

Defects and scaling in disordered Tomonaga-Luttinger liquids

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Scale invariance – quantum criticality







- Temperature only energy scale
- All observables become: Universal functions of E/kT

$$\chi(q_{0,}\omega) = T^{\alpha}F(\omega/kT)$$



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Disorder and Quantum Criticality



- QCP often require doping
- Criticality emerges from a disordered state!
- We need to understand disorder **and** strong correlations
- Hopelessly difficult...



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Tomonaga Luttinger Liquid:



- 1D analogue of Fermi liquid
 - Strongly correlated system
 - Linear low energy spectrum
 - Power law correlations
- Typically, itinerant electrons:
 - QH Edge, CNT, Nanowires etc





 $H = \frac{v}{2} \int dx \left[\frac{1}{K} (\partial_x \phi)^2 + K (\partial_x \tilde{\phi})^2 \right],$

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Tomonaga Luttinger Liquid: Spin chains!

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XXY Spin chain:

$$H = J_{xy} \sum \left\{ S_n^x S_{n+1}^x + S_n^y S_{n+1}^y \right\} + J_{xy} \sum S_n^z S_{n+1}^z - h \sum S_n^z$$

Jordan-Wigner transform:

$$H = \sum \frac{J_{xy}}{2} \left(c_n^+ c_{n+1} + c_{n+1}^+ c_n \right) + J_z c_n^+ c_n c_{n+1}^+ c_{n+1} - c_n^+ c_n (h+J_z)$$

Bosonization: Luttinger Liquid

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Example: copper pyrazine dinitrate (CuPzN)



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Yankova et al. Philosophical Magazine, 92(19–21), 2629–2647

Machinery of neutron scattering:





Scattering cross-section:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} = \frac{k_f}{k_i} \left(r_0 \gamma \right)^2 |F(\boldsymbol{Q})|^2 \exp\left(-2W(\boldsymbol{Q})\right) \sum_{\alpha\beta} \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{Q_\alpha Q_\beta}{Q^2} \right) S^{\alpha\beta}(\boldsymbol{Q}, \omega)$$

Dynamic structure factor:

$$\mathcal{S}(q_{\parallel},\omega) \propto T^{1/2K-2} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_BT}\right) \right]^{-1} \qquad \Phi(x,y) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8K} - i\frac{x-y}{4\pi}\right)}{\Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{8K} - i\frac{x-y}{4\pi}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8K} - i\frac{x+y}{4\pi}\right)}{\Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{8K} - i\frac{x+y}{4\pi}\right)} \times \Phi\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_BT}, \frac{u(q_{\parallel} - \pi)}{k_BT}\right) \right\},$$

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Does it work?





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Povarov, Quantum Magnetism, ETH Unpublished Lake et al. Nature Mater **4**, 329–334 (2005)

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$$\chi(q_0,\omega) = T^{\alpha}\mathcal{F}(\frac{\omega}{T})$$

Wavevector $q_{\text{chain}} (2\pi A^{-1})$



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- Impurities cut the chain
- New length scale:
 - Discrete energy levels
 - Spinon confiement
- But only repulsive interaction
- Bohrdt et al.:

$$\chi_{st}^{\pm} = \left(\frac{T}{\nu}\right) \frac{1}{2K} {}^{-1}F_K\left(\frac{T}{\nu}\right) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \chi_{st}^{\pm} = \left(\frac{T}{\nu}\right) \frac{1}{2K} {}^{-1}F'_K\left(\frac{LT}{\nu}\right)$$

Energy

 $L = \infty$

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 $\Delta E \simeq J/L$

Finite L



Ladders have a much less restrictive geometry: defects do not break continuity!



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Phase diagram of the spin ladder





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Phase diagram of the spin ladder: gapped phase





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Phase diagram of the spin ladder: Luttinger liquid





Phase diagram of the spin ladder: Luttinger liquid





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Spin ladders

New materials:

- DIMPY:
 - J_{leg}=16.7K
 - J_{rung}=9.5K
 - ξ≈6.2

- BPCB:
 - J_{leg}=3.6K
 - J_{rung}=12.96K
 - ξ≈1



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Spin ladders: material growth







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Depleted Spin Ladders: Spin islands

- Single rung:
- Singlet \rightarrow Free spin
- In the ladder:
 - Emergent extended object
 - Correlation length ->Size
- Strong rung: small objects
- Strong leg: extended objects



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Non-interactingspin islands: BPCB





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Non-interacting spin islands: BPCB





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Interacting spin islands: DIMPY

- Strong leg ladder
 - DIMPY: ξ ≈ 6<L
 - New many body strongly interacting system
 - Estimating J_{eff}:

 $J_{\rm eff}(L) = J_0(-1)^L e^{-L/\xi}$

overlap L 0.4 o cis 0.3 o trans Effective interaction J [meV] 0.2 0.1 0 -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 J_{eff}=0.441 meV -0.4 L 0 10 20 30 40 Impurity distance

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DIMPY – Magnetic properties





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- Deuterated chemicals
- 2g crystal assembly
- 4% Zn substitution
- ξ≈6, L ≈ 12





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- Spin island picture collapses:
 - Exponential -> algebraic correlations



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Luttinger liquid: Spin Ladders – LT Scaling

- Transverse staggered suscetibility
 - Scaling for finite segments:
 - Using results for G⁺⁻(LT) of Bohrdt et al.

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- Chains are always repulsive
- Interactions?
 - BPCB repulsive
 - DIMPY attractive



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Luttinger liquid: Spin Ladders – correlations





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Luttinger liquid: Spin Ladders

- Quantum Monte Carlo:
- Truncared correlations
 - Defects are transparent
- New length scale?





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Experimental test?

- Neutron scattering?
 - Many different deuterated crystals
 - Months of measurement time
 - No chance....



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Experimental test: 3D Long Range Order







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Mean field theory for

coupled 1D objects

- $\langle J_{3D} \rangle \chi_{st}^{\pm}(T_N) = 1$
- Indirect way of measuring $\chi_{st.}^{\pm}(T)$



2.0 Mean field: $zJ'\chi_{st}[T_N]=1$ 1.5 zJ'n 1.0 0.5 0.0 0.15 0.20 500Th 70 0,355 0^{Å0.} `জ

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Experimental test: 3D Long Range Order

- Substracted nuclear contribution
 - Depletion reduces T_N
 - Regardless of interaction parameter K
- Transition broadens
 - For 2% order fully supressed
 - Possible break down of MFT



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Experimental test: 3D Long Range Order

- Experiment: Maximum of specyfic heat anomally
- QMC: months of simulations
- Agreements within $10\%! \rightarrow LT$ scaling confirmed!



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Summary:

Disorder in the Haldane gapped phase:

- New emergent degrees of freedom
- New strongly disordered magnetic sub-system

Disorder in the TLL phase:

- New lengths cale
- Regardless of interaction sign
- Even if lattice continuity is preserved



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