty)$, the parameters $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ satisfy $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{a} + 1$ and $\mathbf{a} < 0$. The case $\mathbf{a} > 0$ can be considered in an appropriate functional space after a Kelvin-type transformation: see [10, 16], but we consider this case here. As noticed for instance in [16], by considering $u(x)$, Ineq. (4.3) is equivalent to the *Hardy-Sobolev inequality*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |u|^2 dx + \mathbf{a}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|u|^2}{|x|^2} dx \geq \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{a}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|u|^p}{|x|^2} dx \right)^{2/p}, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^2). \quad (4.4)$$

Optimal functions for (4.3) are radially symmetric if and only if

$$\mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{b}_{\text{FS}}(\mathbf{a}) := \mathbf{a} - \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\sqrt{1 + \mathbf{a}^2}}$$

[15, 23]. We refer to [7] for more details and for the proof of the magnetic Hardy–Sobolev inequality.

1 ([7]). Let $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.1) and $p > 2$. For any $\lambda > -a^2$, there exists a unique optimal function $\lambda \mapsto \mu(\lambda)$ which is monotone increasing and concave

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\psi|^2 dx + \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx \geq \mu(\lambda) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\psi|^p}{|x|^2} dx \right)^{2/p}, \quad \forall \psi \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^2). \quad (4.5)$$

where μ is the optimal function in (4.5) is

$$\mu(\lambda) = (|x|^\alpha + |x|^{-\alpha})^{-\frac{2}{p-2}}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \frac{p-2}{2} \sqrt{\lambda + a^2},$$

up to a multiplication by a constant, if

$$\lambda \leq \lambda_\star := 4 \frac{1 - 4a^2}{p^2 - 4} - a^2.$$

For $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and $\lambda > \lambda_\bullet$ with

$$\lambda_\bullet = \frac{8 \left(\sqrt{p^4 - a^2(p-2)^2(p+2)(3p-2)} + 2 \right)}{(p-2)^3(p+2)} - 4p(p+4) - a^2,$$

symmetry breaking, i.e. the optimal functions are not radially symmetric.

Our computation shows that $\lambda_\star < \lambda_\bullet$ for any $a \in (0, 1/2)$, and so there is a range of λ for which we do not know whether the optimal functions in (4.5) are symmetric or not. Nevertheless, as shown in [7], the values of $\lambda_\star$ and $\lambda_\bullet$ are numerically very close to each other. If $\lambda \leq \lambda_\star$, the expression of $\mu(\lambda)$ is explicit and given by

$$\mu(\lambda) = \frac{p}{2} (2\pi)^{1-\frac{2}{p}} (\lambda + a^2)^{1+\frac{2}{p}} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{p}{p-2}\right)}{(p-2) \Gamma\left(\frac{p}{p-2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)^{1-\frac{2}{p}}.$$

by the equivalence of (4.3) and (4.4), we prove that the magnetic inequality (4.5) is equivalent to an interpolation inequality of Gagliardo–Nirenberg type in the presence of the Aharonov–Bohm magnetic

4.1 (Magnetic Caffarelli–Kohn–Nirenberg inequality). *Let $p \in [2, \infty)$ and $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.1) for some $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and $\mathfrak{a} \leq 0$. With μ as in Theorem 4.1, $\gamma < \mathfrak{a}^2 + a^2$, we have that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\phi|^2}{|x|^{2\mathfrak{a}}} dx \geq \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\phi|^2}{|x|^{2\mathfrak{a}+2}} dx + \mu(\mathfrak{a}^2 - \gamma) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\phi|^p}{|x|^{\mathfrak{a}p+2}} dx \right)^{2/p}, \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^2; \mathbb{C})$$

where $\lambda = \mathfrak{a}^2 - \gamma$ is the optimal constant.

The cases of symmetry and symmetry breaking in Theorem 4.1 have their exact analogues in Corollary 4.1. Details are left to the reader.

We now consider the function $\phi(x) = |x|^{\mathfrak{a}} \psi(x)$ and observe that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \phi|^2}{|x|^{2\mathfrak{a}}} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx + \mathfrak{a}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx$$

by applying (4.5) to ψ with $\lambda = \mathfrak{a}^2 - \gamma$. $\square$

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A consequence of Theorem 4.1 is the following *magnetic Keller–Lieb–Thirring inequality*, which can be found in [7, Theorem 1]. Let $q = p/(p-2)$. The ground state energy λ_1 of the magnetic Schrödinger operator $-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - \phi$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$ is

$$\lambda_1(-\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - \phi) \geq -\lambda(\mu) \quad \text{where } \mu = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\phi|^q |x|^{2(q-1)} dx \right)^{1/q} \quad (4.6)$$

where $\lambda(\mu)$ is a convex monotone increasing function on $\mathbb{R}^+$ such that $\lambda(a^2) = -a^2$, defined as the inverse of $\lambda \mapsto \mu(\lambda)$ of Theorem 4.1. Again, the cases of symmetry and symmetry breaking are in complete agreement with the ones of Theorem 4.1.

Finally, let us consider a function ϕ on $\mathbb{R}^2$. We can estimate an associated magnetic Schrödinger energy from below by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 - \tau \frac{\phi}{|x|^2} |\psi|^2 dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx$$

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inequality, with $q = p/(p - 2)$, for an arbitrary parameter $\tau > 0$. For the choice of τ , we obtain the following result. □

2 (A Magnetic Hardy Inequality). *Let $q \in (1, 2)$ and $\mathbf{A}$ as some $a \in [0, 1/2]$. Then for any function $\phi \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^2 |x|^{-2} dx)$, we have*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\psi|^2 dx \geq \mu(0) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|\phi|^q}{|x|^2} dx \right)^{-\frac{1}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\phi}{|x|^2} |\psi|^2 dx \quad \forall \psi \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^2),$$

the best constant in (4.5). Finally, when $a^2 \leq 4/(12 + p^2)$, we know (0) explicitly:

$$\mu(0) = \frac{p}{2} (2\pi)^{1-\frac{2}{p}} a^{2+\frac{4}{p}} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{p}{p-2}\right)}{(p-2) \Gamma\left(\frac{p}{p-2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)^{1-\frac{2}{p}}. \quad \text{span style="color: red;">□$$

v-Bohm Magnetic Hardy Inequalities in $\mathbb{R}^3$

In this section, we address the issue of improved magnetic Hardy inequalities with v-Bohm magnetic potential in dimension $d = 3$ as defined by (1.2). We improve upon [19, Sec. V.B], including the case of a constant magnetic

Improved Hardy inequality with radial symmetry

In [19, Sec. V.B], it is proved that for all $a > 0$, there is a constant $\mathcal{C}(a)$ such that $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and □

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} \psi|^2 dx \geq \left(\frac{1}{4} + \mathcal{C}(a) \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^3). \quad (5.1)$$

Without an angular dependence, we have the following result. □

1. *Let $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.2), $a \in [0, 1/2]$ and $q \in (1, +\infty)$. Then, for all □*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\psi|^2 dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\mu_{a,p}(0)}{\|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^2)}} \phi(\omega) \right) \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H^1_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{R}^3). \quad \text{span style="color: red;">□$$

where ϕ and $\mu_{a,p}$ is defined as in Proposition 2.2.

For $a \in [0, 1/2]$, according to Proposition 2.2, we find in the limit case that $\mu_{a,2}(0) \geq \Lambda_a = a(a + 1)$ and improve the estimate (5.1) to (5.1) if $\phi \equiv 1$.

We use spherical coordinates $(r, \omega) \in [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{S}^2$. The result follows from the use of the square and an integration by parts in

part of the [Dirichlet](#) integral, and from Corollary 2.2 for the angular

Improved Hardy inequality with cylindrical symmetry

the Hardy inequality (without angular kinetic energy) of Lemma 3.7 can be combined into the following improved Hardy inequality in presence of a magnetic potential.

2. Let $\mathbf{A}$ as in (1.2), $a \in [0, 1/2]$, $p > 2$, $q = p/(p-2)$ and $\phi \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)$. Then, for $\psi \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\psi|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx + \frac{\mu_{a,p}(0)}{\|\phi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{S}^1)}} \iiint_{\mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi) \times \mathbb{R}} \frac{\phi(\theta)}{\rho^2} |\psi(\rho, \theta, z)|^2 d\mu.$$

where the inequality is a strict improvement upon the Hardy inequality combined with the diamagnetic inequality. A simple case is particularly illuminating is $\phi \equiv 1$ with $a^2 \leq 1/(p+2)$ so that according to Proposition 2.1, in which case we obtain that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\psi|^2 dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|x|^2} dx + a^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|\psi|^2}{|\rho|^2} dx, \quad \forall \psi \in H_{\mathbf{A}}^1(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

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