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Non-Fermi liquid (NFL) phases of 2d itinerant electrons

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Goal: Construct and Analyze non-Fermi liquid phases of strongly interacting 2d *itinerant* electrons

- "Parton" construction for NFL (Gutzwiller wf's)
- Example of a NFL: "D-wave Metal"
- Hamiltonian and energetics (DMRG) for "D-wave Metal"?

What is a "Non-Fermi-liquid metal"?

First: Fermi Liquid Metal

2D Free Fermi Gas

Momentum Distribution Function:

$$n_k = \langle c_k^{\dagger} c_k \rangle$$

 $\langle c_k^\dagger c_k
angle$ Volume of Fermi sea set by particle density 1 $\rho = k_F^2 / 4\pi$ k k_F **2D Fermi Liquid Metal** $\langle c_k^{\dagger} c_k \rangle$ Luttingers Thm: Volume inside Fermi surface still set by total density of fermions 1 k_v Z < 1 $\rho = k_F^2 / 4\pi$ k_x k k_F

2D Non-Fermi Liquid Metal

Various possibilities:

1) A singular "Fermi surface" that satisfies Luttinger's theorem but without a jump discontinuity in momentum distribution function



 A singular Fermi surface that violates Luttinger's theorem (eg. volume "x" rather than "1-x")

3) A singular "Fermi surface" with ``arc"



4.) Other....

Wavefunction(s) for NFL metals?

Wavefunction for 2D Free Fermi gas



Nodal lines: Ultraviolet and infrared "locking"

Wavefunction for interacting Fermi liquid?

Retain sign (nodal) structure of free fermions, modify amplitude, eg to keep particles apart.

Common form: Multiply free fermion wf by a Jastrow factor,

$$\Psi_{FL} = e^{-\sum_{i < j} u(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \psi_{FF}$$

with u(r) a variational function

For Spinful Electrons: Gutzwiller Projection

Slater determinant $\Psi_{FF}(\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow},\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}) = \det[\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{i}}\cdot\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{j}\uparrow})}]\det[\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{i}}\cdot\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{j}\downarrow})}]$

 $\Psi_G = \mathcal{P}_G[\Psi_{FF}]$ Project out doubly occupied sites

Parton approach to NFL wavefunctions

Decompose electron: spinless charge e boson, s=1/2 neutral fermionic spinon

$$c_{\sigma} = bf_{\sigma}$$

 $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_f + \mathcal{H}_b$

Mean Field Theory

Treat "Spinons" and Bosons as Independent:

Wavefunctions $\psi_f(\mathbf{r}_f)$

$$\psi_f(\mathbf{r_{i\uparrow}},\mathbf{r_{i\downarrow}}) \qquad \psi_b(\mathbf{R_i})$$

(enlarged Hilbert space - twice as many particles)

"Fix-up" Mean Field Theory

"Glue" together Fermion and Boson "partons"

$$\Psi \equiv \psi_f(\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{i}\alpha}) \times \psi_{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{i}} \to \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{i}\alpha})$$

Project back into physical Hilbert space

Fermi and Non-Fermi Liquids via partons?

Spinons in a filled Fermi sea $\psi_f = \det[e^{i\mathbf{k_i}\cdot\mathbf{r_j}\uparrow}]\det[e^{i\mathbf{k_i}\cdot\mathbf{r_j}\downarrow}]$

Fermi Liquid: Bosons into Bose condensate

$$\Psi_{FL} = \psi_f^{FF} \times \psi_b^{BEC}$$

$$\psi_b^{BEC} = e^{-\sum_{i < j} u(\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)} \qquad c_\sigma = \langle b \rangle f_\sigma \sim (const) f_\sigma$$

Non-Fermi Liquid: Bosons into uncondensed fluid - a "Bose metal"

 $\Psi_{NFL} = \psi_f^{FF} \times \psi_b^{BoseMetal}$

NFL Metal: Product of Fermi sea and uncondensed "Bose-Metal"

2D Bose-Metal

- A stable T=0 liquid phase of bosons that is not a superfluid
- Green's function has oscillatory power law decay
- Momentum distribution function singular on a *"Bose surface"*

$$G_{BM}(\mathbf{r}) \sim \frac{\cos[\mathbf{k}_B(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \cdot \mathbf{r}]}{|\mathbf{r}|^{\alpha(\hat{\mathbf{r}})}}$$

$$G_b(\mathbf{k}) = \langle b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$





Parton Construction for Bose metal (following Lesik's talk)

 $b=d_1d_2$ $\psi_b=det_1 imes det_2$ Gutzwiller wavefunction:

All Fermionic decomposition of electron

$$c_{\alpha} = bf_{\alpha} = d_1 d_2 f_{\alpha}$$

Wf for D-wave Bose-Metal (DBM)

Product of 2 Fermi sea determinants, elongated in the x or y directions

$$\psi_{DBM} = det_x \times det_y$$





2-particle correlations



Bose Surfaces in D-wave Bose-Metal

Mean Field Green's functions factorize:

$$G_b^{MF}(\mathbf{r}, au) = G_{d_1}^{MF}(\mathbf{r}, au) G_{d_2}^{MF}(\mathbf{r}, au)/ar{
ho}$$

Momentum distribution function:

$$n_b(\mathbf{k}) = \int G_b(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

Two singular lines in momentum space, Bose surfaces:

 $\mathbf{k}_{F_1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \pm \mathbf{k}_{F_2}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$



"D-Wave Metal"

Itinerant NFL phase of 2d electrons?



Can use Variational Monte Carlo to extract equal time correlation functions from wf But what about energetics??? Hamiltonians with Bose-metal or NFL metal ground states??

Ring Hamiltonian for D-wave Bose-Metal?

Strong coupling limit of parton gauge theory:

"Ring exchange"

$$\begin{split} H &= H_J + H_4 , \\ H_J &= -J \sum_{\mathbf{r}; \, \hat{\mu} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}} (b_{\mathbf{r}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{r} + \hat{\mu}} + h.c.) , \\ H_4 &= K_4 \sum_{\mathbf{r}} (b_{\mathbf{r}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{r} + \hat{\mathbf{x}}} b_{\mathbf{r} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{r} + \hat{\mathbf{y}}} + h.c.) , \end{split}$$

Phase diagram: K/J and density of bosons



J-K Model has a sign problem for non-zero J and K

Ladders

Transverse y-components of momentum become quantized



Put Bose superfluid on n-leg ladder



Single gapless 1d mode

Put D-wave Bose metal on n-leg ladder



Many gapless 1d modes, one for each "Bose" point Signature of 2d Bose surface present on ladders

Expectation: Signature of Bose surface in Bose-Metal on n-leg ladders

Boson ring model on the 2-Leg Ladder

- Exact Diag.
- Variational Monte Carlo
- DMRG
- Bosonization of quasi-1d gauge theory



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Ladder descendant of 2D Bose-metal??

Phase Diagram for 2-leg ladder

 $\rho = 1/3$



Phases:

- 1) Superfluid "Bose condensate"
- 2) D-Wave Bose Metal DBL
- 3) s-wave Pair-Boson "condensate"

D-wave Bose-Metal occupies large region of phase diagram

Superfluid versus D-wave Bose-Metal



Variational Wf for D-wave Bose-metal on 2-leg ladder



STRONG-COUPLING PHASES OF FRUSTRATED BOSONS ...



$$\Psi_{\text{bos}}(r_1, r_2, \ldots) = \Psi_{d_1}(r_1, r_2, \ldots) \cdot \Psi_{d_2}(r_1, r_2, \ldots).$$

DBM: How good is ladder variational wavefunction?



Gauge mean field theory predicts singularities in momentum distribution function at: $\mathbf{k}_{F_1} \pm \mathbf{k}_{F_2}$

Both DMRG and $\det_1 x \det_2$ Wavefunction show singular cusps only at $\mathbf{k}_{F_1} - \mathbf{k}_{F_2}$ (Ampere's law)



Hamiltonian for D-wave Metal?

Strong coupling limit of parton gauge theory $c_lpha=f_lpha d_x d_y$

t-K "Ring" Hamiltonian (no double occupancy constraint)



Phase diagram of electron t-K Hamiltonian?

$$\mathcal{H}_{tK} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [c^{\dagger}_{i\alpha} c_{j\alpha} + h.c.] + K \sum_{\langle 1234 \rangle} [\mathcal{S}^{\dagger}_{13} \mathcal{S}_{24} + h.c.]$$

(Density and K/t)

Severe sign problem - intractable

Once again: Analyze t-K electron ring Hamiltonian on **2-leg ladder**

Possible to identify a NFL on a 2-leg ladder?



Searching for a "non-Luttinger liquid" (ie. a Luttinger-liquid violating Luttinger's sum rule)

Electron t-K model on 2-leg ladder



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ED DMRG VMC Bosonization of Quasi-1d U(1) gauge theory

Ground State energy: DMRG

DMRG Energy, $L_x = 12$, $N_{elec} = 8$



K/t <0.7 Luttinger Liquid

Electron Momentum Distribution Function: K = 0.0



Satisfies Luttinger's Theorem: the volume enclosed by the "Fermi surface" yields the particle density. (16 particles, singlet, 8 up and 8 down)

A canonical (single band) Luttinger liquid

0.7< K/t <1.25 : Spin Polarized

Electron Momentum Distribution Function: K = 1.0



Non-interacting spin polarized Fermi sea is exact ground state here. Luttinger theorem satisfied

K/t>1.25: Non-LL Phase

Electron Momentum Distribution Function: K = 2.0



K/t > 1.25: Non-LL Phase

Electron Momentum Distribution Function: K = 2.5



Non-monotonic momentum distribution function; No sign of Luttingers volume

Non-Luttinger-Liquid phase for K>1.25?

Electron momentum distribution function: Singular features, but at momenta which do not satisfy Luttinger's volume theorem

$$n_{k\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{L_x L_y} \sum_{i,j} \langle c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} \rangle e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$

Can we understand in terms of D-wave Metal on 2-leg ladder??

Employ parton construction, gauge theory and VMC

$$c_{\alpha} = f_{\alpha} d_x d_y$$



Gauge theory: Projects down to physical Hilbert space Number of 1d modes = (number in MFT) – (gauge constraints) = (2+1+2)-(2) = 3Central charge c=3, strongly entangled

Electron momentum distribution function

Mean Field Theory: electron momentum distribution, convolution of partons

$$n_c^{MFT}(k) = n_{d_x}(k) \otimes n_{d_y}(k) \otimes n_f(k) \qquad c_{\sigma} = d_x d_y f_{\sigma}$$

Gauge theory - certain wavevectors enhanced

Illustrate with Boson ring model (MFT)

$$n_b^{MFT}(k) = n_{d_x}(k) \otimes n_{d_y}(k)$$

 $b = d_x d_y$

Very sharp peaks in the **exact** boson momentum distribution function! (from DMRG)

 $n_b(k)$



Momentum distribution function in the d-wave metal?



$$n_c(k) \stackrel{?}{\approx} \tilde{n}_b(k) \otimes n_f(k)$$

 $n_f(k) = \Theta(K_F^f - |k|)$ (Free spinon sea)



K/t>1.25: Non-LL Phase

Electron Momentum Distribution Function: K = 2.0



Density-density structure factor: DMRG

Density-density Structure Factor: K = 1.5





In D_k , enhanced singularities are predicted by the gauge theory at various " $2k_F$ " wavevectors.

Evolution of Peak Locations

Density-density Structure Factor: K = 2.0



Evolution of Peak Locations

Density-density Structure Factor: K = 2.5



DMRG Phase diagram varying transverse electron hopping, t_{perp}





Variational Monte Carlo (VMC)

D-wave Metal: Product of Slater determinants

 $\Psi_{d_{xy}}^{Metal} = \det_{x} [e^{i\mathbf{K_{i}} \cdot \mathbf{R_{j}}}] \cdot \det_{y} [e^{i\mathbf{K_{i}} \cdot \mathbf{R_{j}}}] \times \det[e^{i\mathbf{k_{i}} \cdot \mathbf{r_{j\uparrow}}}] \cdot \det[e^{i\mathbf{k_{i}} \cdot \mathbf{r_{j\downarrow}}}]$

Variational Parameters:

Distribution of d_x partons between bonding/anti-bonding bands (f-spinons and d_y partons only in bonding band)

2 parameters to tune the Luttinger exponents

$$det_x = |det_x| sgn(det_x) \to |det_x|^{\gamma_x} sgn(det_x)$$
$$det_y = |det_y| sgn(det_y) \to |det_y|^{\gamma_y} sgn(det_y)$$

(Luttinger liquid phase: Jastrow factor multiplying filled Fermi sea)

Ground State energy: DMRG vs VMC

VMC vs. DMRG: Energy, $L_x = 12$, $N_{elec} = 8$



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 22, N_\pi = 10$



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 21, N_\pi = 11$

Electron Momentum Distribution Function



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 20, N_\pi = 12$

Electron Momentum Distribution Function



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 19, N_\pi = 13$



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 18, N_\pi = 14$



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 17, N_\pi = 15$



Evolution of VMC States $d_x: N_0 = 16, N_\pi = 16$



VMC vs. DMRG



VMC vs. DMRG Density-density Structure Factor: K = 2.5



VMC vs. DMRG Spin-spin Structure Factor: K = 2.5



Conclusions

- NFL phases of 2d itinerant electrons are extremely challenging
- Example NFL: "D-wave Metal"
- Electron Ring model on 2-leg ladder has "non-Luttinger liquid" phase
- DMRG/VMC establish non-LL is a ladder descendant of the 2d D-wave Metal.

Open Issues

- D-wave Metal on 2-legs; Dynamics, other filling factors
- Multi-leg ladders towards 2d
- t-J-K Hamiltonians with D-wave metal ground states?
- Electron ring-only model (K-model) has *no sign problem* QMC?
- VMC energetics on 2d ring Hamiltonian (FL, D-wave BCS, D-wave Metal,...)
- Other wfs/Hamiltonians for 2d NFL phases??

Correlators and Structure Factors

Electron Momentum Distribution Function:

$$n_{k\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) = rac{1}{L_x L_y} \sum_{i,j} \langle c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} \rangle e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \qquad n_k = n_{k\uparrow} + n_{k\downarrow}$$

Density-density Structure Factor:

$$D_{k}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{L_{x}L_{y}} \sum_{i,j} \left[\langle \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{i}\right) \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{j}\right) \rangle - \langle \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{i}\right) \rangle \langle \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{j}\right) \rangle \right] e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{i} - \mathbf{r}_{j})} \\ \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{i}\right) = c_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{i\uparrow} + c_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{i\downarrow}$$

Spin-spin Structure Factor:

$$S_k(\mathbf{k}) = rac{1}{L_x L_y} \sum_{i,j} \langle \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j
angle e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}$$

Bose Surfaces in D-wave Bose-Metal

Mean Field Green's functions factorize:

$$G_{b}^{MF}(\mathbf{r},\tau) = G_{d_{1}}^{MF}(\mathbf{r},\tau)G_{d_{2}}^{MF}(\mathbf{r},\tau)/\bar{\rho}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{d_{\alpha}}^{MF}(\mathbf{r}) \approx \frac{1}{2^{1/2}\pi^{3/2}} \frac{\cos(\mathbf{k}_{F_{\alpha}}\cdot\mathbf{r}-3\pi/4)}{c_{\alpha}^{1/2}|\mathbf{r}|^{3/2}} \qquad (\partial\epsilon_{\alpha}/\partial\mathbf{k})_{\mathbf{k}_{F\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})} = (const)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

Momentum distribution function:

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Two singular lines in momentum space, Bose surfaces:

$$\mathbf{k}_{F_1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \pm \mathbf{k}_{F_2}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$



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Motivation for Non-Fermi-Liquid Metal: "Abnormal" state of High T_c Superconductors



Strange metal: "Fermi surface" but quasiparticles are not "sharp" Spectral function measured with ARPES suggests Z=0



In n_k , an enhanced singularity is predicted by the gauge theory at $k_{Fx}^{(k_y)} - k_{Fy} + k_{F\sigma}$

But what is a "Bose-Metal"?

First - A conventional interacting superfluid:

Boson Green's function

 $G_b(\mathbf{r}) = \langle b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})b(\mathbf{0}) \rangle$

Off-diagonal long-ranged order

Momentum distribution function

