

Strong coupling problems in condensed matter and the AdS/CFT correspondence

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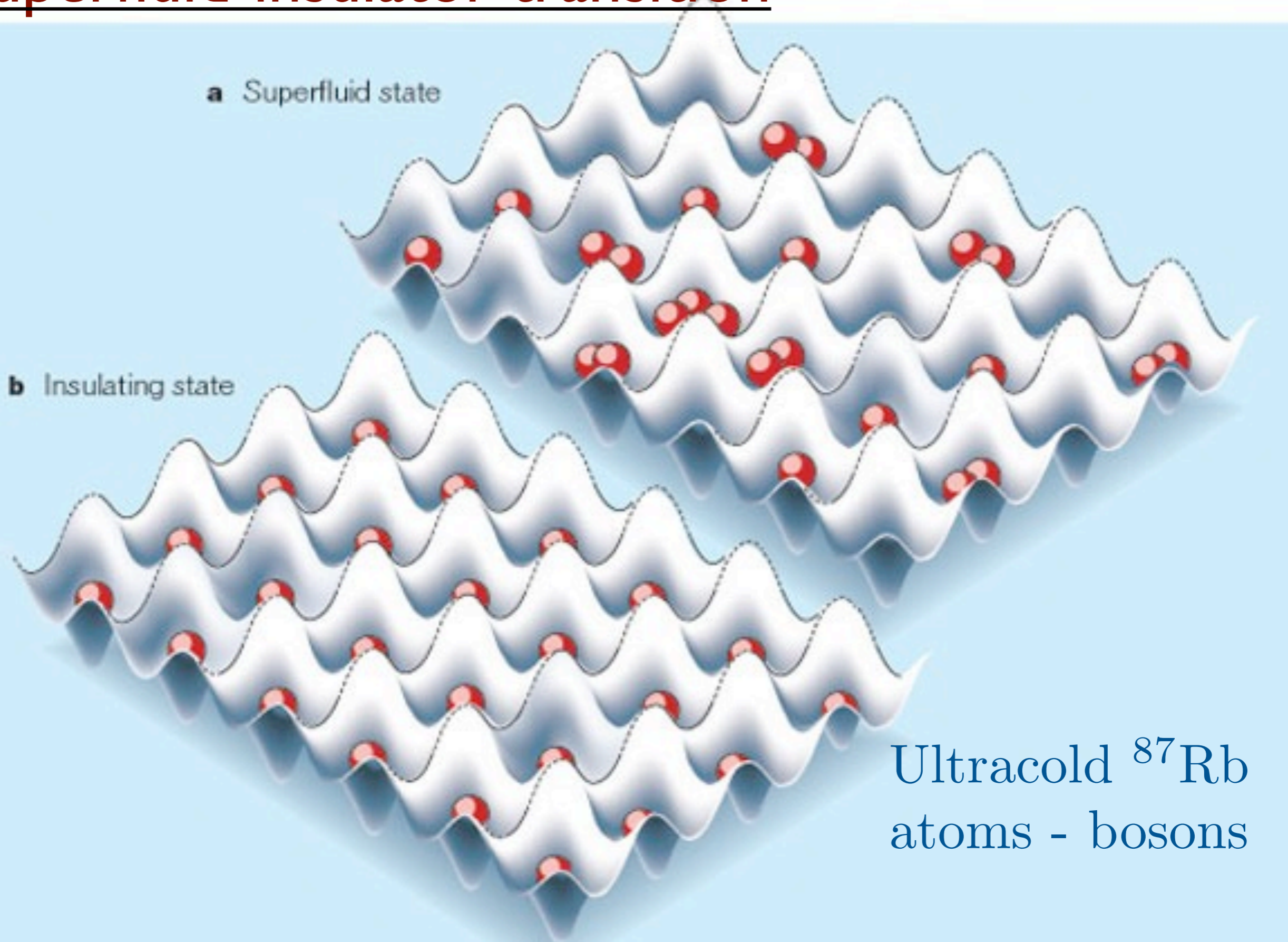
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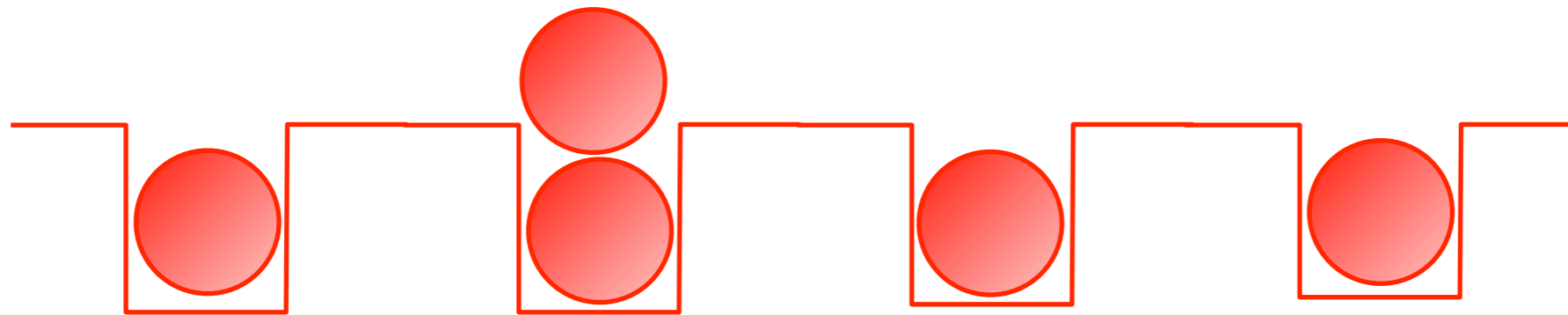
Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

M. Greiner, O. Mandel, T. Esslinger, T. W. Hänsch, and I. Bloch, *Nature* **415**, 39 (2002).



Insulator (the vacuum) at large U

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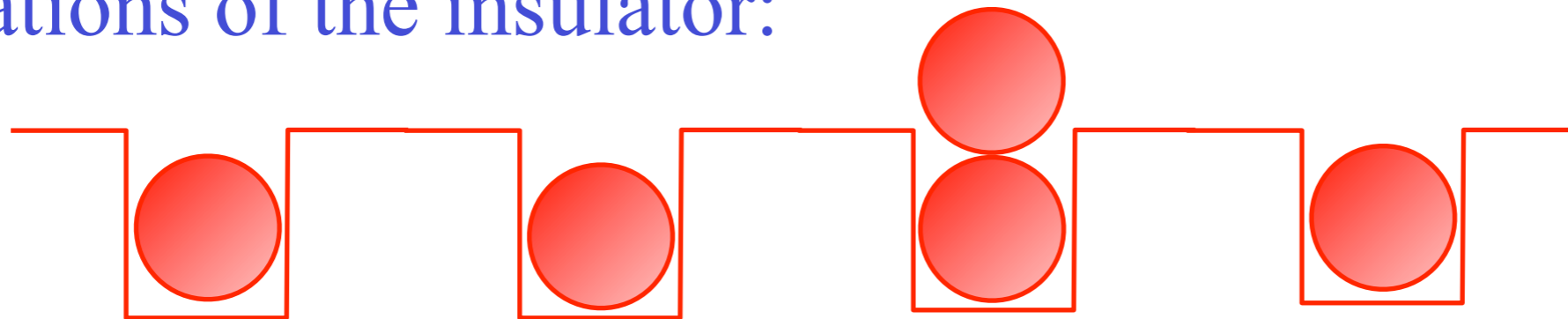
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Density of particles = density of holes \Rightarrow

“relativistic” field theory for ψ :

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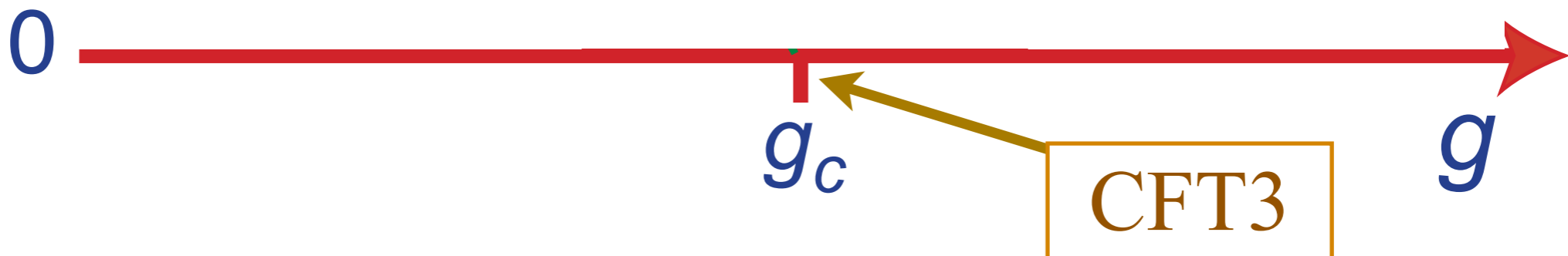
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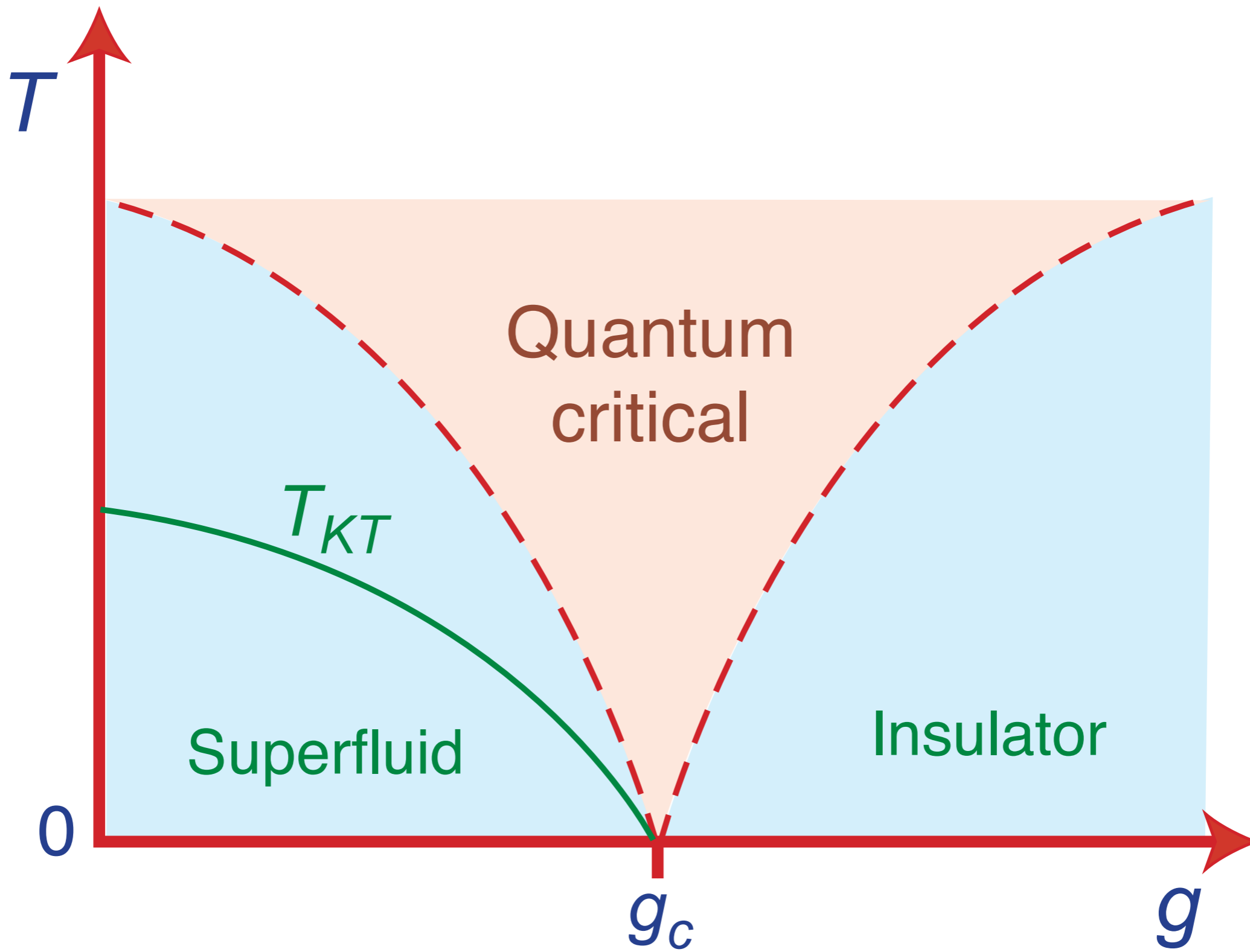
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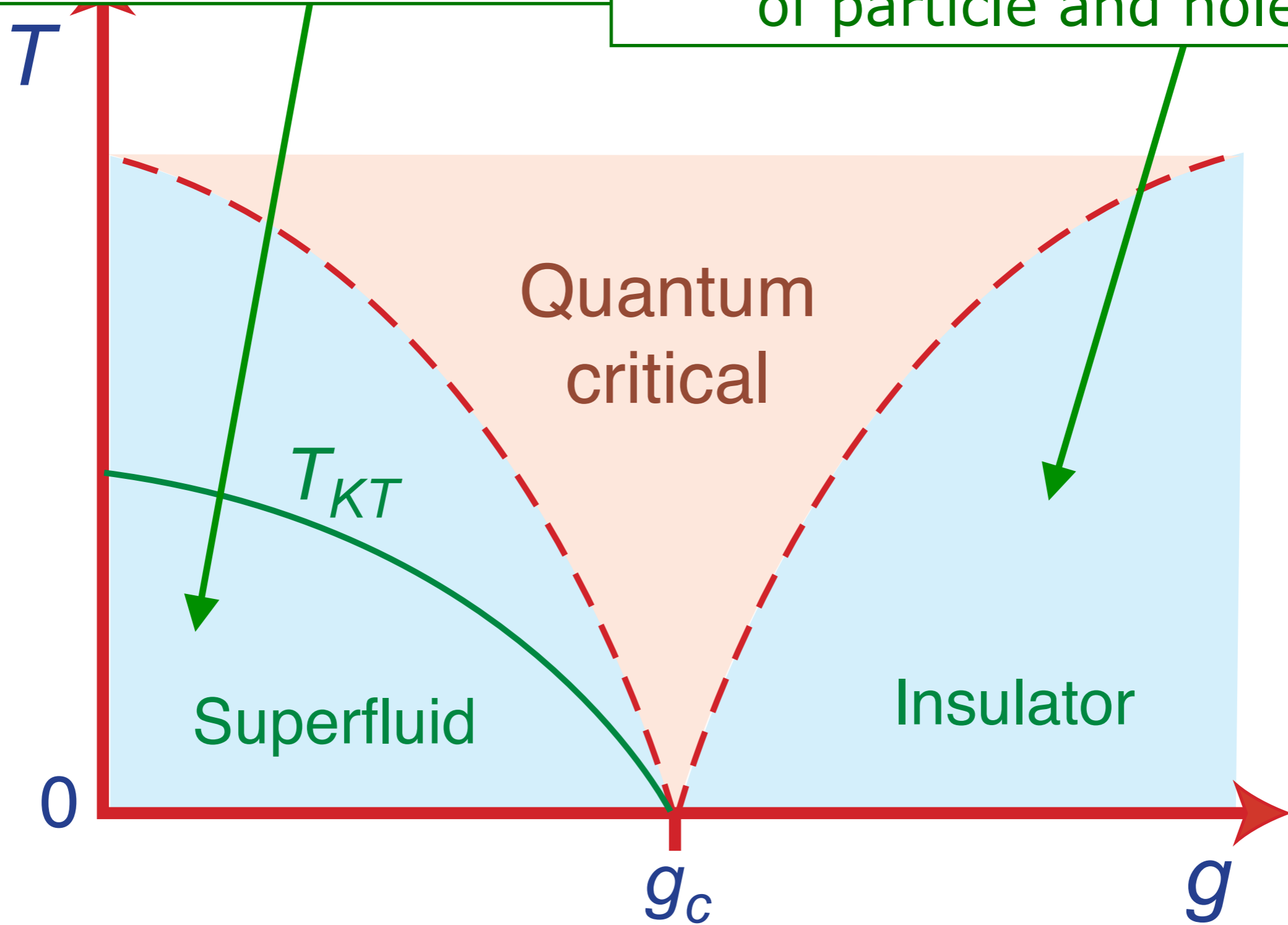
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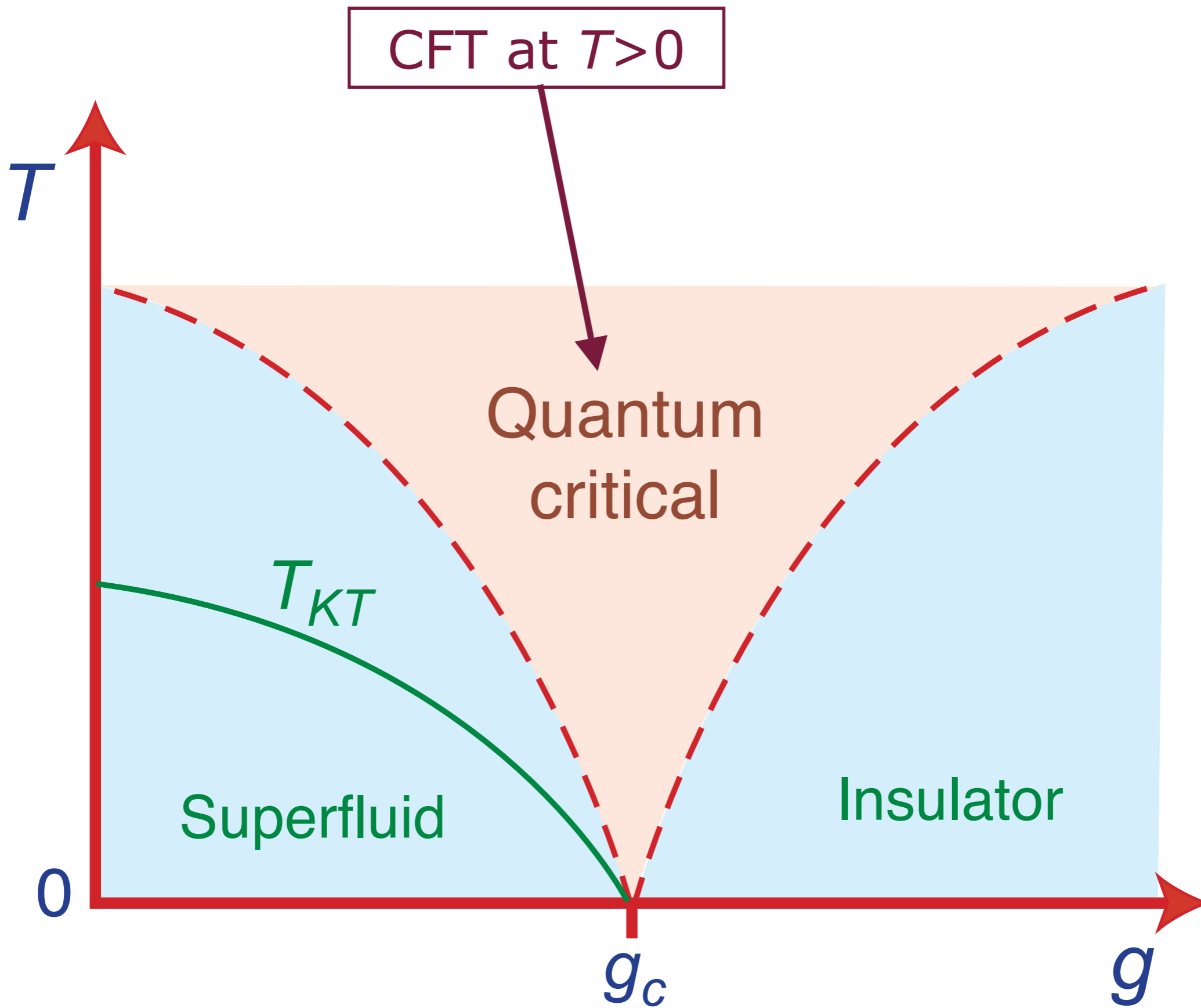




Classical vortices and wave oscillations of the condensate

Dilute Boltzmann/Landau gas of particle and holes





Resistivity of Bi films

Conductivity σ

$$\sigma_{\text{Superconductor}}(T \rightarrow 0) = \infty$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Insulator}}(T \rightarrow 0) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Quantum critical point}}(T \rightarrow 0) \approx \frac{4e^2}{h}$$

D. B. Haviland, Y. Liu, and A. M. Goldman,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **62**, 2180 (1989)

M. P. A. Fisher, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **65**, 923 (1990)

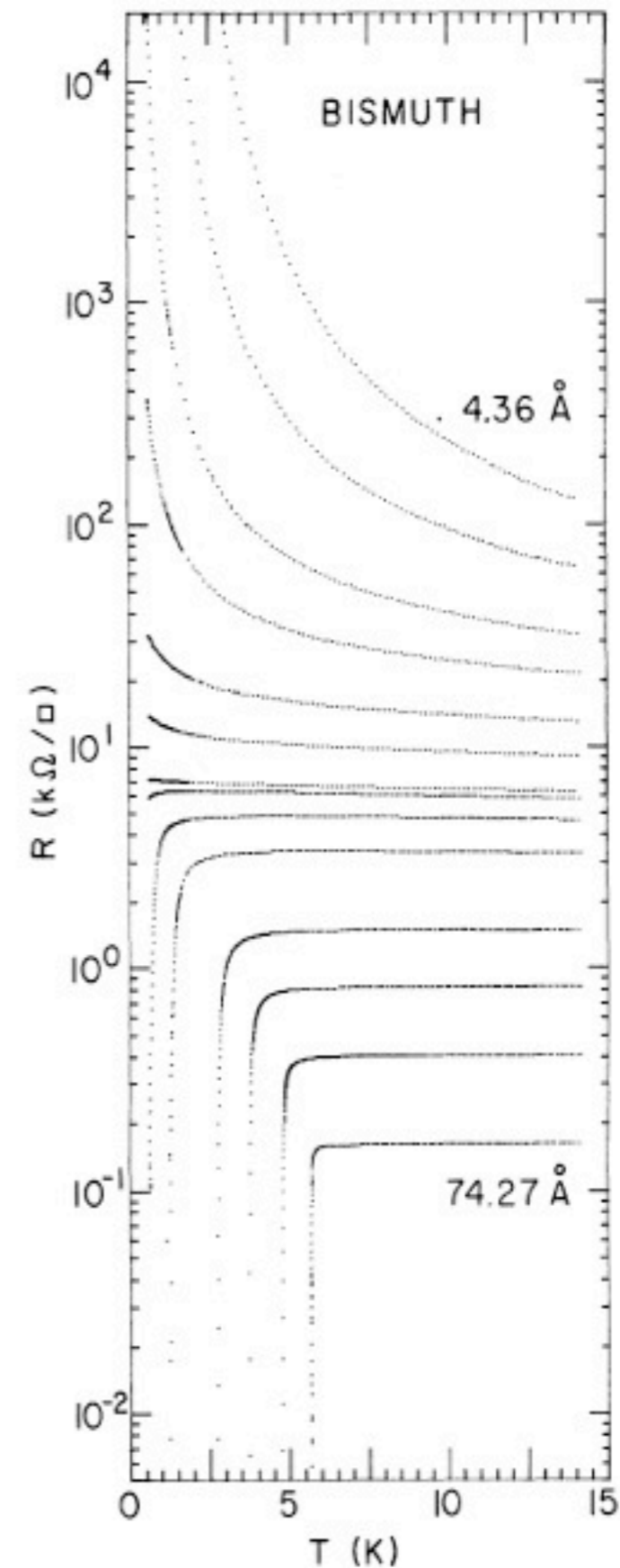


FIG. 1. Evolution of the temperature dependence of the sheet resistance $R(T)$ with thickness for a Bi film deposited onto Ge. Fewer than half of the traces actually acquired are shown. Film thicknesses shown range from 4.36 to 74.27 Å.

Quantum critical transport

Quantum “*perfect fluid*”
with shortest possible
relaxation time, τ_R

$$\tau_R \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

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Electrical conductivity

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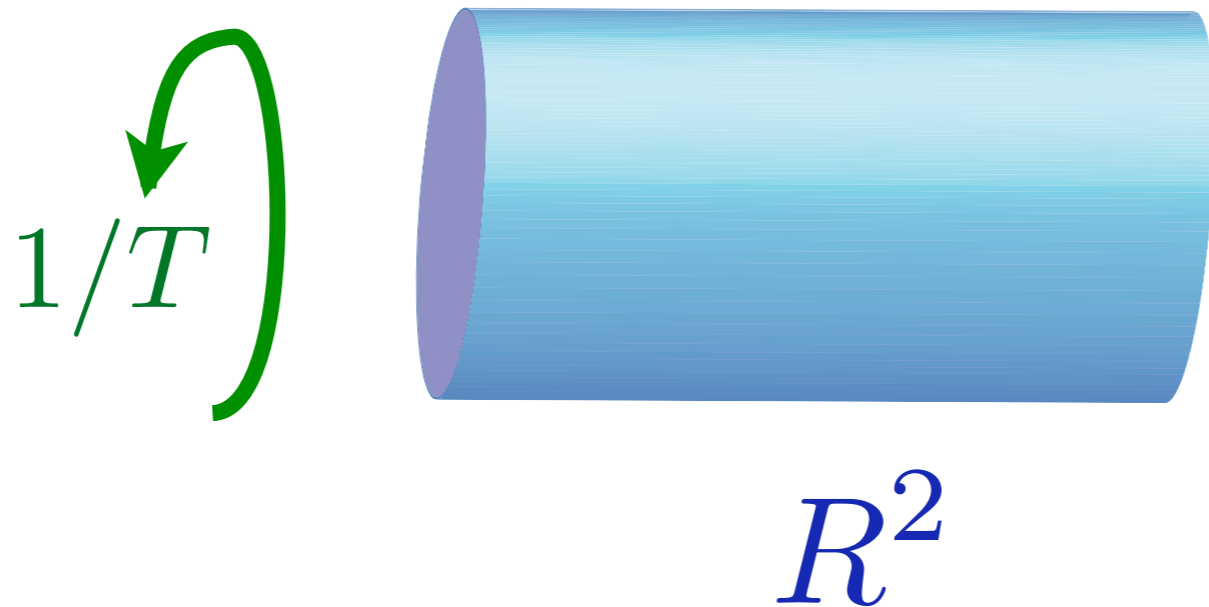
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P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, and A. Starinets, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94**, 11601 (2005)

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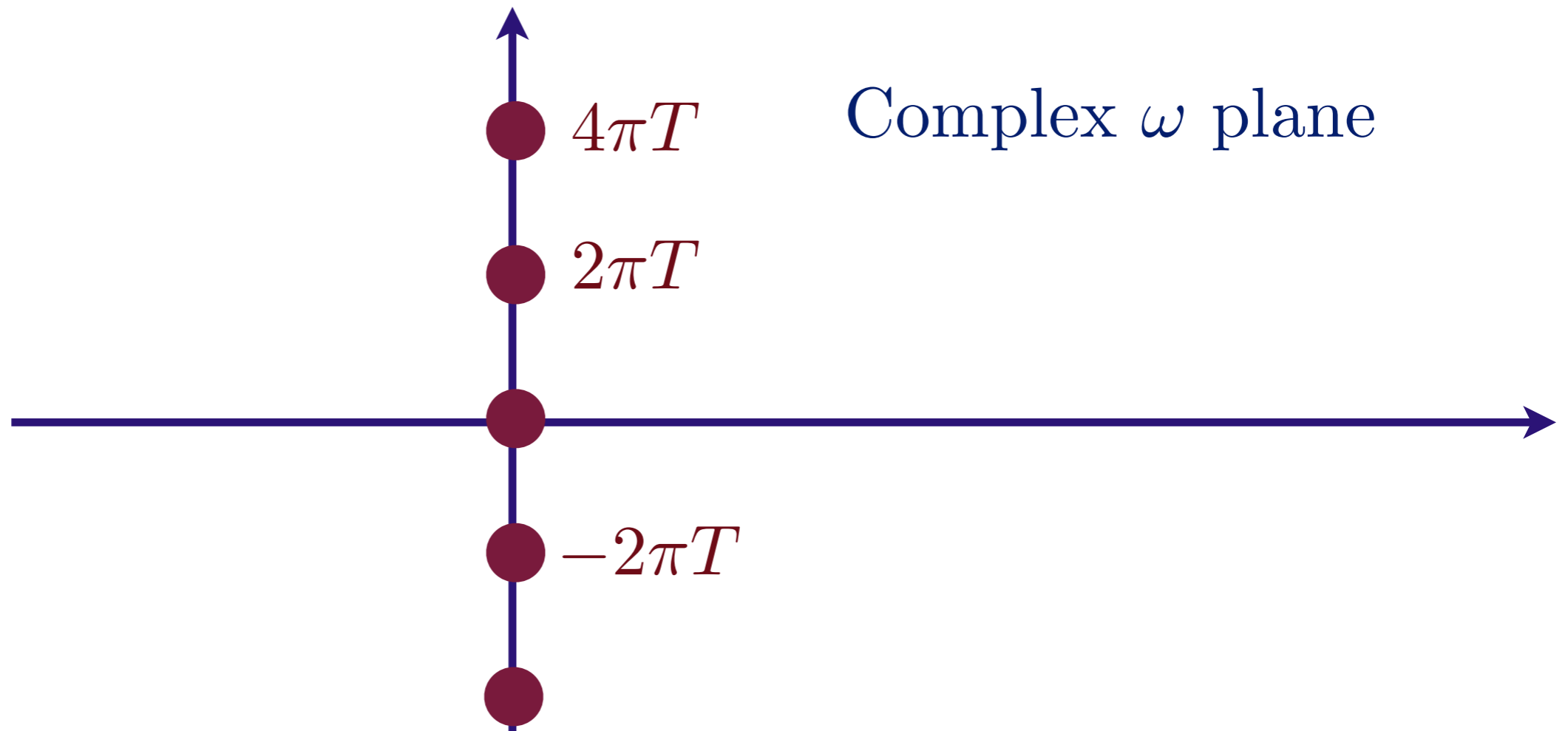
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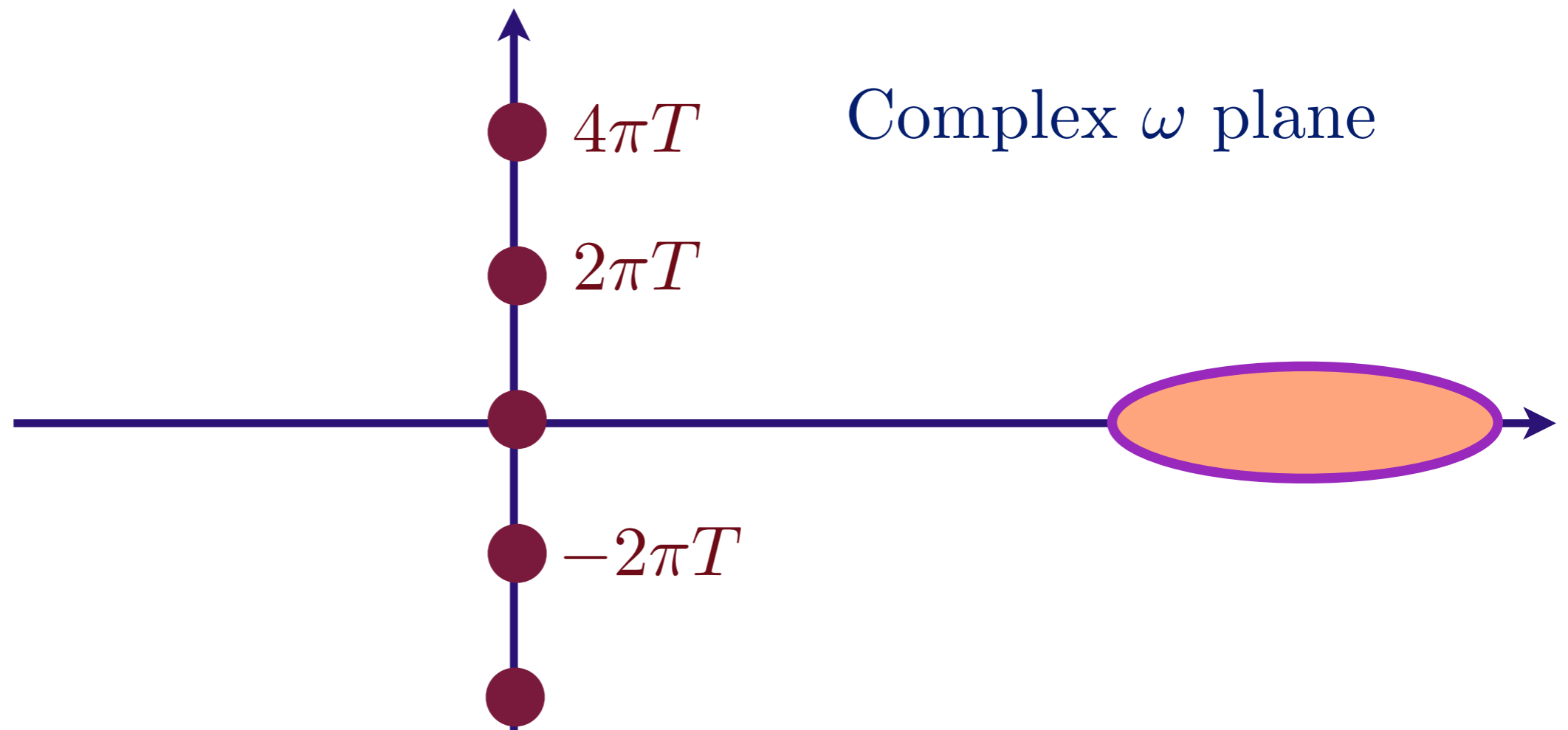
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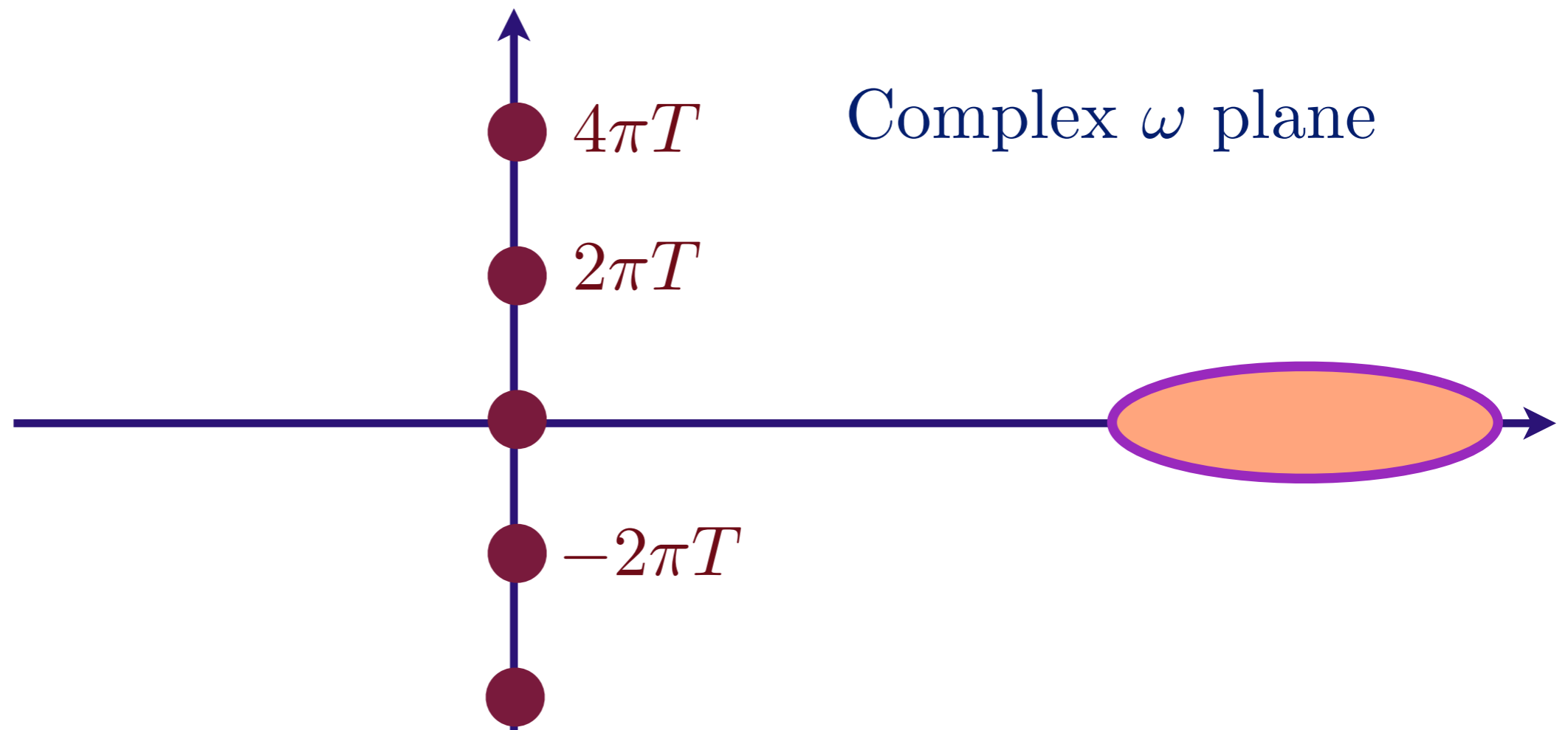
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where K is a universal number characterizing the CFT3, and v is the velocity of “light”.

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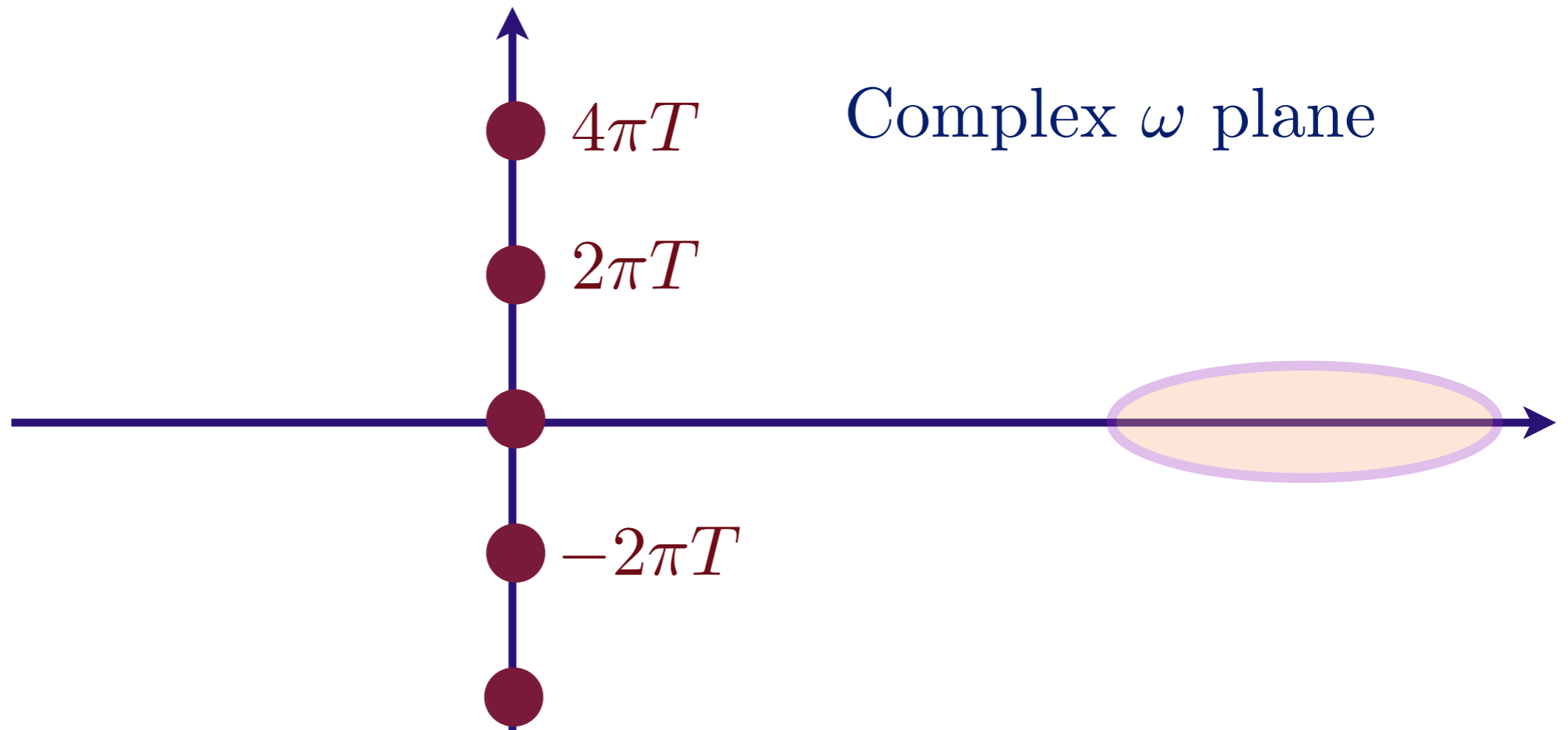
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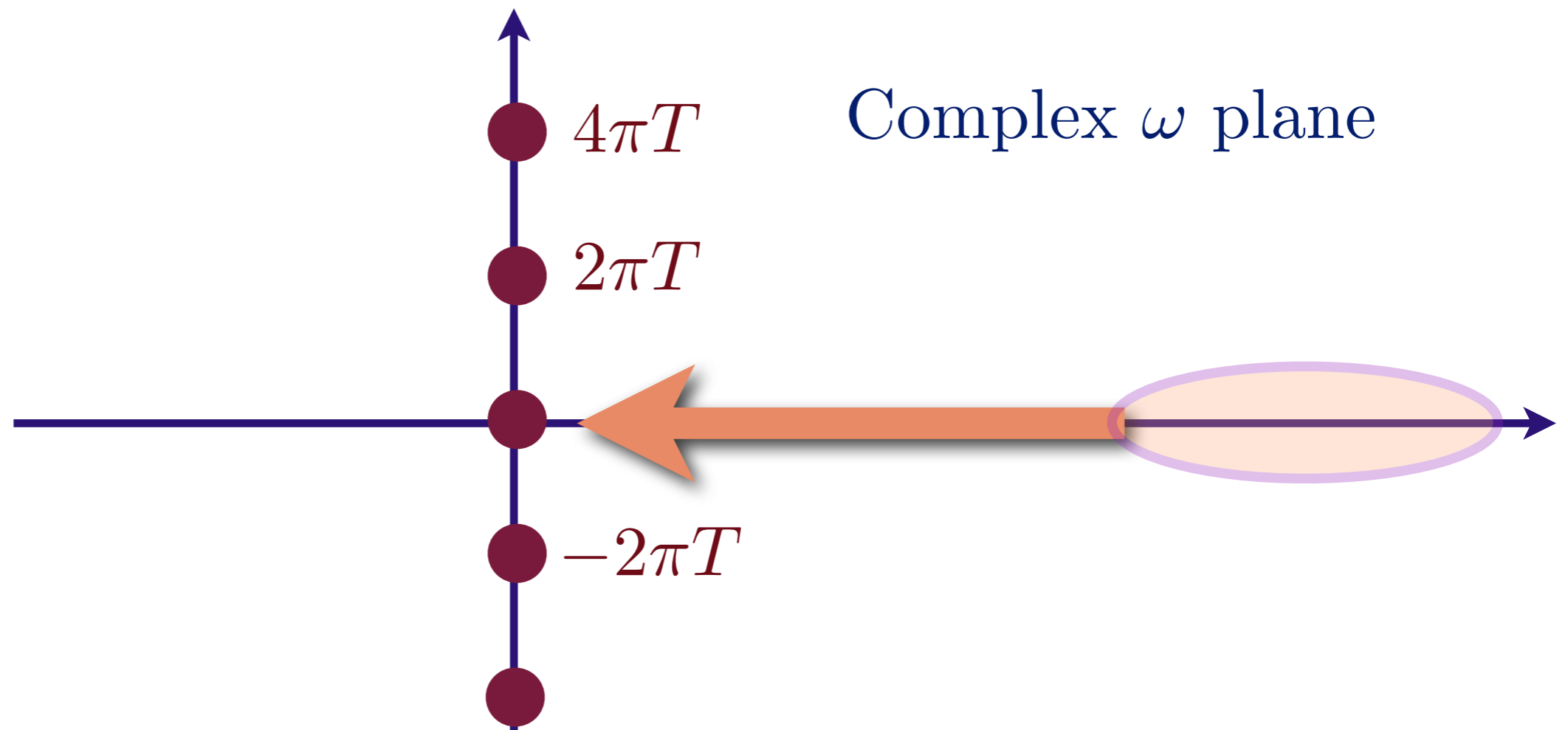


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$$\chi(k, \omega) = 4e^2 \chi_c \frac{Dk^2}{Dk^2 - i\omega} \quad ; \quad \sigma(\omega) = 4e^2 D \chi_c = \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2$$

where the **compressibility**, χ_c , and the **diffusion constant** D obey

$$\chi = \frac{k_B T}{(h\nu)^2} \Theta_1 \quad ; \quad D = \frac{h\nu^2}{k_B T} \Theta_2$$

with Θ_1 and Θ_2 universal numbers characteristic of the CFT3

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In CFTs collisions are “phase” randomizing, and lead to relaxation to local thermodynamic equilibrium. So there is a crossover from collisionless behavior for $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$, to hydrodynamic behavior for $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$.

$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{4e^2}{h} K & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2 \equiv \sigma_Q & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \end{cases}$$

and in general we expect $K \neq \Theta_1 \Theta_2$ (verified for Wilson-Fisher fixed point).

The AdS/CFT correspondence

Field theories in D spacetime dimensions are characterized by couplings g which obey the renormalization group equation

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Key idea: \Rightarrow Implement u as an extra dimension, and map to a local theory in $D + 1$ dimensions.

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This is an invariance of the *metric* of the theory in $D + 1$ dimensions. The unique solution is

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{u}{L}\right)^2 dx^\mu dx_\mu + L^2 \frac{du^2}{u^2}.$$

Or, using the length scale $z = L^2 / u$

$$ds^2 = L^2 \frac{dx^\mu dx_\mu + dz^2}{z^2}.$$

This is the space AdS_{D+1} , and L is the AdS radius.

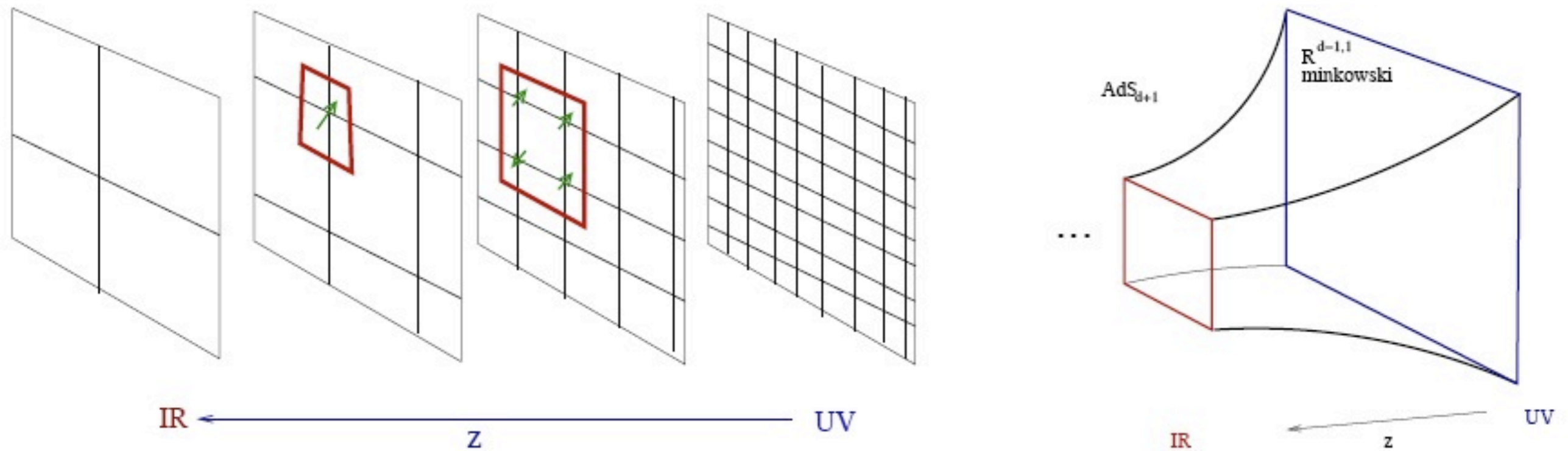


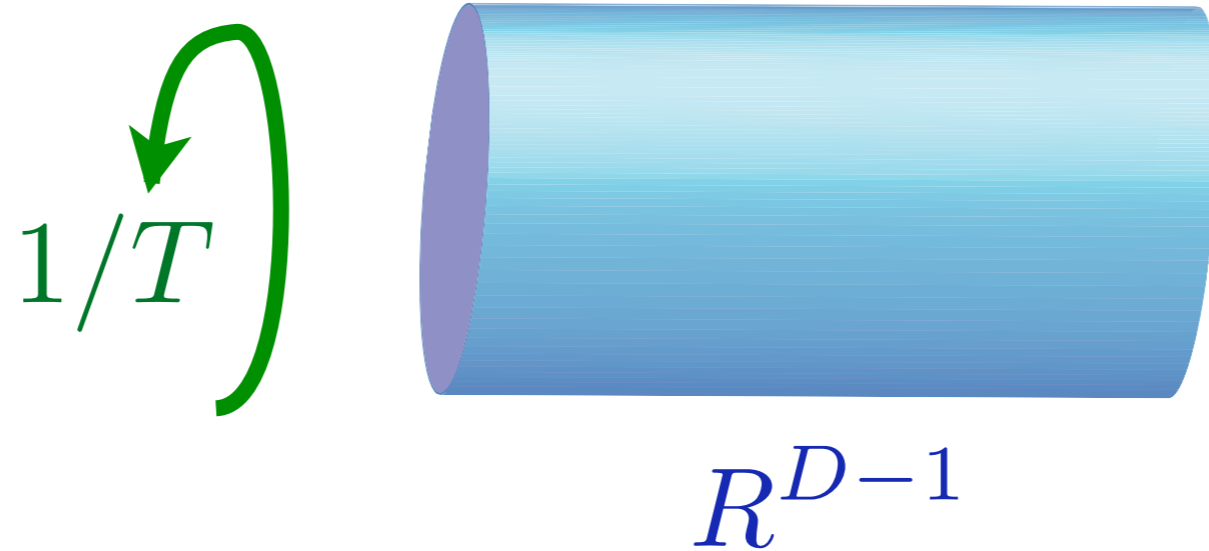
Figure 1: The extra ('radial') dimension of the bulk is the resolution scale of the field theory. The left figure indicates a series of block spin transformations labelled by a parameter z . The right figure is a cartoon of AdS space, which organizes the field theory information in the same way. In this sense, the bulk picture is a hologram: excitations with different wavelengths get put in different places in the bulk image.

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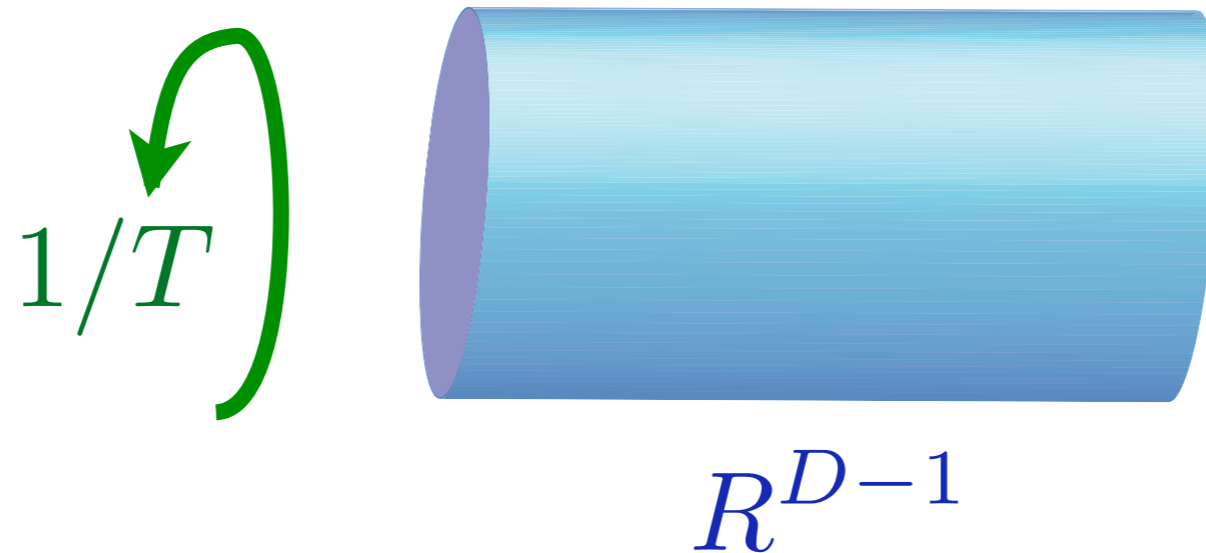
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$\text{SO}(D+1, 1)$ is the group of conformal transformations in D dimensions, and relativistic field theories at the RG fixed point are conformally invariant.

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Solving Einstein's equations with a negative cosmological constant we have the solution

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left(f(z) d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} \right) \quad ; \quad f(z) = 1 - \left(\frac{z}{z_H} \right)^D$$

This is a AdS-Schwarzschild black hole with a horizon at $z = z_H$. This space is periodic in τ with period $1/T$ for

$$T = \frac{d}{4\pi z_H}$$

SU(N) SYM3 with $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetry

- Has a single dimensionful coupling constant, e_0 , which flows to a strong-coupling fixed point $e_0 = e_0^*$ in the infrared.
- The CFT3 describing this fixed point resembles “critical spin liquid” theories.
- This CFT3 is the low energy limit of string theory on an M2 brane. The AdS/CFT correspondence provides a dual description using 11-dimensional supergravity on $\text{AdS}_4 \times S_7$.
- The CFT3 has a global SO(8) R symmetry, and correlators of the SO(8) charge density can be computed exactly in the large N limit, even at $T > 0$.

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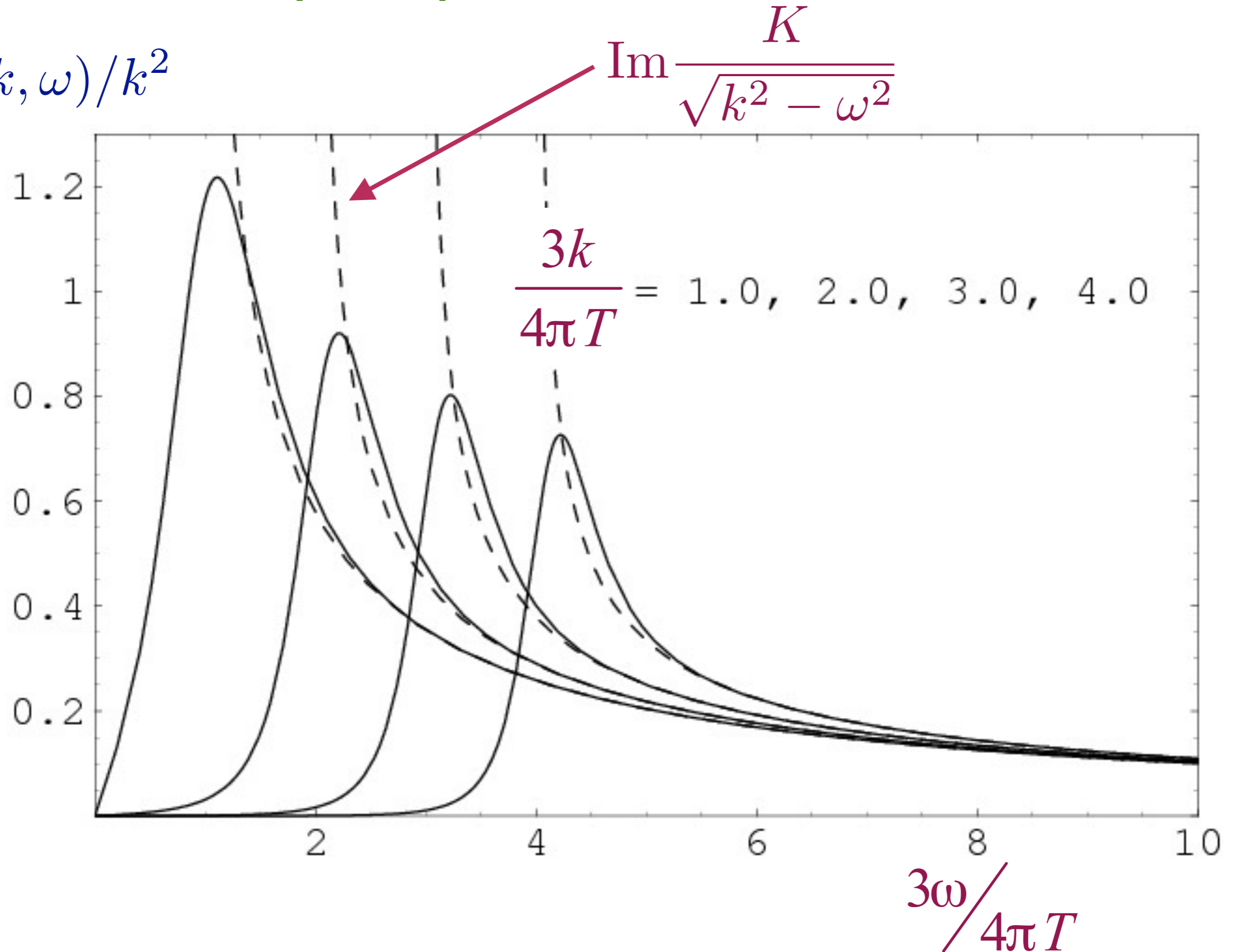
- The SO(8) charge correlators of the CFT3 are given by the usual AdS/CFT prescription applied to the following gauge theory on AdS4:

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{4g_{4D}^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{MA} g^{NB} F_{MN}^a F_{AB}^a$$

where $a = 1 \dots 28$ labels the generators of SO(8). Note that in large N theory, this looks like 28 copies of an Abelian gauge theory.

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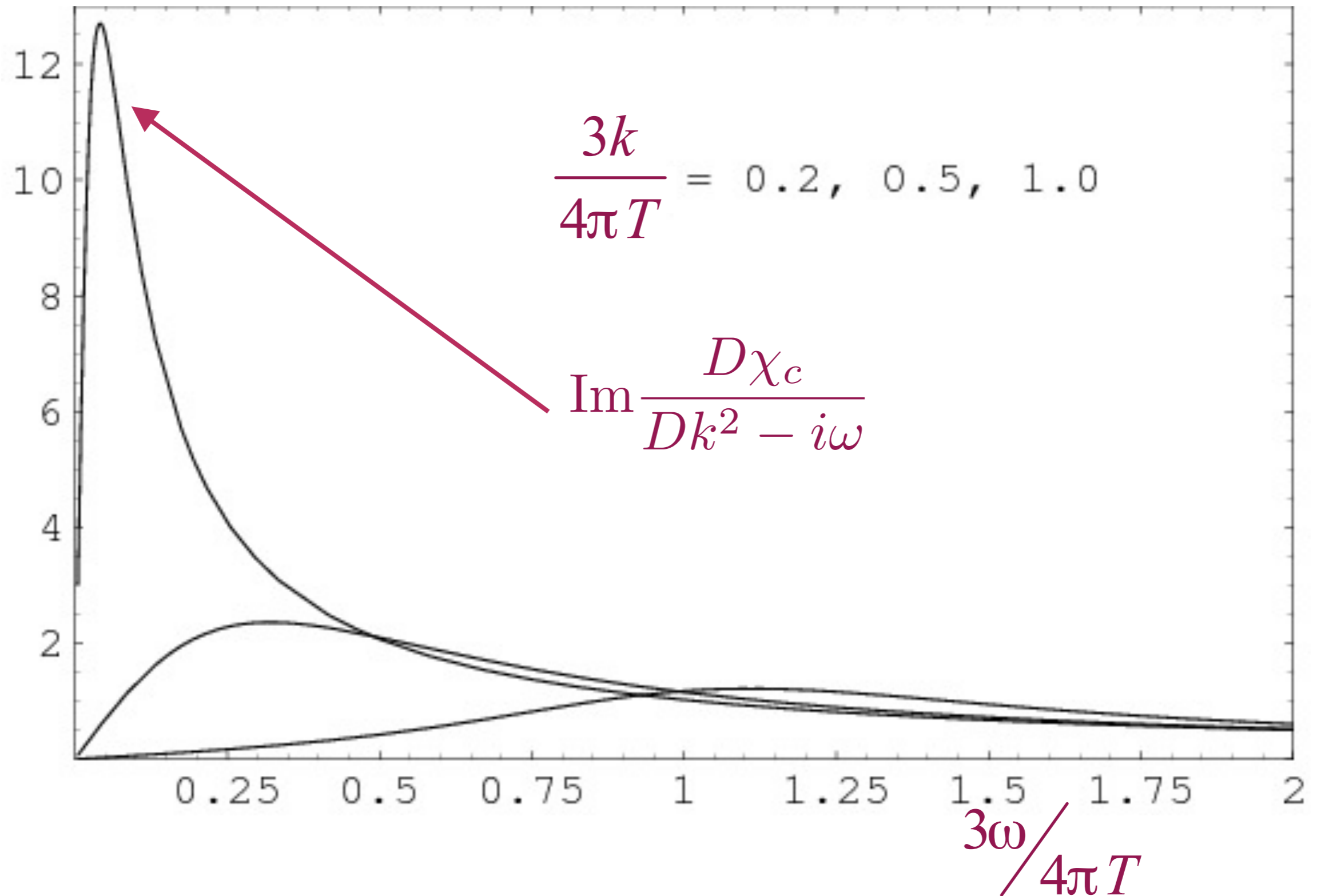
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$$K = \frac{\sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{3}$$
$$\Theta_1 = \frac{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{9}$$
$$\Theta_2 = \frac{3}{8\pi^2}$$

C. Herzog, JHEP **0212**, 026 (2002)

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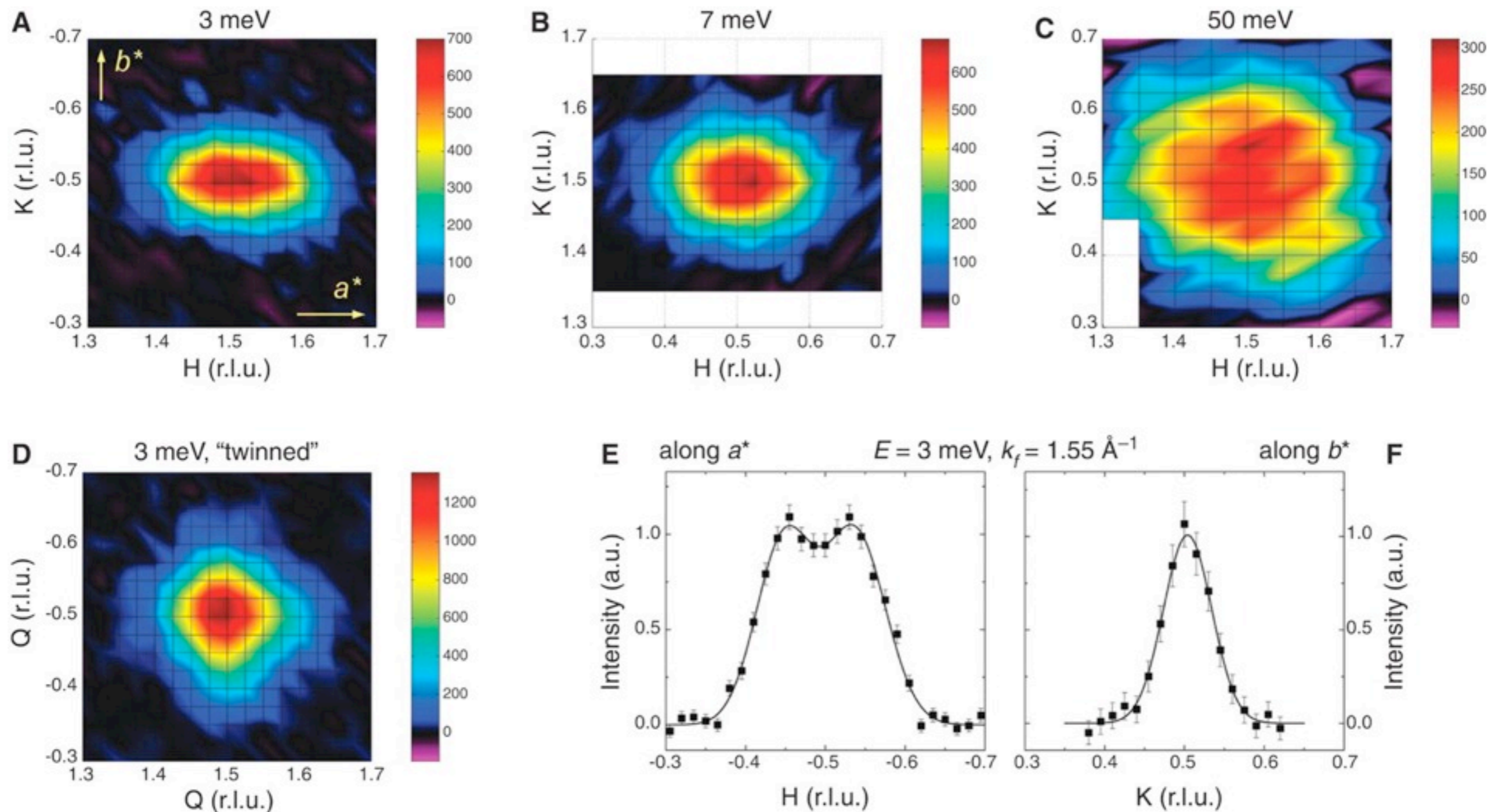
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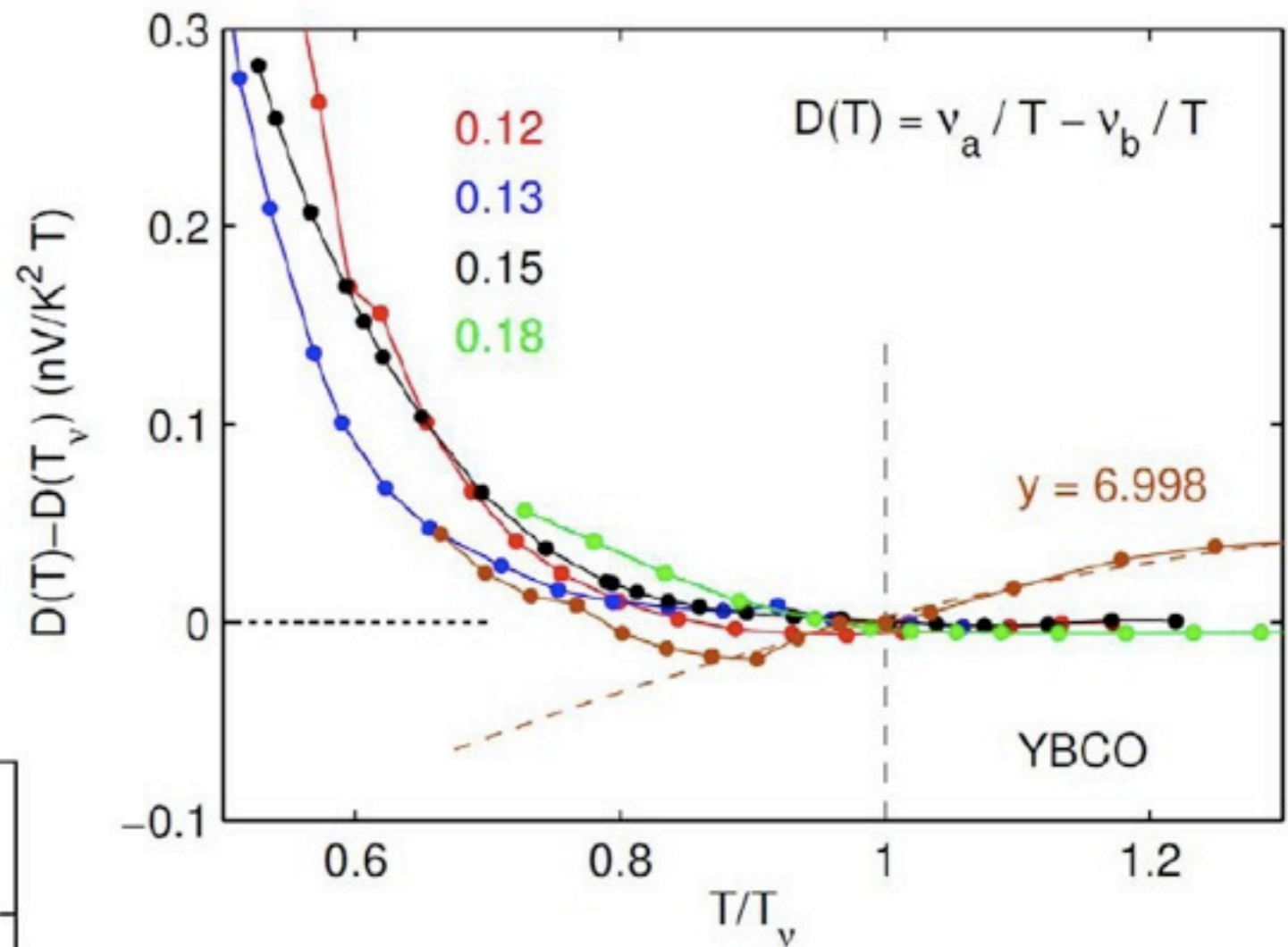
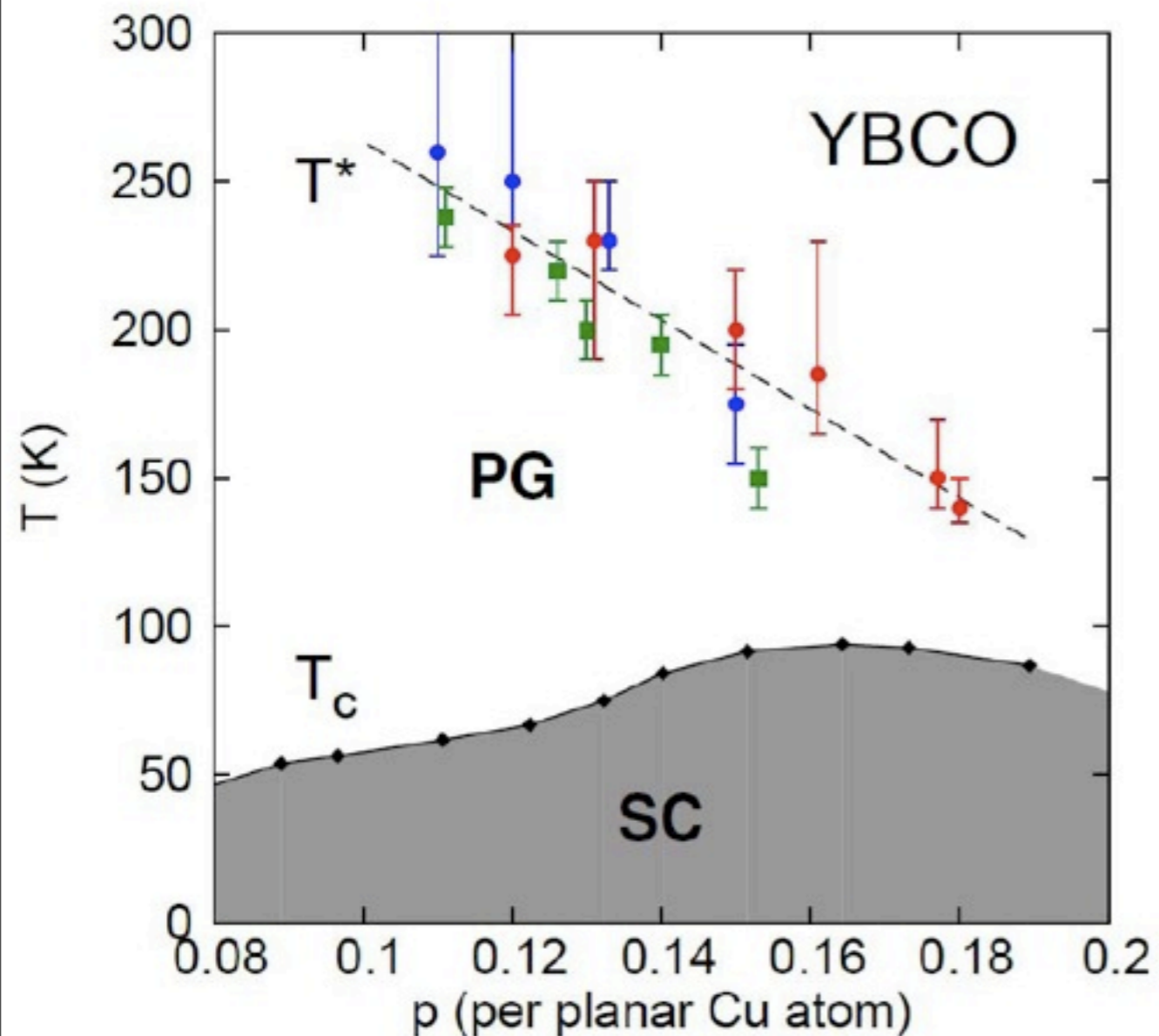


Nematic order in YBCO

V. Hinkov, D. Haug, B. Fauqué, P. Bourges, Y. Sidis, A. Ivanov, C. Bernhard, C. T. Lin, and B. Keimer, *Science* **319**, 597 (2008)

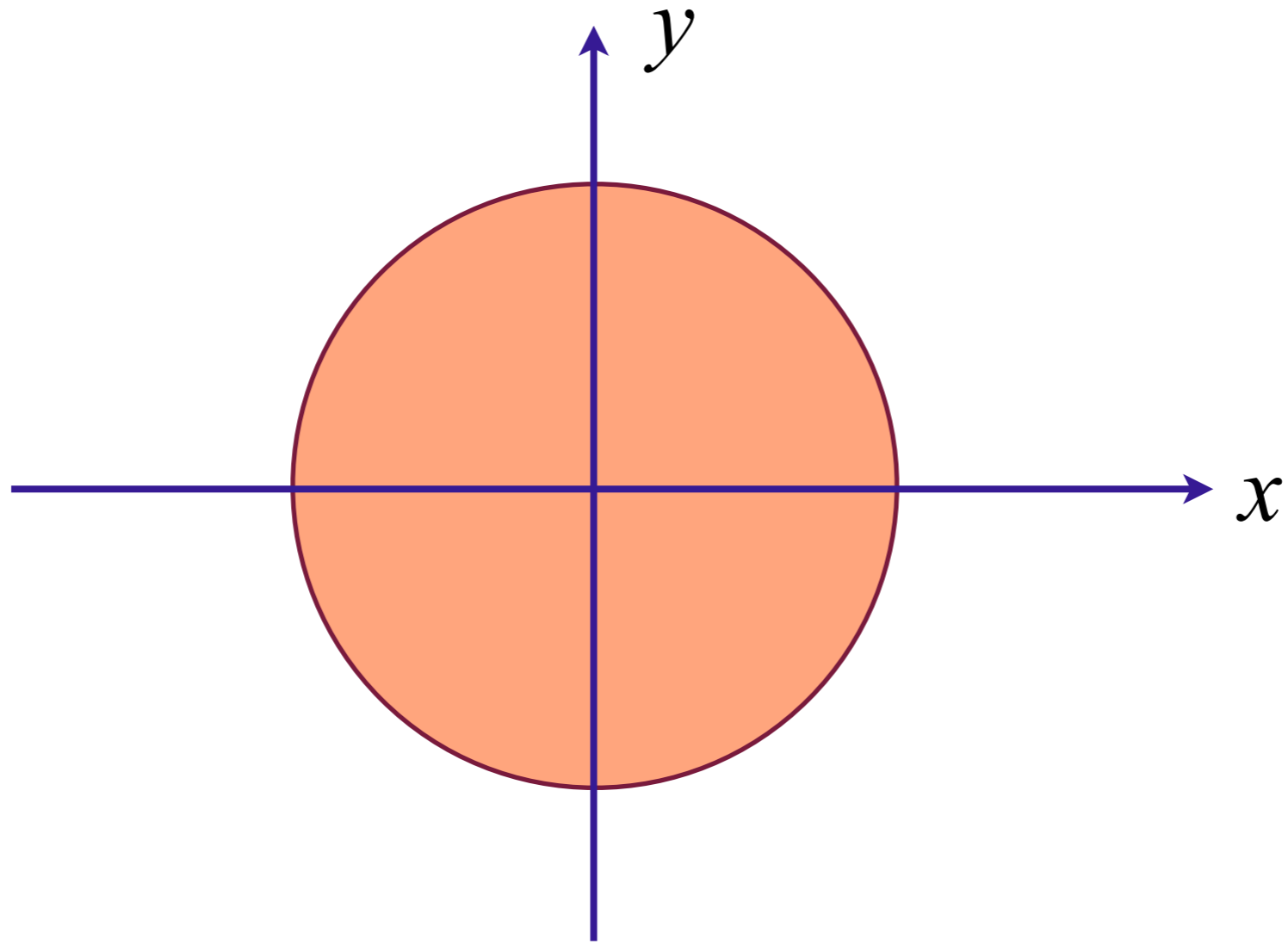
Broken rotational symmetry in the pseudogap phase of a high- T_c superconductor

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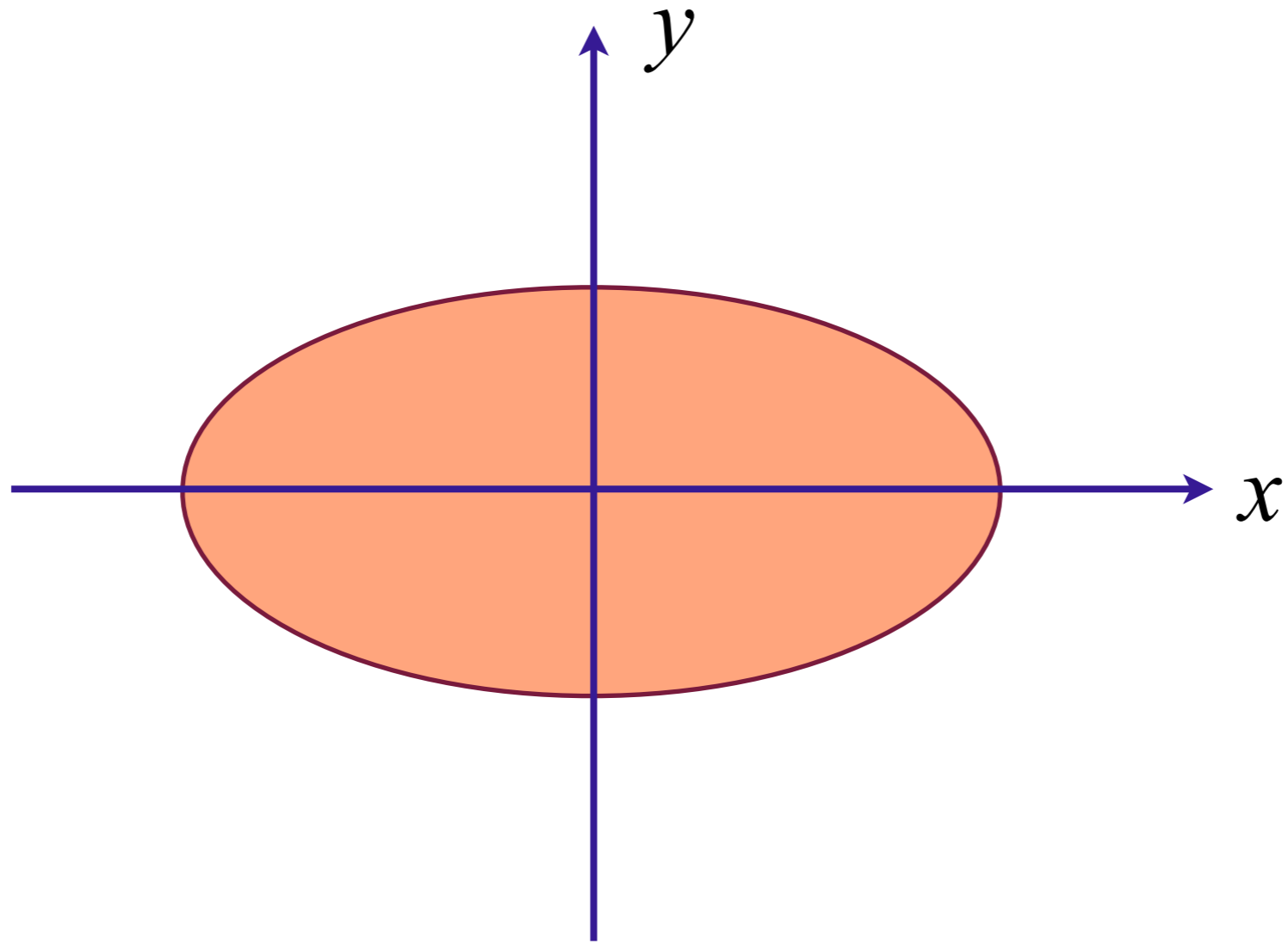
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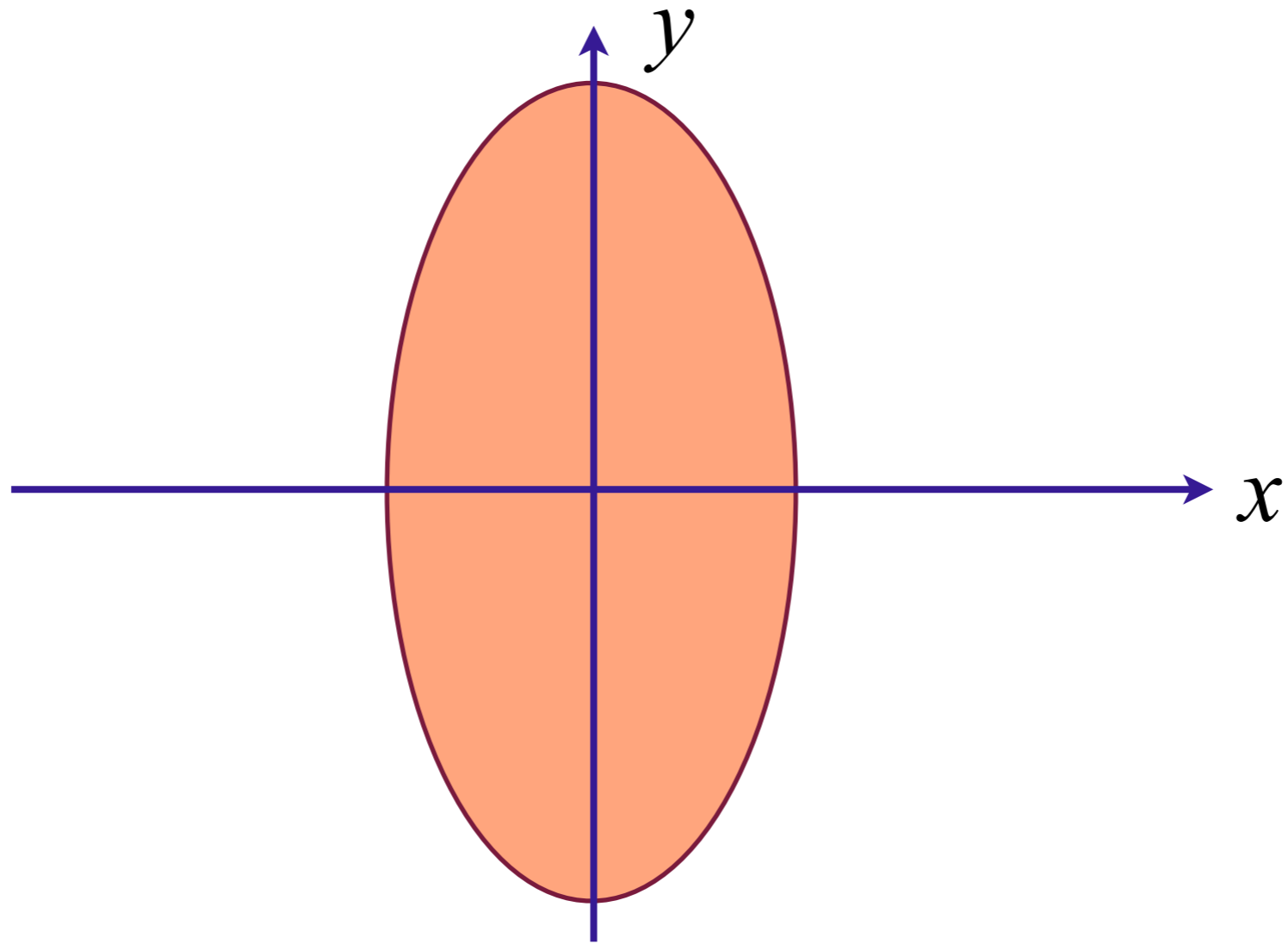
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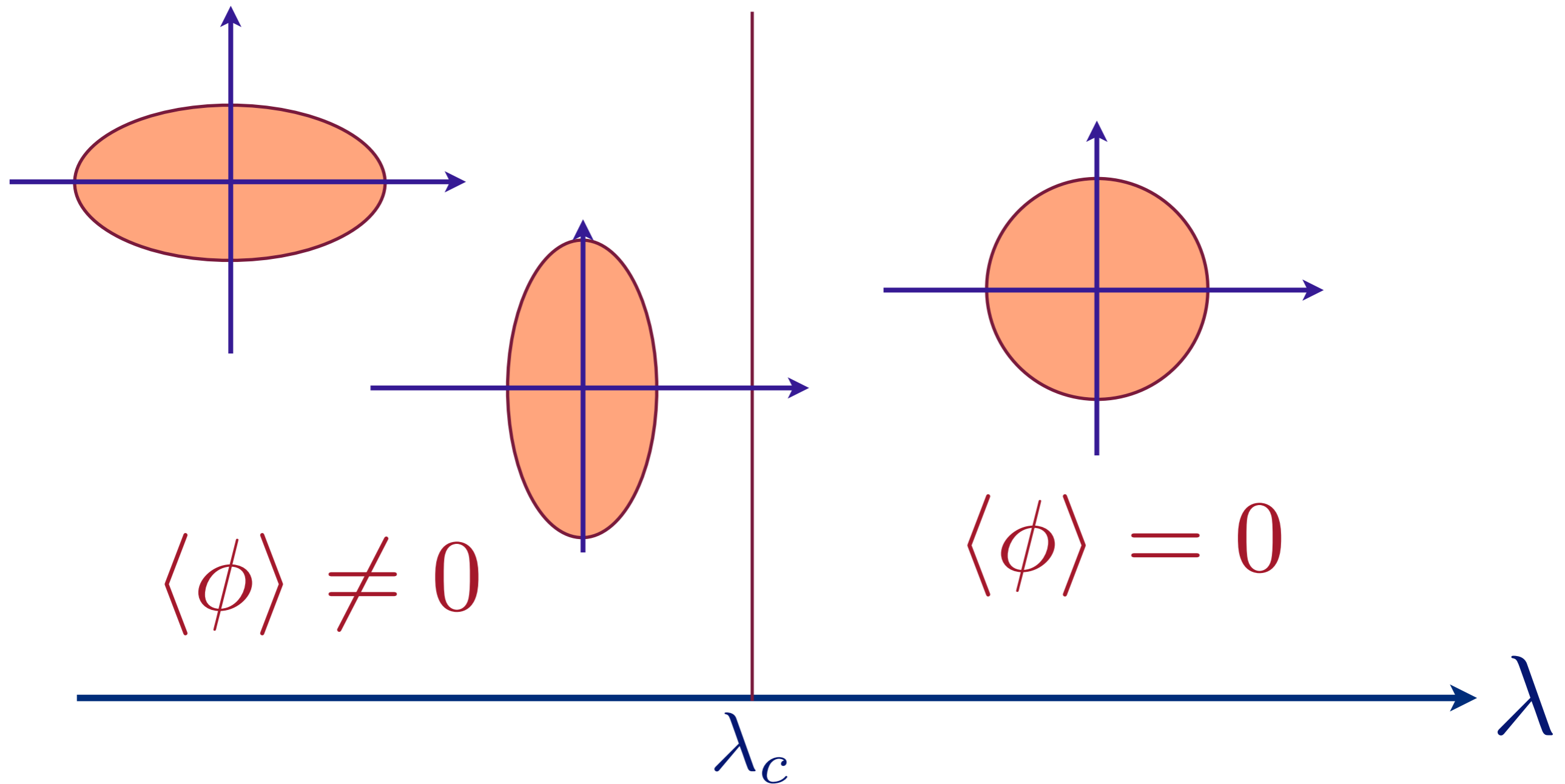
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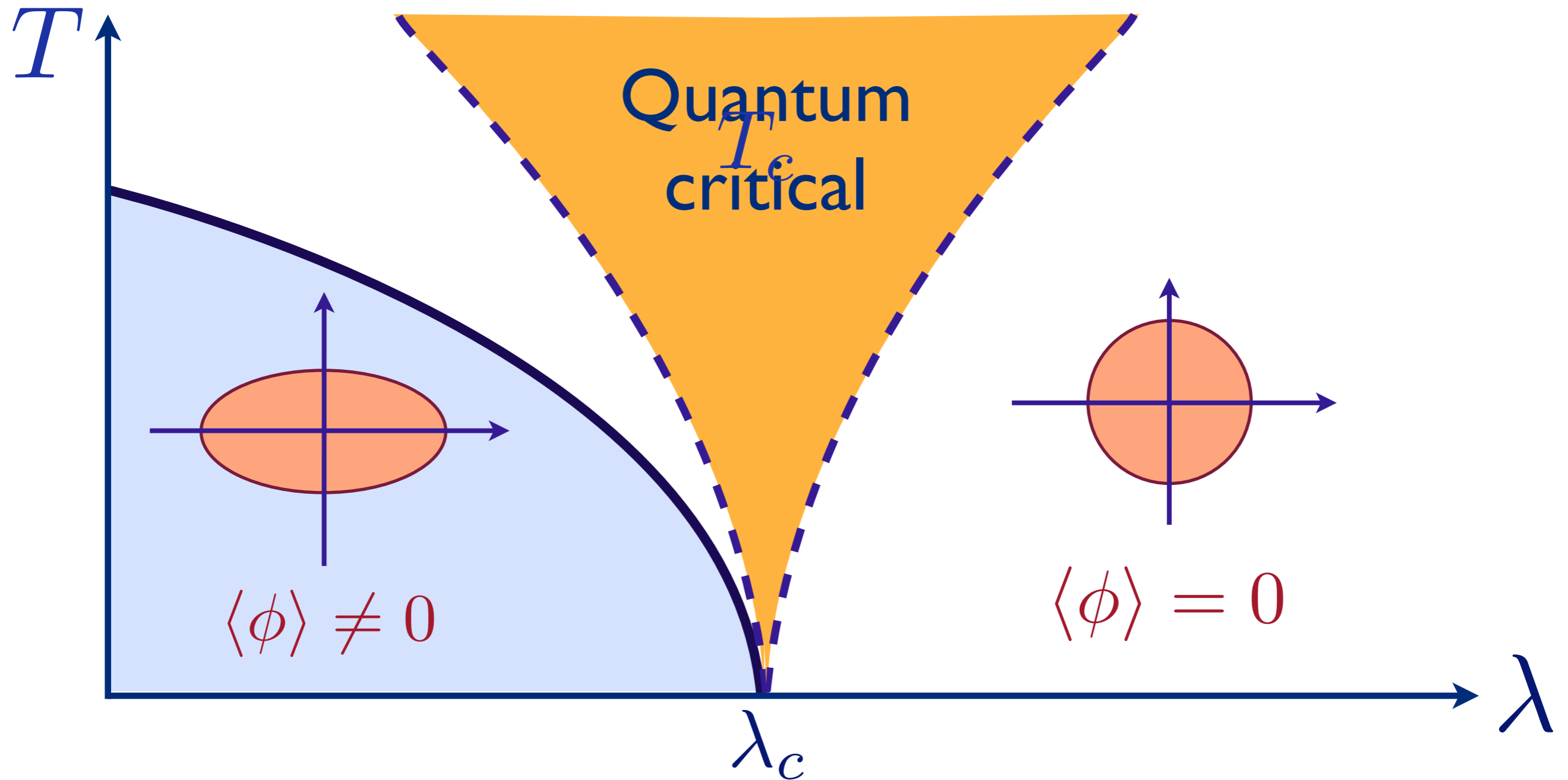
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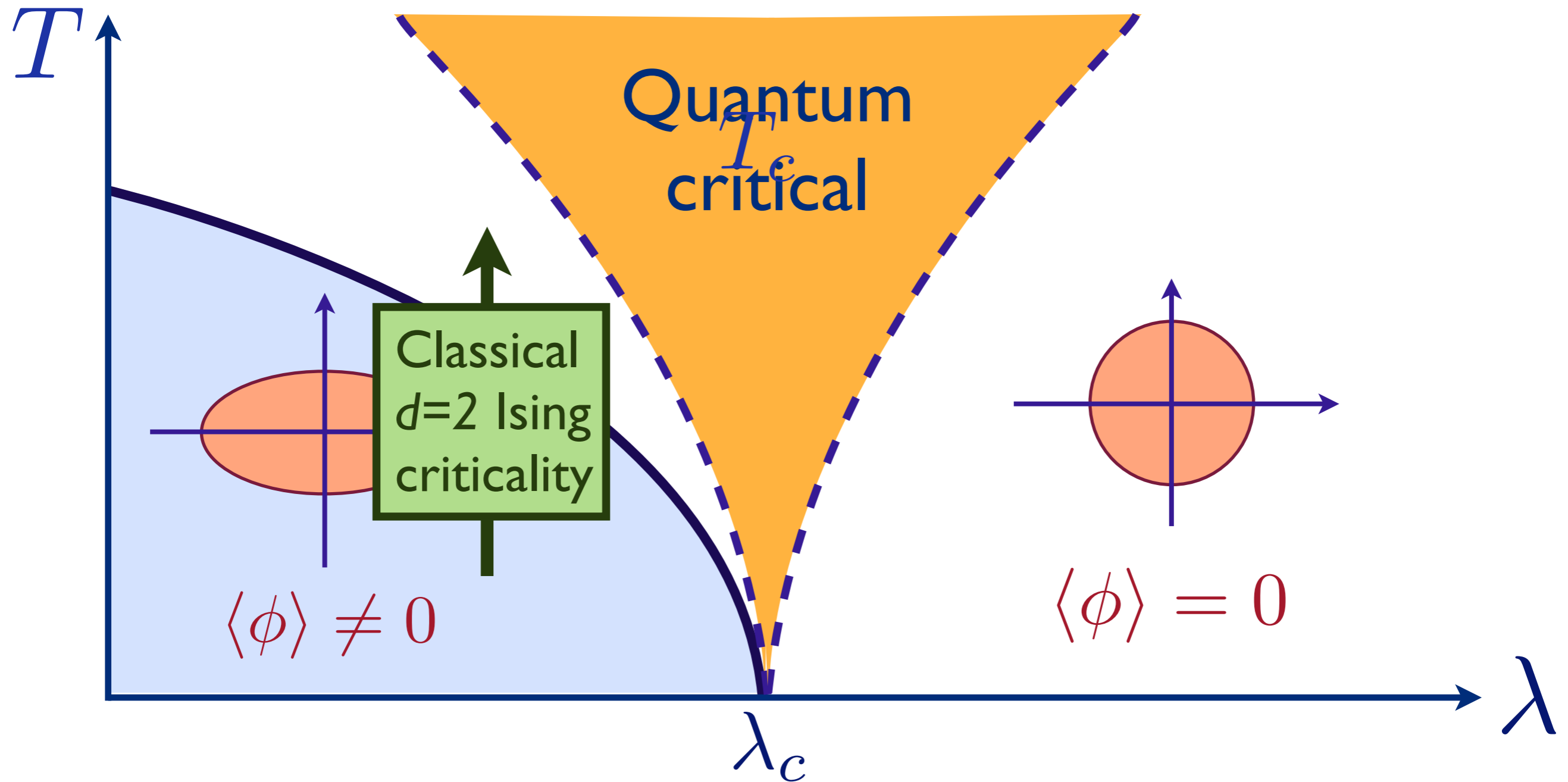
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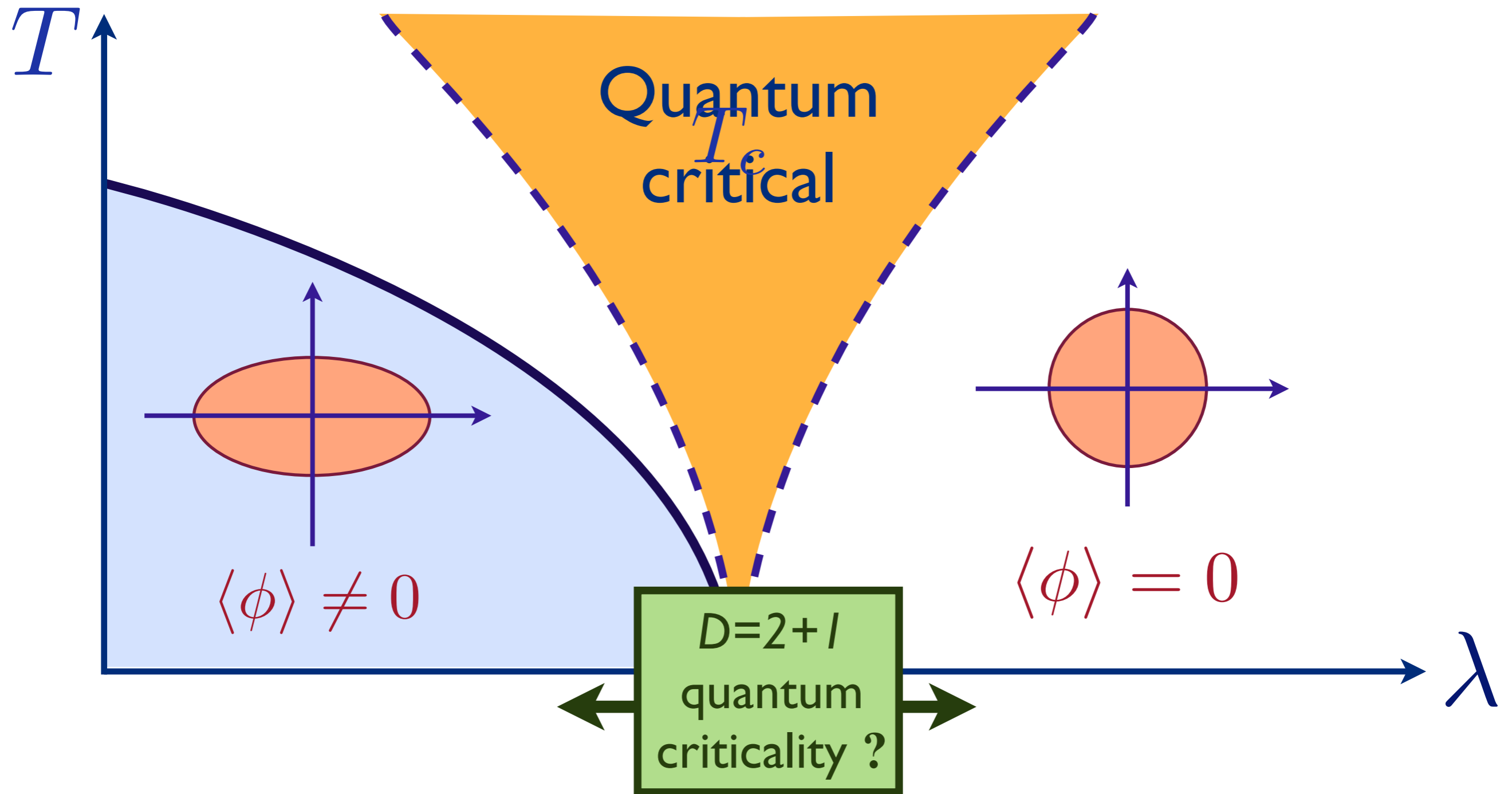
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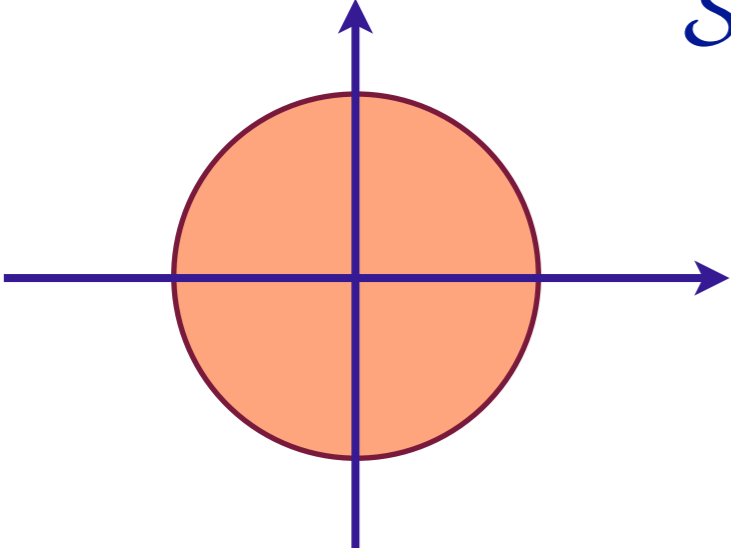
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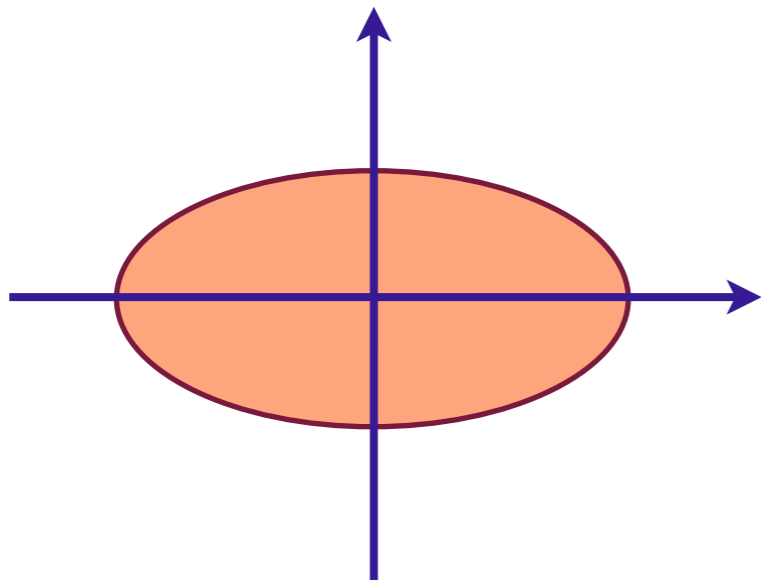

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_c &= \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \left[\sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \partial_\tau c_{i\alpha} - \sum_{i<j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \right] \\ &\equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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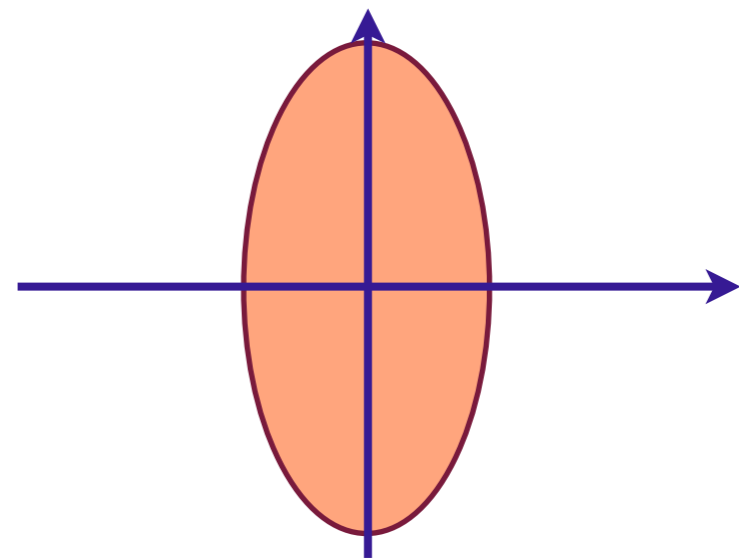
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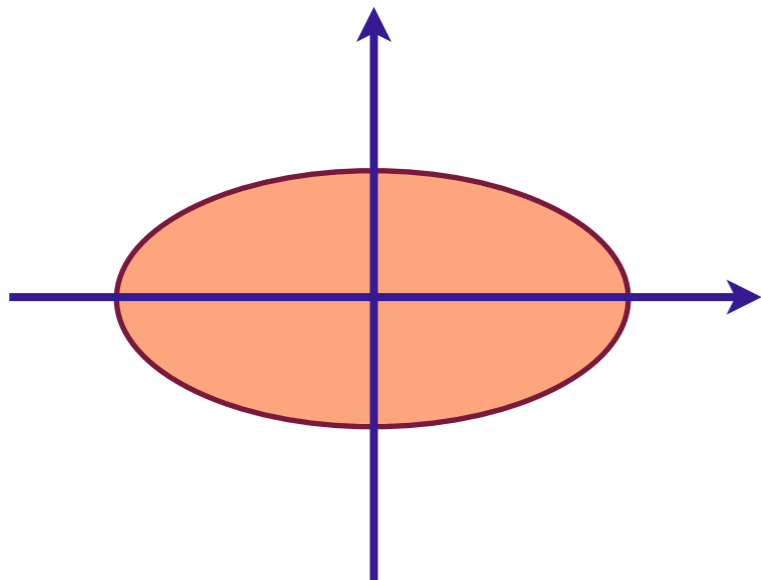
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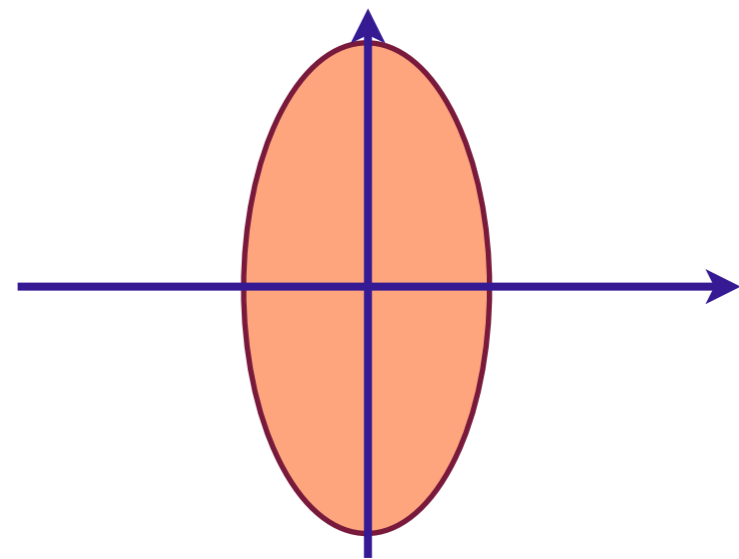
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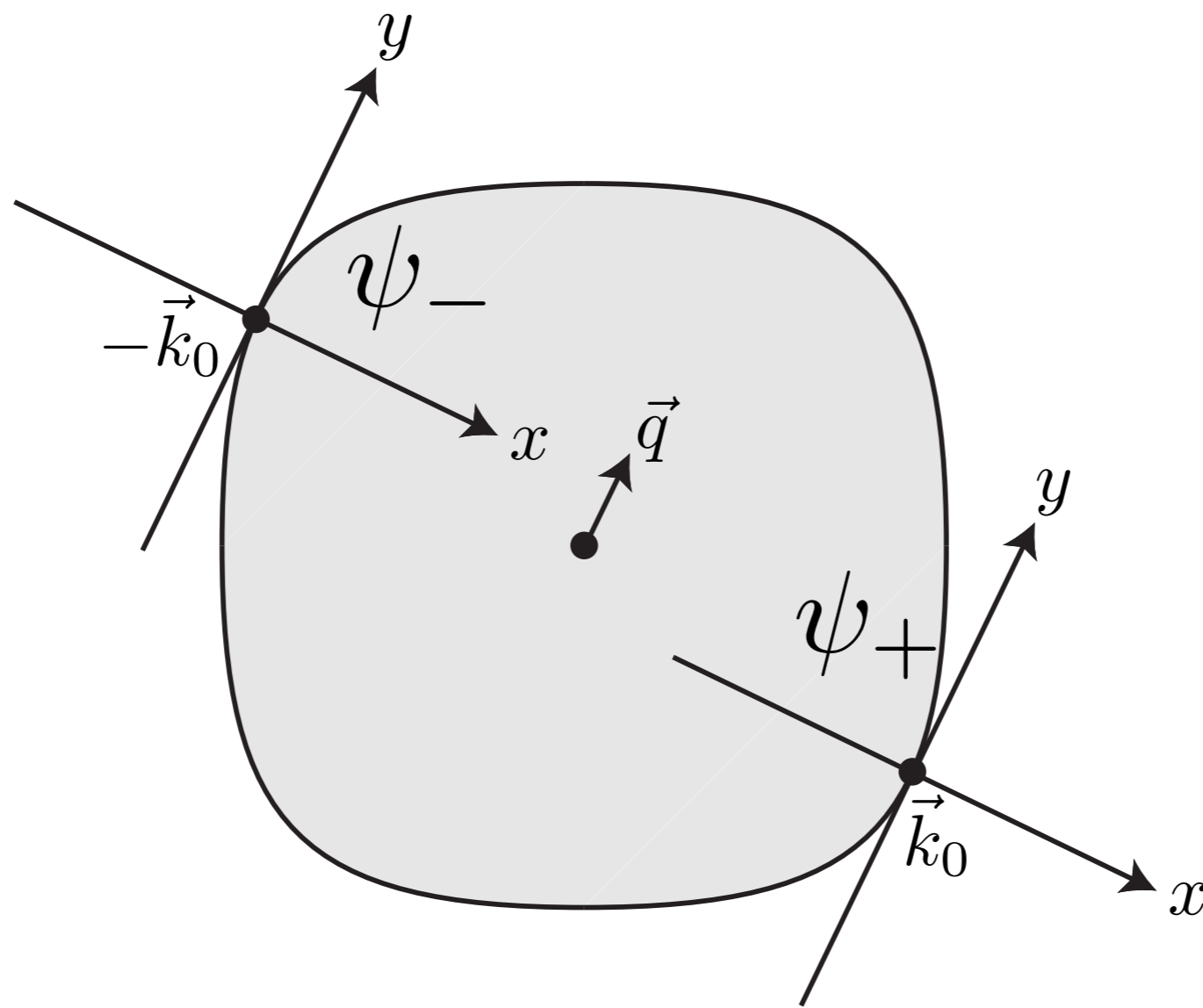
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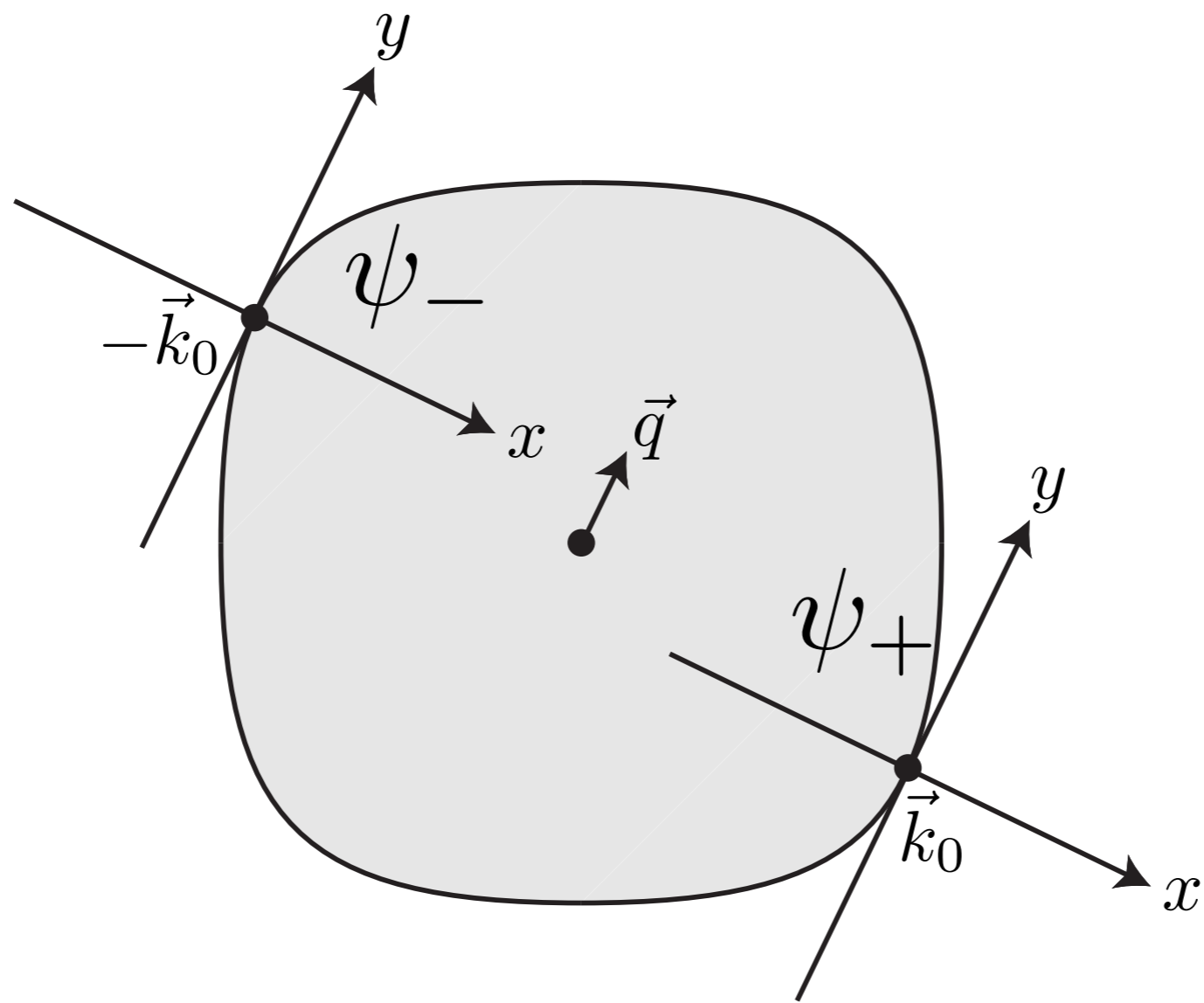
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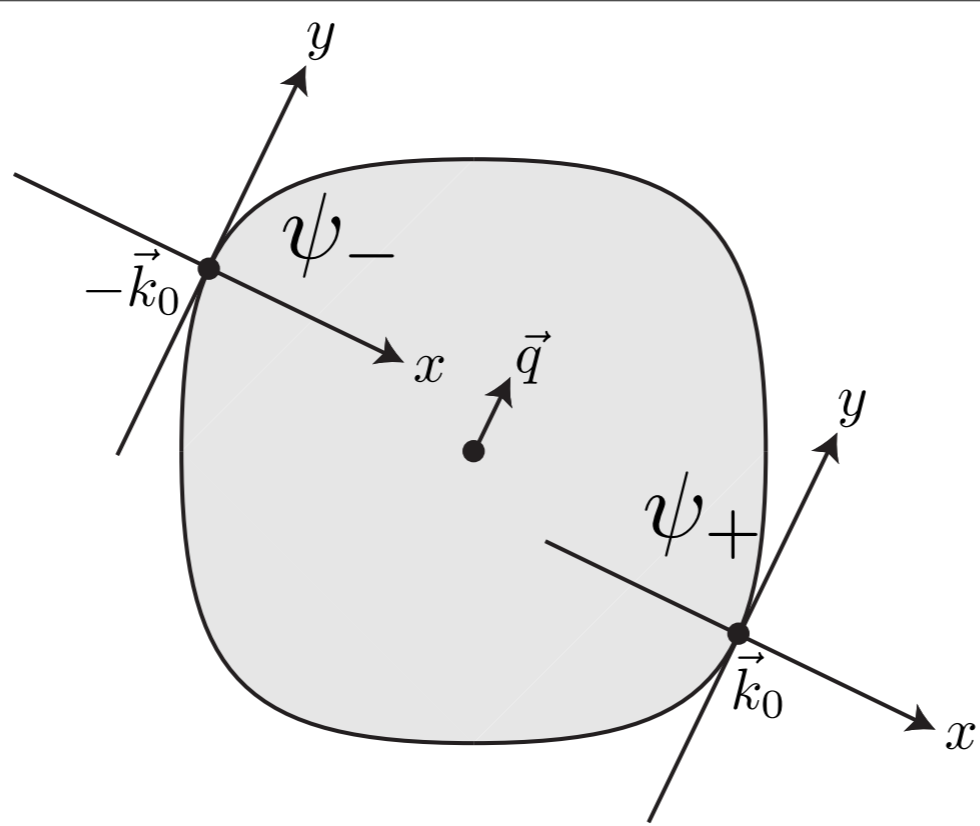


A ϕ fluctuation at wavevector \vec{q} couples most efficiently to fermions near $\pm\vec{k}_0$.

Expand fermion kinetic energy at wavevectors about \vec{k}_0



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & \psi_+^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau + i \partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- \\
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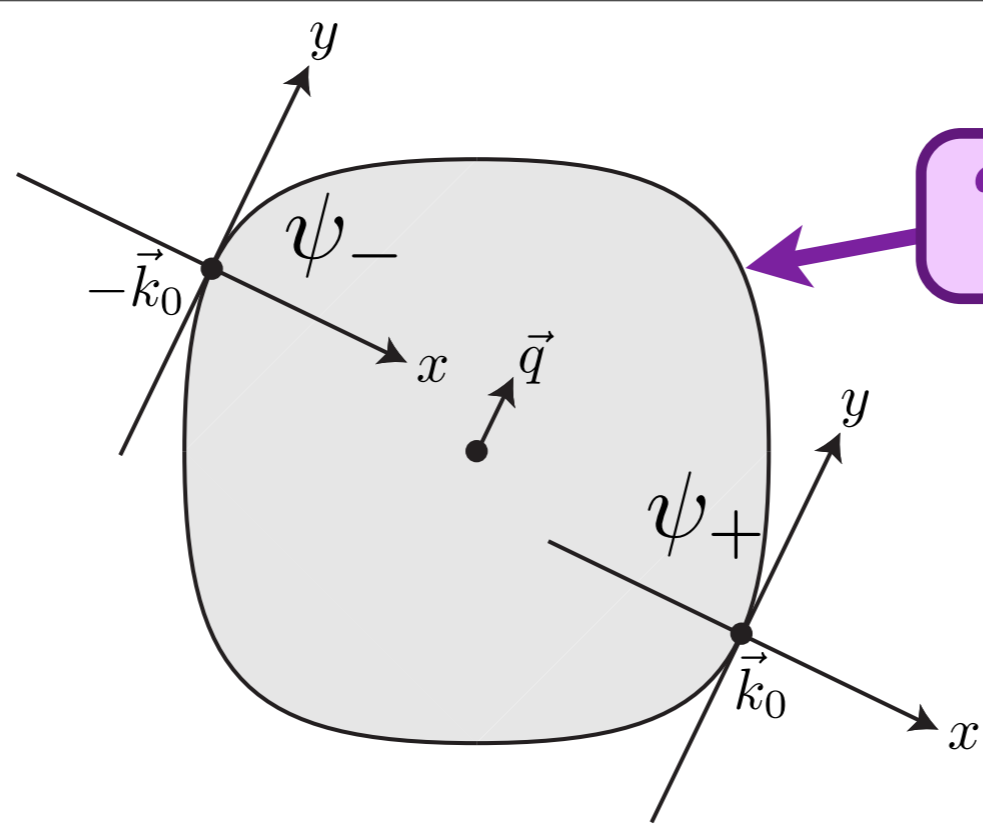


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Every point on the Fermi surface $sq_x + q_y^2 = 0$ has the same singularity: “Hot Fermi surface”.

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After tuning the single parameter $r \sim \lambda - \lambda_c$, and sending $\zeta \rightarrow 0$, \mathcal{L} describes a critical theory with no coupling constants. There is a separate copy of this critical theory for each direction \hat{q} . This theory has 2 independent exponents z and η , and the correlation length and susceptibility exponents are given by

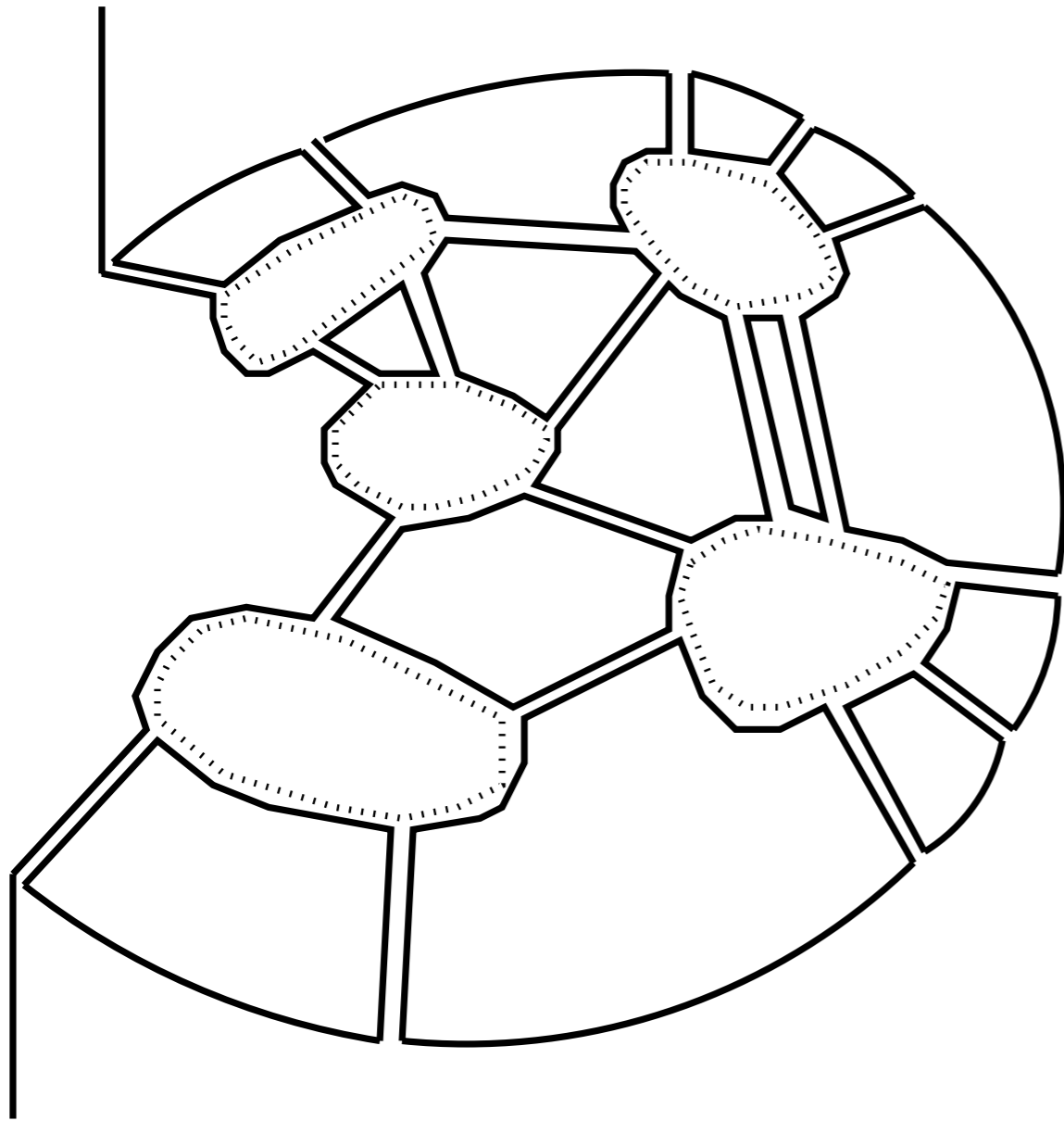
$$\nu = \frac{1}{z-1} \quad ; \quad \gamma = 1$$

The fermion and order parameter Green's functions obey the scaling forms

$$G(\vec{q}, \omega) = \xi^{2-\eta} \Phi_\psi \left((q_x + q_y^2) \xi^2, \omega \xi^z \right) \quad ; \quad D(\vec{q}, \omega) = \xi^{z-1} \Phi_\phi \left(q_y \xi, \omega \xi^z \right)$$

We have computed the exponents to three loops, and find $z = 3$ and $\eta = -0.0868$ at this order.

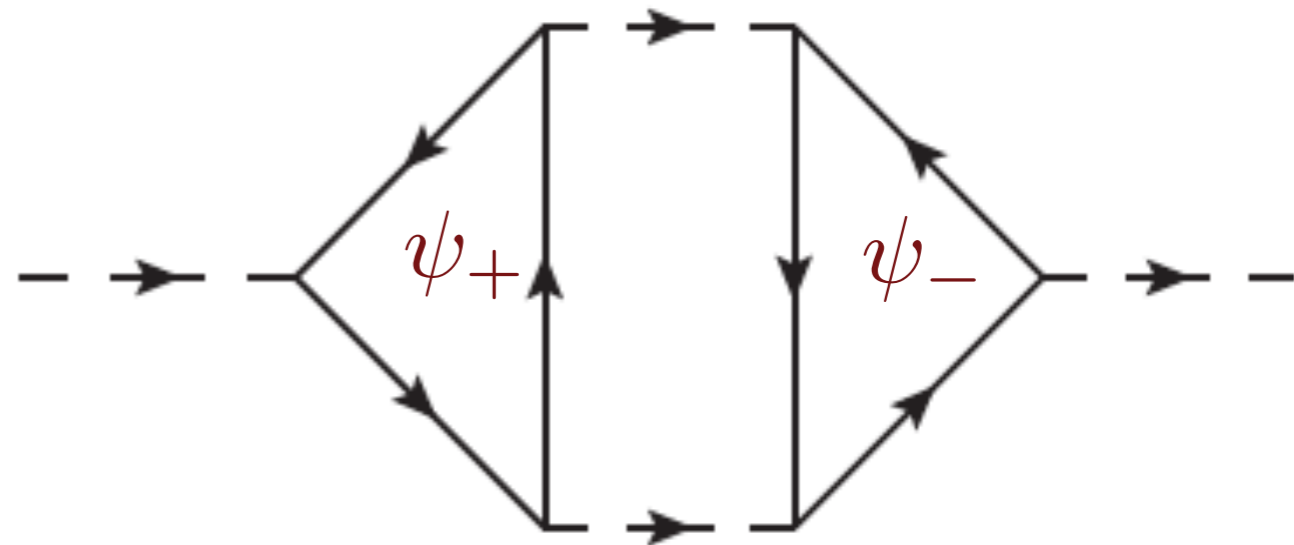
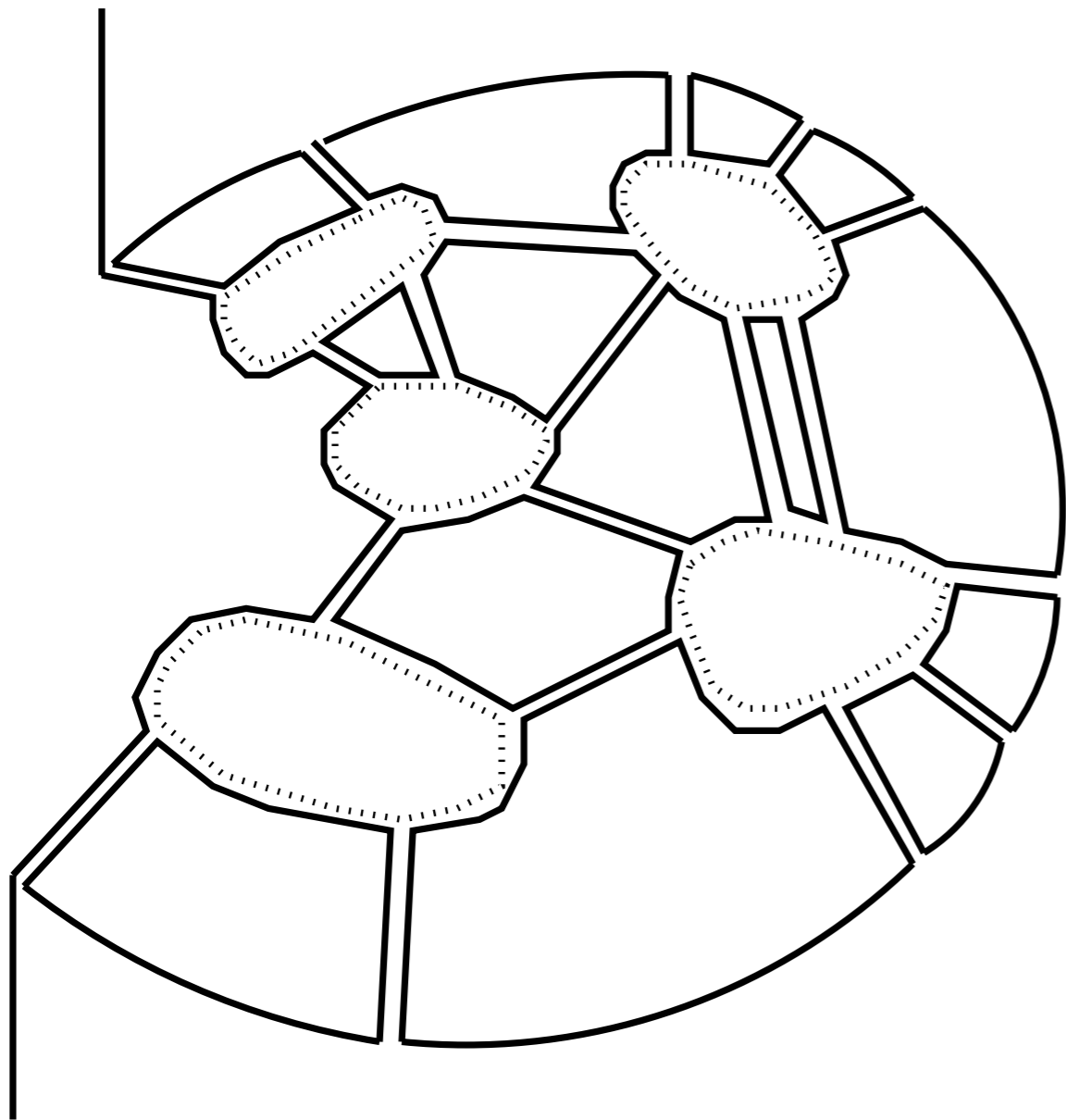
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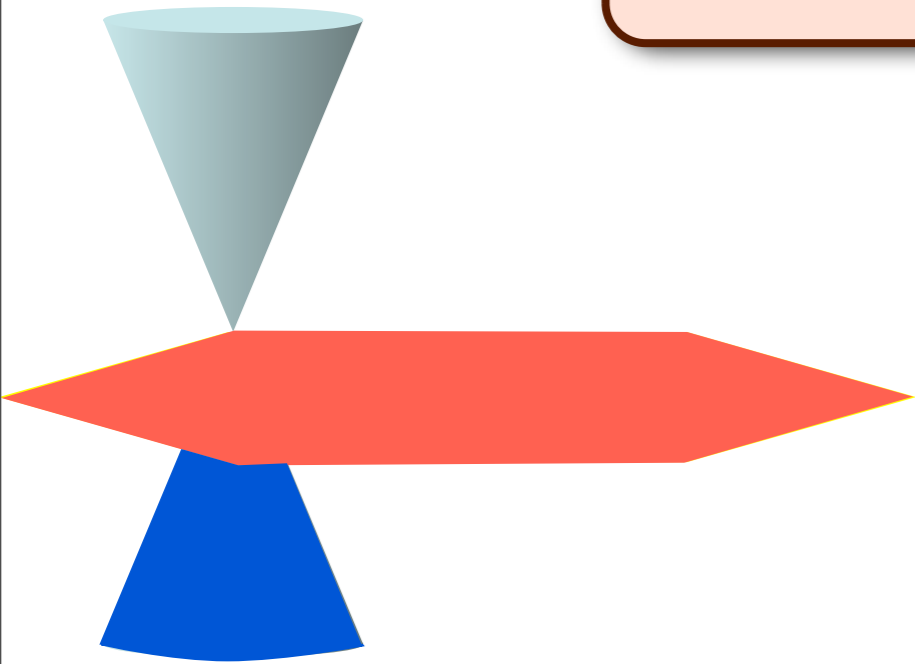


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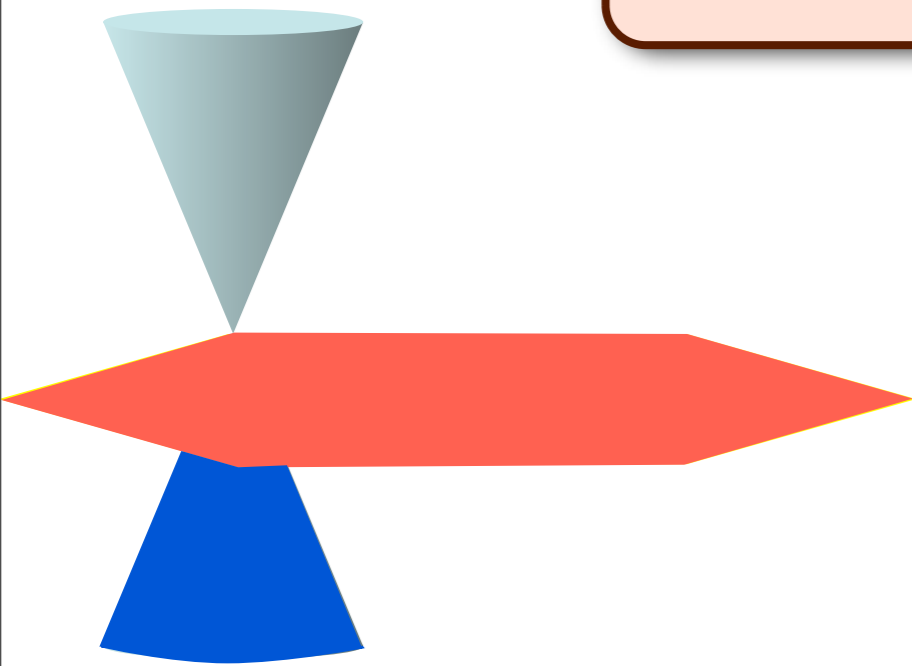
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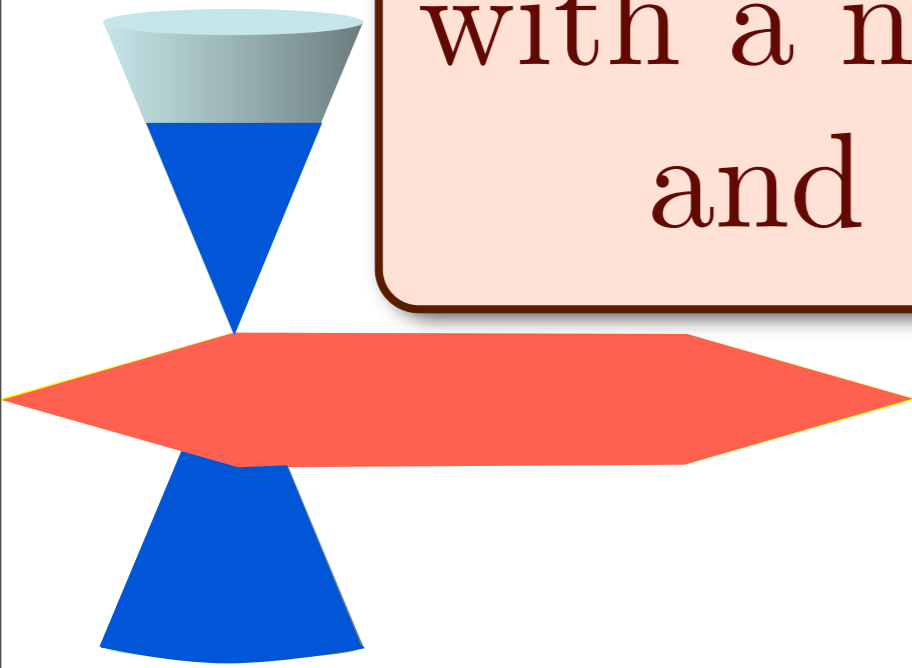
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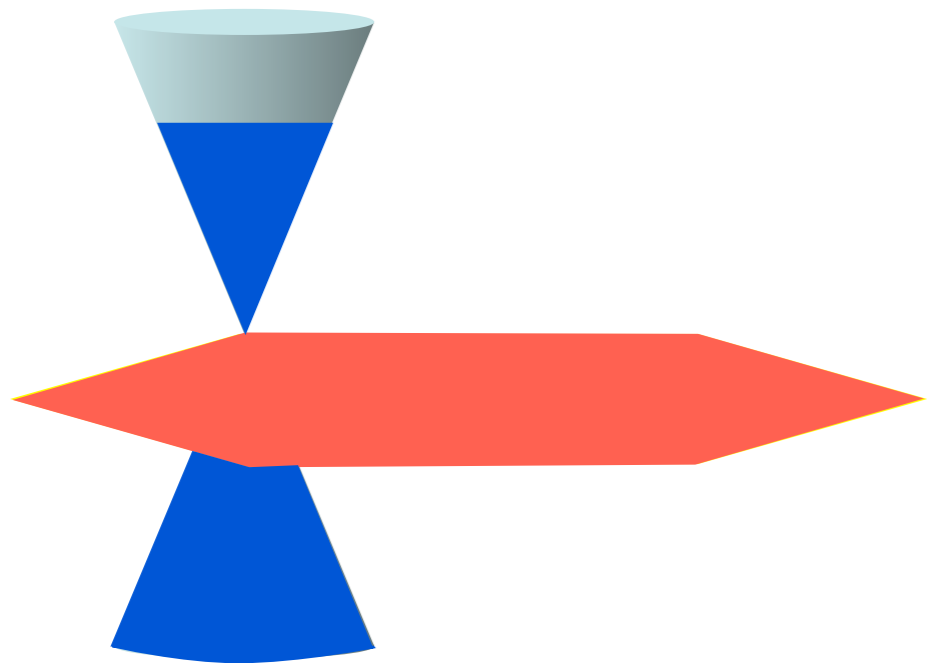


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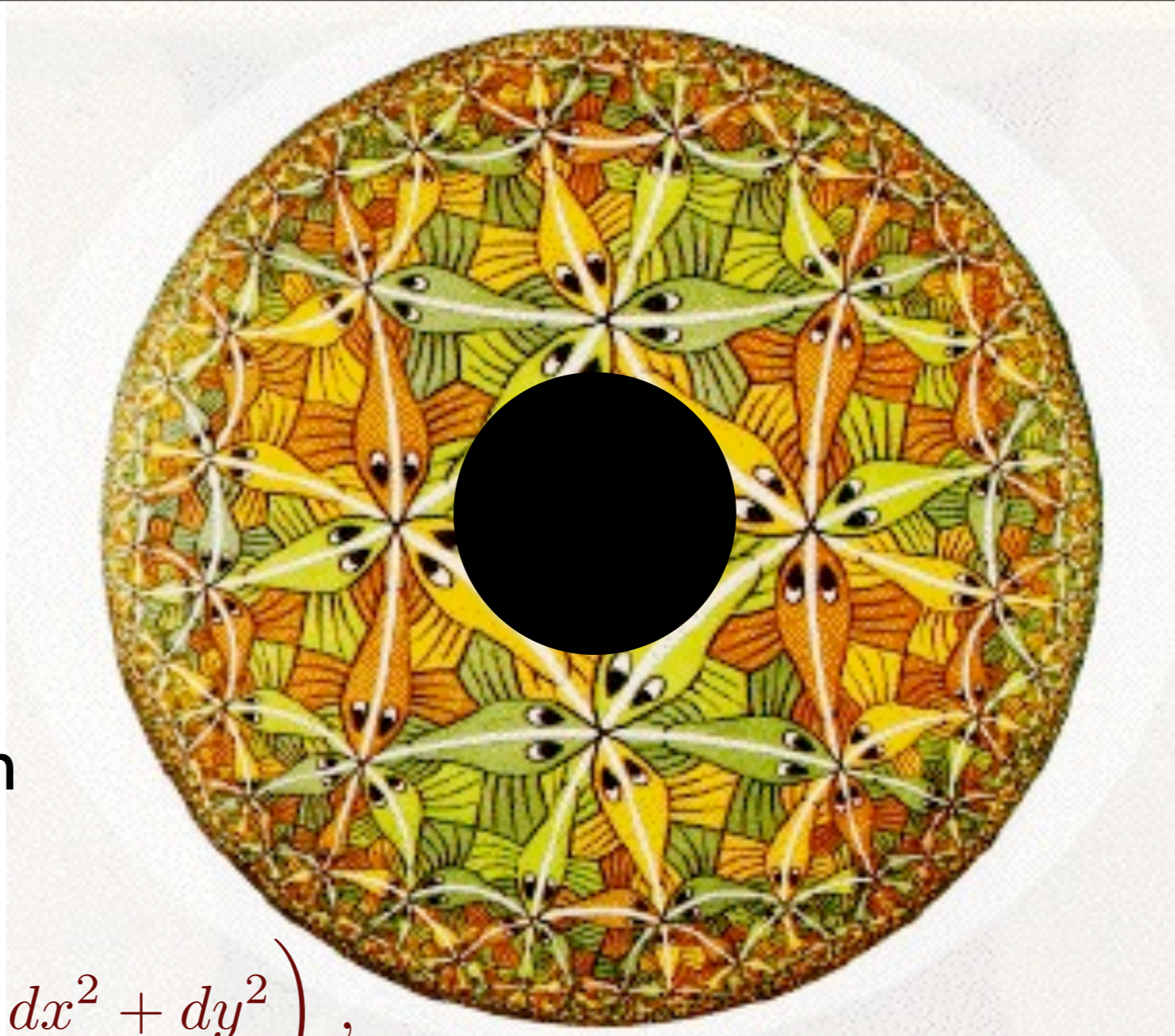
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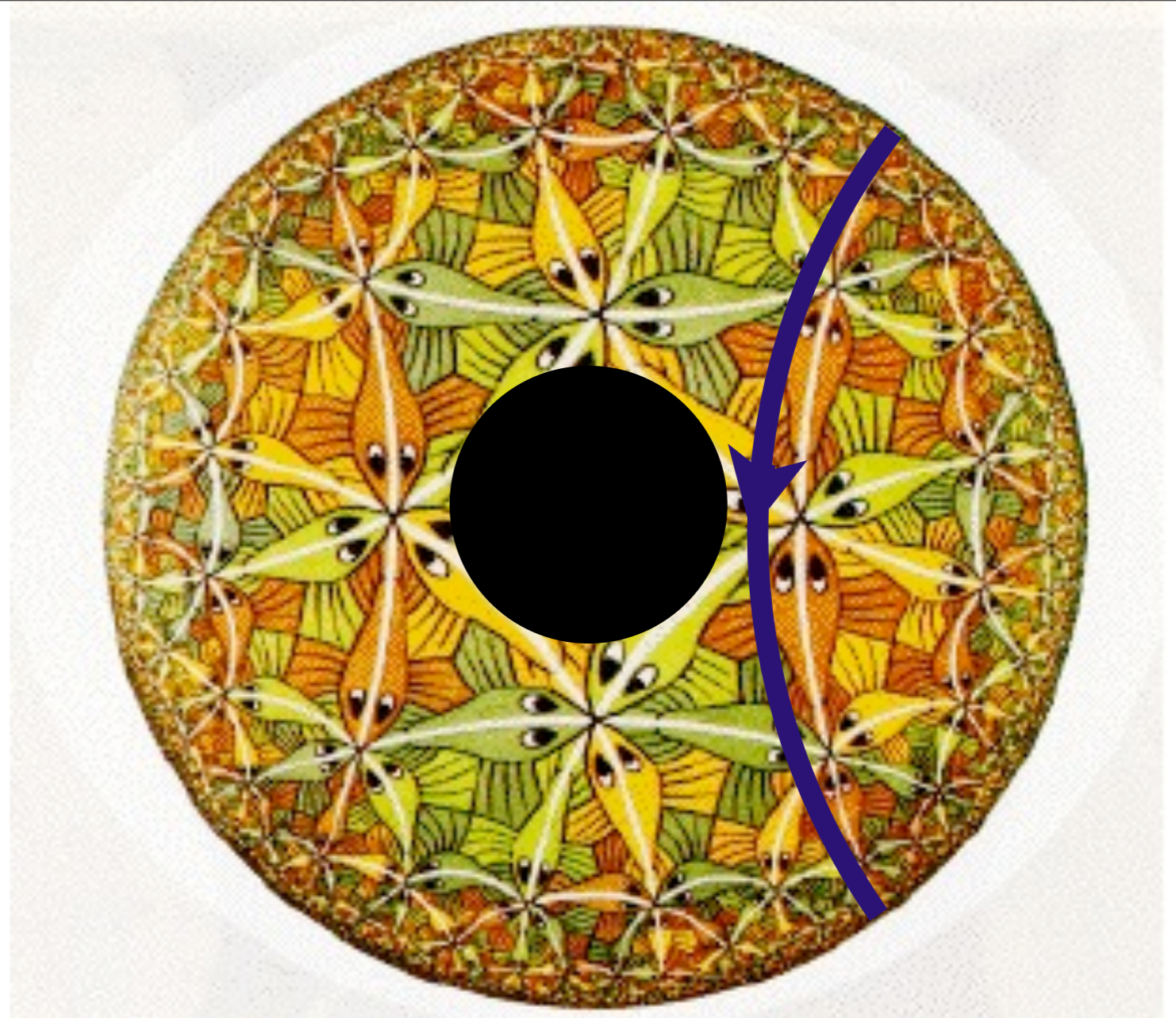
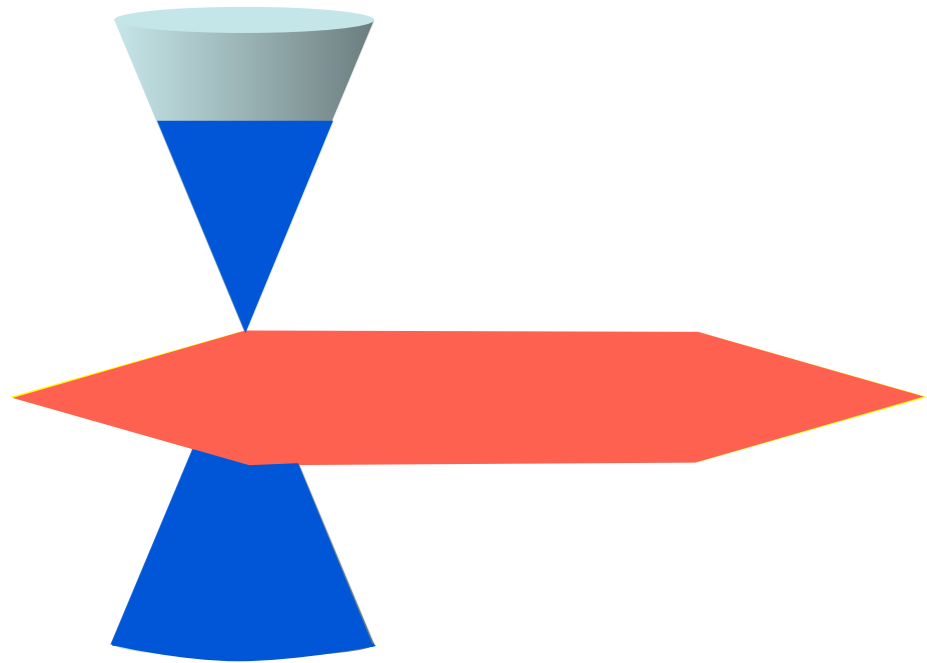


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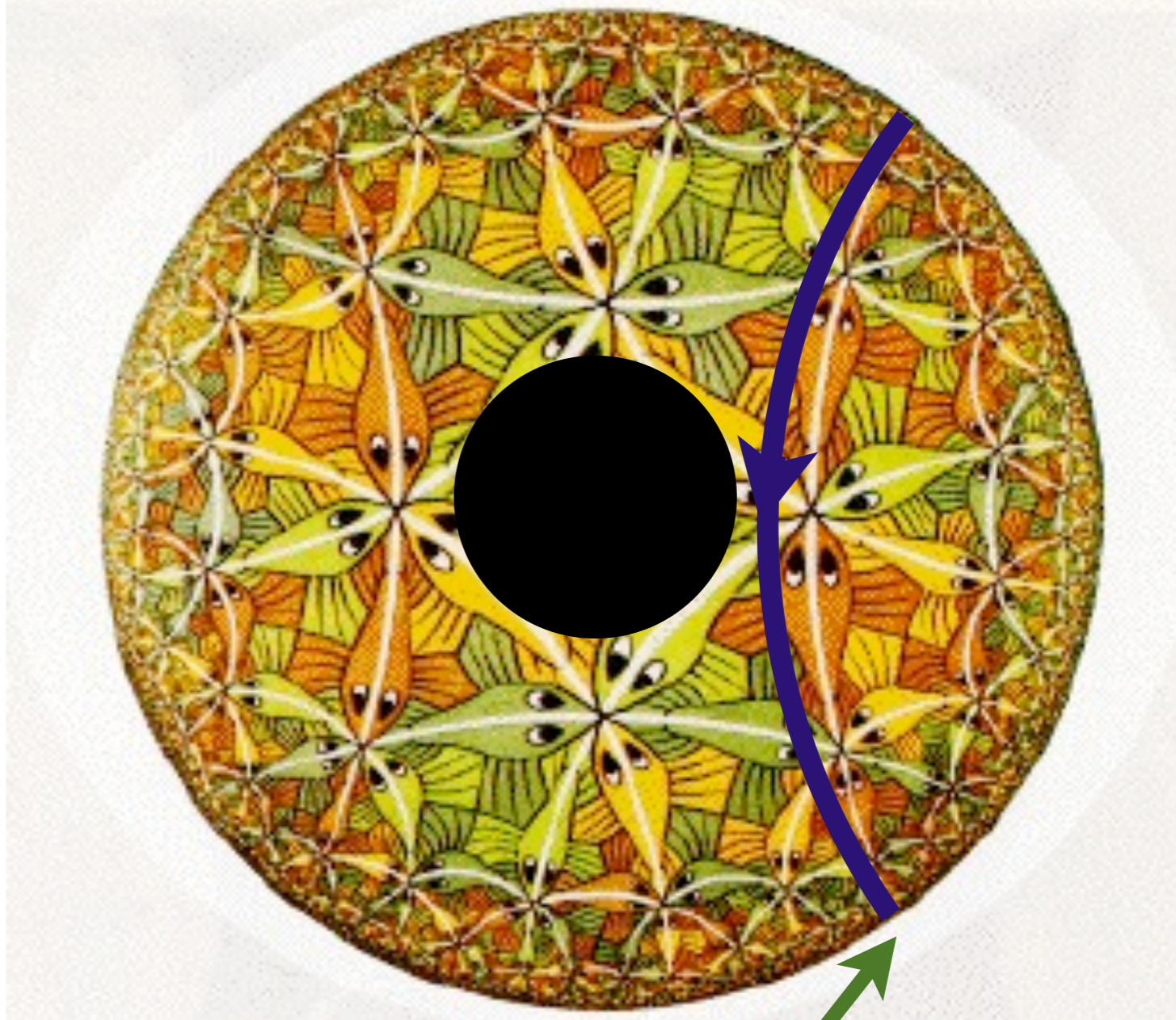
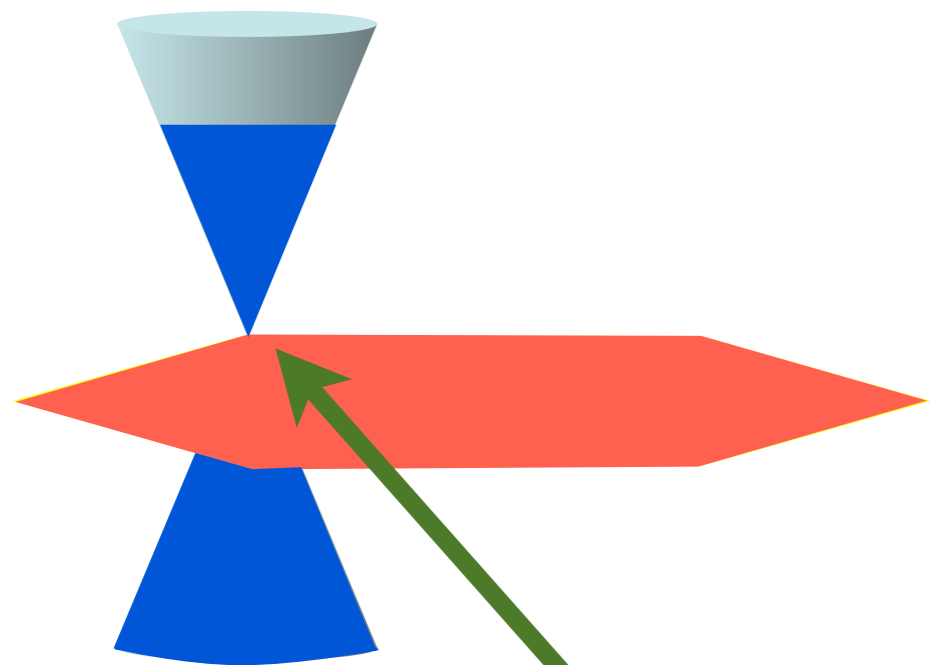
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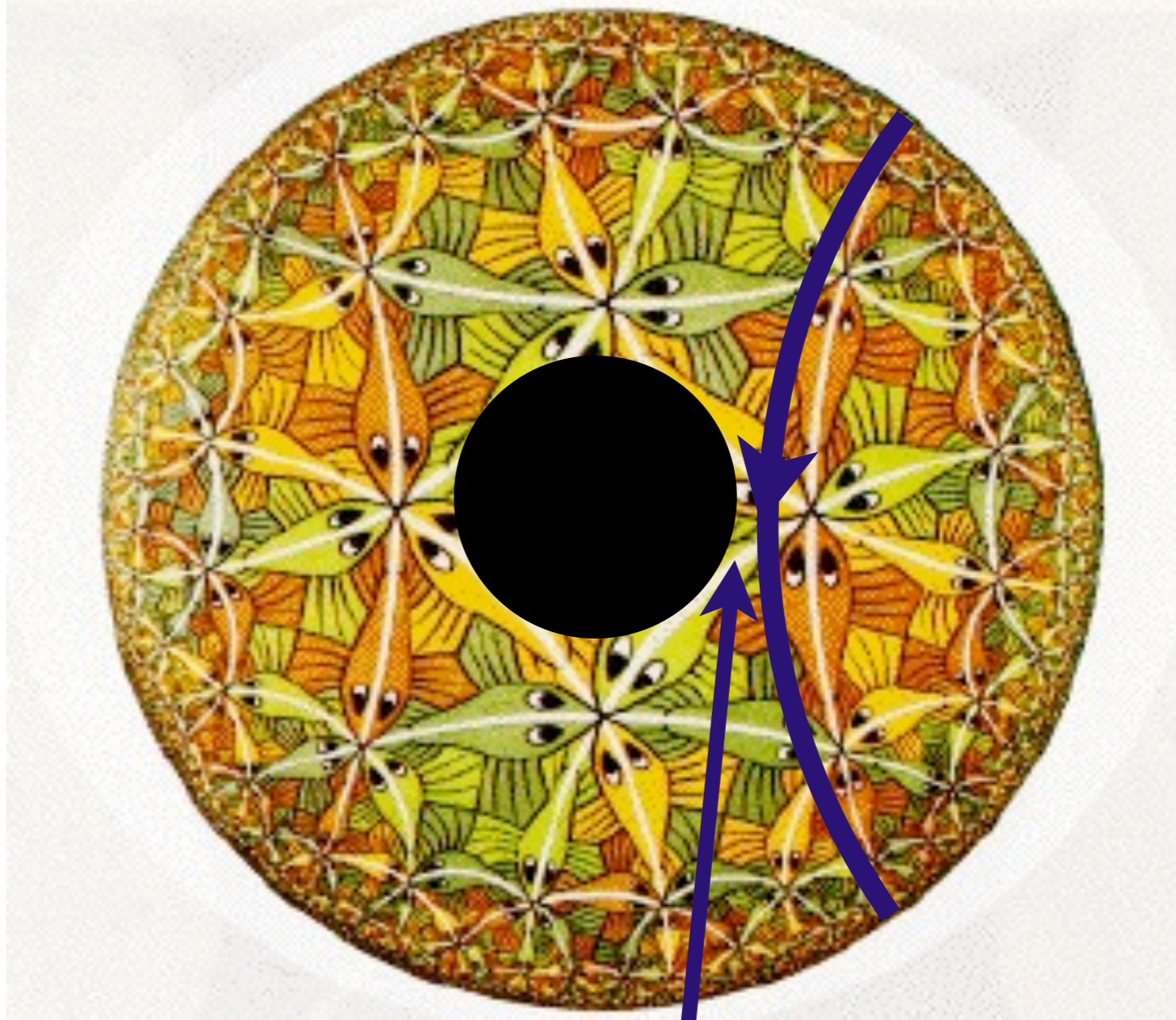
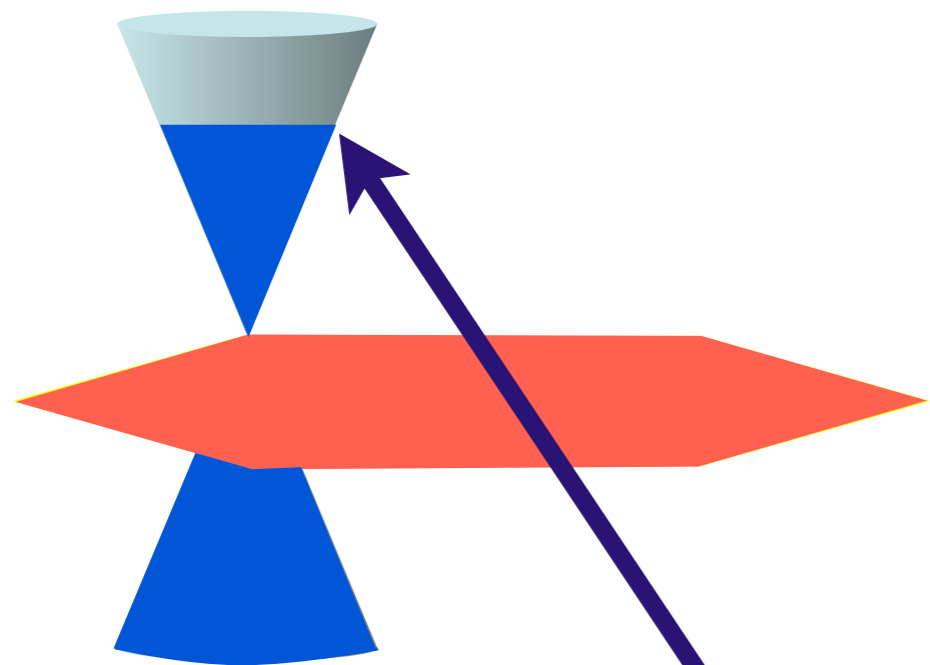
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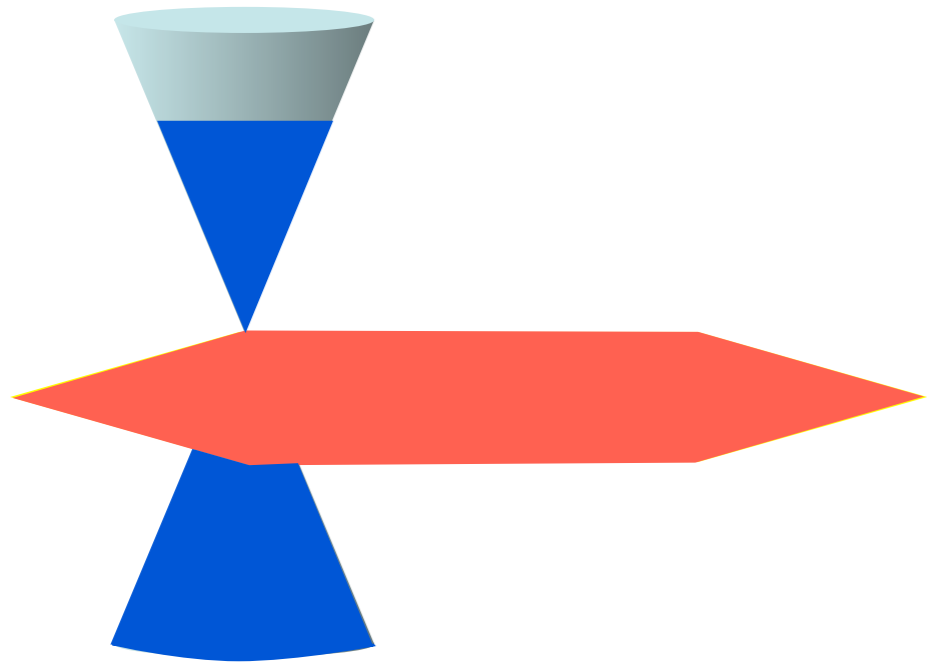
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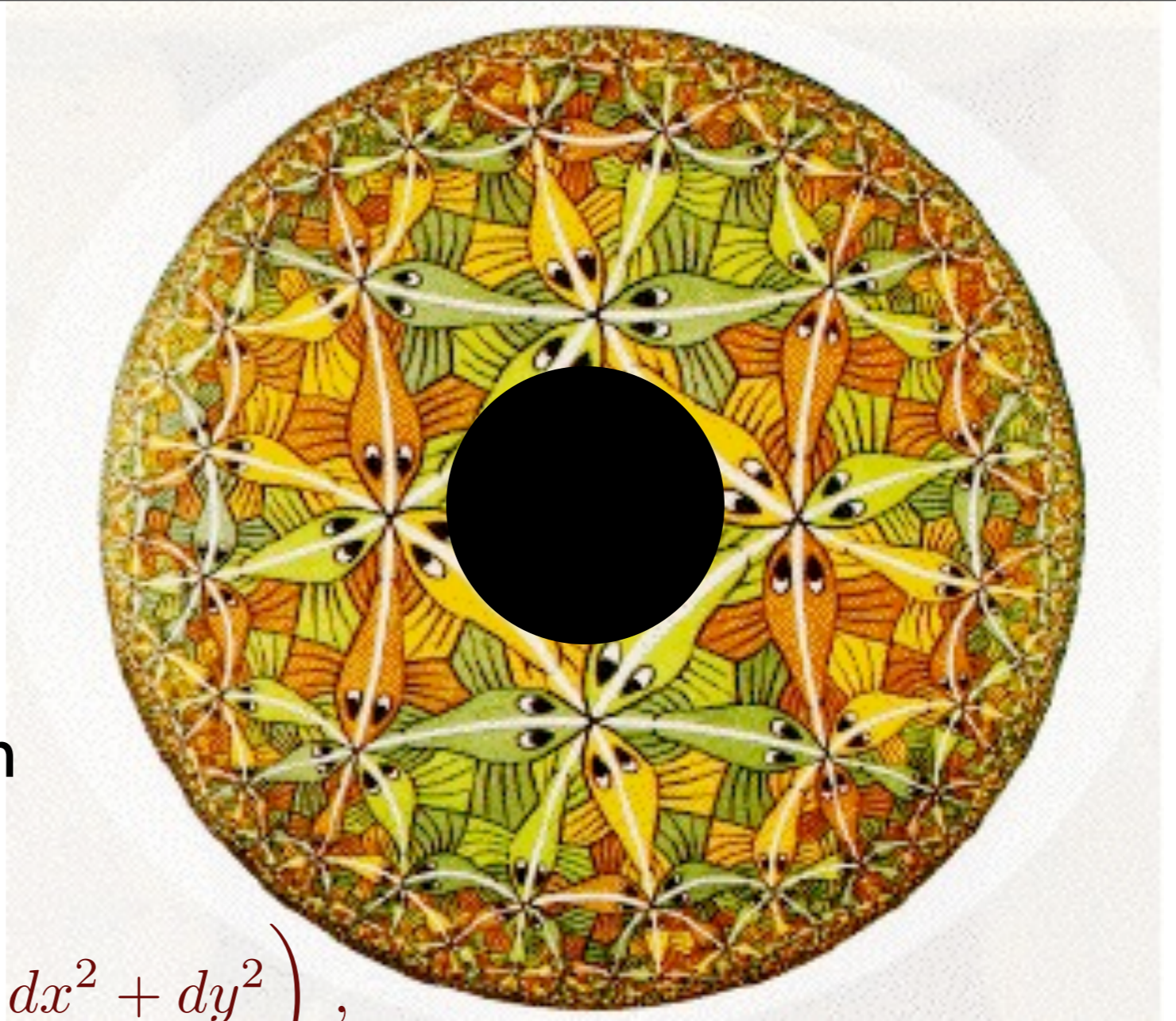


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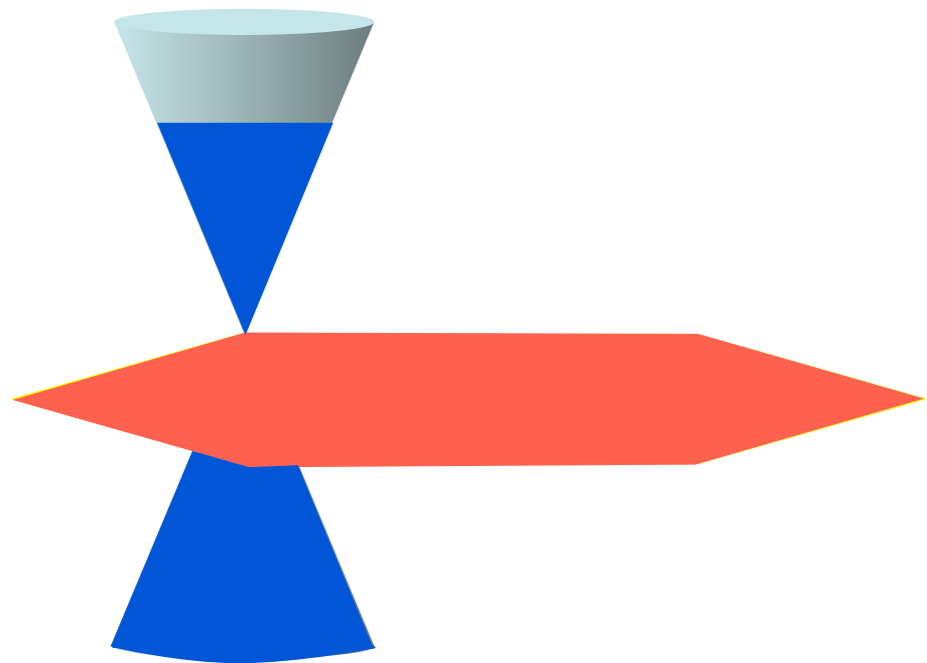


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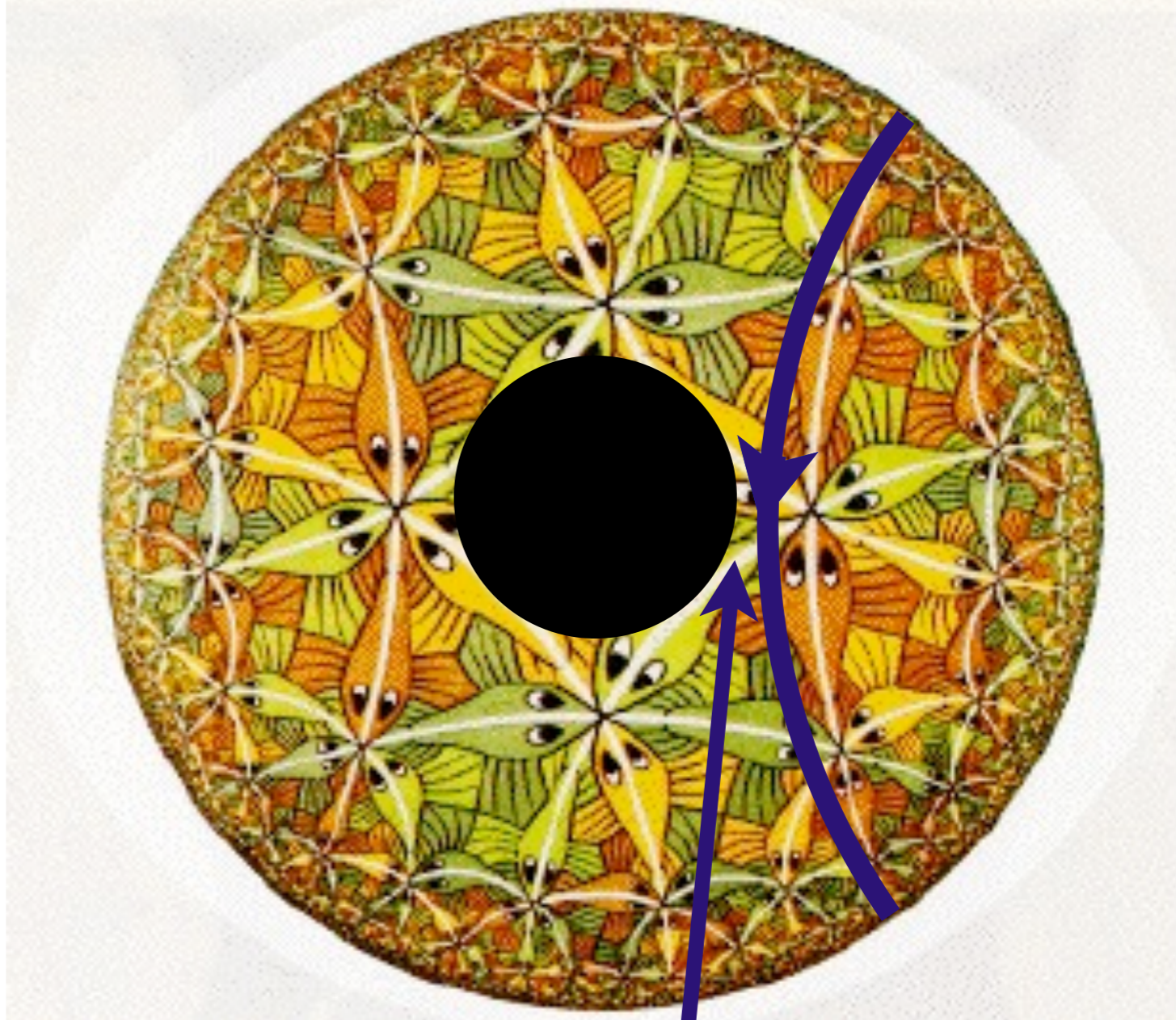
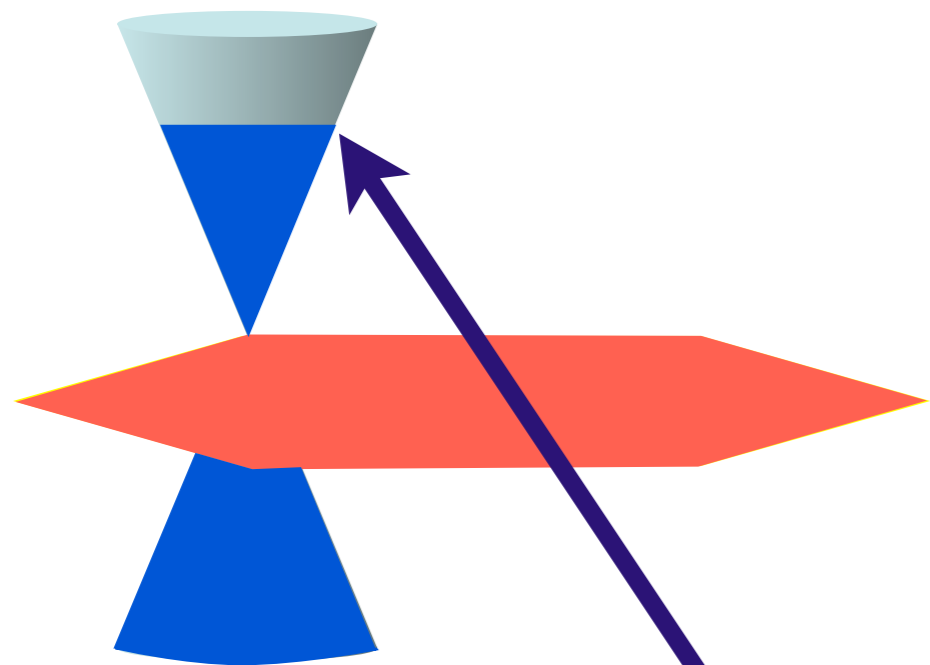


AdS₂ x R² near-horizon geometry



$$r - r_+ \sim \frac{1}{\zeta}$$

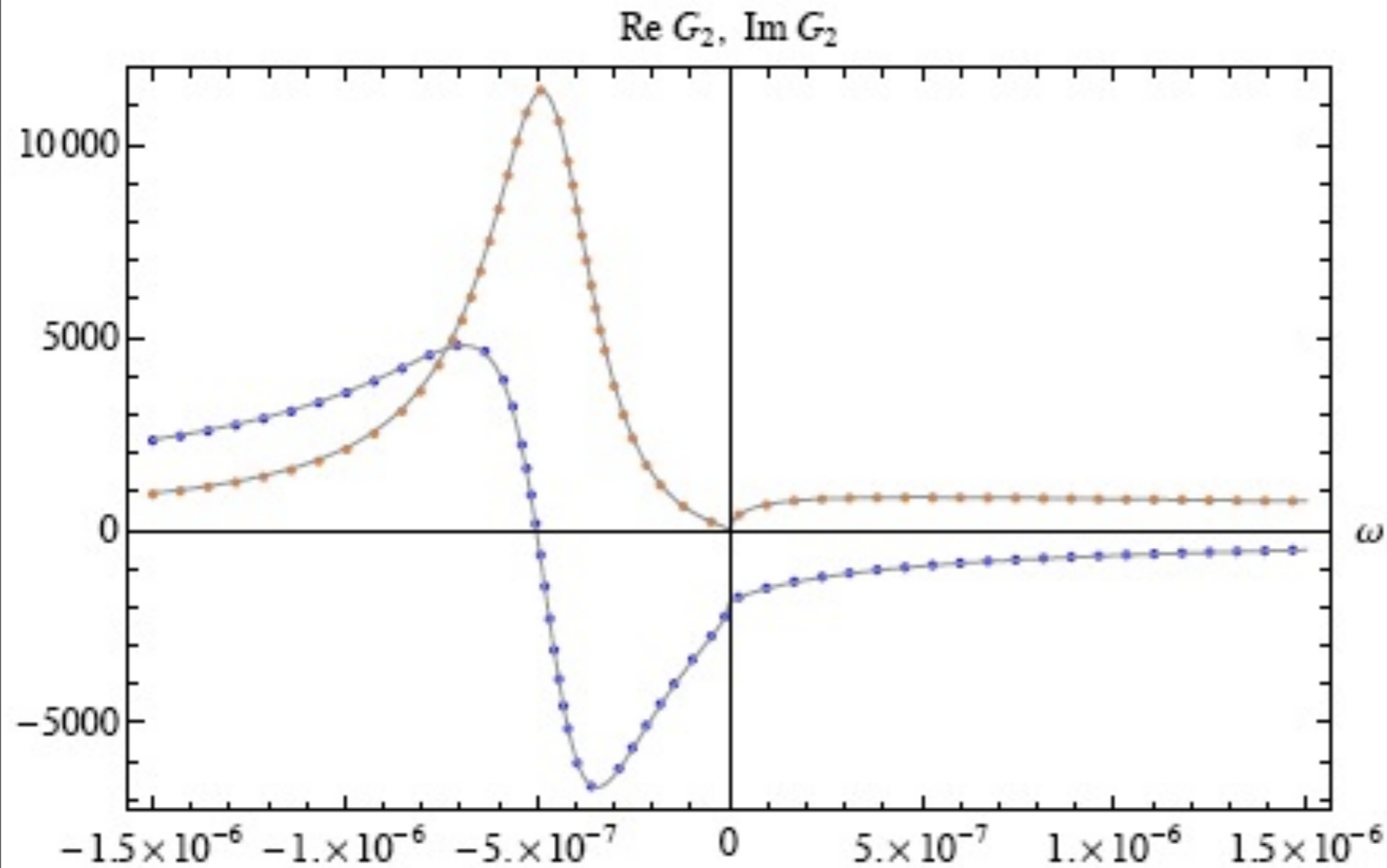
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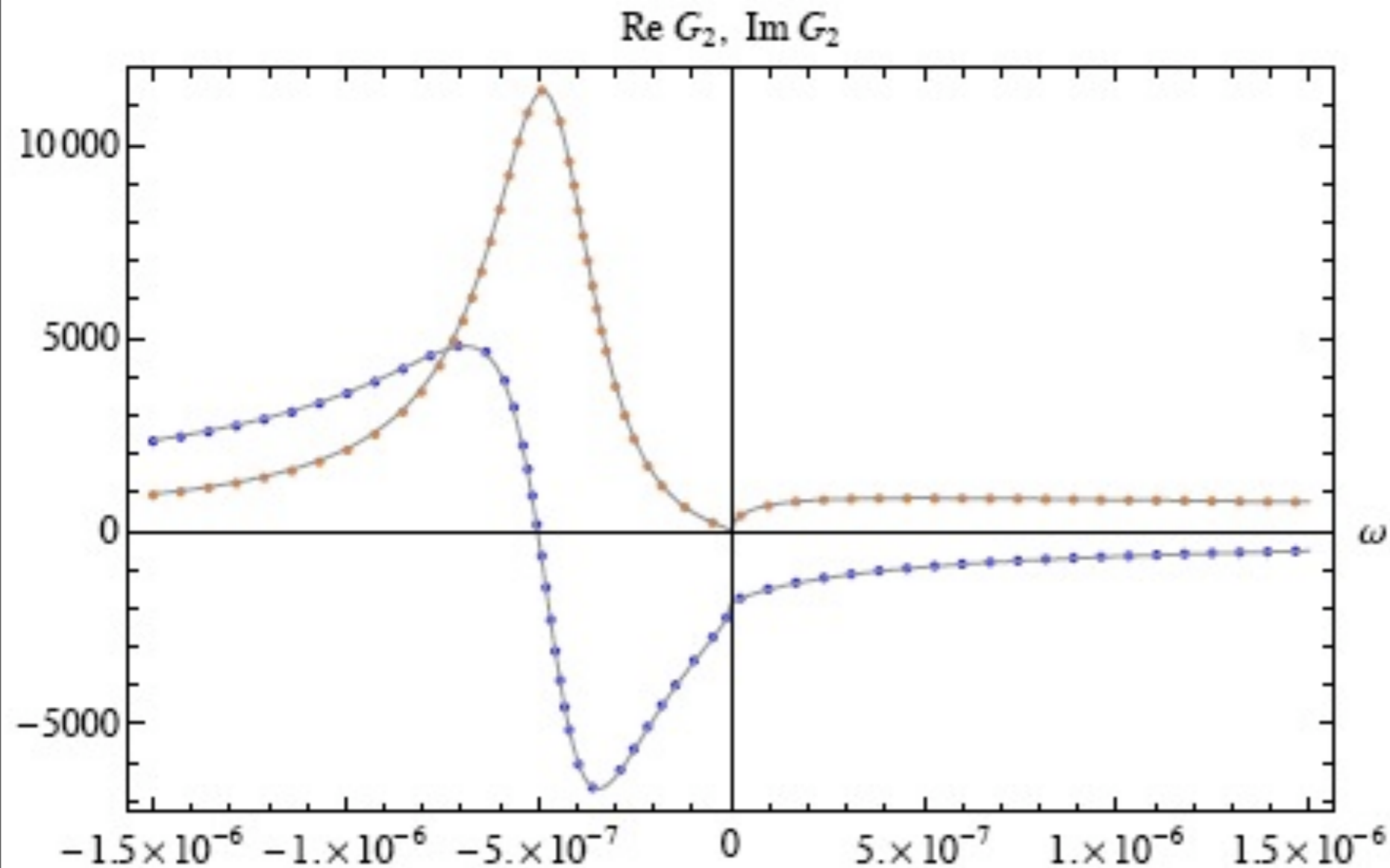


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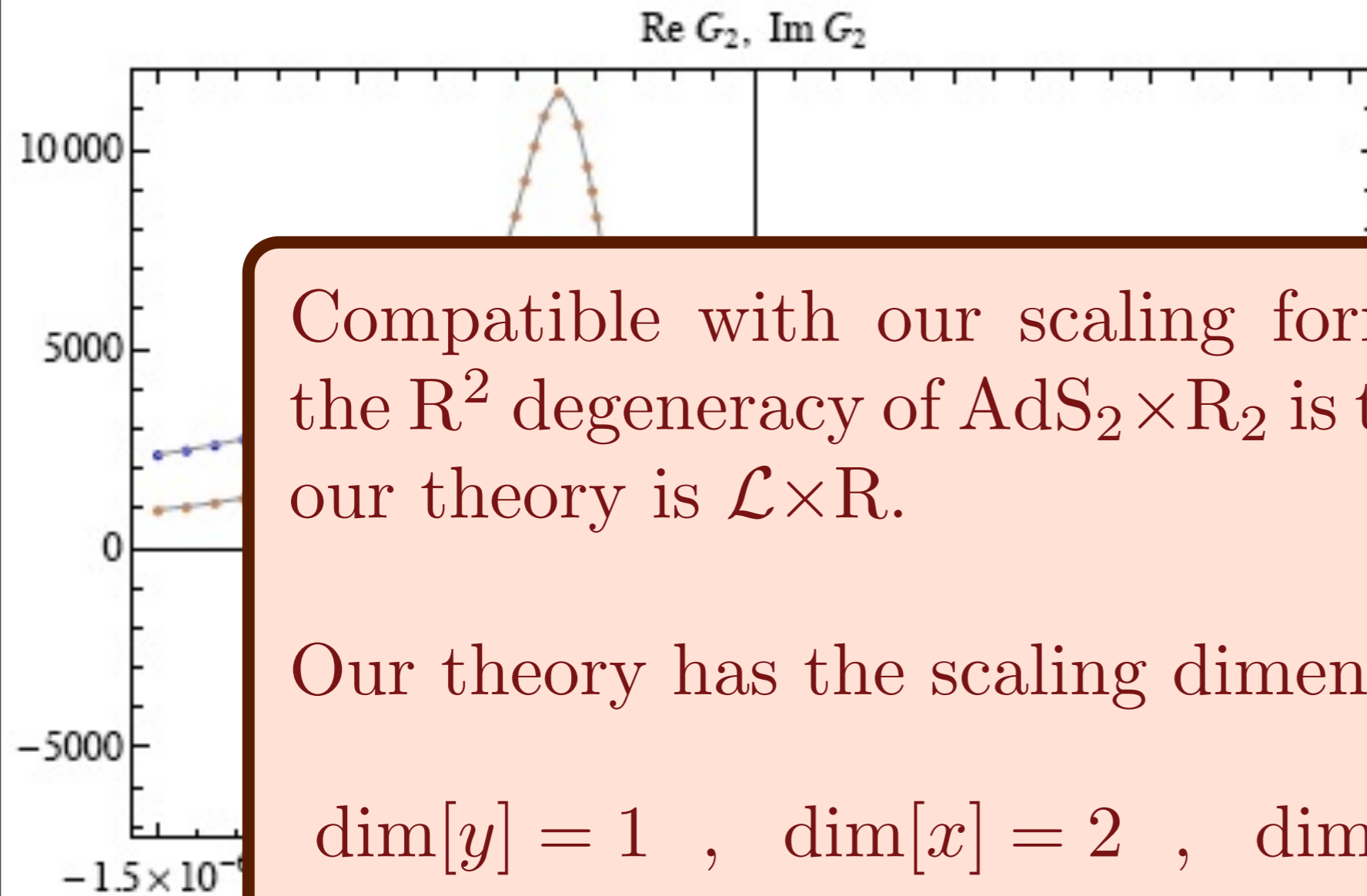


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Free energy from gravity theory

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