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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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A mean field theory of strange metals and gapless spin liquids, and its connection to black holes

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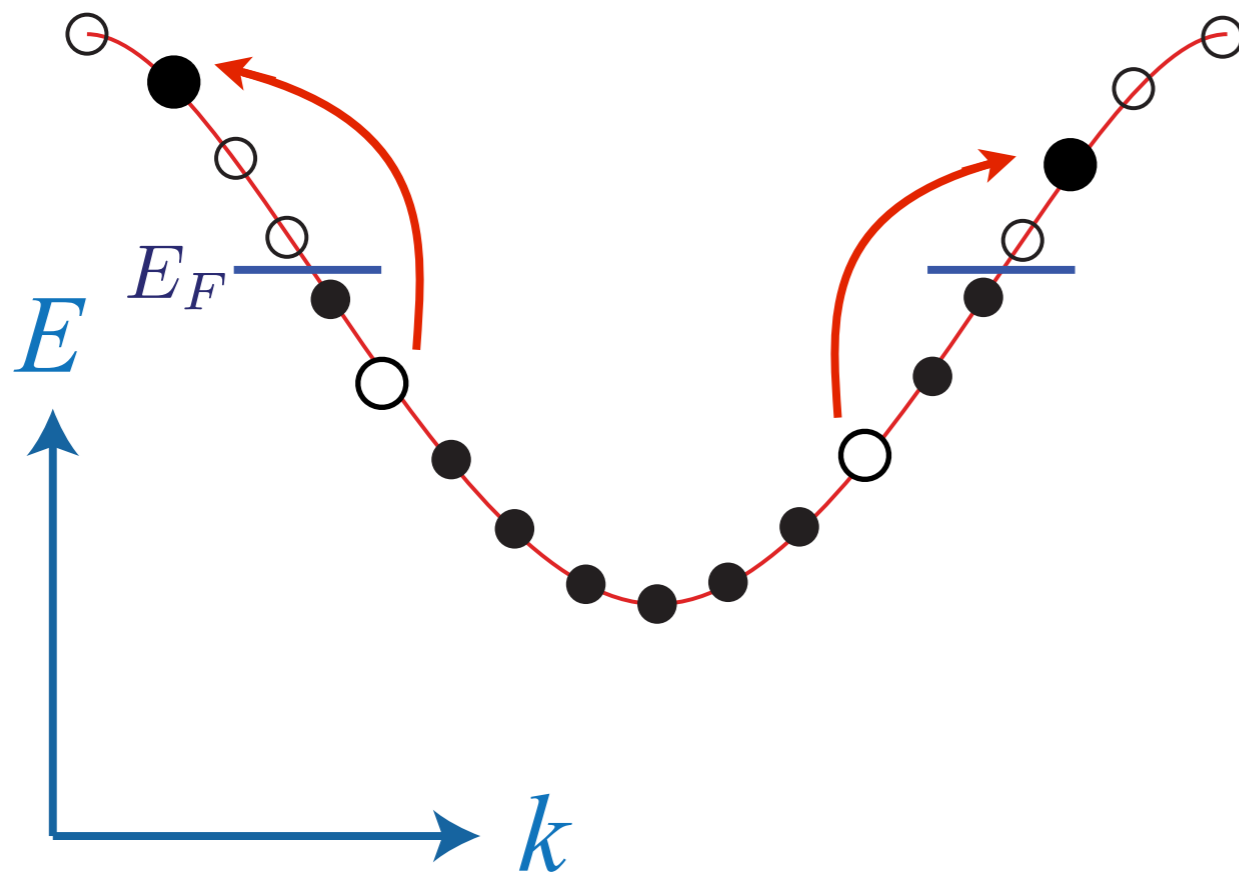
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Conventional quantum matter:

1. Ground states connected adiabatically to independent electron states
2. Boltzmann-Landau theory of quasiparticles

Metals



Luttinger's theorem:
volume enclosed by
the Fermi surface =
density of all electrons
(mod 2 per unit cell).
Obeyed in overdoped
cuprates

Topological quantum matter:

1. Ground states disconnected from independent electron states: many-particle entanglement

2. Boltzmann-Landau theory of quasiparticles

- (a) The fractional quantum Hall effect: the ground state is described by Laughlin's wavefunction, and the excitations are *quasiparticles* which carry fractional charge.
- (b) The pseudogap metal: proposed to have electron-like quasiparticles but on a "small" Fermi surface which does not obey the Luttinger theorem.

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But how can we be sure that no quasiparticles exist in a given system? Perhaps there are some exotic quasiparticles inaccessible to current experiments.....

Local thermal equilibration or phase coherence time, τ_φ :

- There is an *lower bound* on τ_φ in all many-body quantum systems of order $\hbar/(k_B T)$,

$$\tau_\varphi > C \frac{\hbar}{k_B T},$$

and the lower bound is realized by systems *without* quasiparticles.

- In systems *with* quasiparticles, τ_φ is parametrically larger at low T ;
e.g. in Fermi liquids $\tau_\varphi \sim 1/T^2$,
and in gapped insulators $\tau_\varphi \sim e^{\Delta/(k_B T)}$ where Δ is the energy gap.

A bound on quantum chaos:

- The time over which a many-body quantum system becomes “chaotic” is given by $\tau_L = 1/\lambda_L$, where λ_L is the “Lyapunov exponent” determining memory of initial conditions. This LYAPUNOV TIME obeys the rigorous lower bound

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J. Maldacena, S. H. Shenker and D. Stanford, arXiv:1503.01409

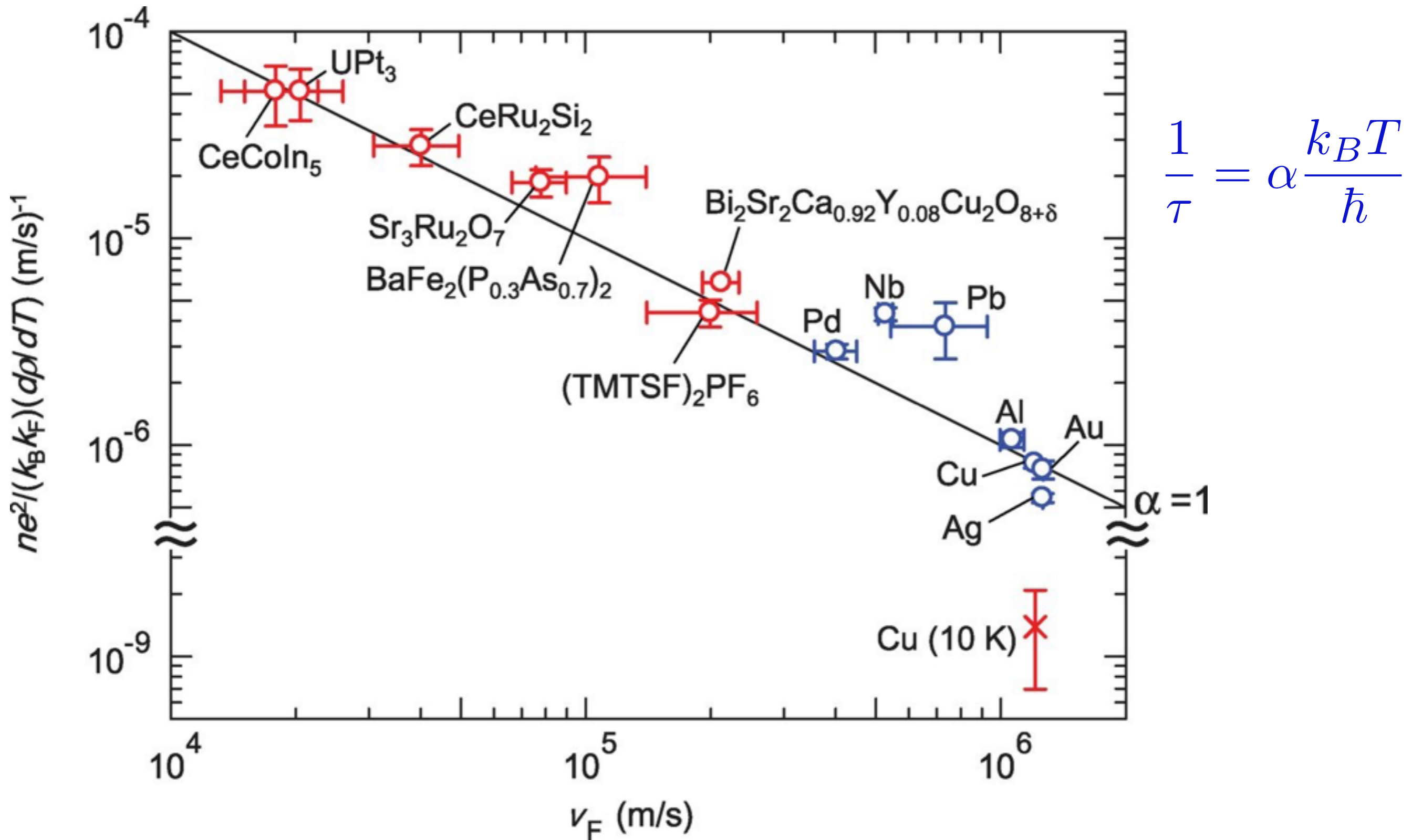
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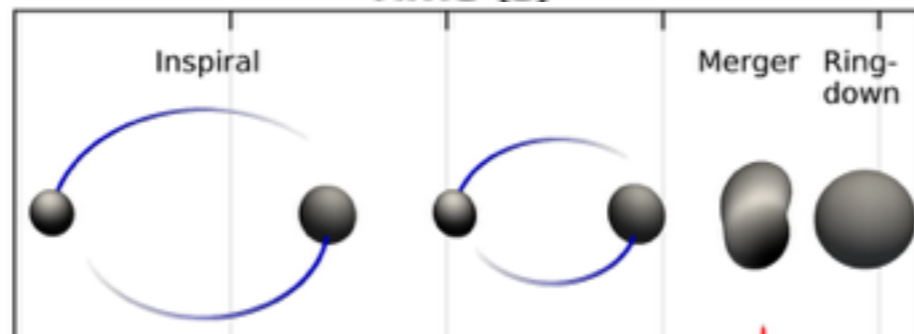
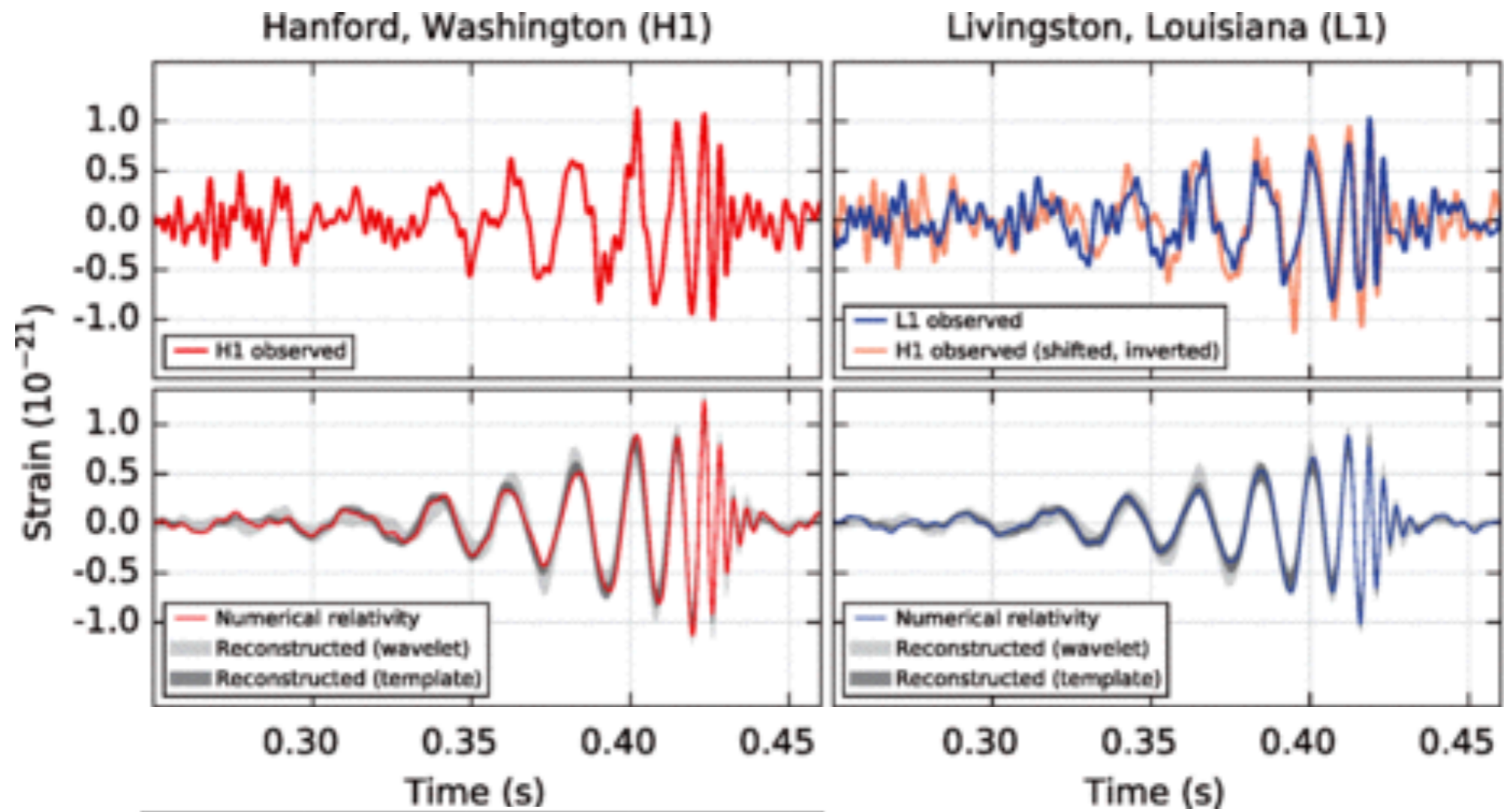
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Quantum matter without quasiparticles
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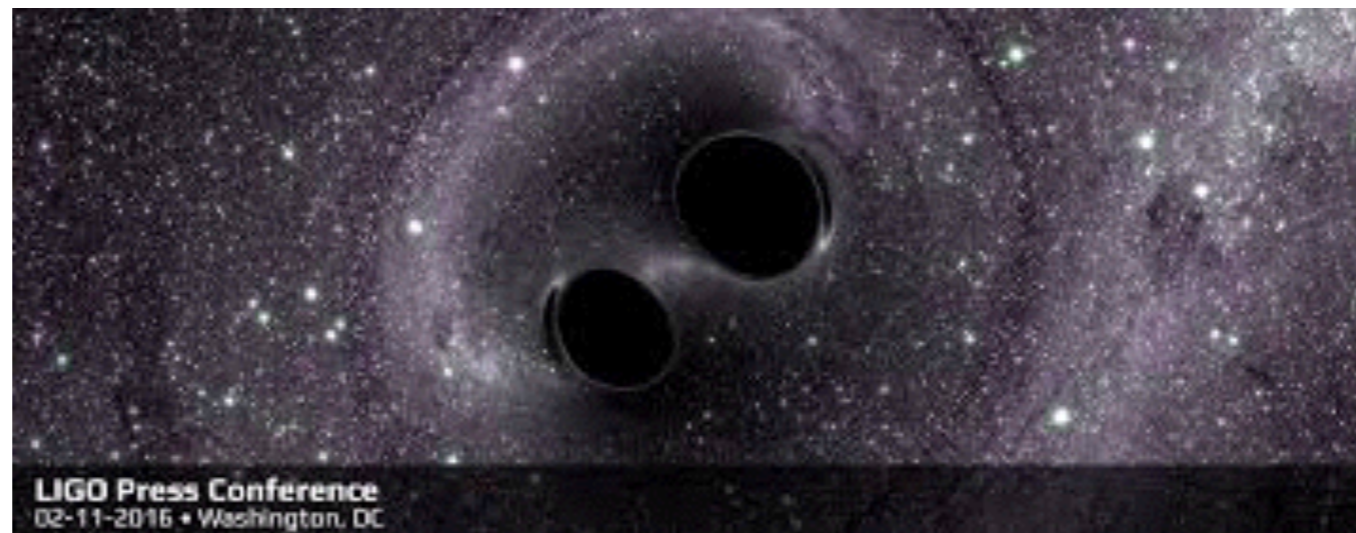
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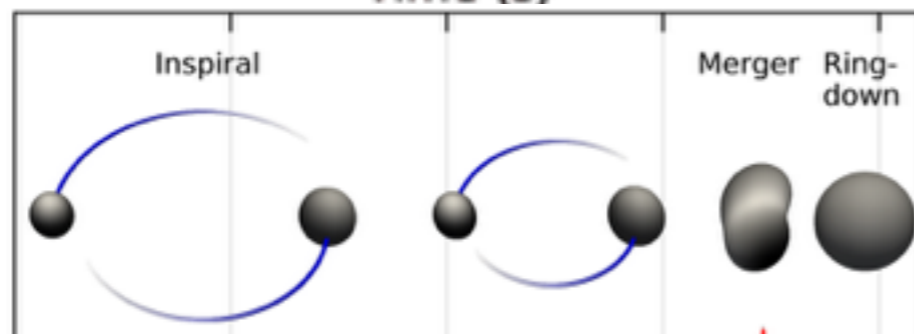
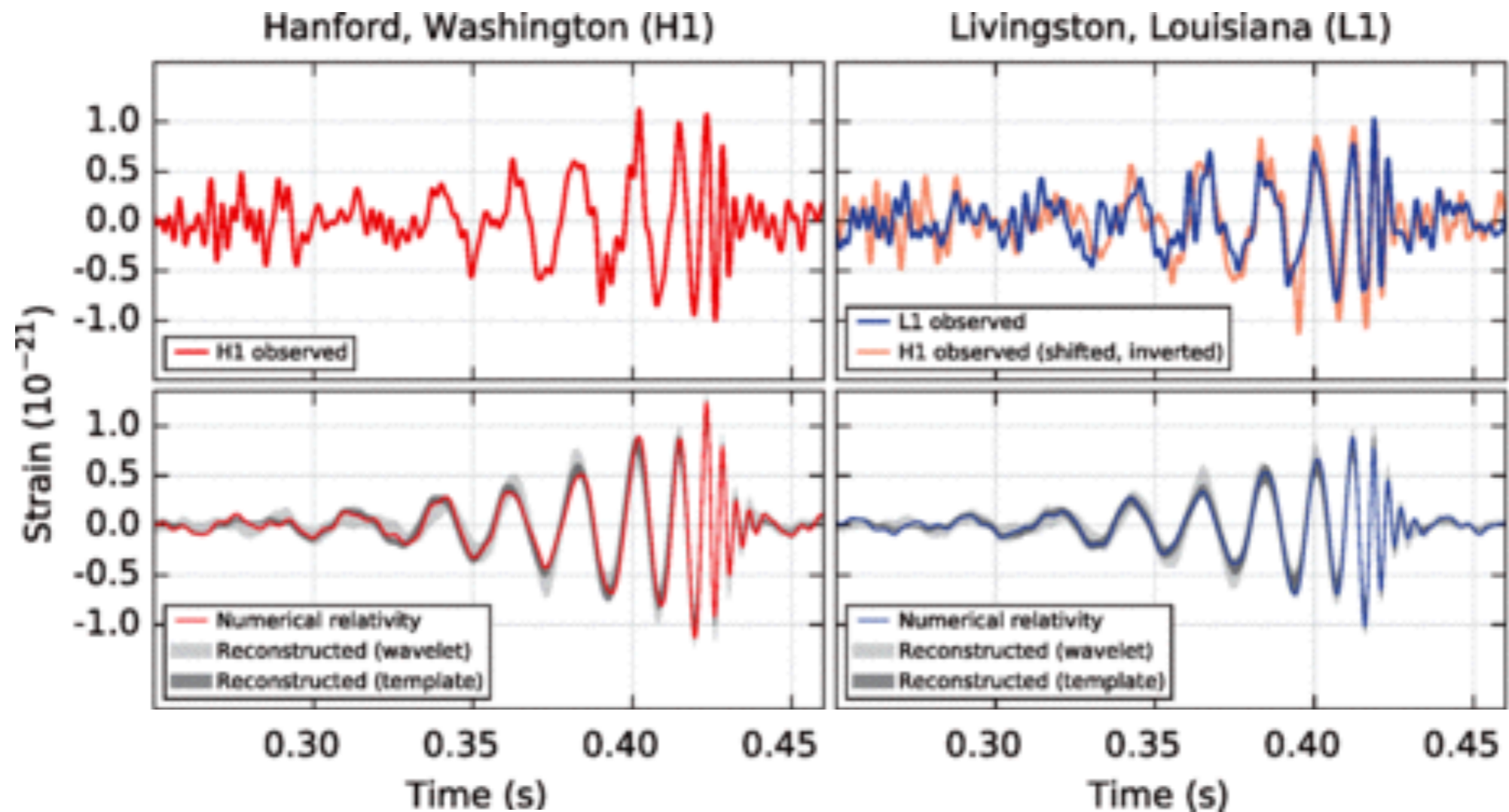


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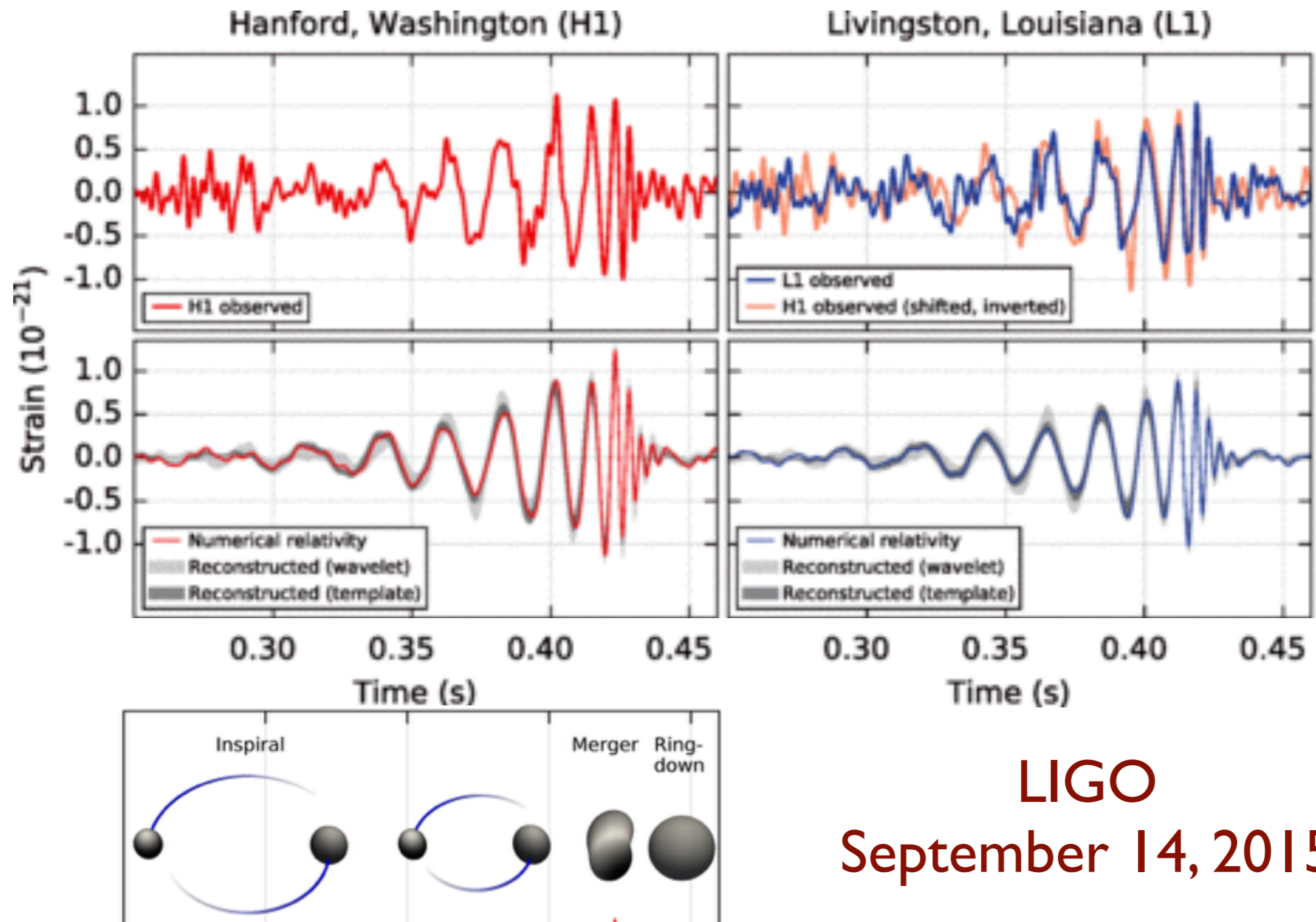
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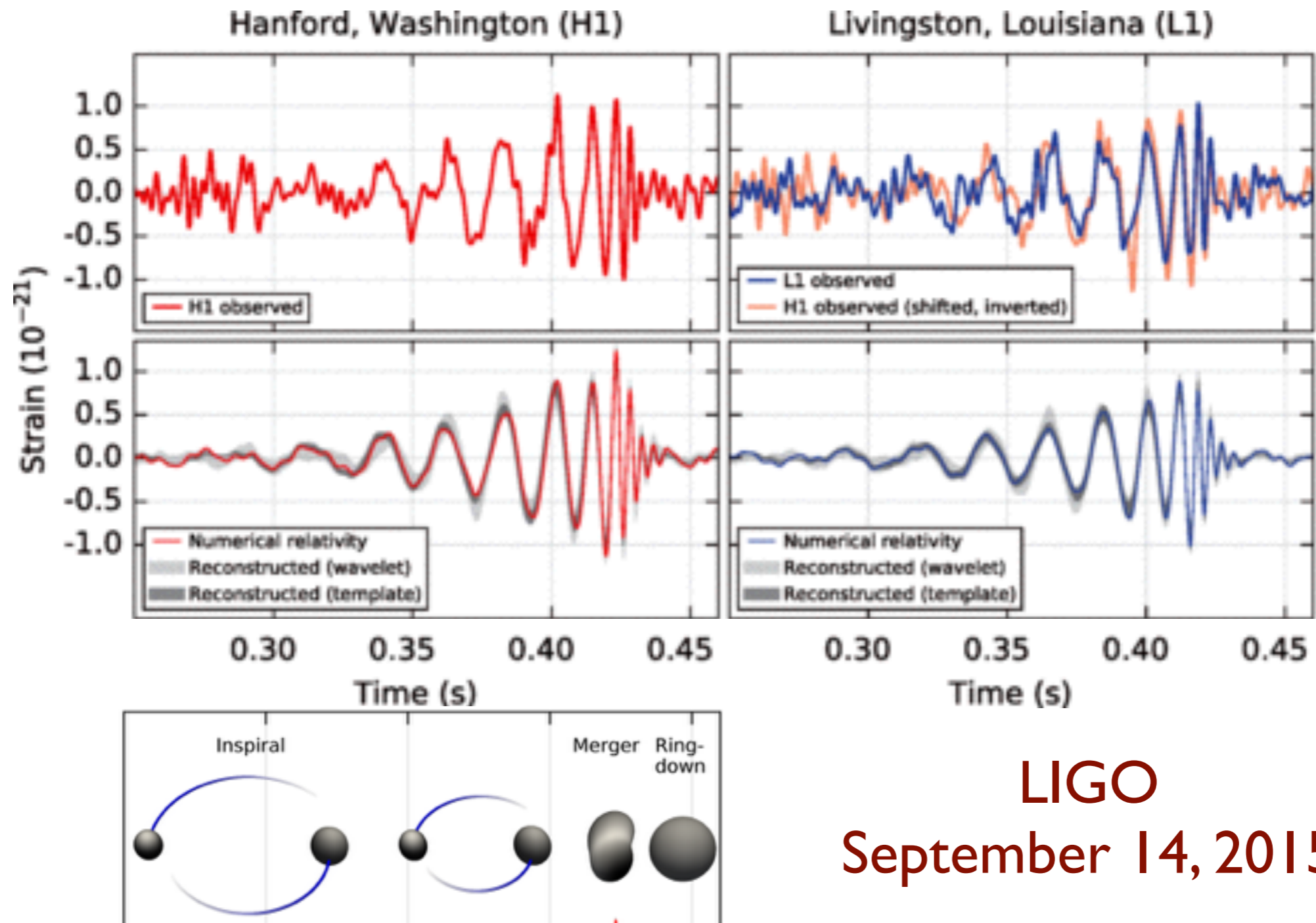
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- Black holes have a “ring-down” time, τ_r , in which they radiate energy, and stabilize to a ‘featureless’ spherical object. This time can be computed in Einstein’s general relativity theory.
- For this black hole $\tau_r = 7.7$ milliseconds. (Radius of black hole = 183 km; Mass of black hole = 62 solar masses.)



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- ‘Featureless’ black holes have a Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, and a Hawking temperature, T_H .



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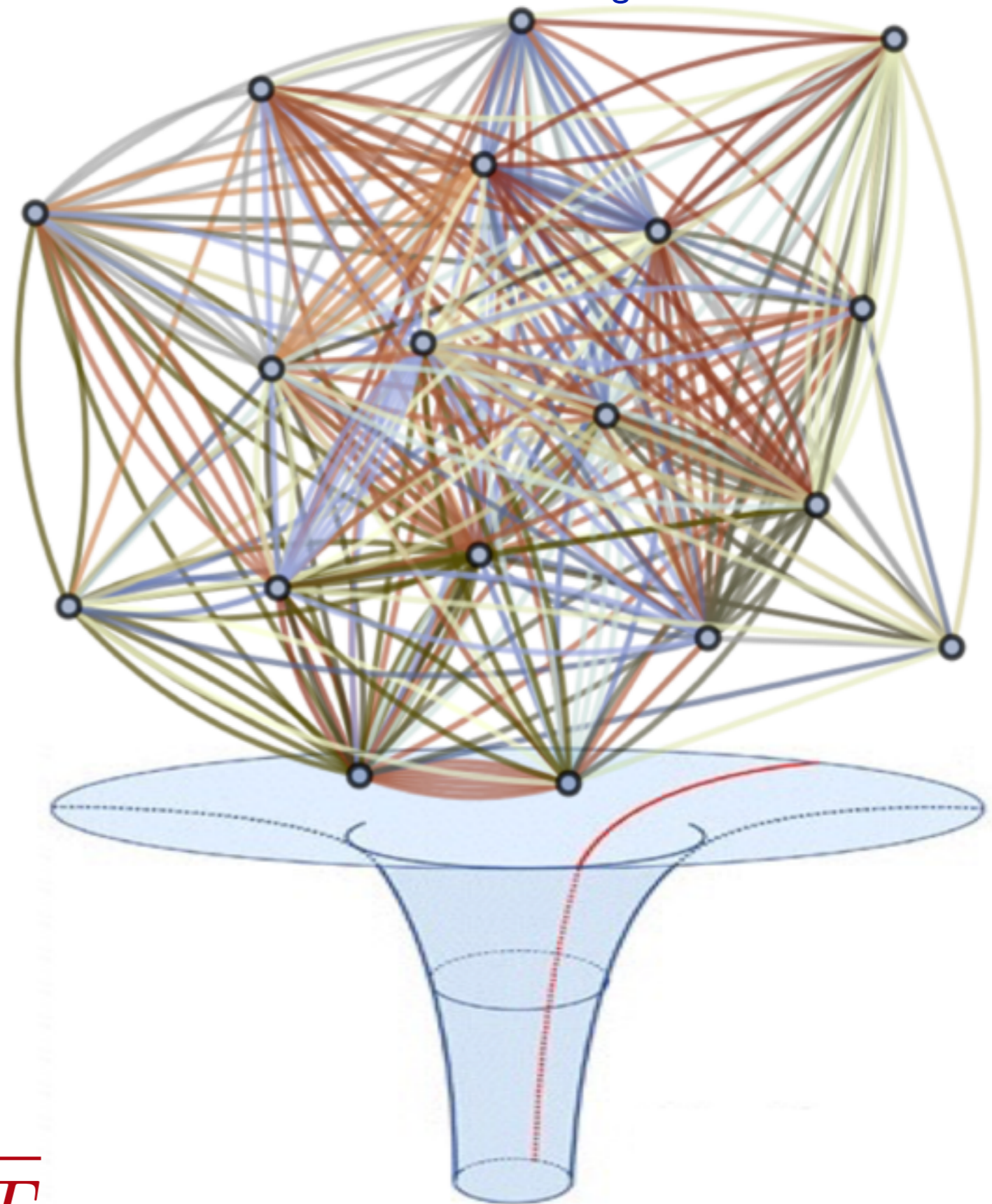
- Expressed in terms of the Hawking temperature, the ring-down time is $\tau_r \sim \hbar / (k_B T_H)$!
- For this black hole $T_H \approx 1$ nK.

The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model:

Figure credit: L. Balents

- A theory of a strange metal
- Has a dual representation as a black hole
- Fastest possible quantum chaos

$$\text{with } \tau_L = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B T}$$



SY model

$$H = \frac{1}{(NM)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^M J_{ij} \hat{S}_{i\alpha\beta} \hat{S}_{j\beta\alpha}$$

$$\hat{S}_{i\alpha\beta} \equiv c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\beta}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{\alpha} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} = Q$$

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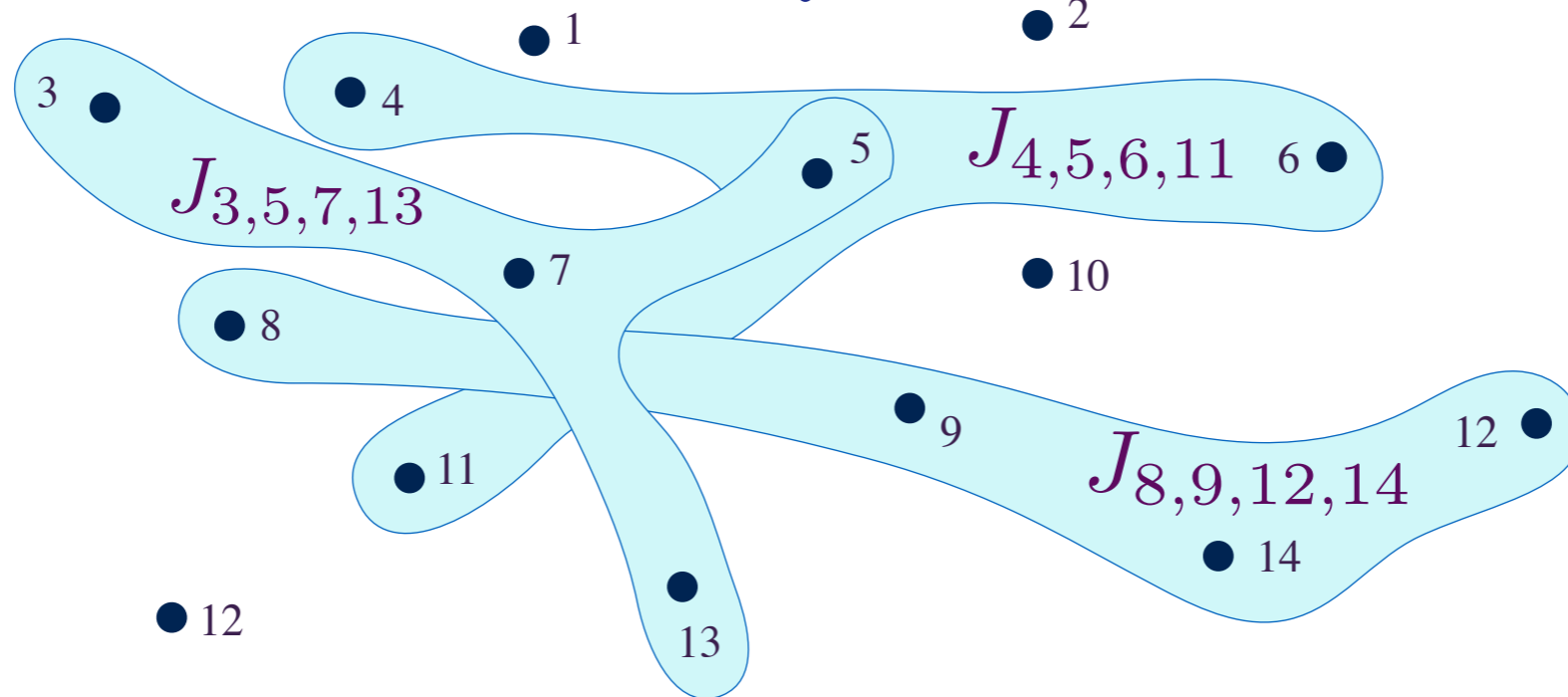
$N \rightarrow \infty$ and then $M \rightarrow \infty$ yields critical spin liquid

SYK model

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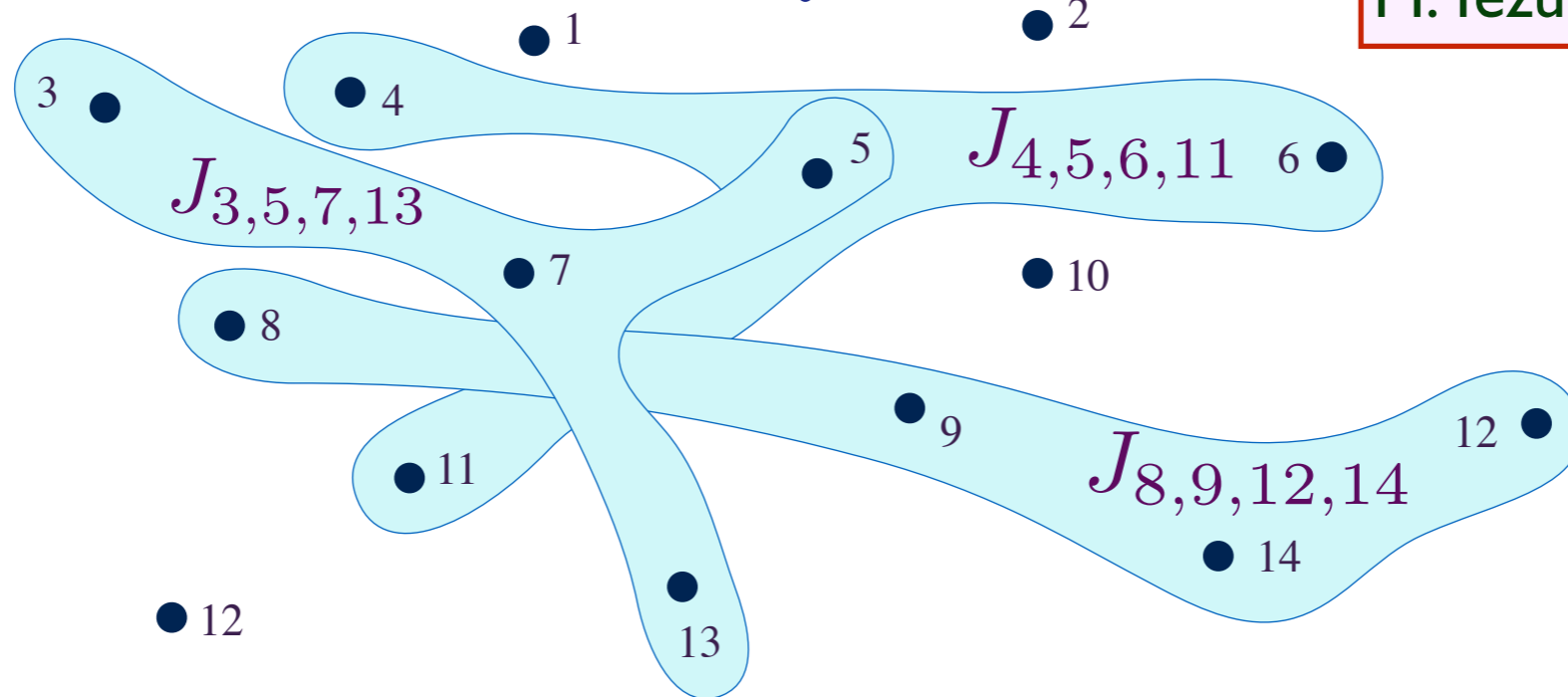
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Cold atom realization:
I. Danshita, M. Hanada, and
M. Tezuka, arXiv:1606.02454



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

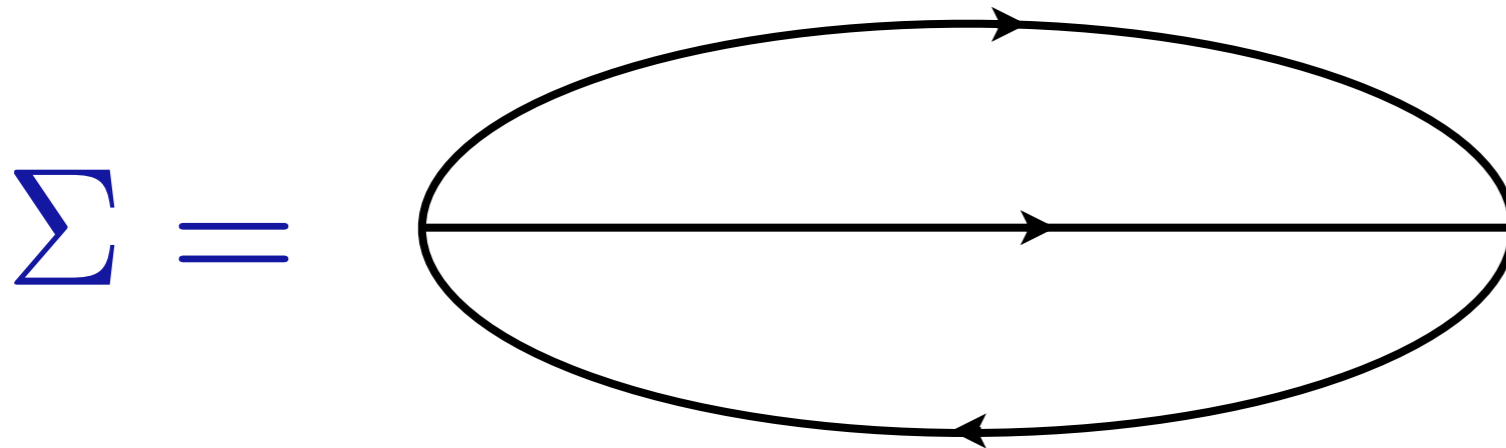
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Low frequency analysis shows that the solutions must be gapless and obey

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

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

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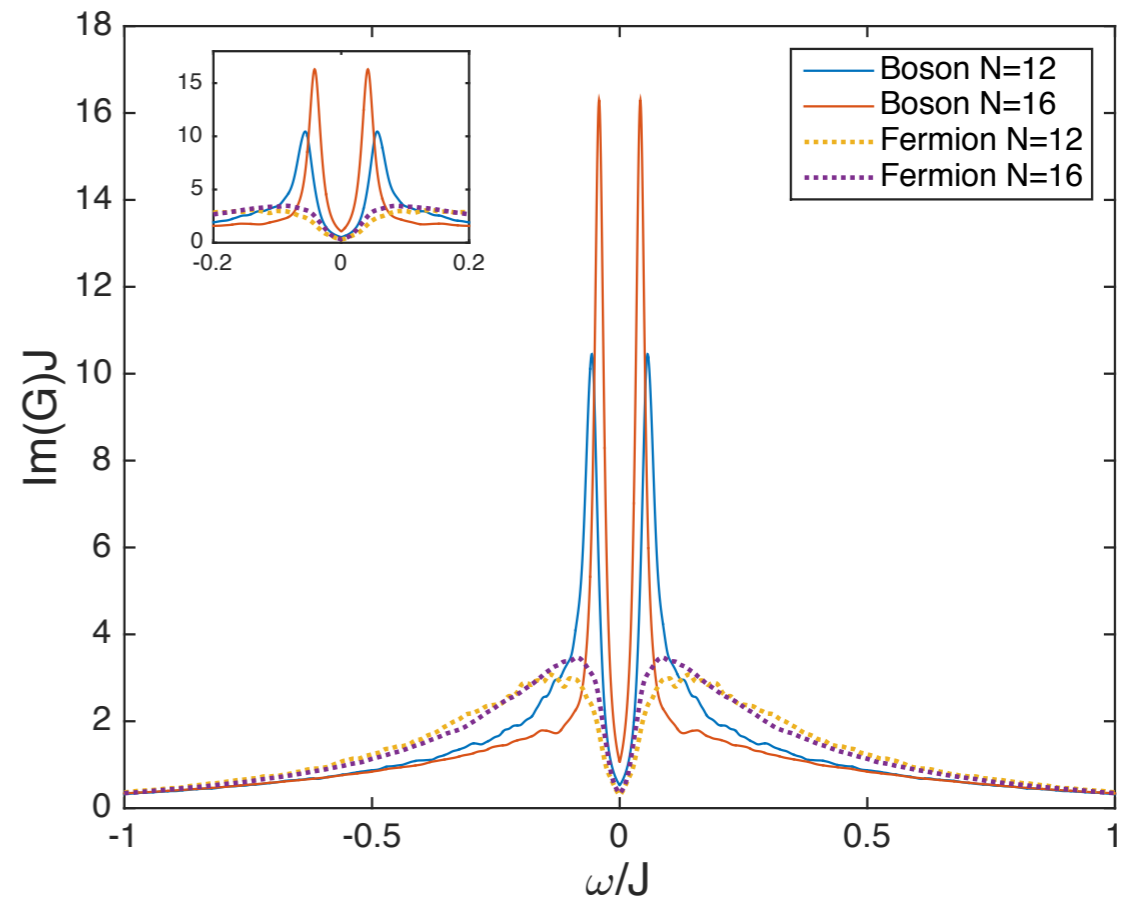
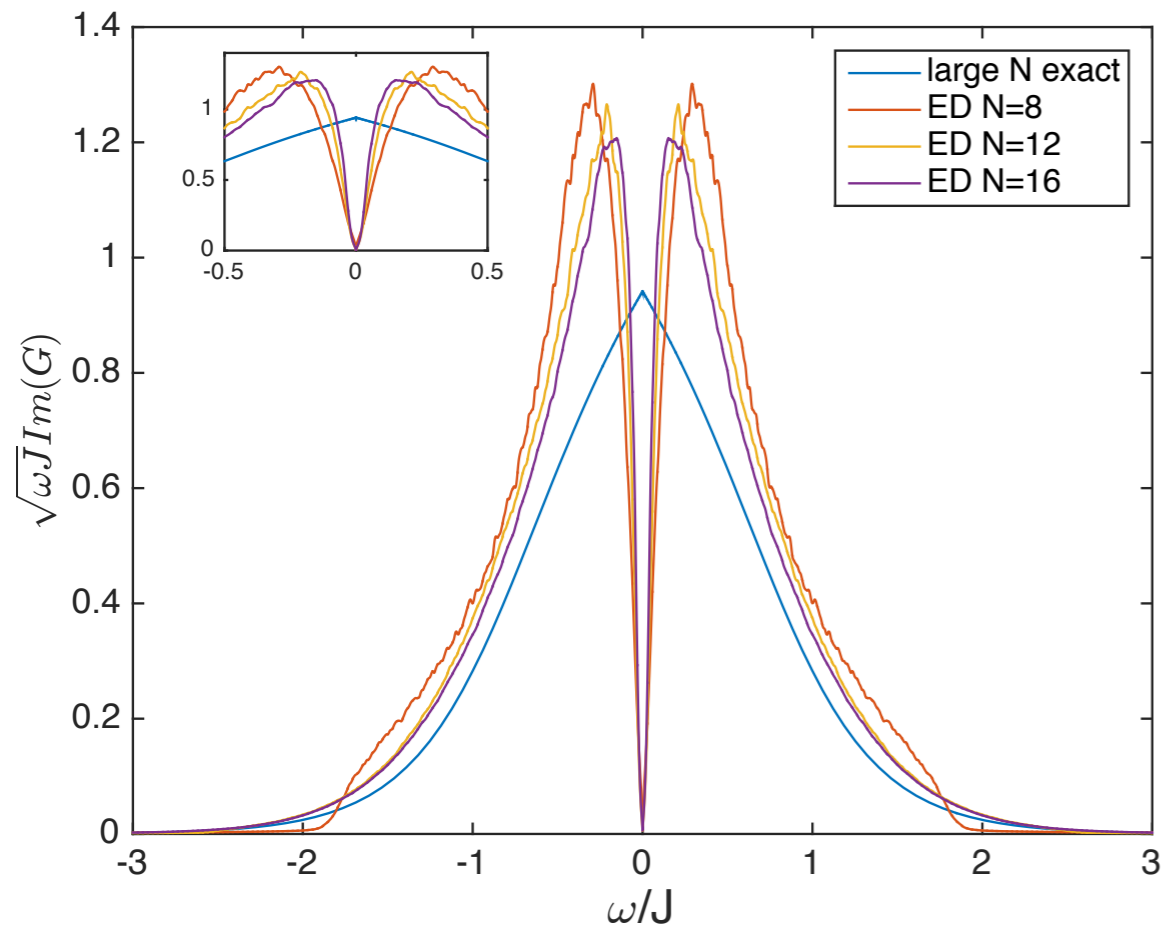
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Large N solution of equations for G and Σ agree well with exact diagonalization of the finite N Hamiltonian \Rightarrow no spin-glass order

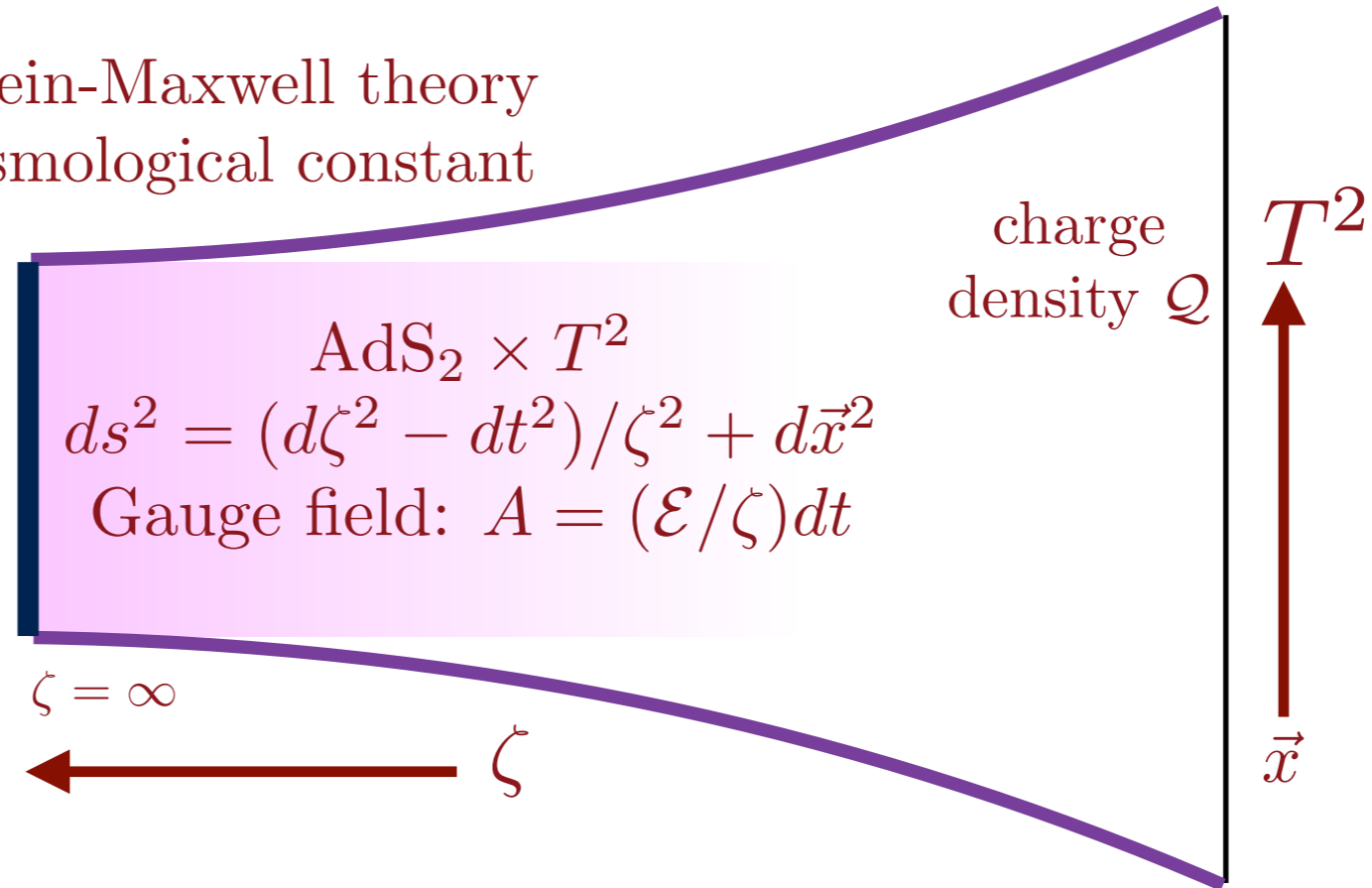
However, exact diagonalization of the same model with hard-core bosons indicates the presence of spin-glass order in the ground state.

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SYK and AdS₂

Einstein-Maxwell theory
+ cosmological constant



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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, $AdS_2 \times R^2$ physics of Reissner-Nordström black holes.**

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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

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

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\sigma_1)f'(\sigma_2)]^{-1/4} \frac{g(\sigma_1)}{g(\sigma_2)} G(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

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

SYK model

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

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These are not invariant under the reparametrization symmetry but are invariant only under a $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ subgroup under which

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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

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

where $\{f, \tau\}$ is the Schwarzian:

$$\{f, \tau\} \equiv \frac{f'''}{f'} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{f''}{f'} \right)^2.$$

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

$$K = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu^2} \right)_T, \quad \gamma + 4\pi^2 \mathcal{E}^2 K = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial T^2} \right)_\mu$$
$$2\pi \mathcal{E} = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial Q}$$

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where χ_s is the static susceptibility matrix given by

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

Coupled SYK models

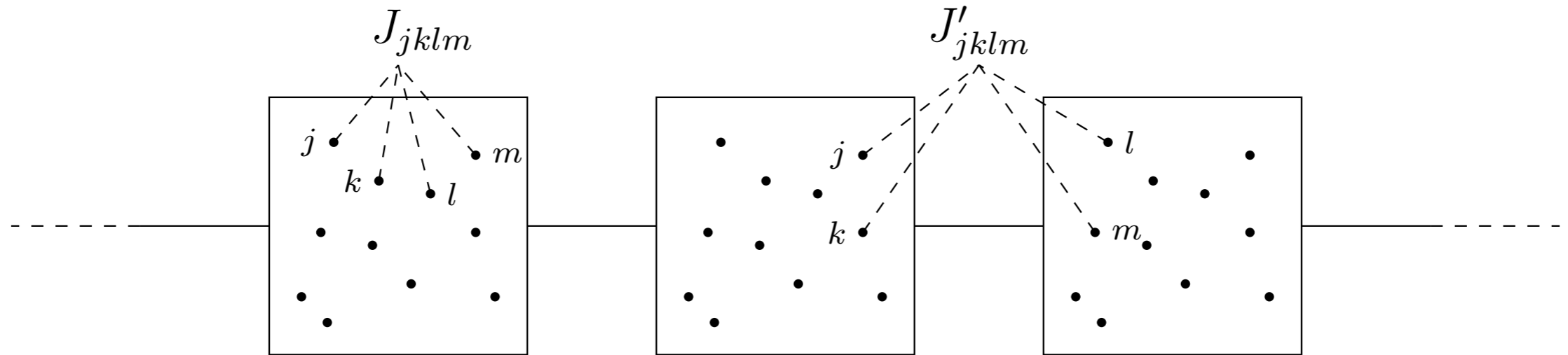


Figure 1: A chain of coupled SYK sites: each site contains $N \gg 1$ fermion with SYK interaction. The coupling between nearest neighbor sites are four fermion interaction with two from each site.

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

SYK model

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

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

- Graphene

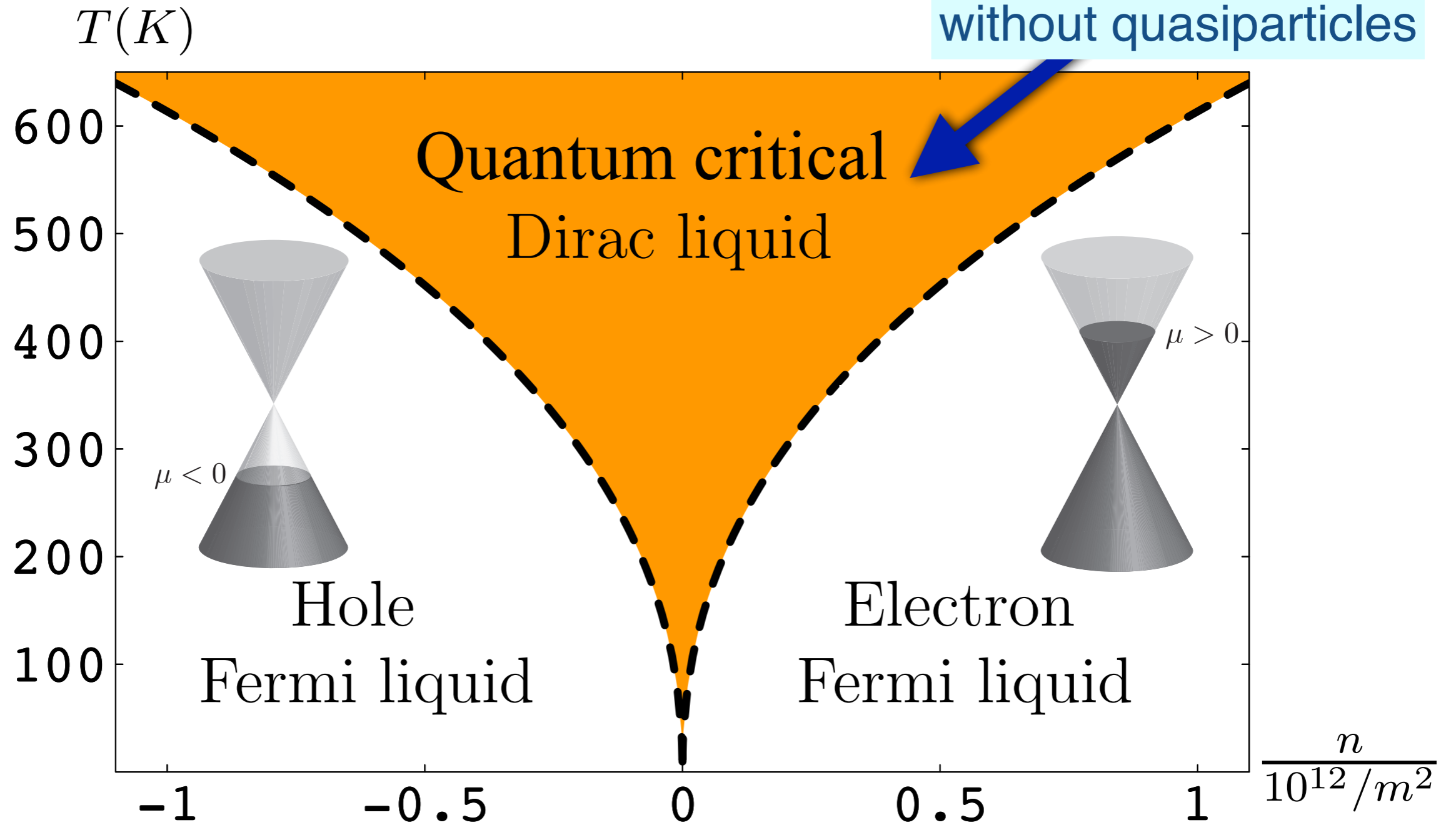
Strange metal transport

Theoretical predictions inspired by holography

Comparison with experiments

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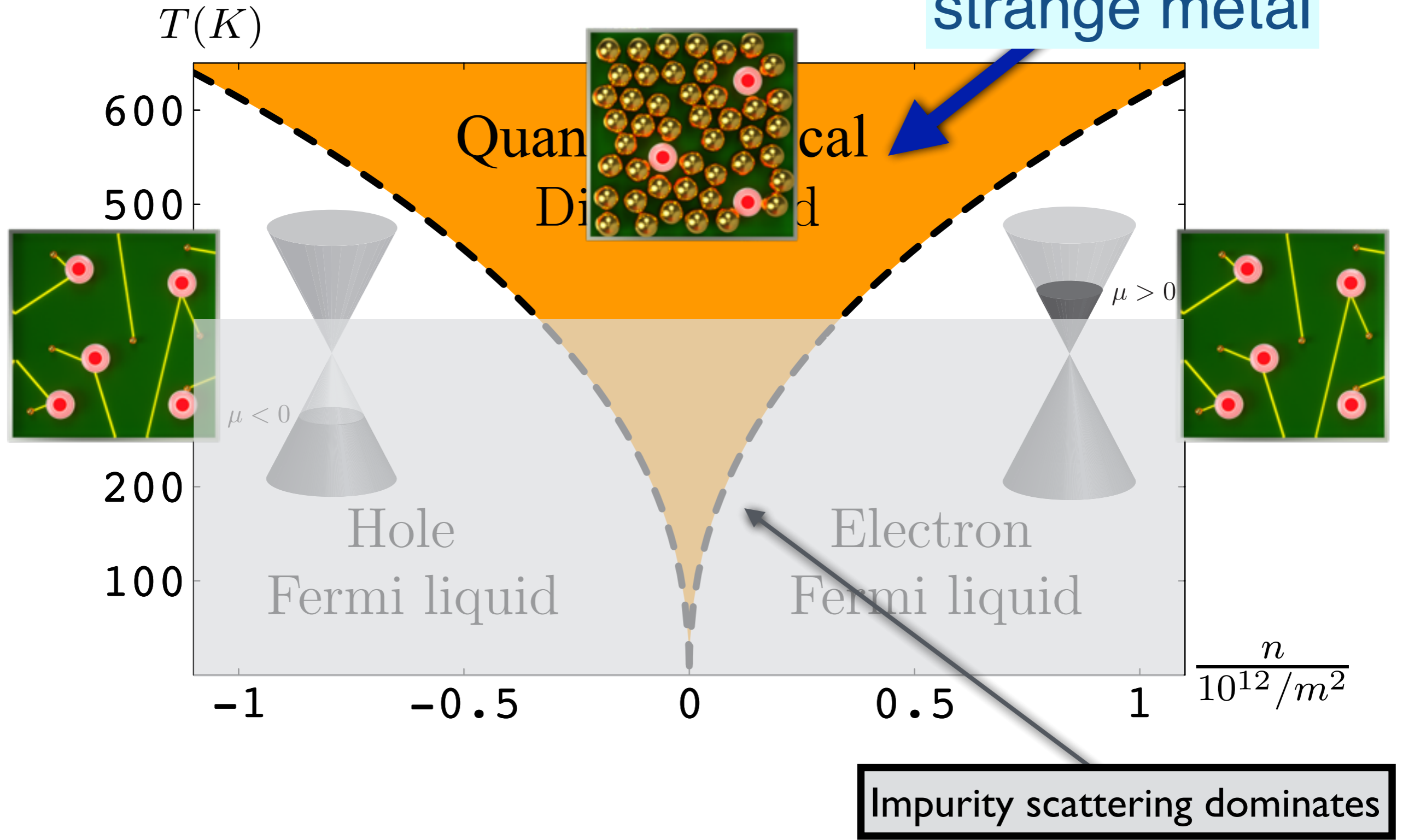
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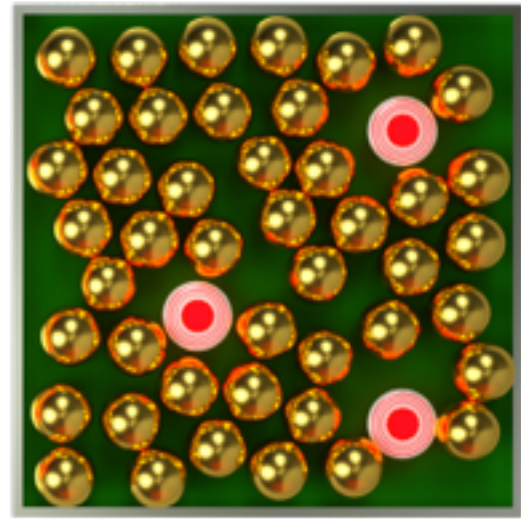


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Transport in Strange Metals



For a strange metal
with a “relativistic” Hamiltonian,
hydrodynamic, holographic,
and memory function methods yield

$$\text{Lorentz ratio } L = \kappa / (T\sigma) \\ = \frac{v_F^2 \mathcal{H} \tau_{\text{imp}}}{T^2 \sigma_Q} \frac{1}{\left(1 + e^2 v_F^2 Q^2 \tau_{\text{imp}} / (\mathcal{H} \sigma_Q)\right)^2}$$

$Q \rightarrow$ electron density; $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow$ enthalpy density

$\sigma_Q \rightarrow$ quantum critical conductivity

$\tau_{\text{imp}} \rightarrow$ momentum relaxation time from impurities.

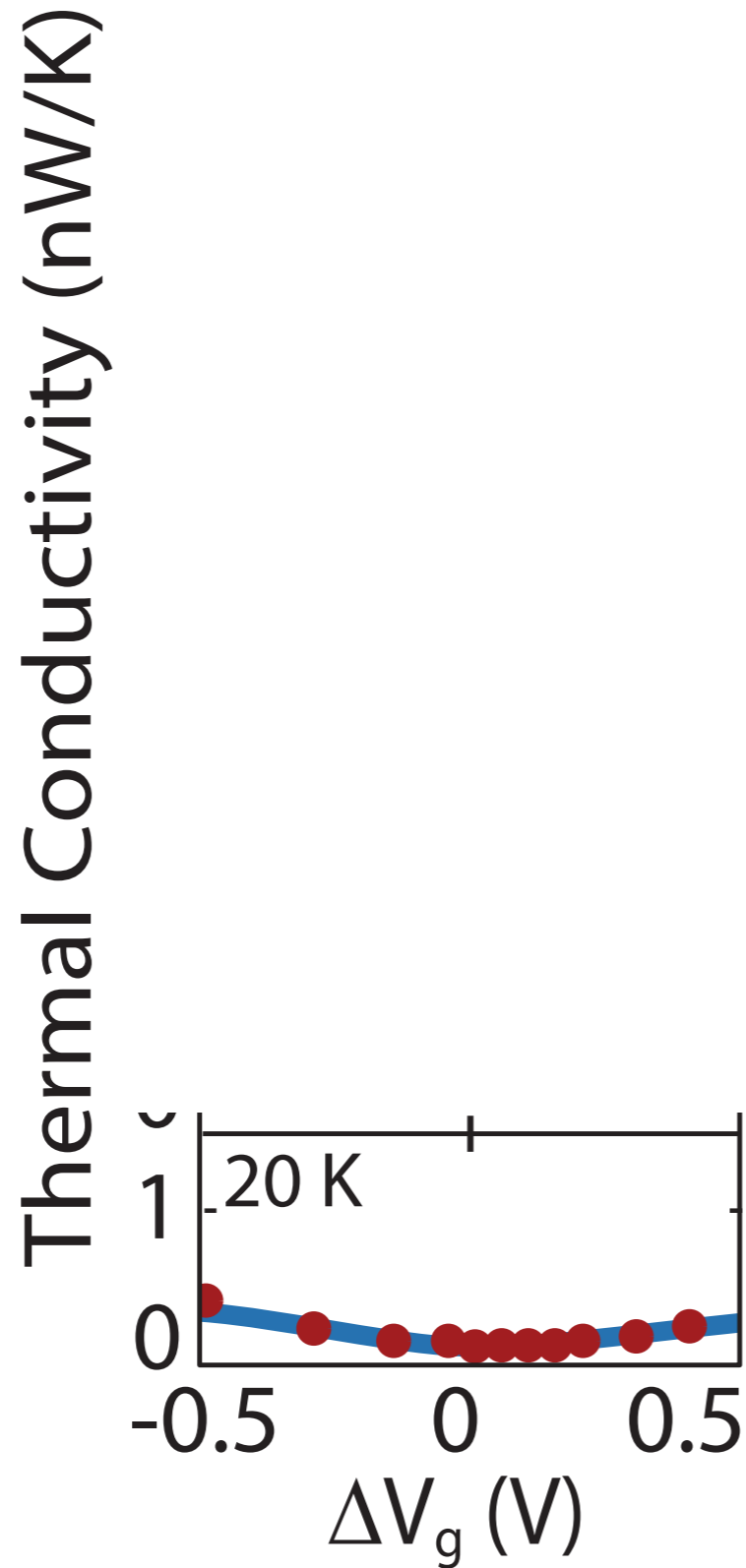
Note that for a clean system ($\tau_{\text{imp}} \rightarrow \infty$ first),

the Lorentz ratio diverges $L \sim 1/Q^4$,

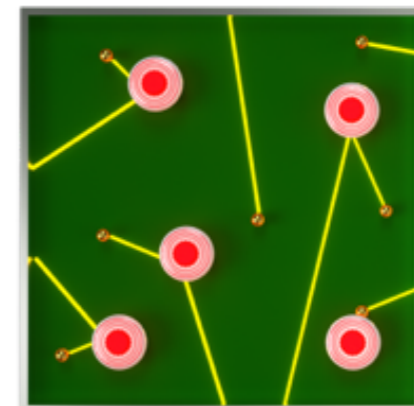
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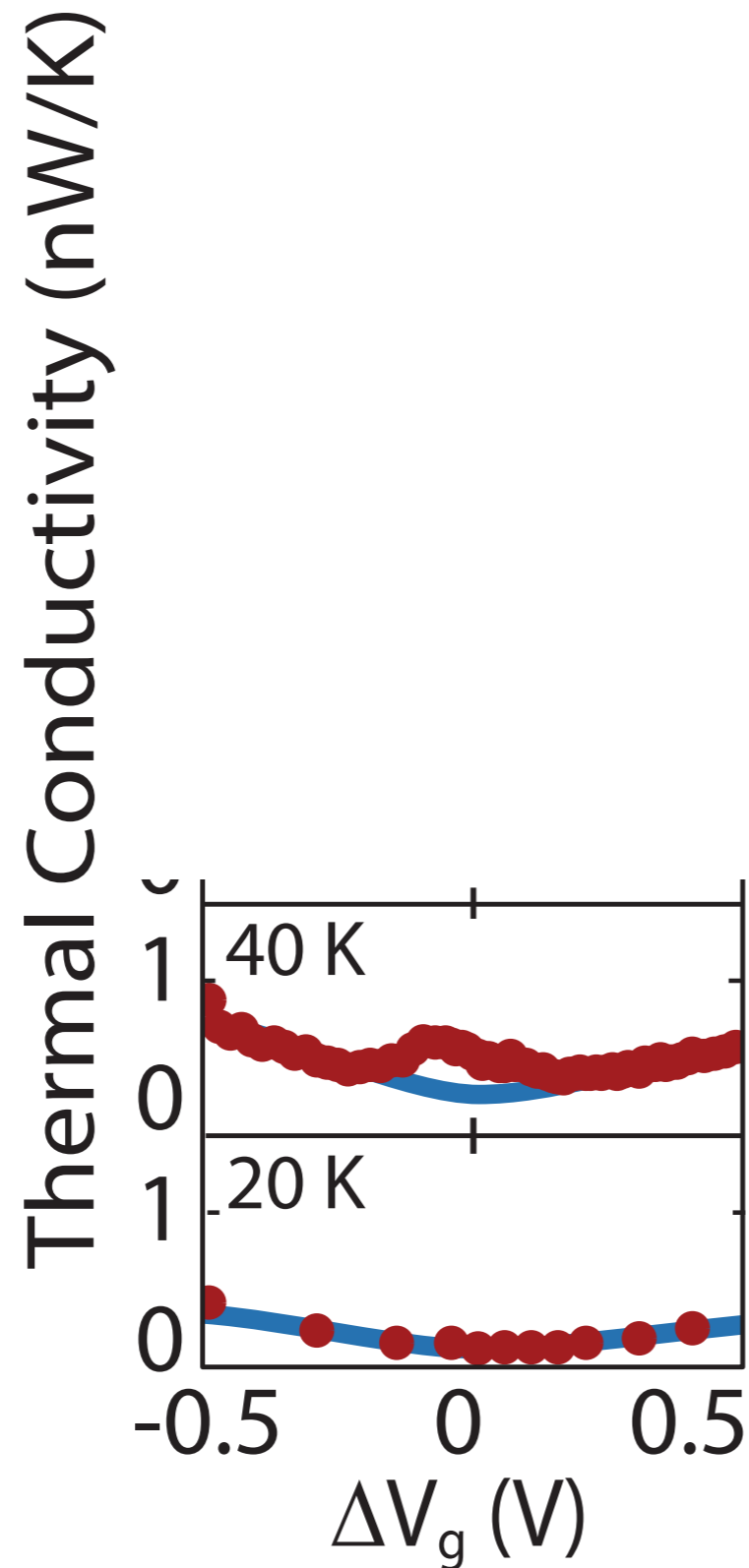
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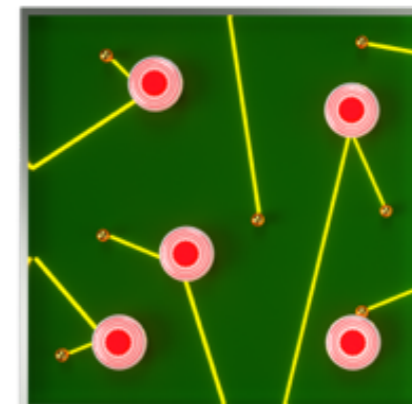
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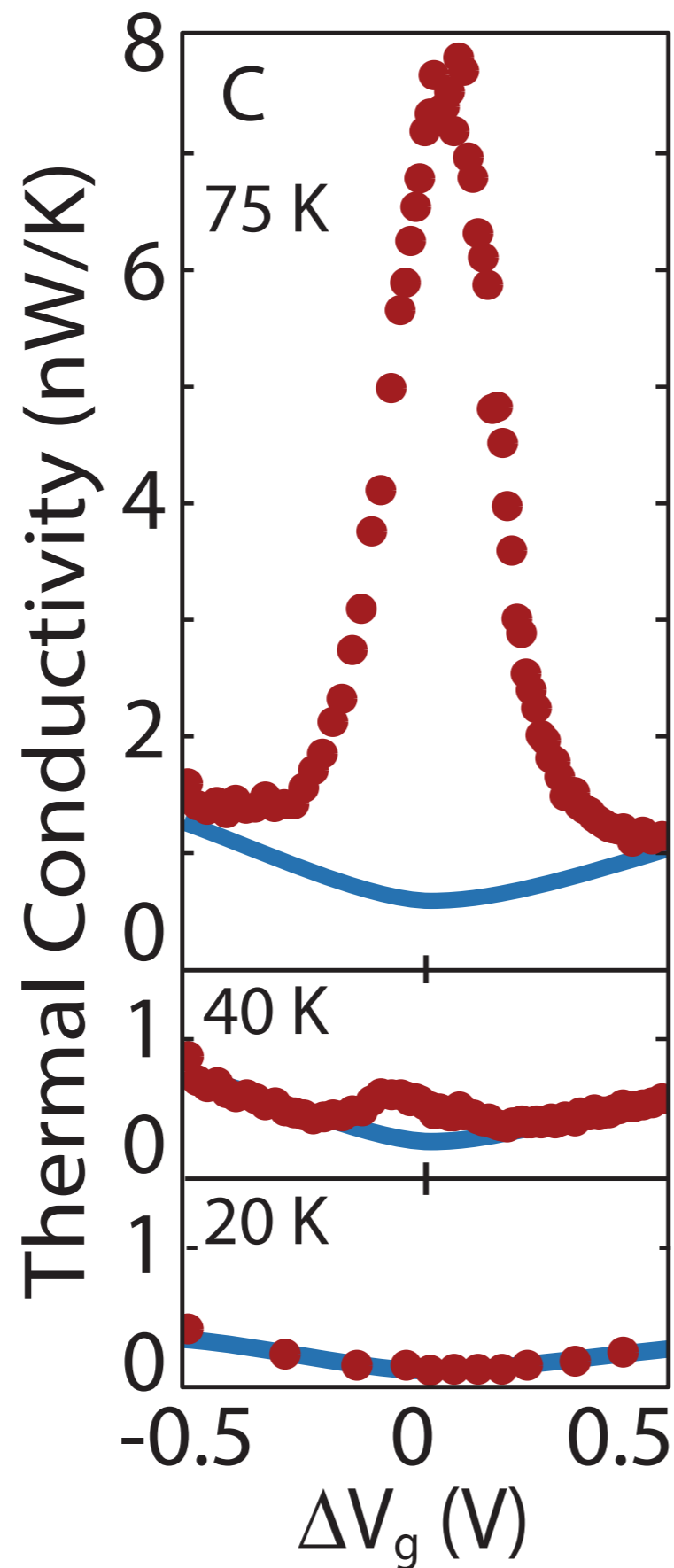




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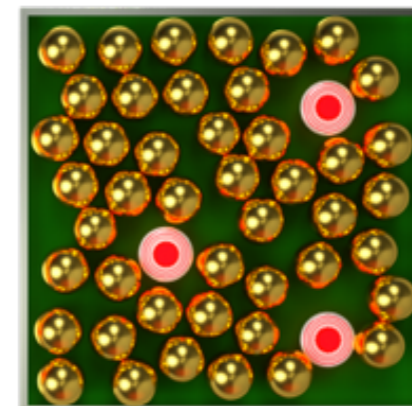
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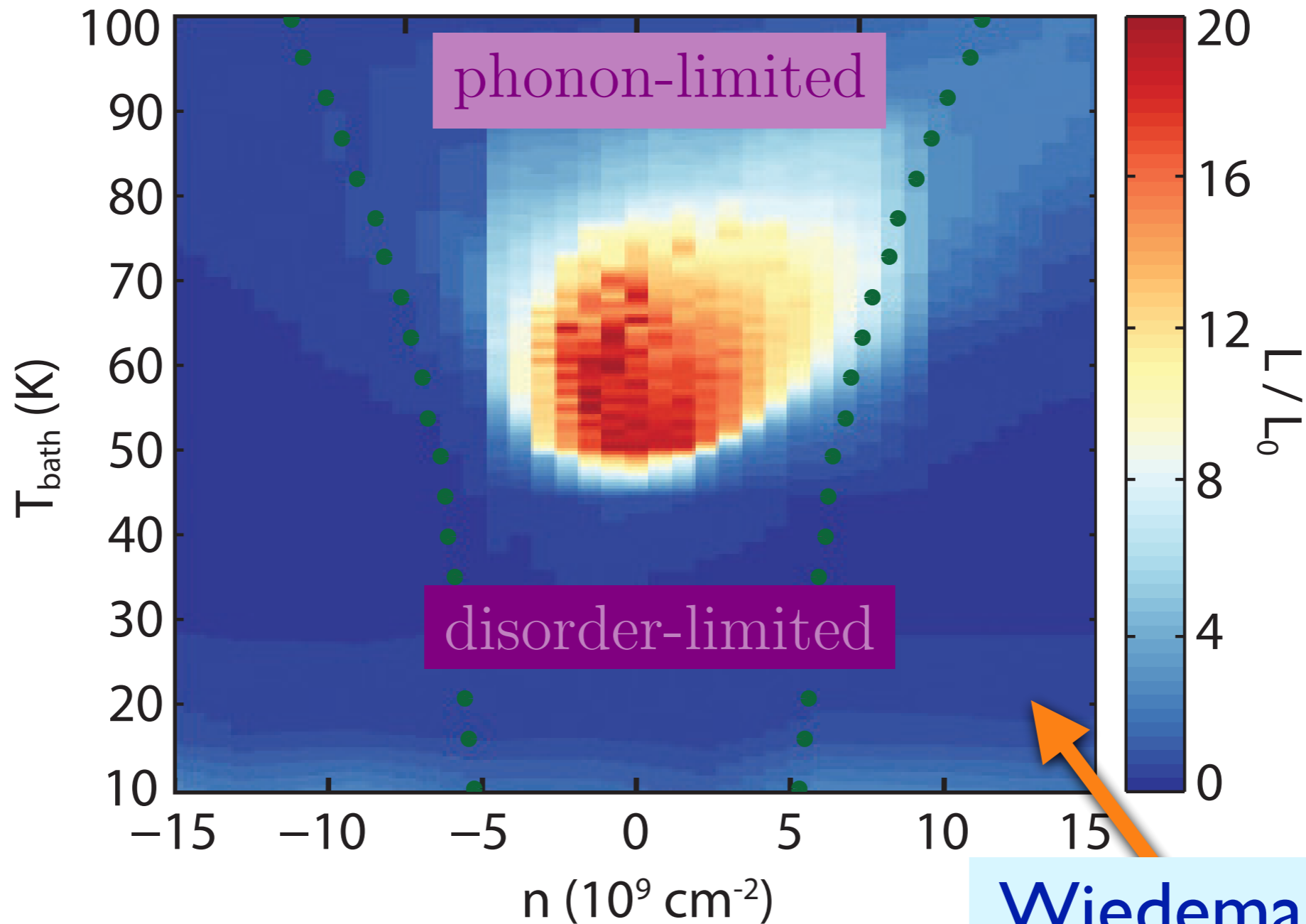
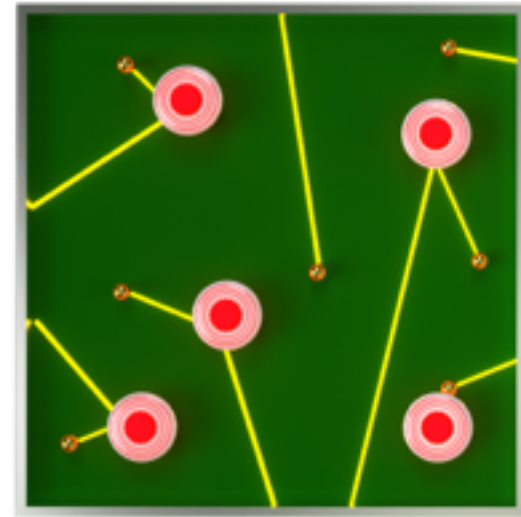


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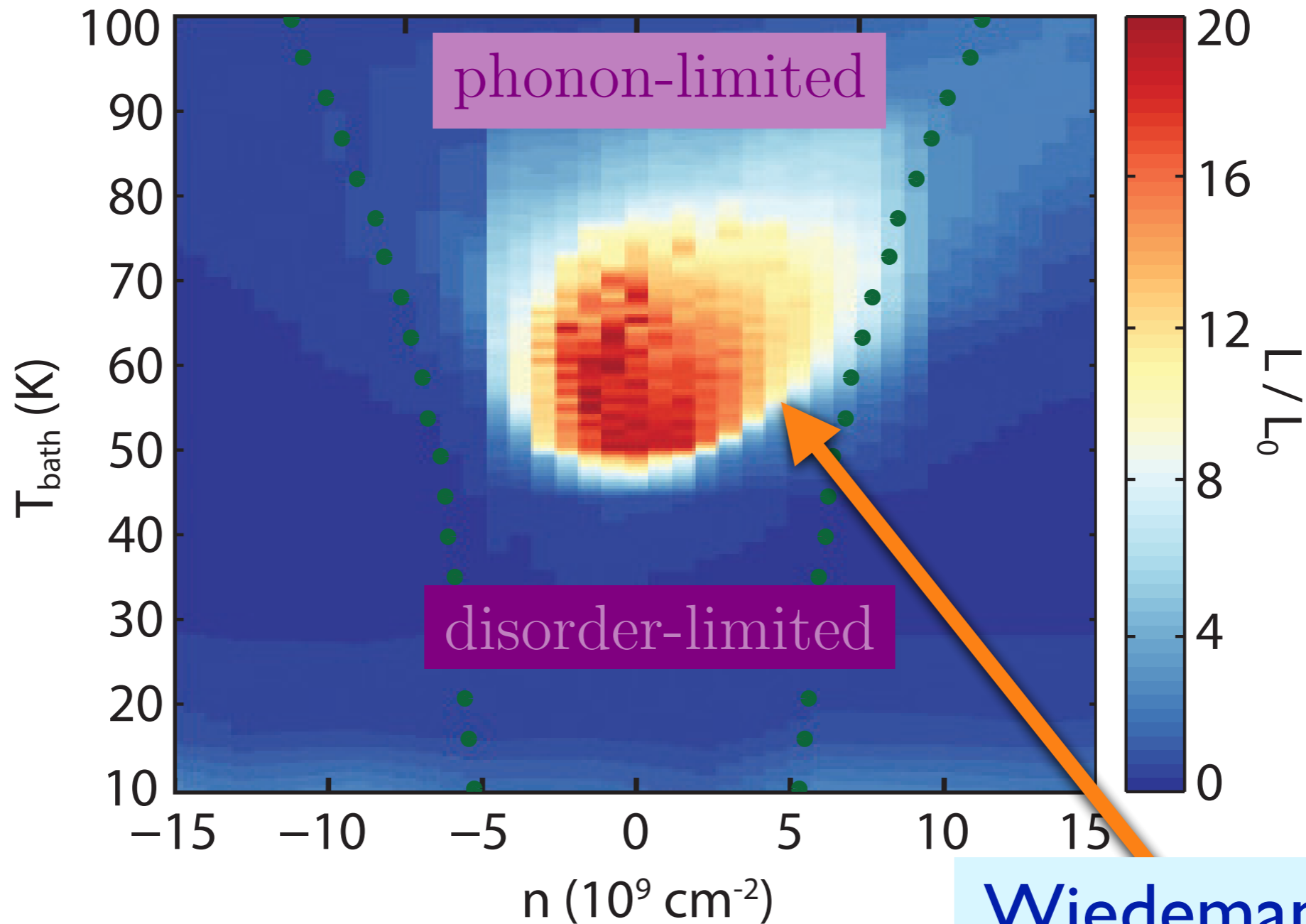
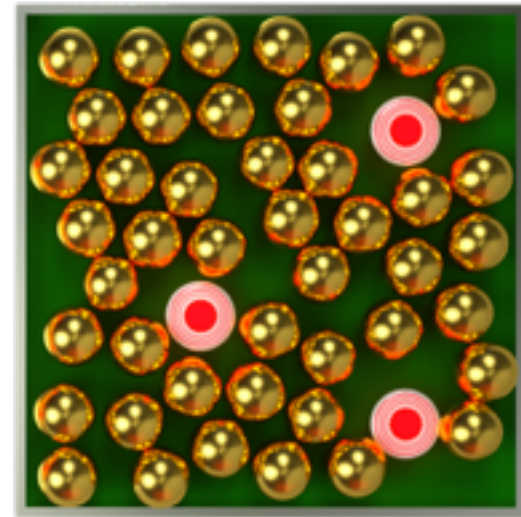


Strange metal in graphene



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Strange metal in graphene



**Wiedemann-Franz
violated !**

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Negative local resistance due to viscous electron backflow in graphene

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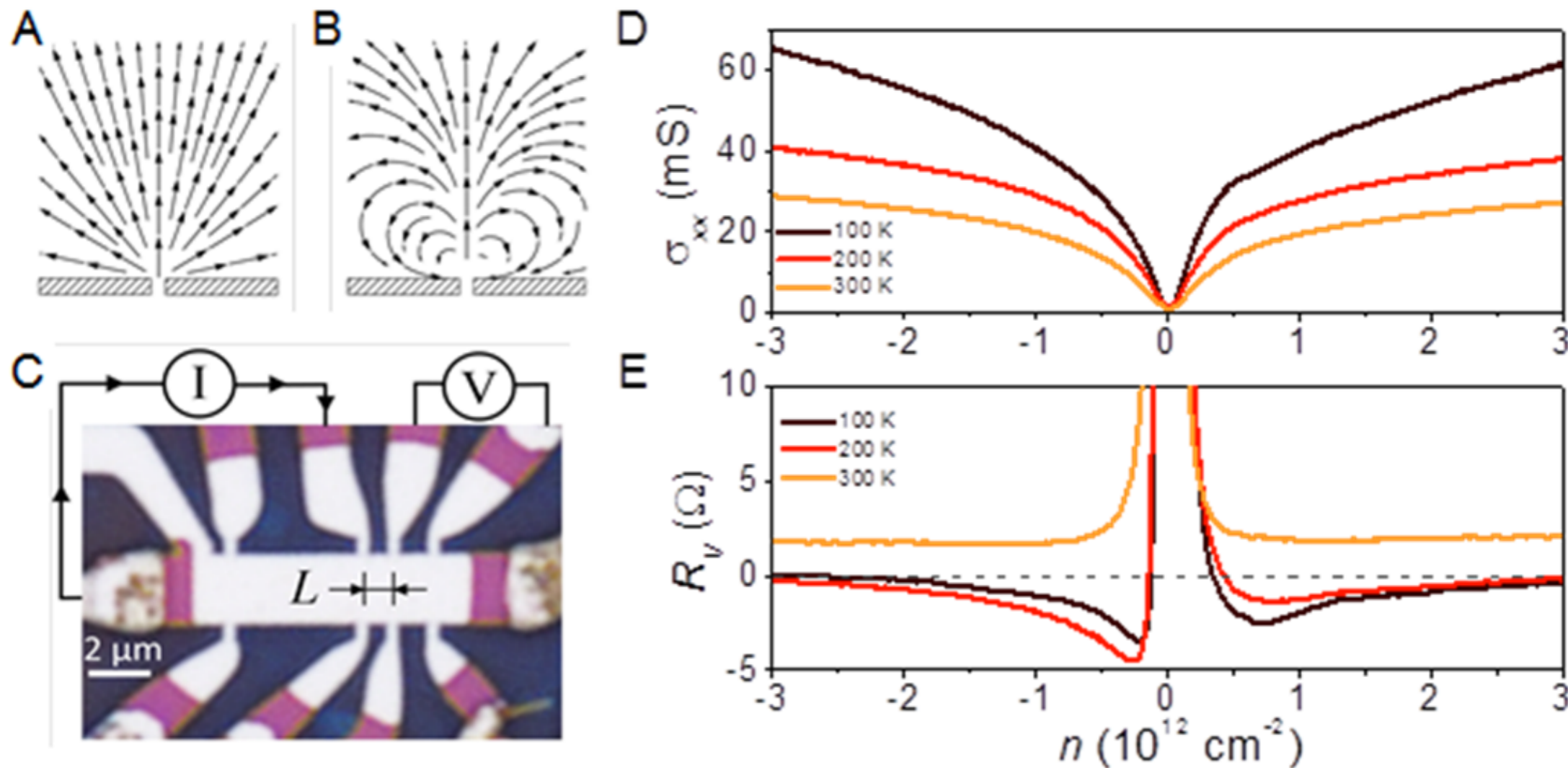
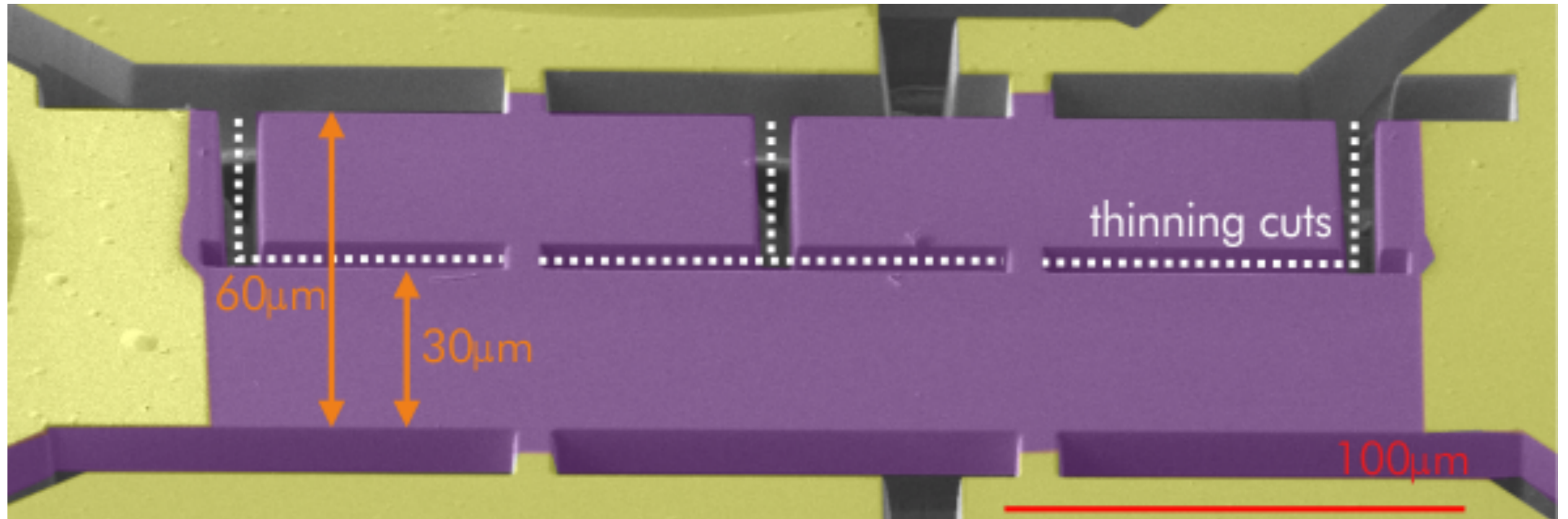


Figure 1. Viscous backflow in doped graphene. (a,b) Steady-state distribution of current injected through a narrow slit for a classical conducting medium with zero ν (a) and a viscous Fermi liquid (b). (c) Optical micrograph of one of our SLG devices. The schematic explains the measurement geometry for vicinity resistance. (d,e) Longitudinal conductivity σ_{xx} and R_V for this device as a function of n induced by applying gate voltage. $I = 0.3 \mu\text{A}$; $L = 1 \mu\text{m}$. For more detail, see Supplementary Information.

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Signature of Navier-Stokes hydrodynamic flow in PdCoO₂



Experiment: Successively narrow the channel in factors of 2, measuring the resistance after every step.

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Entangled quantum matter without quasiparticles

- Is there a connection between strange metals and black holes?
Yes, *e.g.* the SYK model.
- Why do they have the same equilibration time $\sim \hbar/(k_B T)$?
Strange metals don't have quasiparticles and thermalize rapidly;
Black holes are “fast scramblers”.
- Theoretical predictions for strange metal transport in graphene agree well with experiments