

Supplemental Material to “Charge Kondo circuit as a detector for electron-electron interactions in a Luttinger Liquid”

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S1. GREEN'S FUNCTION

In the Supplemental Material we present the derivation of the spatially inhomogeneous Green's function (Eq. (7) in the main text). We follow the method developed in [S1]. Using saddle point for the Euclidean action of the spatially inhomogeneous Luttinger liquid

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dx \int_0^\beta dt \frac{1}{g(x)} \left[\frac{[\partial_t \phi(x, t)]^2}{u(x)} + u(x) [\partial_x \phi(x, t)]^2 \right], \quad (\text{S1.1})$$

we obtain the differential equation for the Green's function in Matsubara representation:

$$\left\{ \frac{\omega_n^2}{u(x)g(x)} - \partial_x \frac{u(x)}{g(x)} \partial_x \right\} G_{\omega_n}(x, x') = \delta(x - x'). \quad (\text{S1.2})$$

We assume the following protocols for the interaction's strength outside and inside the interacting area: $g(x) = 1$, $u(x) = v_F$ for $|x| > L/2$, and $g(x) = g$, $u(x) = v \approx v_F/g$ for $|x| < L/2$.

Equation for the Green's function $G_{\omega_n}(x, x')$ Eq. (S1.2) is completed by the boundary conditions: i) the propagator $G_{\omega_n}(x, x')$ is continuous function at $x = \pm L/2$ and $x = x'$; ii) $[u(x)/g(x)]\partial_x G_{\omega_n}(x, x')$ is continuous at $x = \pm L/2$. In addition, there is a discontinuity (jump) of $G_{\omega_n}(x, x')$ at $x = x'$, i.e.,

$$-\frac{u(x)}{g(x)} \partial_x G_{\omega_n}(x, x') \Big|_{x=x'+0}^{x=x'-0} = 1. \quad (\text{S1.3})$$

Besides, we assume the adiabatic switching off the interaction at $x = \pm\infty$: $G_{\omega_n}(\pm\infty, x') = 0$.

Thus, using the boundary conditions (S1.3) allows to obtain the solution of Eq. (S1.2) in four different regions as follows:

$$G_{\omega_n}(x, x') = \begin{cases} Ae^{\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v_F}}, & x < -L/2, \\ Be^{\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v}} + Ce^{-\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v}}, & -L/2 < x < x', \\ De^{\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v}} + Ee^{-\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v}}, & x' < x < L/2, \\ Fe^{-\frac{|\omega_n|x}{v_F}}, & x > L/2. \end{cases} \quad (\text{S1.4})$$

By matching Eqs. (S1.4) at $x = \pm L/2$, and $x = x'$ we obtain:

$$A(x') = -\frac{g}{|\omega_n|} \frac{\left\{ \kappa_- e^{\frac{|\omega_n|x'}{v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} + \kappa_+ e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|x'}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} \right\}}{\left\{ \kappa_-^2 e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} - \kappa_+^2 e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} \right\}}, \quad (\text{S1.5})$$

$$B(x') = \frac{\kappa_+}{2} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} A(x') \quad , \quad C(x') = \frac{\kappa_-}{2} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} A(x'), \quad (\text{S1.6})$$

$$F(x') = -\frac{g}{|\omega_n|} \frac{\left\{ \kappa_+ e^{\frac{|\omega_n|x'}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} + \kappa_- e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|x'}{v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} \right\}}{\left\{ \kappa_-^2 e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} - \kappa_+^2 e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} \right\}}, \quad (\text{S1.7})$$

$$E(x') = \frac{\kappa_+}{2} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} F(x') \quad , \quad D(x') = \frac{\kappa_-}{2} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{2v_F}} F(x'), \quad (\text{S1.8})$$

where $\kappa_{\pm} = 1 \pm g$. Combining Eqs. (S1.5)-(S1.8) and Eq. (S1.4), we obtain the equation for the Green's function (Eq. (7) in the main part of the manuscript):

$$G_{\omega_n}(x, x') = \frac{g}{2|\omega_n|} \frac{2\kappa_+ \kappa_- \cosh\left[\frac{|\omega_n|(x+x')}{v}\right] + \kappa_-^2 e^{\pm \frac{|\omega_n|(x-x')}{v}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} + \kappa_+^2 e^{\mp \frac{|\omega_n|(x-x')}{v}} e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}}}{\kappa_+^2 e^{\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}} - \kappa_-^2 e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|L}{v}}}. \quad (\text{S1.9})$$

Here the upper sign in exponents corresponds to the case $x > x'$, while the lower sign corresponds to $x < x'$. The Green's function Eq. (S1.9) has different asymptotic values at two regimes: i) $G_{\omega_n}(0, 0) \approx g/2|\omega_n|$ at "high" frequencies (temperatures), $\omega_n \gg v/L$, and ii) $G_{\omega_n}(0, 0) \approx 1/2|\omega_n|$ at the "low" frequency (temperature) regime, $\omega_n \ll v/L$. It indicates that the long-range properties become more relevant as the frequency (temperature) decreases. The crossover between two regimes occurs at the so-called critical temperature $T^{cr} \sim v/L$.

S2. DIFFERENTIAL CONDUCTANCE: A LINEAR RESPONSE

As it is mention in the main part of the text, using the Green's function Eq. (S1.9) and integrating out bosonic fields $\phi_{c,s}(x, t)$, we obtain the following effective action:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} \sum_n \sum_{i=c,s} G_{\omega_n}^{-1}(0, 0) \phi_i(i\omega_n) \phi_i(-i\omega_n) + \frac{E_C}{\pi^2} \int_0^\beta dt \left[\sqrt{2} \phi_c(t) - \pi N \right]^2 + \frac{D}{\pi} \int_0^\beta dt \left\{ |r_1| \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s(t) - \phi_c(t))] + |r_2| \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s(t) + \phi_c(t))] \right\}. \quad (\text{S2.1})$$

We use the perturbation theory assuming the electron backscattering amplitude $|r_{1,2}| \ll 1$ being a small parameter in order to obtain the correlator $\langle\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle\rangle$. For this, we expand the partition function over S' [third term in Eq. (S2.1)] up to the second order:

$$e^{-S'} = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{D^2}{\pi^2} \int dt \int dt' \frac{1}{2} \left\{ |r_1|^2 \left[\cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s - \phi'_s - \phi_c + \phi'_c)] + \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s + \phi'_s - \phi_c - \phi'_c)] \right] \right. \quad (\text{S2.2})$$

$$\left. + |r_2|^2 \left[\cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s - \phi'_s + \phi_c - \phi'_c)] + \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s + \phi'_s + \phi_c + \phi'_c)] \right] \right. \quad (\text{S2.3})$$

$$\left. + |r_1||r_2| \left[\cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s - \phi'_s - \phi_c - \phi'_c)] + \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s + \phi'_s - \phi_c + \phi'_c)] \right] \right. \quad (\text{S2.4})$$

$$\left. + |r_1||r_2| \left[\cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s - \phi'_s + \phi_c + \phi'_c)] + \cos[\sqrt{2}(\phi_s + \phi'_s + \phi_c - \phi'_c)] \right] \right\}. \quad (\text{S2.5})$$

Here, we use shorthand notations $\phi_{c,s} = \phi_{c,s}(t)$ and $\phi'_{c,s} = \phi_{c,s}(t')$.

We redefine $\phi_c \rightarrow \pi N/\sqrt{2} + \phi_c$ to proceed with the calculations. Second terms which contain $\phi_s + \phi'_s$ in the Eqs. (S2.2)-(S2.5) vanish after averaging procedure. Thus, for instance, the correlation function $\langle\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle\rangle$ accounted from Eq. (S2.2) is written as follows:

$$\langle\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle\rangle = \langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \frac{D^2}{\pi^2} |r_1|^2 \text{Re} \int dt \int dt' \langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) e^{i\sqrt{2}[\phi_s - \phi'_s]} e^{-i\sqrt{2}[\phi_c - \phi'_c]} \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \frac{D^2}{\pi^2} |r_1|^2 \text{Re} \int dt \int dt' \langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle \langle e^{i\sqrt{2}[\phi_s - \phi'_s]} e^{-i\sqrt{2}[\phi_c - \phi'_c]} \rangle. \quad (\text{S2.6})$$

In the absence of backscattering ($|r_{1,2}| = 0$), the correlation function $\langle\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle\rangle$ at the dc limit ($\omega \rightarrow 0$) is determined by the low-frequency limit of Eq. (S1.9), $\langle\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle\rangle = \pi/2|\omega_n|T$. However, the situation is completely different for finite backscattering. Applying the Wick theorem in Eq. (S2.6), one find that a small correction due to backscattering is characterized by the function $\langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle^2 \exp[-\langle(\phi_s - \phi'_s)^2\rangle] \exp[-\langle(\phi_c - \phi'_c)^2\rangle]$. After performing the Fourier transformation, correlations functions in exponents can be obtained by summing the series over Matsubara frequencies. It turns that $\omega_n = 0$ term does not contribute to the series, see [S2, S3]. Therefore, at $T \gg v/L$, the high-temperature limit of Eq. (S1.9) should be considered for further calculations. Using the following

relations:

$$\pi T g \sum_n \frac{1}{|\omega_n|} (1 - \cos[\omega_n \tau]) e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|}{D}} = g \log \left(\frac{D}{\pi T} \sin[\pi T \tau] \right), \quad (\text{S2.7})$$

$$\pi T g \sum_n \frac{1}{|\omega_n| + \frac{2gE_C}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|}{D}} = g \log \left(\frac{\pi D}{2\gamma g E_C} \right), \quad (\text{S2.8})$$

$$\pi T g \sum_n \frac{\cos[\omega_n \tau]}{|\omega_n| + \frac{2gE_C}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{|\omega_n|}{D}} = g \frac{\pi^4 T^2}{4g^2 E_C^2} \frac{1}{\sin^2[\pi T \tau]}, \quad (\text{S2.9})$$

we compute the Gaussian integrals and rewrite Eq. (S2.6) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle \rangle &= \frac{\pi}{2|\omega_n|T} - \frac{D^2 |r_1|^2}{4\omega_n^2} \int_0^\beta dt \int_0^\beta dt' (1 - \cos[\omega_n(t-t')]) \\ &\times \left(\frac{\pi T}{D} \frac{1}{|\sin[\pi T(t-t')]|} \right)^g \left(\frac{2\gamma g E_C}{\pi D} \right)^g \left\{ 1 - g \frac{\pi^4 T^2}{4g^2 E_C^2} \frac{1}{\sin^2[\pi T(t-t')]} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.10})$$

Using the Kubo formula [note, the current operator reads as $\hat{I} = (e/\sqrt{2\pi})\dot{\phi}_s(0, t)$]

$$G = \frac{e^2 T}{2\pi^2 i} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \omega \lim_{i\omega_n \rightarrow \omega + i0} \langle \langle \phi_s(i\omega_n) \phi_s(-i\omega_n) \rangle \rangle \quad (\text{S2.11})$$

and generalizing the above perturbative expansion for all terms in Eqs. (S2.2)-(S2.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} G - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar} &= -\frac{e^2}{16\pi^3\hbar} (2\gamma)^g \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma[g/2]}{\Gamma[1/2 + g/2]} |r_+|^2 \left(\frac{gE_C}{D} \right)^{2g-2} \left(\frac{T}{gE_C} \right)^{g-2} \\ &\quad - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar} g \frac{\pi^2 (2\gamma)^g}{16} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma[1 + g/2]}{\Gamma[3/2 + g/2]} |r_-|^2 \left(\frac{gE_C}{D} \right)^{2g-2} \left(\frac{T}{gE_C} \right)^g, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S2.12})$$

where we denote $|r_\pm|^2 = [|r_1|^2 + |r_2|^2 \pm 2|r_1||r_2| \cos(2\pi N)]$.

In the low-temperature limit $T \ll v/L$, the interaction-induced renormalization is cut-off by finite interaction length L [S2, S3]. One can roughly estimate the differential conductance in the low-temperature regime by replacing $T \rightarrow v/L$ in Eq. (S2.12)[S2]. Therefore, the conductance does not depend on the temperature.

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