

Entanglement, holography, and strange metals

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Breakup of Heavy Fermions on the Brink of "Phase A" in CeCu₂Si₂

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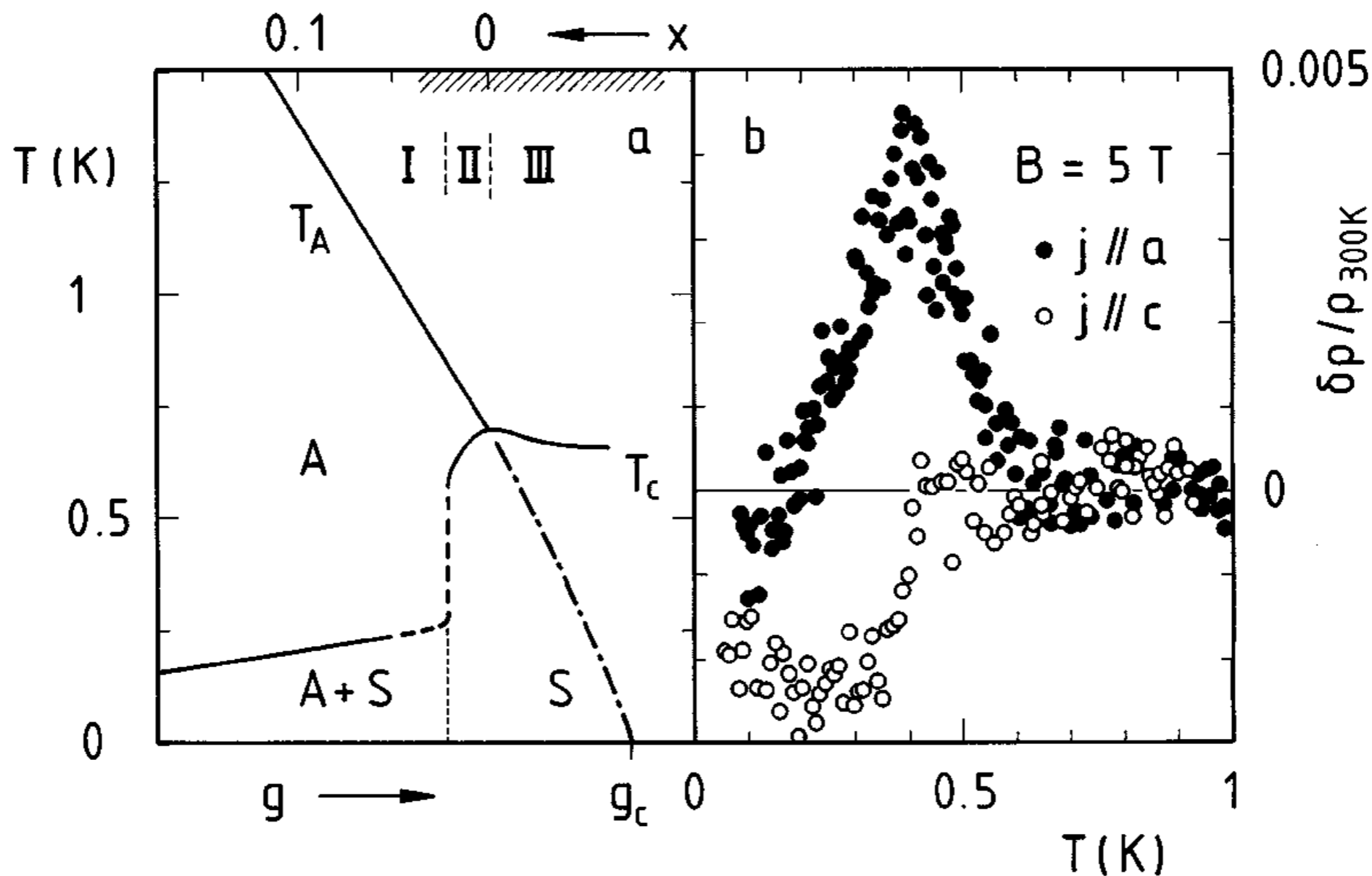
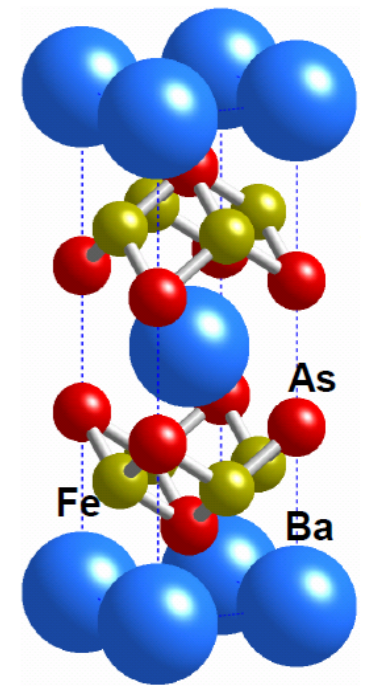
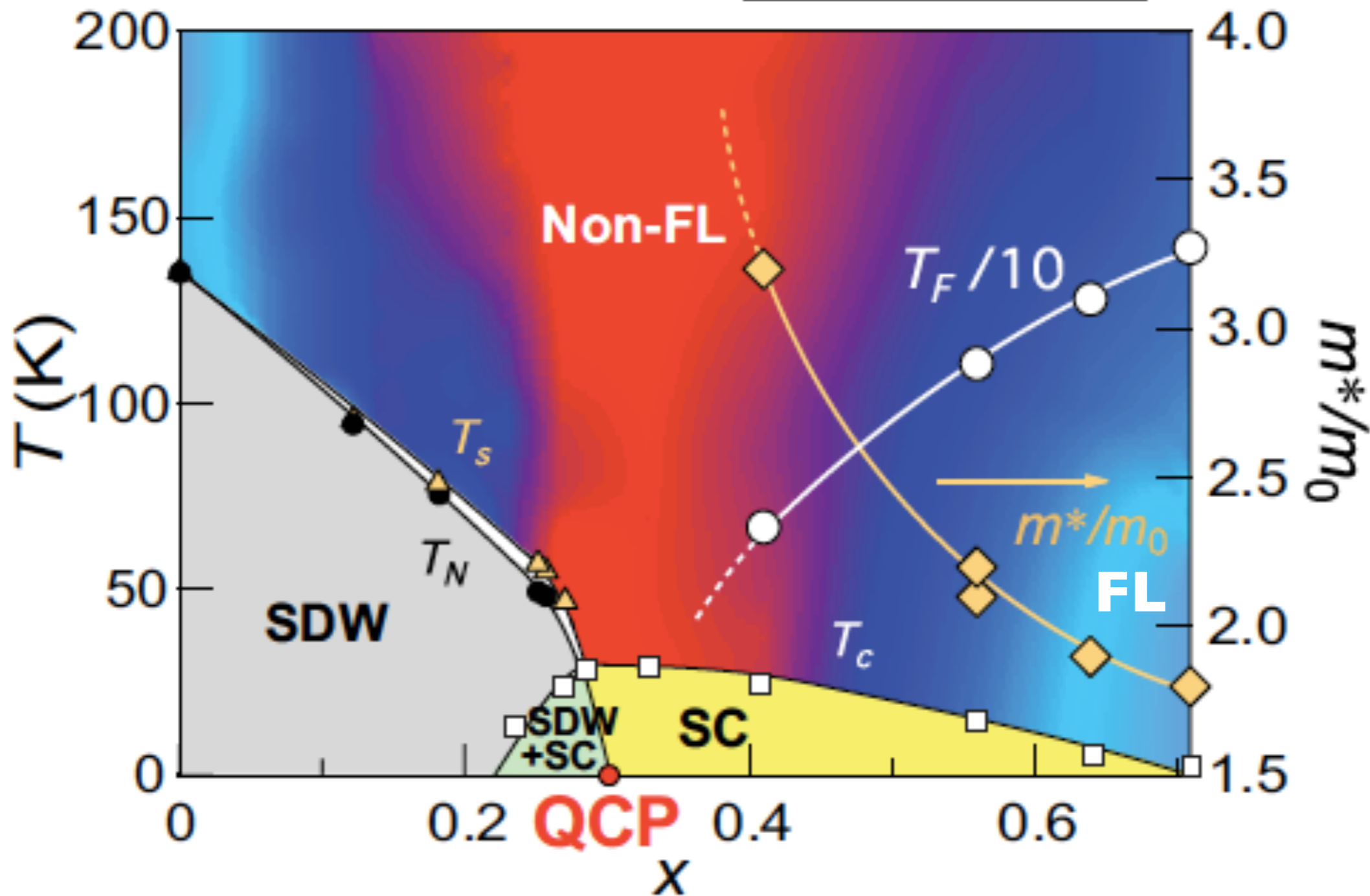


FIG. 1. (a) Schematic phase diagram for CeCu₂Si₂ at zero field, indicating existence ranges for phase A, superconductivity (S), and coexistence range ($A + S$). For samples labeled

Resistivity

$$\sim \rho_0 + AT^n$$

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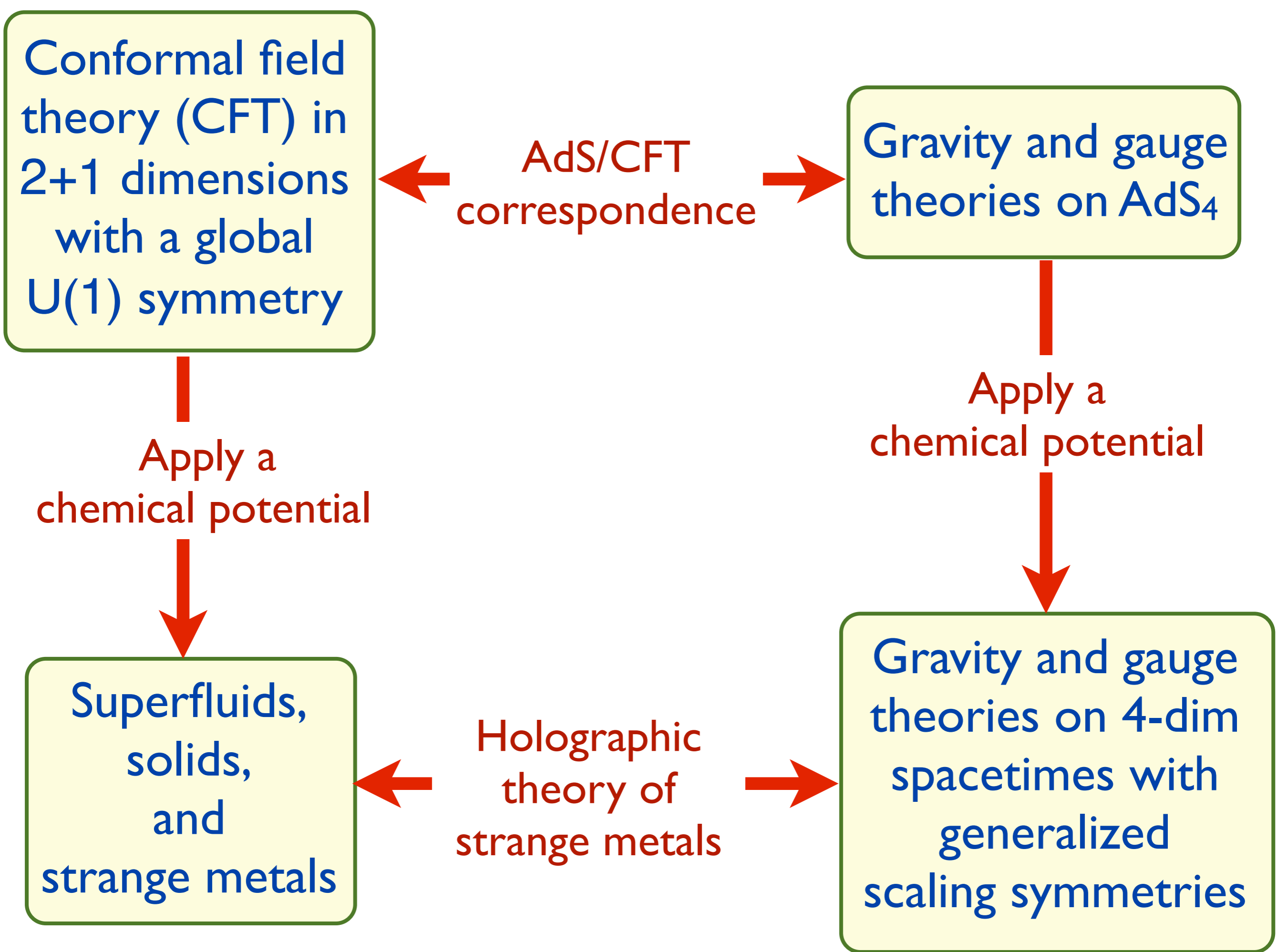
Compressible quantum matter

- Consider an infinite, continuum, translationally-invariant quantum system with a globally conserved U(1) charge Q (the “electron density”) in spatial dimension $d > 1$.
- Describe zero temperature phases where $d\langle Q \rangle / d\mu \neq 0$, where μ (the “chemical potential”) which changes the Hamiltonian, H , to $H - \mu Q$.

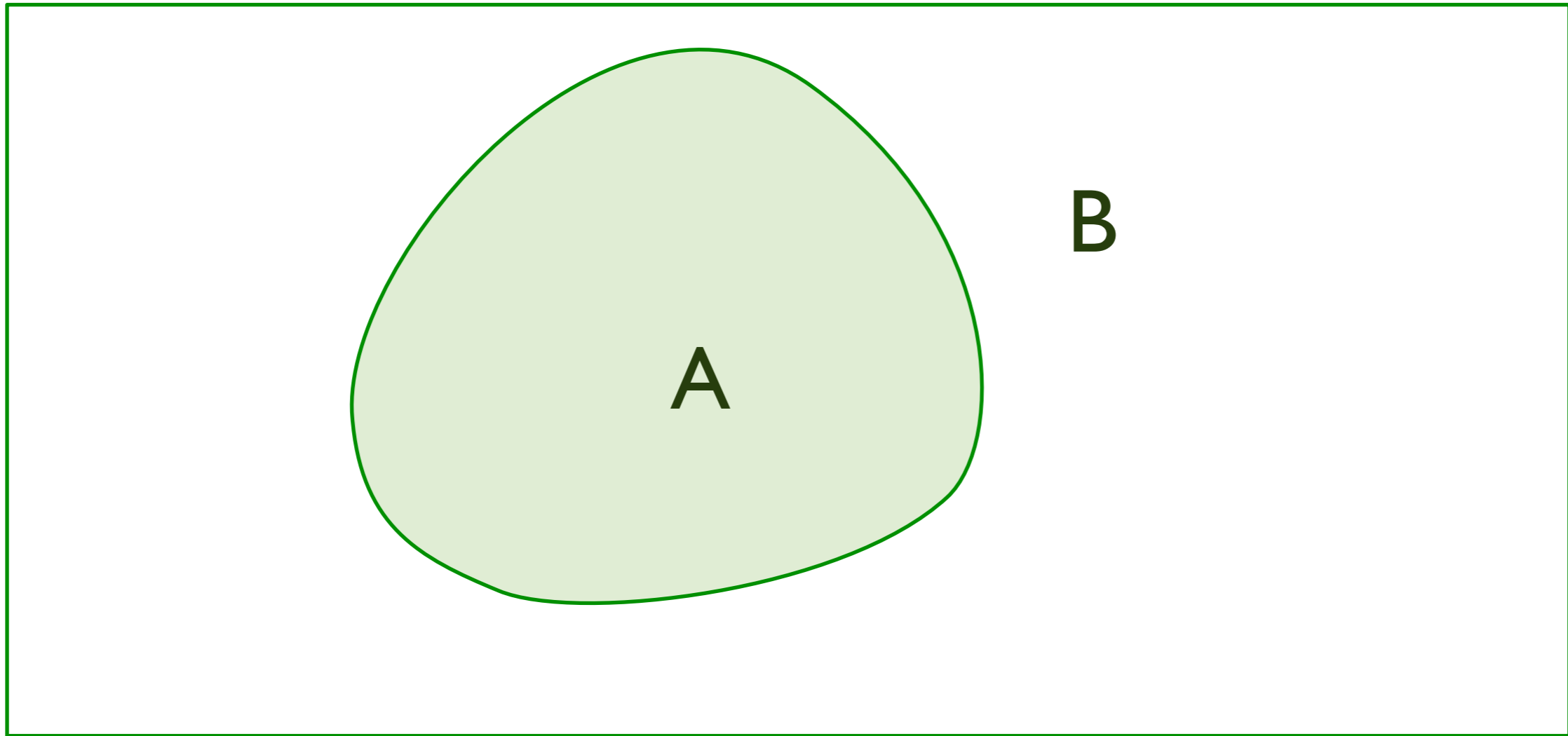
The only compressible phase of traditional condensed matter physics which does not break the translational or $U(1)$ symmetries is the Landau Fermi liquid

Our strategy here will be to start from conformal field theories, with a Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_{CFT} and a globally conserved U(1) charge \mathcal{Q} , which are (reasonably) well understood examples of quantum states without quasiparticle excitations.

Then we will “dope” them by applying a chemical potential, μ and classify compressible states of $\mathcal{H}_{\text{CFT}} - \mu\mathcal{Q}$.



Entanglement entropy



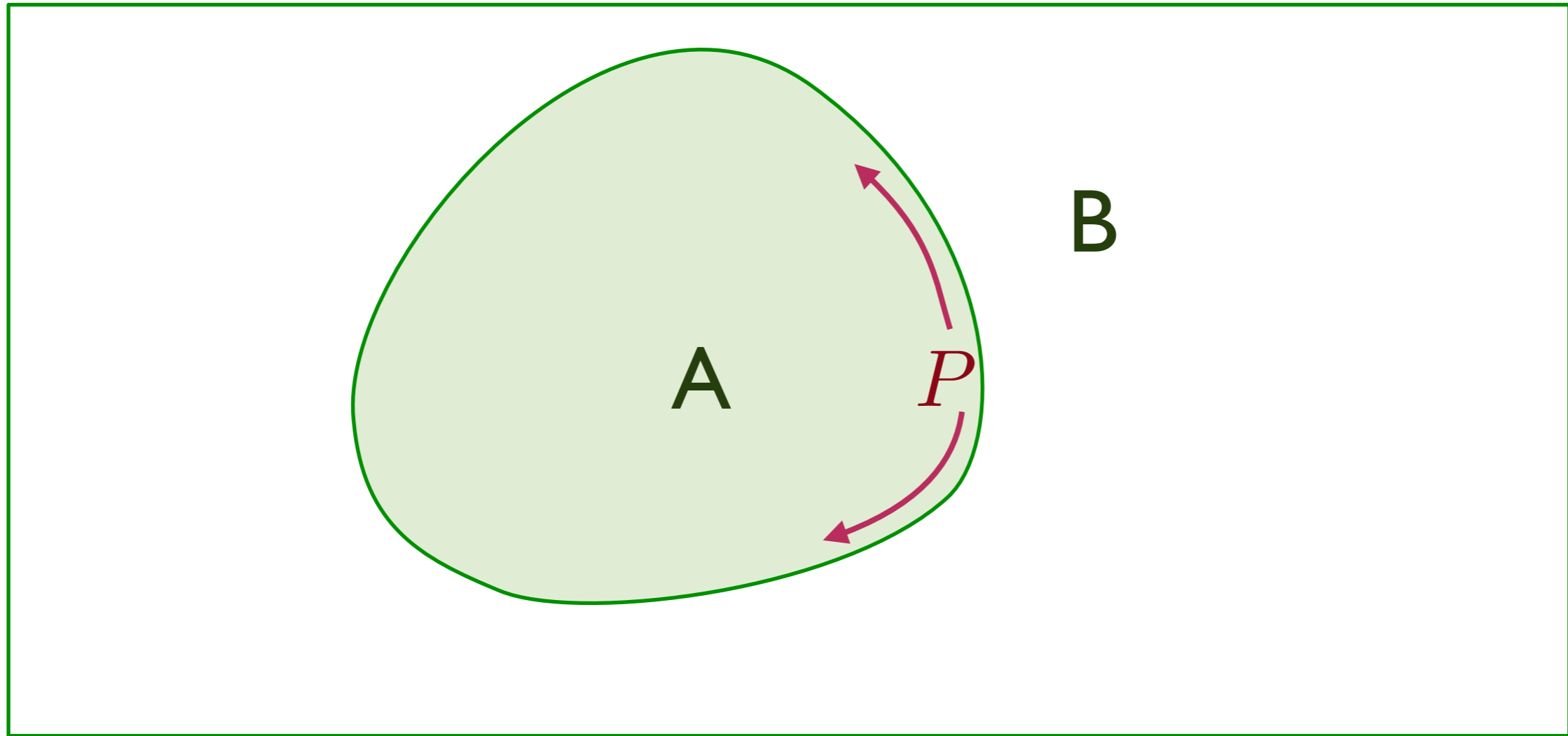
$|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow$ Ground state of entire system,
 $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$

$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho =$ density matrix of region A

Entanglement entropy $S_E = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A)$

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Entanglement entropy of a band insulator

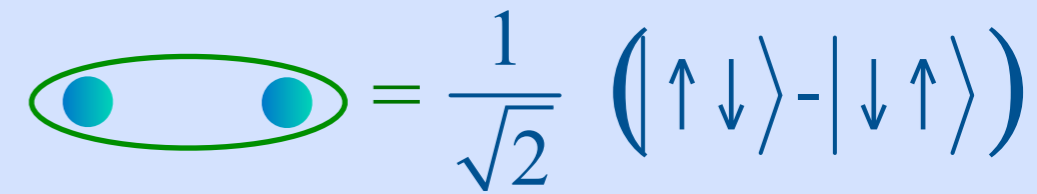


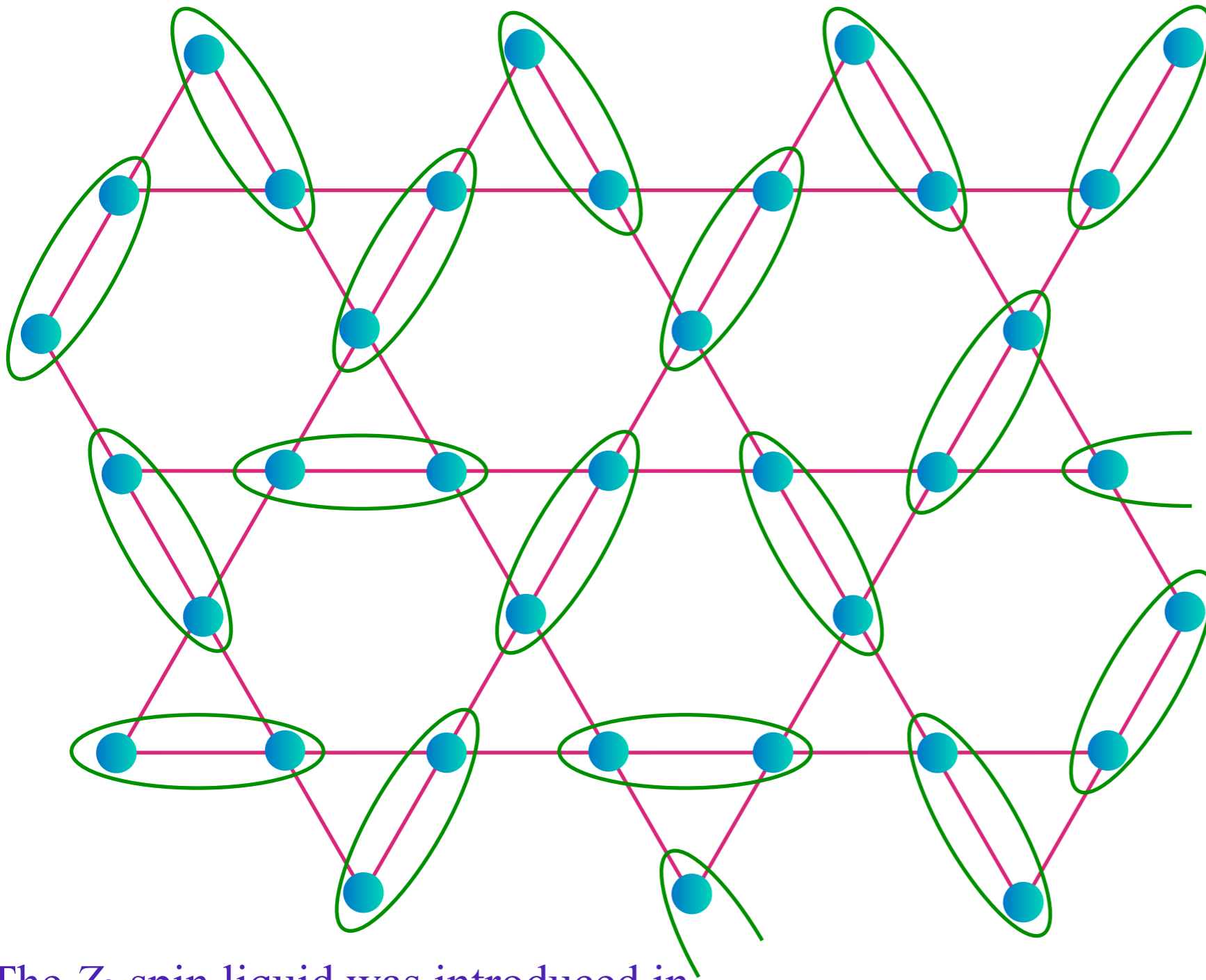
$$S_E = aP - b \exp(-cP)$$

where P is the surface area (perimeter) of the boundary between A and B.

Mott insulator: the Z_2 spin liquid

$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$


$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

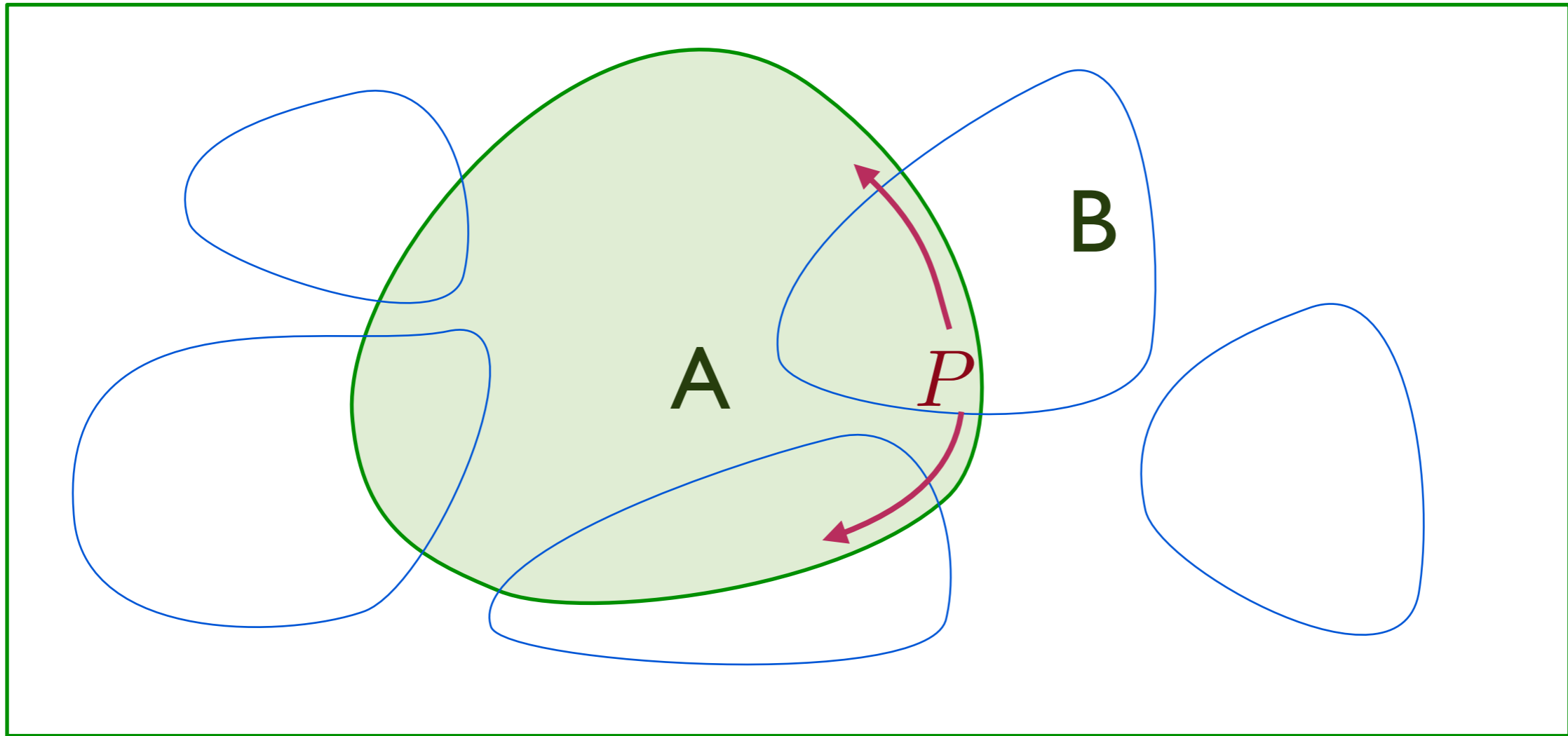


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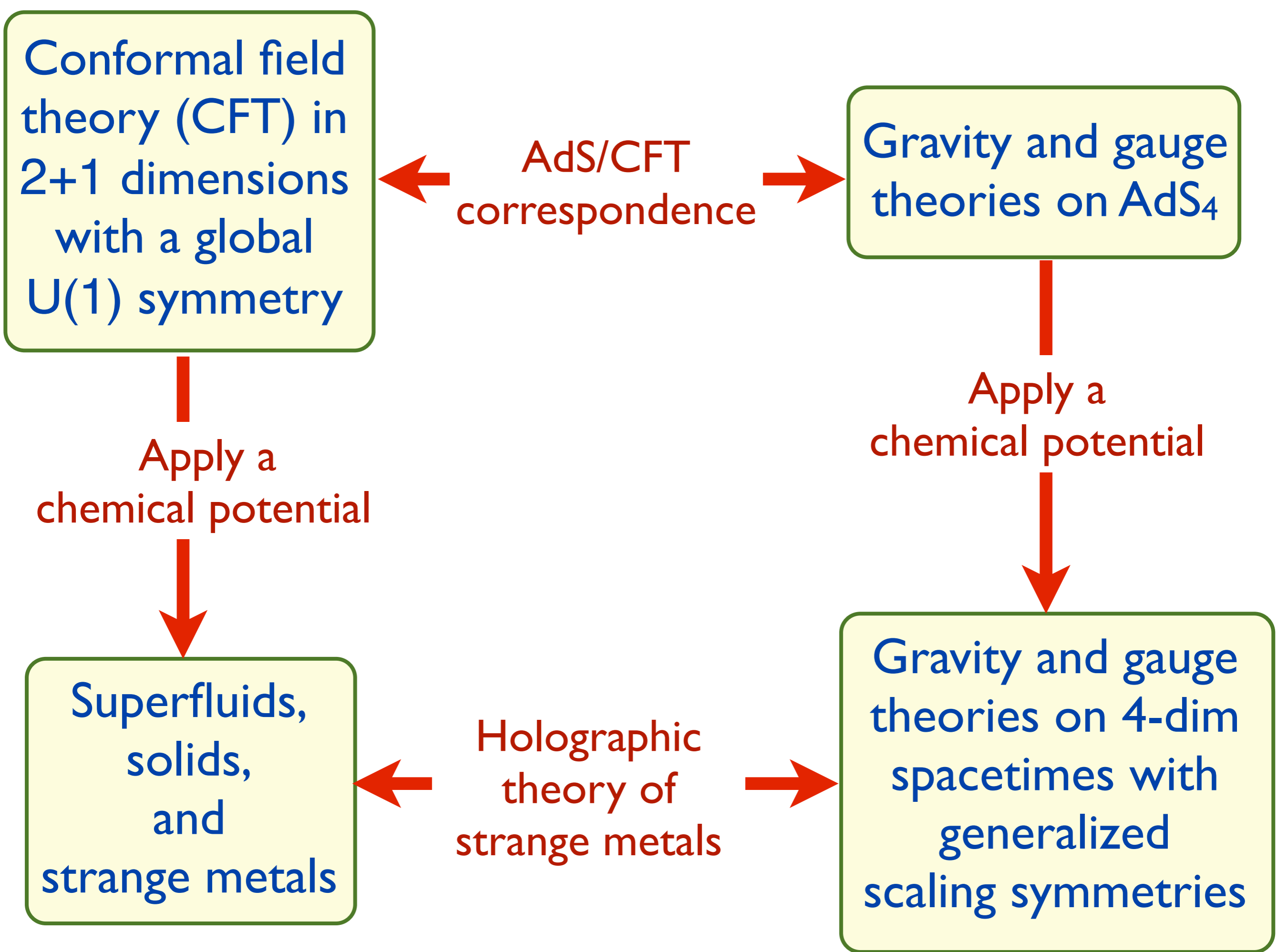
Entanglement in the Z_2 spin liquid



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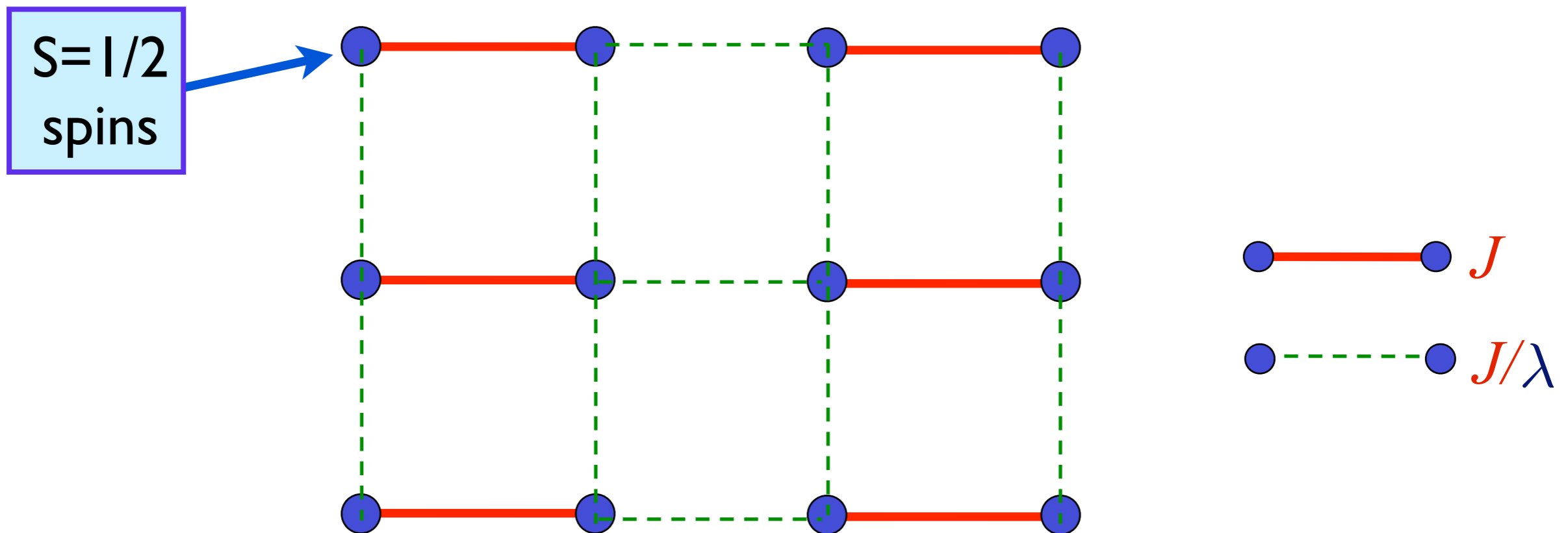
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Gravity and gauge theories on 4-dim spacetimes with generalized scaling symmetries

Coupled dimer XY antiferromagnet (hard core Bose gas)

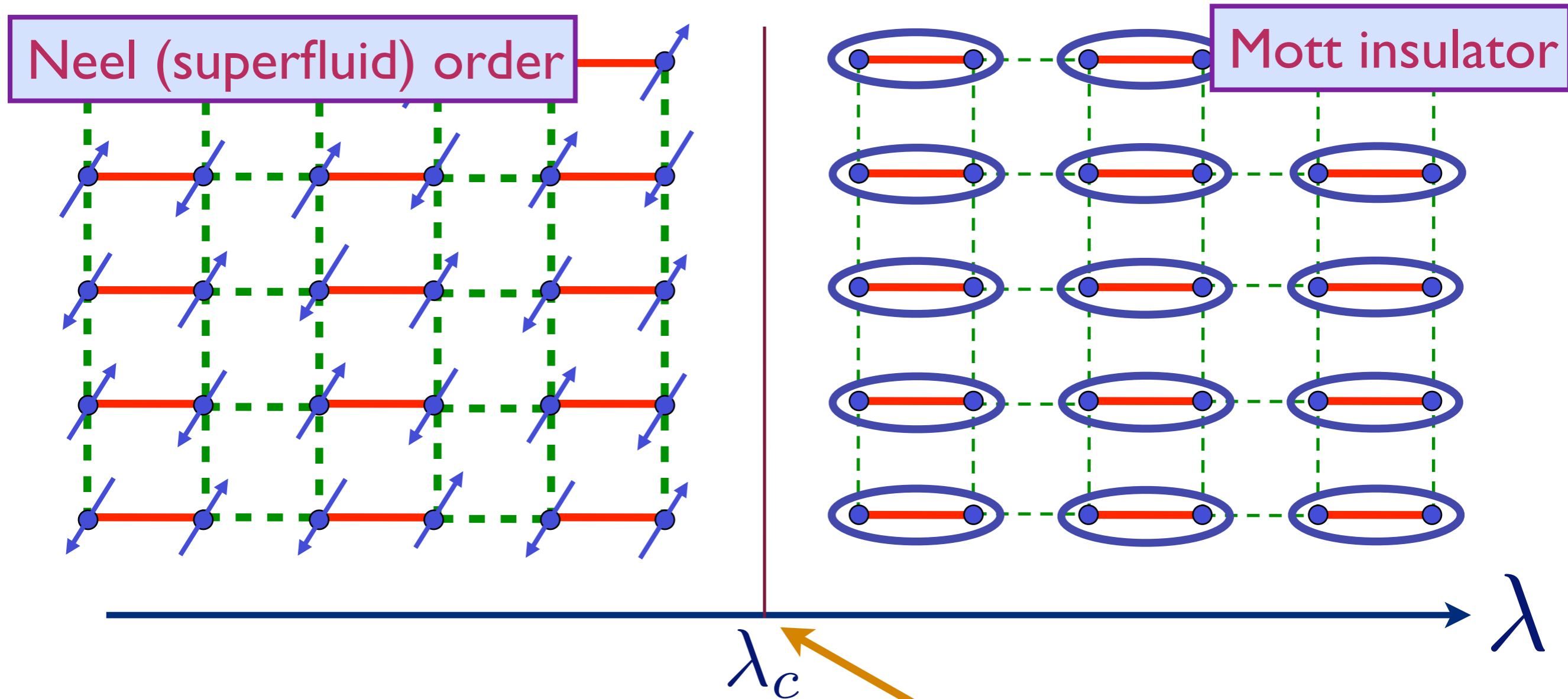
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} (S_{xi} S_{xj} + S_{yi} S_{yj}) = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} (b_i^\dagger b_j + \text{H.c.})$$

U(1) conserved charge : $Q = \sum_i b_i^\dagger b_i$



Examine ground state as a function of λ

$$\text{Diagram of a dimer} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$



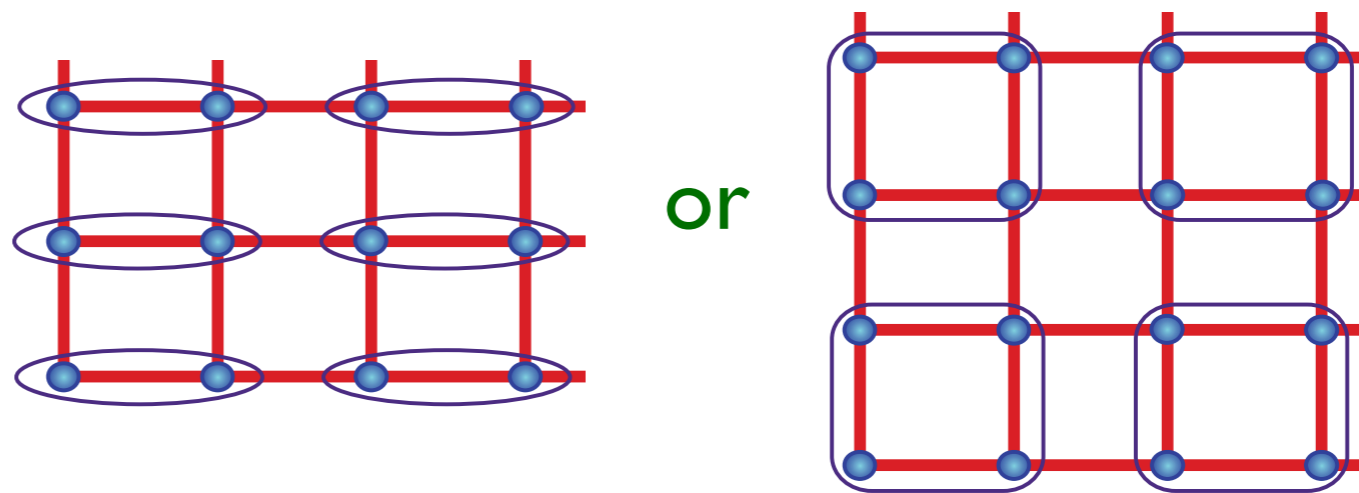
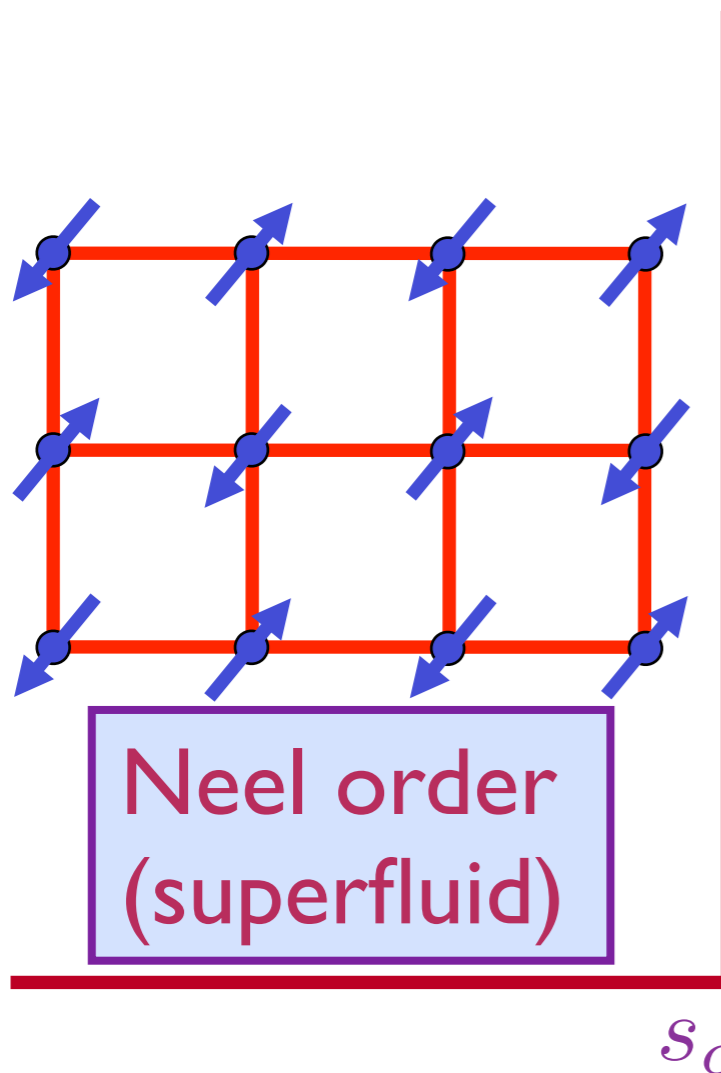
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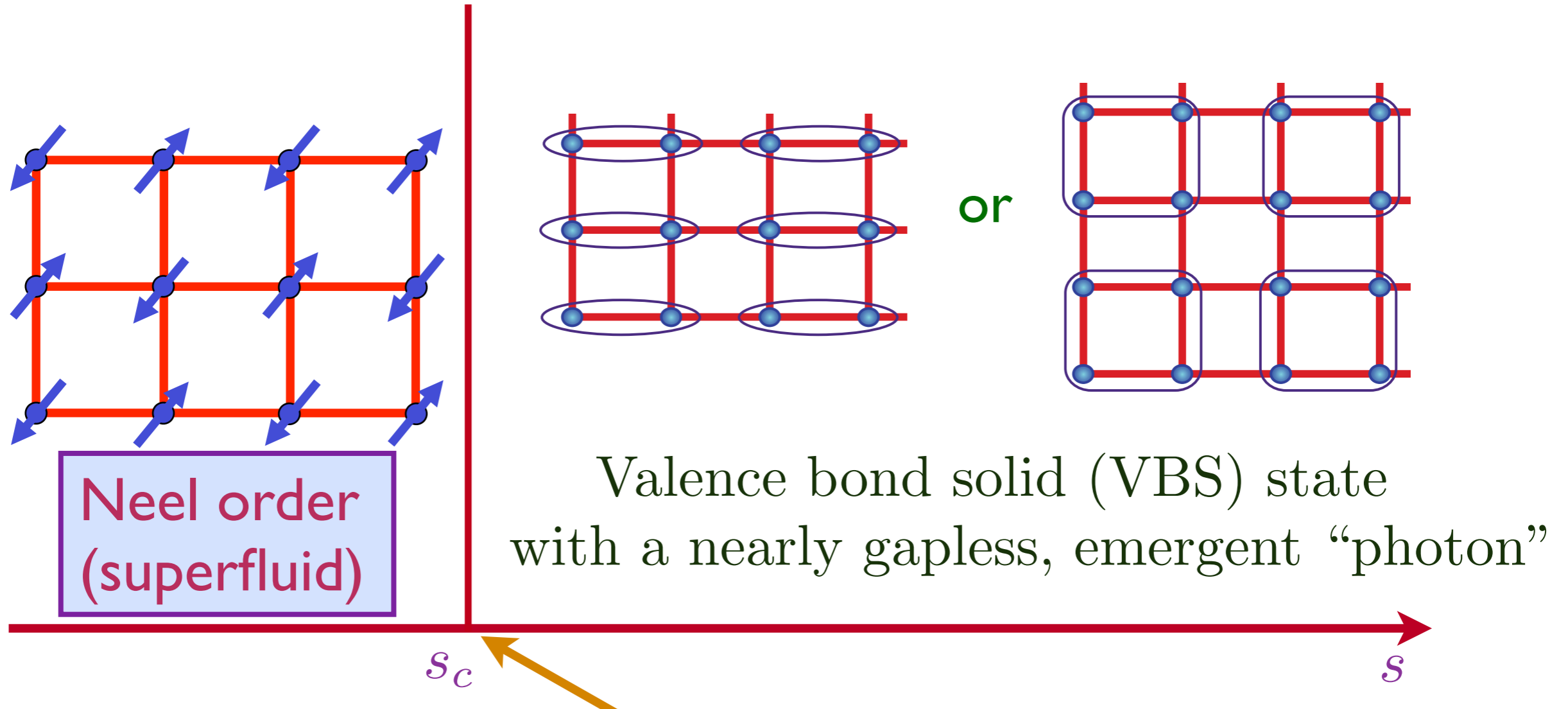
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CFT3 of spinons $(z_\uparrow, z_\downarrow)$, with $b_i = (-1)^i z_{i\uparrow}^* z_{j\downarrow}$,
coupled to an emergent photon (A_μ)

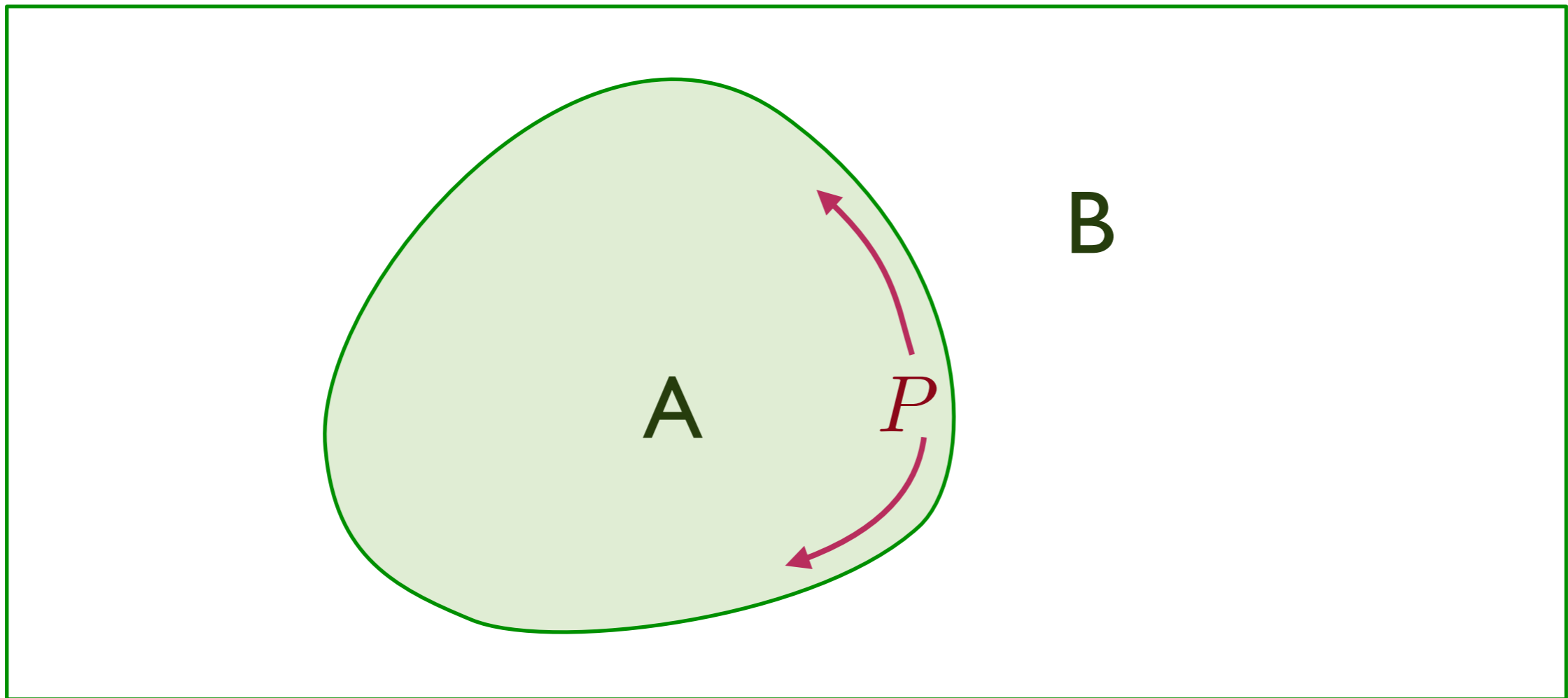
$$\mathcal{S}_z = \int d^2r d\tau \left[|(\partial_\mu - iA_\mu) z_\alpha|^2 + s |z_\alpha|^2 + u (|z_\alpha|^2)^2 + \frac{1}{2e_0^2} (\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} \partial_\nu A_\lambda)^2 \right]$$

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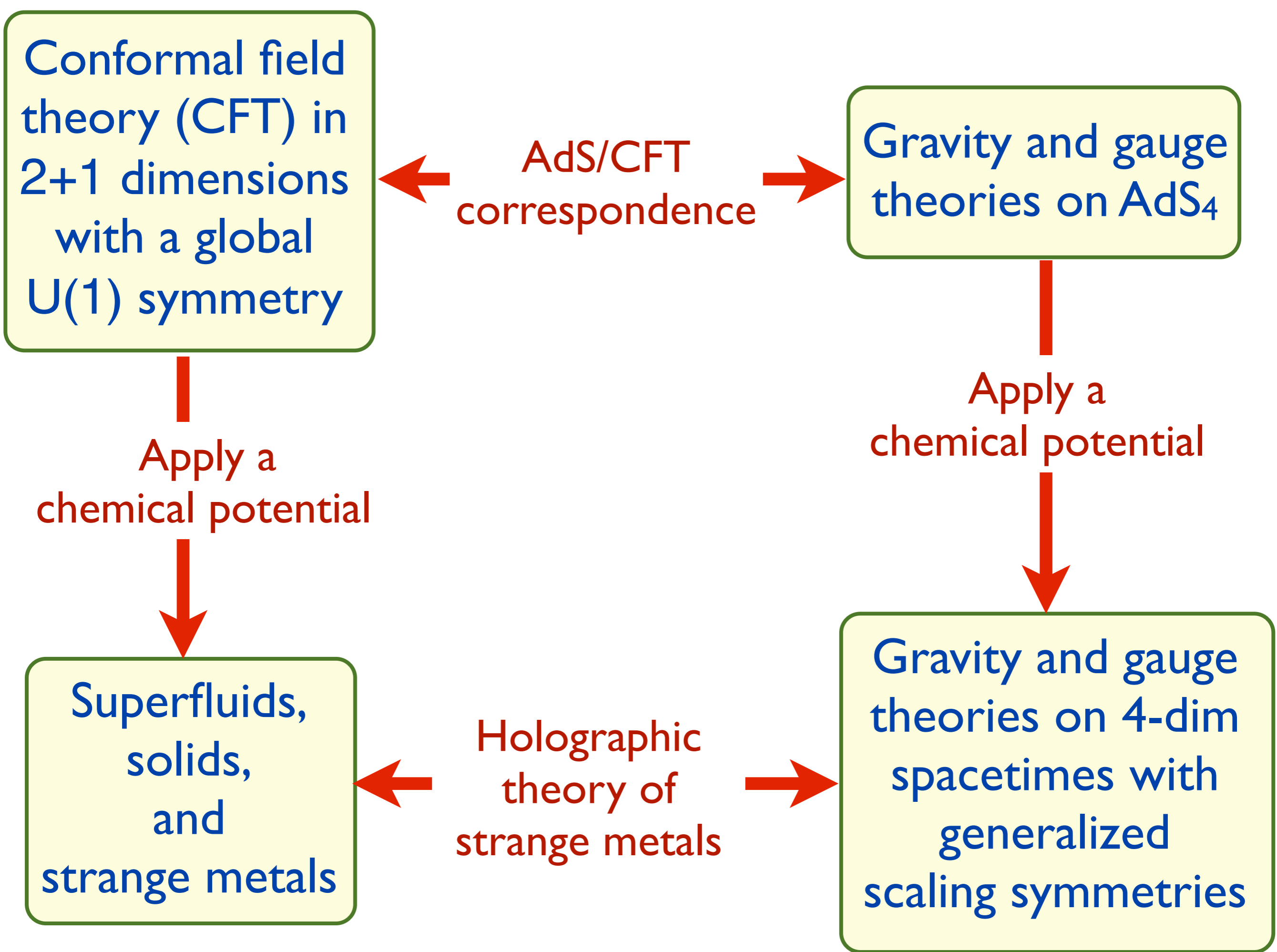
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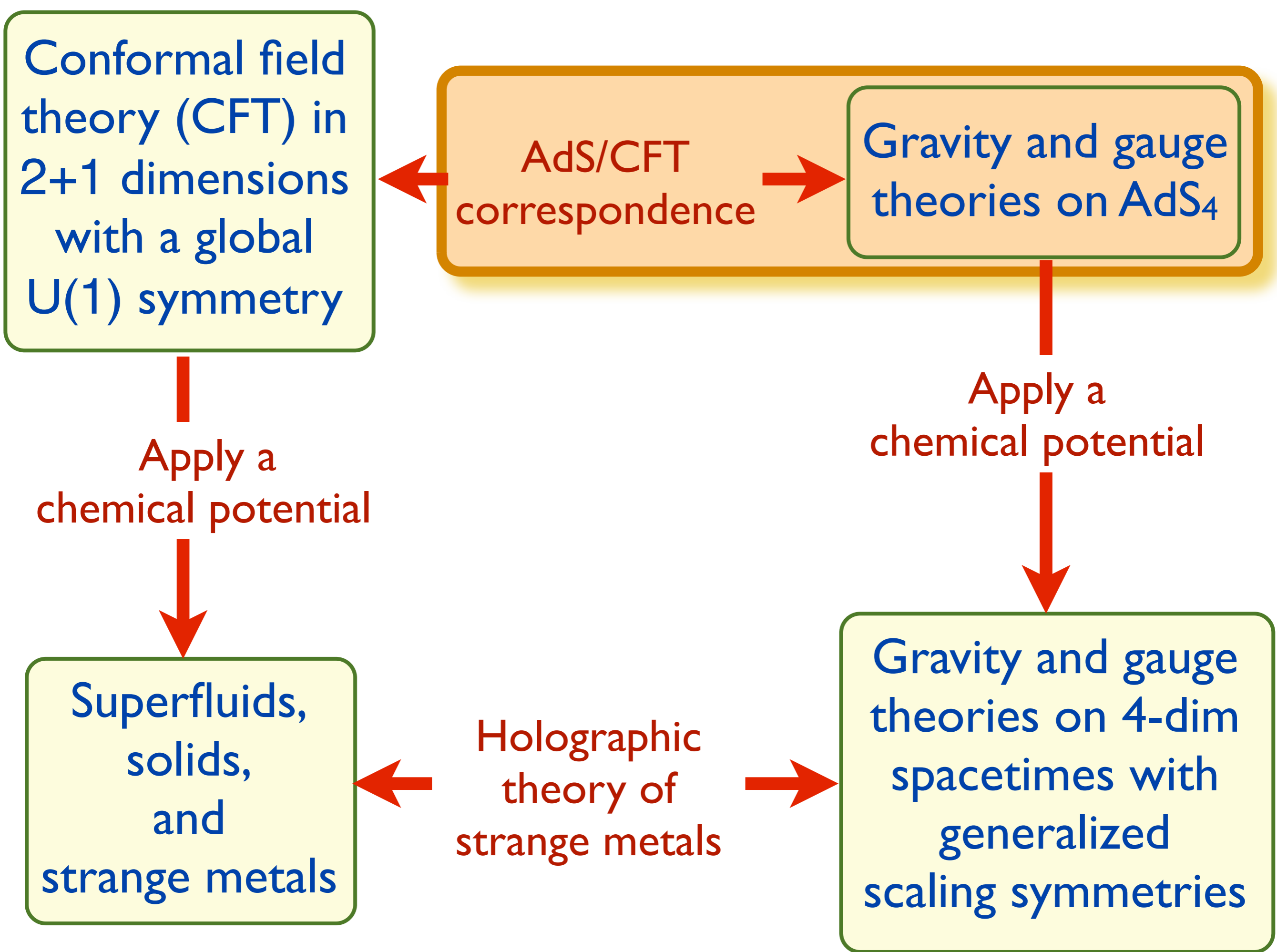
Entanglement at the quantum critical point

- Entanglement entropy obeys $S_E = aP - \gamma$, where γ is a shape-dependent universal number associated with the CFT3.

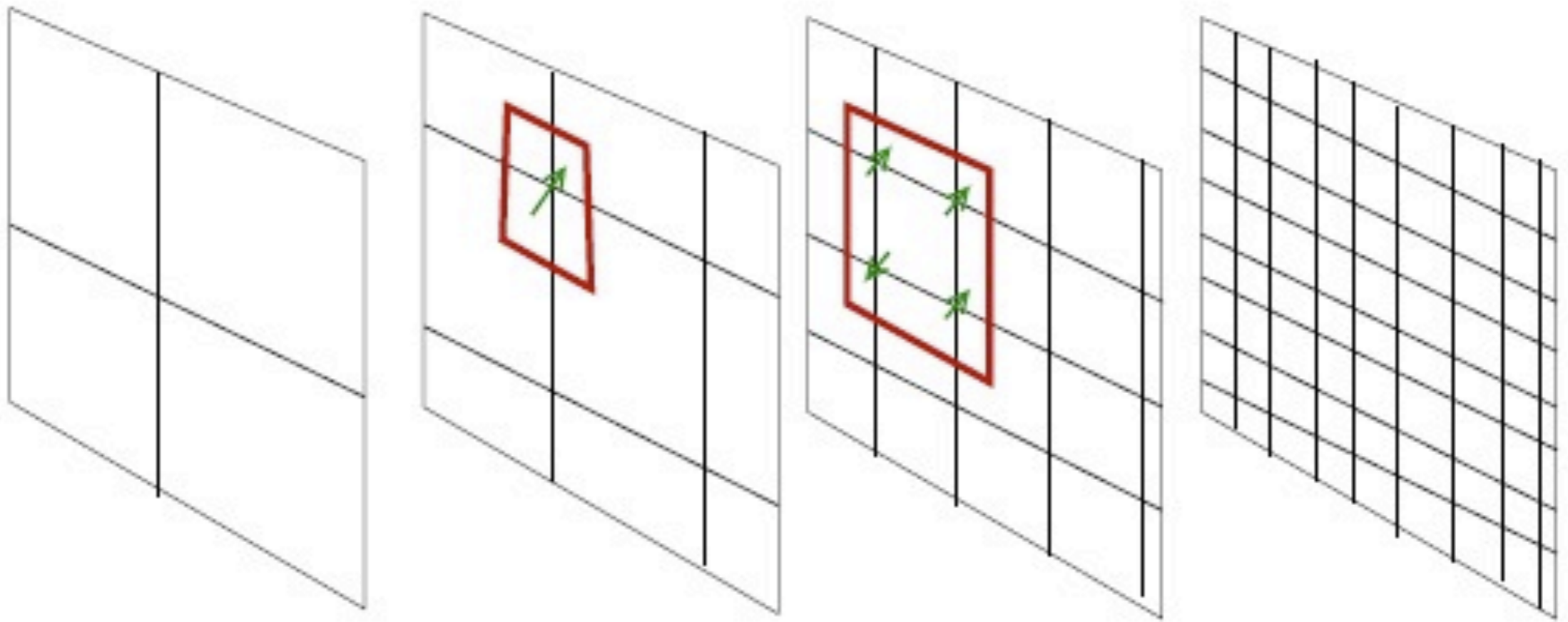


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Holography



r ←

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

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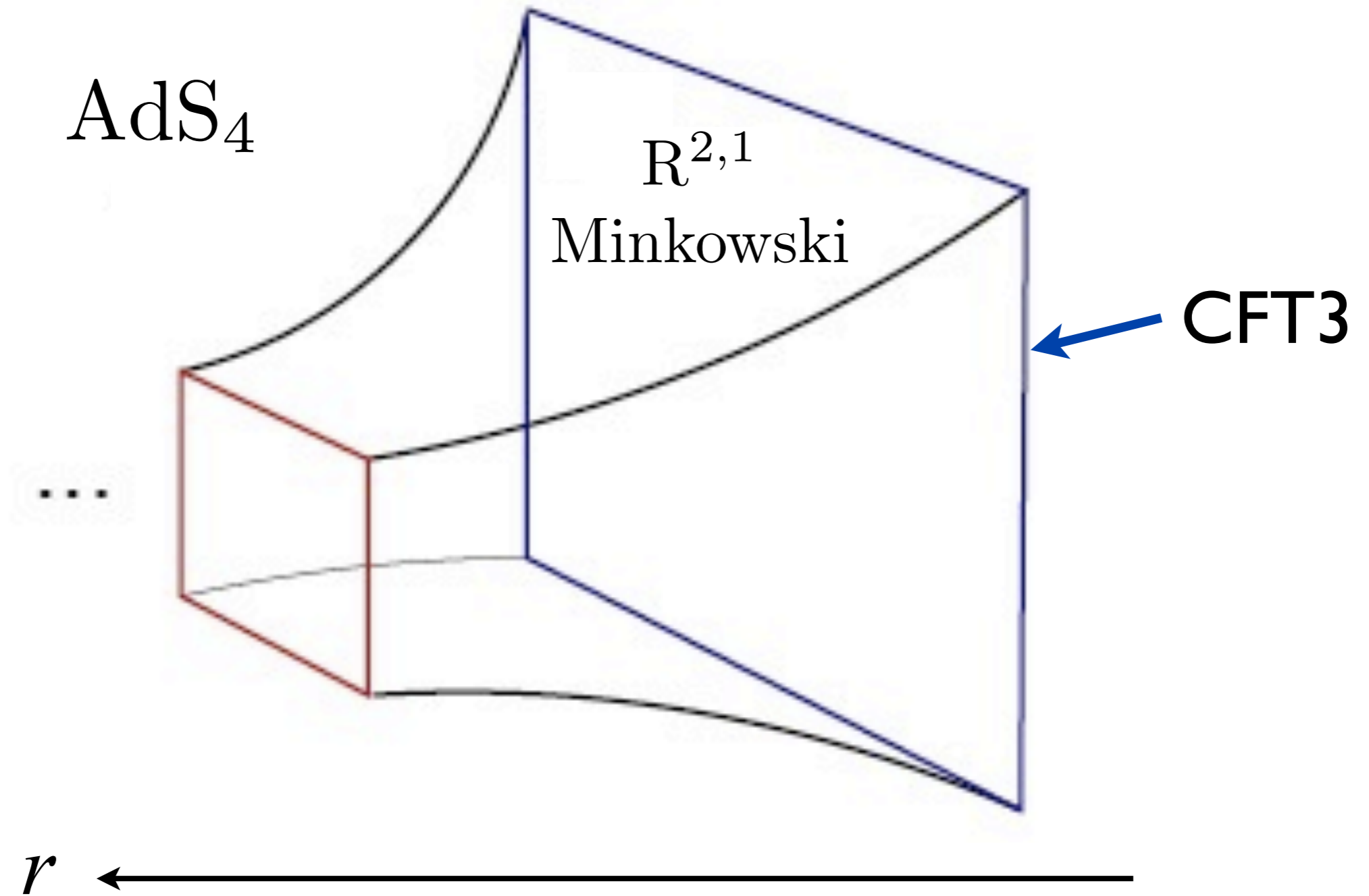
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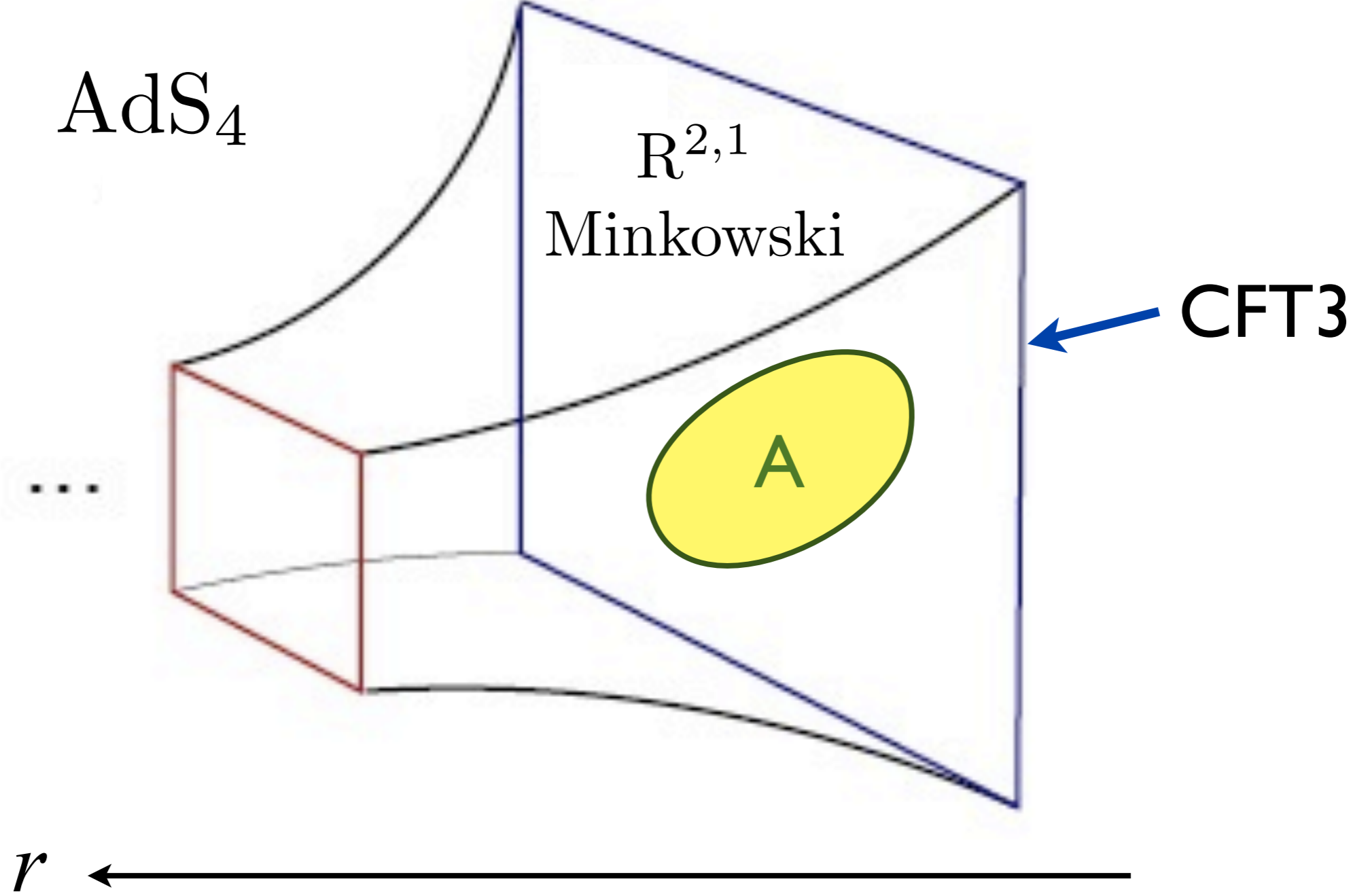
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} (-dt^2 + dr^2 + dx_i^2)$$

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} .

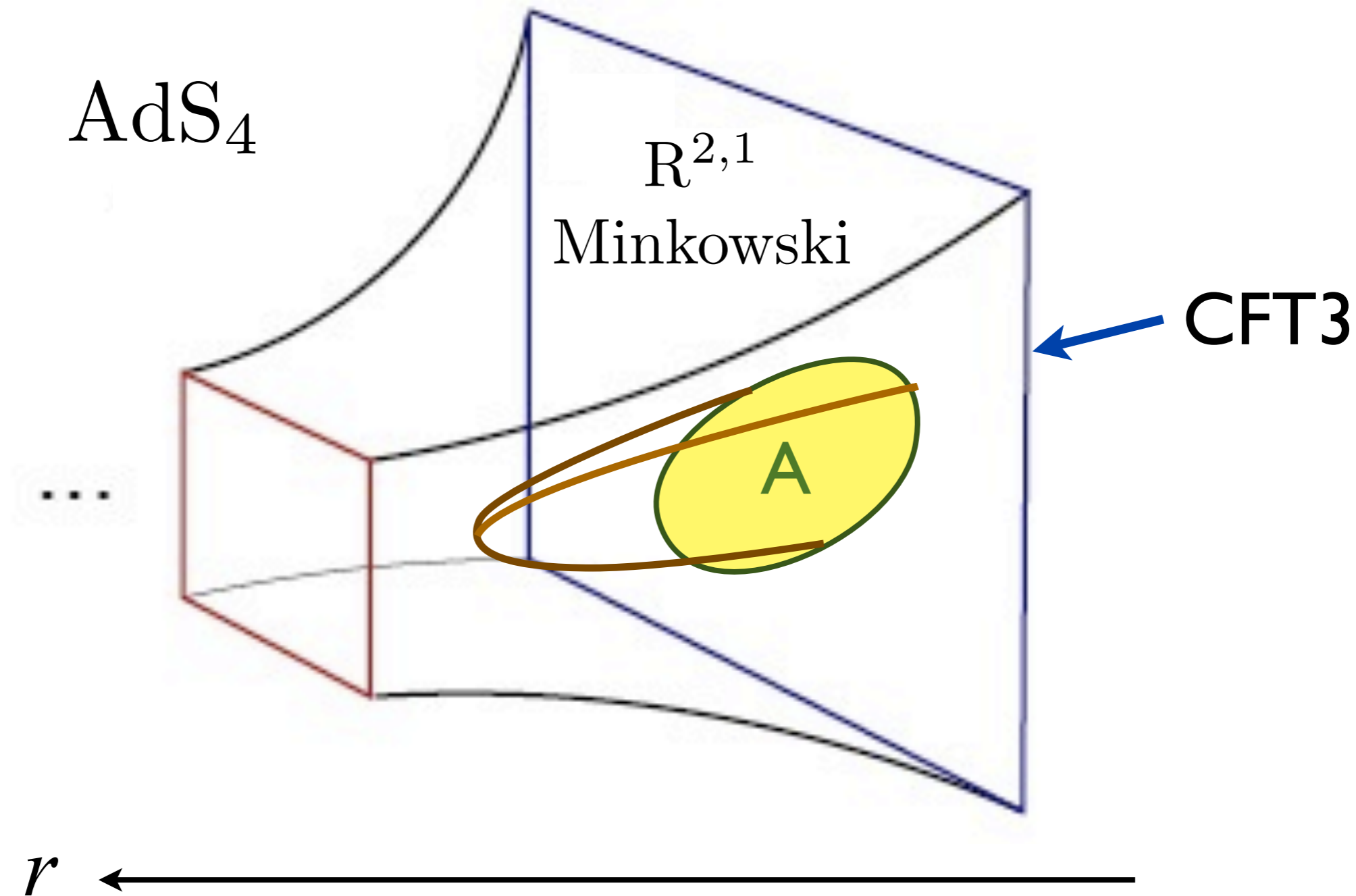
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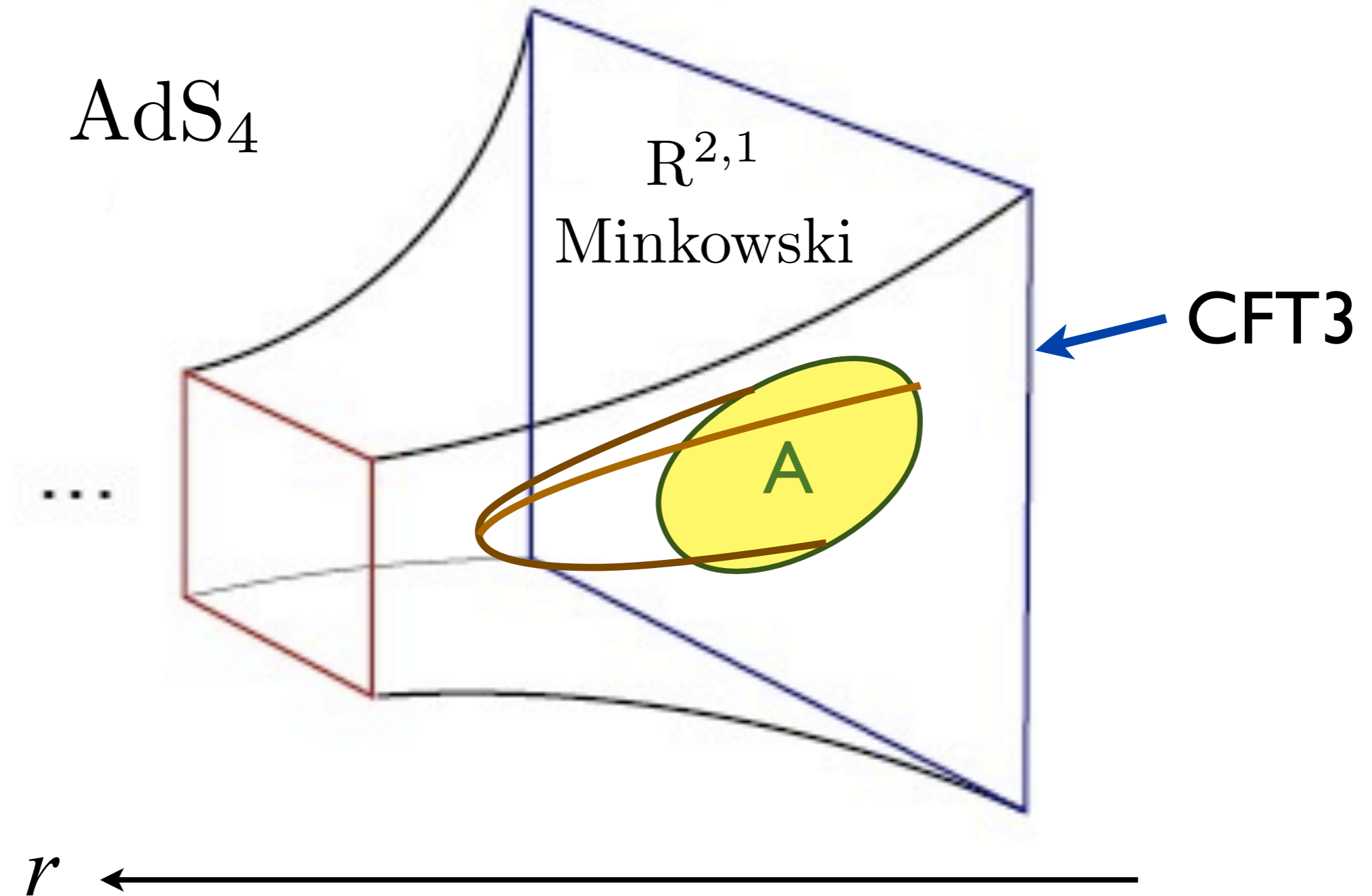
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Associate entanglement entropy with an observer in the enclosed spacetime region, who cannot observe “outside” : *i.e.* the region is surrounded by an imaginary horizon.

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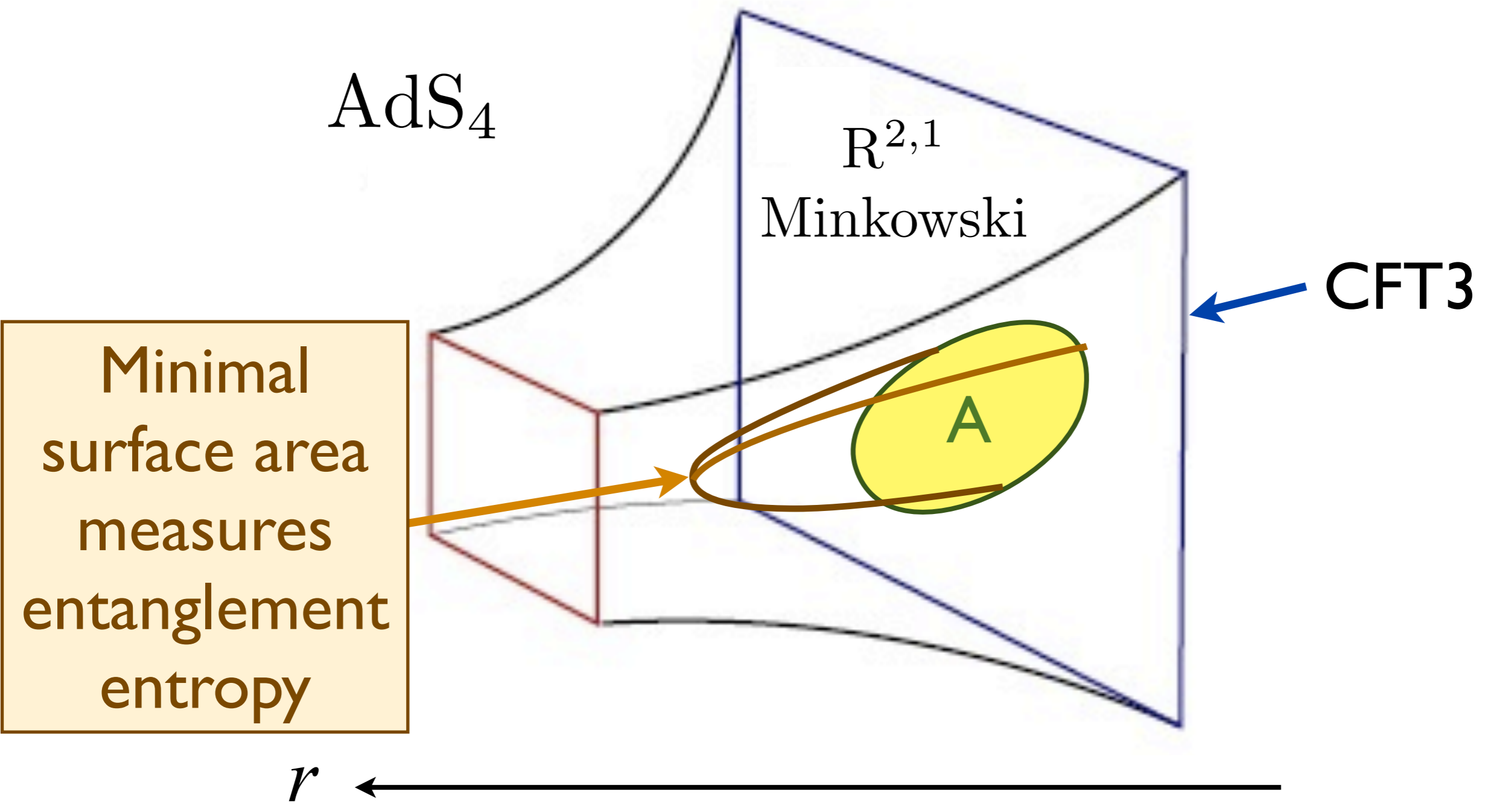
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The entropy of this region is bounded by its surface area
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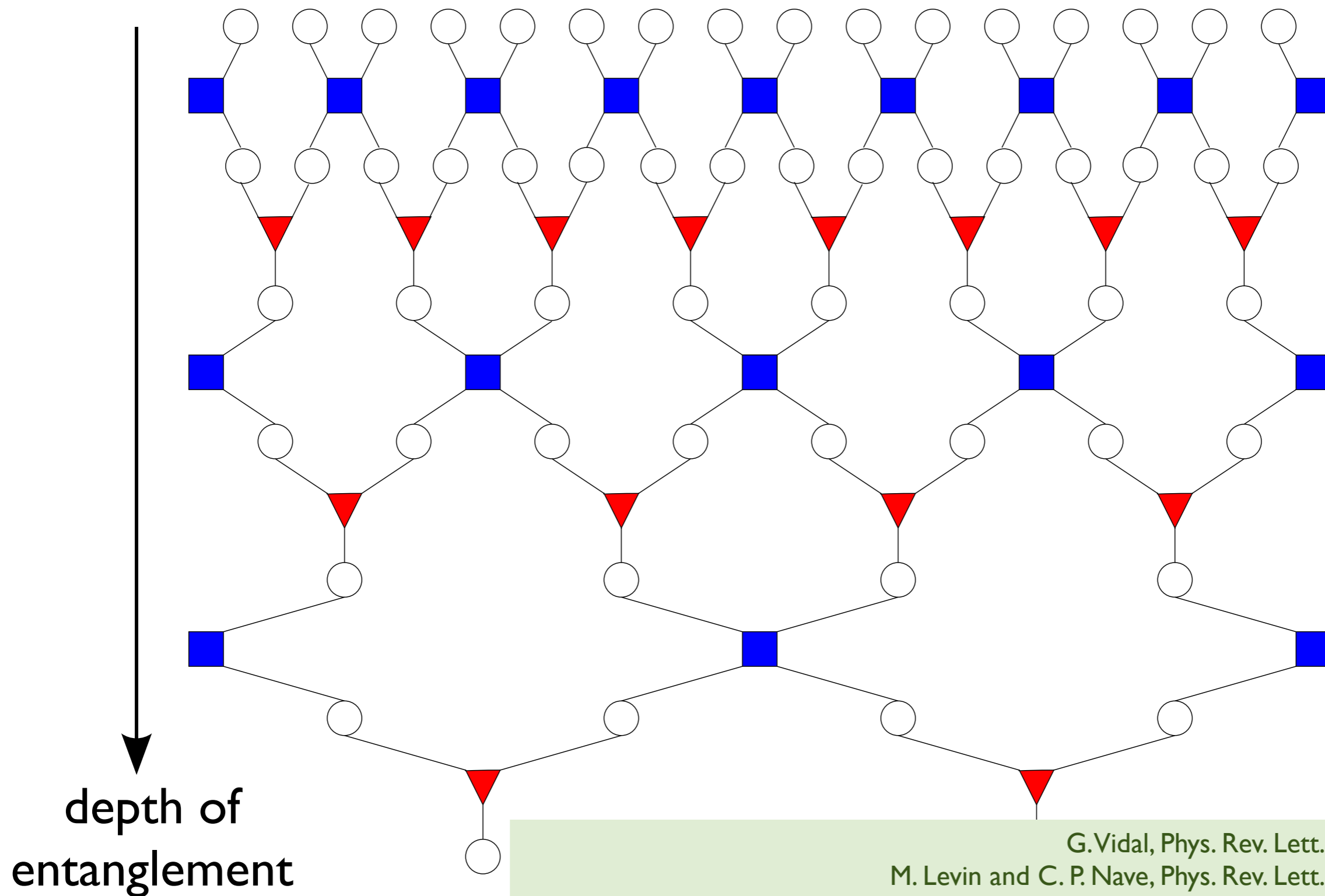
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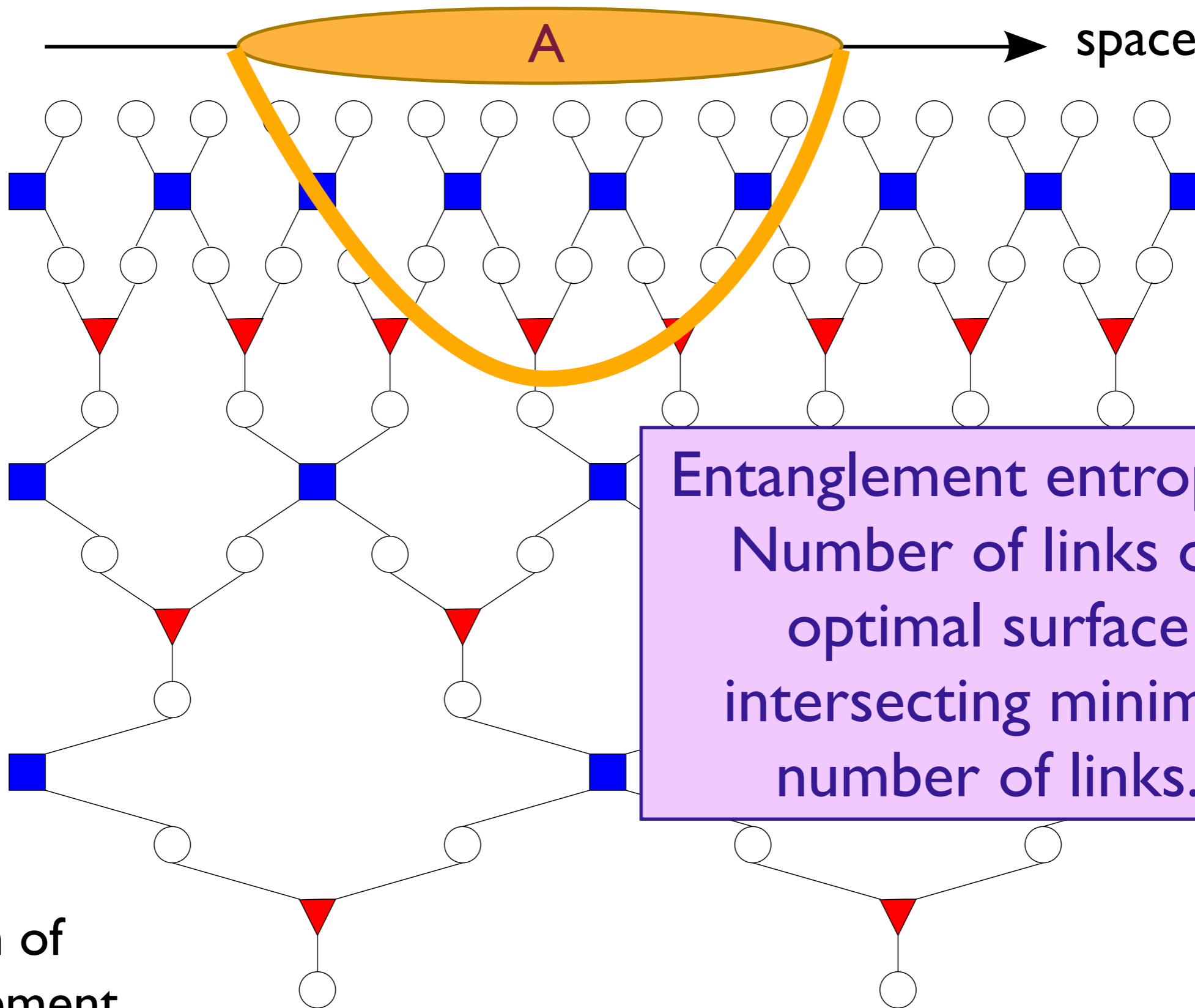
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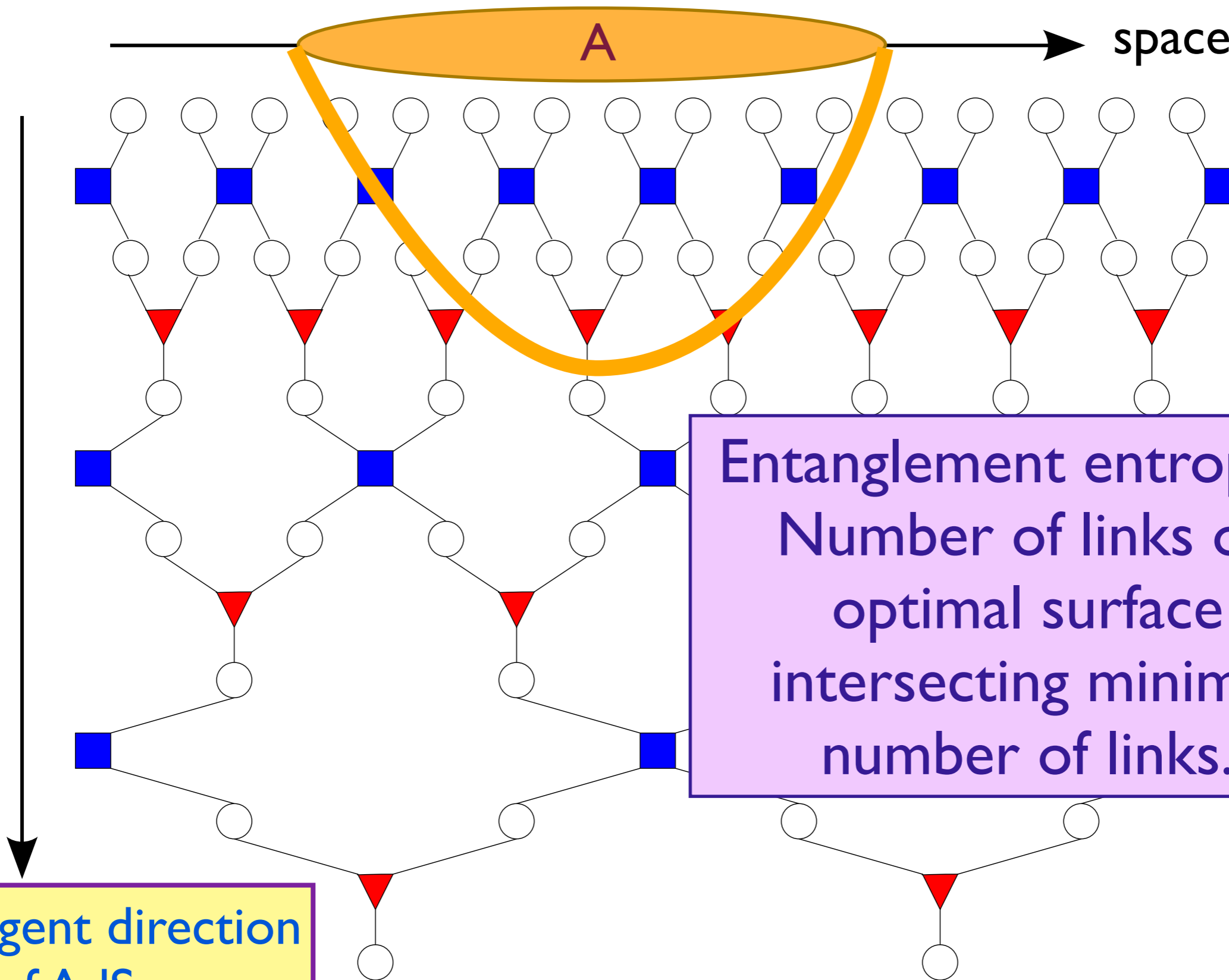


Entanglement entropy =
Number of links on
optimal surface
intersecting minimal
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depth of entanglement

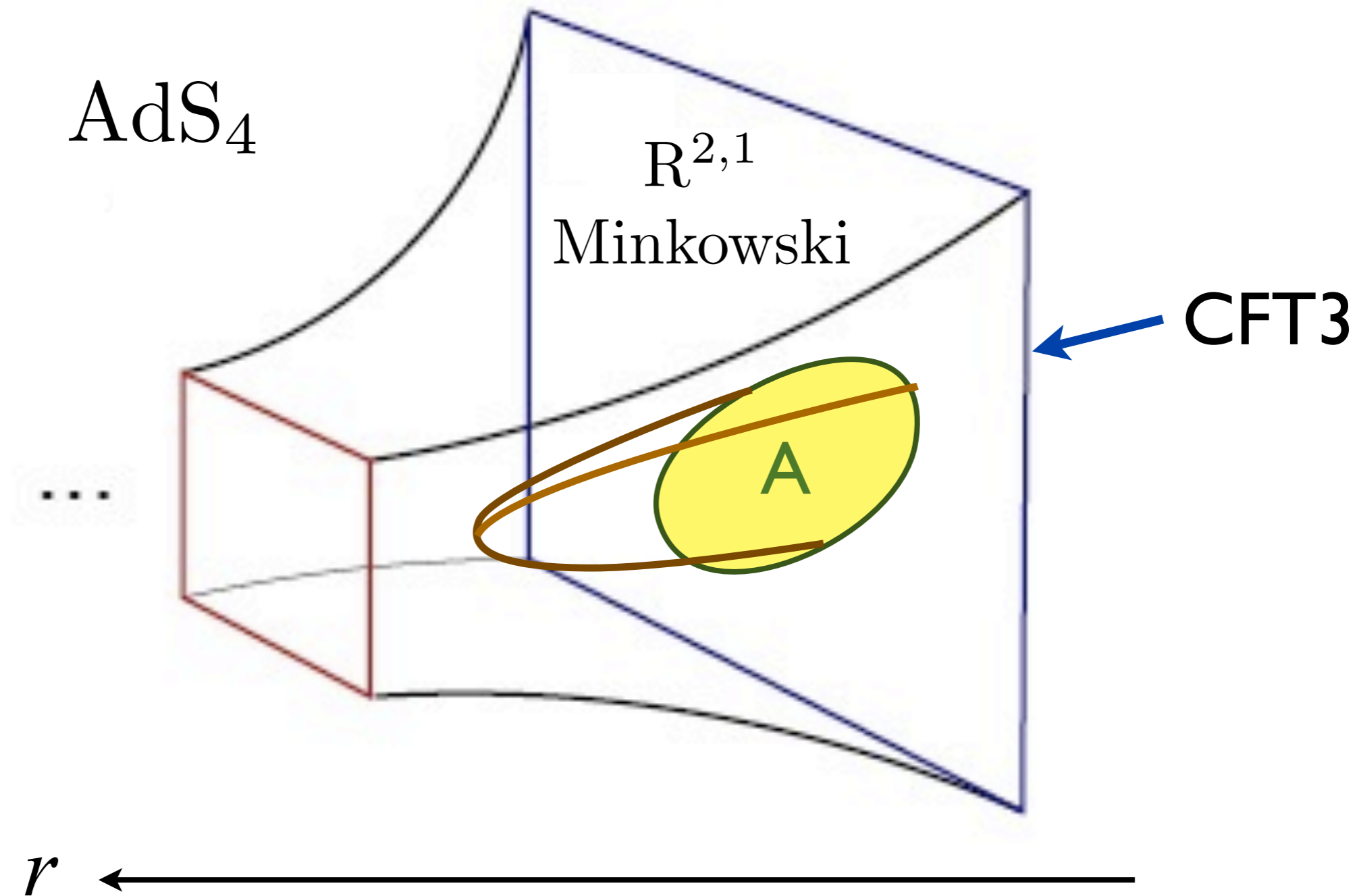
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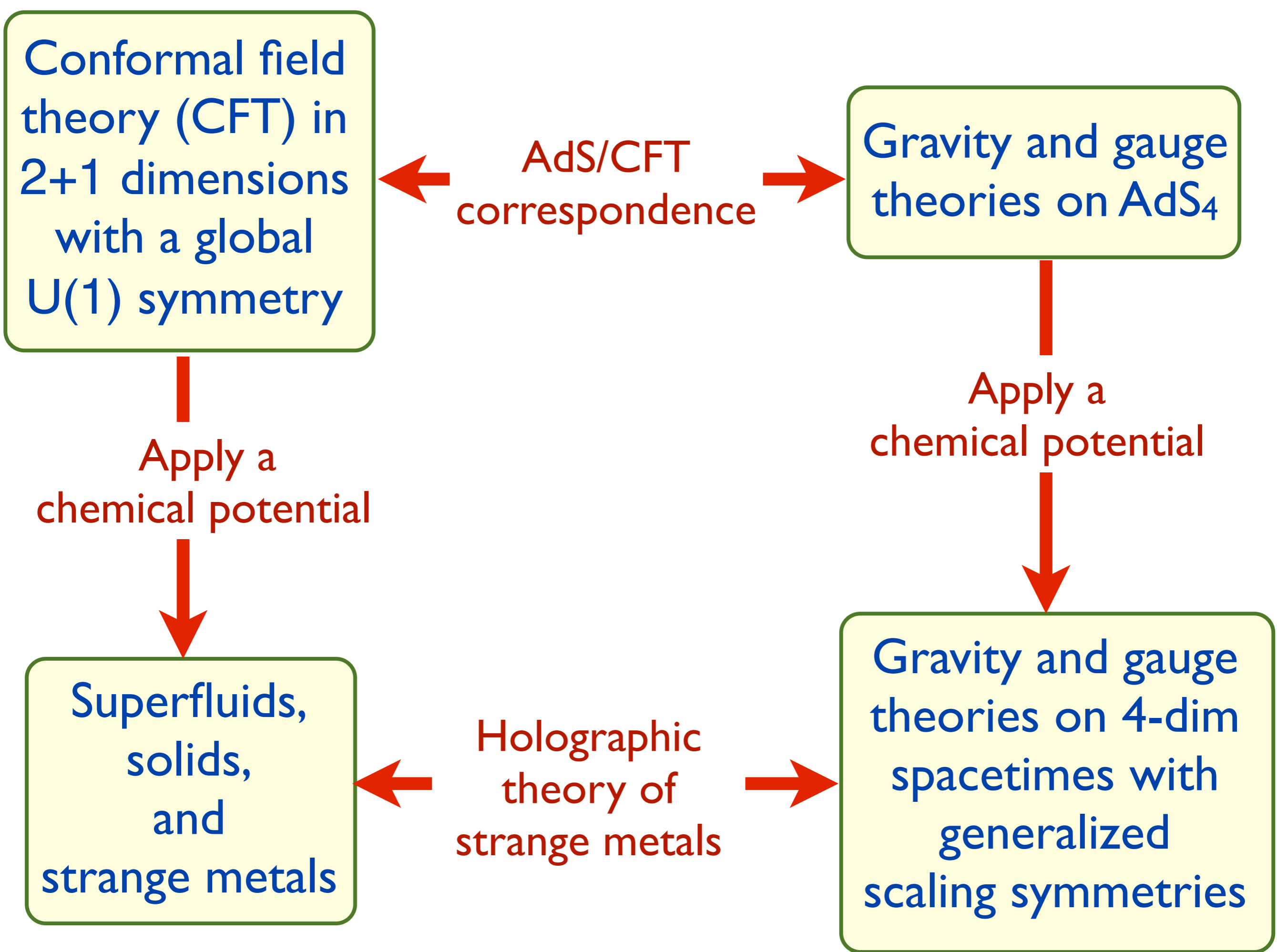


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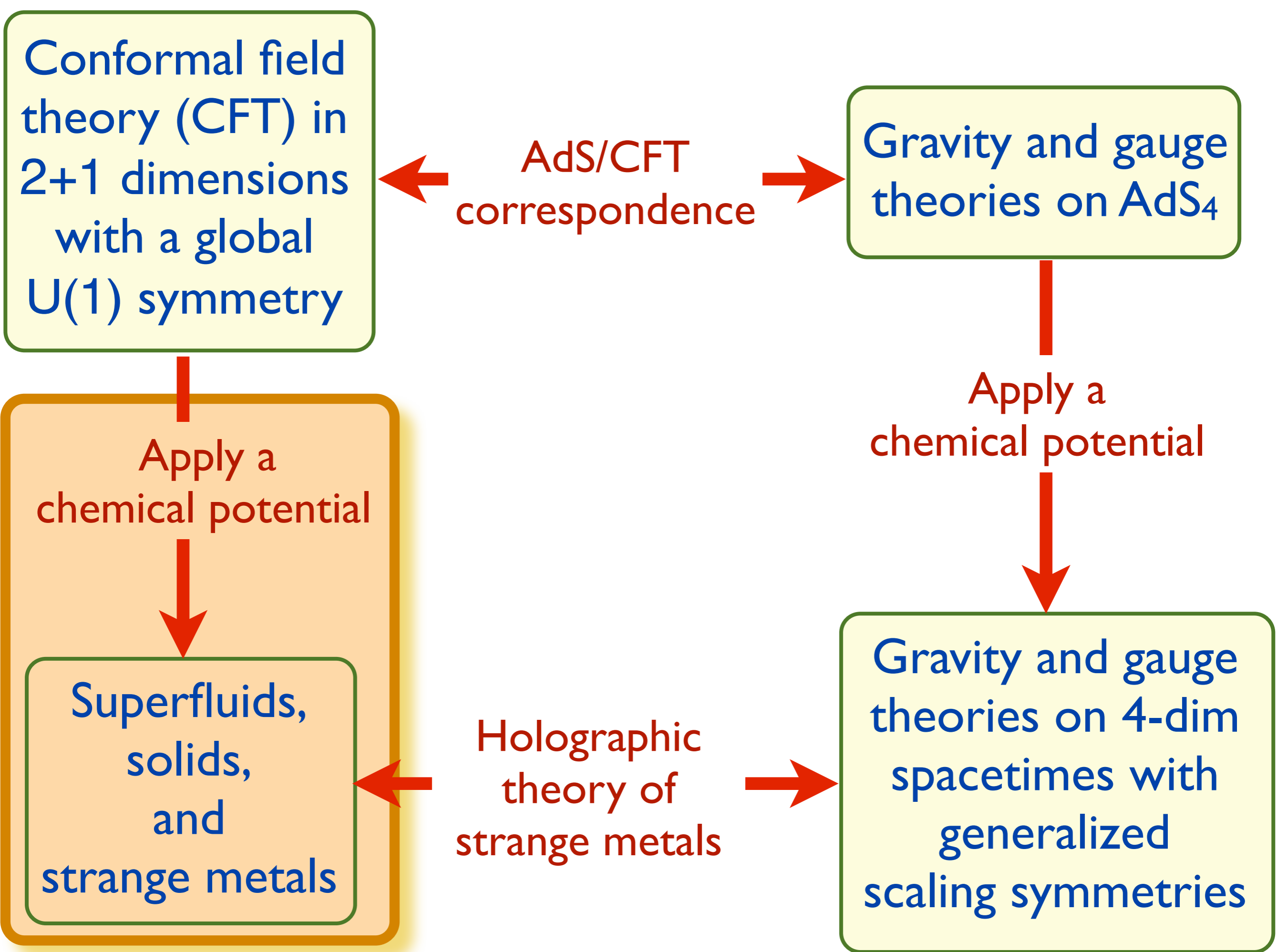
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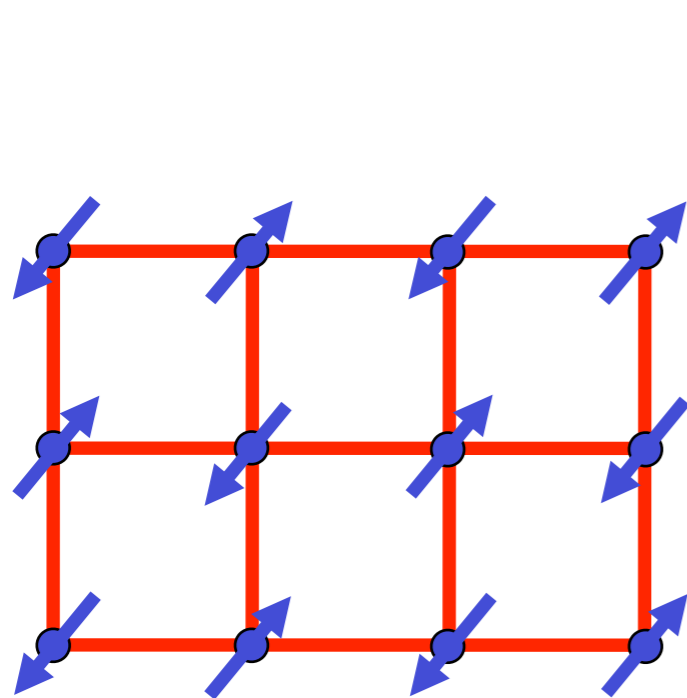
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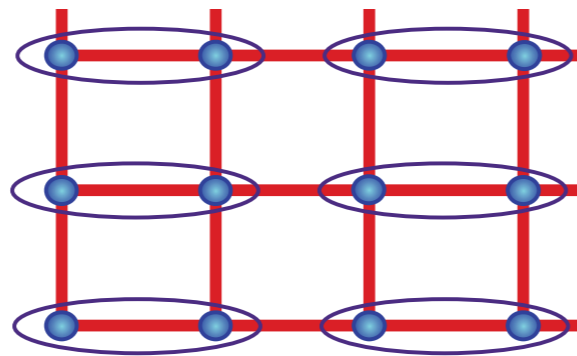
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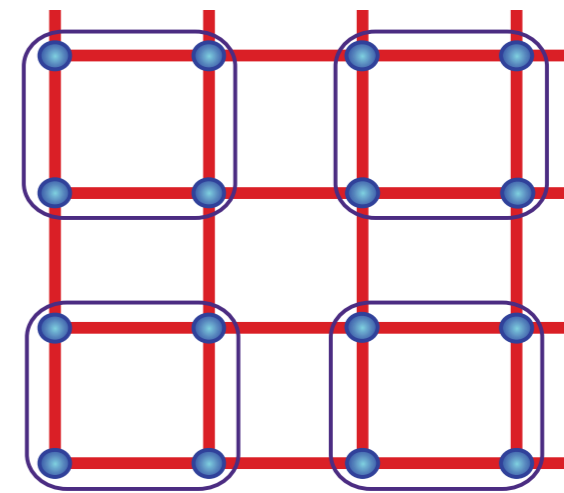
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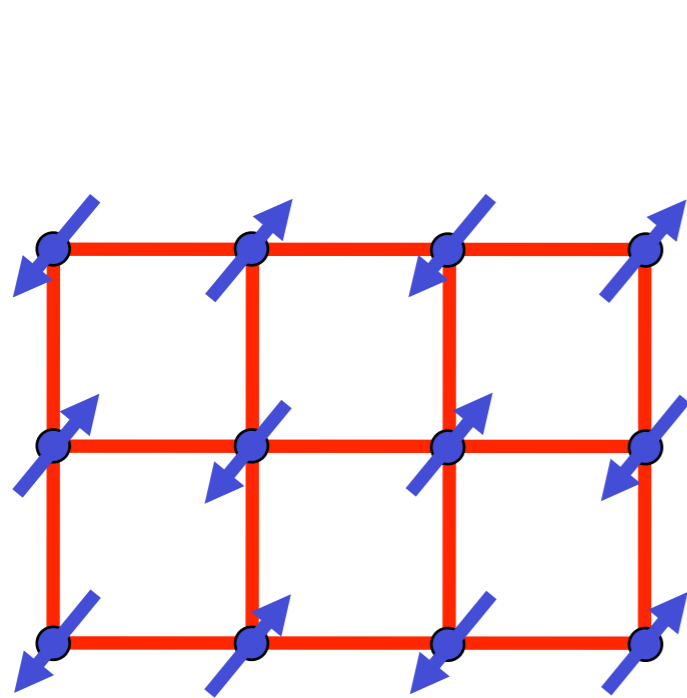
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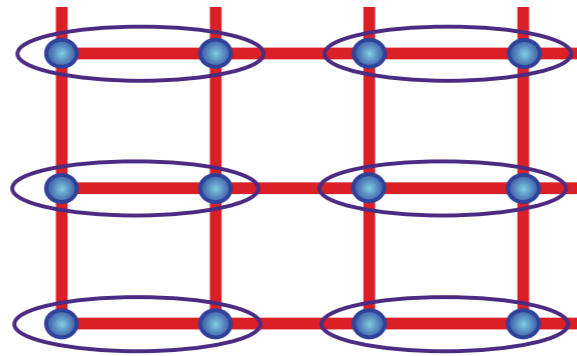
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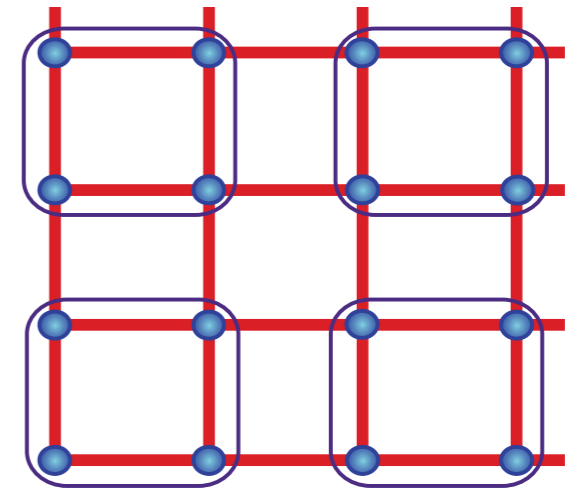
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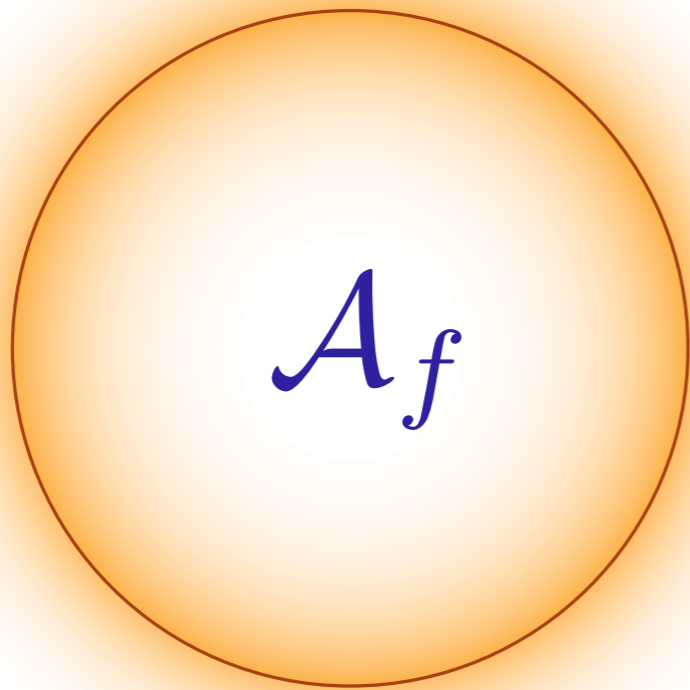
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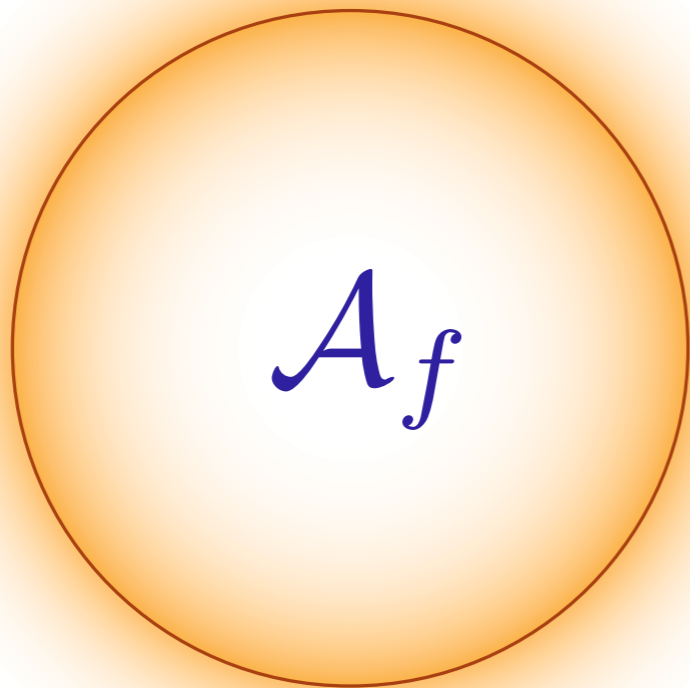
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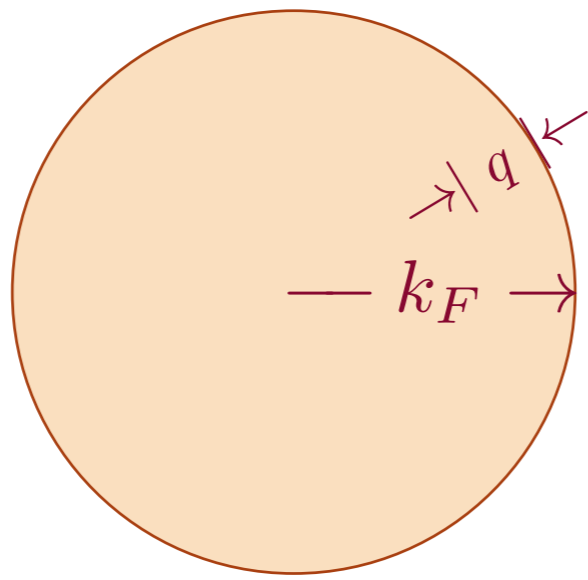
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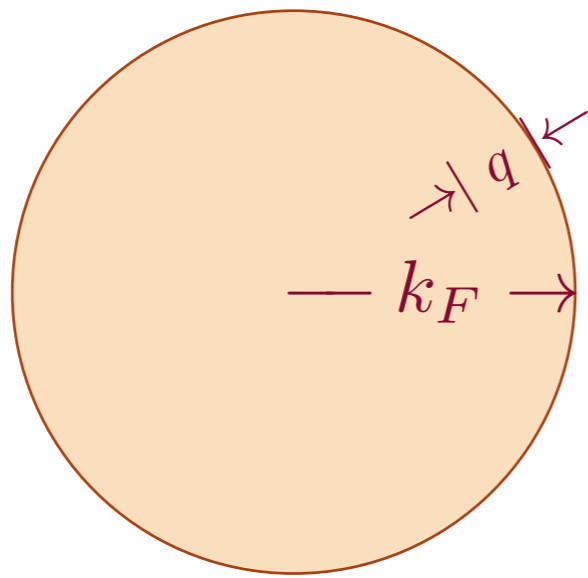
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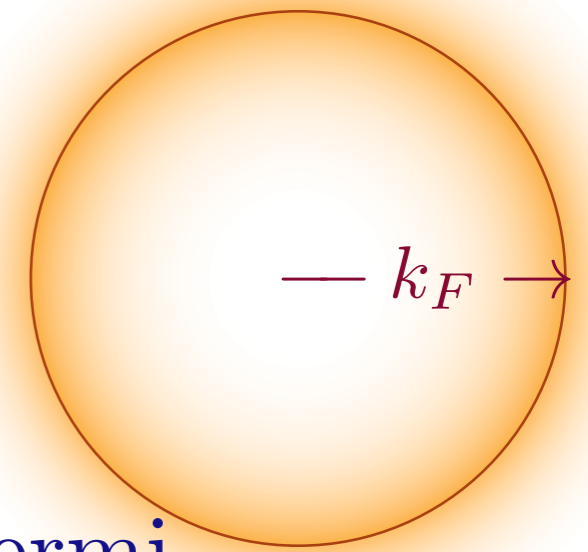
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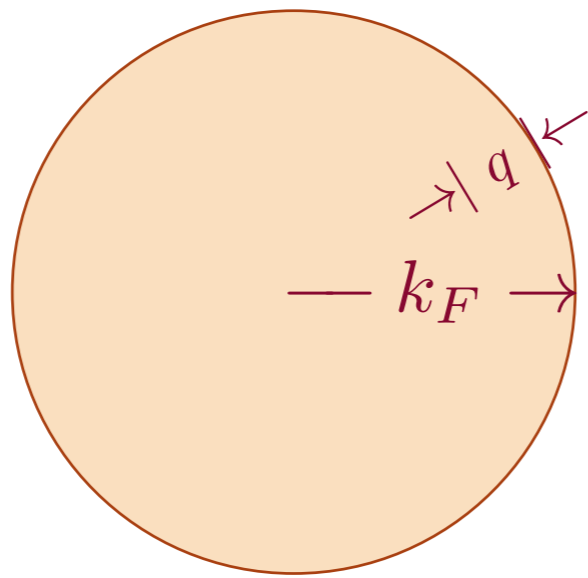
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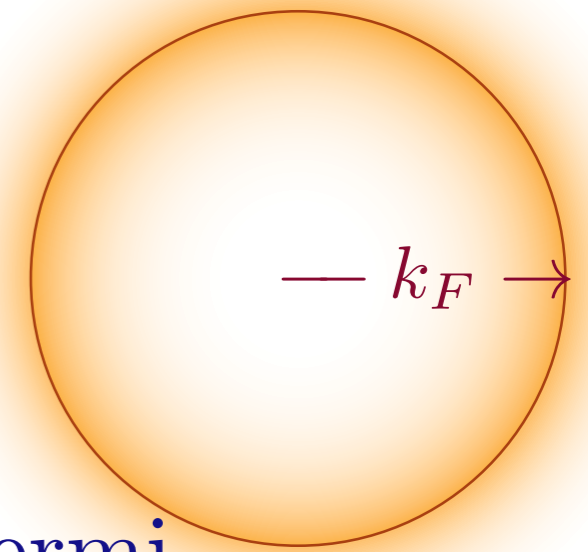
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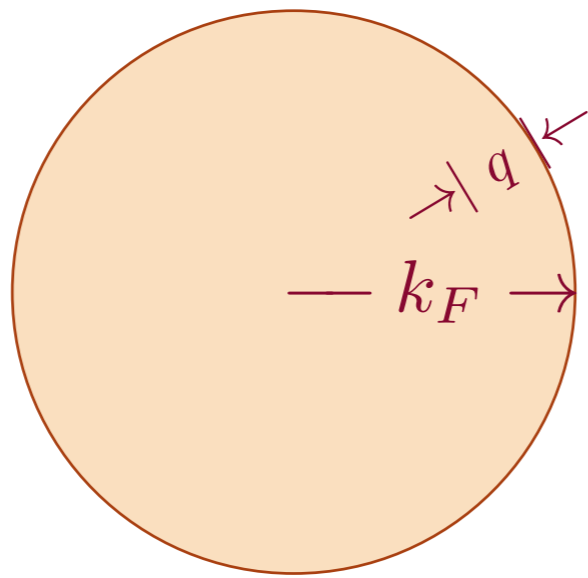
- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.

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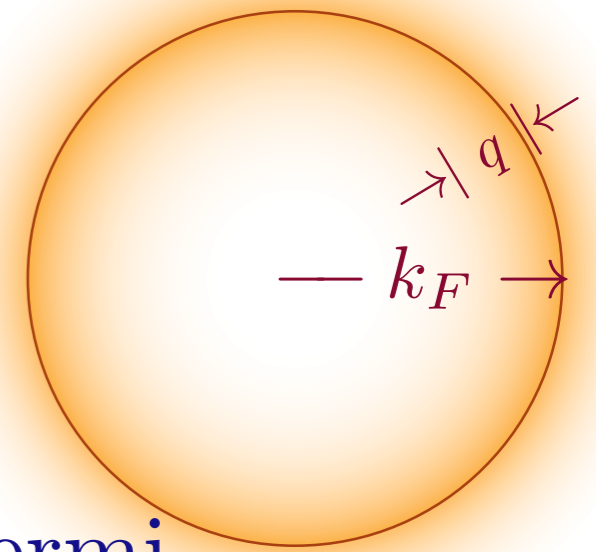
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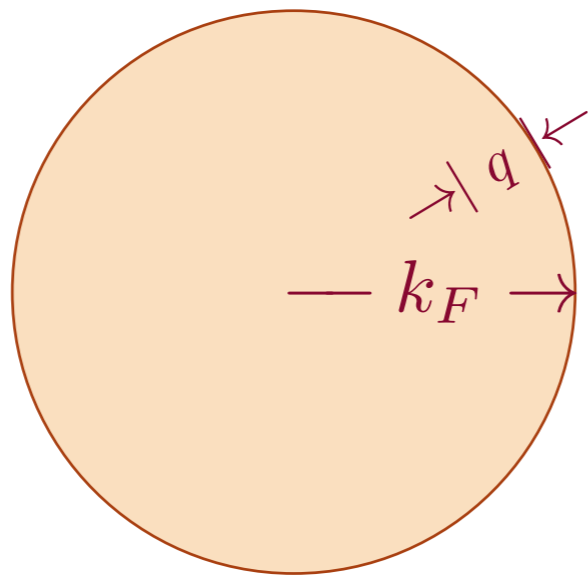
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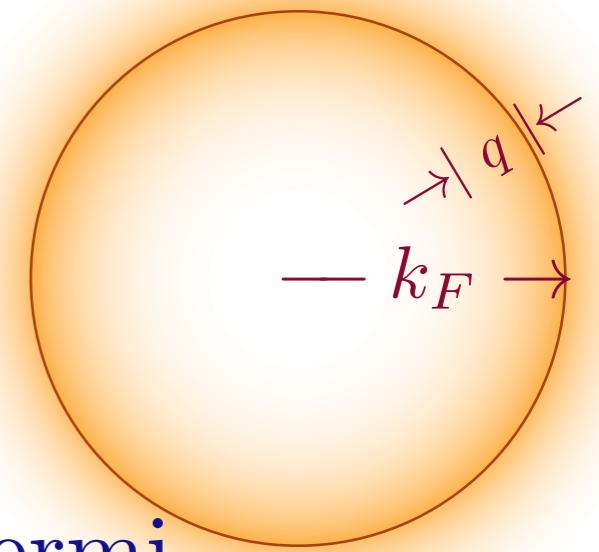


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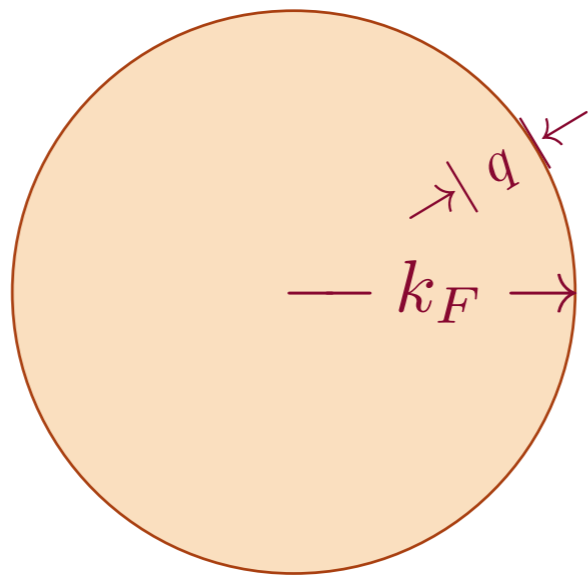


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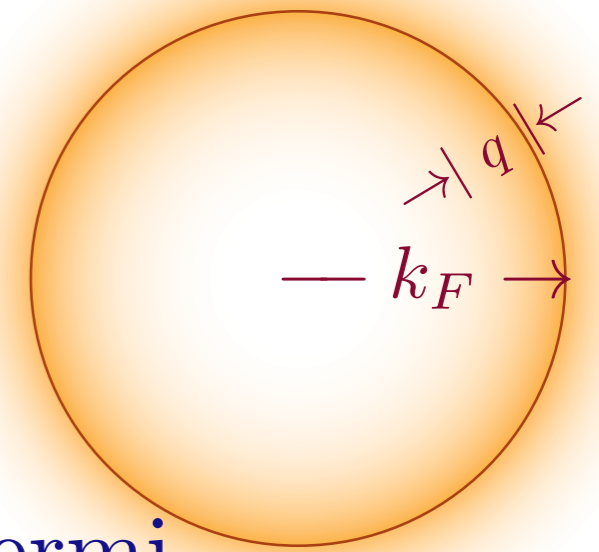
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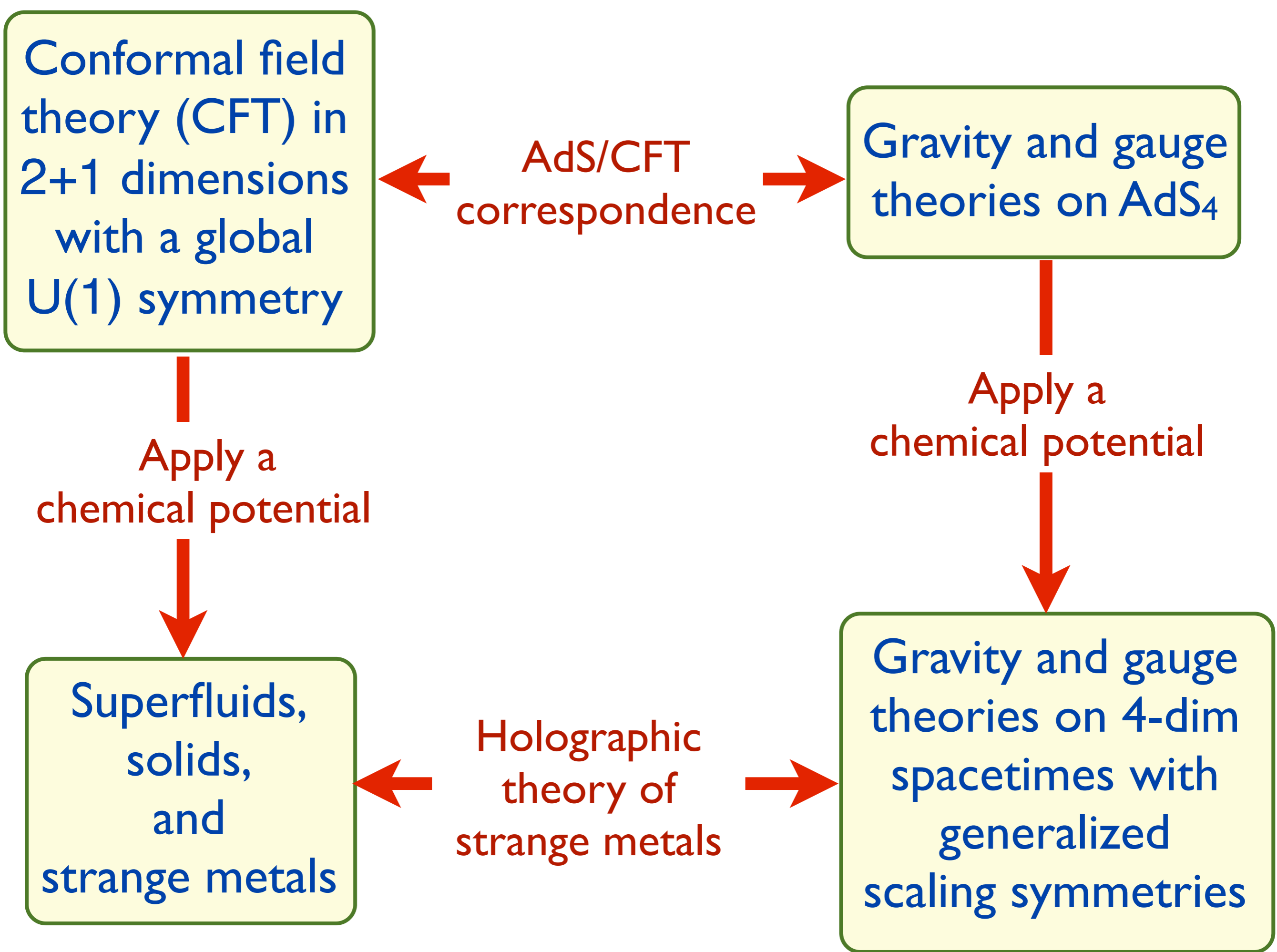
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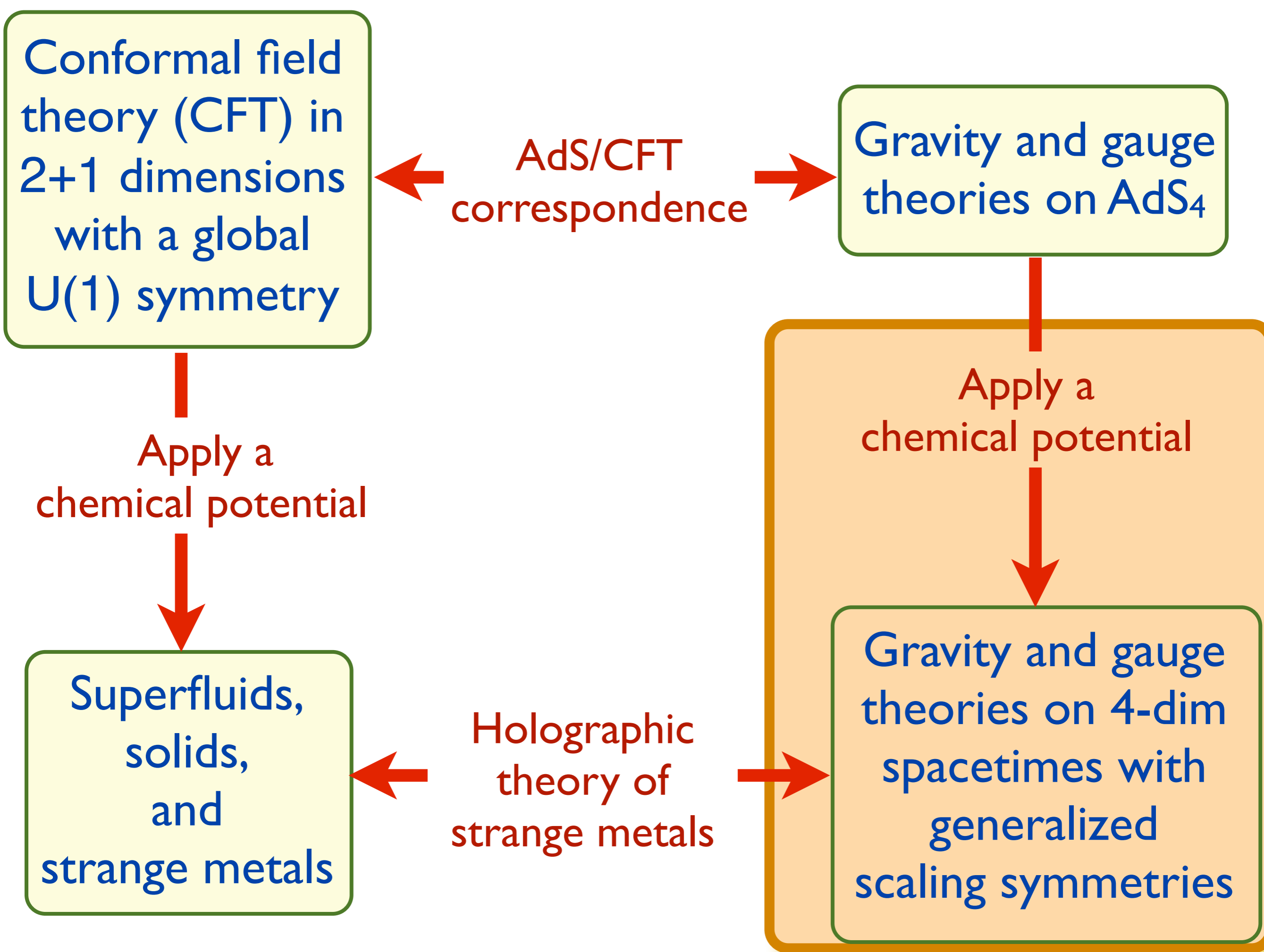
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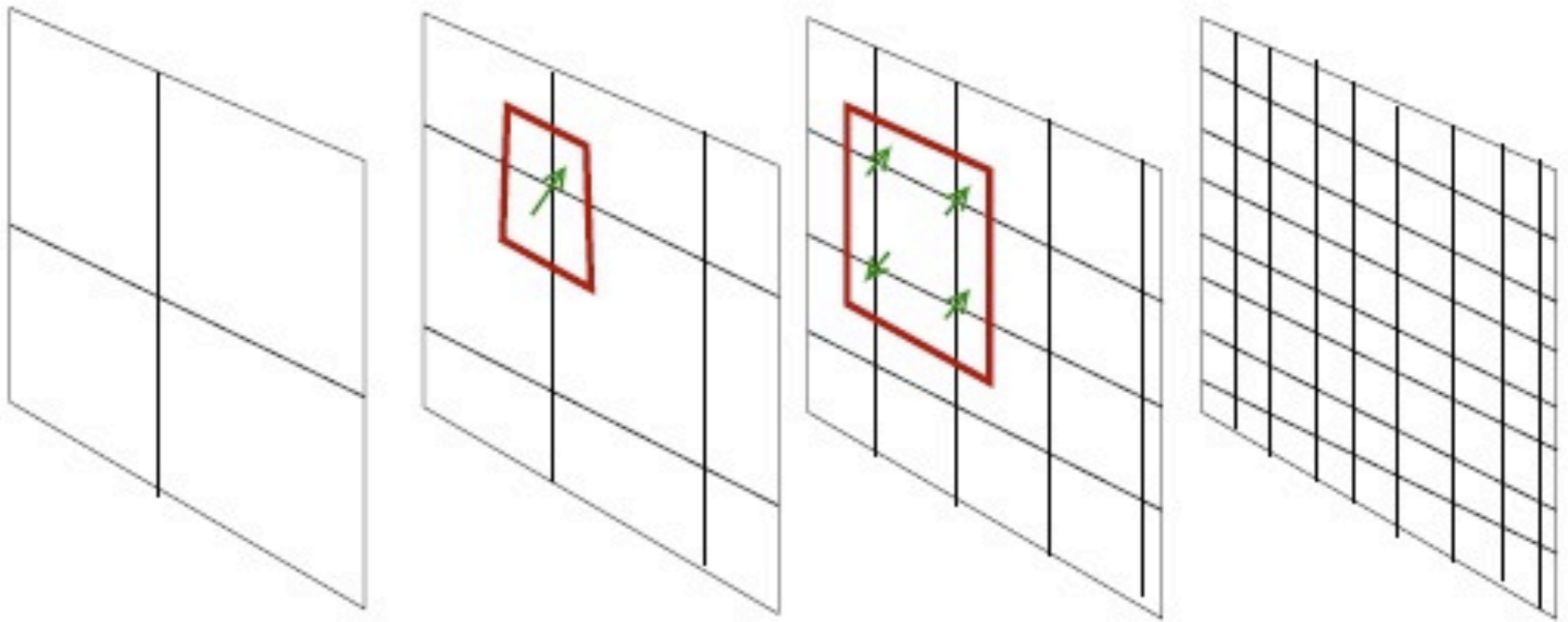
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So θ is indeed the violation of hyperscaling exponent as claimed. For a compressible quantum state we should therefore *choose* $\theta = d - 1$.

No additional choices will be made, and all subsequent results are consequences of the assumption of the existence of a holographic dual.

Holography of strange metals

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The null energy condition (stability condition for gravity) yields a new inequality

$$z \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{d}$$

In $d = 2$, this implies $z \geq 3/2$. So the lower bound is precisely the value obtained from the field theory.

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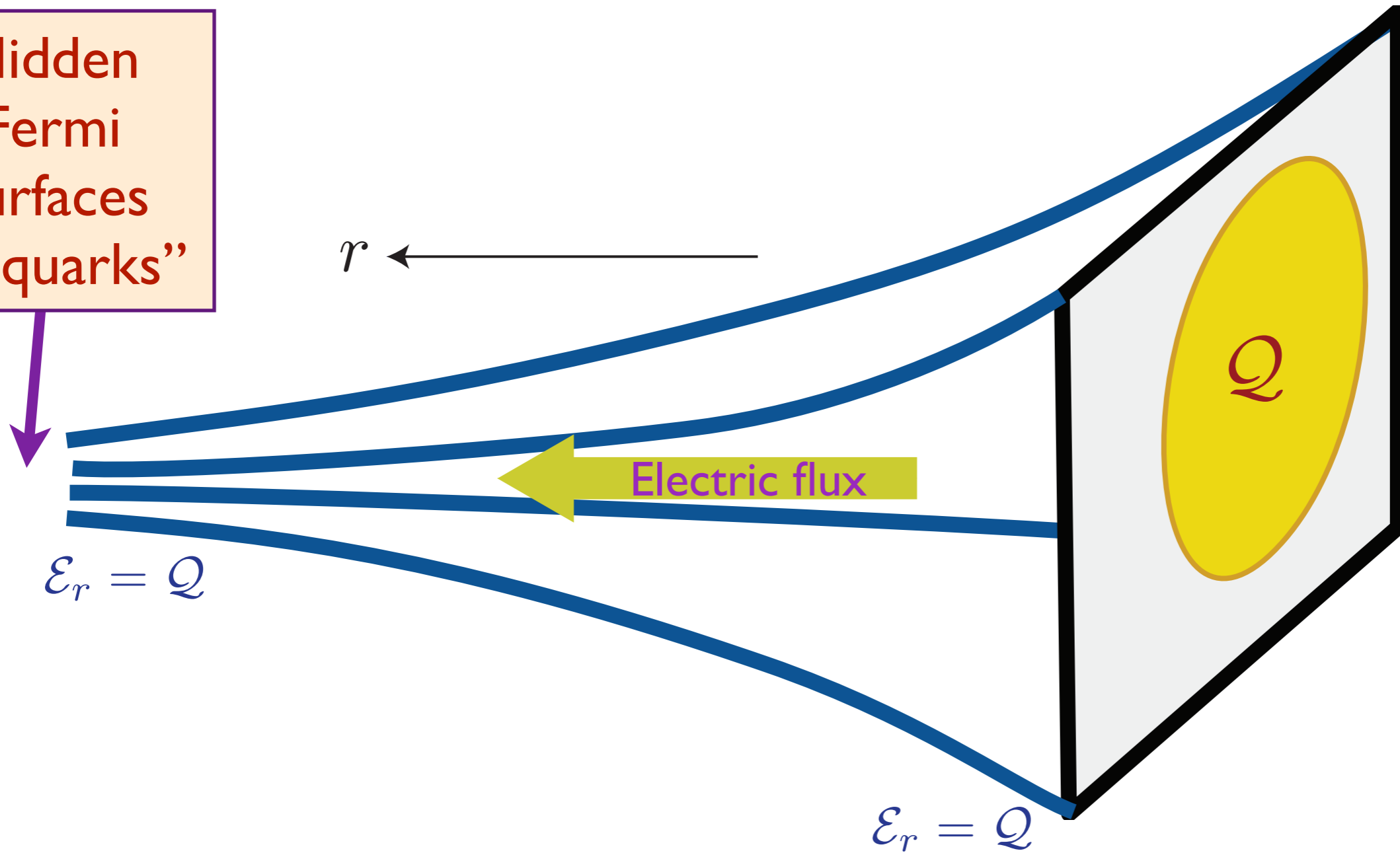
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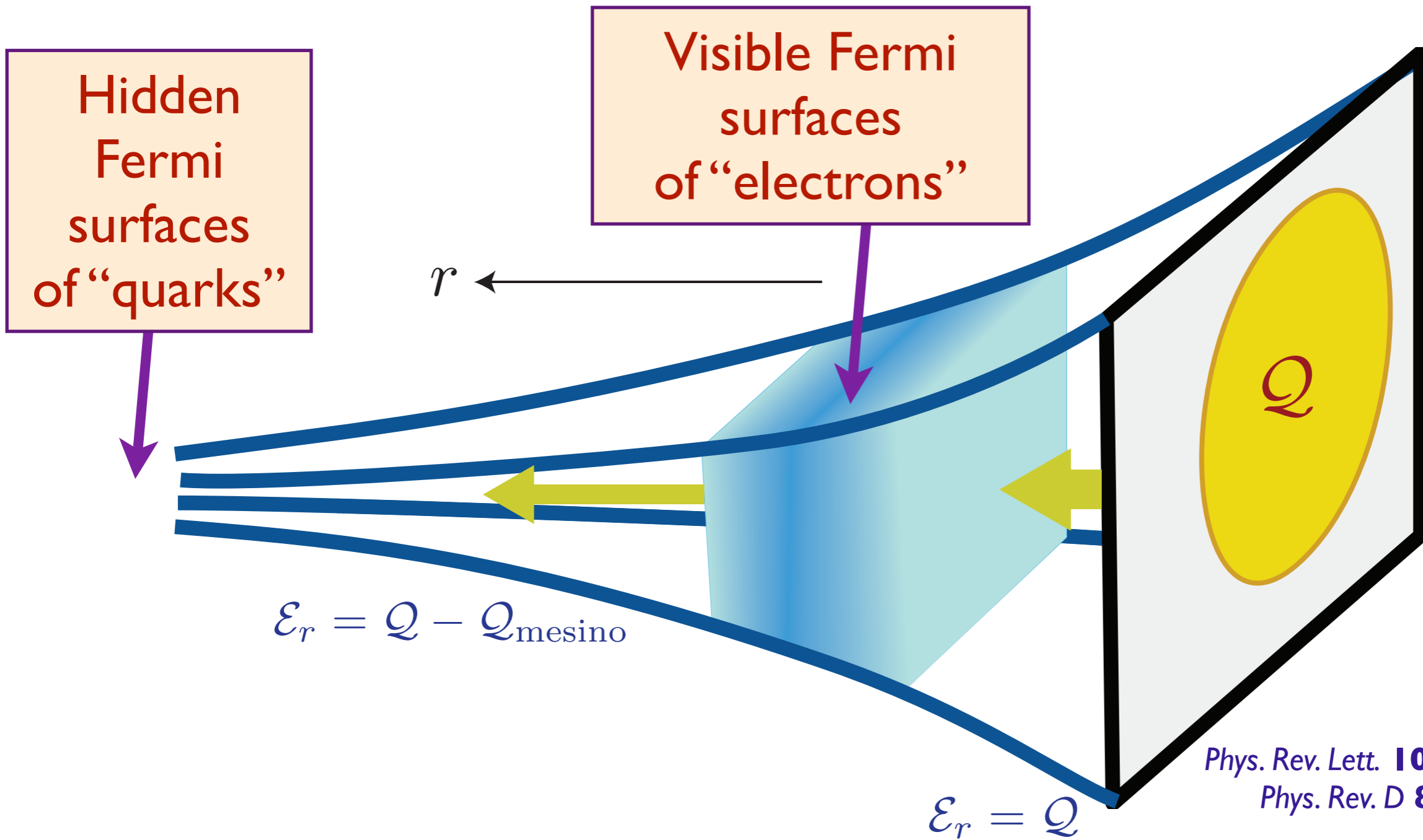
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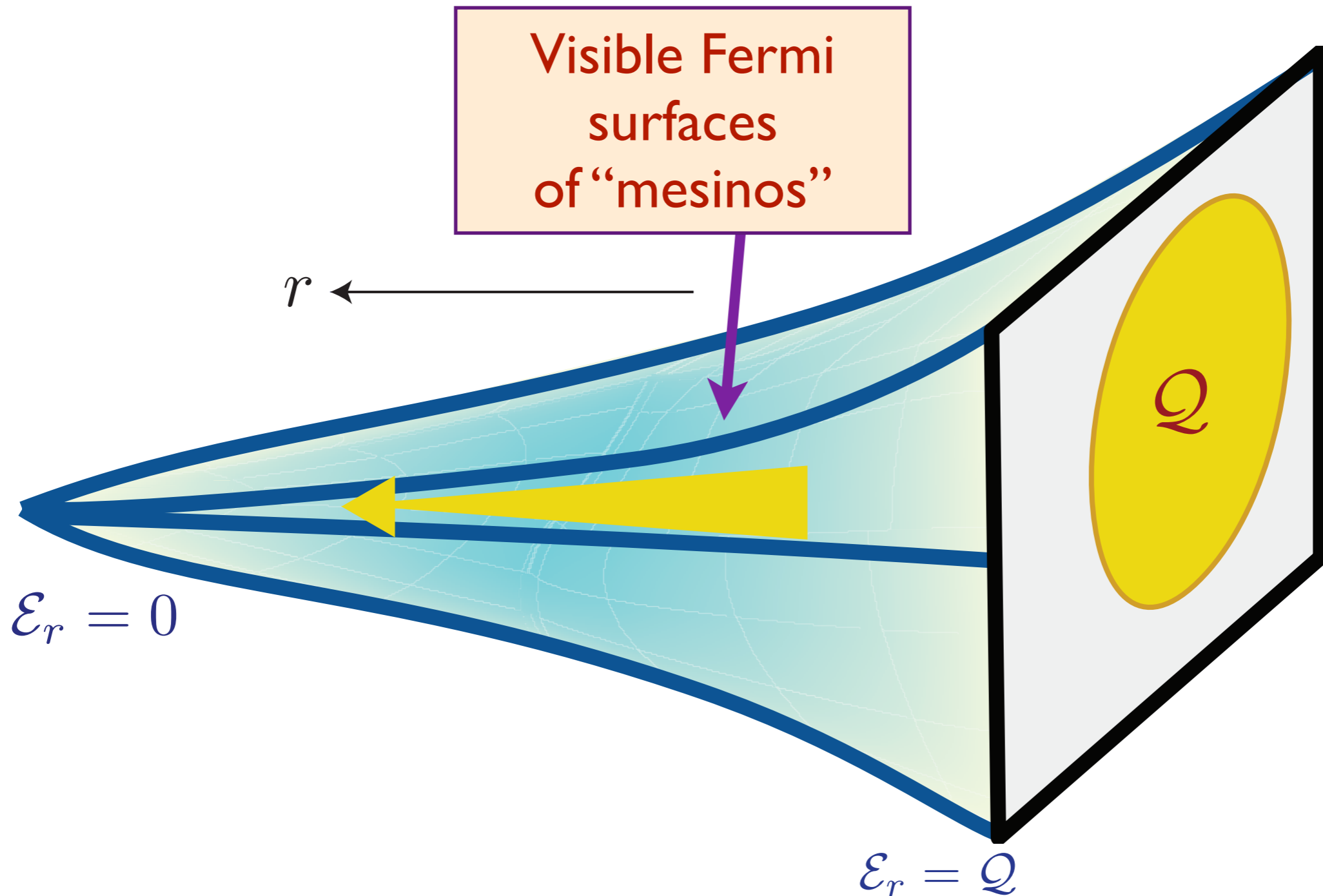
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Holography, fractionalization, and hidden Fermi surfaces

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