A Holographic Model of the Kondo Effect

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July 10, 1908

Leiden, the Netherlands





Heike Kamerlingh Onnes liquifies helium

 $T \approx 4.2 \text{ K} \quad (1 \text{ atm})$

Shortly Thereafter

Leiden, the Netherlands





Begins studying low-temperature properties of metals $T \approx 1 \ {\rm to} \ 10 \ K$

April 8, 1911

Heike Kamerlingh Onnes discovers superconductivity



1913

Onnes receives the Nobel Prize in Physics



"for his investigations on the properties of matter at low temperatures which led, *inter alia*, to the production of liquid helium"



Smith and Fickett, J. Res. NIST, 100, 119 (1995)



Resistivity measures electron scattering cross section

Debye Temperature

Quantized vibrational modes of a solid = Phonons



Minimum wavelength: 2 x (lattice spacing)

Maximal Frequency

 Θ_D

lowest temperature at which maximal-energy phonon excited











increasing concentration of impurities

The Kondo Effect





Samwer and Winzer, Z. Phys B, 25, 269, 1976

MAGNETIC Impurities



Felsch, Z. Phys B, 29, 211, 1978

Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 32, No. 1, July 1964

Resistance Minimum in Dilute Magnetic Alloys

Jun Kondo



The Kondo Hamiltonian

$$H_{K} = \sum_{k,\sigma} \varepsilon(k) c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + g_{K} \vec{S} \cdot \sum_{k\sigma k'\sigma'} c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \vec{\tau}_{\sigma\sigma'} c_{k'\sigma'}$$

$$c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger}$$
 , $c_{k\sigma}$

Conduction electrons

$$\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow$$

Spin
$$SU(2)$$

$$\varepsilon(k) = \frac{k^2}{2m} - \varepsilon_F$$

Dispersion relation

The Kondo Hamiltonian



 $\rho(T) = \rho_0 + a T^2 + b T^5 + c g_{\kappa}^2 - \tilde{c} g_{\kappa}^3 \ln(T/\varepsilon_F)$

$C, \tilde{C} \propto 10^{\circ}$ concentration of impurities



 \Rightarrow



Ferromagnetic

as T decreases ho(T) DECREASES

$\rho(T) = \rho_0 + a T^2 + b T^5 + c g_K^2 - \tilde{c} g_K^3 \ln(T/\varepsilon_F)$







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as T decreases $\rho(T)$ INCREASES

 $T) = \rho_0 + a T^2 + b T^5 + c g_{\kappa}^2 - \tilde{c} g_{\kappa}^3 \ln(T/\varepsilon_F)$



Breakdown of Perturbation Theory

$$\rho(T) = \rho_0 + a \, T^2 + b \, T^5 + c \, g_K^2 - \tilde{c} \, g_K^3 \ln(T/\varepsilon_F)$$

 $\mathcal{O}(g_K^3)$ term is same order as $\mathcal{O}(g_K^2)$ term when

$$T_K \approx \varepsilon_F \, e^{-\frac{c}{\tilde{c}} \frac{1}{g_K}}$$

"Kondo temperature"

The Kondo Problem

Cross section for electron scattering off a MAGNETIC impurity INCREASES as energy DECREASES

The coupling GROWS at low energies $\beta_{g_K} \propto -g_{_K}^2 + \mathcal{O}(g_{_K}^3)$

Asymptotic freedom!

$$T_K \sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$$

The Kondo Problem

The coupling diverges at low energy!

What is the ground state?

We know the answer!

Solutions of the Kondo Problem

Numerical RG (Wilson 1975)

Fermi liquid description (Nozières 1975)

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One electron binds with impurity ground state is "Kondo singlet"







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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow_i \downarrow_e \rangle - |\downarrow_i \uparrow_e \rangle \right)$$

Anti-symmetric singlet of $\,SU(2)\,$



Fermi liquid + decoupled spin

Fermi liquid



+ electrons EXCLUDED from impurity location



Fermi liquid + decoupled spin

Fermi liquid + NON-MAGNETIC impurity



Samwer and Winzer, Z. Phys B, 25, 269, 1976

Kondo Effect in Many Systems

alloys of Cu, Ag, Au, Mg, Zn,with Cr, Fe, Mo, Mn, Re, Os, ... impurities





Quantum dots





Generalizations

Enhance the spin group $SU(2) \to SU(N)$

arXiv:1306.6326v1 [cond-mat.mes-hall] 26 Jun 2013

Observation of the SU(4) Kondo state in a double quantum dot

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Generalizations

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Representation of impurity spin $s_{\rm imp} = 1/2 \longrightarrow R_{\rm imp}$

Multiple "channels" or "flavors" $c \rightarrow c^{\alpha} \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, k$ $U(1) \times SU(k)$ Generalizations

Kondo model specified by N, R_{imp}, k

Apply the techniques mentioned above...

IR fixed point: NOT always a fermi liquid

"Non-Fermi liquids"

Multiple Impurities

$$H = H_K + \sum_{ij} g_{ij}^{RKKY} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida (RKKY) coupling



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The Kondo Lattice...



Alexei Tsvelik

"... remains one of the biggest unsolved problems in condensed matter physics."

> Alexei Tsvelik QFT in Condensed Matter Physics (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2003)

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Find a holographic description of the Kondo Effect

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Affleck and Ludwig 1990s

Reduction to one dimension

Kondo interaction preserves spherical symmetry

$$g_{\kappa}\delta^{3}(\vec{x})\,\vec{S}\cdot c^{\dagger}(\vec{x})\,\frac{1}{2}\vec{\tau}\,c(\vec{x})$$

restrict to s-wave

restrict to momenta near k_F

$$c(\vec{x}) \approx \frac{1}{r} \left[e^{-ik_F r} \psi_L(r) - e^{+ik_F r} \psi_R(r) \right]$$



$$H_K = \frac{v_F}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dr \,\psi_L^{\alpha\dagger} i \partial_r \psi_L^{\alpha} + v_F \tilde{g}_K \vec{S} \cdot \psi_L^{\alpha}(0)^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \vec{\tau} \,\psi_L^{\alpha}(0)$$

$$\tilde{g}_{\scriptscriptstyle K} \equiv \frac{k_F^2}{2\pi^2 v_F} \times g_{\scriptscriptstyle K}$$

RELATIVISTIC chiral fermions

$$v_F =$$
 "speed of light"





$$J = \psi^{\alpha \dagger}_{\ L} \psi^{\alpha}_{\ L}$$

U(1)

$$\vec{J} = \psi^{\alpha \dagger}_{\ L} \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \psi^{\alpha}_{\ L}$$

SU(N)

 $J^{A} = \psi^{\alpha \dagger}_{\ L} t^{A}_{\alpha \alpha'} \psi^{\alpha'}_{\ L} \quad SU(k)$



 $z \equiv \tau + ir$

$$J^A(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{-n-1} J_n^A$$

$$[J_n^A, J_m^B] = if^{ABC}J_{n+m}^C + N\frac{n}{2}\delta^{AB}\delta_{n,-m}$$

$SU(k)_N$ Kac-Moody Current Algebra

N counts net number of chiral fermions

$$H_K = \frac{v_F}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dr \,\psi^{\alpha\dagger}_{\ L} i\partial_r \psi^{\alpha}_{\ L} + v_F \tilde{g}_K \vec{S} \cdot \psi^{\alpha}_{\ L}(0)^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \vec{\tau} \,\psi^{\alpha}_{\ L}(0)$$

Full symmetry:

(1+1)d conformal symmetry $SU(N)_k \times SU(k)_N \times U(1)_{kN}$

Sugawara Hamiltonian
Spin
$$SU(N)$$
 R_{imp} $k \ge 1$
 $H_K = \int dr \left[\frac{1}{4\pi Nk} J^2 + \frac{1}{2\pi (k+N)} \vec{J}^2 + \frac{1}{2\pi (k+N)} J^A J^A \right] + \tilde{g}_K \vec{S} \cdot \vec{J}(0)$

 $J = \psi^{\alpha}{}_{L}\psi^{\alpha}{}_{L}$

$$\vec{J} = \psi^{\alpha \dagger}_{\ L} \frac{\tau}{2} \psi^{\alpha}_{\ L}$$

SU(N)

SU(k)

U(1)

 $J^{A} = \psi^{\alpha \dagger}_{\ L} t^{A}_{\alpha \alpha'} \psi^{\alpha'}_{\ L}$











Take-Away Messages

Central role of the Kac-Moody Algebra

Kondo coupling: $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{J}$





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Find a holographic description of the Kondo Effect

What classical action do we write on the gravity side of the correspondence?

How do we describe holographically...





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The Kondo coupling?





AdS solution to a string or supergravity theory

Bottom-up:

AdS solution of some ad hoc Lagrangian





$$3-3$$
 and $5-5$ and $7-7$
 $3-7$ and $7-3$
 $3-5$ and $5-3$
 $7-5$ and $5-7$











	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	

$$3-3$$
 and $5-5$ and $7-7$
 $3-7$ and $7-3$
 $3-5$ and $5-3$ Decouple
 $7-5$ and $5-7$



















Previous work

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The D3-branes



3-3 strings

(3+1)-dimensional $\mathcal{N}=4$ SUSY $SU(N_c)$ YM

$$\lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N_c$$

$$\beta_{\lambda} = 0$$




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$$N_c \to \infty \quad g_{YM}^2 \to 0$$

 $\lambda \text{ fixed}$



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$$\lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N_c$$

$$N_c o \infty \quad g_{YM}^2 o 0$$

 $\lambda o \infty$





Type IIB Supergravity
$$AdS_5 \times S^5$$

 $g_{YM}^2 \propto g_s$ $g_{YM}^2 N_c \propto L_{\rm AdS}^4 / \alpha'^2$ $L_{\rm AdS} \equiv 1$

The D3-branes





Type IIB Supergravity $AdS_5 \times S^5$

 $\int_{S^5} F_5 \propto N_c \qquad F_5 = dC_4$

Anti-de Sitter Space





	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	Х	Х			X	X	X	X	X	X
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	

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 $g_{YM}^2 N_c \propto 1/\alpha'^2$



Probe Limit

$$N_c \to \infty \quad g_{YM}^2 \to 0$$

 $N_7, N_5 \quad \text{fixed}$

$N_7/N_c \rightarrow 0$ and $N_5/N_c \rightarrow 0$

$$g_{D7}^2 N_7 \propto \frac{N_7}{N_c} \to 0$$

$$g_{D5}^2 N_5 \propto g_{YM} \frac{N_5}{\sqrt{N_c}} \to 0$$

Probe Limit

SYM theories on D7- and D5-branes decouple

 $U(N_7) imes U(N_5)$ becomes a global symmetry

Total symmetry:



(plus R-symmetry)







	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

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8 Neumann-Dirichlet (ND) intersection



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1/4 SUSY

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L

 ψ_L NEUTRAL under SUSY: $\mathcal{N}=(0,8)$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			Х	Х	X	Х	Х	X

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L

$$S_{3-7} = \int dx^+ dx^- \psi_L^\dagger \left(i\partial_- - A_-\right)\psi_L$$

$$SU(N_c) \times U(N_7) \times U(N_5)$$

 $N_c \quad \overline{N_7} \quad \text{singlet}$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	Х	X

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L

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Kac-Moody algebra $SU(N_c)_{N_7} imes SU(N_7)_{N_c} imes U(1)_{NcN_7}$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			Х	X	X	X	X	X

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L

Differences from Kondo

Do not come from reduction from (3+1) dimensions

Genuinely relativistic

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	Х	X

 N_7 (1+1)-dimensional chiral fermions ψ_L

Differences from Kondo

$$SU(N_c)$$
 is gauged!

$$\vec{J} = \psi_L^\dagger \, \vec{T} \, \psi_L$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
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 $SU(N_c)$ is gauged!



Gauge Anomaly!



Probe Limit!

In the probe limit, the gauge anomaly is suppressed...



... but the global anomalies are not.



In the probe limit, the gauge anomaly is suppressed...

 $SU(N_c)_{N_7} \to SU(N_c)$

... but the global anomalies are not.

$SU(N_7)_{N_c} \times U(1)_{N_cN_7} \to SU(N_7)_{N_c} \times U(1)_{N_cN_7}$













rank and level of algebra rank and level of gauge field

Gukov, Martinec, Moore, Strominger hep-th/0403225

Kraus and Larsen hep-th/0607138



Decouples on field theory side...

...but not on the gravity side!

Probe D7-branes along
$$\,AdS_3 imes S^5$$

$$S_{D7} = +\frac{1}{2}T_{D7}(2\pi\alpha')^2 \int P[C_4] \wedge \operatorname{tr} F \wedge F + \dots$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}T_{D7}(2\pi\alpha')^2 \int P[F_5] \wedge \operatorname{tr}\left(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3}A \wedge A \wedge A\right) + \dots$$

$$= -\frac{N_c}{4\pi} \int_{AdS_3} \operatorname{tr} \left(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right) + \dots$$

 $U(N_7)_{N_c}$ Chern-Simons gauge field

Answer #1

The chiral fermions:

Chern-Simons Gauge Field in AdS_3







	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	

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8 ND intersection

 N_5 (0+1)-dimensional fermions χ



 χ NEUTRAL under SUSY

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	

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 $N_5~(0\text{+}1)\text{-dimensional fermions }\chi$



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	Х	X	X	X	

$$S_{3-5} = \int dt \, \chi^{\dagger} (i\partial_t - A_t - \Phi_9) \chi$$

$$SU(N_c) \times U(N_7) \times U(N_5)$$

 $N_c \quad \text{singlet} \quad \overline{N}_5$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_c \text{ D3}$	X	X	X	X						
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	Х	X	X	X	

 $SU(N_c)$ is "spin"

$$\vec{S} = \chi^\dagger \, \vec{T} \, \chi$$

"slave fermions"

"Abrikosov pseudo-fermions"

Abrikosov, **Physics** 2, p.5 (1965)

Gomis and Passerini hep-th/0604007

$$N_{5} = 1$$
Integrate out χ

$$W_{R} = \operatorname{Tr}_{R} P \exp \left[i \int dt (A_{t} + \Phi_{9}) \right]$$

$$R = \left[\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \qquad Q = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_{c}} \chi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \chi_{\sigma}$$

$$U(N_{5}) \text{ charge "density"}$$







Probe D5-branes $AdS_2 \times S^4$




Probe D5-brane along $AdS_2 \times S^4$

Camino, Paredes, Ramallo hep-th/0104082

$$S_{D5} = -T_{D5} \left(2\pi\alpha'\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \int \mathrm{tr} f \wedge *f + T_{D5} \left(2\pi\alpha'\right) \int P[C_4] \wedge \mathrm{tr} f + \dots$$

 AdS_2 electric field f_{rt}

$$\sqrt{-g} f^{tr} \big|_{\partial AdS_2} = Q = \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_c} \chi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \chi_{\sigma}$$

Answer #2

The impurity:

Yang-Mills Gauge Field in AdS_2









The Kondo Interaction

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

2 ND intersection

Complex scalar!





The Kondo Interaction

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$N_5 \text{ D5}$	X				X	X	X	X	X	
$N_7 \text{ D7}$	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

SUSY completely broken



$$m_{\rm tachyon}^2 = -\frac{1}{4\alpha'}$$

D5 becomes magnetic flux in the D7

The Kondo Interaction



$$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{J} = |\psi_L^{\dagger} \chi|^2 + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c)$$

"double trace"

$$\mathcal{N}=4~\mathrm{SYM}$$

 $N_c
ightarrow \infty$
 $\lambda
ightarrow \infty$

Probe ψ_L





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Probe D7-branes
$$AdS_3 \times S^5$$

Probe D5-branes $AdS_2 \times S^4$

Bi-fundamental scalar $AdS_2 \times S^4$

Answer #3

The Kondo interaction:

Bi-fundamental scalar in AdS_2





What is
$$V(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)$$
 ?



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Difficult to calculate in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

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Switch to bottom-up model!



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$$S = S_{CS} + S_{AdS_2}$$

$$S_{CS} = -\frac{N}{4\pi} \int \operatorname{tr} \left(A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right)$$
$$S_{AdS_2} = -\int d^3x \,\delta(x) \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr} f^2 + |D\Phi|^2 + V(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) \right]$$

$$D\Phi = \partial \Phi + iA\Phi - ia\Phi$$
$$V(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) = m^{2}\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi$$

$$S = S_{CS} + S_{AdS_2}$$

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Kondo model specified by N, R_{imp}, k

$$U(k)_N$$

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$$S_{AdS_2} = -\int d^3x \,\delta(x) \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr} f^2 + |D\Phi|^2 + V(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) \right]$$
Kondo model specified by

 $N, R_{\rm imp}, k$





Equations of Motion

$$egin{aligned} \Phi &= e^{i\psi}\phi \ \mu,
u &= r, t, x & m, n = r, t \ arepsilon^{m\mu
u}F_{\mu
u} &= -rac{4\pi}{N}\delta(x)J^m \ \partial_n\left(\sqrt{-g}\,g^{nq}g^{mp}f_{qp}
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Equations of Motion

Ansatz:

Static solution

After gauge fixing, only non-zero fields:

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We choose
$$m^2 = \operatorname{Breitenlohner-Freedman}$$
 bound

$$\phi(r) = c r^{-1/2} \log r + \tilde{c} r^{-1/2} + \dots$$

Our double-trace (Kondo) coupling:

$$c = \tilde{g}_K \, \tilde{c}$$

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A holographic superconductor in AdS_2



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The large-N Kondo effect!

Solutions of the Kondo Problem Numerical RG (Wilson 1975) Fermi liquid description (Nozières 1975) Bethe Ansatz/Integrability (Andrei, Wiegmann, Tsvelick, Destri, ... 1980s) Large-N expansion

(Anderson, Read, Newns, Doniach, Coleman, ... 1970-80s)

Quantum Monte Carlo (Hirsch, Fye, Gubernatis, Scalapino,... 1980s)

> Conformal Field Theory (CFT) (Affleck and Ludwig 1990s)









The phase transition is an ARTIFACT of the large-N limit! The actual Kondo effect is a crossover



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Screening of the Impurity



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$$\varepsilon^{trx} F_{rx} = 2 \,\partial_r A_x(r) = -\frac{4\pi}{N} \delta(x) J^t(r)$$

Integrate up to some γ

$$A_x|_{r\neq 0} - A_x|_{r=0} = -\frac{2\pi}{N}\delta(x)\int dr J^t(r)$$

Compactify $\, \mathcal{X} \,$, integrate over $\, \mathcal{X} \,$

$$\oint dx \ A_x|_{r\neq 0} - \oint dx \ A_x|_{r=0} = -\frac{2\pi}{N} \int dr J^t(r)$$



The Phase Shift $T < T_c$ $\phi(r) \neq 0 \qquad \qquad J^t(r) \neq 0$ $\sqrt{-g}f^{rt} = Q$ $IR e^{i\int dx A_x} \sqrt{-g} f^{rt} < Q$

- Entropy?
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- Resistivity?



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Summary

What is the holographic dual of the Kondo effect?

Holographic superconductor in AdS_2 with a special boundary condition on the scalar coupled as a defect to a Chern-Simons gauge field in AdS_3

Outlook

- Multi-channel?
- Other impurity representations?
- Spin as global symmetry?
- Entanglement entropy?
- Quantum Quenches?
- Multiple impurities, RKKY?
- Suggestions welcome!

