
A Josephson wormhole in coupled superconducting Yukawa-SYK metals

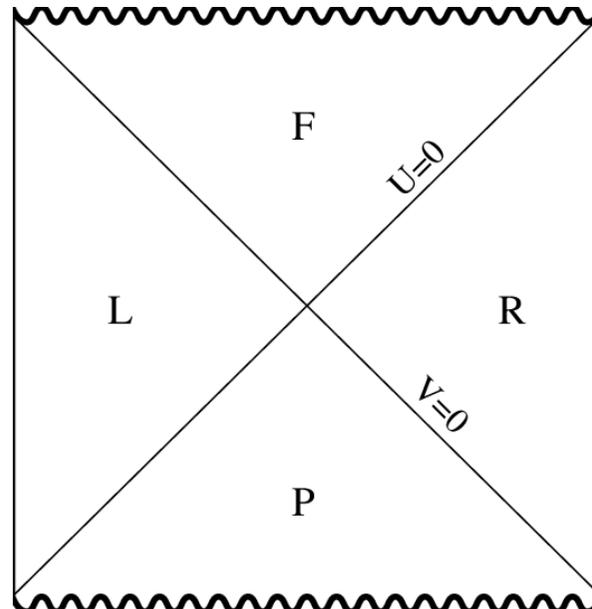
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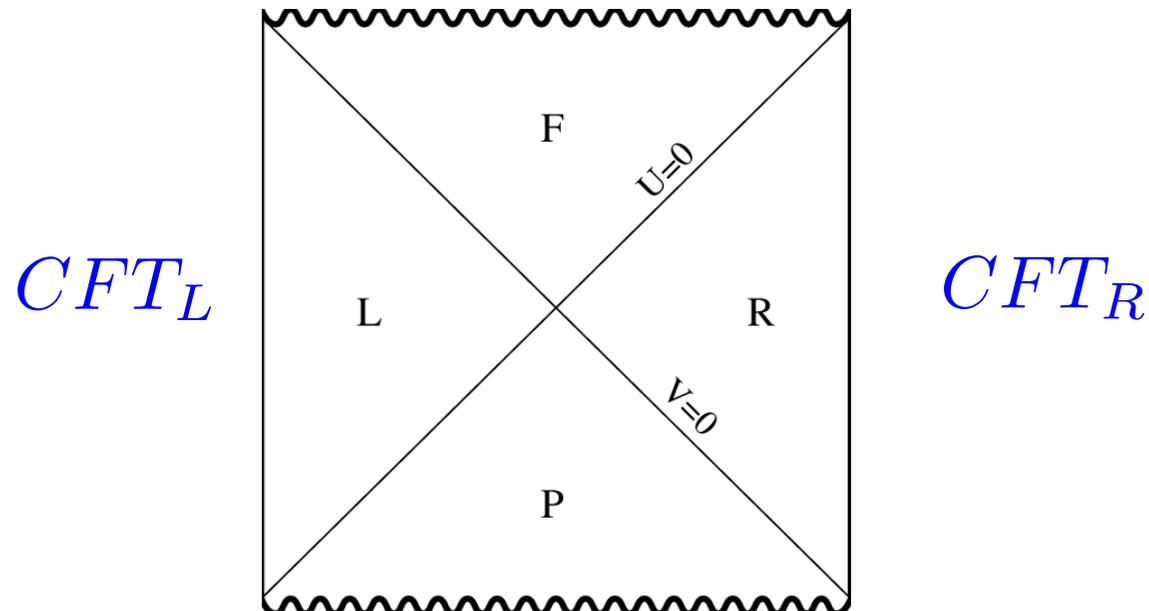


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An anti-de-Sitter Black Hole in Kruskal coordinates and holography Witten, Son, Herzog



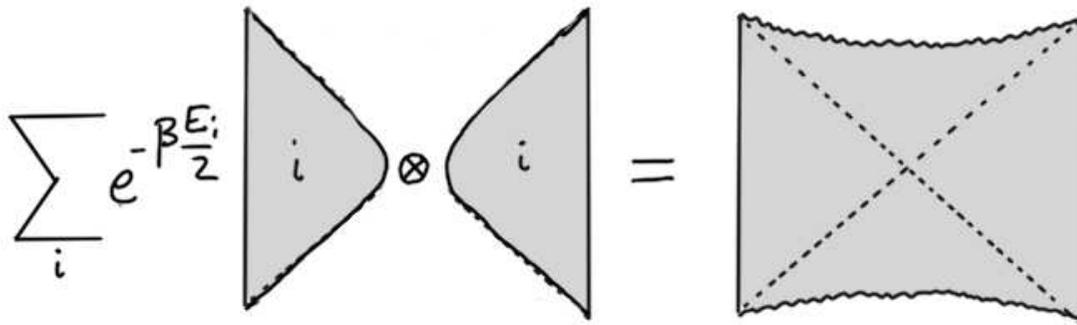
Two observations:

1. The resulting observables are *finite temperature* observables with $T = T_{\text{BH}}$
2. These are computed as probabilities on the doubled time contour (Schwinger-Keldysh, in-in formalism)

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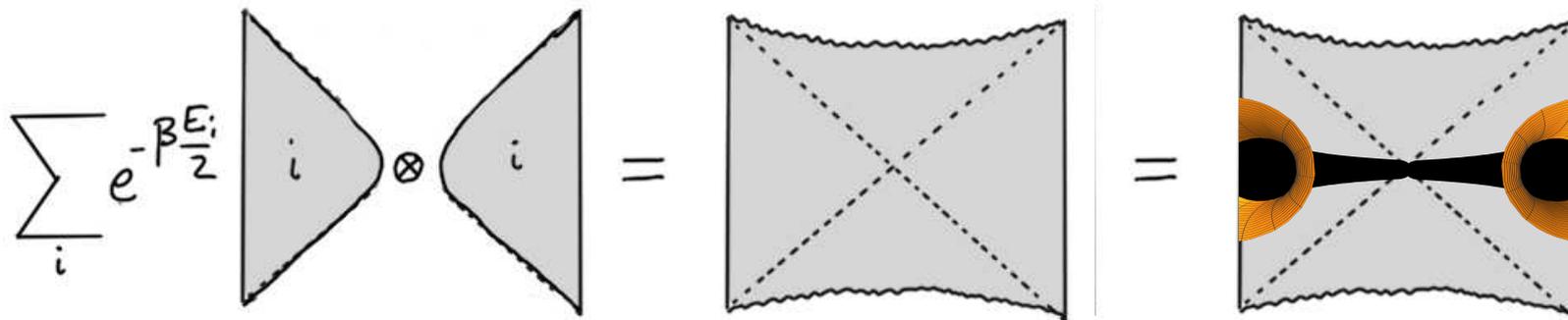
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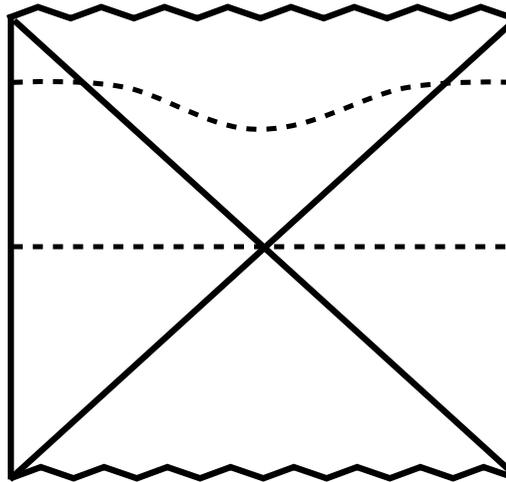
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Doubled geometry contains a wormhole:
(Einstein-Rosen bridge)

This idea can be tested by computing $CFT_L \times CFT_R$ cross correlation functions

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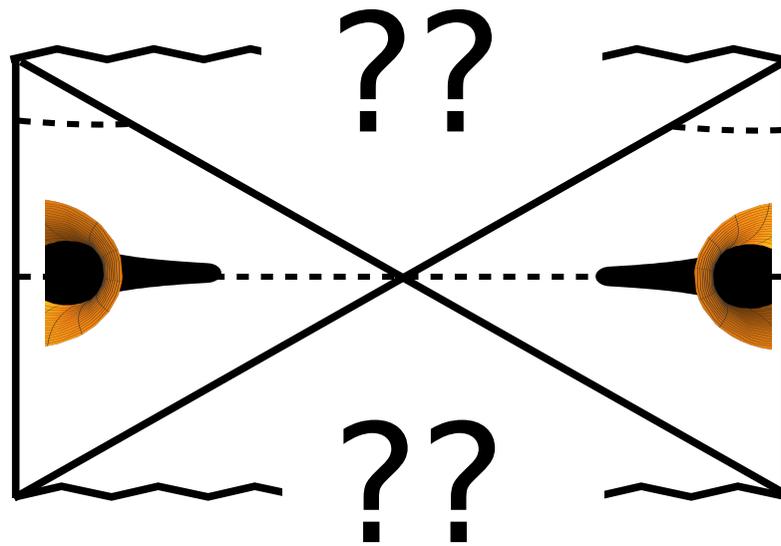


Fidkowski, Hubeny, Kleban, Shenker;
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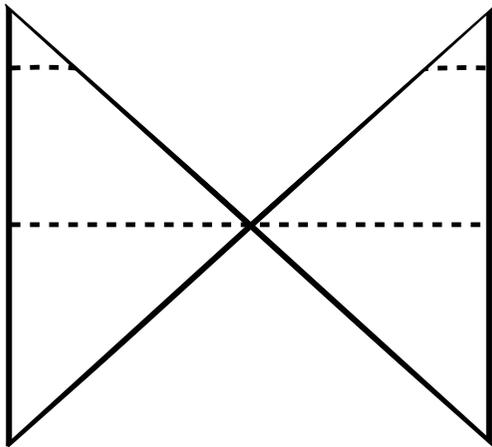


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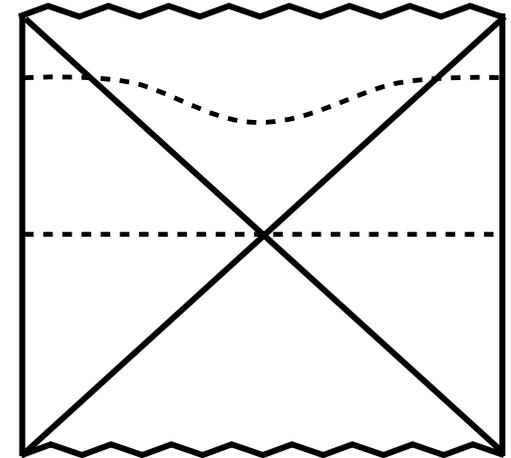
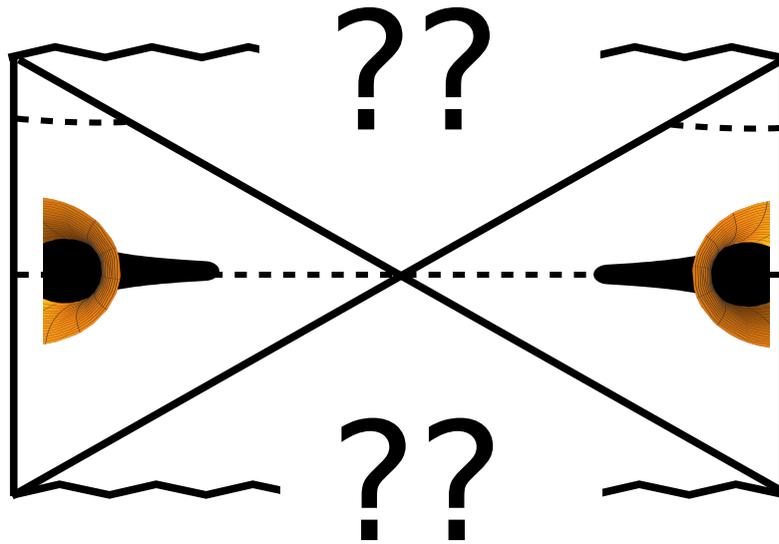
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... *also* describes standard tunneling interaction between two contacts in quantum electronics

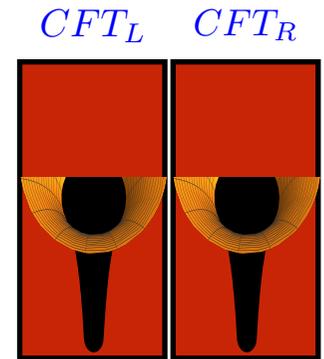
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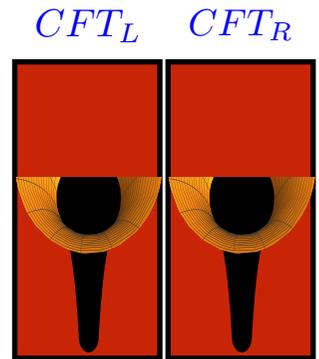
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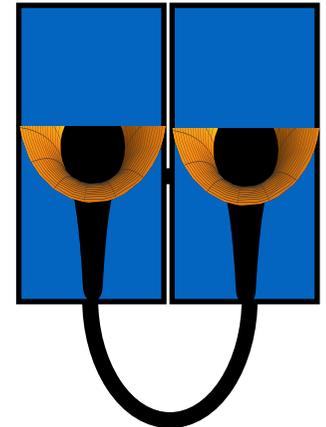
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But at low T , the system should be in its $|TFD\rangle$ groundstate

$$\rho_{\text{WH}} = \frac{1}{Z_\beta} \sum_{n_1, n_2} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(E_{n_1} + E_{n_2})} |n_1, \bar{n}_1\rangle \langle \bar{n}_2, n_2|$$



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- Wormhole emerges from CFT at finite T:

$$H = H_L + H_R + \lambda \mathcal{O}_\Delta^L \mathcal{O}_\Delta^R$$

If CFT = AdS2 (dual to SYK) : unique characteristic:

$$E_n = E_{\text{gap}} \left(1 + \frac{n}{\Delta} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$$

$$E_{\text{gap}} \sim \lambda^{\frac{1}{2-2\Delta}}$$

Harmonic oscillator-like spectrum
implies revivals in linear response.

signal traversing the wormhole

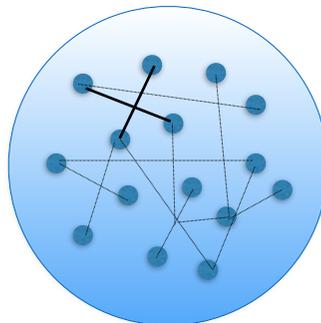
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- AdS-CFT: Can model black hole physics with conventional quantum systems.
 - We will use two coupled SYK models:

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model: N complex/real fermions with $q = 2p$ -point interactions

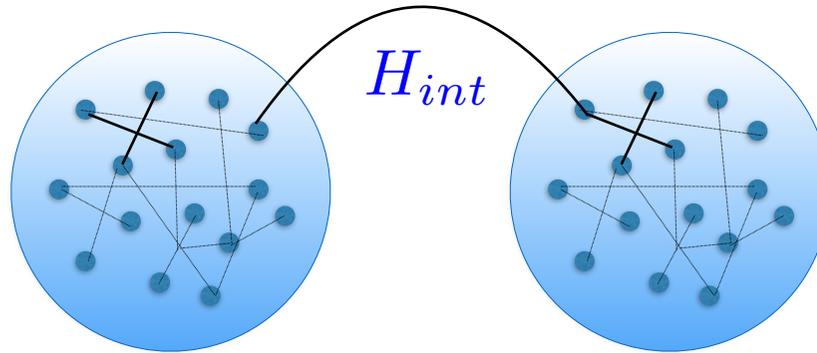
$$H = J_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p j_1 j_2 \dots j_p} c_{i_1}^\dagger c_{i_2}^\dagger \dots c_{i_p}^\dagger c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \dots c_{j_p}$$

with random disorder averaged interactions

$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p j_1 j_2 \dots j_p} J_{i'_1 i'_2 \dots i'_p j'_1 j'_2 \dots j'_p} \rangle = \frac{(p!)^2}{N^{2p-1}} J^2 \delta_{i_1 i'_1} \dots \delta_{j_1 j'_1}$$

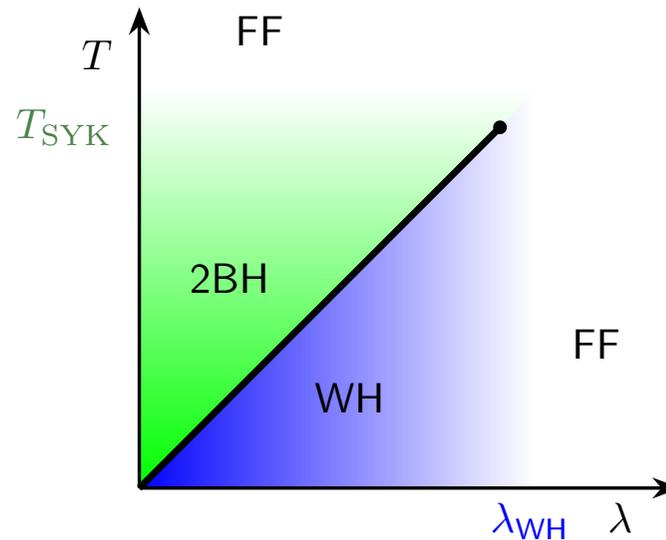


- Tunneling coupling two thermal SYK quantum dots

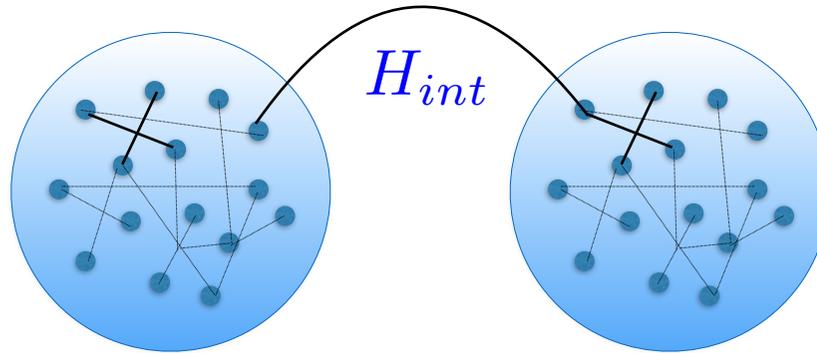


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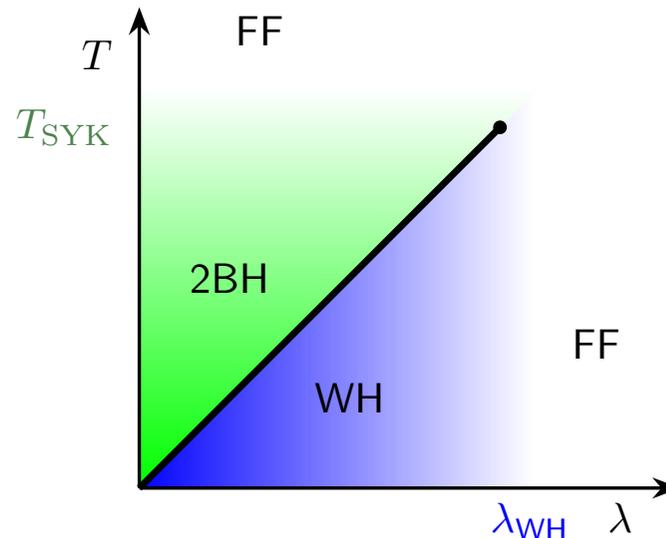


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For $N \rightarrow \infty$:

Solve Schwinger-Dyson Eqns
 after disorder averaging

$$G(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{-i\omega_n - \mu - \Sigma(i\omega_n)}$$

$$\Sigma(\tau) = -J^2 G(\tau) G(-\tau)$$

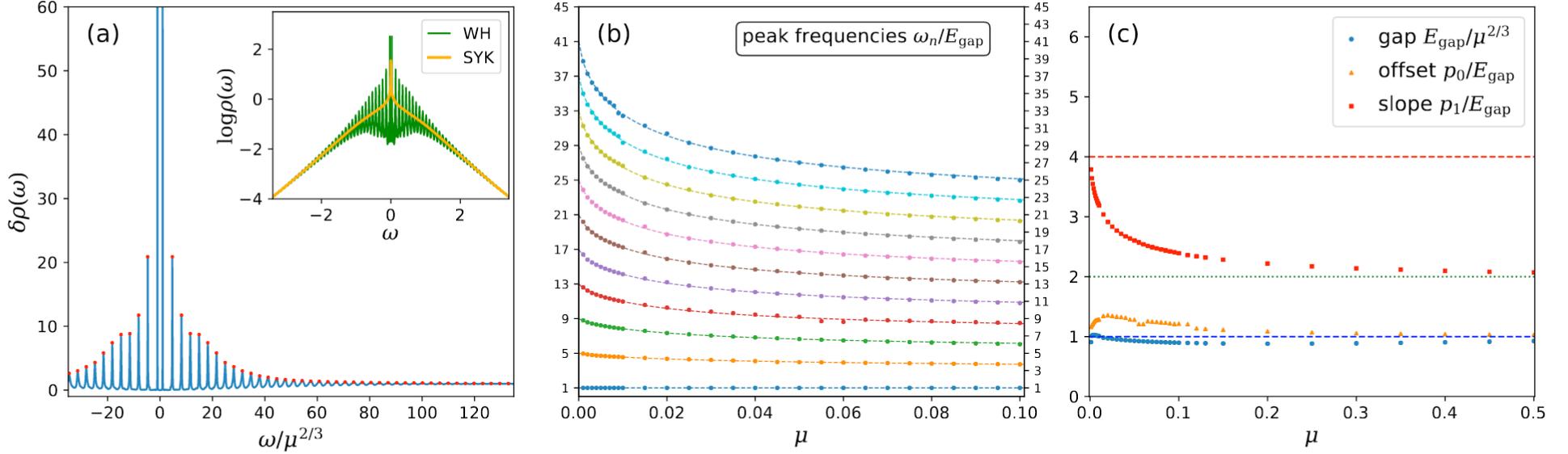


FIG. 1. Spectral features of the MQ model obtained from numerical solution of the SD equations (4) in real time and at temperatures $T \ll \mu$ below the Hawking-Page transition [21] ($T = 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ for $\mu \geq 0.01$, $T = 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ for $\mu < 0.01$). (a) inset: spectral function for SYK (ρ_0 , $\mu = 0$) and wormhole (ρ_{LL} , $\mu = 0.004$). Main panel: relative spectral weight $\delta\rho(\omega) = \rho_{LL}/\rho_0$. Red dots indicate positions of the dominant peaks analyzed in (b,c). (b) peak frequencies $\omega_n > 0$, extracted from peak positions of $\delta\rho(\omega)$ in (a). For $\mu \rightarrow 0$ and $\omega_n \ll J$ we see a clear approach to the conformal tower $\omega_n = E_{\text{gap}}(4n + 1)$ [21]. The dashed lines are a simple fit $Y_n(\mu)$, see text. (c) spectral gap $E_{\text{gap}} = \omega_0$, and offset p_0 and slope p_1 of linear fits $\omega_n \sim p_0 + p_1 n$.

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$$\text{SYK}_{\text{Majorana}} ; \quad \Delta_\psi = \frac{1}{4}$$

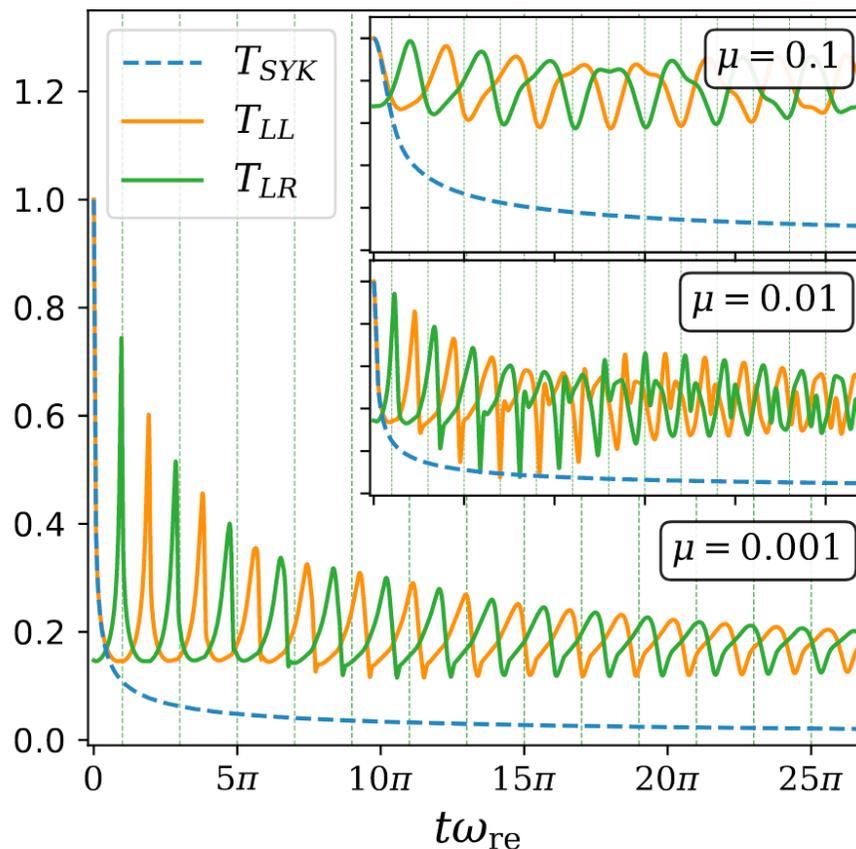


FIG. 2. Revival dynamics in transmission amplitudes $T_{LL,LR}$ [Eq. (6)] at temperature $T < \mu$; $T_{\text{SYK}} = T_{LL}(\mu = 0)$ refers to an uncoupled SYK model. We show data for various μ , with time axes rescaled by $\omega_{\text{re}} = p_1/2\pi$, cf. Fig. 1. Vertical lines indicate times $t_{\text{re},n} = (2n + 1)\pi/\omega_{\text{re}}$ for which an excitation $\chi_R^j|\Psi_0\rangle$ is expected to re-assemble on the left side.

- The importance of large N

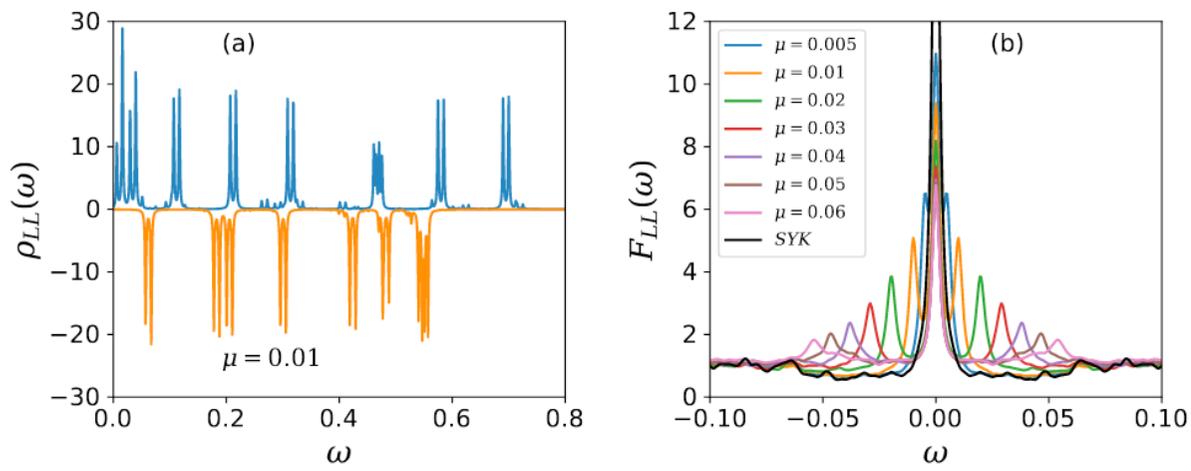
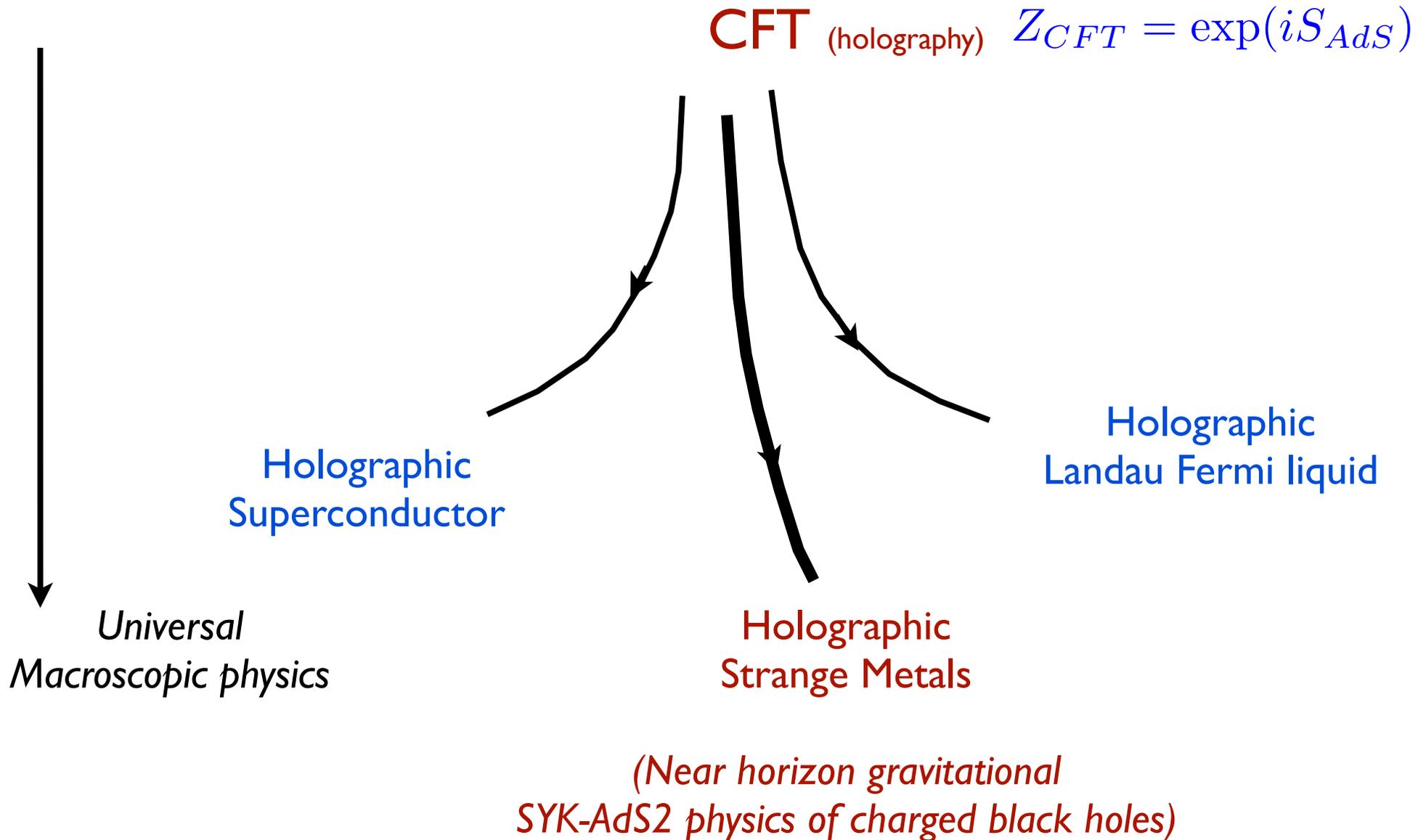
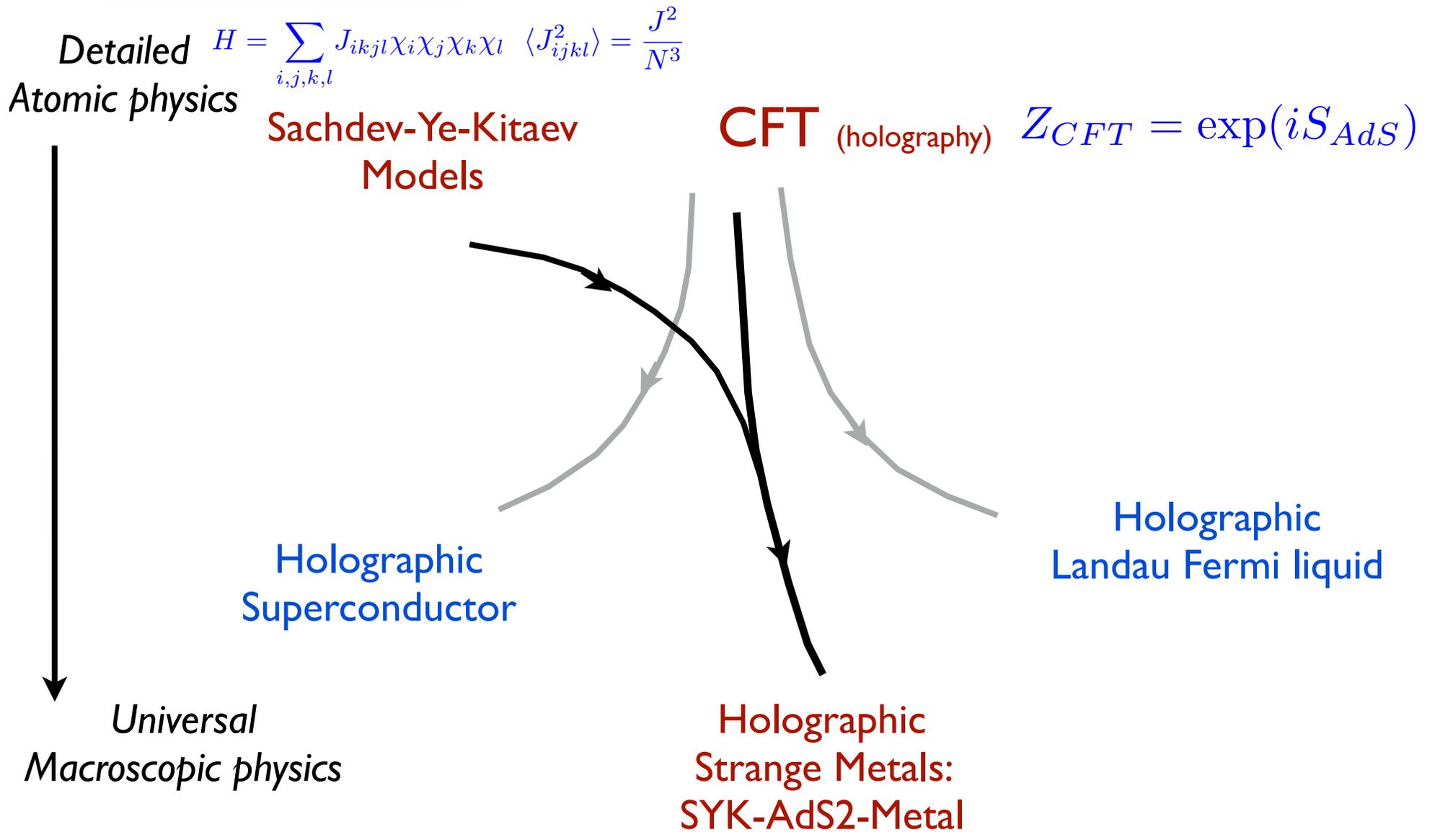


FIG. 3. Spectral properties of the MQ model from exact diagonalization for $2N = 16$ Majorana fermions. (a) spectral function ρ_{LL} for two distinct disorder realizations, showing doublets of states split by ω_D . (b) Auto-correlation $F_{LL}(\omega)$ for various μ , each averaged over 50 disorder realizations.

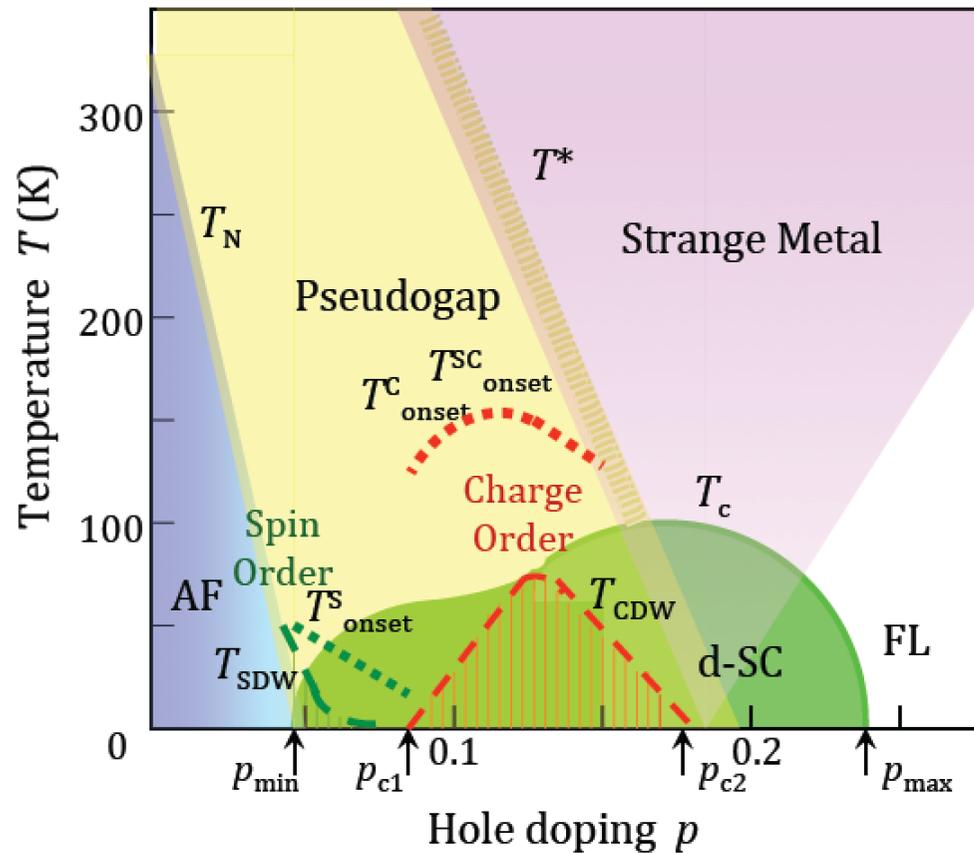
Can we build a “wormhole” in experiment?

Holographic strange metals and the AdS2 physics family





The strange metal in high T_c cuprates



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Reconciling scaling of the optical conductivity of cuprate superconductors with Planckian resistivity and specific heat

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Universal theory of strange metals from spatially random interactions

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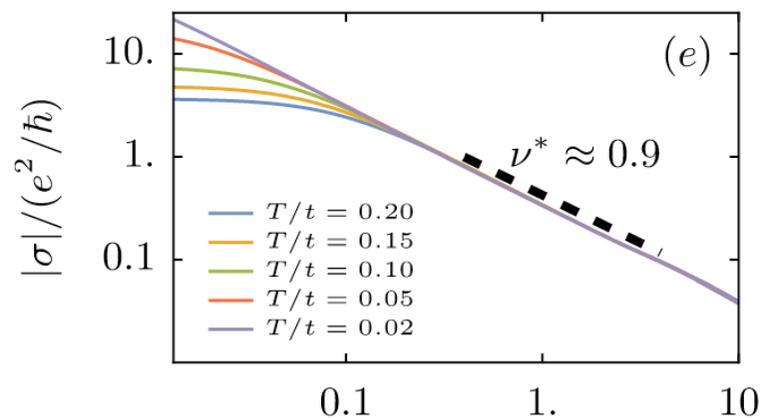
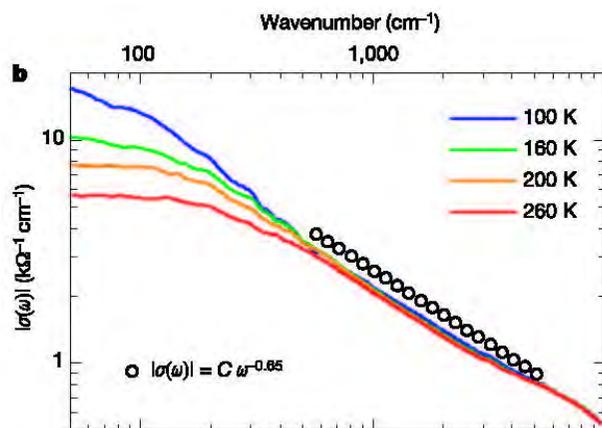
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Strange metal and superconductor in the two-dimensional Yukawa-Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model

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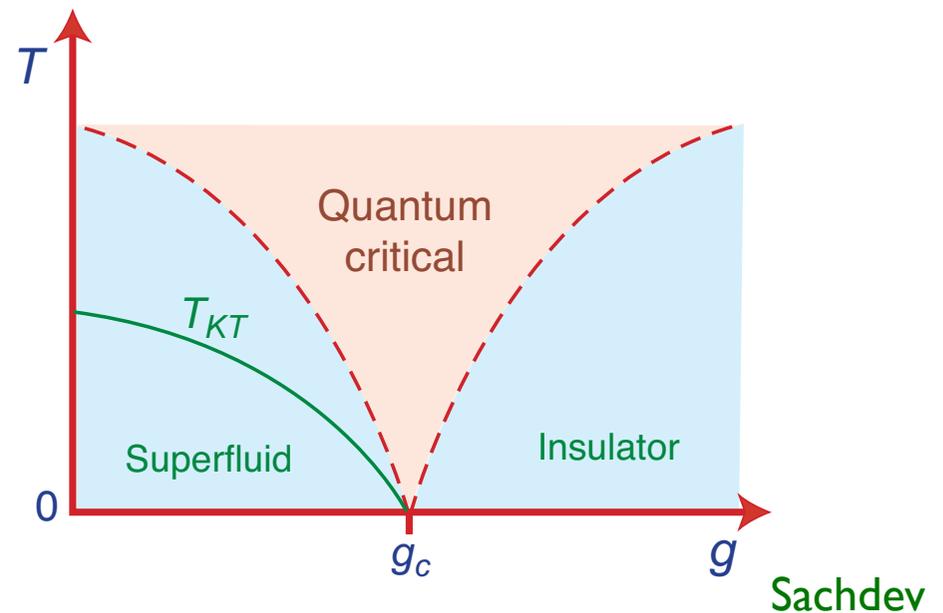
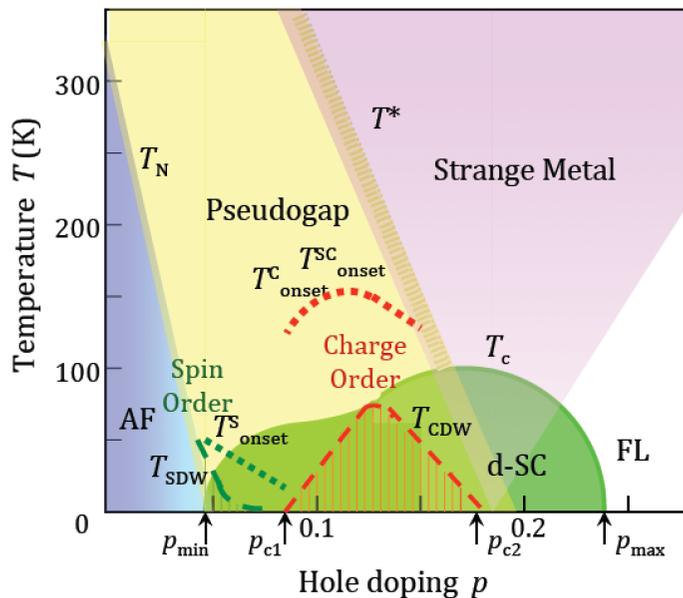
- Linear-in-T resistivity
- $T \log(T)$ specific heat
- Power-Law optical conductivity

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Why are non-Fermi liquids hard?

- The strangeness of the strange metal arises from the fact that
 - The SYK-AdS is a non-trivial IR **Quantum Critical Point**
 - Non-trivial IR fixed points are notoriously *unstable*
 - In CMT the predominant instability is superconductivity (spontaneous breaking of $U(1)$)



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- The TFD of a CFT dual to AdS is dual to (macroscopic) wormhole state should be a more general story.
- But the groundstate is not an AdS2 quantum spin liquid, but a superconductor.

What happens to the TFD/Wormhole state in that case?

Diagnosis: difficult.

- SC is characterized by a gap
- WH is characterized by a gap
- Do the characteristic revivals (supported by AdS2 perturbation theory) survive?

- Yukawa-SYK model (0D disordered electron-phonon model)

$$H_{\text{Y-SYK}} = -\mu \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i,\sigma} + \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{2} (\pi_k^2 + \omega_0^2 \phi_k^2) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{N} \sum_{i,j,k} \sum_{\sigma} g_{ijk} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} \phi_k$$

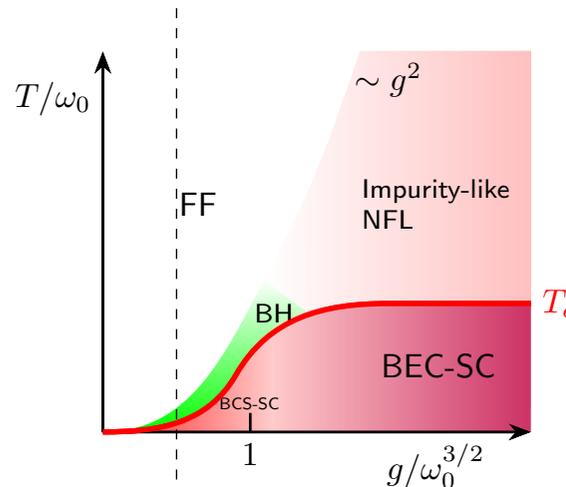
$$g_{ijk} = g'_{ijk} + i g''_{ijk}$$

$$\langle g'_{ijk} g'_{lmn} \rangle = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) g^2 \delta_{kn} (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} + \delta_{im} \delta_{jl})$$

$$\langle g''_{ijk} g''_{lmn} \rangle = \frac{\alpha}{2} g^2 \delta_{kn} (\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl})$$

$$\langle g'_{ijk} g''_{lmn} \rangle = 0$$

For $\alpha < 1$: groundstate is superconducting



$$G = \langle \psi^\dagger \psi \rangle$$

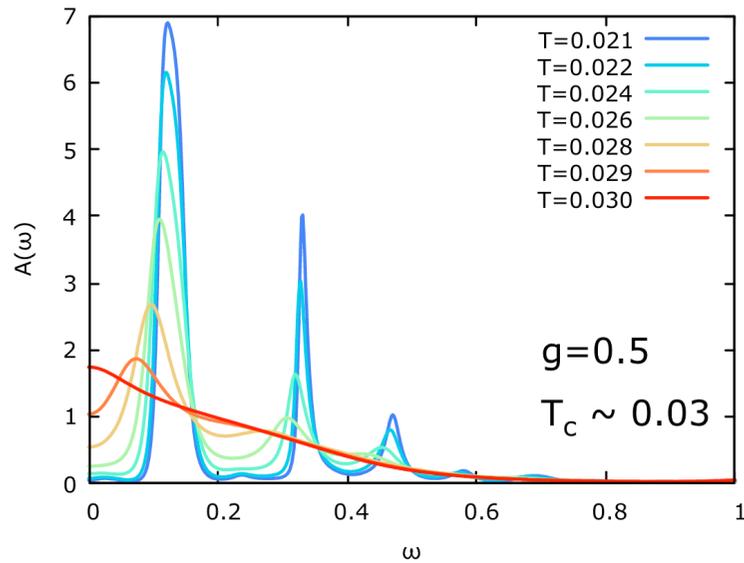
$$F = \langle \psi \psi \rangle$$

$$D = \langle \phi \phi \rangle$$

$$\Delta_\psi = 0.42037\dots$$

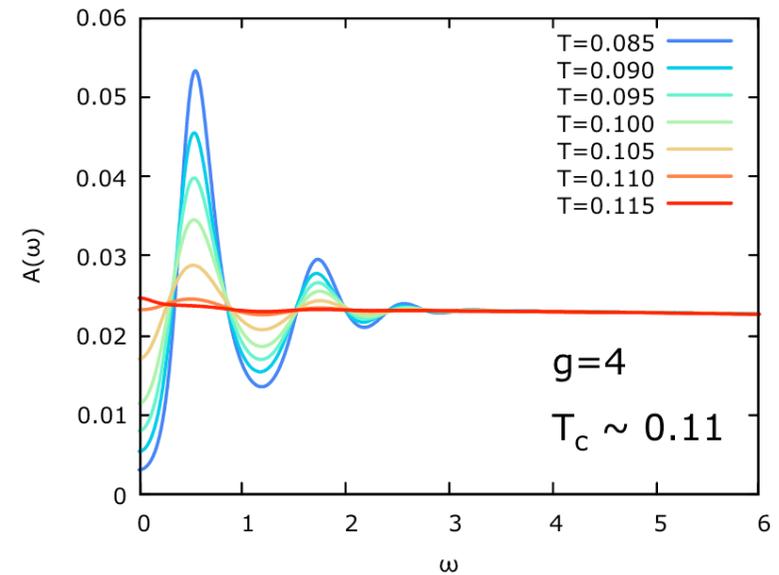
$$A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}G^R(\omega)$$

BCS-superconductivity



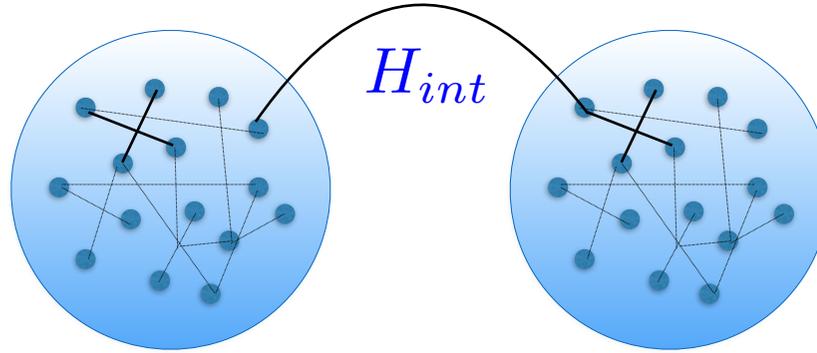
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BEC-superconductivity

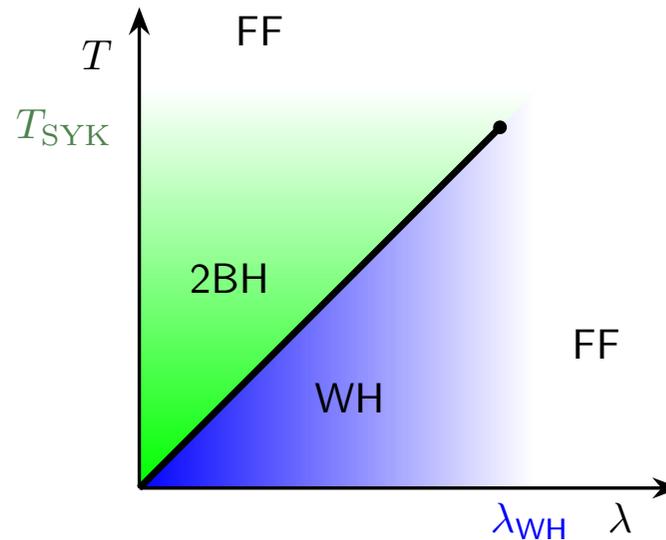


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- Numerical solution of Schwinger-Dyson equations

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$$\Phi_{ab}(\tau, \tau') = -(1 - \alpha) \kappa g^2 F_{ab}(\tau, \tau') D_{ab}(\tau, \tau'),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{ab}(\tau, \tau') = & -2g^2 [G_{ab}(\tau, \tau') G_{ba}(\tau', \tau) \\ & - (1 - \alpha) F_{ab}(\tau, \tau') \bar{F}_{ba}(\tau', \tau)] . \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{G}(i\omega_n) = \begin{pmatrix} i\omega_n - \Sigma_{11} & -\Phi_{11} & -\lambda - \Sigma_{12} & -\Phi_{12} \\ -\bar{\Phi}_{11} & i\omega_n - \tilde{\Sigma}_{11} & -\bar{\Phi}_{12} & \lambda^* - \tilde{\Sigma}_{12} \\ -\lambda^* - \Sigma_{21} & -\Phi_{21} & i\omega_n - \Sigma_{22} & -\Phi_{22} \\ -\bar{\Phi}_{21} & \lambda - \tilde{\Sigma}_{21} & -\bar{\Phi}_{22} & i\omega_n - \tilde{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-\top}$$

$$\hat{D}(i\nu_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_n^2 + \omega_0^2 - \Pi_{11}(i\nu_n) & \Pi_{12}(i\nu_n) \\ \Pi_{21}(i\nu_n) & \nu_n^2 + \omega_0^2 - \Pi_{22}(i\nu_n) \end{pmatrix}^{-\top}$$

$$\text{Nambu basis: } \hat{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G}_{11} & \mathcal{G}_{12} \\ \mathcal{G}_{21} & \mathcal{G}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with each } \mathcal{G}_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{ab} & F_{ab} \\ \bar{F}_{ab} & \tilde{G}_{ab} \end{pmatrix},$$

metallic YSYK
(no TRS)

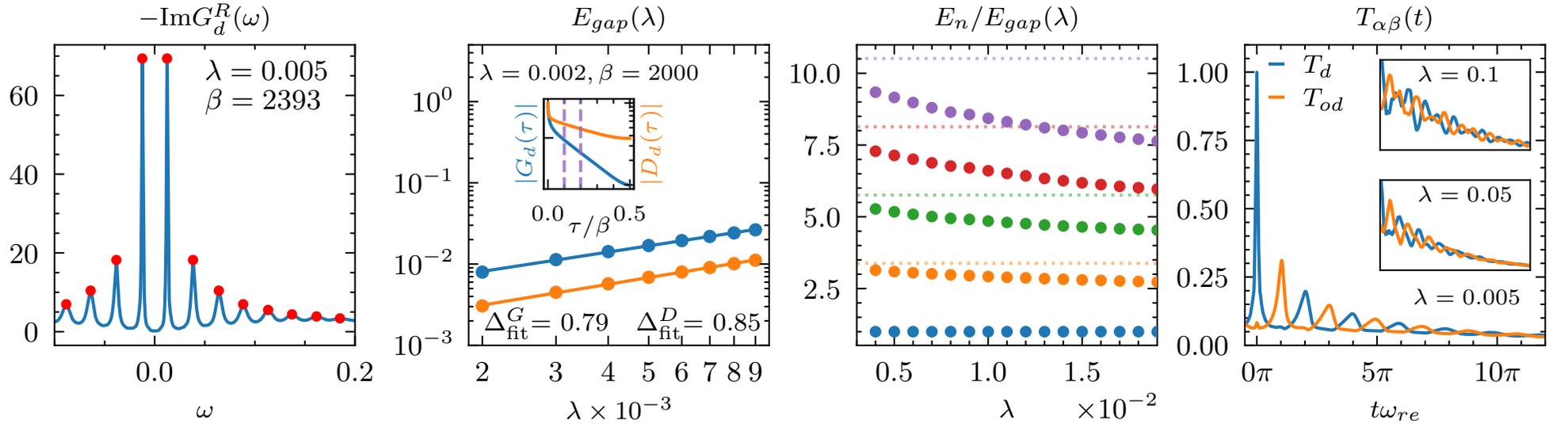
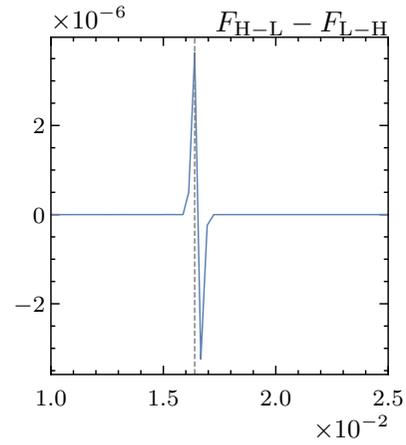
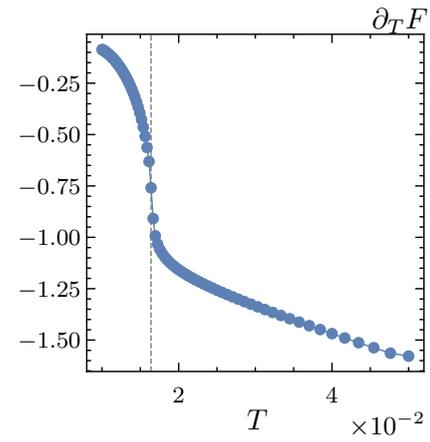
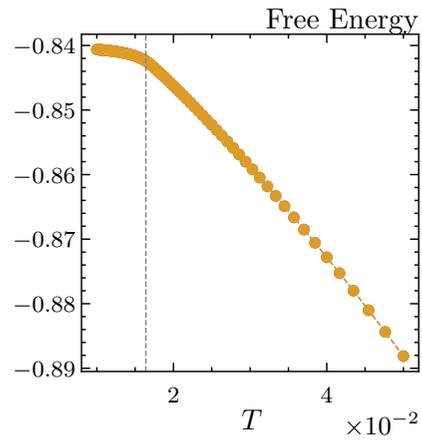
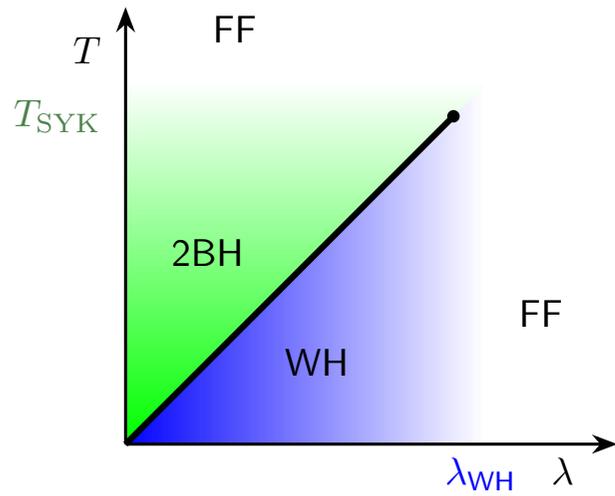


FIG. 2. TFD/wormhole state signatures in two tunnel-coupled metallic YSYK models with $g/\omega_0^{3/2} = 0.5$. **A:** The density of states exhibits the regular linear spacing characteristic of the TFD/wormhole. **B:** The gap in both the fermionic and bosonic Green's function shows the expected $\lambda^{\frac{1}{2-2\Delta_f}}$ scaling with $1/(2 - 2\Delta_f) = 0.86$. The inset shows the exponential behavior of the Green's functions and the purple dashed lines indicate the region where the fit was performed. **C:** As λ decreases, the position of the leading and subleading peaks approach the analytical prediction $E_n/E_{\text{gap}} = (1 + \frac{1}{\Delta}n)$ indicated by the dotted lines. **D:** Revival oscillations of the transmission amplitude $T_{\alpha\beta}(t) = \frac{2}{\pi}|G_{\alpha\beta}^>(t)|$, with $iG_{\alpha\beta}^>(\omega) = -[1 - n_F(\omega)]\text{Im}G_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)$. T_d and T_{od} are perfectly out of phase. The characteristic frequency is $\omega_{re} = \frac{p_1}{2\pi}$, where p_1 is the average spacing between the peaks in the spectral function. In the gravitational description, this represents a particle traversing/reemerging from the wormhole.

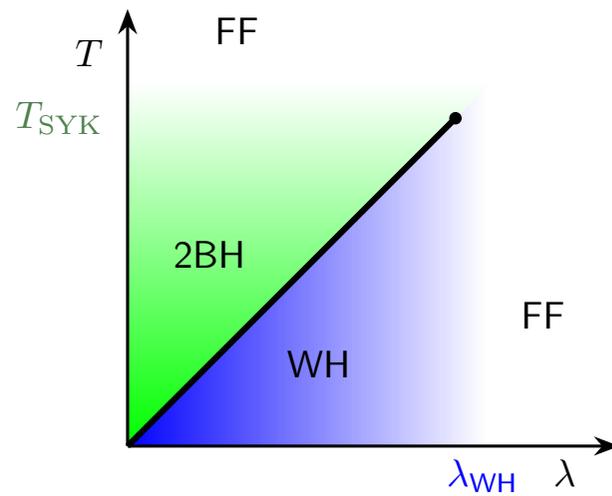
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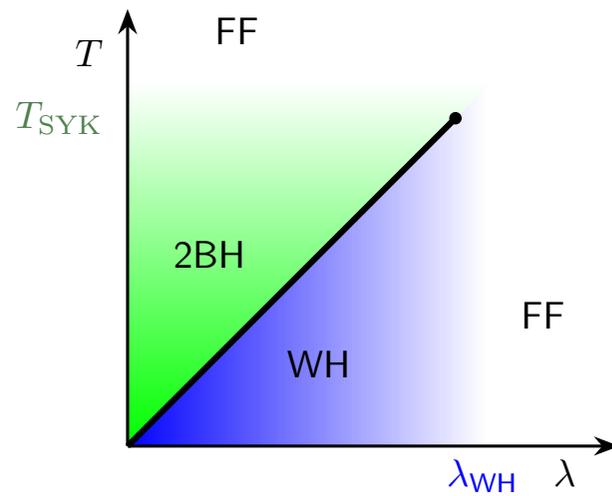
Does the “wormhole” survive (is it detectable) in the superconducting groundstate?

metallic YSYK
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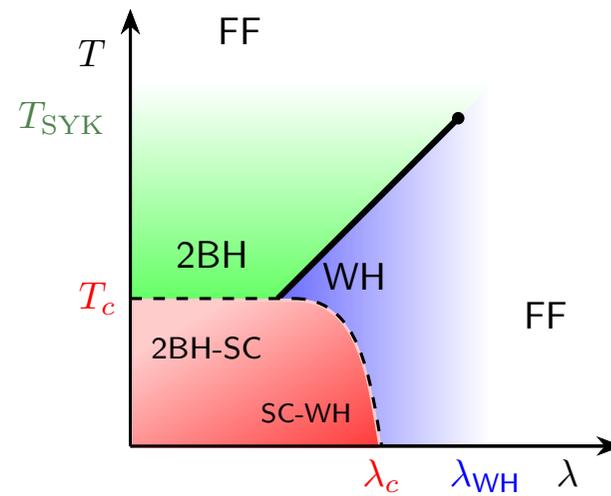
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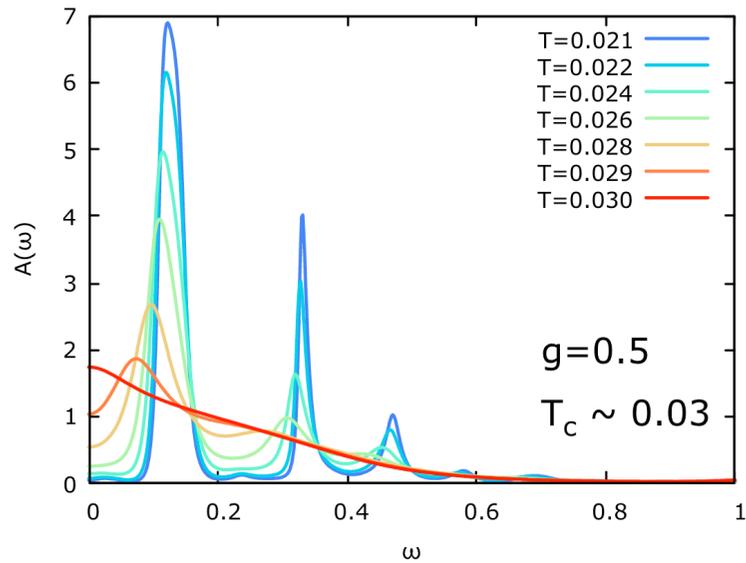


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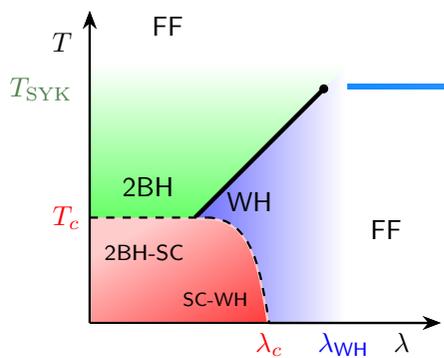


$$A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}G^R(\omega)$$

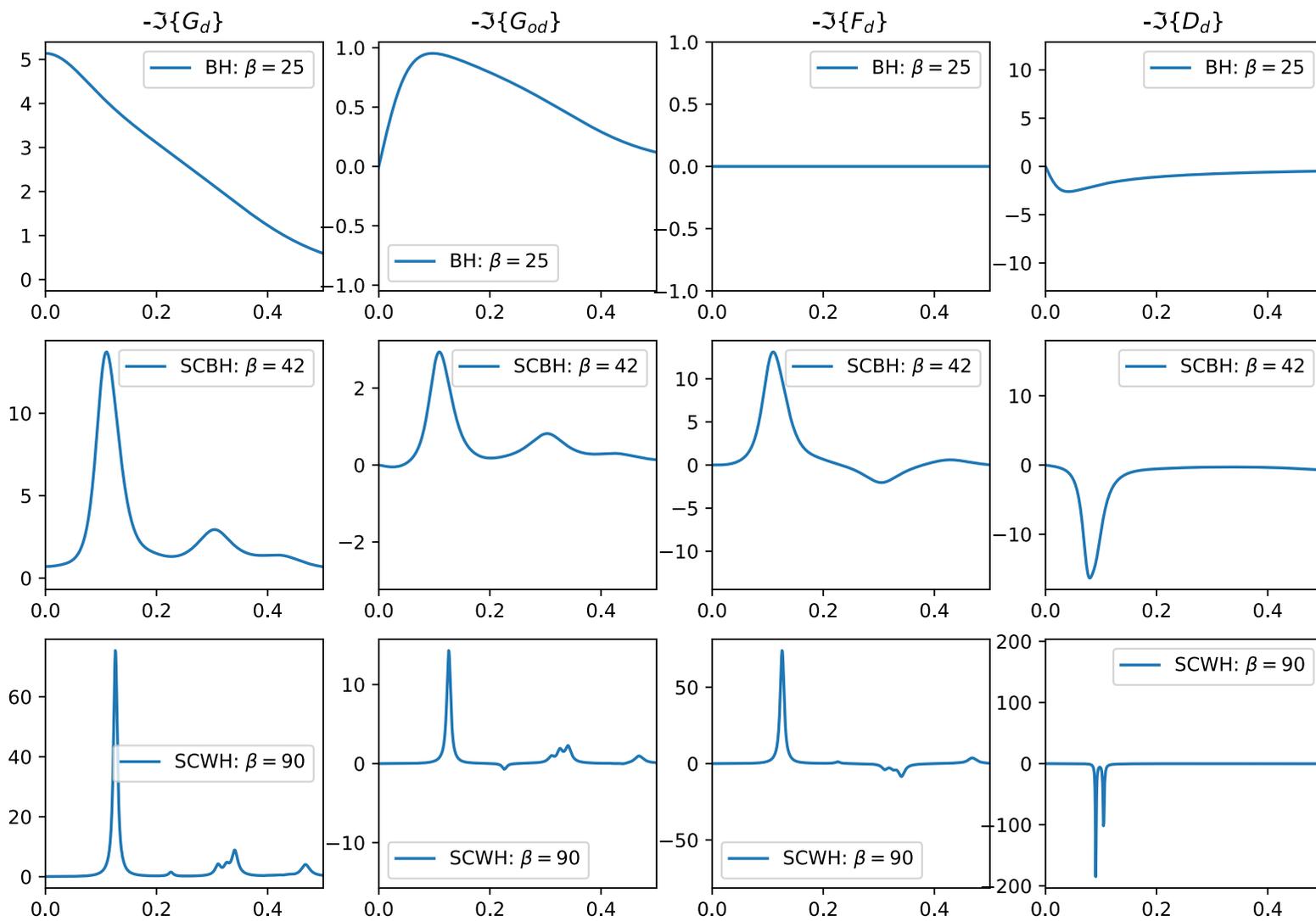
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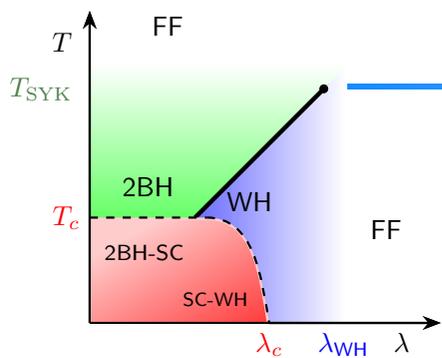


gap opens and closes with T

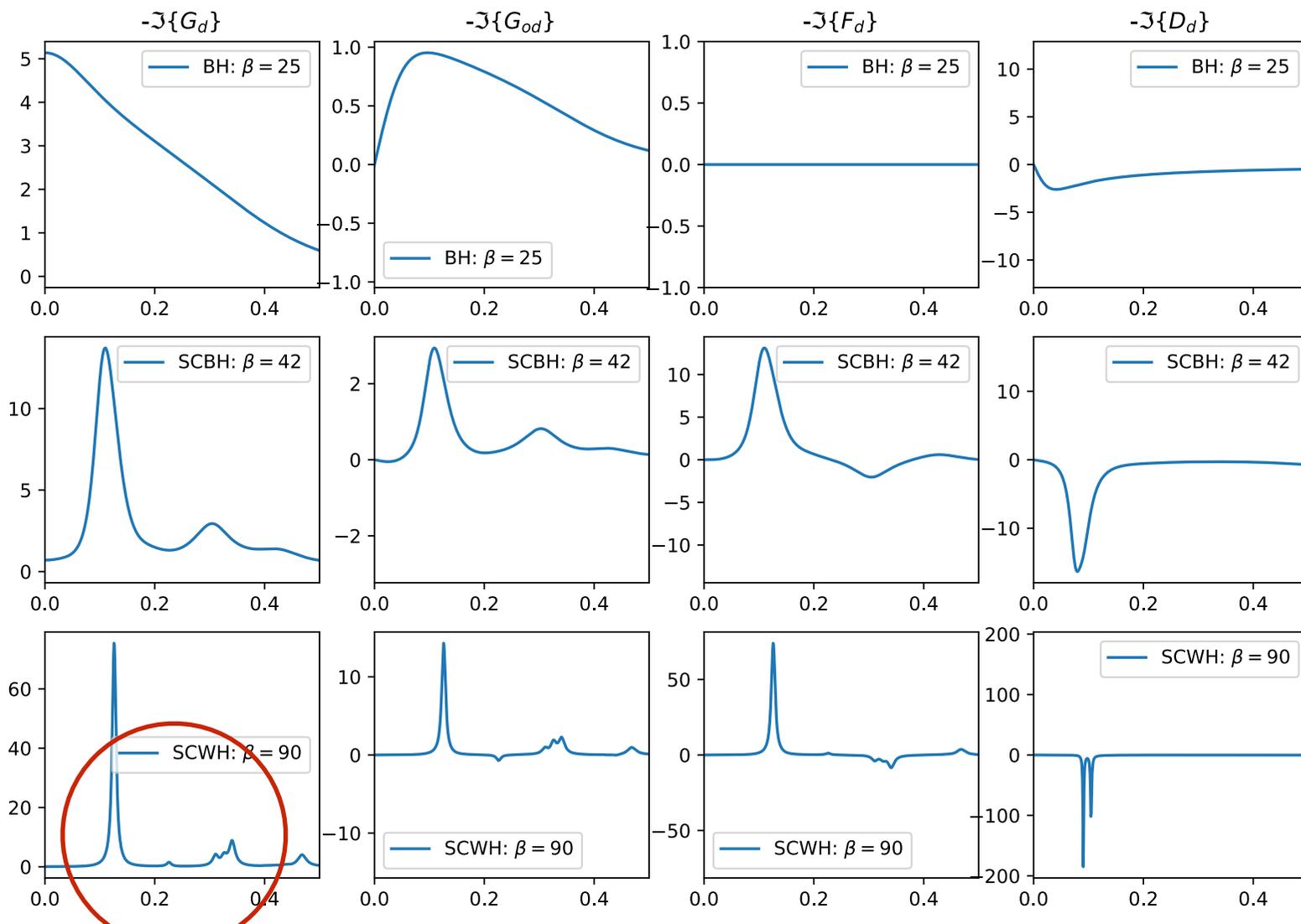


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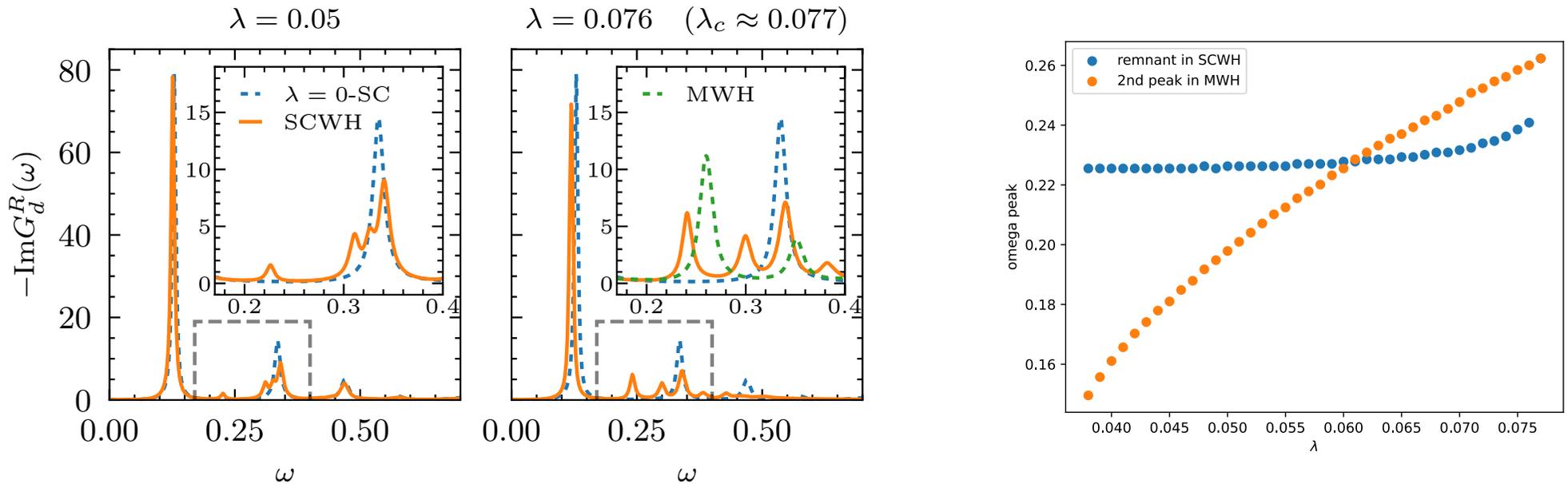


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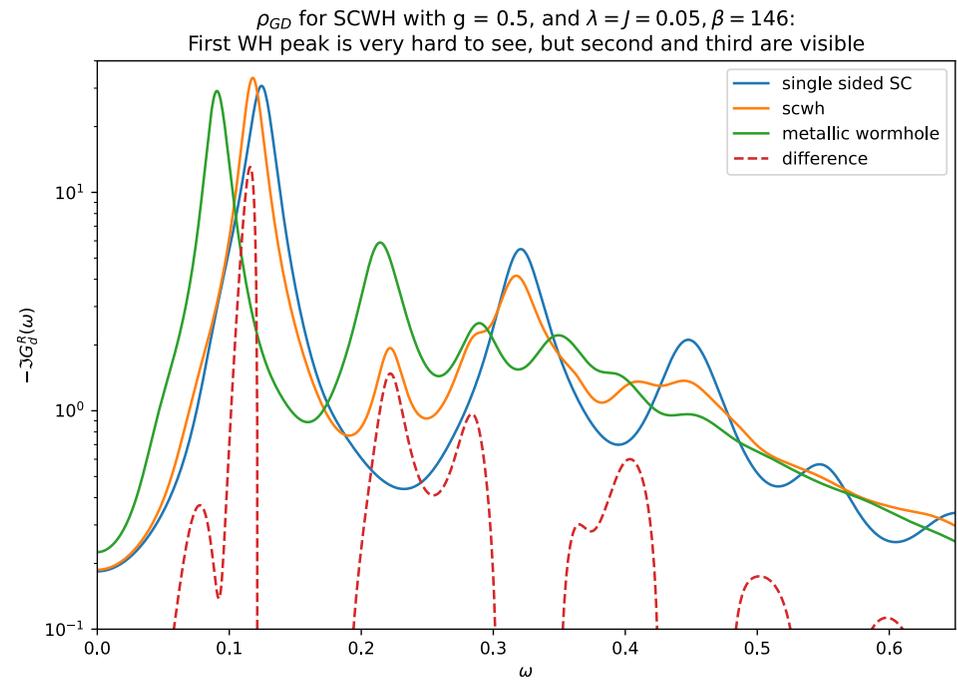
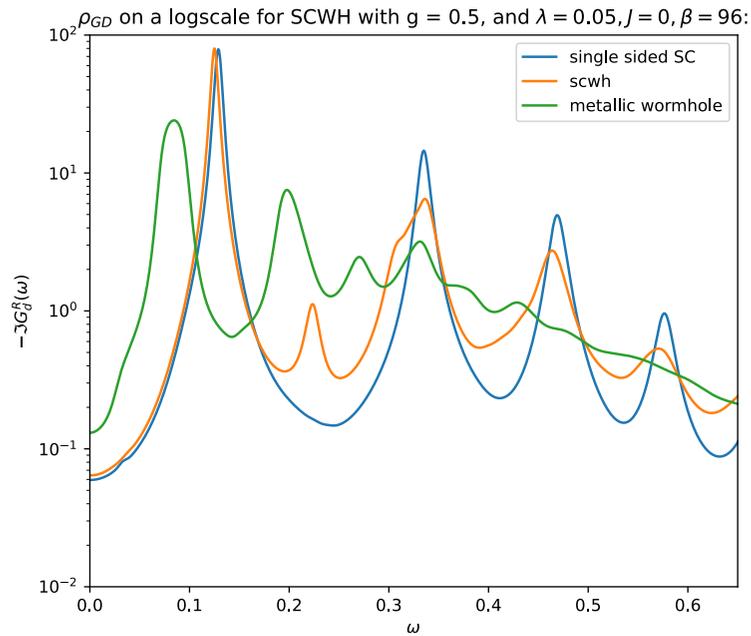
Signatures of a TFD/wormhole in the YSYK superconducting groundstate

In a small window near λ_c does the new peak behave like the 1st excited WH peak



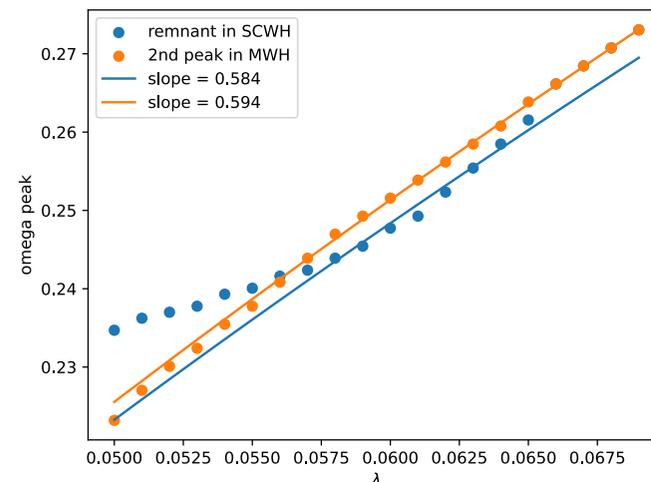
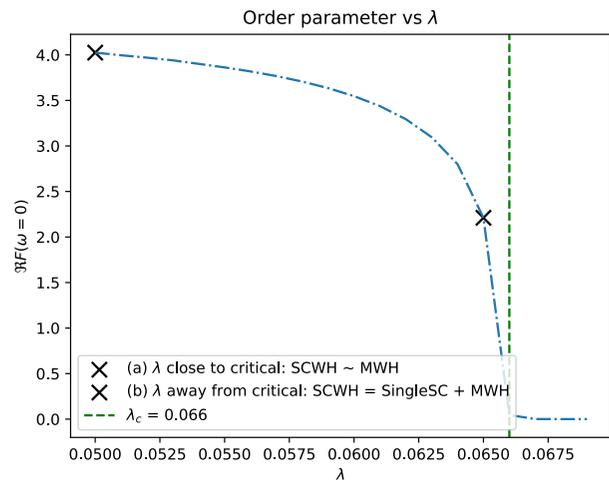
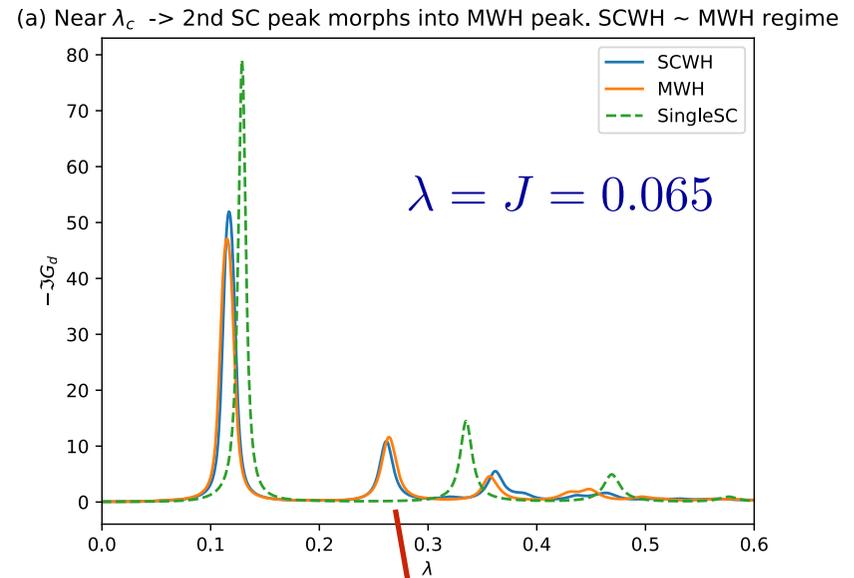
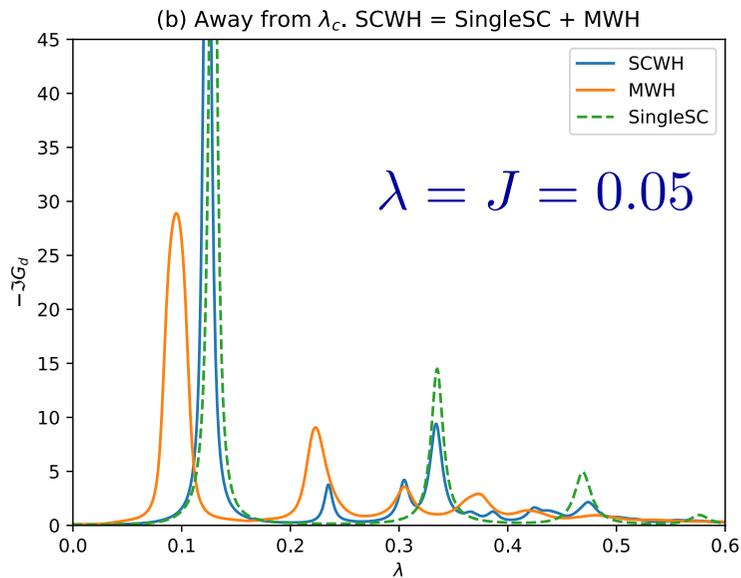
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Including a boson tunneling interaction: $\mathcal{L} = \int d\tau \dots + J\phi_L^a\phi_{aR}$

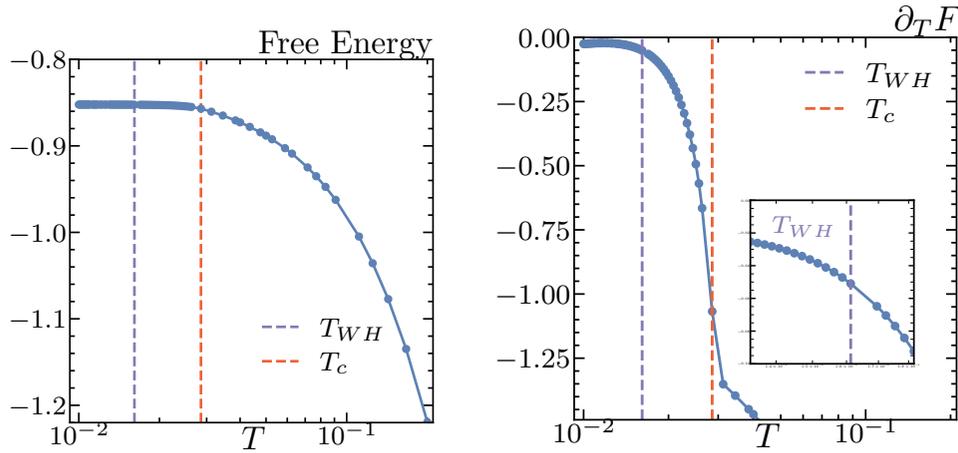


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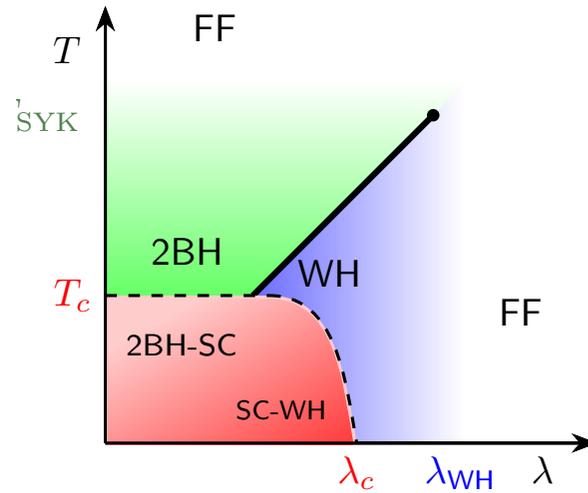
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- The SC-wormhole crosses over to the 2BH-SC state .



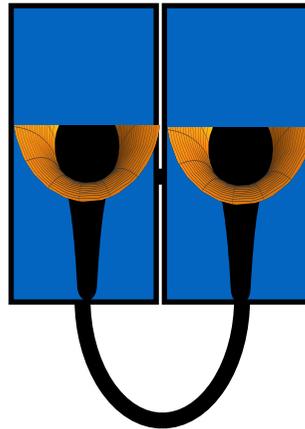
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Free energy is continuous between 2BH-SC and SC-WH

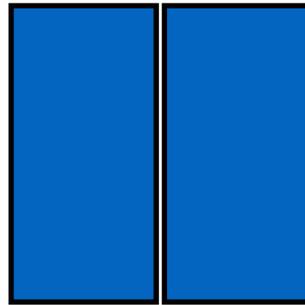
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- Hybrid combination of superconductor/wormhole state exists

CFT_L CFT_R



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Superconductor Superconductor

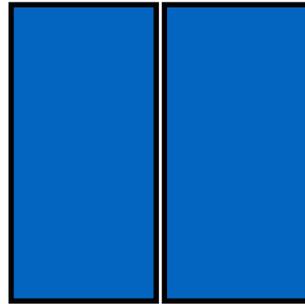


Tunneling barrier

- Hybrid combination of superconductor/wormhole state exists

Josephson junction

Superconductor Superconductor



Tunneling barrier

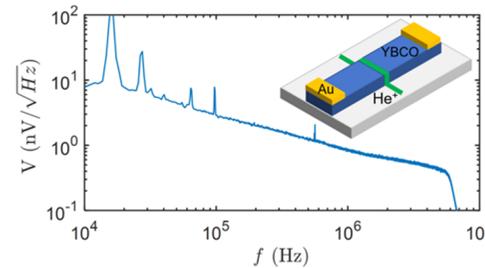
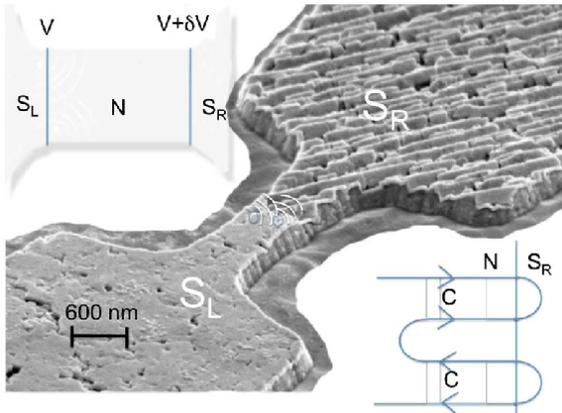
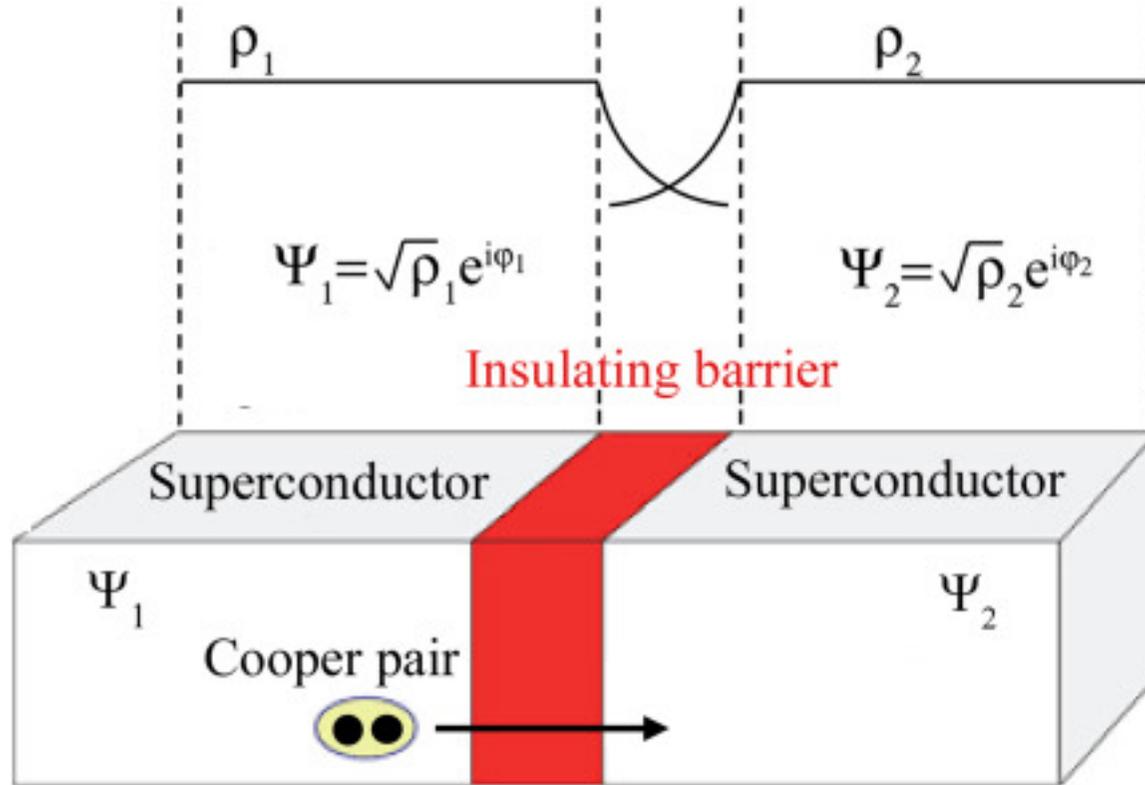
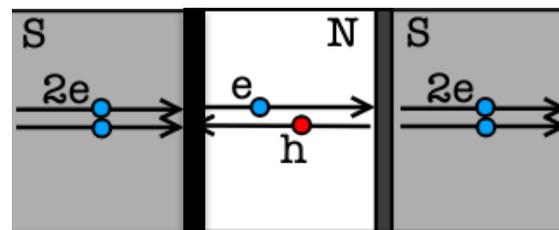


Fig. S8: Shot noise in a Josephson junction made of the high- T_c superconductor $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ (YBCO) fabricated using a focused ion (He^+) beam. The spectrum is dominated by $1/f$ noise and accurate shot noise cannot be calculated. Inset: schematic of the sample structure.

- Josephson physics (Cooper pair tunneling = Andreev reflection)



Josephson current



Andreev reflection

$$G(t, t') = \langle \psi^\dagger(t) \psi(t) \rangle$$

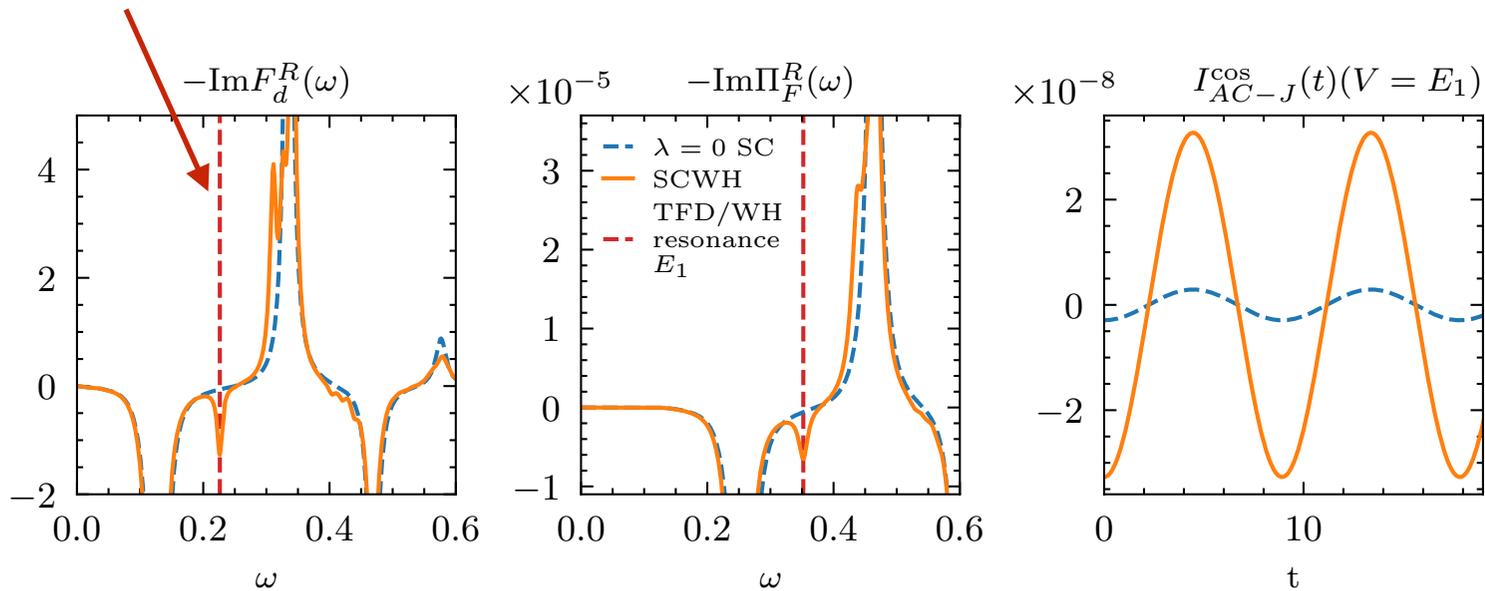
$$F(t, t') = \langle \psi(t) \psi(t') \rangle$$

- The AC Josephson effect can detect these resonances

$$I_{AC-J}(t) = 2\lambda^2 [\text{Re}\Pi_F^R(V) \sin(2Vt) + \text{Im}\Pi_F^R(V) \cos(2Vt)]$$

$$\Pi_F(\nu_n) = T \sum_n \bar{F}(\omega_m) F(\omega_m - \nu_n)$$

Andreev revival



Conclusions and Outlook

- Despite instability towards superconductivity, detectable signatures of a quantum critical wormhole survive in two coupled Yukawa-SYK quantum dots.

Semi-local quantum liquid/intermediate scale fixed point/ AdS_2 holographic superconductor

- The extra wormhole resonances (Andreev revivals) are detectable in the AC-Josephson junction.
- This *can be expected* to survive in two coupled Yukawa-SYK 2D lattices (universal theory of a strange metal). 2D quantum critical systems are special. To be confirmed...
- Provides an outlook to realize a strange-metal Josephson experiment whose physics is holographically dual to a semi-macroscopic wormhole.

Including $J:\lambda = 0.075$

