Quantum matter and gauge-gravity duality

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Key feature of the theory: the Fermi surface

- Area enclosed by the Fermi surface $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q}$, the electron density
- Excitations near the Fermi surface are responsible for the familiar properties of ordinary metals, such as resistivity $\sim T^2$.









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- Describe <u>zero temperature</u> phases where $d\langle Q \rangle/d\mu \neq 0$, where μ (the "chemical potential") which changes the Hamiltonian, H, to $H \mu Q$.

The only compressible phase of traditional condensed matter physics which does not break the translational or U(1) symmetries is the Landau Fermi liquid I. Strange metals

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• Model of a spin liquid ("Bose metal"): couple fermions to a dynamical gauge field A_{μ} .



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Strong anisotropy of electronic states between x and y directions: Electronic "Ising-nematic" order

Broken rotational symmetry in the pseudogap phase of a high-Tc superconductor

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Fermi surface with full square lattice symmetry



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Ising-nematic order parameter

$$\phi \sim \int d^2 k \left(\cos k_x - \cos k_y\right) c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

Measures spontaneous breaking of square lattice point-group symmetry of underlying Hamiltonian



Spontaneous elongation along x direction: Ising order parameter $\phi > 0$.



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Pomeranchuk instability as a function of coupling r



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- We will now present a conjectured gravity dual of this theory.



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$$S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z} = T^{d_{\rm eff}/z}$$

where $\theta = d - d_{\text{eff}}$ measures "dimension deficit" in the phase space of low energy degrees of a freedom.

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A non-Fermi liquid has gapless fermionic excitations on the Fermi surface, which disperse in the single transverse direction with dynamic critical exponent z, with entropy density $\sim T^{1/z}$. So we expect compressible quantum states to have $d_{\rm eff} = 1$ or

$$\theta = d - 1$$

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Measure strength of quantum entanglement of region A with region B.

 $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho = \text{density matrix of region } A$ Entanglement entropy $S_{EE} = -\text{Tr} \left(\rho_A \ln \rho_A\right)$

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Non-Fermi liquids have, at most, the "1/12" prefactor modified.

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Holographic entanglement entropy





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Superfluid-insulator transition



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The Superfluid-Insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model

Degrees of freedom: Bosons, b_j^{\dagger} , hopping between the sites, *j*, of a lattice, with short-range repulsive interactions.

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_i^{\dagger} b_j - \mu \sum_j n_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j n_j (n_j - 1) + \cdots$$
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Quantum "nearly perfect fluid" with shortest possible equilibration time, τ_{eq}



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Conductivity

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(Q is the "charge" of one boson)

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Also, we have $\sigma(\omega \to \infty) = \sigma_{\infty}$, associated with the density of states for particle-hole creation (the "optical conductivity") in the CFT3.

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> Conductivity = Resistivity of vortices $\langle \psi \rangle \neq 0$ $\langle \psi \rangle = 0$ Superfluid Insulator g_c g

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Vector large N expansion for CFT3



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We include all possible 4-derivative terms: after suitable field redefinitions, the required theory has only *one* dimensionless constant γ (L is the radius of AdS₄):

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