

Presence of Quantum Diffusion in Two Dimensions: Universal Resistance at the Superconductor-Insulator Transition

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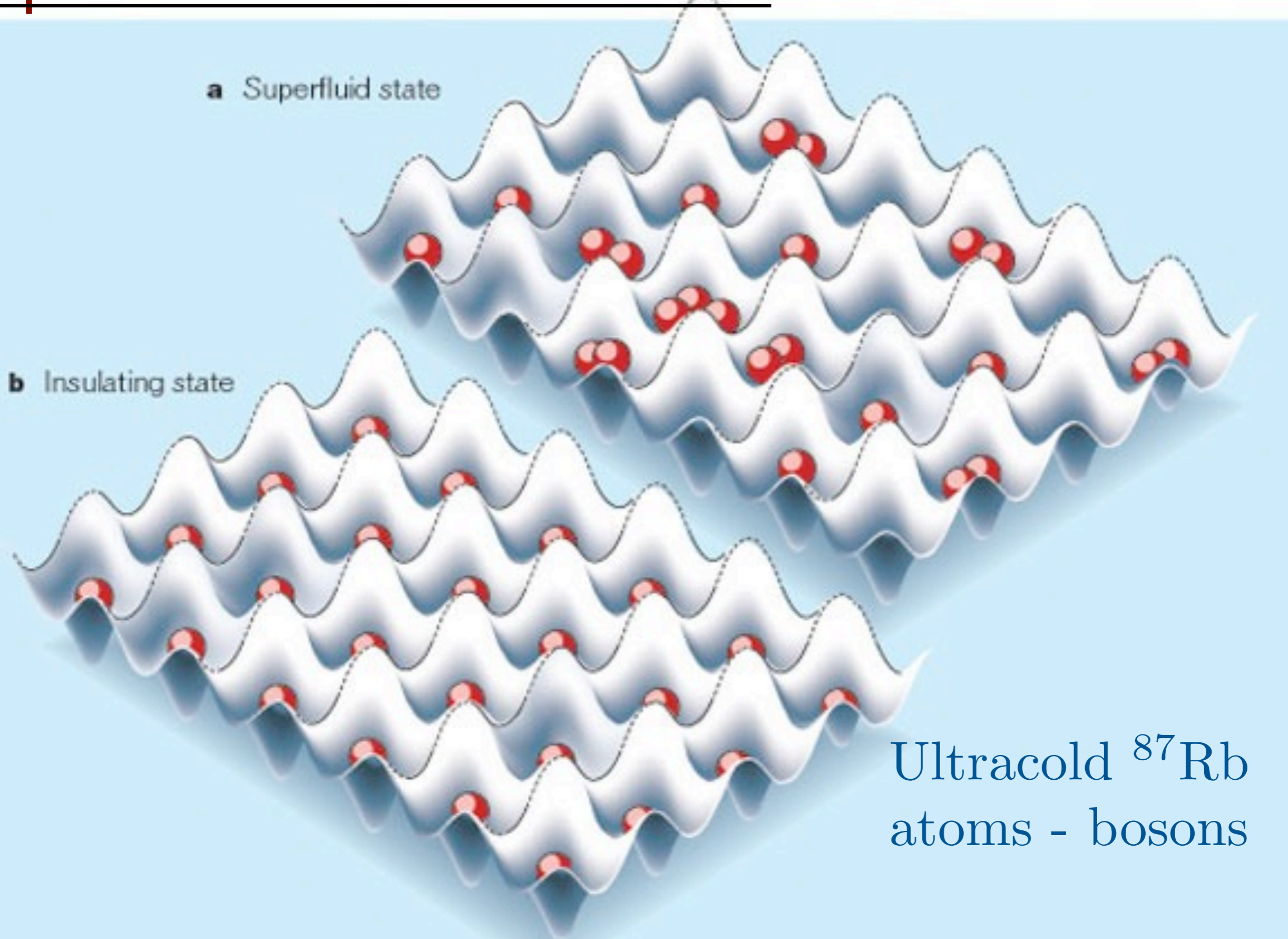
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We argue that whenever the transition between the insulating and superconducting phases of a disordered two-dimensional Fermi system at zero temperature ($T=0$) is continuous, the system behaves like a normal metal right at the transition; i.e., the resistance has a finite, nonzero value at $T=0$. This value is *universal*—independent of all microscopic details. These features, consistent with recent measurements on disordered films, are hypothesized to apply to other 2D transitions at $T=0$, such as Anderson localization with spin-orbit coupling, and the quantum Hall effect.

Phys. Rev. Lett. 1990

Superfluid-insulator transition

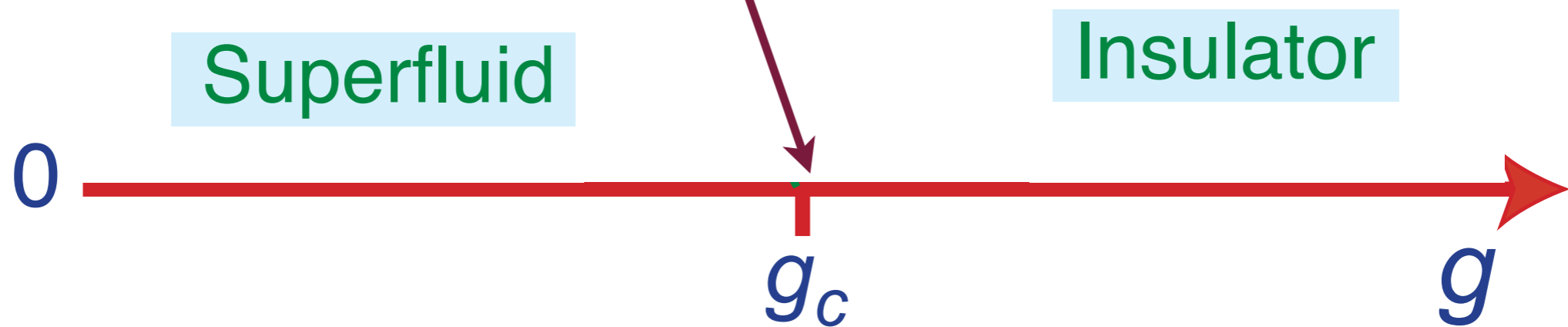


Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

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

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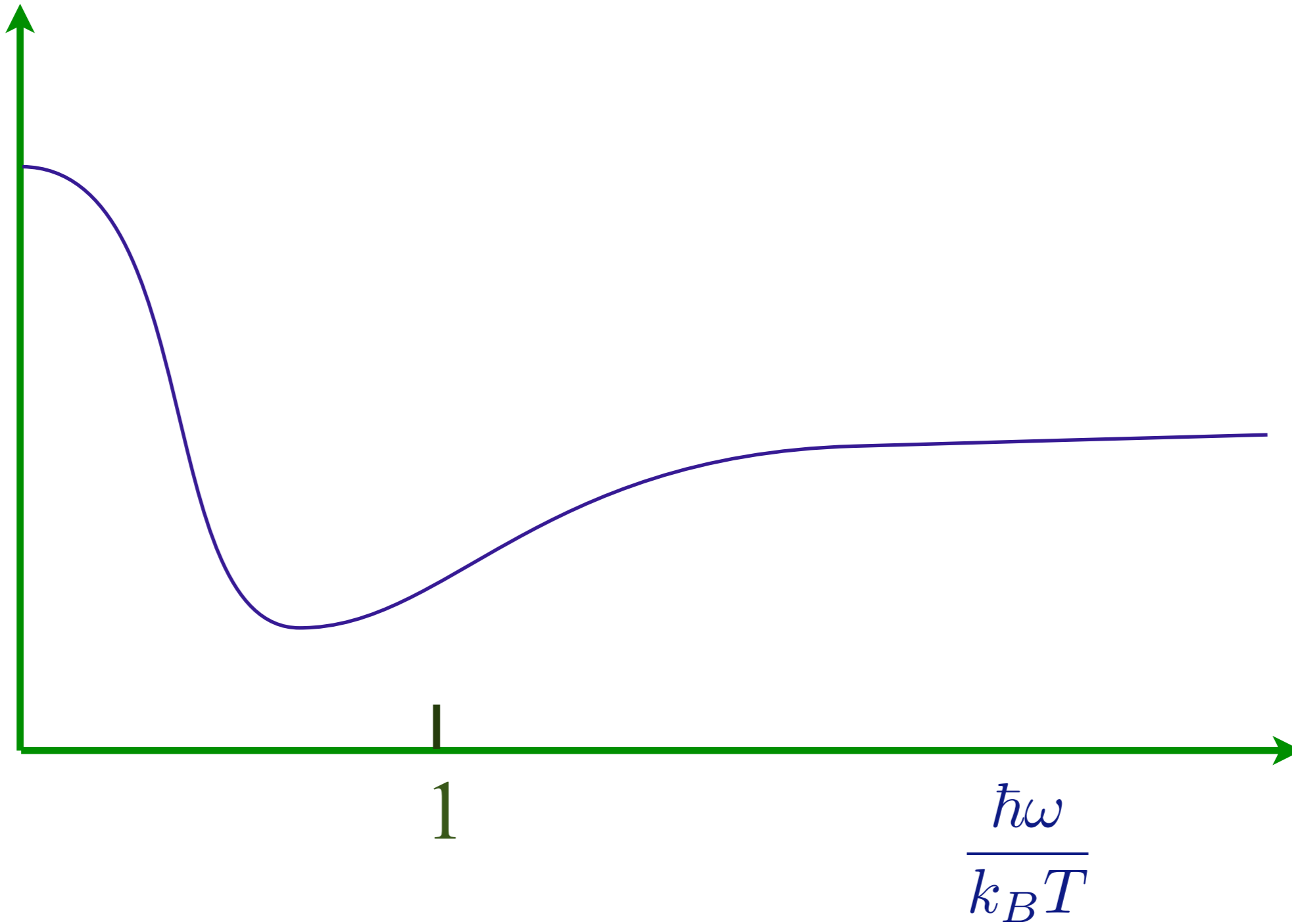


The worst possible state for quantum computation



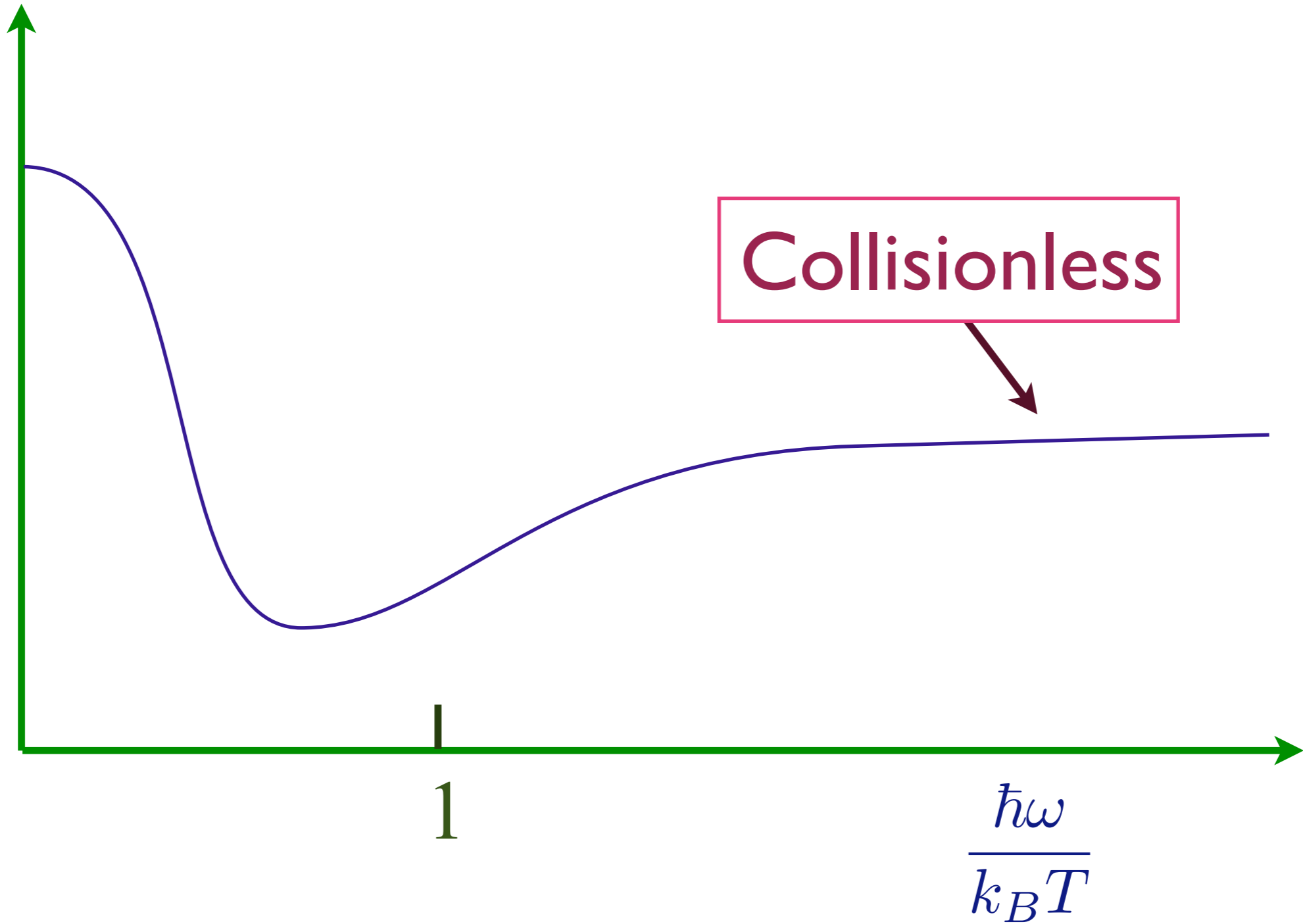
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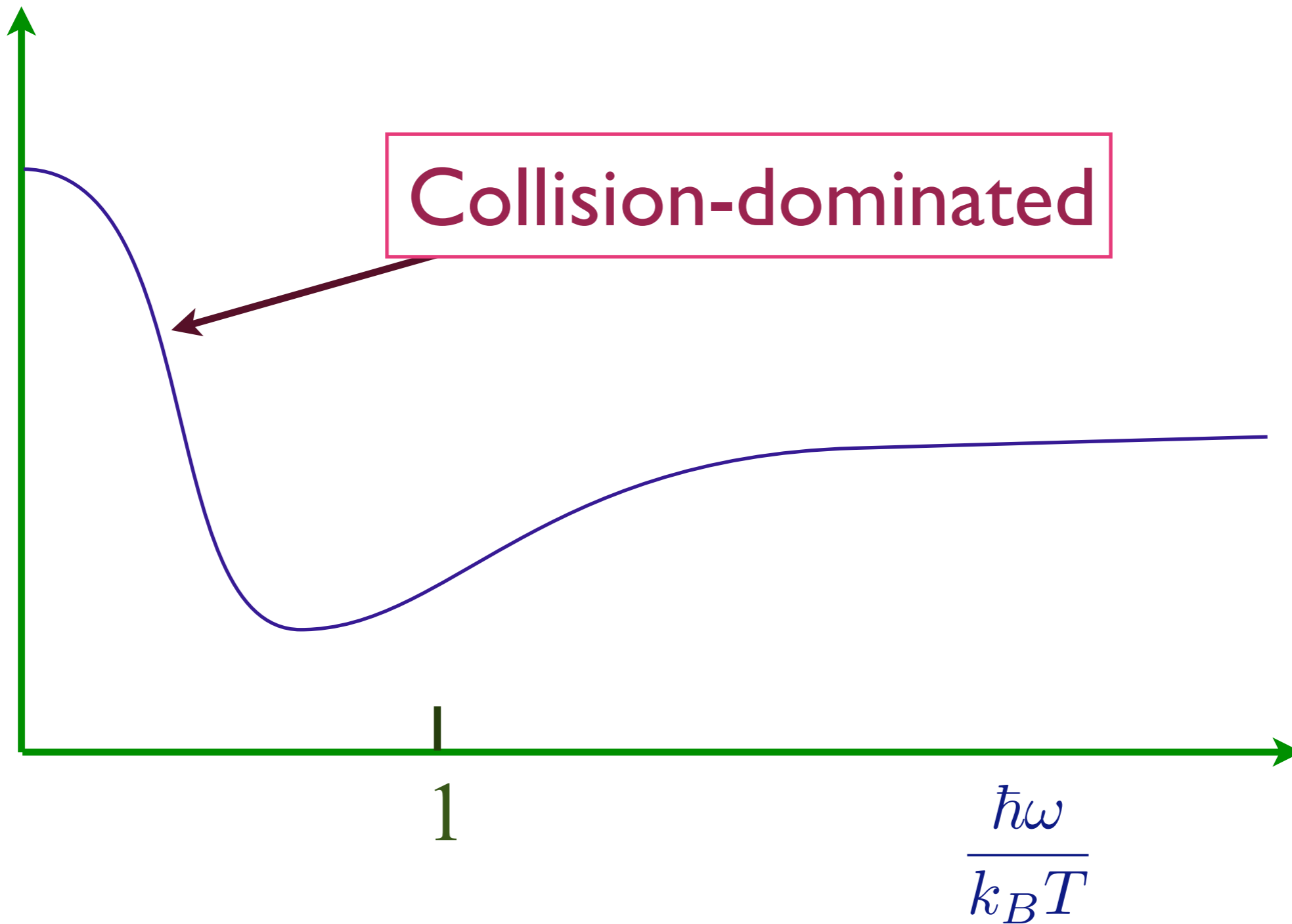
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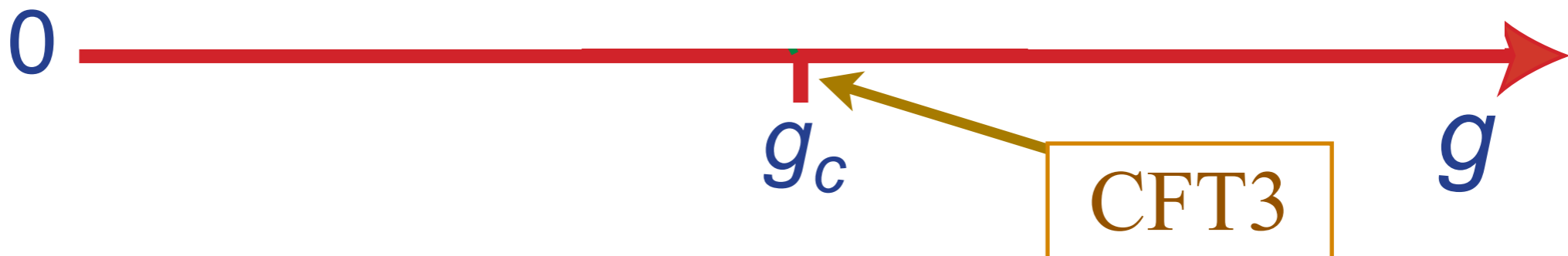
$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r d\tau \left[|\partial_\tau \psi|^2 + v^2 |\vec{\nabla} \psi|^2 + (g - g_c) |\psi|^2 + \frac{u}{2} |\psi|^4 \right]$$

$$\langle \psi \rangle \neq 0$$

Superfluid

$$\langle \psi \rangle = 0$$

Insulator



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$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{dual}} = \int d^3x \left[|(\partial_\mu - iA_\mu)\varphi|^2 + \tilde{s}|\varphi|^2 + \frac{\tilde{u}}{2}|\varphi|^4 + \frac{1}{2e^2}(\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu A_\lambda)^2 \right]$$

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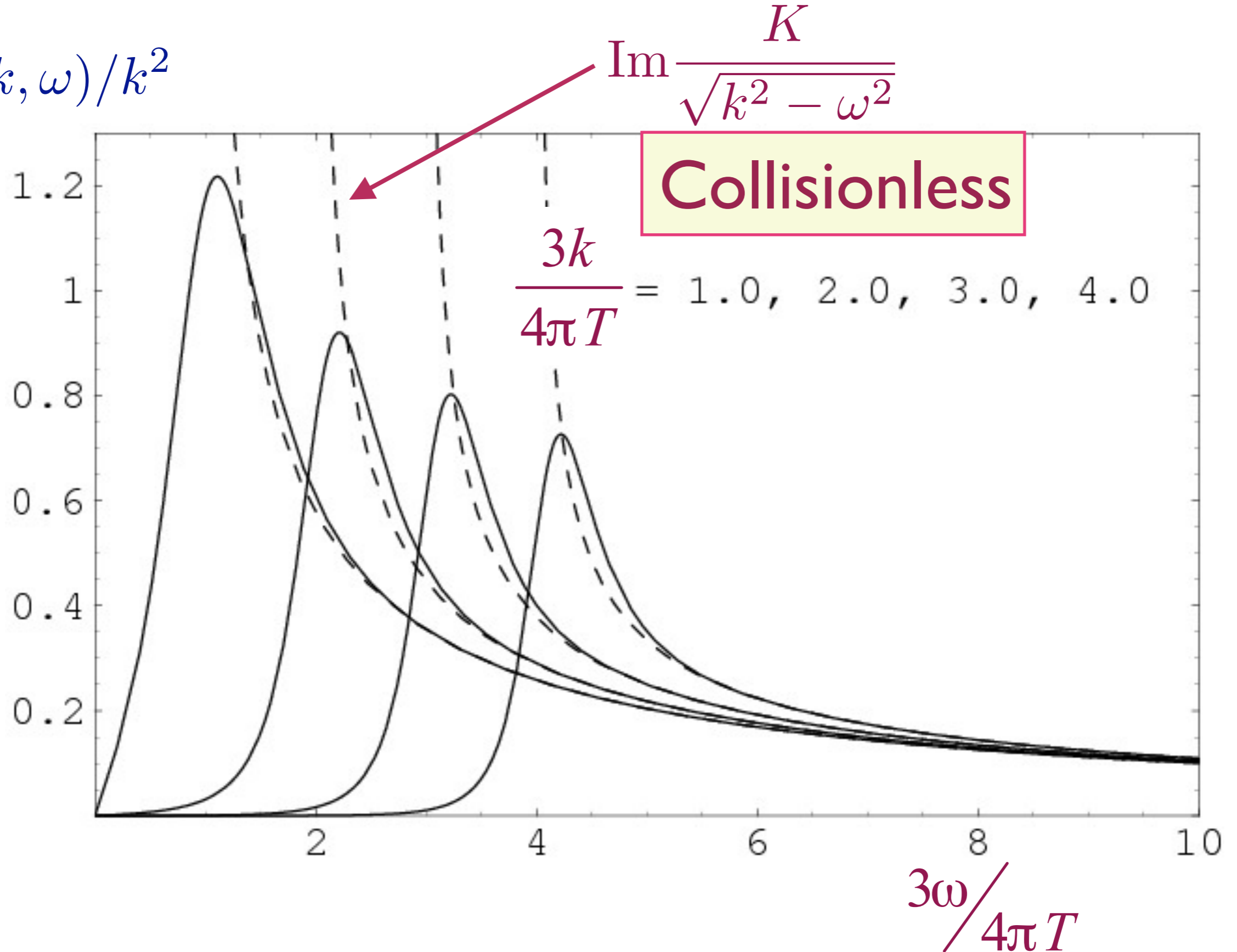
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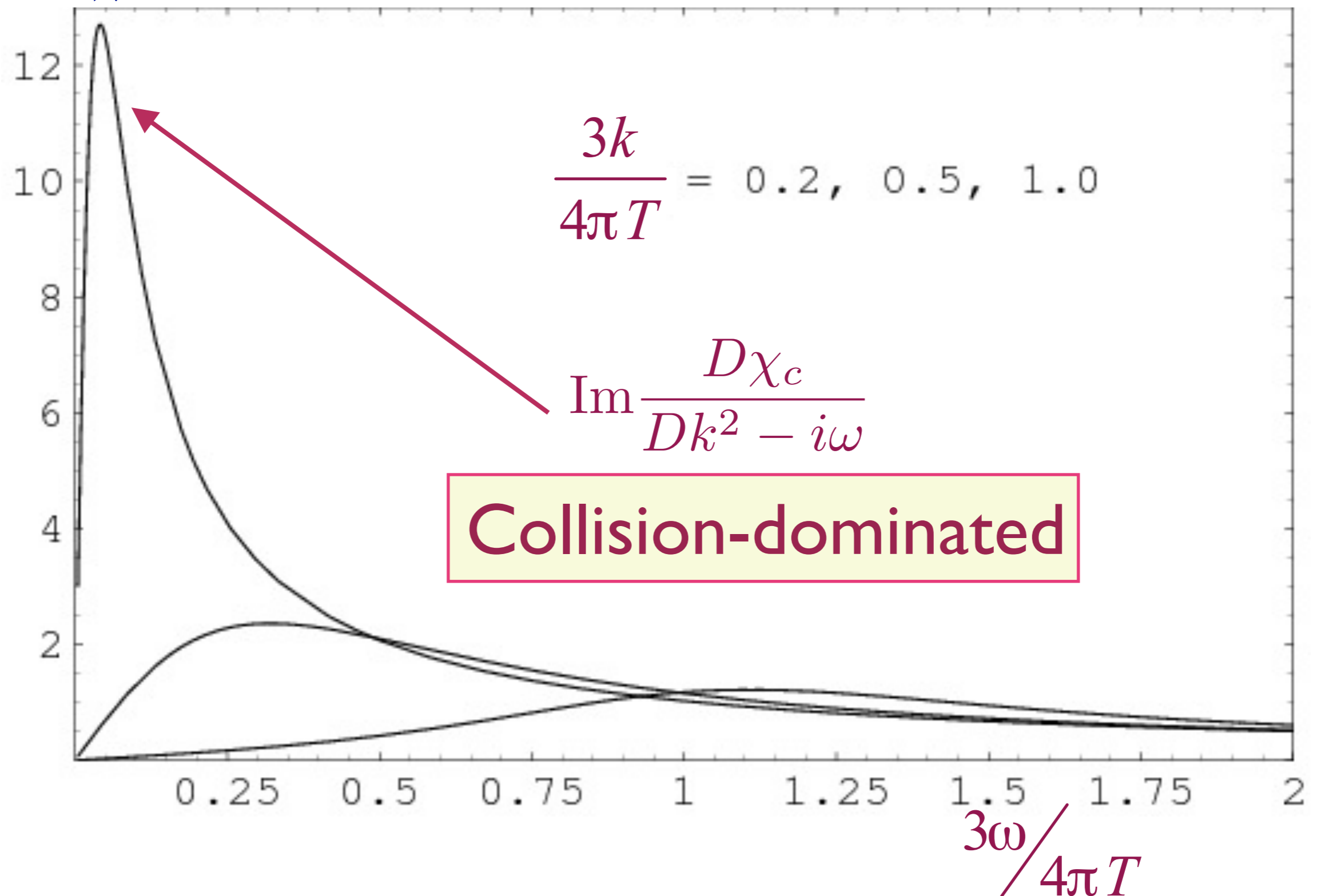
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Key idea: \Rightarrow Implement u as an extra dimension, and map to a local theory in $D + 1$ dimensions.

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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.

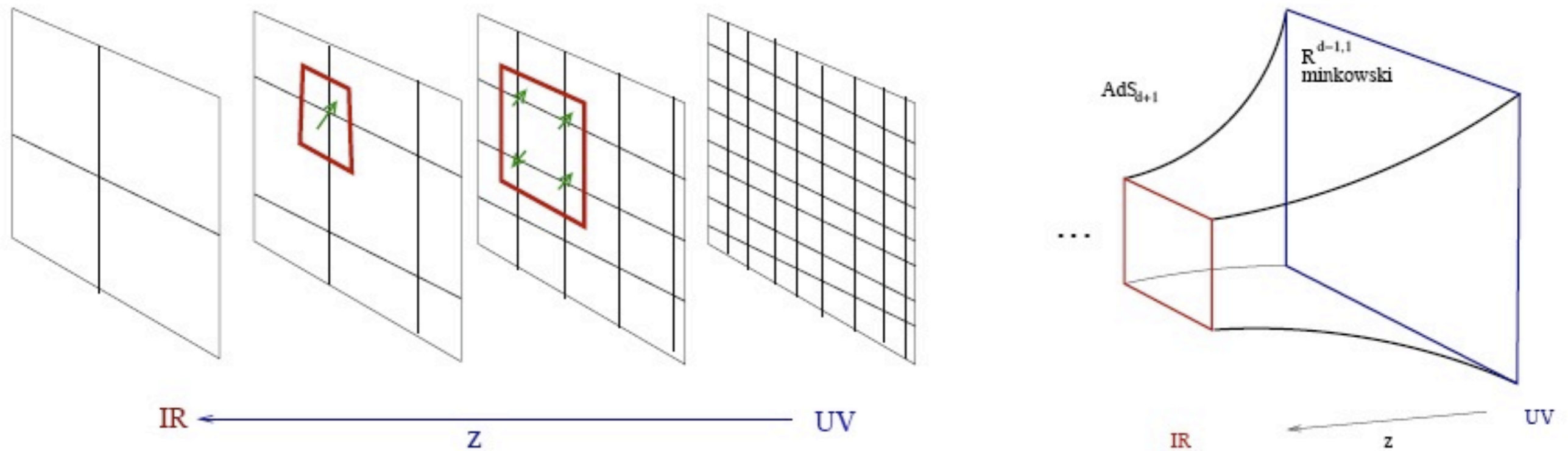


Figure 1: The extra (‘radial’) dimension of the bulk is the resolution scale of the field theory. The left figure indicates a series of block spin transformations labelled by a parameter z . The right figure is a cartoon of AdS space, which organizes the field theory information in the same way. In this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

J. McGreevy, arXiv0909.0518

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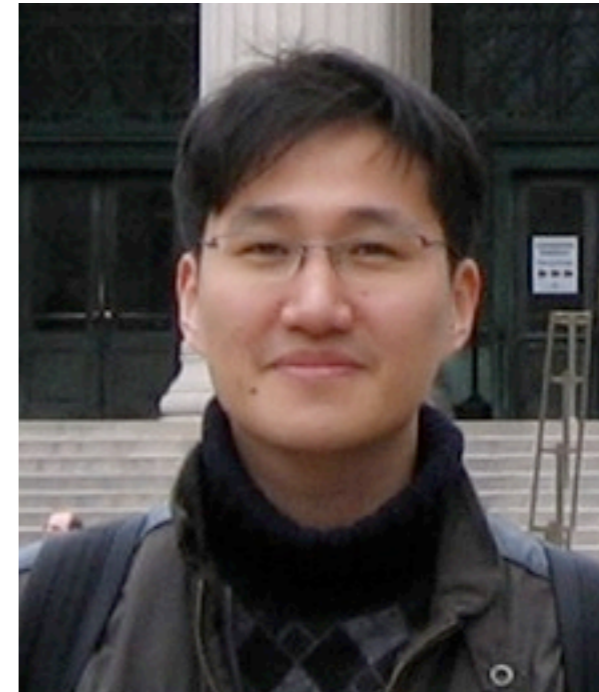
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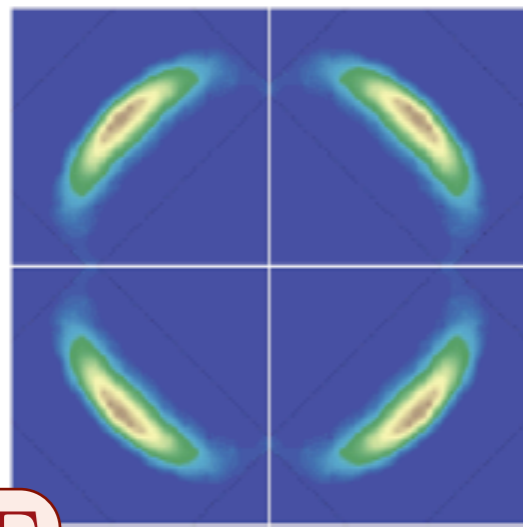
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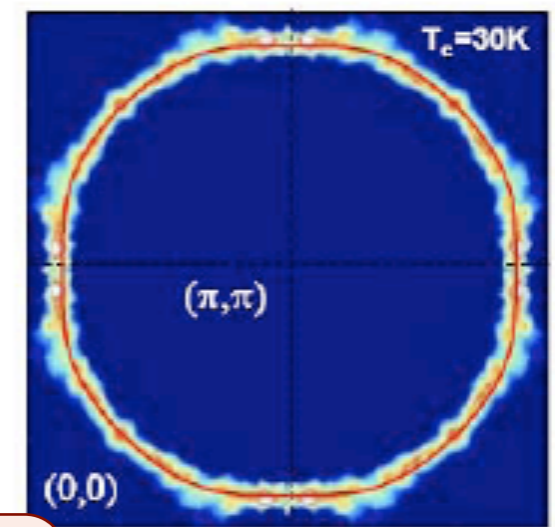
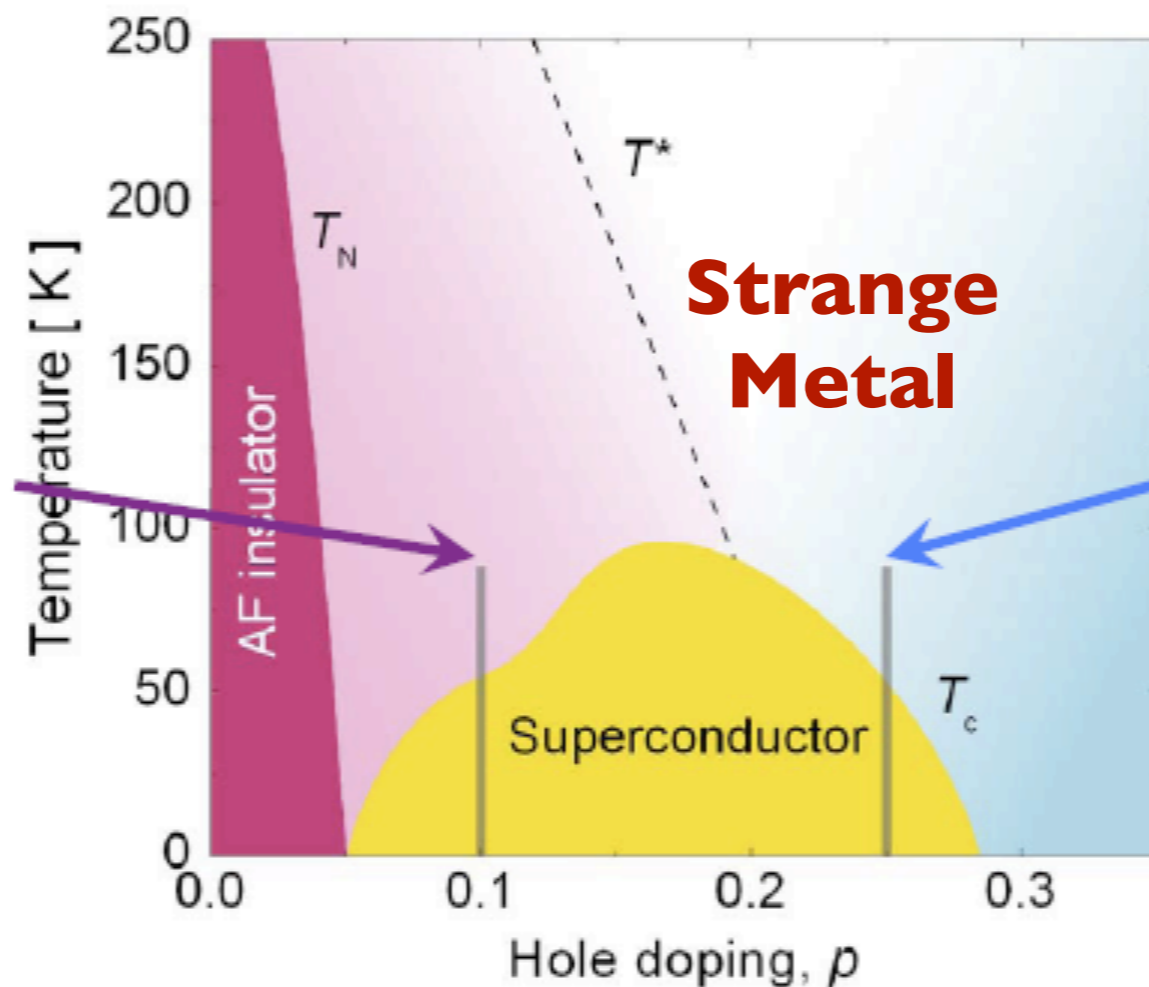


Central ingredients in cuprate phase diagram: antiferromagnetism, superconductivity, and change in Fermi surface



K.M. Shen et al., Science 2005

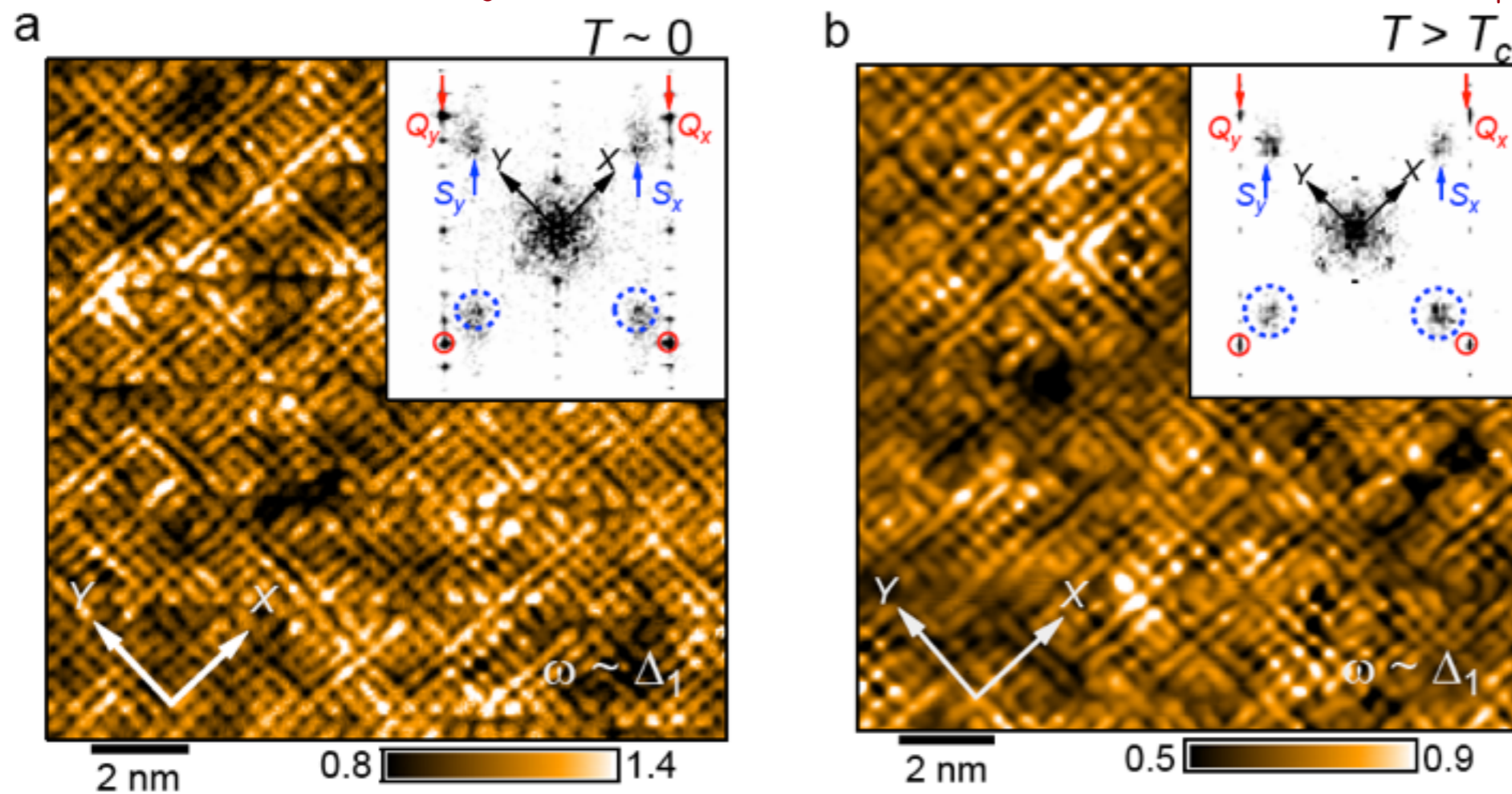
Smaller hole
Fermi-pockets



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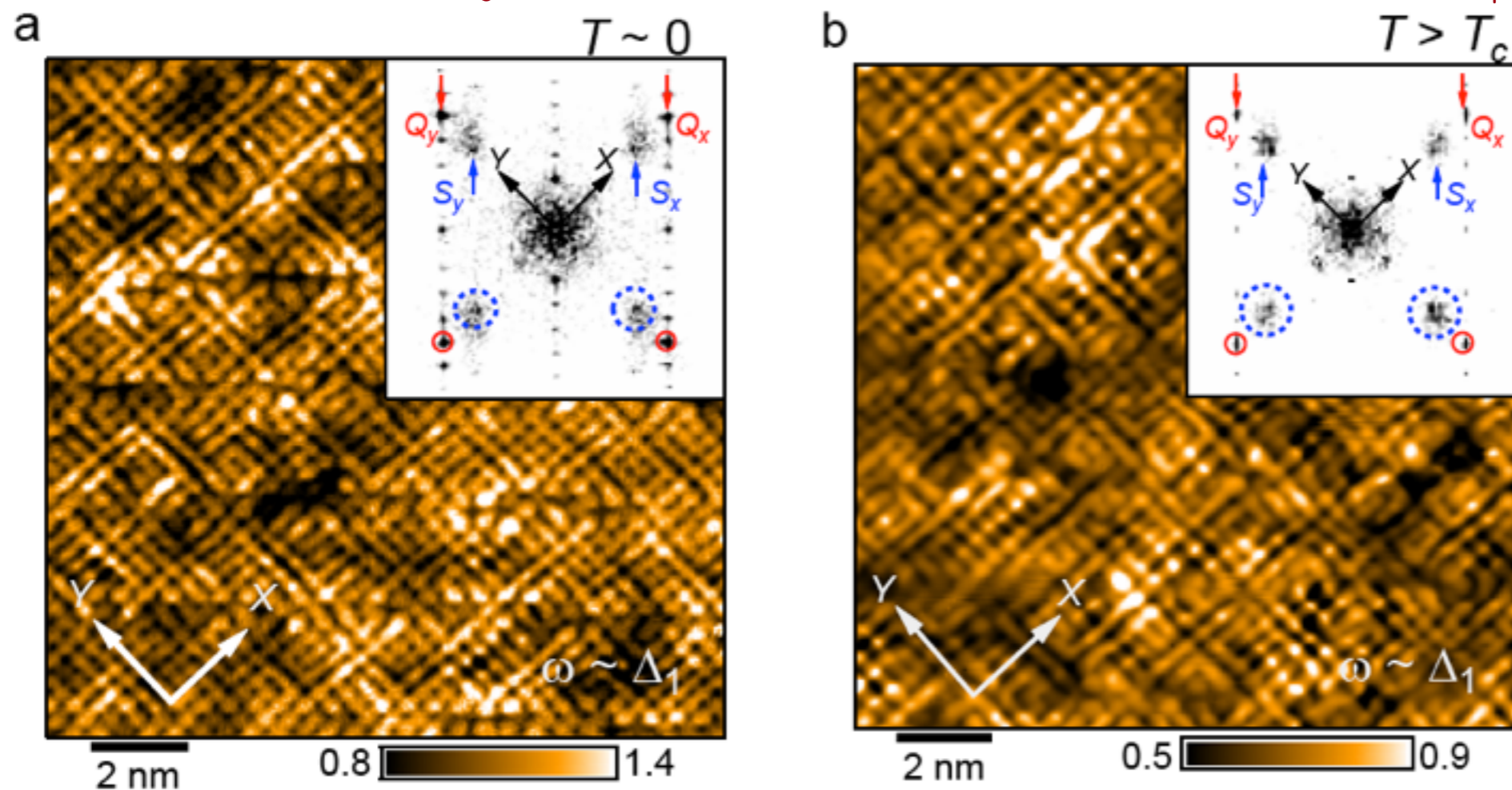
Large hole
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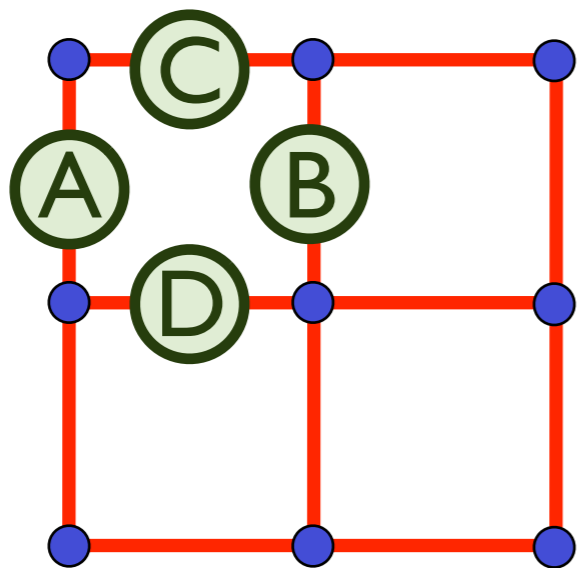


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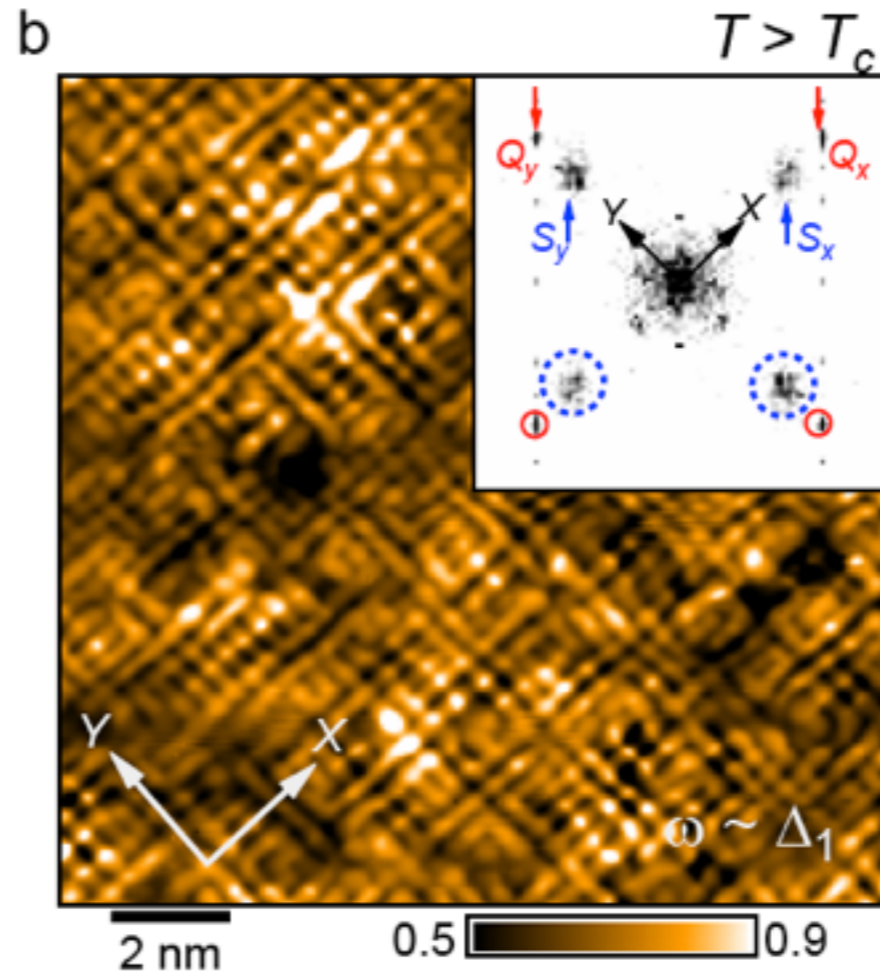
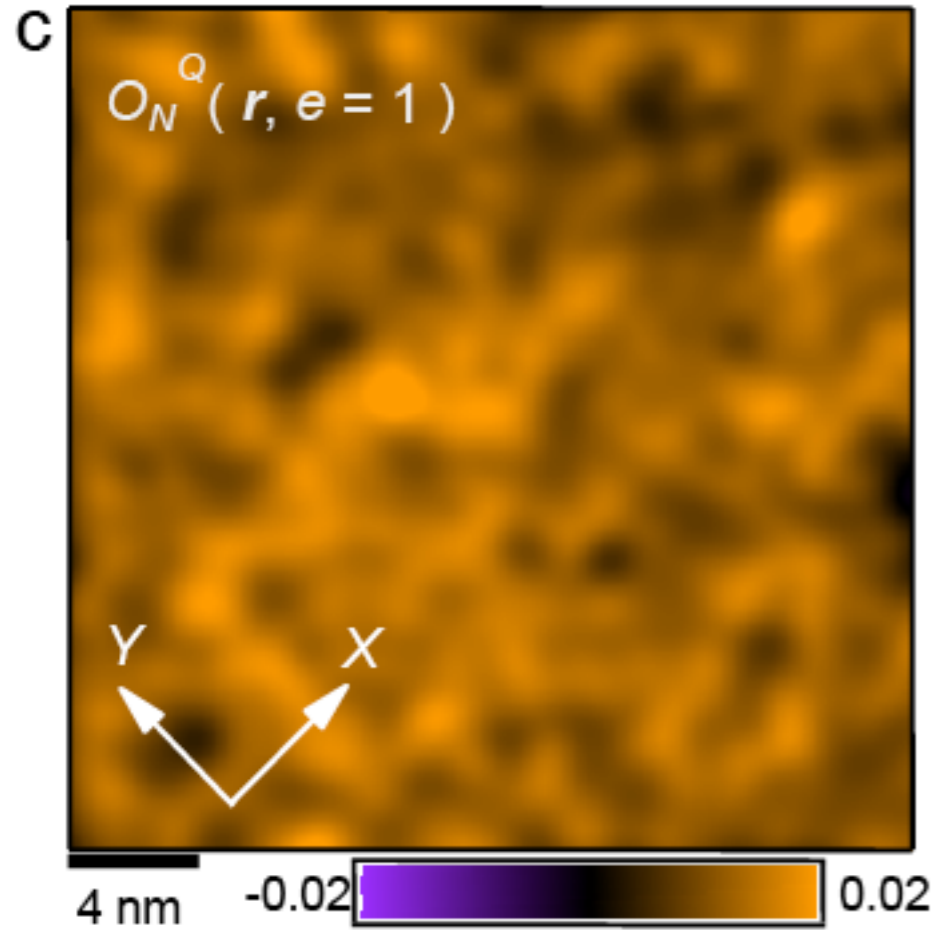


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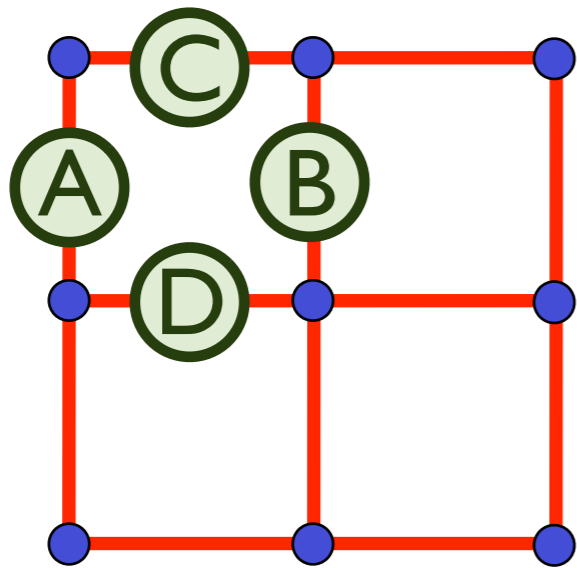


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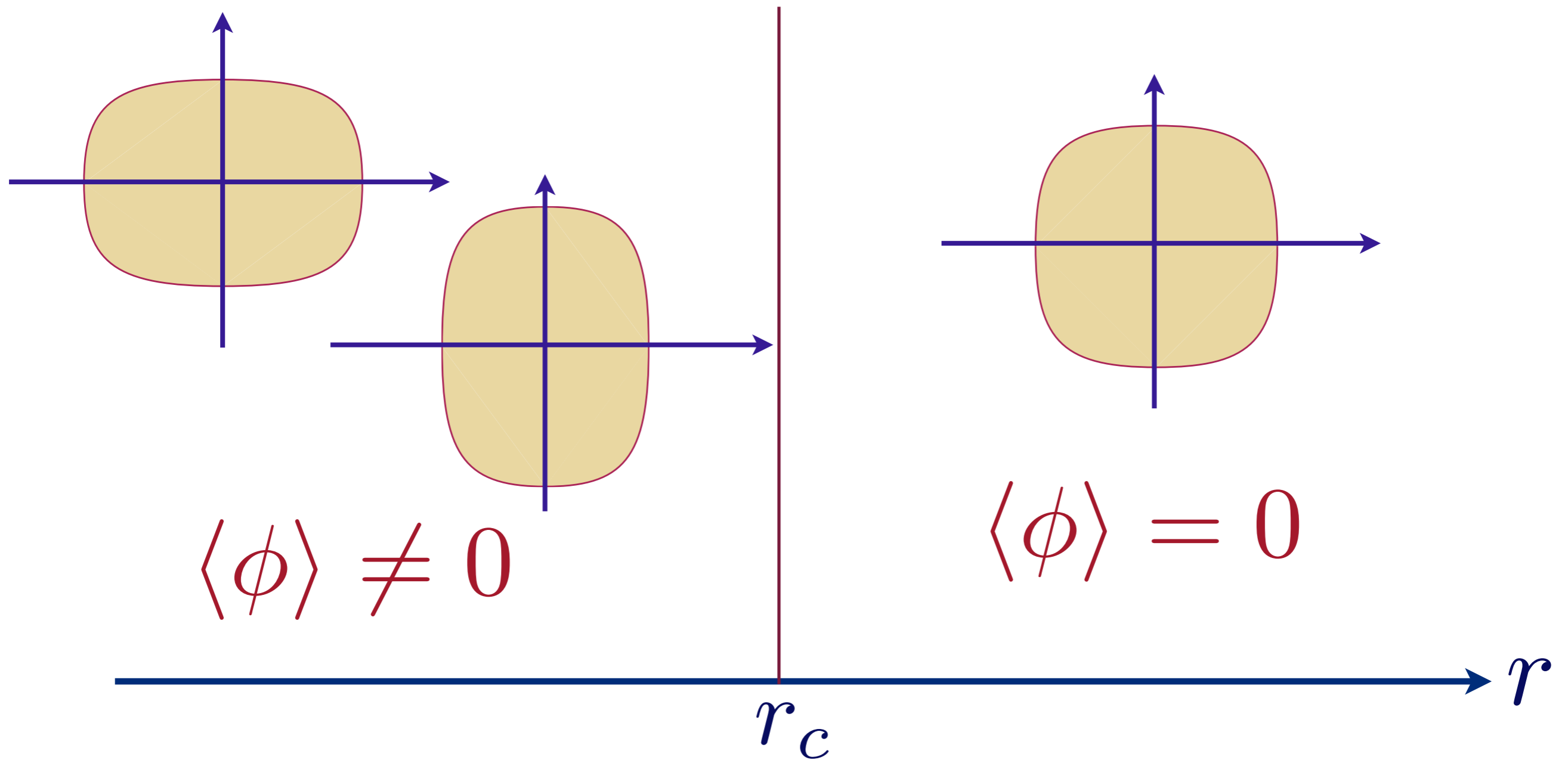
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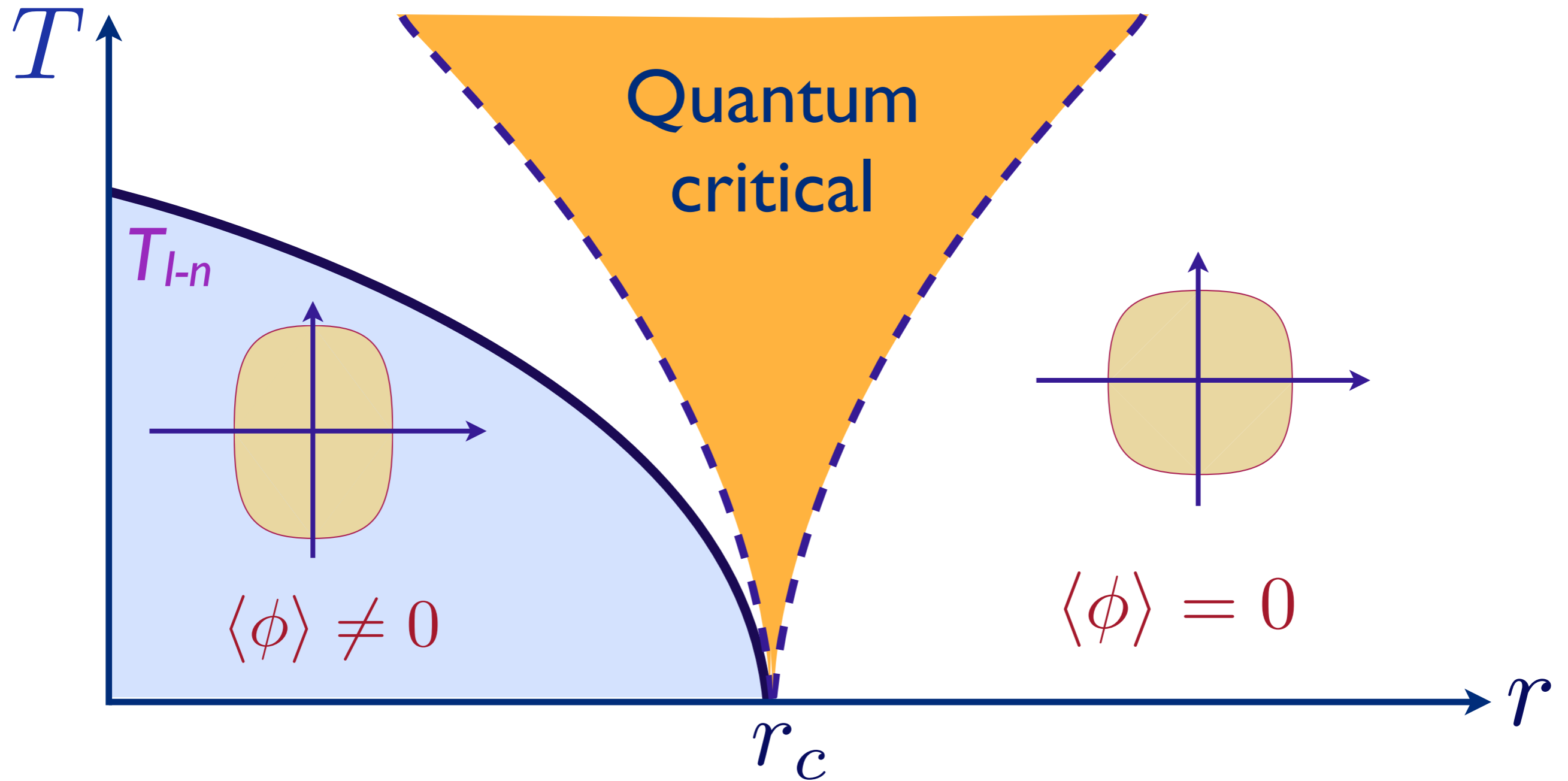
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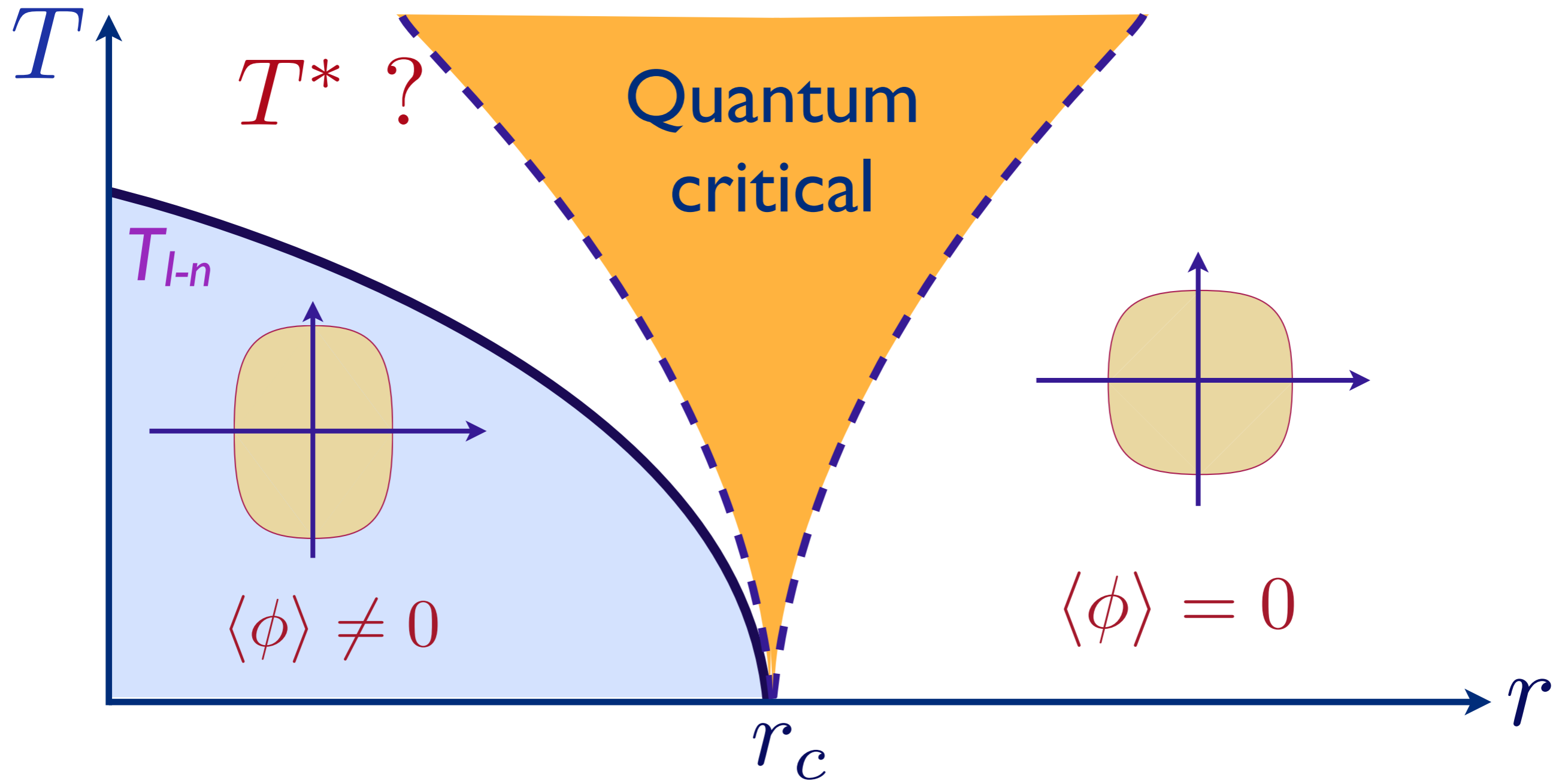
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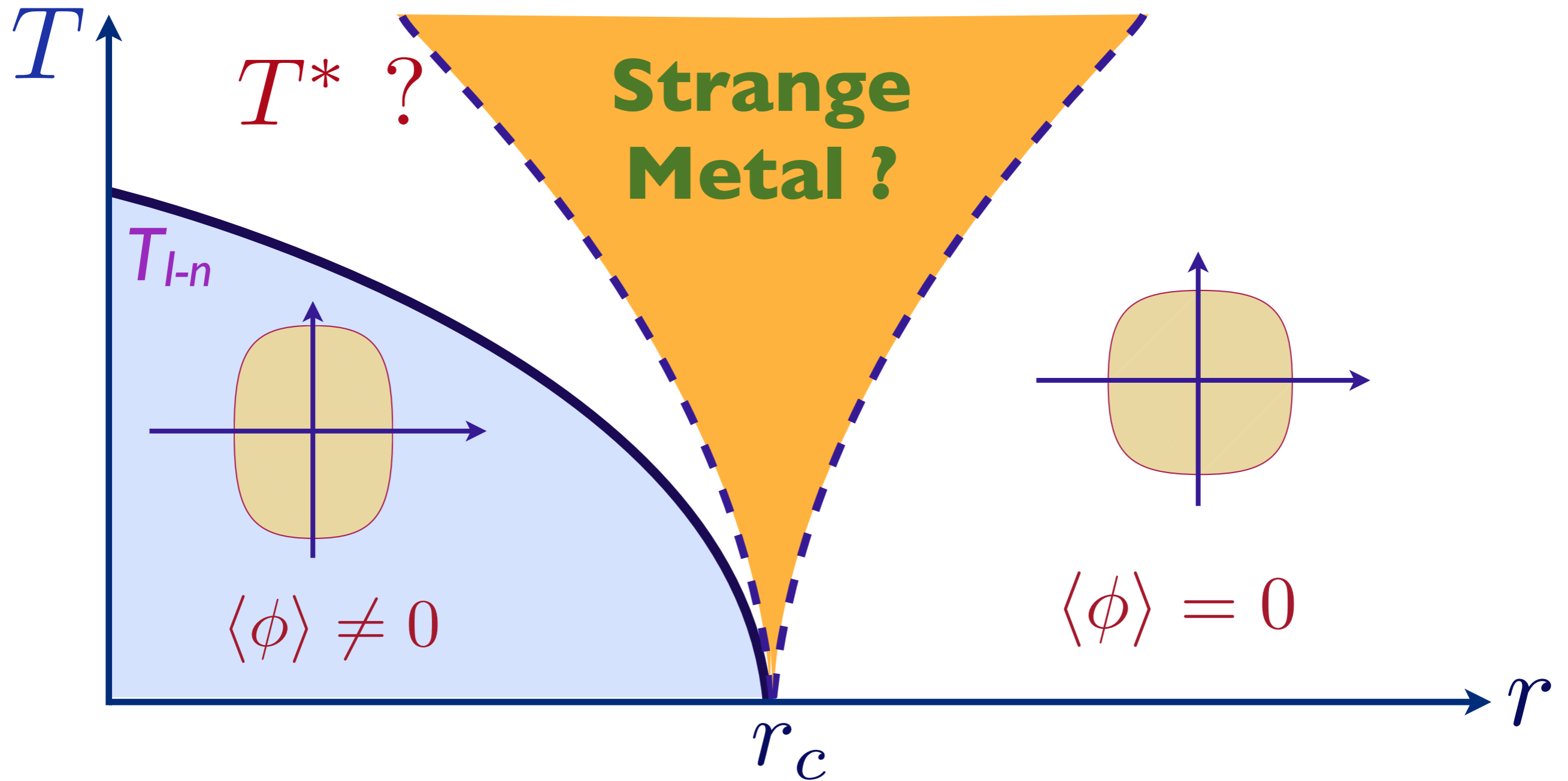
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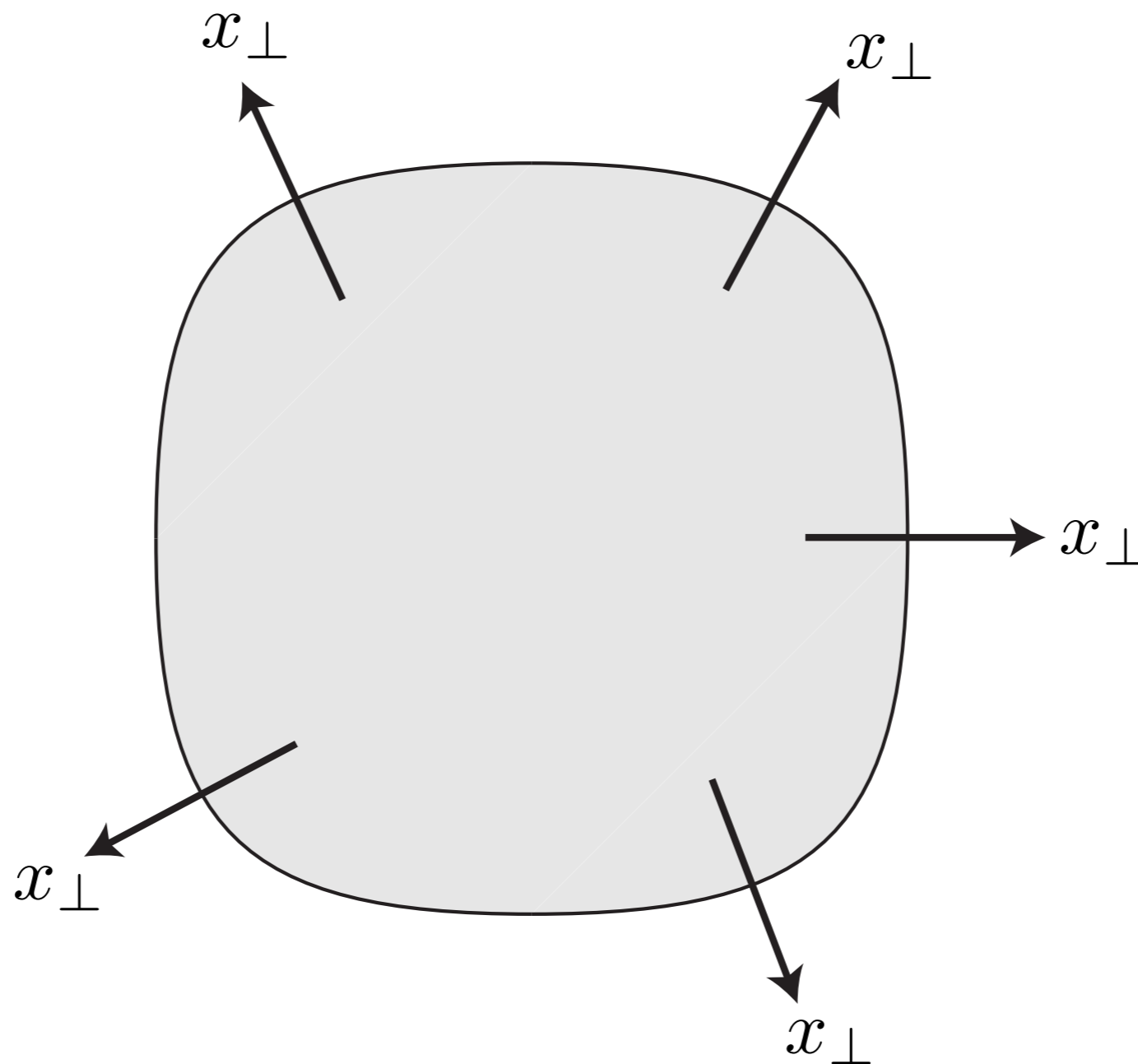
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Fermi liquid theory



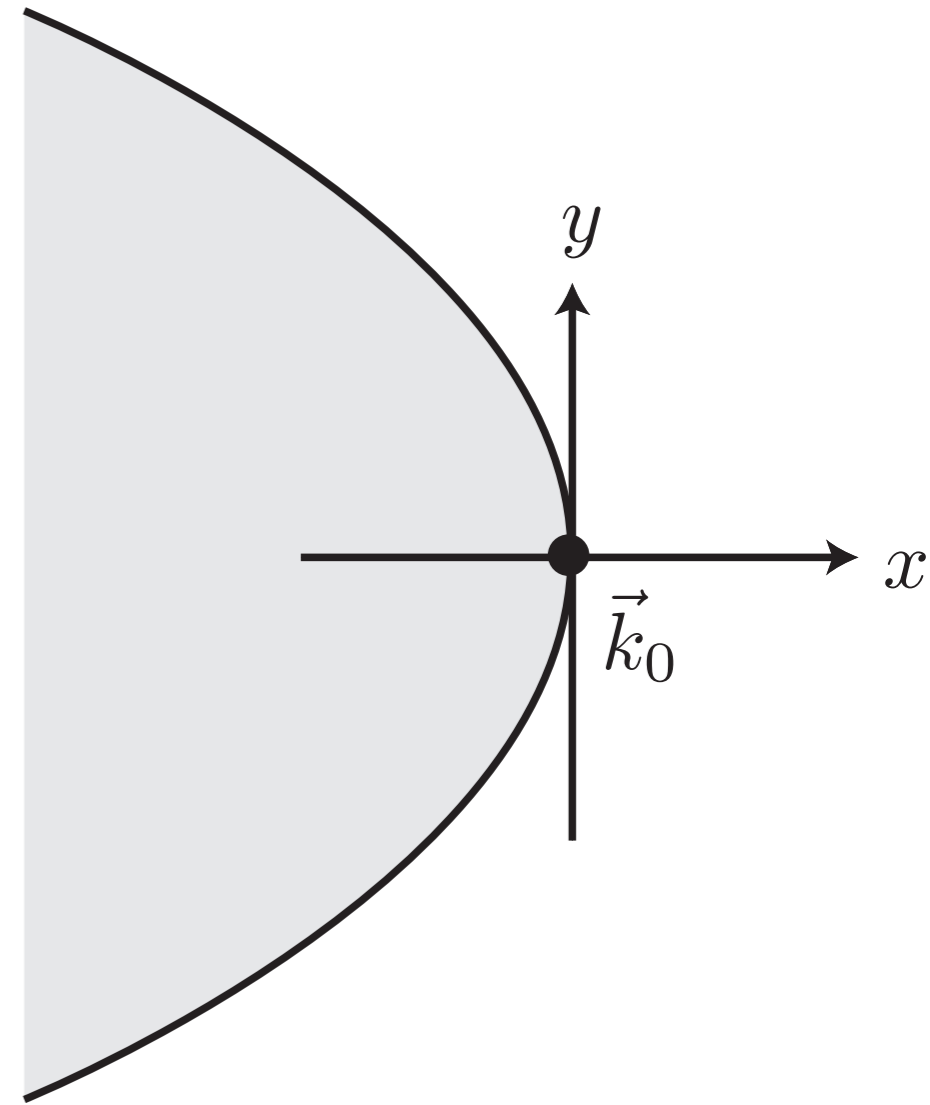
$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{FL}} = \int d\Omega_{\hat{n}} \int dx_{\perp} \psi_{\hat{n}a}^{\dagger}(x_{\perp}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - i v_F(\hat{n}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{\perp}} \right) \psi_{\hat{n}a}(x_{\perp})$$

Infinite number of 1+1 dimensional chiral fermions

Fermi liquid theory

Focus on one extended patch,
and scale towards a fixed
 \vec{k}_0 while keeping the Fermi
velocity v_F and Fermi sur-
face curvature, κ fixed.

Requires a 2+1 dimensional
field theory at every \vec{k}_0 .



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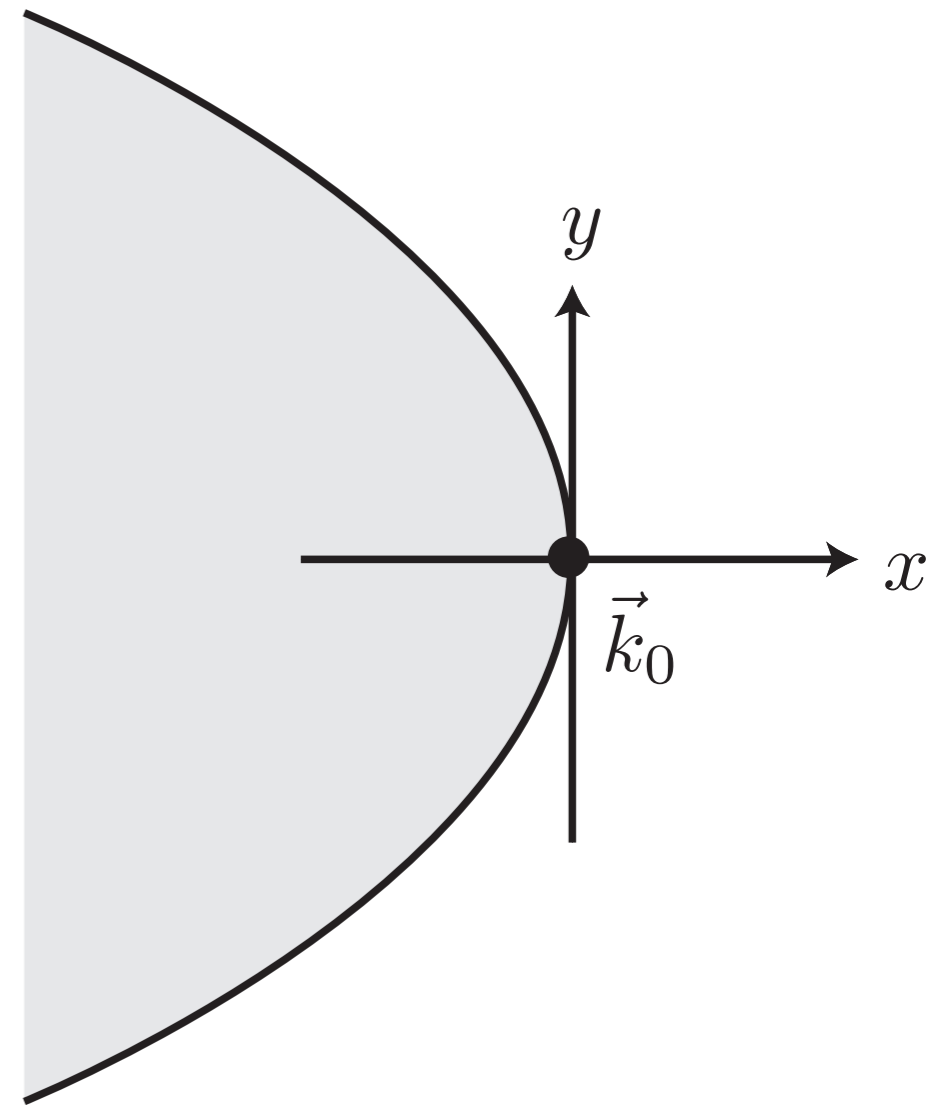
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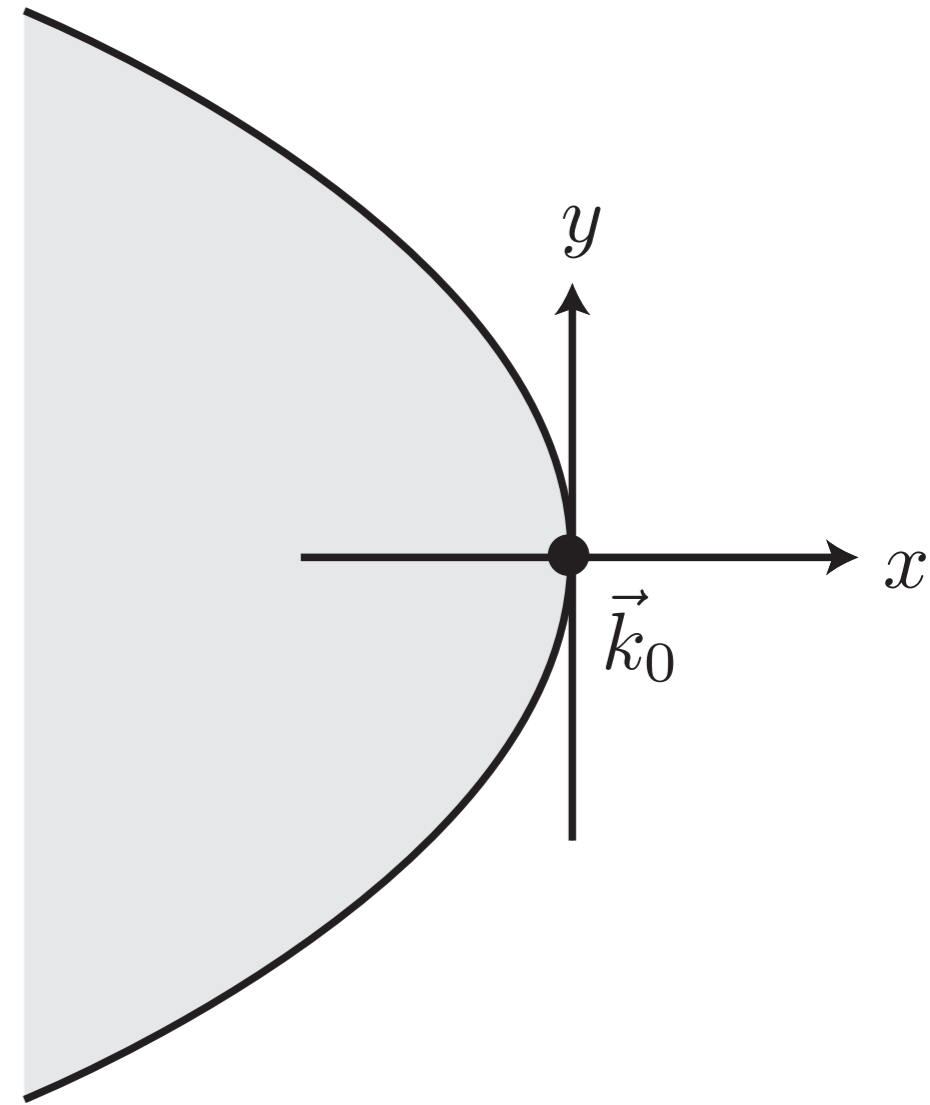
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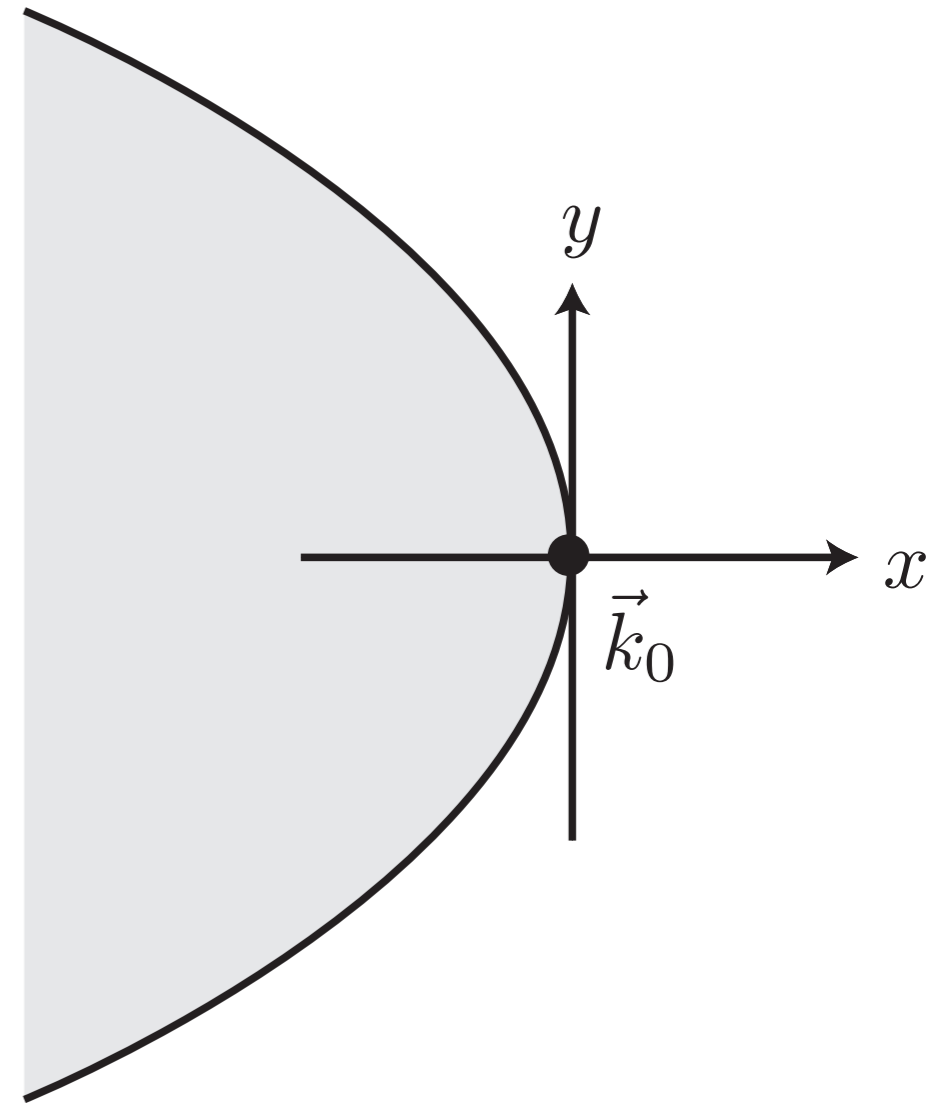


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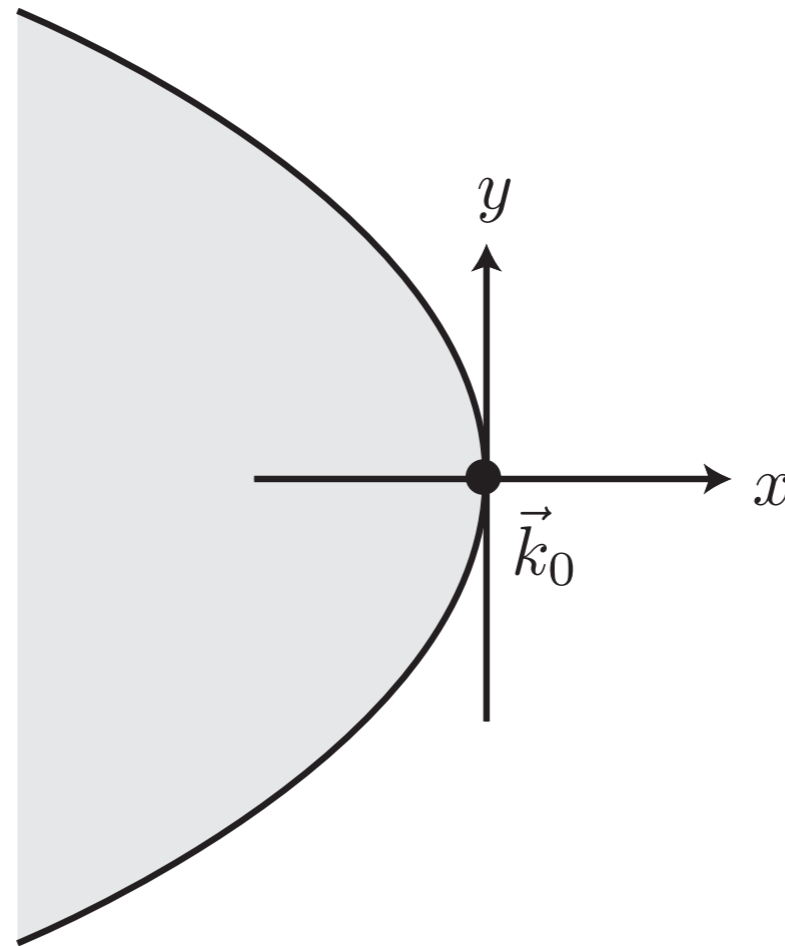
$$\text{Im}\Sigma(k, \omega) = \begin{cases} \omega^2 \frac{u_0^2}{4\pi v_F^2 \kappa} \Lambda^{d-2} & , d > 2 \\ \omega^2 \frac{u_0^2}{4\pi v_F^2 \kappa} \ln(|\omega|) & , d = 2 \end{cases}$$



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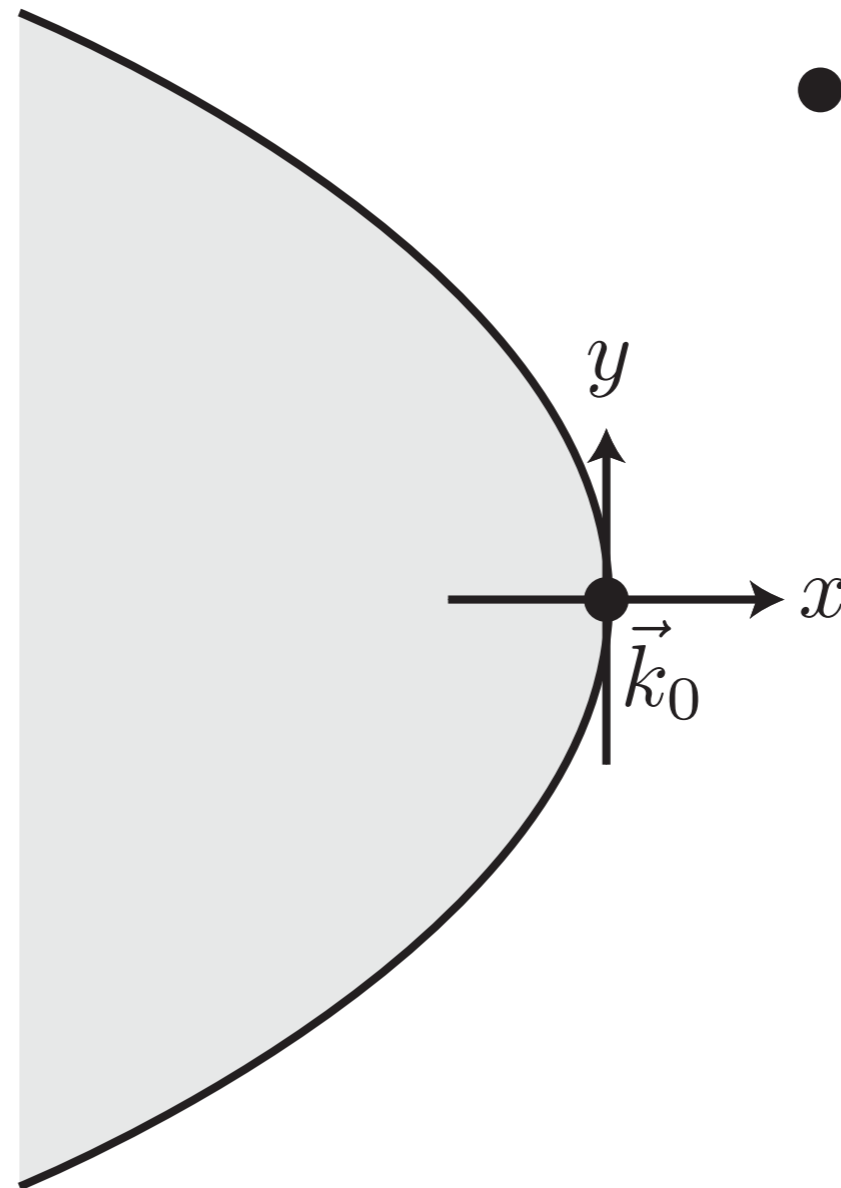
$$\psi(x, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \exp\left(-i\frac{v_F}{\kappa}\left(\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{y} + \frac{\theta^2}{2}x\right)\right) \psi(x, \vec{y} + \vec{\theta}x)$$

This implies for the fermion Green’s function

$$G(q_x, \vec{q}_y, \omega) = G(\varepsilon_q, \omega)$$

where $\varepsilon_k = v_F q_x + \kappa q_y^2/2$.

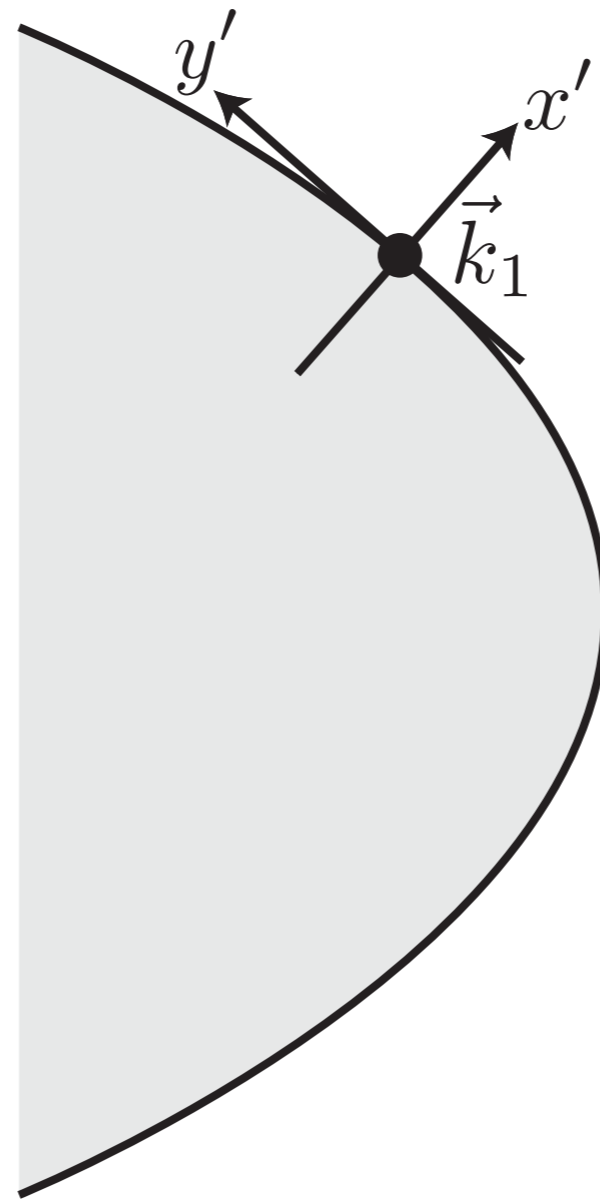
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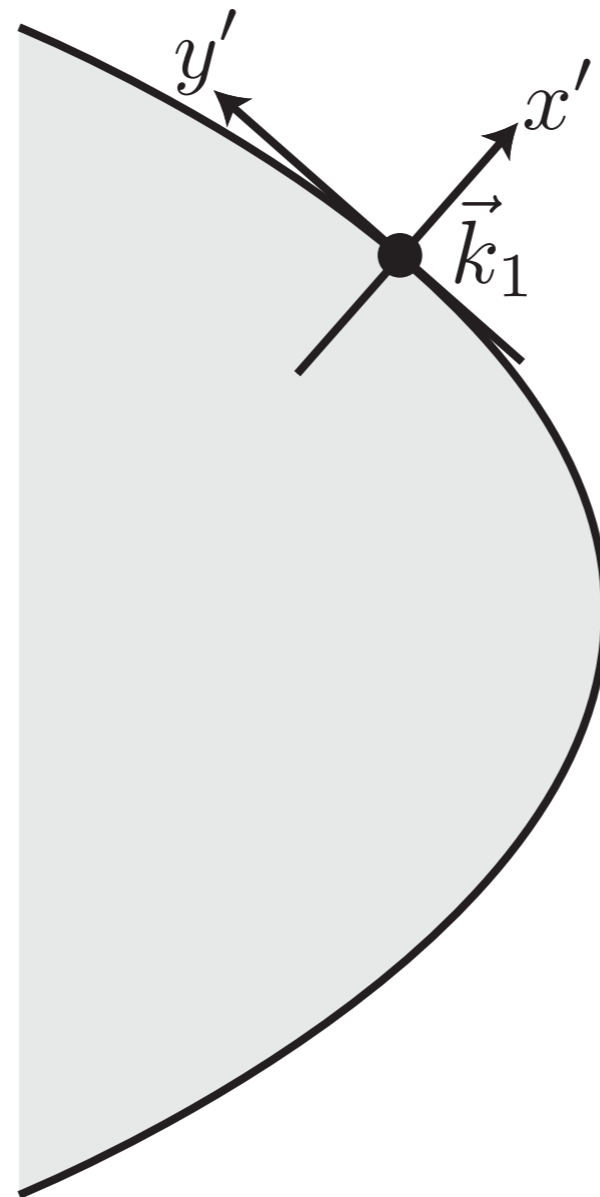
Fermi liquid theory



• (q'_x, q'_y)

Field theory defined at \vec{k}_1

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$\varepsilon_{q'} = \varepsilon_q$ ensures compatibility

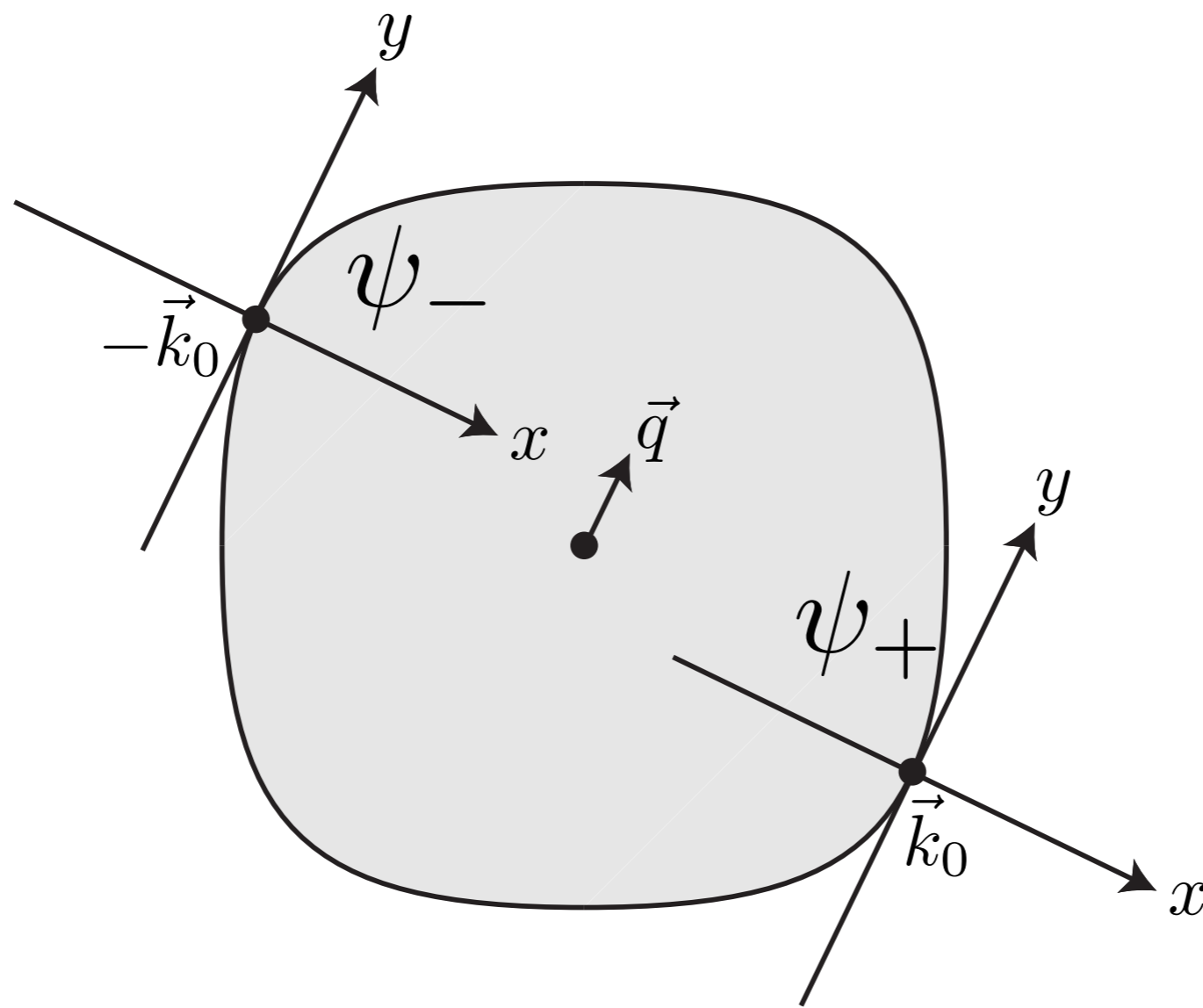
of redundant 2+1 dimensional field theories.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic transition

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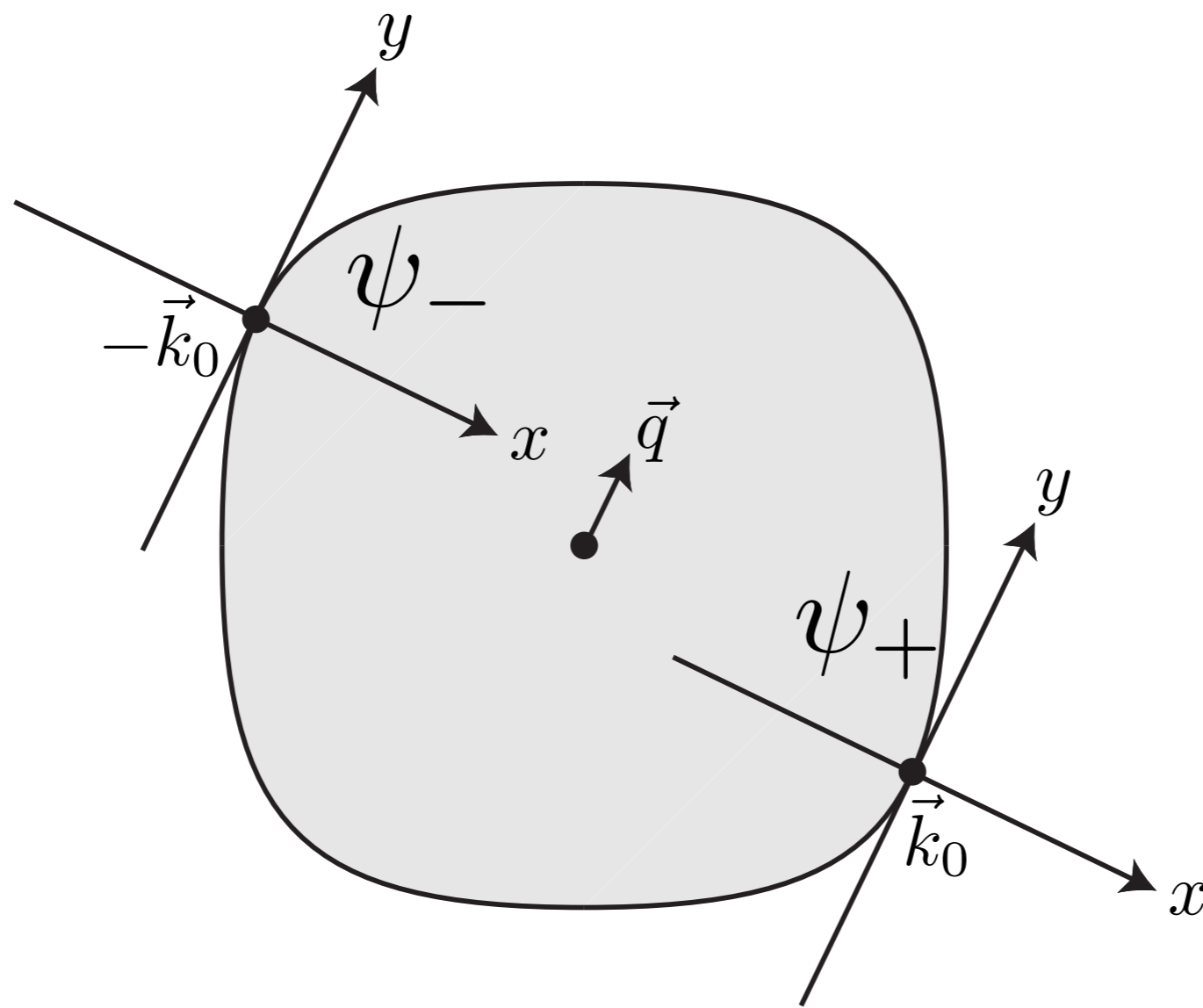
$$\mathcal{S}_c = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\phi c} = -\gamma \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} \phi_{\mathbf{q}} (\cos k_x - \cos k_y) c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}$$



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

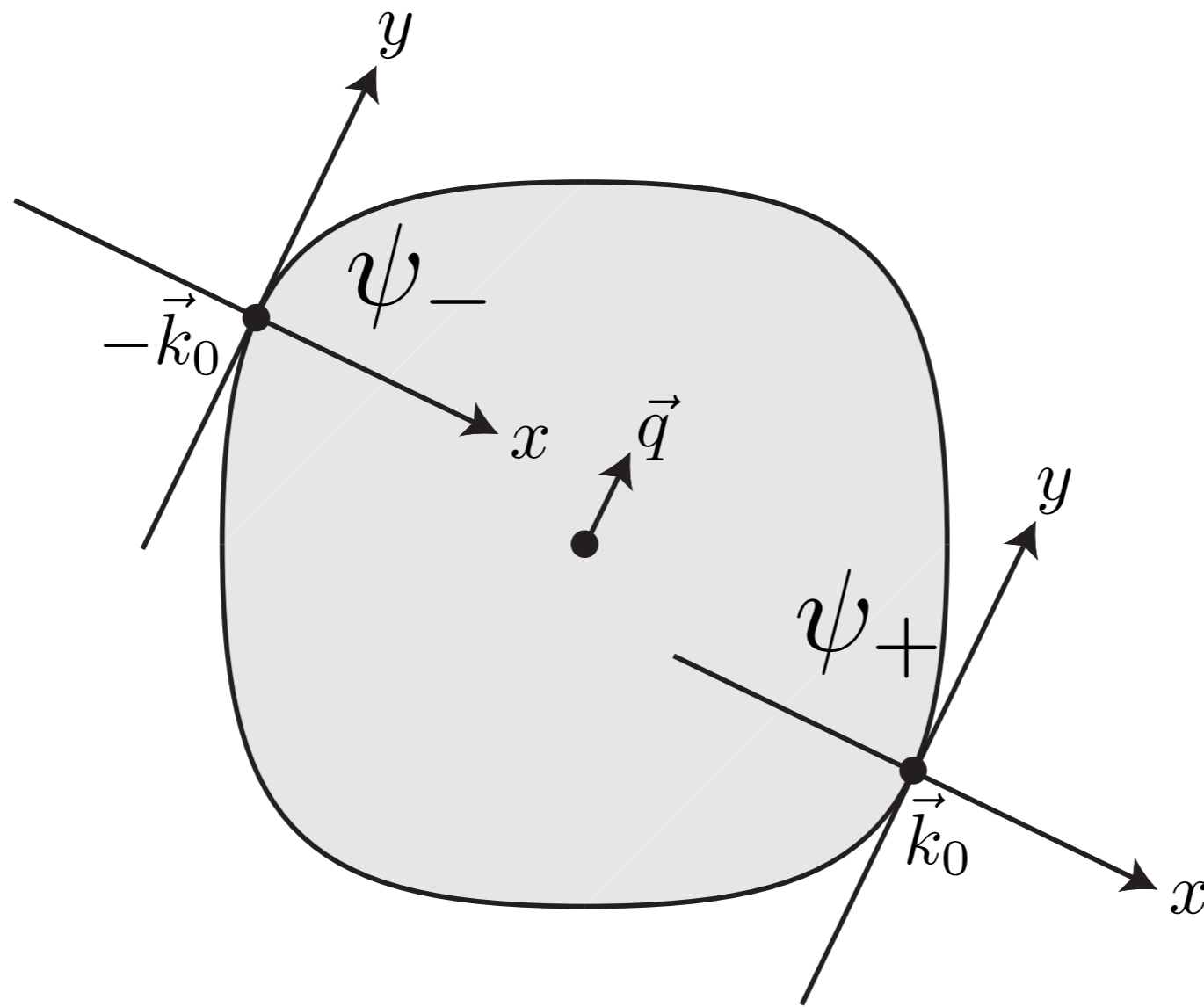
Expand fermion kinetic energy at wavevectors about \vec{k}_0



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

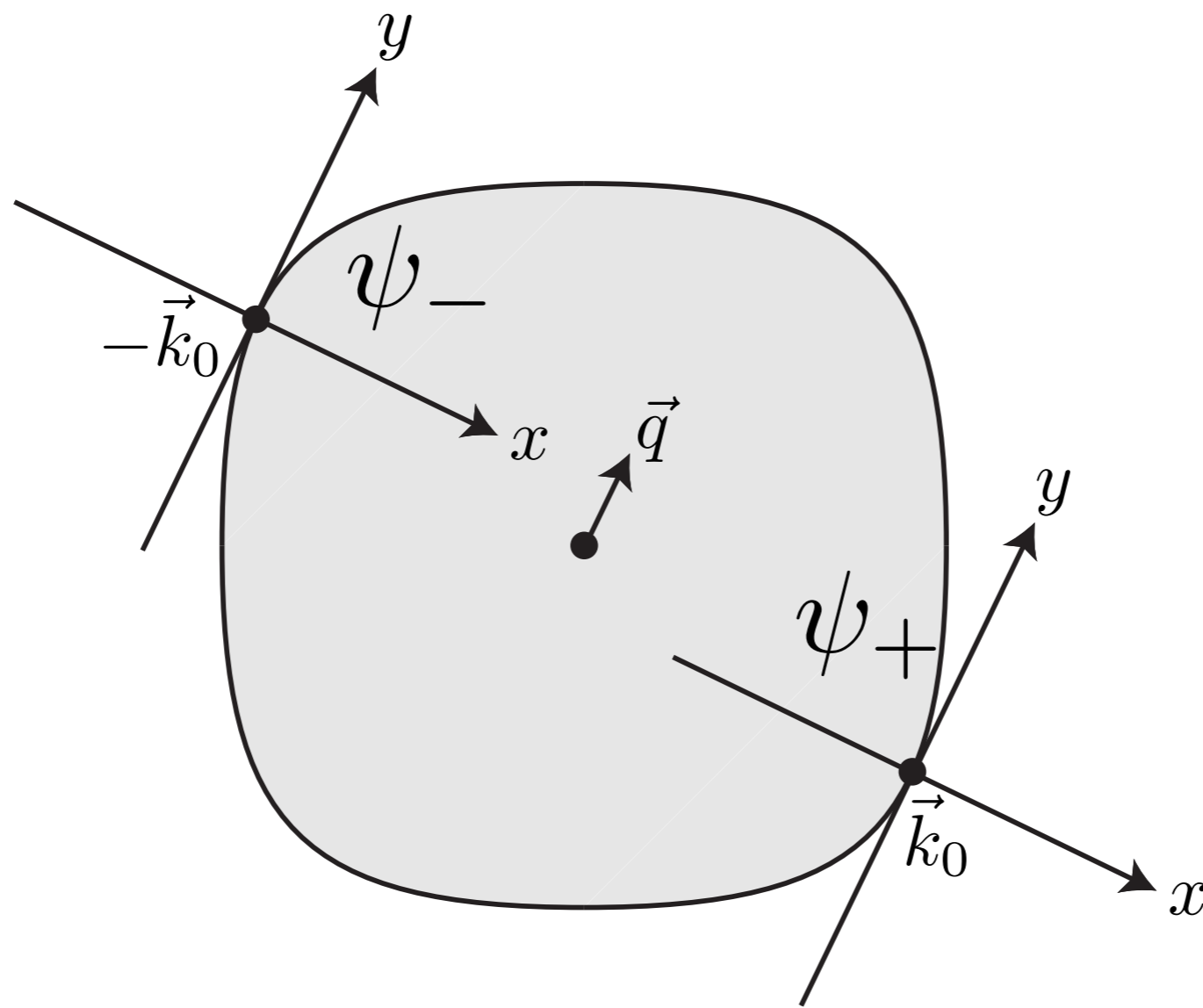
$$- \lambda \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g} (\partial_y \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2$$

Theory of Ising-nematic transition



$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

Theory of a Fermi surface minimally coupled to an Abelian or non-Abelian gauge field with $\phi \sim A_x$



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

$$- \lambda \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g} (\partial_y \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2$$

Theory of Ising-nematic transition

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi_+^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau + i \partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- - \lambda \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g} (\partial_y \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2$$

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

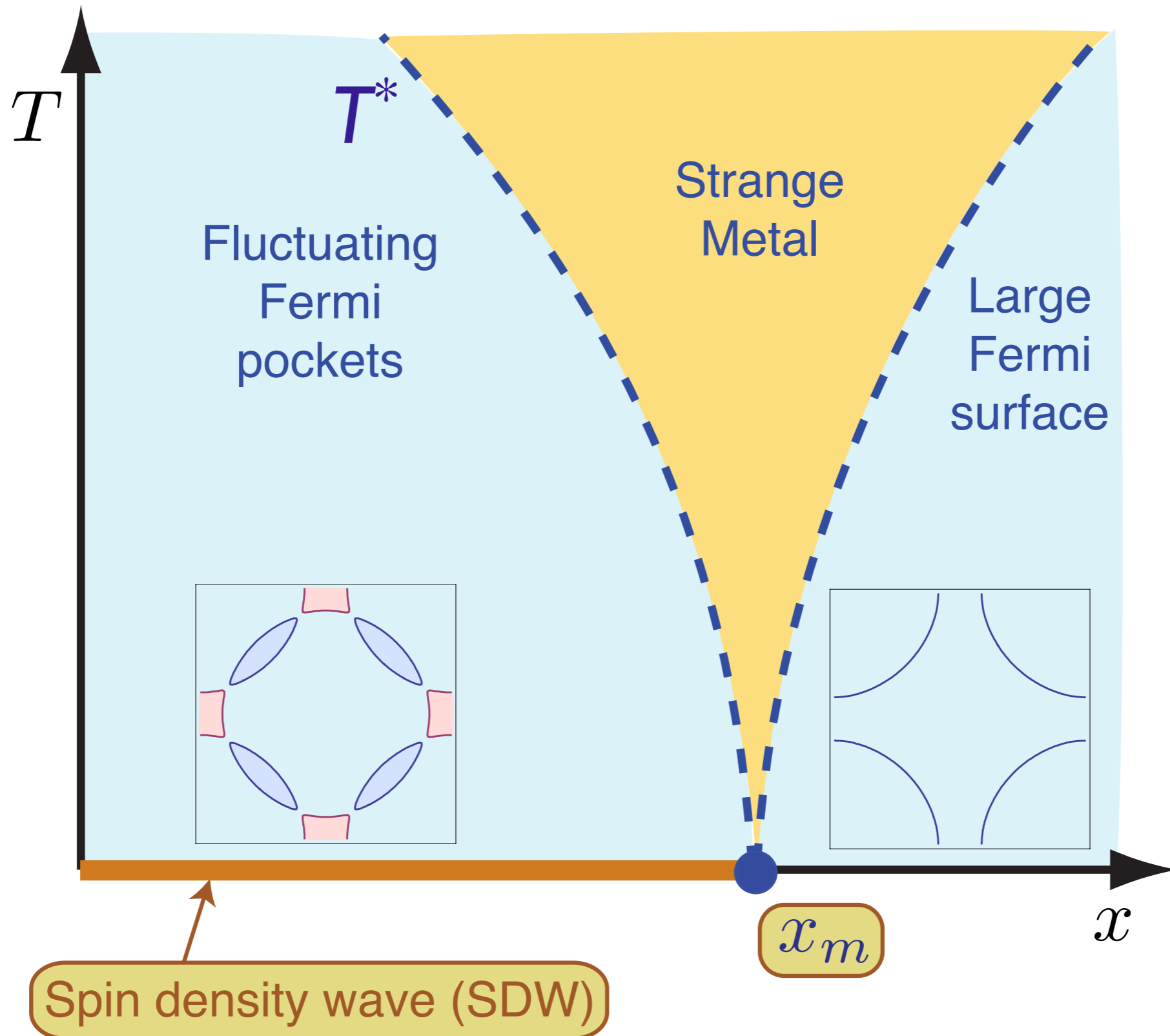
$$\nu = \frac{1}{z-1} \quad ; \quad \gamma = 1$$

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

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

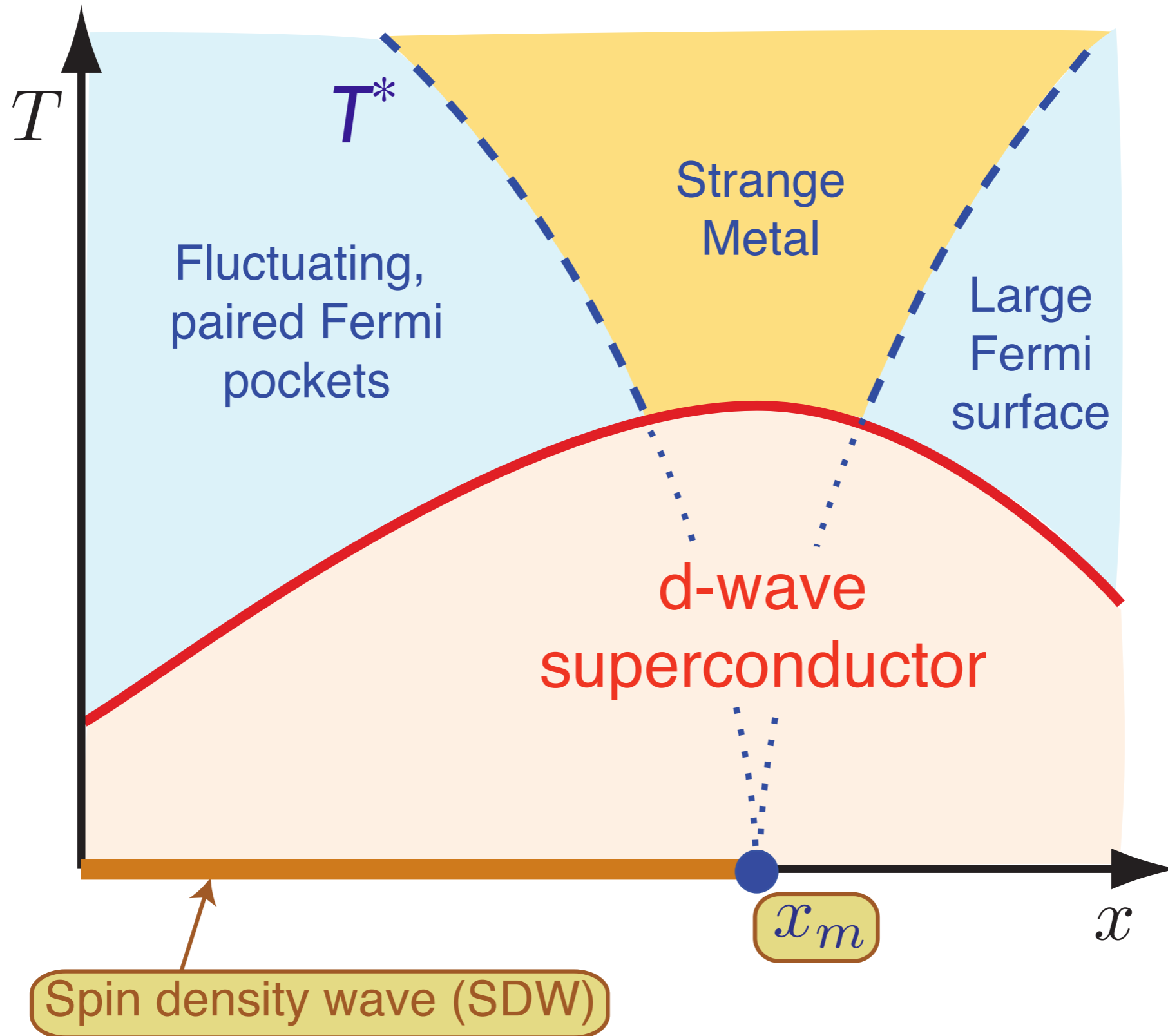
We have computed the exponents to three loops, and find $z = 3$ and $\eta = 0.06824$ at this order.

Theory of quantum criticality in the cuprates



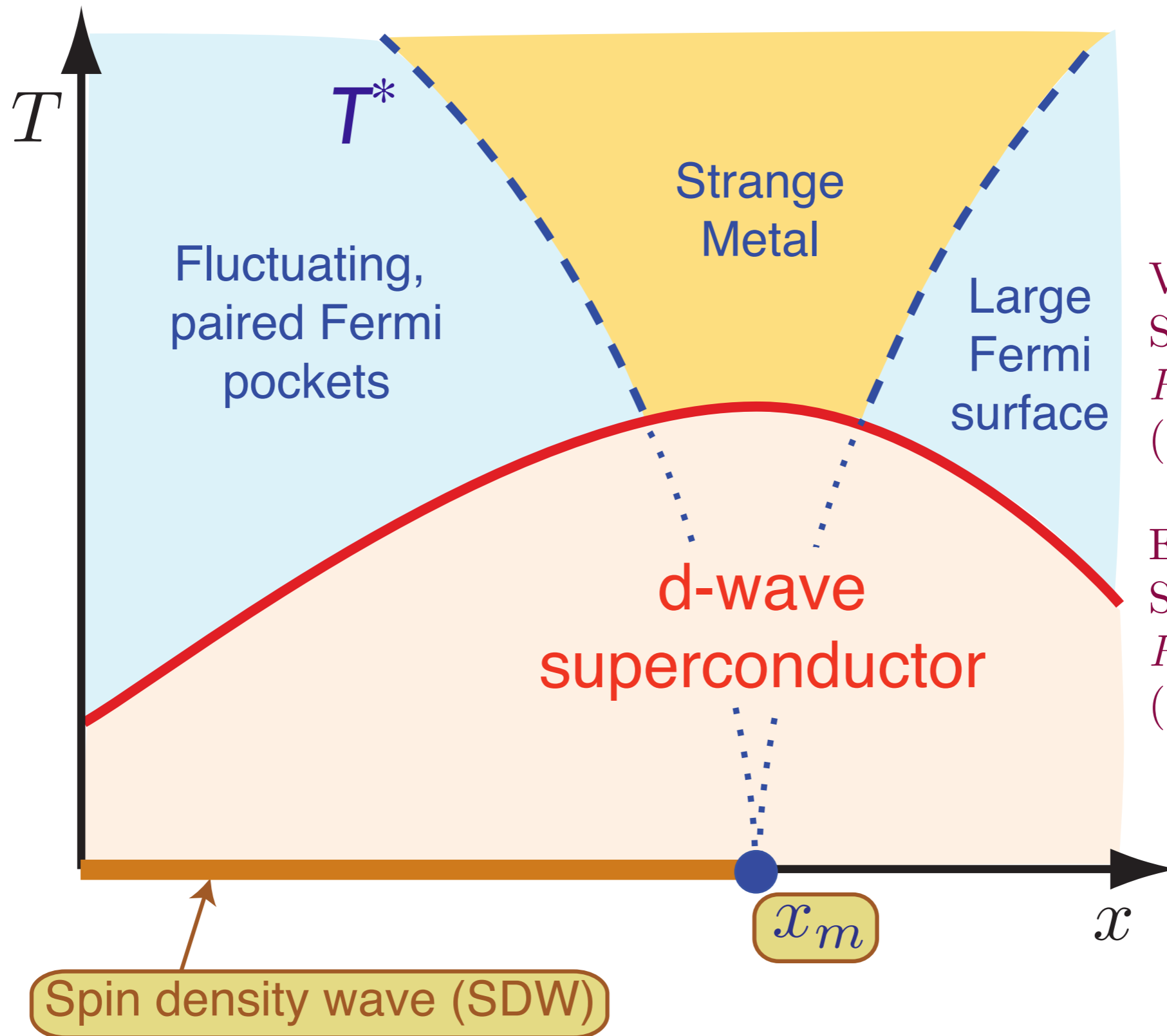
Underlying SDW ordering quantum critical point in metal at $x = x_m$; has associated Ising-nematic order

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Onset of d -wave superconductivity hides the SDW critical point $x = x_m$

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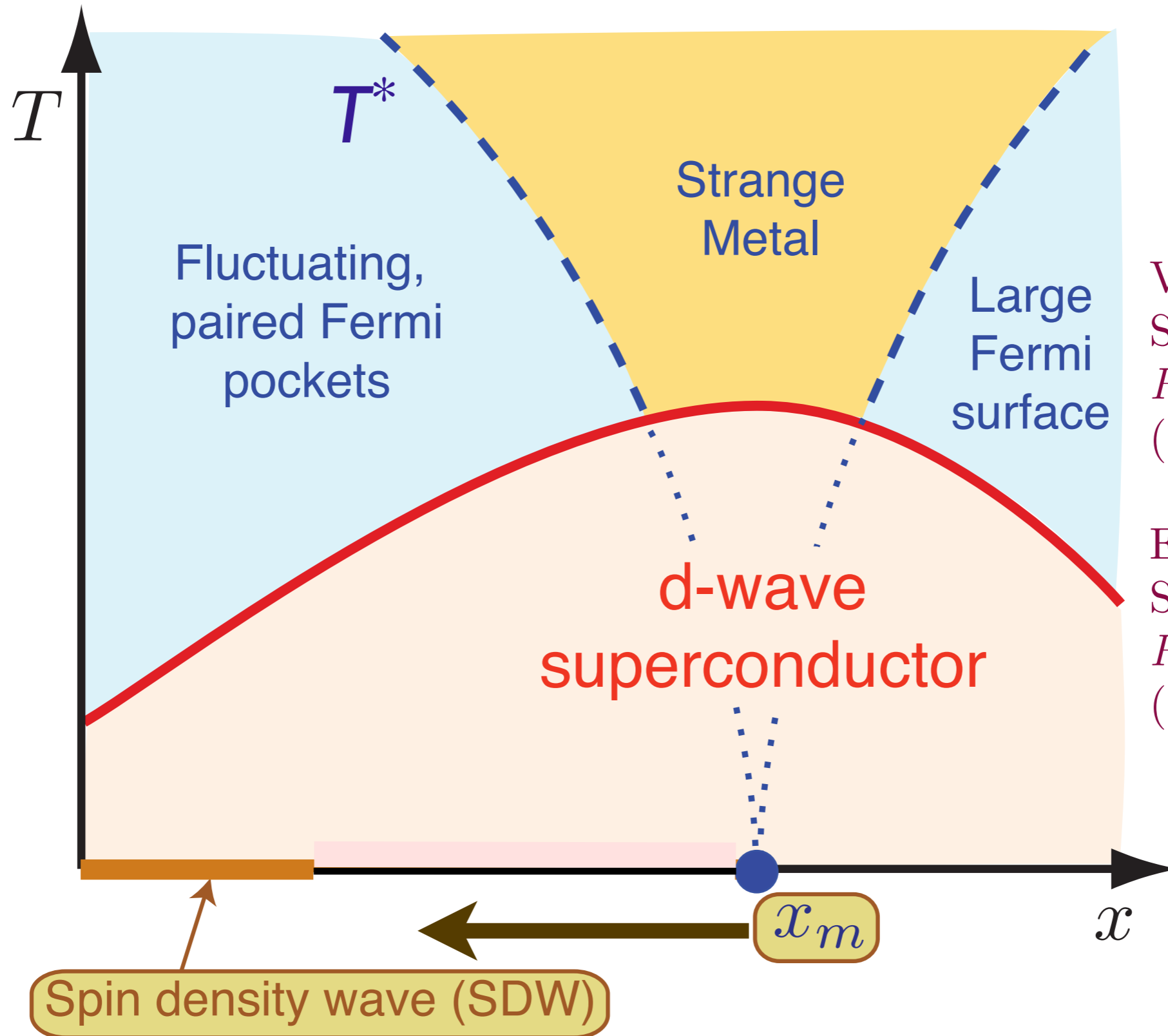


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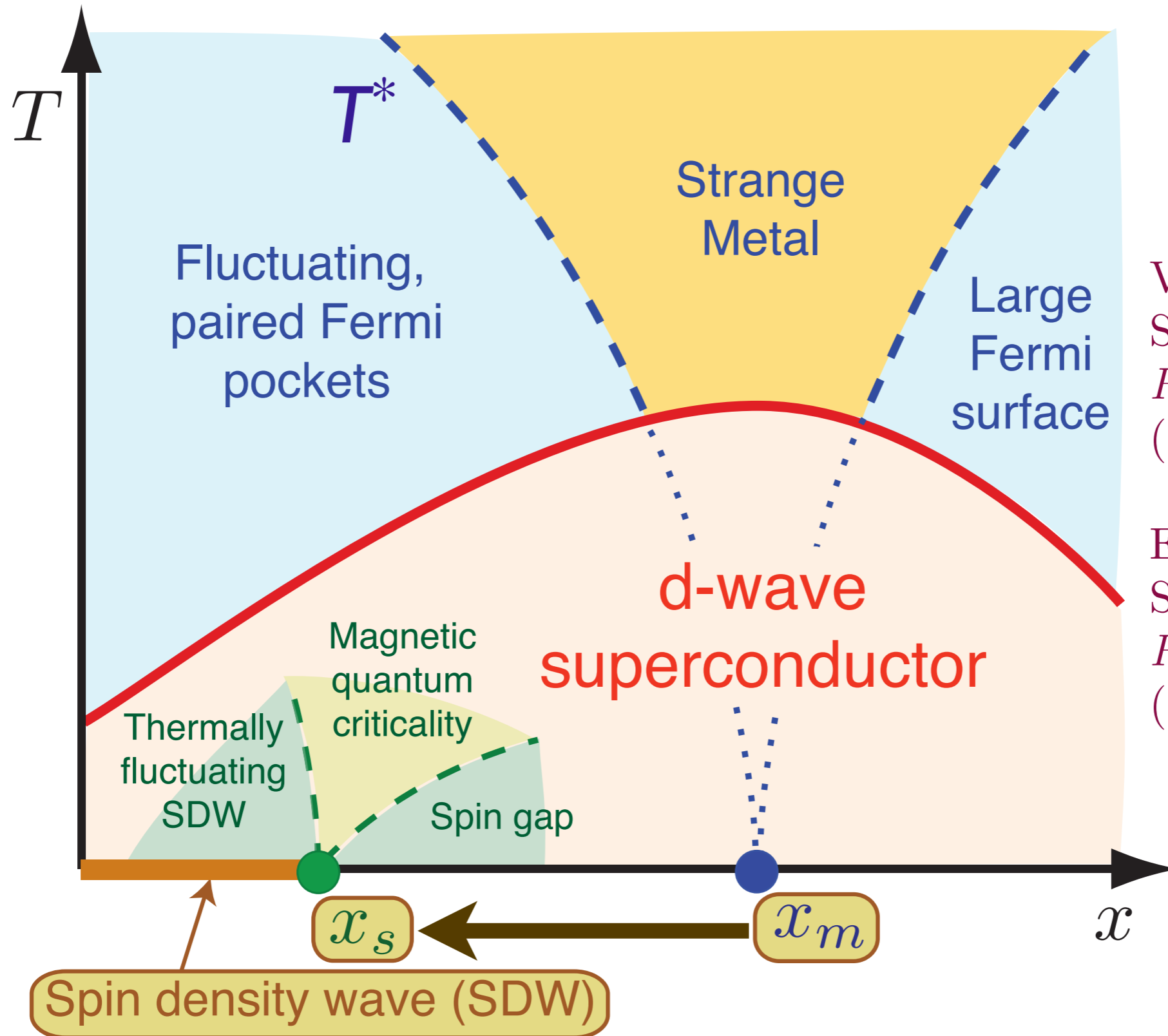


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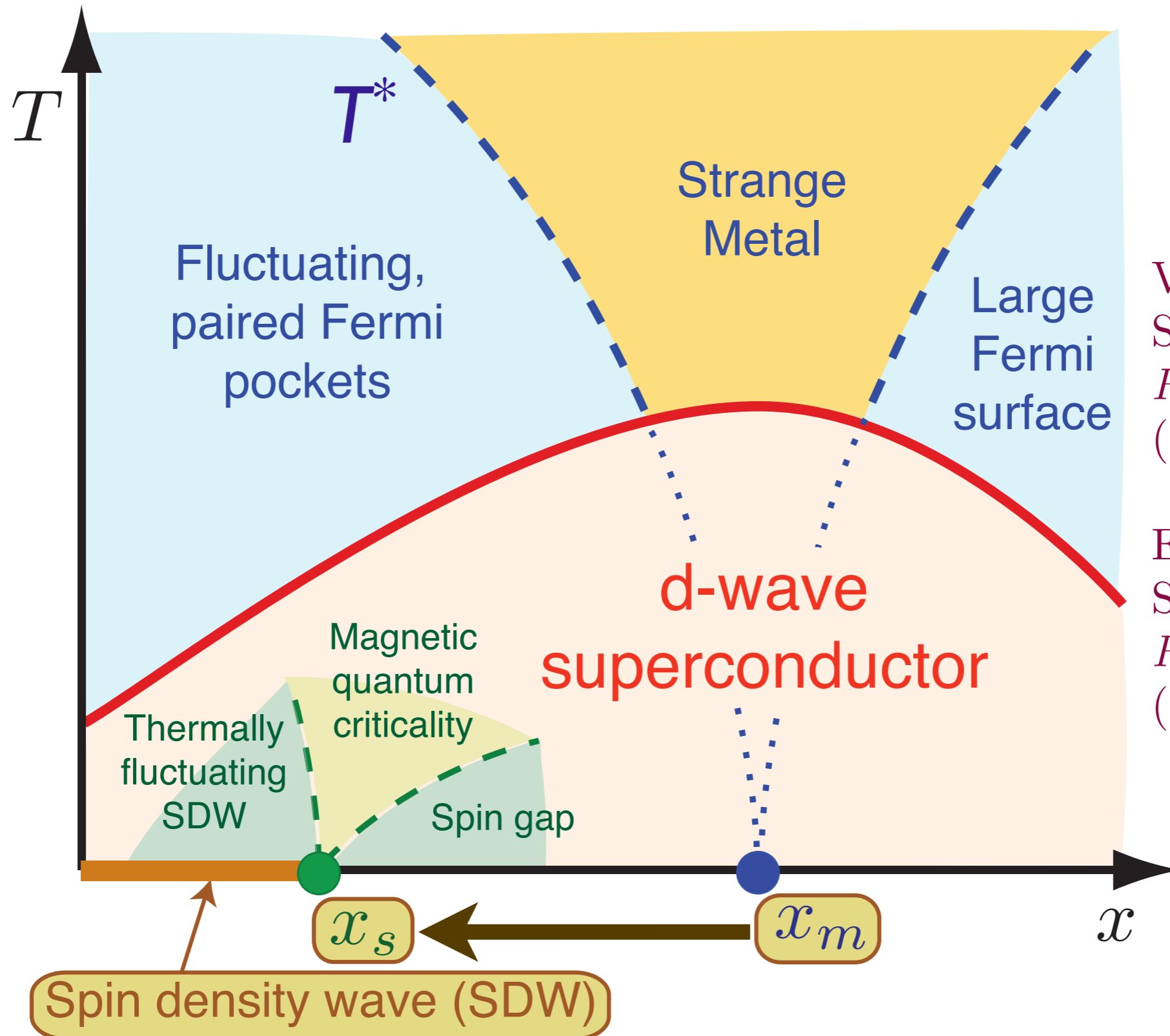


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Physics of competition: d -wave SC and SDW
“eat up” same pieces of the large Fermi surface.

Shift of ordering critical point in a metal due to onset of superconductivity

SDW ordering:

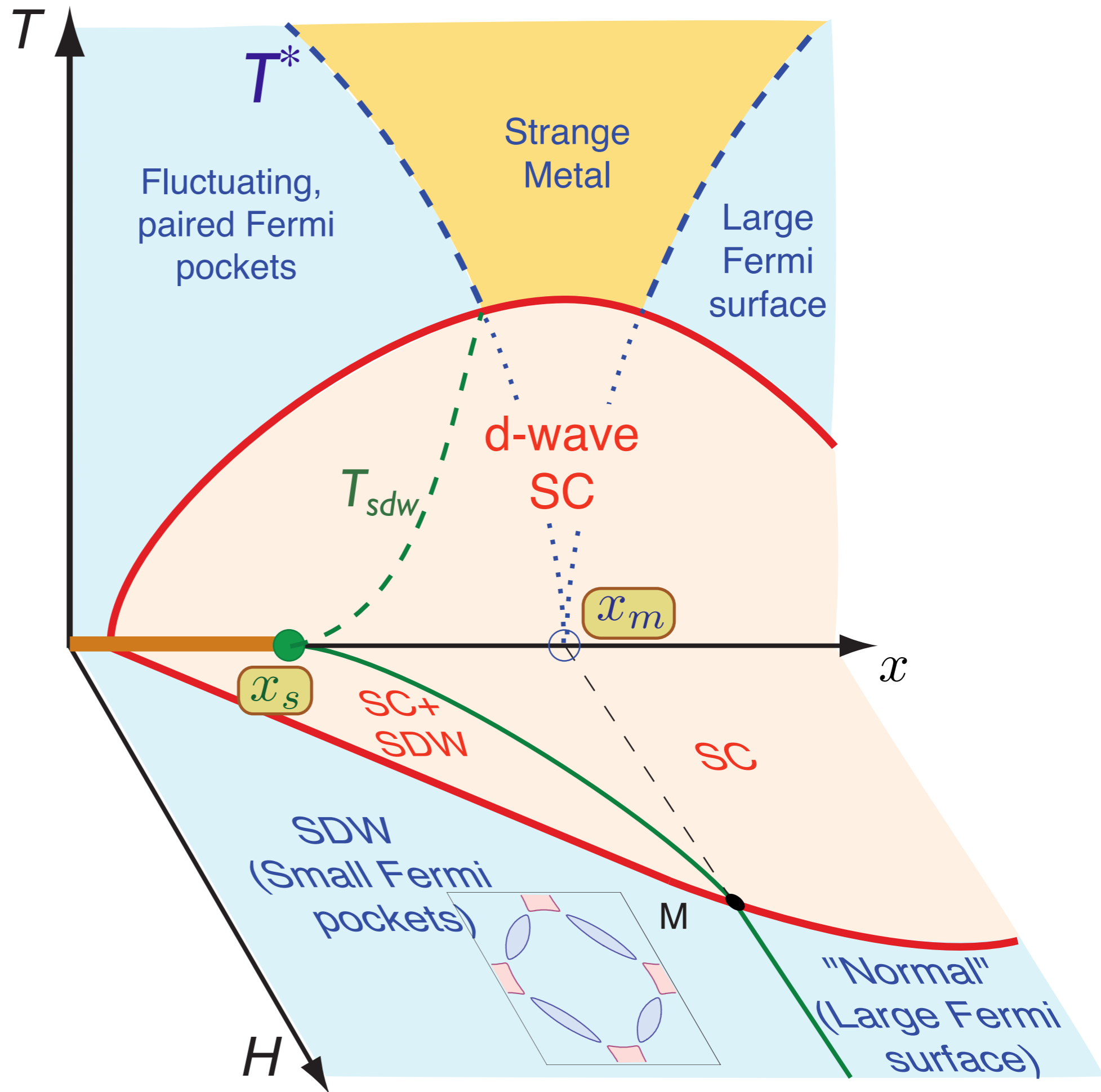
$$x_s = x_m - c|\Delta|$$

Ising-nematic ordering:

$$\tilde{x}_s = \tilde{x}_m - \tilde{c}|\Delta|^2$$

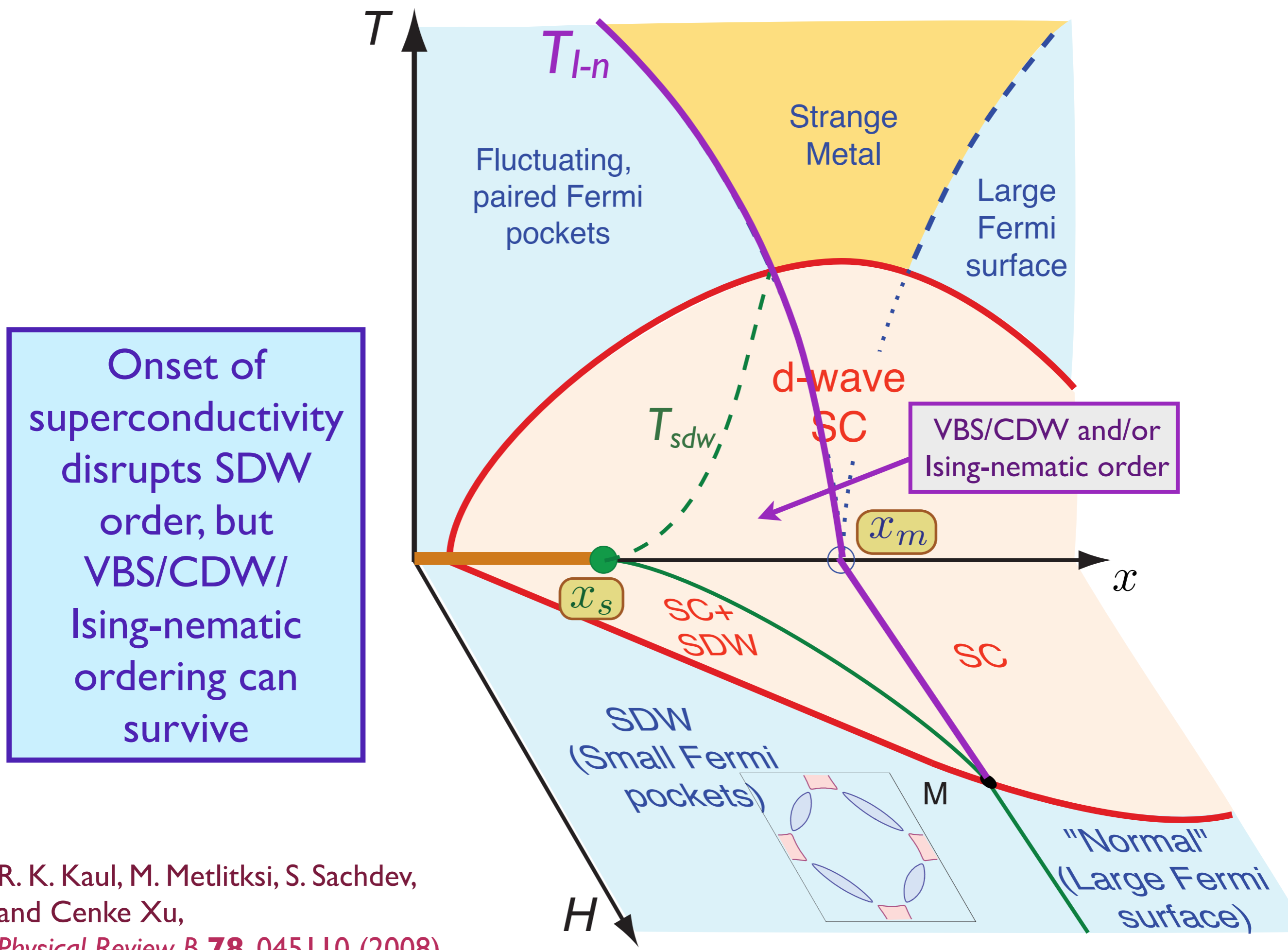
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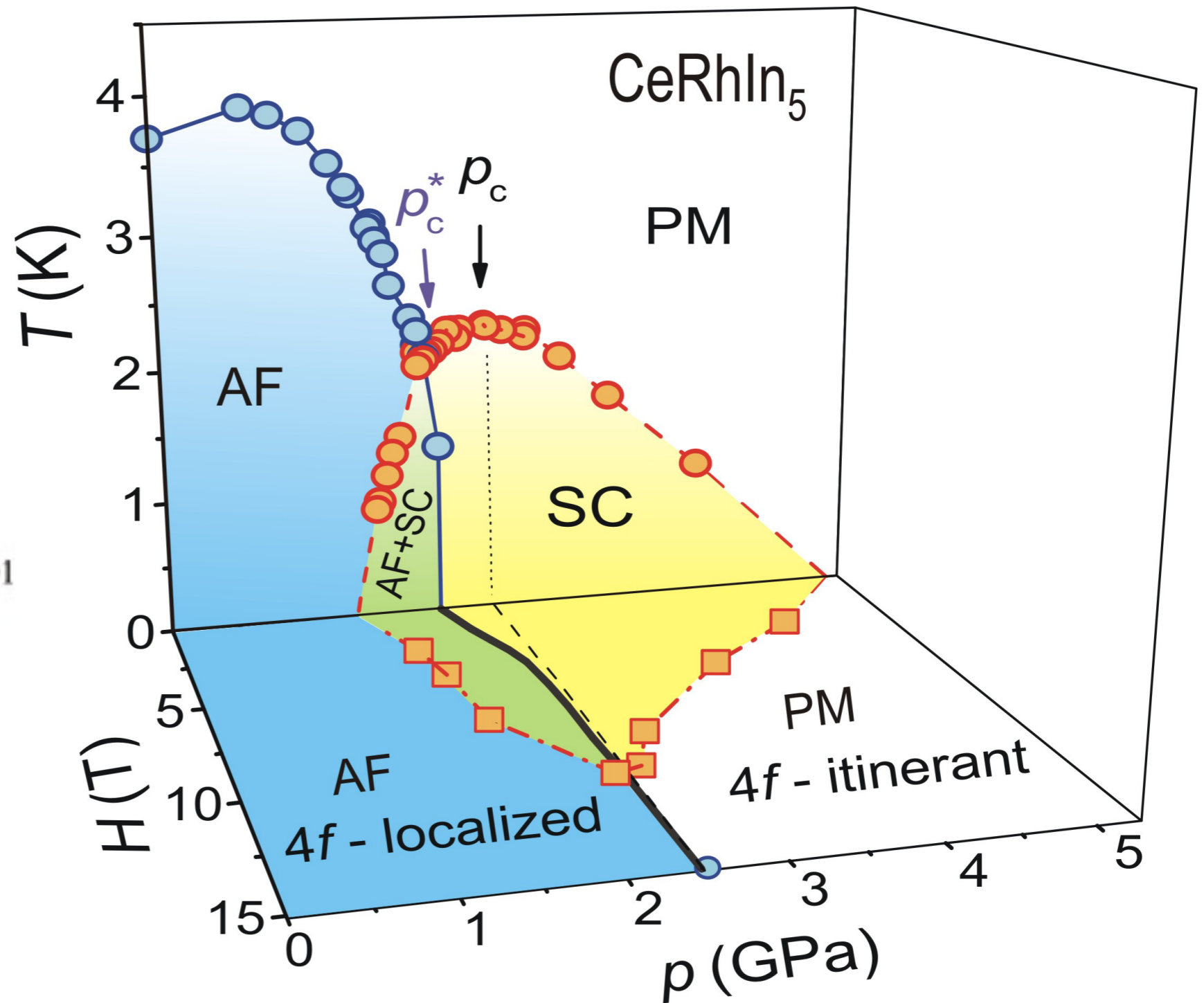
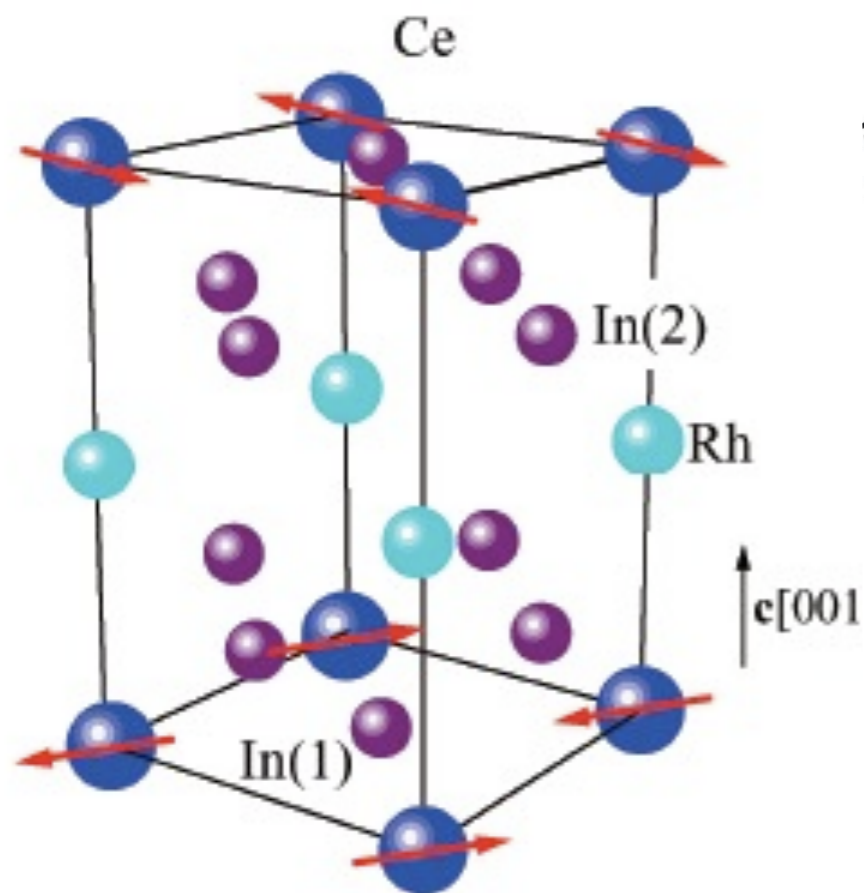
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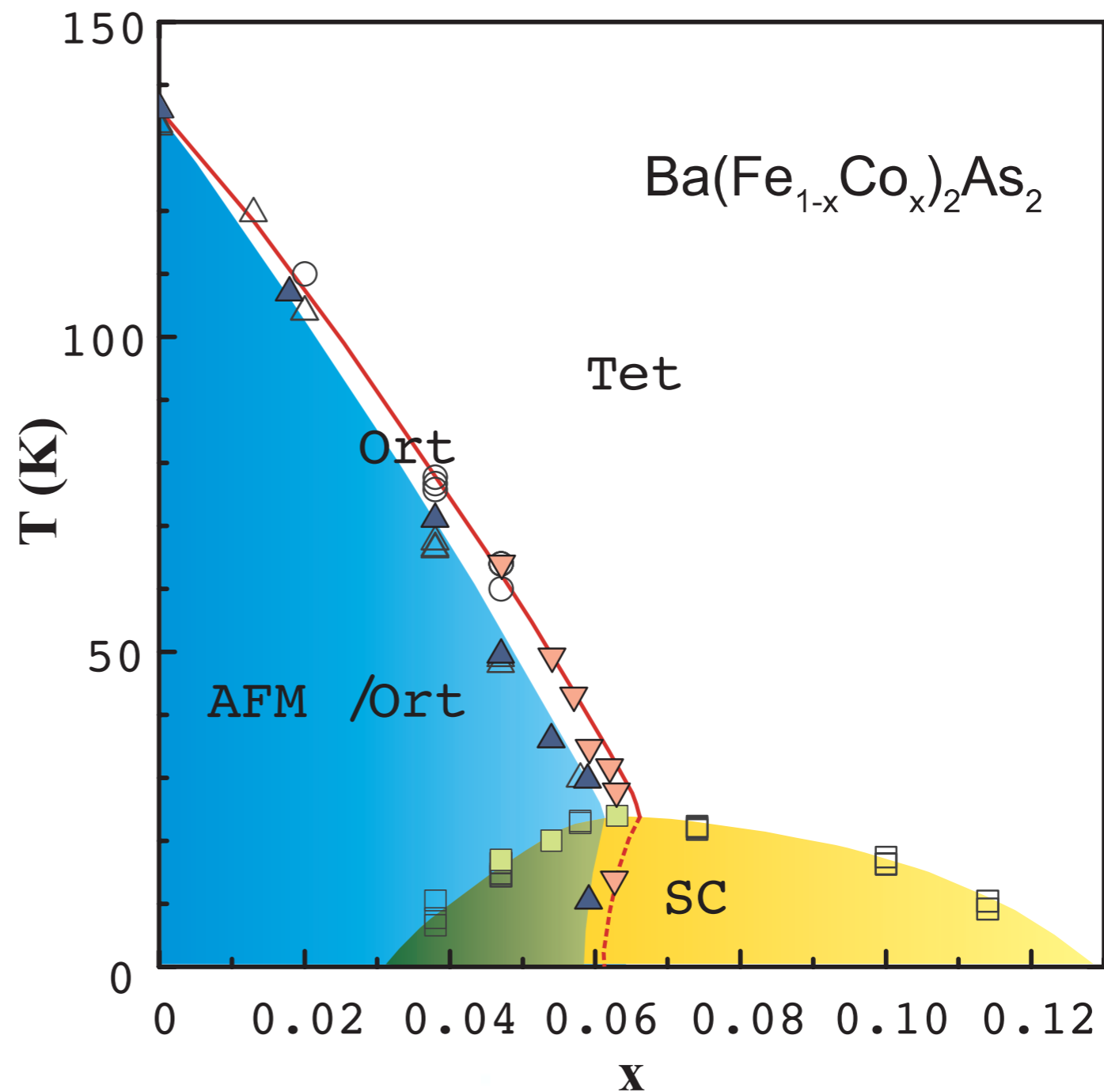
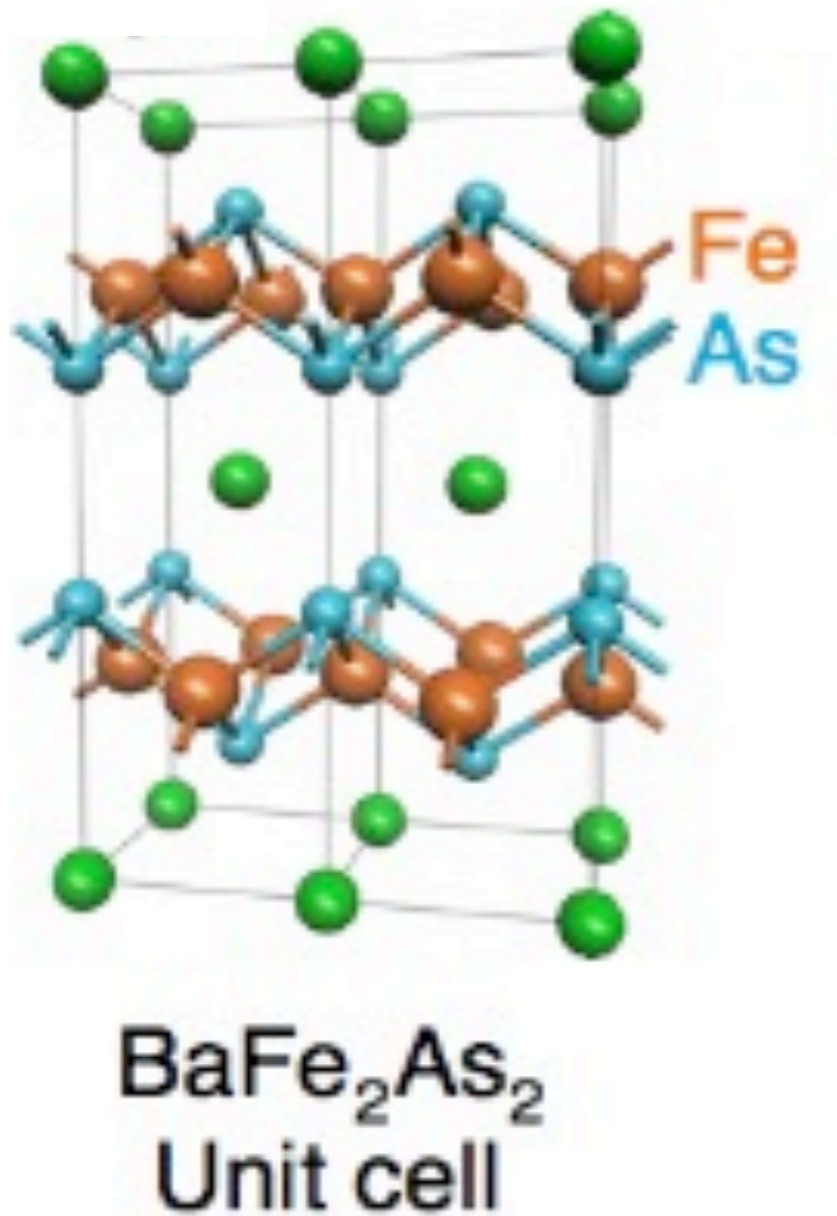
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