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I was born on September 5, 1989 in Manila, Philippines. I spent my childhood in Bataan and Aklan before moving back to Manila to study at Ateneo de Manila University, from which I graduated with a B.S. in Physics, *cum laude*, in 2011. As an undergraduate I did thesis research on the quantum mechanics of charged particles on curved surfaces under the supervision of Germelino Abito and Quirino Sugon, for which I received the Bank of the Philippine Islands-Department of Science and Technology Science Award in 2011. In addition to physics and mathematics coursework, I spent time as a member of the editorial staff of *Heights*, Ateneo's literary journal, and I was lucky to be a part of the Silliman National Writers Workshop in 2011 as a fellow for non-fiction.

After finishing my undergraduate studies, I moved to Baltimore, Maryland to begin graduate school at Johns Hopkins University. I joined Zlatko Tesanovic's research group, having decided to focus on condensed matter theory as a Ph.D. student, but that stint was unfortunately cut short by Zlatko's sudden and tragic passing in 2012. After receiving my M.A. in Physics and Astronomy from Johns Hopkins, I decided to move to Leiden, Netherlands in 2013 to start anew my Ph.D. work, this time in Jan Zaanen's group at Leiden University. I spent the vast majority of my time at Leiden working on high- $T_c$  superconductivity, with much of that research work covered in this very thesis.

Throughout my time in graduate school I have attended several conferences, workshops, and summer schools in various countries—the

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Netherlands, Poland, Spain, France, and the United States—and have presented my work a number of times. I have also served as a teaching assistant at Johns Hopkins, where I led discussion sessions for general physics and taught laboratory classes, and at Leiden, where I was a grader for the graduate-level condensed matter theory class.