Quantum phase transitions: from antiferromagnets and superconductors to black holes

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Square lattice antiferromagnet



Ground state has long-range Néel order

Order parameter is a single vector field $\vec{\varphi} = \eta_i \vec{S}_i$ $\eta_i = \pm 1$ on two sublattices $\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$ in Néel state.







Weaken some bonds to induce spin entanglement in a new quantum phase

<u>Square lattice antiferromagnet</u>



Ground state is a "quantum paramagnet" with spins locked in valence bond singlets

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|\uparrow\downarrow\right\rangle-\left|\downarrow\uparrow\right\rangle\right)$$















TICuCl₃ at ambient pressure





FIG. 1. Measured neutron profiles in the a^*c^* plane of TlCuCl₃ for i = (1.35,0,0), ii = (0,0,3.15) [r.l.u]. The spectrum at T = 1.5 K

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Description using Landau-Ginzburg field theory





























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Observation of $3 \rightarrow 2$ low energy modes, emergence of new Higgs-Englert-Brout particle in the Néel phase, and vanishing of Néel temperature at the quantum critical point

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Néel phase, $\lambda <\!\!\lambda_c$

Expand $\vec{\varphi} = (0, 0, \sqrt{(\lambda_c - \lambda)/(2u)}) + \vec{\varphi}_1$: $V(\vec{\varphi}) \approx 2(\lambda_c - \lambda)\varphi_{1z}^2$

Yields 2 gapless spin waves and one Higgs-Englert-Brout particle with energy gap $\sim \sqrt{2(\lambda_c - \lambda)}$

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Graphene



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Quantum phase transition in graphene tuned by a gate voltage



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Quantum critical graphene

Low energy theory has 4 two-component Dirac fermions, ψ_{σ} , $\sigma = 1 \dots 4$, interacting with a 1/r Coulomb interaction

$$S = \int d^2 r d\tau \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \left(\partial_{\tau} - i v_F \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \psi_{\sigma} + \frac{e^2}{2} \int d^2 r d^2 r' d\tau \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma}(r) \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma'}(r')$$

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Dimensionless "fine-structure" constant $\alpha = e^2/(\hbar v_F)$. RG flow of α :

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\ell} = -\alpha^2 + \dots$$

Behavior is similar to a conformal field theory (CFT) in 2+1 dimensions with $\alpha \sim 1/\ln(\text{scale})$

Quantum phase transition in graphene



Quantum critical transport

Quantum "perfect fluid" with shortest possible relaxation time, τ_R



S. Sachdev, Quantum Phase Transitions, Cambridge (1999).

Quantum critical transport

Transport co-oefficients not determined by collision rate, but by universal constants of nature

Electrical conductivity

$$\sigma = \frac{e^2}{h} \times [\text{Universal constant } \mathcal{O}(1)]$$

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$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^2}{h} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\ln(\Lambda/\omega)}\right) \right] &, \quad \hbar \omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{e^2}{h\alpha^2(T)} \left[0.760 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{|\ln(\alpha(T))|}\right) \right] &, \quad \hbar \omega \ll k_B T \alpha^2(T) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{k_B \alpha^2(T)} \times 0.130$$

where the "fine structure constant" is

$$\alpha(T) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\alpha/4)\ln(\Lambda/T)} \overset{T \to 0}{\sim} \frac{4}{\ln(\Lambda/T)}$$

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Black hole temperature

temperature of quantum criticality



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Friction of quantum criticality = waves falling into black hole



Quantum criticality in 2+1 dimensions

Kovtun, Policastro, Son



on AdS_4



Conformal field theory in 2+1 dimensions at T > 0, with a non-zero chemical potential, μ and applied magnetic field, B

> Einstein gravity on AdS₄ with a Reissner-Nordstrom black hole carrying electric and magnetic charges







Examine free energy and Green's function of a probe particle

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Short time behavior depends upon conformal AdS4 geometry near boundary

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Long time behavior depends upon near-horizon geometry of black hole

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Radial direction of gravity theory is measure of energy scale in CFT

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Infrared physics of Fermi surface is linked to the near horizon AdS₂ geometry of Reissner-Nordstrom black hole

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Geometric interpretation of RG flow

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The **same** results were later obtained from the equations of generalized relativistic magnetohydrodynamics.

So the results apply to experiments on graphene, and to the dynamics of black holes.

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As a simple example, in zero magnetic field, we can write the electrical conductivity as

$$\sigma = \sigma_Q + \frac{e^{*2}\rho^2 v^2}{\varepsilon + P} \pi \delta(\omega)$$

where σ_Q is the universal conductivity of the CFT, ρ is the charge density, ε is the energy density and P is the pressure.

The same quantities also determine the thermal conductivity, $\kappa:$

$$\kappa = \sigma_Q \left(\frac{k_B^2 T}{e^{*2}}\right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon + P}{k_B T \rho}\right)^2$$

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A second example: In an applied magnetic field B, the dynamic transport co-efficients exhibit a hydrodynamic cyclotron resonance at a frequency ω_c

$$\omega_c = \frac{e^* B \rho v^2}{c(\varepsilon + P)}$$

and damping constant γ

$$\gamma = \sigma_Q \frac{B^2 v^2}{c^2 (\varepsilon + P)}.$$

The same constants determine the **quasinormal frequency** of the Reissner-Nordstrom black hole.

Green's function of a fermion



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Similar to non-Fermi liquid theories of Fermi surfaces coupled to gauge fields, and at quantum critical points

Free energy from gravity theory

The free energy is expressed as a sum over the "quasinormal frequencies", z_{ℓ} , of the black hole. Here ℓ represents any set of quantum numbers:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{boson}} = -T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\frac{|z_{\ell}|}{2\pi T} \left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_{\ell}}{2\pi T} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{fermion}} = T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_{\ell}}{2\pi T} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$

Application of this formula shows that the fermions exhibit the dHvA quantum oscillations with expected period $(2\pi/(\text{Fermi surface ares}))$ in 1/B, but with an amplitude corrected from the Fermi liquid formula of Lifshitz-Kosevich.

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The cuprate superconductors



Central ingredients in cuprate phase diagram: antiferromagnetism, superconductivity, and change in Fermi surface



Antiferromagnetism

d-wave superconductivity



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N. E. Hussey, J. Phys: Condens. Matter 20, 123201 (2008)

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<u>Canonical quantum critical phase diagram</u> <u>of coupled-dimer antiferromagnet</u>



Christian Ruegg et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 205701 (2008)

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Only candidate quantum critical point observed at low T





d-wave superconductivity





Fermi surface+antiferromagnetism





The electron spin polarization obeys

$$\left\langle \vec{S}(\mathbf{r},\tau) \right\rangle = \vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{r},\tau)e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

where \mathbf{K} is the ordering wavevector.





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Theory of quantum criticality in the cuprates







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Fluctuations about mean field theory SDW fluctuation $\vec{\varphi}$ M. Metlitski Fermions near connected hot spots



Turn $\vec{\varphi}$ lines into doubled particle-holes lines, and add dotted lines for fermion loops

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All planar graphs contain the dominant singularity, and have to be resummed for a consistent theory

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A string theory for the Fermi surface ?

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Conclusions

General theory of finite temperature dynamics and transport near quantum critical points, with applications to antiferromagnets, graphene, and superconductors

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The AdS/CFT offers promise in providing a new understanding of strongly interacting quantum matter at non-zero density

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Identified quantum criticality in cuprate superconductors with a critical point at optimal doping associated with onset of spin density wave order in a metal

Elusive optimal doping quantum critical point has been "hiding in plain sight".

It is shifted to lower doping by the onset of superconductivity