

States of quantum matter with long-range entanglement in d spatial dimensions

Gapped quantum matter

Spin liquids, quantum Hall states

Conformal quantum matter

Graphene, ultracold atoms, antiferromagnets

Compressible quantum matter

Graphene, strange metals in high temperature superconductors, spin liquids

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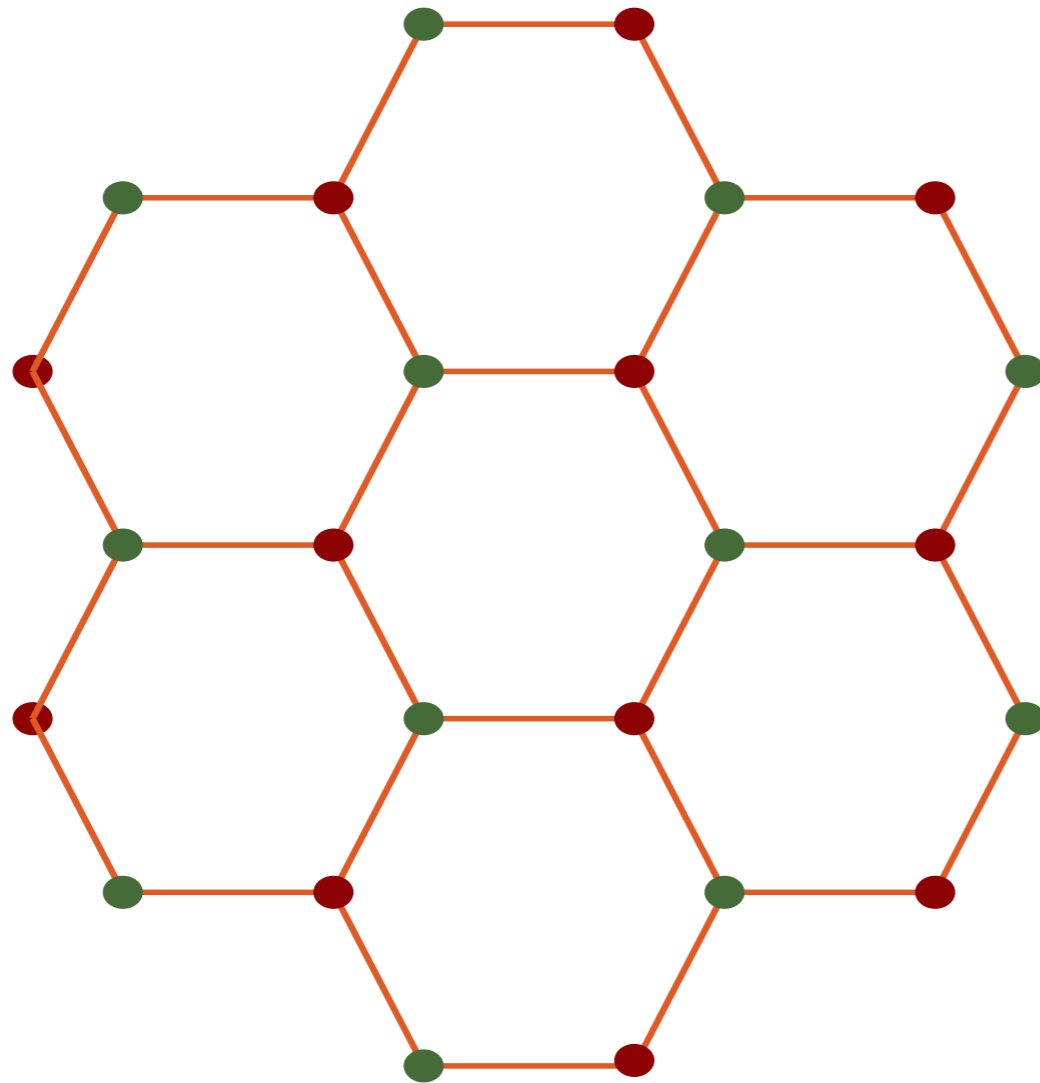
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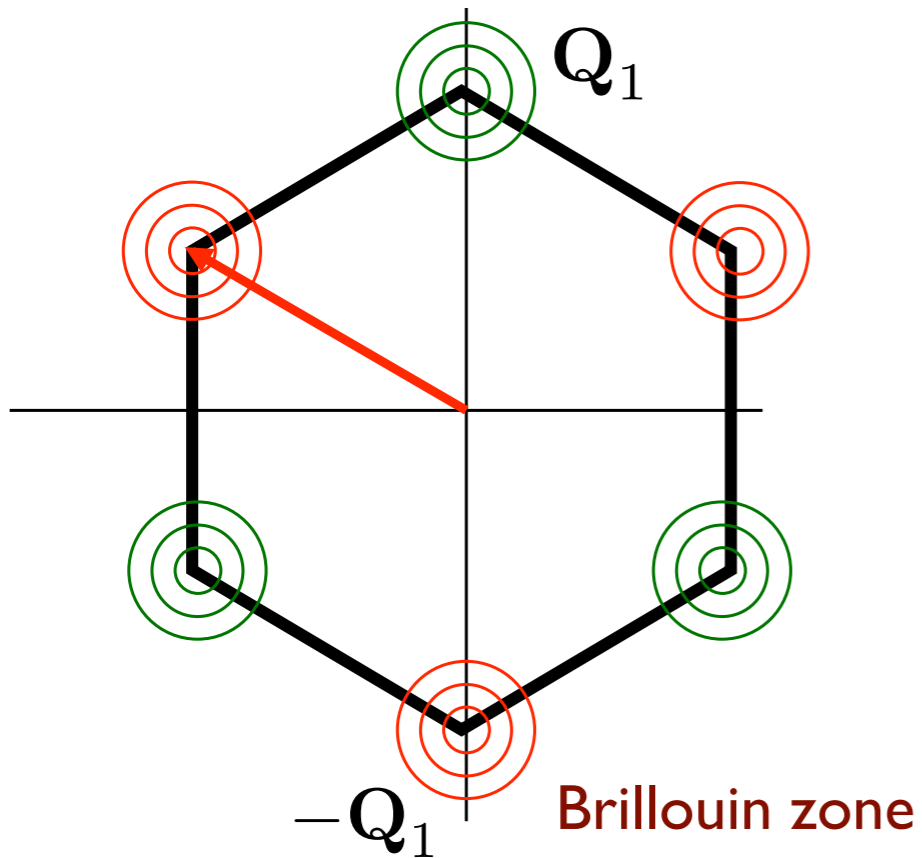
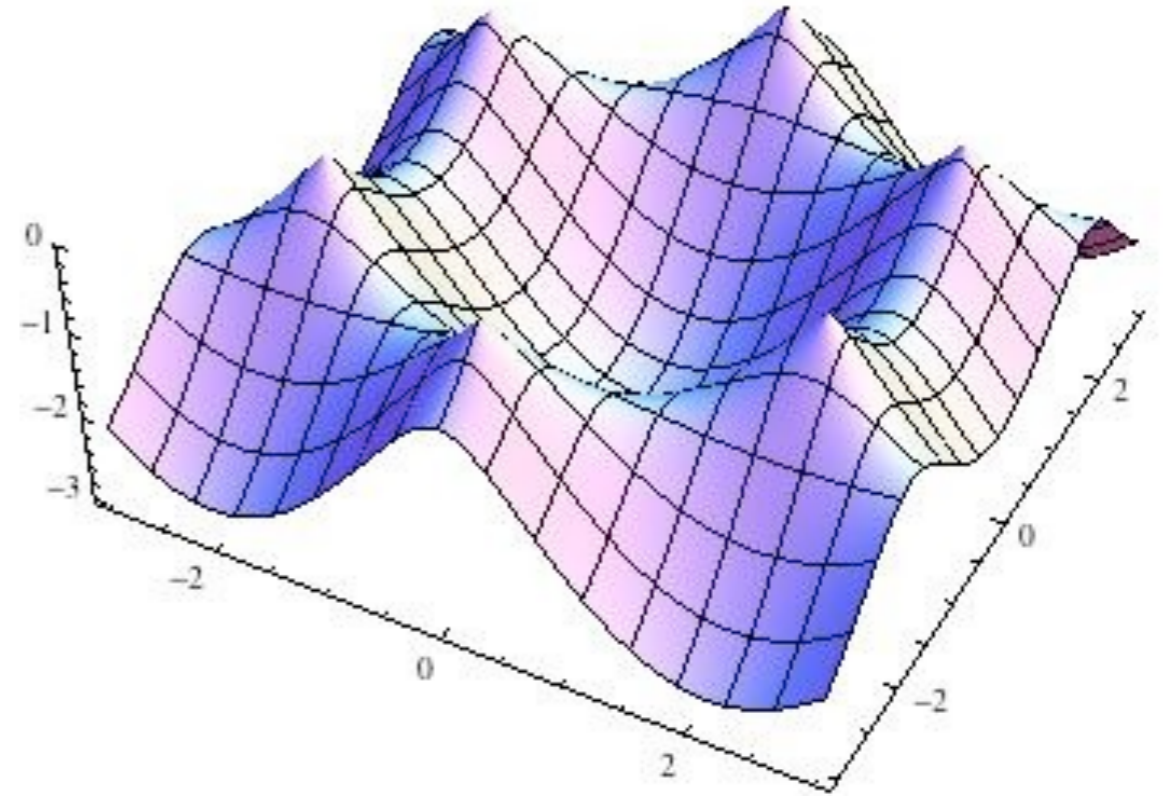
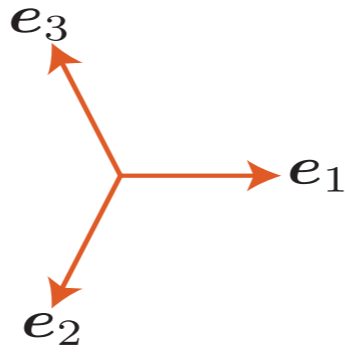
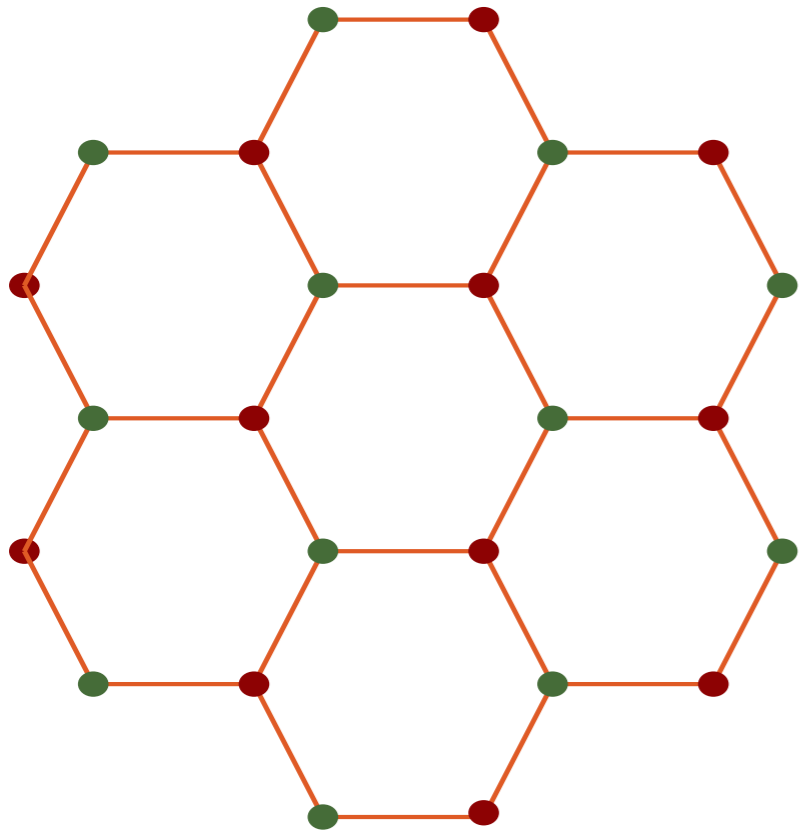
D. Gauge-gravity duality

Honeycomb lattice

(describes graphene after adding long-range Coulomb interactions)



$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i \left(n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$



**Semi-metal with
massless Dirac fermions
at small U/t**

We define the Fourier transform of the fermions by

$$c_A(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} c_A(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \quad (4)$$

and similarly for c_B . **A** and **B** are sublattice indices. The hopping Hamiltonian is

$$H_0 = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left(c_{Ai\alpha}^\dagger c_{Bj\alpha} + c_{Bj\alpha}^\dagger c_{Ai\alpha} \right) \quad (5)$$

where α is a spin index. If we introduce Pauli matrices τ^a in sublattice space ($a = x, y, z$), this Hamiltonian can be written as

$$H_0 = \int \frac{d^2k}{4\pi^2} c^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \left[-t \left(\cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1) + \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2) + \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_3) \right) \tau^x + t \left(\sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1) + \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2) + \sin(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{e}_3) \right) \tau^y \right] c(\mathbf{k}) \quad (6)$$

The low energy excitations of this Hamiltonian are near $\mathbf{k} \approx \pm \mathbf{Q}_1$.

In terms of the fields near \mathbf{Q}_1 and $-\mathbf{Q}_1$, we define

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi_{A1\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) &= c_{A\alpha}(\mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{k}) \\
 \Psi_{A2\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) &= c_{A\alpha}(-\mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{k}) \\
 \Psi_{B1\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) &= c_{B\alpha}(\mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{k}) \\
 \Psi_{B2\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) &= c_{B\alpha}(-\mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{k})
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

We consider Ψ to be a 8 component vector, and introduce Pauli matrices ρ^a which act in the 1, 2 valley space. Then the Hamiltonian is

$$H_0 = \int \frac{d^2k}{4\pi^2} \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \left(v\tau^y k_x + v\tau^x \rho^z k_y \right) \Psi(\mathbf{k}), \tag{8}$$

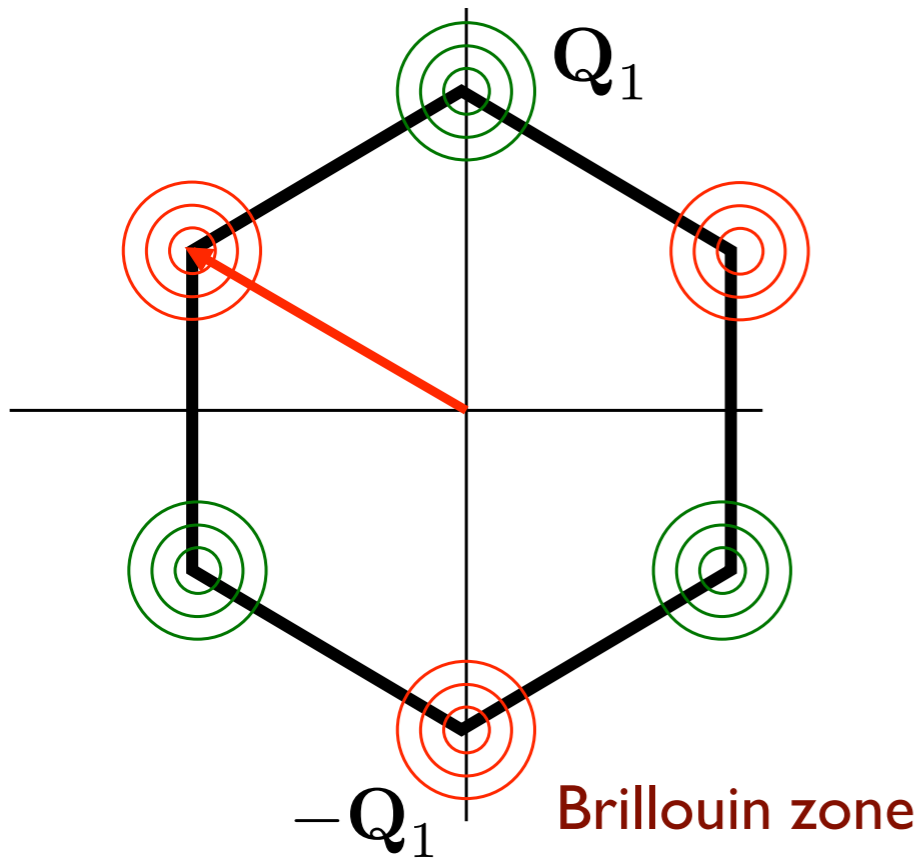
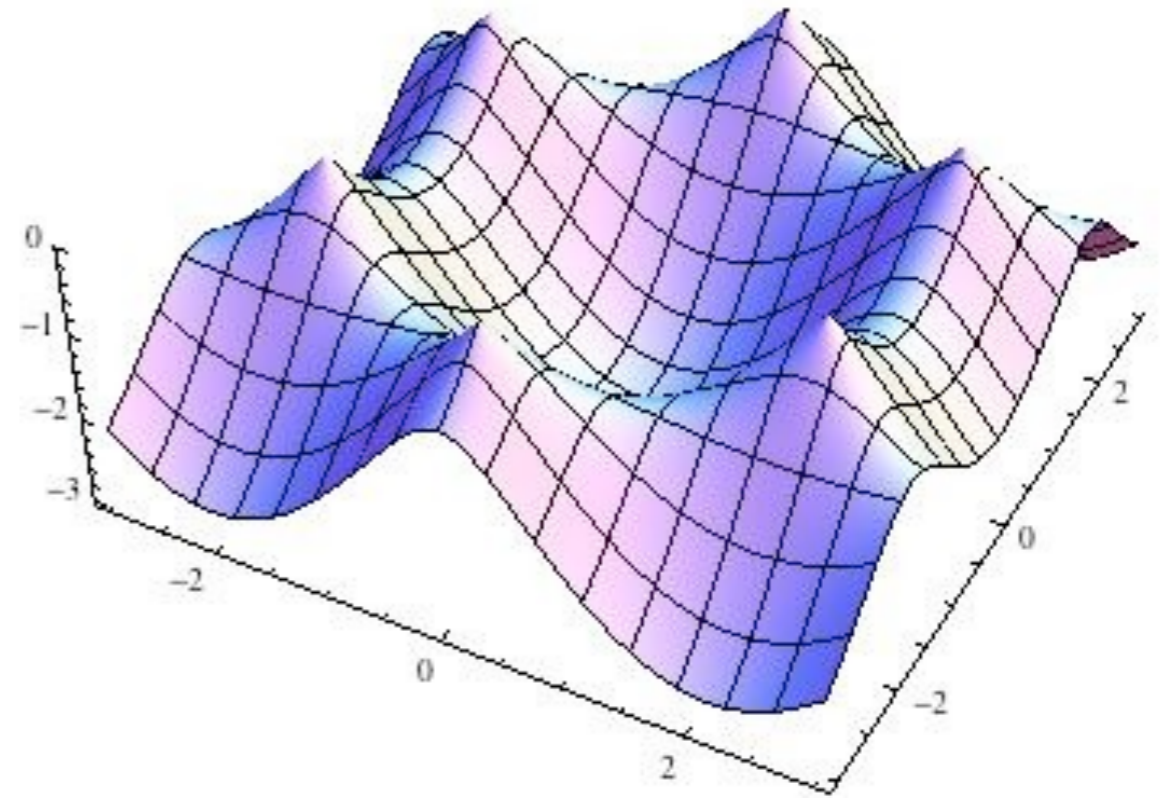
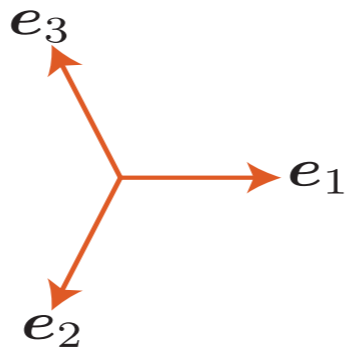
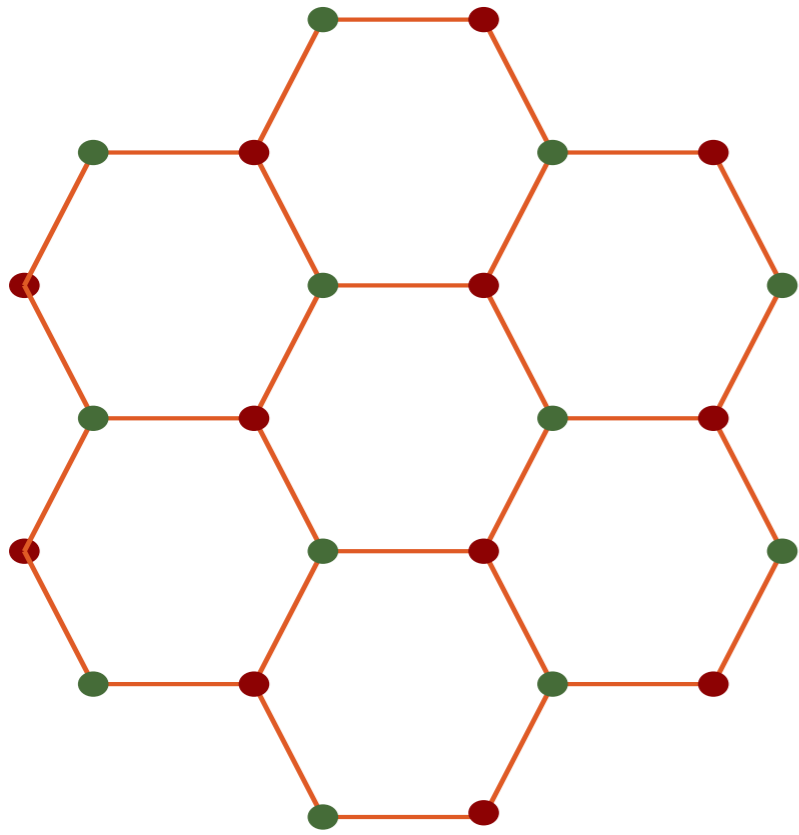
where $v = 3t/2$; below we set $v = 1$. Now define $\bar{\Psi} = \Psi^\dagger \rho^z \tau^z$. Then we can write the imaginary time Lagrangian as

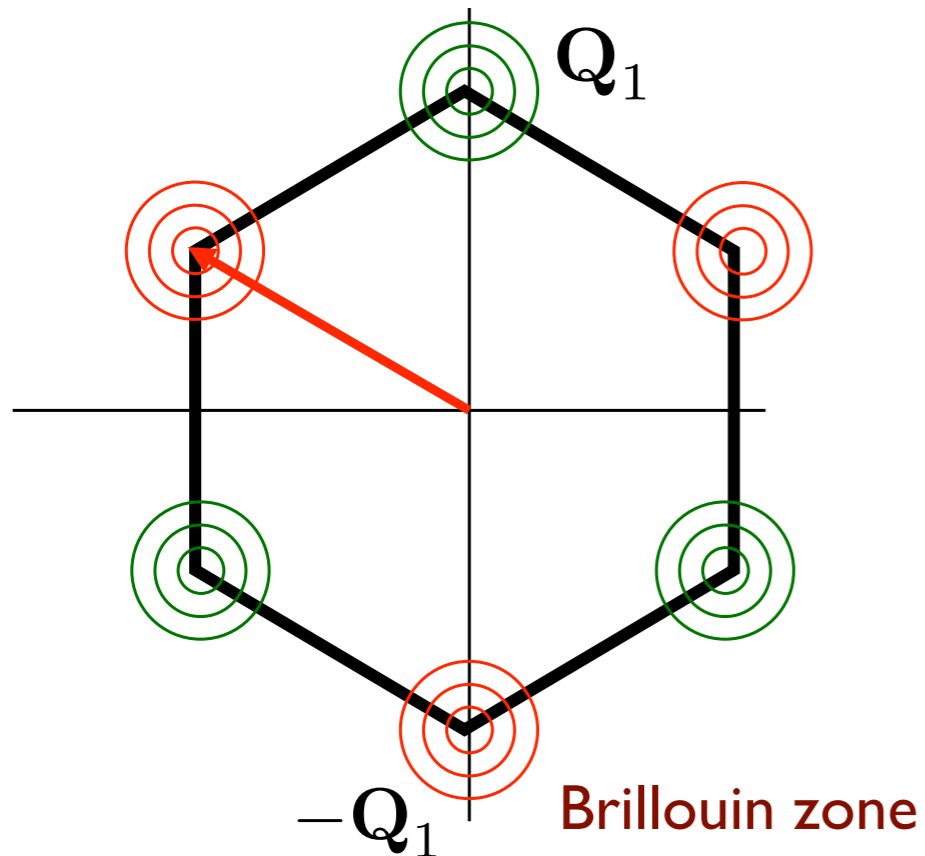
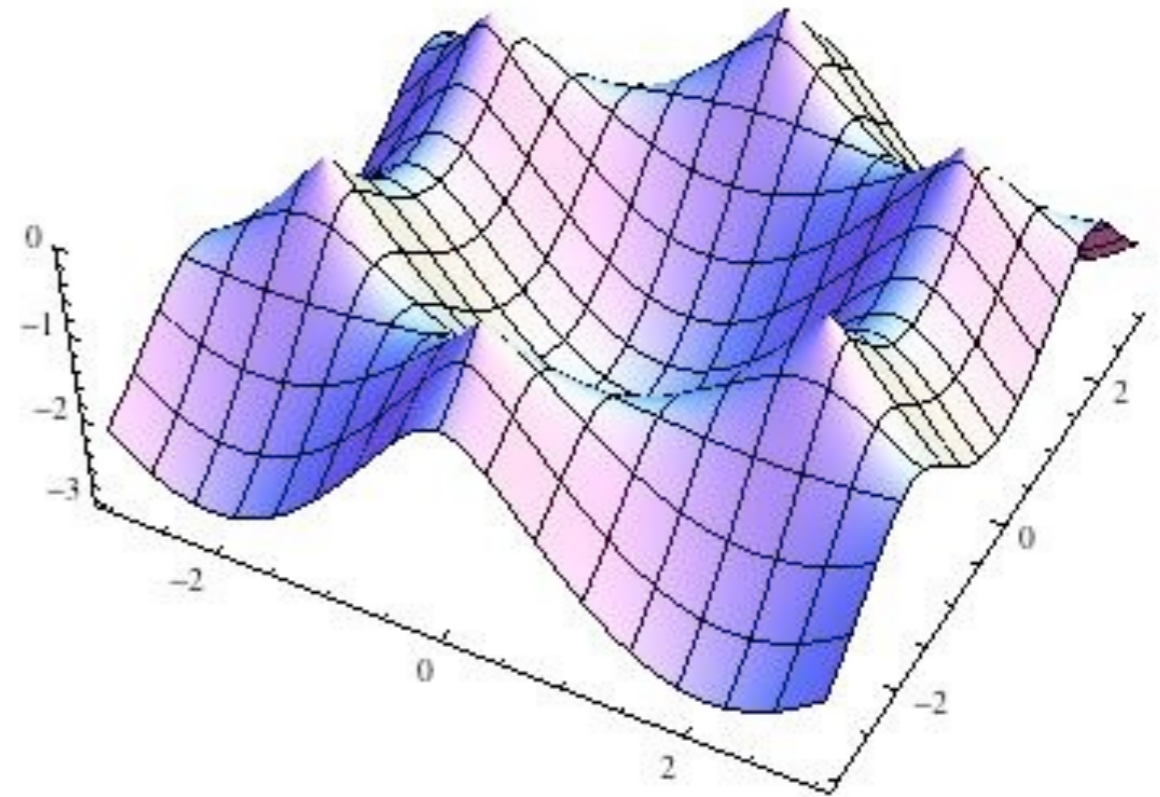
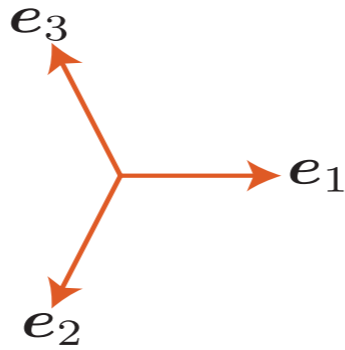
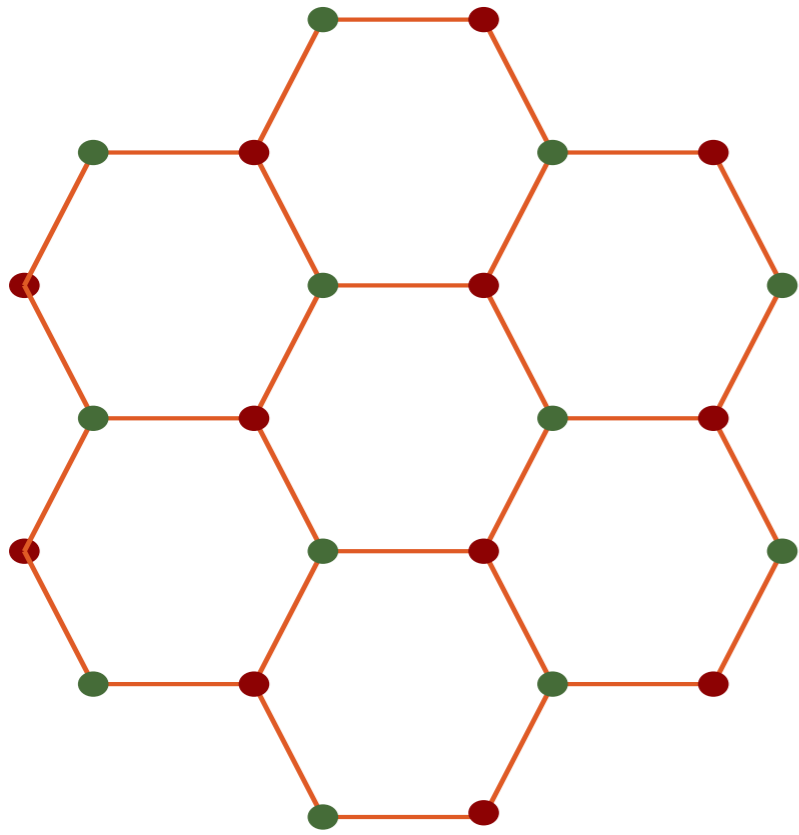
$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -i\bar{\Psi} (\omega\gamma_0 + k_x\gamma_1 + k_y\gamma_2) \Psi \tag{9}$$

where

$$\gamma_0 = -\rho^z \tau^z \quad \gamma_1 = \rho^z \tau^x \quad \gamma_2 = -\tau^y \tag{10}$$

Exercise: Observe that \mathcal{L}_0 is invariant under the scaling transformation $x' = xe^{-\ell}$ and $\tau' = \tau e^{-\ell}$. Write the Hubbard interaction U in terms of the Dirac fermions, and show that it has the tree-level scaling transformation $U' = Ue^{-\ell}$. So argue that all short-range interactions are *irrelevant* in the Dirac semi-metal phase.





The theory of free Dirac fermions is invariant under conformal transformations of spacetime. This is a realization of a simple conformal field theory in $2+1$ dimensions: a CFT3

The Hubbard Model at large U

$$H = - \sum_{i,j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i \left(n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \mu \sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha}$$

In the limit of large U , and at a density of one particle per site, this maps onto the Heisenberg antiferromagnet

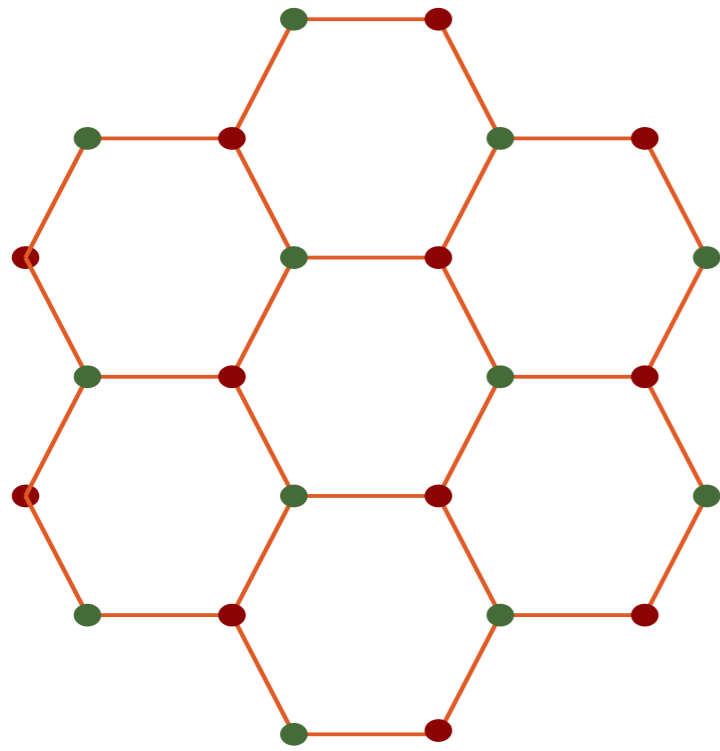
$$H_{AF} = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i^a S_j^a$$

where $a = x, y, z$,

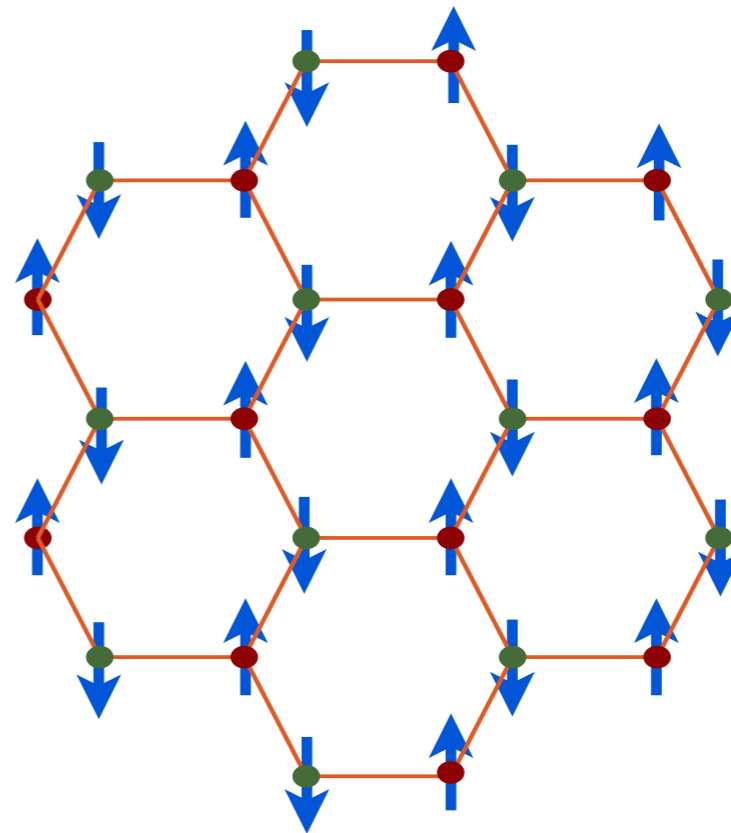
$$S_i^a = \frac{1}{2} c_{i\alpha}^{a\dagger} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^a c_{i\beta},$$

with σ^a the Pauli matrices and

$$J_{ij} = \frac{4t_{ij}^2}{U}$$



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U/t

Antiferromagnetism

We use the operator equation (valid on each site i):

$$U \left(n_{\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{2U}{3} S_i^{a2} + \frac{U}{4} \quad (11)$$

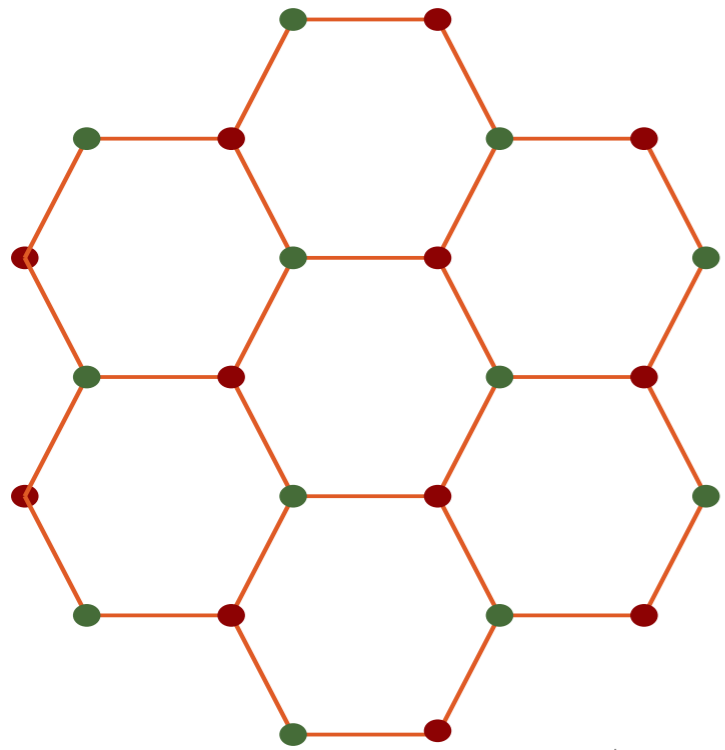
Then we decouple the interaction via

$$\exp \left(\frac{2U}{3} \sum_i \int d\tau S_i^{a2} \right) = \int \mathcal{D}J_i^a(\tau) \exp \left(- \sum_i \int d\tau \left[\frac{3}{8U} J_i^{a2} - J_i^a S_i^a \right] \right) \quad (12)$$

We now integrate out the fermions, and look for the saddle point of the resulting effective action for J_i^a .

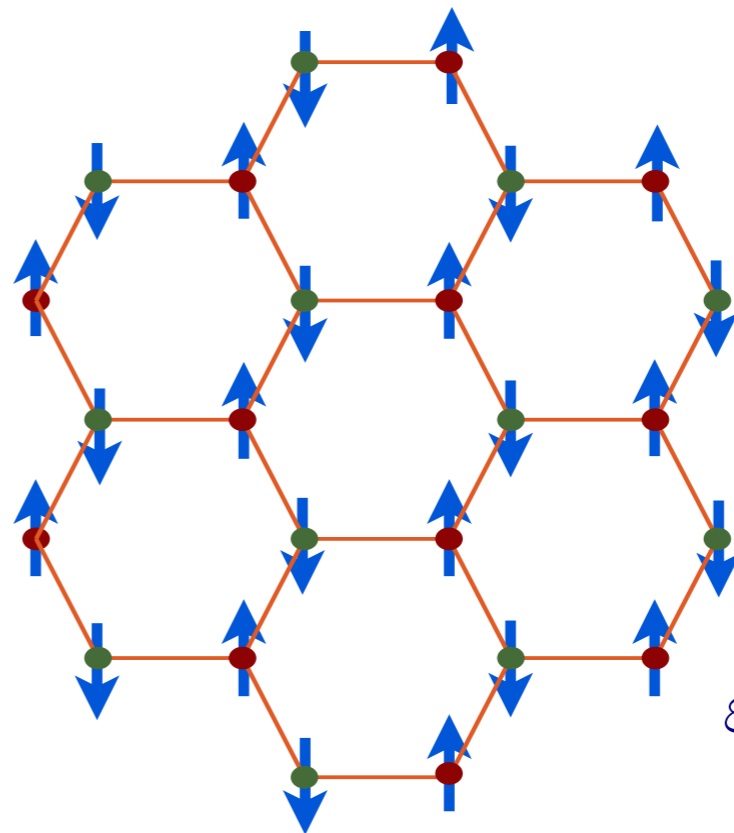
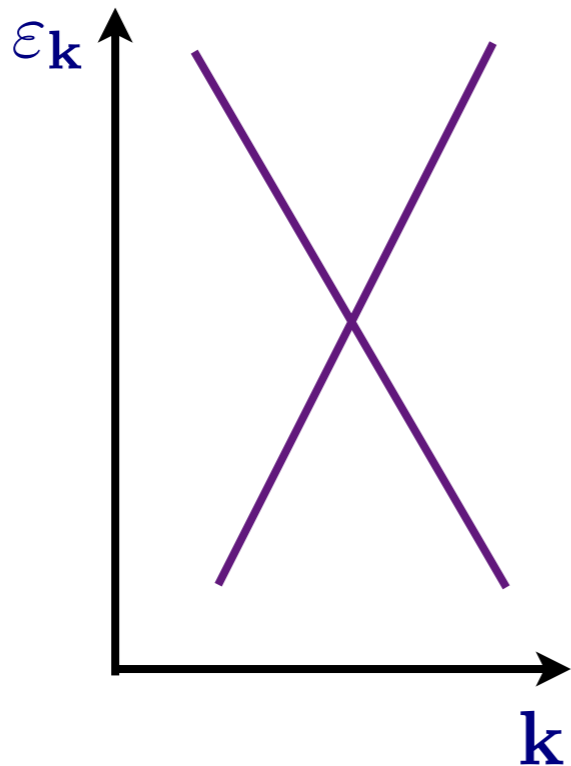
Long wavelength fluctuations about this saddle point are described by a field theory of the Néel order parameter, φ^a , coupled to the Dirac fermions in the **Gross-Neveu** model.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \Psi + \frac{1}{2} \left[(\partial_{\mu} \varphi^a)^2 + s \varphi^{a2} \right] + \frac{u}{24} (\varphi^{a2})^2 - \lambda \varphi^a \bar{\Psi} \rho^z \sigma^a \Psi$$



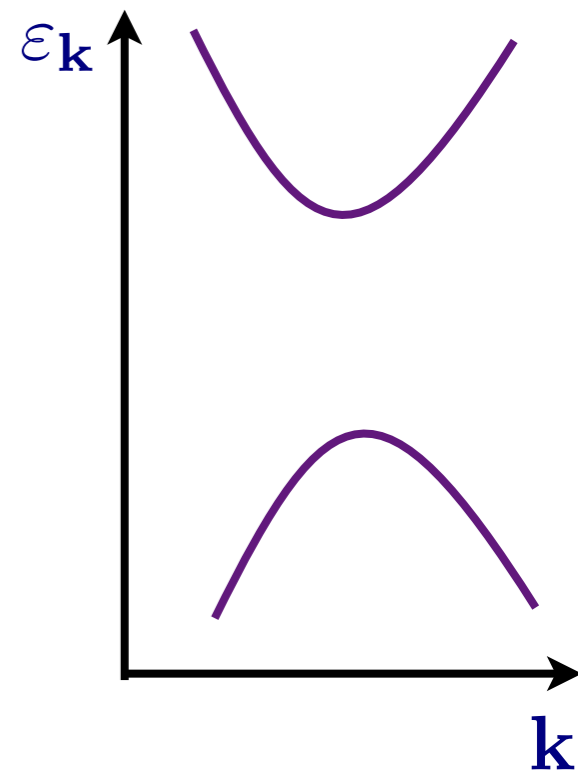
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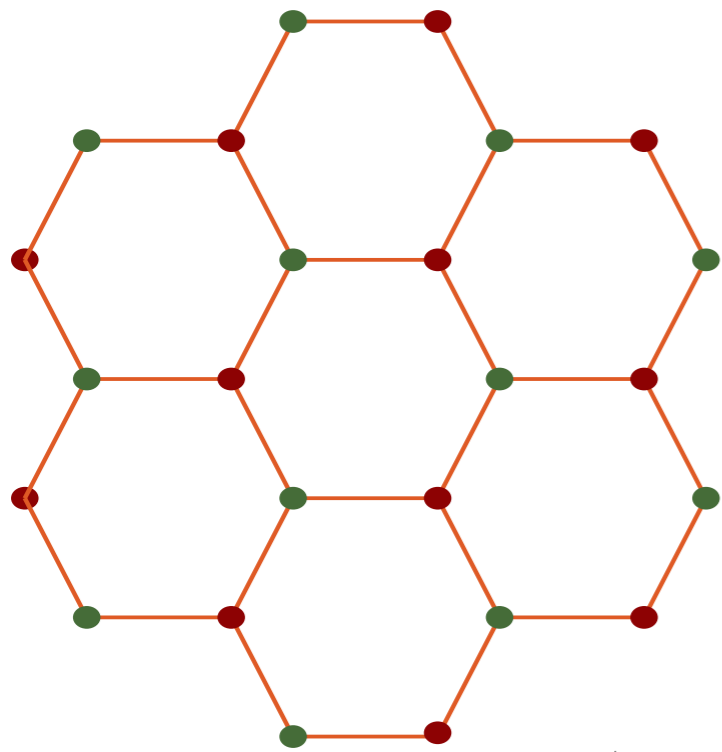


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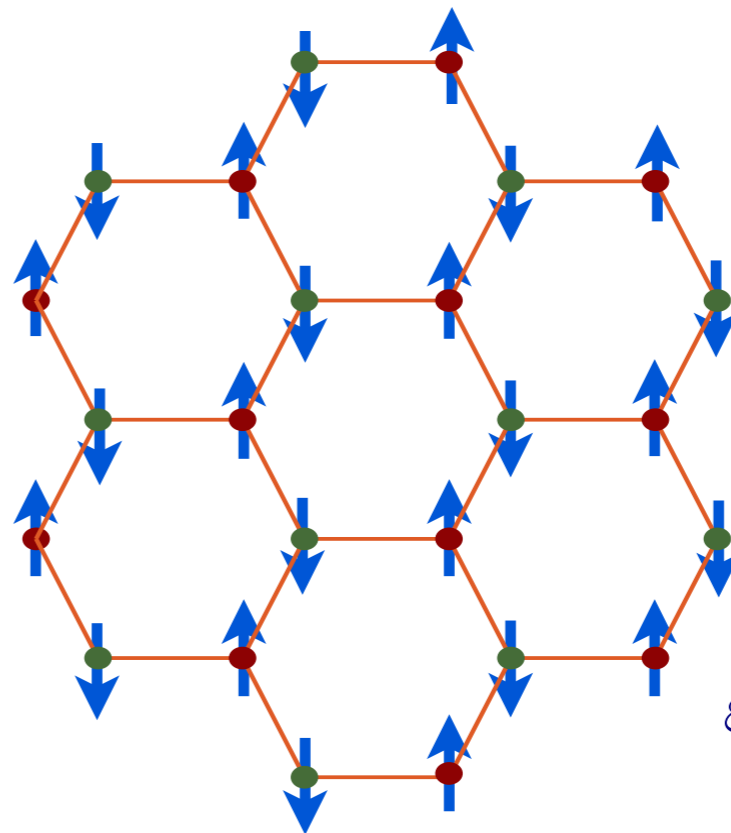
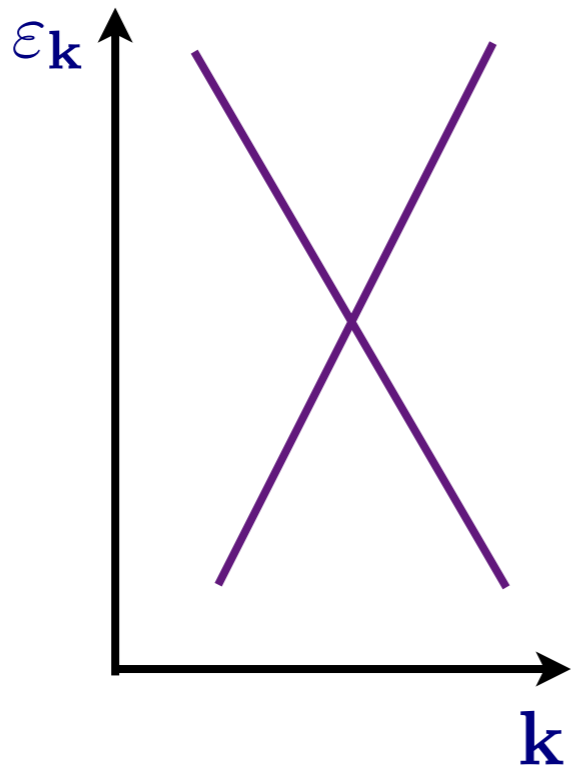


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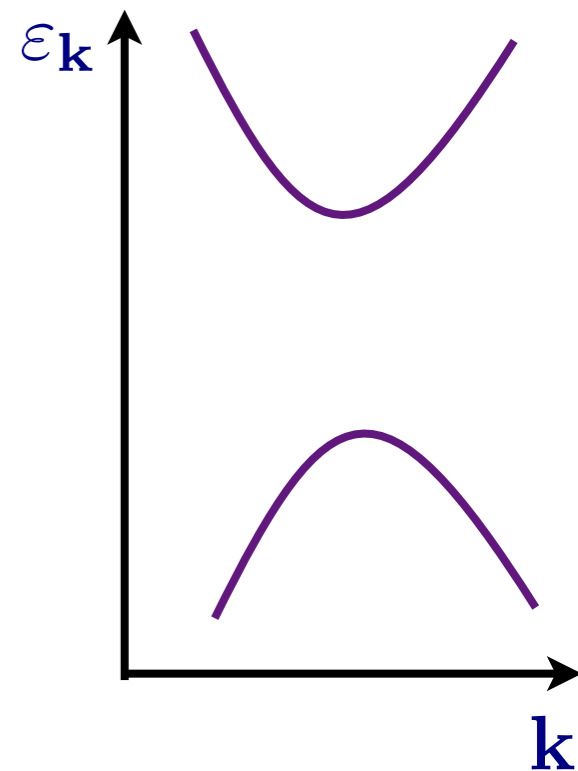
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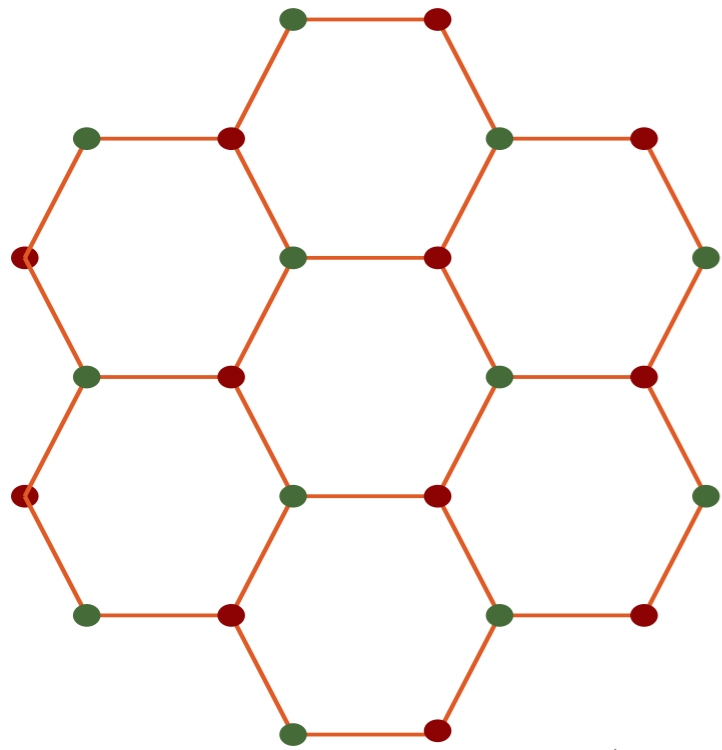
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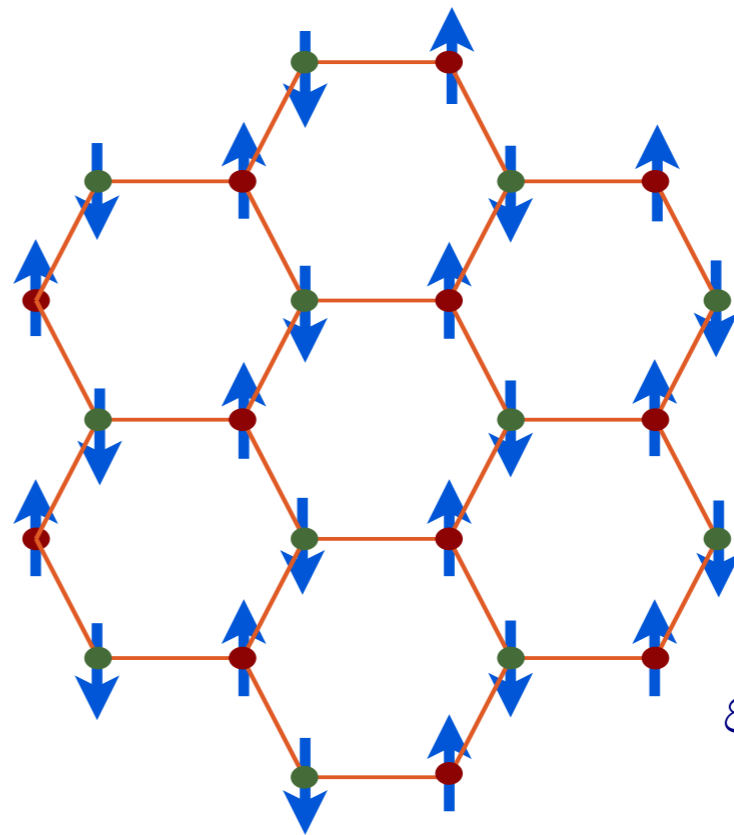
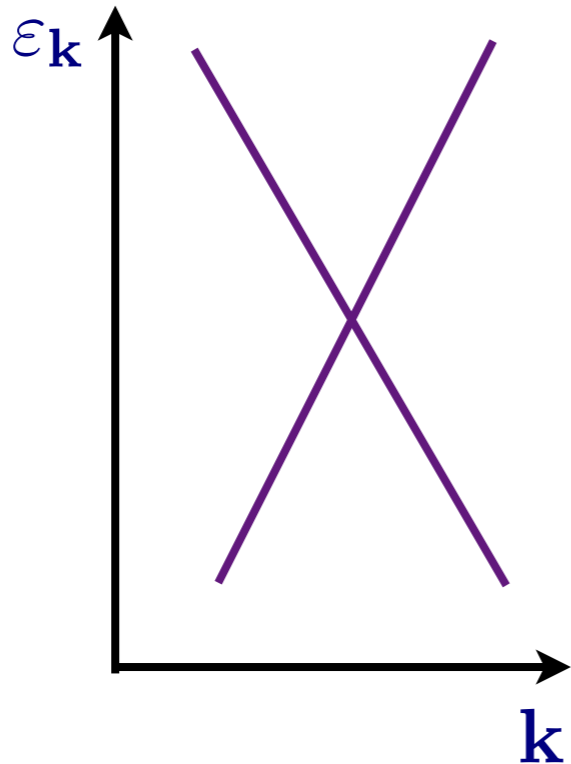
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At the quantum critical point, the non-linear couplings λ and u in the Gross-Neveu model reach non-zero fixed-point values under the renormalization group flow. The critical theory is an *interacting* CFT₃



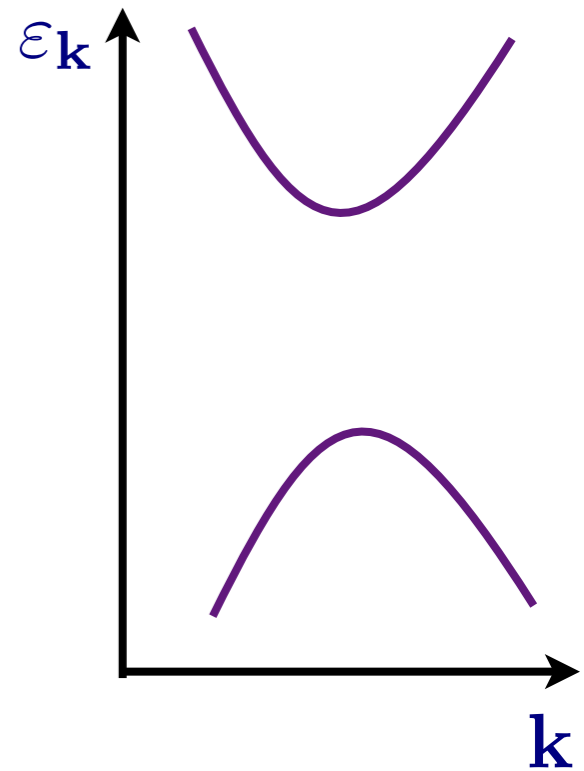
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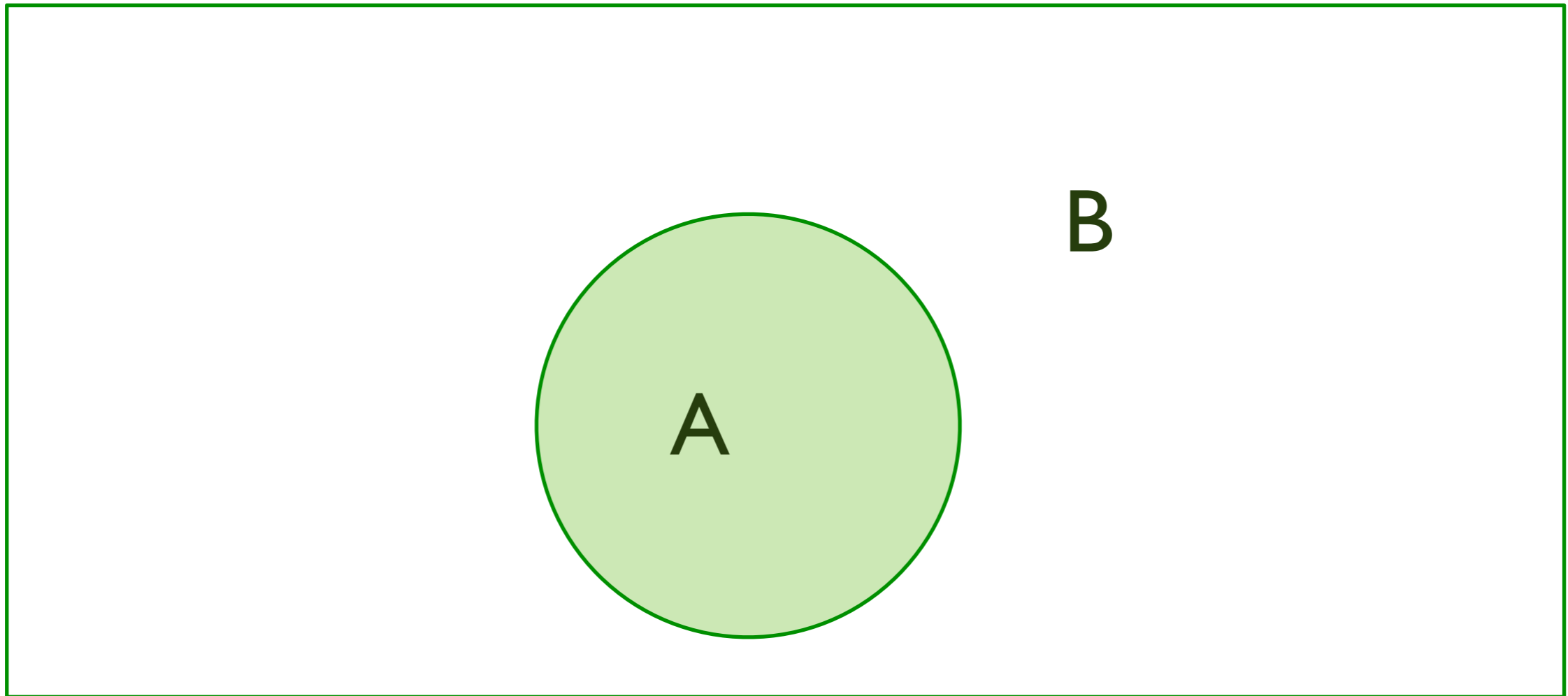
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Free CFT3

Interacting CFT3
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Long-range entanglement in a CFT3

- Long-range entanglement: entanglement entropy obeys $S_{EE} = aL - \gamma$, where γ is a universal number associated with the CFT3.



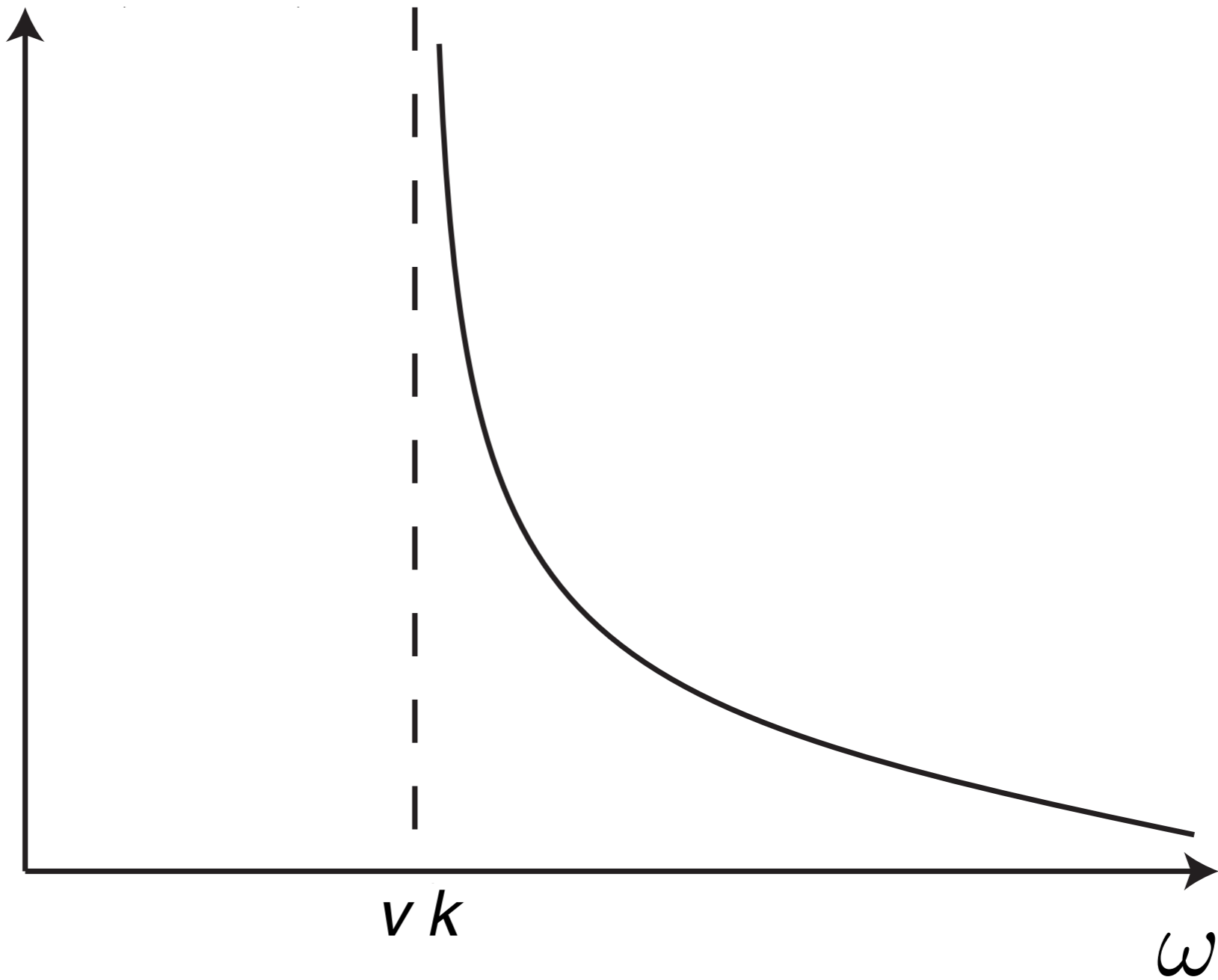
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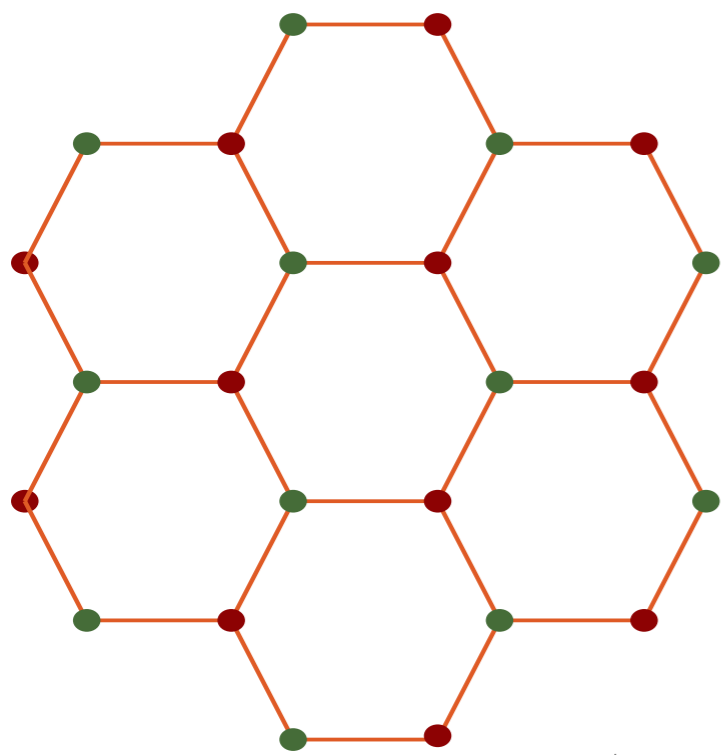
Electron Green's function for the interacting CFT3

$$G(k, \omega) = \langle \Psi(k, \omega); \Psi^\dagger(k, \omega) \rangle \sim \frac{i\omega + vk_x \tau^y + vk_y \tau^x \rho^z}{(\omega^2 + v^2 k_x^2 + v^2 k_y^2)^{1-\eta/2}}$$

where $\eta > 0$ is the *anomalous dimension* of the fermion. Note that this leads to a fermion spectral density which has no quasiparticle pole: thus the quantum critical point has no well-defined quasiparticle excitations.

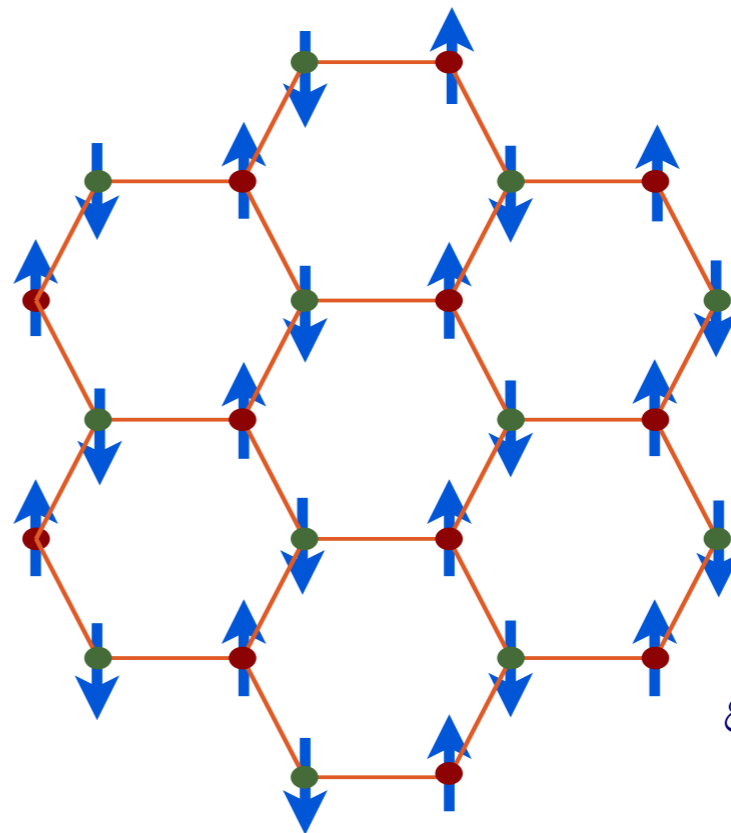
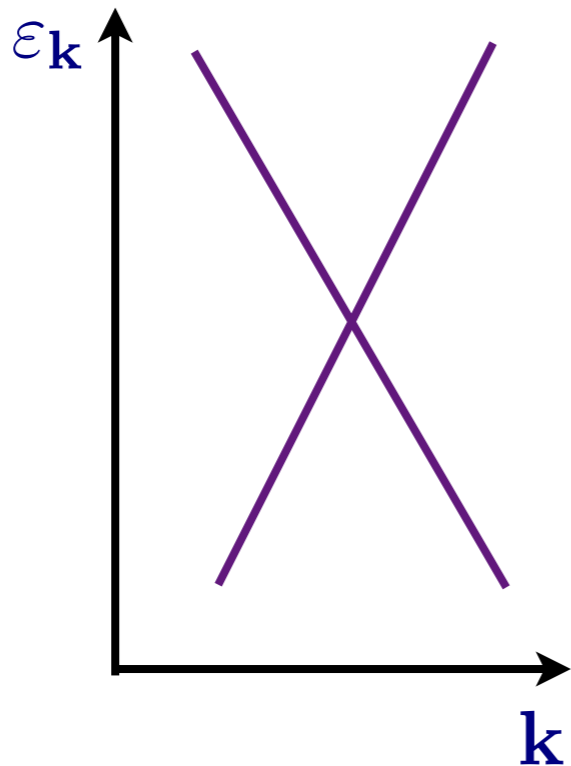
$\text{Im}G(k, \omega)$





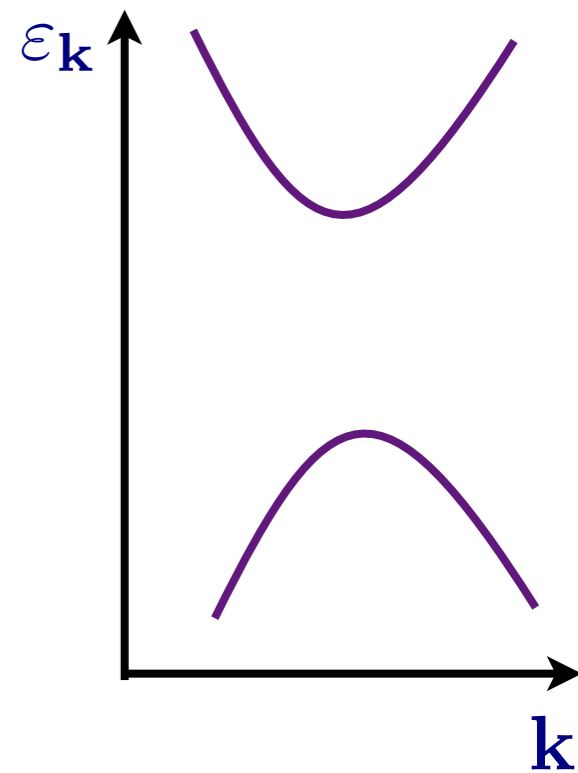
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Quantum phase transition described by a strongly-coupled conformal field theory without well-defined quasiparticles

Electrical transport

The conserved electrical current is

$$J_\mu = -i\bar{\Psi}\gamma_\mu\Psi. \quad (1)$$

Let us compute its two-point correlator, $K_{\mu\nu}(k)$ at a spacetime momentum k_μ at $T = 0$. At leading order, this is given by a one fermion loop diagram which evaluates to

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\mu\nu}(k) &= \int \frac{d^3p}{8\pi^3} \frac{\text{Tr} [\gamma_\mu (i\gamma_\lambda p_\lambda + m\rho^z \sigma^z) \gamma_\nu (i\gamma_\delta (k_\delta + p_\delta) + m\rho^z \sigma^z)]}{(p^2 + m^2)((p+k)^2 + m^2)} \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right) \int_0^1 dx \frac{k^2 x(1-x)}{\sqrt{m^2 + k^2 x(1-x)}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where the mass $m = 0$ in the semi-metal and at the quantum critical point, while $m = |\lambda N_0|$ in the insulator. Note that the current correlation is purely transverse, and this follows from the requirement of current conservation

$$k_\mu K_{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad (3)$$

Of particular interest to us is the K_{00} component, after analytic continuation to Minkowski space where the spacetime momentum k_μ is replaced by (ω, k) . The conductivity is obtained from this correlator via the Kubo formula

$$\sigma(\omega) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{-i\omega}{k^2} K_{00}(\omega, k). \quad (4)$$

In the insulator, where $m > 0$, analysis of the integrand in Eq. (2) shows that the spectral weight of the density correlator has a gap of $2m$ at $k = 0$, and the conductivity in Eq. (4) vanishes.

These properties are as expected in any insulator.

In the metal, and at the critical point, where $m = 0$, the fermionic spectrum is gapless, and so is that of the charge correlator. The density correlator in Eq. (2) and the conductivity in Eq. (4) evaluate to the simple universal results

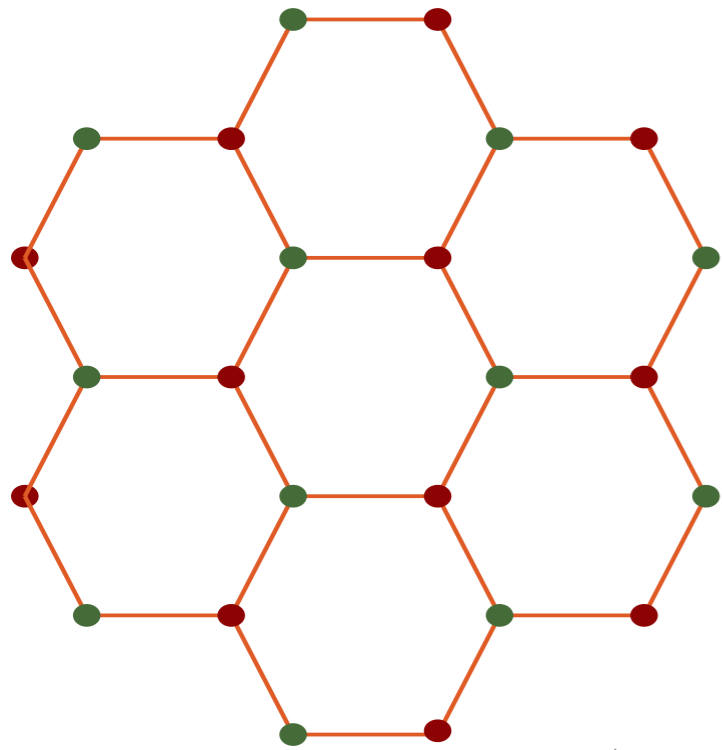
$$\begin{aligned} K_{00}(\omega, k) &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{k^2}{\sqrt{k^2 - \omega^2}} \\ \sigma(\omega) &= 1/4. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Going beyond one-loop, we find *no change* in these results in the

semi-metal to all orders in perturbation theory. At the quantum critical point, there are no anomalous dimensions for the conserved current, but the amplitude does change yielding

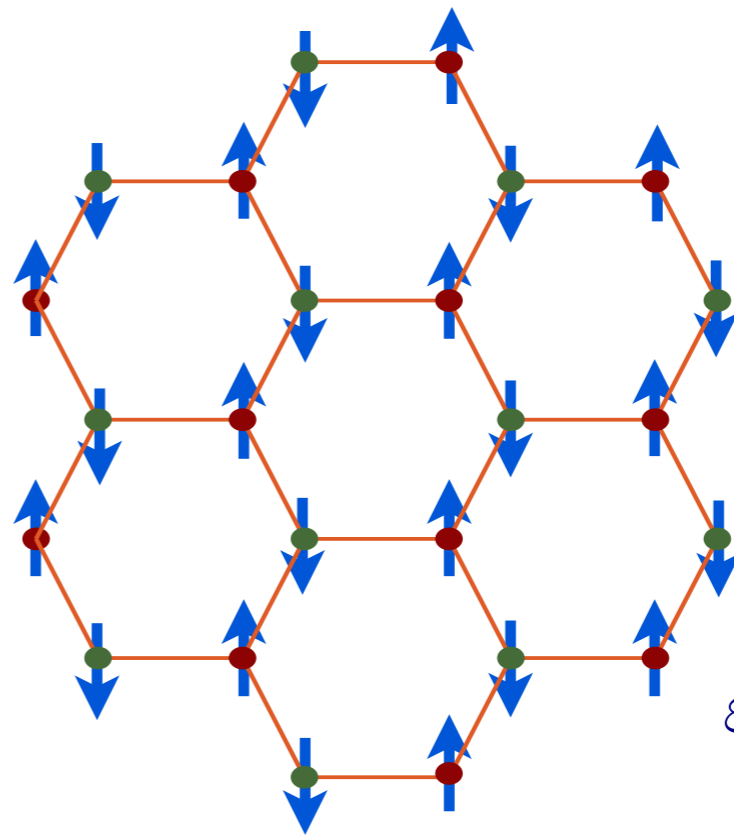
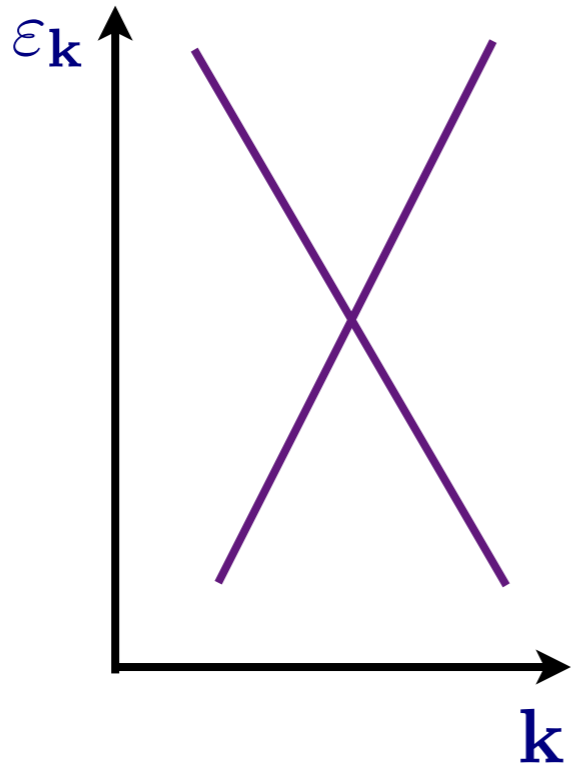
$$\begin{aligned} K_{00}(\omega, k) &= \mathcal{K} \frac{k^2}{\sqrt{k^2 - \omega^2}} \\ \sigma(\omega) &= \mathcal{K}, \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where \mathcal{K} is a universal number dependent only upon the universality class of the quantum critical point. The value of the \mathcal{K} for the Gross-Neveu model is not known exactly, but can be estimated by computations in the $(3 - d)$ or $1/N$ expansions.



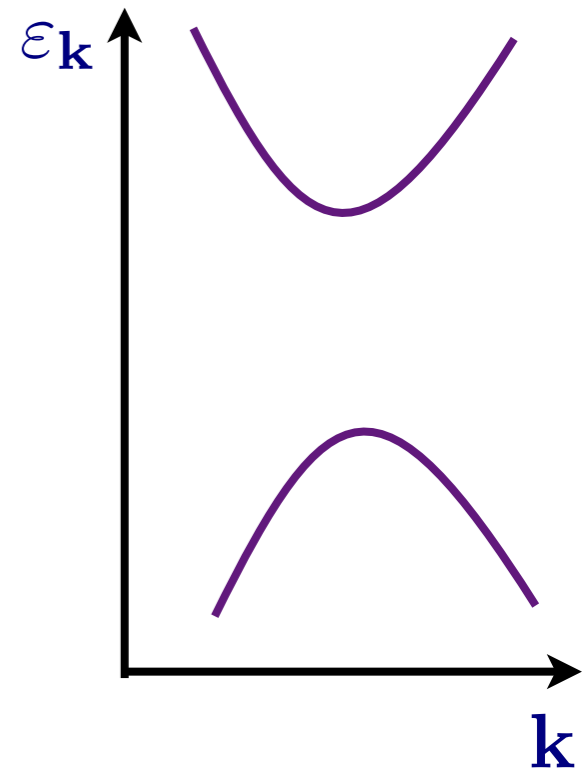
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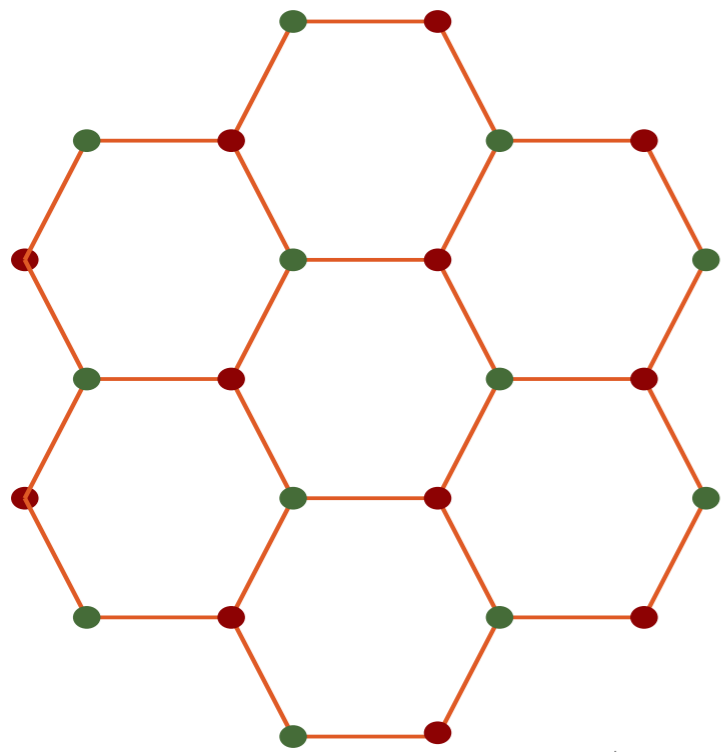
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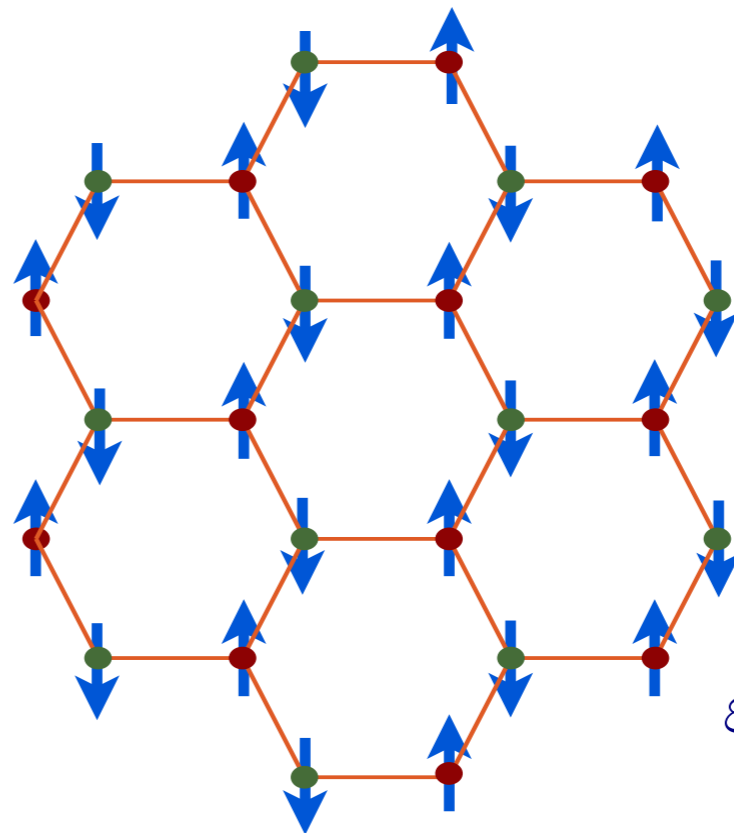
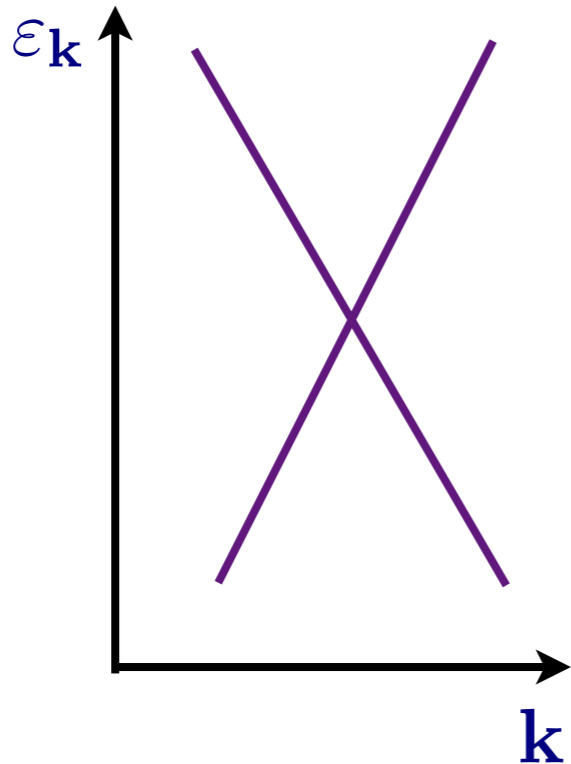
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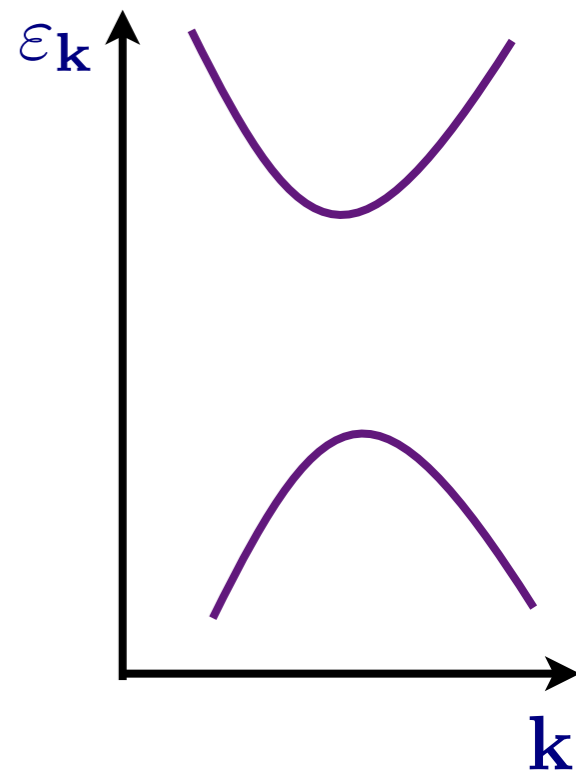
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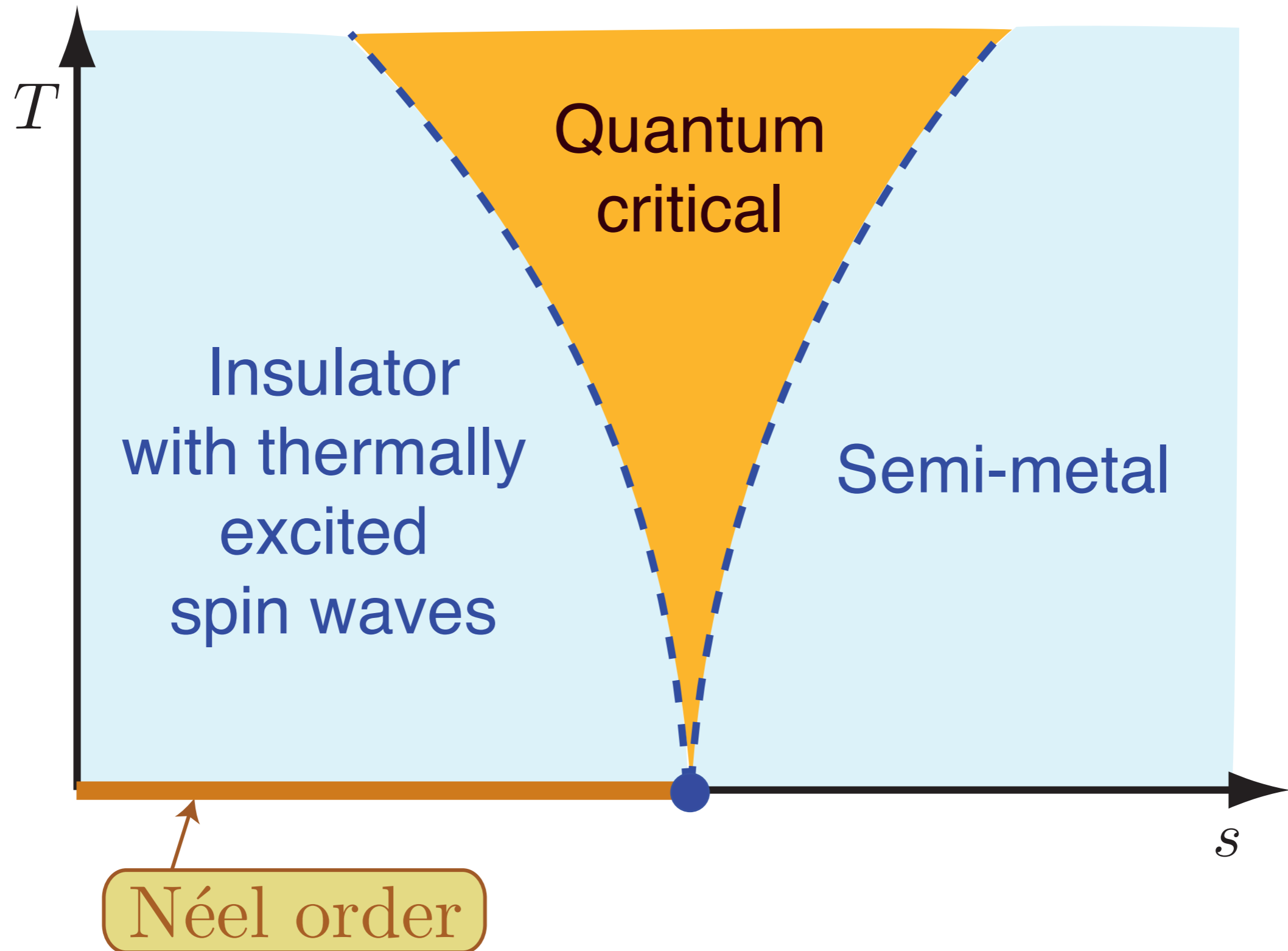


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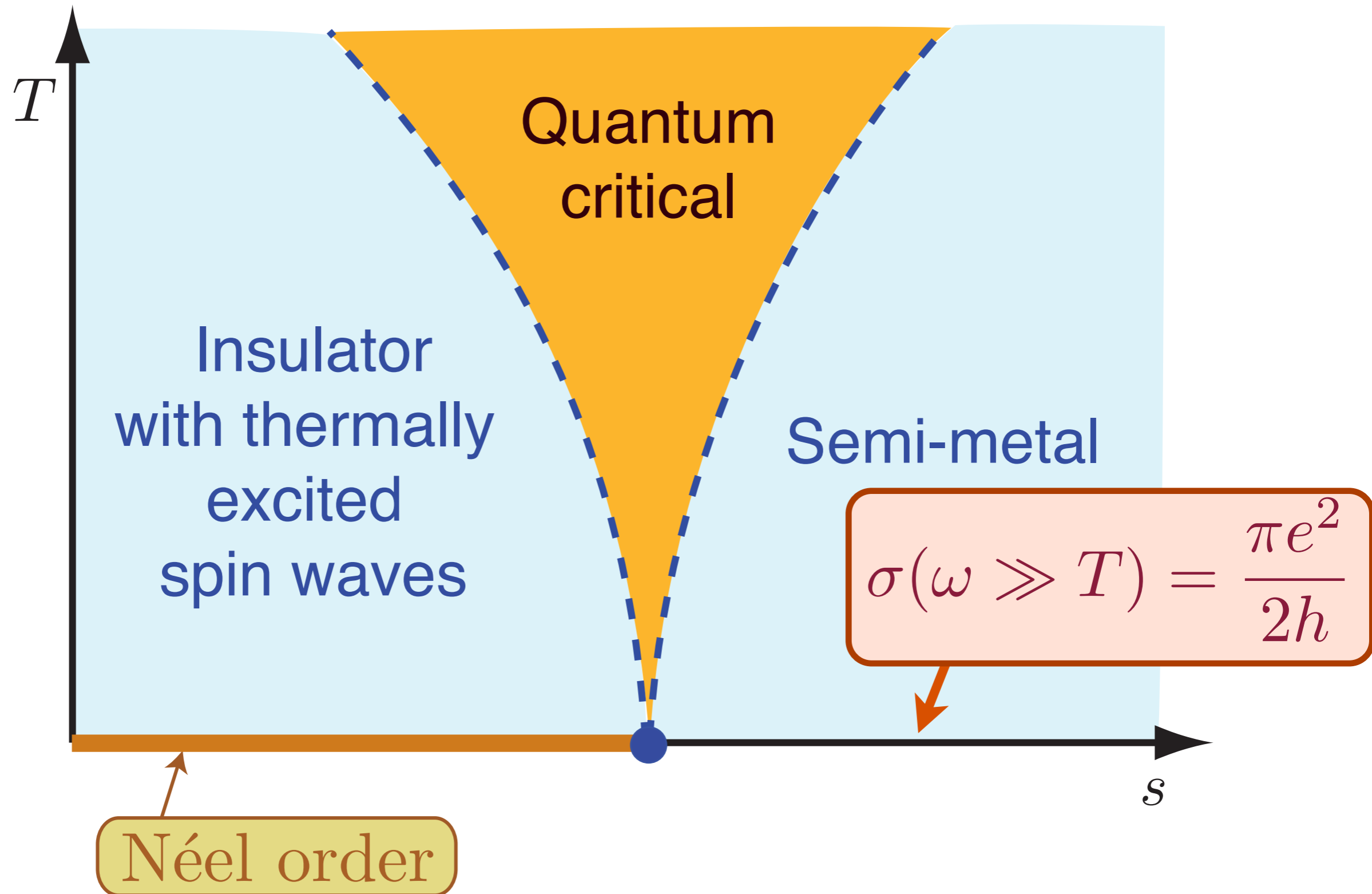
$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{\pi e^2}{2h}$$

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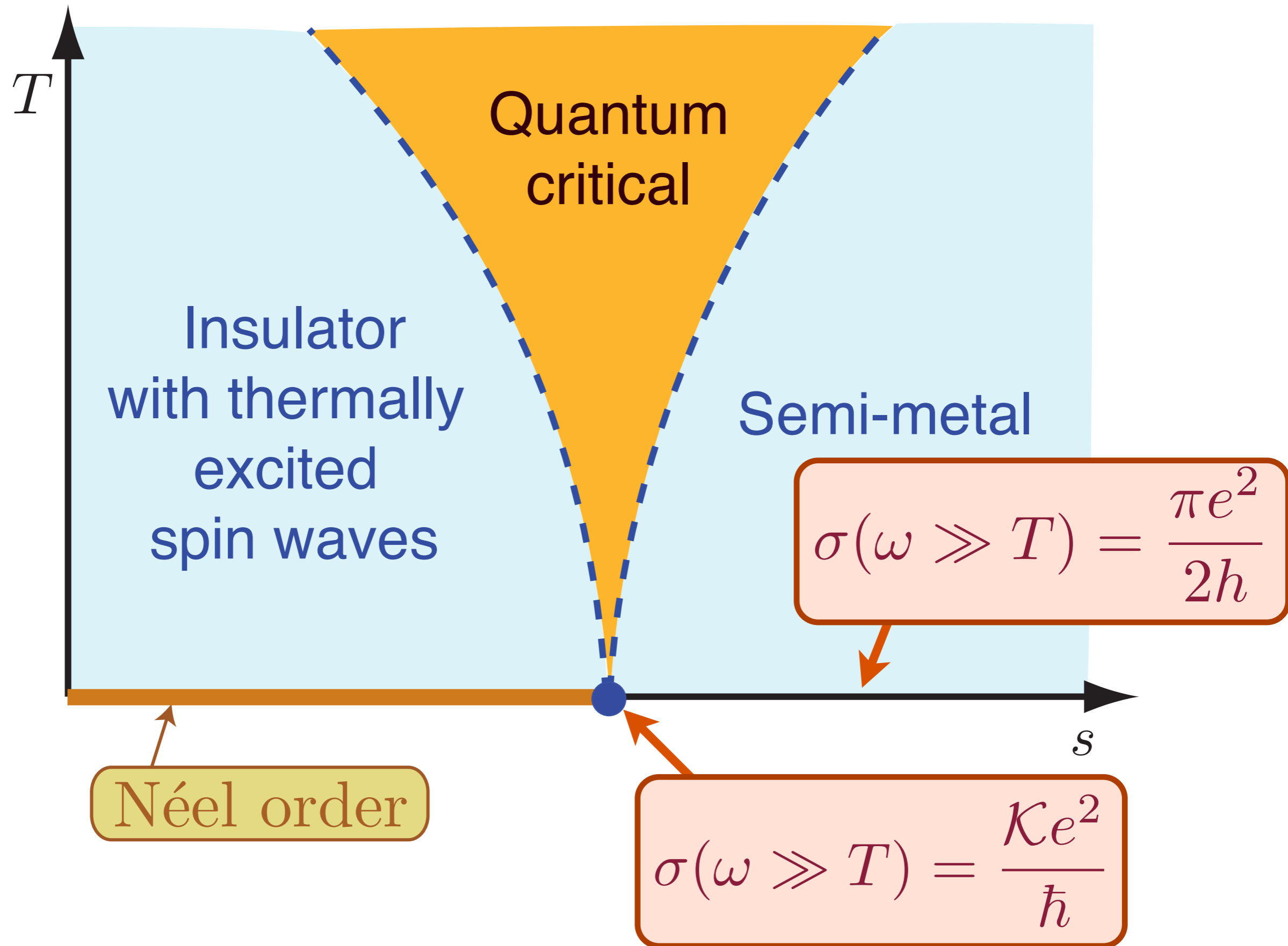
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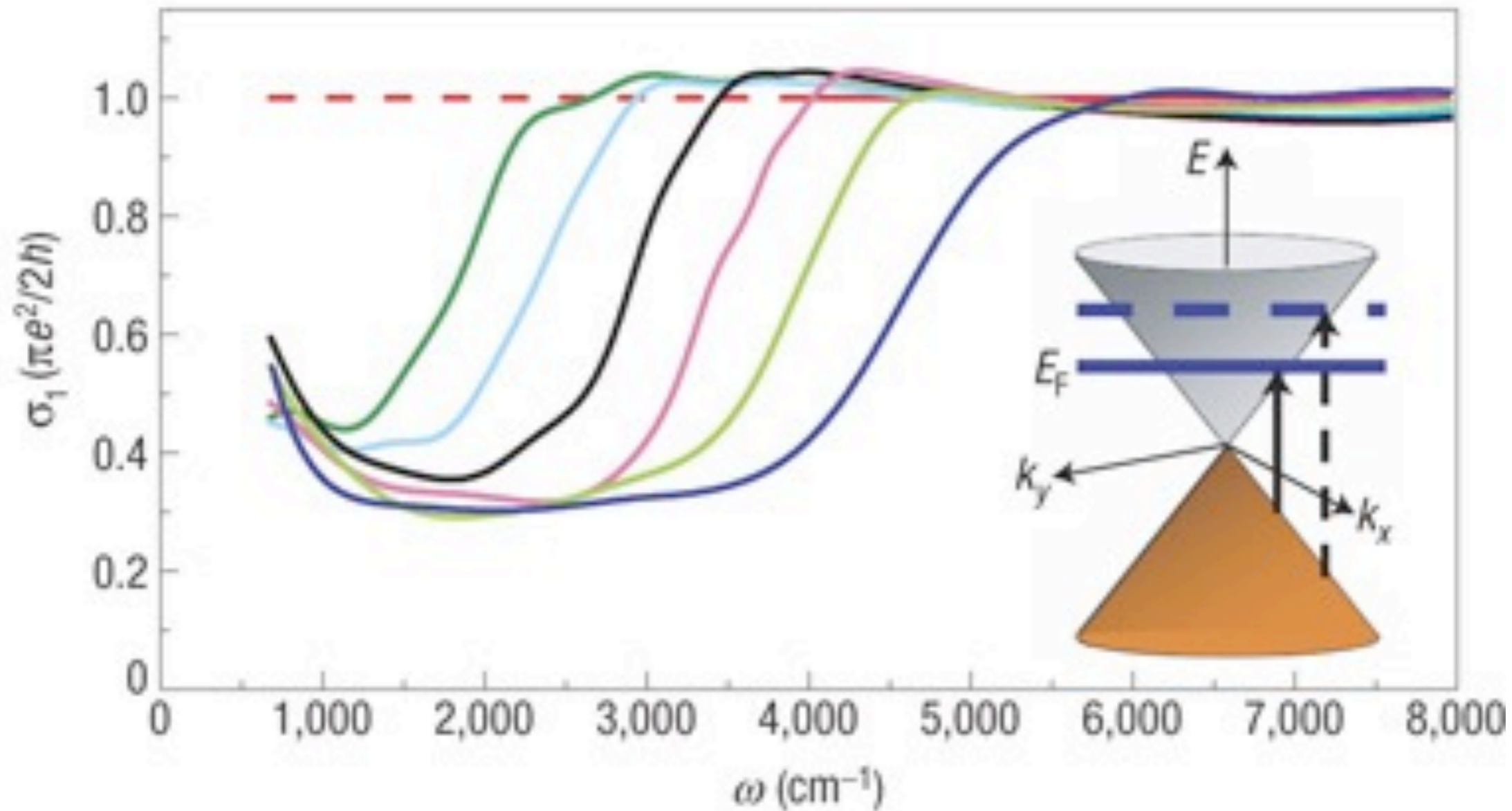
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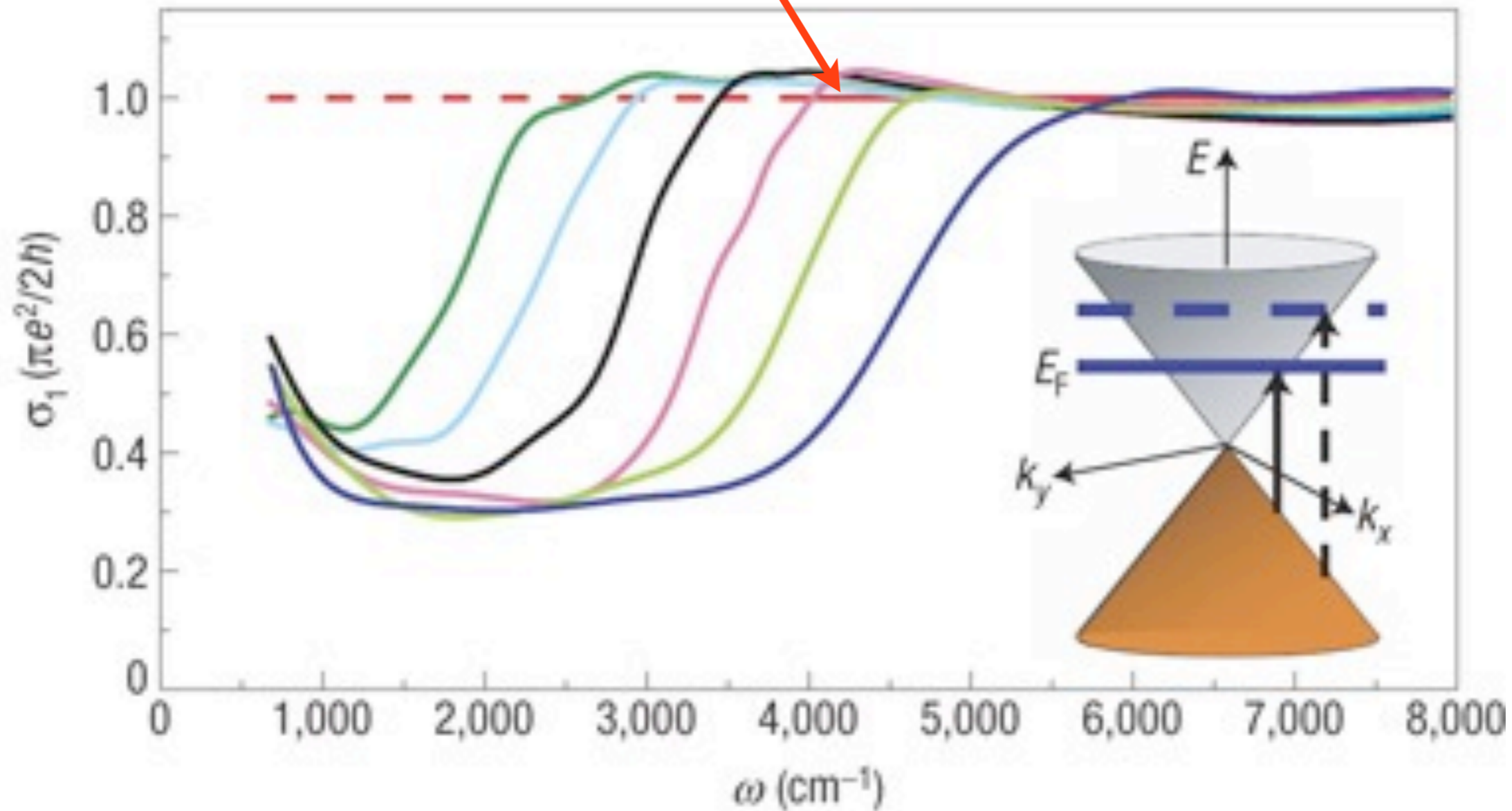
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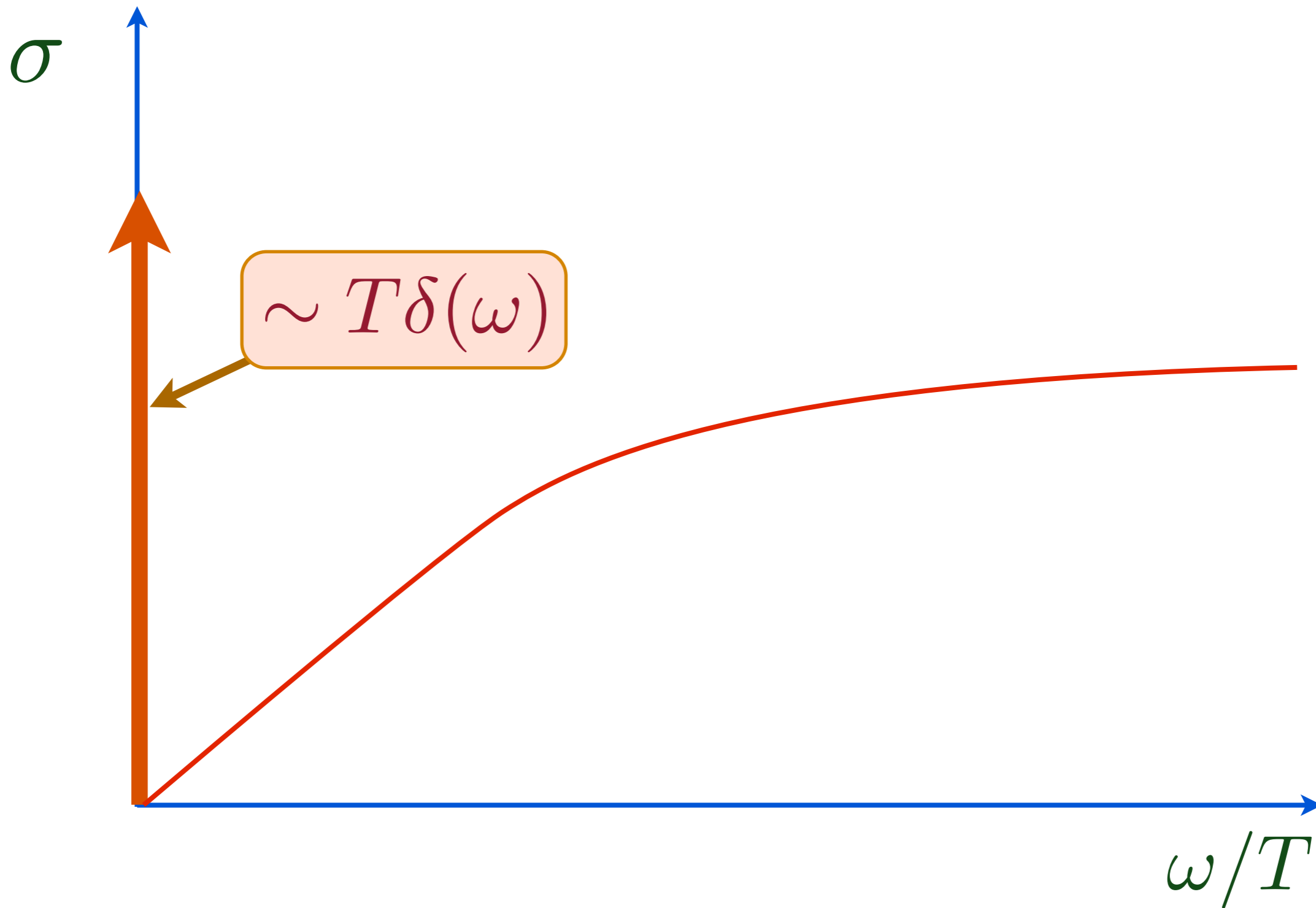
Non-zero temperatures

At the quantum-critical point at one-loop order, we can set $m = 0$, and then repeat the computation in Eq. (2) at $T > 0$. This only requires replacing the integral over the loop frequency by a summation over the Matsubara frequencies, which are quantized by odd multiples of πT . Such a computation, via Eq. (4) leads to the conductivity

$$\text{Re}[\sigma(\omega)] = (2T \ln 2) \delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{4} \tanh\left(\frac{|\omega|}{4T}\right); \quad (7)$$

the imaginary part of $\sigma(\omega)$ is the Hilbert transform of $\text{Re}[\sigma(\omega)] - 1/4$. Note that this reduces to Eq. (5) in the limit $\omega \gg T$. However, the most important new feature of Eq. (7) arises for $\omega \ll T$, where we find a delta function at zero frequency in the real part. Thus the d.c. conductivity is infinite at this order, arising from the collisionless transport of thermally excited carriers.

Electrical transport in a free CFT3 for $T > 0$



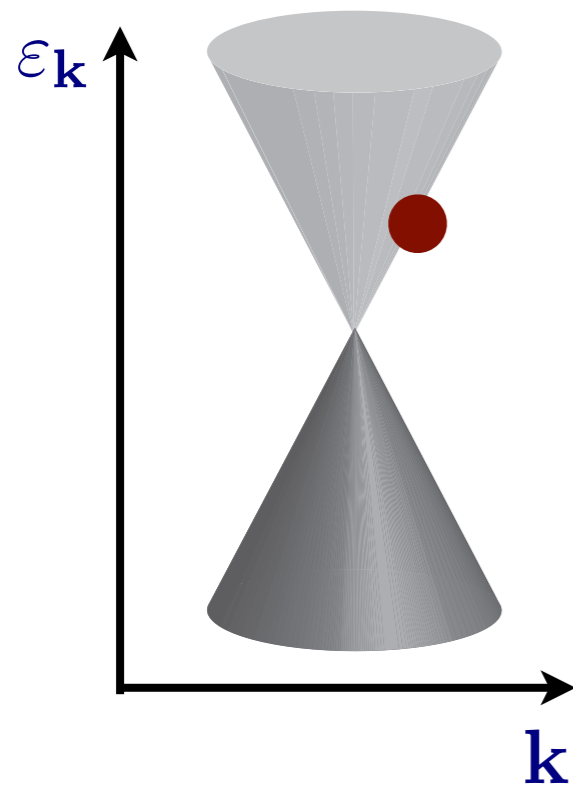
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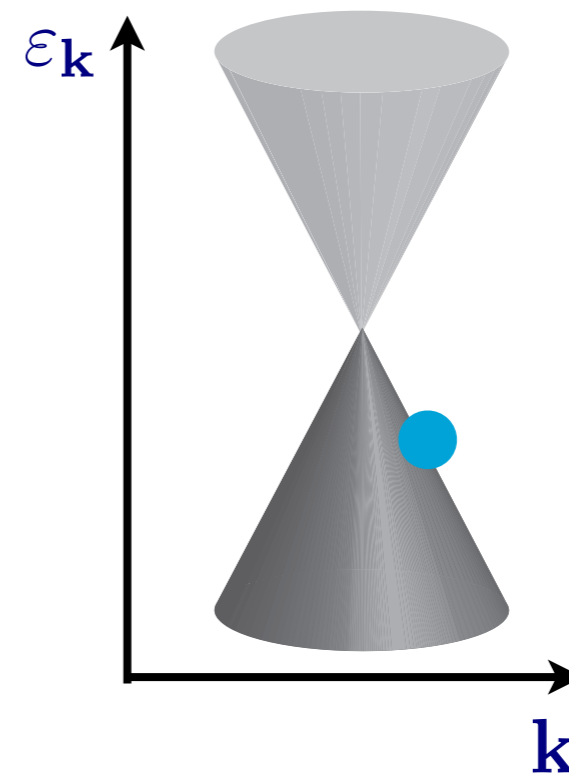
Holes



Momentum



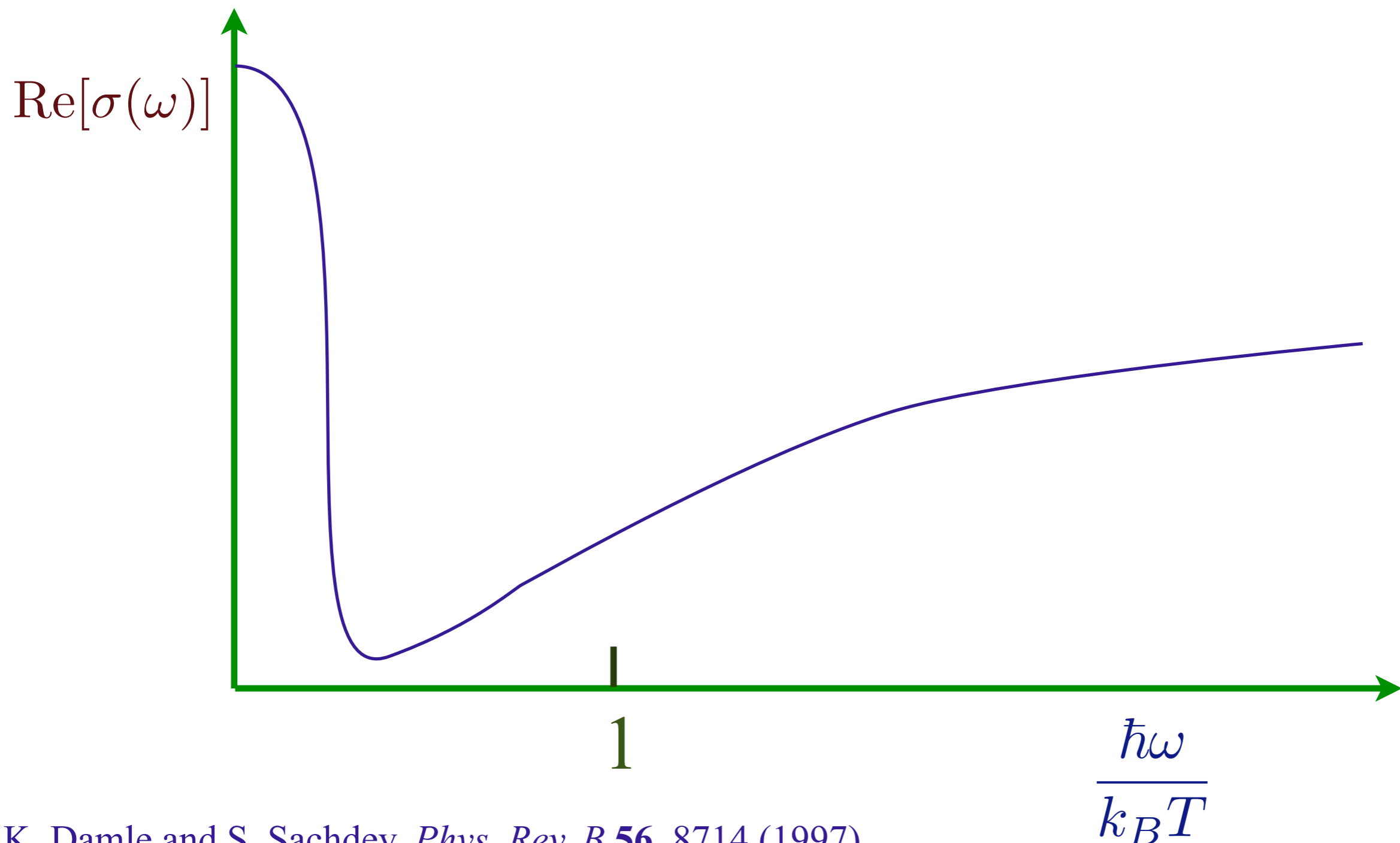
Current



Particle hole symmetry: current carrying state has zero momentum, and collisions can relax current to zero

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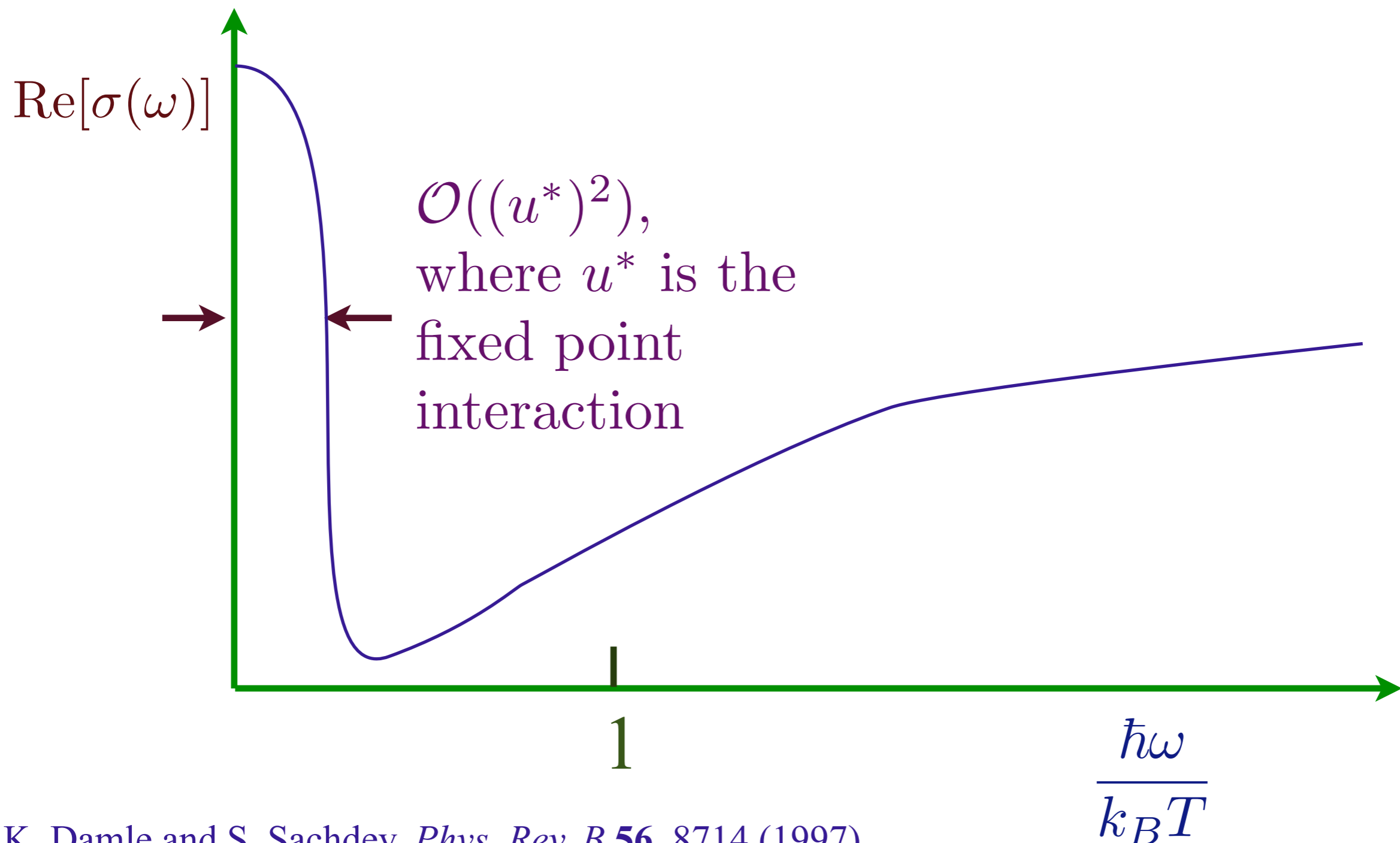
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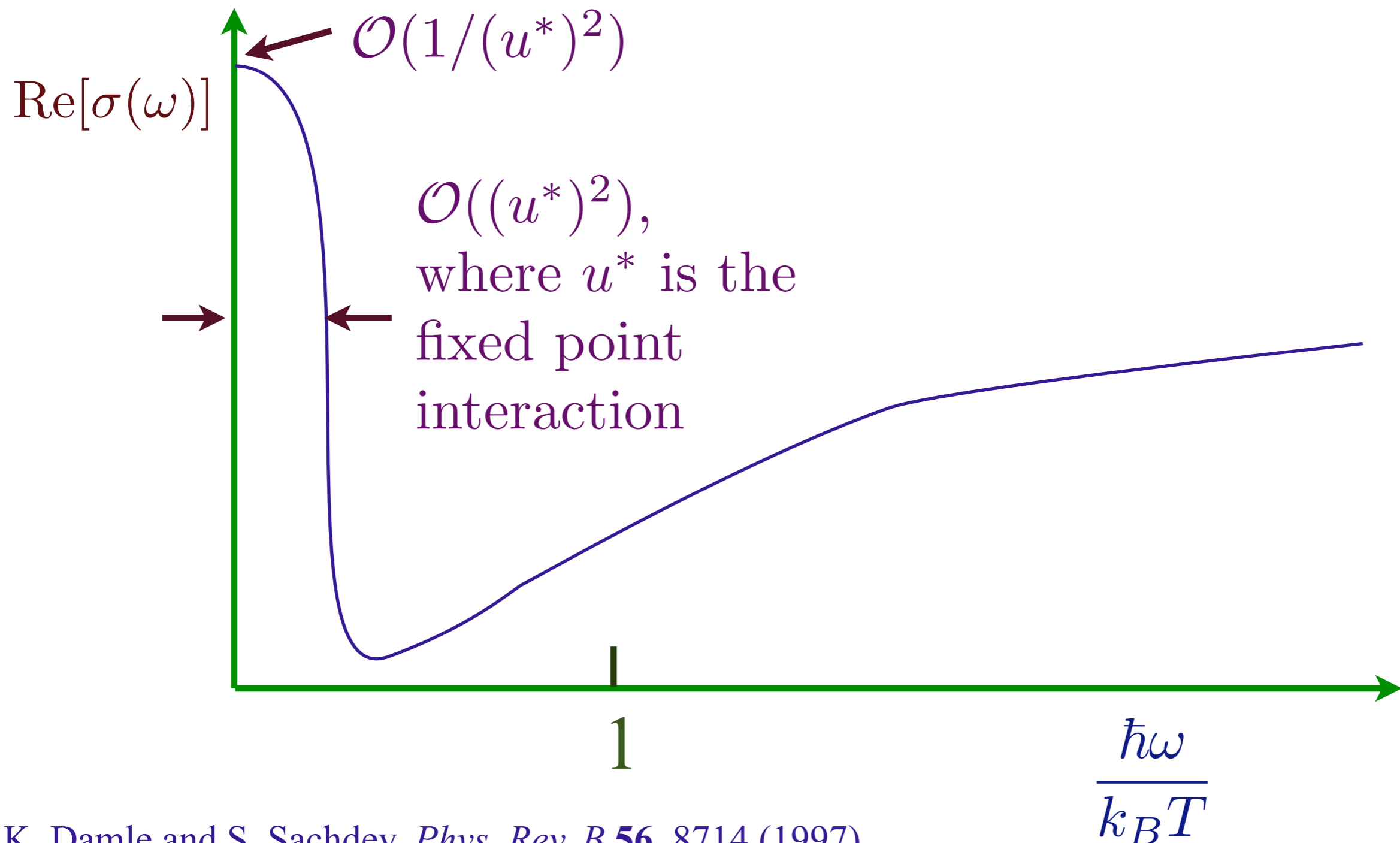
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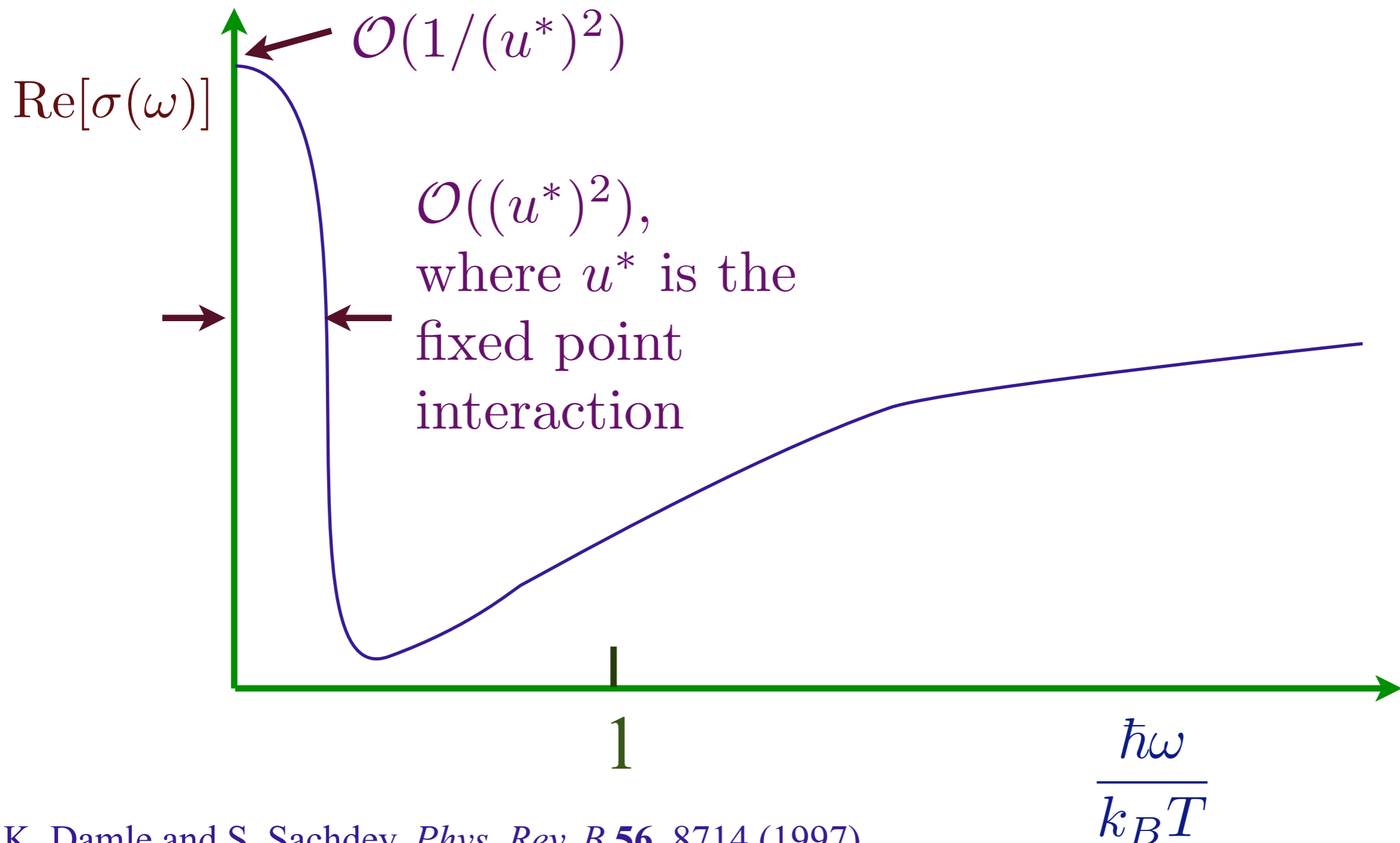
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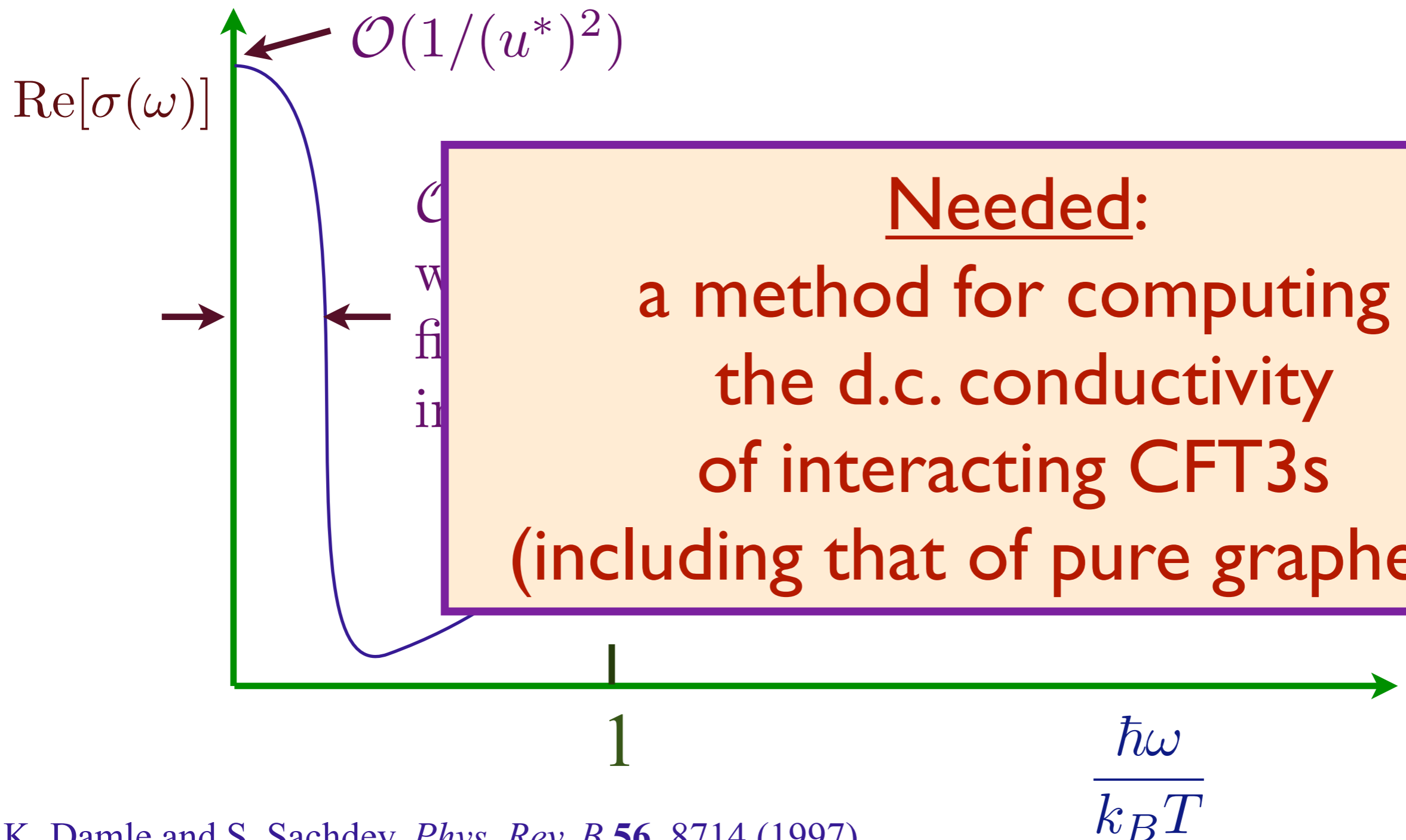
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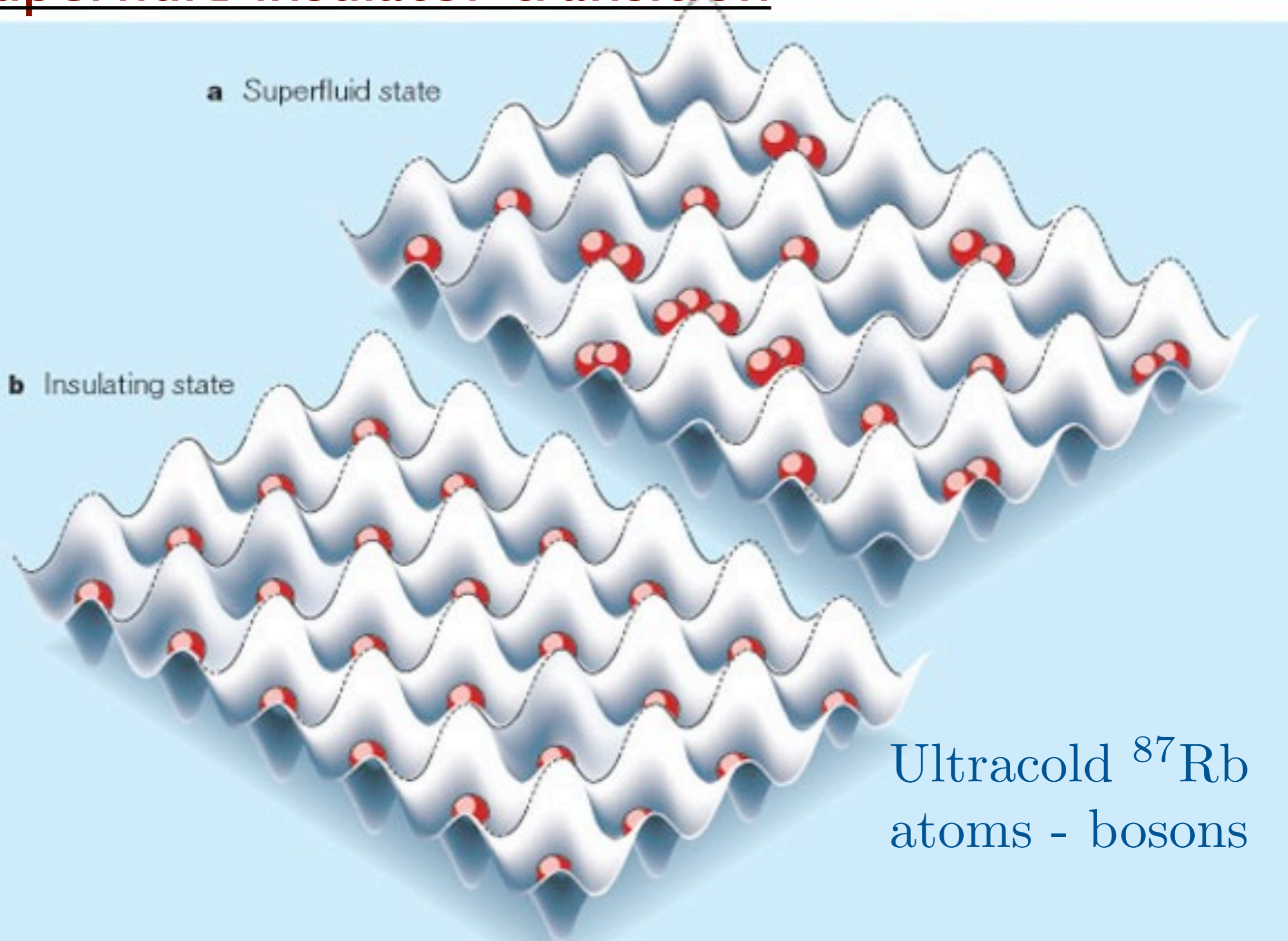
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Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

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

The Superfluid-Insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model

Degrees of freedom: Bosons, b_j^\dagger , hopping between the sites, j , of a lattice, with short-range repulsive interactions.

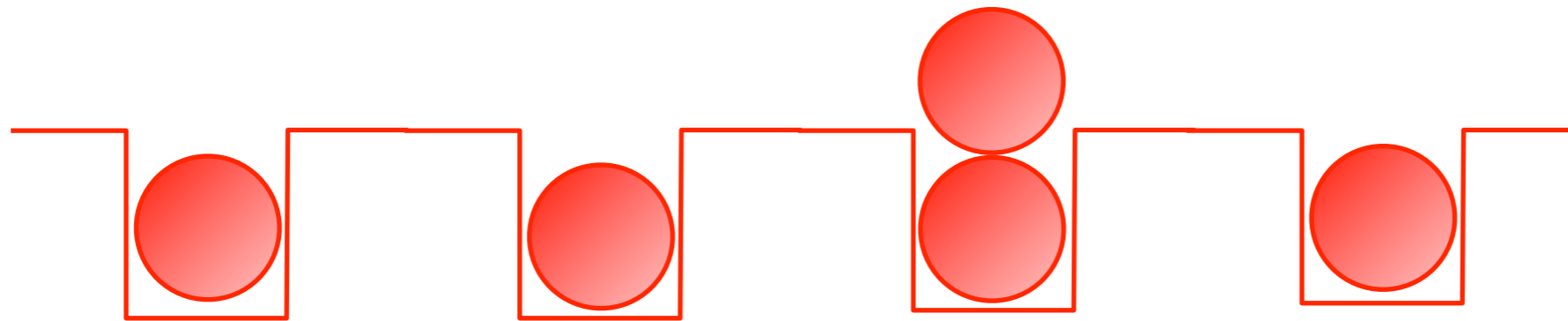
$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j - \mu \sum_j n_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j n_j (n_j - 1) + \dots$$

$$n_j \equiv b_j^\dagger b_j$$

$$[b_j, b_k^\dagger] = \delta_{jk}$$

M.P. A. Fisher, P.B. Weichmann, G. Grinstein, and D.S. Fisher, *Phys. Rev. B* **40**, 546 (1989).

Excitations of the insulator:



Particles $\sim \psi^\dagger$



Holes $\sim \psi$

Density of particles = density of holes \Rightarrow

“relativistic” field theory for ψ :

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

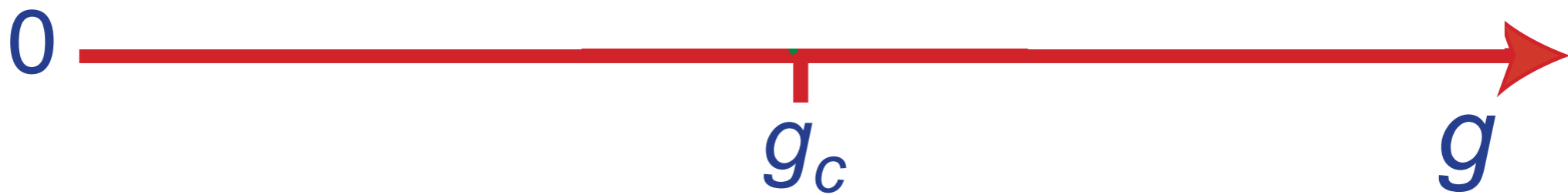
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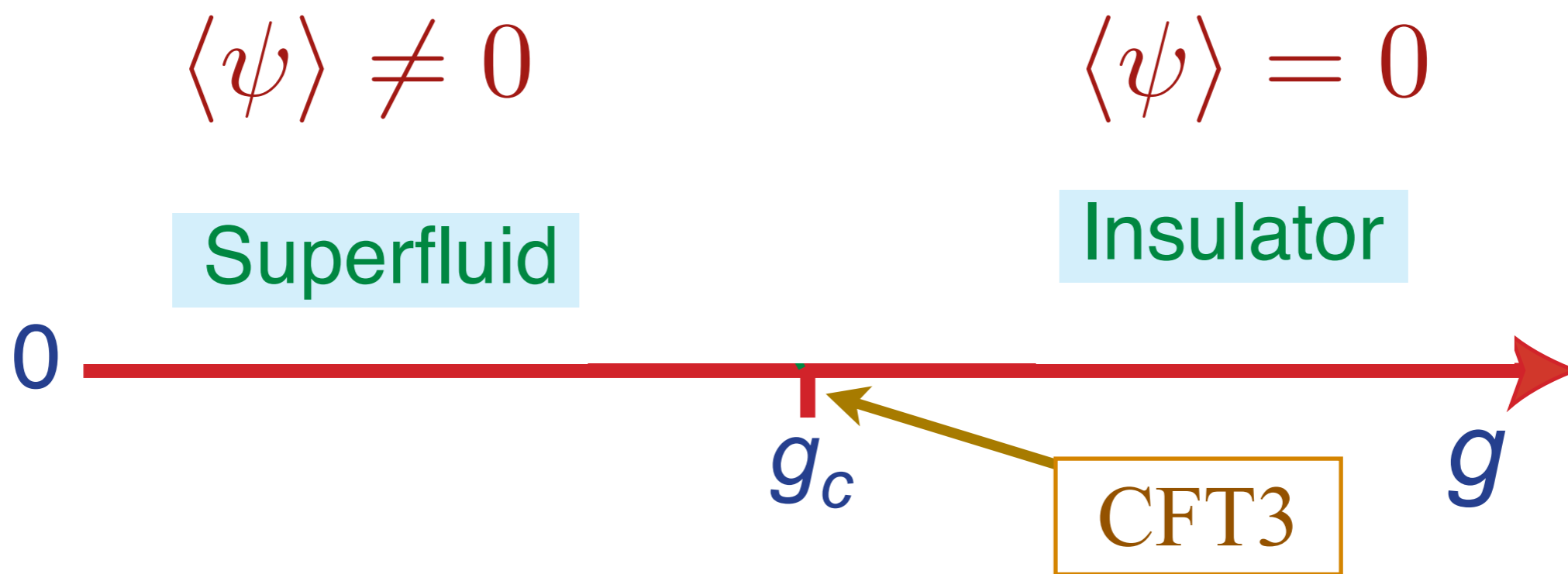
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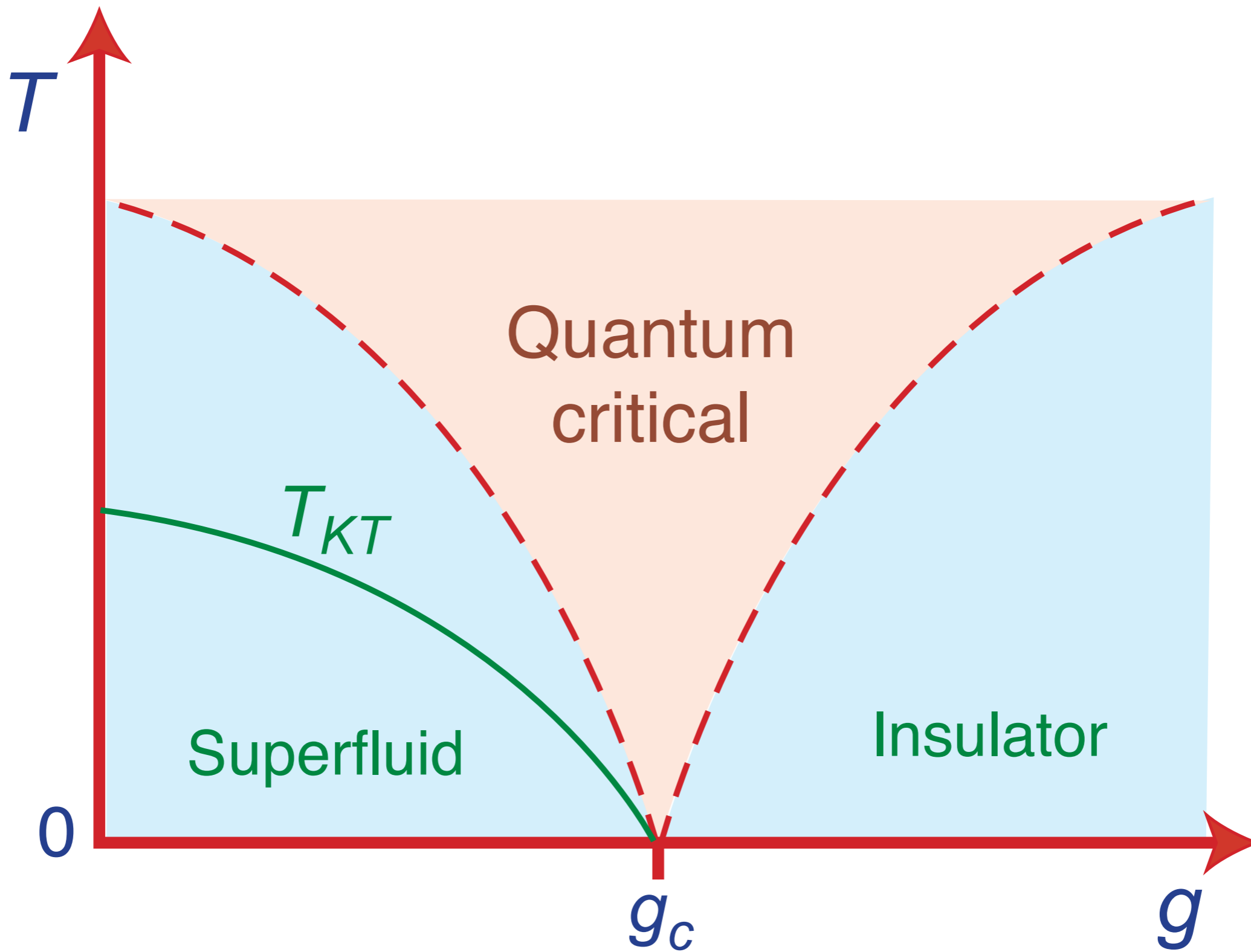
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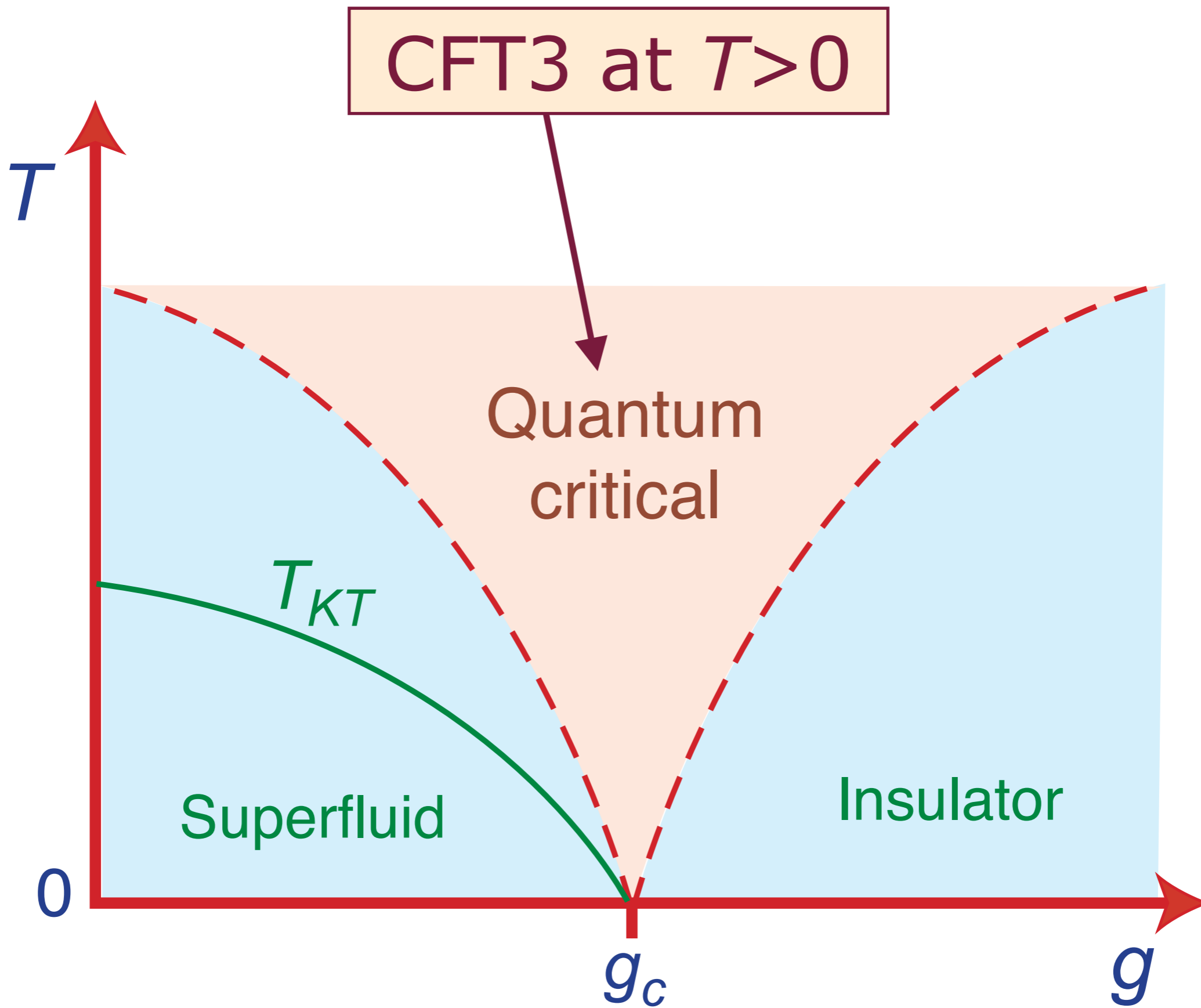
Superfluid

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Zaanen: Planckian dissipation

S. Sachdev, *Quantum Phase Transitions*, Cambridge (1999).

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Transport co-efficients not determined
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Conductivity

$$\sigma = \frac{Q^2}{h} \times [\text{Universal constant } \mathcal{O}(1)]$$

(Q is the “charge” of one boson)

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

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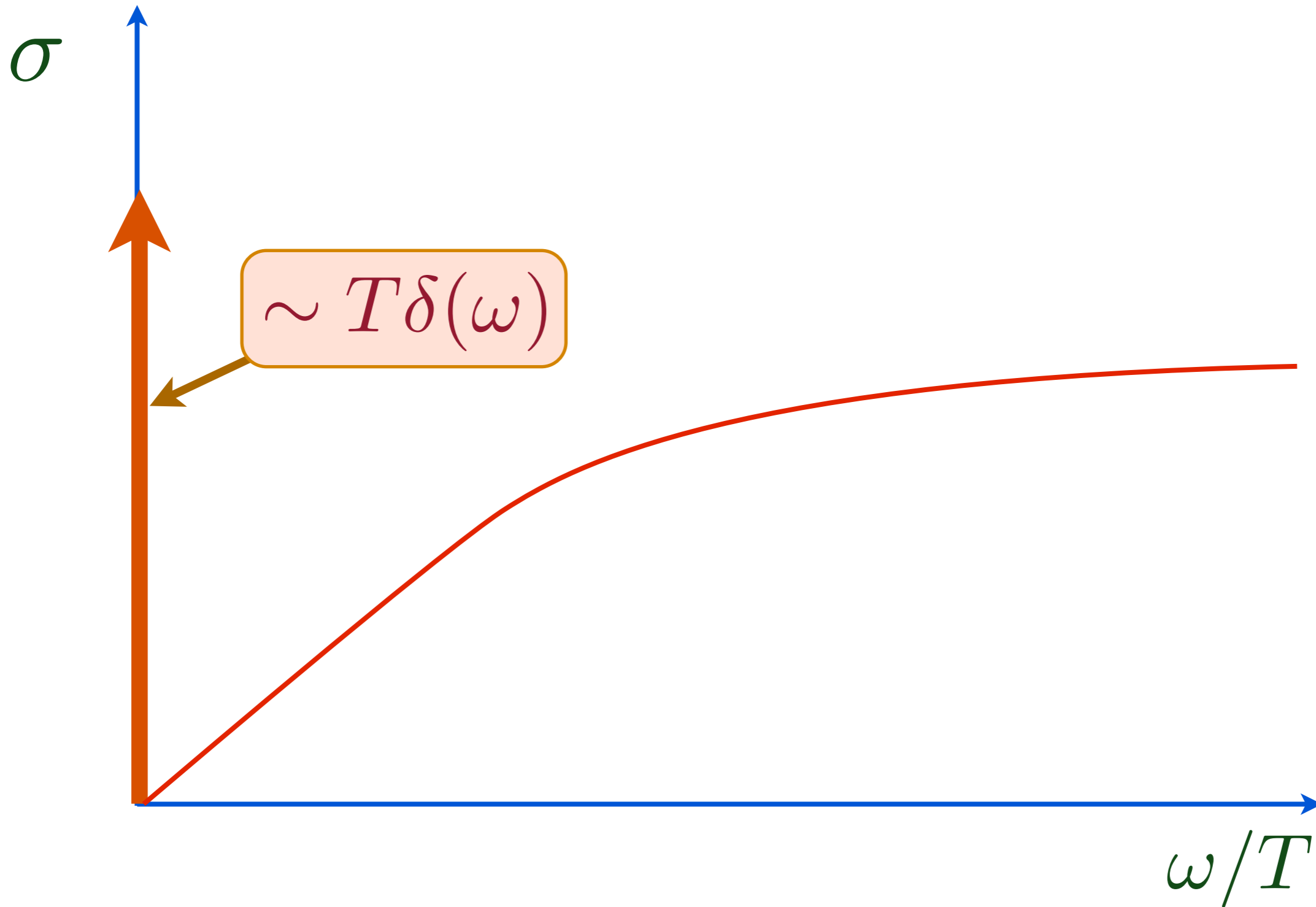
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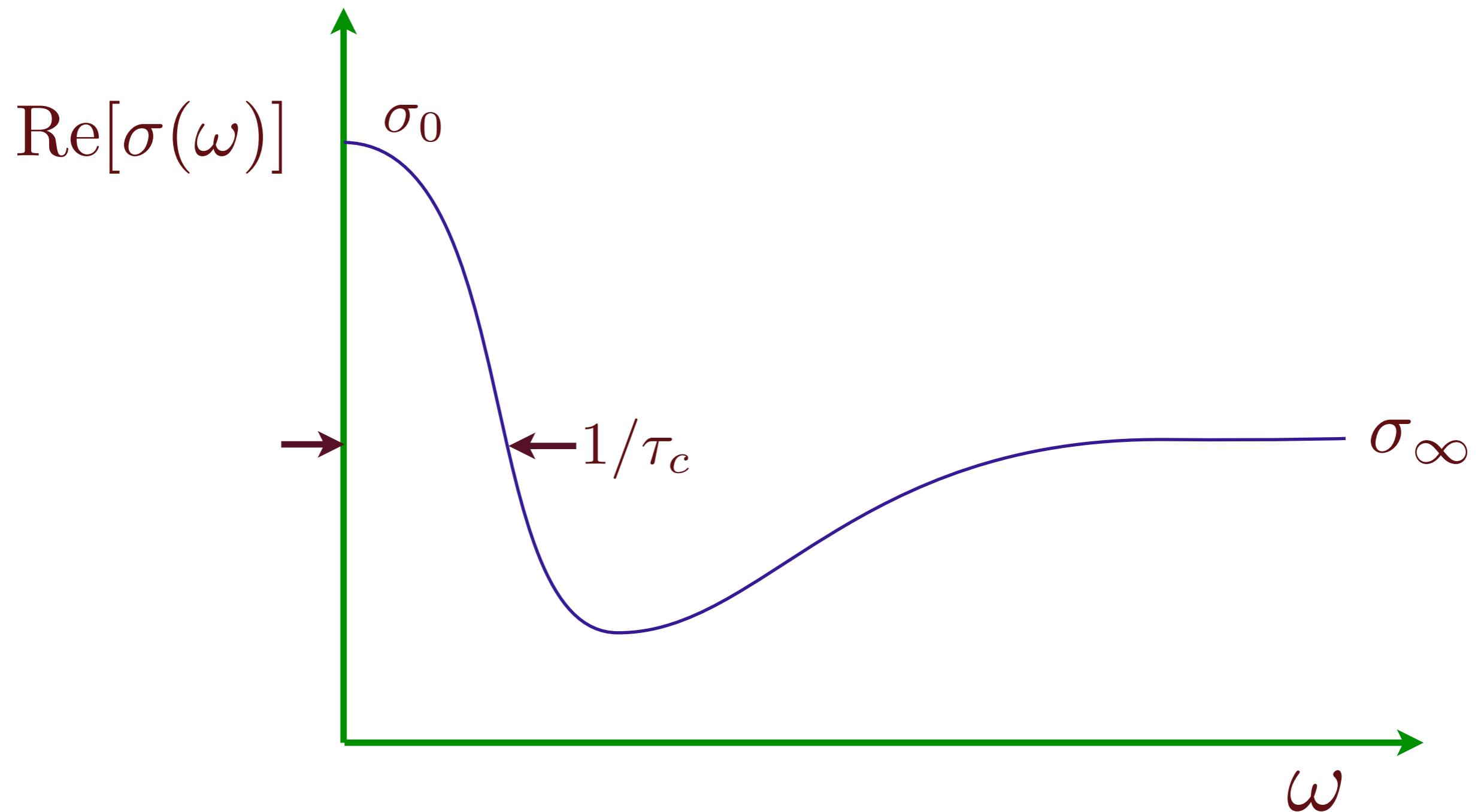
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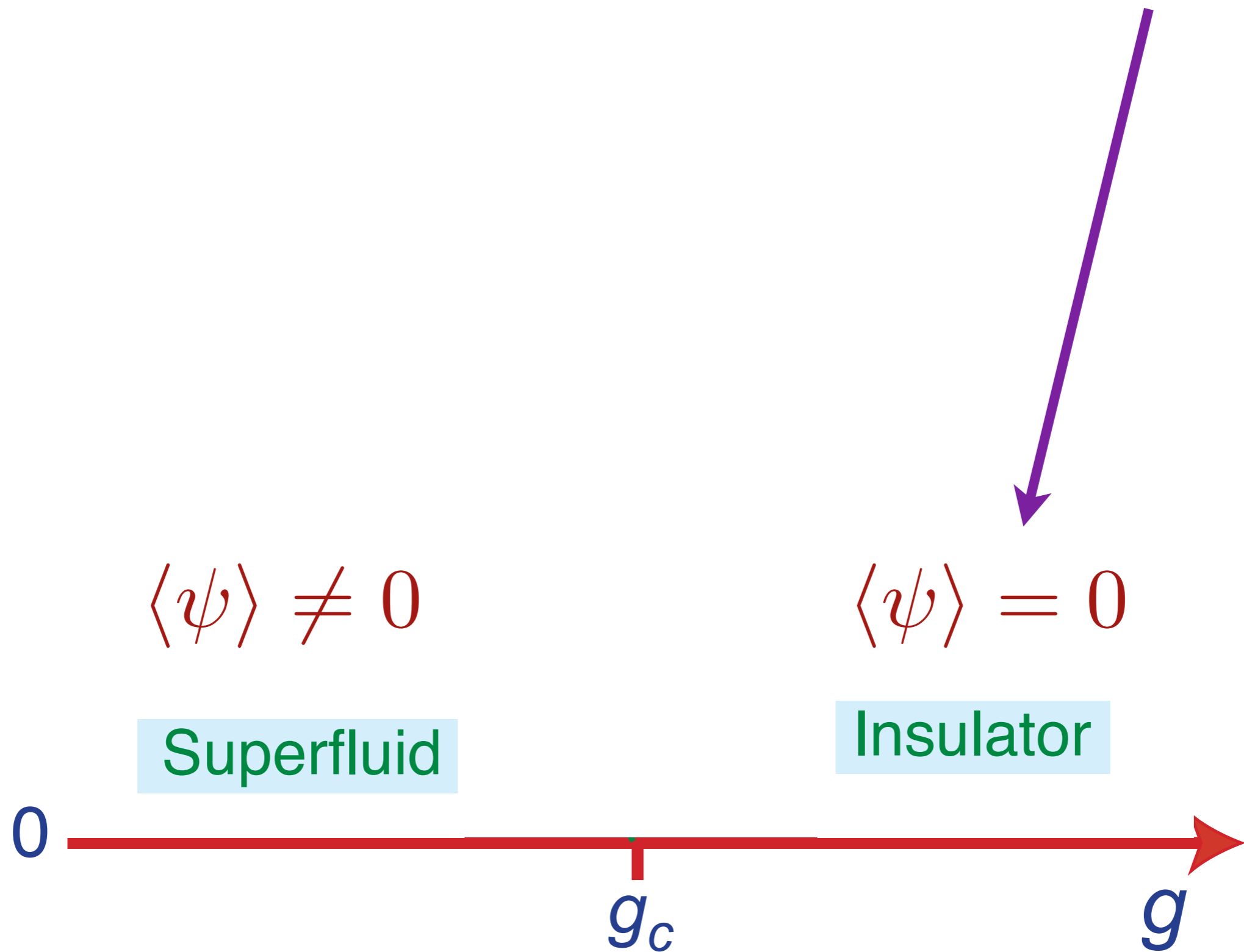
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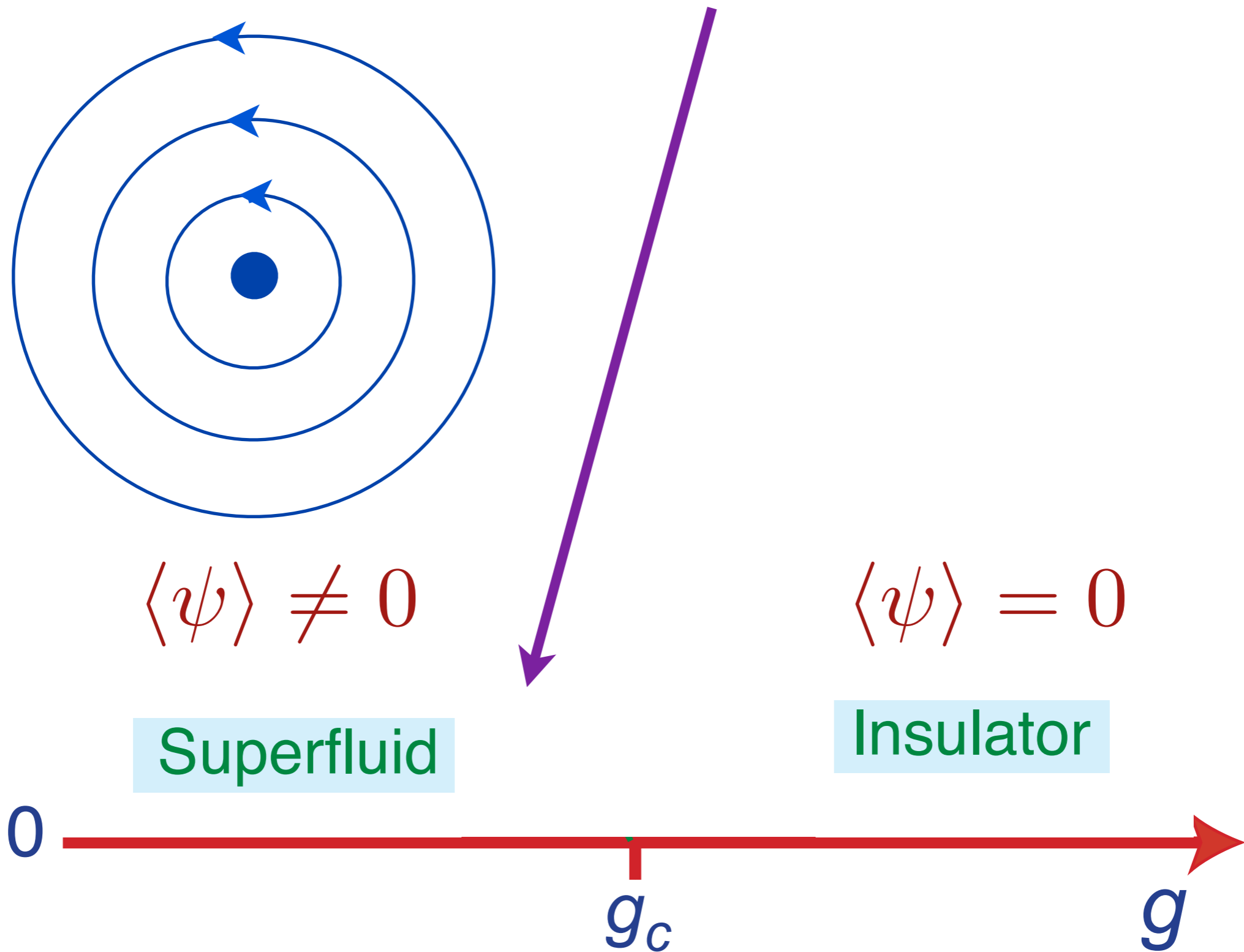
Boltzmann theory of bosons



So far, we have described the quantum critical point using the boson particle and hole excitations of the insulator.



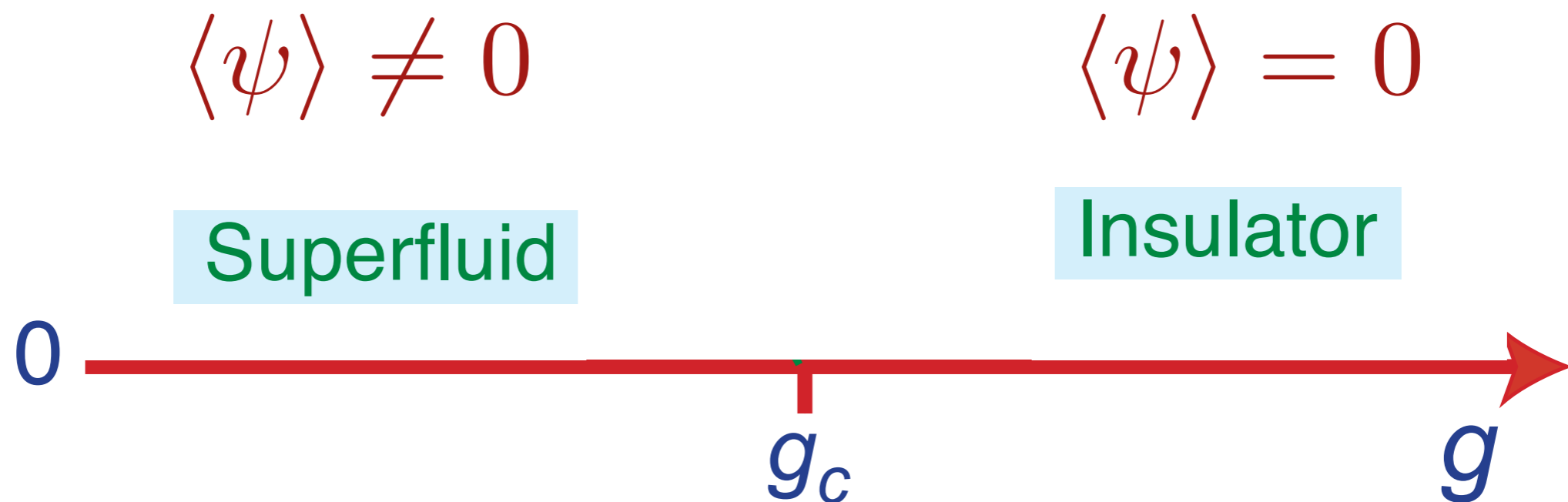
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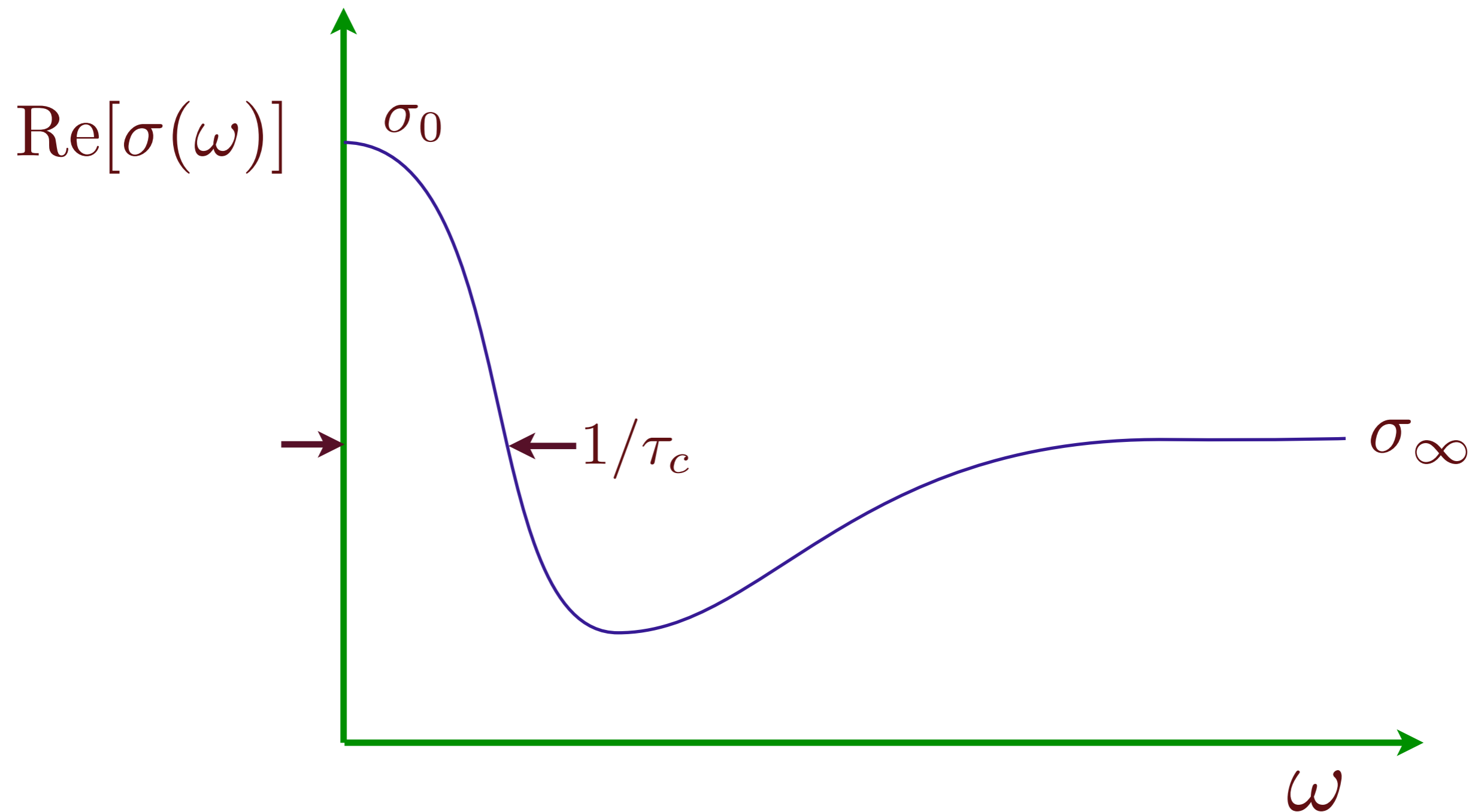
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These are quantum particles (in 2+1 dimensions) which are described by a (mirror/e.m.) “dual” CFT3 with an emergent U(1) gauge field. Their $T > 0$ dynamics can also be described by a Boltzmann equation:

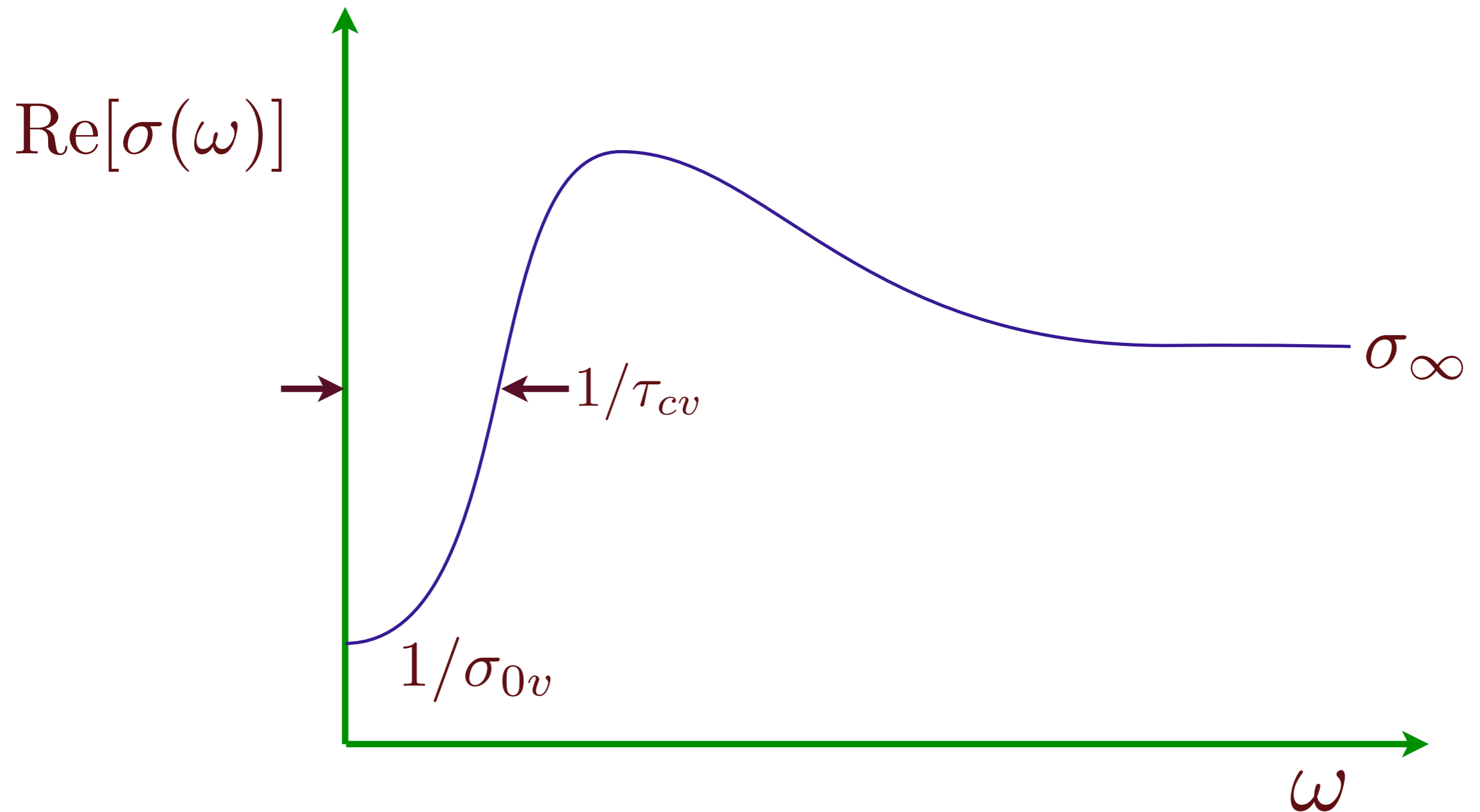
Conductivity = Resistivity of vortices



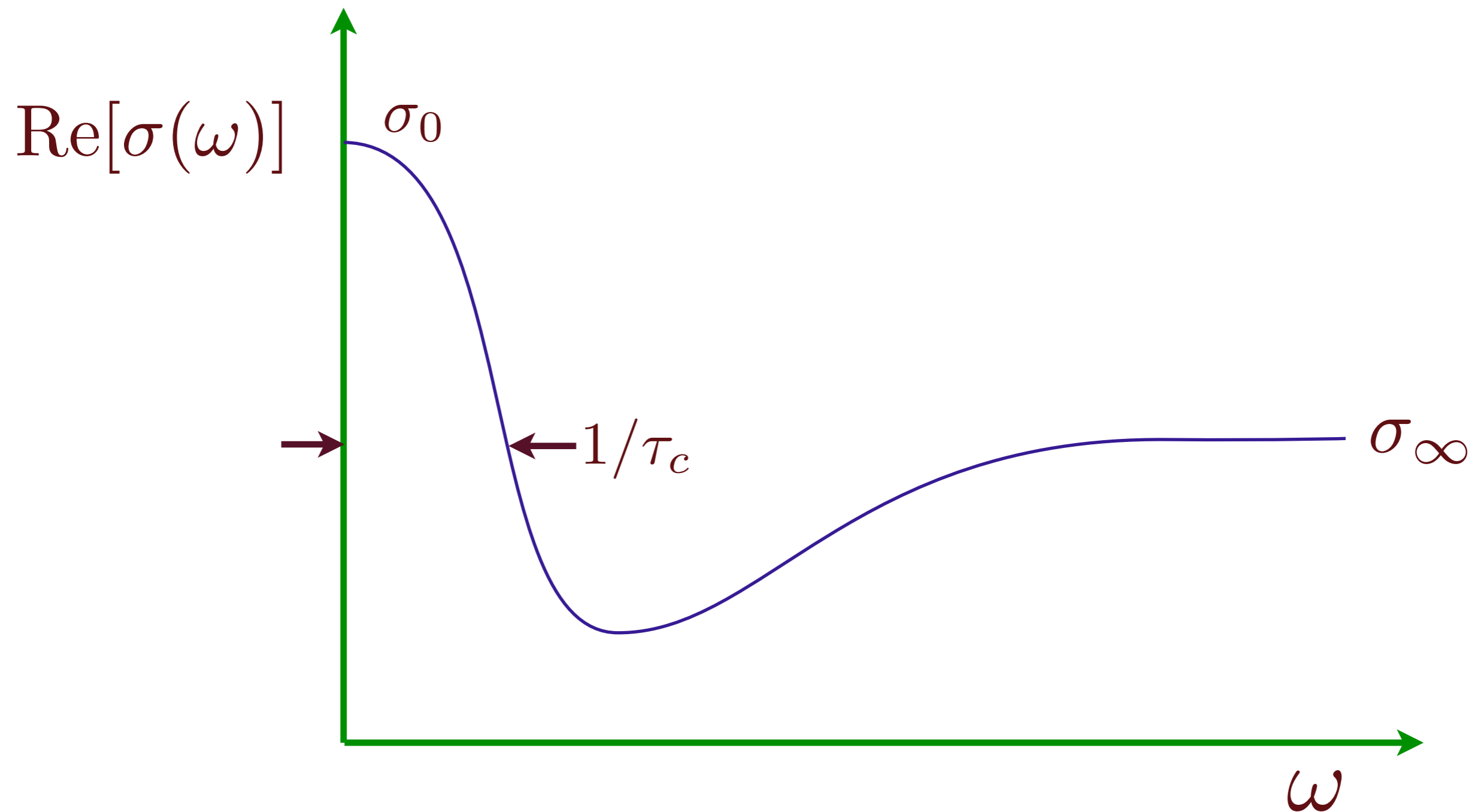
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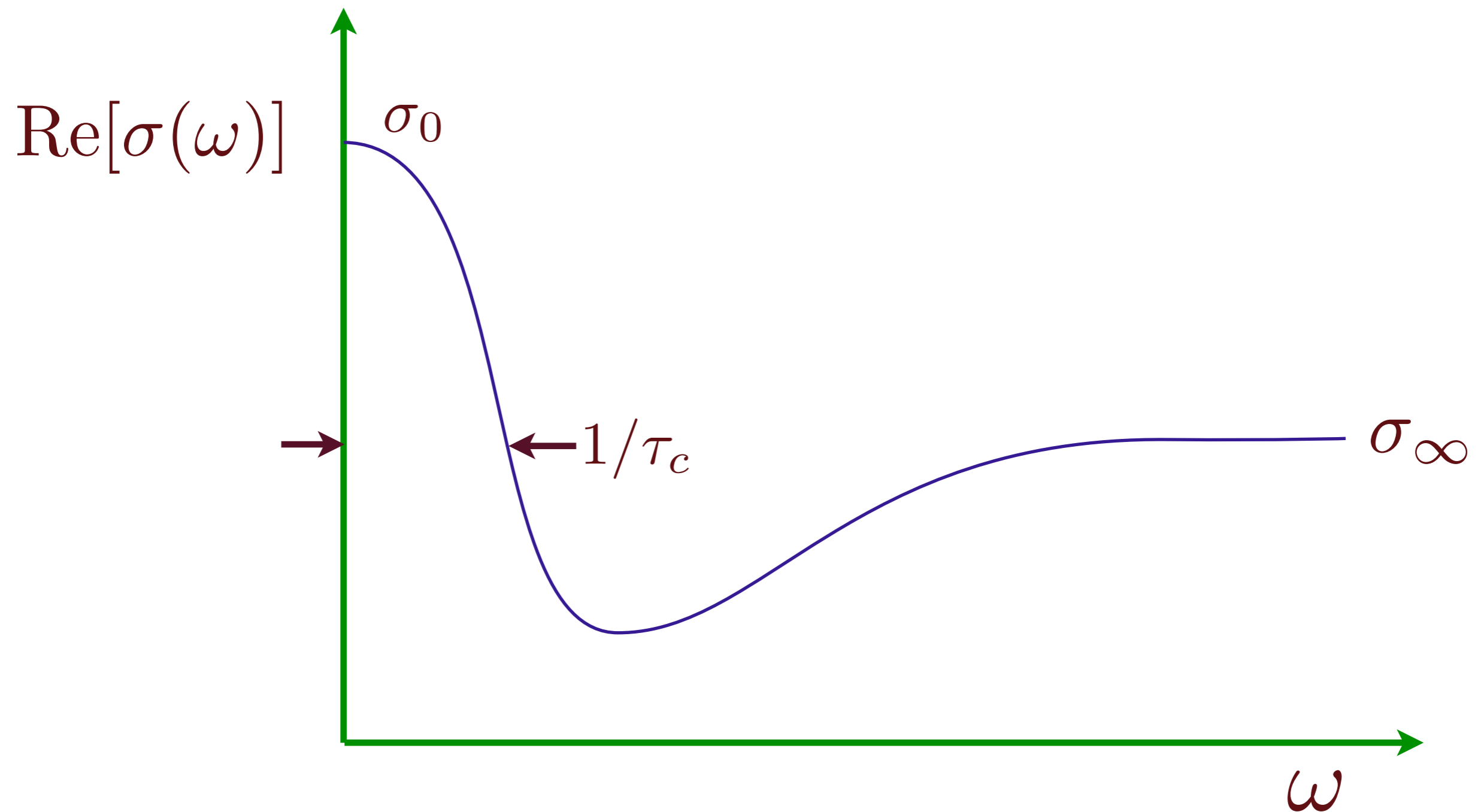
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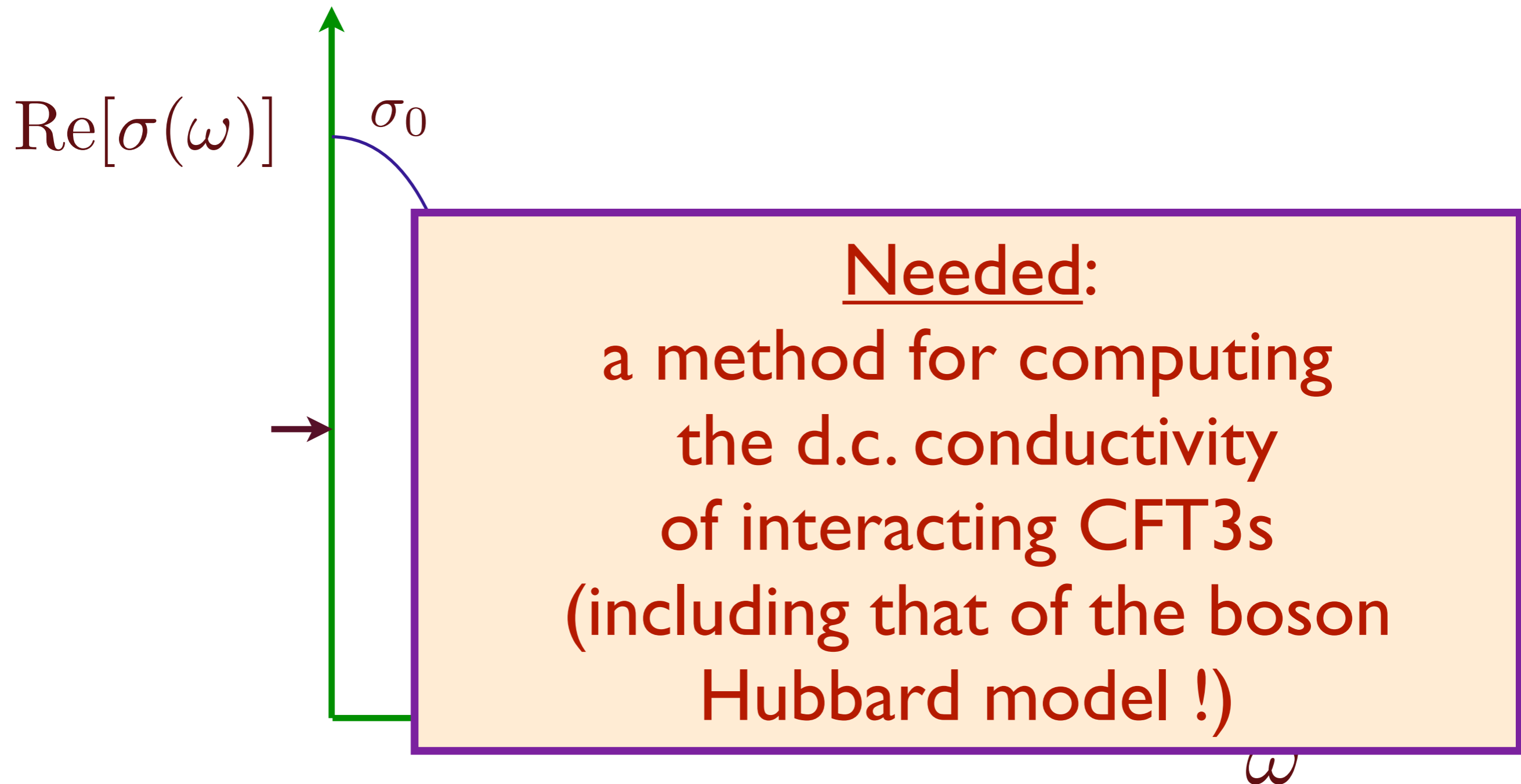
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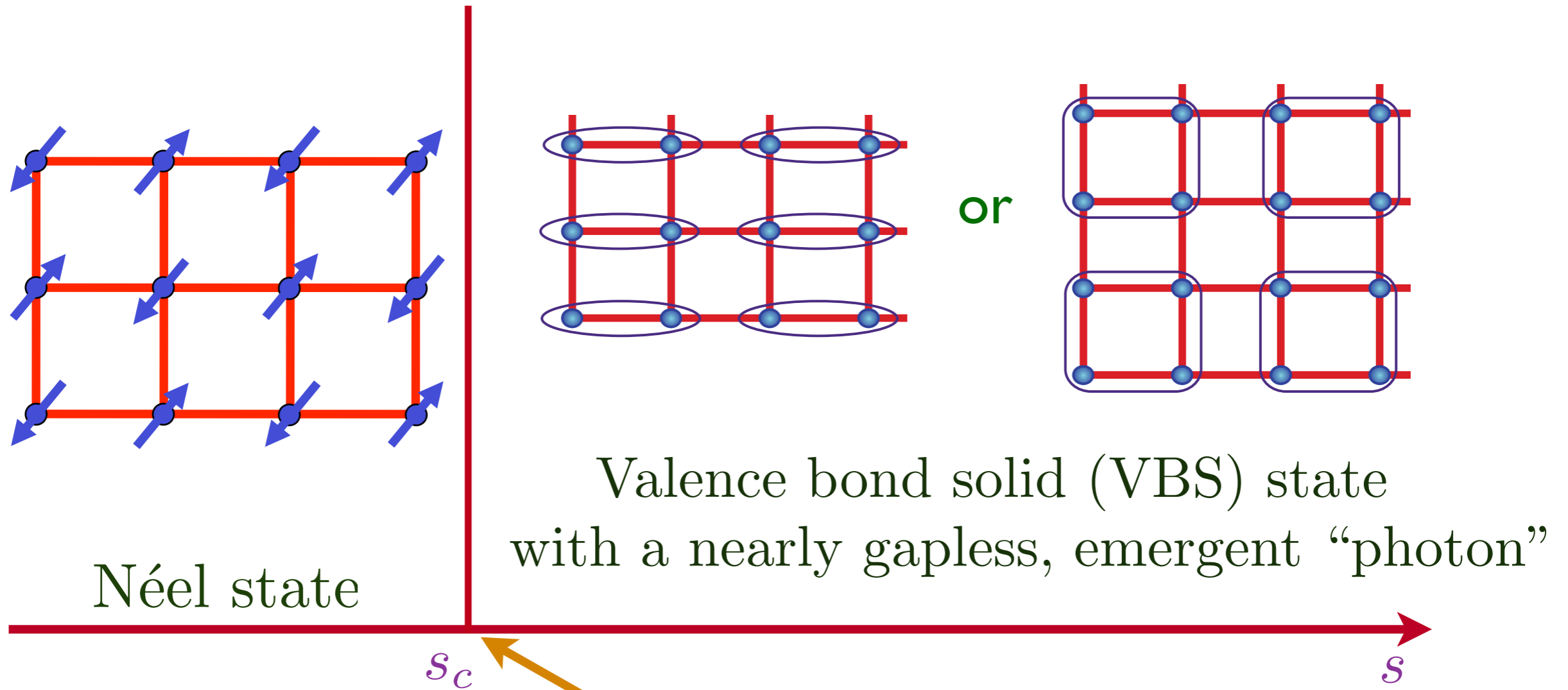
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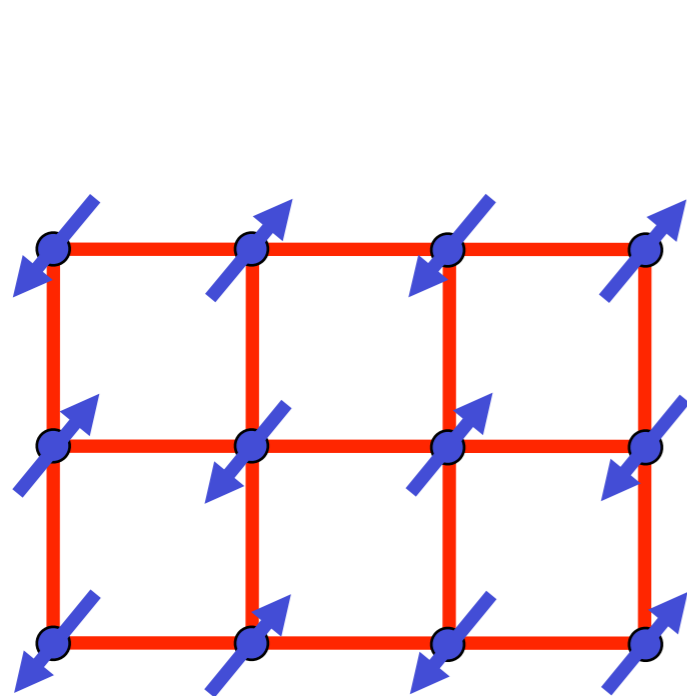
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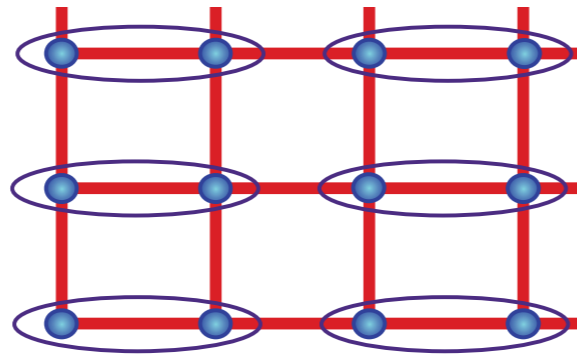


Long-range entanglement described by a CFT3
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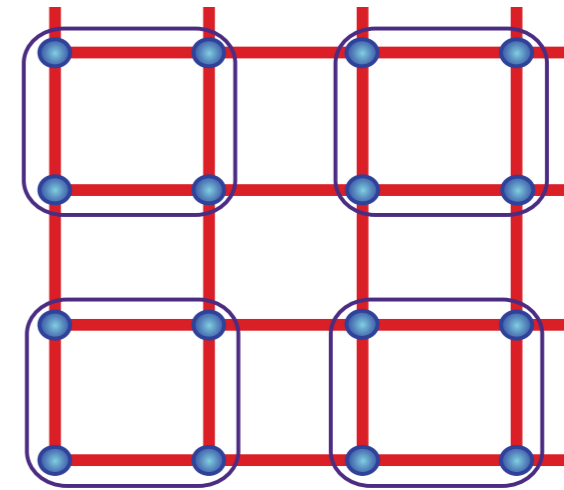
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Néel state



or



Valence bond solid (VBS) state
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Critical theory for photons and deconfined spinons:

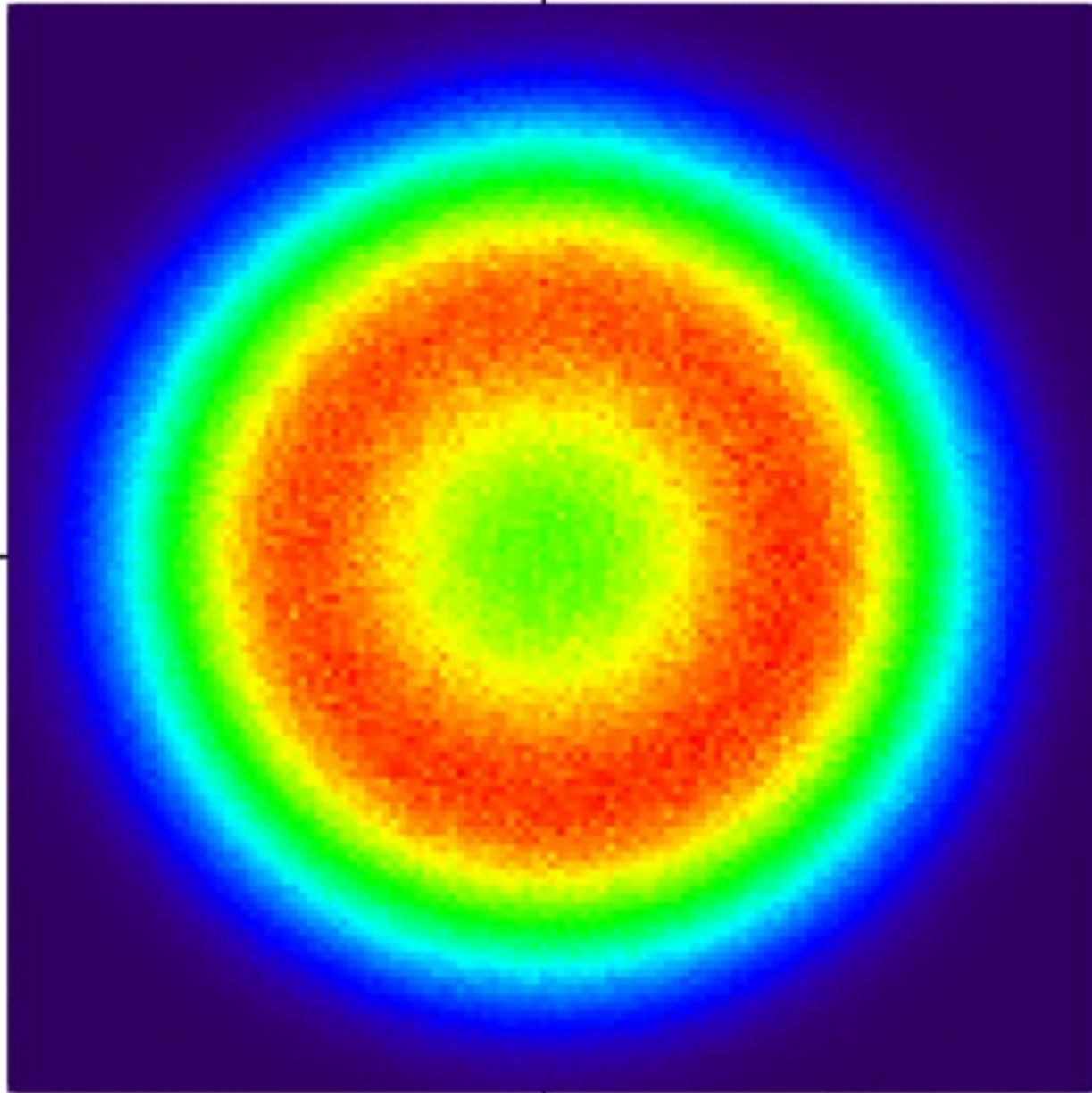
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O.I. Motrunich and A. Vishwanath, *Phys. Rev. B* **70**, 075104 (2004).

T. Senthil, A. Vishwanath, L. Balents, S. Sachdev and M.P.A. Fisher, *Science* **303**, 1490 (2004).

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{SU}(2)} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - Q \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle} \left(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\mathbf{S}_k \cdot \mathbf{S}_l - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$|\text{Im}[\Psi_{\text{vbs}}]$



Distribution of VBS
order Ψ_{vbs} at large Q

$\text{Re}[\Psi_{\text{vbs}}]$

*Circular symmetry is
evidence for
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A.W. Sandvik, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **98**, 2272020 (2007).

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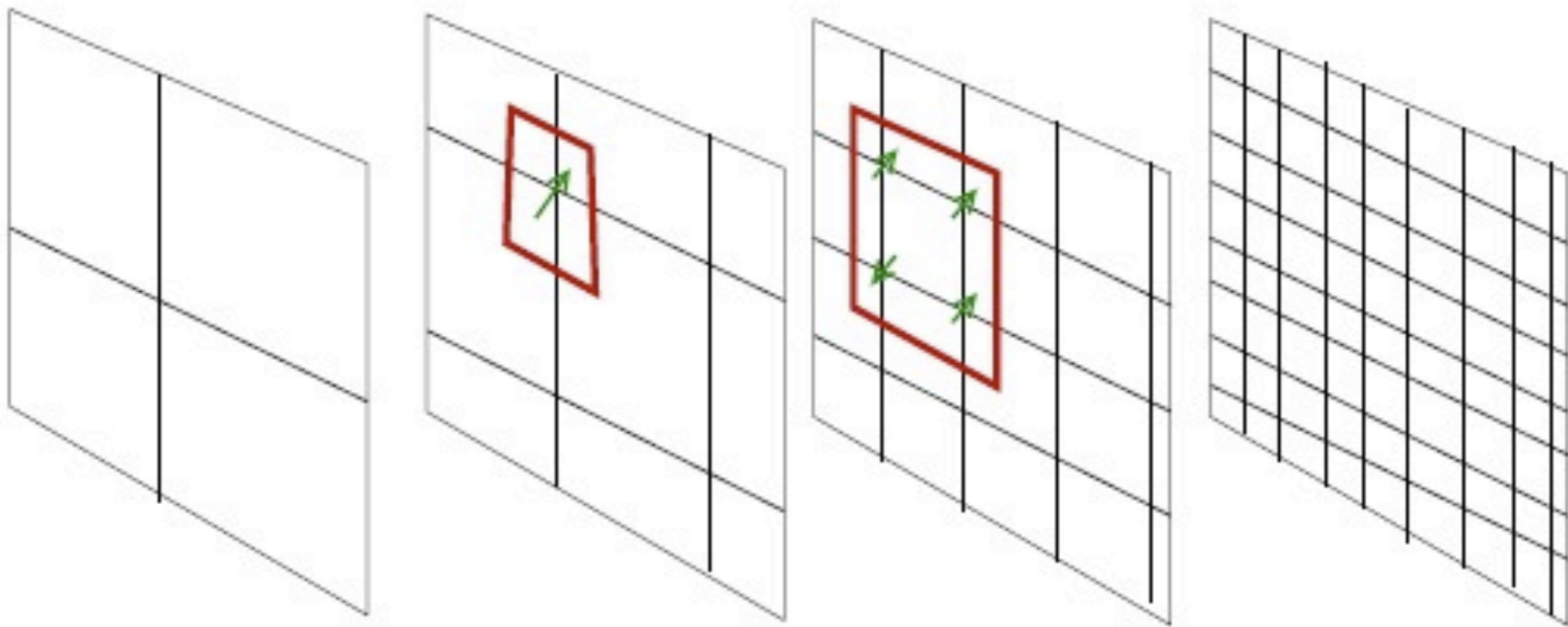
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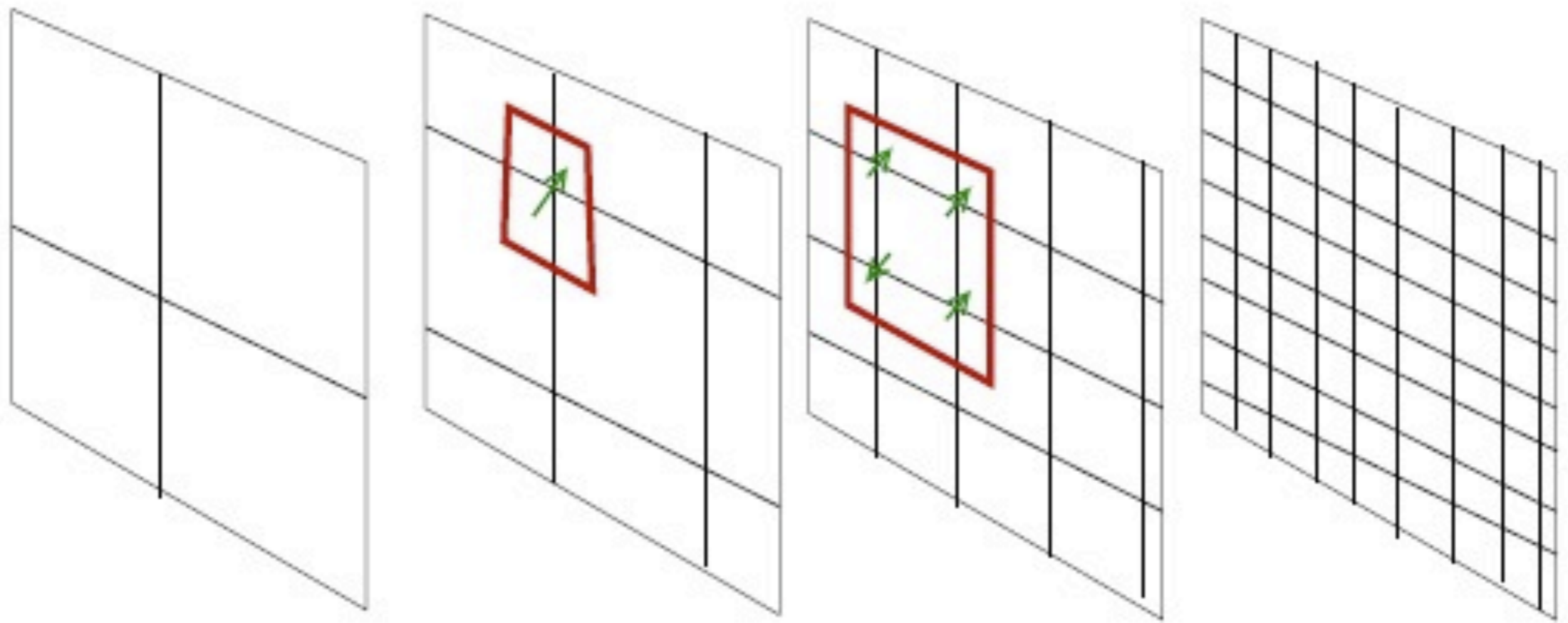
Field theories in $d + 1$ spacetime dimensions are characterized by couplings g which obey the renormalization group equation

$$u \frac{dg}{du} = \beta(g)$$

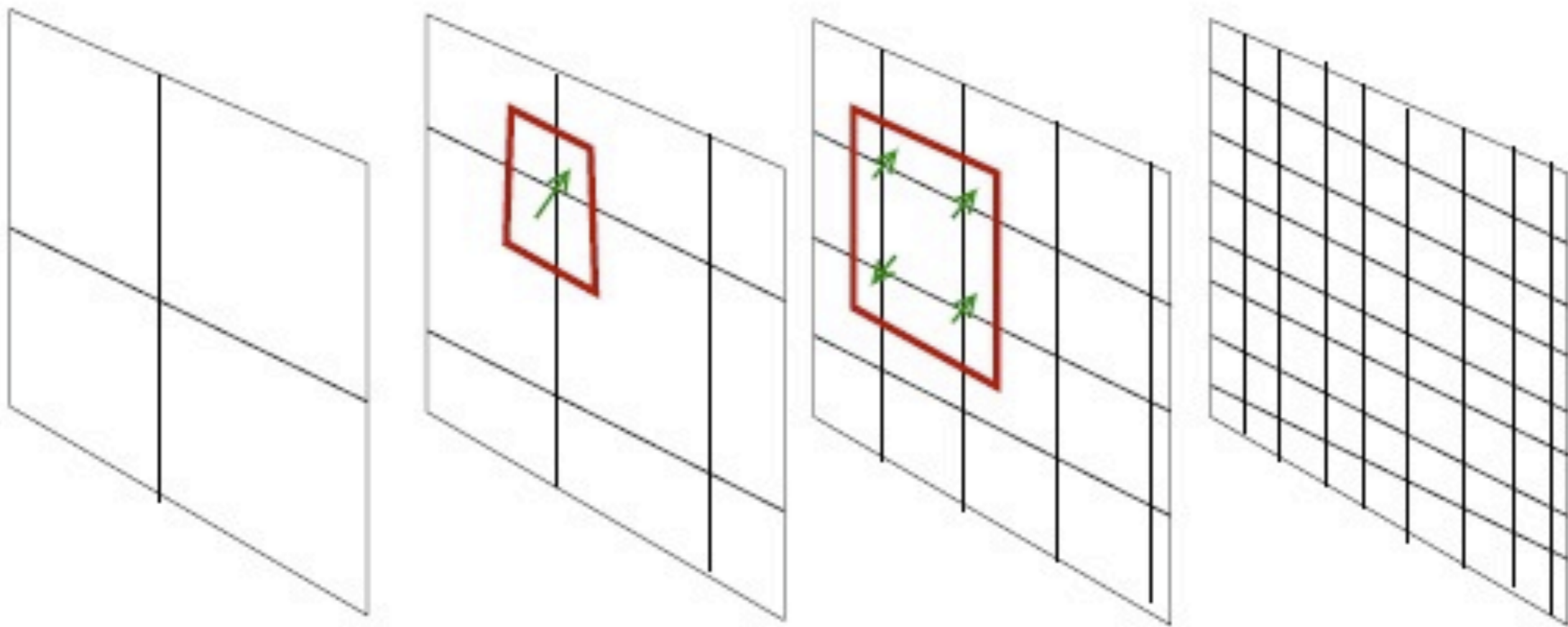
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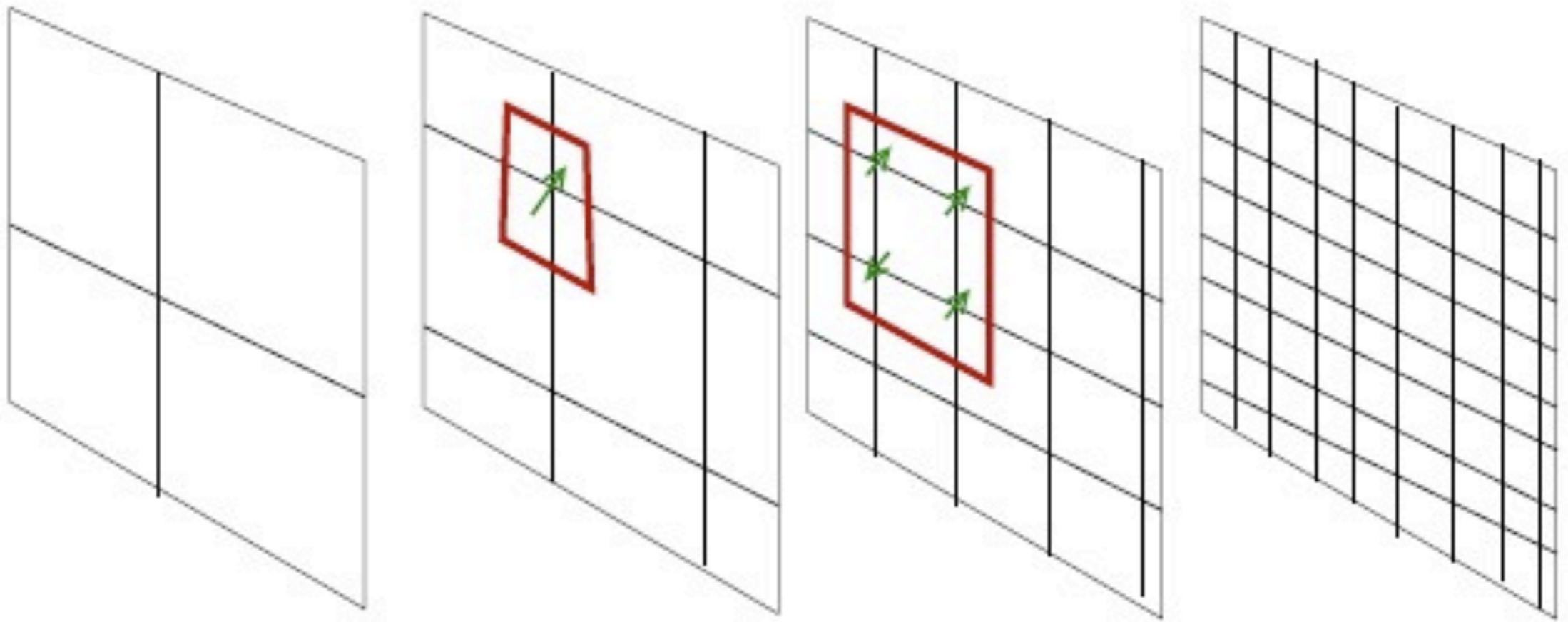
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Key idea: \Rightarrow Implement r as an extra dimension, and map to a local theory in $d + 2$ spacetime dimensions.

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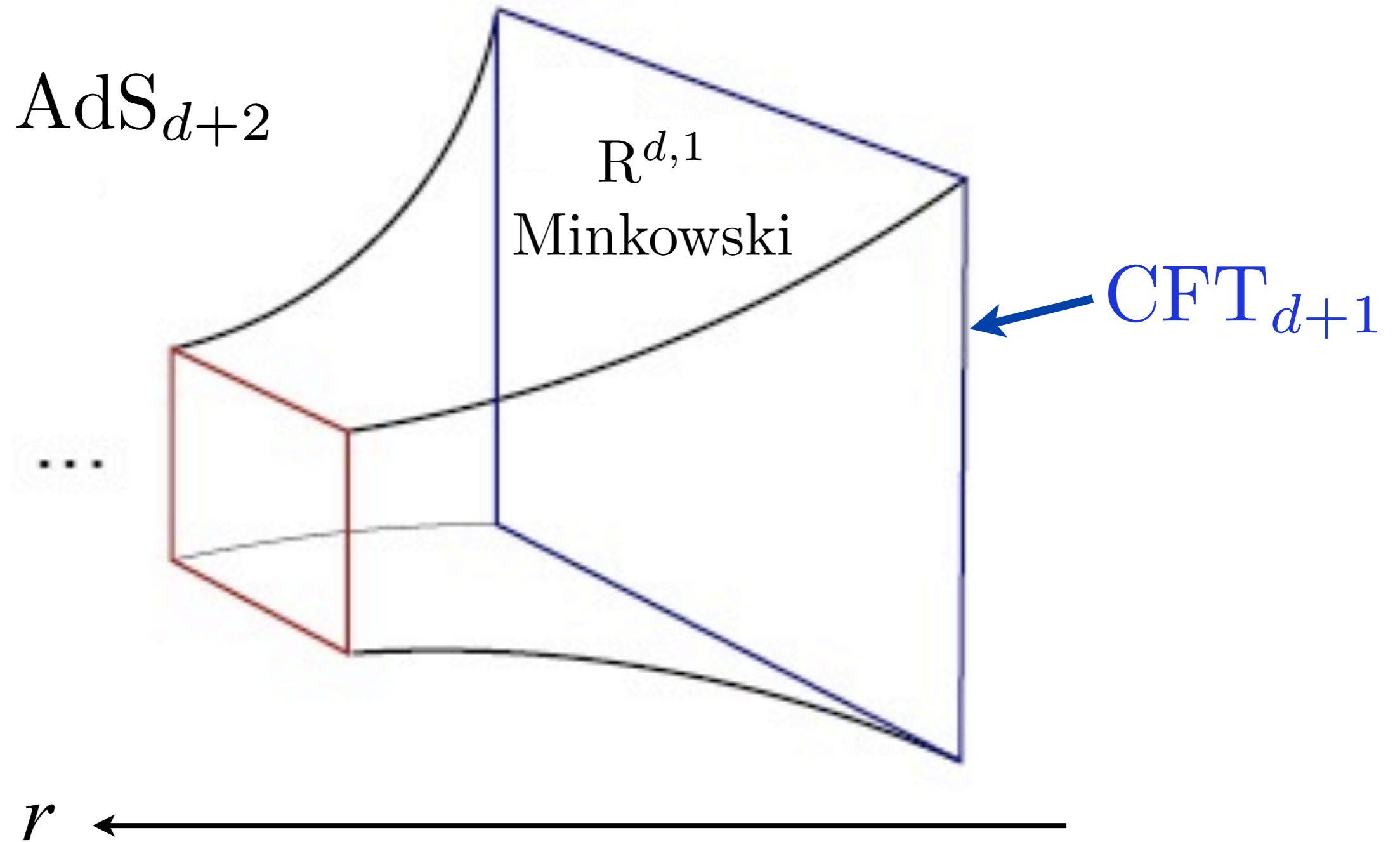
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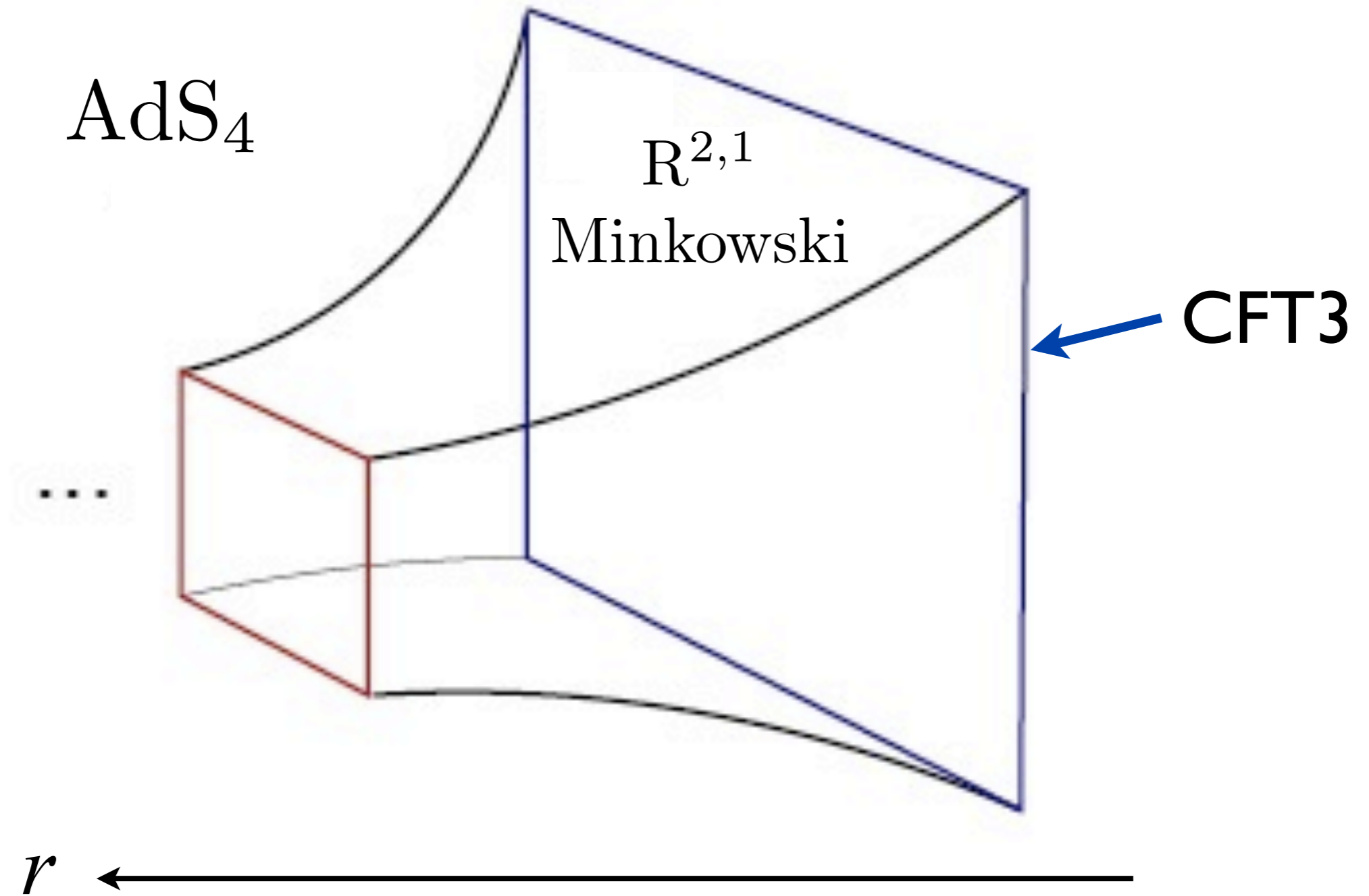
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} (-dt^2 + dr^2 + dx_i^2)$$

Reparametrization invariance in r has been used to the prefactor of dx_i^2 equal to $1/r^2$. This fixes $r \rightarrow \zeta r$ under the scale transformation. This is the metric of the space AdS_{d+2} .

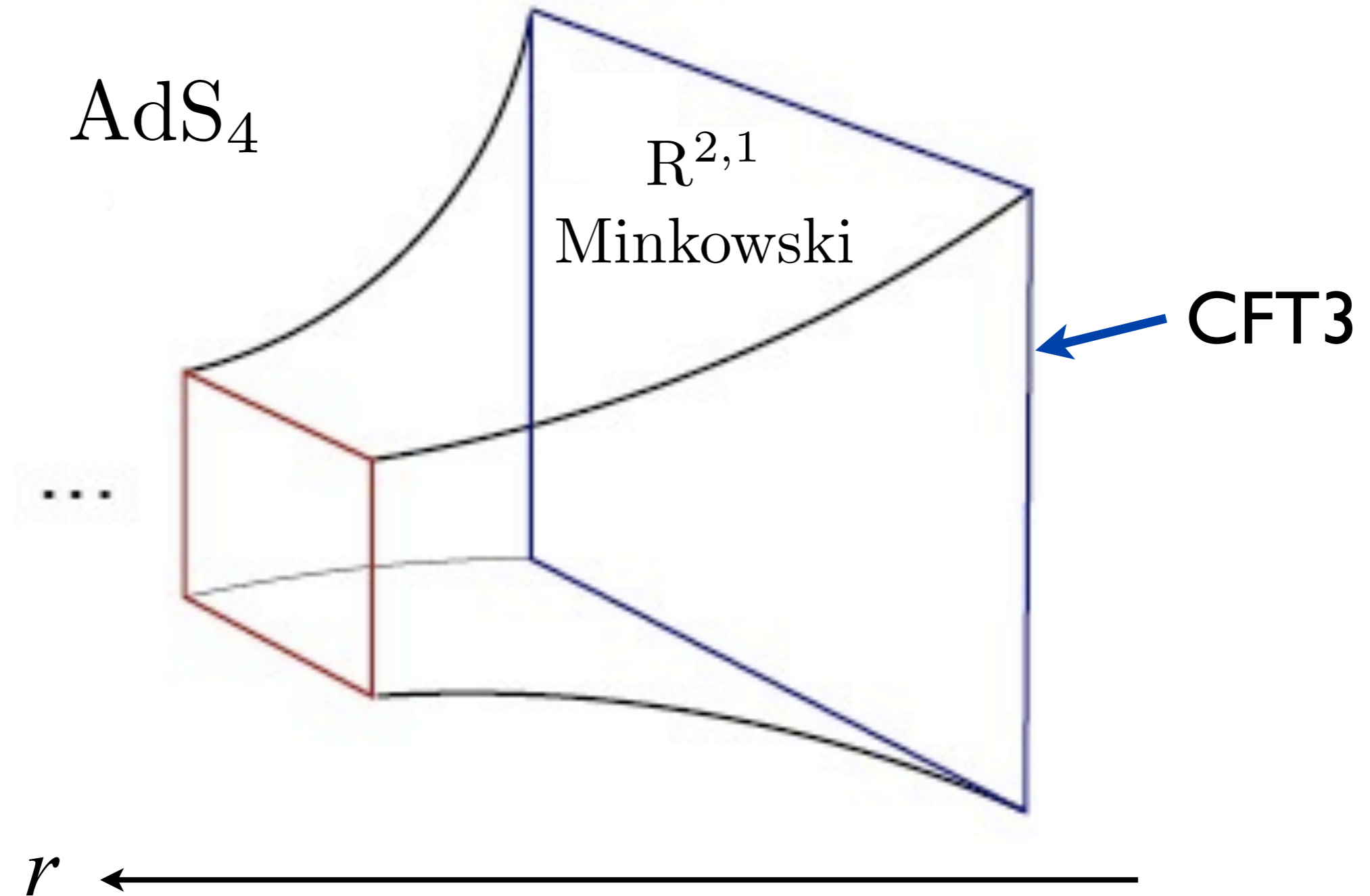
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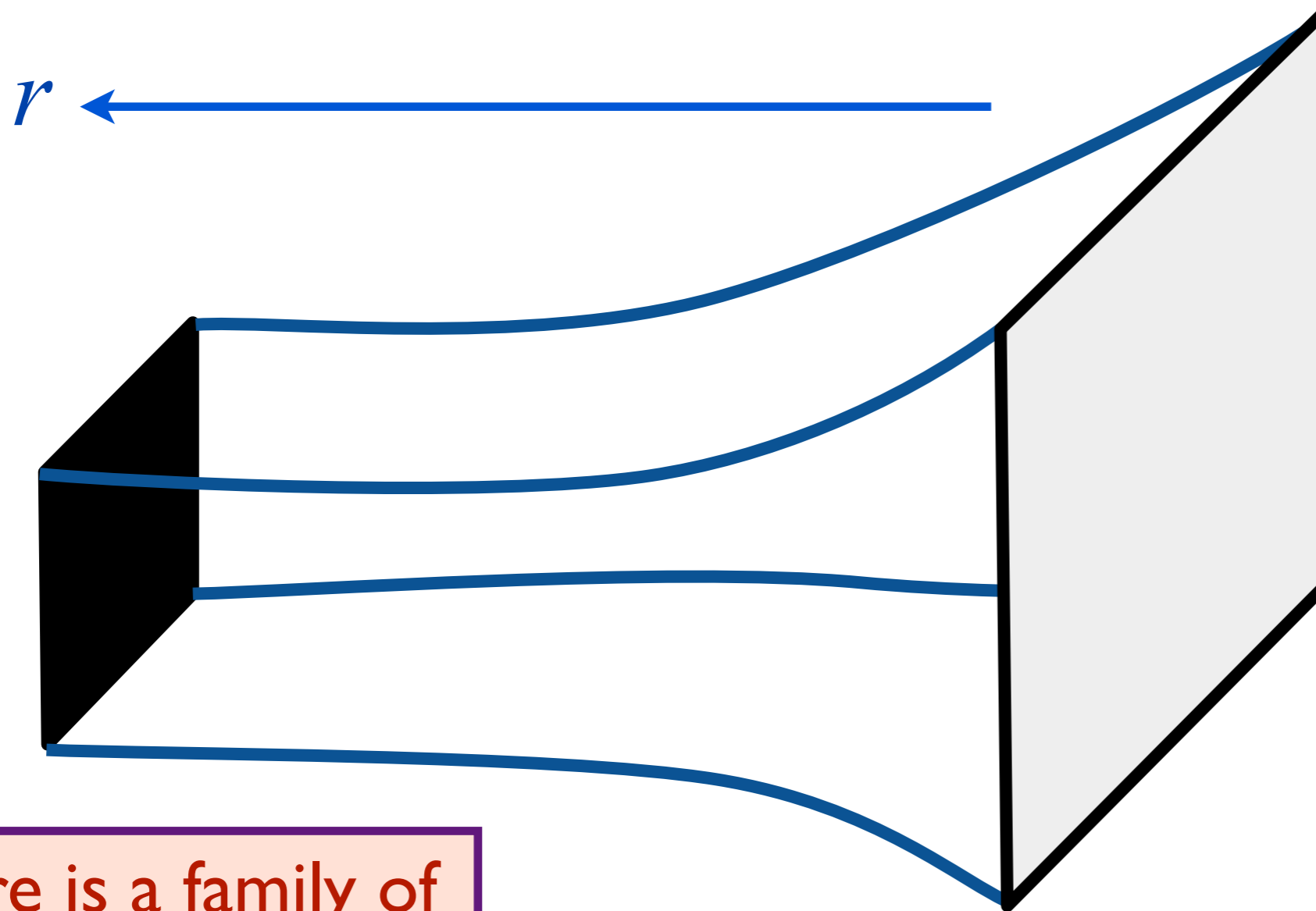
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This emergent spacetime is a solution of Einstein gravity with a negative cosmological constant

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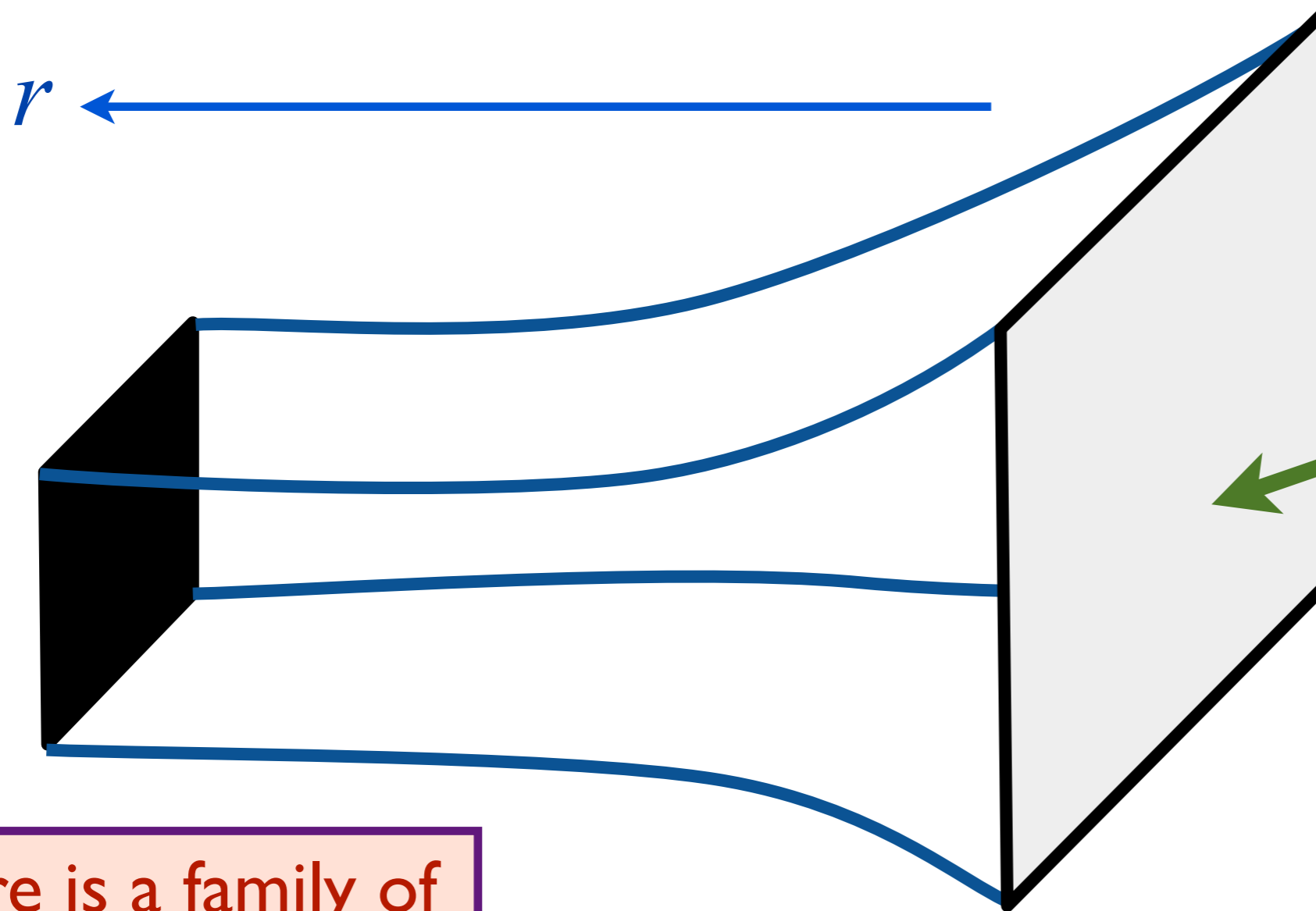
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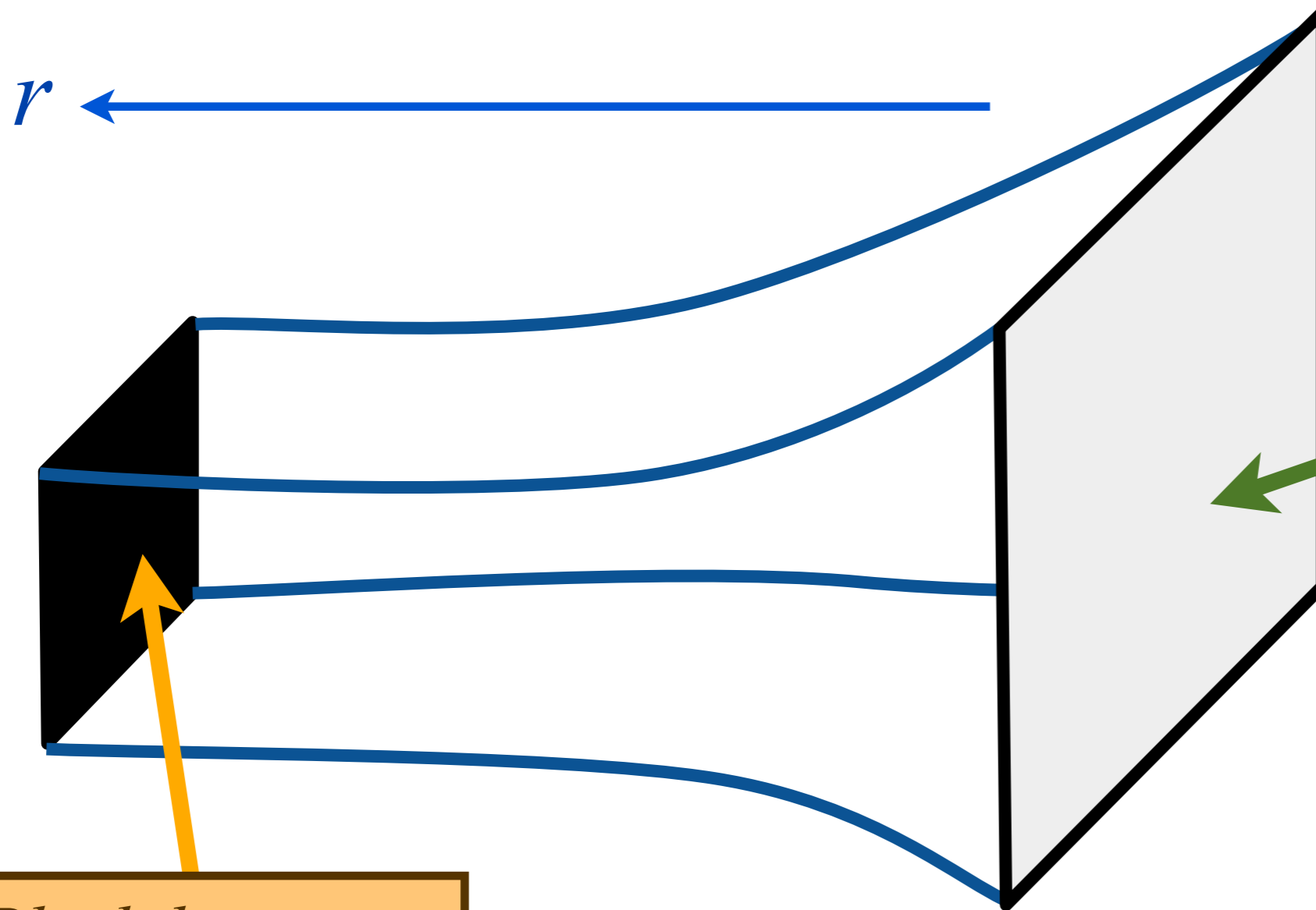
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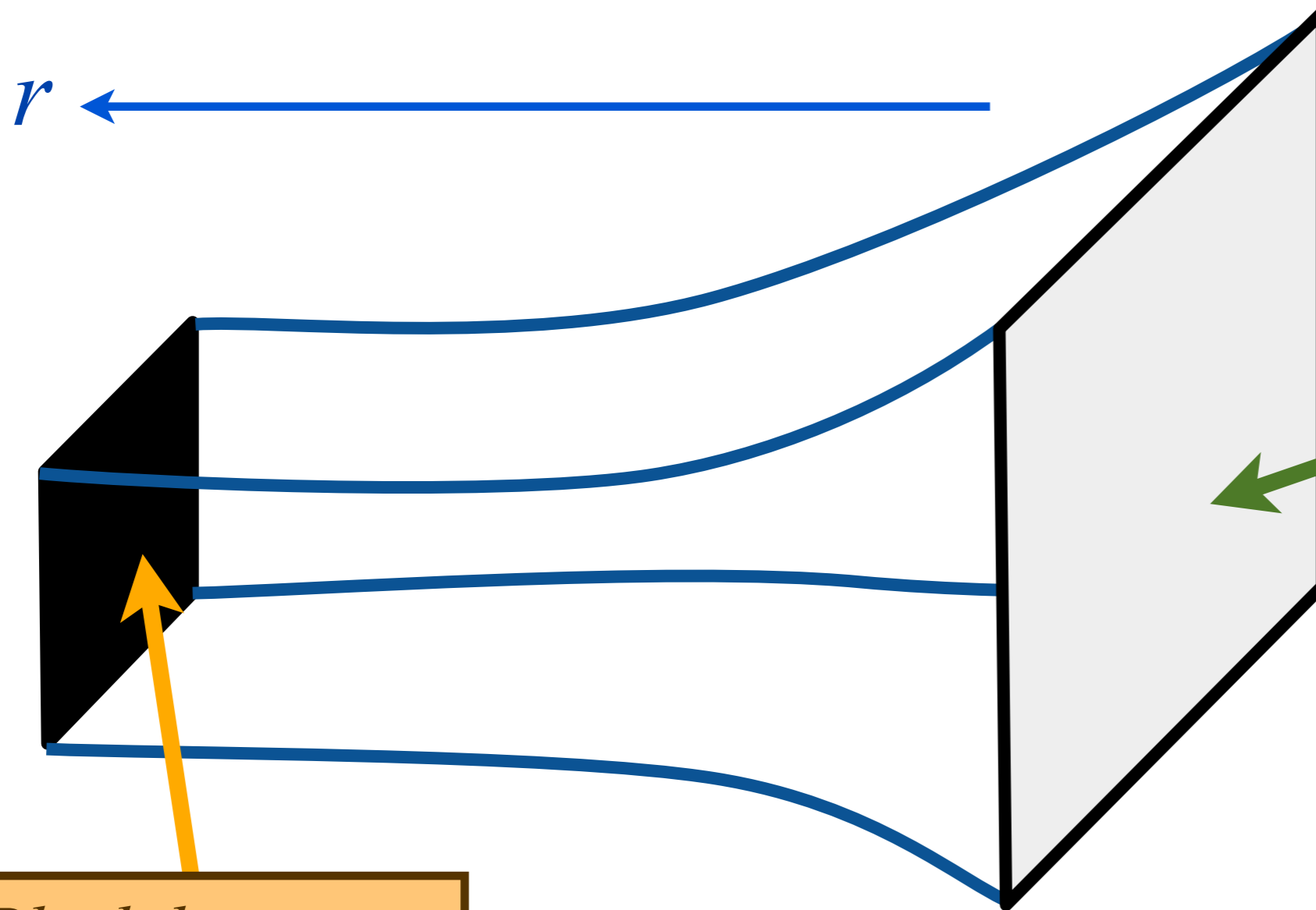
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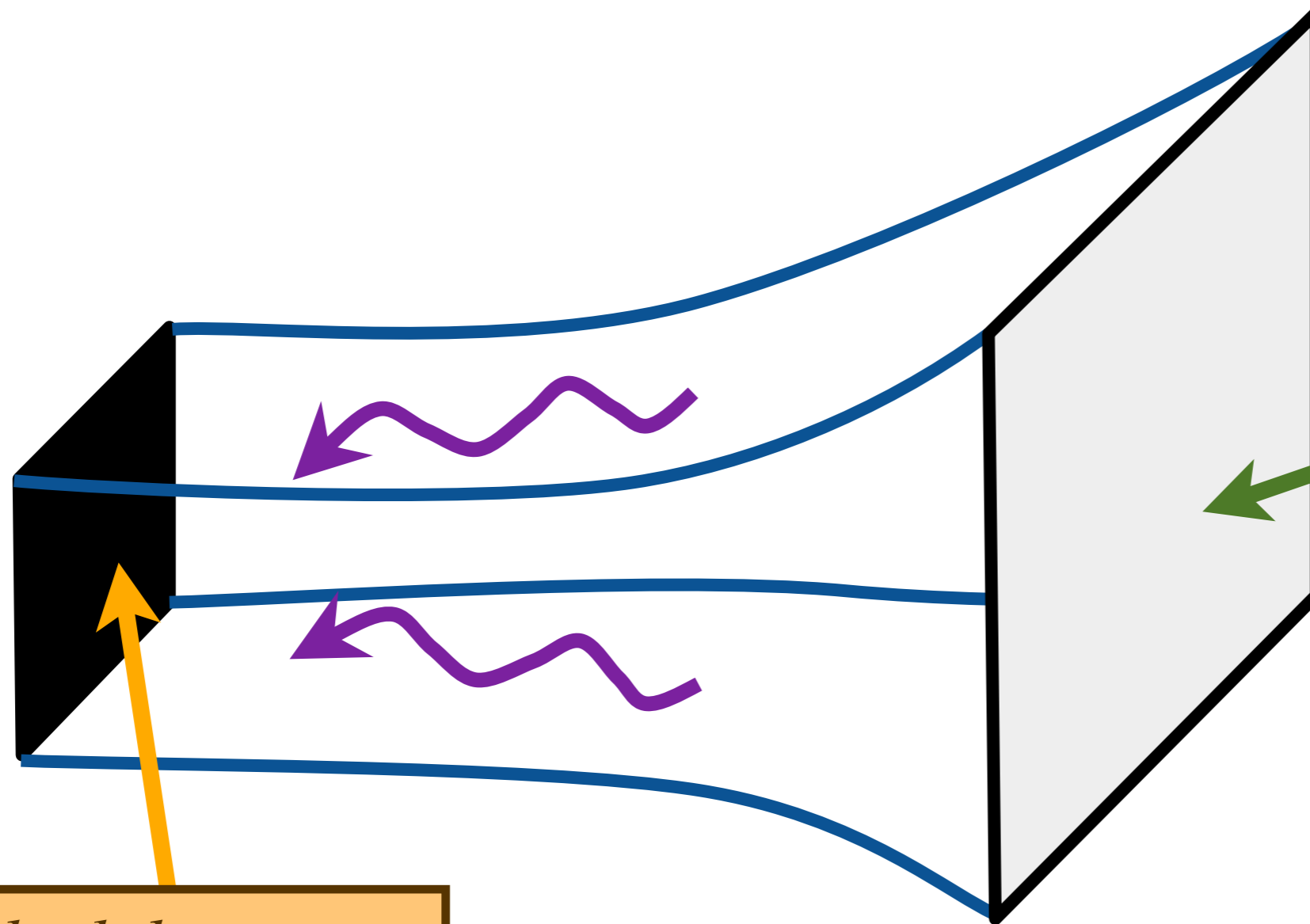


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Friction of quantum criticality = waves falling into black brane

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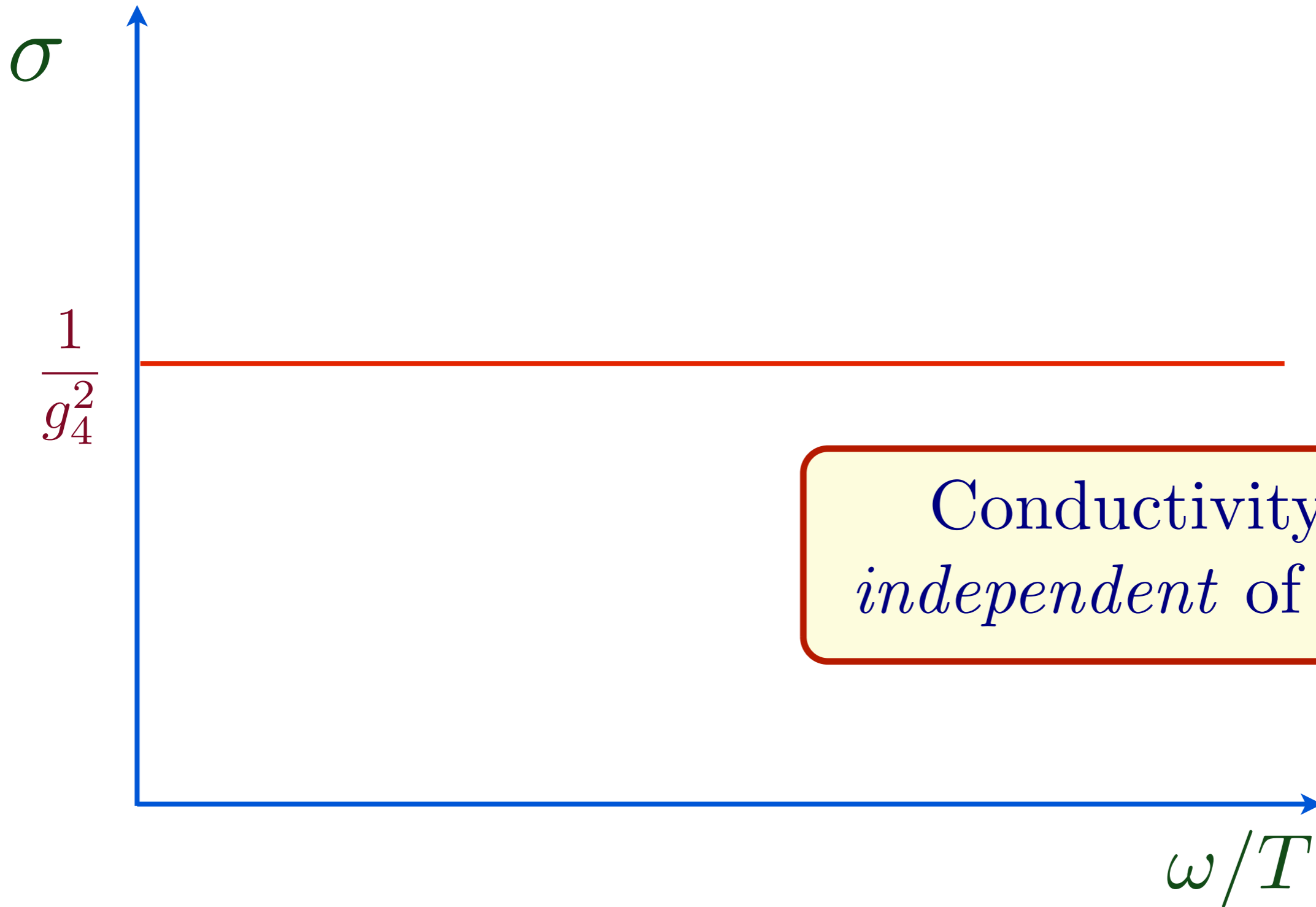
$$A_\mu(r \rightarrow 0, x, y, t) = \mathcal{A}_\mu(x, y, t)$$

where \mathcal{A}_μ is a source coupling to a conserved U(1) current J_μ of the CFT3

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{CFT} + i \int dx dy dt \mathcal{A}_\mu J_\mu$$

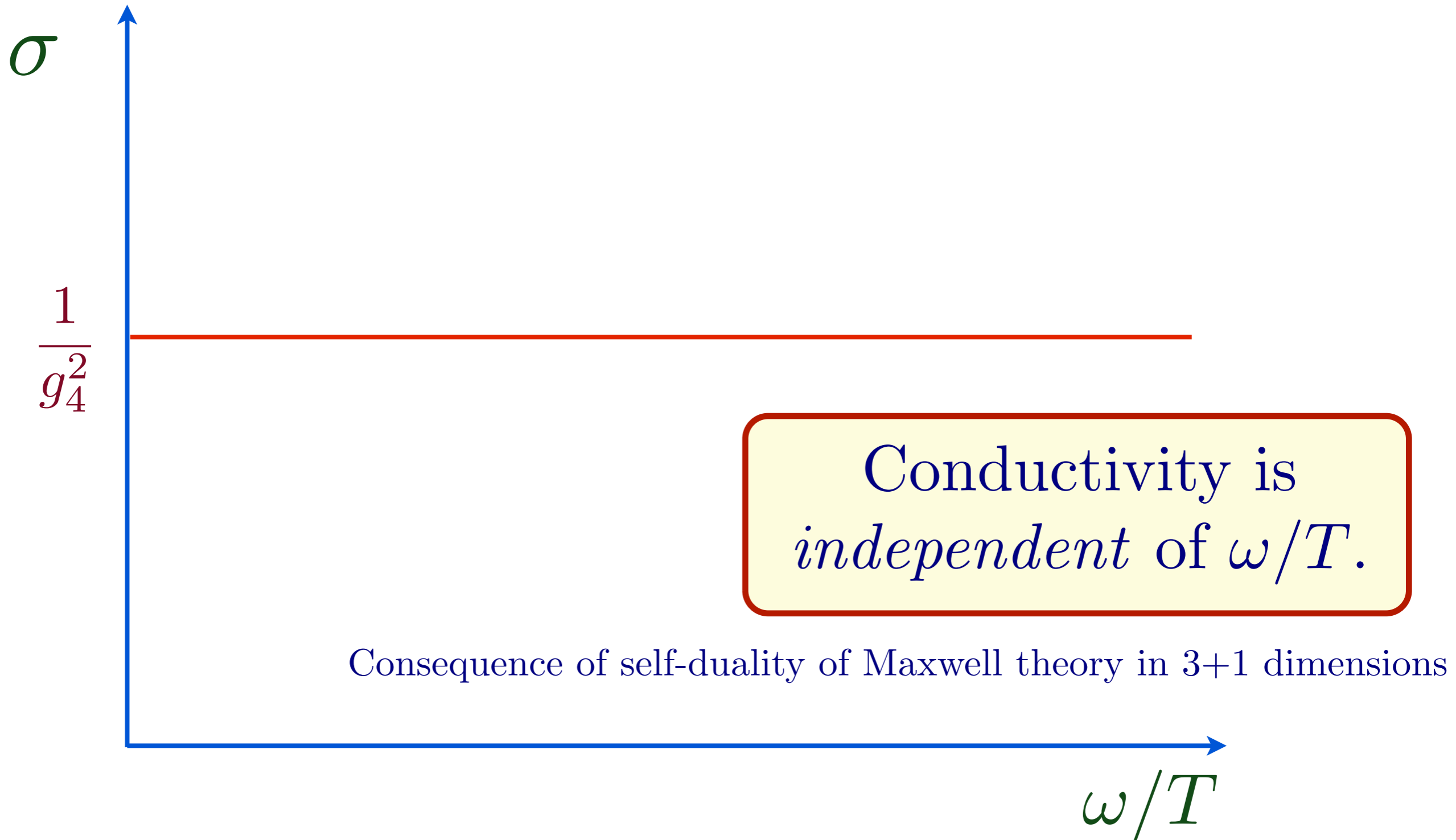
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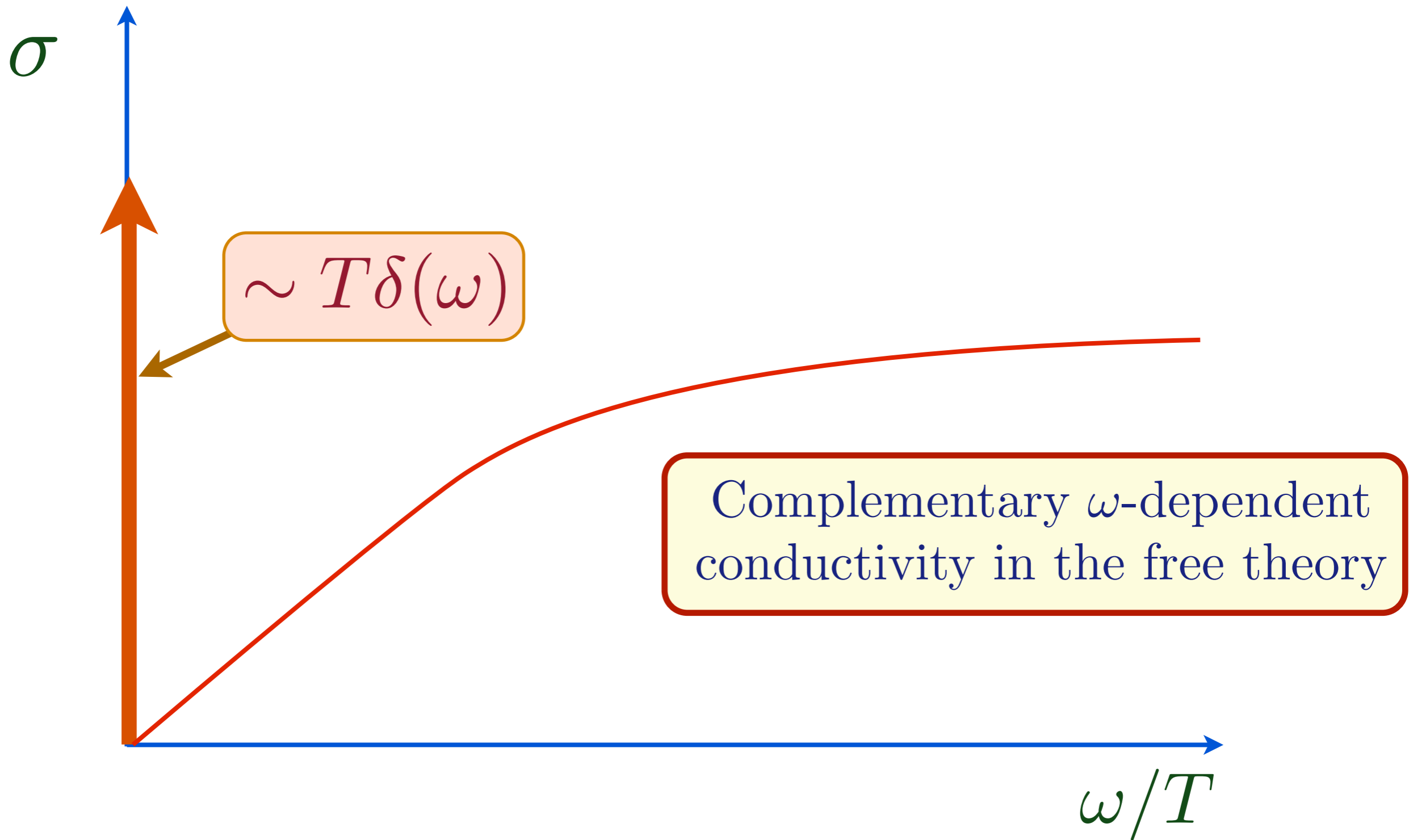
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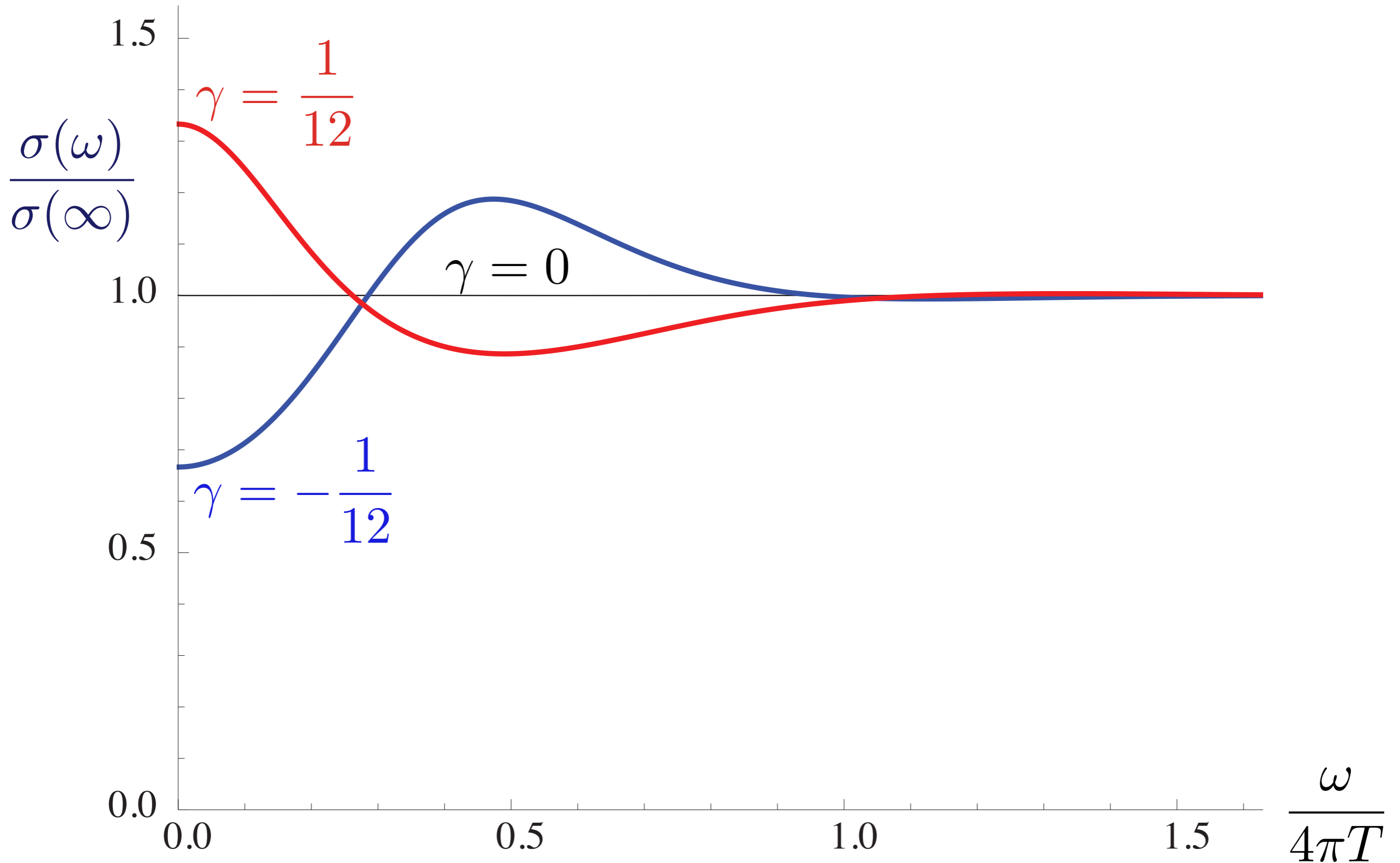
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where C_{abcd} is the Weyl curvature tensor.

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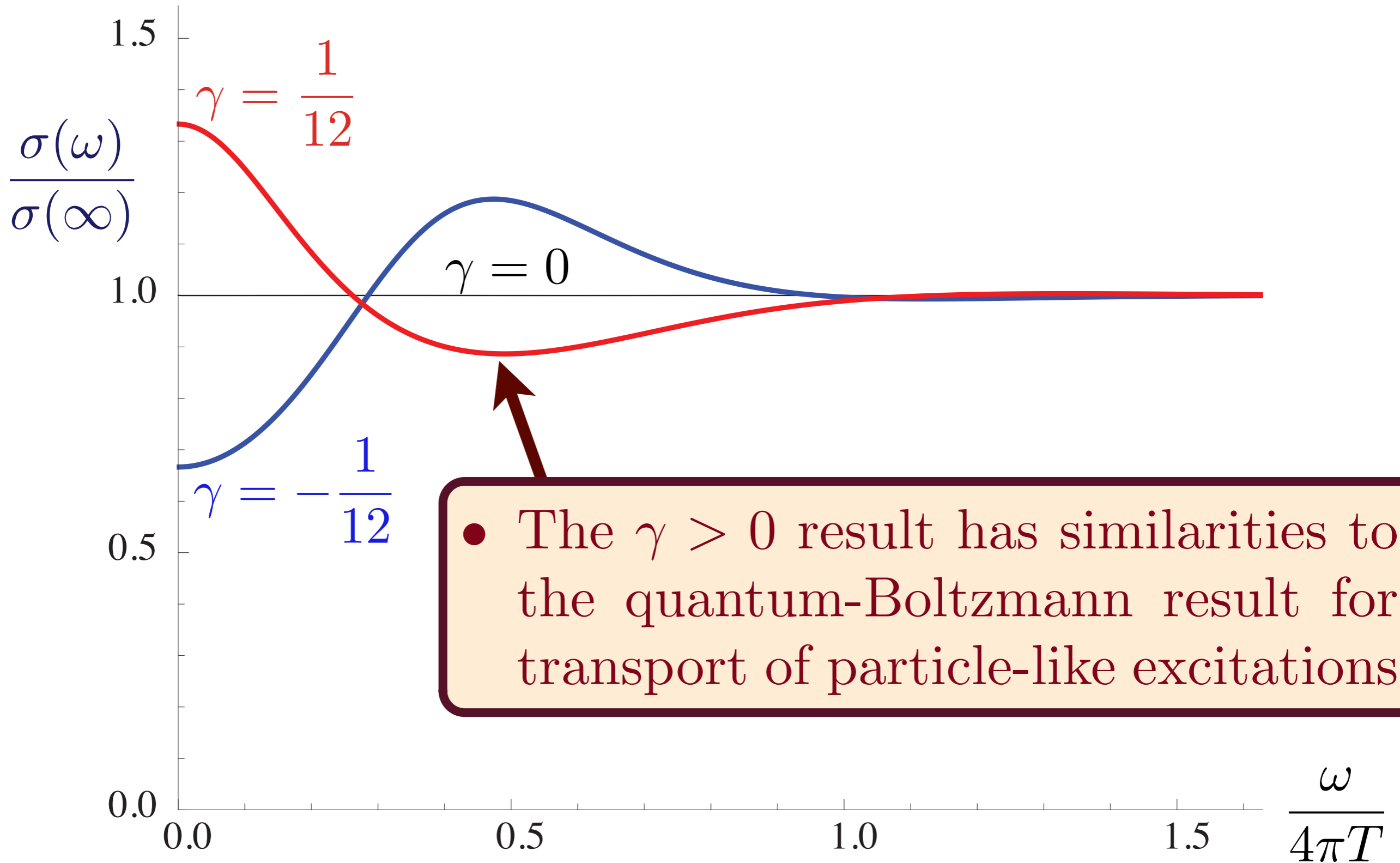
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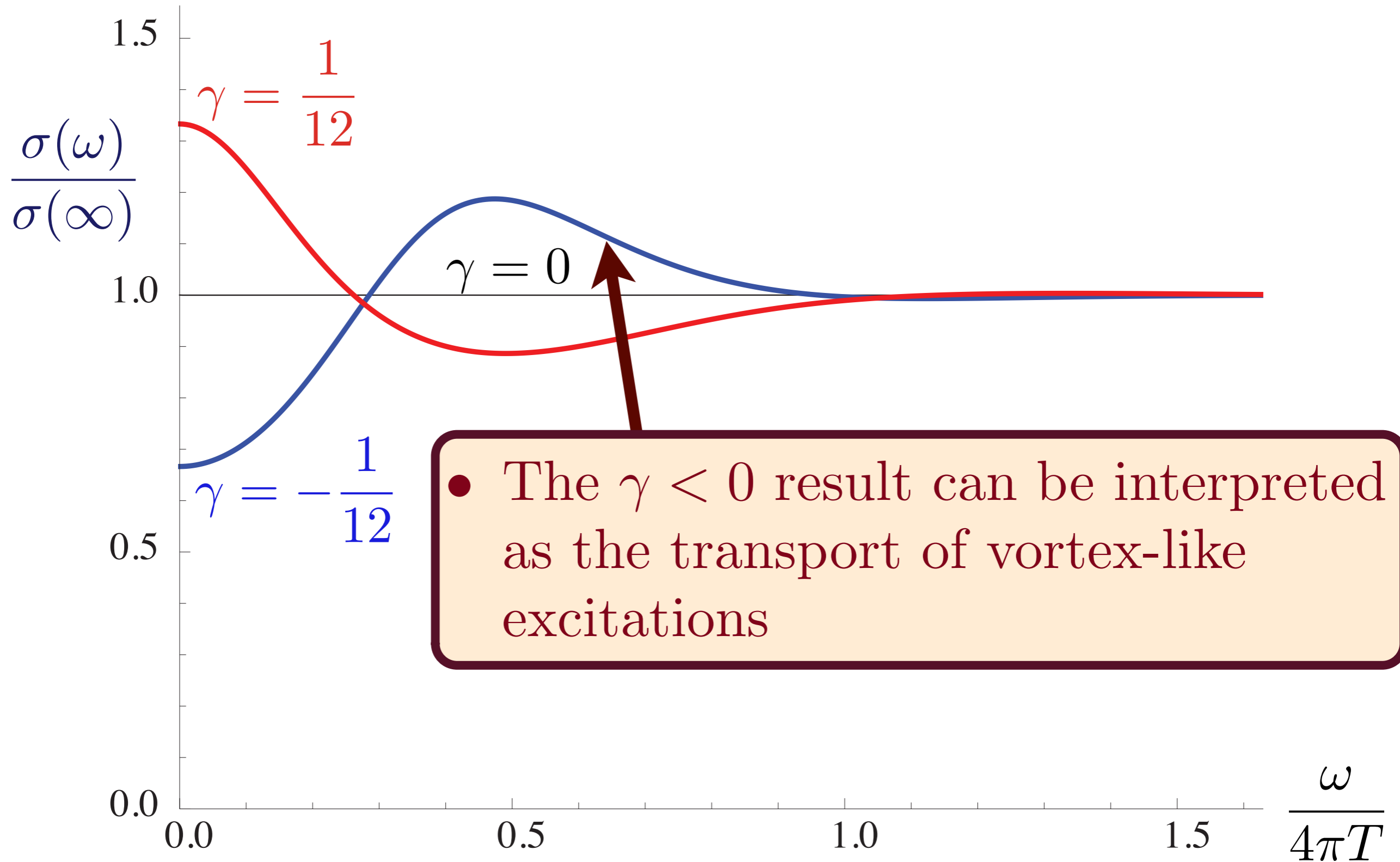
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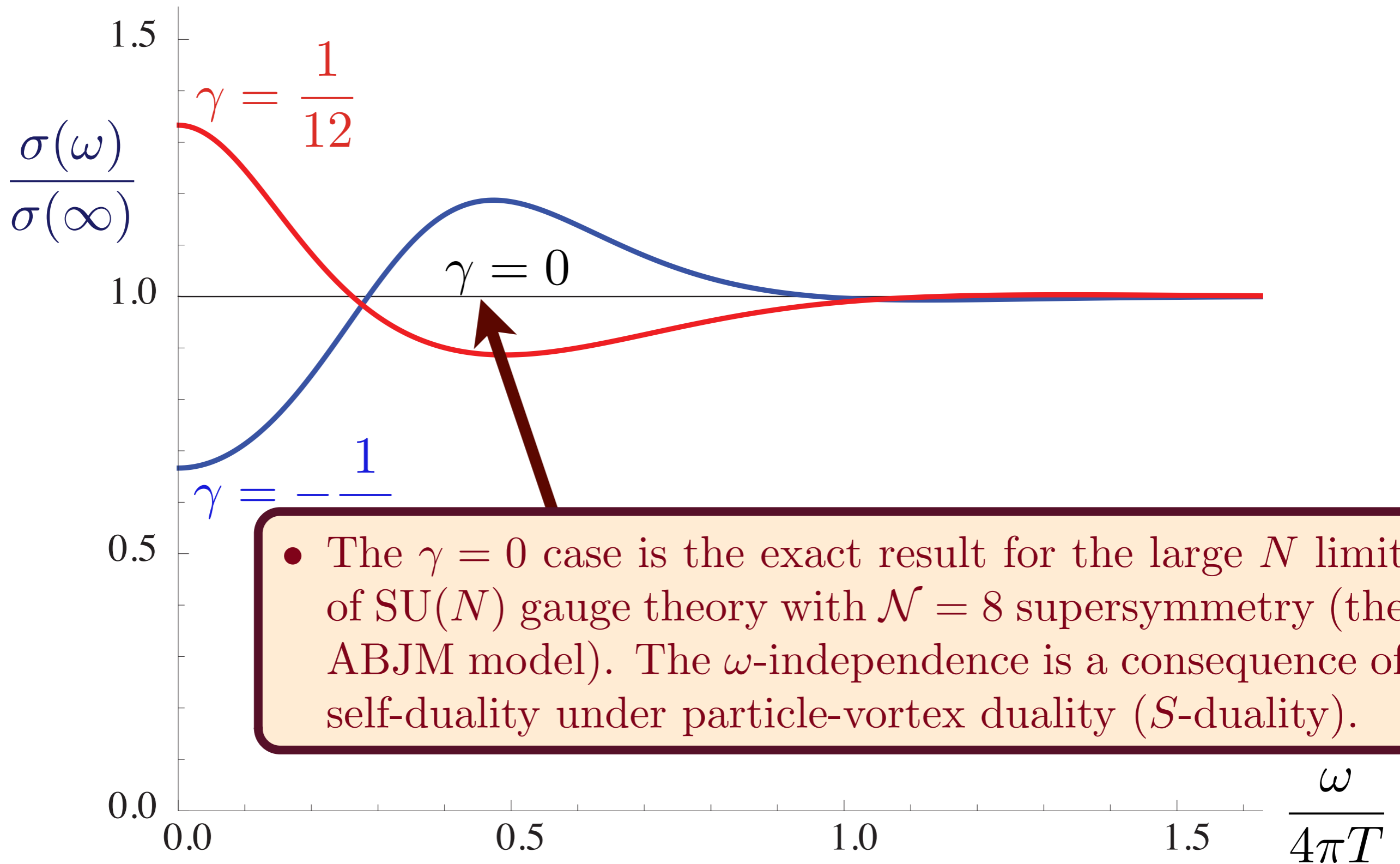
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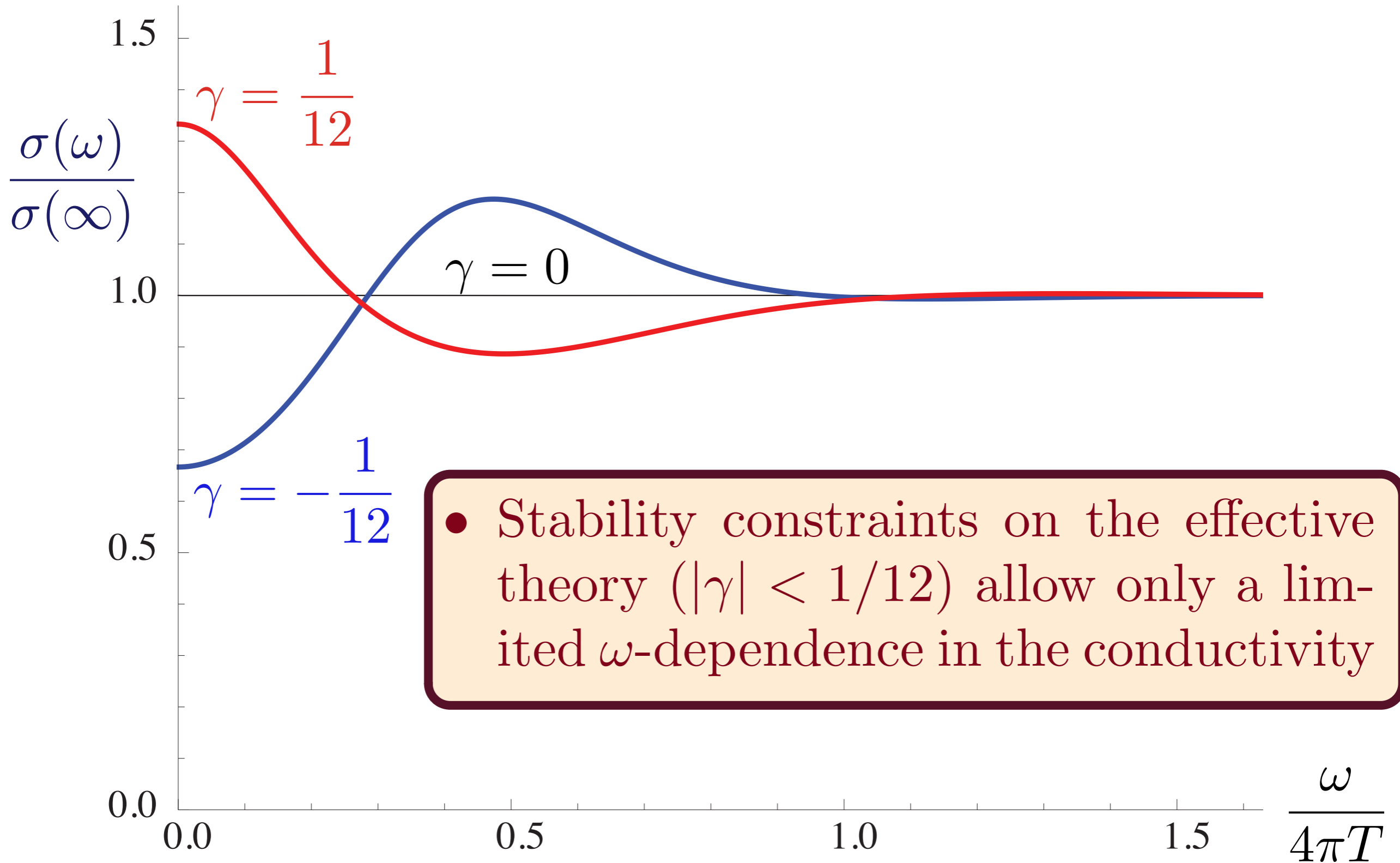
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