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NEW HORIZONS IN QUANTUM MATTER

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Modern quantum materials realize a remarkably rich set of electronic phases. This school will explore the many new concepts and methods which have been developed in recent years, moving beyond the traditional paradigms of Fermi liquid theory and spontaneous symmetry breaking. In particular, long-range quantum entanglement appears in topological and quantum-critical states, and the school will discuss new techniques required to describe their observable properties.

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The SYK model of non-Fermi liquids and black holes

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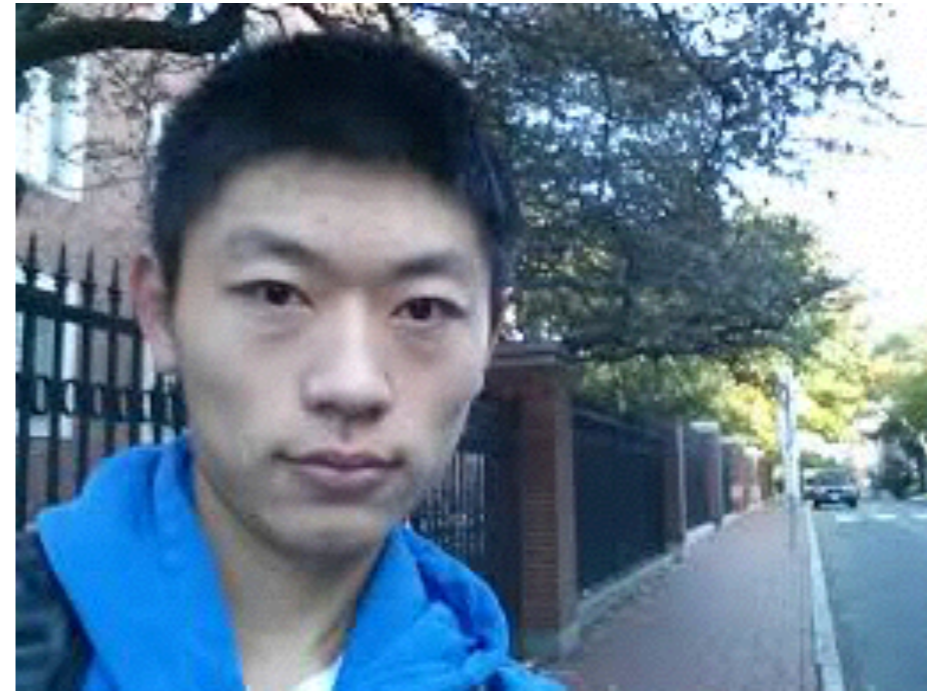
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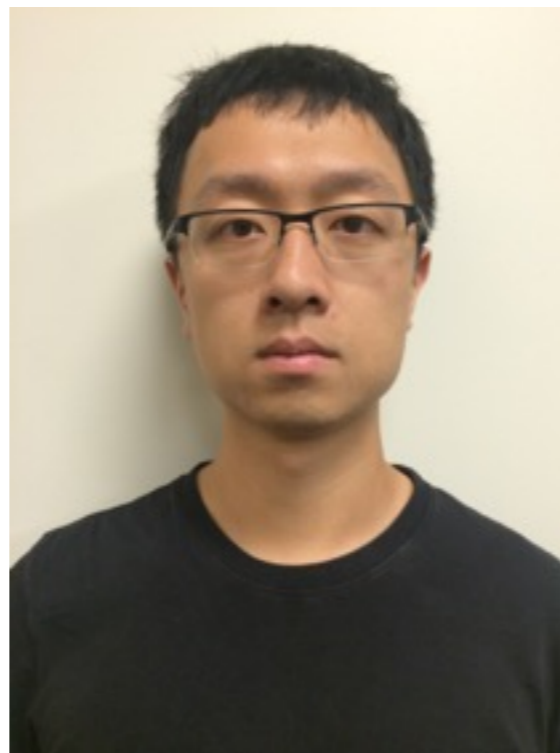
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- How do we rule out quasiparticle excitations? Examine the time it takes to reach local thermal equilibrium. Equilibration takes a long time while quasiparticles collide (in Fermi liquids, $\tau \sim 1/T^2$; in gapped systems, $\tau \sim e^{\Delta/T}$). Systems *without* quasiparticles saturate a (conjectured) lower bound on the local-equilibration/de-phasing/transition-to-quantum-chaos time

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where C is a T -independent constant.

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S. Sachdev, *Quantum Phase Transitions* (1999)
K. Damle and Sachdev, PRB **56**, 8714 (1997)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B T}$$

P. Kovtun, D.T. Son, and A.O. Starinets, PRL **94**, 111601 (2005)

$$\frac{D}{v_b^2} \geq \tilde{C} \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

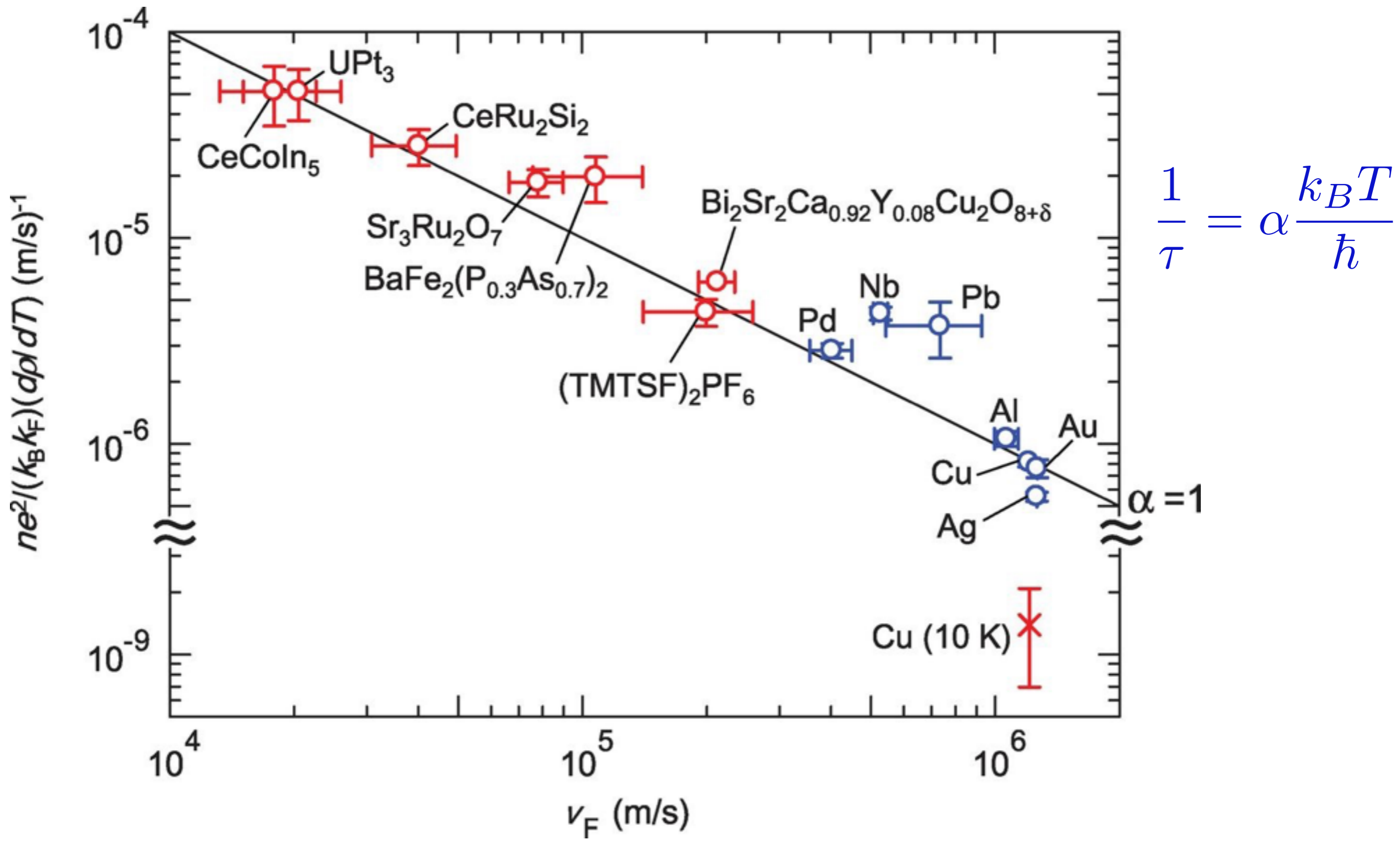
Saturation requires fixed point with
disorder and interactions

S.A. Hartnoll, Nature Physics **11**, 54 (2015)
M. Blake, PRL **117**, 091601 (2016)

$$\tau_L \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

J. Maldacena, S. H. Shenker and D. Stanford, JHEP **08** (2016)106

In Fermi liquids, $\tau \sim 1/T^2$;
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J. A. N. Bruin, H. Sakai, R. S. Perry, A. P. Mackenzie, *Science*. **339**, 804 (2013)

Theories of non-Fermi liquids

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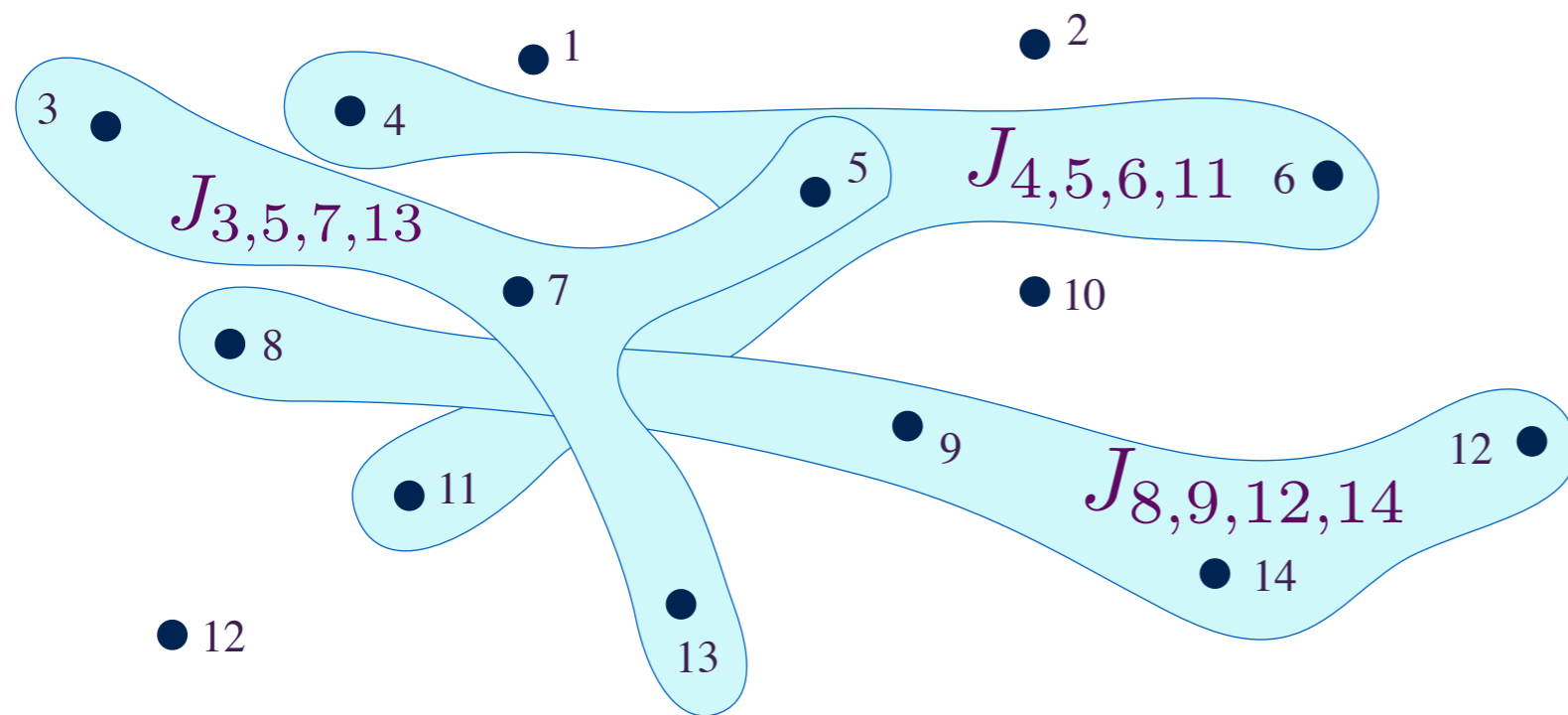
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$$H_{\text{SYK}} = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N J_{ij;kl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_\ell - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

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



A fermion can move only by entangling with another fermion: the Hamiltonian has “nothing but entanglement”.

Cold atom realization:
I. Danshita, M. Hanada, and
M. Tezuka, arXiv:1606.02454

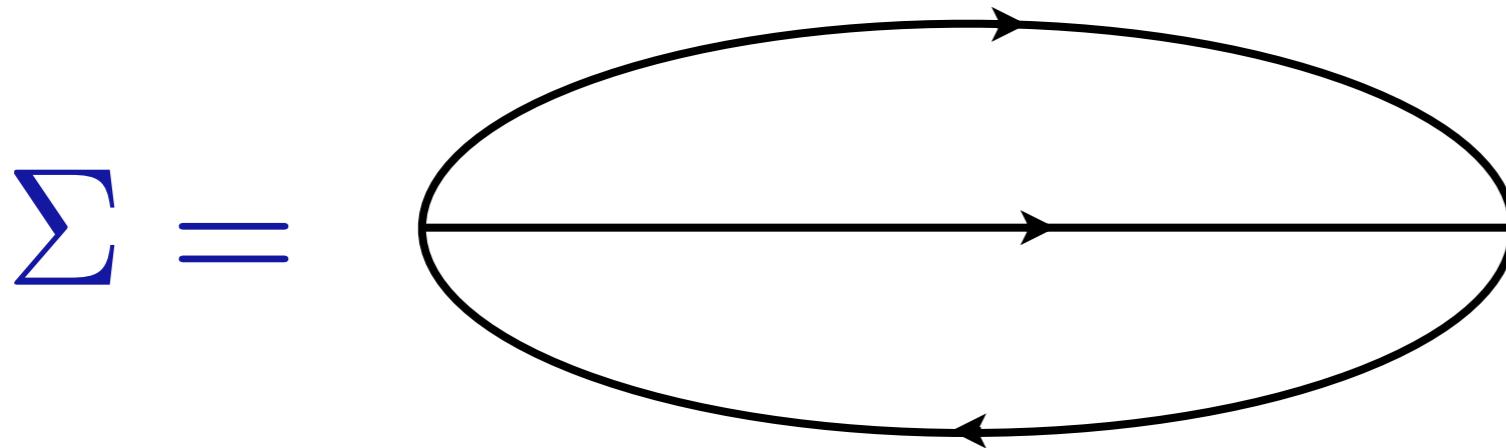
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Low frequency analysis shows that the solutions must be gapless and obey

$$\Sigma(z) = \mu - \frac{1}{A} \sqrt{z} + \dots \quad , \quad G(z) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{z}}$$

for some complex A . The ground state is a non-Fermi liquid, with a continuously variable density Q .

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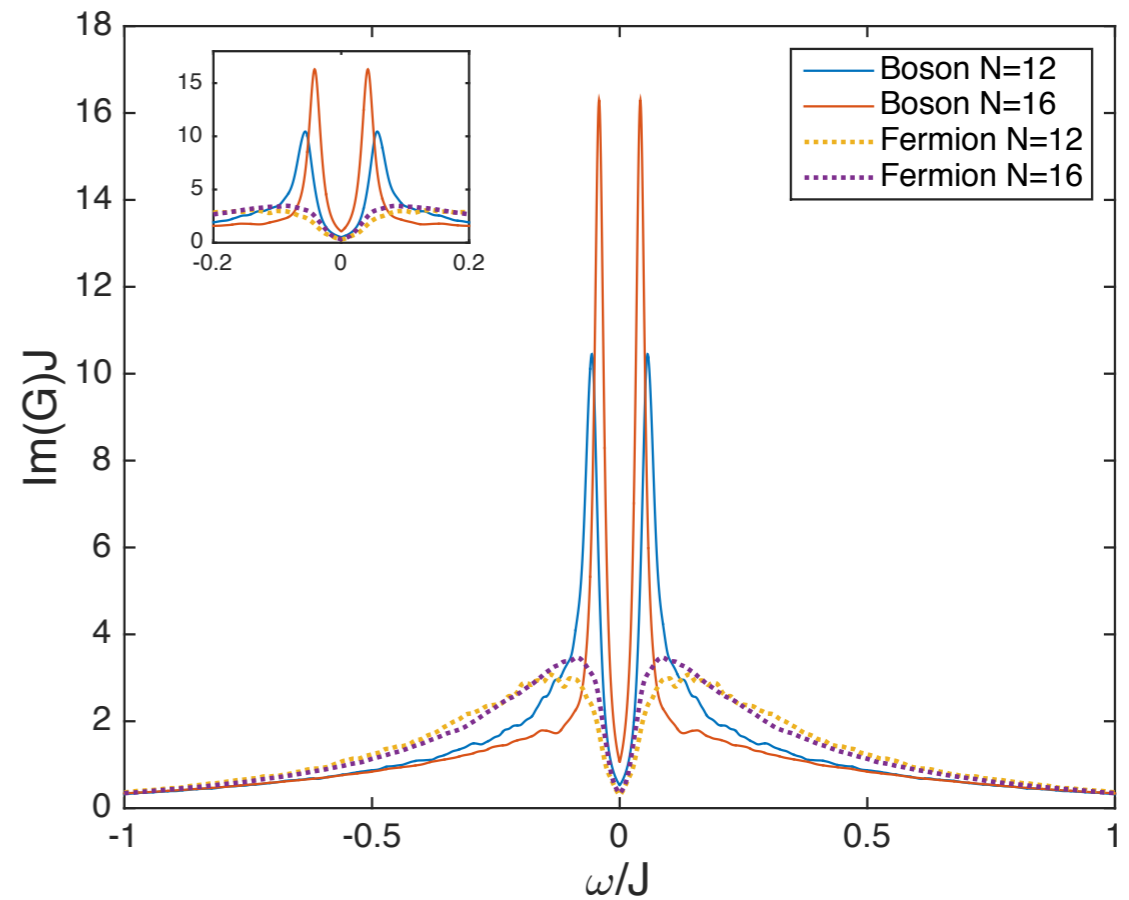
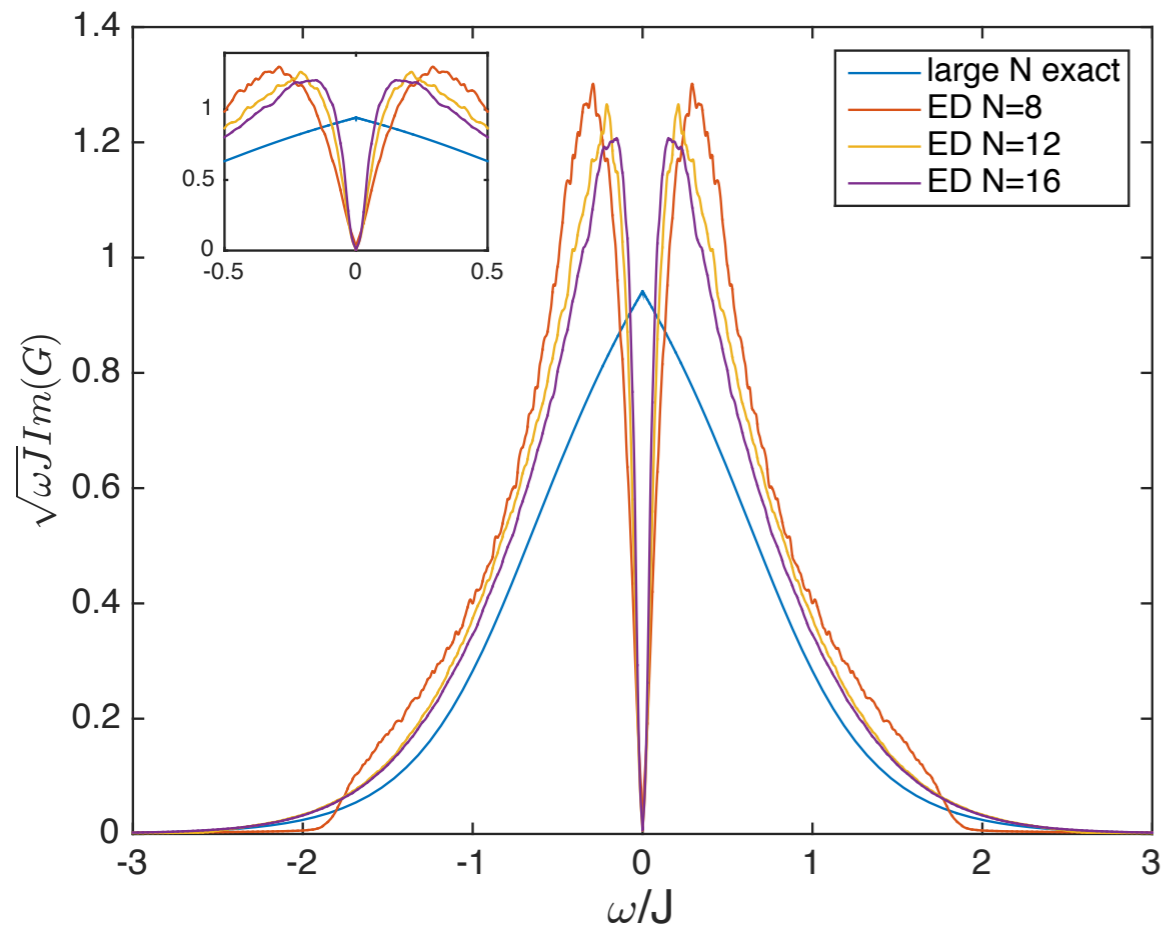
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Large N solution of equations for G and Σ agree well with exact diagonalization of the finite N Hamiltonian \Rightarrow no spin-glass order

However, exact diagonalization of the same model with hard-core bosons indicates the presence of spin-glass order in the ground state.

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After integrating the fermions, the partition function can be written as a path integral with an action S analogous to a Luttinger-Ward functional

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$$S = \ln \det [\delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2)(\partial_{\tau_1} + \mu) - \Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2)] \\ + \int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2) [G(\tau_2, \tau_1) + (J^2/2)G^2(\tau_2, \tau_1)G^2(\tau_1, \tau_2)]$$

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At frequencies $\ll J$, the time derivative in the determinant is less important, and without it the path integral is invariant under the reparametrization and gauge transformations

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$$\tau = f(\sigma)$$

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$$\Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\sigma_1)f'(\sigma_2)]^{-3/4} \frac{g(\sigma_1)}{g(\sigma_2)} \Sigma(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

where $f(\sigma)$ and $g(\sigma)$ are arbitrary functions.

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Let us write the large N saddle point solutions of S as

$$G_s(\tau_1 - \tau_2) \sim (\tau_1 - \tau_2)^{-1/2} \quad , \quad \Sigma_s(\tau_1 - \tau_2) \sim (\tau_1 - \tau_2)^{-3/2}.$$

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Connections of SYK to gravity and AdS₂ horizons

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So

- Reparameterization and gauge invariance are the ‘symmetries’ of the Einstein-Maxwell theory of gravity and electromagnetism
- $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is the isometry group of AdS₂.

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Reparametrization zero mode

Expand about the saddle point by writing

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\tau_1)f'(\tau_2)]^{1/4} G_s(f(\tau_1) - f(\tau_2))$$

(and similarly for Σ) and obtain an effective action for $f(\tau)$. This action does not vanish because of the time derivative in the determinant which is not reparameterization invariant.

J. Maldacena and D. Stanford, arXiv:1604.07818

See also A. Kitaev, unpublished, and J. Polchinski and V. Rosenhaus, arXiv:1601.06768

SYK model

With $g(\tau) = e^{-i\phi(\tau)}$, the action for $\phi(\tau)$ and $f(\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi T} \tan(\pi T(\tau + \epsilon(\tau)))$ fluctuations is

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The couplings are given by thermodynamics (Ω is the grand potential)

$$K = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu^2} \right)_T, \quad \gamma + 4\pi^2 \mathcal{E}^2 K = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial T^2} \right)_\mu$$
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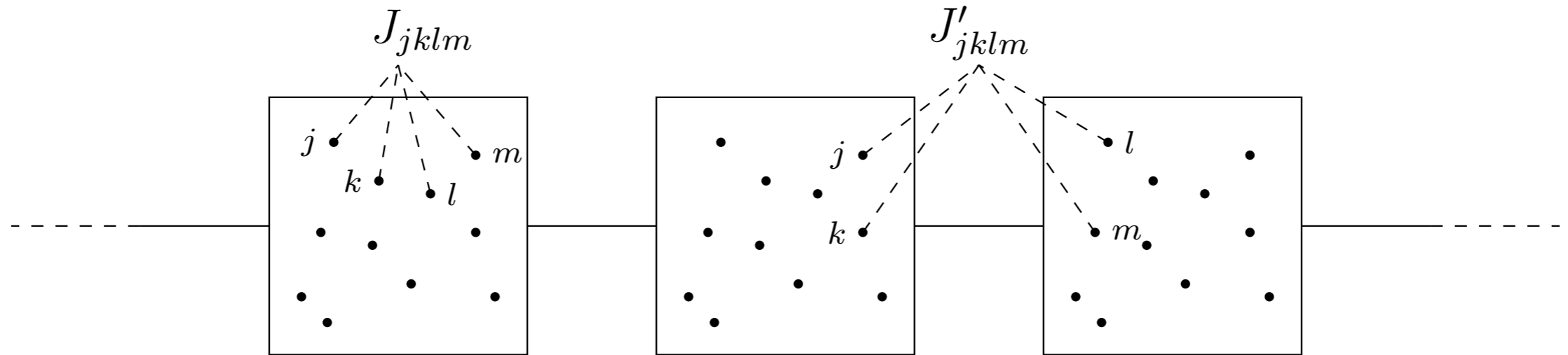


Figure 1: A chain of coupled SYK sites: each site contains $N \gg 1$ fermion with SYK interaction. The coupling between nearest neighbor sites are four fermion interaction with two from each site.

Yingfei Gu, Xiao-Liang Qi, and D. Stanford, arXiv:1609.07832

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**The coupled SYK models realize a diffusive, metal with no quasiparticle excitations.
(a “strange metal”)**

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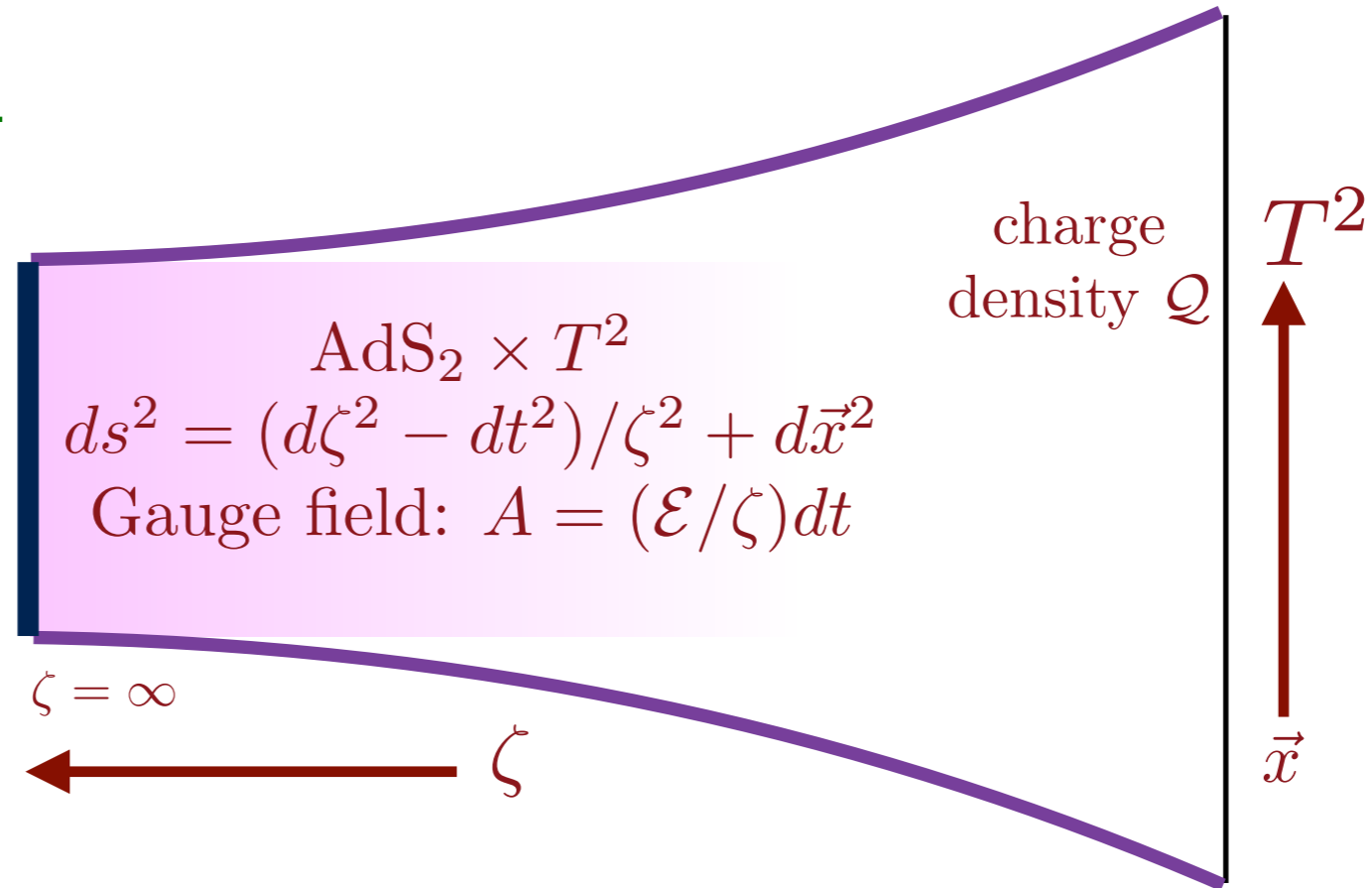
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S. Sachdev, PRL **105**, 151602 (2010)

SYK and AdS₂



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Holographic Metals and the Fractionalized Fermi Liquid

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We show that there is a close correspondence between the physical properties of holographic metals near charged black holes in anti-de Sitter (AdS) space, and the fractionalized Fermi liquid phase of the lattice Anderson model. The latter phase has a “small” Fermi surface of conduction electrons, along with a spin liquid of local moments. This correspondence implies that **certain mean-field gapless spin liquids are states of matter at nonzero density realizing the near-horizon, $\text{AdS}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ physics of Reissner-Nordström black holes.**

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S. Sachdev PRX 5, 041025 (2015)

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- The Lyapunov time to quantum chaos saturates the lower bound both in the SYK model and in quantum gravity.

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A. Kitaev, KITP talk, 2015

J. Maldacena and D. Stanford, arXiv:1604.07818

It would be nice to have a solvable model of holography.

theory	bulk dual	anom. dim.	chaos	solvable in $1/N$	black hole
SYM	Einstein grav.	large	maximal	no	yes
$O(N)$	Vasiliev	$1/N$	$1/N$	yes	no
SYK	" $l_s \sim l_{AdS}$ "	$O(1)$	maximal	yes	yes

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Einstein-Maxwell-axion theory

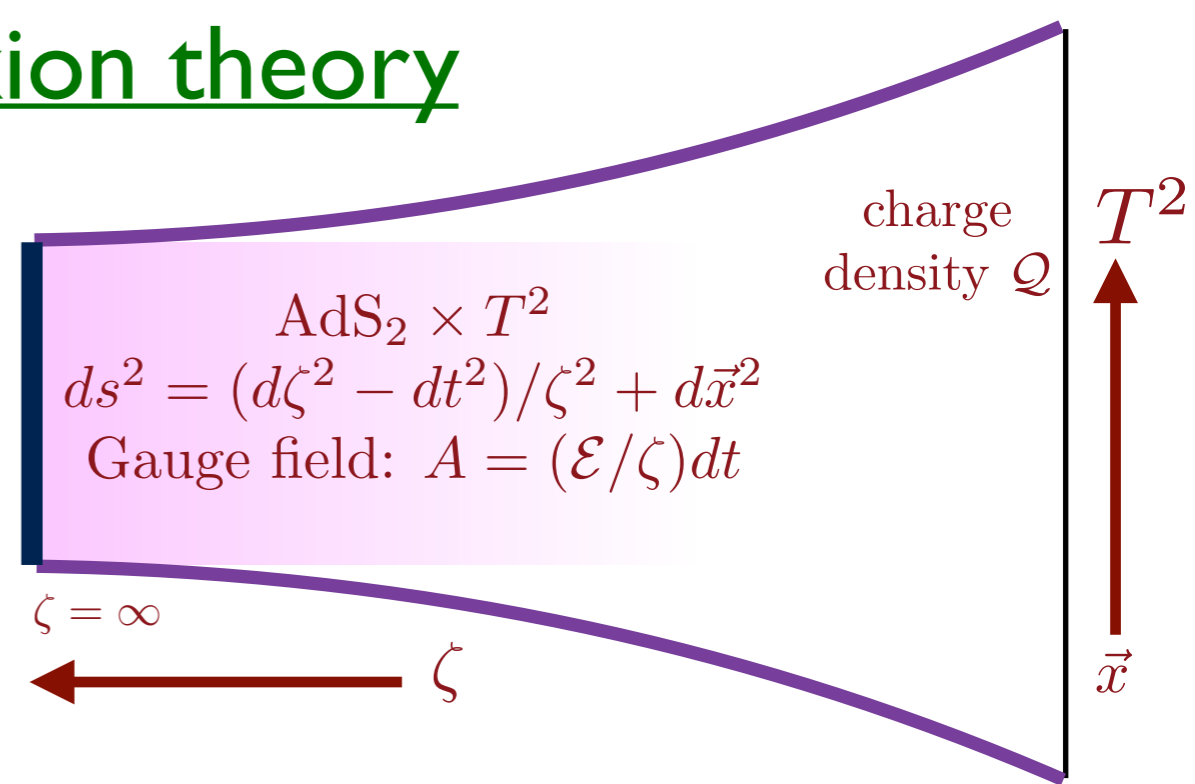
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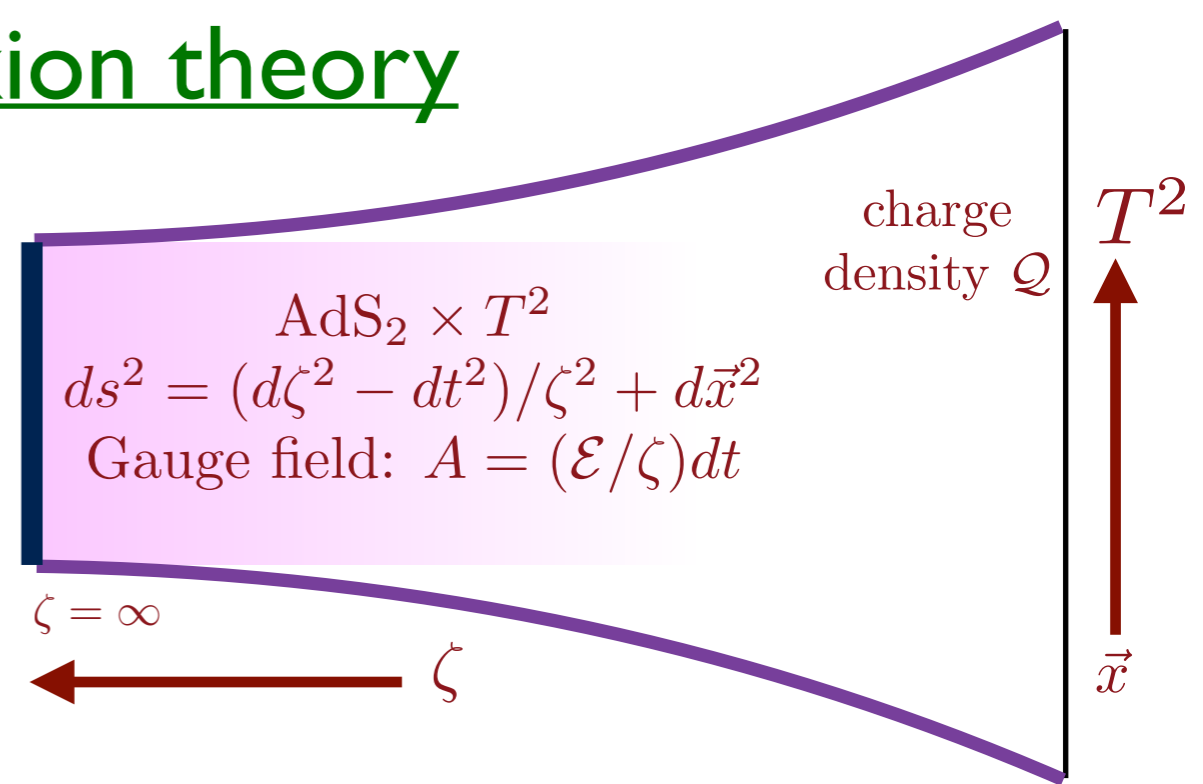
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \left(\hat{\mathcal{R}} + 6/L^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 (\partial \hat{\varphi}_i)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} \right),$$

- For $\hat{\varphi}_i = 0$, we obtain the Reissner-Nördstrom-AdS charged black hole, with a near-horizon $AdS_2 \times T^2$ near-horizon geometry.
- For $\hat{\varphi}_i = kx_i$, we obtain a similar solution but with momentum dissipation (a bulk massive graviton).



Einstein-Maxwell-axion theory

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In the small torus limit, $T \ll 1/R$, where R is the size of the torus, the theory dimensionally reduces to an Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory in two dimensions

$$S = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \left(e^\phi \mathcal{R} + e^{\phi/2} (6/L^2) - m^2 e^{-\phi/2} - \frac{1}{4} e^{3\phi/2} F_{ab} F^{ab} \right),$$

A. Almheiri and J. Polchinski, JHEP 1511 (2015) 014; A. Almheiri and B. Kang, arXiv:1606.04108;
 M. Cvetič and I. Papadimitriou, arXiv:1608.07018



Einstein-Maxwell-axion theory

The Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory of the small torus limit, $T \ll 1/R$, is equivalent on its boundary to the Schwarzian theory discussed earlier for the SYK model

$$S_{\phi, f} = \frac{K}{2} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau (\partial_\tau \phi)^2 - \frac{\gamma}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \{f, \tau\} + i \frac{L}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau (\partial_\tau \phi) \{f, \tau\}.$$

So the correlators of the density fluctuations, $\mathcal{Q}(\tau)$, and the energy fluctuations $\delta E - \mu \delta \mathcal{Q}(\tau)$ are time independent and given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \delta \mathcal{Q}(\tau) \delta \mathcal{Q}(0) \rangle & \langle (\delta E(\tau) - \mu \delta \mathcal{Q}(\tau)) \delta \mathcal{Q}(0) \rangle / T \\ \langle (\delta E(\tau) - \mu \delta \mathcal{Q}(\tau)) \delta \mathcal{Q}(0) \rangle & \langle (\delta E(\tau) - \mu \delta \mathcal{Q}(\tau)) (\delta E(0) - \mu \delta \mathcal{Q}(0)) \rangle / T \end{pmatrix} = T \chi_s$$

where χ_s is the static susceptibility matrix given by

$$\chi_s \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -(\partial^2 \Omega / \partial \mu^2)_T & -\partial^2 \Omega / (\partial T \partial \mu) \\ -T \partial^2 \Omega / (\partial T \partial \mu) & -T (\partial^2 \Omega / \partial T^2)_\mu \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Einstein-Maxwell-axion theory

Finally, in the large torus limit, $T \gg 1/R$, we have the behavior of the diffusive metal without quasiparticles found in the coupled SYK models

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle Q; Q \rangle_{k,\omega} & \langle E - \mu Q; Q \rangle_{k,\omega} / T \\ \langle E - \mu Q; Q \rangle_{k,\omega} & \langle E - \mu Q; E - \mu Q \rangle_{k,\omega} / T \end{pmatrix} = [i\omega(-i\omega + Dk^2)^{-1} + 1] \chi_s$$

where the diffusivities are related to the thermoelectric conductivities by the Einstein relations

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & \alpha \\ \alpha T & \bar{\kappa} \end{pmatrix} \chi_s^{-1}.$$

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Non-Fermi liquids

- Shortest possible “phase coherence” time, fastest possible local equilibration time, or fastest possible Lyapunov time towards quantum chaos, all of order $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$
- Realization in solvable SYK model, which saturates the lower bound on the Lyapunov time.
- Coupled SYK models realize diffusive metal without quasiparticles.
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