Strongly Correlated Quantum Materials : Platform for new physics





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Outline

1. Motivation

2. Review of Landau paradigms

3. Novel universality class of symmetry breaking transitions

4. Conclusion

Motivation

Condensed matter physics



- made of electrons and ions on lattices
- many-body quantum mechanics (N > 10^{23})
- Lots of materials

Landau's two influential works



1. interacting many particles ~ (independent particle)^N

Landau's Fermi liquid paradigm

ex) Many electrons ~ (electronic quasi-particle) N

Theory of metals

$$\rho(T) = \rho_0 + A T^2$$



Hardy et. al. (2013)

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Landau's symmetry breaking transition paradigm





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Landau's symmetry breaking transition paradigm

- order parameter : non-trivial rep. of a sym. group
- scale invariance at continuous transitions (universality)

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Z₂ symmetry in 2d : Onsager's exact solution

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Mean-field	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	3



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Z₂ symmetry breaking transitions

- Specific heat anomaly : jump or divergent
- Order parameter : sub-linear onset



https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228375244_ Closed_Forms_What_They_Are_and_Why_We_Care



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Perfect match between theory and experiment

Landau Paradigms

Triumph of 20th century condensed matter physics







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Renormalization group

: Kadanoff, Ginzburg, Wilson, Fisher,...

Strongly correlated quantum materials



YB₂Cu₃O₇



 α -RuCl₃



Twisted bi-layer graphene

Many more ...

Images from Google

Strongly correlated quantum materials



 $\mathsf{YB}_2\mathsf{Cu}_3\mathsf{O}_7$

Strongly correlated quantum materials





Mann, Nature 2011 High Tc Superconductivity









Strongly correlated quantum materials



J. Zannen, Nature (2007)

I deconfined phases in quantum materials

ex) Kitaev's spin model:

Anyons in an exactly solved model and beyond

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$$H_{\kappa} = -J_x \sum_{x-\text{links}} \sigma_j^x \sigma_k^x - J_y \sum_{y-\text{links}} \sigma_j^y \sigma_k^y - J_z \sum_{z-\text{links}} \sigma_j^z \sigma_k^z,$$



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Kitaev representation

: spin ~ four Majorana fermions

$$\vec{\sigma} = ic\vec{b}$$
 $c^{\dagger} = c$, $\vec{b}^{\dagger} = \vec{b}$, $c^2 = 1 = b_i^2$



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Microscopic degrees of freedom (UV d.o.f) Low energy degrees of freedom (IR d.o.f)

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cf) Quarks / Strings

Mesons / Baryons

UV d.o.f \neq IR d.o.f

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Majorana fermions are deconfined.

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Majorana fermions are deconfined. (= spins are fractionalized.)

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Thanks to J. Seong

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Deconfined (fractionalized) phase with Majorana fermions → Beyond Landau paradigms

Thanks to J. Seong

New Experiments

Discovery of new degrees of freedom

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Majorana quantization and half-integer thermal quantum Hall effect in a Kitaev spin liquid

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Exotic thermal phase transition

ex) Hidden order transition in URu₂Si₂

Large specific heat jump but no (obvious) order-parameter



Hidden order behaviour in URu₂Si₂ (A critical review of the status of hidden order in 2014)

J.A. Mydosh^a* and P.M. Oppeneer^b

Exotic thermal phase transition

ex) Nematic transition at pseudogap T (cuprates)



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- nematicy from C₄ symmetry : Z₂ symmetry



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

R. Daou¹[†], J. Chang¹, David LeBoeuf¹, Olivier Cyr-Choinière¹, Francis Laliberté¹, Nicolas Doiron-Leyraud¹, B. J. Ramshaw², Ruixing Liang^{2,3}, D. A. Bonn^{2,3}, W. N. Hardy^{2,3} & Louis Taillefer^{1,3}







Thermodynamic evidence for a nematic phase transition at the onset of the pseudogap in $YBa_2Cu_3O_y$

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nematicity in cuprates



Super-linear onset

No discernable C(T) anomaly

Phenomena beyond Landau paradigm

Exotic thermal phase transition

ex) Diagonal nematicity in RbFe₂As₂



Shibauchi group (arXiv:1812.05267)

Phenomena beyond Landau paradigm

Intriguing phenomena in quantum materials

ex1) Kitaev quantum spin liquid

ex2) Hidden order transition in URu₂Si₂

ex3) Nematic transition at pseudogap temp. of cuprates

ex4) Diagonal nematicity in RbFe₂As₂

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New theory? New physics?





Schematic Phase diagram



Quantum spin liquid : massive entanglement Magnetic ordering : minimal entanglement



























Schematic Phase diagram



Univ. class $X \stackrel{?}{=}$ Univ. class 1

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Condensed Matter > Superconductivity

Diagonal Nematicity in the Pseudogap Phase of $HgBa_2CuO_{4+\delta}$

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Summary of results

Existence of a thermal deconfinement transition in 2d

New universality class of sym. breaking transitions

- c=1 Z_2 sym. breaking transition in 2d

- Z_2 and U(1) sym. breaking transitions in 3d deconfined phases are in the same universality class

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Z_3 gauge	- 0.015	1.42	- 0.83	0.67	3.23	0.42
Z ₄ gauge	- 0.015	2.09	- 2.17	0.67	5.22	- 0.04

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- field theory (Wilson-Fisher)

$$S = \int d^{d}x \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^{2} + \frac{r}{2} \phi^{2} + \frac{u}{4} \phi^{4}$$

Kosterlitz-Thouless transition

$$H_{KT} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



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Vortex Free

2pi vortex proliferations

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No vortex

 2π vortex - antivortex

 4π vortex - antivortex

Ising transition

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Domain free

" 2π " domain proliferations



Ising transition


Review of Landau Paradigm

Ising transition



Symmetry breaking transition = 2π domain proliferation

Wilson-Fisher universality class

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List of Known Facts

Ithermal deconfinement transition

$$H_W = -g \sum_{I^*} \prod_{(ab) \in \Box} \sigma_{ab}$$



Z₂ gauge transformation

 $\sigma_{ij} \to \sigma_{ij} \eta_i \eta_j, \quad \eta_i = \pm 1$

Wegner : 3 thermal transition in 3d

Polyakov, Kogut, ... : no thermal transition in 2d

Fradkin and Shenker : Higgs = Confinement (fund.)



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Wilson-loop operator

$$W_{\mathcal{C}} = \prod_{(ij)\in\mathcal{C}} \sigma_{ij}$$

 F_{k^*}

 σ_{ij}

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Kramers-Wannier duality transformation in 3d

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No symmetry change / topological transition





flux-line in 3d

 $f_{3d}(l) \sim gl - T \log \Omega(l)$

Transition at $T_c \sim g$





flux-line in 3d

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fluxes in 2d

 $f_{3d}(l) \sim gl - T \log \Omega(l)$

 $f_{2d}(l) \sim g - T \log \Omega(l)$

Transition at $T_c \sim g$

no transition

■ Gauge fixing in 2d

$$\sigma_{ii+\hat{x}} = 1, \quad \sigma_{ii+\hat{y}} = S_i \qquad F_{i^*} = S_i S_{i+\hat{x}}$$

The Wegner model becomes

$$H_W = -g\sum_i S_i S_{i+\hat{x}}$$

 \Rightarrow decoupled spin chains

$$\Rightarrow$$
 No thermal transition!



Facts

■ ∄ thermal transition in 1d Ising spin-chain (text-book)

$$H_{Ising} = -J\sum_{i} S_i S_{i+1}$$

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no singular point

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New model

Spin Hamiltonian with long range interaction

$$H_X = -J_r \sum_{i} \sum_{r>0} \frac{S_i S_{i+r\hat{x}}}{r^{\omega}}, \quad 1 < \omega \le 2$$

Decoupled Dyson-Ising spin chains

 \Rightarrow 3 thermal transition

$$F_{i^*} = S_i S_{i+\hat{x}} \qquad F_{i^*} F_{i^*+\hat{x}} = S_i S_{i+2\hat{x}} \qquad \prod_{j=0}^{r-1} F_{i^*+j\hat{x}} = S_i S_{i+r\hat{x}}$$
$$H_Z = -J_r \sum_i \sum_{r>0} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{r-1} F_{i^*+j\hat{x}}}{r^{\omega}}$$

r = 1

 \Rightarrow 3 thermal transition in 2d!

 $f_{2F}(l) = gl^{2-\omega} - T\log\Omega(l)$

Perimeter Law

Spin Hamiltonian with long range interaction

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Spin Hamiltonian with long range interaction

Thermal transition in 2d exists!

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Strongly interacting flux models

Spatial symmetry is broken (x-dir)

Would be great to find a simpler model

$$H_{mZ} = -g \sum_{i} F_{i^*} - \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} F_{i^*} F_{j^*}$$

Flux Hamiltonian with long range interaction

$$n_i \equiv \frac{1 - F_i}{2}, \quad \sum_i n_i \in 2\mathbb{Z}$$
$$H_F = g \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} n_i n_j + O(n_i^4), \quad J_{ij} > 0$$

For $T \ll g$, $J_{ij} = \log(|i - j|)$

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Ground state : flux-free state

Excited state : two-flux state

 $E_{2F}(r) = g \log(r)$

 $F_{2F}(r) = g \log(r) - T \log(r) \implies \mathsf{KT}$

 \Rightarrow KT-type free energy





Schematic Phase diagram



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Univ. Class 1 : order parameter

Univ. Class X : order parameter + gauge structure

Schematic Phase diagram



Univ. class $X \stackrel{?}{=}$ Wilson-Fisher

Schematic Phase diagram (with symmetry)



Univ. class
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 Wilson-Fisher

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 $\Phi_i = \cos(\theta_i) = \cos(2\vartheta_i)$

In 3d, Z₄ anisotropy term is irrelevant.

Hasenbusch and Vicari, PRB 84, 125136 (2011)

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An order para. is a **secondary** operator.

 $\alpha < 0$: Harris criteria applies (stable under disorder!)

Quantum-classical mapping : frustrated magnetism

| Univ. class in $3d$ | α | β | γ | ν | η | δ |
|---------------------|--------|---------|----------|------|--------|------|
| Z_2 (Ising) [33] | 0.11 | 0.33 | 1.24 | 0.63 | 0.036 | 4.79 |
| U(1) (XY) [33] | -0.015 | 0.35 | 1.32 | 0.67 | 0.038 | 4.78 |
| Mean-field | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 3 |
| $DC-Z_N/DC-U(1)$ | -0.015 | 0.83 | 0.35 | 0.67 | 1.47 | 1.43 |

| DC-U(1) in 3 <i>d</i> | 4 | β | Y | | \mathcal{H} | δ |
|-----------------------|---------|------|--------|------|---------------|--------|
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| Z ₃ gauge | - 0.015 | 1.42 | - 0.83 | 0.67 | 3.23 | 0.42 |
| Z_4 gauge | - 0.015 | 2.09 | - 2.17 | 0.67 | 5.22 | - 0.04 |

Schematic Phase diagram (with symmetry)



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CFT with c=1 (similar to KT)

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$$\xi_{KT} \sim e^{\frac{c}{\sqrt{|T-T_c|}}}$$

$$\Delta_{nem} \sim \xi^{-1/2}$$

Super-linear onset!



$$\Delta_{nem,KT}(T) = \Delta_{nem}(T > T^*) + C_1 e^{-\frac{C_2}{\sqrt{|T - T^*|}}}$$

Fitting parameters : C_1, C_2

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 $YB_2Cu_3O_7$



 α -RuCl₃



Twisted bi-layer graphene



Mann, Nature 2011 High Tc Superconductivity



Phys. org (2017) Majorana Fermions



Phys. org (2019) **Topological SC?**

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Thank you for your attention!

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