

Quantum entanglement in quantum matter



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• Today: Quantum matter exhibits many *emergent phenomena*, related to quantum entanglement. These are crucial to understand modern quantum materials, such as the high temperature superconductors, and the quantum properties of black holes.











Spin liquids with an energy gap Spin liquids without an energy gap Experiments on spin liquids

Metals without quasiparticles: the SYK model From the SYK model to black holes From the SYK model to the universal 2d-YSYK theory of strange metals

Theories of spin liquids with an energy gap



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Triangular lattice antiferromagnet

Spin model with S=1/2 per unit cell



Nearest-neighbor model has non-collinear Neel order





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Key feature: fractionalization. Excitations are particle-like, but cannot be created by local operators. The excitations are classified under distinct superselection/anyon sectors.



Read and Sachdev (1990); Wen (1991)

Anyon	e (spinon)	ϵ (spinon)	m (vison)
Self-statistics	boson	fermion	boson
\mathbf{Spin}	1/2	1/2	0

Any pair of e, ϵ, m are mutual semions.

This structure ("unitary modular tensor category") is the same as that found in Kitaev's toric code (1997).

The simplest stable spin liquid (which need not break time-reversal) is the deconfined phase of a \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge theory. There are excitations which cannot be created by any local spin operators: "spinons" which carry unit \mathbb{Z}_2 electric charges, and 'vison' excitations which carry $\pi \mathbb{Z}_2$ magnetic flux.





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Theories of spin liquids without an energy gap





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S=1/2 square lattice or $\langle b_{\alpha} \rangle = 0$: $\langle b_{\alpha} \rangle \neq 0$: Néel order Valence bond solid

$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_{\mu} - ia_{\mu})z_{\alpha}|^2 + s|$

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Schwinger bosons
$$\mathbf{S}_i = \frac{1}{2} b_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} b_{i\beta}, \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N=2} b_{i\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{i\alpha} = n_b = 0$$

Mean-field spin liquid
with gapped bosonic spinons.
Low energy \mathbb{CP}^1 U(1) gauge the
 $z_{\alpha} \sim b_{A\alpha} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} b_{B\beta}^{\dagger}$
 $|z_{\alpha}|^2 + u |z_{\alpha}|^4 + \mathcal{L}_{monopole}$

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S=1/2 square lattice

Characterization of quantum spin liquids and their spinon band structures via functional renormalization

mean-field amplitudes.





We apply this approach to the antiferromagnetic J_1 - J_2 Heisenberg model on the square lattice and to the antiferromagnetic nearest-neighbor Heisenberg model on the kagome lattice. For the J_1 - J_2 model, we find that in the regime of maximal frustration a SU(2) π -flux state with Dirac spinons yields the largest

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S=1/2 square lattice or Valence bond solid (VBS) Néel order

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Confining instability to precise



Schwinger fermions



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Spin liquid nature in the Heisenberg J_1 - J_2 triangular antiferromagnet

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Higgs field in $N_f = 4$ QED.



Sign-problem-free QMC of odd \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge theory $s_{j,j+\hat{\mu}}$



Experiments on spin liquids

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Spectrum and low-energy gap in triangular quantum spin liquid NaYbSe₂

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We observe a continuum of (neutron) scattering, which is reproduced by matrix product simulations, and no phase transition is detected in any bulk measurements. Comparison to heat capacity simulations suggest the material is within the Heisenberg spin liquid phase. AC Susceptibility shows a signifi-1201 23 mK downturn, indicating a gap in the magnetic spectrum. The combination of a gap with no detectable magnetic order, comparison to theoretical models, and comparison to other AYbSe₂ compounds all strongly indicate $NaYbSe_2$ is within the quantum spin liquid phase. The gap also allows us to rule out a gapless Dirac spin liquid, with a gapped \mathbb{Z}_2 liquid the most natural explanation.













Evidence of Dirac Quantum Spin Liquid in YbZn₂GaO₅

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$$\mathcal{H}_{I} = J_{z} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_{i}^{z} S_{j}^{z} = \frac{J_{z}}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (S_{\langle ij \rangle}^{z})^{2} + \mathbf{cc}$$

$$S_{\nabla}^{z} = \sum_{i \in \nabla} S_{i}^{z} = 0 \quad \text{2-in/2-out}$$

$$\mathcal{H}' = -\frac{J_{\perp}}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (S_i^+ S_j^- + h.c.) \qquad \text{Hermele}$$

 $J_z \gg J_{\perp}$ degenerate perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = -J_{ring} \sum_{O} (S_1^+ S_2^- S_3^+ S_4^- S_5^+ S_6^-)$$

 $J_{ring} = 12J_{\perp}^3/J_z^2$



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Excitations in the deconfined phase: U(I) quantum spin liquid (Quantum Spin Ice)

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{U}{2} \sum_{\langle \mathbf{rr'} \rangle} \left(E_{\mathbf{rr'}}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{K}{2} \sum_{\bigcirc}$$



emergent photons

 $\omega(\mathbf{k}) \approx c$

 $C(T) \propto \frac{1}{c^3} T^3$



Gingras & McClarty (2014)

 $[(\nabla \times A)_{\bigcirc}]^2$

- electric monopoles (spinons)
 - $2\Delta_{\rm spinon} \sim J_z$
- magnetic monopoles (visons)

$$\Delta_{
m mon} \sim J_{\pm}^3 / J_z^2$$

$$\mathbf{k} | \qquad c \propto \sqrt{UK} a_0 / \hbar$$







Proximate deconfined quantum critical point in $SrCu_2(BO_3)_2$

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Spin Waves and Three Dimensionality in the High-Pressure Antiferromagnetic Phase of $SrCu_2(BO_3)_2$

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Photoemission expts in cuprates in pseudogap metal



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Oshikawa's topological Luttinger argument implies that non-Luttinger Fermi surfaces must be accompanied by fractionalized spinon excitations

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Intense paramagnon excitations in a large family of high-temperature superconductors

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- Difficult to have intense paramagnons from a small Fermi surface.
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Anisotropic damping and wave vector dependent susceptibility of the spin fluctuations in La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO₄ studied by resonant inelastic x-ray scattering

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Quantum error correction below the surface code threshold

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Realization of the quantum entanglement of the Z_2 spin liquid

Rydberg quantum simulator

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\mathbb{Z}_2 spin liquid?

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Rydberg atoms on the link-kagome lattice: experiment

Evidence for \mathbb{Z}_2 spin liquid correlations

Probing topological matter and fermion

dynamics on a neutral-atom quantum computer Simon J. Evered, Marcin Kalinowski, Alexandra A. Geim, Tom Manovitz, Dolev Bluvstein, Sophie H. Li, Nishad Maskara, Hengyun Zhou, Sepehr Ebadi, Muqing Xu, Joseph Campo, Madelyn Cain, Stefan Ostermann, Susanne F.Yelin, Subir Sachdev, Markus Greiner, Vladan Vuletic, and Mikhail D. Lukin, submitted (2025)

- Create \mathbb{Z}_2 spin liquid by active error correction of fluxes
- Apply cyclic time evolution under XX, YY, ZZ operators.
- Measure Chern number of ϵ fermions
- $\Rightarrow \text{ Implies Kitaev's non-Abelian} \\ \text{ Ising anyon state.}$

XX Cylinder boundary conditions XX YY 77 ••• •• •• 11 ++ ** •• (") •• ••

Measuring Chern number with string data Odd Chern number in *B* phase $J_Z = 1$ В

Use string data to learn free-fermion Hamiltonian

Evaluate Chern number

Probing topological matter and fermion dynamics on a neutral-atom quantum computer Simon J. Evered, Marcin Kalinowski, Alexandra A. Geim, Tom Manovitz, Dolev Bluvstein, Sophie H. Li, Nishad Maskara, Hengyun Zhou, Sepehr Ebadi, Muqing Xu, Joseph Campo, Madelyn Cain, Stefan Ostermann, Susanne F.Yelin, Subir Sachdev, Markus Greiner, Vladan Vuletic, and Mikhail D. Lukin, submitted (2025)

Metals without quasiparticles: the SYK model

Current flow with electrons in ordinary metals

Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation \Rightarrow typical scattering time $\tau \sim 1/(UT)^2$ (U is the strength of interactions), resistivity $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

The time τ is much longer than a limiting 'Planckian time' $\frac{h}{k_{P}T}$.

The long scattering time implies that individual electrons are well-defined.

The motion of electrons is 'ballistic' or 'integrable' up to the long time τ , after which it is chaotic.

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Needed, to solve open problems in the theory of superconductivity and black holes:

A solvable model of quantum entanglement of $3, 4, 5, \ldots \infty$ particles

The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model of many-particle entanglement


My spoky dream (1992)* Ancient Indian game of Snakes and Ladders *Not true







Place electrons randomly on some sites















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 $c_{\alpha}c_{\beta} + c_{\beta}c_{\alpha} = 0$

 $Q = \frac{1}{N} \sum c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}; \quad [\mathcal{H}, Q] = 0; \quad 0 \le Q \le 1$

 $N \to \infty$ yields critical strange metal.



$$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}$$

,
$$c_{\alpha}c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger}c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ are independent random variables with $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$ and $|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2 = U^2$ S. Sachdev and J.Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

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$$c_{ij}c_i^{\dagger}c_j - \mu \sum_i c_i^{\dagger}c_i$$

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$$D(E) \sim e^{S}$$

$$= e^{V}$$

$$S(T \rightarrow 0)$$

$$A_{i}$$

$$C_{i}$$

density of states

$E_0 + E_i \Rightarrow$ Many body eigenvalue



matrix model

N-

$$\begin{split} H &= \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta=1} U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \\ c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} &= 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\beta} + c^{\dagger}_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \\ \mathcal{Q} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \\ \text{dependent random variables with } \overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0 \text{ and } \overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2 \\ \text{ls critical strange metal.} \\ \text{S. Sachdev and J.Ye, PRL 70, 3339 (1993)} \end{split}$$

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Many-body density of states

$$S(E)$$

$$Ns_{0} + \sqrt{2N\gamma E}$$

$$= N(s_{0} + \gamma T)$$

$$e^{-F(T)/T} = \int_{0}^{\infty} dED(E)e^{-E/T}$$

$$S(T) = -\partial F/\partial T$$

$$D(E) \sim$$

$$2 e^{Ns_{0}} \sqrt{2N\gamma E}$$
No quasiparticle decompositives wavefunctions change chaots from one state to the next.
$$S_{0} = 0.464848...$$

$$A. \text{Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev, PRE 63, 134406 (2001)}$$





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2. Zero temperature entropy $\lim_{T \to 0} \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N} S(T) = s_0 \quad , \quad D(E \to 0) = e^{Ns_0} \sinh(\sqrt{2N\gamma E}) \qquad D(E)$

 $s_0 = 0.46484769917080510749...$ for Q = 1/2.

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The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model Sachdev, Ye (1993); Kitaev (2015) A solvable model of multi-particle quantum entanglement.

No quasiparticles: yields a metal in which current is carried

not by individual electrons,

but by an entangled "quantum soup"



From the SYK model to black holes

Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

Karl Schwarzschild (1916)

G Newton's constant, c velocity of light, M mass of black hole For $M = \text{earth's mass}, R \approx 9 \, mm!$











The supermassive black hole lurking at the heart of the Milky Way – Sagittarius A* contains about 4.3 million solar masses

$R = 1.3 \times 10^{11} \text{m}$ $\approx \text{ earth's orbit}$

Event Horizon Telescope May 12, 2022







What is inside a black hole ???

In Einstein's theory, all the matter in a black hole collapses to a singularity at the center of the black hole.





Quantum Entanglement across a black hole horizon



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Bekenstein, Hawking: Black holes have a temperature and an entropy!

To an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole cannot be known, and so the outside electron is in a random state.



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J. D. Bekenstein, PRD 7, 2333 (1973); S.W. Hawking, Nature 248, 30 (1974)



Black hole horizon



Quantum Black Holes

of statistical mechanics, $S(E) = k_B \log D(E)$?



• Can we find a quantum theory for the collapsed matter at the center of the black hole, whose density of quantum states D(E)[the quantum analog of Boltzmann's W] matches Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, in accordance with Boltzmann's principles



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Quantum simulation of charged black holes by the SYK model



The SYK model simulates the low energy properties of the interior of the black hole for an outside observer in ζ - τ co-ordinates.


From the SYK model to the universal 2d-YSYK theory of strange metals

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Quantum phase transition of Fermi surface change



Two-dimensional YSYK model describes electrons coupled to a boson ϕ driving the QPT, with spatial randomness in s_c , the position of the underlying T = 0 quantum critical point.



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70 — 15 K — 20 K — 30 K 60 0.3 50 — 100 K — 150 K — 200 K — 250 K \hbar/ au (eV) $\frac{\hbar/\tau}{k_{\rm B}T} \frac{40}{30}$ 20 0.1 $\epsilon_{\infty} = 2.76$ 10 K = 211 meV0 0.3 0.1 0.2 0.4 $\left(\right)$ $\hbar\omega$ (eV)

$$\sigma(\omega) = i \frac{e^2 K/(\hbar d_c)}{\hbar \omega \frac{m^*(\omega)}{m} + i \frac{\hbar}{\tau(\omega)}}$$
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and entropy

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$$La_{2-x} Sr_x CuO_x$$

$$p = 0.24$$

$$T_c = 19 \text{ K}$$



Strange metal and superconductor in the two-dimensional Yukawa-Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model

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Planckian dynamics! $\tau(\omega) = \frac{\hbar}{k_B T} F\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$ and entropy $S(T \to 0) \sim T \ln(1/T)$ in 2d-YSYK model (unlike zero temperature) entropy in SYK model).









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