

Theory of a Planckian metal

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*Notes on the complex SYK model, Yingfei Gu, Alexei Kitaev,
Subir Sachdev, and Grigory Tarnopolsky, to appear*

Talk online: sachdev.physics.harvard.edu



Ordinary metals and 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

$$E = \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} F_{\alpha\beta} n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} + \dots$$

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

- Quasiparticles eventually collide with each other. Such collisions eventually leads to thermal equilibration in a chaotic quantum state, but the equilibration takes a long time. In a Fermi liquid, this time diverges as

$$\tau_{\text{eq}} \sim \frac{\hbar E_F^3}{U^2 (k_B T)^2} \quad , \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow 0,$$

where U is the strength of interactions, and E_F is the Fermi energy.



Ordinary metals and quasiparticles

We compute the lifetime of a quasiparticle, τ_α , in an eigenstate of the free quasiparticle Hamiltonian with energy ε_α . By Fermi's Golden rule, for ε_α at the Fermi energy

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

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

Ordinary metals and quasiparticles

- Similarly, a quasiparticle model implies a resistivity

$$\rho = \frac{m^*}{ne^2} \frac{1}{\tau} \sim U^2 T^2 \quad \text{with } \tau \sim \tau_{\text{eq}}$$



Ordinary metals and quasiparticles

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

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



Remarkable recent observation of
'Planckian' strange metal transport in cuprates,
pnictides, magic-angle graphene, and
ultracold atoms: the resistivity, ρ , is

$$\rho = \frac{m^*}{ne^2} \frac{1}{\tau}$$

with a universal scattering rate

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \approx \frac{k_B T}{\hbar},$$

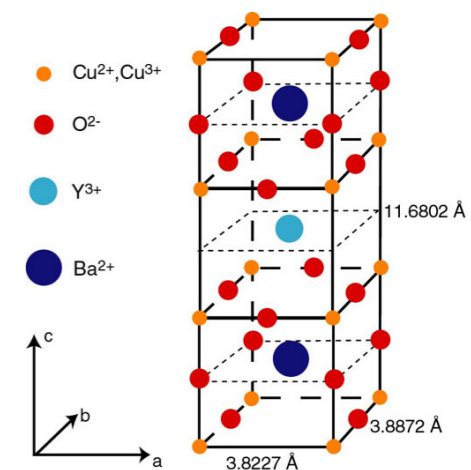
independent of the strength of interactions!



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	$P = 11 \text{ kbar}$	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.

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

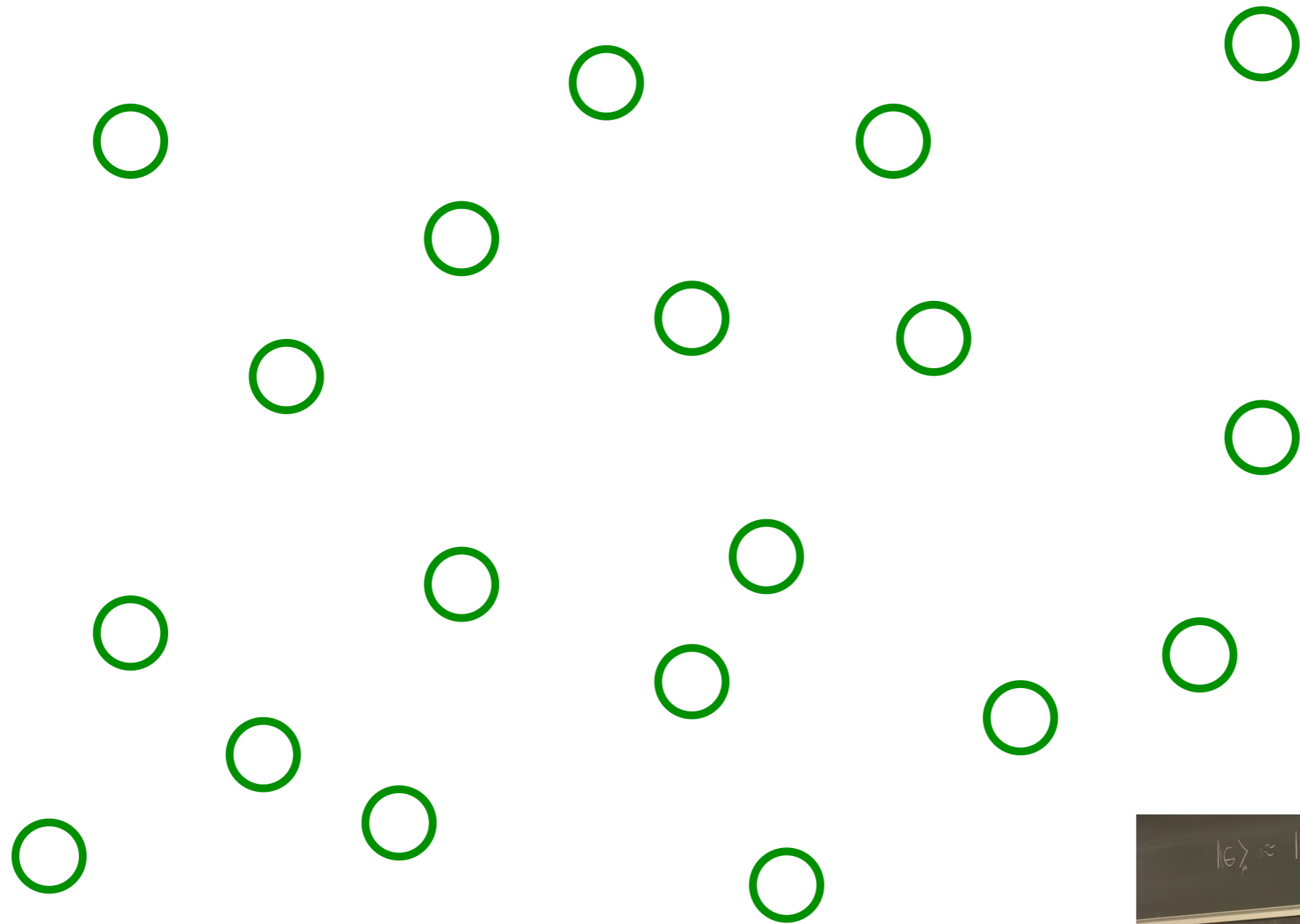


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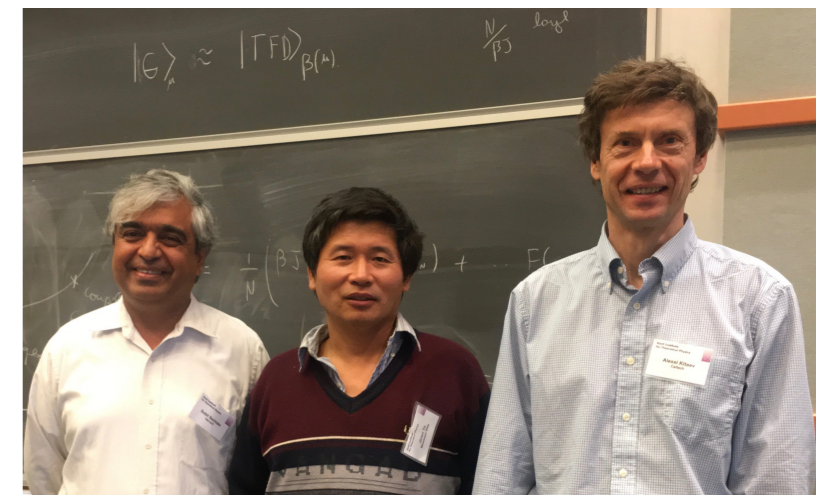
1. The complex SYK model and charged black holes

2. Quantum matter without quasiparticles:
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and Planckian metals

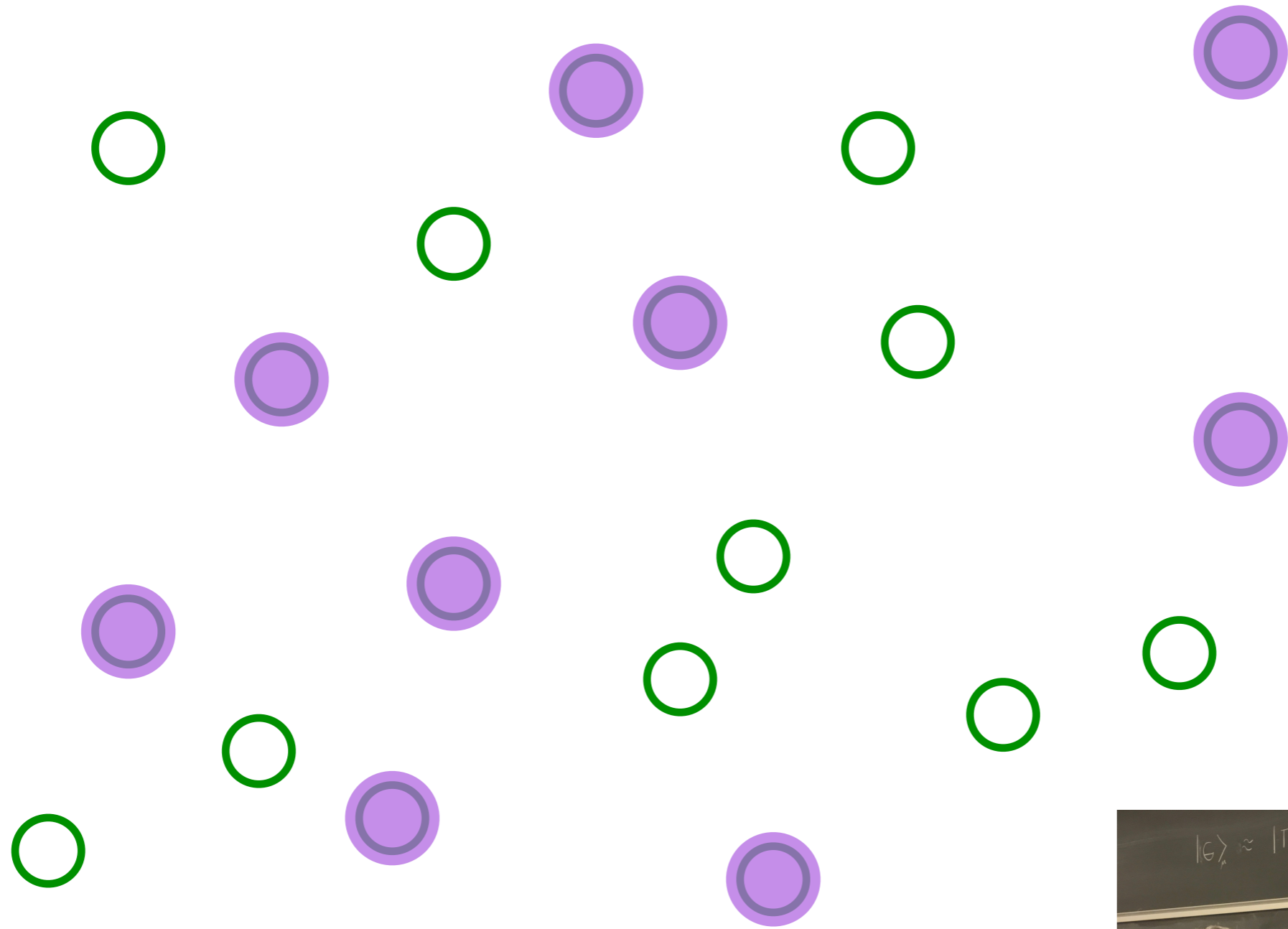
The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model



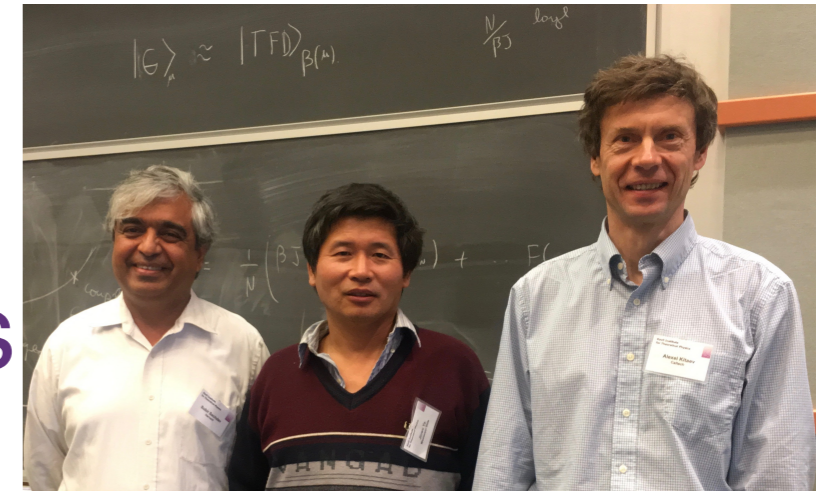
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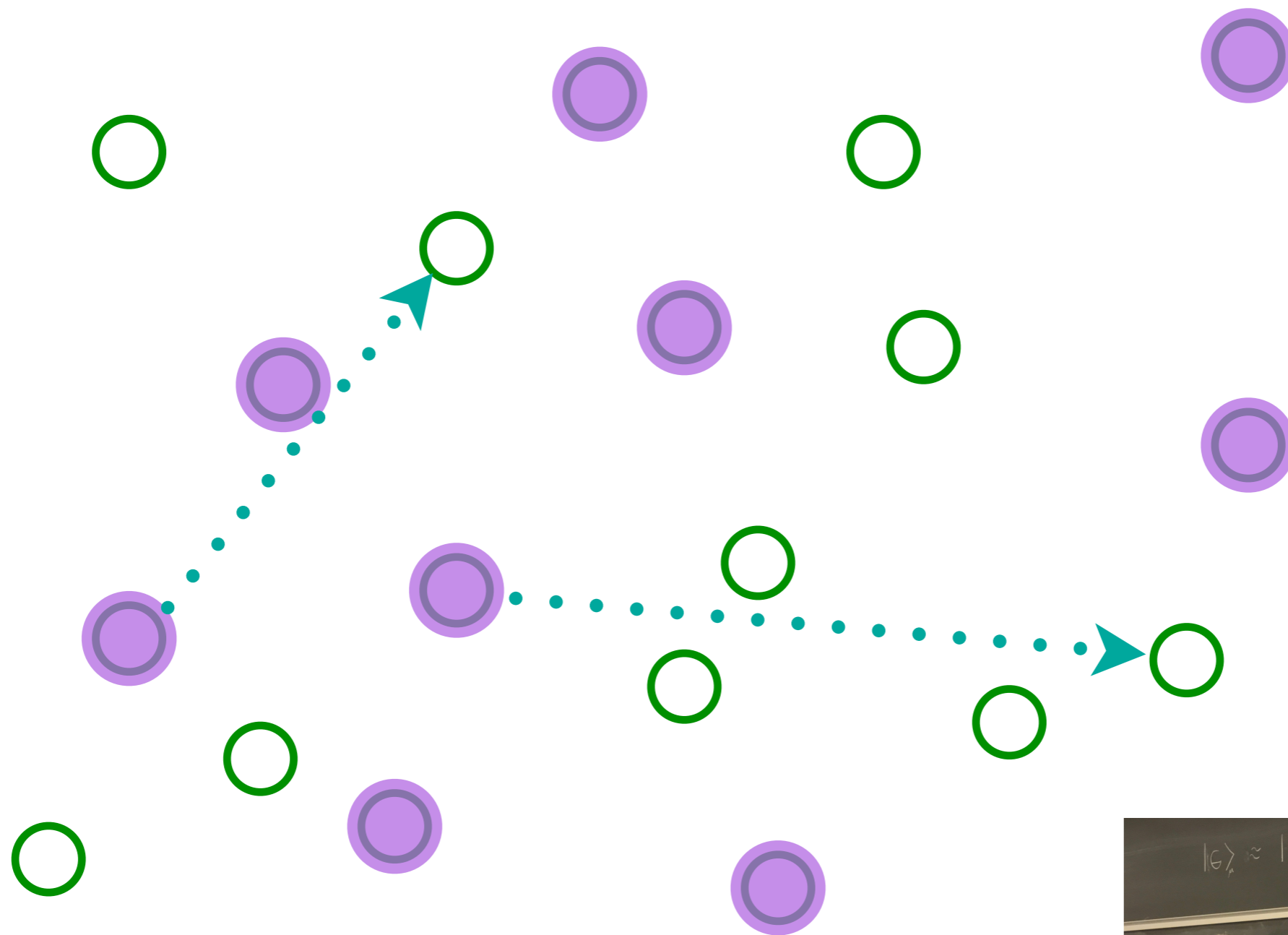
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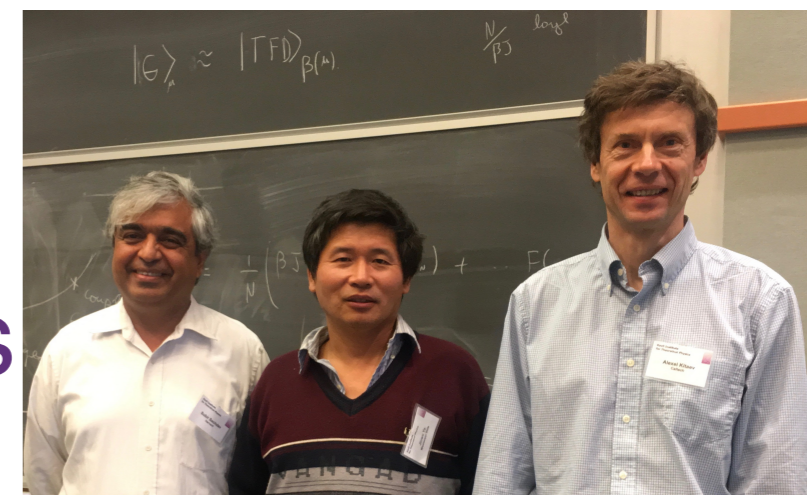
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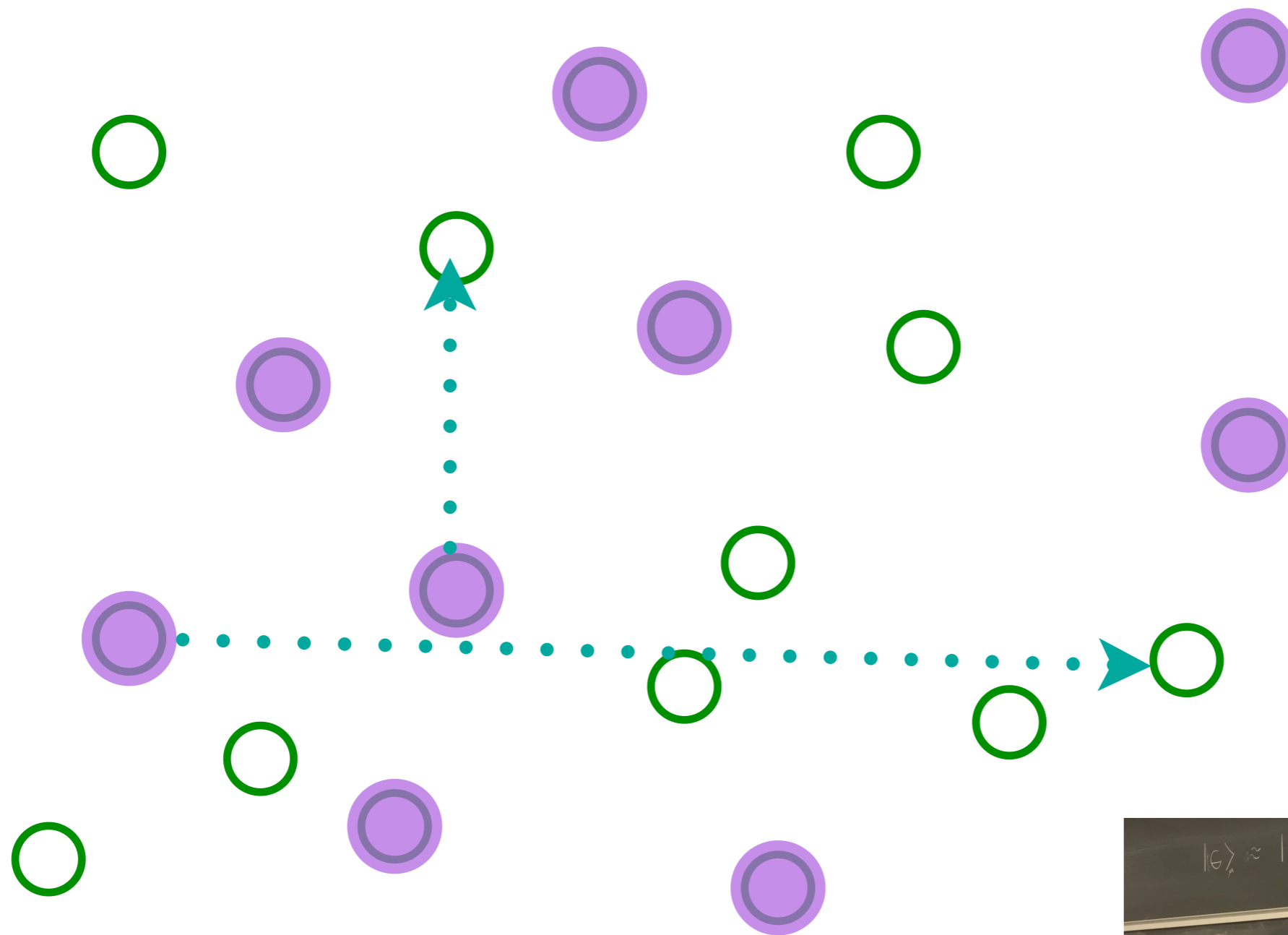
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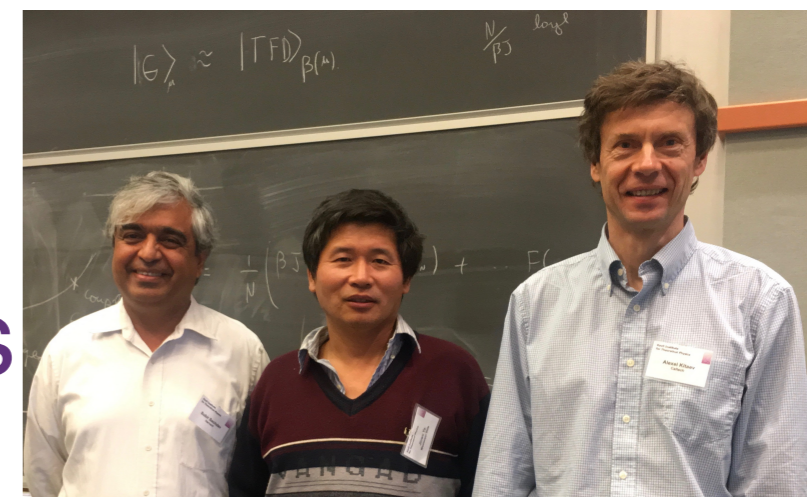
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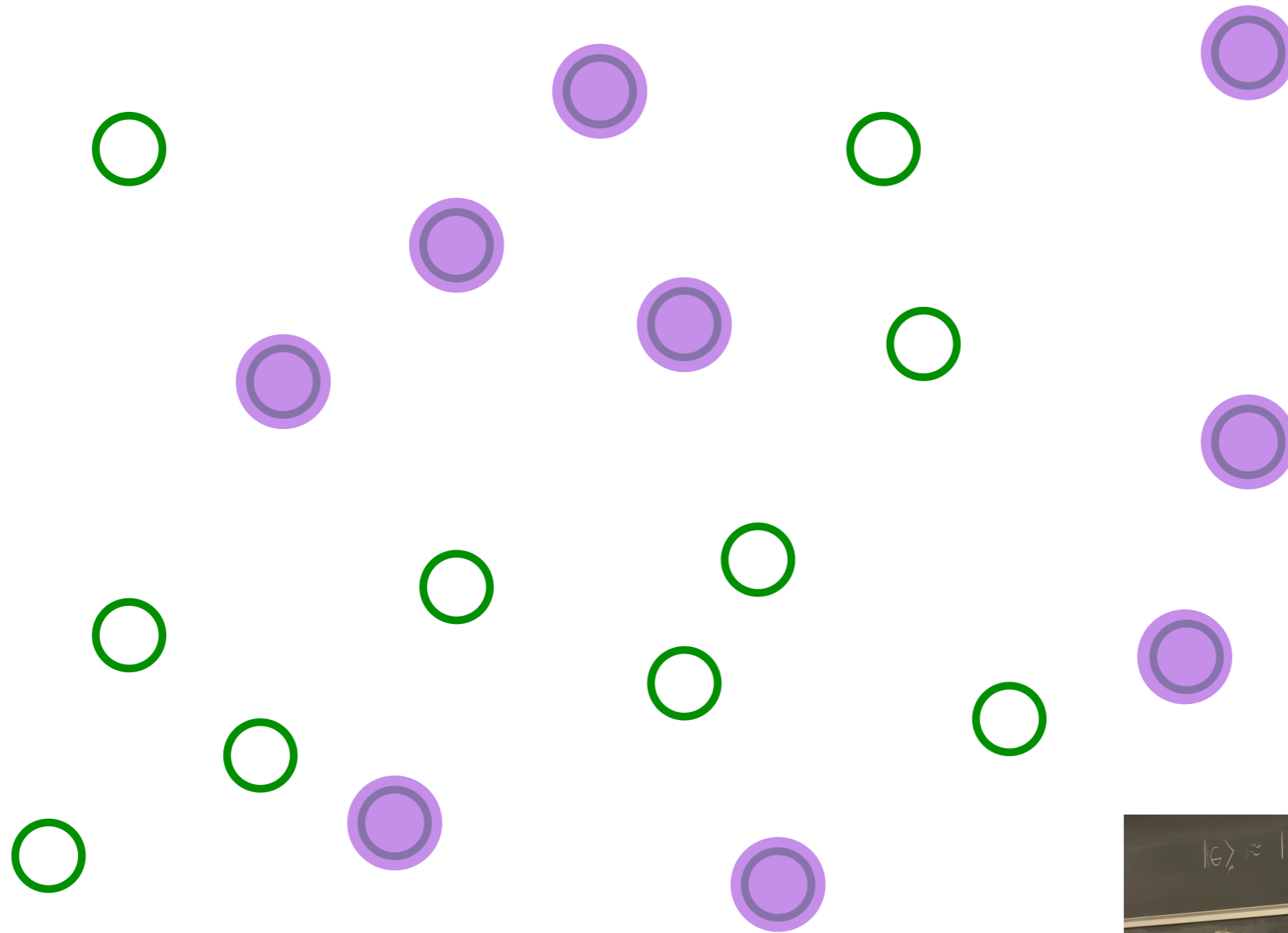
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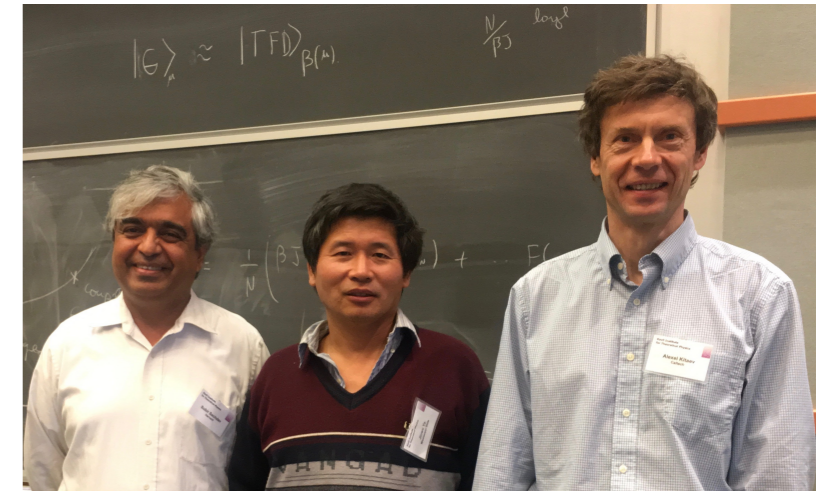
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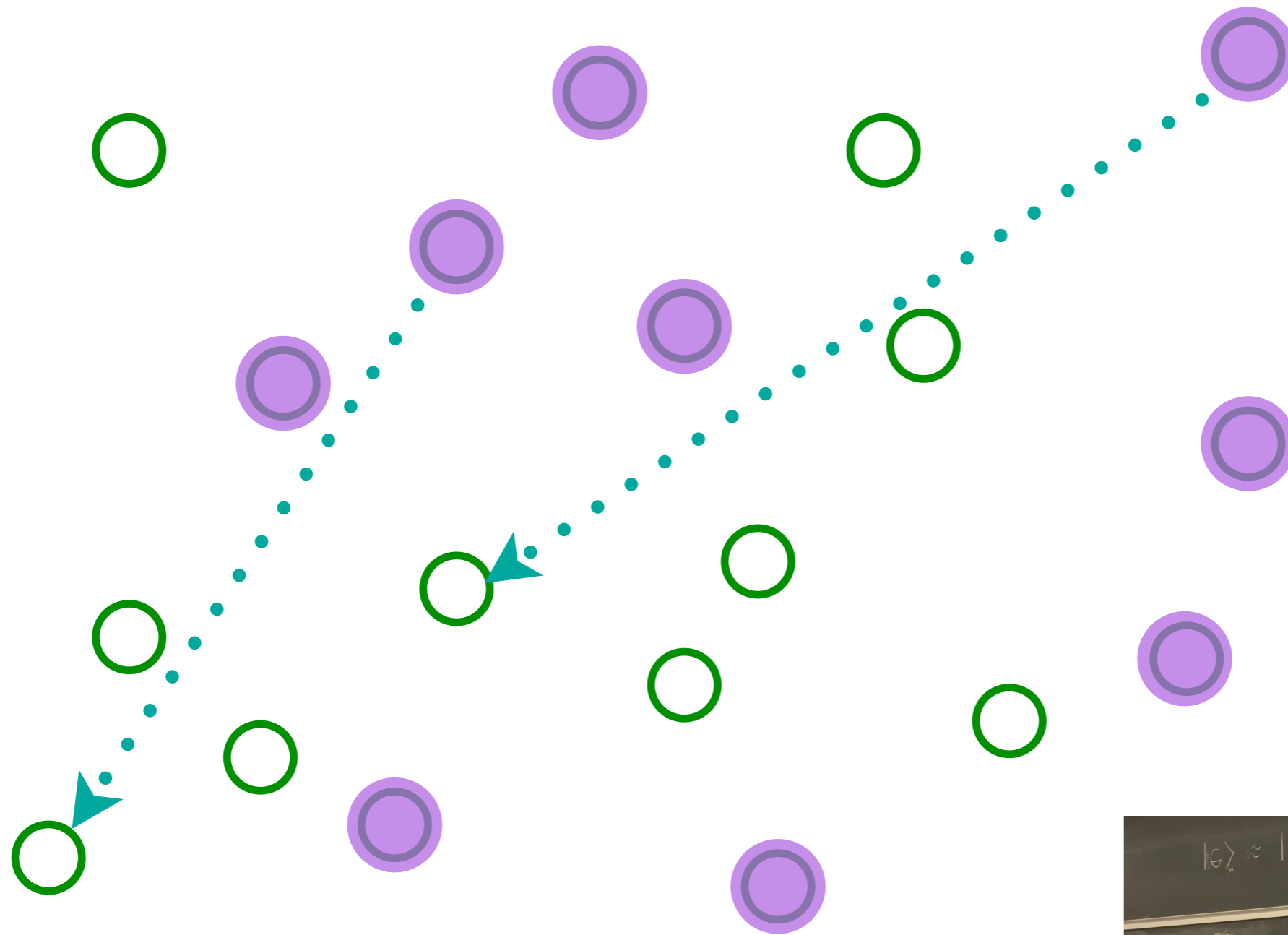
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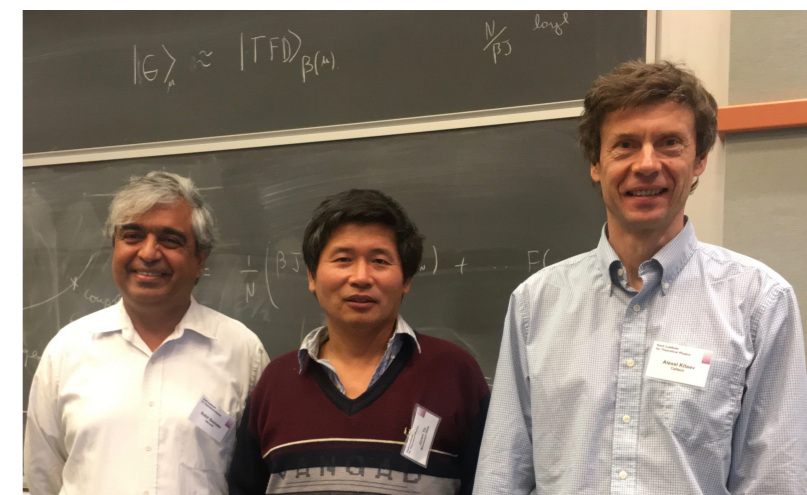
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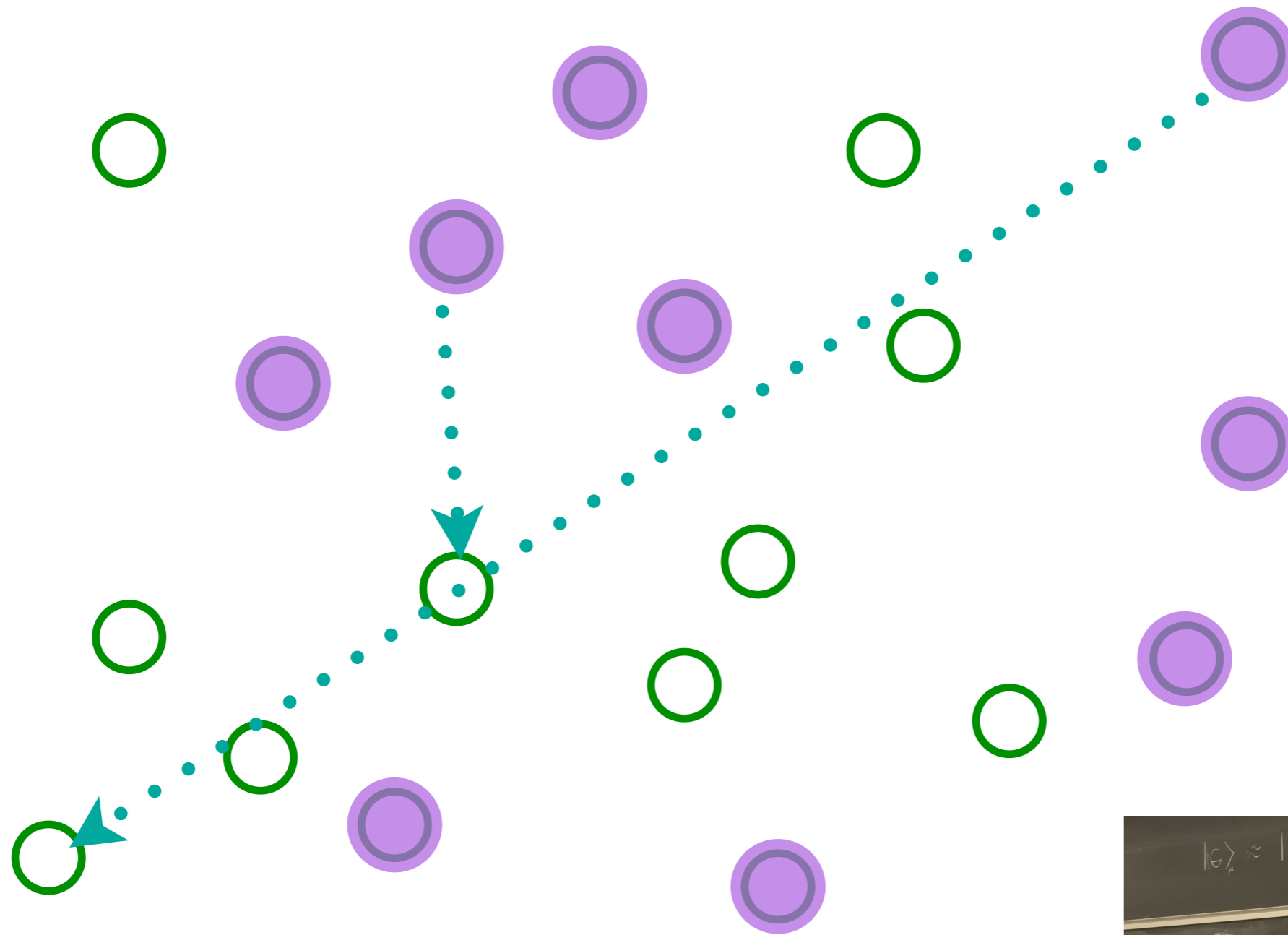
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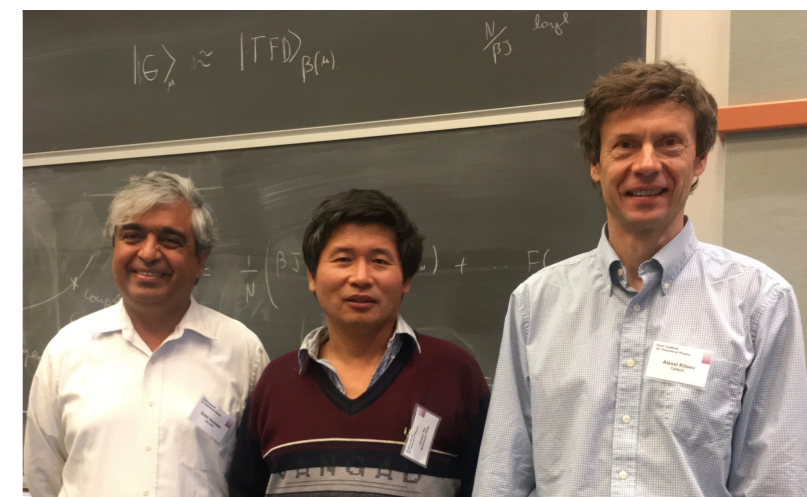
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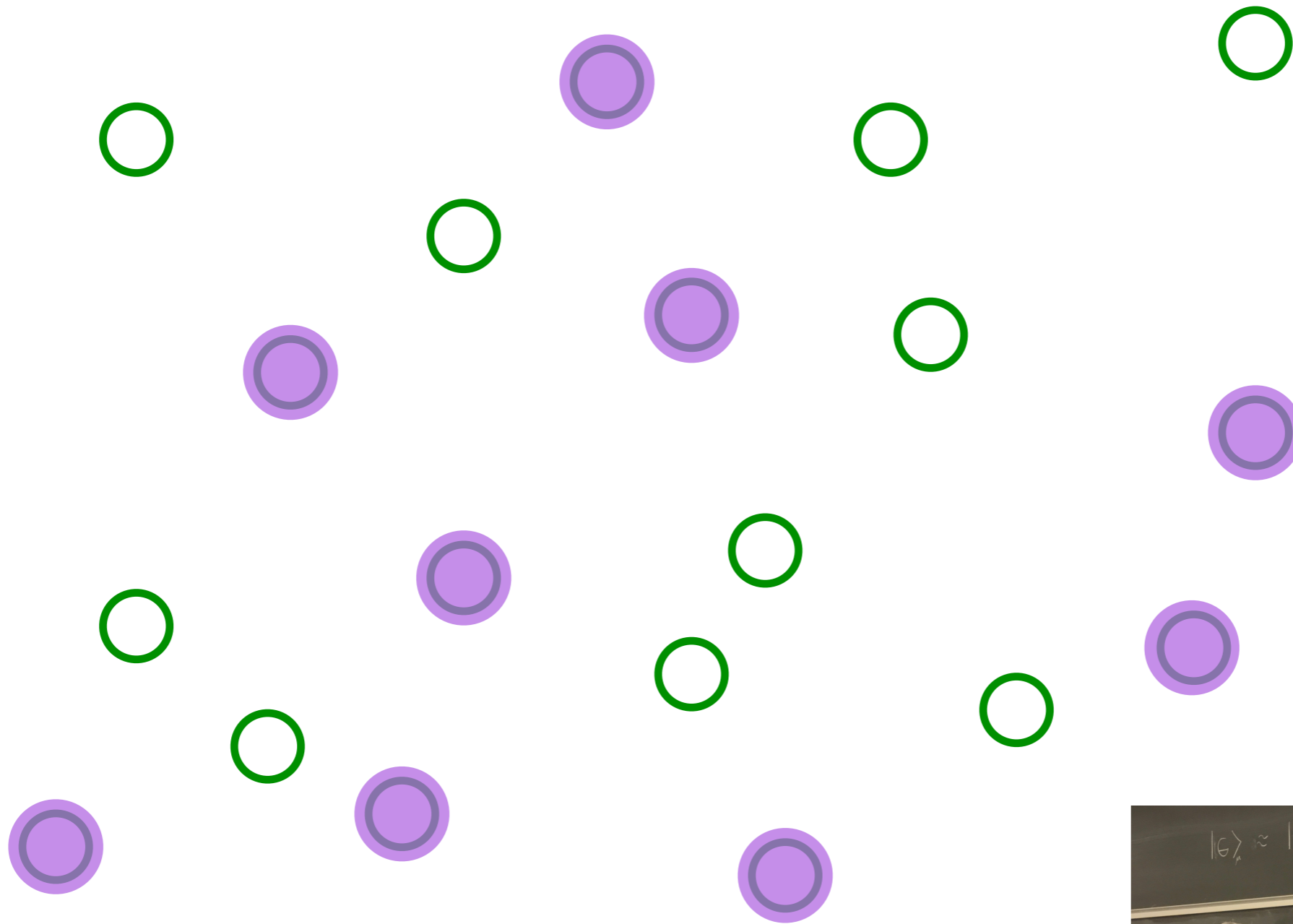
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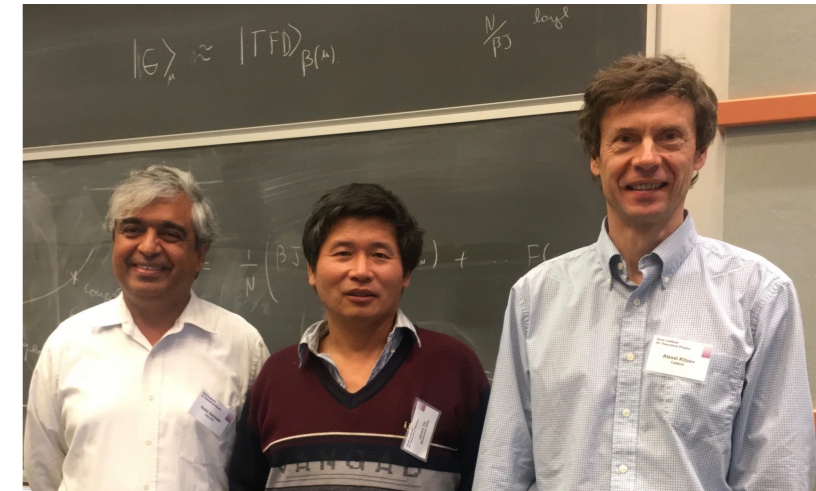
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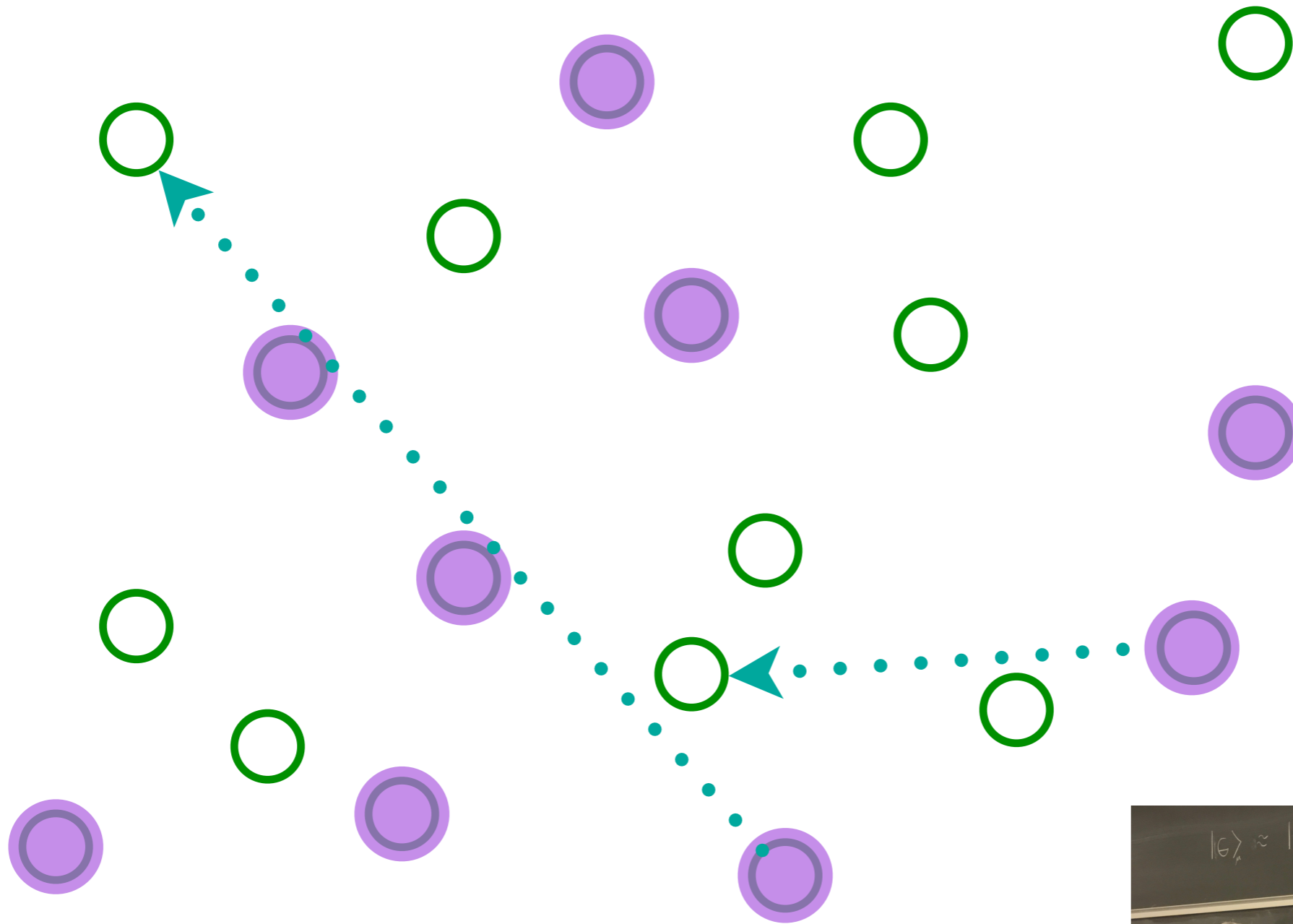
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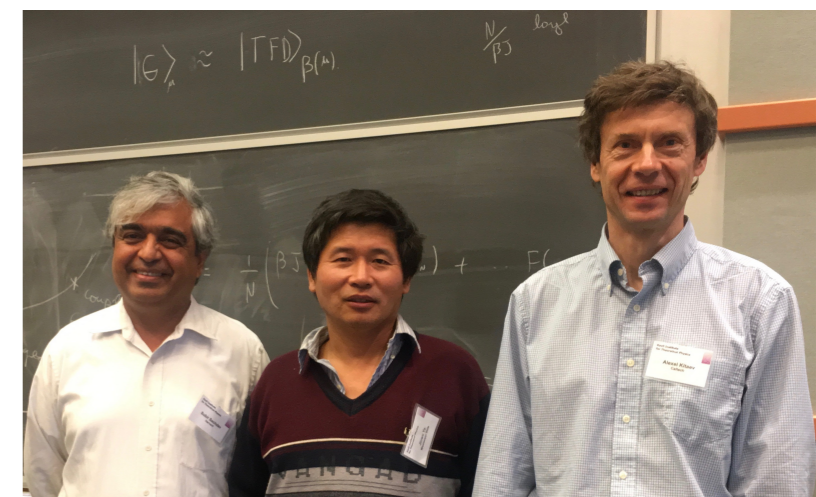
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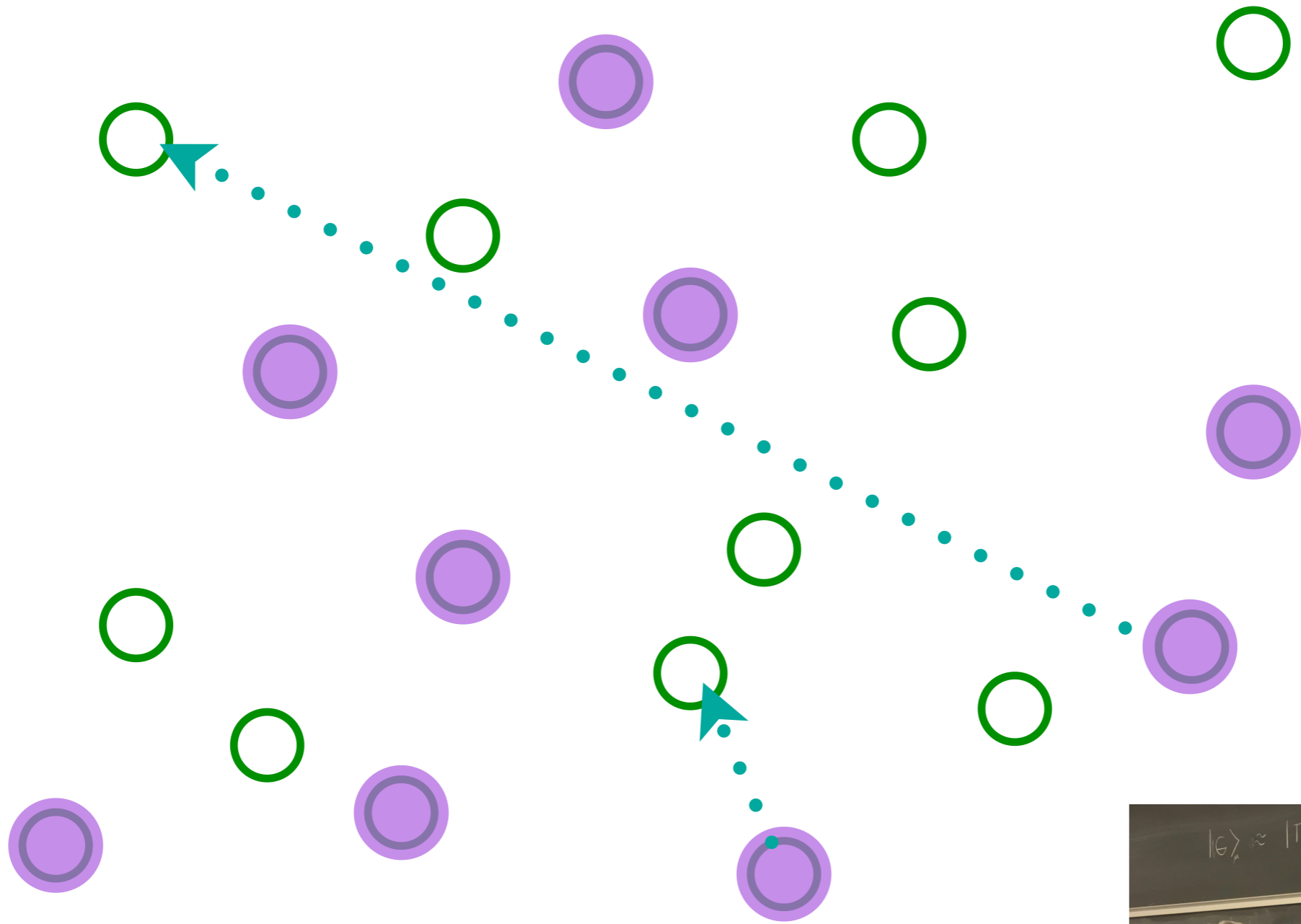
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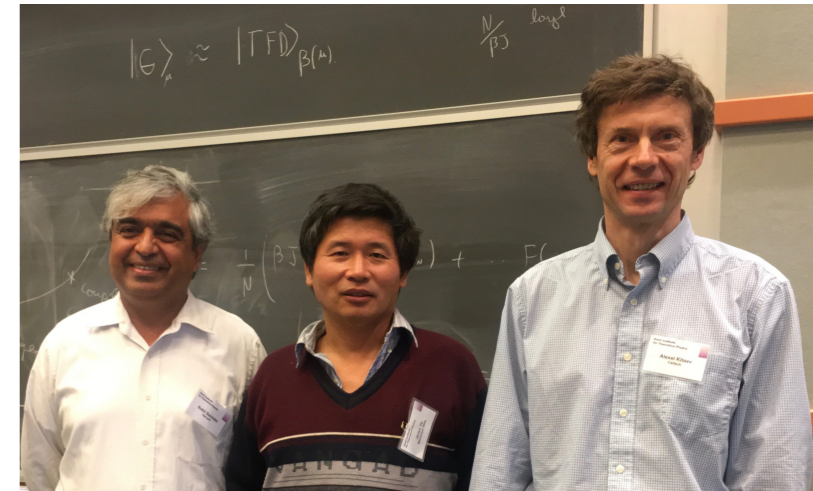
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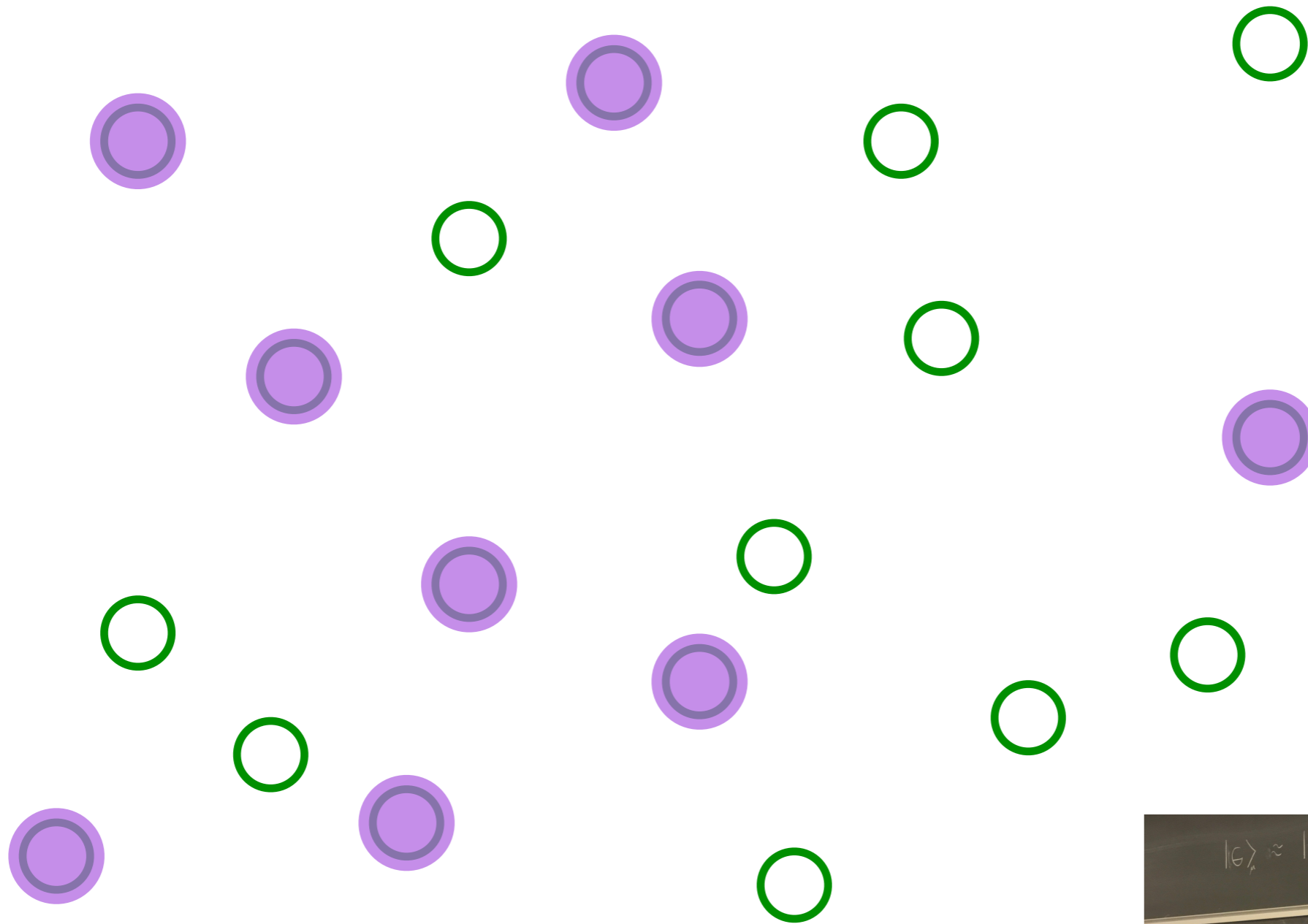
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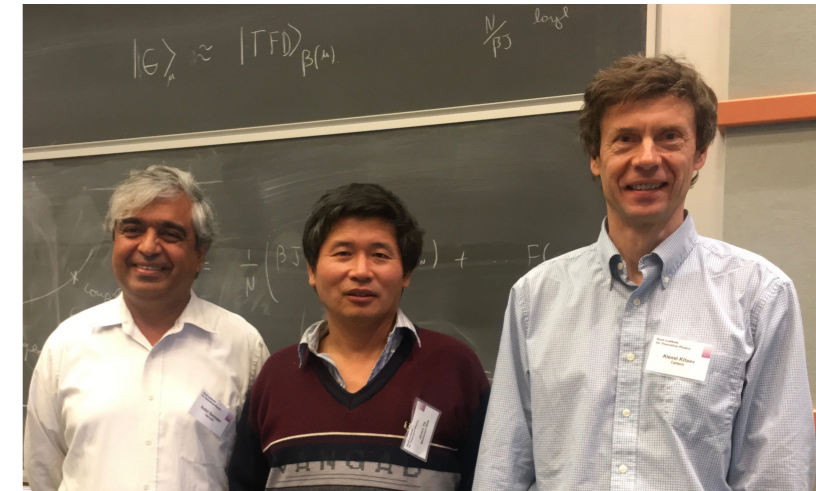
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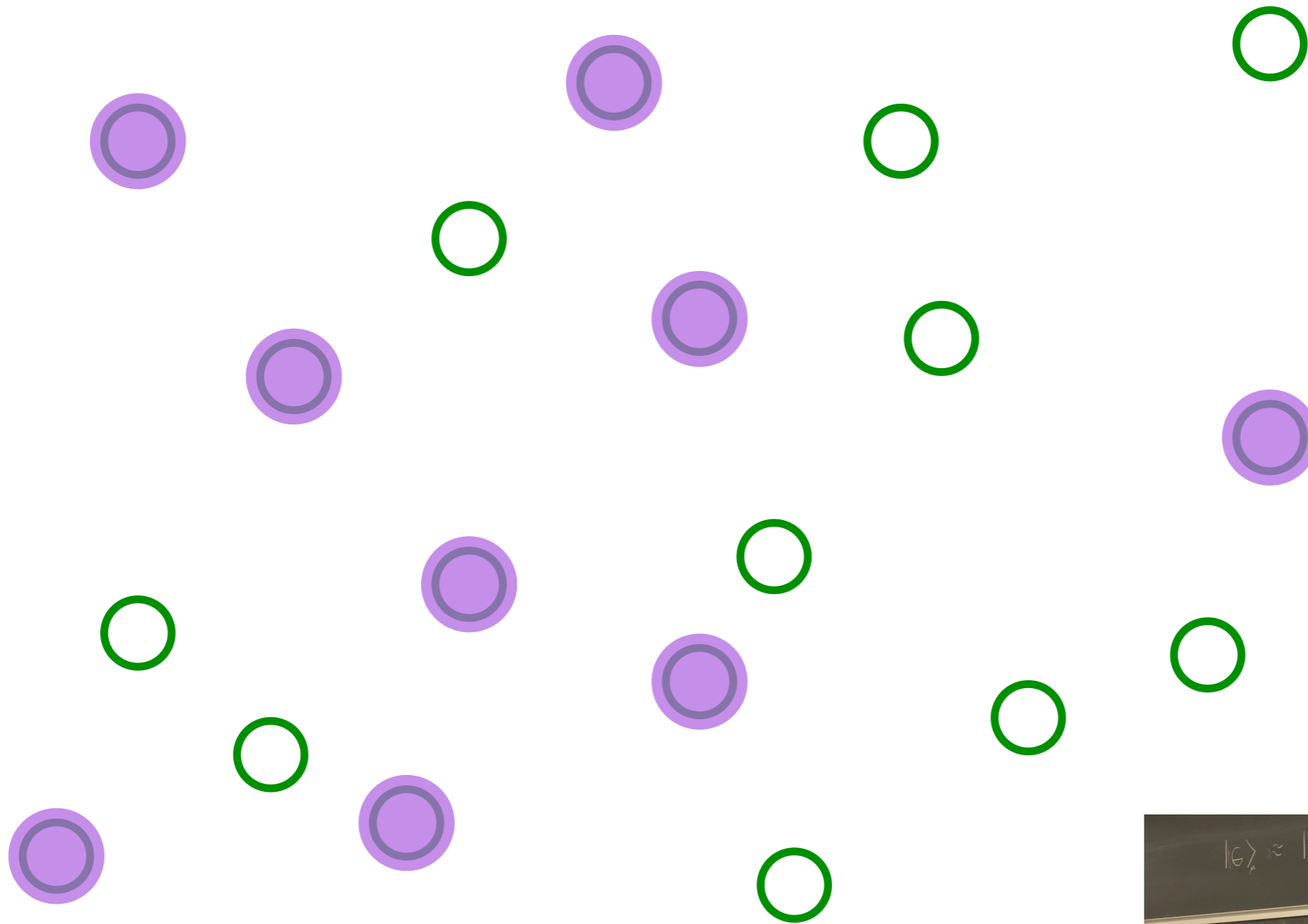
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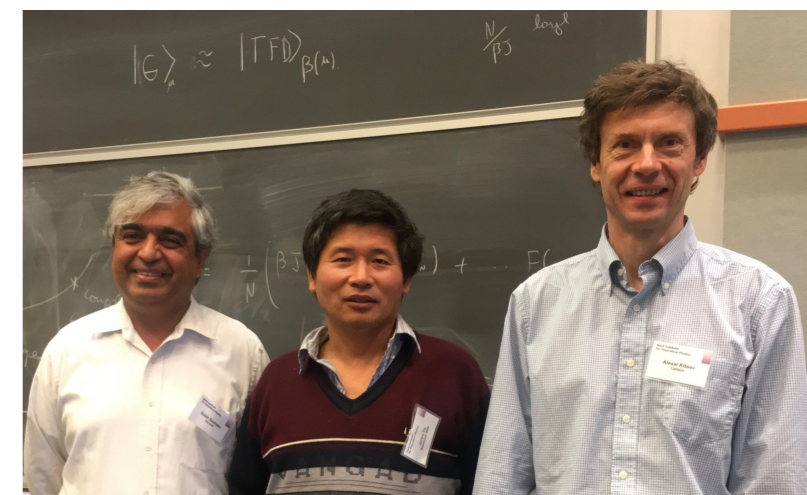
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The SYK model



This describes both a strange metal
and a black hole!



The complex SYK model

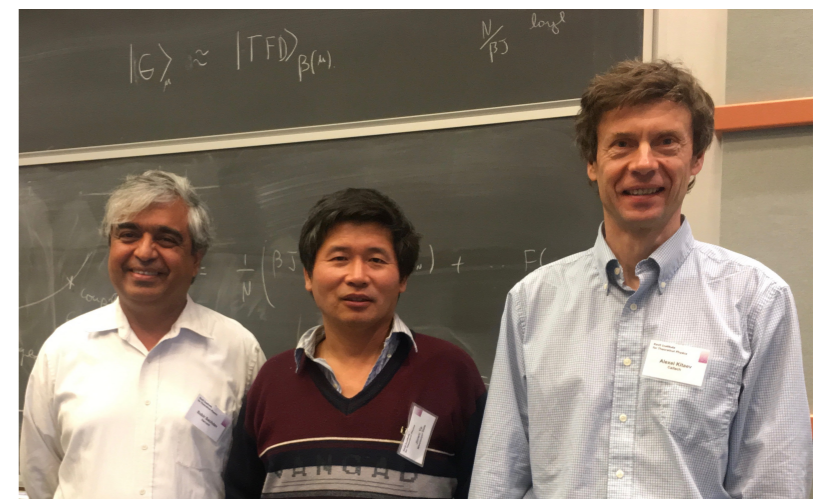
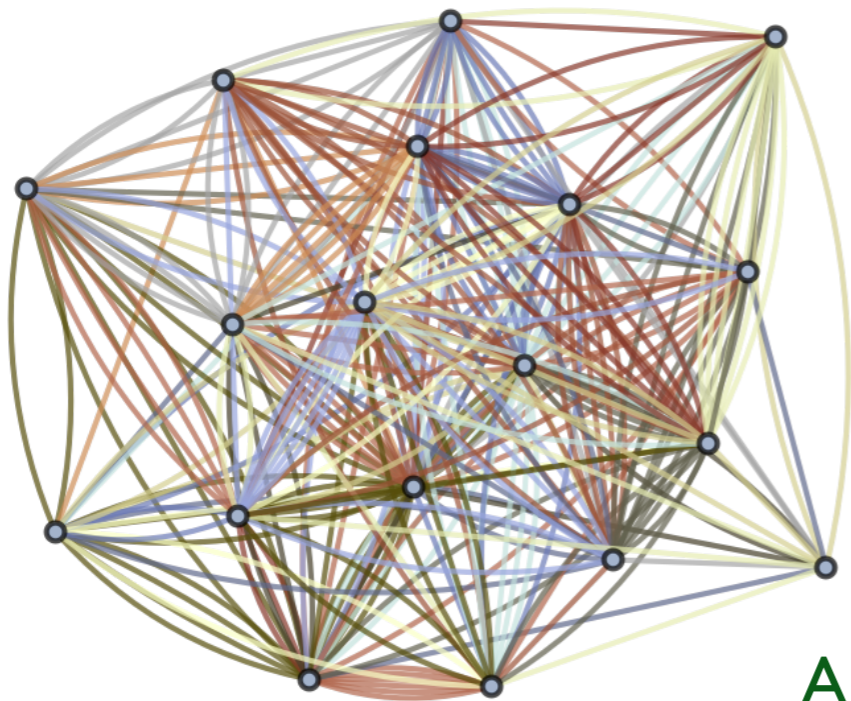
(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large N limit; T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

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

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

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

$U_{\alpha\beta; \gamma\delta}$ are independent random variables with $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta; \gamma\delta}} = 0$ and $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta; \gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$
 $N \rightarrow \infty$ yields critical strange metal.



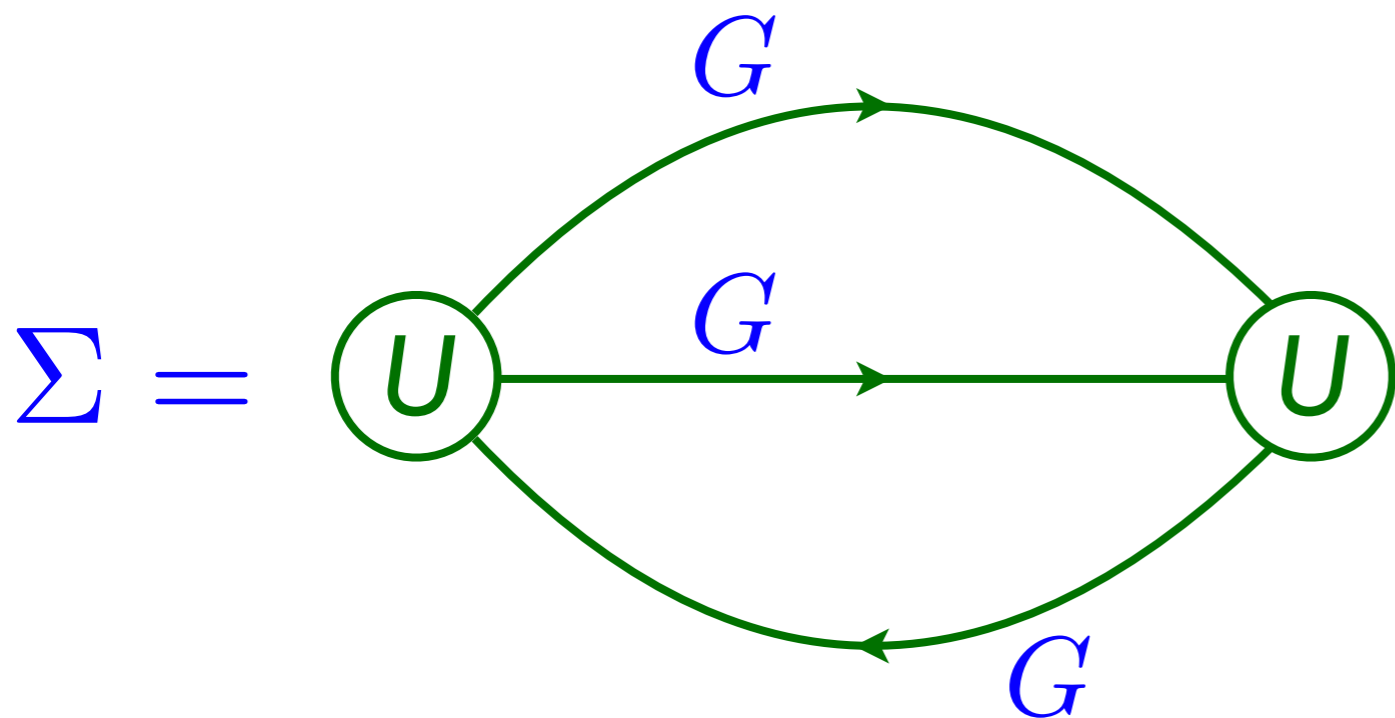
S. Sachdev and J. Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

A. Kitaev, unpublished; S. Sachdev, PRX **5**, 041025 (2015)

The complex SYK model

Feynman graph expansion in $U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$, and graph-by-graph average, yields exact equations in the large N limit:

$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega - \epsilon - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = -U^2 G^2(\tau) G(-\tau)$$
$$G(\tau = 0^-) = Q.$$



S. Sachdev and J. Ye,
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The complex SYK model

There is a one-parameter family of critical solutions with varying Q , characterized by a dimensionless parameter \mathcal{E} .

For long times $\tau > 0$

$$\langle c_\alpha(\tau) c_\alpha^\dagger(0) \rangle = e^{\pi\mathcal{E}} \frac{A(\mathcal{E})}{\sqrt{U\tau}}$$

$$\langle c_\alpha^\dagger(\tau) c_\alpha(0) \rangle = e^{-\pi\mathcal{E}} \frac{A(\mathcal{E})}{\sqrt{U\tau}}$$

\mathcal{E} determines the particle-hole asymmetry, and $A(\mathcal{E})$ is a known function.

\mathcal{E} is determined by ϵ/U .

In a Fermi liquid,

$$\langle c_\alpha(\tau) c_\alpha^\dagger(0) \rangle = \langle c_\alpha^\dagger(\tau) c_\alpha(0) \rangle = \tilde{A}/\tau$$

The complex SYK model

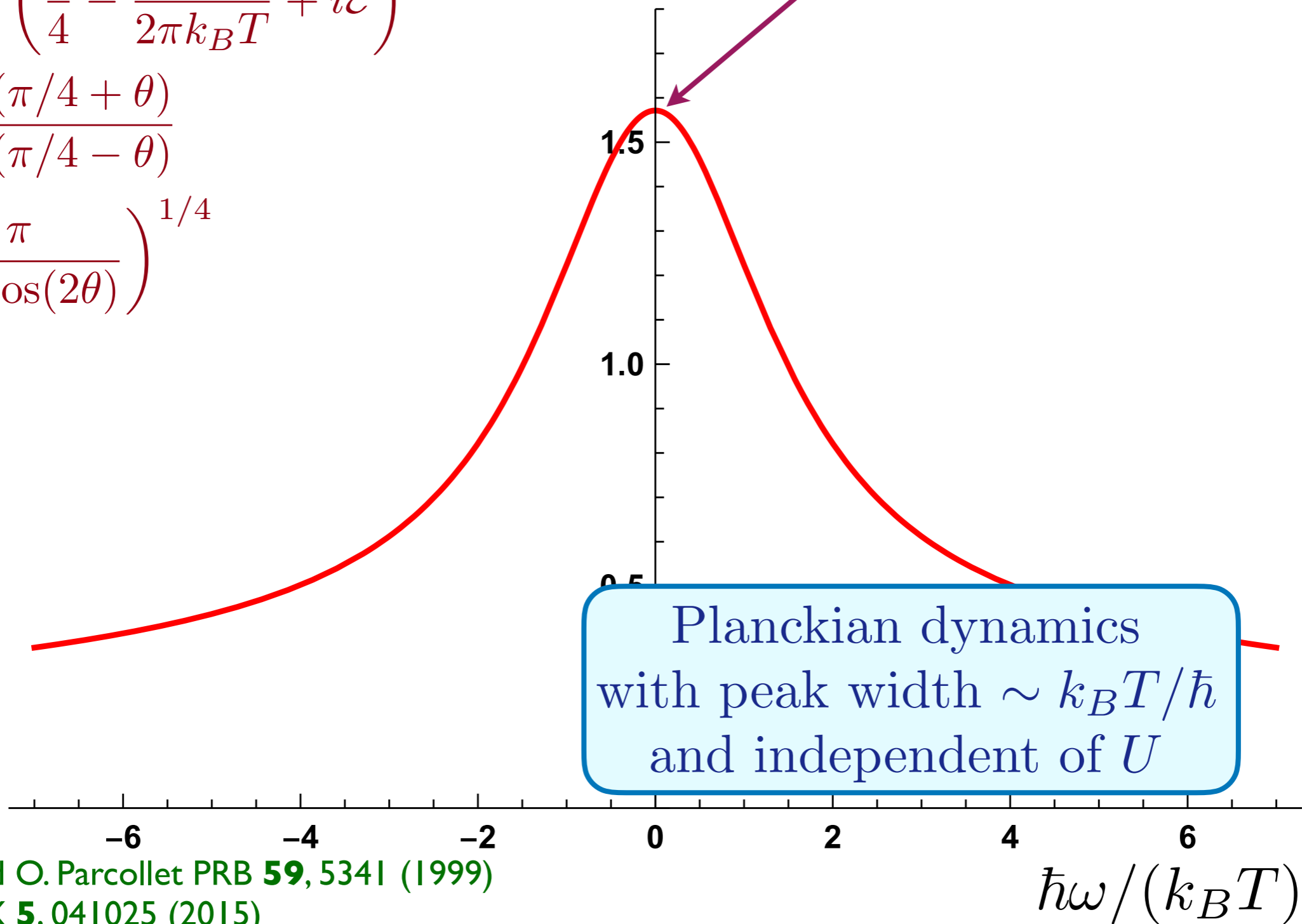
$$\mathcal{E} = \mathbb{C} \frac{\epsilon}{U}$$

$$G_{\text{SYK}}^R(\epsilon, \hbar\omega/(k_B T)) = \frac{-iC e^{-i\theta} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i\hbar\omega}{2\pi k_B T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}{(2\pi T)^{1/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{i\hbar\omega}{2\pi k_B T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}$$

$$e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\sin(\pi/4 + \theta)}{\sin(\pi/4 - \theta)}$$

$$C = \left(\frac{\pi}{U^2 \cos(2\theta)}\right)^{1/4}$$

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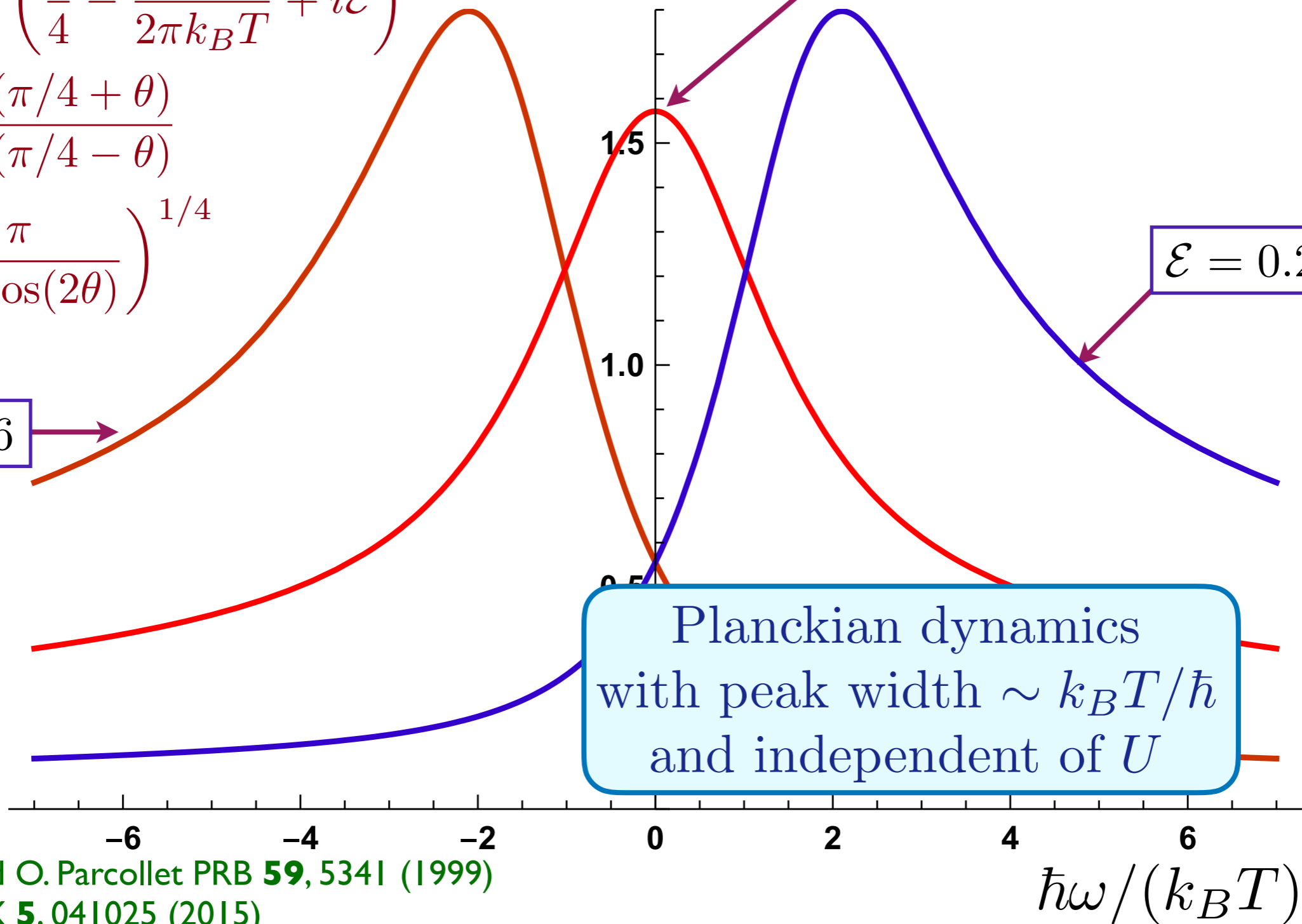
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$$\mathcal{E} = -0.26$$

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The SYK model



GPS: A. Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev, PRB **63**, 134406 (2001)

Many-body level spacing $\sim 2^{-N} = e^{-N \ln 2}$

Non-quasiparticle excitations with spacing $\sim e^{-Ns_0}$

W. Fu and S. Sachdev, PRB **94**, 035135 (2016)

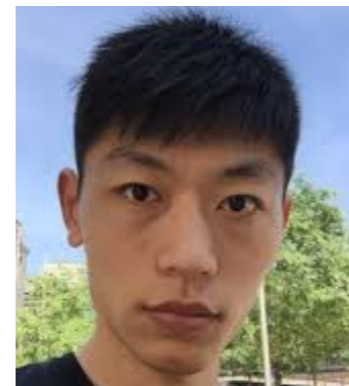
There are 2^N many body levels with energy E . Shown are all values of E for a single cluster of size $N = 12$. The $T \rightarrow 0$ state has an entropy $S_{GPS} = Ns_0$, where $s_0 < \ln 2$ is determined by integrating

$$\frac{ds_0}{dQ} = 2\pi\mathcal{E}.$$

At $Q = 1/2$,

$$s_0 = \frac{G}{\pi} + \frac{\ln(2)}{4} = 0.464848\dots$$

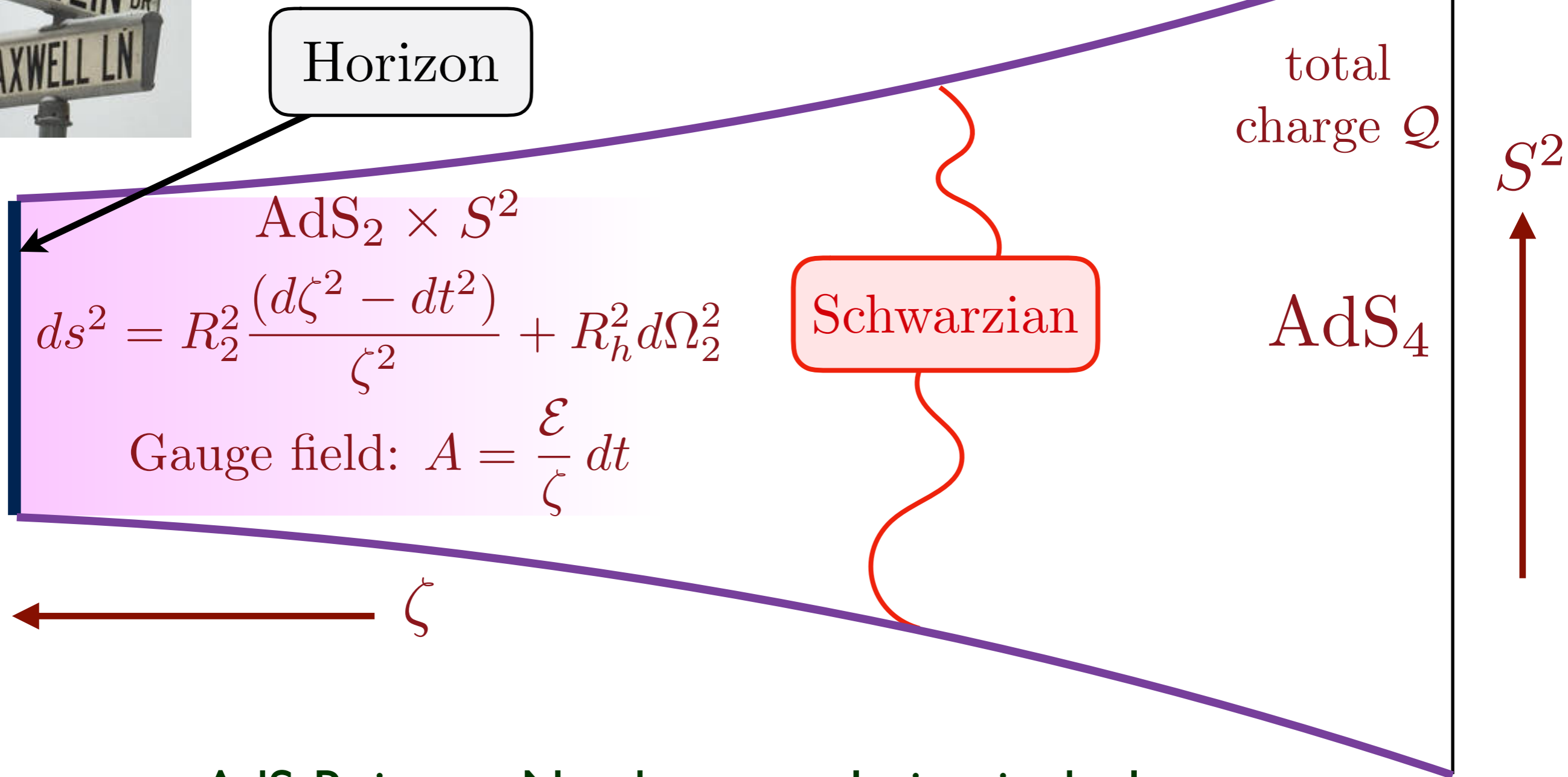
where G is Catalan's constant.



$\sim NU$



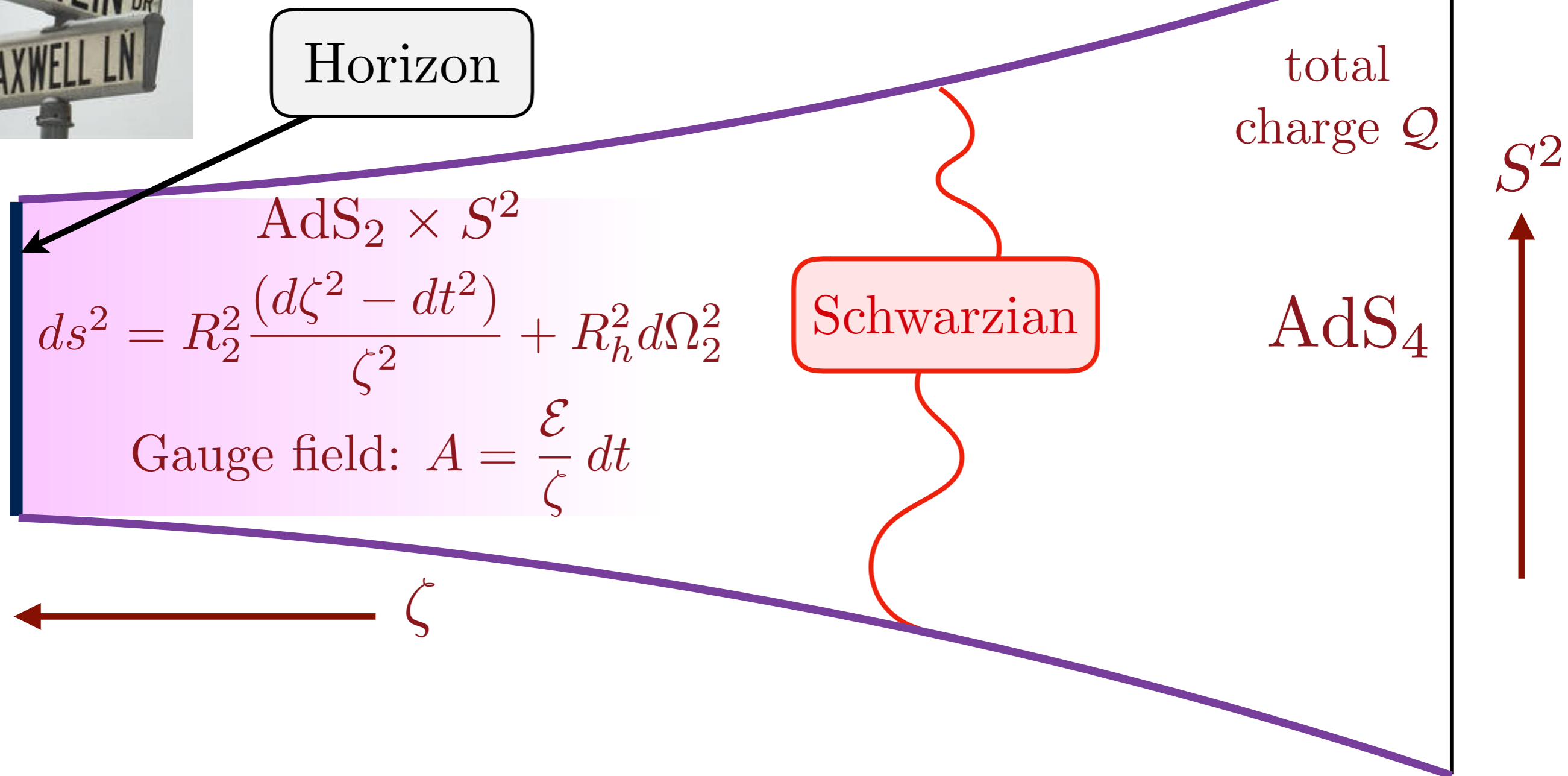
Charged black holes



AdS-Reissner-Nordstrom solution is dual
via the AdS/CFT correspondence
to large- N ABJM gauge theory in a chemical potential



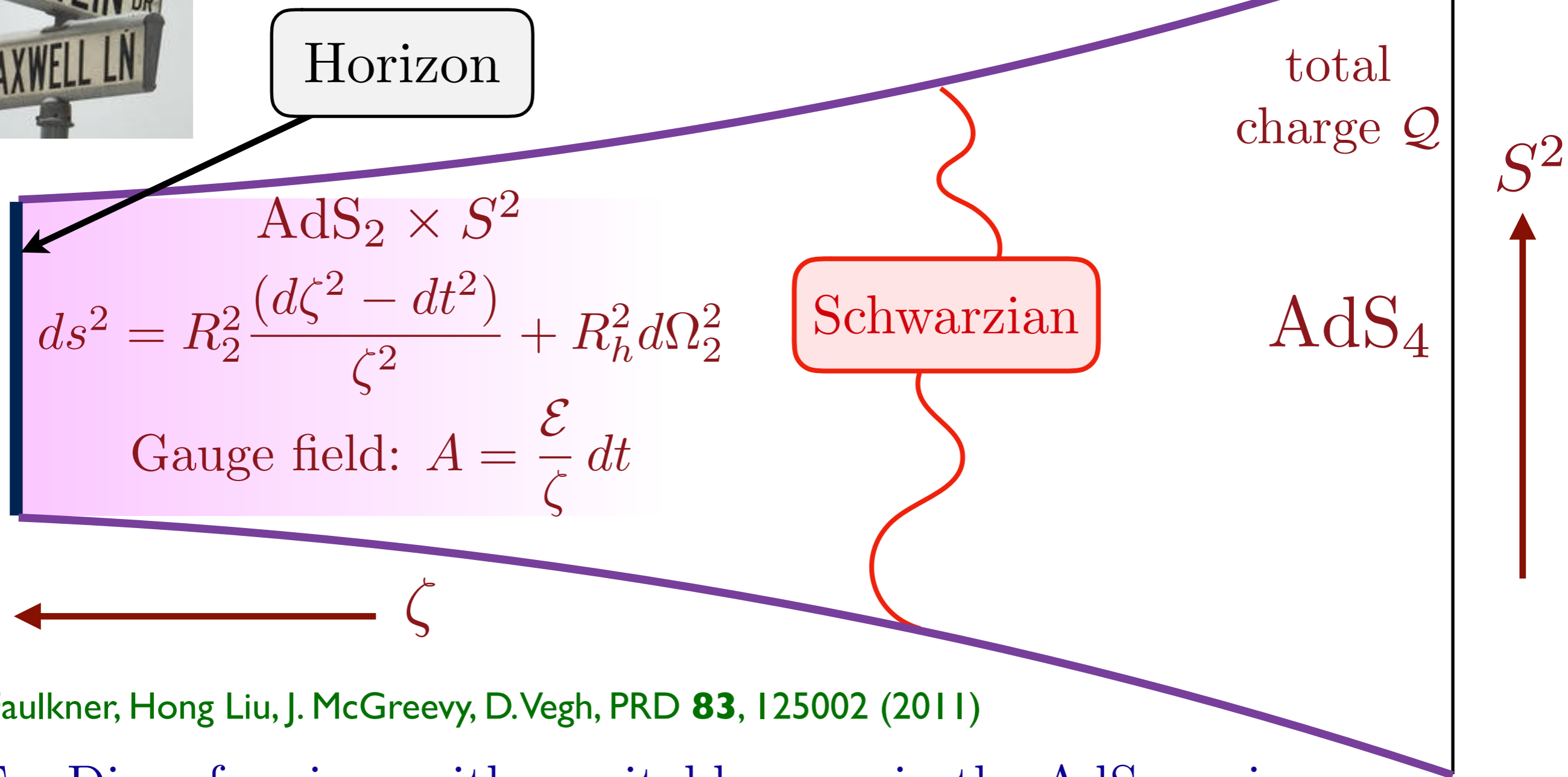
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At temperatures $T \ll 1/R_h$,
we can ignore the non-constant modes on S^2 , and the
 AdS_2 is dual to a 0+1 dimensional quantum system (like SYK!)
on its boundary.



Charged black holes



T. Faulkner, Hong Liu, J. McGreevy, D. Vegh, PRD **83**, 125002 (2011)

For Dirac fermions with a suitable mass in the AdS_2 region,

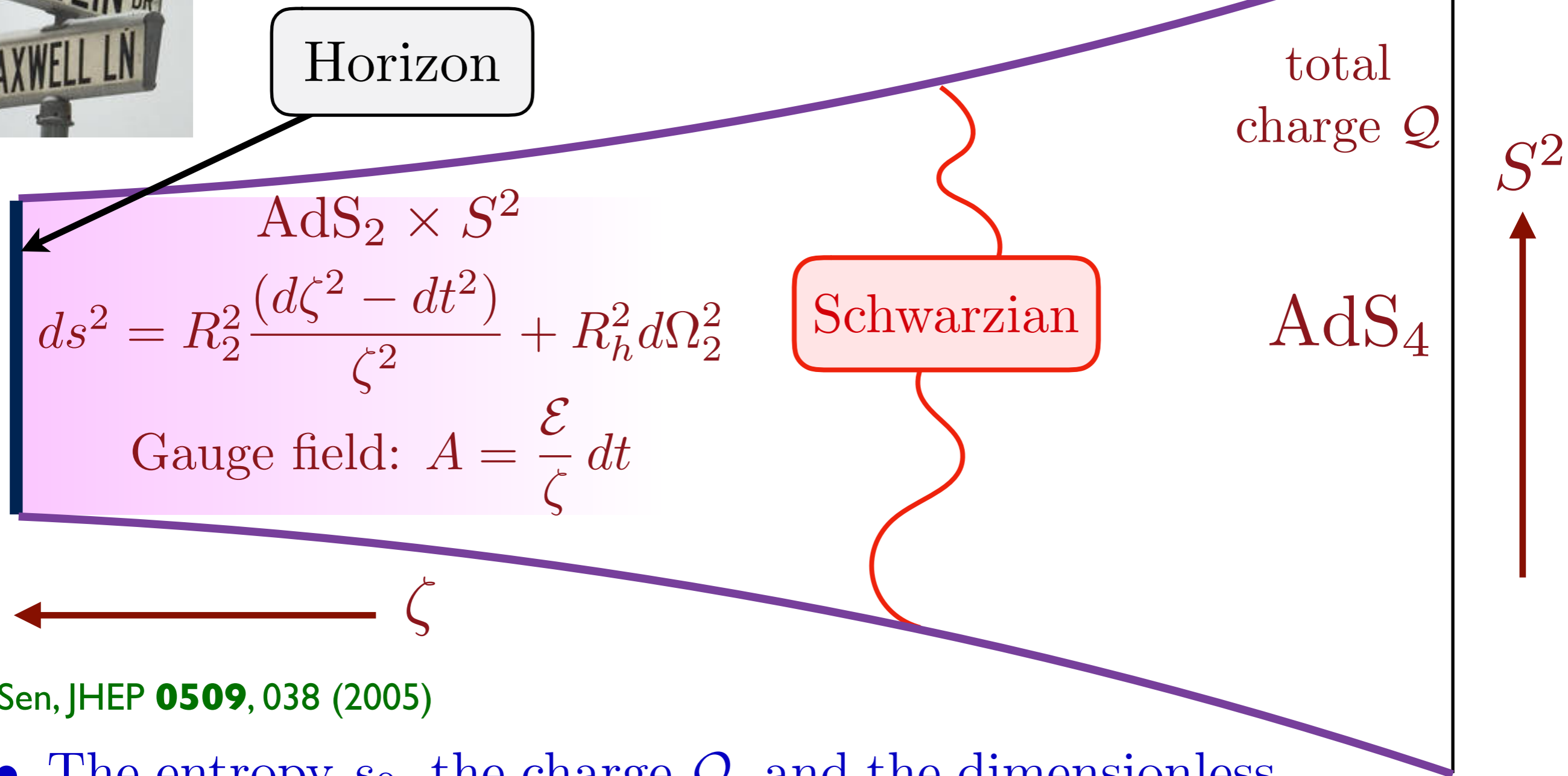
$$\langle c_\alpha(\tau) c_\alpha^\dagger(0) \rangle = e^{\pi\mathcal{E}} \frac{A}{\sqrt{\tau}} \quad , \quad \langle c_\alpha^\dagger(\tau) c_\alpha(0) \rangle = e^{-\pi\mathcal{E}} \frac{A}{\sqrt{\tau}}$$

At $T > 0$, there is a non-zero entropy s_0 , and the fermion correlators also precisely match those of the SYK model.

S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 151602 (2010)



Charged black holes



A. Sen, JHEP **0509**, 038 (2005)

- The entropy s_0 , the charge Q , and the dimensionless electric field \mathcal{E} obey

$$\frac{ds_0}{dQ} = 2\pi\mathcal{E}$$

S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 151602 (2010); PRX **5**, 041025 (2015)

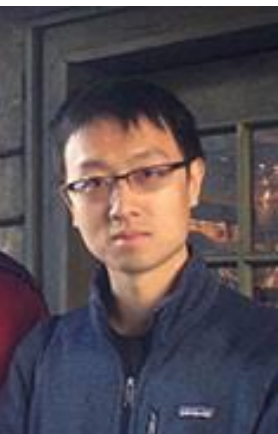
The complex SYK model has a universal Luttinger-like relation between the charge Q and the spectral asymmetry \mathcal{E} , which can be integrated to obtain s_0 as a function \mathcal{E} .

$$Q = \frac{1}{4}(3 - \tanh(2\pi\mathcal{E})) - \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}})$$

A. Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev, PRB **63**, 134406 (2001)

Precisely the same s_0 as a function of \mathcal{E} is obtained by the path integral of Dirac fermions on AdS_2 .

Yingfei Gu, A. Kitaev, S. Sachdev, and G. Tarnopolsky, to appear



In Einstein-Maxwell theory with action

$$I_{EM} = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{g} \left[-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(\mathcal{R}_{d+2} + \frac{d(d+1)}{L^2} \right) + \frac{1}{4g_F^2} F^2 \right],$$

the black-hole ‘equation of state’ is $s_0 = (2\pi s_d / \kappa^2) R_h^d$,

$$Q = \frac{s_d R_h^{d-1} \sqrt{d [(d+1)R_h^2 + (d-1)L^2]}}{L\kappa g_F}, \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{g_F R_h L \sqrt{d [(d+1)R_h^2 + (d-1)L^2]}}{\kappa [d(d+1)R_h^2 + (d-1)^2 L^2]}$$

A. Chamblin, R. Emparan, C.V. Johnson, and R.C. Myers, PRD **60**, 064018 (1999)

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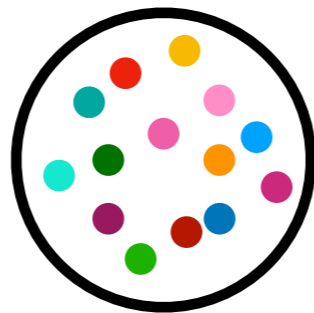
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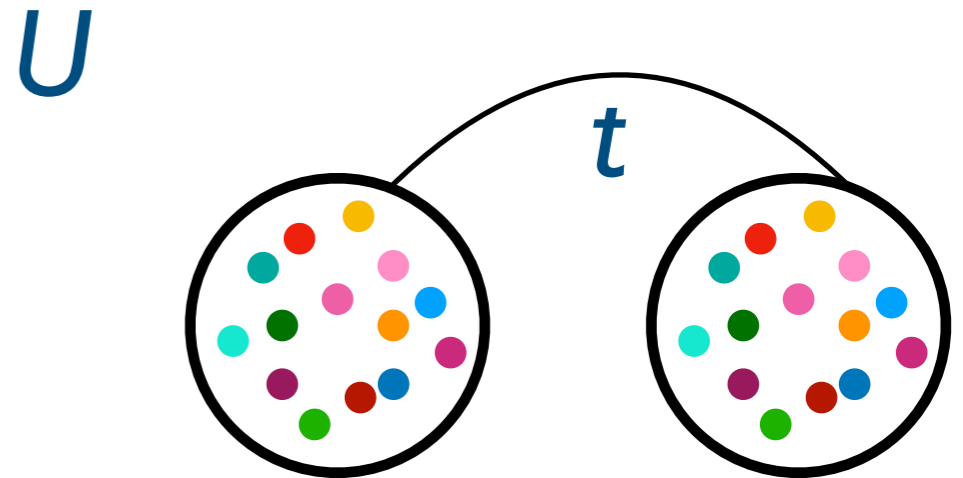
$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ are independent random variables

with $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$ and $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$



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Equivalent to an
 “eternal traversable wormhole”
 between two black holes with
 AdS₂ horizons



J. Maldacena and Xiao-Liang Qi, arXiv:1804.00491

A lattice SYK model

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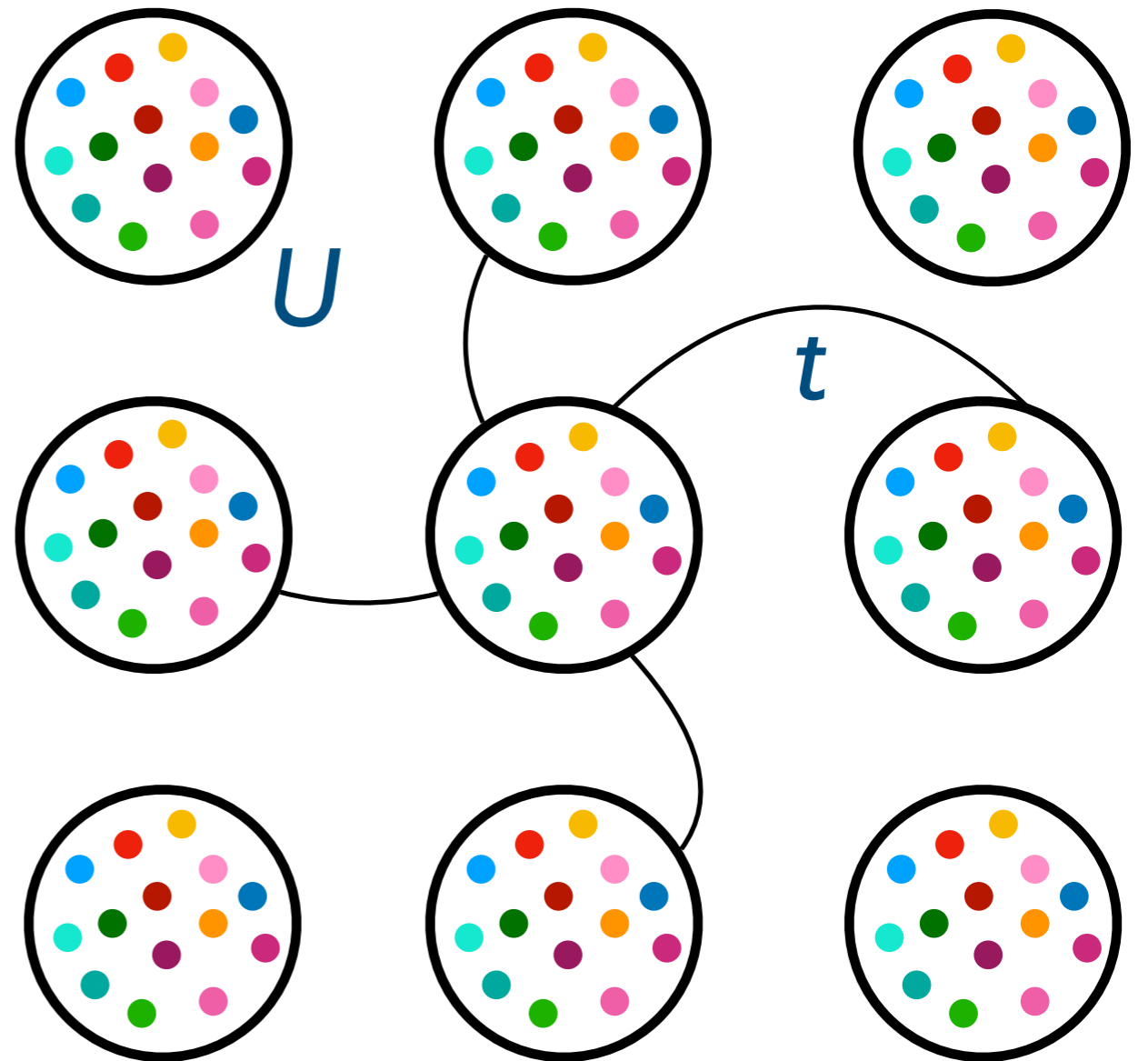
Choose U on-site,
and the same on all sites;
yields ‘incoherent metal’
with no Fermi surface
for $t^2/U \ll k_B T \ll U$ with

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = G_{\text{SYK}}(\epsilon, \hbar\omega / (k_B T))$$

independent of \mathbf{k} .

There is linear-in- T resistivity
but only with bad metal
behavior with $\rho > h/e^2$, and
co-efficient dependent upon U :

$$\rho \sim \frac{h}{e^2} \frac{k_B T}{t^2/U}$$



Xue-Yang Song, Chao-Ming Jian, and L. Balents, PRL **119**, 216601 (2017);
Pengfei Zhang, PRB **96**, 205138 (2017); Debanjan Chowdhury, Yochai Werman,
Erez Berg, T. Senthil, PRX **8**, 031024 (2018); Aavishkar A. Patel, John McGreevy,
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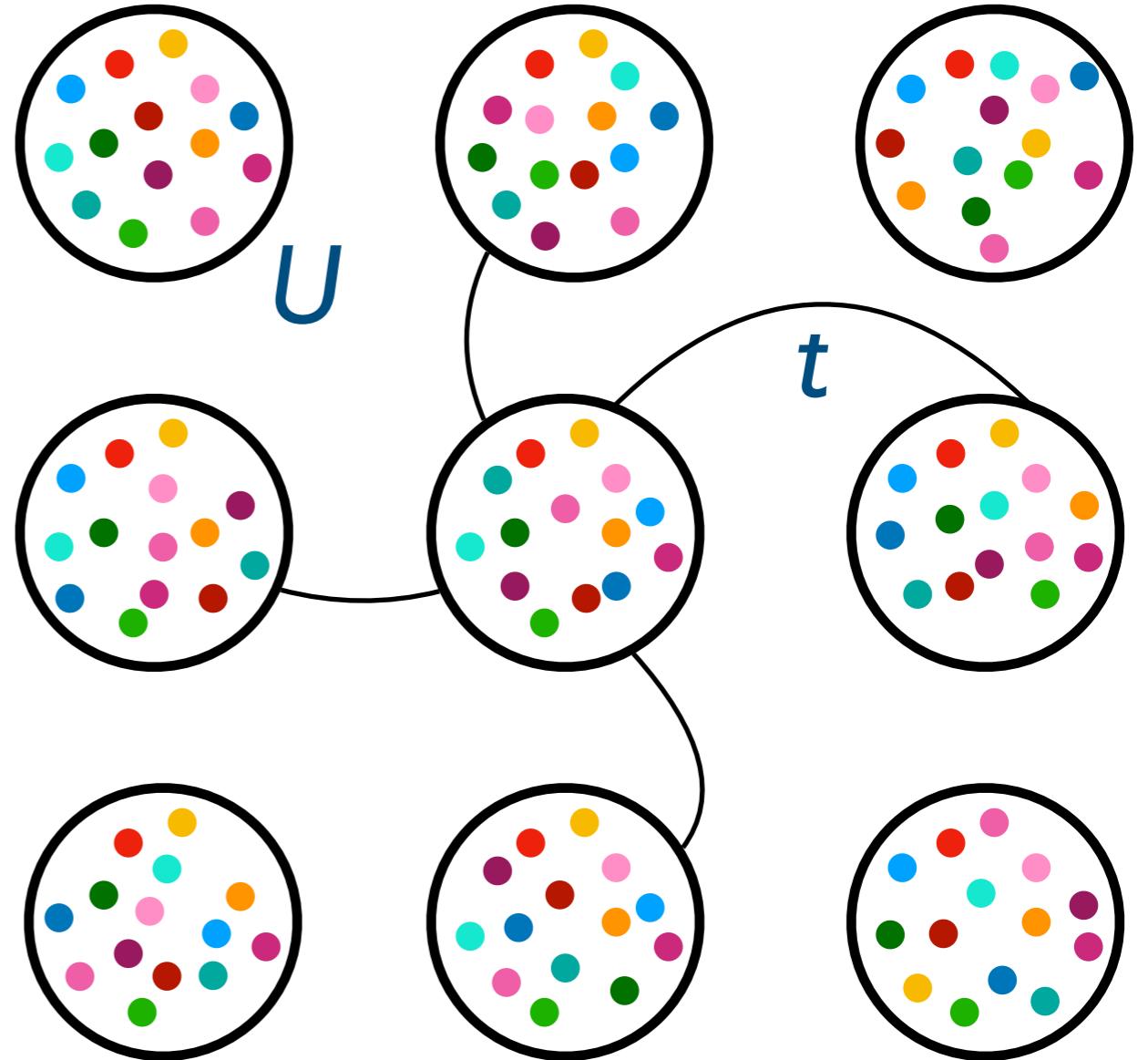
Choose U on-site,
and independent between sites;
yields ‘incoherent metal’
with no Fermi surface
for $t^2/U \ll k_B T \ll U$ with

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independent of \mathbf{k} .

There is linear-in- T resistivity
but only with bad metal
behavior with $\rho > h/e^2$, and
co-efficient dependent upon U :

$$\rho \sim \frac{h}{e^2} \frac{k_B T}{t^2/U}$$

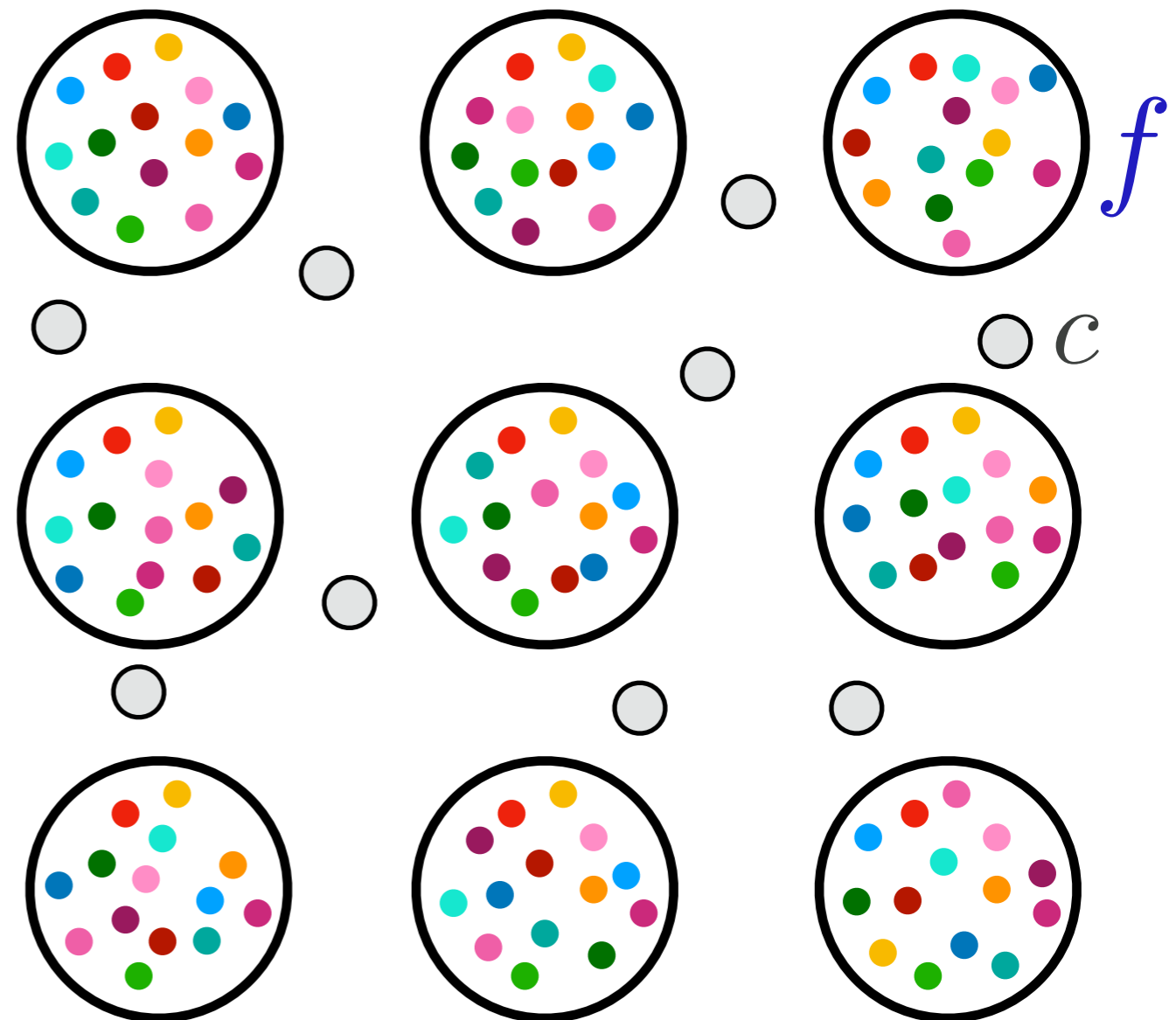


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A Kondo-SYK model

Mobile electrons (c) coupled to SYK quantum islands (f) with exchange interactions.

Has a regime where the c electrons form a marginal Fermi liquid with a linear-in- T resistivity dependent upon interaction strength, and a small Fermi surface which does not count the f electrons.



Similar results for many earlier 'marginal Fermi liquid' and holographic models

Generalized SYK models

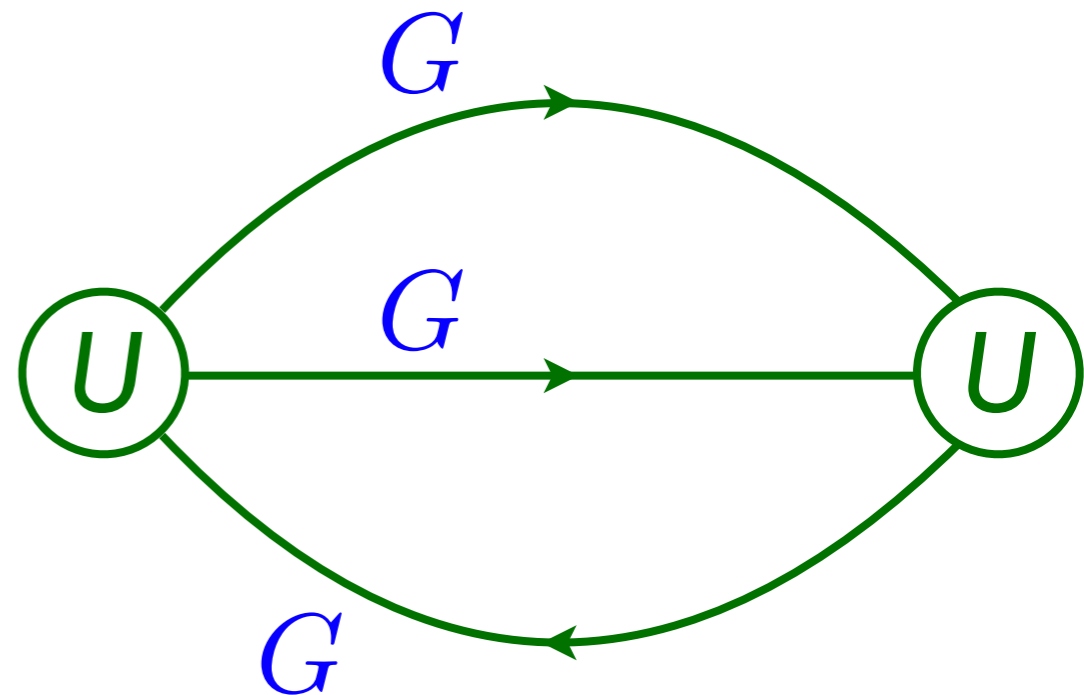
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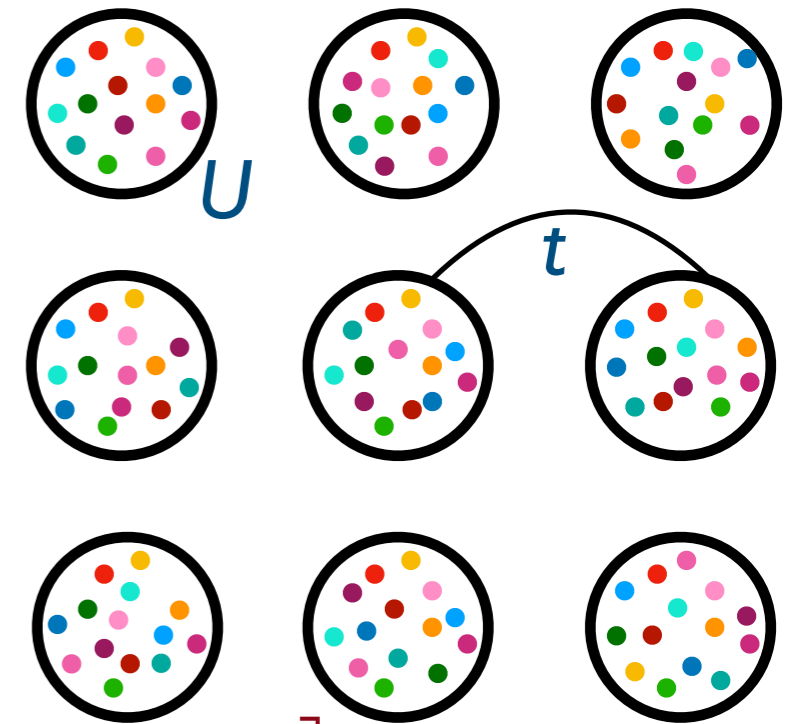
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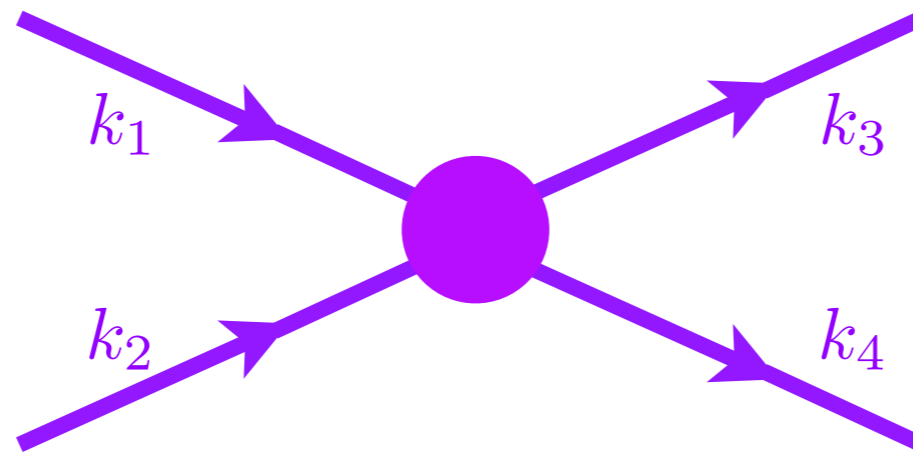
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Rewriting of lattice model of incoherent and bad metal in momentum space



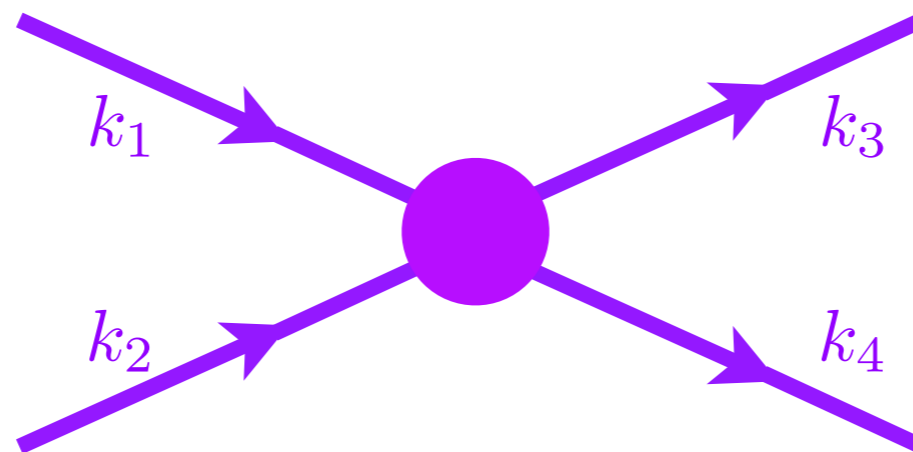
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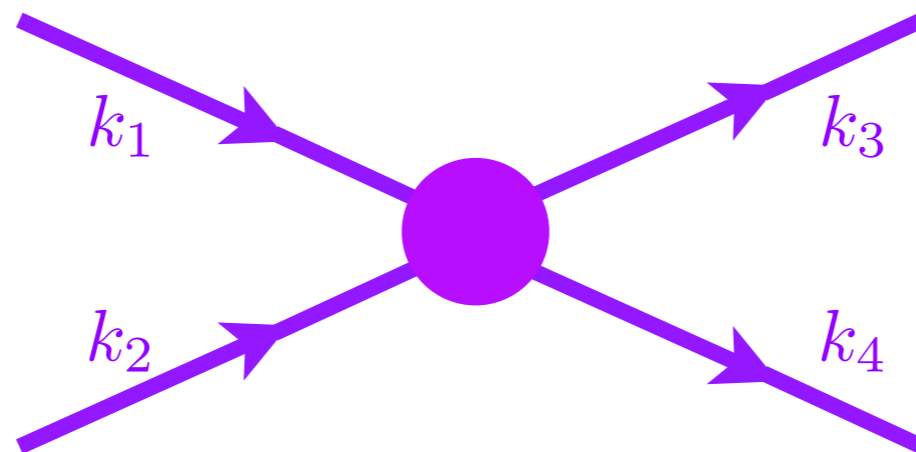
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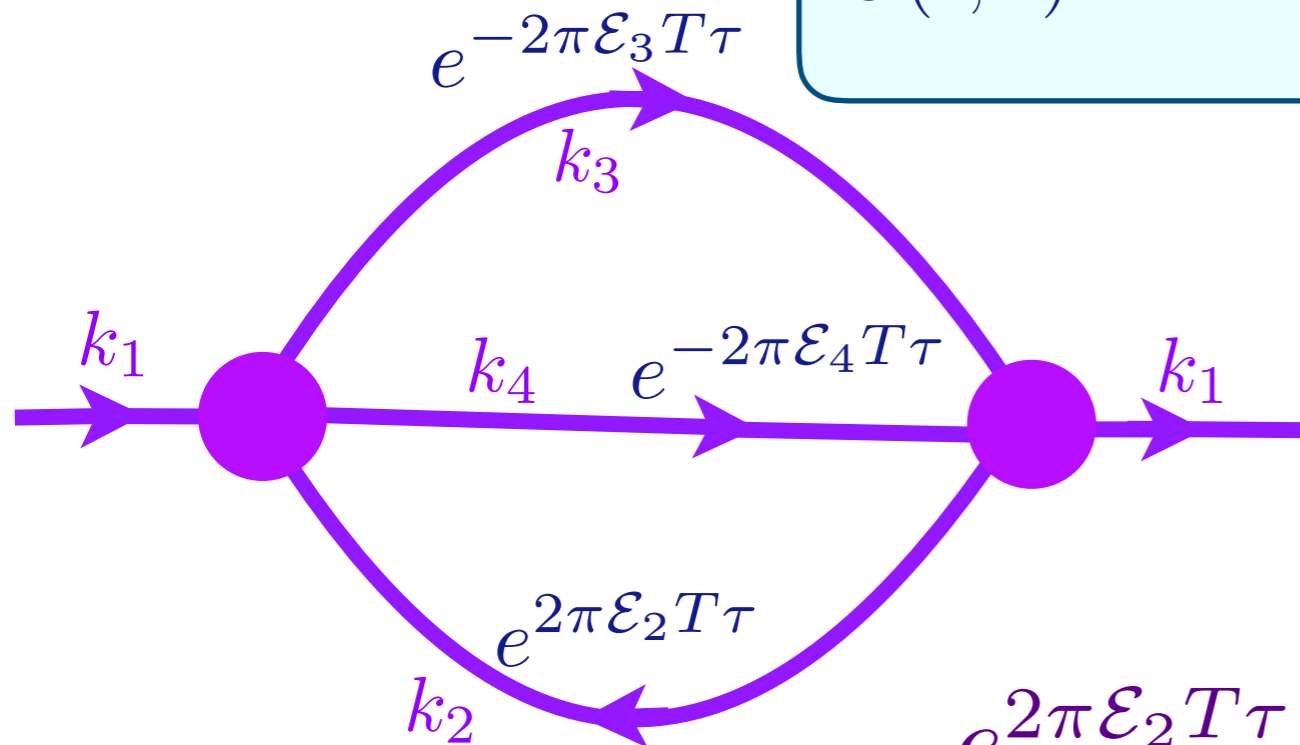
This implies off-site interactions with correlations which decay with a power-law in space.



Resonant SYK model

Conformal Green's function at $T > 0$ must have the form

$$G(\epsilon, \tau) \sim e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}T\tau} \left(\frac{T}{\sin(\pi T\tau)} \right)^{1/2}, \quad 0 < \tau < 1/T.$$



$$e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}_2 T\tau} e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}_3 T\tau} e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}_4 T\tau} = e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}_1 T\tau}$$

if

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and

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SYK behavior in a Planckian metal as $T \rightarrow 0$ with a remnant Fermi surface:
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The parameter \mathcal{E} is independent of k ,
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Planckian metal with remnant Fermi surface

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The particle-hole asymmetry changes as
we cross the Fermi surface



The complex SYK model

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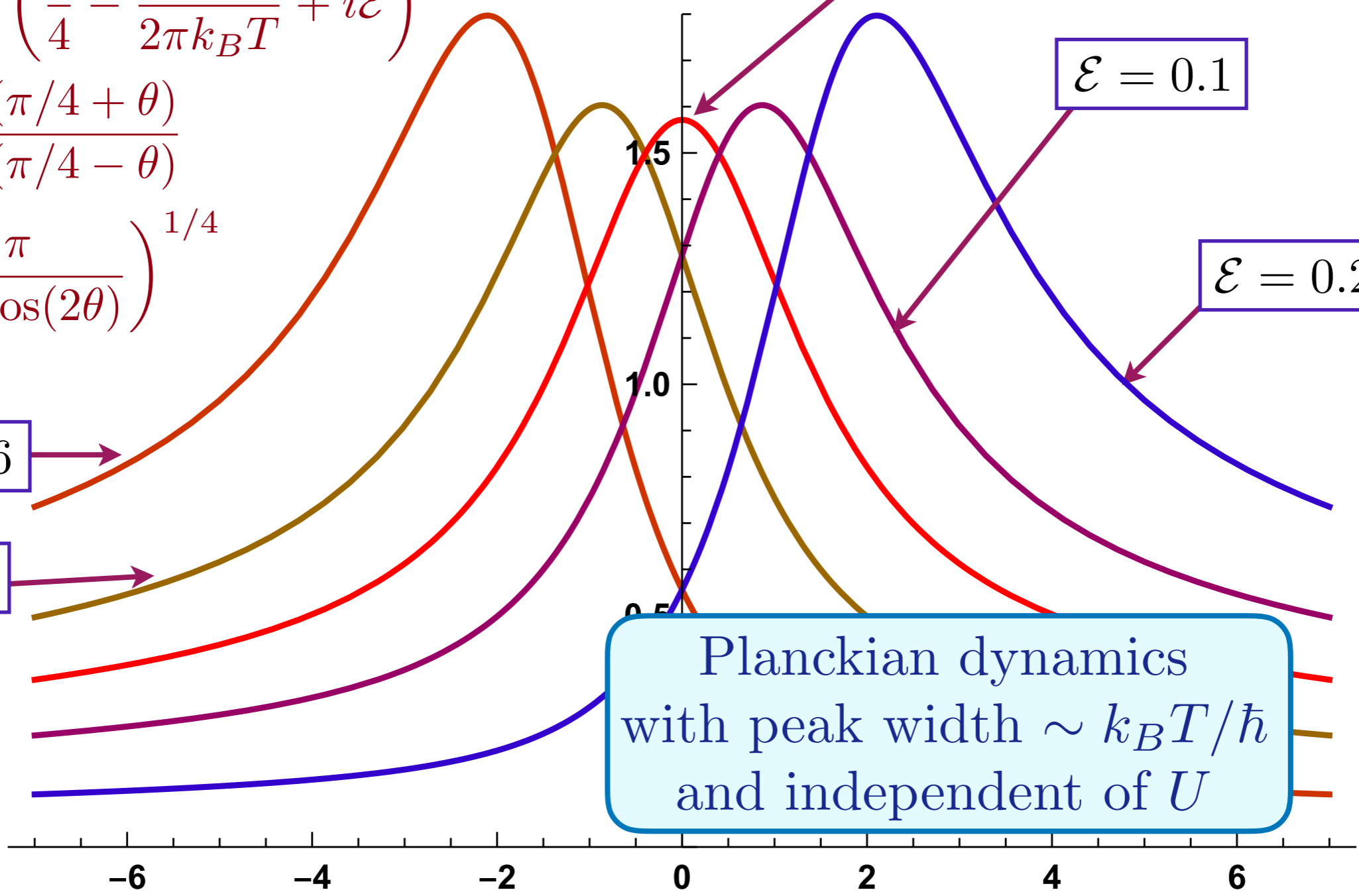
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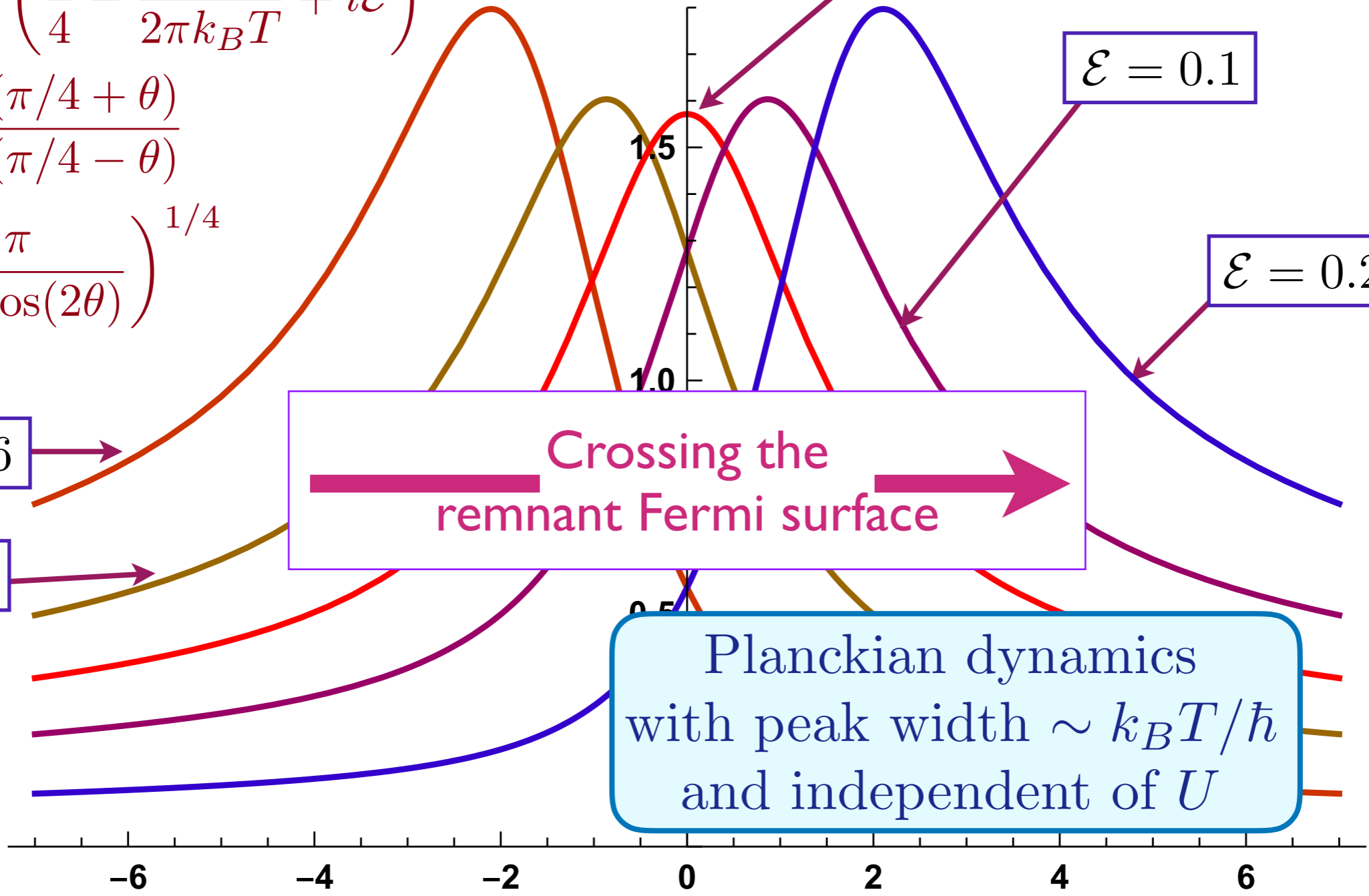
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Crossing the remnant Fermi surface

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where

$$m^* = \frac{d V_{FS}}{\oint_{FS} |\mathbf{v}_F|},$$

where d is spatial dimensionality and V_{FS} is the volume enclosed by the Fermi surface. For a circular Fermi surface, this is the usual m^* .

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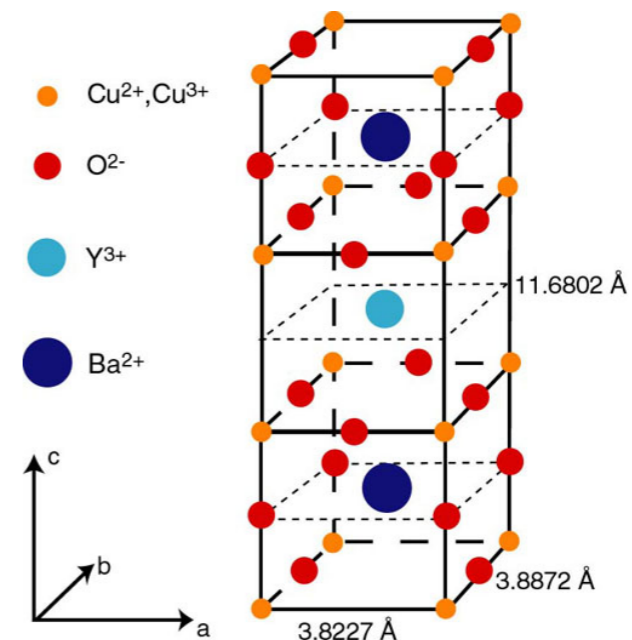
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Note that all explicit dependence on U has cancelled out!

The number \mathbb{C} is defined by $\mathcal{E}_k = \mathbb{C} \epsilon_k / U$ as $|\epsilon_k| \rightarrow 0$. This is determined by UV physics, and is very weakly dependent upon the ratio of the energy width of the interactions, W_U , to U .



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Resonant SYK model

Take the independent momentum shell limit, $W_U/U \rightarrow 0$,

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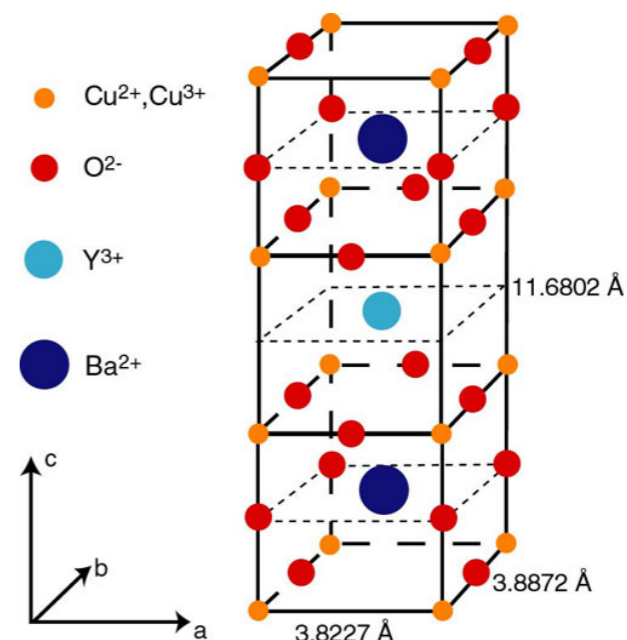
$$\times \left[\delta(\epsilon_{k_1} - \epsilon_{k_2})\delta(\epsilon_{k_2} - \epsilon_{k_3})\delta(\epsilon_{k_3} - \epsilon_{k_4}) + \delta(\epsilon_{k_5} - \epsilon_{k_6})\delta(\epsilon_{k_6} - \epsilon_{k_7})\delta(\epsilon_{k_7} - \epsilon_{k_8}) \right]$$

$\mathbb{C} = 0.41$ as in a single SYK model,
and we obtain a Planckian metal with

$$\rho = \frac{m^*}{ne^2} 1.11 \frac{k_B T}{\hbar}$$



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Planckian metals with a remnant Fermi surface

- Resonant SYK models are compressible and dispersive quantum systems with $\hbar\omega/(k_B T)$ scaling as $T \rightarrow 0$.
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