

Compressible quantum liquids: Field theory vs. holography

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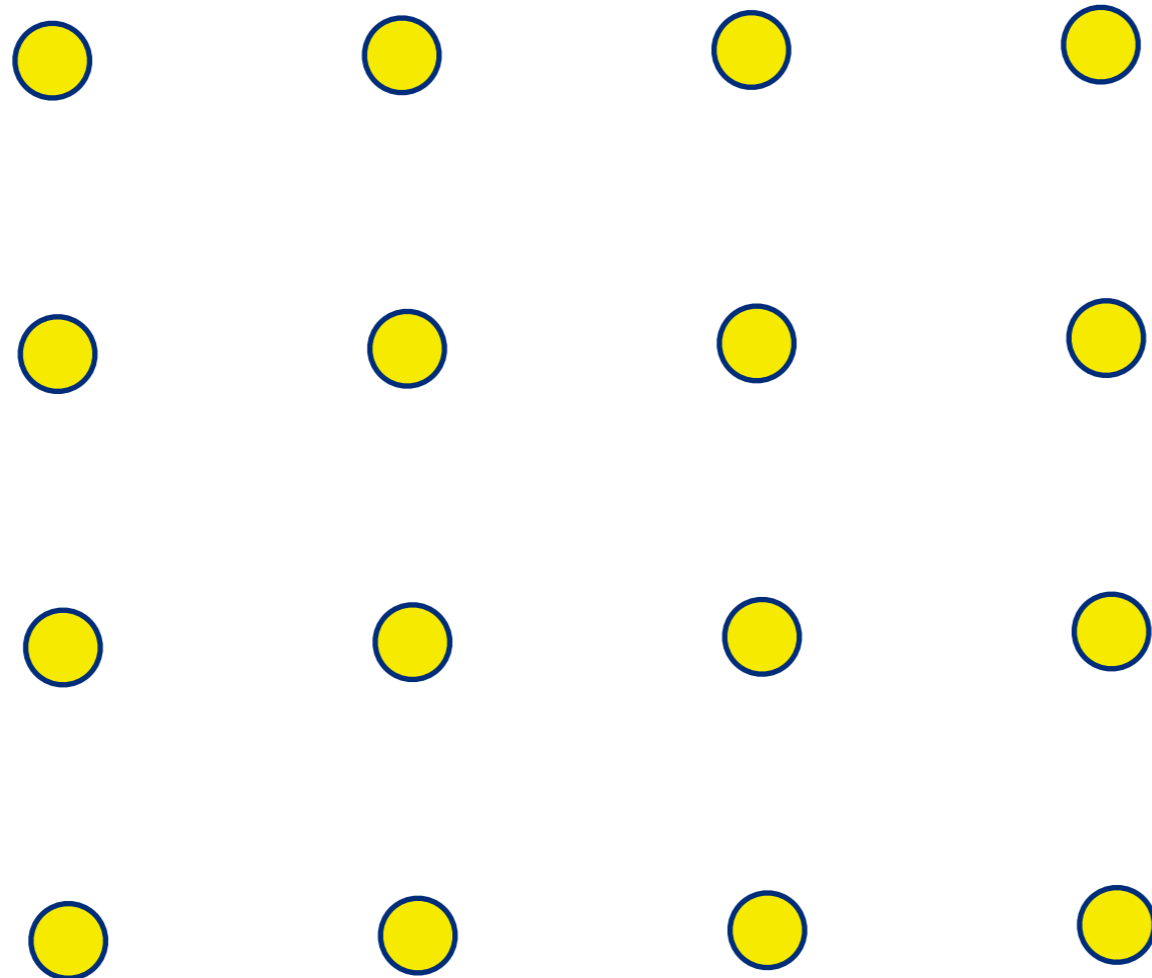
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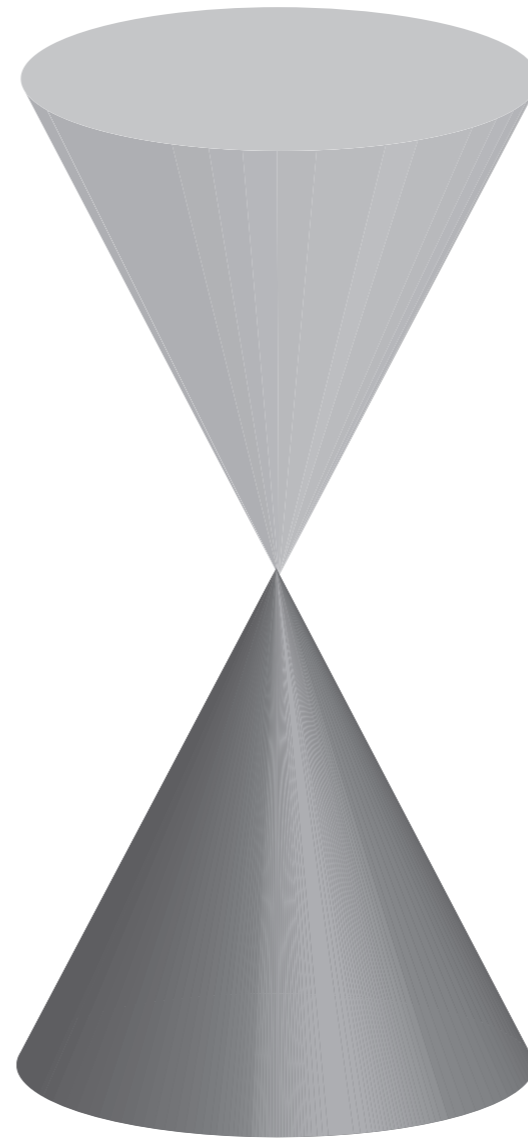
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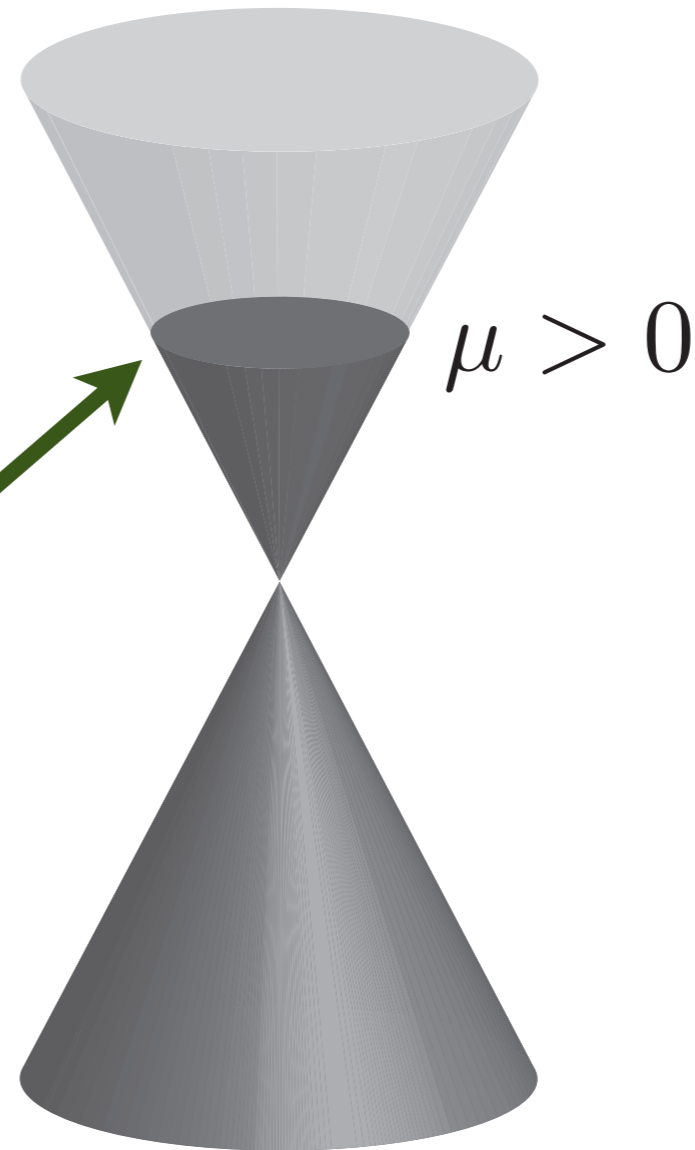


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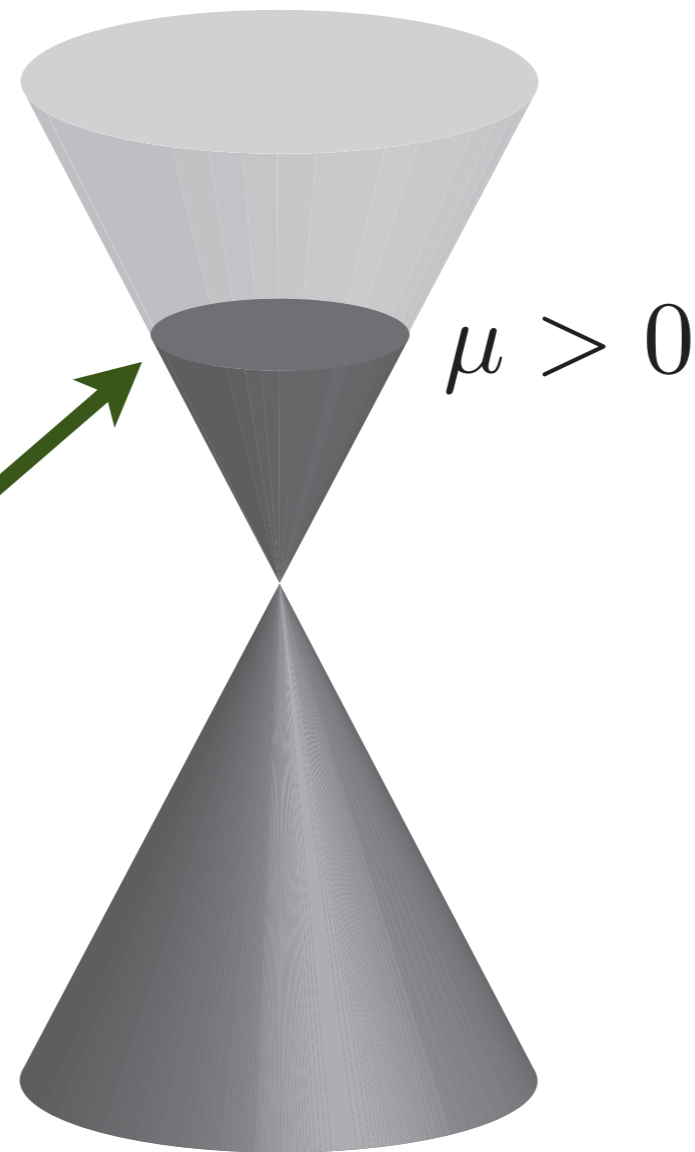


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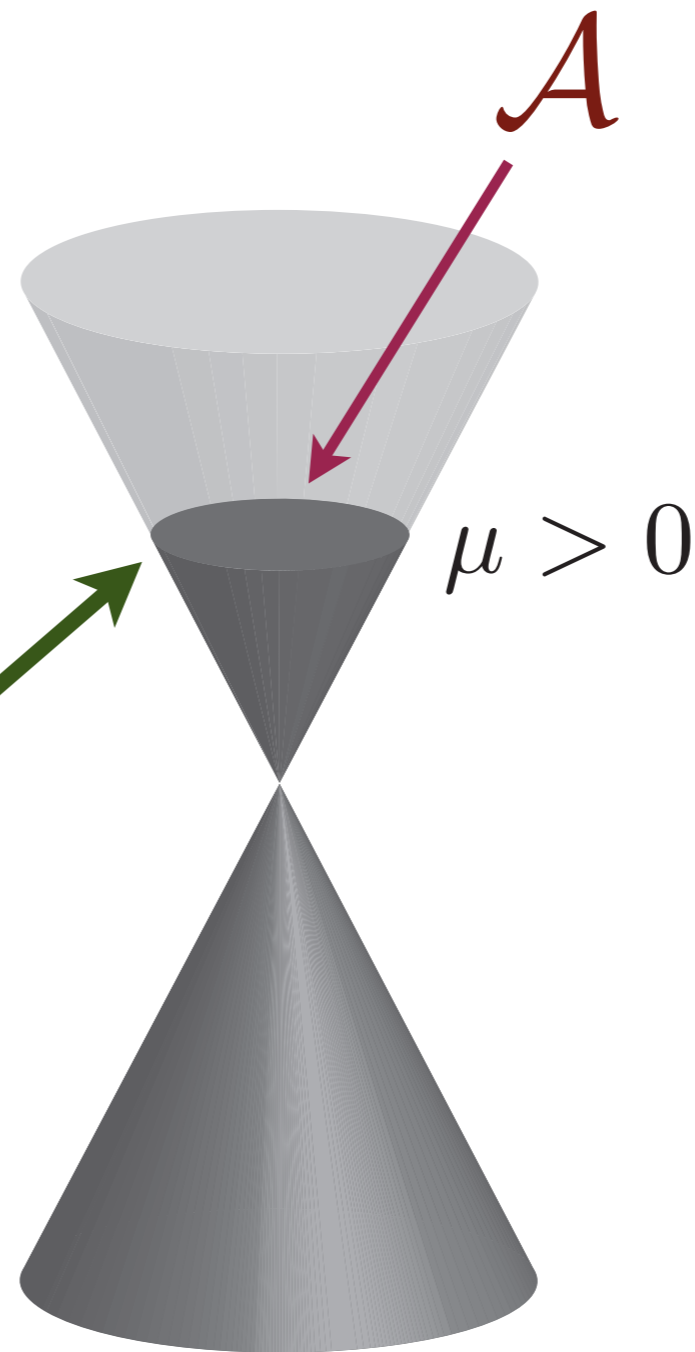


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- The *only* low energy excitations are long-lived quasiparticles near the Fermi surface.

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- **Luttinger relation:** The total “volume (area)” \mathcal{A} enclosed by the Fermi surface is equal to $\langle Q \rangle$.

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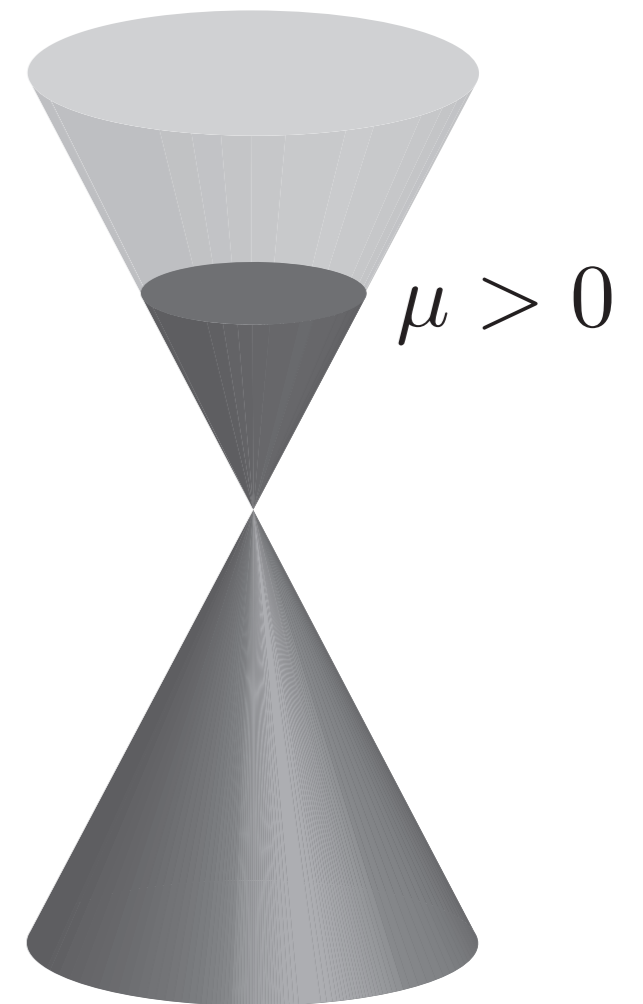
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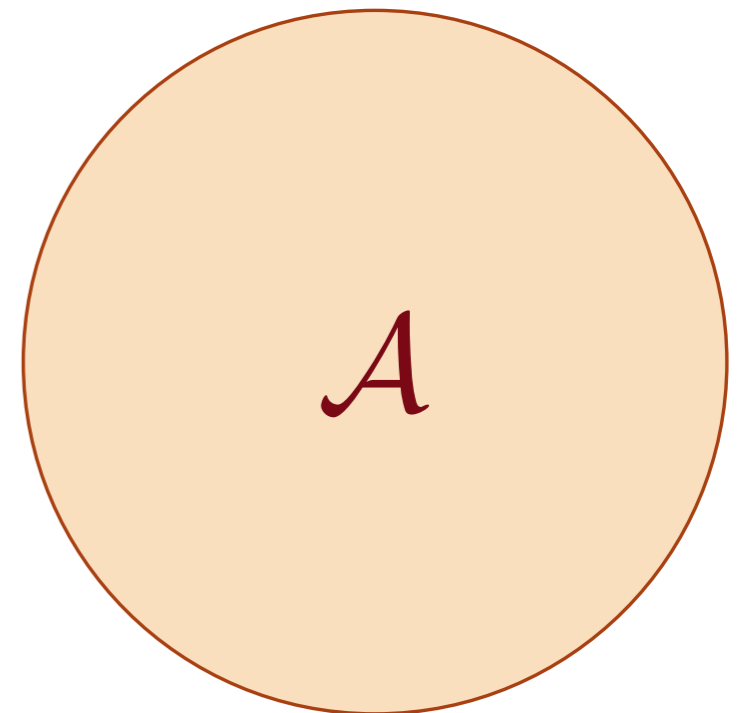
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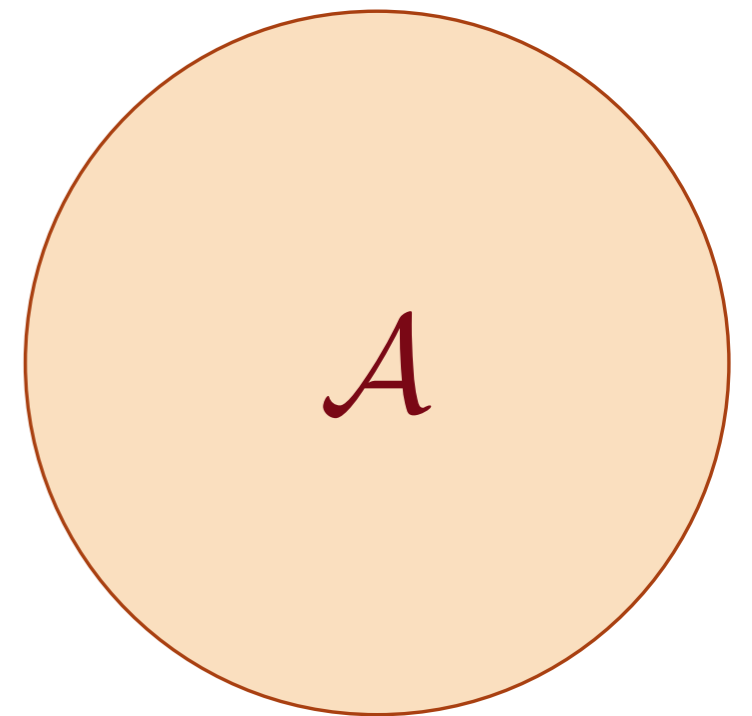
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- The overdamped transverse gauge modes lead to “non-Fermi liquid” broadening of the fermion pole near the Fermi surface.

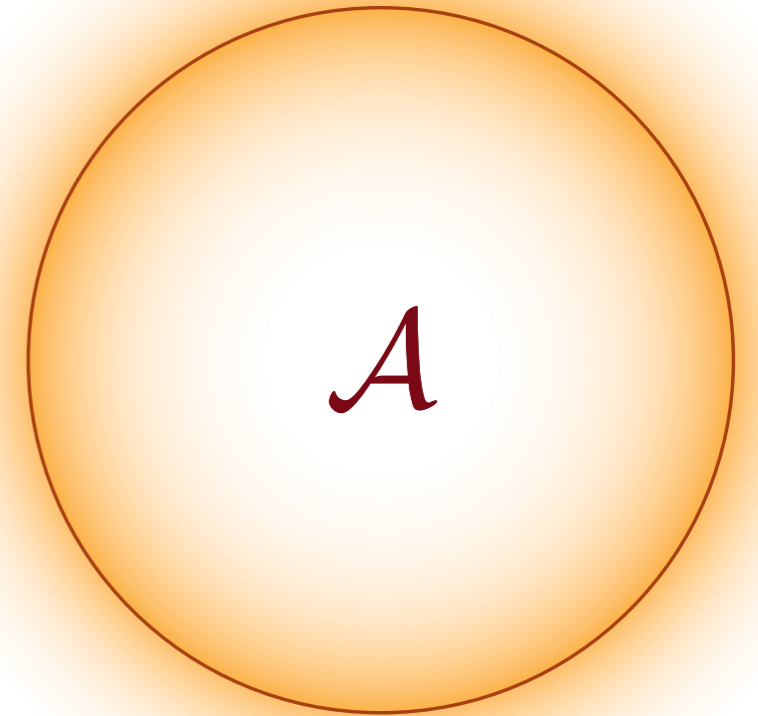
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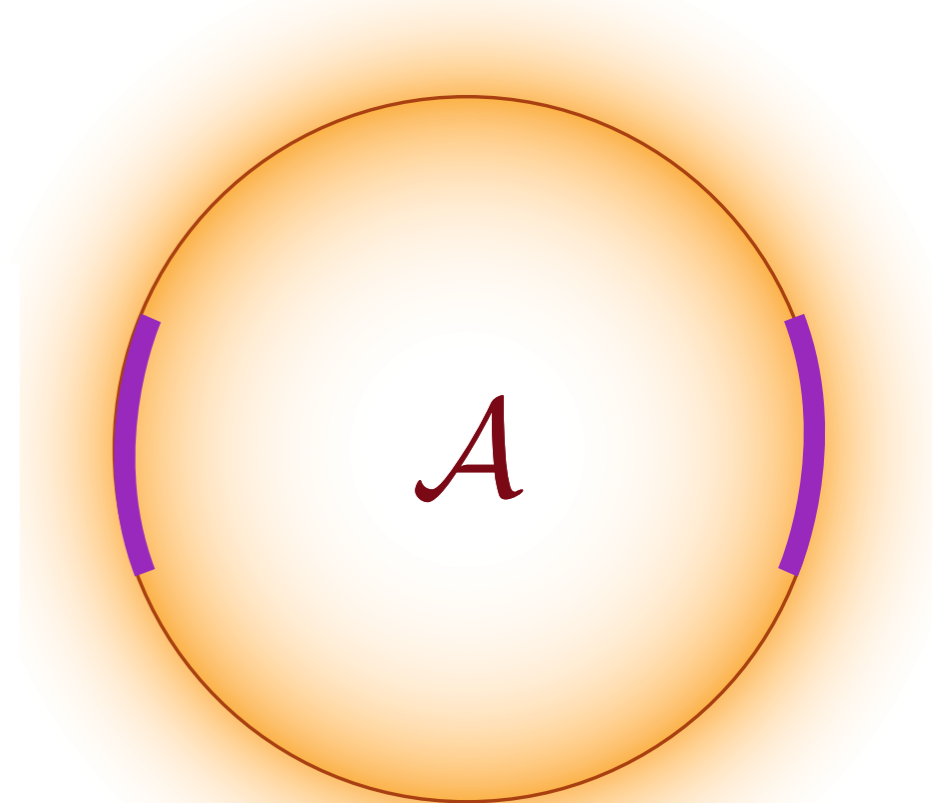
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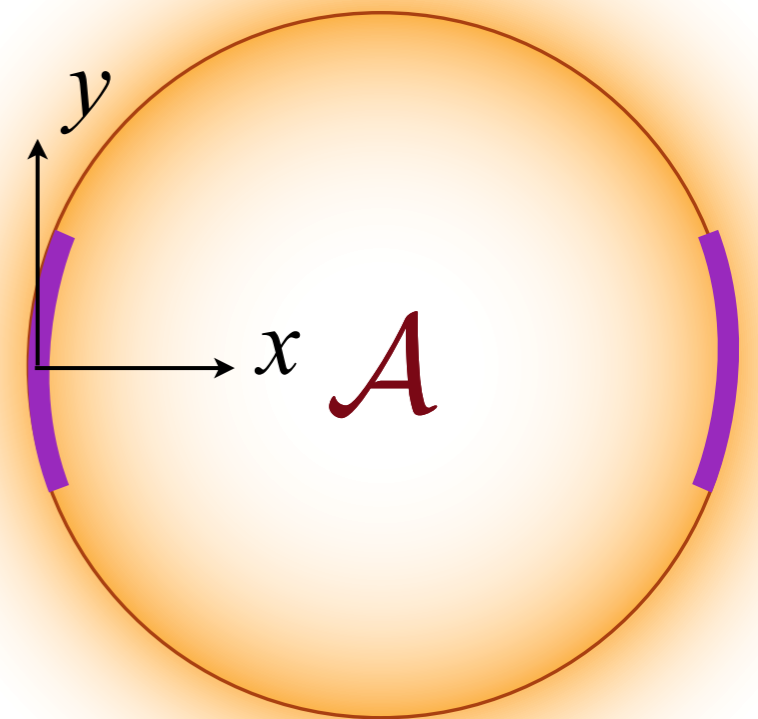
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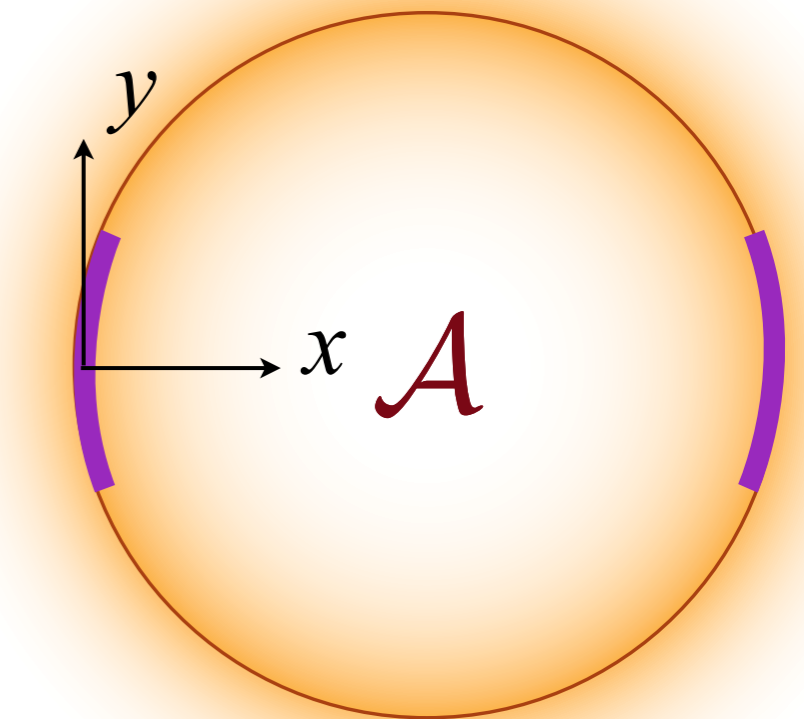


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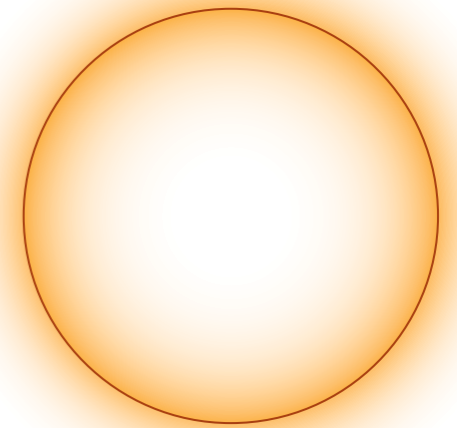
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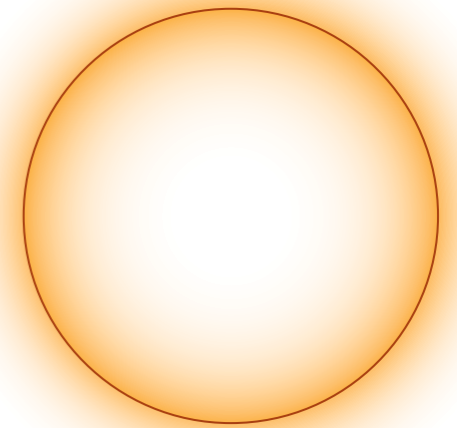
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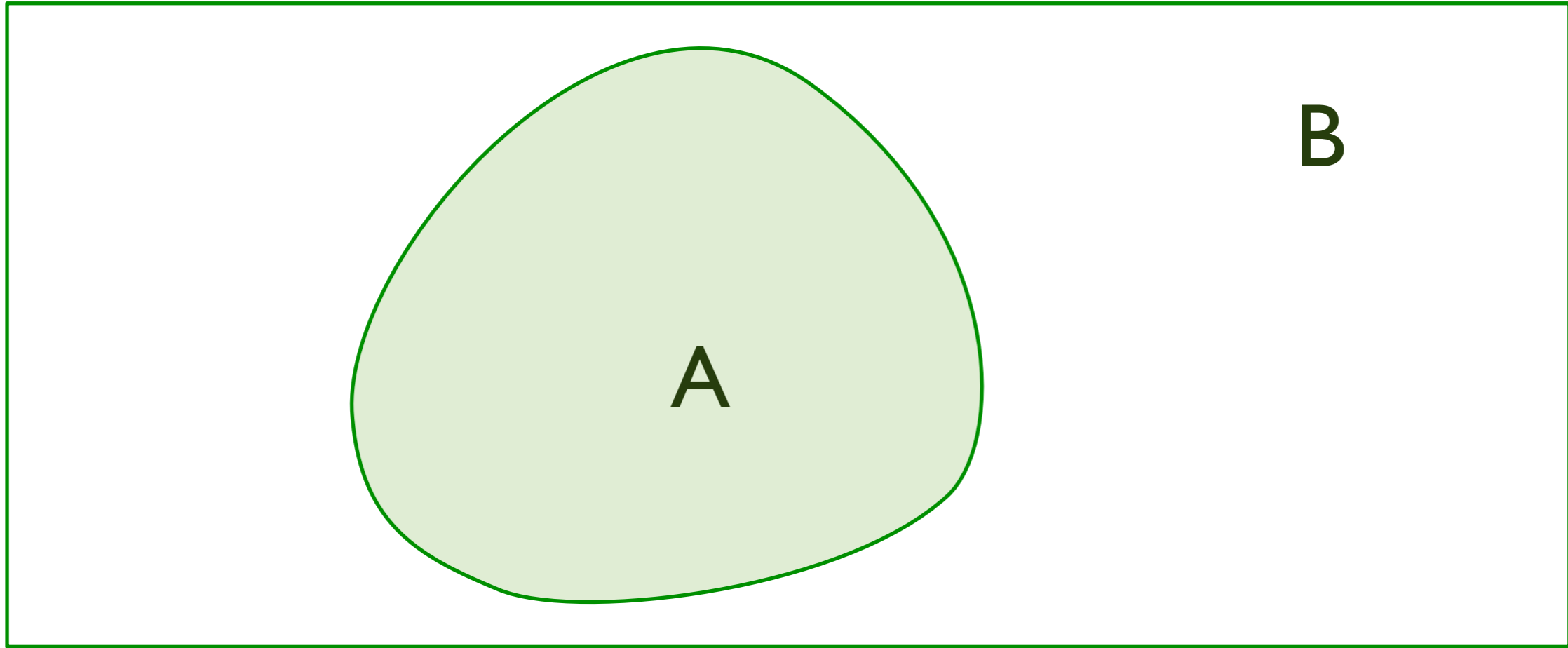


Compute
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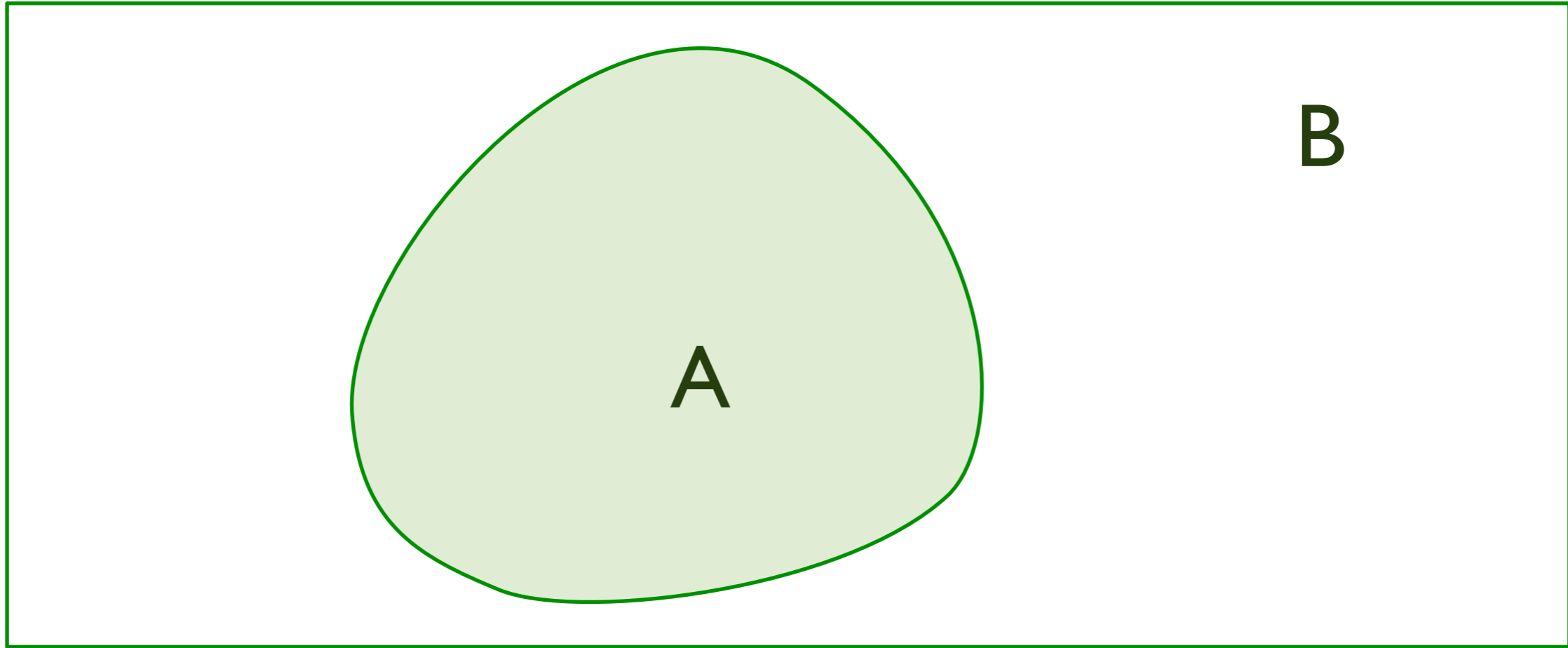
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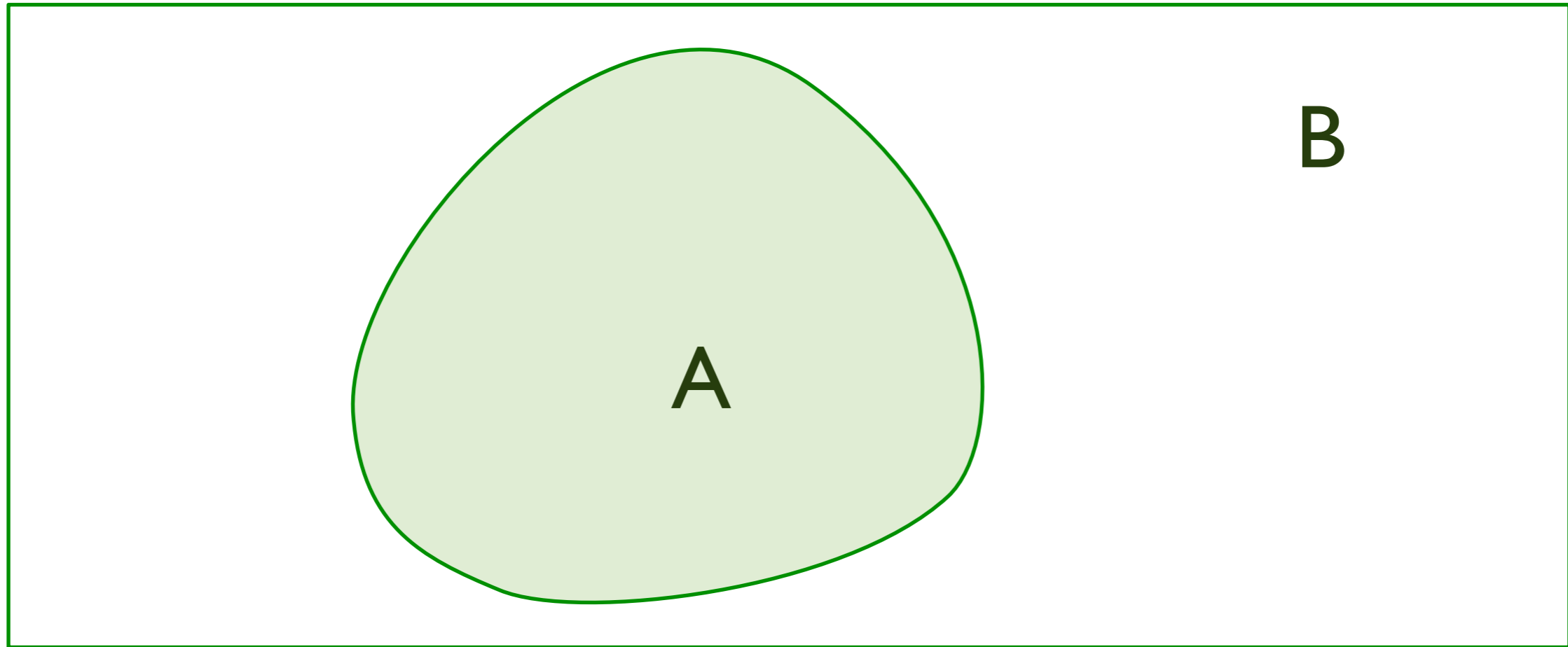
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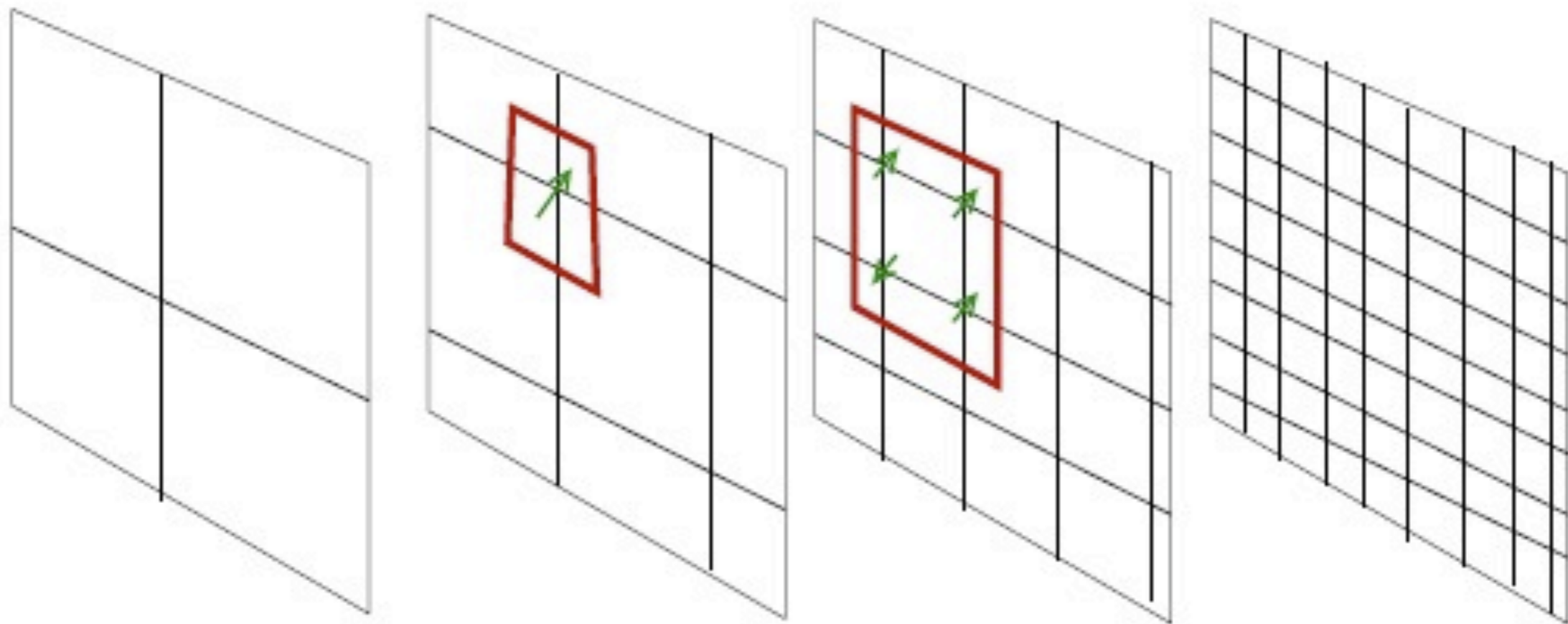
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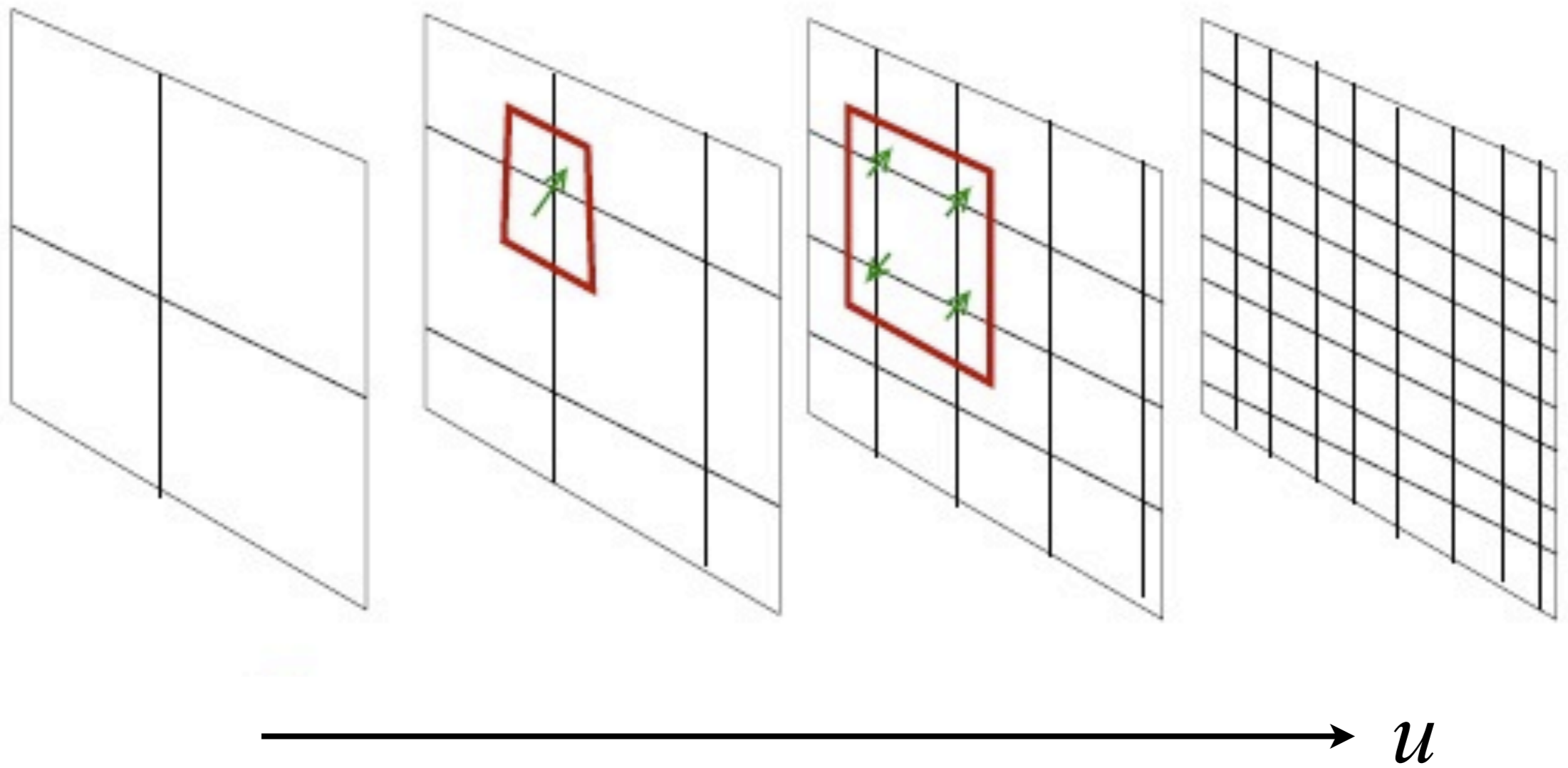
Field theories in $d + 1$ spacetime dimensions are characterized by couplings g which obey the renormalization group equation

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

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



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

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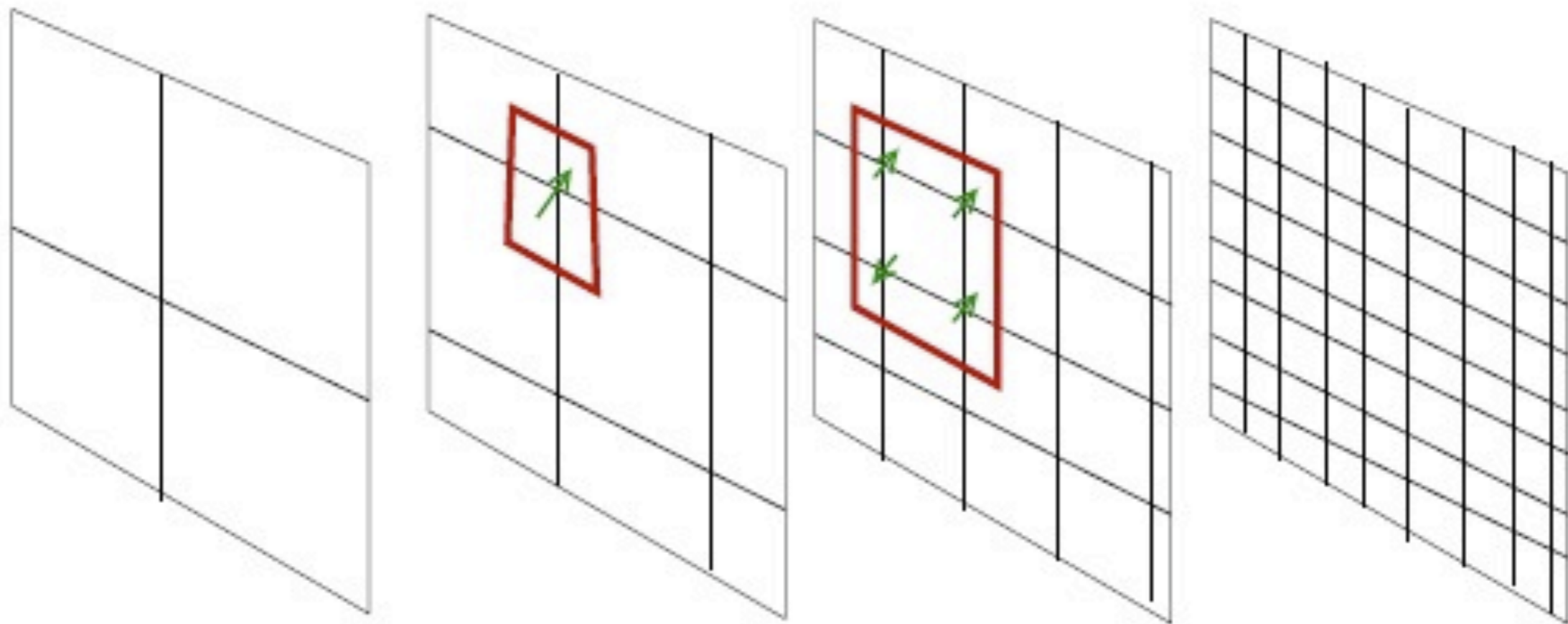
This is assumed to be an invariance of the *metric* of the theory in $d + 2$ dimensions. The unique solution is

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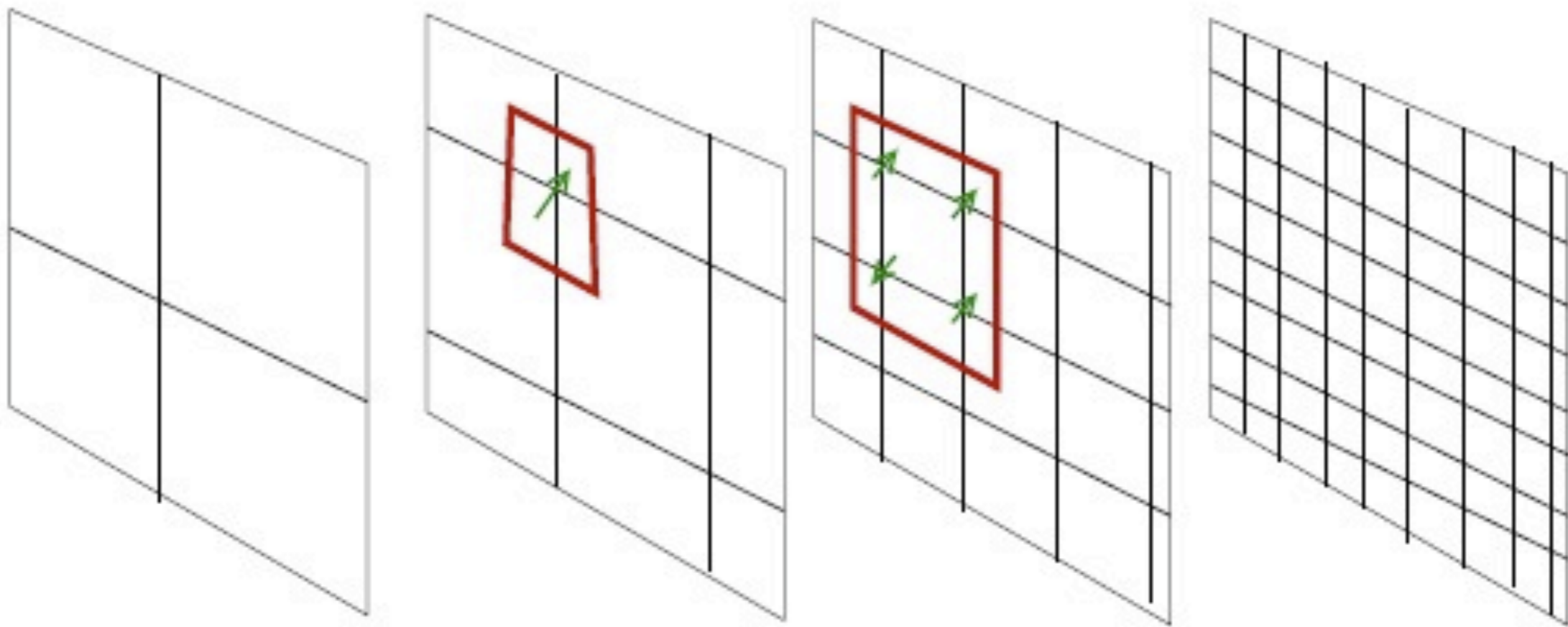
Or, using the length scale $r = L^2/u$

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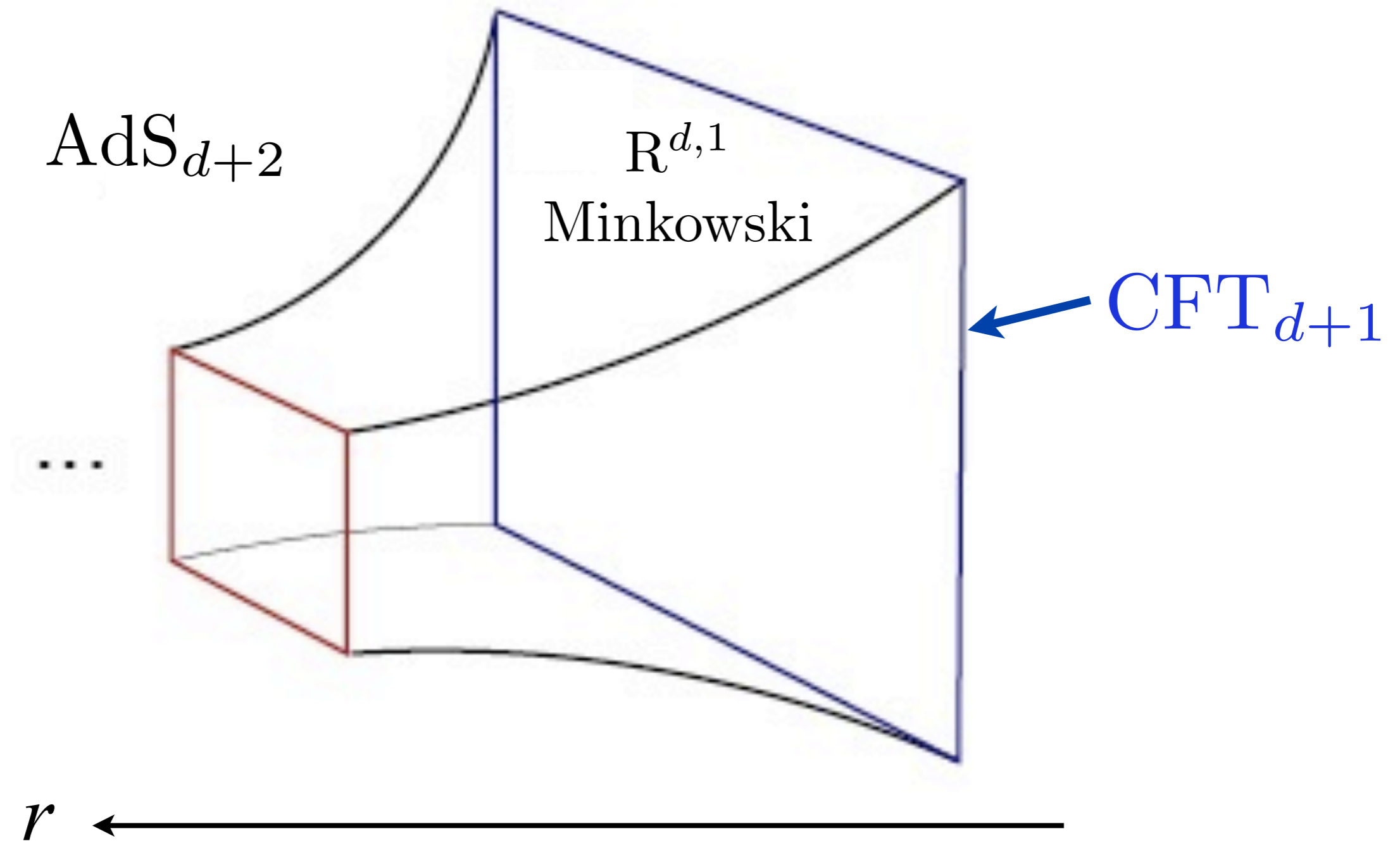
This is the space AdS_{d+2} , and L is the AdS radius.



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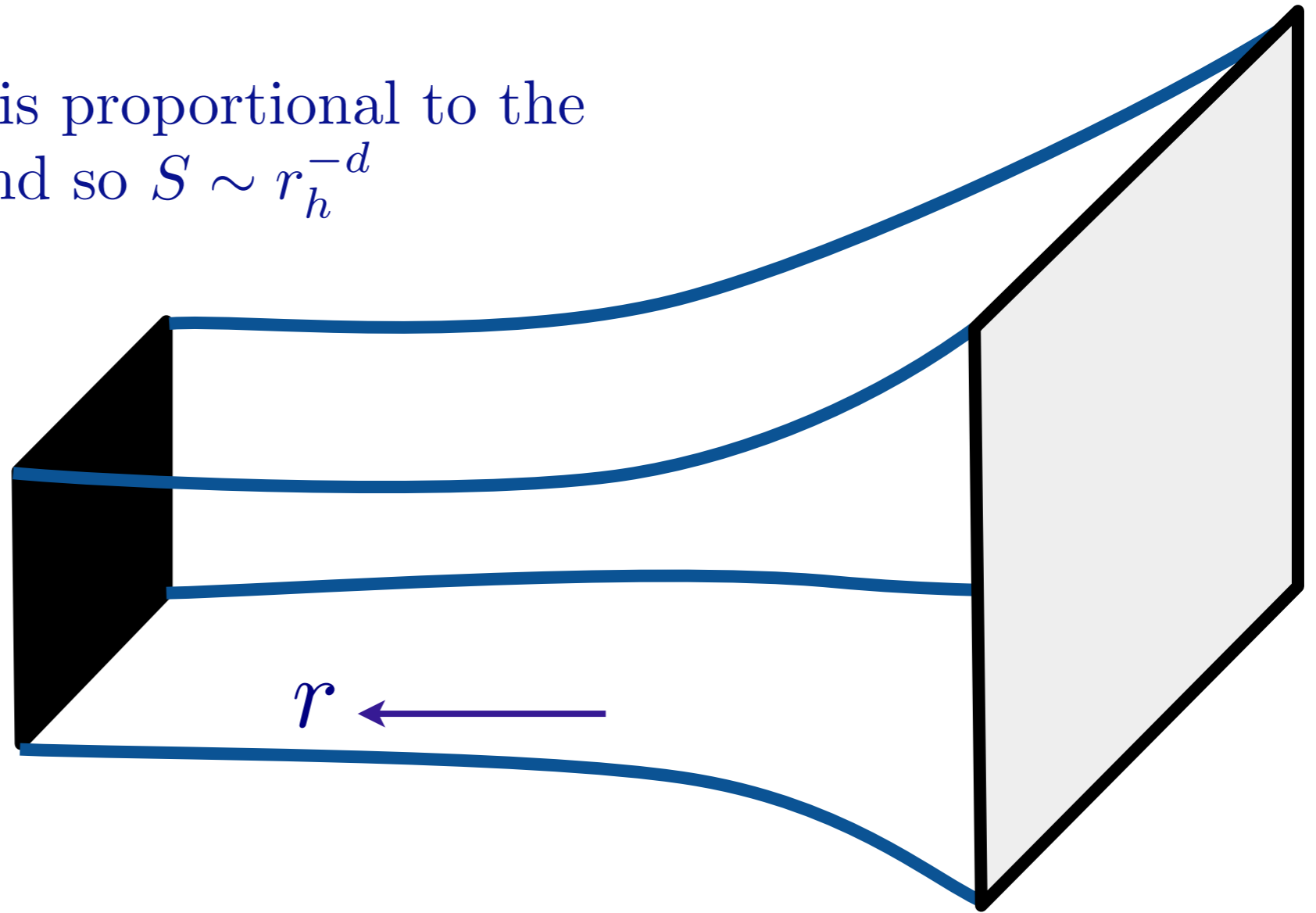
This identifies z as the dynamic critical exponent ($z = 1$ for “relativistic” quantum critical points).

What is θ ? ($\theta = 0$ for “relativistic” quantum critical points).

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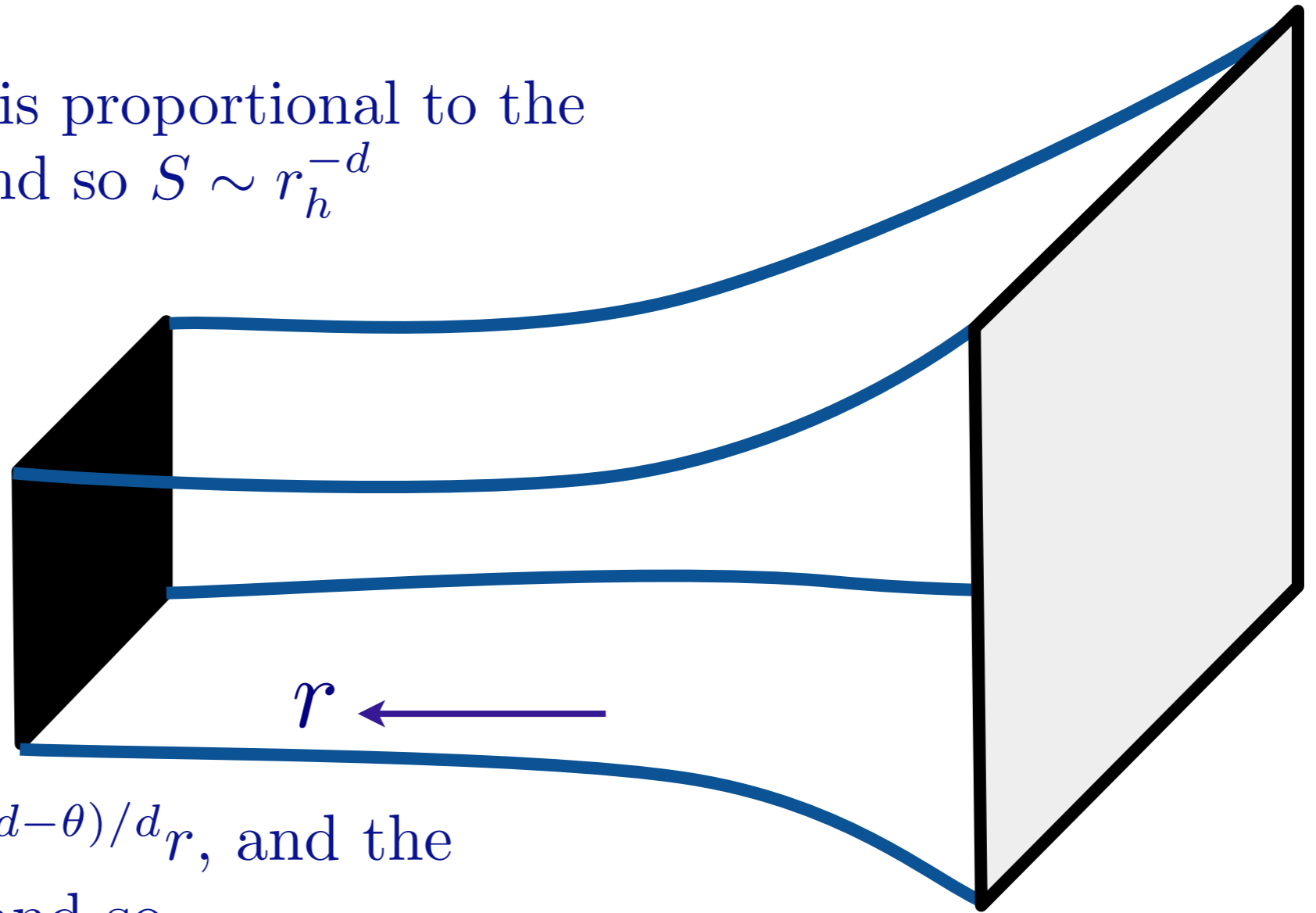
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Under rescaling $r \rightarrow \zeta^{(d-\theta)/d} r$, and the temperature $T \sim t^{-1}$, and so

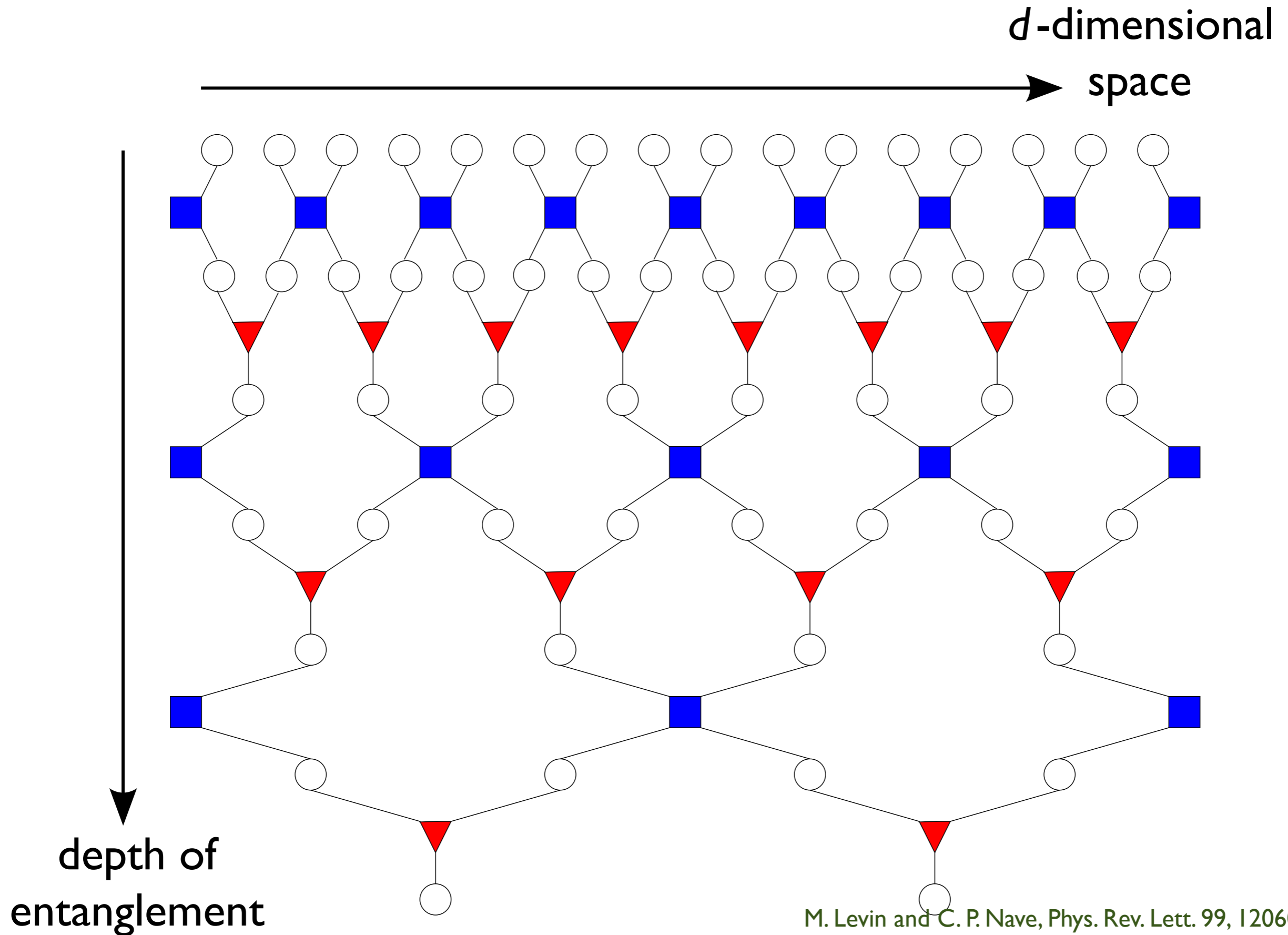
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So θ is the “violation of hyperscaling” exponent.

A non-Fermi liquid has gapless fermionic excitations on the Fermi surface, which disperse in the single transverse direction with dynamic critical exponent z . So we expect compressible quantum states to have an effective dimension $d - \theta$ with

$$\theta = d - 1$$

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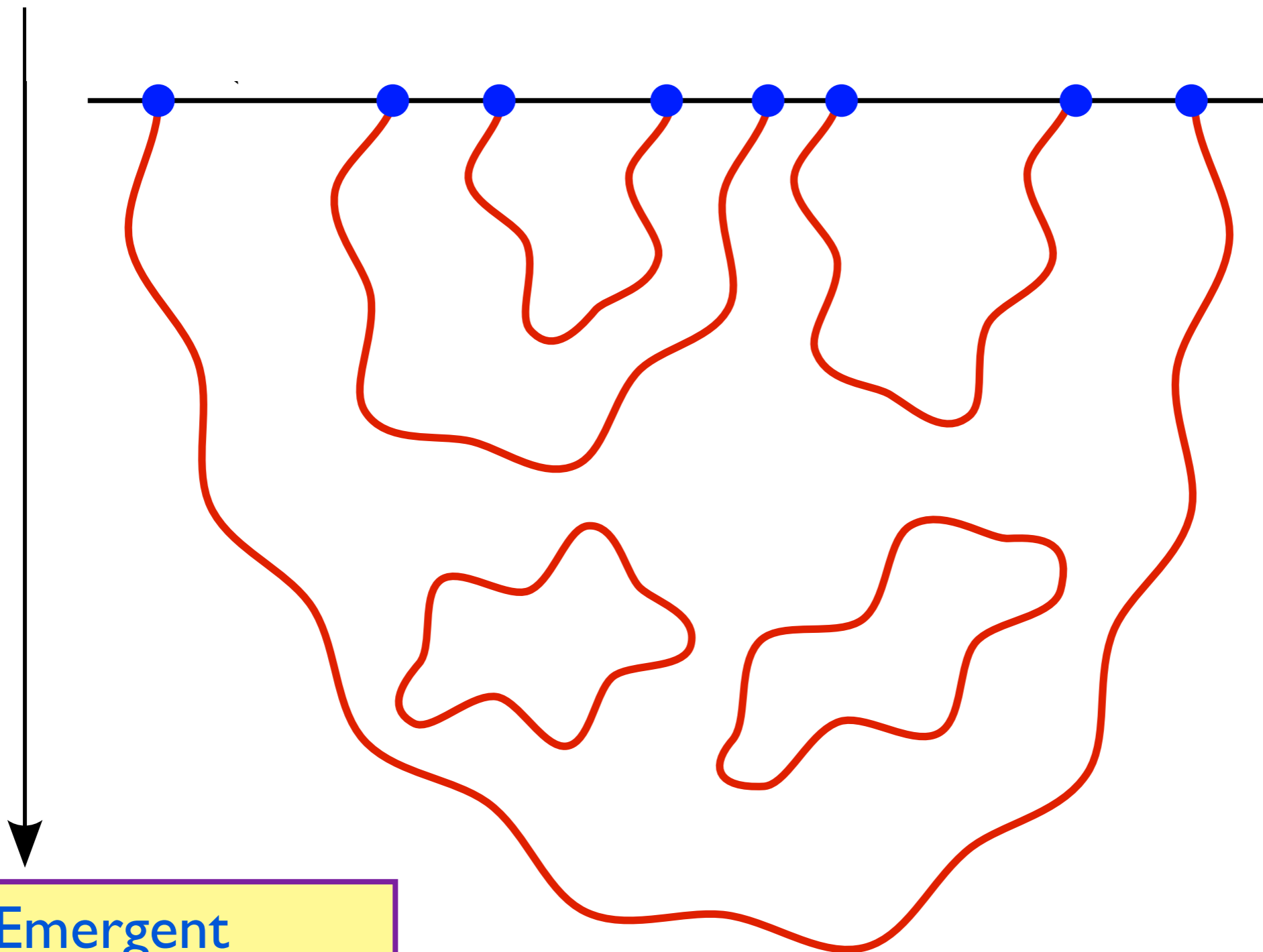


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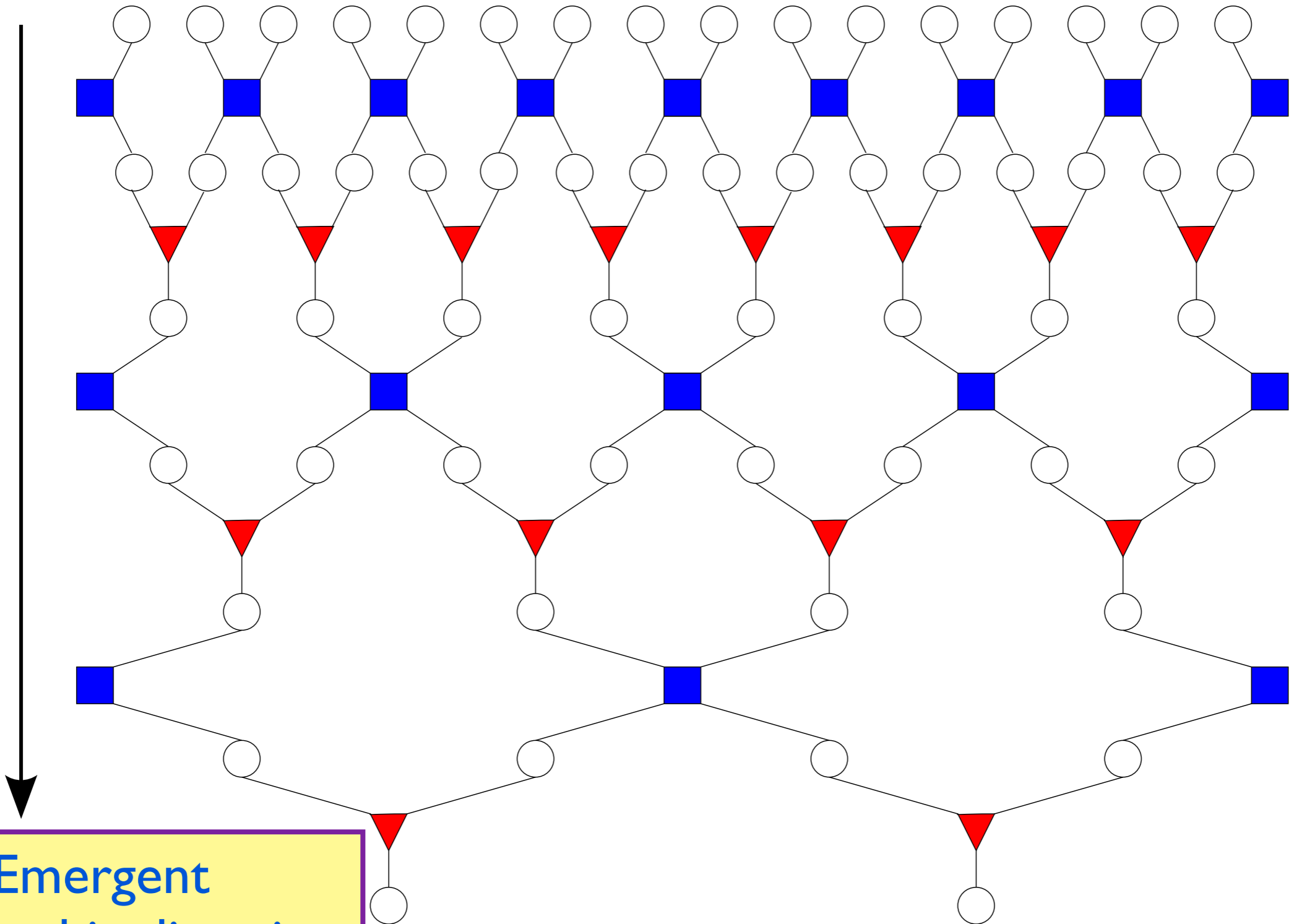
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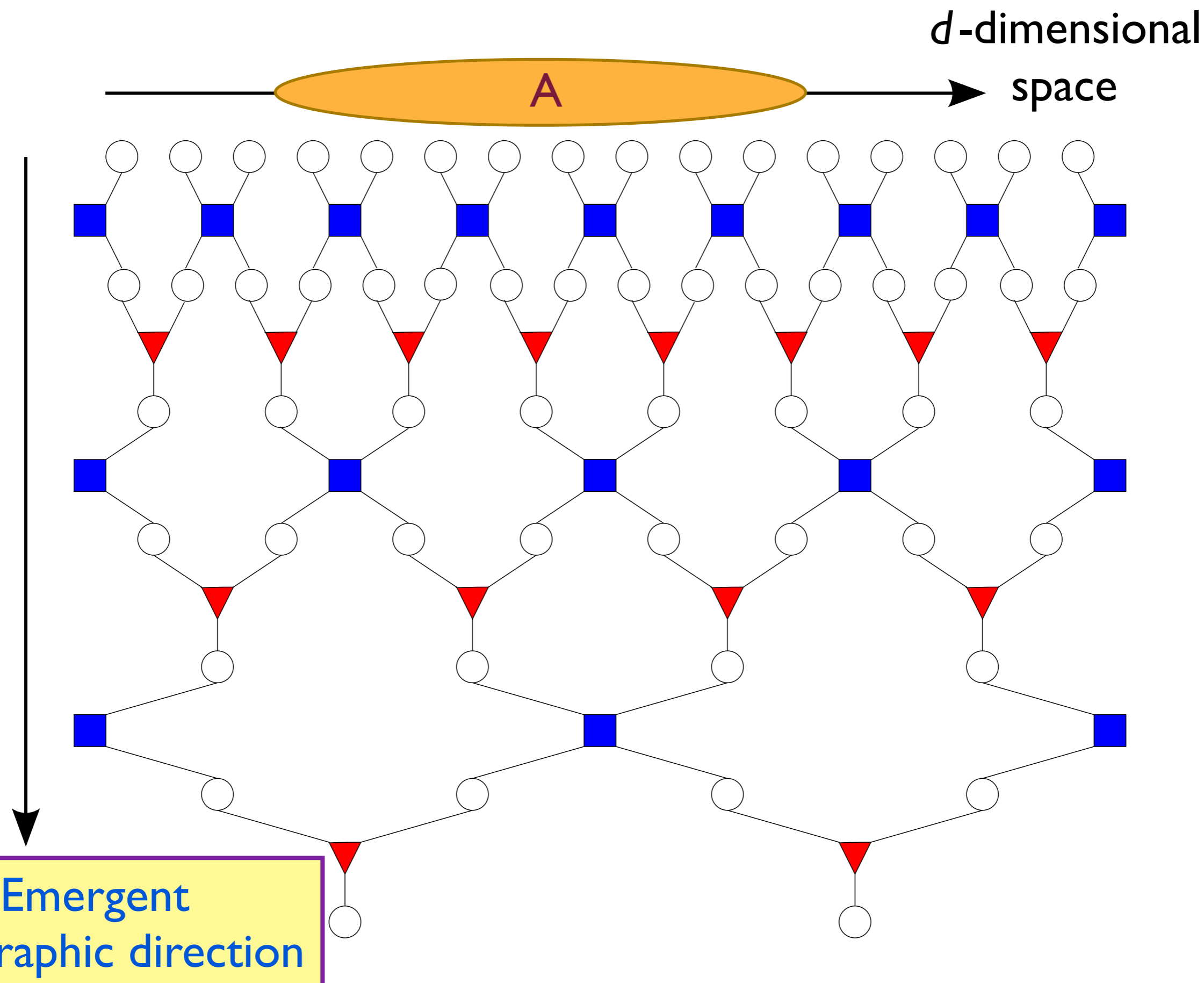
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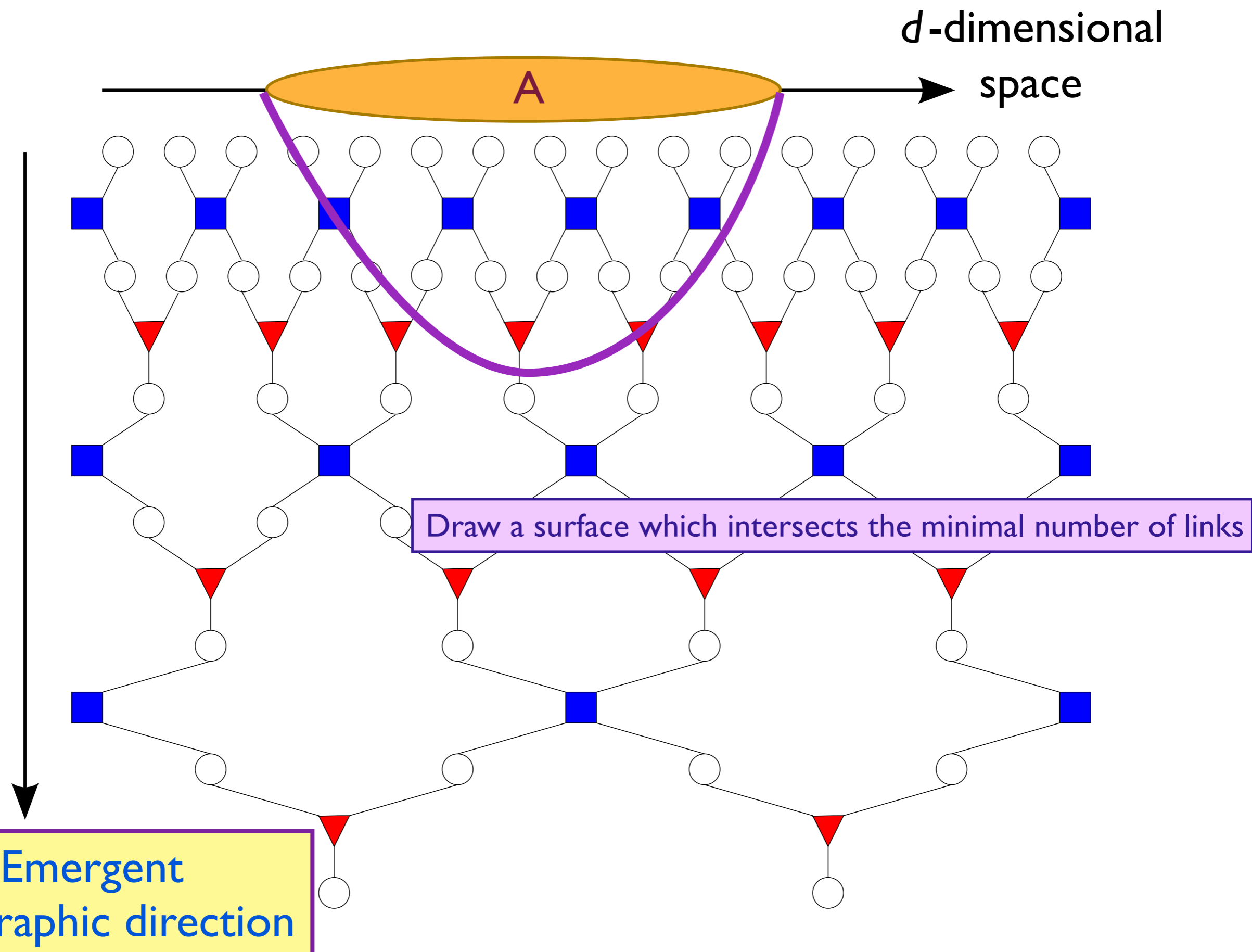
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The entanglement entropy of a region A on the boundary equals the minimal area of a surface in the higher-dimensional space whose boundary co-incides with that of A .

This can be seen in both the string and tensor-network pictures

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- Q is the total conserved charge. The metric has a complicated dependence on Q , but S_E is just proportional to $Q^{(d-1)/d}$. Many UV details are irrelevant, and S_E flows to the universal Q dependence in the IR. By Luttinger's relation $Q \sim k_F^{d-1}$, and so prefactor is the area of the Fermi surface, as expected from field theory.

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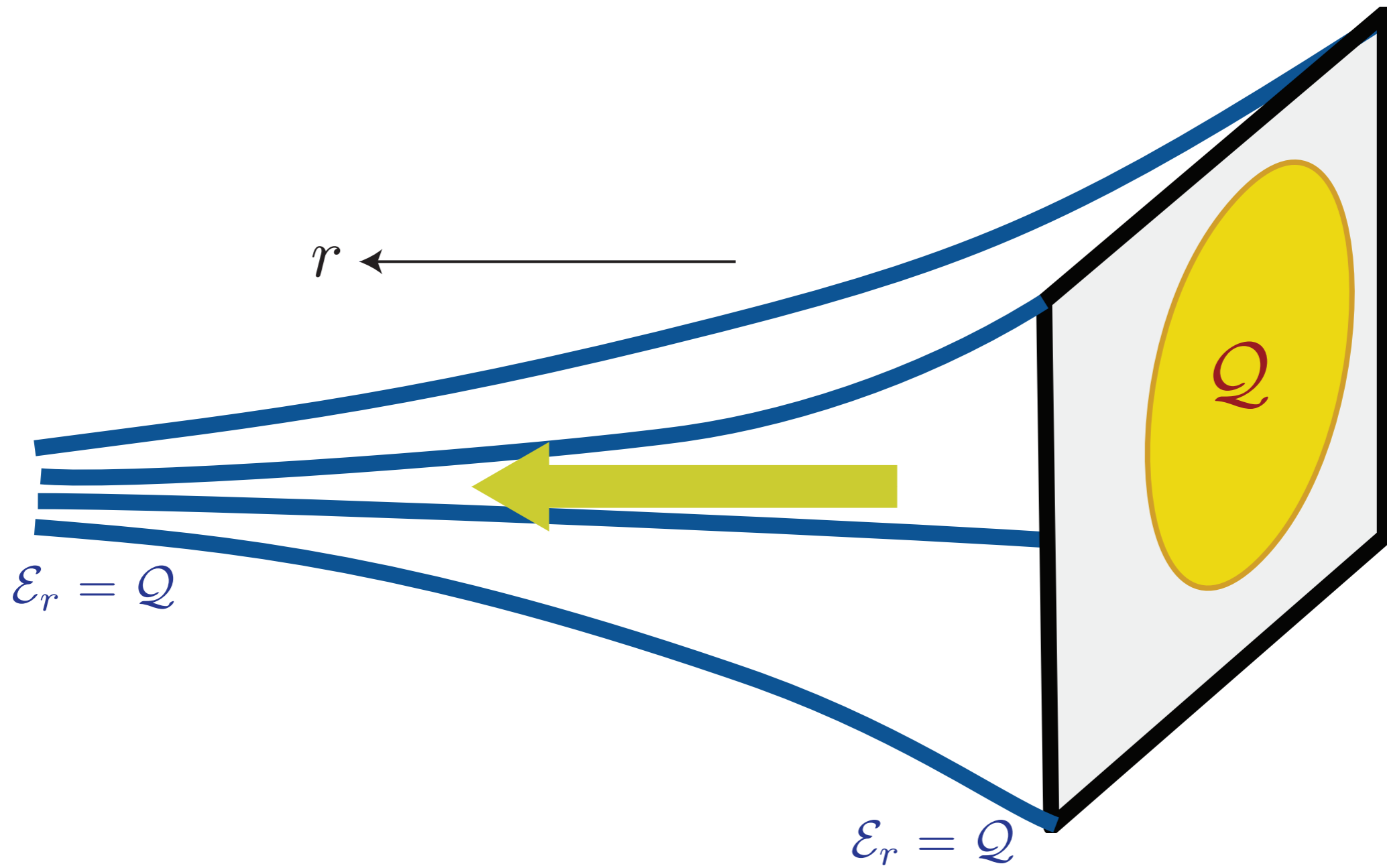
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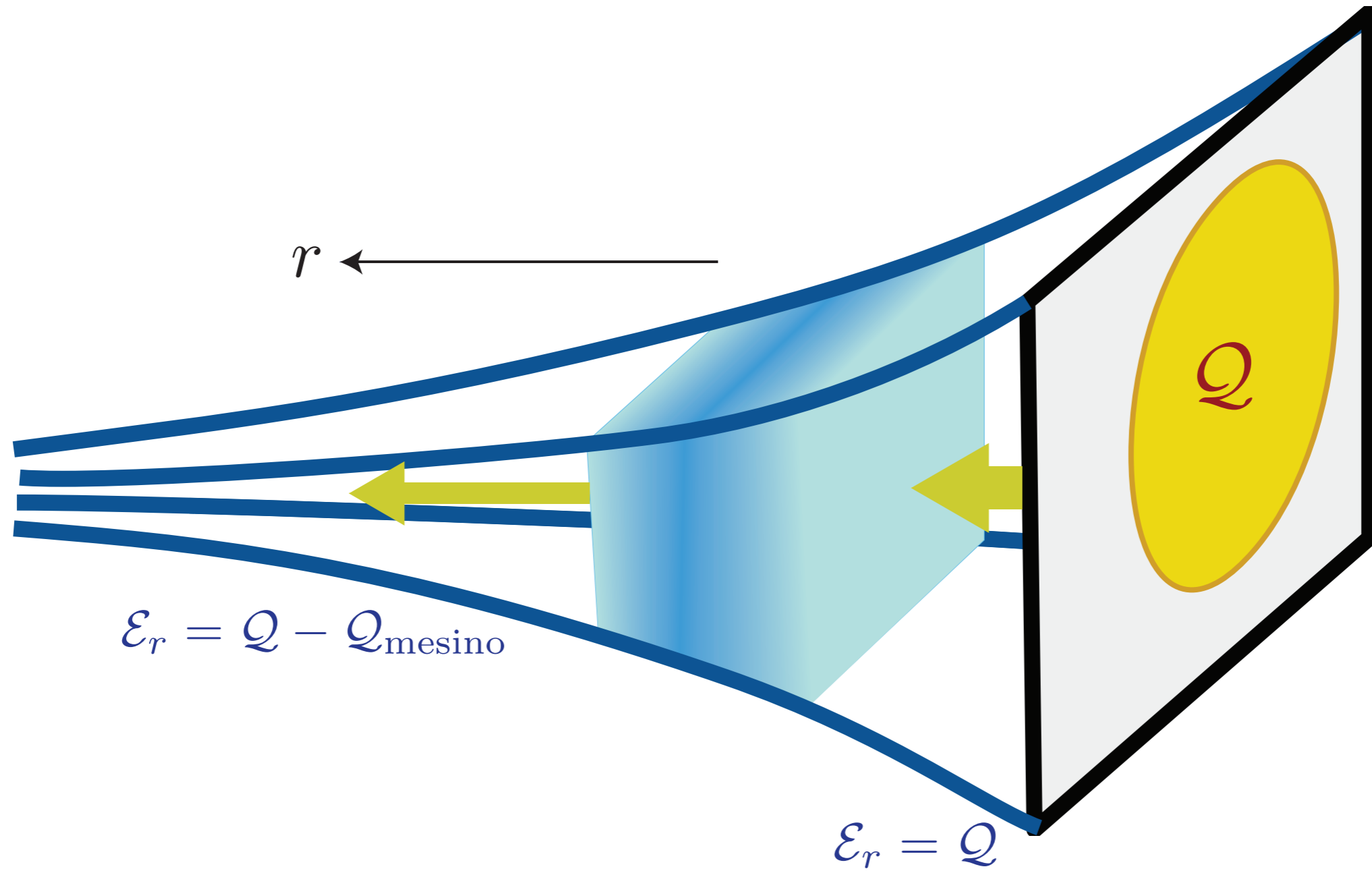
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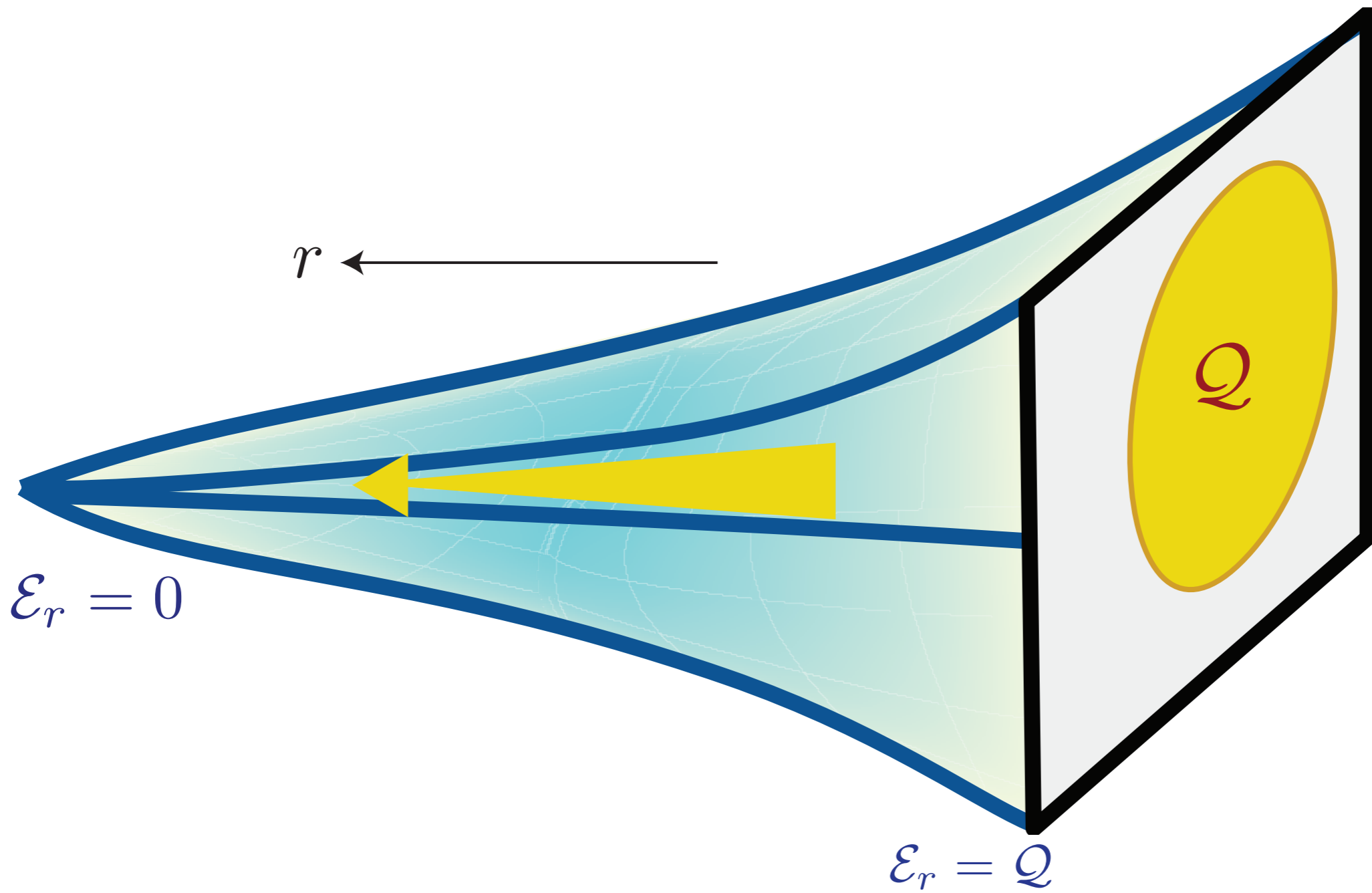
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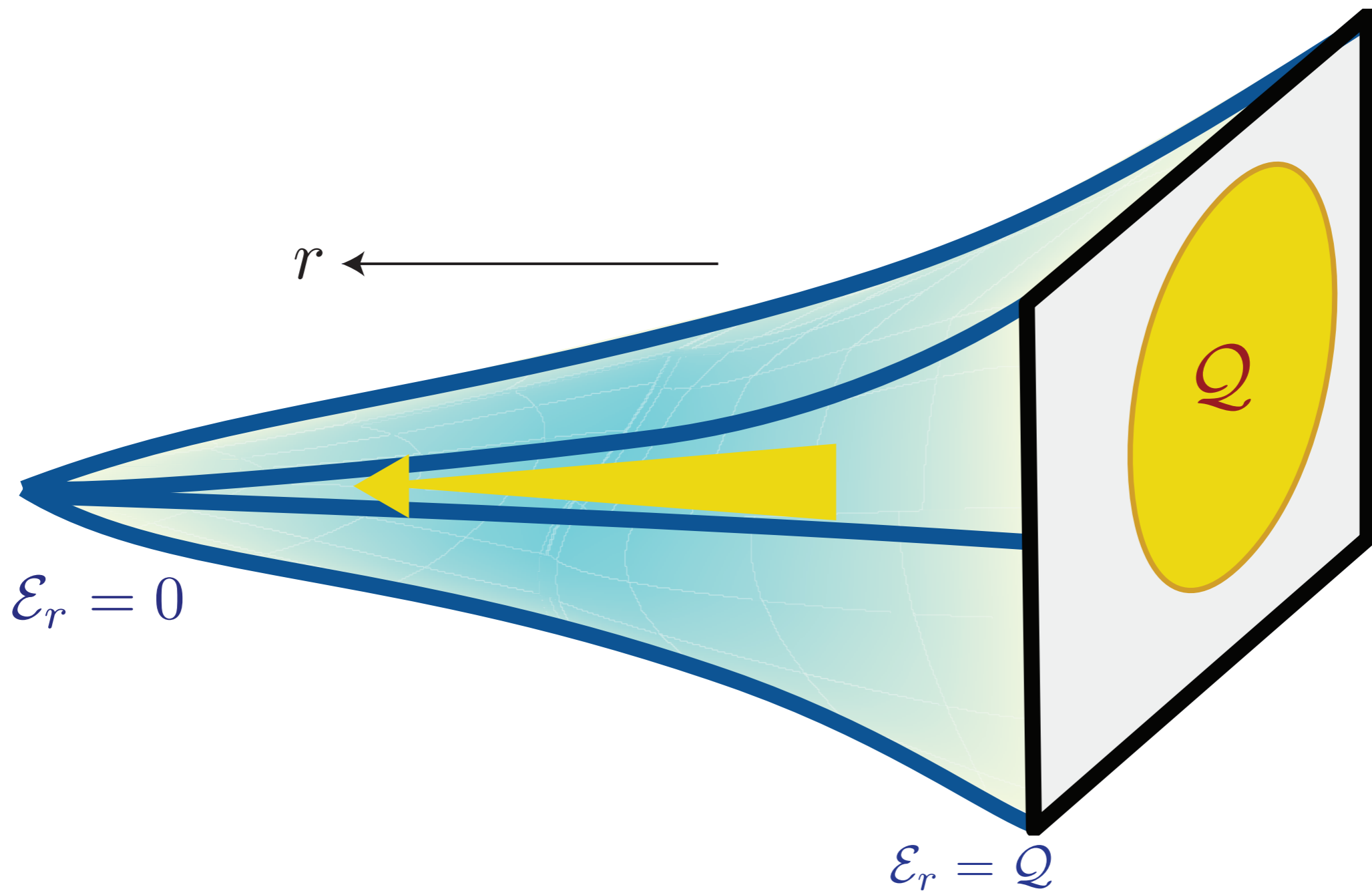
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Gauss Law in the bulk

\Leftrightarrow Luttinger theorem on the boundary

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