# "The next big thing."

Discussion, 2008 Boulder Summer School on Strongly Correlated Materials

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#### Roman Lutchyn

New composite degrees of freedom near the Mott transition where spin dynamics should be more collective.

#### Matasumi Udazawa

Description of strongly interacting fixed points of matter behavior. Development of a framework that does not rely on the use of quasiparticles. More generally, a non-fermi liquid theory. As we saw, Fermi liquid theory is in essence the non-interacting fixed point.

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