

# **Universal Theory of Nonlinear Luttinger Liquids**

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# Outline

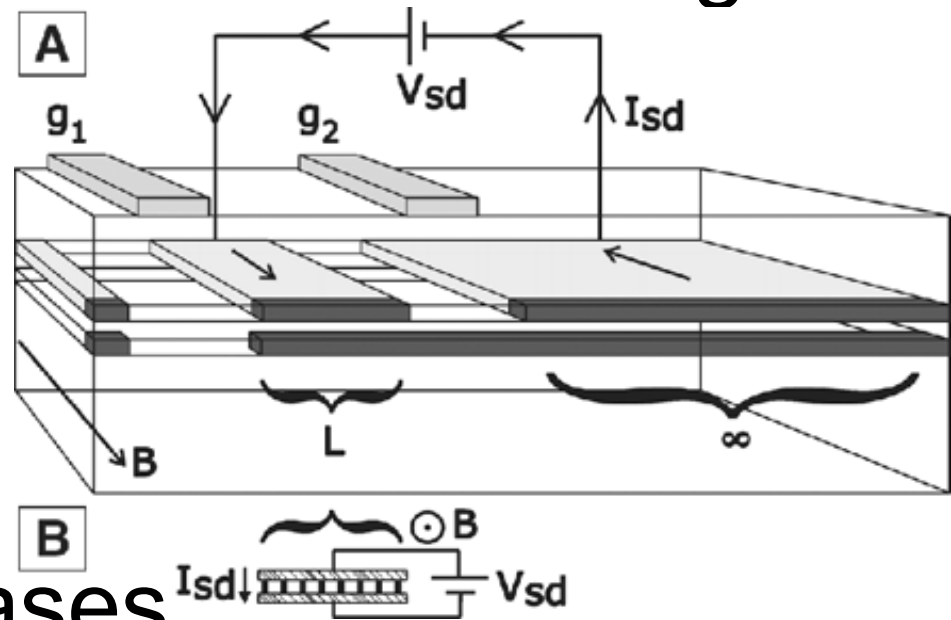
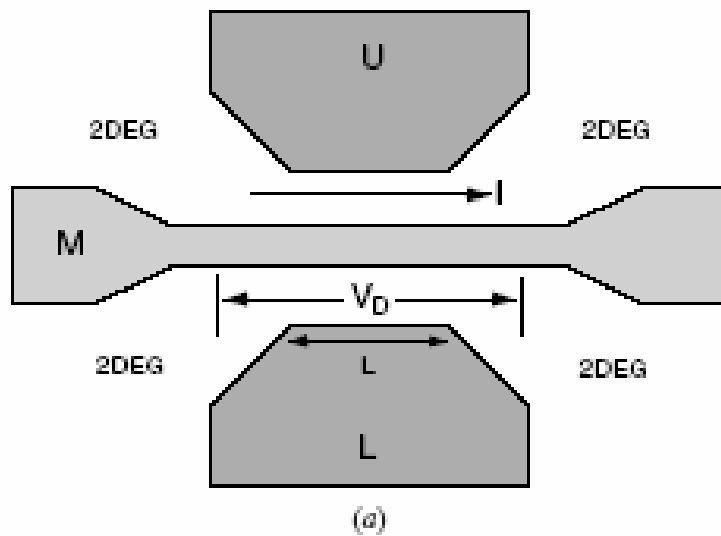
## Universal Theory of Nonlinear Luttinger Liquids

curvature + interaction in 1D?

- Linear Luttinger liquid theory (bosonization)
- Universal Theory of Nonlinear Luttinger Liquids: **refermionize!**
- Universality beyond low energy limit
- Conclusions

# Motivation

- Transport in nanowires: Coulomb drag, momentum-energy resolved tunneling



- Ultracold atomic gases
- Neutron scattering on spin chains
- Numerical methods for simulation of dynamics in 1D

# Luttinger liquid theory

aka ~~bosonization~~ (Haldane, 1981)

**Refermionize !**

Based on Tomonaga-Luttinger model:

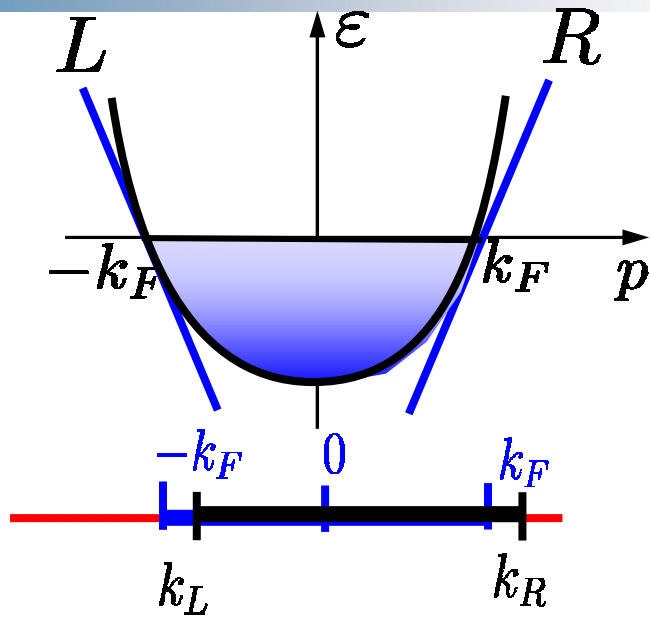
1D interacting fermions with ~~strictly linear~~  
single particle spectrum

excitations of the system                      linear bosonic  
of interacting fermions                                            sound waves

~~Bosonization-linear~~ quantum hydrodynamics

**nonlinear, but still universal**

# Bosonization for fermions without spin



local current  $\partial_x \theta \propto \delta k_R + \delta k_L$

local density  $-\partial_x \varphi \propto \delta k_R - \delta k_L$

Linear hydrodynamics:

$$H = \frac{v}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K (\partial_x \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{K} (\partial_x \varphi)^2 \right]$$

$v$  sound velocity

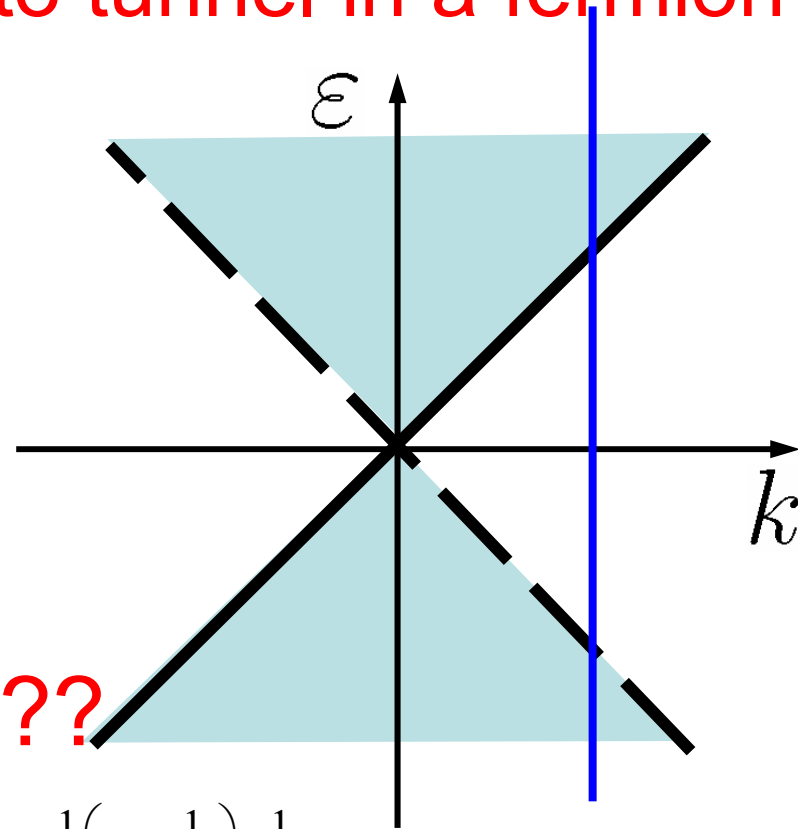
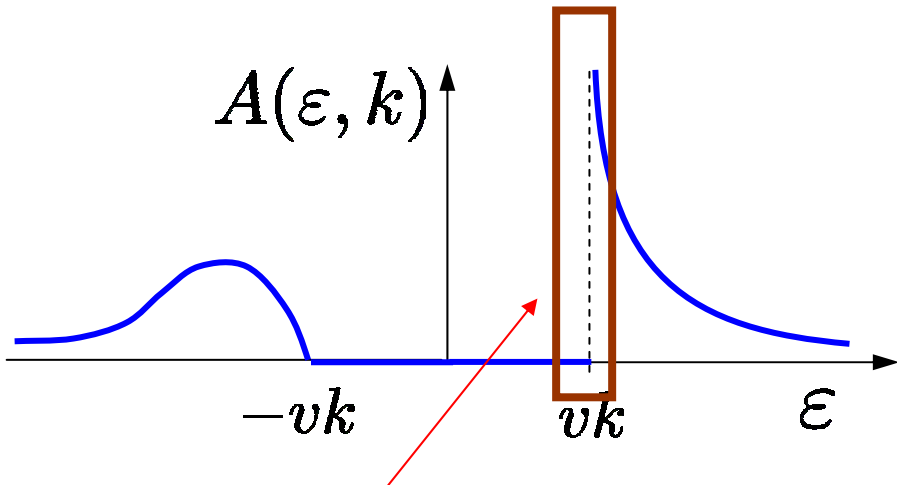
$K = \frac{v_F}{v}$  Luttinger Liquid parameter  
 For Galilean systems depends on velocity, but controls correlation functions

# Spectral function in Tomonaga-Luttinger

Fermionic field:  $\Psi_R^+ \propto e^{i\varphi - i\theta}$

Spectral function: **probability to tunnel in a fermion**

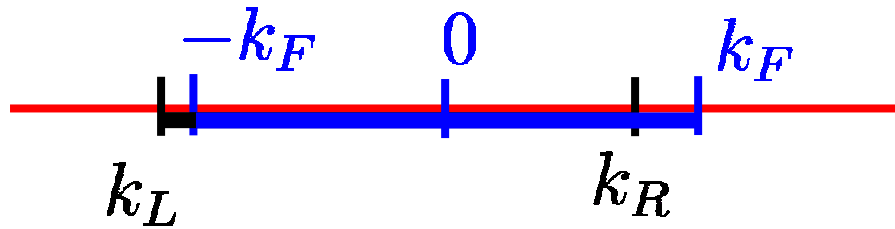
$$A(\varepsilon, k) = -\text{Im}G^{ret}(\varepsilon, k) / \pi$$



**Is it true for real systems???**

$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto \frac{\theta[\varepsilon^2 - v^2 k^2]}{\varepsilon - vk} (\varepsilon^2 - v^2 k^2)^{\frac{1}{4} \left( K + \frac{1}{K} \right) - \frac{1}{2}}$$

# Spectrum nonlinearity in bosonization



$$\delta k_{R(L)} \propto \partial_x \theta \mp \partial_x \varphi$$

$$\xi_k = \pm v_F k + \frac{k^2}{2m}$$

$$H_{kin}(x) = \int_{k_L(x)}^{k_R(x)} \xi_k \frac{dk}{2\pi} \propto v_F \left[ (\partial_x \theta)^2 + (\partial_x \varphi)^2 \right]$$

$$\propto \frac{1}{m} \left( \partial_x \varphi \pm \partial_x \theta \right)^3$$

Nonlinear quantum field theory ☹

Corrections to  $A(\varepsilon, k)$  in powers of  $\frac{1}{m}$

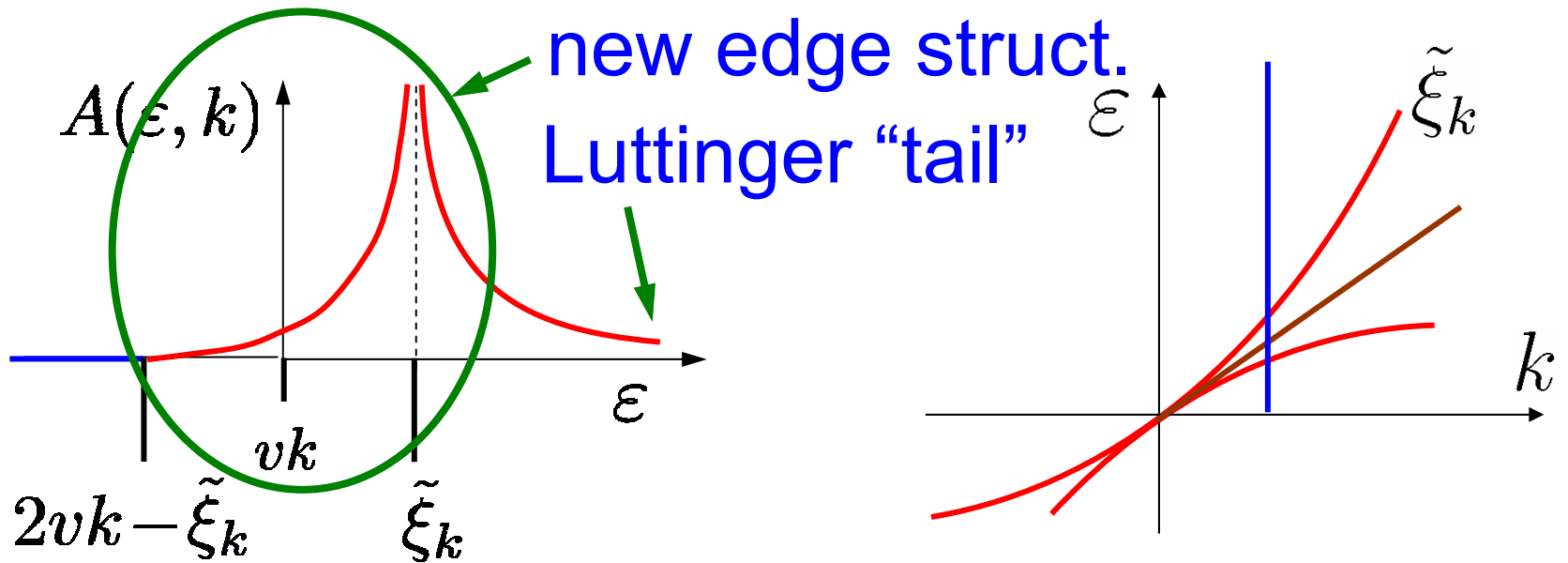
diverge near  $\varepsilon - v k \sim \frac{k^2}{2m}$  in all orders

# Effect of Nonlinear Dispersion Relation

$$|\varepsilon - vk| \ll vk, \quad k/k_F \rightarrow 0$$

Finite mass - **new** energy scale

$$\delta\omega = \frac{k^2}{2m_*}$$



Universal crossover function  $A(\varepsilon, k) \propto A\left(\frac{\varepsilon - vk}{k^2/2m_*}\right)$



# New Exponents

$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto |\varepsilon - \tilde{\xi}_k|^{\gamma_{\text{true}}}$$

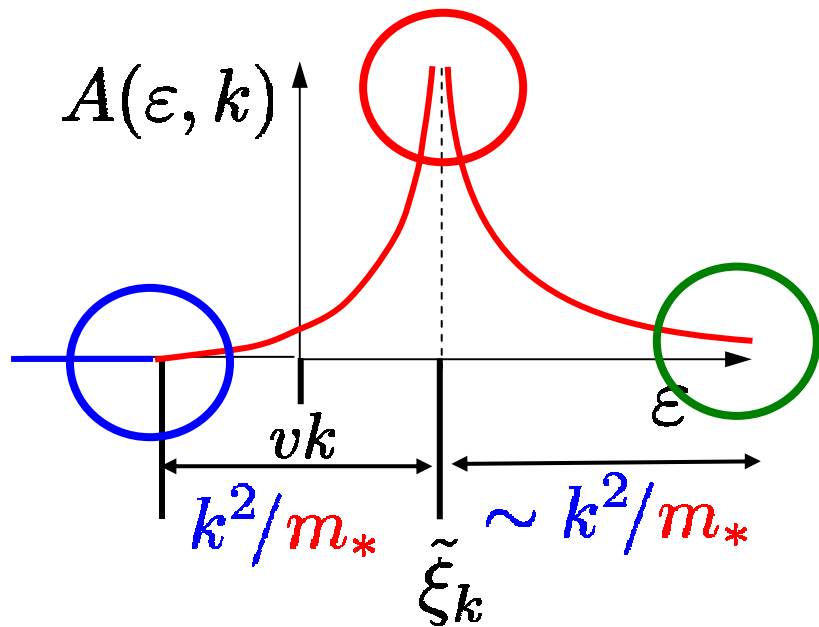
$$\gamma_{\text{true}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \sqrt{K}\right)^2 \right] - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{m_*} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{K}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \mu} + \frac{v^2}{2K\sqrt{K}} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \mu}$$

R.G. Pereira et al, 06

$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto \left( \varepsilon - vk + \frac{k^2}{2m} \right)^{\gamma}$$

$$\gamma = \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{K}} - \frac{\sqrt{K}}{2} \right)^2 + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{K}} + \frac{\sqrt{K}}{2} \right)^2 - 1$$



$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto (\varepsilon - vk)^{\gamma_L}$$

$$\gamma_L = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{K} + K \right) - \frac{3}{2}$$

# Diagonalization of Tomonaga-Luttinger

$$H = \frac{v}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K (\partial_x \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{K} (\partial_x \varphi)^2 \right]$$

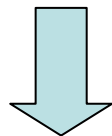
$\theta$  and  $\varphi$  canonically conjugate bosonic fields

Diagonalization: canonical Bogoliubov rotation

$$\tilde{\varphi} = \varphi / \sqrt{K} \quad \tilde{\theta} = \theta \sqrt{K}$$

$\tilde{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  are still canonically conjugate

$$H = \frac{v}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ (\partial_x \tilde{\theta})^2 + (\partial_x \tilde{\varphi})^2 \right]$$



Refermionize

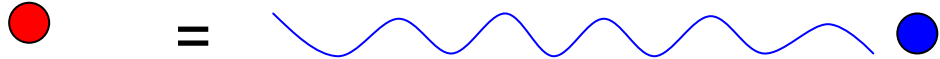
Free fermionic quasiparticle Hamiltonian

# Refermionization of Tomonaga-Luttinger

$$\tilde{H}_1 = iv \int dx \left( : \tilde{\Psi}_L^\dagger(x) \nabla \tilde{\Psi}_L(x) : - : \tilde{\Psi}_R^\dagger(x) \nabla \tilde{\Psi}_R(x) : \right) \quad \text{A.V.Rozhkov, 2005}$$

Fermion via “new” fermionic quasiparticle:

$$\Psi_R^\dagger(x) = \tilde{F}_R^\dagger(x) \tilde{\Psi}_R^\dagger(x)$$


  
 fermion = string + quasiparticle

Non-local “string” operator (like Jordan-Wigner):

$$\tilde{F}_R^\dagger(x) = \exp \left[ -i \int^x dy \left( \frac{\delta_+}{2\pi} \tilde{\rho}_R(y) + \frac{\delta_-}{2\pi} \tilde{\rho}_L(y) \right) \right]$$

Universal phase shifts

$$\frac{\delta_+}{2\pi} = 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{K}} - \frac{\sqrt{K}}{2}$$

$$\frac{\delta_-}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{K}} - \frac{\sqrt{K}}{2}$$

# Universal Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}_1 = iv \int dx \left( : \tilde{\Psi}_L^\dagger(x) \nabla \tilde{\Psi}_L(x) : - : \tilde{\Psi}_R^\dagger(x) \nabla \tilde{\Psi}_R(x) : \right)$$

$$\tilde{H}_2 = \frac{1}{2m_*} \int dx \left( : (\nabla \tilde{\Psi}_L^\dagger)(\nabla \tilde{\Psi}_L) : + : (\nabla \tilde{\Psi}_R^\dagger)(\nabla \tilde{\Psi}_R) : \right)$$

Quasiparticles remain free!\*

New scaling limit:

$$\frac{\varepsilon - vk}{k^2/2m_*} \rightarrow \text{const} \quad \frac{k}{k_F} \rightarrow 0$$

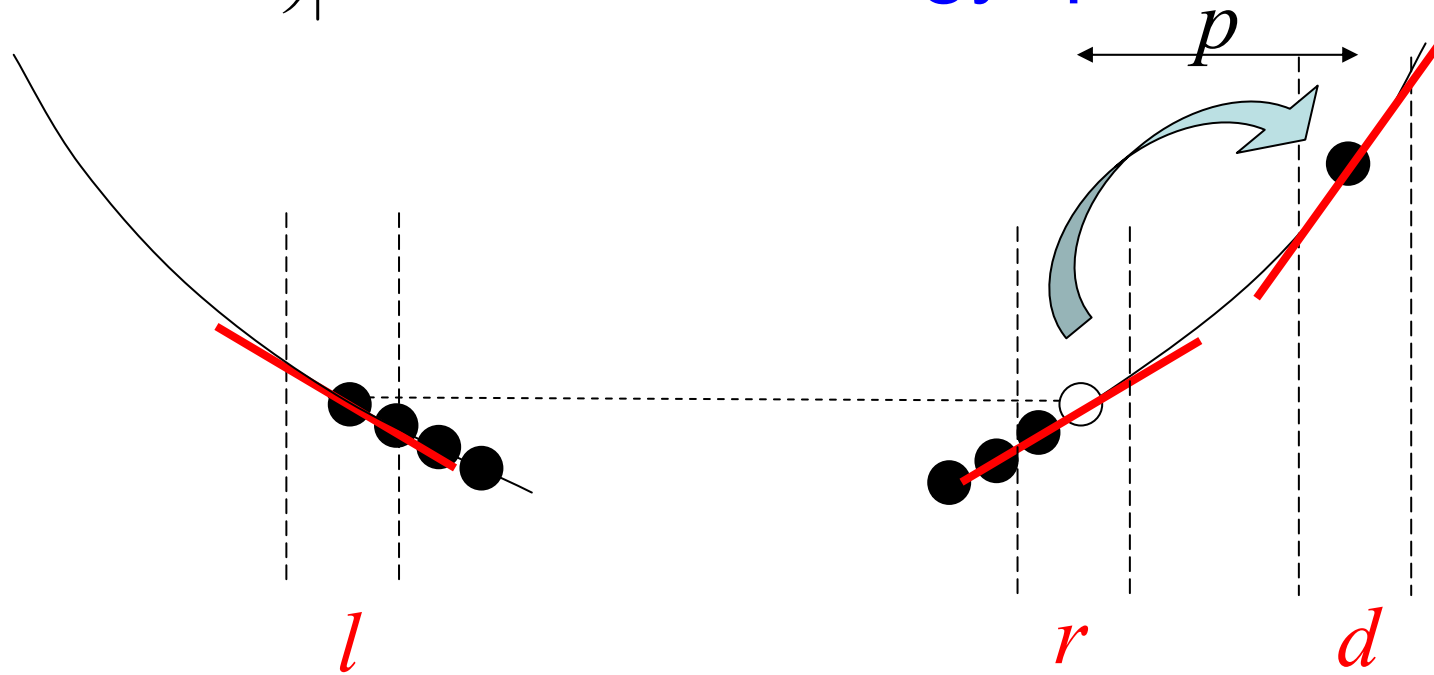
Universal crossover function  $A(\varepsilon, k) \propto A \left( \frac{\varepsilon - vk}{k^2/2m_*} \right)$

\* for original interactions decaying faster than  $\sim 1/x^2$

# Understanding new singularities

$$\left| \varepsilon - \left( v p + \frac{p^2}{2m_*} \right) \right| \ll \frac{p^2}{2m_*}$$

One “high energy” particle + “low energy” particle-hole pairs



3 subband model: mobile impurity

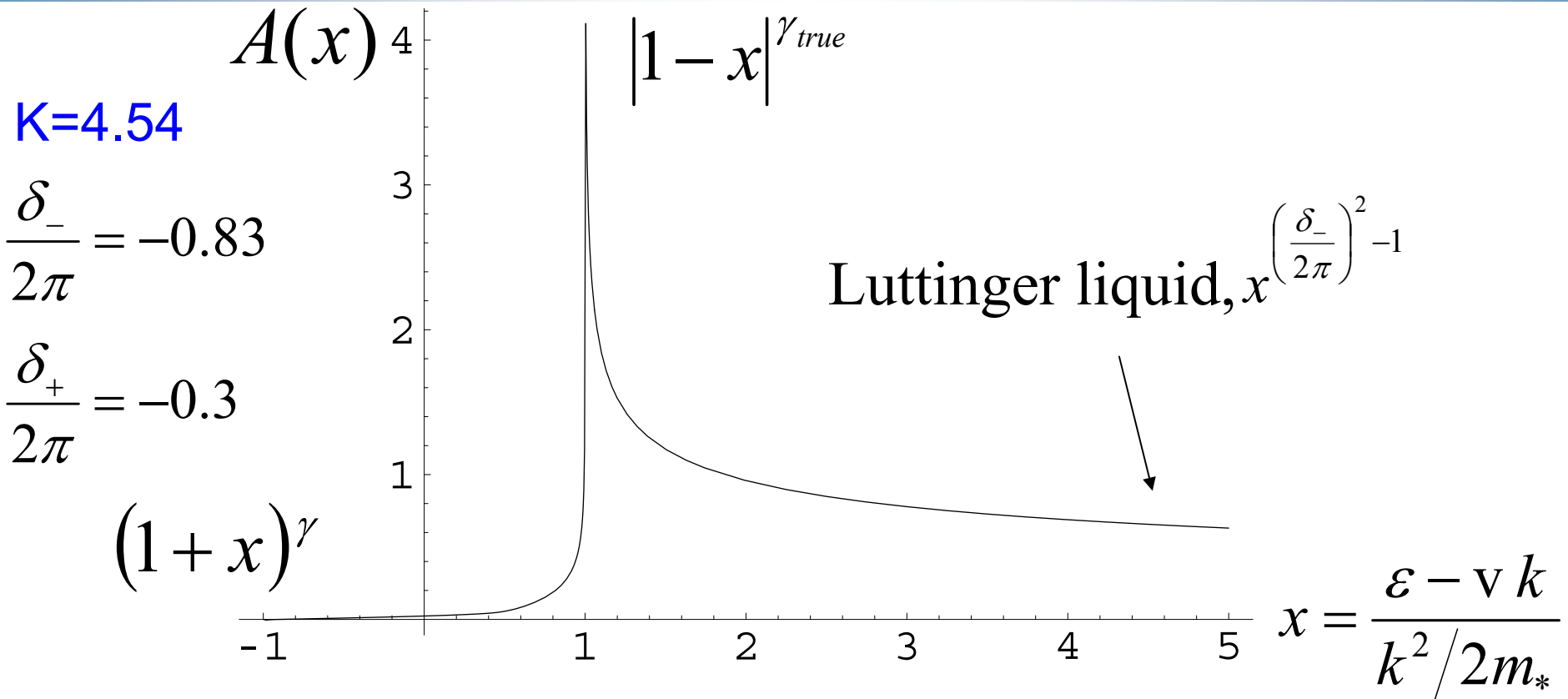
Luttinger Liquid

Anderson's orthogonality catastrophe

$$\gamma_{true} = \left( \frac{\delta_-}{2\pi} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta_+}{2\pi} \right)^2 - 1$$

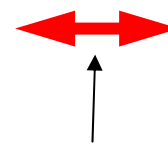
A blue arrow points to the  $\delta_+$  term in the equation, which is crossed out with a blue 'X'.

# Universal crossover



Noninteracting quasiparticles,  
but complicated correlator

(Scalapino et al 1981, Hirsh 1985)  
(Klich-Abanin-Levitov, 2002-2005)



Infinite dimensional  
determinant

Evaluate numerically

# Other 1D Systems

Spectral function of 1D bosons (Lieb-Liniger)

$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto |\varepsilon - \tilde{\xi}_k| \gamma_{\text{true}}$$

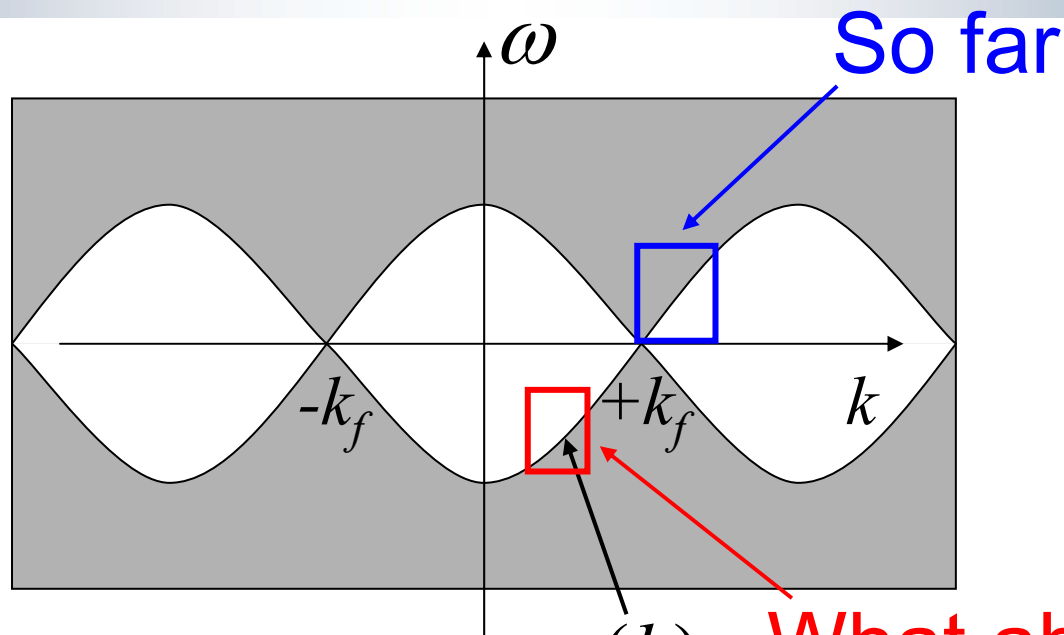
$$\gamma_{\text{true}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} + \frac{1}{2K}$$

S=1/2 XXZ antiferromagnet in a field along z-axis

$$S^{-+}(k, \omega) = \sum_j e^{-ikj} \int dt e^{i\omega t} \langle S_j^-(t) S_0^+(0) \rangle$$

$$S^{-+}(k, \omega) \propto \text{const} + \left| \frac{1}{\omega - \left( v|k - \pi| \pm \frac{(k - \pi)^2}{2m_*} \right)} \right|_{\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} - \frac{1}{2K}}$$

# Beyond low energy limit (unpublished)



Momentum dependent  
phase shifts

For Galilean systems  
related to

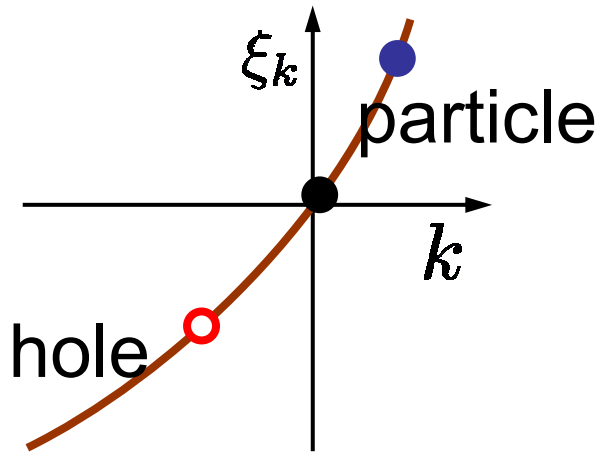
$$\delta_-(k), \delta_+(k) \longleftrightarrow \frac{\partial \varepsilon(k)}{\partial k}, \frac{\partial \varepsilon(k)}{\partial n}$$

Position of the edge defines the singularities!



# Conclusions

## 1D fermions: curvature + interaction



$$A(\varepsilon, k) \propto A\left(\frac{\varepsilon - vk}{k^2/2m_*}\right)$$

