Holographic Wilson Loops and Topological Insulators

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Outline:

- Motivation: Topological Insulators
- Holographic Conformal Interfaces
- Holographic Wilson Loops
- Static Quark Potential
- Future Directions

Topological Insulators

U(I) symmetry

mass gap in charged sector

topological quantum number distinct from vacuum

Topological Insulators

topological quantum number

A number invariant under continuous deformations that:

Preserve all symmetries
Preserve the mass gap

Topological Insulators

topological quantum number

Cannot be classified (just) by local order parameter

Example: Integer QHE





Edge modes: chiral fermions



n = # of edge modes

Observed via:



Example: Integer QHEEffective Description
$$S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int d^3x \, \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho$$

$$J^{i} = \frac{\delta S}{\delta A_{i}} = \frac{k}{2\pi} \epsilon^{ij} E^{j}$$

quantization of $\sigma_{xy} = quantization of k$

(2+1)d

Bernevig, Hughes, Zhang 2006 König et al. 2007



(3+1)d

Fu and Kane 2007 Hsieh et al. 2008





UV: some band structure



IR: non-interacting electrons

$$S = \int d^4x \, \bar{\psi} \left(i \partial \!\!\!/ - \!\!\!/ A - M \right) \psi$$

$T: M \to M^* \qquad M \in \mathbb{R}$



Extreme IR: axion electrodynamics



 \mathbb{Z}_2 topological quantum number



Edge modes: (2+1)d Dirac fermions



Angle Resolved Photo-Emission Spectroscopy





Edge modes: (2+1)d Dirac fermions

-0.5



Jumping θ -angle: image dyons



CLASSIFICATION

at level of free Dirac Hamiltonians



Spatial dimension d
Number of species
Mass matrix

Periodic Table of TI's

$class \setminus d$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Т	С	S
А	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	0
AIII	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	1
AI	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	+	0	0
BDI	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	+	+	1
D	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	+	0
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AII	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0	_	0	0
CII	0	$2\mathbb{Z}$	0	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	_	_	1
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Schnyder, Ryu, Furusaki, Ludwig 2008

Kitaev 2009

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Integer QHE

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Time-reversal invariant

What can happen with

INTERACTING

electrons?

Example: Fractional QHE

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{p}{q} \frac{e^2}{h}$$

No description in terms of non-interacting electrons



T-Invariant TI's

Non-interacting electrons

Fractional QHE

Interacting electrons



T-Invariant TI's

Non-interacting electrons



Fractional T-Invariant TI's?

Interacting electrons

Fractionalization





Wen 1999

Maciejko, Qi, Karch, Zhang 2010, 2011 Swingle, Barkeshli, McGreevy, Senthil 2010

Fractionalization

"Statistical Gauge Fields"

$$U(1)_{EM} \to U(1)_{EM} \times G$$

Electron

Charge -1 under

Singlet under

 $U(1)_{EM}$



$$\mathcal{N} = 4$$
 supersymmetric $SU(N_c)$ Yang-Mills

with jumping θ -angle

(3+1)d Fractional T-invariant TI

Karch 2009



Compute the potential between test charges in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM with jumping θ -angle (q_1, g_1) $(0, 0, \overline{d})$

 $(q_2, g_2) = (0, 0, -d)$

TI

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 $\lambda = g^2 N_c$ $SO(4,2) \times SO(6)$ $\beta_{\lambda} = 0$

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 $N_c
ightarrow \infty$ $\lambda = g^2 N_c ~{
m fixed}$

 $SO(4,2) \times SO(6)$

global symmetry _____ isometry



IIB SUGRA $AdS_5 \times S^5$

 $ds^{2} = \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2}} + r^{2} \left(-dt^{2} + dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2} \right)$



"holographic"
Bak, Gutperle, Hirano 2003

Solution of type IIB SUGRA

$$ds^{2} = R^{2} \left(\gamma^{-1} h(x)^{2} dx^{2} + h(x) ds^{2}_{AdS_{4}} + ds^{2}_{S^{5}} \right)$$

$$h(x) = \gamma \left(1 + \frac{4\gamma - 3}{\wp(x) + 1 - 2\gamma} \right)$$

$$\phi(x) = \phi_0 + \sqrt{6(1-\gamma)} \left(x + \frac{4\gamma - 3}{\wp'(\chi)} \left(\ln \frac{\sigma(x+\chi)}{\sigma(x-\chi)} - 2\zeta(\chi)x \right) \right)$$

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 AdS_4 slicing of AdS_5

 $ds^{2} = R^{2} \left(h(x)^{2} dx^{2} + h(x) ds^{2}_{AdS_{4}} + ds^{2}_{S^{5}} \right)$

 $h(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x^2}$ $x \in (-1, 1)$

 $SO(3,2) \times SO(6)$ isometry manifest





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Isometry
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Free parameter: jump in dilaton



Roman god of beginnings, transitions, gates, and doorways





Root of "January" and "Janitor"



 $e^{2\phi} = g^2/2\pi$

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Jumping coupling





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Breaks all SUSY

Preserves SO(3,2) x SO(6)

"Conformal Interface"

Dielectric Interfaces



Image charges!

• $q' = -\frac{q(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)}{\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_1}$

 $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$

$$\tau = C_0 + ie^{-2\phi}$$

$$\tau \longrightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$ab - cd = 1$$

Jumping dilaton

Jumping axion

Jumping coupling
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Jumping θ -angle

$$\tau \to \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \qquad \begin{array}{c} a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \\ ab - cd = 1 \end{array}$$

$$SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$
$$\tau = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + i\frac{2\pi}{g^2}$$

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 $W_R[C] = \frac{1}{N_c} \operatorname{tr}_R P \exp\left[\oint_C ds \left(iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \Phi_i \theta^i |\dot{x}|\right)\right]$

 $R = N_c$ of $SU(N_c)$

C =

T

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 $V(L) = -\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \langle W[C] \rangle$



 $\lambda \ll 1$

Perturbatively

$$\langle W[C] \rangle = 1 - \frac{N_c}{2} \oint_C ds \oint_C d\tilde{s} \left(\dot{x}^{\mu}(s) \dot{x}^{\nu}(\tilde{s}) \langle PA_{\mu}(x(s))A_{\nu}(x(s)) \rangle \right)$$

 $- |\dot{x}(s)| |\dot{x}(\tilde{s})| \theta^{i} \theta^{j} \langle P \Phi^{i}(x(s)) \Phi^{j}(x(\tilde{s})) \rangle) + \dots$

Sum "ladder" diagrams

 $\lambda \gg 1$

Holographically



$$S_{NG} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-\det g}$$

$$S_{NG}|_{\text{solution}} = A$$

$$\langle W[C] \rangle \propto e^{-A}$$

$V(L) = -\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \langle W[C] \rangle = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{A}{T}$



Infinite self-energy

Drukker, Gross, Ooguri 1999

Legendre transform

$$A = S_{NG} - \int d\sigma P_r r \Big|_{\partial AdS}$$

"Straight string"

Legendre transform cancels the divergence!

$A = 0 \implies \langle W[C] \rangle = 1$

due to SUSY

 $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM jumping g

Wilson Loops from AdS_5







 $V(L) = -\frac{4\pi^2}{\Gamma(1/4)^4} \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{L}$ $\lambda \gg 1$



Ladder Diagrams

 $V(L) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{2\lambda}{L}, \\ \end{cases}$ $\lambda \ll 1$ $-\frac{1}{\pi}\frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{I}, \quad \lambda \gg 1.$

Conformal Interface





 $V(L,D) = \frac{f(\lambda, D/L)}{L}$

Conformal Interface

$$\langle PA_{\mu}(x(s))A_{\nu}(x(s))\rangle$$
 acquires image terms

$$\langle P\Phi^i(x(s))\Phi^j(x(\tilde{s})\rangle$$
 unchanged

Clark, Freedman, Karch, Schnabl 2004

Conformal Interface

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Q attracted to side with SMALLER coupling



 $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM jumping g



 $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM jumping Q

Straight string in Janus



Interaction energy with image charge









Again attracted to side with SMALLER coupling





 $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM jumping g





















Interface always attractive!



















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Future Directions

• Circular Wilson loops?

- Other representations?
- Image strings?
- Accelerating charges?

