

Quantum criticality and high temperature superconductivity

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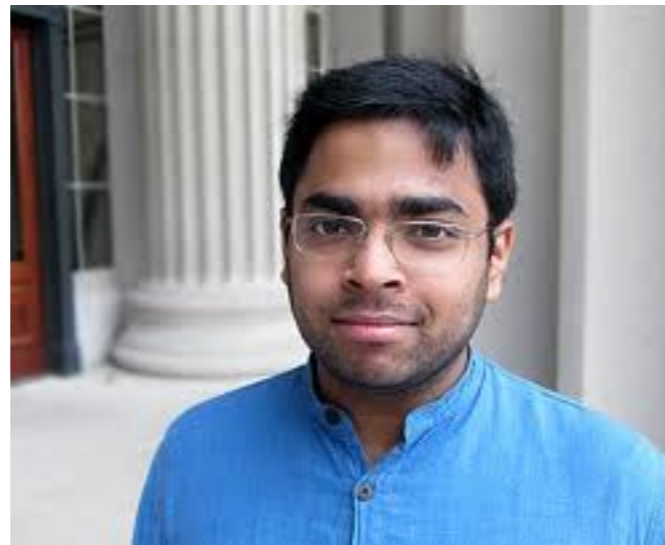
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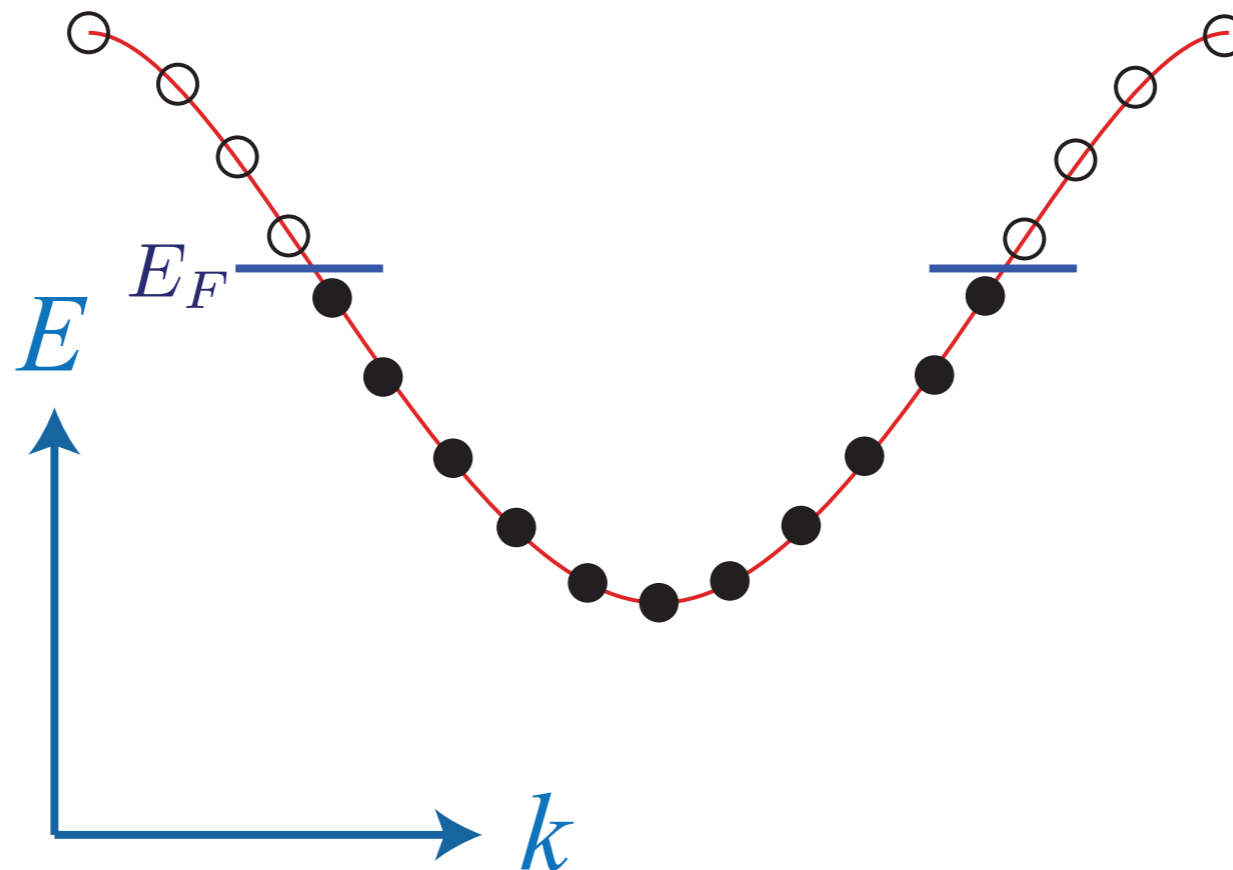


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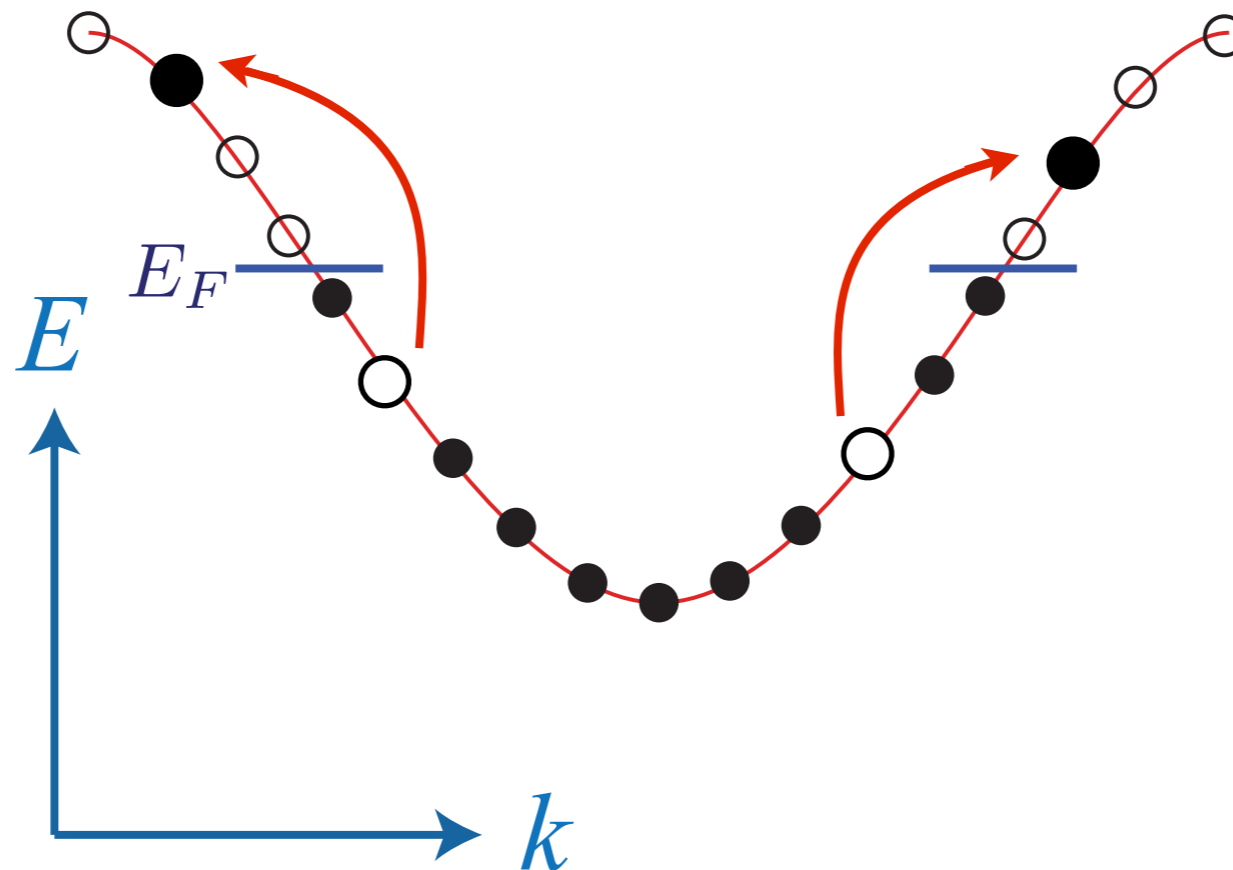


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Famous examples:

The fractional quantum Hall effect of electrons in two dimensions (e.g. in graphene) in the presence of a strong magnetic field. The ground state is described by Laughlin's wavefunction, and the excitations are *quasiparticles* which carry fractional charge.

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Electrons in one dimensional wires form the Luttinger liquid. The quanta of density oscillations (“phonons”) are a *quasiparticle* basis of the low-energy Hilbert space. Similar comments apply to magnetic insulators in one dimension.

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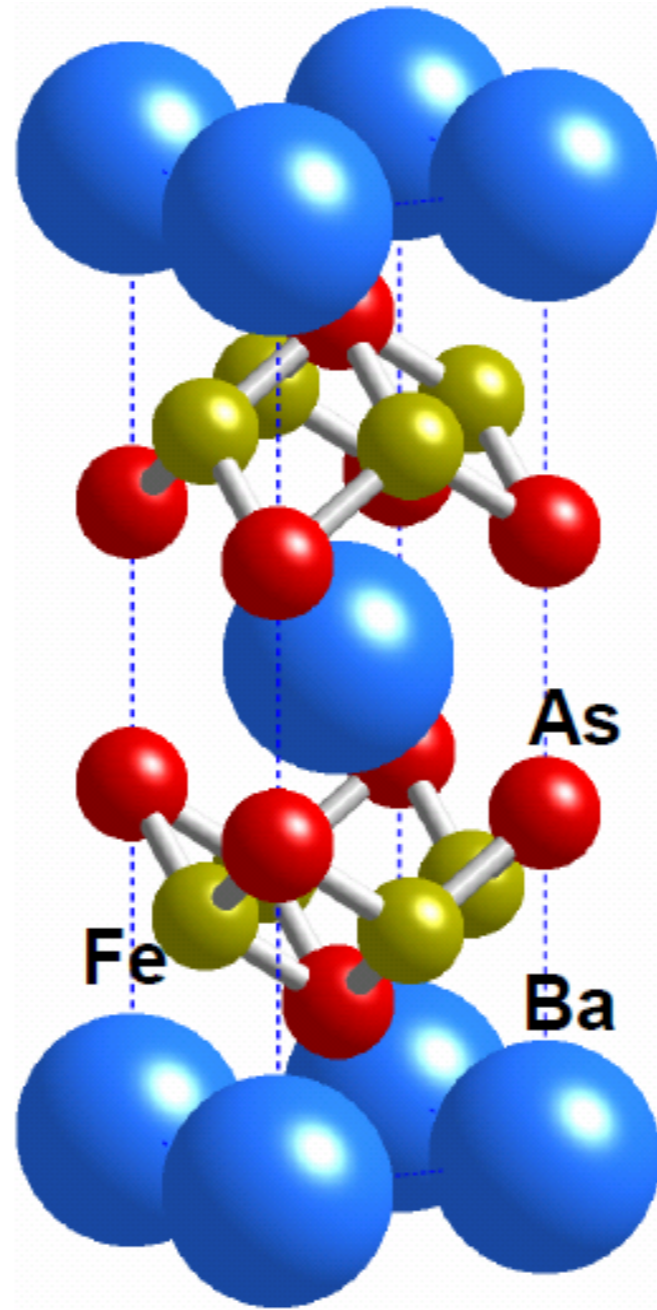
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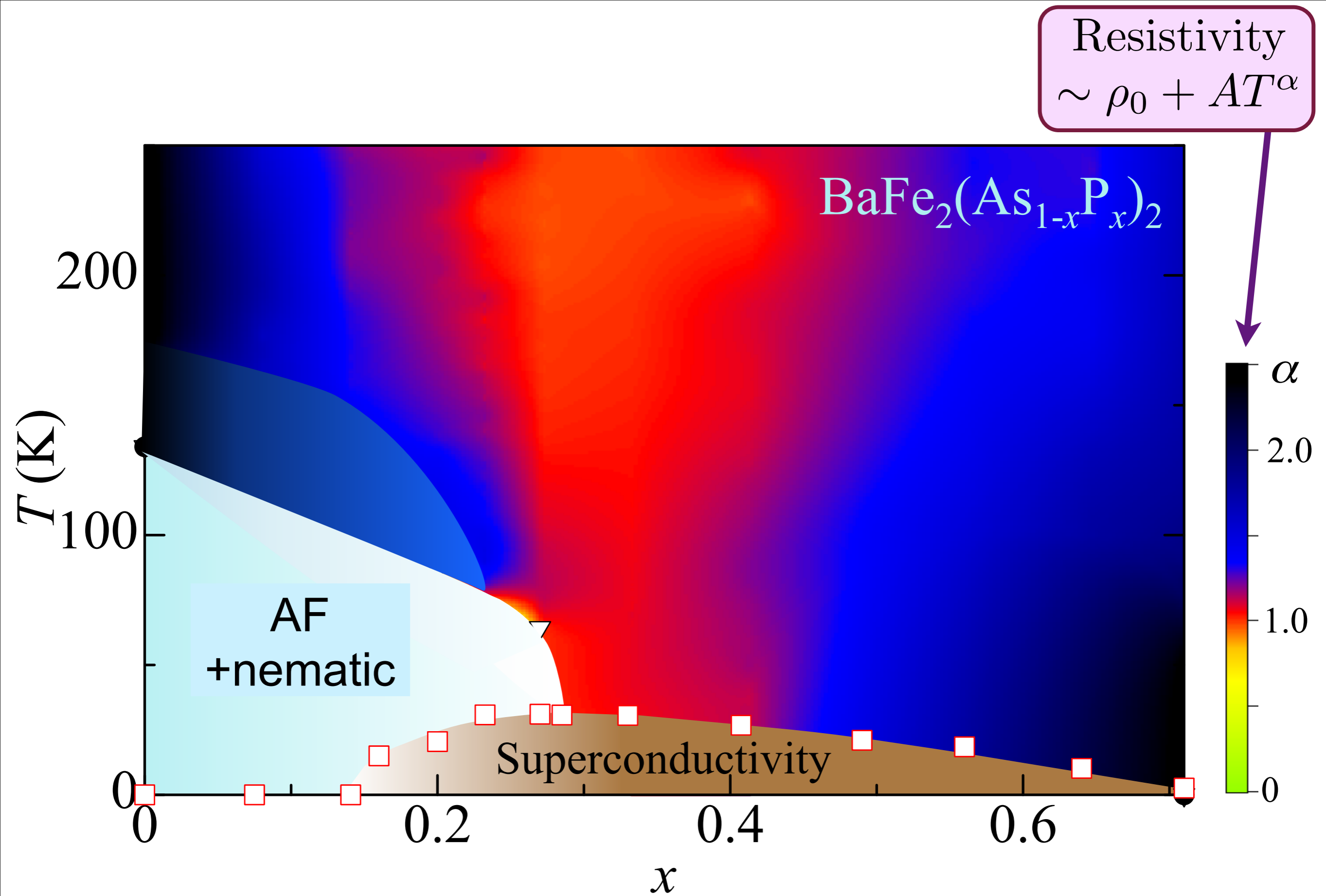
Only 2 examples:

1. Conformal field theories in spatial dimension $d > 1$
2. Quantum critical metals in dimension $d=2$

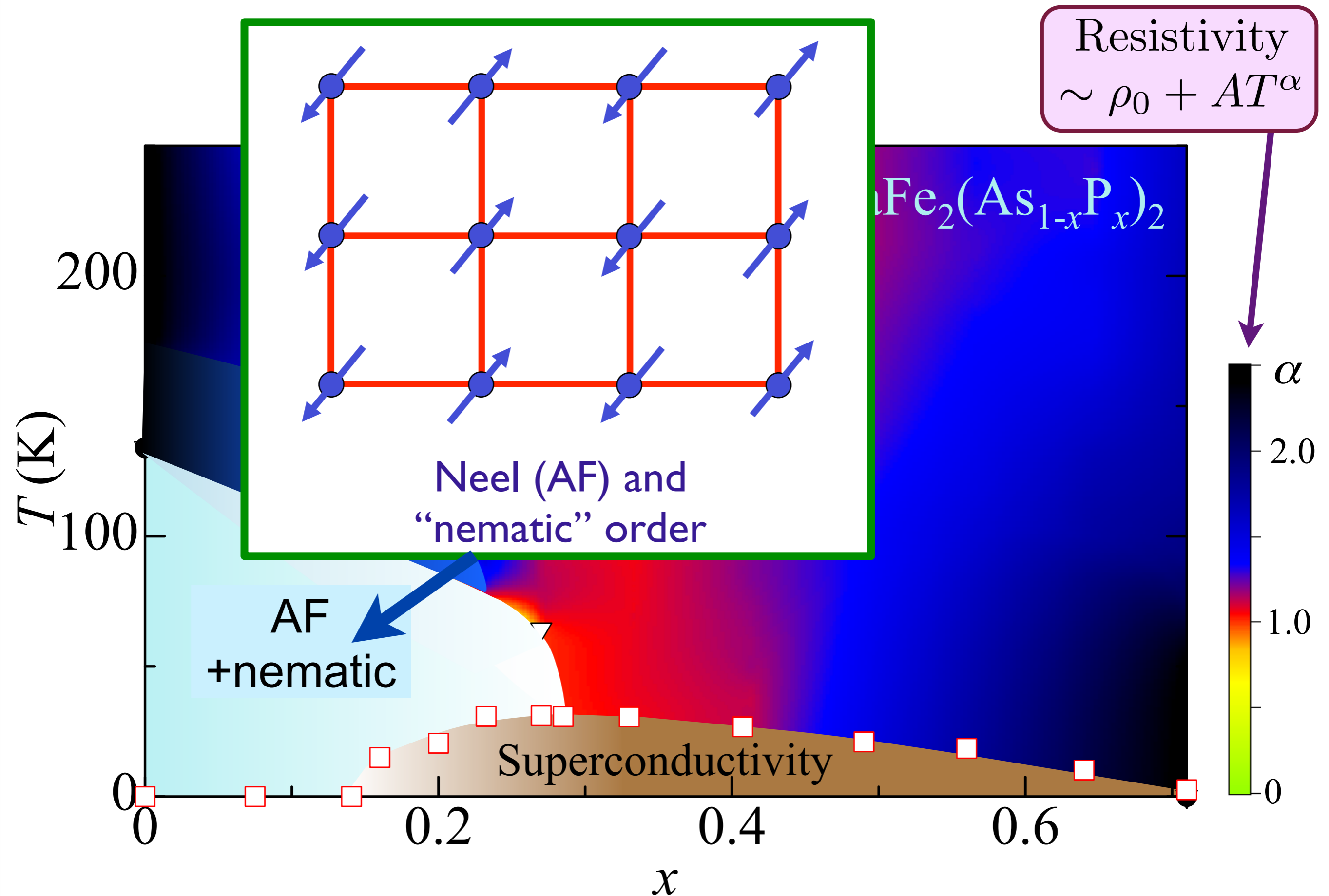
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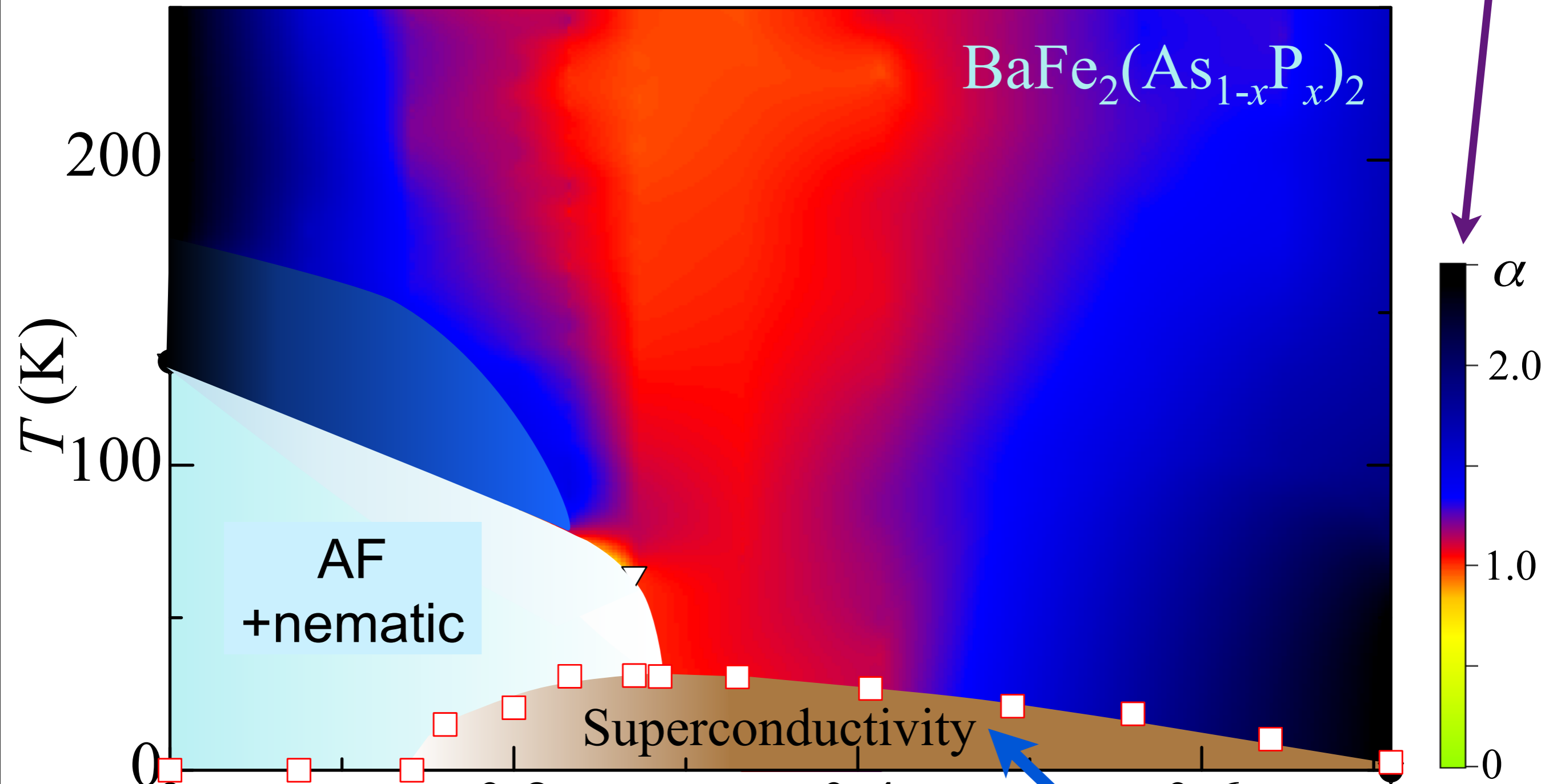


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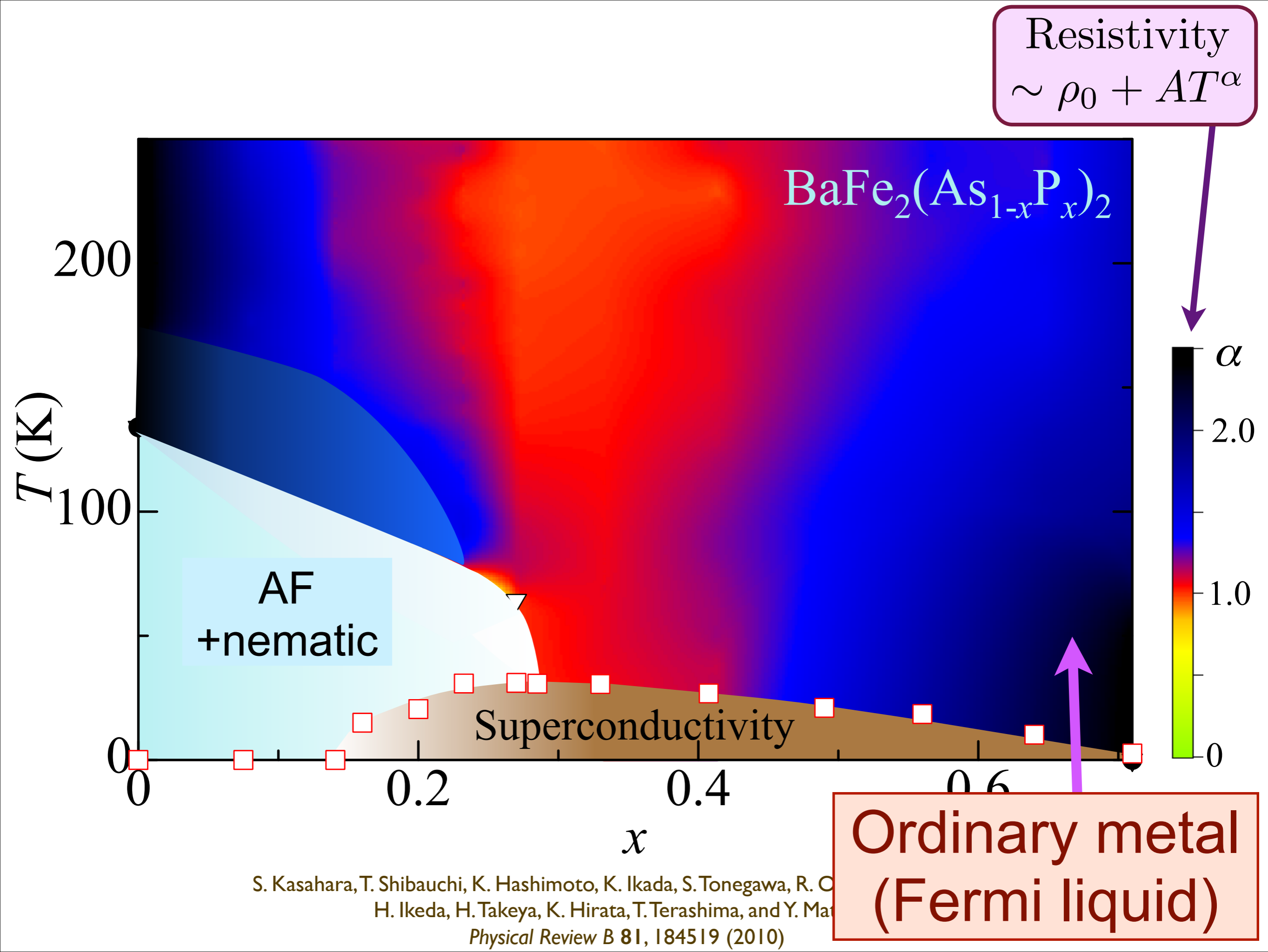
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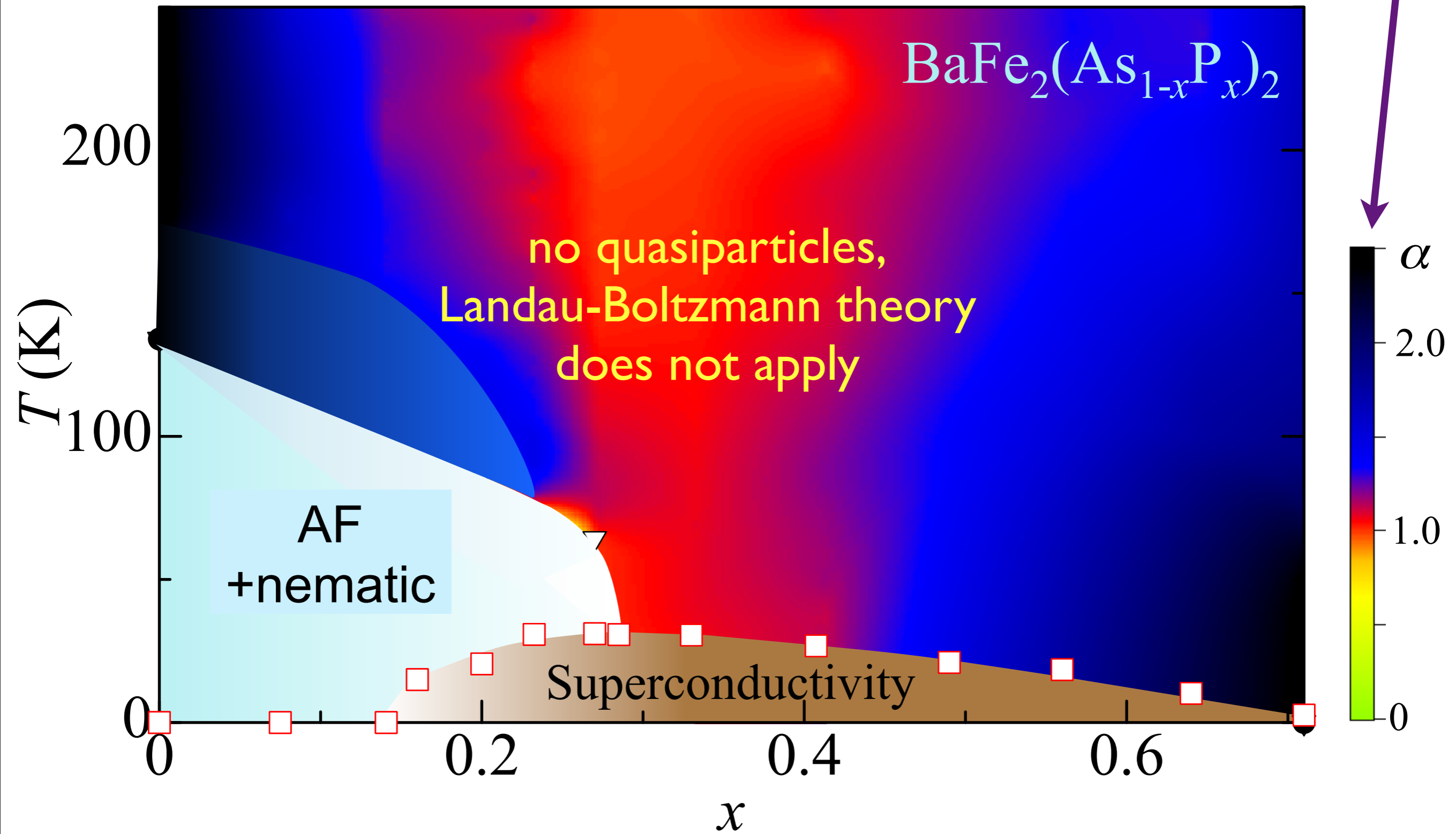


Superconductor
Bose condensate of pairs of electrons

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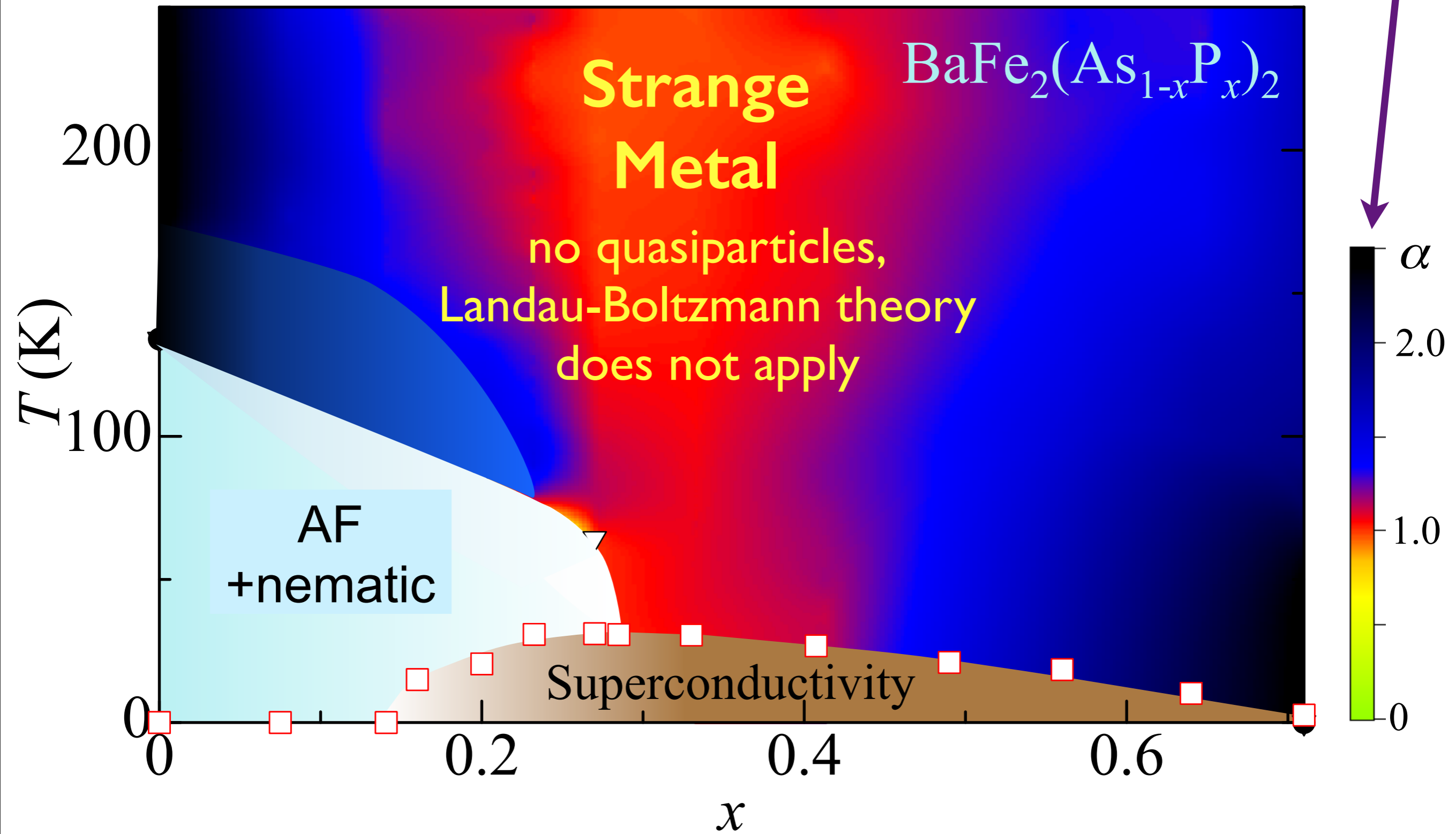


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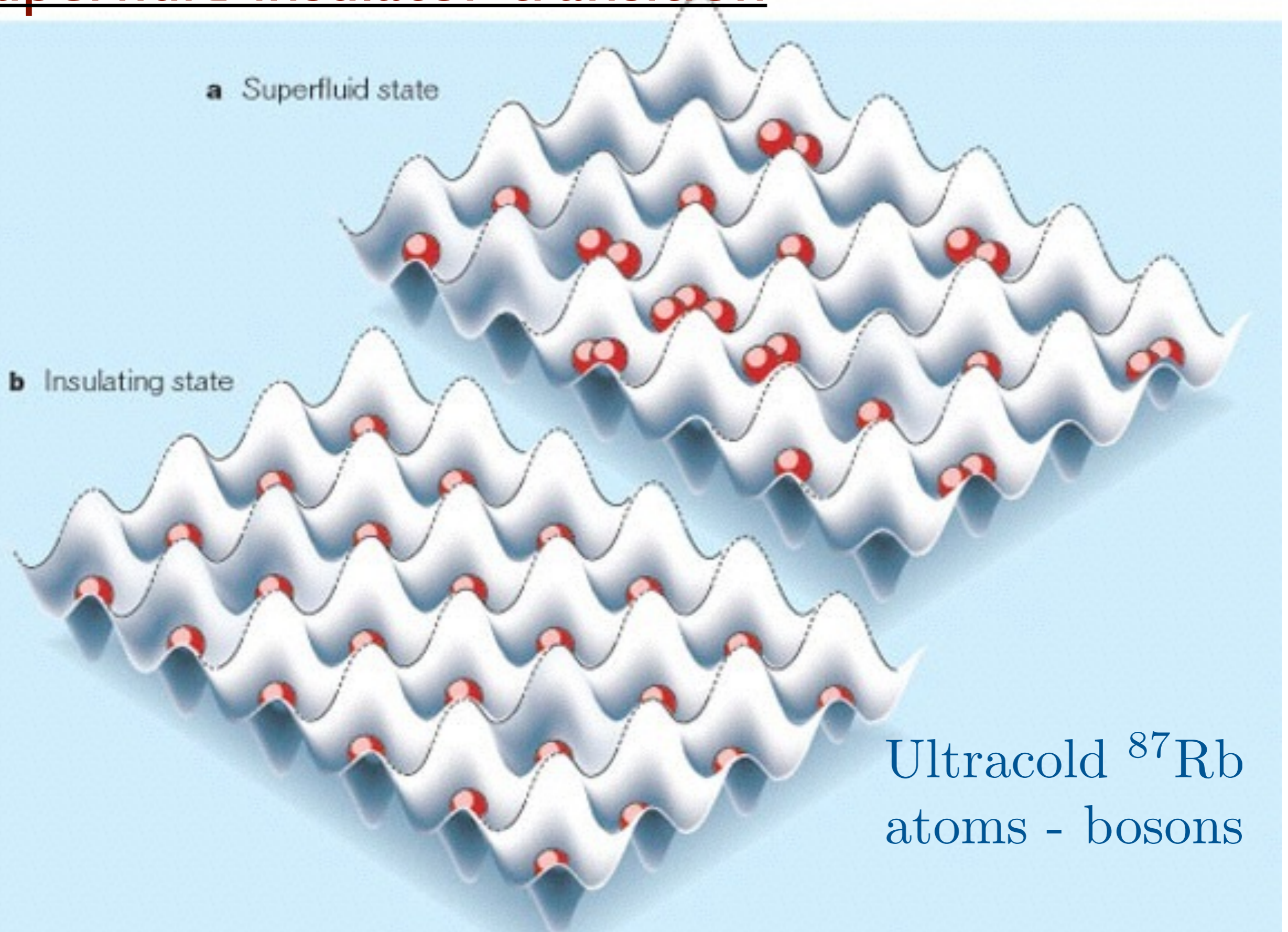
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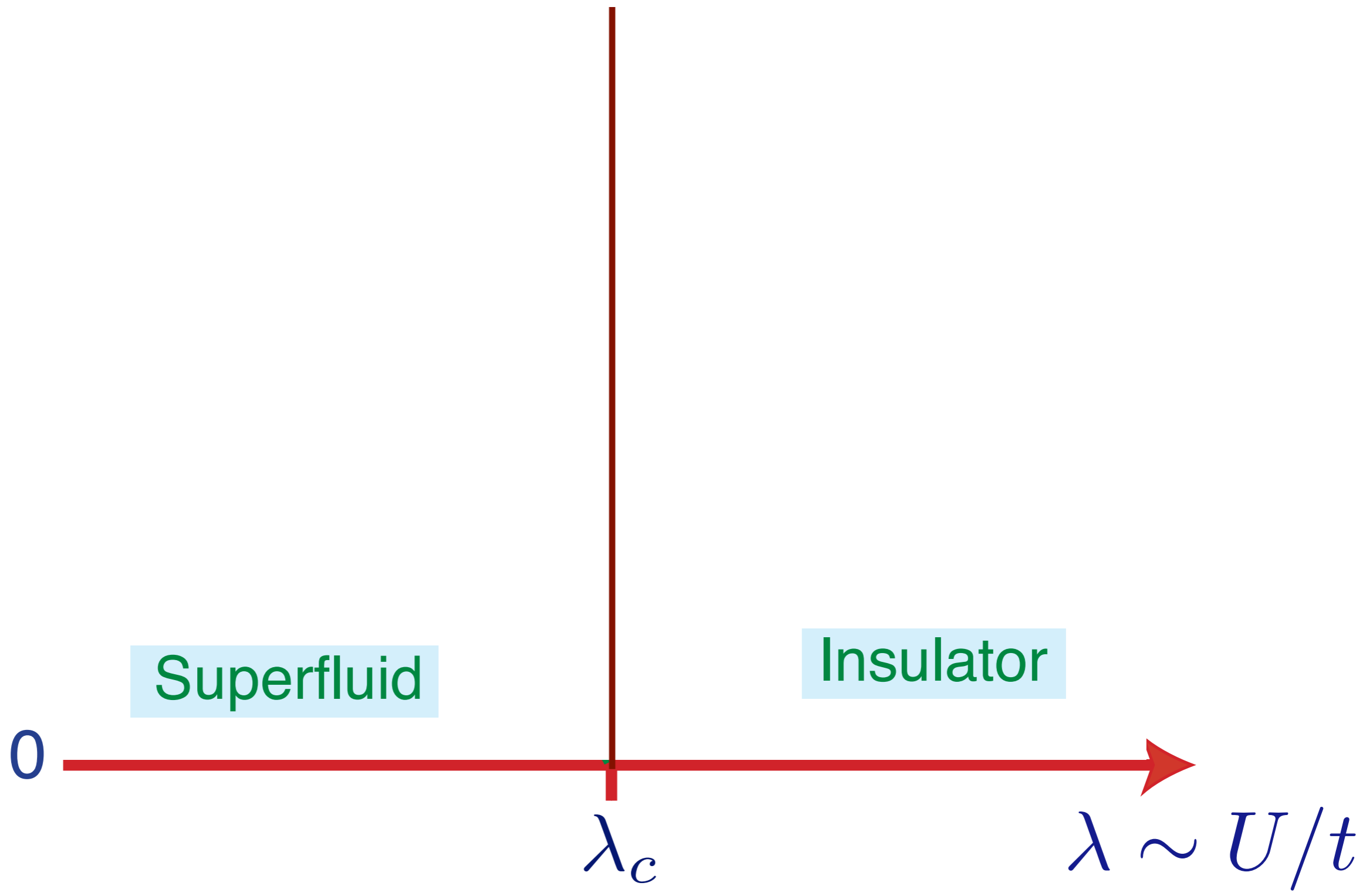
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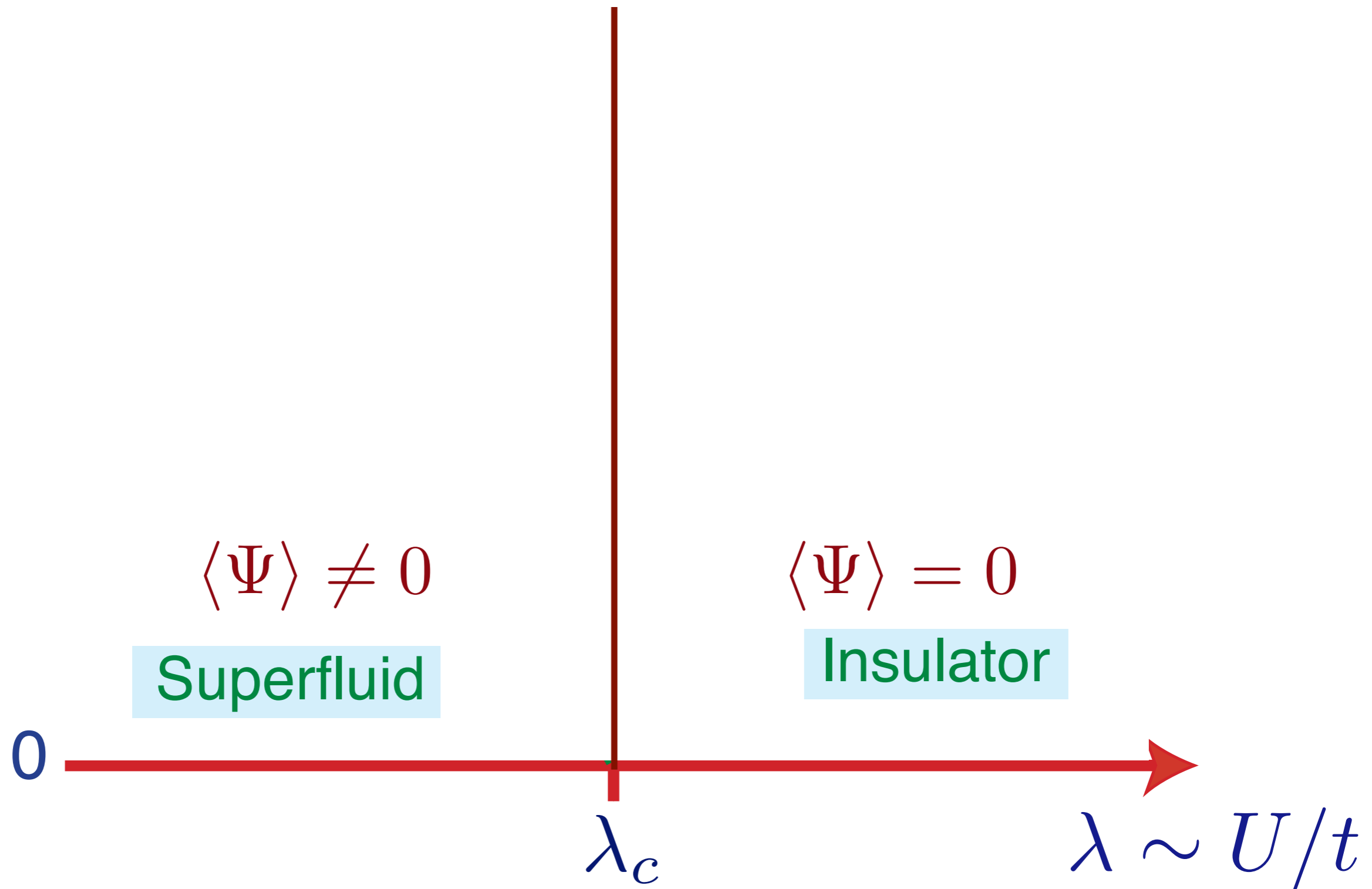
Superfluid-insulator transition



Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

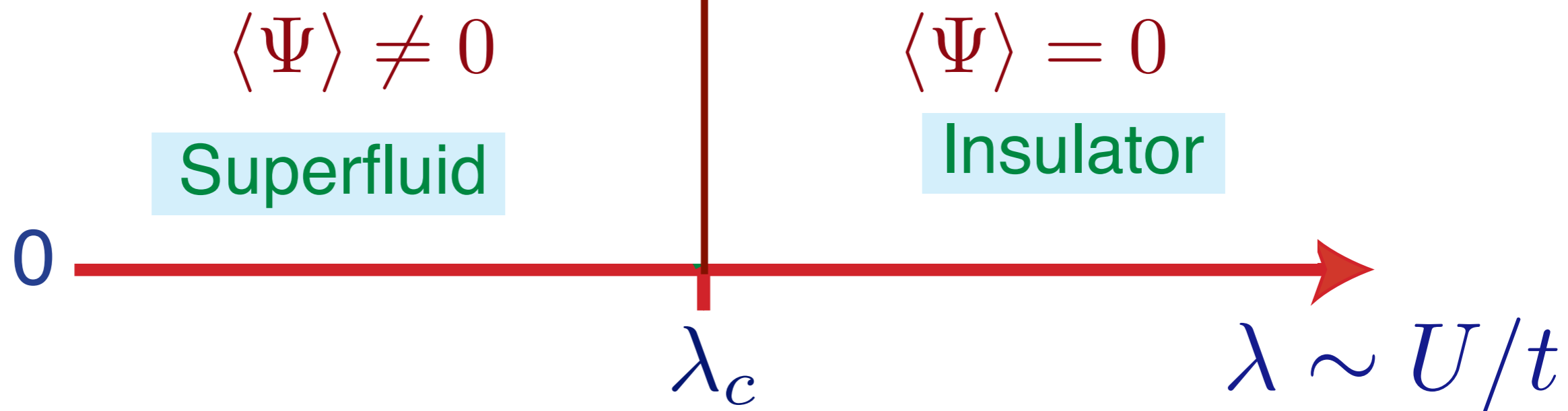


$\Psi \rightarrow$ a complex field representing the Bose-Einstein condensate of the superfluid



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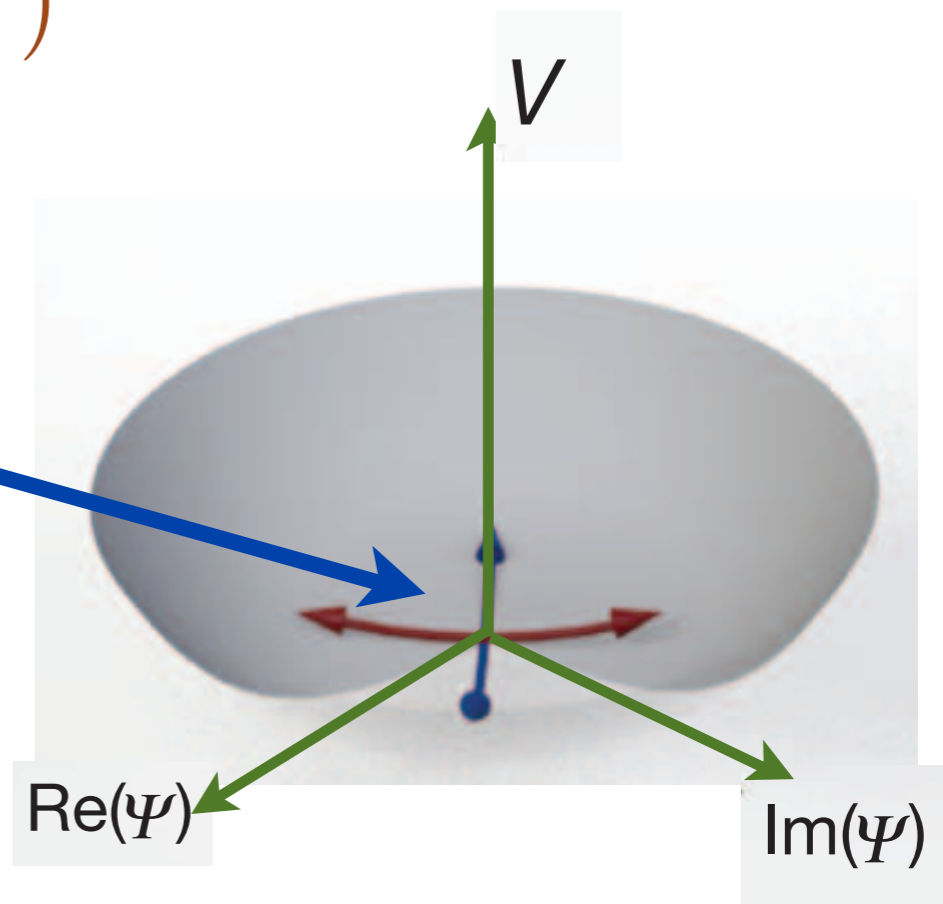
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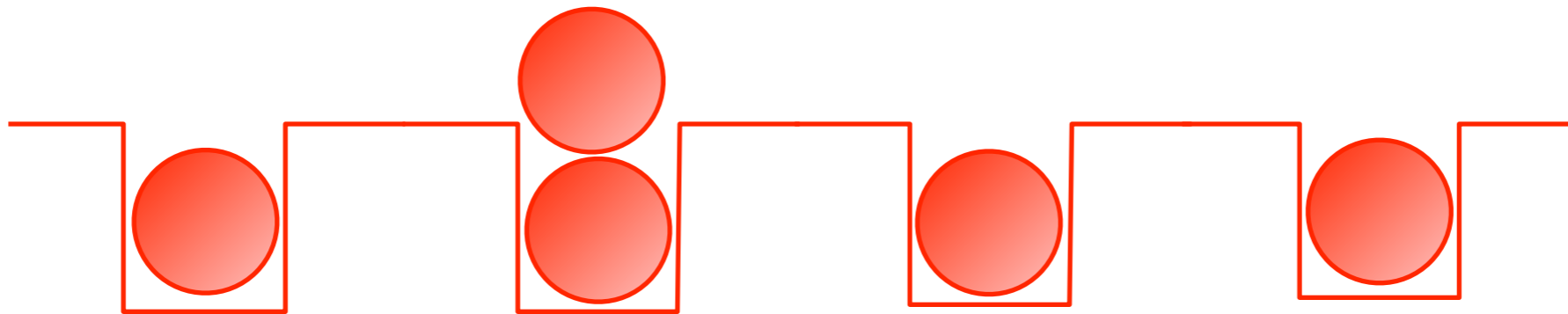


Insulator (the vacuum)
at large repulsion between bosons

$$|\text{Ground state}\rangle = \prod_i b_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

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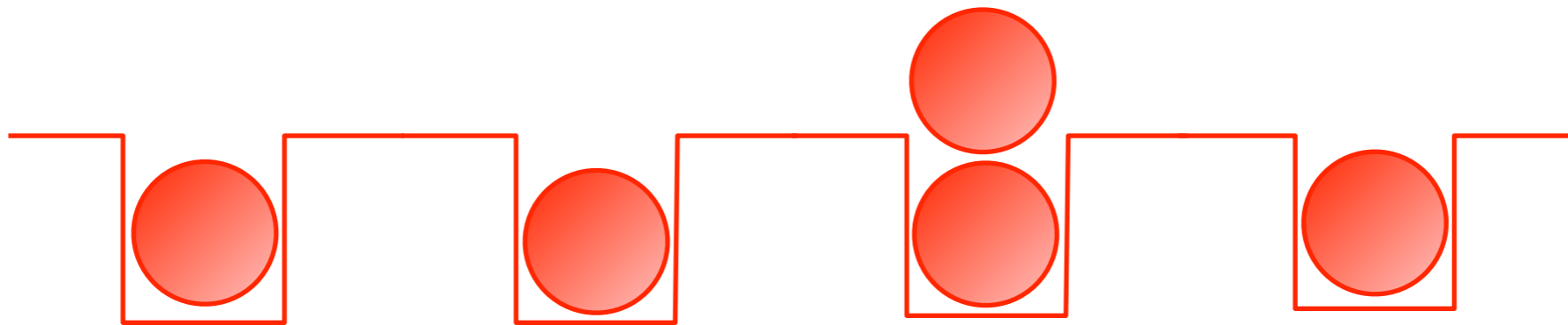
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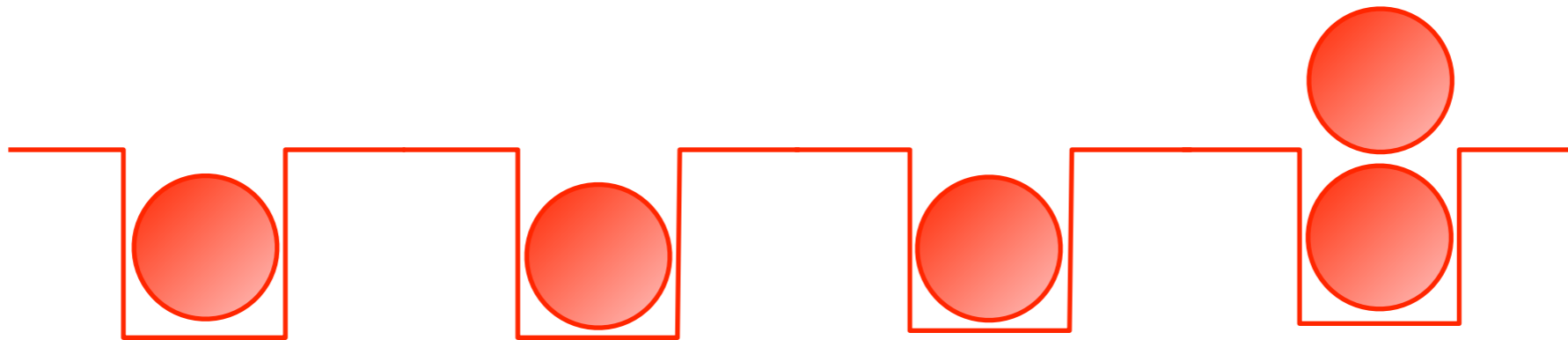
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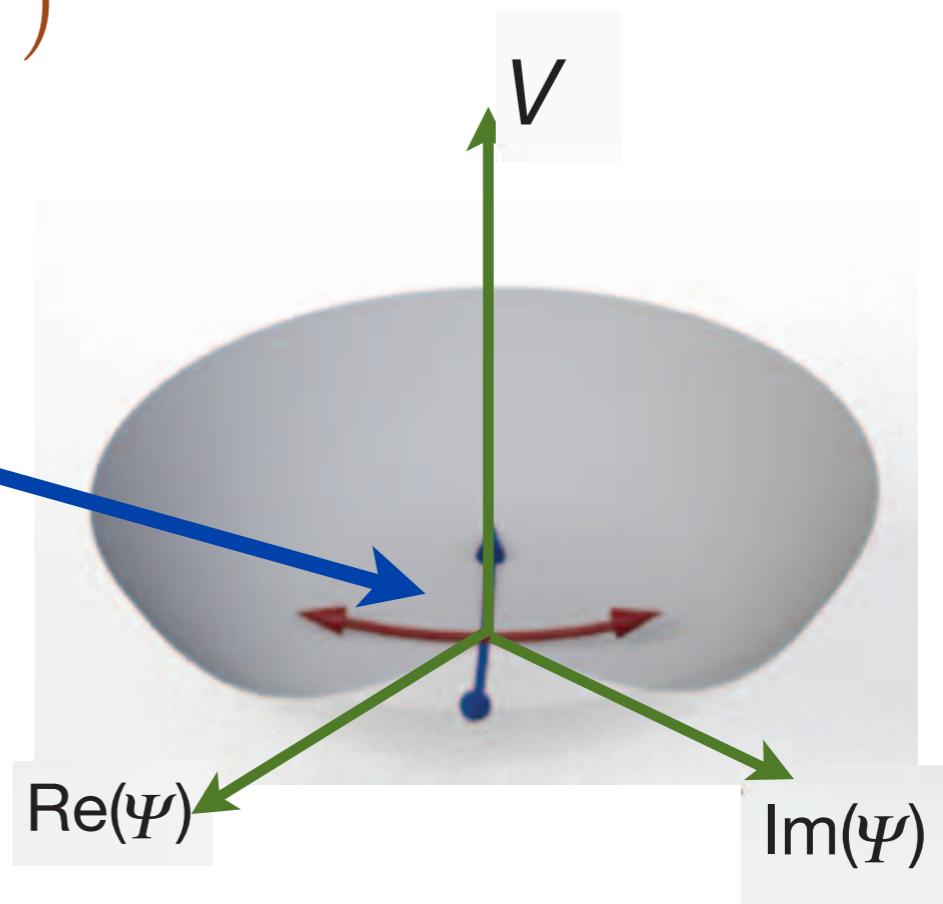


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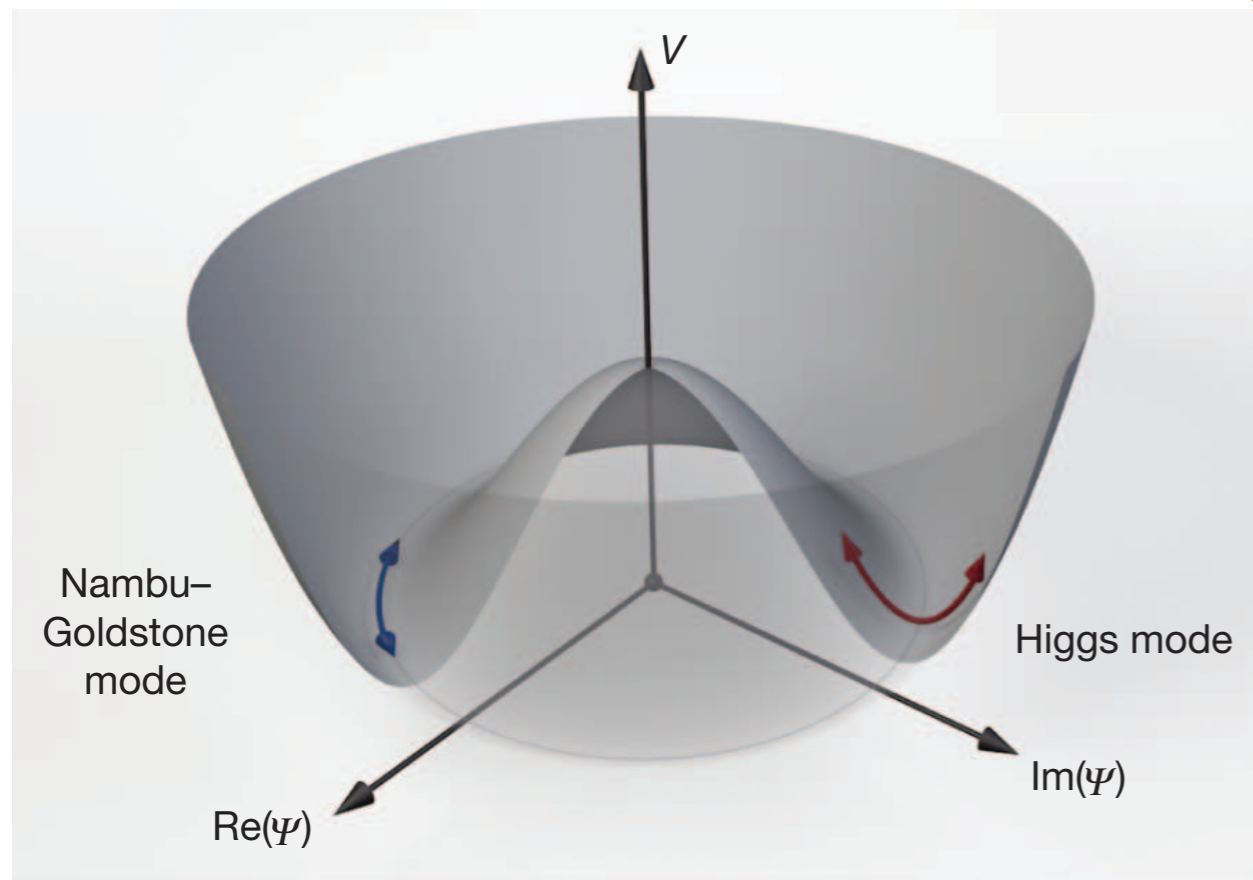
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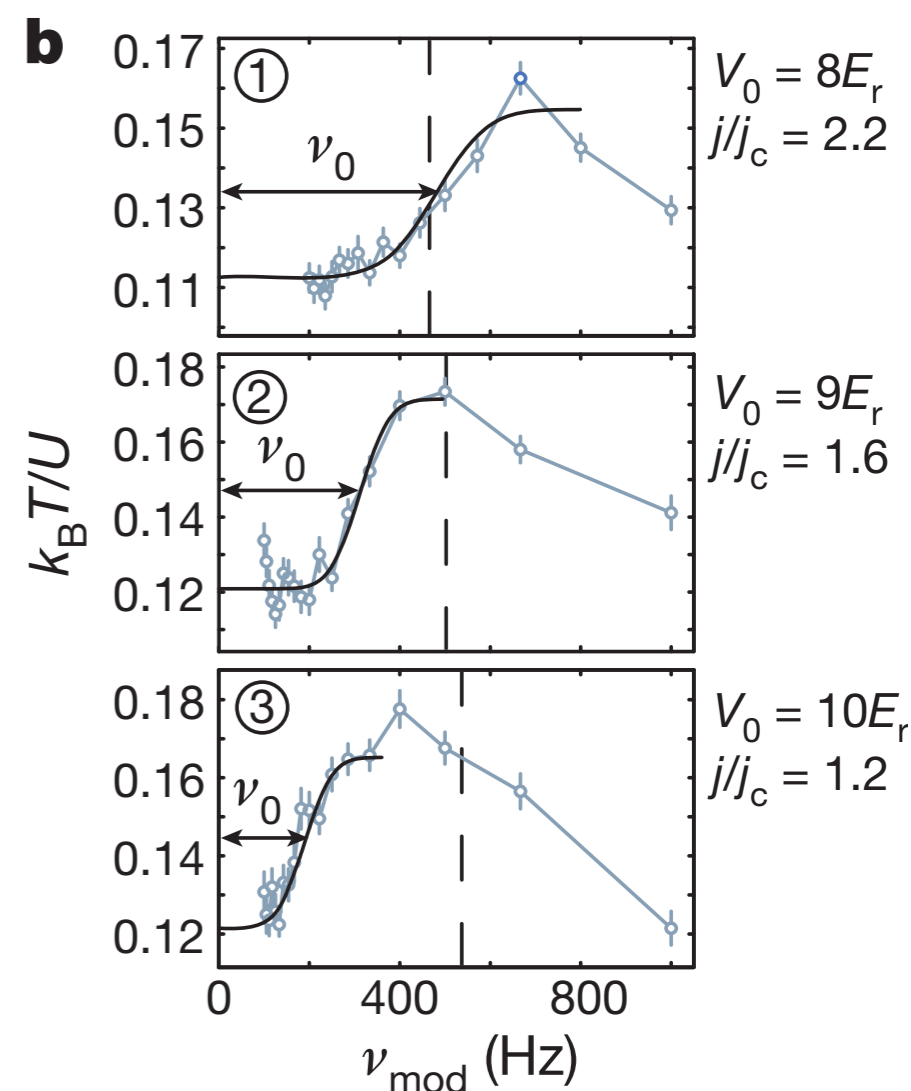
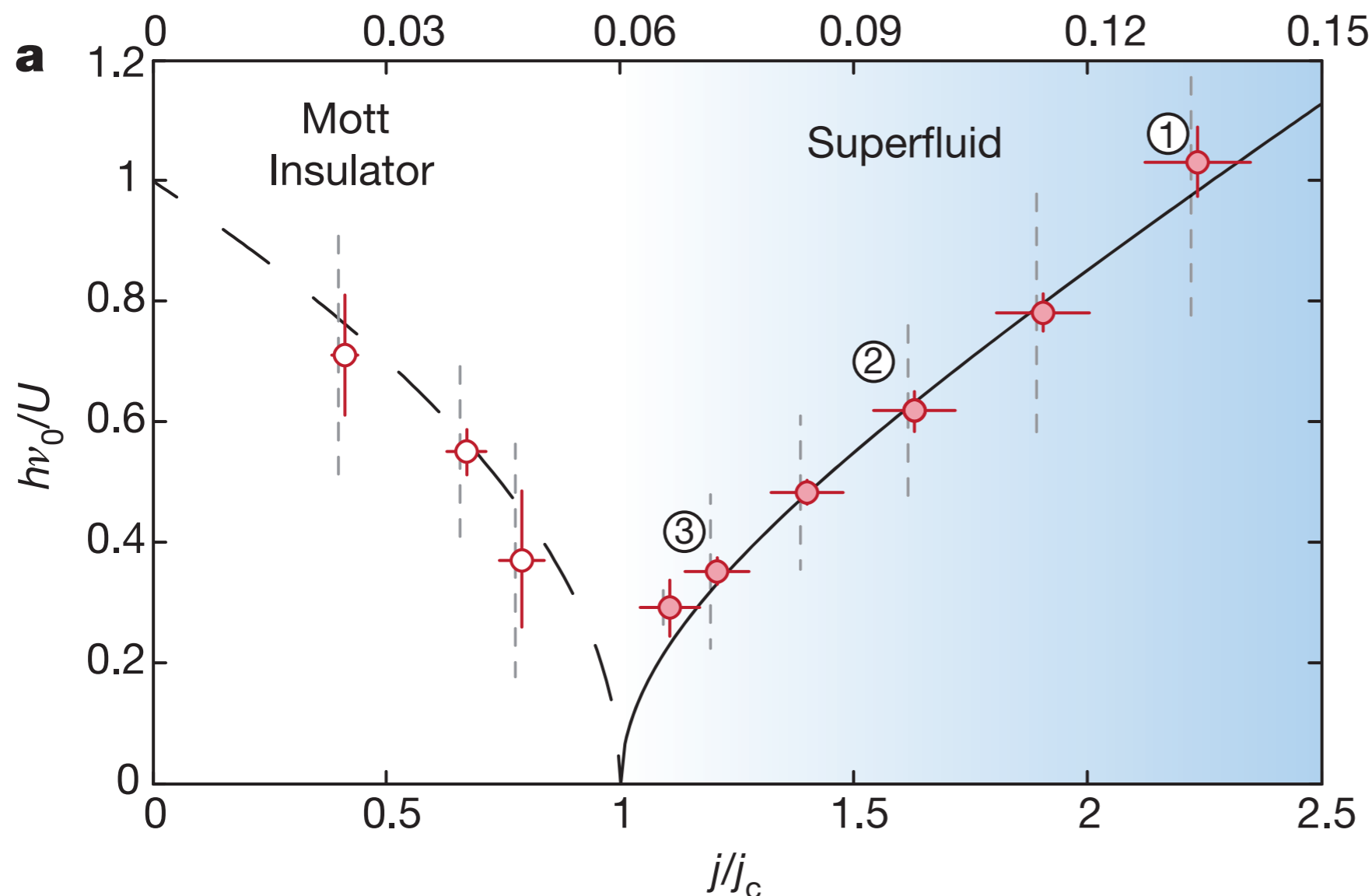
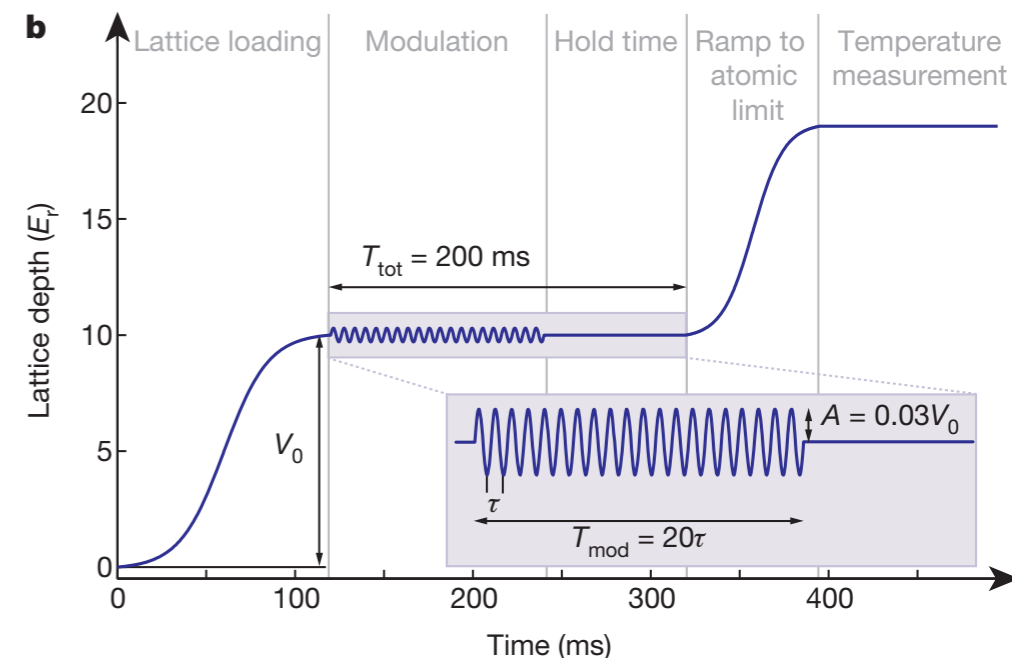
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Observation of Higgs quasi-normal mode across the superfluid-insulator transition of ultracold atoms in a 2-dimensional optical lattice:

Response to modulation of lattice depth scales as expected from the LHP pole

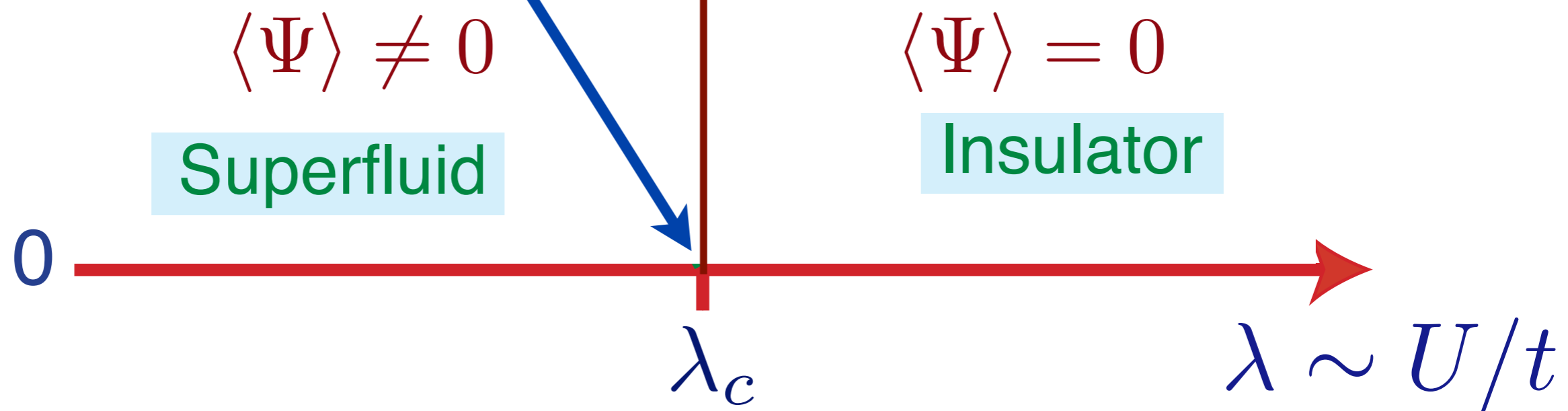


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Quantum state with
complex, many-body,
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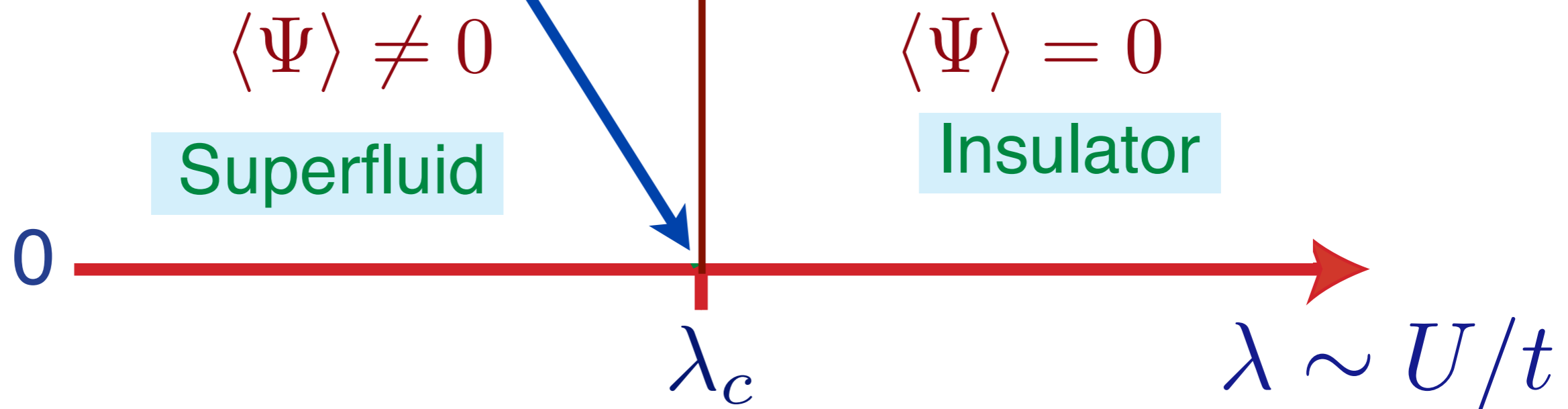
Characteristics of quantum critical point

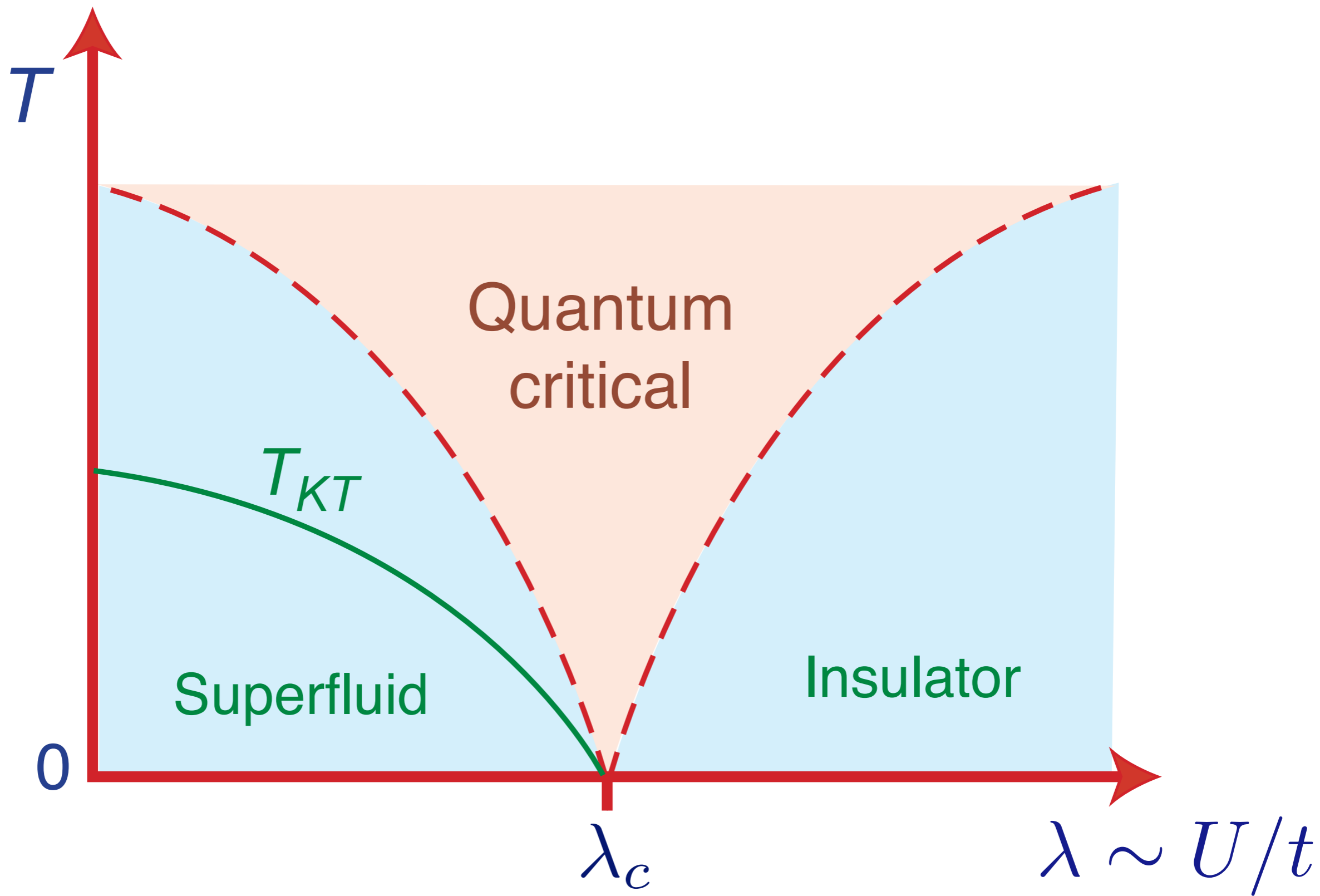
- Long-range entanglement
- No quasiparticles - no simple description of excitations.
- The low energy excitations are described by a theory which has the same structure as Einstein's theory of special relativity, but with the sound velocity playing the role of the velocity of light.
- The theory of the critical point is strongly-coupled because the quartic-coupling u flows to a renormalization group fixed point (the Wilson-Fisher fixed point). This fixed point has an even larger symmetry corresponding to conformal transformations of spacetime: we refer to such a theory as a **CFT₃**

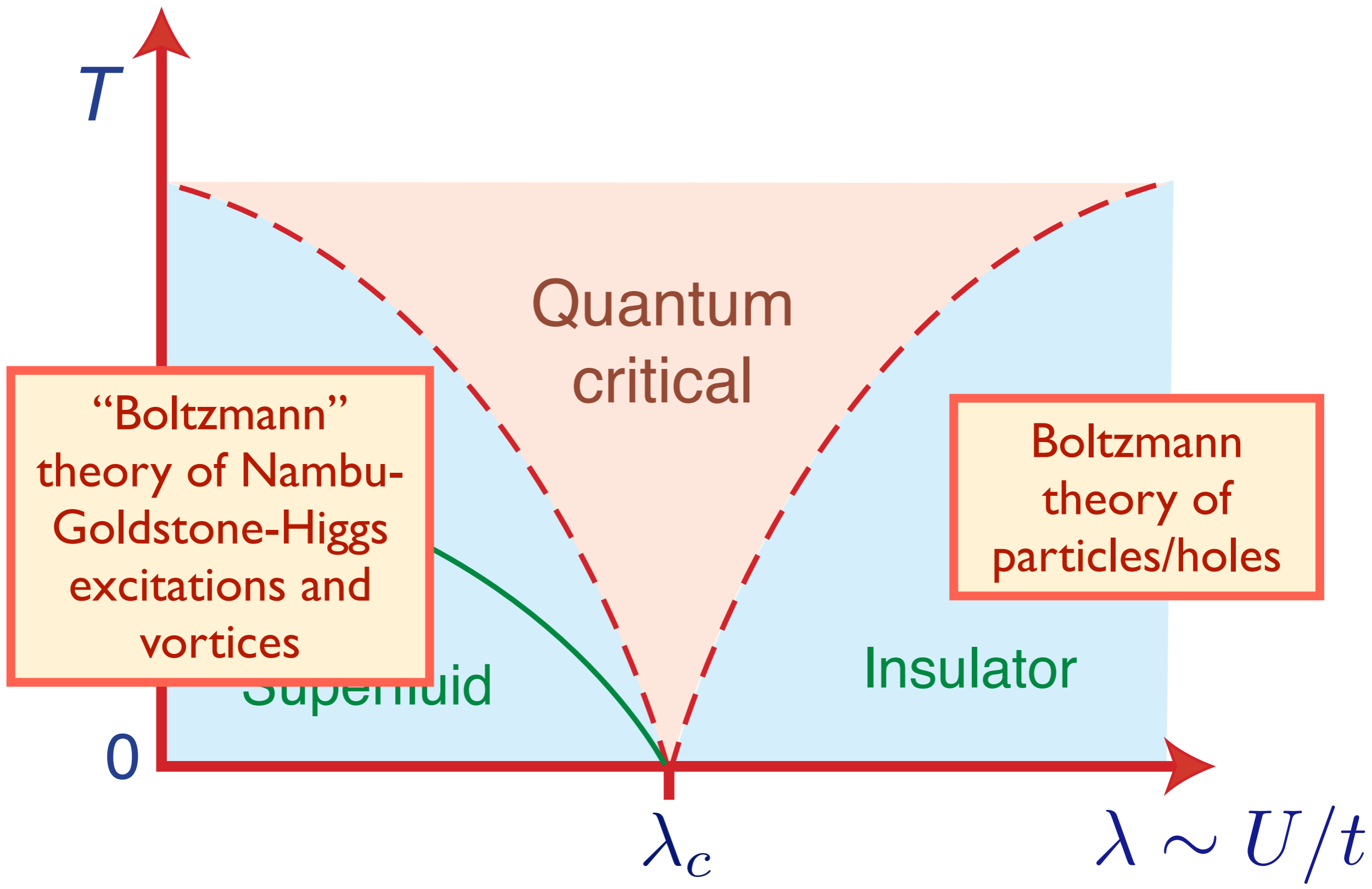
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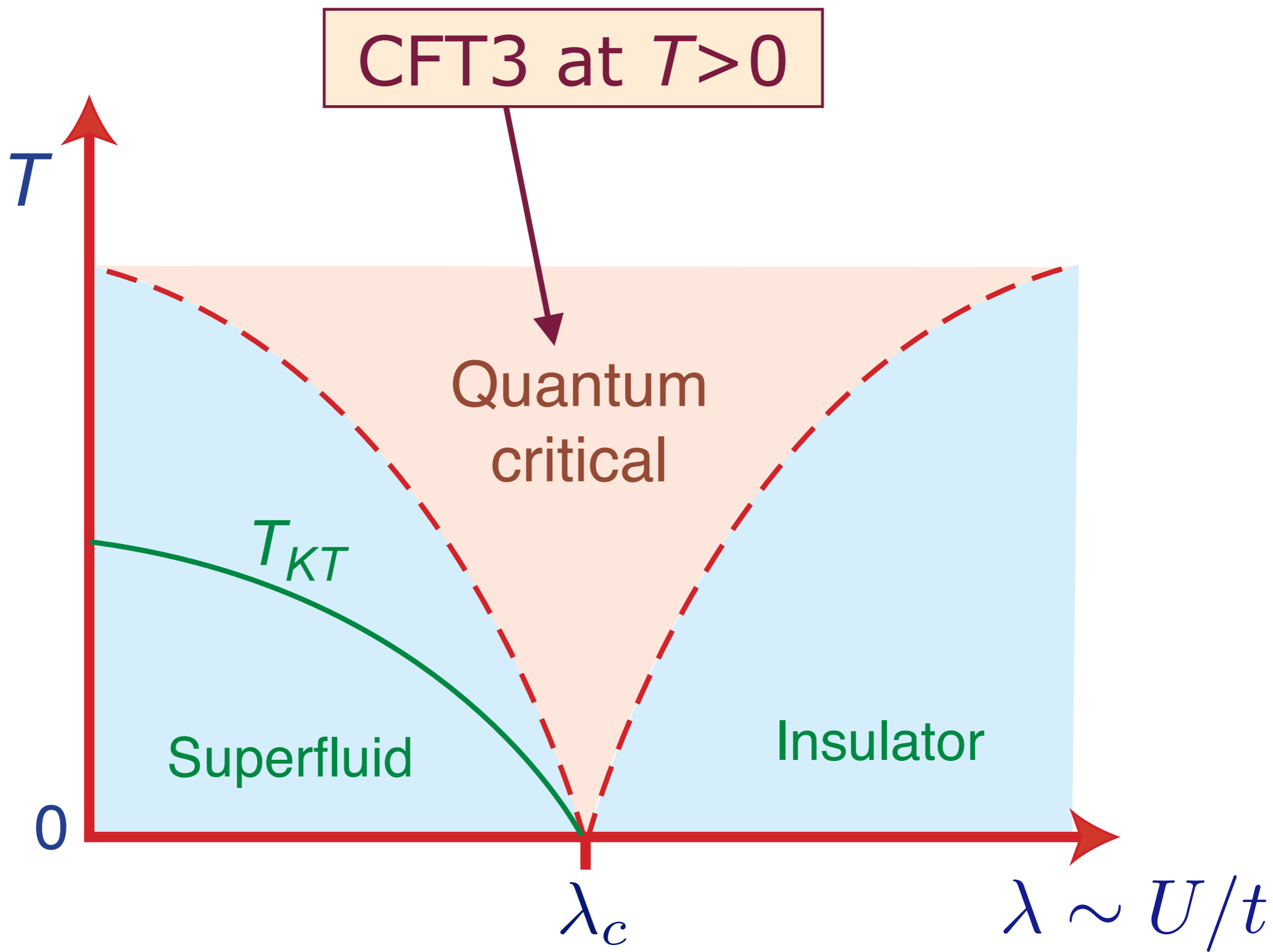
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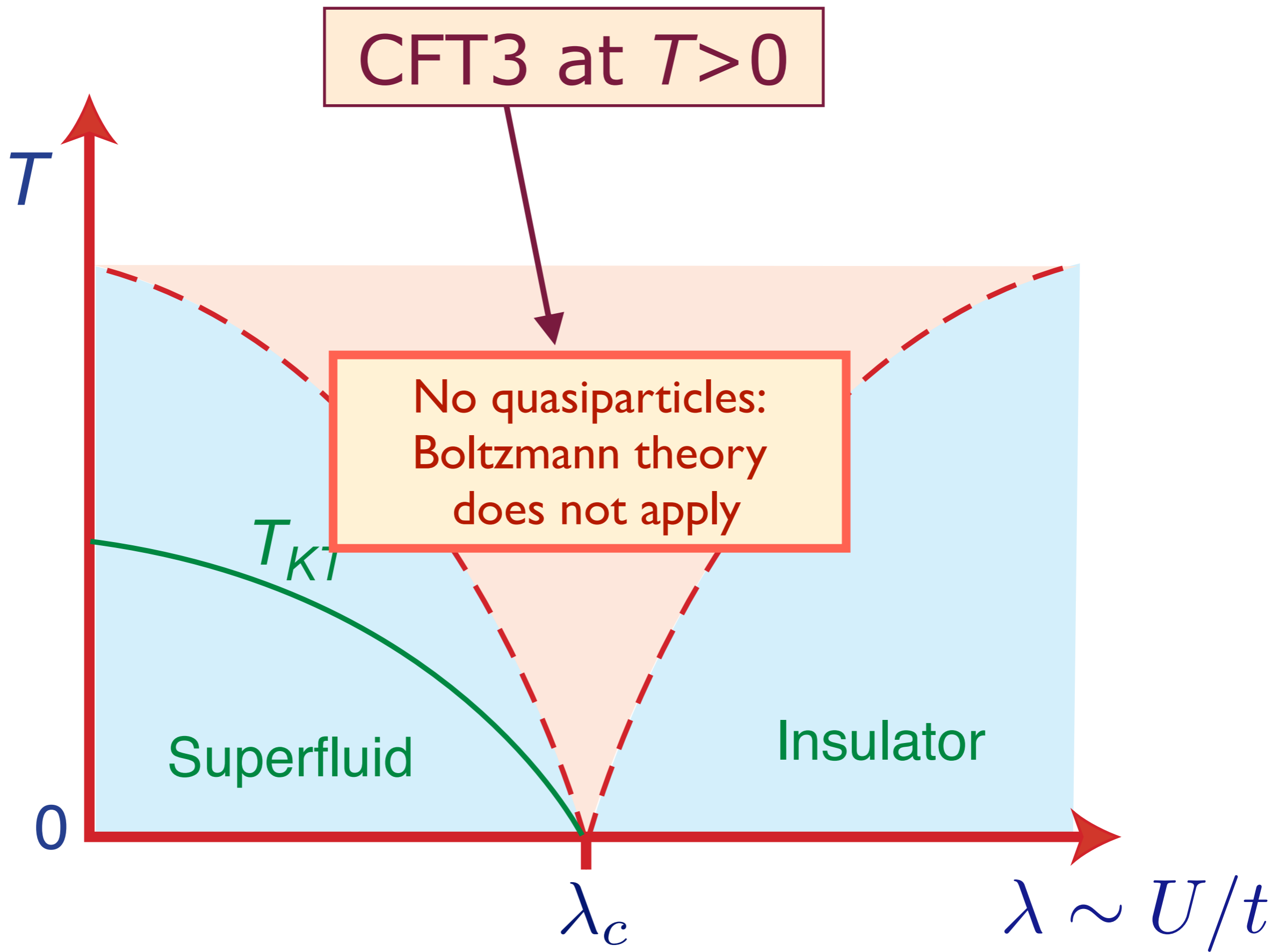
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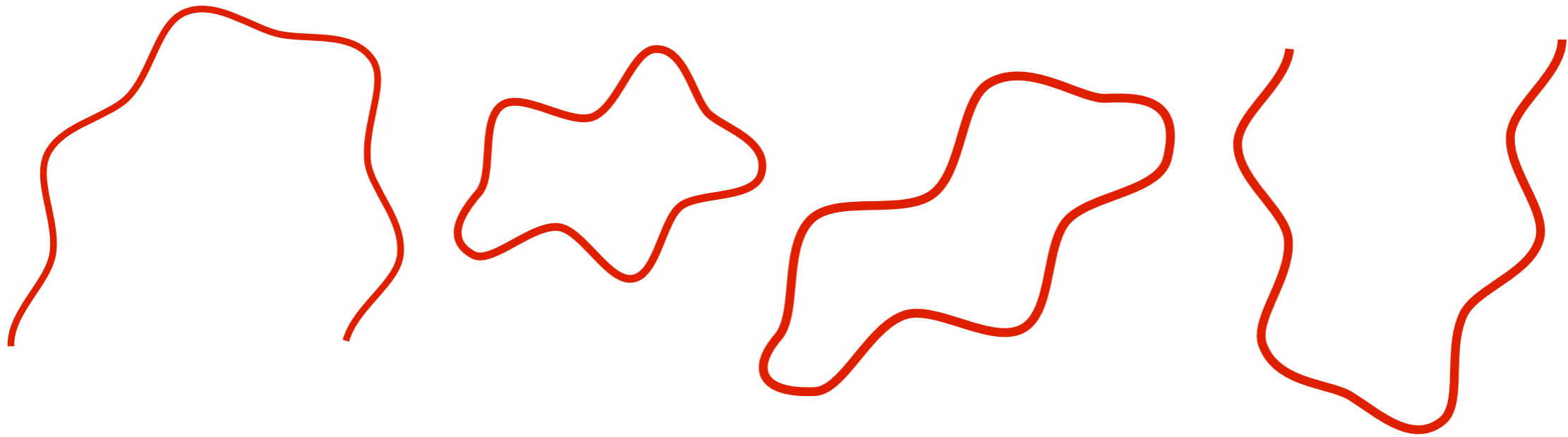
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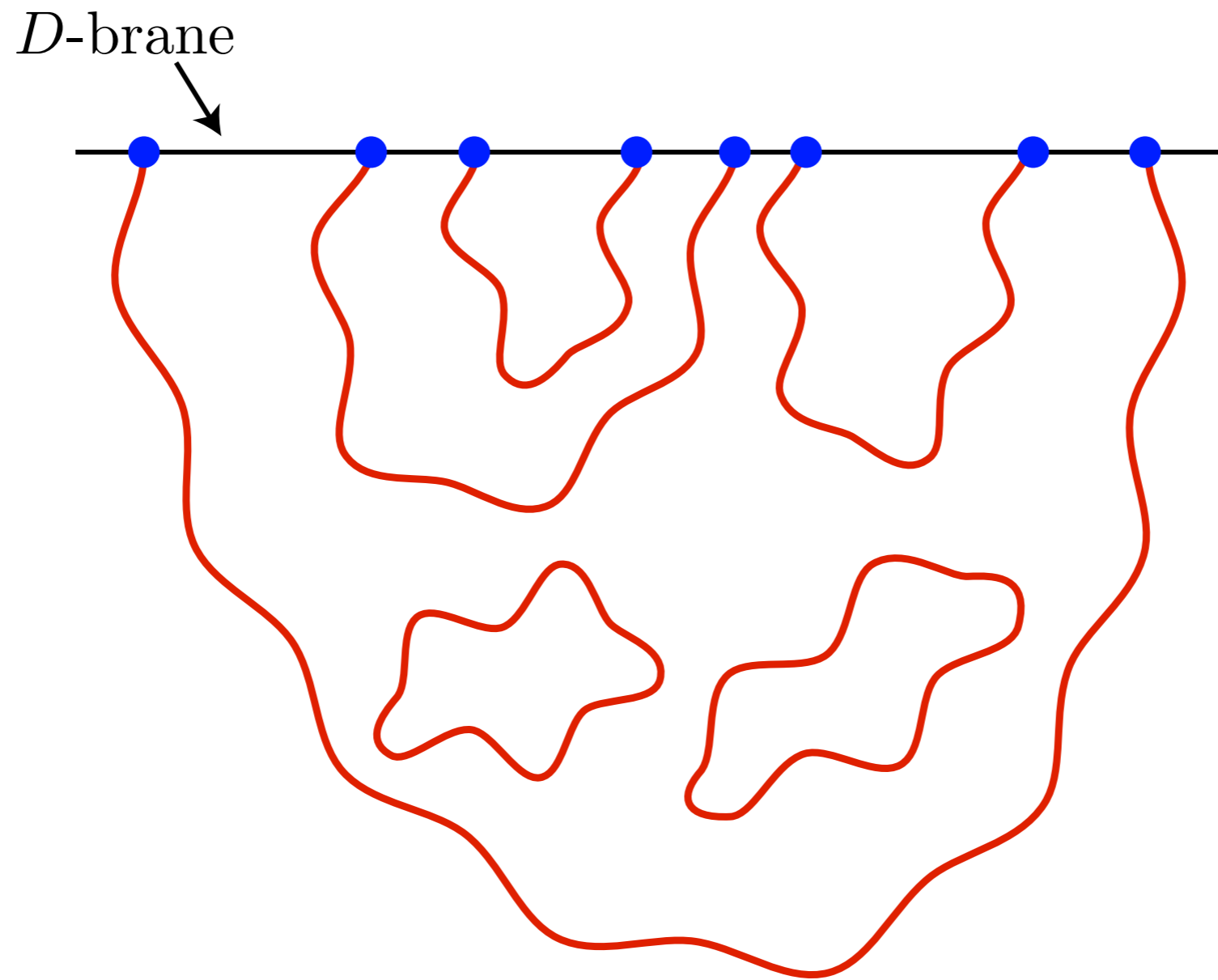
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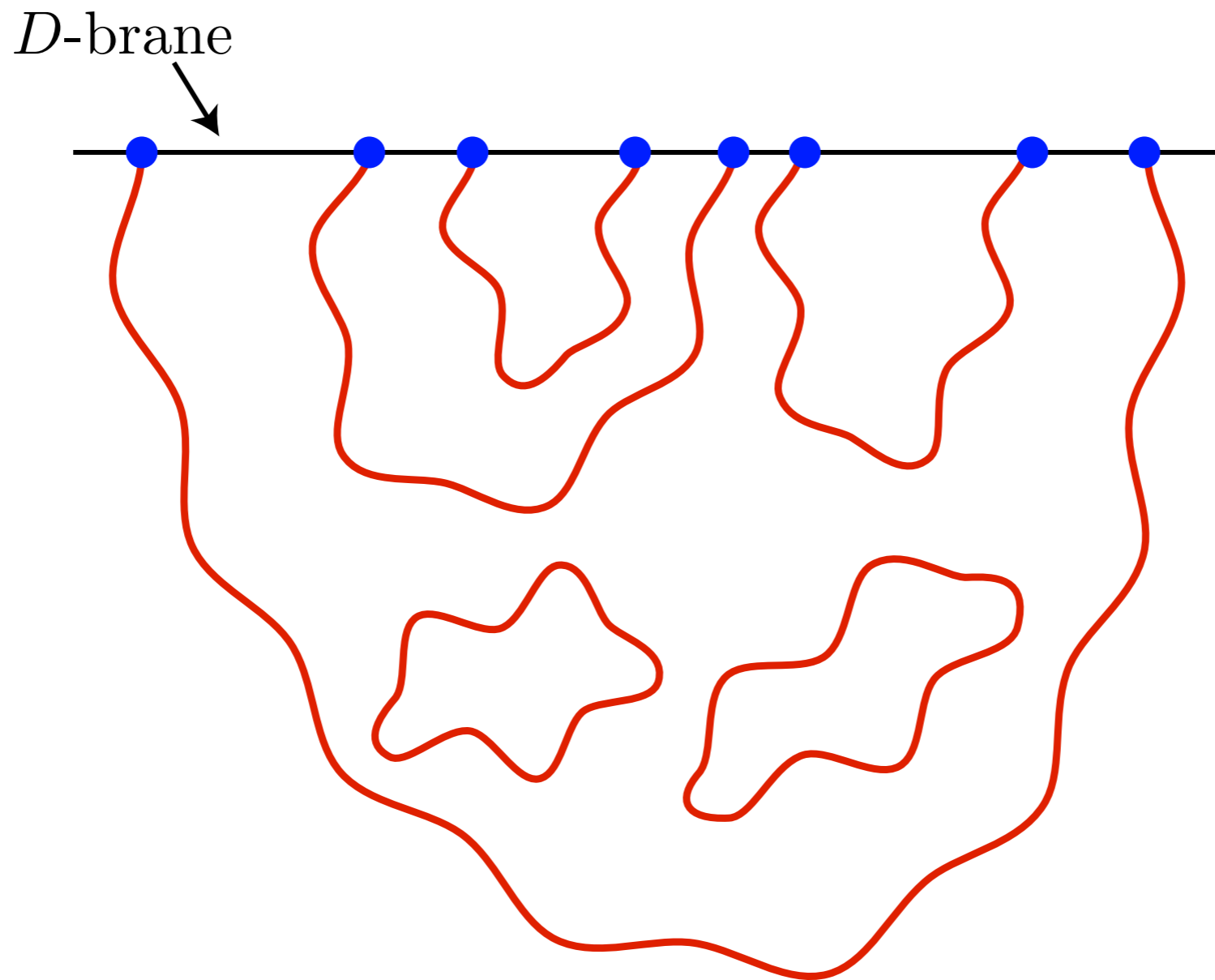
String theory



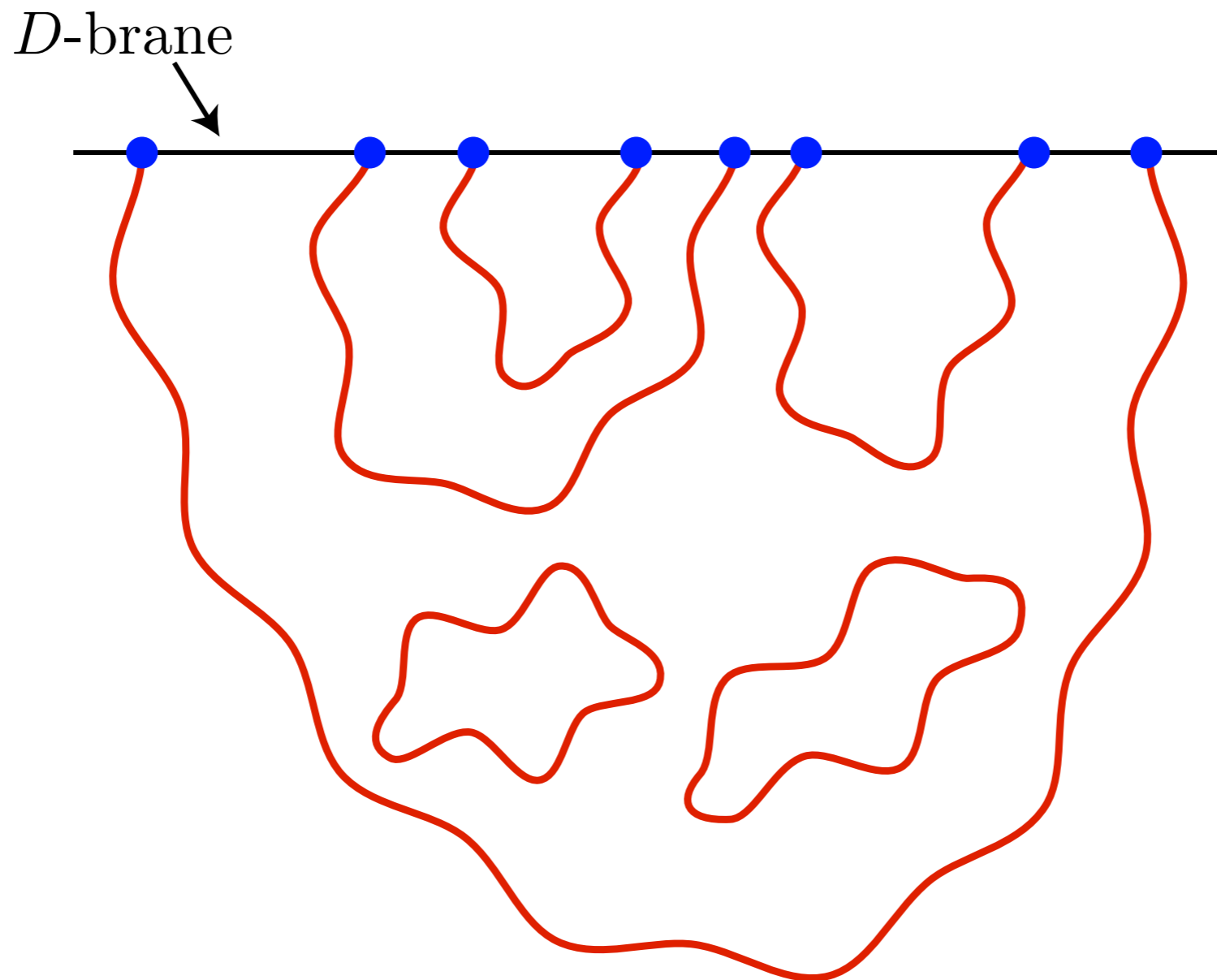
- Allows unification of the standard model of particle physics with gravity.
- Low-lying string modes correspond to gauge fields, gravitons, quarks ...



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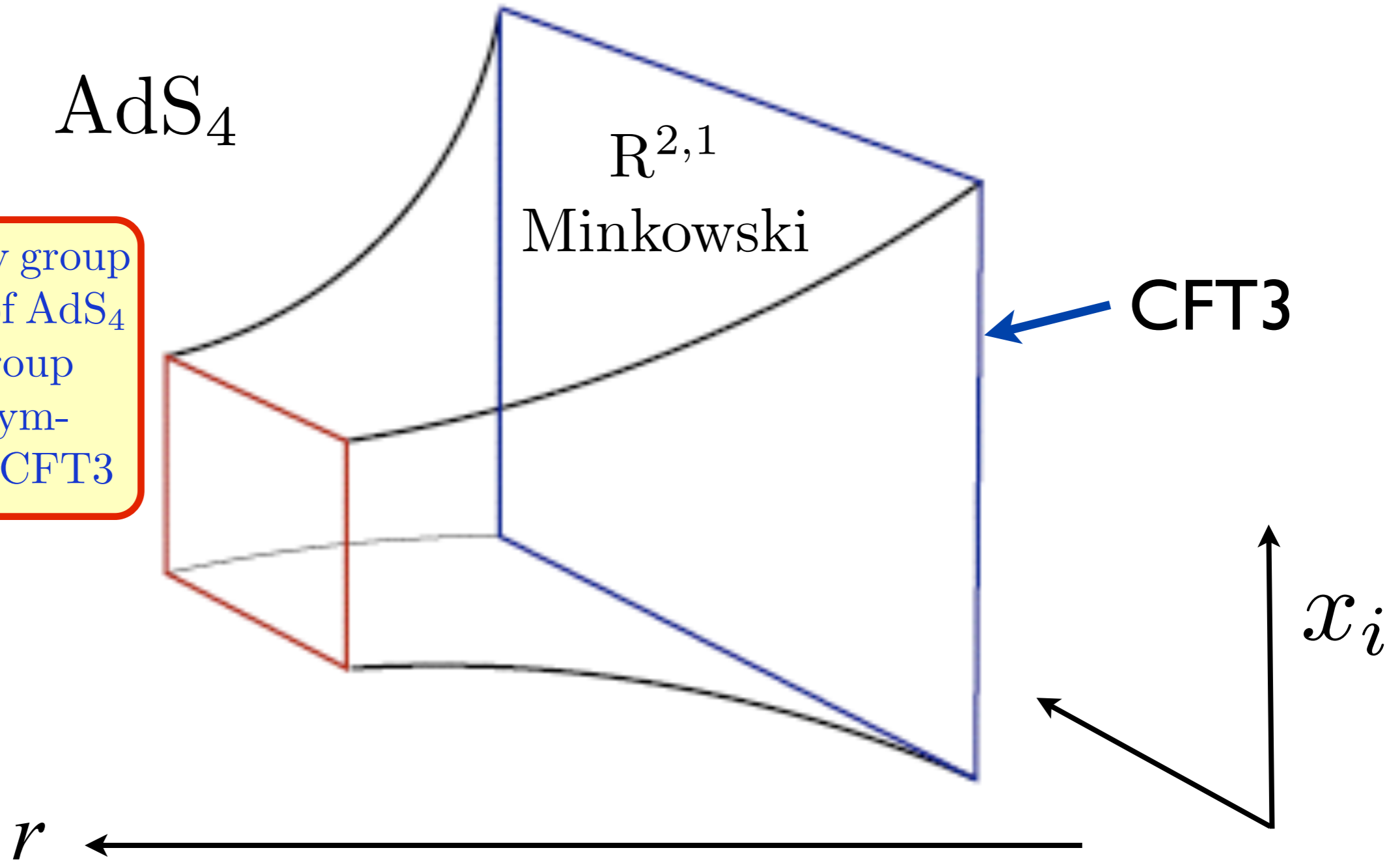
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AdS/CFT correspondence at zero temperature

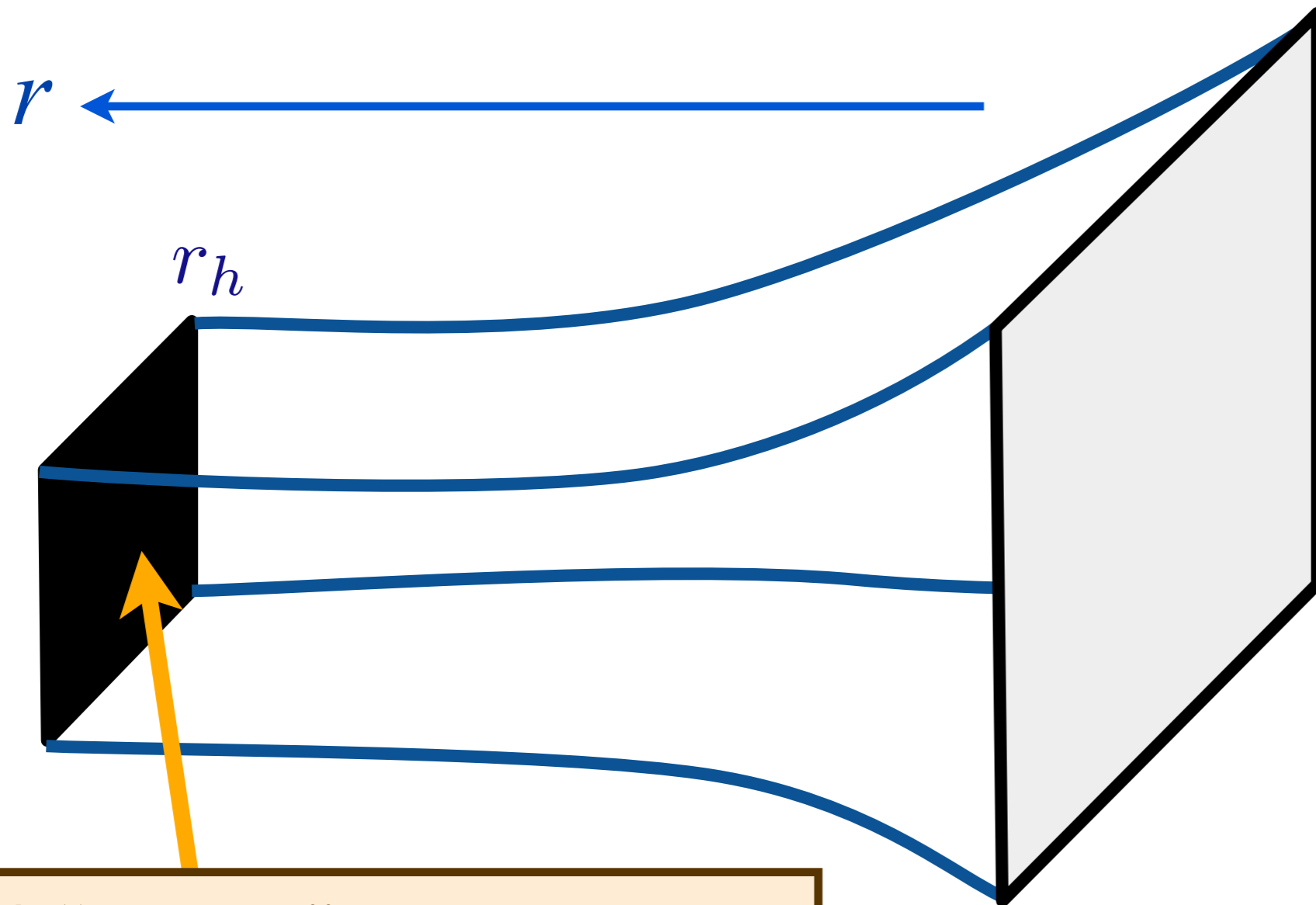
The symmetry group of isometries of AdS_4 maps to the group of conformal symmetries of the CFT3



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

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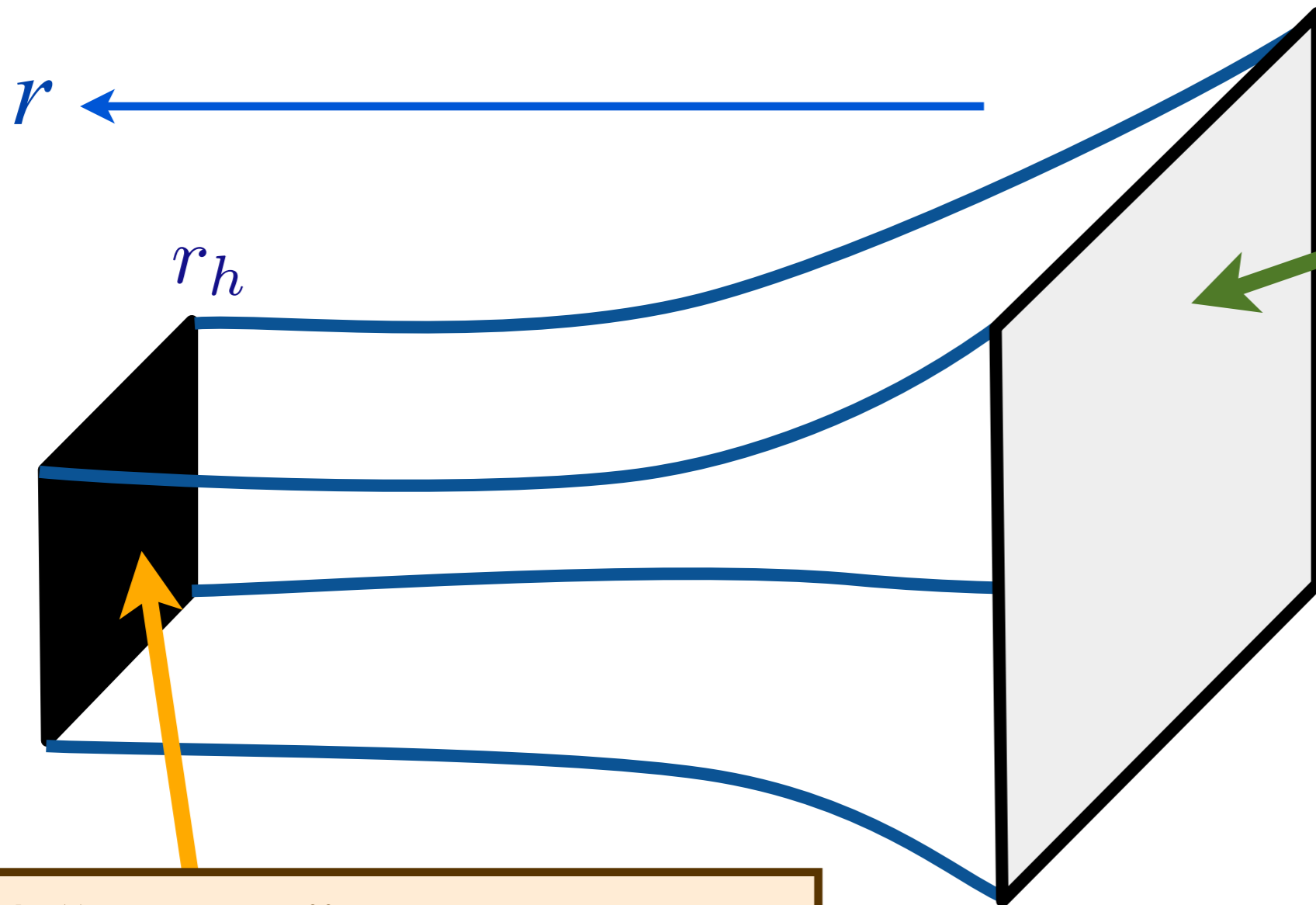


There is a family of solutions of Einstein's equations which are AdS_4 as $r \rightarrow 0$, but which have horizons at $r = r_h$.

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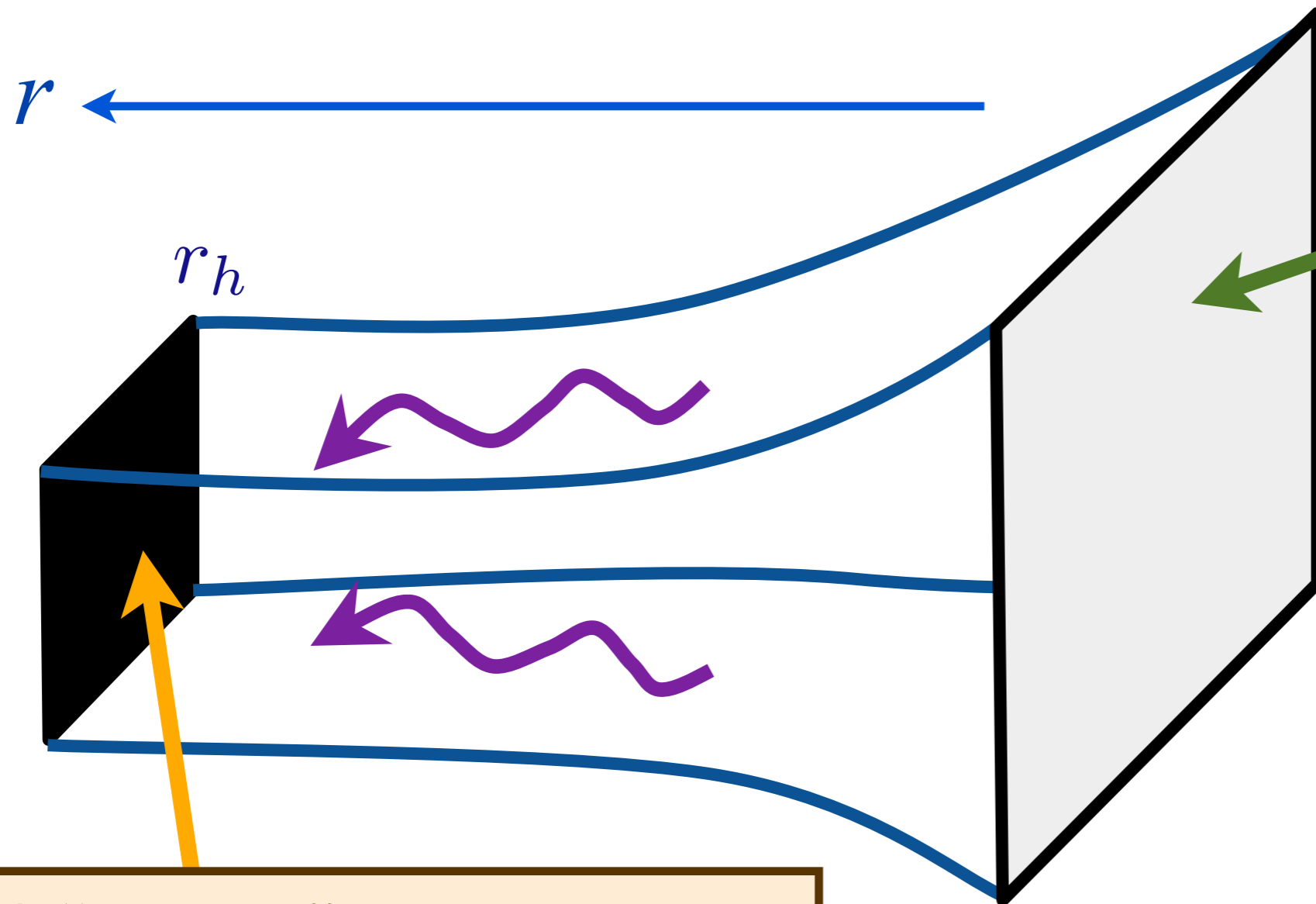


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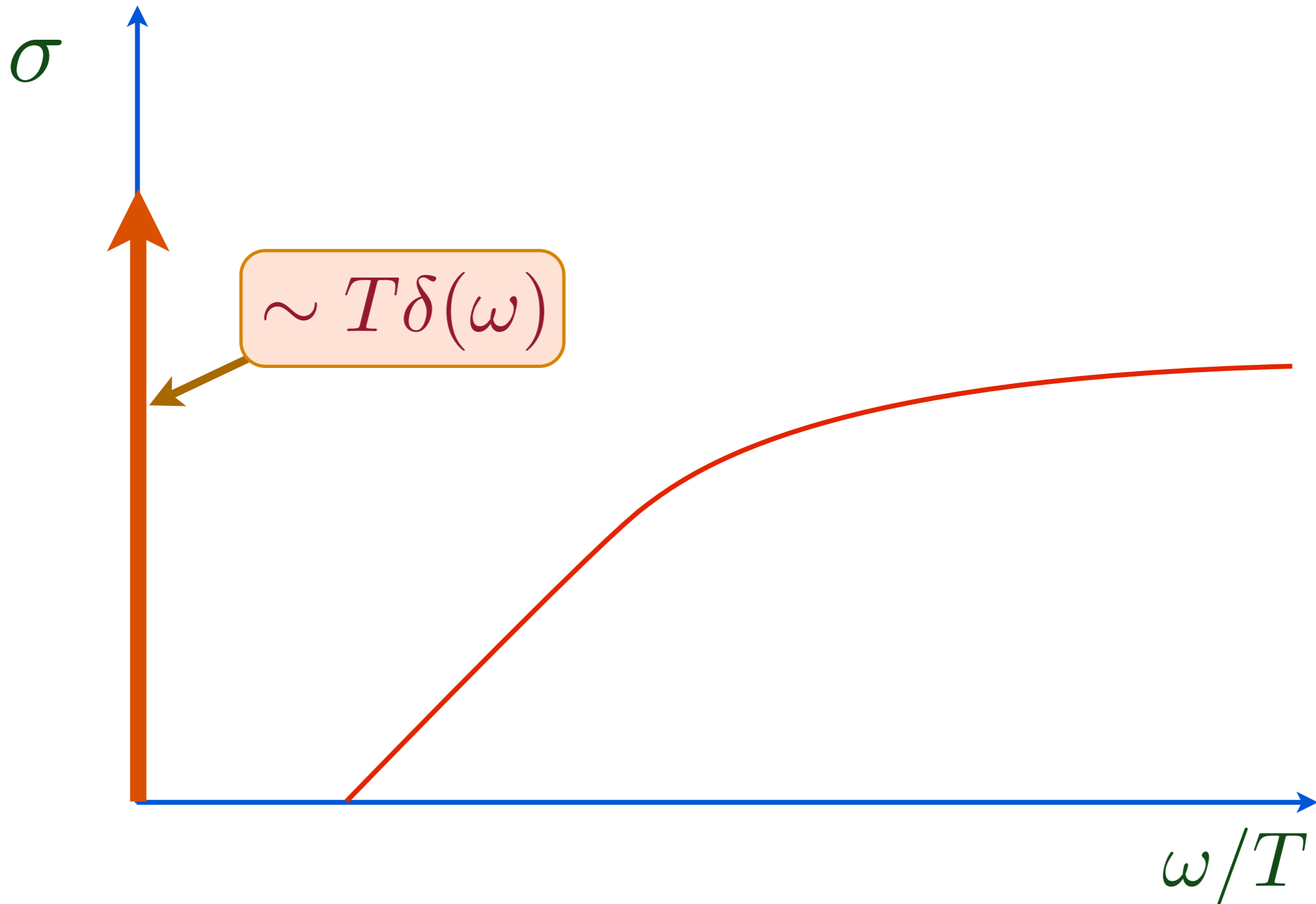
Beyond Wilsonian theory

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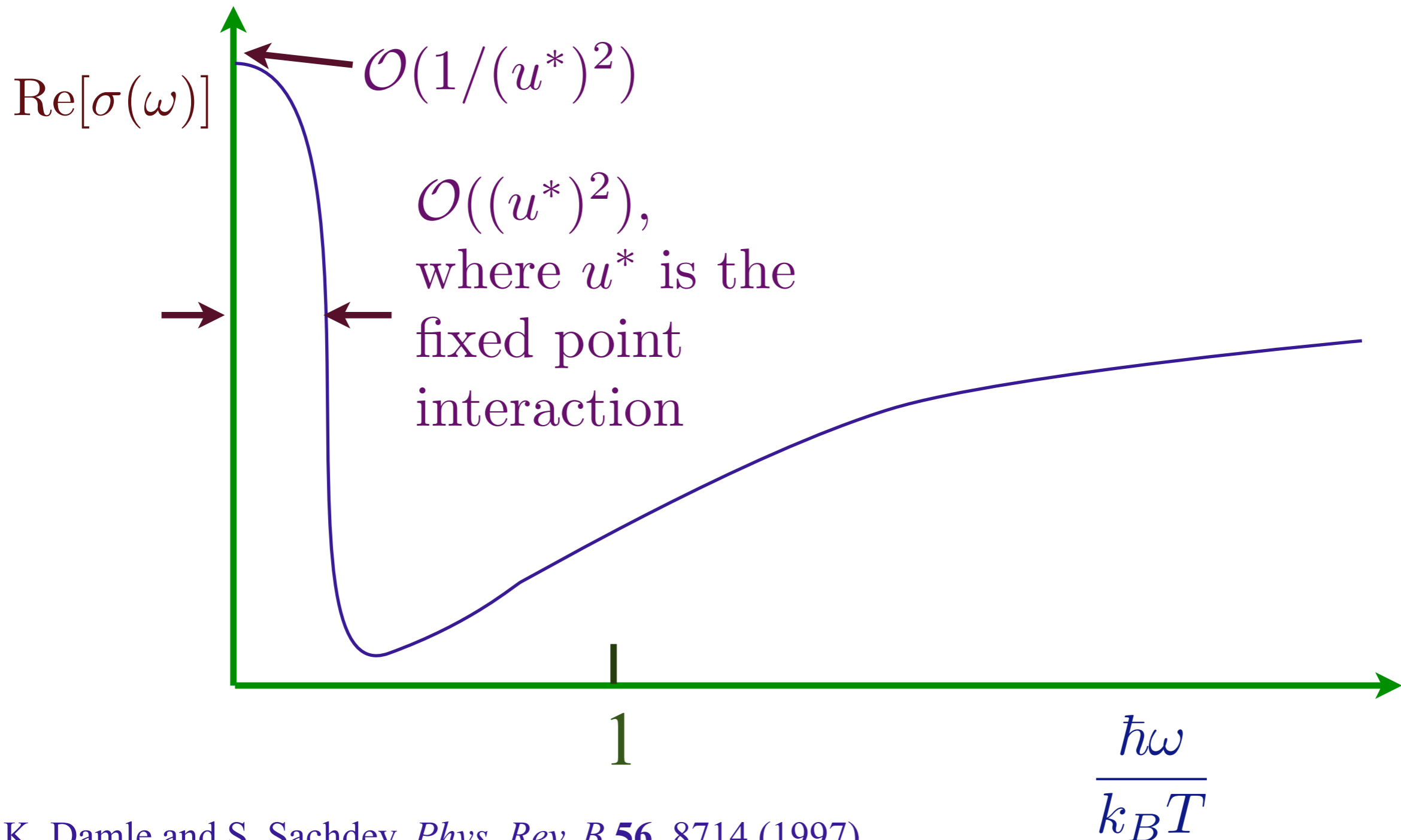
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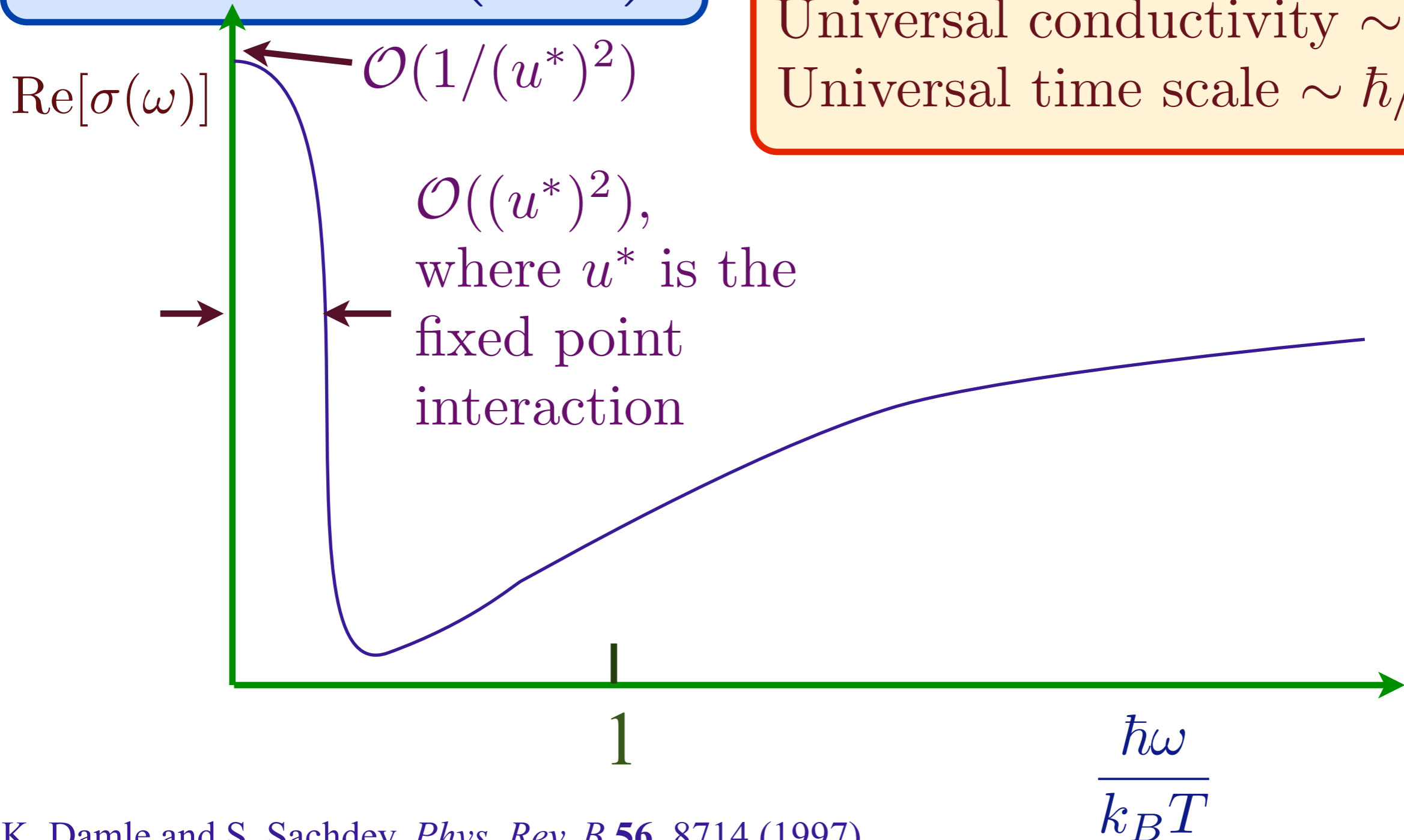


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$$\sigma(\omega, T) = \frac{e^2}{h} \Sigma \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$$

$\Sigma \rightarrow$ a universal function

Universal conductivity $\sim e^2/h$
Universal time scale $\sim \hbar/k_B T$



AdS₄ theory of quantum criticality

Most general effective holographic theory for linear charge transport with 4 spatial derivatives:

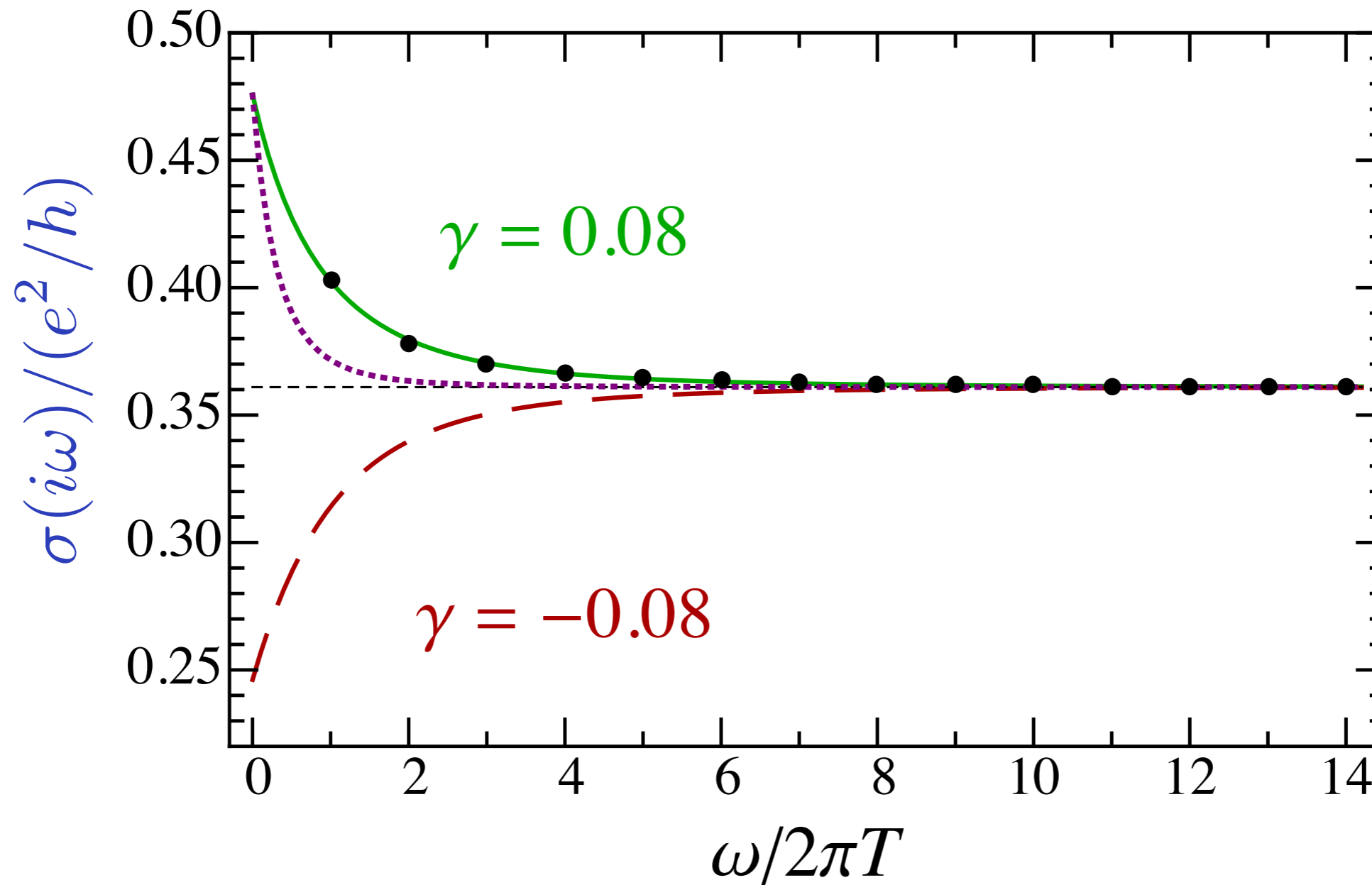
$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{g_M^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{4} F_{ab} F^{ab} + \gamma L^2 C_{abcd} F^{ab} F^{cd} \right] + \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right],$$

This action is characterized by 3 dimensionless parameters, which can be linked to data of the CFT (OPE coefficients): 2-point correlators of the conserved current J_μ and the stress energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$, and a 3-point T, J, J correlator. Constraints from both the CFT and the gravitational theory bound $|\gamma| \leq 1/12 = 0.0833..$

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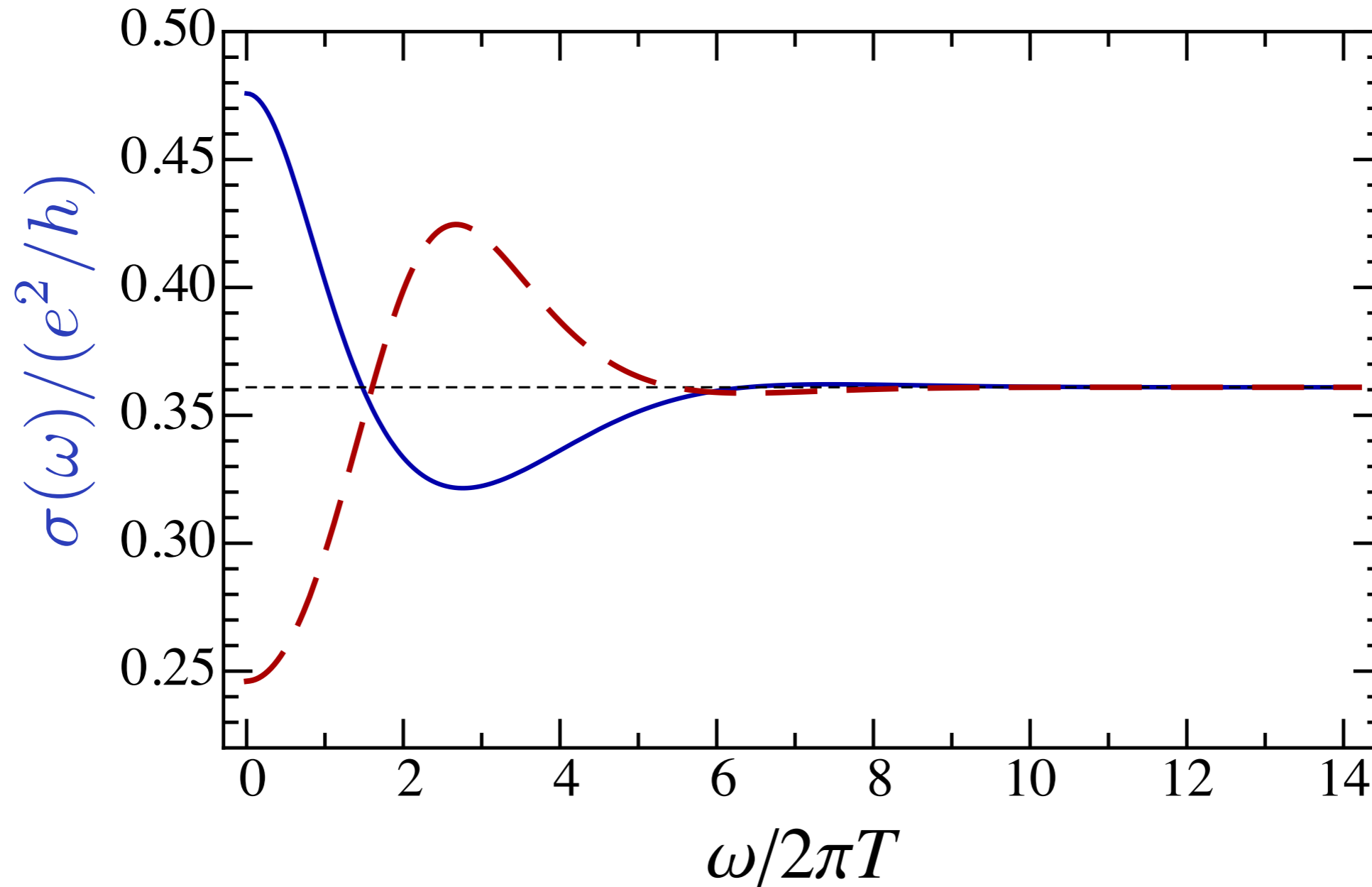
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Holography+quantum Monte Carlo



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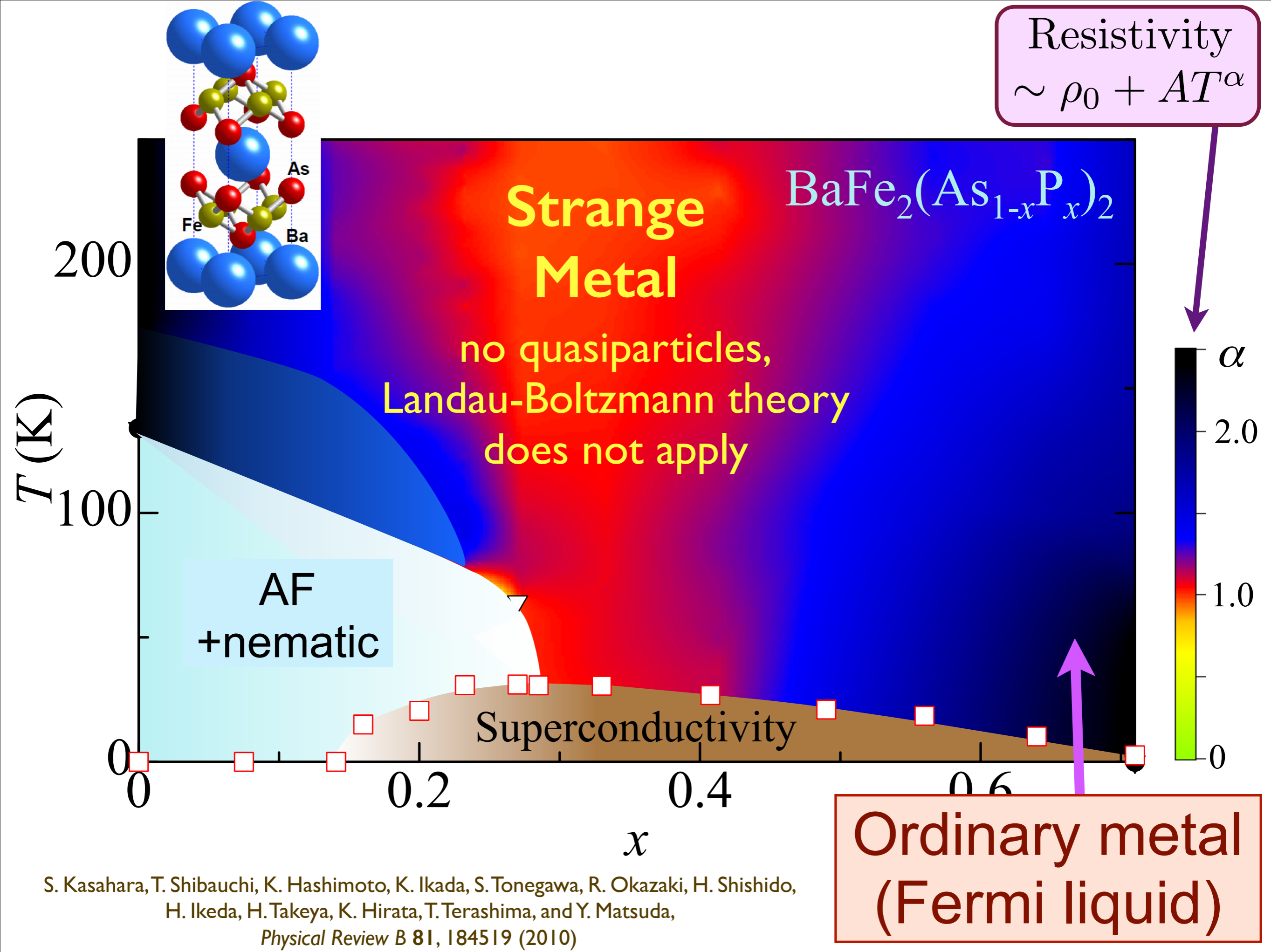
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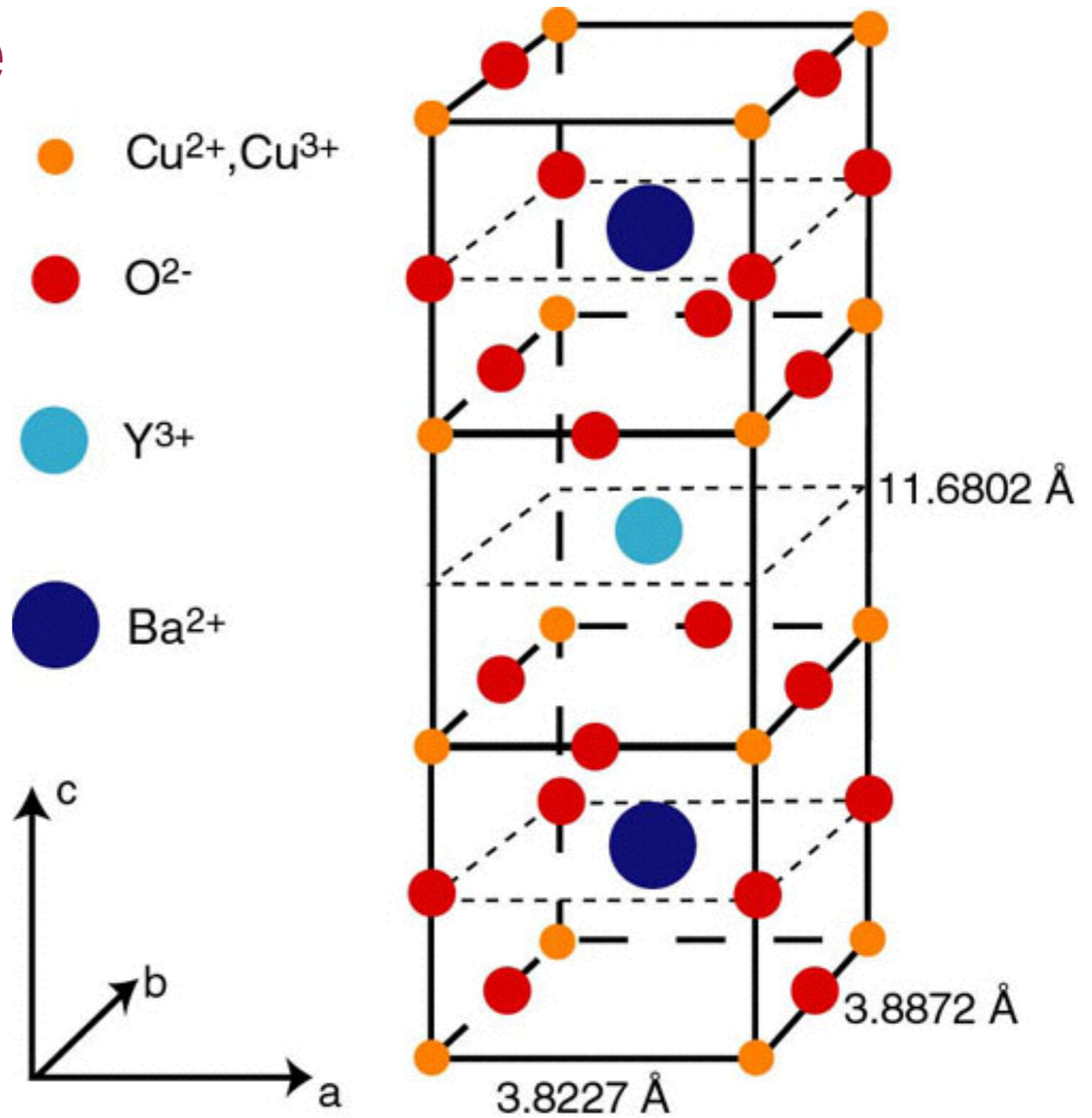
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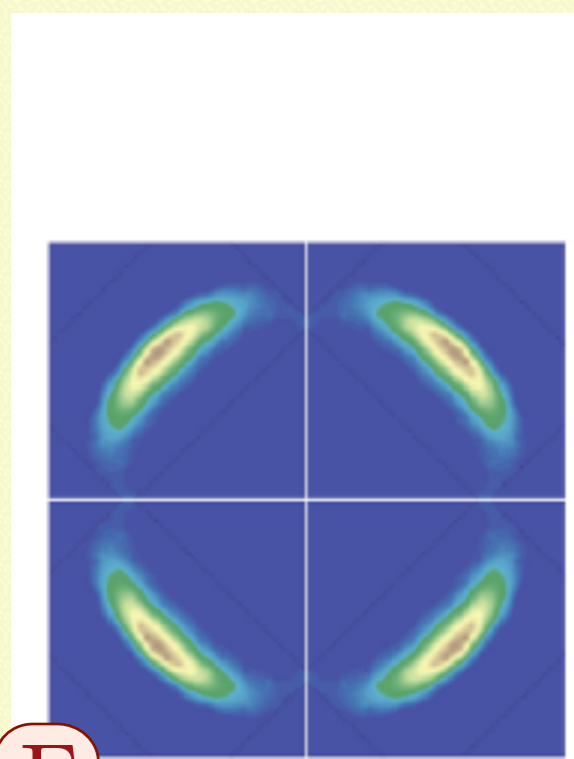
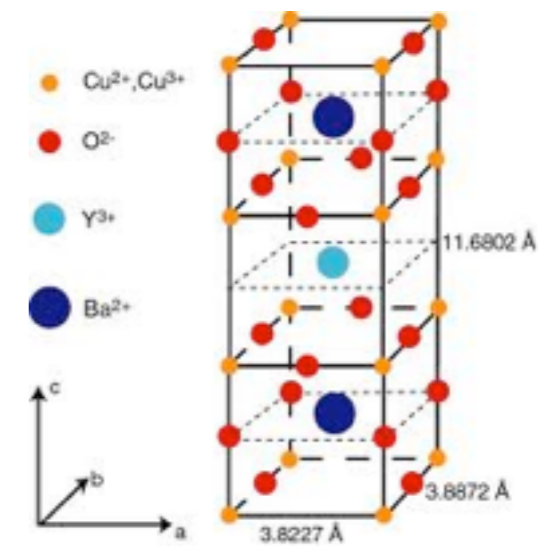
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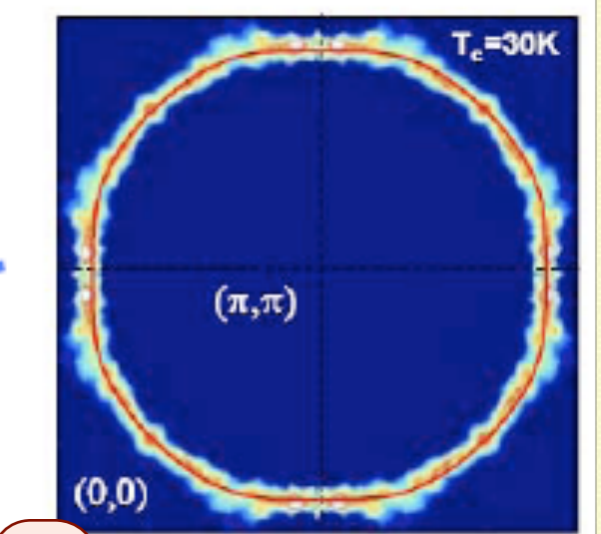
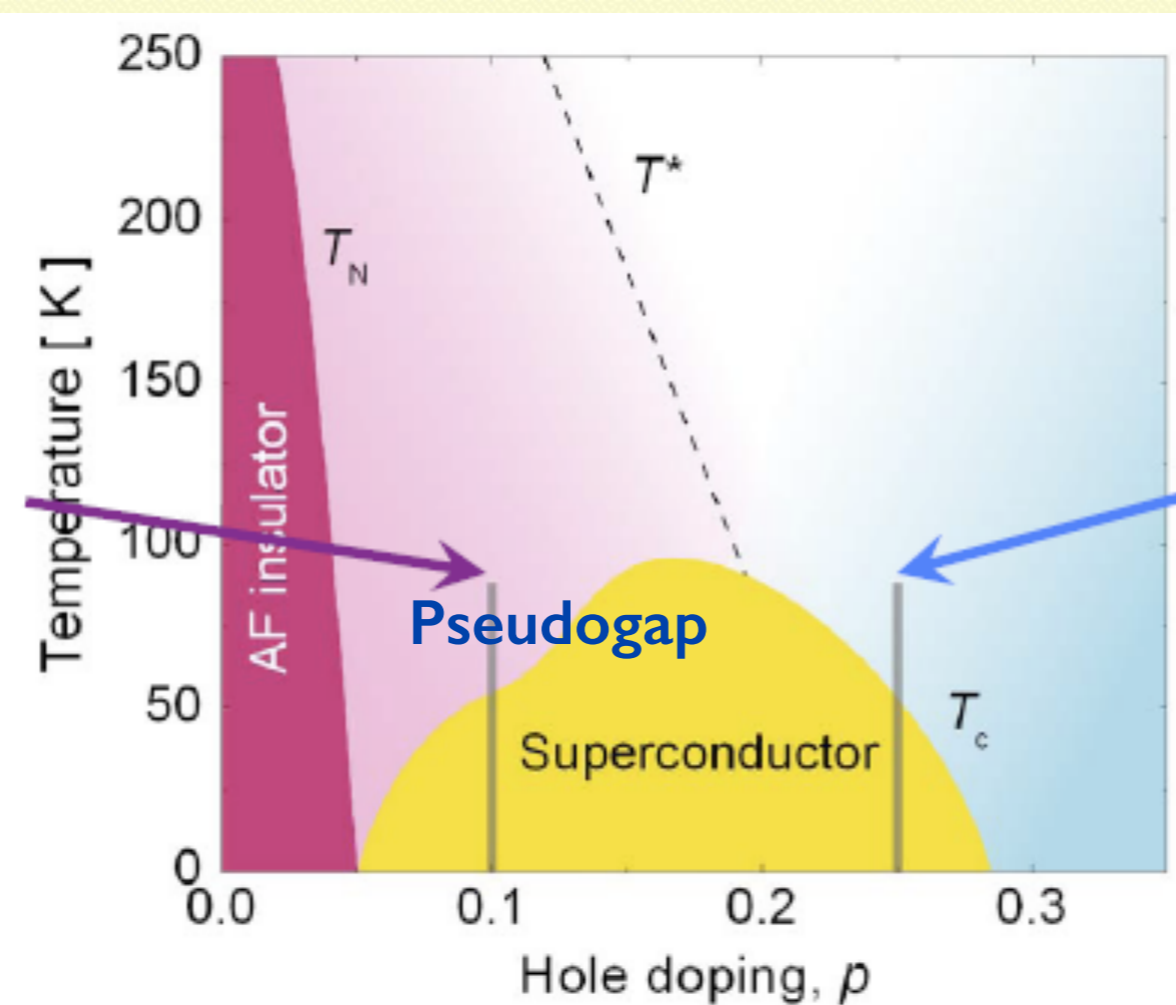
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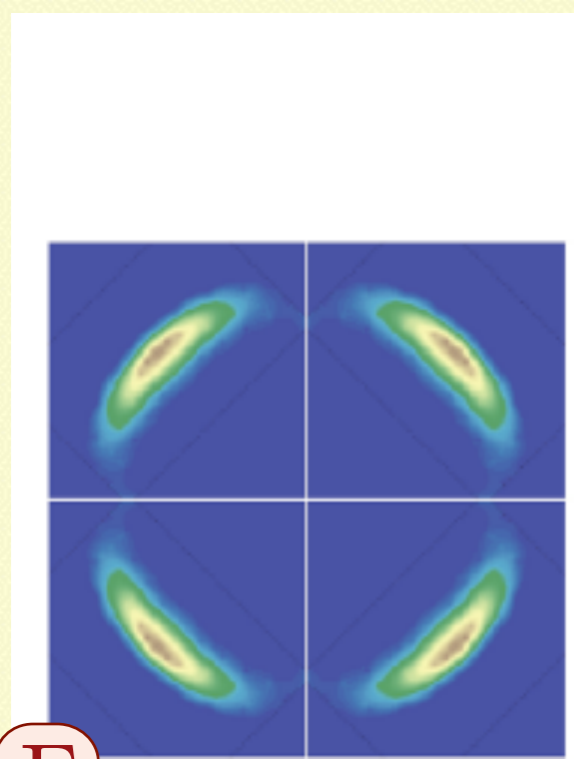
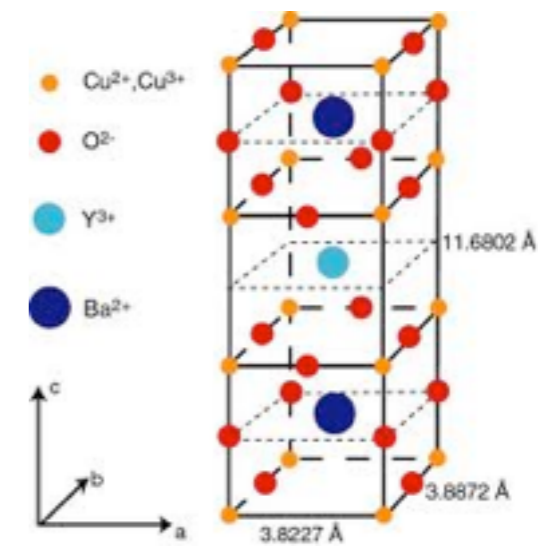
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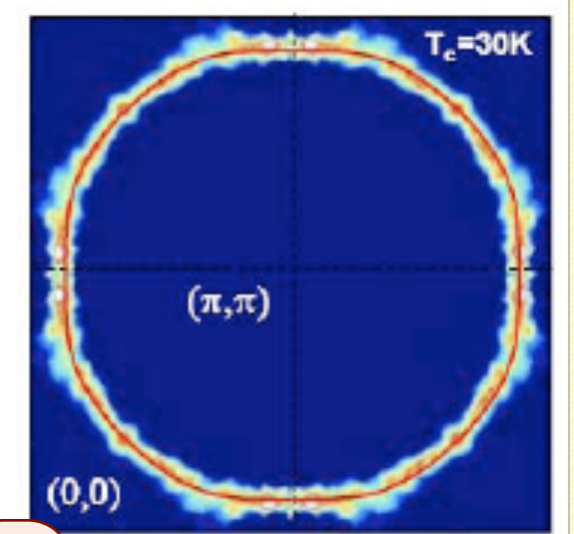
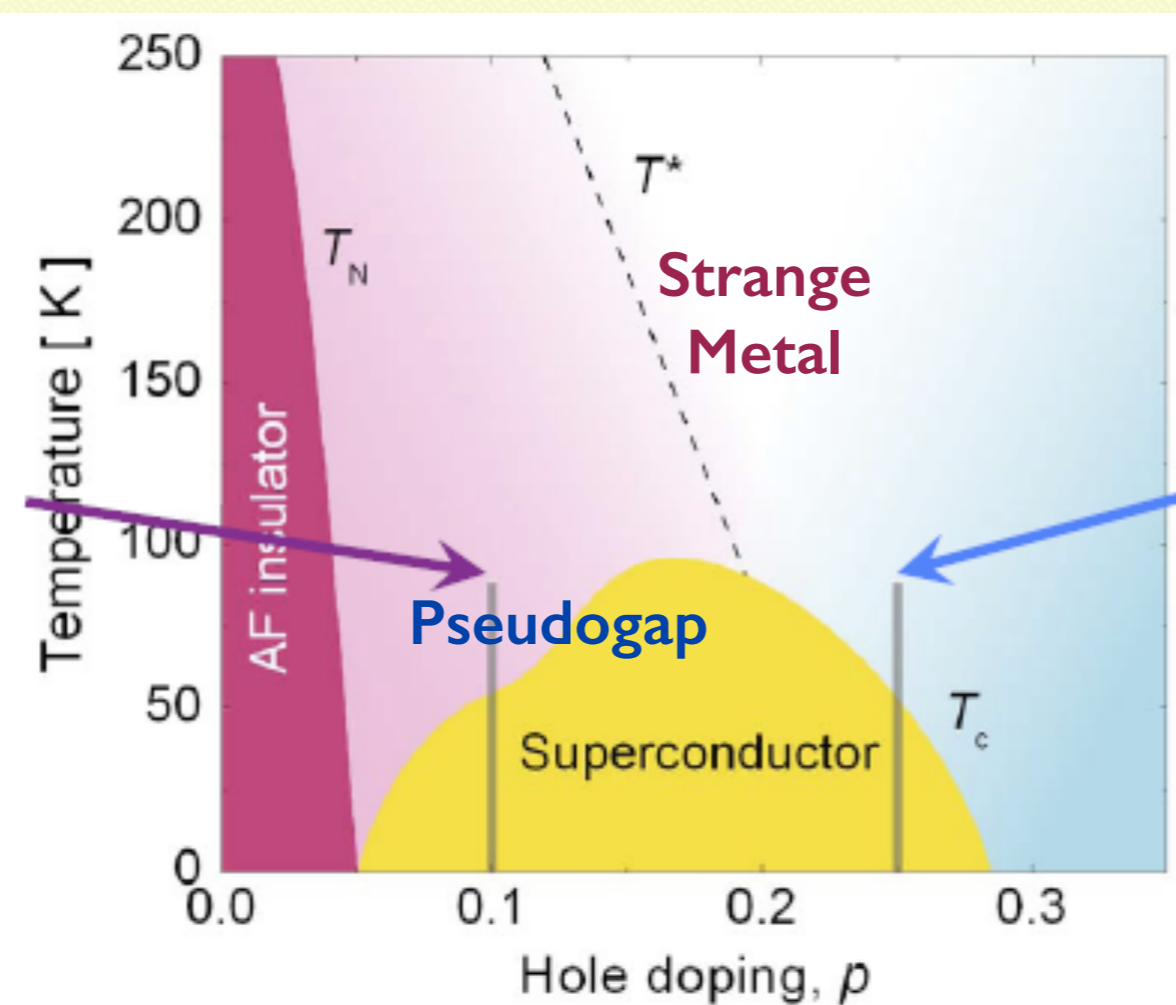
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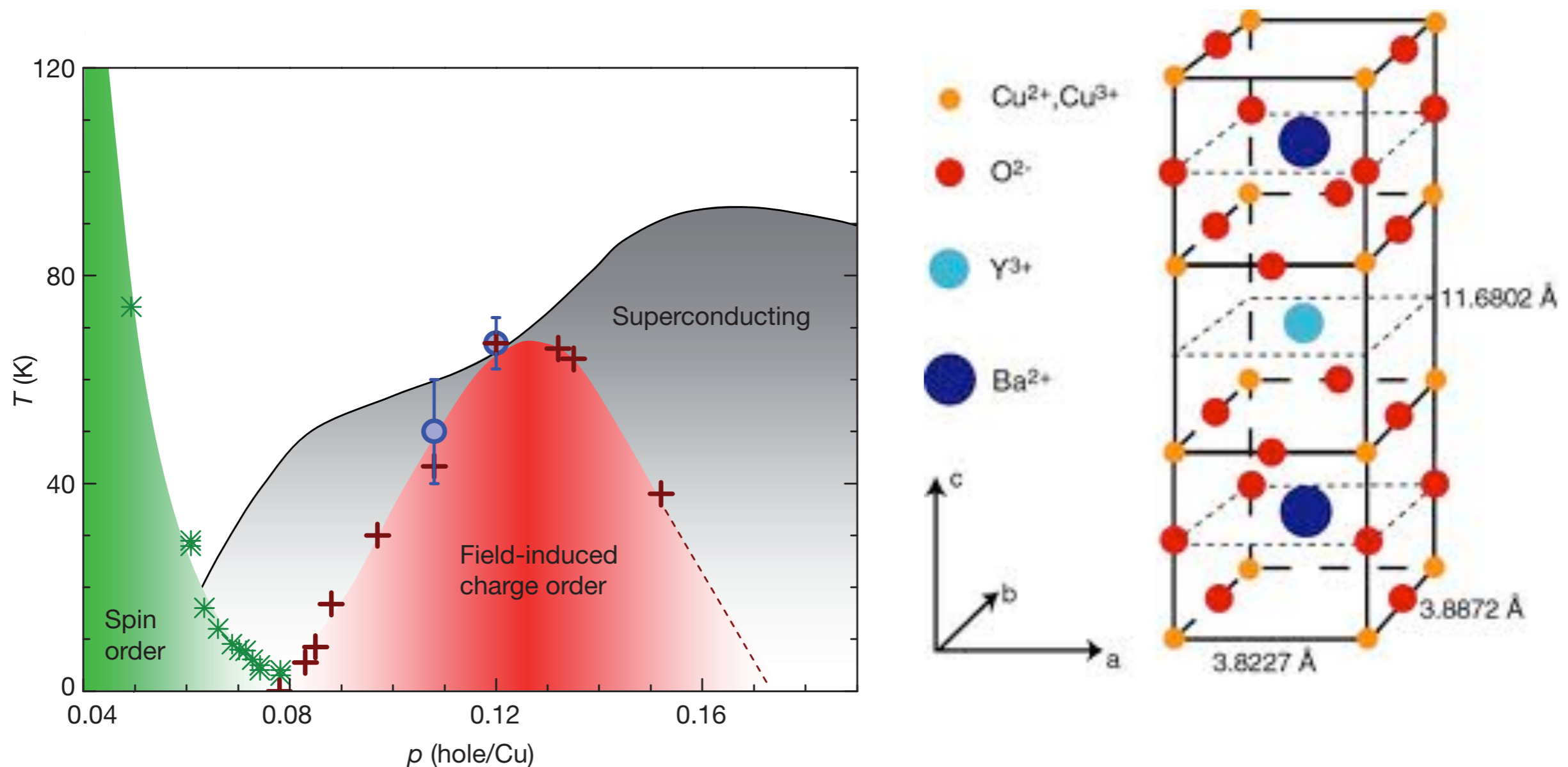
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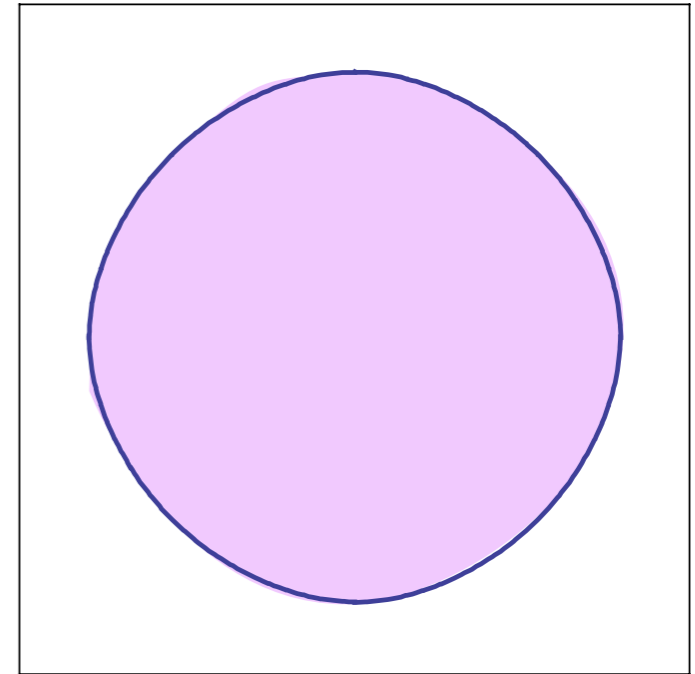
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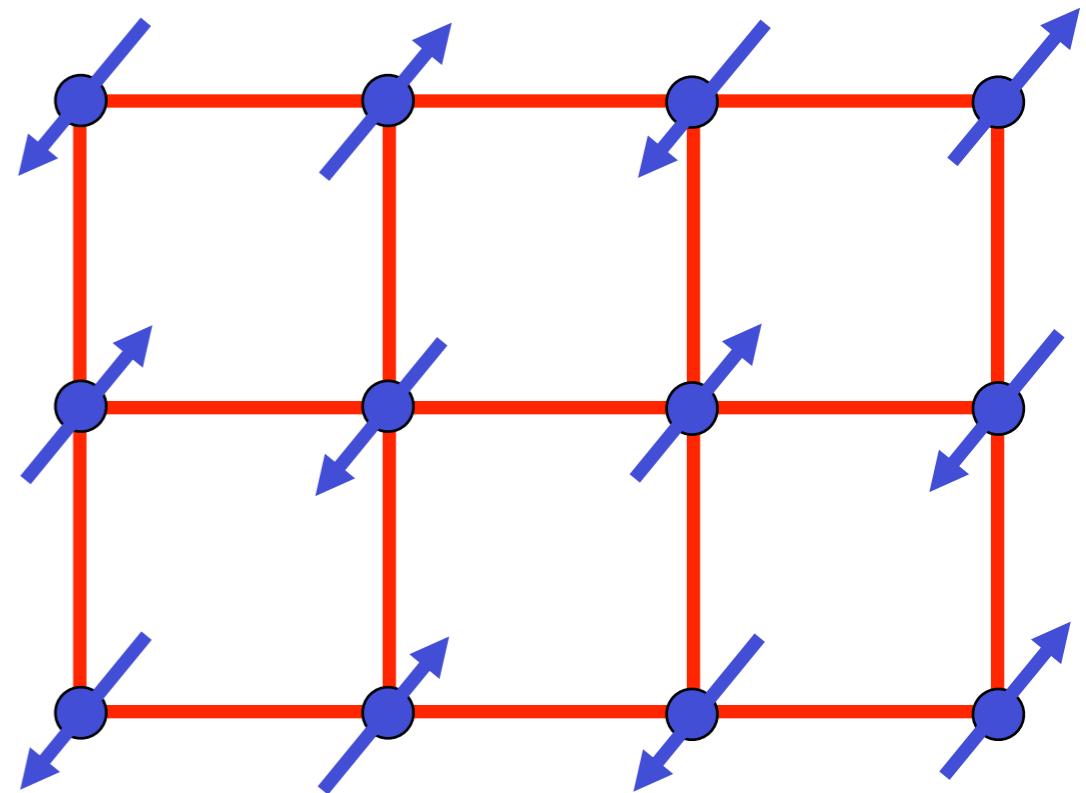


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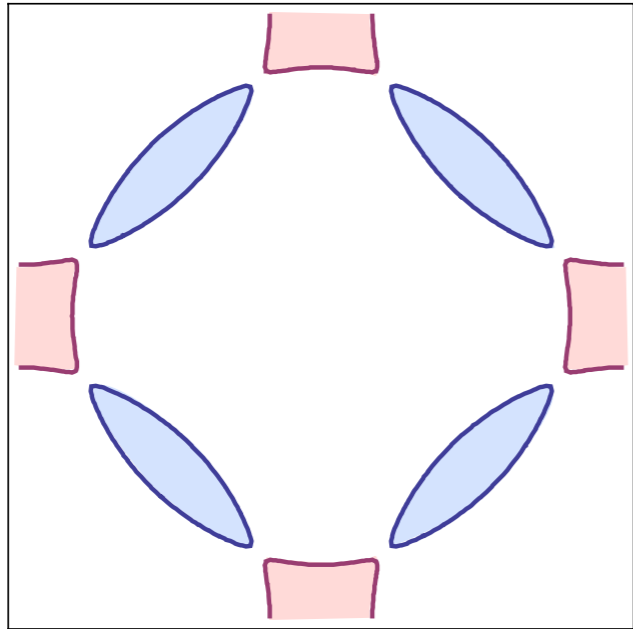


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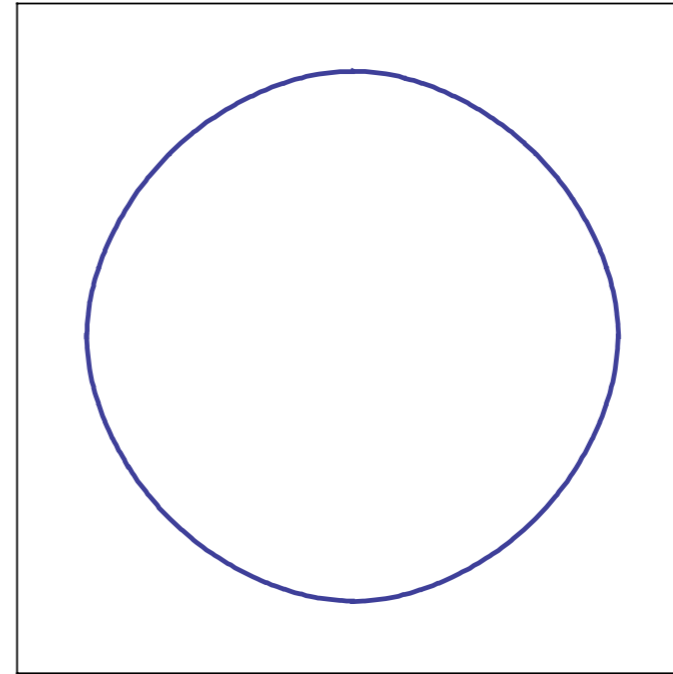
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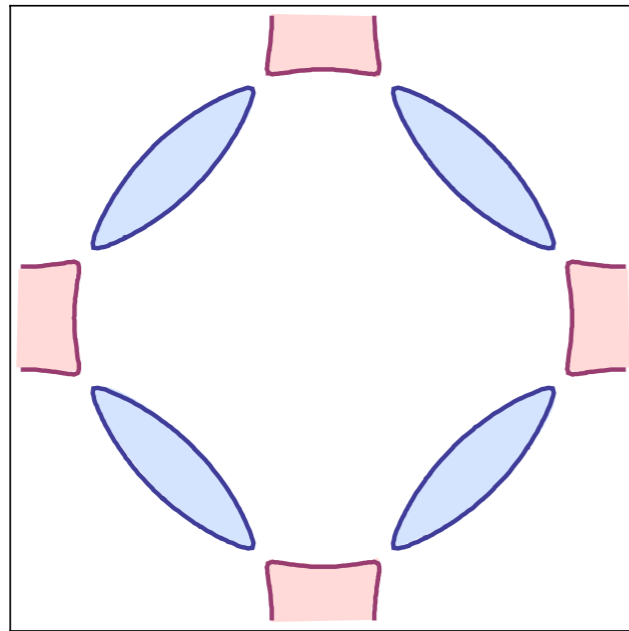


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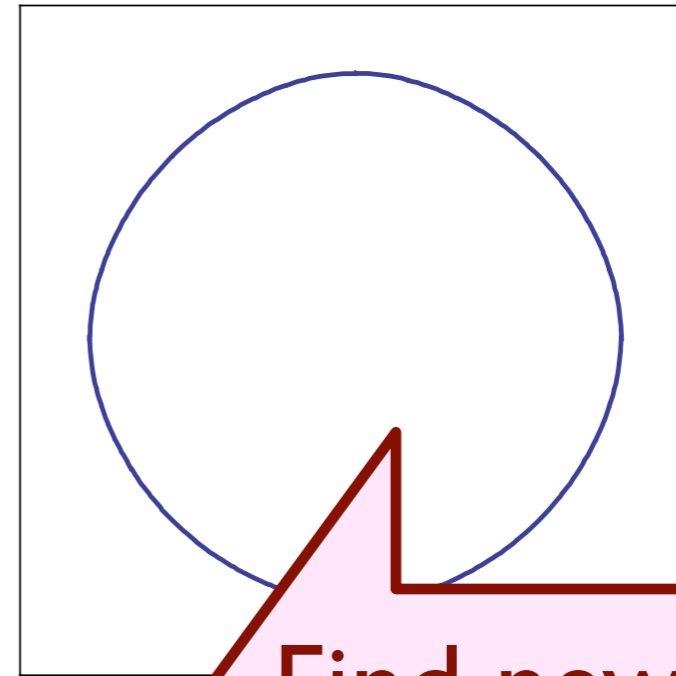


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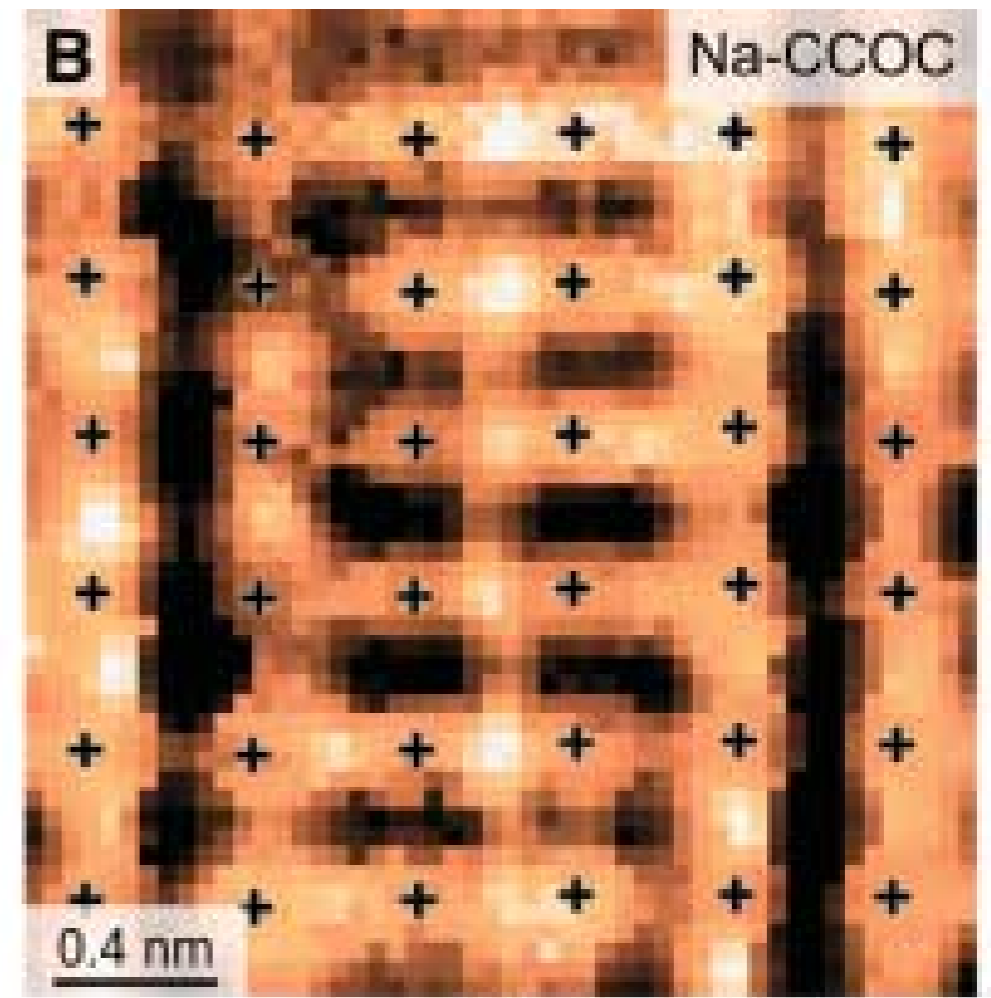
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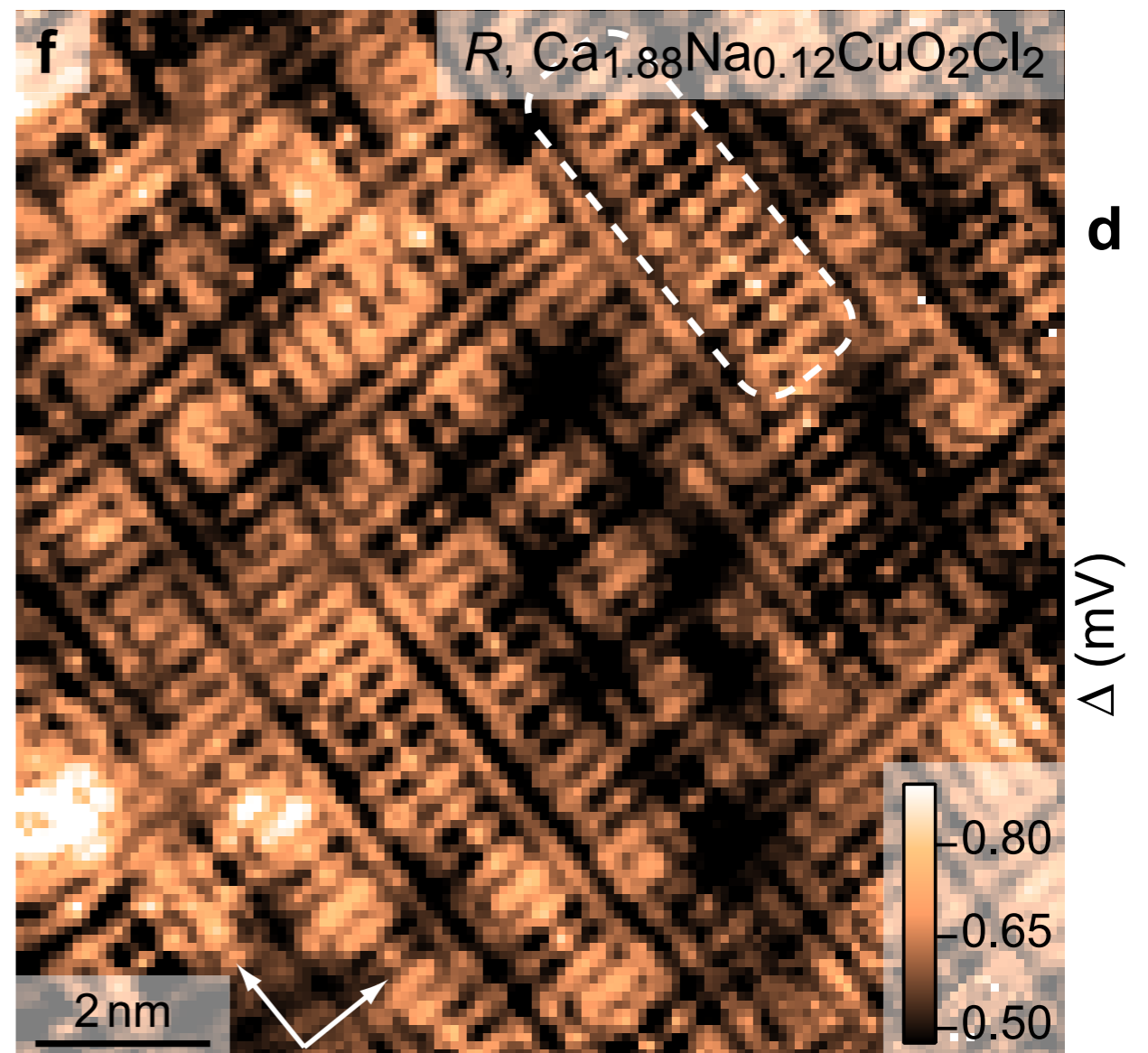
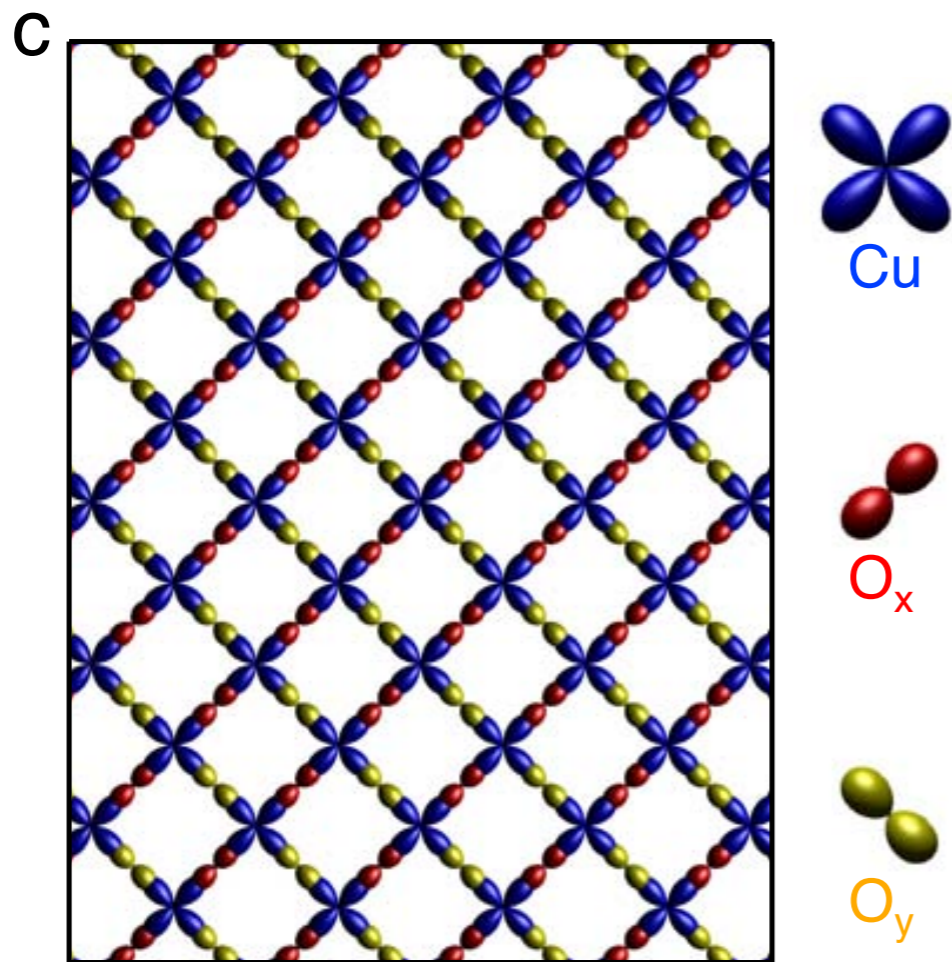
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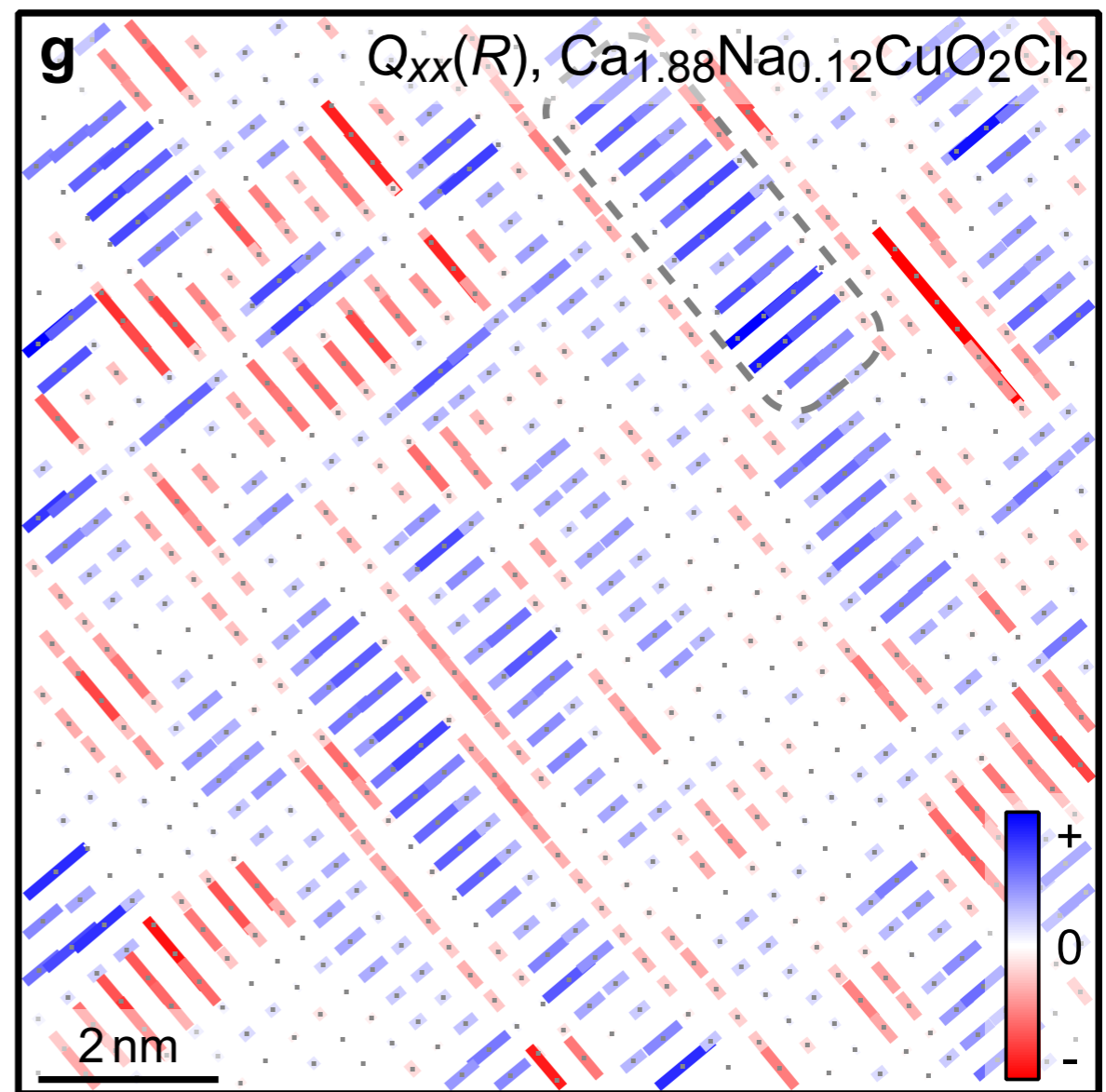
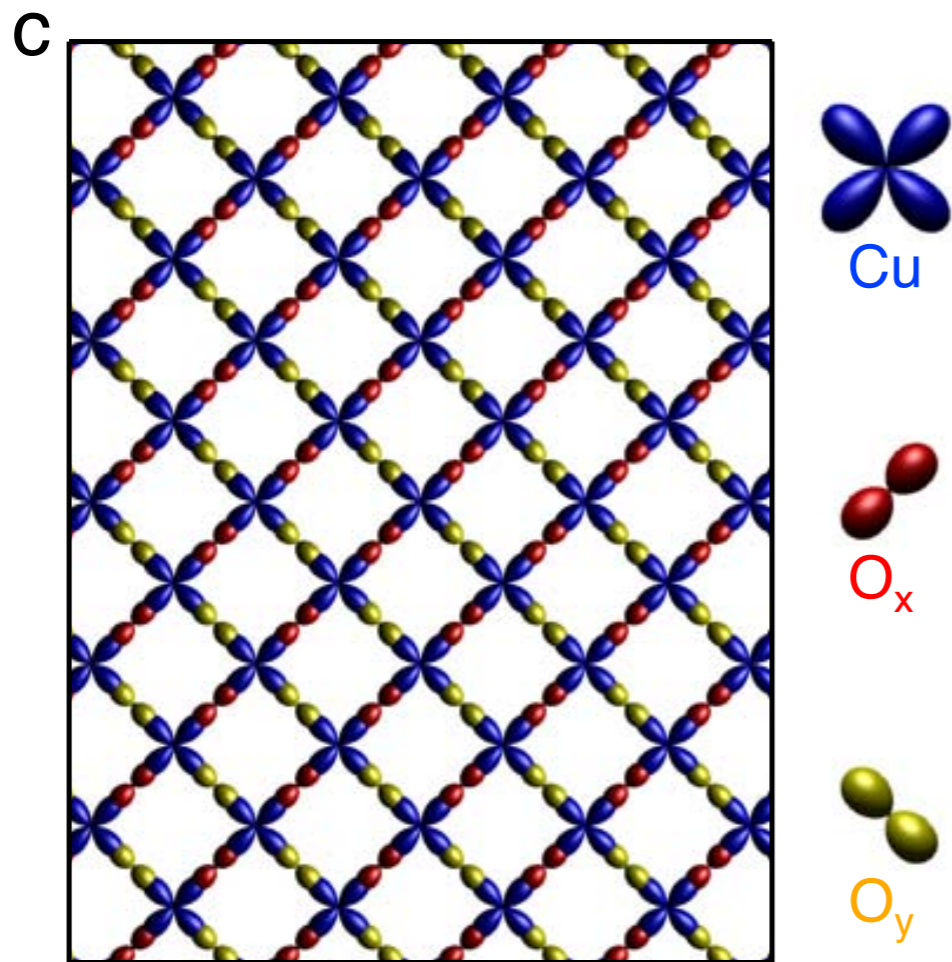
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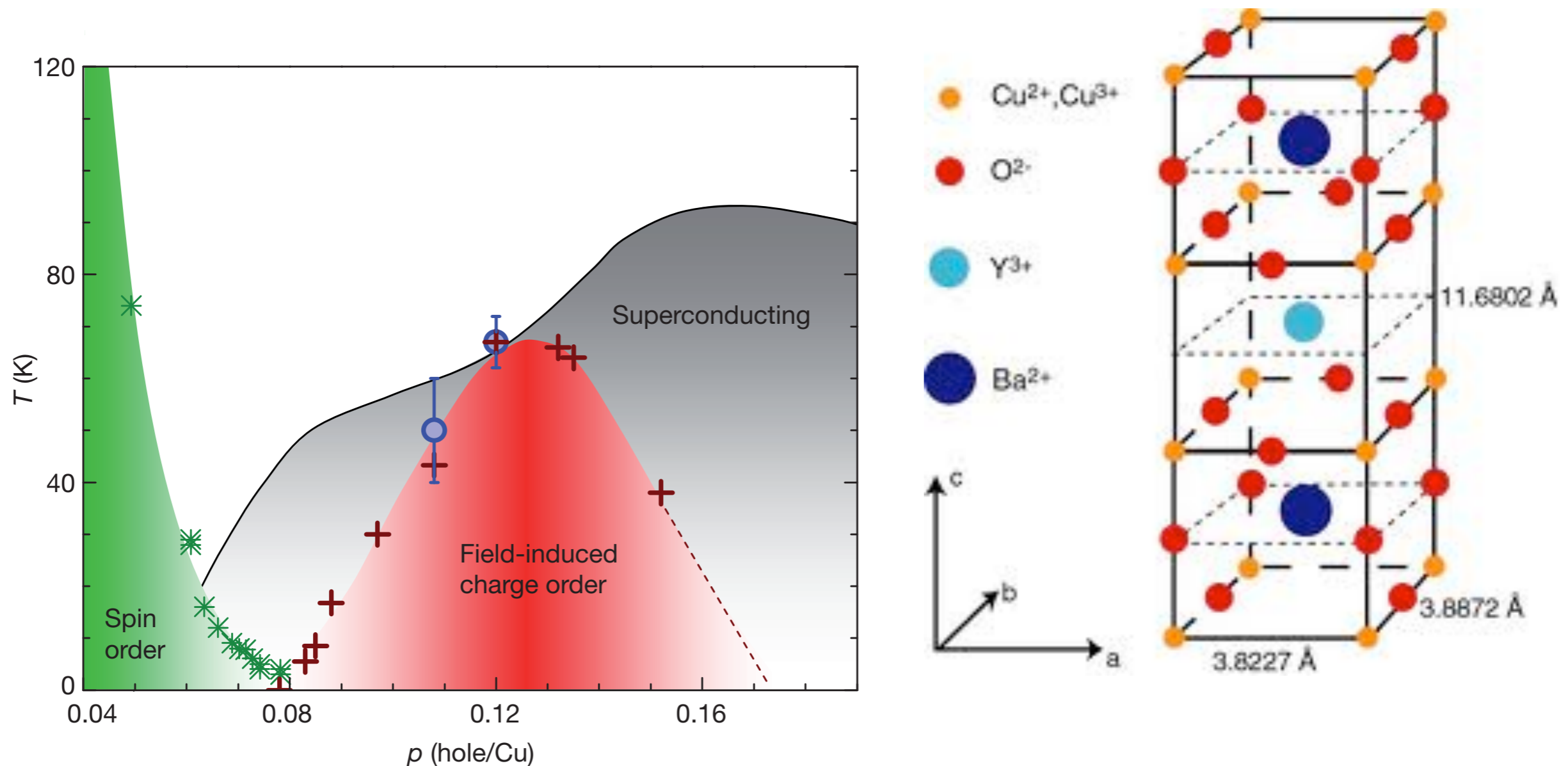


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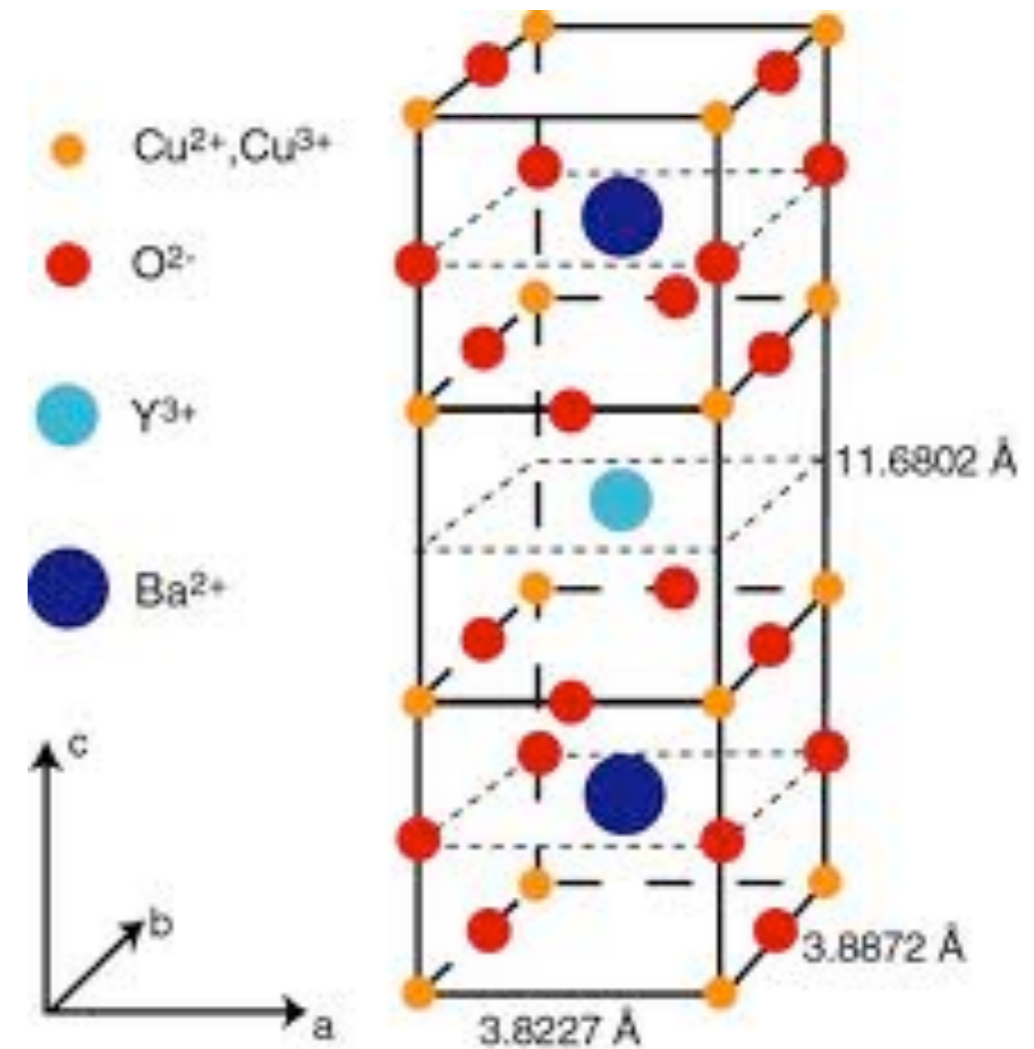
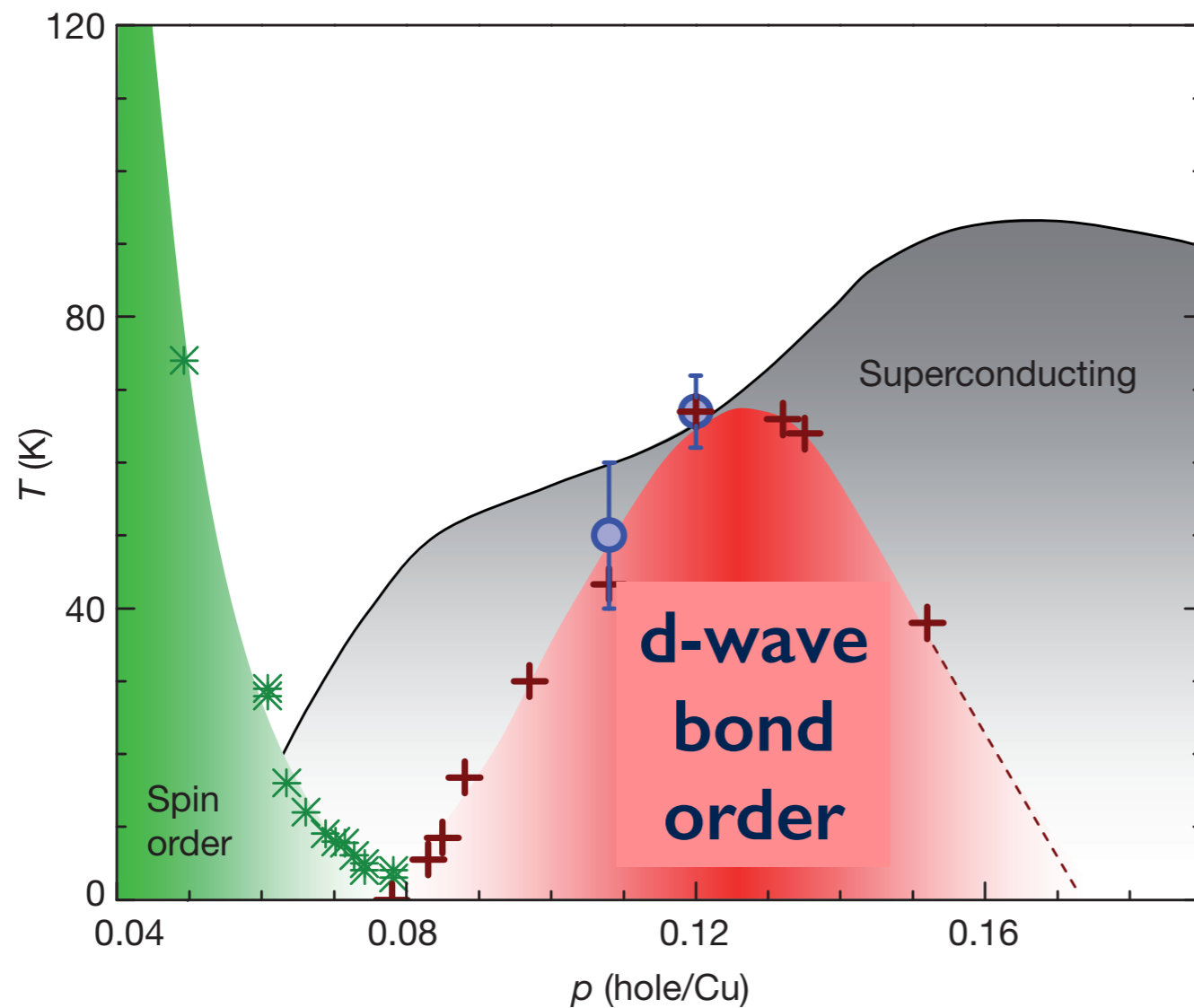
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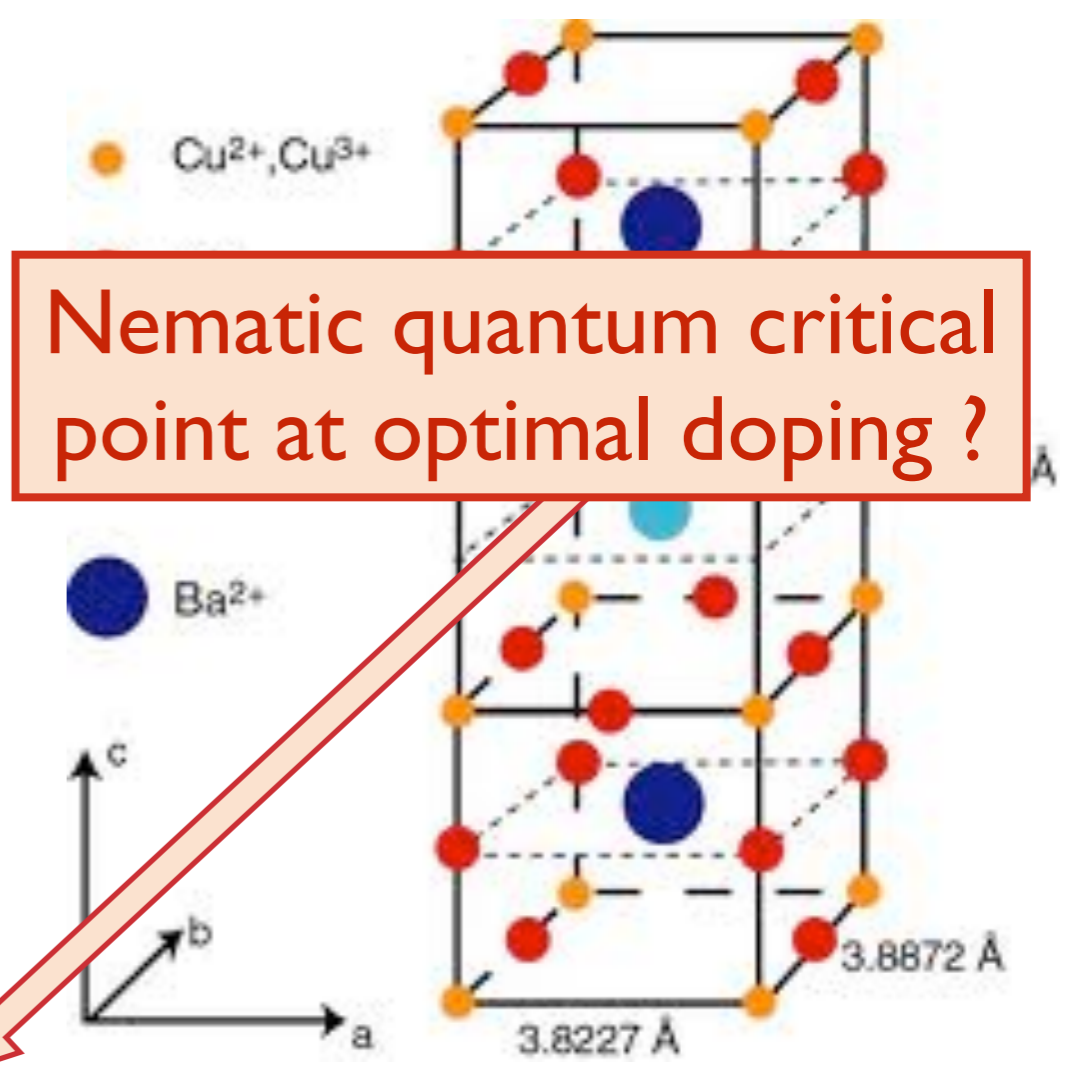
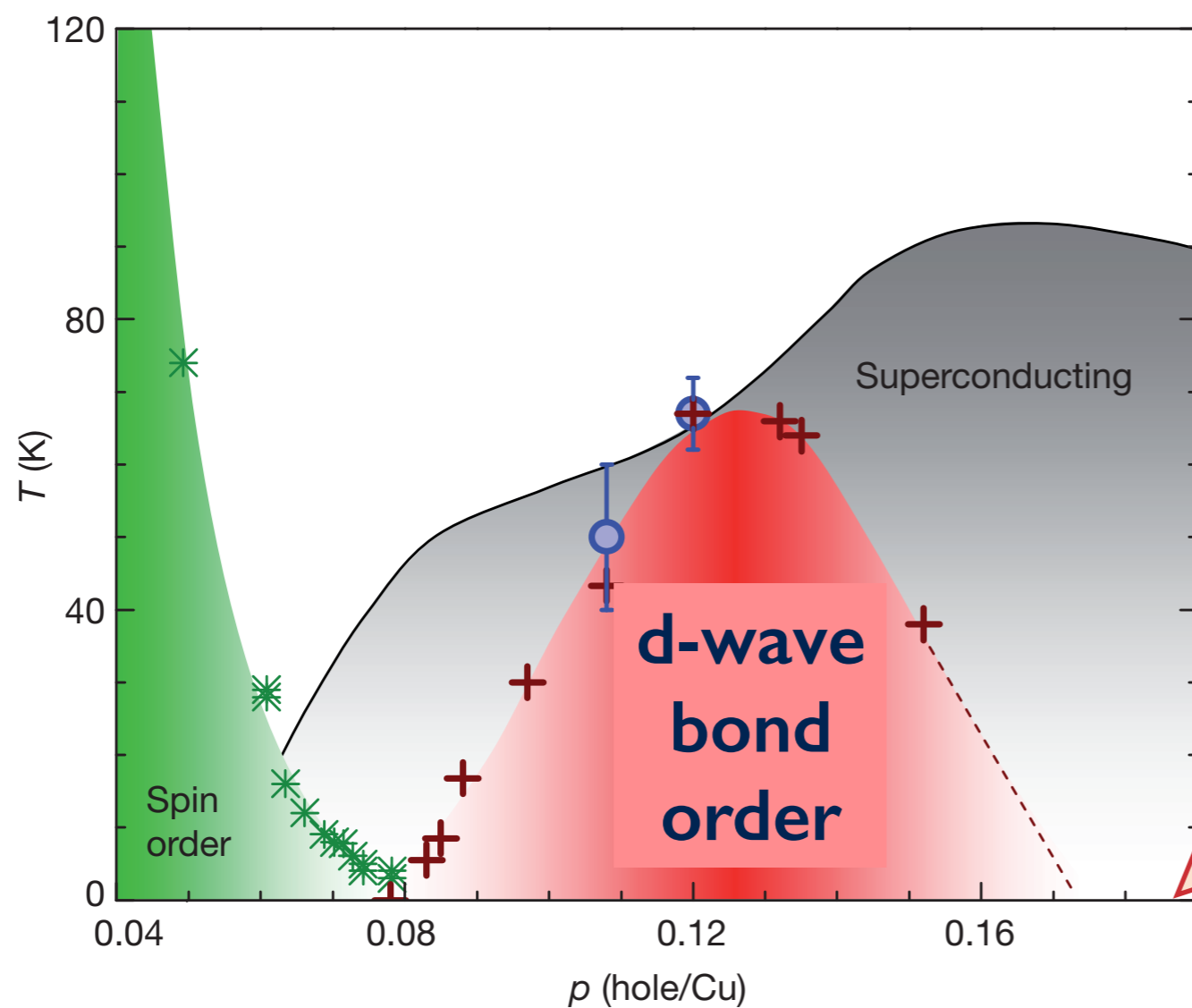
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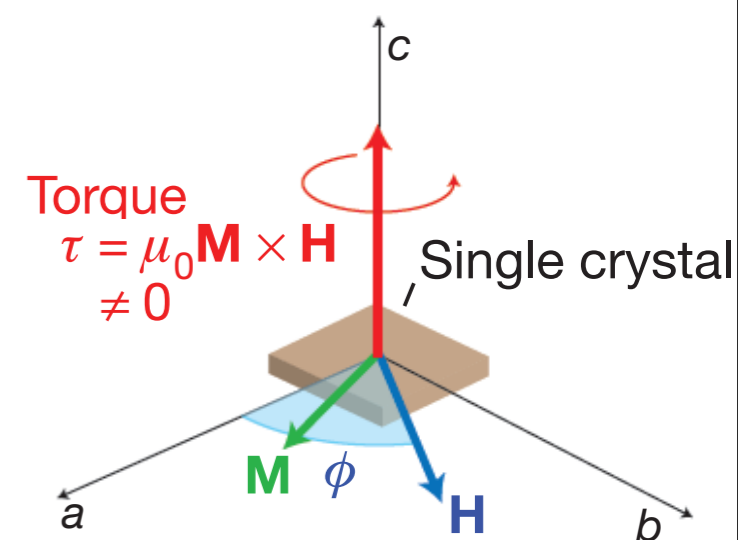
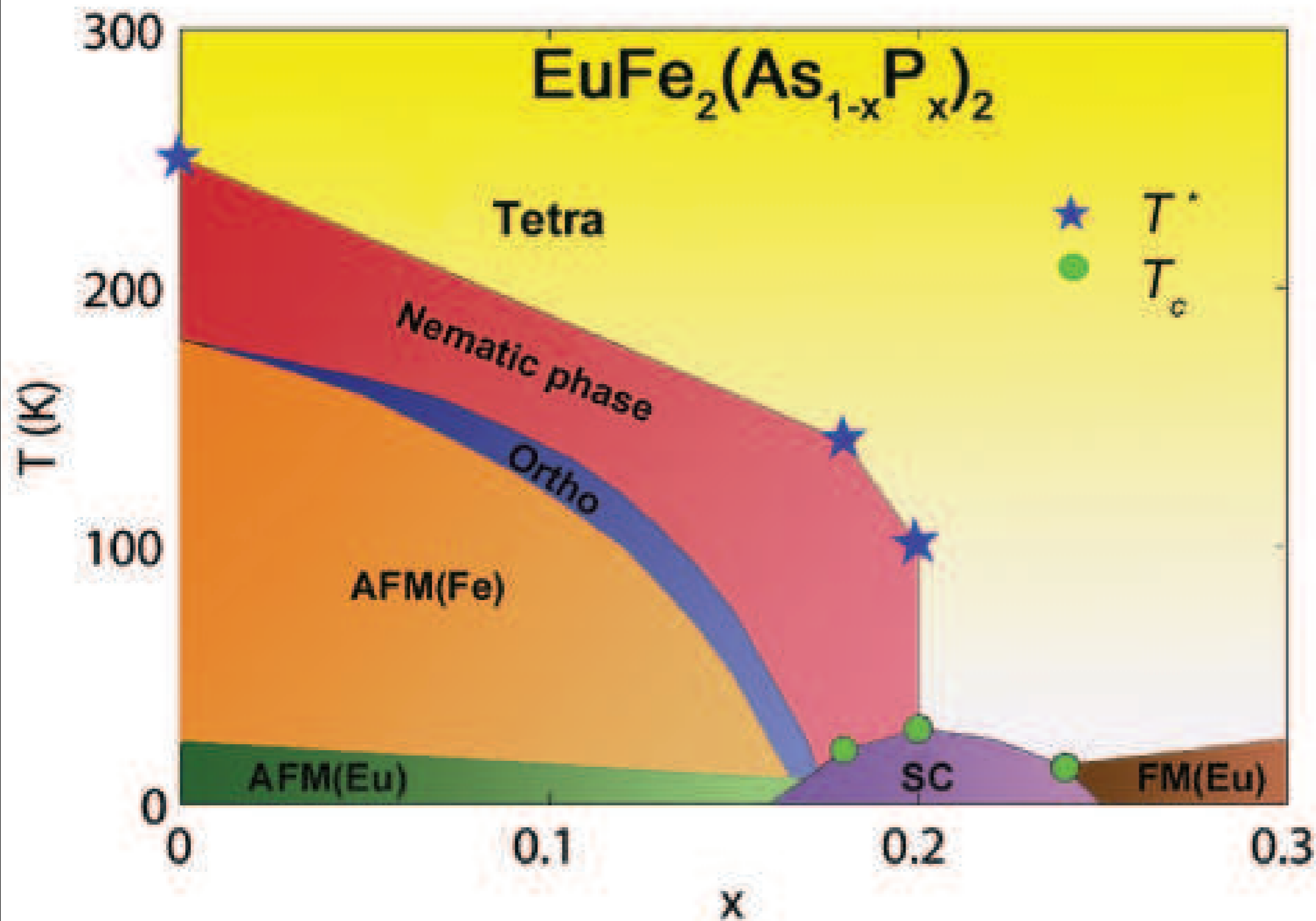


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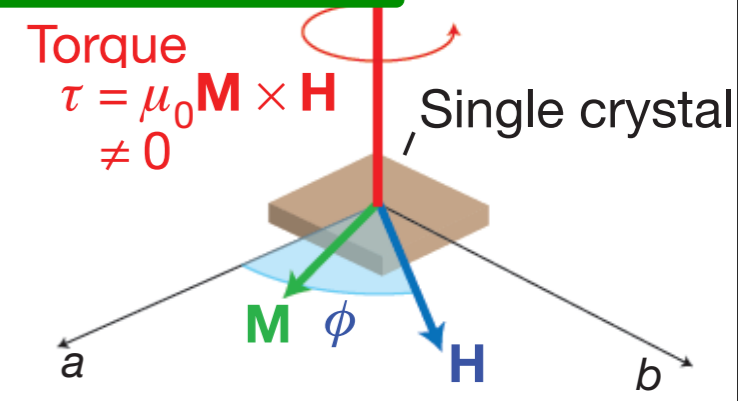
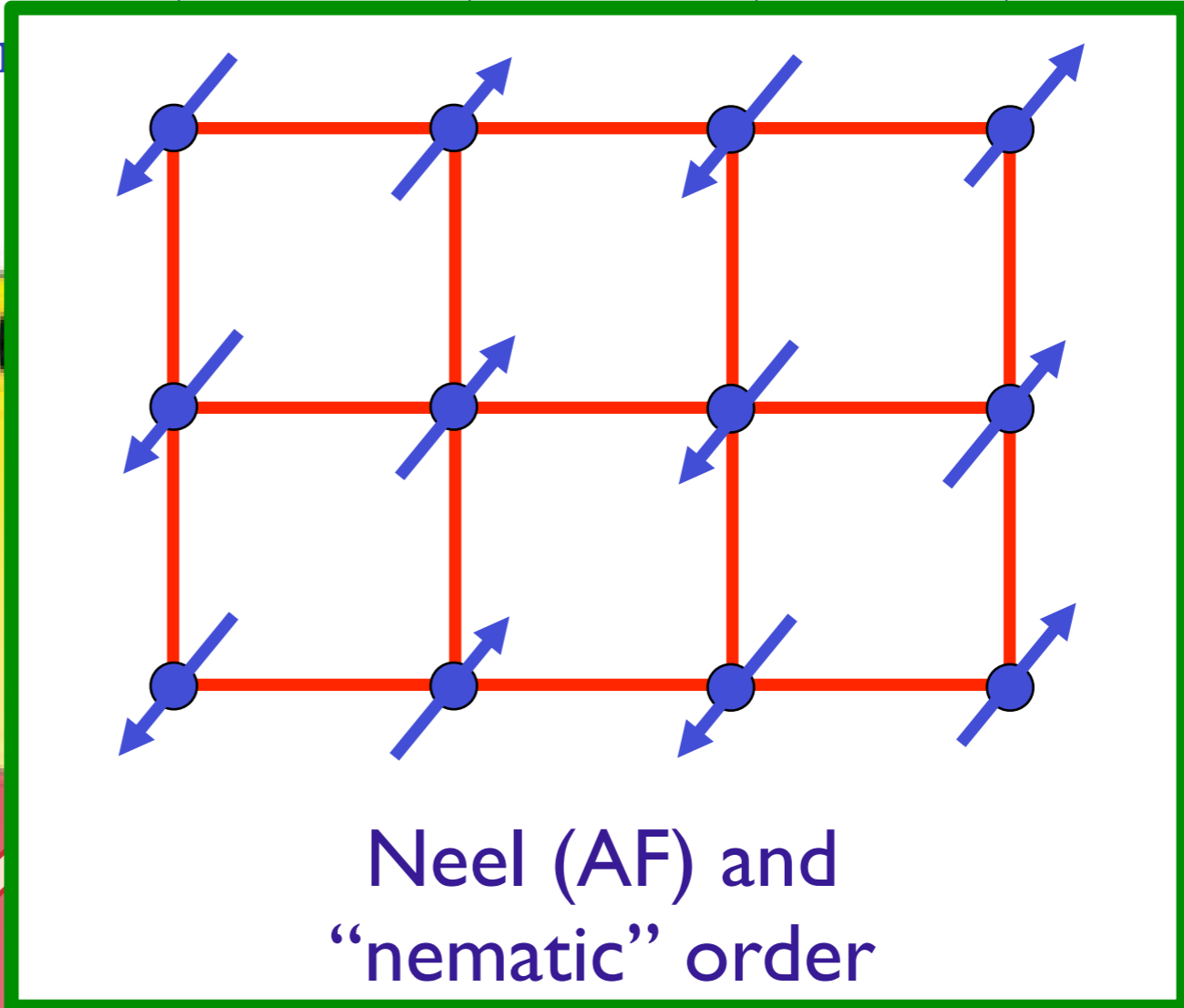
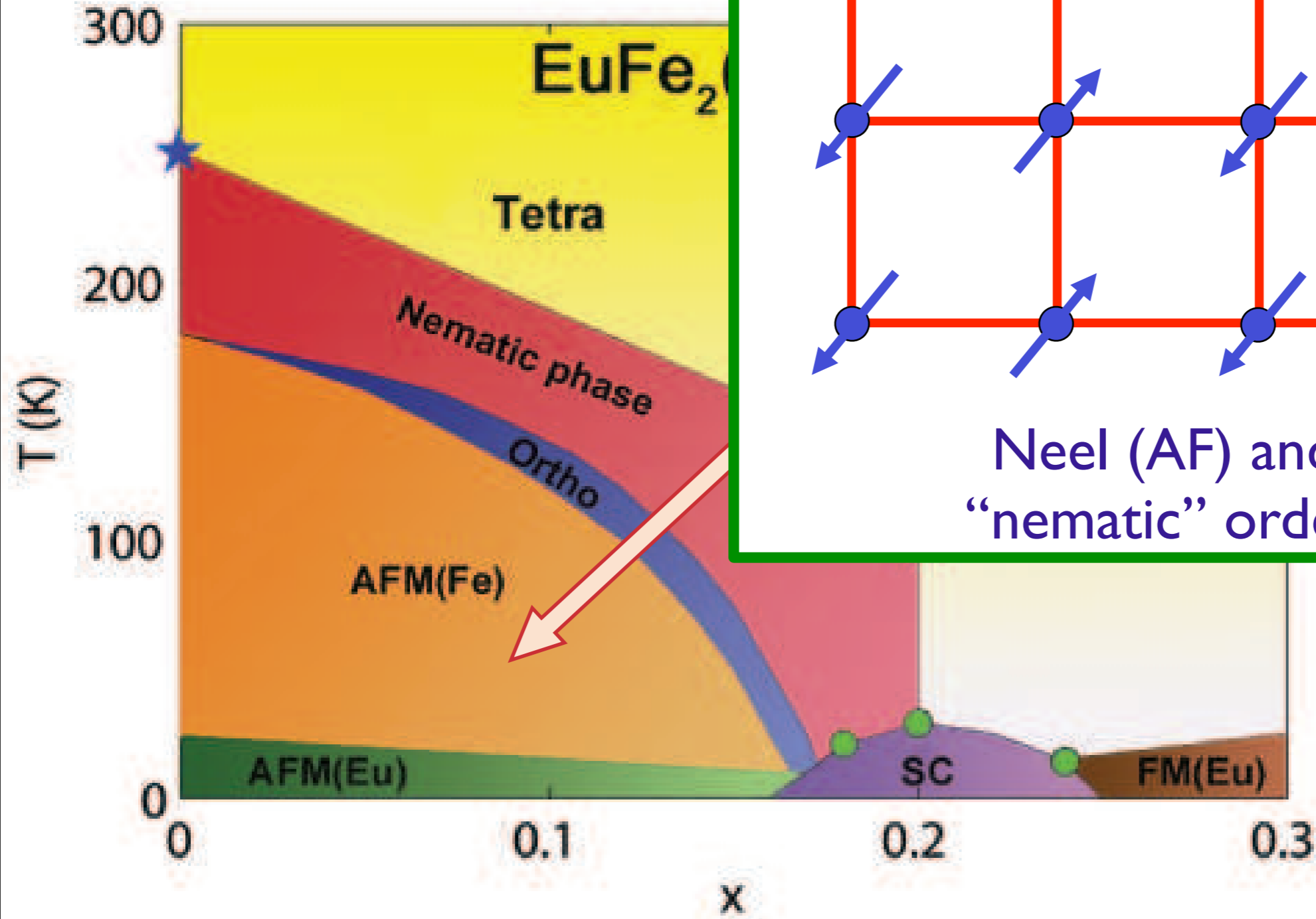




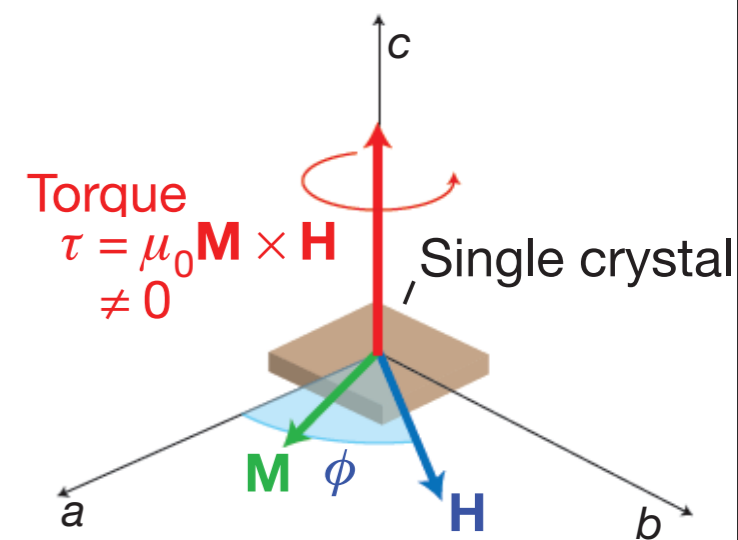
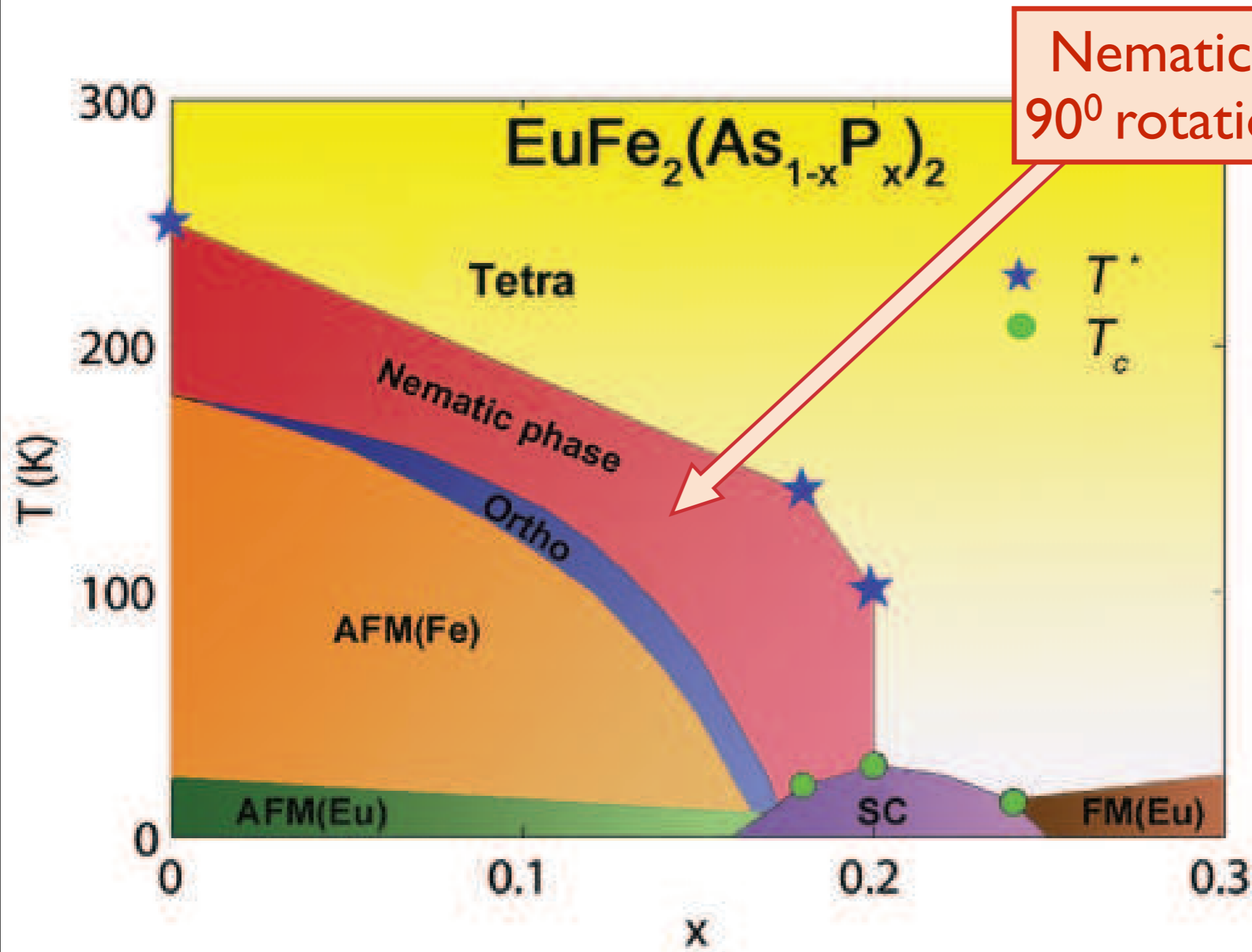
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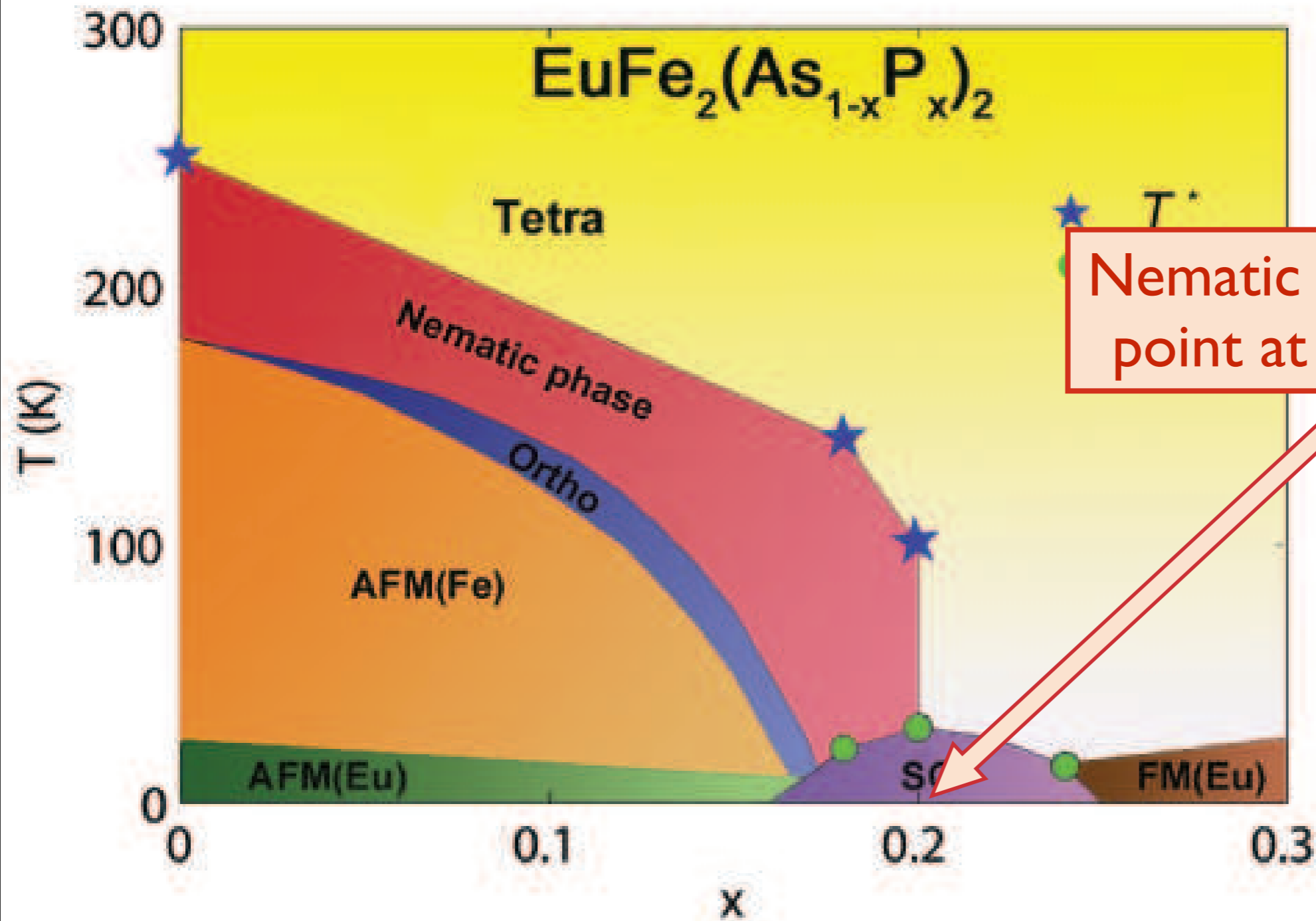
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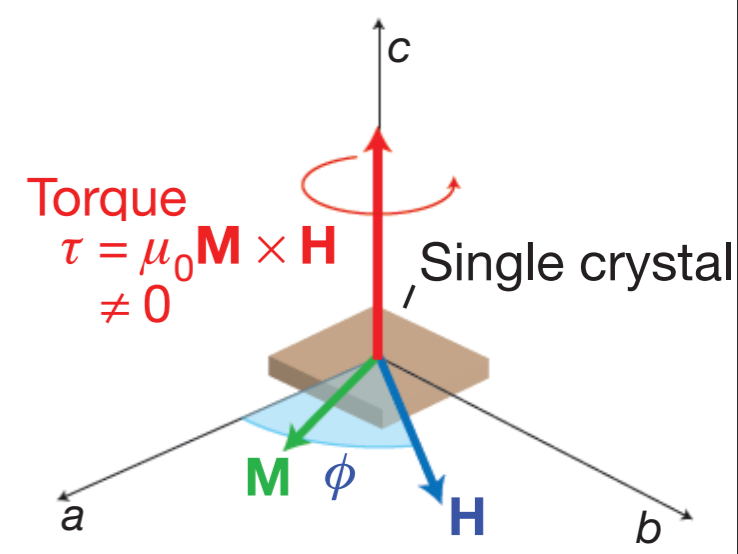
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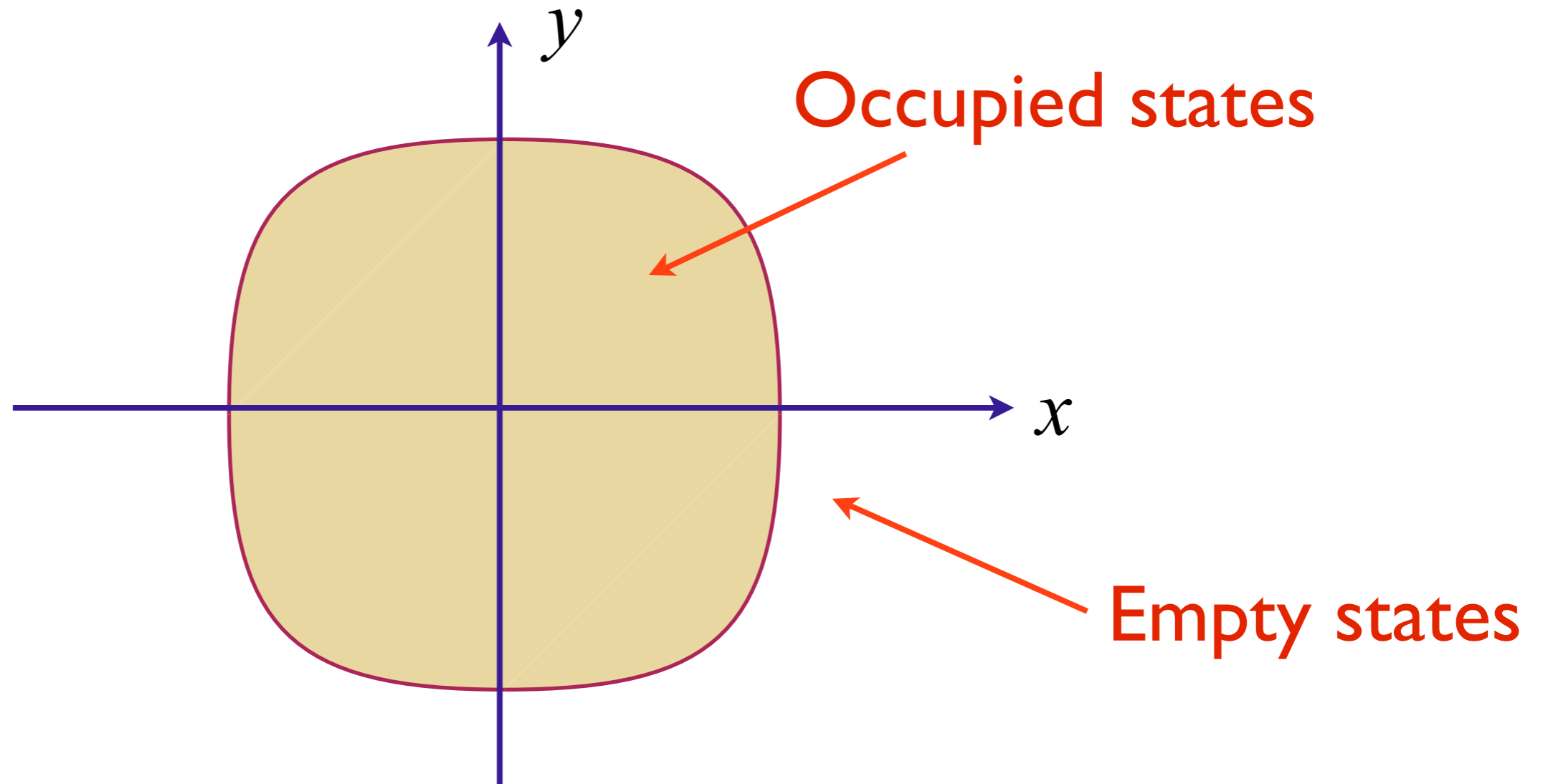
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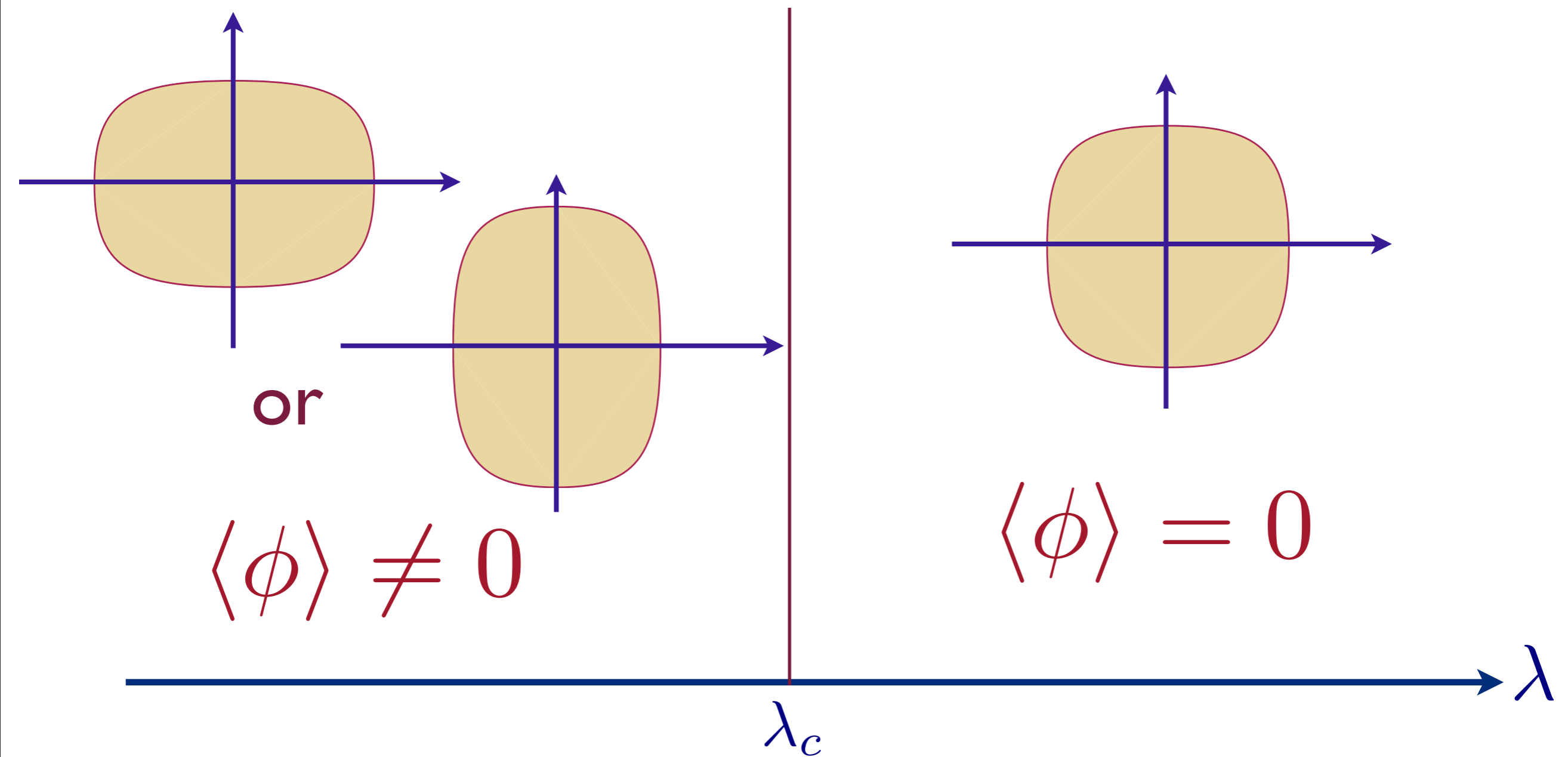
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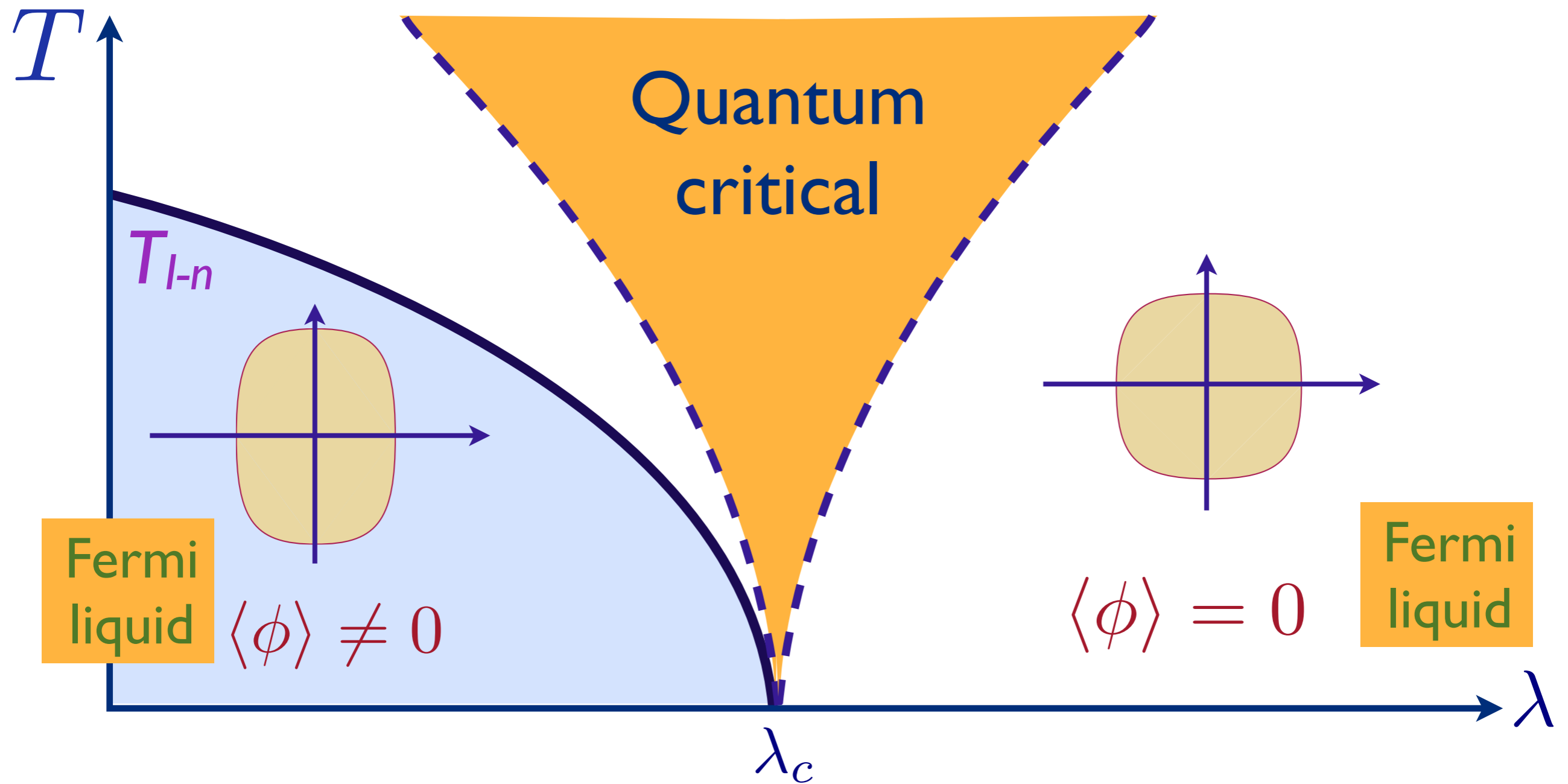
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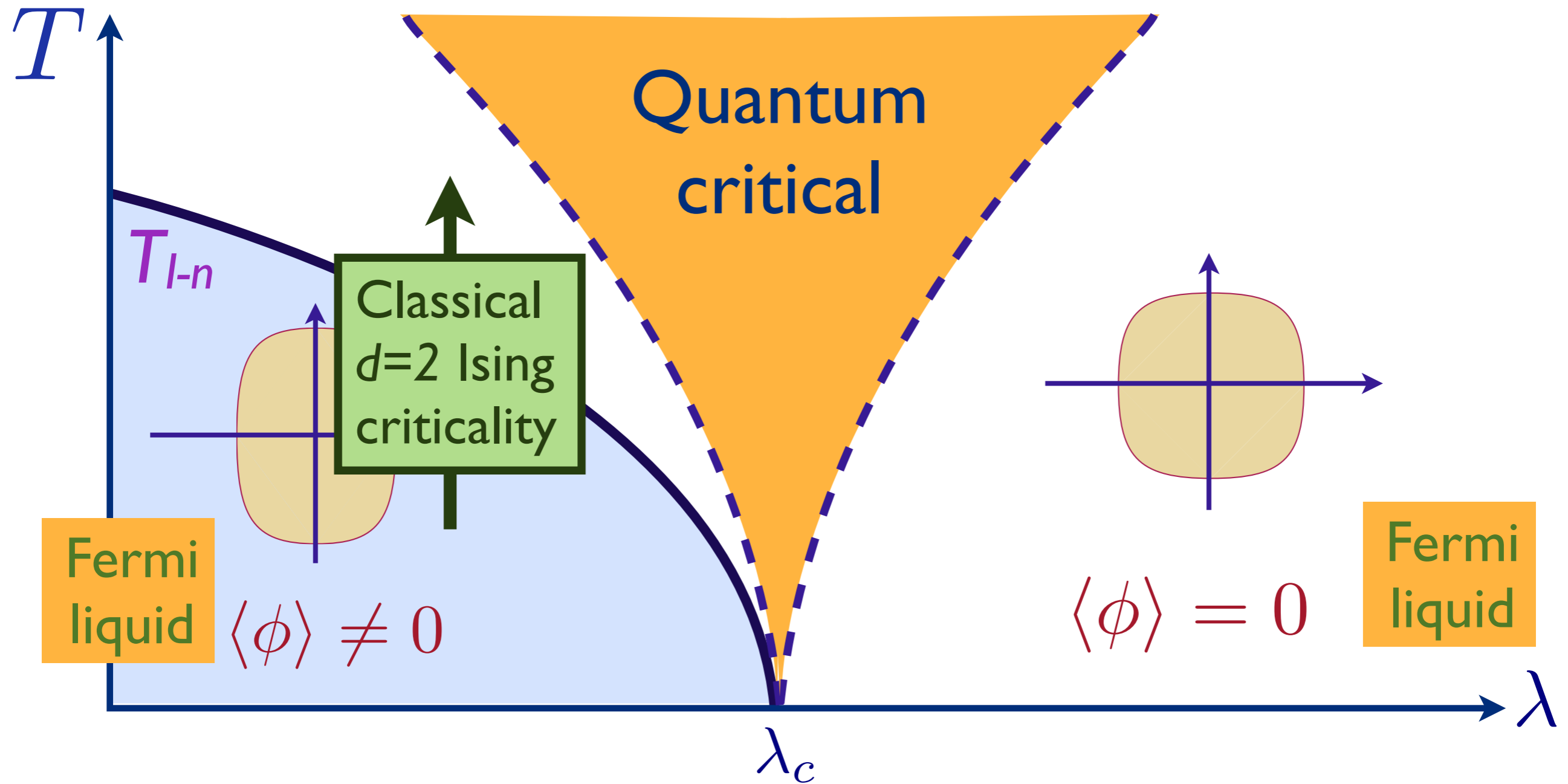
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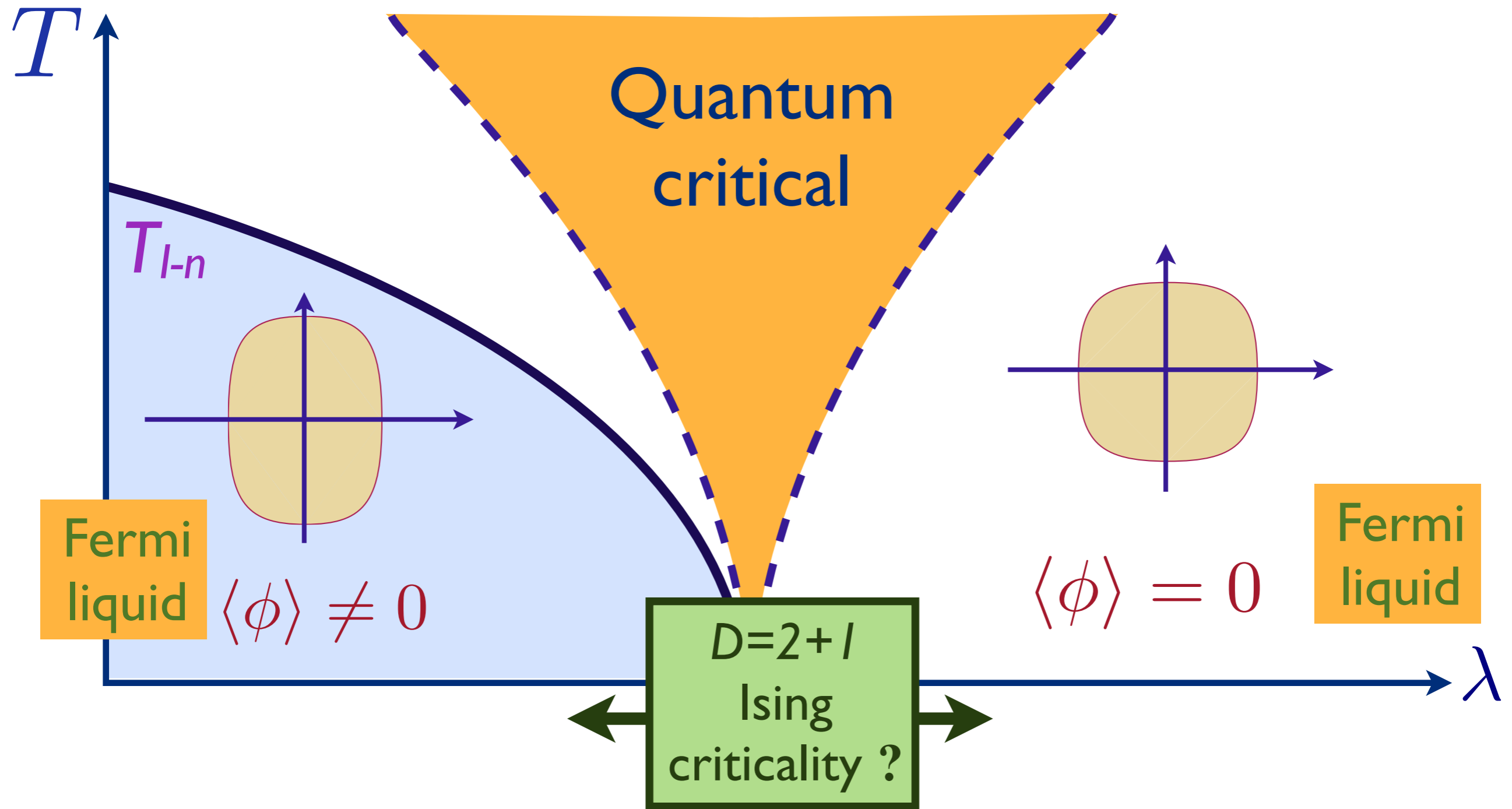
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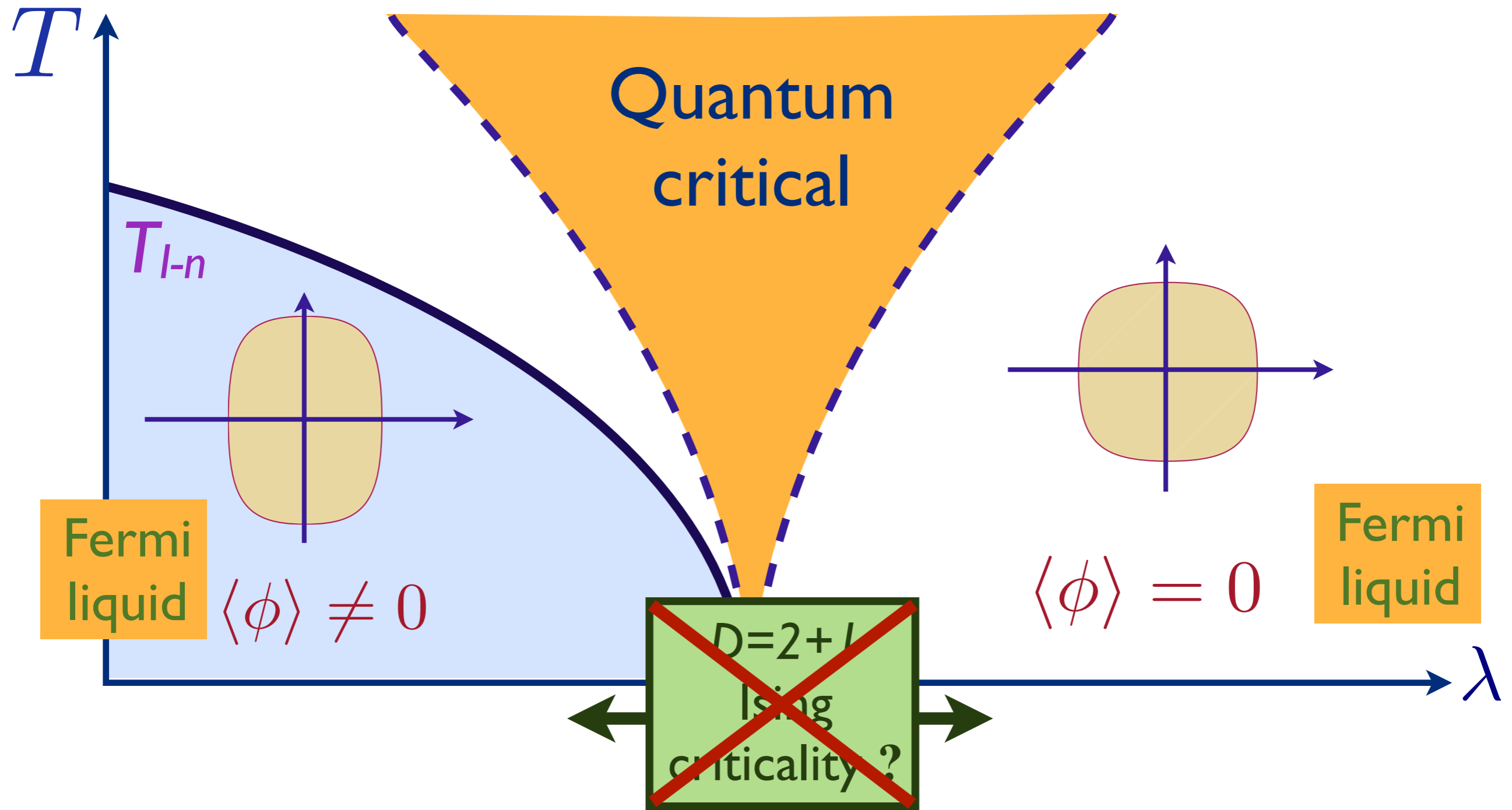
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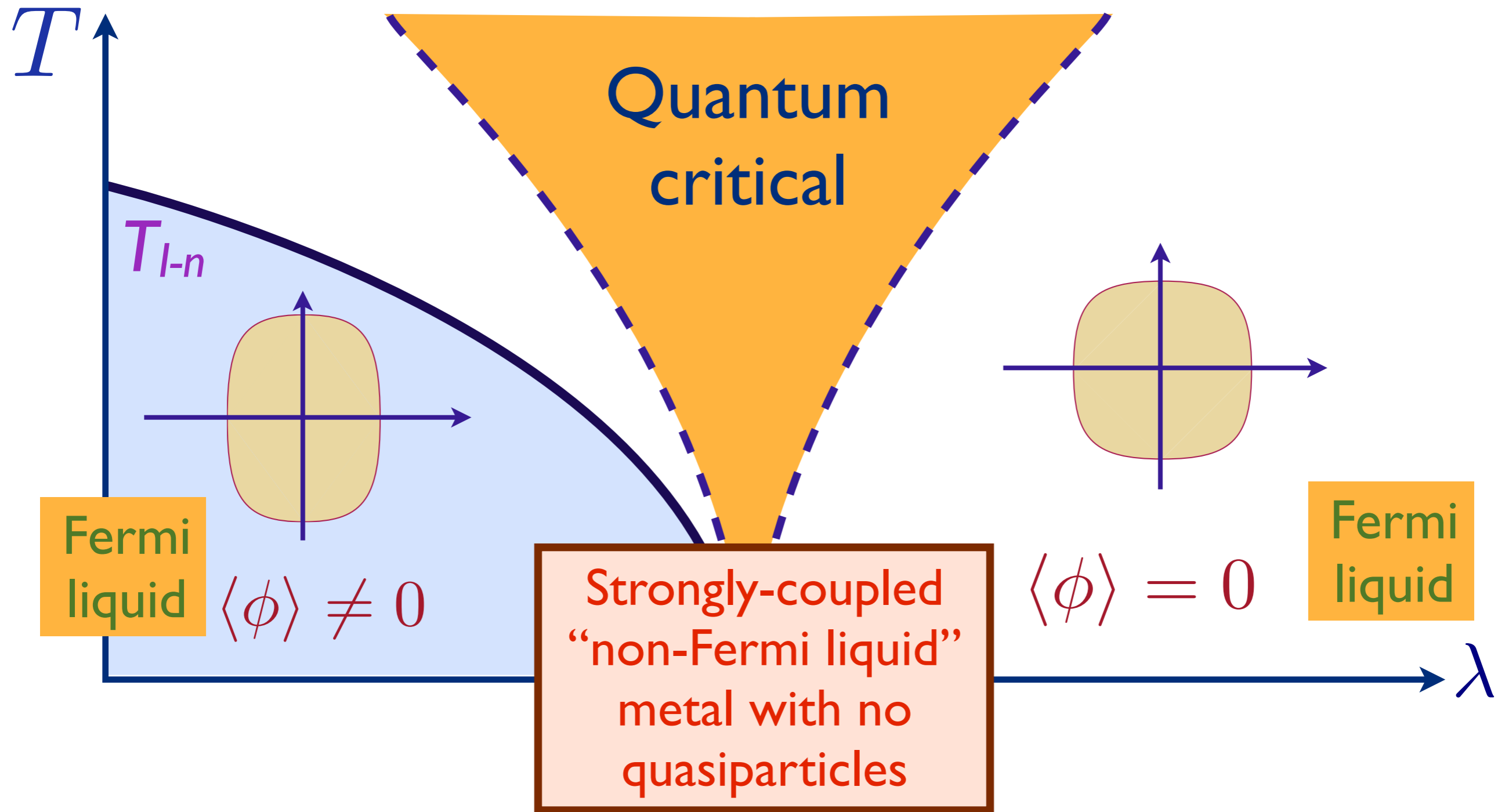
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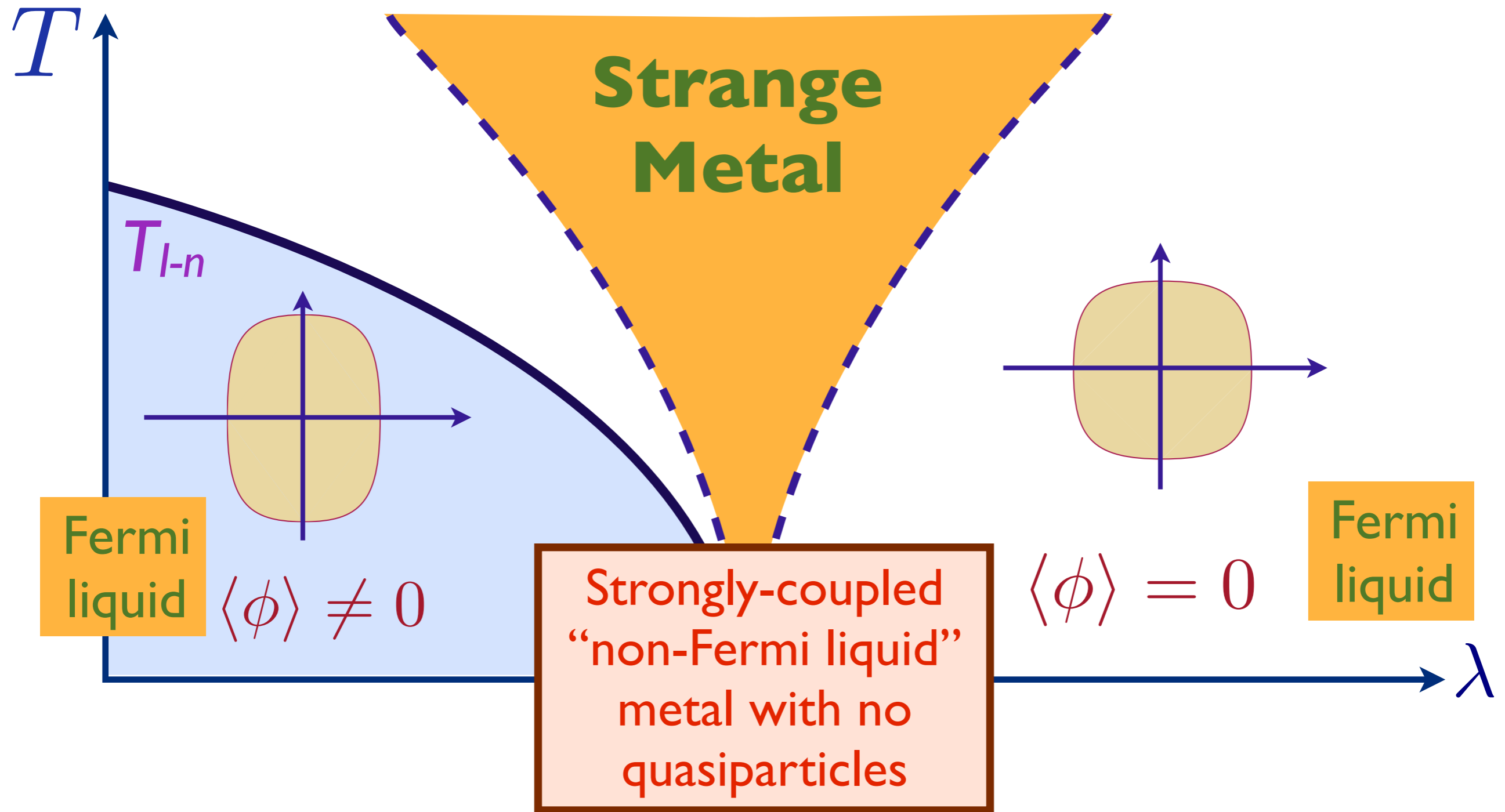
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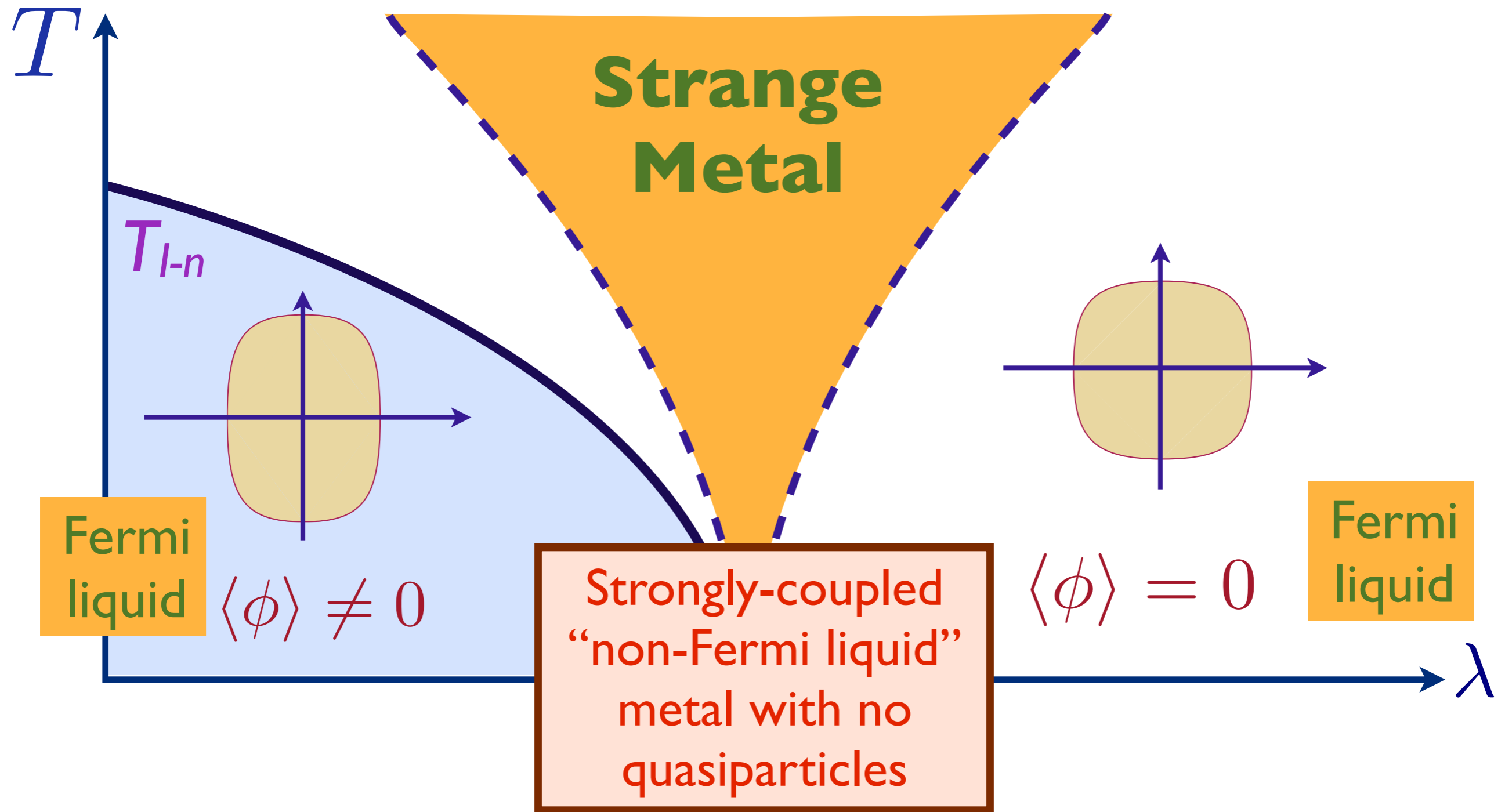
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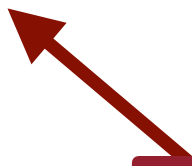
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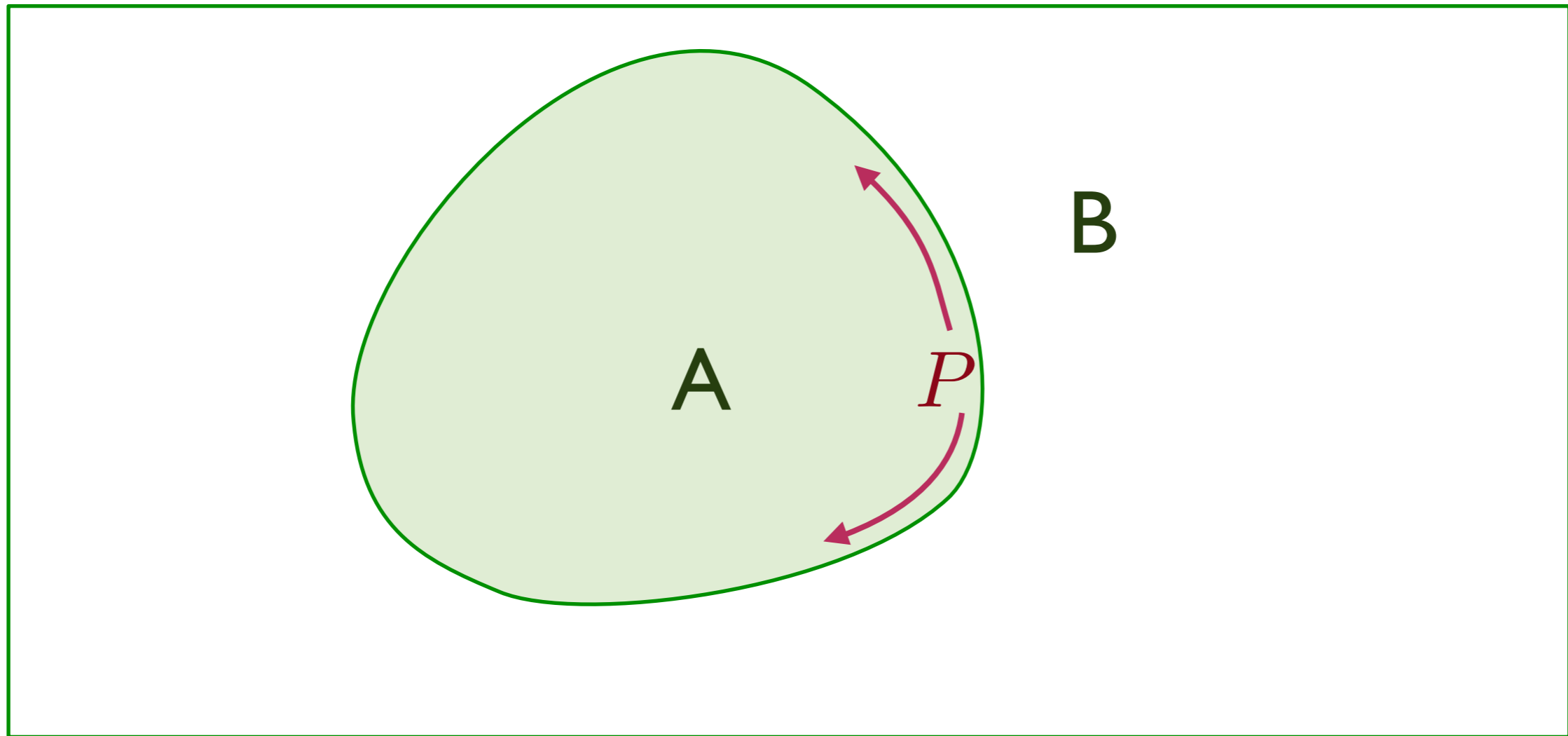
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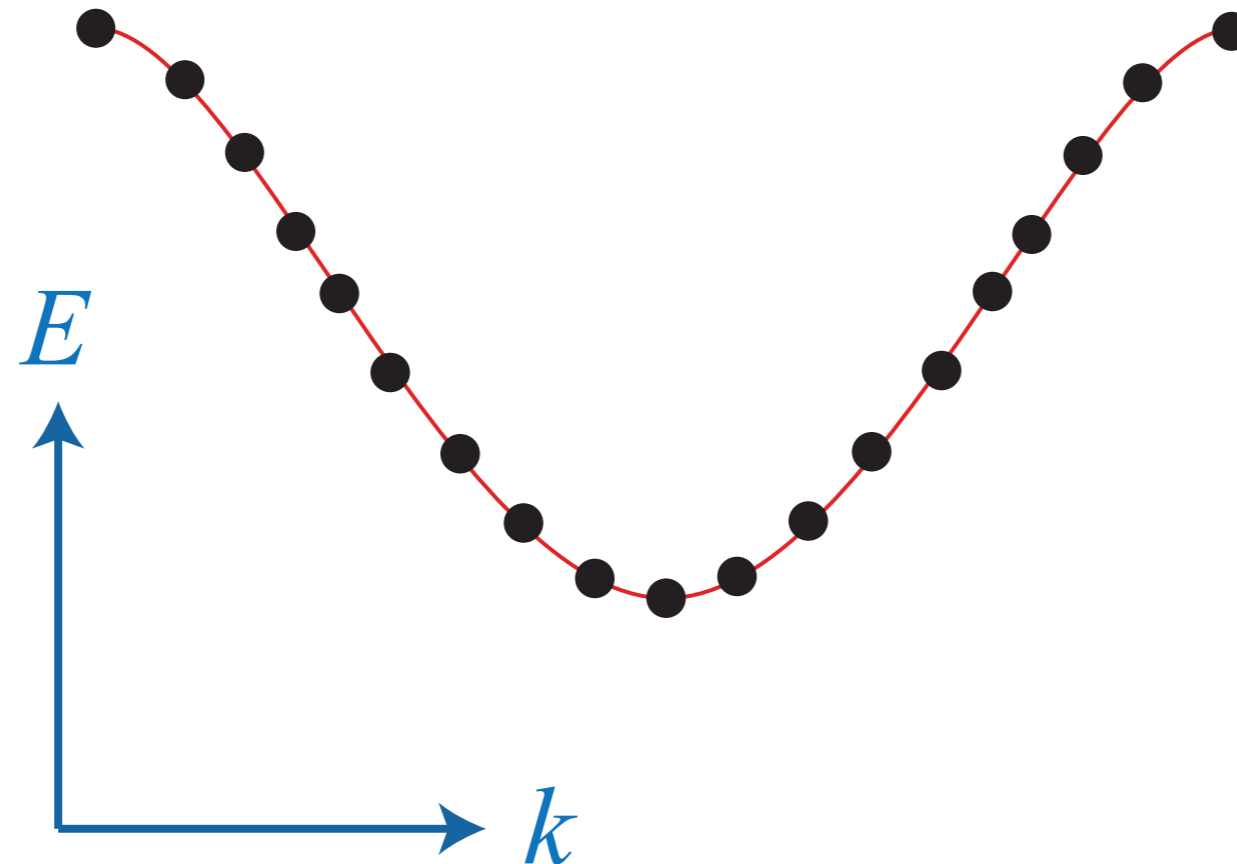
$$\text{Take } |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B)$$

Then $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho =$ density matrix of region A
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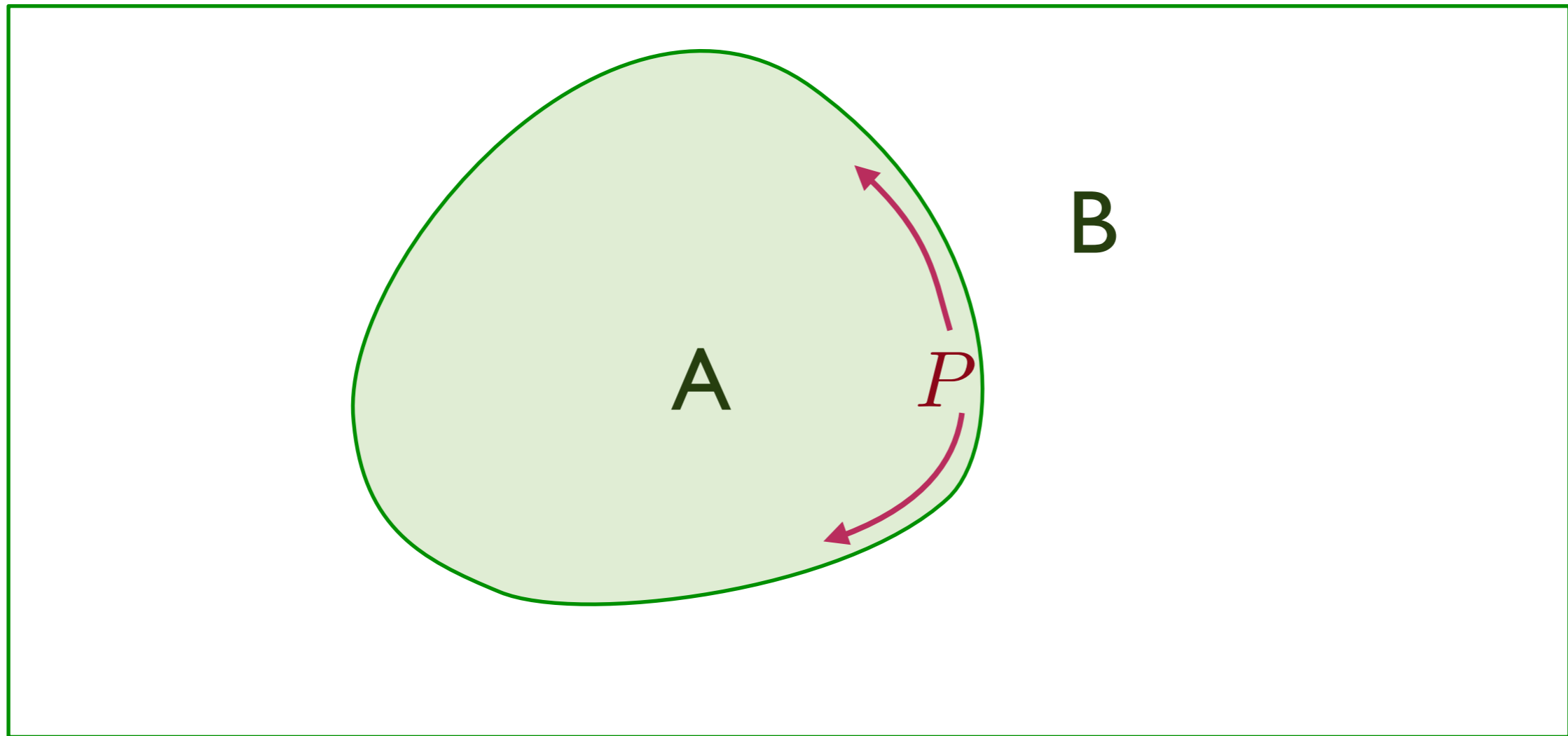
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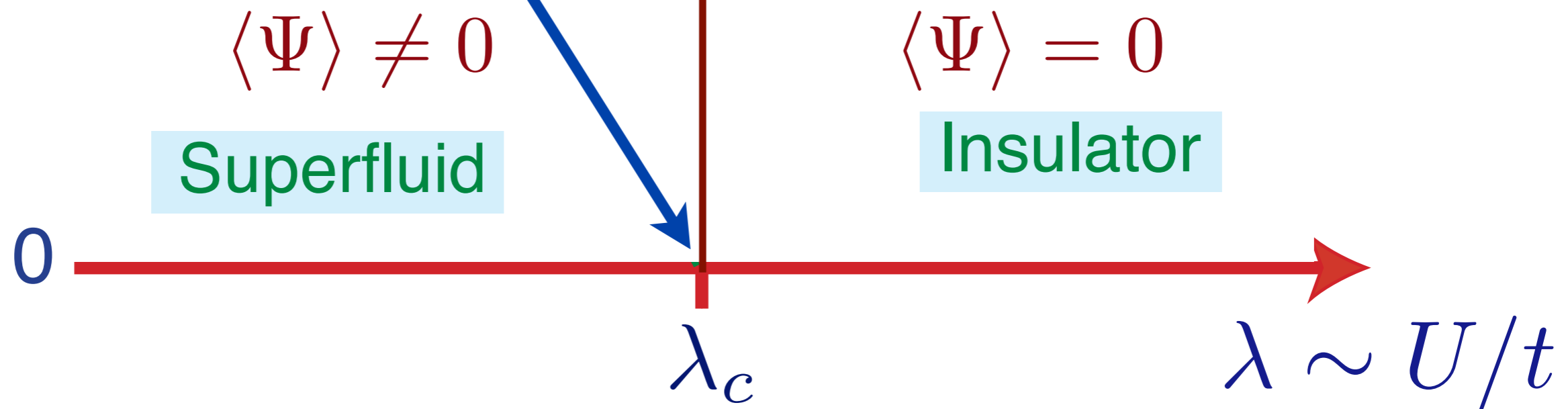
$$S_E = aP - b \exp(-cP)$$

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

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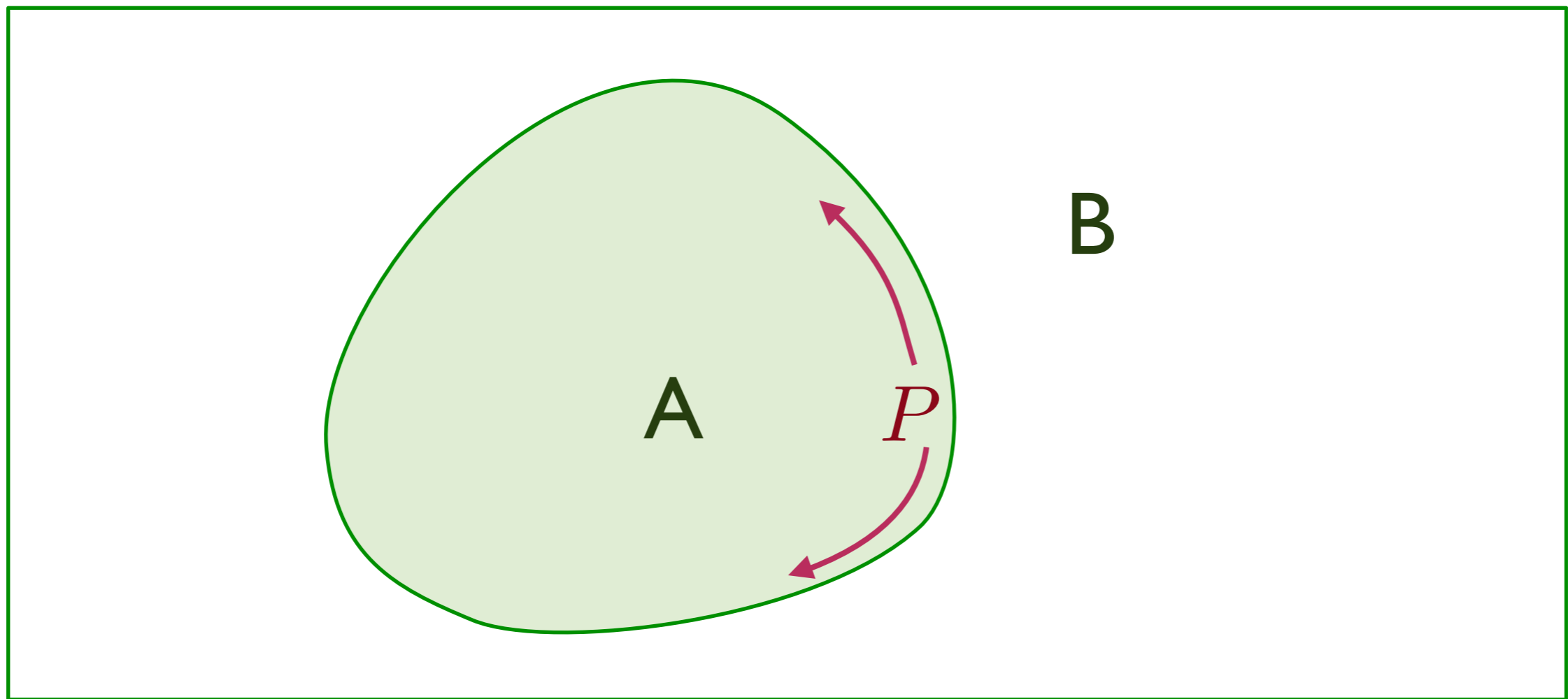
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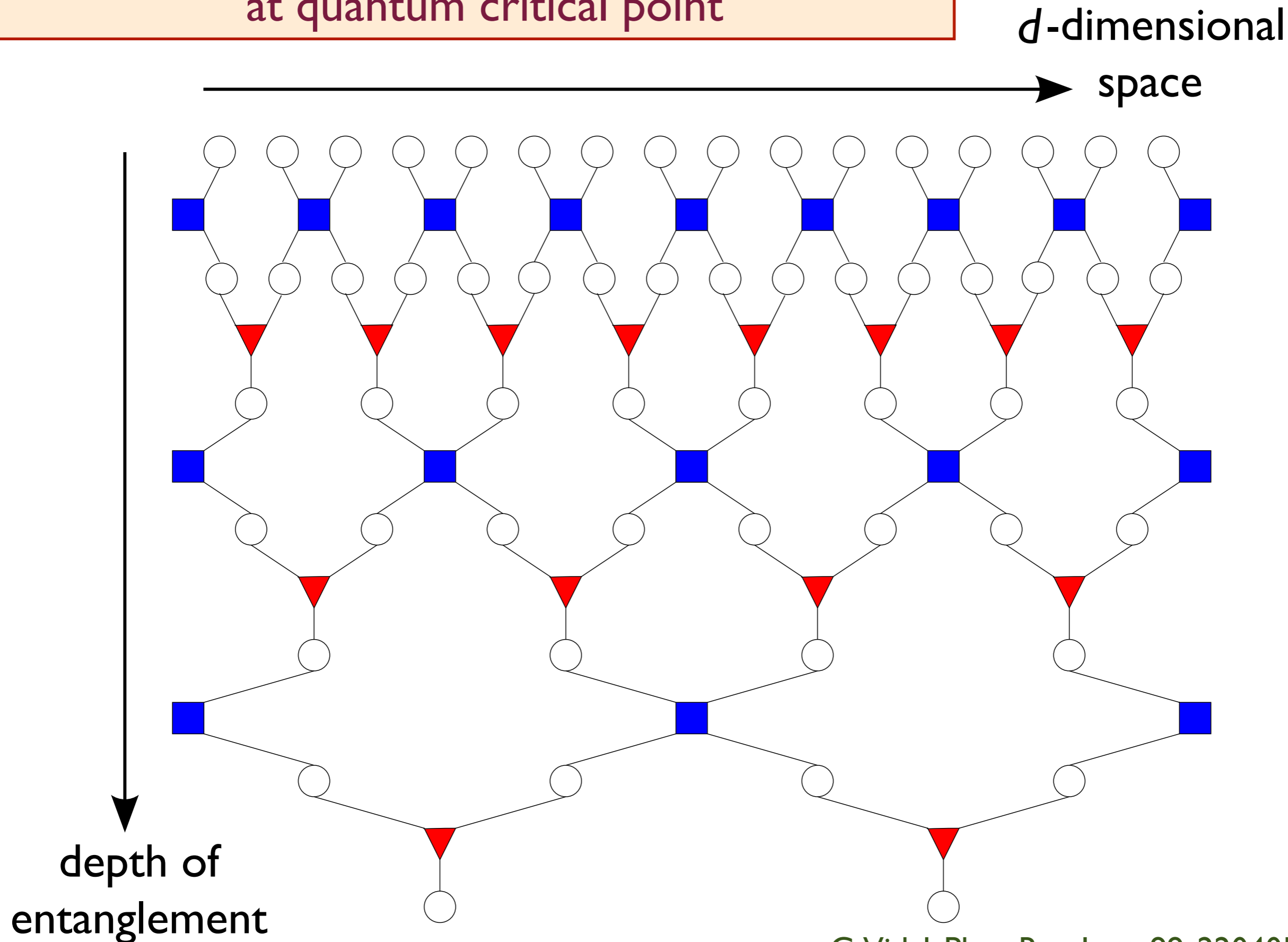


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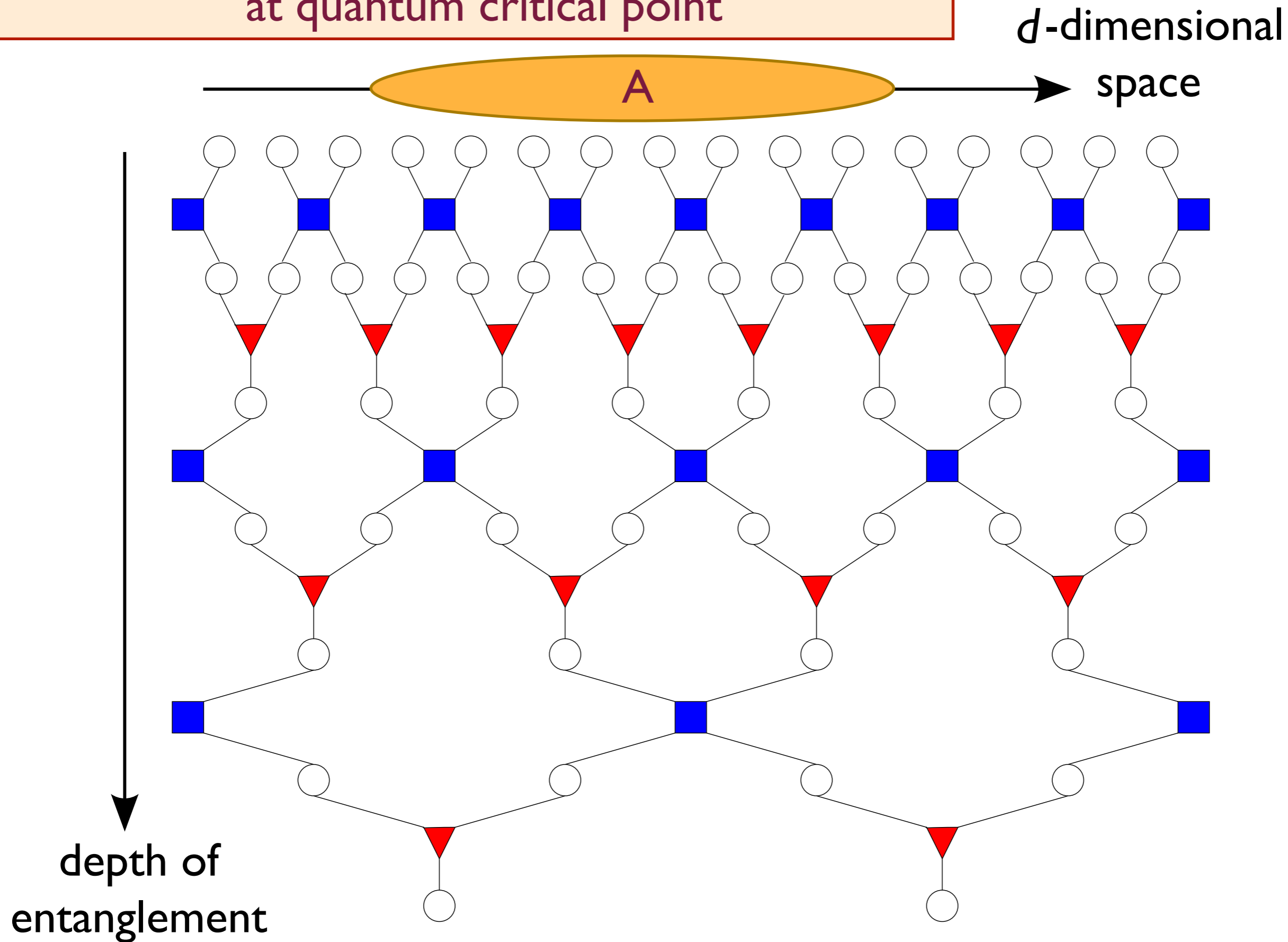
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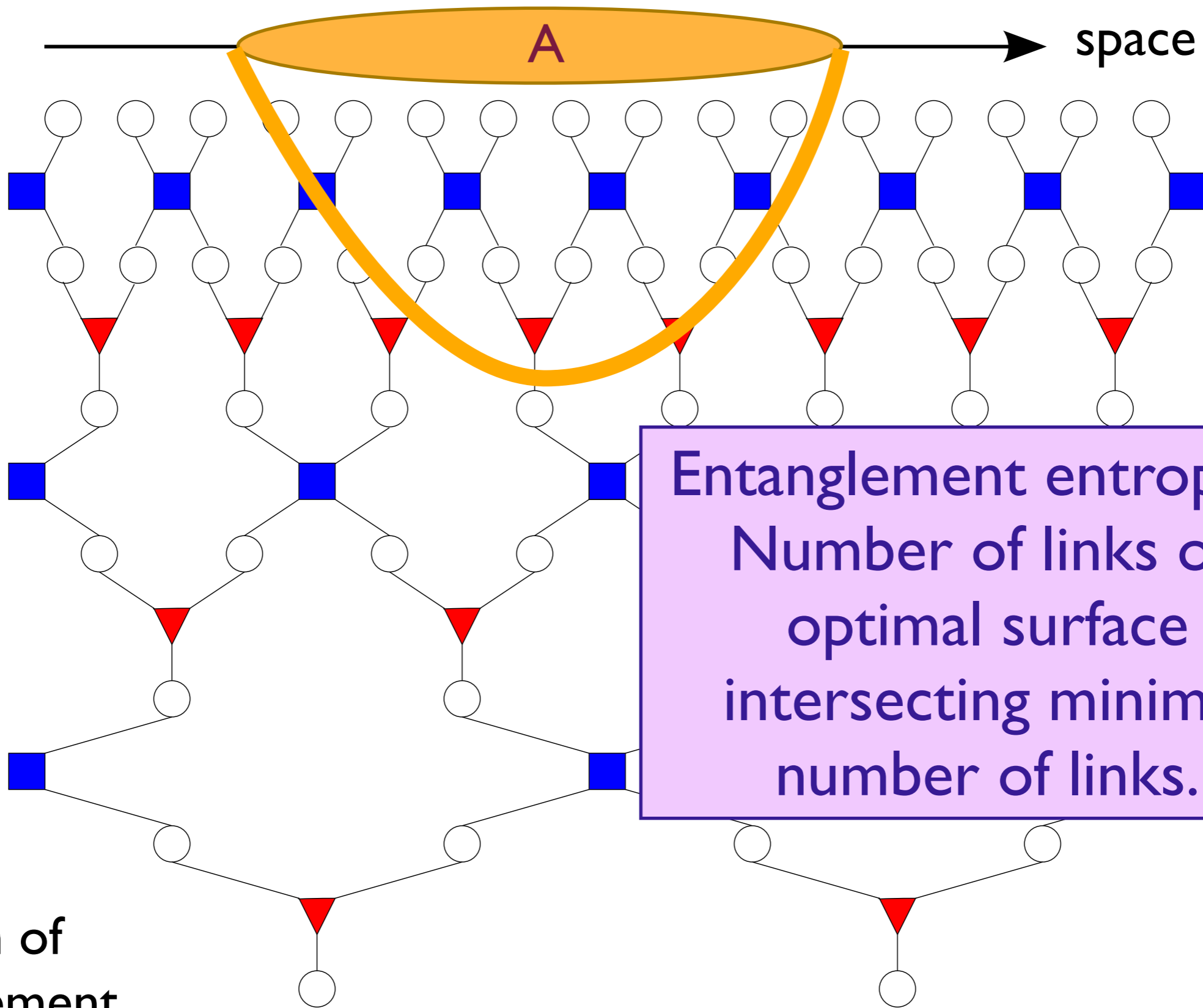


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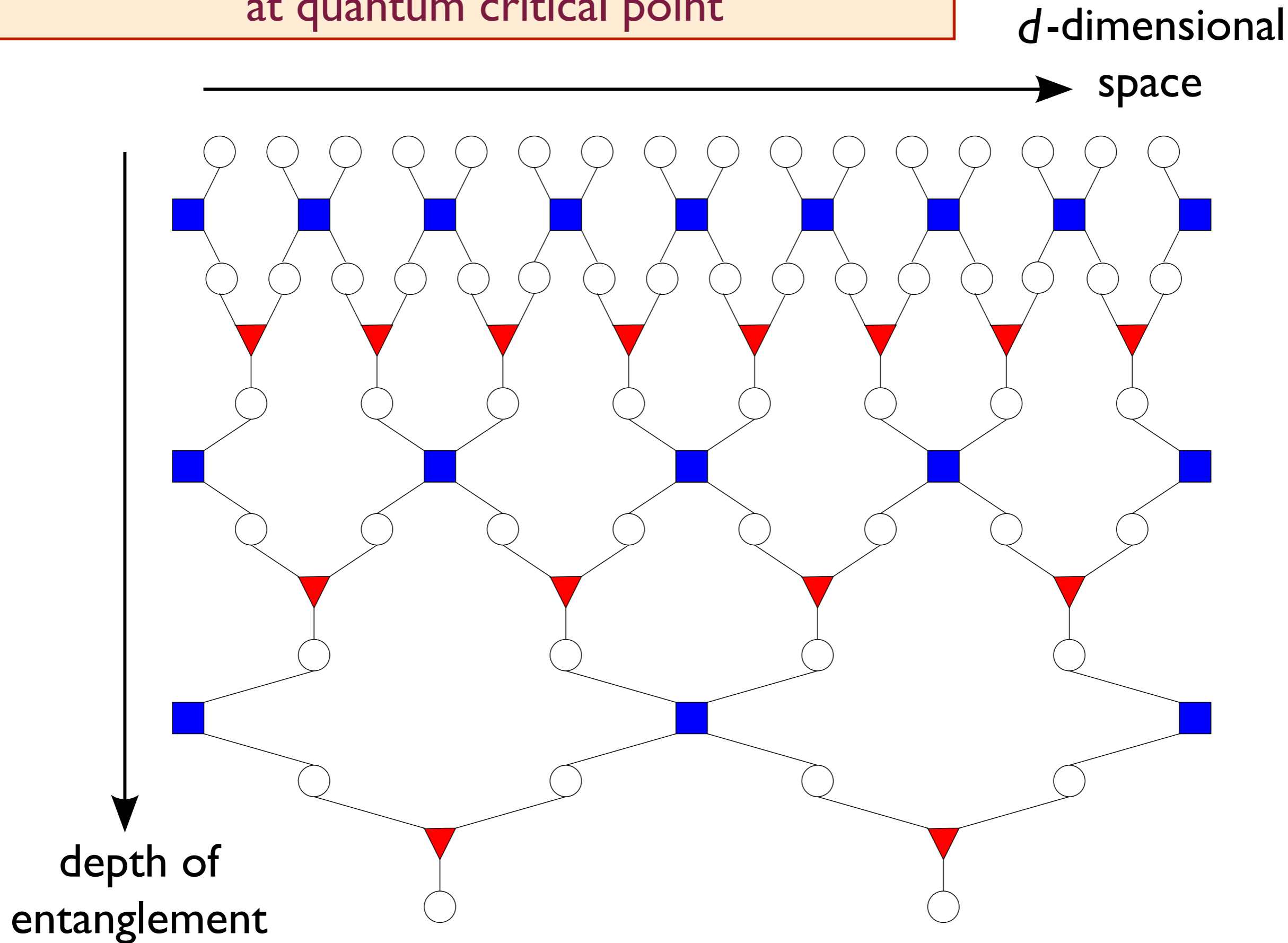
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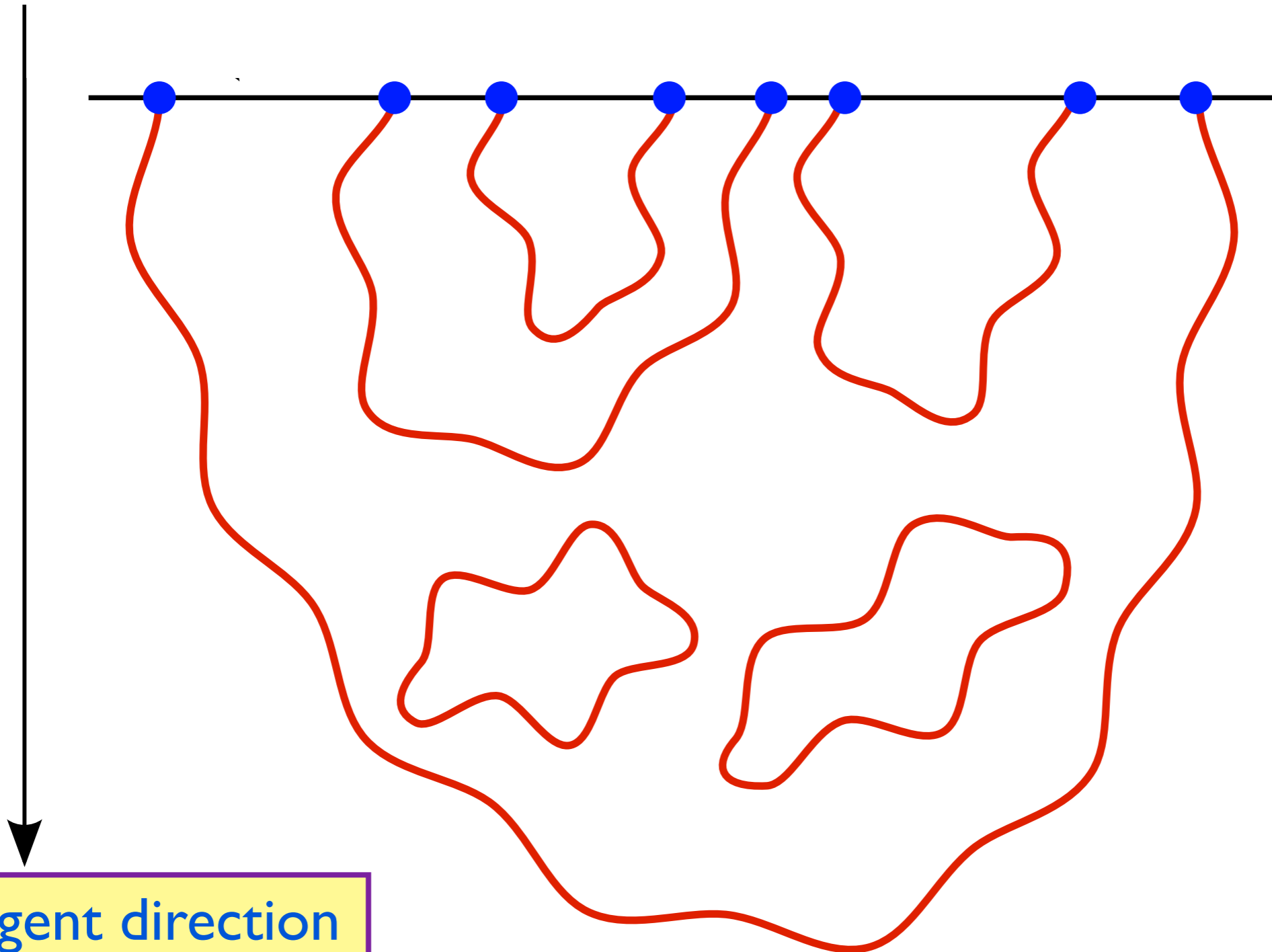
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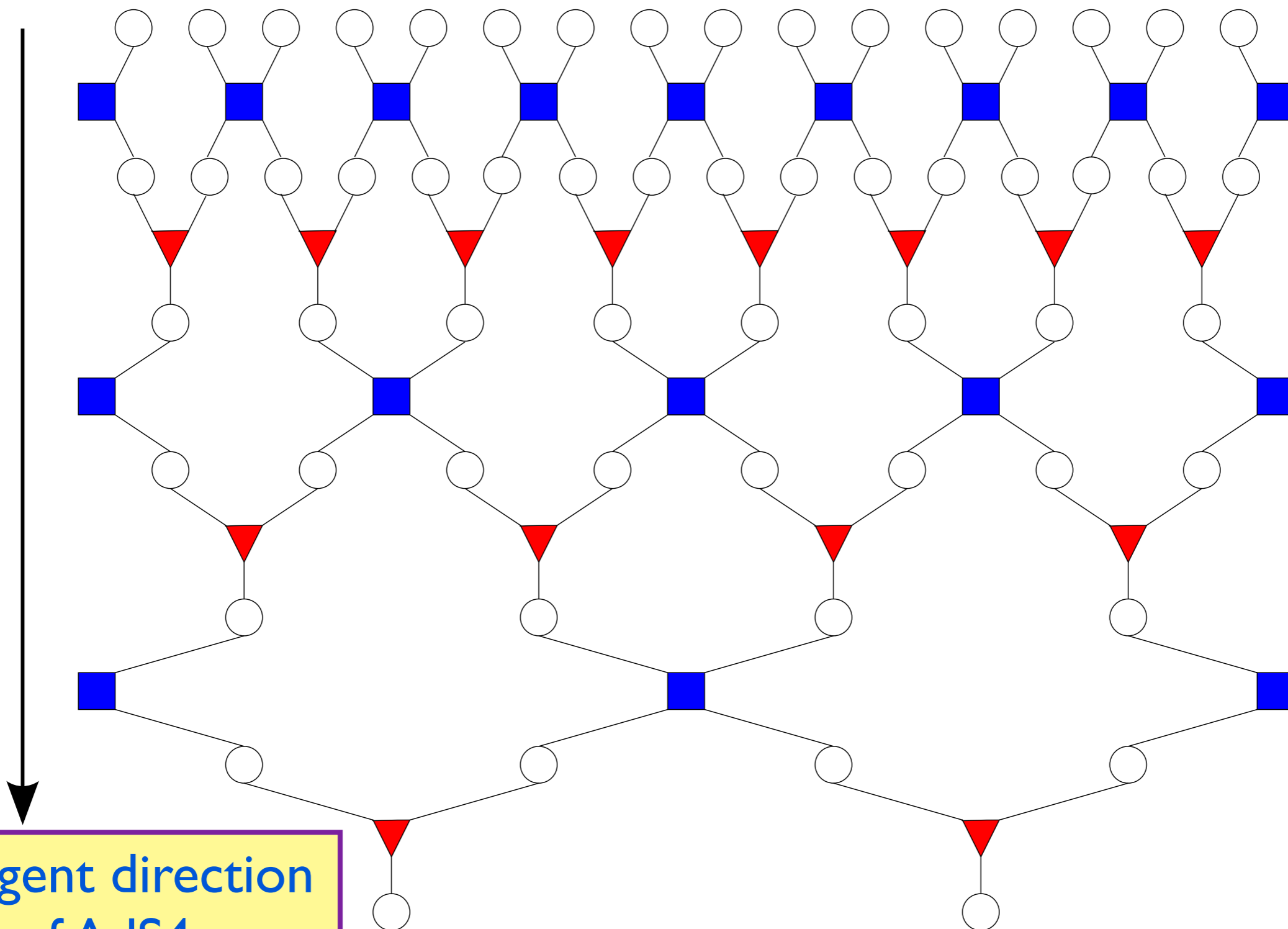


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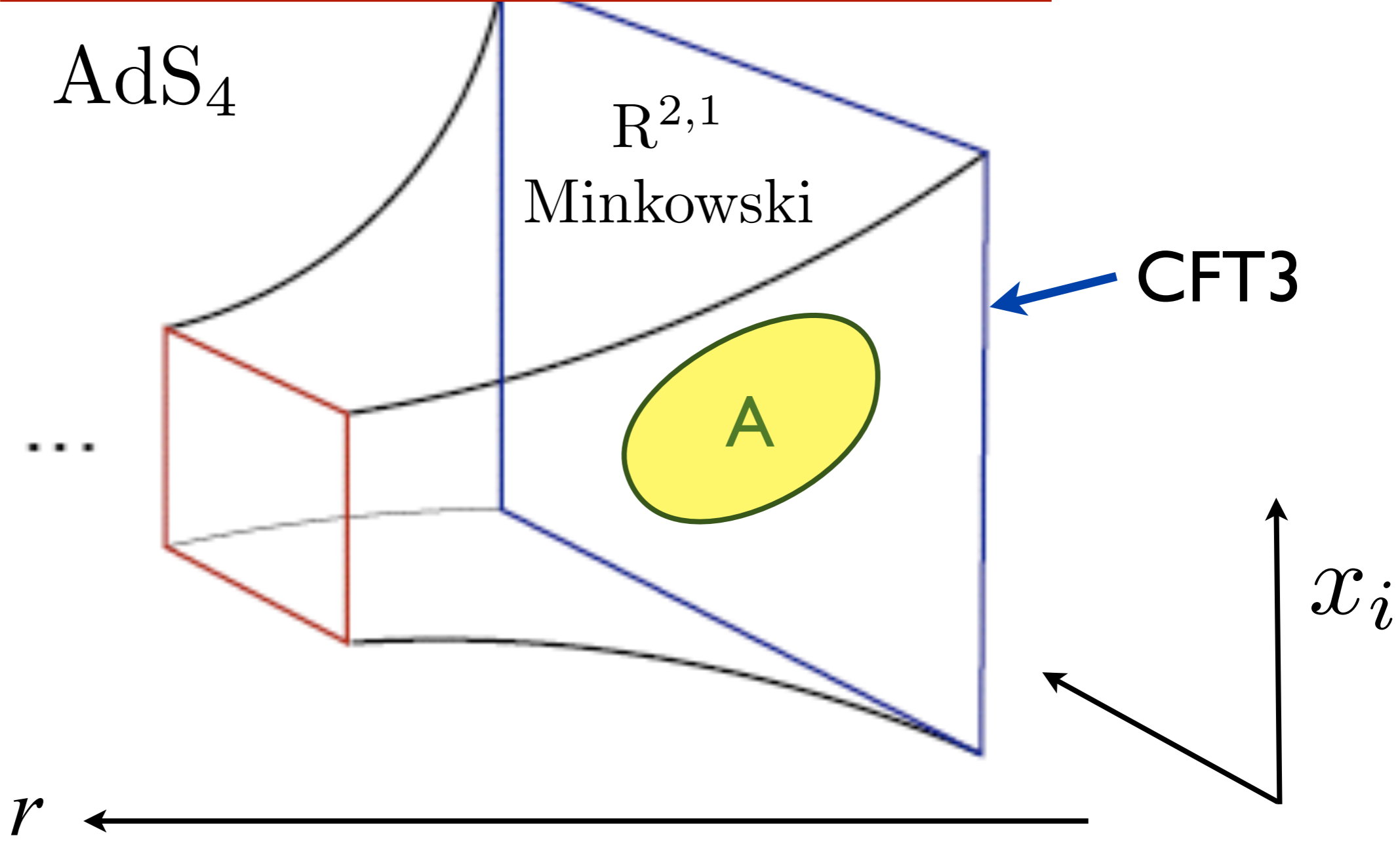
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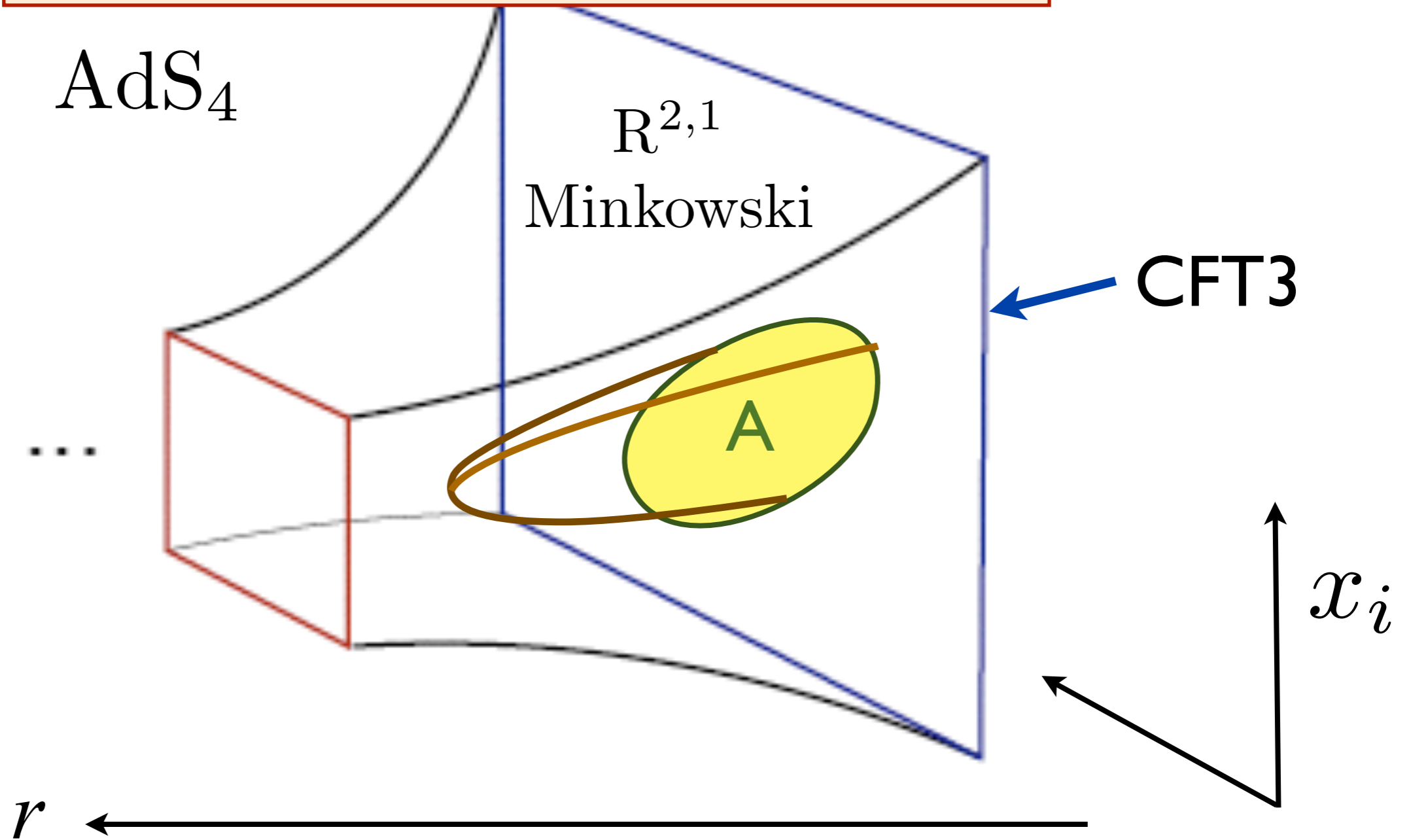


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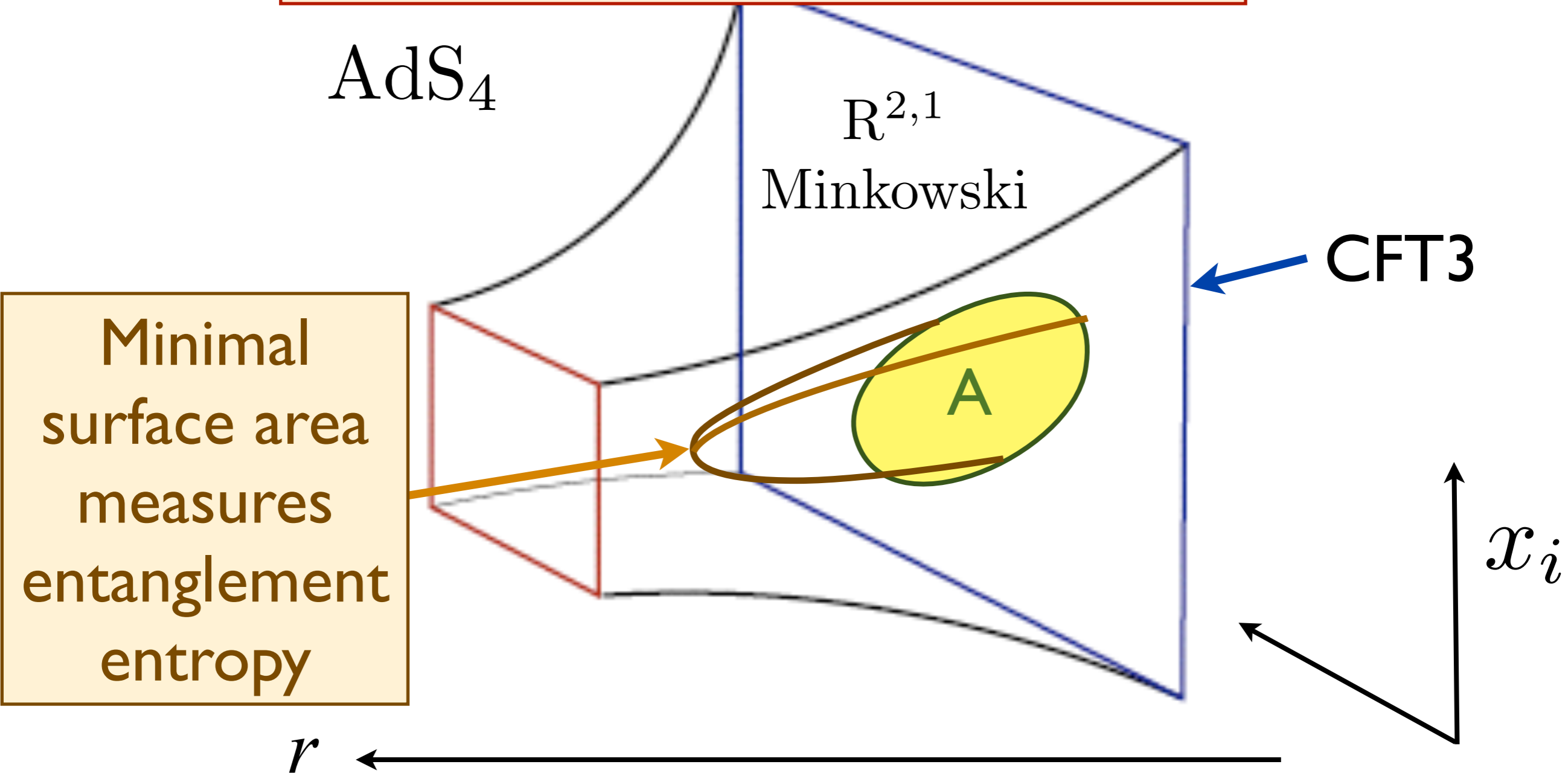


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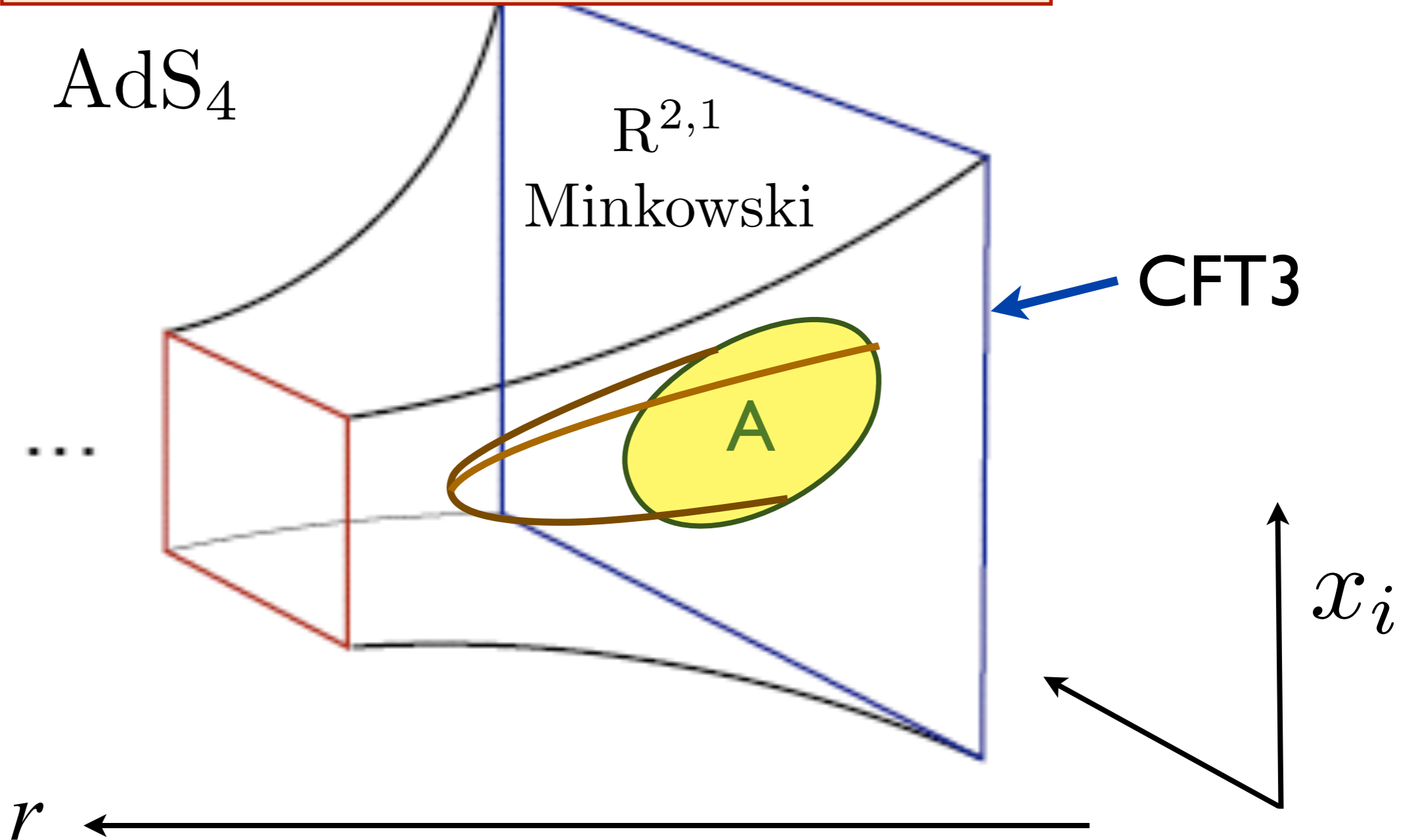


Associate entanglement entropy with an observer in the enclosed spacetime region, who cannot observe “outside” : *i.e.* the region is surrounded by an imaginary horizon.

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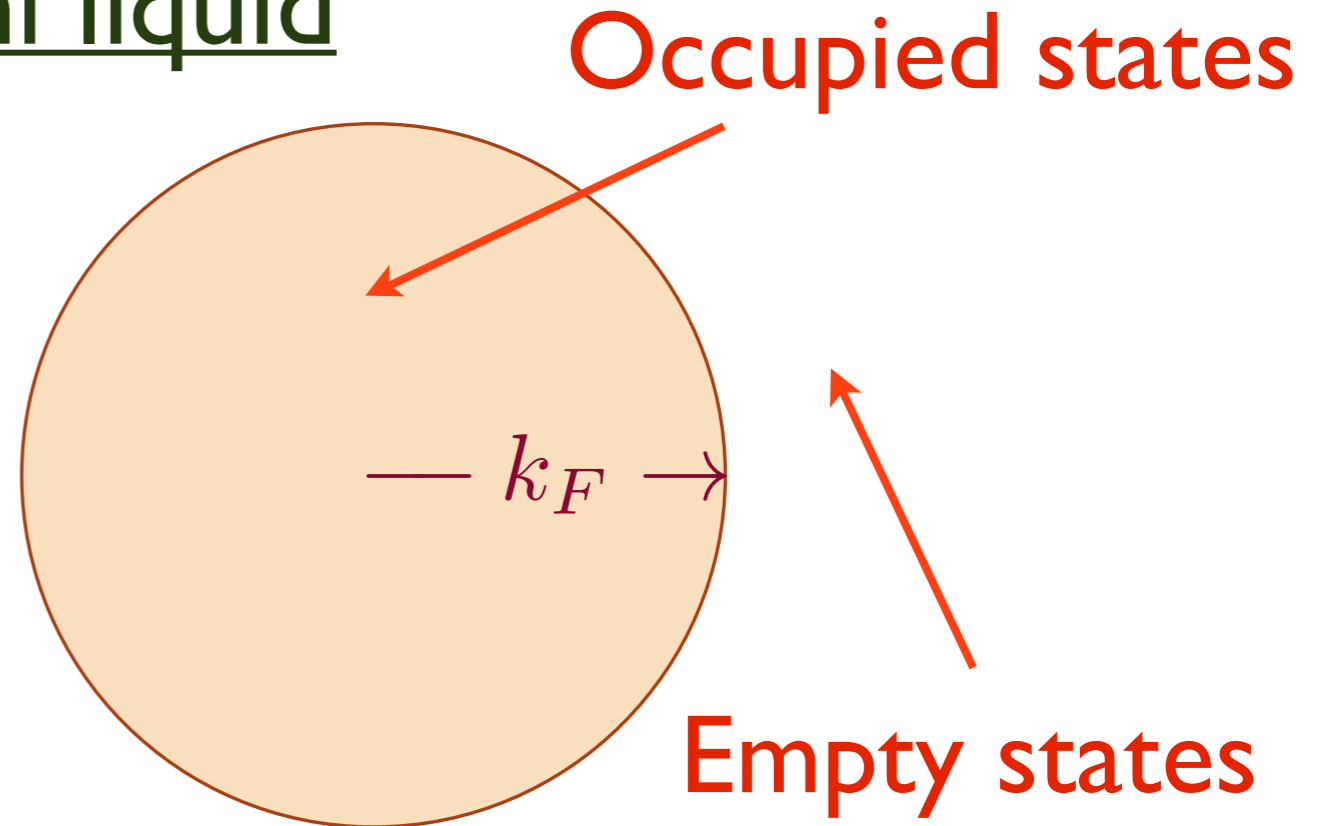
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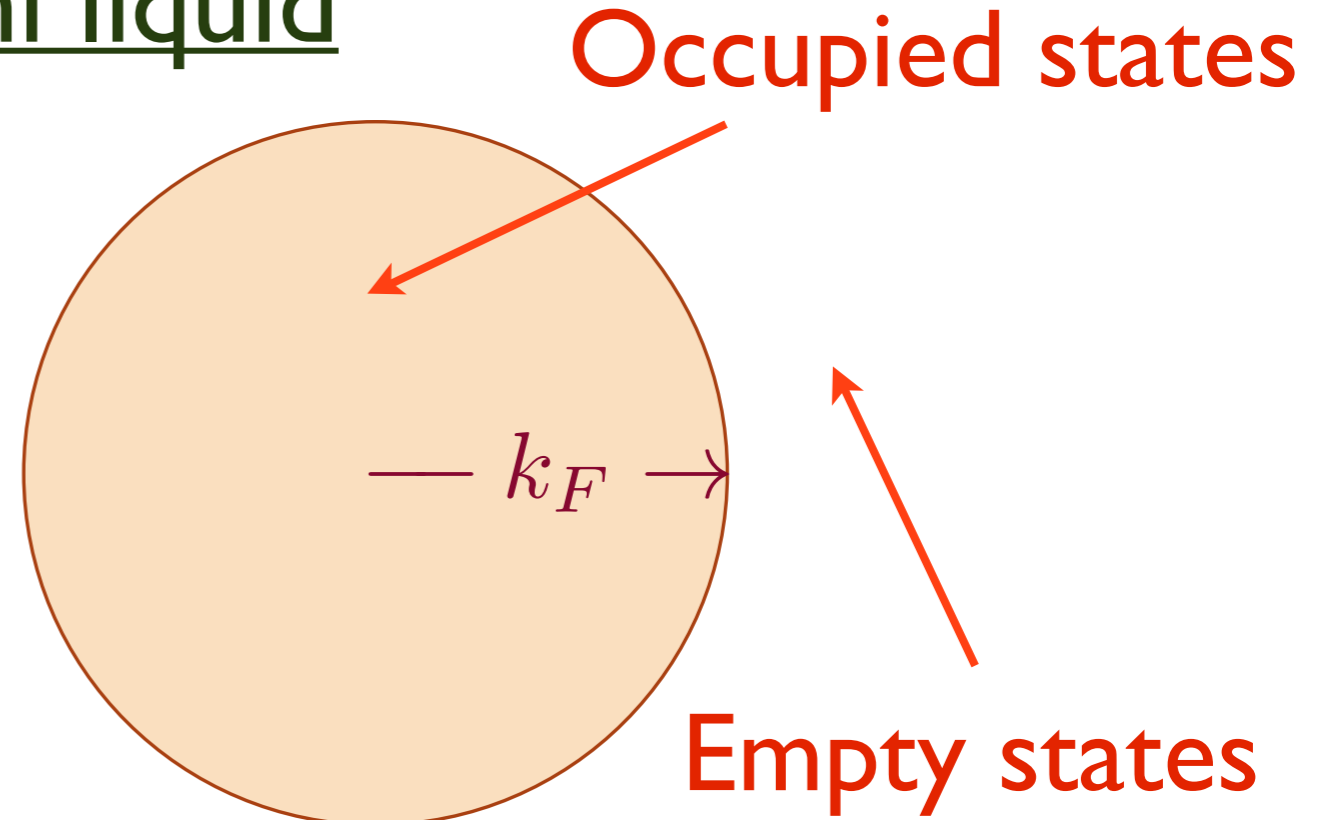
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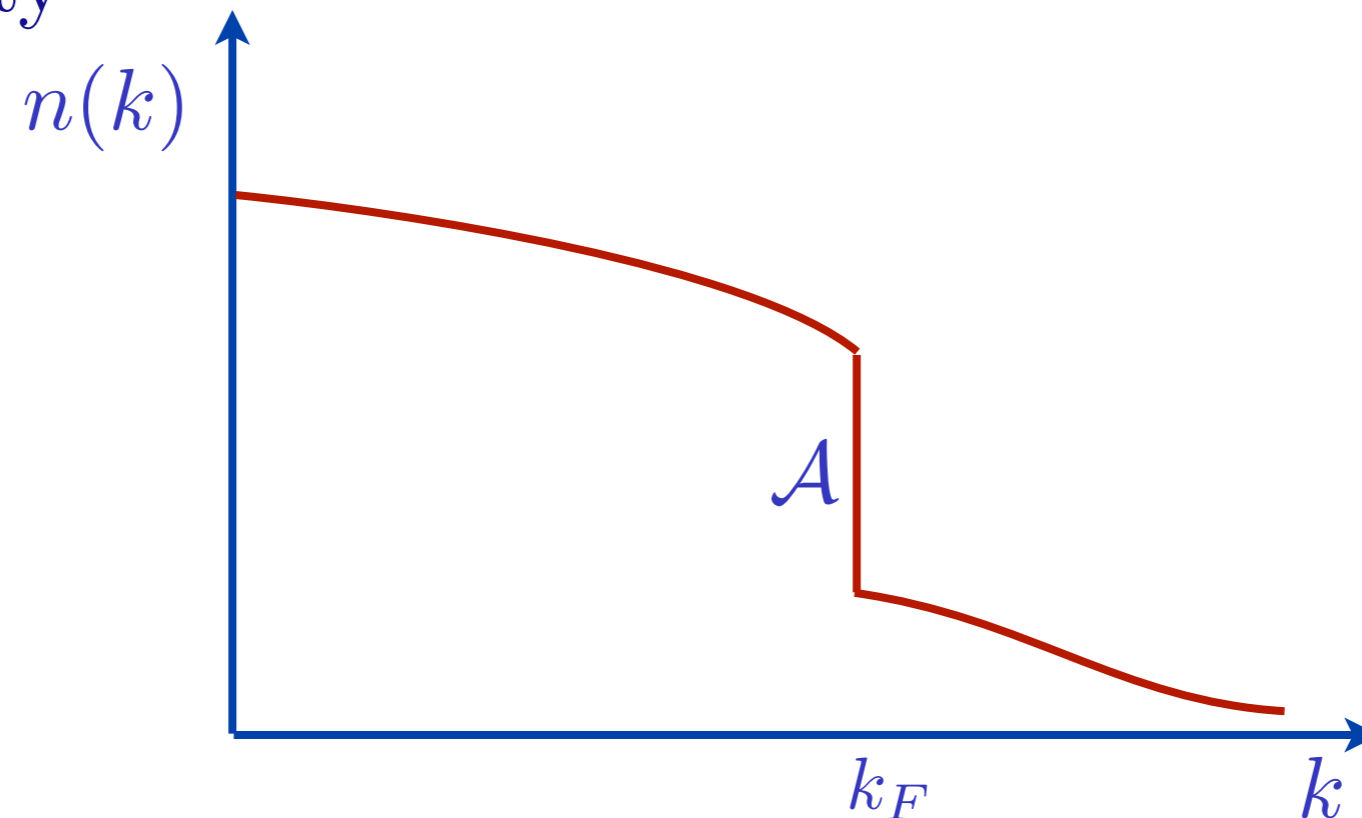
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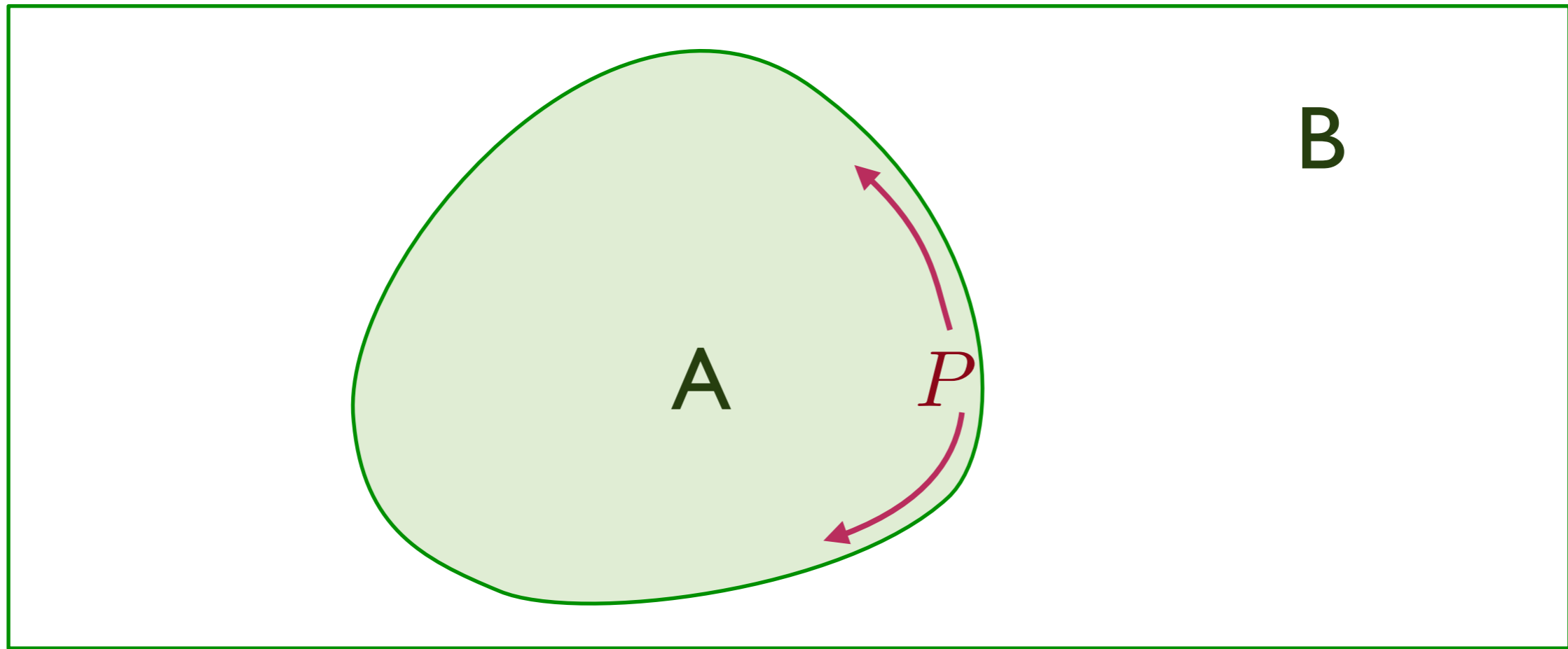
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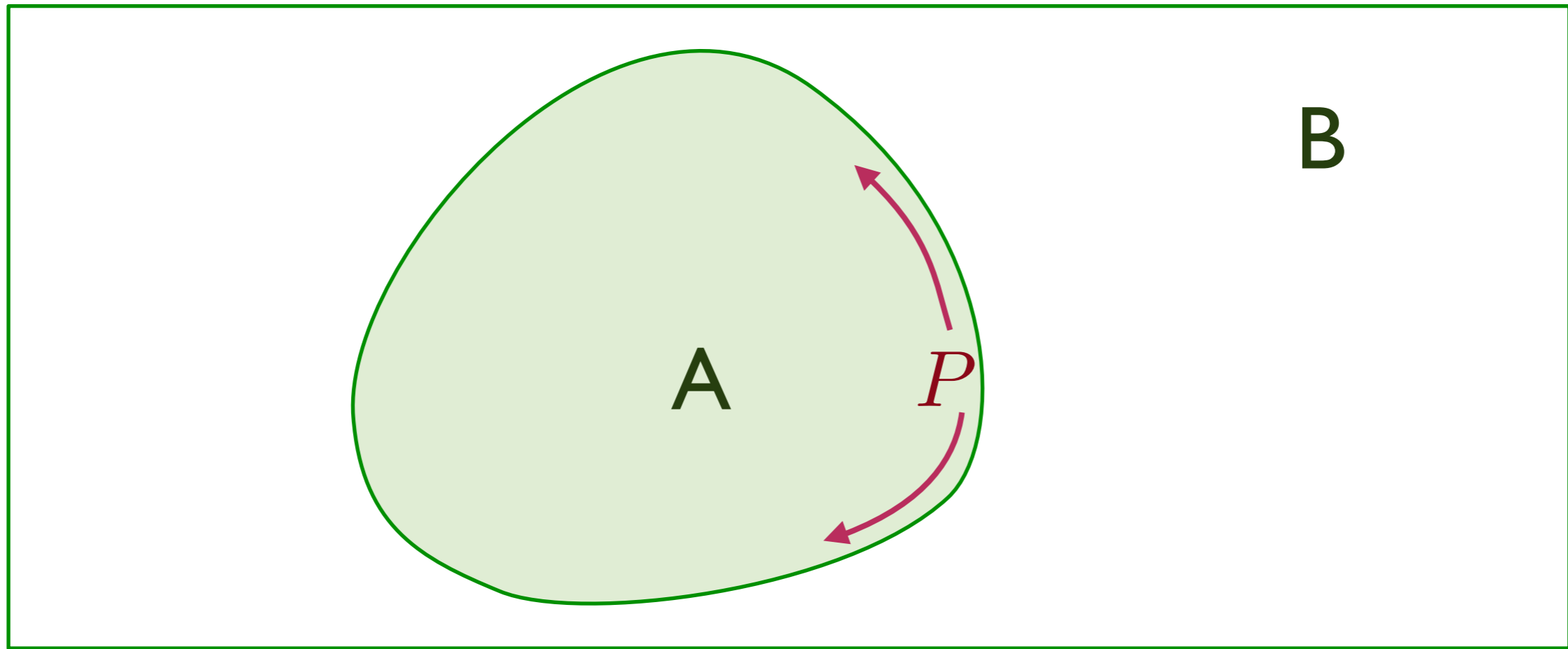
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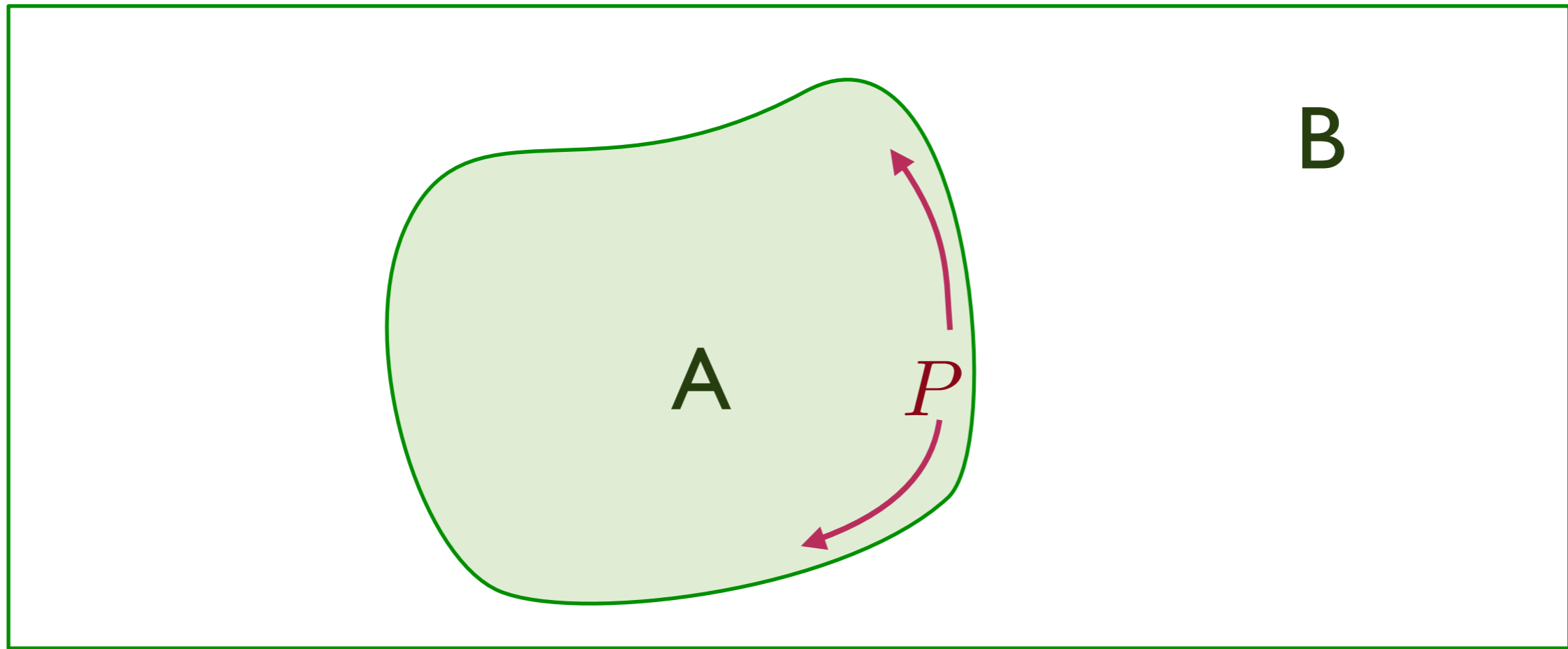
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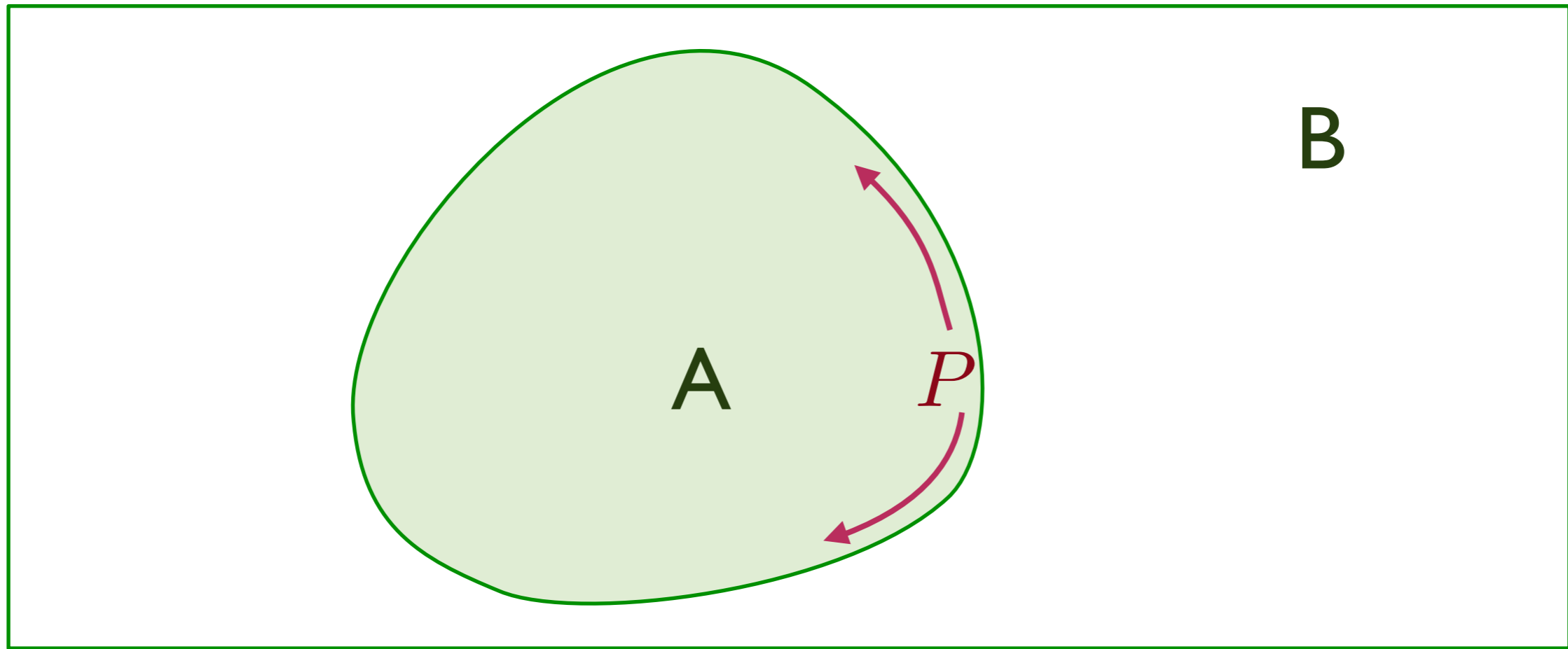
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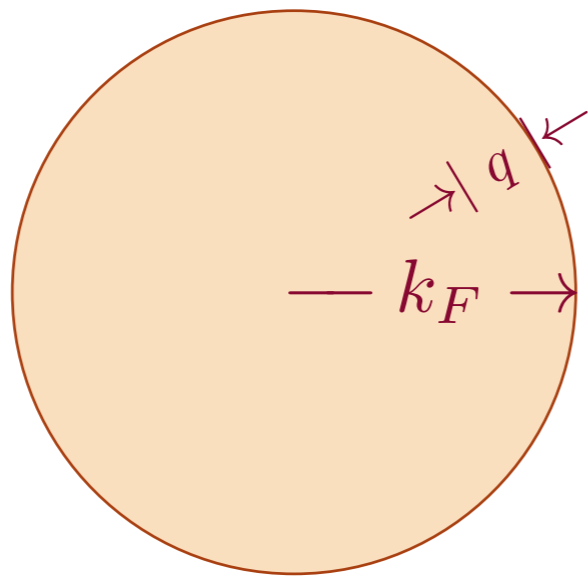
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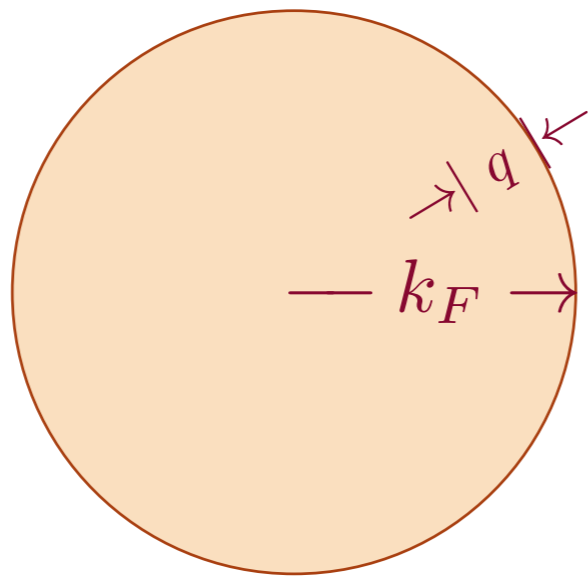
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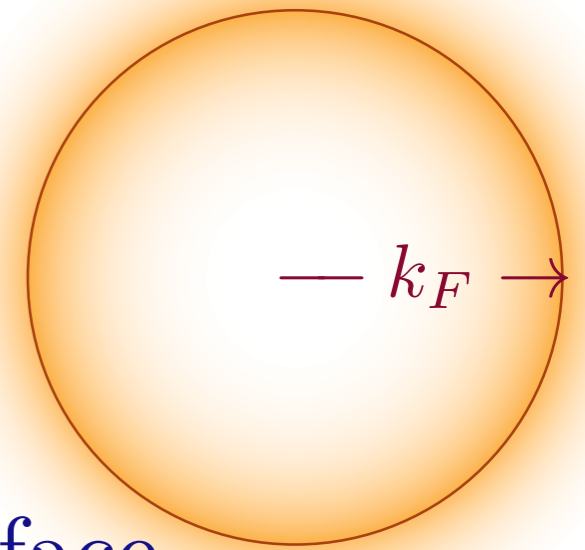
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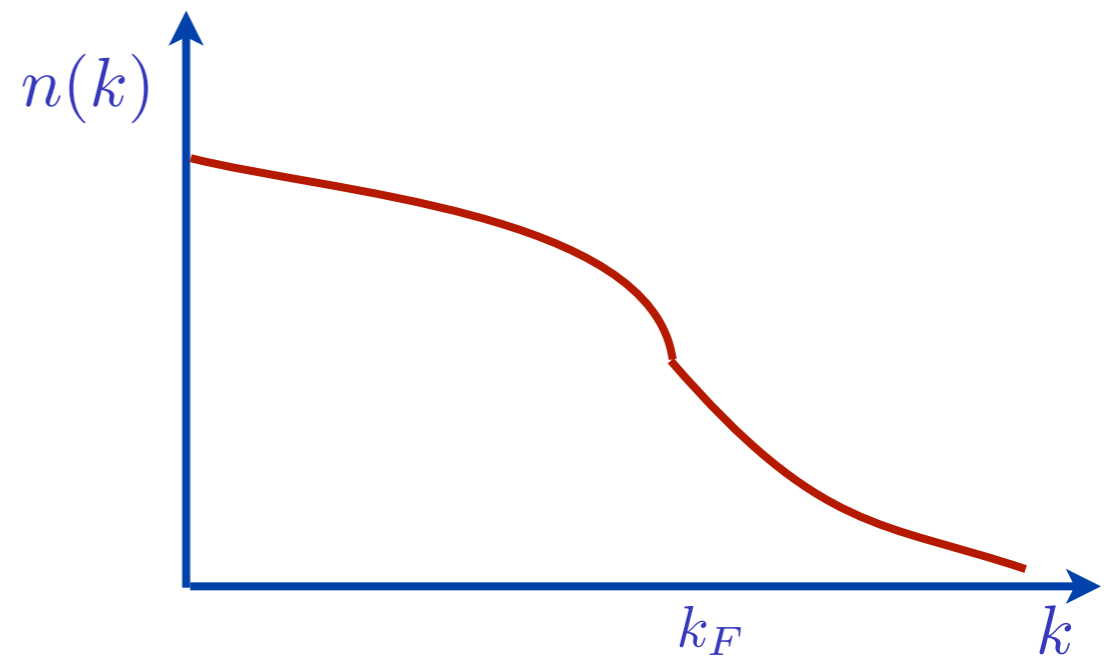
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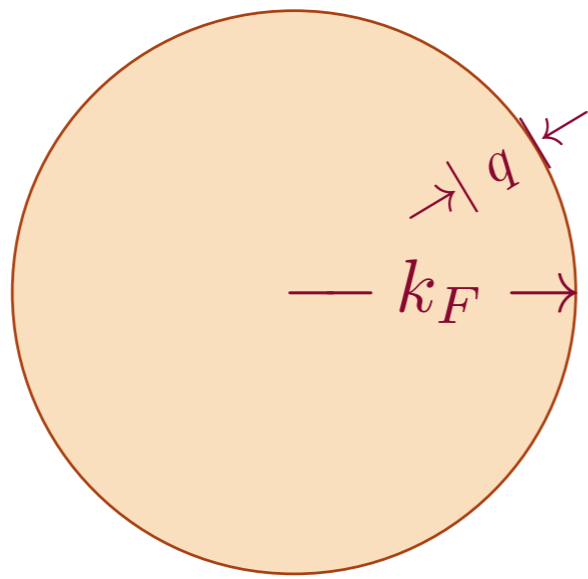
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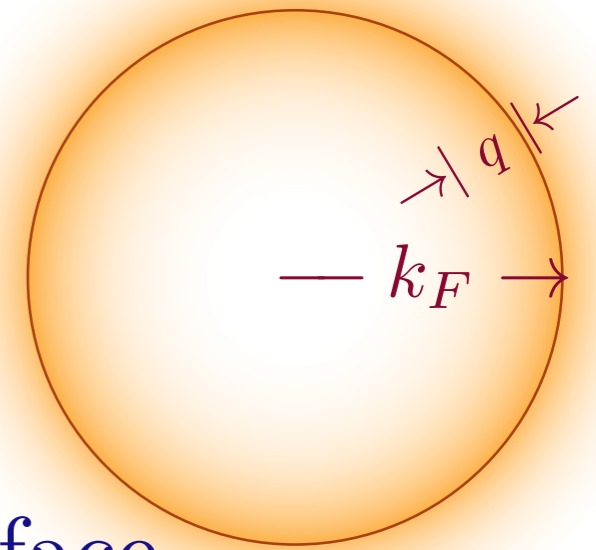
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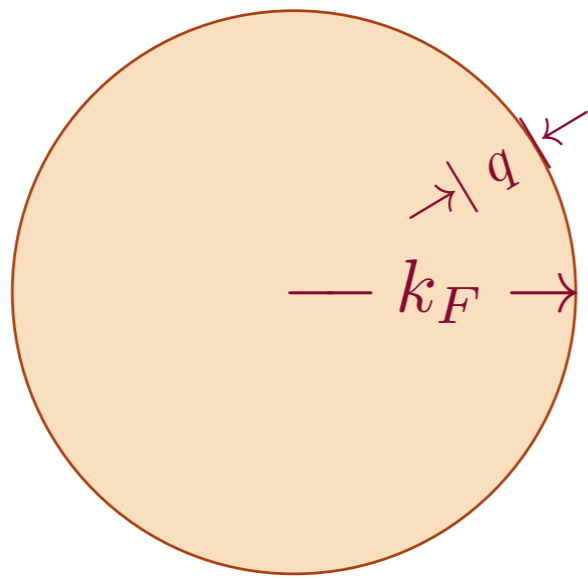
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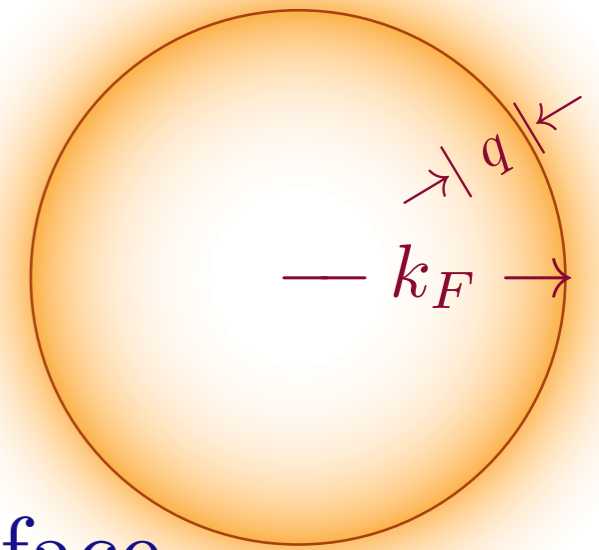
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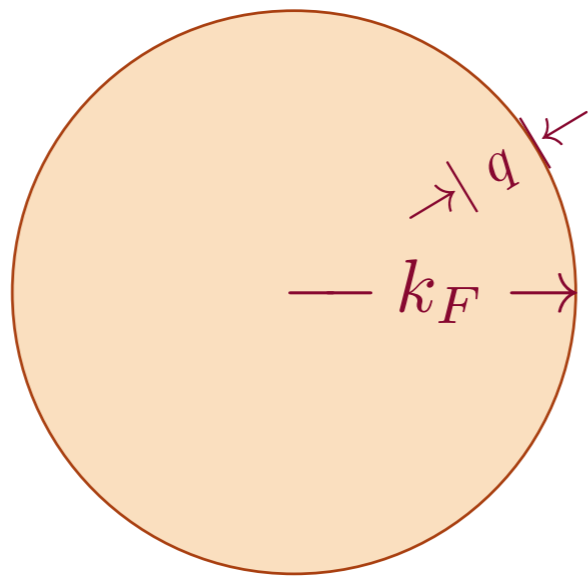


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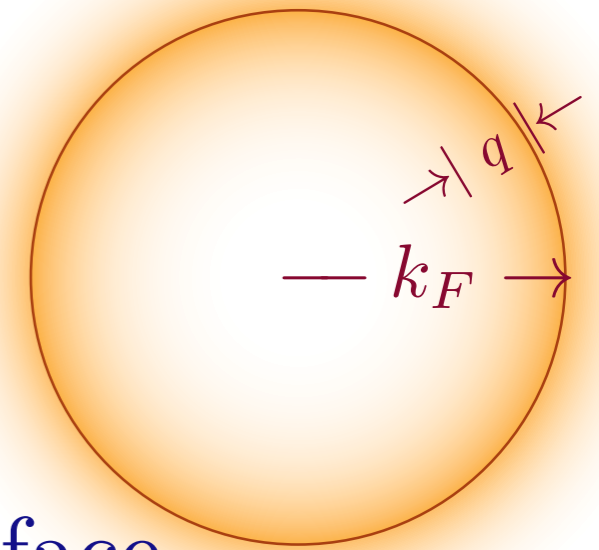
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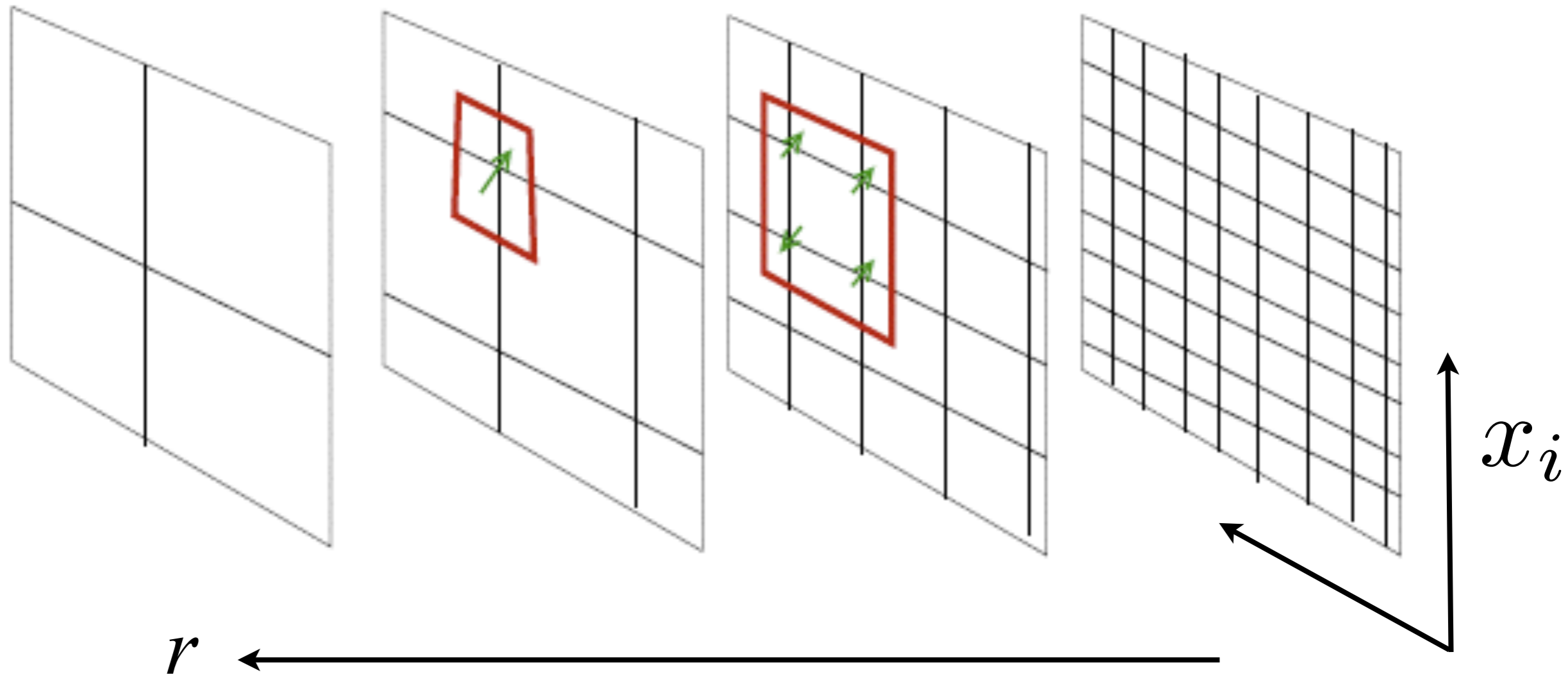
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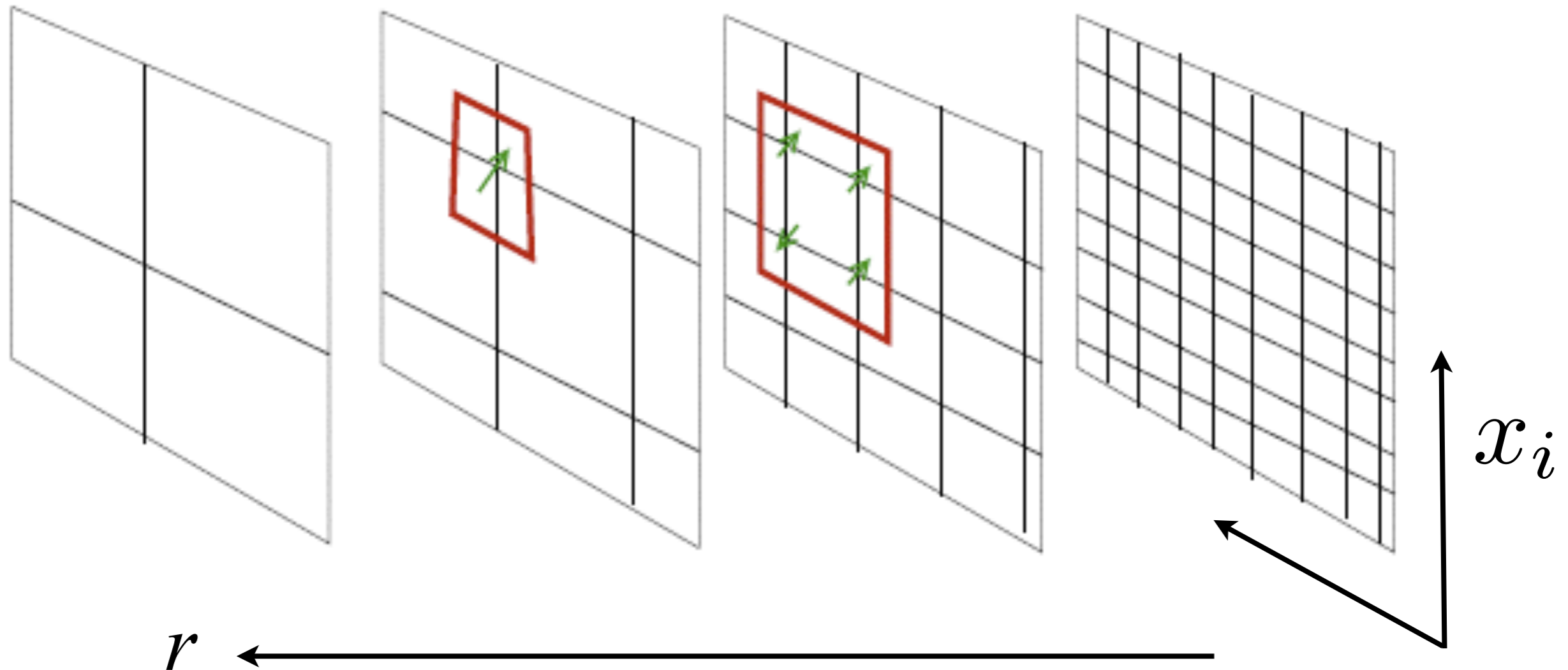
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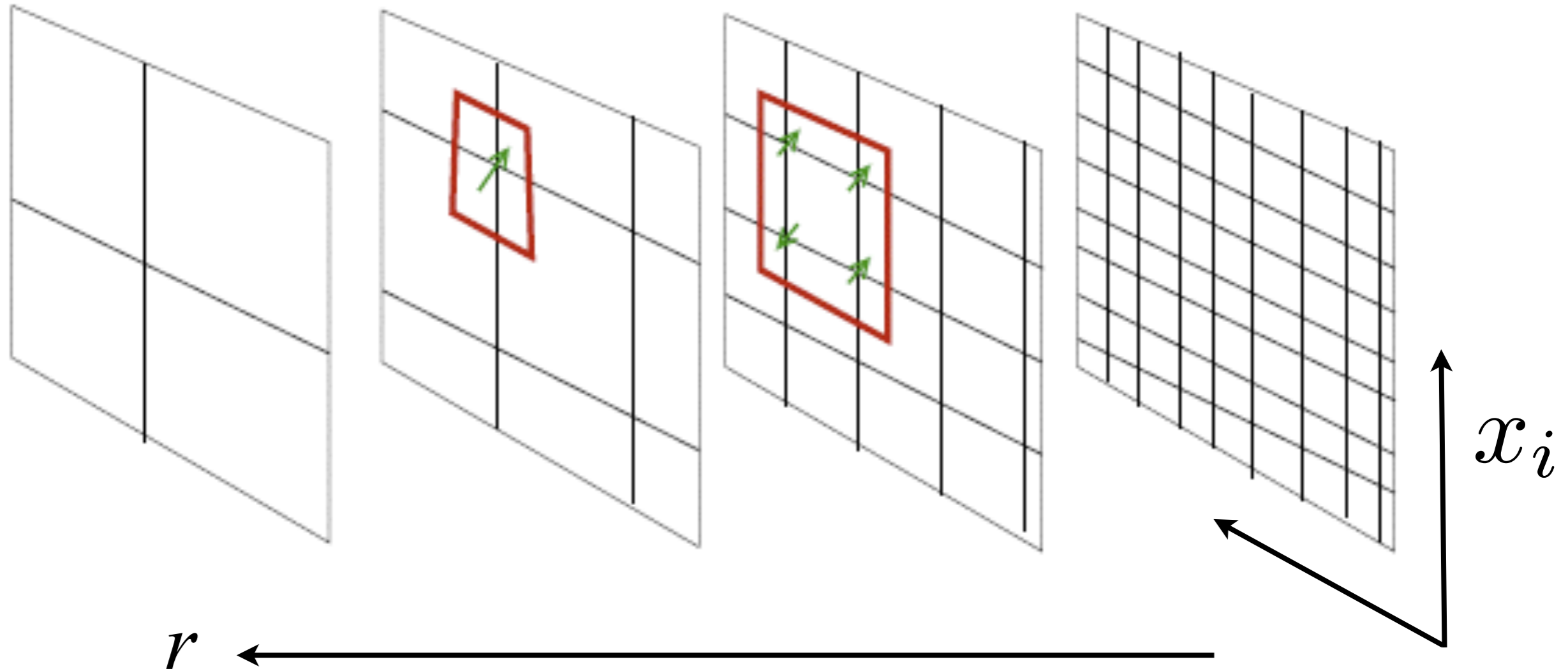


Consider a metric which transforms under rescaling as

$$x_i \rightarrow \zeta x_i, \quad t \rightarrow \zeta^z t, \quad ds \rightarrow \zeta^{\theta/d} ds.$$

Recall: conformal matter has $\theta = 0$, $z = 1$, and the metric is anti-de Sitter

Generalized holography



The most general such metric is

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This identifies z as the dynamic critical exponent ($z = 1$ for “relativistic” quantum critical points). We will see shortly that θ is the violation of hyperscaling exponent.

We have used reparametrization invariance in r to define it so that it scales as

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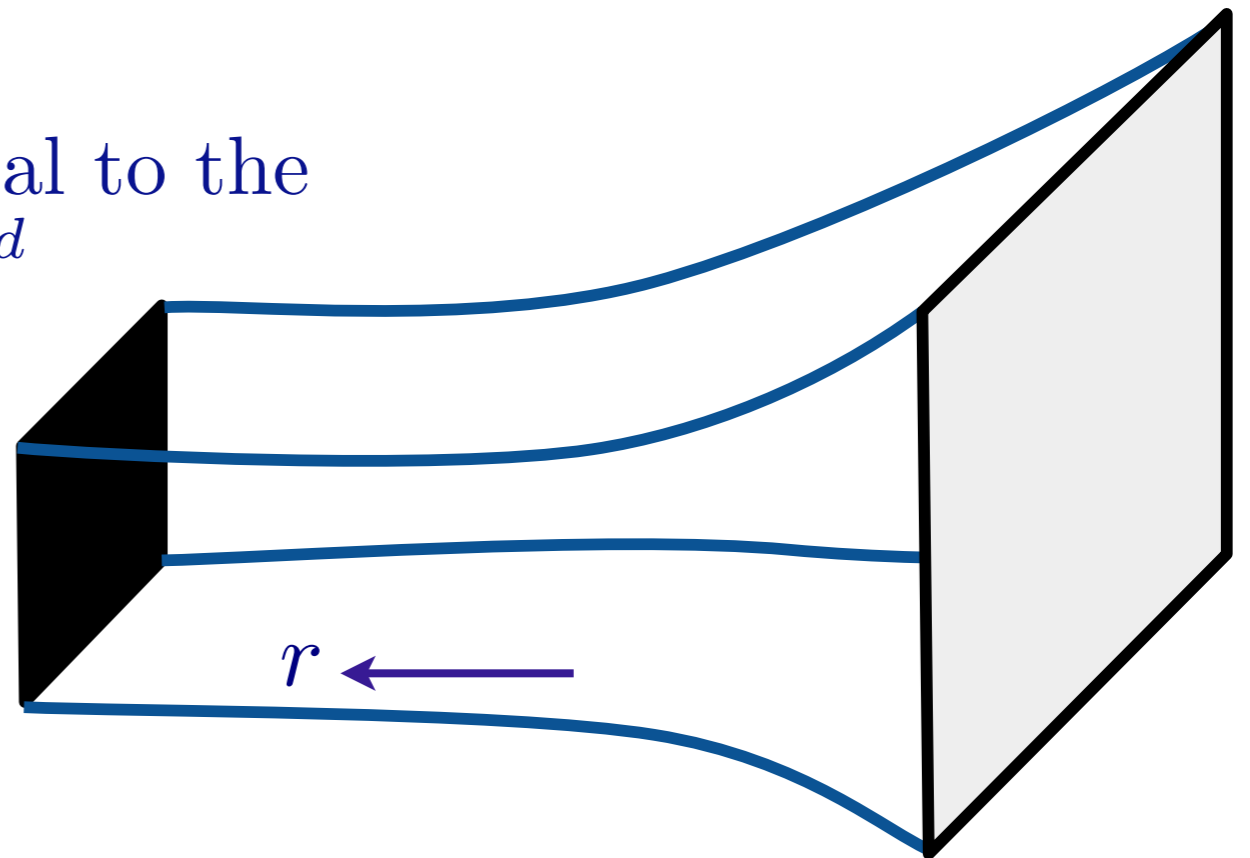
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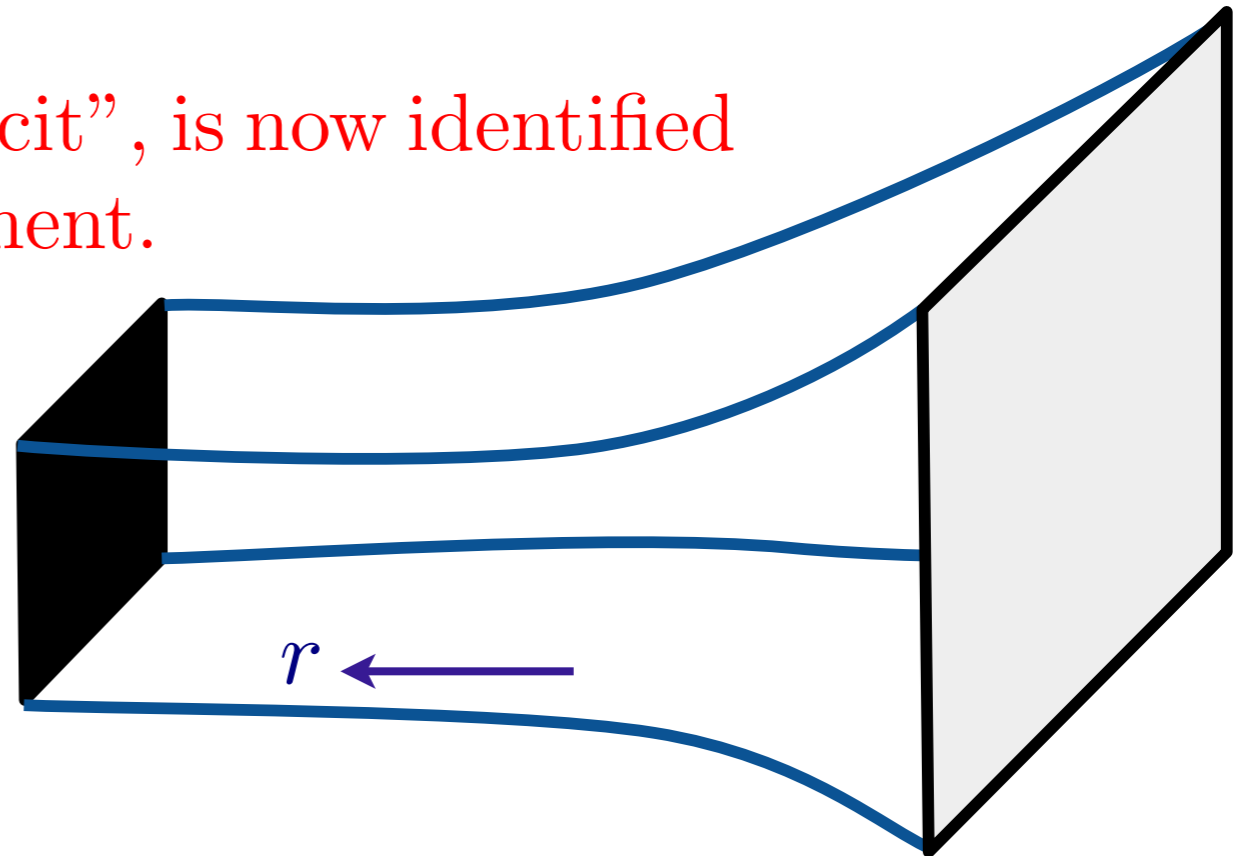
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