

Quantum Entanglement:
from quantum matter
to
string theory

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Modern phases of quantum matter

Not adiabatically connected
to independent electron states:

many-particle
quantum entanglement

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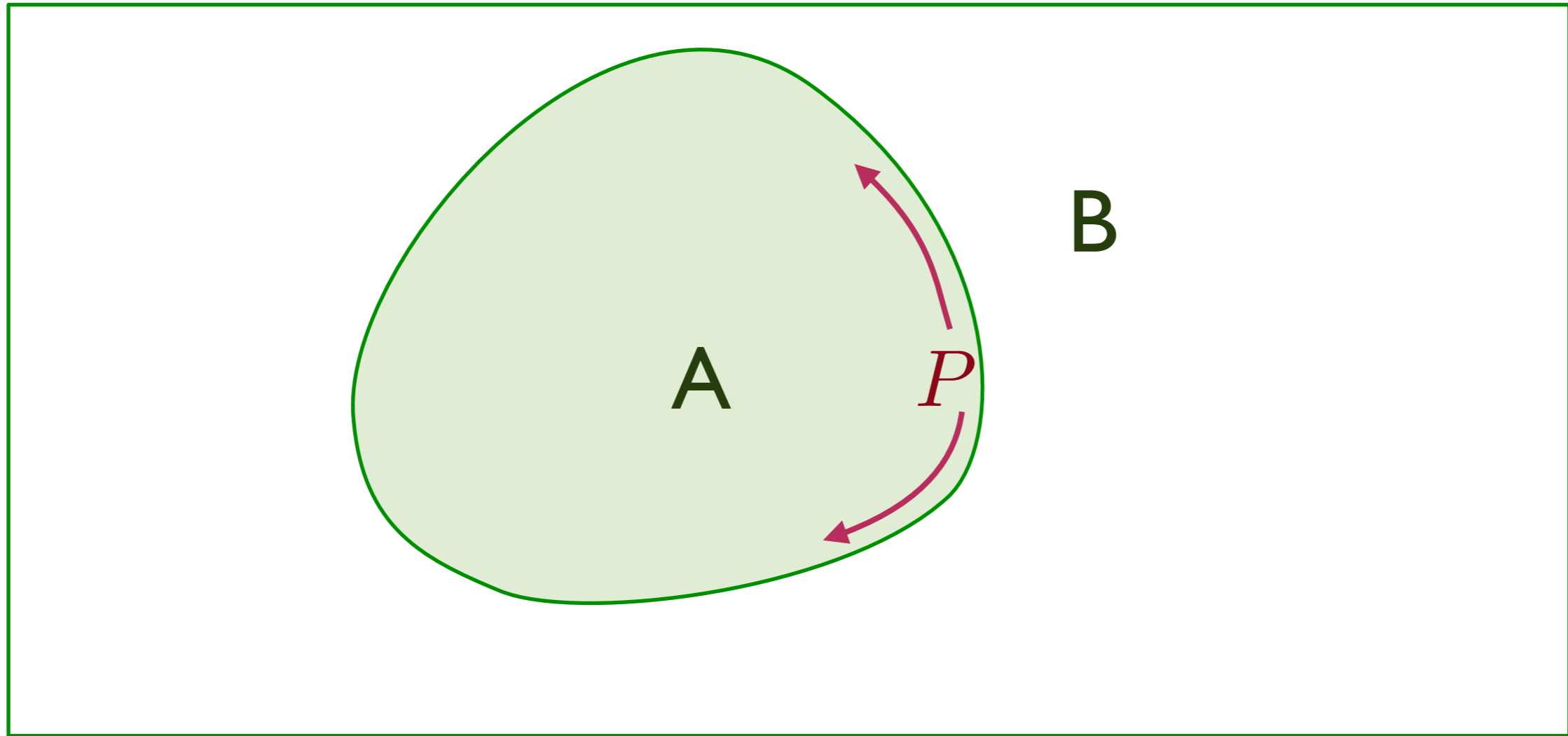
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Entanglement entropy



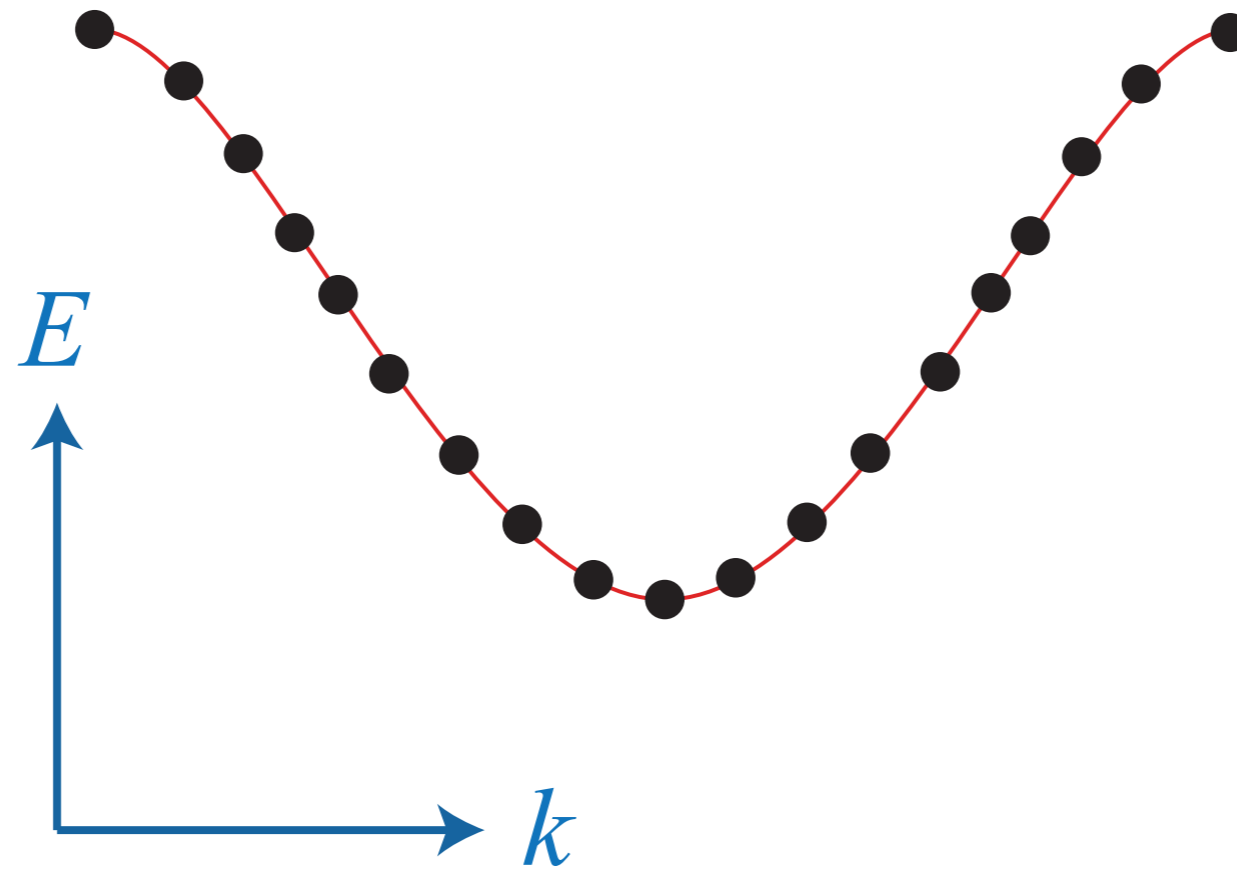
$|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow$ Ground state of entire system,
 $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$

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

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

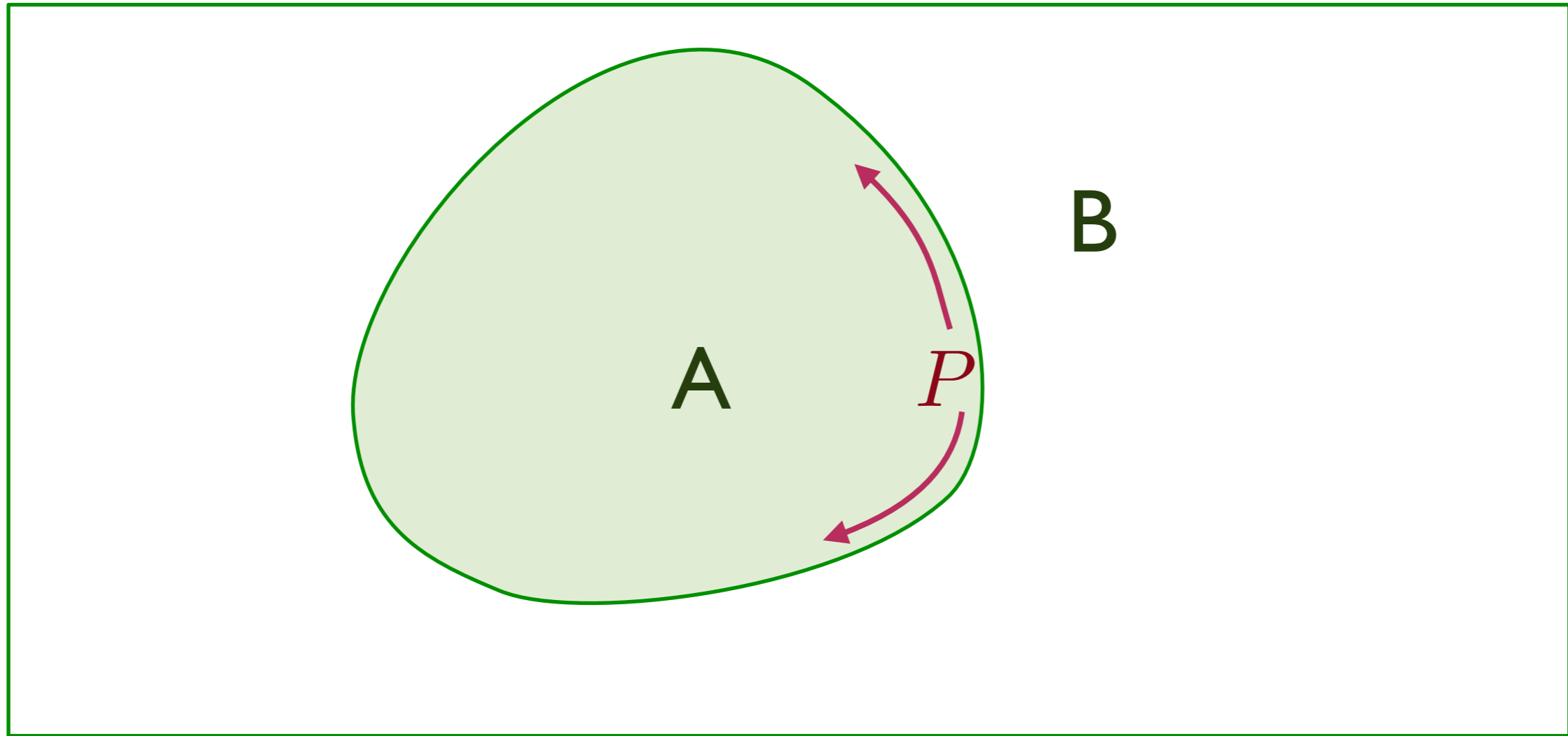
Entanglement entropy of a band insulator

Band insulators



An even number of electrons per unit cell

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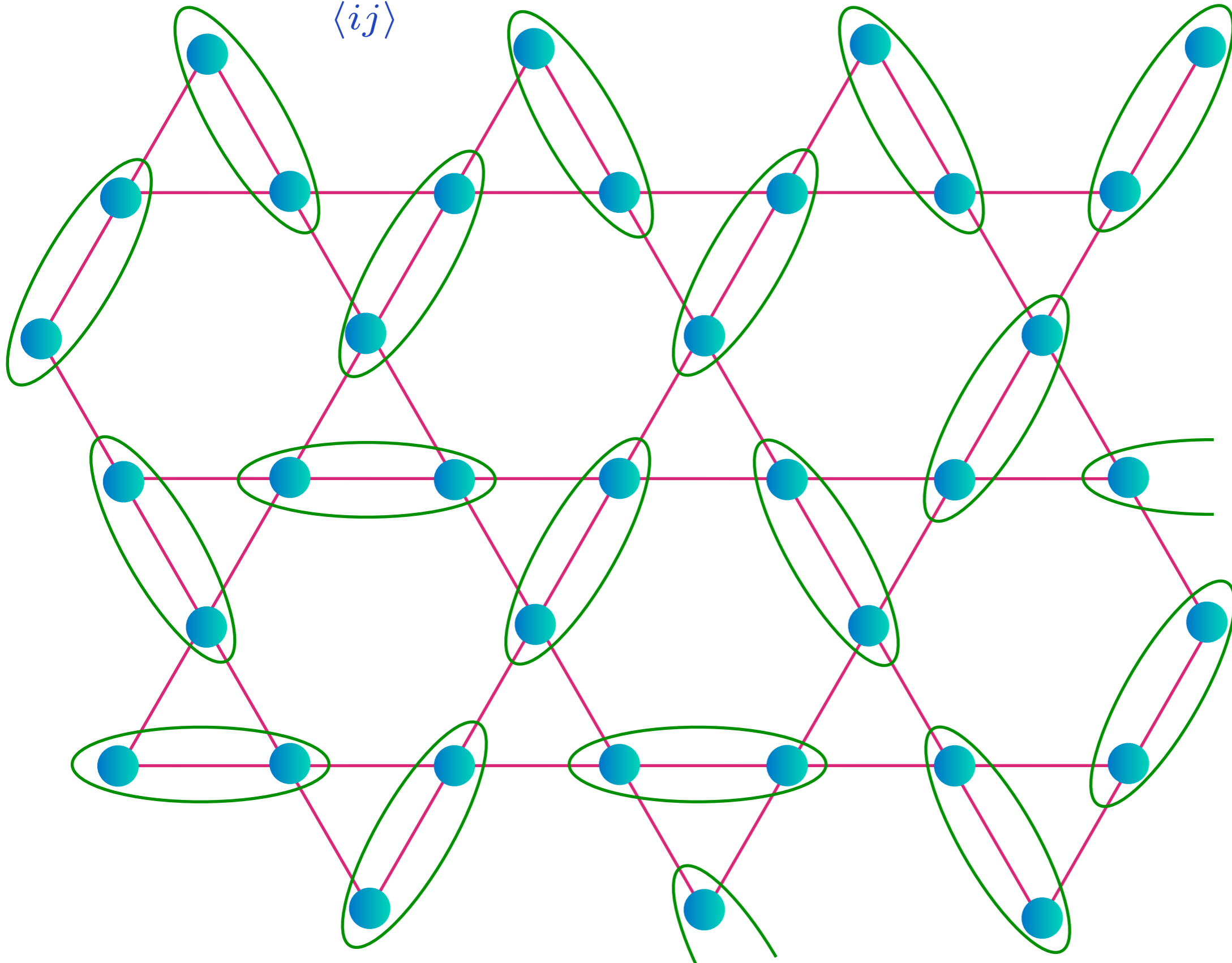
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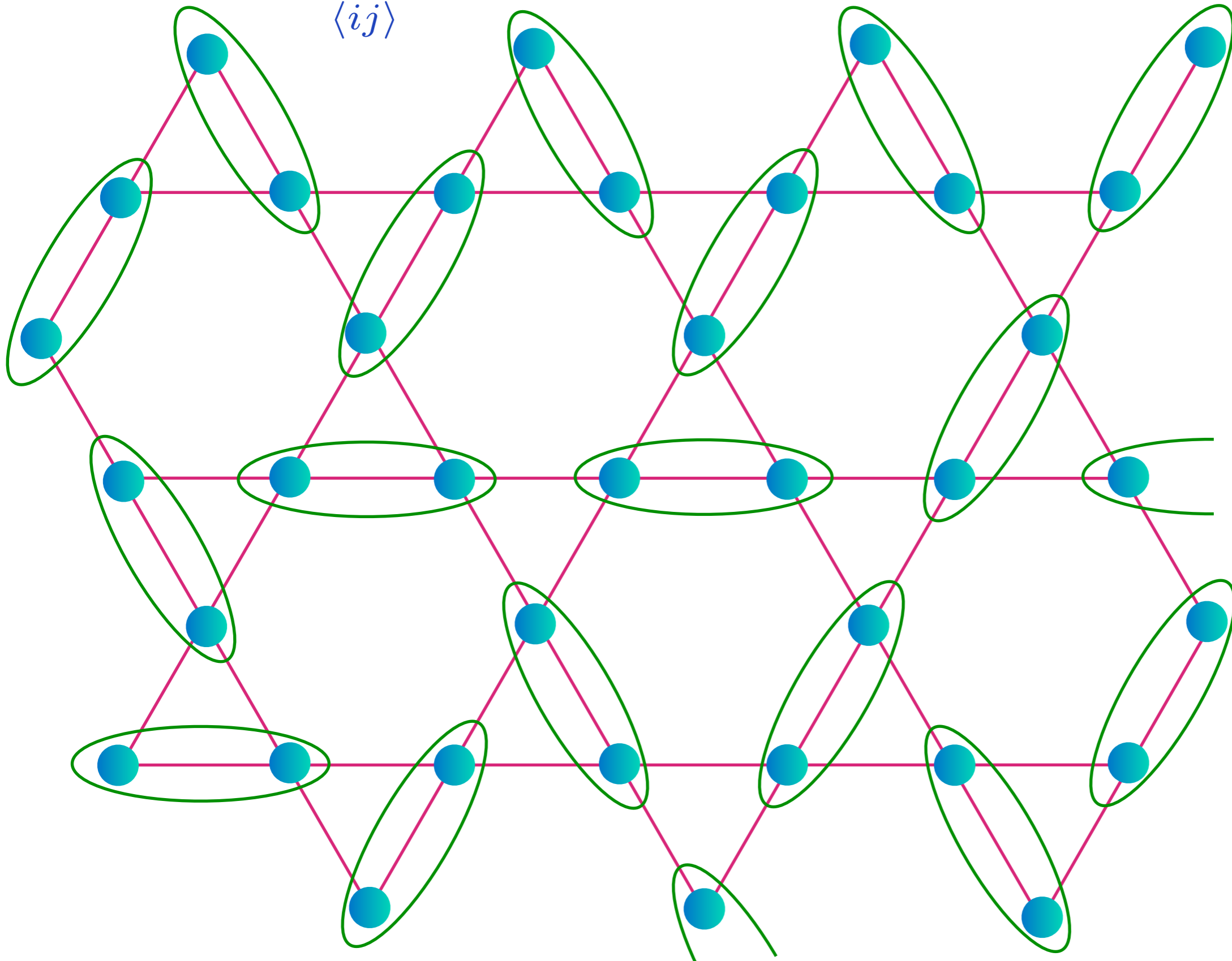


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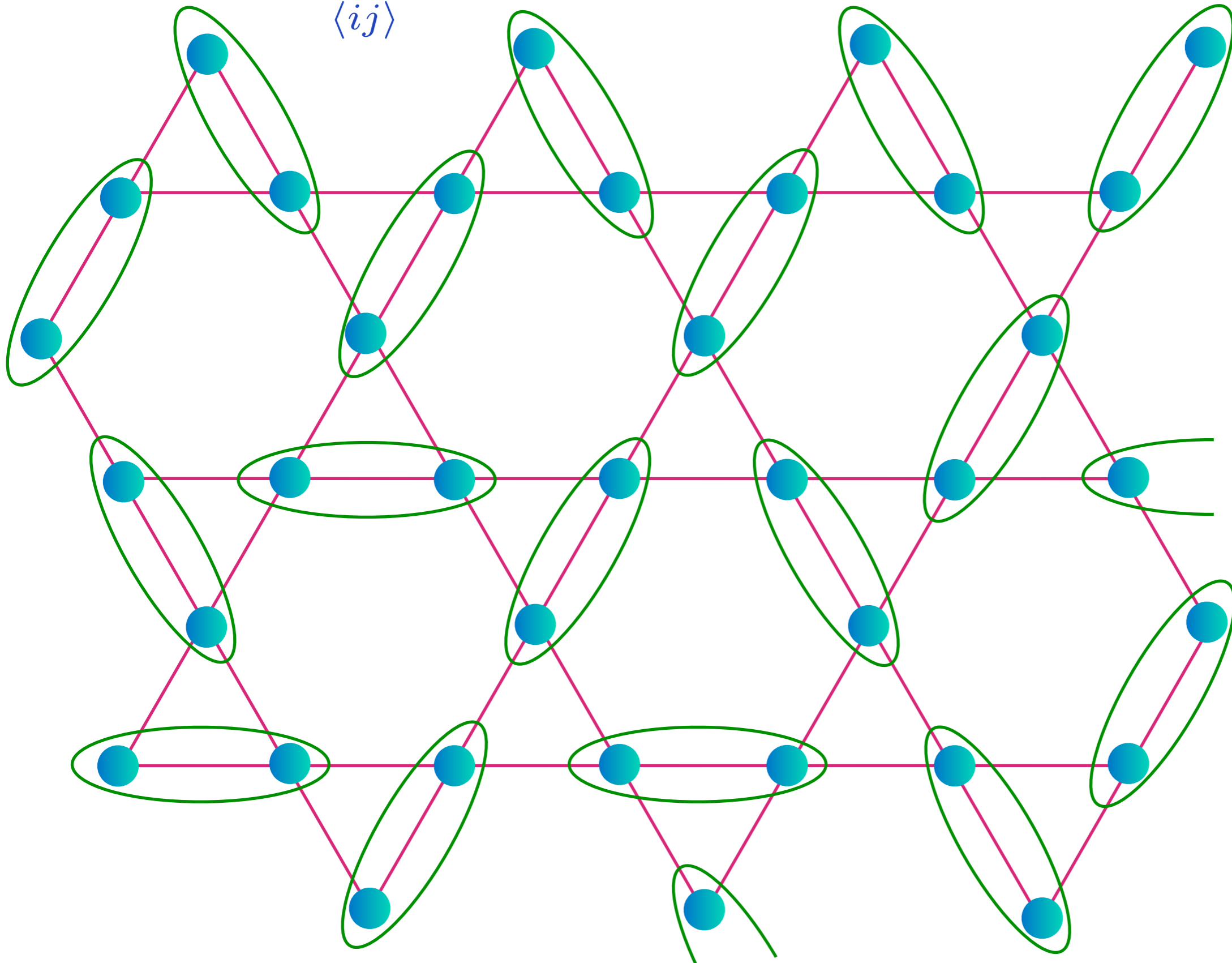


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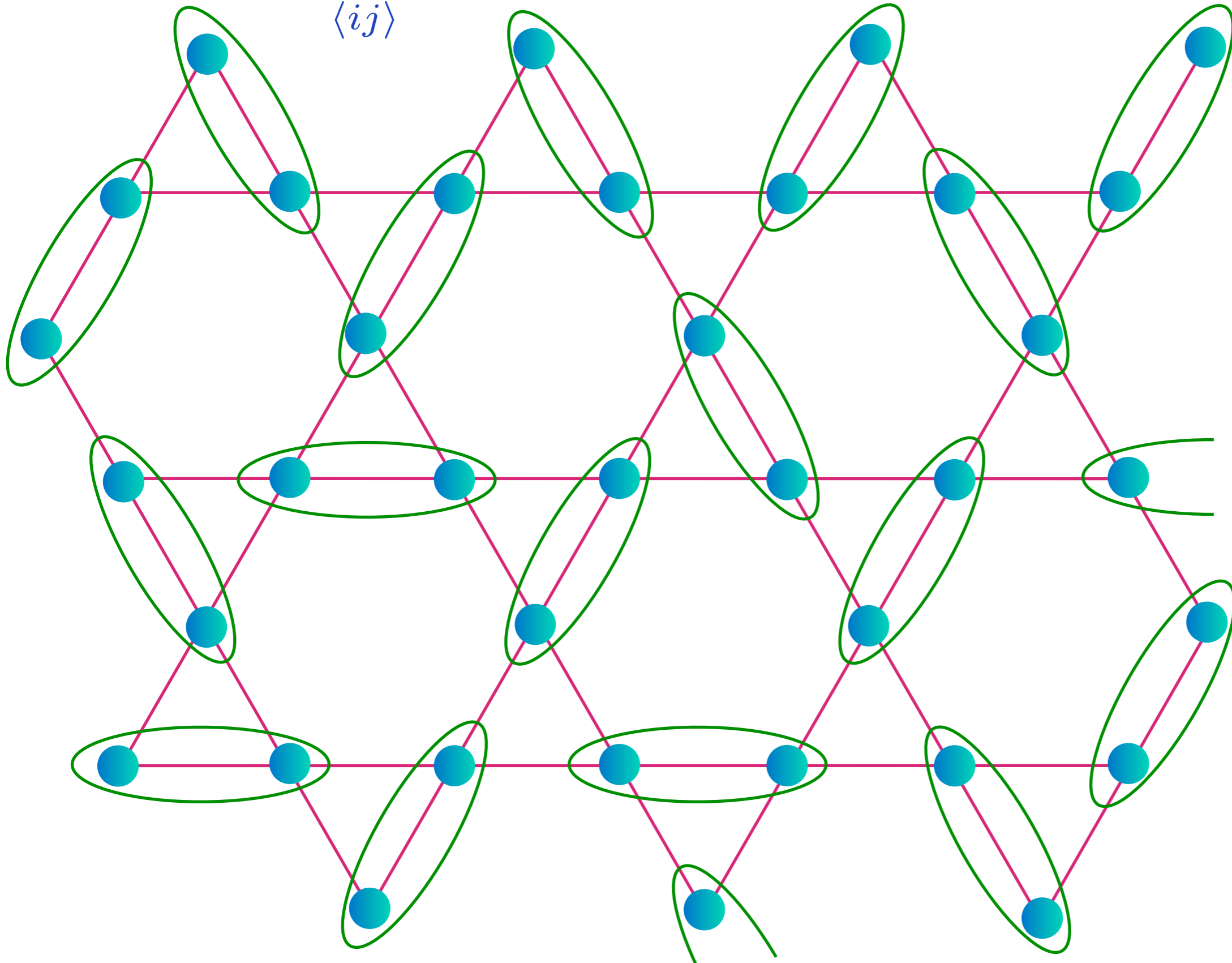


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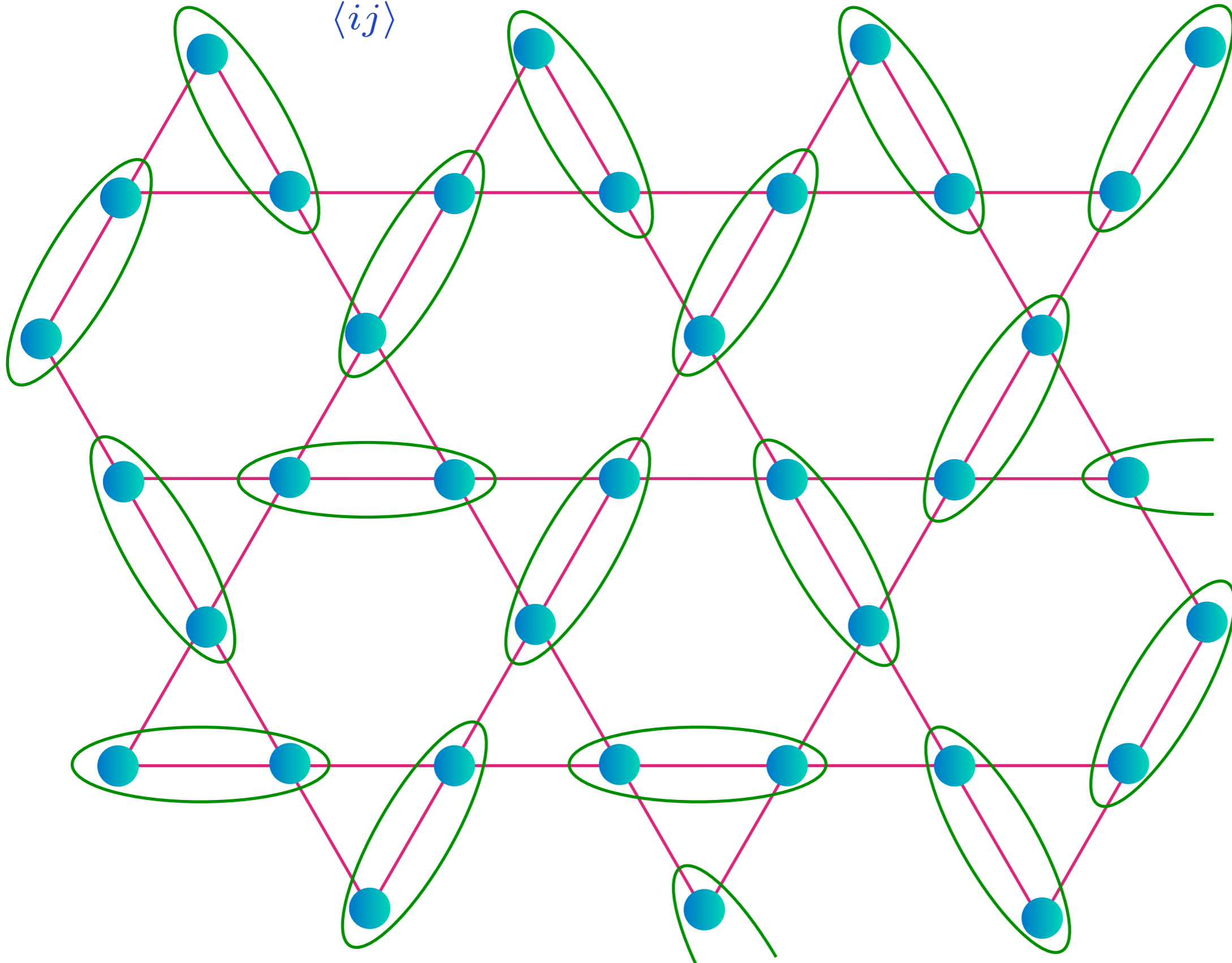


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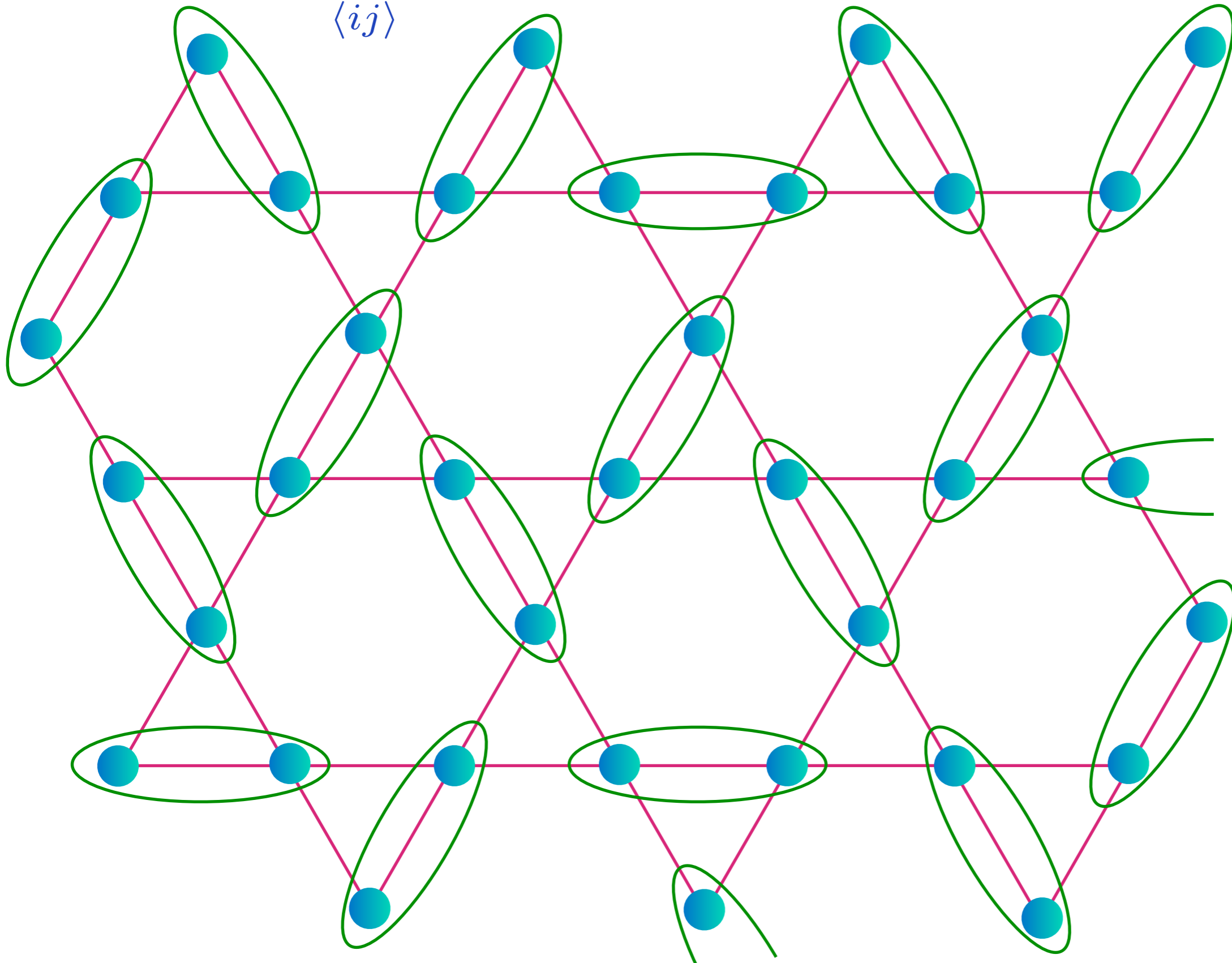


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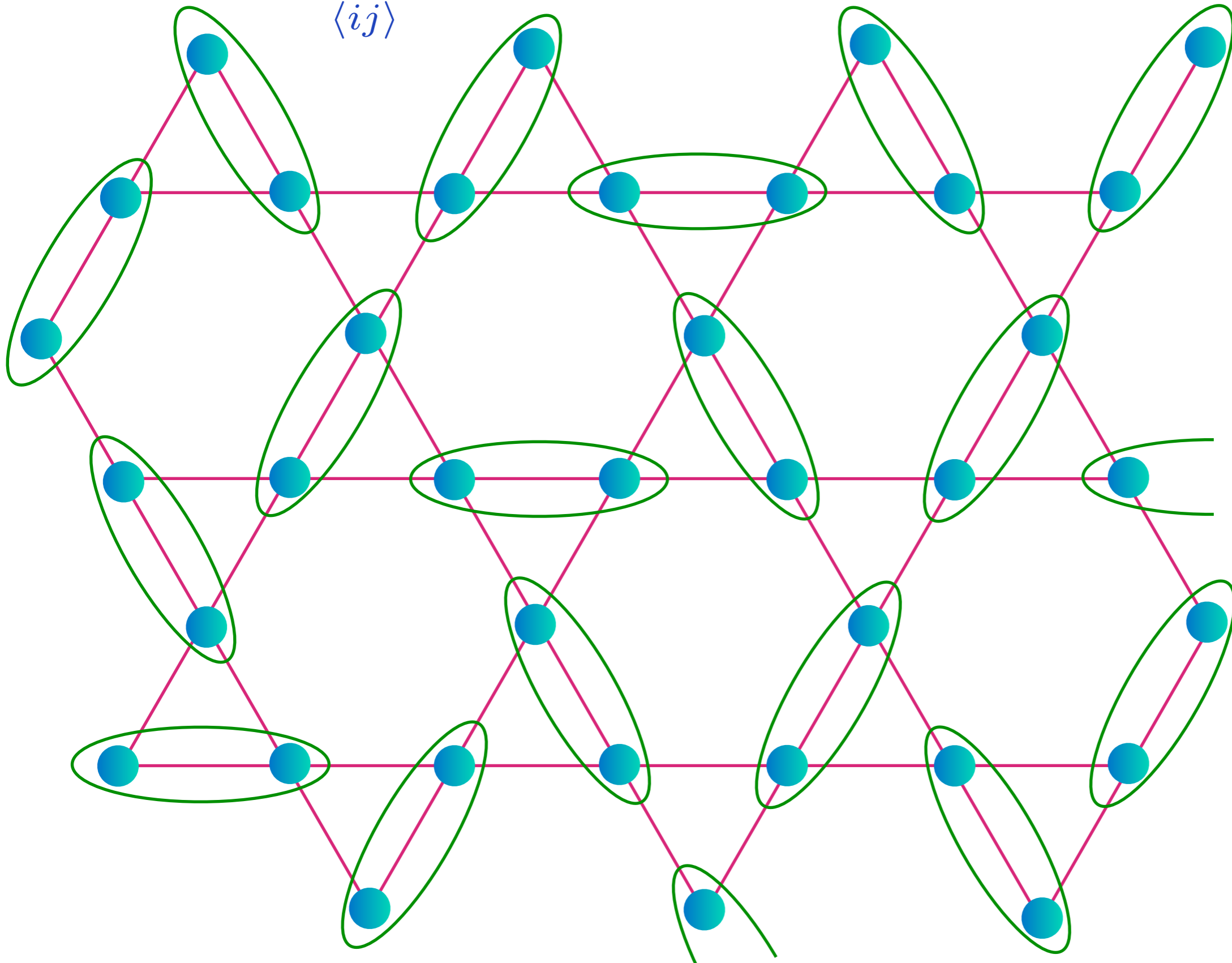


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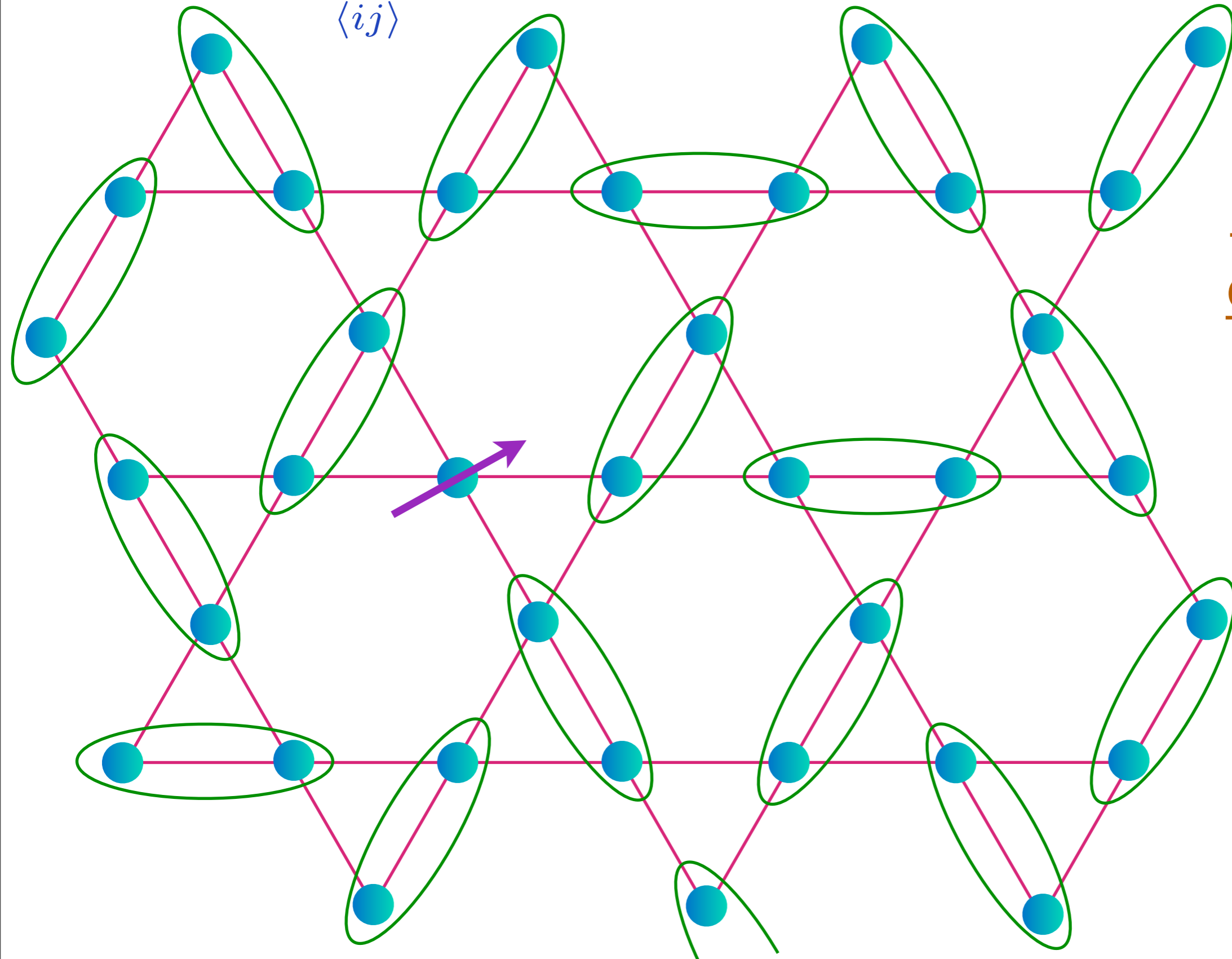


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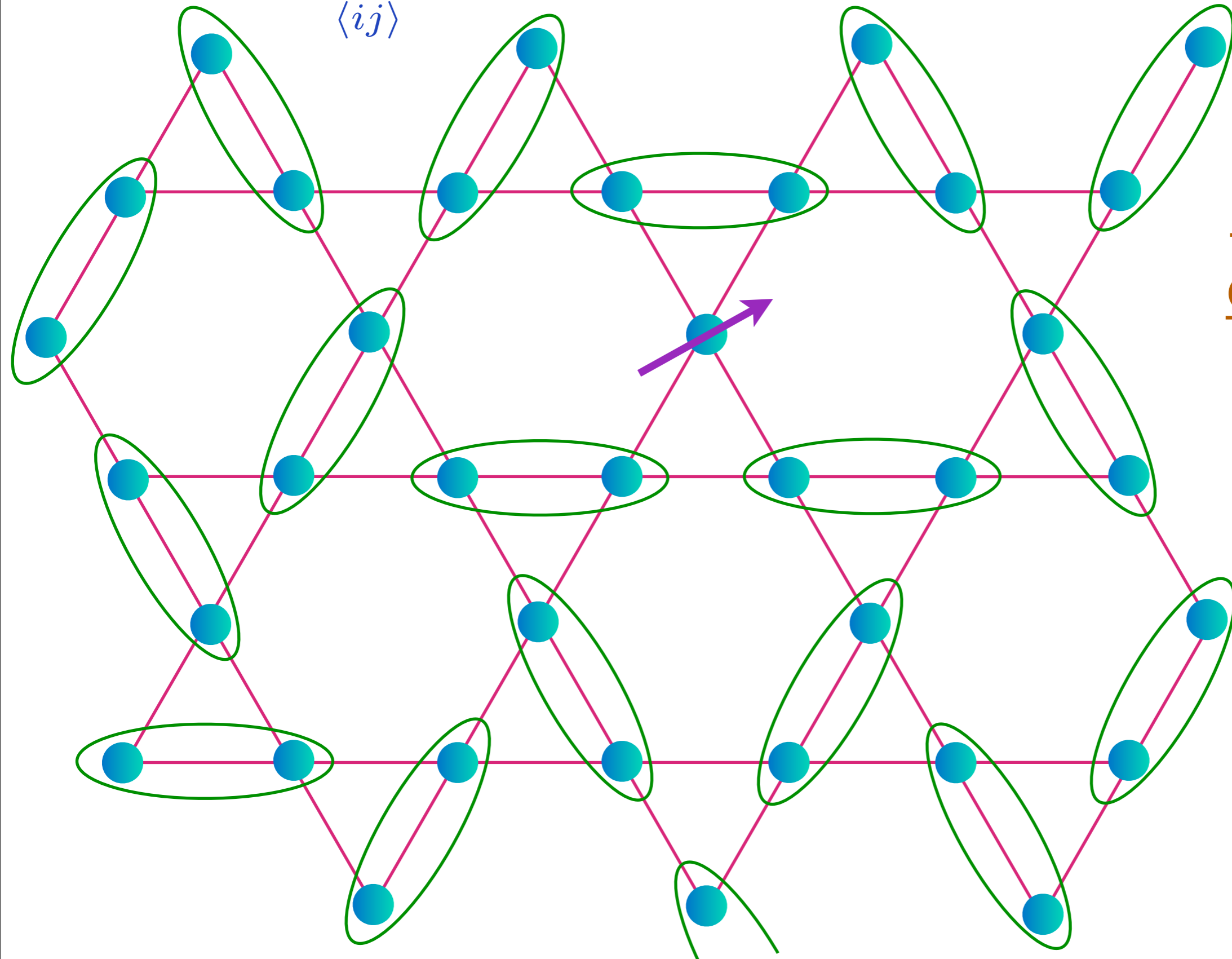


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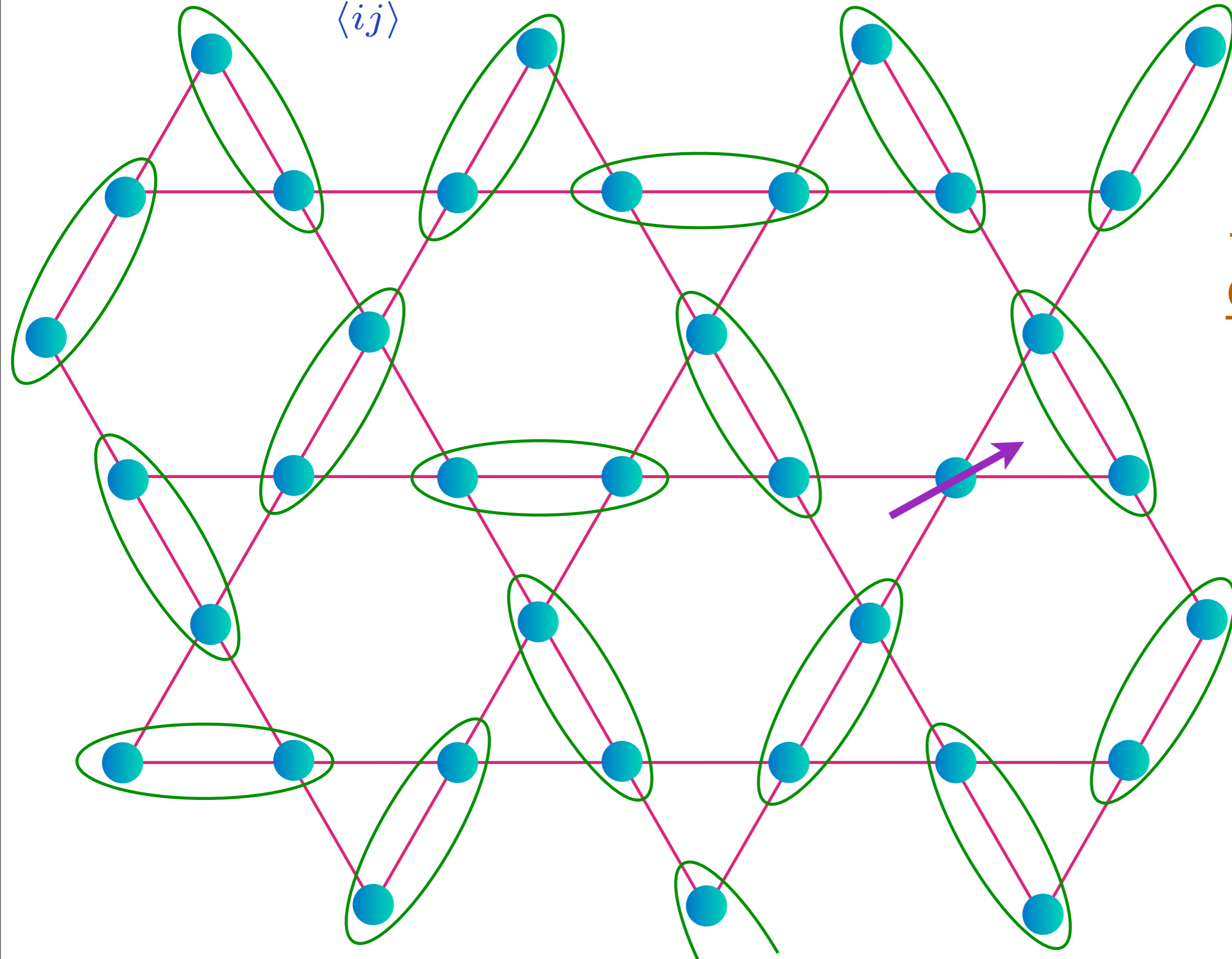


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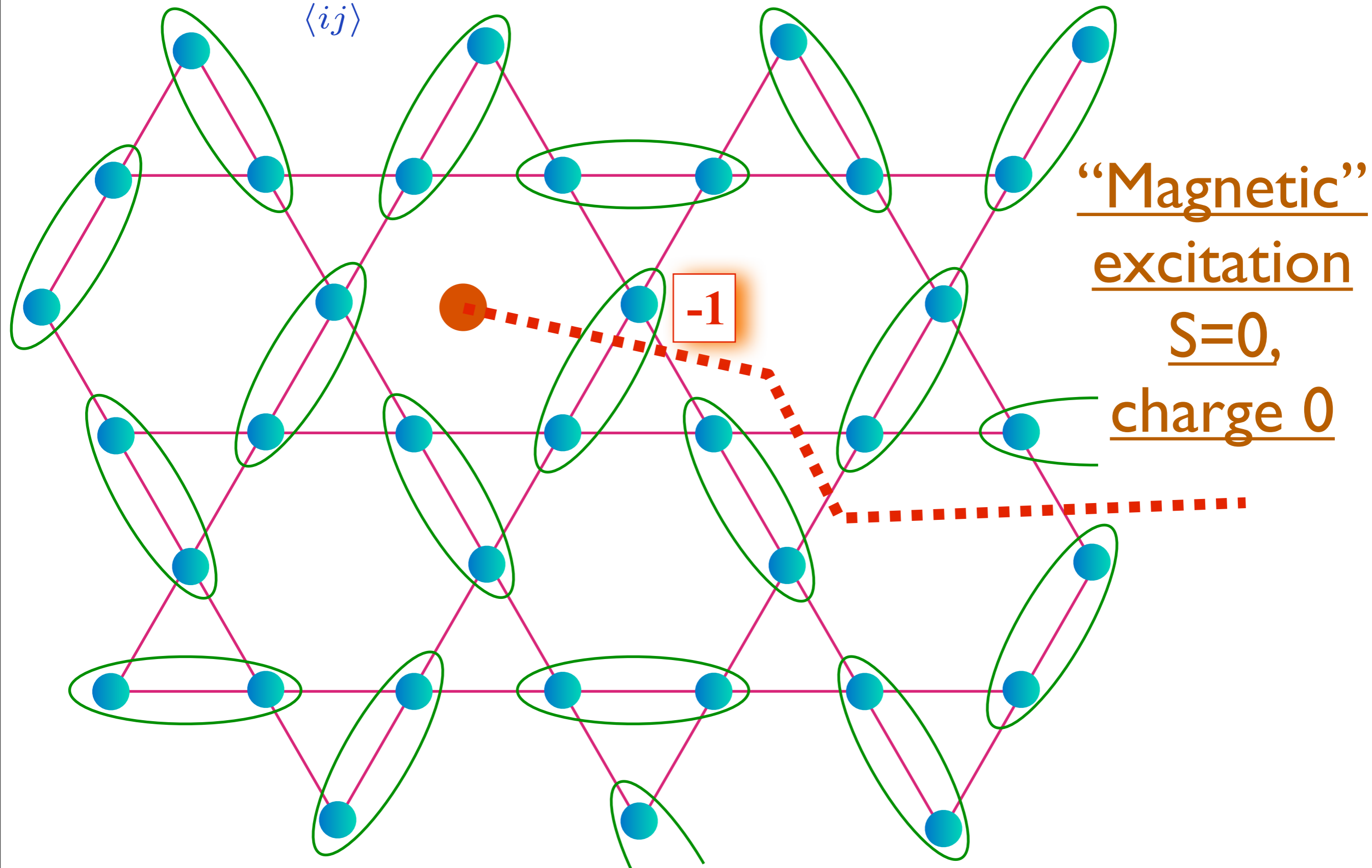


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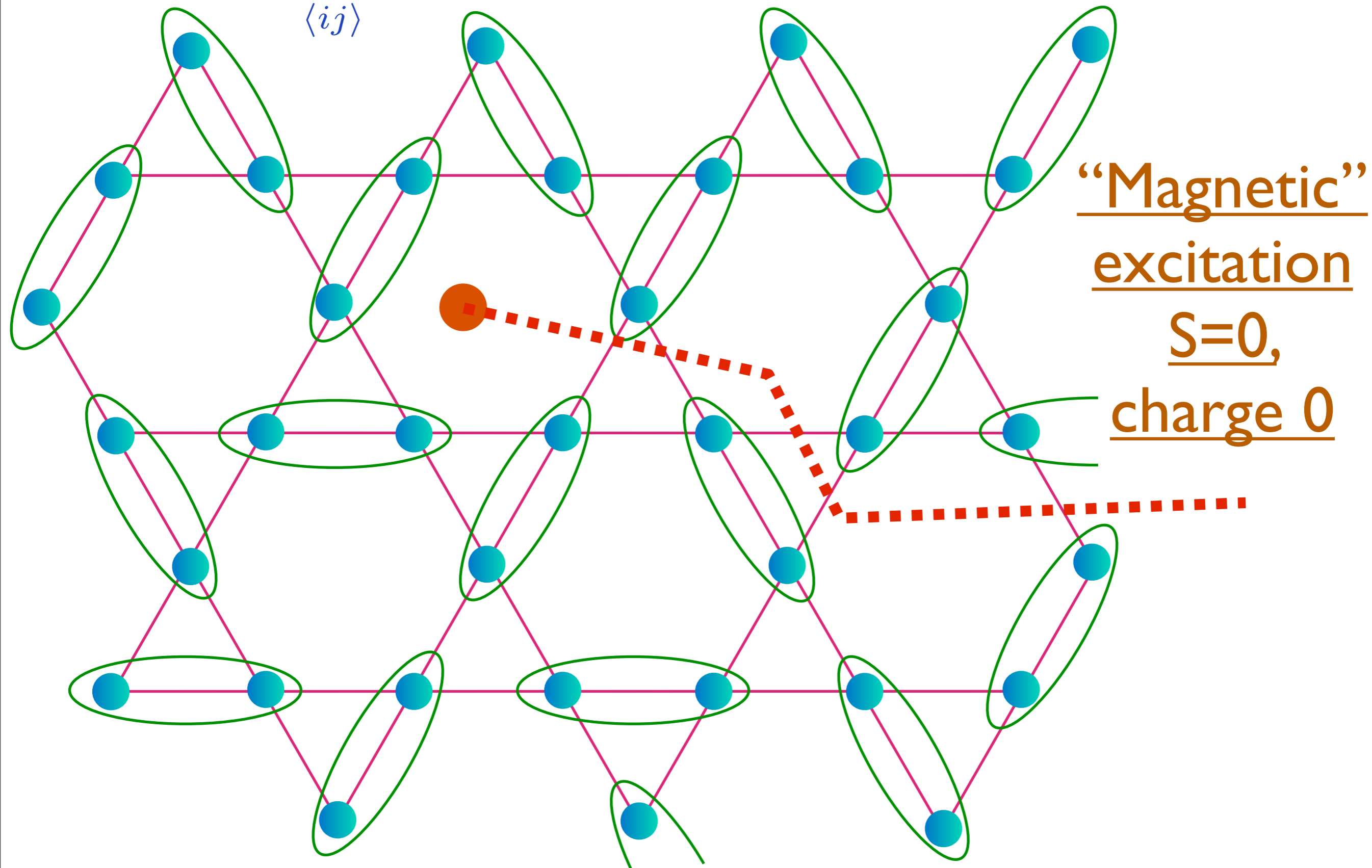
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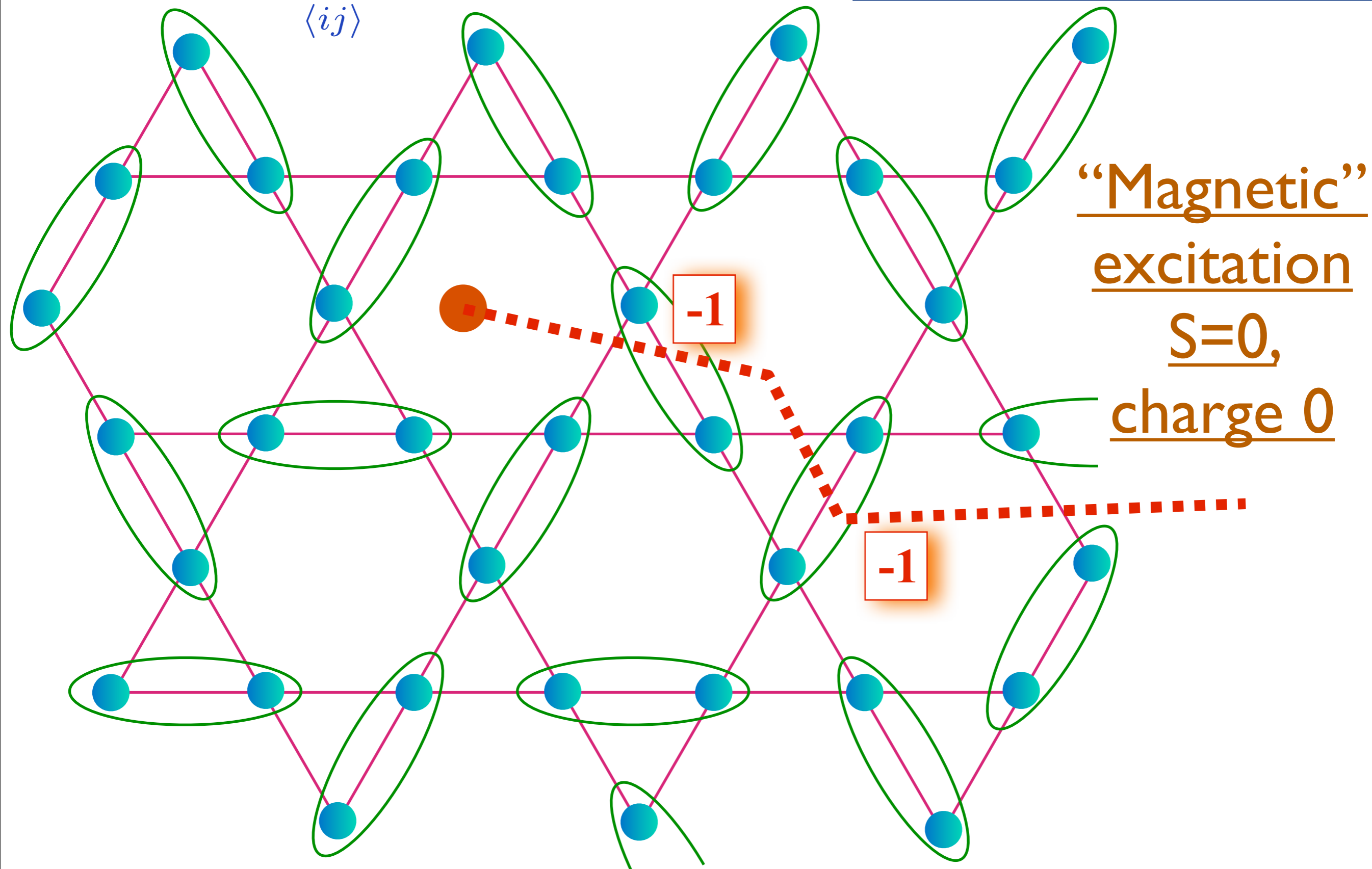
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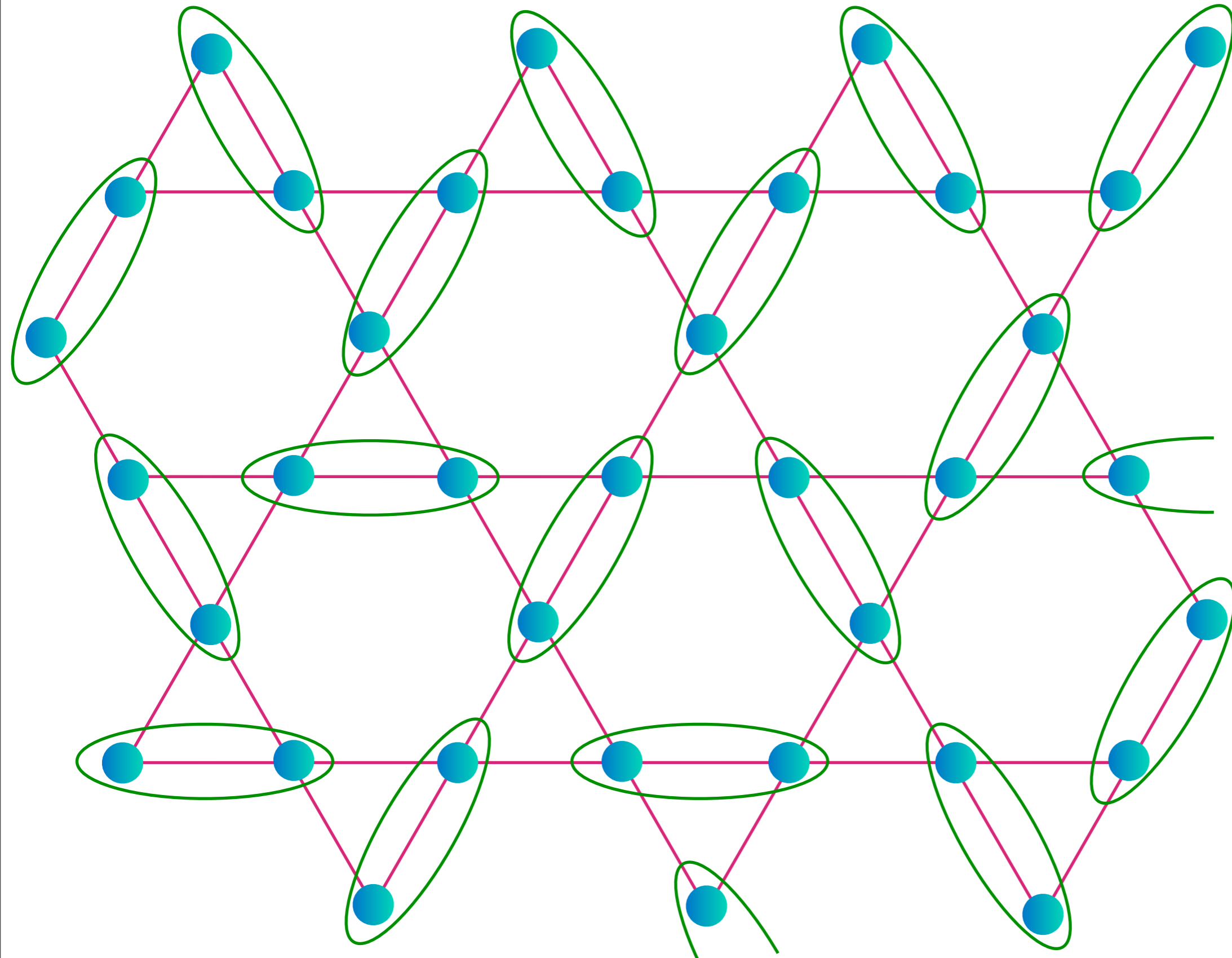
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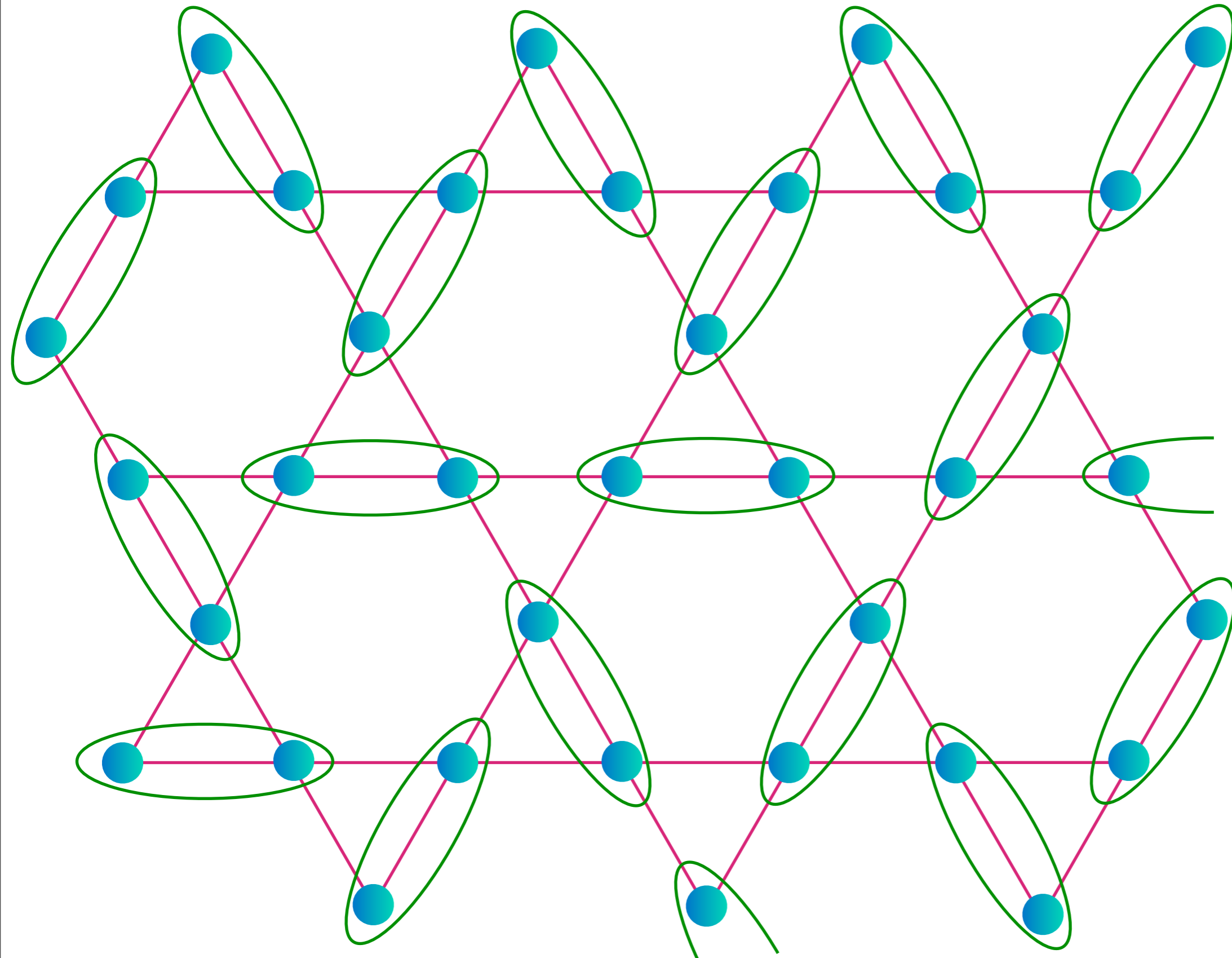
Pick a reference configuration



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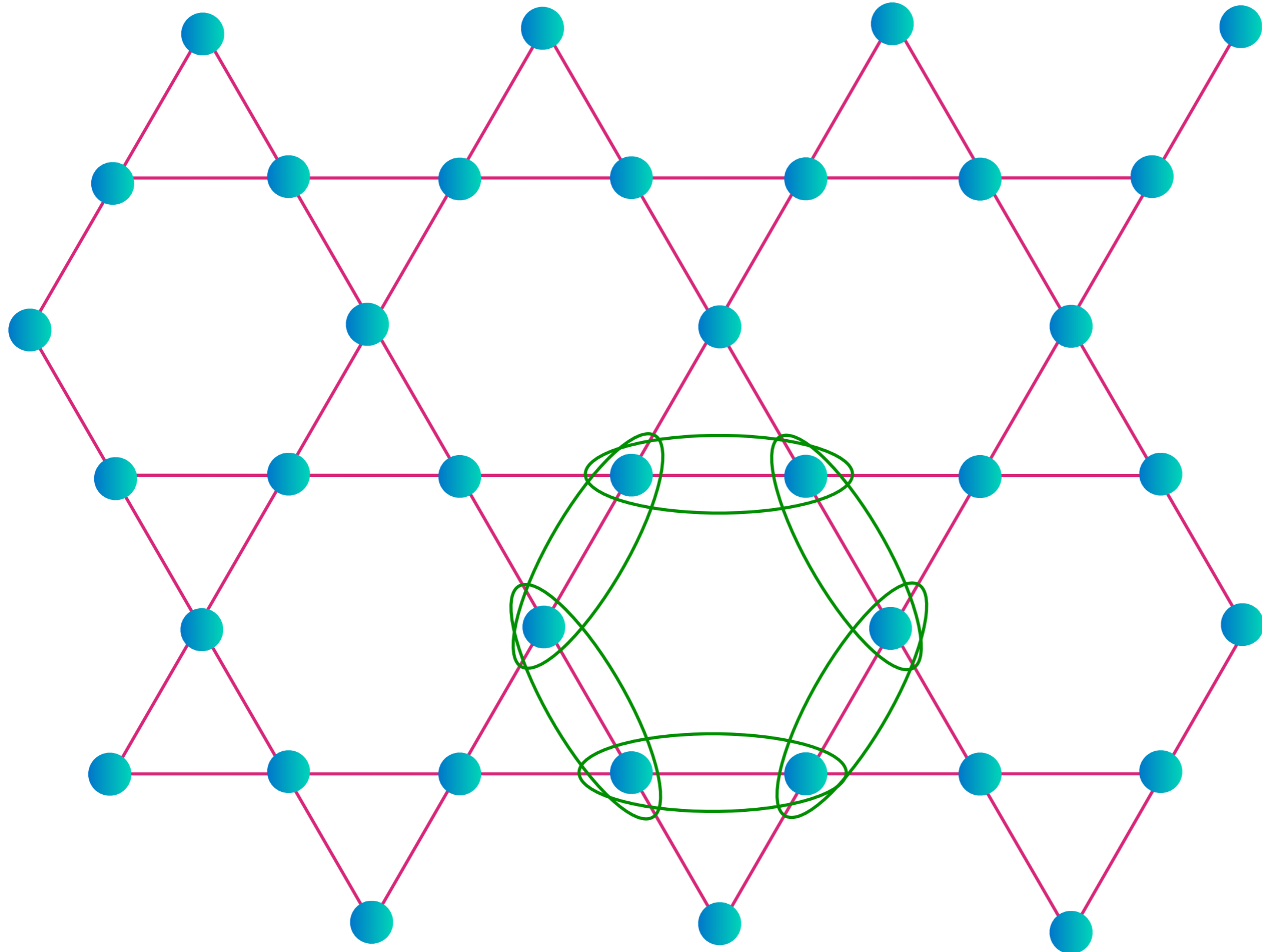
A nearby configuration



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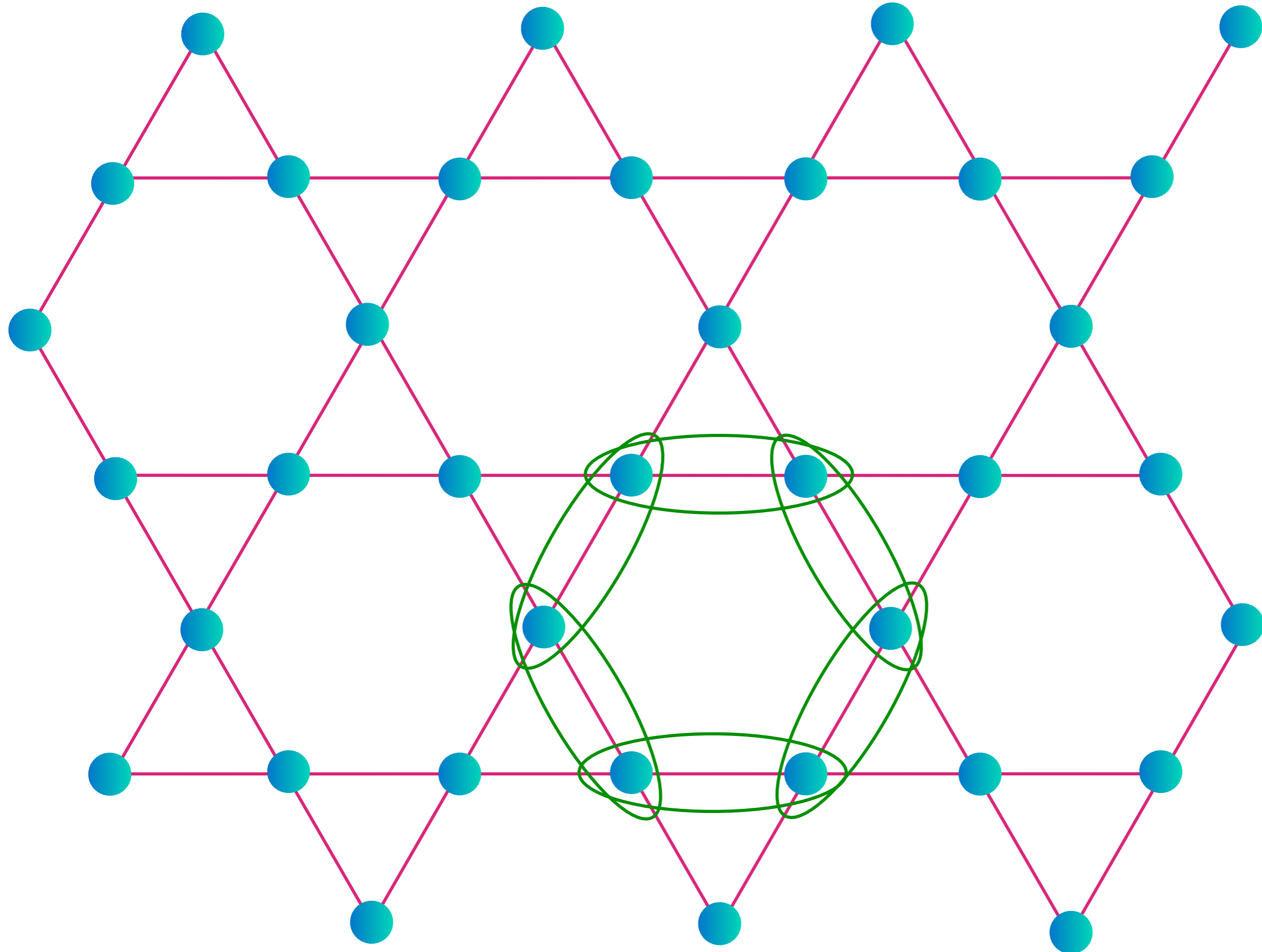
Difference: a closed loop



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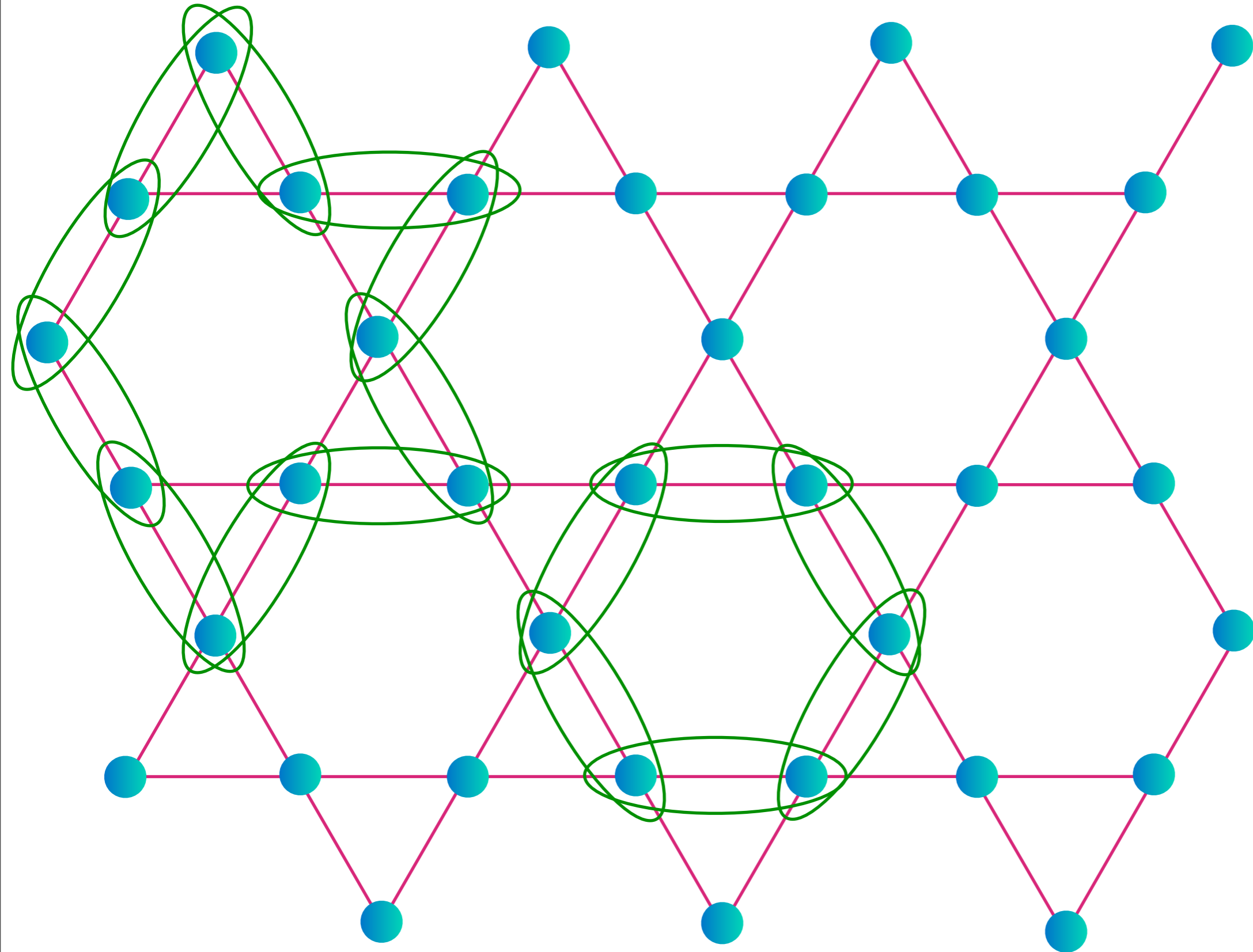
Ground state: sum over closed loops



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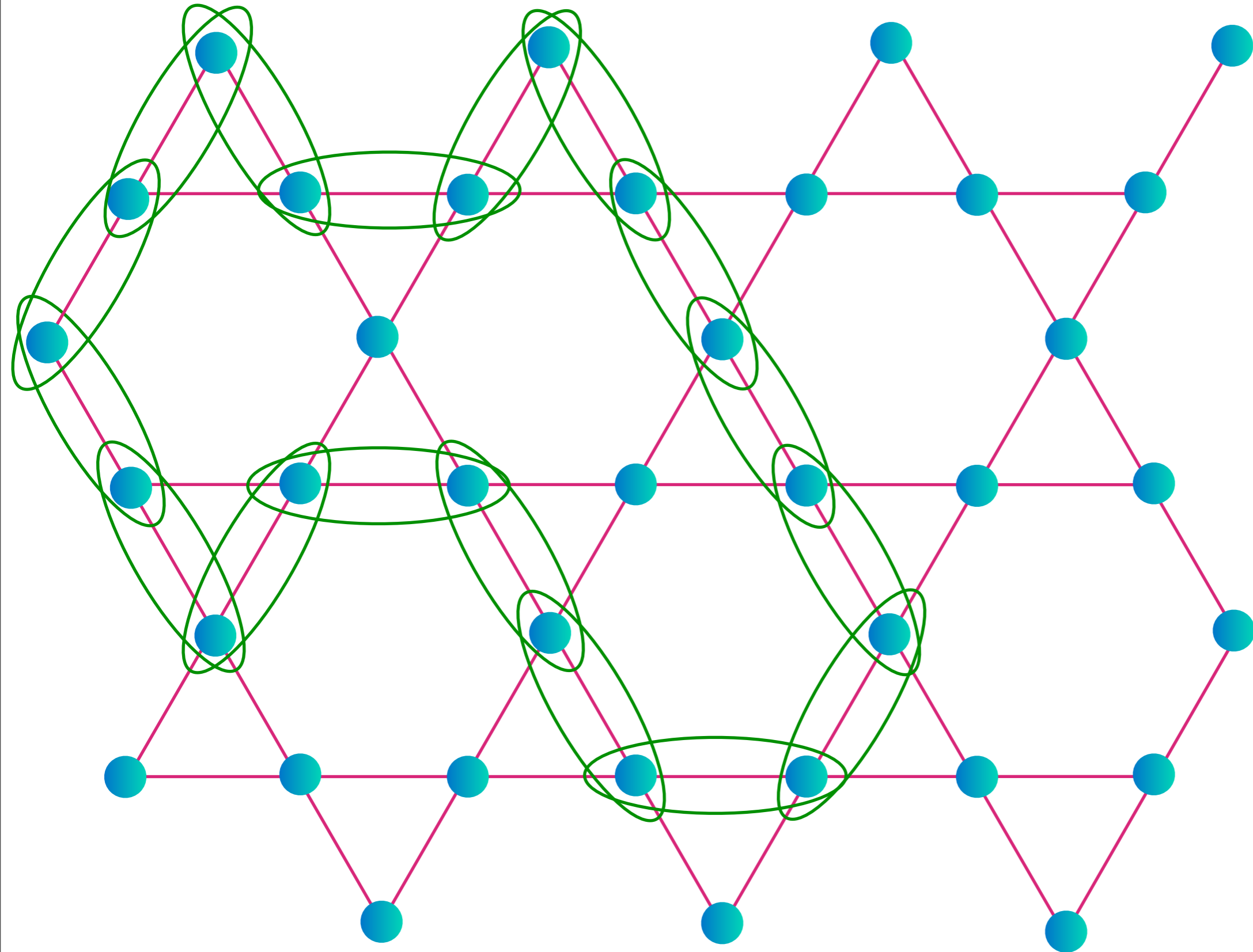
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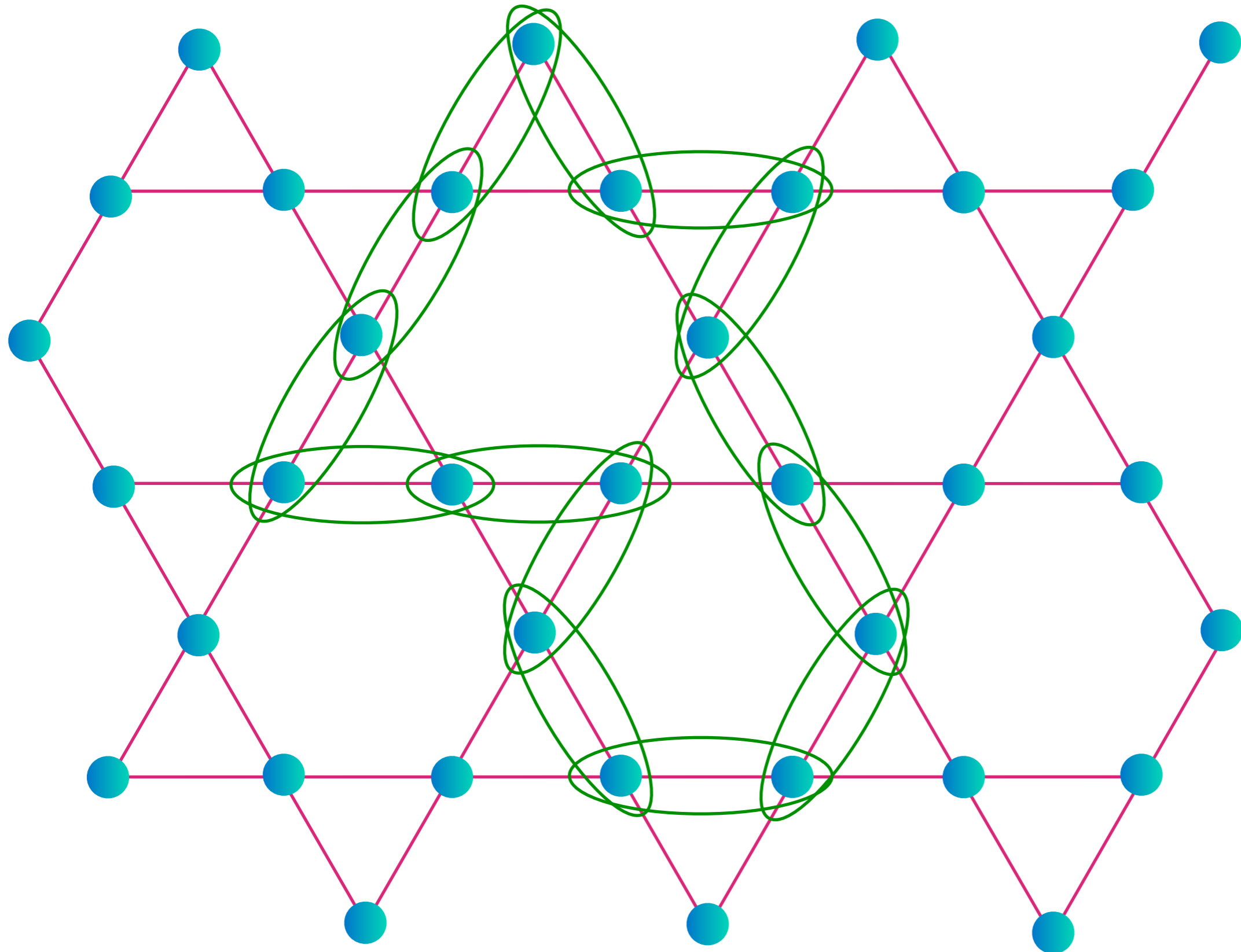
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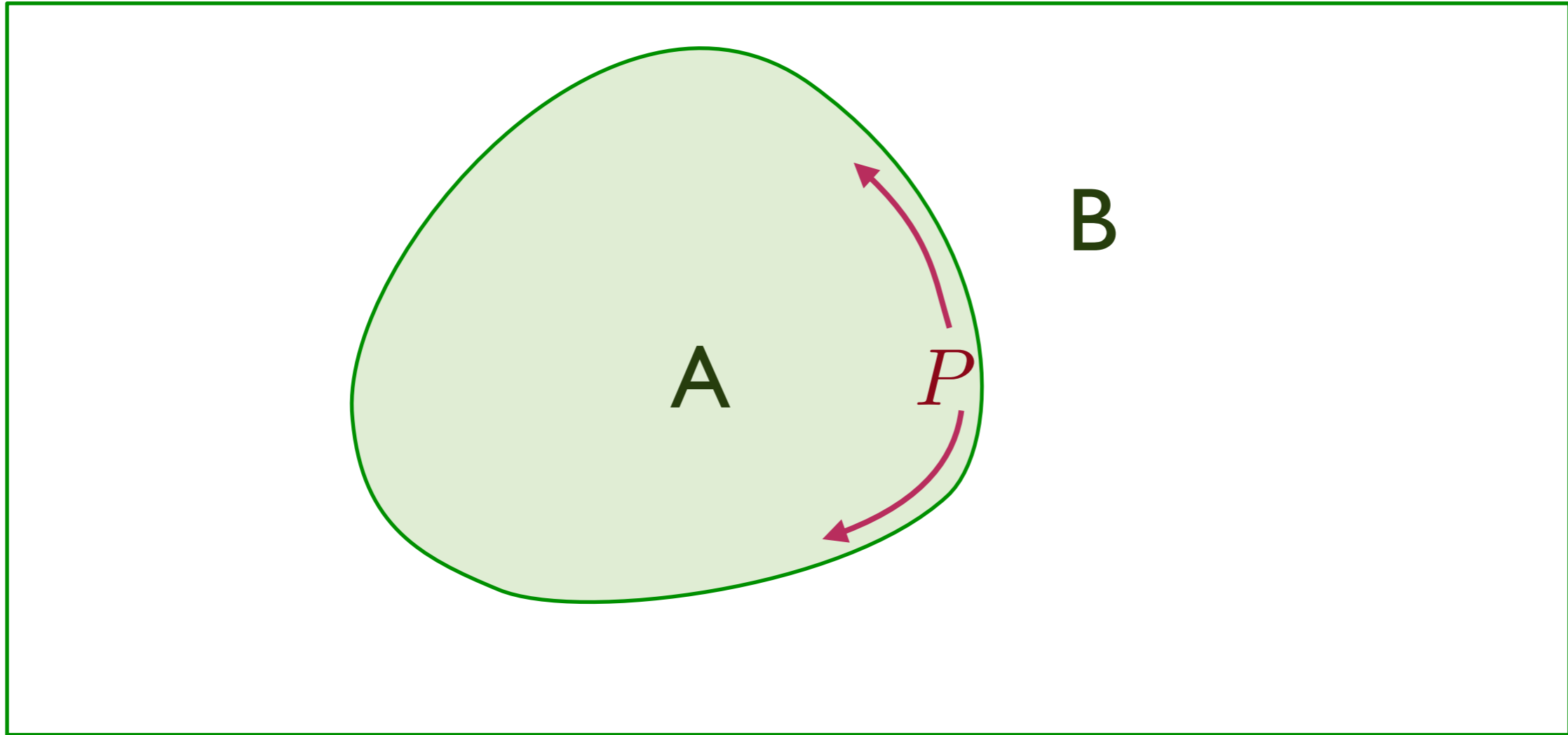
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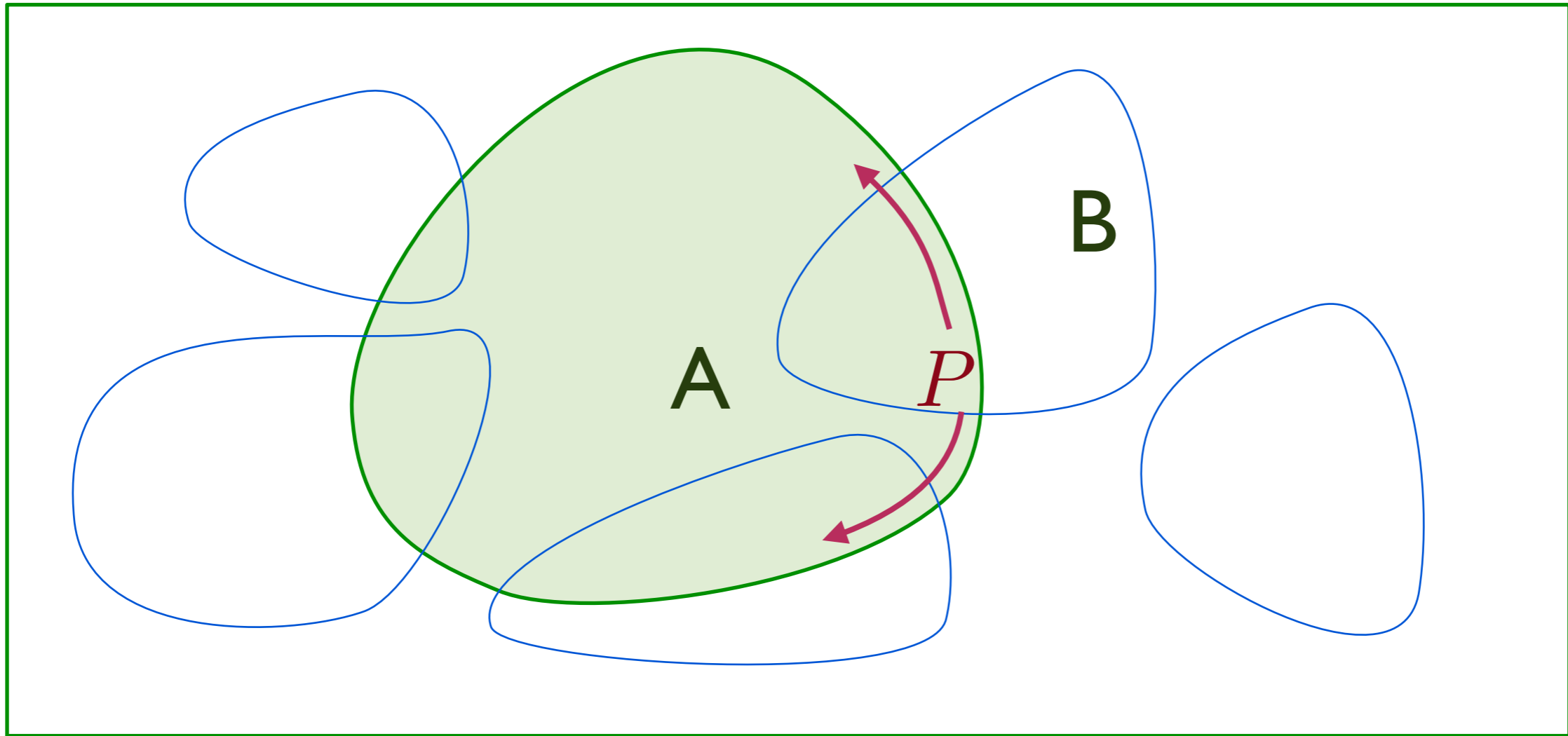


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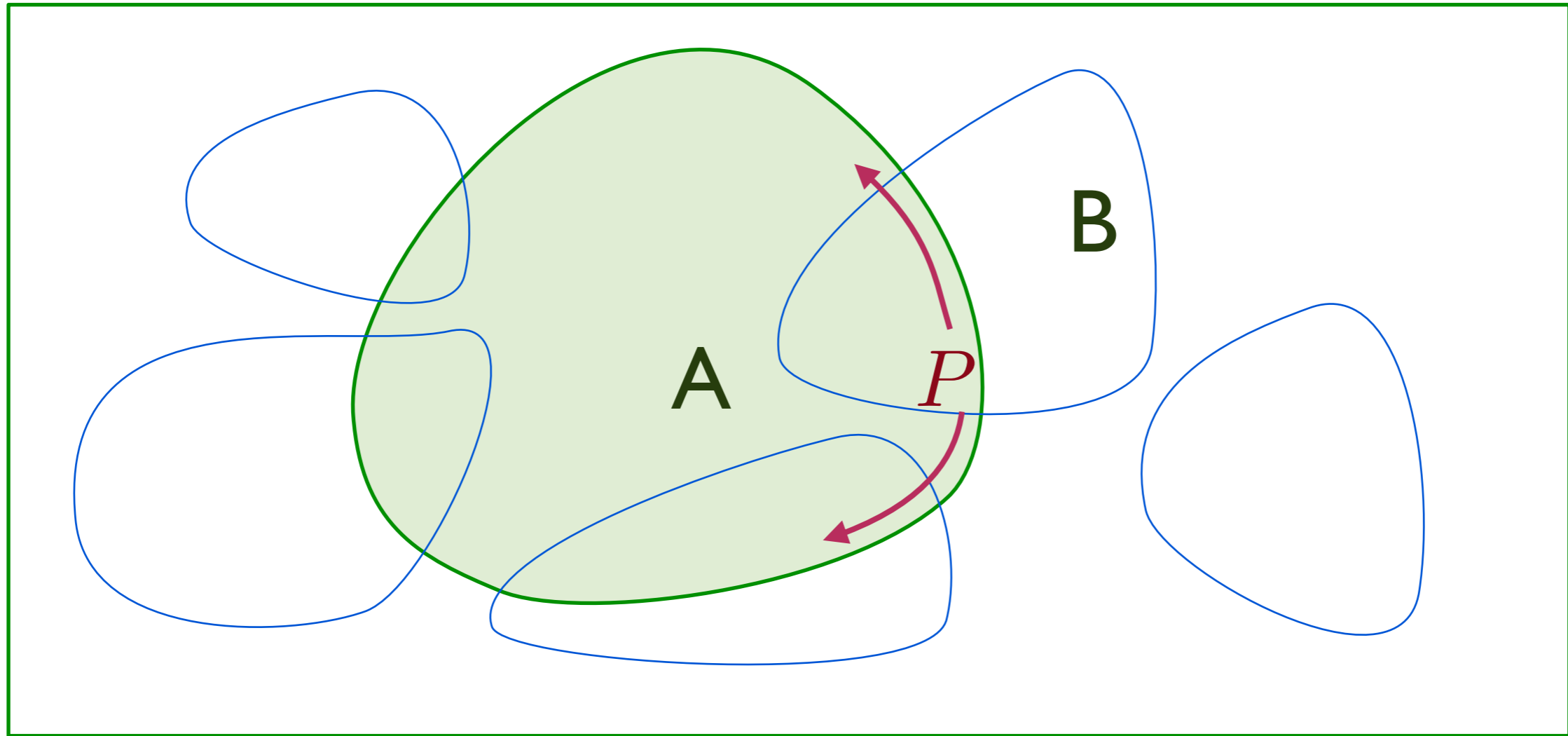
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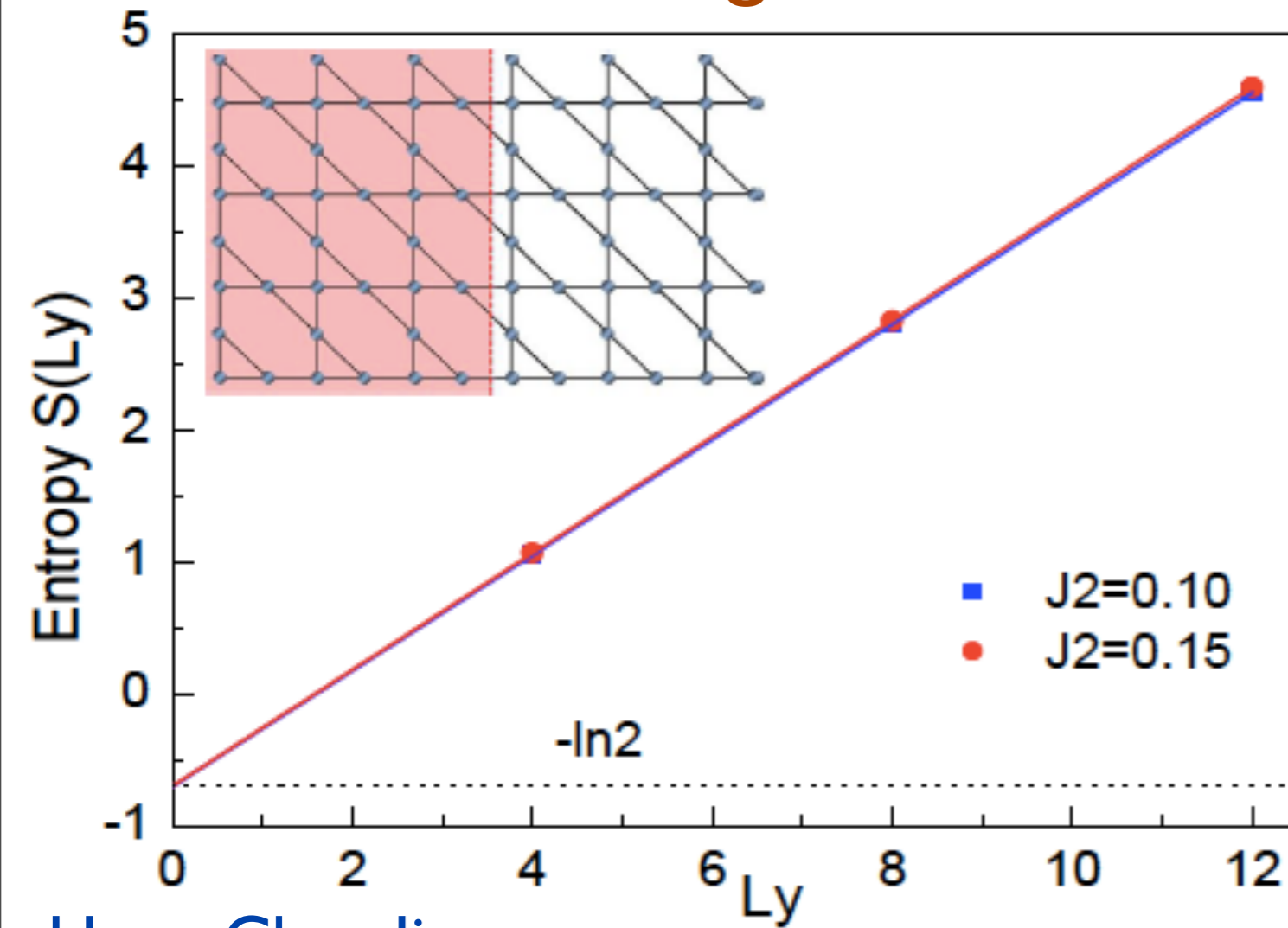
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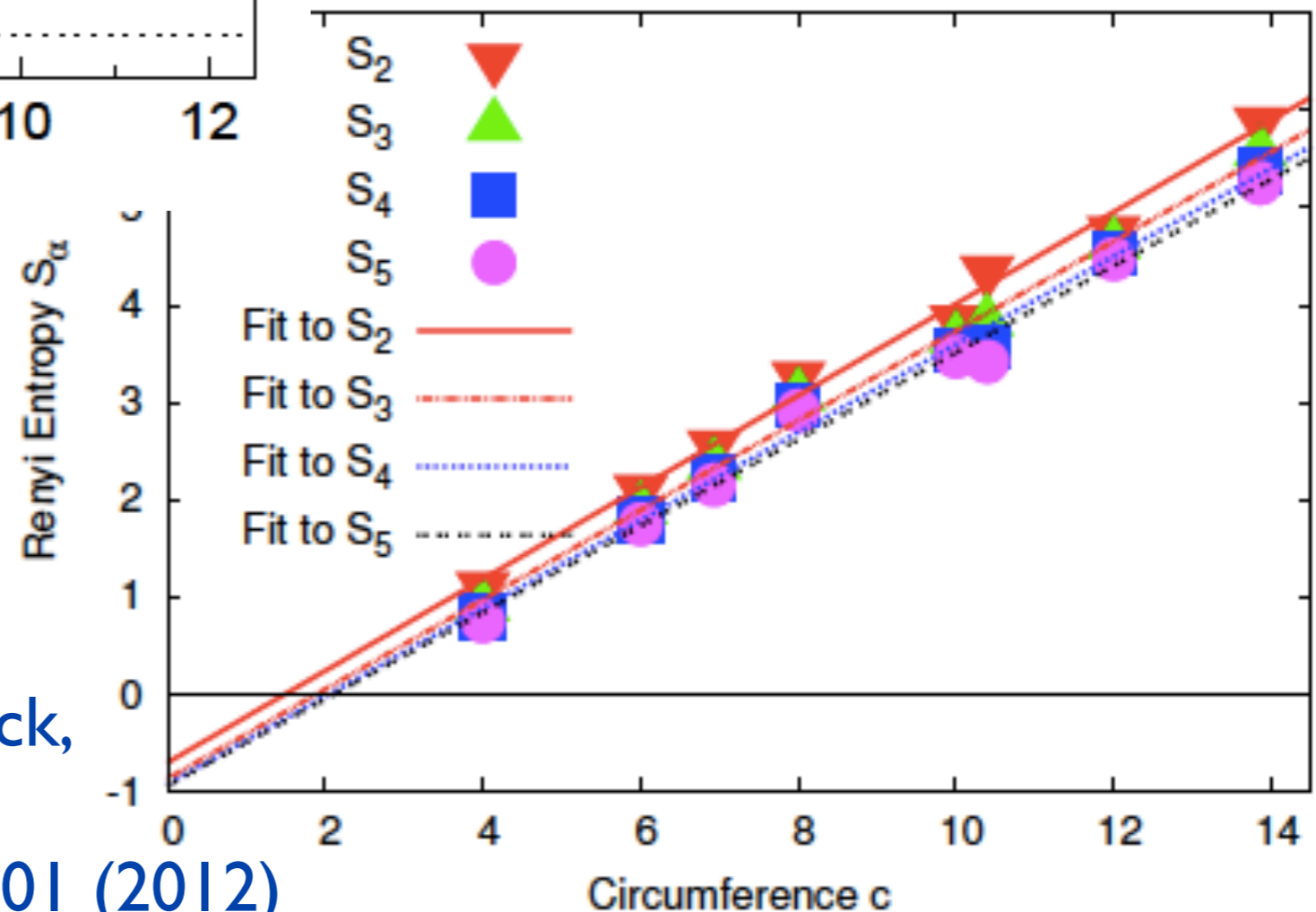
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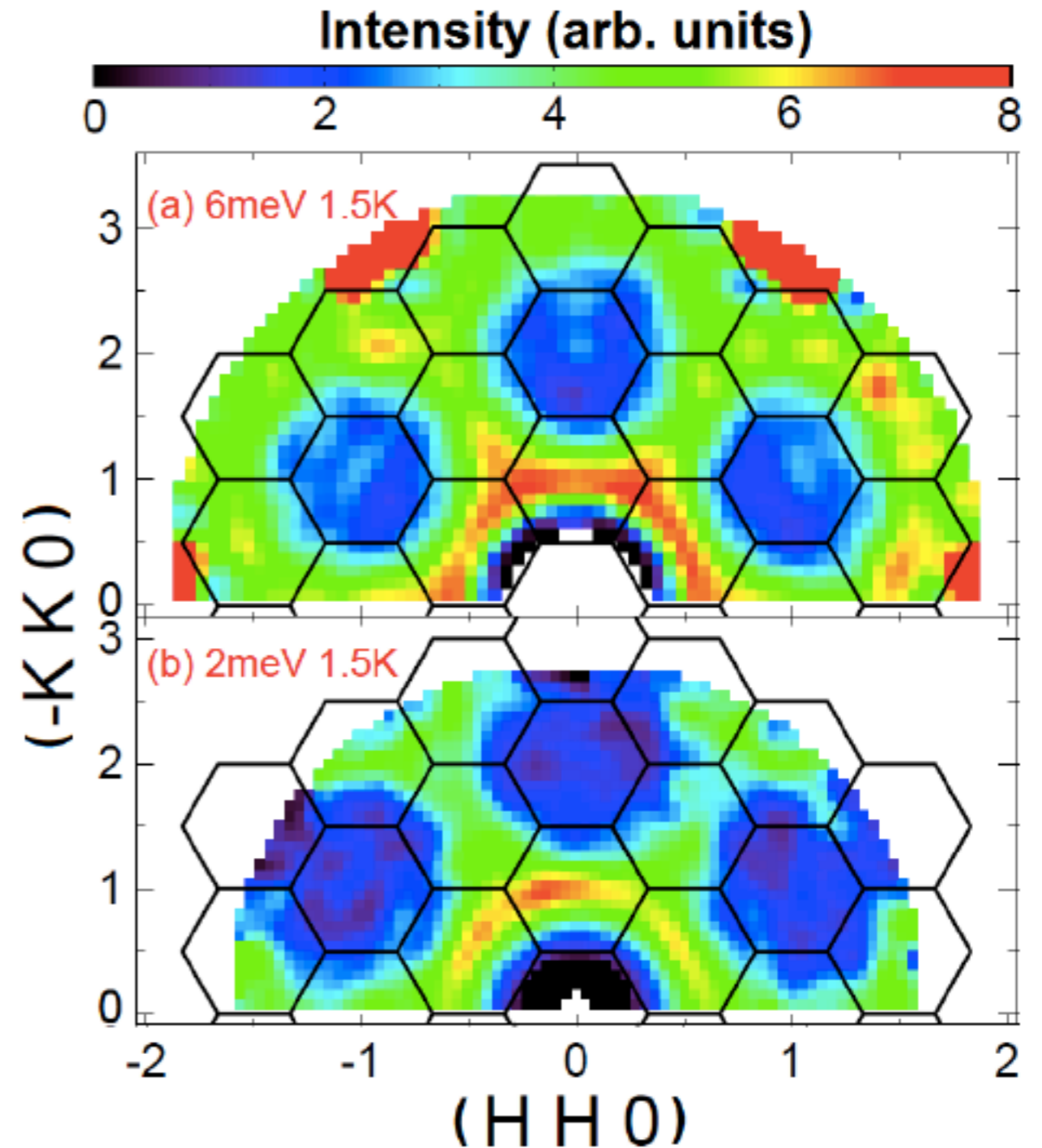
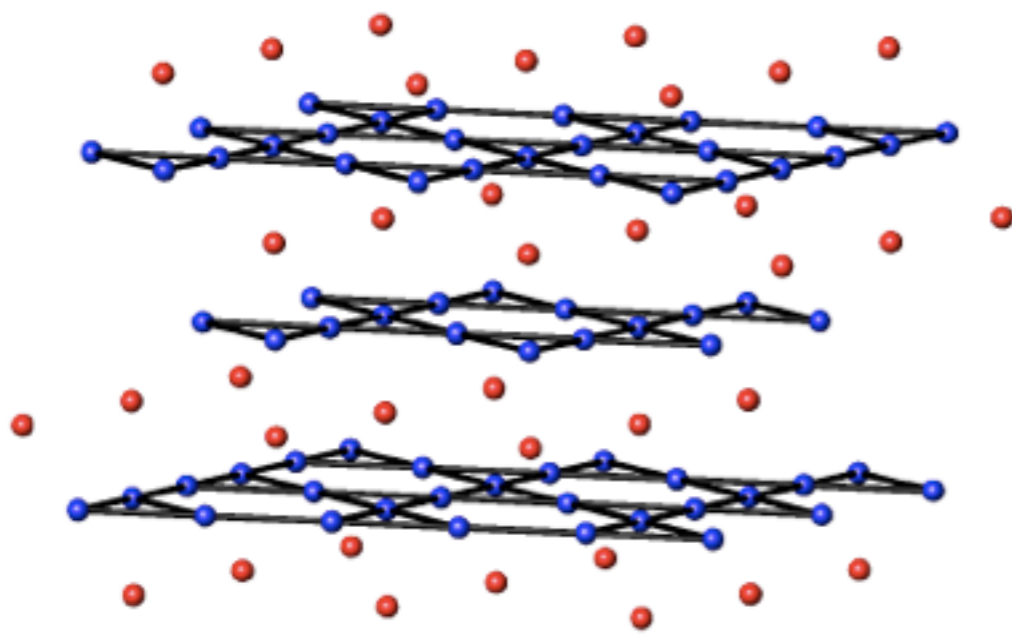


Fractionalized excitations in the spin-liquid state of a kagome-lattice antiferromagnet

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Nature **492**, 406 (2012)

$\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$ (also called Herbertsmithite)



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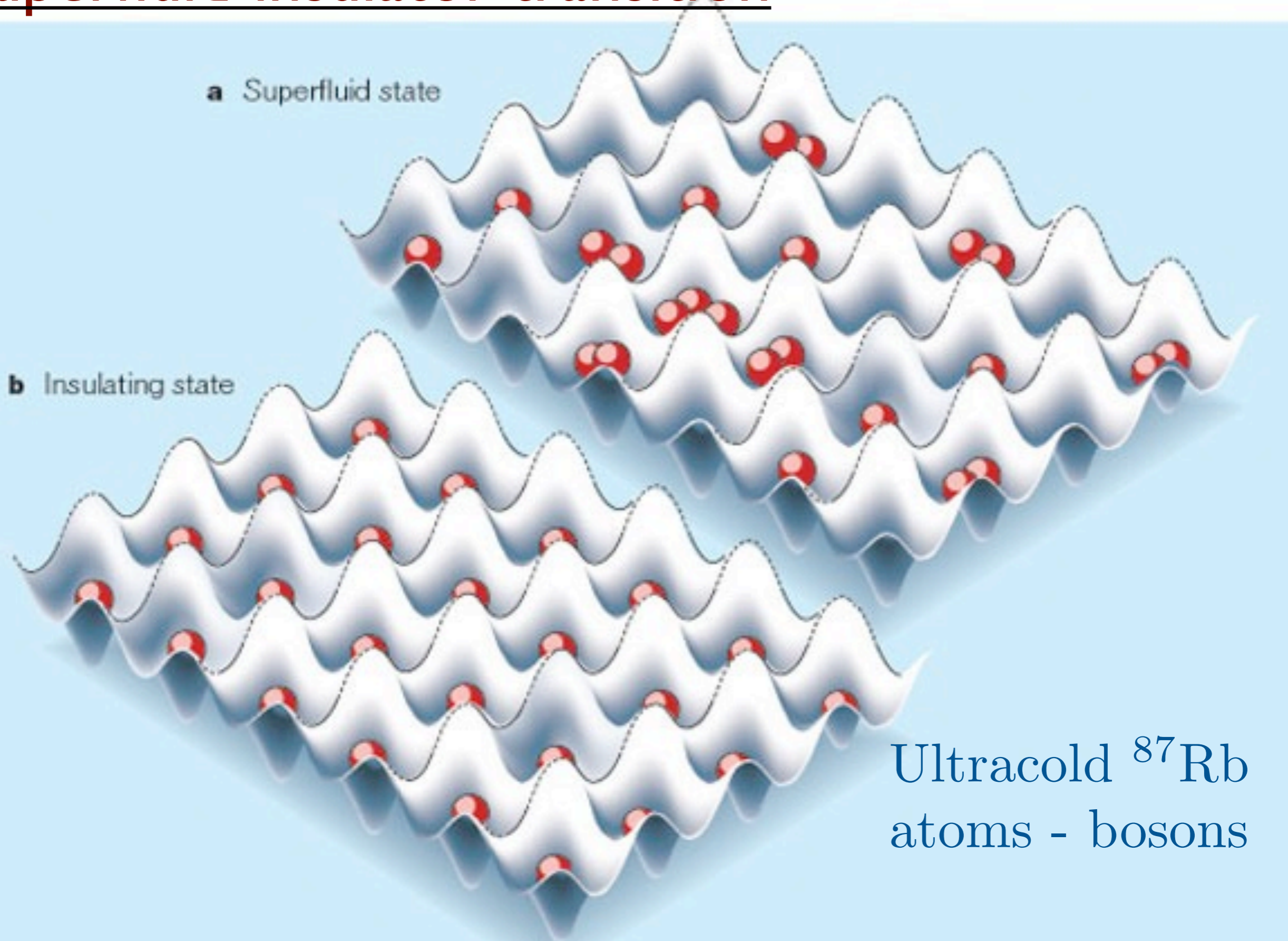
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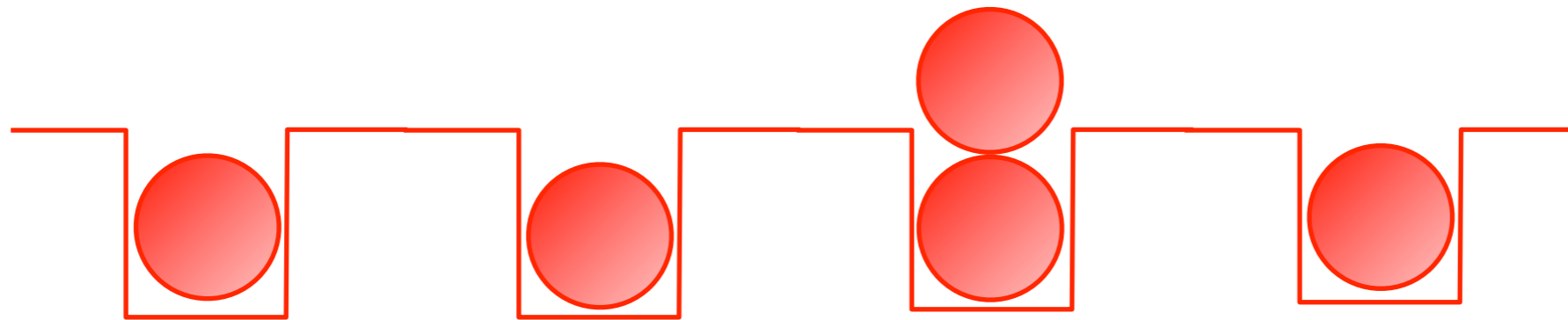
Superfluid-insulator transition



Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

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

Excitations of the insulator:



Particles $\sim \Psi^\dagger$



Holes $\sim \Psi$

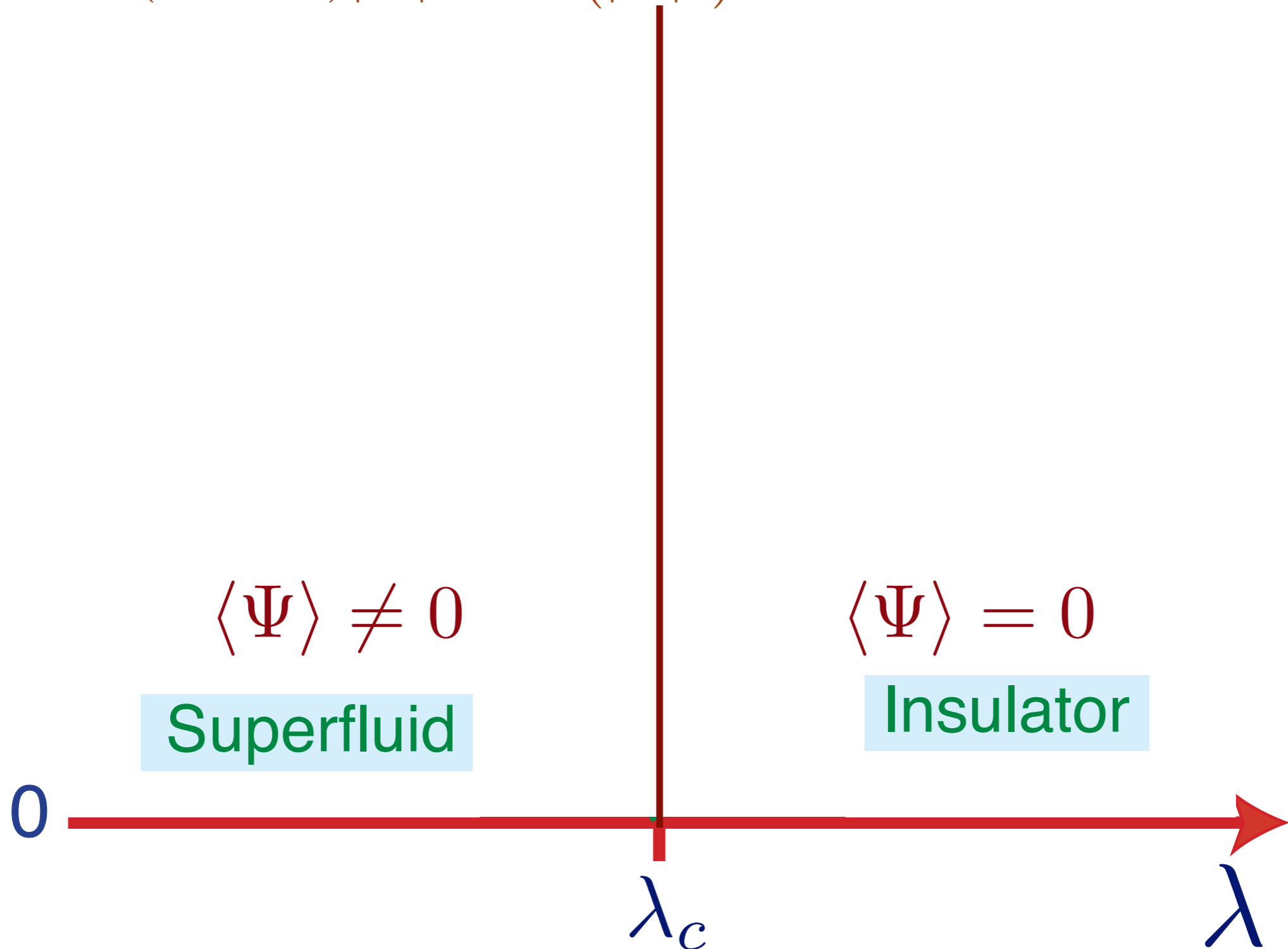
Density of particles = density of holes \Rightarrow
“Relativistic” field theory for Ψ :

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2 r d\tau \left[|\partial_\tau \Psi|^2 + c^2 |\nabla_r \Psi|^2 + (\lambda - \lambda_c) |\Psi|^2 + u (|\Psi|^2)^2 \right]$$

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

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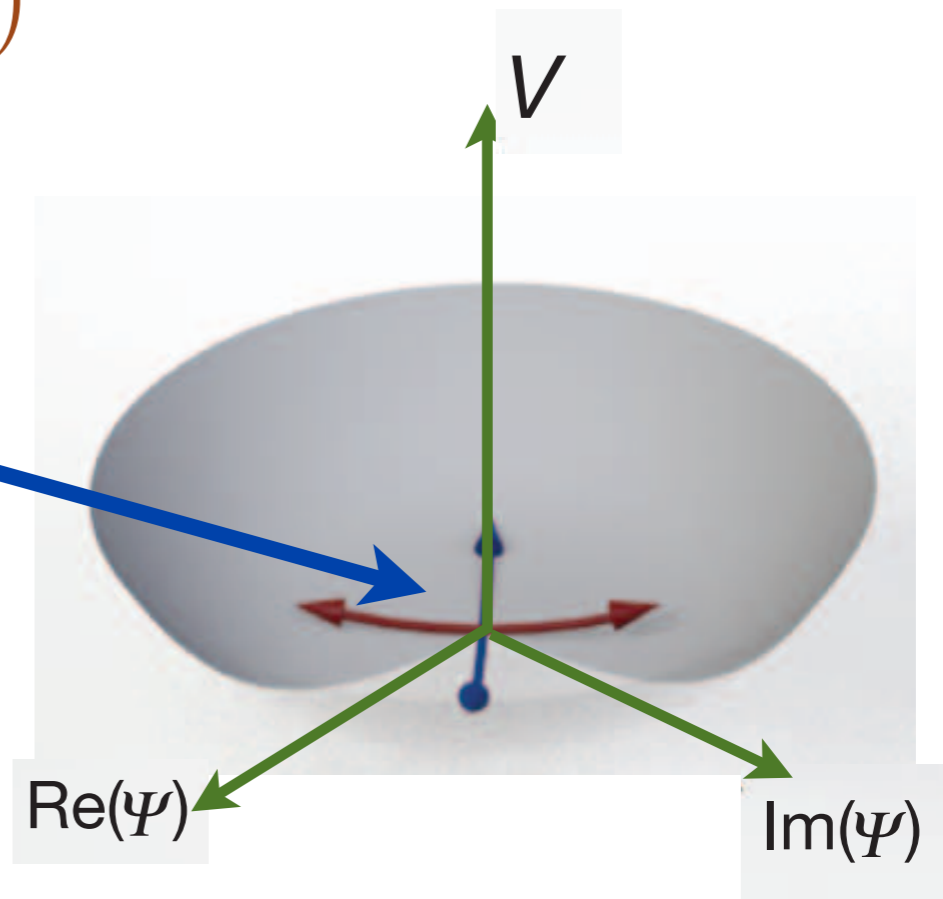
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Particles and holes correspond to the 2 normal modes in the oscillation of Ψ about $\Psi = 0$.

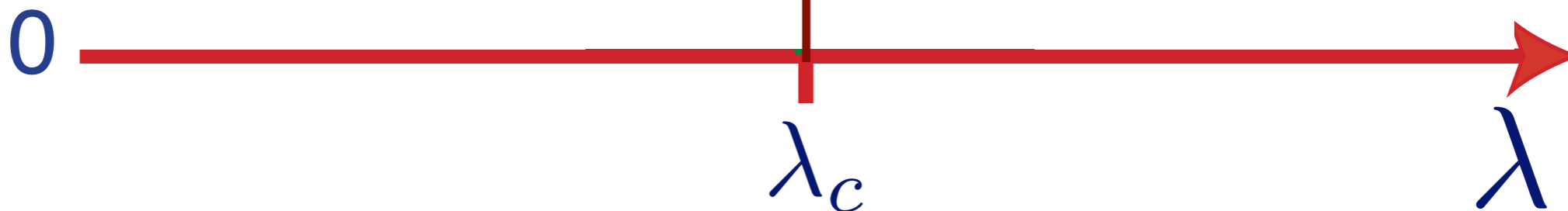


$$\langle \Psi \rangle \neq 0$$

Superfluid

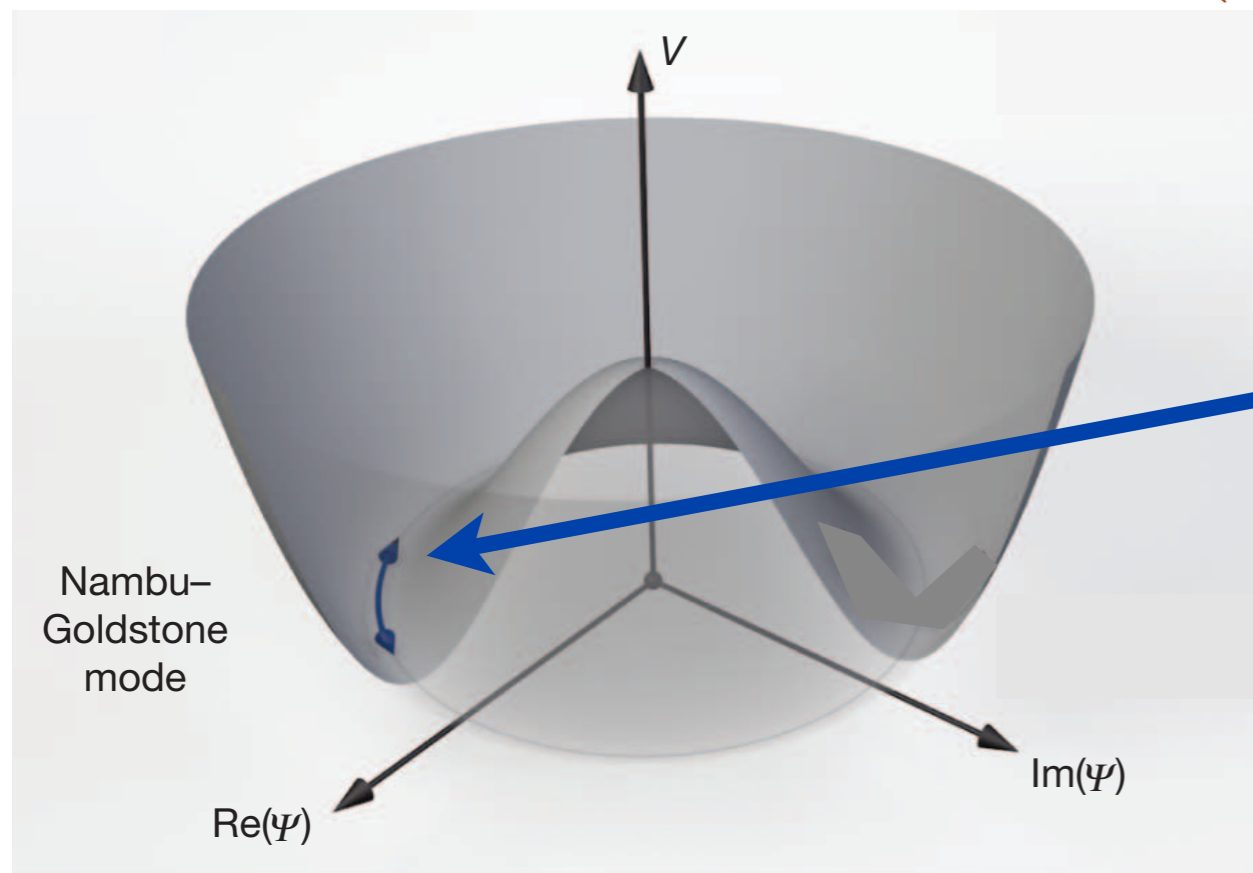
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Insulator



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Nambu-Goldstone mode is the oscillation in the phase Ψ at a constant non-zero $|\Psi|$.

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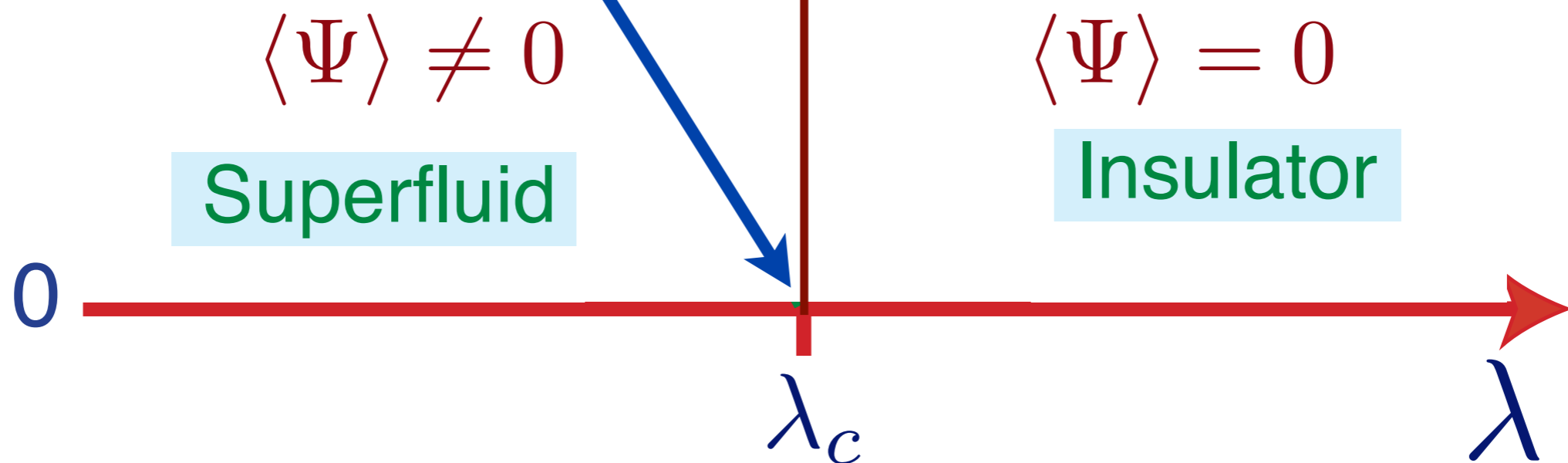
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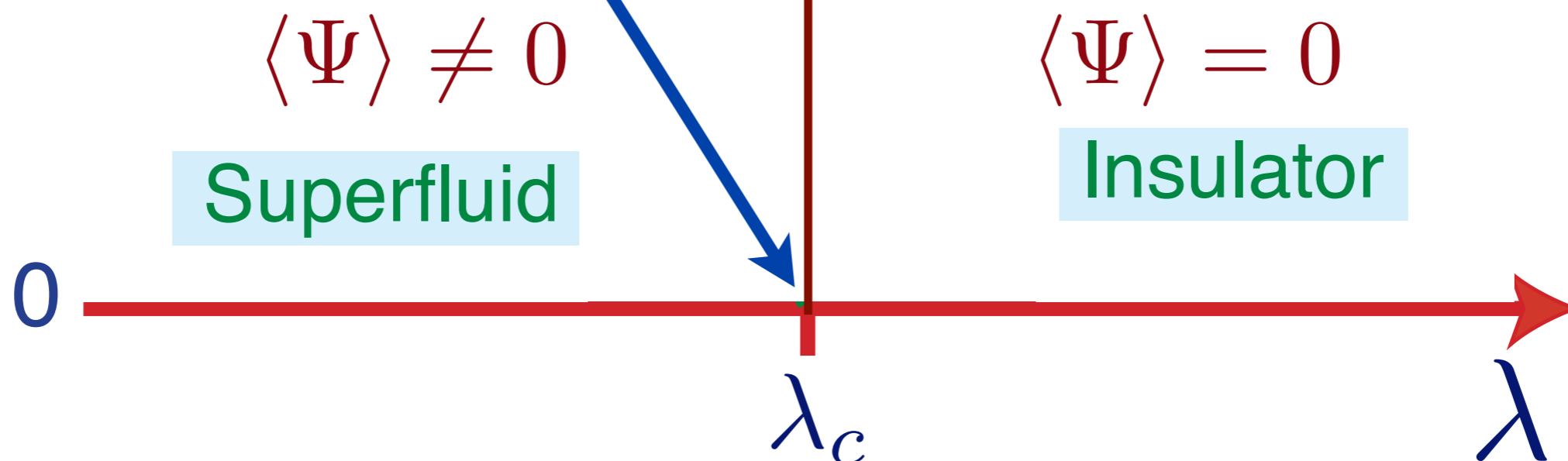
A conformal field theory
in 2+1 spacetime dimensions:
a CFT3



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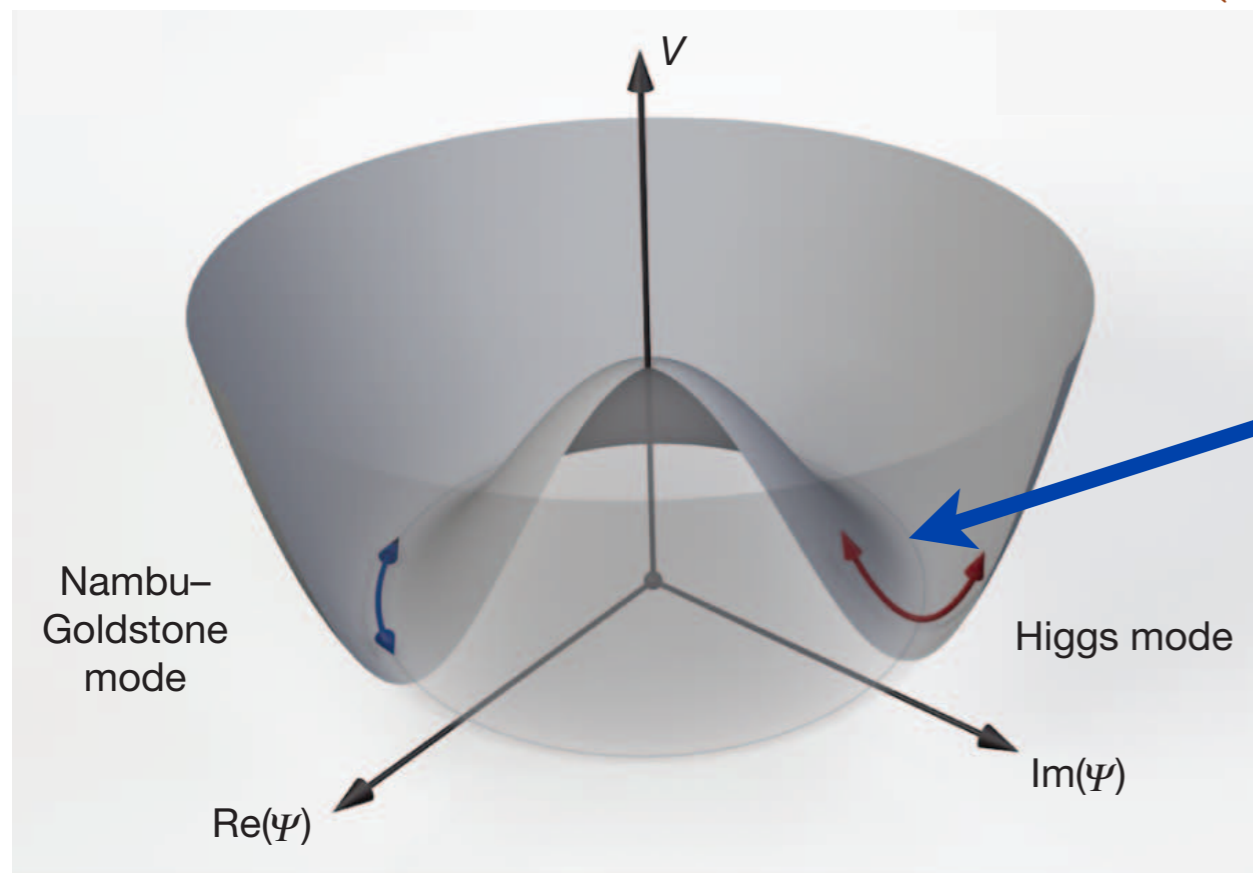
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No well-defined normal modes,
or particle-like excitations



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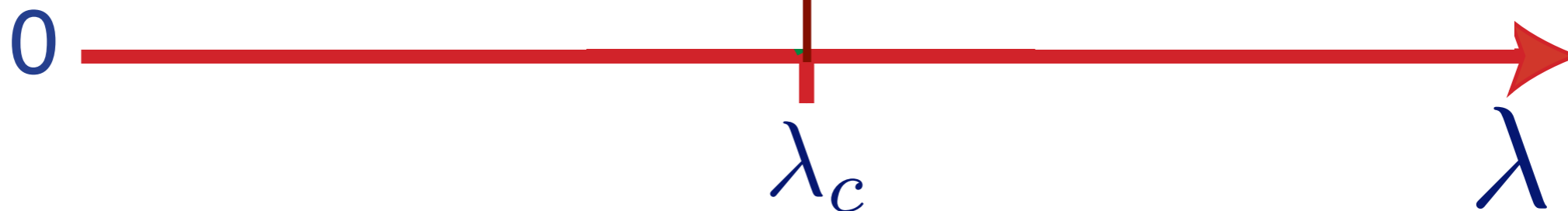
Higgs mode is the oscillation in the amplitude $|\Psi|$. This decays rapidly by emitting pairs of Nambu-Goldstone modes.

$$\langle \Psi \rangle \neq 0$$

Superfluid

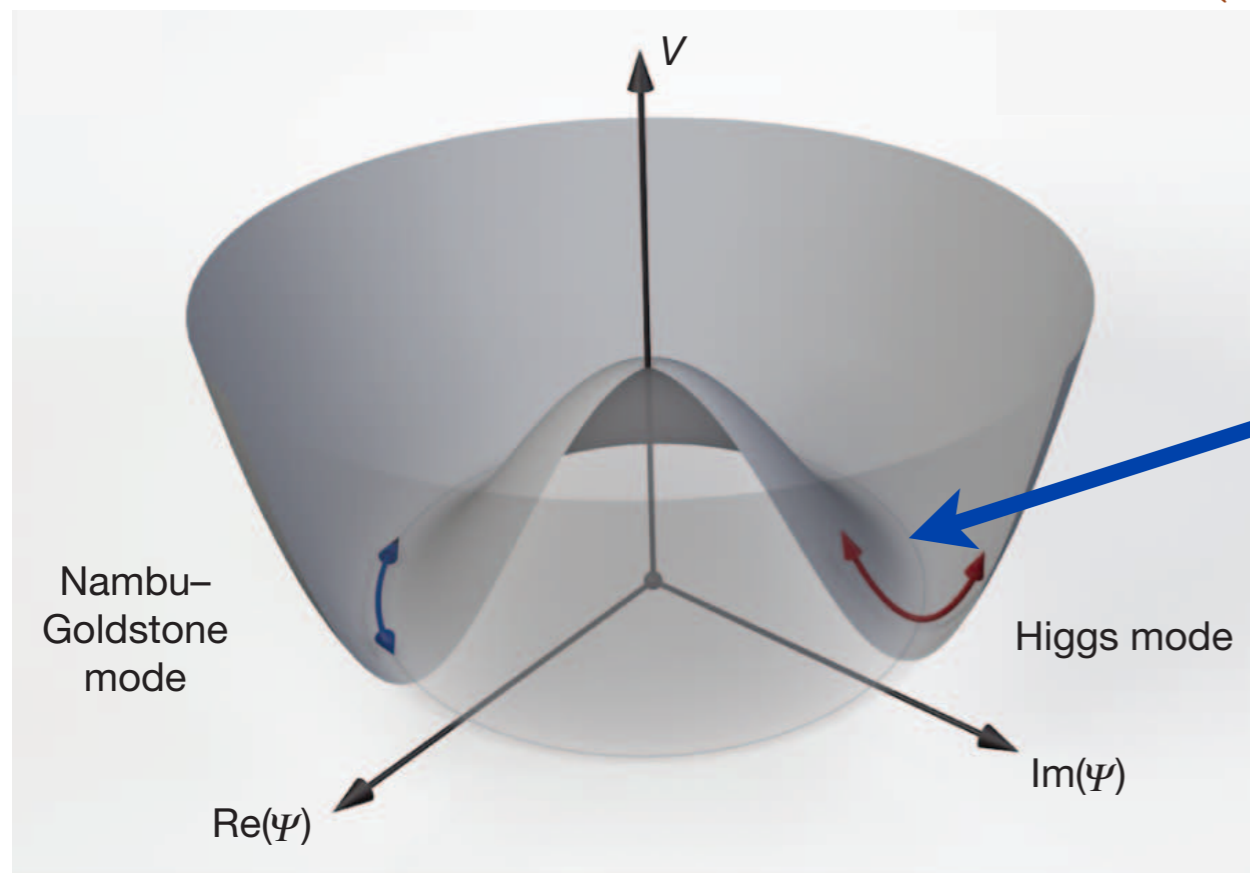
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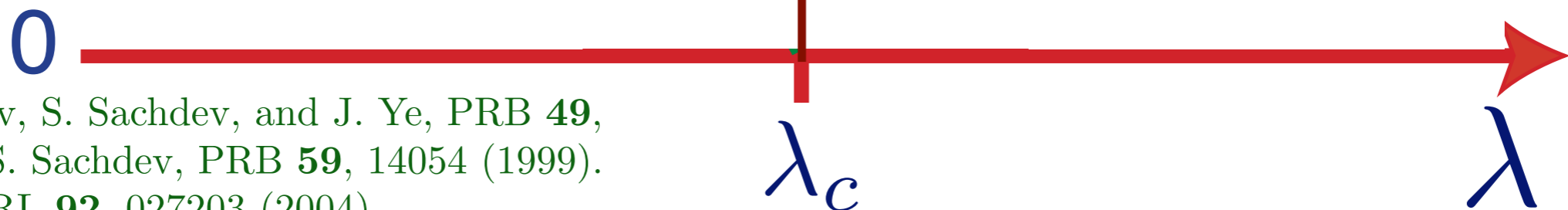
Despite rapid decay, there is a well-defined Higgs “quasi-normal mode”. This is associated with a pole in the lower-half of the complex frequency plane.

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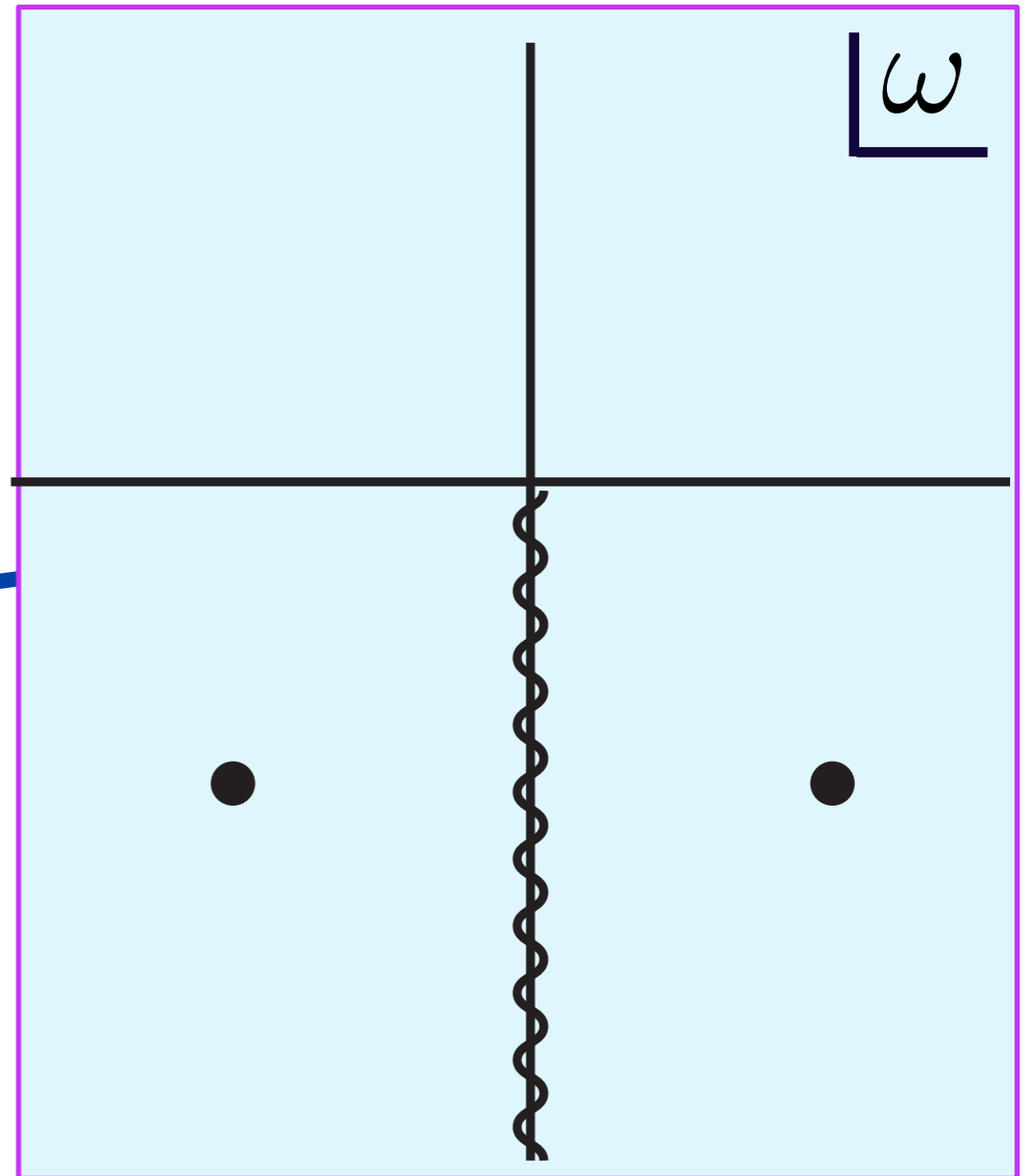
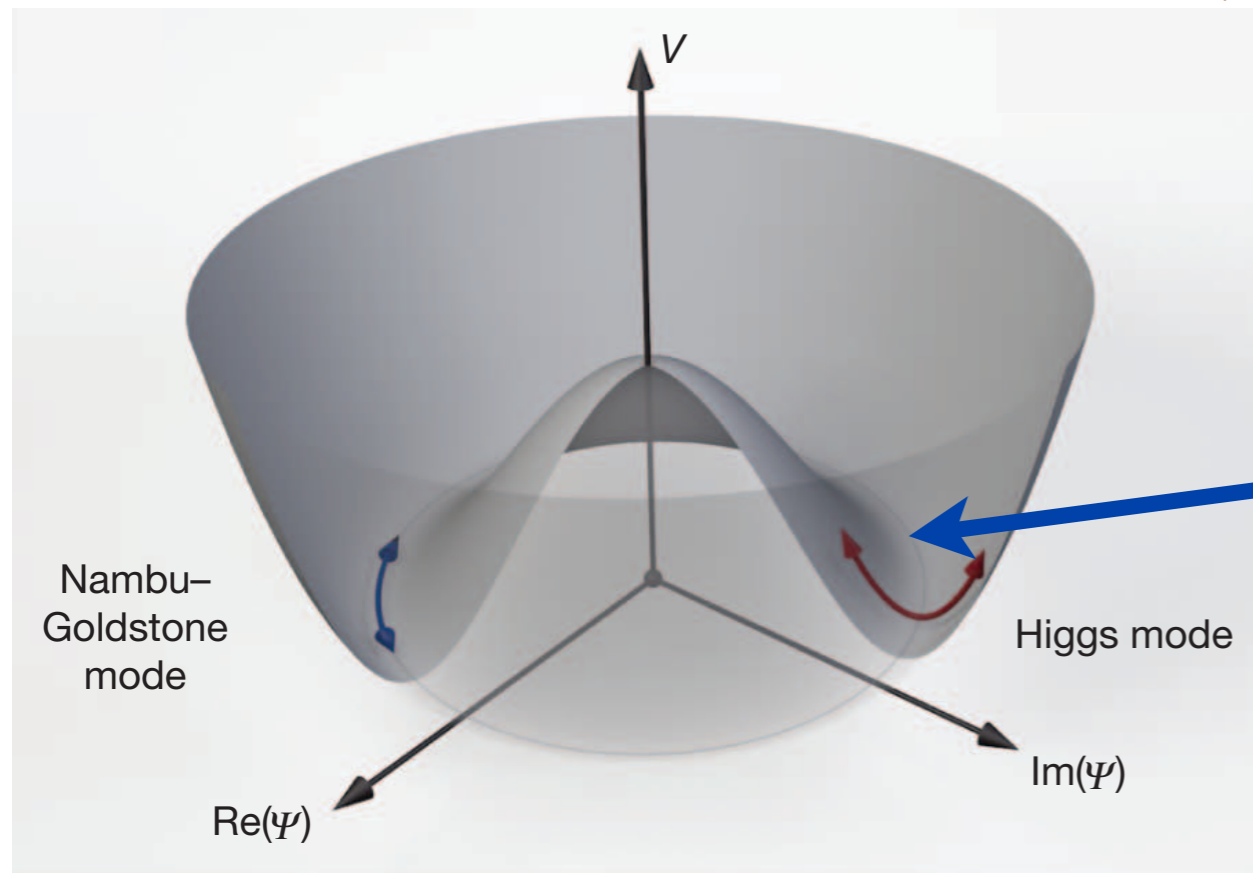
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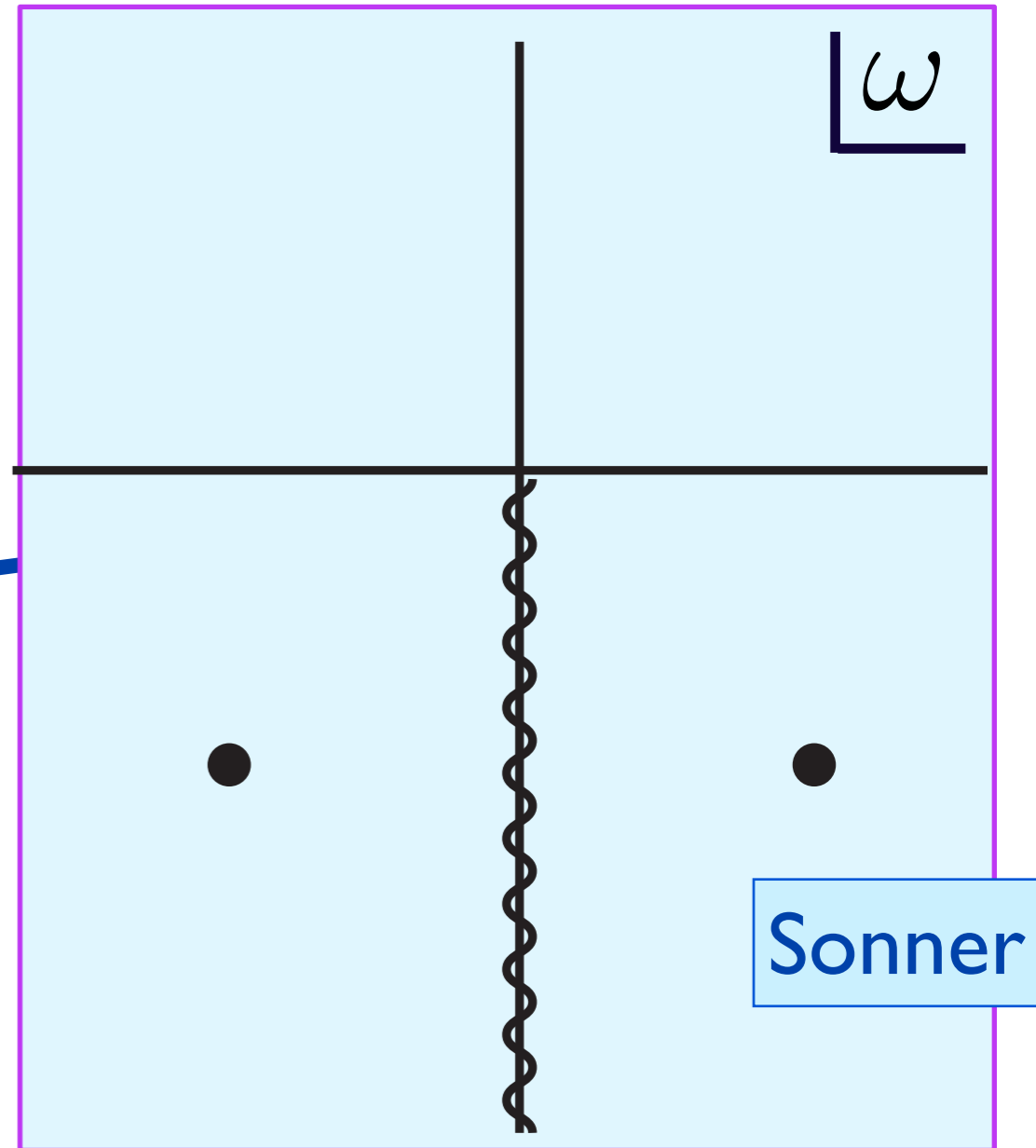
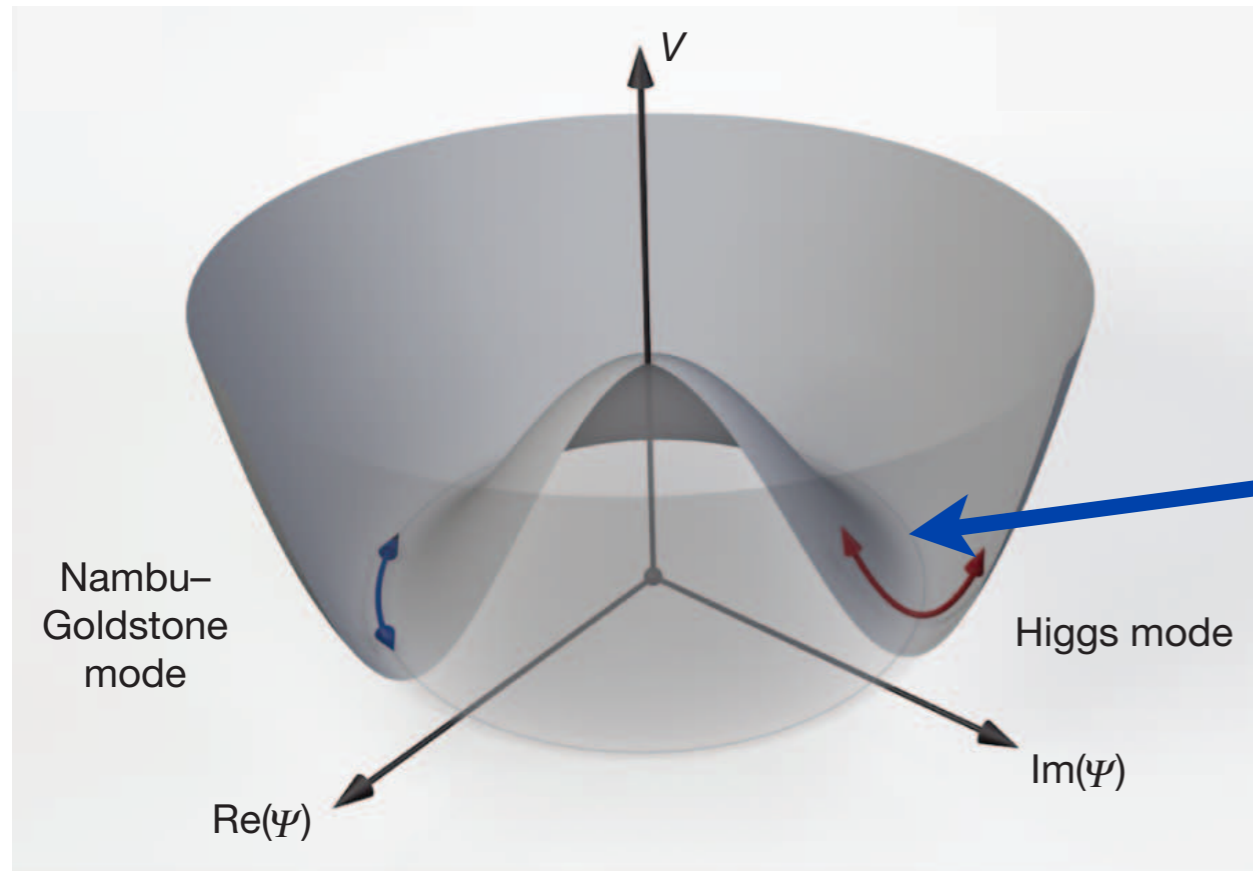
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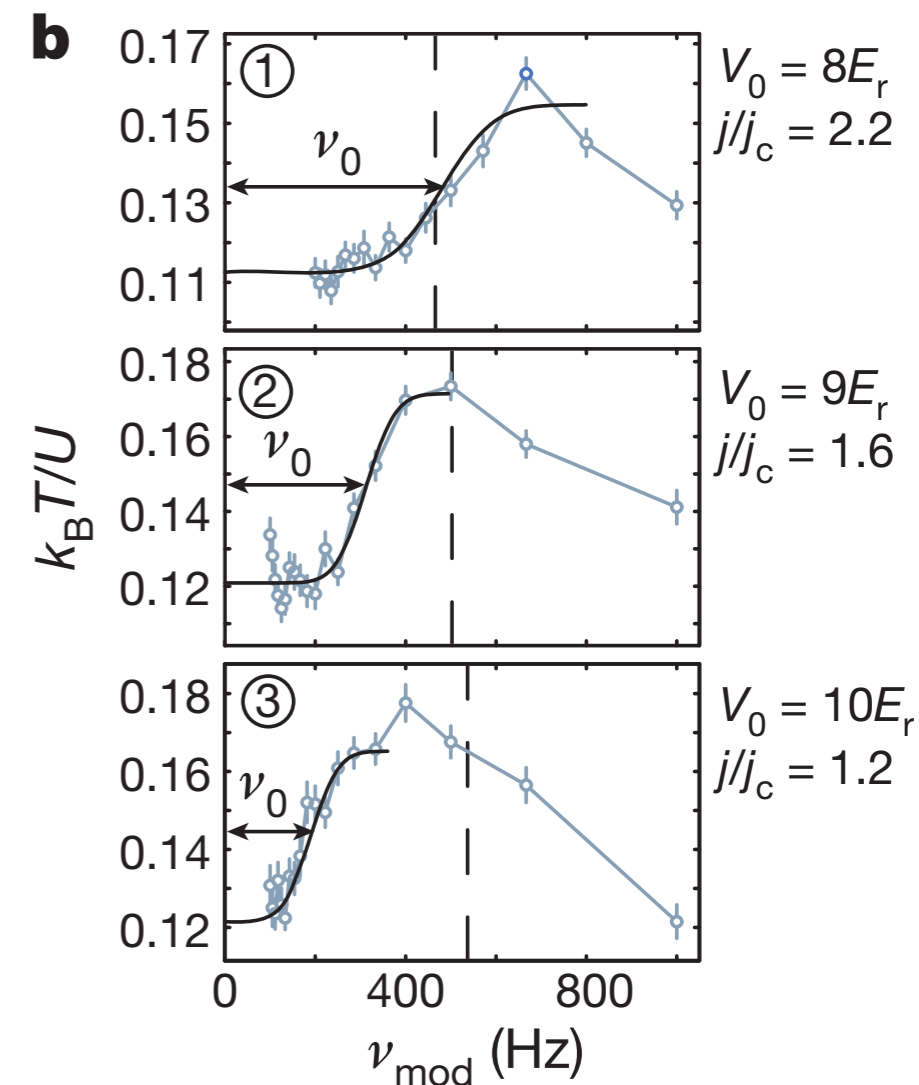
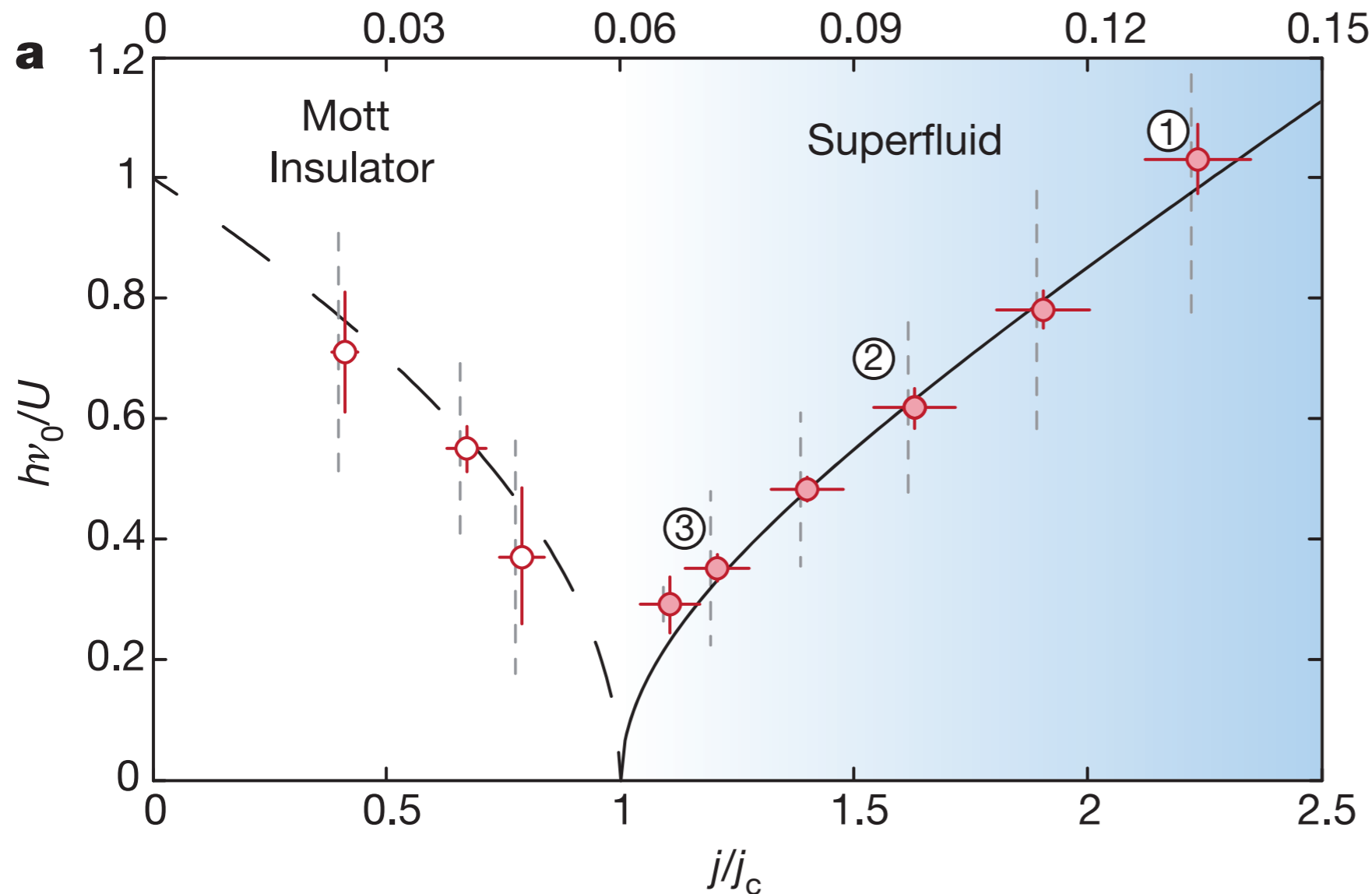
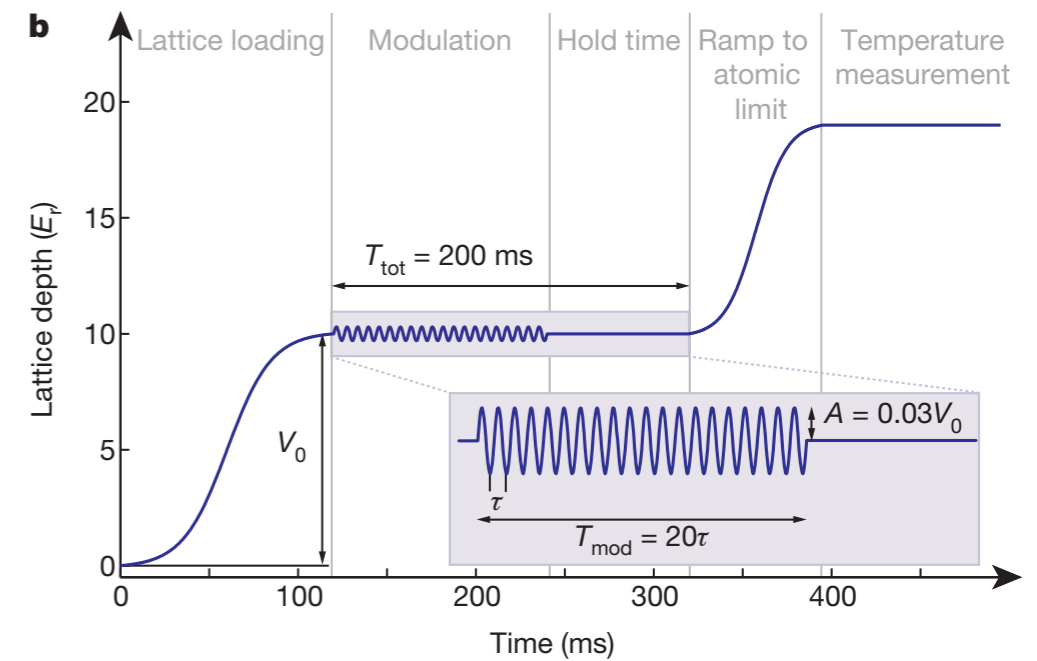
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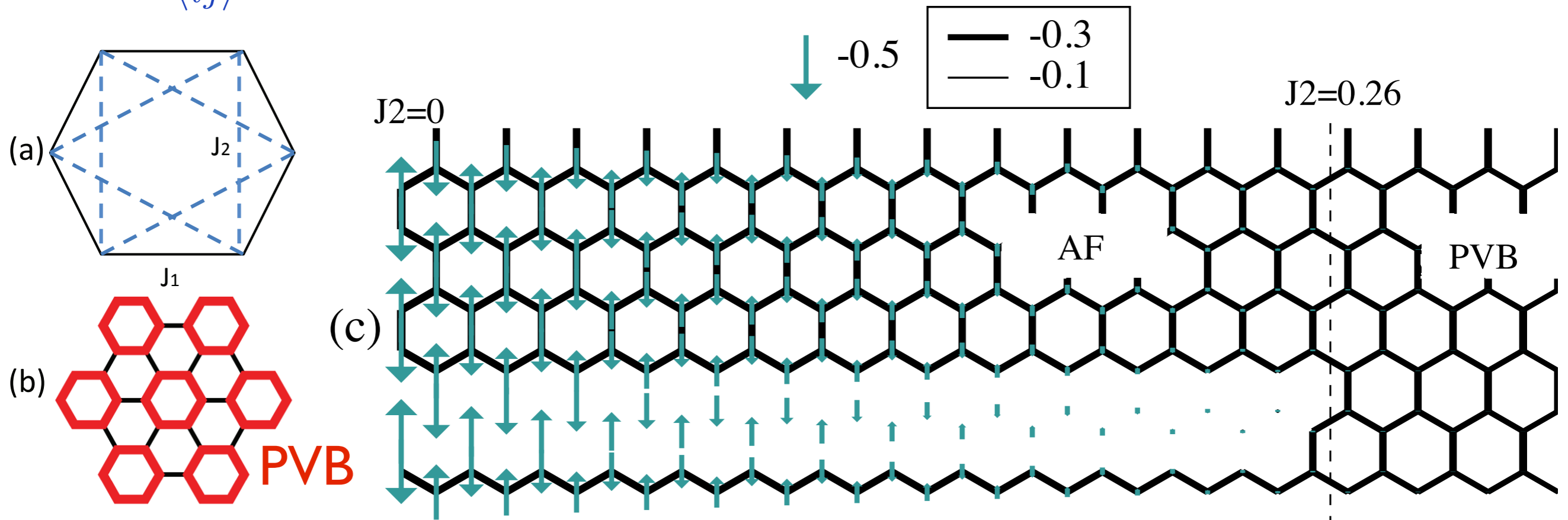


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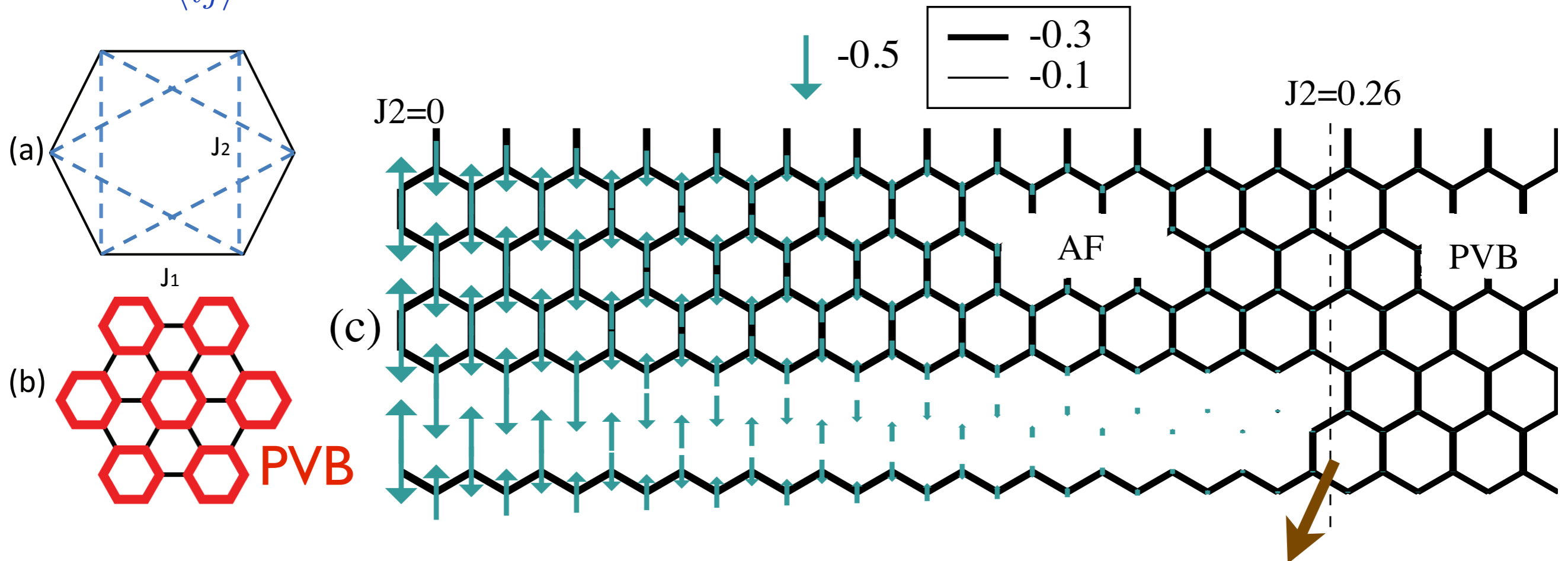
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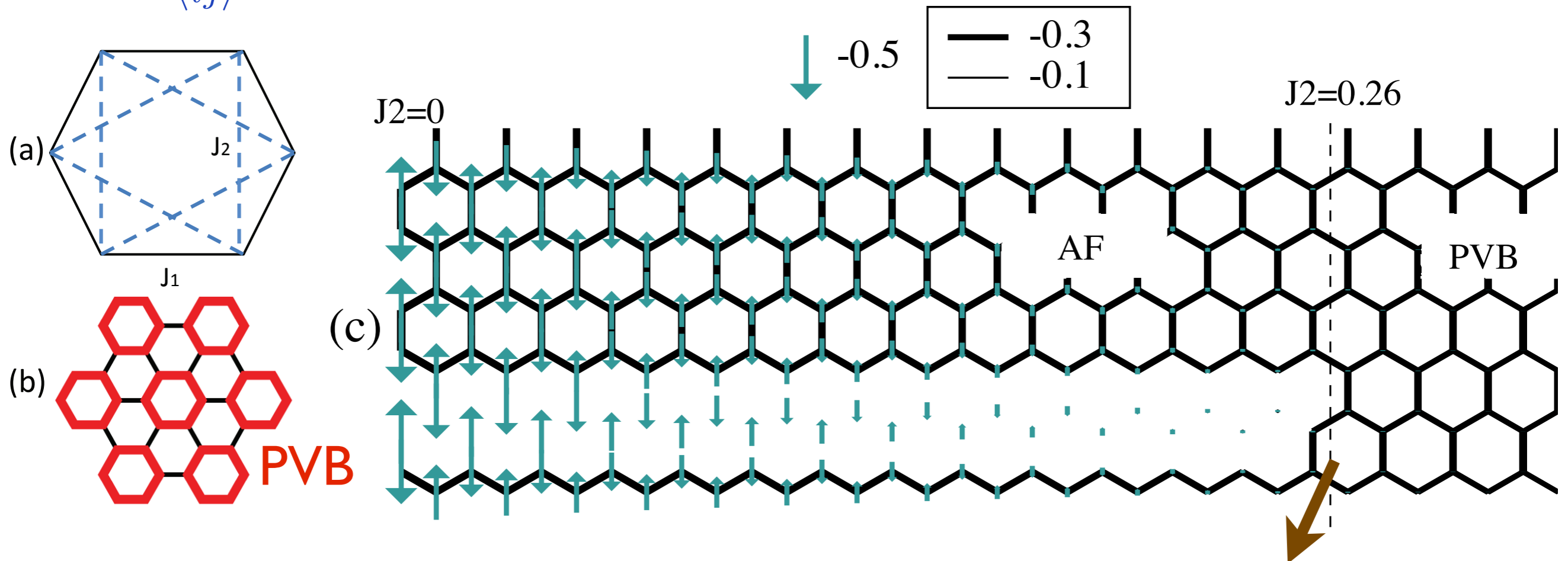
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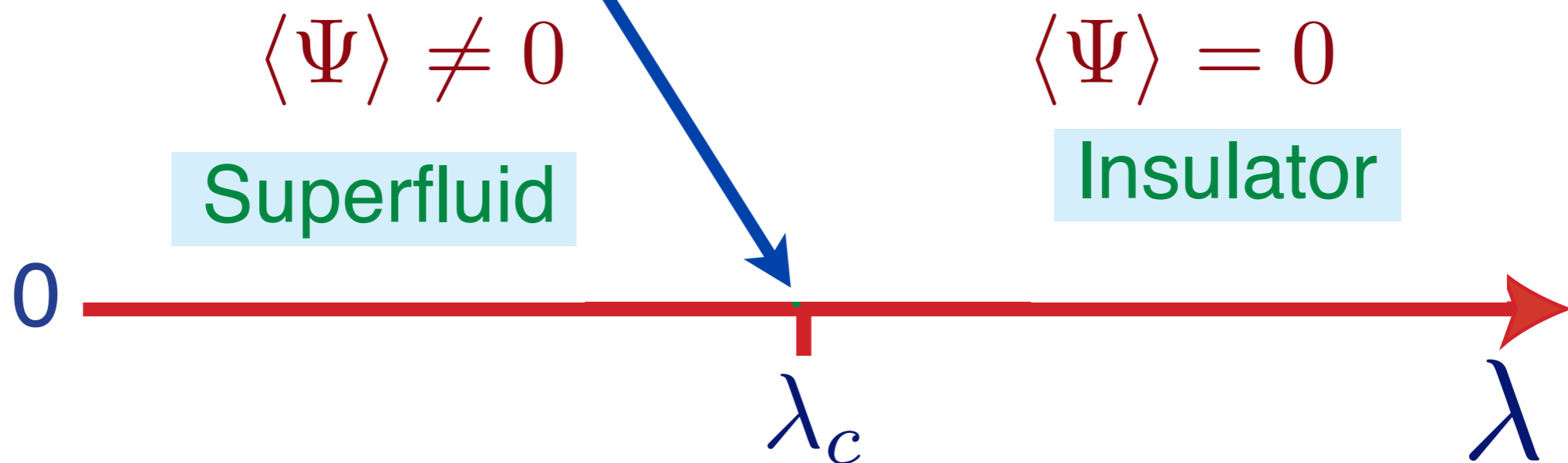
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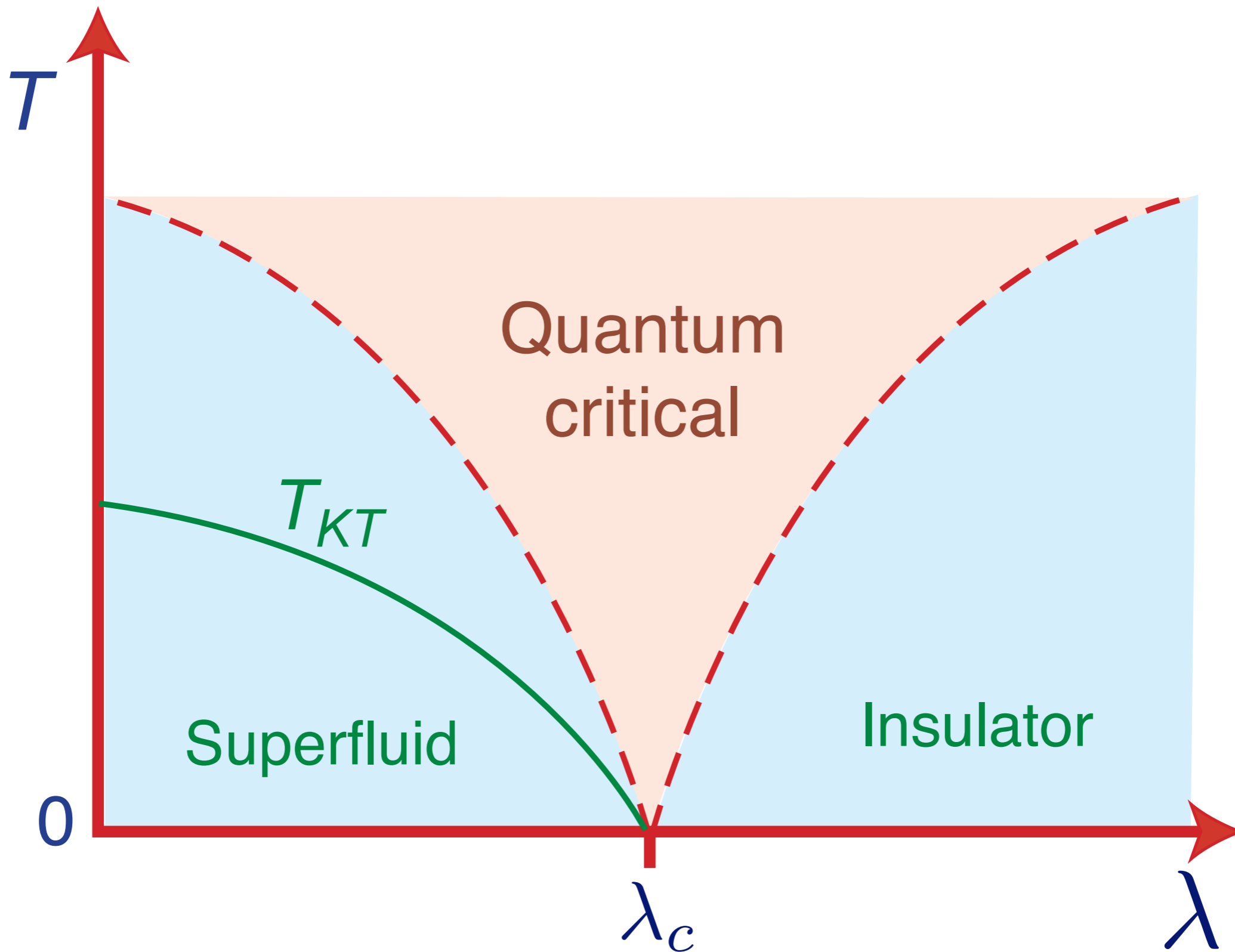
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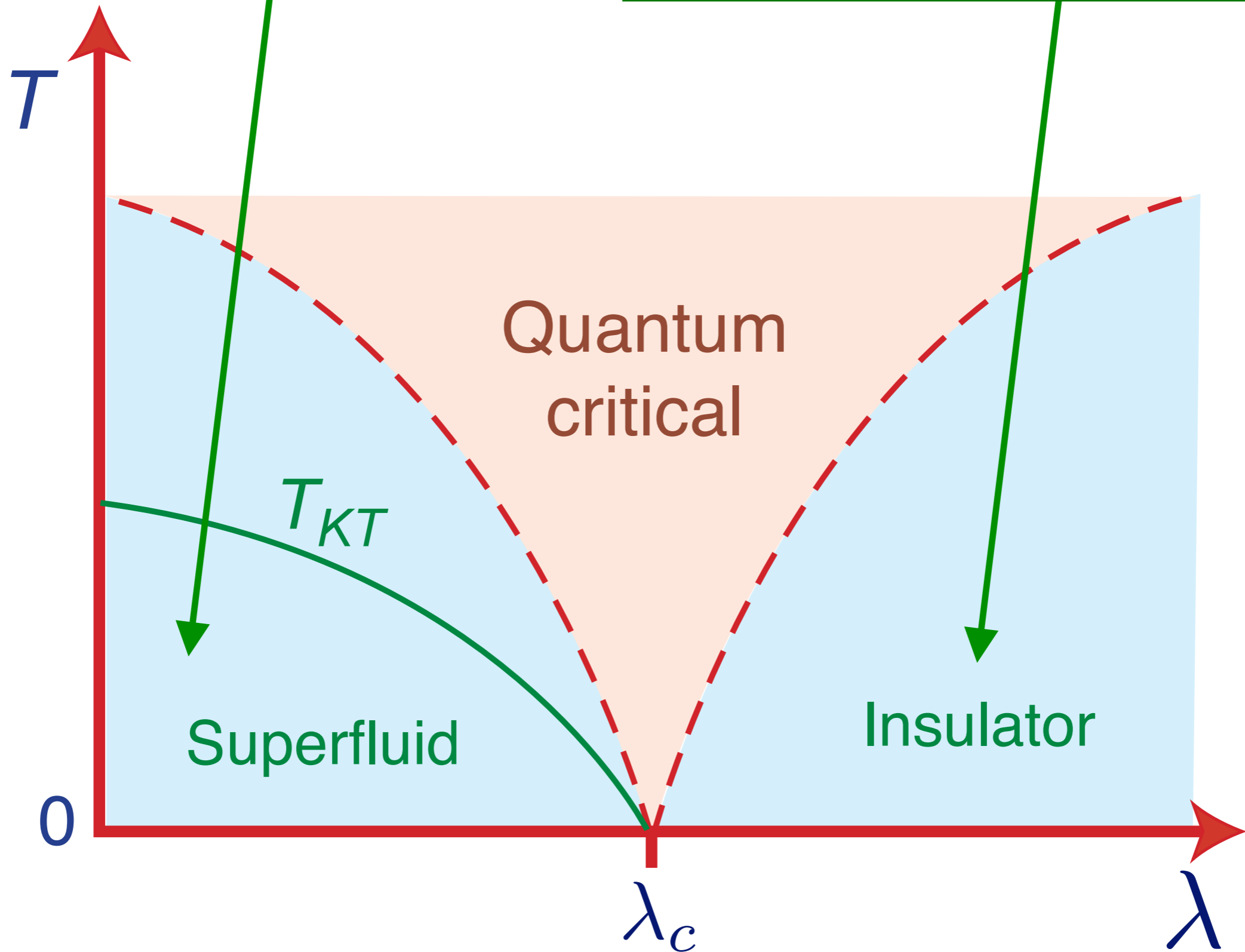
A conformal field theory
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a CFT3

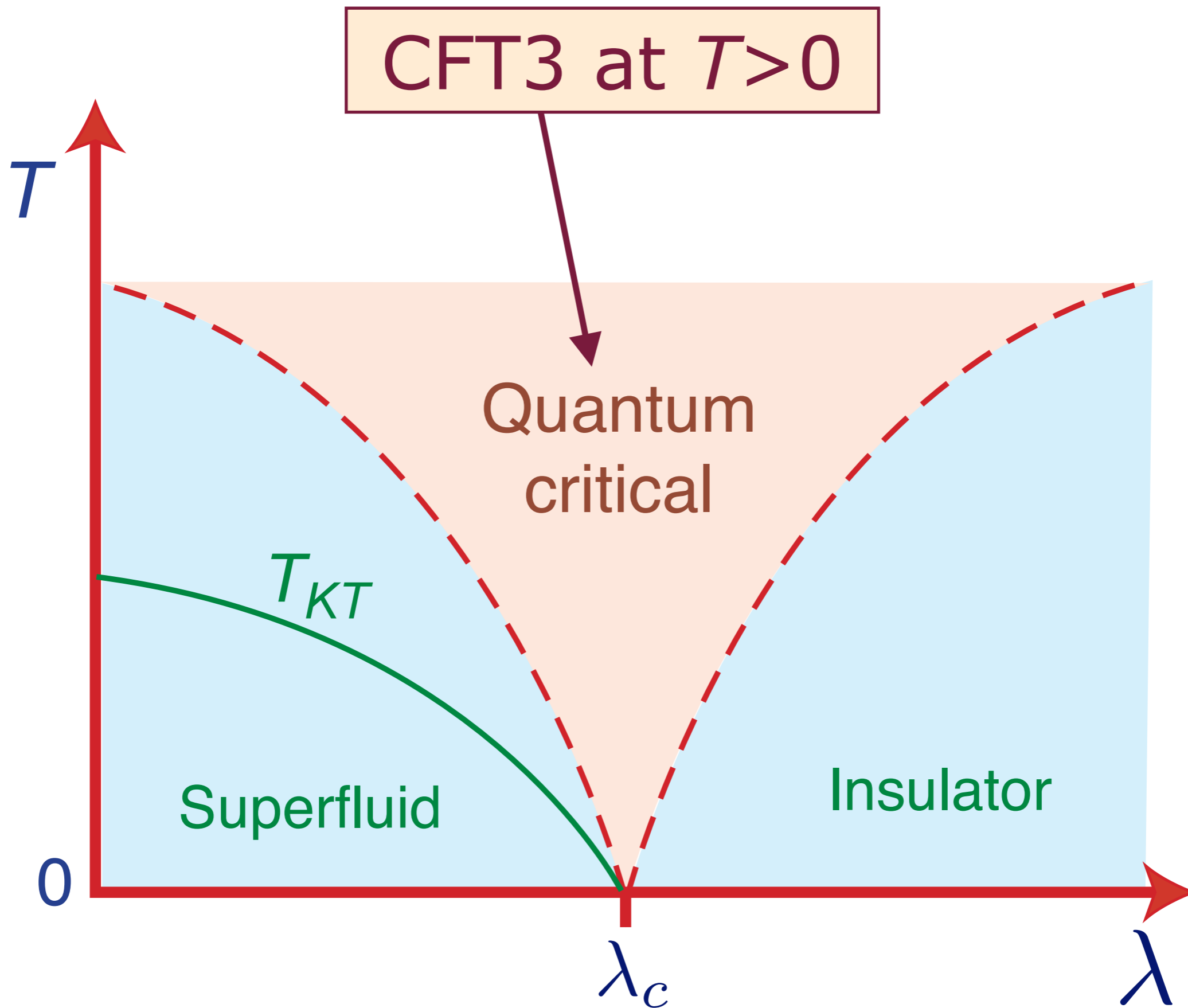




Classical vortices and Goldstone oscillations

Classical Boltzmann gas of particles and holes





Quantum critical dynamics

Quantum “*nearly perfect fluid*”
with shortest possible *local* equilibration time, τ_{eq}

$$\tau_{\text{eq}} = \mathcal{C} \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

where \mathcal{C} is a *universal* constant.

Response functions are characterized by poles in LHP
with $\omega \sim k_B T / \hbar$.

These poles (quasi-normal modes) appear naturally in
the holographic theory.

(Analog of Higgs quasi-normal mode.)

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

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Transport co-efficients not determined by collision rate of quasiparticles, but by fundamental constants of nature

Conductivity

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

(Q is the “charge” of one boson)

M.P.A. Fisher, G. Grinstein, and S.M. Girvin, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **64**, 587 (1990)

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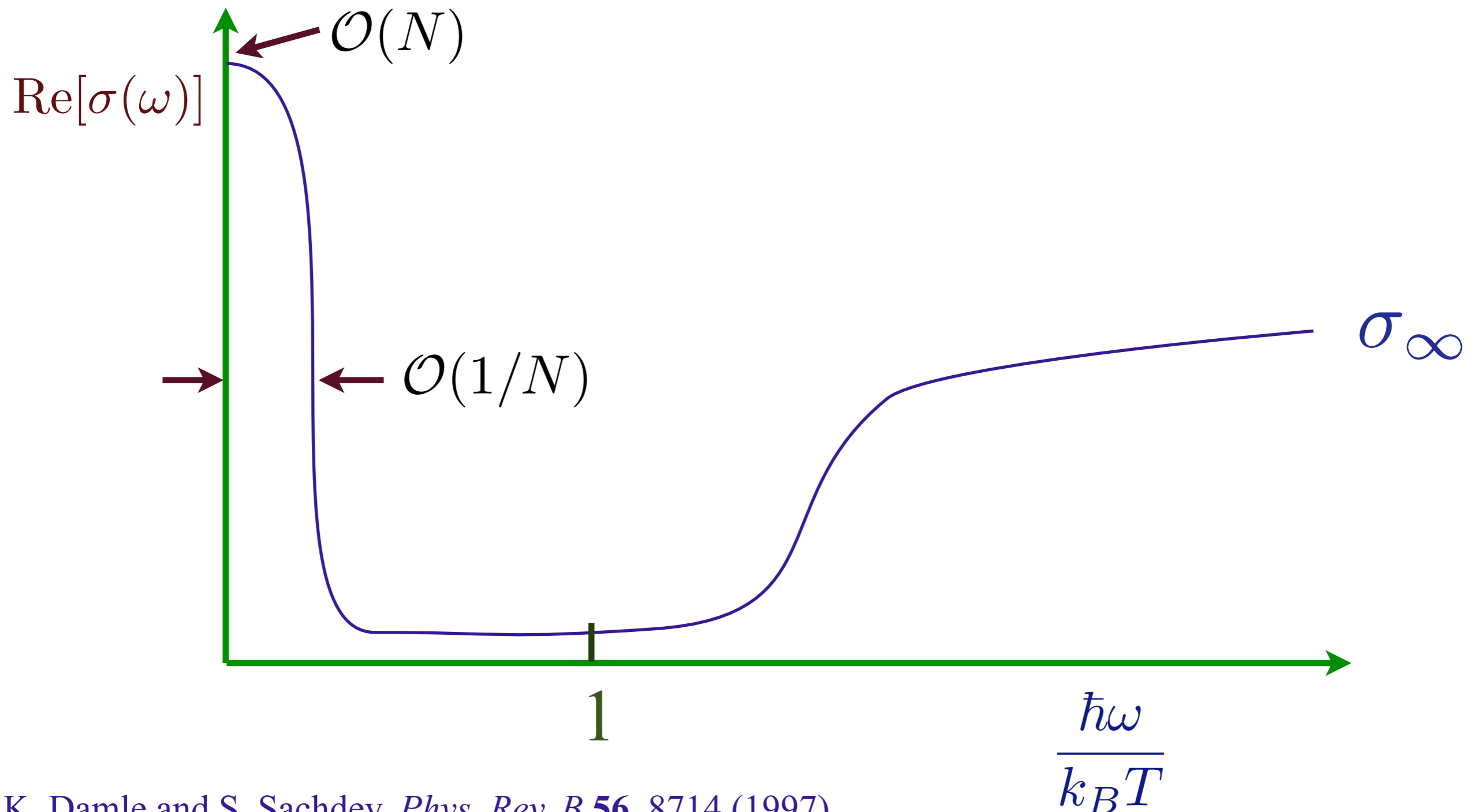
Momentum transport

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \equiv \frac{\text{viscosity}}{\text{entropy density}}$$
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P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, and A. Starinets, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94**, 11601 (2005)

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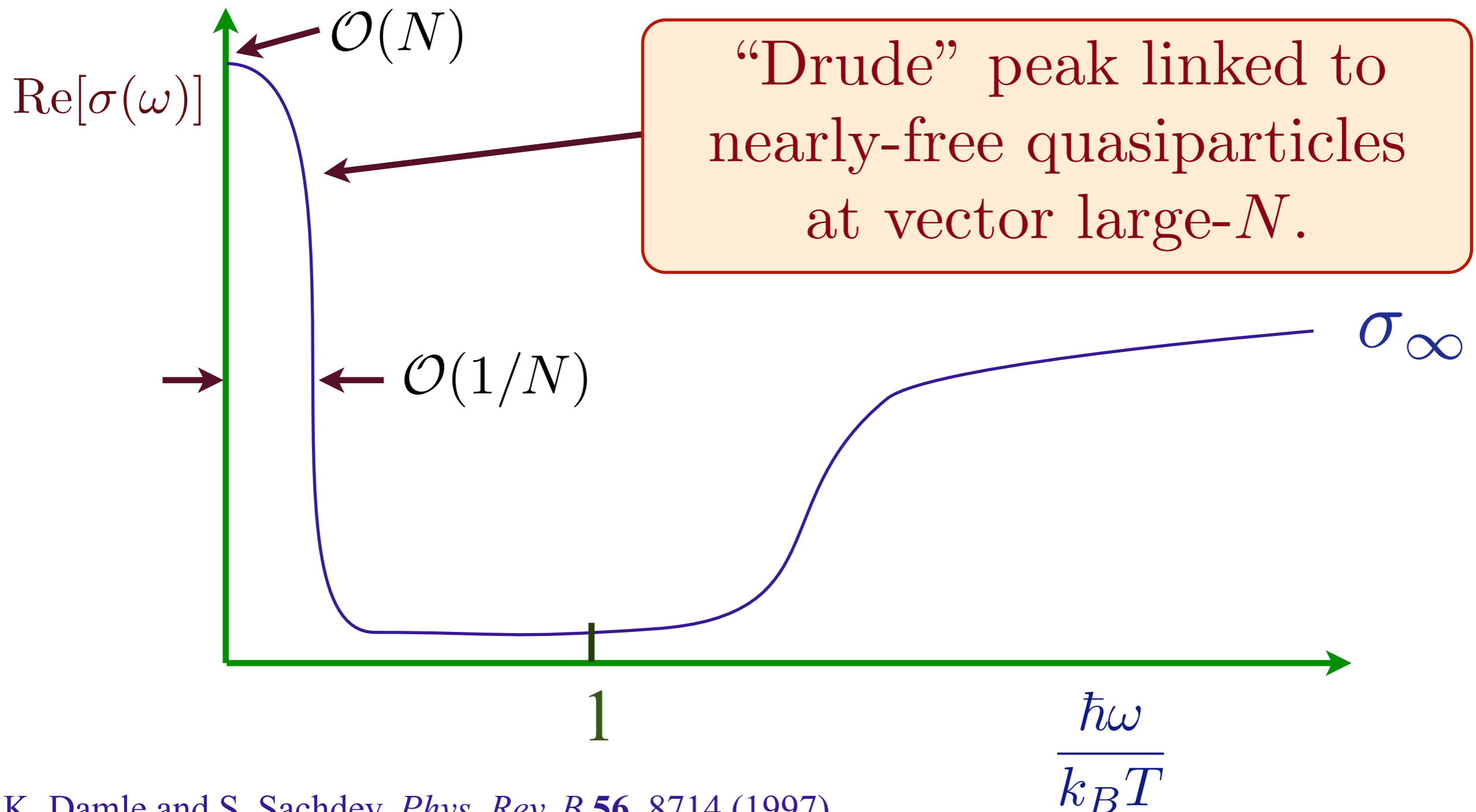
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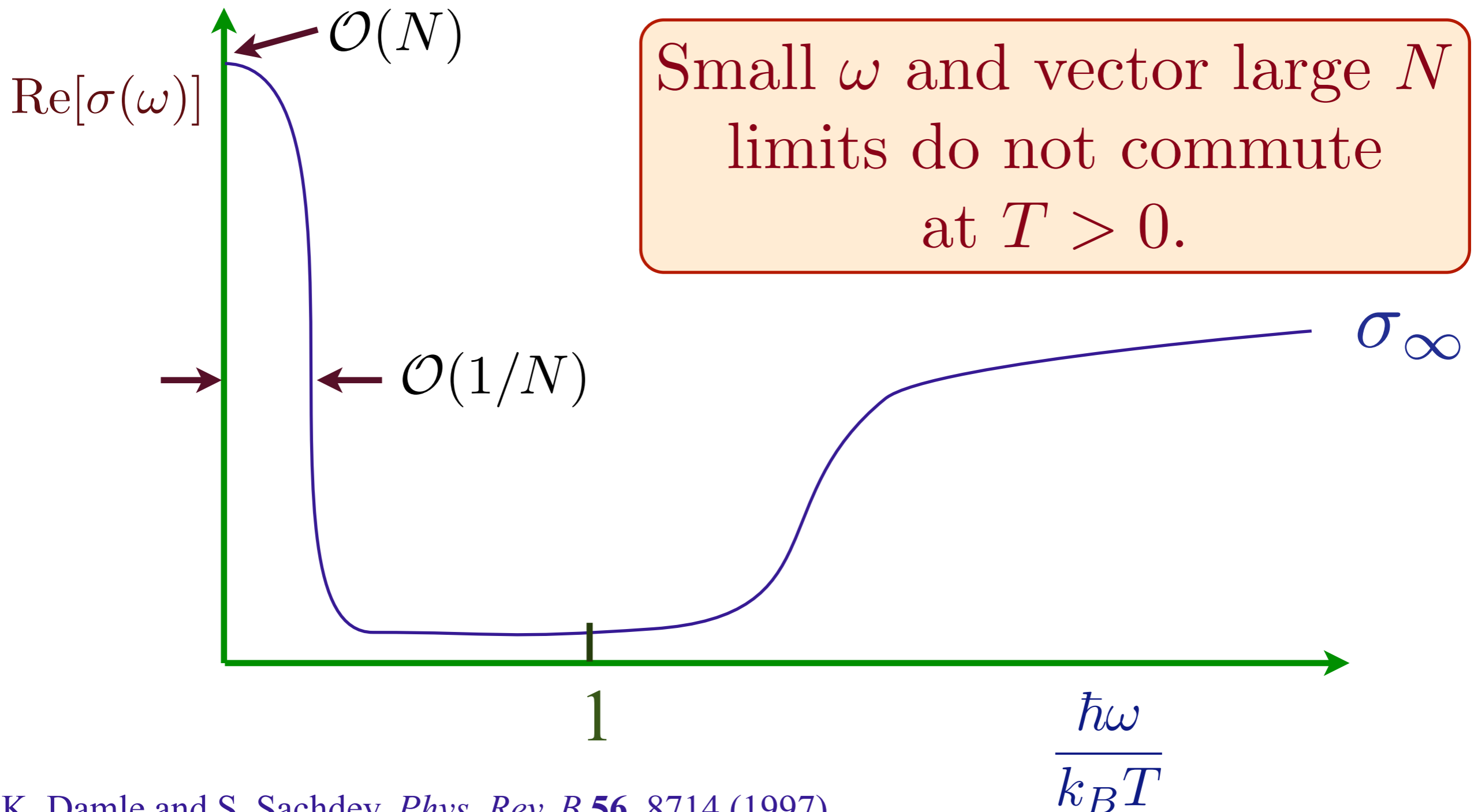
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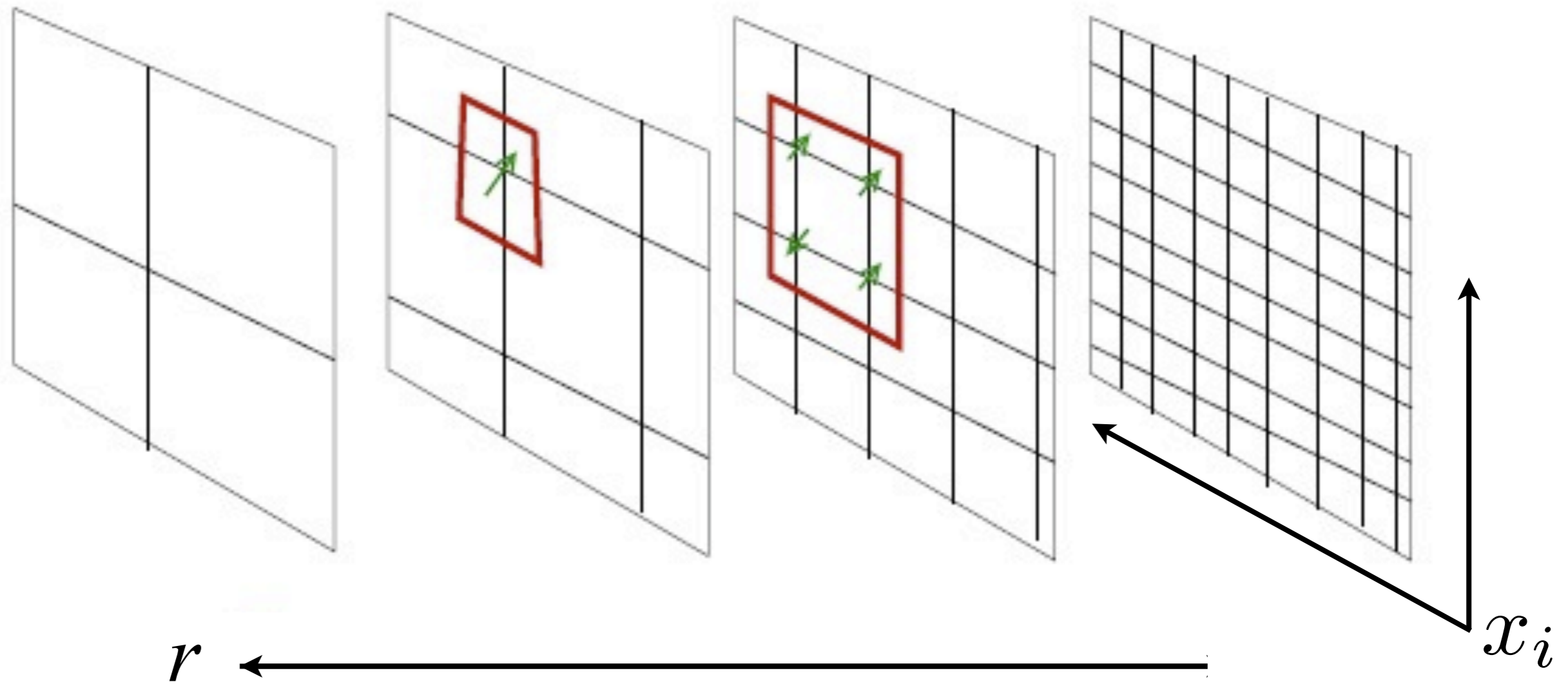
Holography

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

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

where u is the energy scale. The RG equation is *local* in energy scale, *i.e.* the RHS does not depend upon u .

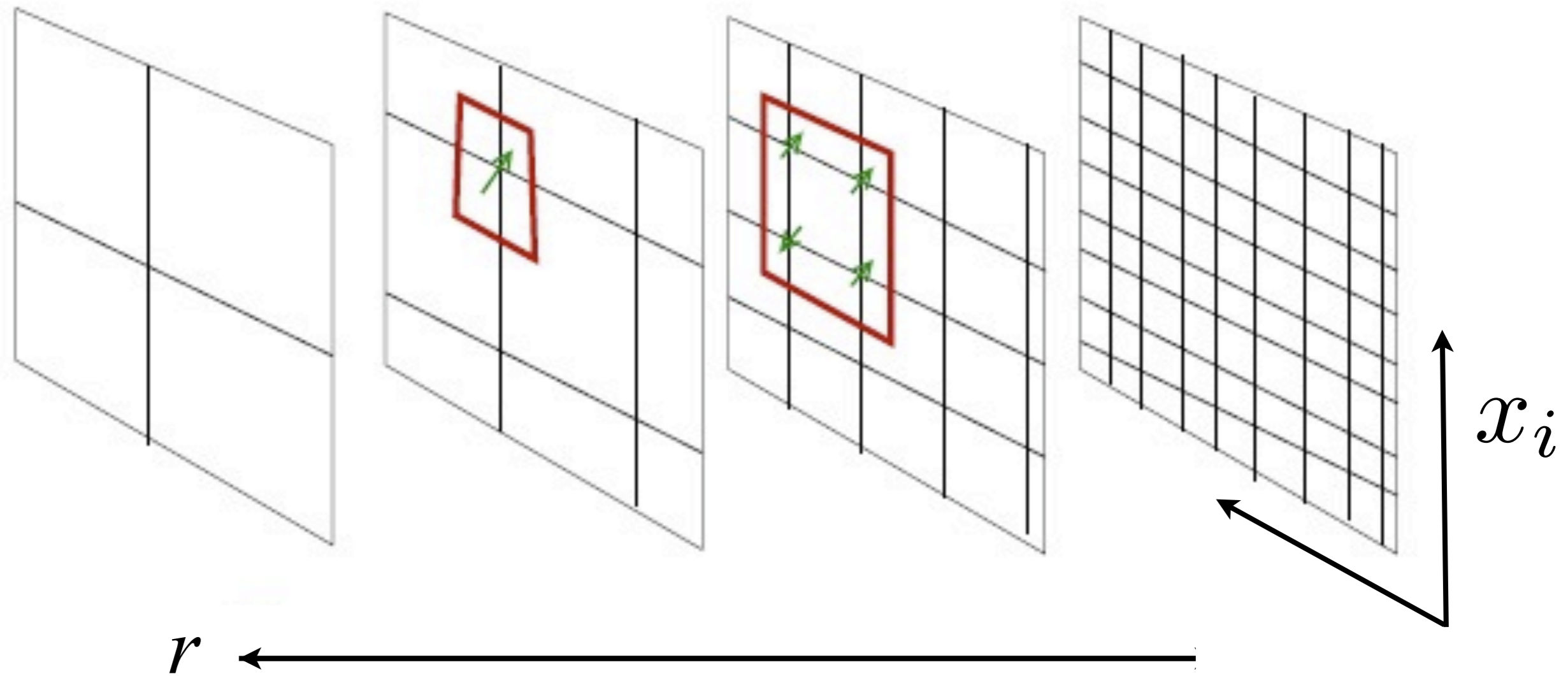
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Key idea: \Rightarrow Implement r as an extra dimension, and map to a local theory in $d + 2$ spacetime dimensions.

J. McGreevy, arXiv0909.0518

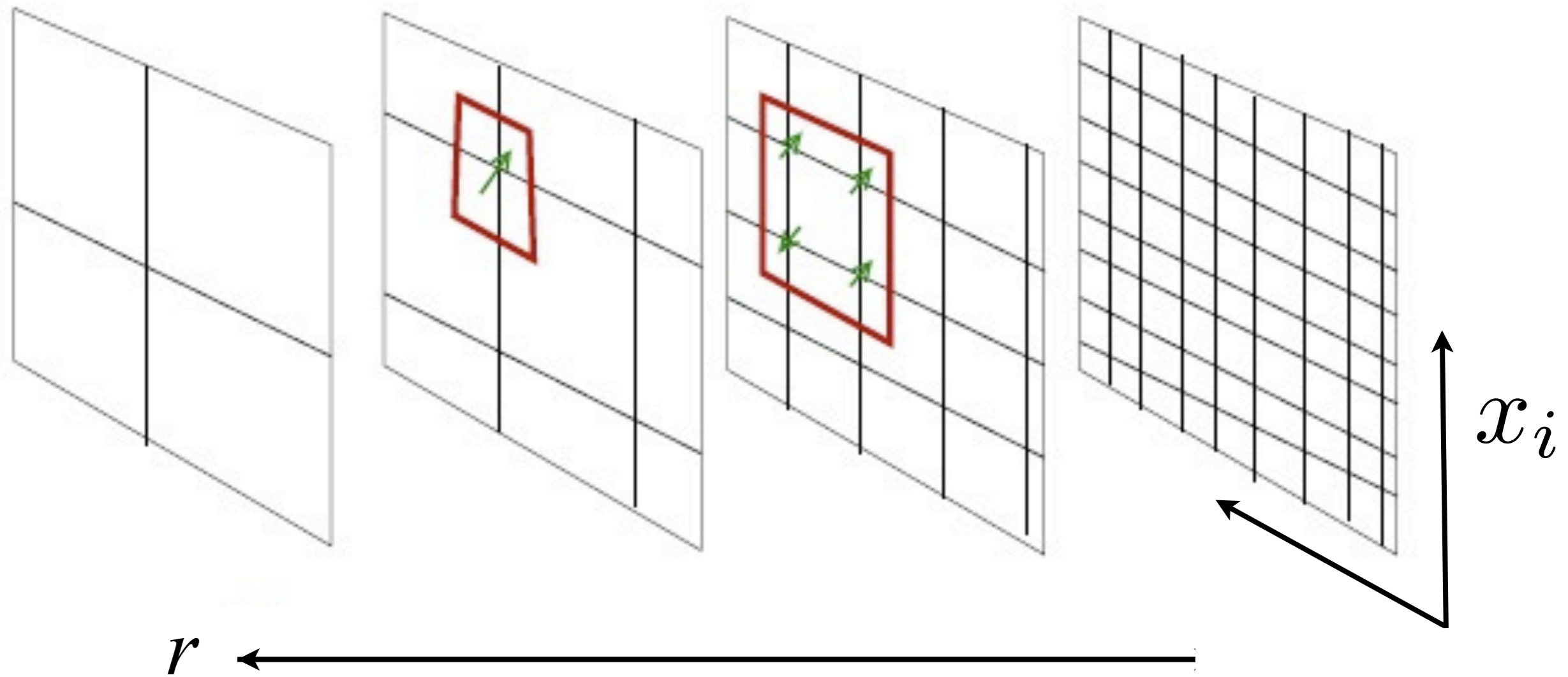
Holography



For a relativistic CFT in d spatial dimensions, the metric in the holographic space is fixed by demanding the scale transformation ($i = 1 \dots d$)

$$x_i \rightarrow \zeta x_i \quad , \quad t \rightarrow \zeta t \quad , \quad ds \rightarrow ds$$

Holography

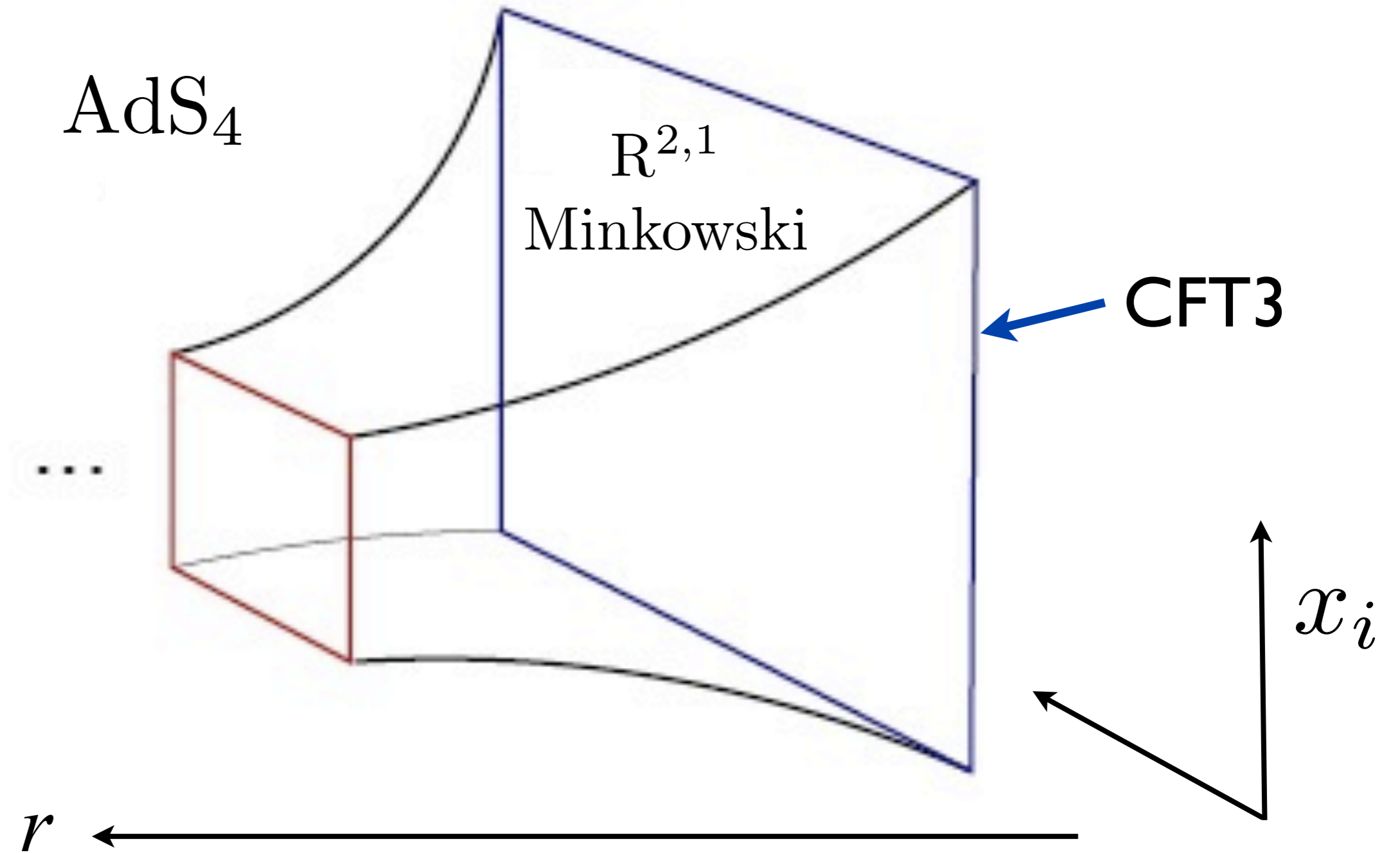


This gives the unique metric

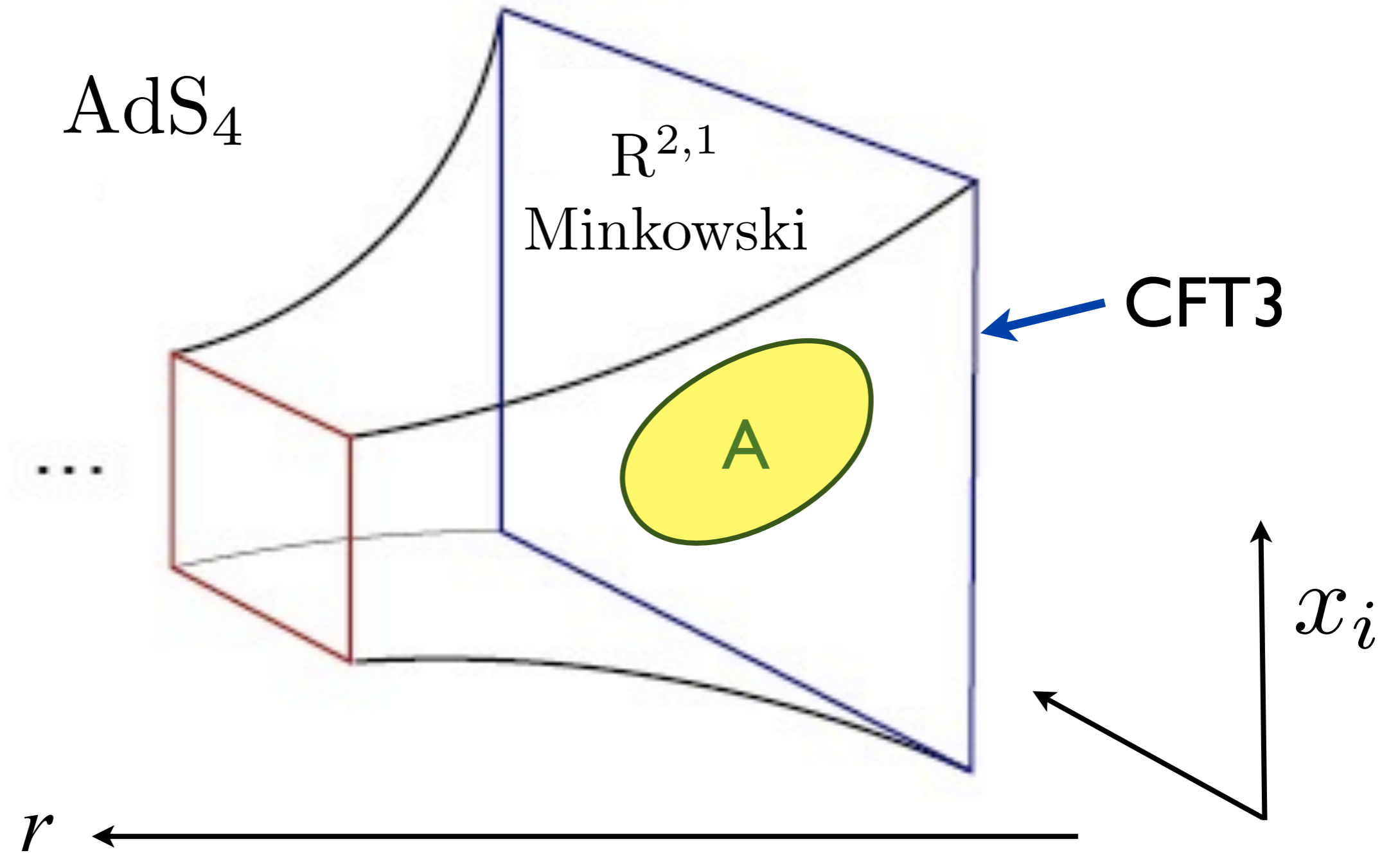
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} (-dt^2 + dr^2 + dx_i^2)$$

This is the metric of anti-de Sitter space AdS_{d+2} .

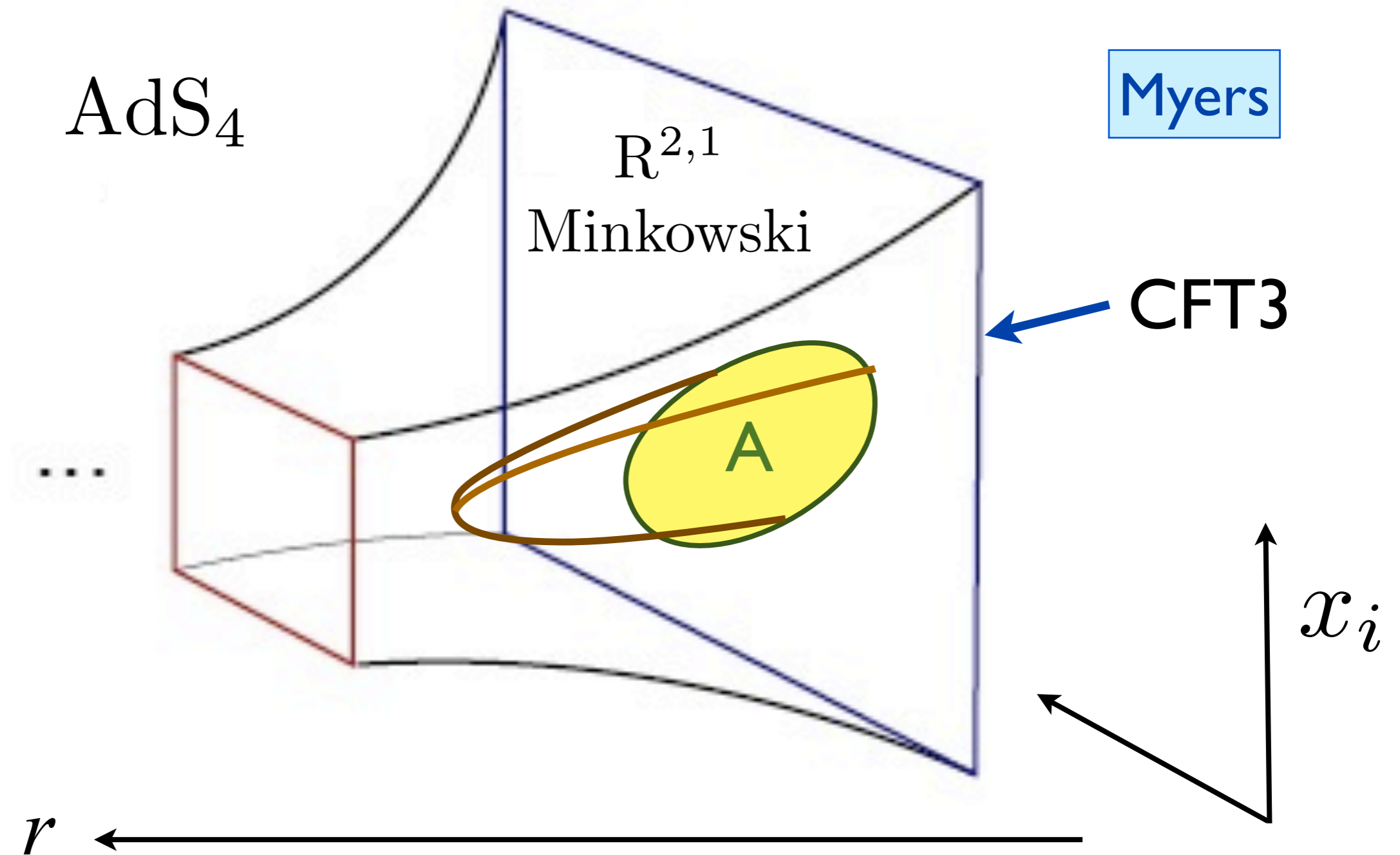
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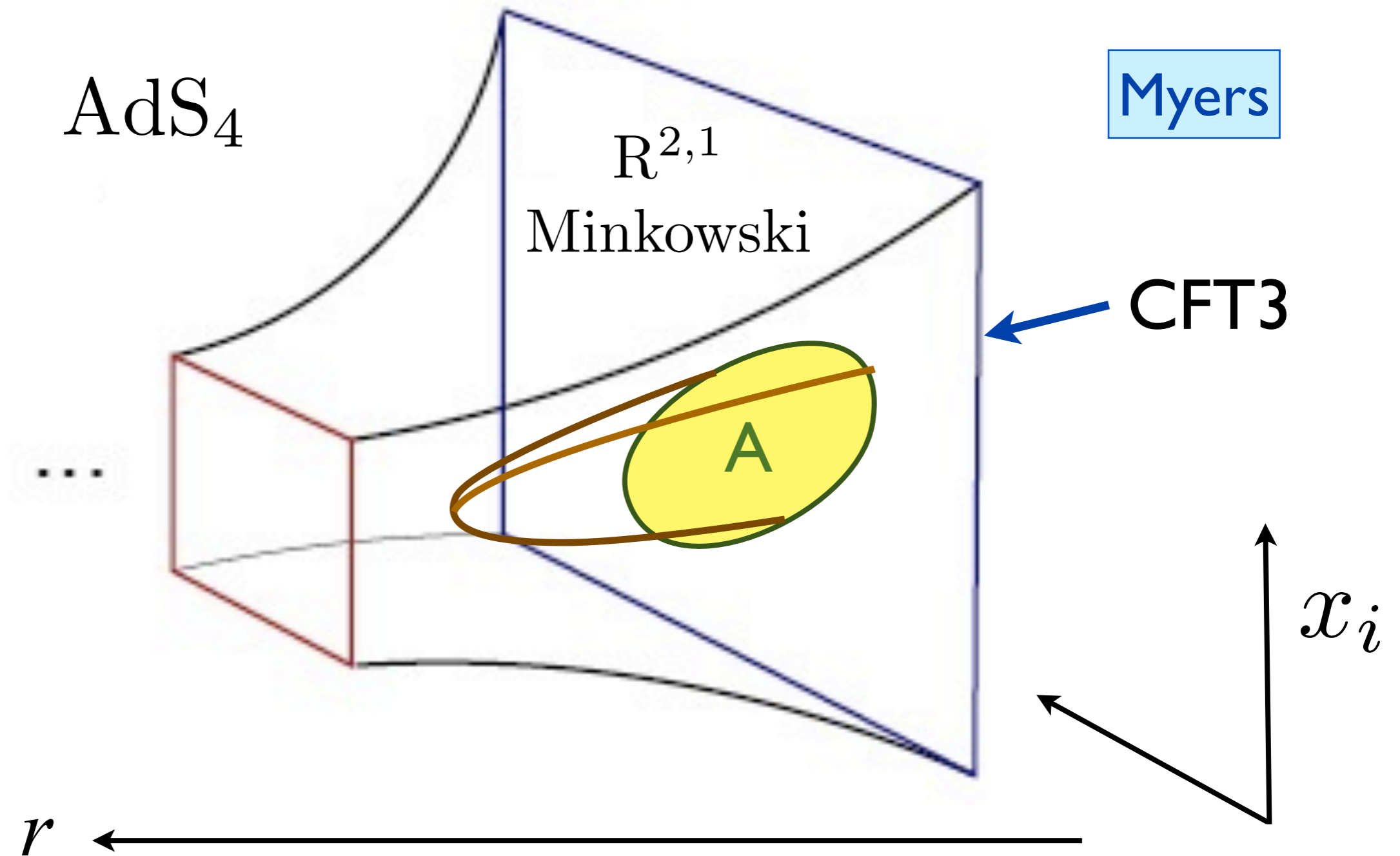
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Associate entanglement entropy with an observer in the enclosed spacetime region, who cannot observe “outside” : *i.e.* the region is surrounded by an imaginary horizon.

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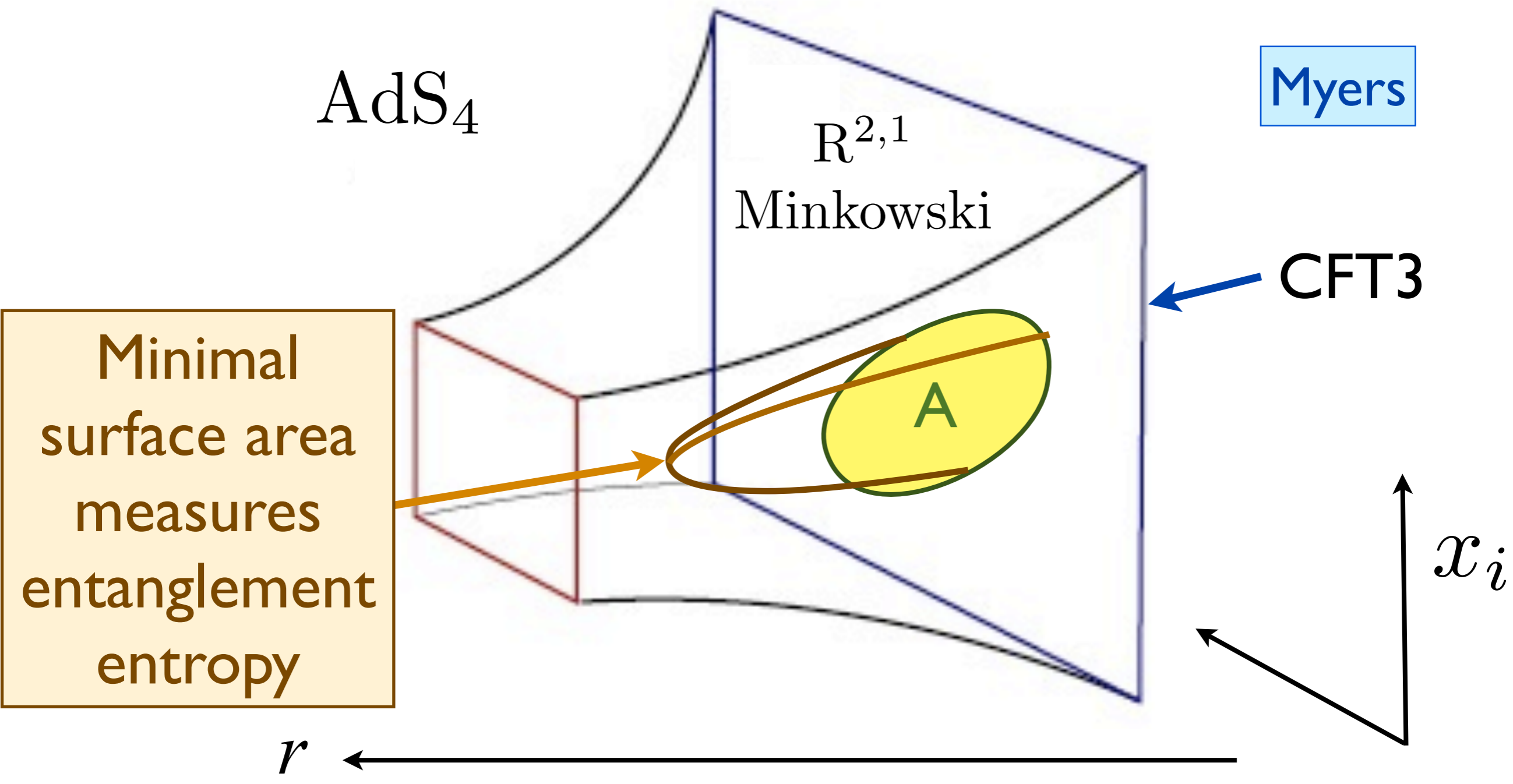
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The entropy of this region is bounded by its surface area
(Bekenstein-Hawking-'t Hooft-Susskind)

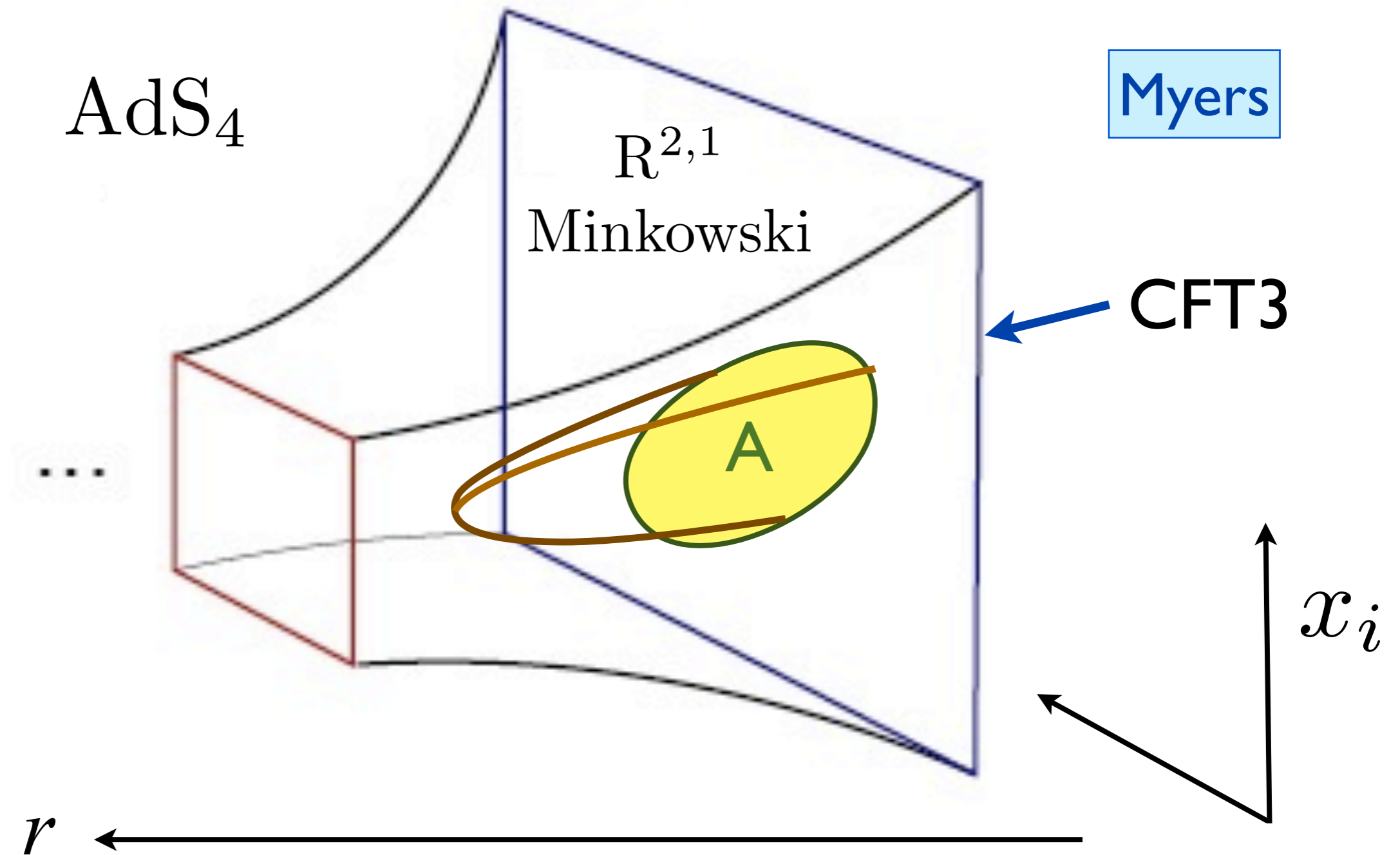
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- Computation of minimal surface area yields

$$S_E = aP - \gamma,$$

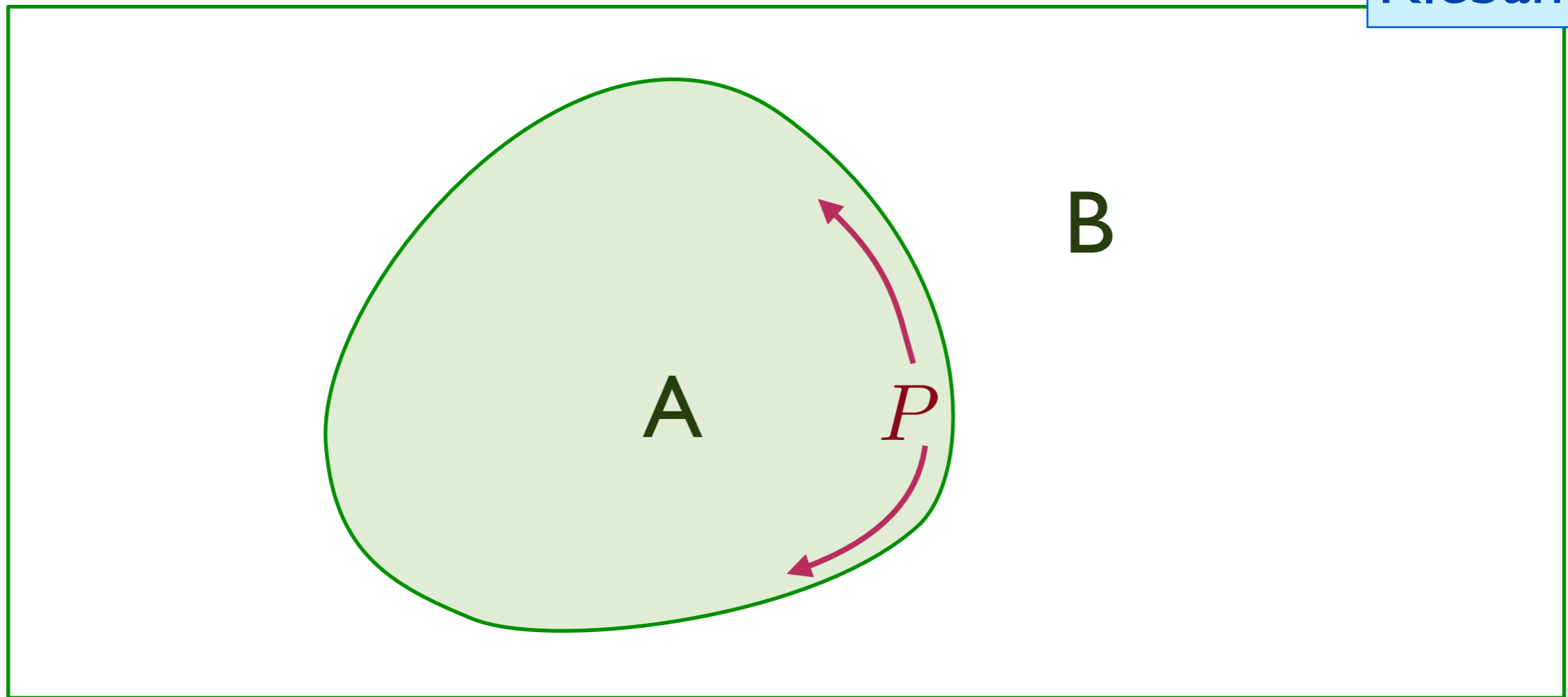
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Entanglement entropy from field theory of CFT3

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Klebanov

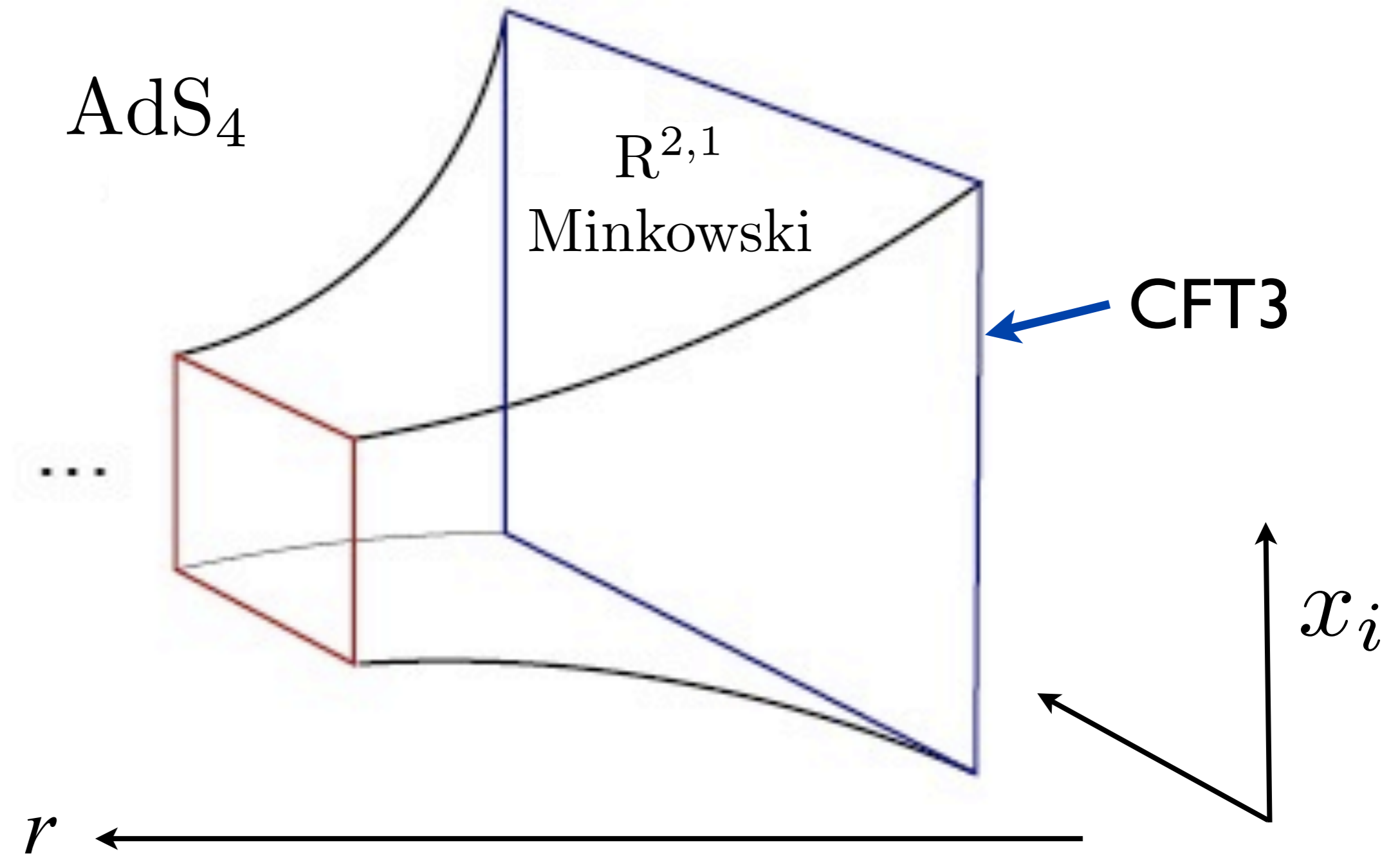


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AdS/CFT correspondence



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

$$\mathcal{S}_E = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right]$$

AdS/CFT correspondence

For every primary operator $O(\mathbf{x})$ in the CFT, there is a corresponding field $\phi(\mathbf{x}, r)$ in the bulk (gravitational) theory. For a scalar operator $O(\mathbf{x})$ of dimension Δ , the correlators of the boundary and bulk theories are related by

$$\langle O(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots O(\mathbf{x}_n) \rangle_{\text{CFT}} = Z^n \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r_1^{-\Delta} \dots r_n^{-\Delta} \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_1, r_1) \dots \phi(\mathbf{x}_n, r_n) \rangle_{\text{bulk}}$$

where the “wave function renormalization” factor $Z = (2\Delta - D)$.

AdS/CFT correspondence

For a U(1) conserved current J_μ of the CFT, the corresponding bulk operator is a U(1) *gauge* field A_μ . With a Maxwell action for the gauge field

$$\mathcal{S}_M = \frac{1}{4g_M^2} \int d^{D+1}x \sqrt{g} F_{ab} F^{ab}$$

we have the bulk-boundary correspondence

$$\langle J_\mu(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots J_\nu(\mathbf{x}_n) \rangle_{\text{CFT}} = (Z g_M^{-2})^n \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r_1^{2-D} \dots r_n^{2-D} \langle A_\mu(\mathbf{x}_1, r_1) \dots A_\nu(\mathbf{x}_n, r_n) \rangle_{\text{bulk}}$$

with $Z = D - 2$.

AdS/CFT correspondence

A similar analysis can be applied to the stress-energy tensor of the CFT, $T_{\mu\nu}$. Its conjugate field must be a spin-2 field which is invariant under gauge transformations: it is natural to identify this with the change in metric of the bulk theory. We write $\delta g_{\mu\nu} = (L^2/r^2)\chi_{\mu\nu}$, and then the bulk-boundary correspondence is now given by

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots T_{\rho\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_n) \rangle_{\text{CFT}} = \left(\frac{ZL^2}{\kappa^2} \right)^n \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r_1^{-D} \dots r_n^{-D} \langle \chi_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}_1, r_1) \dots \chi_{\rho\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_n, r_n) \rangle_{\text{bulk}},$$

with $Z = D$.

AdS/CFT correspondence

So the minimal bulk theory for a CFT with a conserved U(1) current is the *Einstein-Maxwell* theory with a cosmological constant

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{4g_M^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} F_{ab} F^{ab} + \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right].$$

This action is characterized by two dimensionless parameters: g_M and L^2/κ^2 , which are related to the $T = 0$ conductivity $\sigma(\omega) = \sigma_\infty$ and the central charge of the CFT.

AdS/CFT correspondence

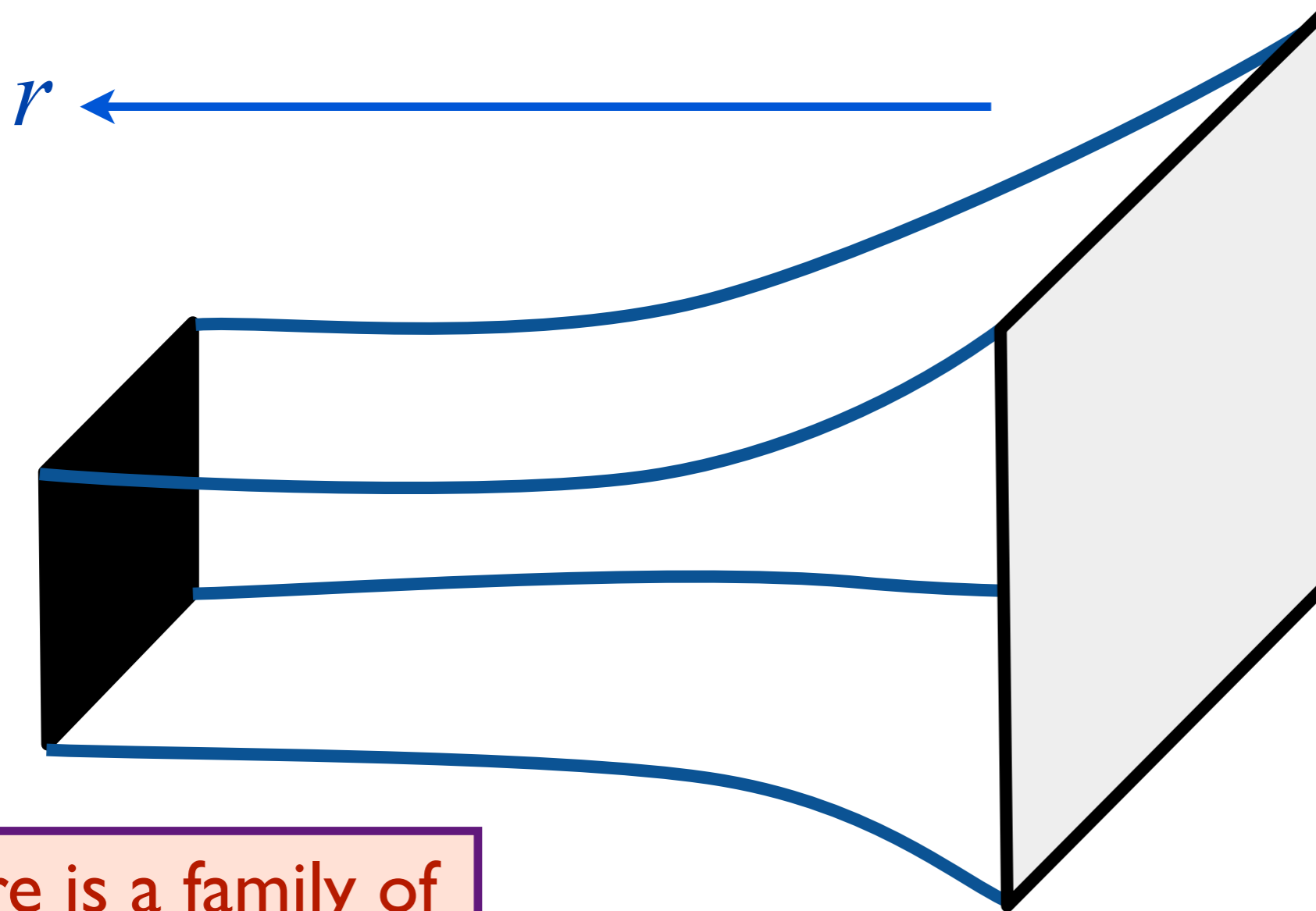
This minimal action also fixes multi-point correlators of the CFT: however these do not have the most general form allowed for a CFT. To fix these, we have to allow for higher-gradient terms in the bulk action. For the conductivity, it turns out that only a single 4 gradient term contributes

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{g_M^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{4} F_{ab} F^{ab} + \gamma L^2 C_{abcd} F^{ab} F^{cd} \right] \\ + \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right],$$

where C_{abcd} is the Weyl tensor. The parameter γ can be related to 3-point correlators of J_μ and $T_{\mu\nu}$. Both boundary and bulk methods show that $|\gamma| \leq 1/12$, and the bound is saturated by free fields.

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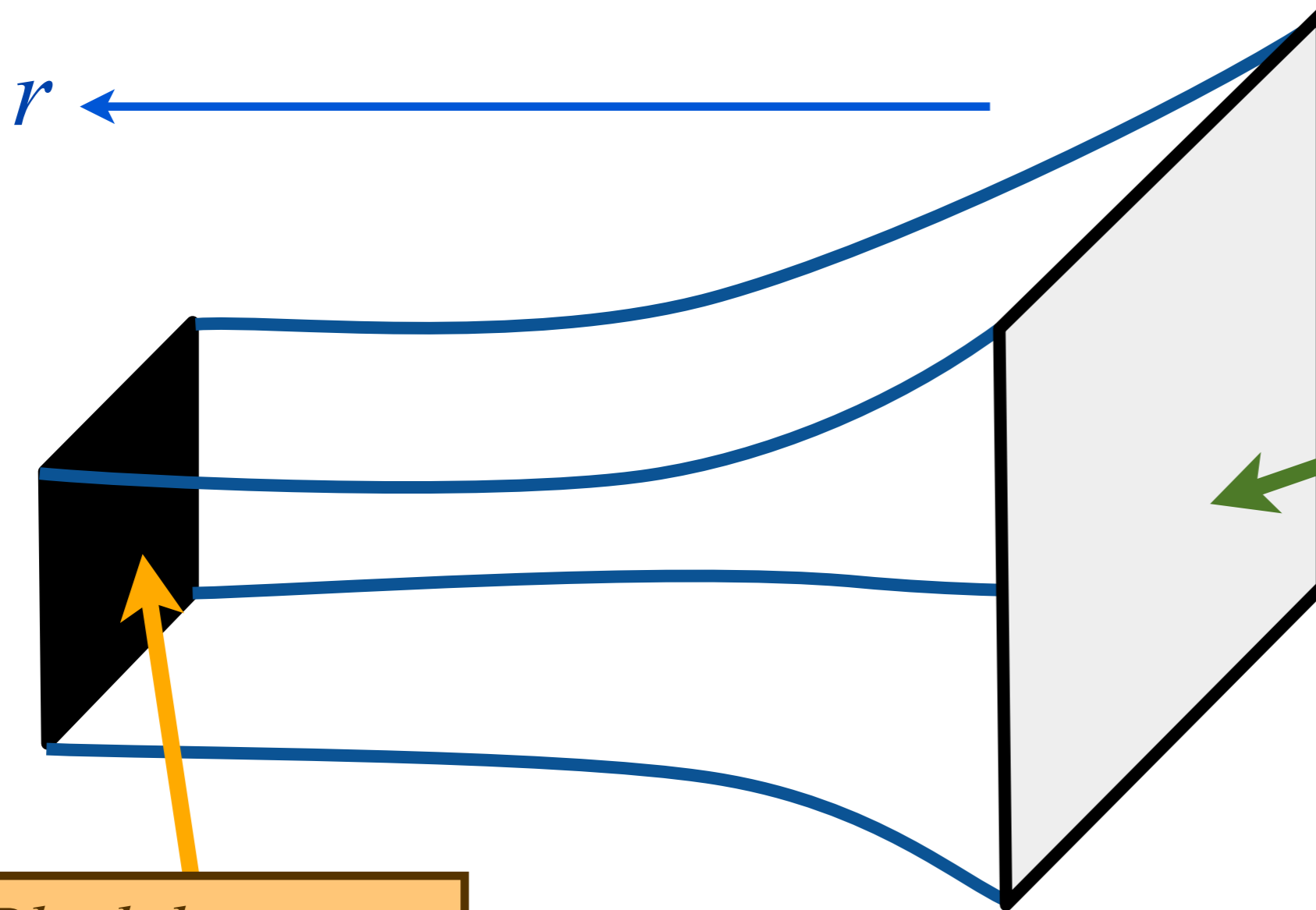
AdS₄-Schwarzschild black-brane



There is a family of solutions of Einstein gravity which describe non-zero temperatures

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AdS₄-Schwarzschild black-brane



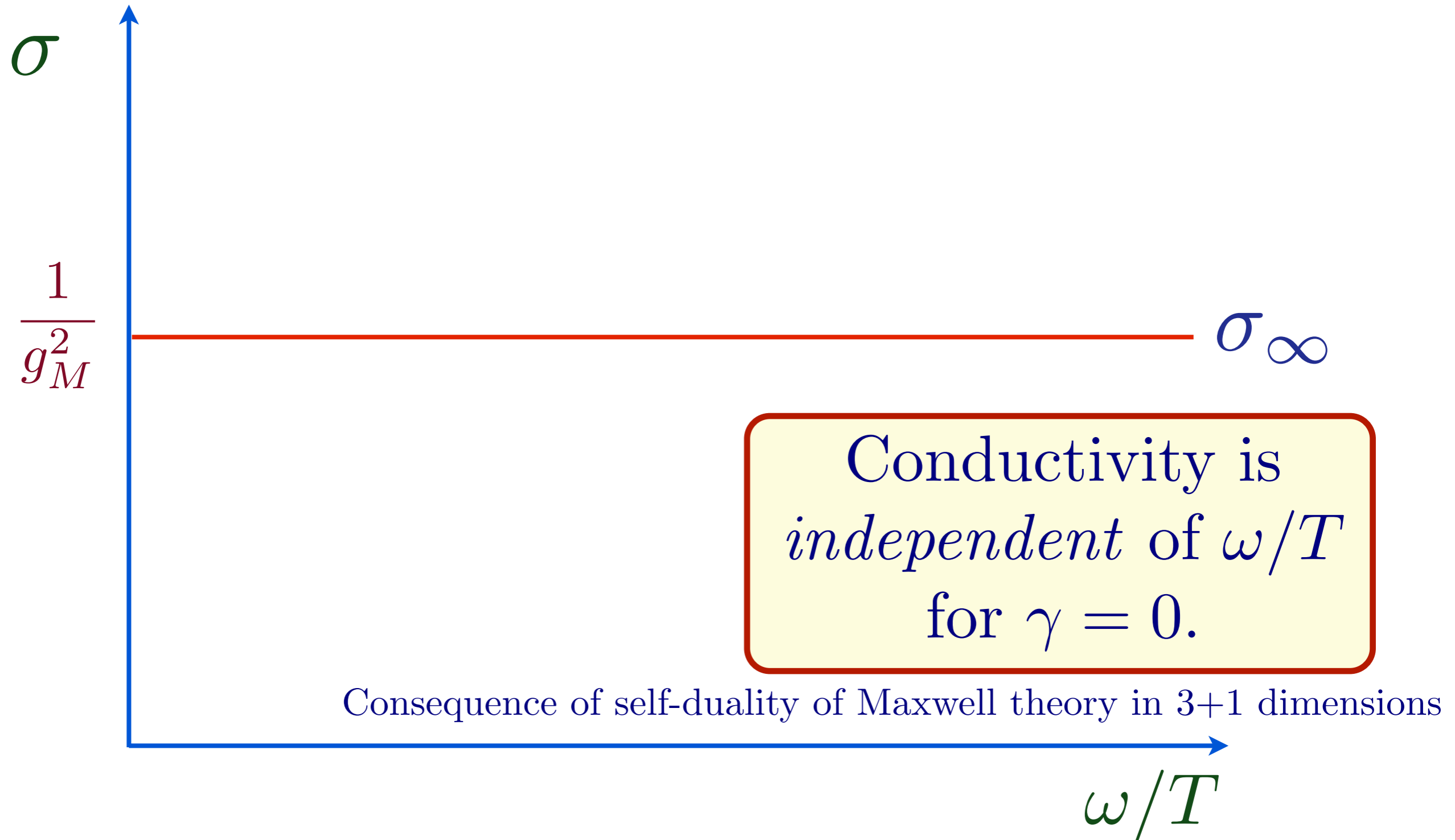
A 2+1 dimensional system at its quantum critical point:
 $k_B T = \frac{3\hbar}{4\pi R}$.

Black-brane at temperature of 2+1 dimensional quantum critical system

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2 \left[\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} - f(r)dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 \right]$$

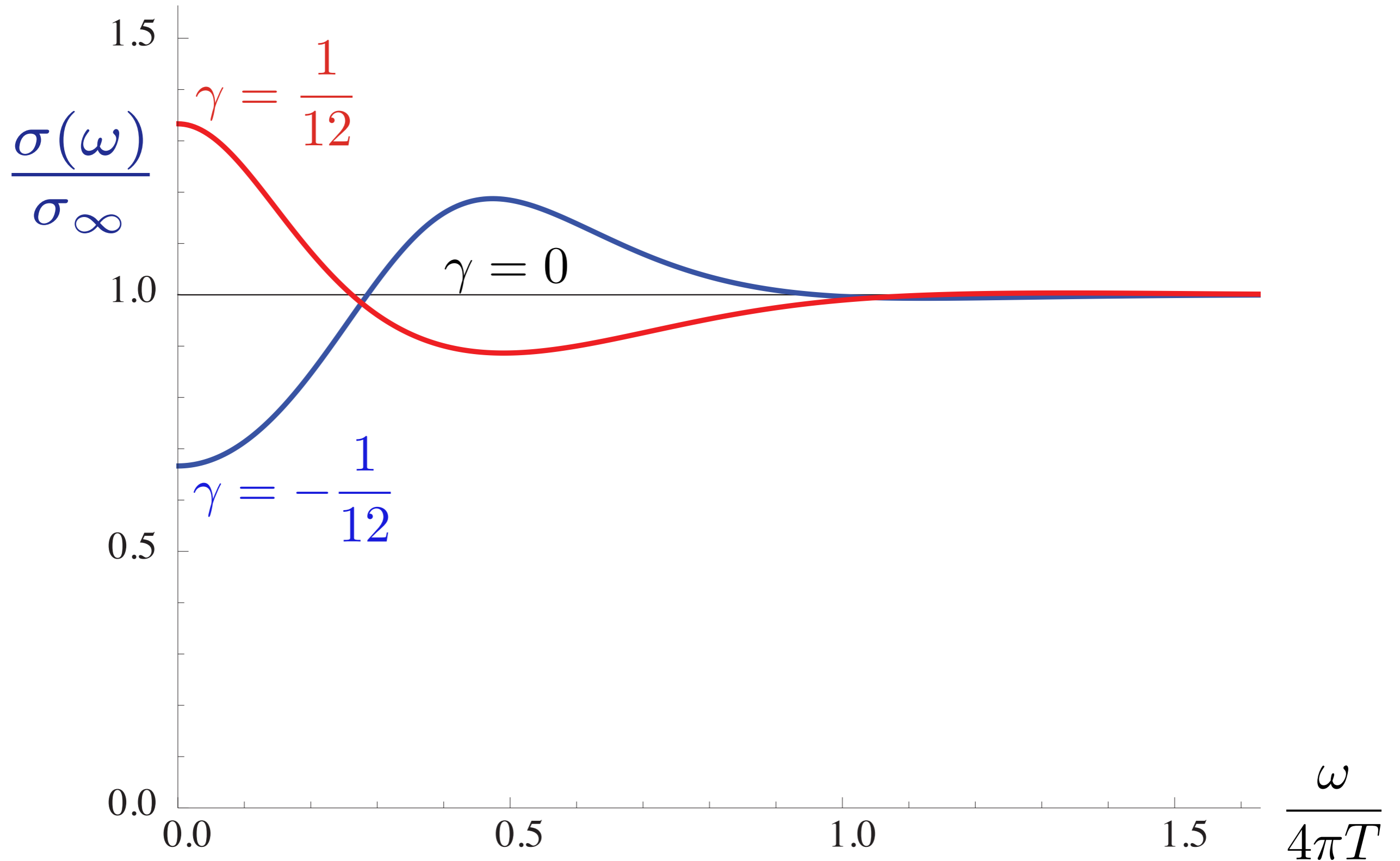
with $f(r) = 1 - (r/R)^3$

AdS₄ theory of quantum criticality



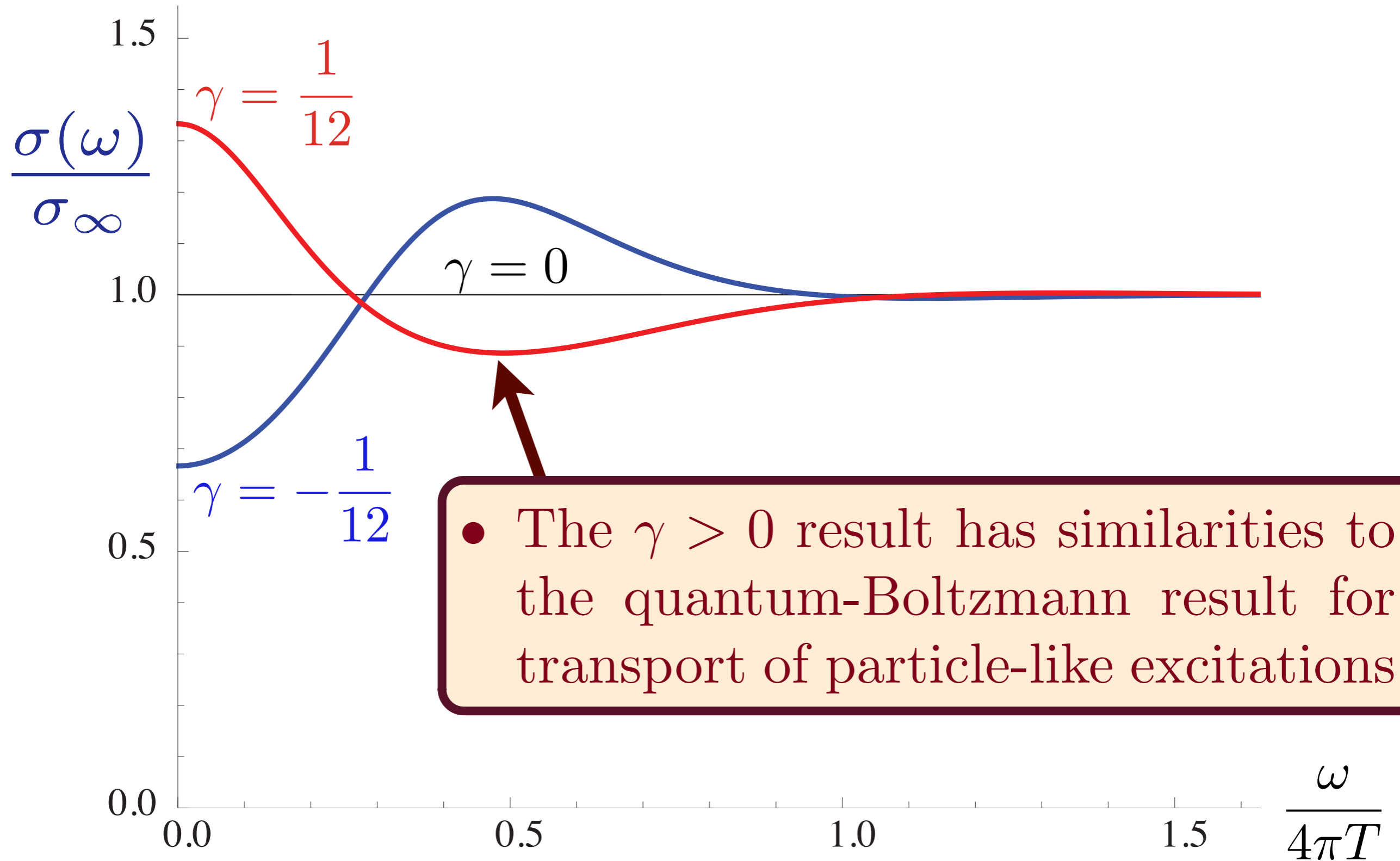
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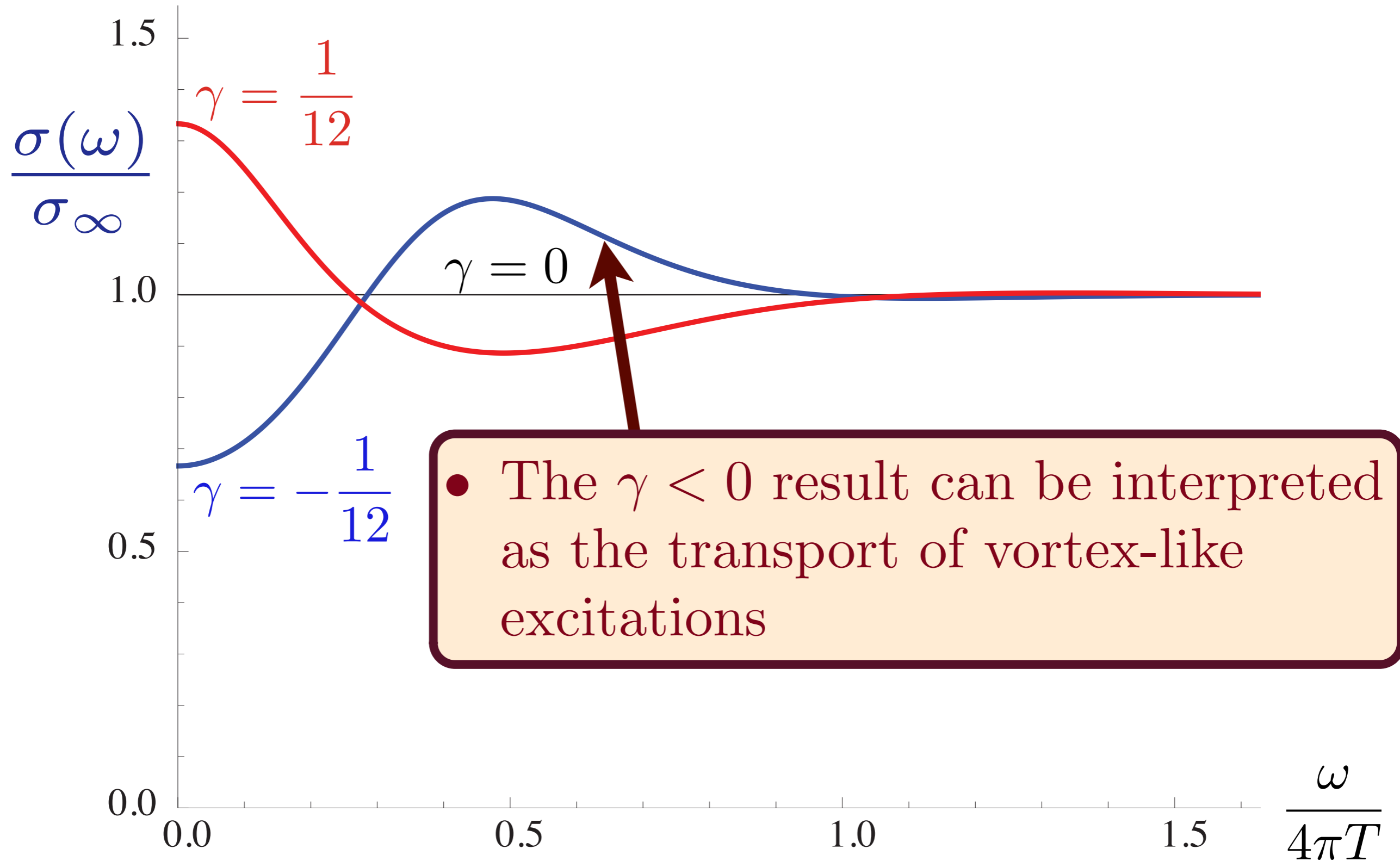
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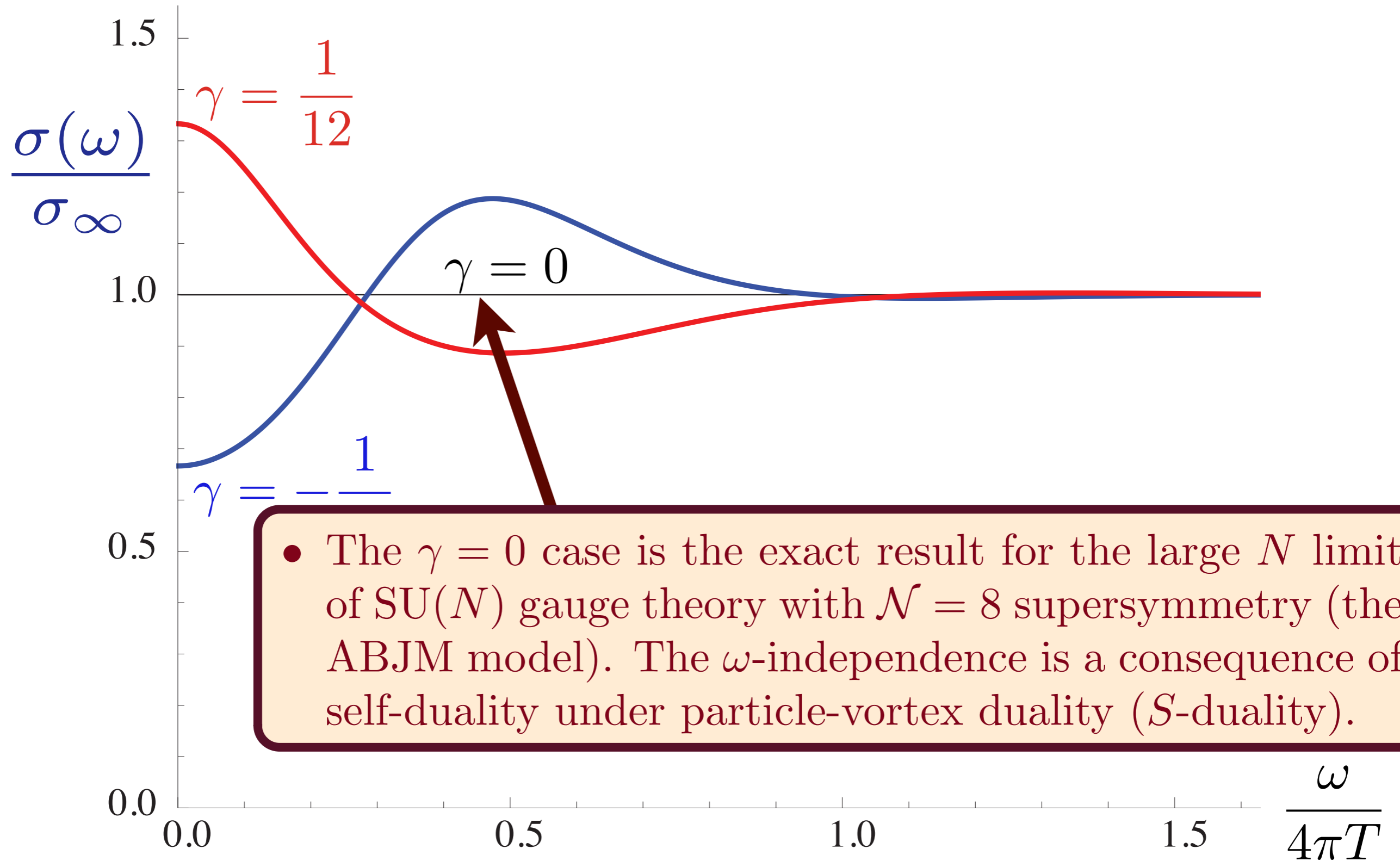
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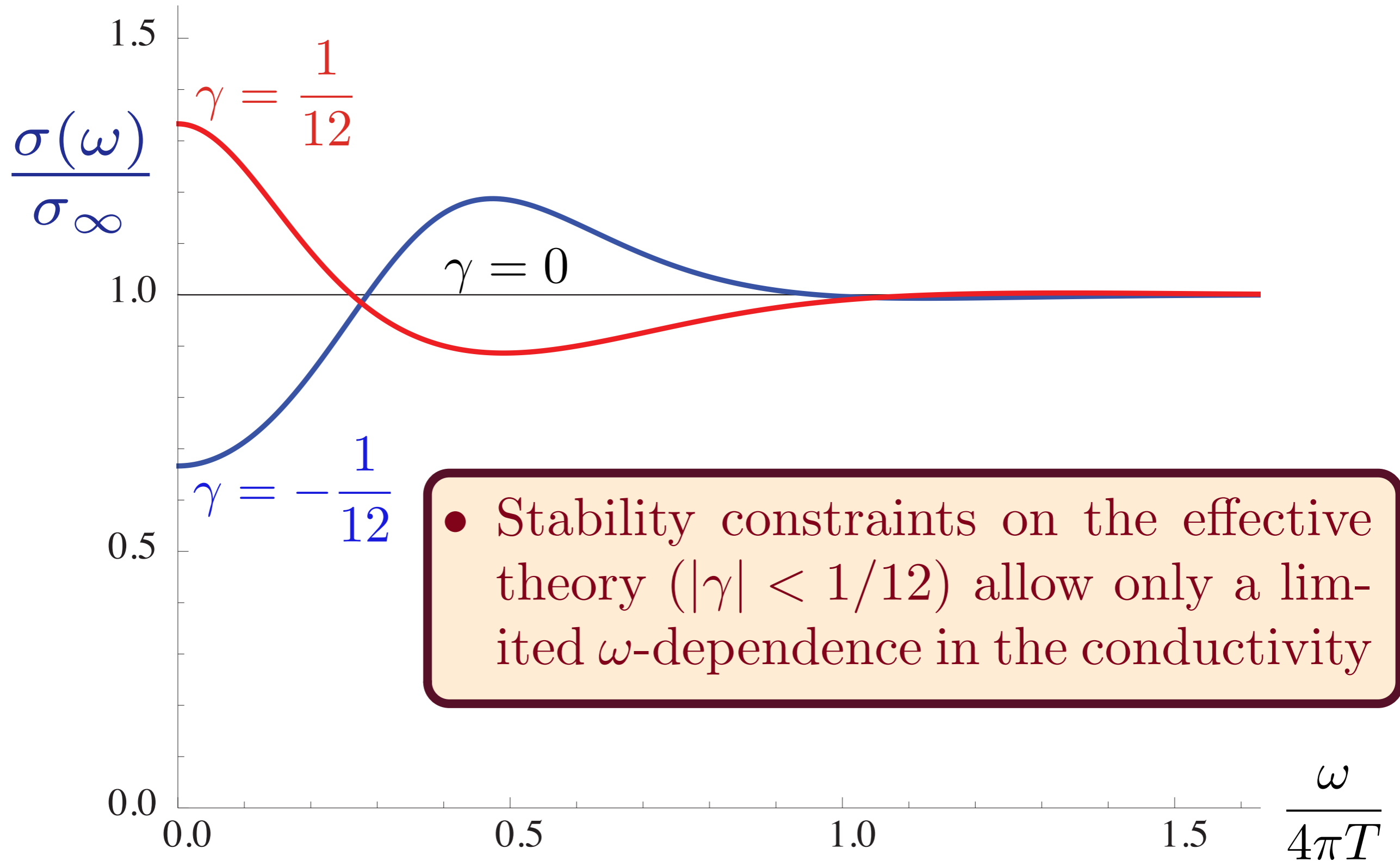
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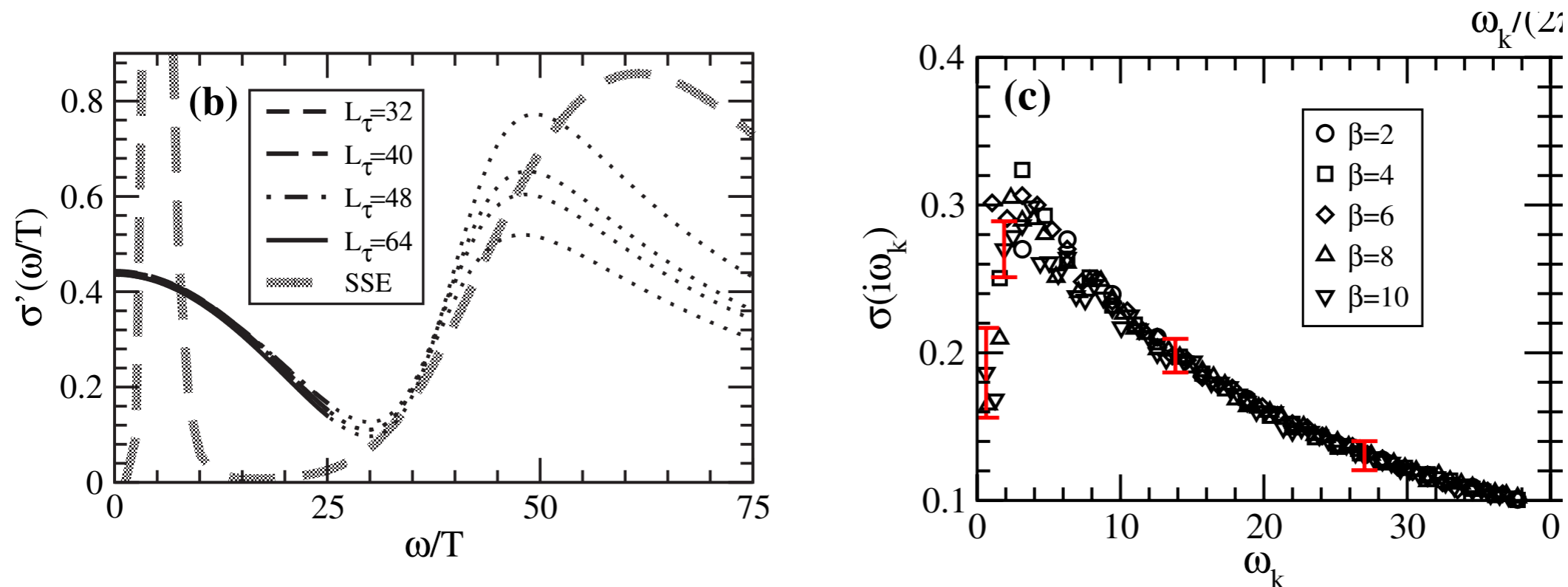
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QMC yields $\sigma(0)/\sigma_\infty \approx 1.36$

Holography yields $\sigma(0)/\sigma_\infty = 1 + 4\gamma$ with $|\gamma| \leq 1/12$.

Maximum possible holographic value $\sigma(0)/\sigma_\infty = 1.33$

W. Witzack-Krempa and S. Sachdev, to appear

AdS₄ theory of quantum criticality

The holographic solutions for the conductivity satisfy two sum rules, valid for all CFT₃s.

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \operatorname{Re} [\sigma(\omega) - \sigma(\infty)] = 0$$
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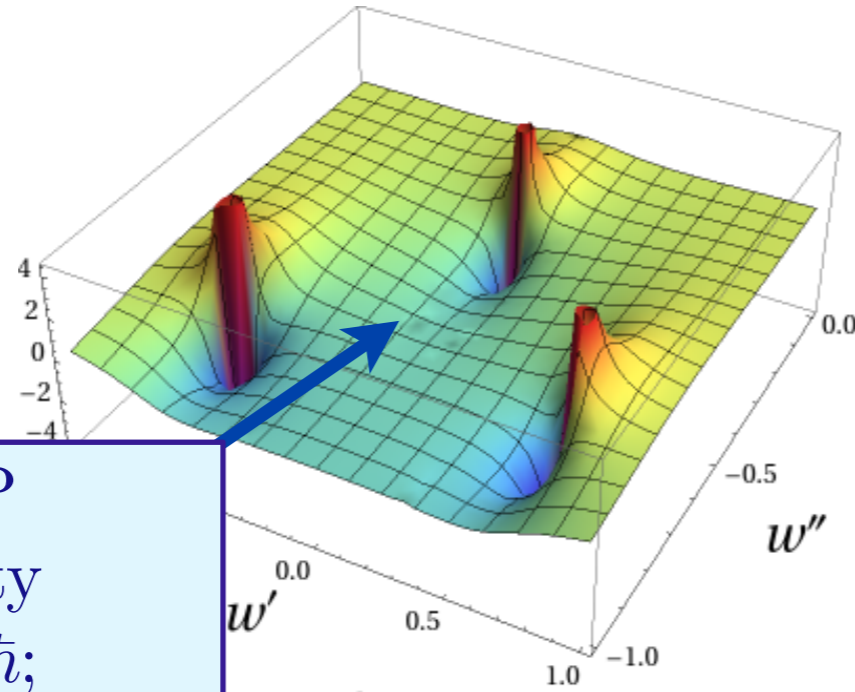
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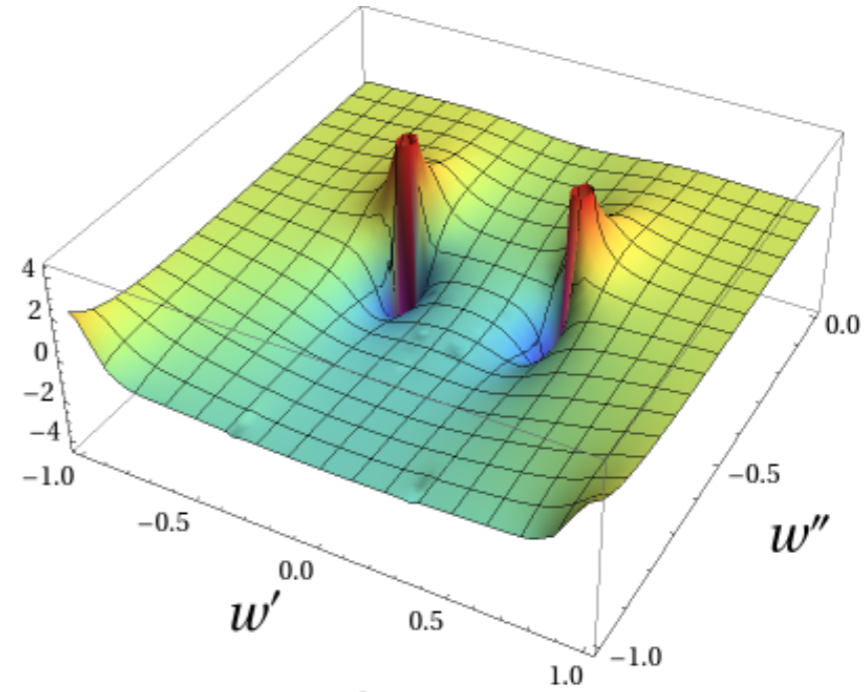
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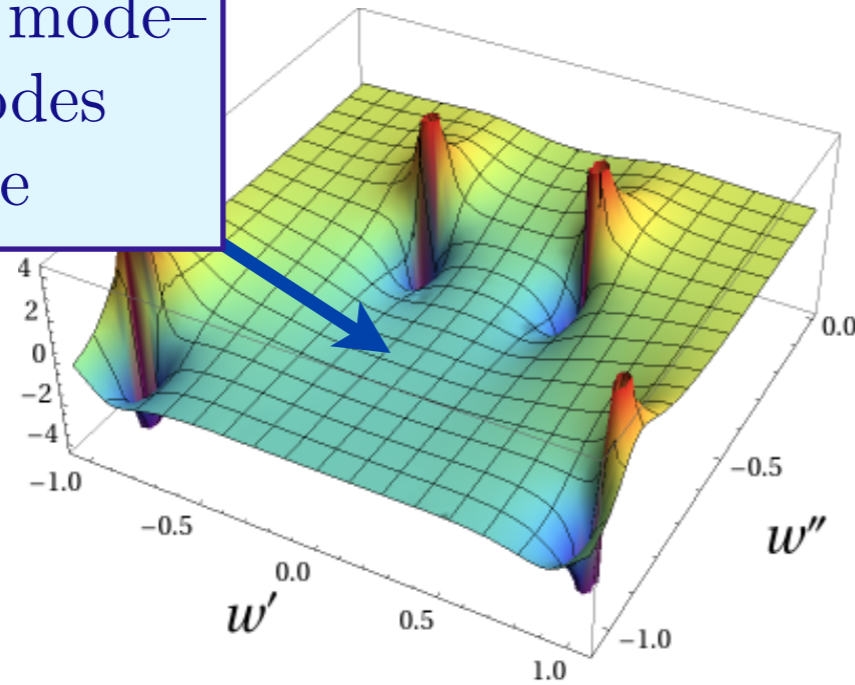
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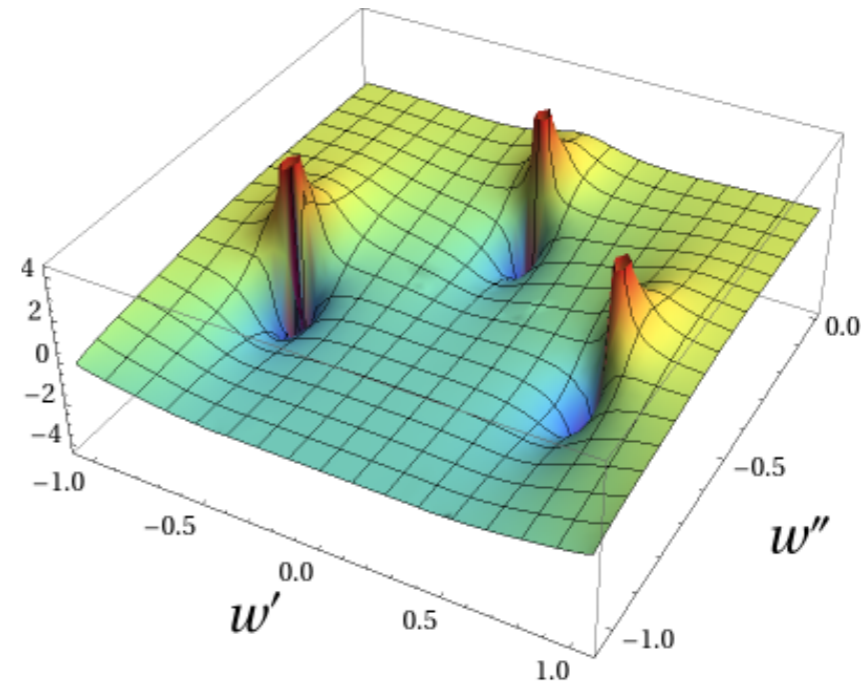
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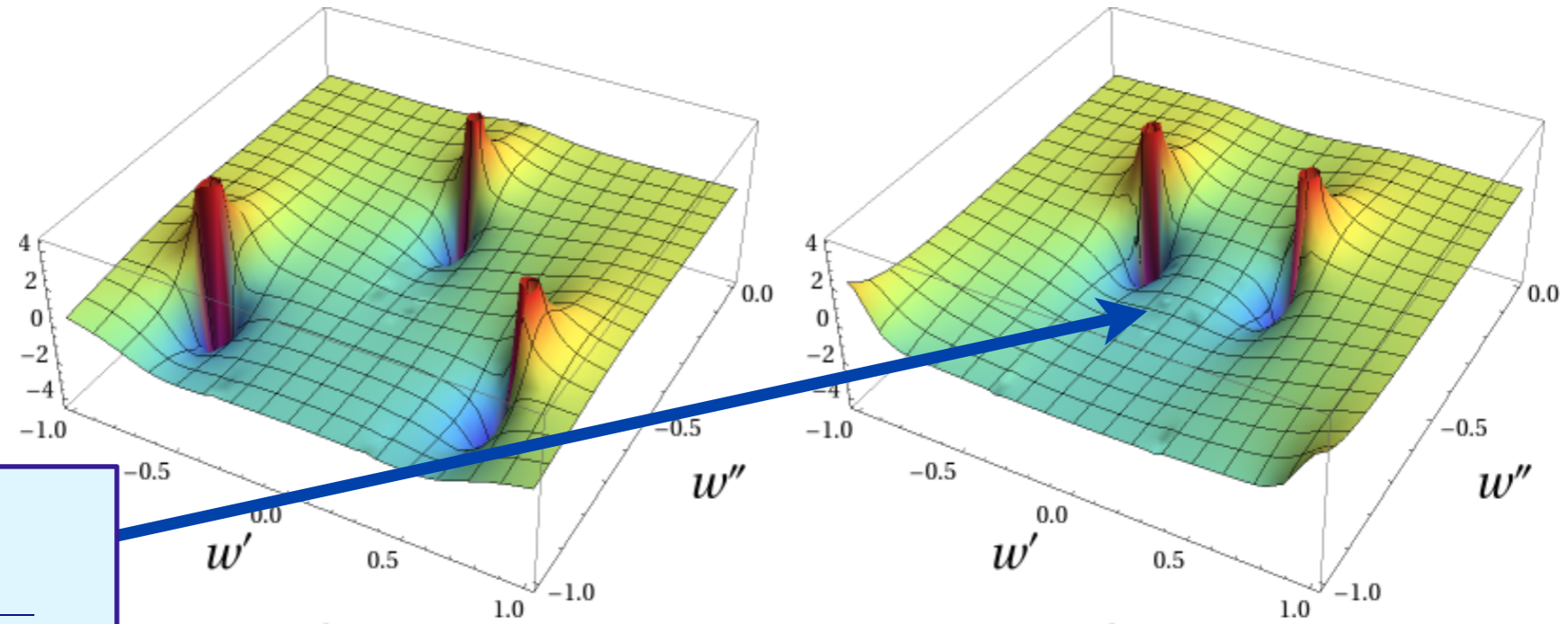


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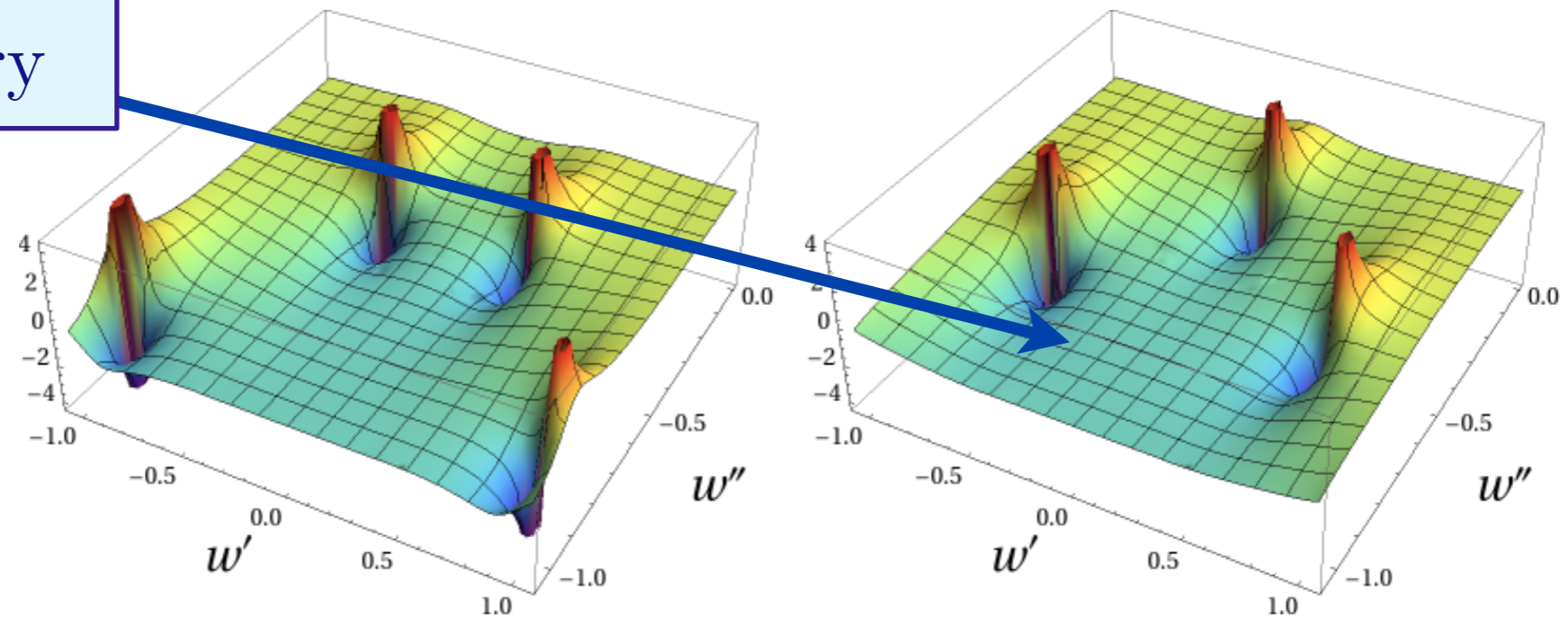
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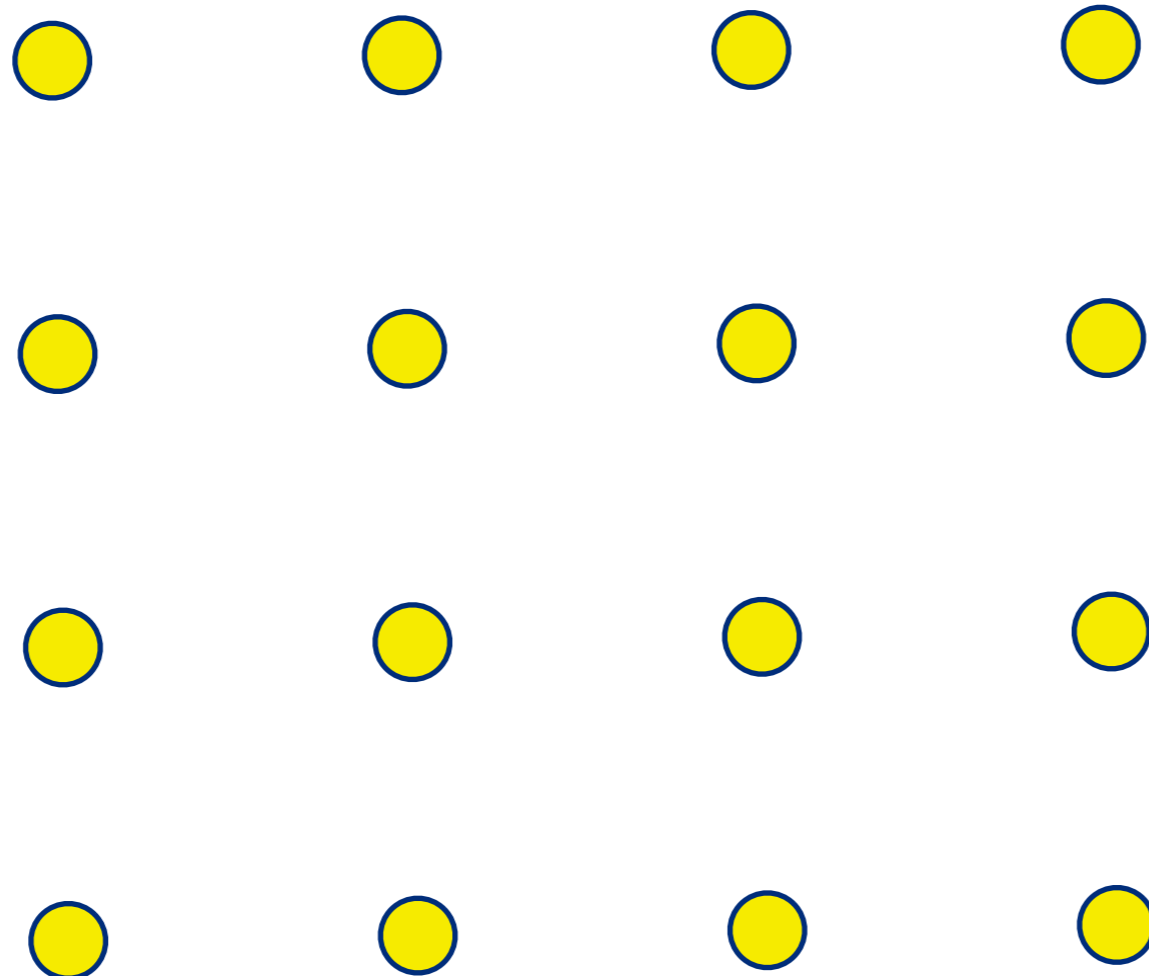
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Compressible quantum matter

One compressible state is the **solid** (or “Wigner crystal” or “stripe”).

This state breaks translational symmetry.

Has integer number of particles per unit cell



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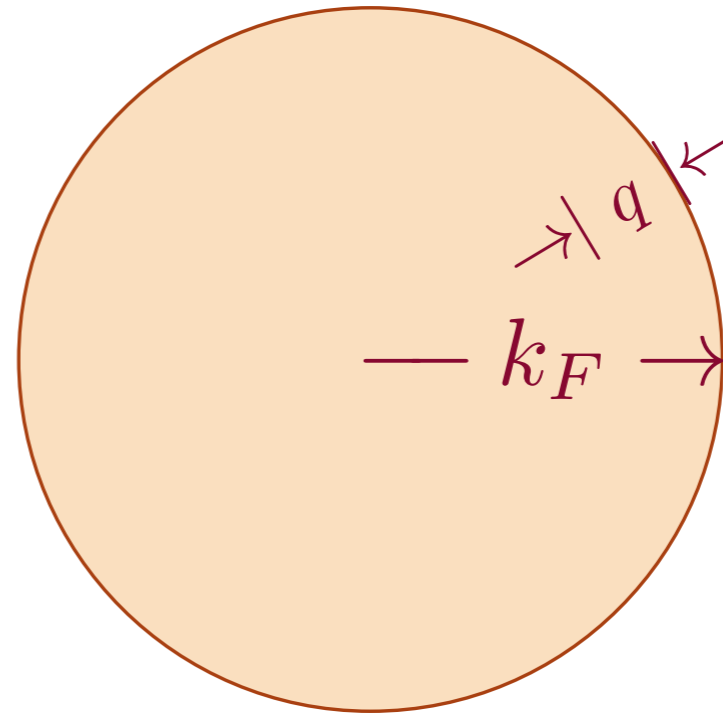
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The only compressible phase of traditional condensed matter physics which does not break the translational or $U(1)$ symmetries is the Landau Fermi liquid

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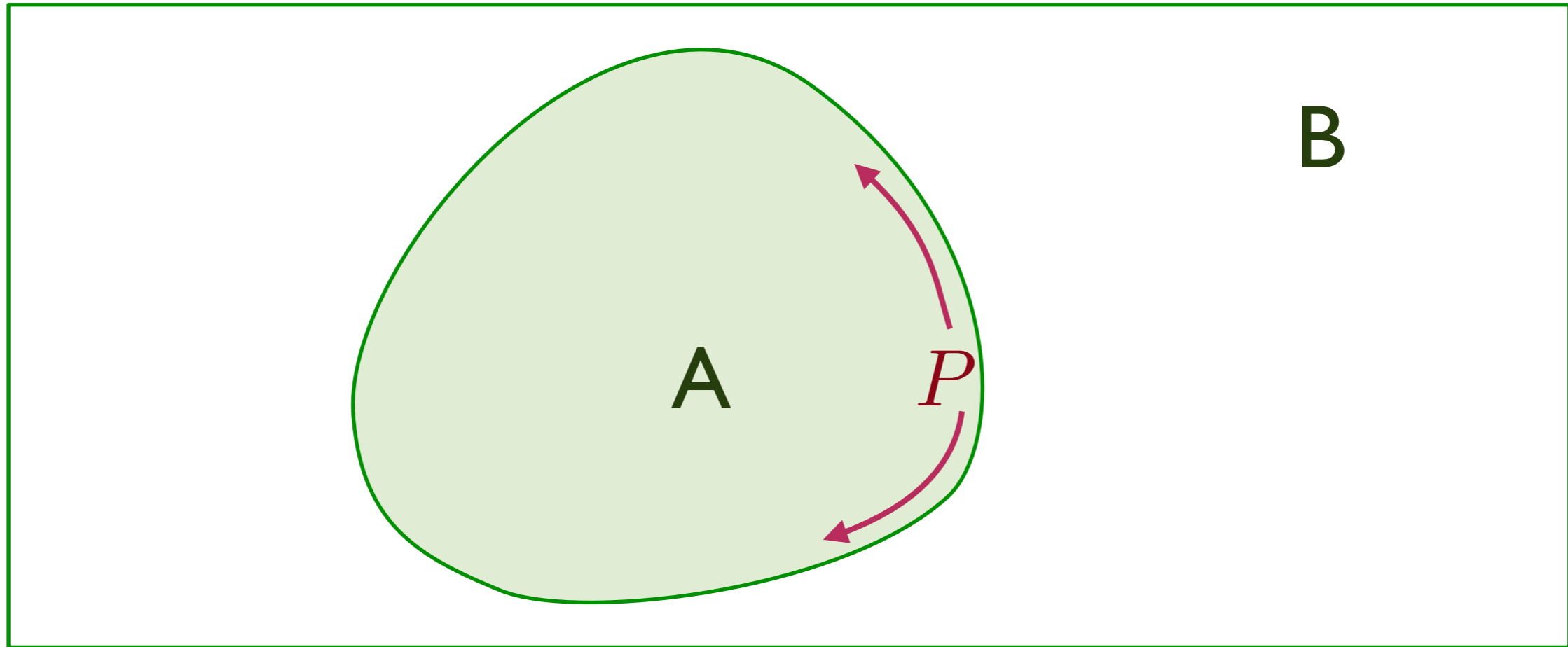
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+ 4 Fermi terms



- Fermi wavevector obeys the Luttinger relation $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density
- Sharp particle and hole of excitations near the Fermi surface with energy $\omega \sim |q|^z$, with dynamic exponent $z = 1$.
- The phase space density of fermions is effectively one-dimensional, so the entropy density $S \sim T$. It is useful to write this as $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$, with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.

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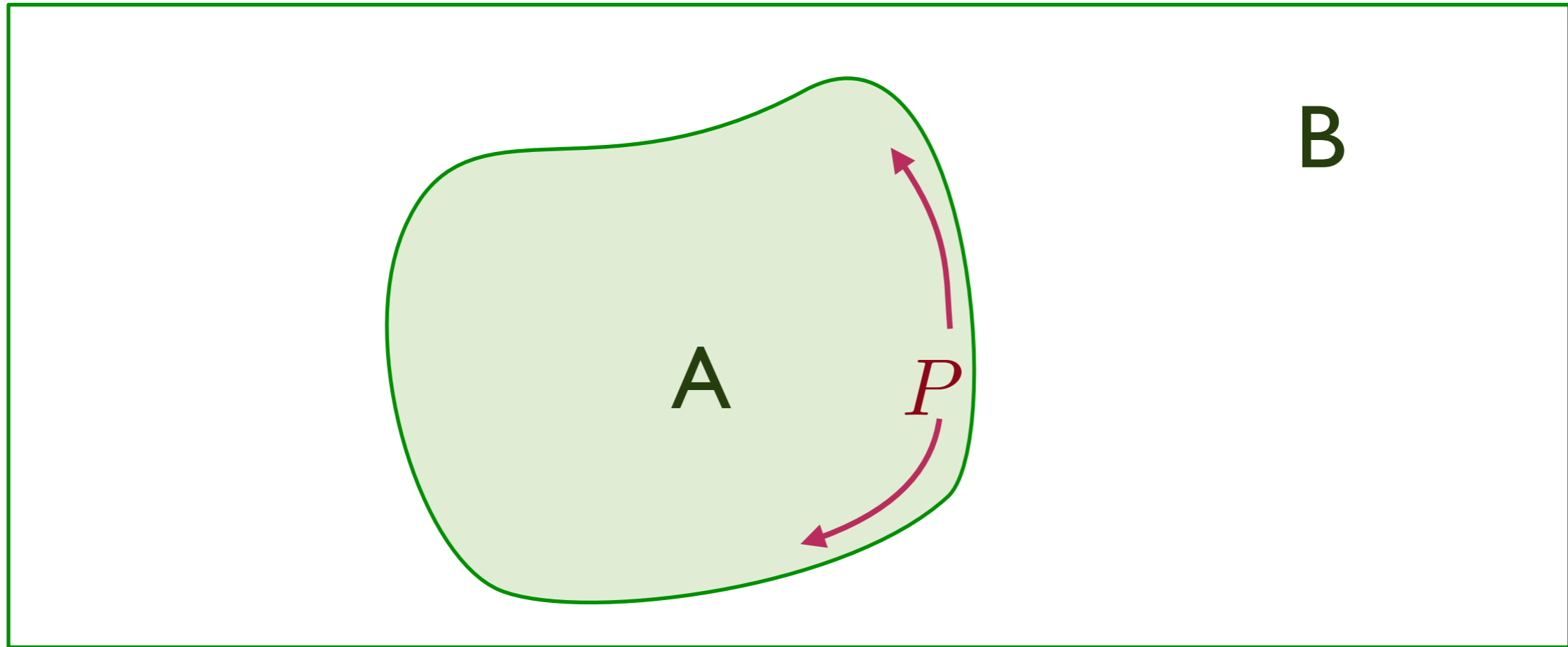
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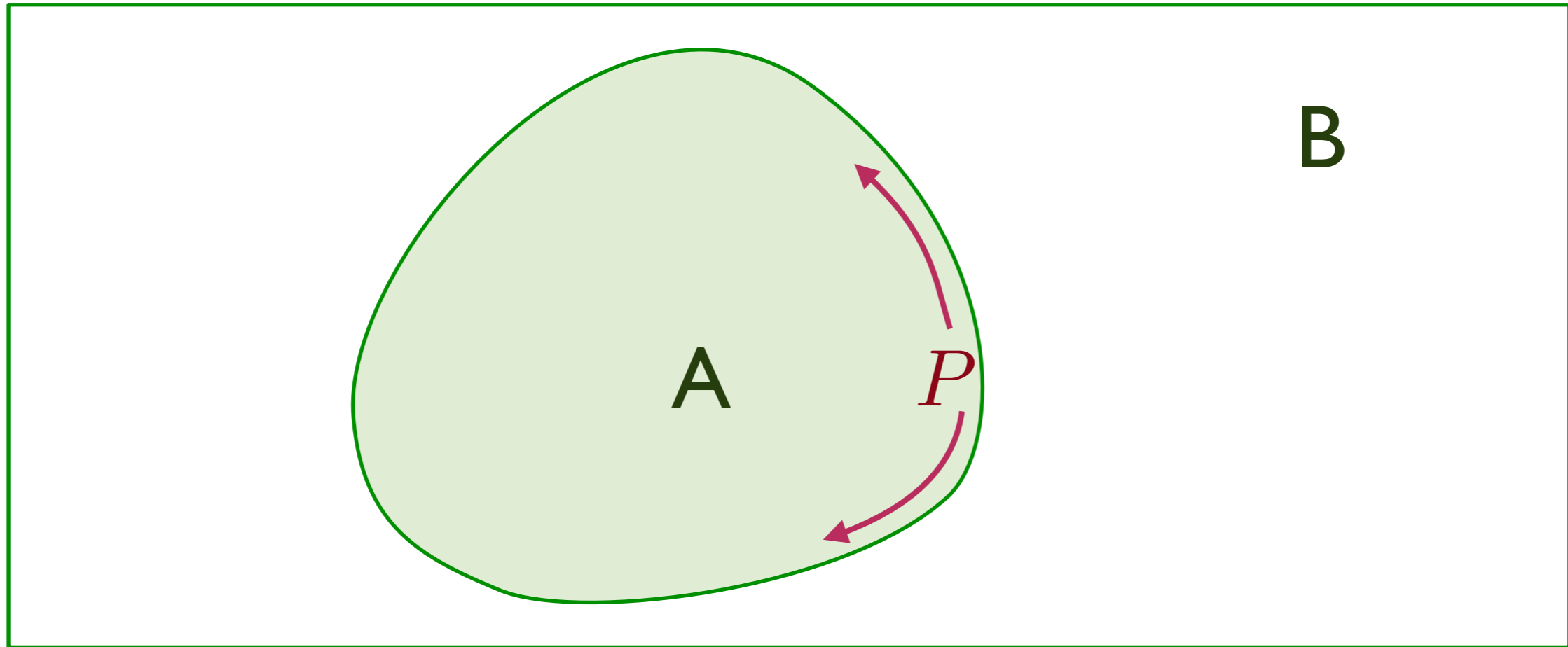
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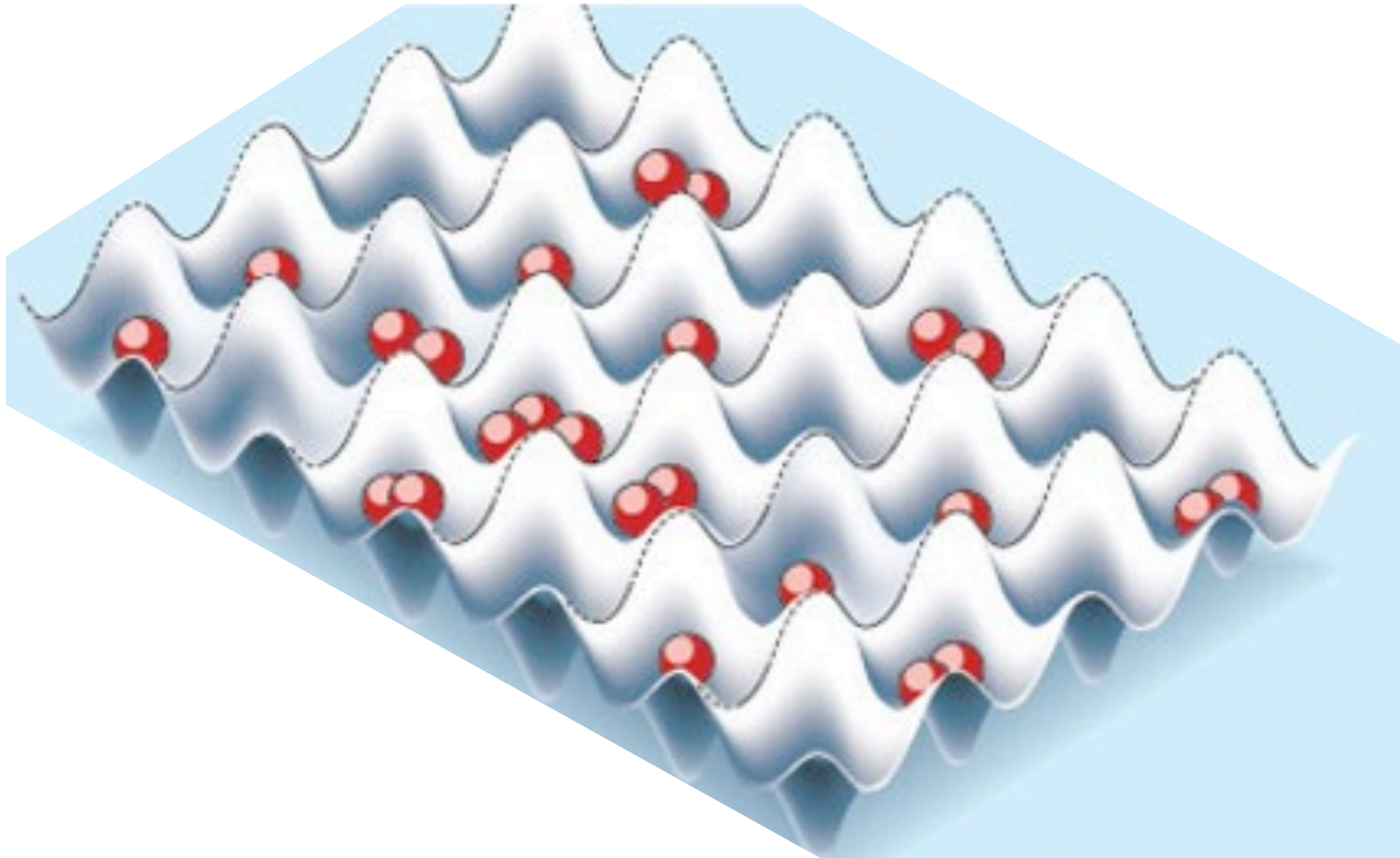
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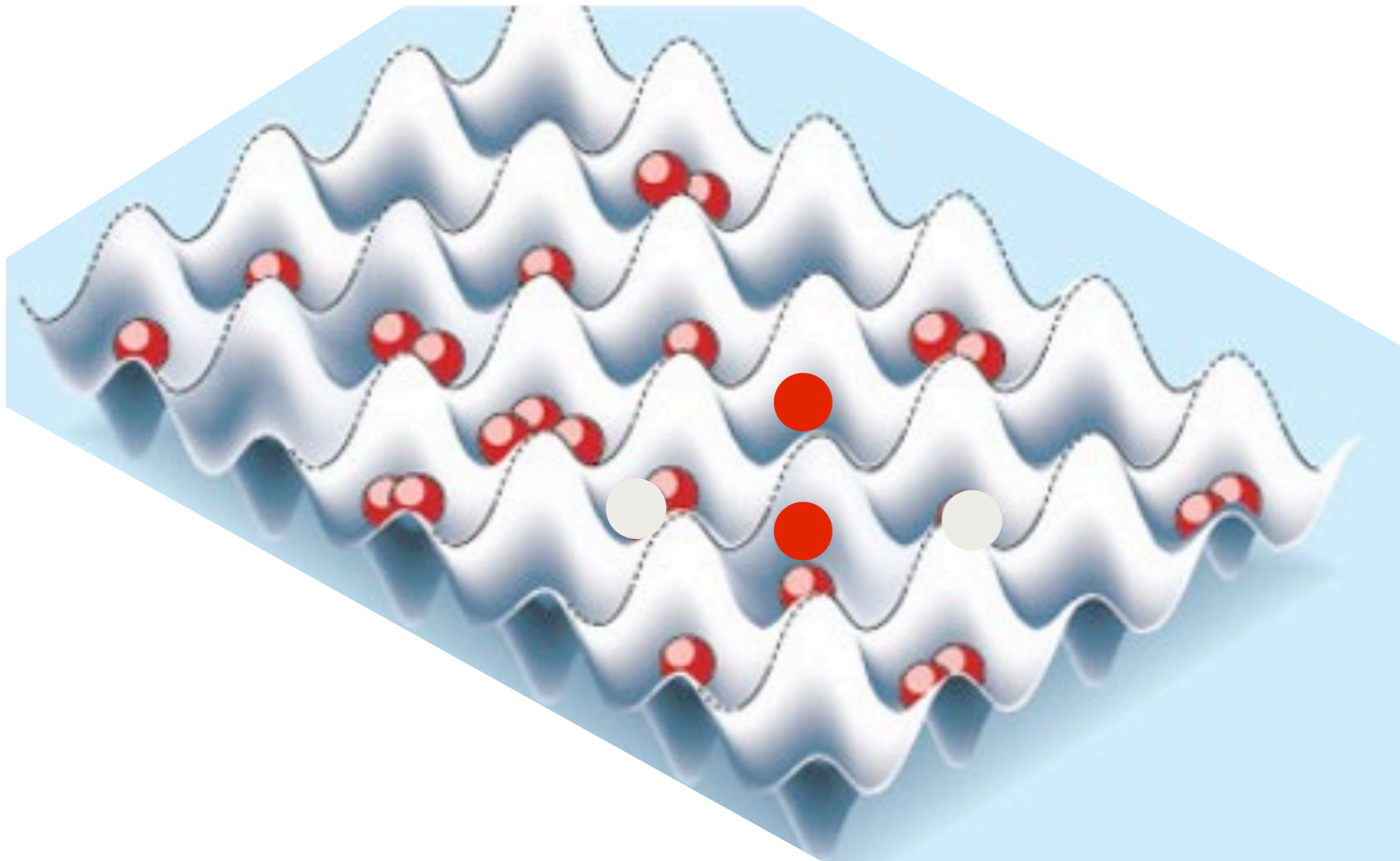
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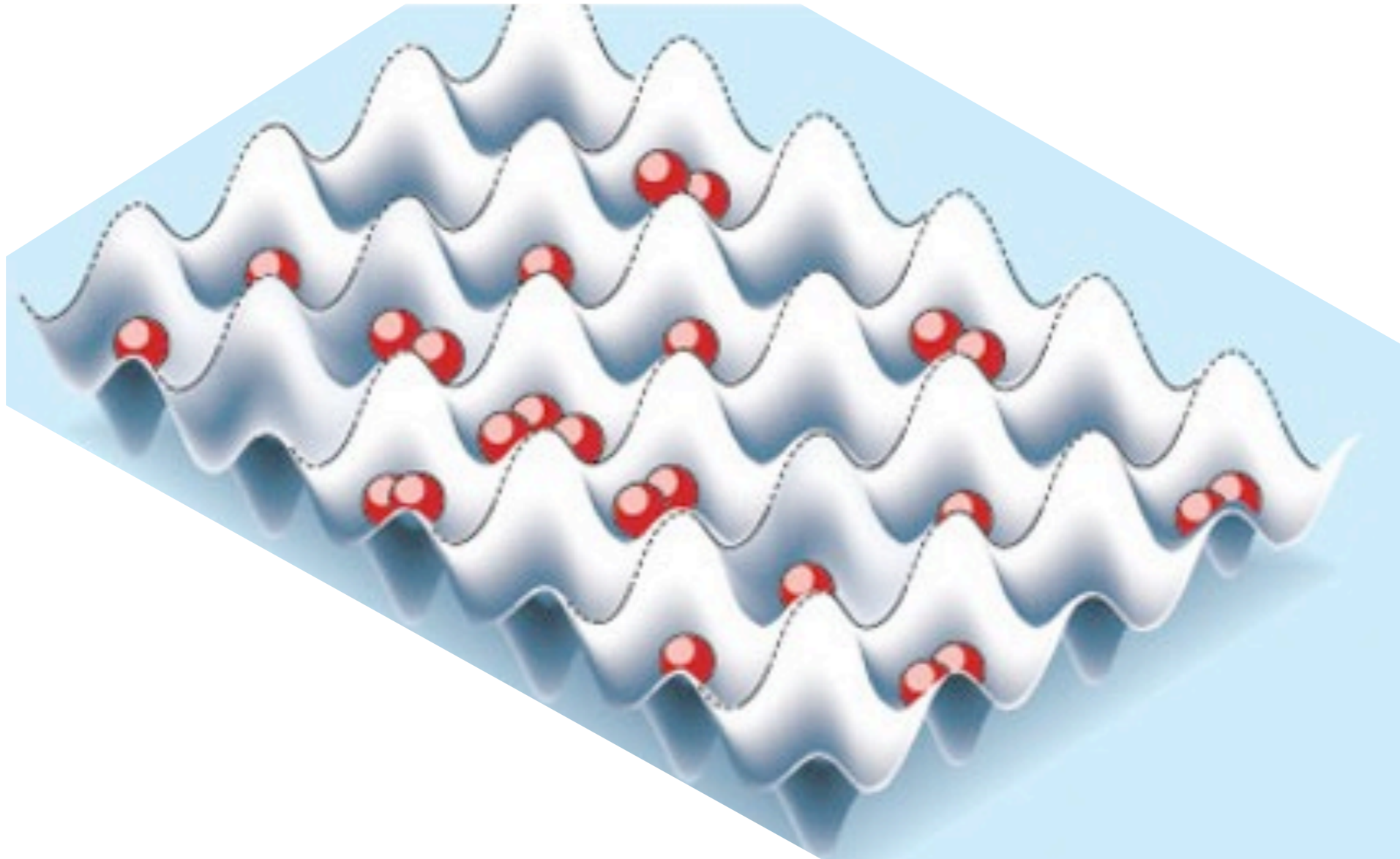
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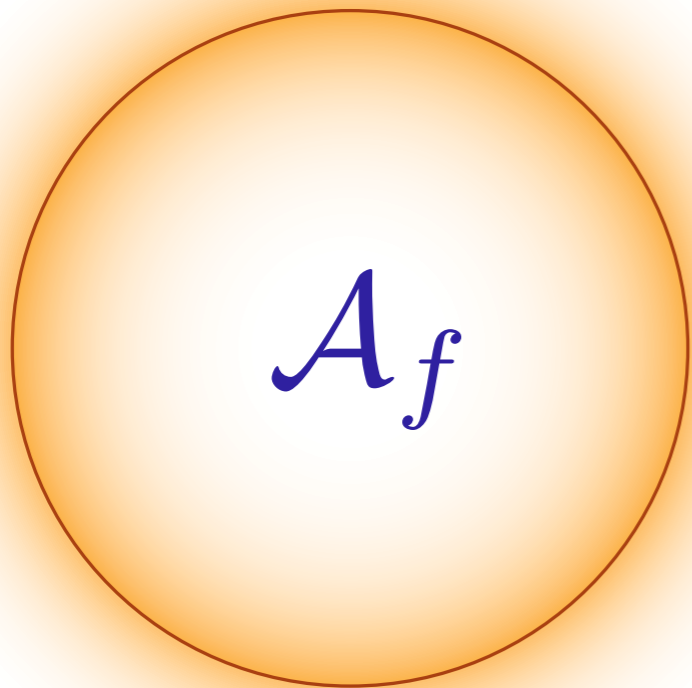
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- **NFL Bose metal:** We have the fractionalization $b \rightarrow f_1 f_2$, where the f_1, f_2 both form a Fermi surface. Both fermions are gauge-charged, and so the Fermi surfaces are partially “hidden”.



$$Q = b^\dagger b$$

$$A_f = \langle Q \rangle$$

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Non-Fermi liquid Bose Metal

For suitable interactions, we can have the boson, b , *fractionalize* into two fermions $f_{1,2}$:

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This implies the effective theory for $f_{1,2}$ is invariant under the U(1) gauge transformation

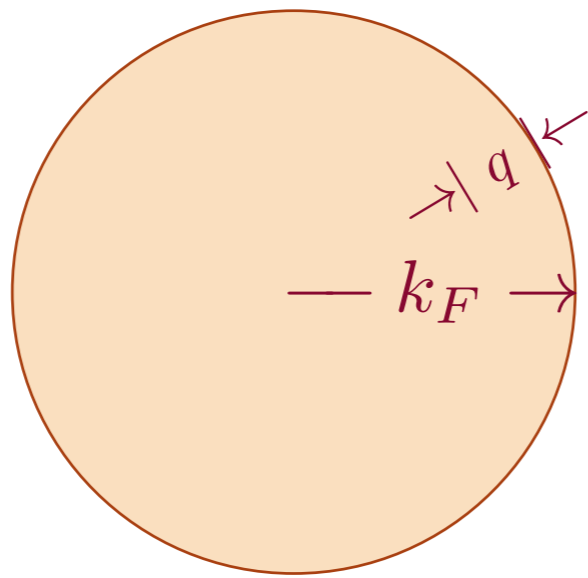
$$f_1 \rightarrow f_1 e^{i\theta(\mathbf{x},\tau)} \quad , \quad f_2 \rightarrow f_2 e^{-i\theta(\mathbf{x},\tau)}$$

Consequently, the effective theory of the Bose metal has an emergent gauge field A_μ and has the structure

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The gauge-dependent $f_{1,2}$ Green's functions have Fermi surfaces obeying $\mathcal{A}_f = \langle Q \rangle$. However, these Fermi surfaces are not directly observable because it is gauge-dependent. Nevertheless, gauge-independent operators, such as b or $b^\dagger b$, will exhibit *Friedel oscillations* associated with fermions scattering across these hidden Fermi surfaces.

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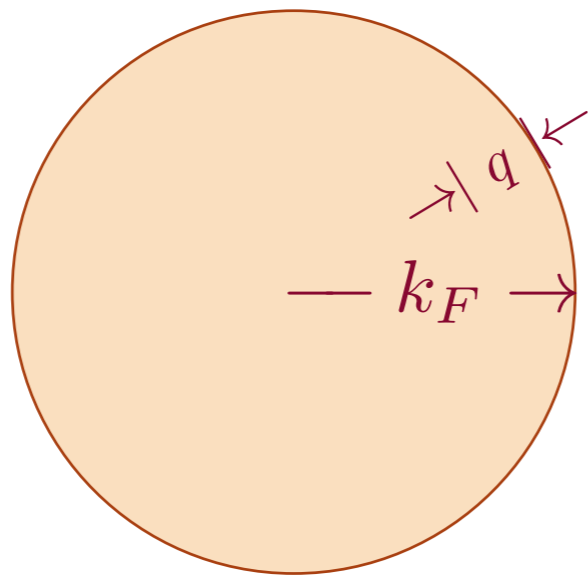
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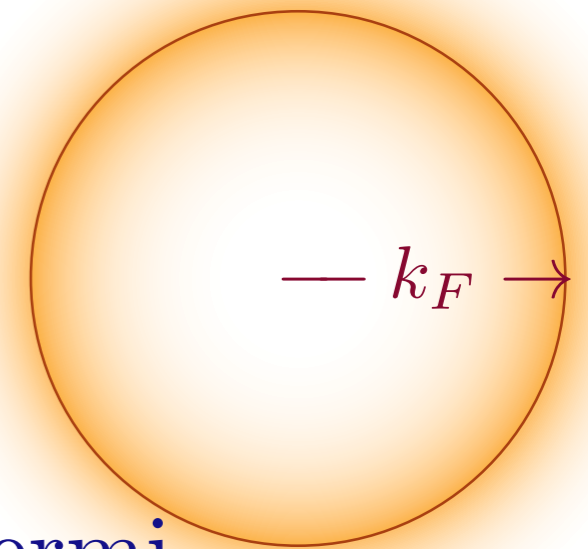
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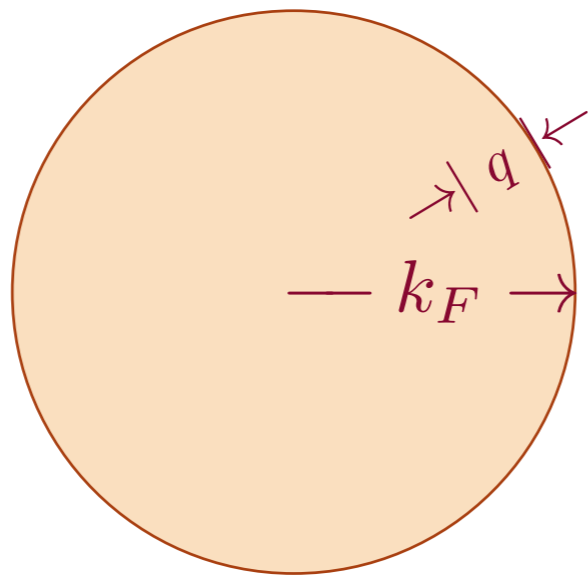
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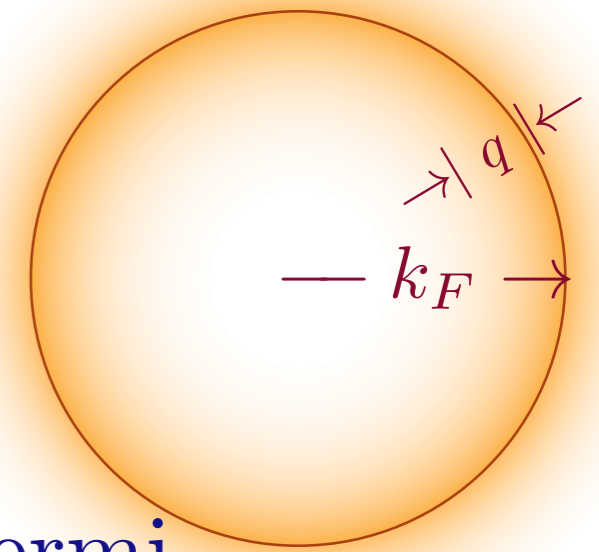
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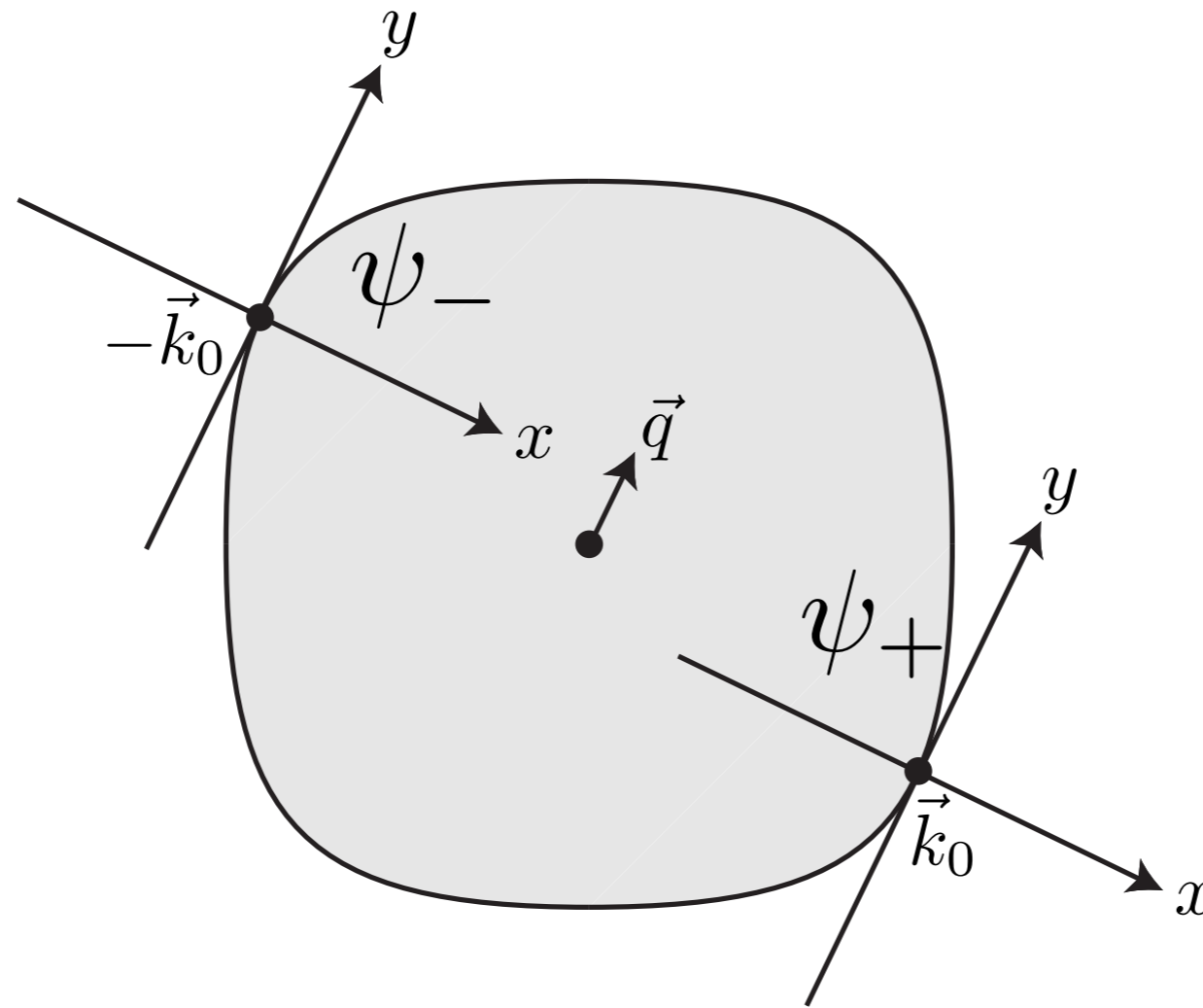


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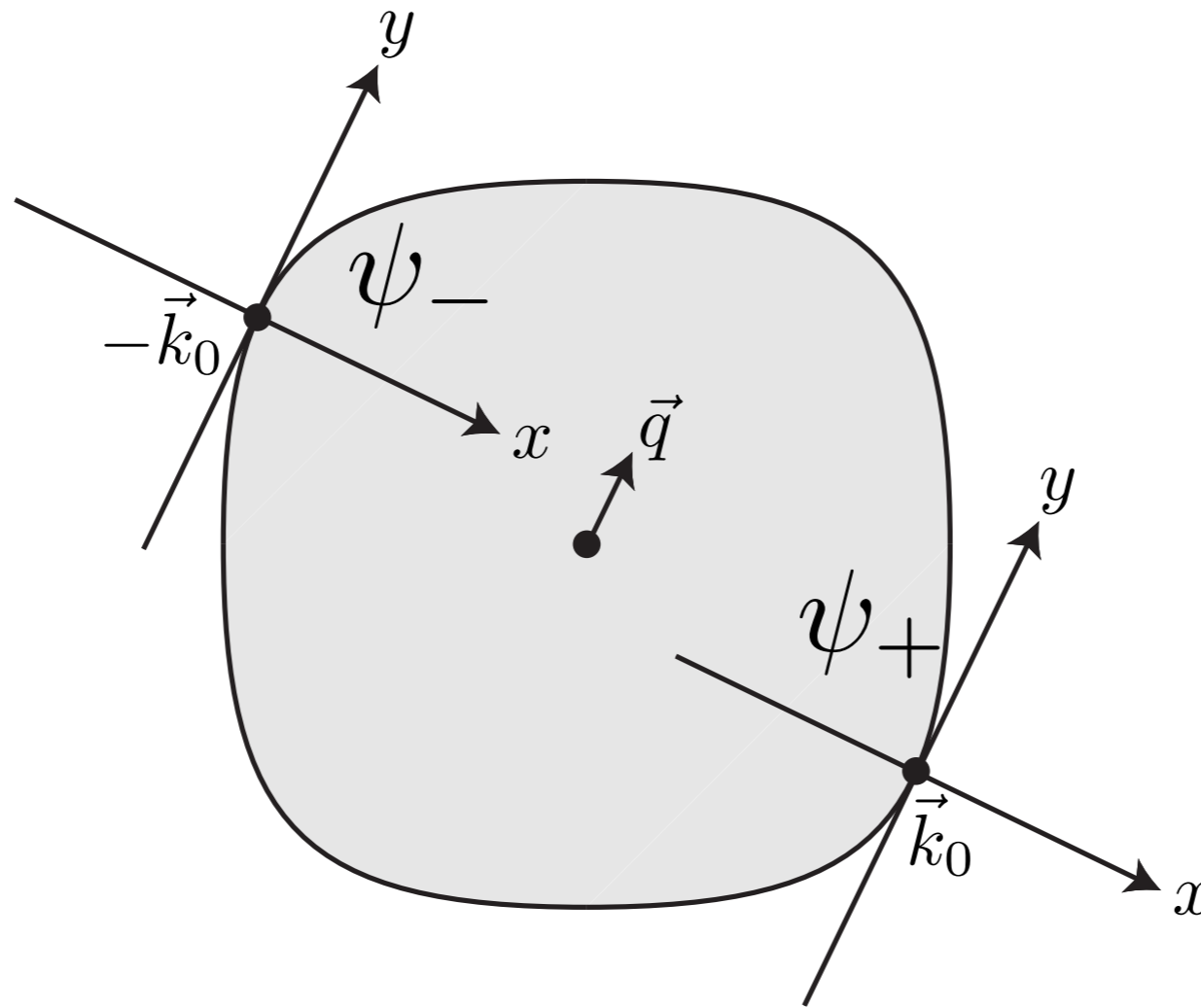
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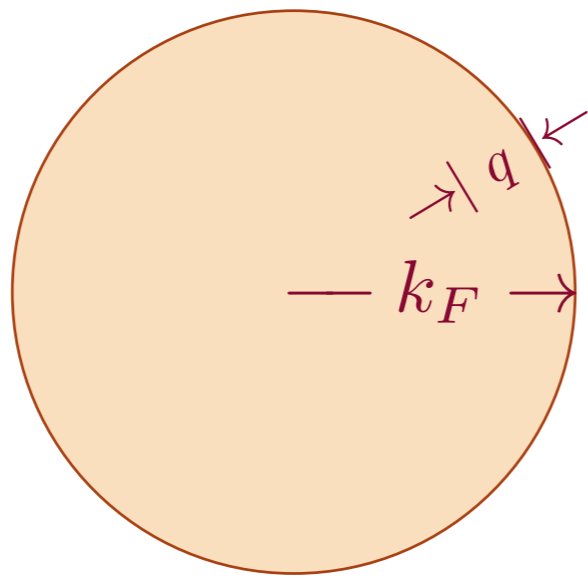
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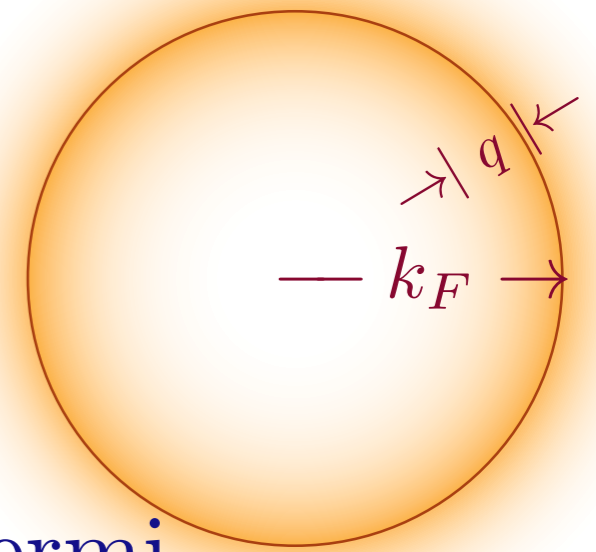
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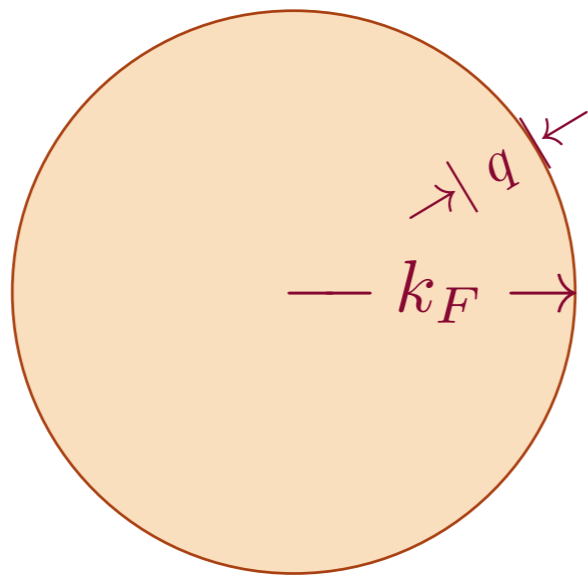


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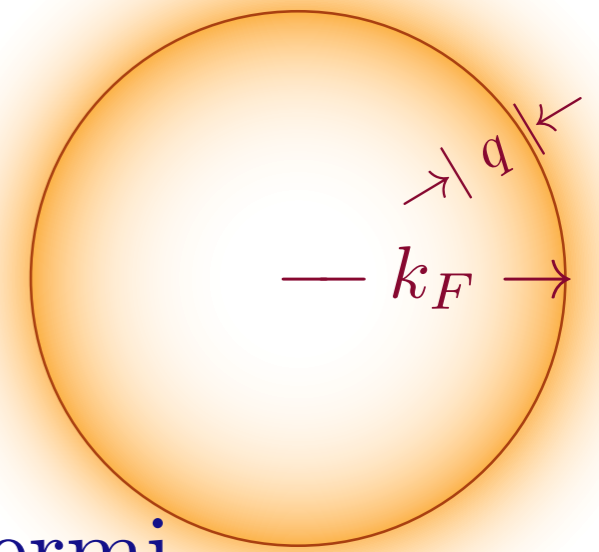
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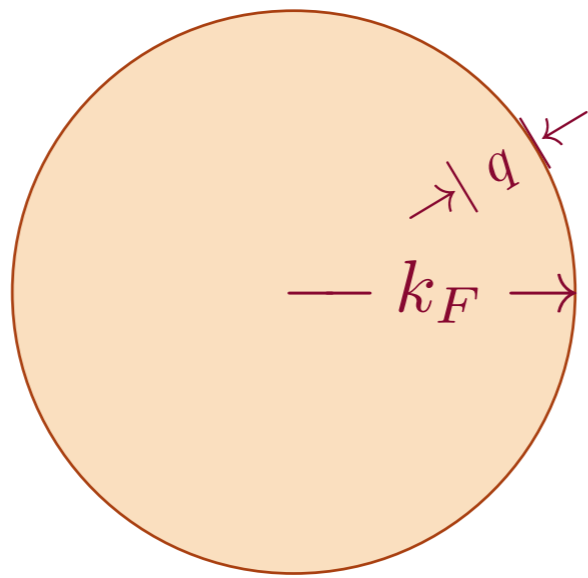


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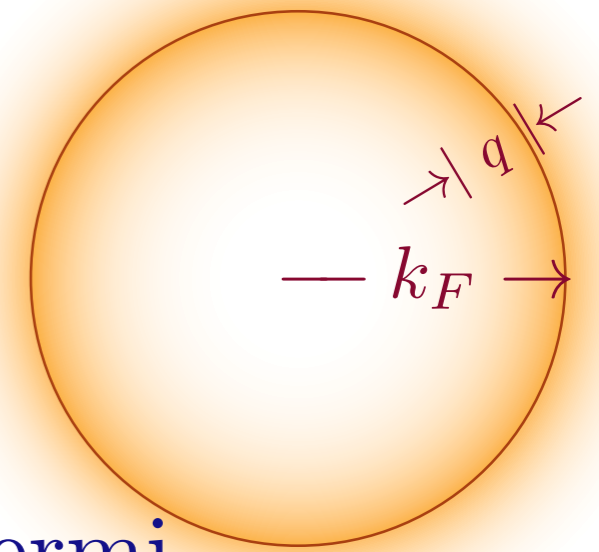
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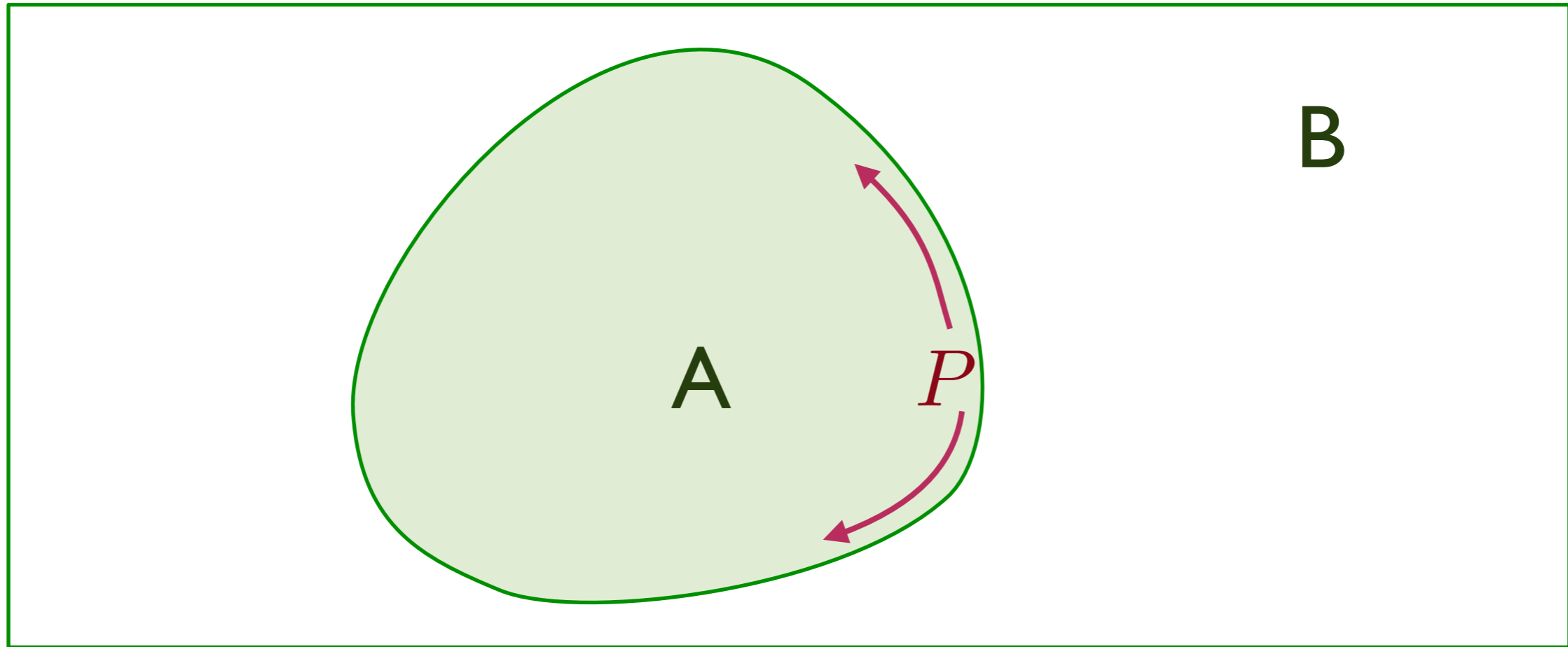
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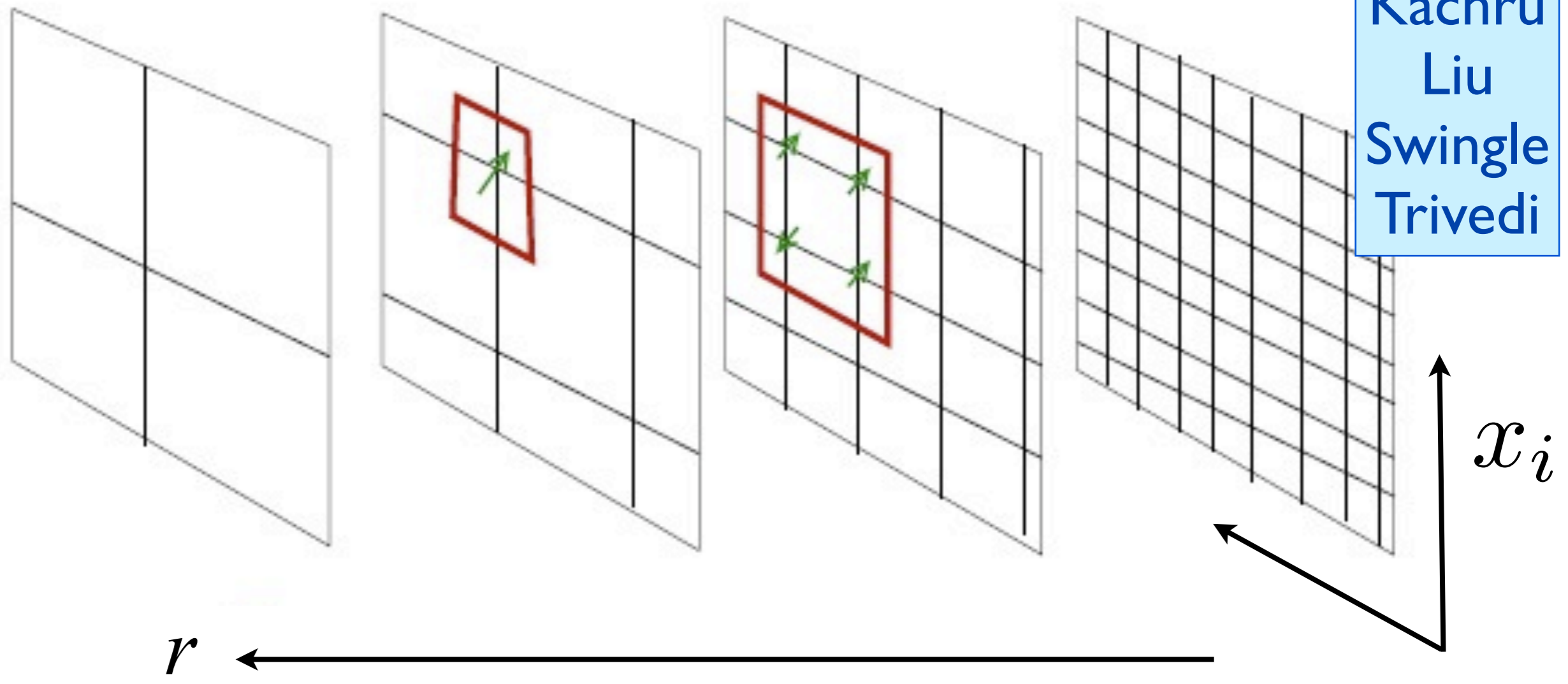
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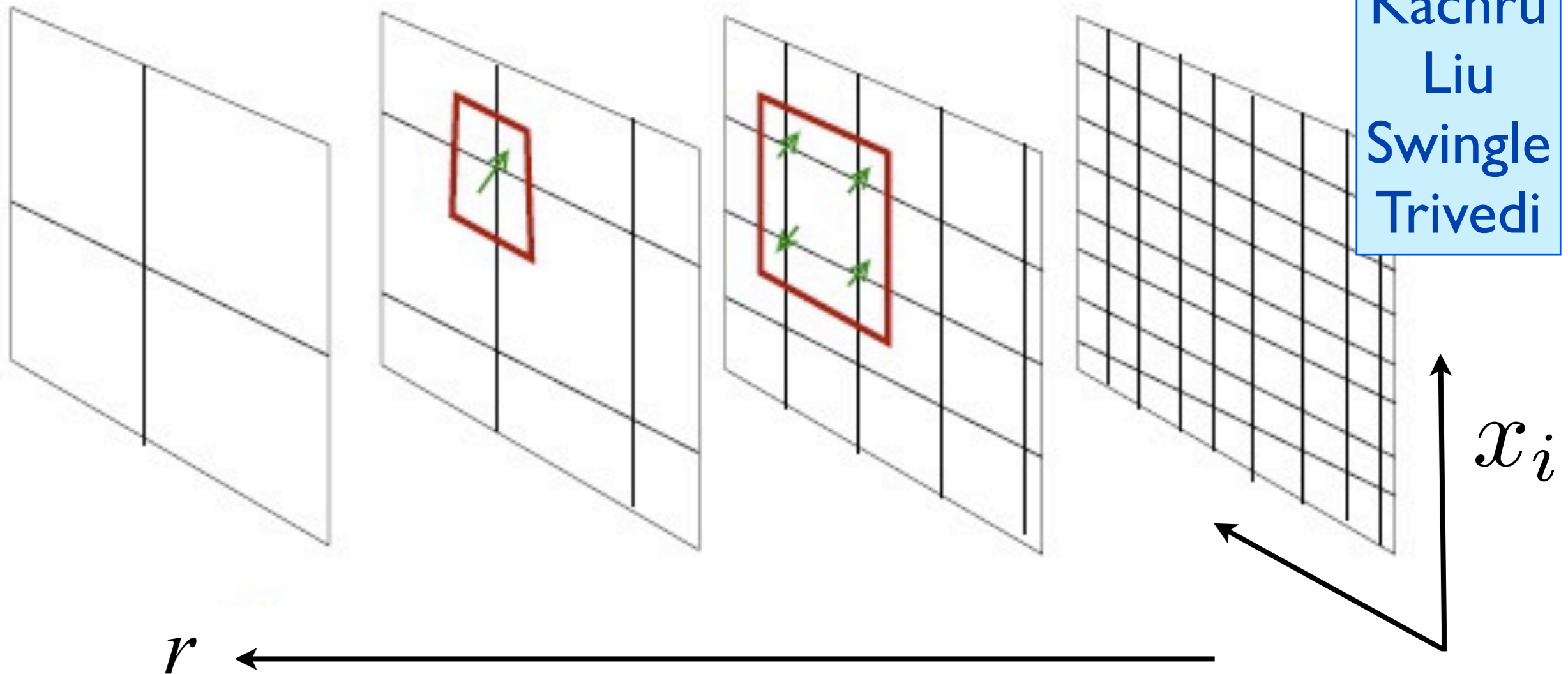
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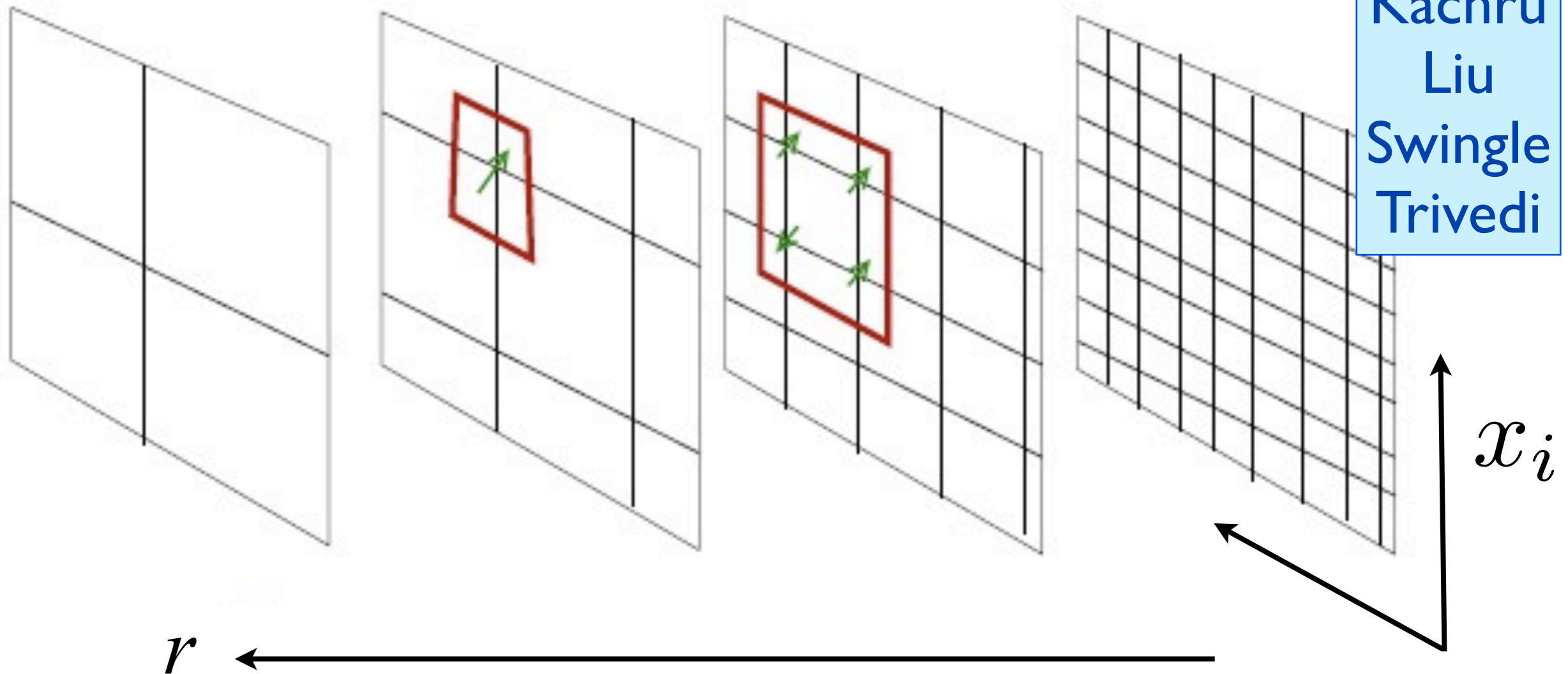
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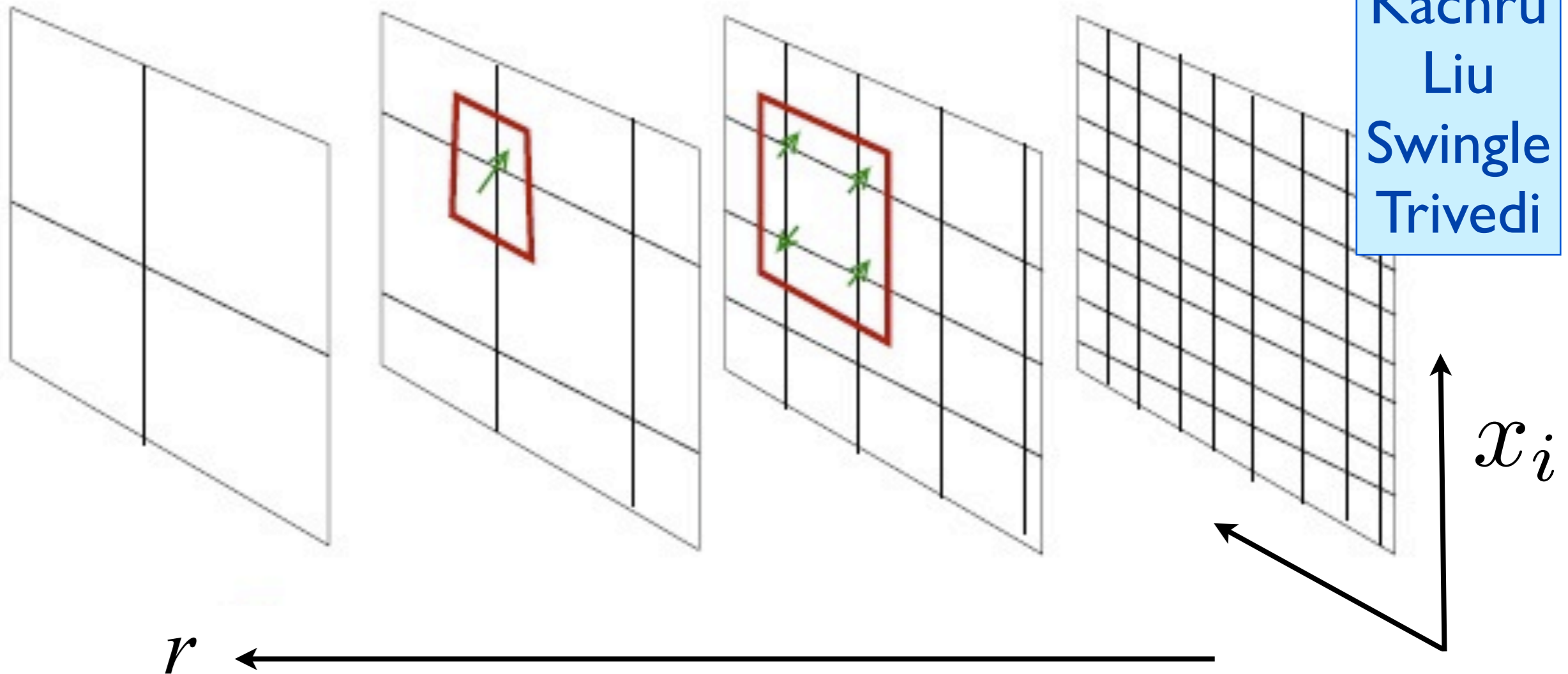
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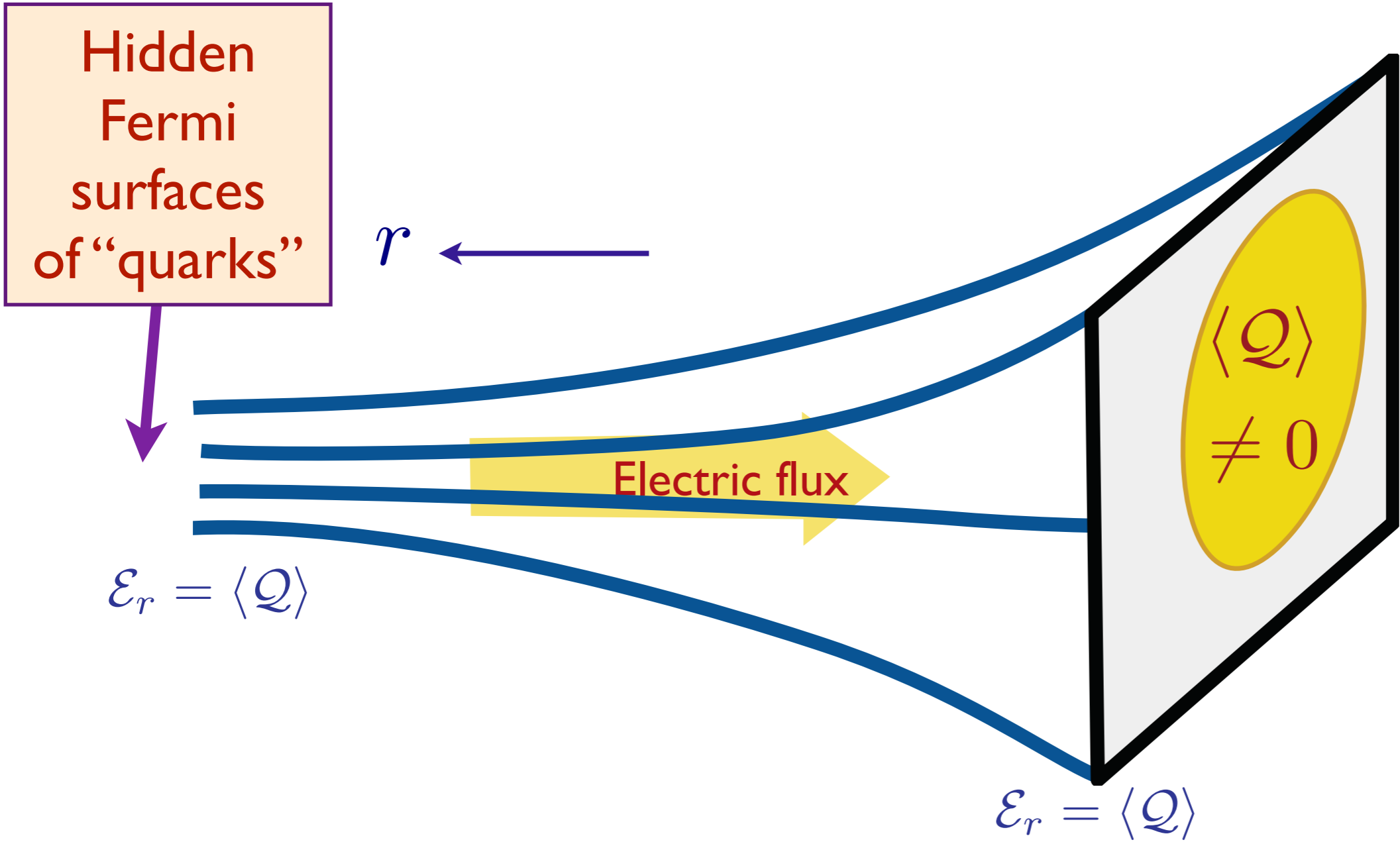
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- For every CFT in 2+1 dimensions with a globally conserved U(1), we can define a monopole operator which transforms as a scalar under conformal transformations.
e.g. for the XY model, we insert a monopole at x_m by including a *fixed* background gauge flux α_μ so that

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu - i\alpha_\mu)\psi|^2 + s|\psi|^2 + u|\psi|^4$$

where the flux $\beta_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu\alpha_\lambda$ obeys

$$\partial_\mu\beta_\mu = 2\pi\delta(x - x_m) \quad , \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu(\Omega\beta_\nu) = 0$$

where the CFT lives on the conformally flat space with is $ds^2 = \Omega^{-2}dx_\mu^2$.

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- In the holographic theory, we have a bulk scalar field Φ_m (conjugate to the monopole operator of the CFT) which carries the charge of the S -dual of the 4-dimensional bulk $U(1)$ gauge field:

$$\mathcal{S}_m = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[|(\nabla - 2\pi i \tilde{A})\Phi_m|^2 + \dots \right]$$

where $\tilde{F} = d\tilde{A} = *F = *dA$.

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- When a chemical potential is applied to the boundary CFT, Φ_m experiences a magnetic flux. Consequently condensation of Φ_m leads to a vortex-lattice-like state, which corresponds to the formation of a *crystal* in the CFT. *The crystal has unit Q charge per unit cell.*
- We expect that a vortex-liquid-like state of the Φ_m will yield the Friedel oscillations of the Fermi surface, with the correct Fermi wavevector.

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