## Stellingen

Behorende bij het proefschrift

## Strongly correlated electrons in Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev models and Twisted bilayer graphene

1. Many crucial aspects of the SYK model persist upon reducing the connectivity of the interactions from all-to-all.

[Chapter 2]

2. Coupled Yukawa SYK models allow one to compute the Josephson current between two superconductors non-perturbatively in the coupling interaction. [Chapter 3]

- 3. The wormhole solutions obtained in the Yukawa SYK model only allow transmission of electronic excitations, but not Cooper pairs. [Chapter 3]
- 4. The Kondo effect can be used as a probe to identify crucial qualitative features of the band structure of twisted bilayer graphene.

[Chapter 4]

5. Although the mechanism of superconductivity in the Yukawa SYK model is not of the conventional electron-phonon type, it still shows an isotope effect. Conversely, an observation of the isotope effect is not an immediate guarantee of a BCS like superconducting mechanism.

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- 6. A Moire pattern in the real space lattice of a material is a strong indicator of the possible existence of flat bands in the said material.
- 7. The existence of a true quantum critical point has not been confirmed beyond reasonable doubt. This is because any function can be made to look like a power law on a log-log scale for less than a decade.
- 8. Arrays of SYK dots in the weak inter-dot tunneling limit can be used to model the phase diagram near the Mott phase of cuprates, but such a description fails in the strange metallic phase.

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9. Although aggressively marketed as such, it is unclear whether quantum computers will be useful for understanding much about quantum many body problems.

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