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contained and starts with an original introduction to conformal

theories, defects in such theories and how they lead to constraints on

data and an extension of the bootstrap programme. This situation is often realized by critical systems with impurities, topological insulators, or -in the high-energy context- by Wilson and 't Hooft operators. The thesis continues with original research results of the author, including supersymmetric extensions. These results may be relevant non only in the high energy physics context - where supersymmetry is required for the theory to be consistent - but also for condensed matter systems that enjoy supersymmetry emergence at long distances.