Quantum Hallography

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# A top-down holographic model of quantum Hall ferromagnetism

- 1. quantum Hall ferromagnetism (in graphene)
- 2. defect super-conformal field theory, hypermultiplets on 2+1-dim defect,  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  Yang-Mills in 3 + 1-dim bulk
- 3. AdS/CFT with probe D5 brane, oriented to have 2+1-dimensional Poincare symmetry 'tHooft limit, probe limit  $N_F << N_C = N$ , large  $\lambda$  limit
- 4. super-conformal solution, world-volume is  $AdS_4 \otimes S^2$ deform with  $U(1) \subset U(N_F)$  charge density, magnetic field phase diagram
- 5. mechanism for quantum Hall ferromagnetism, phase diagram











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**Graphene with Coulomb interaction**  $V(r) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi r}$ 

$$S = \int d^3x \, \sum_{k=1}^{4} \bar{\psi}_k \left[ \gamma^t (i\partial_t - A_t) + v_F \vec{\gamma} \cdot (i\vec{\nabla} - \vec{A}) \right] \psi_k$$

$$+\frac{1}{4e^{2}}\int dt d^{2}x \left[F_{0i}\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\partial_{t}^{2}-c^{2}\nabla^{2}}}F_{0i}-F_{ij}\frac{c^{2}}{2\sqrt{\partial_{t}^{2}-c^{2}\nabla^{2}}}F_{ij}\right]$$

- The interaction is not relativistic since speeds of light are different
- This theory is strongly coupled: the graphene fine structure constant is larger than one,

$$\alpha_{\text{graphene}} = \frac{\frac{e^2}{4\pi\lambda}}{\hbar v_F/\lambda} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar v_F} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar c} \frac{c}{v_F} \approx \frac{300}{137}$$
$$\beta_{v_F} = \frac{1}{4}\alpha_{\text{gr}}v_F - \left(\frac{1}{3} - (0.03)\right)\alpha_{\text{gr}}^2v_F + \dots$$

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#### D3 - Probe D5 brane System

• N coincident D3 branes and  $N_5$  coincident D5 branes oriented as

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D3	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
D5	X	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0

brane extends in directions X, sits at point in directions O

- #ND = 4 system preserves 1/2 of supersymmetries
- 't Hooft limit:  $N \to \infty$ ,  $\lambda = 4\pi g_s N$  fixed: D3's  $\to AdS_5 \times S^5$
- probe limit  $N_5 \ll N$  embed D5's in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$
- flat space ~ strong coupling  $R^2 = \sqrt{\lambda} \alpha' >> 1$
- "2DEG" = D3-D5 strings hypermultiplet fund. reps. of  $SU(N), U(N_5)$

### Probe D5 brane

• Probe brane geometry from solving Dirac-Born-Infeld action plus Wess-Zumino terms

$$S_5 = N_5 T_5 \int d^6 \sigma \left[ -\sqrt{-\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + 2\pi\alpha' F \wedge \omega^{(4)} \right]$$

•  $\exists$  a supersymmetric solution with  $SO(3) \times SO(3)$  R-symmetry where worldsheet is  $AdS_4 \times S^2$ ,

$$F = 0 , \ ds^2 = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha' \left[ r^2(-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2) + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\Omega_2^2 \right]$$

• 
$$AdS_5 \times S^5$$
 coordinates and 4-form  

$$\frac{dS^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}\alpha'} = r^2(-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\psi^2 + \sin^2\psi d^2\Omega_2 + \cos^2\psi d^2\tilde{\Omega}_2$$

$$\omega^{(4)} = \lambda {\alpha'}^2 r^4 dt \wedge dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \lambda {\alpha'}^2 \frac{c(\psi)}{2} d\Omega_2 \wedge d\tilde{\Omega}_2$$

#### Dual to superconformal defect field theory

 Field theory dual is bulk N = 4 Yang-Mills plus a hypermultiplet defect theory with SO(3)×SO(3) R-symmetry
 O.DeWolfe D.Z.Freedman H.Ooguri hep-th/0111135
 J.Erdmenger Z.Guralnik I.Kirsch hep-th/0203020

$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots \right\}$$
  
+ 
$$\int d^3x \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_5} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left[ \bar{\psi}^{\sigma}_{\alpha} i \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi^{\sigma}_{\alpha} + \partial_{\mu} \bar{\varphi}^{\sigma}_{\alpha} \partial^{\mu} \varphi^{\sigma}_{\alpha} \right] + \text{interactions}$$

- Fermion ψ, scalar φ are SO(3) spinors (with different SO(3)'s), fundamental rep. of global U(N<sub>5</sub>) and fundamental rep. of SU(N) gauge group.
- Holographic description introduces temperature T,  $U(1) \subset U(N_5)$  charge density  $\rho$ , magnetic field B

## Weak Coupling

$$S = \int d^3x \sum_{\sigma=1}^{N_5} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left[ \bar{\psi}^{\sigma}_{\alpha} i \gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu} \psi^{\sigma}_{\alpha} + D_{\mu} \bar{\varphi}^{\sigma}_{\alpha} D^{\mu} \varphi^{\sigma}_{\alpha} \right] + \text{interactions}$$

## **External Magnetic field**

- $D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + iA_{\mu}$  with a background magnetic field  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = B$
- Landau levels
  - Fermions  $E_n = \sqrt{2Bn}$

$$- Boson \ \omega_n = \sqrt{(2n+1)B}$$

 $-n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ; Landau level density is  $\frac{B}{2\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot N \cdot N_5$ 

- There exist  $\frac{B}{2\pi} 2NN_5$  fermion zero modes.
- The lowest energy non-zero modes are scalars.

## Landau levels

 $N_5 = 1$ , fermion is an SO(3) doublet

In the charge neutral state, half of the zero modes are filled





### Hall States

The gapped states have charge densities and Hall conductivities

$$\rho = \frac{B}{2\pi} N \cdot (0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm N_5) , \ \sigma_{xy} = N \cdot (0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm N_5)$$

or filling fractions

$$\nu \equiv \frac{2\pi}{N} \frac{\rho}{B} = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm N_5$$

All other quantum Hall states are beyond the threshold for creating scalars.

Do the quantum Hall states survive when we turn on the coupling? Do they survive at strong coupling?

#### Probe D5 brane with a magnetic field

- Introduce a magnetic field B  $(m = 0, \rho = 0, T = 0)$
- V.Filev C.Johnson J.Shock arXiv:0903.5345 For any *B*, D5-brane is no longer  $AdS_4 \times S^2$

$$F = Bdx \wedge dy$$

$$ds^{2} = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha' \left[ r^{2}(-dt^{2} + dx^{2} + dy^{2}) + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2}}(1 + r^{2}\dot{\psi}(r)^{2}) + \sin^{2}\psi(r)d\Omega_{2}^{2} \right]$$
$$\psi(r \to \infty) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{m = 0}{r} + \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi \rangle}{r^{2}} + \dots , \quad \psi(r = r_{0}) = 0$$

- Mass gap for D3-D5 strings
- Spontaneously broken SO(3) chiral symmetry for any nonzero magnetic field (at zero temperature and density).
- Quantum Hall Ferromagnetism/Magnetic catalysis at strong coupling,  $\rho = 0$ .





#### Probe D5 brane with a magnetic field and density

• Introduce a magnetic field B and density  $\rho$  (m = 0, T = 0)

$$F = A'_t(r)dr \wedge dt + Bdx \wedge dy$$

$$ds^{2} = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha' \left[ r^{2}(-dt^{2} + dx^{2} + dy^{2}) + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2}}(1 + r^{2}\dot{\psi}(r)^{2}) + \sin^{2}\psi(r)d\Omega_{2}^{2} \right]$$
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- Probe D5 must reach Poincare horizon at  $r = 0 \rightarrow$  all finite density states are ungapped (compressible).
- Chiral symmetry restored at critical density K.Jensen A.Karch D.T.Son E.G.Thompson arXiv:1002.3159

$$\nu \equiv \frac{2\pi\rho}{NB}$$
,  $\nu_{\rm crit.} = 1.68N_5/\sqrt{\lambda}$ 



#### Hall states of the D5 brane

• As  $N_5$  D5 branes enter the bulk of  $AdS_5$ , they blow up to D7 brane with magnetic flux

$$S_{7} = T_{7} \int d^{8}\sigma \left[ -\sqrt{-\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^{2}}{2}F \wedge F \wedge c^{(4)} \right]$$
$$ds^{2} = \sqrt{\lambda}\alpha' \left[ r^{2}(-dt^{2} + dx^{2} + dy^{2}) + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2}} \left( 1 + r^{2}\psi'(r)^{2} \right) + \sin^{2}\psi d^{2}\Omega_{2} + \cos^{2}\psi d^{2}\tilde{\Omega}_{2} \right]$$
$$F = \frac{d}{dr}A_{t}^{7}(r)dr \wedge dt + Bdx \wedge dy + \frac{N_{5}}{2}d\tilde{\Omega}_{2}$$
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- $F \wedge F \wedge c^{(4)}(r)$  term in D7 brane action dissolves electric charge completely only when  $\nu = 1$
- For  $\nu = 1$ , D7 brane has Minkowski embedding and incompressible charge gapped state.

- For  $\nu = 2, 3, ..., N_5$ ,  $N_5$  D5 branes blow up into  $2, 3, ..., N_5$  D7 branes, each with  $\nu = 1$  which subsequently have Minkowski embeddings and incompressible charge gapped state.
- How many of the states  $\nu = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, ..., \pm N_5$  are stable still open question.



## Conclusions

- $\exists$  integer Hall states of the D5 brane
- qualitative comparison with weak coupling is surprisingly good
- Symmetry breaking pattern, D5:  $SU(2) \times SU(2) \rightarrow U(1) \times SU(2)$  breaks valley symmetry  $\prod_n \psi_{n,1\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{n,1\downarrow}^{\dagger} | 0 >$ D7:  $SU(2) \times SU(2) \rightarrow SU(2)$  preserves locked valley and spin symmetry  $\prod_n [\psi_{n,1\uparrow}^{\dagger} - \psi_{n,2\downarrow}^{\dagger}] | 0 >$
- When  $\nu$  divides  $N_5$ , the Hall state has  $\nu$  identical D7's  $\rightarrow$  SU( $\nu$ ) symmetry