

# Entanglement, holography, and strange metals

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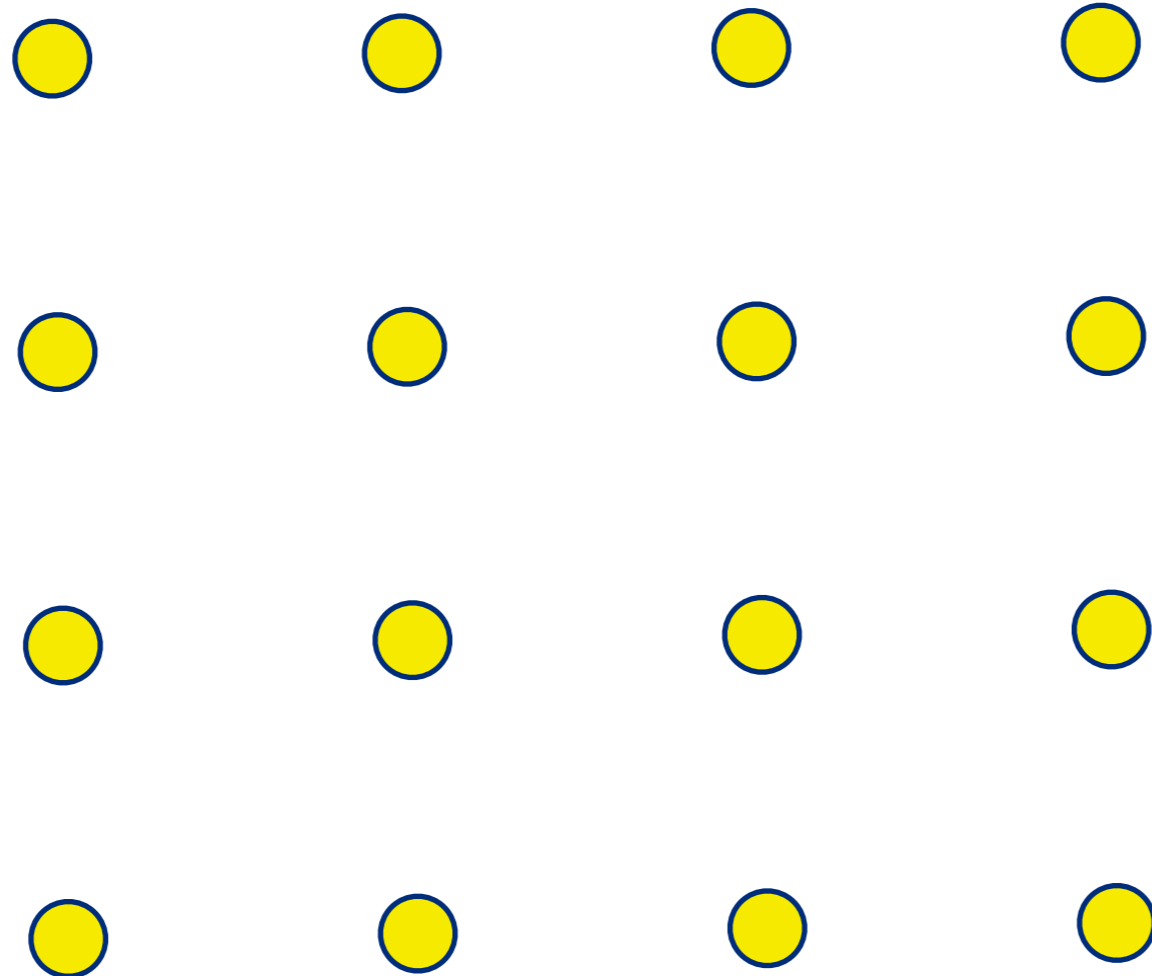
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Another familiar compressible state is  
the **superfluid**.

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Condensate of  
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The only compressible phase of traditional condensed matter physics which does not break the translational or  $U(1)$  symmetries is the Landau Fermi liquid

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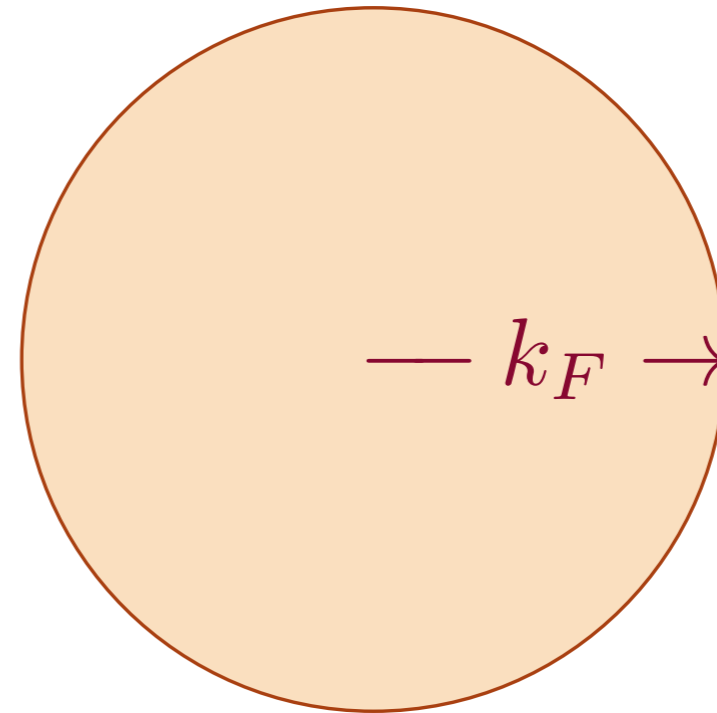
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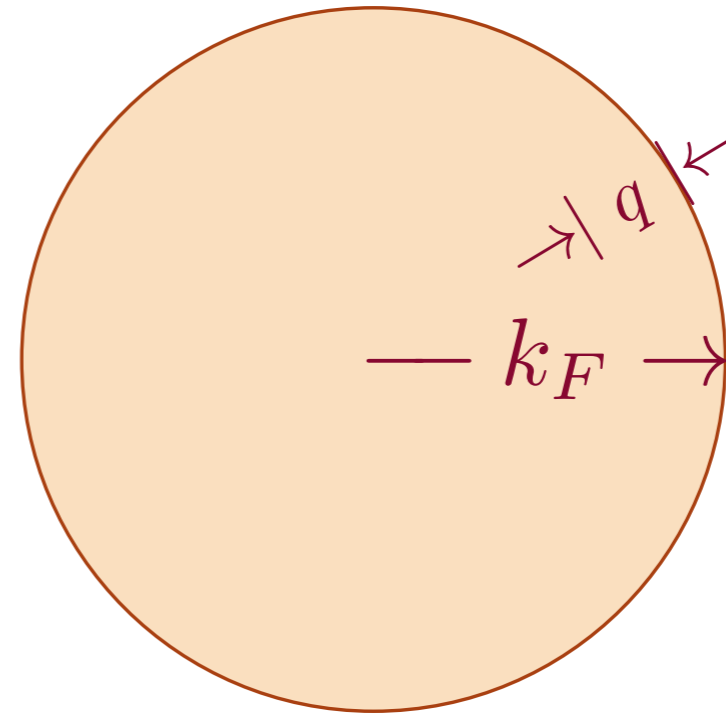


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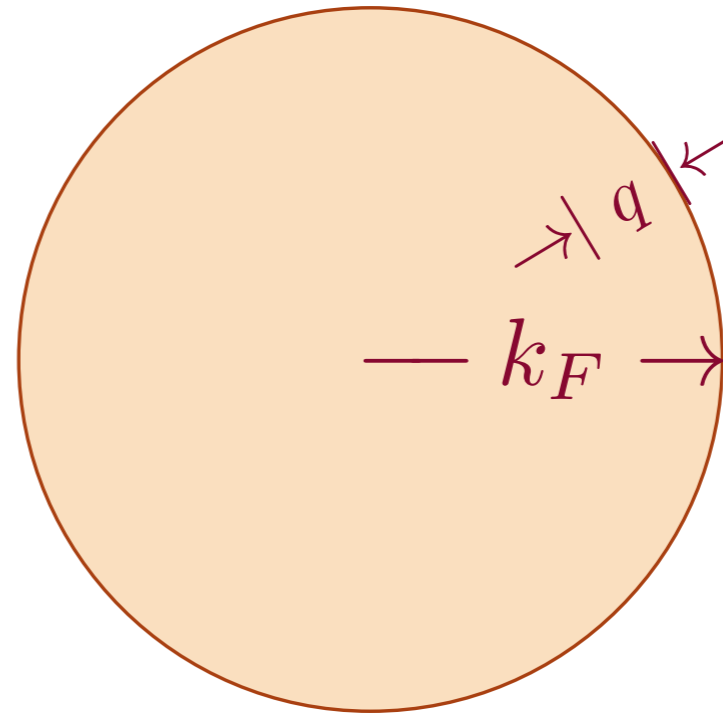


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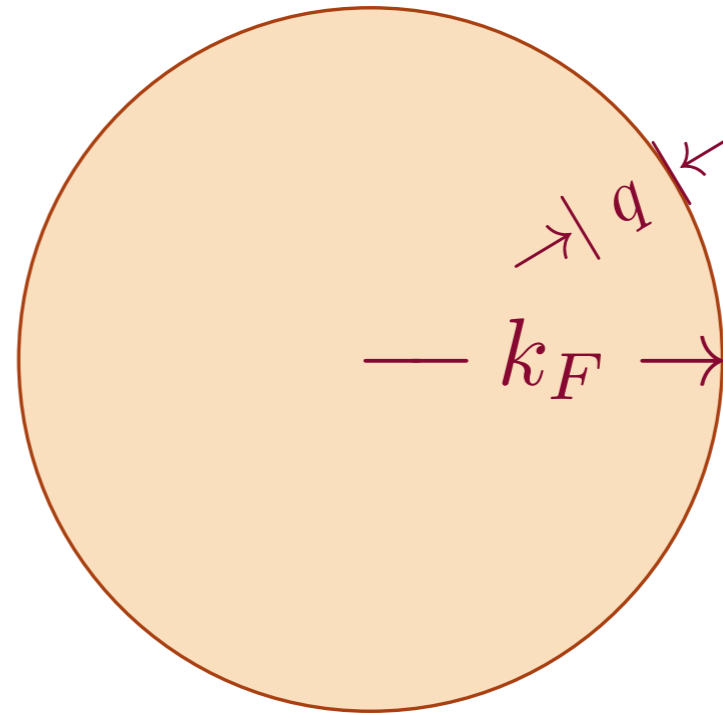
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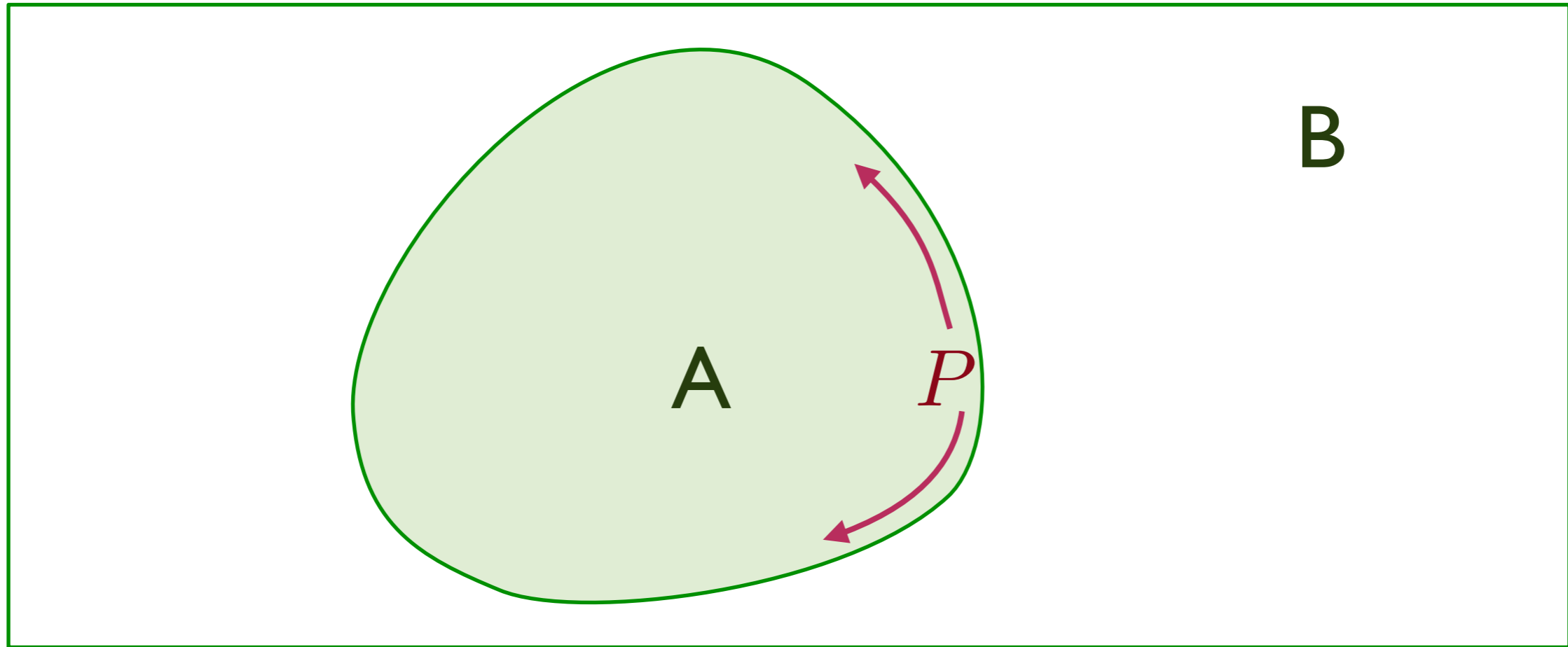
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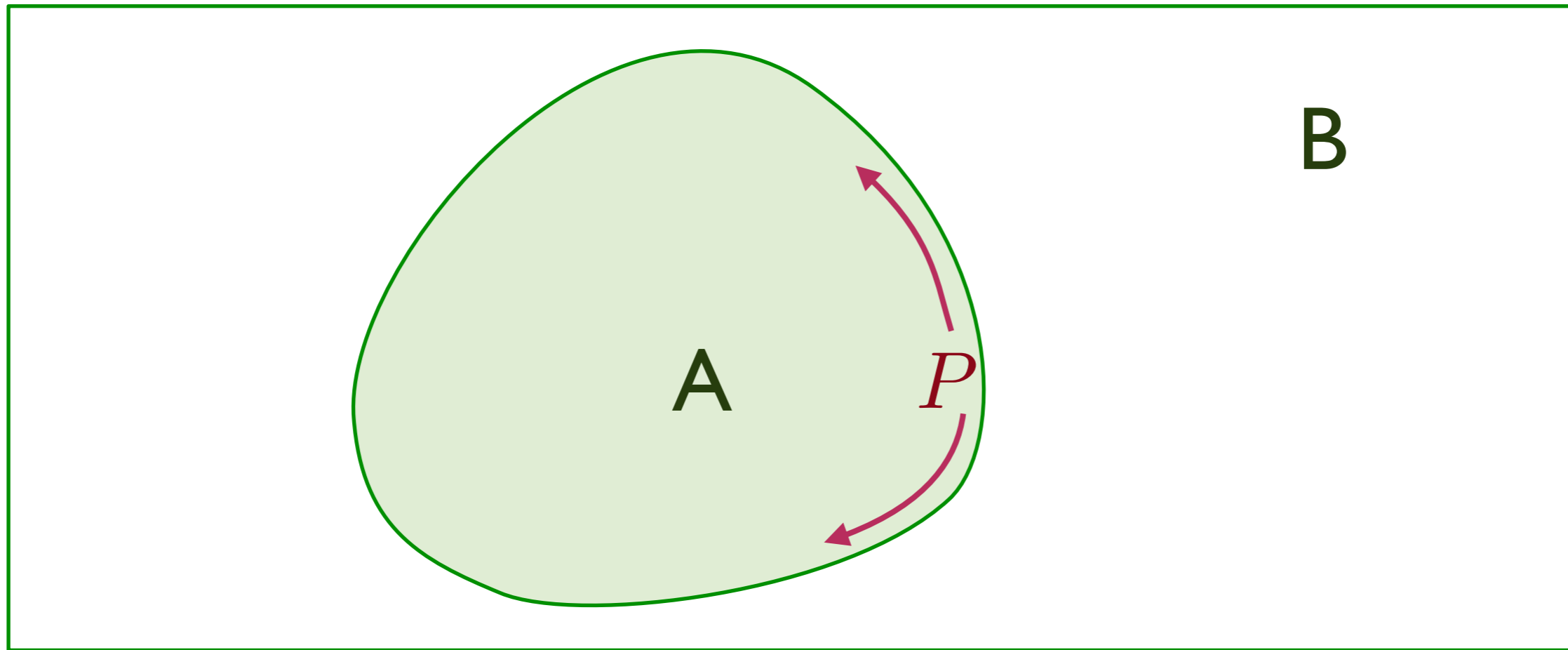
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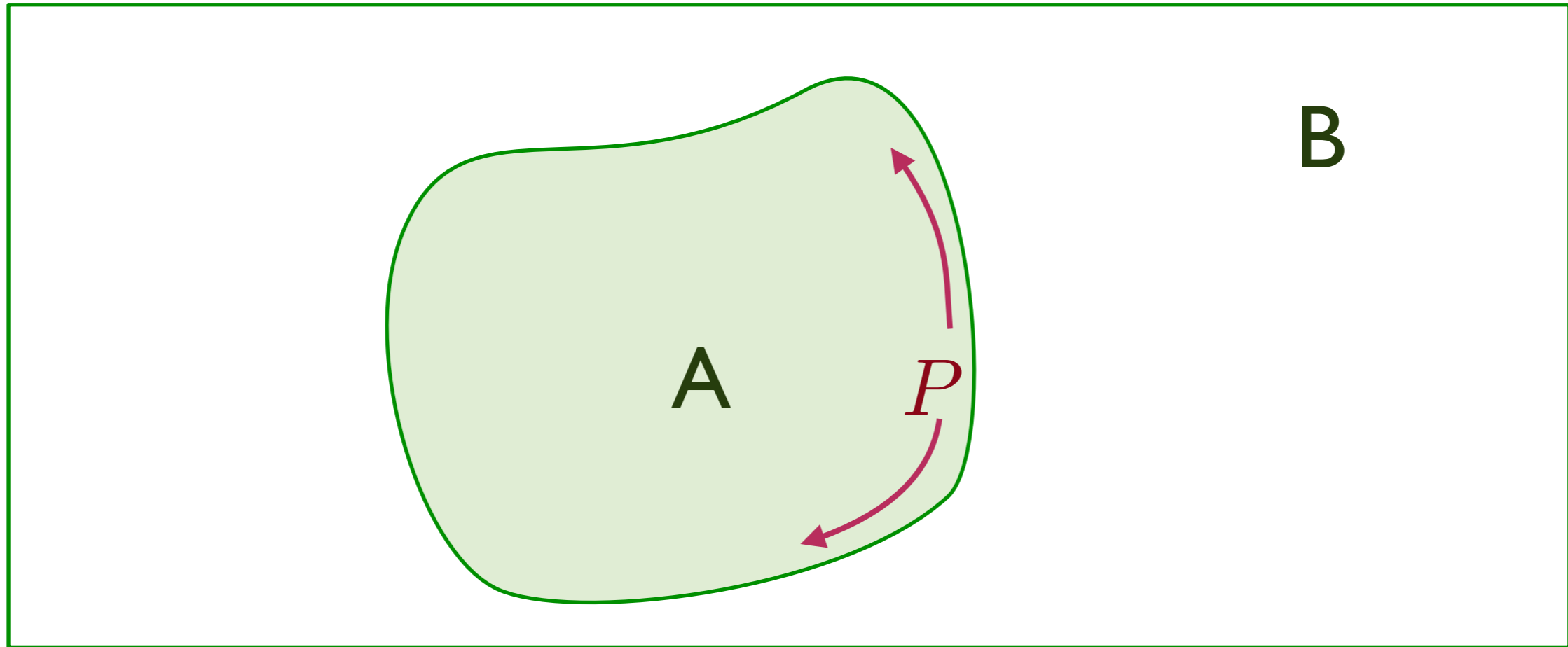
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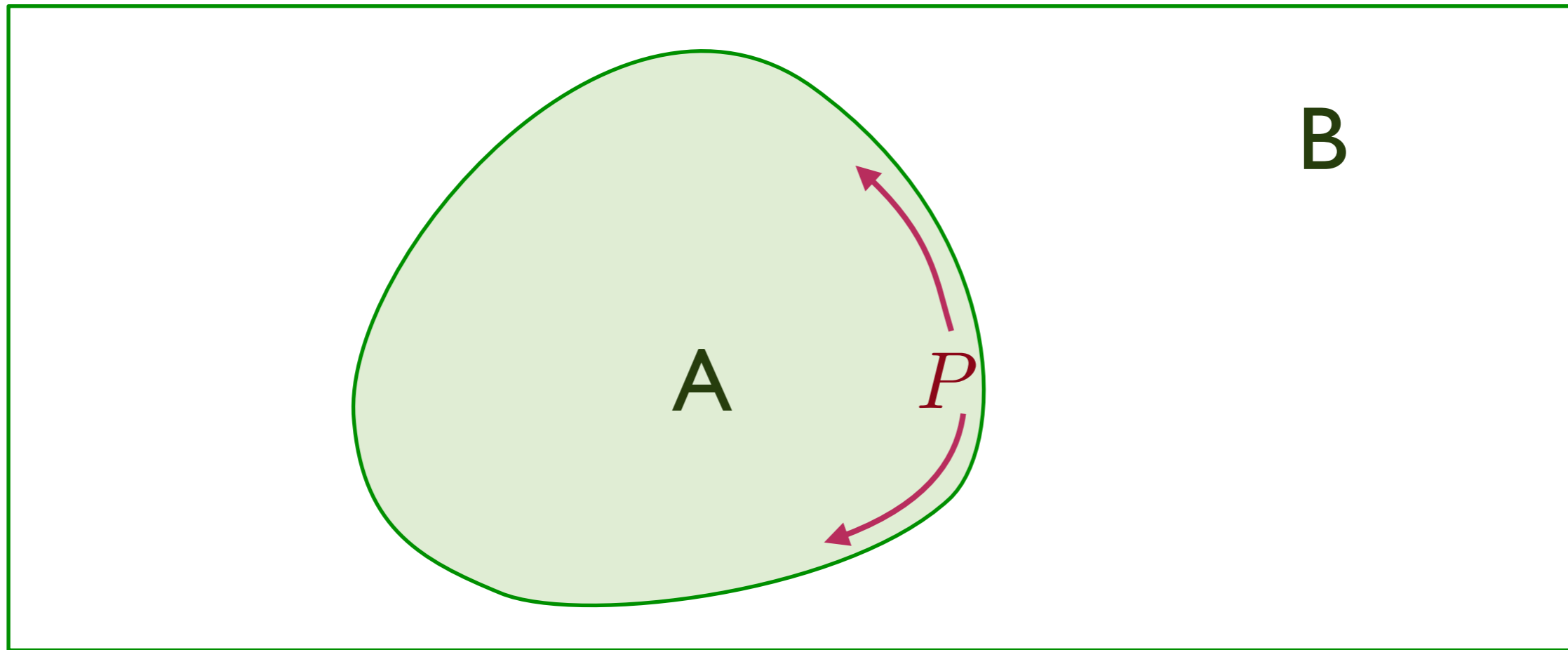
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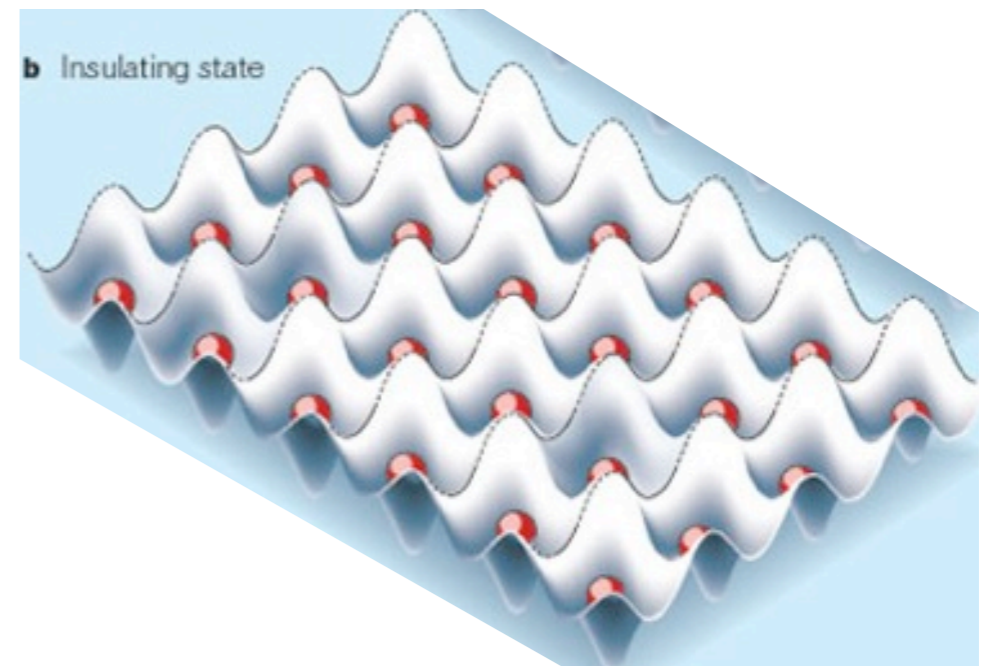
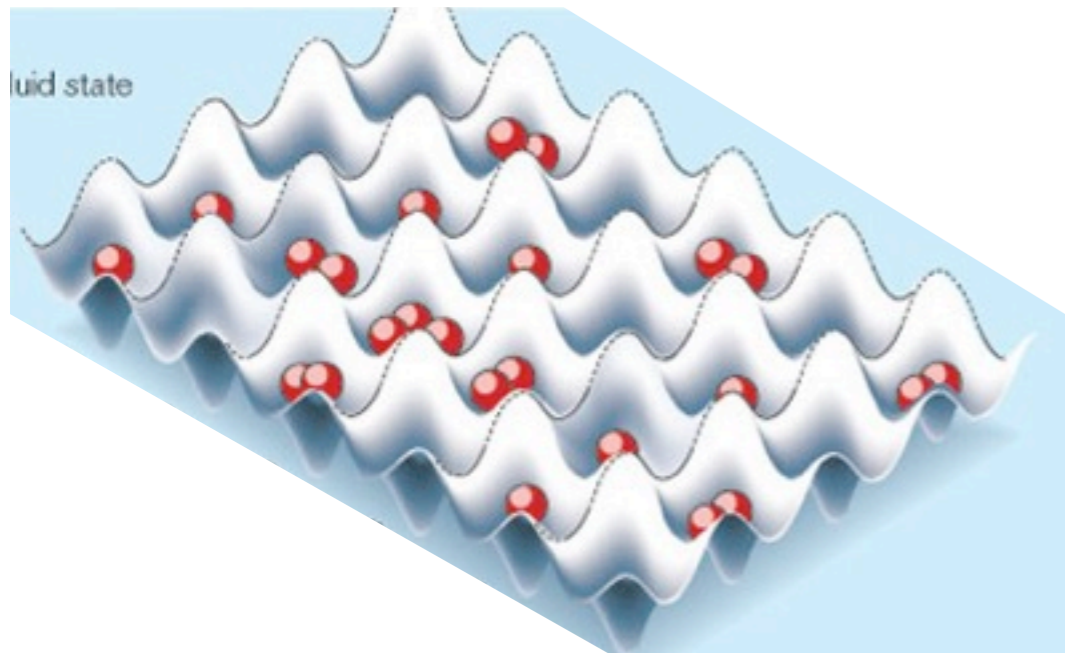
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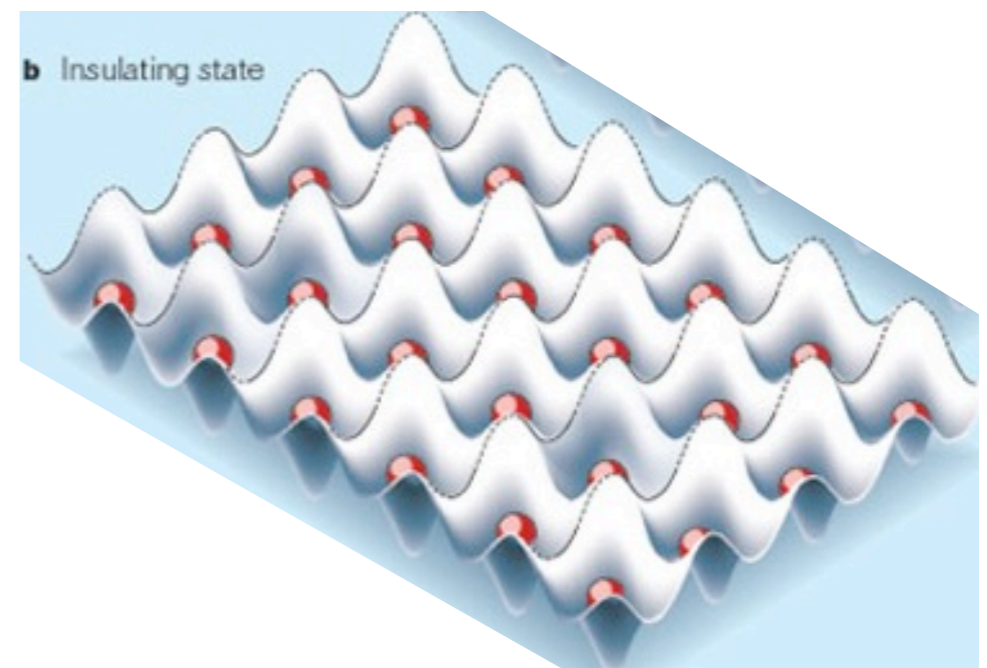
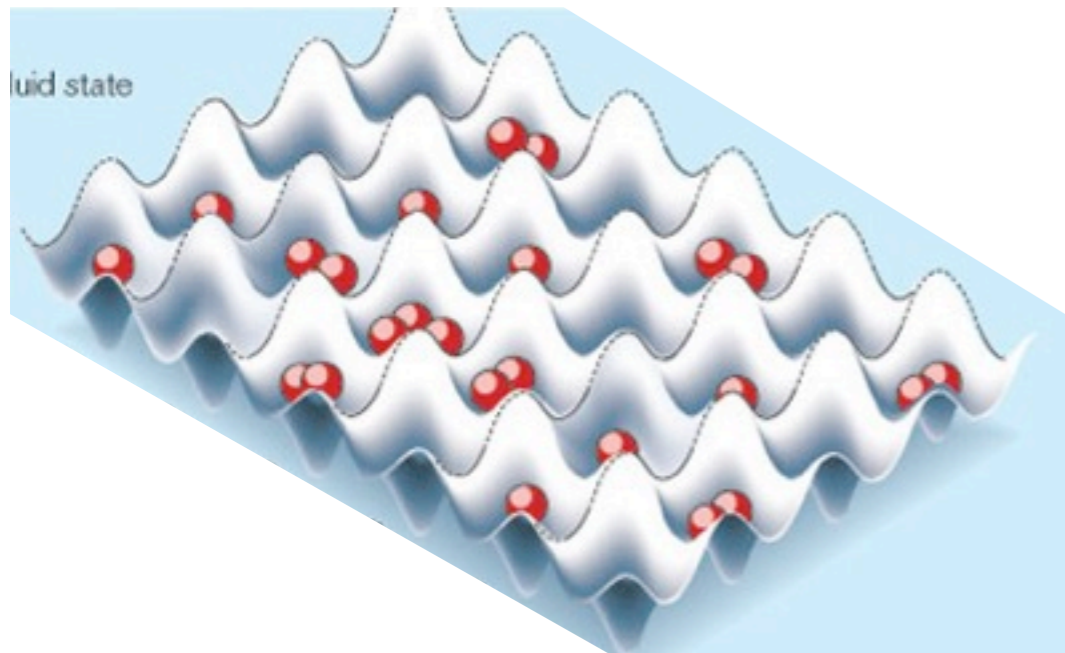
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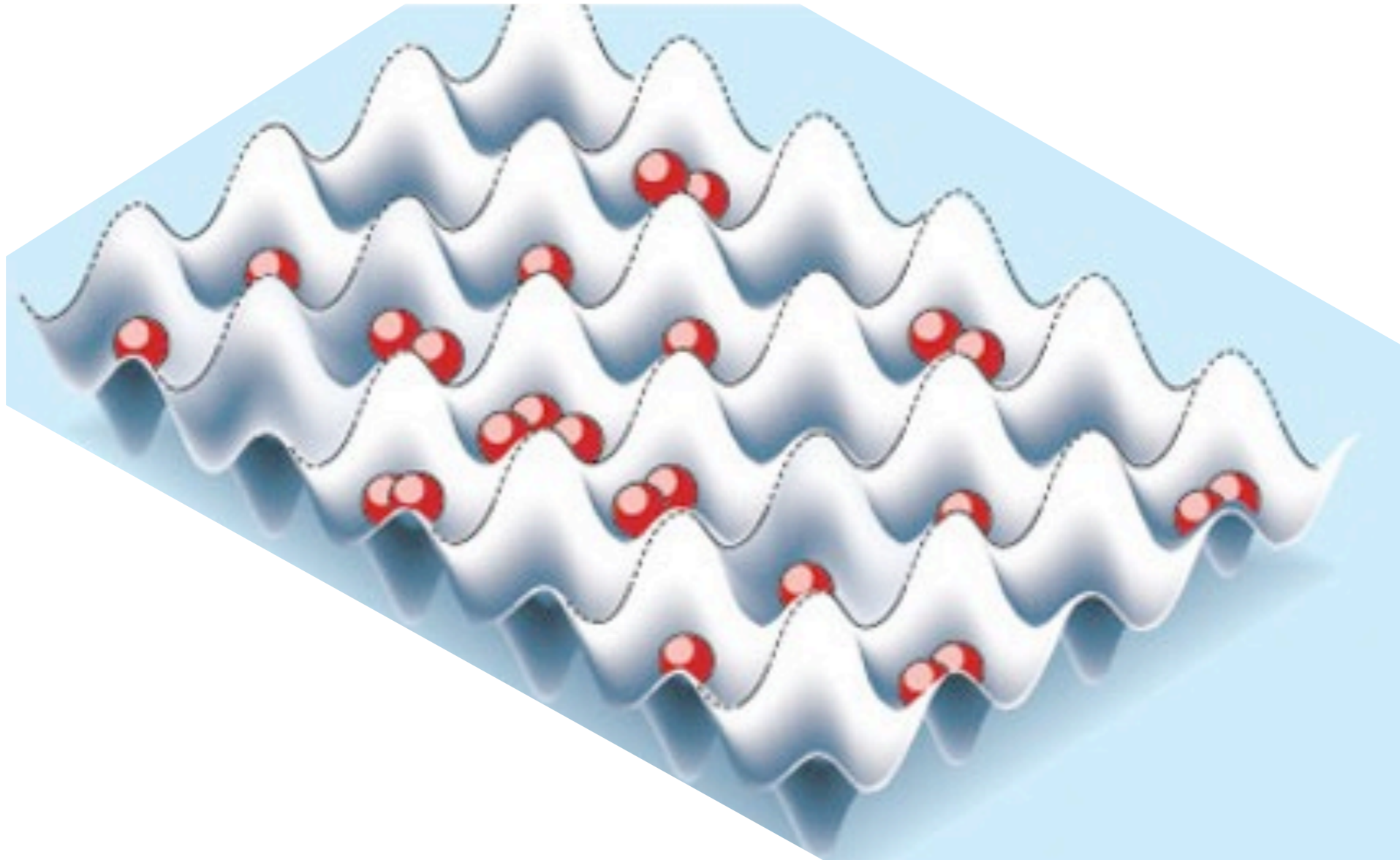
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CFT3 of the XY model:  
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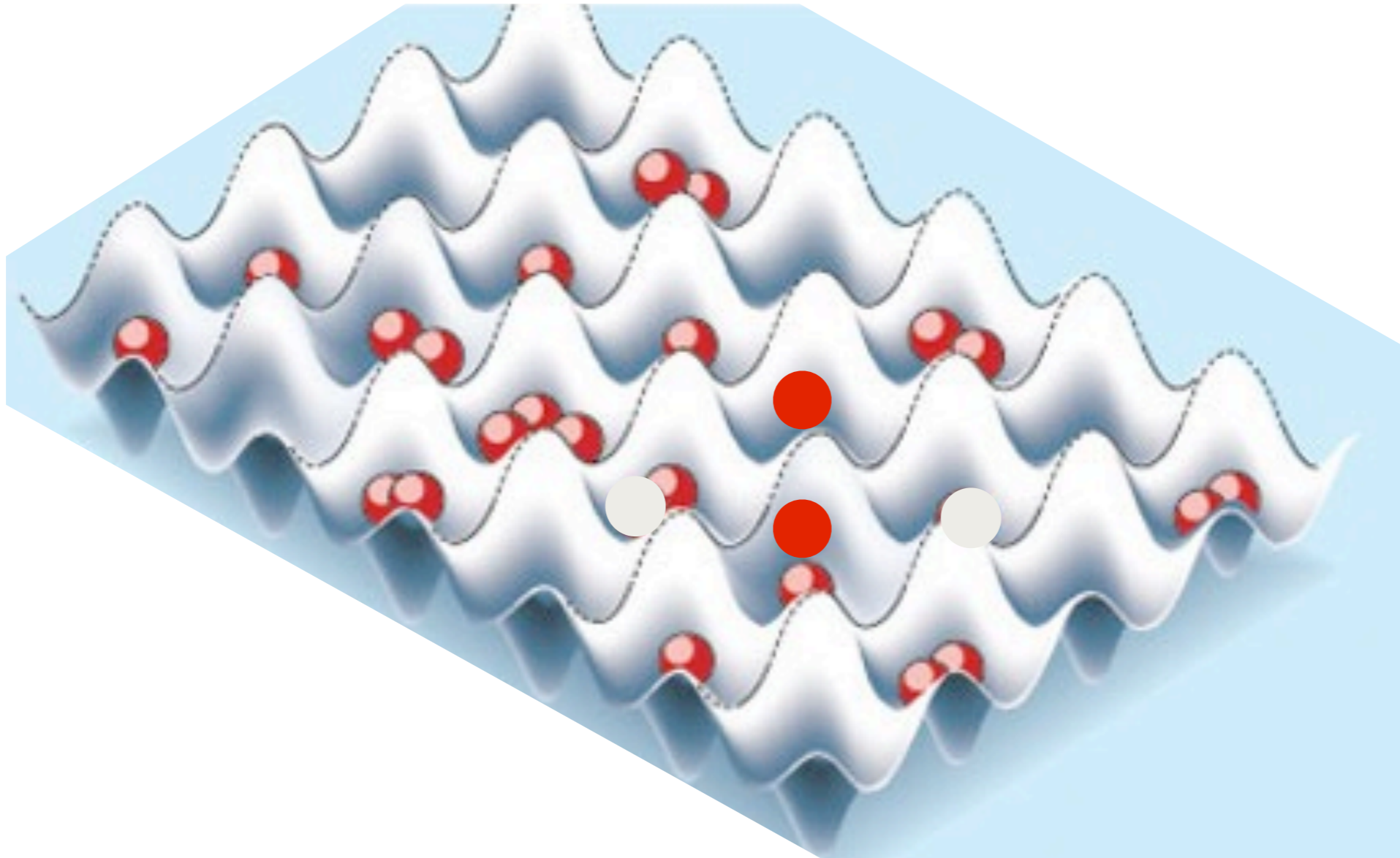
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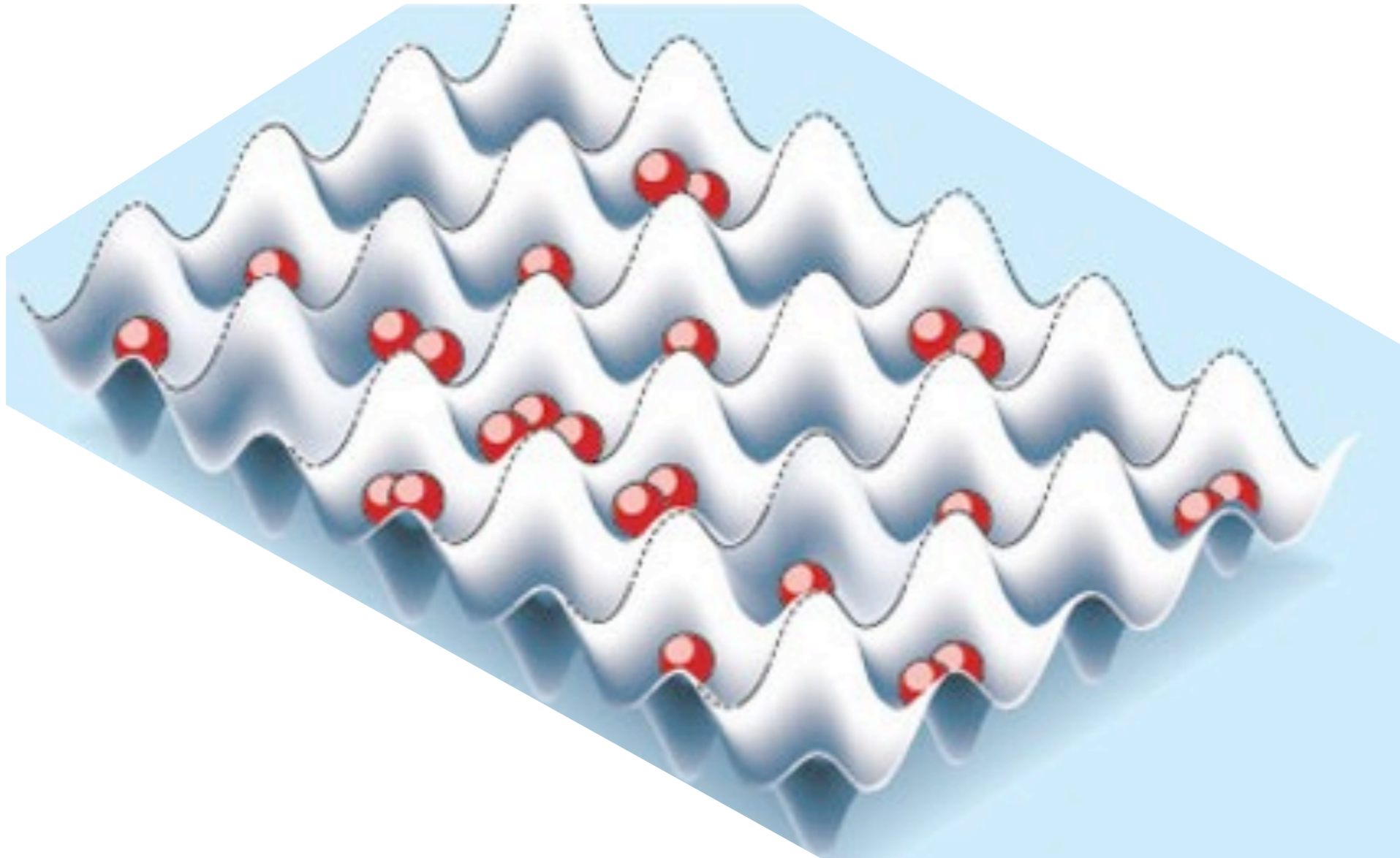
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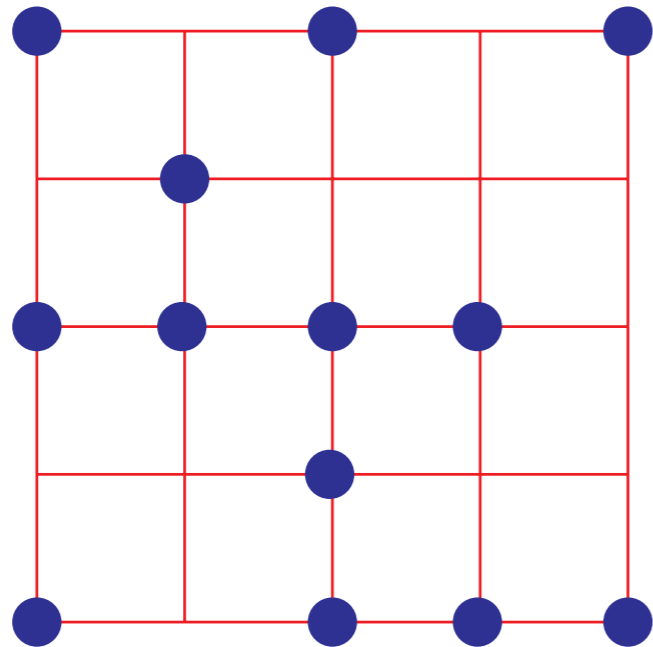


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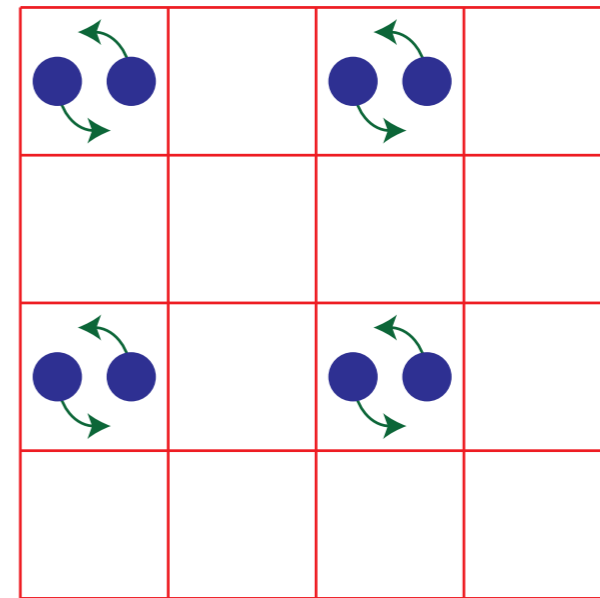
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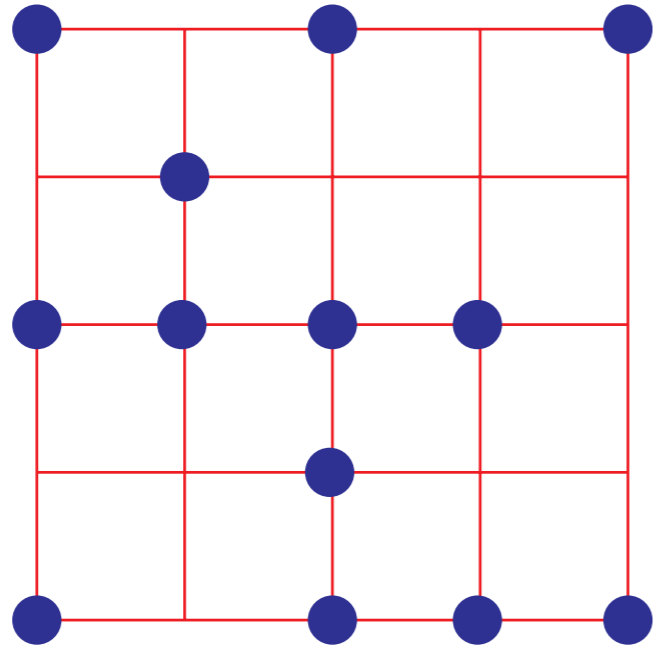
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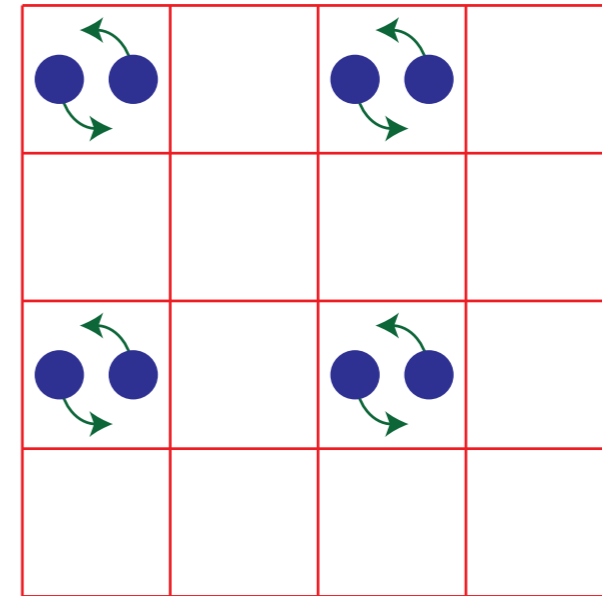
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‘Deconfined’ critical point: boson fractionalizes  $b \sim z_1 z_2$ , and the fractionalized bosons are coupled to an emergent U(1) gauge field

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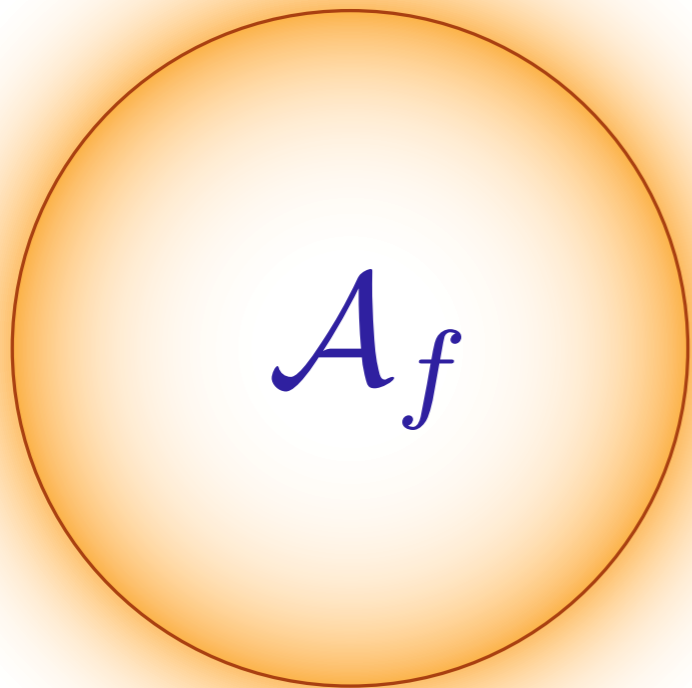
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- **NFL**, the non-Fermi liquid *Bose metal*. The  $z_1, z_2$  quanta fermionize into  $f_1, f_2$ , each of which forms a Fermi surface. Both fermions are gauge-charged, and so the Fermi surfaces are partially “hidden”.



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# Non-Fermi liquid Bose Metal

For suitable interactions, we can have the boson,  $b$ , *fractionalize* into two fermions  $f_{1,2}$  :

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This implies the effective theory for  $f_{1,2}$  is invariant under the U(1) gauge transformation

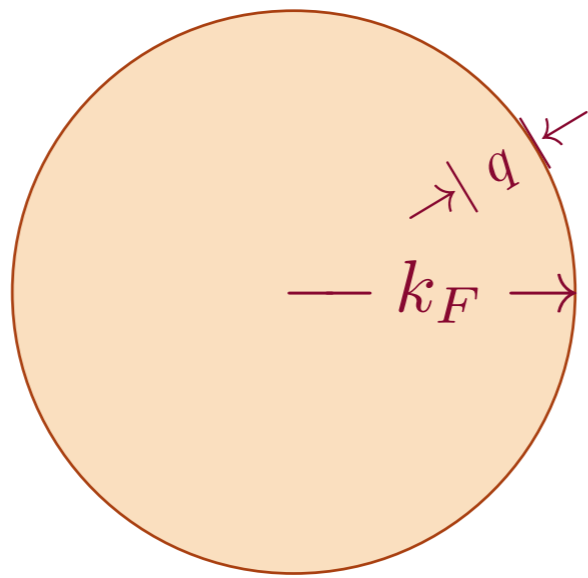
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Consequently, the effective theory of the Bose metal has an emergent gauge field  $A_\mu$  and has the structure

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The gauge-dependent  $f_{1,2}$  Green's functions have Fermi surfaces obeying  $\mathcal{A}_f = \langle \mathcal{Q} \rangle$ . However, these Fermi surfaces are not directly observable because it is gauge-dependent. Nevertheless, gauge-independent operators, such as  $b$  or  $b^\dagger b$ , will exhibit *Friedel oscillations* associated with fermions scattering across these hidden Fermi surfaces.

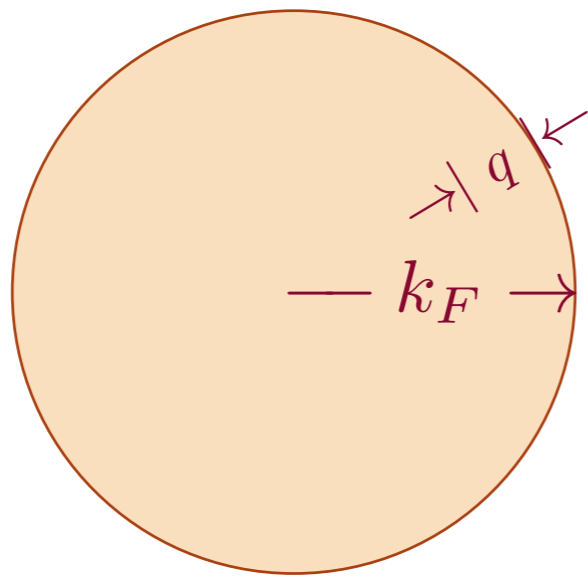
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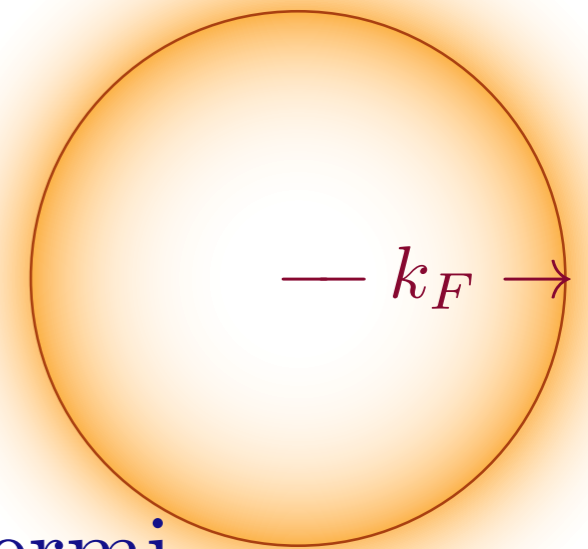
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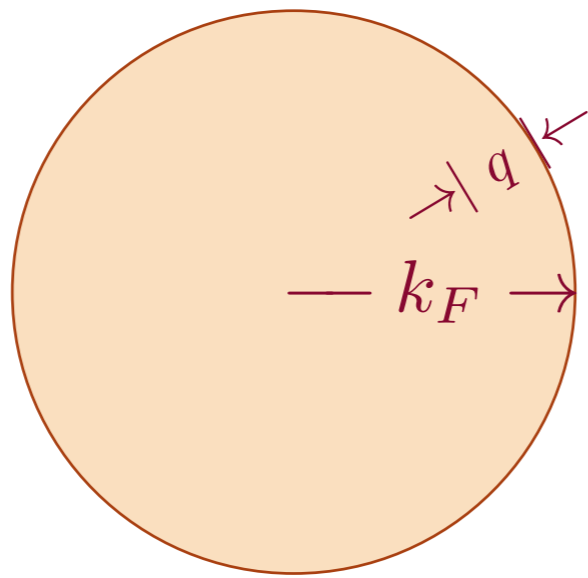
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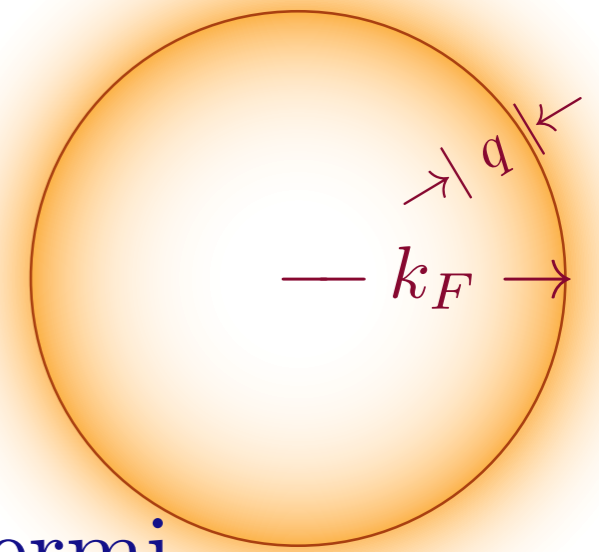
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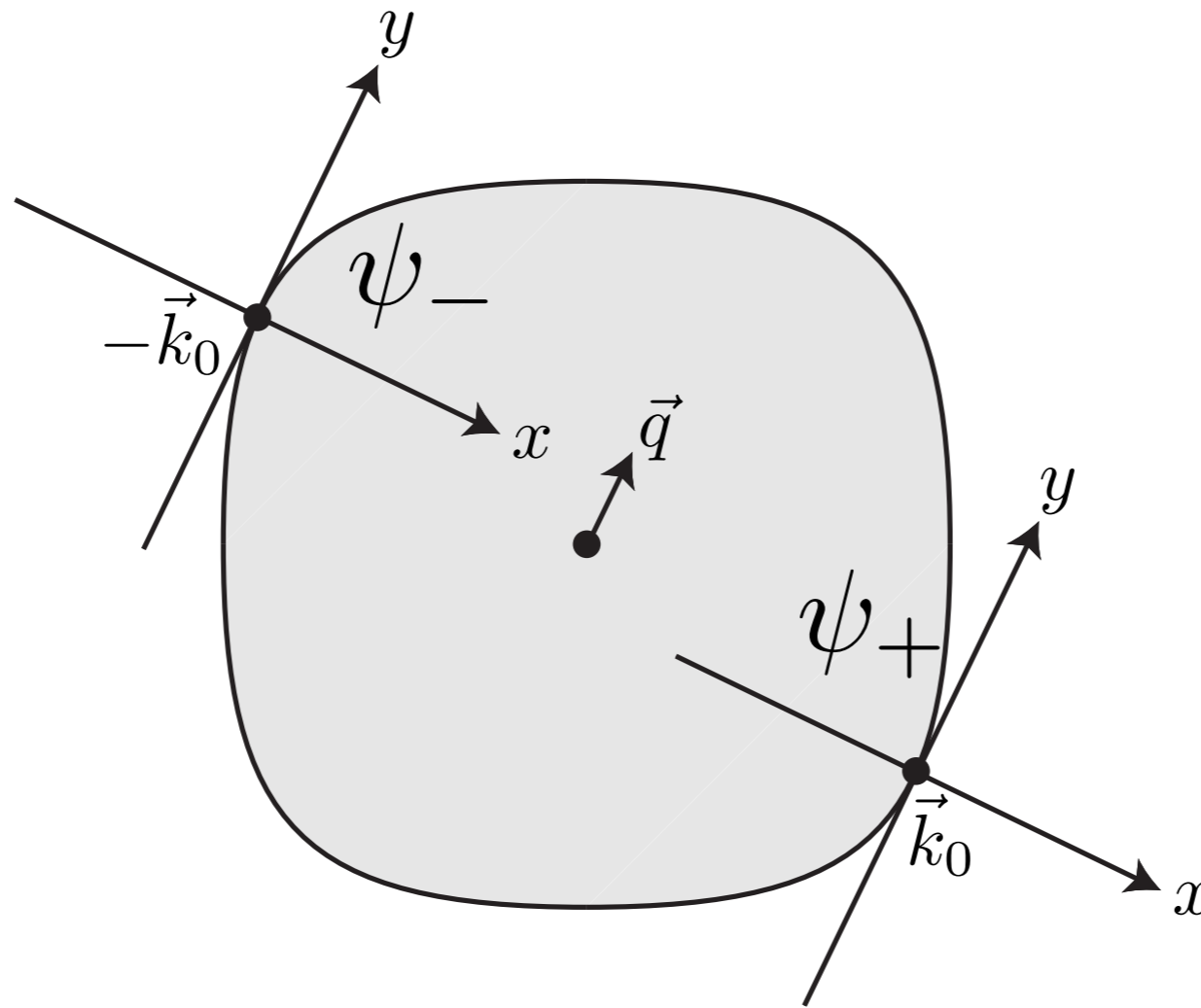


- Hidden Fermi surface with  $k_F^d \sim Q$ .

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

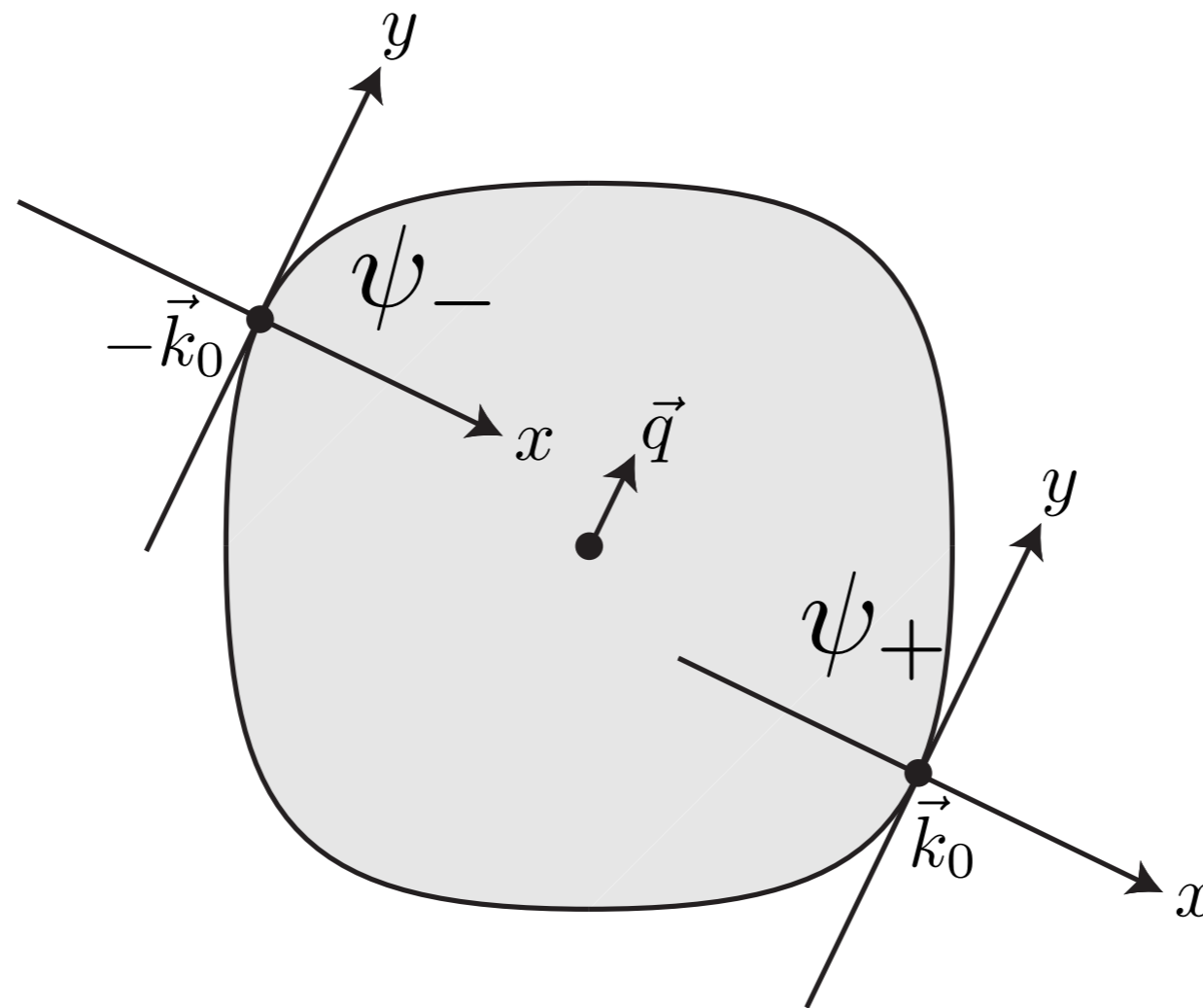
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# Field theory of non-Fermi liquid



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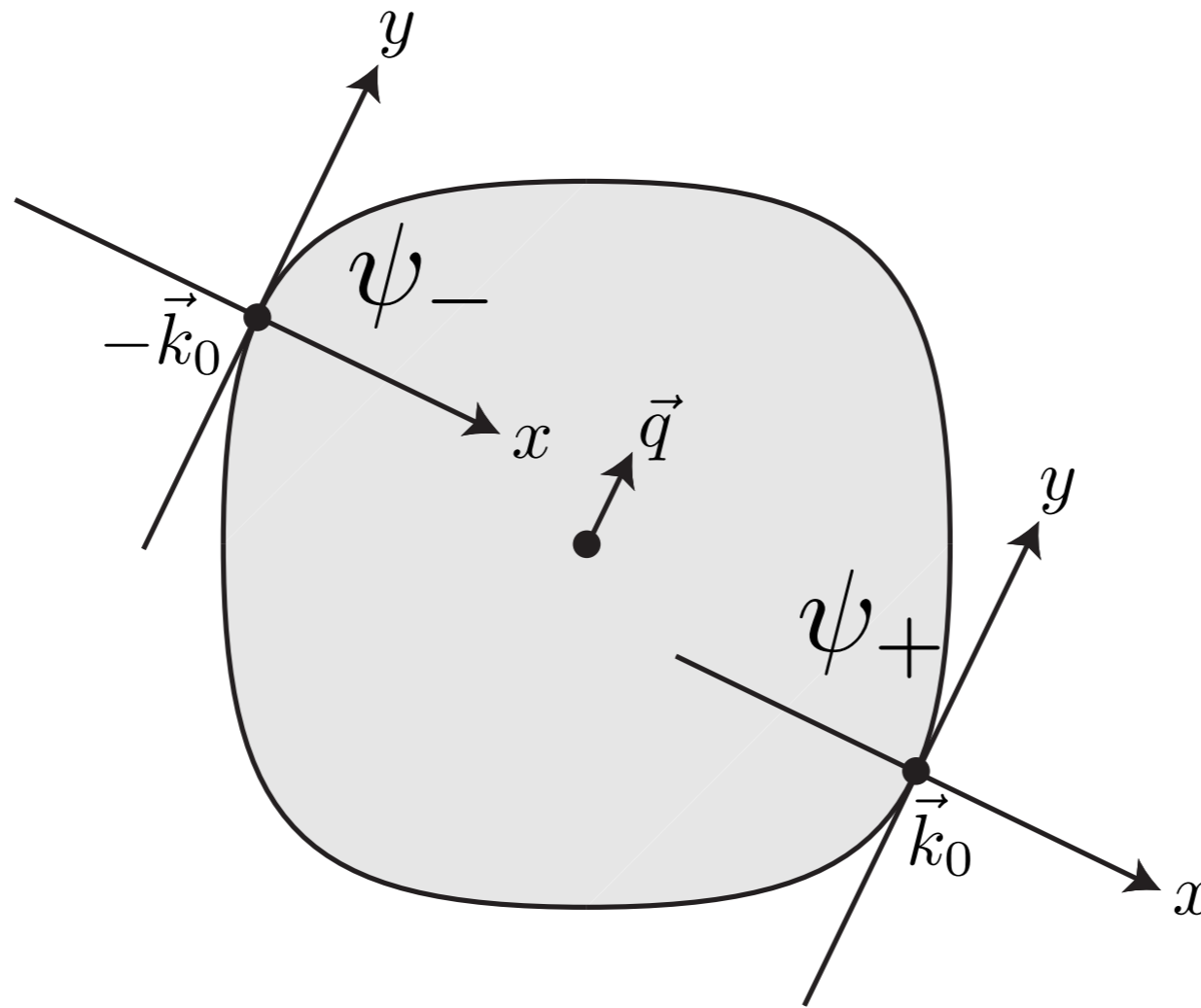


- In Landau gauge, write  $A_i = (\epsilon_{ij}q_j/|q|)a(\vec{q})$ . Then the correlators of  $a(\vec{q})$  obey a matrix-model-like clustering property w.r.t. different orientations of  $\vec{q}$ :

$$\langle a(\vec{q}_1)a(\vec{q}_2)a(\vec{q}_3)\dots a(\vec{q}_n) \rangle = \prod_{\alpha} \langle a(\vec{q}_{\alpha 1})a(\vec{q}_{\alpha 2})\dots \rangle$$

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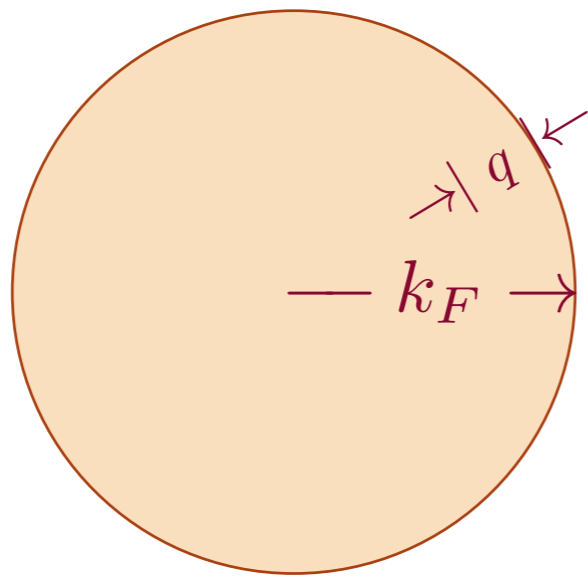
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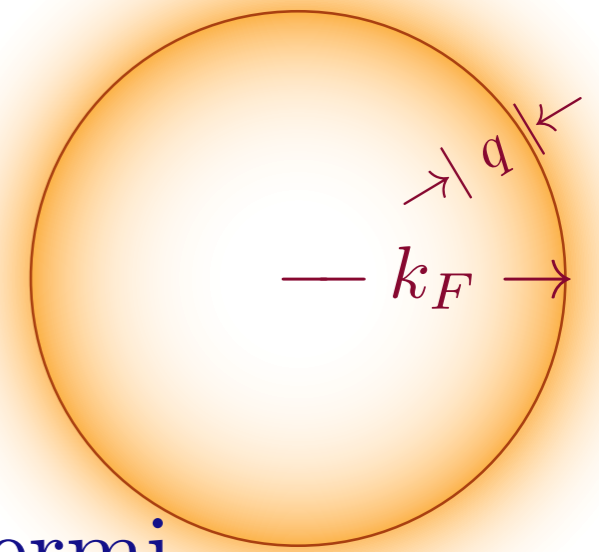
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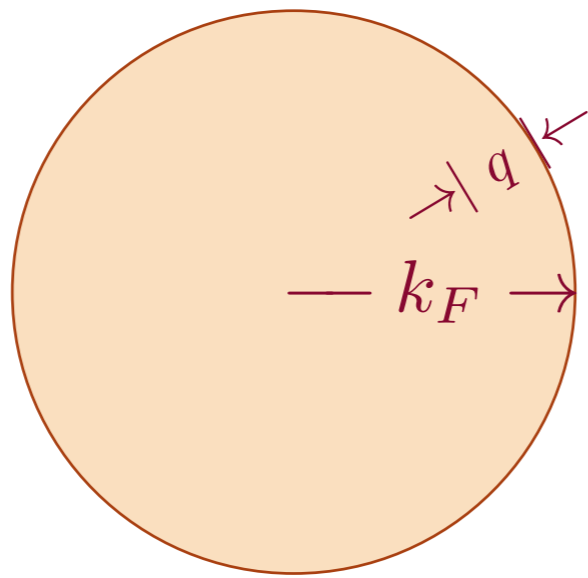


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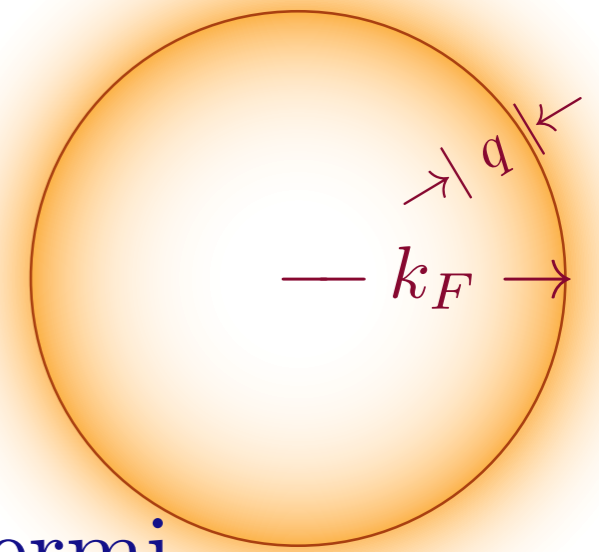
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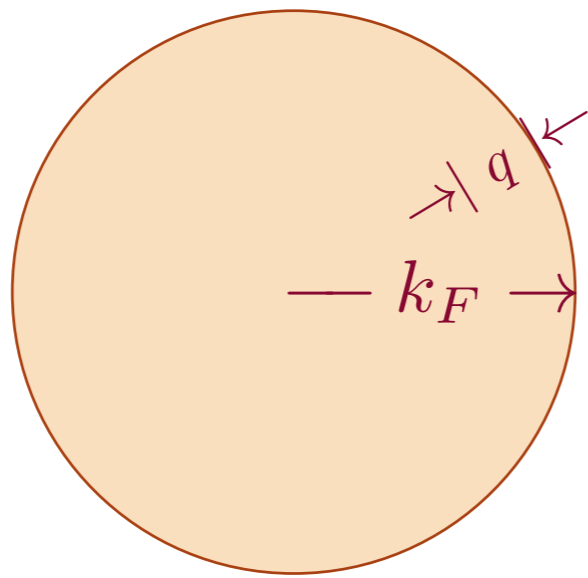


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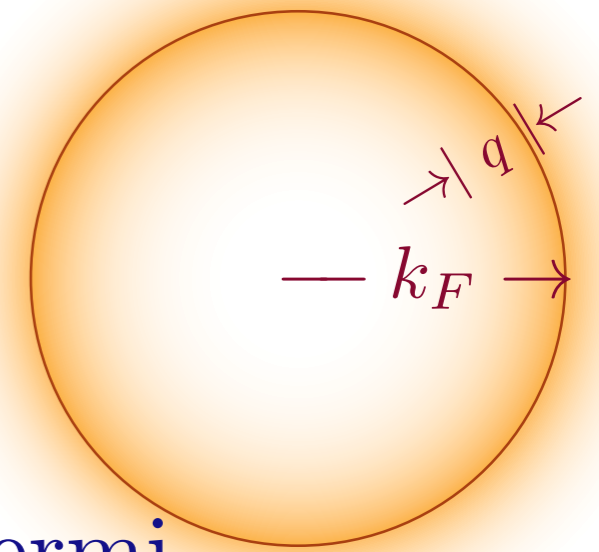
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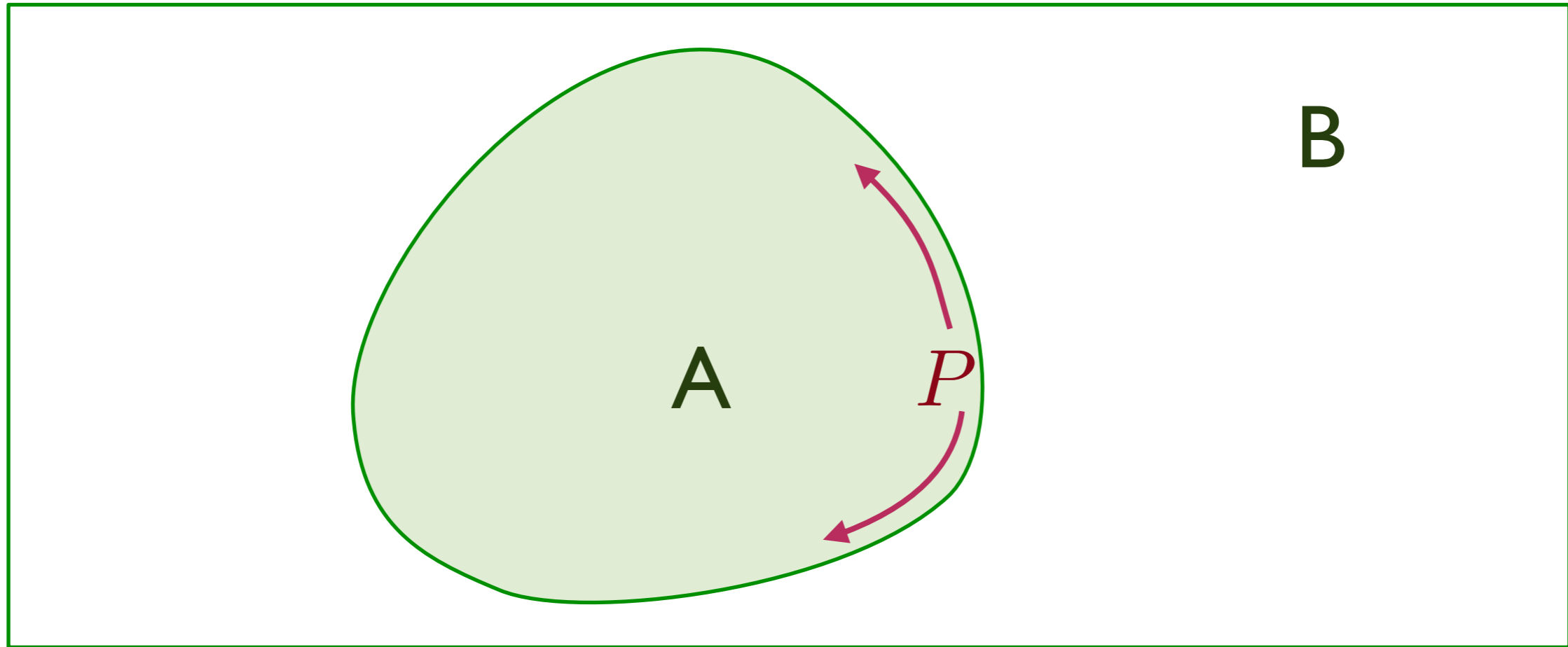
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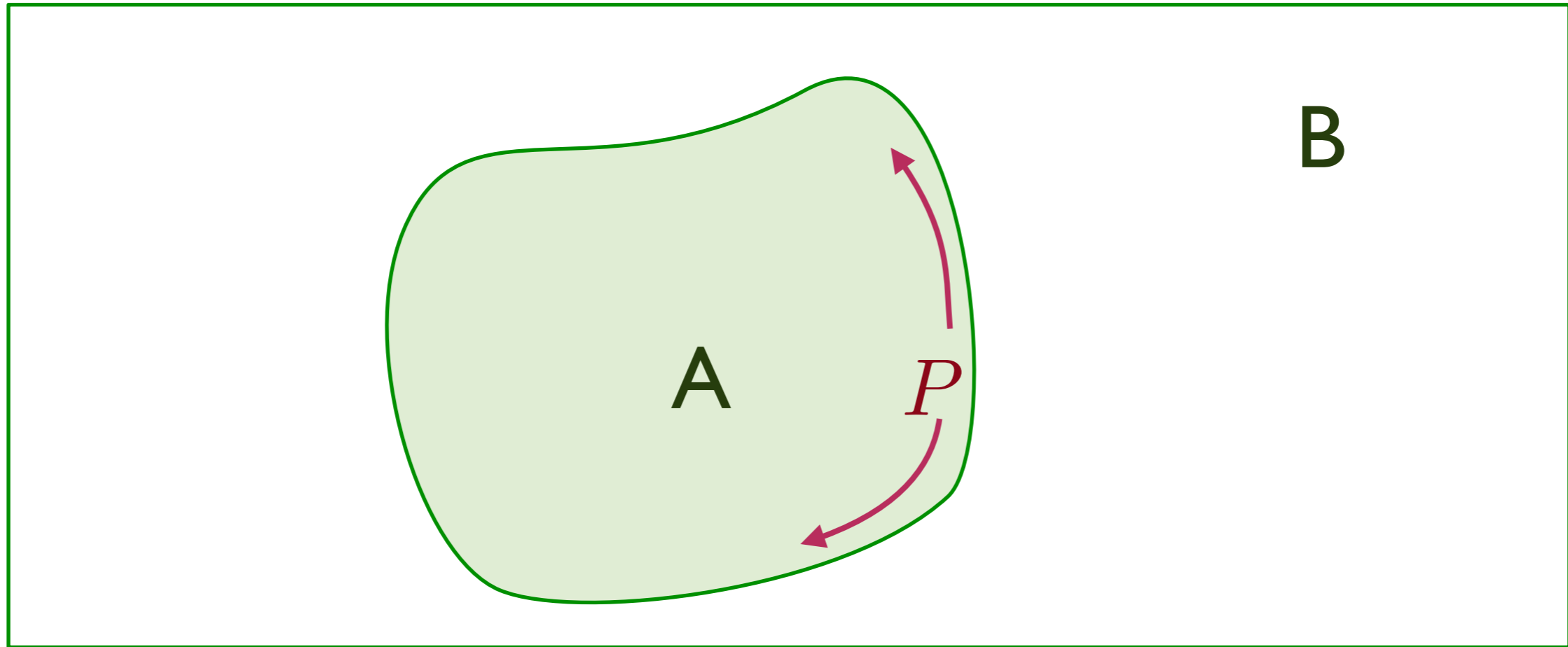
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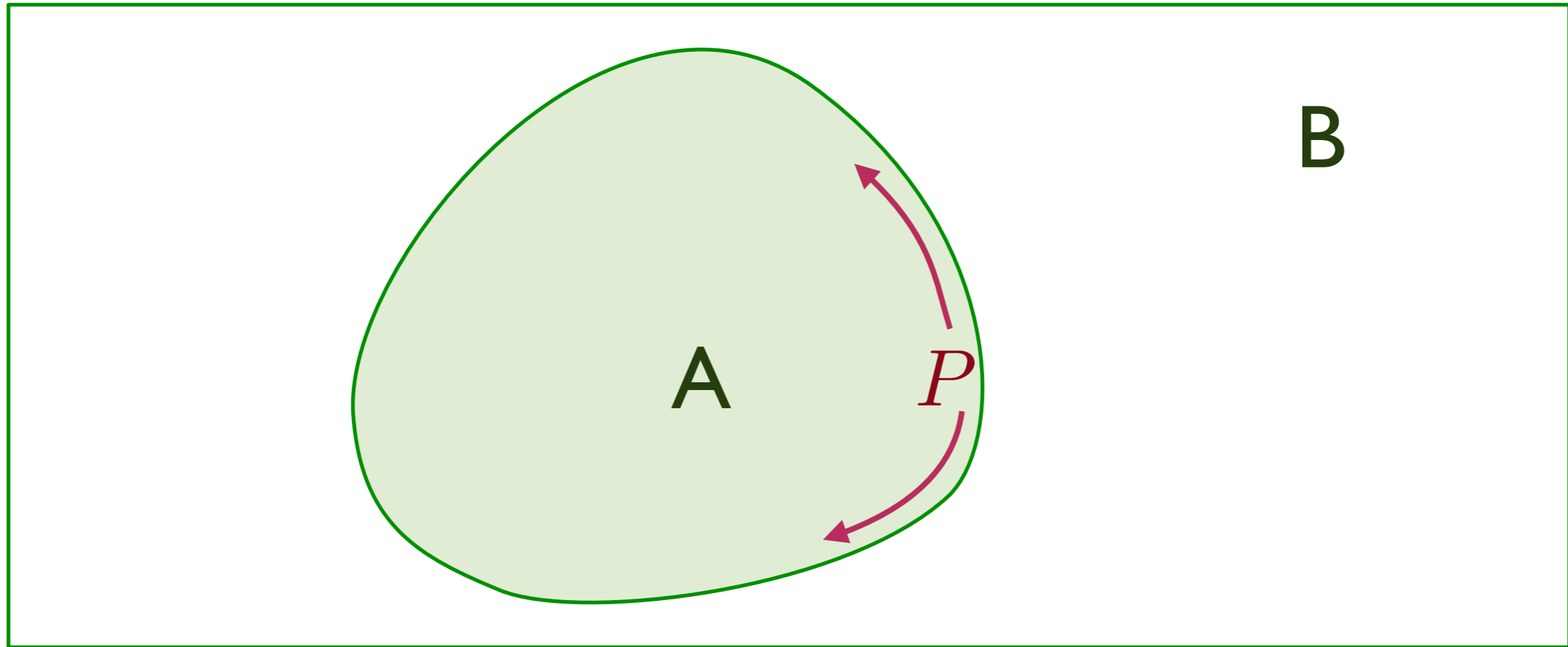
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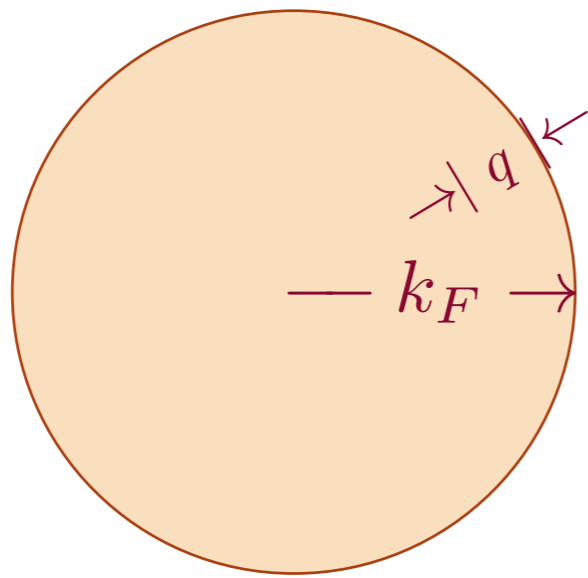
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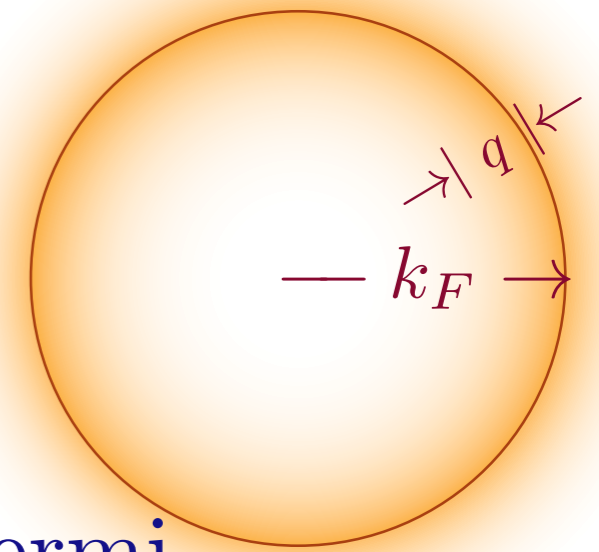
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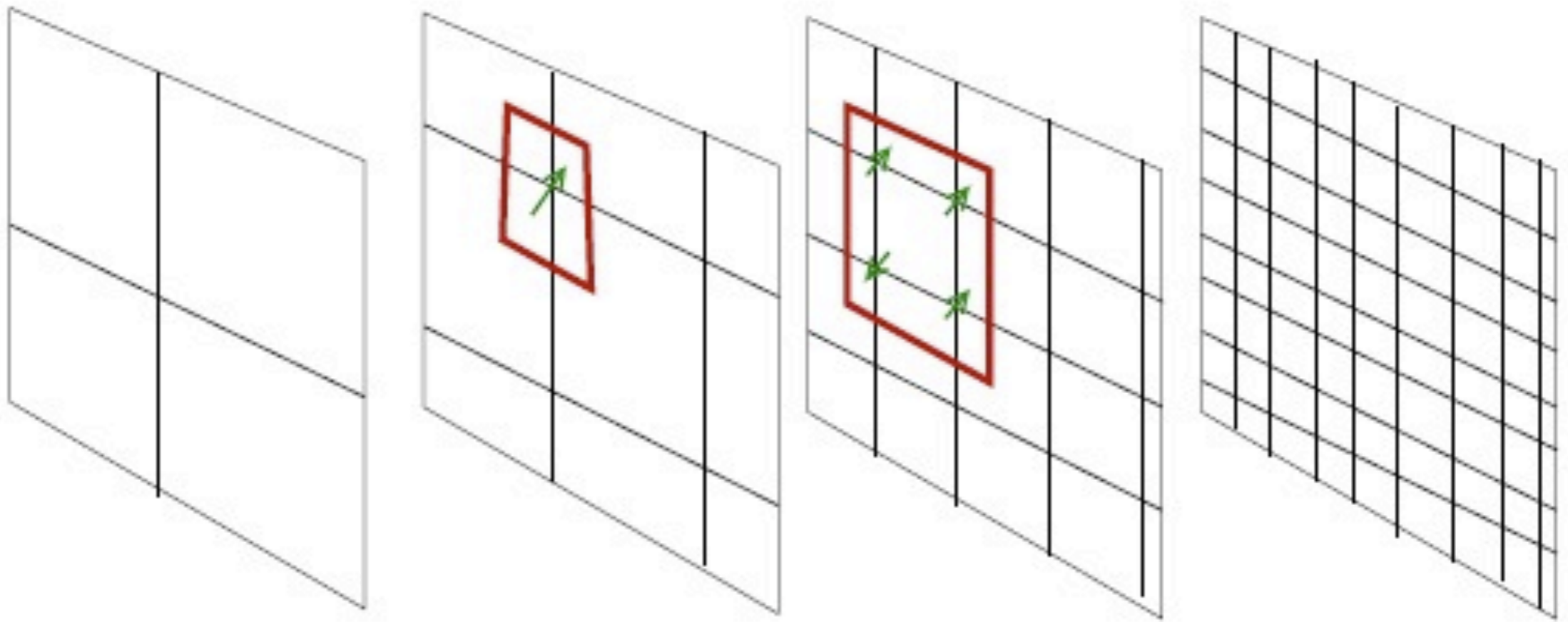
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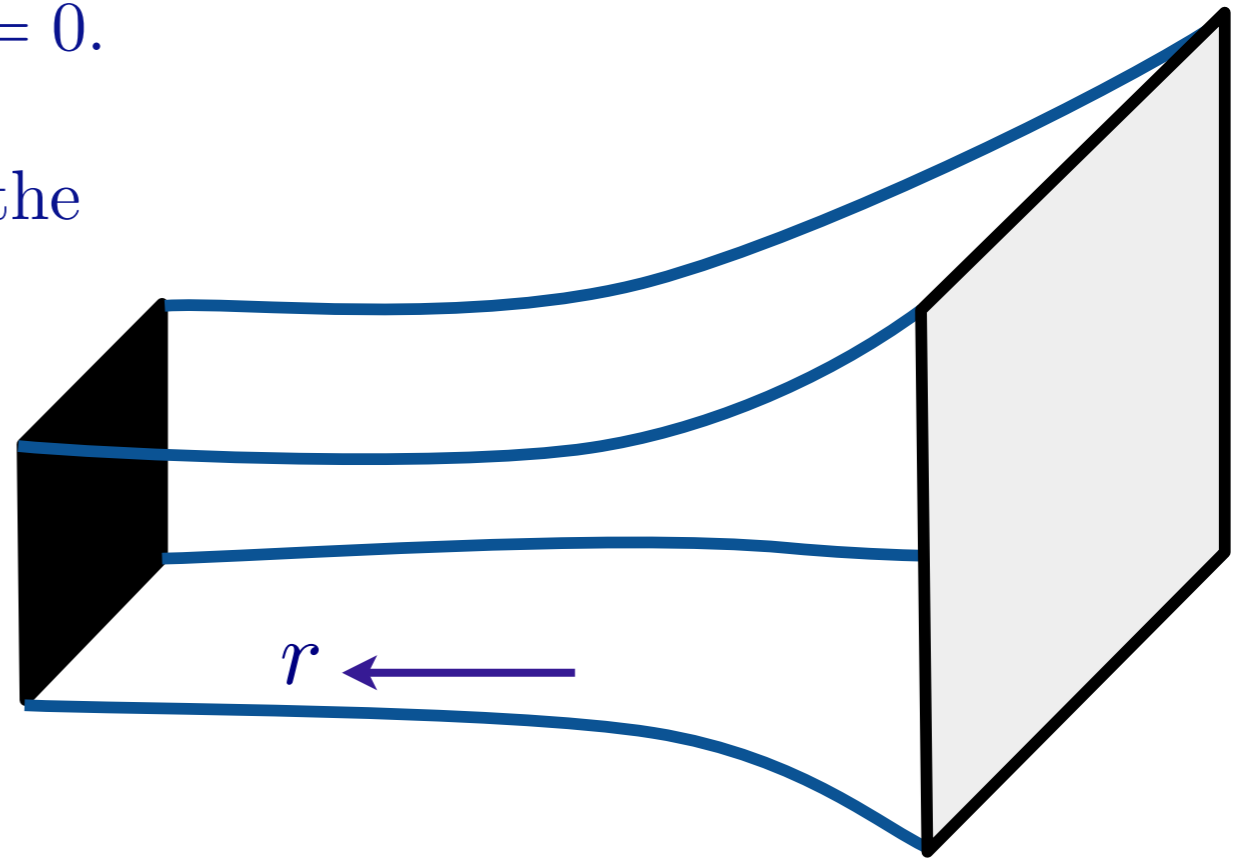
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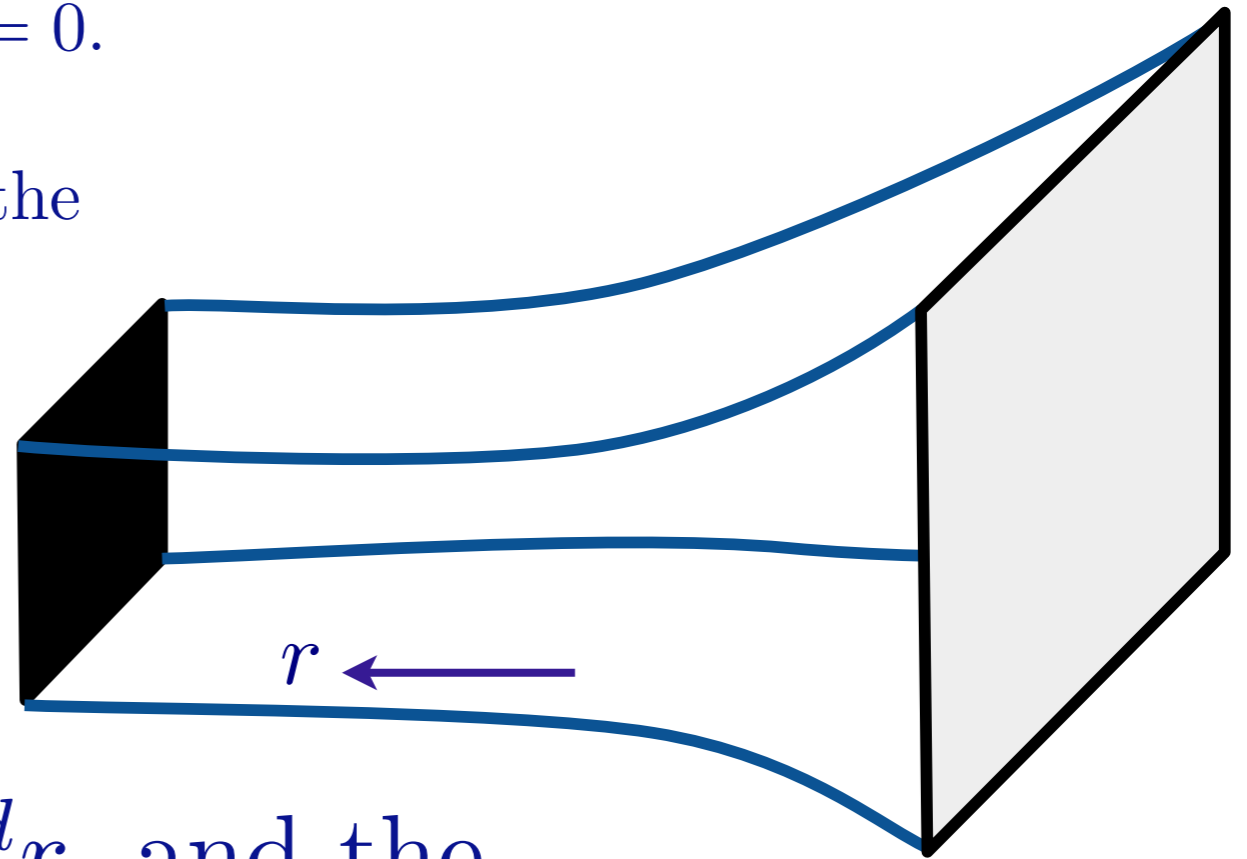
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No additional choices will be made, and all subsequent results are consequences of the assumption of the existence of a holographic dual.

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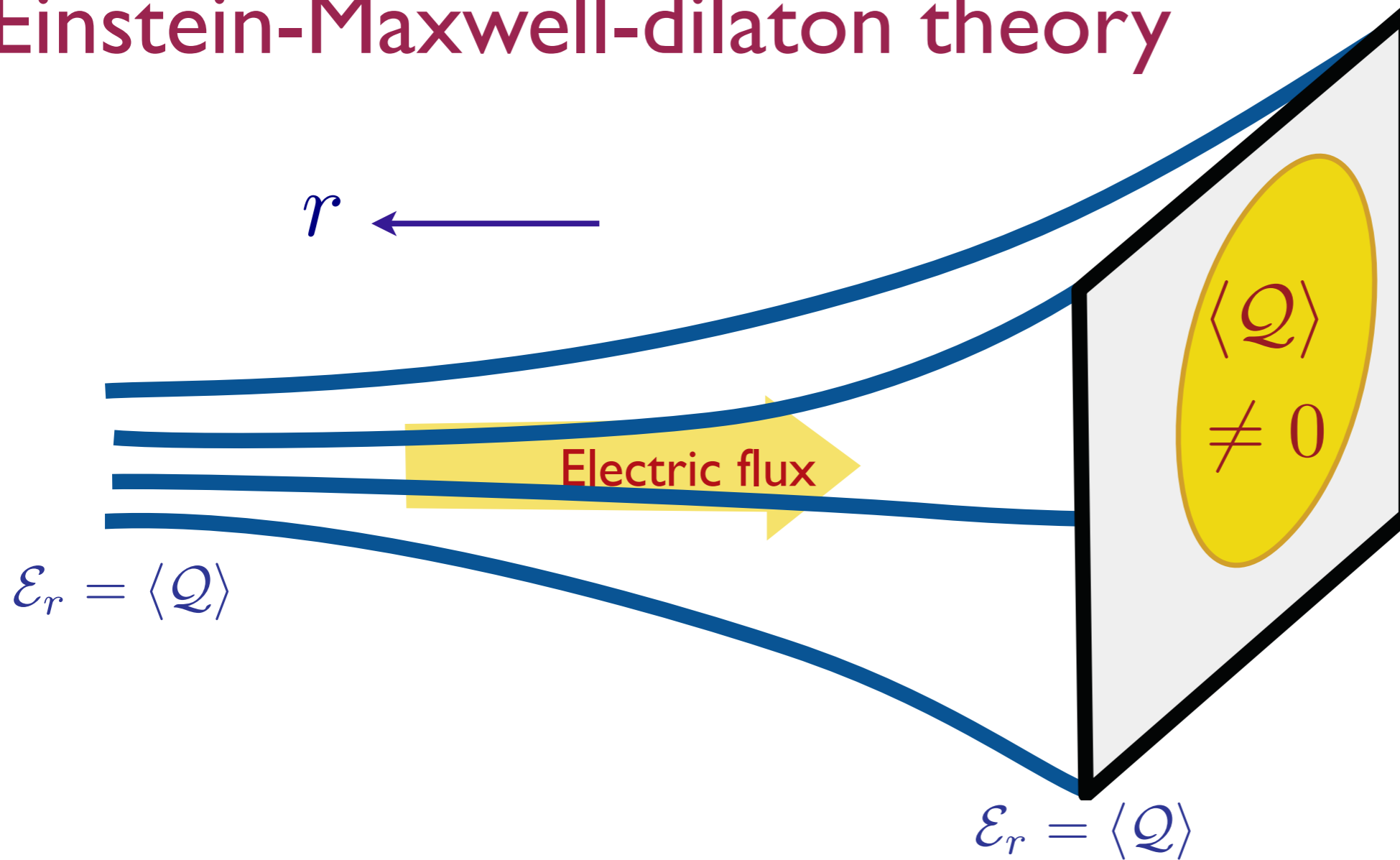
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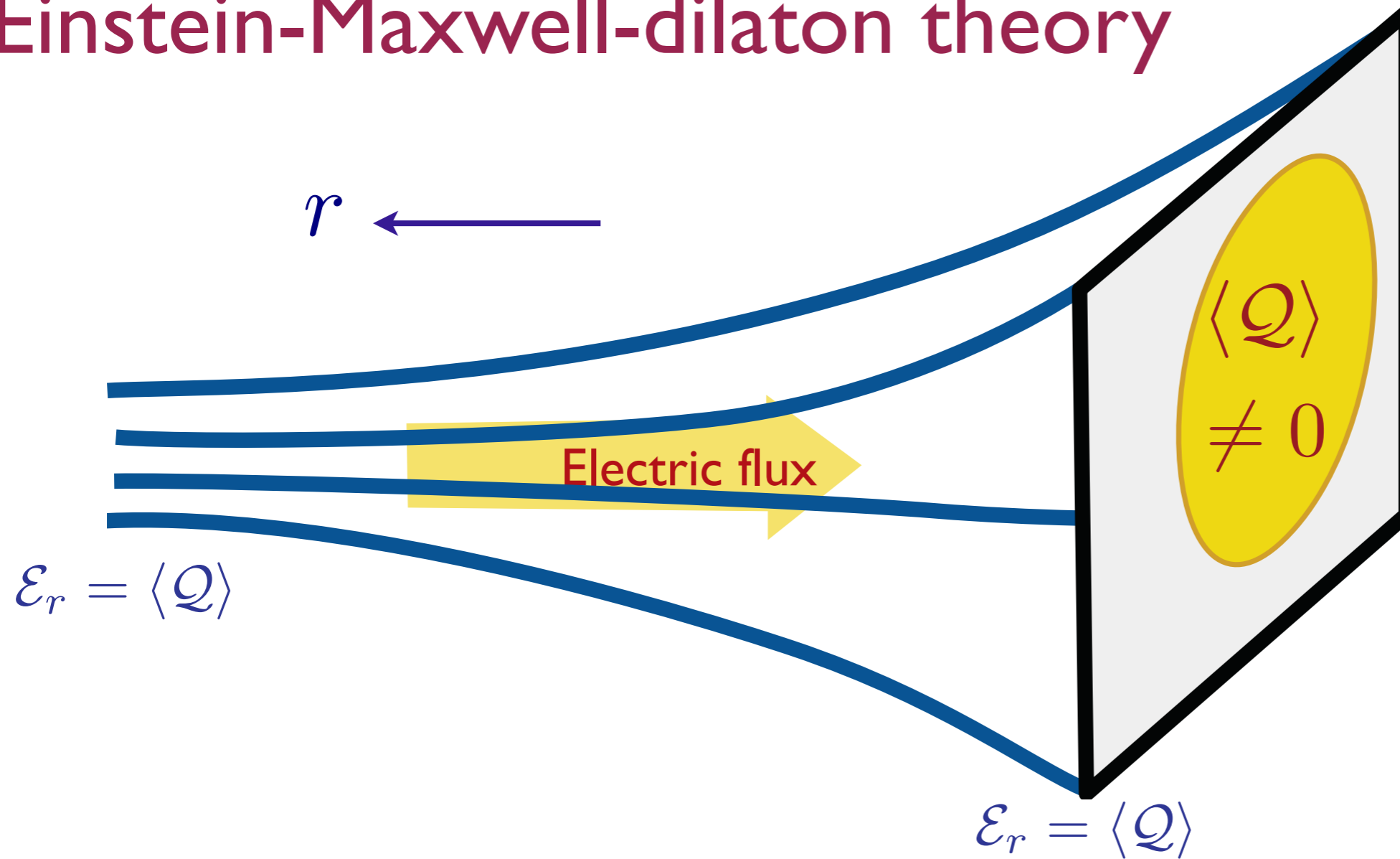
$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left( R - 2(\nabla\Phi)^2 - \frac{V(\Phi)}{L^2} \right) - \frac{Z(\Phi)}{4e^2} F_{ab}F^{ab} \right]$$

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

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$$z = 1 + \frac{\theta}{d} + \frac{8(d(d-\theta) + \theta)^2}{d^2(d-\theta)\alpha^2}.$$

Note  $z \geq 1 + \theta/d$ .

In the present theory, we have to choose  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  so that  $\theta = d - 1$ .

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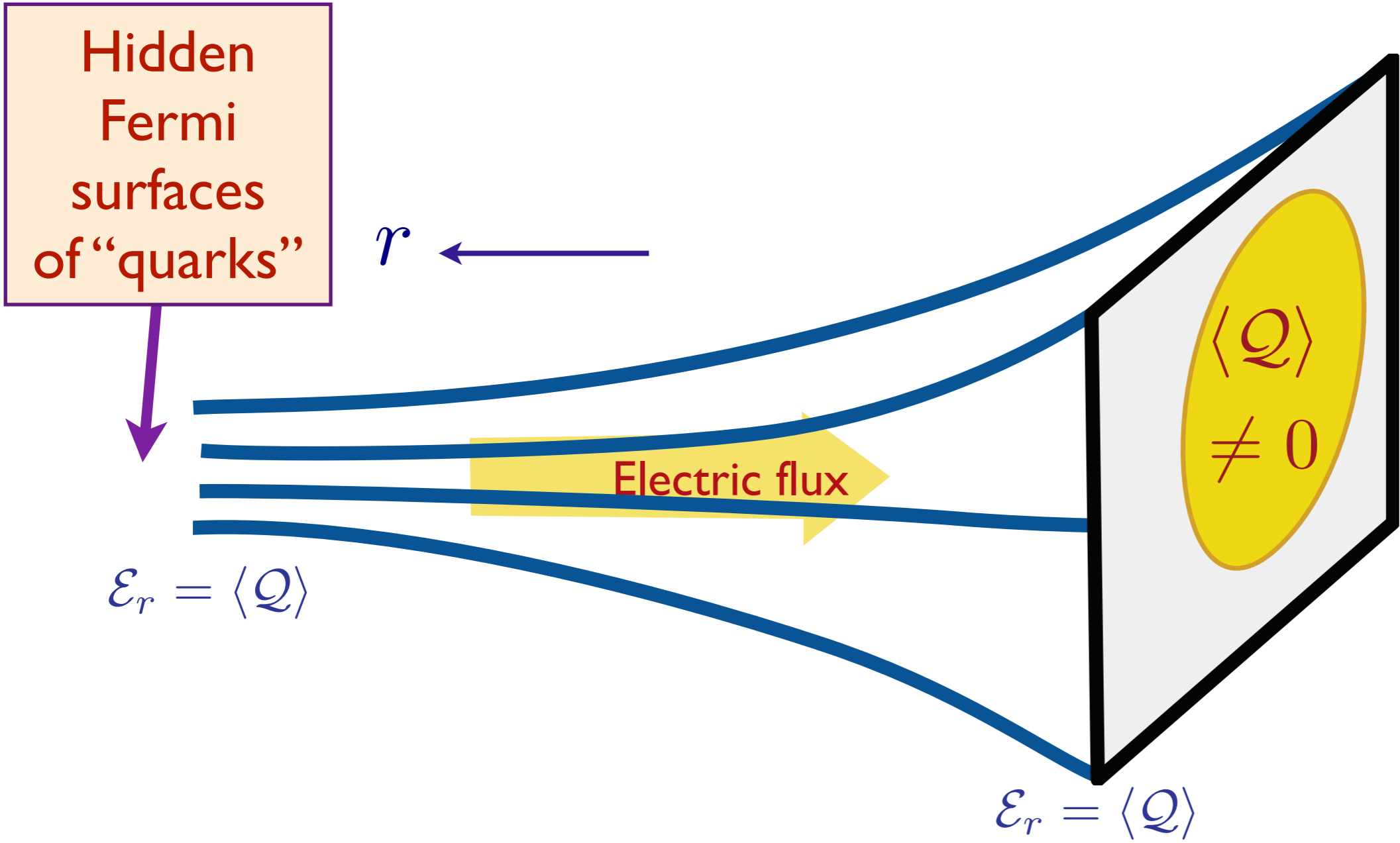
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$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu - i\alpha_\mu)\psi|^2 + s|\psi|^2 + u|\psi|^4$$

where the flux  $\beta_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda}\partial_\nu\alpha_\lambda$  obeys

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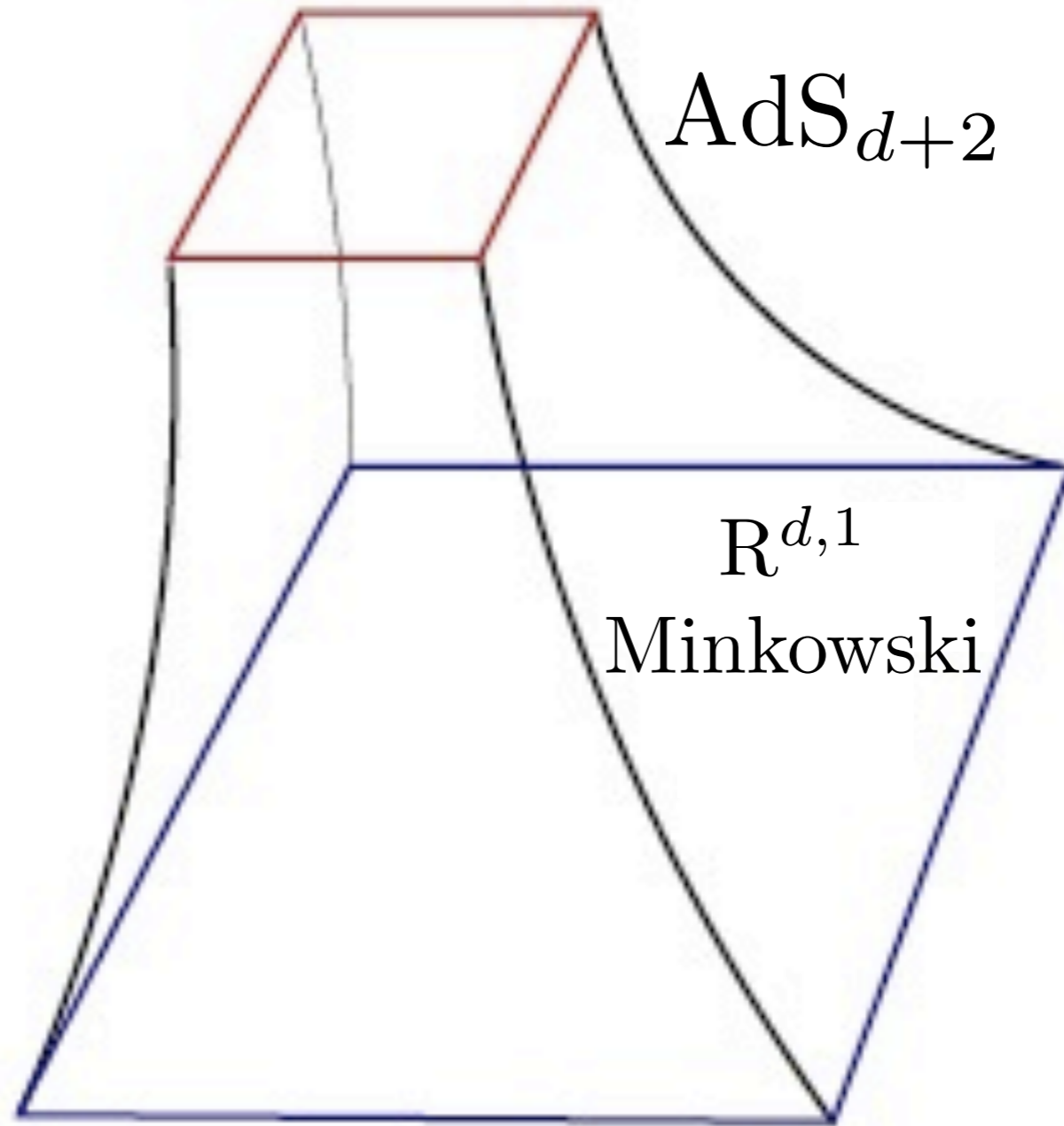
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Emergent holographic direction

$r$





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