

Strange metals: entanglement, field theory, and holography

Instituto de Física Teórica
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
February 7, 2014

Subir Sachdev

Talk online: sachdev.physics.harvard.edu



1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs
2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs
4. Holography of strange metals

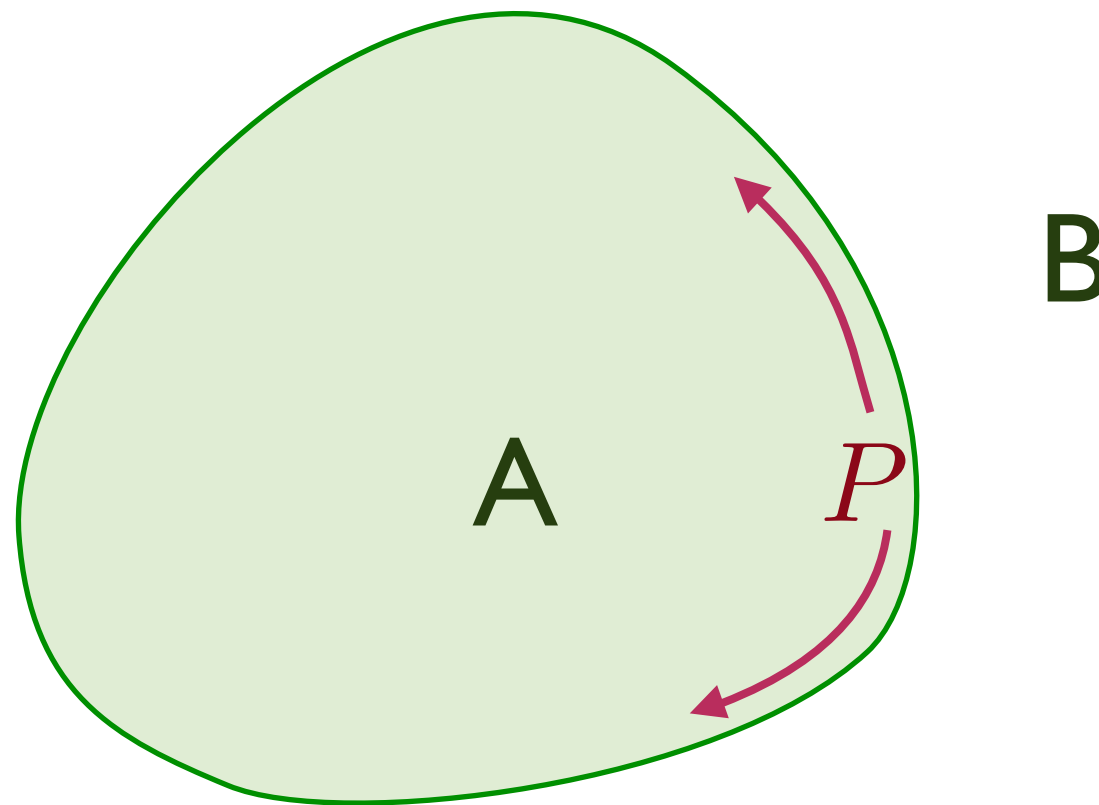
1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs

2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid

3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs

4. Holography of strange metals

Entanglement entropy



$|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow$ Ground state of entire system,
 $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$

$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho =$ density matrix of region A

Entanglement entropy $S_E = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A)$

Entanglement entropy

$$|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow \text{Ground state of entire system,}$$
$$\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

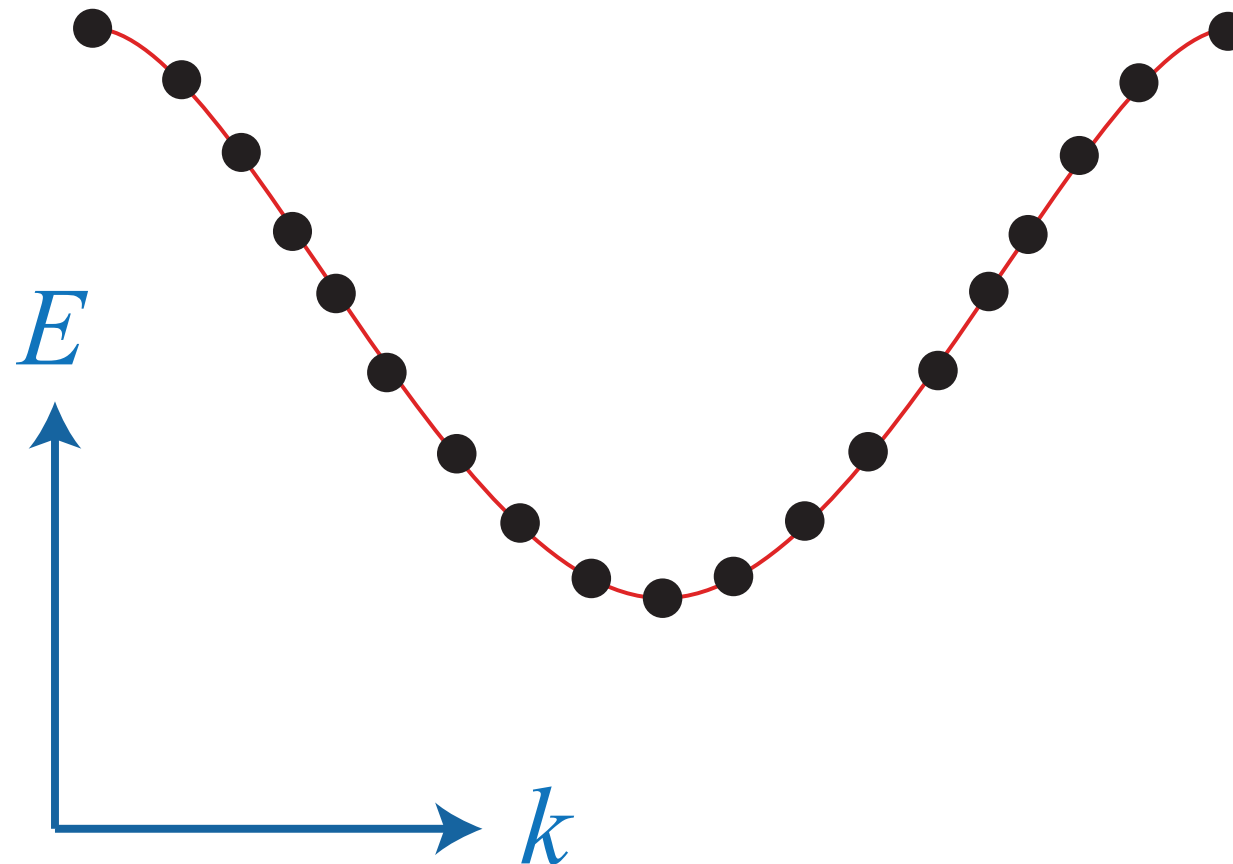
$$\text{Take } |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B)$$

$$\text{Then } \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho = \text{density matrix of region } A$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\rangle_A \langle\uparrow|_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \langle\downarrow|_A)$$

$$\text{Entanglement entropy } S_E = -\text{Tr} (\rho_A \ln \rho_A)$$
$$= \ln 2$$

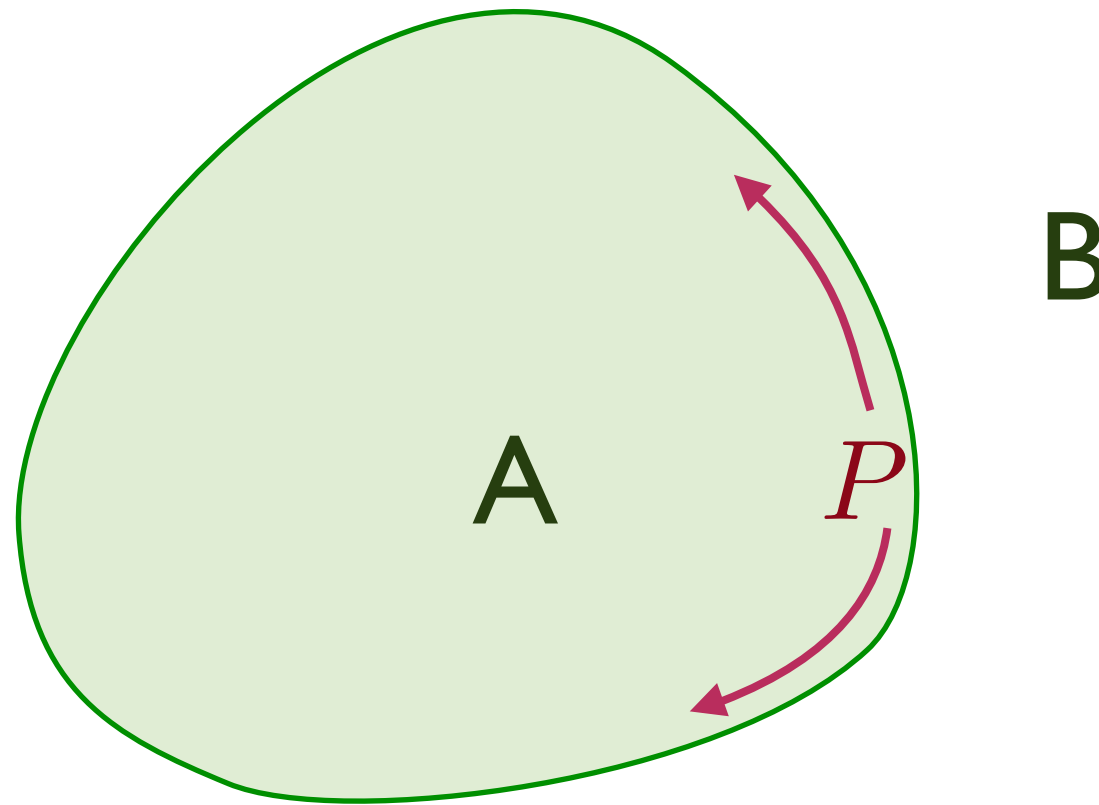
Entanglement entropy of a band insulator

Band insulators



An even number of electrons per unit cell

Entanglement entropy of a band insulator



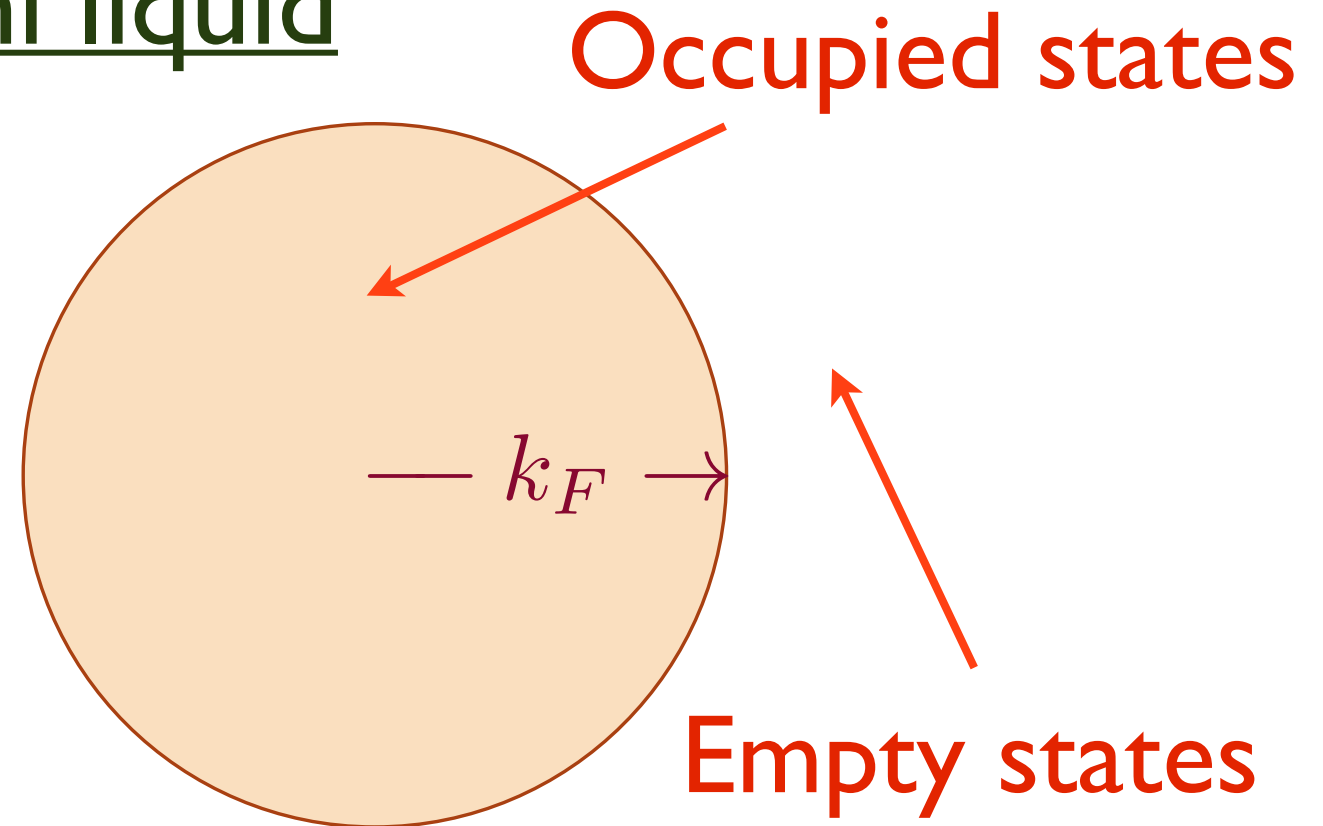
$$S_E = aP - b \exp(-cP)$$

where P is the surface area (perimeter)
of the boundary between **A** and **B**.

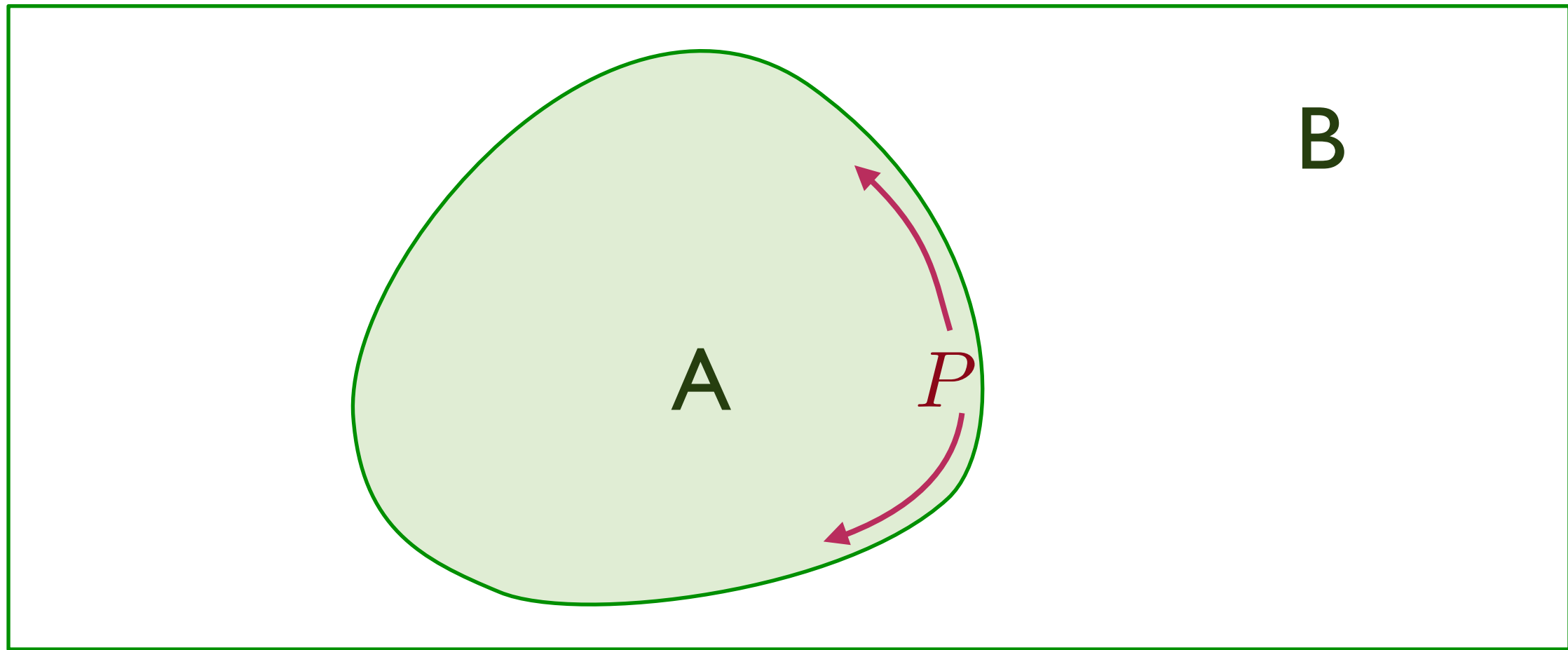
The Fermi liquid

$$\mathcal{L} = f^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f$$

+ 4 Fermi terms



Entanglement entropy of the Fermi liquid



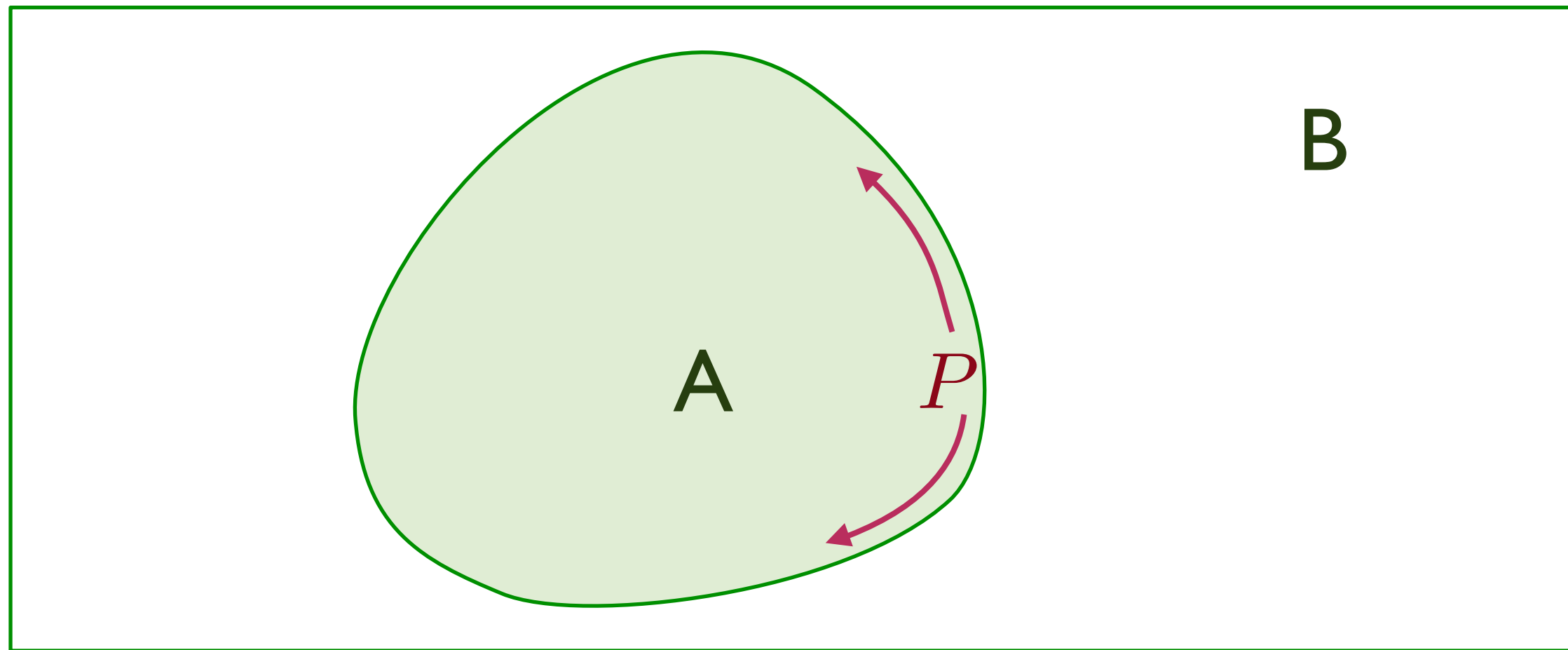
Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \frac{1}{12} (k_F P) \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F ,
where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape.

D. Gioev and I. Klich, *Physical Review Letters* **96**, 100503 (2006)

B. Swingle, *Physical Review Letters* **105**, 050502 (2010)

Entanglement entropy of the Fermi liquid



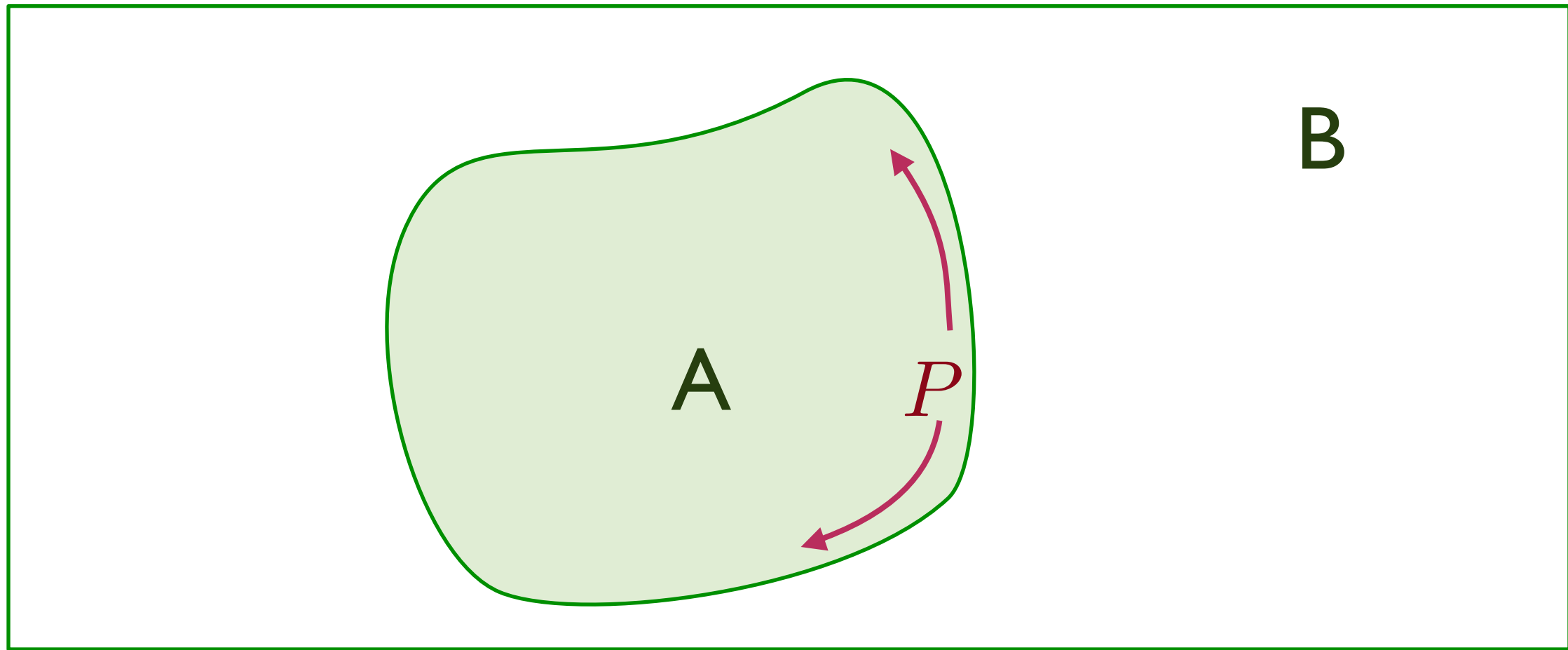
Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \frac{1}{12} (k_F P) \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape. The prefactor $1/12$ is *universal*: it is independent of the shape of the entangling region, and of the strength of the interactions.

D. Gioev and I. Klich, *Physical Review Letters* **96**, 100503 (2006)

B. Swingle, *Physical Review Letters* **105**, 050502 (2010)

Entanglement entropy of the Fermi liquid



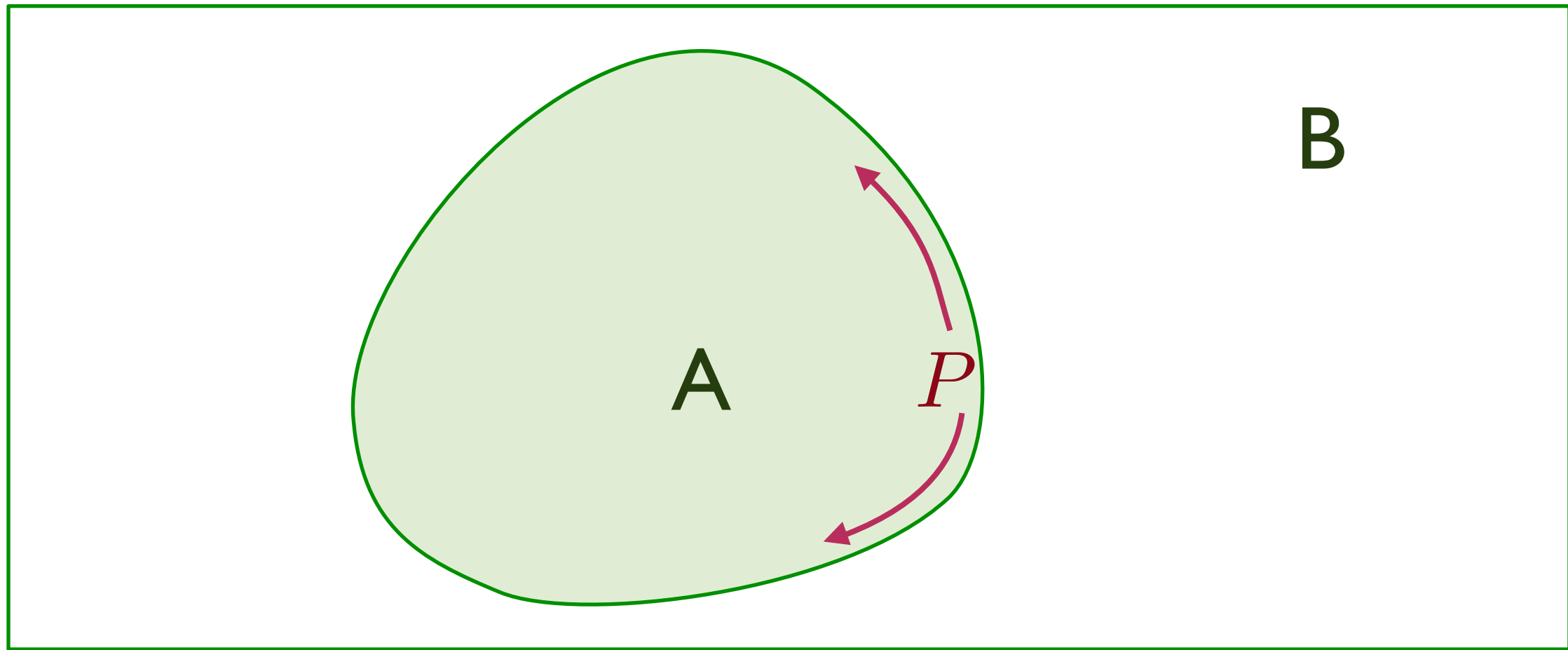
Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \frac{1}{12} (k_F P) \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape. The prefactor $1/12$ is *universal*: it is independent of the shape of the entangling region, and of the strength of the interactions.

D. Gioev and I. Klich, *Physical Review Letters* **96**, 100503 (2006)

B. Swingle, *Physical Review Letters* **105**, 050502 (2010)

Entanglement entropy of the Fermi liquid



Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \frac{1}{12} (k_F P) \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape. The prefactor $1/12$ is *universal*: it is independent of the shape of the entangling region, and of the strength of the interactions.

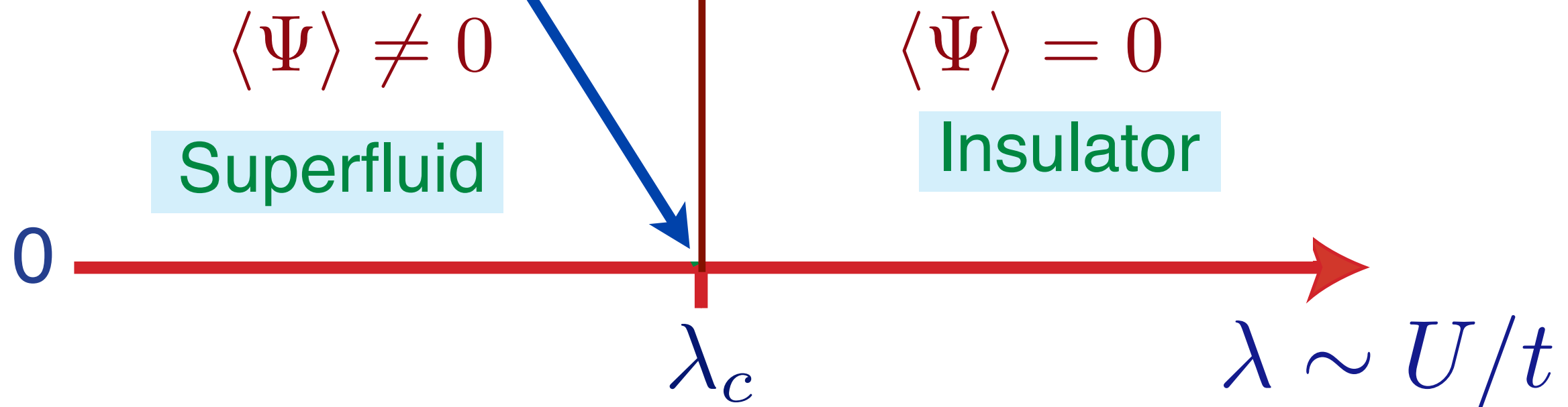
D. Gioev and I. Klich, *Physical Review Letters* **96**, 100503 (2006)

B. Swingle, *Physical Review Letters* **105**, 050502 (2010)

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r dt \left[|\partial_t \Psi|^2 - c^2 |\nabla_r \Psi|^2 - V(\Psi) \right]$$

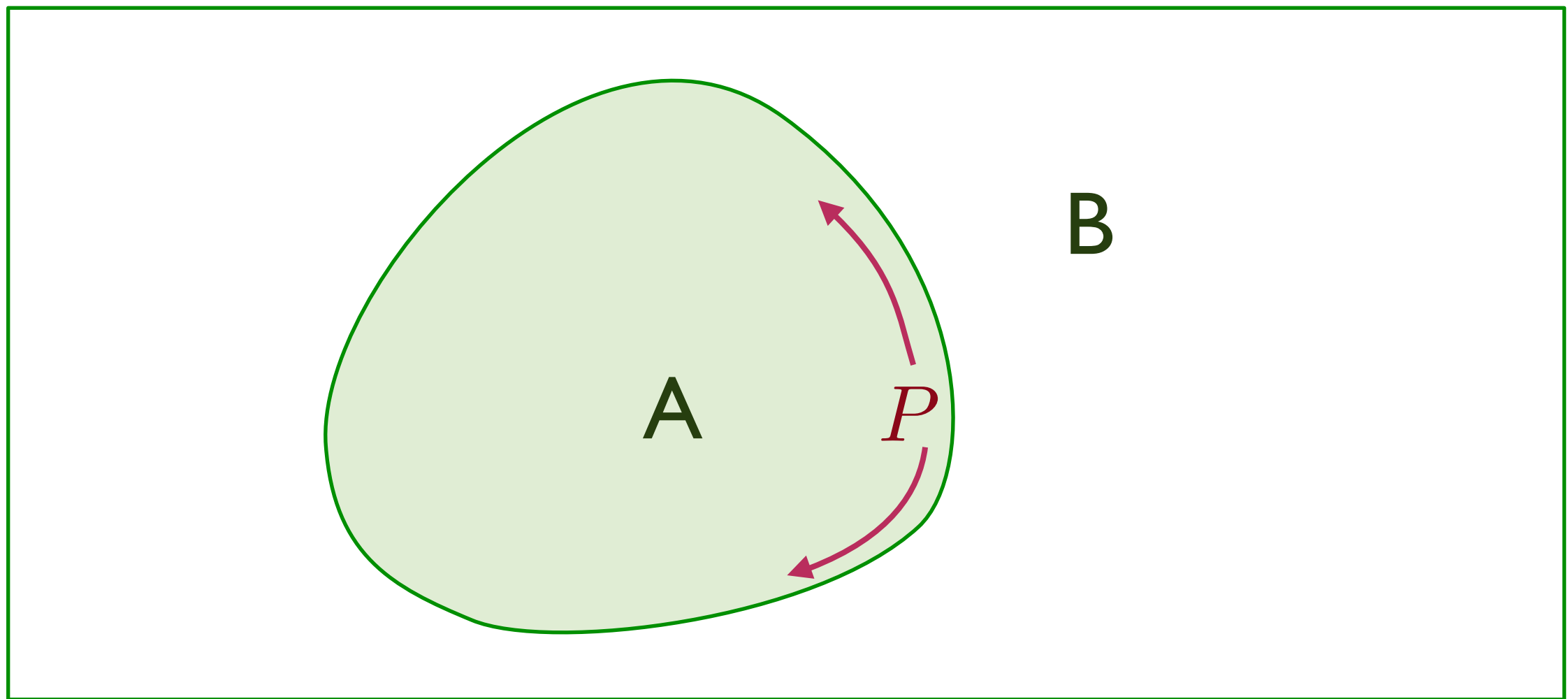
$$V(\Psi) = (\lambda - \lambda_c) |\Psi|^2 + u (|\Psi|^2)^2$$

Quantum state with
complex, many-body,
“long-range” quantum entanglement

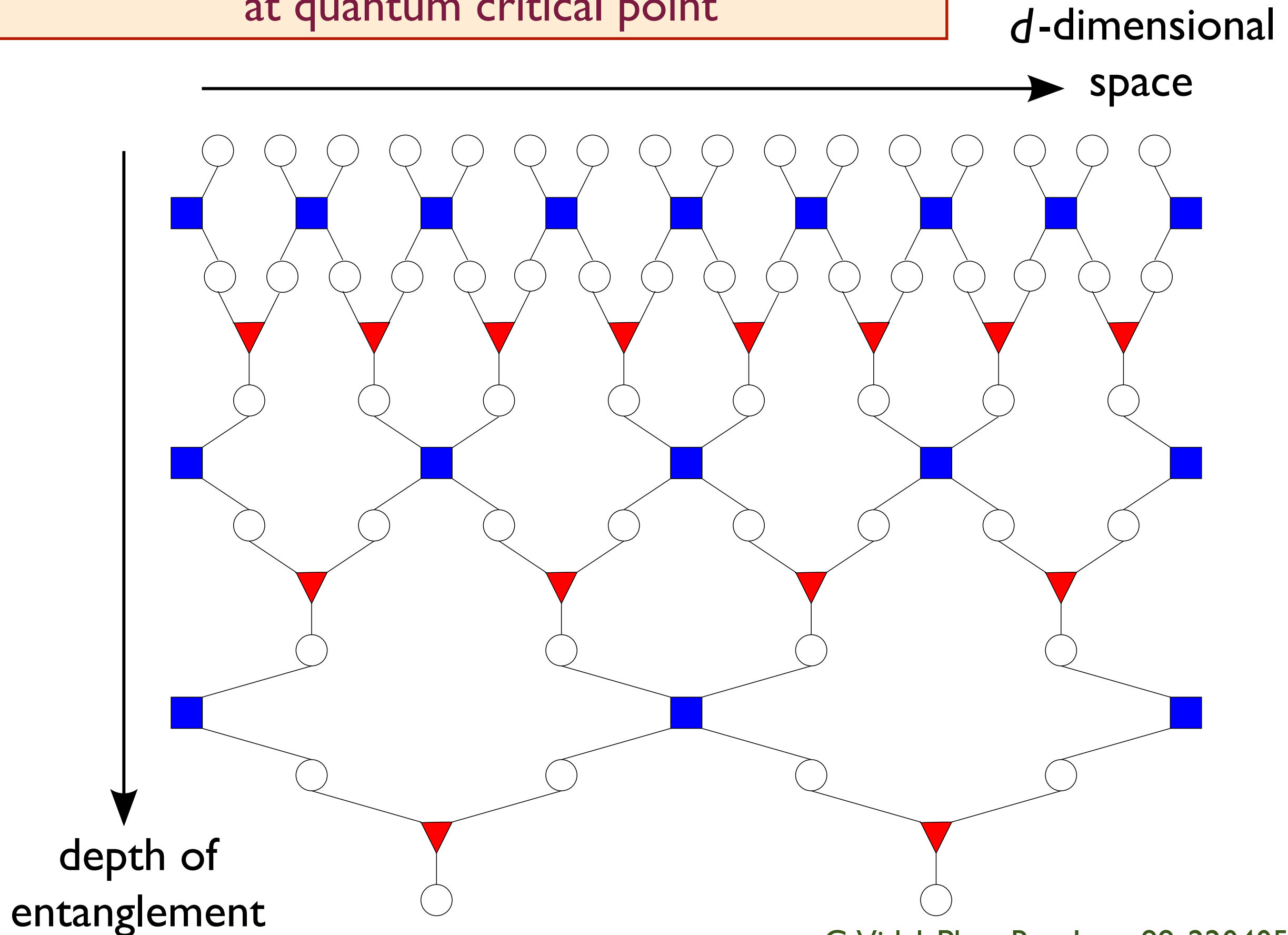


Entanglement at the quantum critical point

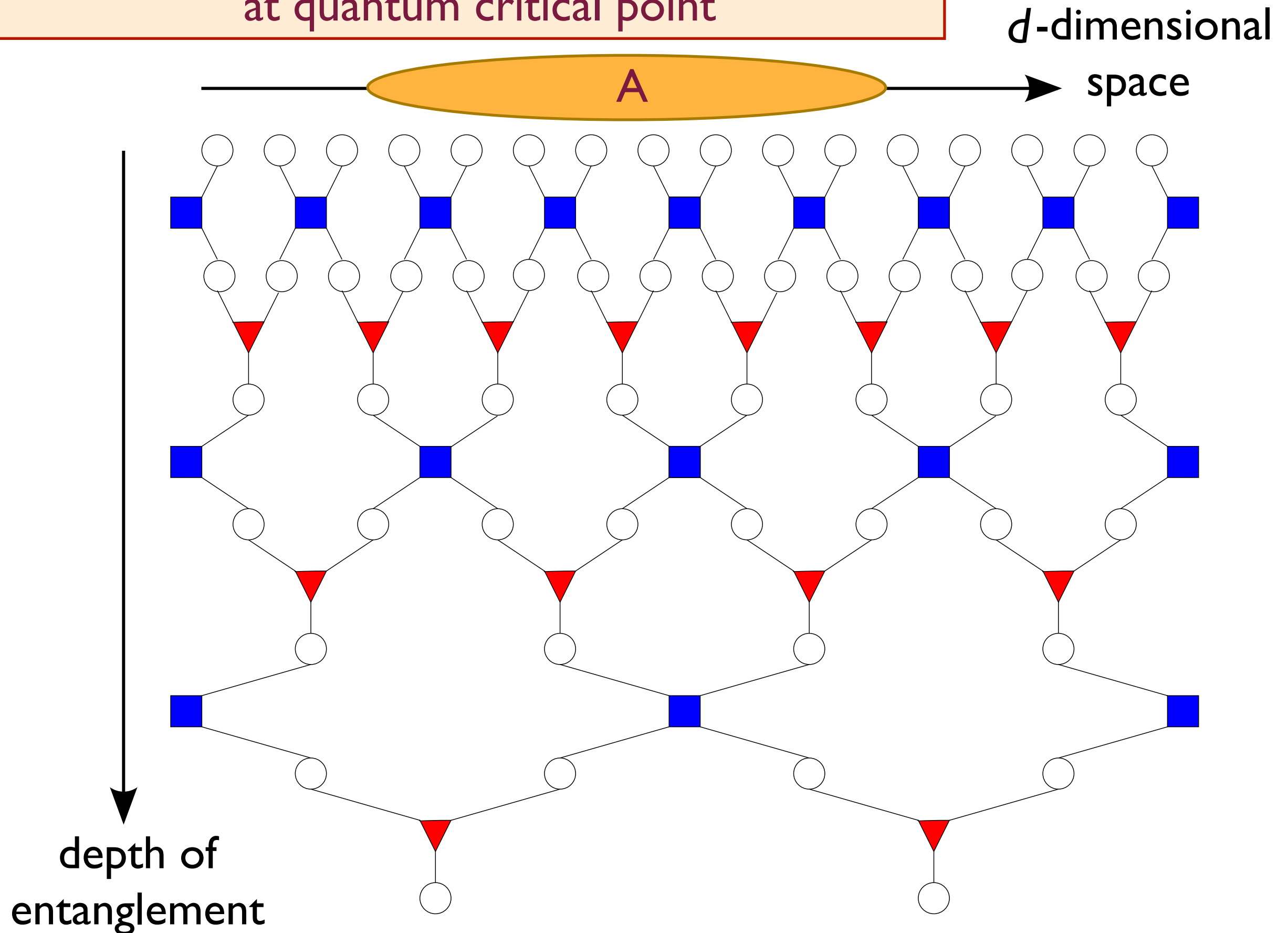
- Entanglement entropy obeys $S_E = aP - \gamma$, where γ is a shape-dependent universal number associated with the CFT3.



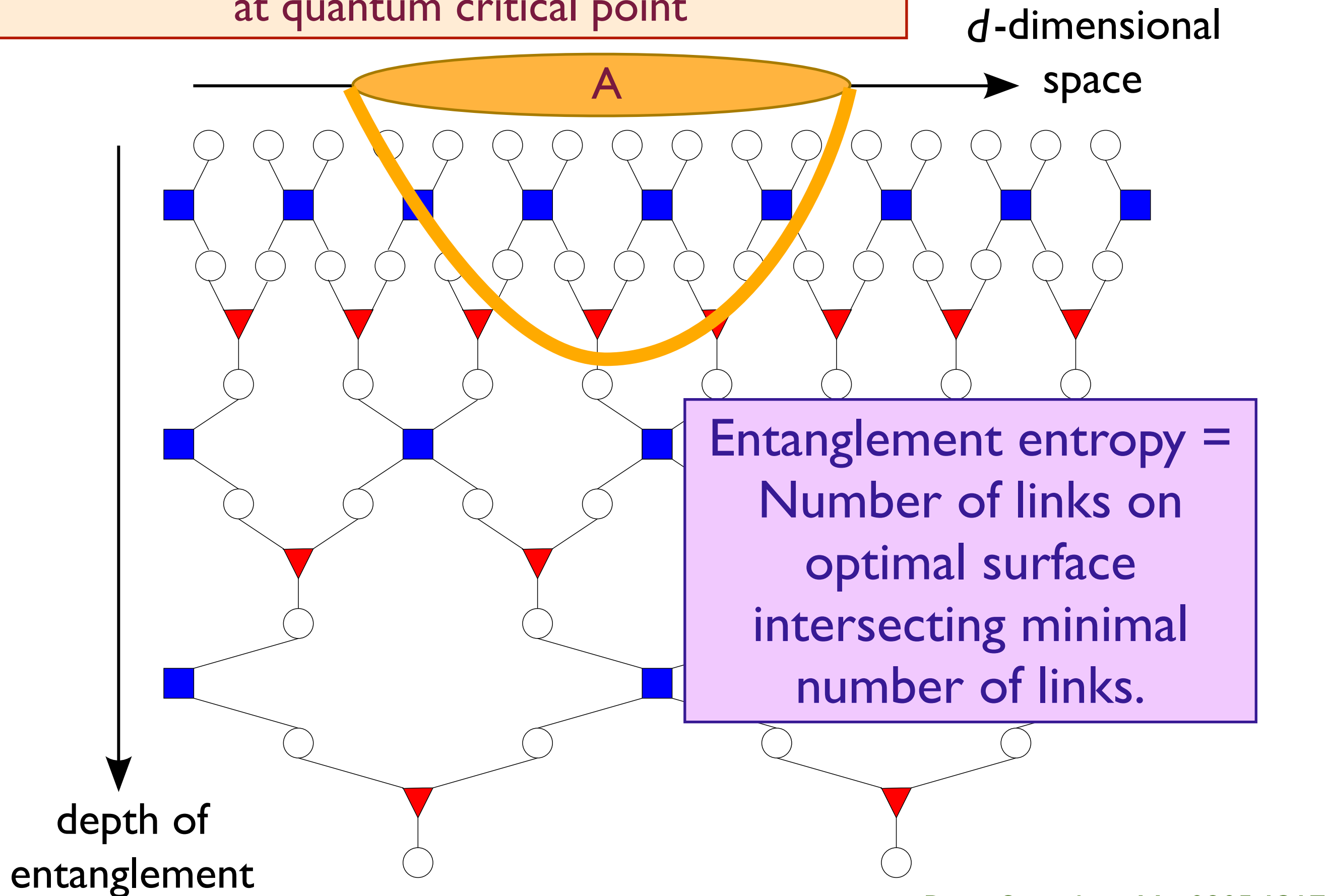
Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point



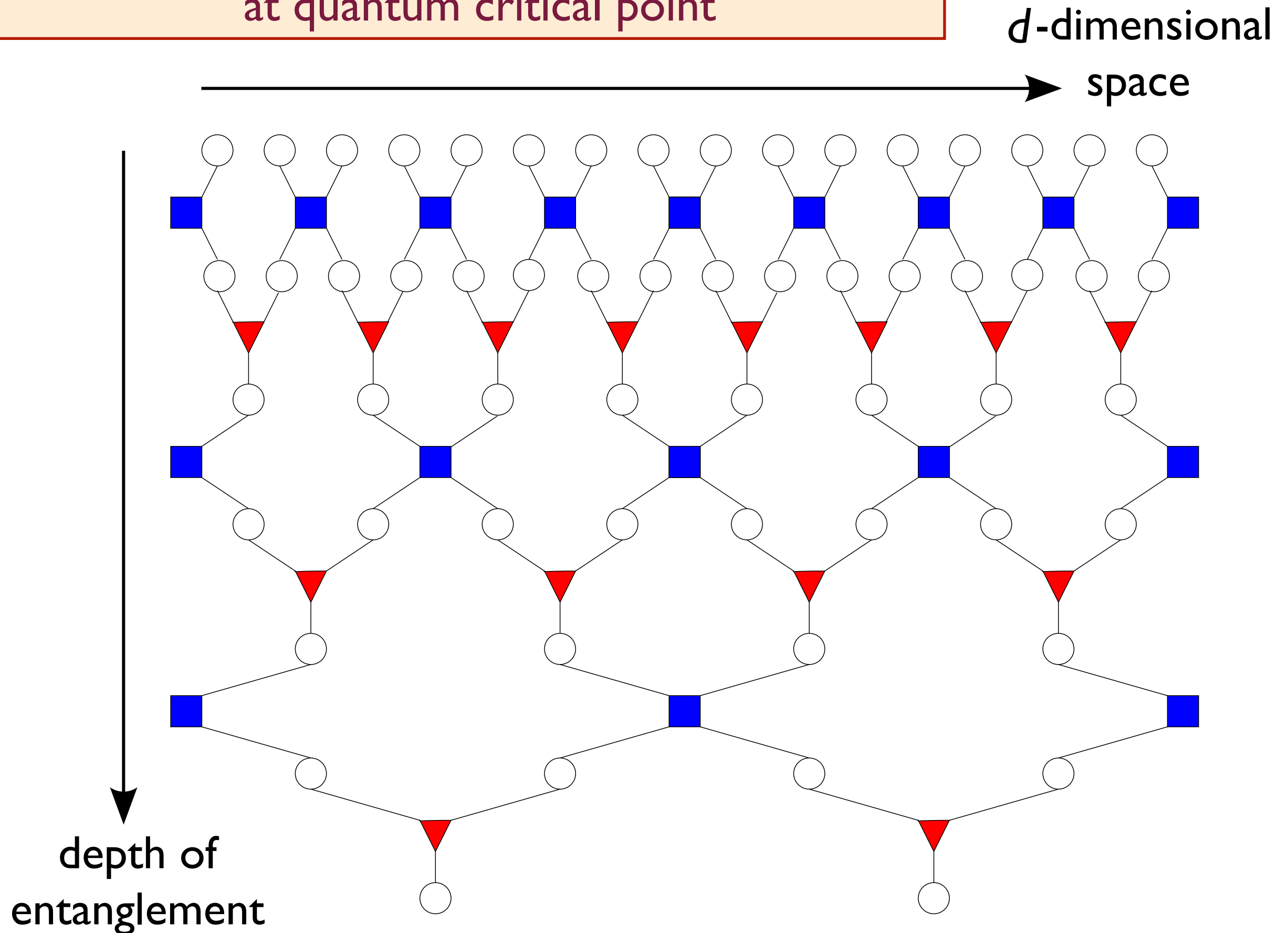
Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point



Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point



Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point

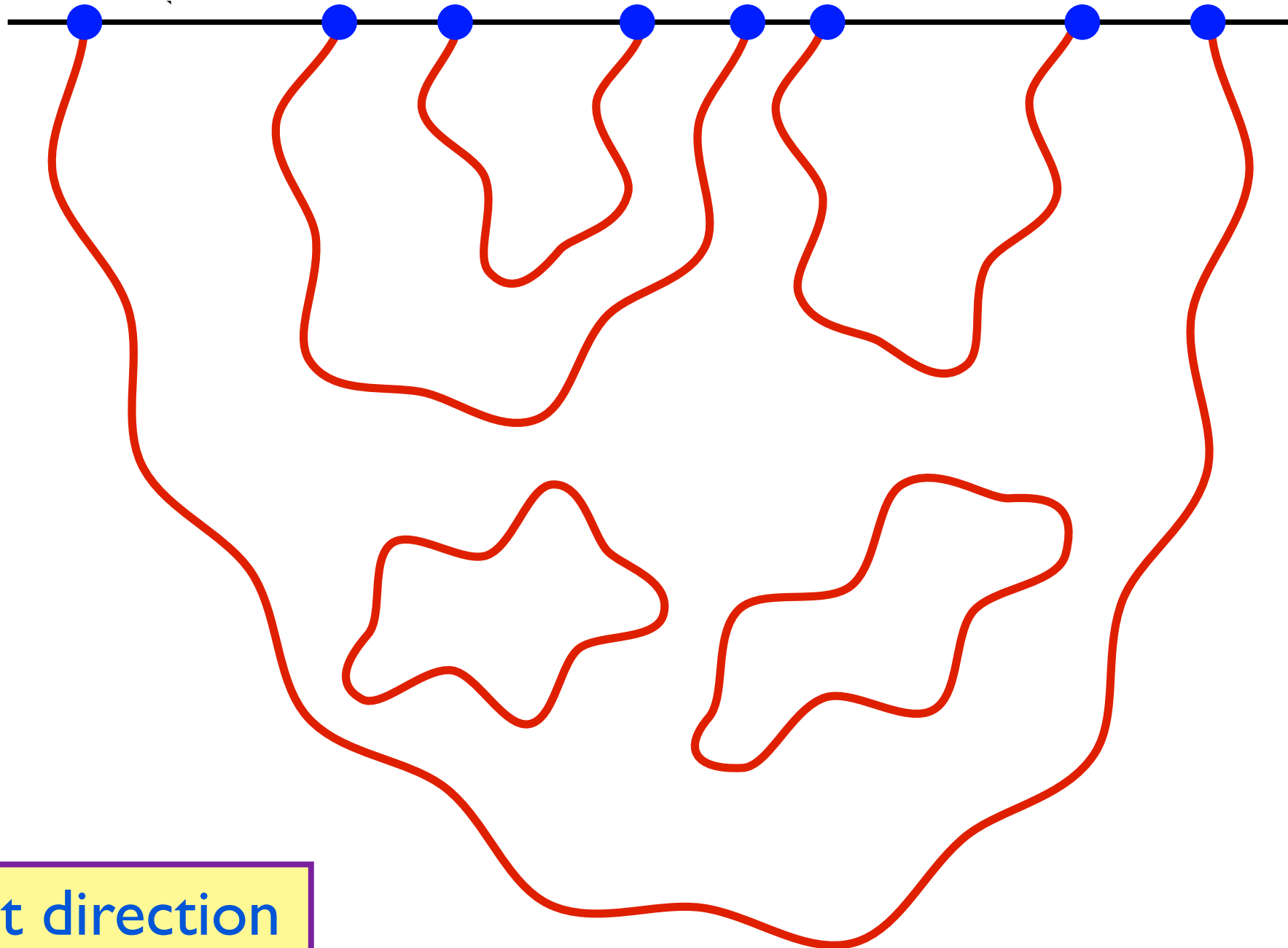


String theory near
a D-brane

d -dimensional
space

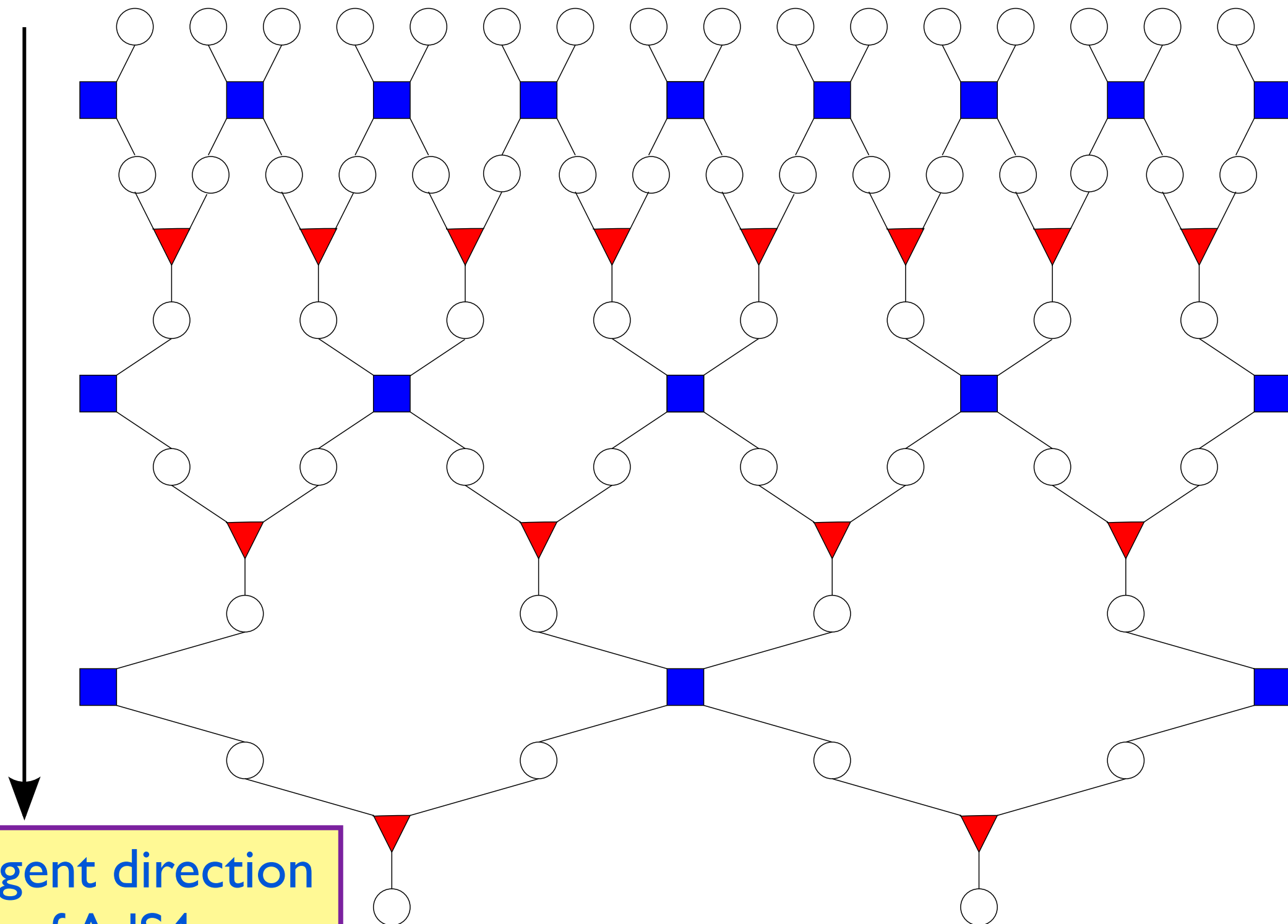


Emergent direction
of AdS4



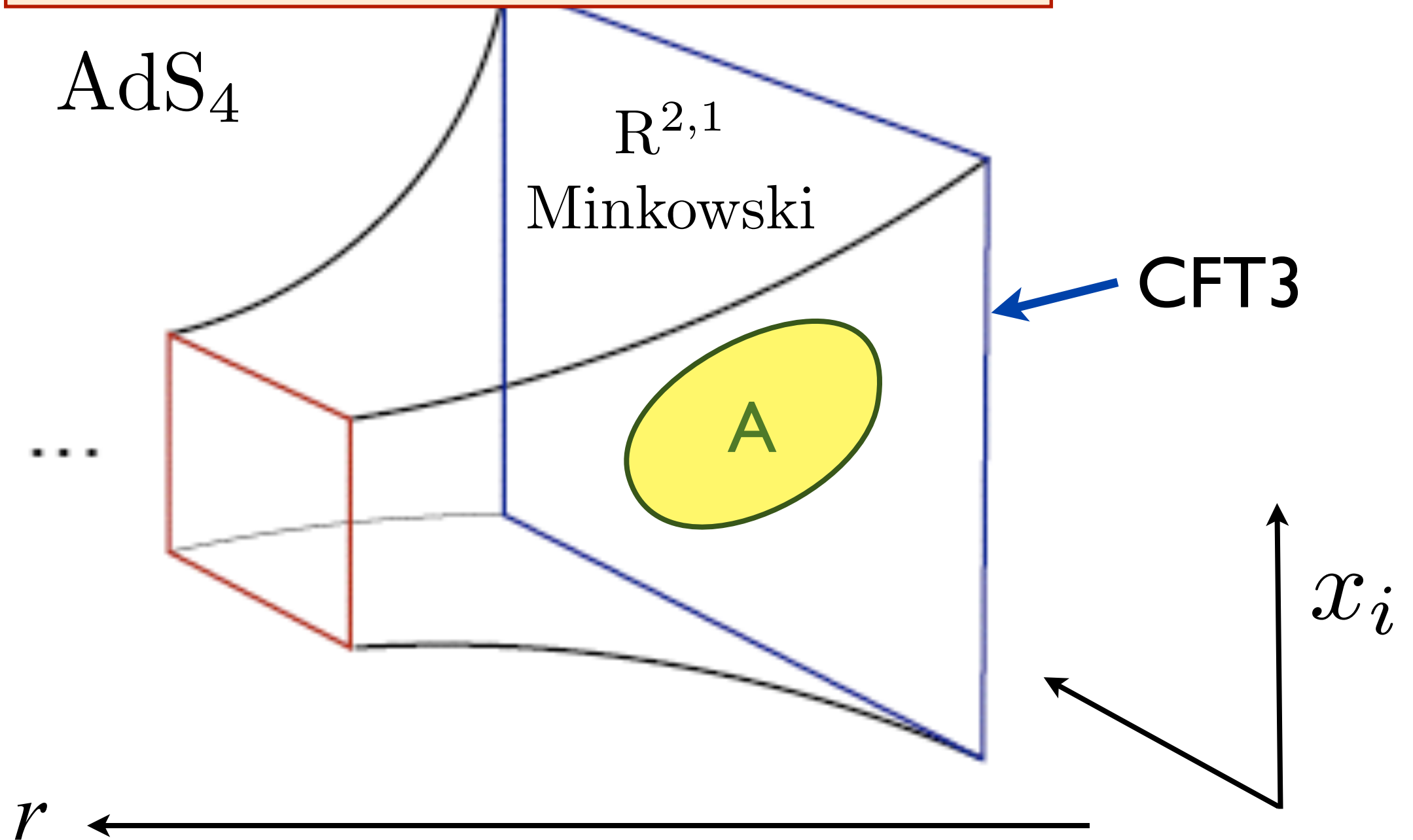
Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point

d -dimensional
space

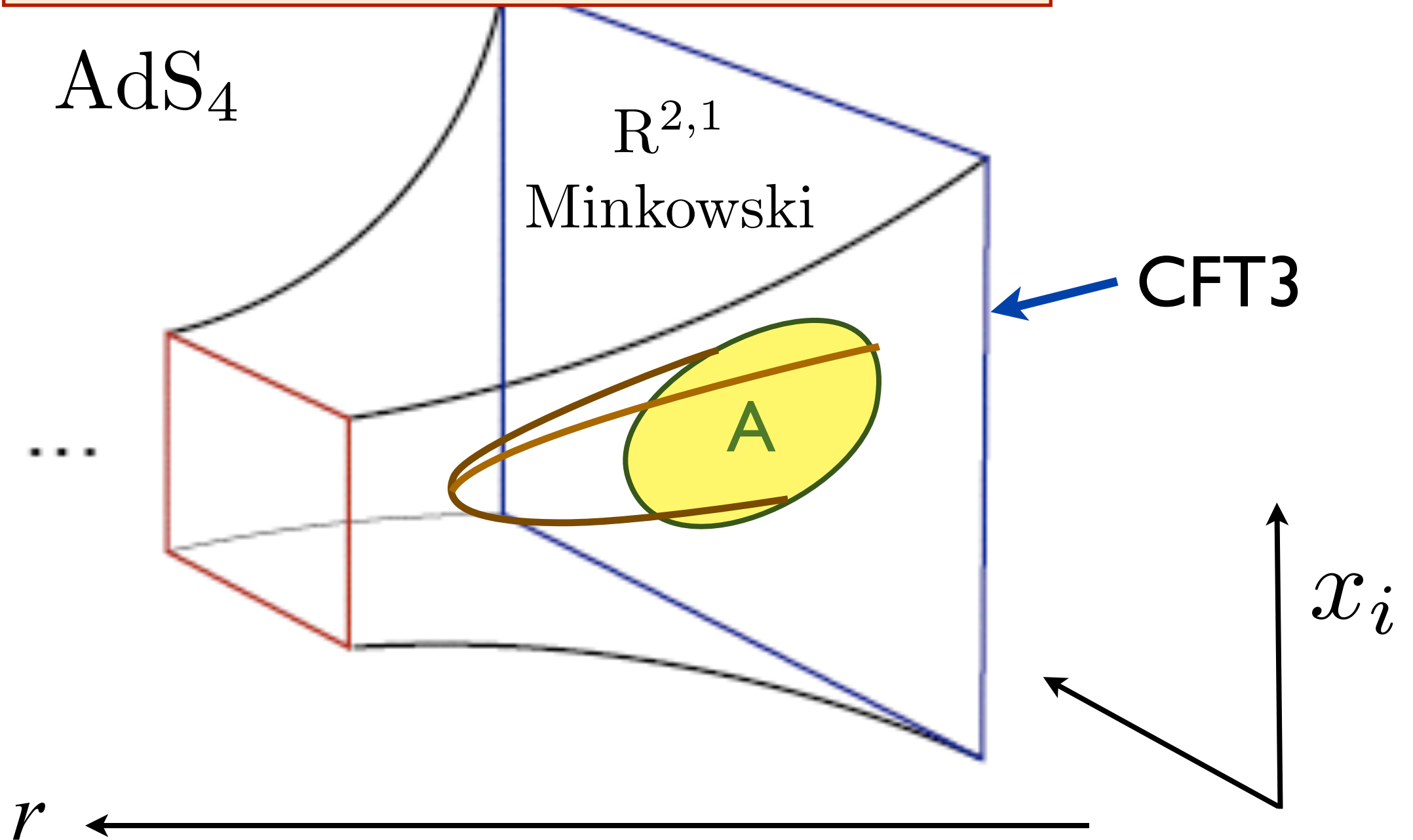


Emergent direction
of AdS4

Holography and Entanglement

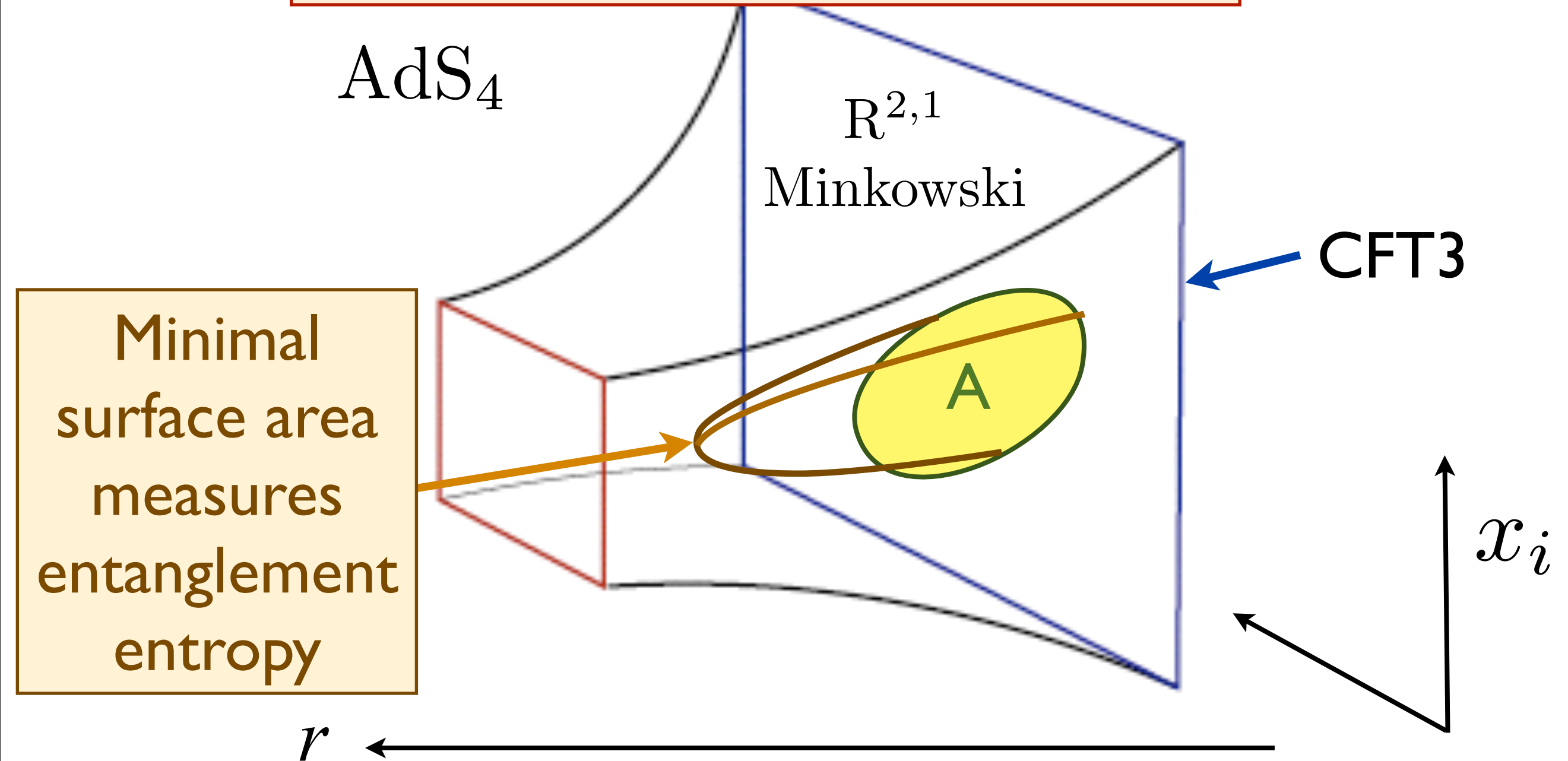


Holography and Entanglement

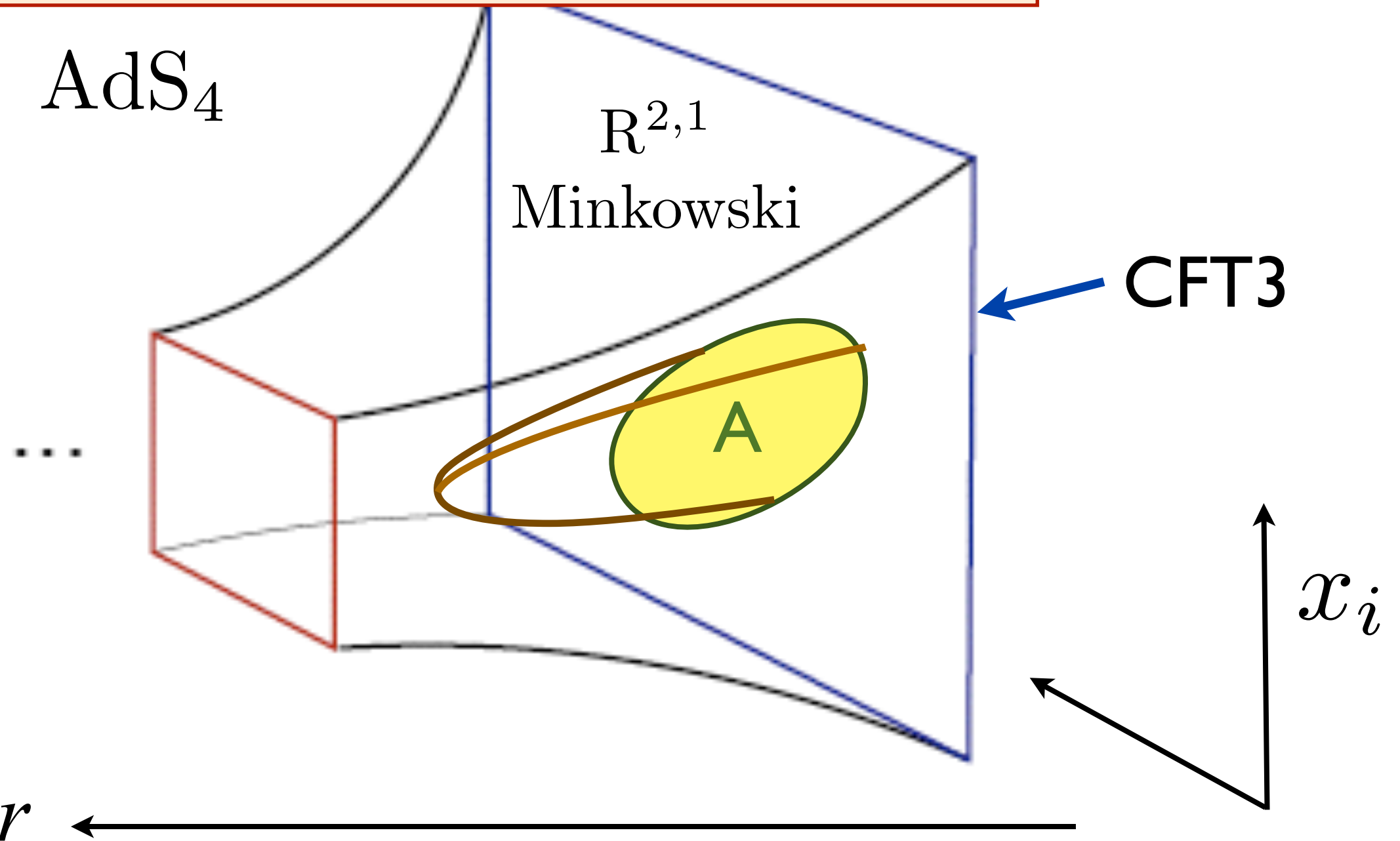


Associate entanglement entropy with an observer in the enclosed spacetime region, who cannot observe “outside” : *i.e.* the region is surrounded by an imaginary horizon.

Holography and Entanglement



Holography and Entanglement



- Computation of minimal surface area yields

$$S_E = aP - \gamma,$$

where γ is a shape-dependent universal number.

1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs
2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs
4. Holography of strange metals

1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs

2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid

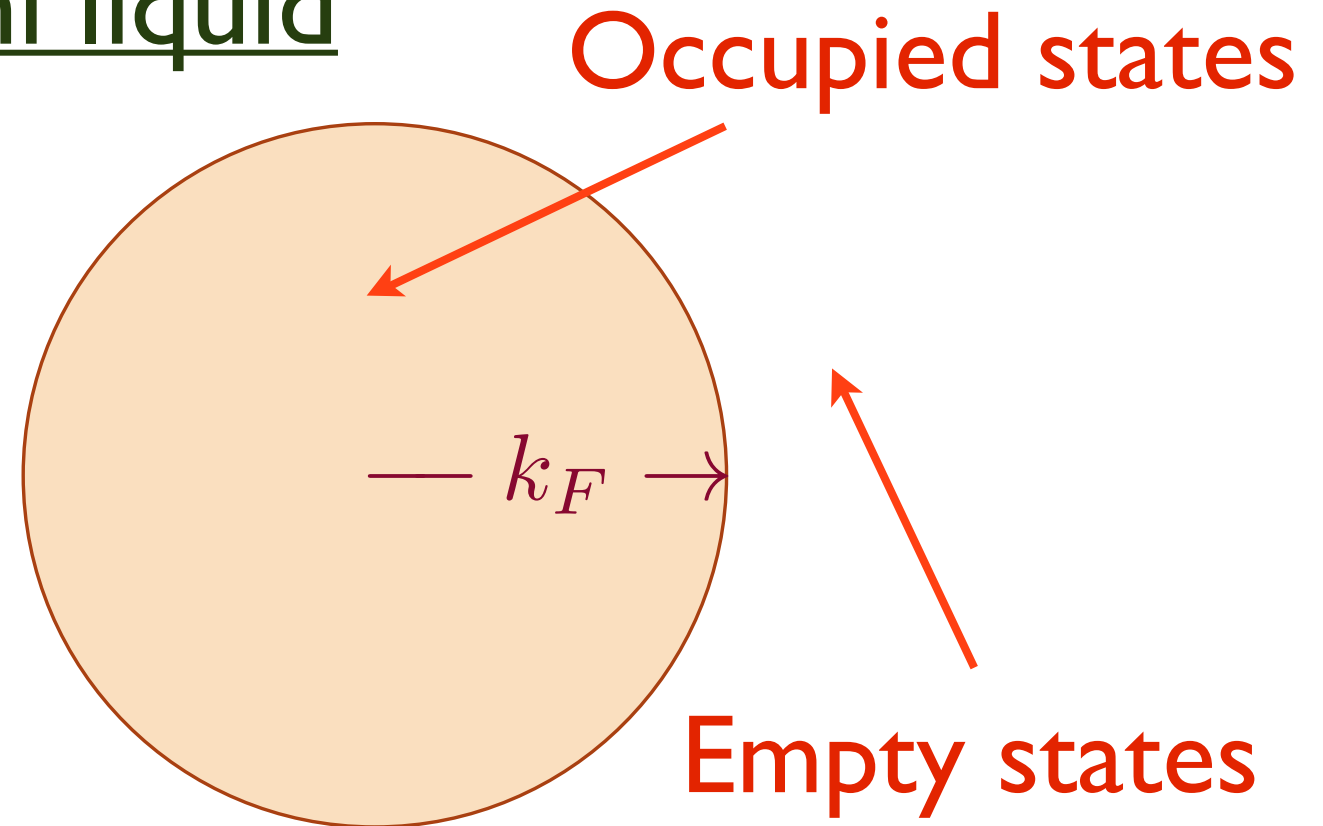
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs

4. Holography of strange metals

The Fermi liquid

$$\mathcal{L} = f^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f$$

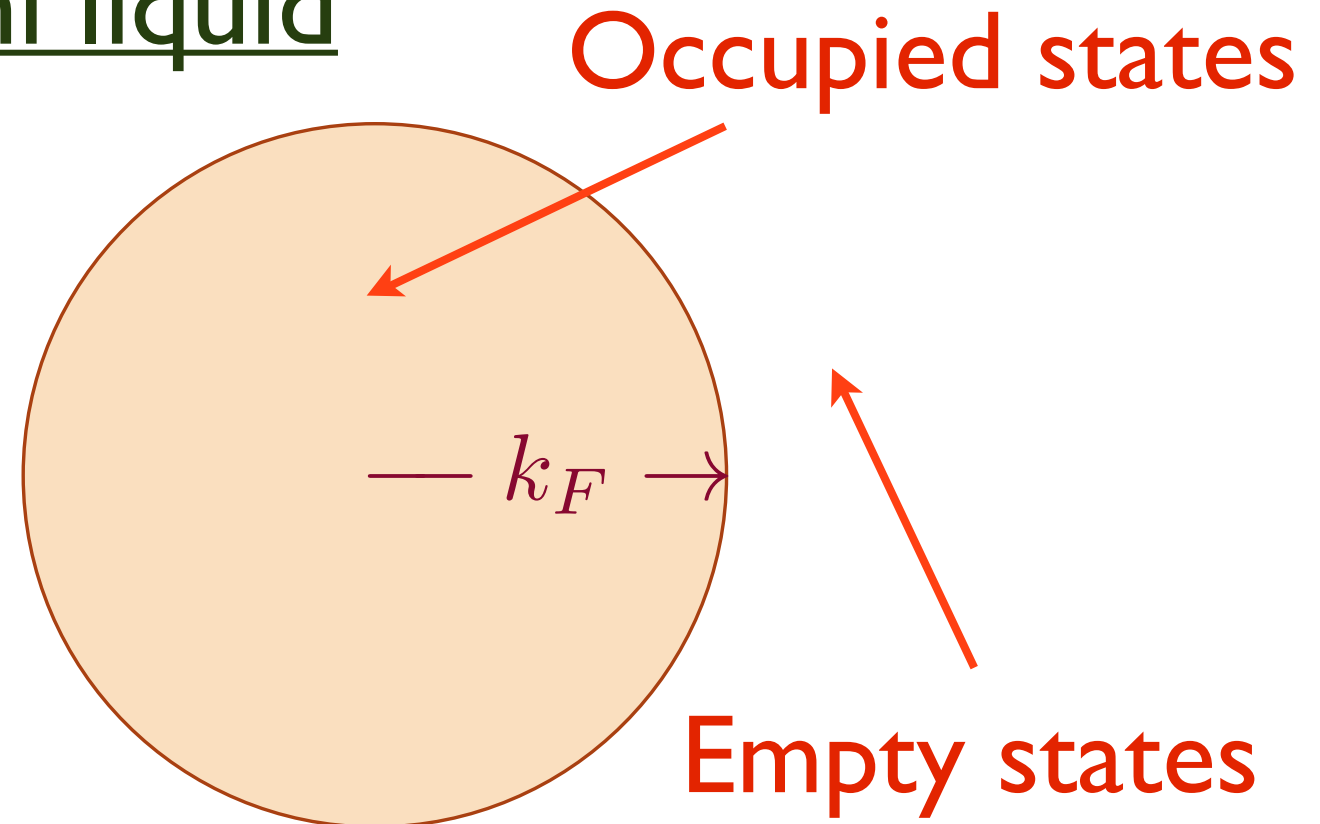
+ 4 Fermi terms



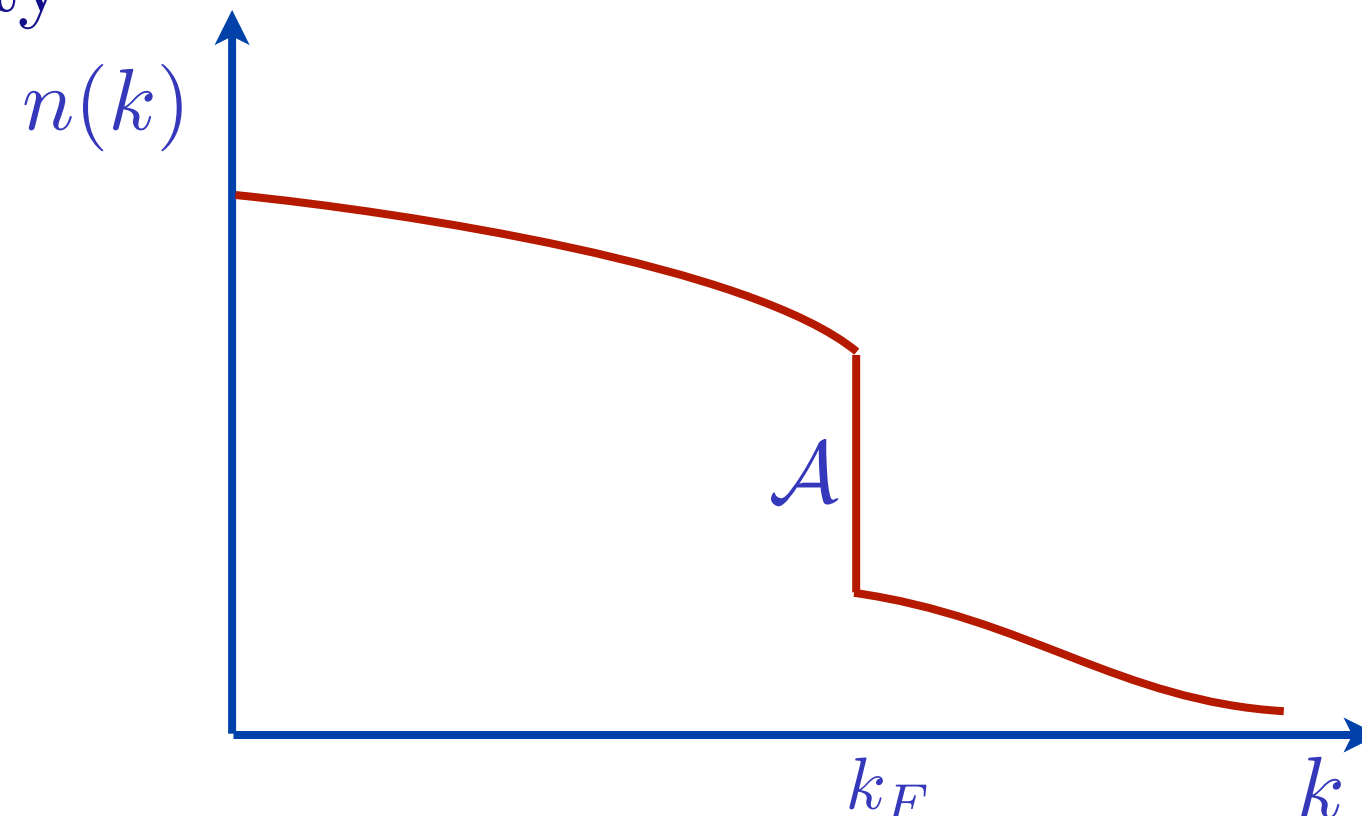
The Fermi liquid

$$\mathcal{L} = f^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f$$

+ 4 Fermi terms



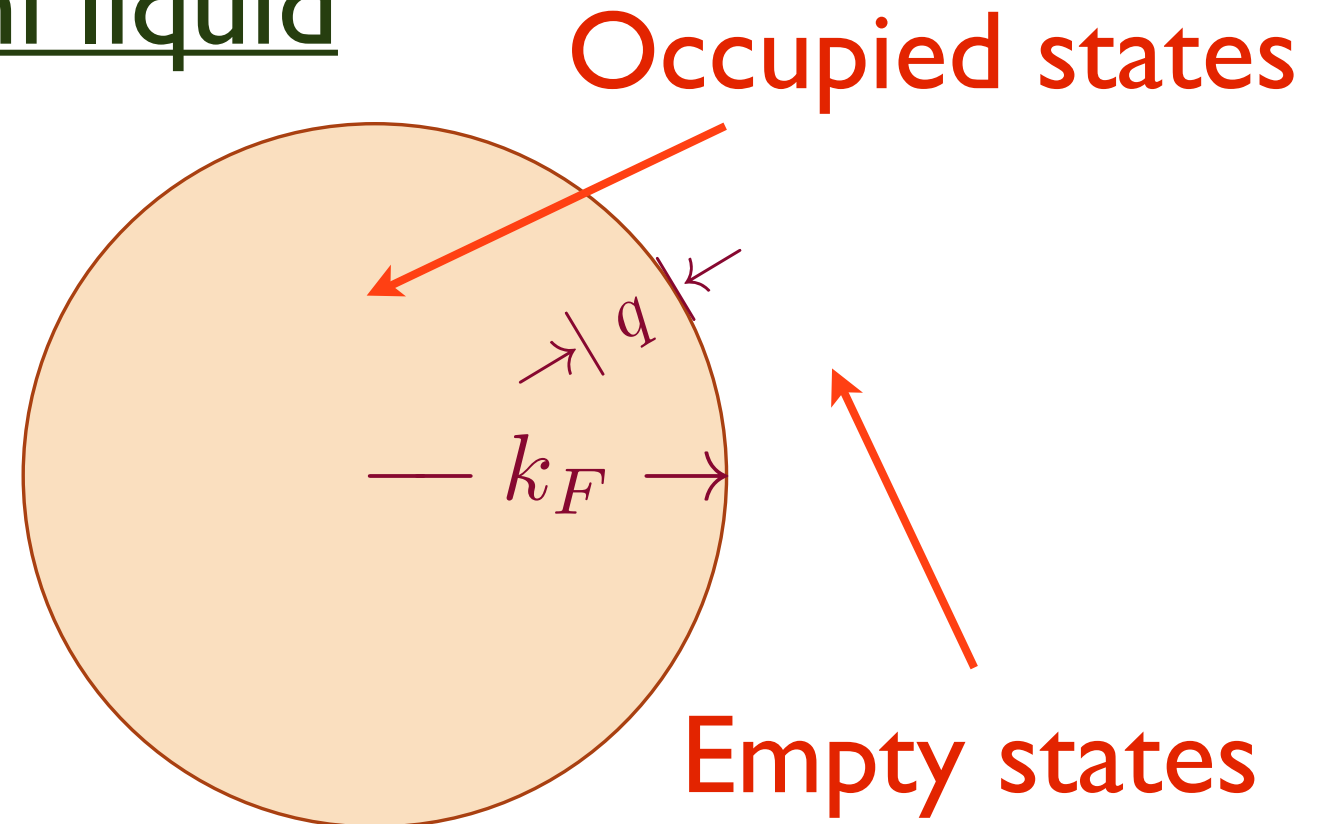
- Fermi wavevector obeys the Luttinger relation $k_F^d \sim \mathcal{Q}$, the fermion density



The Fermi liquid

$$\mathcal{L} = f^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f$$

+ 4 Fermi terms

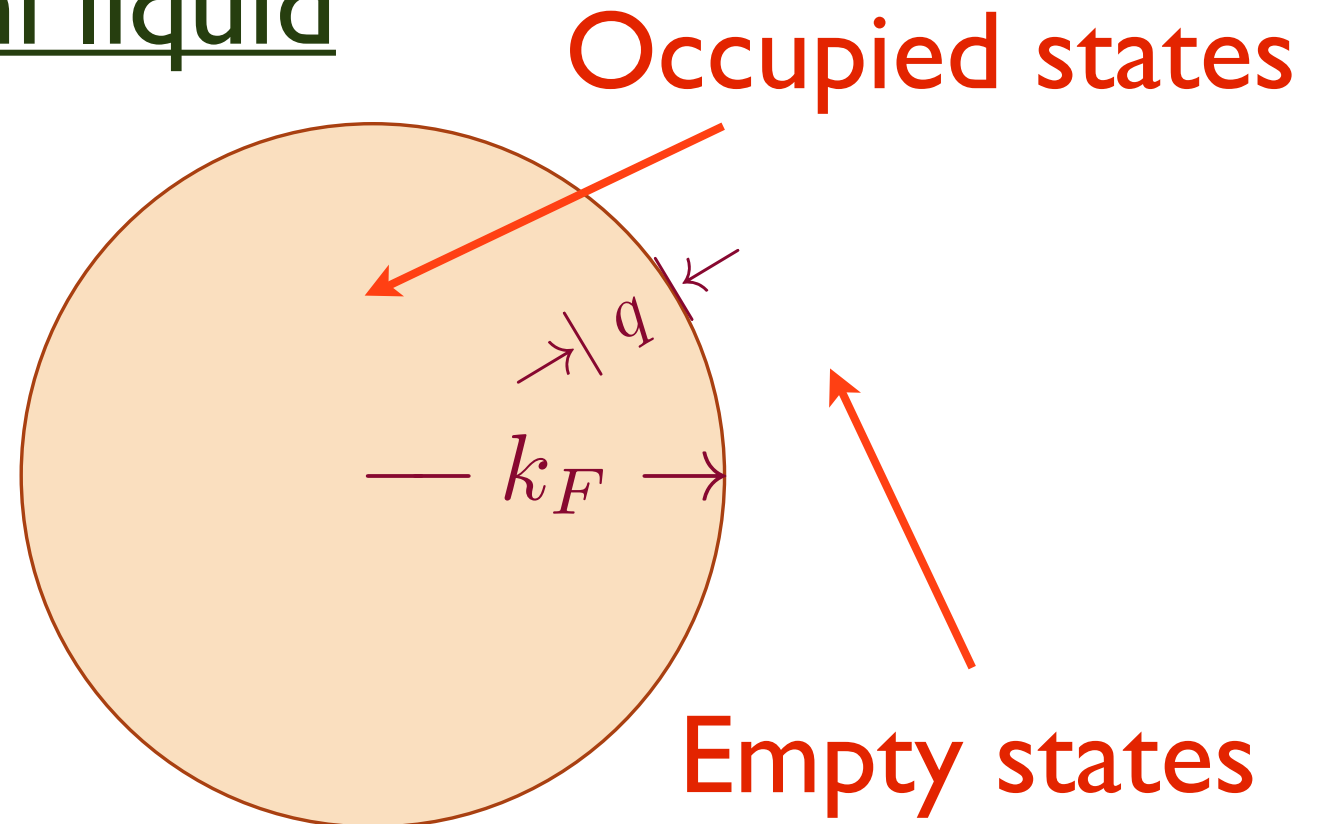


- Fermi wavevector obeys the Luttinger relation $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density
- Sharp particle and hole of excitations near the Fermi surface with energy $\omega \sim |q|^z$, with dynamic exponent $z = 1$.

The Fermi liquid

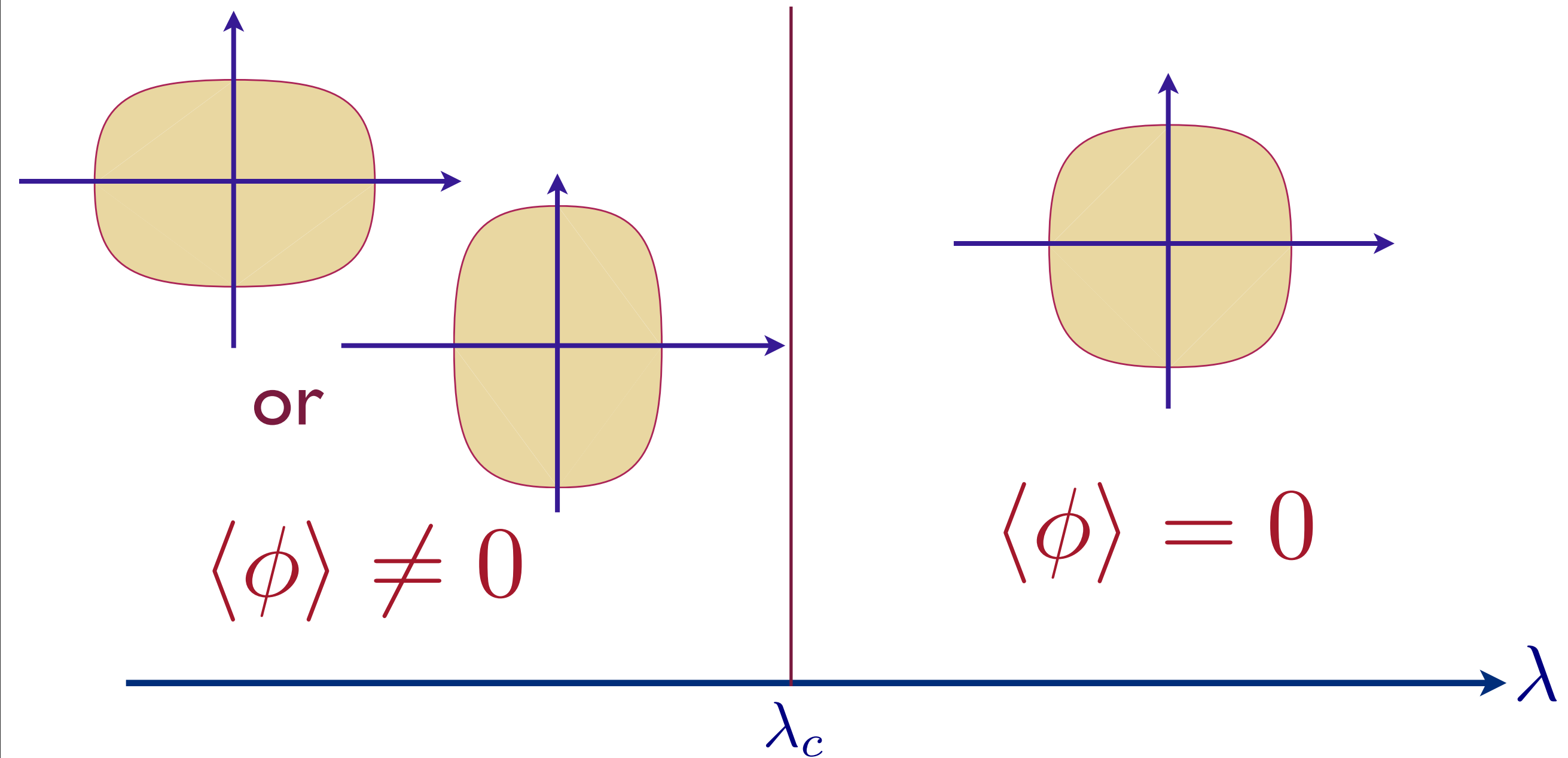
$$\mathcal{L} = f^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f$$

+ 4 Fermi terms



- Fermi wavevector obeys the Luttinger relation $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density
- Sharp particle and hole of excitations near the Fermi surface with energy $\omega \sim |q|^z$, with dynamic exponent $z = 1$.
- The phase space density of fermions is effectively one-dimensional, so the entropy density $S \sim T$. It is useful to write this as $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$, with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal



Pomeranchuk instability as a function of coupling λ

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal

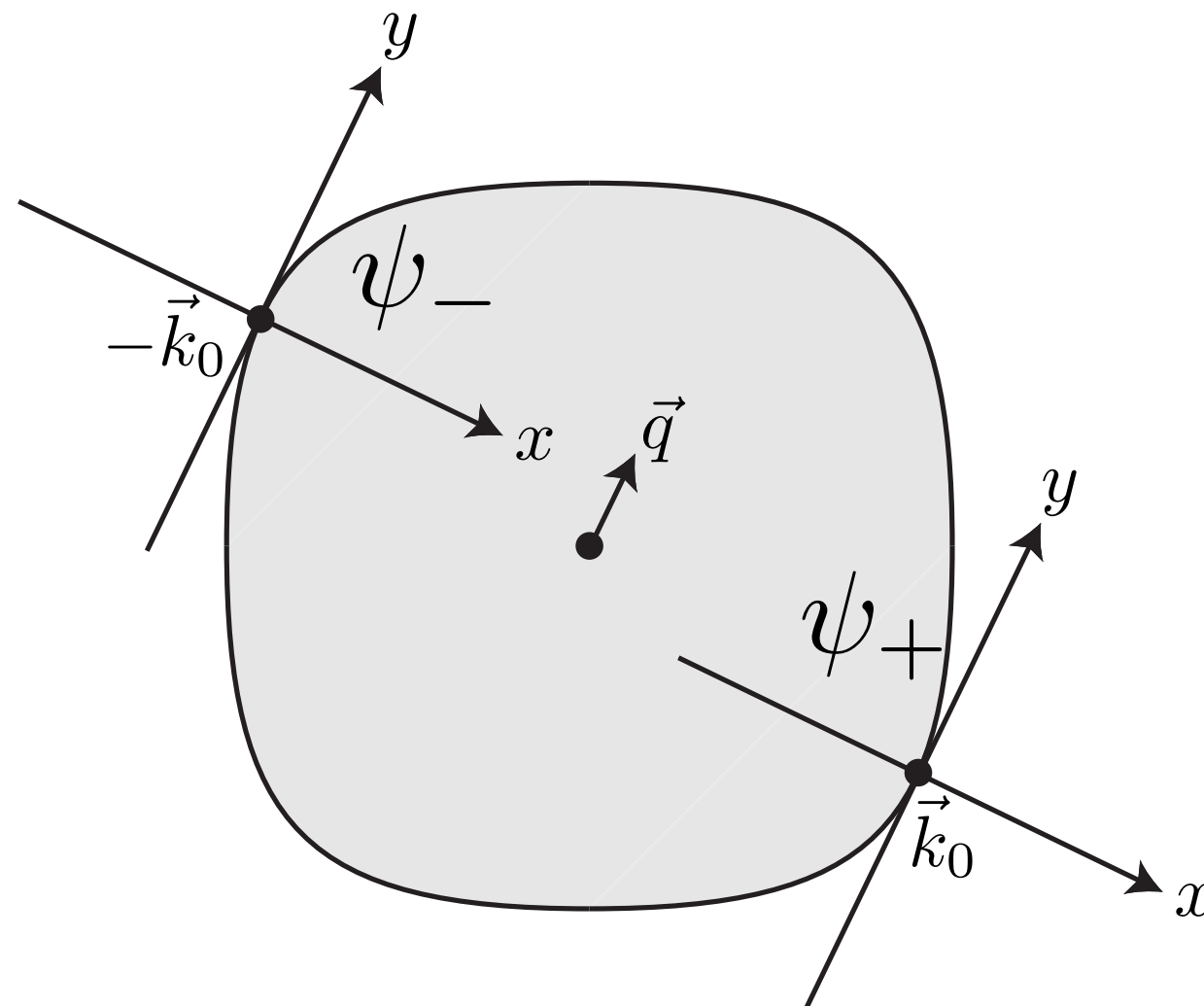
The “standard model”:

$$\mathcal{S}_\phi = \int d^2r d\tau [(\partial_\tau \phi)^2 + c^2 (\nabla \phi)^2 + (\lambda - \lambda_c) \phi^2 + u \phi^4]$$

$$\mathcal{S}_c = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

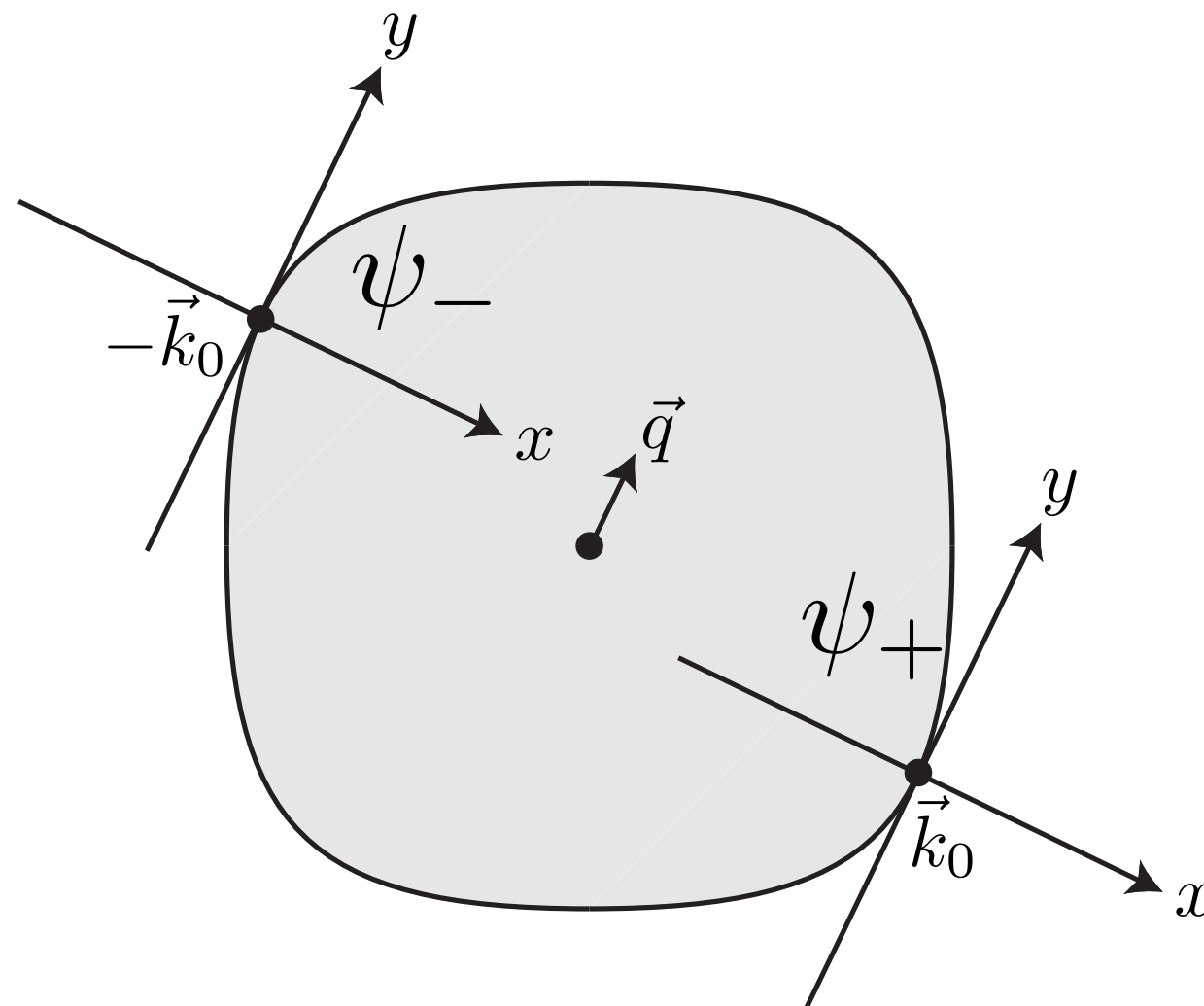
$$\mathcal{S}_{\phi c} = -g \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} \phi_{\mathbf{q}} (\cos k_x - \cos k_y) c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}$$

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal



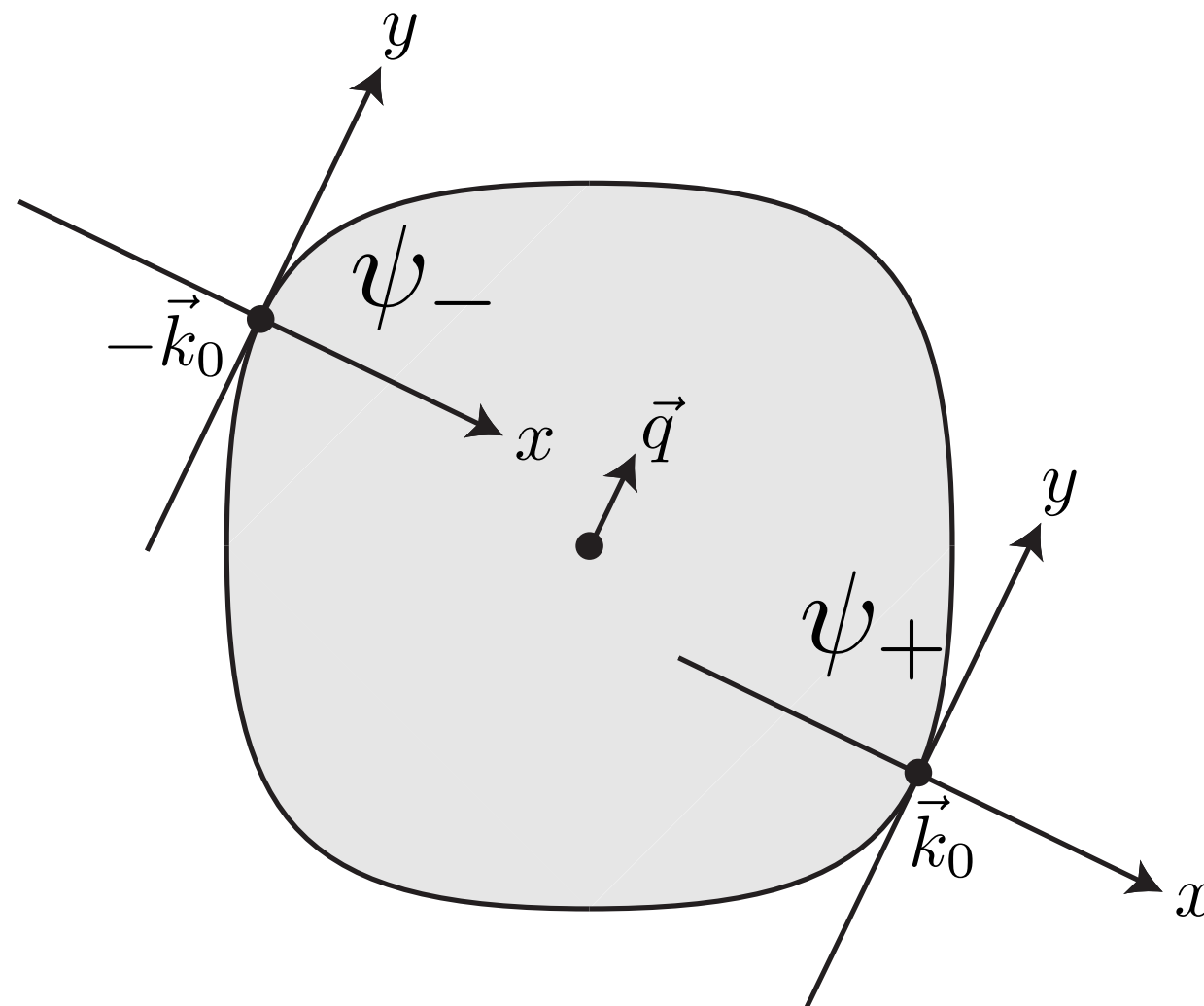
- ϕ fluctuation at wavevector \vec{q} couples most efficiently to fermions near $\pm\vec{k}_0$.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal



- ϕ fluctuation at wavevector \vec{q} couples most efficiently to fermions near $\pm\vec{k}_0$.
- Expand fermion kinetic energy at wavevectors about $\pm\vec{k}_0$ and boson (ϕ) kinetic energy about $\vec{q} = 0$.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\psi_{\pm}, \phi] = & \psi_+^\dagger (\partial_\tau - i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\partial_\tau + i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- \\ & - \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g^2} (\partial_y \phi)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \psi_+^\dagger (\partial_\tau - i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\partial_\tau + i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- \\ & - \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g^2} (\partial_y \phi)^2\end{aligned}$$

Simple scaling argument for $z = 3/2$.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \psi_+^\dagger (\cancel{\partial_x} - i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\cancel{\partial_x} + i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- \\ & - \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g^2} (\partial_y \phi)^2\end{aligned}$$

Simple scaling argument for $z = 3/2$.

Quantum criticality of Ising-nematic ordering in a metal

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \psi_+^\dagger (\cancel{\partial_\tau} - i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger (\cancel{\partial_\tau} + i\partial_x - \partial_y^2) \psi_- \\ & - \phi \left(\psi_+^\dagger \psi_+ + \psi_-^\dagger \psi_- \right) + \frac{1}{2g^2} (\partial_y \phi)^2\end{aligned}$$

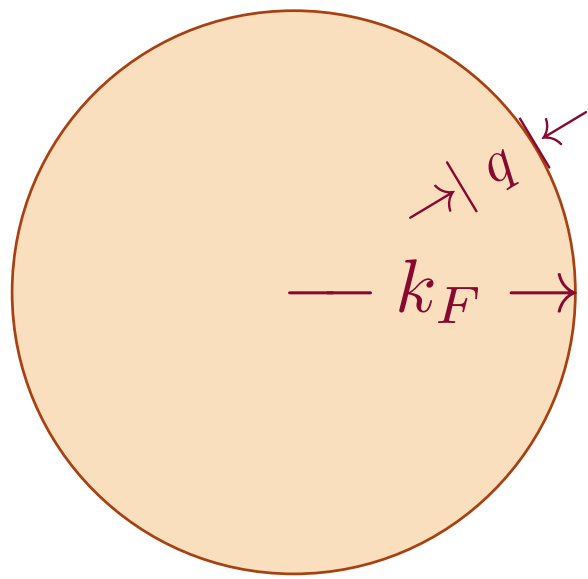
Simple scaling argument for $z = 3/2$.

Under the rescaling $x \rightarrow x/s$, $y \rightarrow y/s^{1/2}$, and $\tau \rightarrow \tau/s^z$, we find invariance provided

$$\begin{aligned}\phi & \rightarrow \phi s \\ \psi & \rightarrow \psi s^{(2z+1)/4} \\ g & \rightarrow g s^{(3-2z)/4}\end{aligned}$$

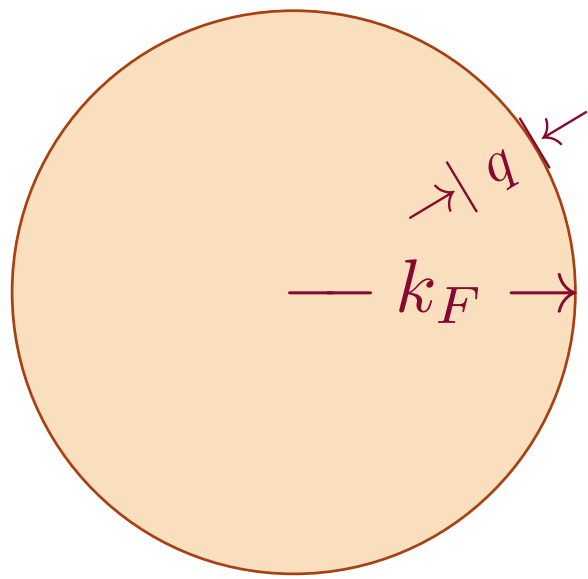
So the action is invariant provided $z = 3/2$.

FL Fermi liquid



- $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density
- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.
- Entropy density $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.
- Entanglement entropy $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

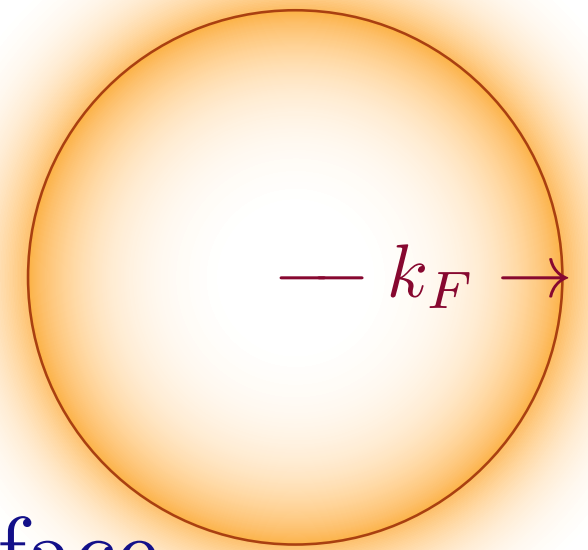
FL Fermi liquid



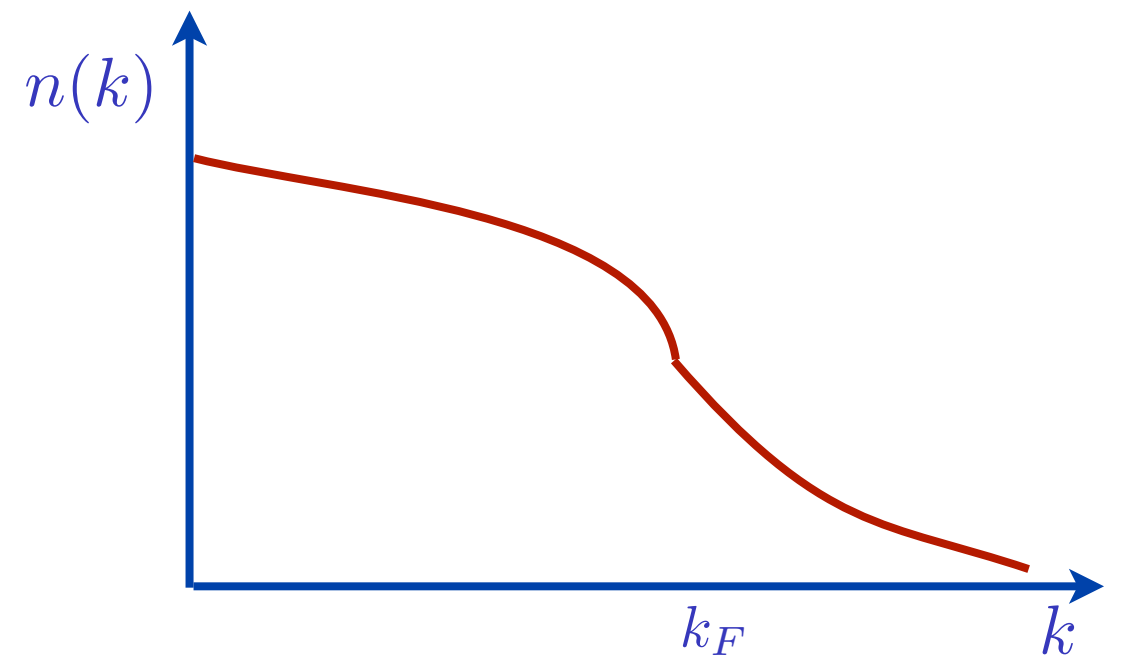
- $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density

- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.
- Entropy density $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.
- Entanglement entropy $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

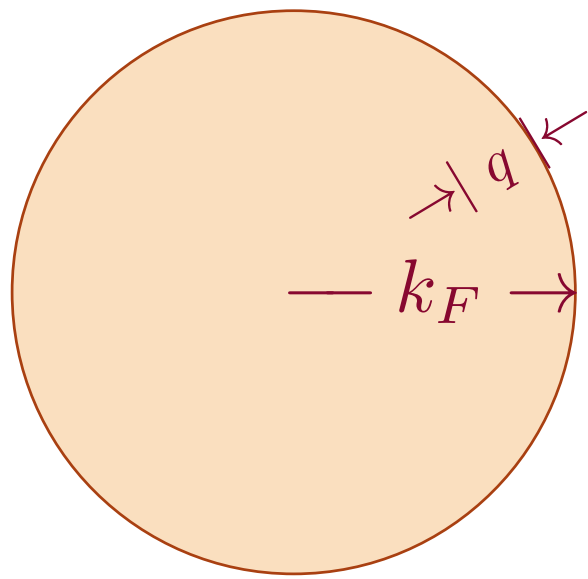
NFL Nematic QCP



- Fermi surface with $k_F^d \sim Q$.

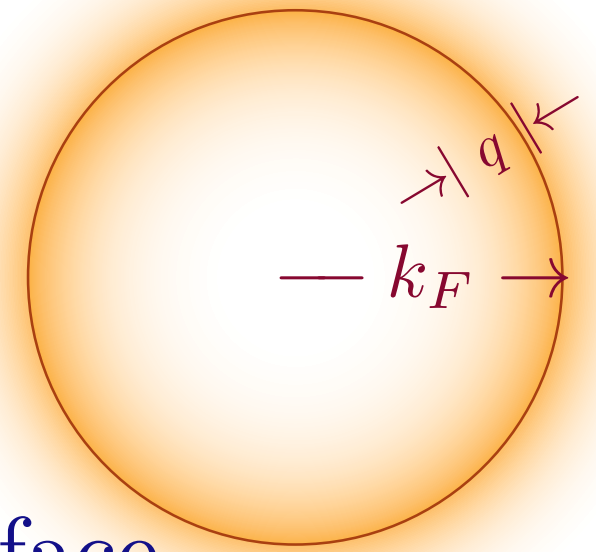


FL Fermi liquid



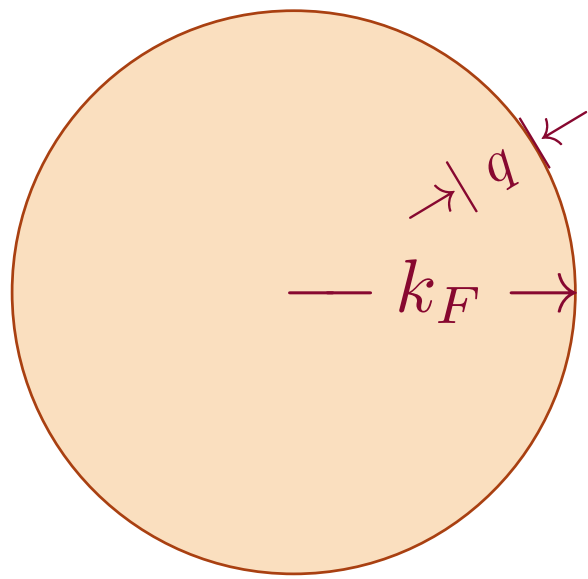
- $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density
- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.
- Entropy density $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.
- Entanglement entropy $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

NFL Nematic QCP



- Fermi surface with $k_F^d \sim Q$.
- Diffuse fermionic excitations with $z = 3/2$ to three loops.

FL Fermi liquid



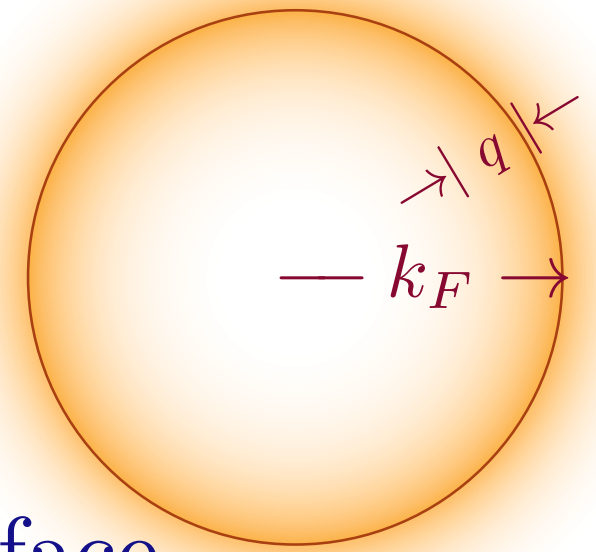
- $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density

- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.

- Entropy density $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.

- Entanglement entropy $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

NFL Nematic QCP

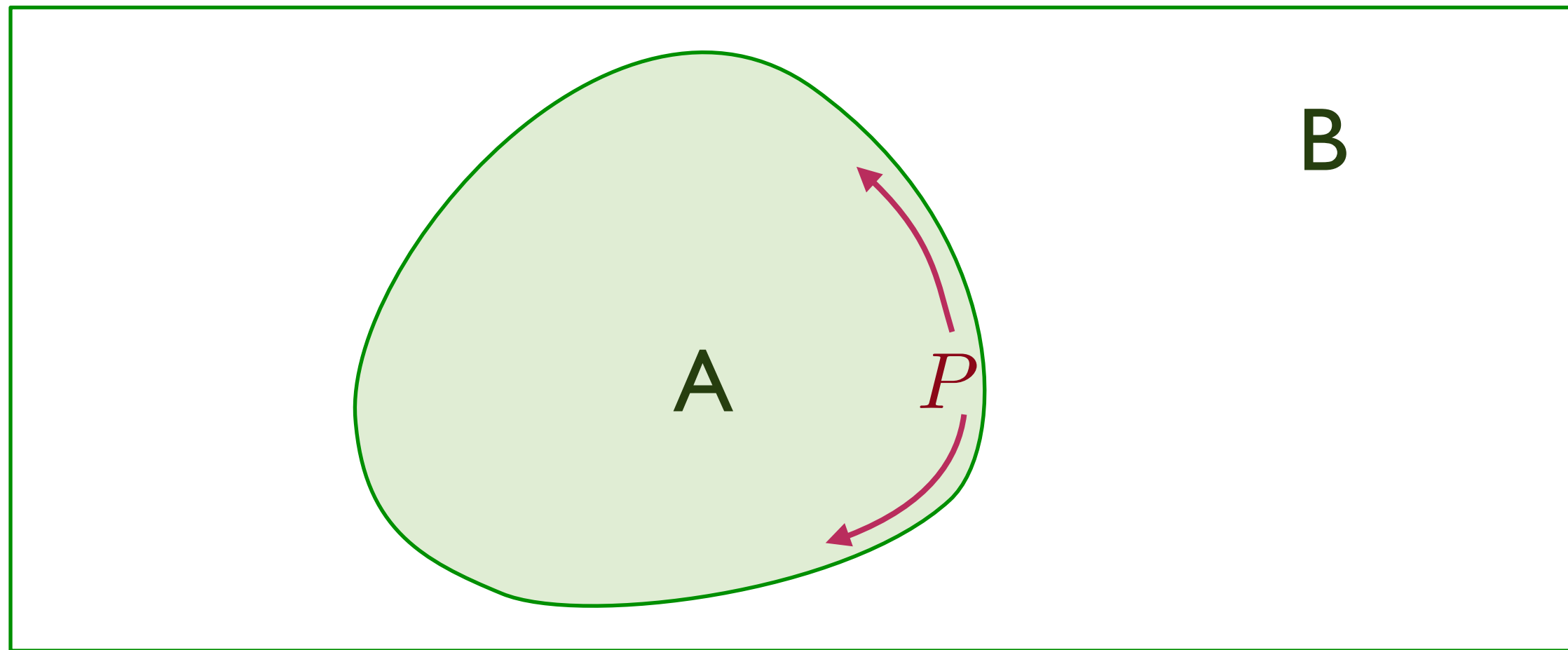


- Fermi surface with $k_F^d \sim Q$.

- Diffuse fermionic excitations with $z = 3/2$ to three loops.

- $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with $\theta = d - 1$.

Entanglement entropy of the non-Fermi liquid

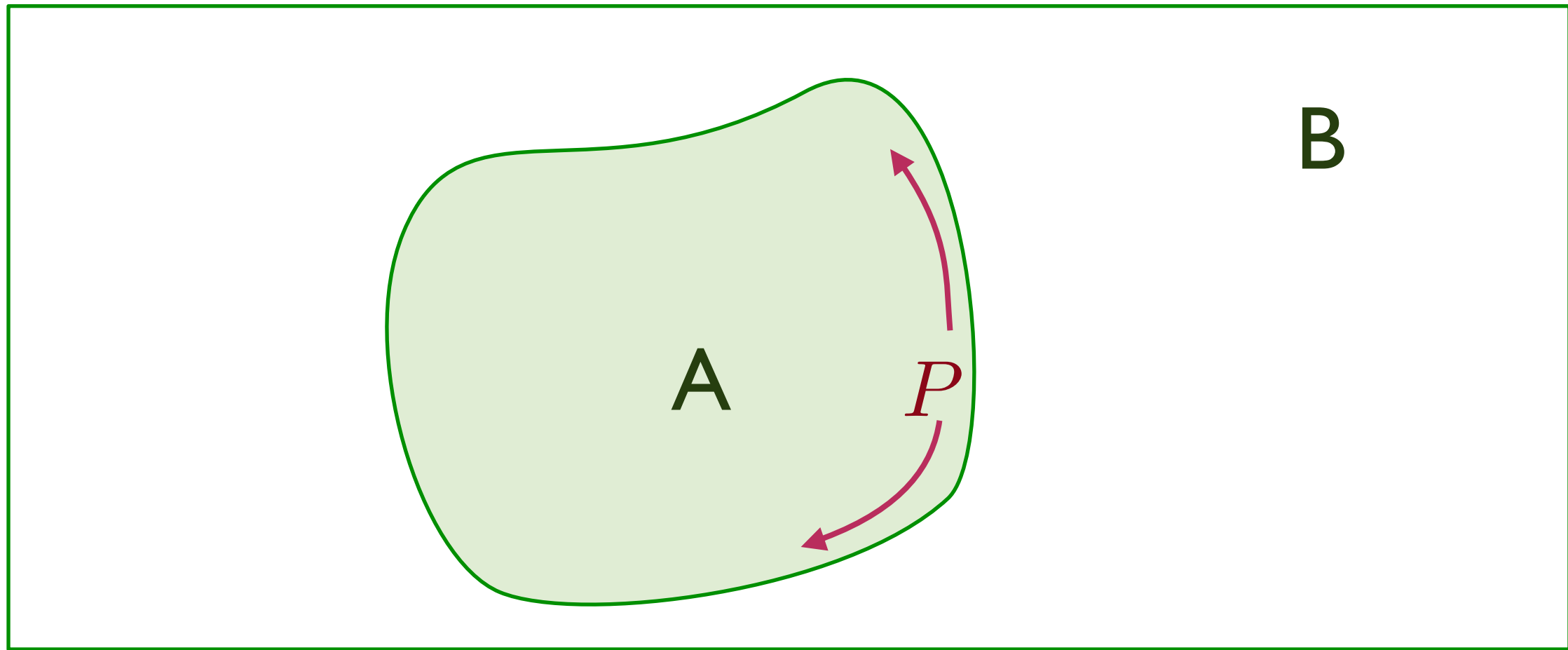


Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \mathcal{C}_E k_F P \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape.

The prefactor \mathcal{C}_E is expected to be universal but $\neq 1/12$: independent of the shape of the entangling region, and dependent only on IR features of the theory.

Entanglement entropy of the non-Fermi liquid

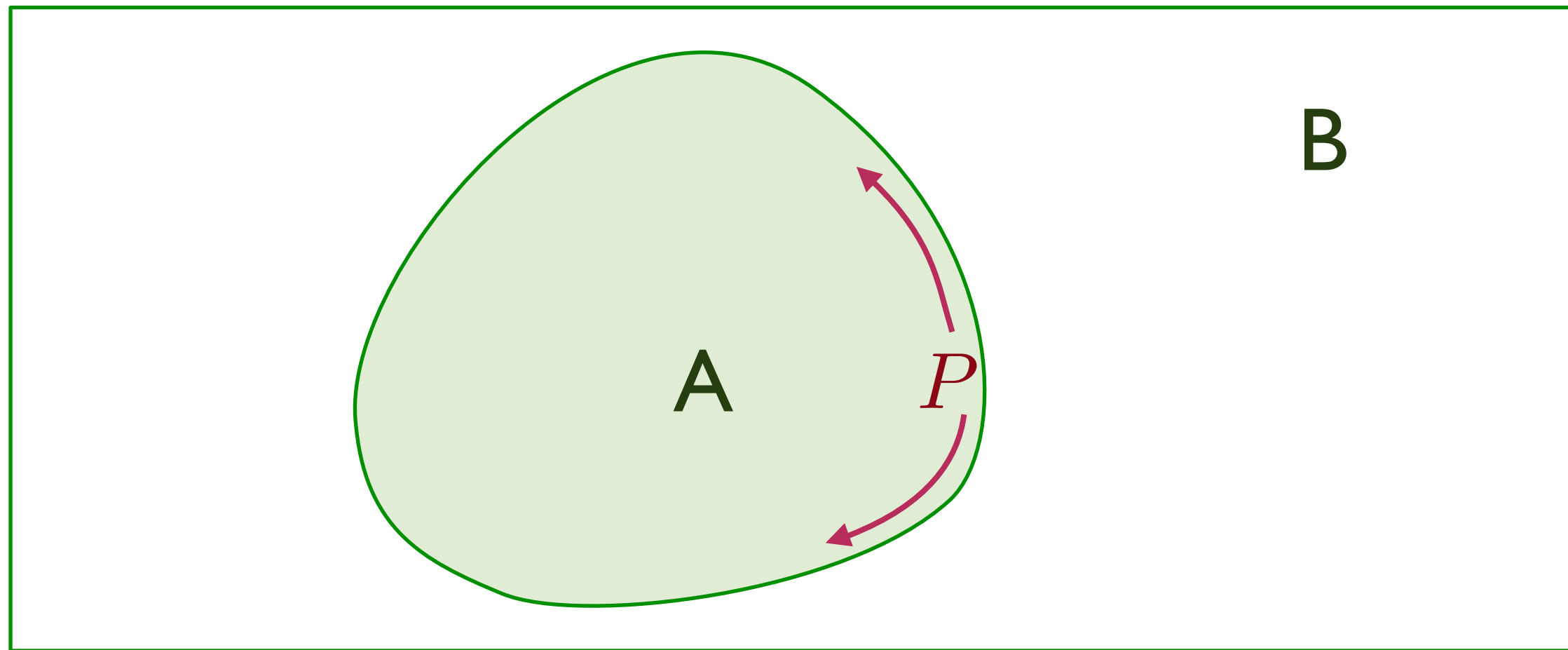


Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \mathcal{C}_E k_F P \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape.

The prefactor \mathcal{C}_E is expected to be universal but $\neq 1/12$: independent of the shape of the entangling region, and dependent only on IR features of the theory.

Entanglement entropy of the non-Fermi liquid

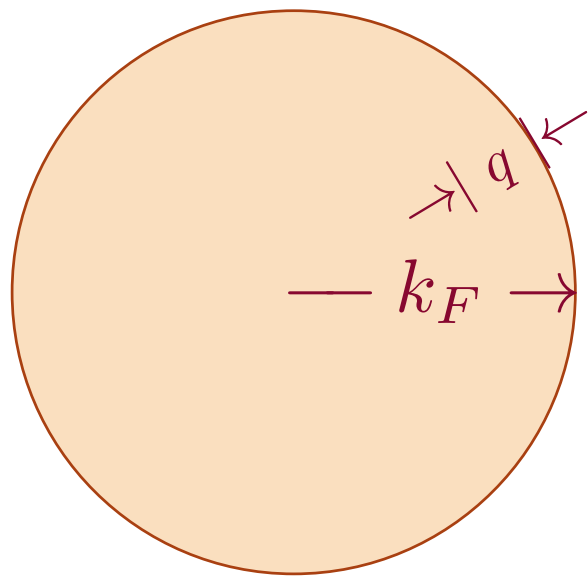


Logarithmic violation of “area law”: $S_E = \mathcal{C}_E k_F P \ln(k_F P)$

for a circular Fermi surface with Fermi momentum k_F , where P is the perimeter of region A with an arbitrary smooth shape.

The prefactor \mathcal{C}_E is expected to be universal but $\neq 1/12$: independent of the shape of the entangling region, and dependent only on IR features of the theory.

FL Fermi liquid



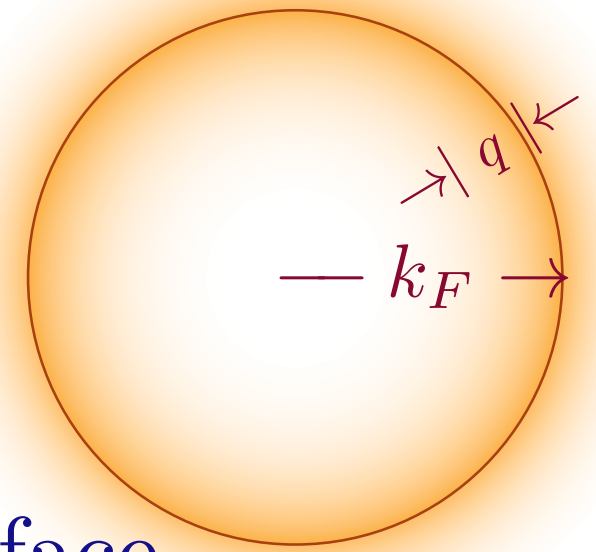
- $k_F^d \sim Q$, the fermion density

- Sharp fermionic excitations near Fermi surface with $\omega \sim |q|^z$, and $z = 1$.

- Entropy density $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with violation of hyperscaling exponent $\theta = d - 1$.

- Entanglement entropy $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

NFL Nematic QCP



- Fermi surface with $k_F^d \sim Q$.

- Diffuse fermionic excitations with $z = 3/2$ to three loops.

- $S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z}$ with $\theta = d - 1$.

- $S_E \sim k_F^{d-1} P \ln P$.

1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs
2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs
4. Holography of strange metals

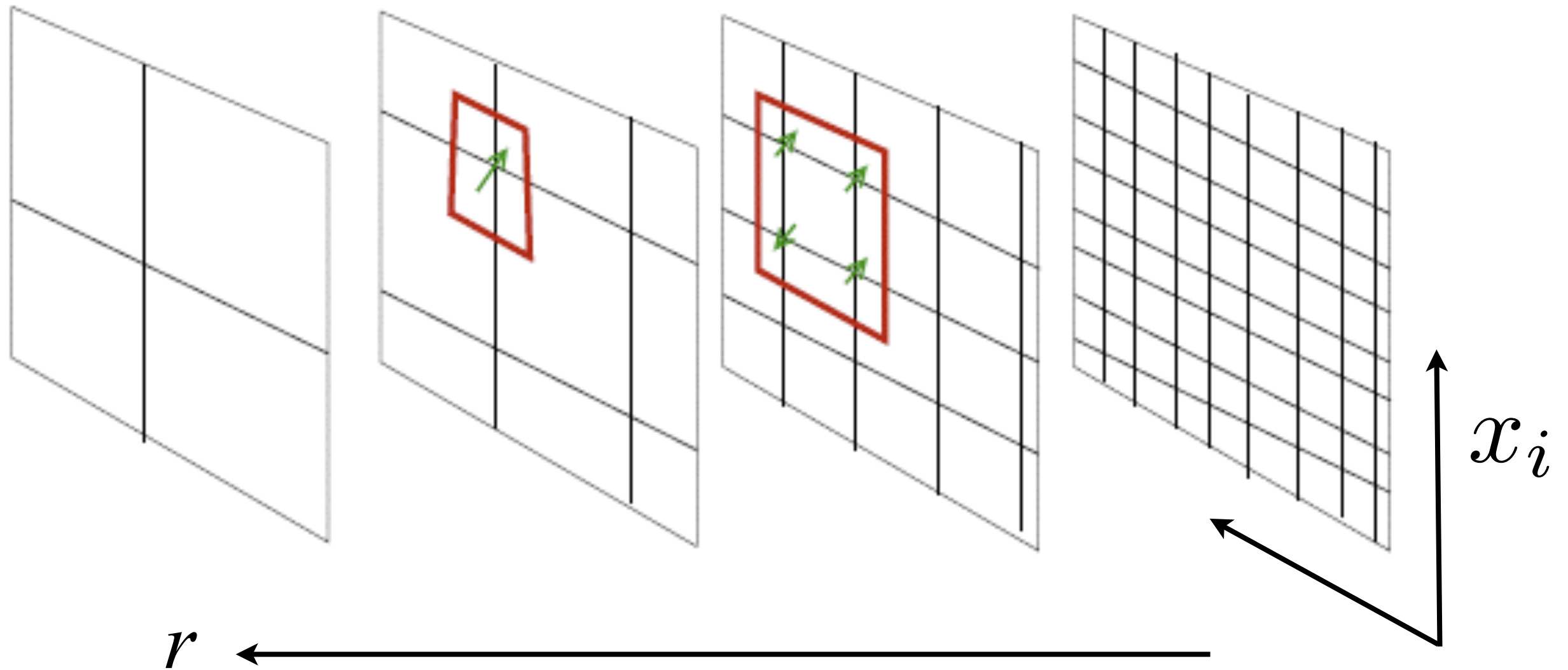
1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs

2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid

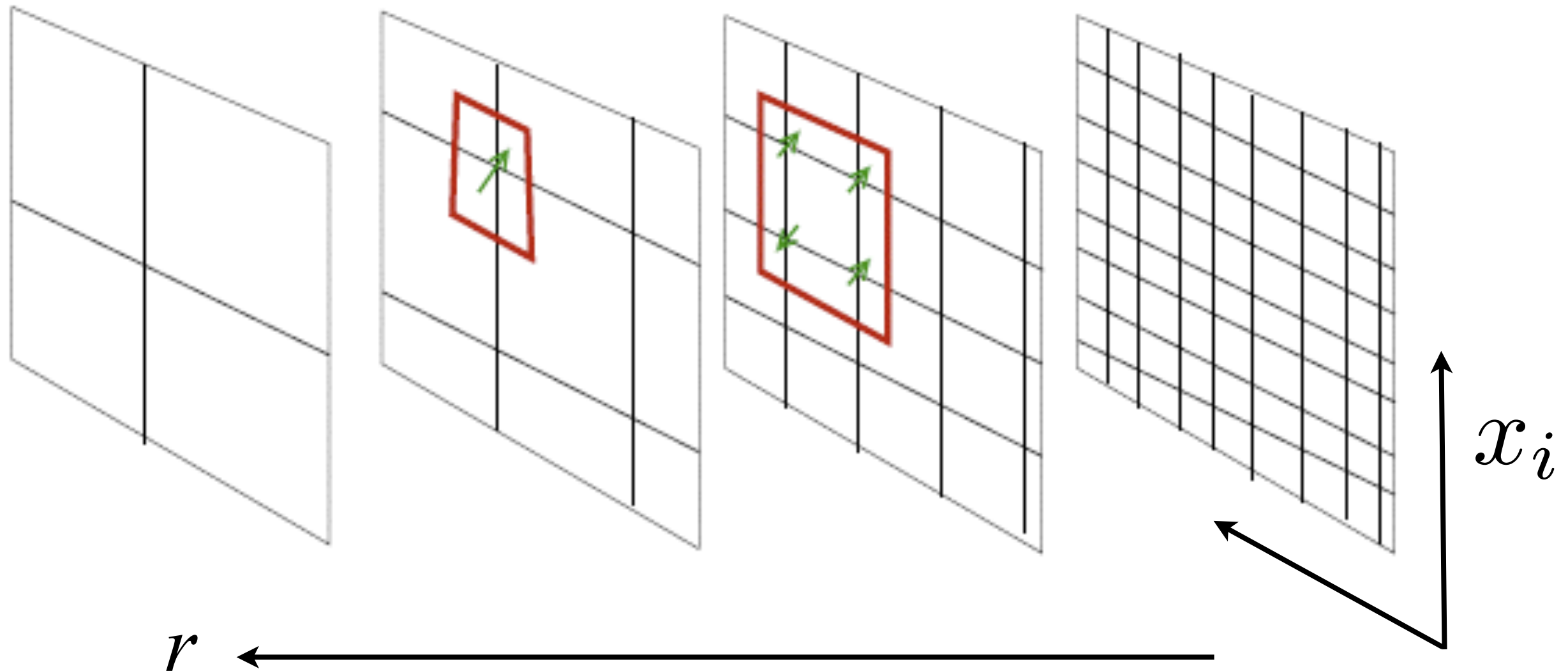
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs

4. Holography of strange metals

Generalized holography



Generalized holography

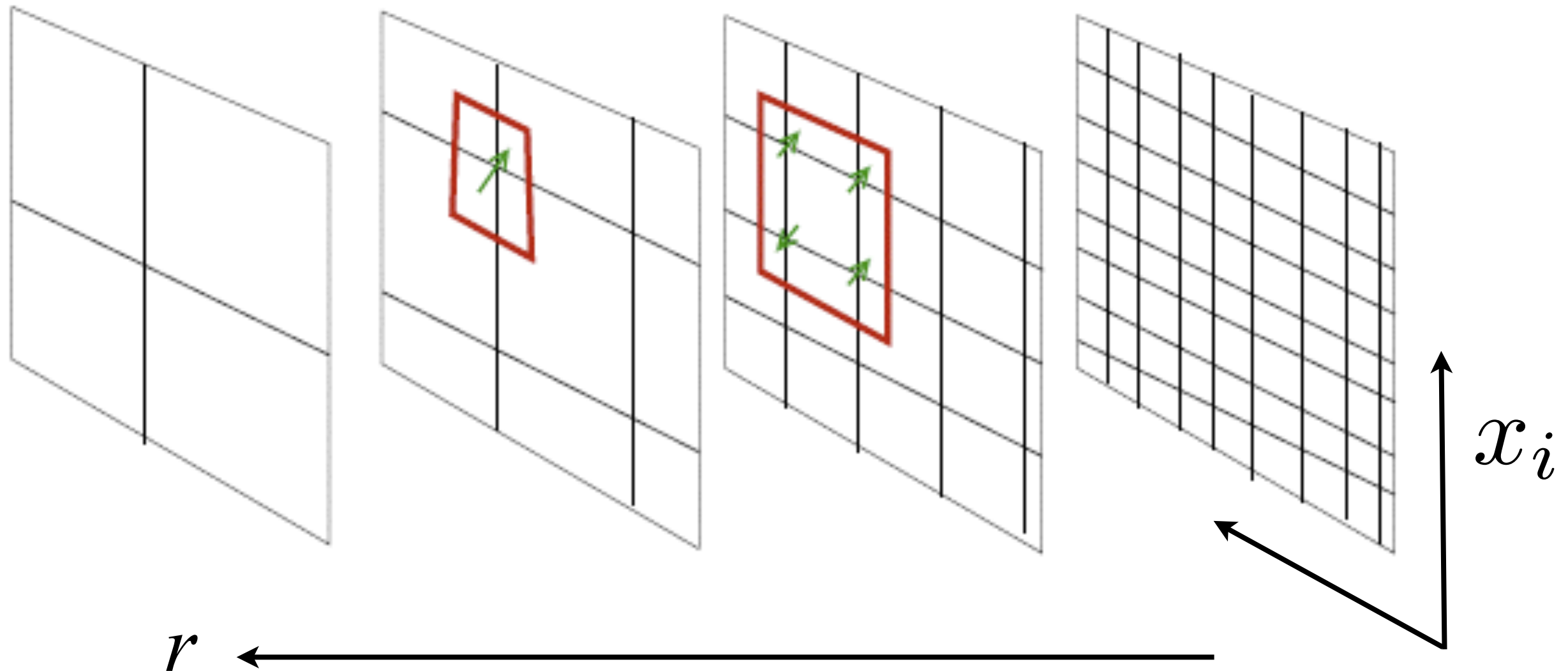


Consider a metric which transforms under rescaling as

$$x_i \rightarrow \zeta x_i, \quad t \rightarrow \zeta^z t, \quad ds \rightarrow \zeta^{\theta/d} ds.$$

Recall: conformal matter has $\theta = 0$, $z = 1$, and the metric is anti-de Sitter

Generalized holography



The most general such metric is

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

Generalized holography

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

This is the most general metric which is invariant under the scale transformation

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\rightarrow \zeta x_i \\ t &\rightarrow \zeta^z t \\ ds &\rightarrow \zeta^{\theta/d} ds. \end{aligned}$$

This identifies z as the dynamic critical exponent ($z = 1$ for “relativistic” quantum critical points). We will see shortly that θ is the violation of hyperscaling exponent.

We have used reparametrization invariance in r to define it so that it scales as

$$r \rightarrow \zeta^{(d-\theta)/d} r.$$

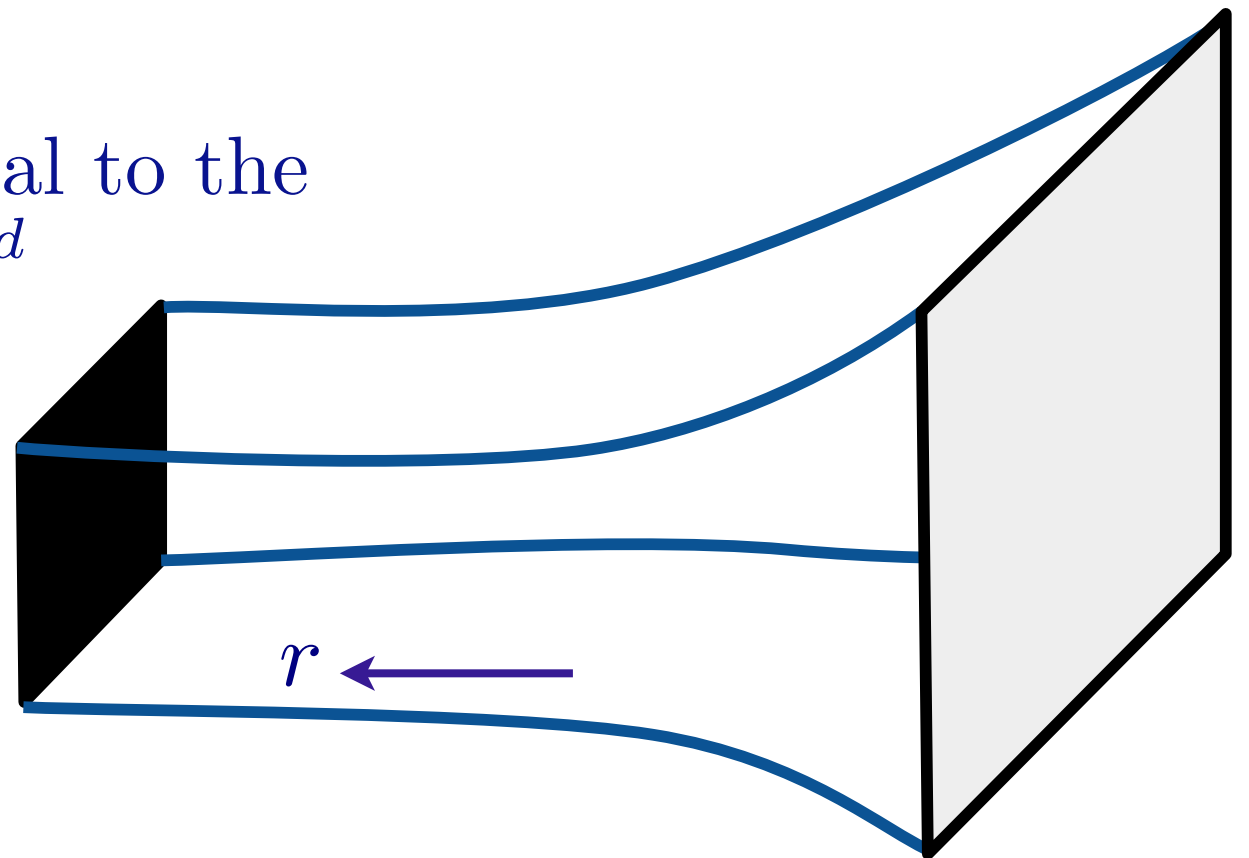
Generalized holography

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

At $T > 0$, there is a “black-brane” at $r = r_h$.

The Beckenstein-Hawking entropy of the black-brane is the thermal entropy of the quantum system $r = 0$.

The entropy density, S , is proportional to the “area” of the horizon, and so $S \sim r_h^{-d}$



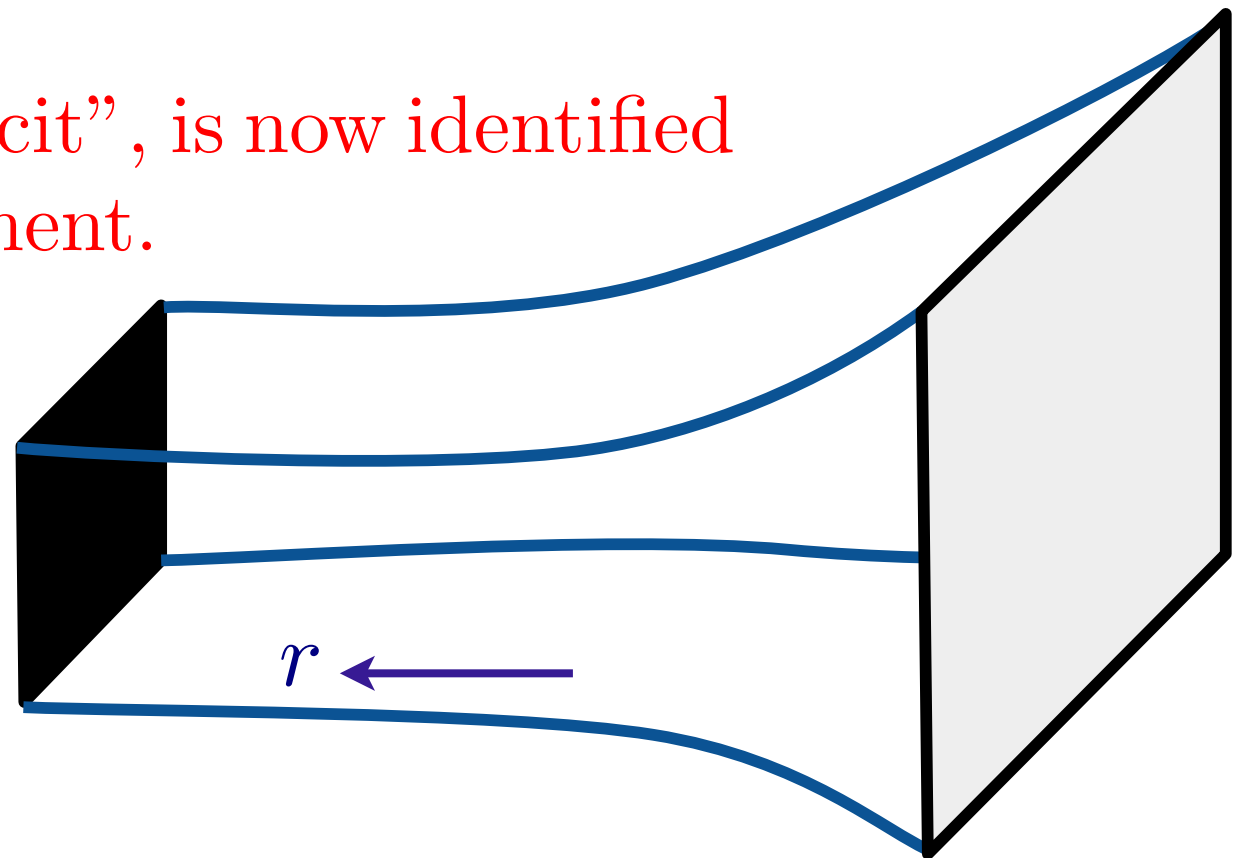
Generalized holography

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

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

$$S \sim T^{(d-\theta)/z} = T^{d_{\text{eff}}/z}$$

where $\theta = d - d_{\text{eff}}$, the “dimension deficit”, is now identified as the violation of hyperscaling exponent.



Generalized holography

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

The null energy condition (stability condition for gravity) yields a new inequality

$$z \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{d}$$

Generalized holography

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

The null energy condition (stability condition for gravity) yields a new inequality

$$z \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{d}$$

The Fermi liquid has $\theta = d - 1$ and $z = 1$: so the Fermi liquid does *not* have such a gravity dual.

Generalized holography

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

The null energy condition (stability condition for gravity) yields a new inequality

$$z \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{d}$$

The Fermi liquid has $\theta = d - 1$ and $z = 1$: so the Fermi liquid does *not* have such a gravity dual.

The non-Fermi liquid in $d = 2$ has $\theta = d - 1$, and this implies $z \geq 3/2$. So the lower bound is precisely the value obtained for the non-Fermi liquid!

N. Ogawa, T. Takayanagi, and T. Ugajin, JHEP **1201**, 125 (2012).

L. Huijse, S. Sachdev, B. Swingle, Physical Review B **85**, 035121 (2012)

Generalized holography

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

Application of the Ryu-Takayanagi minimal area formula to a dual Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory yields

$$S_E \sim \begin{cases} P & , \text{ for } \theta < d - 1 \\ P \ln P & , \text{ for } \theta = d - 1 \\ P^{\theta/(d-1)} & , \text{ for } \theta > d - 1 \end{cases} .$$

Generalized holography

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

Application of the Ryu-Takayanagi minimal area formula to a dual Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory yields

$$S_E \sim \begin{cases} P & , \text{ for } \theta < d - 1 \\ P \ln P & , \text{ for } \theta = d - 1 \\ P^{\theta/(d-1)} & , \text{ for } \theta > d - 1 \end{cases} .$$

The non-Fermi liquid has log-violation of “area law”, and this appears precisely at the correct value $\theta = d - 1$!

Generalized holography

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

Application of the Ryu-Takayanagi minimal area formula to a dual Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory yields

$$S_E \sim \begin{cases} P & , \text{ for } \theta < d - 1 \\ P \ln P & , \text{ for } \theta = d - 1 \\ P^{\theta/(d-1)} & , \text{ for } \theta > d - 1 \end{cases} .$$

The non-Fermi liquid has log-violation of “area law”, and this appears precisely at the correct value $\theta = d - 1$!

Moreover, the co-efficient of $P \ln P$ computed holographically is independent of the shape of the entangling region just as expected for a circular Fermi surface!!

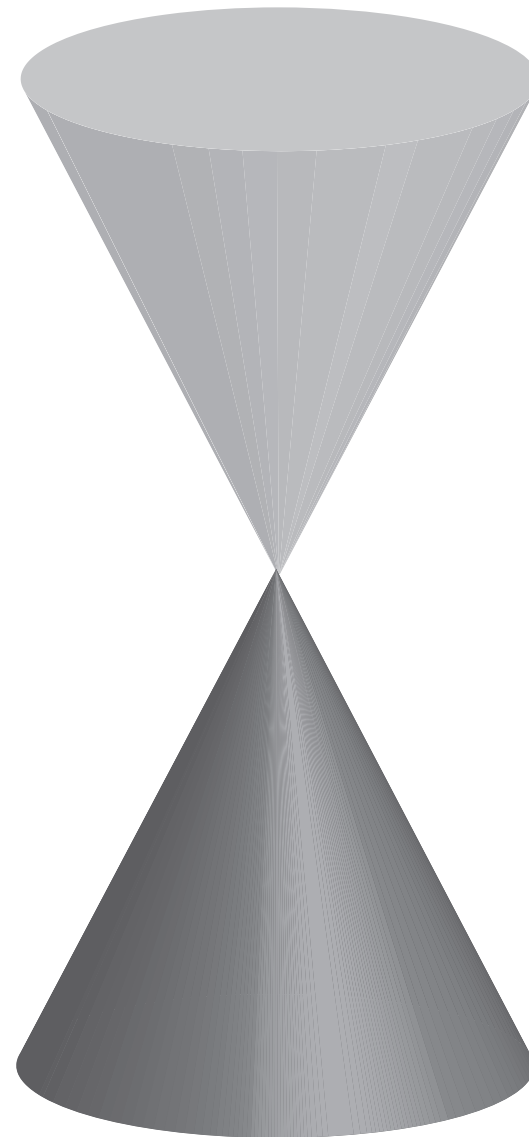
N. Ogawa, T. Takayanagi, and T. Ugajin, JHEP **1201**, 125 (2012).

L. Huijse, S. Sachdev, B. Swingle, Physical Review B **85**, 035121 (2012)

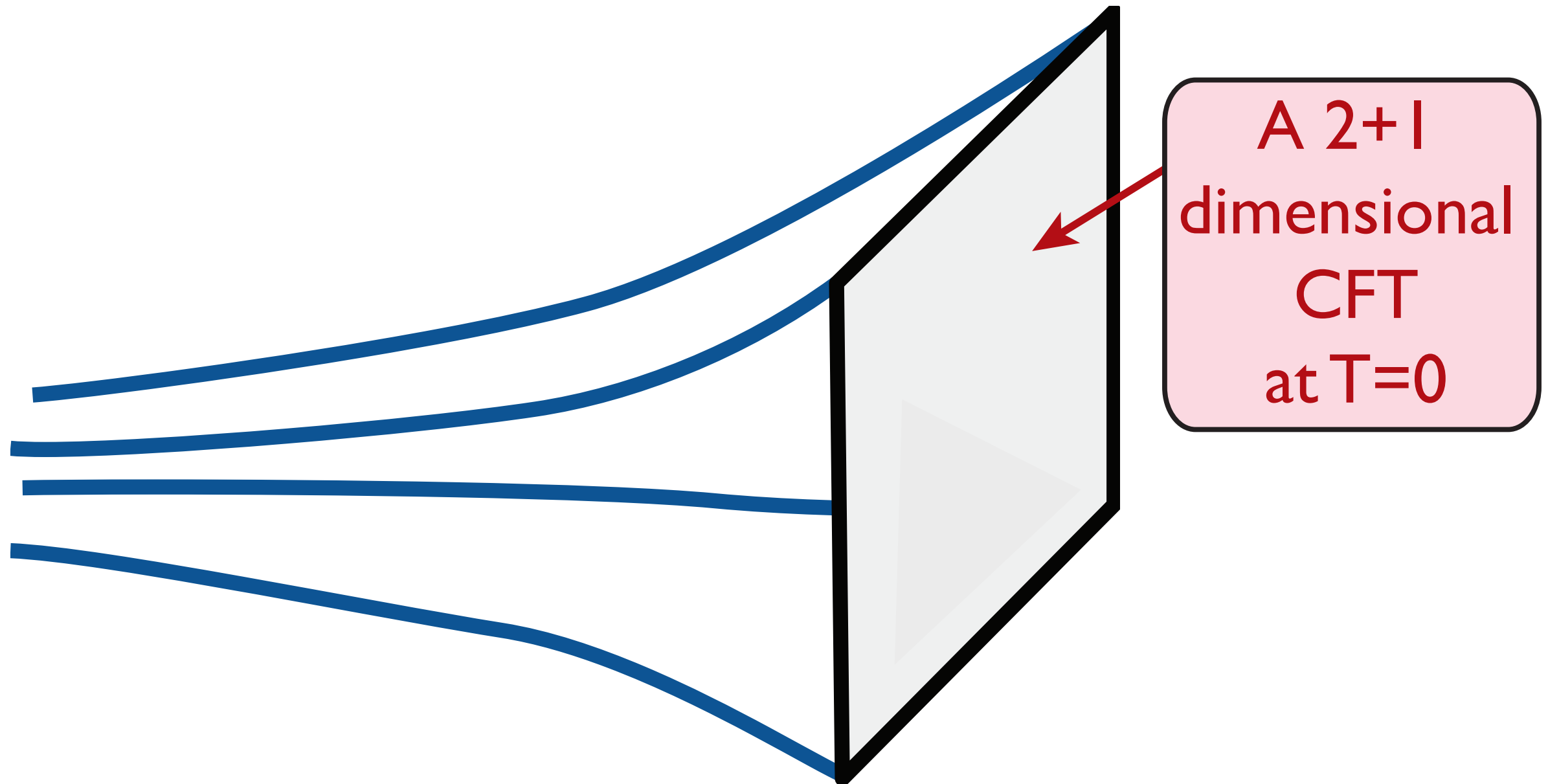
1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs
2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs
4. Holography of strange metals

1. Entanglement, holography, and CFTs
2. Field theory of a non-Fermi liquid
3. Generalized holography beyond CFTs
4. Holography of strange metals

Begin with a CFT

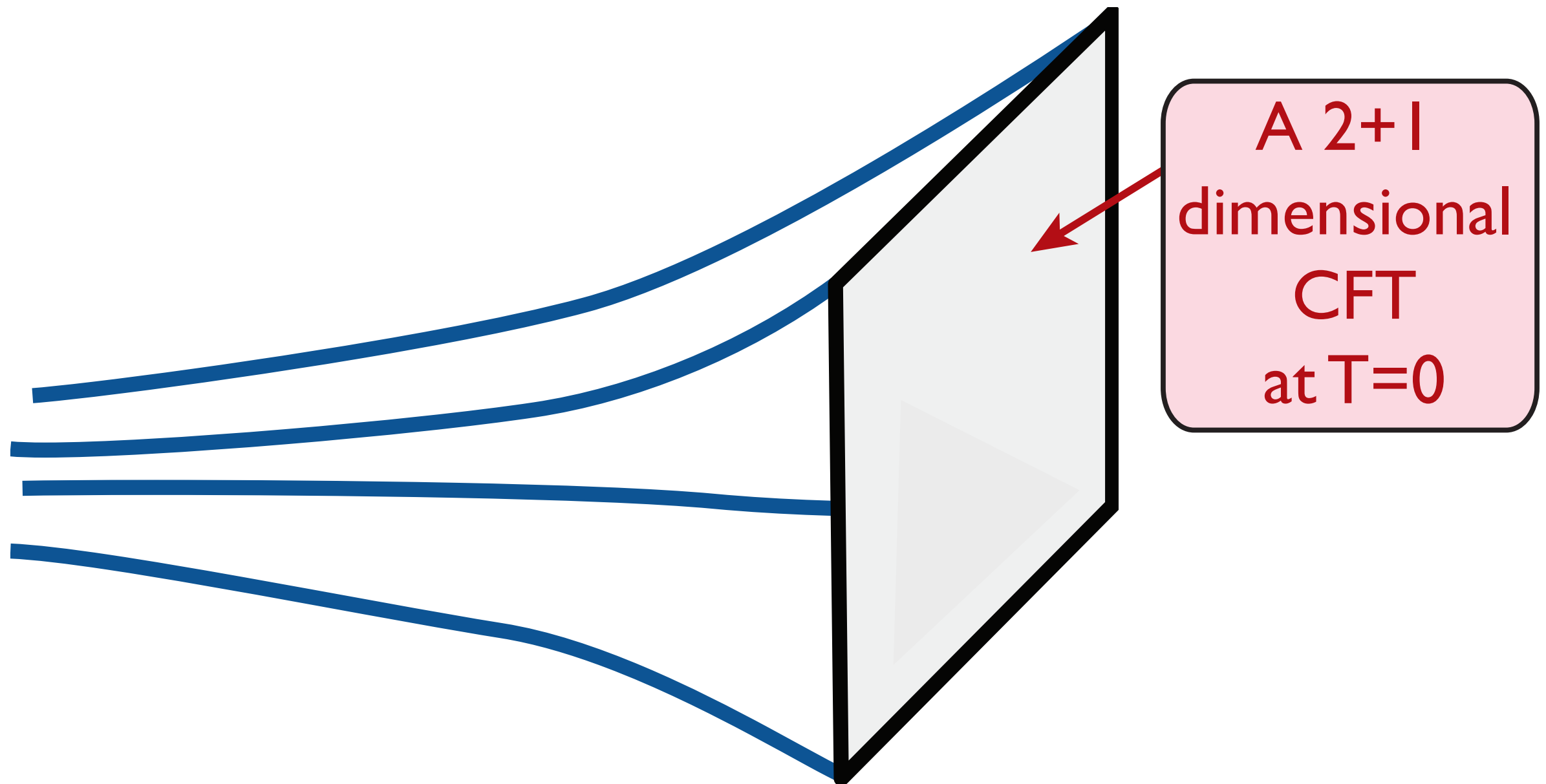


Holographic representation: AdS_4



$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right]$$

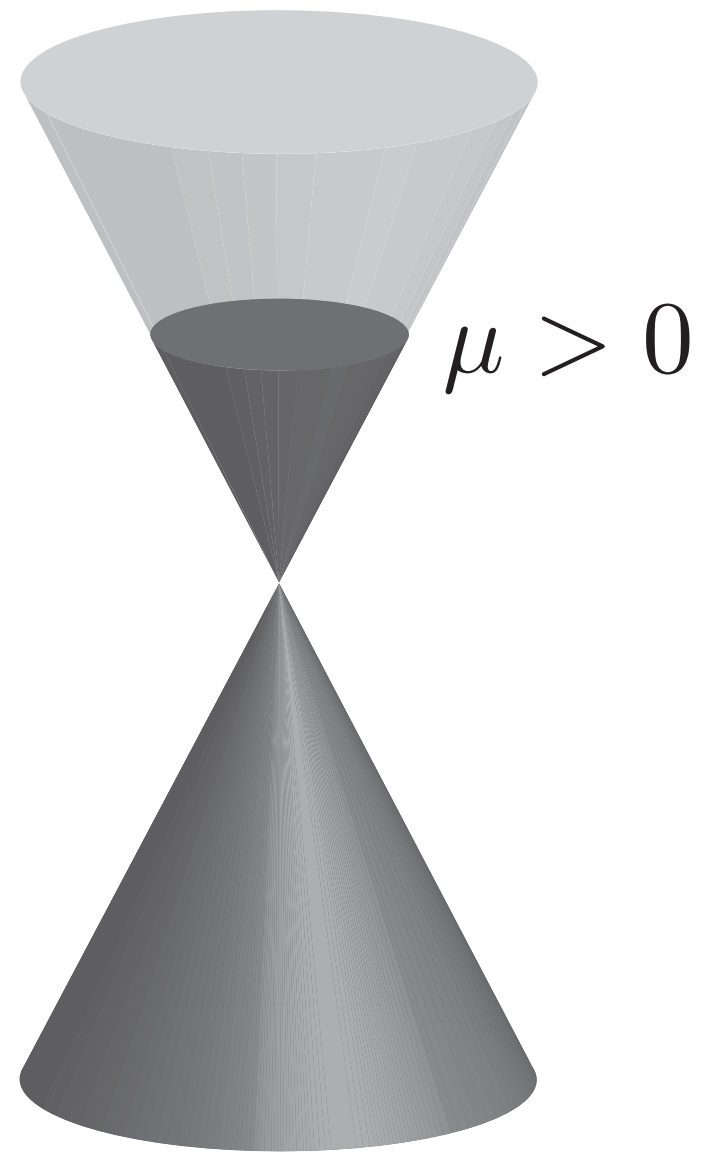
Holographic representation: AdS_4



$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2 \left[\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} - f(r)dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 \right]$$

with $f(r) = 1$

Apply a chemical potential



AdS₄ theory of “nearly perfect fluids”

To leading order in a gradient expansion, charge transport in an infinite set of strongly-interacting CFT3s can be described by Einstein-Maxwell gravity/electrodynamics on AdS₄-Schwarzschild

$$\mathcal{S}_{EM} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4g_4^2} F_{ab} F^{ab} \right] .$$

This is to be solved subject to the constraint

$$A_\mu(r \rightarrow 0, x, y, t) = \mathcal{A}_\mu(x, y, t)$$

where \mathcal{A}_μ is a source coupling to a conserved U(1) current J_μ of the CFT3

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{CFT} + i \int dx dy dt \mathcal{A}_\mu J_\mu$$

AdS₄ theory of “nearly perfect fluids”

To leading order in a gradient expansion, charge transport in an infinite set of strongly-interacting CFT3s can be described by Einstein-Maxwell gravity/electrodynamics on AdS₄-Schwarzschild

$$\mathcal{S}_{EM} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4g_4^2} F_{ab} F^{ab} \right] .$$

This is to be solved subject to the constraint

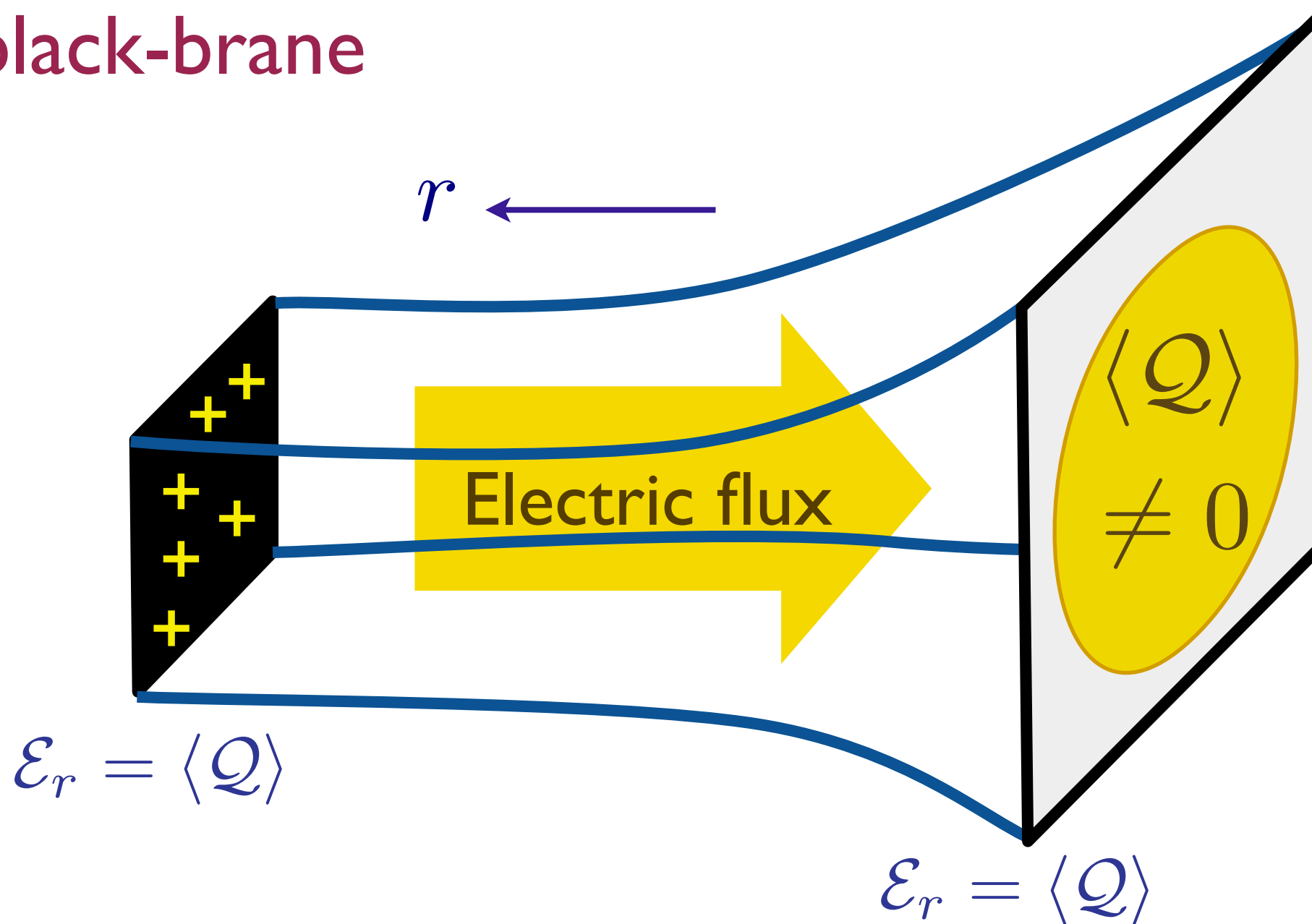
$$A_\mu(r \rightarrow 0, x, y, t) = \mathcal{A}_\mu(x, y, t)$$

where \mathcal{A}_μ is a source coupling to a conserved U(1) current J_μ of the CFT3

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{CFT} + i \int dx dy dt \mathcal{A}_\mu J_\mu$$

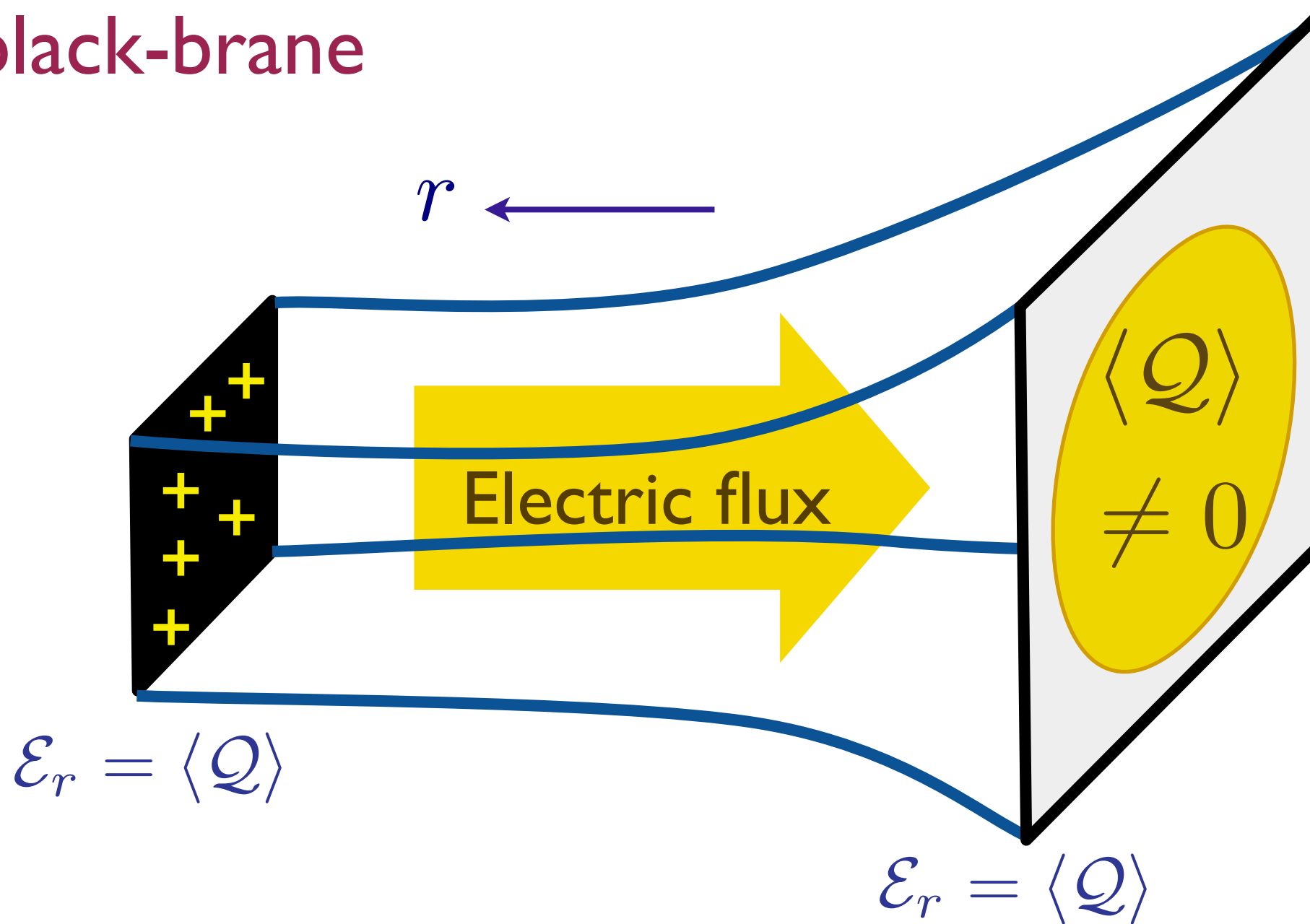
At non-zero chemical potential we simply require $\mathcal{A}_\tau = \mu$.

The Maxwell-Einstein theory of the applied chemical potential yields a AdS_4 -Reissner-Nordström black-brane



$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R + \frac{6}{L^2} \right) - \frac{1}{4g_4^2} F_{ab} F^{ab} \right]$$

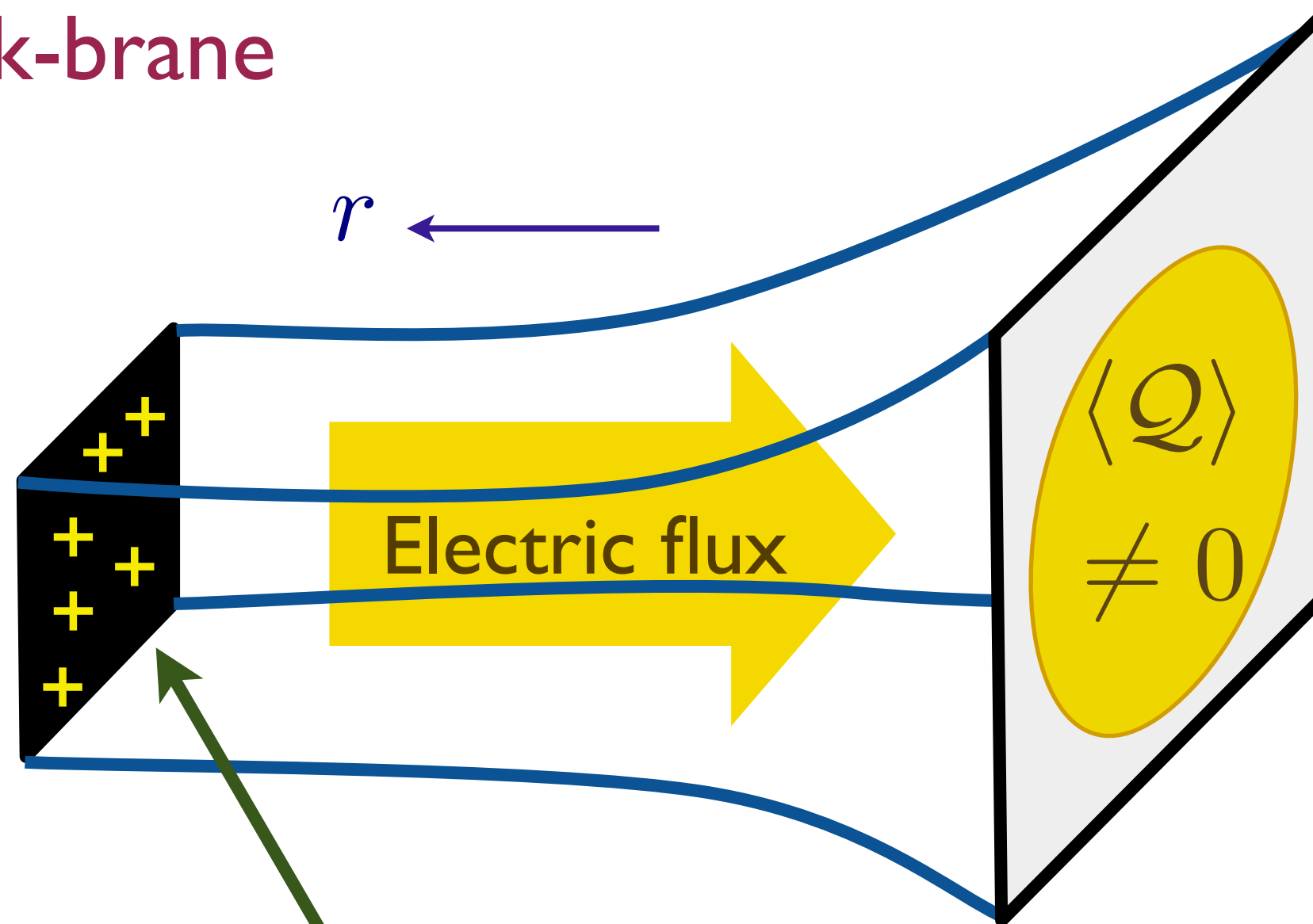
The Maxwell-Einstein theory of the applied chemical potential yields a AdS_4 -Reissner-Nordström black-brane



$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^2 \left[\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} - f(r)dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 \right]$$

$$\text{with } f(r) = \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2r}{R} + \frac{3r^2}{R^2}\right) \text{ and } R = \frac{\sqrt{6}Lg_4}{\kappa\mu}, \text{ and } A_\tau = \mu \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)$$

The Maxwell-Einstein theory of the applied chemical potential yields a AdS_4 -Reissner-Nordström black-brane



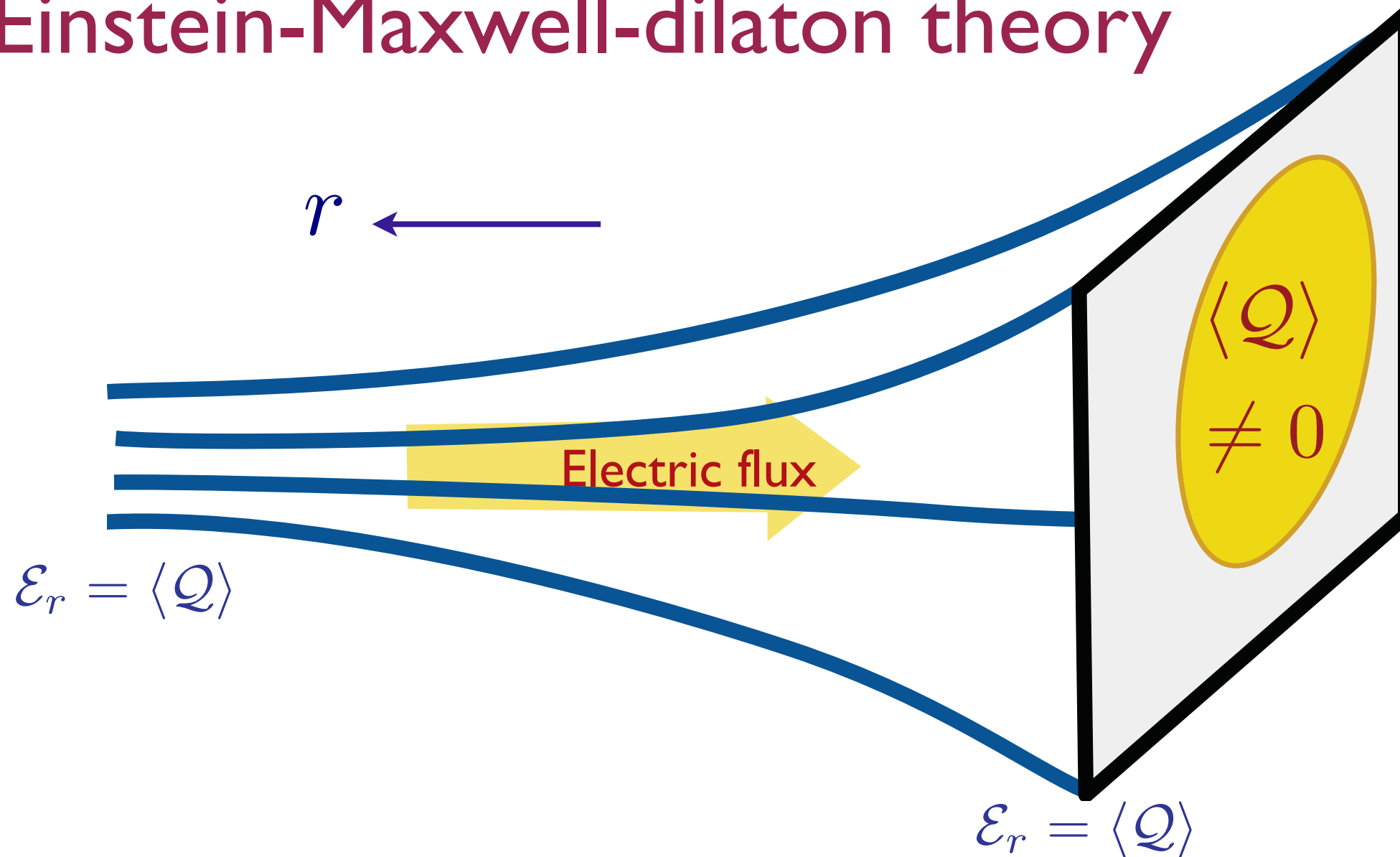
At $T = 0$, we obtain an extremal black-brane, with a near-horizon (IR) metric of $\text{AdS}_2 \times R^2$

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{6} \left(\frac{-dt^2 + dr^2}{r^2} \right) + dx^2 + dy^2$$

T. Faulkner, H. Liu,
J. McGreevy,
and D. Vegh,
arXiv:0907.2694

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton theory



$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left(R - 2(\nabla\Phi)^2 - \frac{V(\Phi)}{L^2} \right) - \frac{Z(\Phi)}{4e^2} F_{ab}F^{ab} \right]$$

with $Z(\Phi) = Z_0 e^{\alpha\Phi}$, $V(\Phi) = -V_0 e^{-\beta\Phi}$, as $\Phi \rightarrow \infty$.

C. Charmousis, B. Gouteraux, B. S. Kim, E. Kiritsis and R. Meyer, JHEP **1011**, 151 (2010).

S. S. Gubser and F. D. Rocha, Phys. Rev. D **81**, 046001 (2010).

N. Iizuka, N. Kundu, P. Narayan and S. P. Trivedi, arXiv:1105.1162 [hep-th].

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

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

The $r \rightarrow \infty$ limit of the metric of the Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton (EMD) theory has the most general form with

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{d^2 \beta}{\alpha + (d-1)\beta} \\ z &= 1 + \frac{\theta}{d} + \frac{8(d(d-\theta) + \theta)^2}{d^2(d-\theta)\alpha^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

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

Computation of the entanglement entropy in the EMD theory via the Ryu-Takayanagi formula for $\theta = d - 1$ yields

$$\mathcal{S}_E = \mathcal{C}_E Q^{(d-1)/d} P \ln P$$

where \mathcal{C}_E is independent of UV details.

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

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

Computation of the entanglement entropy in the EMD theory via the Ryu-Takayanagi formula for $\theta = d - 1$ yields

$$\mathcal{S}_E = \mathcal{C}_E \mathcal{Q}^{(d-1)/d} P \ln P$$

where \mathcal{C}_E is independent of UV details.

This is precisely as expected for a Fermi surface, when combined with the Luttinger theorem!

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

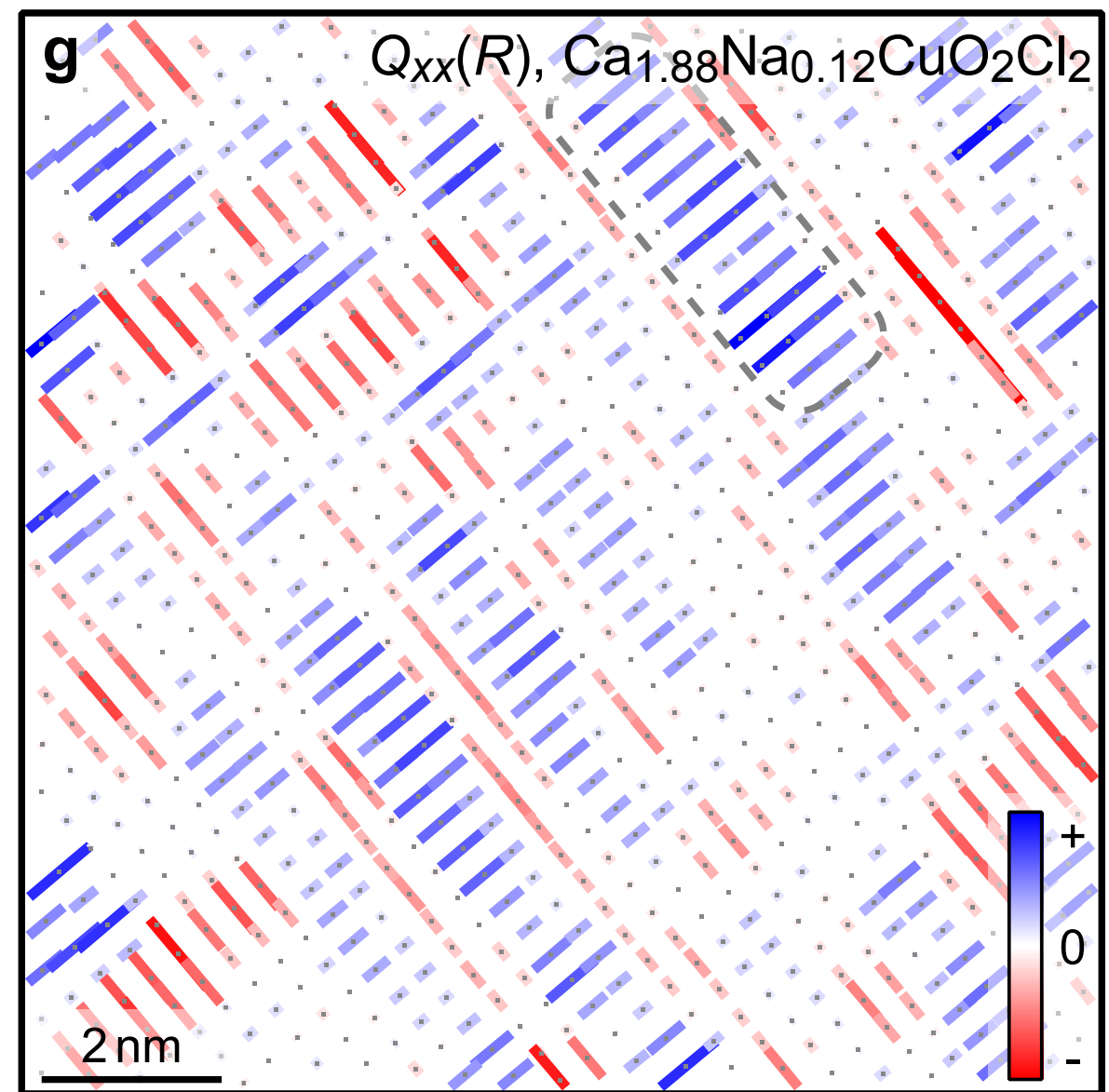
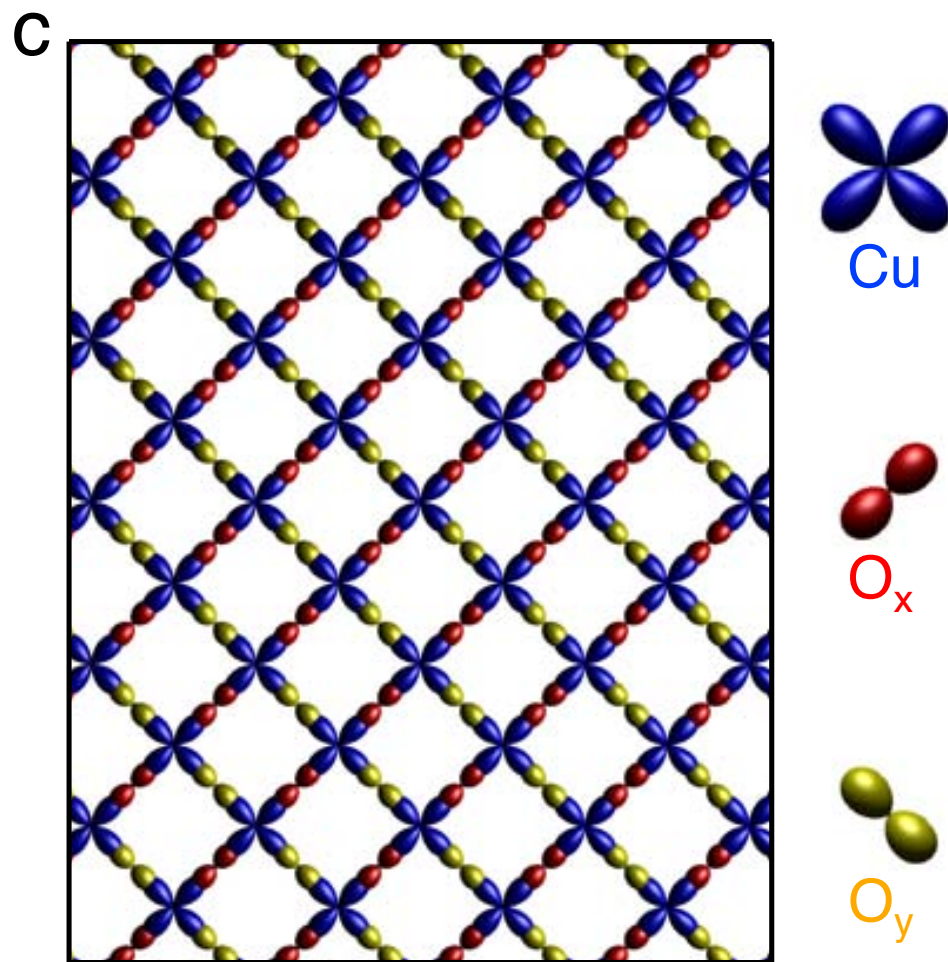
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(-\frac{dt^2}{r^{2d(z-1)/(d-\theta)}} + r^{2\theta/(d-\theta)} dr^2 + dx_i^2 \right)$$

To relax momentum, add a ‘random-field’ coupling to the field operator \mathcal{O} :

$$\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} + \int d^d r d\tau h(r) \mathcal{O}(r, \tau) \quad \text{with } \overline{h(r)} = 0 \text{ and } \overline{h(r)h(r')} = h_0^2 \delta^d(r - r')$$

Visualization of the emergence of the pseudogap state and the evolution to superconductivity in a lightly hole-doped Mott insulator

Y. Kohsaka, T. Hanaguri, M. Azuma, M. Takano, J. C. Davis, and H. Takagi
Nature Physics, 8, 534 (2012).



Evidence for “nematic” order (*i.e.* breaking of 90° rotation symmetry) in $\text{Ca}_{1.88}\text{Na}_{0.12}\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

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

To relax momentum, add a ‘random-field’ coupling to the field operator \mathcal{O} :

$$\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} + \int d^d r d\tau h(r) \mathcal{O}(r, \tau) \quad \text{with } \overline{h(r)} = 0 \text{ and } \overline{h(r)h(r')} = h_0^2 \delta^d(r - r')$$

Holography of a non-Fermi liquid

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

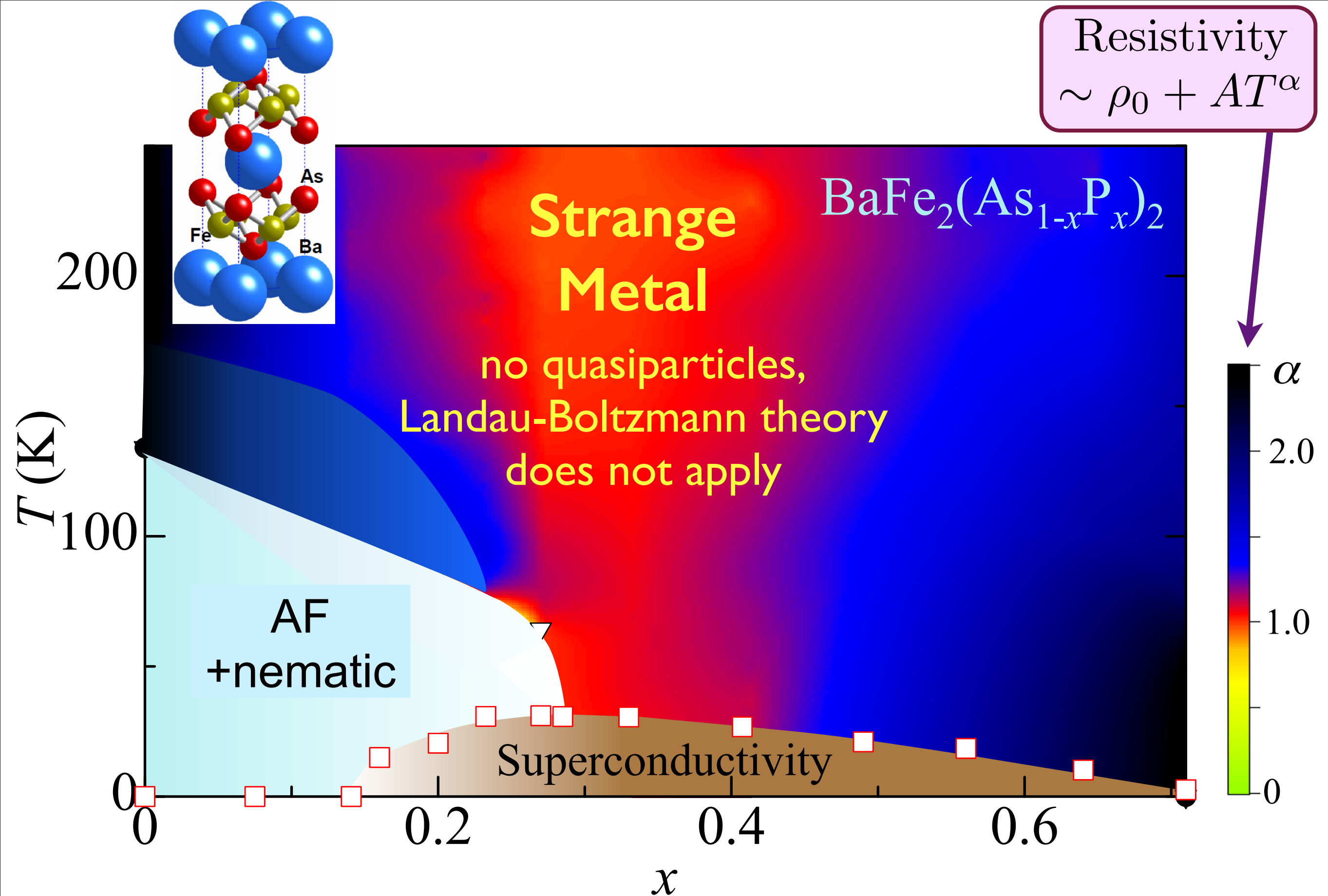
To relax momentum, add a ‘random-field’ coupling to the field operator \mathcal{O} :

$$\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} + \int d^d r d\tau h(r) \mathcal{O}(r, \tau) \quad \text{with } \overline{h(r)} = 0 \text{ and } \overline{h(r)h(r')} = h_0^2 \delta^d(r - r')$$

Solution of Einstein-Maxwell equations for small h_0 yields the resistivity

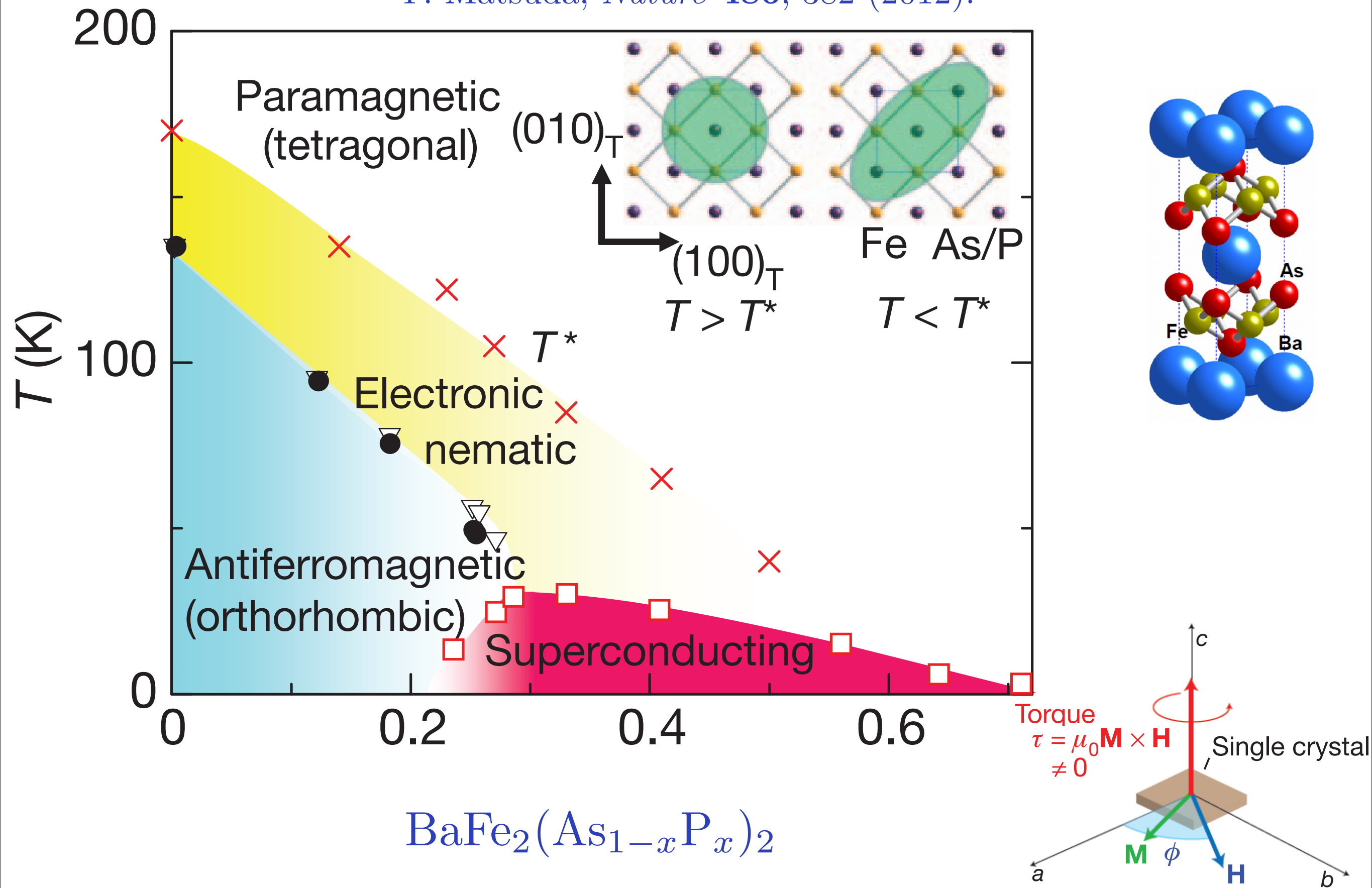
$$\rho(T) \sim h_0^2 T^{(d-z+\eta)/z},$$

where $\dim[\mathcal{O}] = (d + z - 2 + \eta)/2$. This agrees with the *memory function* computation of the bosonic contribution of the “standard model” field theory. The crossover at higher energies to the Wilson-Fisher CFT (with $z = 1$, $\eta \approx 0$) yields $\rho(T) \sim T$.



S. Kasahara, T. Shibauchi, K. Hashimoto, K. Ikada, S. Tonegawa, R. Okazaki, H. Shishido,
H. Ikeda, H. Takeya, K. Hirata, T. Terashima, and Y. Matsuda,
Physical Review B **81**, 184519 (2010)

S. Kasahara, H.J. Shi, K. Hashimoto, S. Tonegawa, Y. Mizukami,
T. Shibauchi, K. Sugimoto, T. Fukuda, T. Terashima, A.H. Nevidomskyy, and
Y. Matsuda, *Nature* **486**, 382 (2012).



- Strongly-coupled quantum criticality leads to a novel regime of quantum dynamics without quasiparticles.
- The simplest examples are conformal field theories in $2+1$ dimensions, realized by ultracold atoms in optical lattices.
- Holographic theories provide an excellent quantitative description of quantum Monte Carlo studies of quantum-critical boson models
- Exciting recent progress on the description of transport in metallic states without quasiparticles, via field theory and holography