

Demystifying Black Holes

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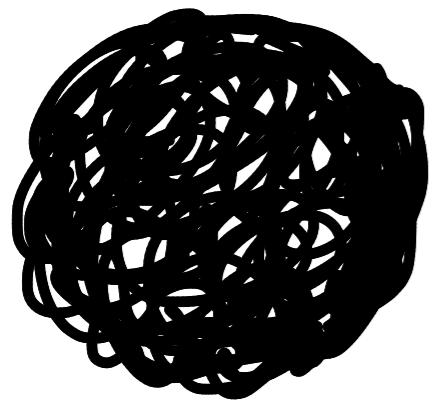
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Black holes are considered to be mysterious



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* Hawking temperature

$$T = \frac{1}{R}$$

* Bekenstein-Hawking entropy

$$S_{BH} = \frac{\text{Area}}{G_N}$$

* Long time-scale of information retrieval. (Page):

$$t \sim S R \sim \frac{R^3}{G_N}$$

We wish to show that all these "mysterious" properties are fully shared by objects that have maximal entropy compatible with unitarity.

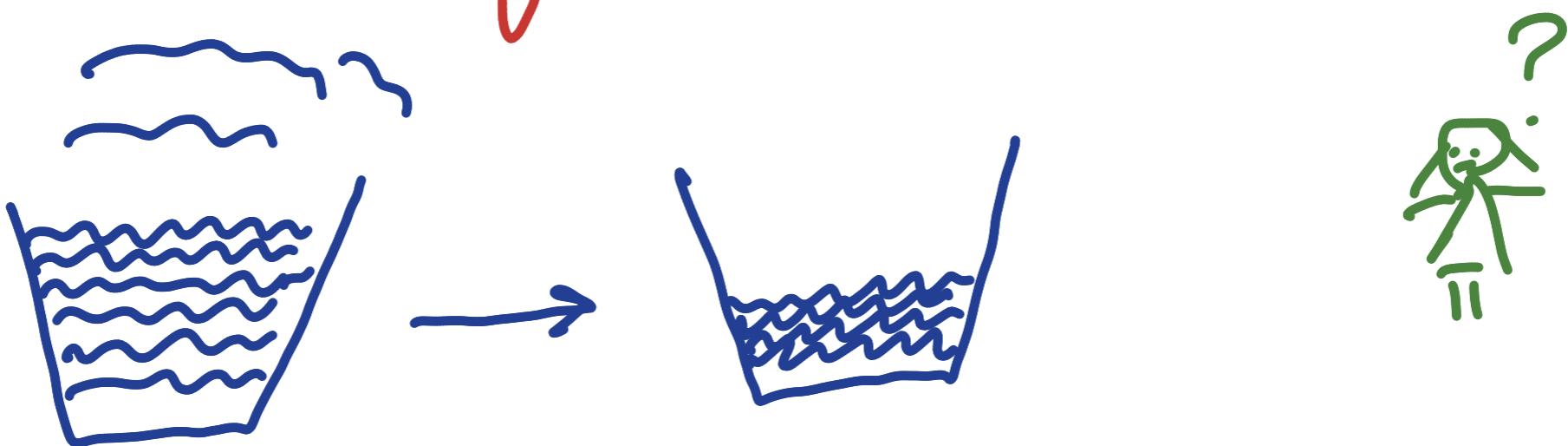
We call them "Saturons".

In particular, we shall demonstrate their existence in renormalizable calculable theories.

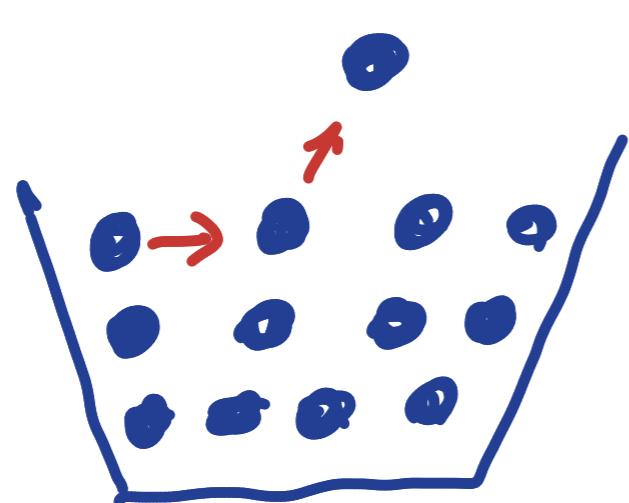
This indicates that:

Black hole = Saton

When encountering a mysterious phenomenon of nature:



- * Create a microscopic theory
(corpuscular resolution)



" N -Portrait" of Black hole
G.D., Gomez '11

- * Try to capture universal properties



Water

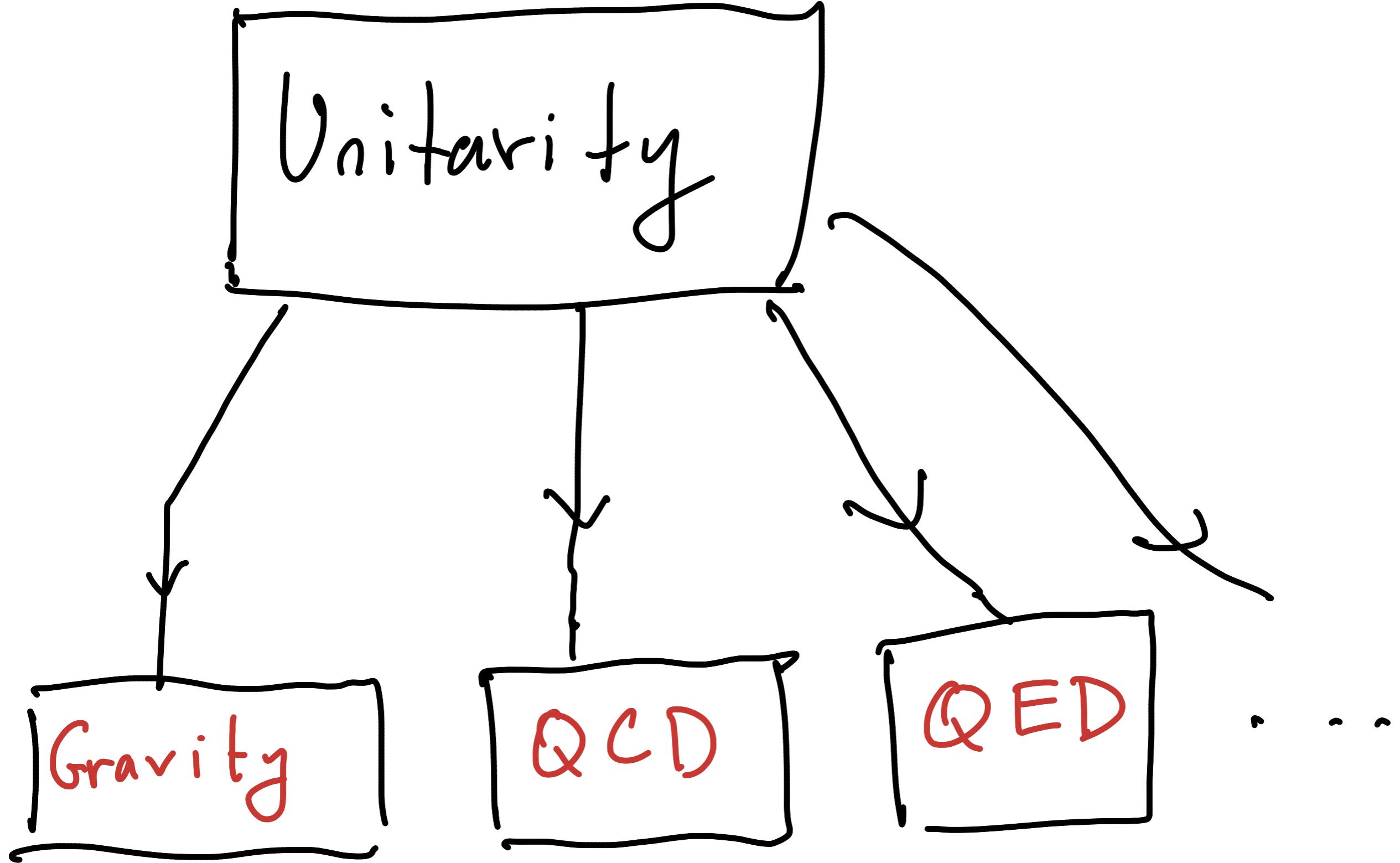


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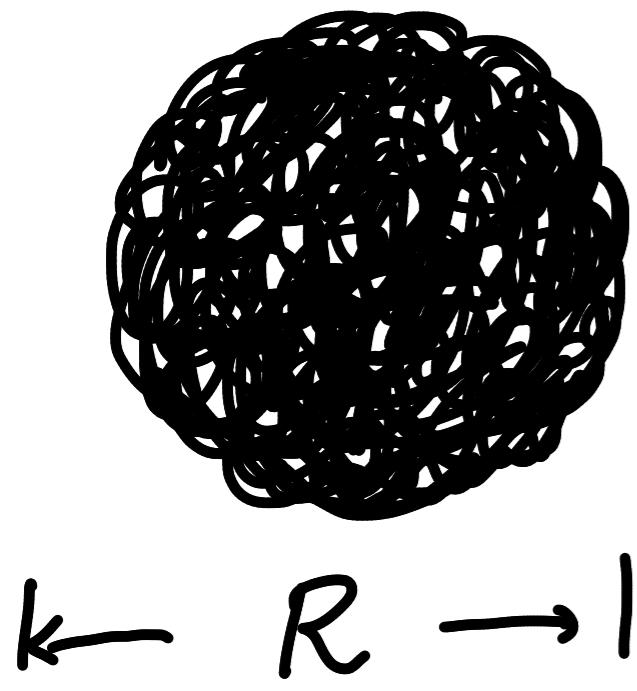


Ethanol

Most prominent constraint:



Unitarity bound on entropy:



$\leftarrow R \rightarrow$

For any self-sustained
object of size R ,
the entropy is bounded
by

$$S \leq \frac{\text{Area}}{G_{\text{Gold}}}$$

$$\text{Area} \equiv R^{d-2} \quad d \equiv \begin{matrix} \text{number of} \\ \text{space-time} \\ \text{dimensions} \end{matrix}$$

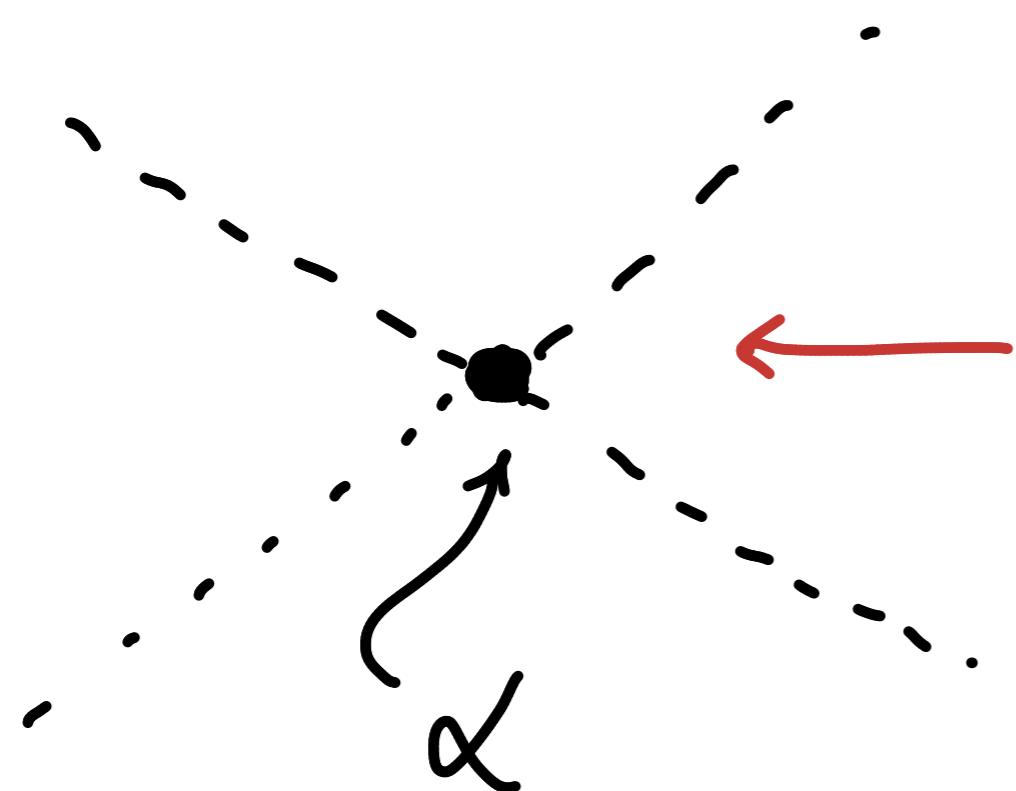
G_{Gold} \equiv Goldstone coupling

$$G_{\text{Gold}} \equiv \frac{1}{f^2}$$

$f \equiv$ Goldstone decay constant

Dimensionless quantum coupling
of a Goldstone evaluated at
the scale (momentum-transfer) $\frac{1}{R}$:

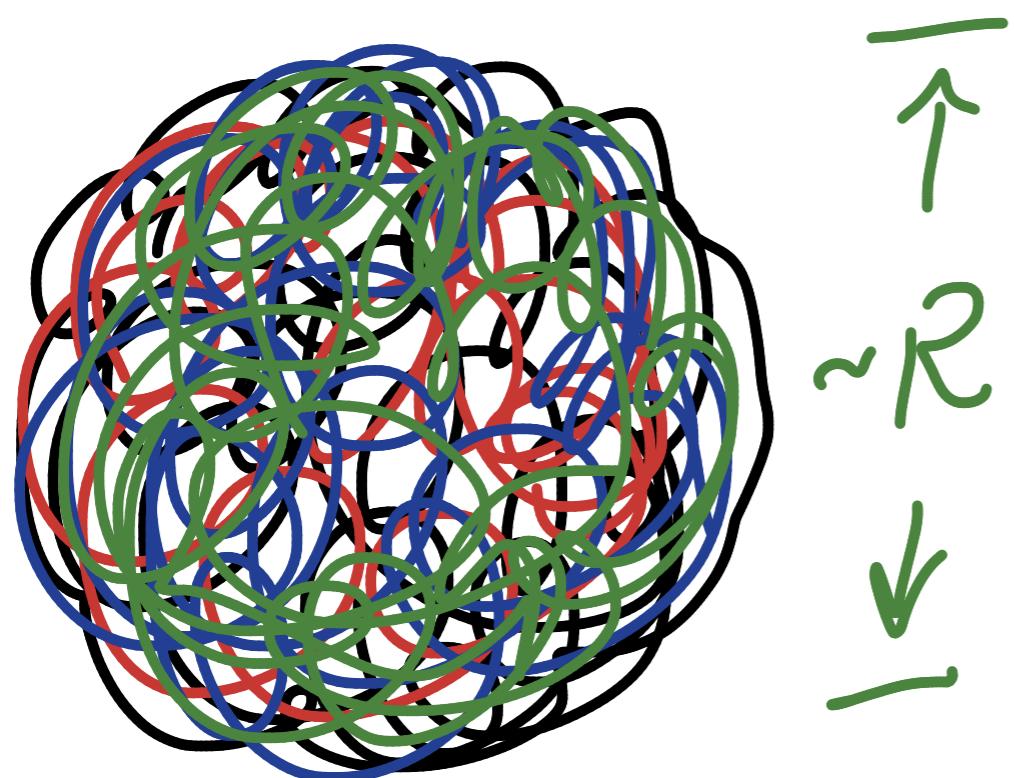
$$\alpha = G_{\text{Gold}} R^{2-d} = \frac{G_{\text{Gold}}}{\text{Area}}$$



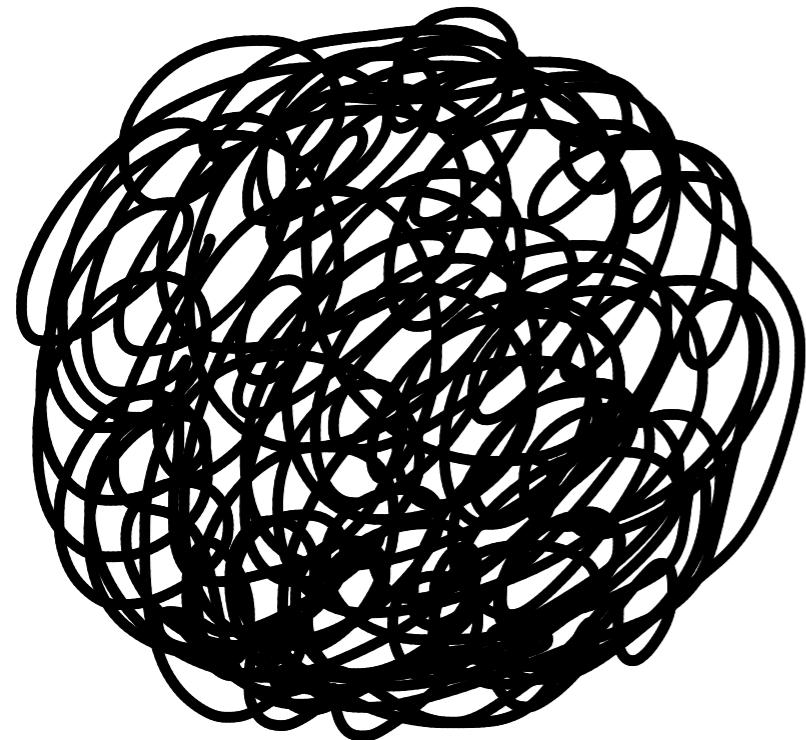
Goldstone - Goldstone
amplitude

Thus, the entropy bound
can be written as

$$S \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{\text{Area}}{G_{\text{fold}}}$$



Where are the Goldstones
coming from?



Any self-sustained
object breaks
Poincare symmetry
Spontaneously.

G_{Gold} is unambiguously defined

For a boundstate of N
quanta of wavelength, $\sim R$

$$G_{\text{Gold}} \equiv \frac{1}{f^2} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \cdot R^{d-2}$$

Note: States of high entropy contain other Goldstone bosons (see later), but Poincare Goldstone is universal.

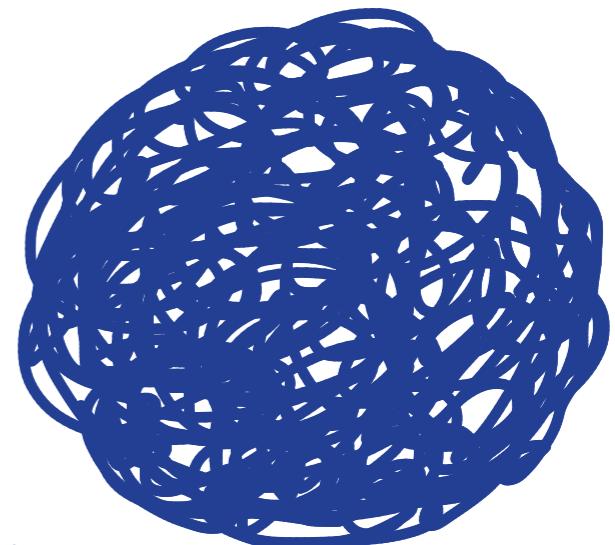
Objects of maximal entropy:

$$S_{\text{MAX}} = \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{\text{Area}}{G_{\text{old}}}$$

are called "Saturons".

Universal bound on time-scale
of start of information retrieval:

$$t_{\min} = \frac{R}{\lambda}$$



$$I \leftarrow R \rightarrow I$$

Due to saturation of
entropy bound can be written
as

$$t_{\min} = S_R = R^3 f^2$$

$$t_{\min} \sim \text{Volume} \cdot f^2$$

All saturons have

properties very similar

to black holes:

(*) Area - law entropy;

(*) Thermal evaporation with $T = \frac{1}{R}$;

(*) Information horizon;

(*) Time of information retrieval
 $t_{min} \sim \frac{R}{\alpha} \sim S R$

(*) Saturate scattering amplitudes.

A model for saturon

A scalar field $\hat{\Phi}^j_i$ in adjoint representation of global $SU(N)$ -symmetry

$SU(N)$ -“flavor” index $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\hat{\Phi} = [N \times N] \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \text{Hermitian matrix} \end{matrix} \quad \text{tr } \hat{\Phi} = 0$$

Prototype for many systems

Lagrangian (most general, renormalizable):

$$L = \text{tr} \partial_\mu \hat{\Phi} \partial^\mu \hat{\Phi} - V(\hat{\Phi})$$

$$V(\hat{\Phi}) \equiv \alpha \text{tr} \left[f \hat{\Phi} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Phi}^2 + \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \hat{\Phi}^2 \right]^2$$

Coupling *Scale.*

Fundamental coupling α

Can be arbitrarily-weak

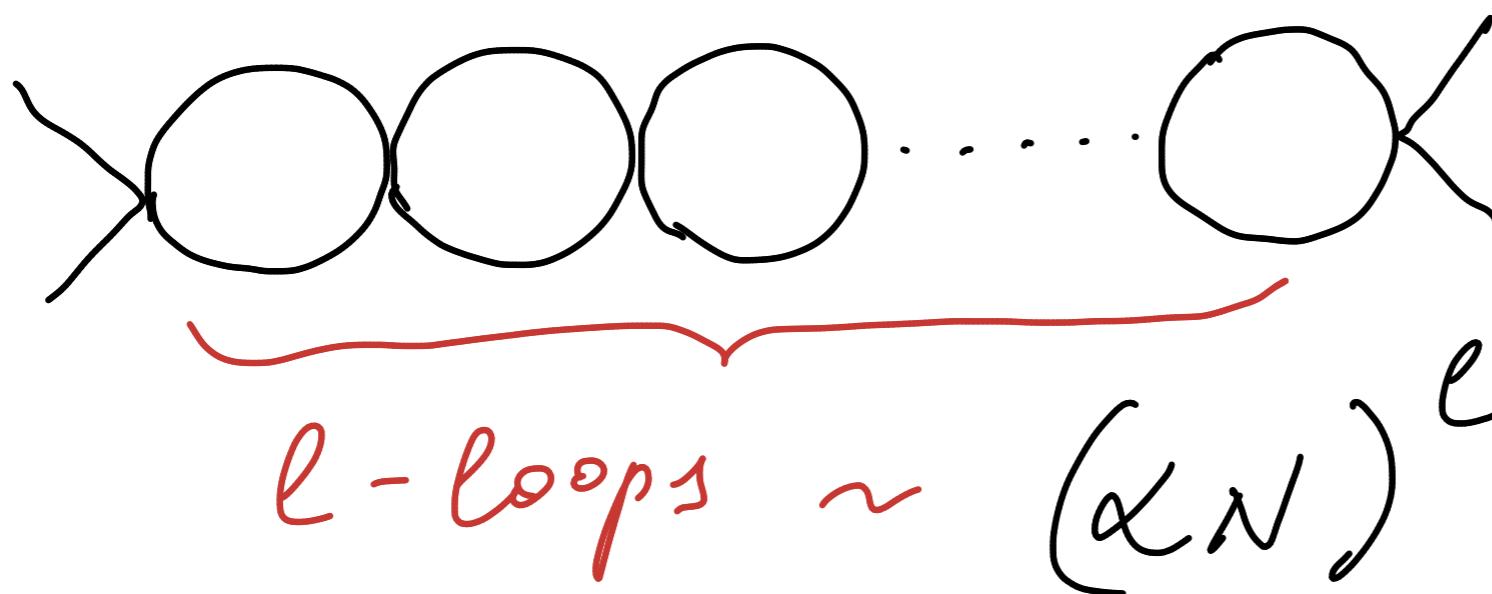
$$\alpha \rightarrow 0$$

Unitarity is controlled by the collective coupling $\equiv \alpha N$

Unitarity bound:

$$\alpha N \lesssim 1$$

Can be understood in several ways,
e.g., breakdown of loop expansion



The analysis simplifies in a double-scaling limit (ala 't Hooft)

$$N \rightarrow \infty, \quad \alpha \rightarrow 0$$

$$\alpha N = \text{finite}$$

We wish to show that the theory contains saturations which have properties of black holes.

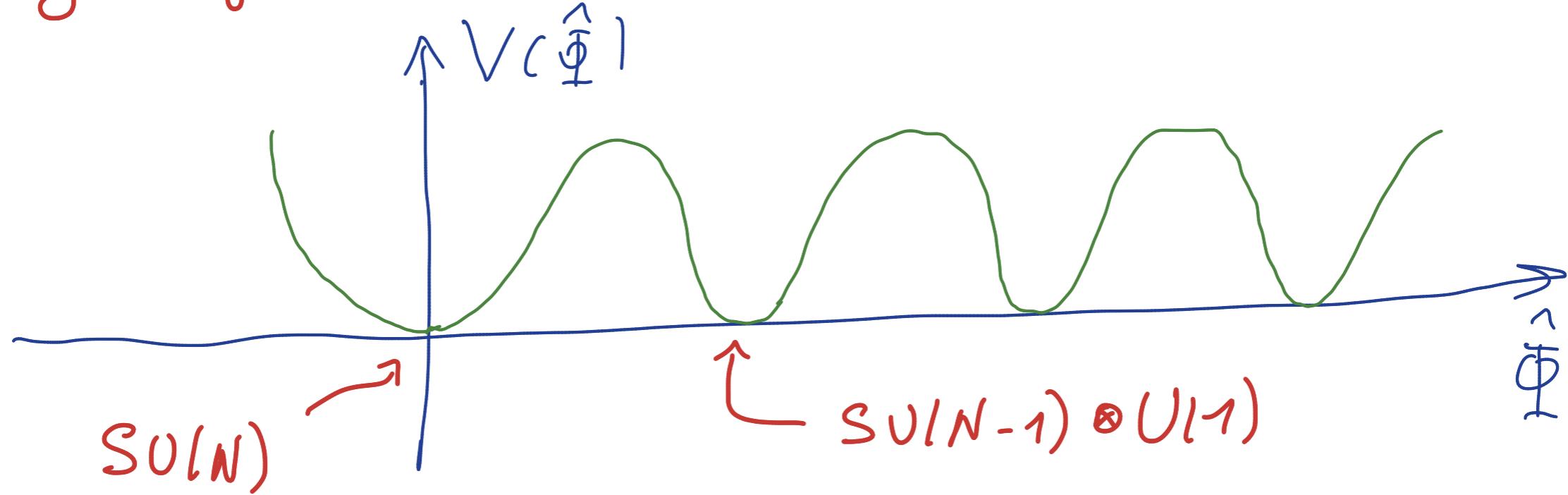
For this, let us choose a vacuum. Vacuum equations:

$$V(\hat{\Phi})=0 \rightarrow f\hat{\Phi} - \hat{\Phi}^2 + \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \hat{\Phi}^2 = 0$$

Vacuum equations:

$$V(\hat{\Phi}) = 0 \rightarrow f\hat{\Phi} - \hat{\Phi}^2 + \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \hat{\Phi}^2 = 0$$

Many degenerate vacua



We focus on two:

① $SU(N)$ -symmetric $\langle \hat{\Phi} \rangle = 0$

Has mass gap $m = \sqrt{\alpha} f$

② $SU(N-1) \otimes U(1)$ -symmetric vacuum

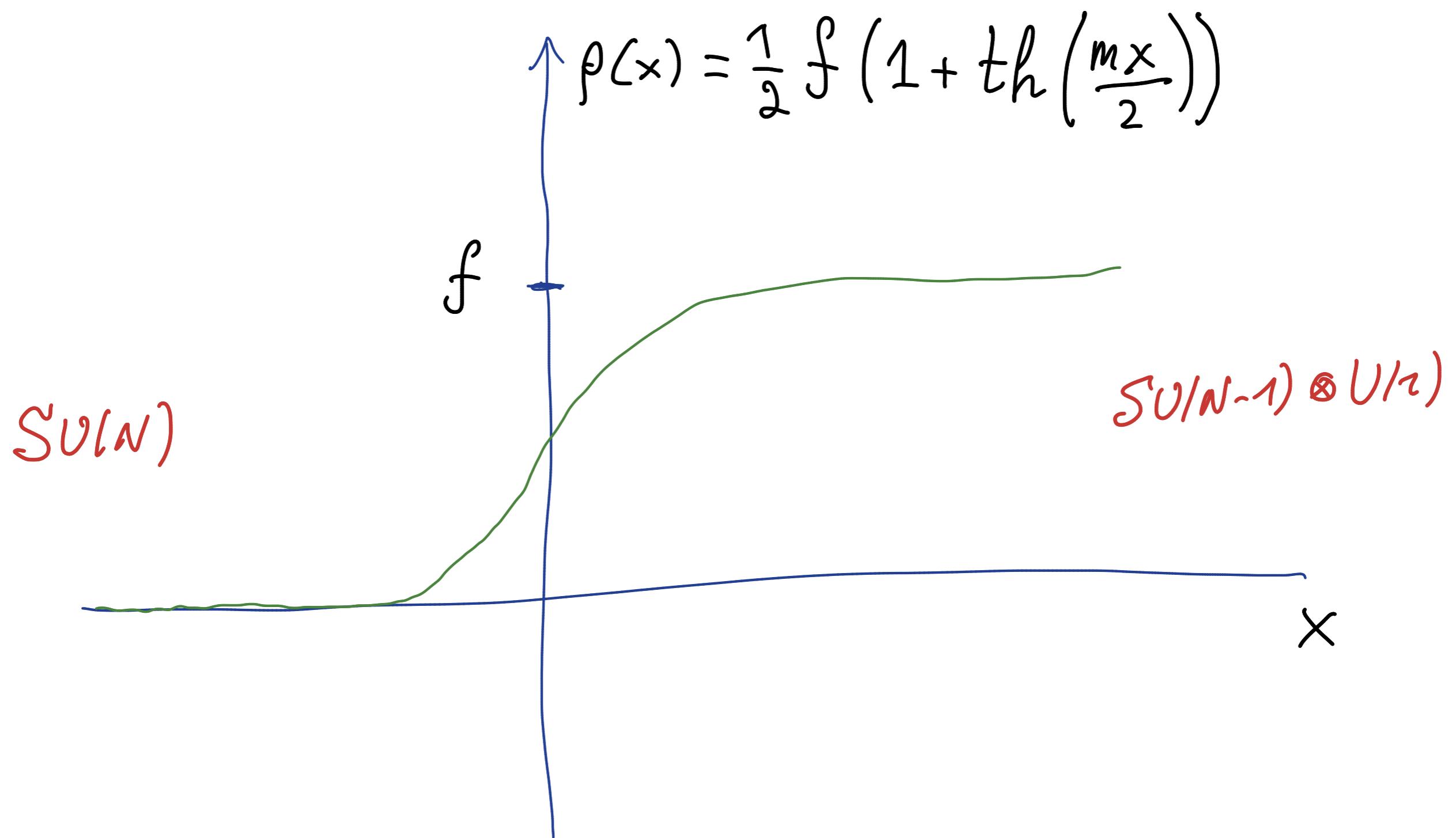
$$\langle \hat{\Phi} \rangle = \frac{f}{N} \begin{pmatrix} N-1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Has $\approx 2N$ gapless Goldstone modes

The vacua can coexist and be separated by a domain wall.

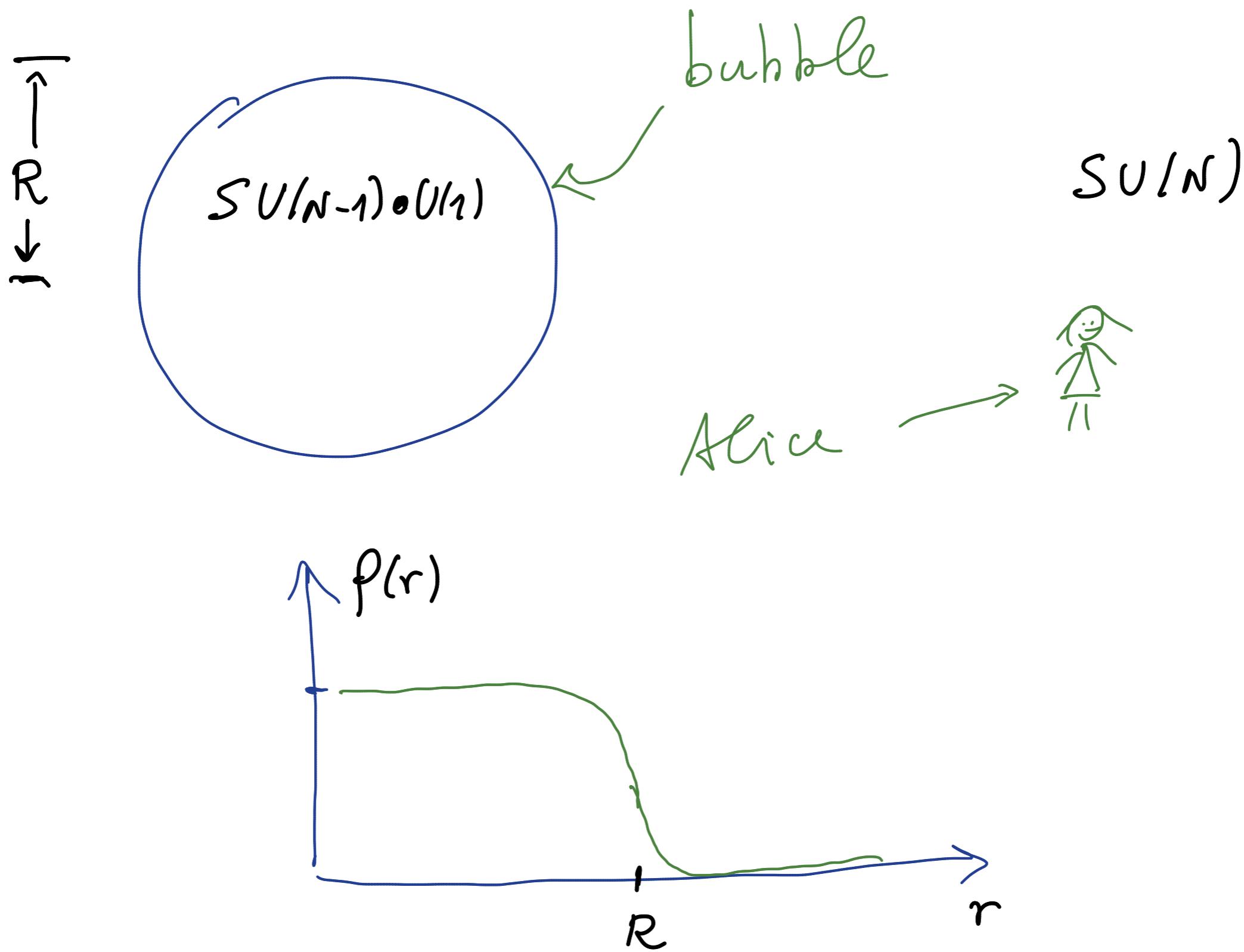
Flat domain wall:

$$\hat{\Phi}(x) = f(x) \underbrace{\langle \hat{\Phi} \rangle}_f$$



Wall thickness $\sim \frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha'} f}$

We choose $SU(N)$ -vacuum as asymptotic vacuum and consider a bubble of $SU(N-1) \otimes U(1)$ -vacuum



The bubble is highly degenerate and stores quantum information in Goldstone excitations.

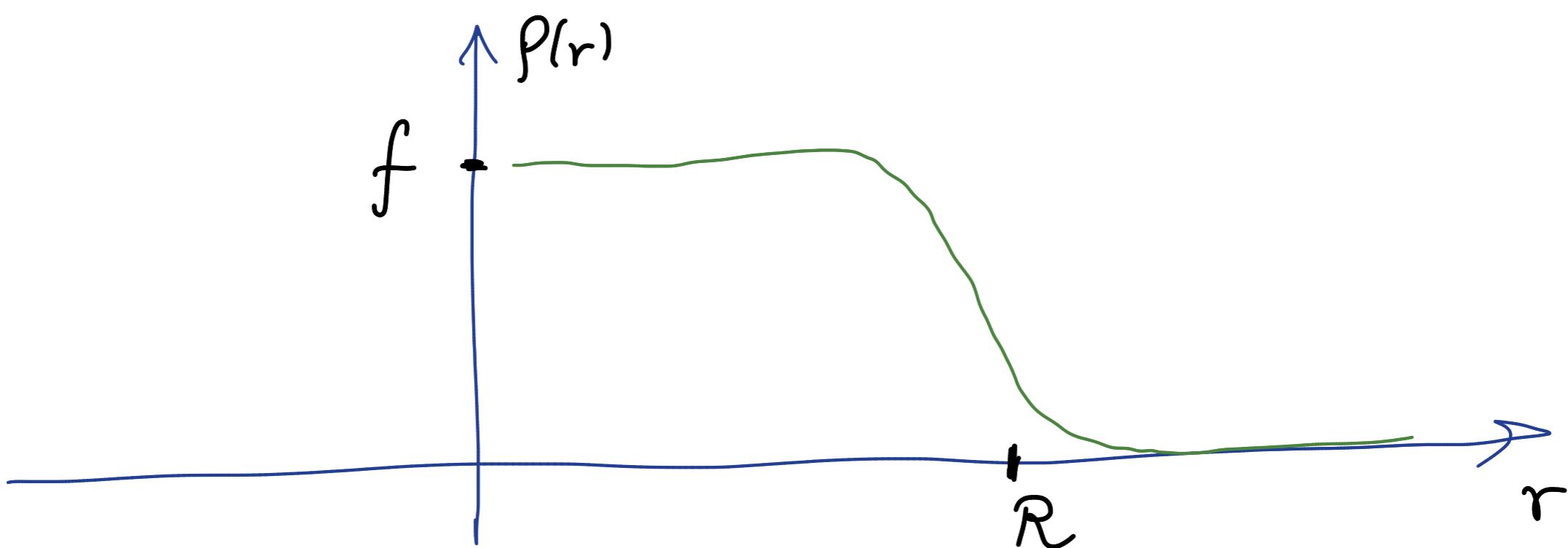
For high occupation numbers it can be approximated by a classical solution.

Stationary bubble (a sort of a Q-ball)

$$\hat{\Phi}(r, t) = \frac{\rho(r)}{f} e^{i\omega t} \hat{T} \langle \hat{\Phi} \rangle e^{-i\omega t} \hat{T}$$

where

$$\hat{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{one of the} \\ \text{broken generators} \end{array}$$



bubble radius:

$$R \sim \frac{m}{\omega^2}$$

Ocupation number of Goldstone quanta:

$$n \sim \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m}{\omega} \right)^5$$

Energy of a bubble

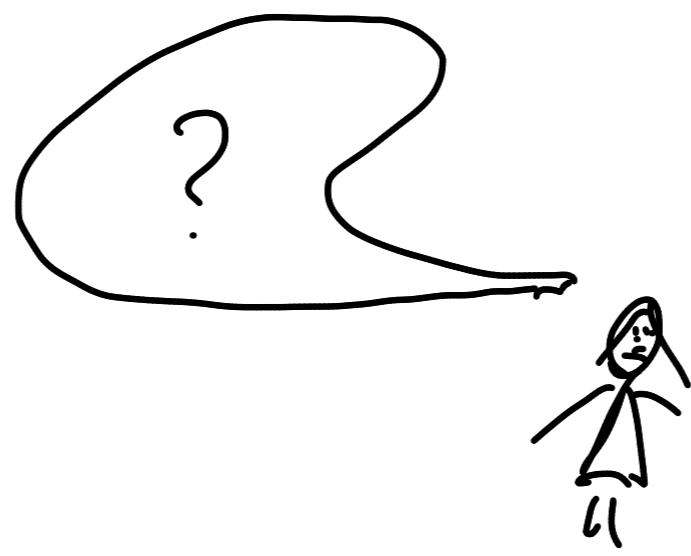
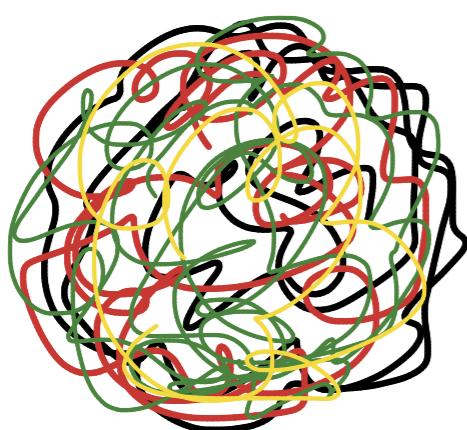
$$E_h \sim n\omega \sim n\sqrt{\frac{m}{R}}$$

Level n has microstate degeneracy

$$n_{st} \simeq \left(1 + \frac{2N}{n}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{n}{2N}\right)^{2N}$$

Corresponding microstate entropy

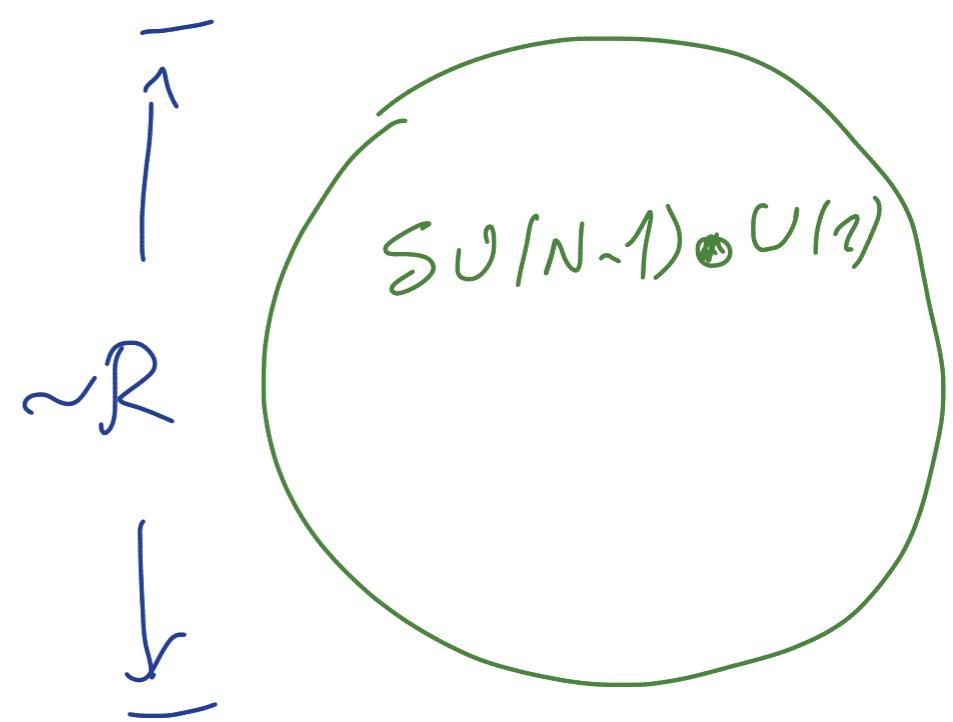
$$S = \ln(n_{st}) = 2N \ln \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{2N}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{2N}} \left(1 + \frac{n}{2N}\right) \right\}$$



$SU(N)$ -flavor state

Saturation

Bubble supports two types
of Goldstones



① Poincaré, with coupling

$$G^{(P)} \sim \alpha \cdot \frac{\omega^2}{m^4} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \alpha^{(P)} \sim \alpha \left(\frac{\omega}{m} \right)^6$$

② Internal, $SU(N)$ -Goldstones with coupling

$$G^{SU(N)} \sim \alpha \frac{1}{m^2} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \alpha^{SU(N)} \sim \alpha \left(\frac{\omega}{m} \right)^4$$

This translates into unitarity bounds
on entropy

$$S \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m}{\omega} \right)^6 \quad \text{and}$$

$$S \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m}{\omega} \right)^4$$

Thus,

$$S \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m}{\omega} \right)^4 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m}{\omega} \right)^6$$

Subject to unitarity constraint on theory

$$\alpha N \leq 1$$

Thus, the bound on entropy is saturated for

$$\omega \sim m \sim \frac{1}{R} \quad \text{and} \quad n \sim N \sim \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

at the saturation point

$$G^{(P)} \sim G^{SU(N)} \sim \frac{\alpha}{m^2} = \frac{1}{f^2}$$

and

$$\lambda^{(P)} \sim \lambda^{SU(N)} \sim \lambda \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

The parameters of satoron bubble:

(*) Entropy

$$S = \frac{\text{Area}}{G_{\text{Gold}}} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

(*) Mass

$$M = \frac{S}{R}$$

Very similar to black holes.

Notice for a black hole:

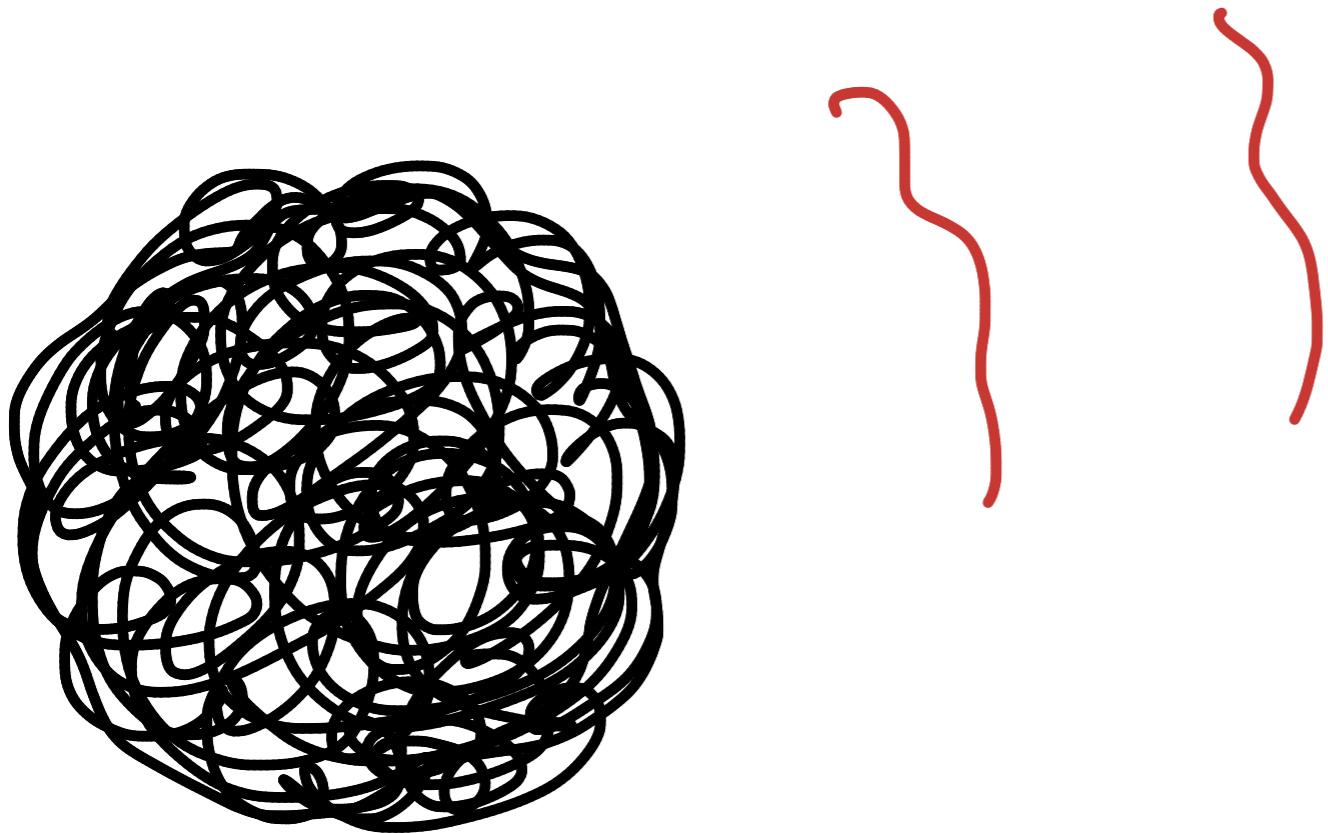
$$G_{\text{Gold}} = G_{\text{Newton}}$$

In quantum theory bound state decays.

The decay rate of a saturated bubble :

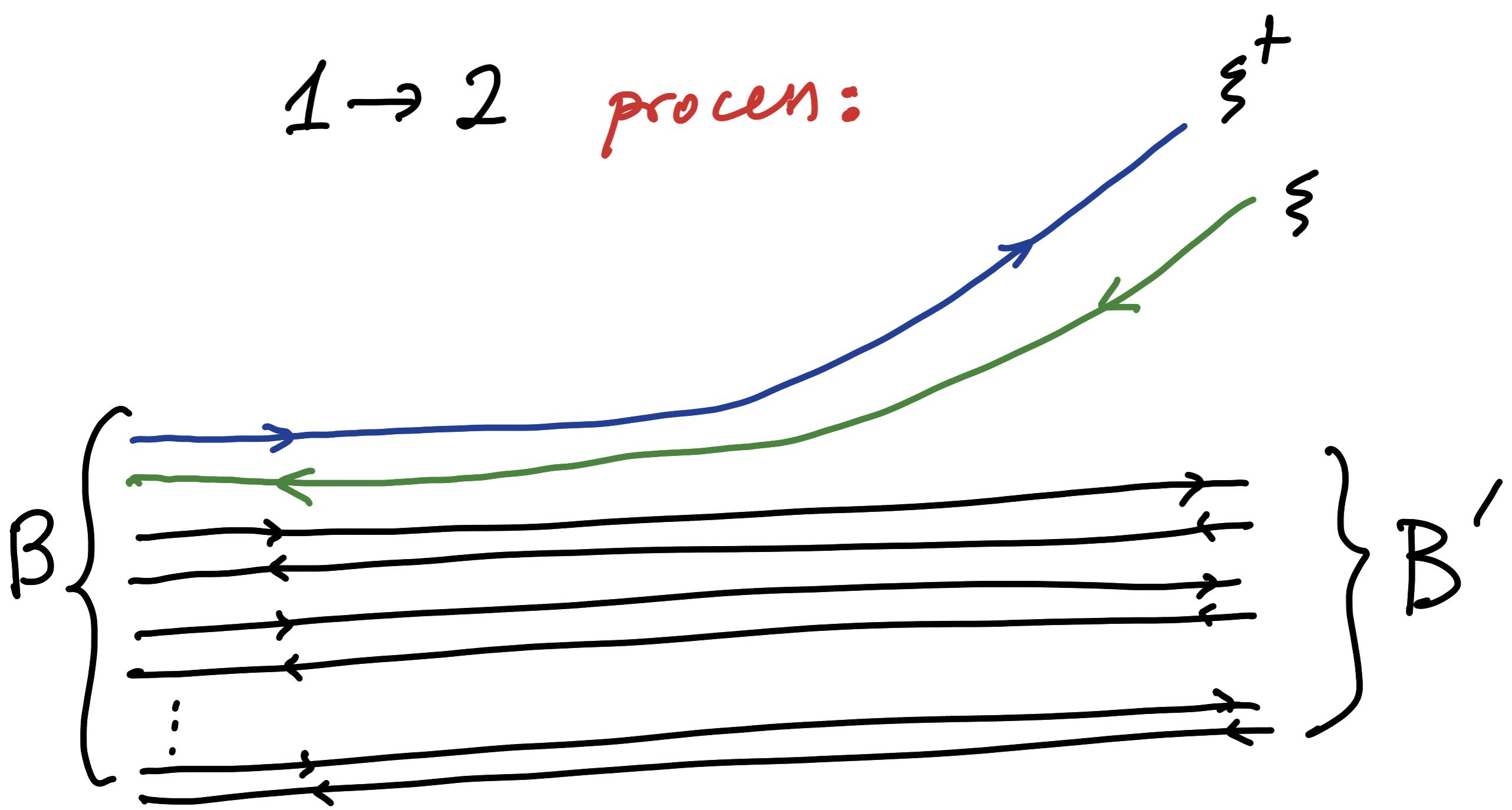
$$\Gamma \sim \frac{1}{R} \quad \leftarrow \text{Hawking rate with temperature}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{R} ?$$



Emission of manlen ξ -quanta

$1 \rightarrow 2$ procen:

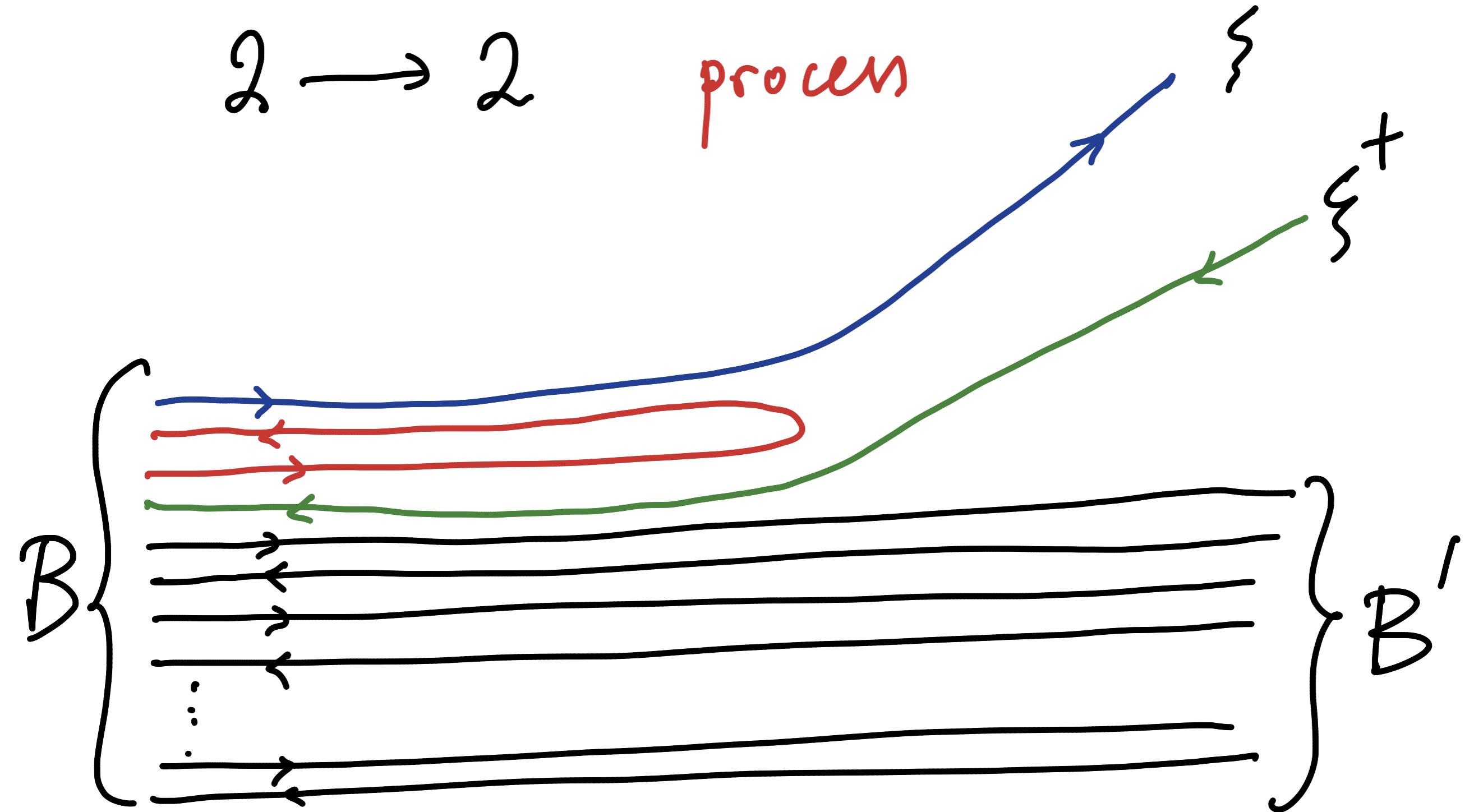


$$P \sim \frac{1}{R} \alpha \cdot N \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

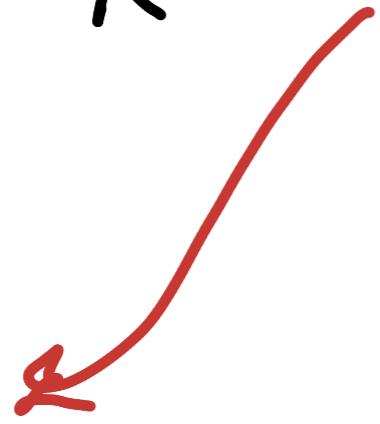
Recall, $\alpha N = 1$

$2 \rightarrow 2$

process



$$P \sim \frac{1}{R} \alpha N^2 \sim \frac{1}{R}$$



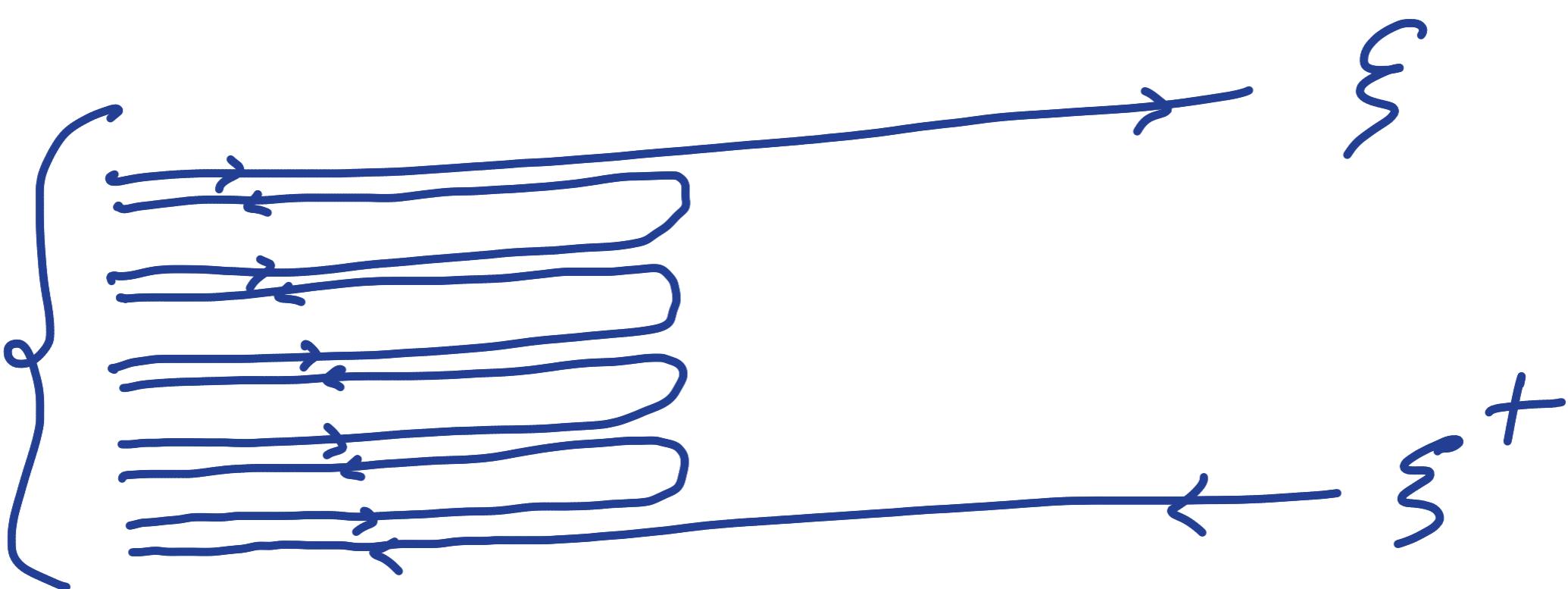
$dN = 1 \leftarrow$ Saturation condition.

Notice, emission of
more energetic quantity is
“Boltzmann” suppressed:

$$E_{\xi+\xi^+} \gg \frac{1}{R}$$

rate is exponentially suppressed

$$R \sim e^{-\frac{E_{\xi+\xi^+}}{T}}$$
$$T = \frac{1}{R}$$



Thus, a saturon evaporates
as a black hole with
thermal-like rate



In reality the state is
pure: Information is carried

by $\frac{1}{N} \sim \frac{1}{S}$ corrections.

Quantum information is stored in flavor content of the bound state.

In the semi-classical limit:

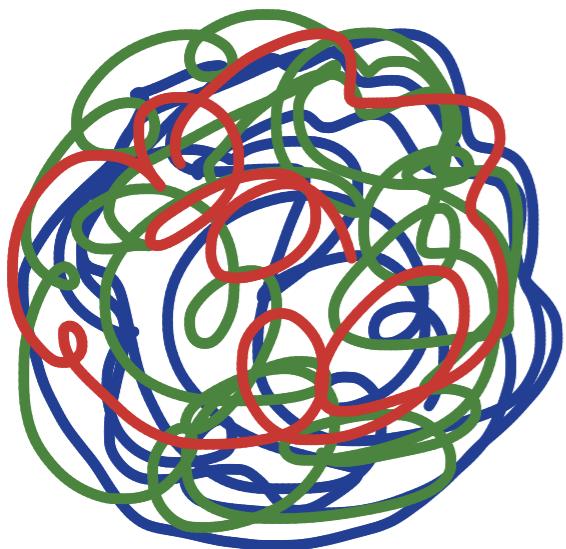
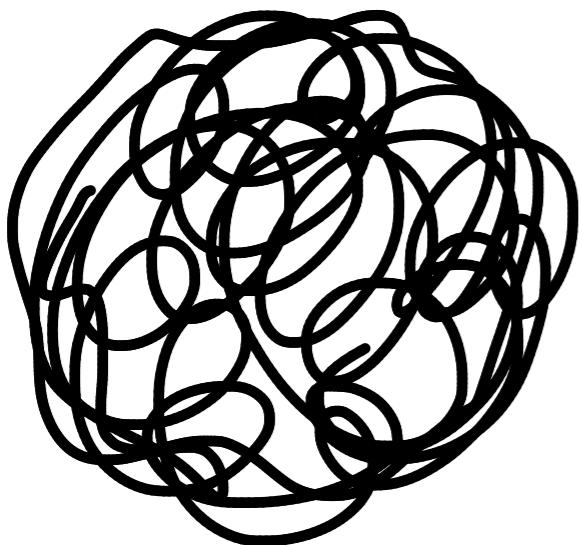
$$N \rightarrow \infty, \alpha \rightarrow 0,$$

$$(N\alpha) = 1 \quad R = \text{finite}.$$

It is unreadable: Saturon has information horizon.

For $N = \text{finite}$, the information is readable after some time.

Time scale of the start of
information retrieval:



$$t_{\min} \sim \frac{R}{\alpha} \sim \sqrt[3]{R} \sim \frac{R^{\frac{1}{3}}}{G_{\text{Gold}}}$$

identical to
Page's time for
a black hole

Black hole / saturon

Correspondence:

$$G_N \longrightarrow G_{\text{Gold}}$$

All characteristics are identical:

$$\chi_{\text{gr}} \longleftrightarrow \chi$$

$$S_{\text{BH}} \longleftrightarrow S$$

$$T_H \longleftrightarrow T$$

$$t_{\text{Page}} \longleftrightarrow t_{\min}$$

Spin

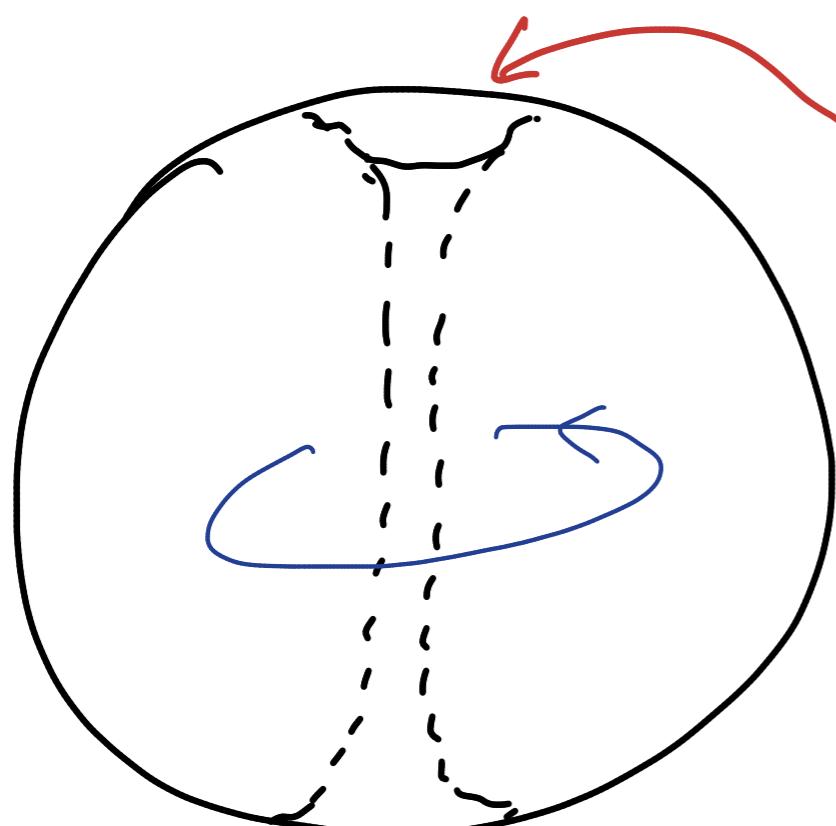
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The only (known) axial-symmetric way to spin saturation is vorticity (in spherical coordinates r, θ, φ)

$$\hat{\Phi} = \frac{g(r, \theta)}{f} e^{i(\omega t + k\varphi)\hat{T}} \langle \hat{\phi} \rangle e^{-i(\omega t + k\varphi)\hat{T}}$$

winding number
 $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

Goldstone = $\omega t + k\varphi$

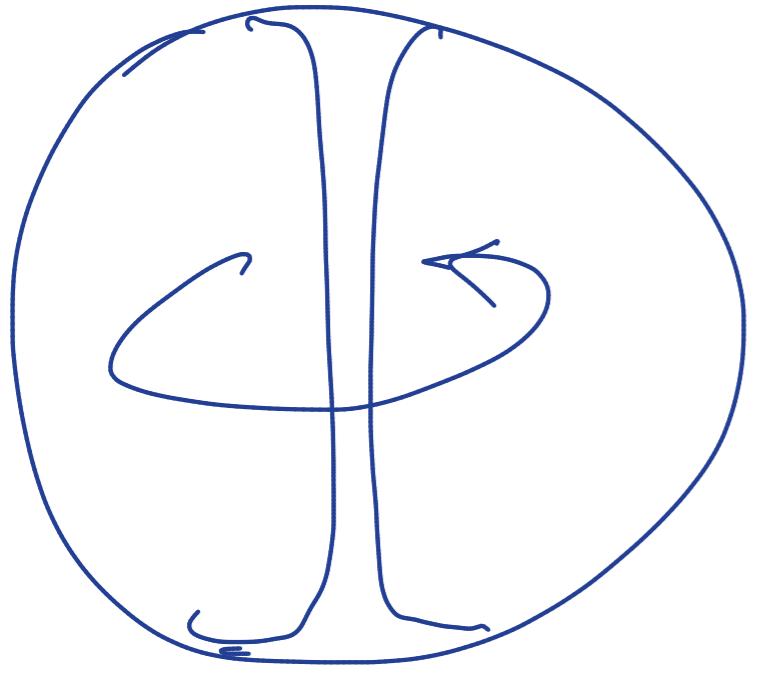


vortex core

This endows bubble with angular momentum

$$J = kn$$

(as sort of a spinning Q-ball, Kim et al '93;
Volkov, Wohlfert '02)



For saturon bubble
this implies

$$J = \kappa h \sim \kappa S$$

$\kappa \gg 1$ would unsaturate the bubble!

Thus, the maximal spin of saturon
is

$$J_{\max} \sim M^2 G_{\text{old}} \sim S$$

Strikingly similar to maximal spin
of a black hole

$$J_{\max} \sim M_{\text{BH}}^2 G_N \sim S$$

| | Saturn bubble | Black hole |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Maximal Spin | $M^2 G_{\text{Gal}}$ | $M^2 G_{\text{Gold}}$ |
| Entropy S | $M^2 G_{\text{Gold}}$ | $M^2 G_{\text{Gold}}$ |

This offers an interpretation that a black hole reaches maximal spin when graviton condensate develops vorticity.

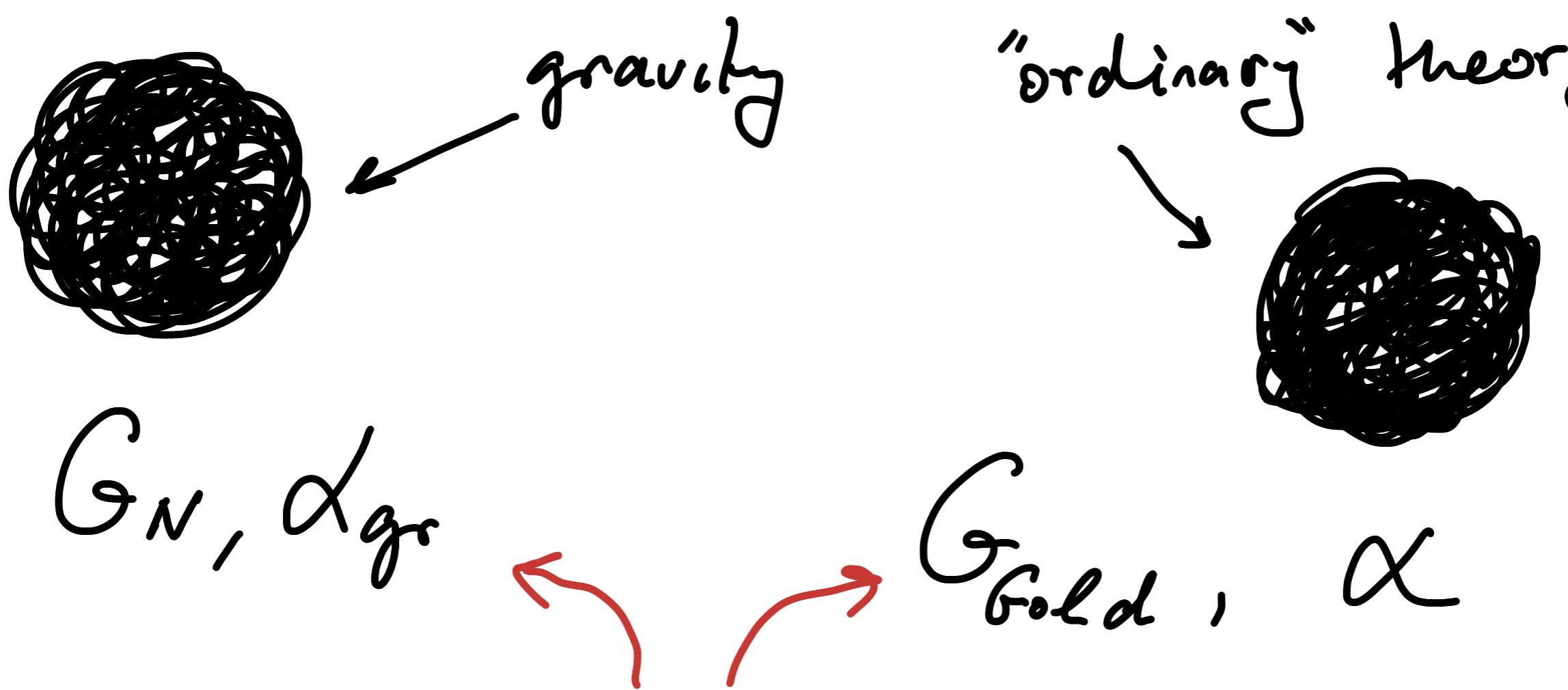
(Black hole vorticity can have potentially observable consequences.)

Black hole / saturon correspondence

is independent of dimensionality

and other details of the theory.

It is correspondence between the states in different theories



Trans-theoretic parameters

Saturons exist in $d=2$ Gross-Neveu model :

The bound state of maximal degeneracy is a satron and exhibits properties of a black hole

G.D., Sakheashvili '21

Very exciting candidate is
Color Glass Condensate in ordinary
QCD

G.D., Venugopalan '21

We have seen that mysterious black hole properties are not rooted in gravity.

Rather, they represent generic features of states that saturate unitarity bound on entropy, saturons.

There exist many examples even in ordinary renormalizable theories, which can be reliably studied at weak coupling.

From there, we can predict new features for black holes.

Observing saturons in calculable theories, we see what are the wrong assumptions made in ordinary (semi-classical) treatment of black holes:

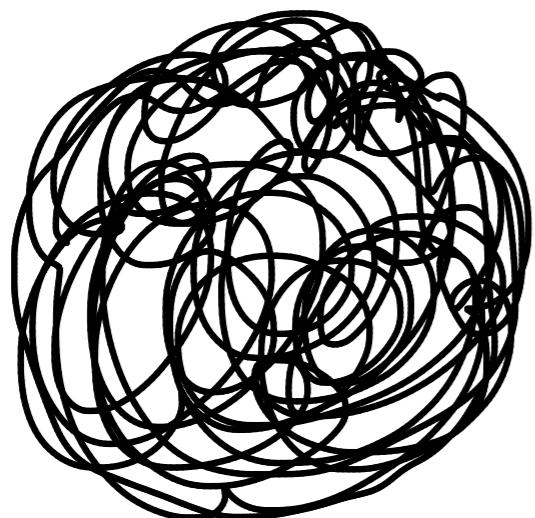
- (*) Evaporation is never thermal for finite S . $\frac{1}{S^4}$ -corrections break thermality.
- (*) Black hole evaporation is not self-similar.



is broken by "memory burden" effect.

Some interpretations.

Since all known saturated states are states with critical occupation number of quanta, this suggests that black holes are saturated states of gravitons.



$$\leftarrow n \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{gravity}}}$$

"BH N-portrait" G.D., Gomez '11.

"Saturns" in cold bosons

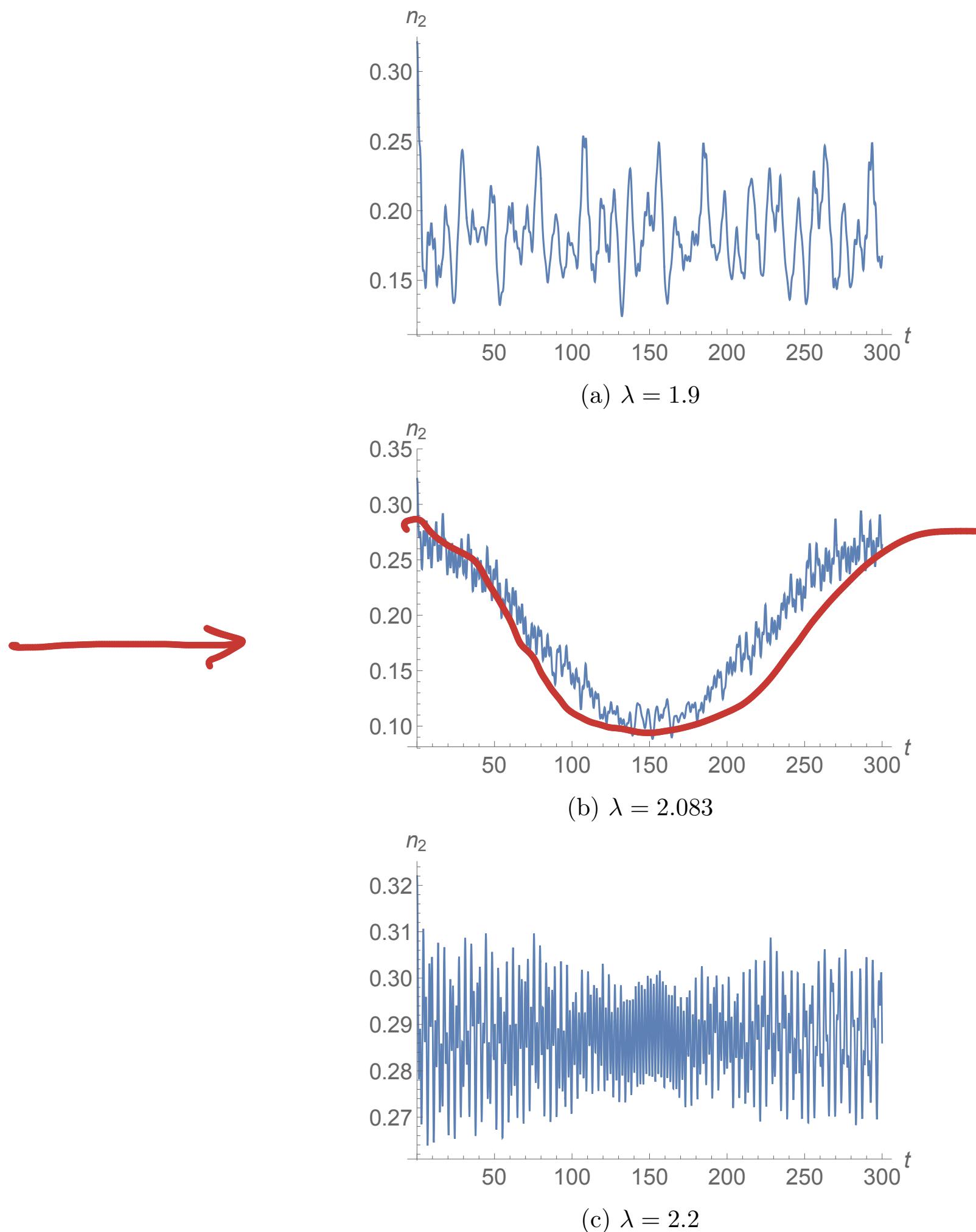


Figure 6: Time evolution of the quantum state $|\Phi_{\text{inf}}\rangle$, which corresponds to the inflection point of the Bogoliubov Hamiltonian. The value of $n_2(t)$ is plotted for $N = 60$. We observe that lower frequencies dominate around $\lambda \approx 2.083$.

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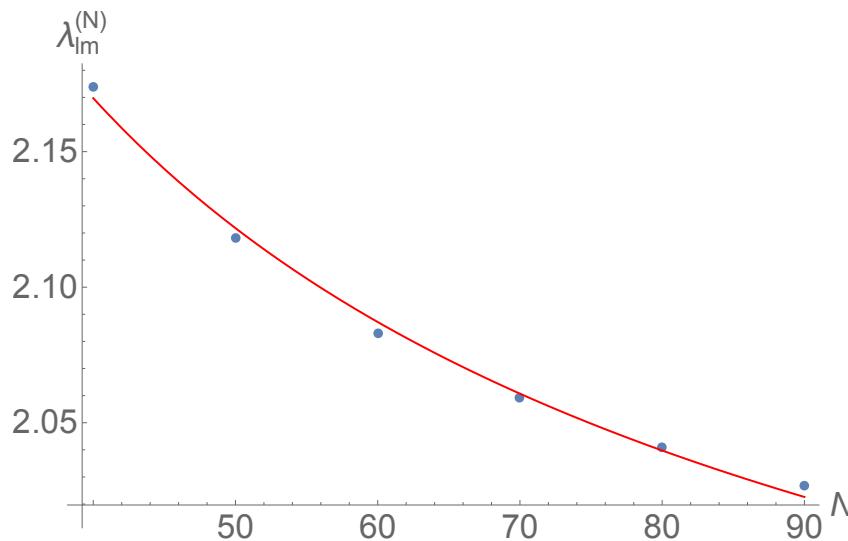


Figure 8: Critical value $\lambda_{lm}^{(N)}$ as a function of particle number N . The positions obtained from numerical simulations are plotted in blue. The fitted function (42) is shown in red.

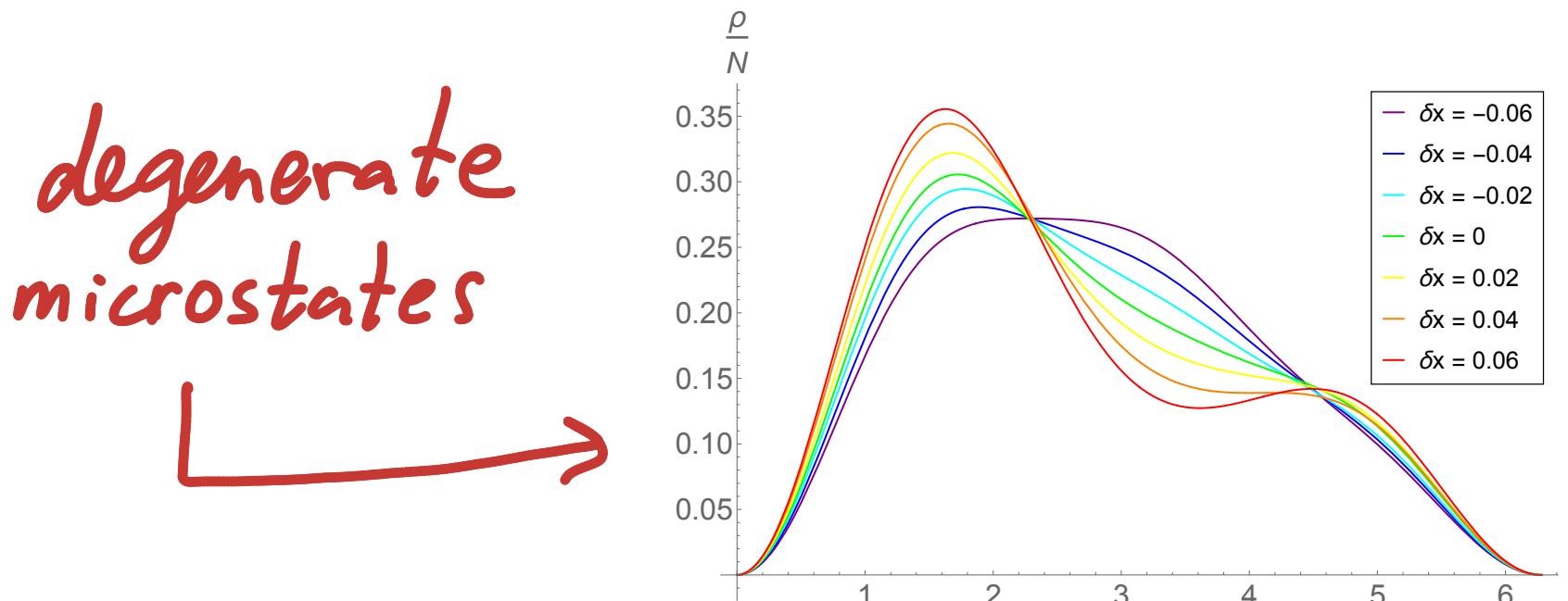


Figure 9: Variations of the critical state at $\lambda = 2.083$ for $N = 60$ in position space. The relative particle density ρ/N is plotted. The green line corresponds to the critical state $|\Phi_{\text{inf}}\rangle$ itself and the adjacent lines are variations of it, which we obtained by slightly changing the value of x used in the minimization procedure that determines the quantum state: $x_i = x_{\text{inf}}(\lambda) + \delta x_i$. The values of δx_i are indicated in the plot.

quantum state: $x_i = x_{\text{inf}}(\lambda) + \delta x_i$. This determines a family of quantum states $|\Phi_{\text{inf}, i}\rangle$, where $|\Phi_{\text{inf}, i}\rangle$ is a state of minimal energy subject to the constraint that its relative occupation of the 2-mode is x_i . Their particles densities are also shown in Fig. 9.

4.3 Comparison with Goldstone Phenomenon

It may be useful to compare our effect with the well-known phenomenon of appearance of gapless excitations in the form of Goldstone bosons. The latter modes emerge as a result of a phase transition with the spontaneous breaking of a global symmetry. The crucial difference is that Goldstone modes consistently exist in a domain past the critical phase. This is not the case in the present model. Our gapless modes only exist at the critical point and they appear due to cancellation between the positive kinetic energy and a

Other implications of Saturous
for cosmology, LHC physics,
BSM, Quantum information, ...

Thank You!