

Quantum statistical mechanics of charged black holes and strange metals

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SYK
model

A simple model of a metal with quasiparticles

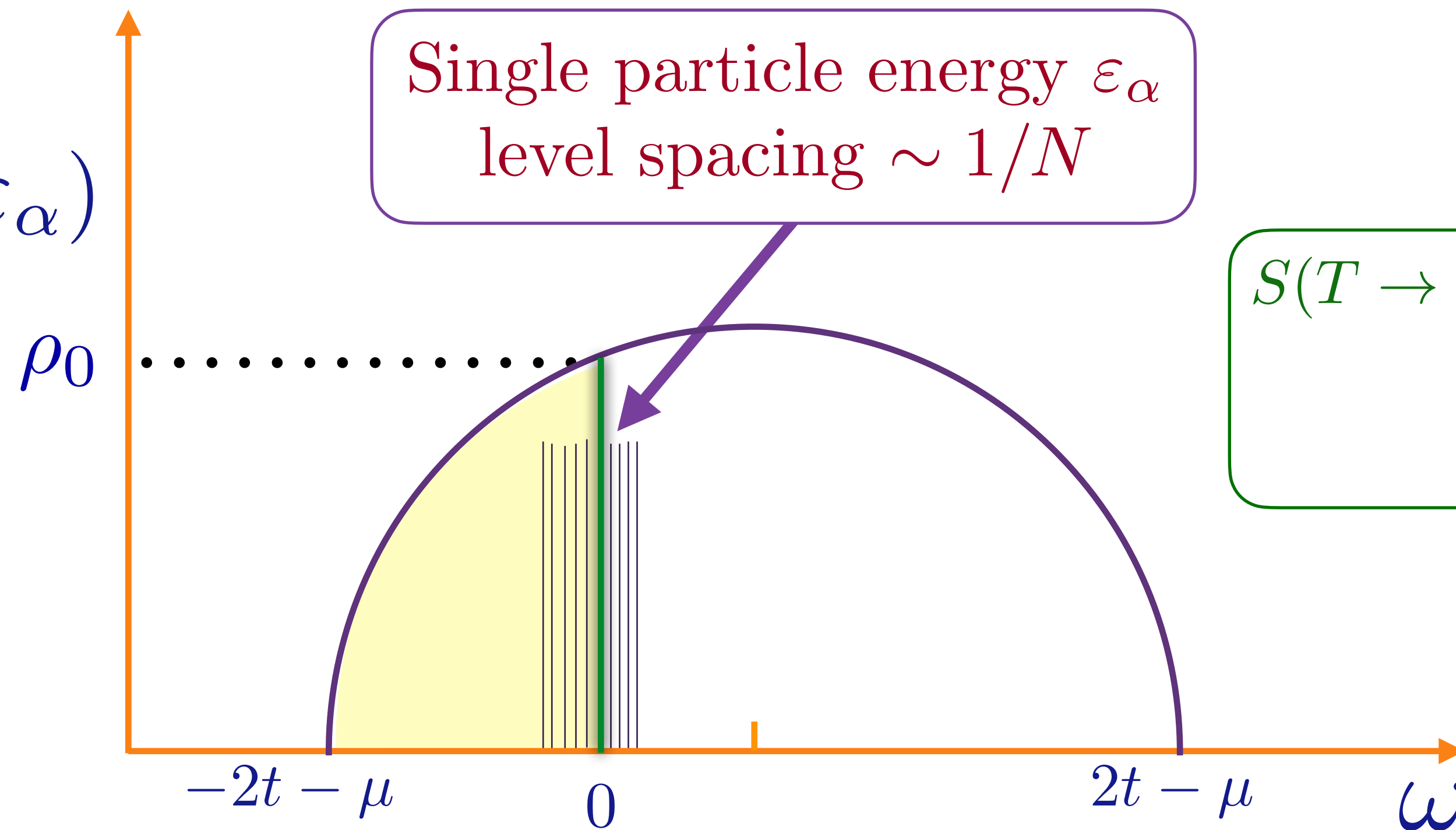
$$H = \frac{1}{(N)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i = Q$$

t_{ij} are independent random variables with $\overline{t_{ij}} = 0$ and $\overline{|t_{ij}|^2} = t^2$

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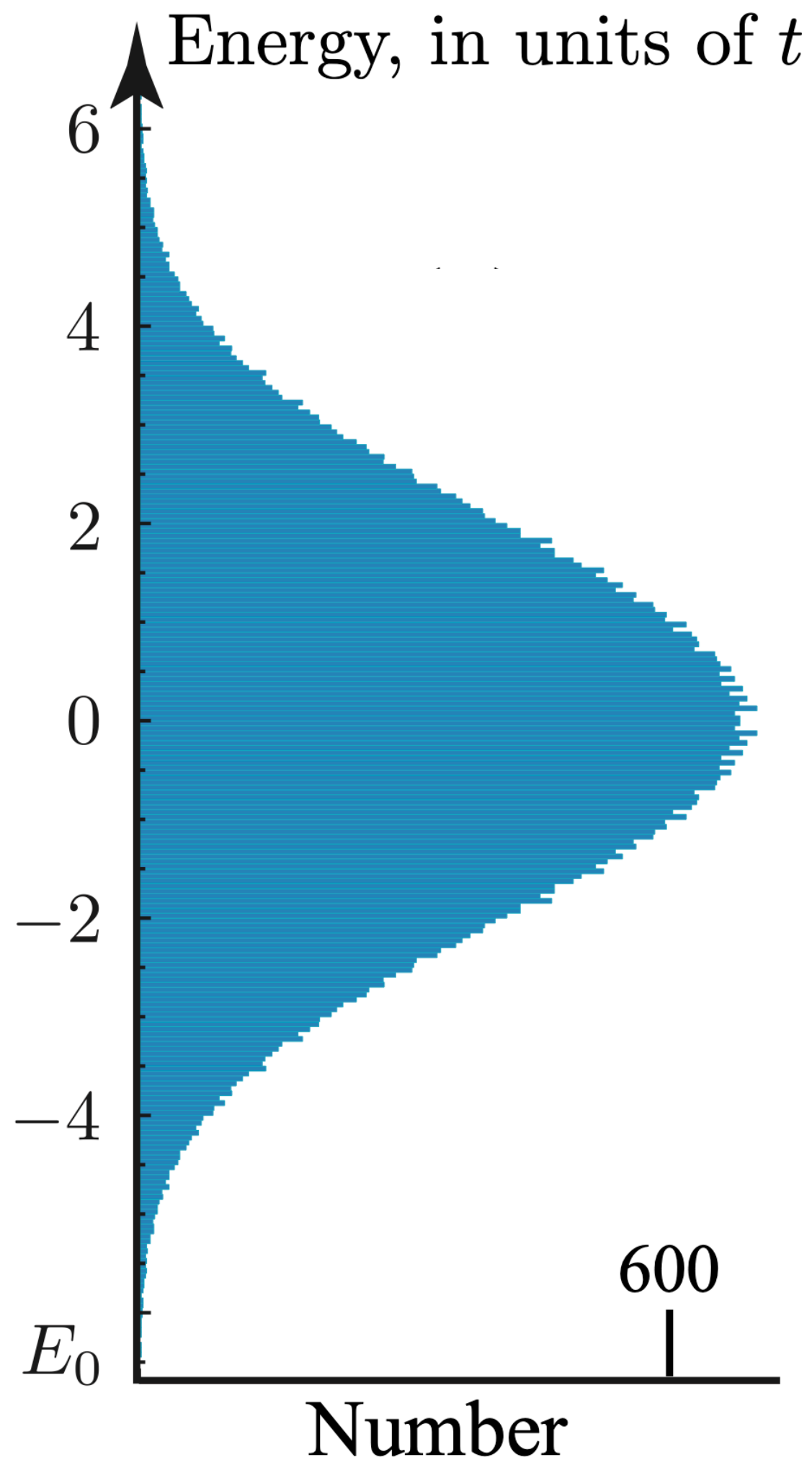


$$S(T \rightarrow 0) = N\gamma T$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \rho_0$$

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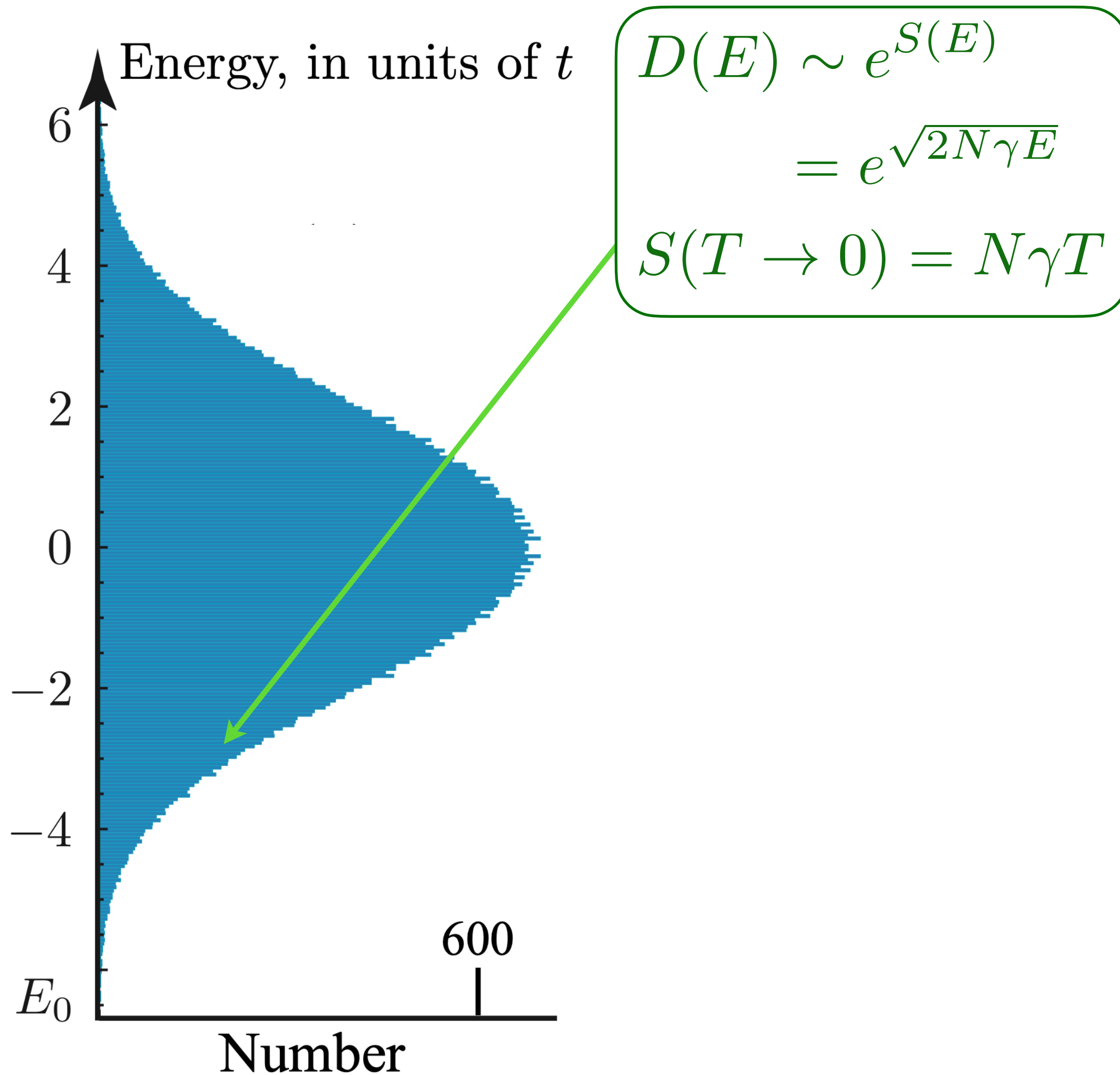
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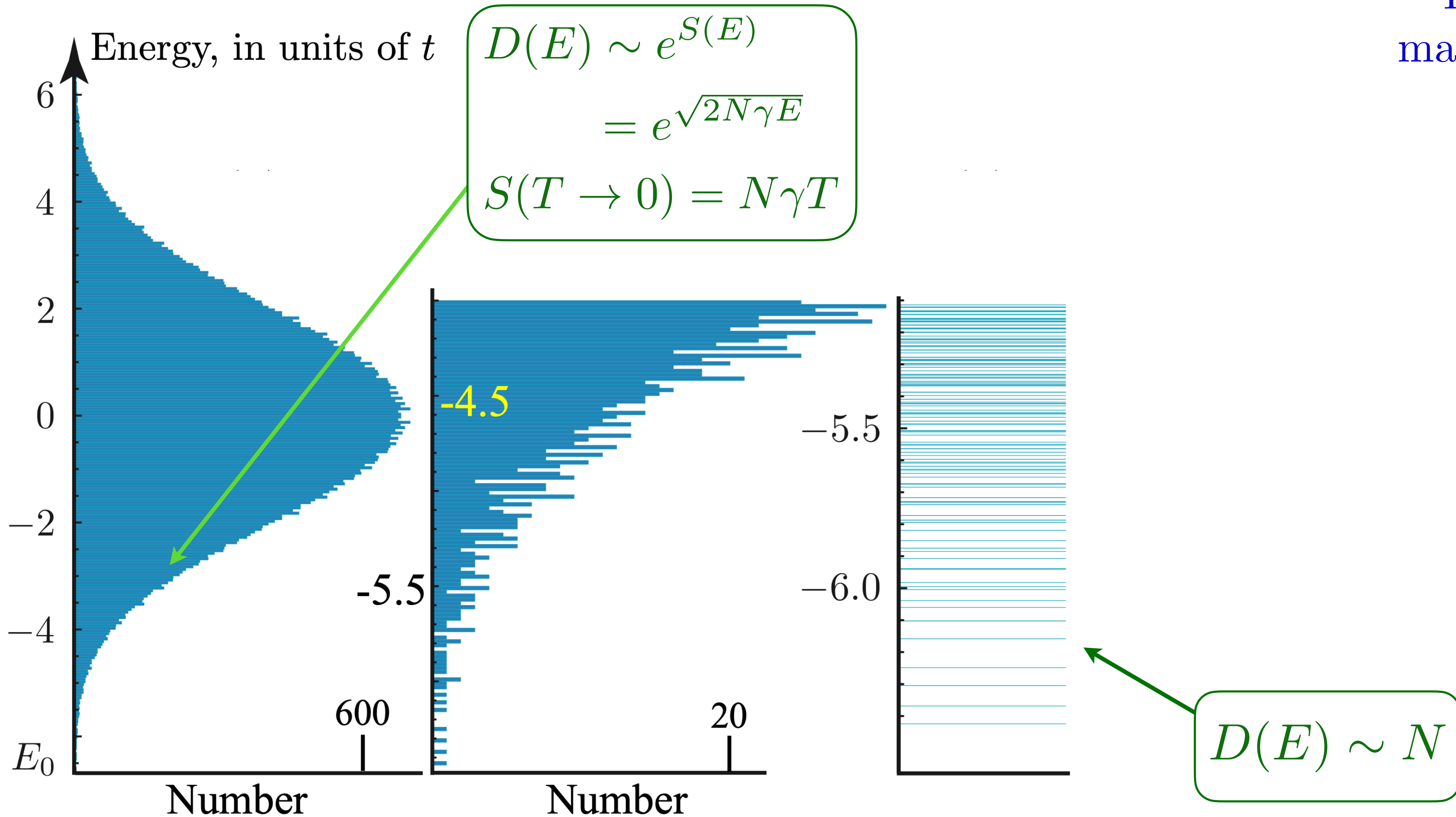
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The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large N limit;
T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta=1}^N U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}$$

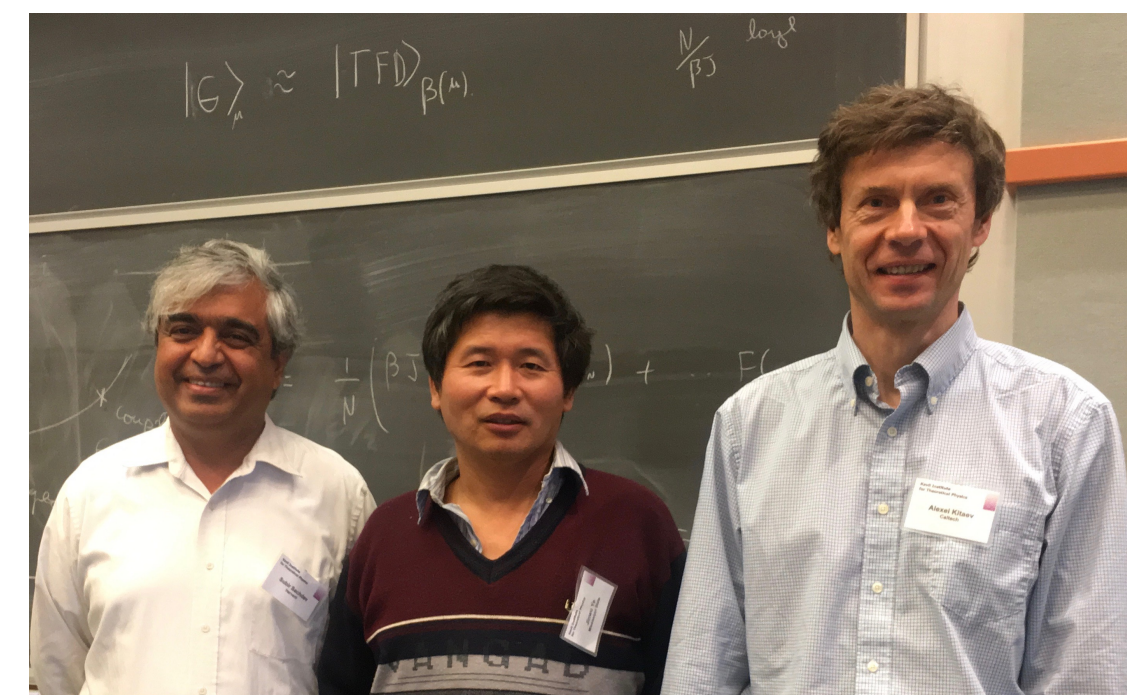
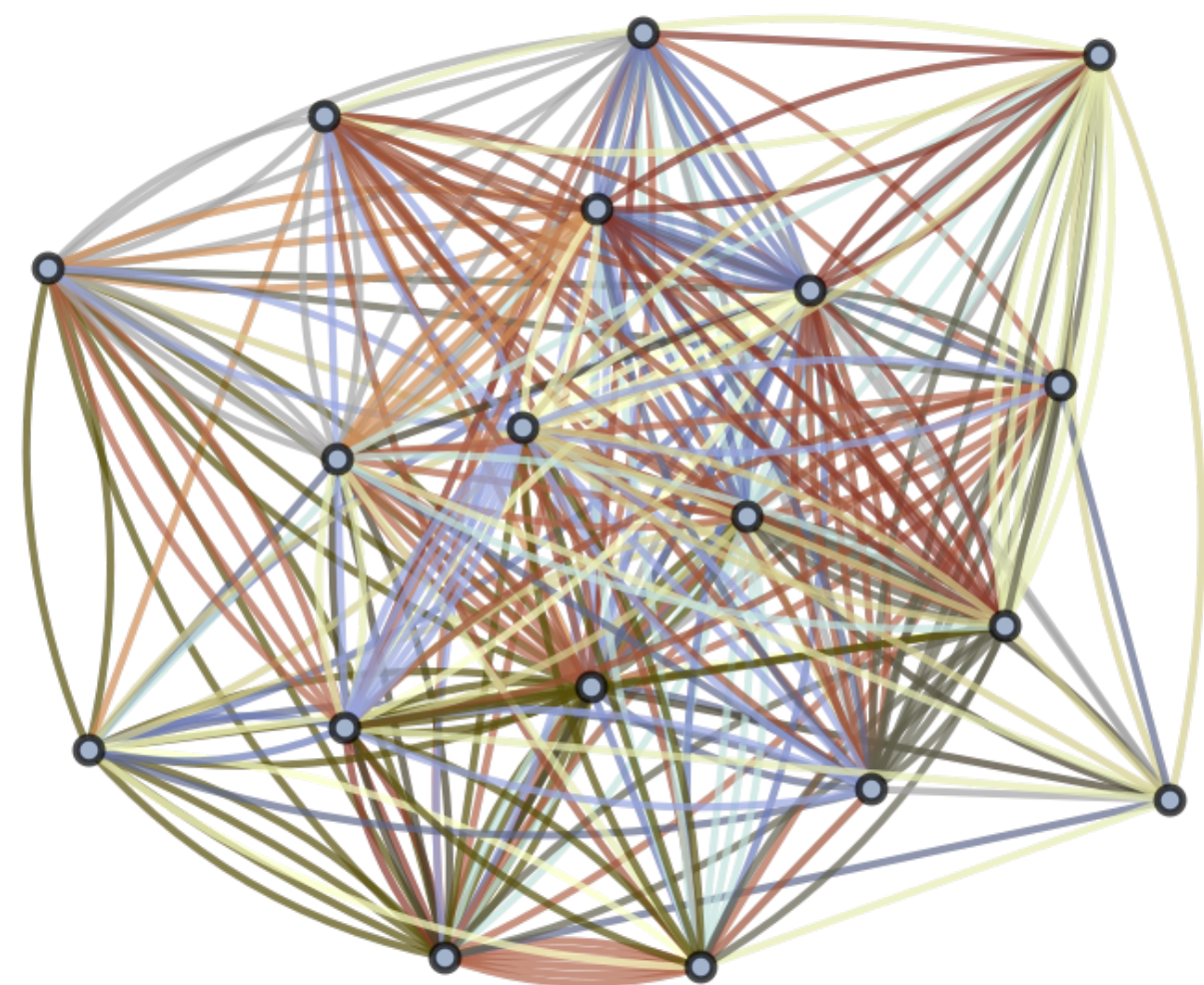
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ are independent random variables with $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$ and $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$
 $N \rightarrow \infty$ yields critical strange metal.

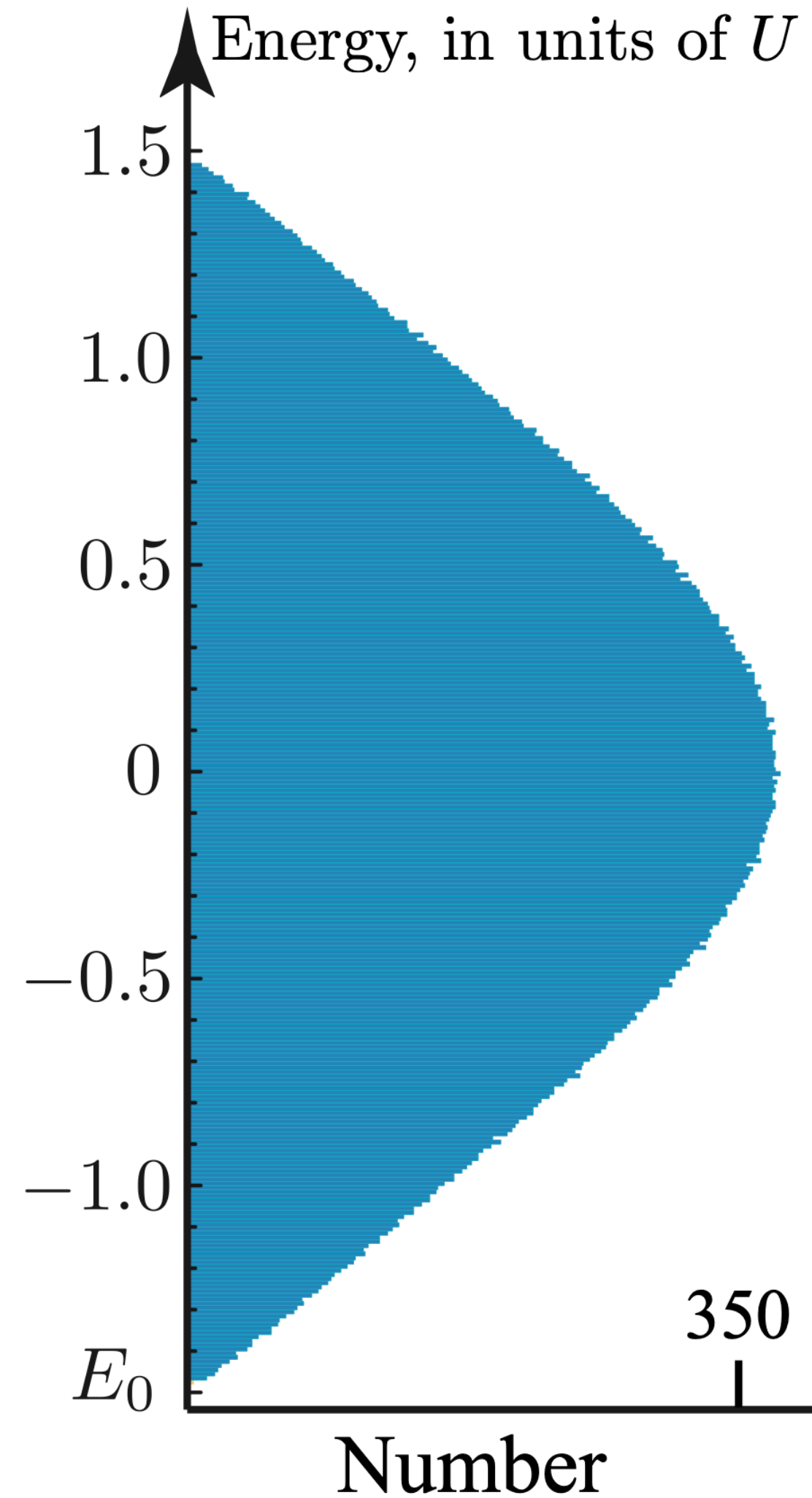
S. Sachdev and J. Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

A. Kitaev, unpublished; S. Sachdev, PRX **5**, 041025 (2015)



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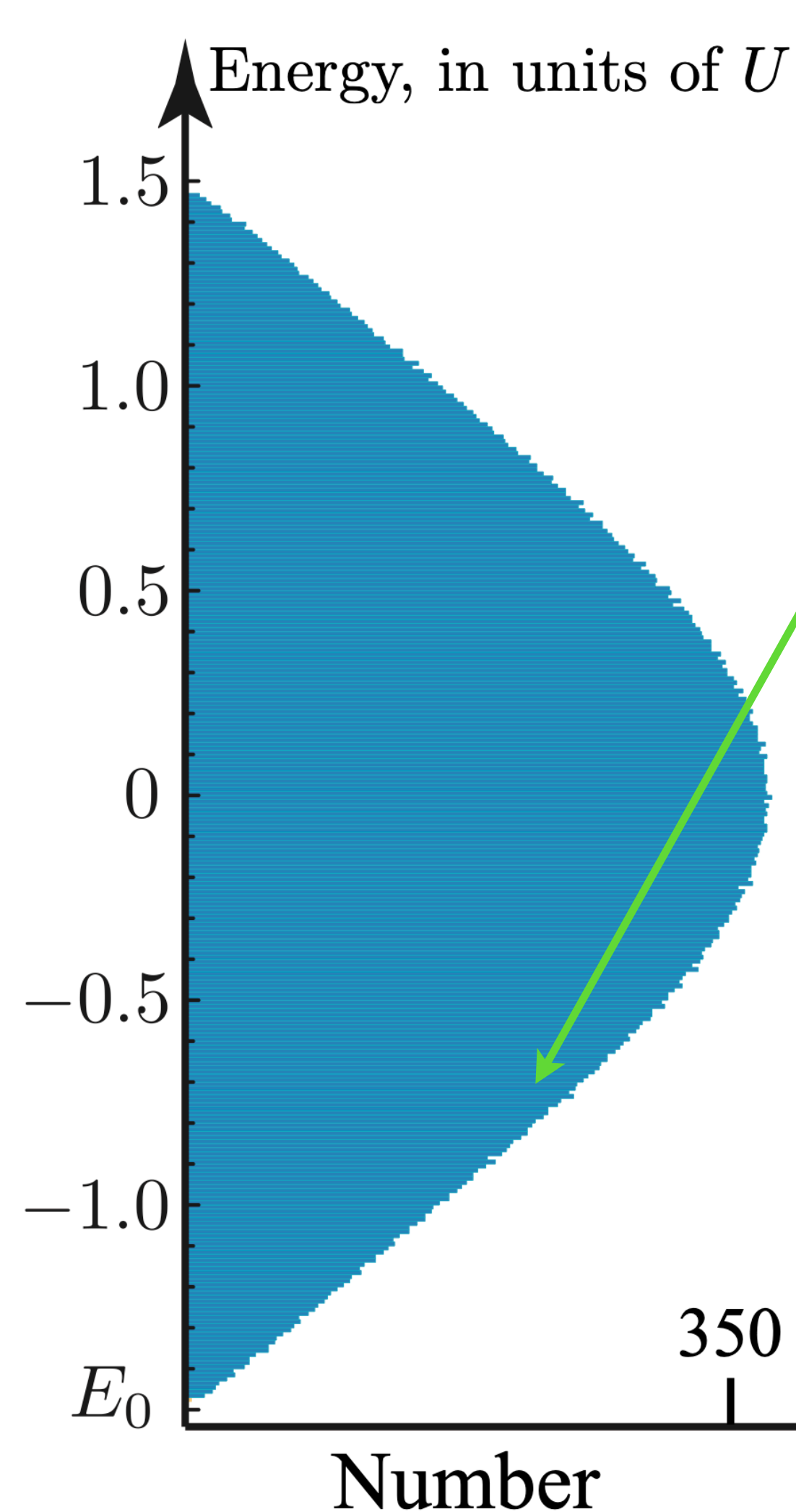
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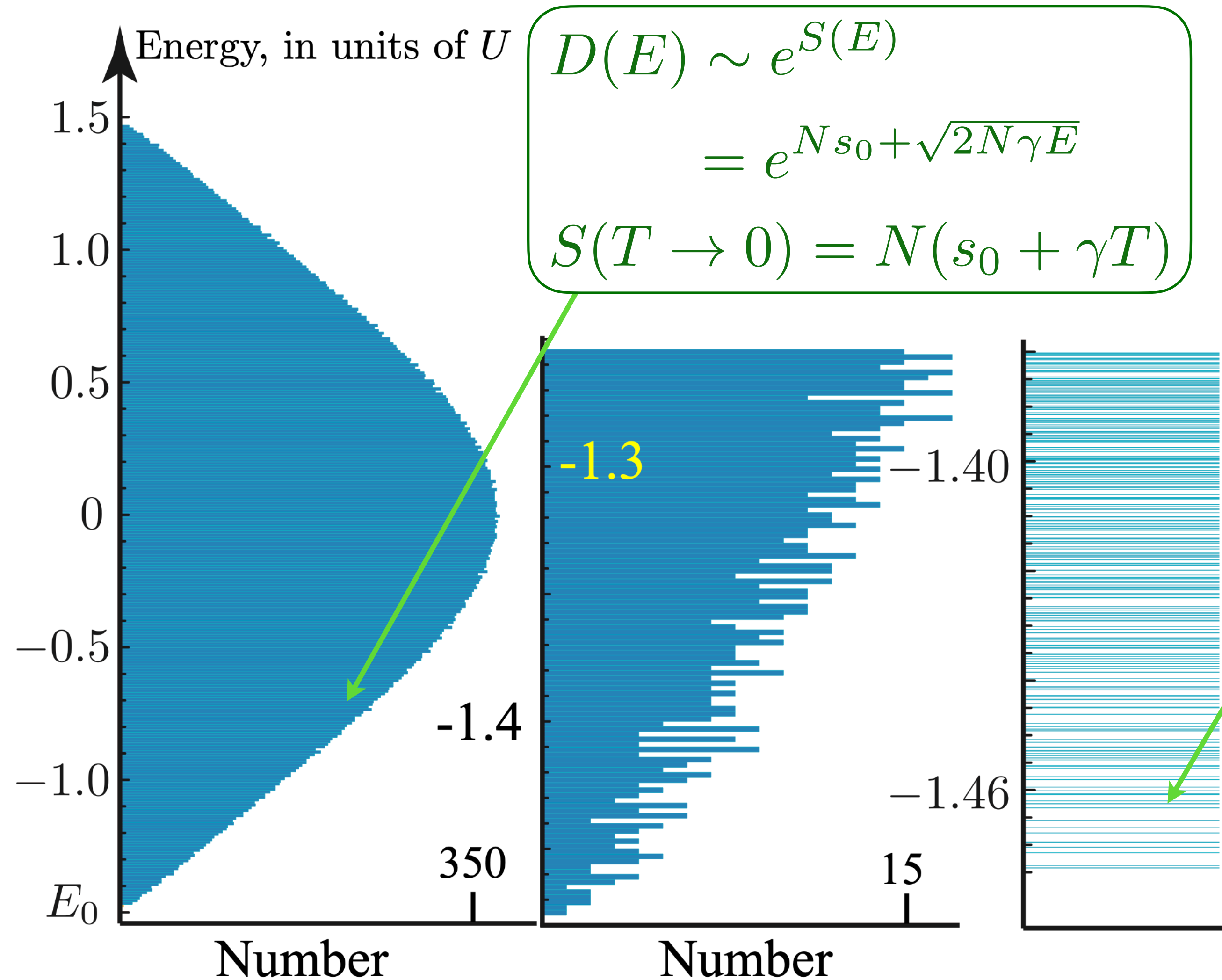
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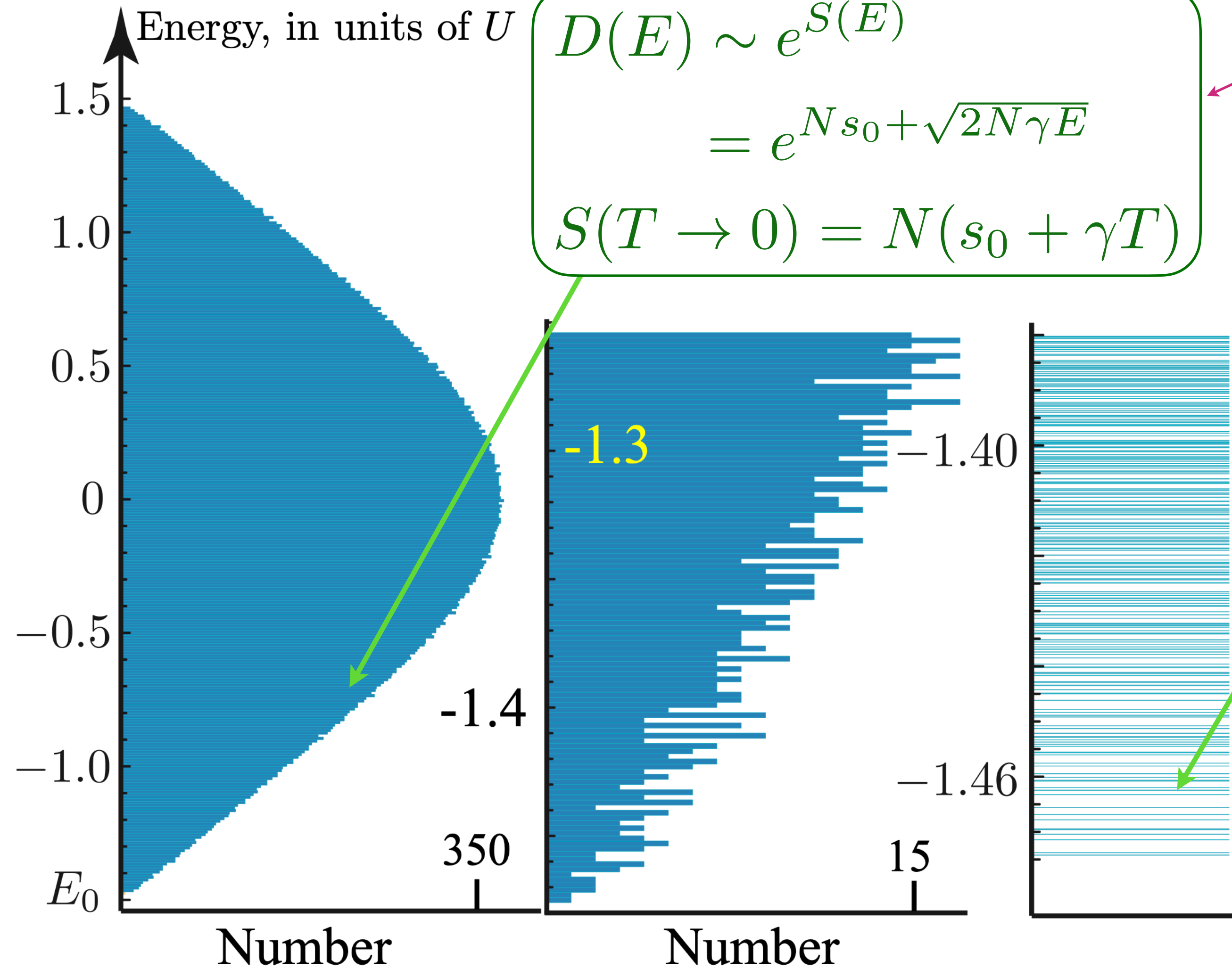
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$$e^{-F(T)/T} = \int_0^\infty dE D(E) e^{-E/T}$$

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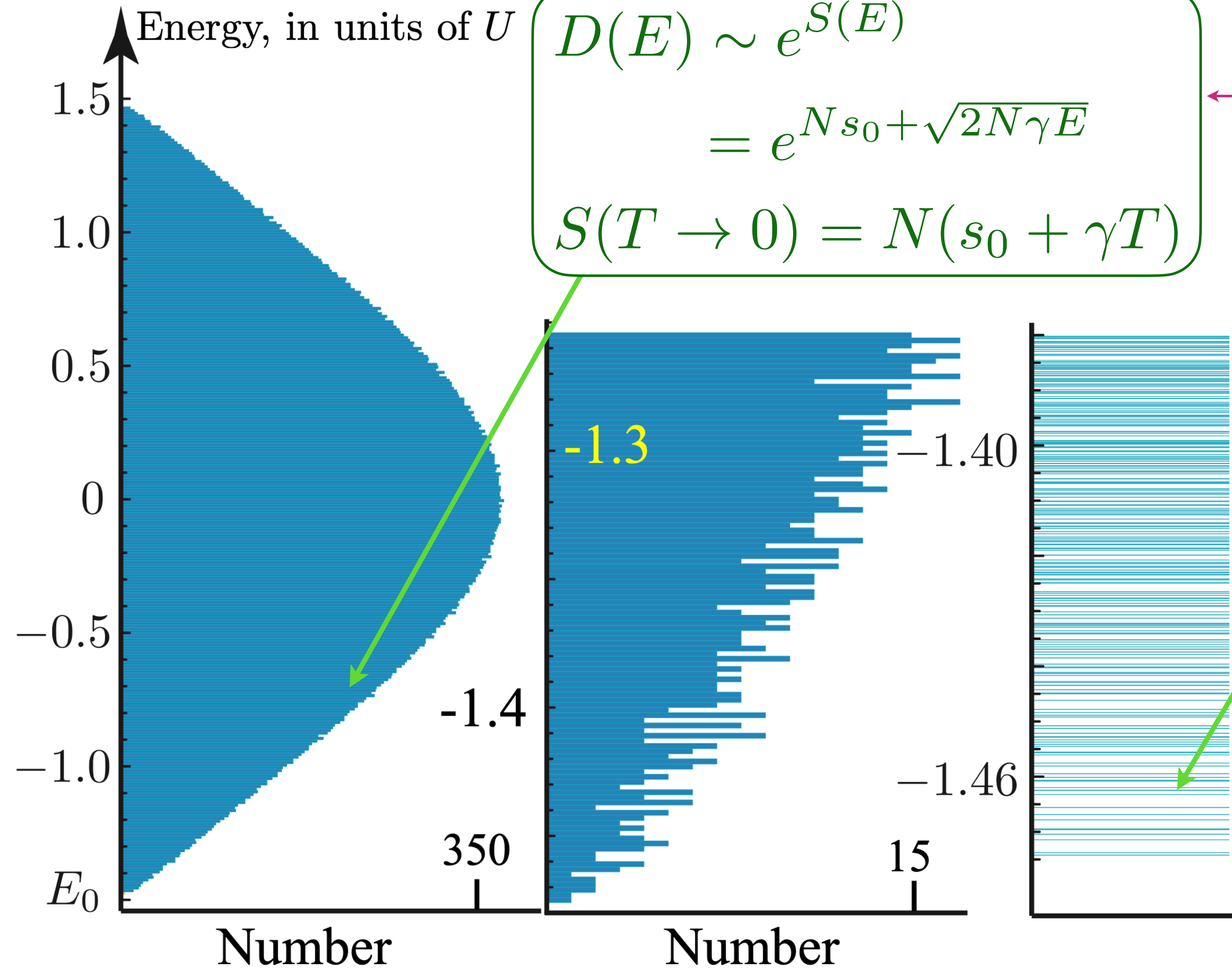
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**Charged
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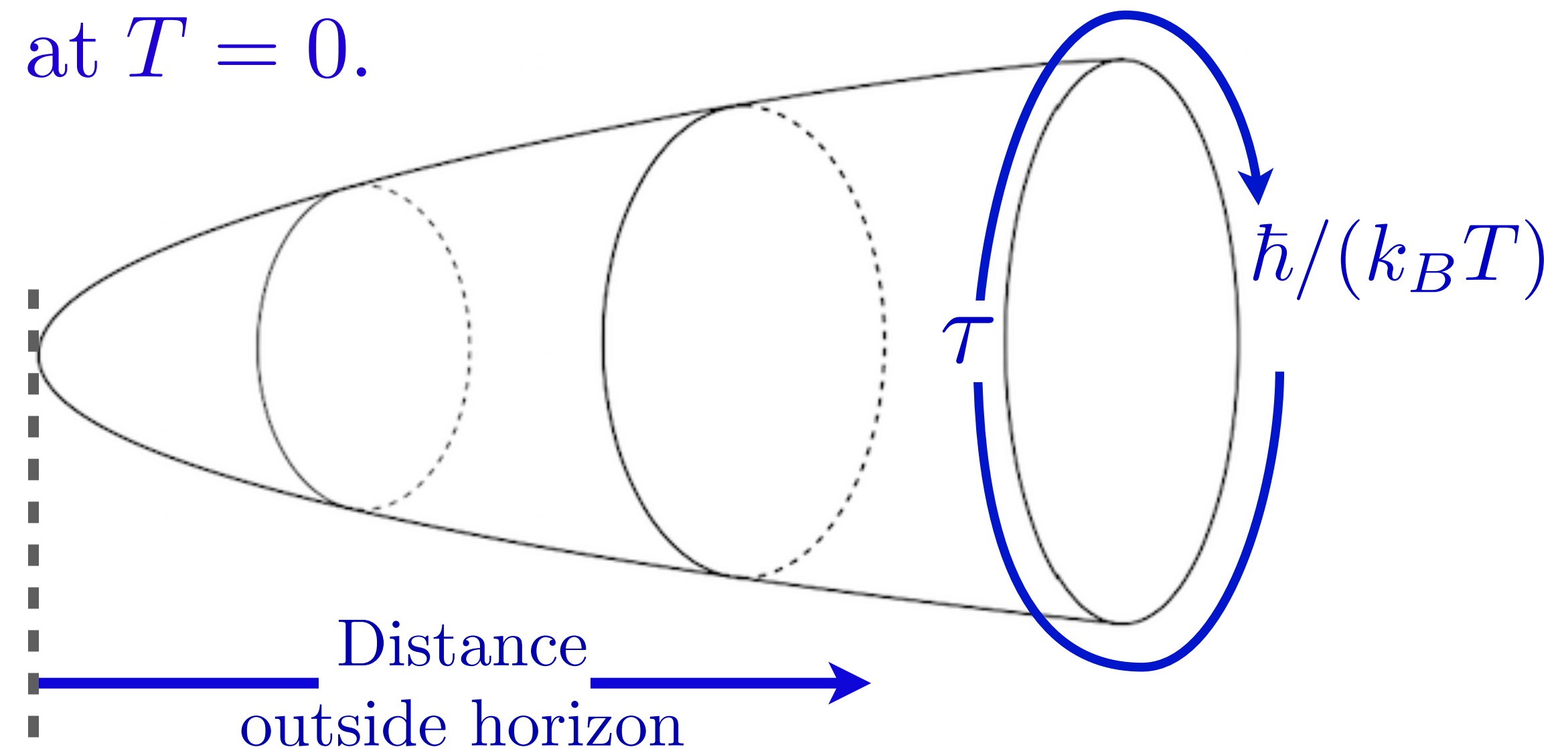
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A_0 is the area of the charged black hole horizon at $T = 0$.

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Obtained from the saddle-point of the gravity path integral in the imaginary time spacetime outside the black hole.



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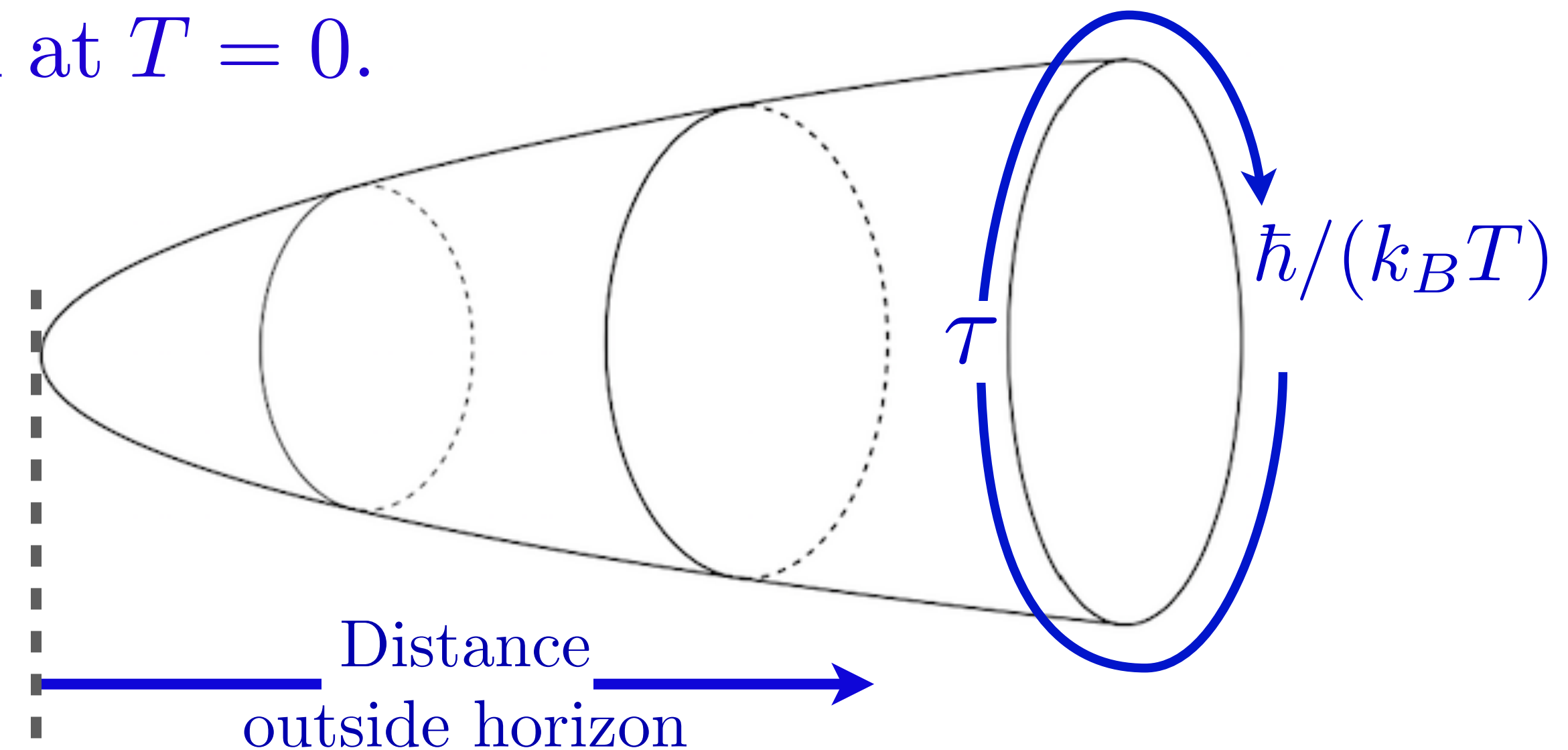
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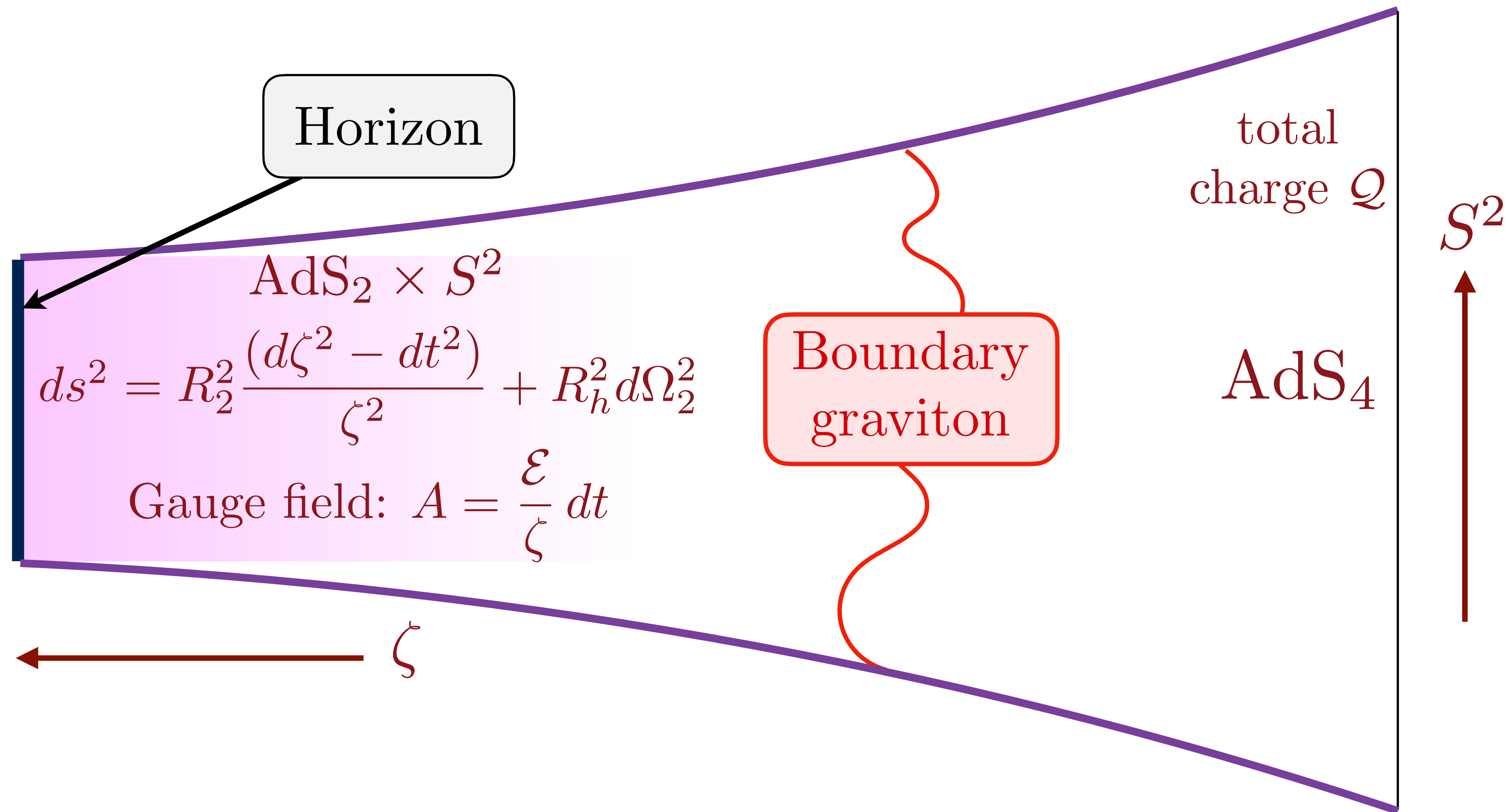
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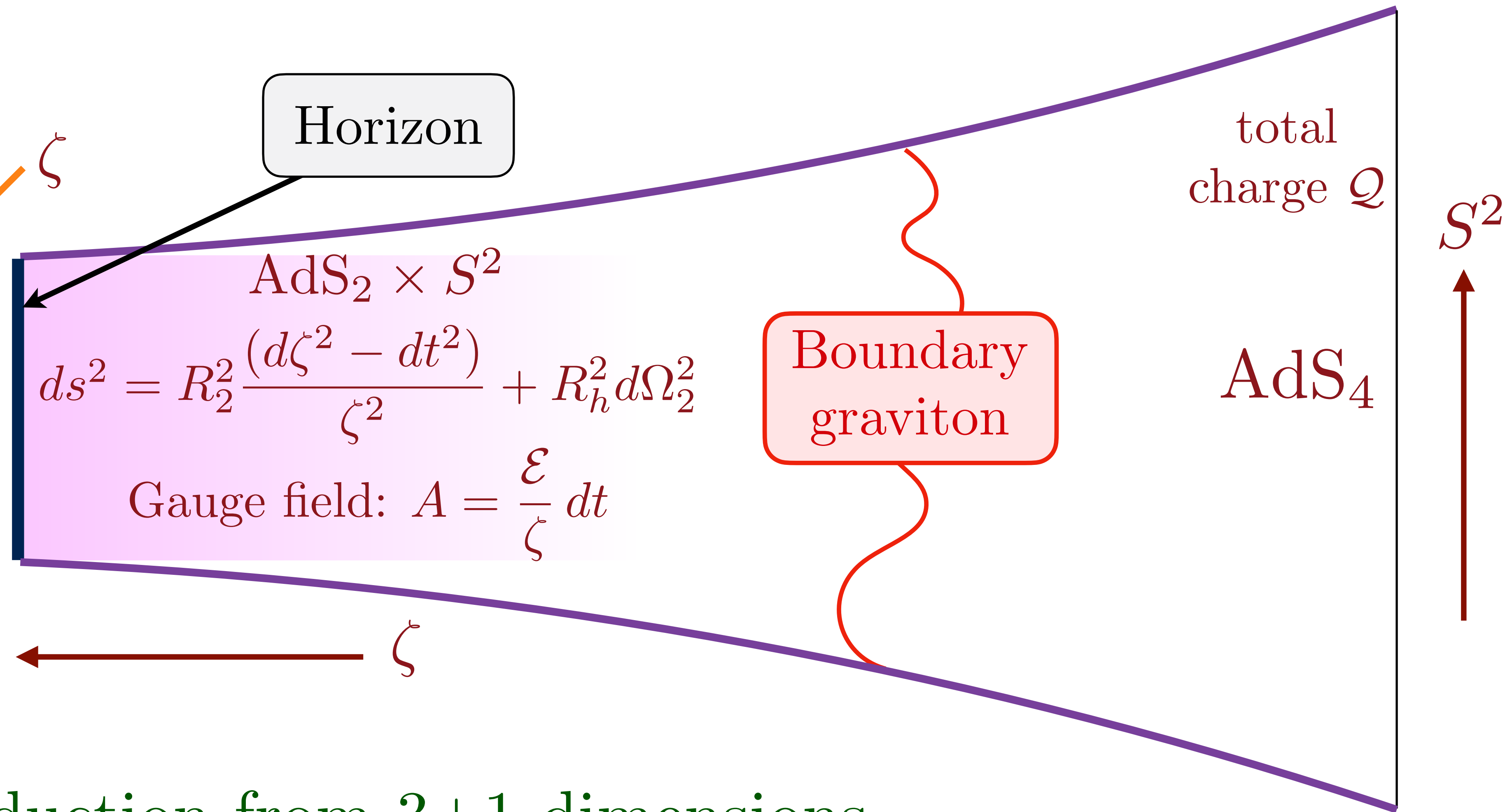
Note the similarity to the large N entropy of the SYK model ! (along with other similarities)



Reissner-Nordstrom black hole of Einstein-Maxwell theory



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Dimensional reduction from 3+1 dimensions to 1+1 dimensions (AdS_2) at low energies!

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(There is also a $-(241/45) \ln(A_0/G)$ correction at $T = 0$
A. Sen 2011)

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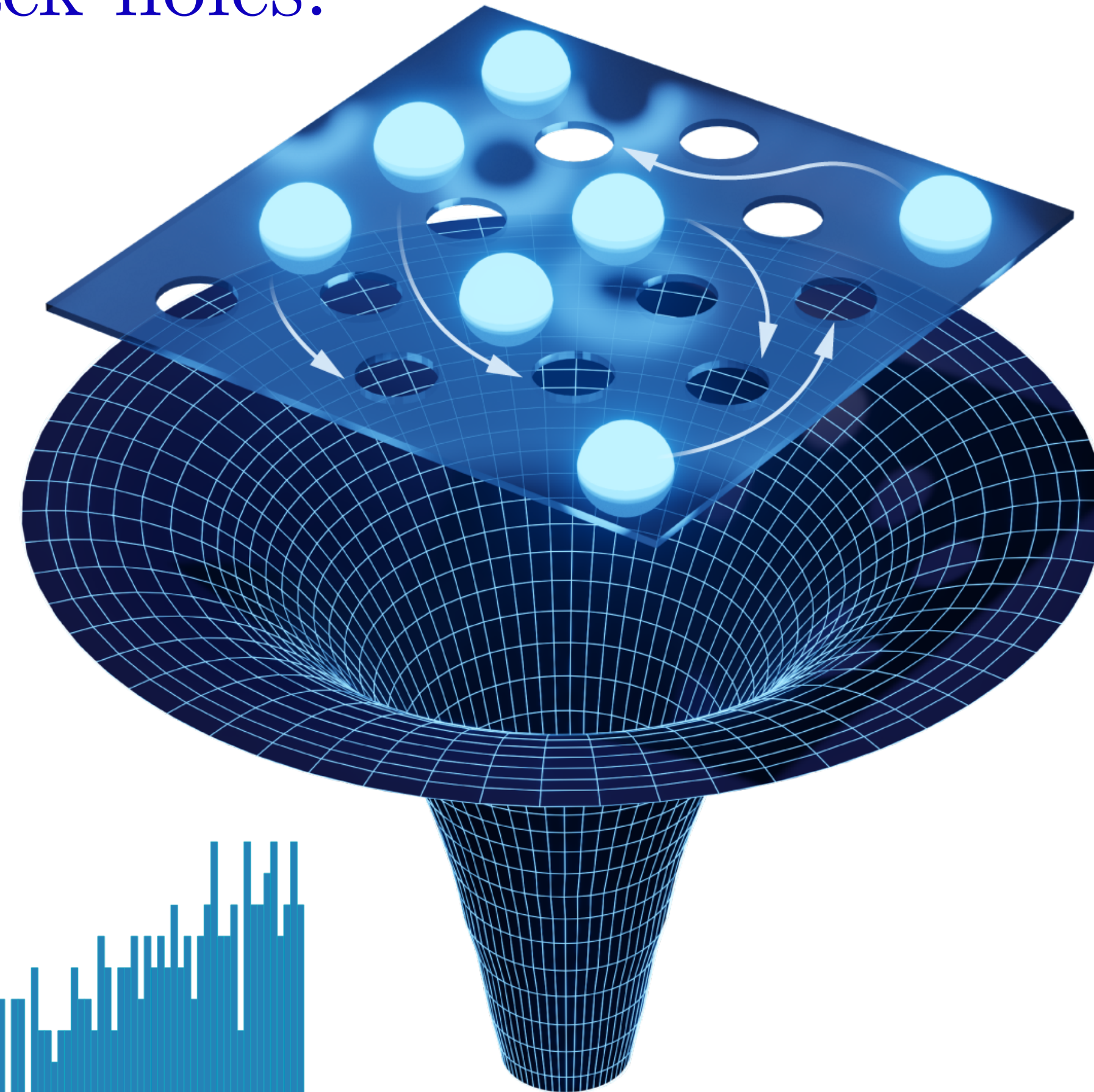
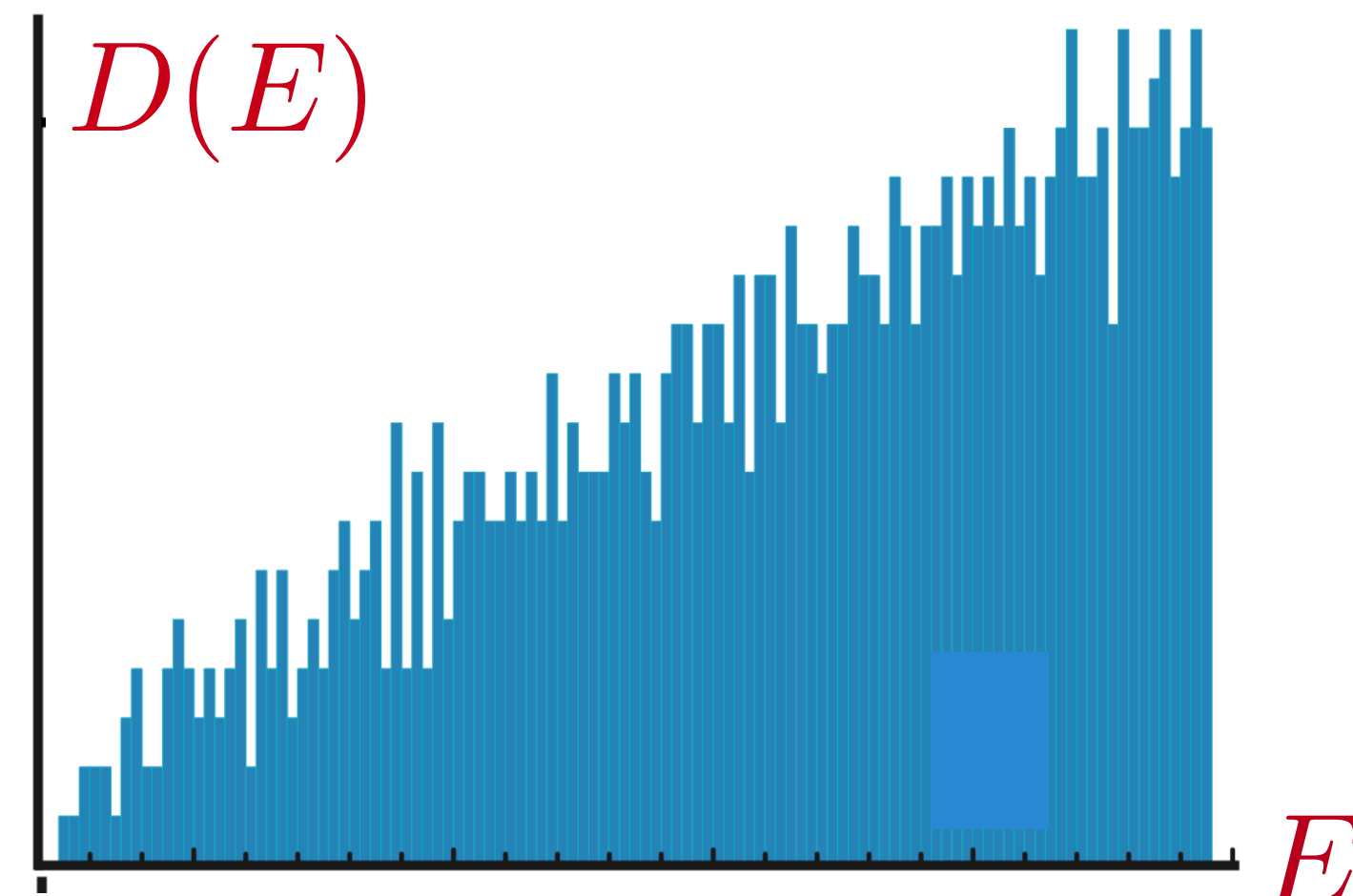
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where \mathcal{A}_0 is the horizon area at $T = 0$. There is no degeneracy, but an exponentially small level spacing down to the ground state.



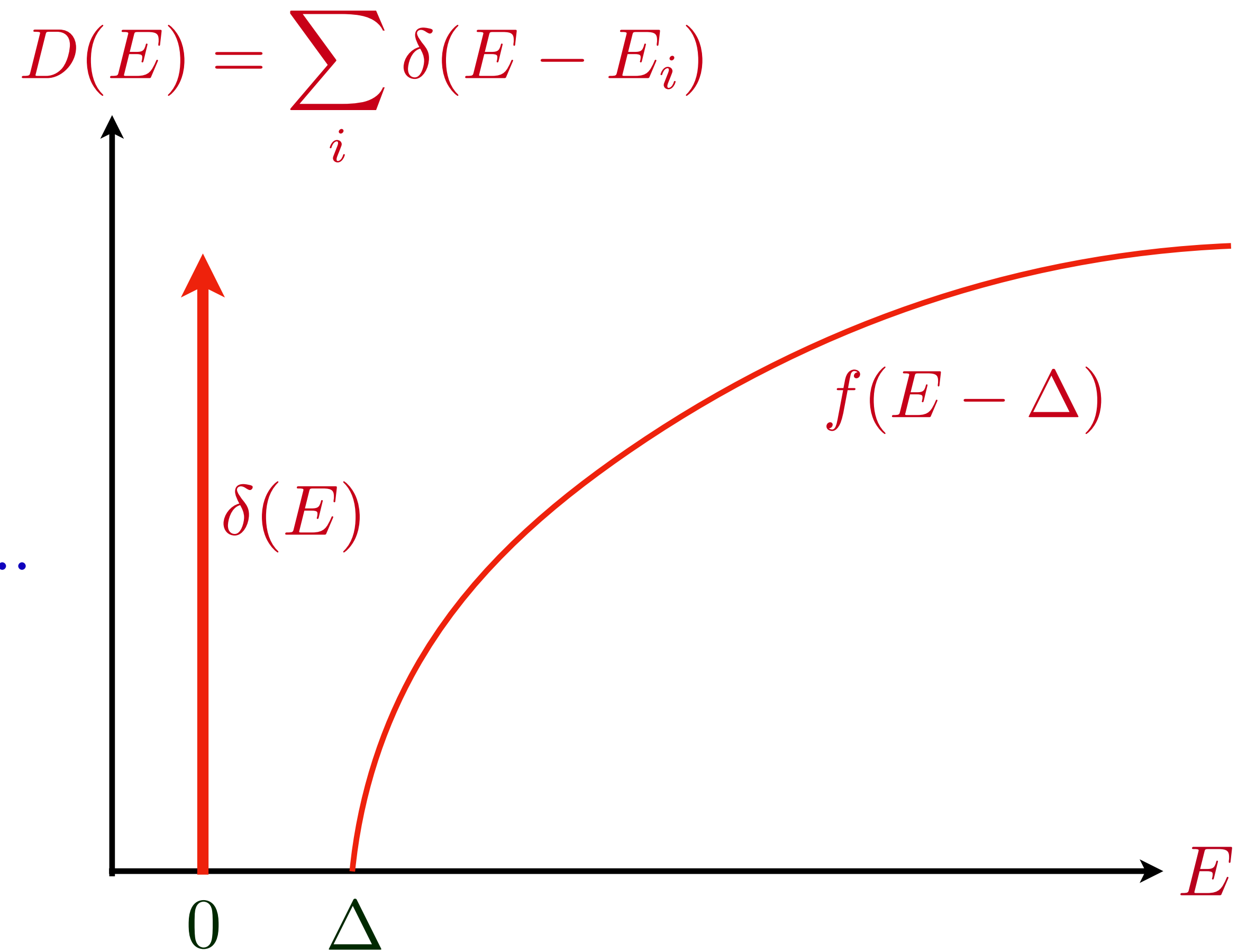
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- With sufficient low energy supersymmetry, string theory yields:

$$D(E) = \exp\left(\frac{Ac^3}{4\hbar G}\right) \delta(E) + \theta(E - \Delta) f(E - \Delta) + \dots$$

There are exponentially many degenerate BPS ground states, and an energy gap Δ above the ground state.



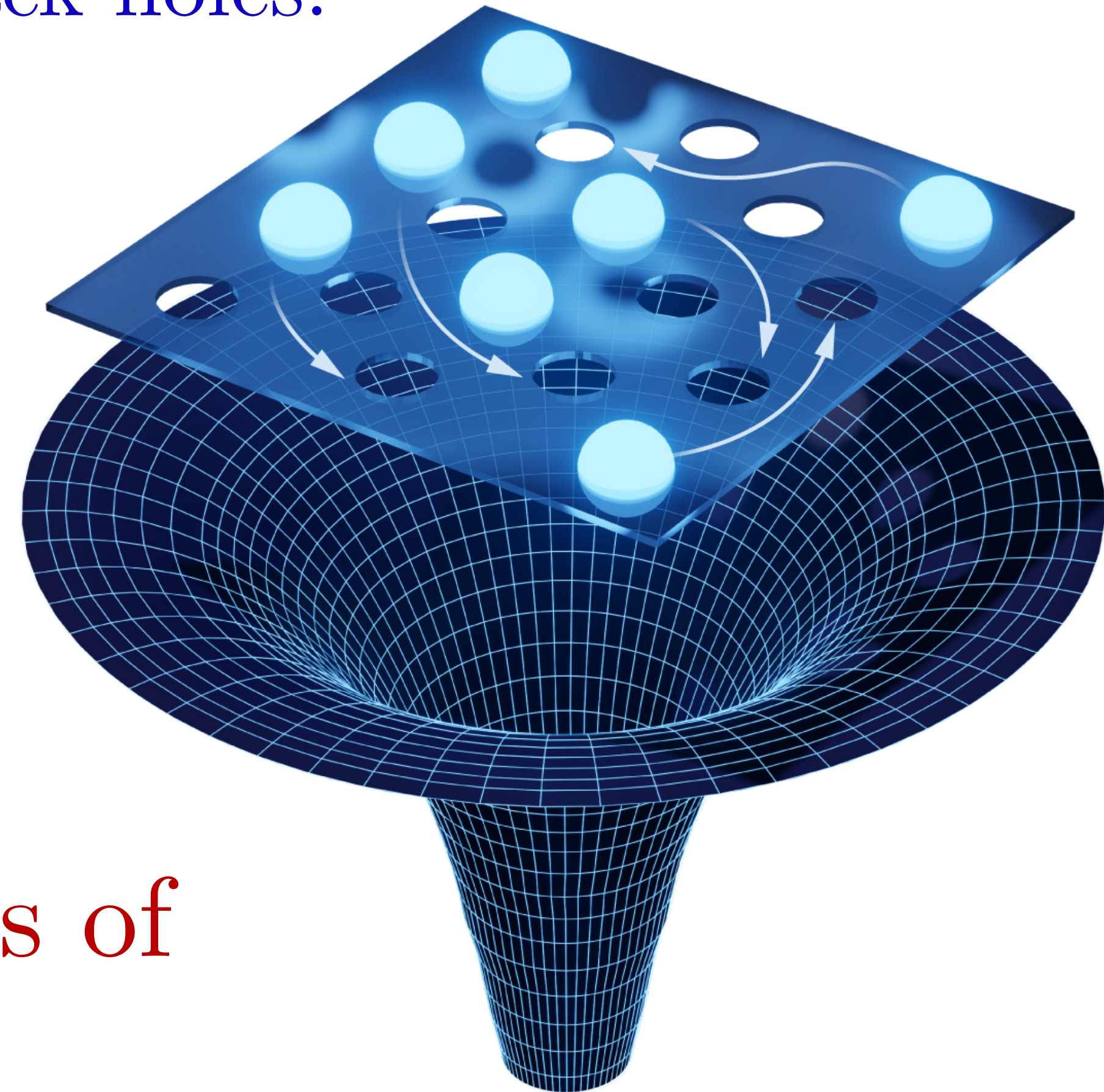
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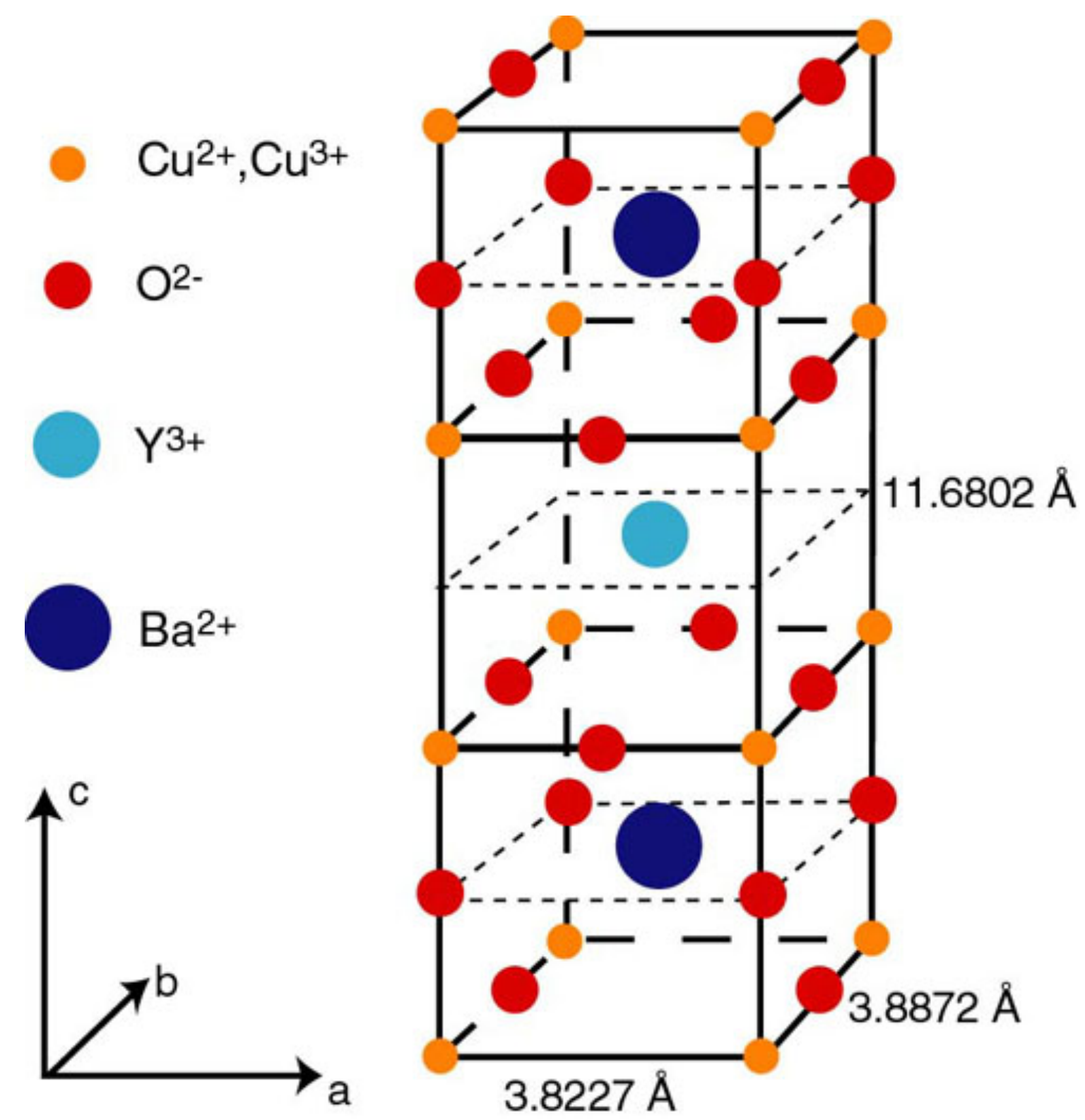
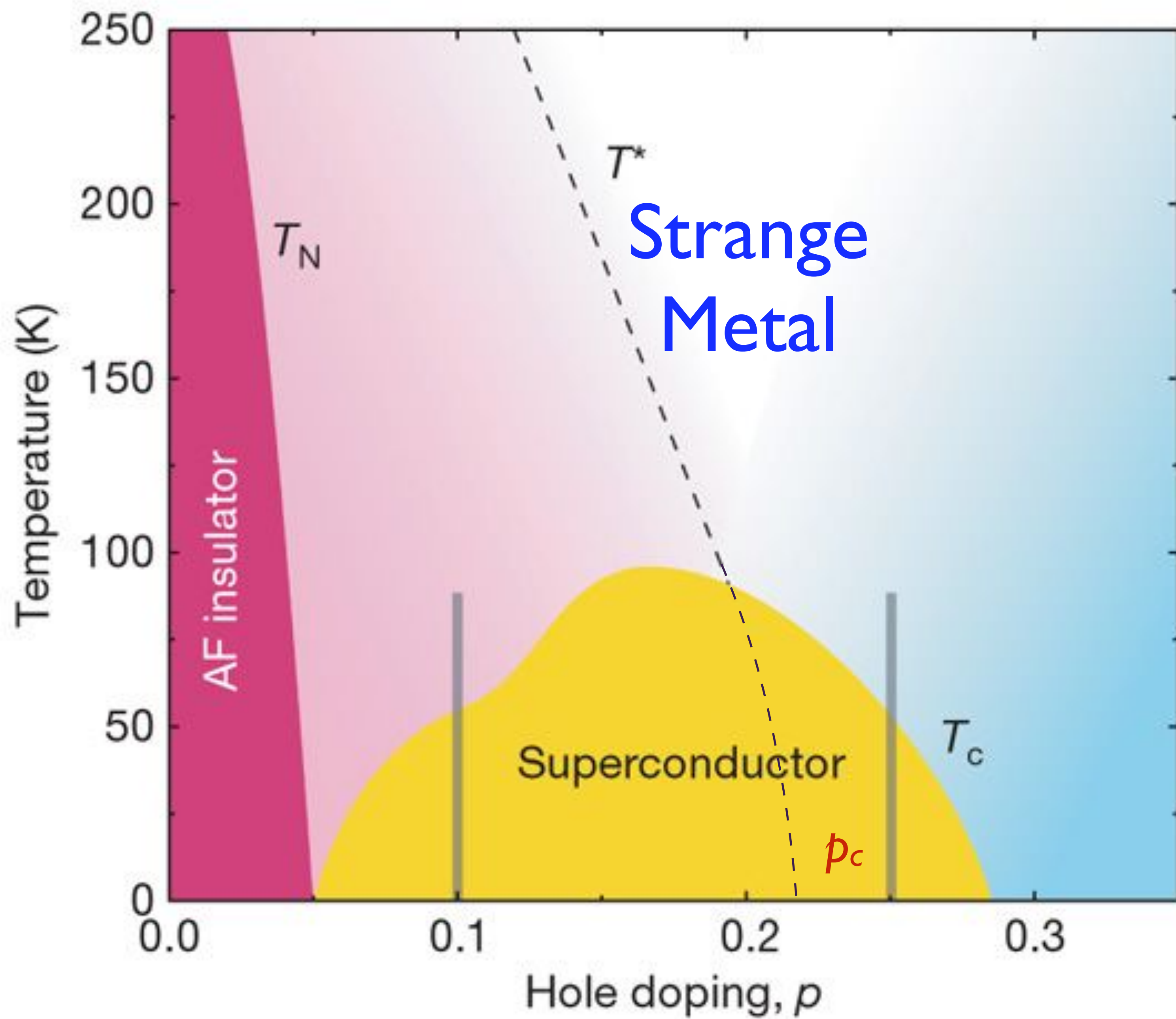
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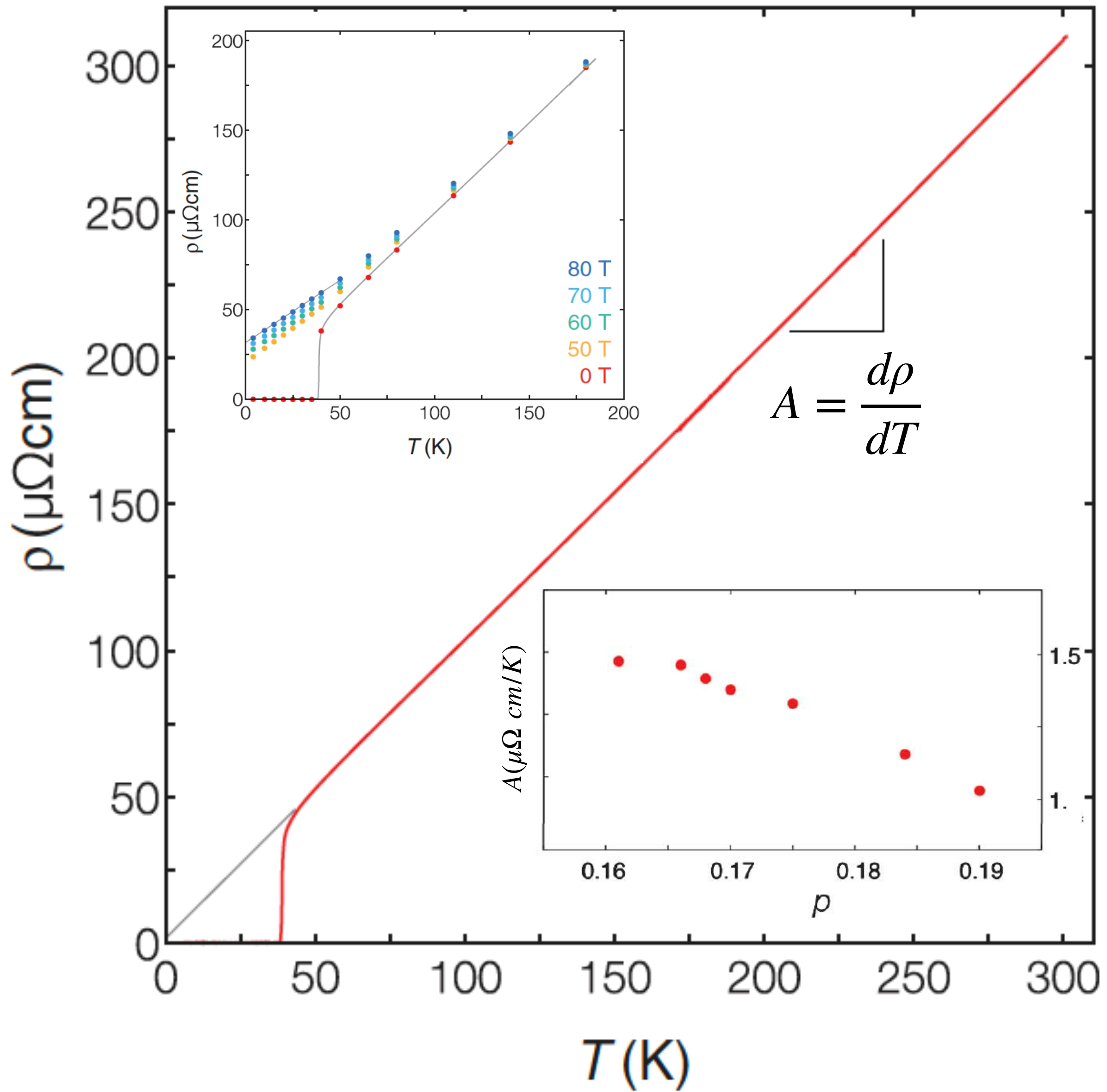
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- This connection has led to resolutions of some of the “paradoxes” in applying quantum mechanics to black holes.

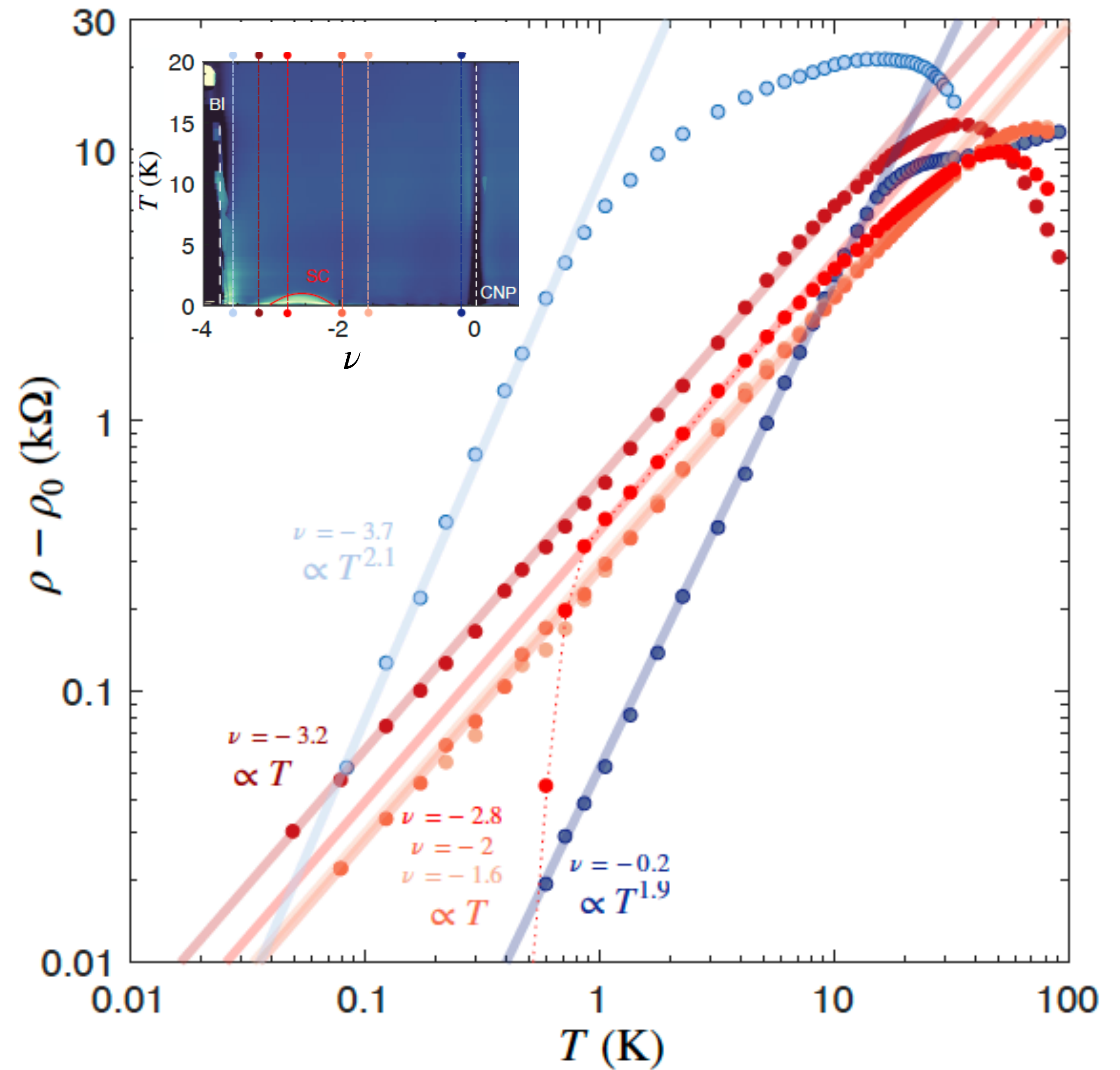


**Strange
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LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018



MATBG: Jaoui et al. 2021

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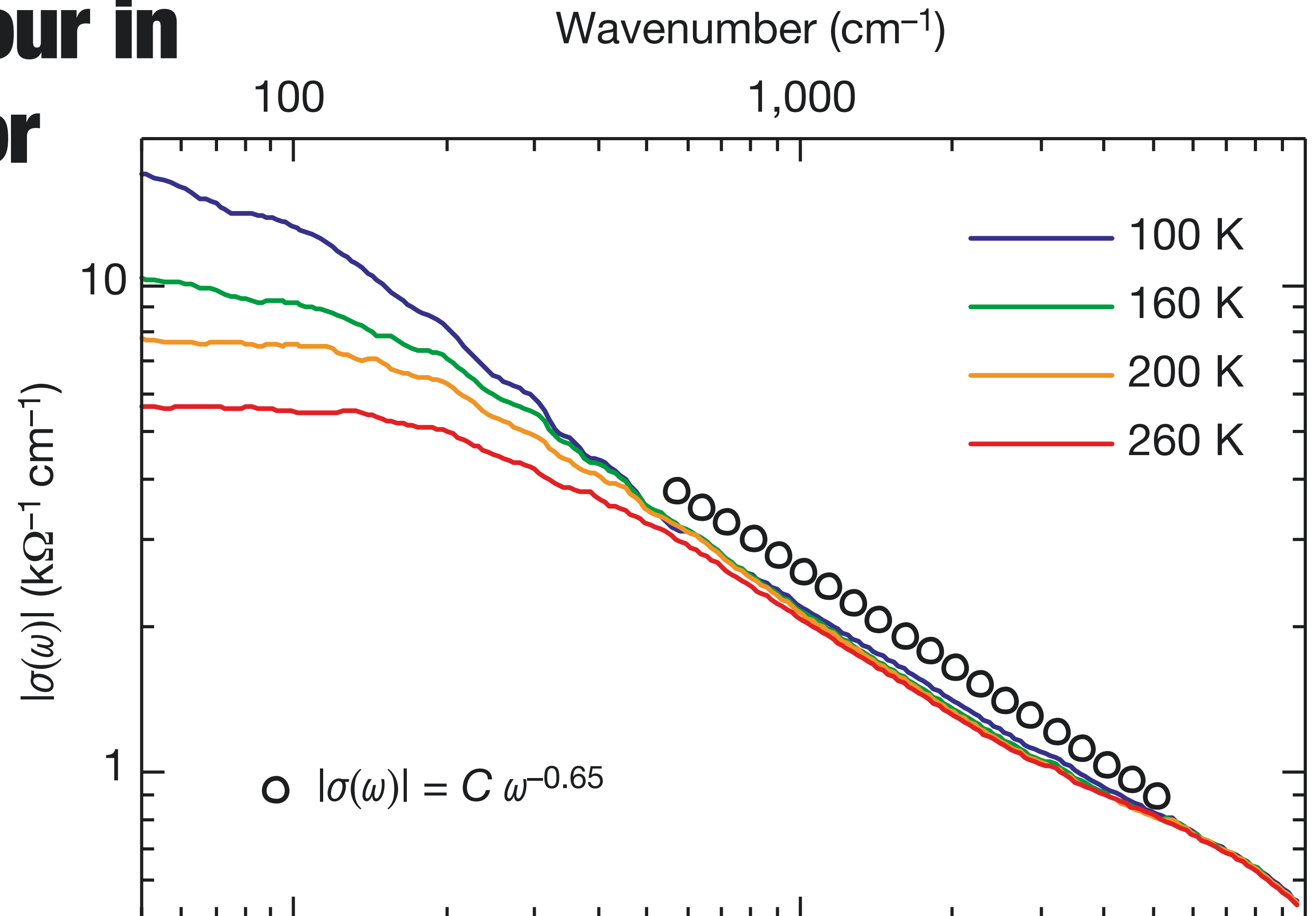
- Optical conductivity

Nature **425**, 271 (2003)

D. van der Marel^{1*}, H. J. A. Molegraaf^{1*}, J. Zaanen², Z. Nussinov^{2*},
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Quantum critical behaviour in a high- T_c superconductor

But no $\hbar\omega/(k_B T)$ scaling.



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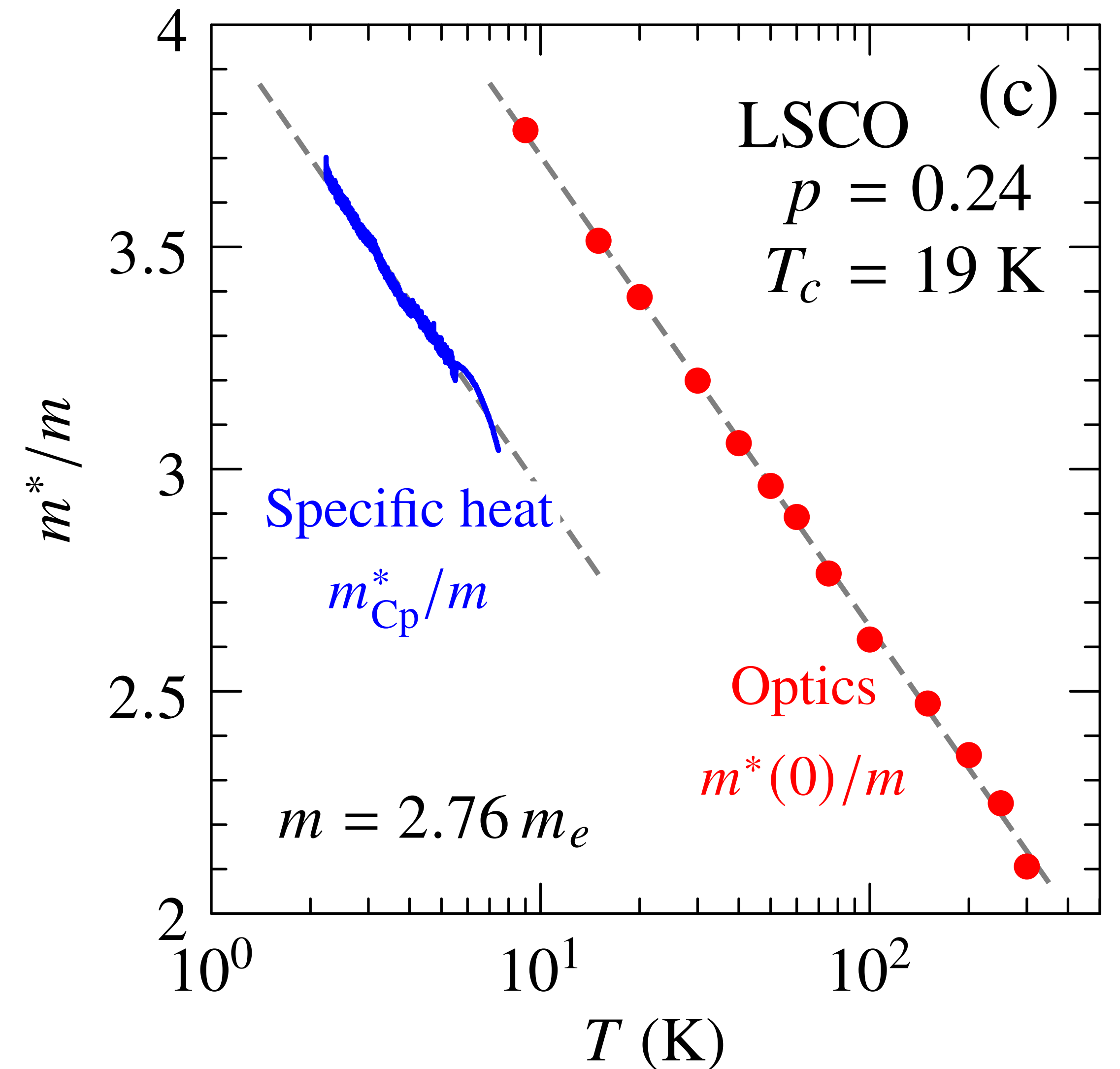
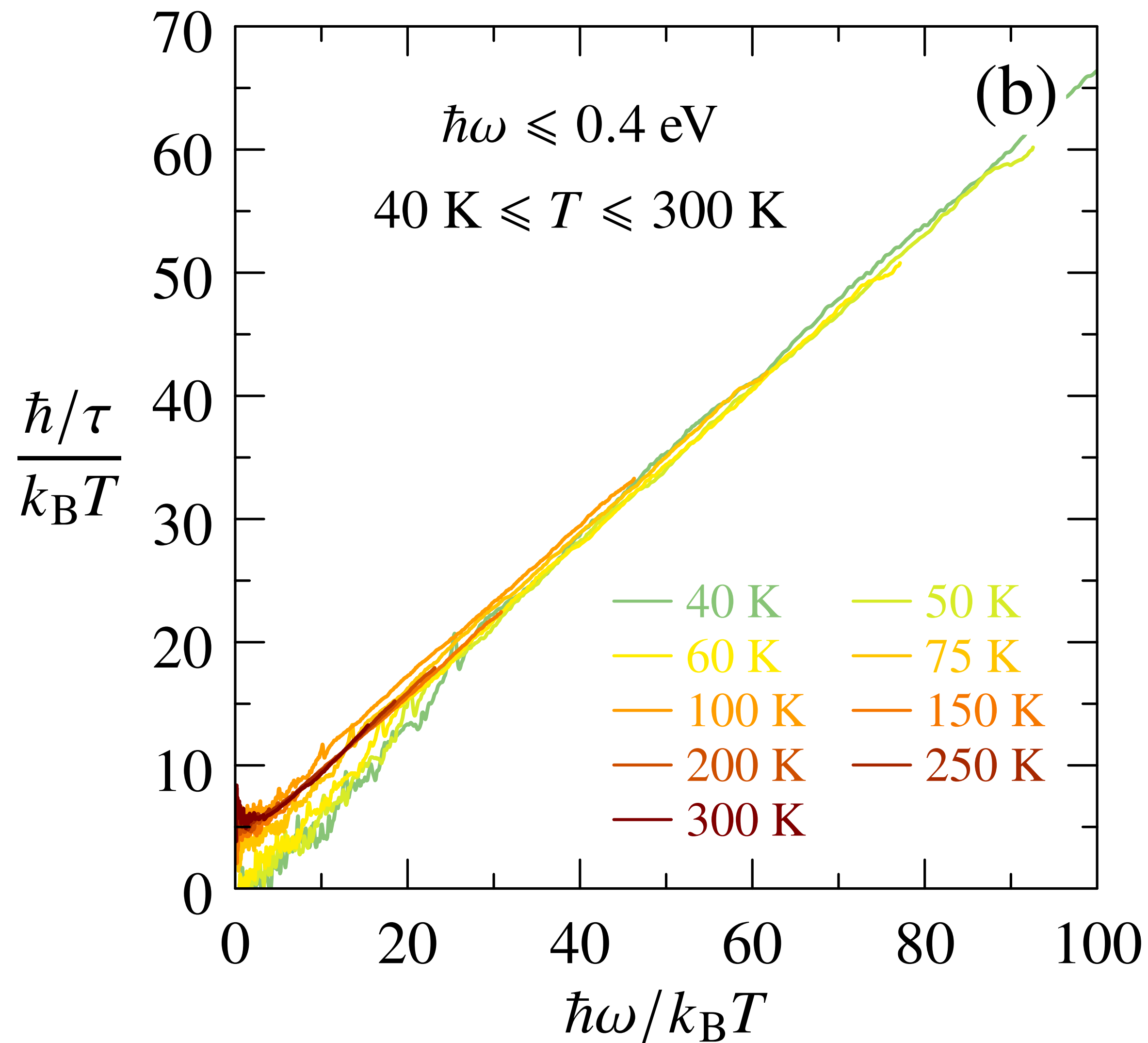
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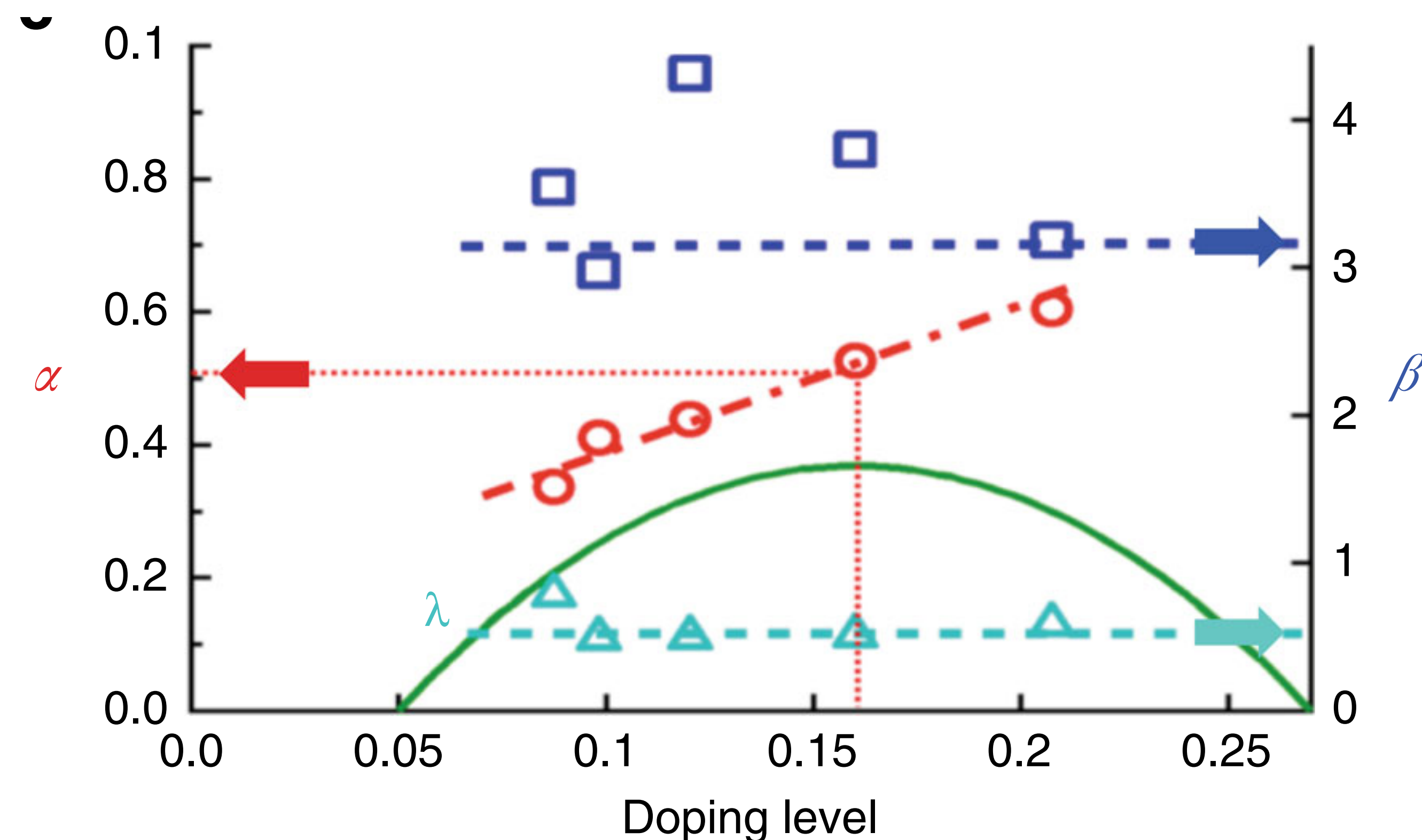
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● Photoemission

A unified form of low-energy nodal electronic interactions in hole-doped cuprate superconductors

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$$\Sigma''_{\text{PLL}}(\omega) = \Gamma_0 + \lambda \frac{[(\hbar\omega)^2 + (\beta k_B T)^2]^\alpha}{(\hbar\omega_N)^{2\alpha-1}}$$

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- Photoemission: nearly “marginal Fermi liquid” electron spectral density:

$$\text{Im}\Sigma(\omega) \sim |\omega|^{2\alpha} \Phi_{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right) \quad \text{with } \alpha \approx 1/2$$

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From
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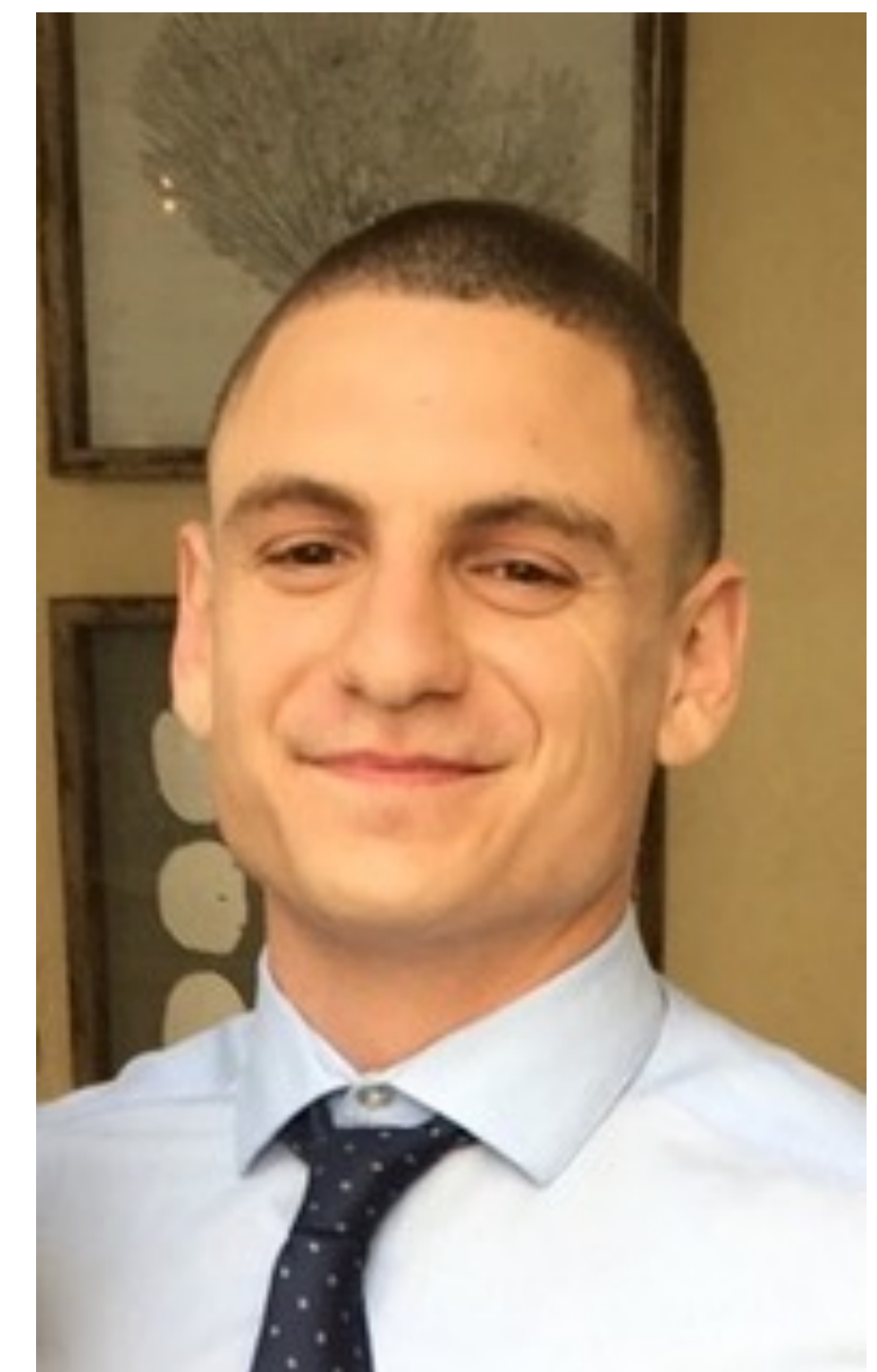
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arXiv: 2103.08615, 2203.04990, 2207.08841

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Yukawa-SYK models

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Leads to fully self-consistent Migdal-Eliashberg equations

$\Sigma_{\psi} \sim g^2 G_{\psi} G_{\phi}$, $\Sigma_{\phi} \sim g^2 G_{\psi} G_{\psi}$ in a SYK-like large N limit.

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Yukawa-SYK models

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu \sum_i \psi_i^\dagger \psi + \sum_\ell \frac{1}{2} (\pi_\ell^2 + \omega_0^2 \phi_\ell^2) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij\ell} g_{ij\ell} \psi_i^\dagger \psi_j \phi_\ell$$

with $g_{ij\ell}$ independent random numbers with zero mean. The large N saddle point equations are

$$G(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega_n)} \quad , \quad D(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \omega_0^2 - \Pi(i\omega_n)}$$
$$\Sigma(\tau) = g^2 G(\tau) D(\tau) \quad , \quad \Pi(\tau) = -g^2 G(\tau) G(-\tau)$$

Make the low frequency ansatz

$$G(i\omega) \sim -i \operatorname{sgn}(\omega) |\omega|^{-(1-2\Delta)} \quad , \quad D(i\omega) \sim |\omega|^{1-4\Delta} \quad , \quad \frac{1}{4} < \Delta < \frac{1}{2}$$

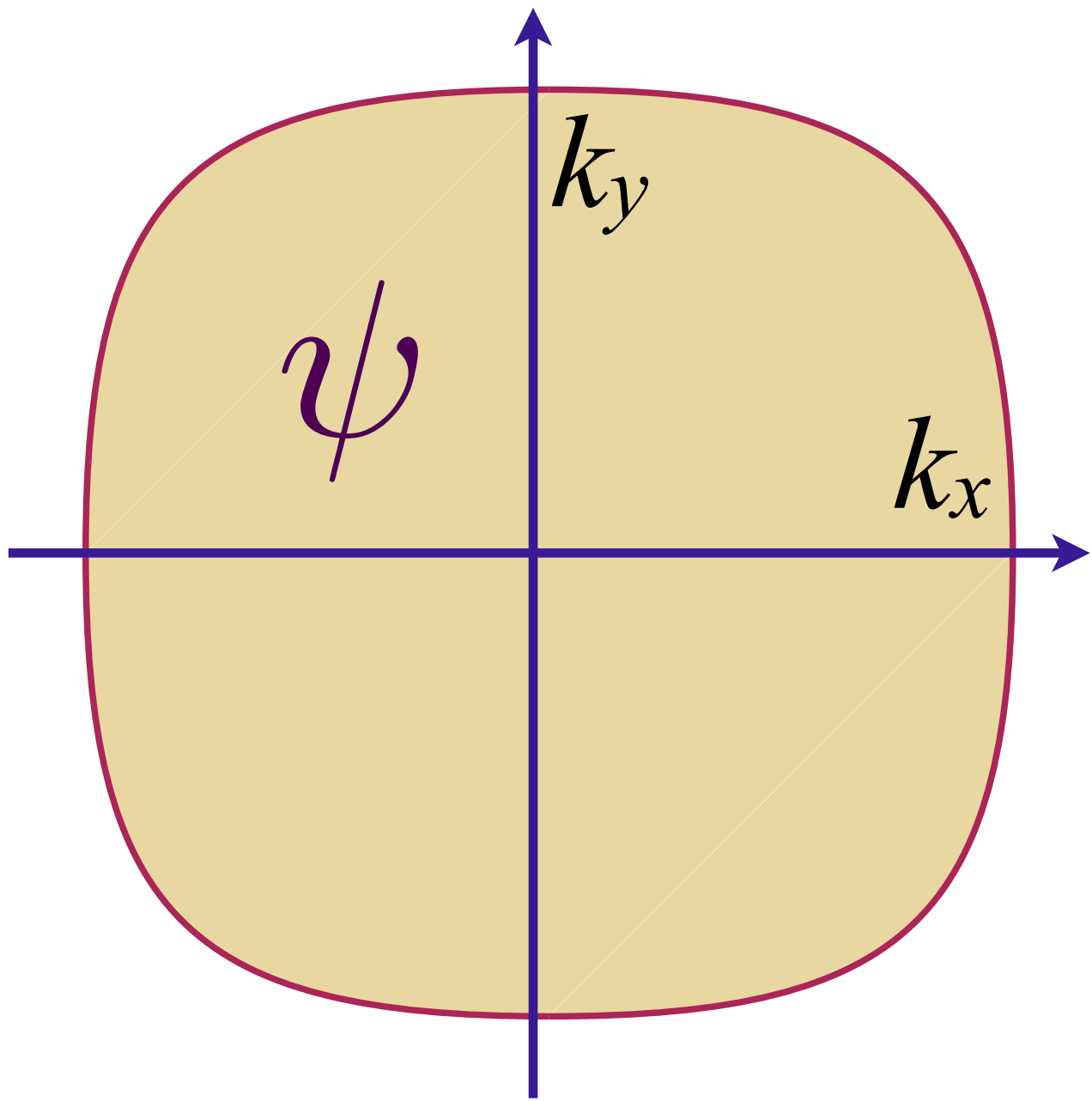
A consistent solution exists for

$$\frac{4\Delta - 1}{2(2\Delta - 1)[\sec(2\pi\Delta) - 1]} = 1 \quad , \quad \Delta = 0.42037 \dots$$

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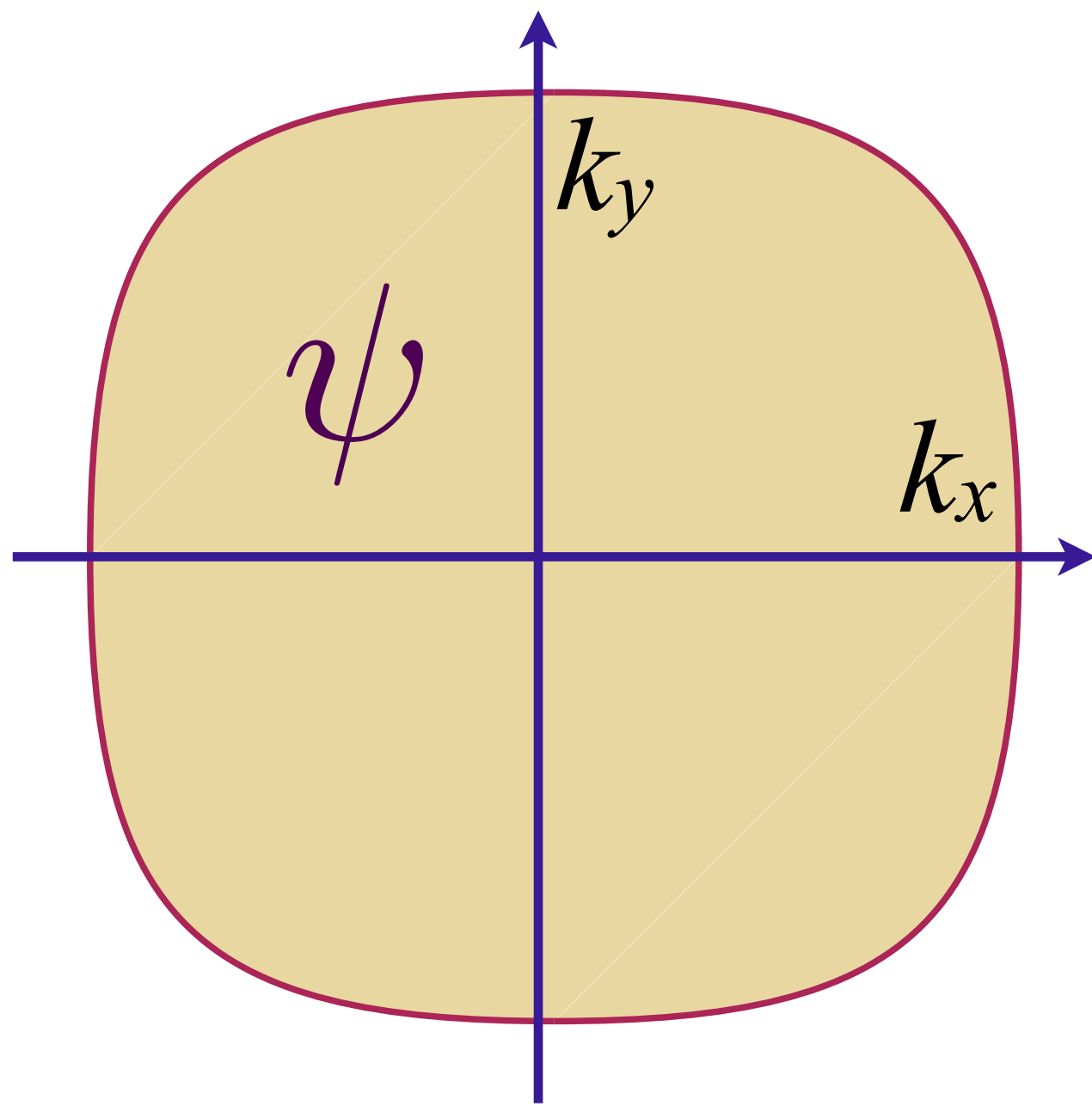
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$$-J \psi^\dagger \psi^\dagger \psi \psi$$

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a critical boson ϕ
e.g. Ising-nematic order

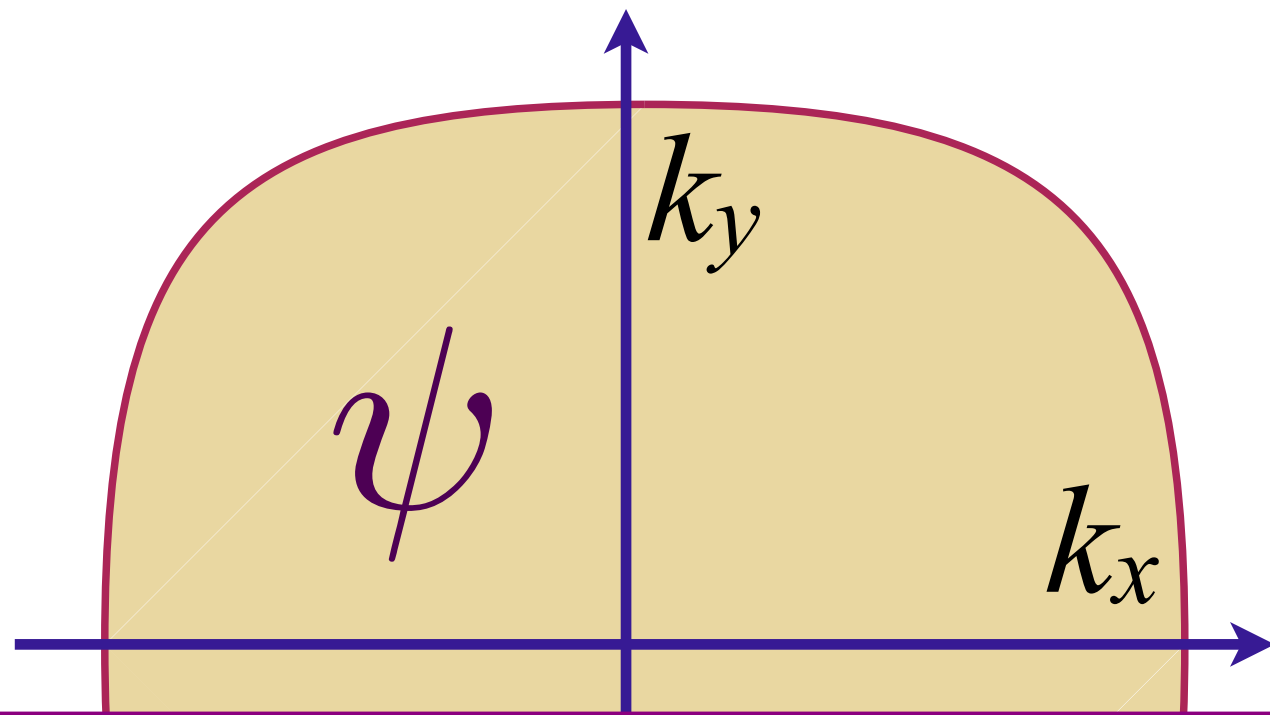
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Solve in a large N limit with Yukawa coupling

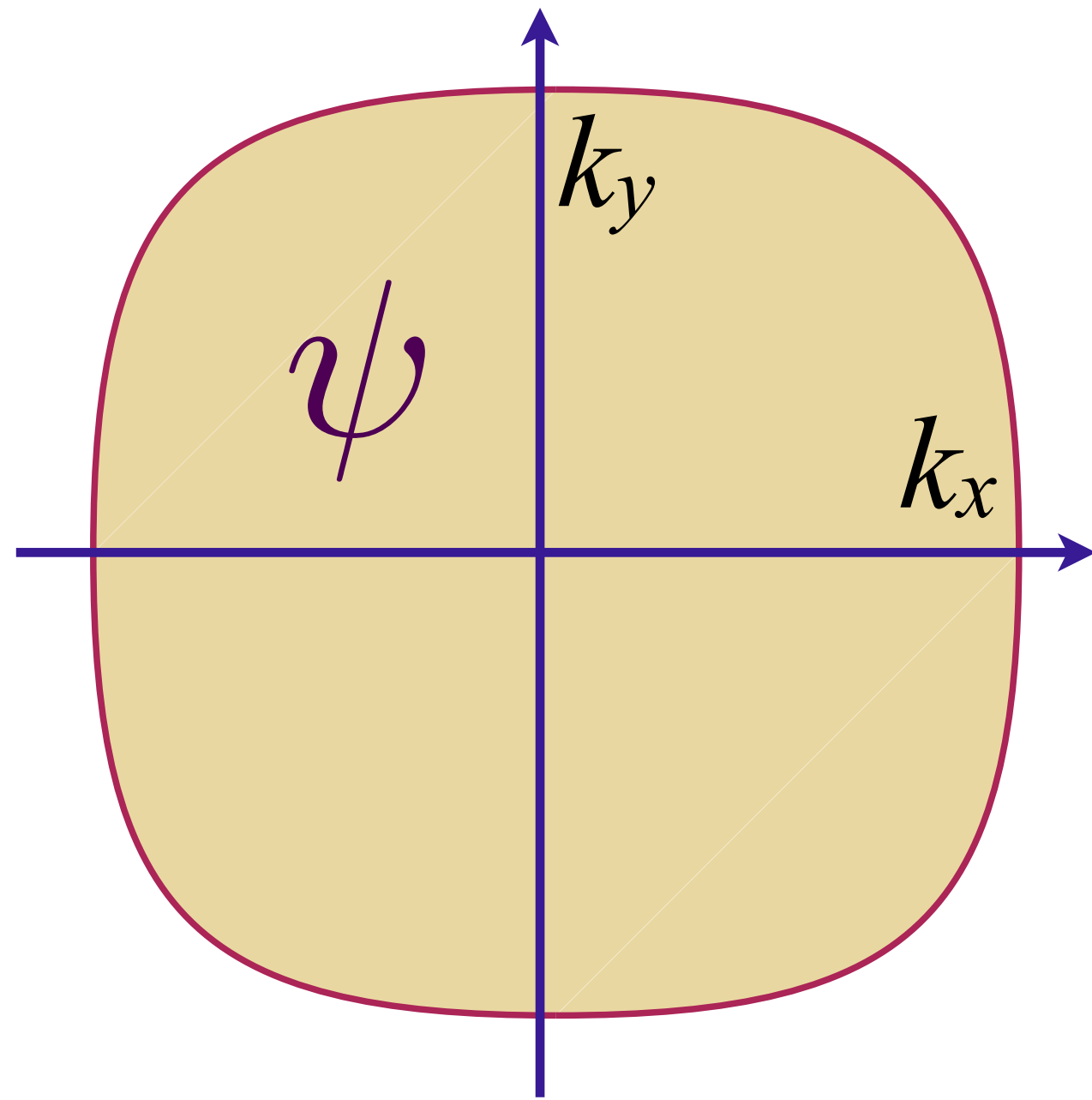
$$\frac{g_{ijl}}{N} \int d^2r d\tau \psi_i^\dagger(r, \tau) \psi_j(r, \tau) \phi_l(r, \tau) \quad , \quad \overline{g_{ijl}} = 0 \quad , \quad \overline{|g_{ijl}|^2} = g^2$$

to obtain Eliashberg solution for electron (G) and boson (D) Green's functions at small ω :

$$\Sigma(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, i\omega) \sim -i \text{sgn}(\omega) |\omega|^{2/3} \quad , \quad G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega - \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) - \Sigma(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, i\omega)} \quad , \quad D(\mathbf{q}, i\Omega) = \frac{1}{\Omega^2 + q^2 + \gamma|\Omega|/q}$$

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Transport—a perfect metal!

Conservation of momentum and fermion-boson drag imply:

$$\text{Re} [\sigma(\omega)] = D\delta(\omega) + \dots$$

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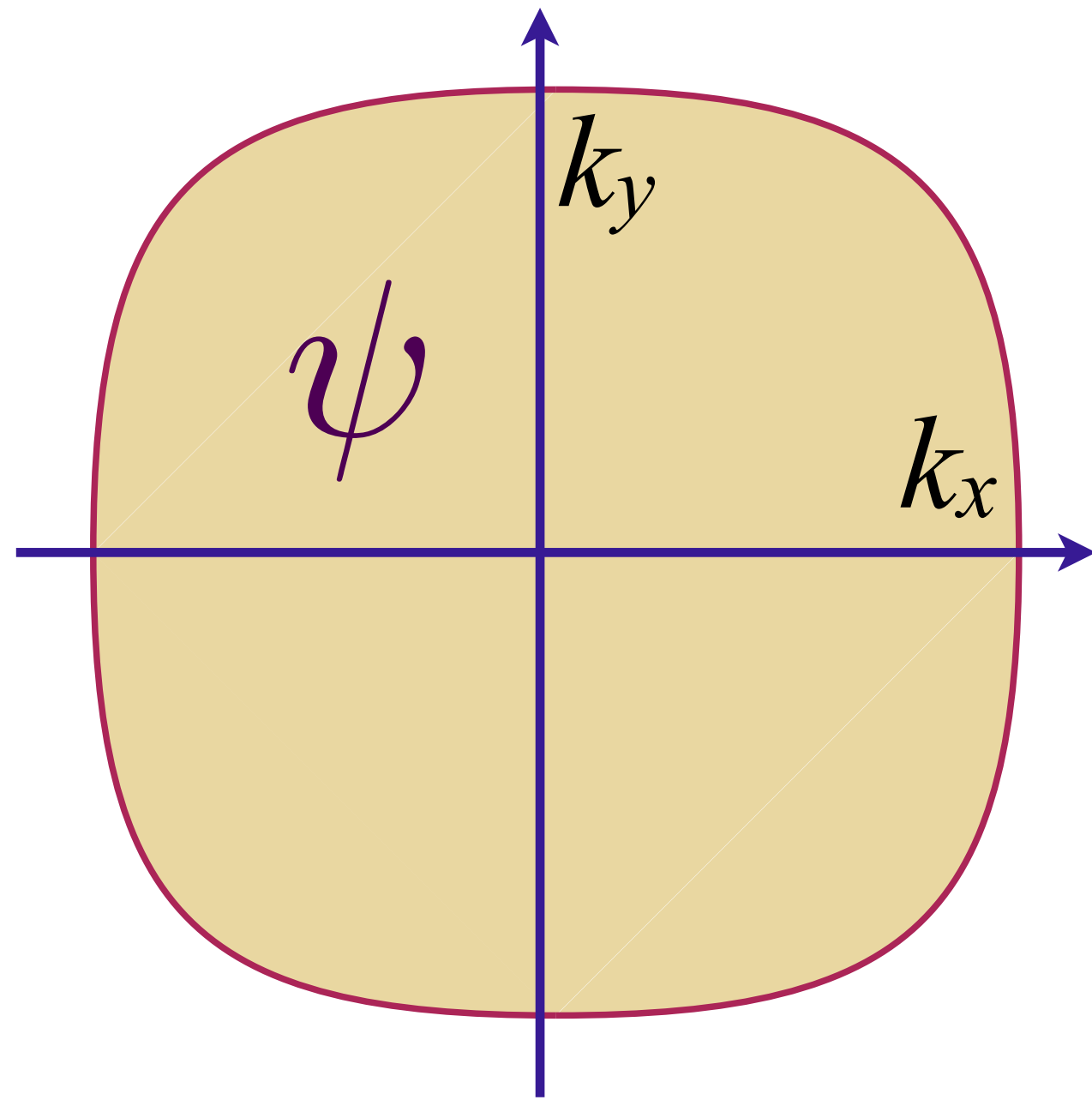
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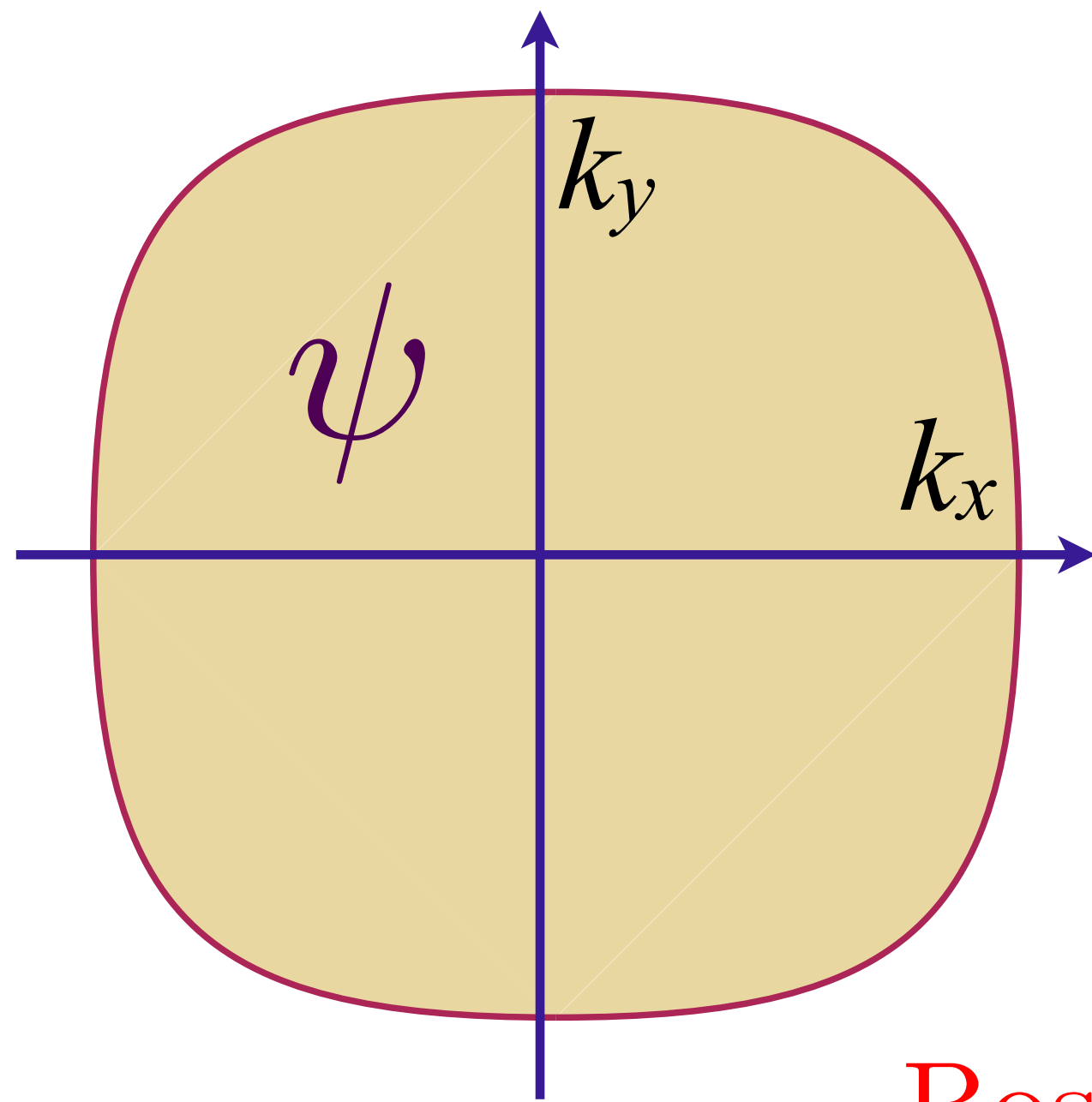
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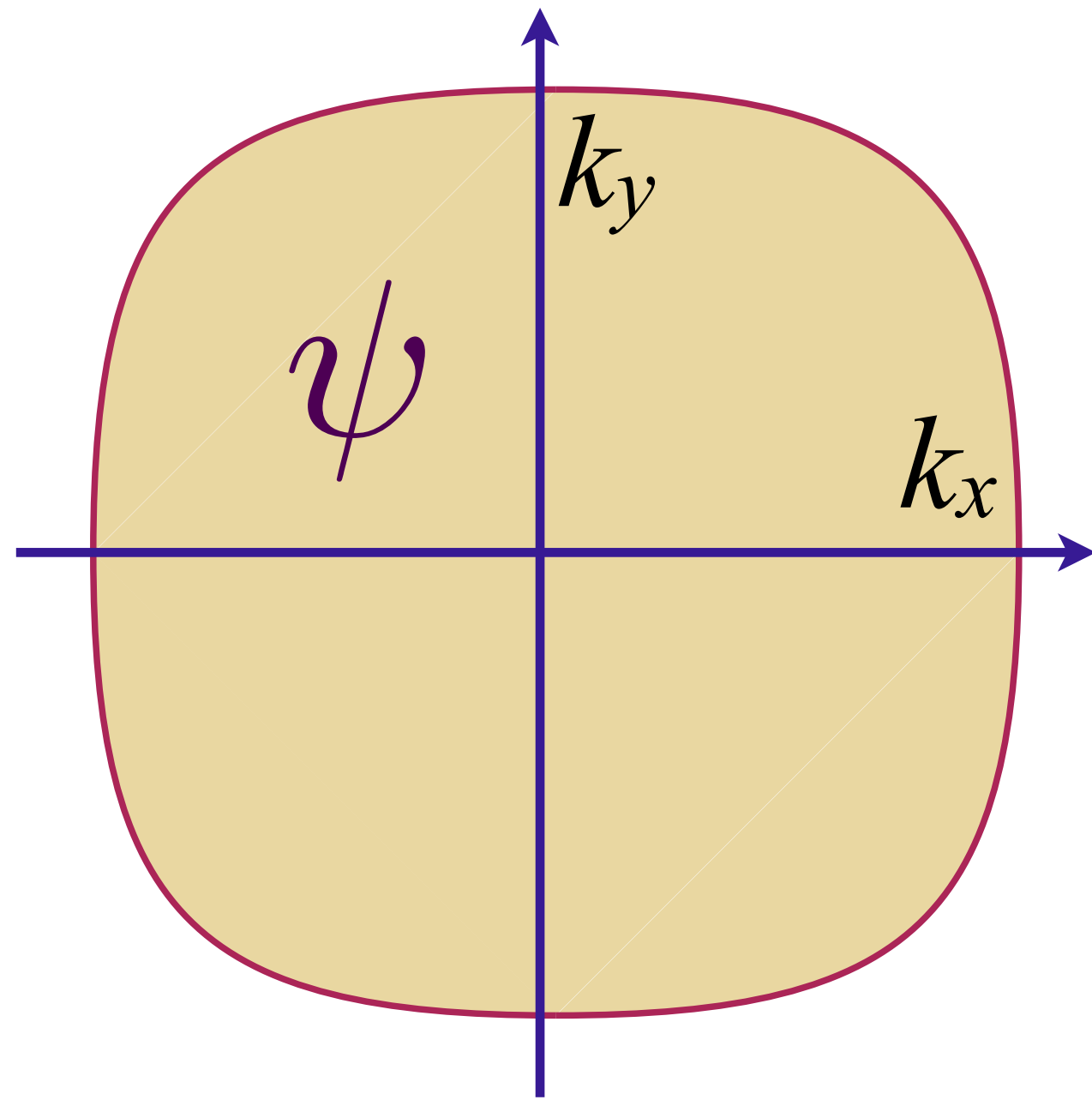
Boson Green's function: $D(q, i\Omega) \sim 1/(q^2 + \gamma|\Omega|)$

Fermion self energy: $\Sigma(i\omega) \sim -iv^2 \text{sgn}(\omega) - i \frac{g^2}{v^2} \omega \ln(1/|\omega|)$; $\frac{1}{\tau(\varepsilon)} \sim |\varepsilon|$

Marginal Fermi liquid self energy and $T \ln(1/T)$ specific heat

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But resistivity and optical conductivity are like a Fermi liquid,
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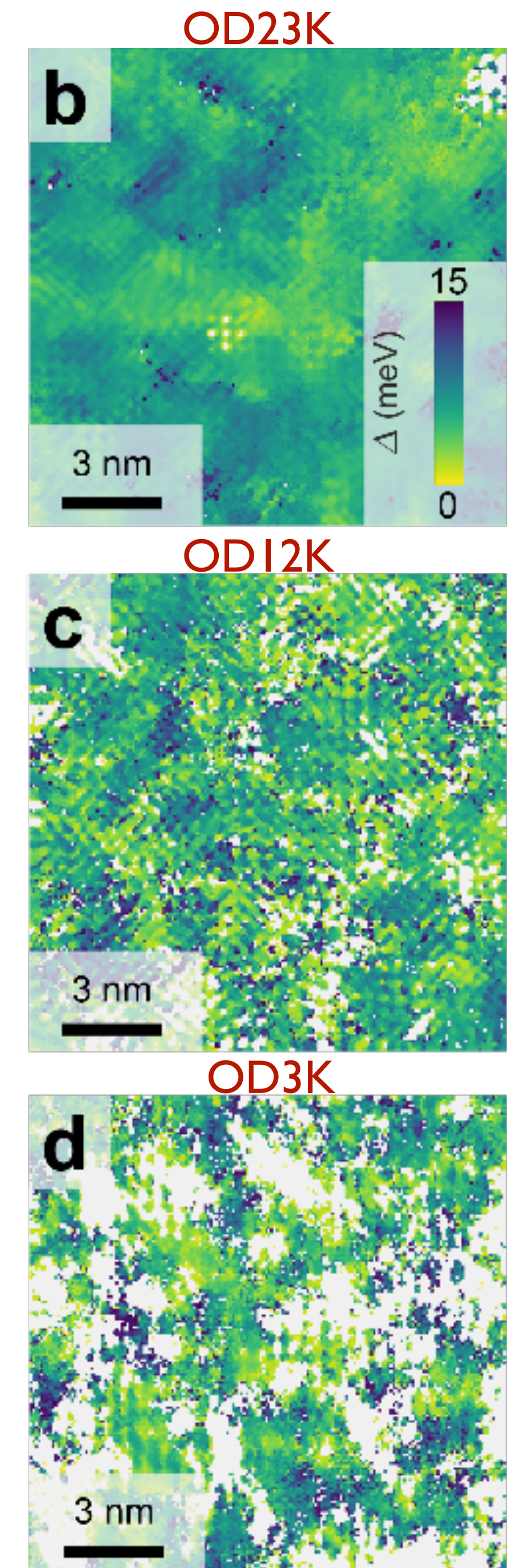
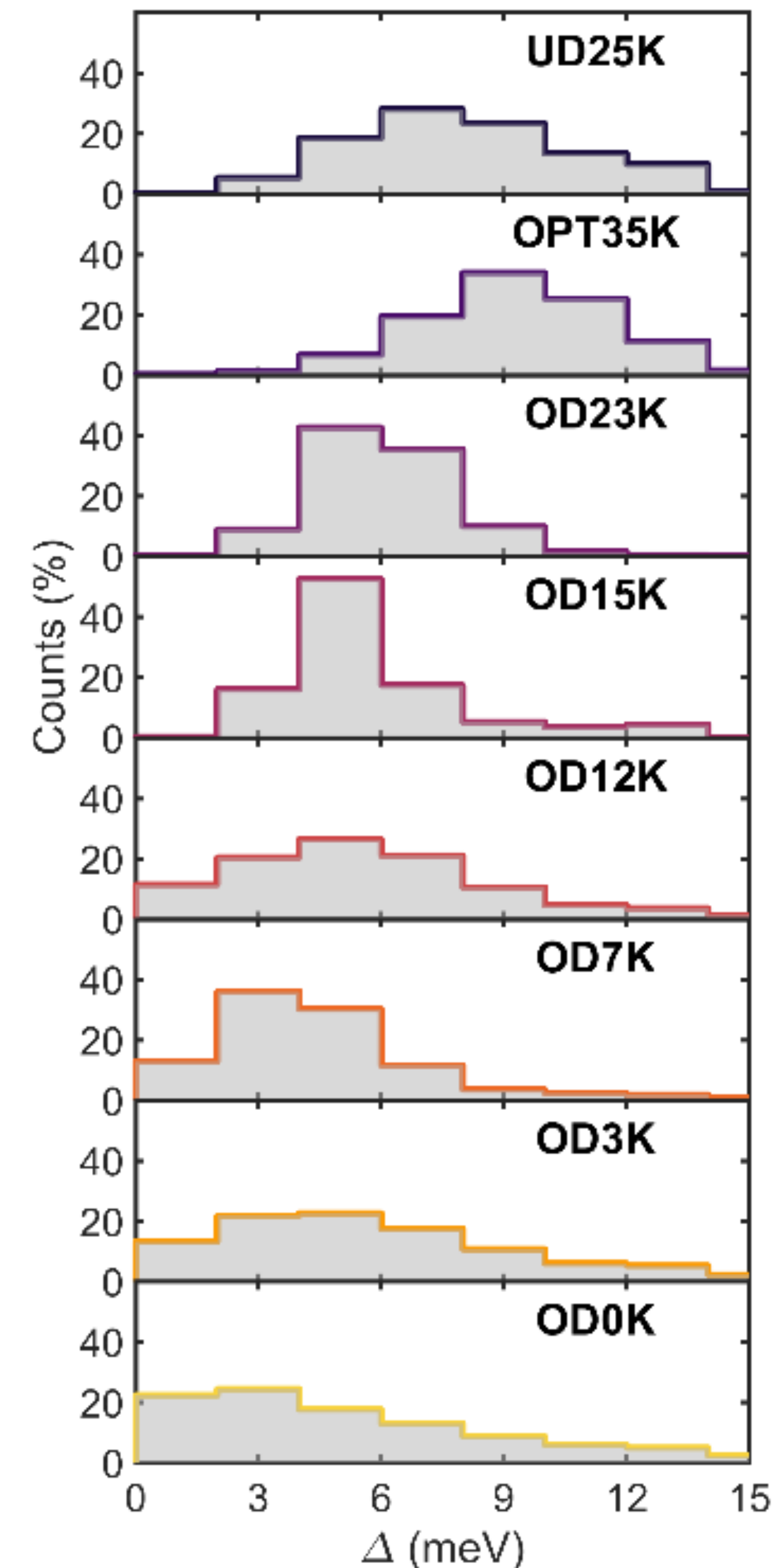
Spatially random interactions!

Puddle formation, persistent gaps, and non-mean-field breakdown of superconductivity in overdoped $(\text{Pb,Bi})_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$

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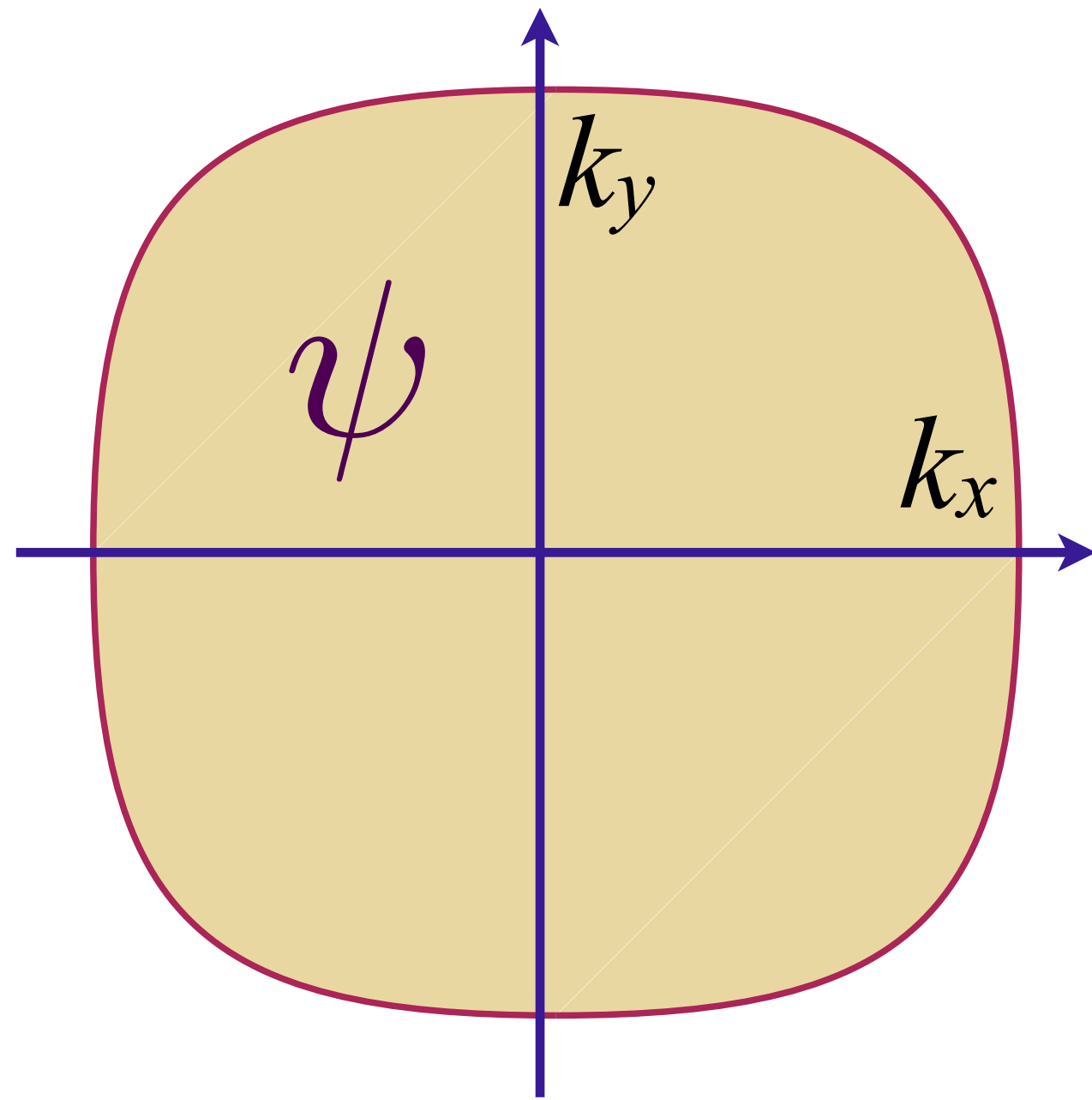
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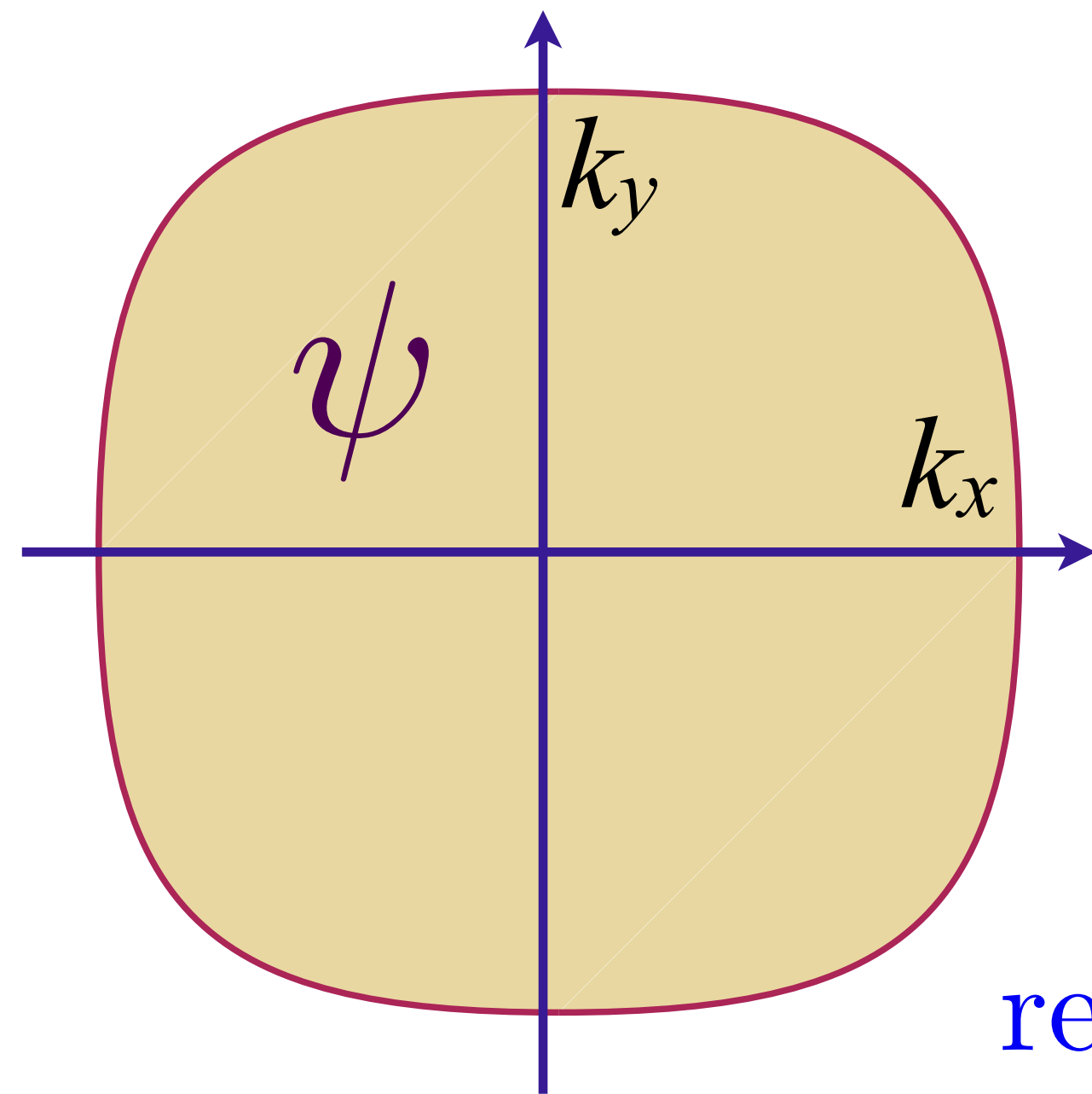
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ϕ^2 “mass” disorder $J'(\mathbf{r})$ is strongly relevant;
 rescale ϕ to move disorder to the Yukawa coupling;
 can then be controlled in a SYK-like large N limit of ‘flavor’ indices,
 leading to a G - Σ - D - Π bi-local field theory.

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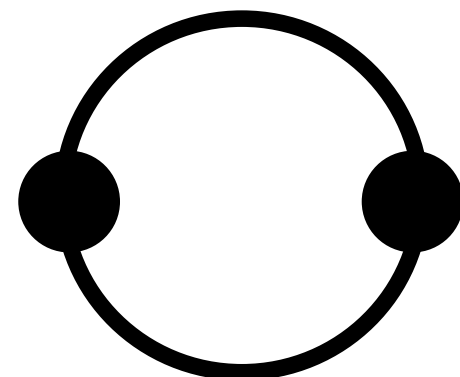
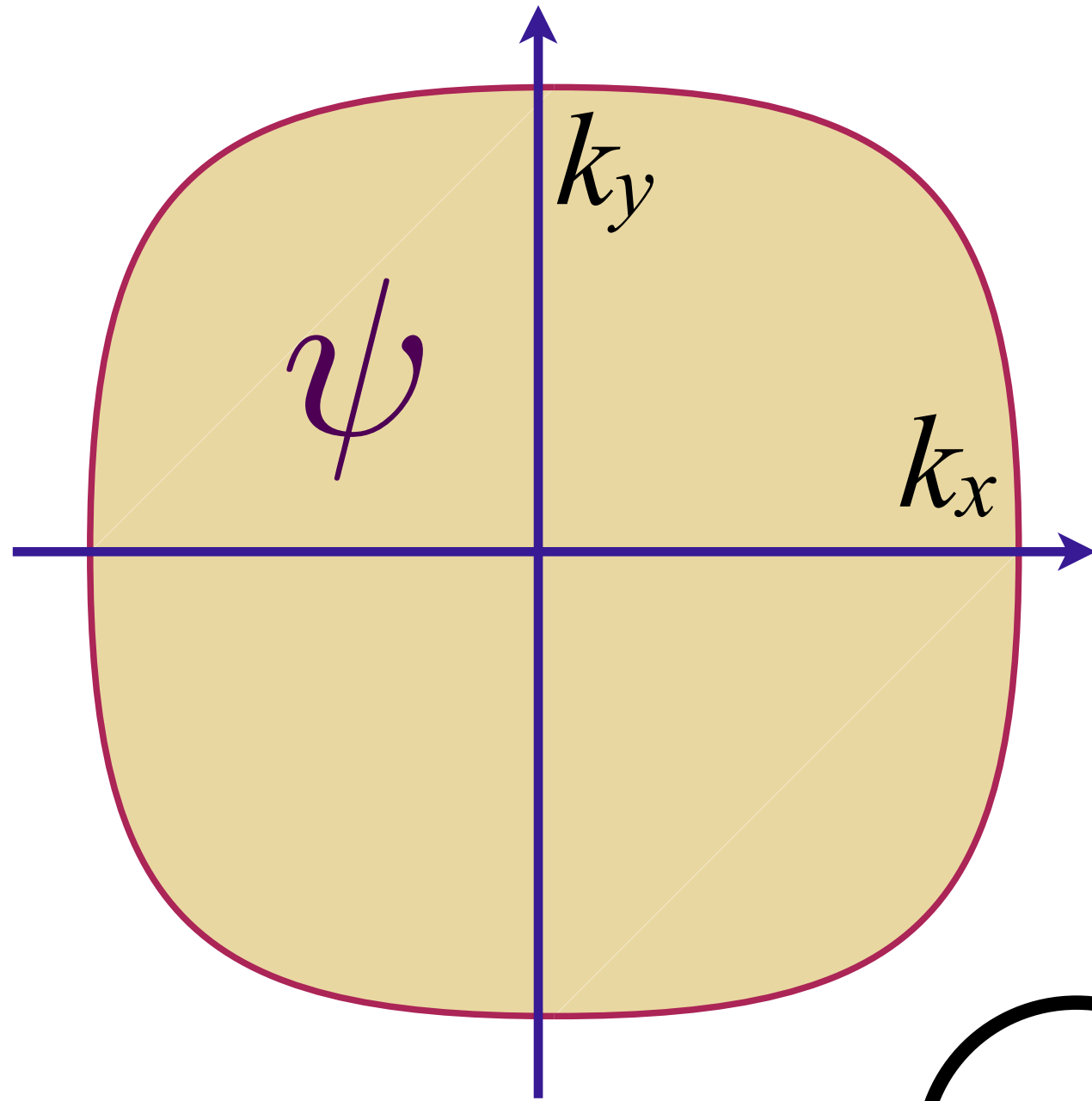
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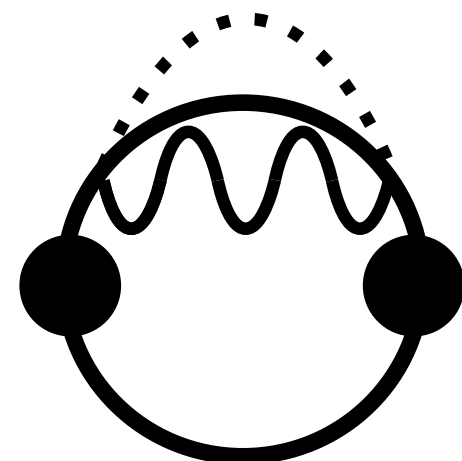
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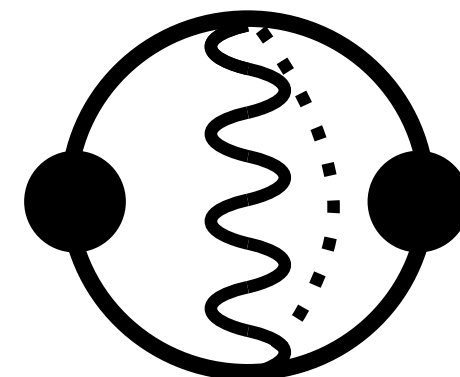
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$$\sigma_v$$



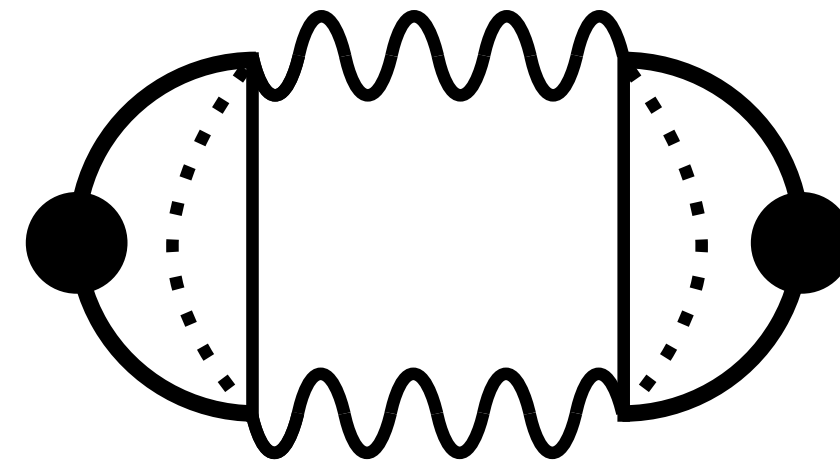
(b)

$$\frac{\sigma_{\Sigma, g}}{2}, \frac{\sigma_{\Sigma, g'}}{2}$$

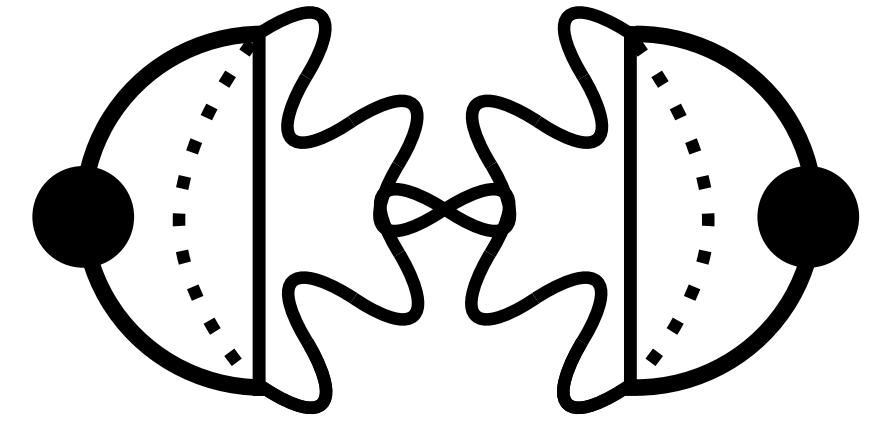


(c)

$$\sigma_{V, g}$$



(d)



(e)

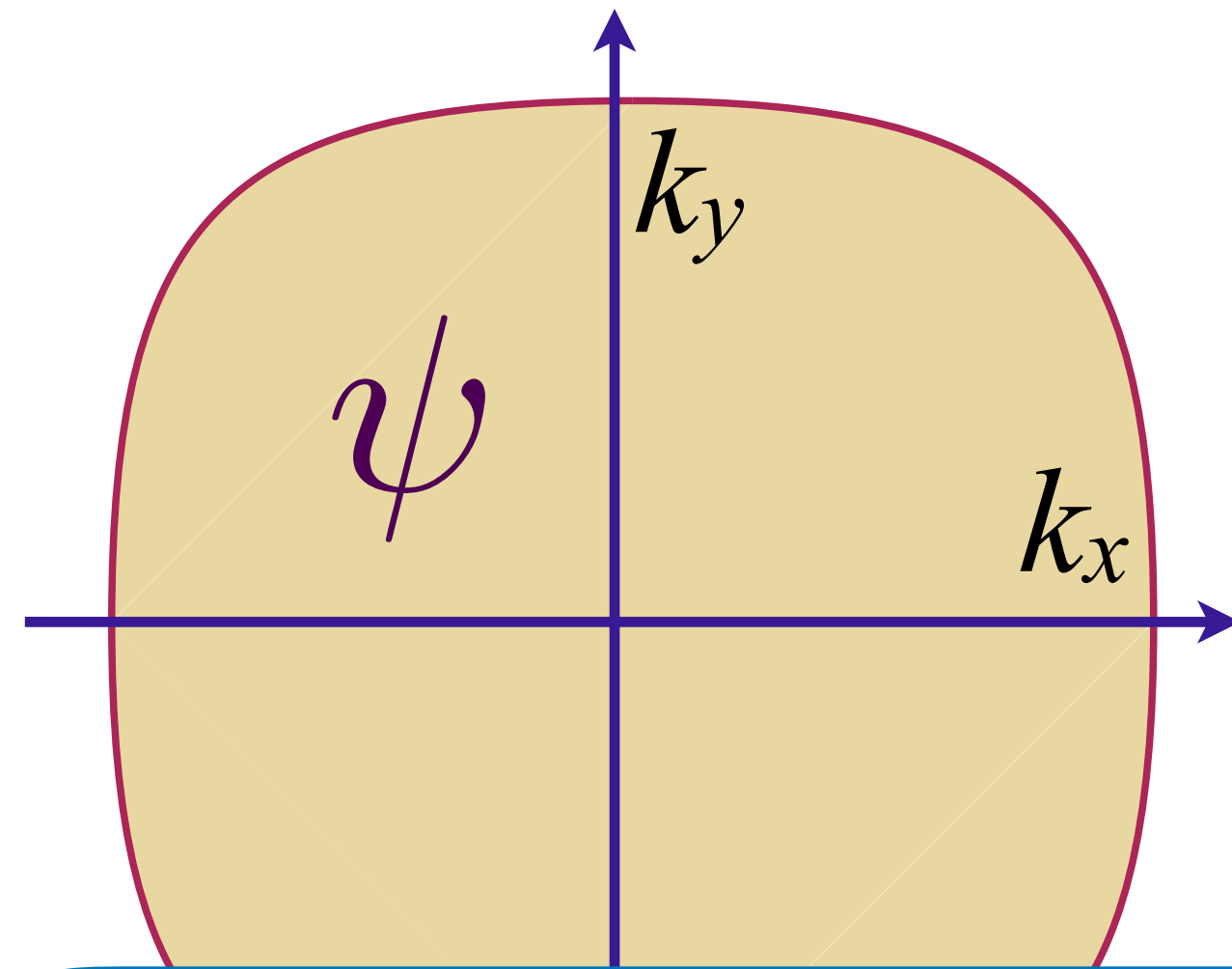
Conductivity:

+ all ladders and bubbles.....

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Conductivity: $\sigma(\omega) \sim [1/\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega) - i\omega m^*(\omega)/m]^{-1}$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} \sim v^2 + g'^2 |\omega| \quad ; \quad \frac{m^*(\omega)}{m} \sim \frac{2g'^2}{\pi} \ln(\Lambda/\omega)$$

Residual resistivity is determined by v^2 ; Linear-in- T resistivity determined by g'^2 ;
 Transport insensitive to g ; Marginal Fermi liquid self energy and $T \ln(1/T)$ specific heat.

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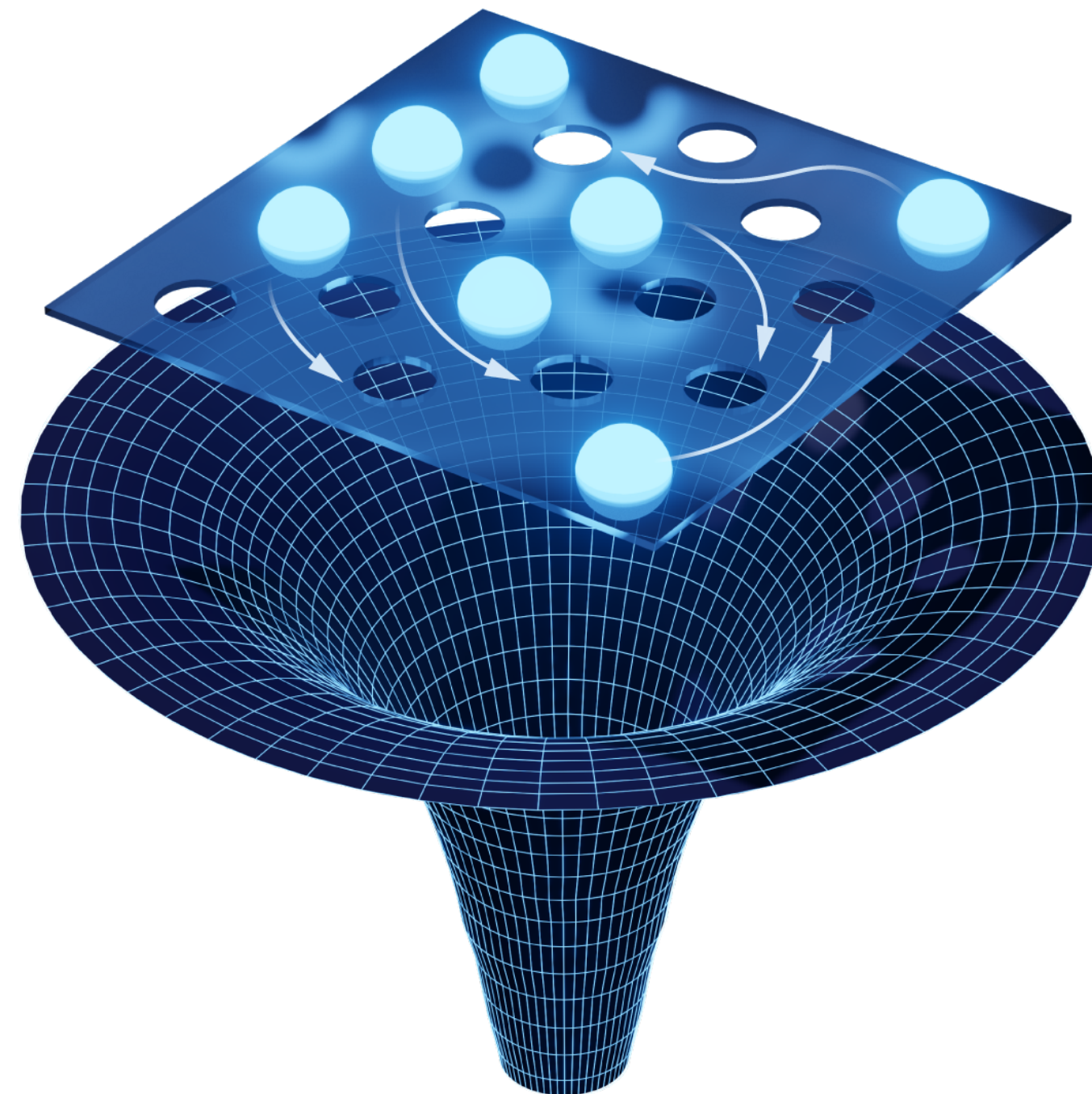
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