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Quantum phase transitions: from antiferromagnets and superconductors to black holes

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The Superfluid-Insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model

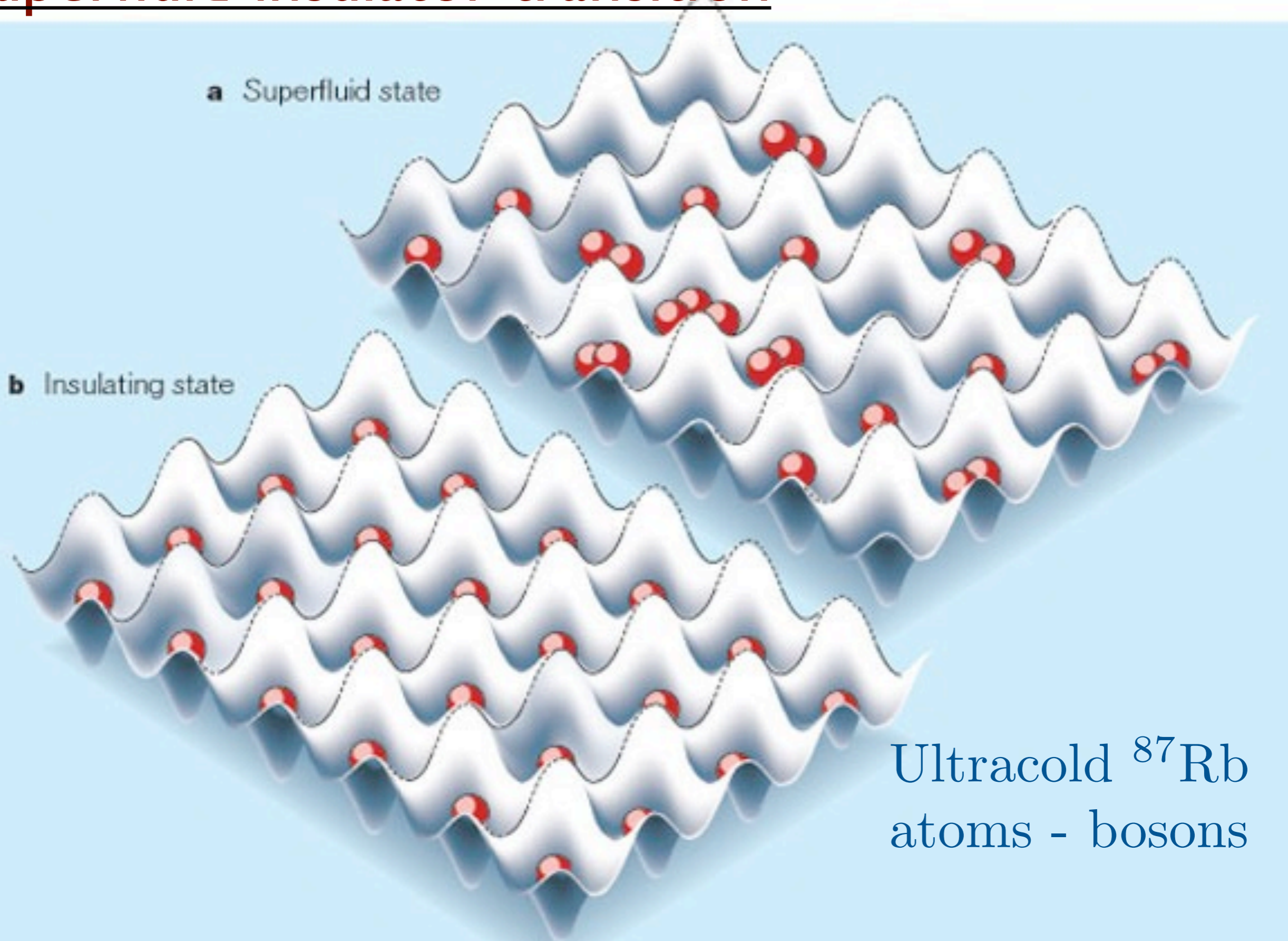
Degrees of freedom: Bosons, b_j^\dagger , hopping between the sites, j , of a lattice, with short-range repulsive interactions.

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

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

M.P. A. Fisher, P.B. Weichmann, G. Grinstein,
and D.S. Fisher, *Phys. Rev. B* **40**, 546 (1989).

Superfluid-insulator transition



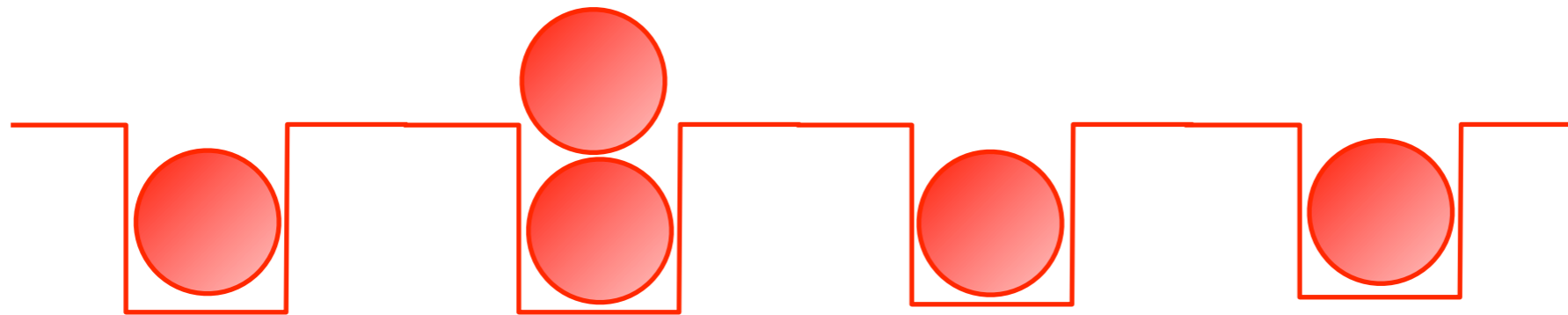
Ultracold ^{87}Rb
atoms - bosons

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



Insulator (the vacuum) at large U

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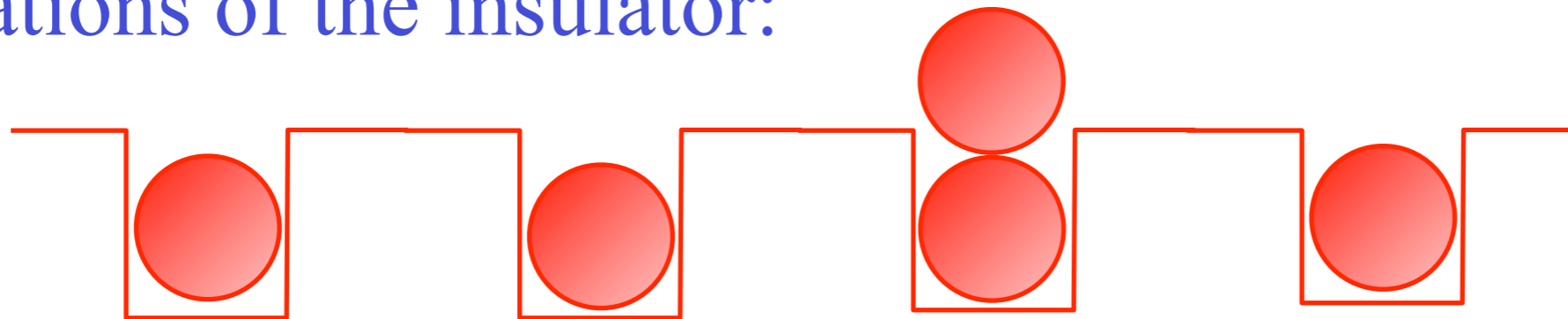
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Holes $\sim \psi$

Excitations of the insulator:



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Holes $\sim \psi$

Density of particles = density of holes \Rightarrow

“relativistic” field theory for ψ :

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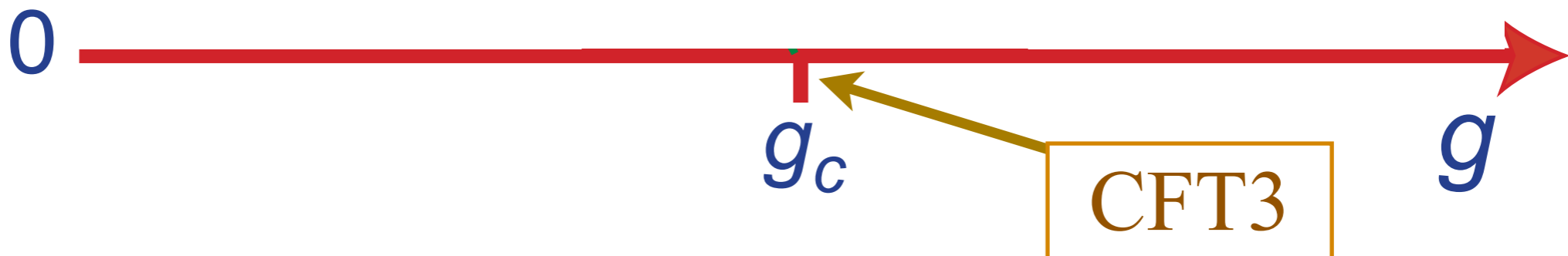
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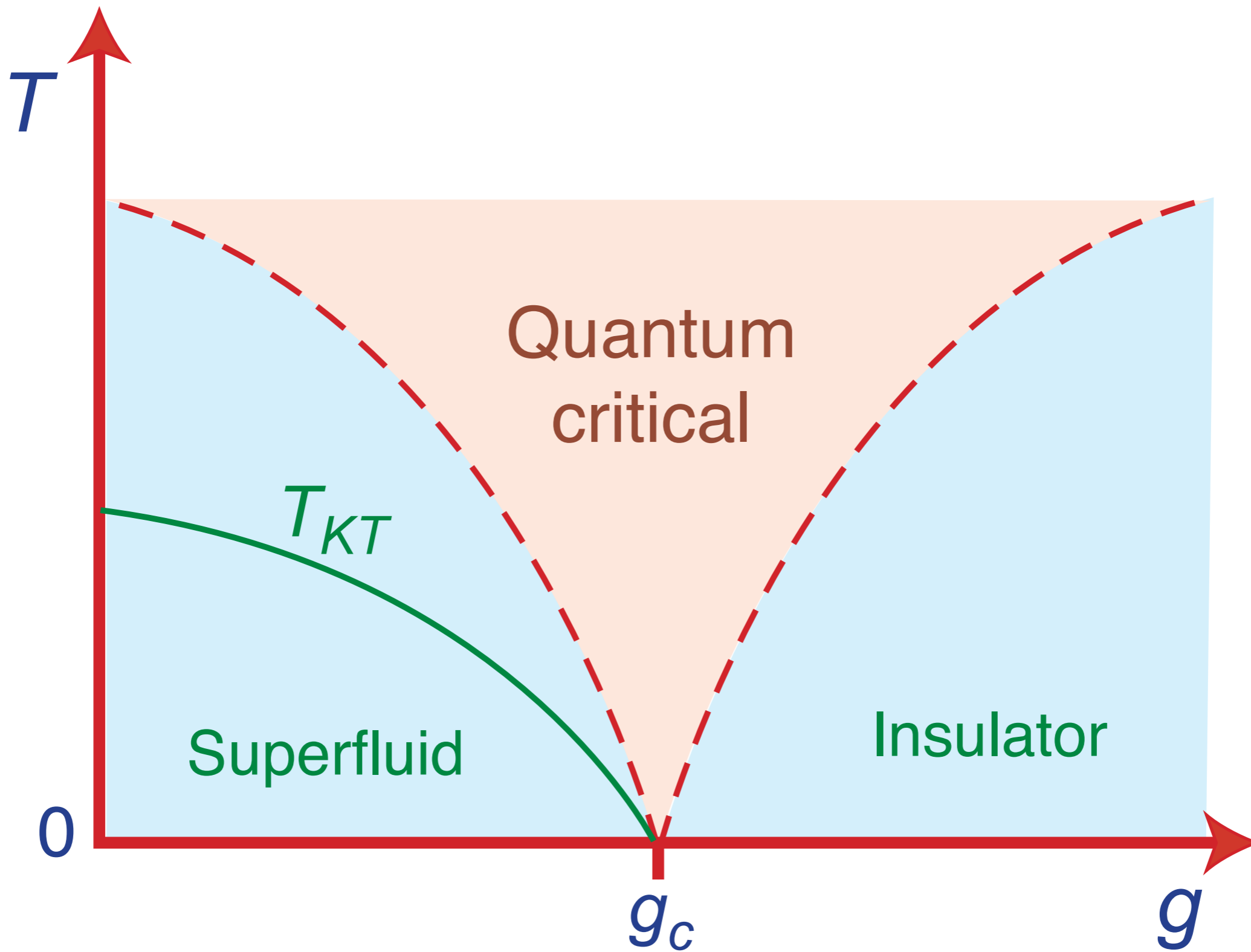
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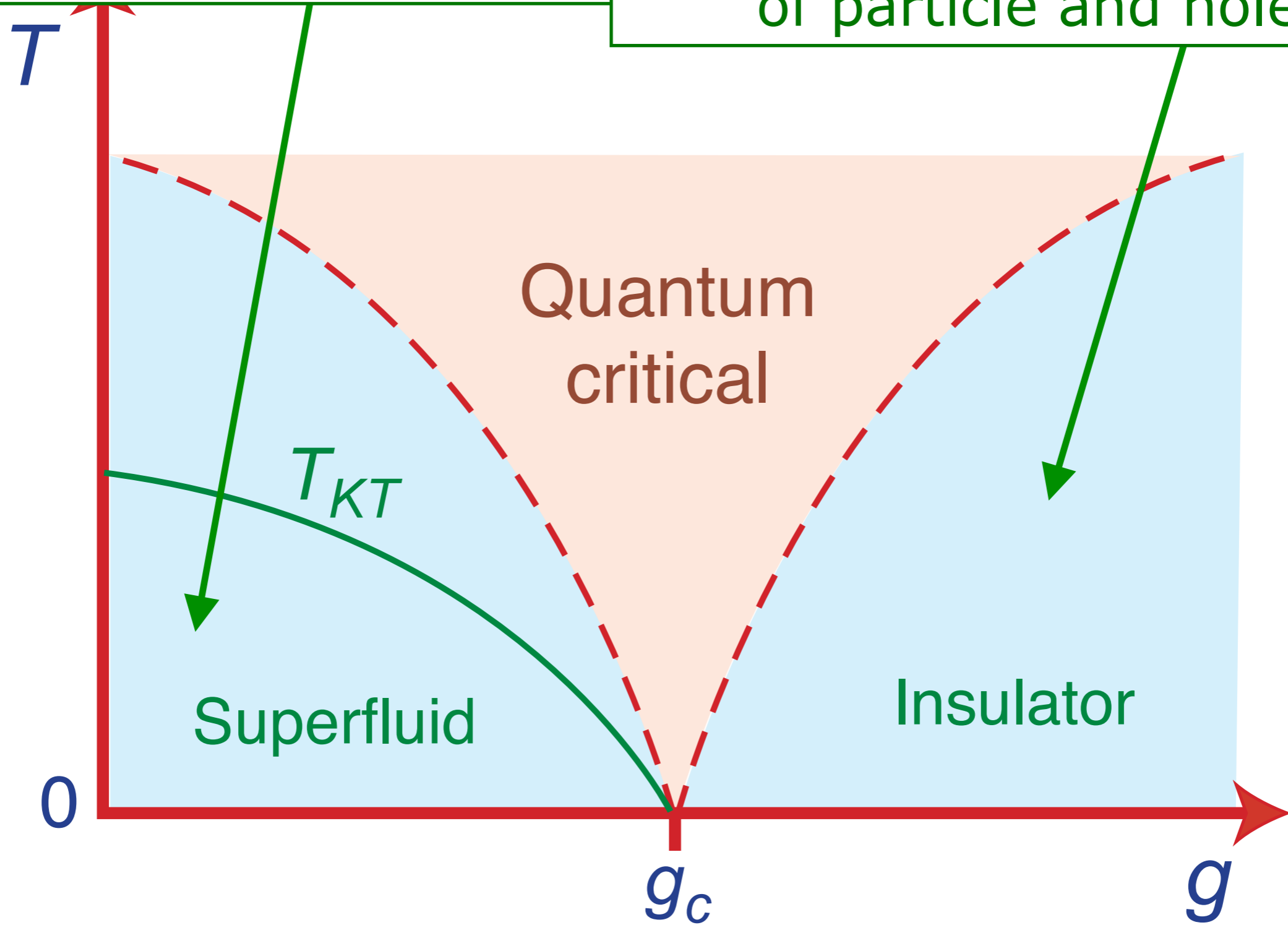
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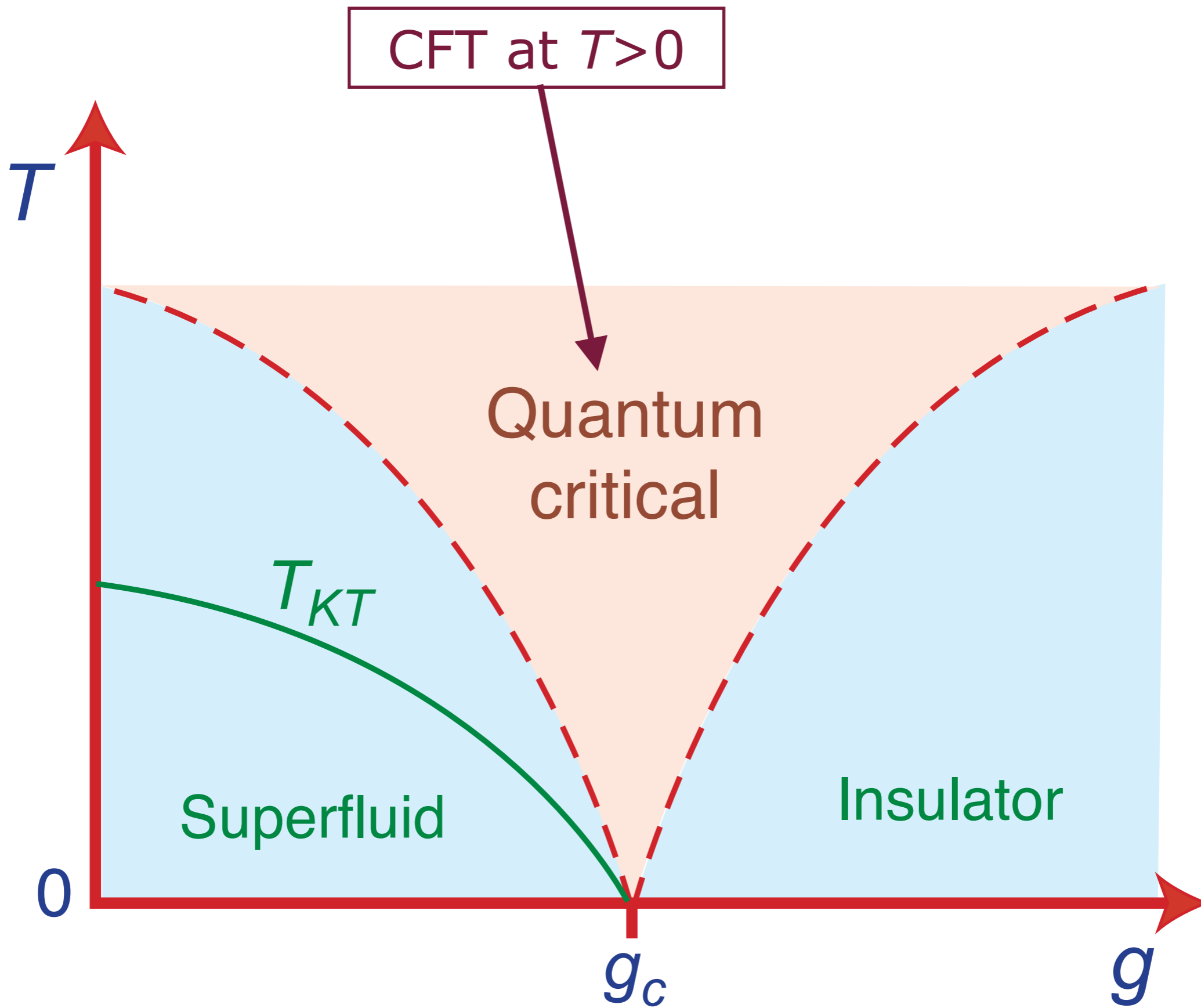




Classical vortices and wave oscillations of the condensate

Dilute Boltzmann/Landau gas of particle and holes





Resistivity of Bi films

Conductivity σ

$$\sigma_{\text{Superconductor}}(T \rightarrow 0) = \infty$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Insulator}}(T \rightarrow 0) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Quantum critical point}}(T \rightarrow 0) \approx \frac{4e^2}{h}$$

D. B. Haviland, Y. Liu, and A. M. Goldman,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **62**, 2180 (1989)

M. P. A. Fisher, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **65**, 923 (1990)

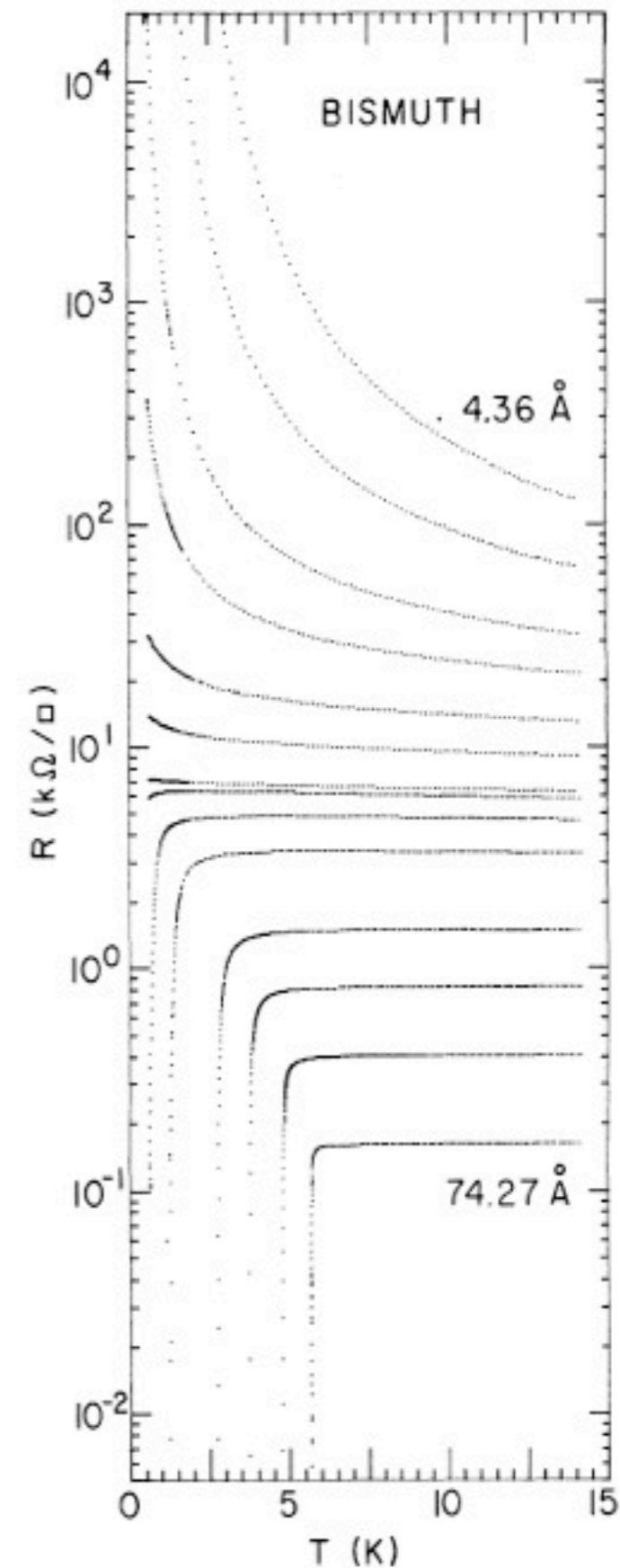


FIG. 1. Evolution of the temperature dependence of the sheet resistance $R(T)$ with thickness for a Bi film deposited onto Ge. Fewer than half of the traces actually acquired are shown. Film thicknesses shown range from 4.36 to 74.27 Å.

Quantum critical transport

Quantum “*perfect fluid*”
with shortest possible
relaxation time, τ_R

$$\tau_R \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

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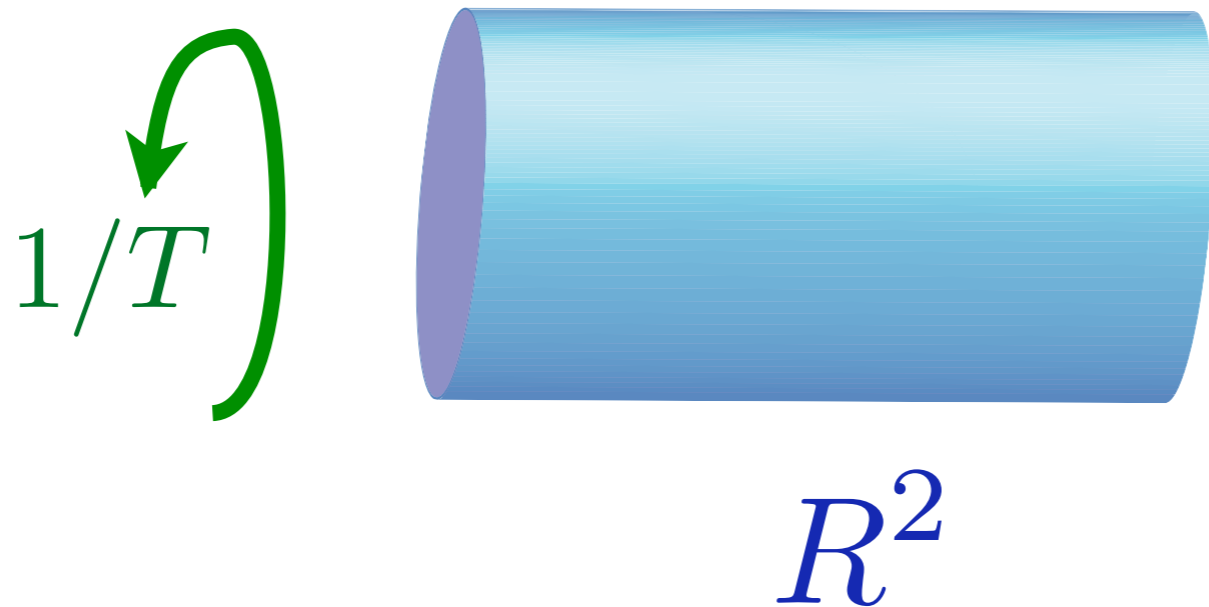
$$\frac{\eta}{s} \equiv \frac{\text{viscosity}}{\text{entropy density}}$$
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P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, and A. Starinets, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94**, 11601 (2005)

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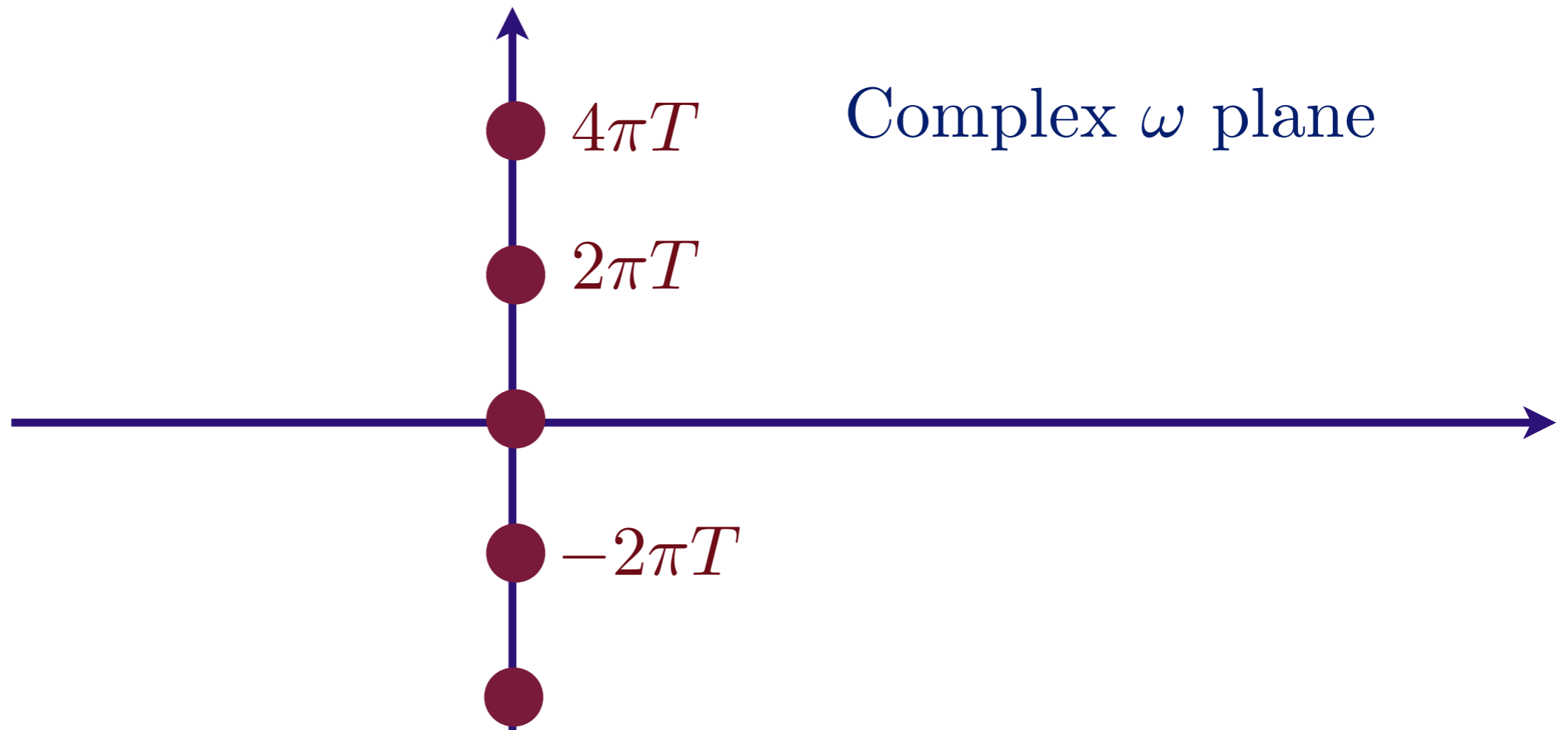
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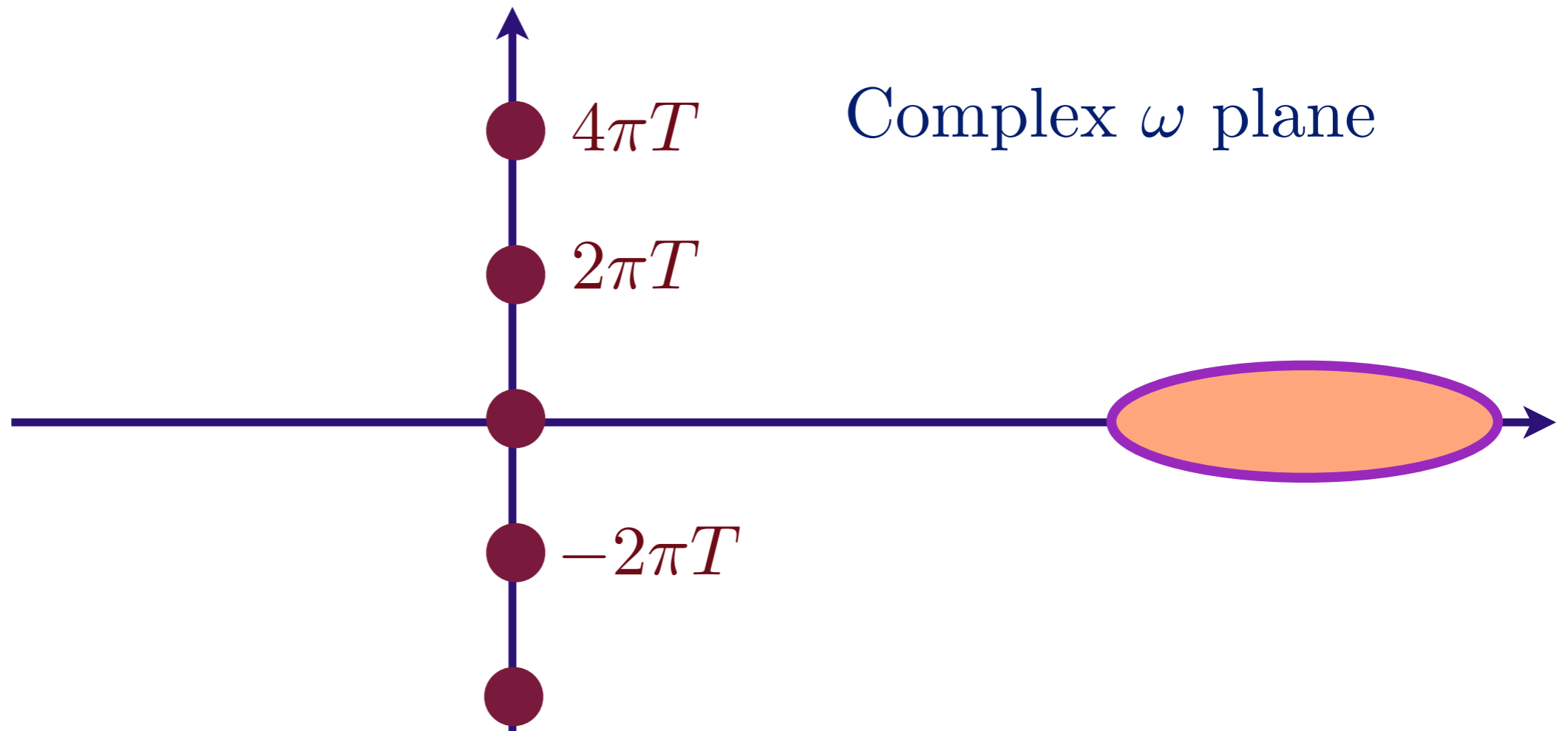
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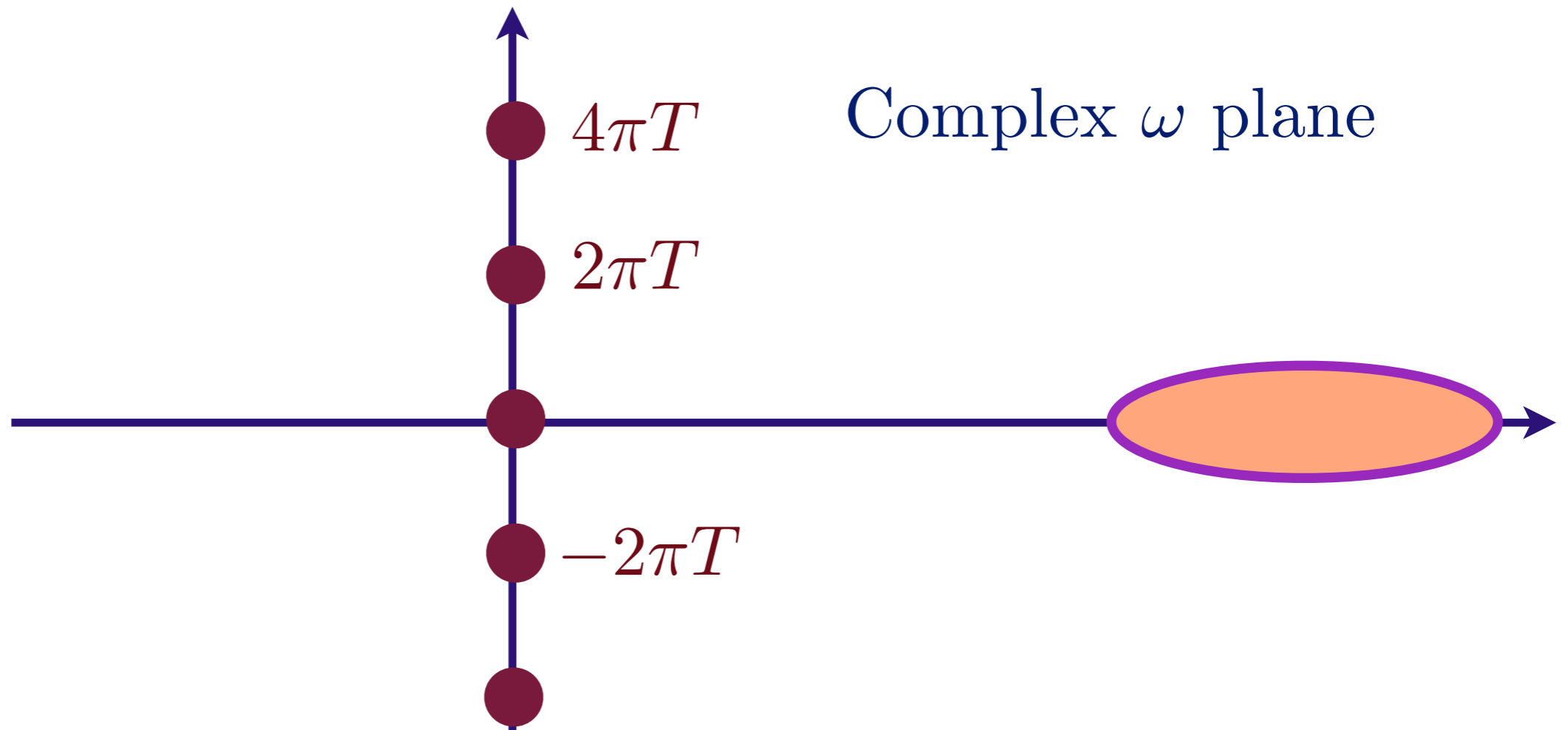
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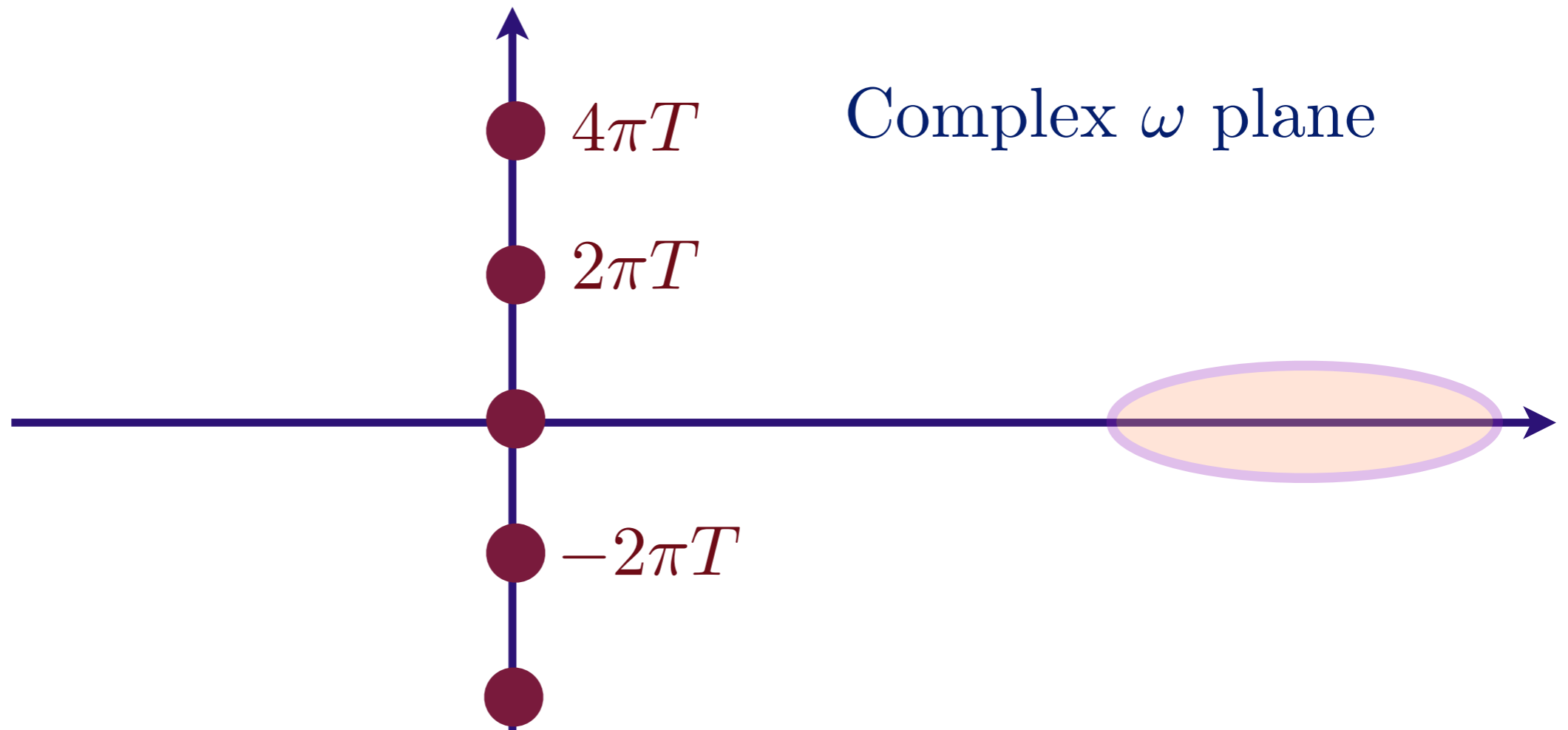
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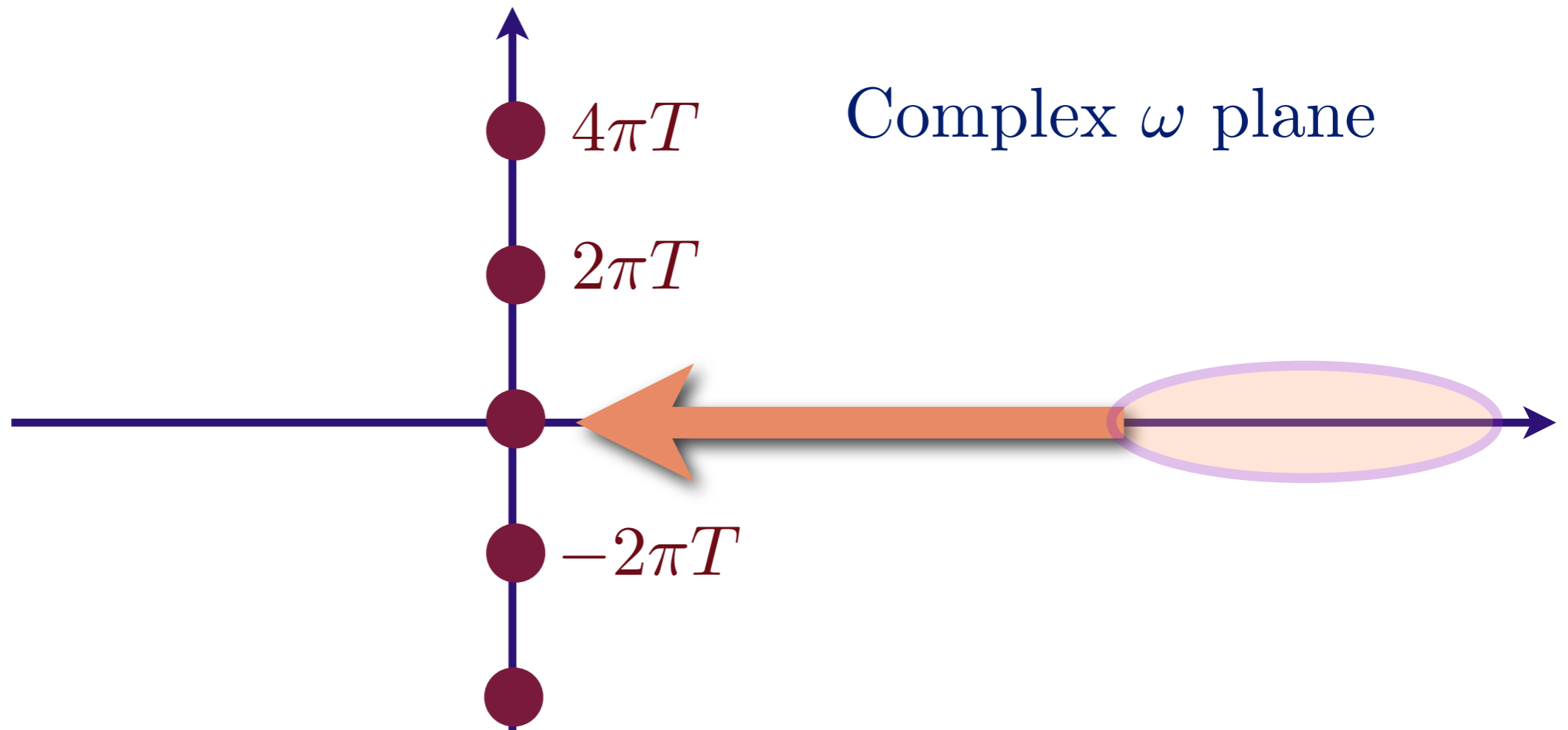


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This follows from the conformal mapping of the plane to the cylinder, which relates correlators at $T = 0$ to those at $T > 0$.

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However, for *all* CFT3s, at $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$, we have the Einstein relation

$$\chi(k, \omega) = 4e^2 \chi_c \frac{Dk^2}{Dk^2 - i\omega} \quad ; \quad \sigma(\omega) = 4e^2 D \chi_c = \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2$$

where the **compressibility**, χ_c , and the **diffusion constant** D obey

$$\chi = \frac{k_B T}{(h\nu)^2} \Theta_1 \quad ; \quad D = \frac{h\nu^2}{k_B T} \Theta_2$$

with Θ_1 and Θ_2 universal numbers characteristic of the CFT3

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Density correlations in CFTs at $T > 0$

In CFTs collisions are “phase” randomizing, and lead to relaxation to local thermodynamic equilibrium. So there is a crossover from collisionless behavior for $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$, to hydrodynamic behavior for $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$.

$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{4e^2}{h} K & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2 \equiv \sigma_Q & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \end{cases}$$

and in general we expect $K \neq \Theta_1 \Theta_2$ (verified for Wilson-Fisher fixed point).

The AdS/CFT correspondence

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Key idea: \Rightarrow Implement u as an extra dimension, and map to a local theory in $D + 1$ dimensions.

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This is an invariance of the *metric* of the theory in $D + 1$ dimensions. The unique solution is

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{u}{L}\right)^2 dx^\mu dx_\mu + L^2 \frac{du^2}{u^2}.$$

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

$$ds^2 = L^2 \frac{dx^\mu dx_\mu + dz^2}{z^2}.$$

This is the space AdS_{D+1} , and L is the AdS radius.

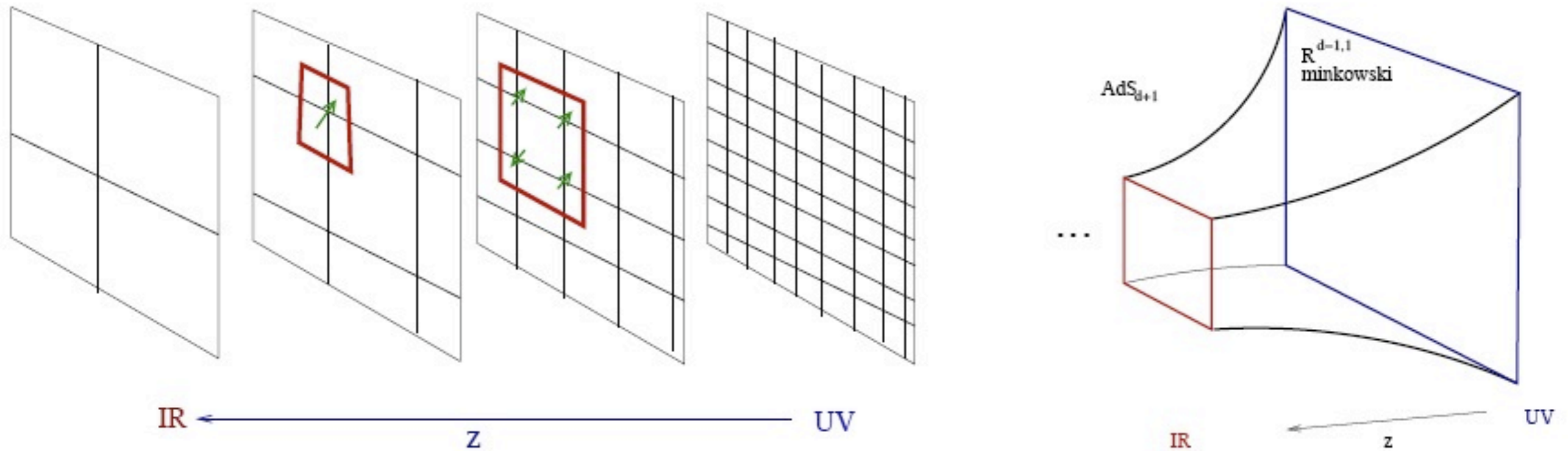


Figure 1: The extra ('radial') dimension of the bulk is the resolution scale of the field theory. The left figure indicates a series of block spin transformations labelled by a parameter z . The right figure is a cartoon of AdS space, which organizes the field theory information in the same way. In this sense, the bulk picture is a hologram: excitations with different wavelengths get put in different places in the bulk image.

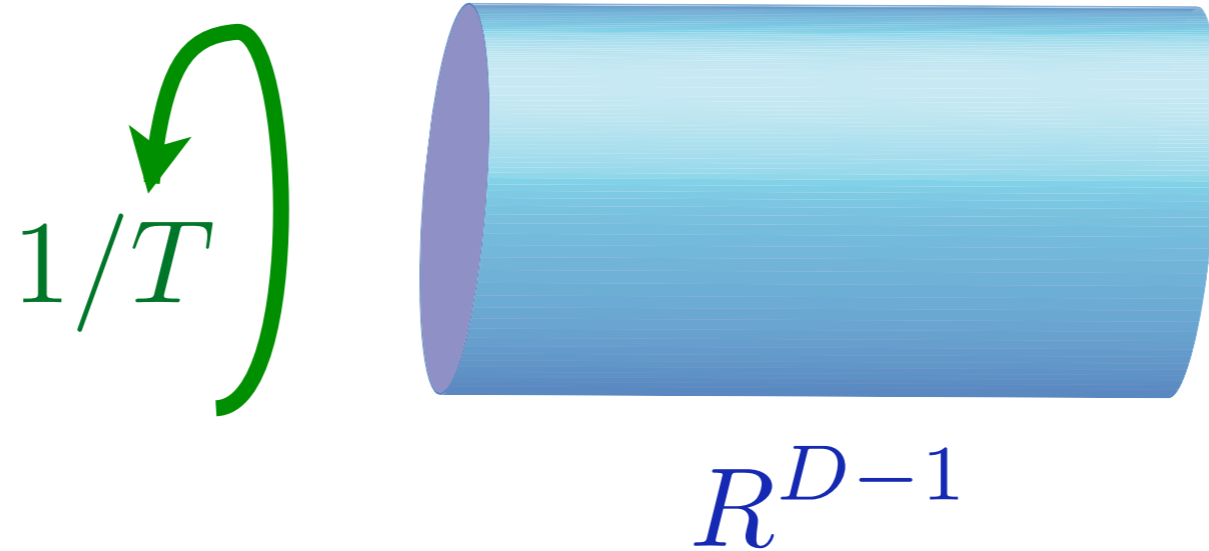
J. McGreevy, arXiv0909.0518

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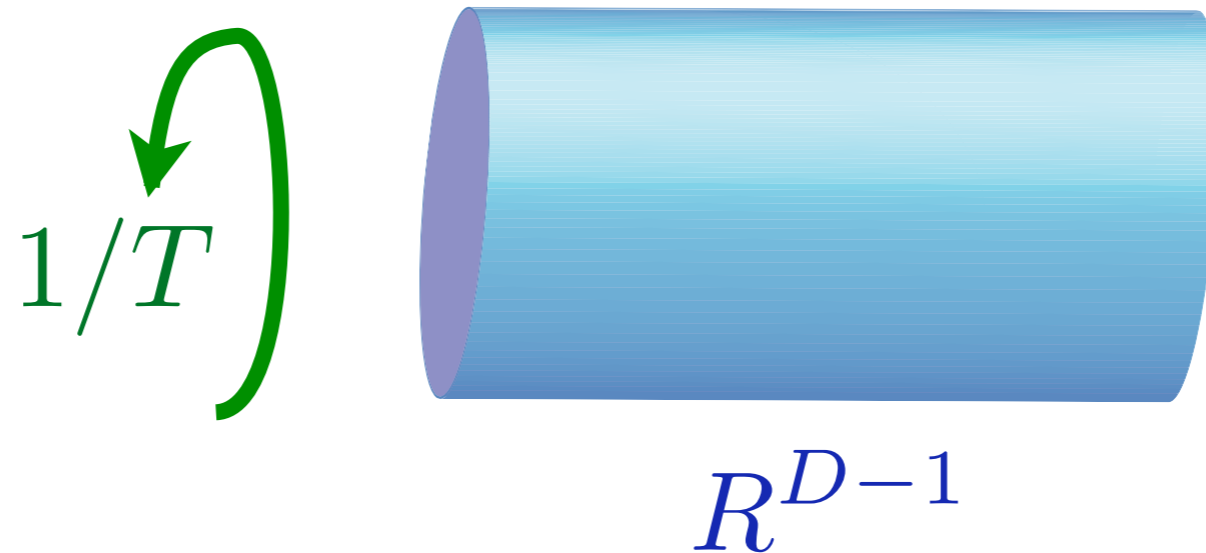
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$\text{SO}(D+1, 1)$ is the group of conformal transformations in D dimensions, and relativistic field theories at the RG fixed point are conformally invariant.

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Solving Einstein's equations with a negative cosmological constant we have the solution

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} \left(f(z) d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2 + \frac{dz^2}{f(z)} \right) \quad ; \quad f(z) = 1 - \left(\frac{z}{z_H} \right)^D$$

This is a AdS-Schwarzschild black hole with a horizon at $z = z_H$. This space is periodic in τ with period $1/T$ for

$$T = \frac{d}{4\pi z_H}$$

SU(N) SYM3 with $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetry

- Has a single dimensionful coupling constant, e_0 , which flows to a strong-coupling fixed point $e_0 = e_0^*$ in the infrared.
- The CFT3 describing this fixed point resembles “critical spin liquid” theories.
- This CFT3 is the low energy limit of string theory on an M2 brane. The AdS/CFT correspondence provides a dual description using 11-dimensional supergravity on $\text{AdS}_4 \times S_7$.
- The CFT3 has a global $\text{SO}(8)$ R symmetry, and correlators of the $\text{SO}(8)$ charge density can be computed exactly in the large N limit, even at $T > 0$.

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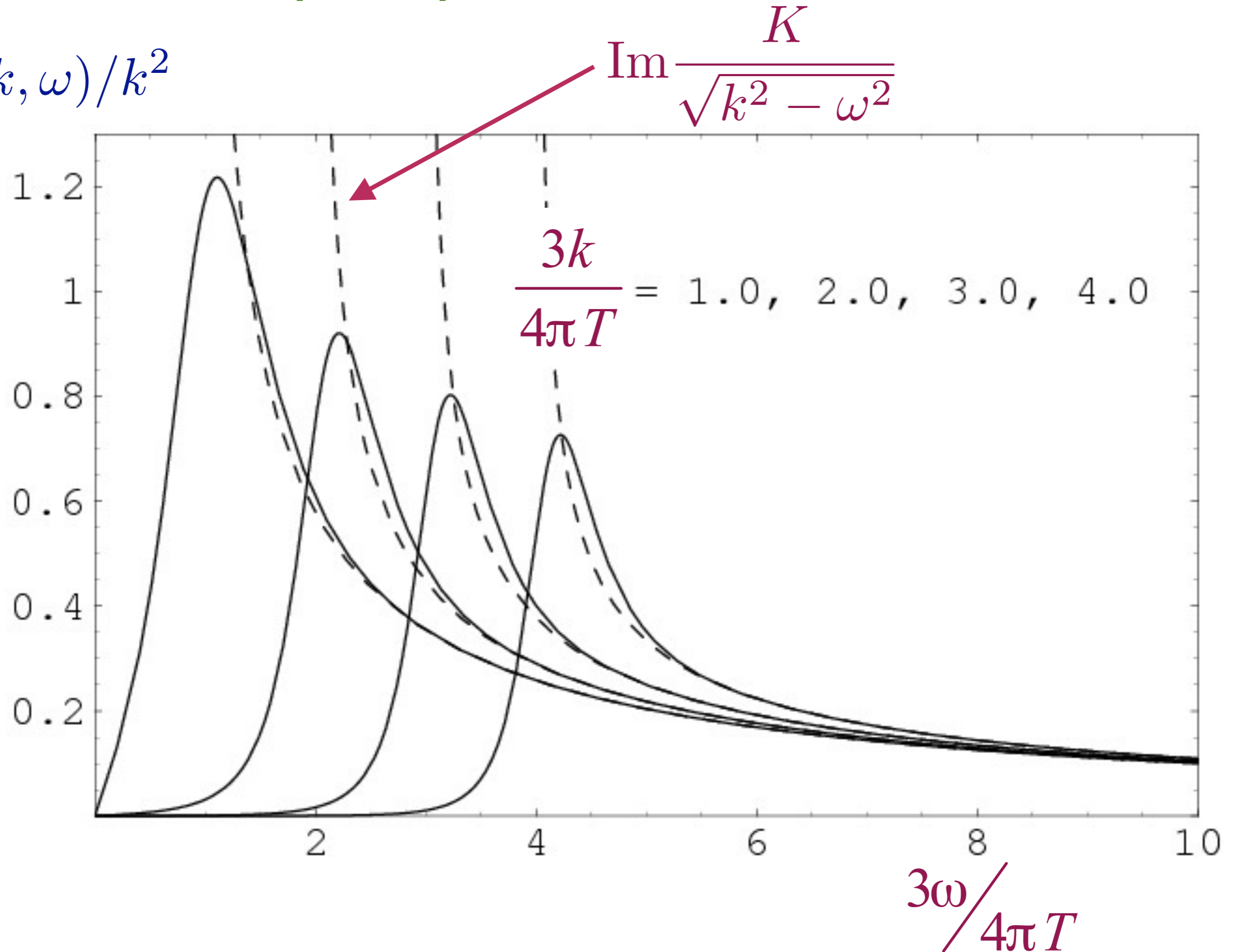
- The SO(8) charge correlators of the CFT3 are given by the usual AdS/CFT prescription applied to the following gauge theory on AdS4:

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{4g_{4D}^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{MA} g^{NB} F_{MN}^a F_{AB}^a$$

where $a = 1 \dots 28$ labels the generators of SO(8). Note that in large N theory, this looks like 28 copies of an Abelian gauge theory.

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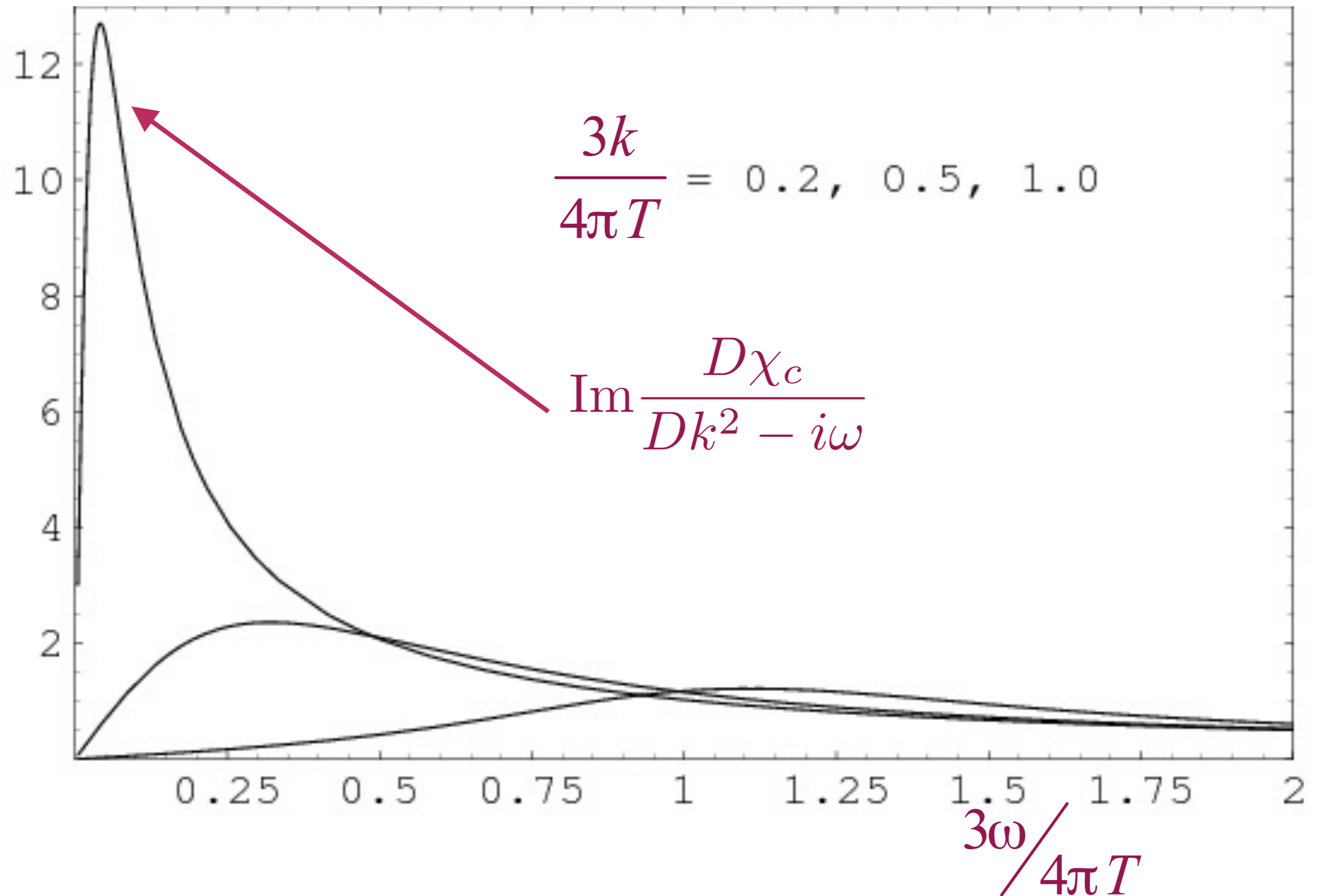
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Universal constants of SYM3

$$\chi_c = \frac{k_B T}{(h\nu)^2} \Theta_1$$
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$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{4e^2}{h} K & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2 & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \end{cases}$$

$$K = \frac{\sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{3}$$
$$\Theta_1 = \frac{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{9}$$
$$\Theta_2 = \frac{3}{8\pi^2}$$

C. Herzog, JHEP **0212**, 026 (2002)

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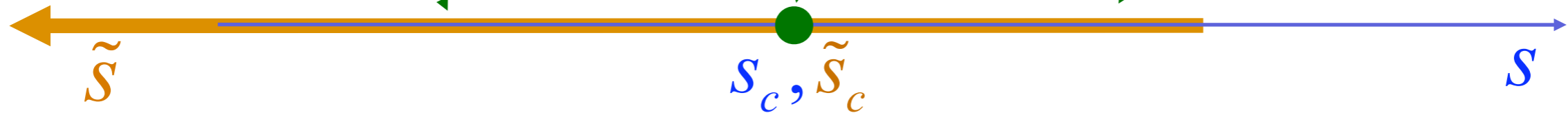
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Using the vortex quasiparticle excitations of the superfluid $\sim \varphi$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{dual}} = \int d^3x \left[|(\partial_\mu - iA_\mu)\varphi|^2 + \tilde{s}|\varphi|^2 + \frac{\tilde{u}}{2}|\varphi|^4 + \frac{1}{2e^2}(\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu A_\lambda)^2 \right]$$

C. Dasgupta and B.I. Halperin, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **47**, 1556 (1981)

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- Although there is no boson-vortex *self*-duality at the Wilson-Fisher fixed point, the applicability of AdS/CFT suggests that the conductivity may be close to its self-dual value, $\sigma \approx 4e^2/h$.

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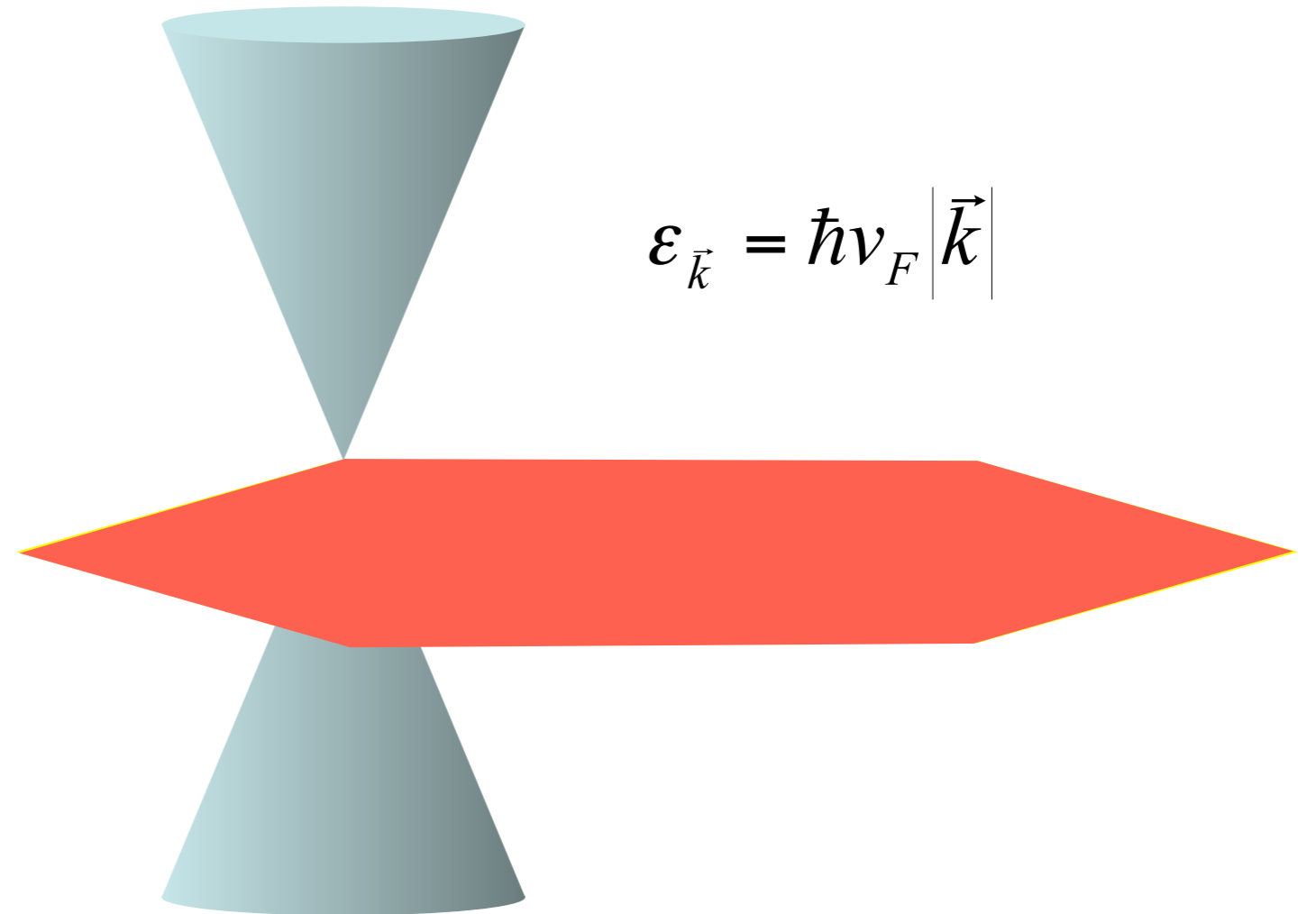
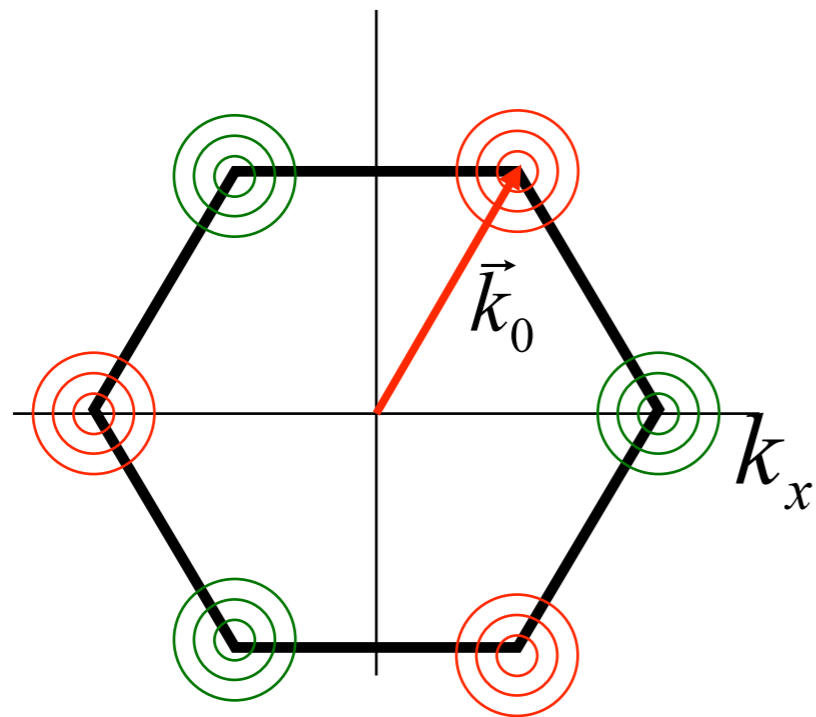
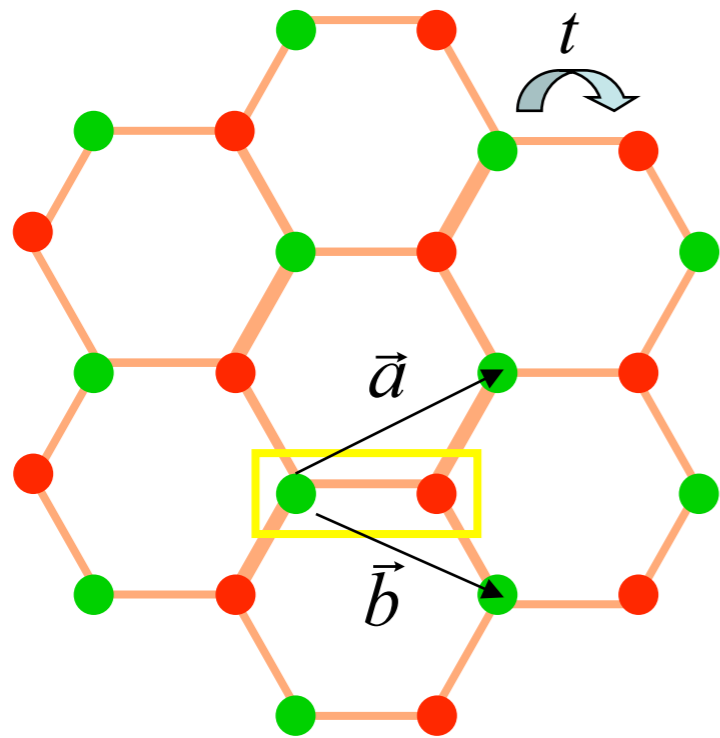
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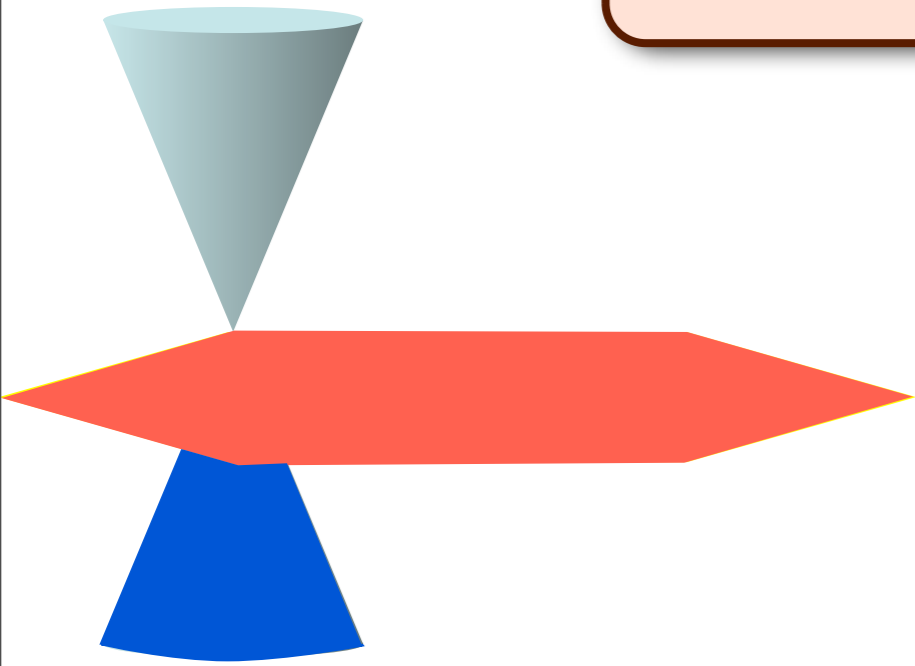
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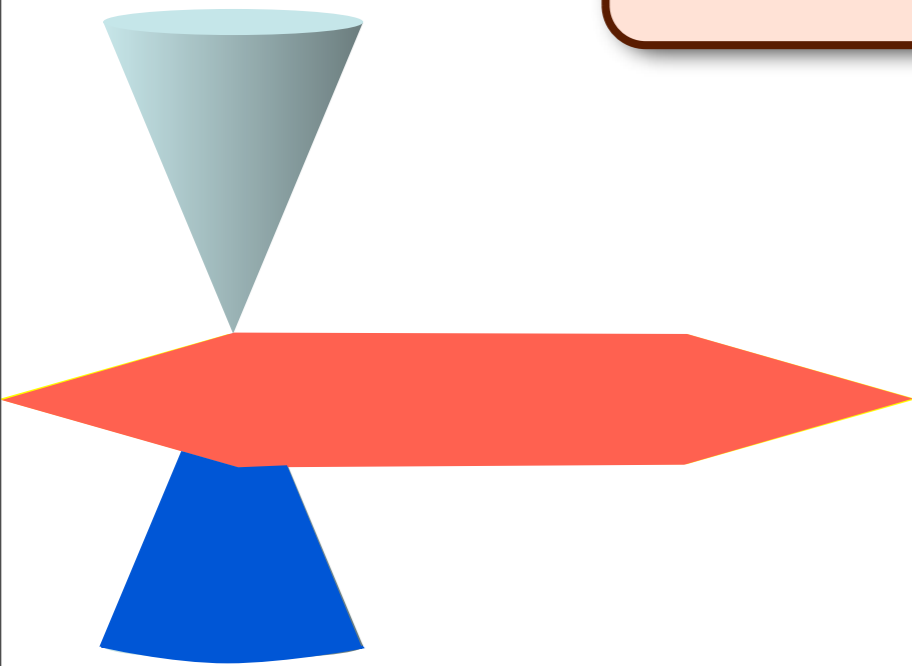
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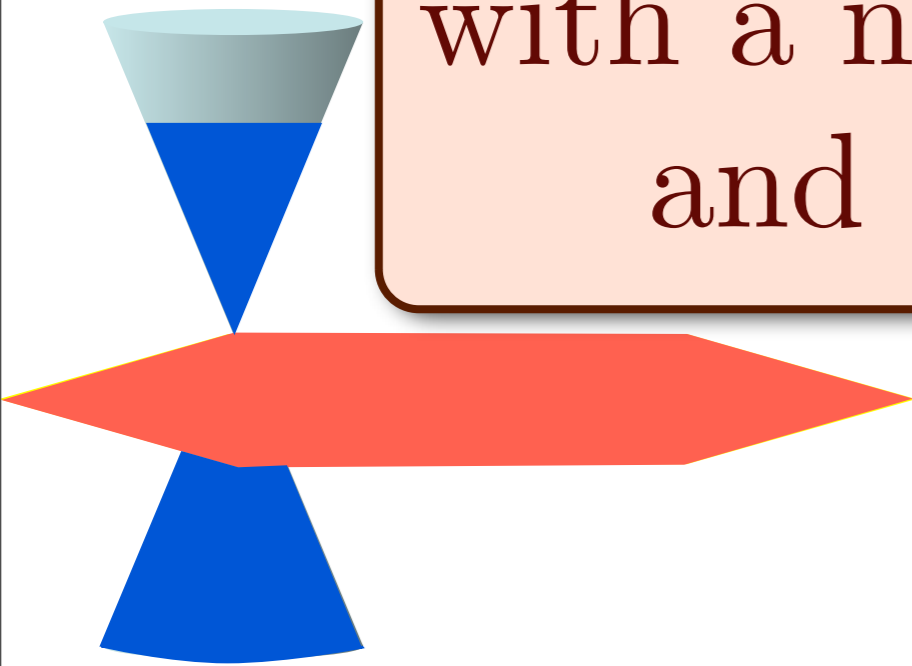
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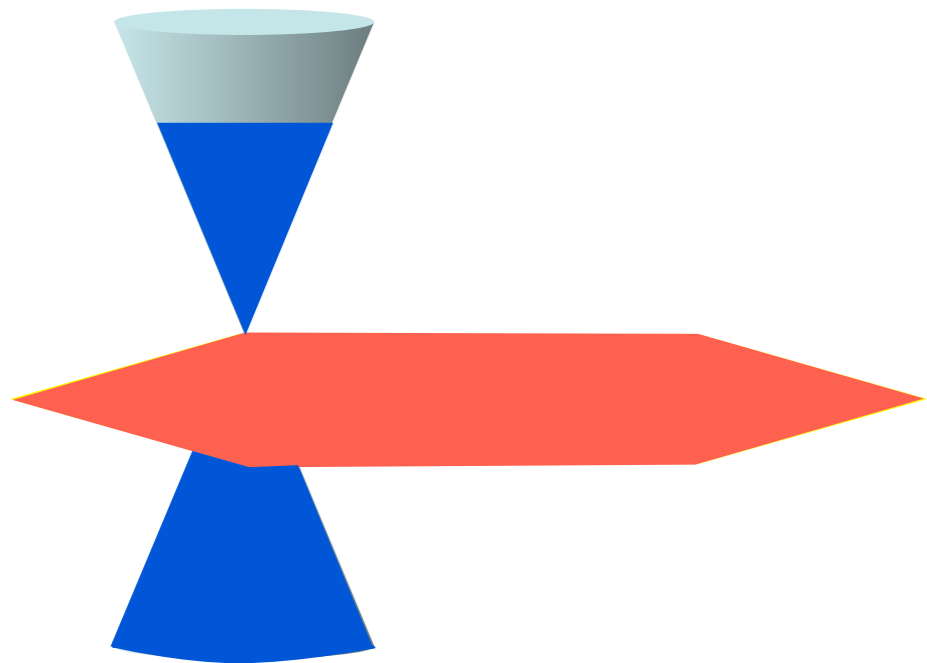


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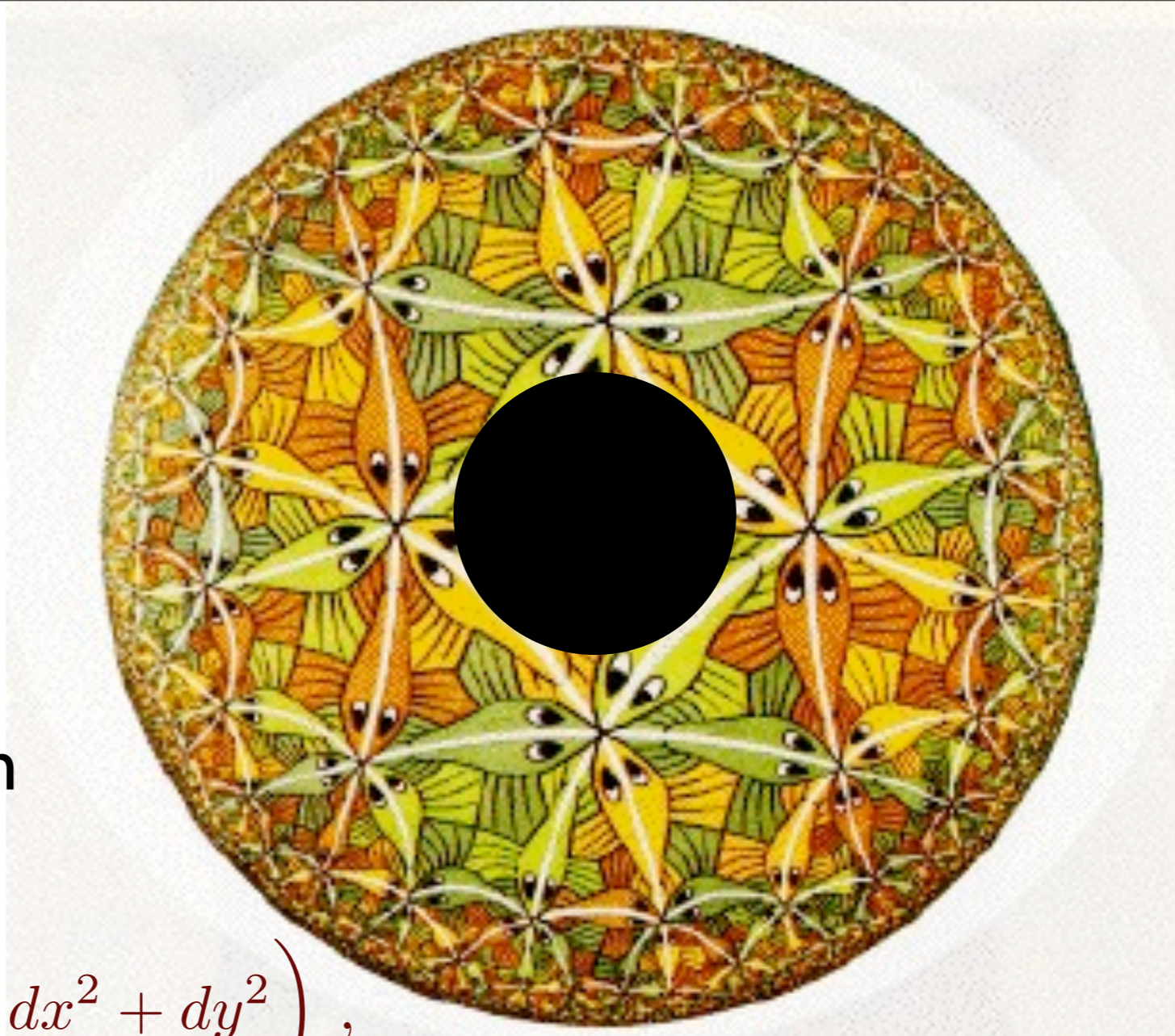
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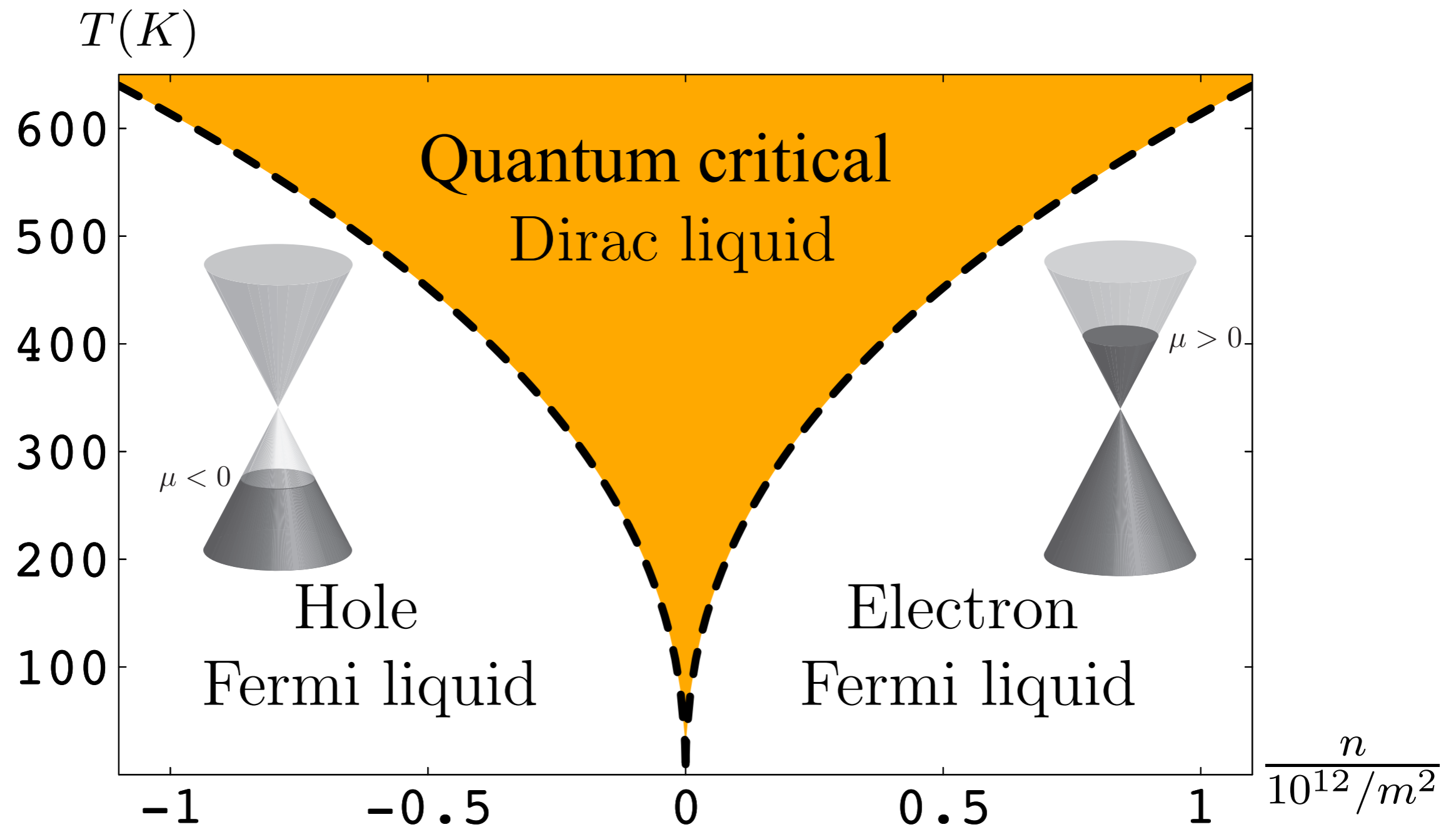
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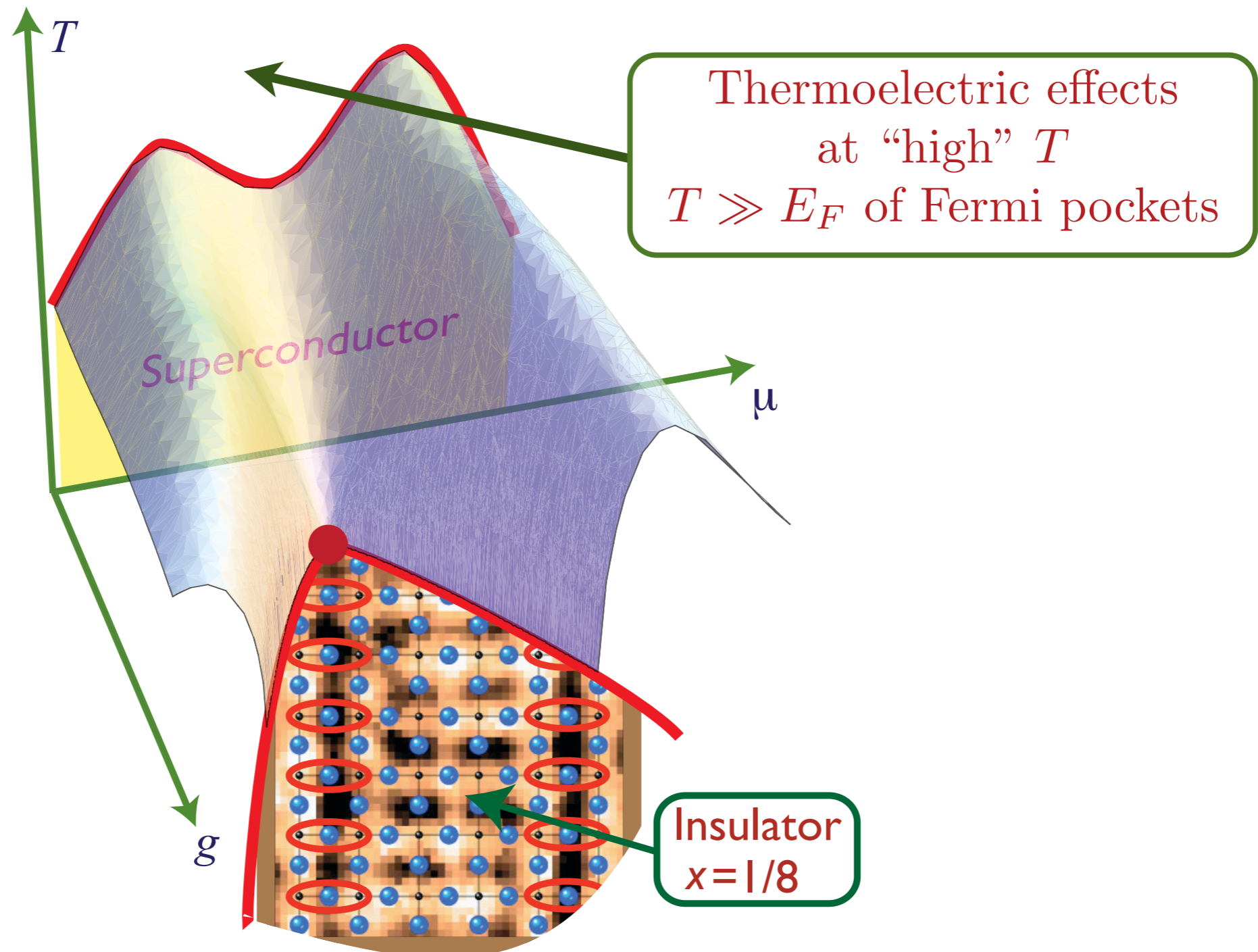
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$$\sigma = \sigma_Q + \frac{e^{*2} \rho^2 v^2}{\varepsilon + P} \pi \delta(\omega)$$

where σ_Q is the universal conductivity of the CFT, ρ is the charge density, ε is the energy density and P is the pressure.

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$$\kappa = \sigma_Q \left(\frac{k_B^2 T}{e^{*2}} \right) \left(\frac{\varepsilon + P}{k_B T \rho} \right)^2 .$$

At $B \neq 0$ and $\rho = 0$ we have a “Wiedemann-Franz” relation for “vortices”

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\sigma_Q} k_B^2 T \left(\frac{v(\varepsilon + P)}{k_B T B} \right)^2 .$$

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A second example: In an applied magnetic field B , the dynamic transport co-efficients exhibit a **hydrodynamic cyclotron resonance** at a frequency ω_c

$$\omega_c = \frac{e^* B \rho v^2}{c(\varepsilon + P)}$$

and damping constant γ

$$\gamma = \sigma_Q \frac{B^2 v^2}{c^2(\varepsilon + P)}.$$

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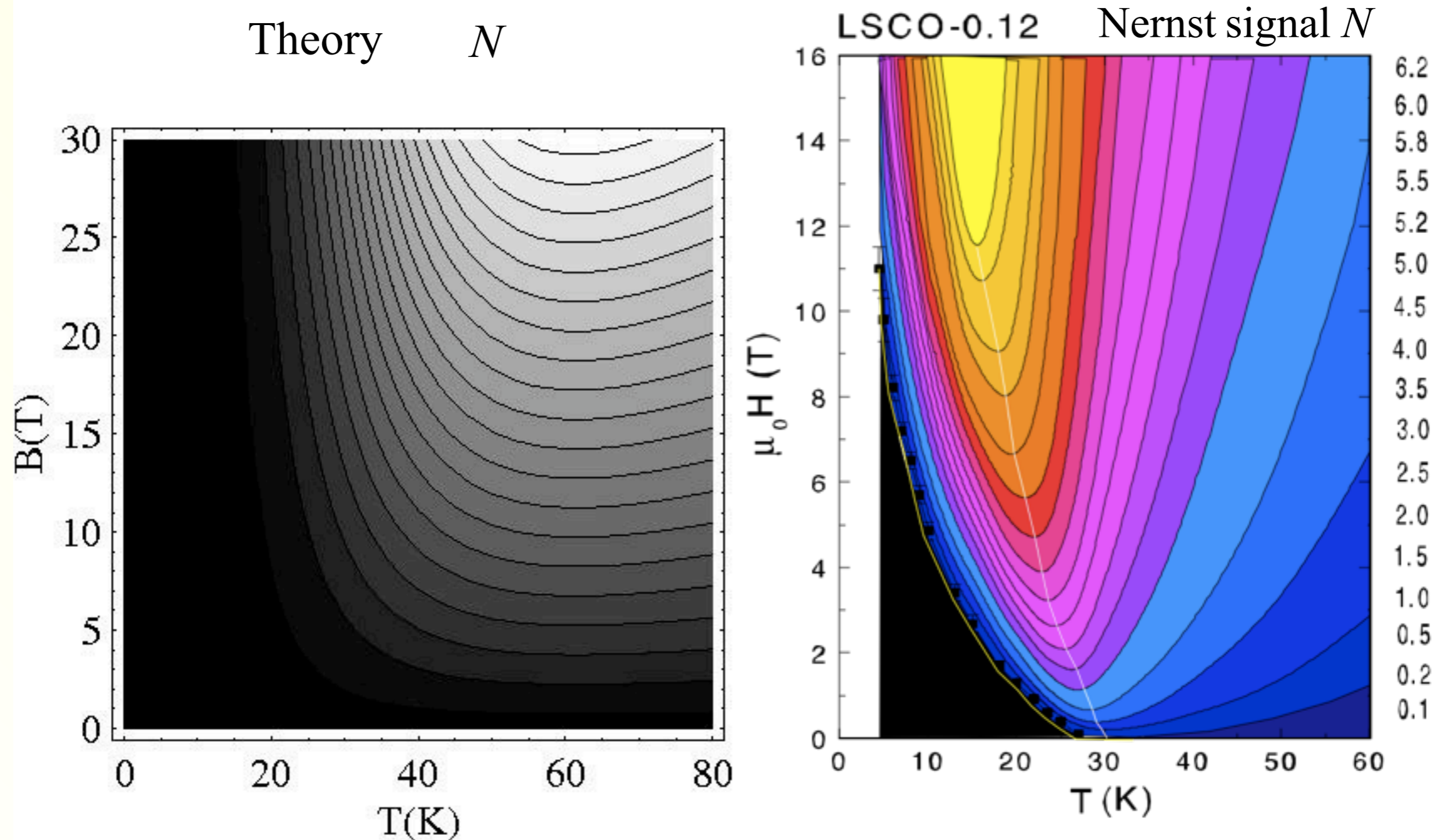
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where τ_{imp} is the momentum relaxation time due to impurities or umklapp scattering.

LSCO Experiments



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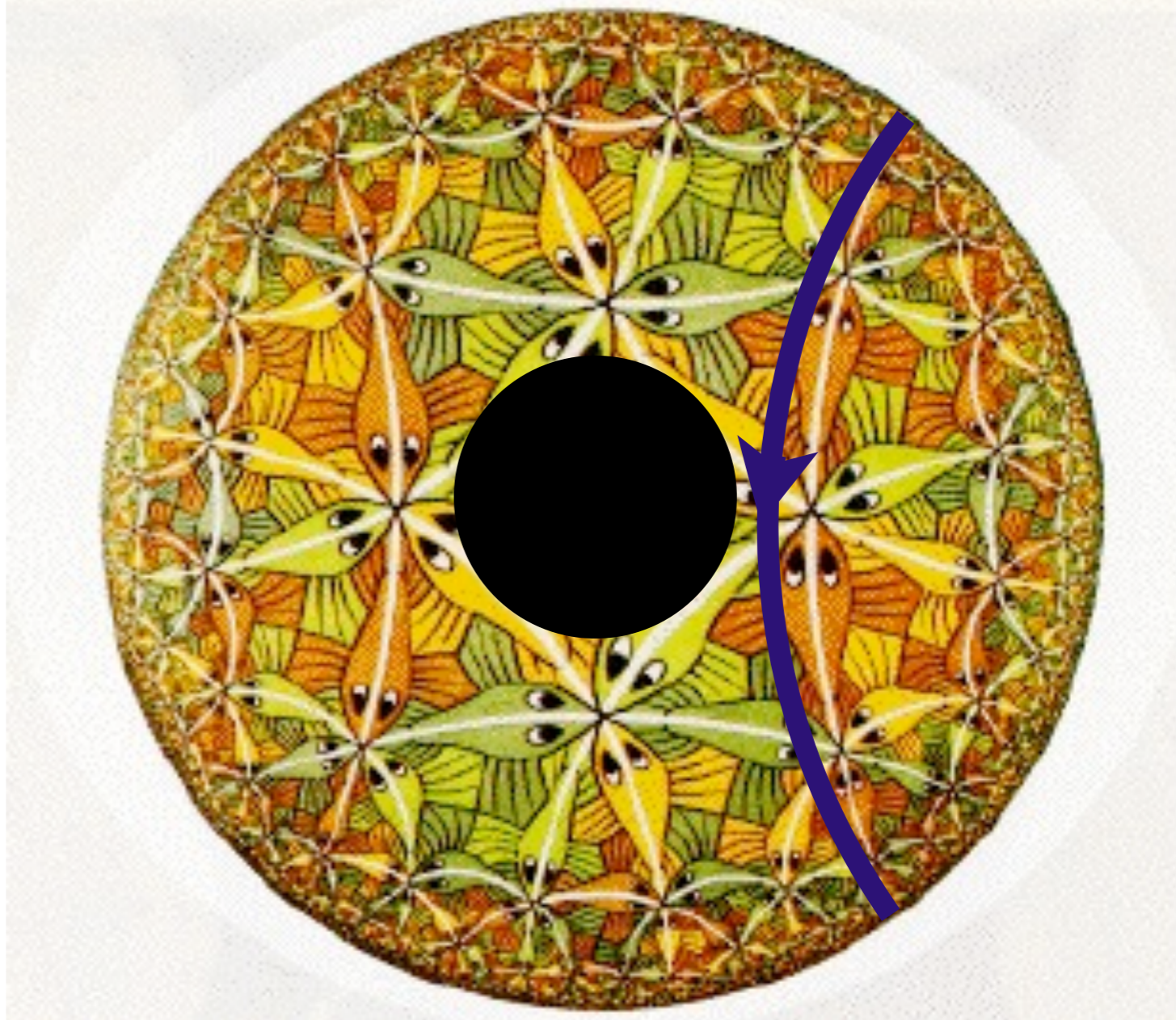
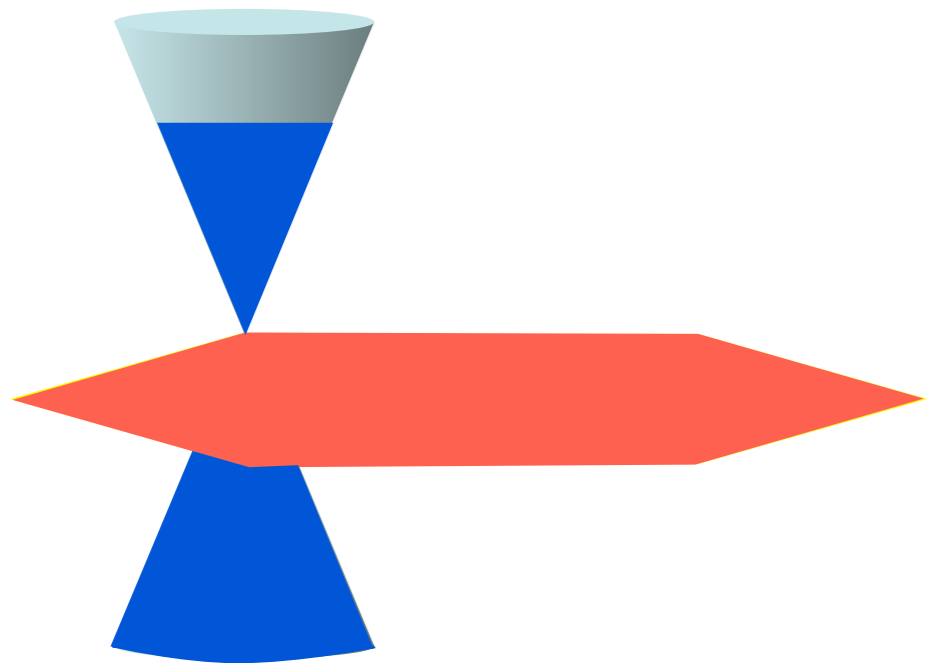
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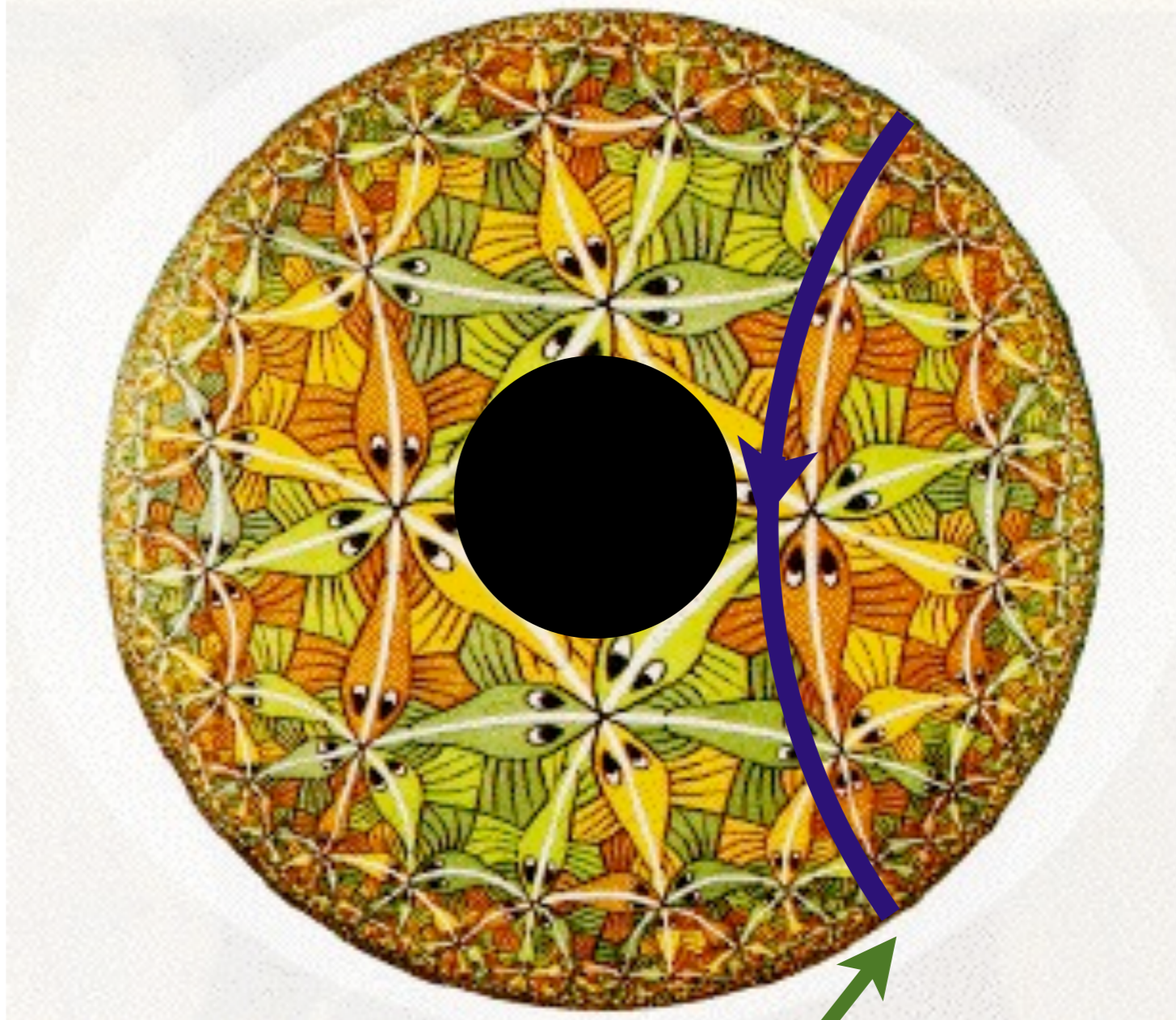
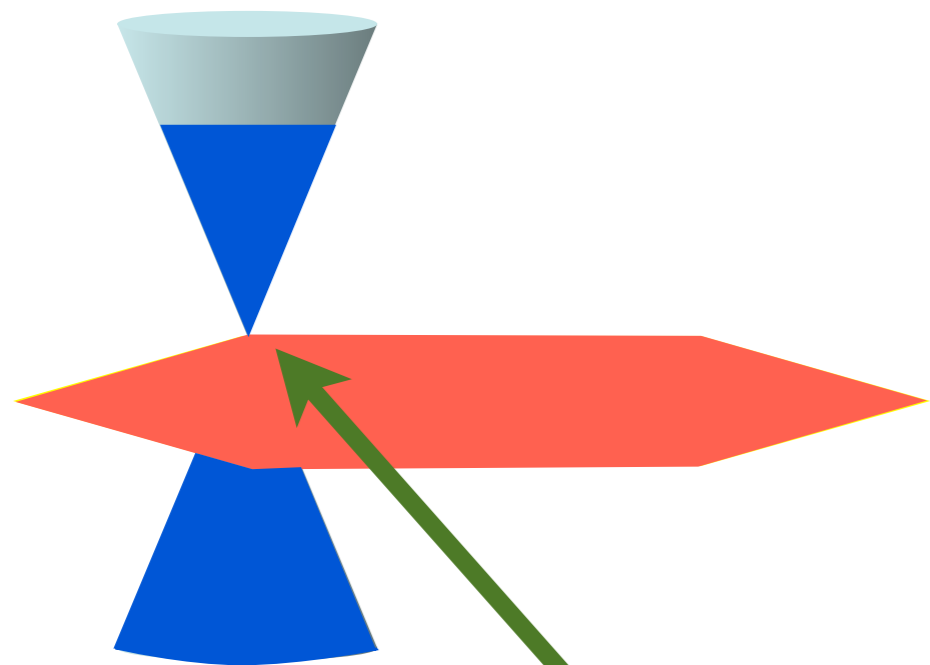
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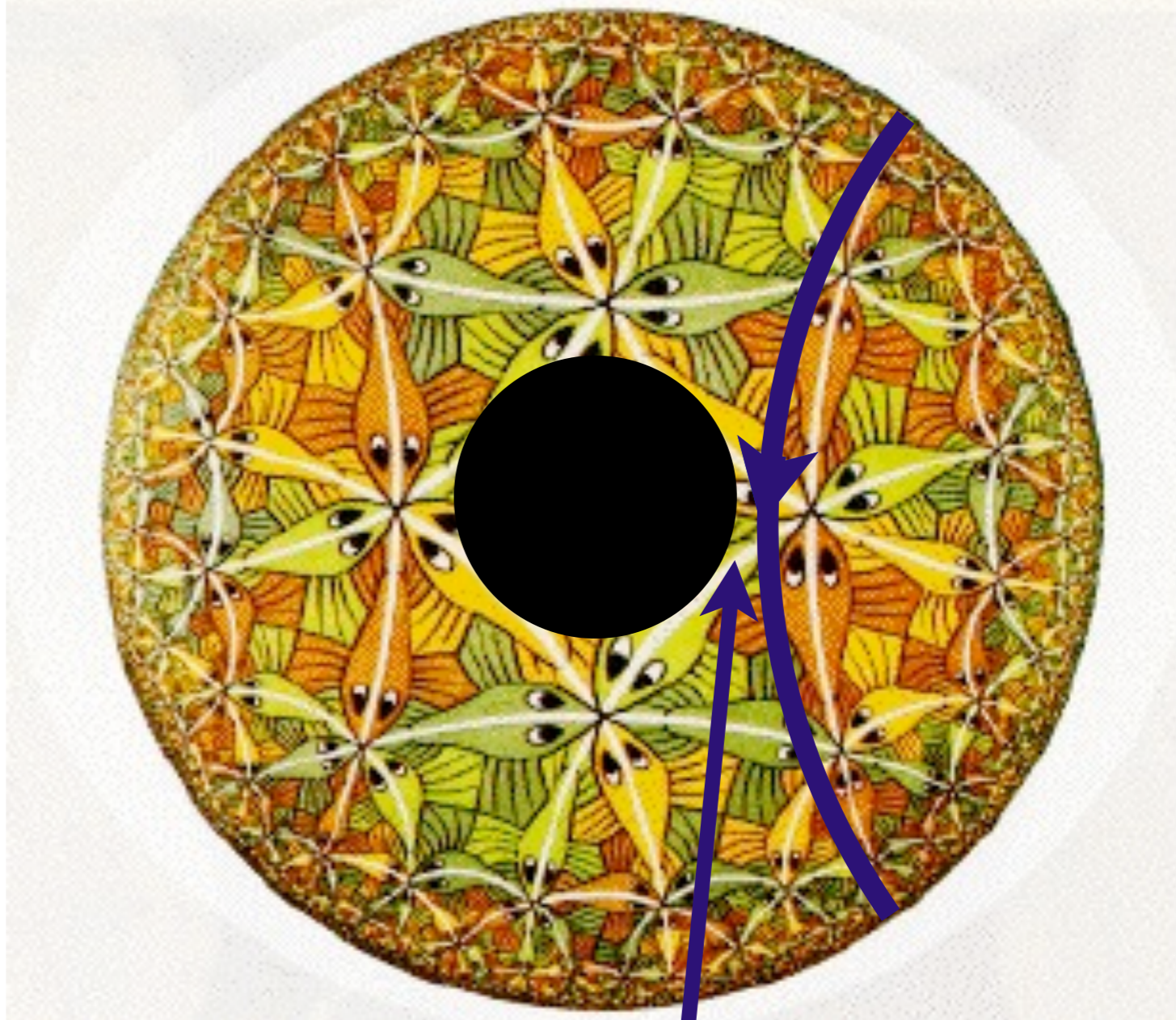
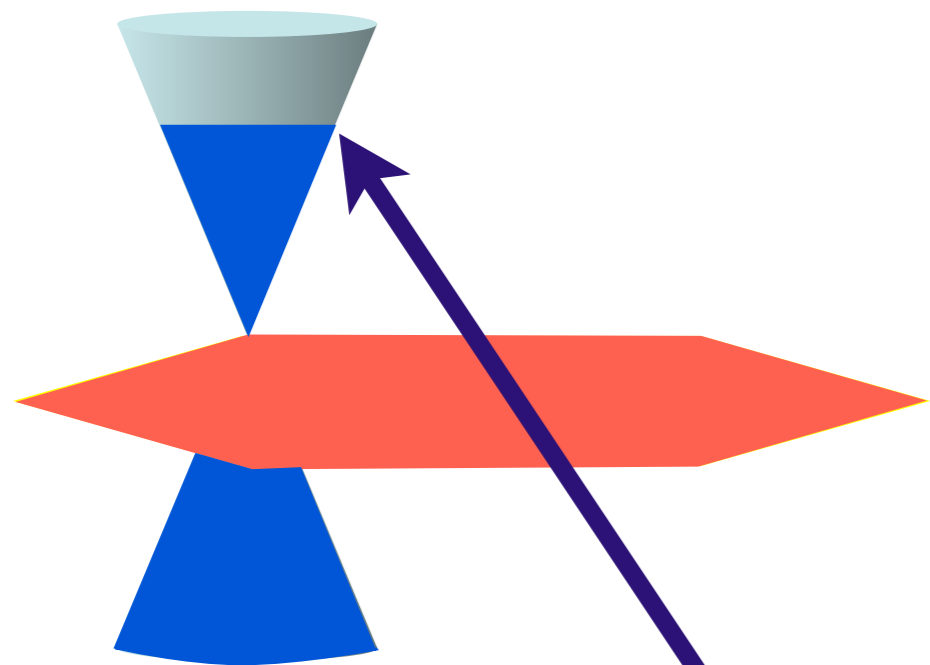
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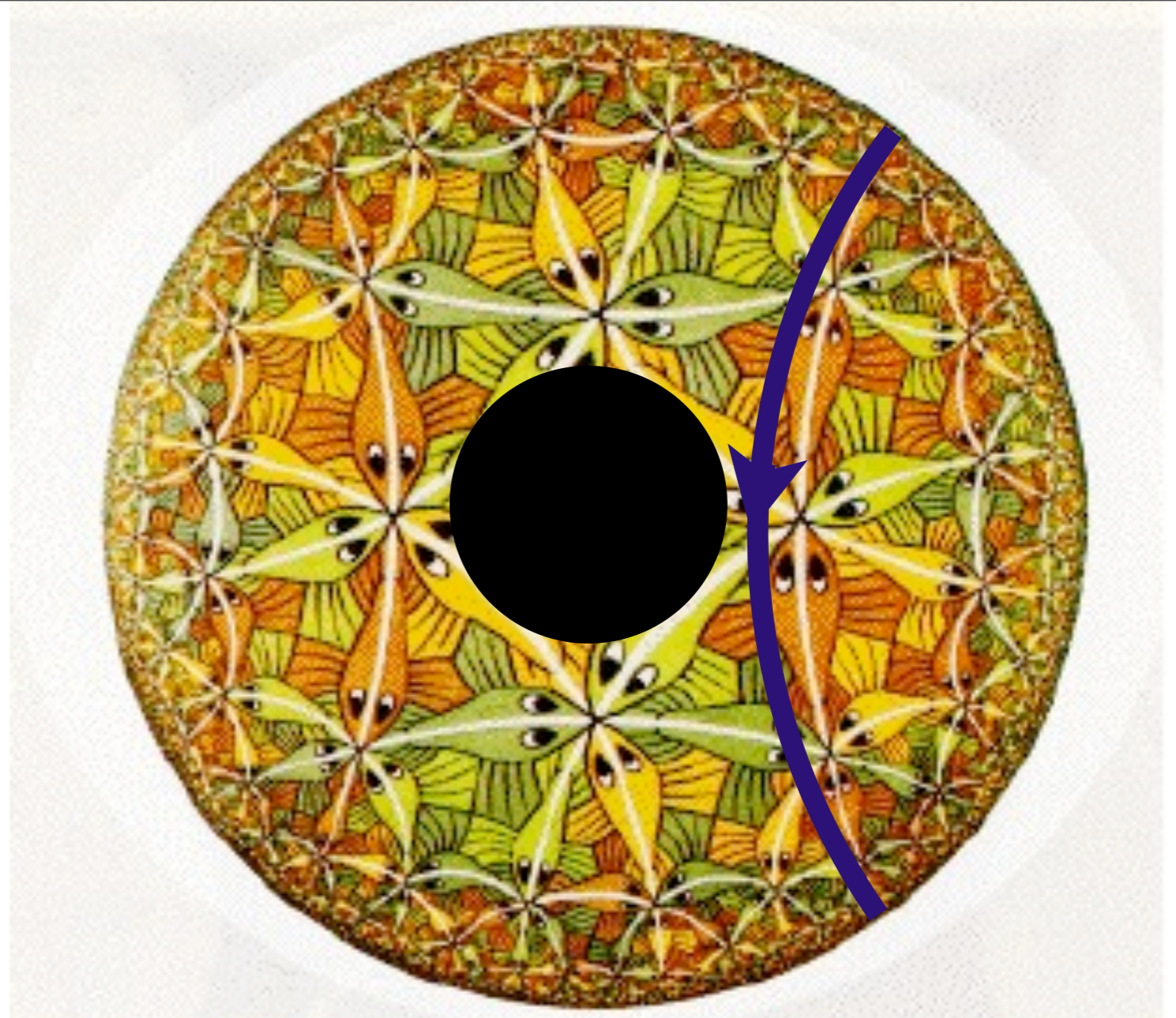
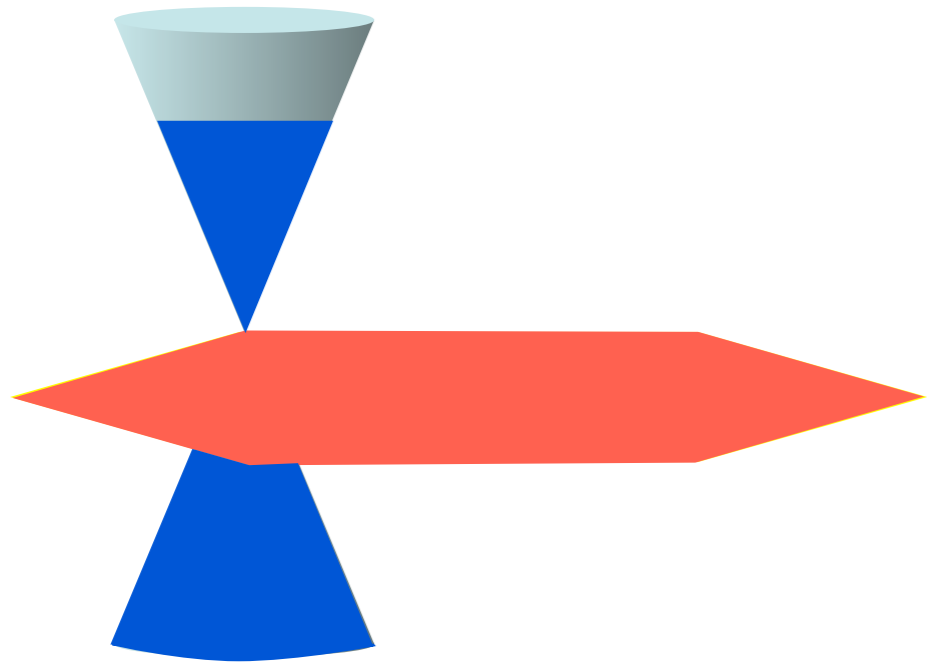
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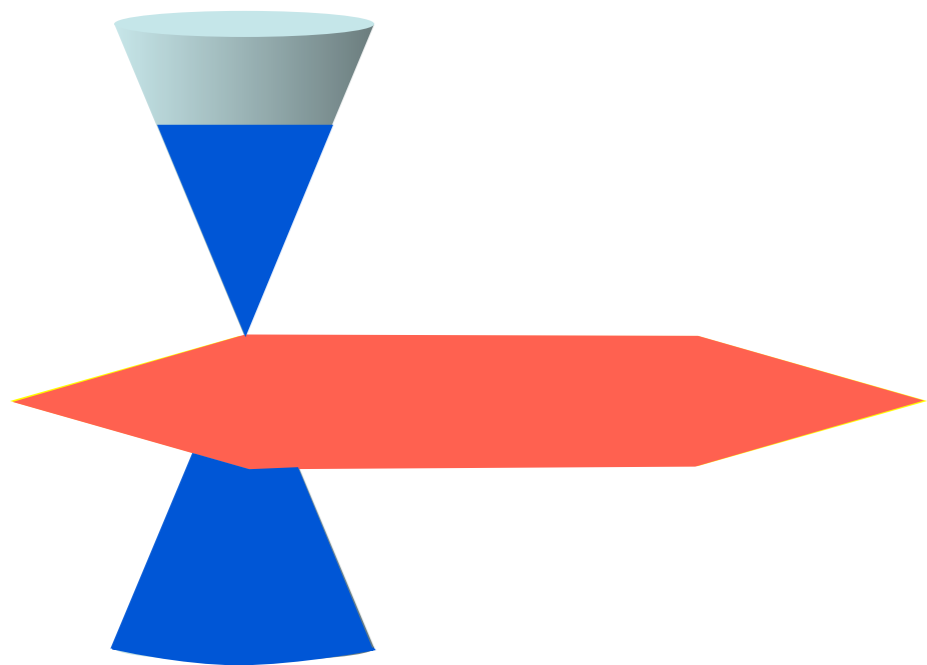
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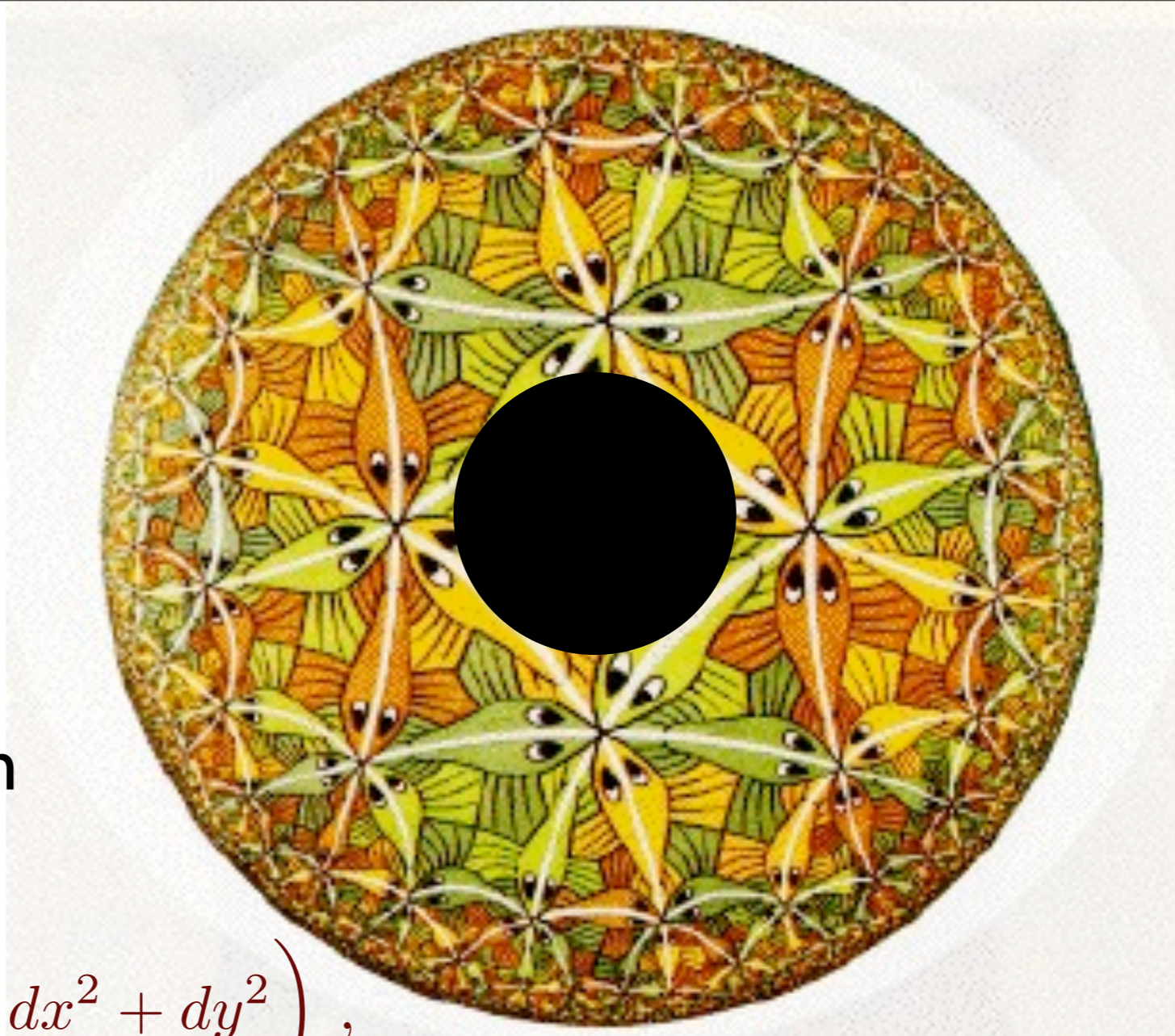


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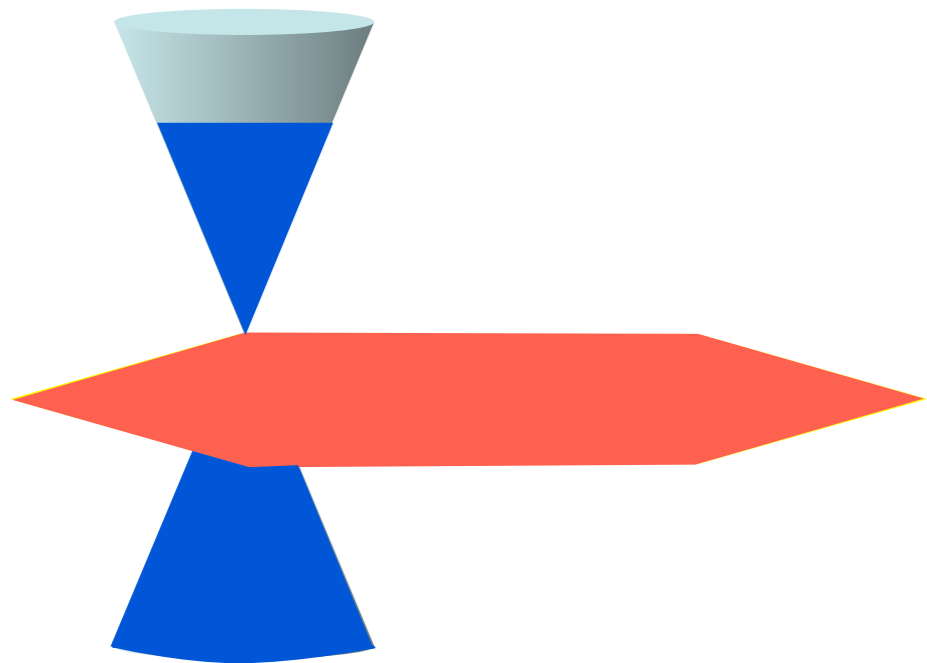


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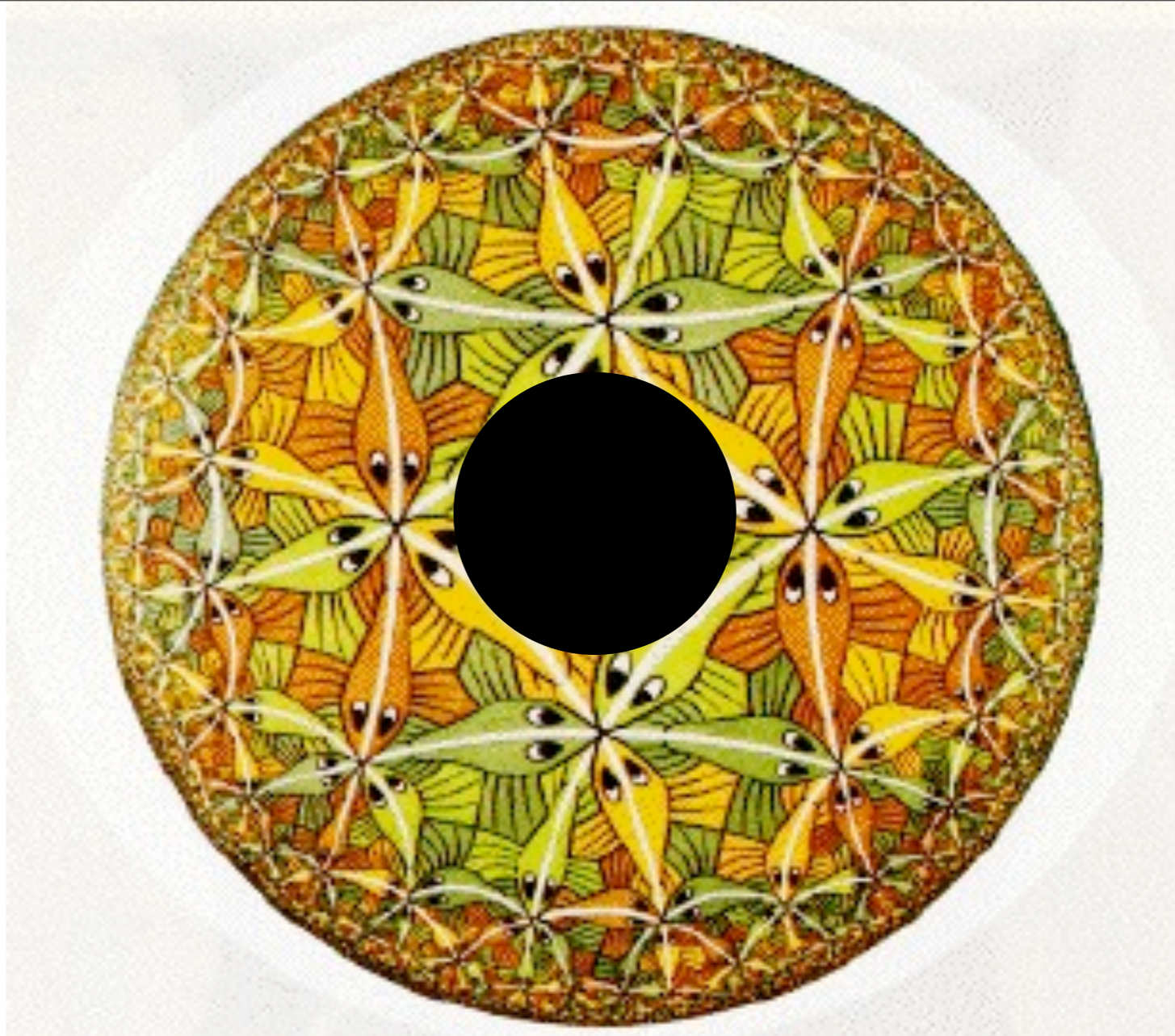
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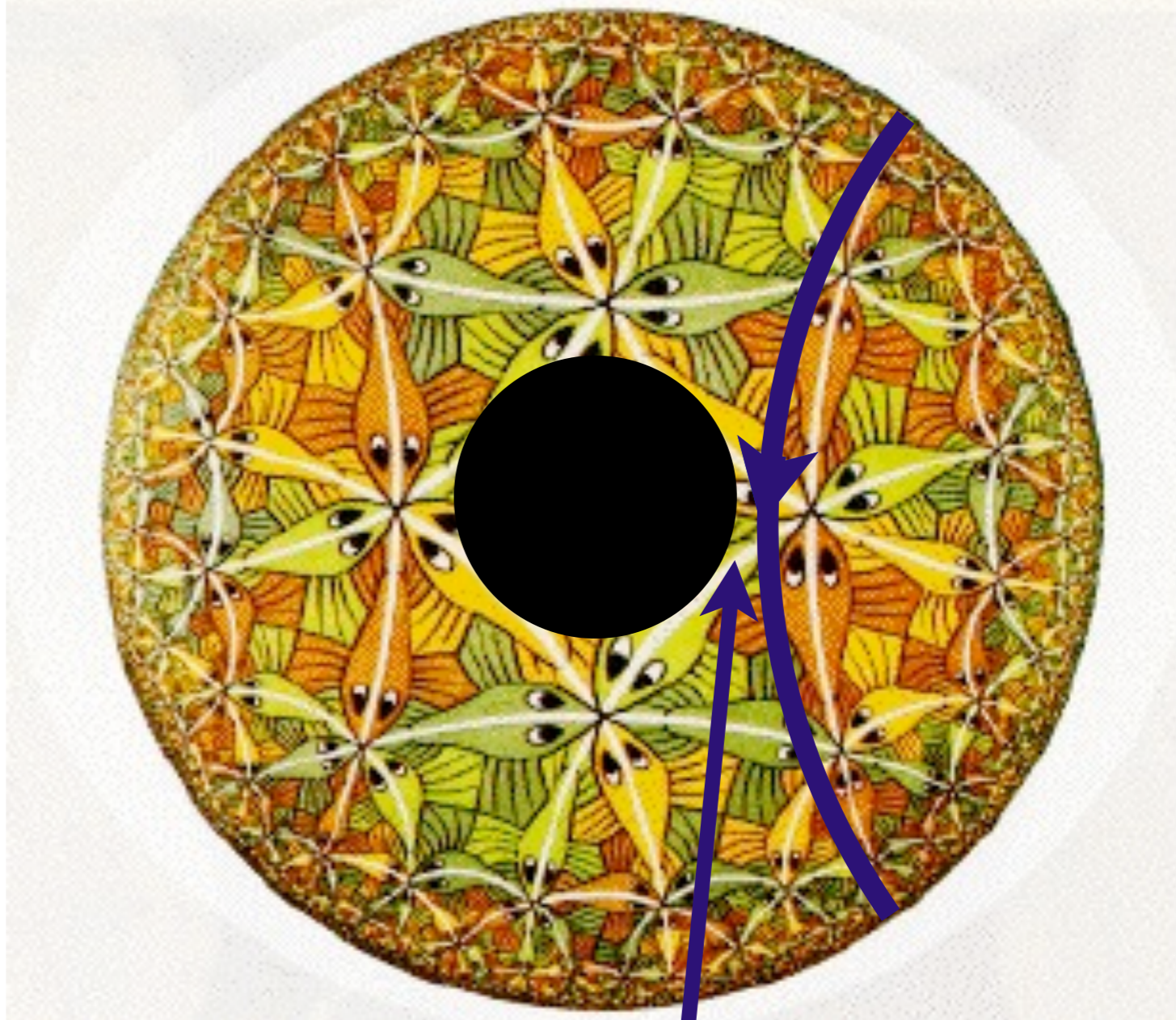
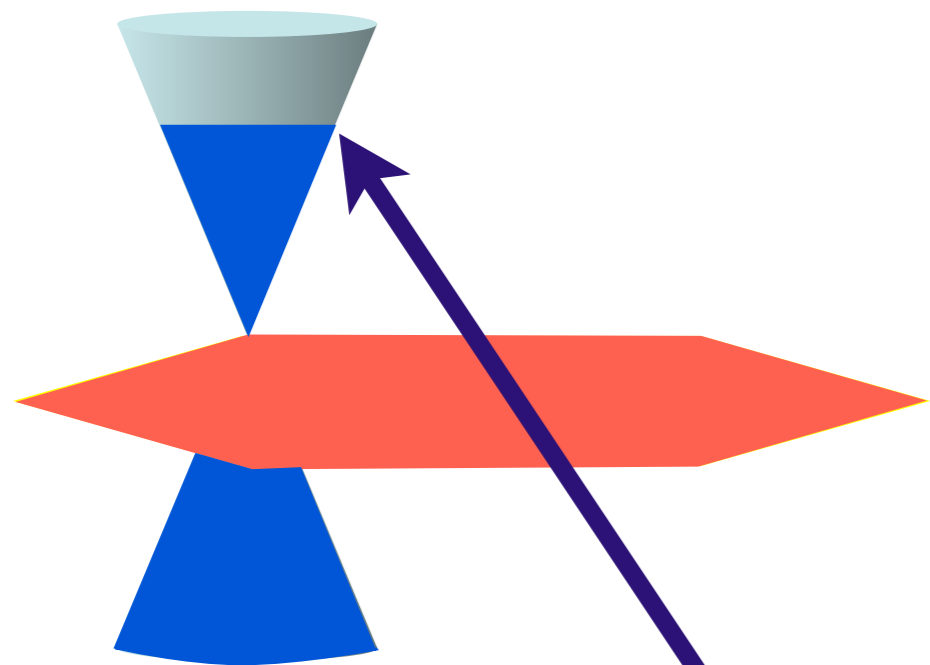


AdS₂ x R² near-horizon
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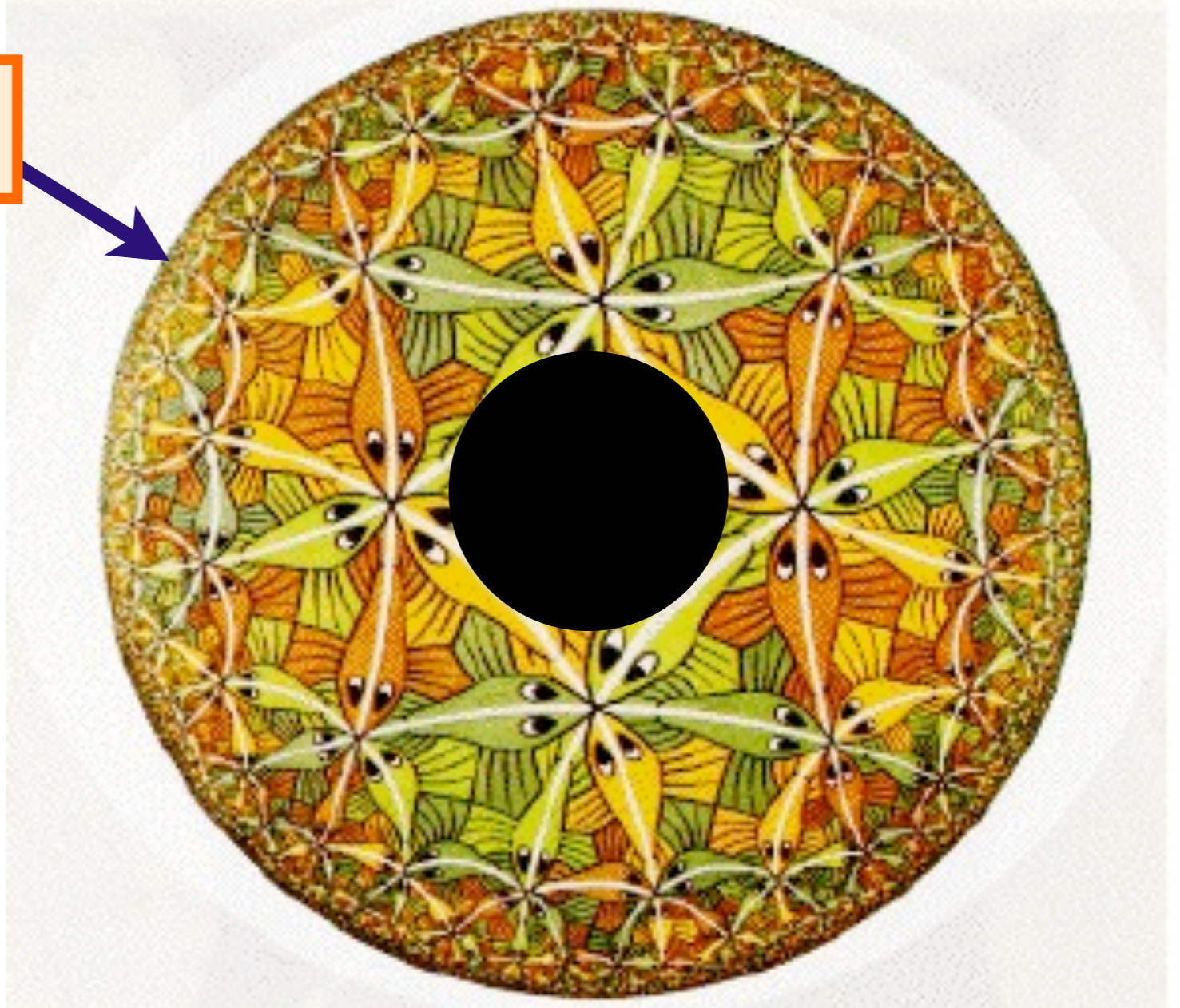
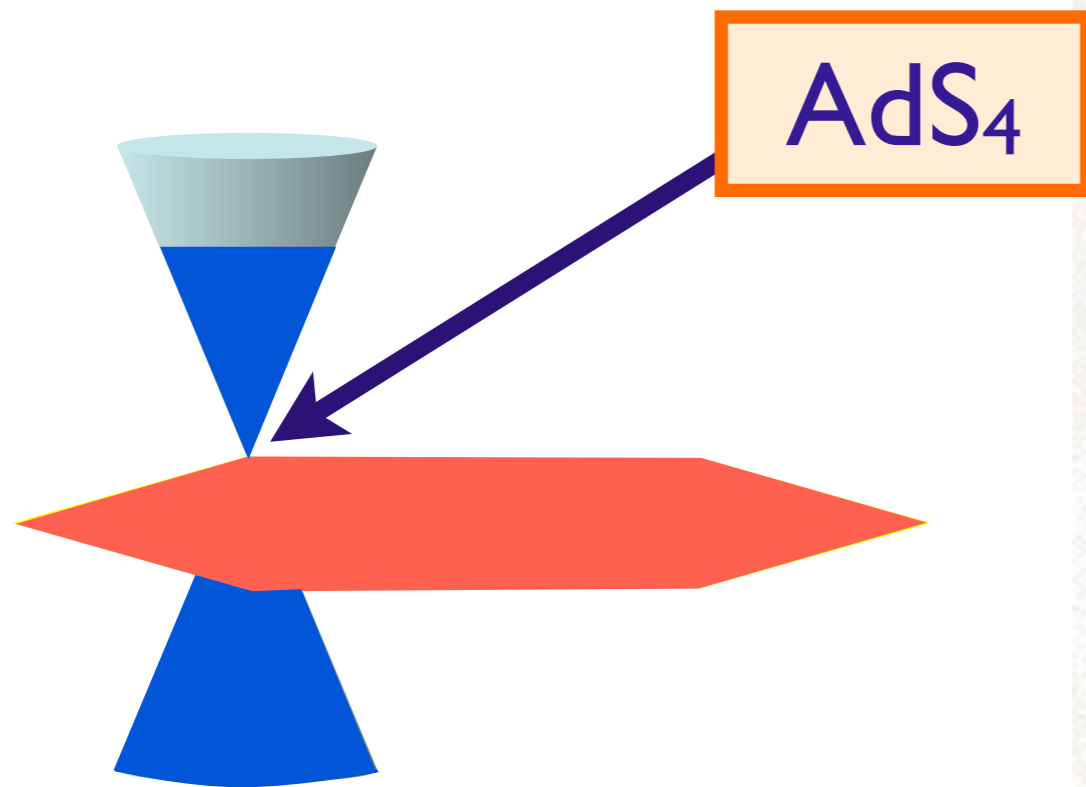
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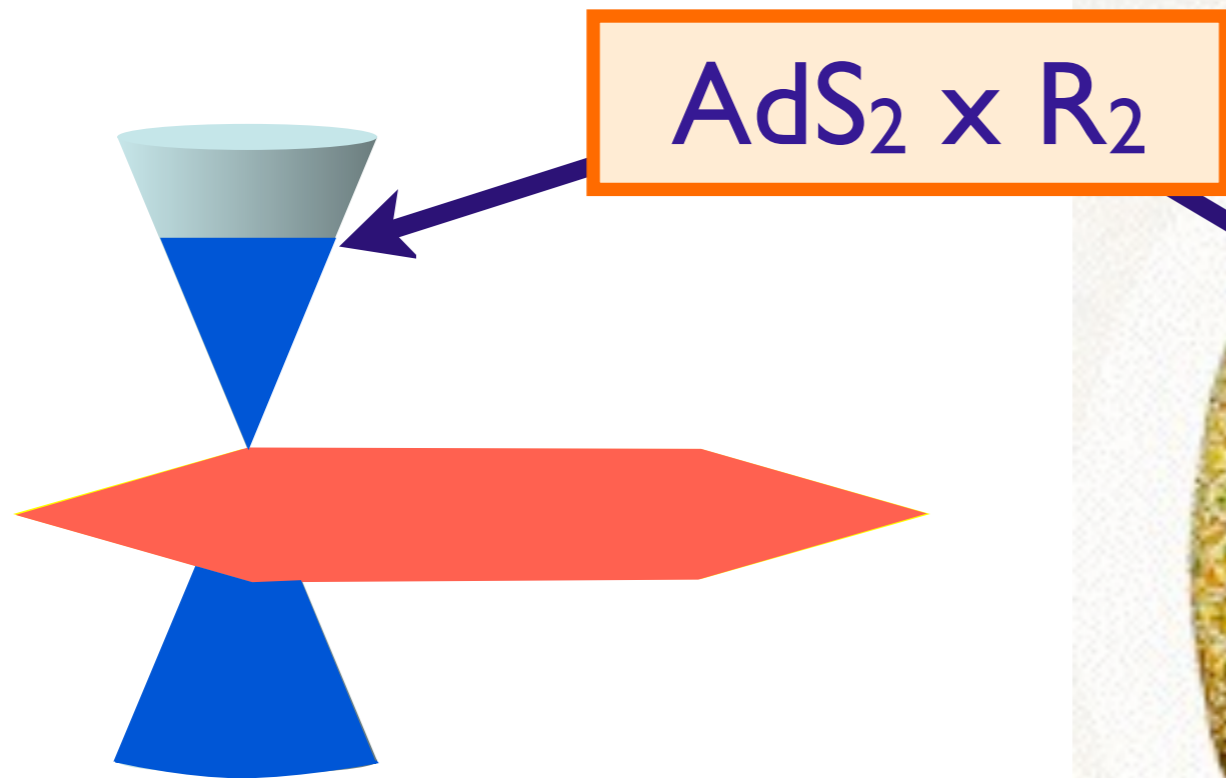
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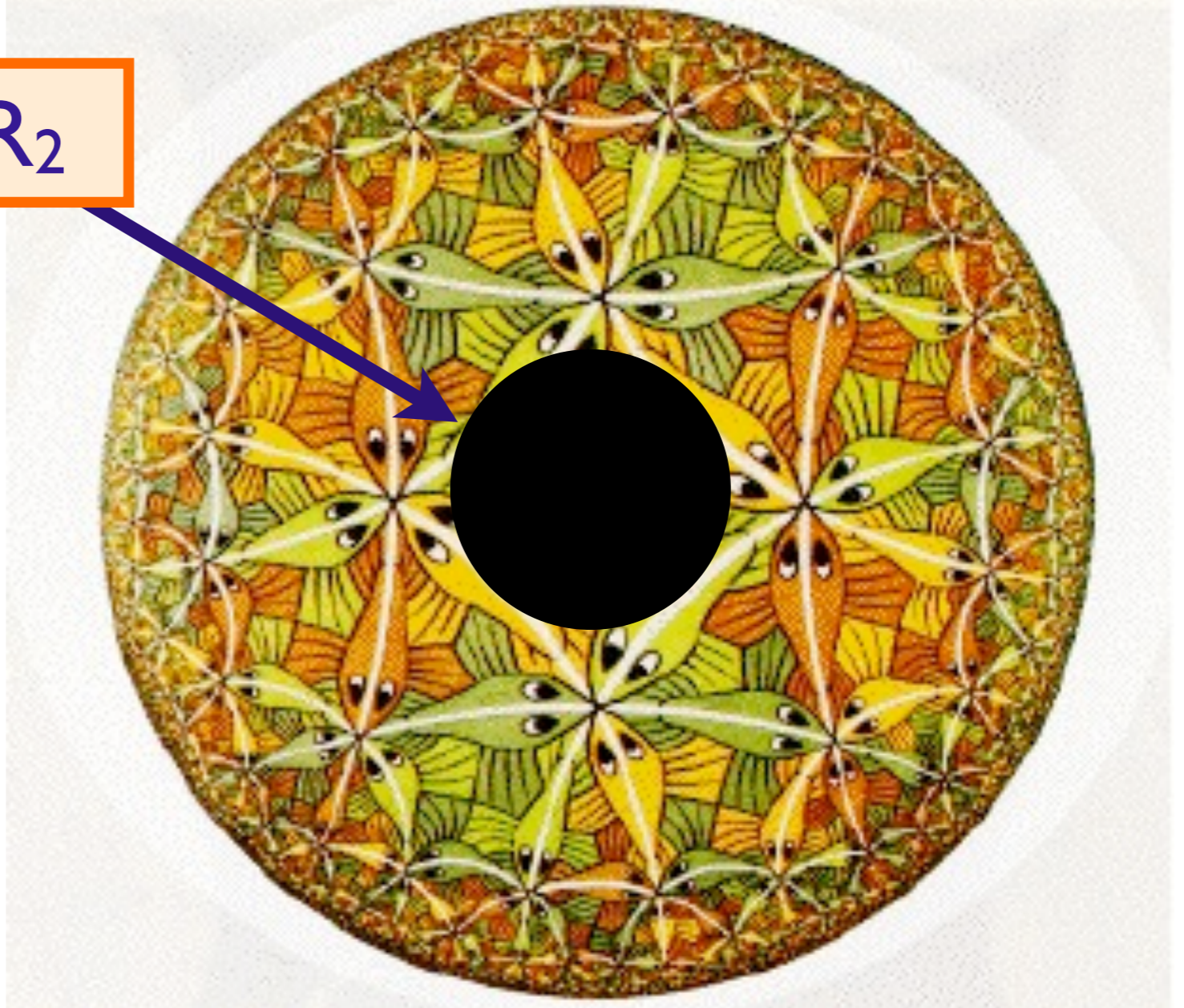


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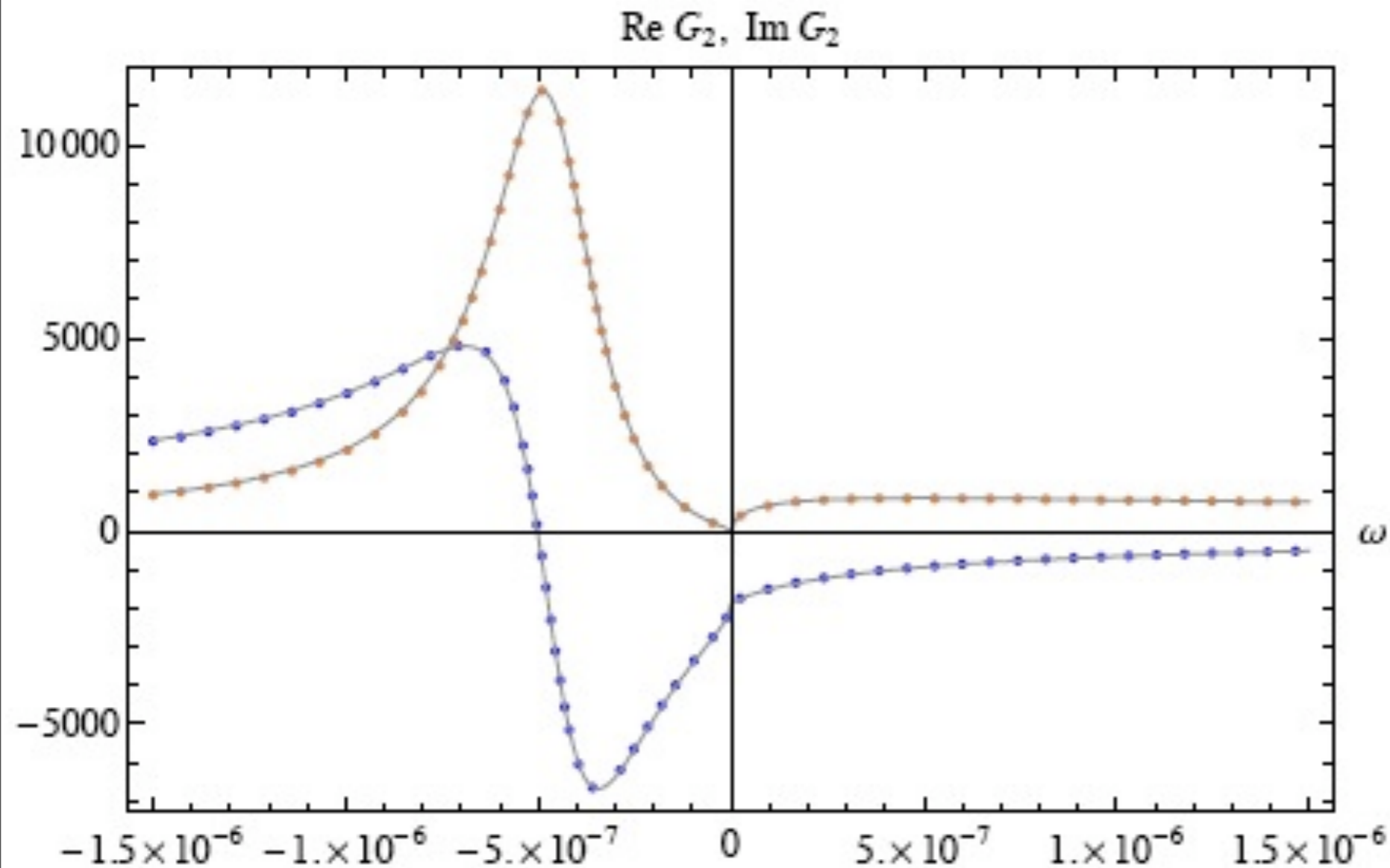
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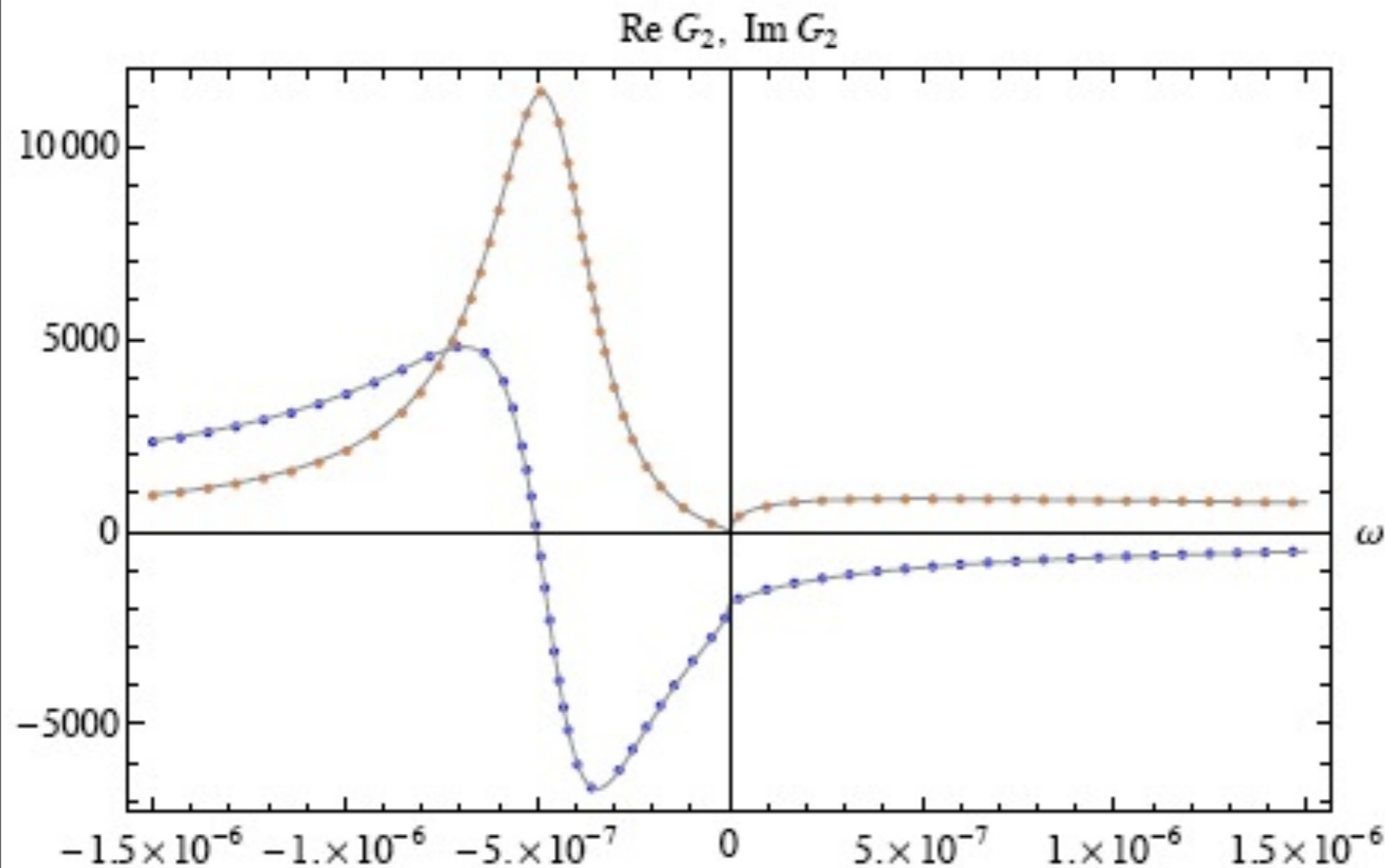


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See also M. Cubrovic, J. Zaanen, and K. Schalm, arXiv:0904.1993

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Similar to non-Fermi liquid theories of Fermi surfaces coupled to gauge fields, and at quantum critical points

Free energy from gravity theory

The free energy is expressed as a sum over the “quasinormal frequencies”, z_ℓ , of the black hole. Here ℓ represents any set of quantum numbers:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{boson}} = -T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\frac{|z_\ell|}{2\pi T} \left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{fermion}} = T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$

Application of this formula shows that the fermions exhibit the dHvA quantum oscillations with expected period ($2\pi/(\text{Fermi surface area})$) in $1/B$, but with an amplitude corrected from the Fermi liquid formula of Lifshitz-Kosevich.

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General theory of finite temperature dynamics and transport near quantum critical points, with applications to antiferromagnets, graphene, and superconductors

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