

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

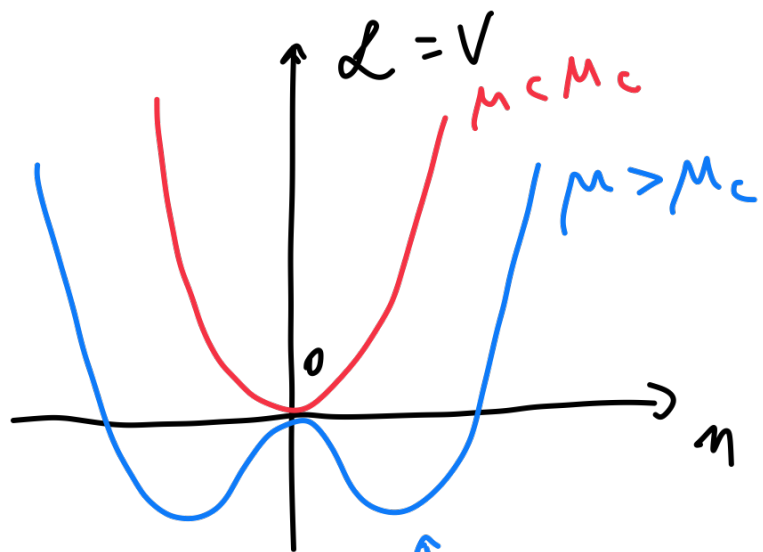
Episode 13:

Application:  $z=2$  free particle/Strong interacting fixed points of fermions

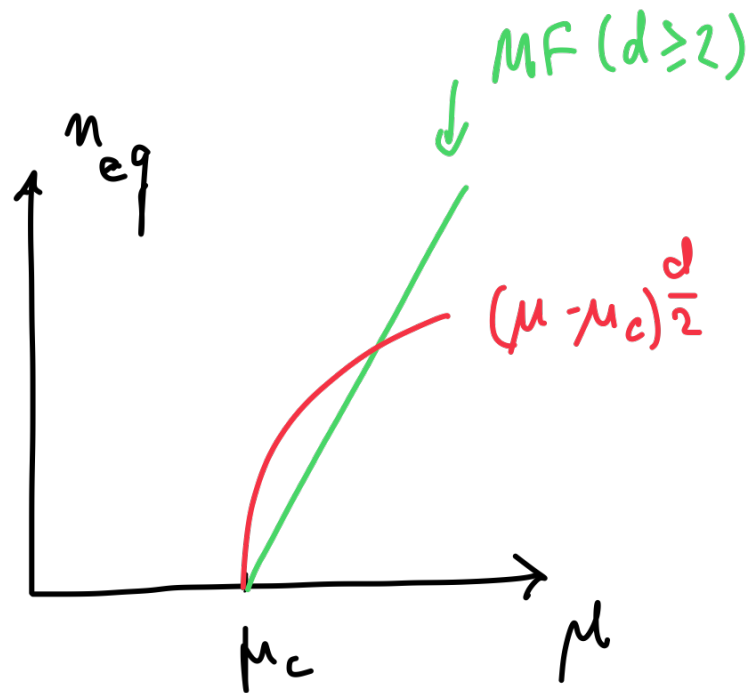
BHM

$$\mathcal{L} = \varphi^* \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2} \right) \varphi + (\mu_c - \mu) \varphi^* \varphi + \lambda |\varphi|^4 + \dots$$

$d < 2$ , strongly interacting fixed pt;



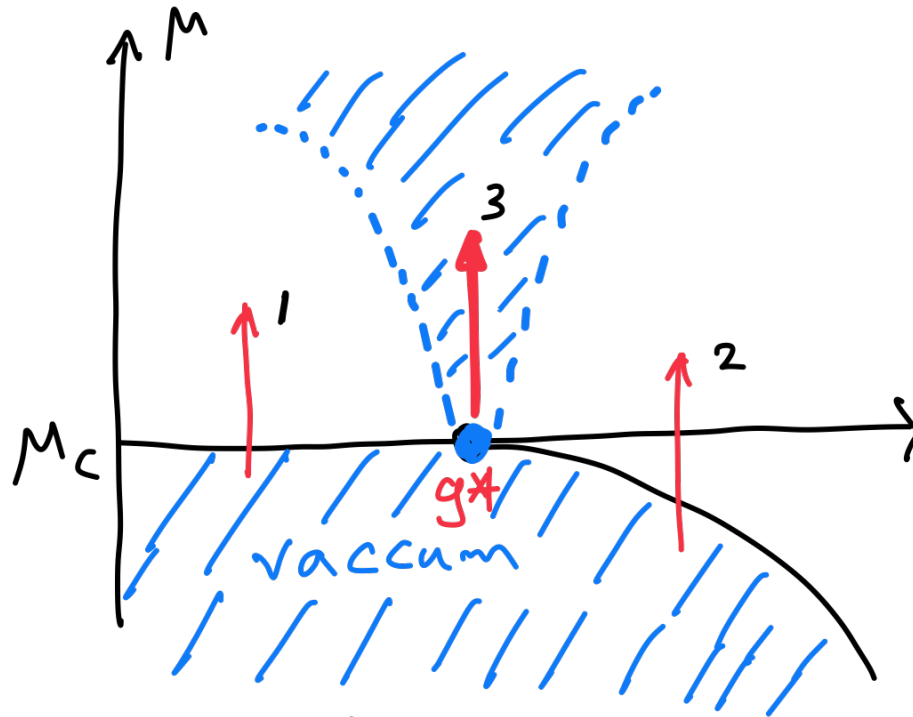
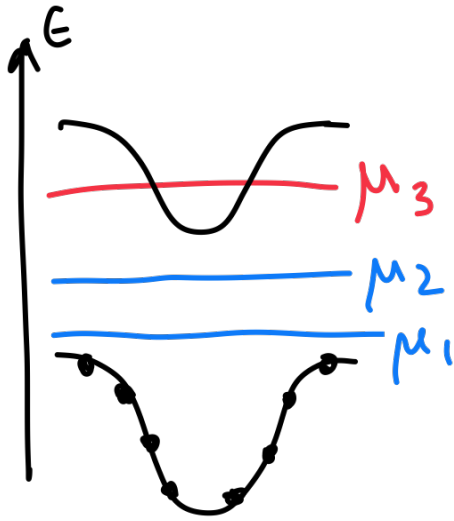
$$n_{eq} \sim (\mu - \mu_c)^\alpha, \quad d = \frac{d}{2}$$



( $d=1, d=\frac{1}{2}$   
instead of 1)

Related  
 $z=2$

# General fermionic Model (3d)



attractive  
interaction  
↓  
 $g$

1: free-fermion Universality class

2: free-boson Universality class

3:  $SO(2,1)$  Conformal field Theory / CFT

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_f + \mathcal{L}_b + \mathcal{L}_{bf}$$

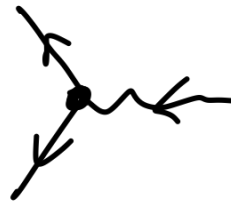
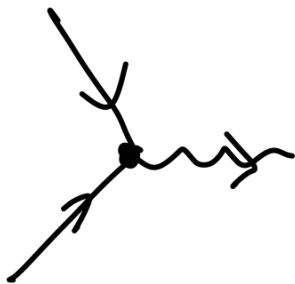
$\chi$ : Fermionic (e)  
 $\phi$ : Bosonic (2e)

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \chi_\alpha^* \partial_\tau \chi_\alpha - \chi_\alpha^* \frac{\nabla^2}{2} \chi_\alpha - M_f \chi_\alpha^* \chi_\alpha \quad \alpha = \uparrow, \downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{L}_b = \phi^* \partial_\tau \phi - \phi^* \frac{\nabla^2}{4} \phi + (\underbrace{E_b - 2M_f}_{-M_b}) \phi^* \phi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{bf} = g \chi_\alpha^* \sigma_{y,\alpha\beta} \chi_\beta^* \phi + c.c. \quad -M_b$$

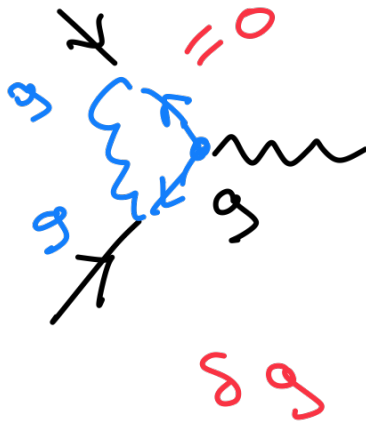
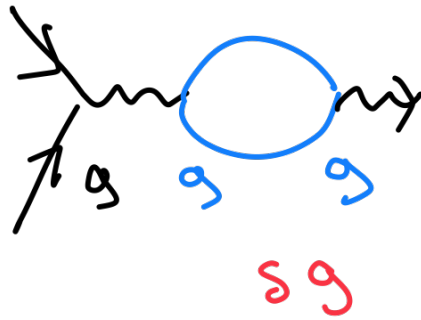
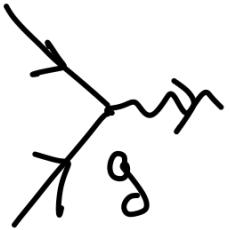
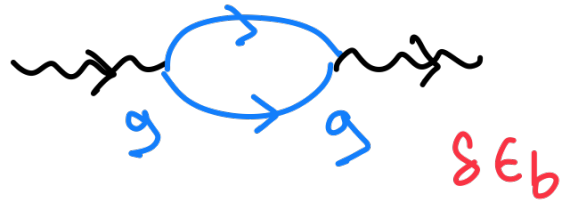
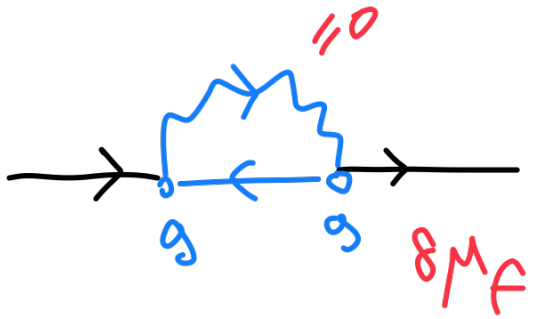
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 Anti-Symmetric



Grassmannian field

$$\{\chi_{\alpha R}, \chi_{\alpha' R}\} = \{\chi_{\alpha R}, \chi_{\alpha L}\} = 0$$

$$\chi_\alpha = \chi_{\alpha R} + i \chi_{\alpha I}, \quad \chi_{\alpha R}^2 = \chi_{\alpha I}^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \{\chi_{\alpha L}, \chi_{\alpha' L}\} = \{\chi_{\alpha L}, \chi_{\alpha' R}\} = 0$$



RGE

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{d\tilde{M}_f}{dt} = -2\tilde{M}_f$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{d\tilde{g}^{-2}}{dt} = (d-4)\tilde{g}^{-2} + \tilde{g}^{-4} c d$$

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{d\tilde{\mu}_b}{d\epsilon} = -2\tilde{\epsilon}_b + 4\tilde{\mu}_f + \tilde{g}^{-2} c d$$

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_b} \frac{d\tilde{Z}_b}{dt} = +\tilde{g}^{-2}$$

$$\left( \frac{d\tilde{\epsilon}_b}{d\epsilon} = -2\tilde{\epsilon}_b + \tilde{g}^{-2} \right)$$

Upper critical dimension

$$d_c = 4$$

$d \geq 4$ ,  $\tilde{g}^* = 0$  is the only fixed pt for  $\beta_g = 0$ .

but there are three fixed pt solutions all together.

Following HW set II,  $G(t, 0; \vec{q}, \vec{q}) = \langle \text{vac} | T b_{\vec{q}}(t) b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}(0) | \text{vac} \rangle$

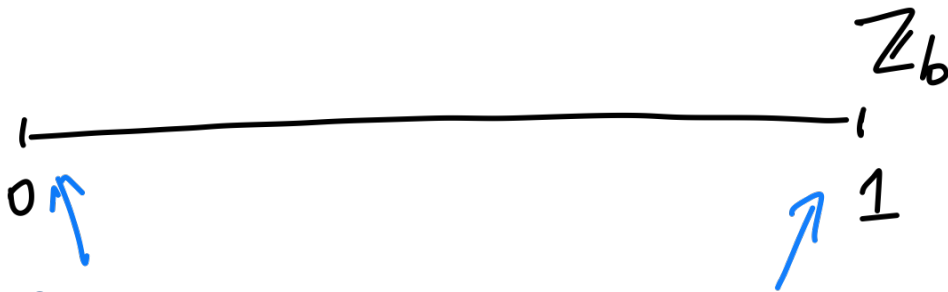
$$G(t > 0, 0; \vec{q}, \vec{q}) = \sum_{\vec{q}} \langle \text{vac} | b_{\vec{q}}(t) | \vec{q} \rangle \langle \vec{q} | b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger}(0) | \text{vac} \rangle$$

complete of QFT states with momentum  $\vec{q}$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}_b = \langle \vec{q} | b_{\vec{q}}^{\dagger} | \text{vac} \rangle$$

exact QFT eigen states

with  $\vec{q}$ -Momentum



No Bosons  
(or Completely  
fermonic)

Non-interacting  
"free boson"

$d \geq 4$ , there are 3  
fixed pts, all with  $\tilde{g}^{\neq} = 0$

fixed pt  $\perp$ .

①  $\tilde{\mu}_f = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\mu}_b \neq 0$   
"free fermion"

②  $\tilde{\mu}_b = -2\tilde{\epsilon}_b + 4\tilde{\mu}_f = 0$

$\tilde{\mu}_f \neq 0$ ,  $Z_b = 1$   
"free boson"

③  $\tilde{\mu}_f = \tilde{\mu}_b = 0$ ,  $Z_b = 1$

free-fermion-boson theory

RGE

$$\frac{d\tilde{\mu}_f}{dt} = -2\tilde{\mu}_f \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{g}^2}{dt} = (d-4)\tilde{g}^2 + \tilde{g}^4 \quad (2)$$

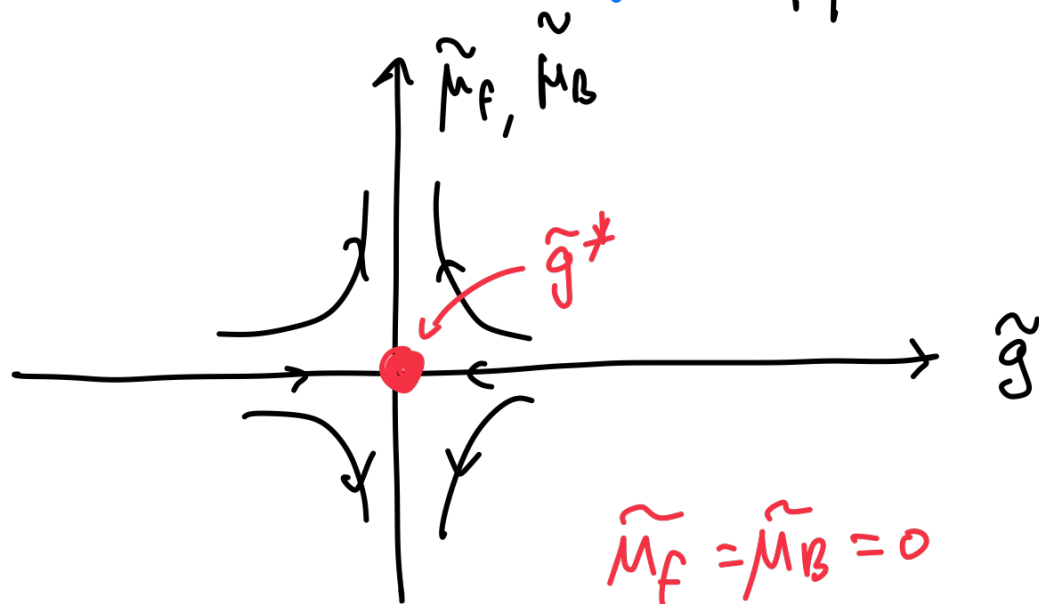
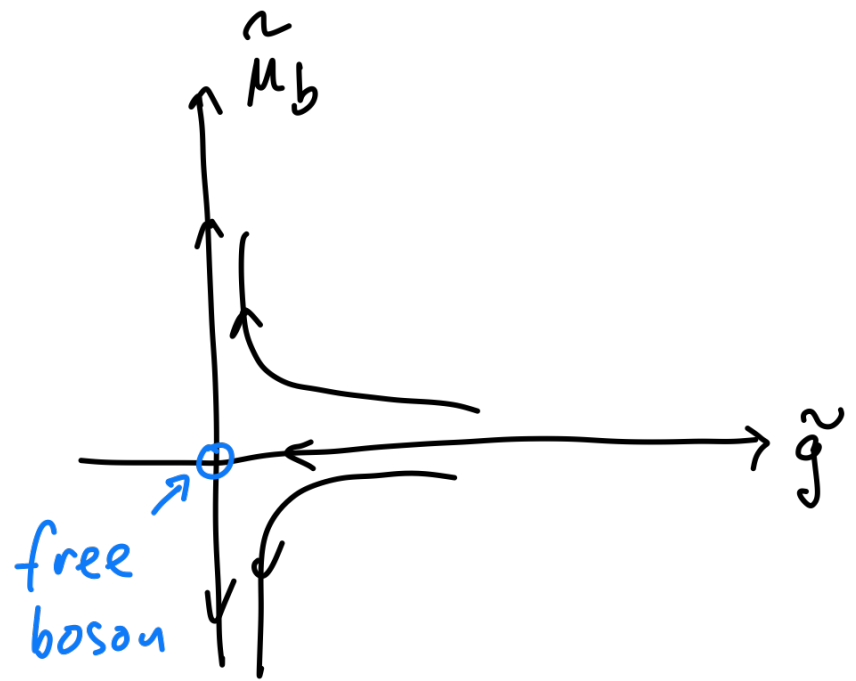
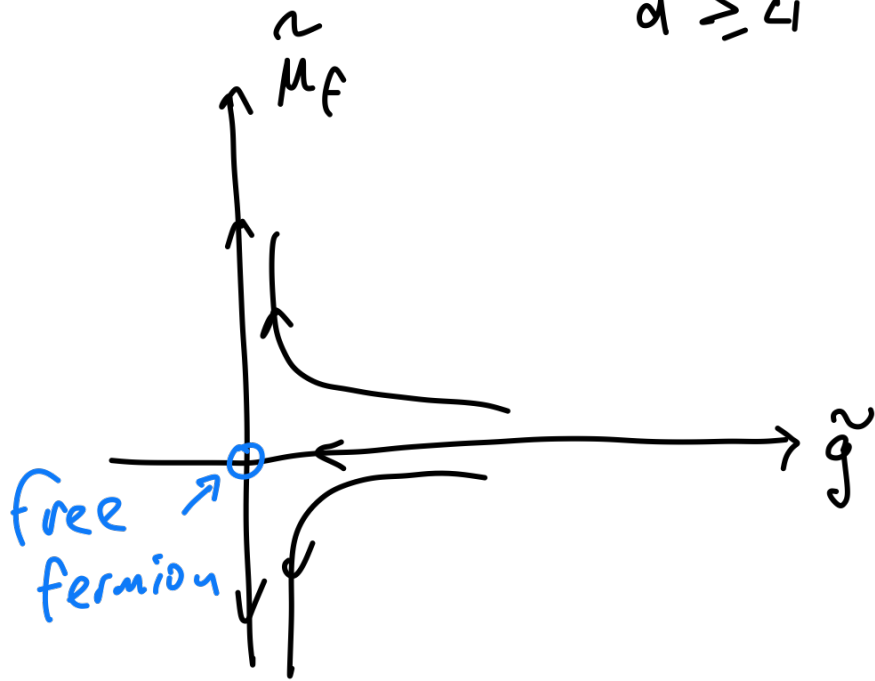
$$\frac{d\tilde{\mu}_b}{dt} = -2\tilde{\epsilon}_b + 4\tilde{\mu}_f + \tilde{g}^2 C_d$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{\epsilon}_b}{dt} = -2\tilde{\epsilon}_b + \tilde{g}^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{Z_b} \frac{dZ_b}{dt} = \tilde{g}^2$$



$$d \geq 4$$



$$\tilde{\mu}_F = \tilde{\mu}_B = 0$$

(Gapless fermions & bosons)

RGE

$$d < 4$$

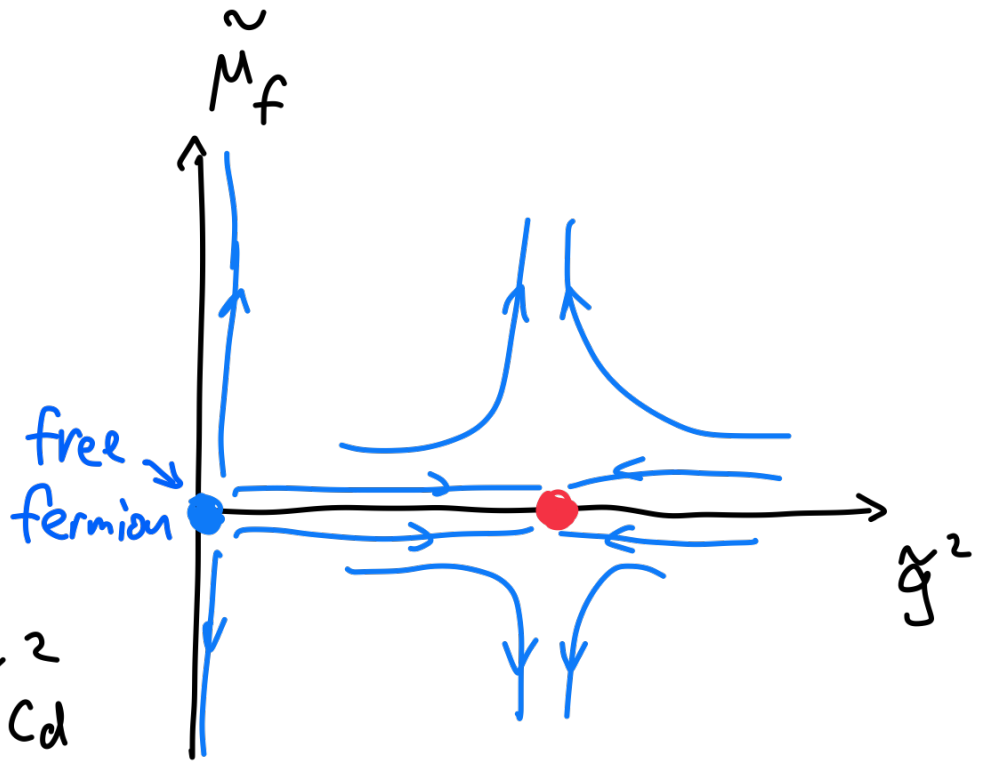
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fixed pt 1:

$$\tilde{M}_f = 0, \tilde{g}^{*2} = 4-d, \tilde{\mu}_b \rightarrow \infty$$

$$d < 4$$

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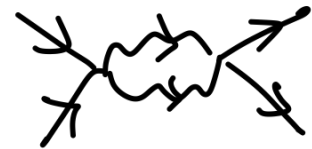
fermions interacting with massive bosons

$$\tilde{M}_f = 0, \tilde{g}^{*2} = 4 \cdot d, \tilde{M}_b \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\tilde{M}_f = 0$$

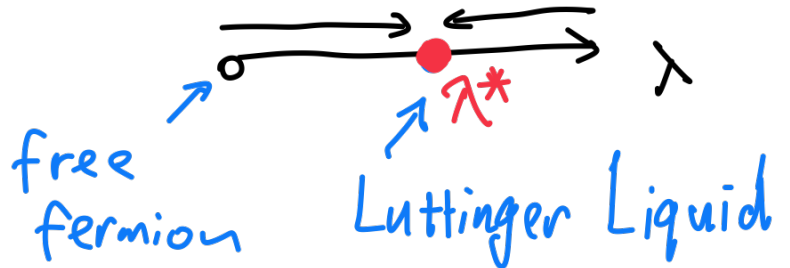
$$d_{\text{eff}} = \chi^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2} \right) \chi + \lambda \chi^\dagger \sigma_y \chi^\dagger \chi \sigma_y \chi + \dots$$

$$\tilde{\lambda} \propto -\tilde{g}^{*2}$$



$$d = 2, 3$$

$$d = 1$$



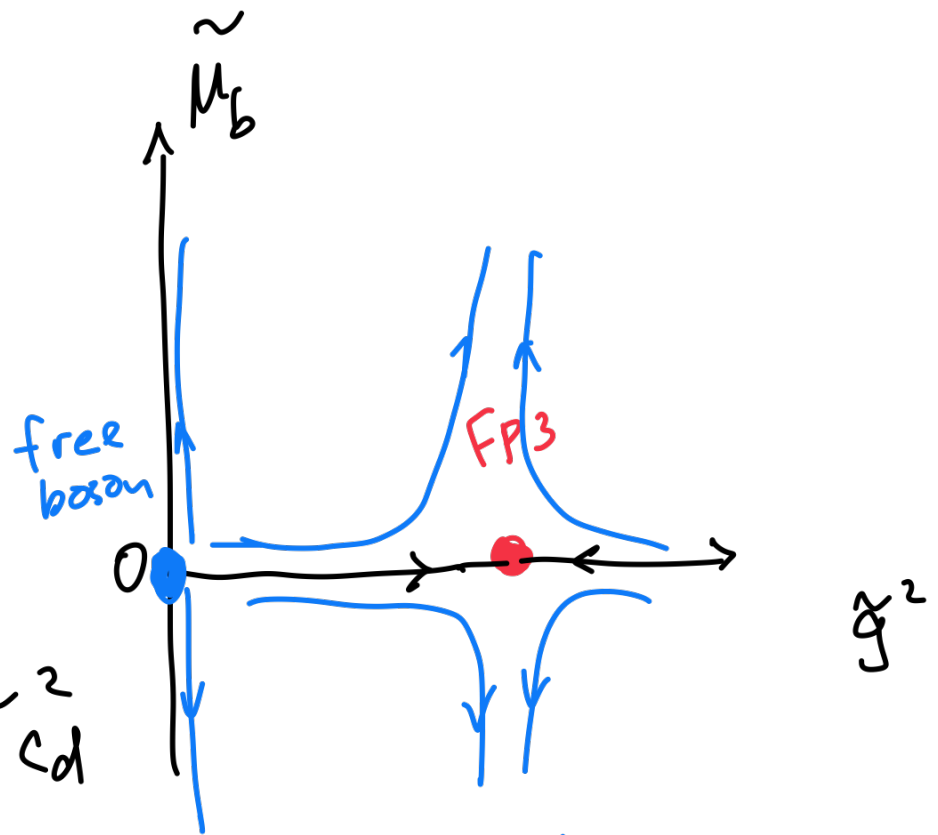
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fixed pt 2:  $\tilde{\mu}_b^* = 0, \tilde{g}^{2*} = 4-d$   
 $(2\tilde{\mu}_f - \tilde{\epsilon}_b + \tilde{g}^{2*2} c_d = 0)$

fixed pt 2:

$$d < 4$$

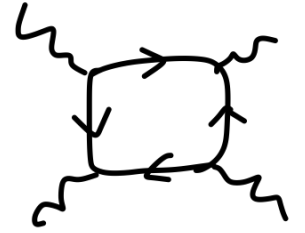
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= Bosons interacting with massive fermions

$$\tilde{M}_b = 0,$$

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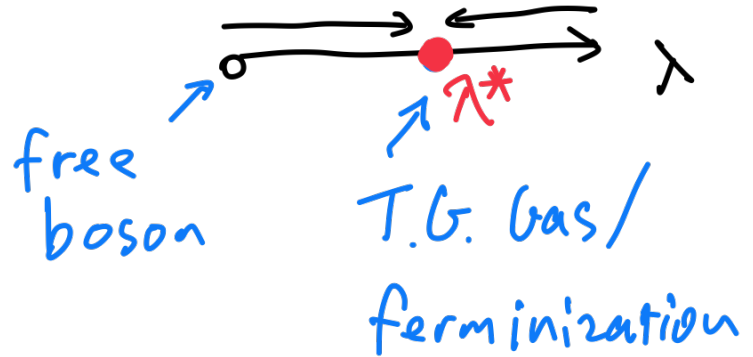
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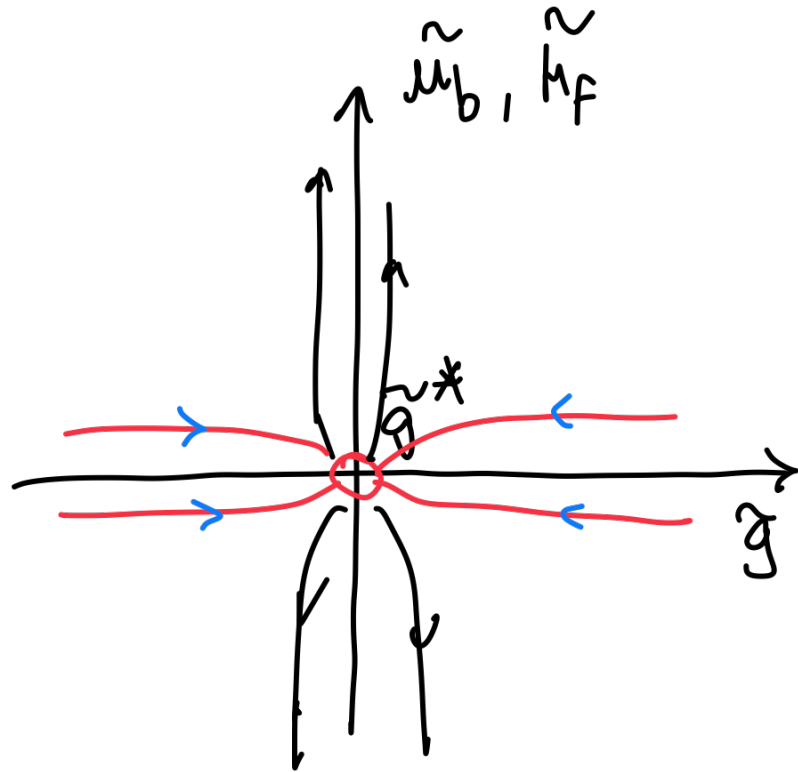
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IR stable

fixed pt 3:  $\tilde{M}_f = \tilde{\mu}_b = Z_b = 0$   
 $\tilde{g}^2 = 4-d = \tilde{g}^{2*}$

"No-boson" QFT