

DISORDER AND TRANSPORT IN STRANGE METALS - LESSONS FROM THEORY AND COMPUTATION

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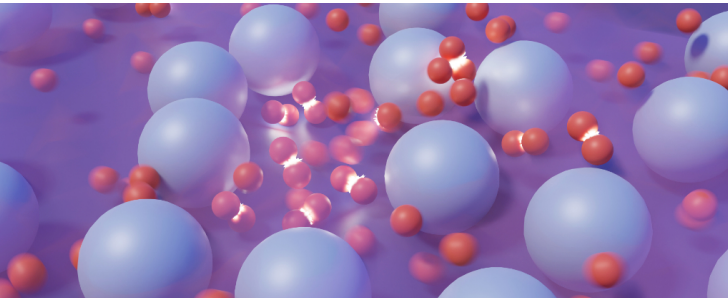
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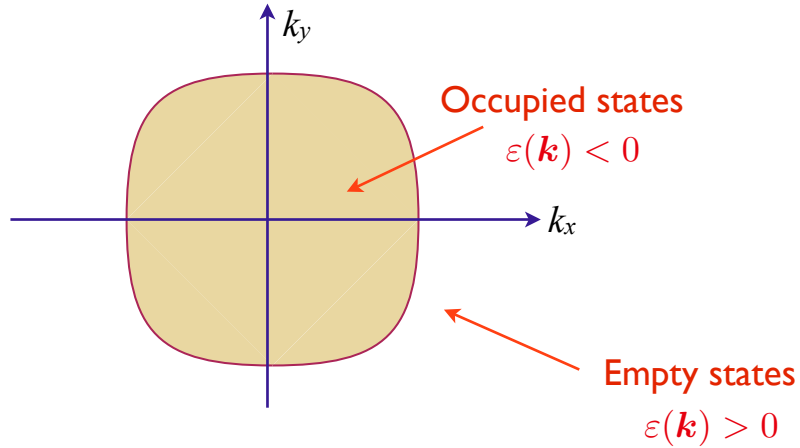
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Principles and phenomenology

Metals

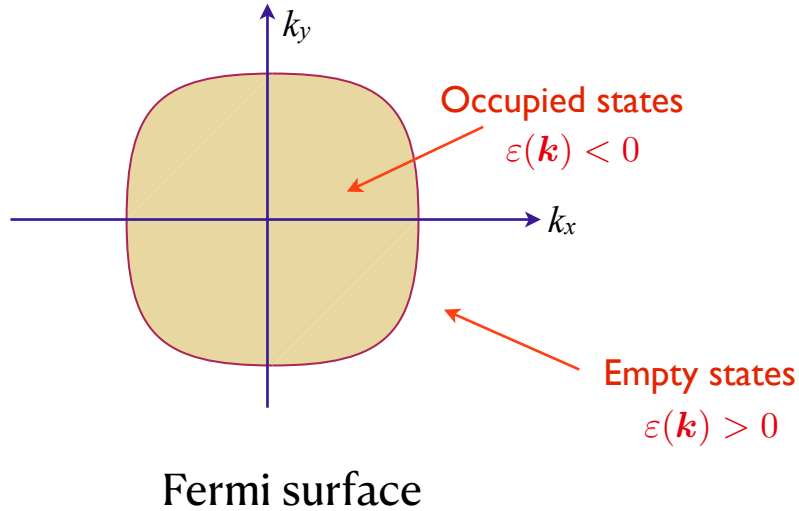


- States of fermionic matter at finite density.
- Compressible: $\partial Q / \partial \mu \neq 0$ as $T \rightarrow 0$.
- Large number of gapless excitations (the most gapless systems!).

Fermi surface

(k -space: translationally invariant metals)

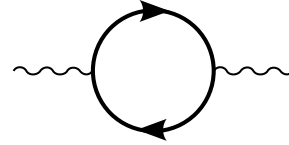
Fermi liquid theory



$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \psi_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \psi_{\mathbf{r}}^{\dagger} \psi_{\mathbf{r}} \psi_{\mathbf{r}'}^{\dagger} \psi_{\mathbf{r}'}$$



$$\sum_{\mathbf{r}} \phi_{\mathbf{r}} V^{-1}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \phi_{\mathbf{r}'} + \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \phi_{\mathbf{r}} \psi_{\mathbf{r}}^{\dagger} \psi_{\mathbf{r}}$$



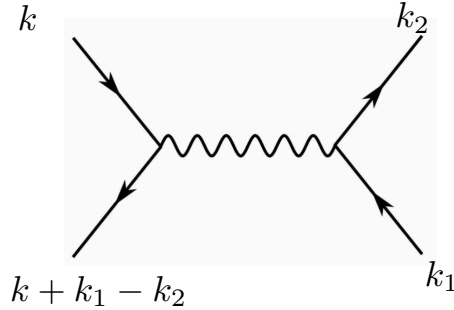
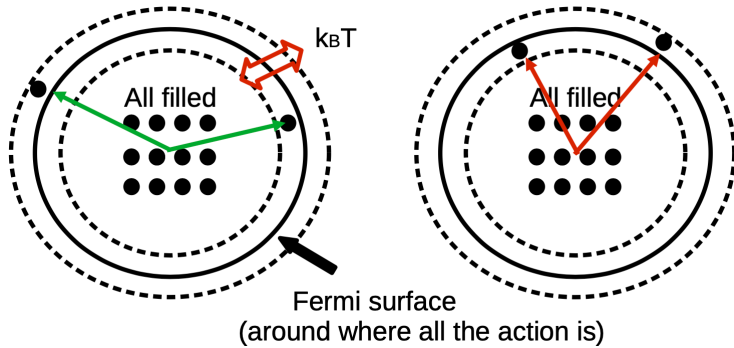
Screening leads to gapped boson

$$G_{\psi}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega) = \frac{Z}{i\omega - \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) + i\Gamma} \quad \Gamma \sim \max(\omega^2, T^2)$$

Fermions interact with gapped boson and become renormalized quasiparticles.

Fermi liquid theory

Screened interaction is similar to a weak contact interaction



$$\Gamma \sim \int d\epsilon_{k_1} d\epsilon_{k_2} d\epsilon_{k_3} n_f(\epsilon_{k_1})(1 - n_f(\epsilon_{k_2}))(1 - n_f(\epsilon_{k_3})) \times \delta(\omega + \epsilon_{k_1} - \epsilon_{k_2} - \epsilon_{k_3})$$

$$\Gamma \sim \max(\omega^2, T^2)$$

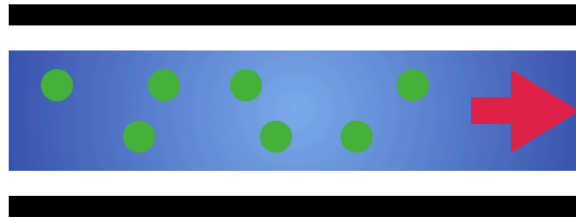
$$\Gamma \ll \max(\omega, T)$$

The small damping rate means that fermion quasiparticles are well defined additive excitations in a Fermi liquid ($d > 1$)

The momentum bottleneck



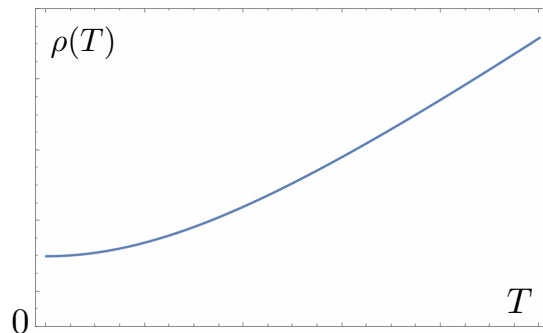
- Current carries momentum
- Resistance requires current relaxation \rightarrow momentum relaxation



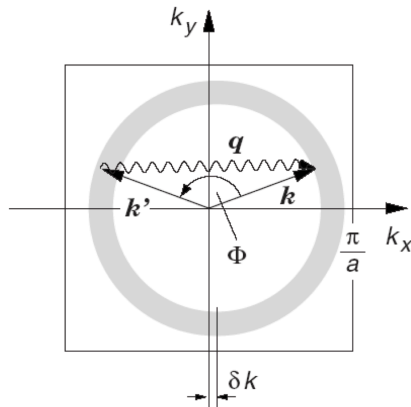
- Generic sources of momentum relaxation in solids: Umklapp, phonons, disorder. Translational invariance has to be broken.

Transport in conventional metals

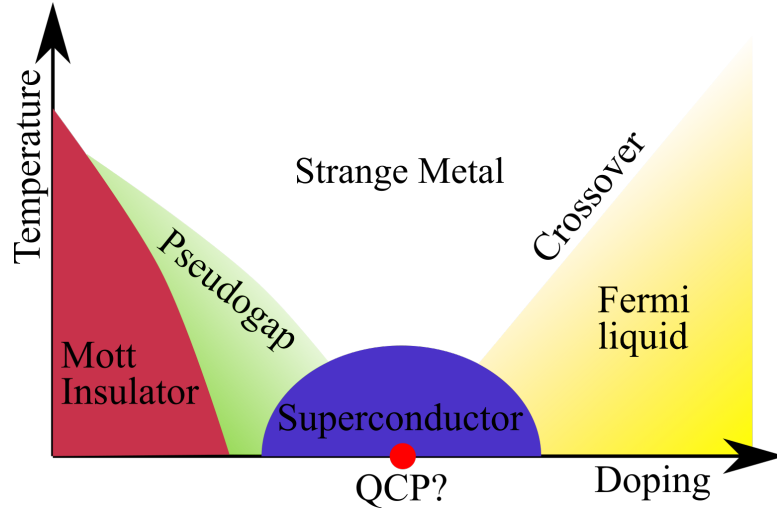
- Low T : $\rho(T) \sim T^2$ from Fermi liquid Umklapp processes.
- High T : $\rho(T) \sim T$ from phonons
- Residual resistivity $\rho(0) > 0$ from impurities



- Both Umklapp and phonons are “gapped” $2k_F$ processes that can’t produce anything more than $\rho(T) \sim T^2$ at low T



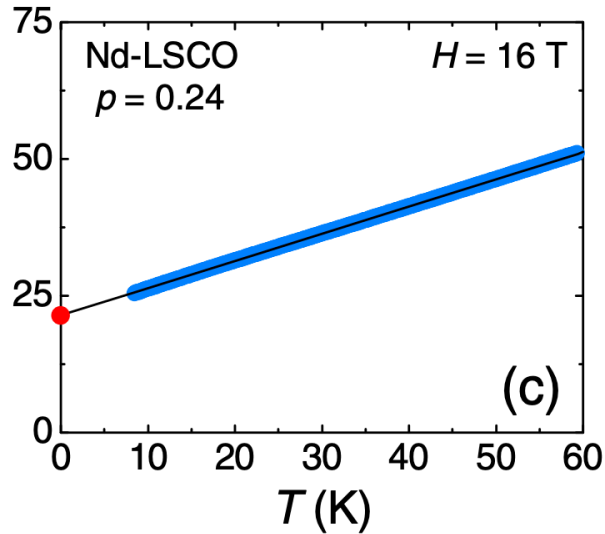
Strange metals



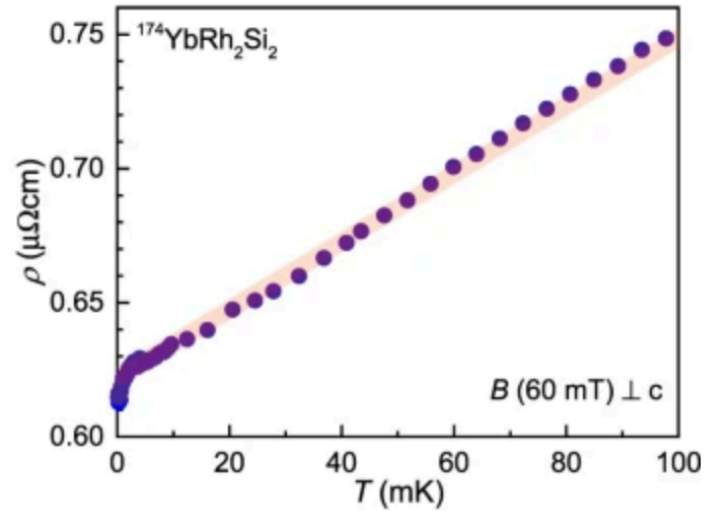
- 2D or quasi-2D (layered) materials.
- T -linear electrical resistivity
- Sometimes proximate to putative quantum critical points.

Transport in strange metals

T -linear resistivity down to $T \rightarrow 0$



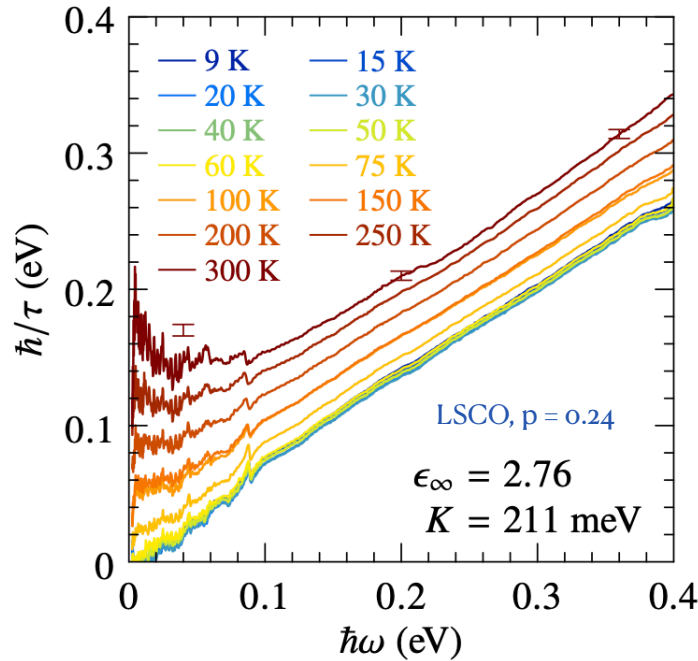
Michon et al, PRX 8, 041010 (2018)
Cuprate



Nguyen et al, Nat. Comm 12, 4341 (2021)
Heavy fermion

Transport in strange metals

Inelastic scattering from optical measurements



$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{K}{\frac{1}{\tau(\omega)} - i\omega \frac{m^*(\omega)}{m}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau(\omega)} \propto |\omega| \Phi\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$$

Large, frequency dependent
(therefore inelastic) scattering rate
in optical conductivity.

Also seen in photoemission

(Reber et al, Nat. Comm. **10**, 5737 (2019))

Michon et al, Nat. Comm. **14**, 3033 (2023)

Transport constraints in strange metals

- Need T -linear DC resistivity at low T
- Finite DC resistivity requires momentum relaxation
- \rightarrow 3 generic options: Umklapp, phonons, disorder
- Finite activation gap for phonons and Umklapp \rightarrow weak scattering at low T , doesn't give T -linear as $T \rightarrow 0$

Transport constraints in strange metals

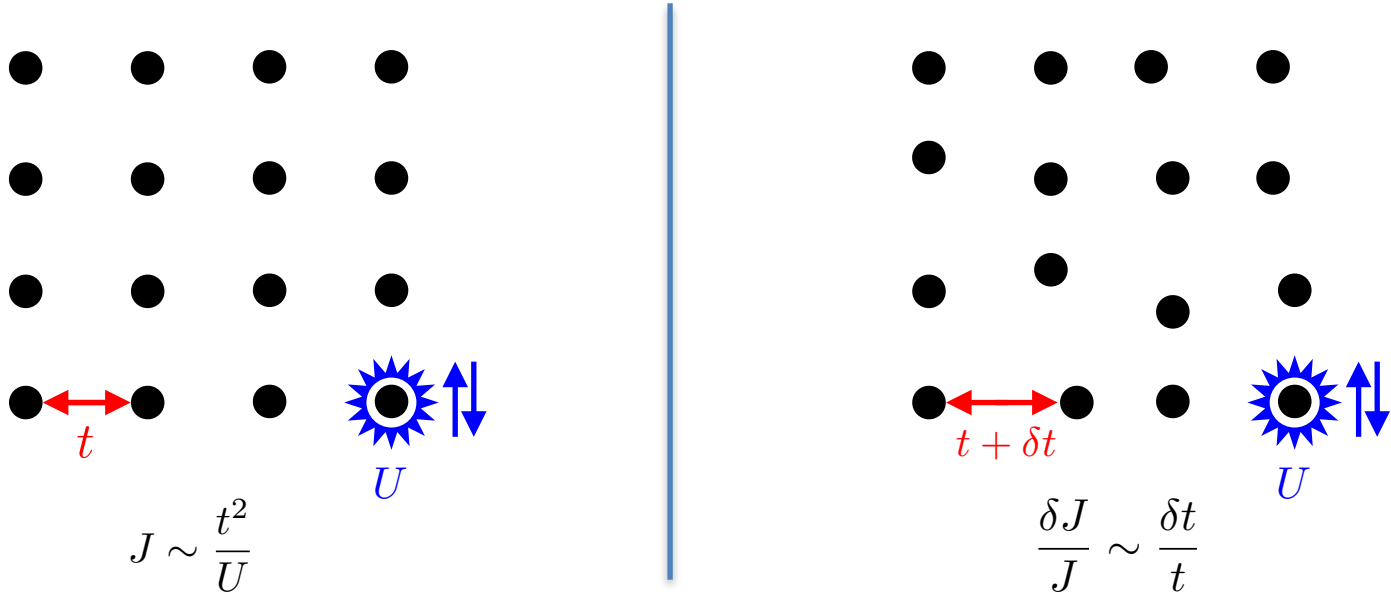
- Furthermore, ω -linear AC scattering rate
- \rightarrow Inelastic scattering
- Electron-phonon scattering is elastic in T -linear regime
- Electron-potential disorder scattering is also elastic

Transport constraints in strange metals

- None of phonons, Umklapp, potential disorder seem to work
- Disordered interactions can overcome inadequacies of these mechanisms, by providing momentum-relaxing inelastic scattering that can be strong at low T

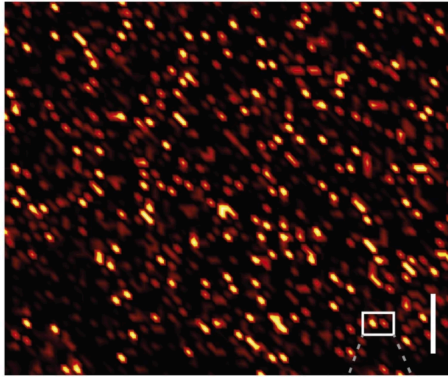
Origin of Disordered Interactions

A simple example



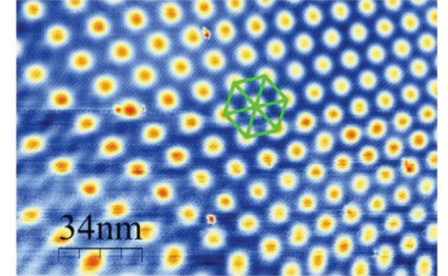
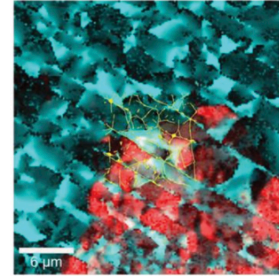
- Randomness in hopping strengths leads to randomness in exchange interactions.

Microscopic disorder in correlated electron materials



Randomness in dopant and charge density in cuprates

Campi et al, *Nature* **525**, 359–362 (2015)



Twist angle disorder in moiré materials

Andrei and MacDonald, *Nat. Mater.* **19**, 1265–1275 (2020)

- These can lead to randomness in hopping strengths (and also randomness in U itself) in effective Hubbard-type models

Zhou and Ceperley, *Phys. Rev. A* **81**, 013402 (2010)

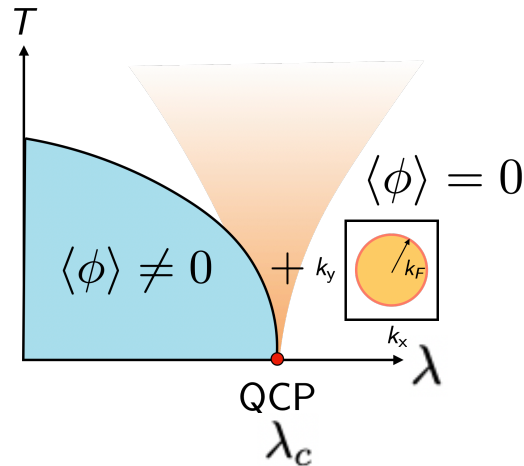
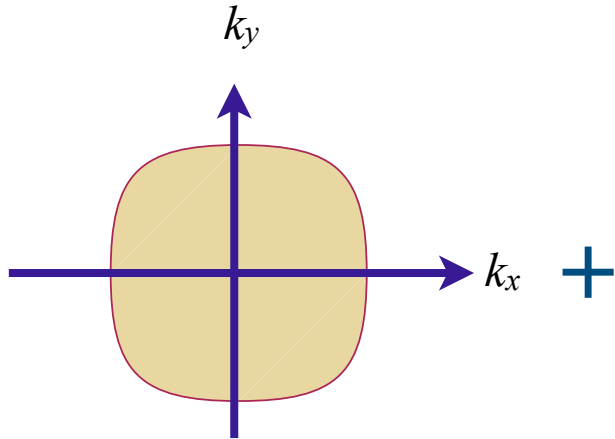
Theoretical models

non-Fermi Liquid Metal

Strong electron-electron interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) \right) \psi_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\tau \phi)^2 + (\nabla \phi)^2 + (\lambda - \lambda_c) \phi^2]$$

“Yukawa” coupling: $g \int d^2 r d\tau \psi^\dagger(r, \tau) \psi(r, \tau) \phi(r, \tau)$



J. A. Hertz, Phys. Rev. B **14**, 1165 (1976)

A. J. Millis, Phys. Rev. B **48**, 7183 (1993)

Translationally invariant, $\rho_{DC}(T) = 0$.

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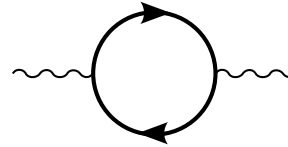
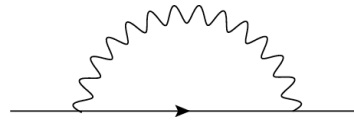
Eliashberg solution for electron (G) and boson (D) Green’s functions at small ω :

$$\Sigma(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, i\omega) \sim -i \text{sgn}(\omega) |\omega|^{2/3}, \quad G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega - \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) - \Sigma(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, i\omega)}, \quad D(\mathbf{q}, i\Omega) = \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + q^2 + \gamma |\Omega|/q}$$

P.A. Lee, Phys. Rev. Lett **63**, 680 (1989)

(in two spatial dimensions)

Strong inelastic forward scattering, no well-defined quasiparticles, but no momentum relaxation.



(Boson is massless but damped at QCP)

Translationally invariant, $\rho_{DC}(T) = 0$.

I. Esterlis, H. Guo, A. A. P and S. Sachdev, [Phys. Rev. B **103**, 235129 \(2021\)](#)
 H. Guo, A. A. P., I. Esterlis and S. Sachdev, [Phys. Rev. B **106**, 115151 \(2022\)](#)

non-Fermi Liquid Metal with Disordered Interactions

Strong and disordered electron-electron interactions

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Random potential $\int d^2 r d\tau v(r) \psi^\dagger(r, \tau) \psi(r, \tau)$

“Yukawa” coupling: $\int d^2 r d\tau [g + \underline{g'(r)}] \psi^\dagger(r, \tau) \psi(r, \tau) \phi(r, \tau)$

Spatially random Yukawa coupling $g'(r)$ with $\overline{g'(r)} = 0$, $\overline{g'(r)g'(r')} = g'^2 \delta(r - r')$

- Hubbard-Stratonovich decomposition of random 4-Fermi term (such as exchange) produces random Yukawa coupling.

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[Science 381 \(6659\) 790-793 \(2023\)](#)

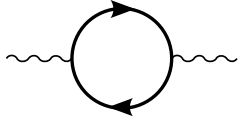
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Strong and disordered electron-electron interactions

Boson self energy: $\Pi = \Pi_g + \Pi_{g'}$

$$\Pi_g(i\Omega) \sim -\frac{g^2}{v^2}|\Omega|,$$

$$\Pi_{g'}(i\Omega) \sim -g'^2|\Omega|,$$



$$D(q, i\Omega) = \frac{1}{q^2 + \gamma|\Omega|}$$

(in two spatial dimensions, at QCP)

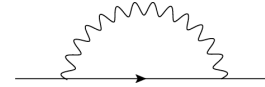


Fermion self energy: $\Sigma = \Sigma_v + \Sigma_g + \Sigma_{g'}$

$$\Sigma_v(i\omega) \sim -iv^2\text{sgn}(\omega),$$

$$\Sigma_g(i\omega) \sim -i\frac{g^2}{v^2}\omega \ln(1/|\omega|),$$

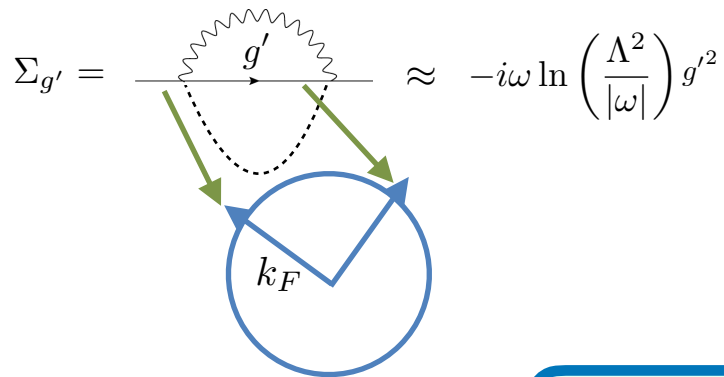
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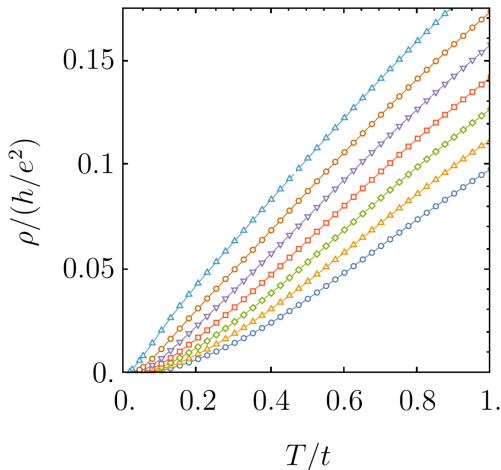
- Self-consistent 1-loop calculation (Eliashberg), equivalent to a large- N saddle point

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non-Fermi Liquid Metal with Disordered Interactions



- Disordered interaction g' vertex does not conserve momentum
- \rightarrow Current and momentum relaxing scattering of fermions by critical bosons



Conductivity: $\sigma(\omega) \sim [1/\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega) - i\omega m^*(\omega)/m]^{-1}$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} \sim v^2 + g'^2|\omega| \quad ; \quad \frac{m^*(\omega)}{m} \sim \frac{2g'^2}{\pi} \ln(\Lambda/\omega)$$

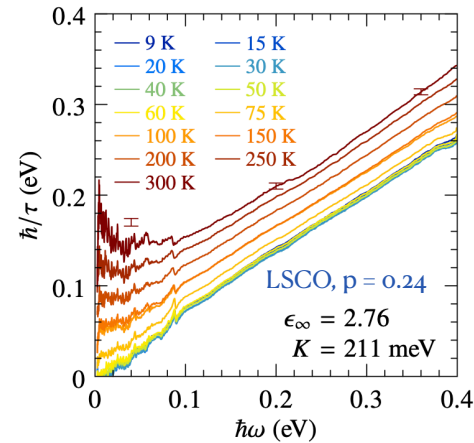
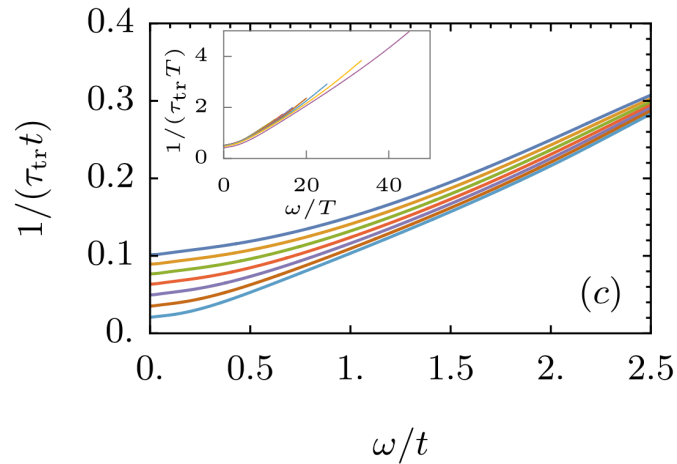
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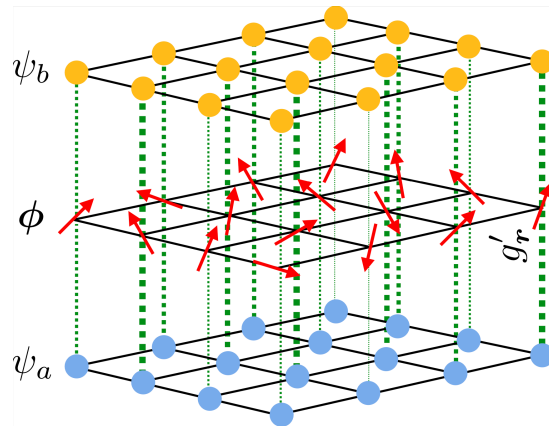
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Numerics beyond mean-field/Eliashberg

Model for sign-free Quantum Monte Carlo

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{S}[\phi, \psi, \psi^\dagger] = & \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} \sum_{\alpha=a,b} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow, \downarrow} \sum_{j=1}^2 \psi_{\alpha, \sigma, j, \mathbf{r}}^\dagger [(\partial_\tau - \mu_\alpha) \delta_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} - t_{\alpha, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'}] \psi_{\alpha, \sigma, j, \mathbf{r}'} \\
 & + \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left[\frac{1}{2c^2} (\partial_\tau \phi_{\mathbf{r}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi_{\mathbf{r}})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\phi_{\mathbf{r}})^2 + \frac{u}{4} (\phi_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \phi_{\mathbf{r}})^2 \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'=\uparrow, \downarrow} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{r}} g'_{\mathbf{r}} e^{i\mathbf{Q}_{\text{AF}} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \phi_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \left[\psi_{\alpha, \sigma, j, \mathbf{r}}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\sigma, \sigma'} \psi_{b, \sigma', j, \mathbf{r}} + \text{h.c.} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$



Two-band structure: Berg,
Metlitski, Sachdev, Science **338**
1606-1609 (2012).

Model for sign-free Quantum Monte Carlo

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 \end{aligned}$$

- Integrate out fermions ψ : $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] e^{-S_B[\phi]} \det[A(\phi)]$
- A is Hermitian positive definite, legitimate probability distribution.

Facing the determinant

- Need large system size to see enough disorder
- Lattice: L^2 sites, N_t imaginary time points.
- Compute $\det[A]$ directly: $O(L^6 N_t^3)$ cost, very bad.
- Usual determinant QMC method with low-rank updates: $O(L^6 N_t)$.
- Requires storing and applying an extensively-sized dense matrix A^{-1} , prohibitive memory and bandwidth costs for large L, N_t .

Hybrid Monte Carlo

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}[\vec{\phi}] e^{-S_B[\vec{\phi}]} \det[A(\vec{\phi})]$$
$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}[\vec{\phi}] \mathcal{D}[\varphi, \varphi^*] e^{-S_B[\vec{\phi}]} e^{-\varphi^* A^{-1}(\vec{\phi}) \varphi}$$

- Avoid evaluating det by sampling over φ .
- Solve linear system with A at each step to determine $A^{-1}(\vec{\phi})\varphi$.
- Cost of the (iterative) linear solve depends upon the condition number of A which can become large at low T , preconditioning is generally required.
- Uses far less memory and bandwidth, GPU friendly, $O(L^2 N_t^{\alpha \gtrsim 1})$, scales to large sizes
- We go up to $L = 40$, $N_t = 800$ ($\beta = 80$).

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- Sample φ from distribution, use fictitious Hamiltonian dynamics to update ϕ , repeat iteratively.

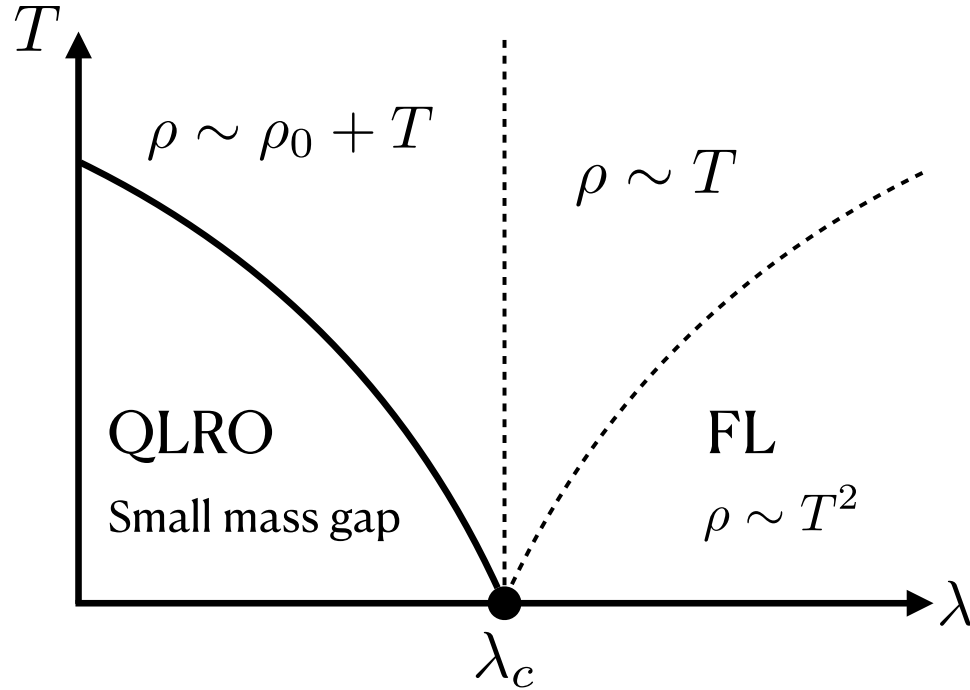
$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = M^{-1}\pi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\pi}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}(\phi, \varphi)}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{randomly sampled fictitious momentum } \pi)$$

- Integrator time step size and number of steps are chosen in a warmup phase to maximize change in ϕ . (P. Lunts et al, Nat. Comm. 14, 2547 (2023)).
- M^{-1} is set equal to a running estimate of the $\vec{\phi}$ propagator for optimal updates (P. Lunts et al, Nat. Comm. 14, 2547 (2023)).

S. Duane et al, Phys. Lett. B **195**, 216-222 (1987)

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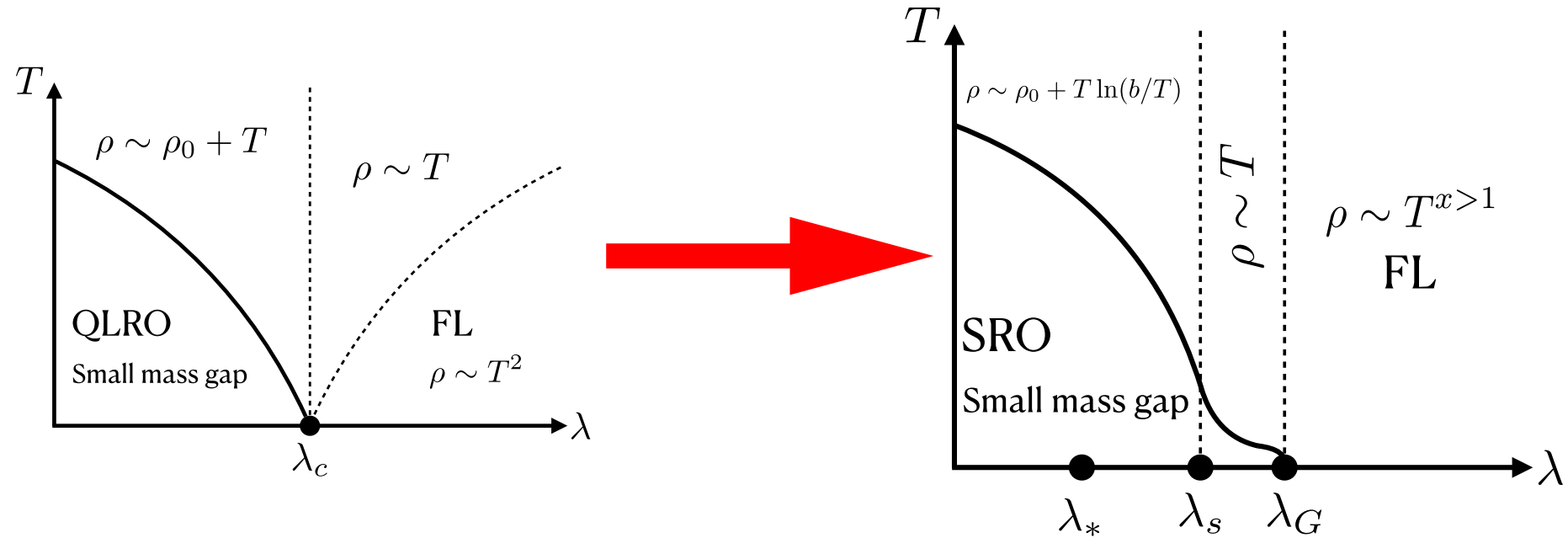
Mean-field (Eliashberg) phase diagram



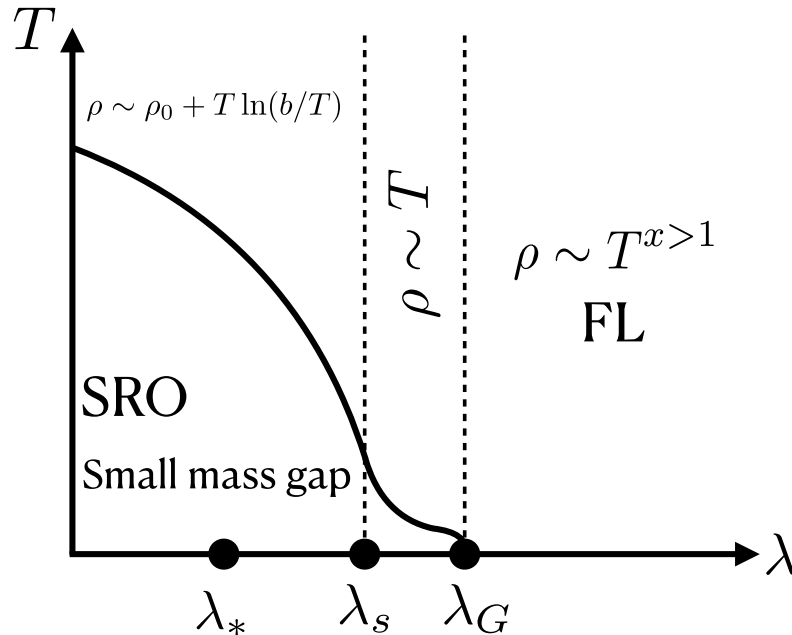
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Non-perturbative phase diagram



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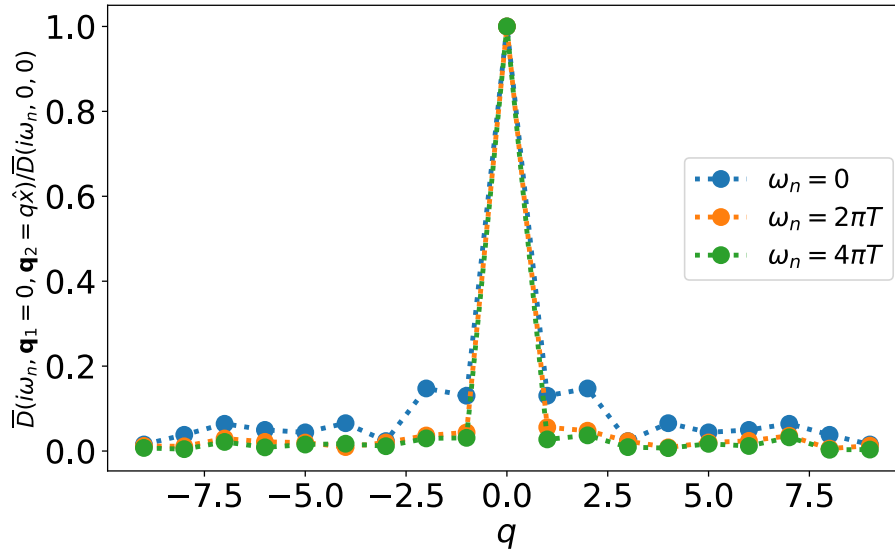


- Extended region of T -linear resistivity ($\lambda_s < \lambda < \lambda_G$)
- Gapless SRO boson phase, eventual crossover to LRO for $\lambda < \lambda_*$, no sharp QPT to LRO.

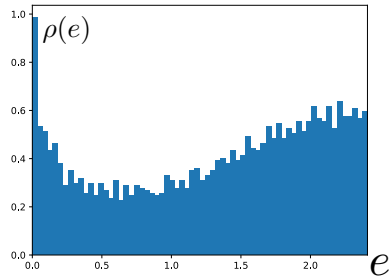
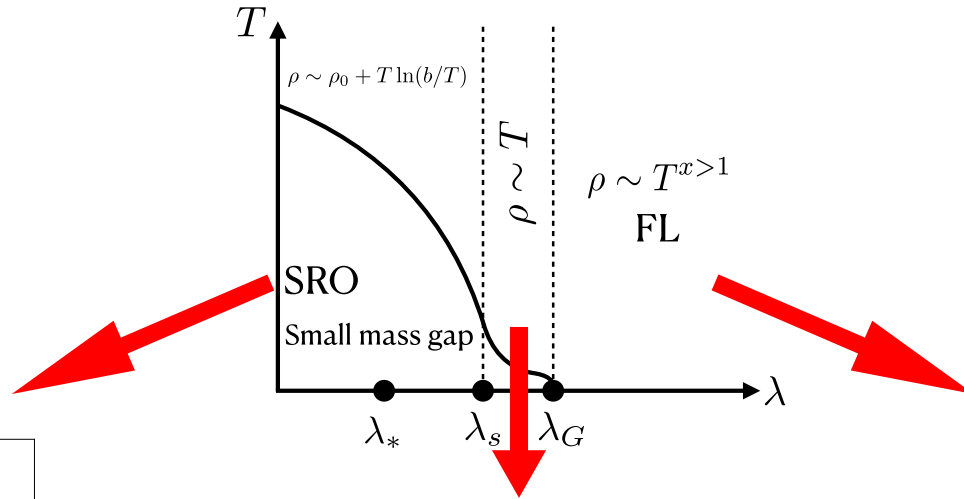
Dirty bosons

- Key to new physics: strongly disordered bosons at low energies

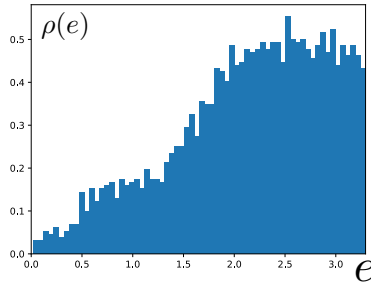
$$D(i\omega_n = 0, \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2 \neq \mathbf{q}_1) \neq 0$$



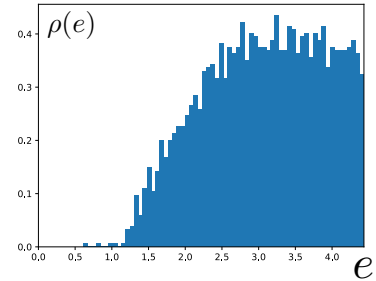
Boson density of states



$$\rho(e \rightarrow 0) > 0, \rho'(e \rightarrow 0) < 0$$

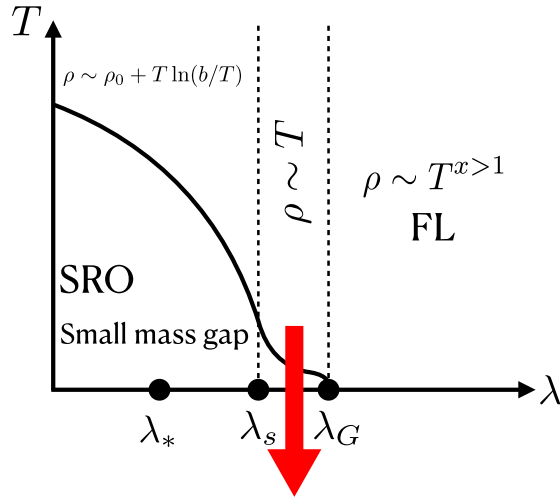


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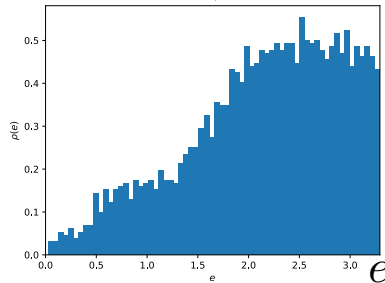


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Boson density of states

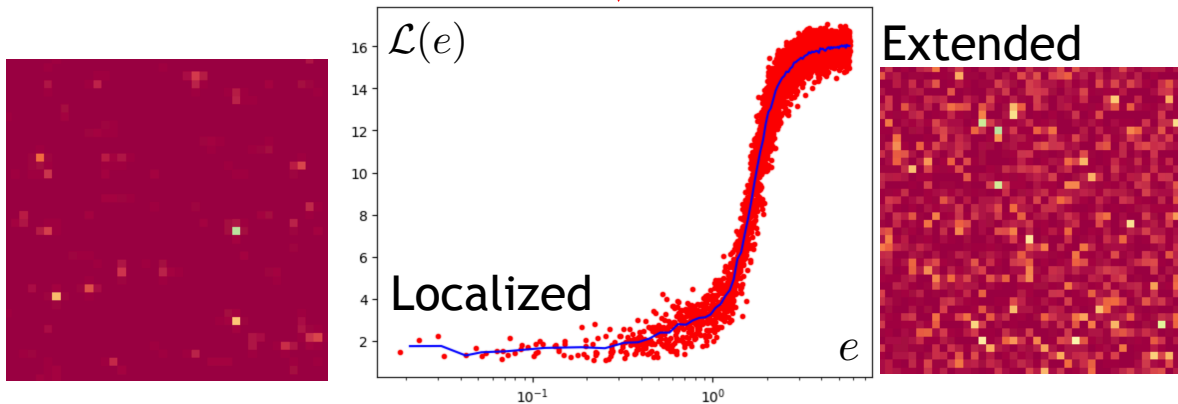
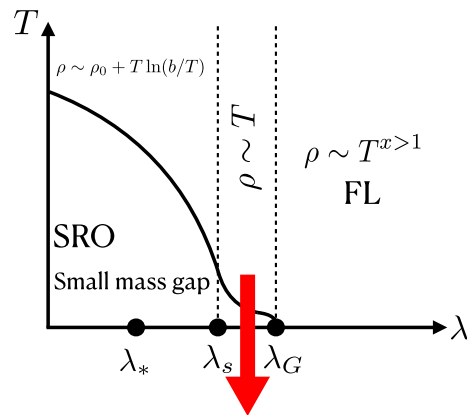


- Gapless constant low-energy DOS for $\lambda_s < \lambda < \lambda_G$ similar to $\lambda = \lambda_c$ in mean field (quadratic dispersion in 2D)
- But, boson eigenmodes are not plane-wave states
- Spatial correlation length is not large
- Not a QCP

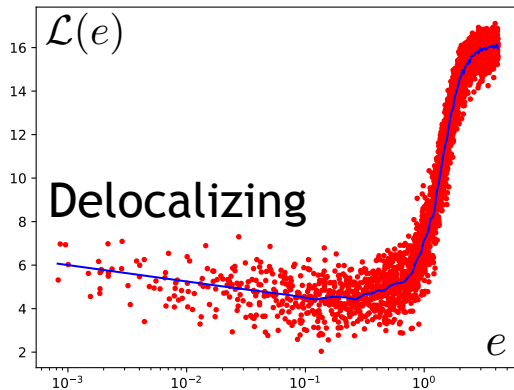
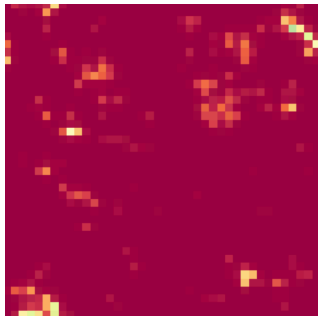
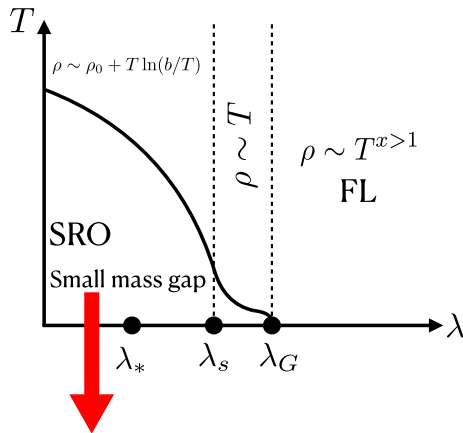


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Boson eigenmodes

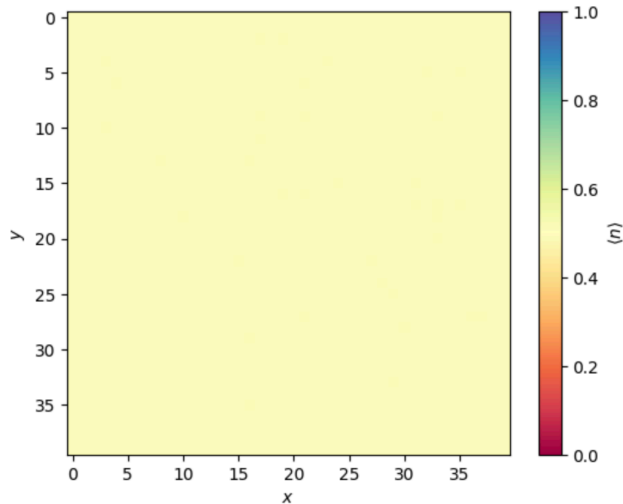


Boson eigenmodes

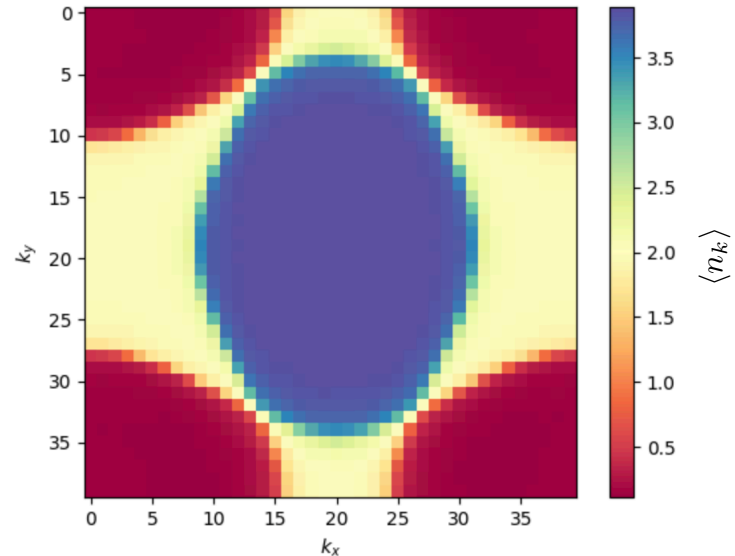
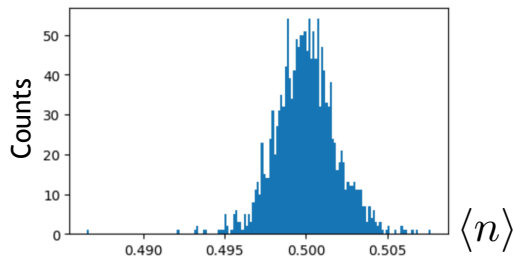


- Gradual crossover to LRO for $\lambda < \lambda_*$ associated with localized low-energy modes slowly delocalizing again

Dirty bosons, clean fermions



Uniform real-space occupation



Fermi surface in momentum-space occupation

$$\lambda = \lambda_S$$

Transport

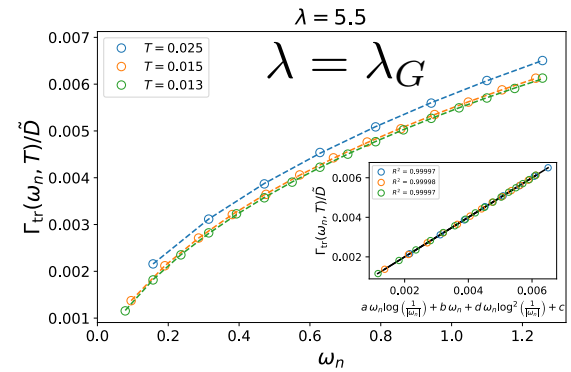
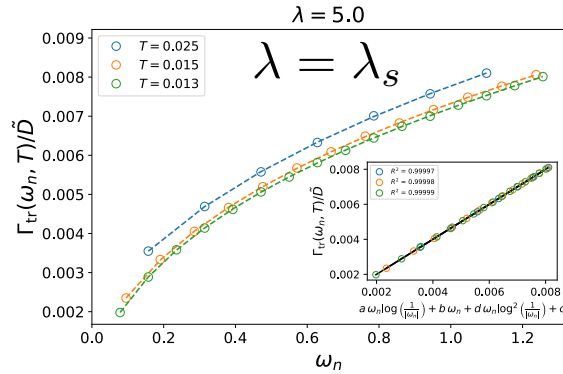
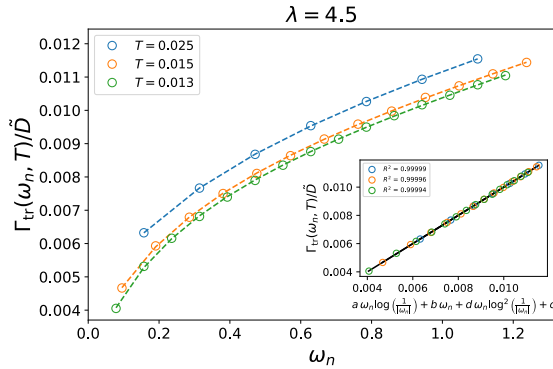
- Measure $\sigma(i\omega_n)$ from Kubo formula

- Reparametrize $\sigma(i\omega_n) = \frac{\tilde{D}}{|\omega_n| + \Gamma(\omega_n, T)}$

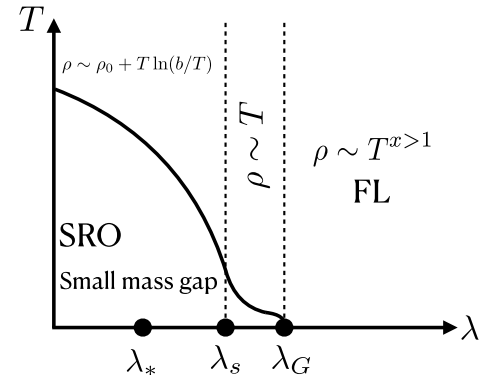
\tilde{D} = non-interacting Drude weight

- Analyze functional form of $\Gamma(\omega_n, T)$
- Extrapolation $\Gamma(\omega_n \rightarrow 0, T)$ gives DC scattering rate

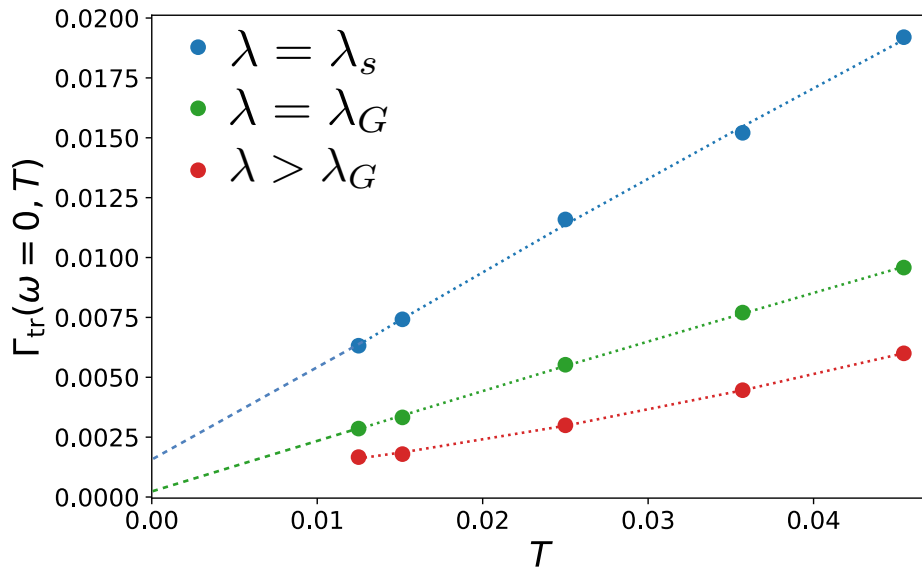
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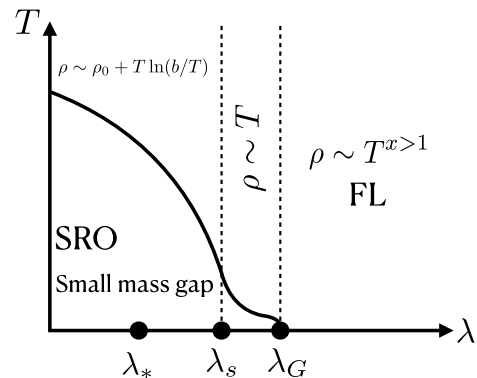
- Universal form $\Gamma(i\omega_n \geq 2\pi T) = -a\omega_n \ln \omega_n + b\omega_n + d\omega_n \ln^2 \omega_n + c$ for $\lambda \leq \lambda_G$
- “Marginal Fermi liquid” with extra $\omega \ln^2 \omega$ correction that becomes significant for $\lambda < \lambda_s$



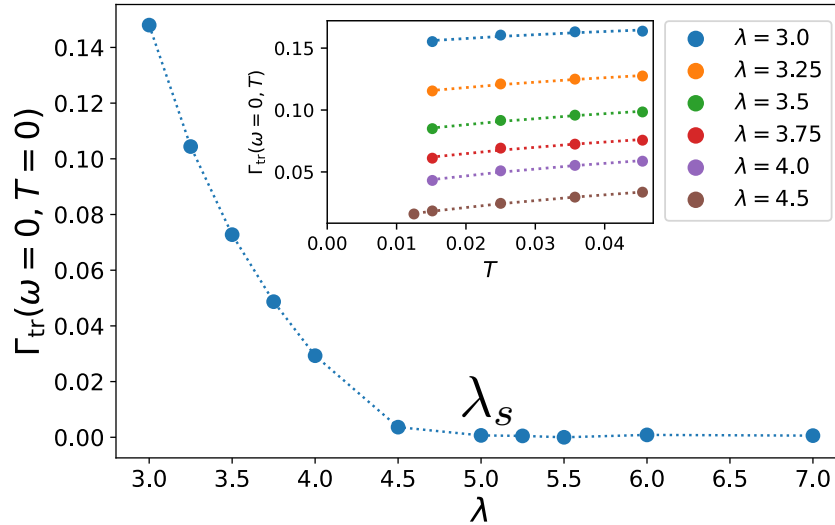
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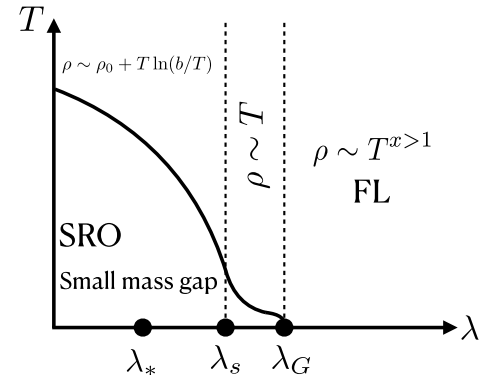
- Polynomial spline extrapolation of $\Gamma(\omega_n \rightarrow 0, T)$
- Largest slope of T -linear at $\lambda = \lambda_s$
- Planckian $\Gamma \approx 0.4k_B T/\hbar$, large RRR (clean fermions)



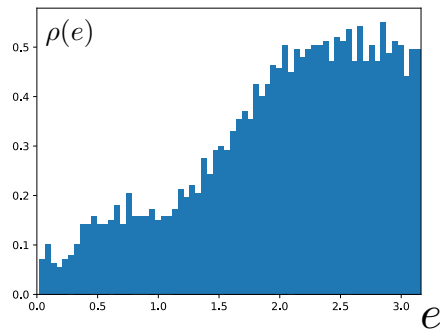
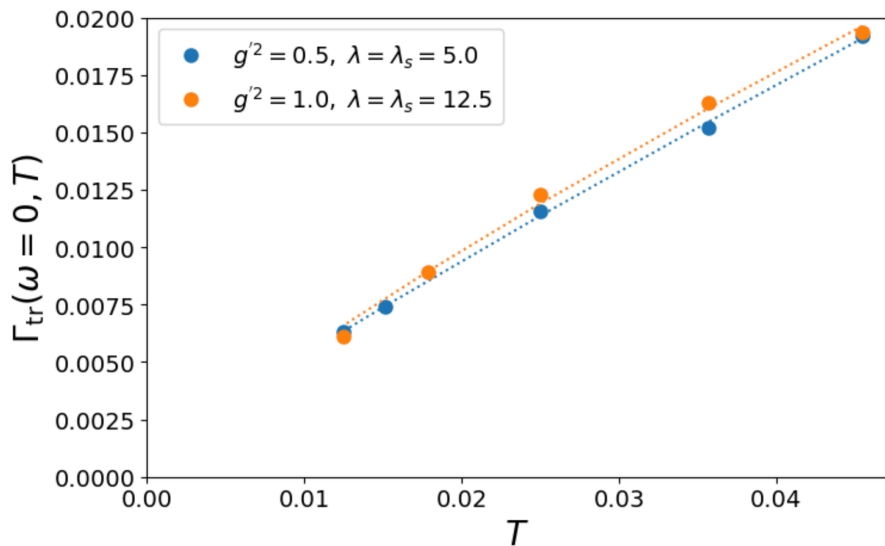
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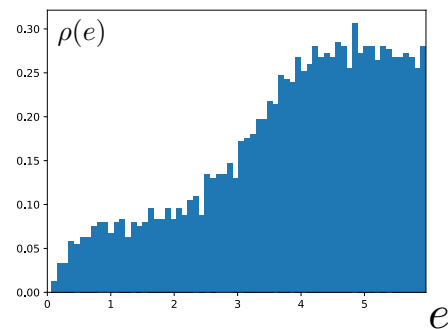
- Residual resistivity onsets for $\lambda < \lambda_s$, associated with SRO
- T -dependence changes to $T \ln(b/T)$ (recall extra log term in ω -dependence). RRR becomes small(er)



Transport universality

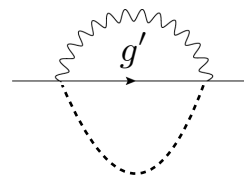


$$\lambda = \lambda_s, g'^2 = 0.5$$



$$\lambda = \lambda_s, g'^2 = 1.0$$

- At $\lambda = \lambda_s$, slope of T -linear is independent of interaction disorder g'
- Boson DOS $\rho(e) \sim f(e/g'^2)/g'^2$, $\rho(e \rightarrow 0) \sim 1/g'^2$
- Compatible with $\Gamma \sim \text{fermion DOS} \times \text{boson DOS} \times g'^2 \times T$



Transport universality

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

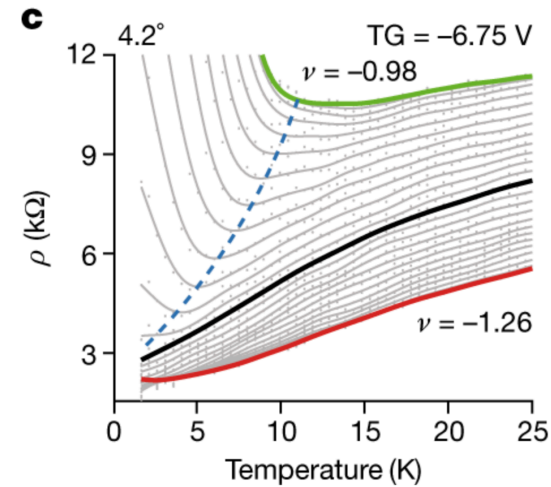
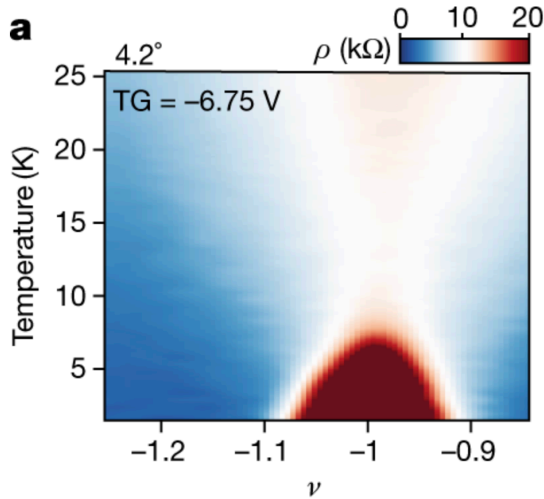
$$\Gamma = \alpha k_B T / \hbar$$

Legros et al al, Nat. Phys. **15**, 142 (2019)

Table 1 | Slope of T -linear resistivity vs Planckian limit in seven materials.

- Universality of α is a non-perturbative phenomenon

Strange metals near Mott transitions



Ghiotto et al, Nature **597**, 345–349 (2021)

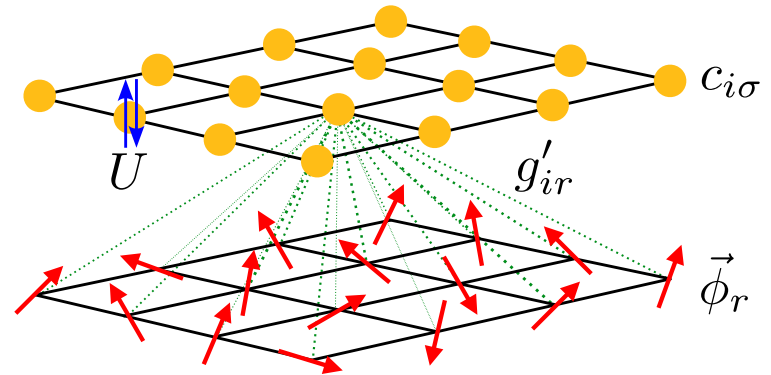
- Twisted WSe_2 has a metal-insulator (Mott) transition, near which a strange metal is observed
- Need to include Coulomb repulsion (Hubbard U) in model of strange metals...

Effects of Hubbard U

- Use EDMFT to study SU(2) fermions with spatially-random Yukawa coupling to a 2D constant DOS bosonic bath and Hubbard U
- Disorder average over random Yukawa coupling g' yields impurity problem with dynamical spin interactions. Solve coupled fermion and boson problems.

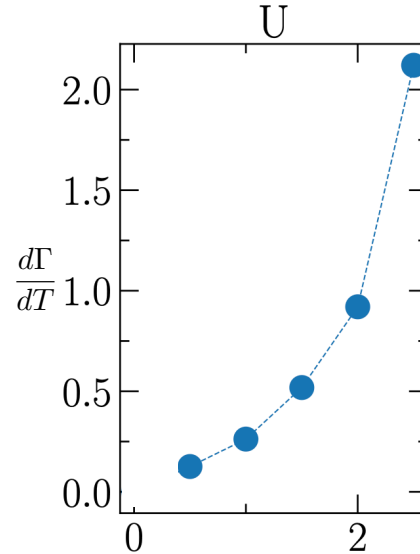
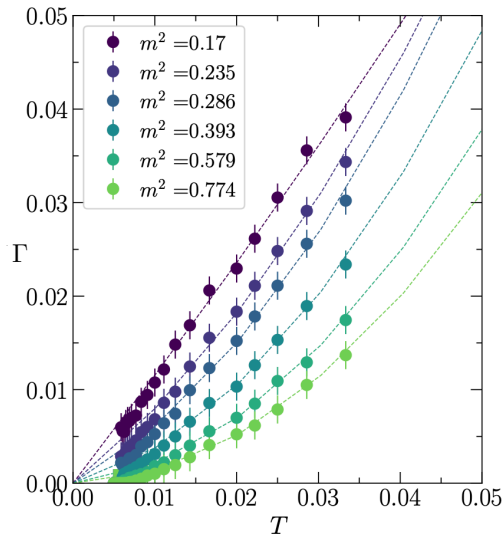
$$H_C = - \sum_{ij,\sigma} (t_{ij} + \mu\delta_{ij}) c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow},$$

$$H_Y = \sum_{ir} \frac{g'_{ir}}{\sqrt{V}} (-1)^i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{\phi}_r, \quad \ll g'_{ir} g'_{jr'} \gg = g'^2 \delta_{ij} \delta_{rr'}.$$



Effects of Hubbard U

- Hubbard U enhances marginal Fermi liquid and T -linear scattering rate Γ
- The effects of a weak random Yukawa coupling can therefore be amplified by Coulomb repulsion



Conclusions

- 2D metallic quantum criticality with disordered Yukawa interactions leads to strange metal behavior in both DC and AC transport in a disorder-averaged mean-field (Eliashberg) description
- Without mean-field and disorder-averaging, exact QMC shows strong disorder in the bosonic sector, which still leads to robust strange metal behavior not associated with a QCP
- Even though the bosonic sector is disordered, the fermions in the strange metal are clean, with large mean free path and a clear FS
- Strongly disordered bosonic sector produces localized overdamped bosonic modes that serve as microscopic inelastic scatterers of electrons
- T -linear transport scattering rate in the non-perturbative strange metal is universal (Planckian) and independent of the interaction disorder strength
- Hubbard U strongly amplifies the effects of disordered Yukawa interactions, important near Mott transitions