

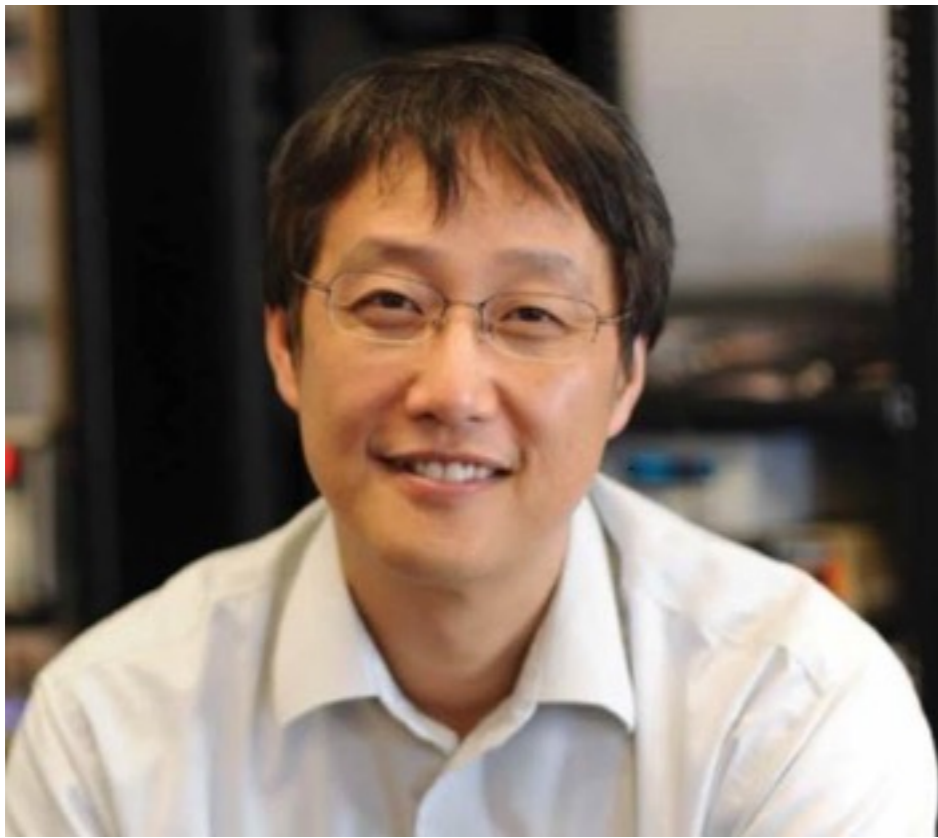
Strange Metals and Black Holes

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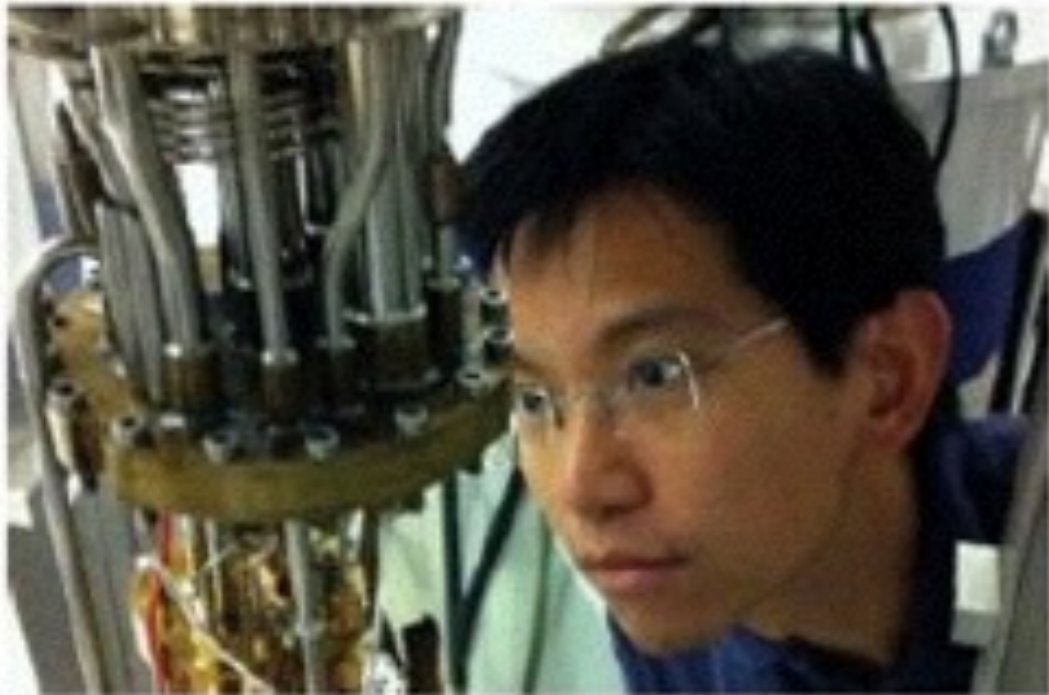




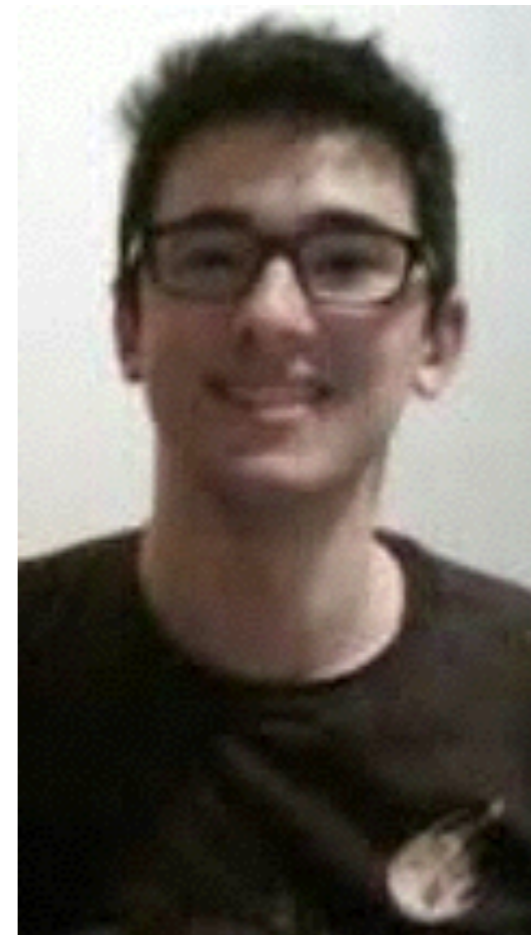
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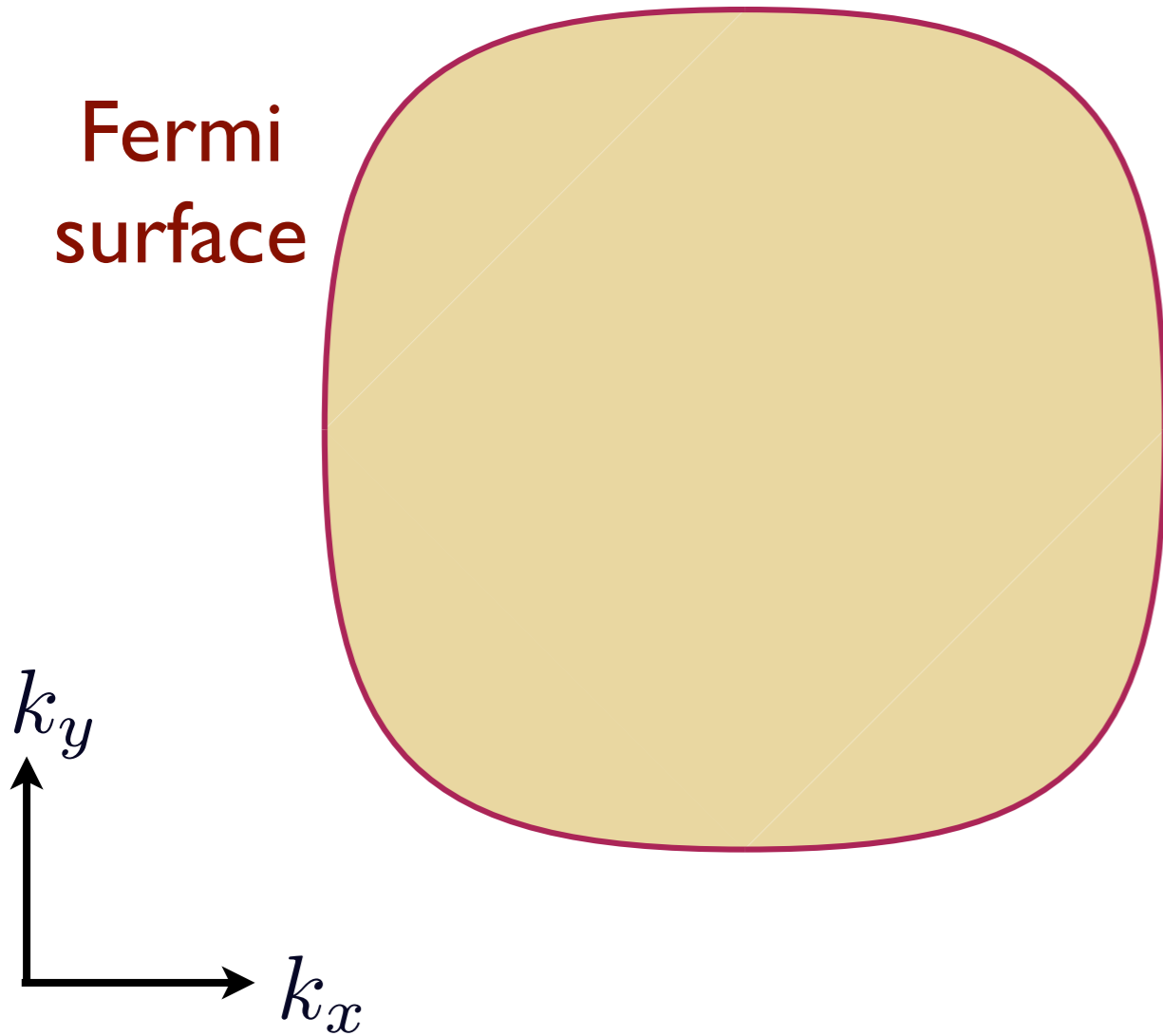
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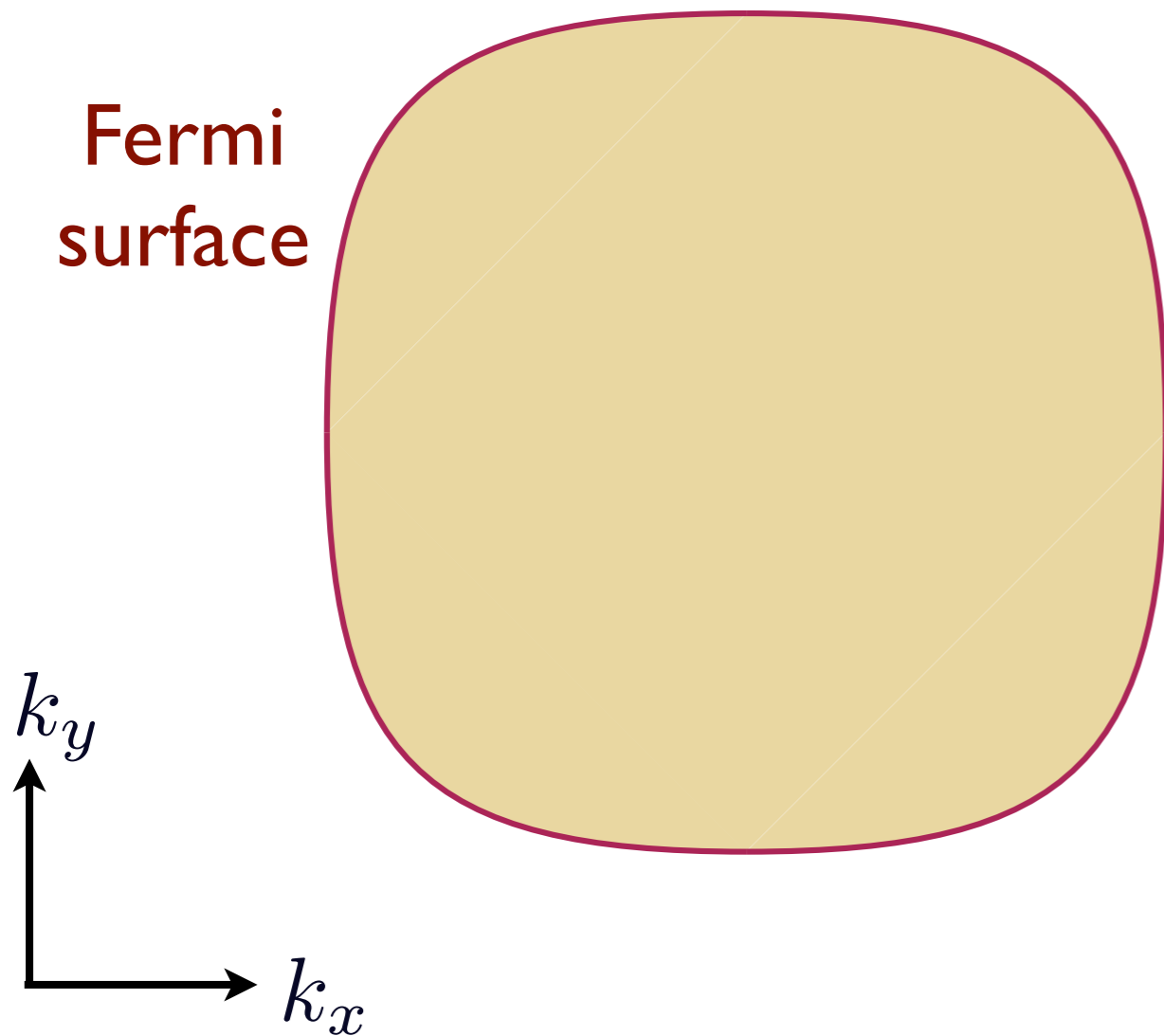
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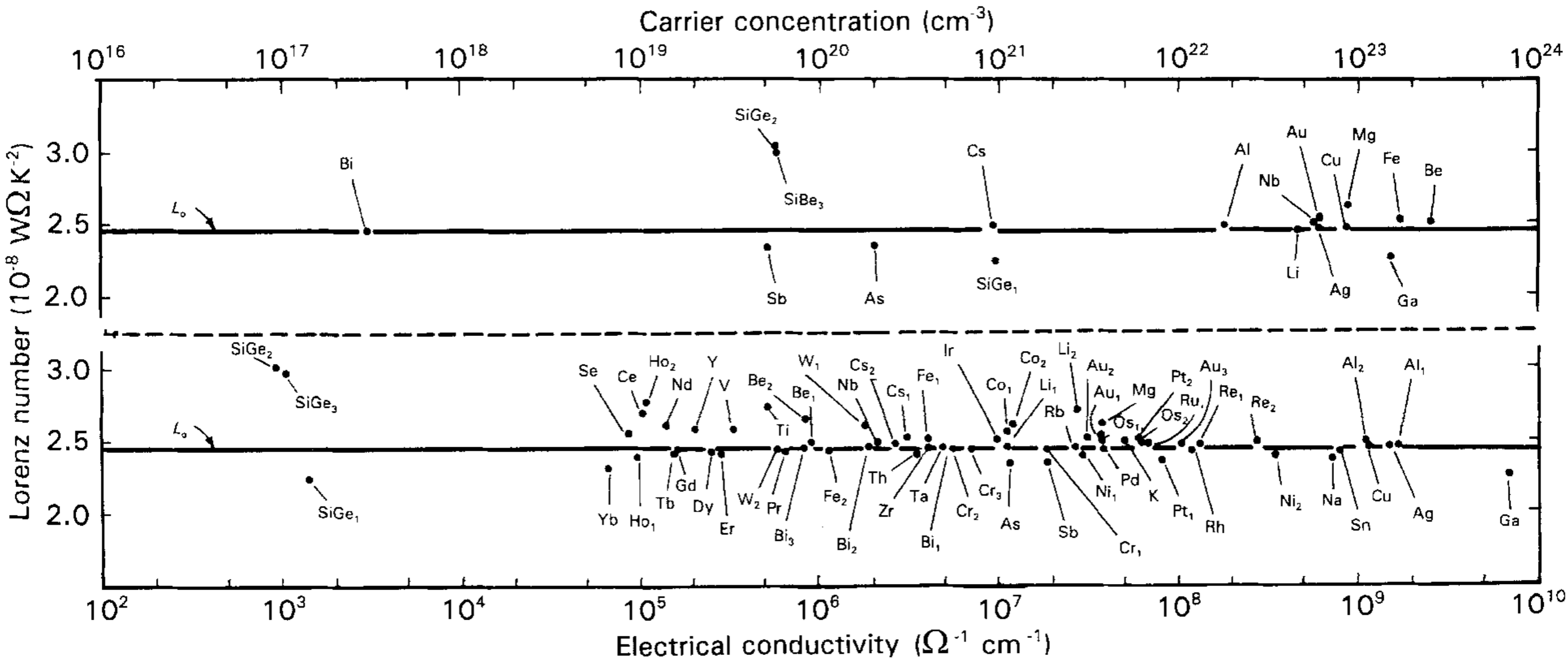


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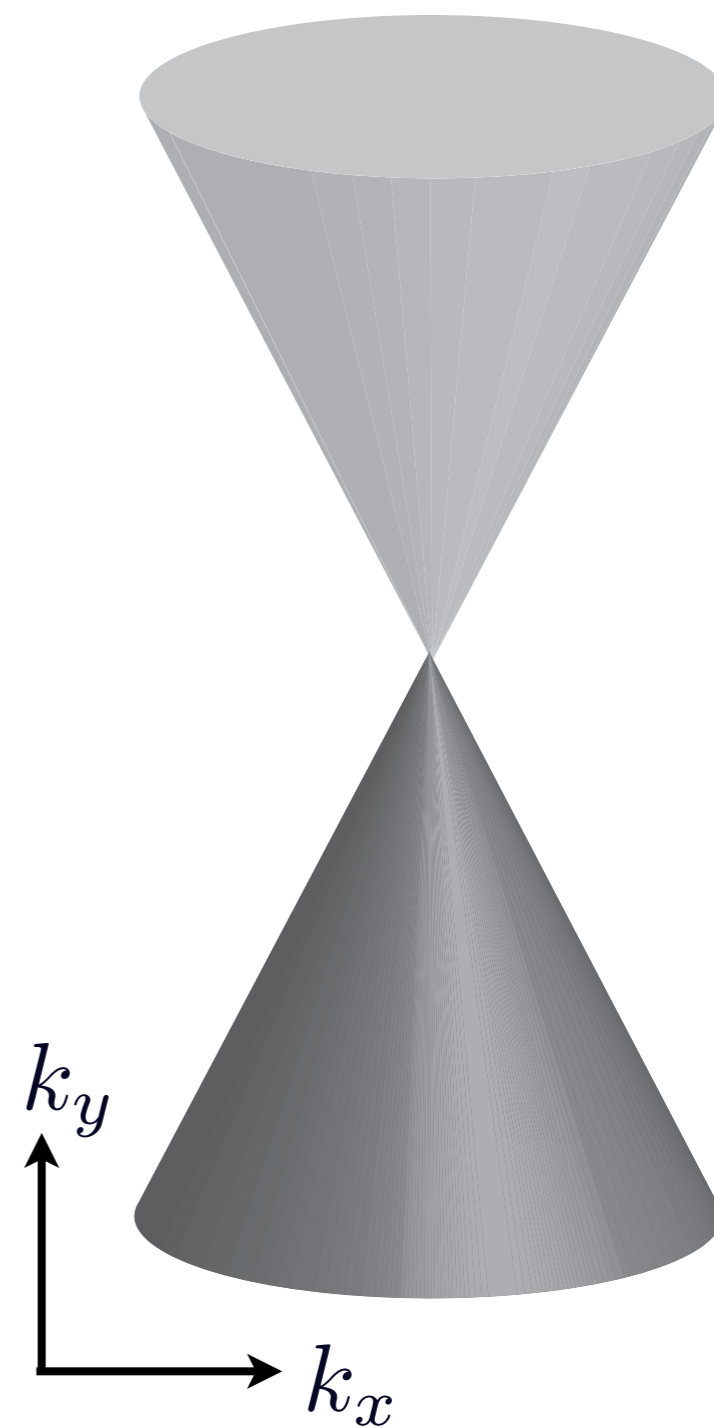
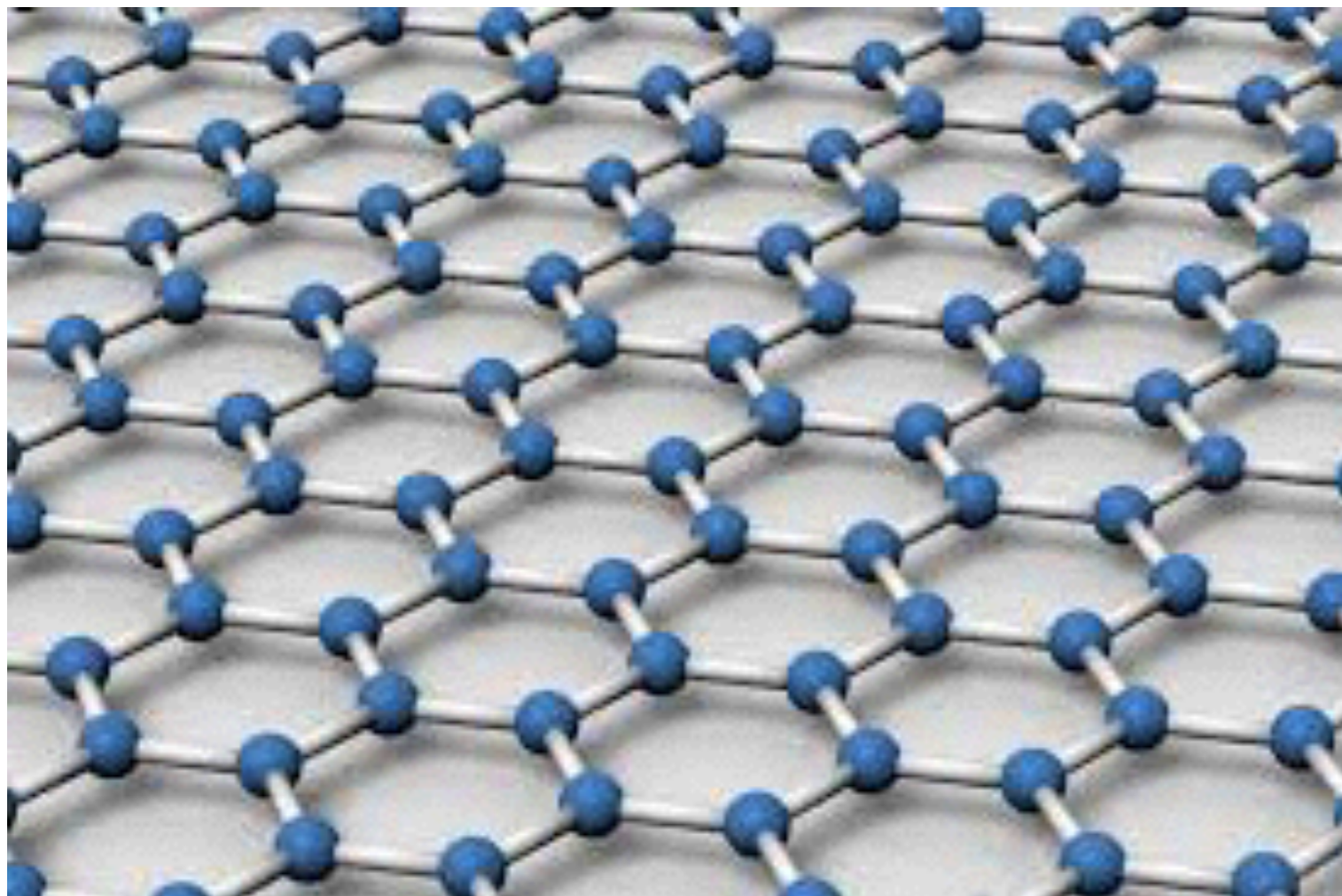
- $$\frac{(\text{Thermal conductivity})}{T (\text{Electrical conductivity})} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e^2} \equiv L_0$$

► Wiedemann-Franz law in a Fermi liquid:

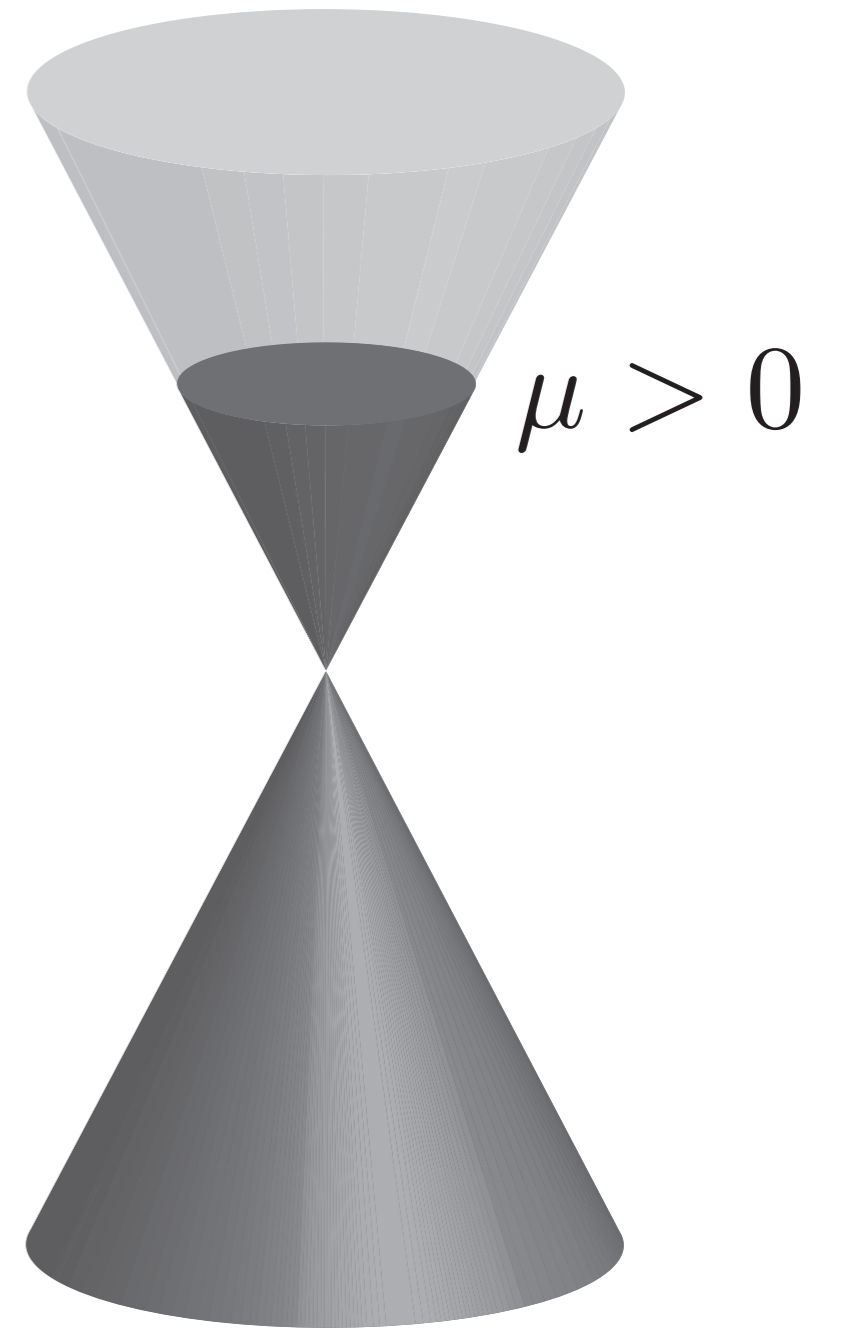
$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma T} \approx \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e^2} \approx 2.45 \times 10^{-8} \frac{W \cdot \Omega}{K^2}.$$



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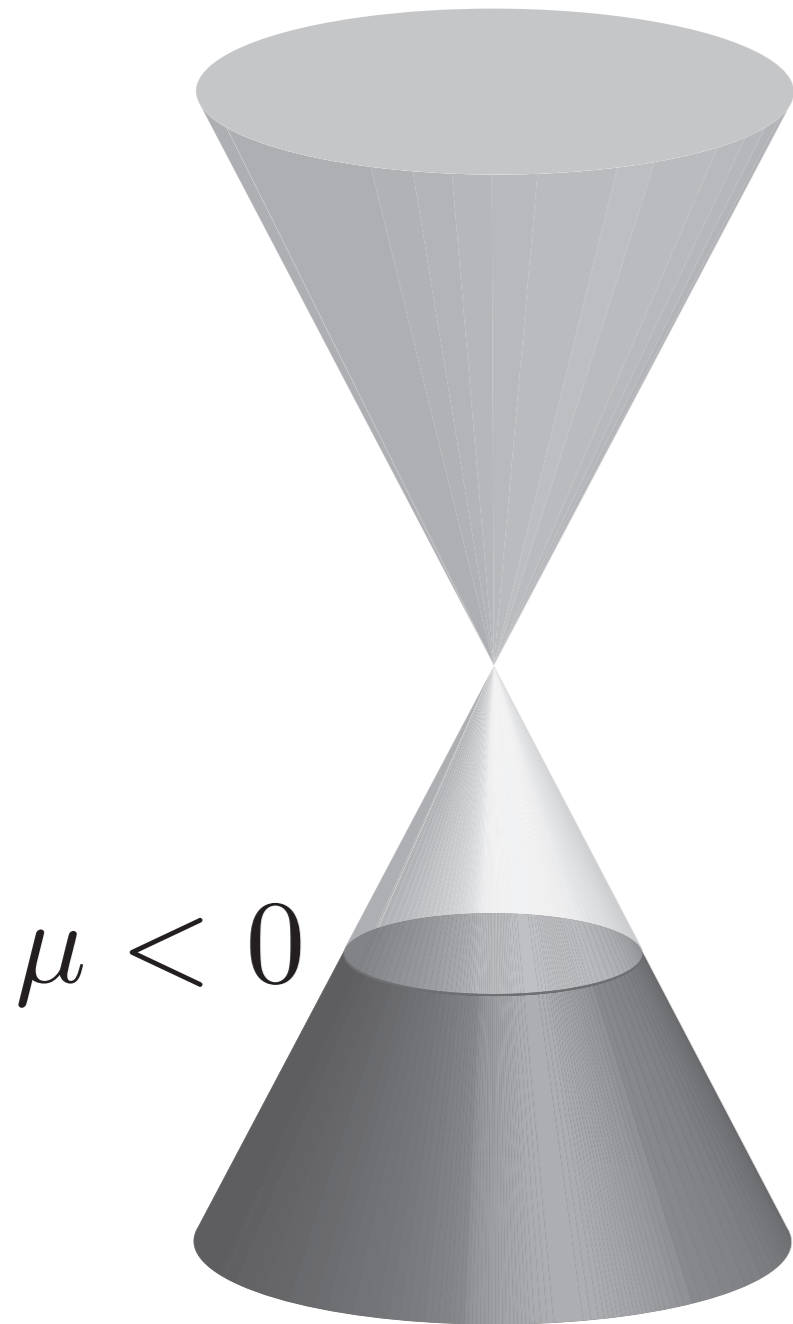


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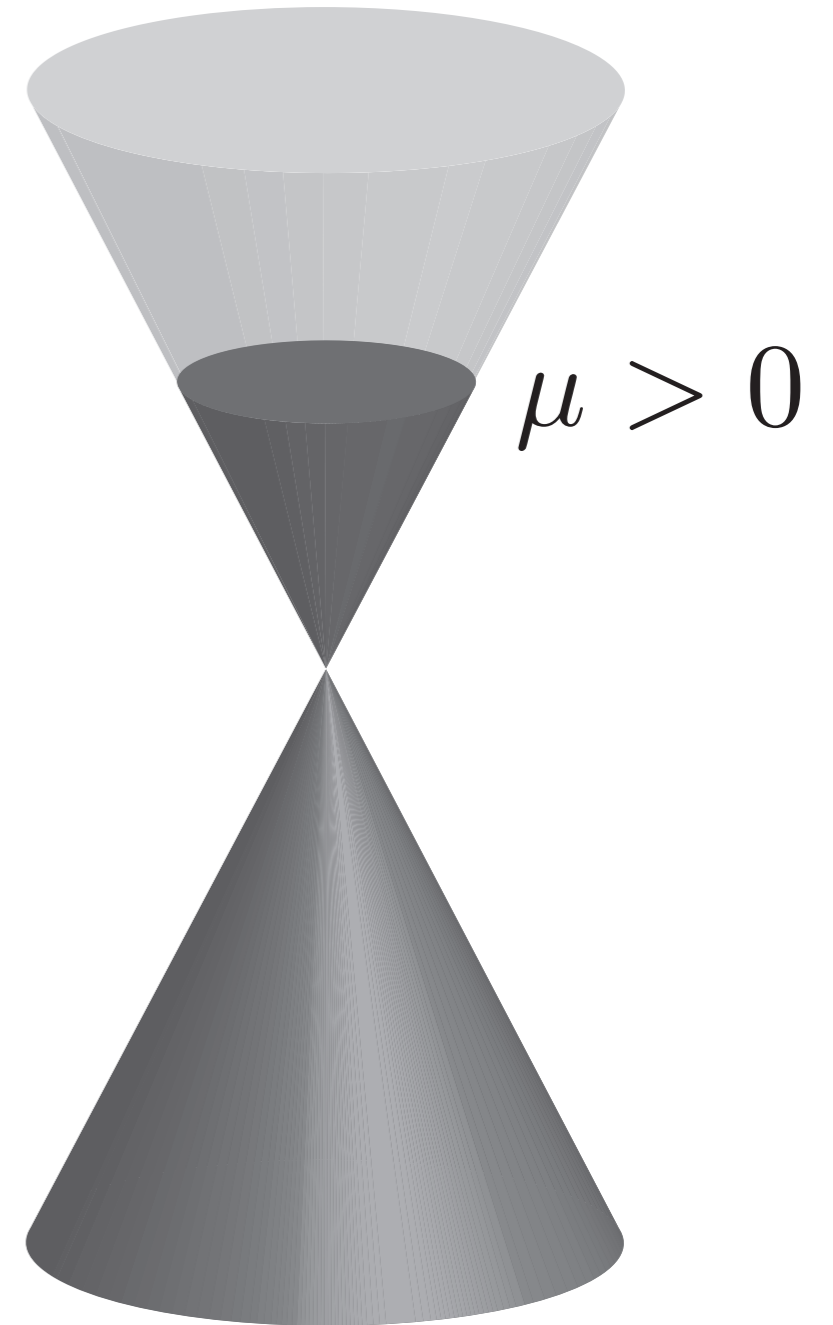


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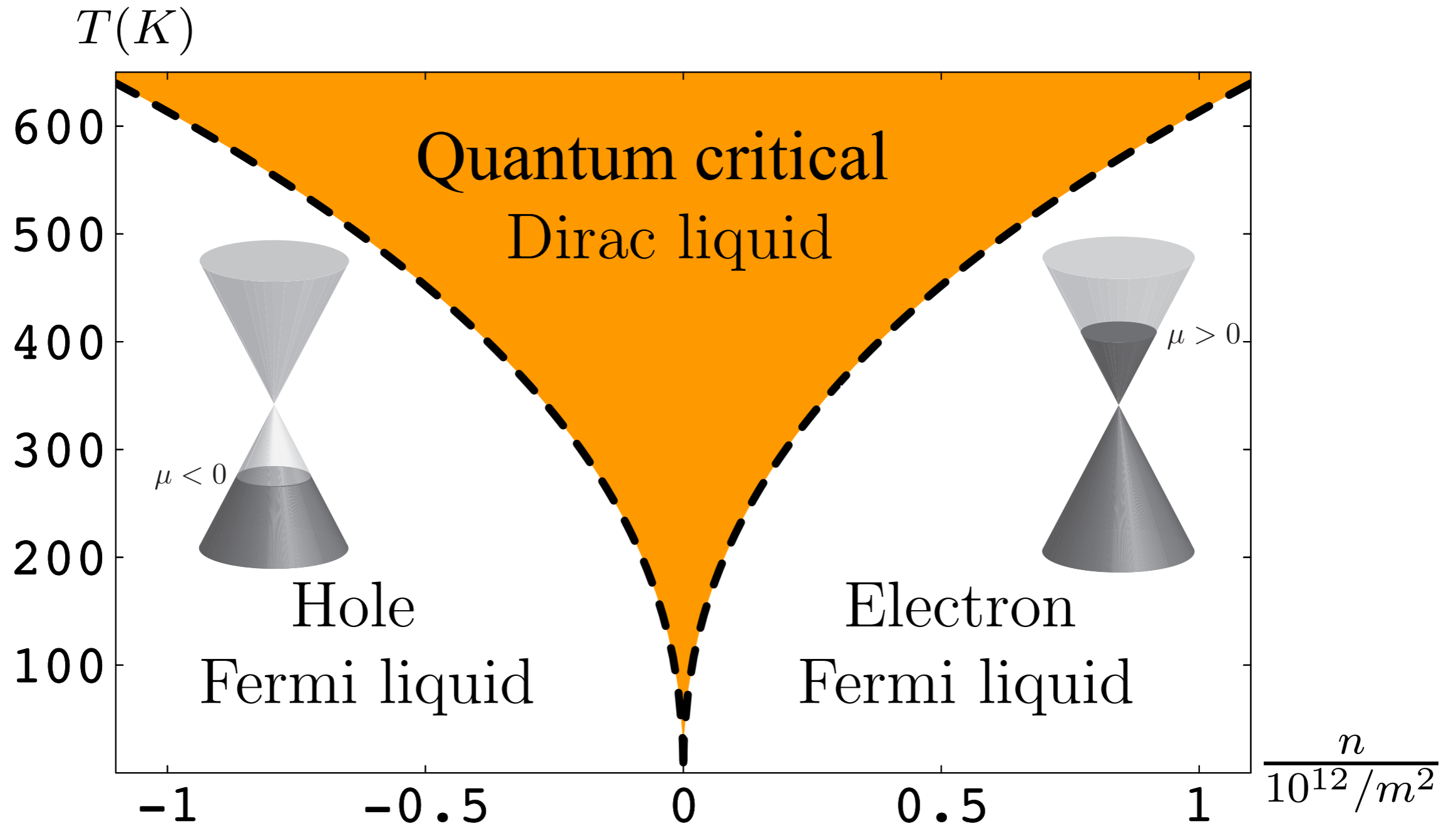


**Hole
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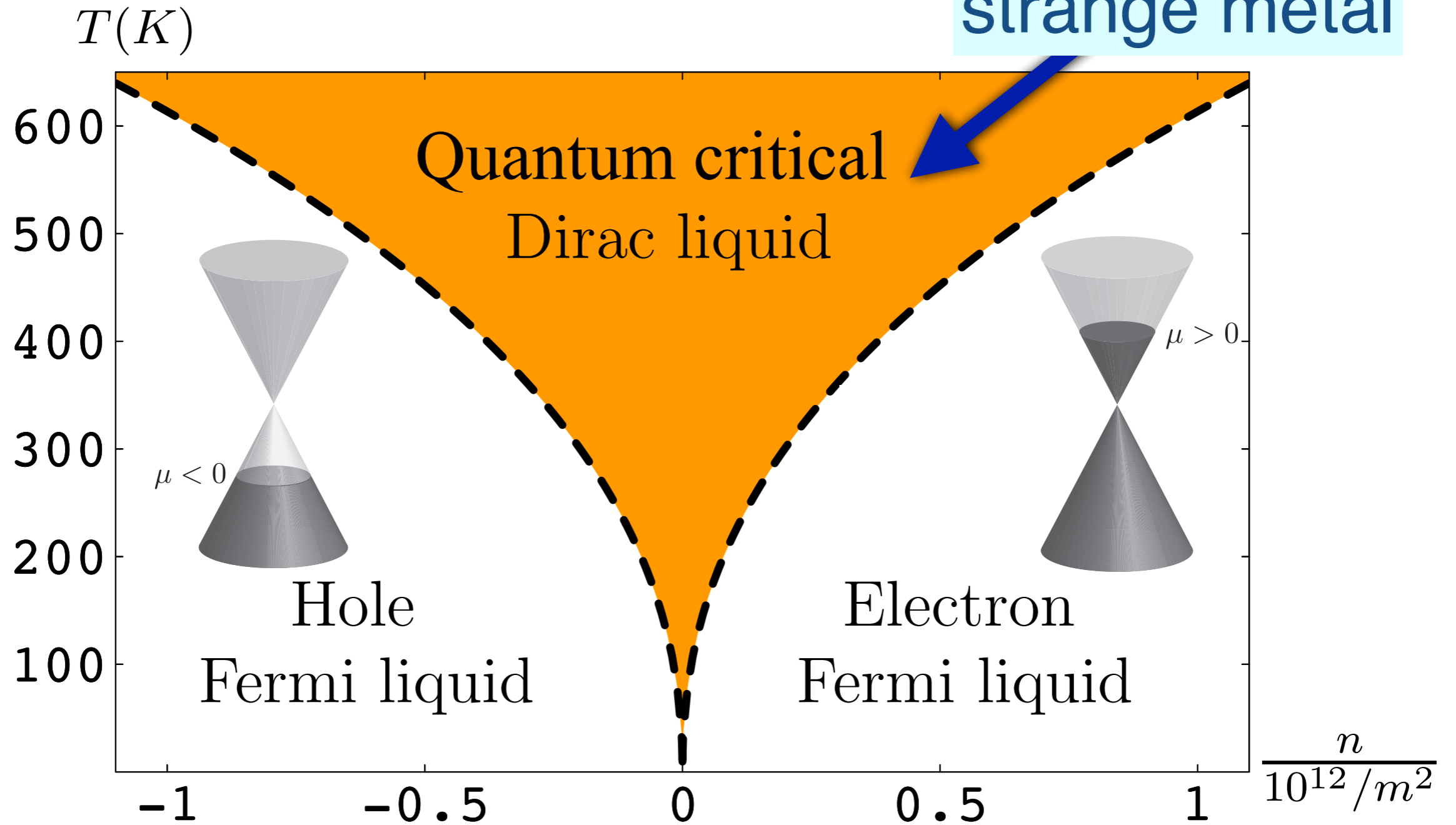
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Predicted
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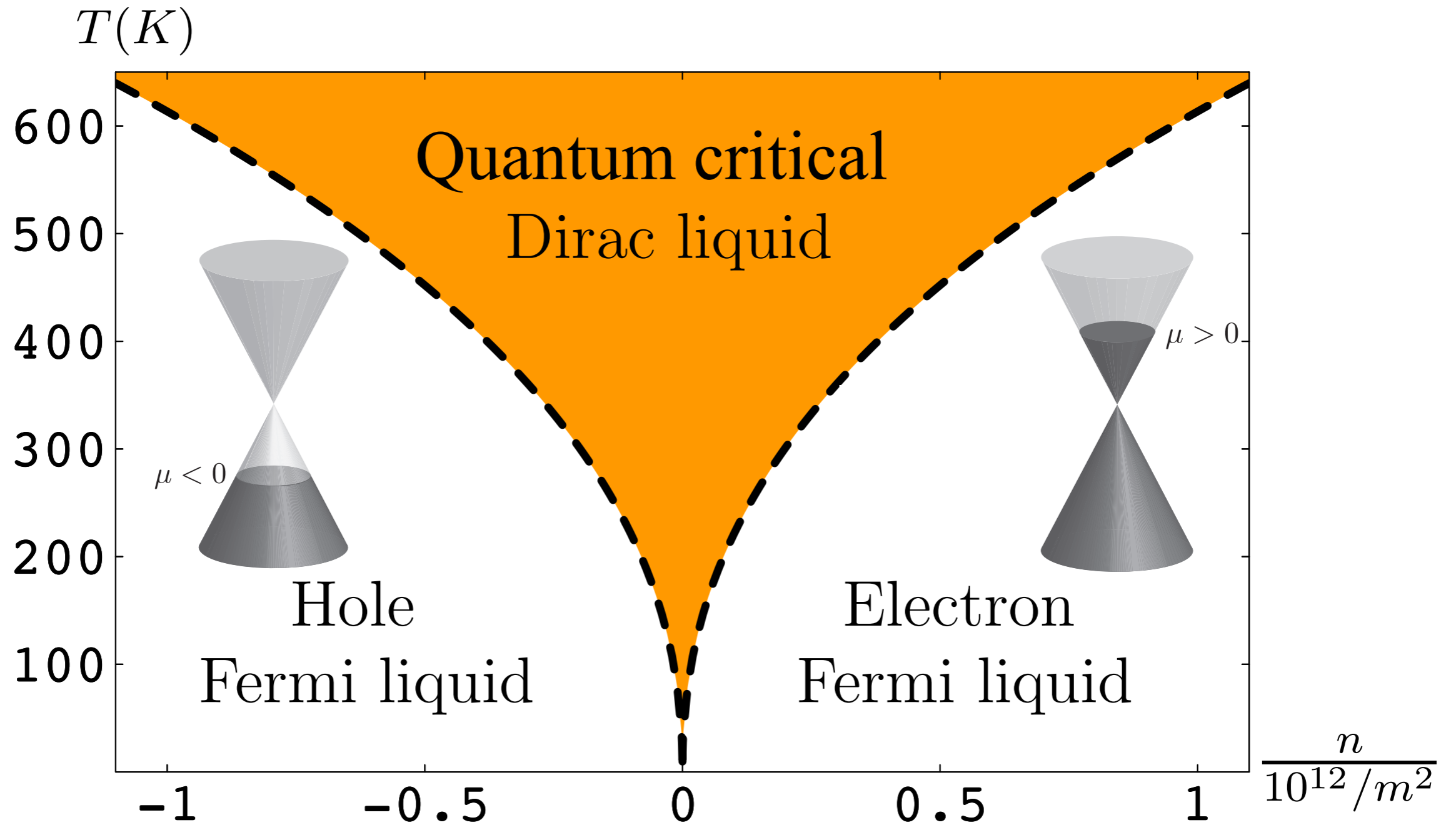
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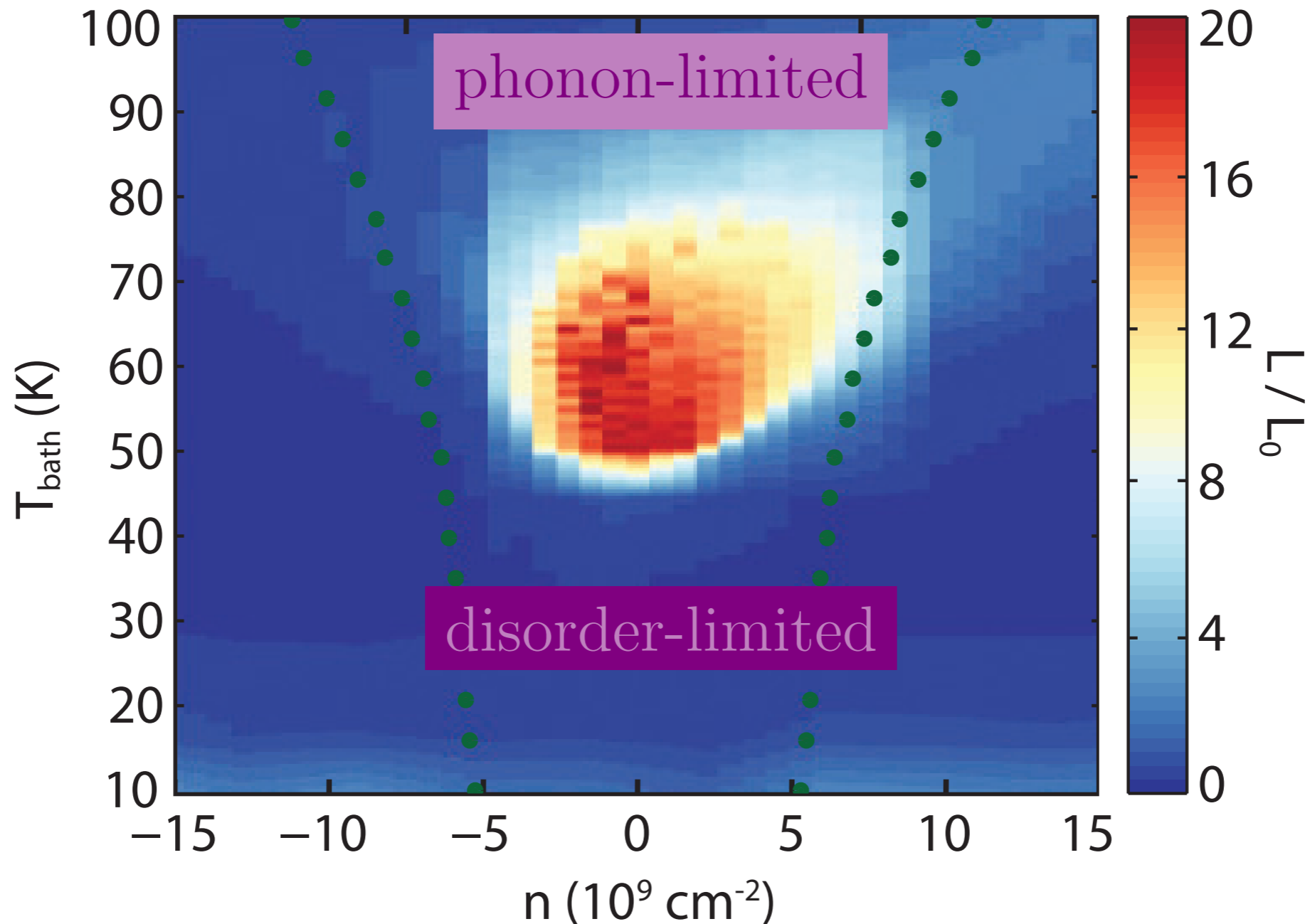
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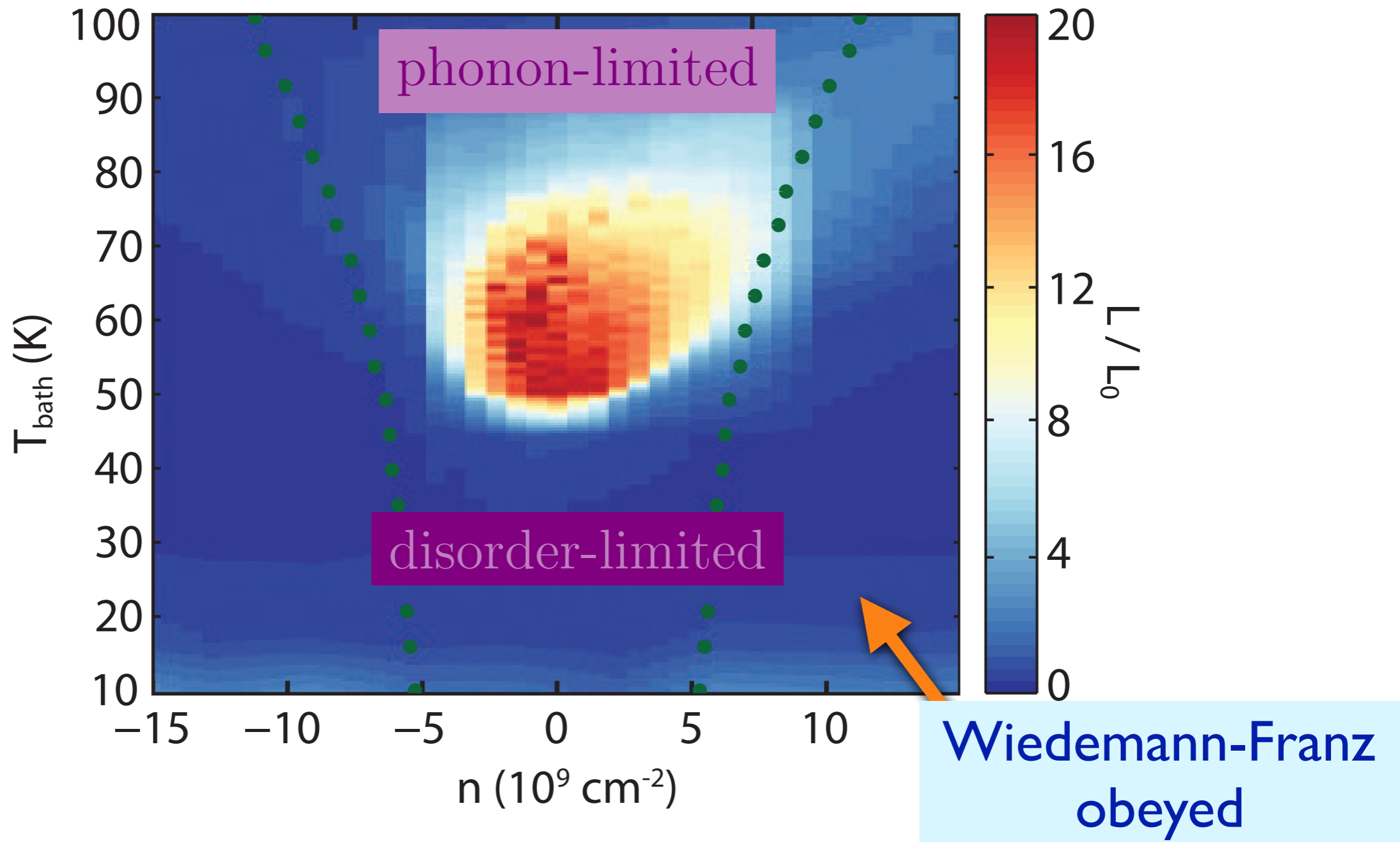
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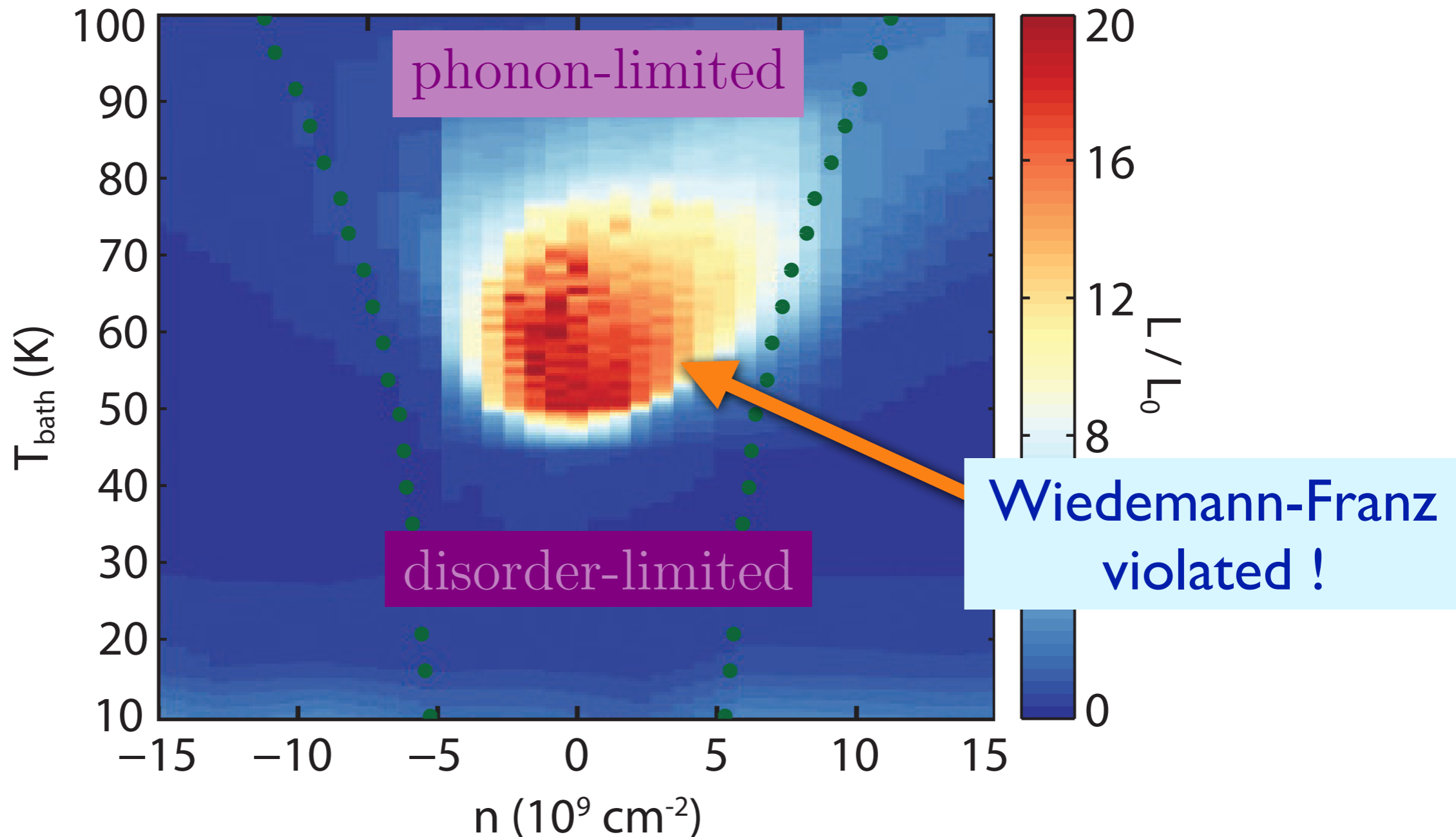
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Infinite-range model of a Fermi liquid

$$H = \frac{1}{(N)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \dots$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i = Q$$

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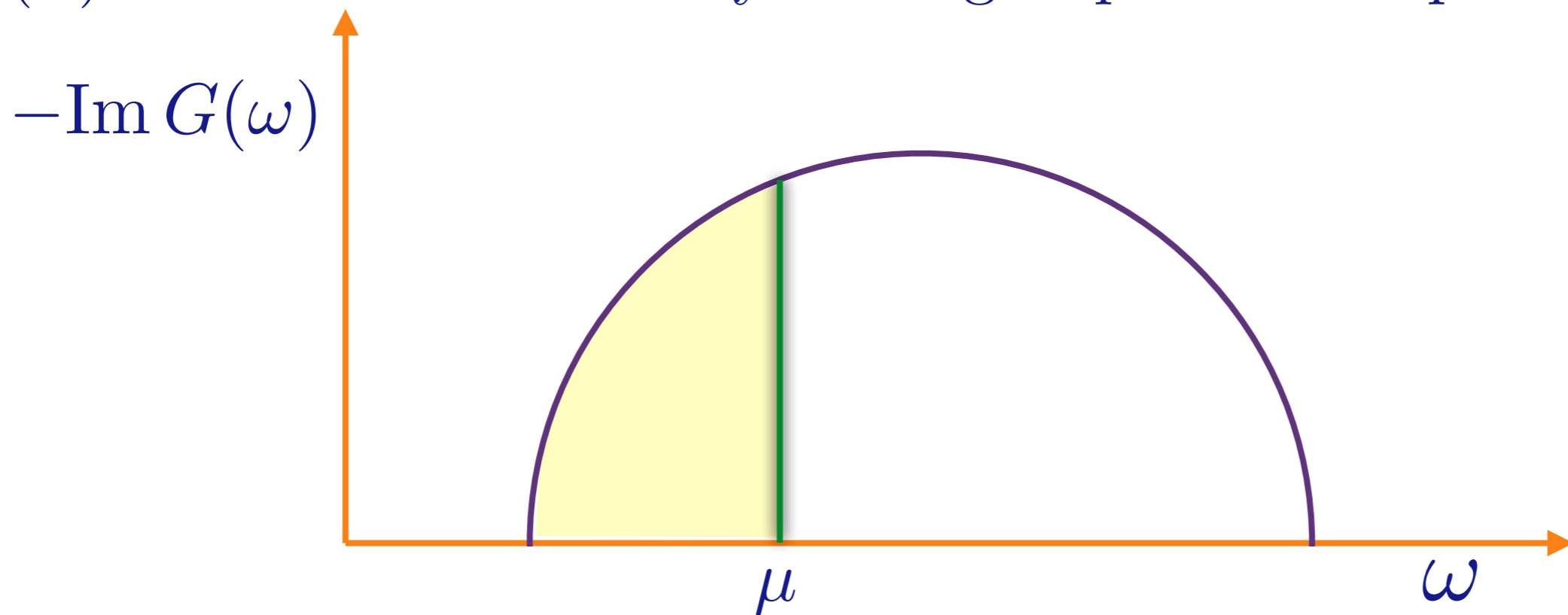
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$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = t^2 G(\tau)$$
$$G(\tau = 0^-) = Q.$$

$G(\omega)$ can be determined by solving a quadratic equation.



Fermions occupying eigenstates with a “semi-circular” density of states

Infinite-range model of a strange metal

$$H = \frac{1}{(NM)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^M J_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\beta} c_{j\beta}^\dagger c_{j\alpha}$$

$$c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta} + c_{j\beta} c_{i\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta}^\dagger + c_{j\beta}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{\alpha} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} = Q$$

J_{ij} are independent random variables with $\overline{J_{ij}} = 0$ and $\overline{J_{ij}^2} = J^2$
 $N \rightarrow \infty$ at $M = 2$ yields spin-glass ground state.

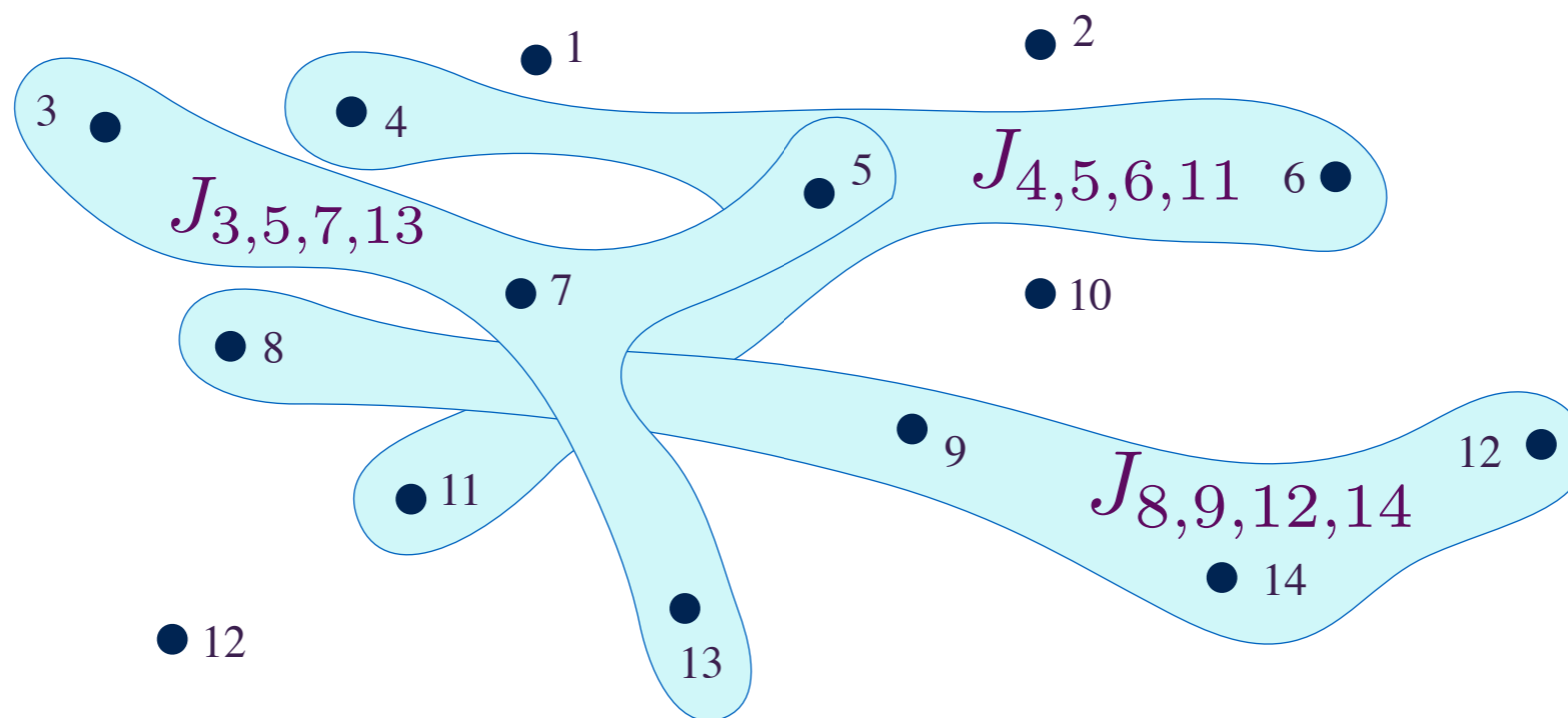
$N \rightarrow \infty$ and then $M \rightarrow \infty$ yields critical strange metal

Infinite-range model of a strange metal

$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^N J_{ij;kl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

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$$G(\tau = 0^-) = \mathcal{Q}.$$

Low frequency analysis shows that the solutions must be gapless and obey

$$\Sigma(z) = \mu - \frac{1}{A} \sqrt{z} + \dots \quad , \quad G(z) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{z}}$$

for some complex A .

Infinite-range strange metals

At frequencies $\ll J$, the equations for G and Σ can be written as

$$\int d\tau_2 G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \tilde{\Sigma}(\tau_2, \tau_3) = -\delta(\tau_1 - \tau_3)$$
$$\tilde{\Sigma}(\tau_1, \tau_2) = -J^2 [G(\tau_1, \tau_2)]^2 G(\tau_2, \tau_1)$$

These equations are invariant under the reparametrization and gauge transformations

$$\tau = f(\sigma)$$

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\sigma_1) f'(\sigma_2)]^{-1/4} \frac{g(\sigma_1)}{g(\sigma_2)} G(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma}(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\sigma_1) f'(\sigma_2)]^{-3/4} \frac{g(\sigma_1)}{g(\sigma_2)} \tilde{\Sigma}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

where $f(\sigma)$ and $g(\sigma)$ are arbitrary functions.

These equations and invariances have similarities to those of the large N limit of quantum spins at the spatial boundary of a CFT₂ (multi-channel Kondo problems)

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Local fermion density of states

$$\rho(\omega) = -\text{Im } G(\omega) \sim \begin{cases} \omega^{-1/2}, & \omega > 0 \\ e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}} |\omega|^{-1/2}, & \omega < 0. \end{cases}$$

\mathcal{E} encodes the particle-hole asymmetry

While \mathcal{E} determines the *low* energy spectrum, it is determined by the *total* fermion density \mathcal{Q} :

$$\mathcal{Q} = \frac{1}{4}(3 - \tanh(2\pi\mathcal{E})) - \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}}).$$

Analog of the relationship between \mathcal{Q} and k_F in a Fermi liquid.

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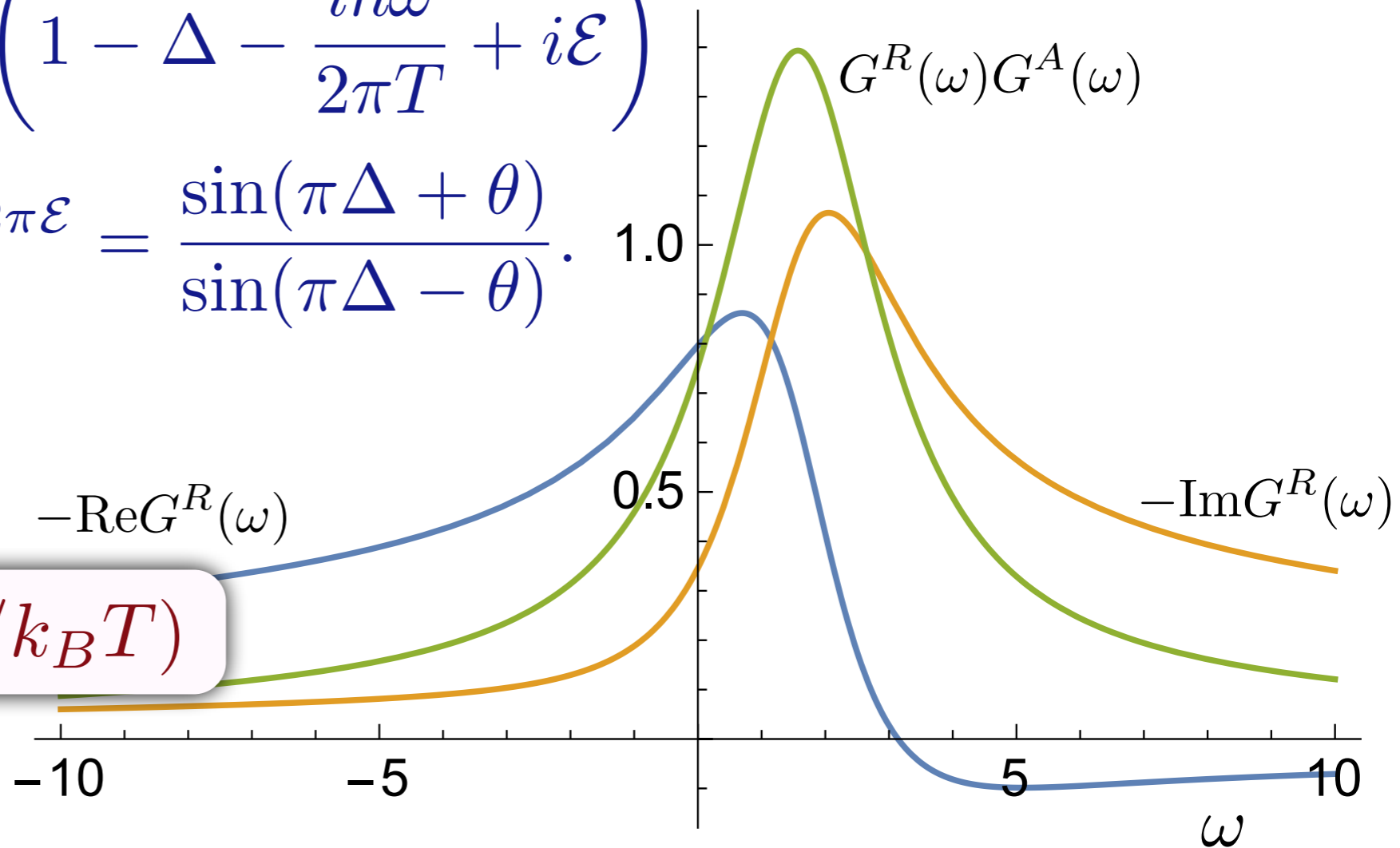
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At non-zero temperature, T , the Green's function also fully determined by \mathcal{E} .

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where $\Delta = 1/4$ and $e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\sin(\pi\Delta + \theta)}{\sin(\pi\Delta - \theta)}$.



Note $G(\omega) \equiv f(\hbar\omega/k_B T)$

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CFT



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The entropy per site, \mathcal{S} , has a non-zero limit as $T \rightarrow 0$, and can be viewed as each site acquiring the universal boundary entropy of the multichannel Kondo problem.

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This entropy obeys

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial \mathcal{Q}} \right)_T = - \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T} \right)_{\mathcal{Q}} = 2\pi \mathcal{E}$$

Note that \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{E} involve low-lying states, while \mathcal{Q} depends upon *all* states, and details of the UV structure

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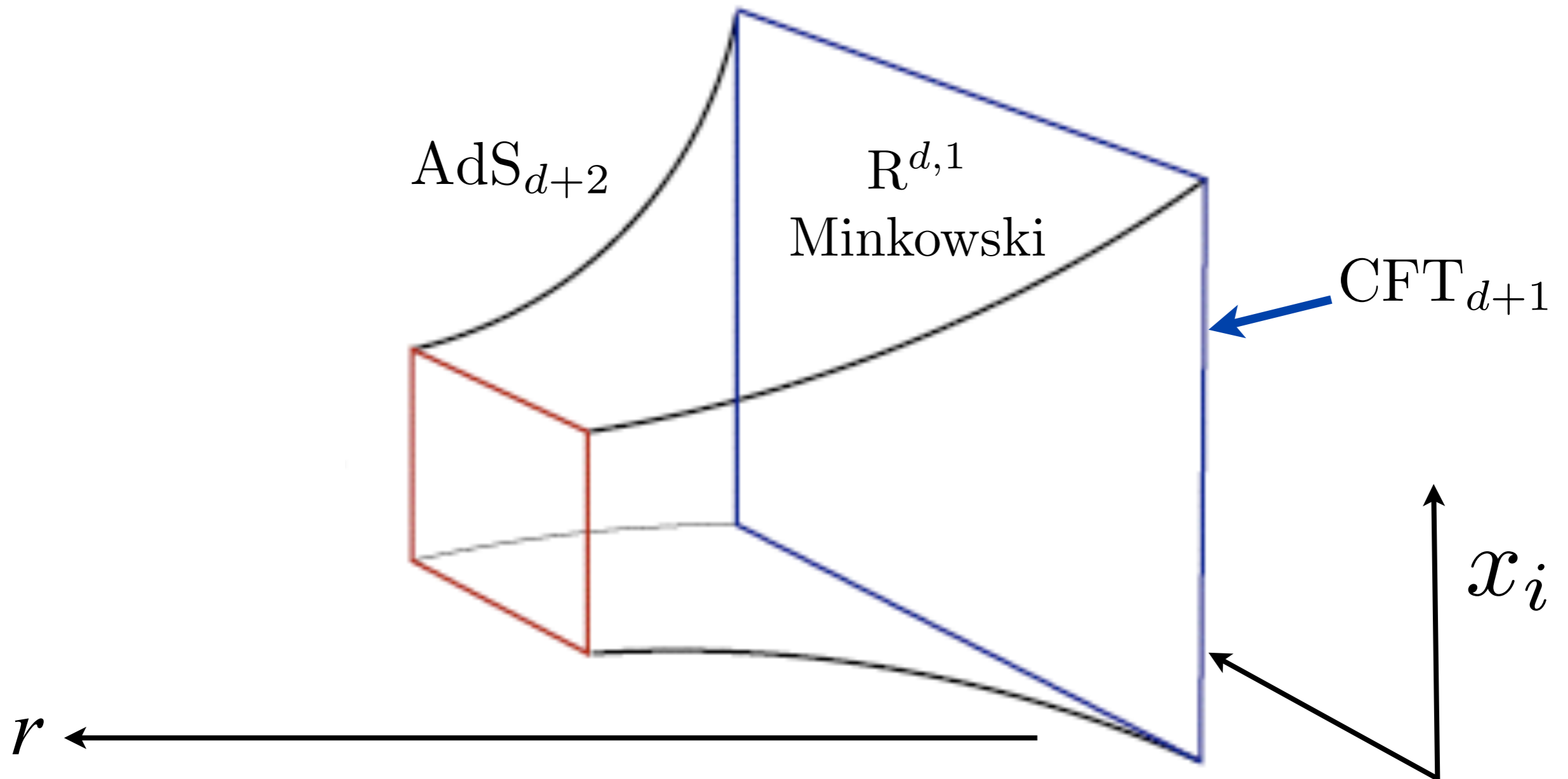
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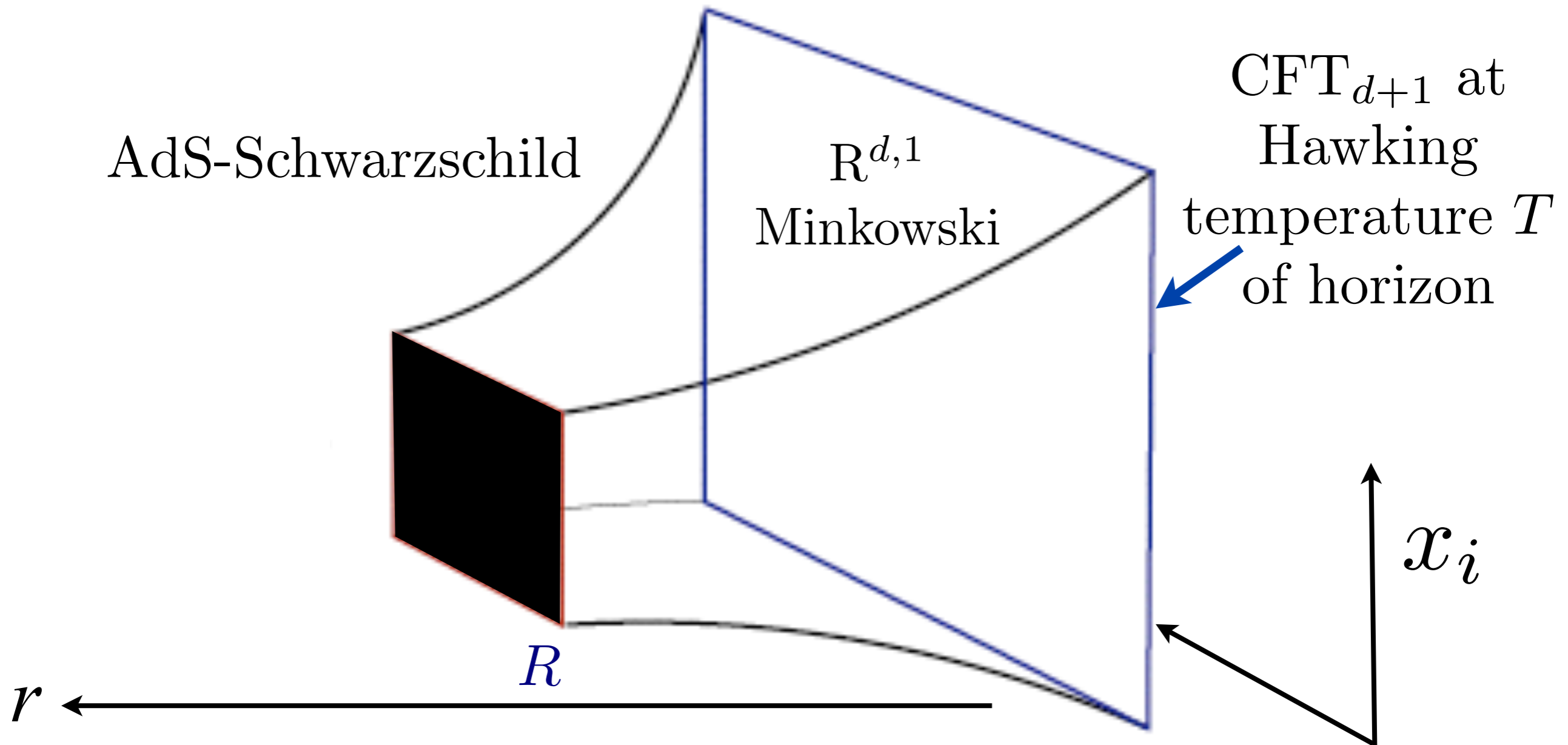
Einstein gravity $\mathcal{S}_E = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(\mathcal{R} + \frac{d(d+1)}{L^2} \right) \right]$



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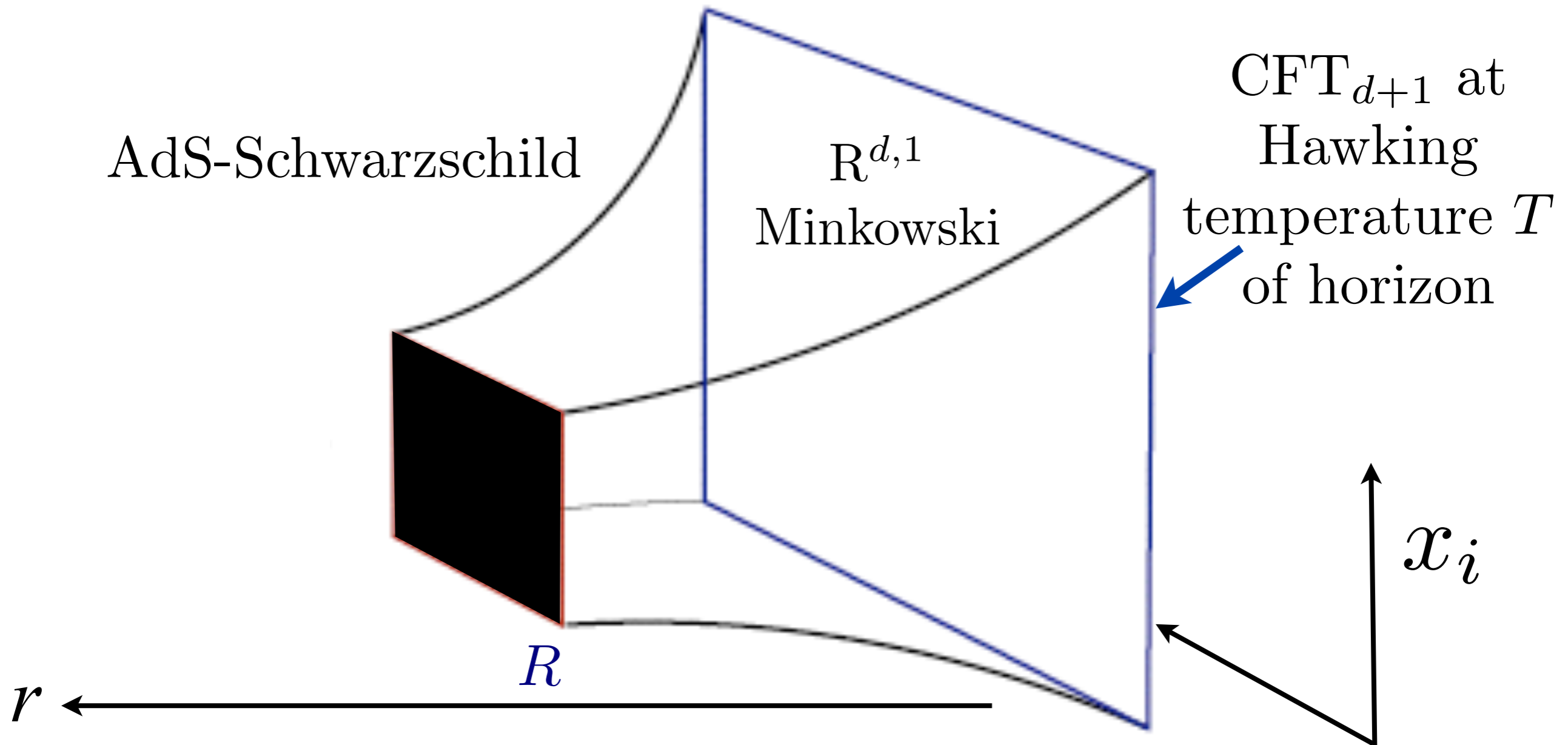


Entropy density of CFT_{d+1} , $\mathcal{S} \sim T^d$

Bekenstein-Hawking entropy density, $\mathcal{S}_{\text{BH}} \sim T^d$

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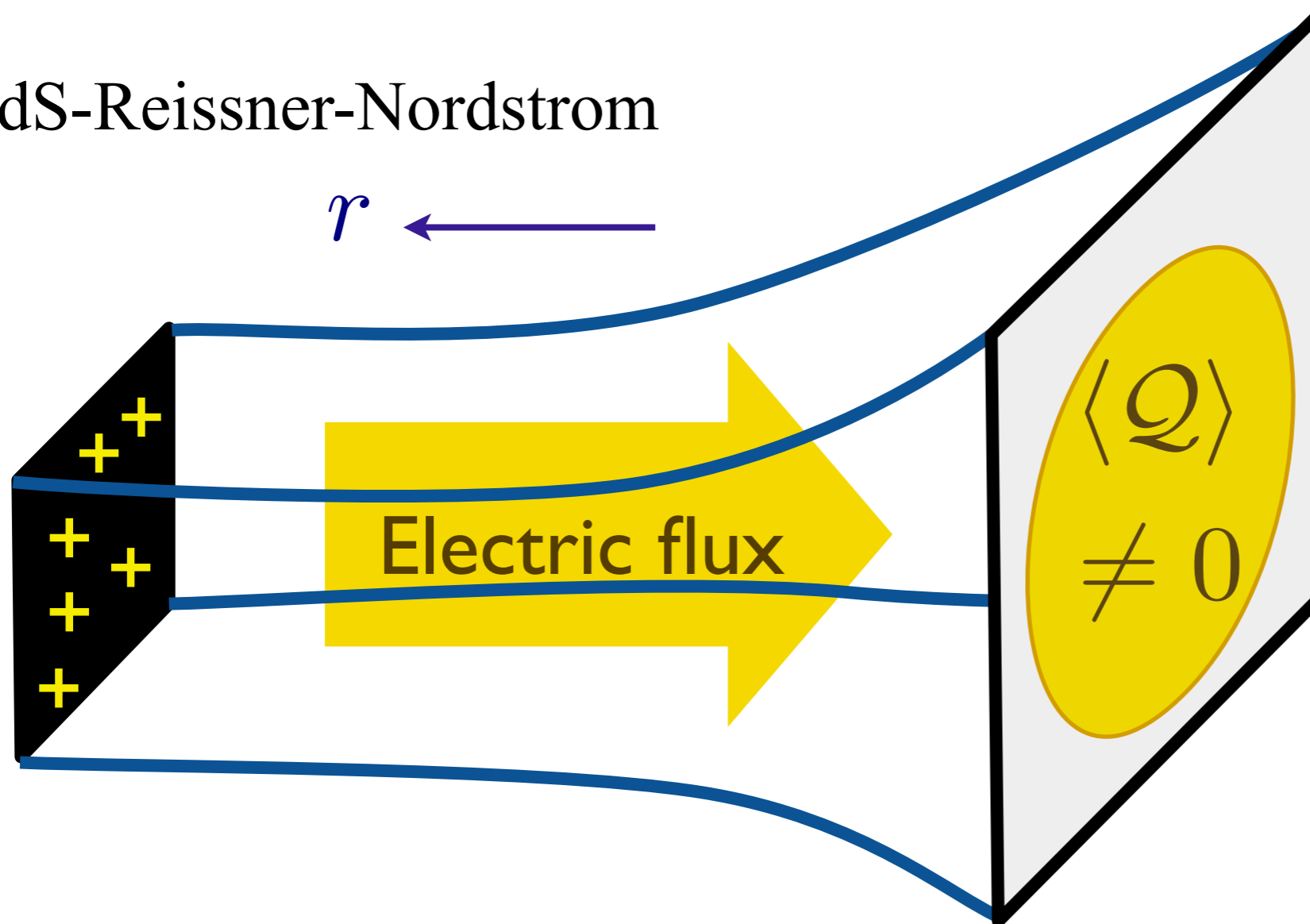


For $\text{SU}(N)$ SYM in $d = 3$, $\mathcal{S}_{\text{BH}} = (\pi^2/2)N^2T^3$. But there is (still) no confirmation of this from a field-theory computation on SYM.

Charged black branes

Einstein-Maxwell theory $\mathcal{S}_{EM} = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(\mathcal{R} + \frac{d(d+1)}{L^2} - \frac{R^2}{g_F^2} F^2 \right) \right]$

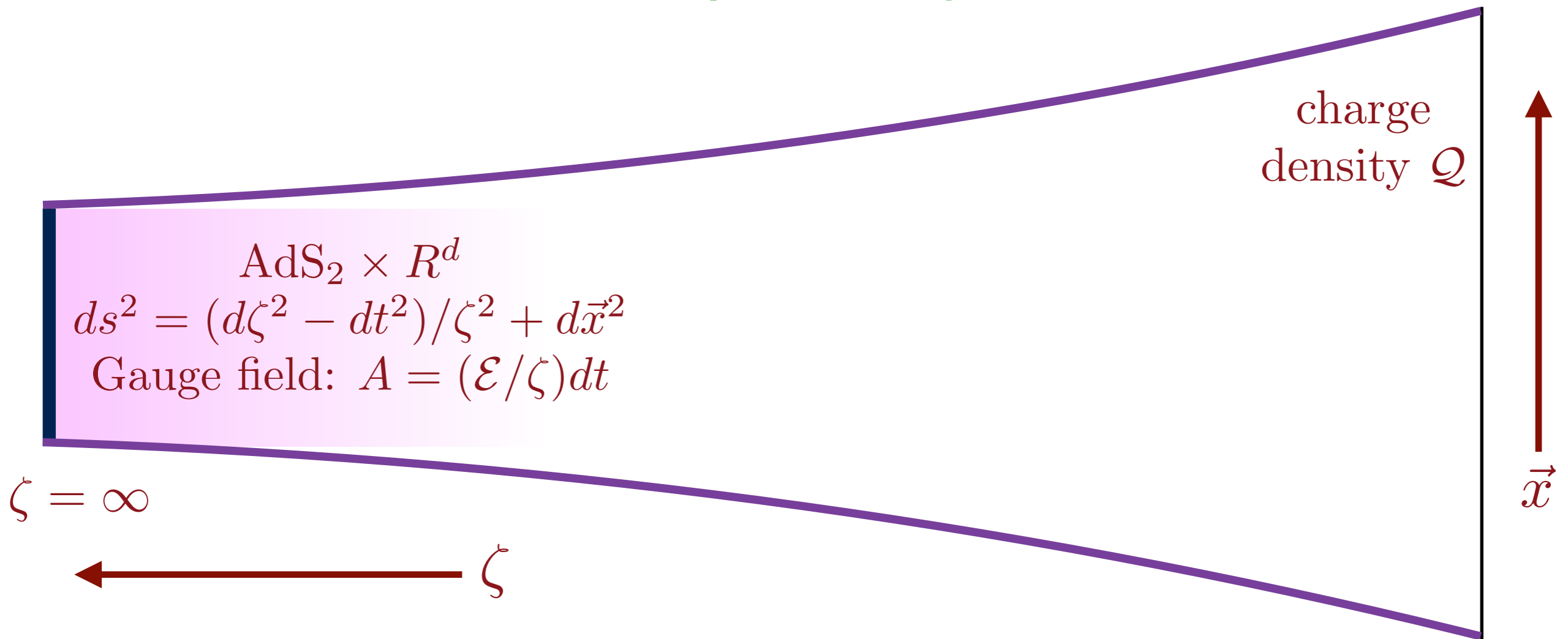
AdS-Reissner-Nordstrom



Quantum matter on the boundary with a variable charge density \mathcal{Q} of a global U(1) symmetry.

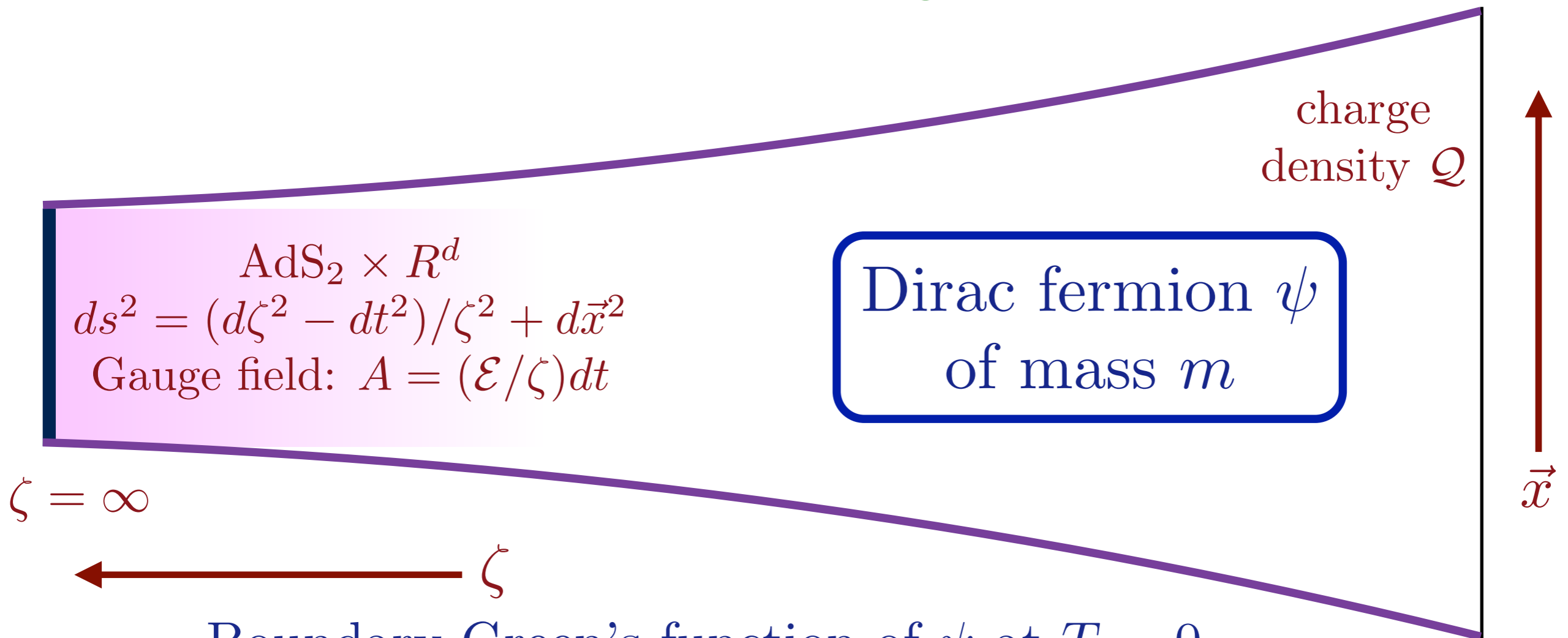
Realizes a strange metal: a state with an unbroken global U(1) symmetry with a continuously variable charge density, \mathcal{Q} , at $T = 0$ which does not have any quasiparticle excitations.

General Relativity of charged black branes



- Near-horizon metric is AdS_2 , with near-horizon electric field \mathcal{E} .

Quantum fields on charged black branes



Boundary Green's function of ψ at $T = 0$

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where the fermion scaling dimension Δ is a function of m

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Conformal mapping to $T > 0$

$$\zeta = \zeta_0$$

charge
density Q

$$ds^2 = [d\zeta^2 / (1 - \zeta^2 / \zeta_0^2) - (1 - \zeta^2 / \zeta_0^2) dt^2] / \zeta^2 + d\vec{x}^2$$

$$\text{Gauge field: } A = \mathcal{E}(1/\zeta - 1/\zeta_0) dt \text{ with } \zeta_0 = 1/(2\pi T)$$

Dirac fermion ψ
of mass m

$$\zeta = \infty$$



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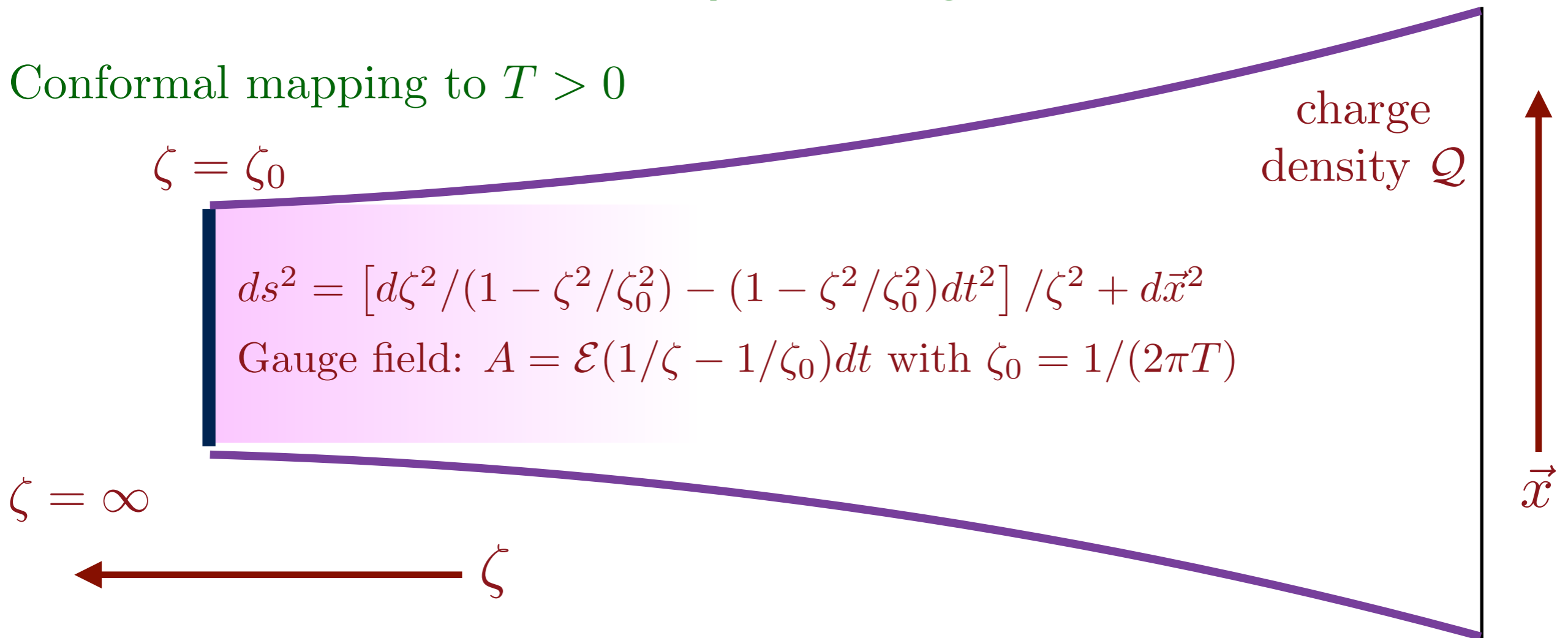
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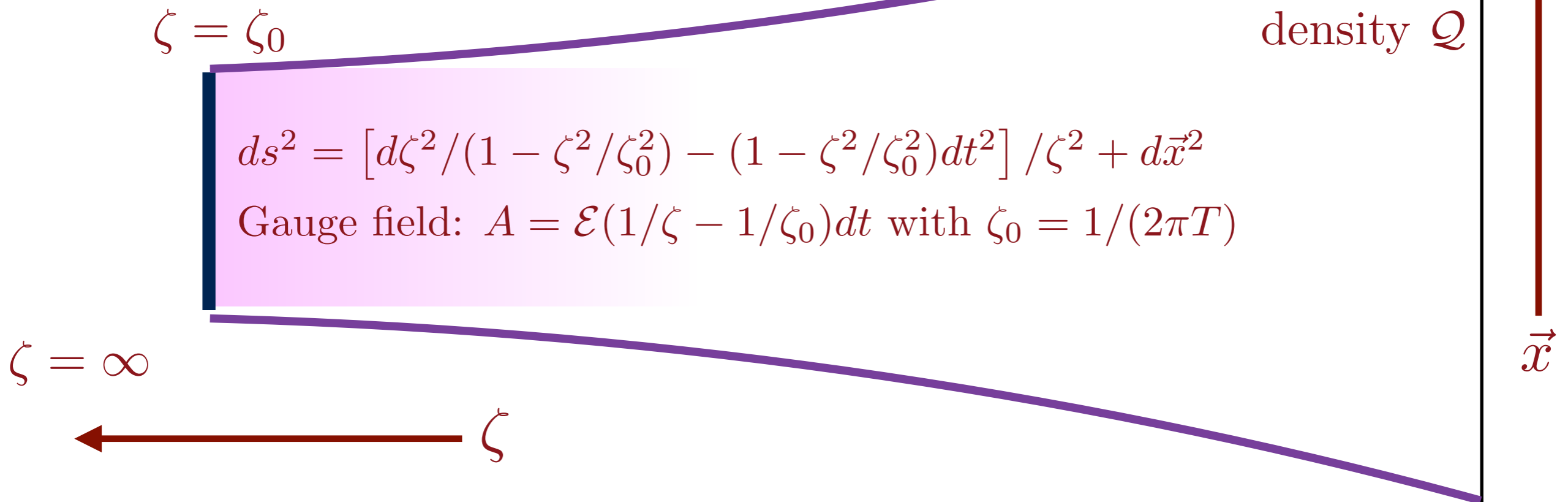
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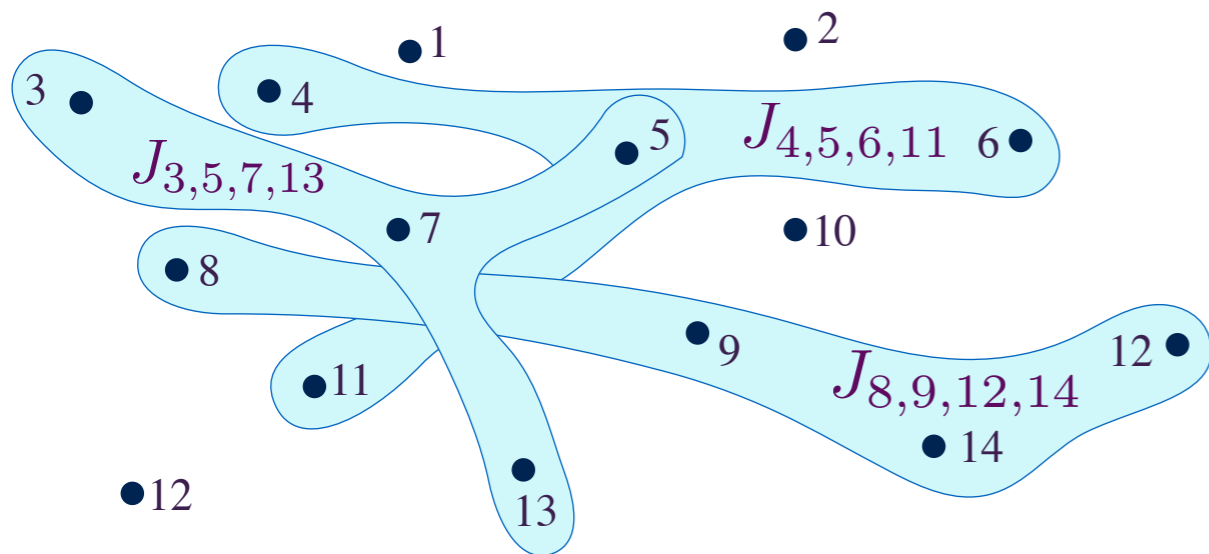
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Also obeyed by
 Wald entropy
 in higher-derivative
 gravity.

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Local fermion density of states

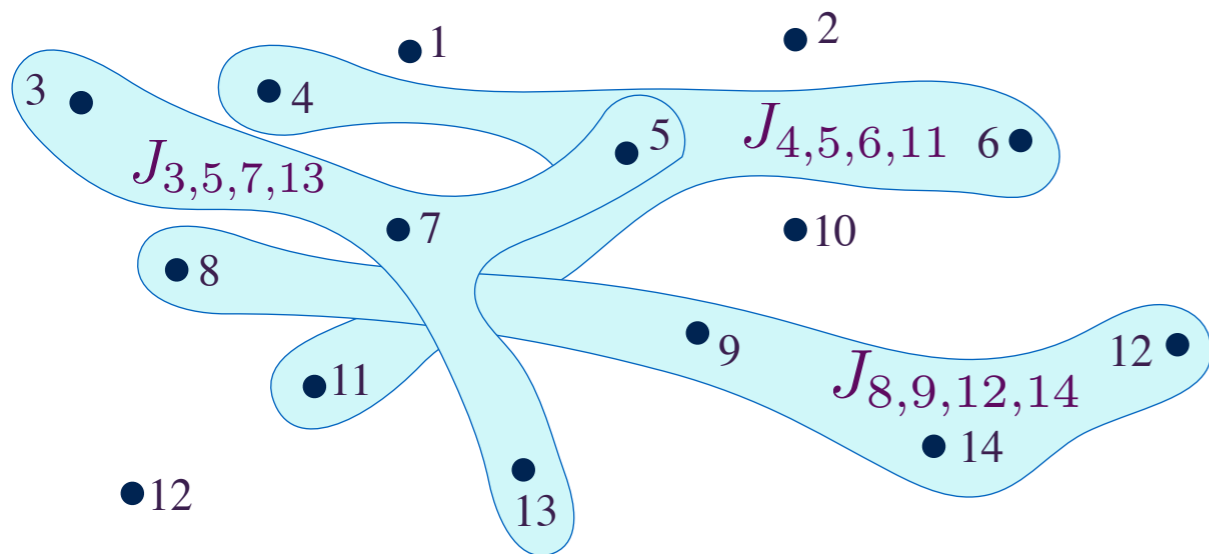
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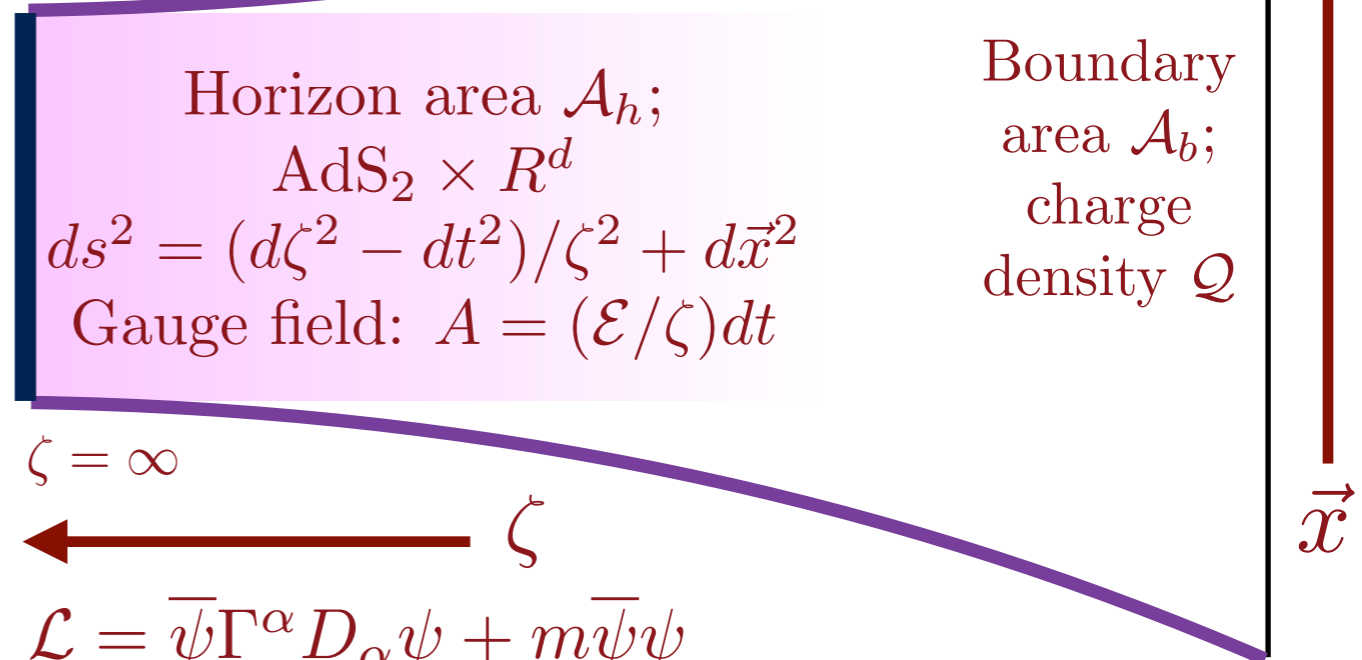
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Einstein-Maxwell theory
+ cosmological constant



$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\alpha D_\alpha \psi + m \bar{\psi} \psi$$

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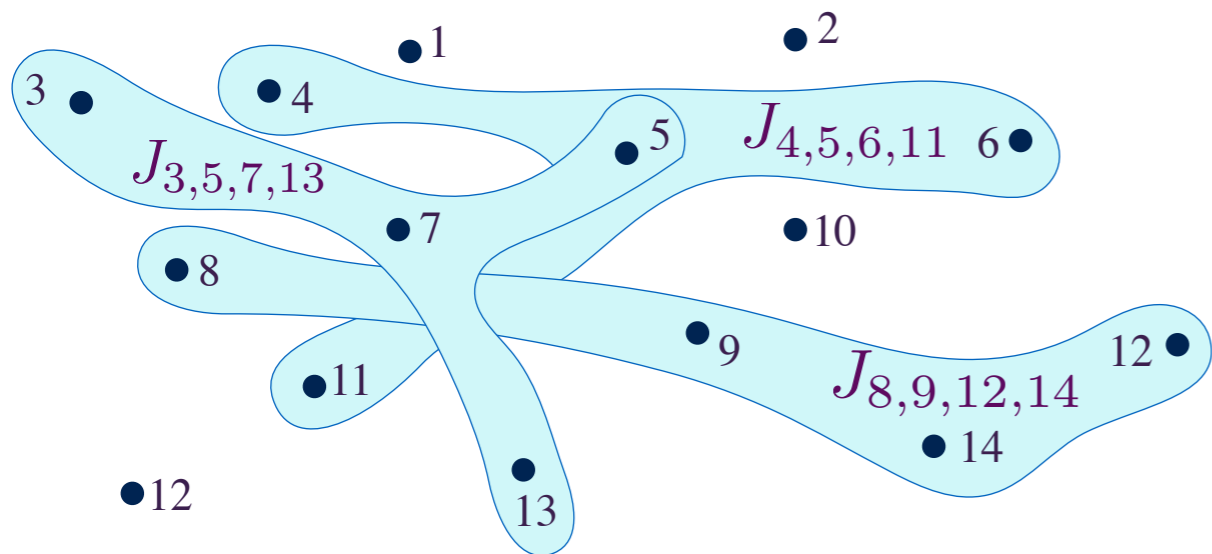
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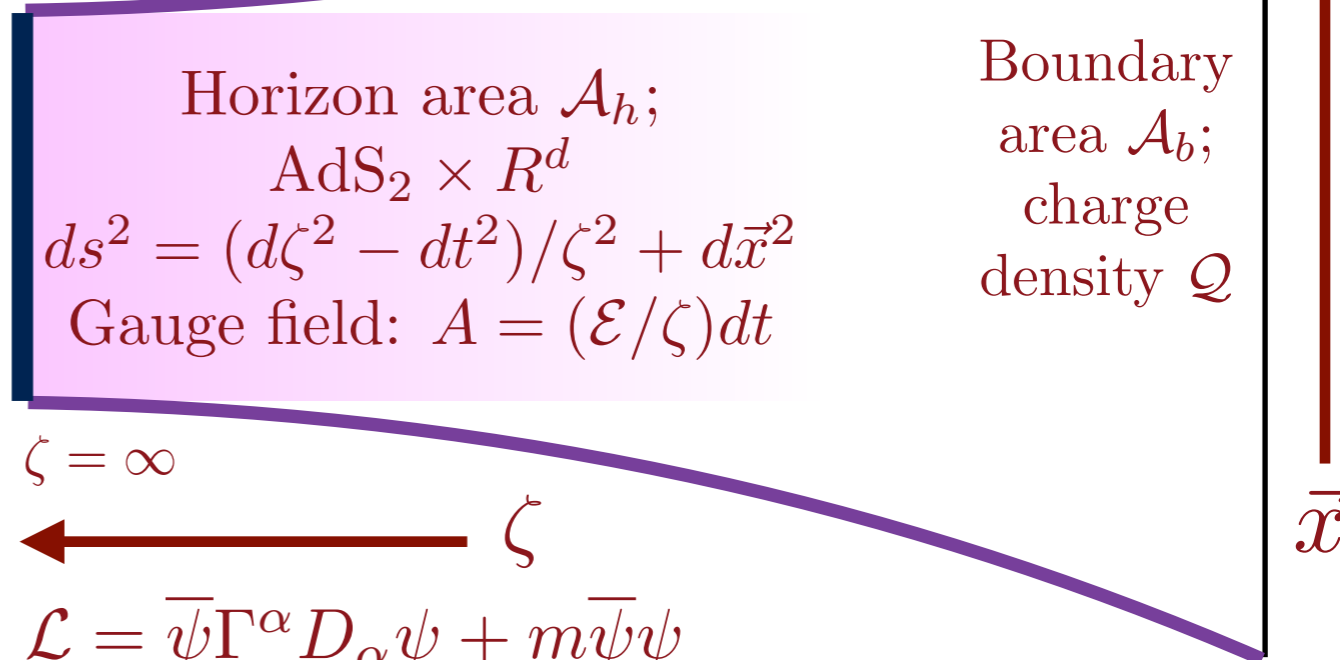
Known 'equation of state' determines \mathcal{E} as a function of Q

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Evidence for AdS₂ gravity dual of H

Einstein-Maxwell theory + cosmological constant



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Transport in Strange Metals

universal constraints on transport

hydrodynamics

[Forster '70s]

[Hartnoll, others]

[Lucas, Sachdev PRB]

few conserved quantities

[Lucas 1506]

[Donos, Gauntlett 1506]

long time dynamics;
“renormalized IR fluid”
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perturbative
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memory matrix

appropriate microscopics
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[Lucas JHEP]

holography

Dynamics of charged
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figure from [Lucas, Sachdev, *Physical Review* **B91** 195122 (2015)]

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Relativistic hydrodynamics

- ▶ hydrodynamics when $l \gg l_{ee}, t \gg t_{ee}$
- ▶ long time dynamics governed by conservation laws:

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = J_\nu (F^{\text{ext}})^{\mu\nu}, \quad \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0.$$

dynamics of relaxation to equilibrium

- ▶ expand $T^{\mu\nu}, J^\mu$ in perturbative parameter $l_{ee}\partial_\mu$:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = P\eta^{\mu\nu} + (\epsilon + P)u^\mu u^\nu$$

$$J^\mu = Q u^\mu - \sigma_Q \mathcal{P}^{\mu\rho} \left(\partial_\rho \mu - \frac{\mu}{T} \partial_\rho T - u^\nu F_{\rho\nu}^{\text{ext}} \right) + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \eta^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu,$$

$$Q^i = T^{ti} - \mu J^i$$

- ▶ New (and only) transport co-efficient, σ_Q :
“quantum critical” conductivity at $Q = 0$.

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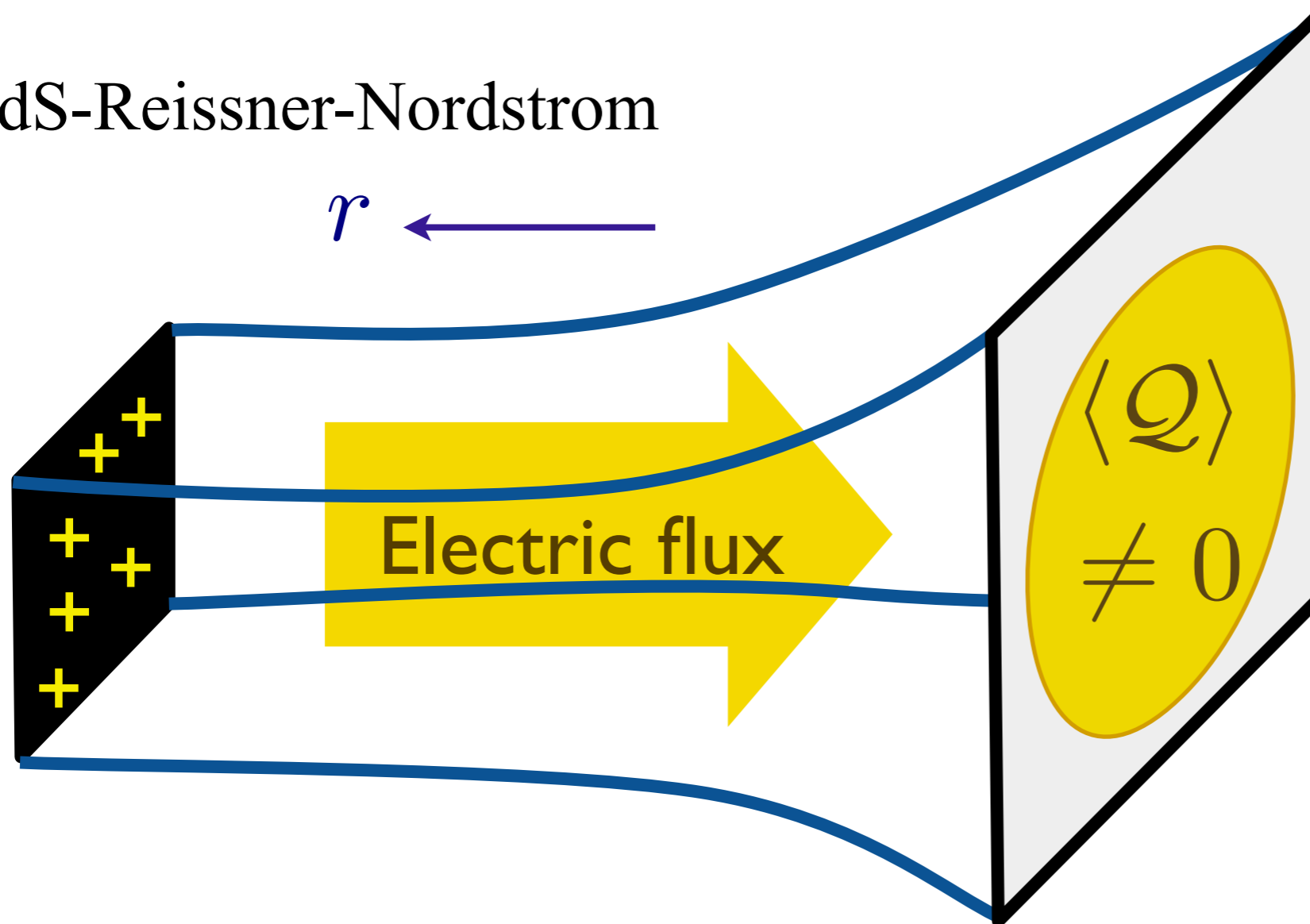
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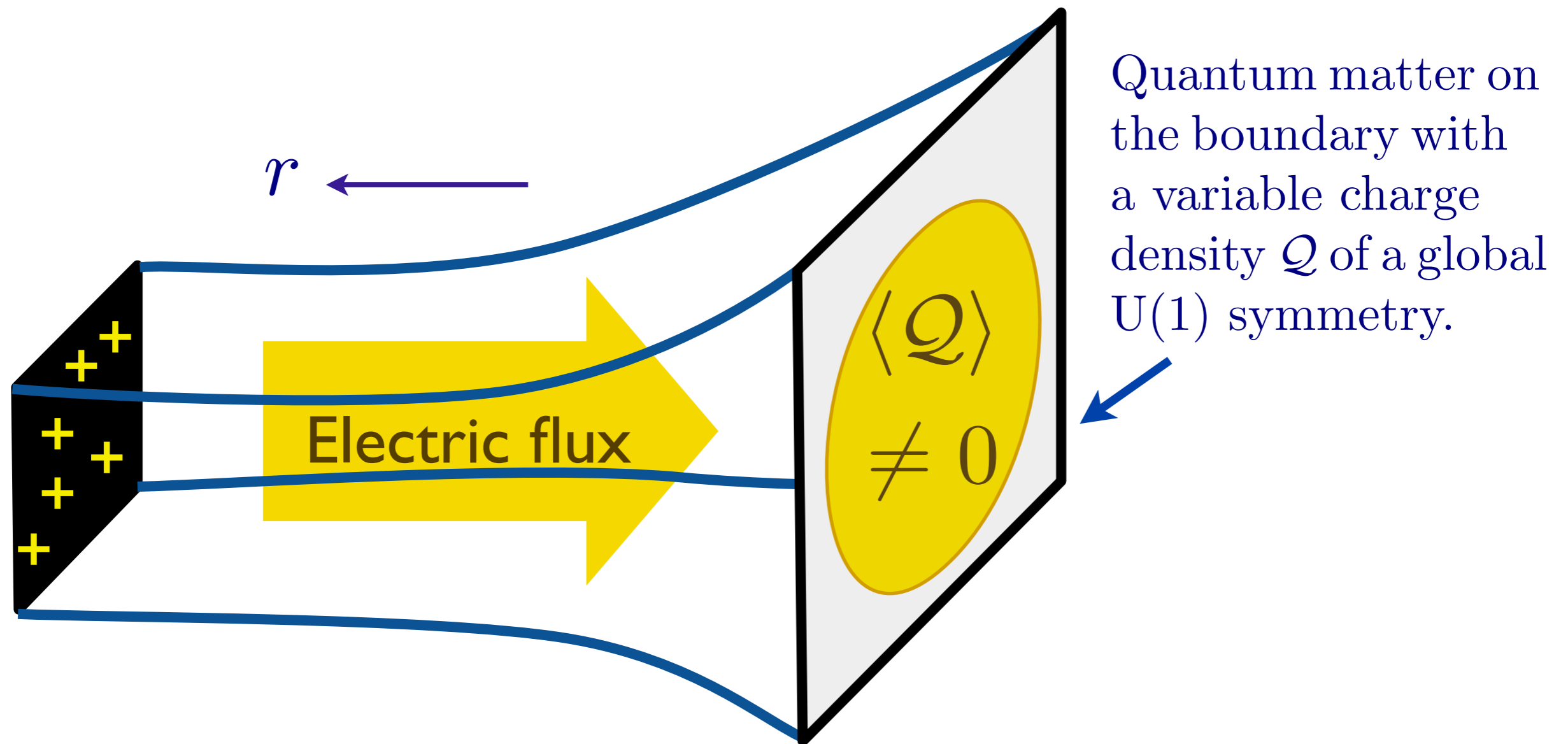
AdS-Reissner-Nordstrom



Quantum matter on the boundary with a variable charge density \mathcal{Q} of a global U(1) symmetry.

Realizes a strange metal: a state with an unbroken global U(1) symmetry with a continuously variable charge density, \mathcal{Q} , at $T = 0$ which does not have any quasiparticle excitations.

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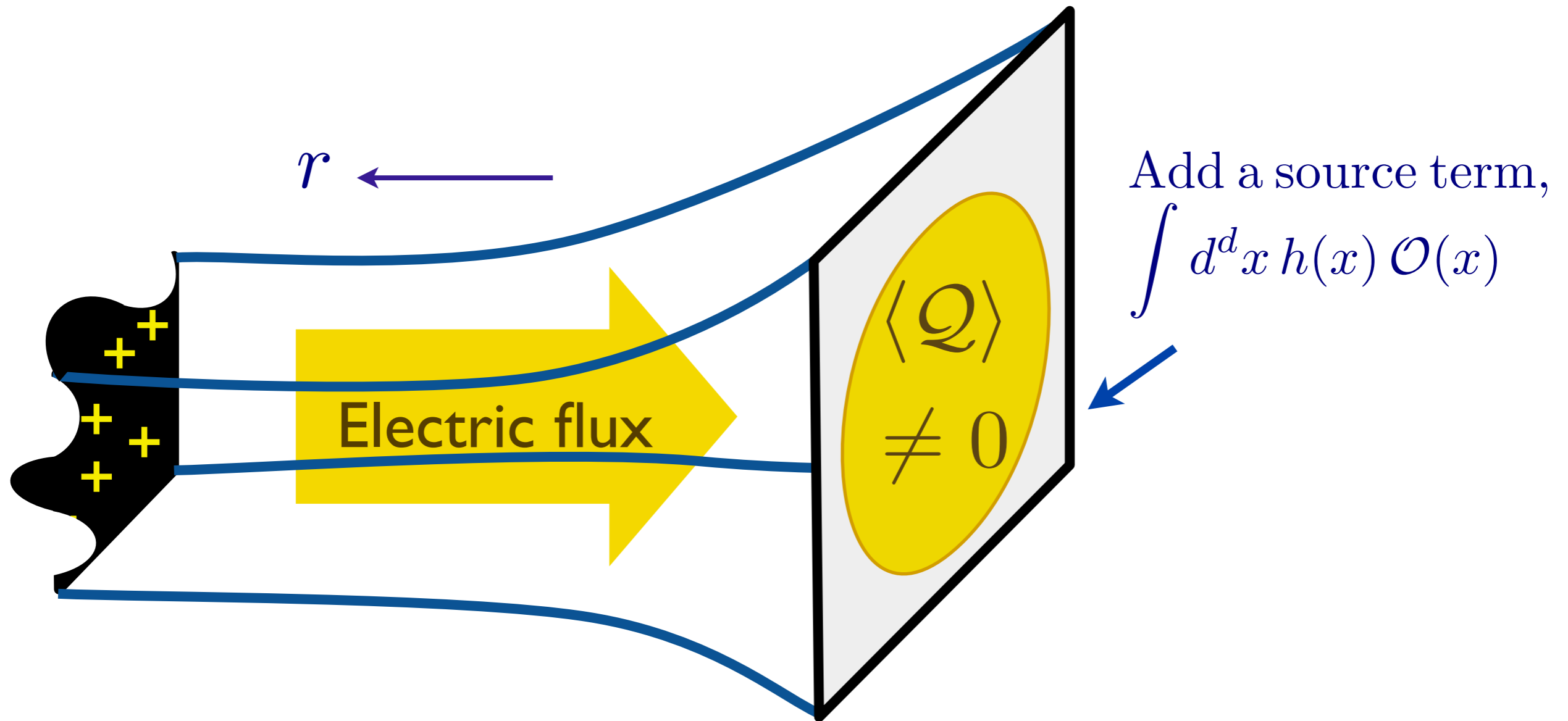


More general theories have “hyperscaling violating metric”

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{r^{2d(z-1)/(d-\theta)}} + r^{2\theta/(d-\theta)} dr^2 + dx_i^2 \right) \quad \text{at } T=0$$

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Inhomogeneous charged black branes



Weakly disordered charged black branes yield results identical to those obtained from memory functions and hydrodynamics

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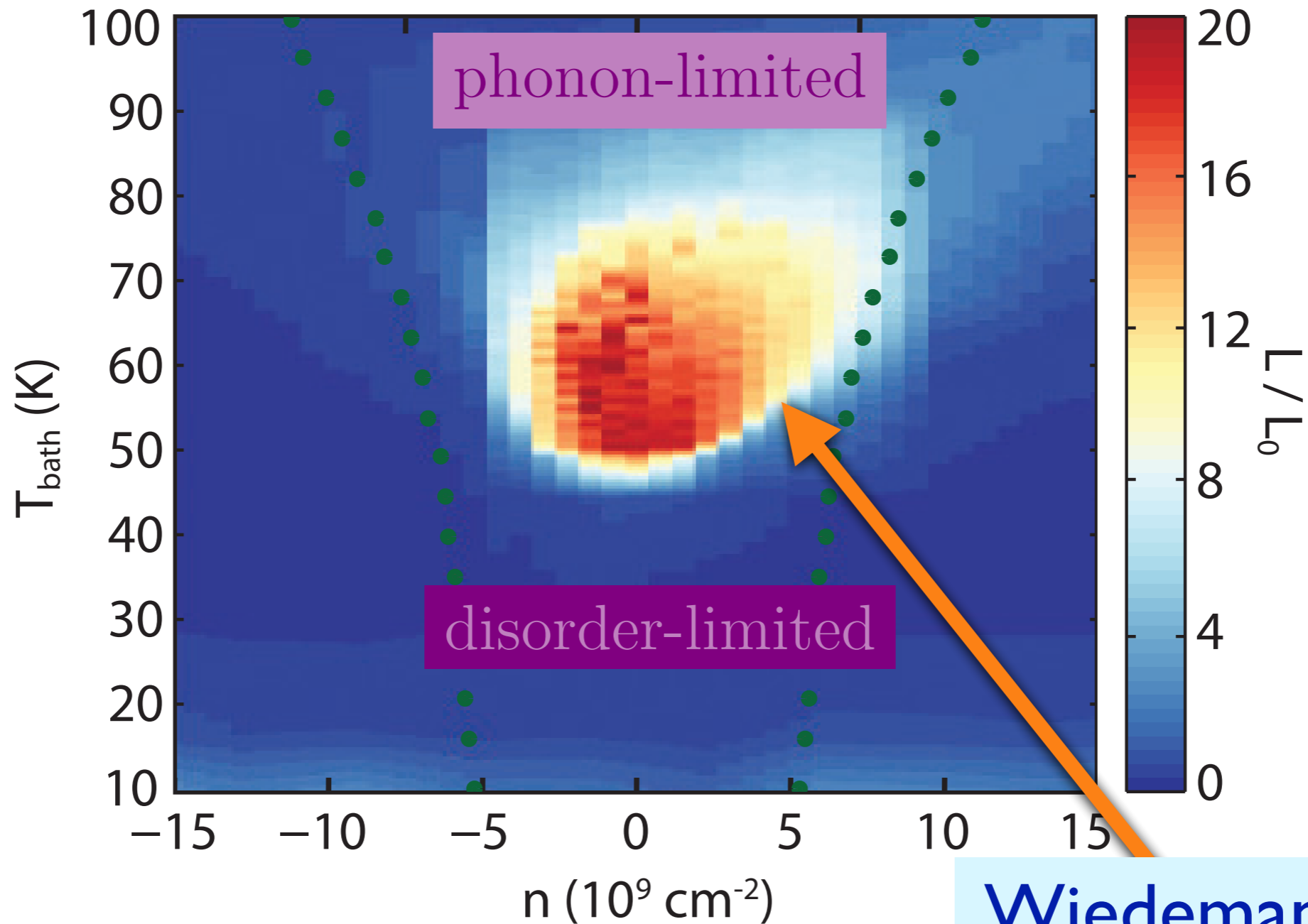
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where \mathcal{H} is the enthalpy density, τ_{imp} is the momentum relaxation time (from impurities), while $\sigma = \sigma_Q$, an intrinsic, finite, “quantum critical” conductivity. Note that the limits $Q \rightarrow 0$ and $\tau_{\text{imp}} \rightarrow \infty$ do not commute.

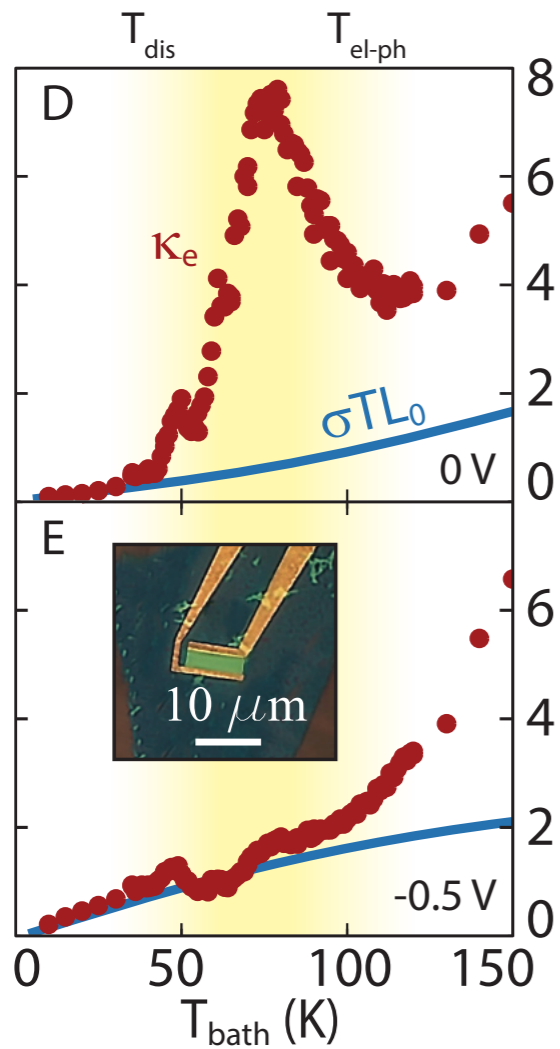
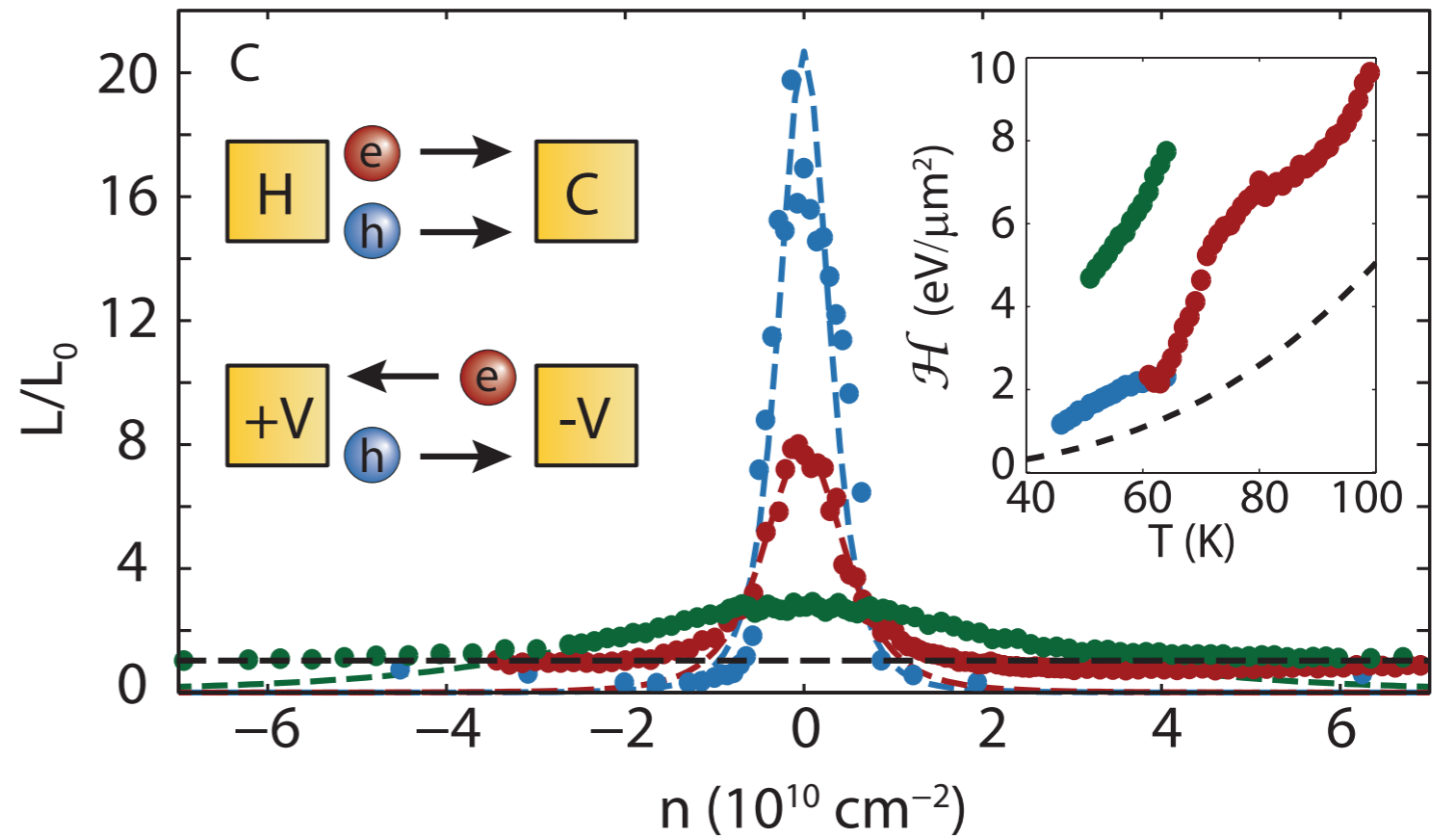
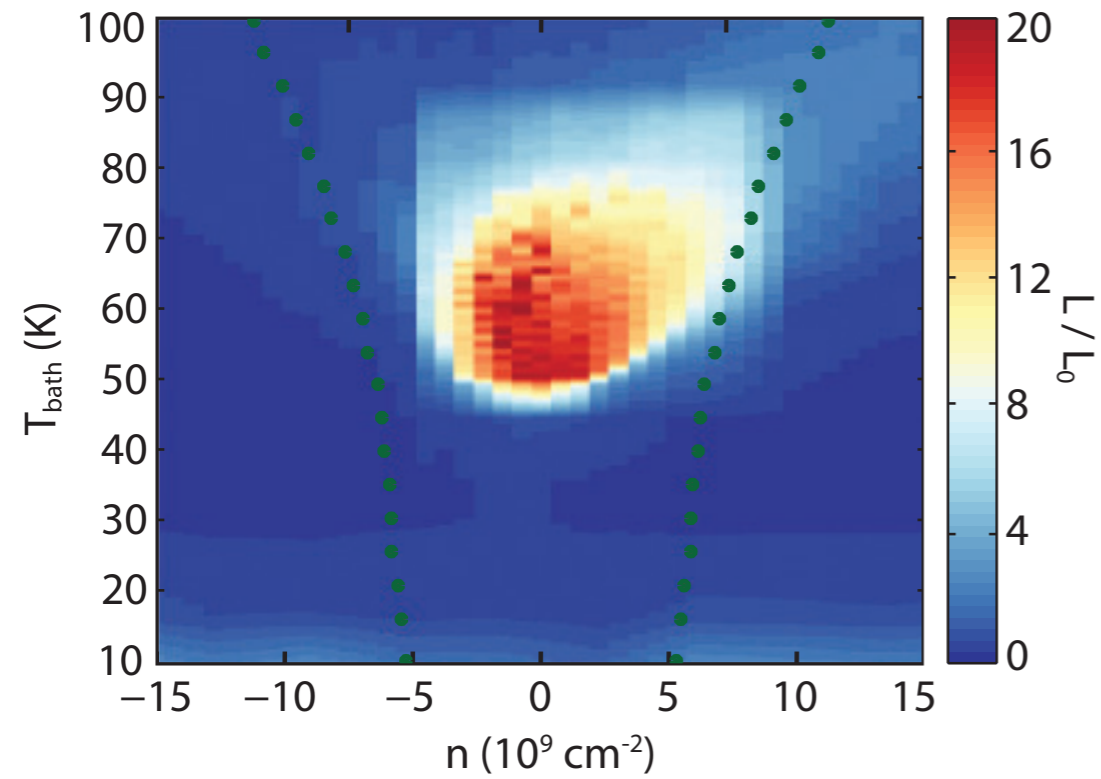
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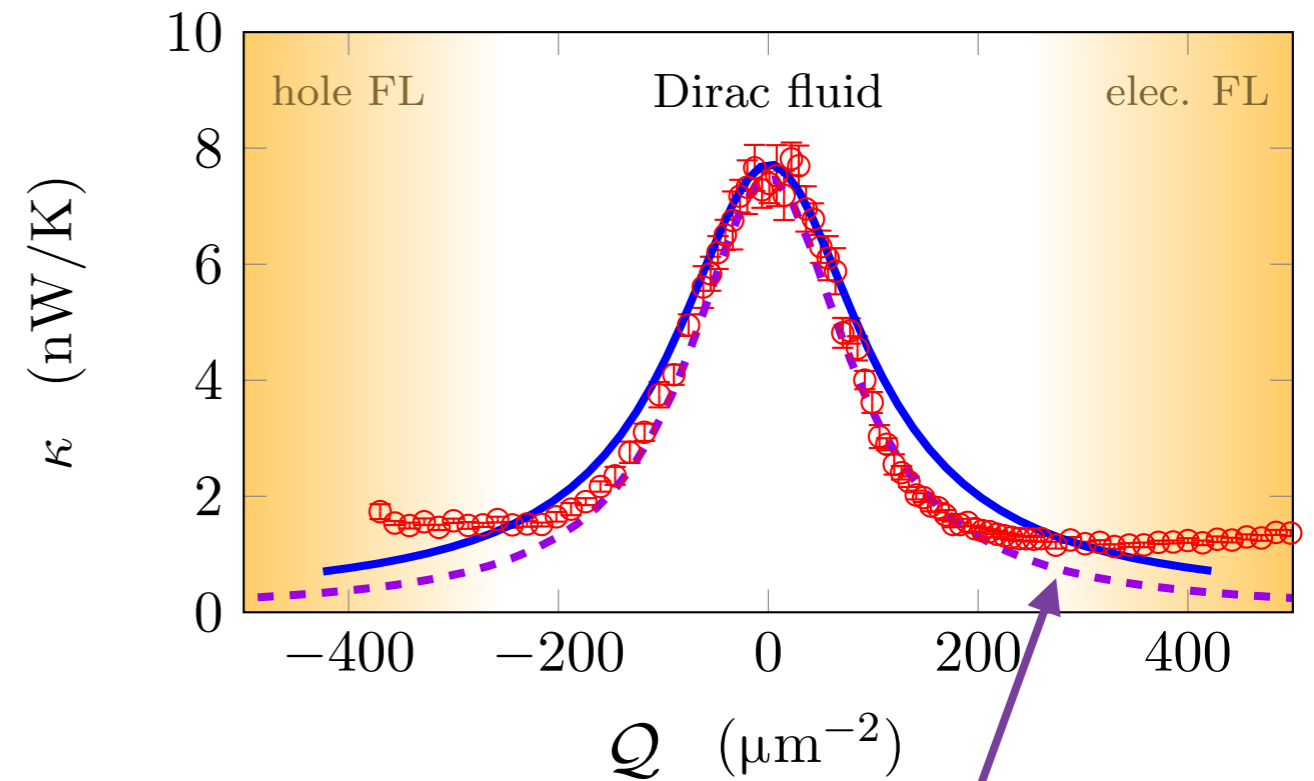
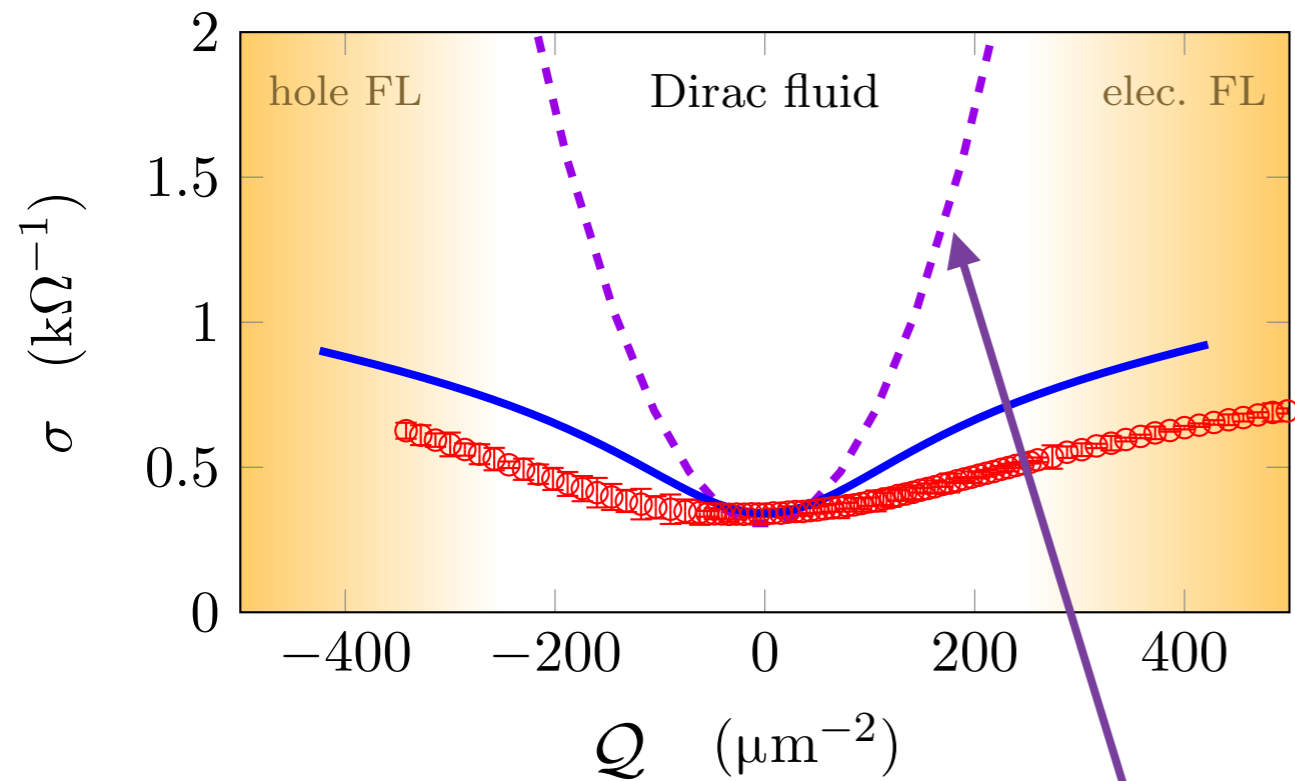


**Wiedemann-Franz
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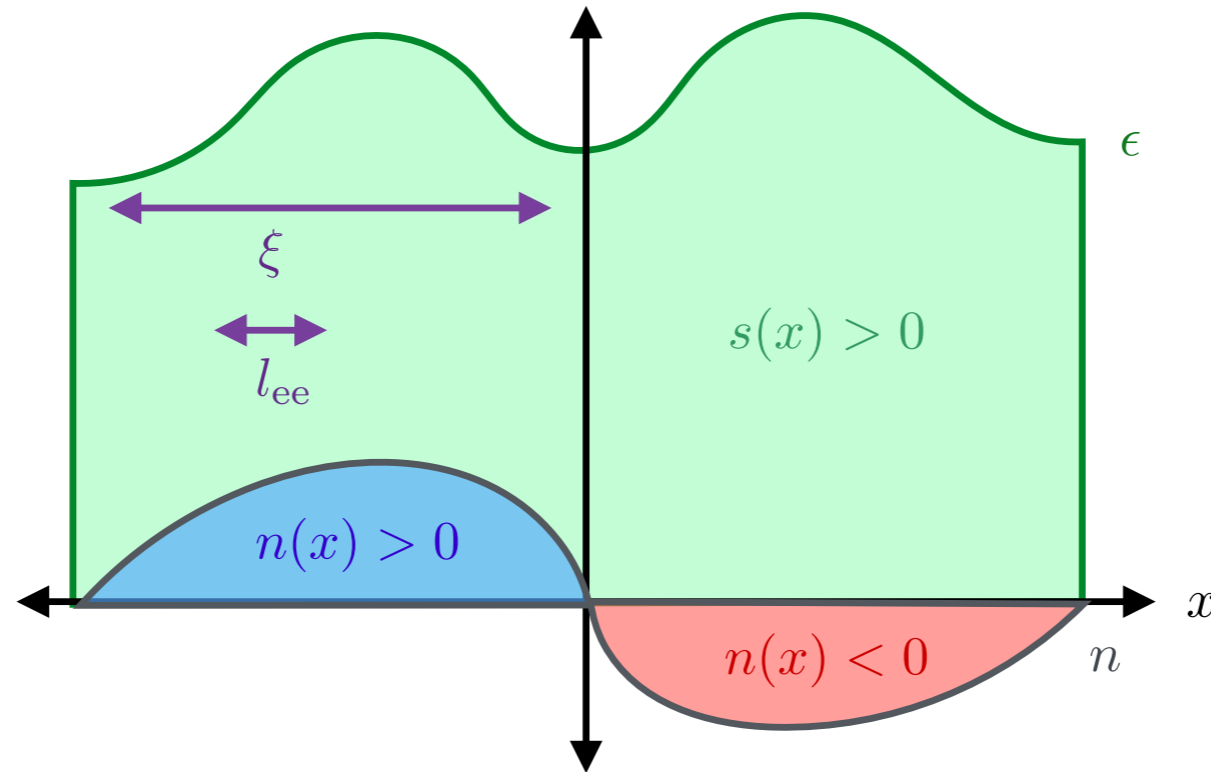
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Comparison to theory with a single momentum relaxation time τ_{imp} . Best fit of density dependence to thermal conductivity does not capture the density dependence of electrical conductivity

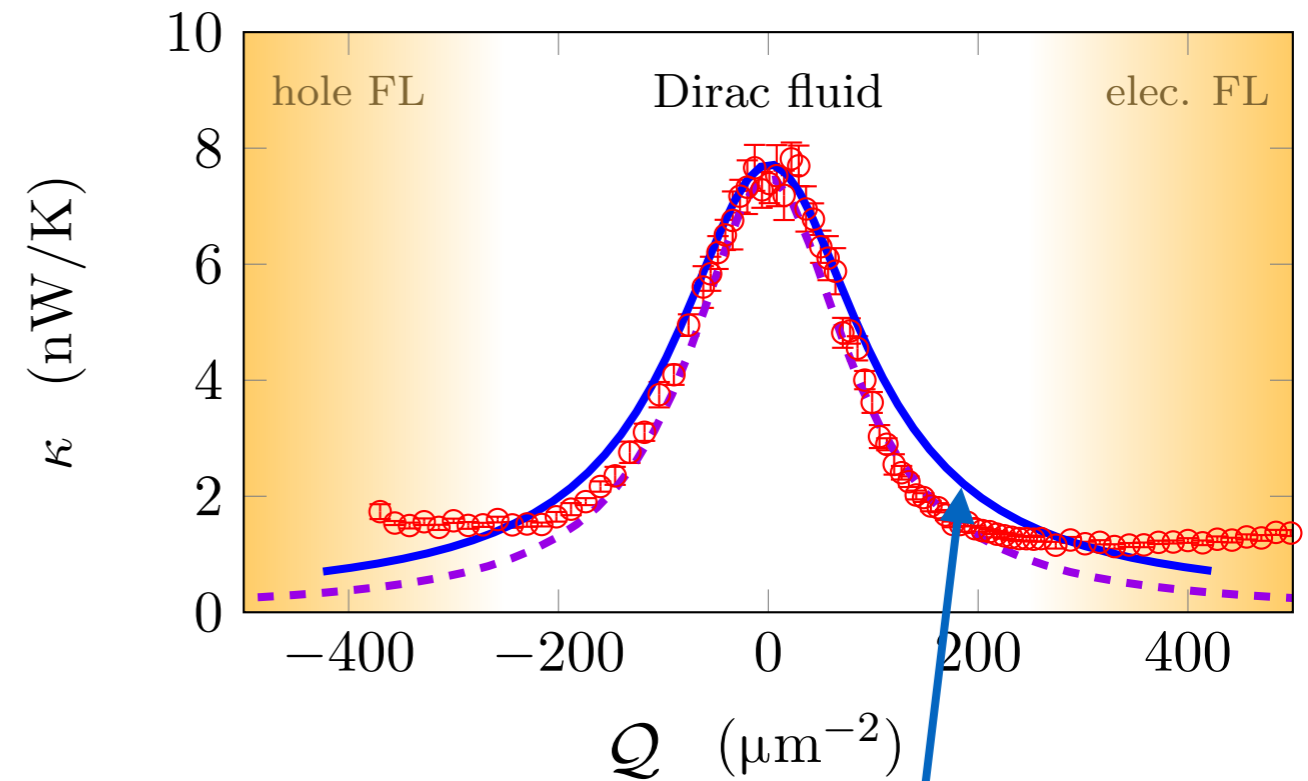
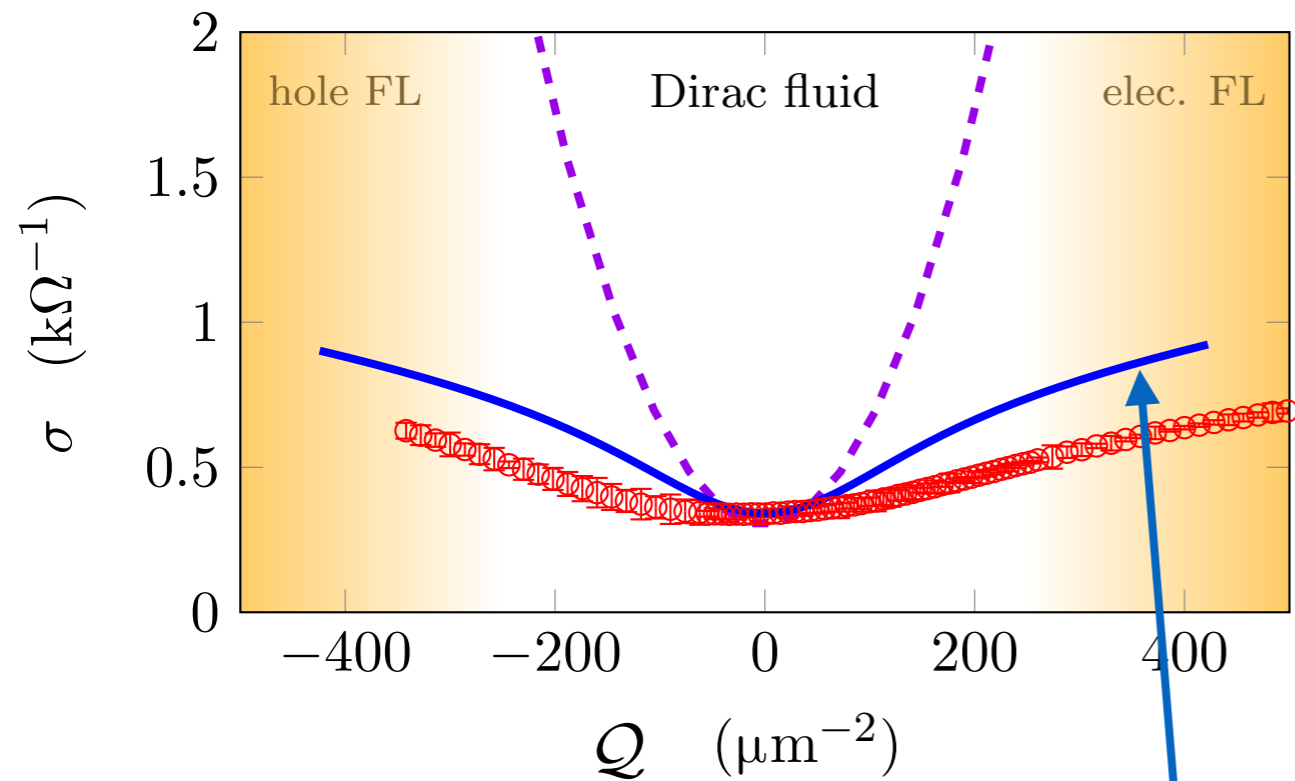
Non-perturbative treatment of disorder



Note
 $n \equiv Q$

Figure 3: A cartoon of a nearly quantum critical fluid where our hydrodynamic description of transport is sensible. The local chemical potential $\mu(\mathbf{x})$ always obeys $|\mu| \ll k_B T$, and so the entropy density s/k_B is much larger than the charge density $|n|$; both electrons and holes are everywhere excited, and the energy density ϵ does not fluctuate as much relative to the mean. Near charge neutrality the local charge density flips sign repeatedly. The correlation length of disorder ξ is much larger than l_{ee} , the electron-electron interaction length.

Numerically solve the hydrodynamic equations in the presence of a x -dependent chemical potential. The thermoelectric transport properties will then depend upon the value of the shear viscosity, η .



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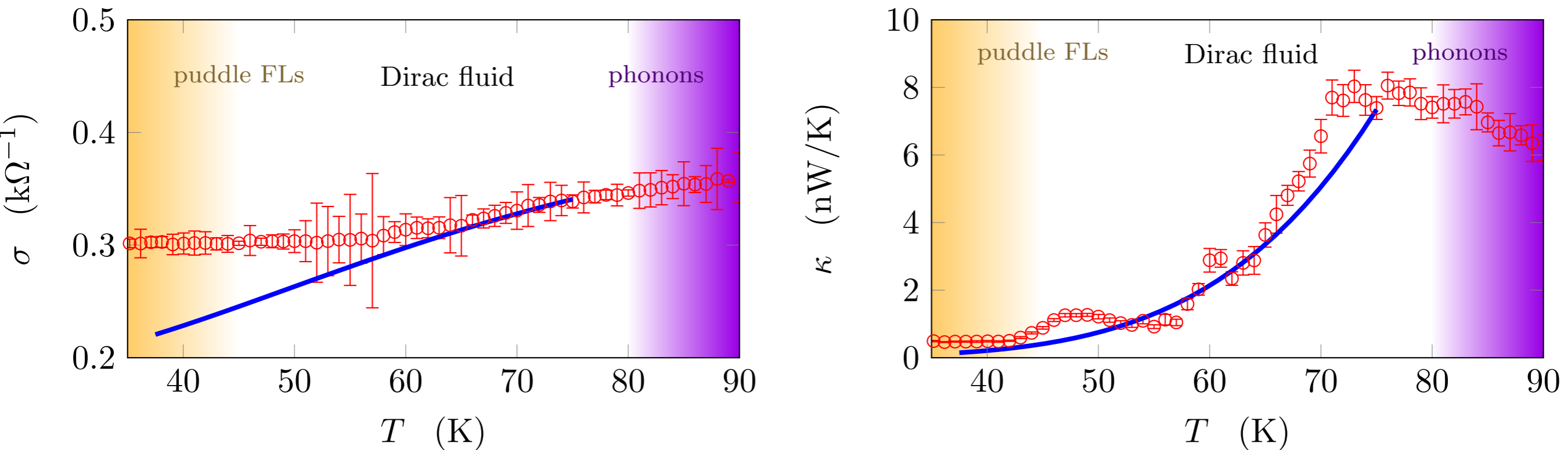


Figure 2: A comparison of our hydrodynamic theory of transport with the experimental results of [33] in clean samples of graphene at the charge neutrality point ($n = 0$). We use no new fit parameters compared to Figure 1. The yellow shaded region denotes where Fermi liquid behavior is observed; the purple shaded region denotes the likely onset of electron-phonon coupling.

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- Continuously variable density, \mathcal{Q}
(conformal field theories are usually at fixed density, $\mathcal{Q} = 0$)
- Theory built from hydrodynamics/holography
/memory-functions/strong-coupled-field-theory
- Exciting experimental realization in graphene.