Phases of (2+1)D SO5 non-linear sigma model with WZW term on a sphere: Multi-critical point and disorder phase

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Deconfined Quantum Critical Point (DQCP)

 $\,\circ\,$ Transition between symmetry-breaking phases

Example:



Landau-allowed scenario:



Beyond Landau scenario:

A direct continuous transition? **DQCP**!

[T. Senthil, et al, PRB2004; A. Nahum, et al, PRX2015; C. Wang, et al, PRX2017; T. Senthil, arXiv:2306.12638]

The Enigma of DQCP

○ **Spin systems** J-Q model: $H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - Q \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \frac{1}{4}) (\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l - \frac{1}{4})$

✓ Emergent continuous symmetry and fractional excitation

[A. Sandvik, PRL2007] [A. Nahum, PRL2015, PRL2019] [N. Ma, PRL2019]

Incompatible scaling relation with conformal bootstrap

[Y. Nakayama, T. Ohtsuki, PRL2016] [D. Poland, S. Rychkov, A. Vichi, RMP2019]

First-order transition/multicritical point

[A. Kuklov, et al, PRL2008] [K. Chen, et al, PRL2013] [B. Zhao, et al, PRL2020]

✓ DQCP in SU(N) systems

[R. Kaul, A. Sandvik, PRL2012; M. Block, R. Melko, R. Kaul, PRL2013; M. Song, et al, arXiv:2307.02547]

○ Fermion systems

Continuous QSH-SC / Neel-VBS transitions

[Y. Liu, et al, Nat. Comm. 2019] [Z. H. Liu, et al, PRL2022, PRL2023]

Key challenge

✓ Symmery requirement

 $Z_4 => U(1)$

U(1) x SU(2) => SO(5)

 Extra length scales required for such emergent symmetries:
 Slow RG flow

The Enigma of DQCP

o SO(5) NLSM model with WZW term

[M. Ippoliti, R. Mong, F. Assaad, M. Zaletel, PRB2018] [Z. Wang, M. Zaletel, R. Mong, F. Assaad, PRL2021]

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \left\{ U_0 [\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r}) - 2]^2 - \sum_{i=1}^5 u_i [\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\Gamma^i\psi(\mathbf{r})]^2 \right\}$$

4-component Dirac fermion: $\psi_{\tau\sigma}(\mathbf{r})$ With valley τ and spin σ .

5 Gamma matrices: $\Gamma^{i} \in \{\tau_{x} \otimes \mathbb{I}, \tau_{y} \otimes \mathbb{I}, \tau_{z} \otimes \sigma_{x}, \tau_{z} \otimes \sigma_{y}, \tau_{z} \otimes \sigma_{z}\}$ 10 SO(5) group generators: $L^{ij} = -\frac{i}{2}[\Gamma^{i}, \Gamma^{j}]$

 $u_K \equiv u_1 = u_2 \qquad u_N \equiv u_3 = u_4 = u_5$

• In the cases of $u_K \neq u_N$, the system has SO(3) \otimes O(2) symmetry.

if $u_K > u_N$, favour VBS order; otherwise, it favours Neel order.

When $u_K = u_N$, the system has exact SO(5) symmetry.

DQCP scenario? Or Landau-allowed scenario?





DQCP scenario

Landau-allowed scenario

Spherical Landau Level regularization

o Landau Level on Sphere

i=3,4,5

 m_1, m_2, m

[D. Haldane, PRL1983; W. Zhu, et al, PRX2023]



 $\circ \text{ LLL projection of the SO(5) Model via } \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{m} \Phi_{m}(\mathbf{r}) c_{m,\alpha}$ $H_{0} = u_{0} \sum_{m_{1},m_{2},m} V_{m_{1},m_{2},m_{2}-m,m_{1}+m} (c_{m_{1},\alpha}^{\dagger} \delta^{\alpha\beta} c_{m_{1}+m,\beta} - 2\delta_{m0}) (c_{m_{2},\alpha}^{\dagger} \delta^{\alpha\beta} c_{m_{2}-m,\beta} - 2\delta_{m0})$

System size:
 Number of orbitals
 N = 2s + 1

$$\begin{aligned} H_{K} &= \sum_{i=1,2} u_{i} \sum_{m_{1},m_{2},m} V_{m_{1},m_{2},m_{2}-m,m_{1}+m} (c^{\dagger}_{m_{1},\alpha}(\Gamma^{i})^{\alpha\beta}c_{m_{1}+m,\beta}) (c^{\dagger}_{m_{2},\alpha}(\Gamma^{i})^{\alpha\beta}c_{m_{2}-m,\beta}) & \text{Favour VBS order} \\ H_{N} &= \sum_{i=1,2} u_{i} \sum_{m_{1},m_{2},m_{2}-m,m_{1}+m} (c^{\dagger}_{m_{1},\alpha}(\Gamma^{i})^{\alpha\beta}c_{m_{1}+m,\beta}) (c^{\dagger}_{m_{2},\alpha}(\Gamma^{i})^{\alpha\beta}c_{m_{2}-m,\beta}) & \text{Favour Neel order} \end{aligned}$$

Full Phase Diagram



• Methods

✓ DMRG

SU(2)_{spin} x U(1)_{charge} x U(1)_{angular-momentum} symmetries Up to 4096 SU(2) multiplets are kept (~12000 states) Truncation error: 10⁻⁵ at N = 16.

✓ DQMC



- ✓ Various ordered phases
- ✓ Intermediate disorder phase
- ✓ Non-Wilson-Fisher transition
- Multicritical point

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- Non-Wilson-Fisher transition from VBS to disorder
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 - VBS Binder ratio: $U_{\rm VBS} \equiv \langle O_1^2 \rangle^2 / \langle O_1^4 \rangle$







 $\checkmark\,$ Crossing point dirfts due to finite sizes

• Crossing point analysis

Consider the standard scaling form, $O(\delta, L) = L^{-\kappa/\nu} f(\delta L^{1/\nu}, \lambda L^{-\omega})$

(Here, $\delta = q - q_c$, and the leading irrelevant field λ and its corresponding exponent ω .)

We express it as function of N, $O(\delta, N) = N^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} f(\delta N^{\frac{1}{2\nu}}, \lambda N^{-\frac{\omega}{2}}) \simeq N^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} (a_0 + a_1 \delta N^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} + b_1 N^{-\frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots)$ At the crossing point $\delta^*(N)$ between size pair (N, N + x), $O(\delta^*, N) = O(\delta^*, N + x)$

We then have

$$\delta^{*}(N) = \frac{a_{0}}{a_{1}} \frac{(1+x/N)^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} - 1}{1 - (1+x/N)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{2\nu}}} N^{-\frac{1}{2\nu}} + \frac{b_{1}}{a_{1}} \frac{(1+x/N)^{-\frac{\omega}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} - 1}{1 - (1+x/N)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{2\nu}}} N^{-\frac{1}{2\nu} - \frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots$$

$$O(\delta^{*}, N) = N^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} \left[a_{0} + a_{1} \left[\frac{a_{0}}{a_{1}} \frac{(1+x/N)^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} - 1}{1 - (1+x/N)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{2\nu}}} N^{-\frac{1}{2\nu}} + \frac{b_{1}}{a_{1}} \frac{(1+x/N)^{-\frac{\omega}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2\nu}} - 1}{1 - (1+x/N)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{2\nu}}} N^{-\frac{1}{2\nu} - \frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots \right] N^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} + b_{1} N^{-\frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots \right]$$

For Binder ratio, we have $\kappa = 0$, and by neglecting x/N, we then have

 $\delta^*(N) = c N^{-(\frac{1}{2\nu} + \frac{\omega}{2})} + \cdots$ $U(\delta^*, N) = a + b N^{-\frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots$

• Crossing point analysis

To independently determine ν , we can consider

$$U(\delta, N) = a_0 + a_1 \delta N^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} + b_1 N^{-\frac{\omega}{2}} + c_1 \delta N^{\frac{1}{2\nu} - \frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots$$

Its derivative w.r.t δ is

$$U'(\delta, N) = a_1 N^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} + c_1 N^{\frac{1}{2\nu} - \frac{\omega}{2}} + \cdots$$

Then the difference of the logarithmic of the above equation between size N and N + x will be

$$\frac{2N}{x} \ln \frac{U'(\delta^*, N+x)}{U'(\delta^*, N)} = \frac{1}{\nu} - dN^{-\frac{\omega}{2}}$$

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• Data Collapse



• Non-Wilson-Fisher O(2) transition

Correlation length exponent: $\nu = 0.47(3)$ Leading correction scaling exponent: $\omega = 2.2(4)$

Scaling dimension of order parameter: $\Delta_{\phi} = 0.64(9)$

(Scaling dimension of order parameter for Wilson-Fisher O(2) transition is 0.519.)

• Multicritical point

• Susceptibility:
$$O_{i,l,m} = \int d\Omega \ Y_{lm}^*(\Omega) \ \psi^{\dagger}(\Omega) \ \Gamma^i \psi(\Omega)$$
 (ordered at *l*=0)

- SO5 correlation ratio: $R\equiv 1-\left< \mathbf{O}_{l=1}^2 \right>/\left< \mathbf{O}_{l=0}^2 \right>$

 $\mathbf{O}_{l}\equiv (O_{1,l},\cdots,O_{5,l})~~$ with angular momentum shift l



- ✓ SO5 symmetry breaking at small *u*
- ✓ SO5 disordered at large u
- ✓ Multicriticality at *u*~0.12



- $\circ~$ Properties of the Disorder phase
 - Spin-singlet gap: $\Delta_0 = E_1(S=0) E_0(S=0)$
 - Spin-triplet gap: $\Delta_1 = E_0(S=1) E_0(S=0)$





o Radial quantization



The Eigen-states of a quantum Hamiltonian on $\,S^{d-1}\,$

are on one-to-one correspondence with CFT's scaling operators.

$$E_k - E_0 = \frac{v}{R} \Delta_k$$

CFT primaries and descendants

$$O \rightarrow \partial_{\mu}O \rightarrow \partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}O \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\Delta \rightarrow \Delta + 1 \rightarrow \Delta + 2 \rightarrow \cdots$$



Pseudo-criticality in SO(5) model



Identifying CFT operators in ED

TABLE S1. The Young diagrams of different SO(5) irreducible representations (denoted as IREP) and the corresponding state degeneracies in different (σ^z, τ^z) sectors.

SO(5) IREP	Young diagram	(0,0)	(0,2)	(0,4)	(0,6)	(2,0)	(2,2)	$(2,\!4)$	(4,0)	(4,2)	(6,0)
1		1									
5		1	1			1					
10	E	2	1			1	1				
14		2	1	1		1	1		1		
30		2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
35		3	3	2		3	2	1	1	1	

• Identifying CFT operators in DMRG

TABLE S2. The Young diagrams of different SO(5) irreducible representations (denoted as IREP) and the corresponding state degeneracies in different sectors with total spin S at half-filling case $q^z = 2(2s + 1)$.

SO(5)	Young				
IREP	diagram	0	1	2	3
1		1			
5		2	3		
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35	\square	2	18	15	

$\circ~$ CFT spectrum in DMRG

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$$=\sum_{i}U_{i} \sum_{m_{1},m_{2},m}V_{m_{1},m_{2},m_{2}-m,m_{1}+m}\left(c_{m_{1},\alpha}^{\dagger}\Gamma_{\alpha,\beta}^{i}c_{m_{1}+m,\beta}-2\delta_{i0}\delta_{m0}\right)\left(c_{m_{2},\alpha}^{\dagger}\Gamma_{\alpha,\beta}^{i}c_{m_{2}-m,\beta}-2\delta_{i0}\delta_{m0}\right)$$

$$V_{m_1,m_2,m_3,m_4} = \sum_{l} V_l \left(4s - 2l + 1\right) \begin{pmatrix} s & s & 2s - l \\ m_1 & m_2 & -m_1 - m_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s & s & 2s - l \\ m_4 & m_3 & -m_3 - m_4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_0 = \left(\frac{g_0}{R^2} - s\frac{g_1}{R^4}\right) \frac{(2s+1)^2}{(4s+1)} = \frac{g_0(2s+1) - g_1s}{(4s+1)} \\ V_1 = \left(s\frac{g_1}{R^4}\right) \frac{(2s+1)^2}{(4s-1)} = \frac{g_1s}{(4s-1)} \end{array} \right\}$$

• Scaling dimension of energy-momentum tensor



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o CFT tower





 \circ CFT tower

• Relevant primary operators

			N		
Operators	4	5	6	7	8
ϕ	0.642	0.642	0.644	0.646	0.647
T	1.622	1.622	1.627	1.633	1.636
J^{μ}	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
S	2.853	2.823	2.873	2.884	
$M_{6\pi}$	2.825	2.861	2.836	2.852	
${\cal T}^{\mu u}$	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000

✓ S = 2.884 < 3

✓ Relevant away from SO(5) line
 i.e. Multicritical point



Numerical Results: Correlation ratio

• SO5 correlation ratio: $R=1-m_{l=1}^2/m_{l=0}^2$

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angle$ with angular momentum shift l

Crossing point analysis:

$$V_1^*(N, N+1) = V_c + N^{-\frac{1}{2\nu} - \frac{\omega}{2}}$$

$$\Delta_{\phi}^*(N) = \Delta_{\phi} + aN^{\frac{1}{2\nu}} \qquad \Delta_{\phi}^*(N) = -N\log\frac{m^2(V_c, N+1)}{m^2(V_c, N)}$$



- We take
$$\nu = \frac{1}{3-\Delta_T} \simeq 0.733$$

obtaining $\Delta_{\phi}=0.62(2)$

Consistent with CFT spectrum

$$\Delta_{\phi} = 0.647$$

Conclusion

Full Phase Diagram of the SO5 model

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- ✓ Various ordered phases: Néel, VBS, FM, VP
- Intermediate disorder region between Néel and VBS phase
- Non-Wilson-Fisher transition from both Néel and VBS phase to disorder phase
- ✓ Multicritical point

o SO5 transtion

[BC, X. Zhang, Z. Y. Meng, arXiv:2405.04470]

- ✓ CFT Operator Spectrum of the Multicritical point
- ✓ 4 relevant primary operators identified

Thank you!

