Strange metals and black holes

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Universal *T*-linear resistivity and Planckian dissipation in overdoped cuprates

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Planckian dissipation and scale invariance in a quantum-critical disordered pnictide

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Strange metal in magic-angle graphene with near Planckian dissipation

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Bad metallic transport in a cold atom Fermi-Hubbard system

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Material		n (10^{27} m^{-3})	m^* (m_0)	A_1 / d (Ω / K)	$h / (2e^2 T_F)$ (Ω / K)	α
Bi2212	$p = 0.23$	6.8	8.4 ± 1.6	8.0 ± 0.9	7.4 ± 1.4	1.1 ± 0.3
Bi2201	$p \sim 0.4$	3.5	7 ± 1.5	8 ± 2	8 ± 2	1.0 ± 0.4
LSCO	$p = 0.26$	7.8	9.8 ± 1.7	8.2 ± 1.0	8.9 ± 1.8	0.9 ± 0.3
Nd-LSCO	$p = 0.24$	7.9	12 ± 4	7.4 ± 0.8	10.6 ± 3.7	0.7 ± 0.4
PCCO	$x = 0.17$	8.8	2.4 ± 0.1	1.7 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.2
LCCO	$x = 0.15$	9.0	3.0 ± 0.3	3.0 ± 0.45	2.6 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.3
TMTSF	$P = 11$ kbar	1.4	1.15 ± 0.2	2.8 ± 0.3	2.8 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.3

Slope of *T*-linear resistivity vs Planckian limit in seven materials.

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \alpha \, \frac{k_B T}{\hbar}$$

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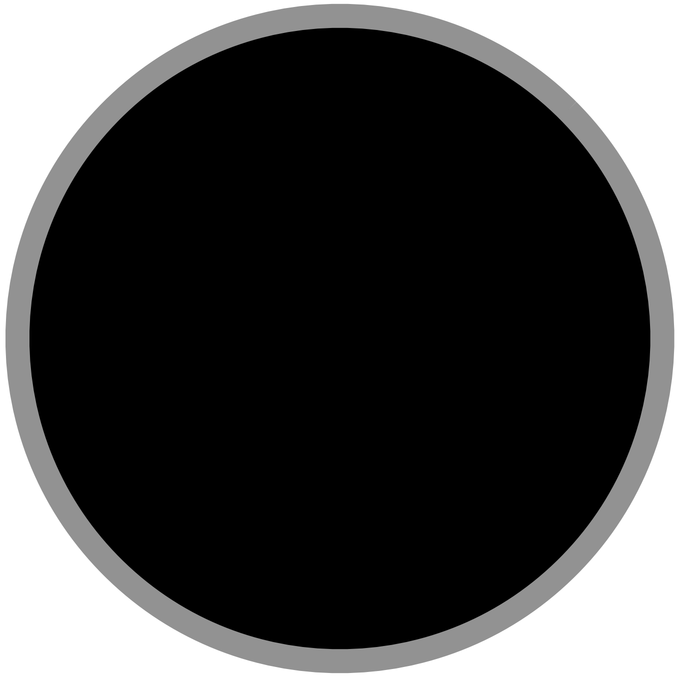
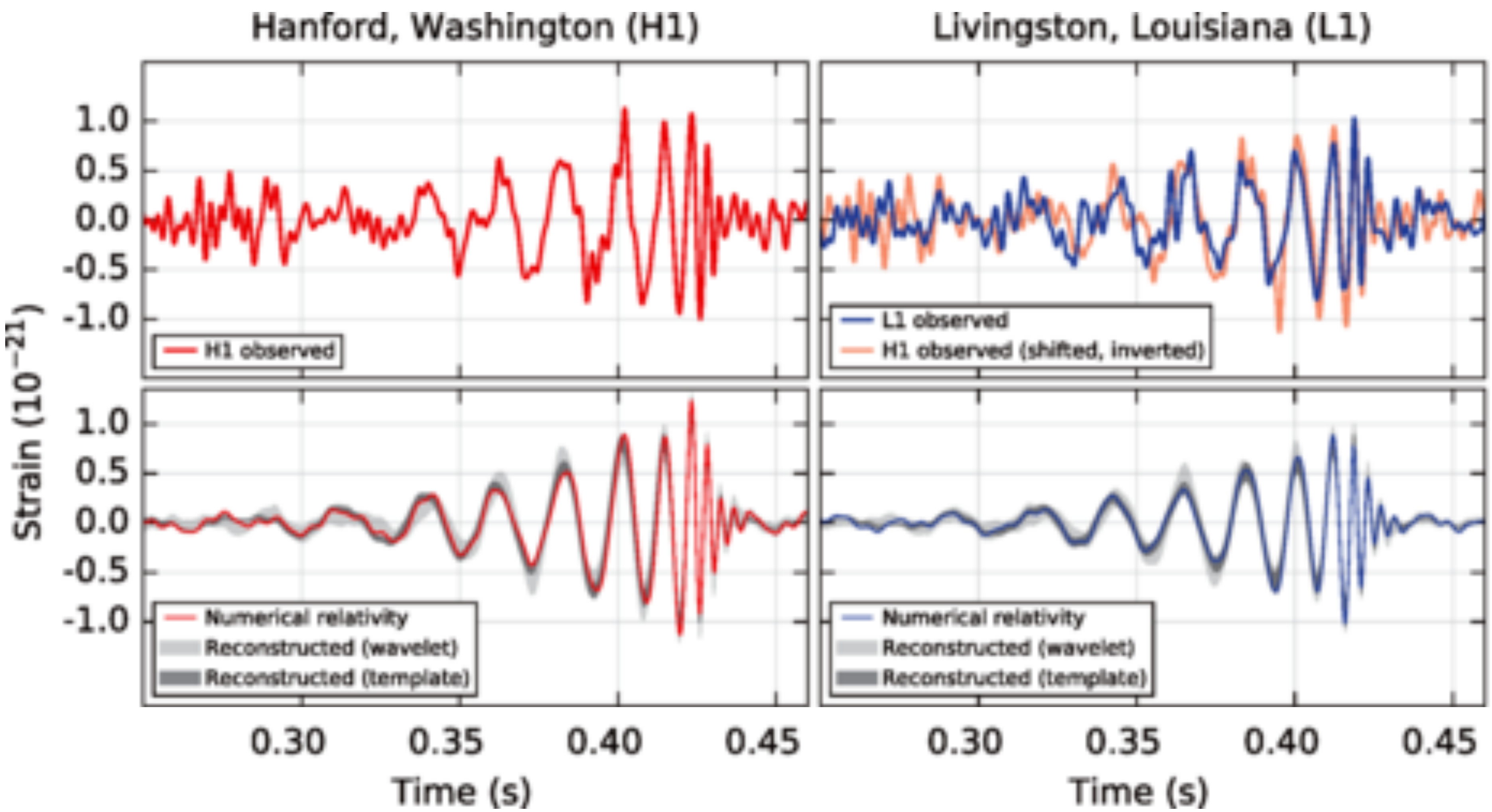
Black Holes

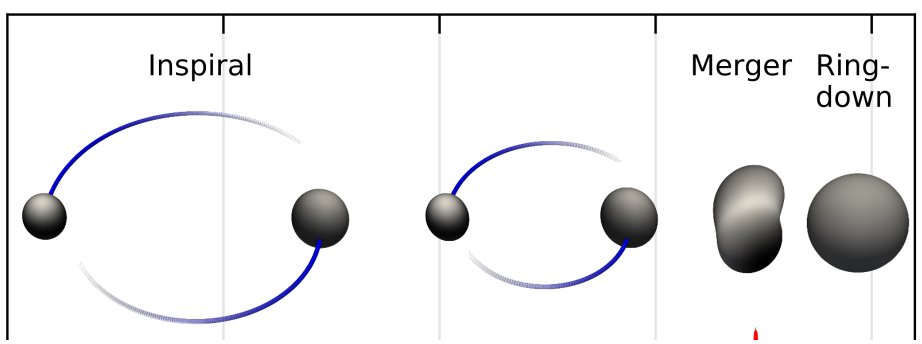
Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

In Einstein's theory, the region inside the black hole horizon is disconnected from the rest of the universe.



$$\text{Horizon radius } R = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$





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- The ring-down is predicted by General Relativity to happen in a time $\dfrac{8\pi GM}{c^3} \sim 8$ milliseconds. Curiously this happens to equal $\boxed{\dfrac{\hbar}{k_B T_H}}$: so the ring down can also be viewed as the approach of a quantum system to thermal equilibrium at the fastest possible rate!

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<u>Holography</u>:
Quantum black holes "look like" quantum many-particle systems without quasiparticle excitations, residing "on" the surface of the black hole

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What are quasiparticles ?

- **Quasiparticles are additive excitations:**
  The low-lying excitations of the many-body system can be identified as a set $\{n_\alpha\}$ of quasiparticles with energy ε_α

$$E = \sum_\alpha n_\alpha \varepsilon_\alpha + \sum_{\alpha,\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} n_\alpha n_\beta + \ldots$$

In a lattice system of N sites, this parameterizes the energy of $\sim e^{\alpha N}$ states in terms of poly(N) numbers.

Ordinary metals and quasiparticles

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- These times are much longer than the 'Planckian time' $\hbar/(k_B T)$, which we will find in systems without quasiparticle excitations.

$$\tau \sim \tau_{\text{eq}} \gg \frac{\hbar}{k_B T} \quad , \quad \text{as } T \to 0.$$

A simple model of a metal with quasiparticles

$$H = \frac{1}{(N)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i = \mathcal{Q}$$

t_{ij} are independent random variables with $\overline{t_{ij}} = 0$ and $\overline{|t_{ij}|^2} = t^2$

Fermions occupying the eigenstates of a
N x *N* random matrix

A simple model of a metal with quasiparticles

Feynman graph expansion in $t_{ij..}$, and graph-by-graph average, yields exact equations in the large N limit:

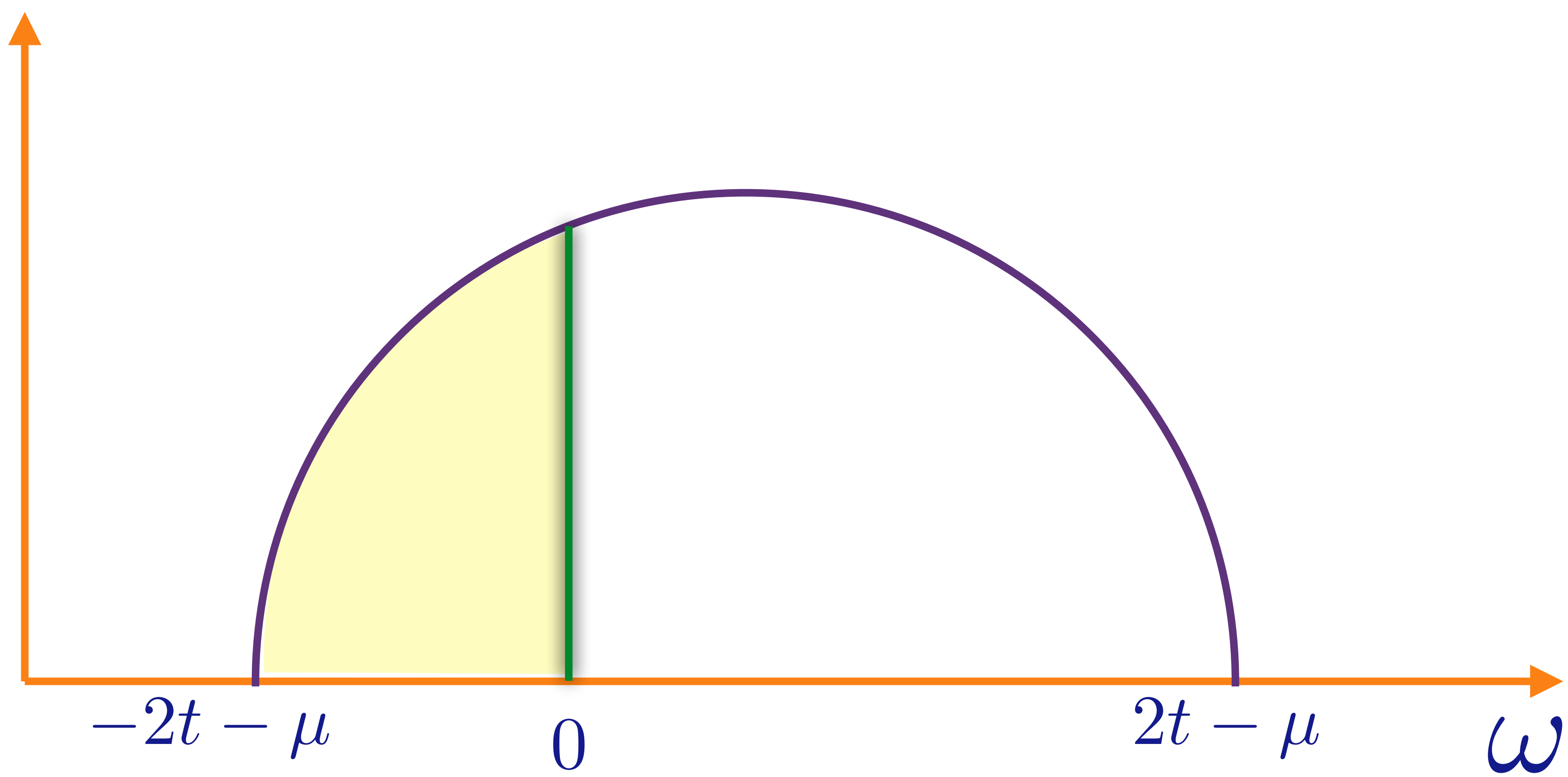
$$G(\tau) \equiv -T_\tau \left\langle c_i(\tau) c_i^\dagger(0) \right\rangle$$

$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = t^2 G(\tau)$$

$$G(\tau = 0^-) = \mathcal{Q}.$$

$G(\omega)$ can be determined by solving a quadratic equation.

$\rho(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \mathrm{Im}\, G(\omega)$



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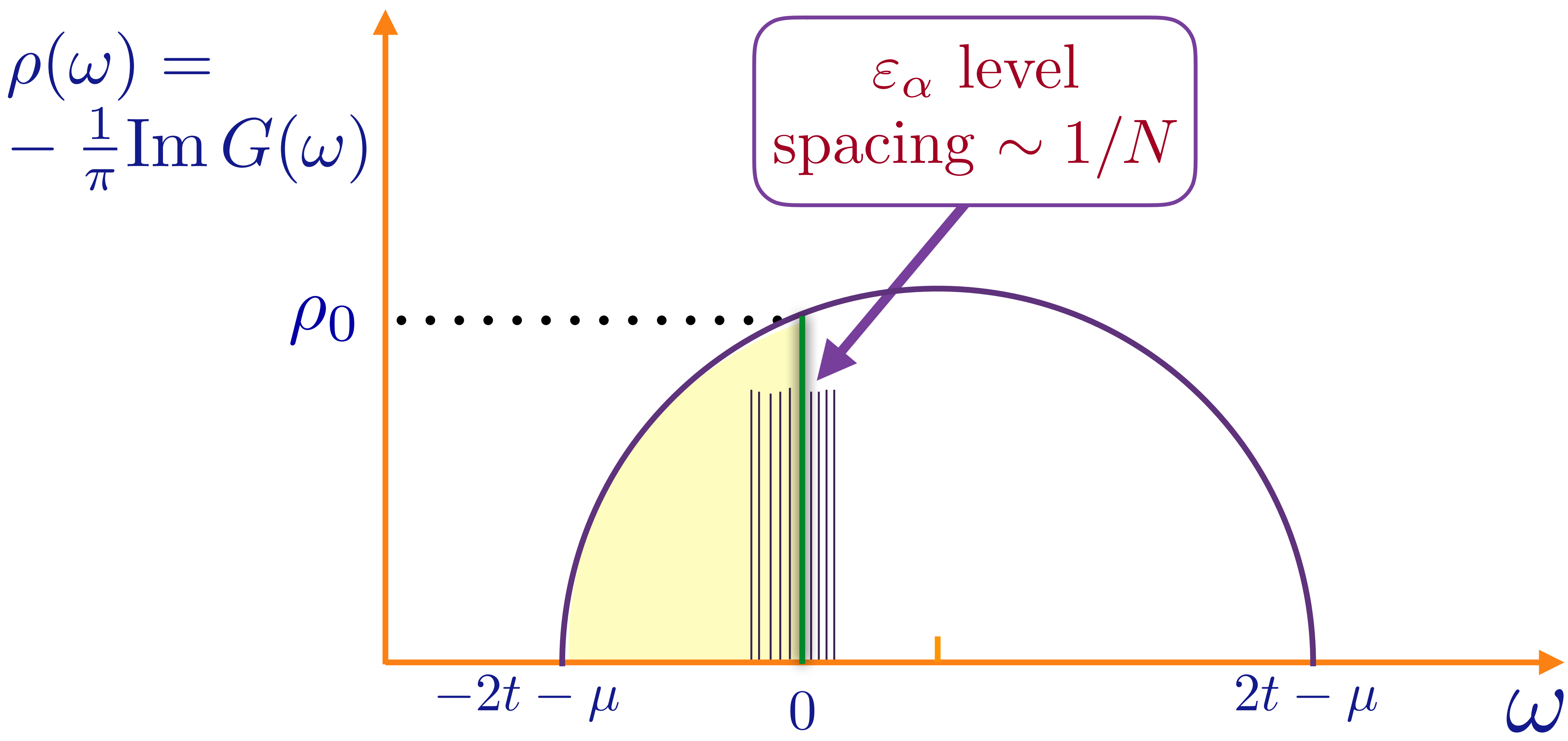
Let ε_α be the eigenvalues of the matrix $t_{ij}/\sqrt{N}$. The fermions will occupy the lowest NQ eigenvalues, upto the Fermi energy E_F. The single-particle density of states is
$\rho(\omega) = (1/N)\sum_\alpha \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_\alpha)$, and $\rho_0 \equiv \rho(\omega = 0)$.



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The grand potential $\Omega(T)$ at low T is (from the Sommerfeld expansion)

$$\Omega(T) - E_0 = N\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{6}\rho_0 T^2 + \mathcal{O}(T^4)\right) + \ldots$$

where $\rho_0 \equiv \rho(0)$ is the *single* particle density of states at the Fermi level.

We can also define the *many* body density of states, $D(E)$, via

$$Z = e^{-\Omega(T)/T} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE D(E) e^{-E/T}$$

The inversion from $\Omega(T)$ to $D(E)$ has to performed with care (it need not commute with the $1/N$ expansion), and we obtain

$$\boxed{D(E) \sim \exp\left(\pi\sqrt{\frac{2N\rho_0(E-E_0)}{3}}\right) \quad , \quad E > E_0 \ , \ \frac{1}{N} \ll \rho_0(E-E_0) \ll N}$$

and $D(E) = 0$ for $E < E_0$. This is related to the asymptotic growth of the partitions of an integer, $p(n) \sim \exp(\pi\sqrt{2n/3})$. Near the lower bound, there are large sample-to-sample fluctuations due to variations in the lowest quasiparticle energies.

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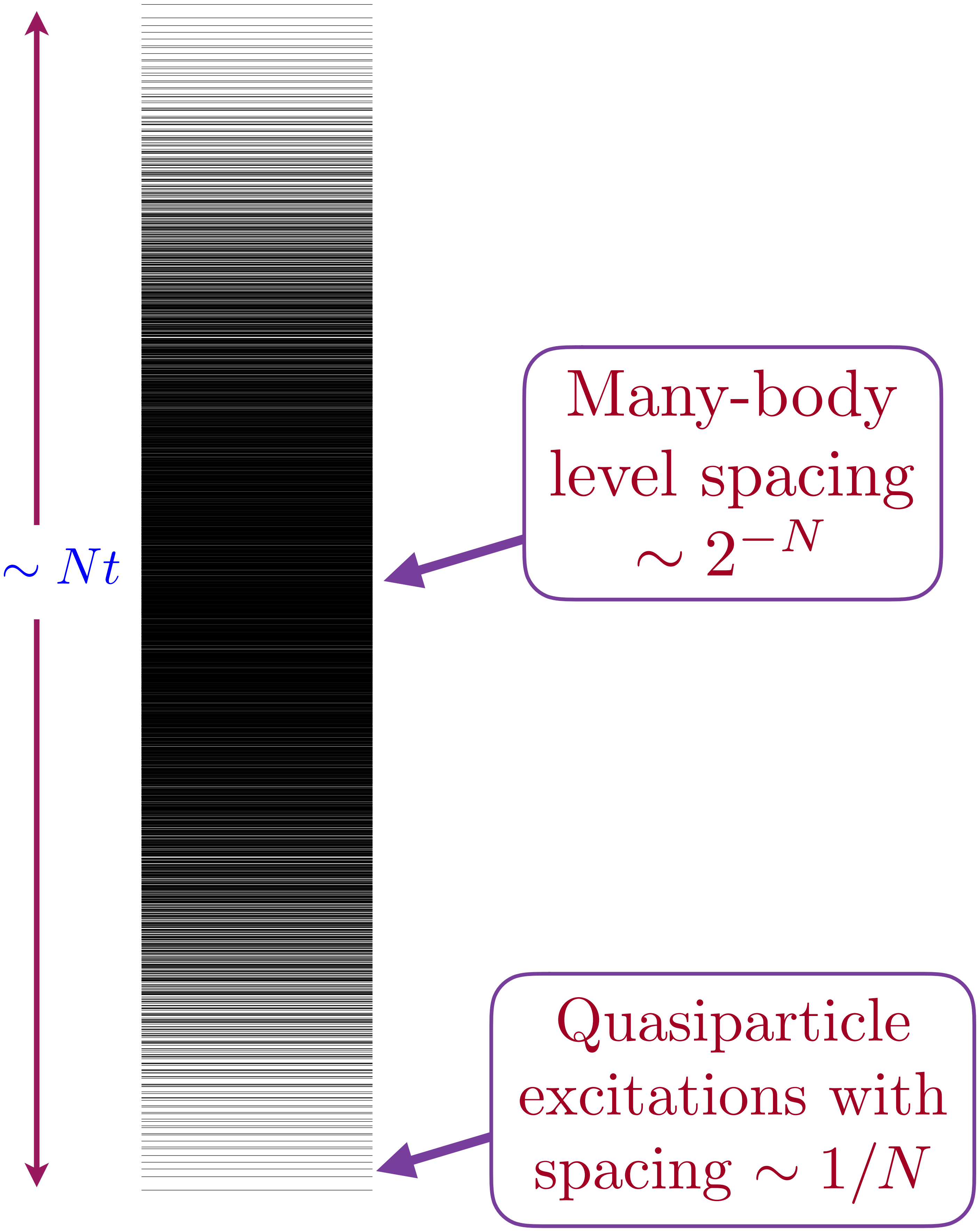

There are 2^N many body levels with energy

$$E = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} n_\alpha \varepsilon_\alpha ,$$

where $n_\alpha = 0, 1$. Shown are all values of E for a single cluster of size $N = 12$. The ε_α have a level spacing $\sim 1/N$.

A simple model of a metal with quasiparticles

Now add weak interactions

$$H = \frac{1}{(N)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i + \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^{N} U_{ij;k\ell}\, c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_\ell$$

$U_{ij;k\ell}$ are independent random variables with $\overline{U_{ij;k\ell}} = 0$ and $\overline{|U_{ij;k\ell}|^2} = U^2$. We compute the lifetime of a quasiparticle, τ_α, in an exact eigenstate $\psi_\alpha(i)$ of the free particle Hamitonian with energy ε_α. By Fermi's Golden rule, for ε_α at the Fermi energy

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau_\alpha} &= \pi U^2 \rho_0^3 \int d\varepsilon_\beta d\varepsilon_\gamma d\varepsilon_\delta f(\varepsilon_\beta)(1 - f(\varepsilon_\gamma))(1 - f(\varepsilon_\delta))\delta(\varepsilon_\alpha + \varepsilon_\beta - \varepsilon_\gamma - \varepsilon_\delta) \\ &= \frac{\pi^3 U^2 \rho_0^3}{4} T^2 \end{aligned}$$

where ρ_0 is the density of states at the Fermi energy, and $f(\epsilon) = 1/(e^{\epsilon/T} + 1)$ is the Fermi function.

Fermi liquid state: Two-body interactions lead to a scattering time of quasiparticle excitations from in (random) single-particle eigenstates which diverges as $\sim T^{-2}$ at the Fermi level.

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$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta=1}^{N} U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}\, c_\alpha^\dagger c_\beta^\dagger c_\gamma c_\delta + \epsilon \sum_\alpha c_\alpha^\dagger c_\alpha$$

$$c_\alpha c_\beta + c_\beta c_\alpha = 0 \quad , \quad c_\alpha c_\beta^\dagger + c_\beta^\dagger c_\alpha = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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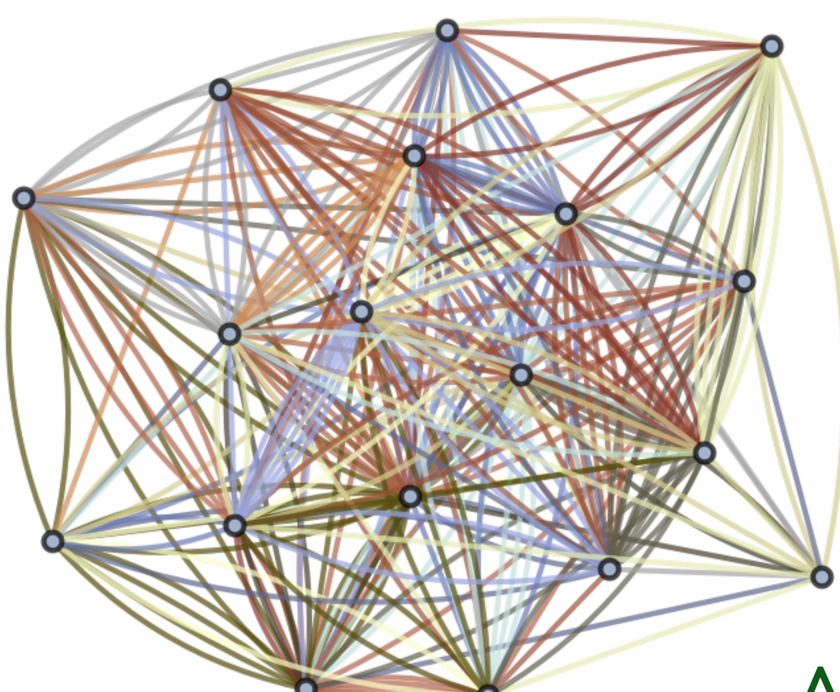
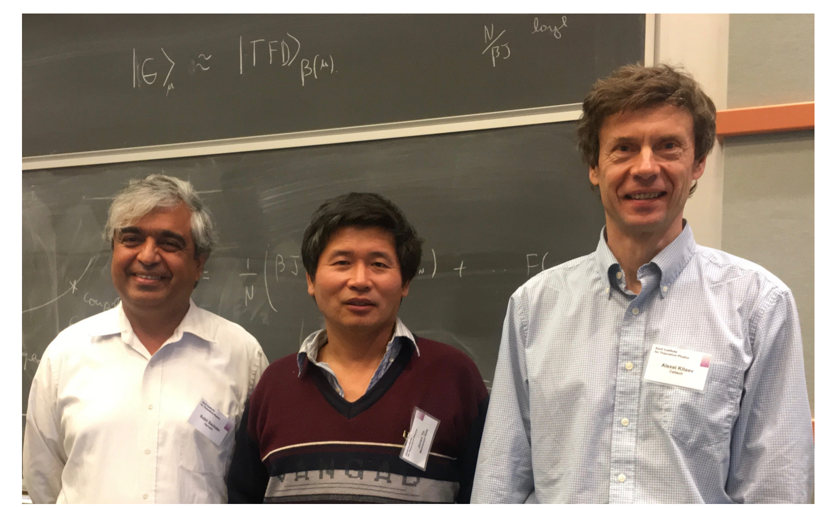
$N \to \infty$ yields critical strange metal.





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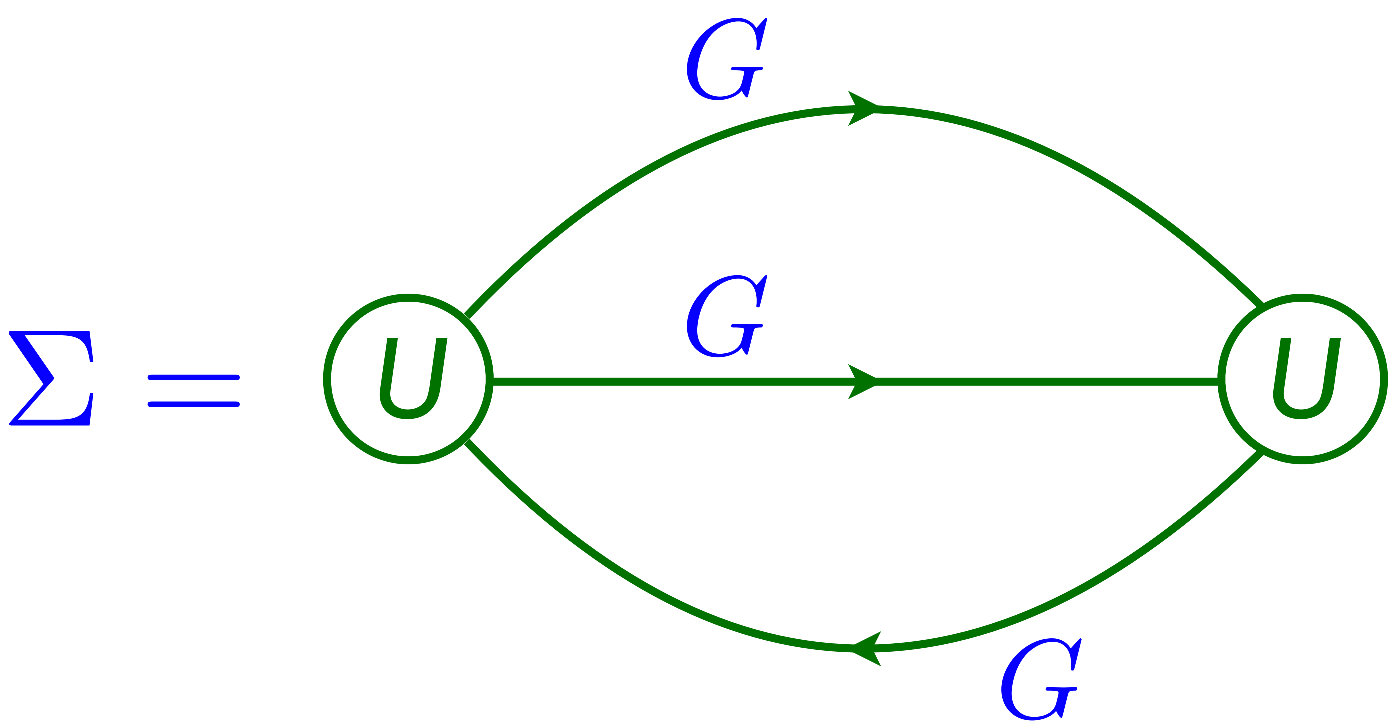

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