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Abstract: <p>When performing numerical simulation of many-body systems we work with the goal of computing some set of averaged observables.&nbsp; This process has a weakness in that, when our simulation is complete, we have no ability to determine what was the key physics that gave our result.&nbsp; In this talk, I'll give a simple example, a gap in a single-particle density of states, and explain how we can use two-particle quantities to recover key 'hidden' information.&nbsp; I'll then back up these claims with numerical results for the 2D Hubbard model.&nbsp; For the second half of my talk I'll hope to keep your attention by introducing a parallel but MUCH more whimsical idea, unparticle physics. I'll at least TRY to explain what an unparticle is and how it might impact strongly correlated condensed matter systems.</p>

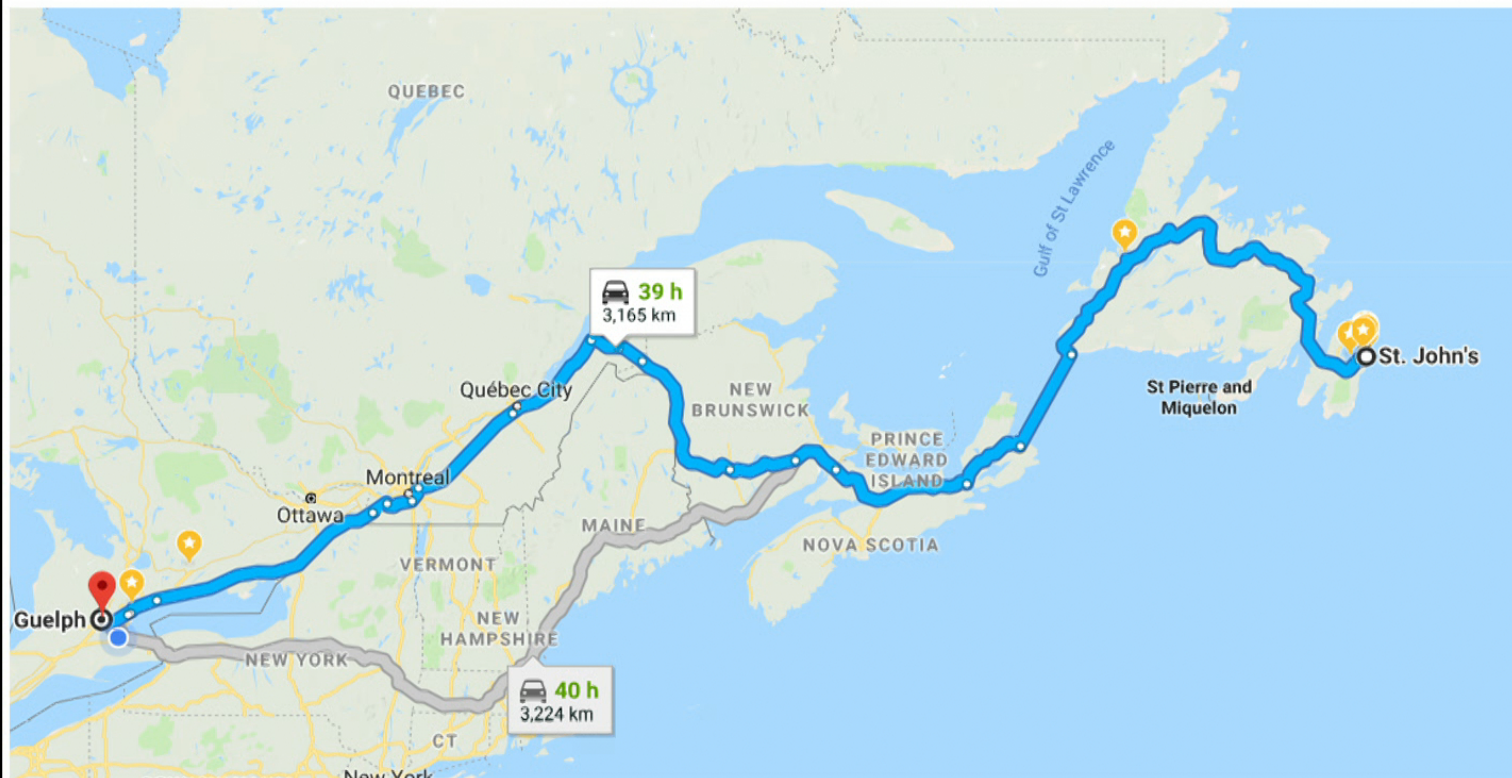
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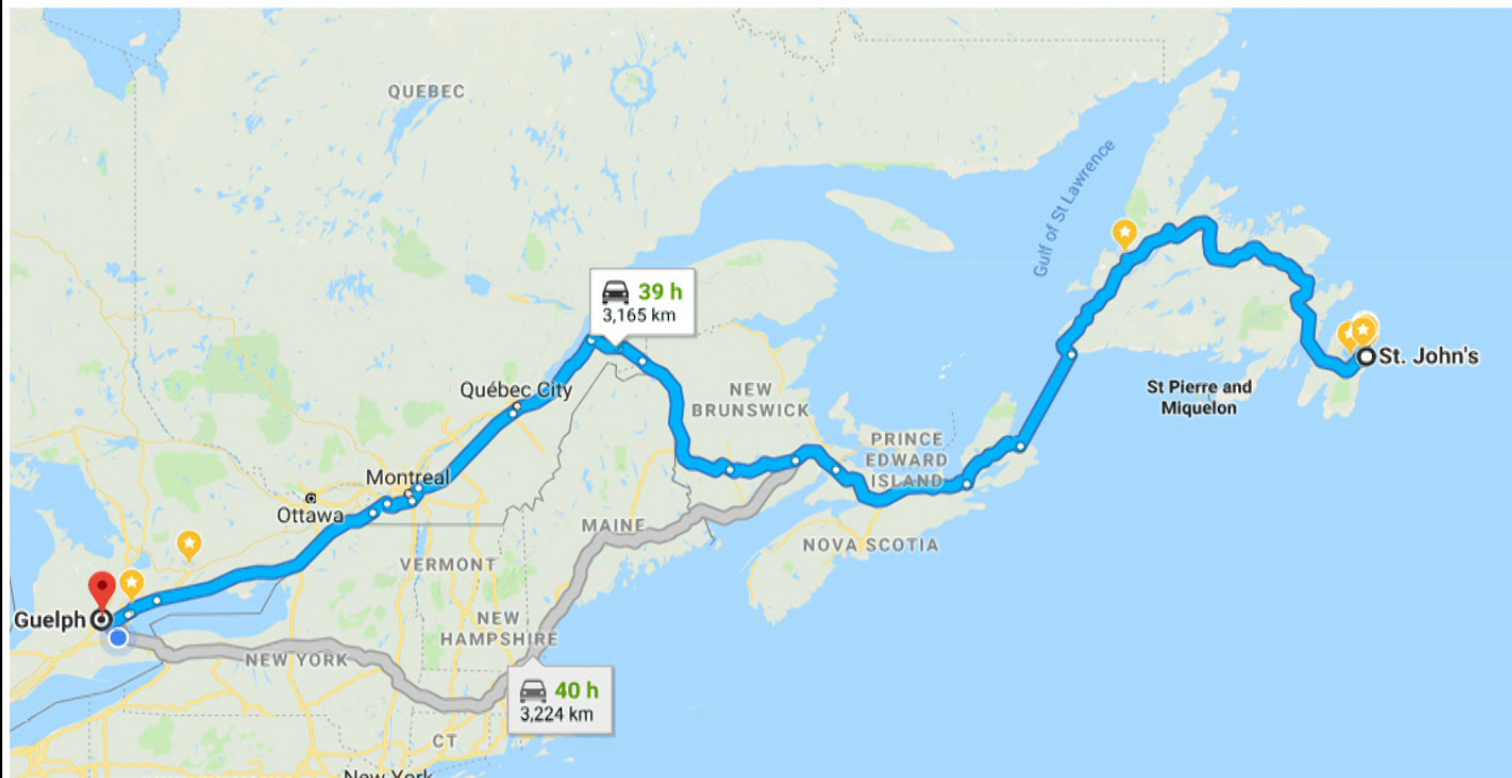
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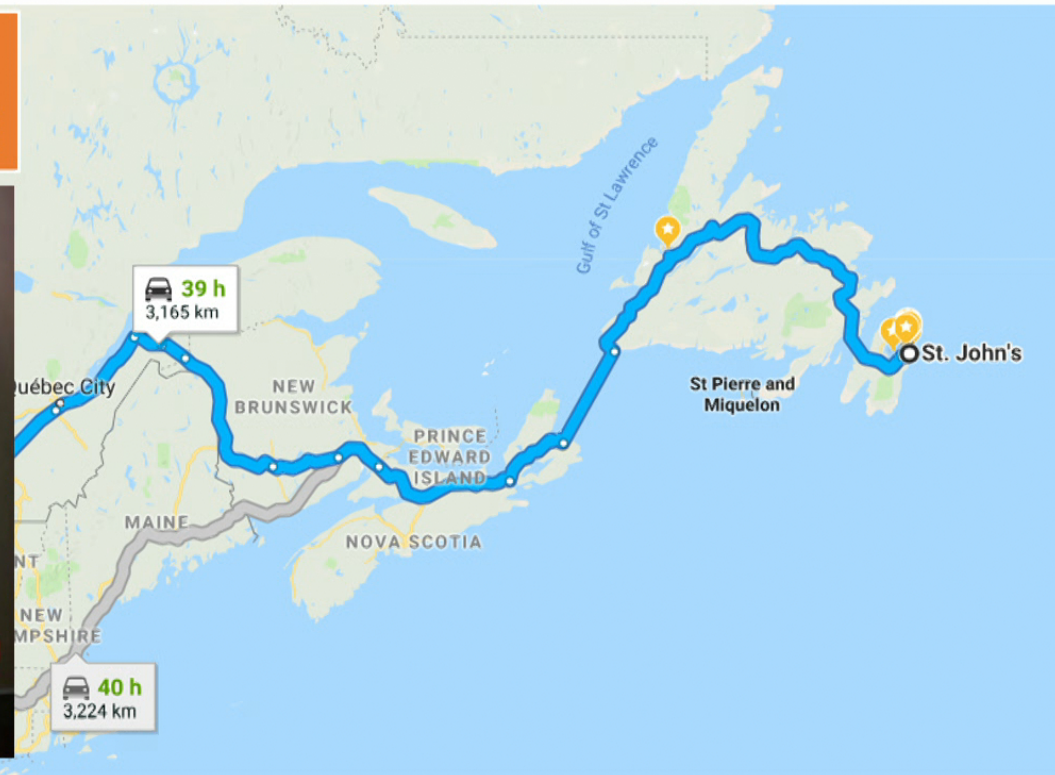


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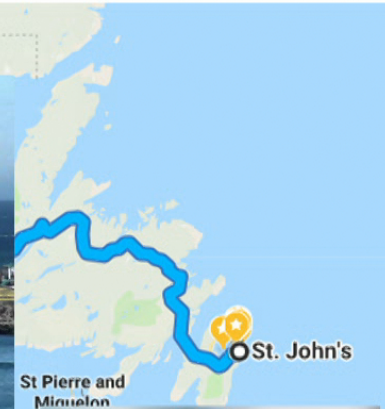
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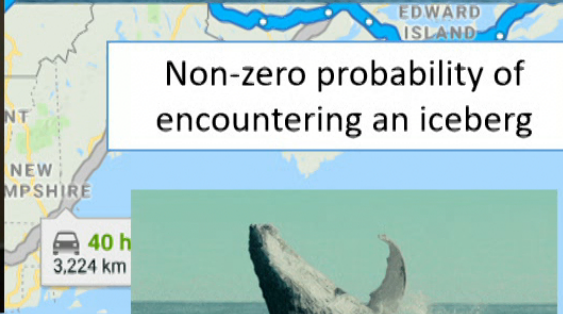


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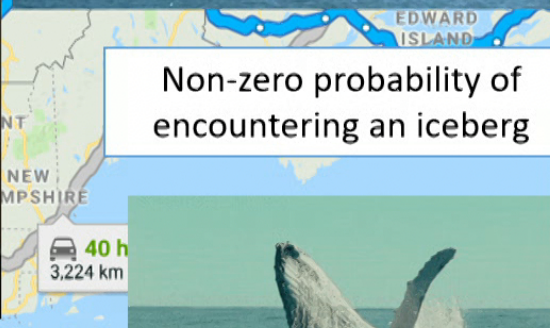


Non-zero probability of  
encountering an iceberg



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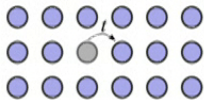
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# Overview

## Part 1: “Towing the Party Line”

Strongly Correlated Systems:

The 2D Hubbard model A 4x4 grid of 16 blue circles representing particles in a 2D lattice. The central circle is shaded grey, and a small arrow points to it from the label  $i_l$ .

$$H = \sum_{k\sigma} (\epsilon_k - \mu) c_{k\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma} + U \sum_l n_{l\uparrow} n_{l\downarrow}$$

Quick Primer to Many-Body Physics

Two Particle Properties

- Uncovering ‘Hidden’ information  
Pseudogap phase
- Neutron and NMR studies from two-particle susceptibilities

## Part 2: “Unparticle Nonsense”

1) Story Time



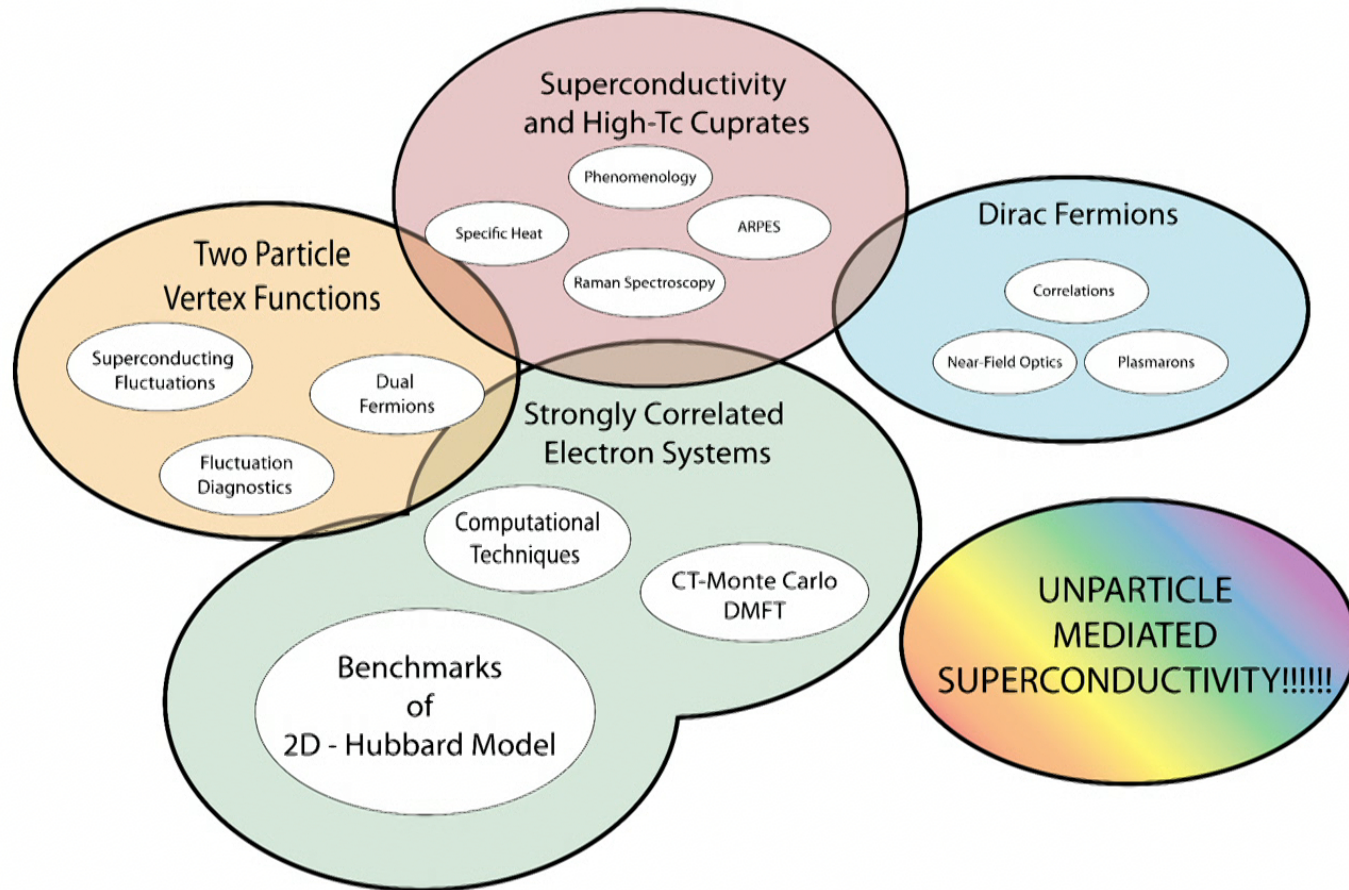
2) Scale Invariance and ‘Hidden’  
Unparticles



3) Unparticle Mediated  
Superconductivity



# Disclaimer – I'm all over the place



# Dirac – The Many Electron Problem

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London.  
Series A, Containing Papers of a Mathematical and Physical Character, Vol. 123, No. 792 (1929)

“The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble. “

“It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation.”



# Introduction: Many-electron Problem

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## The four fundamental interactions of nature

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental\\_interaction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental_interaction)

Interaction	Gravitation	Weak	Electromagnetic	Strong	
		(Electroweak)		Fundamental	Residual
Acts on:	Mass - Energy	<a href="#">Flavor</a>	Electric charge	<a href="#">Color charge</a>	Atomic nuclei
Particles experiencing:	All	<a href="#">Quarks, leptons</a>	Electrically charged	Quarks, <a href="#">Gluons</a>	<a href="#">Hadrons</a>
Particles mediating:	Not yet observed ( <a href="#">Graviton</a> hypothesized)	<a href="#">W<sup>+</sup> W<sup>-</sup> Z<sup>0</sup></a>	<a href="#">γ</a> (photon)	Gluons	<a href="#">Mesons</a>



More is Different (Anderson Science 1972 – just after quarks)

The result of the complex system, is **fundamentally** different from a handful of particles.

**Searching for emergent behaviour**

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Interaction	THERE ARE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FORCES BETWEEN PARTICLES: (1) GRAVITY, WHICH OBEYS THIS INVERSE SQUARE LAW:	(2) ELECTROMAGNETISM, WHICH OBEYS THIS INVERSE-SQUARE LAW:	(3) THE STRONG NUCLEAR FORCE, WHICH OBEYS, UH...	AND (4) THE WEAK FORCE. IT [MUMBLE MUMBLE] RADIOACTIVE DECAY [MUMBLE MUMBLE]
Acts on:			...WELL, UMM...	[MUMBLE MUMBLE] RADIOACTIVE DECAY [MUMBLE MUMBLE]
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Particles mediating:				-AND THOSE ARE THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FORCES!



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# Collaboration on the Many Electron Problem

## SIMONS FOUNDATION

The Simons Collaboration on the Many Electron Problem brings together a group of scientists focused on developing new ways to solve the quantum mechanical behavior of systems comprised of many interacting electrons, with the goal of revolutionizing our ability to calculate and understand the properties of molecules and solids important in chemistry, physics and everyday life.



FLATIRON  
INSTITUTE

Center for Computational  
Quantum Physics

CCQ's mission is to develop the concepts, theories, algorithms and codes needed to solve the quantum many-body problem and to use the solutions to predict the behavior of materials and molecules of scientific and technological interest.

# ALPSCore: Core libraries of ALPS project

**Save yourself some time!**

Website: <http://alpscore.org/>

(Based on Algorithms and Libraries for Physics Simulations, [alps.comp-phys.org](http://alps.comp-phys.org))

## ALPSCore package

<b>params</b> (Access to parameter file and command line)	<b>accumulators</b> (Gather statistical data with error estimates)
<b>archive</b> (Save to, restore from HDF5 files)	<b>Monte Carlo scheduler</b> (Distribute work via MPI, set termination criteria)
<b>Green's Functions</b> (Manipulate Green's functions)	<b>Tutorials</b> (E.g., Ising model MC simulation)

Matsubara vs Real Axis Formalism

- Need reliable tools for analytic continuation  $i\omega_n \rightarrow \omega$

## Maxent

<https://github.com/CQMP/Maxent>

- Specifically tuned to analytically continue Green's functions and Bosonic Response functions
- Minimal Complication (ALPSCore, EIGEN3)
  - 10 minutes
- **arXiv:1606.00368**

# Scientific Rigour

Working on challenging problems means you can't get the 'right' answer.

Each Group chips away independently on a problem and gives their best guess

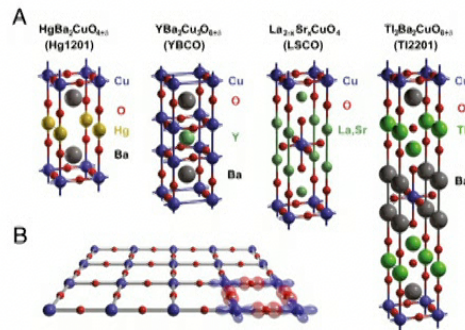
Hopefully some consensus is reached

## Side Effects

Breeds mistrust

- "Those theorists don't know what they are doing"
- "Oh god, not another High-Tc talk..."

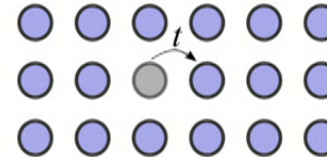
## Replace Complicated Materials



Barišić et al. PNAS 2013 July, 110 (30) 12235-12240

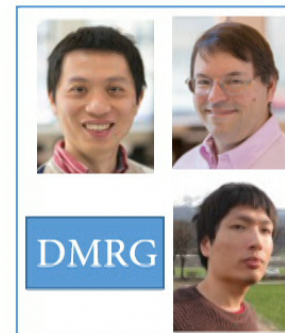
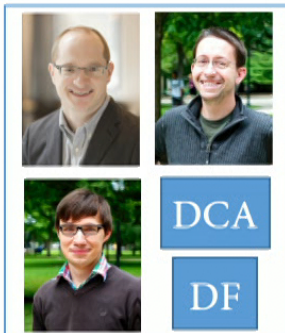
## Simplified Lattice Models

2D Square Lattice – Hubbard Model



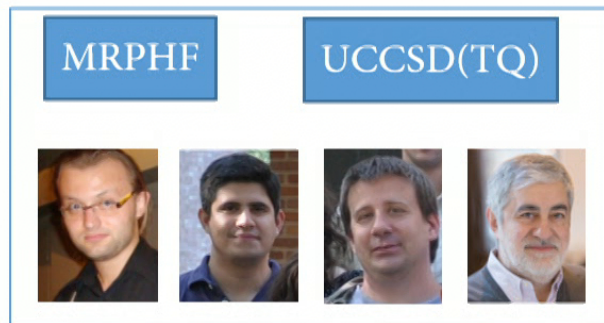
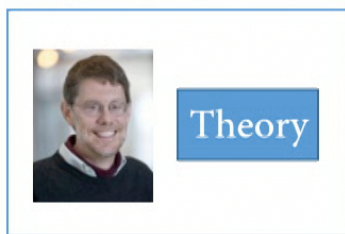
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# Simons Collaboration on the Many Electron Problem



Combine resources

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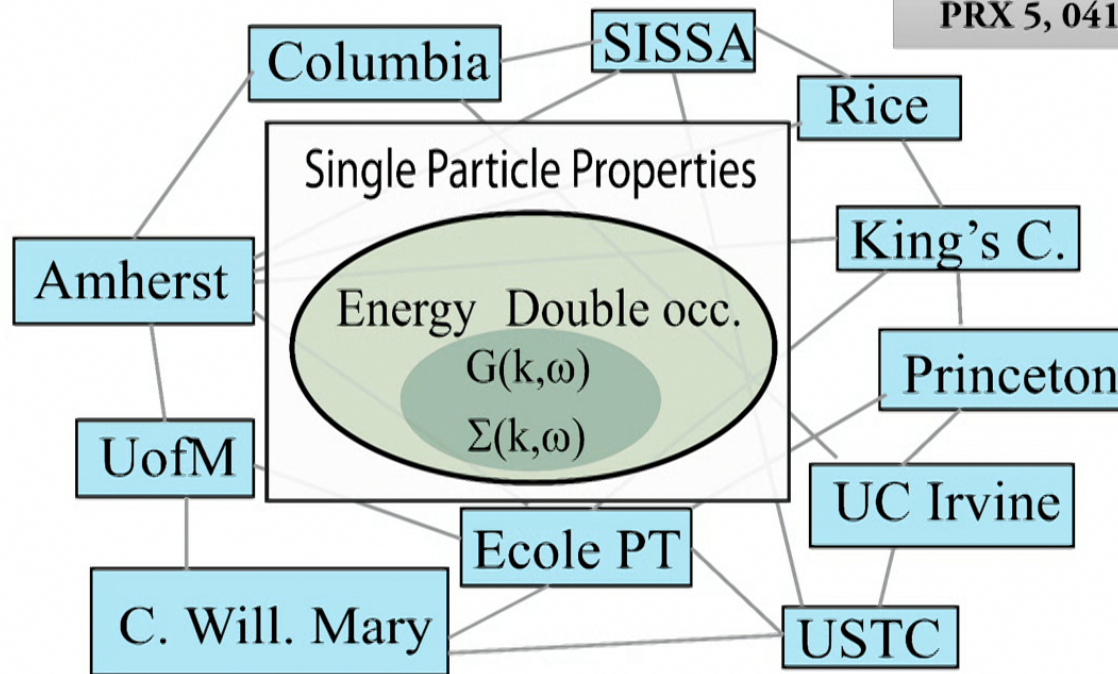




# Part 1: The 2D Hubbard Model

Simons Foundation Collaboration on the Many-Electron Problem

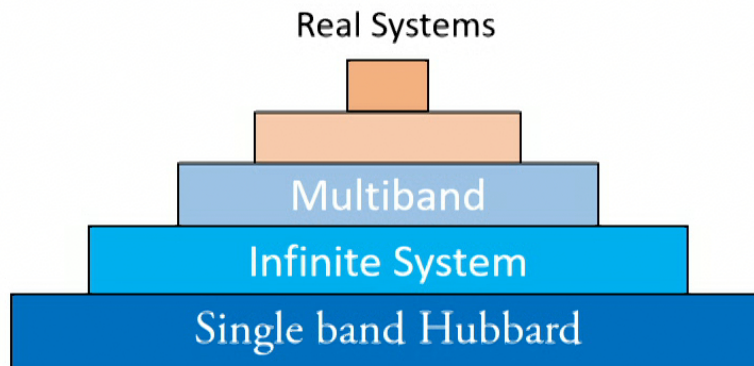
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**Tremendous effort to establish concensus**

Stripe Phase: Science 358, 1155 (2017) Hydrogen Chain: Phys. Rev. X 7, 031059 (2017)

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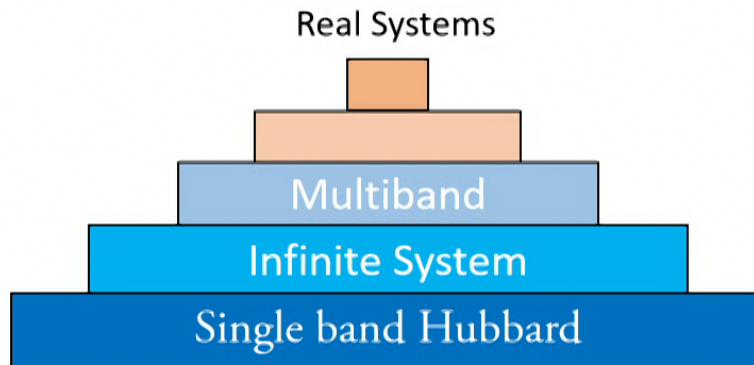


Propose a Model System

Single band Hubbard

Solve the (insert expletive) out of it

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The phase diagram of the single band Hubbard model is not known.

$$U, \beta, \mu$$

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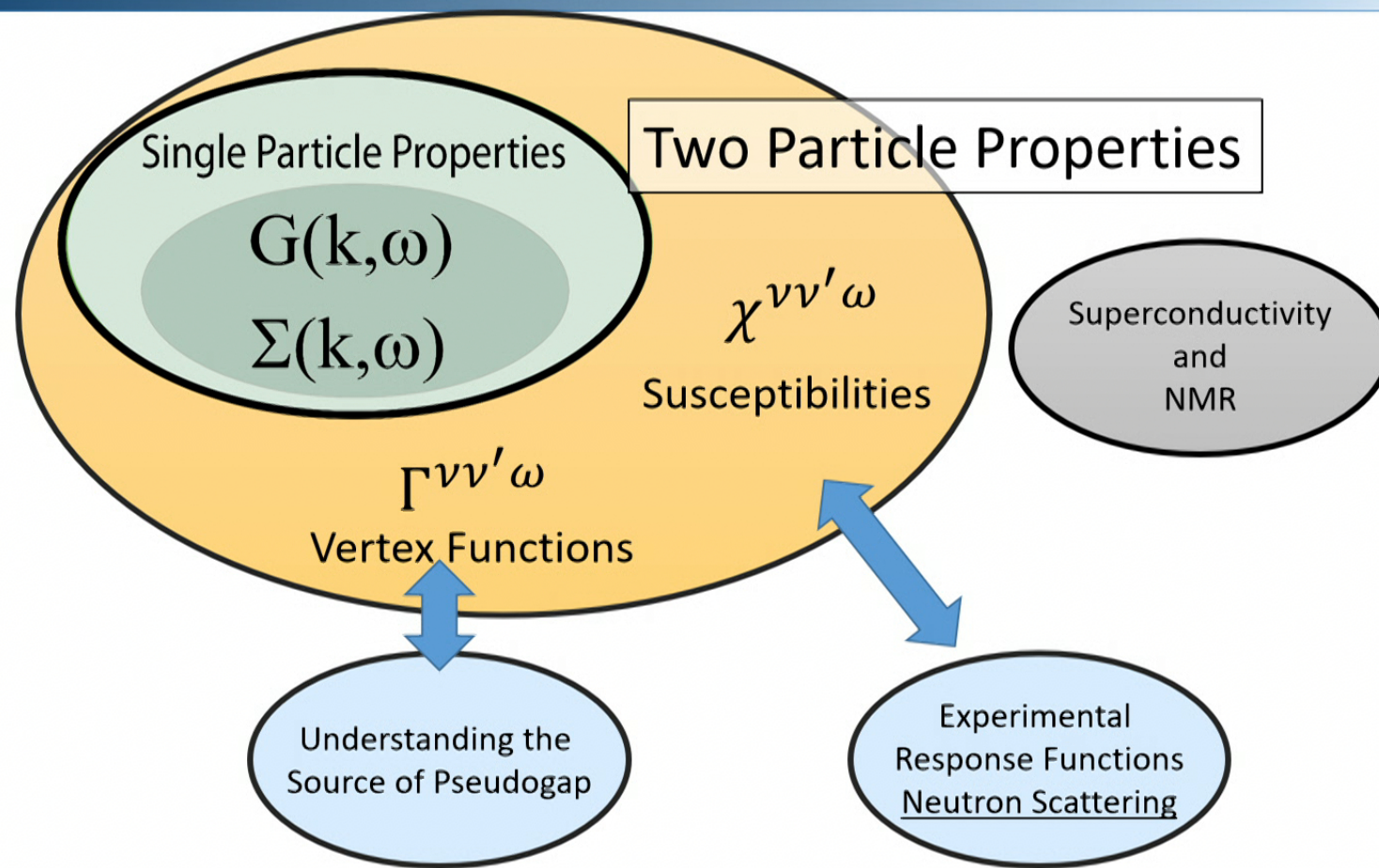
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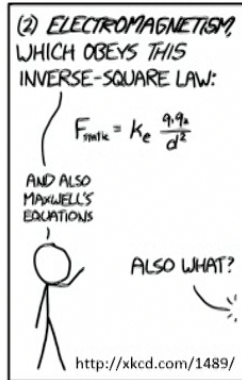
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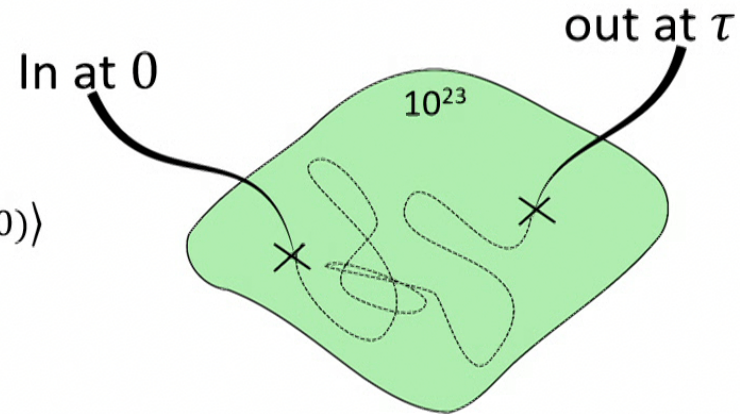


# Many-Body Theory in Condensed Matter



Single Particle Properties  
Green's Function  $G(r, t)$

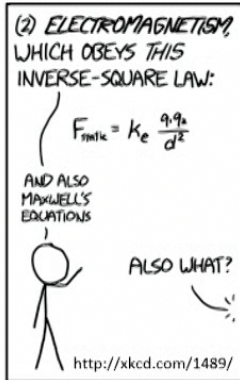
$$G_{\sigma}(r - r', \tau) = \langle c_{r\sigma}(\tau) c_{r'\sigma}^{\dagger}(0) \rangle$$



Repeat this process again and  
again to build a probability of  
being in a particular state at time  
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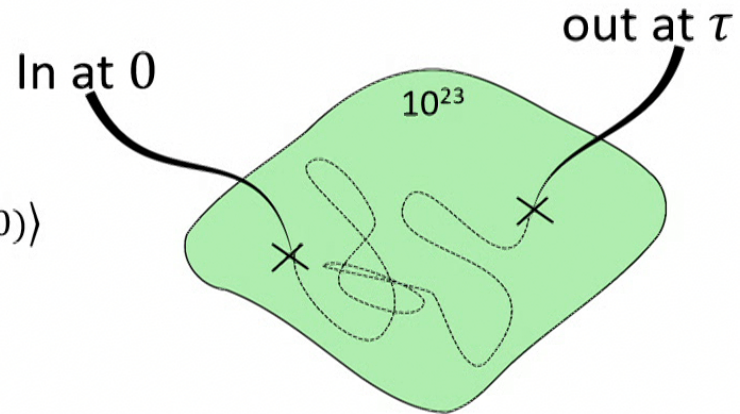
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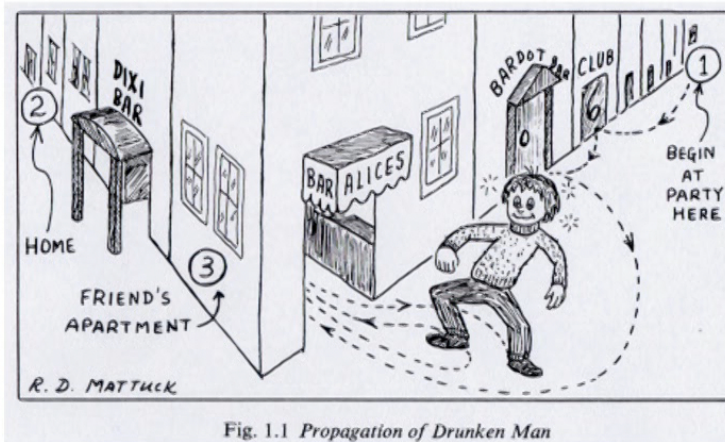
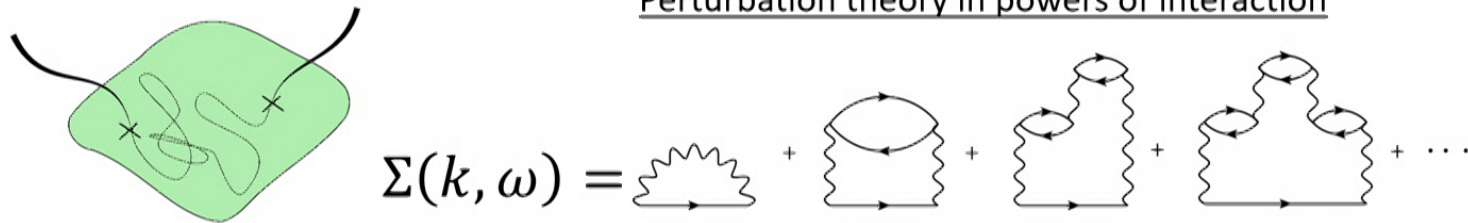



Fig. 1.1 Propagation of Drunken Man

# Feynman Diagrams

Perturbation theory in powers of interaction



Basic Building Blocks

$G$   Interacting Green's Function ( $k, \omega$ )

$G_0$   Non-Interacting Green's Function ( $k, \omega$ )

$V$   Coulomb Potential  $\rightarrow U \rightarrow \bullet$

All possible permutations and expansion orders must be summed

$$\sum_{\{perm,i\}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} U^n [F_n^i(G_0)]$$




If interaction is weak – expansion order small

If interaction is strong – expansion order large

# Self Energy – Dyson Equation

Basic Building Blocks

$$\text{thick arrow} = \text{thin arrow} + \text{thin arrow} \circlearrowleft \Sigma \text{ thin arrow} + \text{thin arrow} \circlearrowleft \Sigma \circlearrowleft \Sigma \text{ thin arrow} + \dots$$

$G$		Interacting Green's Function
$G_0$		Non-Interacting Green's Function
$\Sigma$		Self Energy

Single Particle Self Energy is the difference between an interacting and non-interacting system's energy

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) = G_0^{-1}(k, \omega) - G^{-1}(k, \omega)$$

Any problem of interactions (at the single particle level) boils down to:  
What is the self energy?



# Many-Body Theory

Single Particle

$G$ : Green's Function

$\Sigma$ : Self Energy

Sufficient for density of states, and spectral function

STM, ARPES

Two Particle

$\Gamma$ : Vertex Function

$\chi$ : Susceptibility

Optical Conductivity  
Raman Spectroscopy  
NMR  
Neutron Scattering

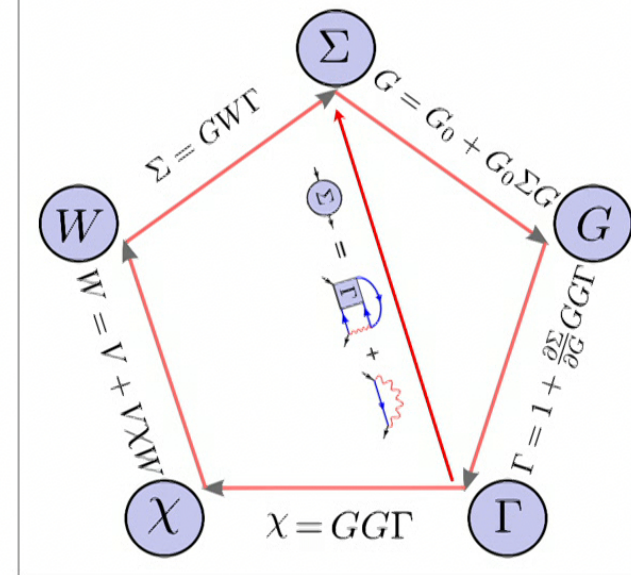
Necessary for phase transitions

Necessary for optical experiments

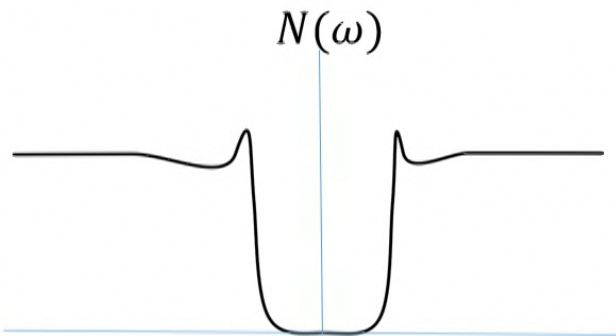
$W$ : Screened Potential

Single particle and two-particle properties related

## Hedin Equations



# A thought experiment



“I’ve measured the density of states of material ‘X’.  
What does it mean?!?!?”

Realistic viewpoint

- There is a gap
- The gap has an amplitude

What does this actually tell us?

Strong Coupling models

- It’s an insulator!

Cuprates

- I bet it’s a superconductor!

Hybridization Gap

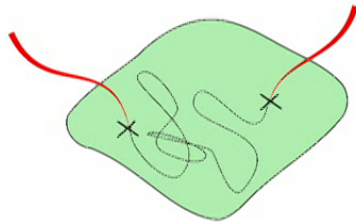
- Some ordering!

This same issue arises in numerical work.

Two-particle properties can directly account for lost information.

# Loss of information

Recall definition of self energy



What were the MOST important interactions?

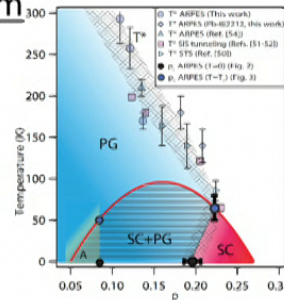
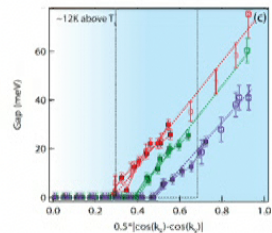
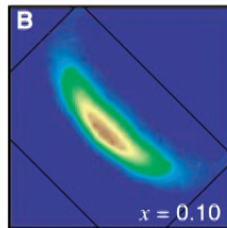
particle-particle  
particle-hole  
spin  
charge



Which interactions dominated?

Details of the interactions are lost

## Pseudogap in Cuprates – A REAL Problem



d-wave gap in single particle spectra

It's origin is preformed pairs!

It's origin is Mott physics!

Charge density wave!

Spin Density wave!

.... And so on

K. Shen et al Science **307** 901 (2005)

Vishik et al. PNAS 109 (45) 18332-18337 (2012)

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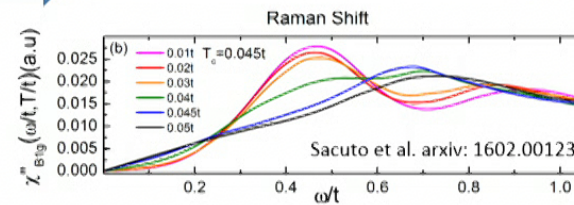
James LeBlanc – Perimeter - 2018

# Retrieving Lost Information

Typical Procedure  
Supplement single particle properties with two-particle probes

STM, ARPES

Optical Conductivity  
Raman Spectroscopy  
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Generate Analogous Quantities

$G$ : Green's Function  
 $\Sigma$ : Self Energy

$\chi$ : Susceptibility

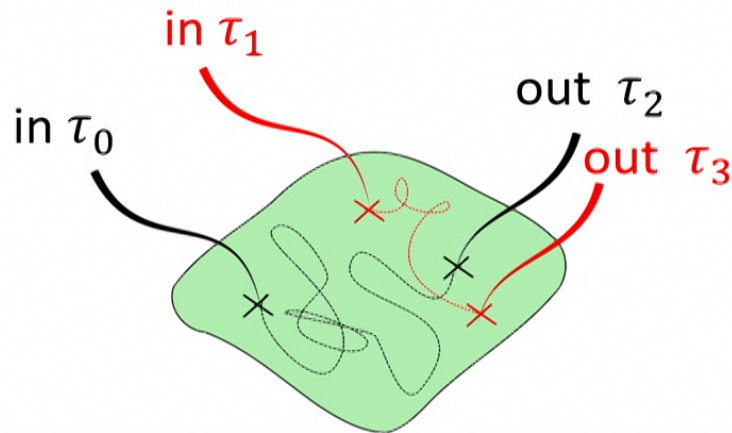
# Talk about Susceptibilities

## TOPIC OF PART 1

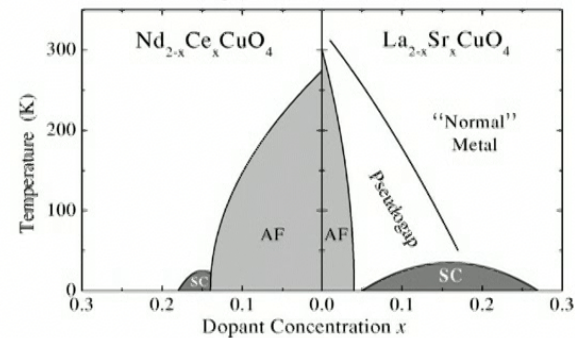
Simple description of interactions in a system: 2D Hubbard, Square Lattice

$$H = - \sum_{\{i,j\},\sigma} \overset{\text{Kinetic}}{t_{ij}} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i \overset{\text{Potential}}{n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}}$$

Two-particle (4-point) Green's functions



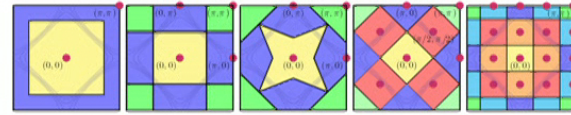
Contain more information of phase transitions and long ranged correlations



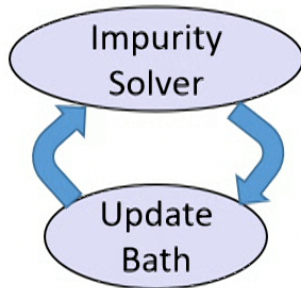
# Approximation: $\chi$ from DCA

## DCA Results

-Discrete or limited K resolution ( $K'$ ,  $Q$  in  $\chi$ )



## Recall Dynamical Mean-Field Theory



- Iterate DCA loop to convergence
- Measure 4-point Green's function
- Approximate lattice vertex by cluster measurement

DCA Exact in  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$  Limit

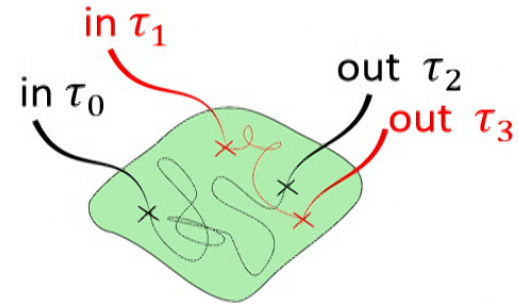
Restrict to 8-site clusters

Wick's decomposition

$$G_4^{\sigma\sigma'}(v, k; v', k'; \omega, q) \rightarrow \sum G_2^\sigma(v; v + \omega) G_2^{\sigma'}(v' + \omega; \omega)$$

Generalized Susceptibility

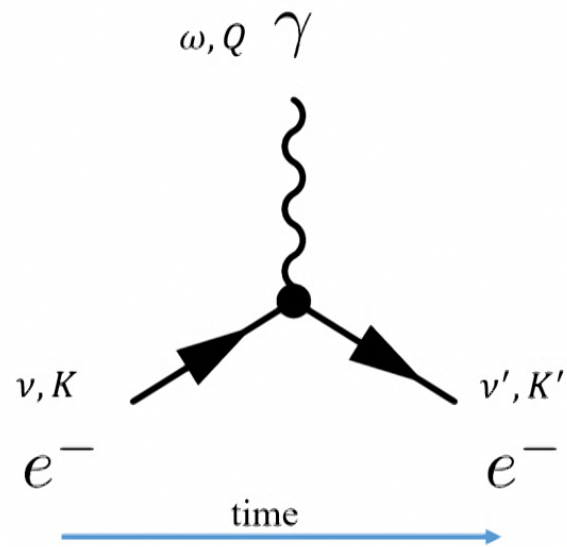
$$\chi_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3} = G_4(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3) - G_2(\tau_1, \tau_2) G_2(\tau_3, 0)$$



# We need a vertex!

Electron scatters with photon. Precisely HOW does it scatter?

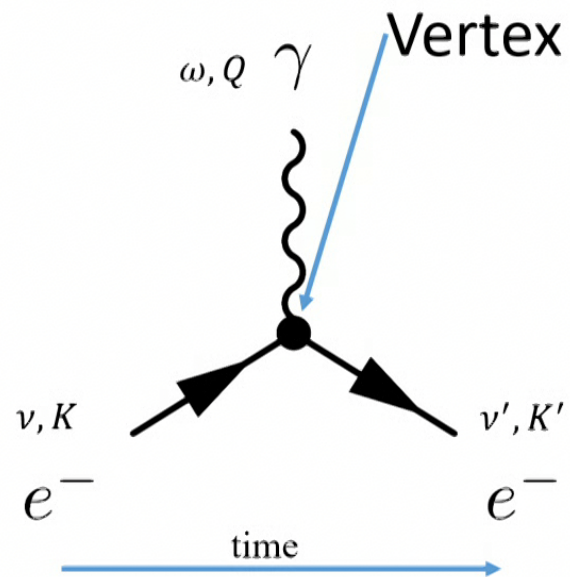
Scattering Problem



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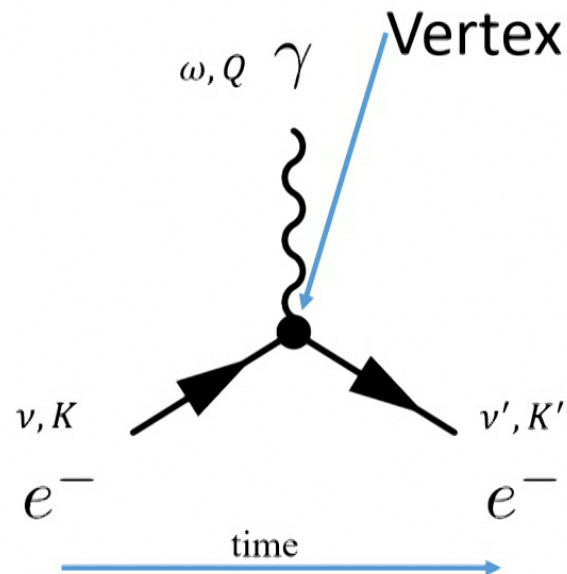




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Single Scattering Event  $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\epsilon_0 \hbar c} = \frac{1}{137}$

Vertex  $\propto$  Fine Structure Constant

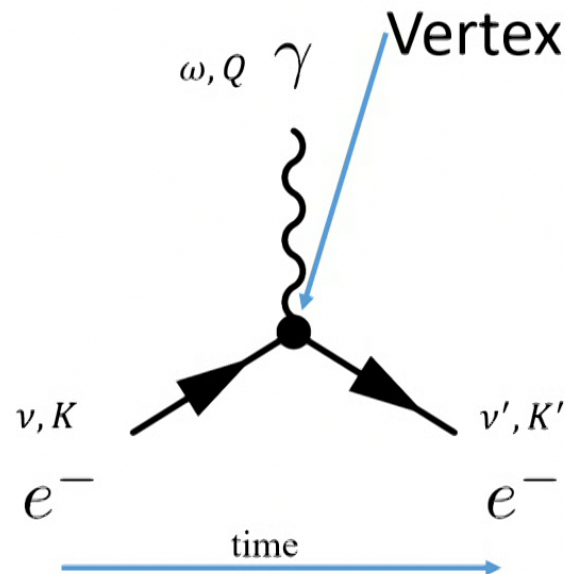
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### Complexity

Each GF has  $v, K$

Each vertex has  $v, v', \omega, K, K', Q$

### MegaBytes vs. GigaBytes

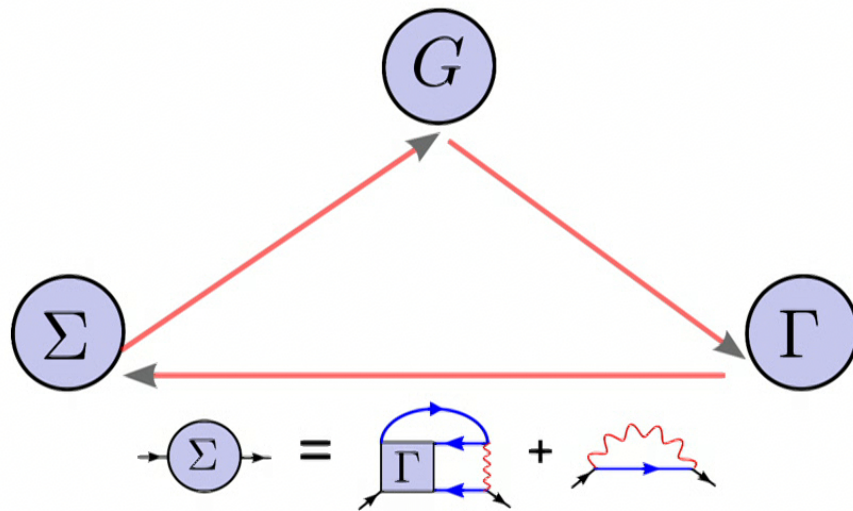
10x10 grid in  $K$ , 1024 points in  $\omega$

$$G(k, \omega) \approx 1.6\text{MB}$$

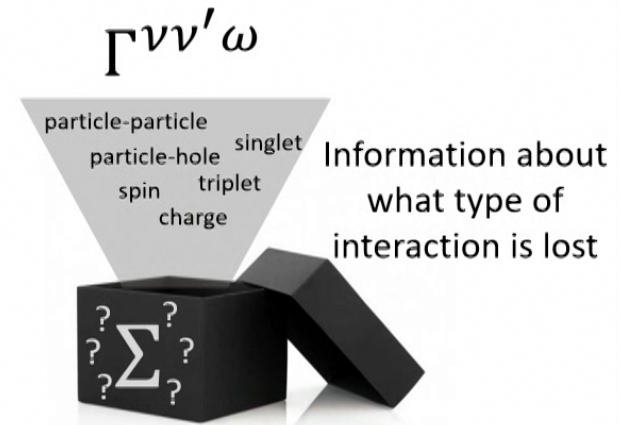
$$\Gamma_{K, K', Q}^{v, v', \omega} \approx 16,000 \text{ TB}$$

# Self Energy from a Two-Particle Vertex

## EQUATION OF MOTION APPROACH



From 2-particle result, get back to single-particle properties

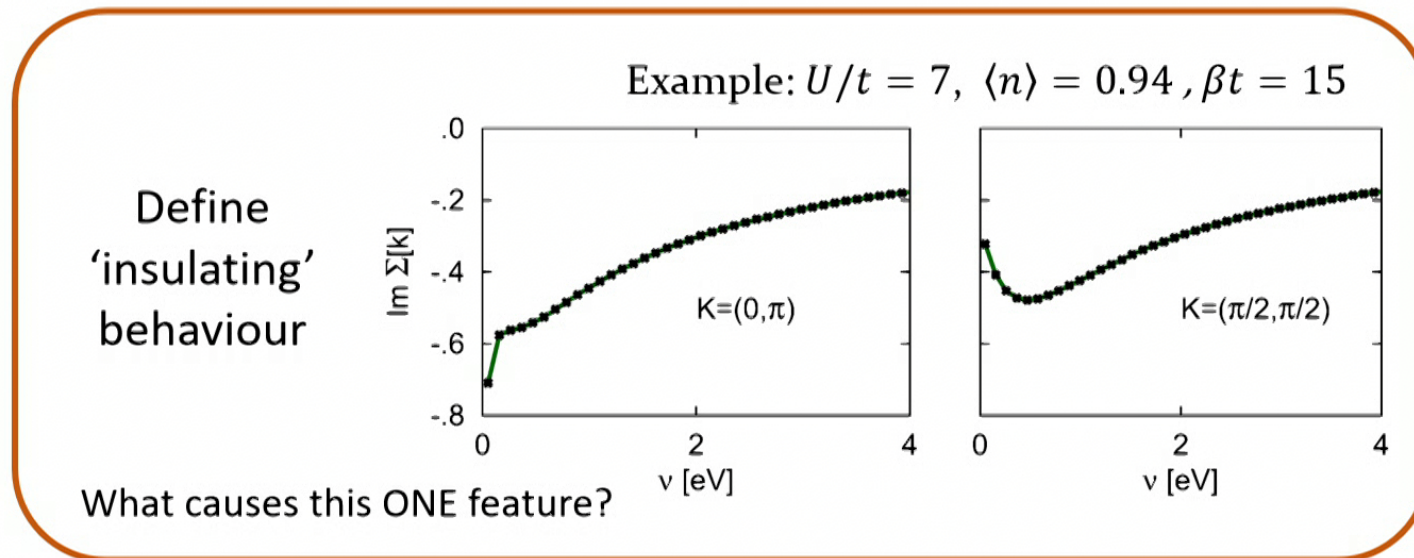


Use vertex to get some of this information back

# Single Particle Pseudogap

Collaboration with O. Gunnarsson, T. Schäfer, J.P.F. LeBlanc, E. Gull, J. Merino, G. Sangiovanni, G. Rohringer, and A. Toschi

## Self Energy in antinodal direction begins to see insulating behaviour

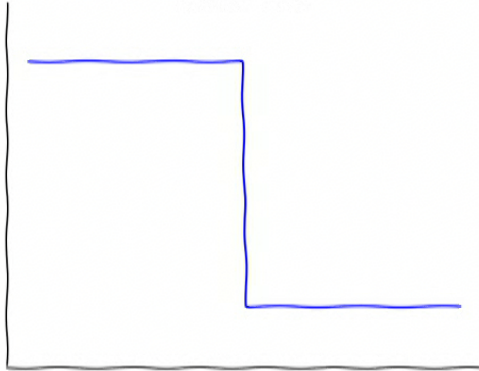


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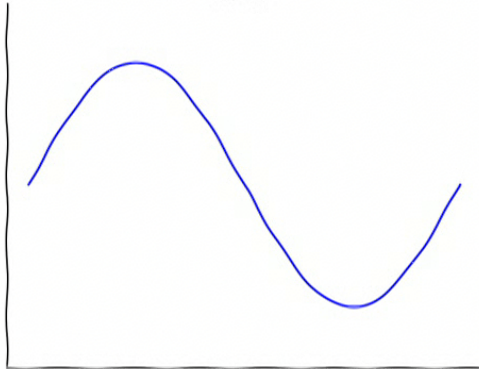
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# Basis Representation

SQUARE WAVE



SIN(x)



- Very simple function
  - Representable with only a few parameters
    - Consider representing in a different basis
      - Fourier Basis

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

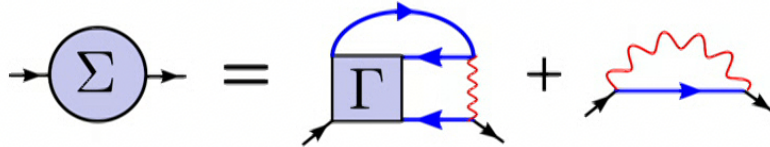
- $\sin(x)$  function
  - Complicated function
- In Fourier Basis
  - Defined by a single number

Choice of basis does not impact the result

Finding a GOOD basis, tells you something about the problem itself

# Self Energy from Two-Particle Object

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Choice of Vertex Basis cannot impact  $\Sigma$

$$\Gamma_{sp} = \overset{\text{Spin}}{\Gamma_{\uparrow\uparrow}} - \overset{\text{Spin}}{\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}} \quad \Gamma_{ch} = \overset{\text{Charge}}{\Gamma_{\uparrow\uparrow}} + \overset{\text{Charge}}{\Gamma_{\uparrow\downarrow}}$$

Equivalent once summed over internal indices

(Also singlet, triplet, particle-particle...)

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(k) &= \frac{U}{\beta^2 N} \sum_{k', Q} \Gamma_{sp}(k, k'; Q) G(k') G(k' + Q) G(k + Q) \\ &= \frac{U}{\beta^2 N} \sum_{k', Q} \Gamma_{ch}(k, k'; Q) G(k') G(k' + Q) G(k + Q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma(k, \omega_n) = \sum_Q \Sigma(k, \omega_n, Q)$$

## Fluctuation Diagnostics

Partial summation over internal indices provides window into the source of interactions

1. Examine  $\omega_n$  and  $Q$  dependence
2. Examine Basis dependence

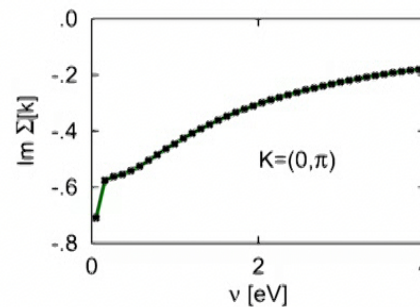
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## Fluctuation Diagnostics

No variation of system parameters required

Contribution to single frequency

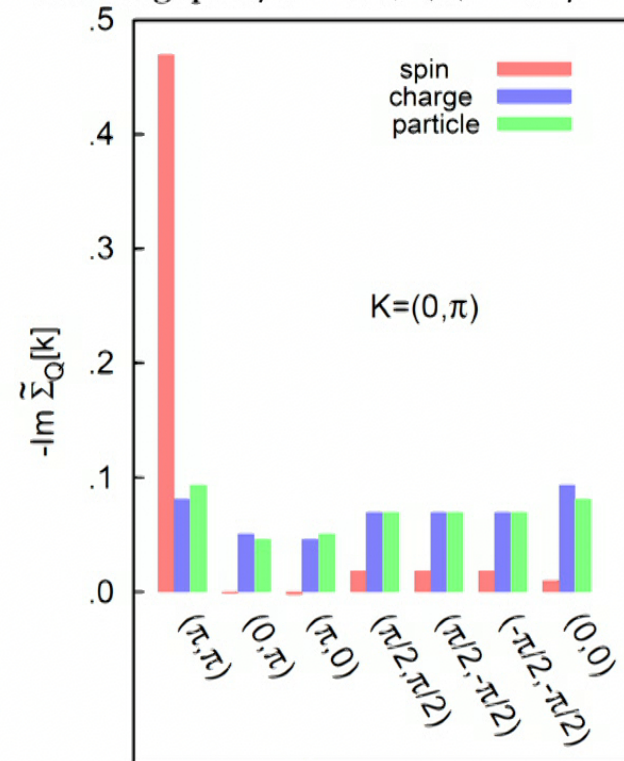


### Conclusions:

Spin excitations are a better basis for representing interactions

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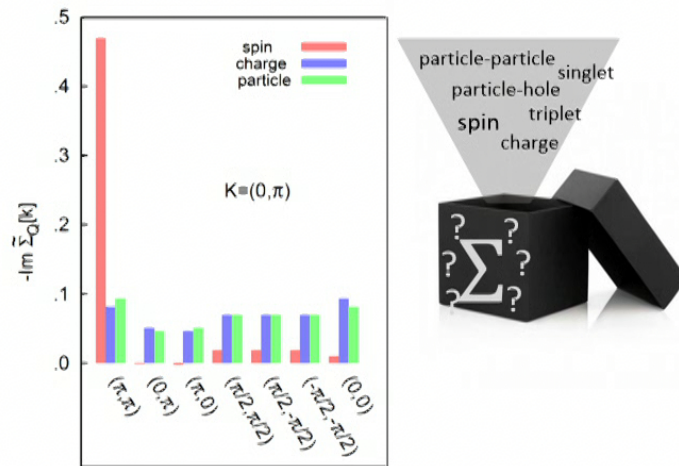
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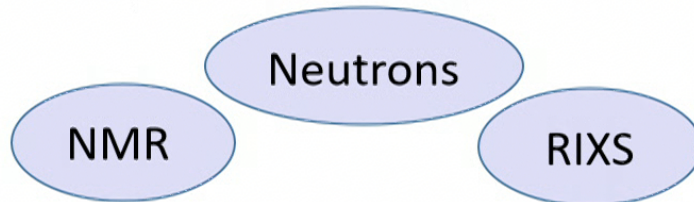


Use Two-Particle Properties to isolate dominant contributions to the self energy

Pseudogap  $\rightarrow Q = (\pi, \pi)$  AFM Fluct

## Experimental Response Functions

Spin and Charge Susceptibilities



$$\chi^{\nu\nu'}\omega$$

$$\Gamma^{\nu\nu'}\omega$$

Susceptibilities

Vertex Functions

Explore doping and temperature dependence

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# Part 2: Unparticle Physics and the Joy of Exploring Nonsensical Ideas

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# Overview

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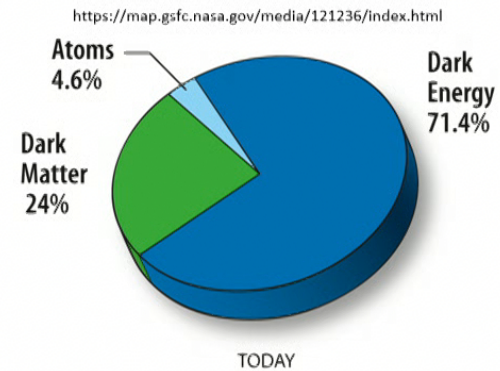
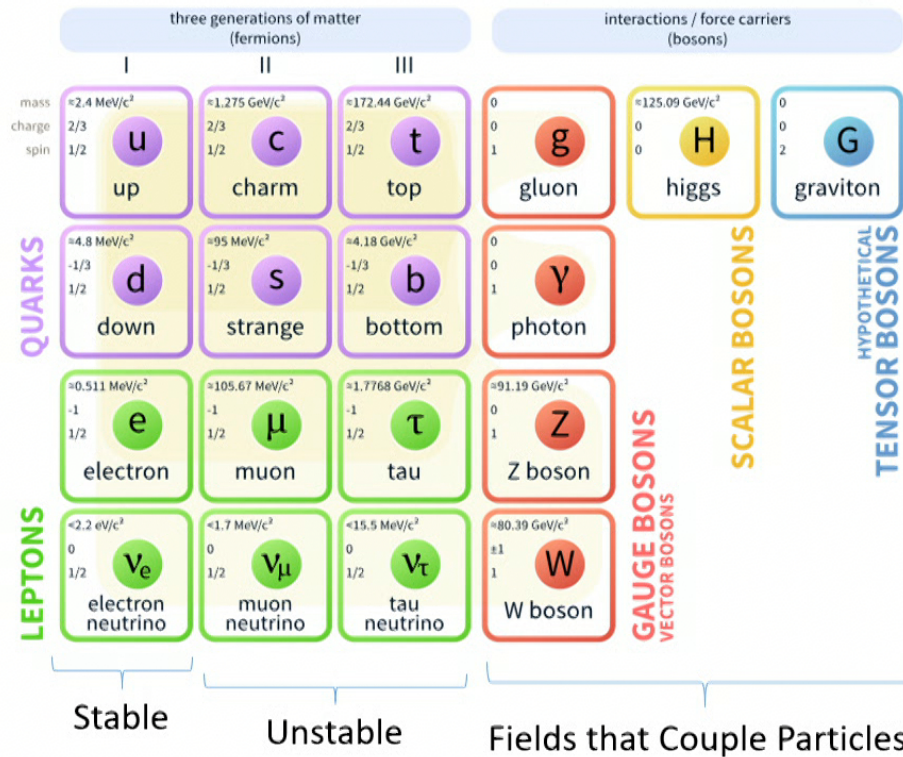
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3) Unparticle 'stuff' and role of superconductivity

# The Universe of Particles

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles + Gravity



Most of the known universe is not comprised of particles

The ongoing dark matter/ dark energy mystery

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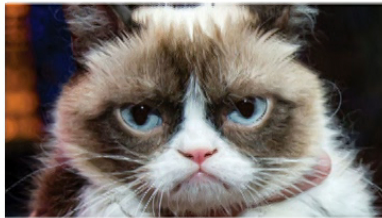
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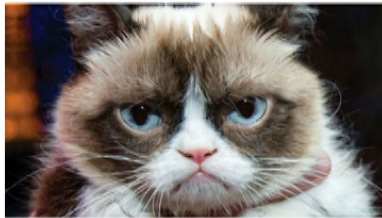


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*Knock at the door. James looks up from is terminal.*

Adolfo: Hey, how's it going?

*James eyes the visitor wearily.*

James: Hey.

Adolfo: Have you ever heard of Unparticles?

James: No.

Adolfo: Do you think they could cause superconductivity?

# The Story Continues

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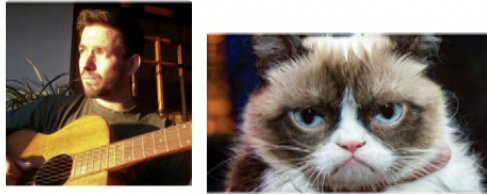
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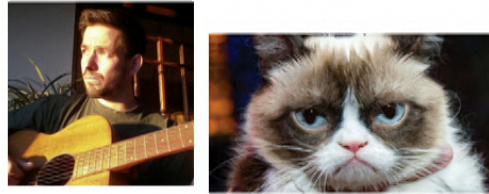
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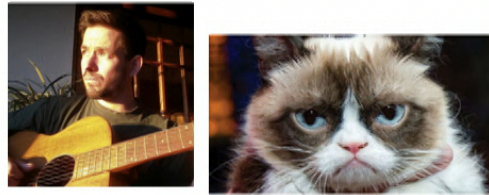
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### PAPER

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After many long  
Fridays of fapping  
away in our offices, a  
paper emerged.

## 2) So what IS an unparticle?

Particles in the standard model do not have the property of scale invariance

**Standard Model of Elementary Particles + Gravity**

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)		
	I	II	III			
mass	$+2.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$+1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$+172.46 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$+125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0
charge	$2/3$	$2/3$	$2/3$	0	0	0
spin	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	0	2
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs	<b>G</b> graviton
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**QUARKS** (purple)  
**LEPTONS** (green)  
**GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS** (red)  
**SCALAR BOSONS** (yellow)  
**HYPOTHETICAL TENSOR BOSONS** (blue)

There might exist some 'hidden' element of our universe

- Made up of scale invariant 'stuff'
- Cannot be described as particles
- Must couple (interact) only very weakly with ordinary particles

Georgi makes a big fuss about scale invariance, so we need to understand this

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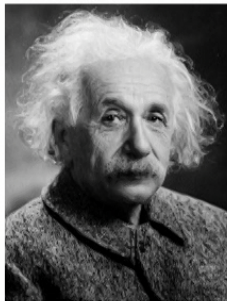
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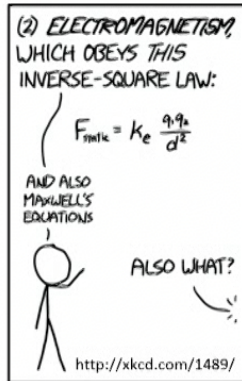
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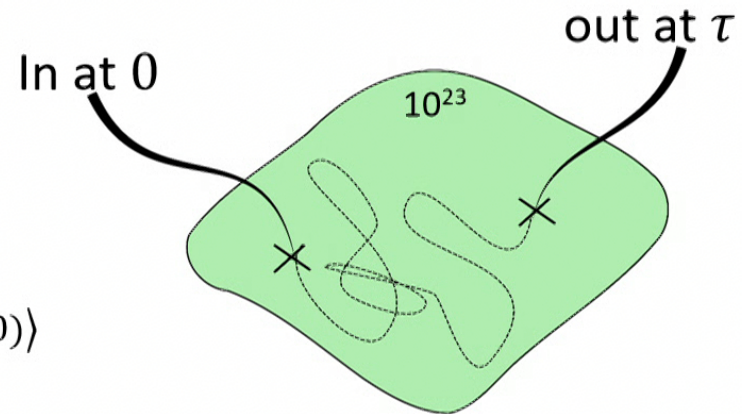
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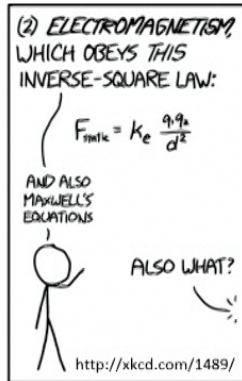
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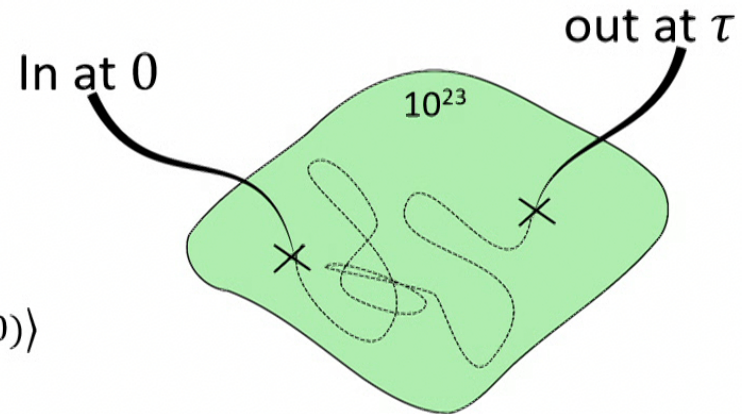
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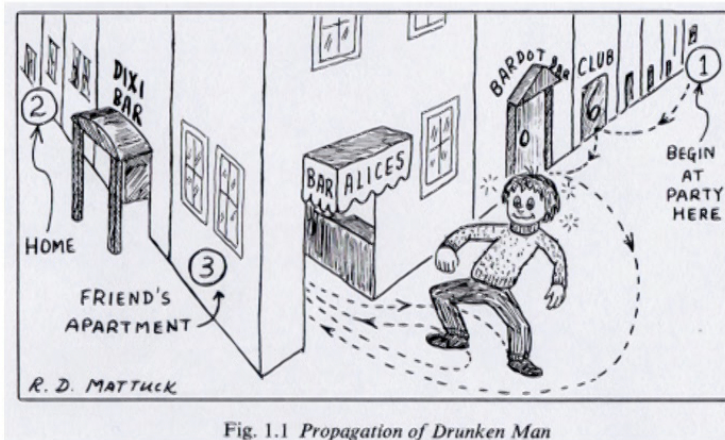


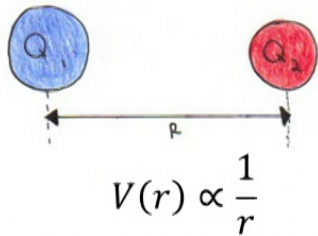
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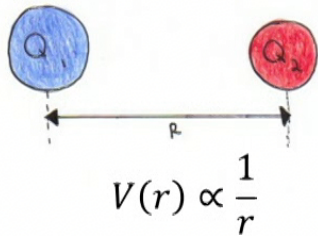
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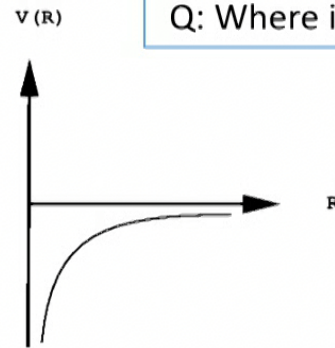
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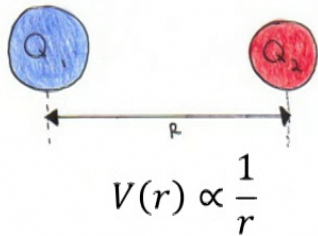
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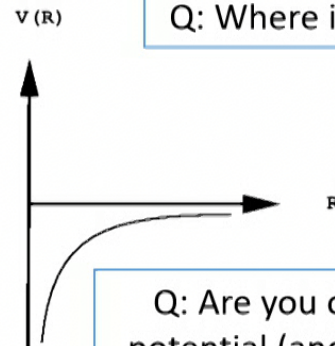
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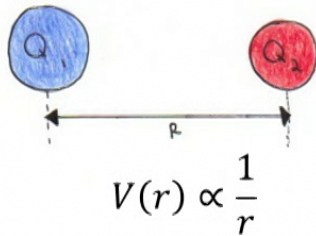
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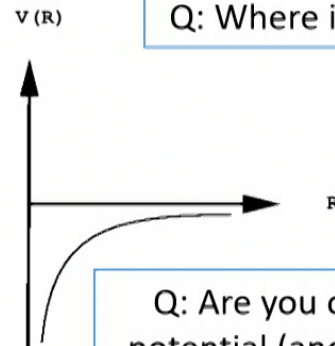
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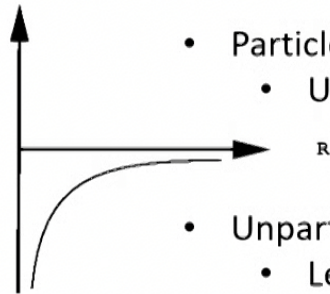
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We find density by going around and adding up all the divergent points!

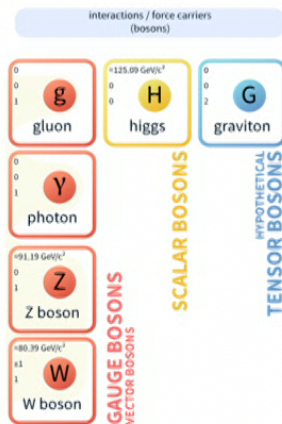
# The Status Thus Far

V (R)



- Particles are defined by divergences in potentials (propagators)
  - Unparticles might have a propagator with no divergence
- Unparticles must also be scale invariant, so they can't have mass.
  - Lets start with a mass then get rid of it

## Mass, $m$ of a bosonic field



$$\text{Yukawa Potential } V(r) = \frac{e^{-mr}}{r}$$

Photon,  $m = 0$ ,  $V(r) = \frac{1}{r}$ , just gives coulomb interaction back!

$m = 0$  is already covered!!!

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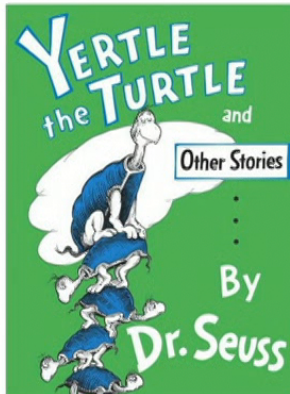
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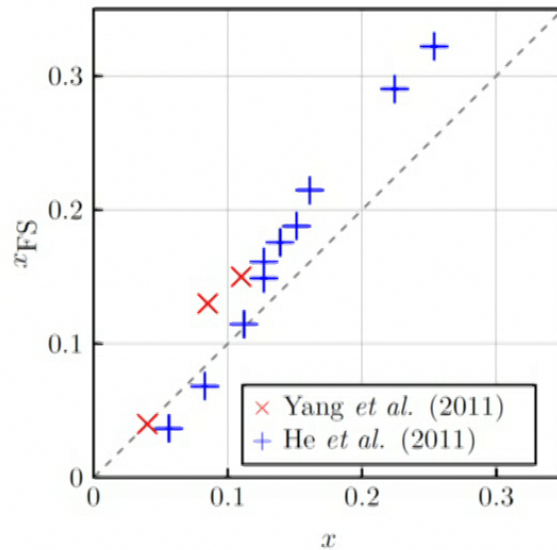
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# Possible, Yes! Probable ? .... Maybe?

As theorists, we just need to prove that something physically COULD happen.

We don't need to tell you WHERE it might happen... But ok



## Absence of Luttinger's Theorem due to Zeros in the Single-Particle Green Function

P. Phillips and Charles Kane  
PRL **110**, 090403 (2013)

Unparticle Propagators Have Zeroes, and might cause a breakdown in Luttinger theorem.

Electrons have 'vanished' or become invisible, and no longer contribute to the density, and this means MORE holes

- Put a hole in system
- Make measurement
- Find  $> 1$  hole

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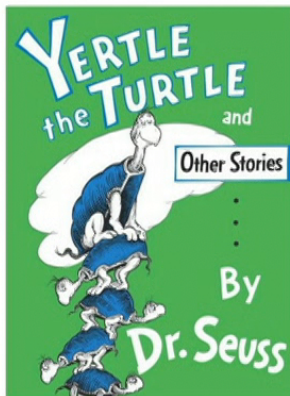
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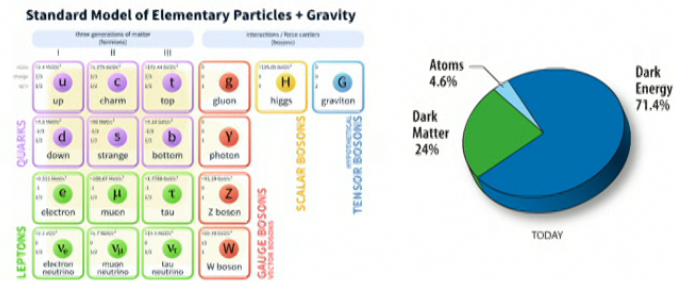
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# In Summary

Our picture of the universe is incomplete, and physics beyond the standard model is taken very seriously in high energy physics.

It is AMAZING to take a simple set of ideas and not violate any physics in the process, but arrive at an unexpected result!



We take a stack of massive objects

Put them a box

Masses should add...but...

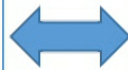
The result has no density

All of physics is not solved. And some of the most important physics is emergent, in that collections of particles behave in unexpected ways.



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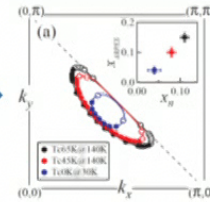
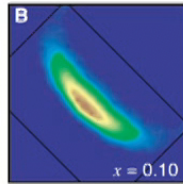


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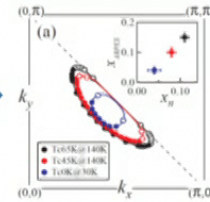
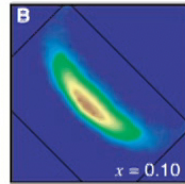
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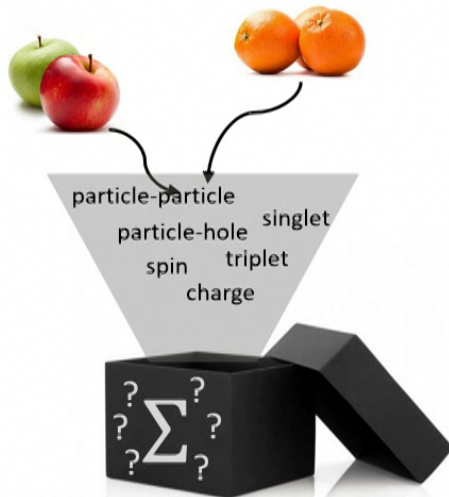
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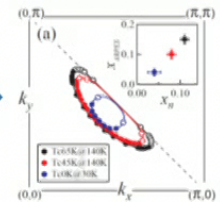
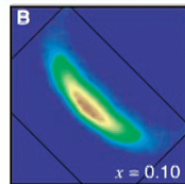


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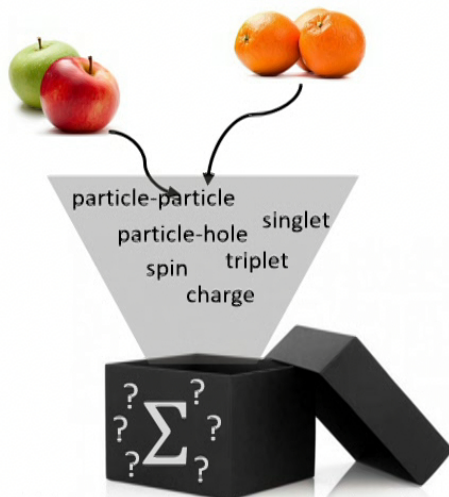
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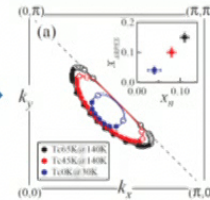
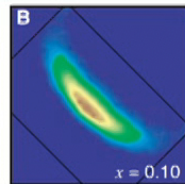


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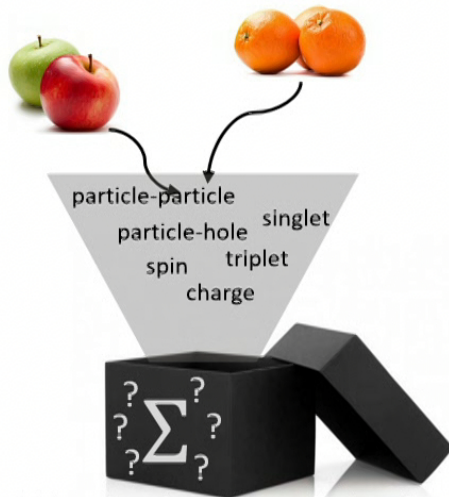
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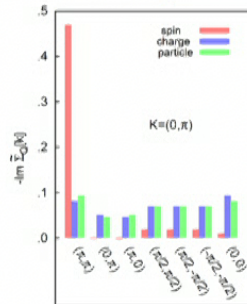
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