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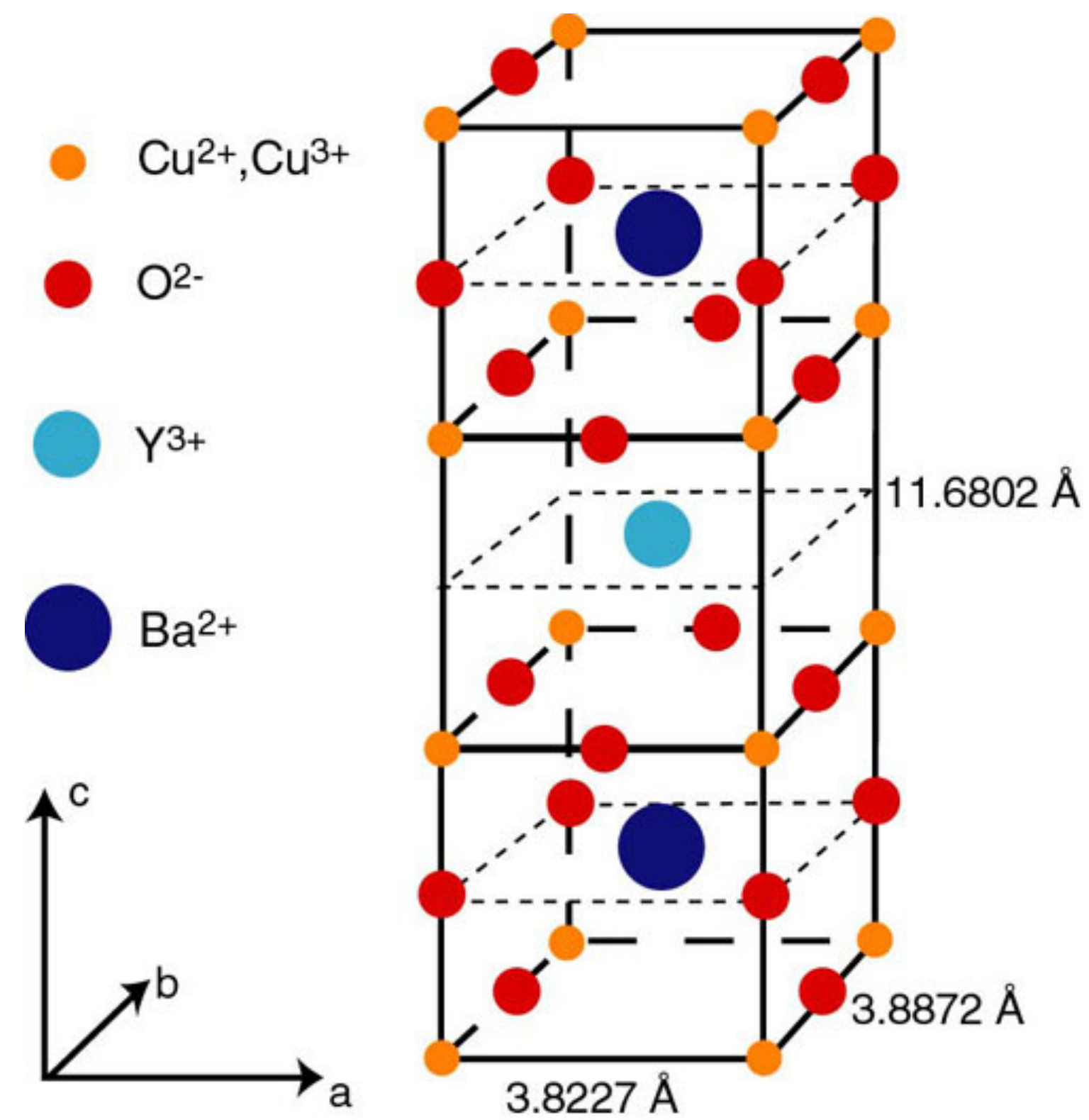
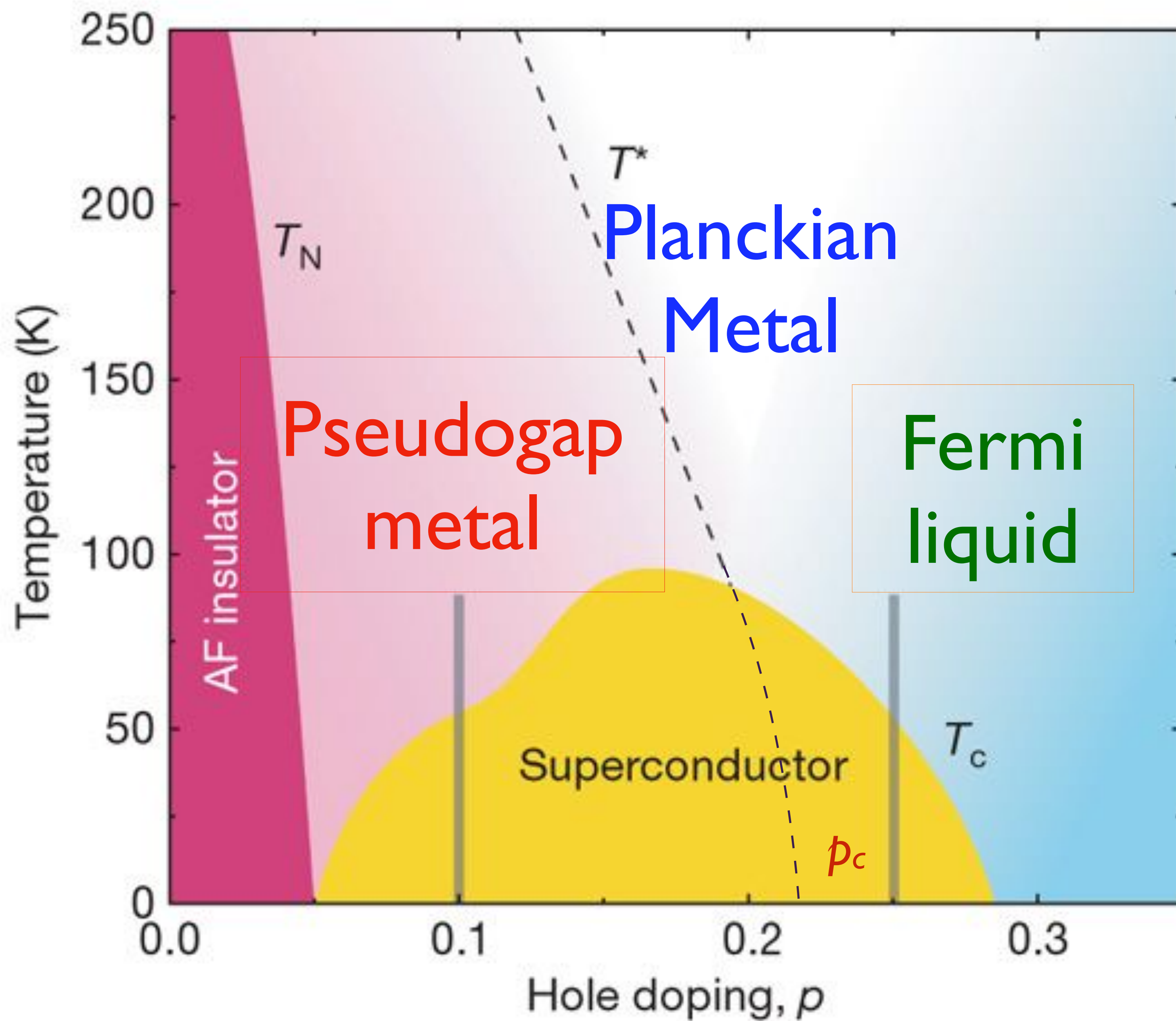
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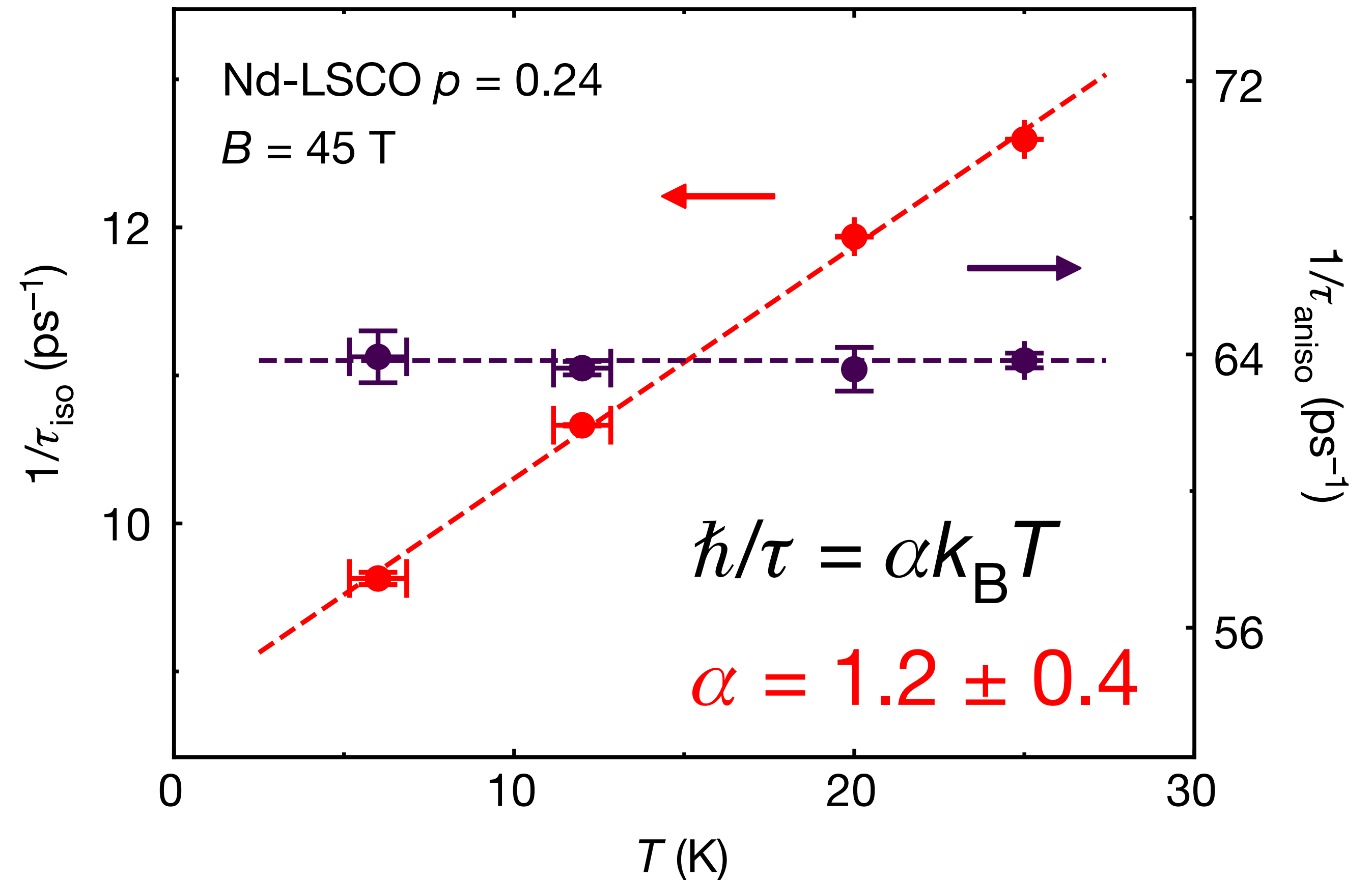
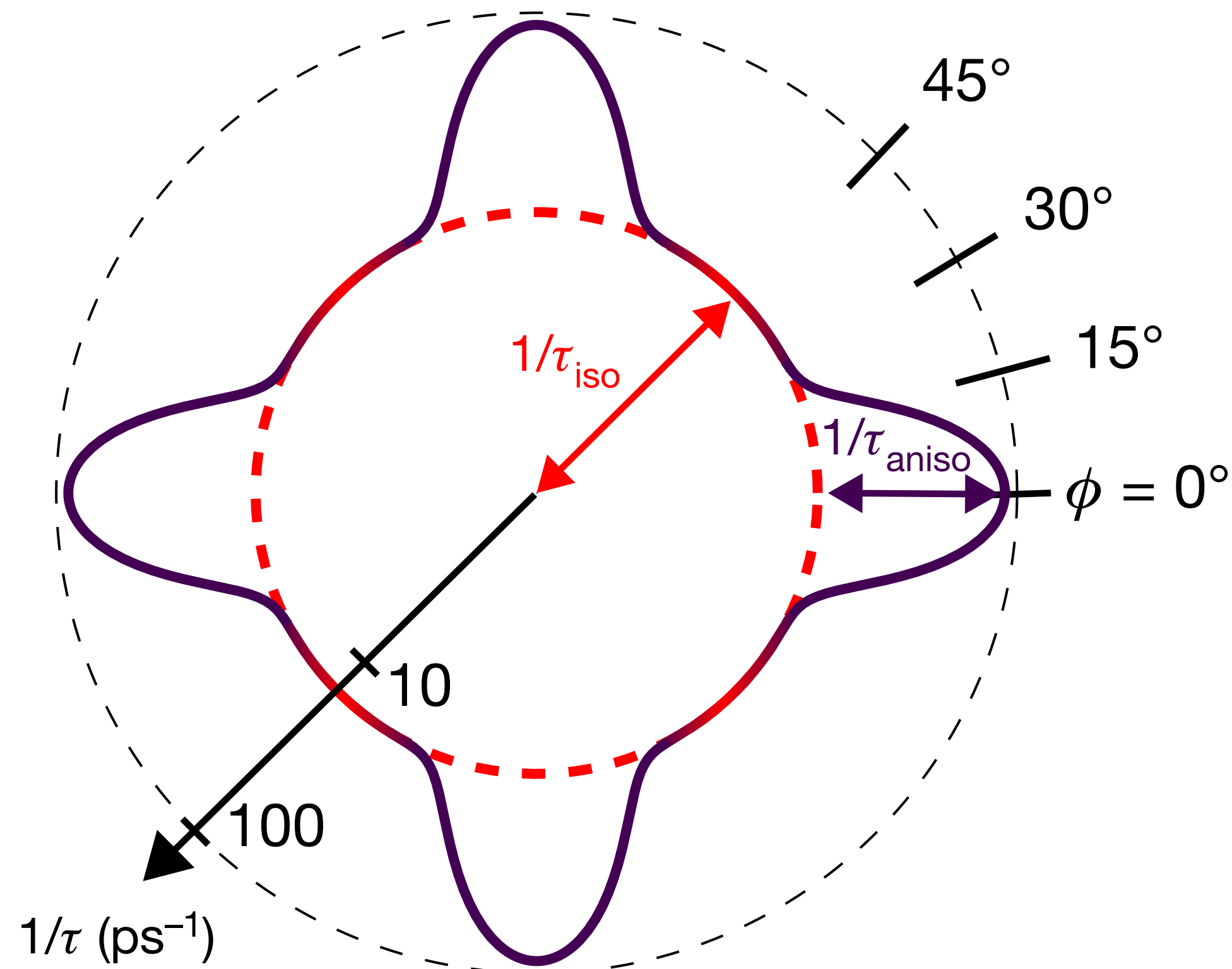
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Linear-in temperature resistivity from an isotropic Planckian scattering rate

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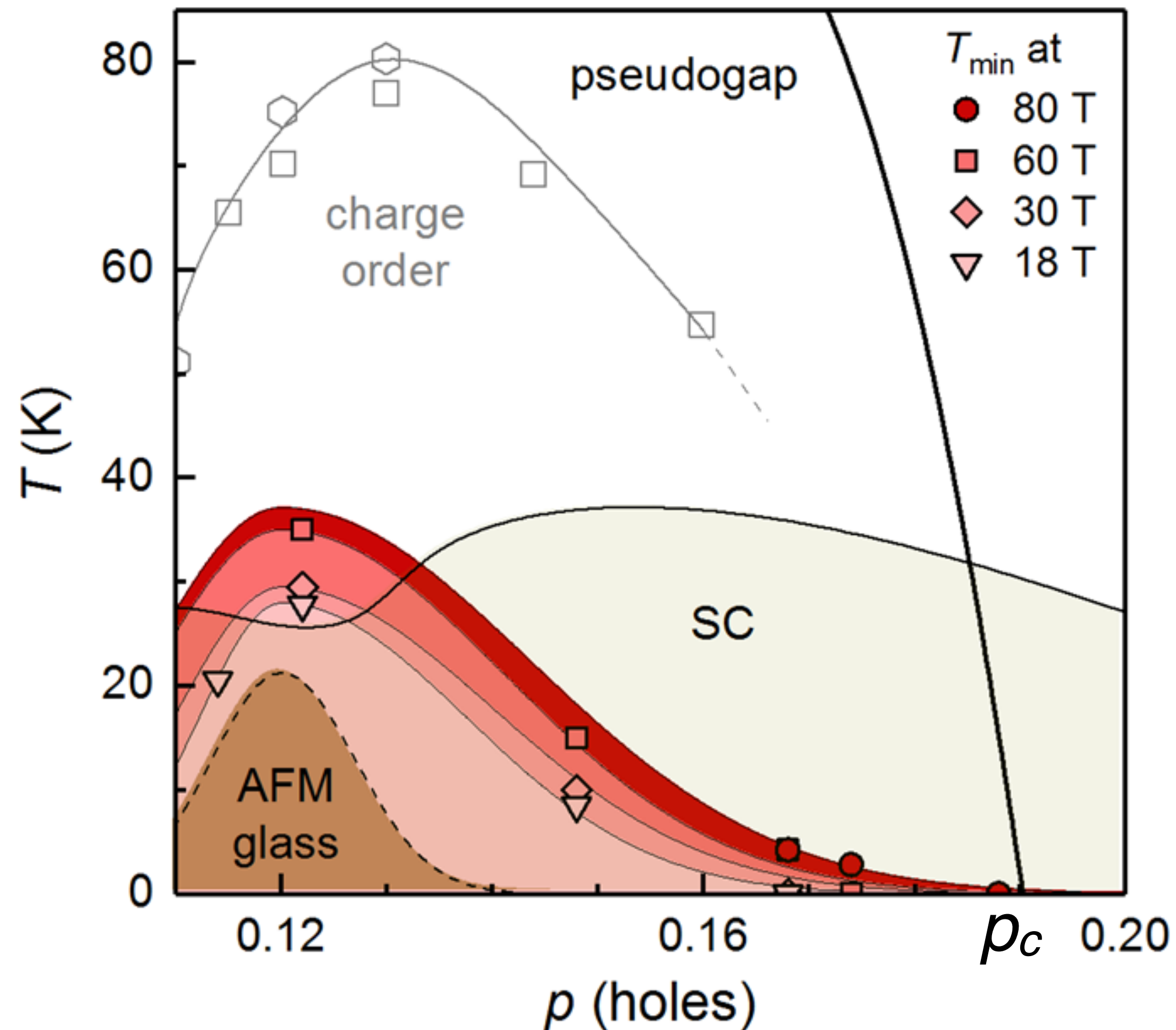
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Hidden magnetism at the pseudogap critical point of a high temperature superconductor

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(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large N limit;
T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta=1}^N U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}$$

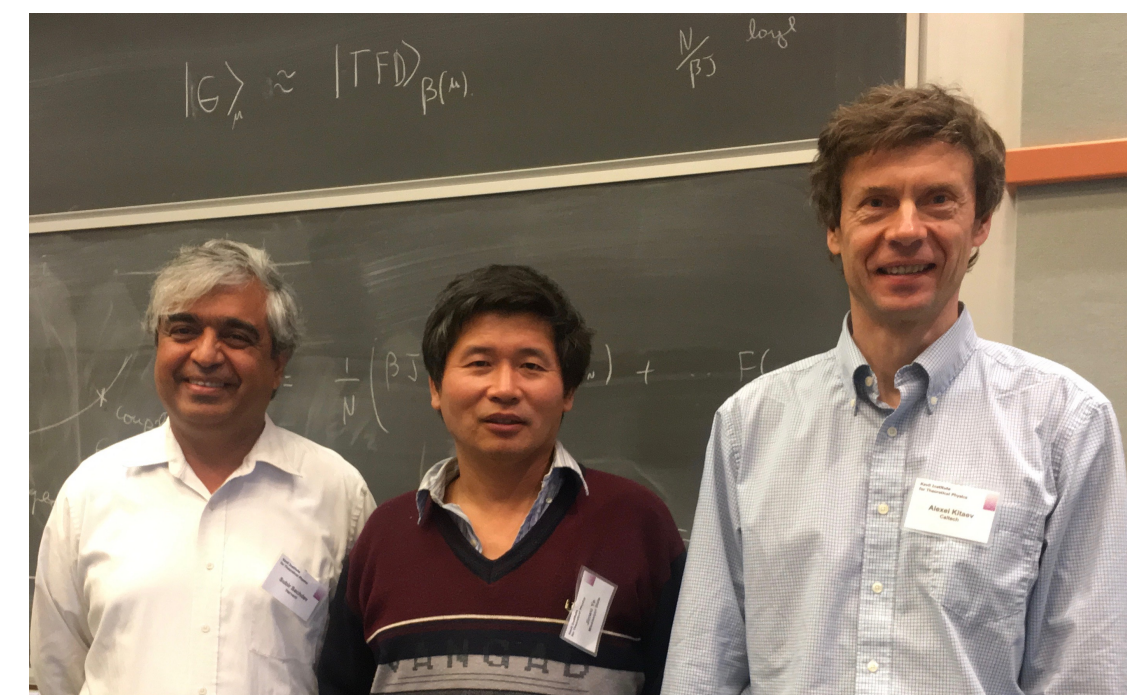
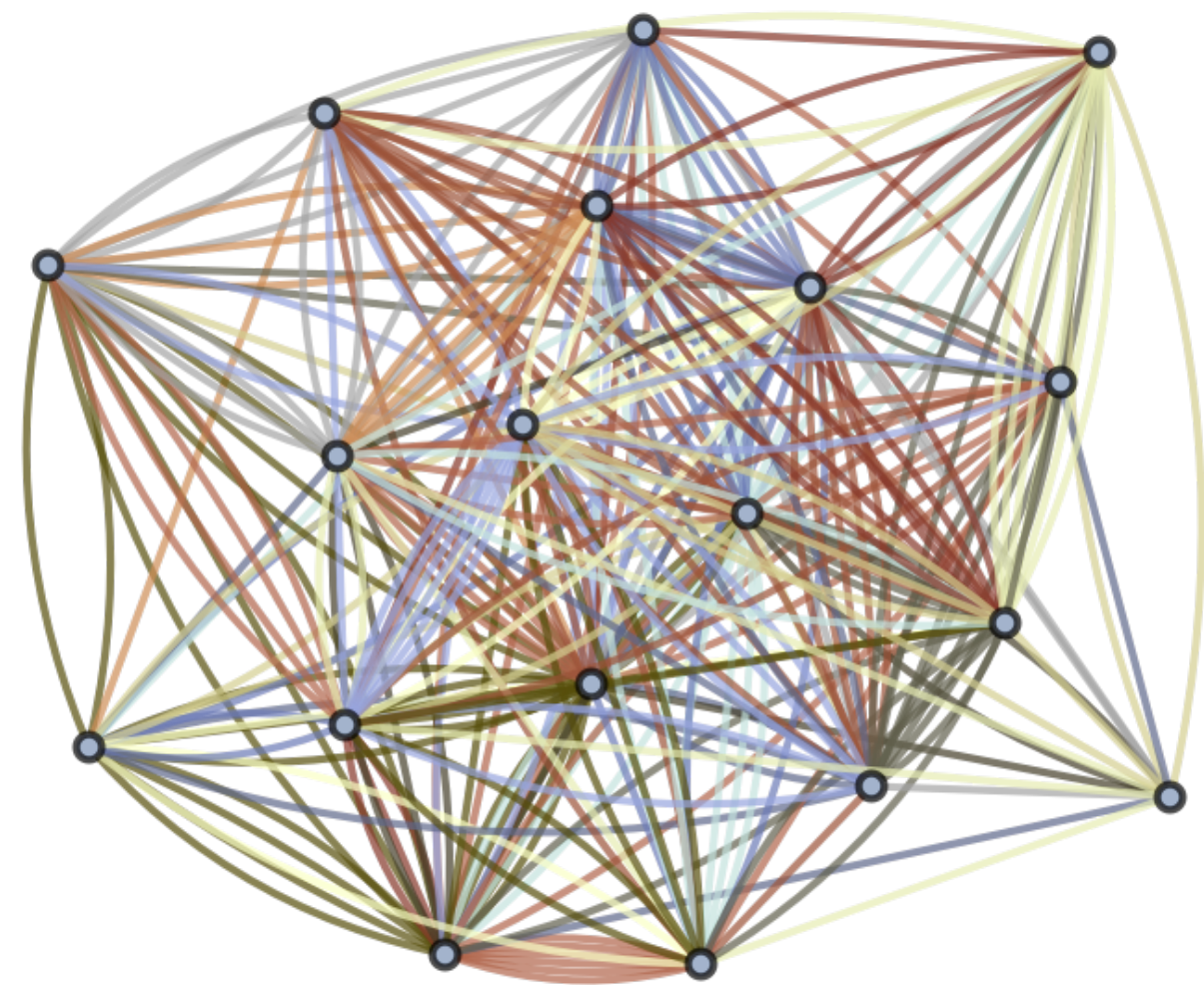
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ are independent random variables with $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$ and $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$
 $N \rightarrow \infty$ yields critical strange metal.

S. Sachdev and J. Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

A. Kitaev, unpublished; S. Sachdev, PRX **5**, 041025 (2015)



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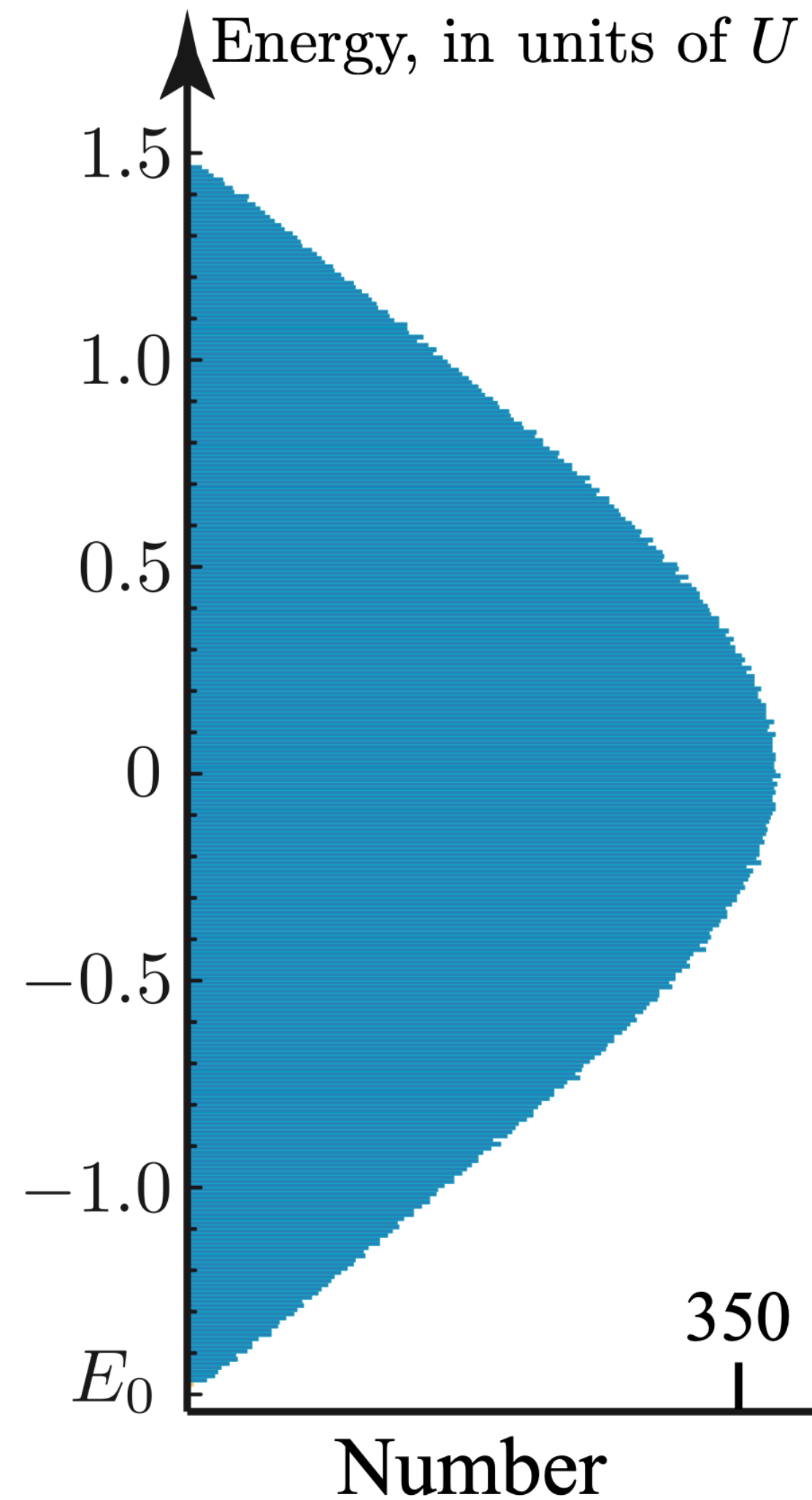
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- Time reparameterization mode also leads to maximal quantum chaos with out-of-time-order (OTOC) Lyapunov exponent $\lambda_L = 2\pi k_B T/\hbar$.

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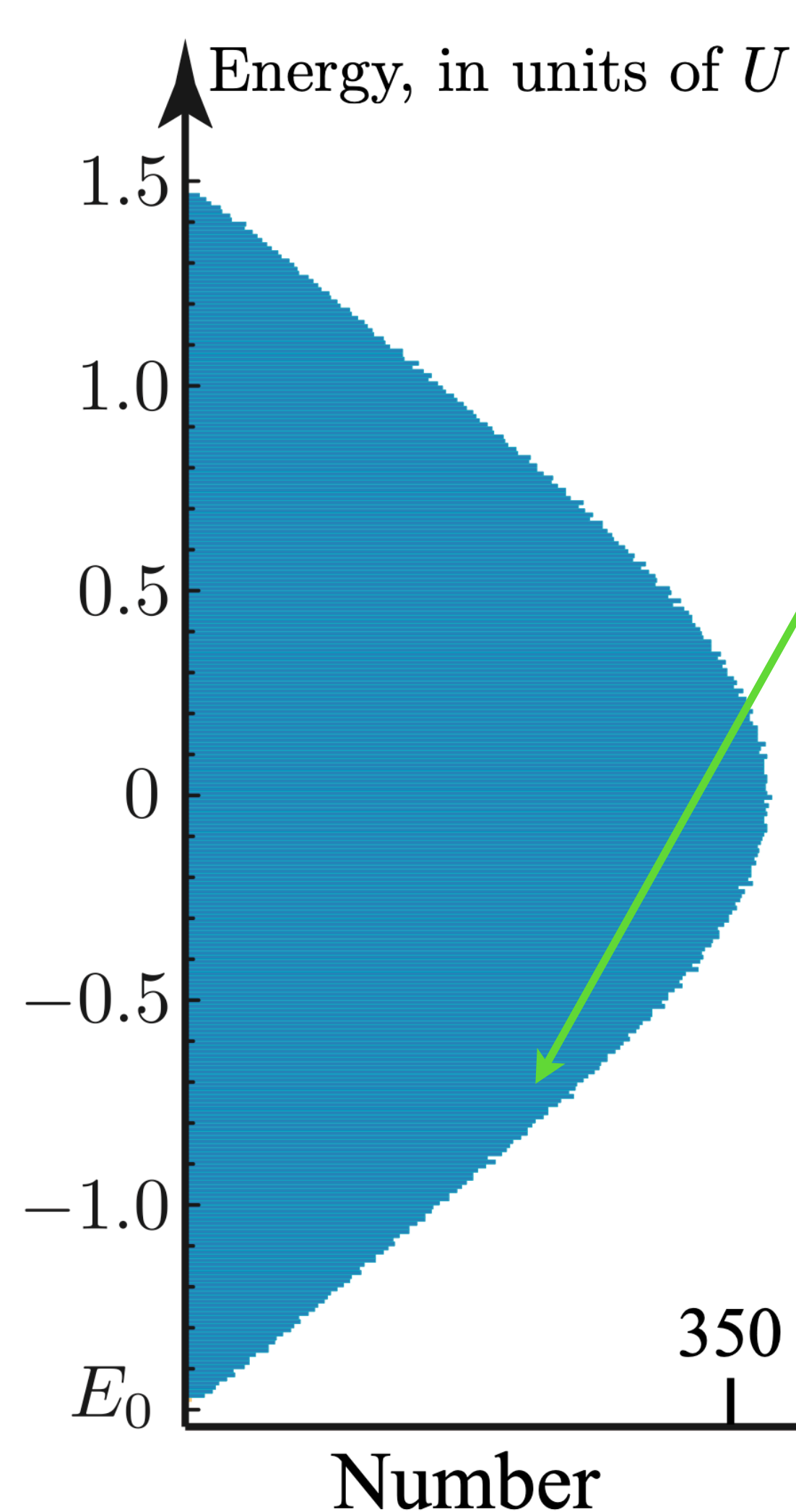
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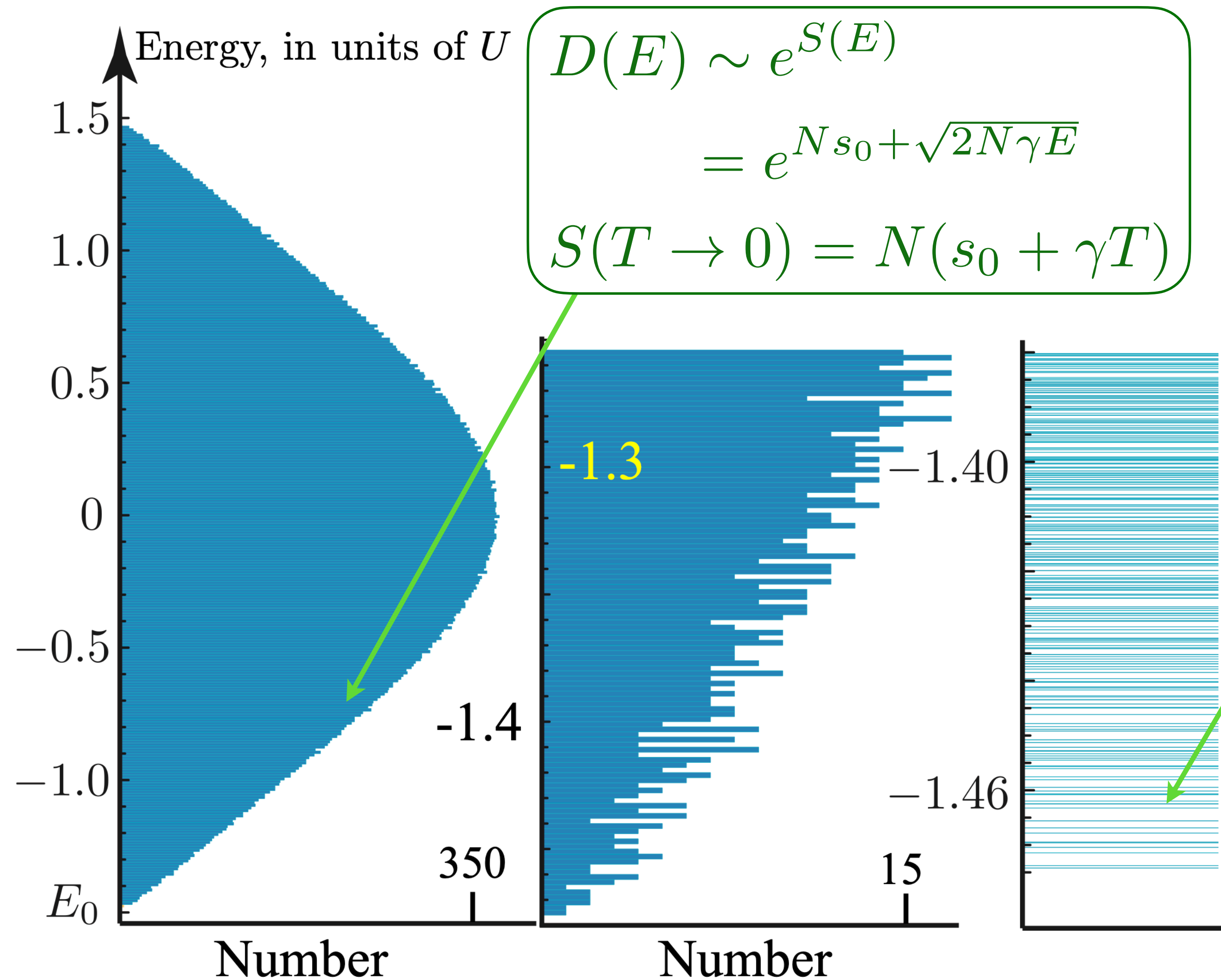
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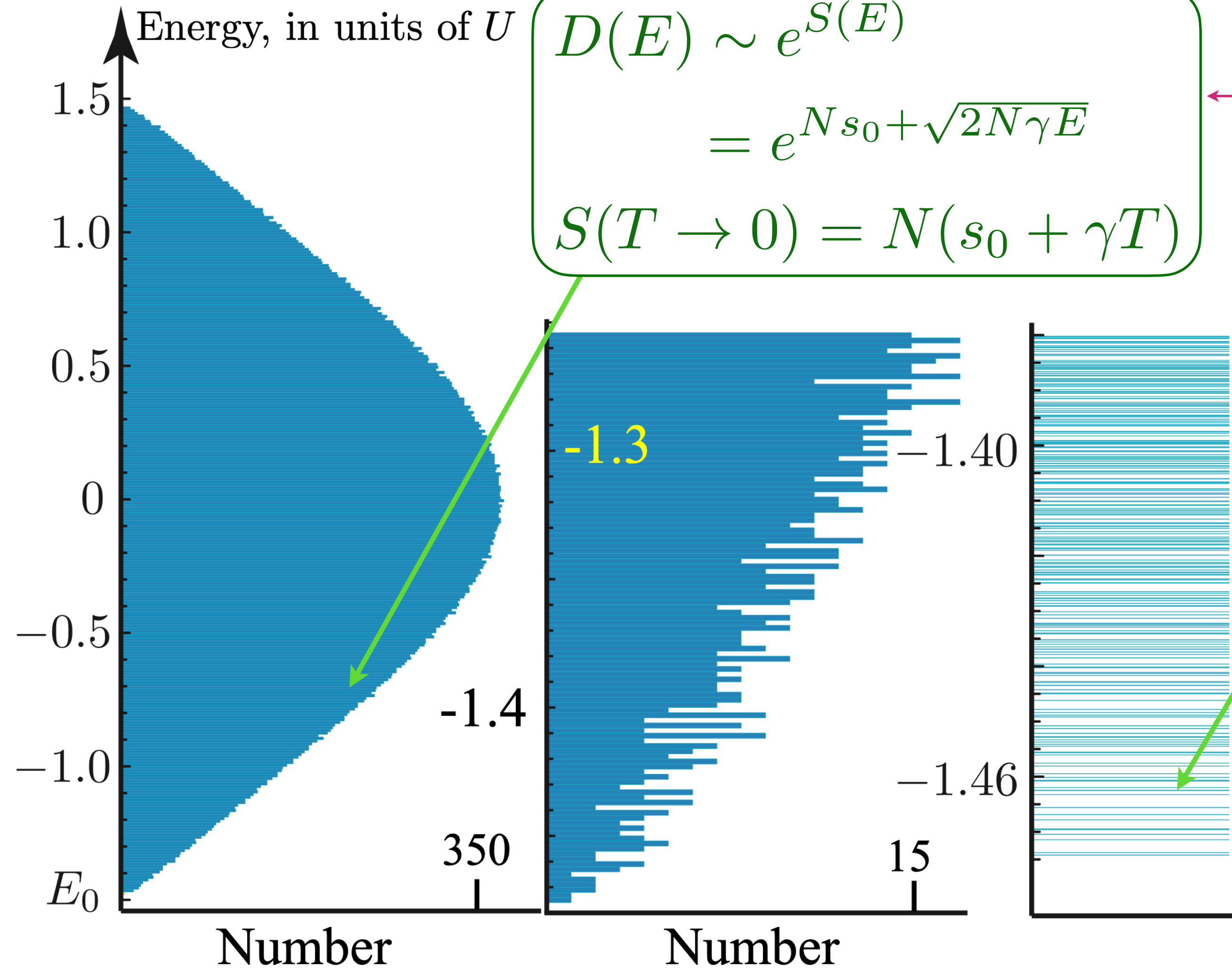
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$$\vec{S}_i = \frac{1}{2} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma} c_{i\alpha}$$

\mathcal{P}_d projects out doubly-occupied sites.

$$J_{ij} \text{ random, } \overline{J_{ij}} = 0, \overline{J_{ij}^2} = J^2$$

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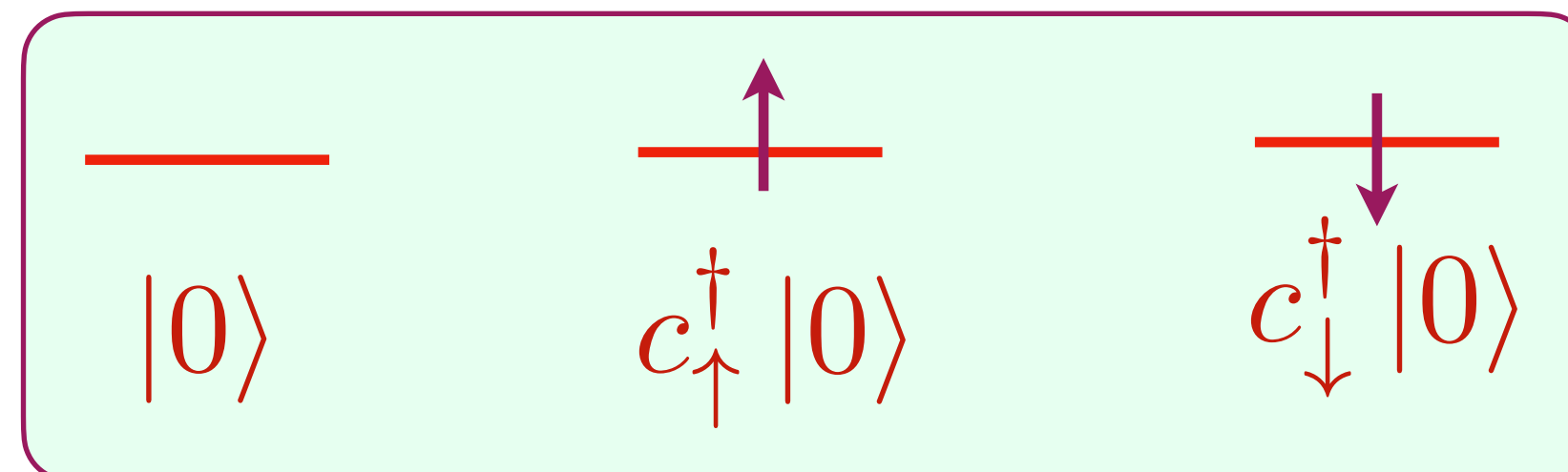
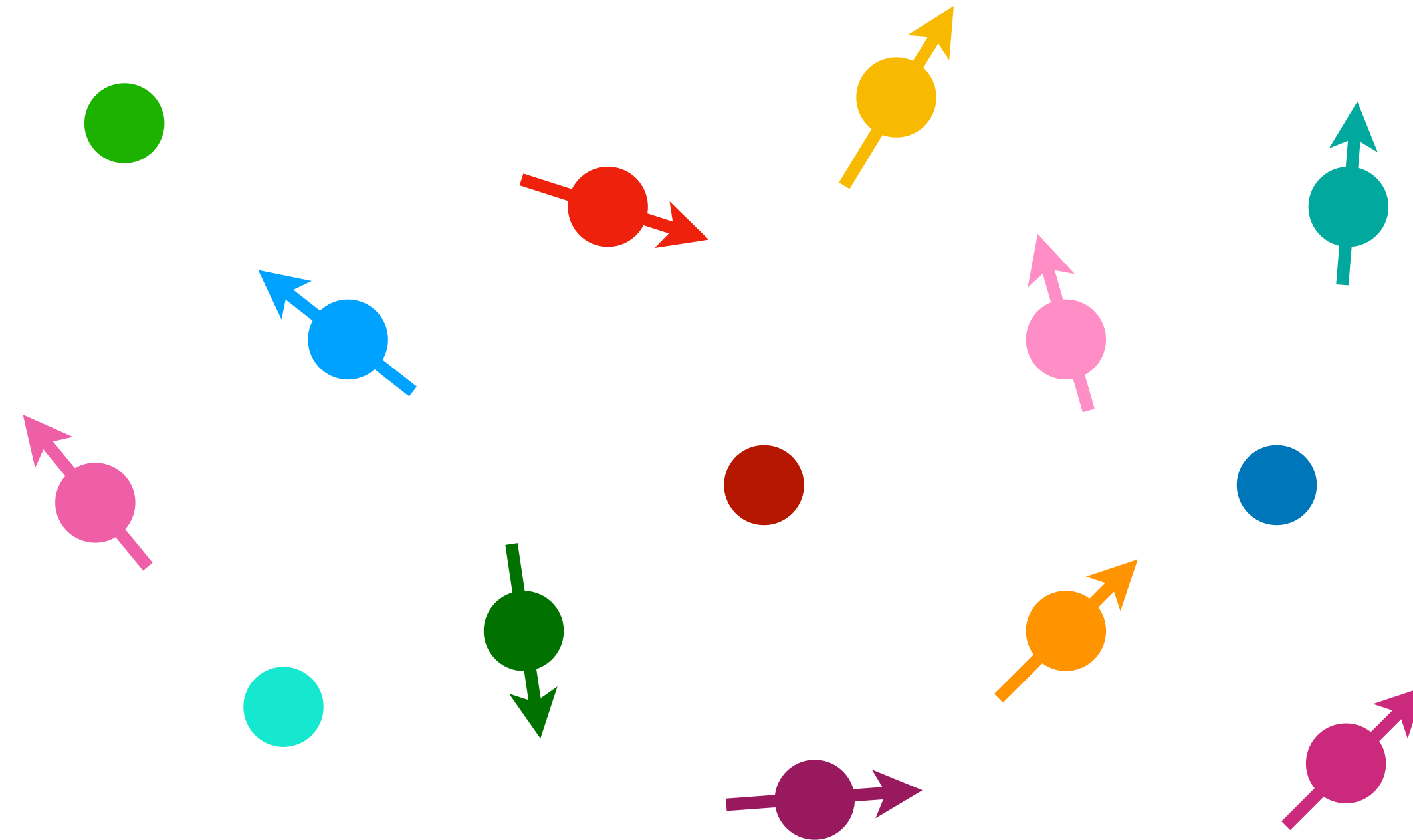
$J \Rightarrow$ two-particle interaction, as in SYK

$t \Rightarrow$ one-particle hopping, as in random matrices

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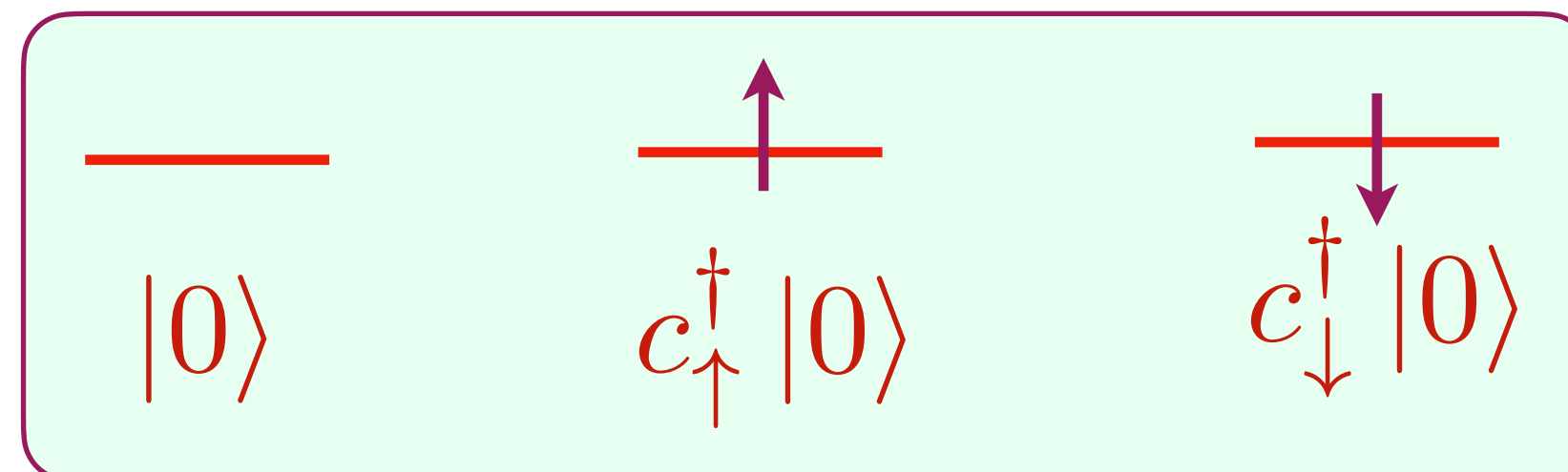
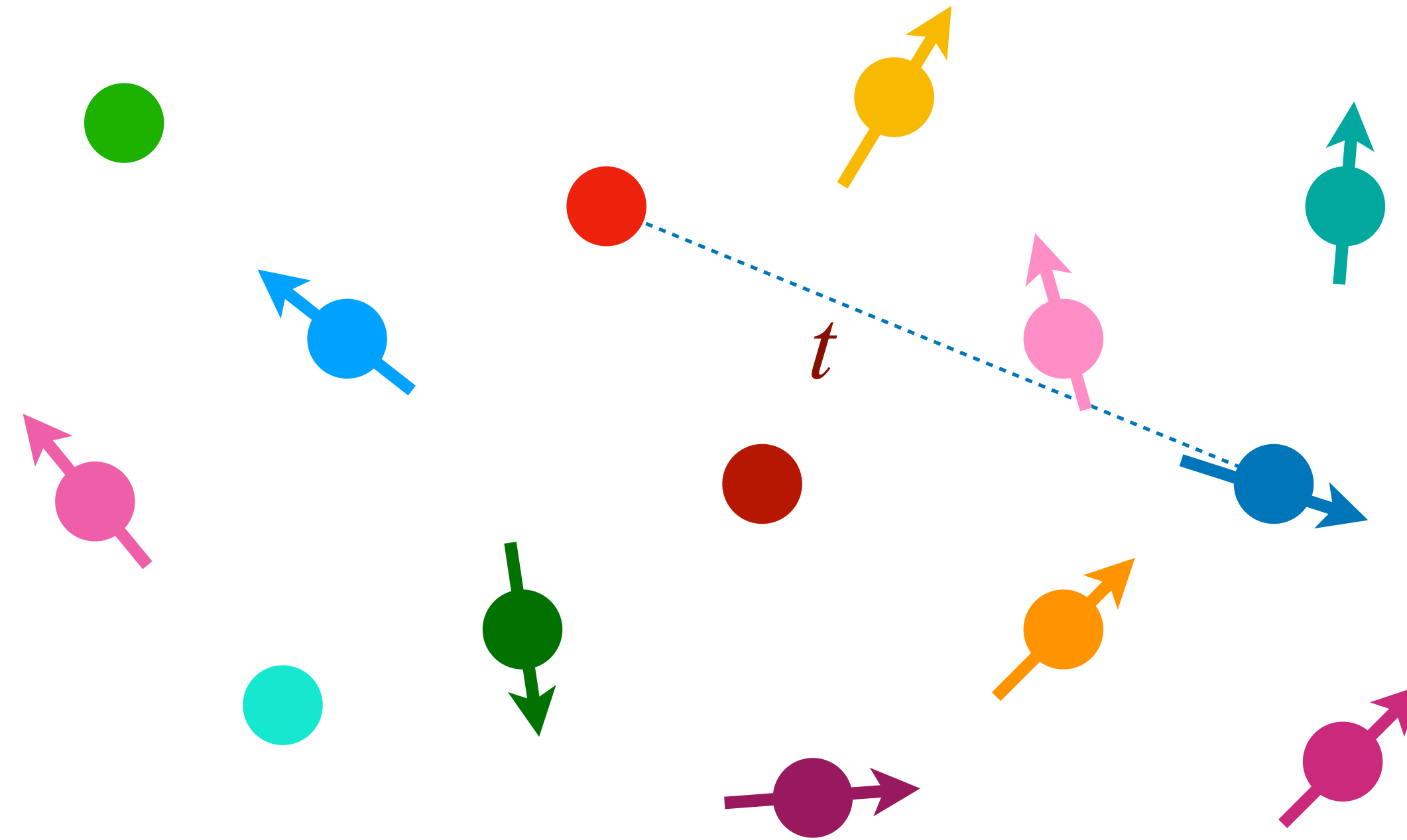
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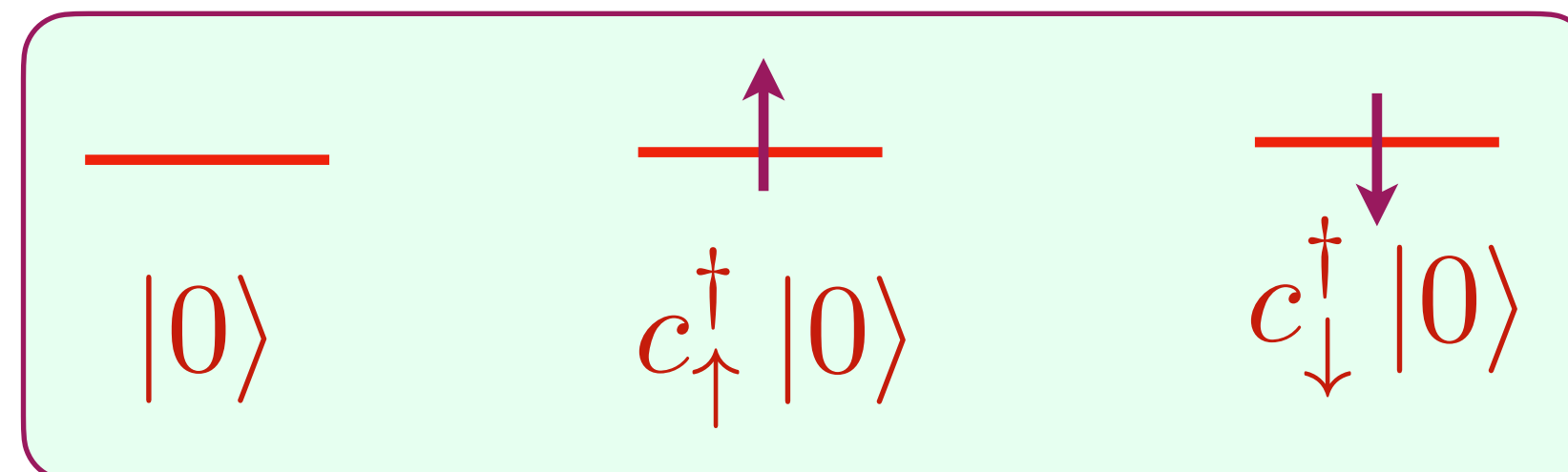
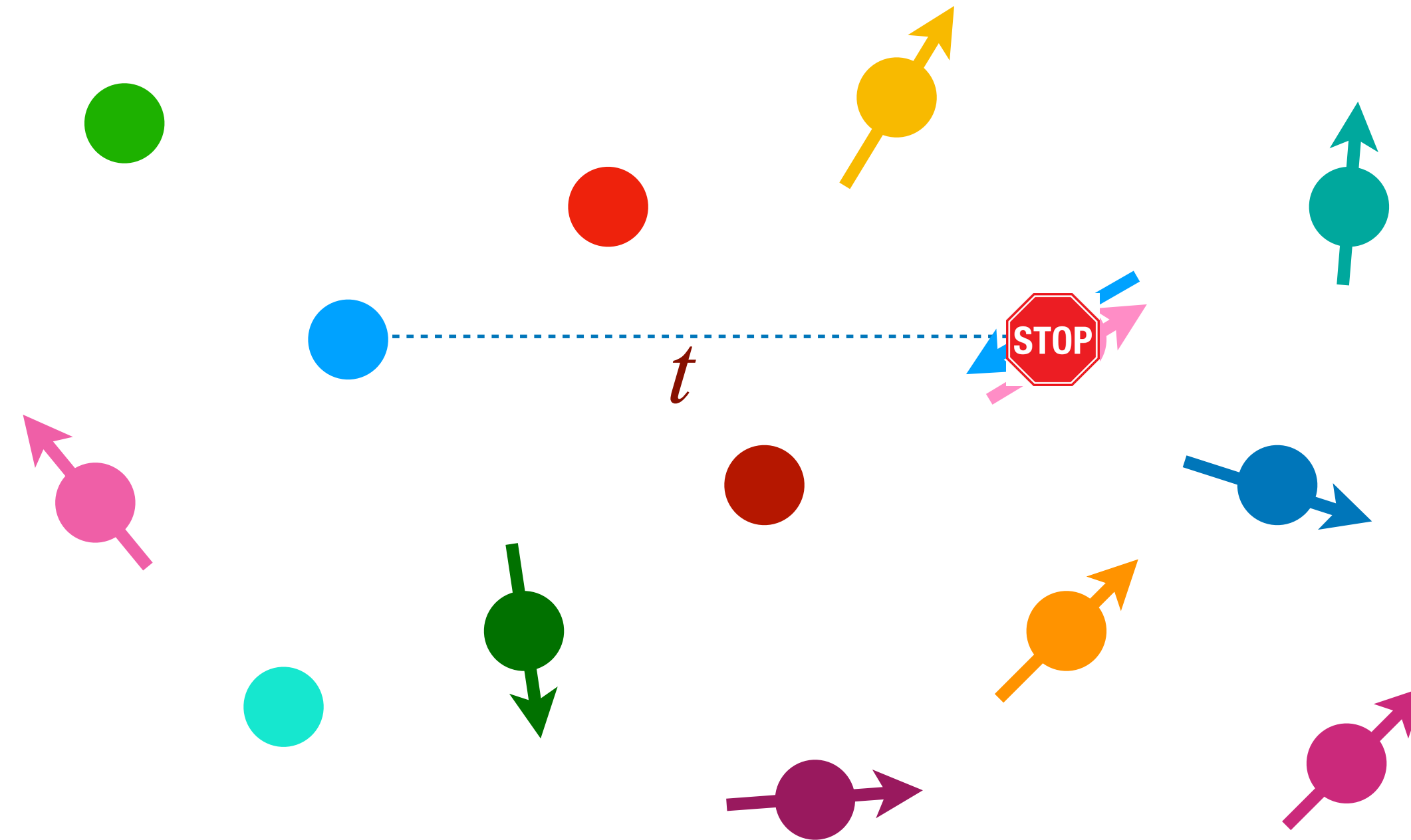
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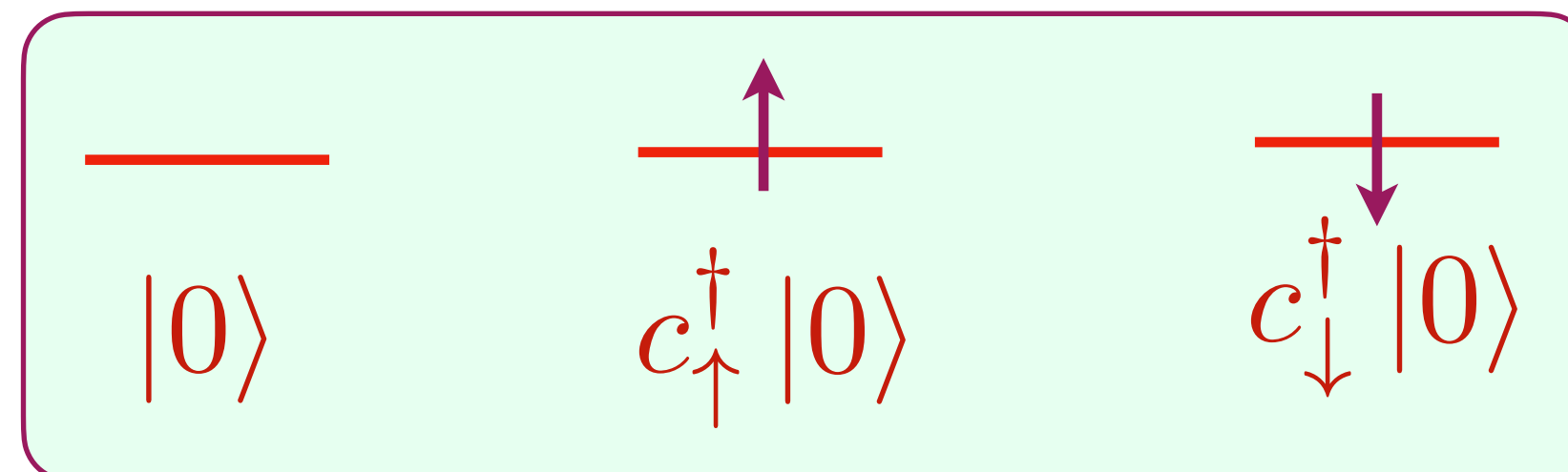
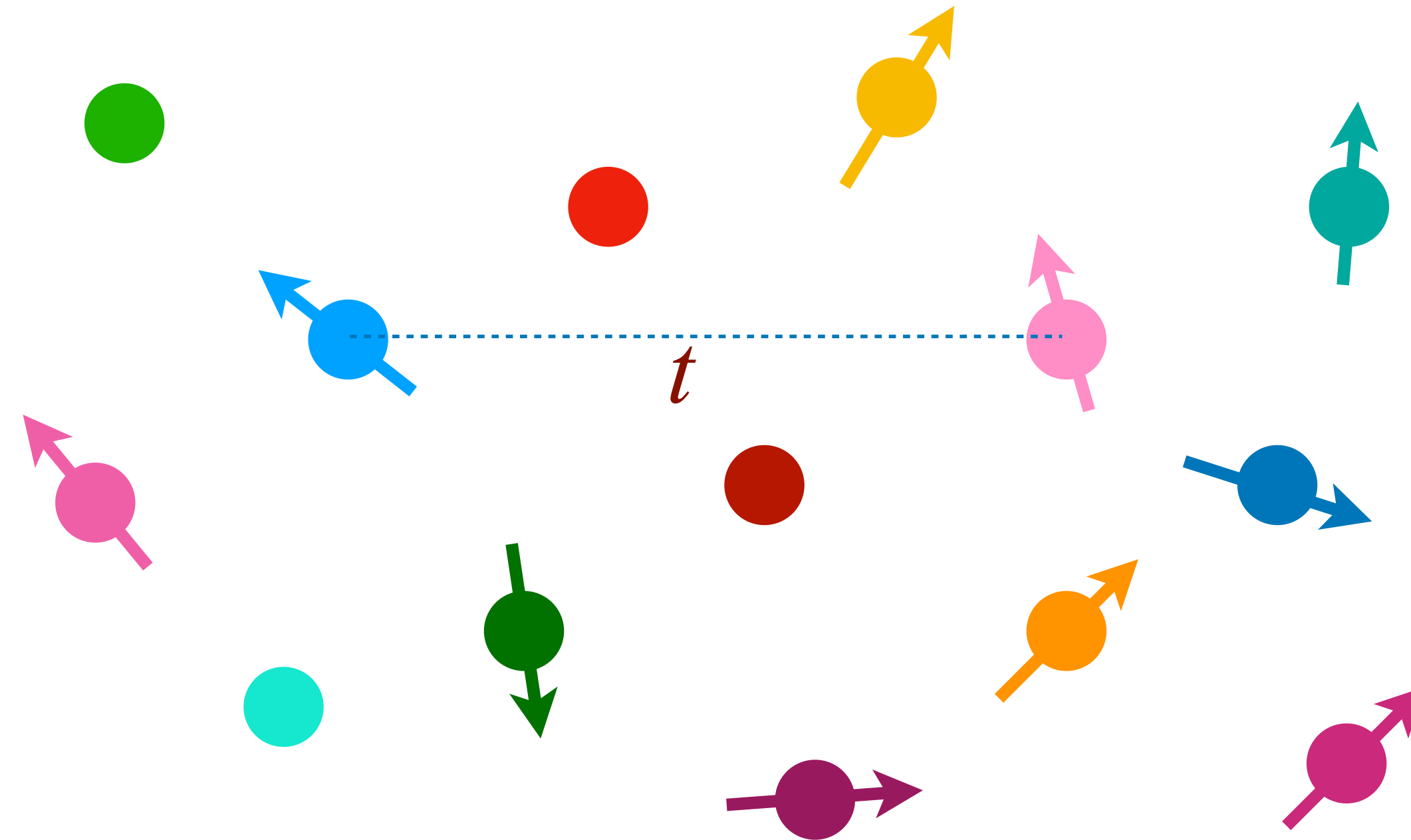
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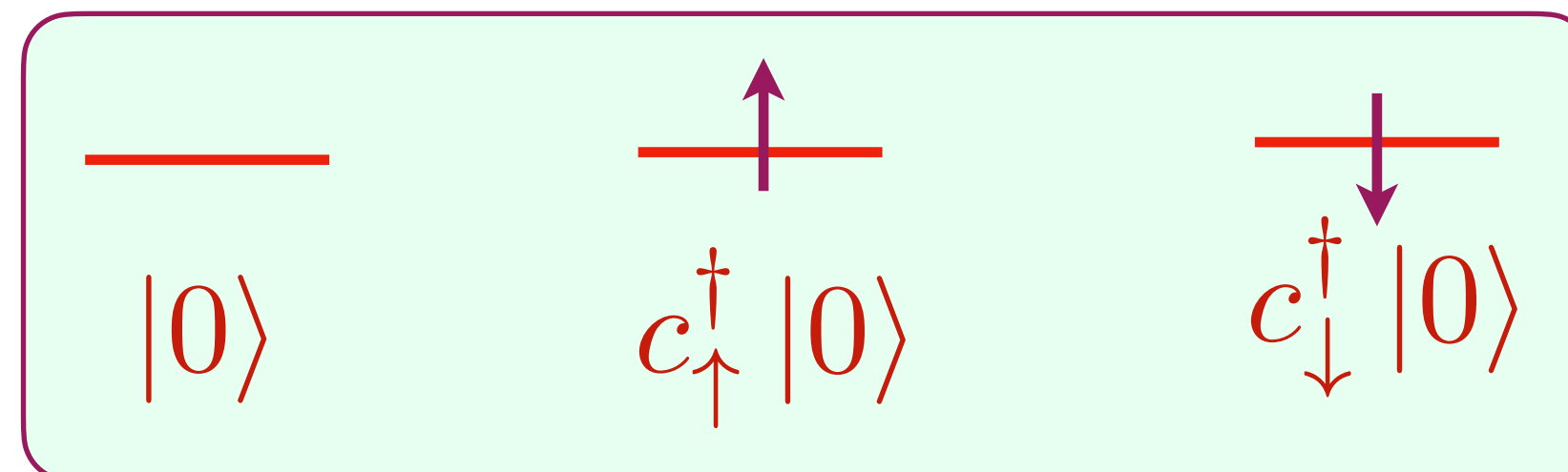
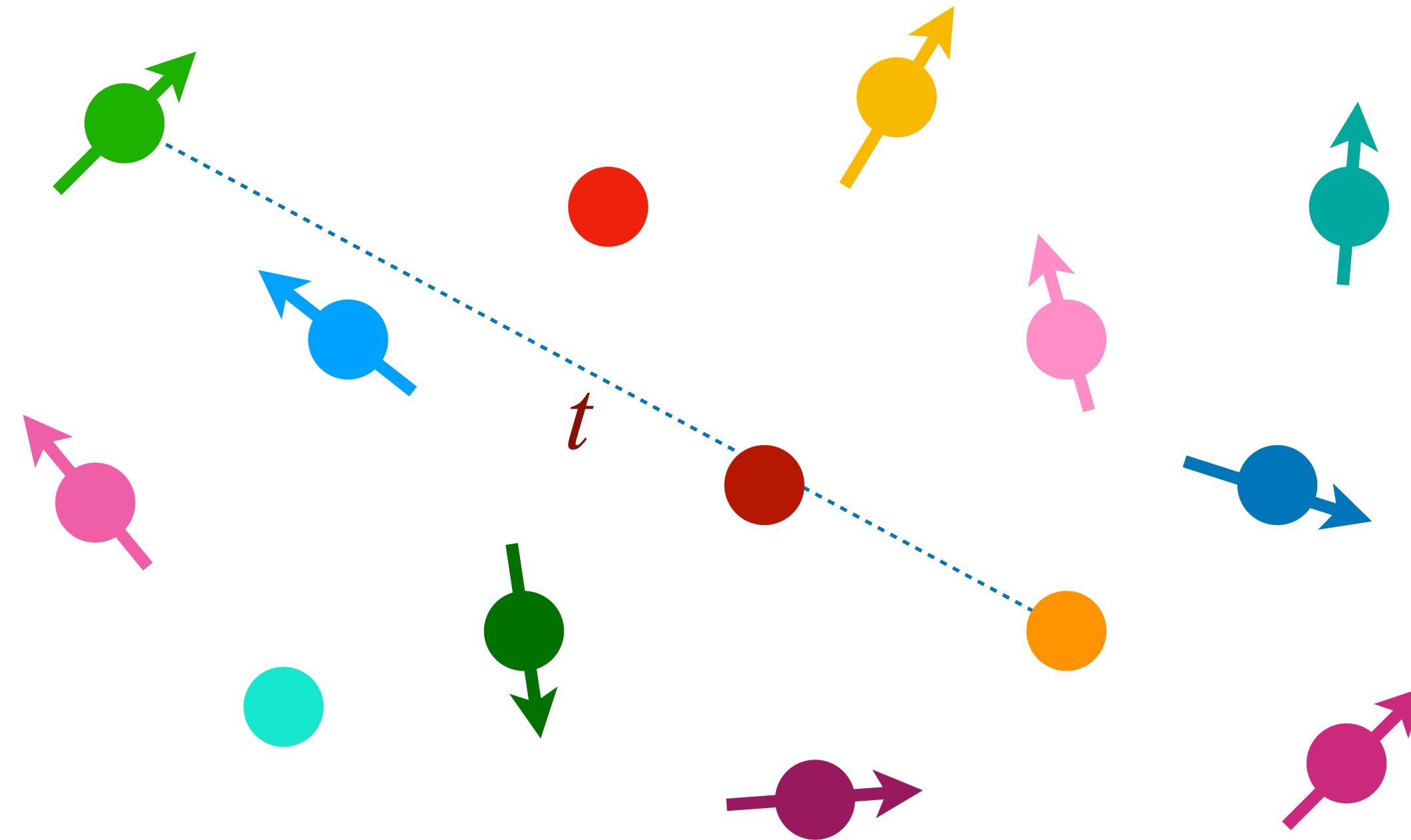
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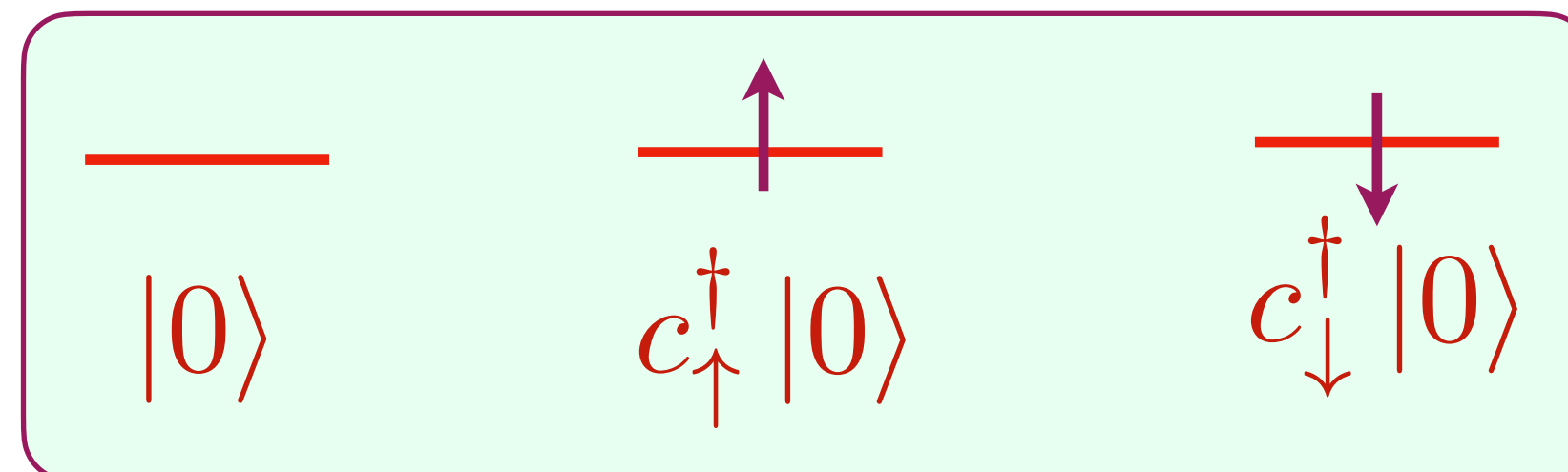
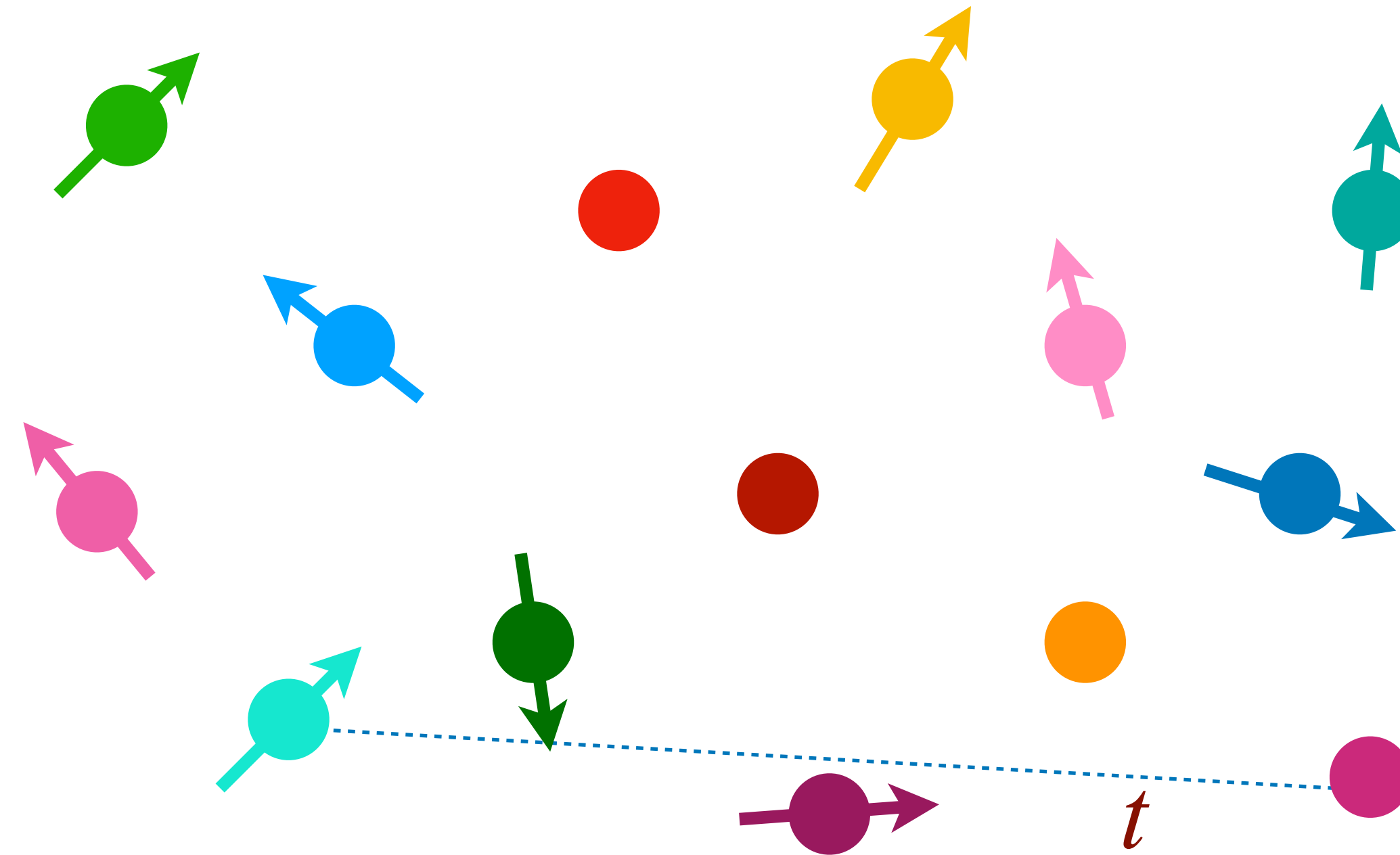
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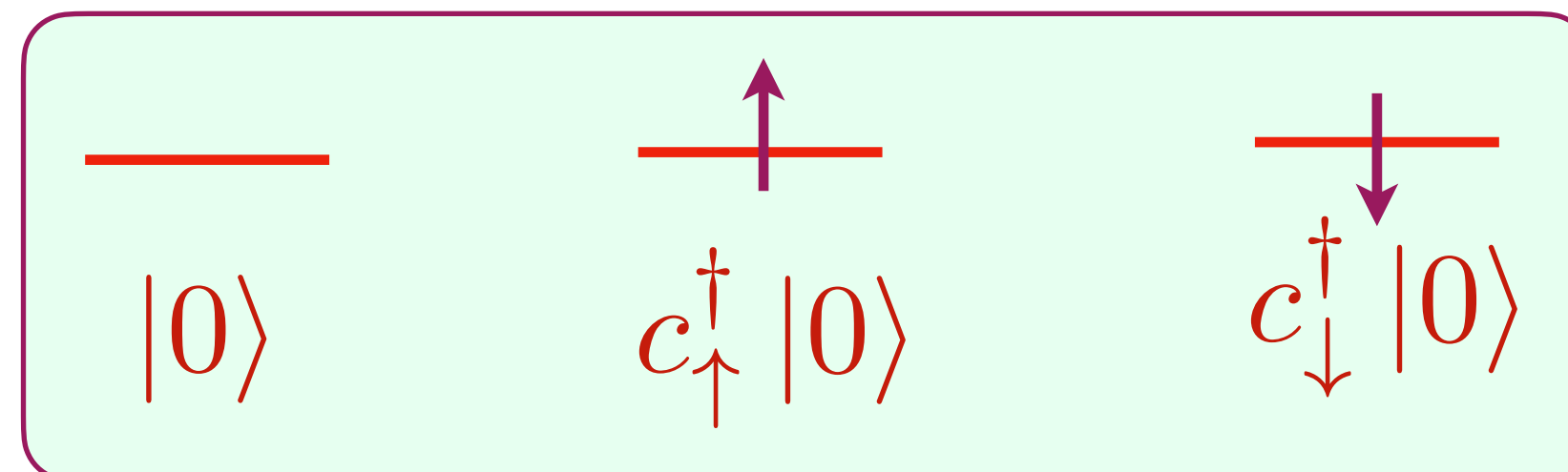
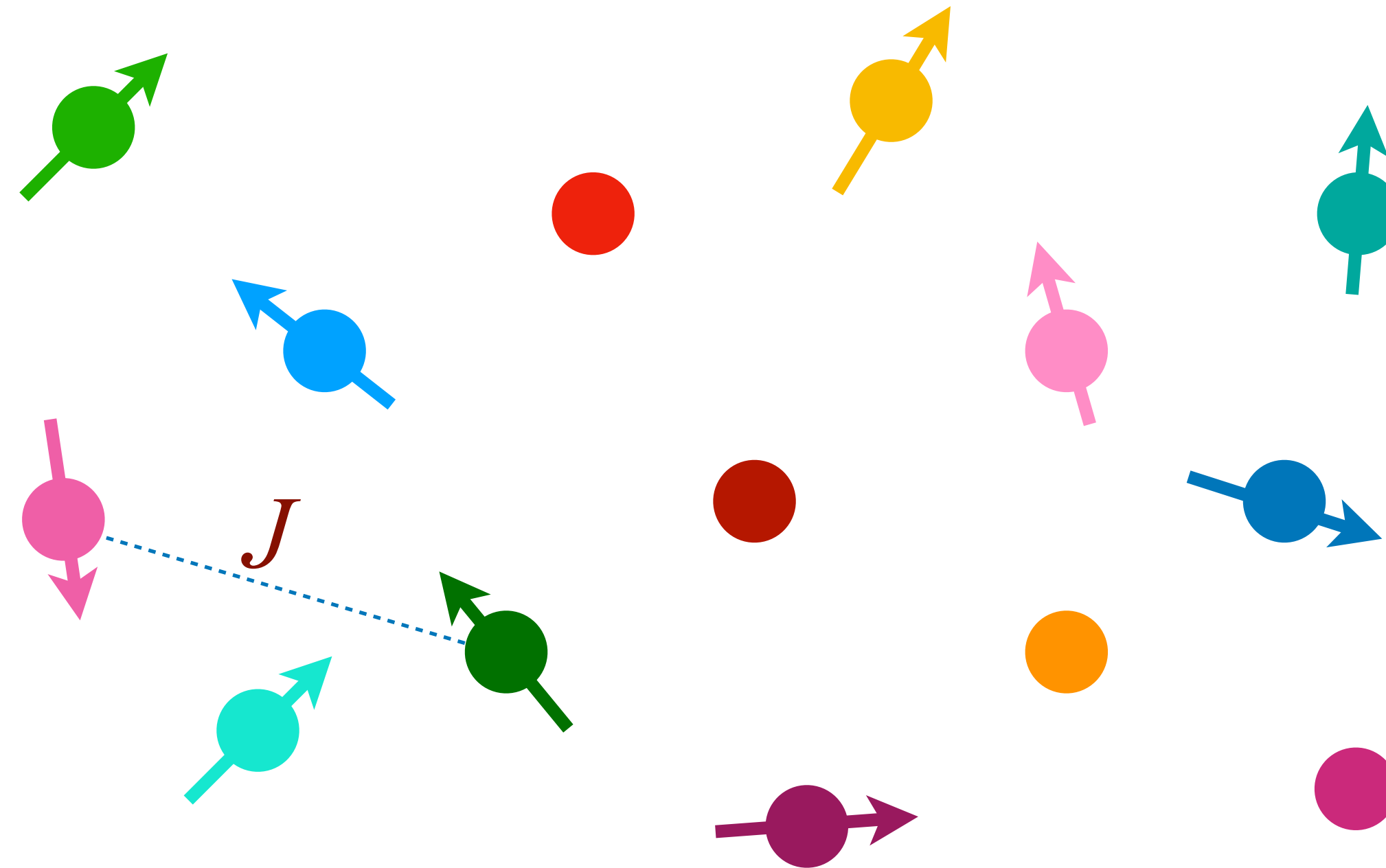
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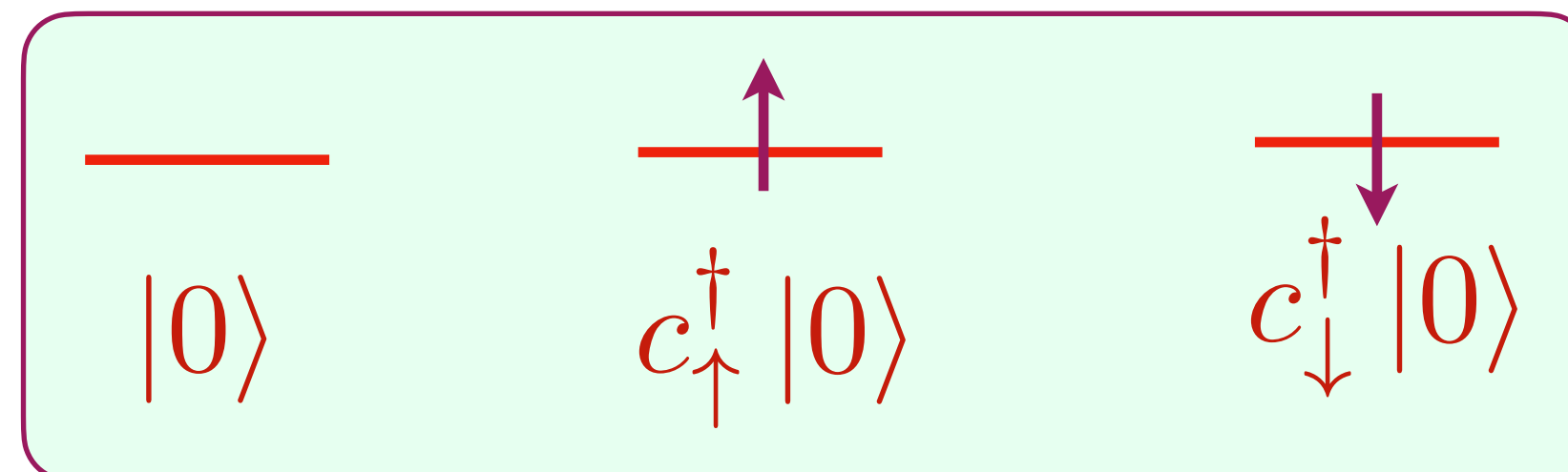
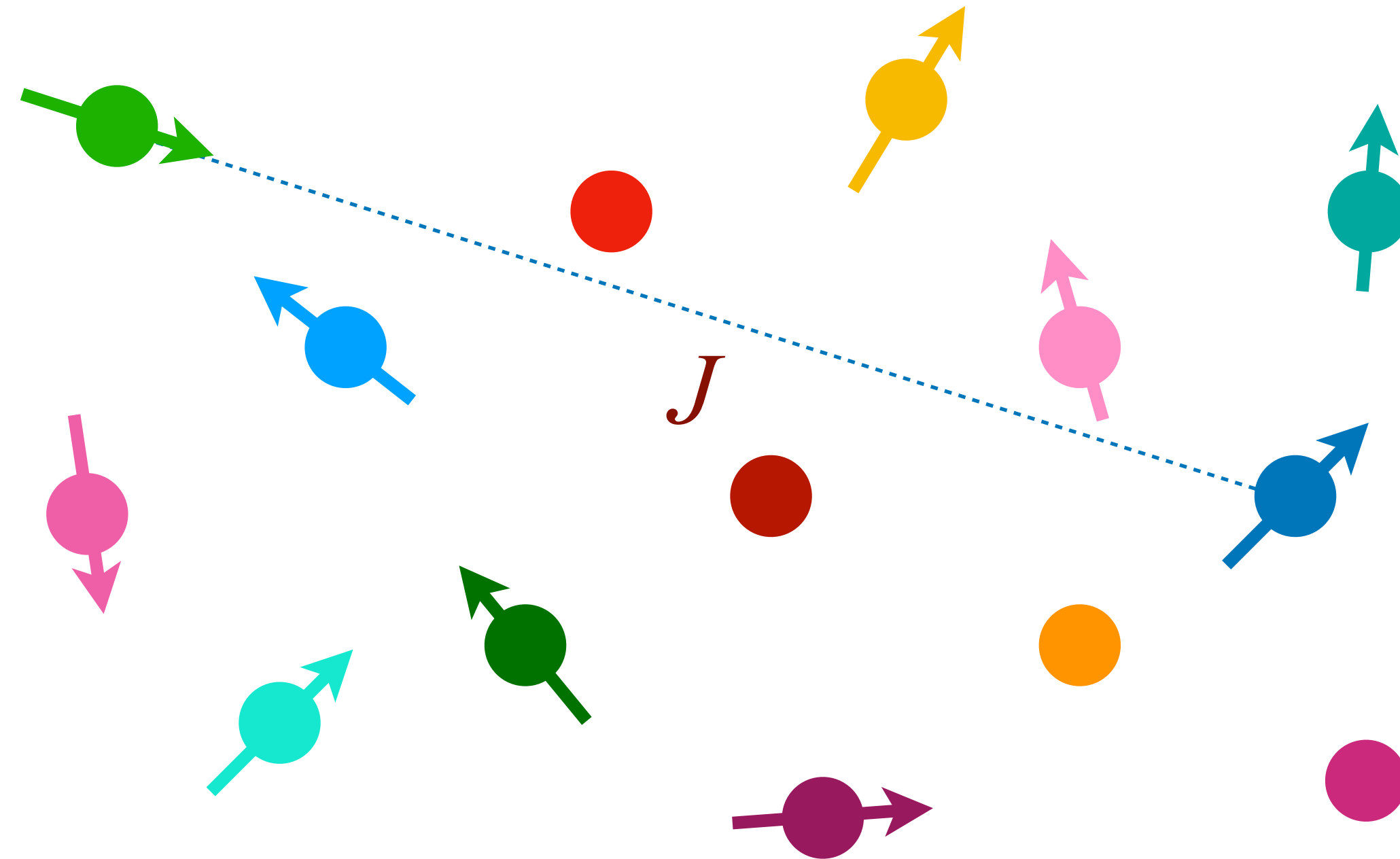
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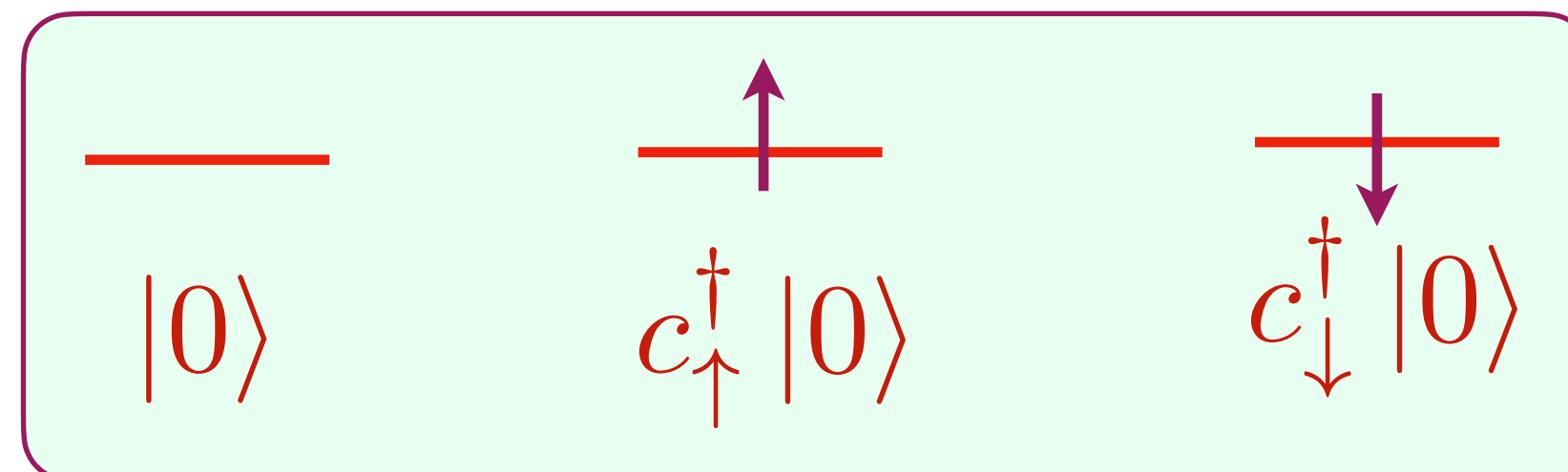
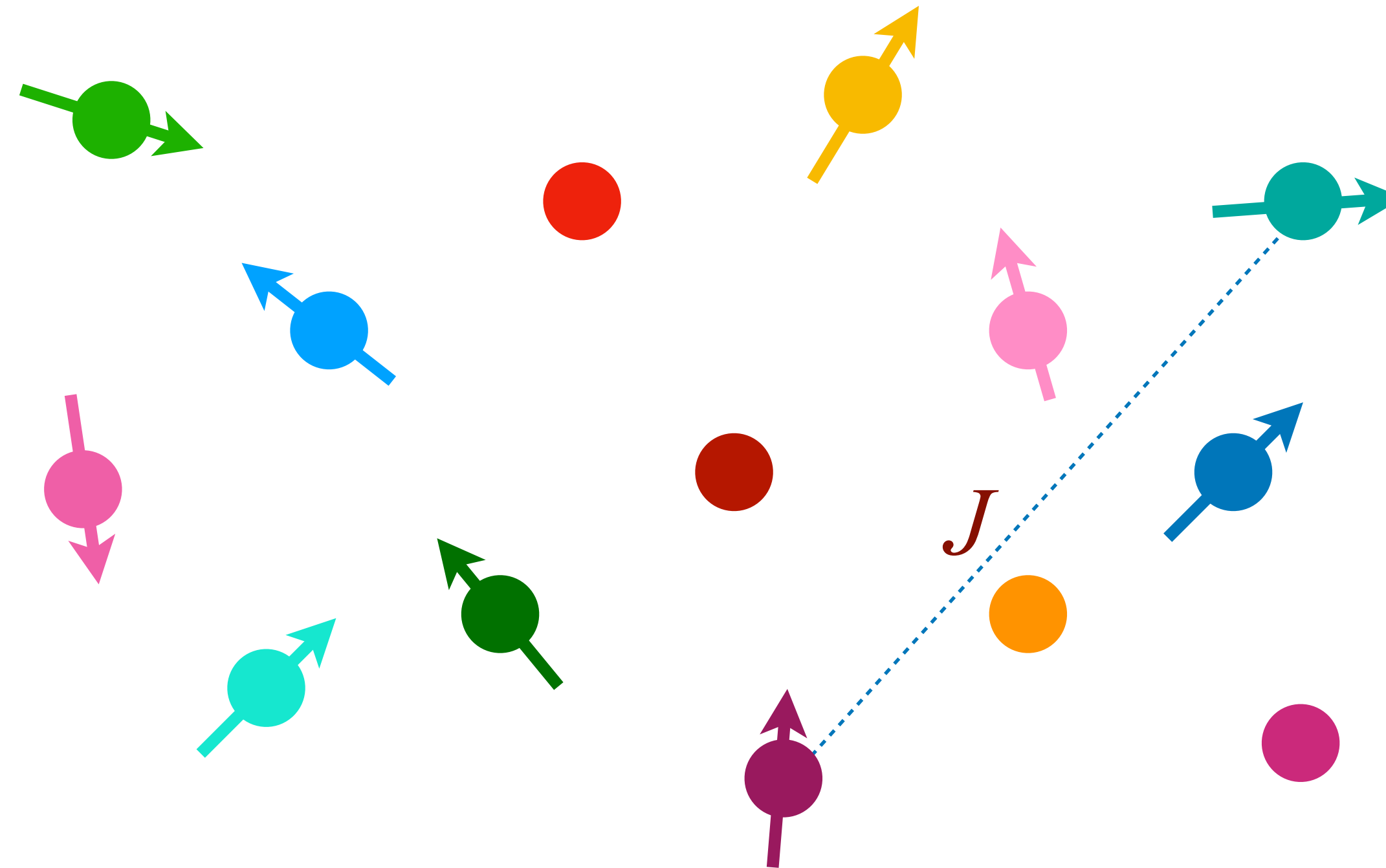
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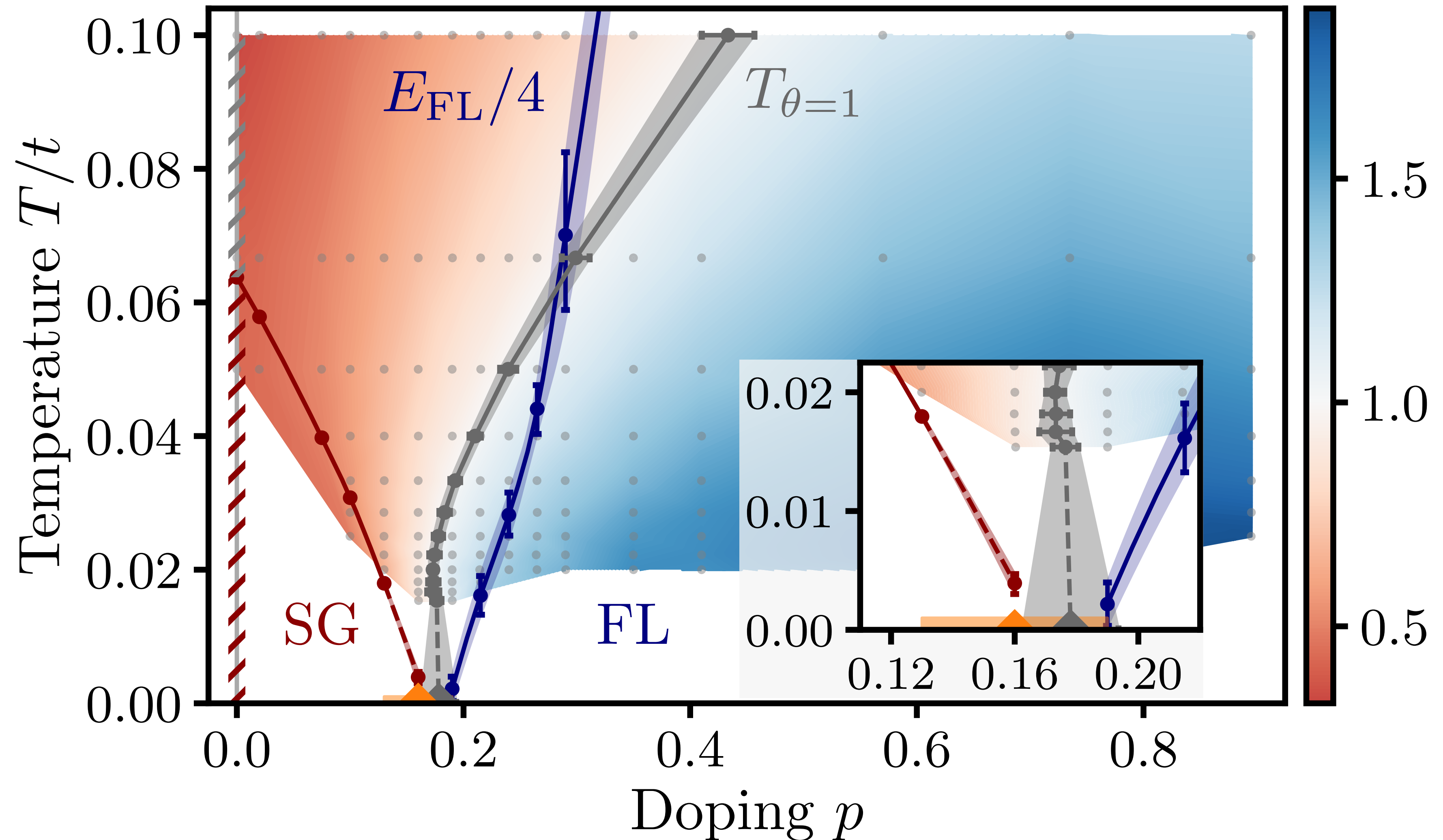
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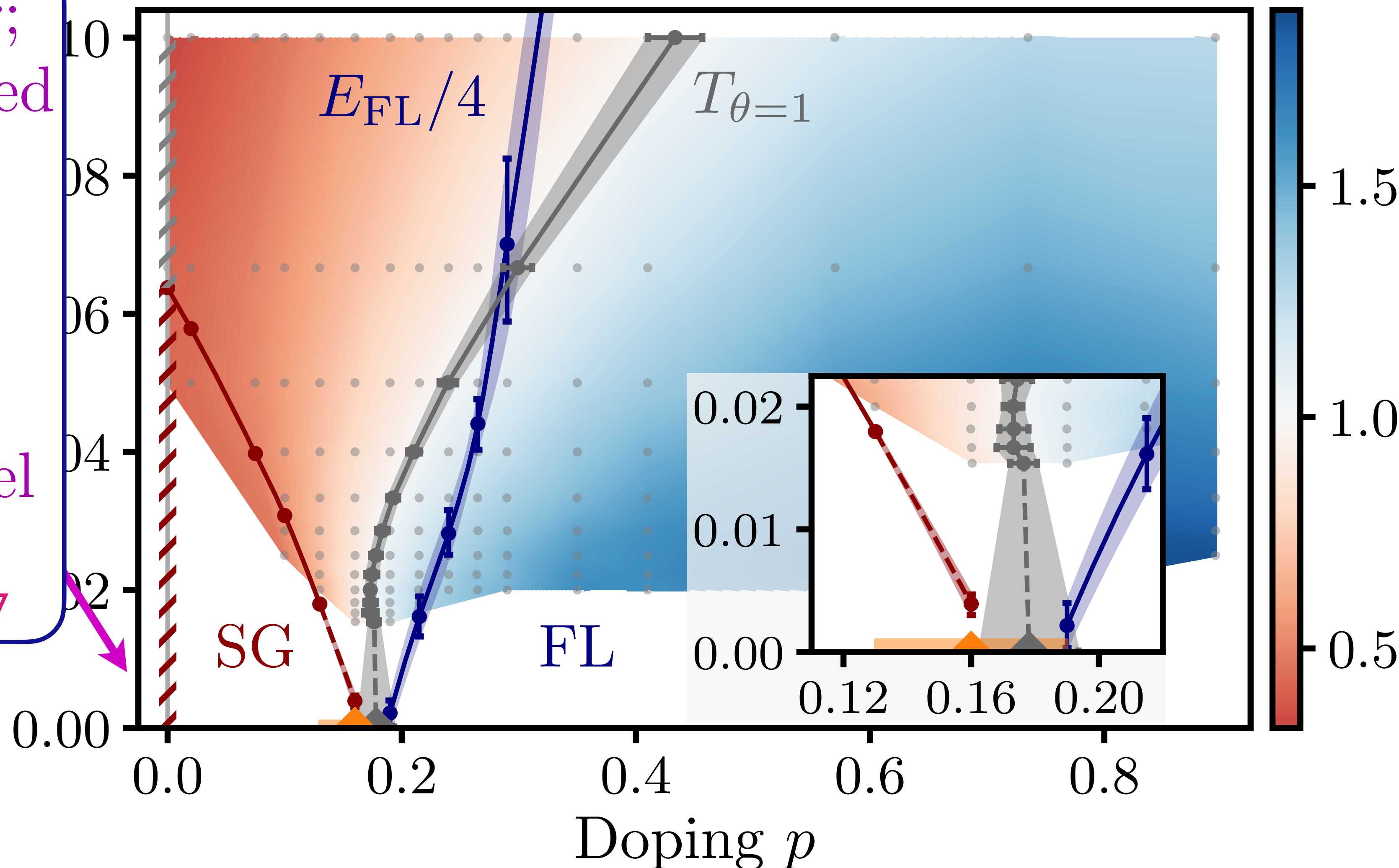
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Spin glass order;
SYK fractionalized
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$$T_c \sim J e^{-\sqrt{\pi M}}$$

for $SU(M)$ model

M. Christos, F. M. Haehl, and
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P. T. Dumitrescu, N. Wentzell, A. Georges, O. Parcollet, arXiv:2103.08607
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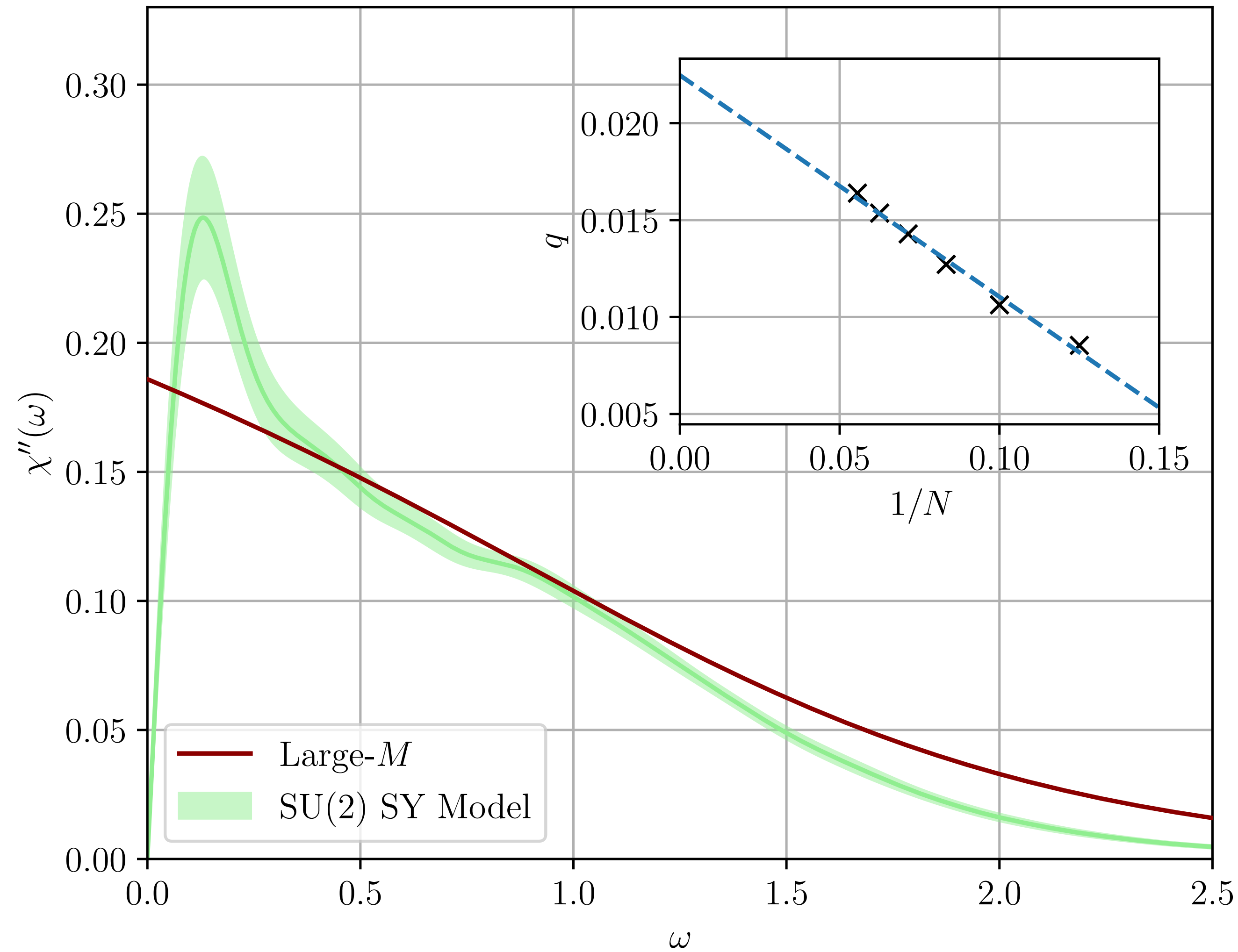
Parton theory of insulating J model

Generalize to $SU(M)$ spins and introduce fermionic spinons f_α ,
 $\alpha = 1, \dots, M$

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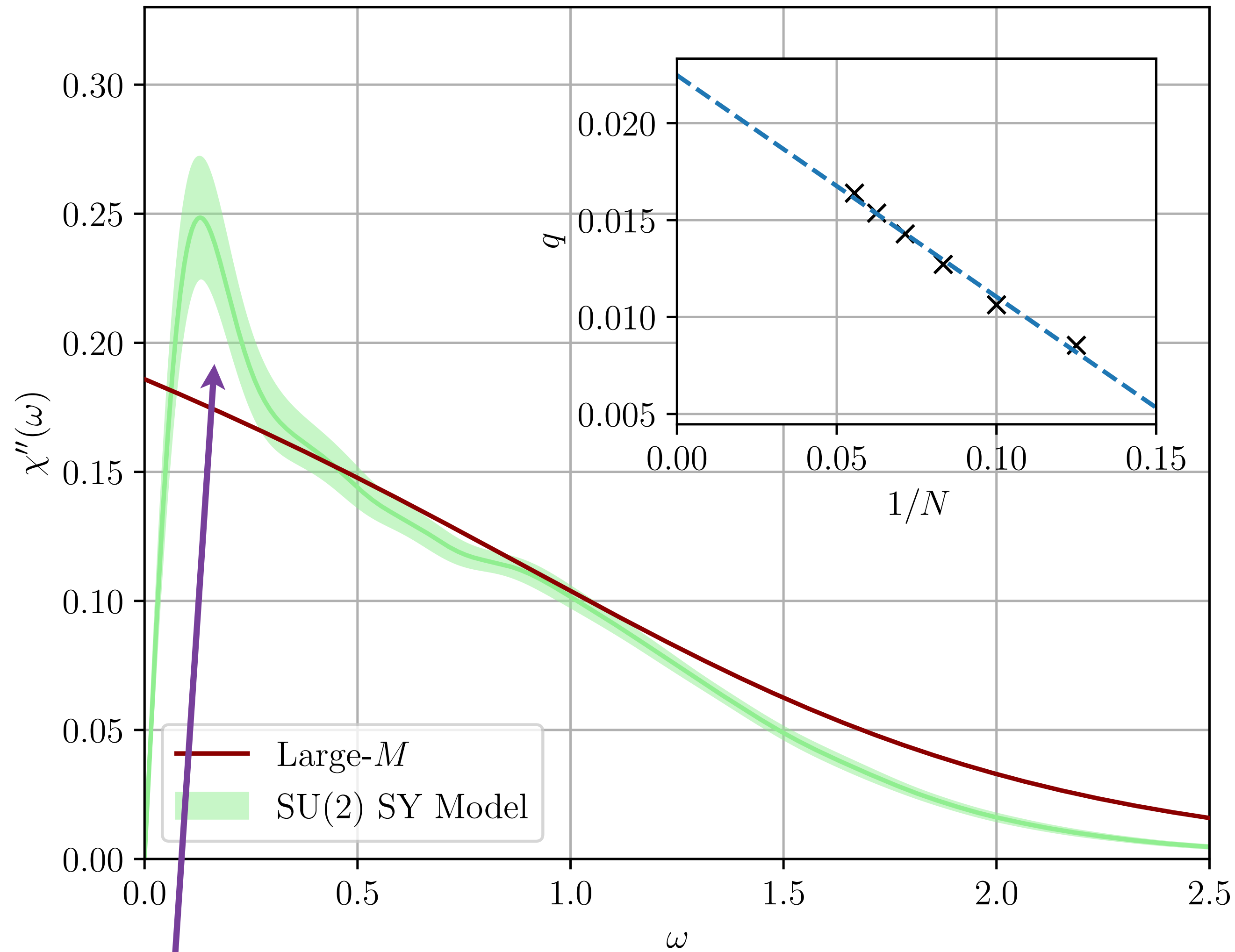
The large N limit, followed by the large M limit, leads to saddle-point equations for the spinons identical to those for the electrons in the SYK model.

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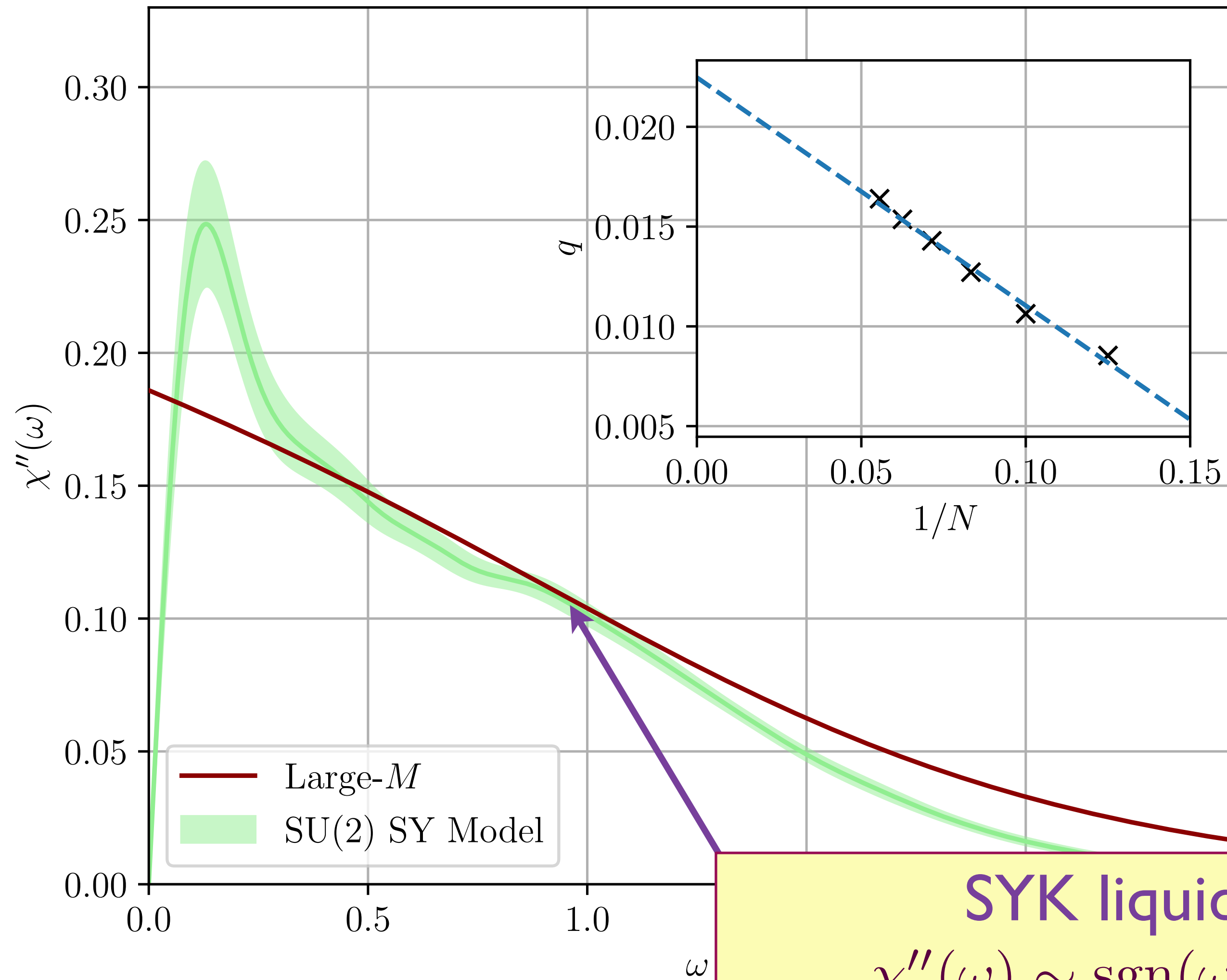


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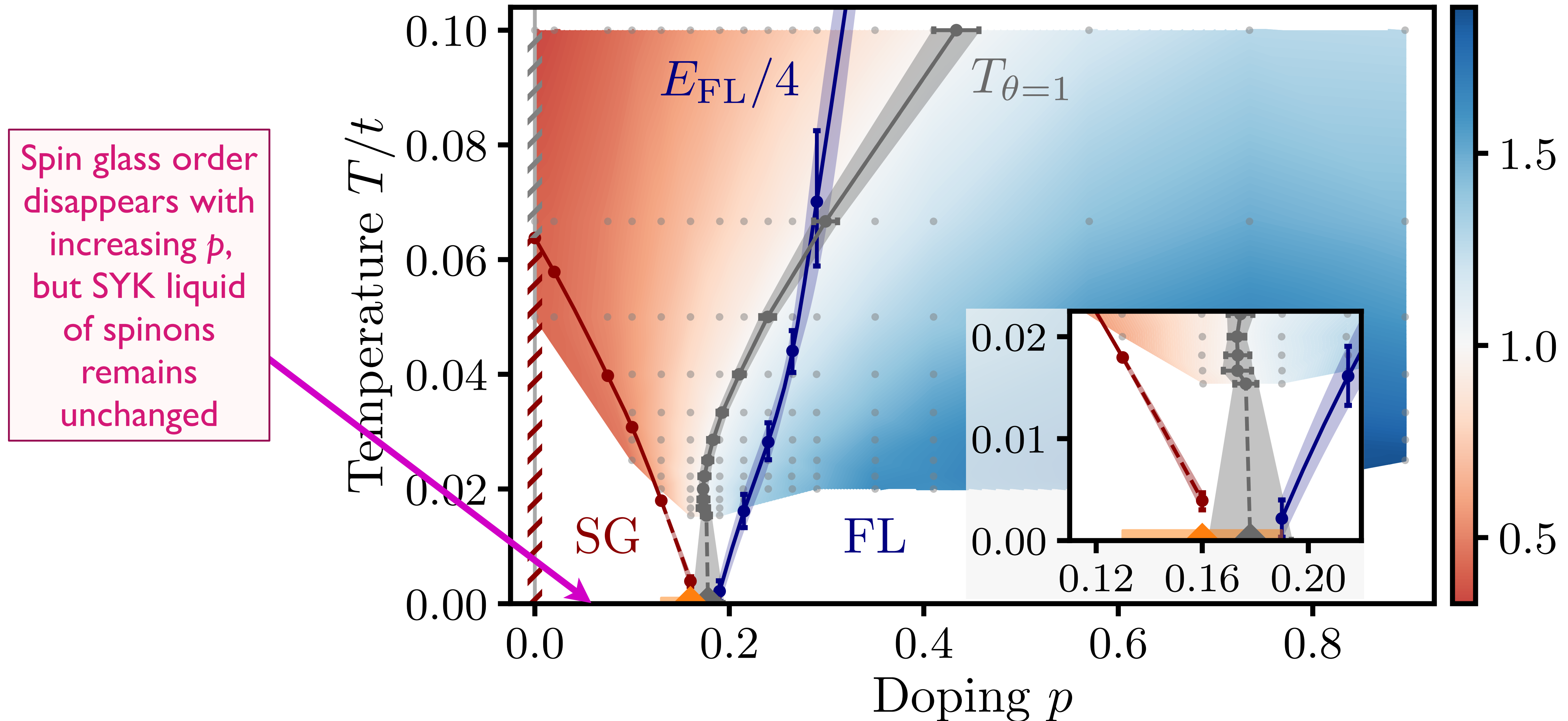
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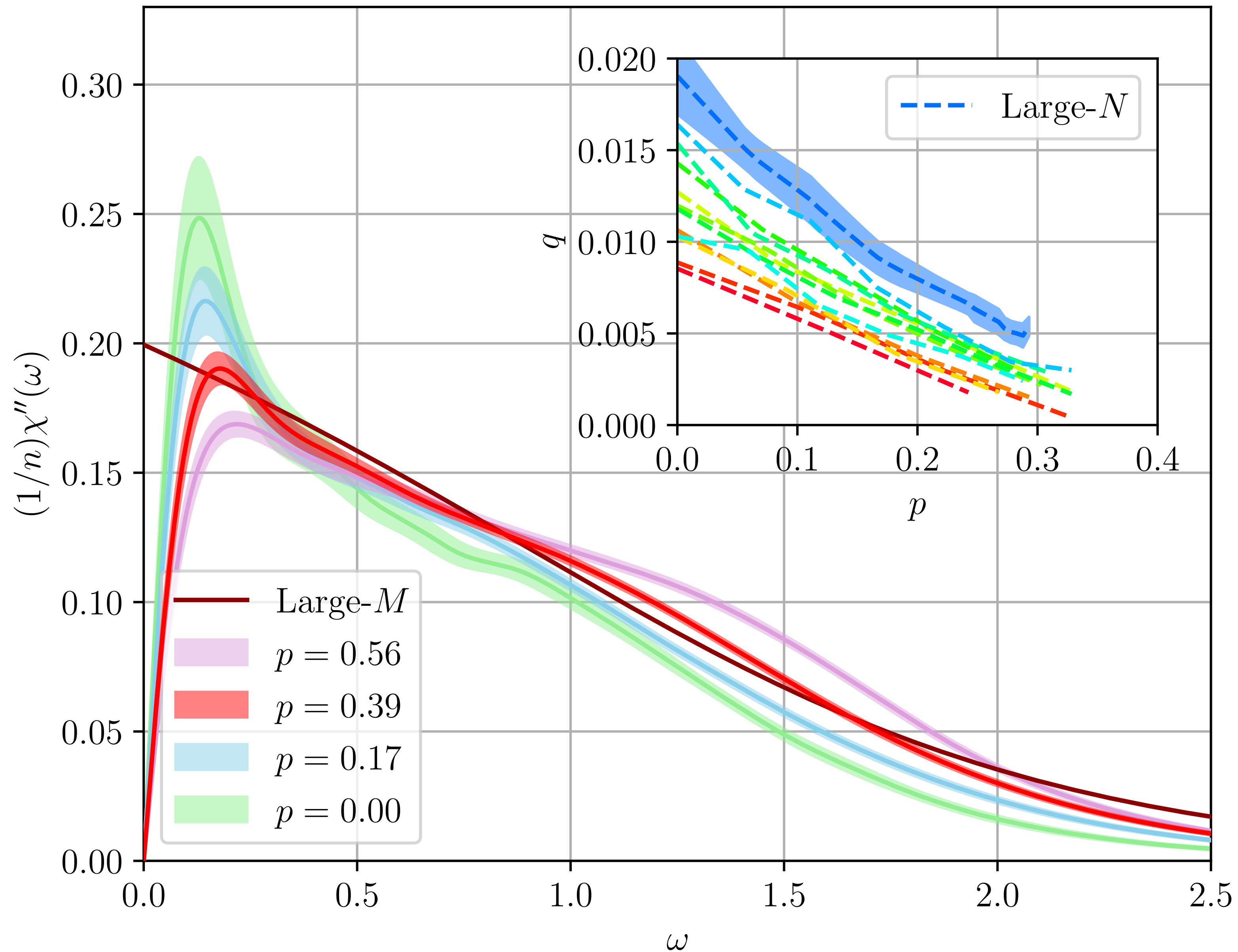
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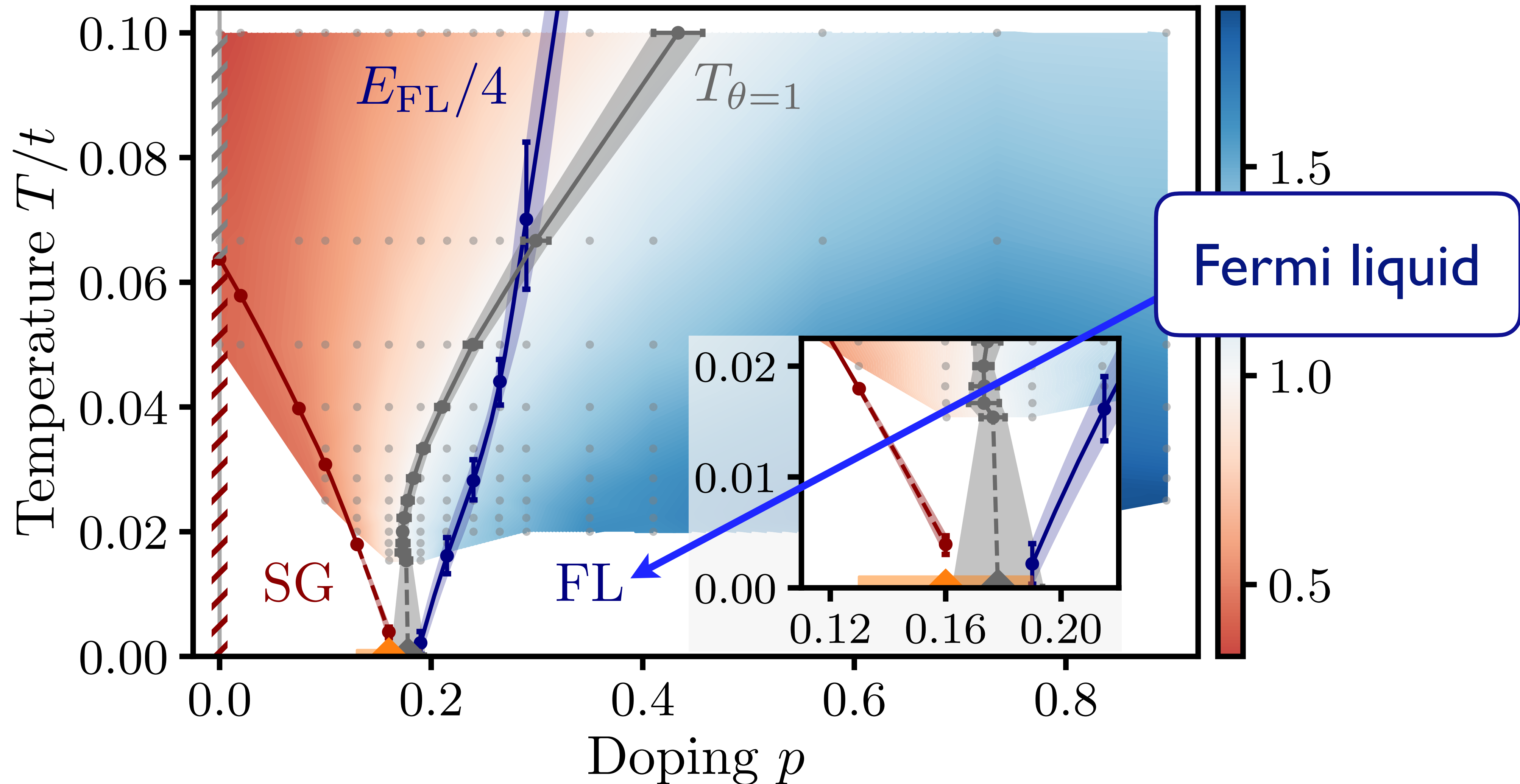


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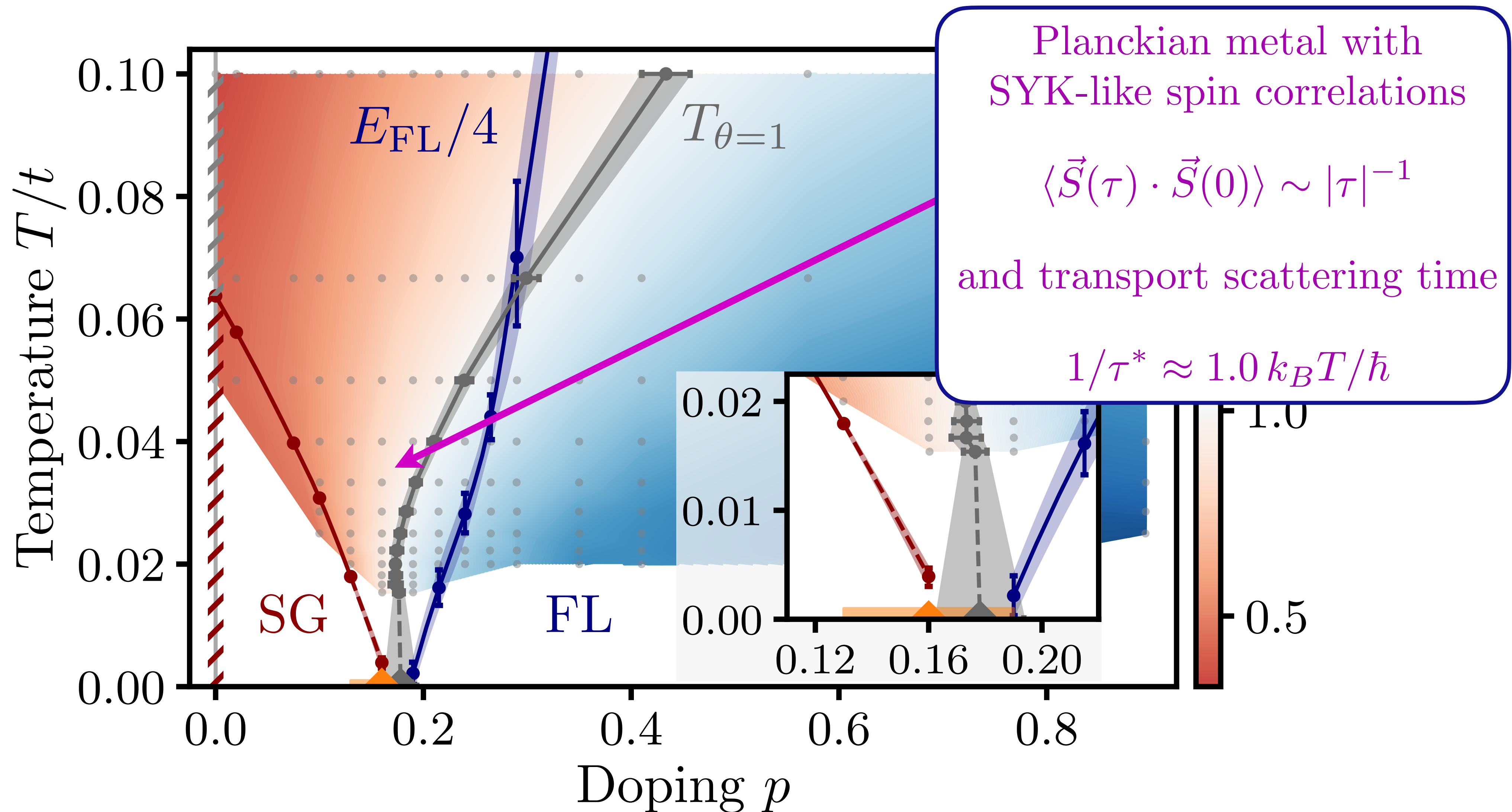


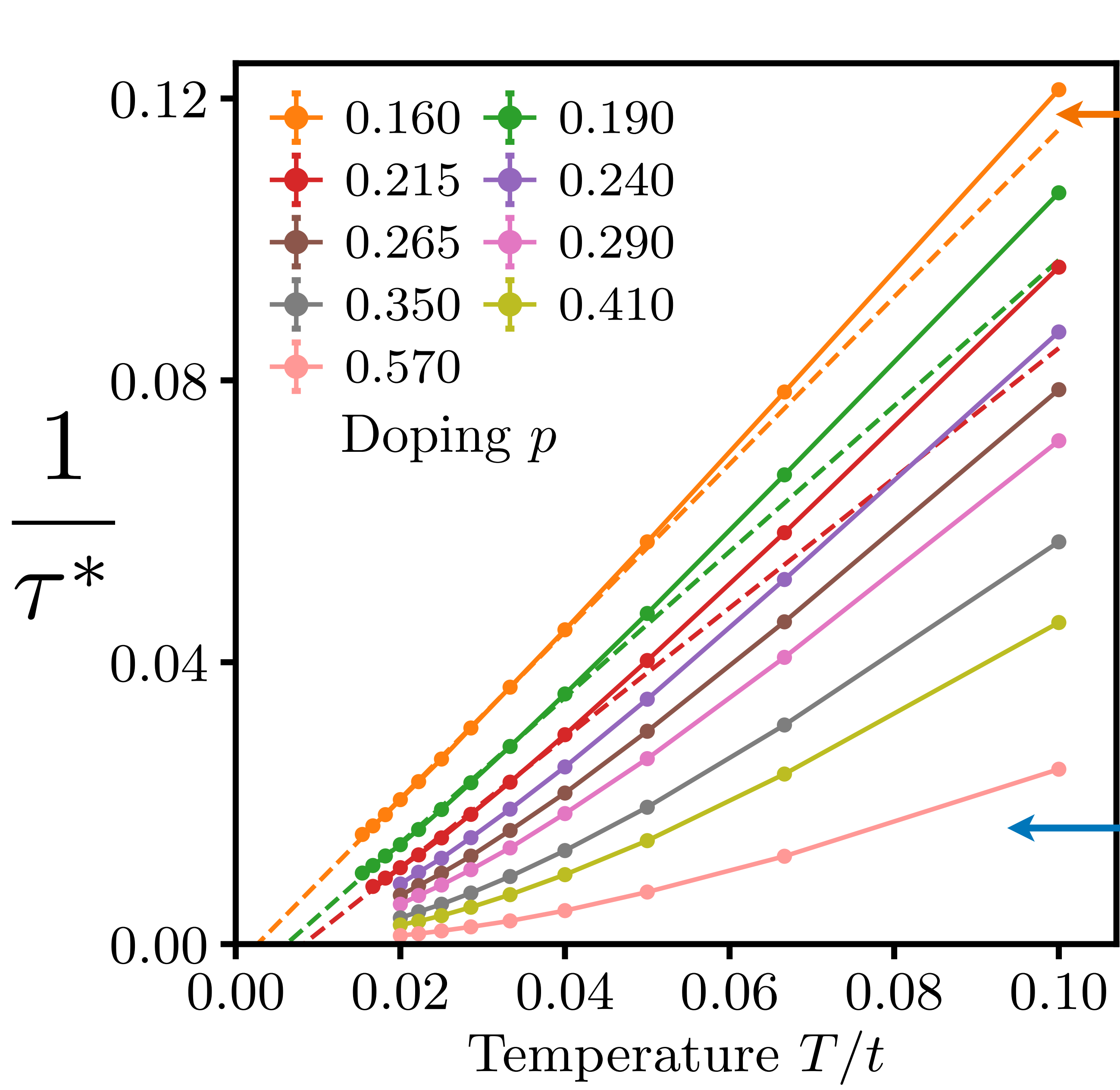
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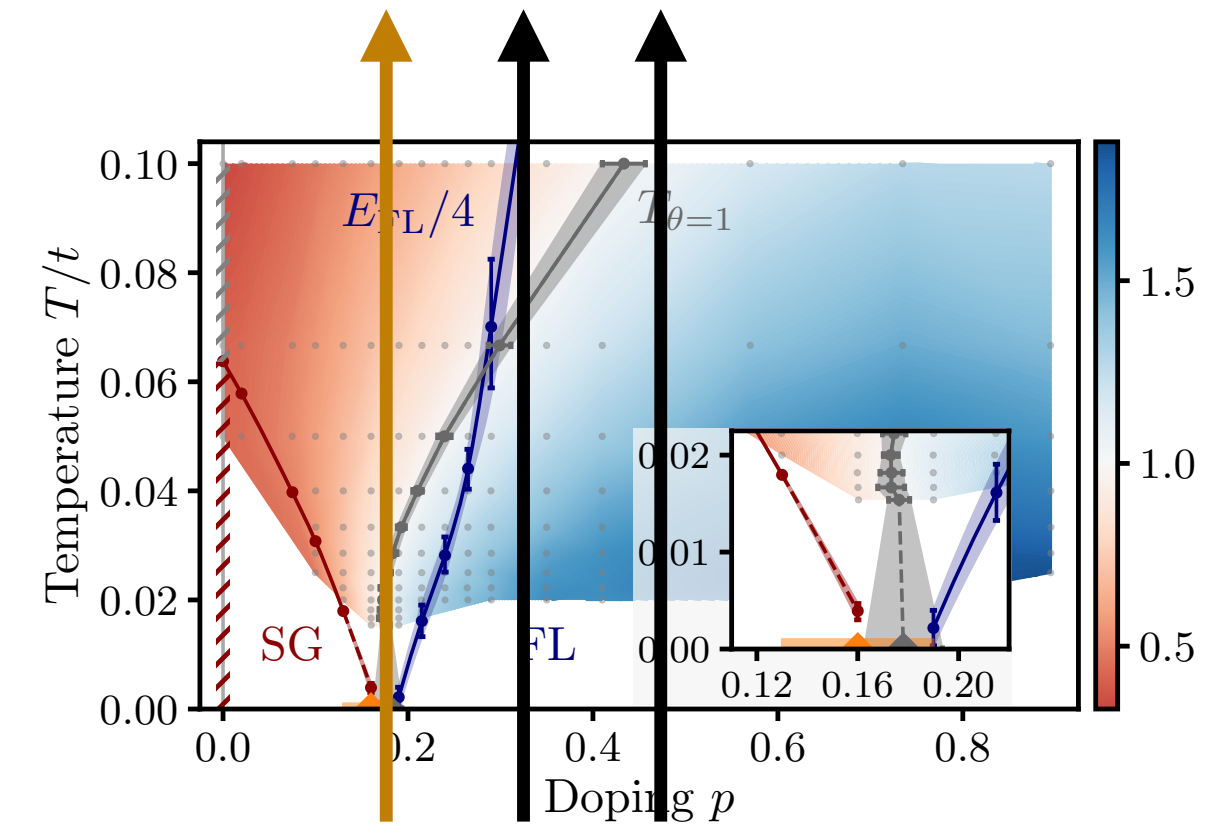
$$c \simeq 1.0$$

Planckian metal
for $p \approx p_c$

Large M theory
Resistivity: $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + \tilde{c}T \dots$
Linear T term is
correction to scaling
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Haoyu Guo, Yingfei Gu, and S. Sachdev 2020

$$\frac{1}{\tau^*} \propto T^2$$

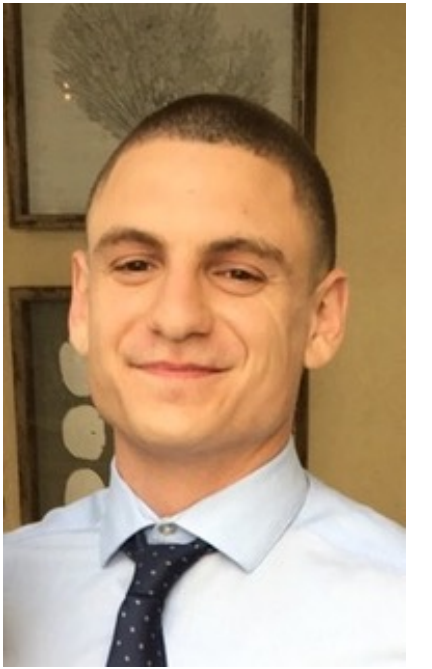


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Large N theory of a critical Fermi surface

Main idea:

Introduce N flavors of fermions and bosons, and examine an *ensemble* of theories with different Yukawa couplings. In the large N limit, every member of the ensemble is expected to have the same critical properties, and so it is easier to study the average theory.

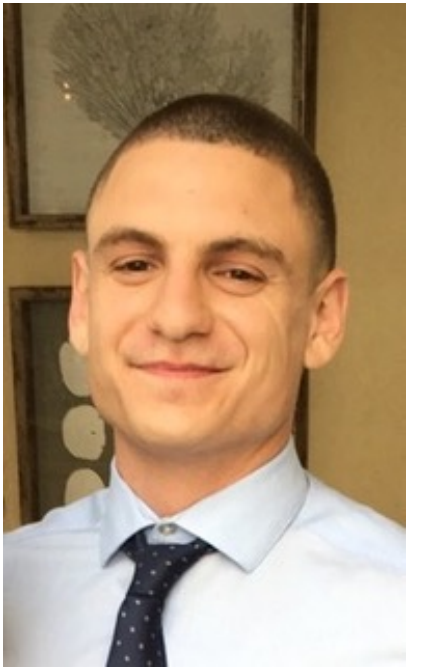


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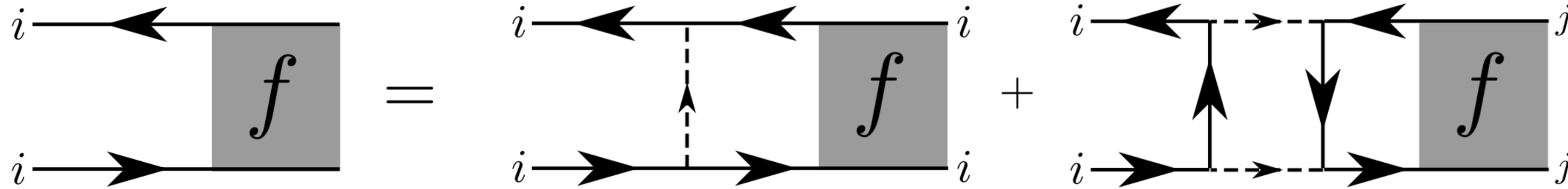
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 N flavors of a boson ϕ_i , and
a “Yukawa coupling” g_{ijl} which is a random function in flavor space.
Note: there is *no spatial randomness*. In the large N limit

$$\begin{aligned} S = & \int d\tau \sum_k \sum_{i=1}^N \psi_{ik}^\dagger(\tau) [\partial_\tau - 2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - \mu] \psi_{ik}(\tau) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \sum_q \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_{iq}(\tau) [-\partial_\tau^2 - 2J(\cos q_x + \cos q_y - 2) + m_b^2] \phi_{i,-q}(\tau) \\ & + \int d\tau \sum_{k,q} \sum_{i,j,l=1}^N \left[\frac{g_{ijl}}{N} \psi_{i,k+q}^\dagger(\tau) \psi_{jk}(\tau) \phi_{lq}(\tau) \right], \end{aligned}$$

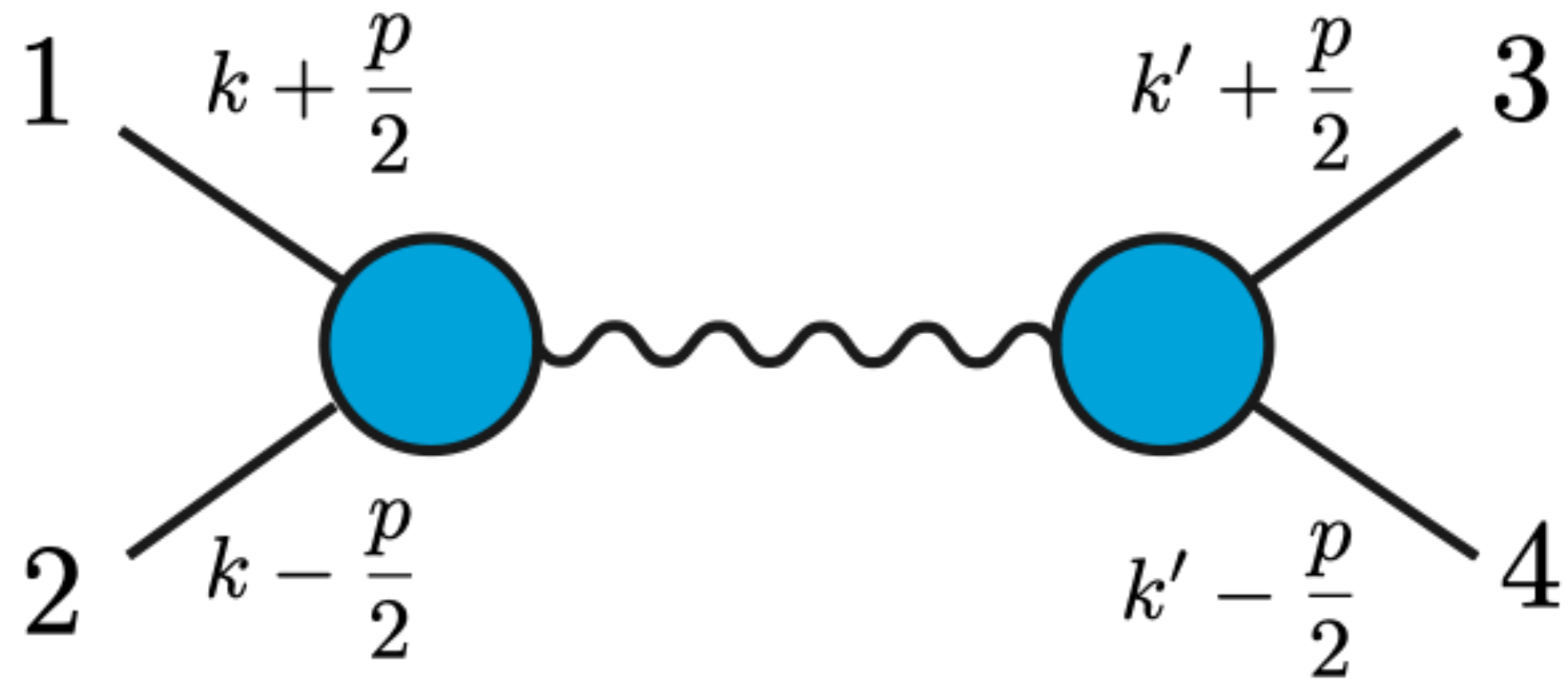
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Computation of fermion OTOC



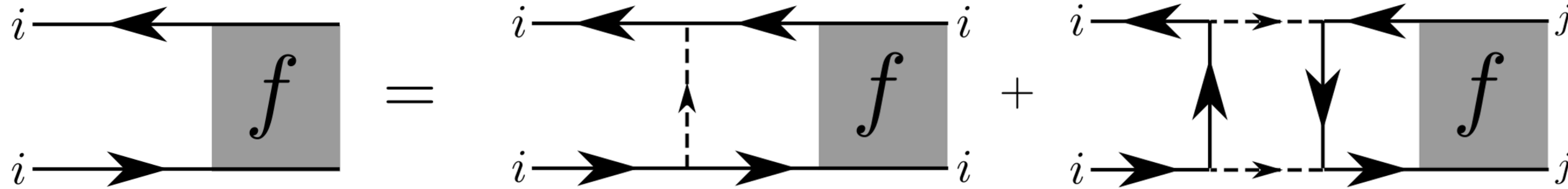
Invariance under adding a ladder



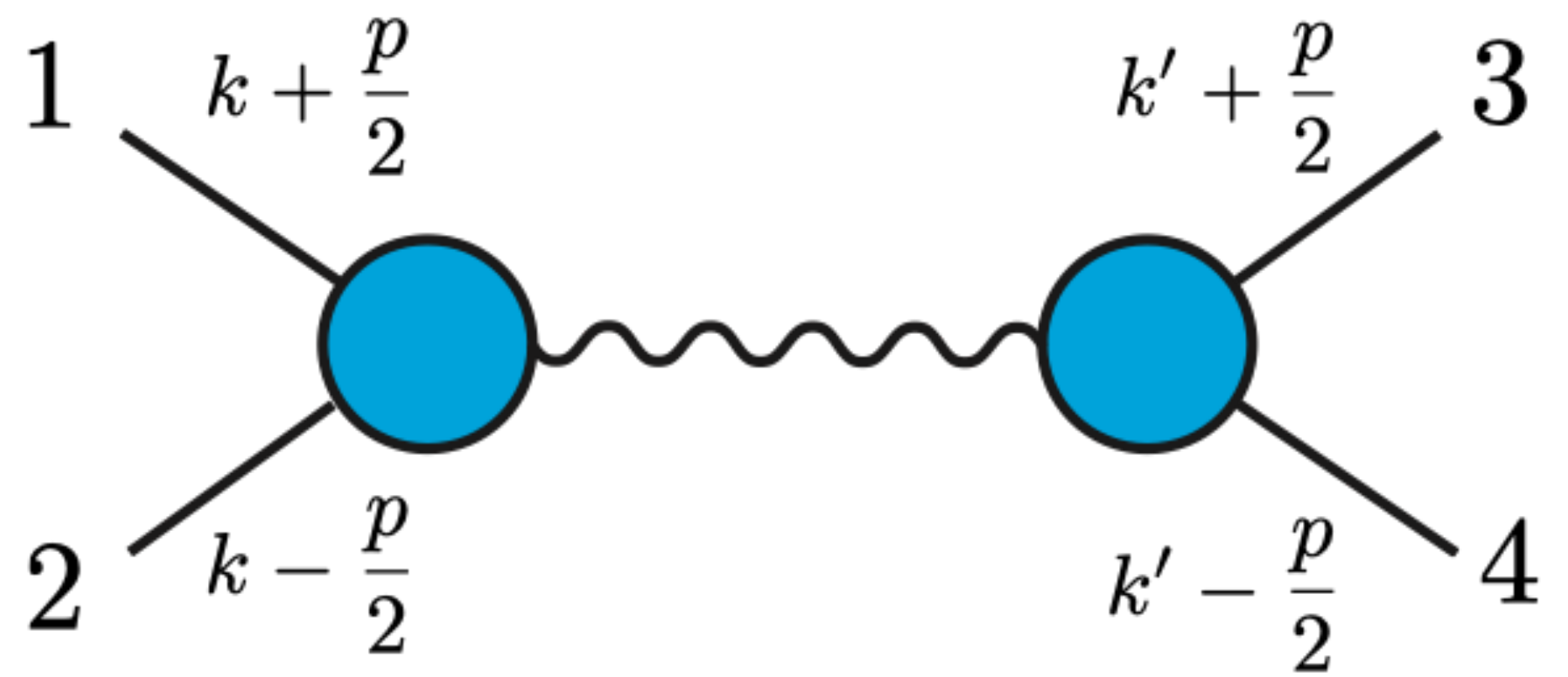
$$\text{OTOCP}_p(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4; k, k') \approx \frac{e^{\lambda_L(p)(t_1+t_2-t_3-t_4)/2}}{C(p)} \Upsilon_p^R(t_{12}, k) \Upsilon_p^A(t_{34}, k')$$

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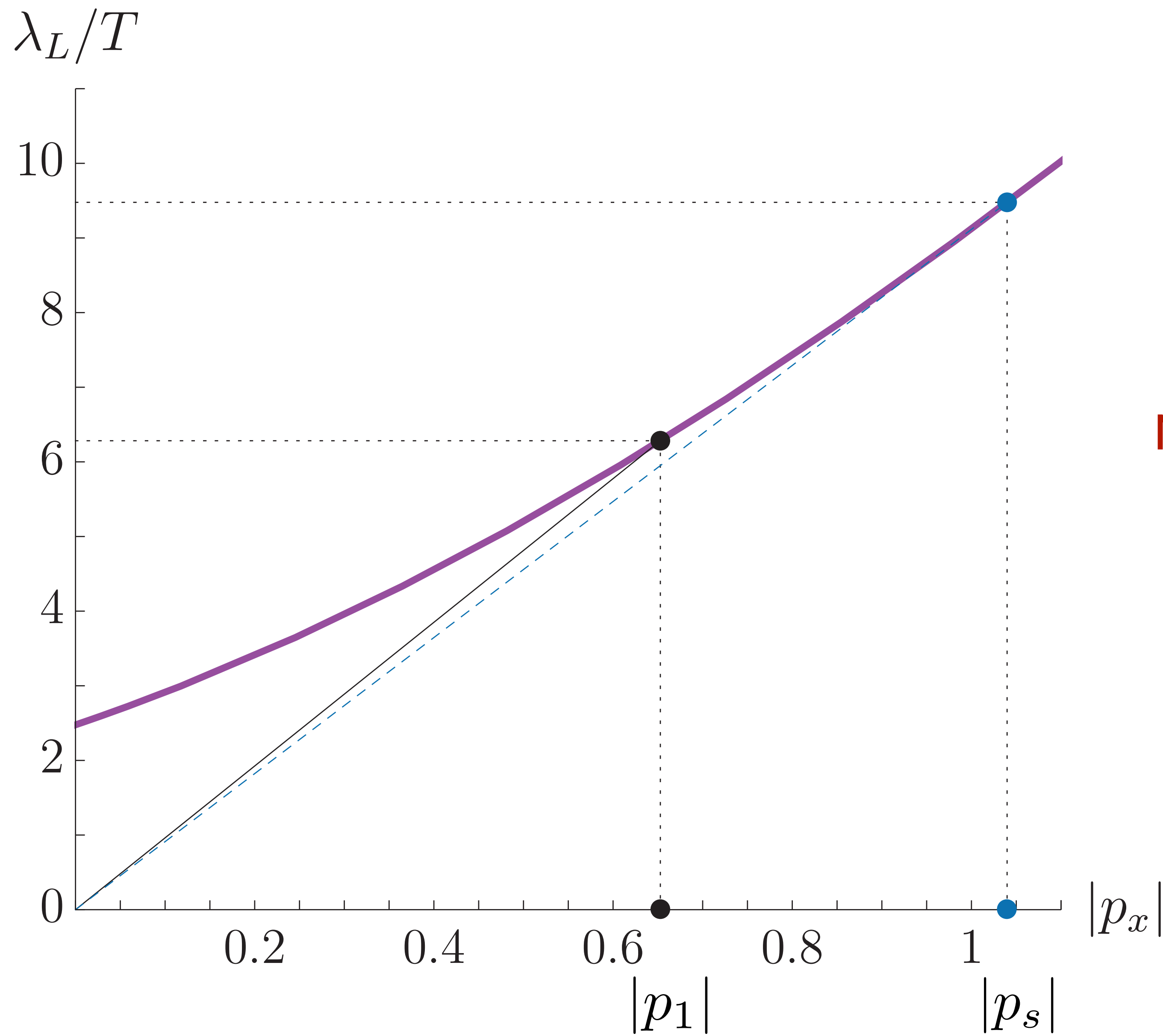


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The “scramblon”: $C(p) = \cos(\lambda_L(p)/(4T))$

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \frac{e^{\lambda_L(p)t+ipx}}{\cos(\lambda_L(p)/(4T))}$$



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Gu and Kitaev (2019):
Compute λ_L for *imaginary*
momentum: *i.e.* $p_x = i|p_x|$
and include contribution of pole

We find maximal chaos with $\lambda_L = 2\pi T$,
and butterfly velocity $v_1 = 2\pi/|p_1| \approx 9.67g^{-4/3}T^{1/3}$

Transport of a critical Fermi surface

Conservation of momentum implies the d.c. conductivity is infinite

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D\delta(\omega) + \text{Re } \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$

$$\text{Re } \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega, T = 0) \sim \frac{1}{\omega^{2/3}}$$

A. Eberlein, I. Mandal, and S. S., PRB **94**, 045133 (2016)

Confirmed in the large N theory.

Ilya Esterlis, Haoyu Guo, Aavishkar Patel, S.S. to appear

Have to include the effects of disorder or umklapp

Transport of a critical Fermi surface

Random potential disorder

$$S_{\text{disorder},1} = \int d\tau \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_r \sum_{ij=1}^N v_{ij}(r) \psi_{ir}^\dagger(\tau) \psi_{jr}(\tau)$$

where r labels lattice sites.

The potential $v_{ij}(r)$ is random both in position and flavor space

$$\overline{v_{ij}^*(r) v_{lm}(r')} = v^2 \delta(r - r') \delta_{il} \delta_{jm}$$

In the low T scaling limit Leads to a non-zero d.c. resistivity.

This is similar to the scaling limit of the random t - J model.



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Random interaction disorder

$$S_{\text{disorder},2} = \int d\tau \frac{1}{N} \sum_r \sum_{ilj=1}^N g'_{ijl}(r) \psi_{ir}^\dagger(\tau) \psi_{jr}(\tau) \phi_{lr}(\tau),$$

where r labels lattice sites.

The interaction $g'_{ijl}(r)$ is random both in position and flavor space

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With g, v, g' all non-zero, resistivity $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + \tilde{c} T \dots$ $\rho(0)$ is determined by v , while \tilde{c} is determined by a subleading operator, g' , as in the random t - J model.

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Metric of
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Electromagnetic
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In general, this integral is not well defined, because of an uncontrollably large number of spacetime configurations.

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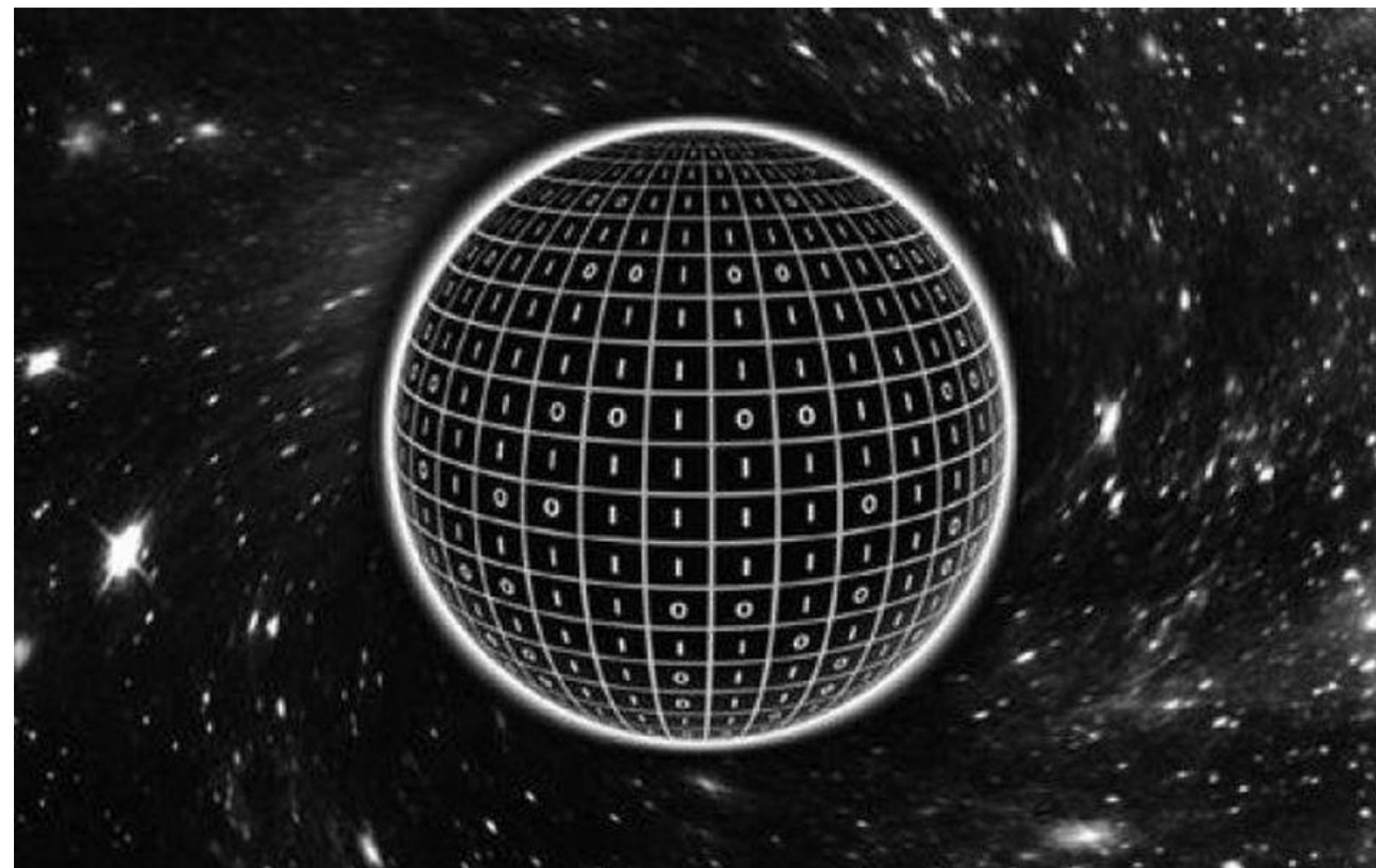
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Questions

- Is Einstein-Maxwell theory meaningful beyond the saddle point, and can we compute quantum fluctuation corrections to S_{BH} ?
- Can the resulting entropy be understood as that of a unitary quantum system with a discrete spectrum ?
- Can we compute the evolution of the entropy as the black hole evaporates? Is it that of an evaporating unitary quantum system?



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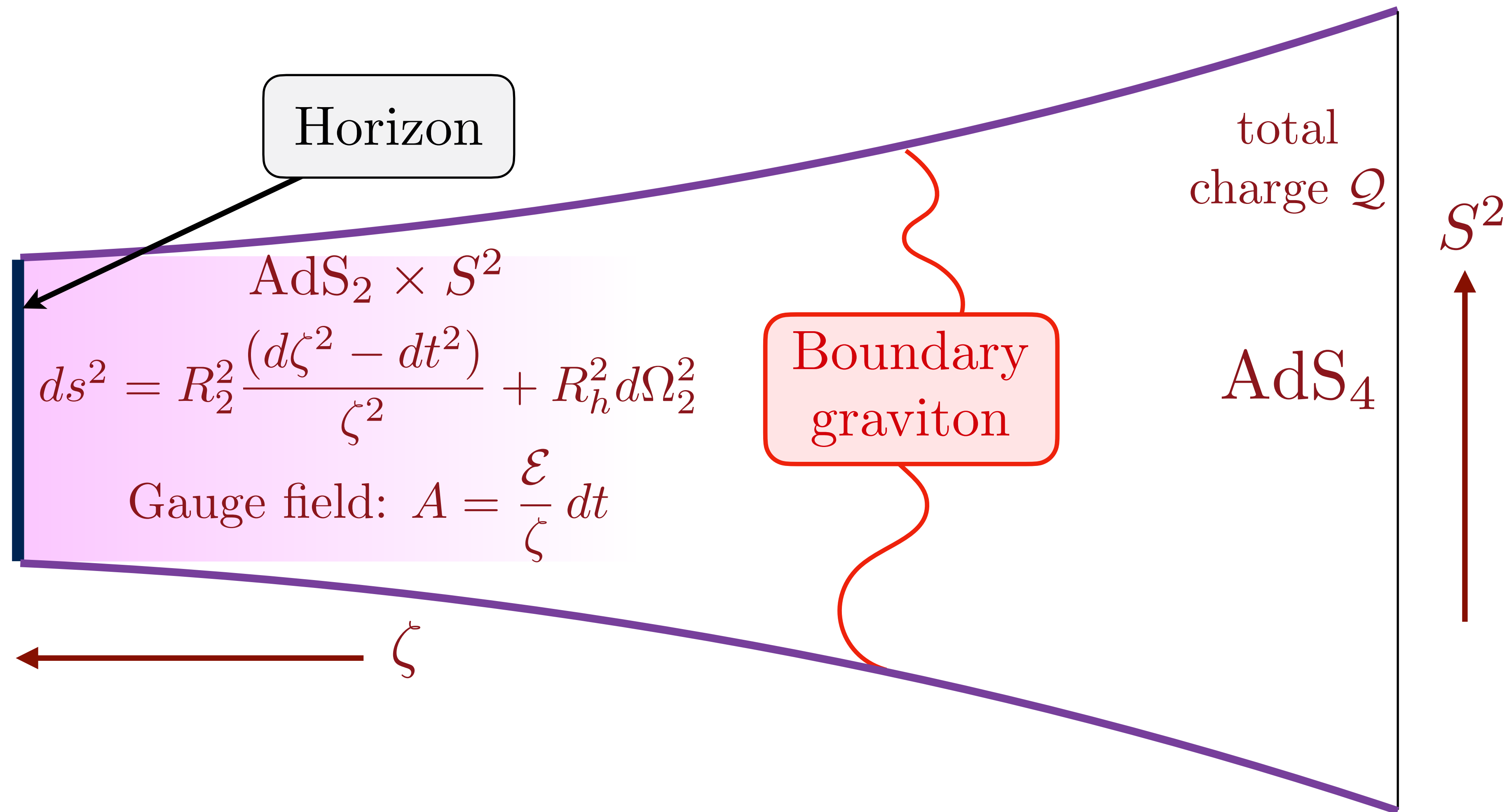
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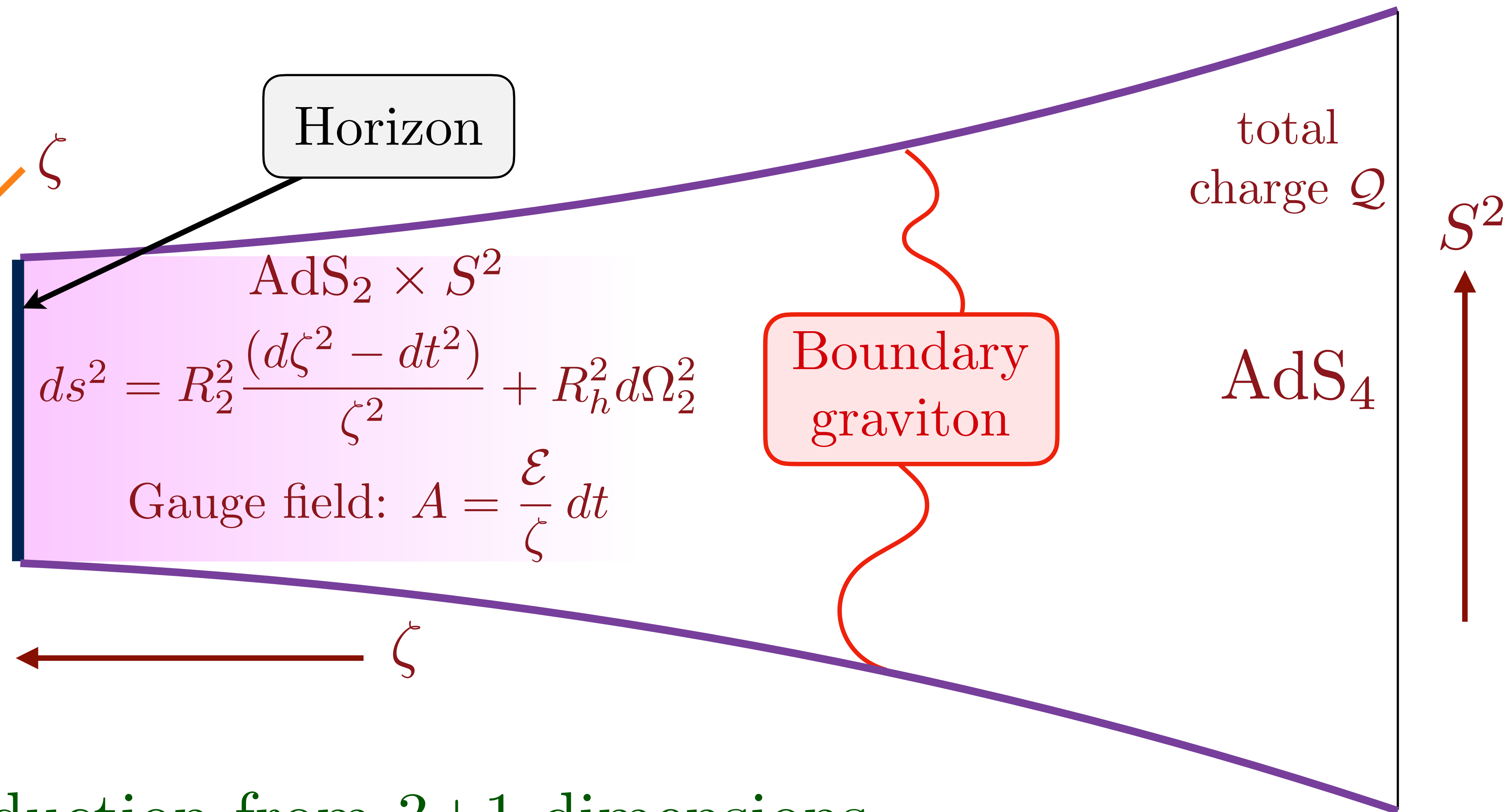
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Note the similarity to the large N entropy of the SYK model !
(along with other similarities) Sachdev PRL 2010

Reissner-Nordstrom black hole of Einstein-Maxwell theory



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Dimensional reduction from 3+1 dimensions to 1+1 dimensions (AdS_2) at low energies!

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$$S(T \rightarrow 0, Q) = S_{BH} - \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{\hbar c^5}{GT^2} \right)$$

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A_0 is the area of the charged black hole horizon at $T = 0$, Q is the black hole charge. The $\ln T$ term is the contribution of the boundary graviton.

(There is also a $-(241/45) \ln(A_0/G)$ correction at $T = 0$
A. Sen 2011)

Many-body density of states

$$D(E) = \sum_i \delta(E - E_i); \quad E_0 + E_i \Rightarrow \text{Many body eigenvalue}$$

Same entropy and (coarse-grained) density of states in a model of interacting (fermionic) qubits with a discrete spectrum!

Energy, in units of U

$$D(E) \sim e^{S(E)}$$

$$= e^{N s_0 + \sqrt{2N\gamma E}}$$

$$S(T \rightarrow 0) = N(s_0 + \gamma T)$$

$$D(E) \sim 2 e^{N s_0} \sinh(\sqrt{2N\gamma E})$$

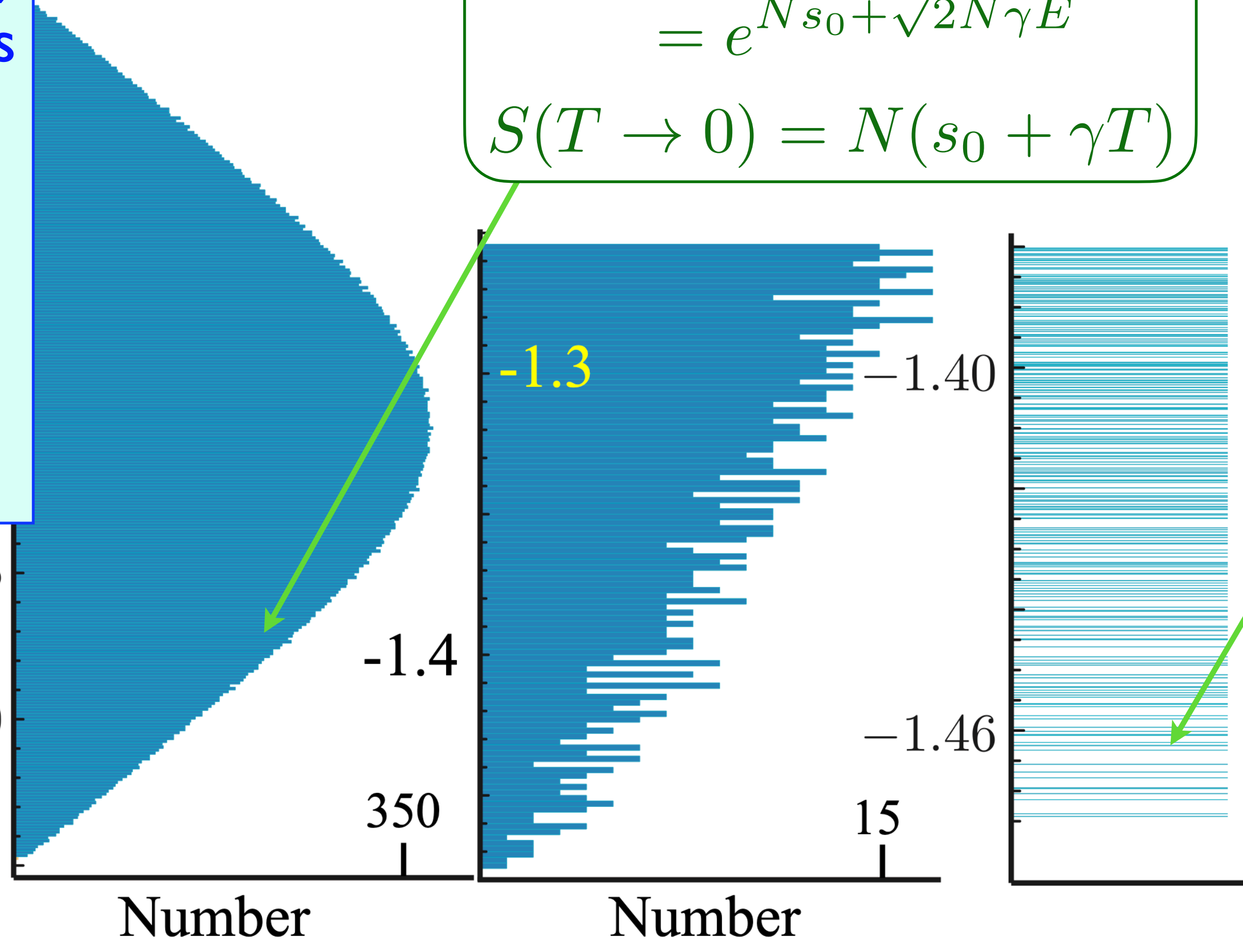
$$S(T) = N(s_0 + \gamma T) - \frac{3}{2} \ln \left(\frac{U}{T} \right)$$

$$D(E) \sim 2 e^{N s_0} \sqrt{2N\gamma E}$$

No quasiparticle decomposition: wavefunctions change chaotically from one state to the next.

$$s_0 = 0.464848 \dots$$

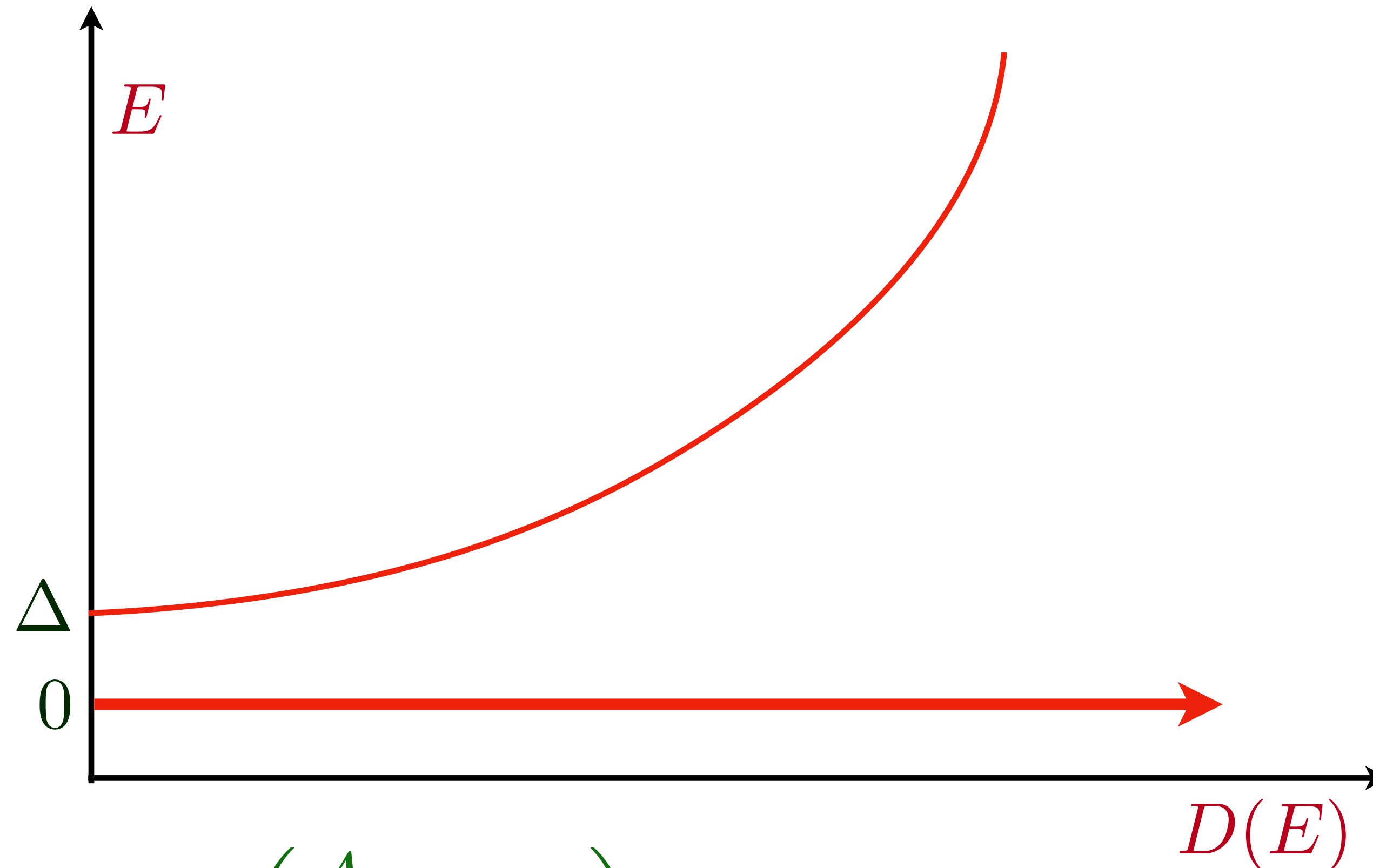
A. Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev, PRB **63**, 134406 (2001)



Complex SYK model

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$$D(E) \sim \exp\left(\frac{A_0}{4G} + \dots\right) \delta(E) + f_{\text{reg}}(E - \Delta), \quad \Delta \sim R_h^{-1}$$

Supersymmetric black holes and SYK models

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