

Condensed matter applications of gauge-gravity duality

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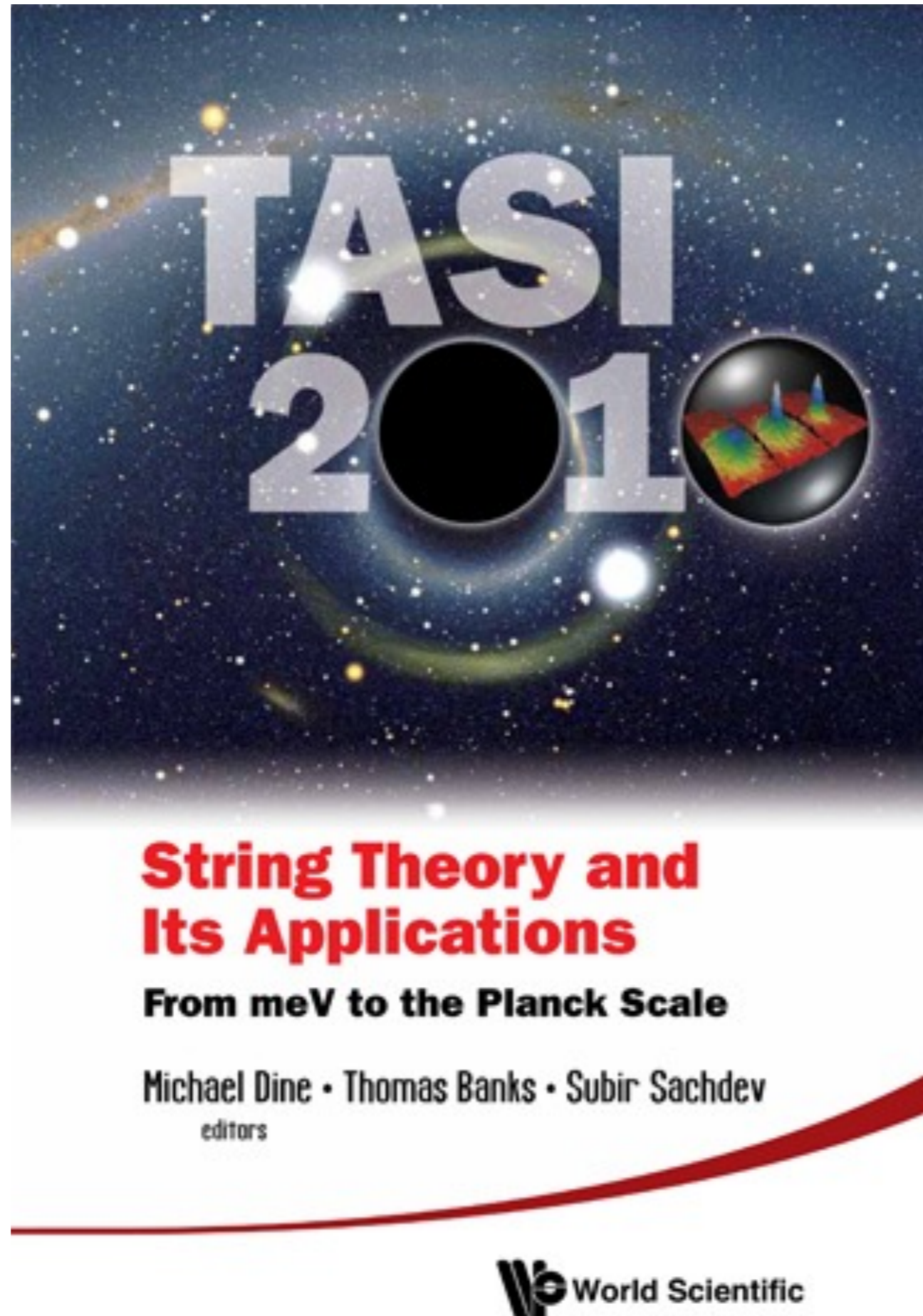
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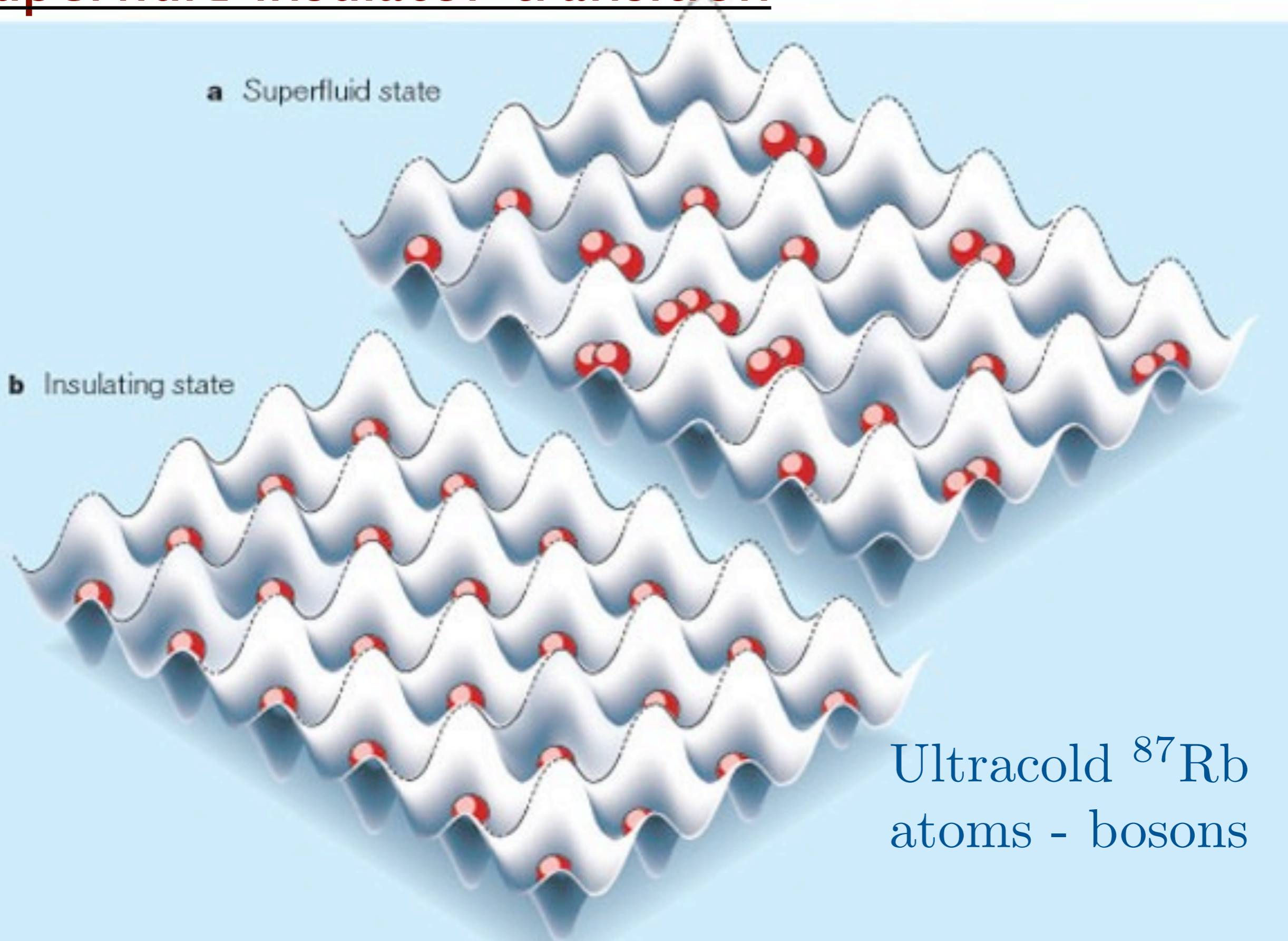
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Superfluid-insulator transition



Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

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

The Superfluid-Insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model

Degrees of freedom: Bosons, b_j^\dagger , hopping between the sites, j , of a lattice, with short-range repulsive interactions.

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j - \mu \sum_j n_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j n_j (n_j - 1) + \dots$$

$$n_j \equiv b_j^\dagger b_j$$

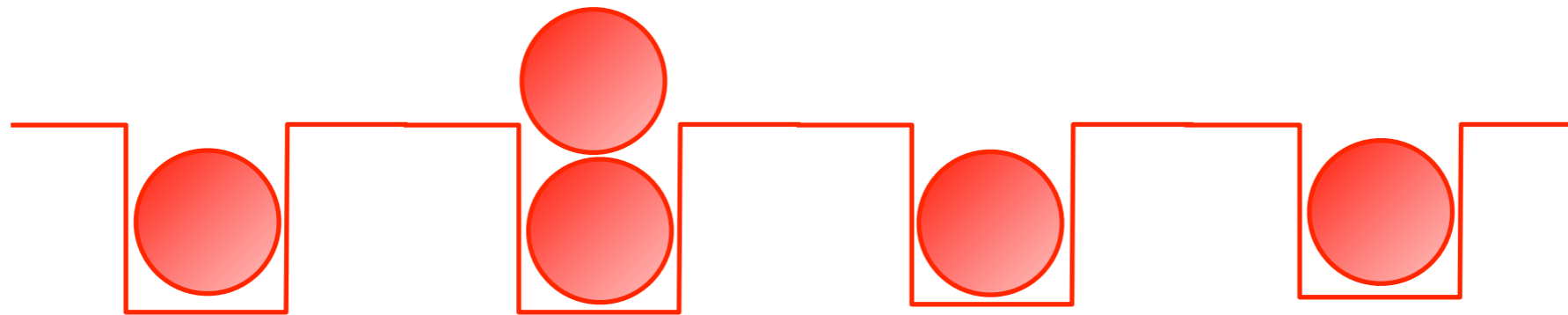
$$[b_j, b_k^\dagger] = \delta_{jk}$$

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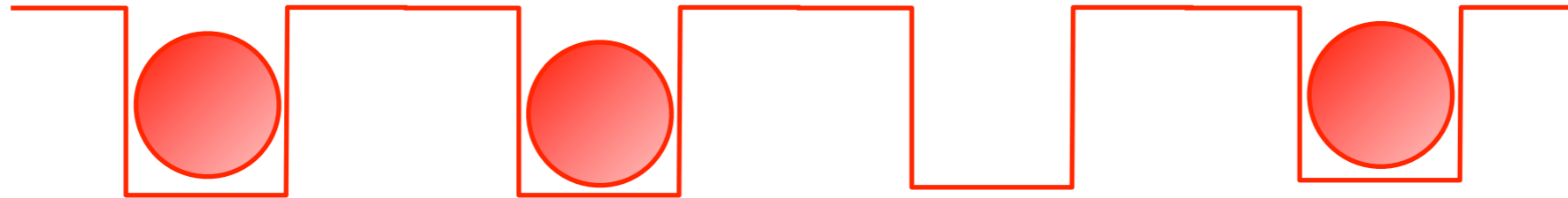
Insulator (the vacuum)
at large repulsion between bosons

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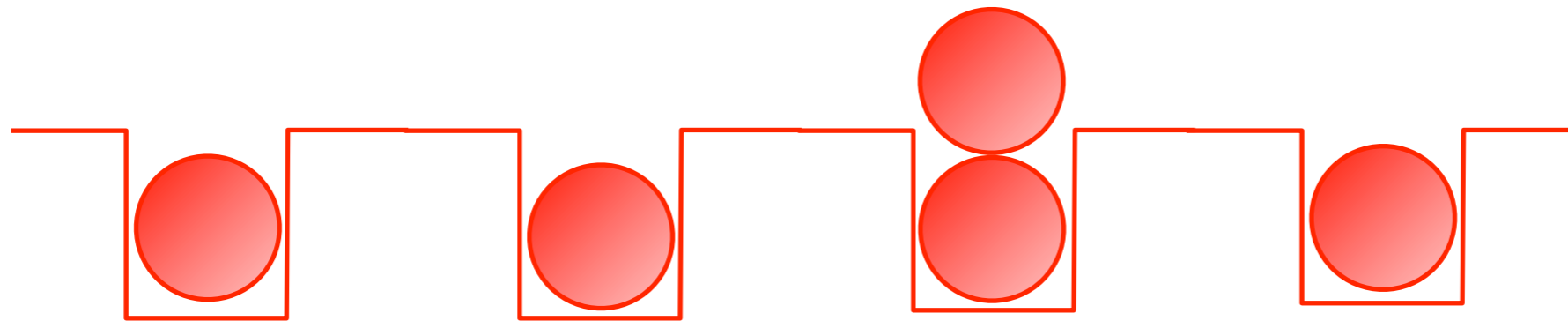
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Density of particles = density of holes \Rightarrow

“relativistic” field theory for ψ :

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r d\tau \left[|\partial_\tau \psi|^2 + v^2 |\vec{\nabla} \psi|^2 + (g - g_c) |\psi|^2 + \frac{u}{2} |\psi|^4 \right]$$

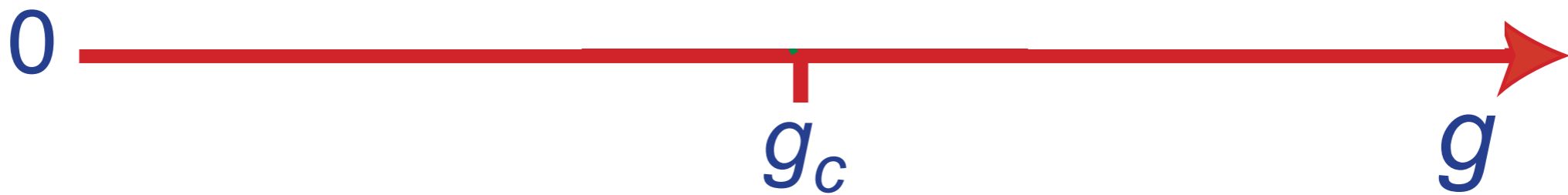
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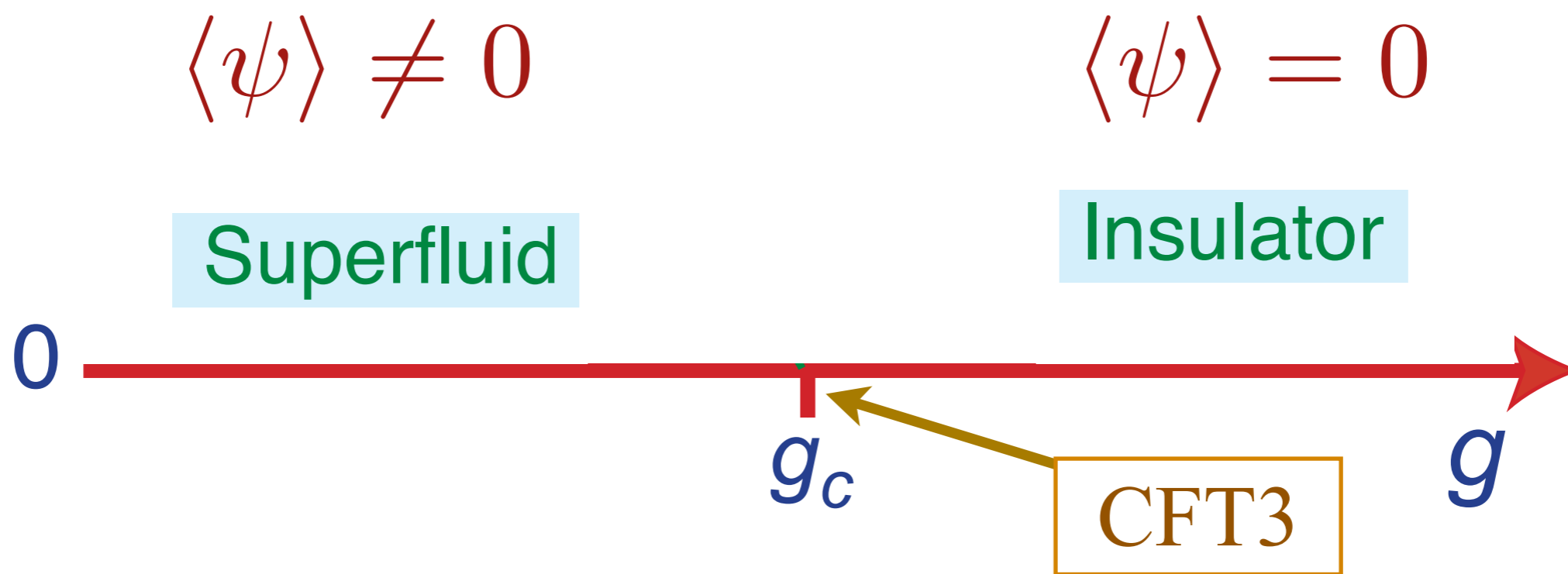
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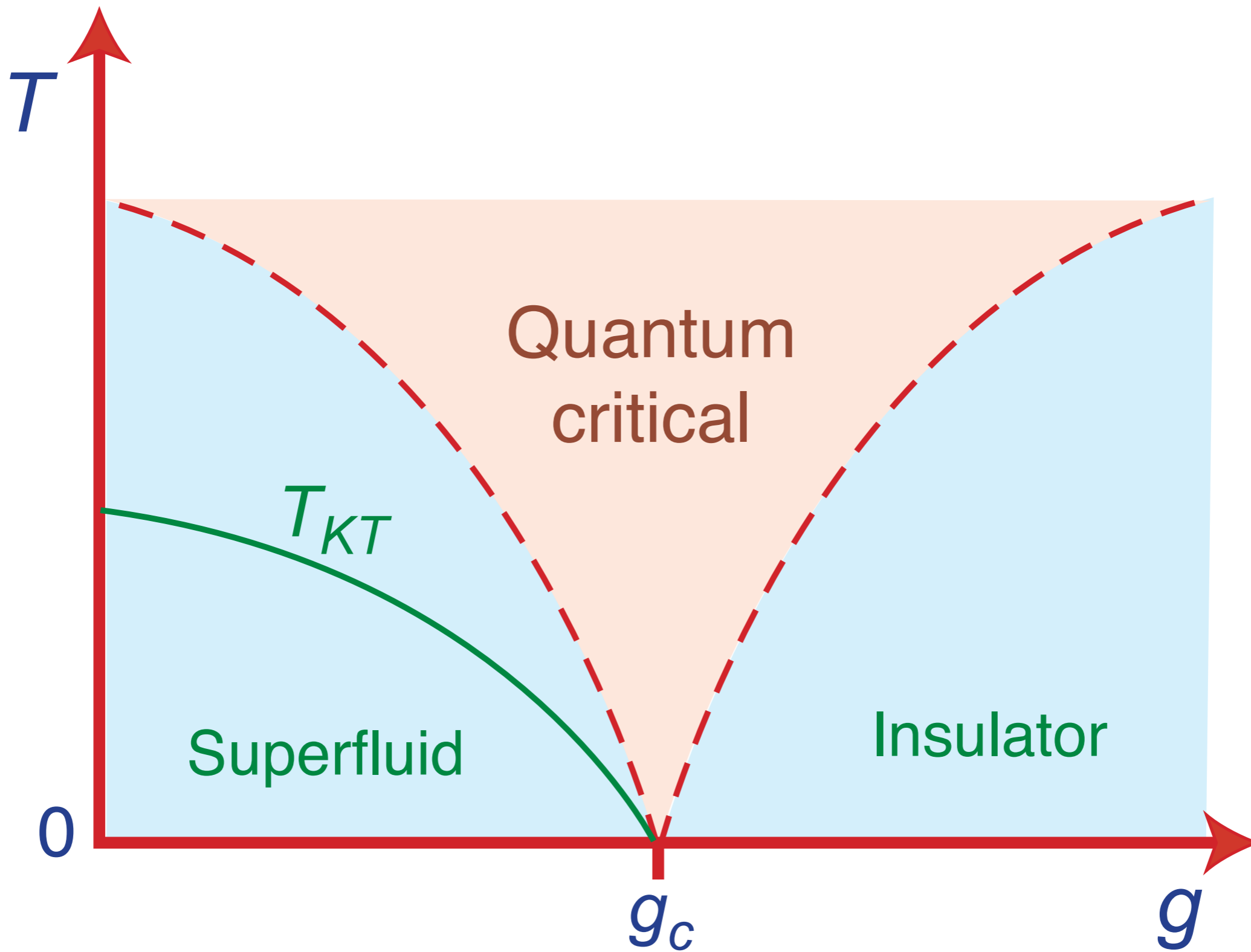
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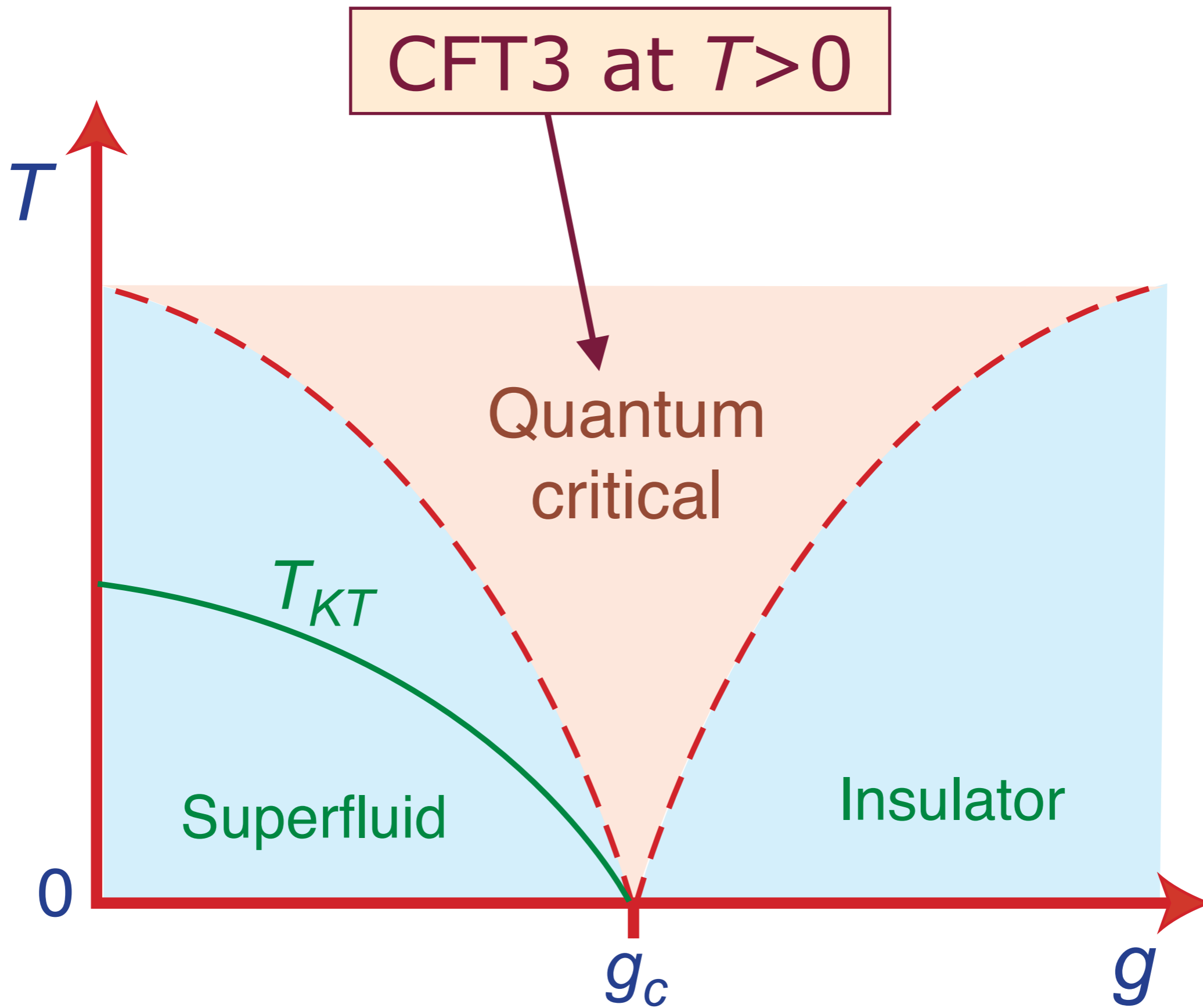
Superfluid

Insulator









Quantum critical transport

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

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

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

Quantum critical transport

Transport co-efficients not determined
by collision rate, but by
universal 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

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \equiv \frac{\text{viscosity}}{\text{entropy density}}$$
$$= \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \times [\text{Universal constant } \mathcal{O}(1)]$$

Quantum critical transport

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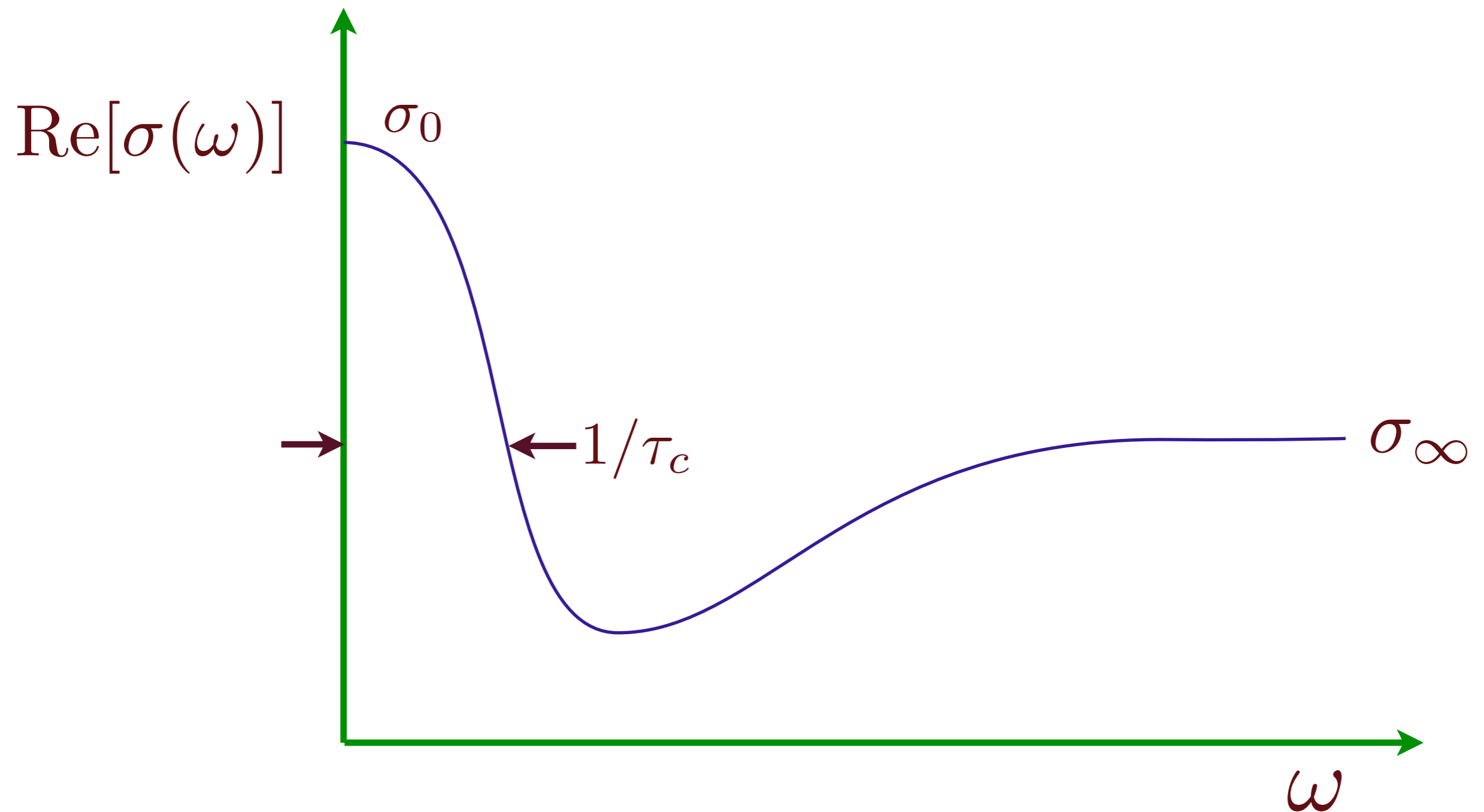
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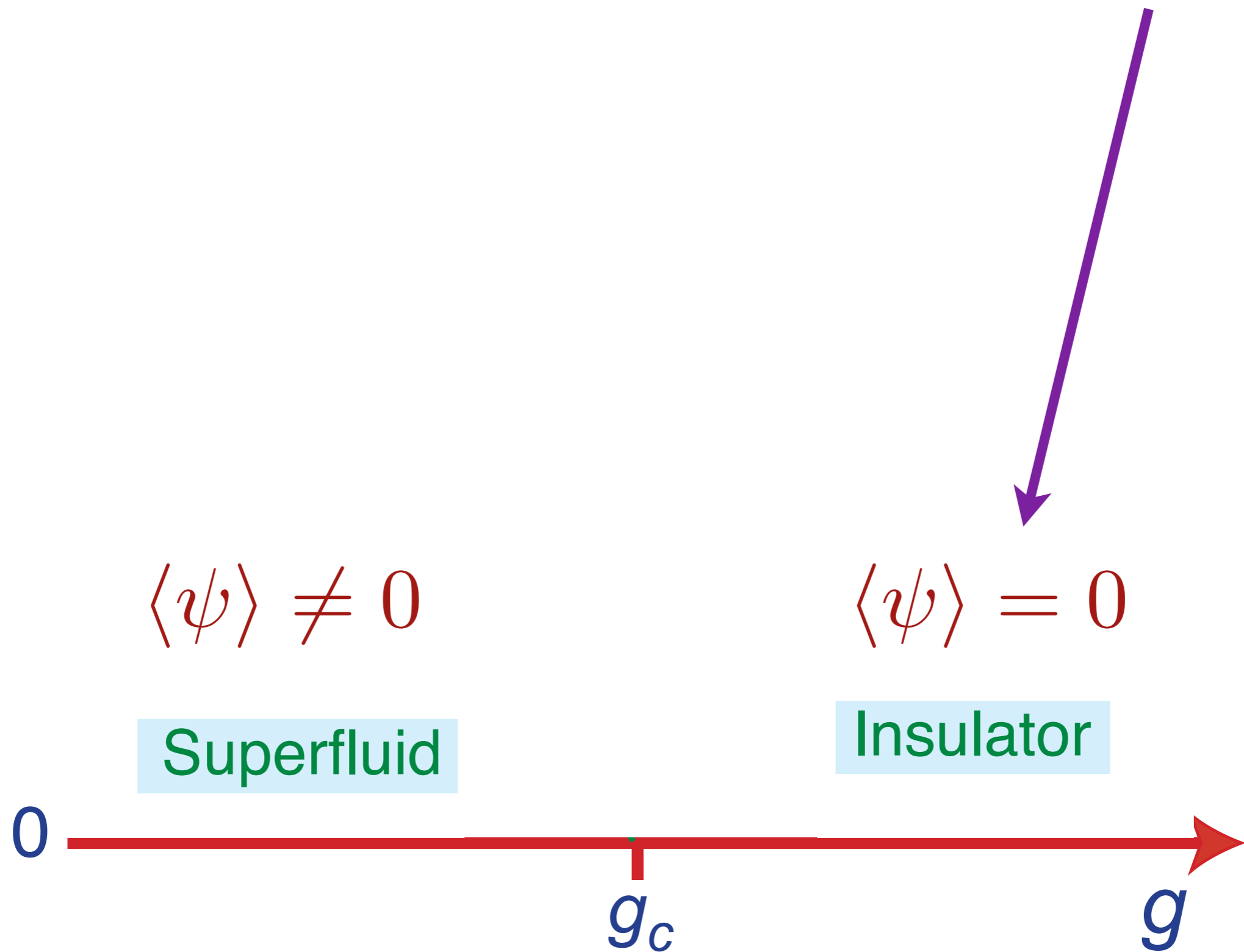
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Also, we have $\sigma(\omega \rightarrow \infty) = \sigma_\infty$, associated with the density of states for particle-hole creation (the “optical conductivity”) in the CFT3.

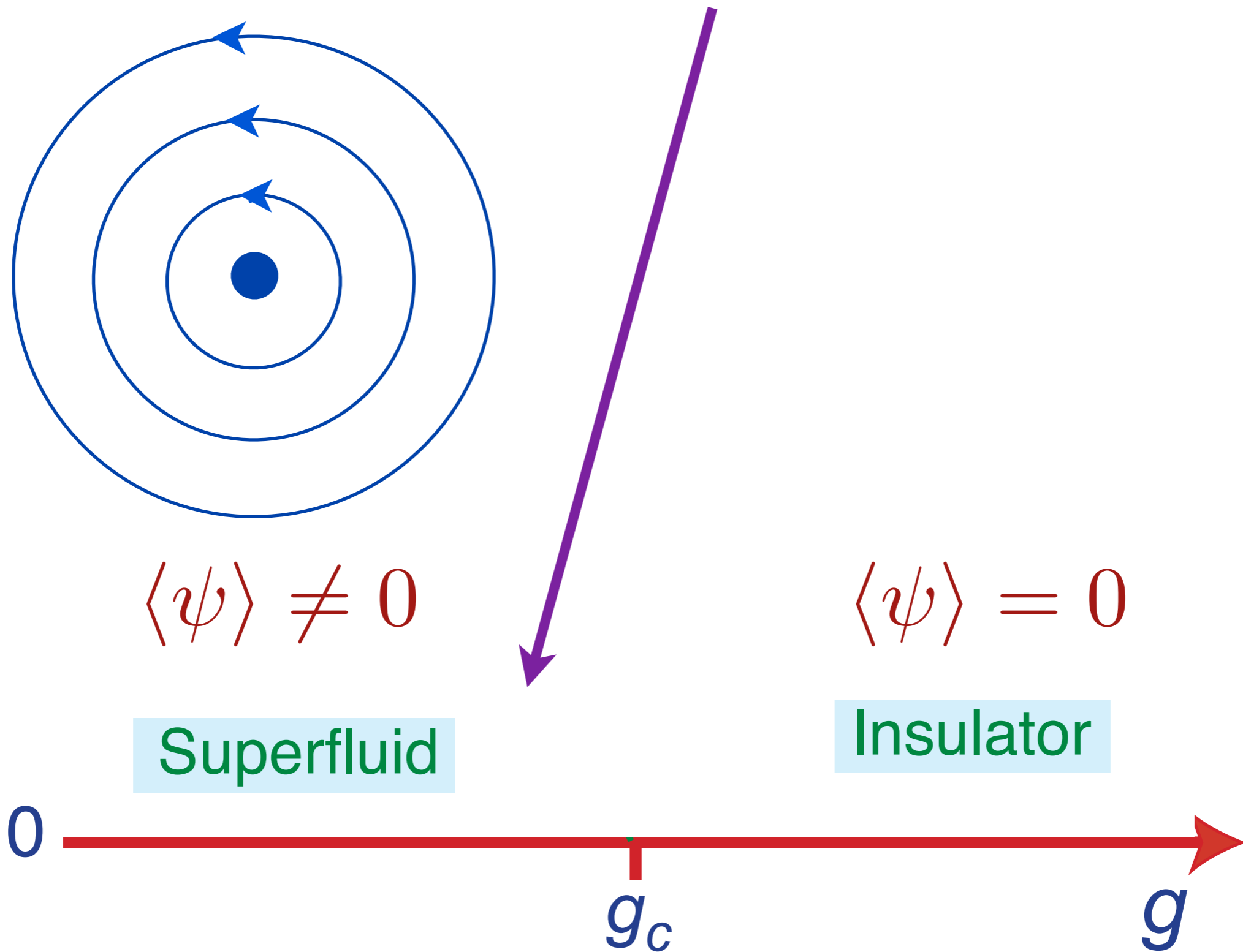
Boltzmann theory of bosons



So far, we have described the quantum critical point using the boson particle and hole excitations of the insulator.



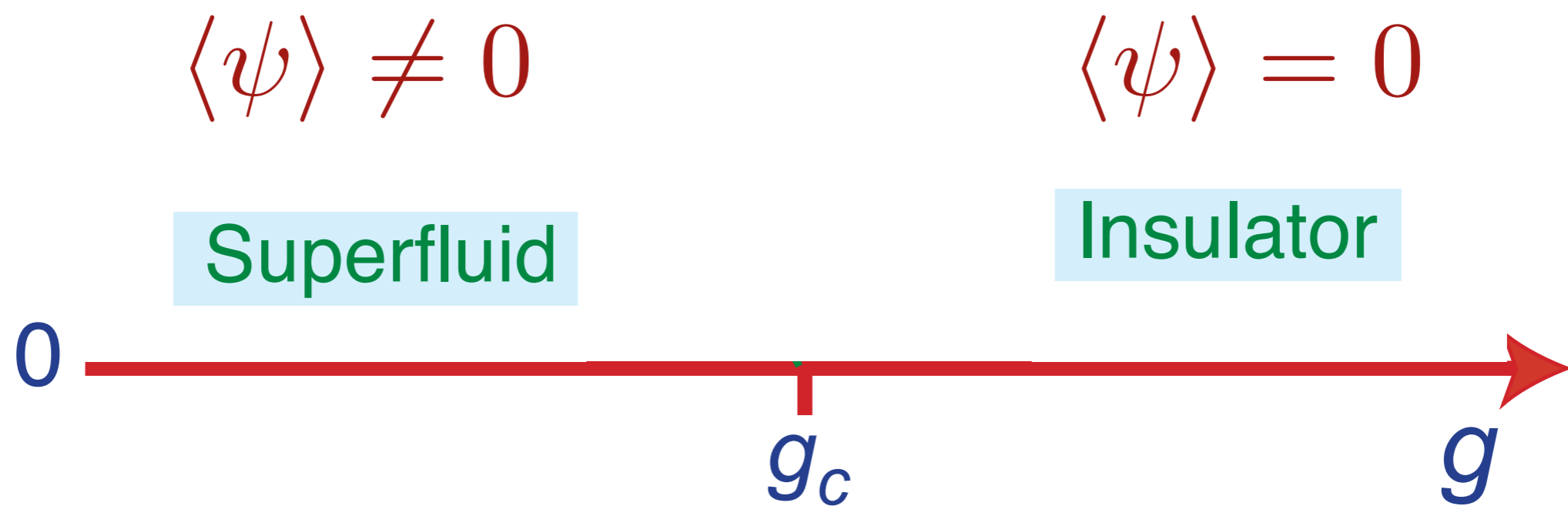
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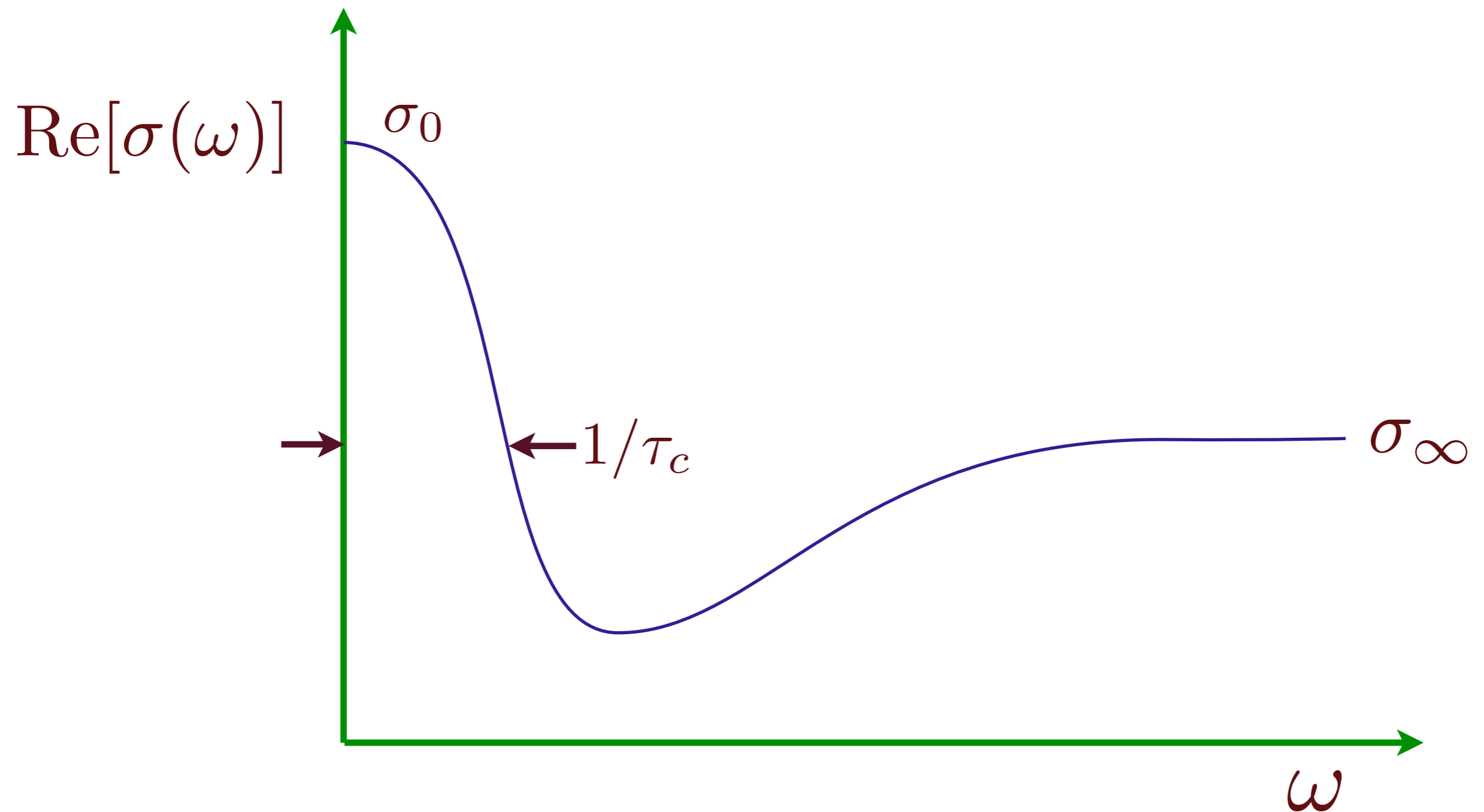
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These are quantum particles (in 2+1 dimensions) which are described by a (mirror/e.m.) “dual” CFT3 with an emergent U(1) gauge field. Their $T > 0$ dynamics can also be described by a Boltzmann equation:

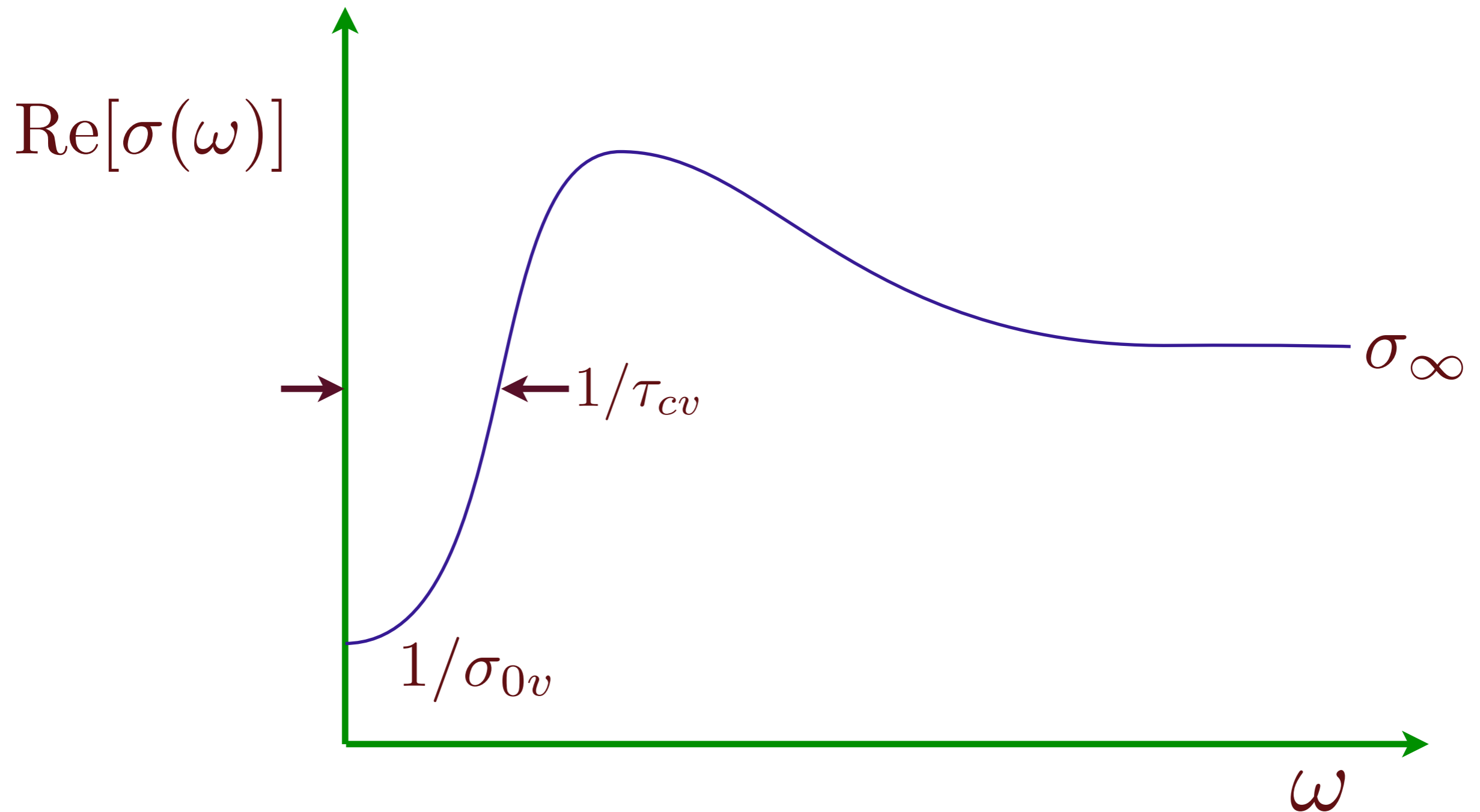
Conductivity = Resistivity of vortices



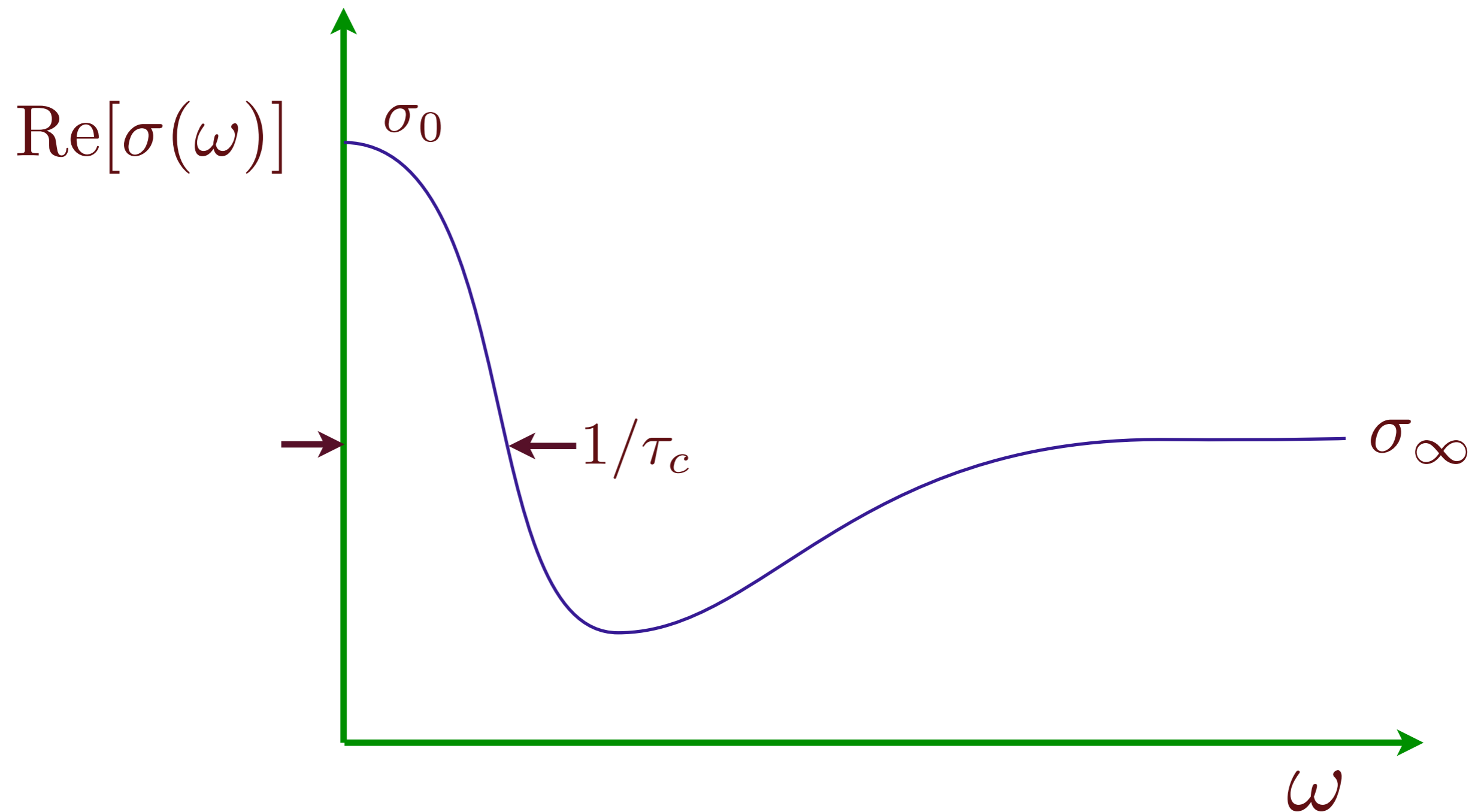
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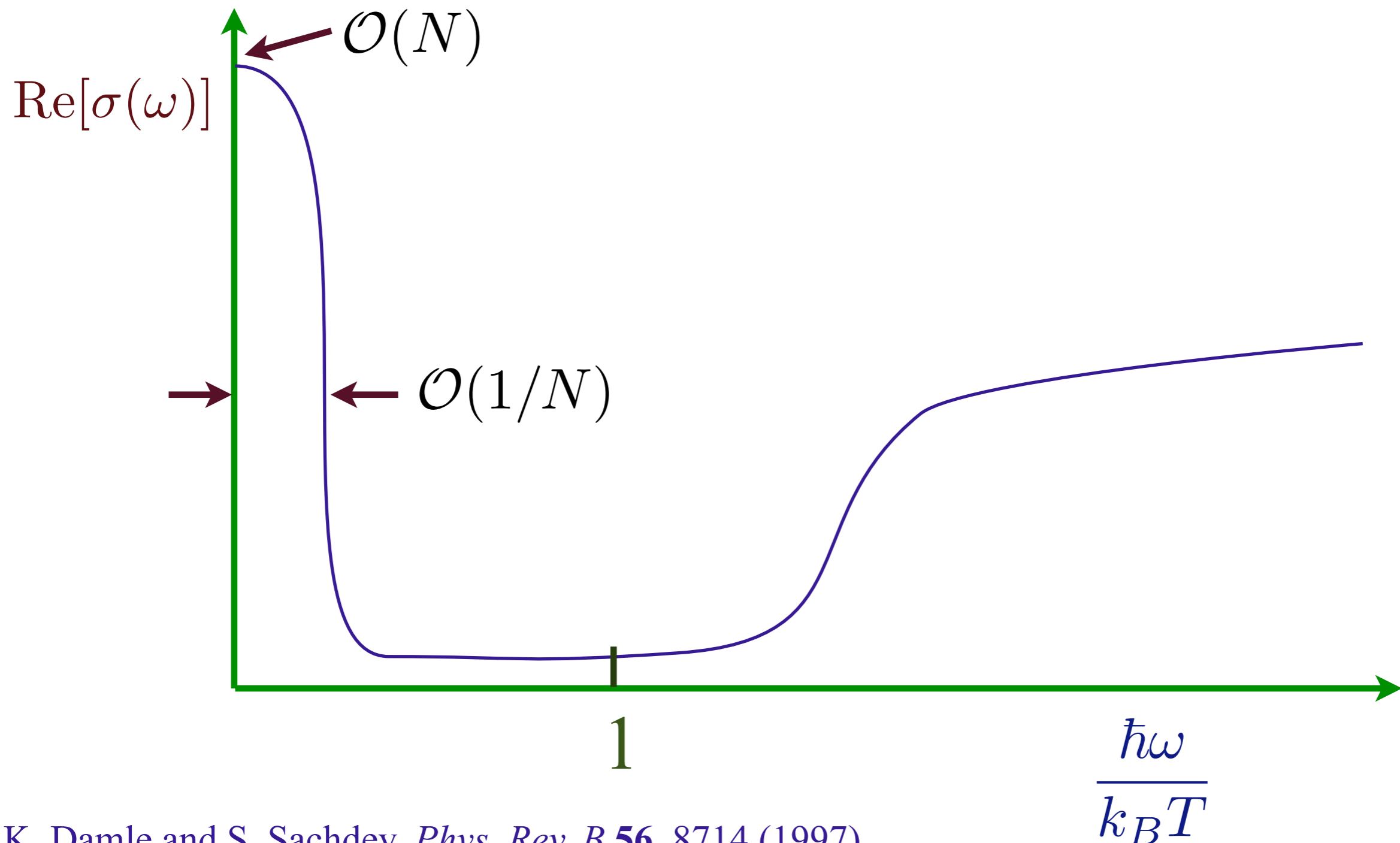


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Vector large N expansion for CFT3

$$\sigma = \frac{Q^2}{h} \Sigma \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right); \quad \Sigma \rightarrow \text{a universal function}$$



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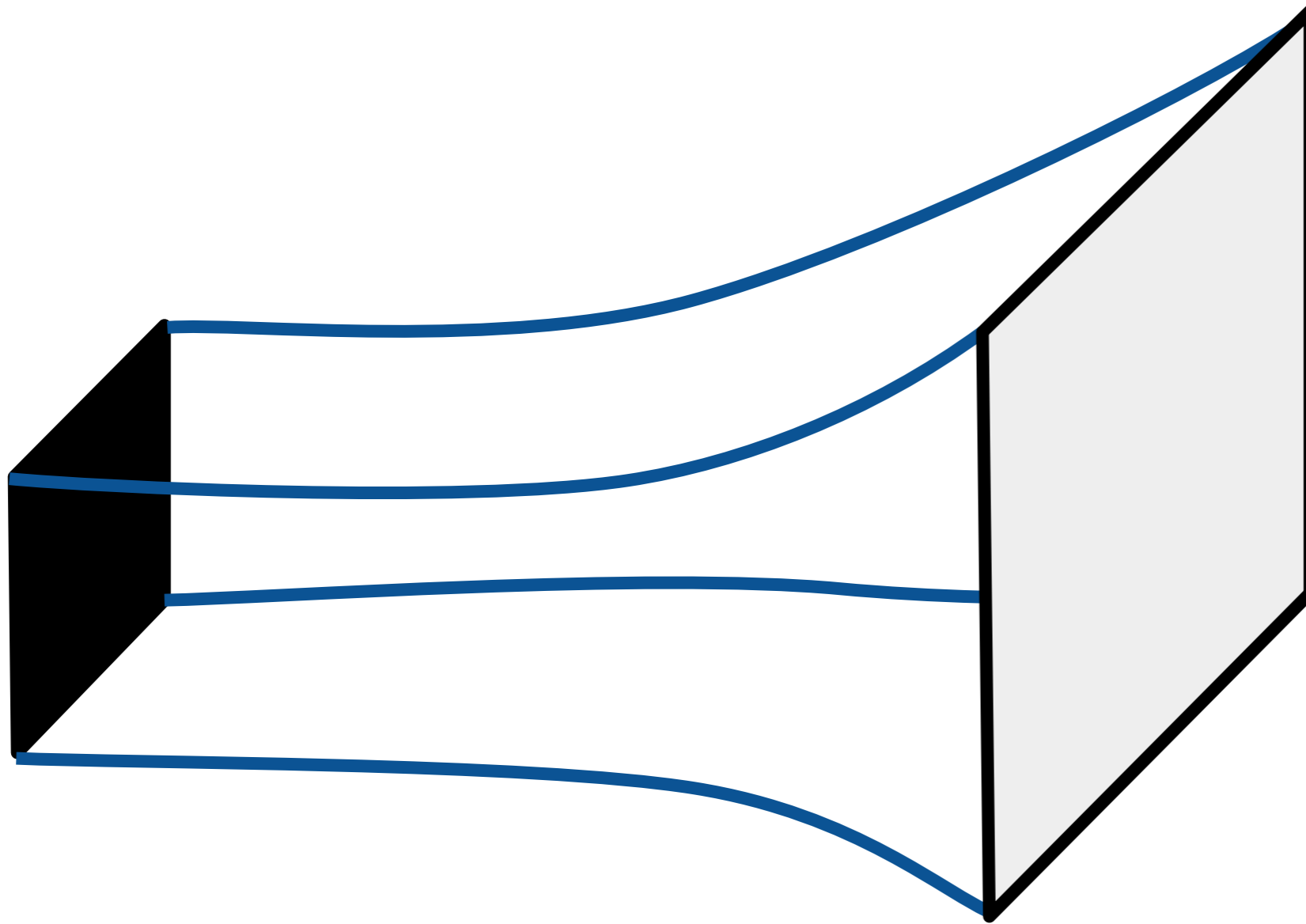
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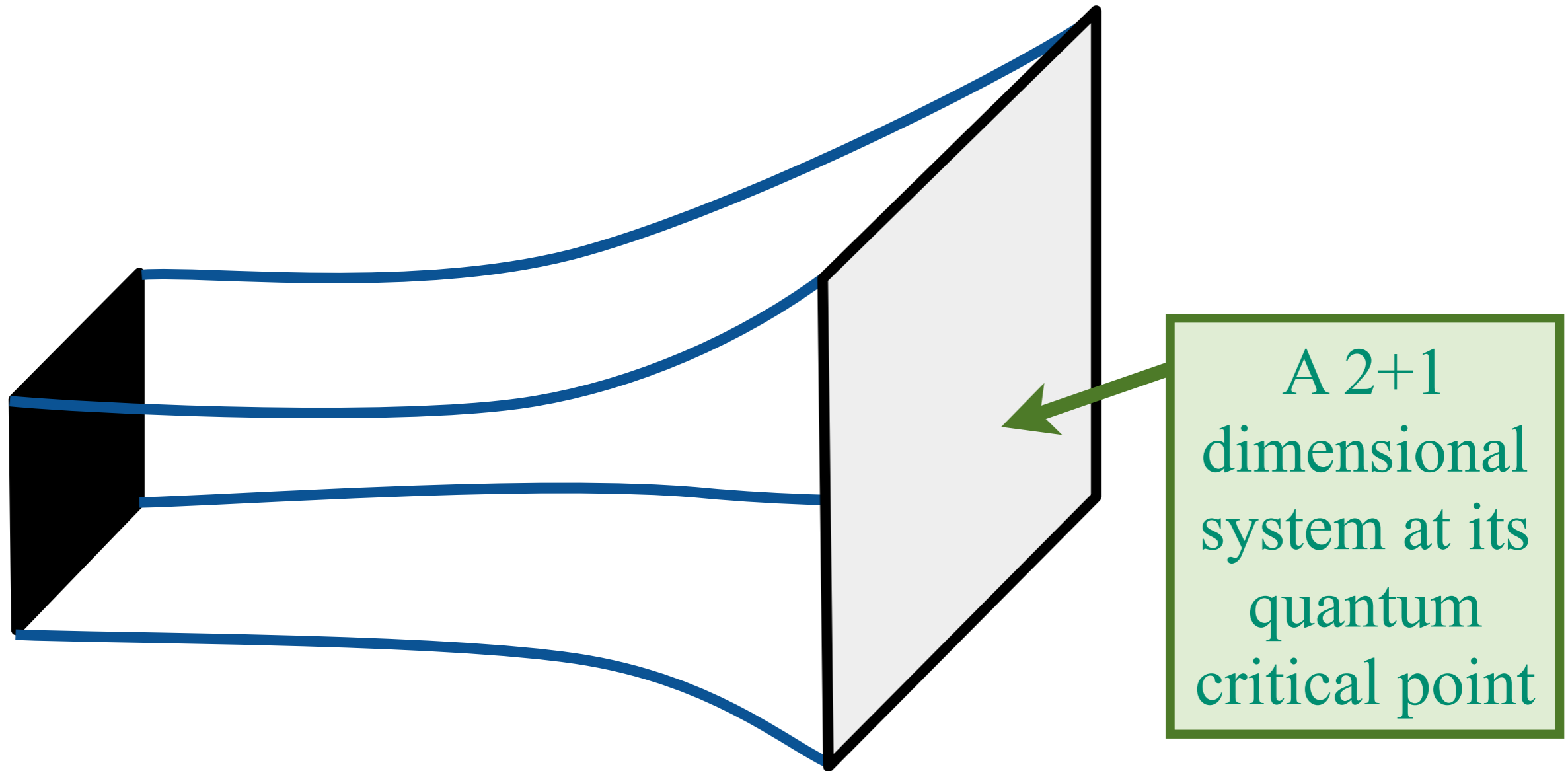
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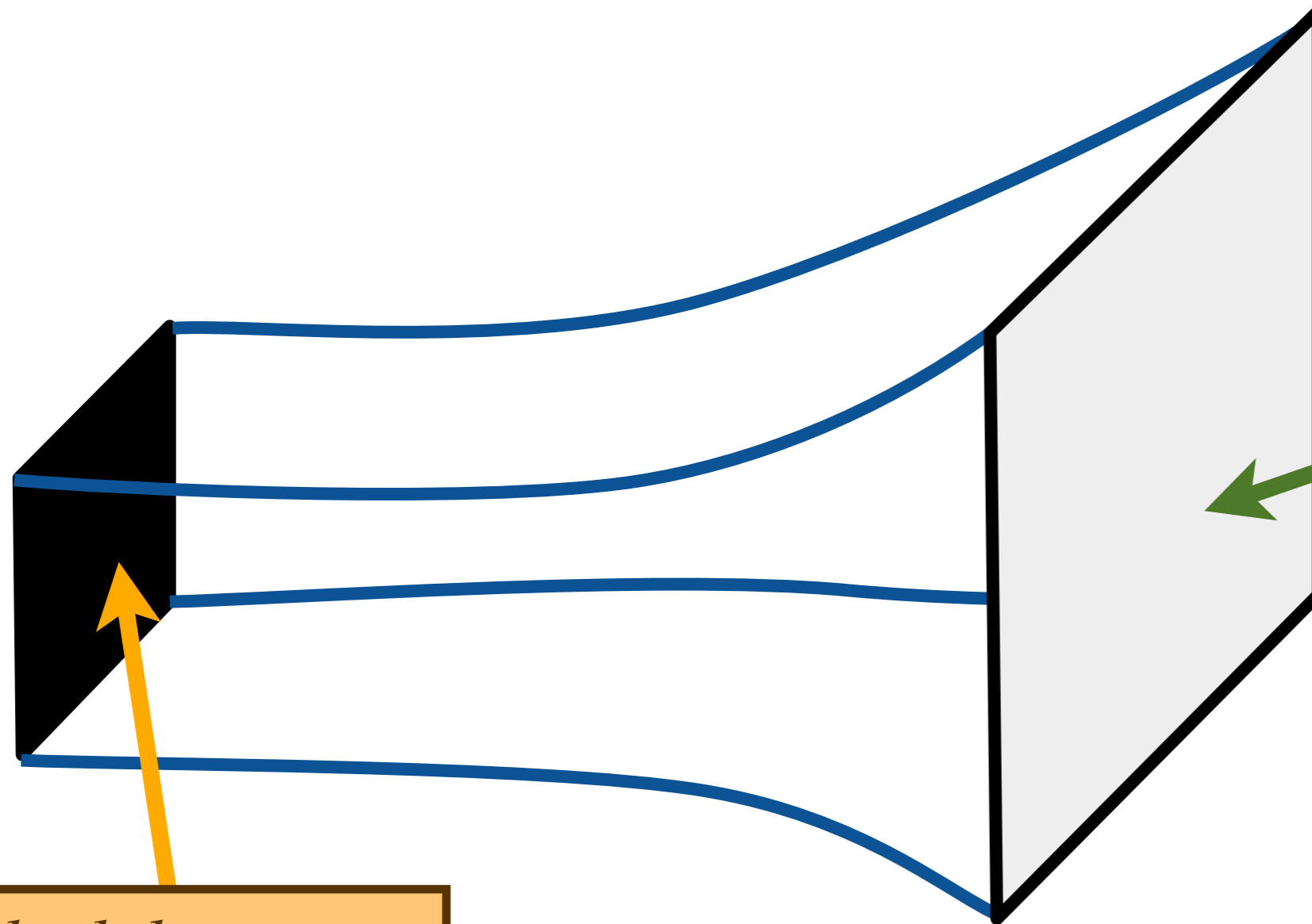
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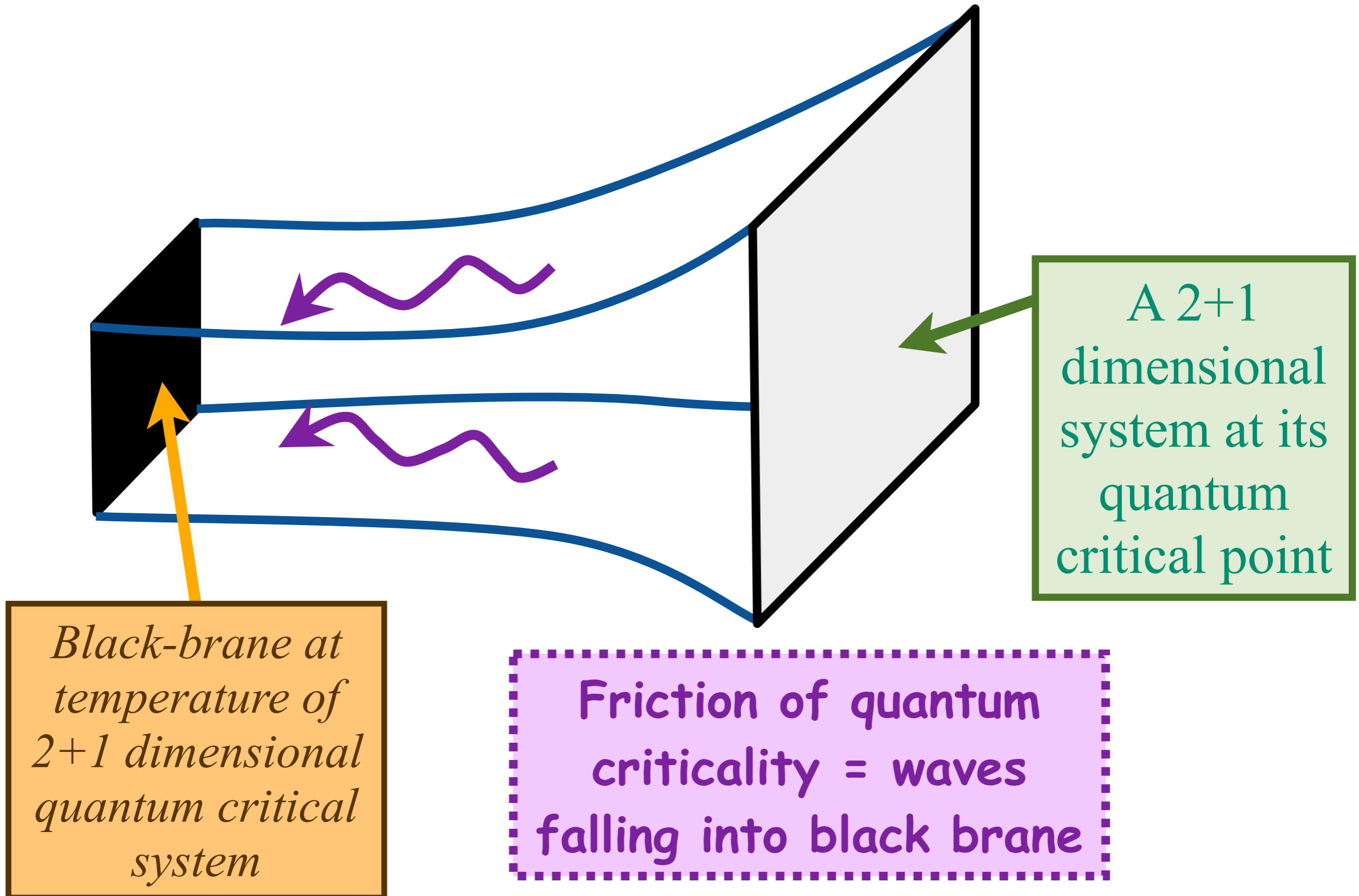
Black-brane at temperature of 2+1 dimensional quantum critical system

A 2+1 dimensional system at its quantum critical point

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AdS₄ theory of “nearly perfect fluids”

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$$\mathcal{S}_{EM} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4e^2} F_{ab} F^{ab} \right].$$

C. P. Herzog, P. K. Kovtun, S. Sachdev, and D. T. Son,
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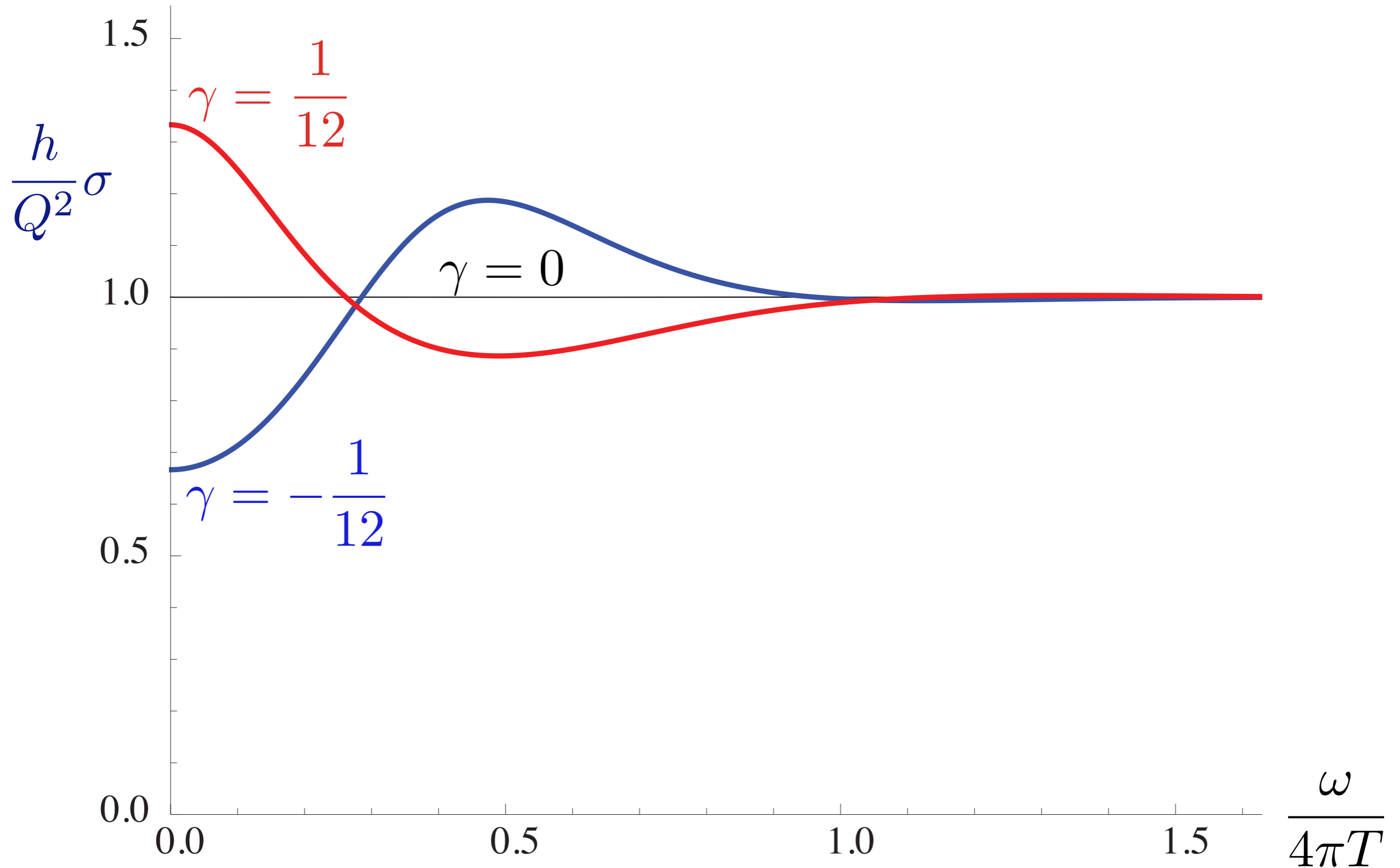
We include all possible 4-derivative terms: after suitable field redefinitions, the required theory has only *one* dimensionless constant γ (L is the radius of AdS₄):

$$\mathcal{S}_{EM} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4e^2} F_{ab} F^{ab} + \frac{\gamma L^2}{e^2} C_{abcd} F^{ab} F^{cd} \right],$$

where C_{abcd} is the Weyl curvature tensor.

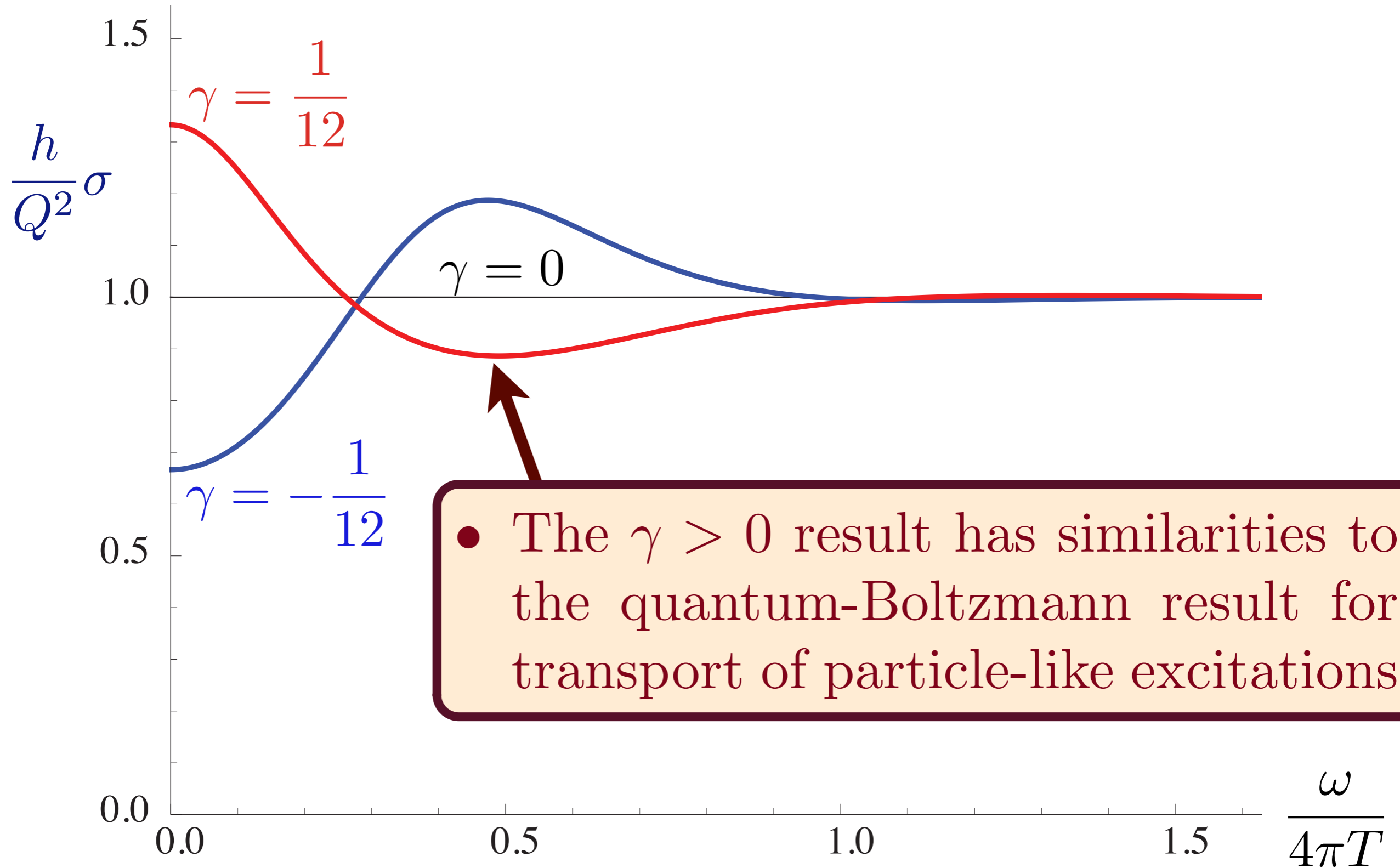
Stability and causality constraints restrict $|\gamma| < 1/12$.

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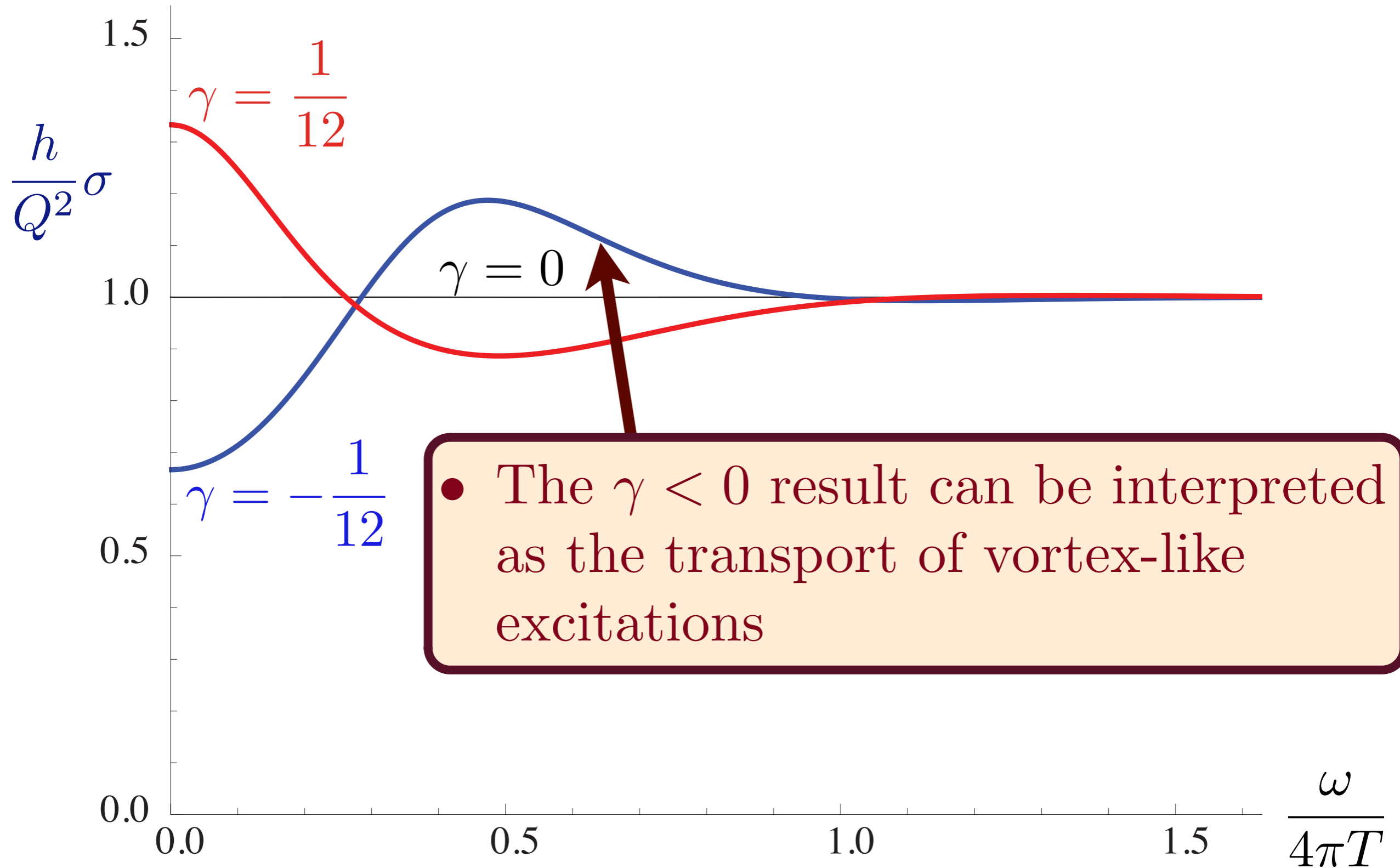
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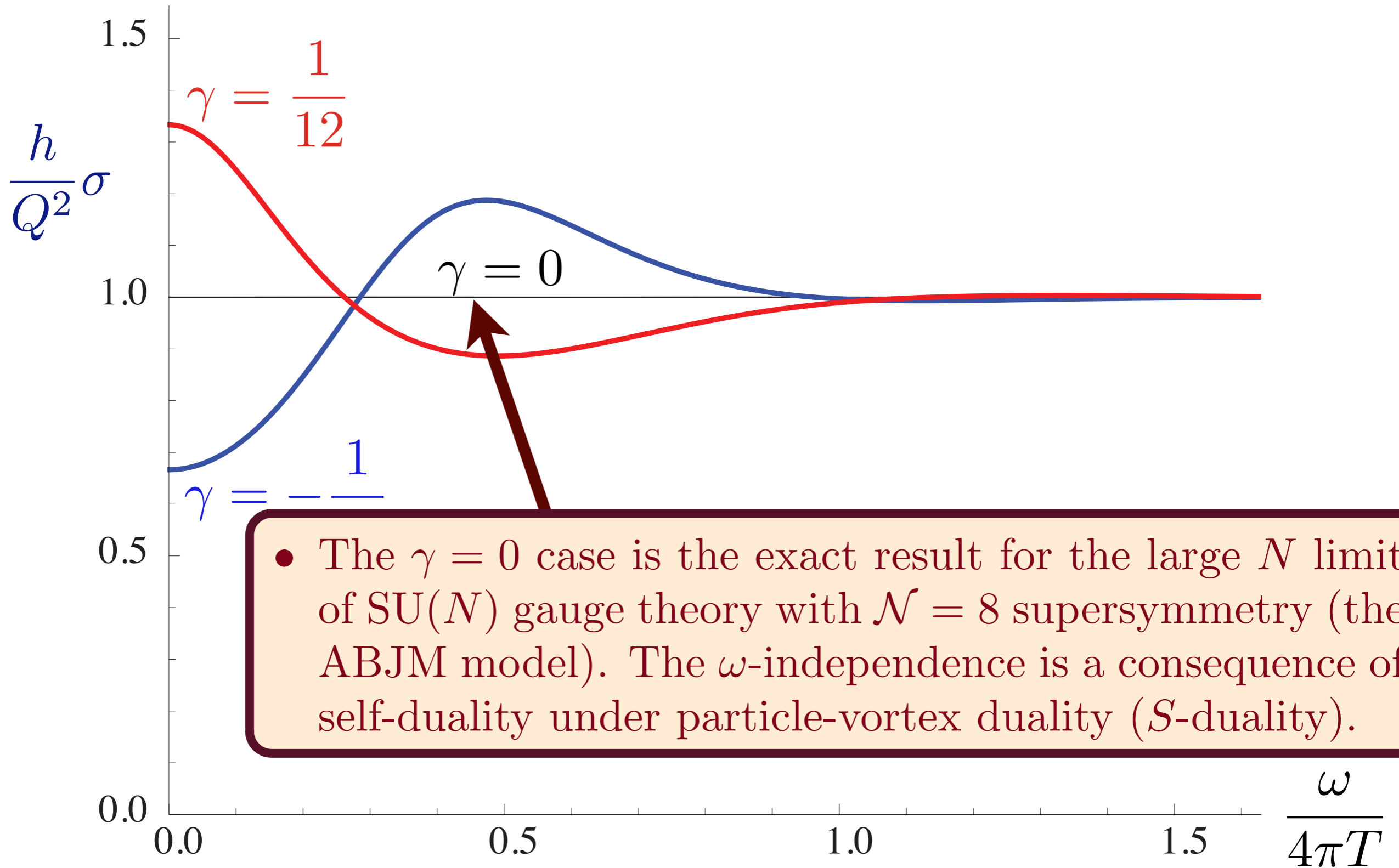
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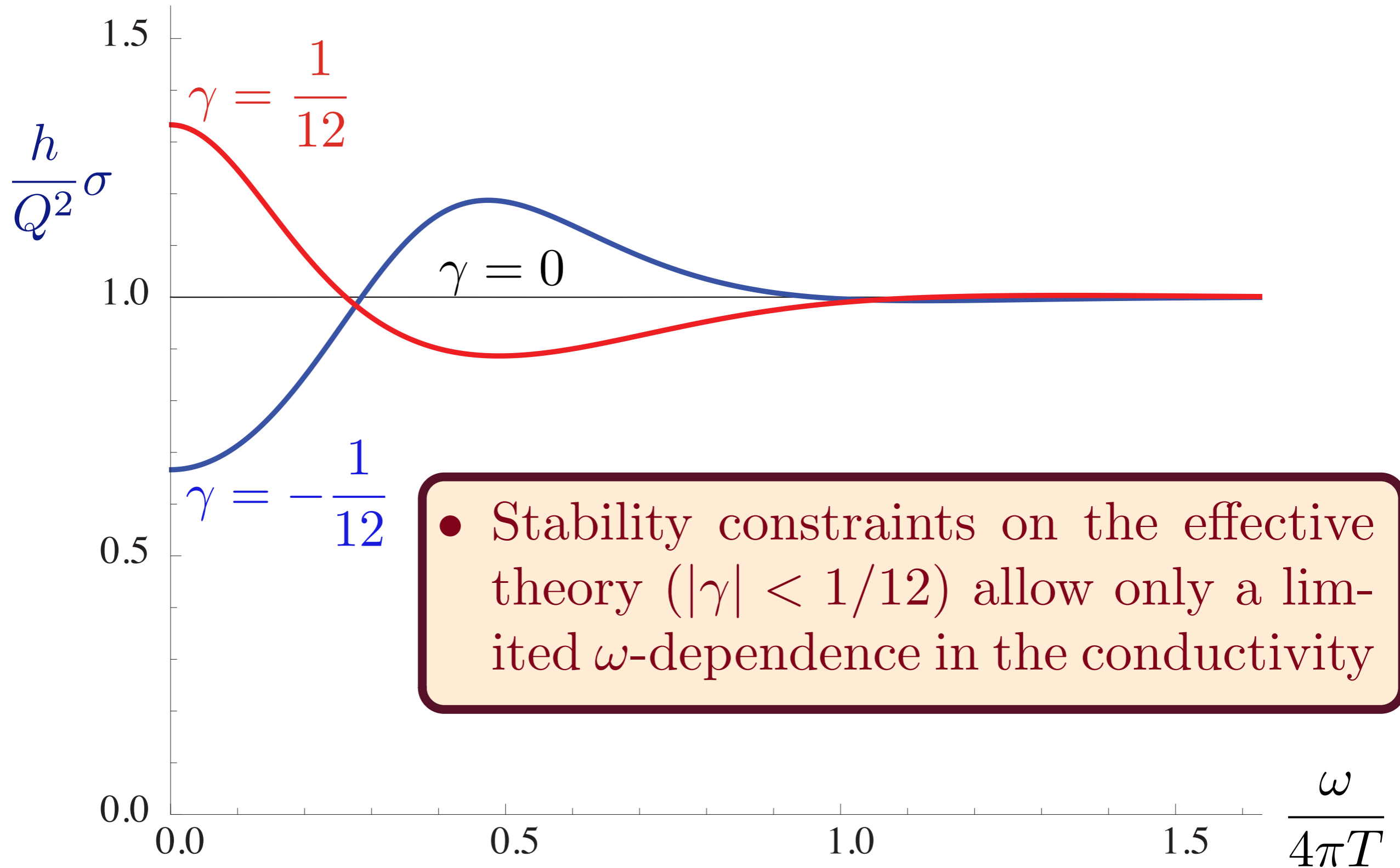
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Other studies

Chern-Simons terms and quantum Hall effect:

Alanen, Keski-Vakkuri, Kraus, Suur-Uski;

Bayntun, Burgess, Dolan, Lee

Shear Viscosity

Mueller, Fritz, Schmalian

Non-linear transport:

Karch, Sondhi

Topological insulators:

Ryu, Takayanagi

Hoyos, Jensen, Karch

Non-equilibrium transport:

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Frequency dependency of integer quantum Hall effect

Little frequency dependence, and conductivity is close to self-dual value

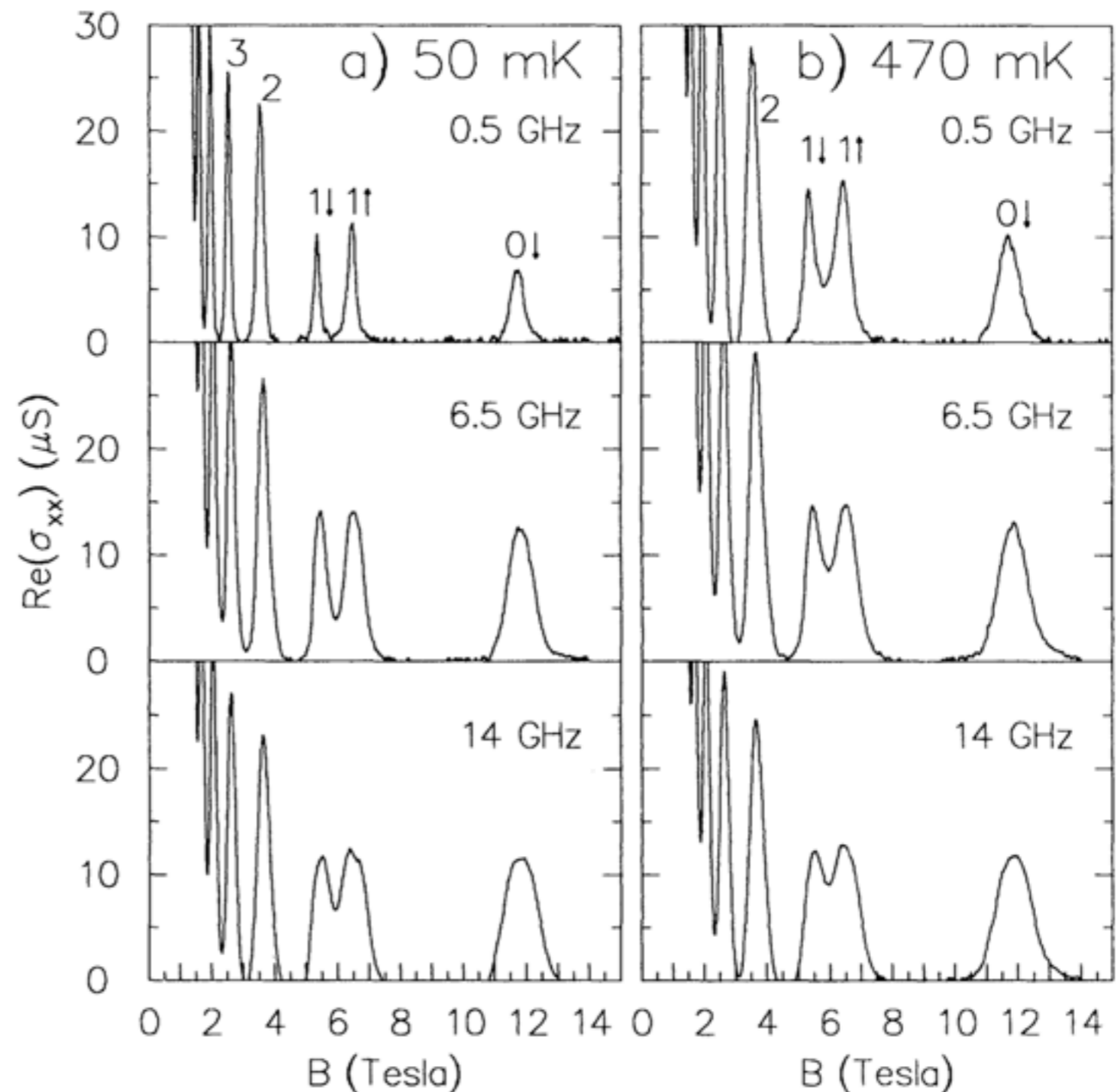


FIG. 3. $\text{Re}(\sigma_{xx})$ vs B at three frequencies and two temperatures. Peaks are marked with Landau level index N and spin.

L. W. Engel, D. Shahar, C. Kurdak, and D. C. Tsui,
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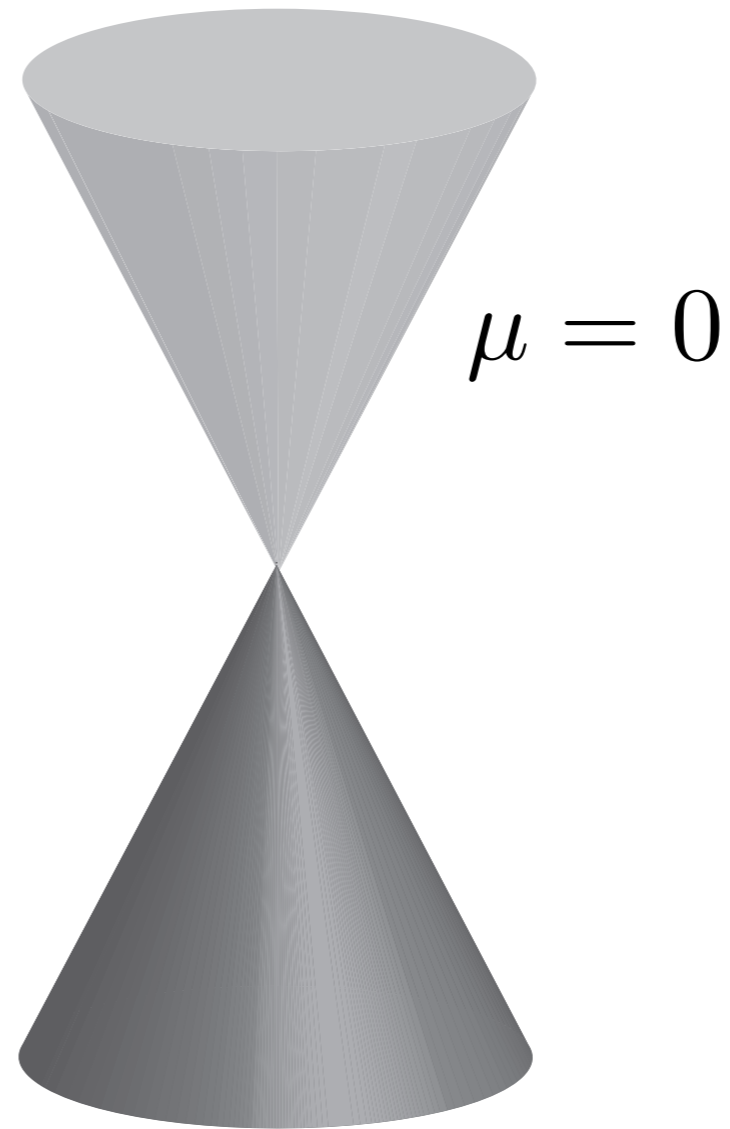
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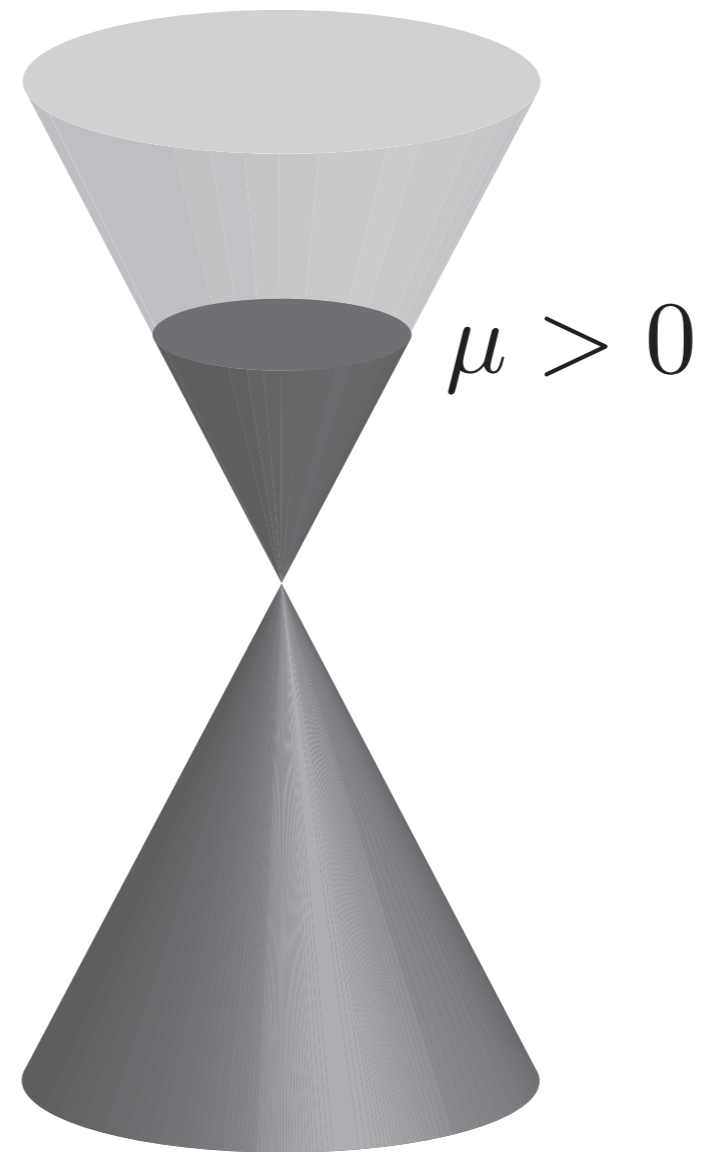
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- Describe zero temperature phases where $\langle Q \rangle$ varies smoothly as a function of any external parameter μ (the “chemical potential”). For simplicity, we assume μ couples linearly to Q .

Turning on a chemical potential on a CFT



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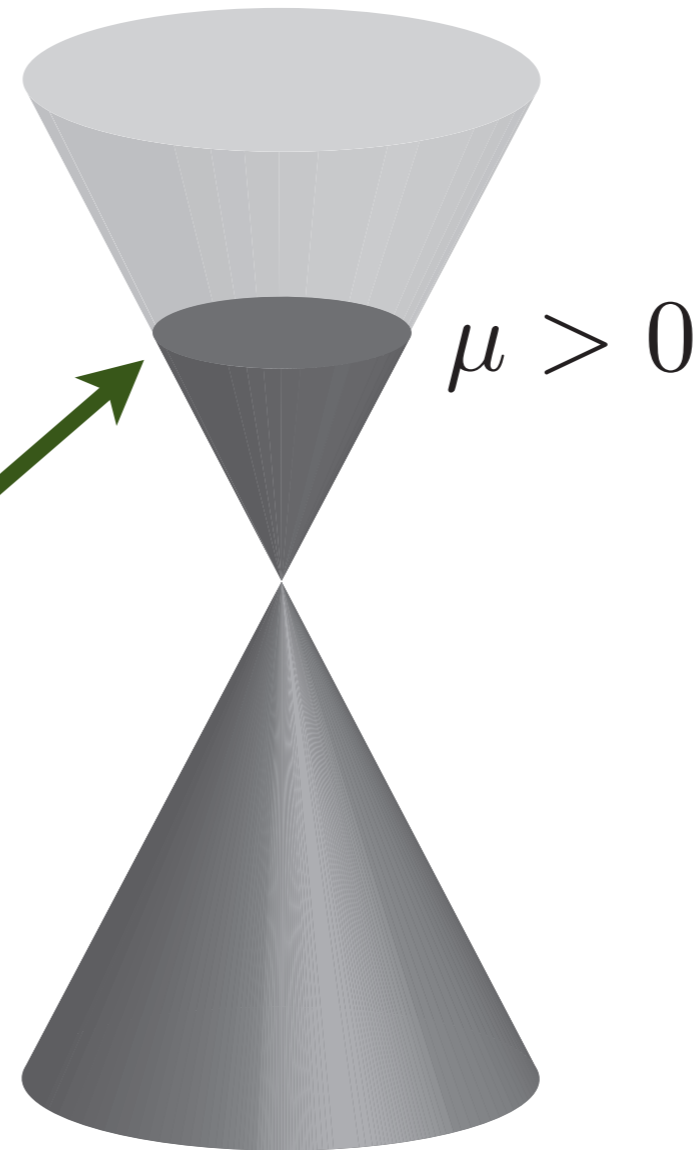
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Compressible
phase is a
Fermi Liquid
with a
Fermi surface



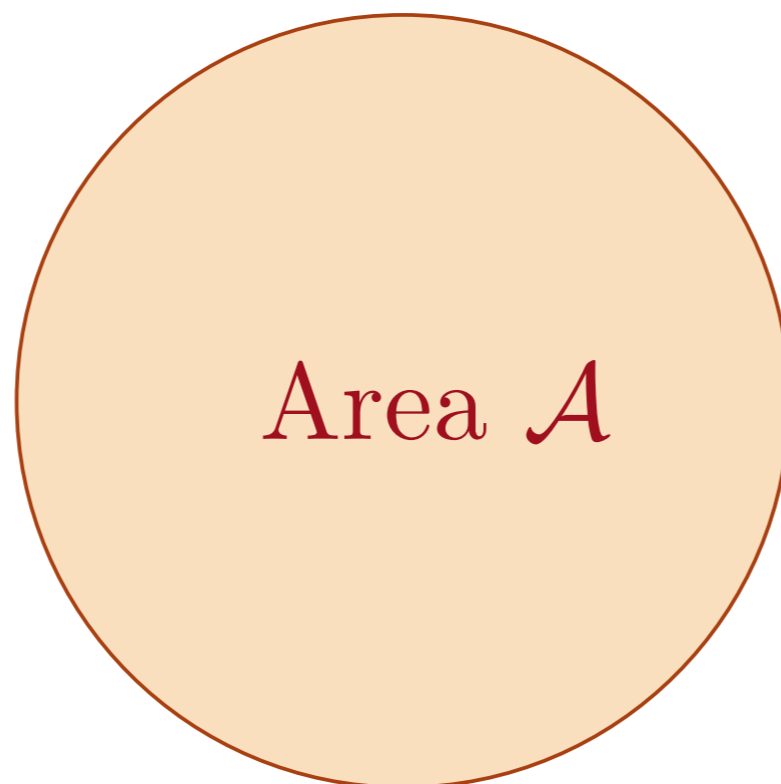
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The Fermi surface

This is the locus of zero energy singularities in momentum space in the two-point correlator of fermions carrying charge Q .

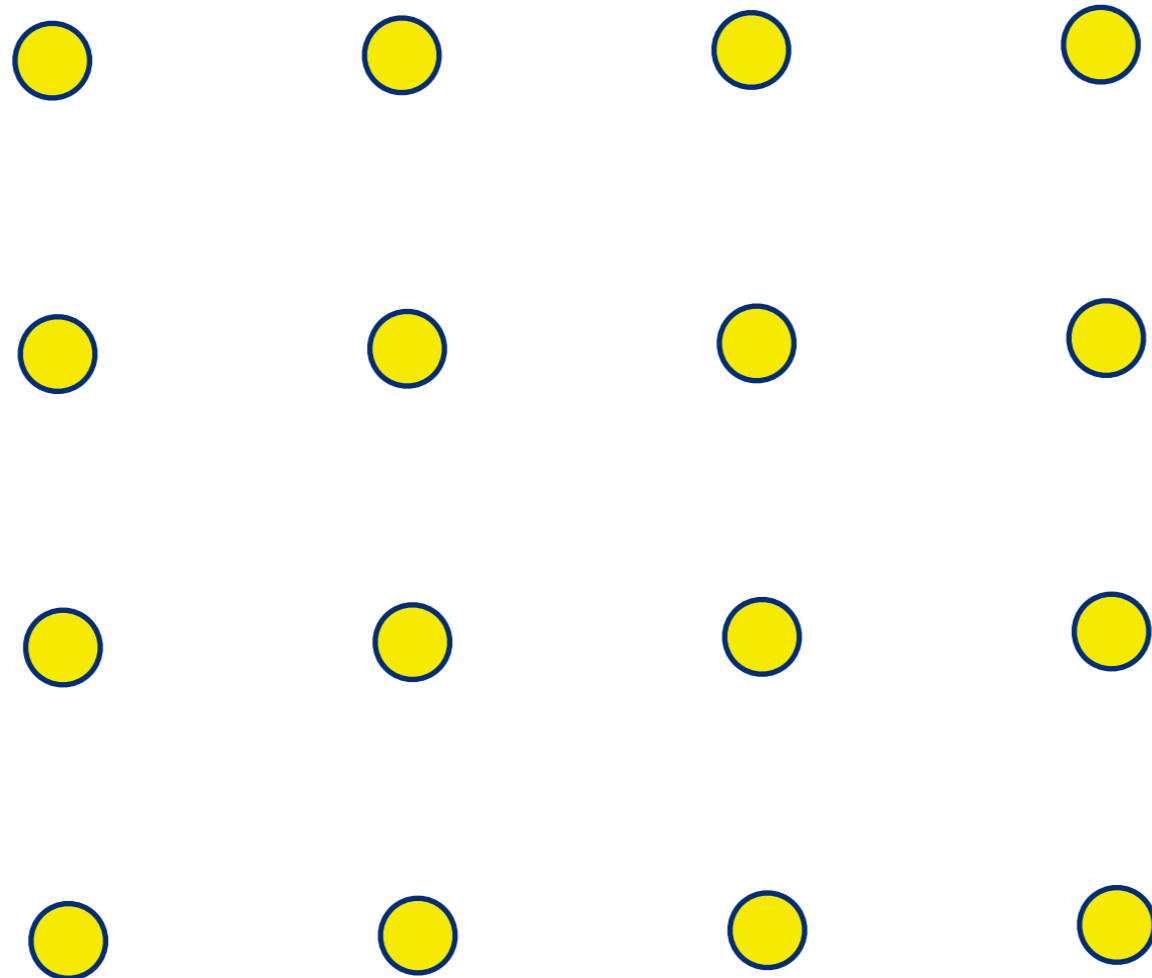
$$G_{\text{fermion}}^{-1}(k = k_F, \omega = 0) = 0.$$

Luttinger relation: The total “volume (area)” \mathcal{A} enclosed by the Fermi surface is equal to $\langle Q \rangle$. This is a *key* constraint which allows extrapolation from weak to strong coupling.



Compressible quantum matter

Another compressible state is the **solid**
(or “Wigner crystal” or “stripe”).
This state breaks translational symmetry.



Compressible quantum matter

The only other familiar compressible state is the **superfluid**.

This state breaks the global $U(1)$ symmetry associated with Q



Condensate of
fermion pairs

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- Non-Fermi liquids have quasiparticles coupled to deconfined gauge fields (or gapless bosonic modes at quantum critical points).

ABJM theory in $D=2+1$ dimensions

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Adding a chemical potential coupling to a $SU(4)$ charge breaks supersymmetry and $SU(4)$ invariance

Theory similar to ABJM

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- Fermions, c , gauge-invariant bound states of fermions and bosons carrying global U(1) charge 2.

Theory similar to ABJM

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= f_\sigma^\dagger \left[(\partial_\tau - i\sigma A_\tau) - \frac{(\nabla - i\sigma \mathbf{A})^2}{2m} - \mu \right] f_\sigma \\ &+ b_\sigma^\dagger \left[(\partial_\tau - i\sigma A_\tau) - \frac{(\nabla - i\sigma \mathbf{A})^2}{2m_b} + \epsilon_1 - \mu \right] b_\sigma \\ &+ \frac{u}{2} (b_\sigma^\dagger b_\sigma)^2 - g_1 \left(b_+^\dagger b_-^\dagger f_- f_+ + \text{H.c.} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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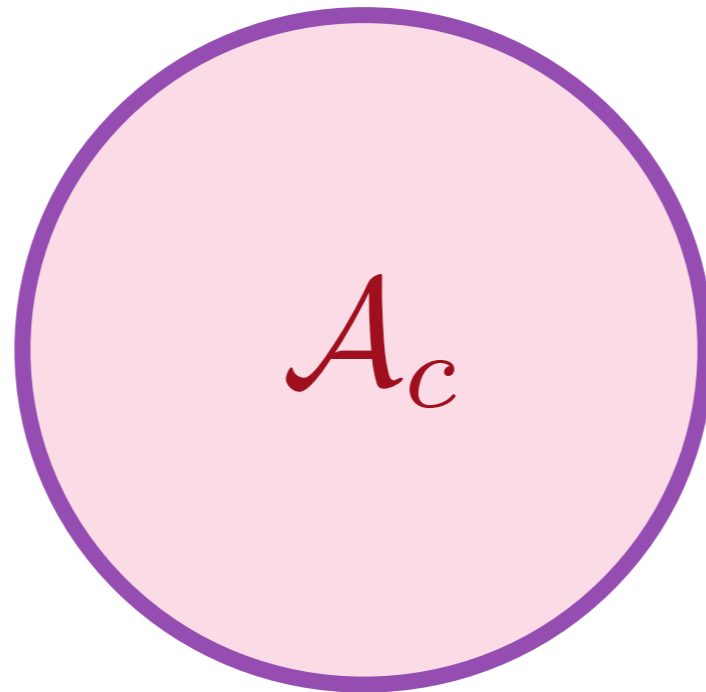
The index $\sigma = \pm 1$, and $\epsilon_{1,2}$ are tuning parameters of phase diagram

$$\text{Conserved U(1) charge: } \mathcal{Q} = f_\sigma^\dagger f_\sigma + b_\sigma^\dagger b_\sigma + 2c^\dagger c$$

L. Huijse and S. Sachdev, arXiv:1104.5022

Phases of ABJM-like theories

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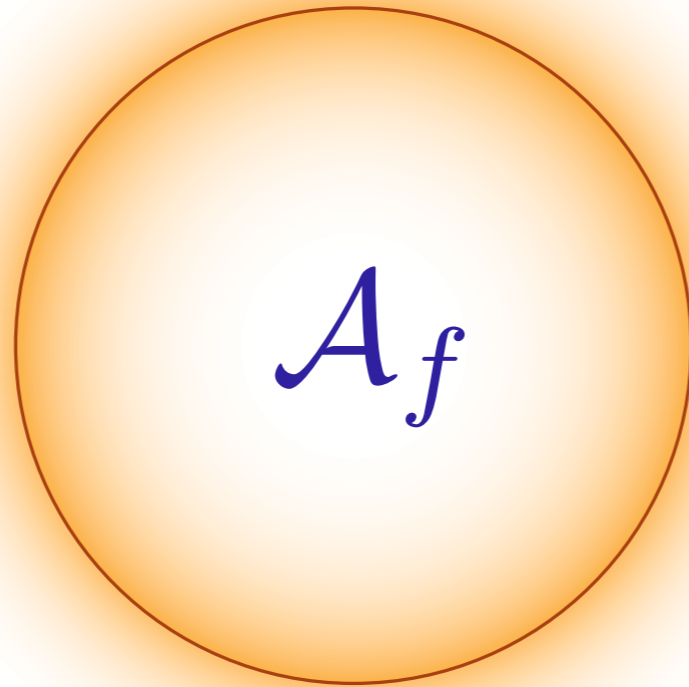
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Fermi liquid (FL) of gauge-neutral particles

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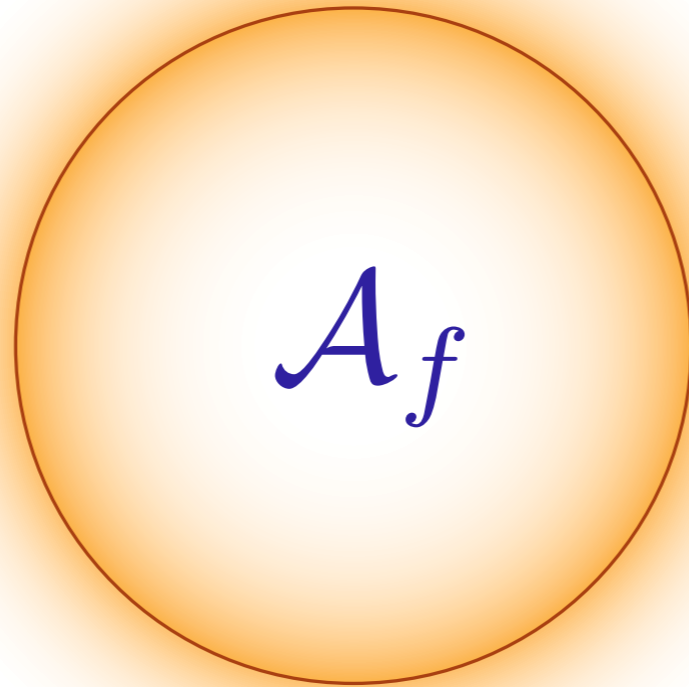
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non-Fermi liquid (NFL)

U(1) gauge theory is in deconfined phase

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Fermi surface coupled to Abelian or non-Abelian gauge fields:

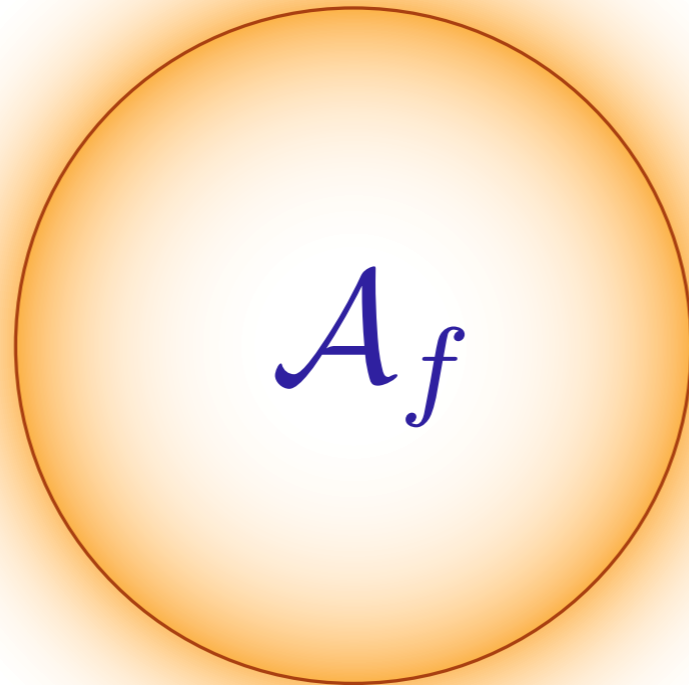
- Longitudinal gauge fluctuations are screened by the fermions.
- Transverse gauge fluctuations are unscreened, and Landau-damped. They are IR fluctuations with dynamic critical exponent $z > 1$.
- Theory is *strongly coupled in two spatial dimensions*.
- “Non-Fermi liquid” broadening of the fermion quasiparticle pole.

S.-S. Lee, Phys. Rev. B **80**, 165102 (2009)

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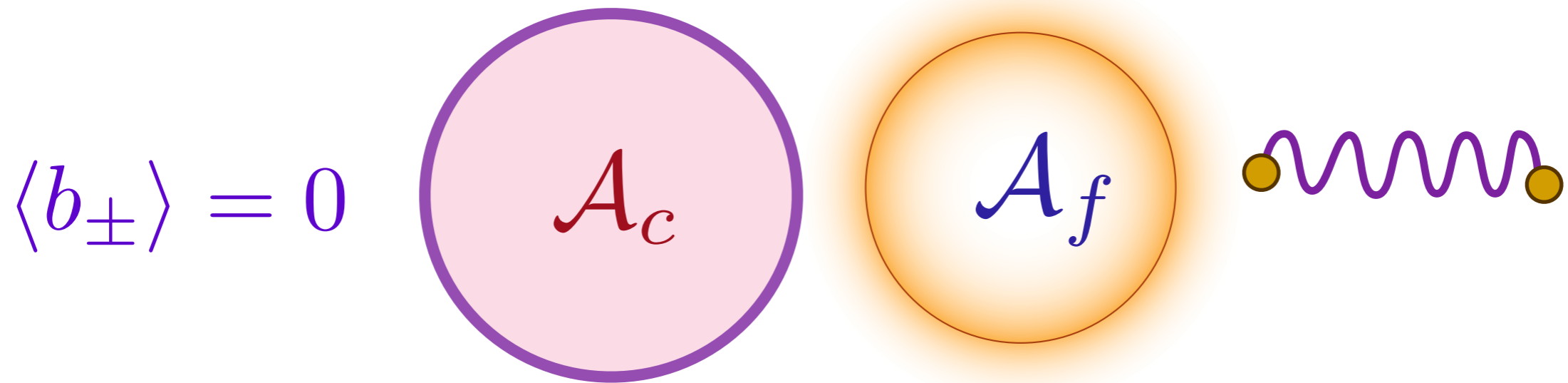


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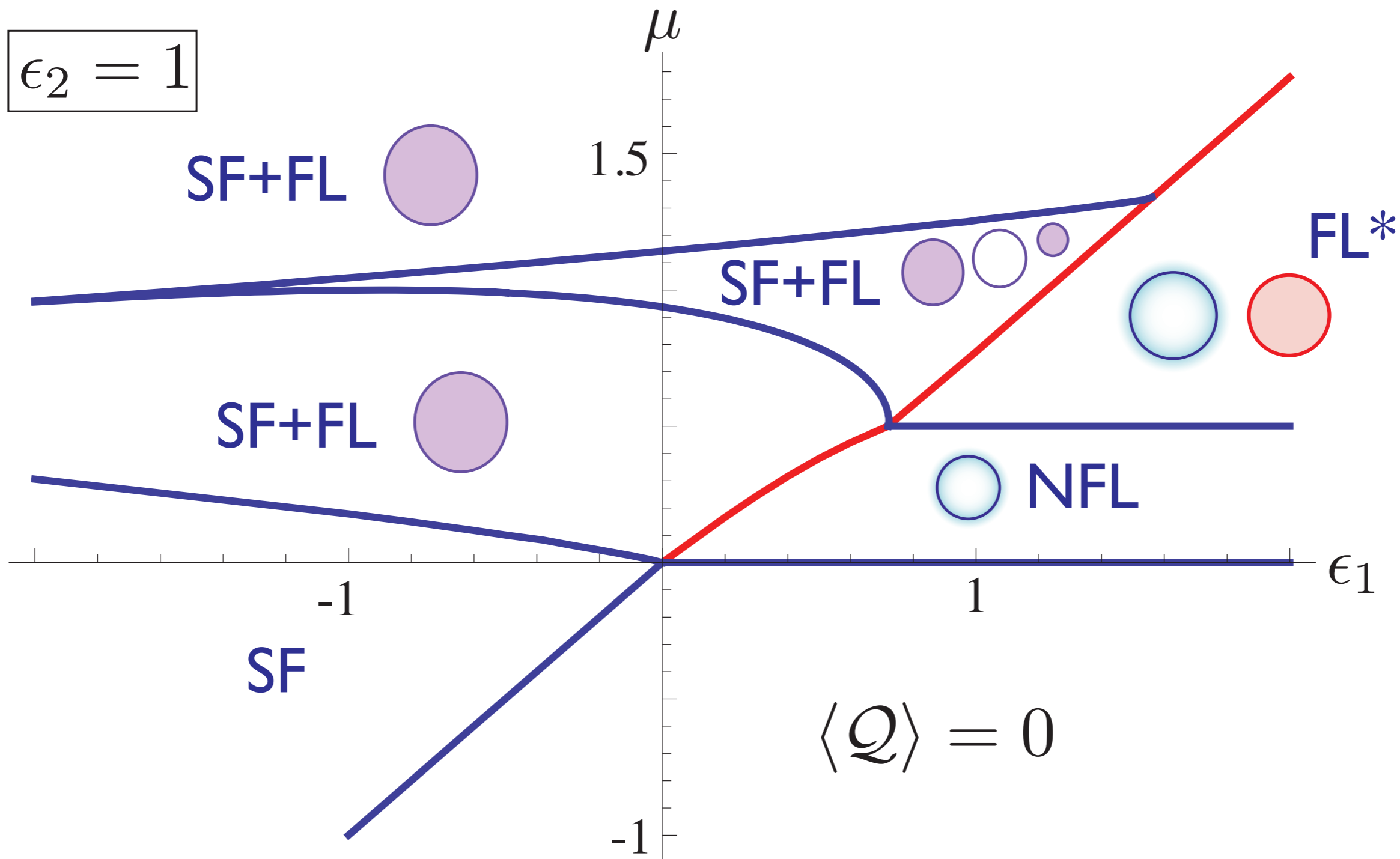
$$\langle f_+ f_- \rangle \neq 0$$

No constraint on Fermi surface area,
which can be zero

Superfluid (SF)

U(1) gauge theory is in Higgs phase,
due to condensation of fermion pairs,
and global U(1) is broken

$$\epsilon_2 = 1$$



L. Huijse and S. Sachdev, arXiv:1104.5022

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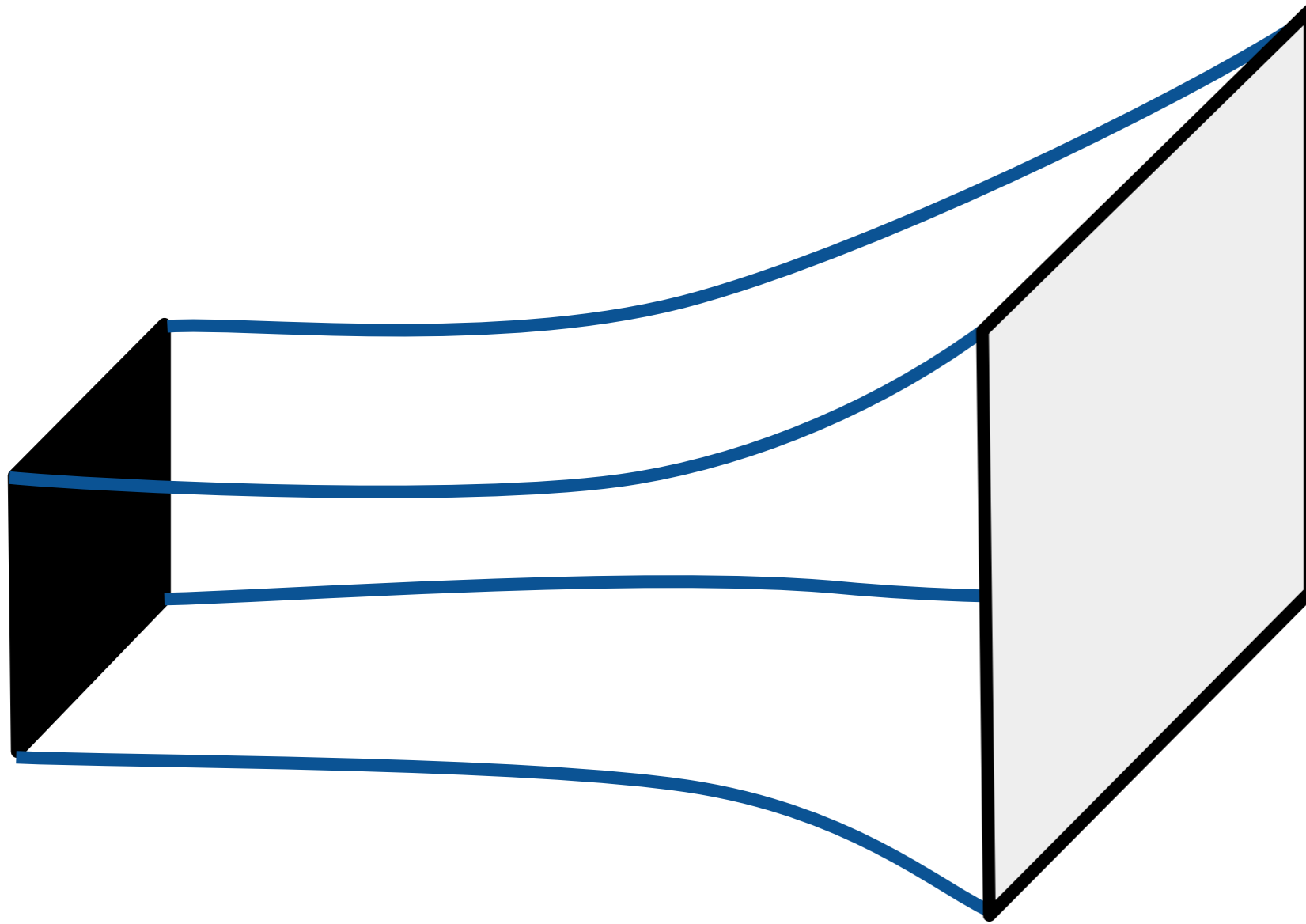
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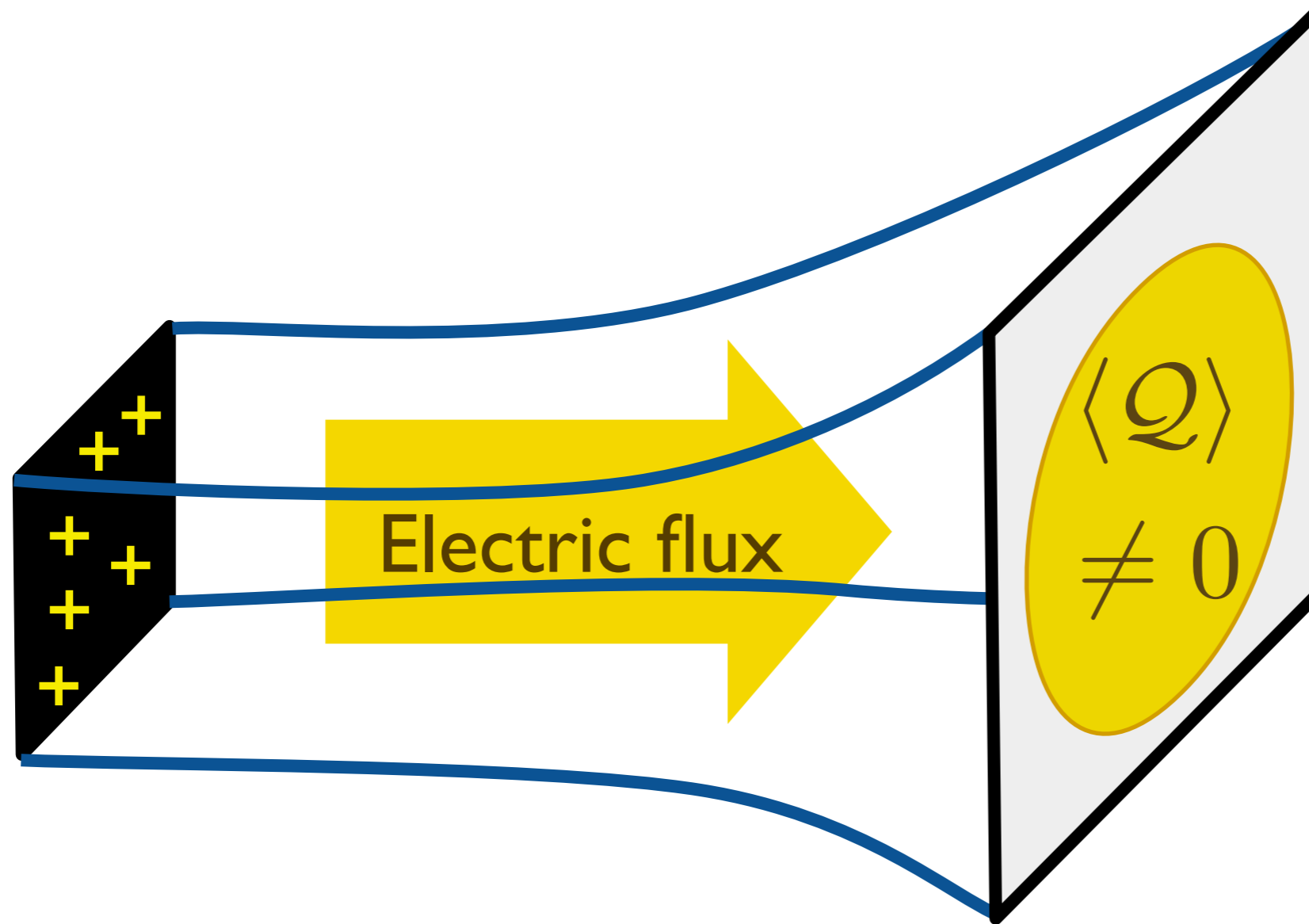
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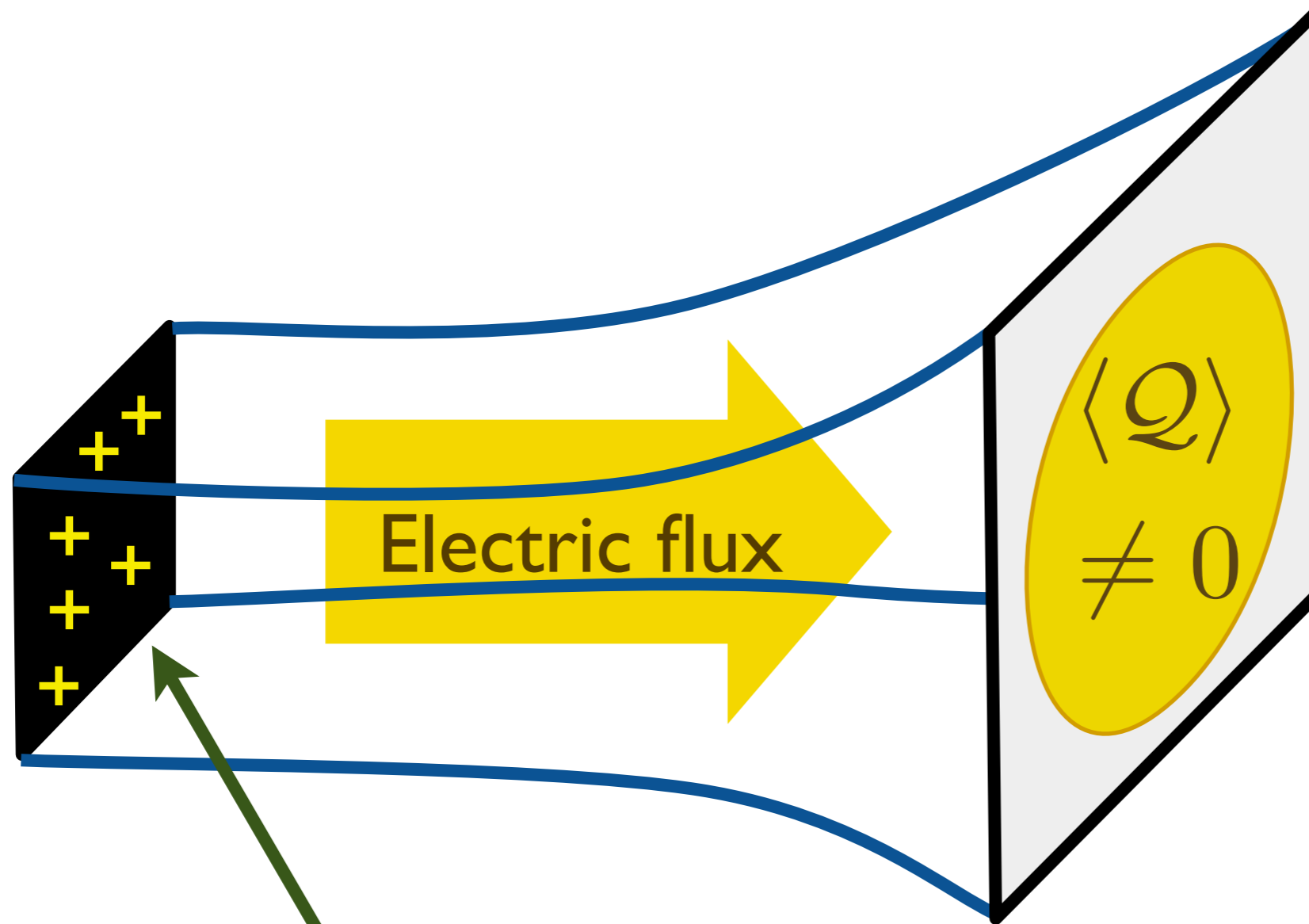
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At $T = 0$, we obtain an extremal black-brane, with a near-horizon (IR) metric of $\text{AdS}_2 \times R^2$

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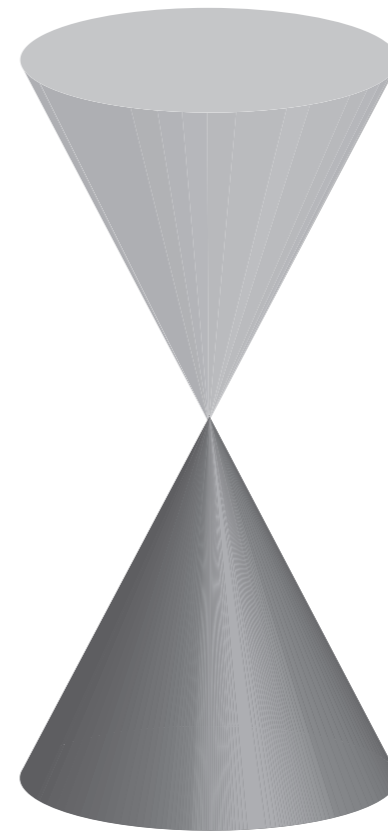
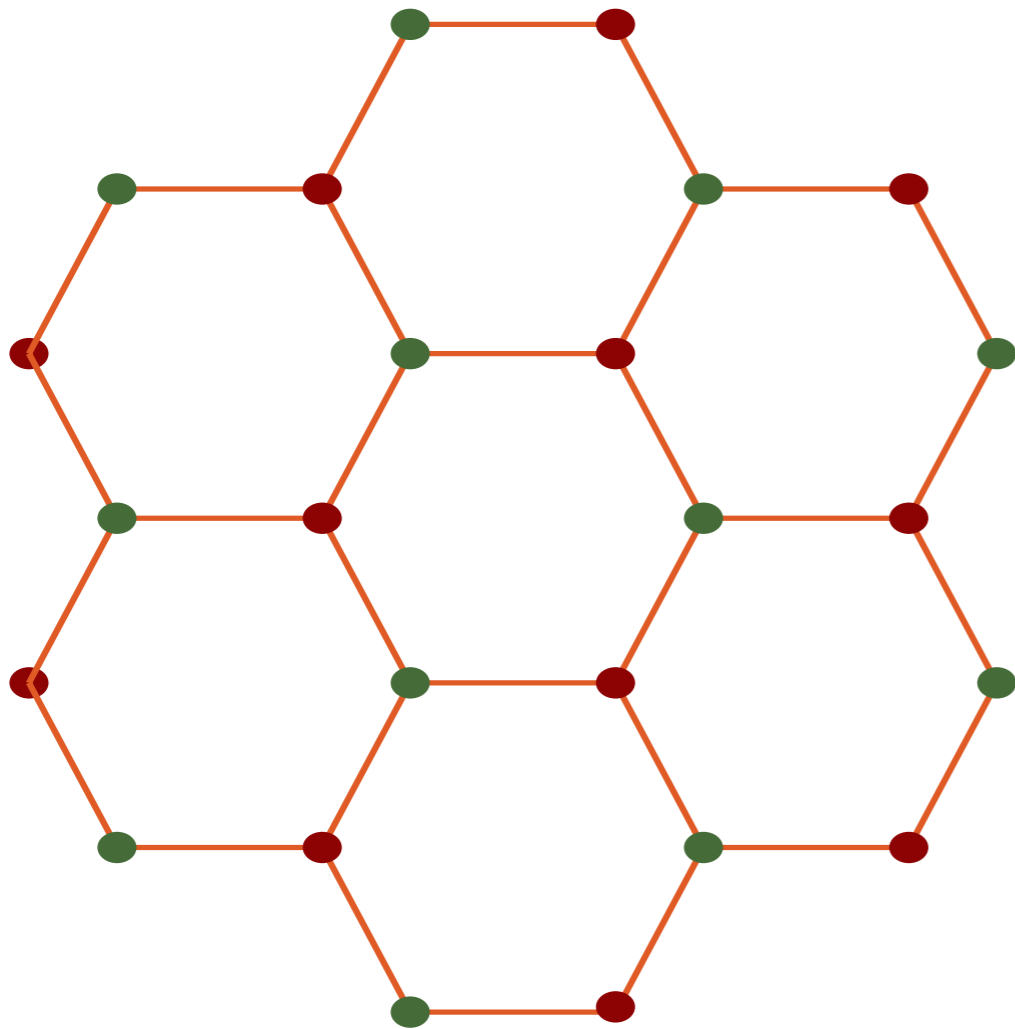
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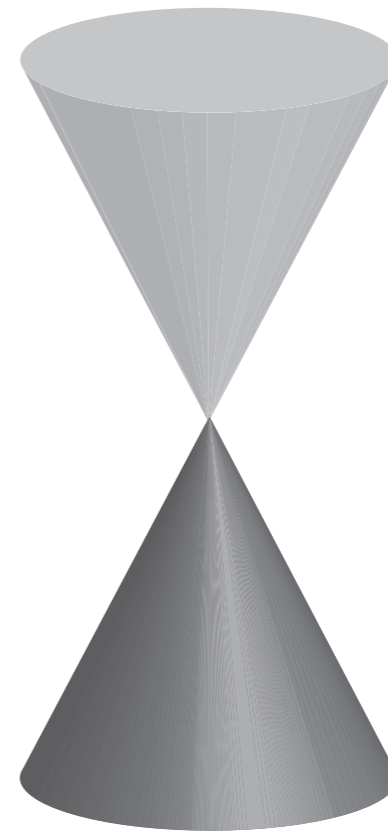
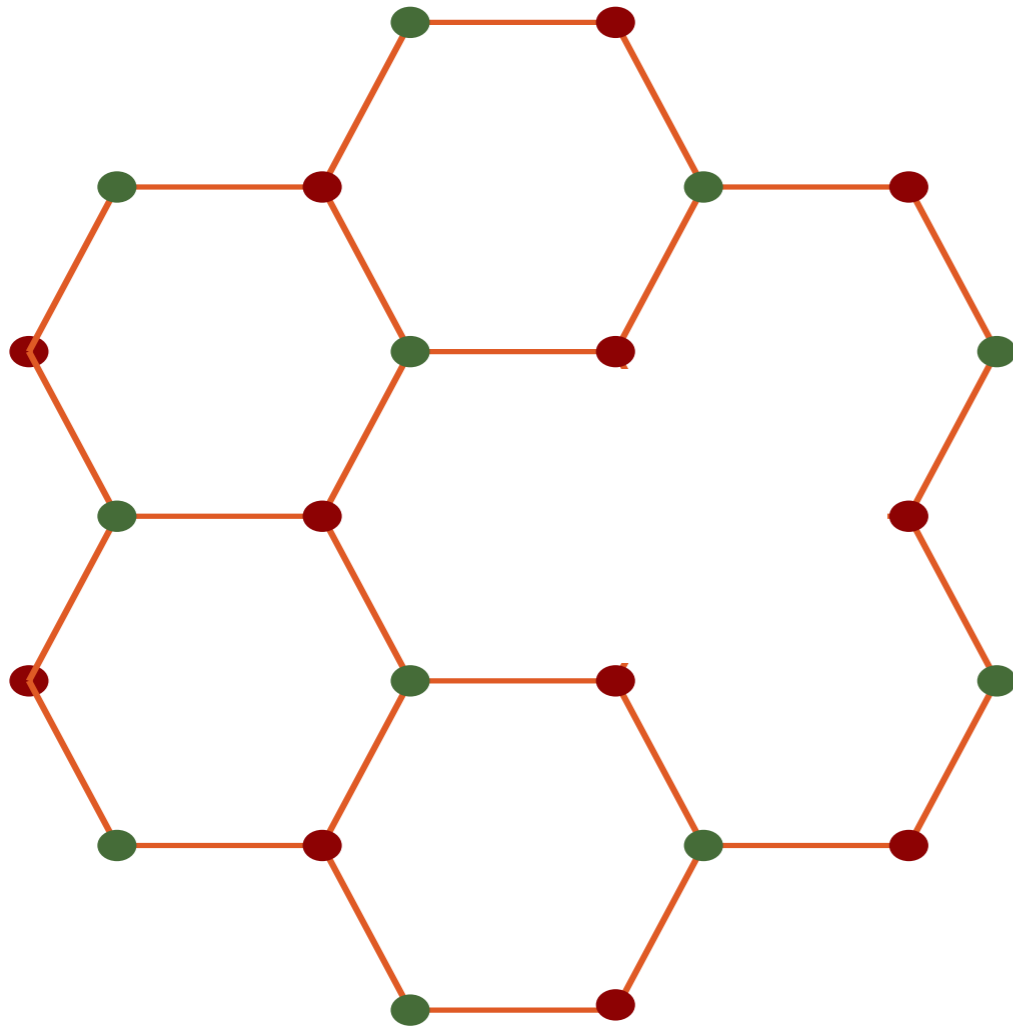
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Interpretation of AdS_2



CFT on graphene

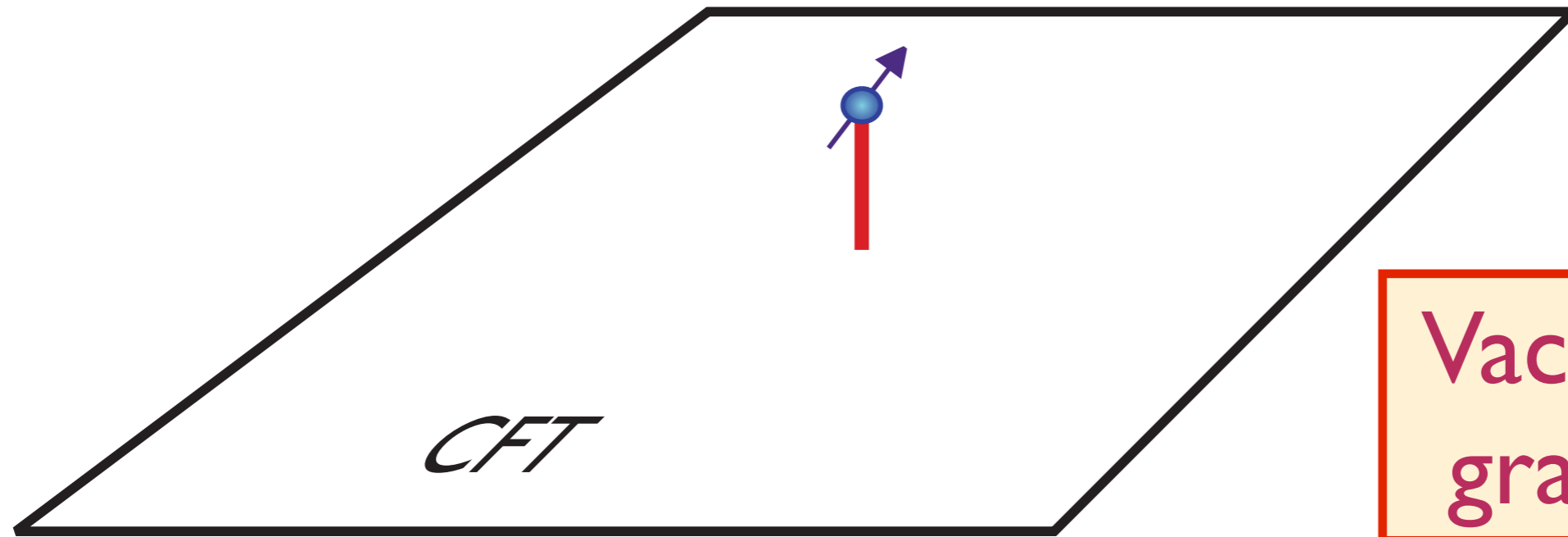
Interpretation of AdS₂



Add “matter” one-at-a-time: honeycomb lattice with a vacancy.

There is a zero energy quasi-bound state with $|\psi(r)| \sim 1/r$.
We represent this by a localized fermion field $\chi_\alpha(\tau)$.

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Vacancy in
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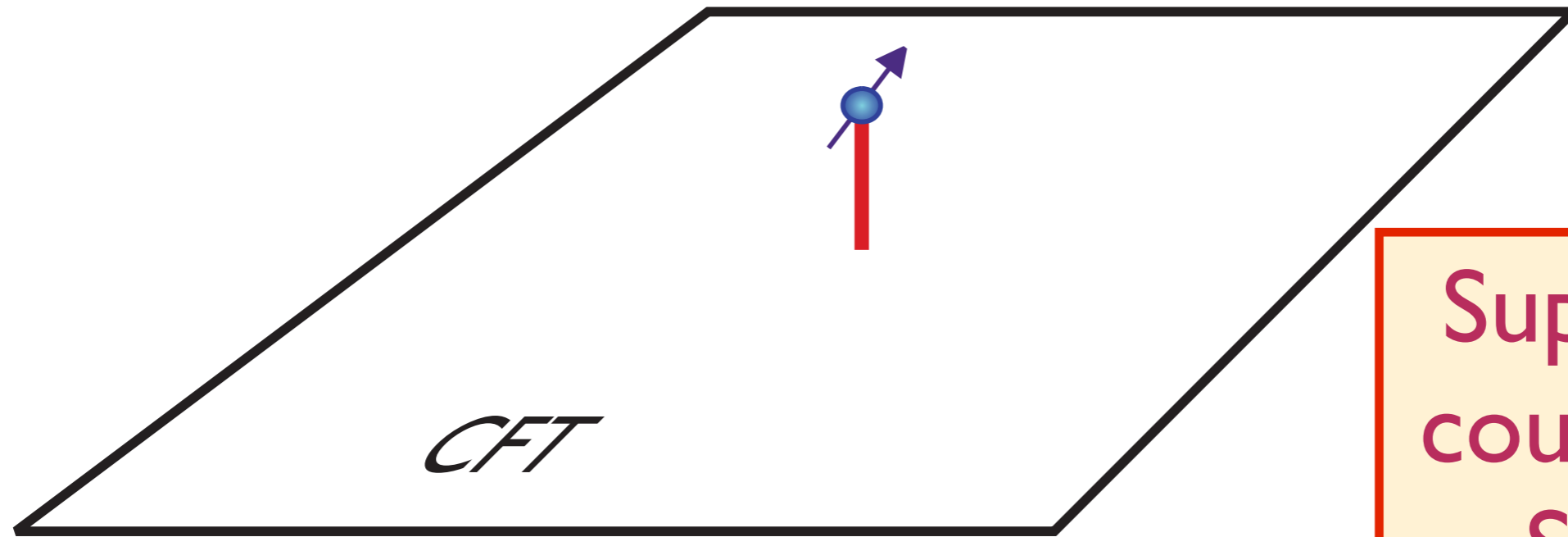
$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^3x \mathcal{L}_{\text{CFT}} - \int d\tau \mathcal{L}_{\text{imp}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{imp}} = \chi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \chi_{\alpha}}{\partial \tau} - \kappa \chi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^a \chi_{\beta} \varphi^a(\mathbf{r} = 0, \tau)$$

AdS₂: “Boundary” conformal field theory obtained when κ flows to a fixed point $\kappa \rightarrow \kappa^*$.

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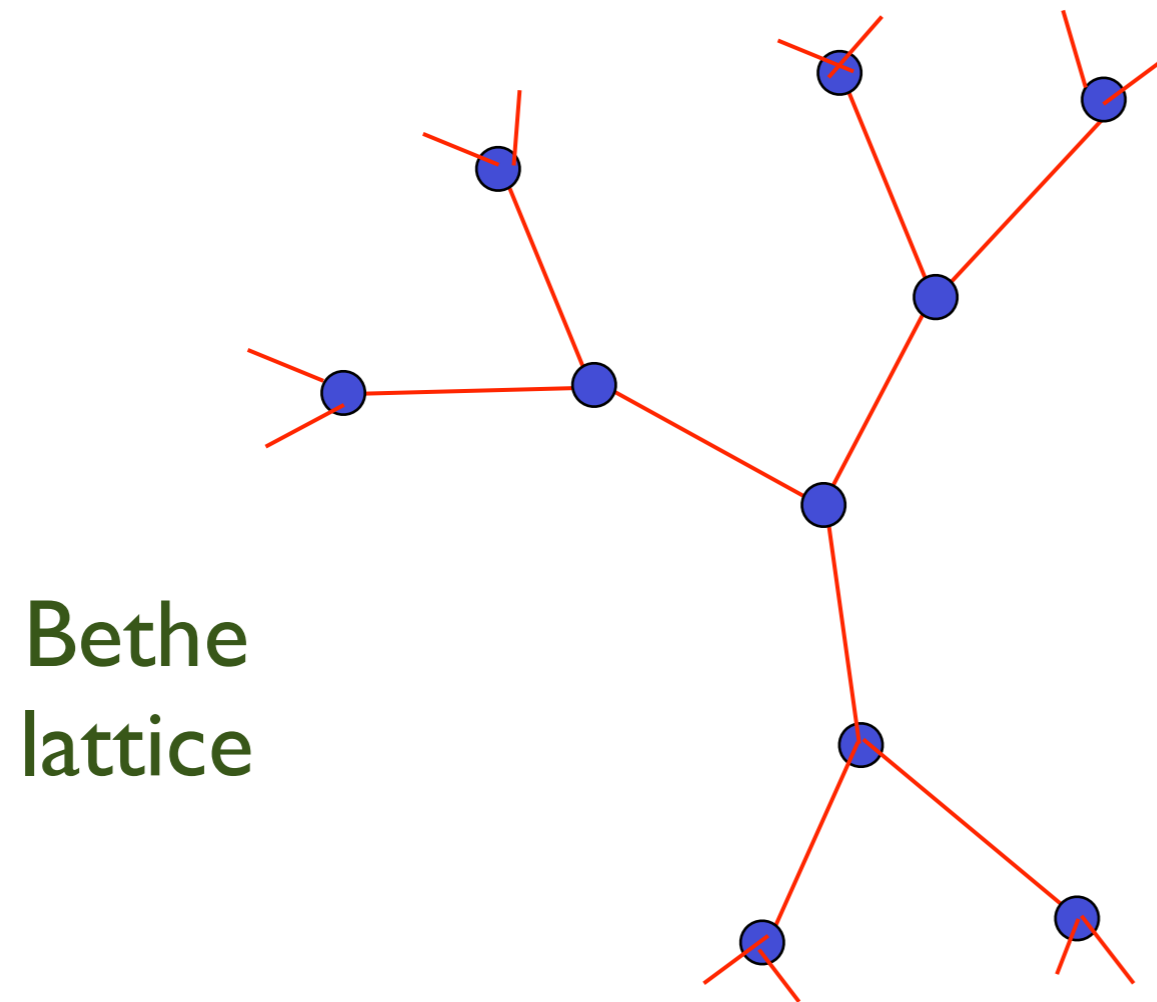
Superspin
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$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} + \int d\tau \mathcal{L}_{\text{imp}}$$

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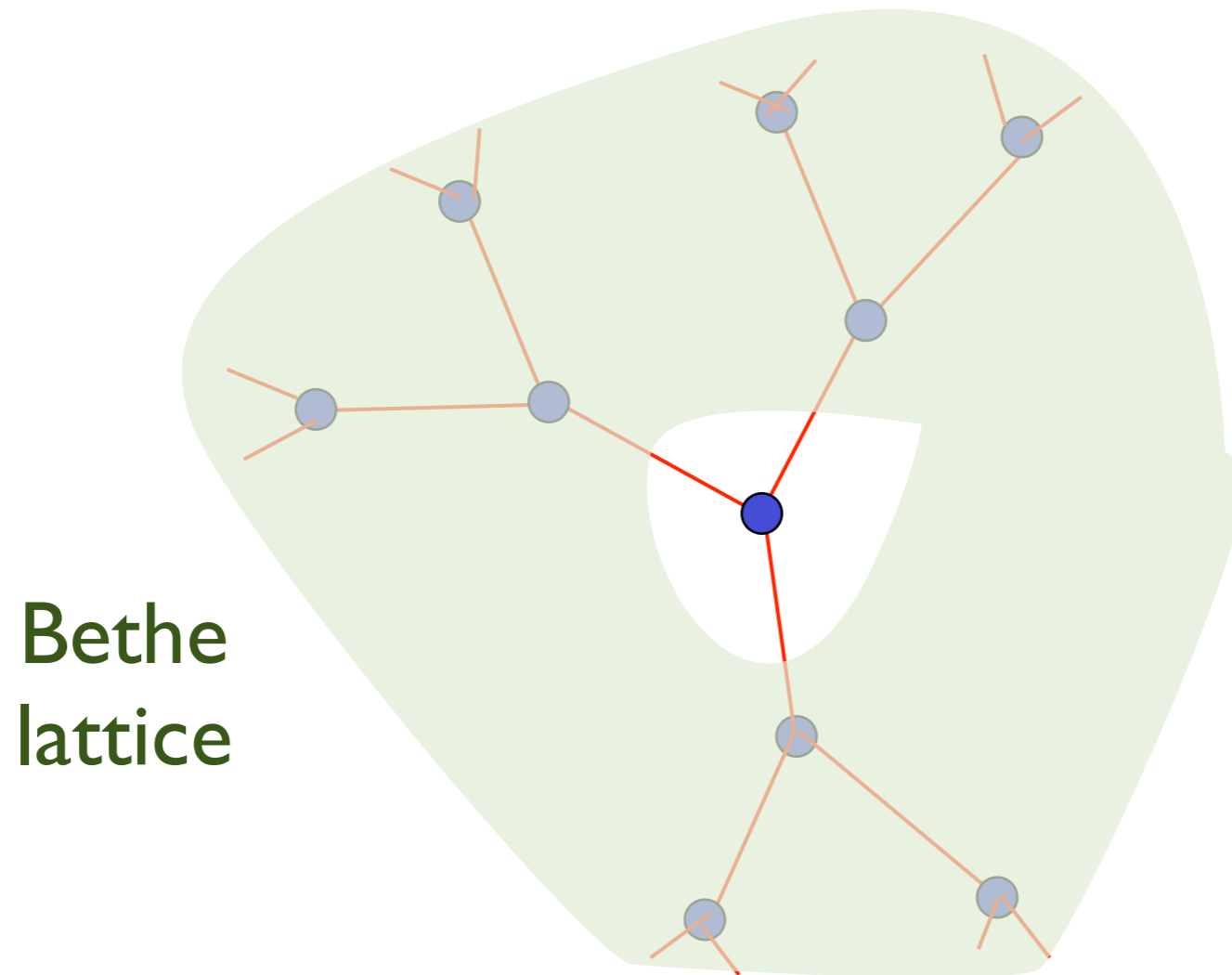
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Interpretation of $AdS_2 \times R^2$



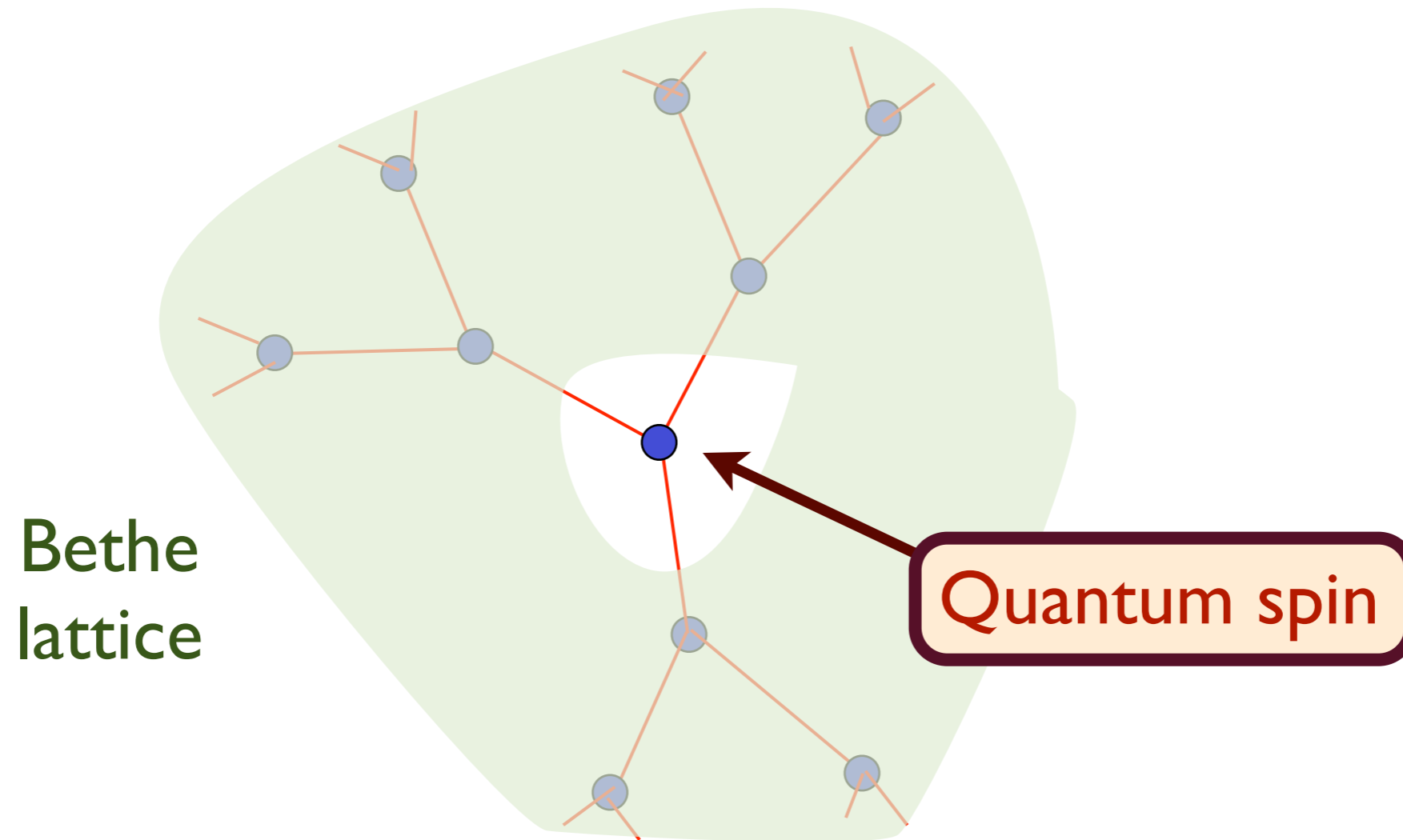
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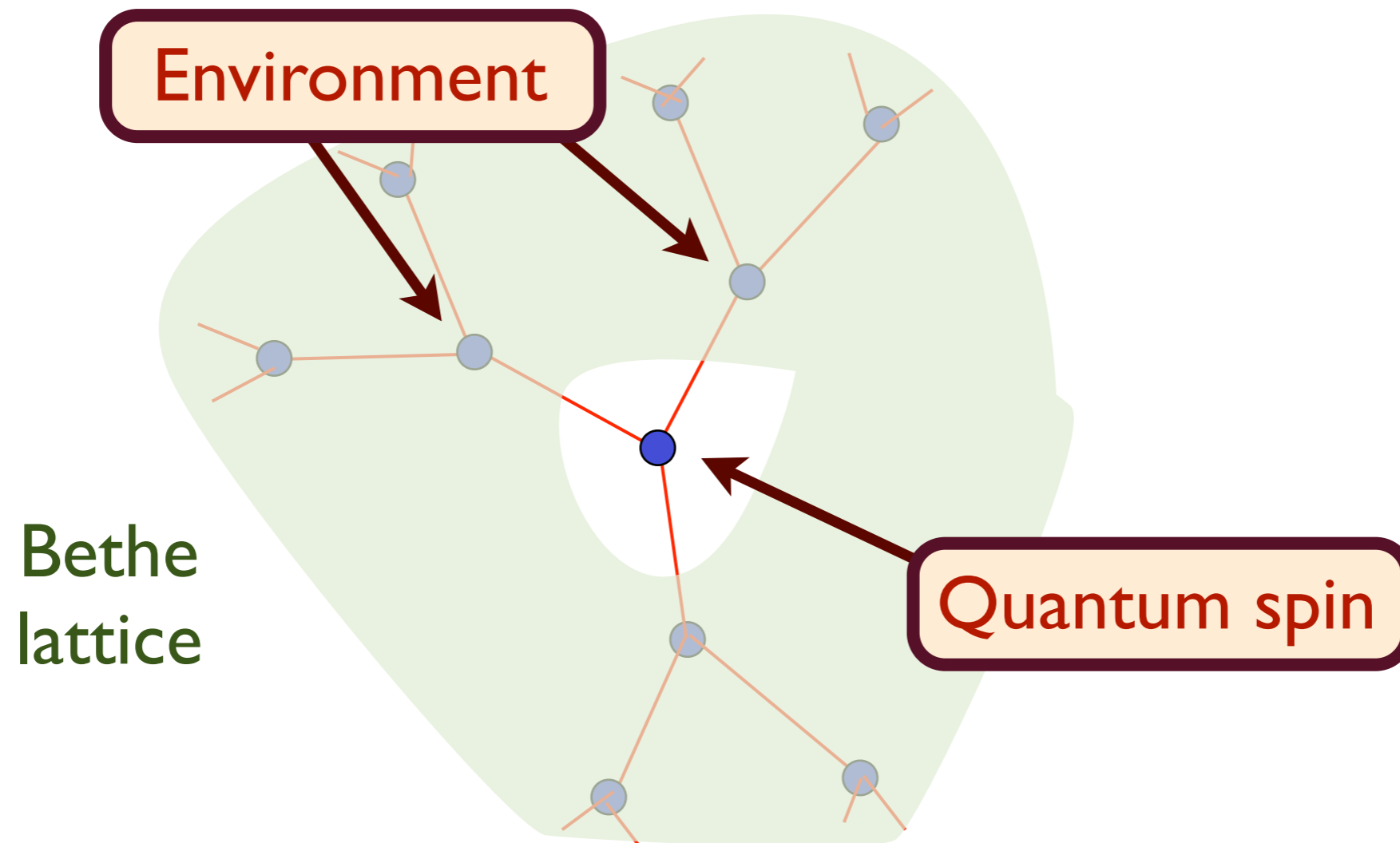
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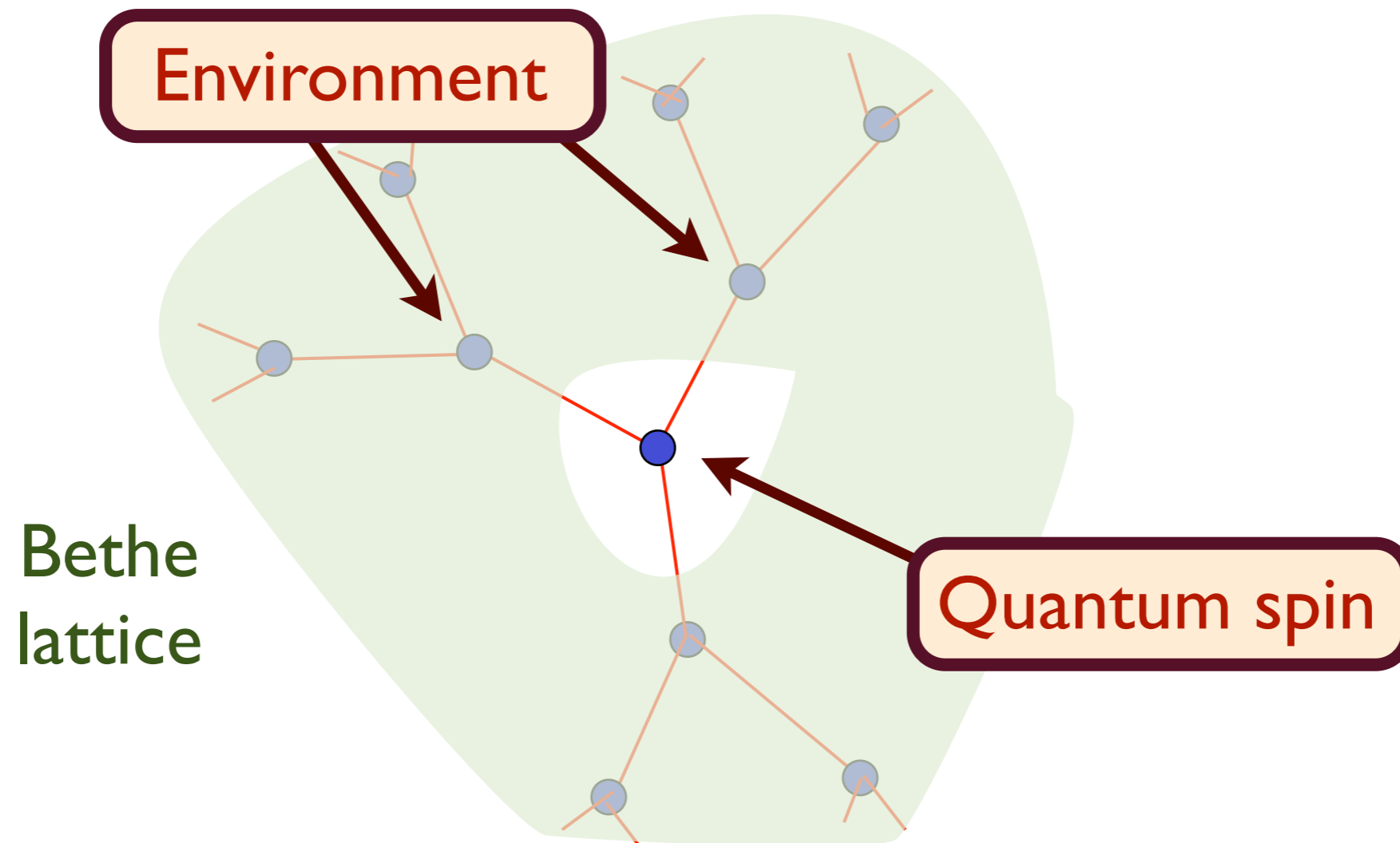
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Exponents are determined by self-consistency condition between “spin” and “environment”.

Artifacts of $\text{AdS}_2 \times R^2$

- The large-neighbor-limit solution matches with those of the $\text{AdS}_2 \times R^2$ holographic solutions:
 - A non-zero ground state entropy.
 - Single fermion self energies are momentum independent, and their singular behavior is the same on and off the Fermi surface.
 - A marginal Fermi liquid spectrum for fermionic quasi-particles (for the holographic solution, this requires tuning a free parameter).
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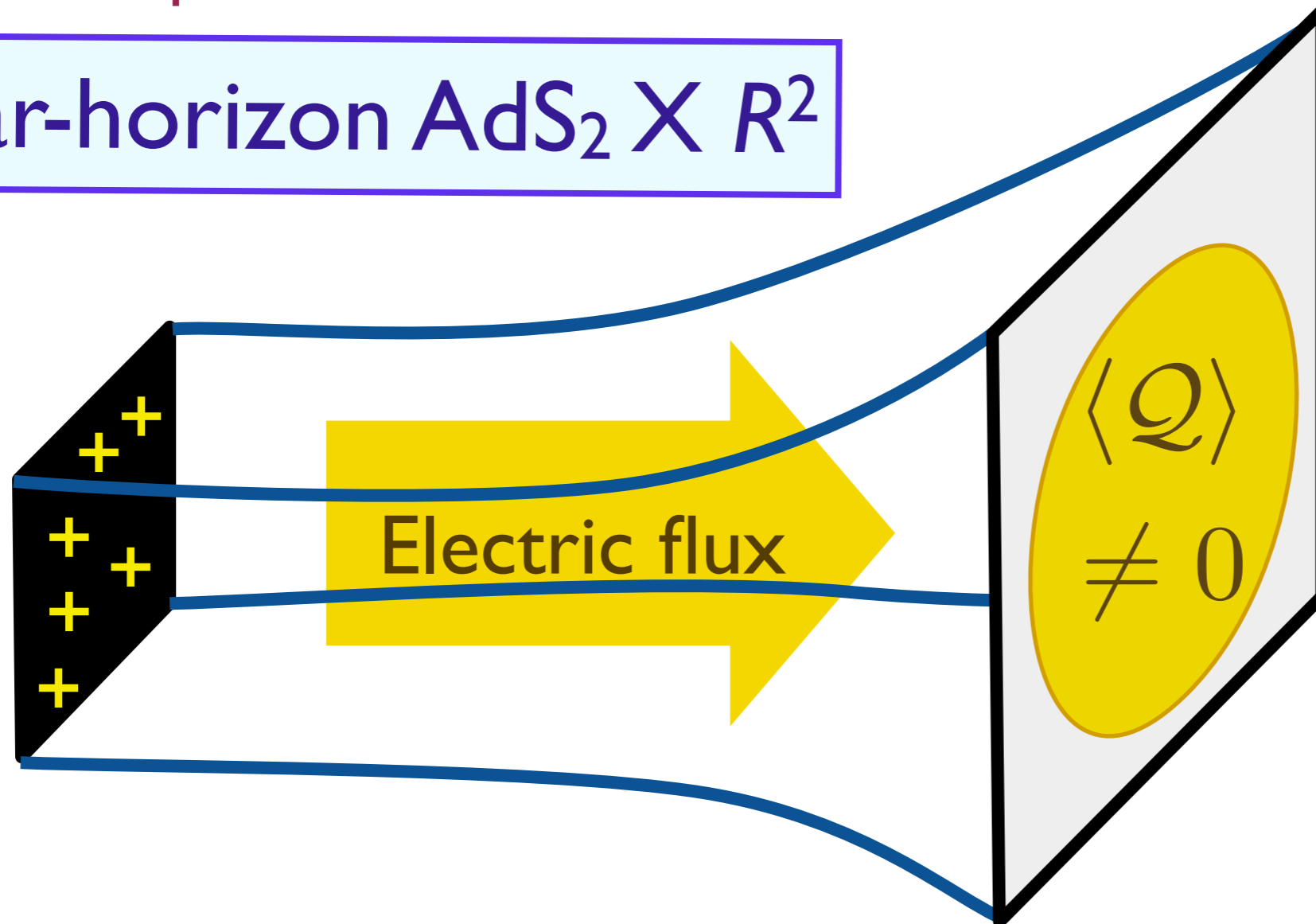
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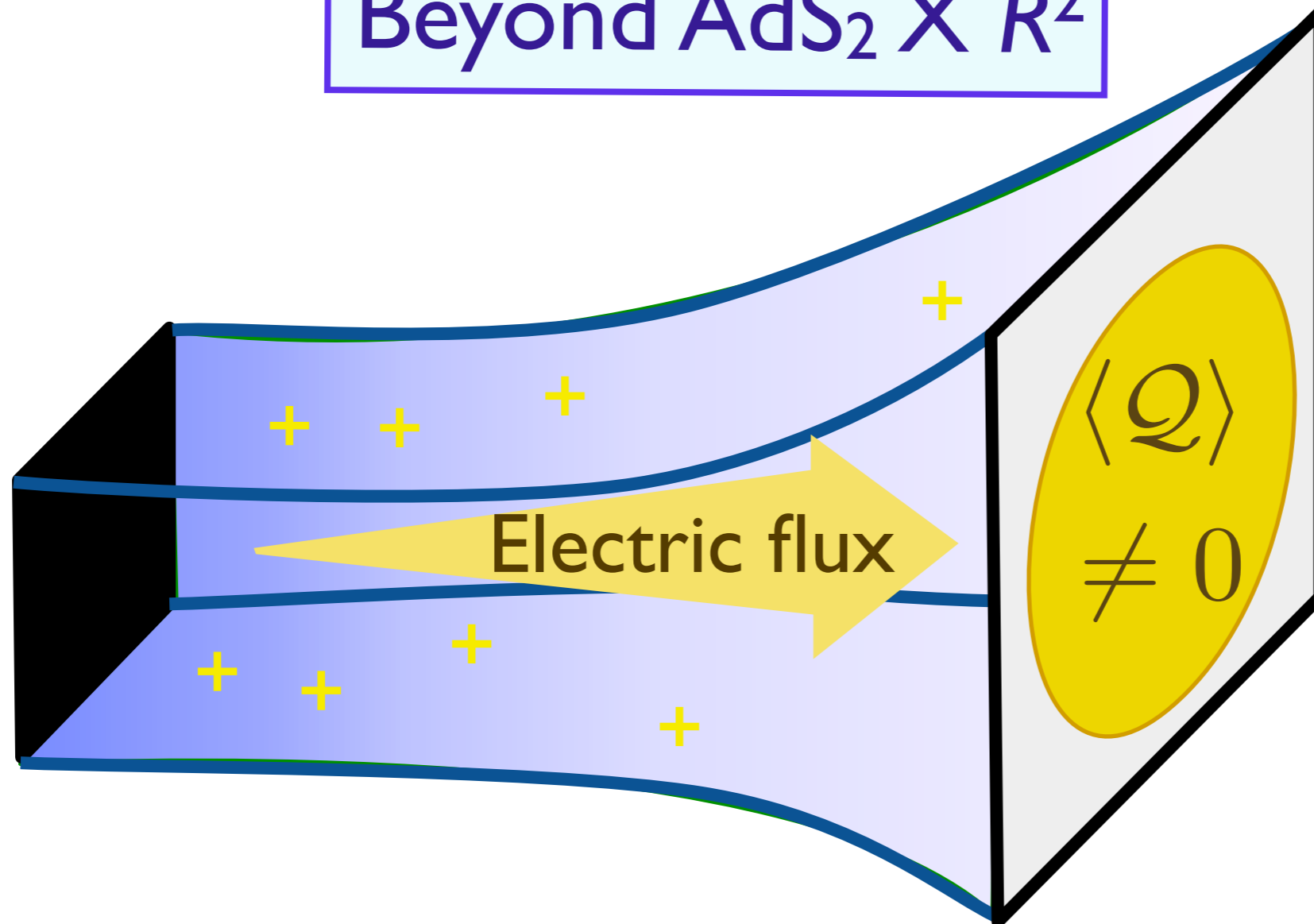
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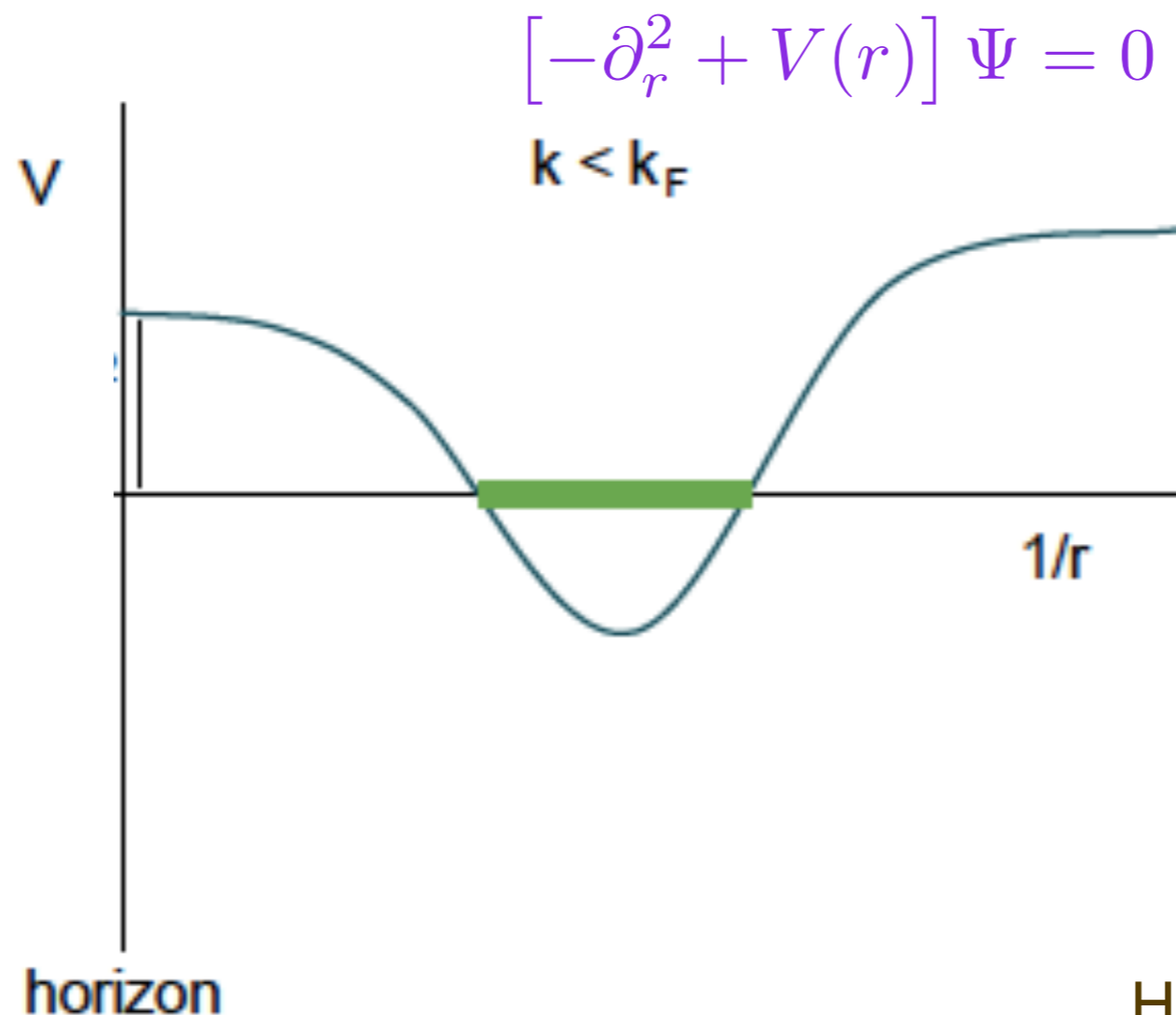
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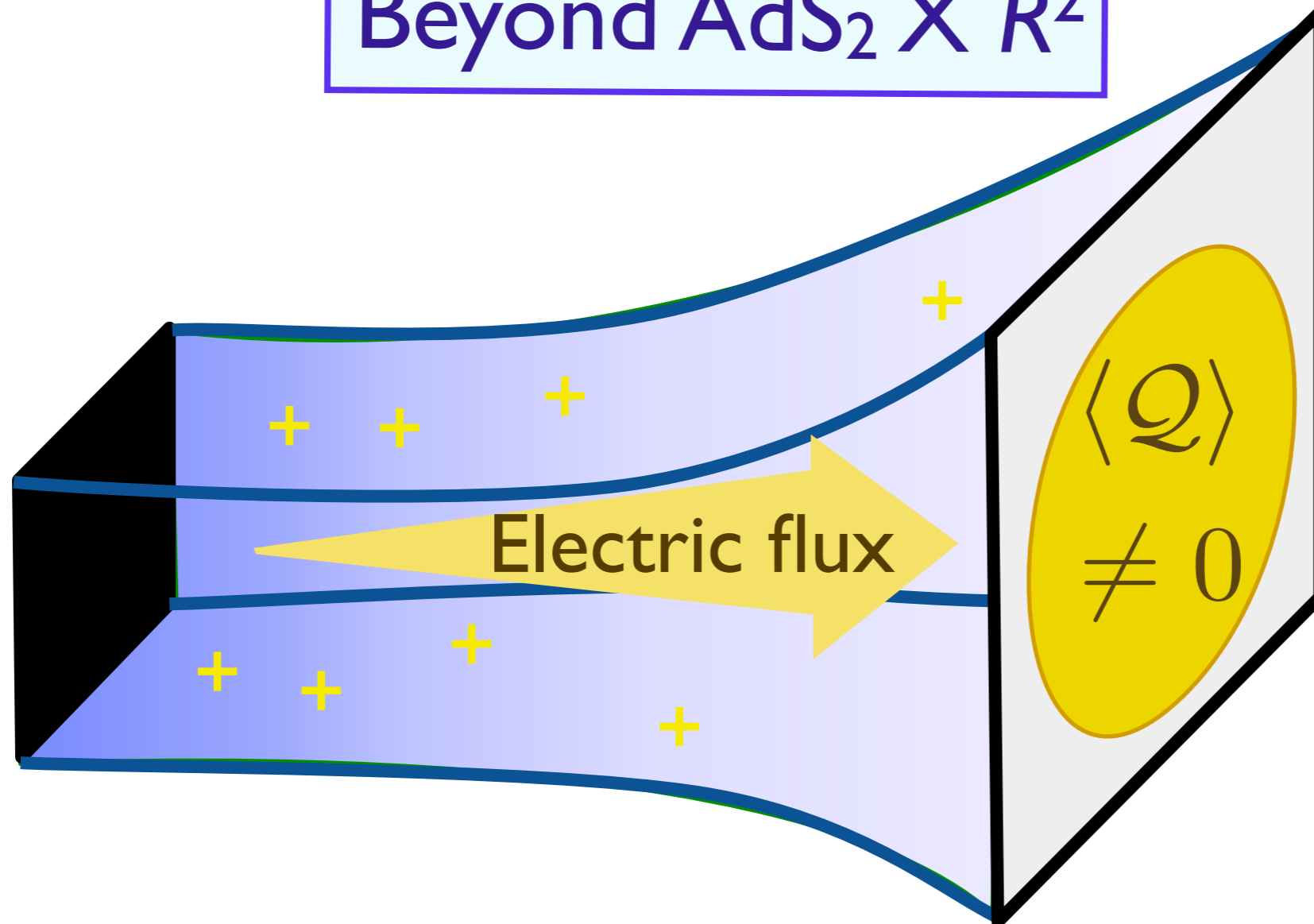
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Beyond $\text{AdS}_2 \times R^2$

- Account for the matter in a Thomas-Fermi approximation: the local chemical potential determines the local density and pressure, using the equation of state of a free Fermi gas: so determine the density, electric field, and metric as a function of r , the “extra” dimension.
- Then compute the fermion Green’s function in the background. The bulk equation for the fermion field leads to poles in Green’s function at many $k = k_F^{(n)}$.



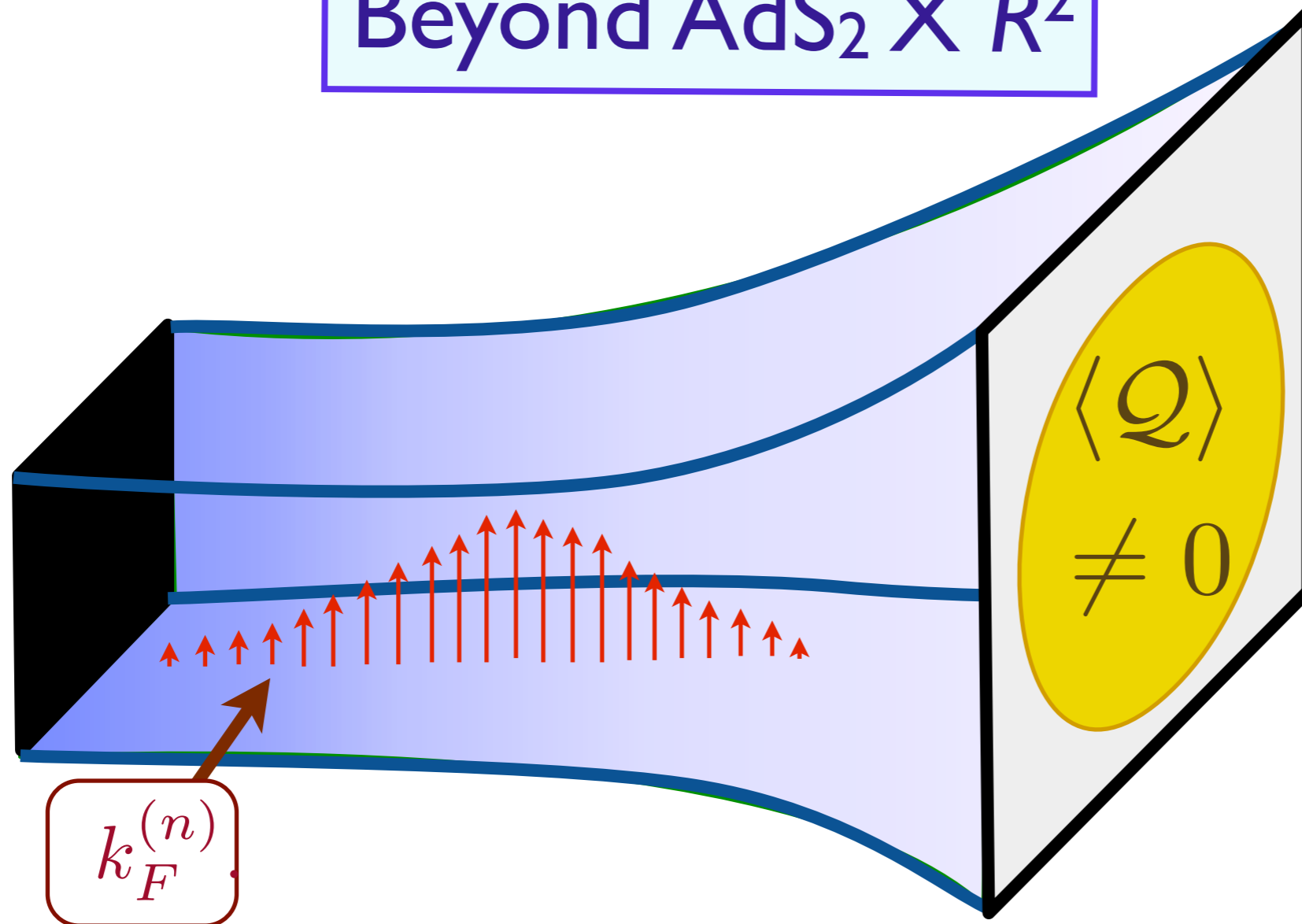
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Luttinger relation is obeyed

$$\sum_n \pi (k_F^{(n)})^2 = \langle Q \rangle$$

However, there are $\sim N^2$ Fermi surfaces, and low energy properties are dominated by $k_F^{(n)} \approx 0$.

Hartnoll, Hofman, Vegh; Iqbal, Liu, Mezei;

Conclusions

Quantum criticality and conformal field theories

- New insights and solvable models for diffusion and transport of strongly interacting systems near quantum critical points
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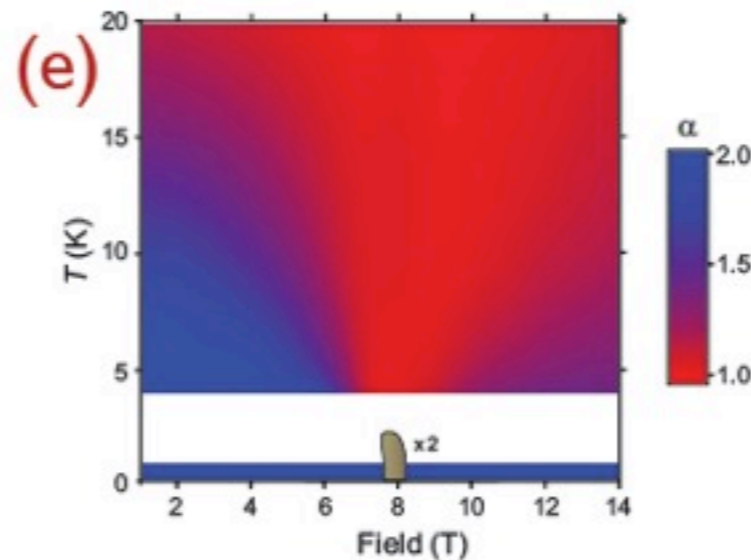
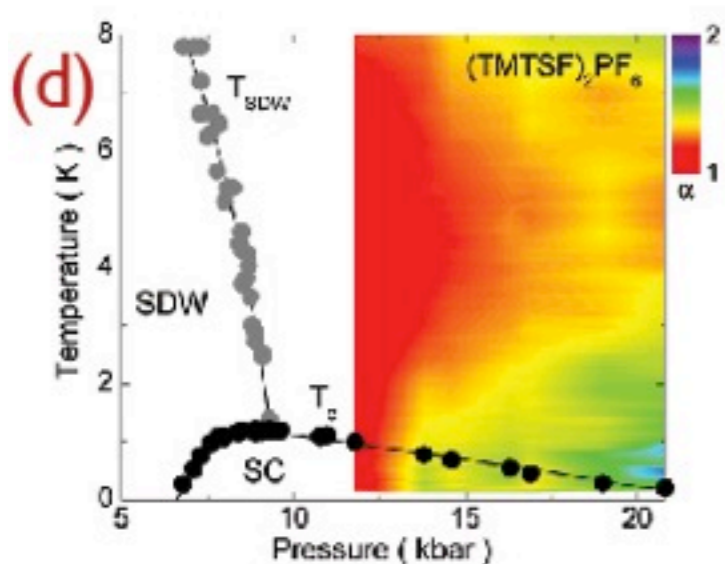
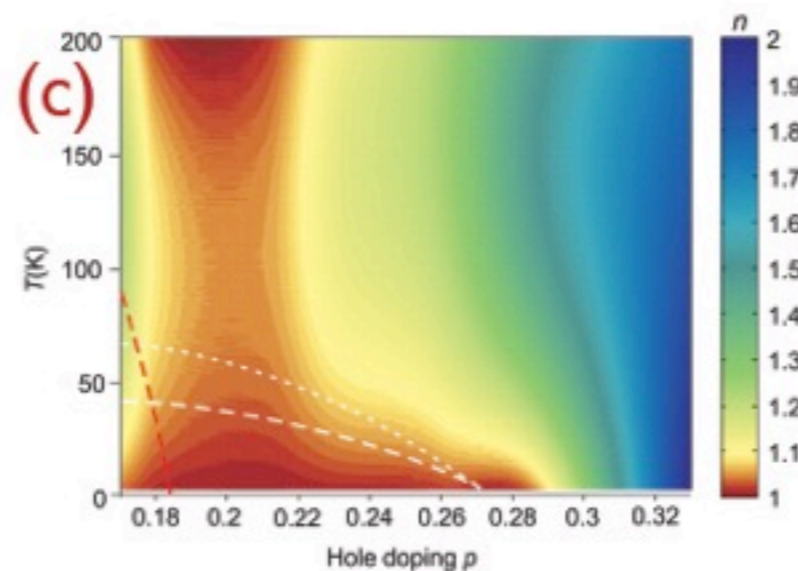
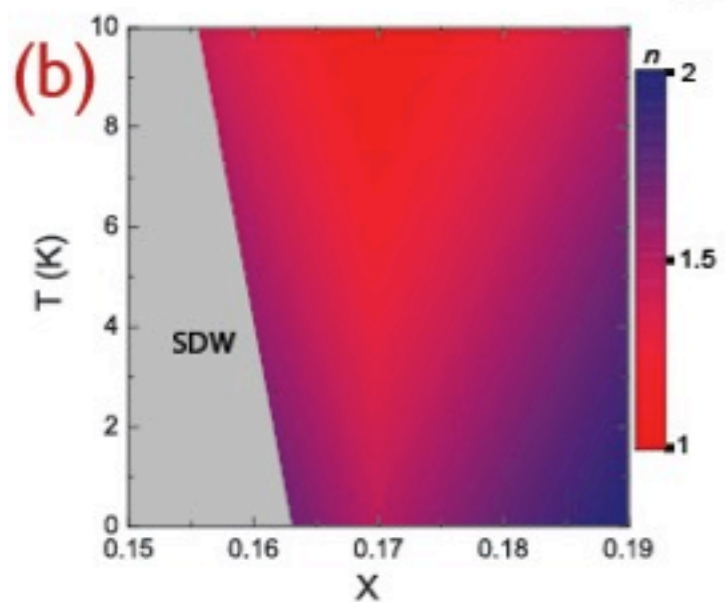
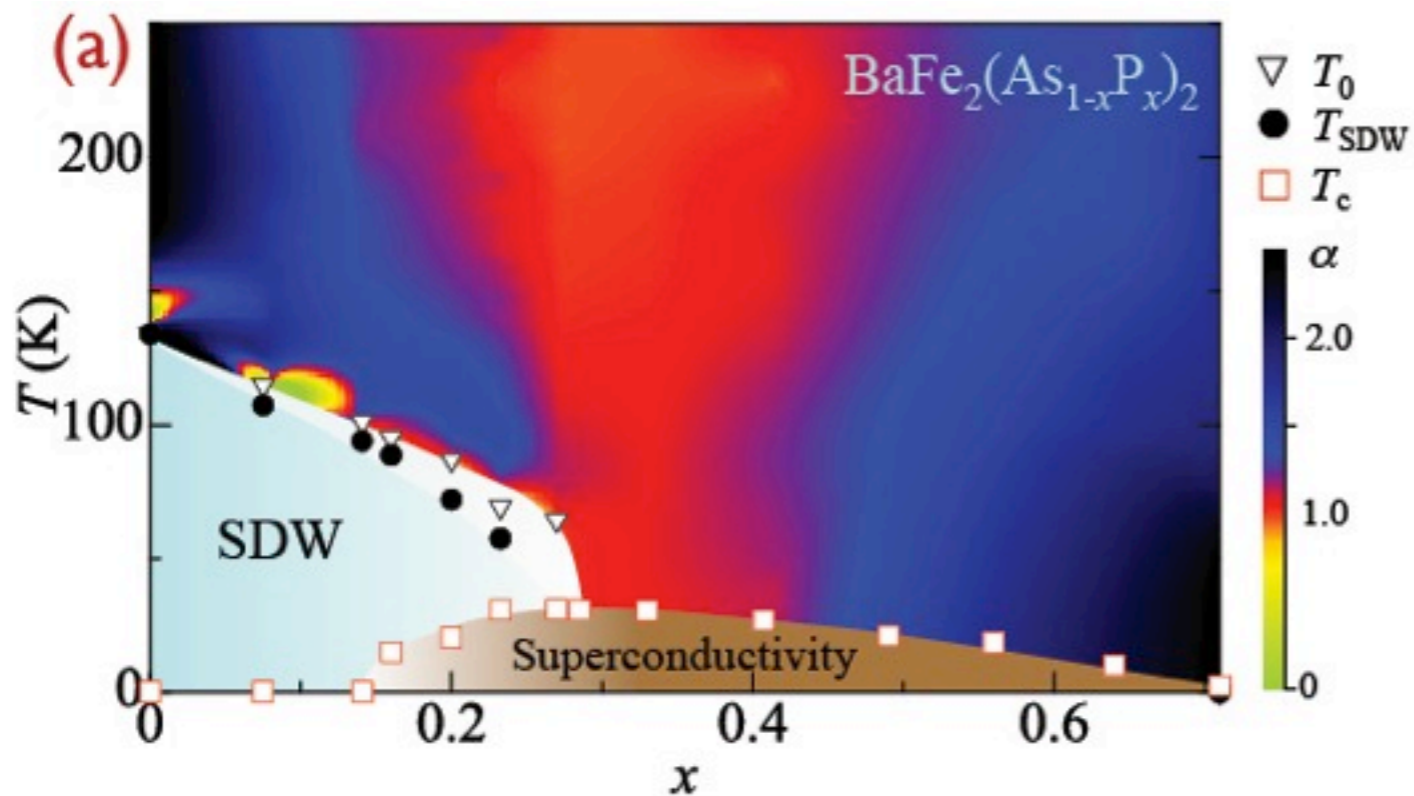
Compressible quantum matter

- The Reissner-Nordström solution provides the simplest holographic theory of a compressible state
- The RN solutions has many problems: finite ground-state entropy density, violation of Luttinger relation.
- Condensation of a scalar leads to the holographic theory of a superfluid. The IR metric has a Lifshitz form, indicating the presence of neutral gapless excitations not found in a superfluid.

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- Fermion back-reaction leads to a Fermi liquid with many Fermi surfaces which do obey the Luttinger relation. However, the IR Lifshitz metric, and the very small Fermi wavevectors appear to be unwanted artifacts.
- Needed: a complete holographic theory of non-Fermi liquids and “fractionalized” Fermi liquids, obeying the Luttinger relations, to describe experiments on “strange metals”.



Plots of the resistivity exponent $\frac{d \ln(\rho)}{d \ln T}$

- (a) Pnictide
- (b) e-doped cuprate
- (c) h-doped cuprate
- (d) organic superconductor
- (e) $\text{Sr}_2\text{Ru}_3\text{O}_7$

Umklapp scattering likely crucial