

Phys525:
Quantum Condensed Matter Physics: Quantum Criticality
Basics, Dynamics and Topological criticality

Episode 6:

Two important ideas in EFT approach to emergent phenomena in interacting physics

Type of emergent symmetries

- A) space-time symmetries (Either due to crystal structures or particle-particle interactions);
- B1) internal ES such as PHC (either due to crystal structures or via interactions that lead to SSB);
- B2) “gauged symmetries”—Emergent gauge fields, typically in topologically ordered spin liquids with anyons.

Why shall we care

- All correlations depend on emergent space-time symmetries and hence quantum dynamics.
- Universality of strong coupling physics near Fixed points crucially depend on both internal ES and space-time ESs.
- Topological states/topologies depend on internal ES.



To identify the QFT/EFT for a quantum system

- Identify all the internal symmetries and find a field representation; Examples: Z_2 Ising, U(1) charge, SU(2) spin rotation, **PHC**, **TRS** etc.
- Identify the space-time symmetries;
Example: **Galilean symmetry**($z=2$), Lorentz symmetry ($z=1$), scale symmetry and/or **Conformal symmetry** (Non-relativistic CFT vs relativistic ones).

- Remark: In the most interesting cases, EFT depends on representations of the symmetry group. I.e. depends on the Young's tableau of the representation. see $SU(N)$ spin chain discussions in reading materials set 3.

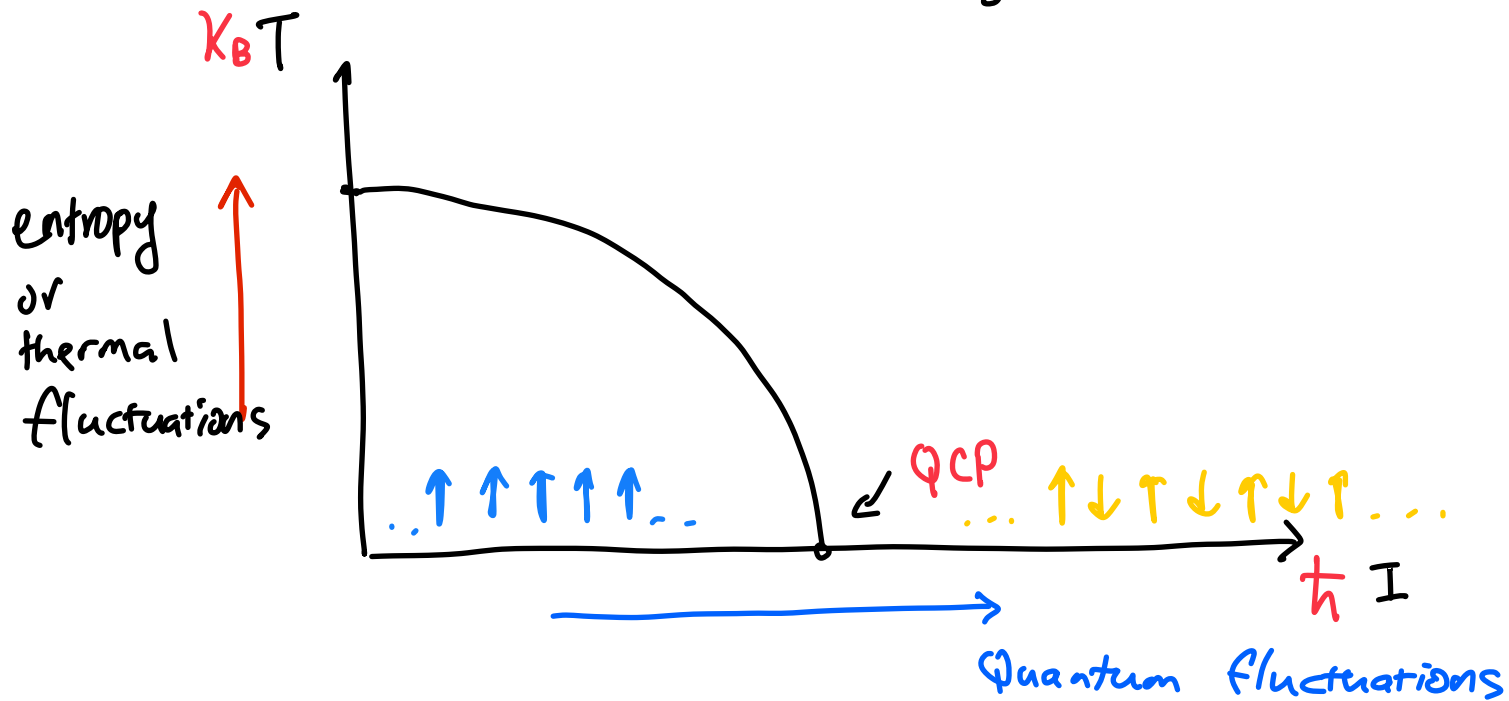
Two important ideas in QFT/EFT approaches

- Imaginary time evaluation of a quantum problem in d -dimensions=partition functions in $d+1$ dimensions (to identify space time symmetries in the QFT representations.)
- Coarse graining approach to lattice Models with discrete or continuous fields (it is used in both classical SM and quantum many-body physics. In many quantum problems, formally and technically constructing via Callan-Symanzik RGE approach).

Towards Quantum Models $[S_{\alpha i}, S_{\beta j}] = i\hbar \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} S_{\gamma i} S_{\gamma j}$

$$H_{\text{Ising}} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_{zi} \cdot S_{zj} + I \sum_i S_{xi}$$

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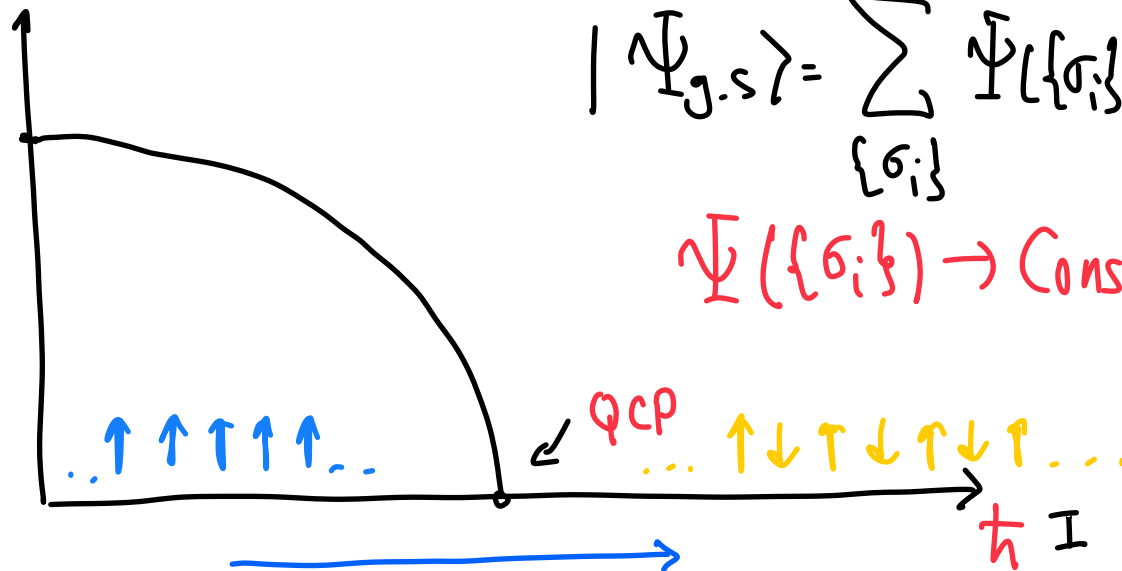
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$k_B T$

entropy
or
thermal
fluctuations



$$|\Psi_{g.s.}\rangle = \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} \Psi(\{\sigma_i\}) |\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_N\rangle$$

$\Psi(\{\sigma_i\}) \rightarrow \text{Const}$ if $I \rightarrow \infty$

QCP

Quantum fluctuations

Review of Coarse graining in SM: a classical Ising field

- Ising field $\sigma = +1, -1$ is equivalent to a real field ϕ .
- Partition function is equivalent to a classical ϕ^4 theory (i.e. the Wilson-Fisher approach to critical phenomena.)

The Concept of "coarse graining": an illustration

state: $\{\sigma_{z_i}, i=1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$

... $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \dots$
 $\beta \mathcal{H}(\{\sigma_{z_i}\})$

thermal physics

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma_{z_i}\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}(\{\sigma_{z_i}\})}$$

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field: $\{\phi(\vec{r})\}, \phi(\vec{r}) = \langle \sigma_{z_i} \rangle_{\vec{r}}$

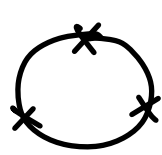
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 $\underbrace{}_{\phi(\vec{r}_1)} \quad \underbrace{}_{\phi(\vec{r}_2)}$

$\beta F(\{\phi(\vec{r})\})$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\phi(\vec{r})\}} \sum_{\{\sigma_{z_i} \in \{\phi(\vec{r})\}\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}(\{\sigma_{z_i}\})}$$

$$= \sum_{\{\phi(\vec{r})\}} e^{-\beta F(\{\phi(\vec{r})\})}$$

3-Spin Grain



A Cartoon

$$= \langle \sigma_{z_i} \rangle$$

$$= u - TS$$

$\{\sigma_{z_i}\}$ \mathcal{H}



ϕ

$F(\phi)$

$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$

$-3J$

$+1$

$-3J$

$\uparrow \uparrow \downarrow$

J



$+\frac{1}{3}$

$J - T \ln 3$

$\uparrow \downarrow \uparrow$

J

$\downarrow \uparrow \uparrow$

J

$\uparrow \downarrow \downarrow$

J

$\downarrow \uparrow \downarrow$

J

$-\frac{1}{3}$

$J - T \ln 3$

$\downarrow \downarrow \uparrow$

J

$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$

$-3J$

-1

$-3J$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma_{z_i}\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}$$



$$Z = \sum_{\{\phi(\vec{r}_i)\}} e^{-\beta F(\phi)}$$

N -Spin Grain (with $N \rightarrow \infty$) Microensemble

$$\phi(M) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i, \quad \binom{N}{M} \text{ configurations with } \phi(M)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2M}{N}, \quad M = 0, \dots, N \quad (M \text{ down Spins})$$

$$m \in \left[-1, -1 + \frac{2}{N}, \dots, 0, \dots, 1 - \frac{2}{N}, 1 \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{N+1}$

$$\text{total configurations} = \sum_{M=0}^N \binom{N}{M} = 2^N$$

$$F(\{\phi(\vec{r})\}) = \vec{\nabla}\phi(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\nabla}\phi(\vec{r}) \\ + \alpha \phi^2(\vec{r}) + \beta \phi^4(\vec{r}) + \dots$$

* terms forbidden: $\vec{\nabla}, \vec{\nabla}^3, \dots$

ϕ^3, ϕ^5, \dots

* irrelevant terms: $\phi^6, (\nabla^2\phi)^2, \dots$