

# Strong coupling problems in condensed matter and the AdS/CFT correspondence

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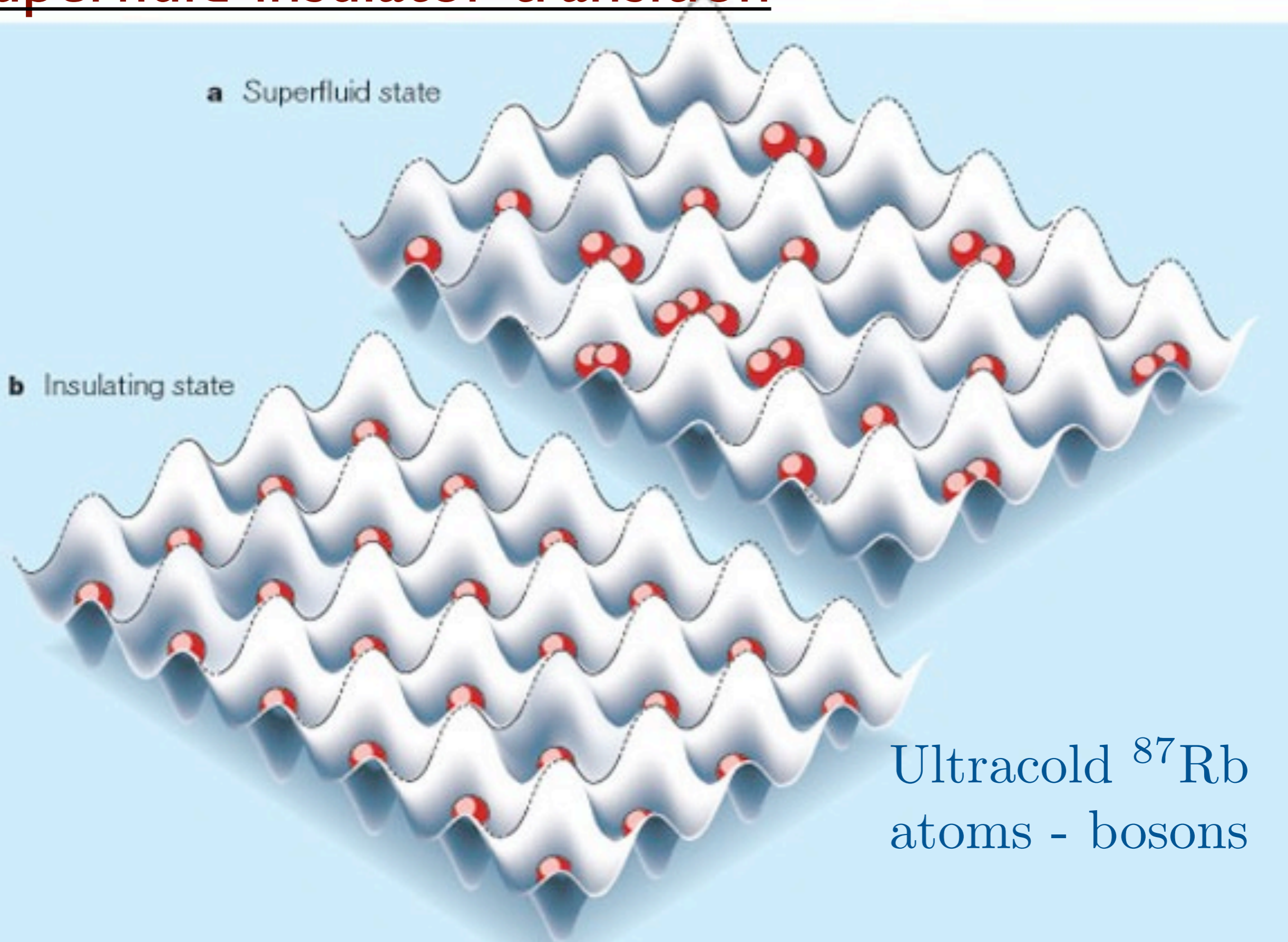
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# Superfluid-insulator transition



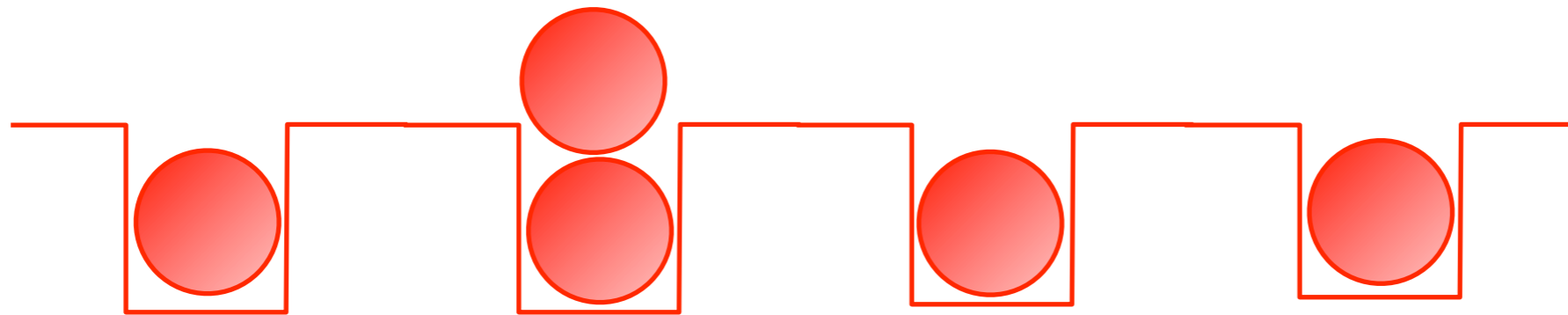
Ultracold  $^{87}\text{Rb}$   
atoms - bosons

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



Insulator (the vacuum) at large  $U$

Excitations:



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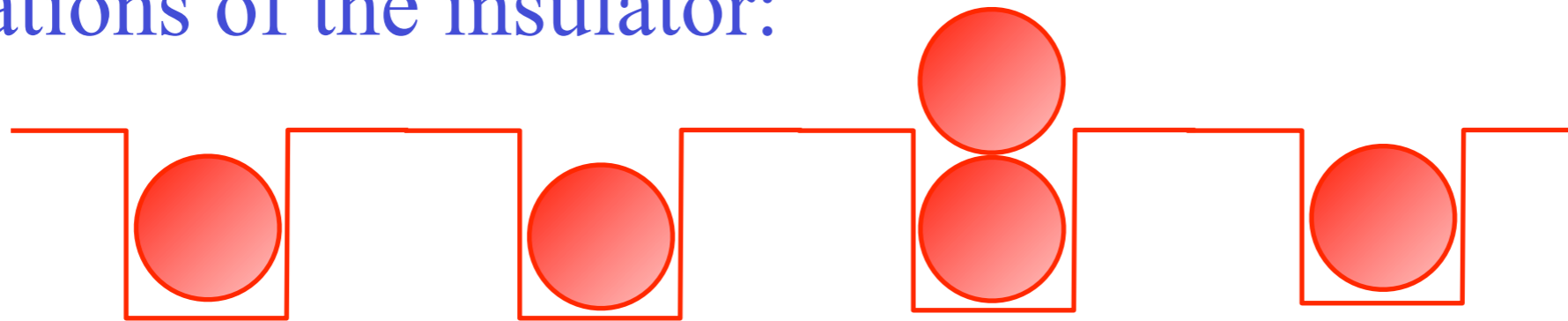
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Density of particles = density of holes  $\Rightarrow$

“relativistic” field theory for  $\psi$ :

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Insulator  $\Leftrightarrow \langle \psi \rangle = 0$

Superfluid  $\Leftrightarrow \langle \psi \rangle \neq 0$

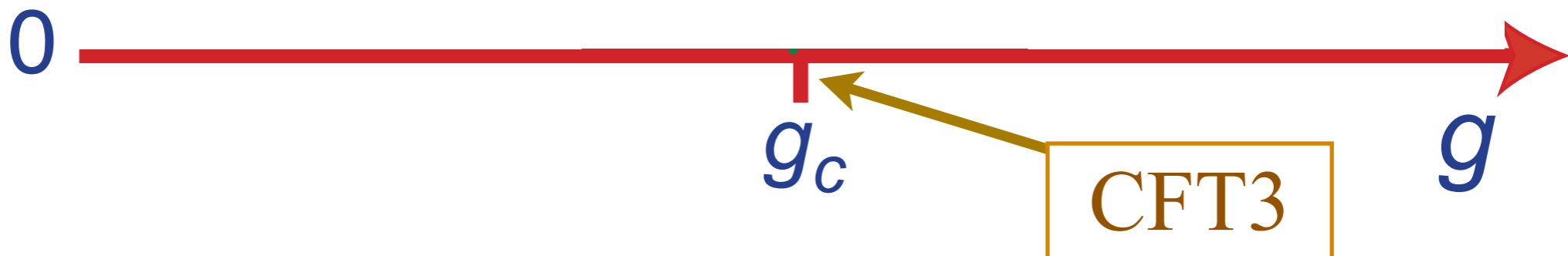
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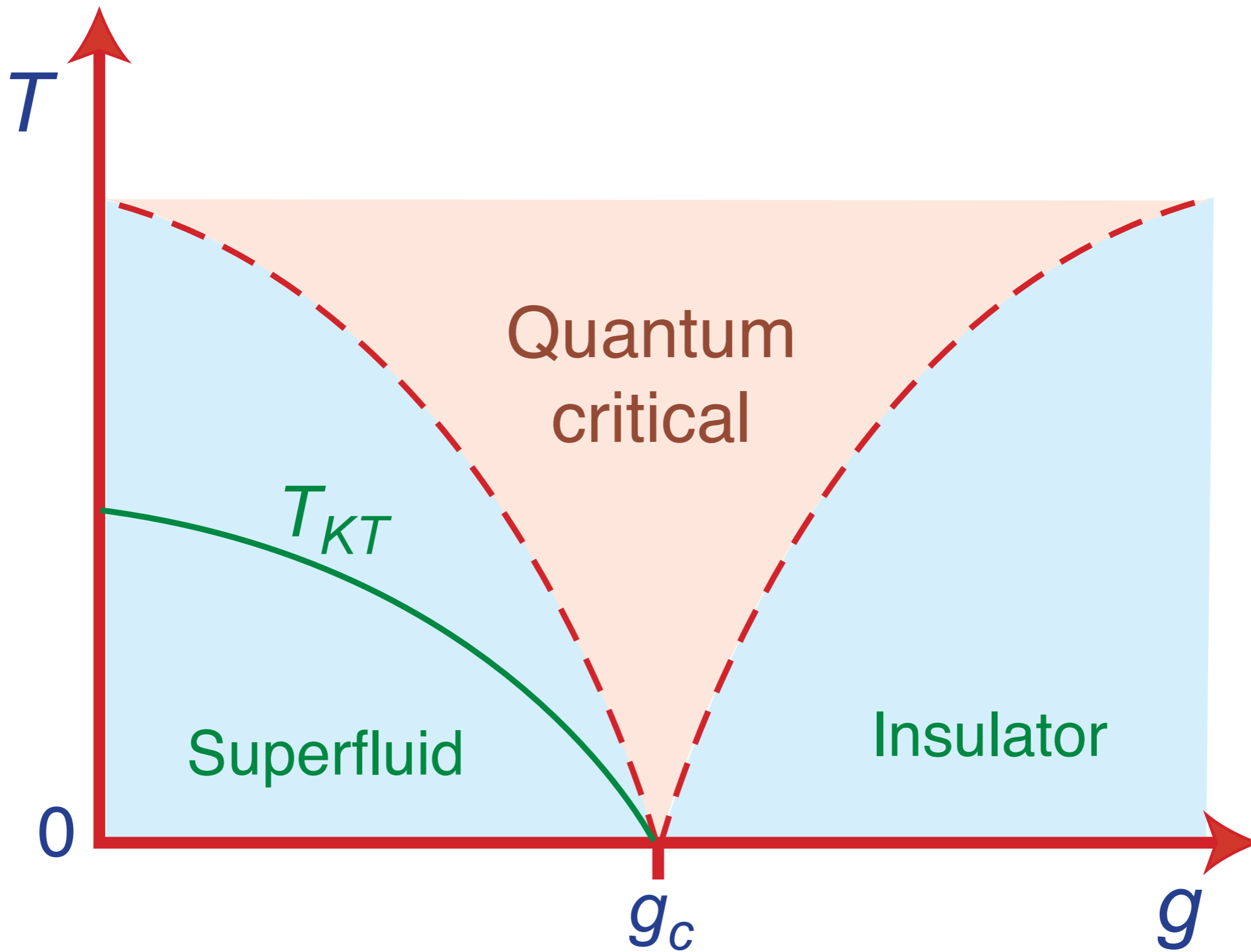
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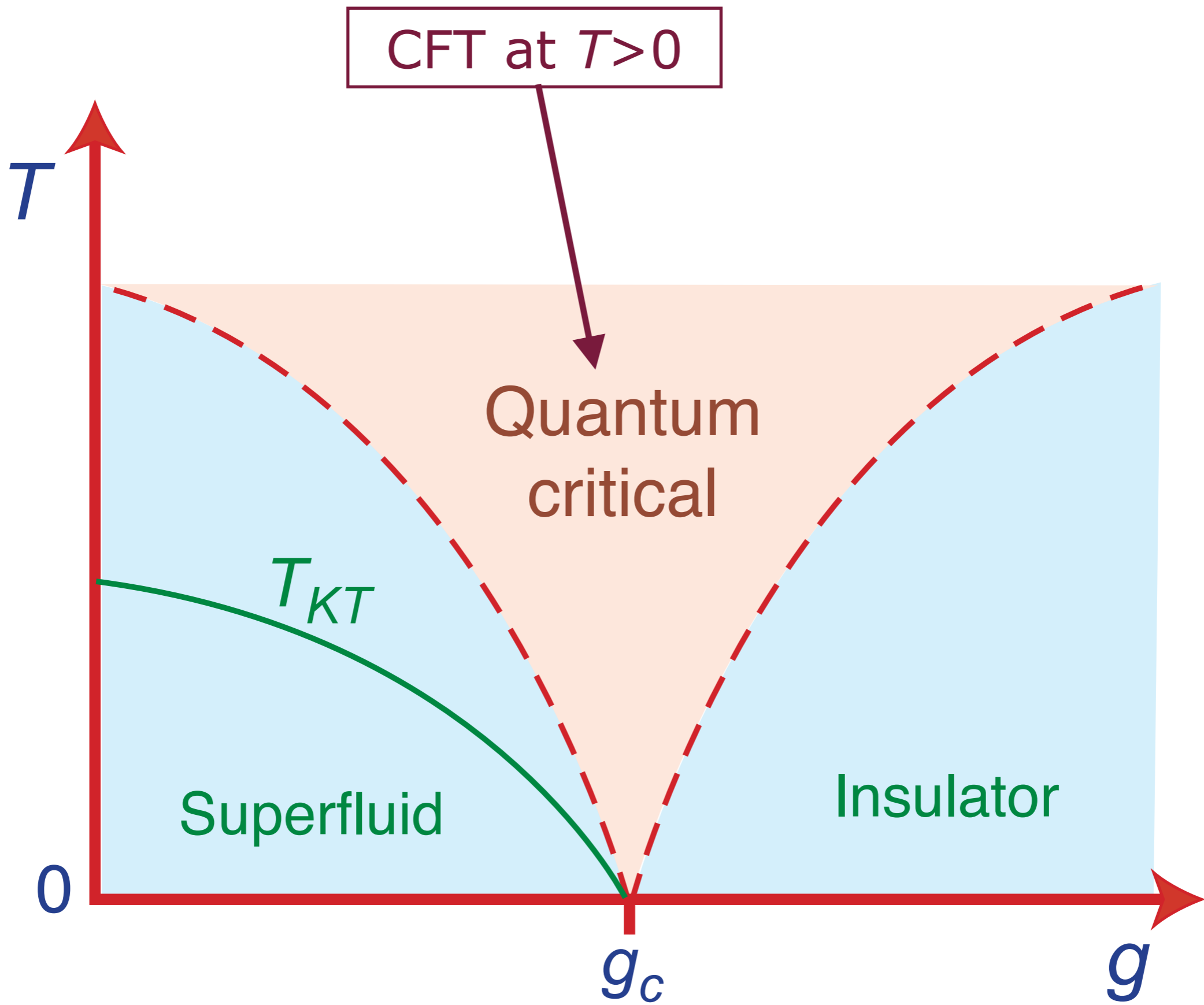
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Quantum “*perfect fluid*”  
with shortest possible  
relaxation time,  $\tau_R$

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

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Transport co-efficients not determined  
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## Electrical conductivity

$$\sigma = \frac{4e^2}{h} \times [\text{Universal constant } \mathcal{O}(1) ]$$

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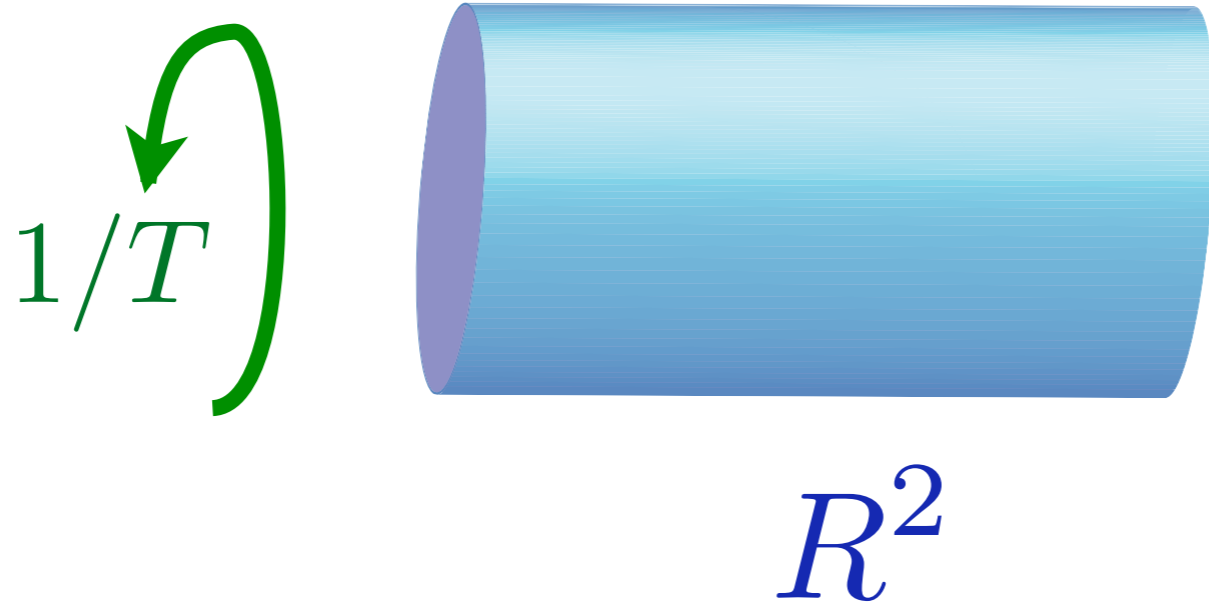
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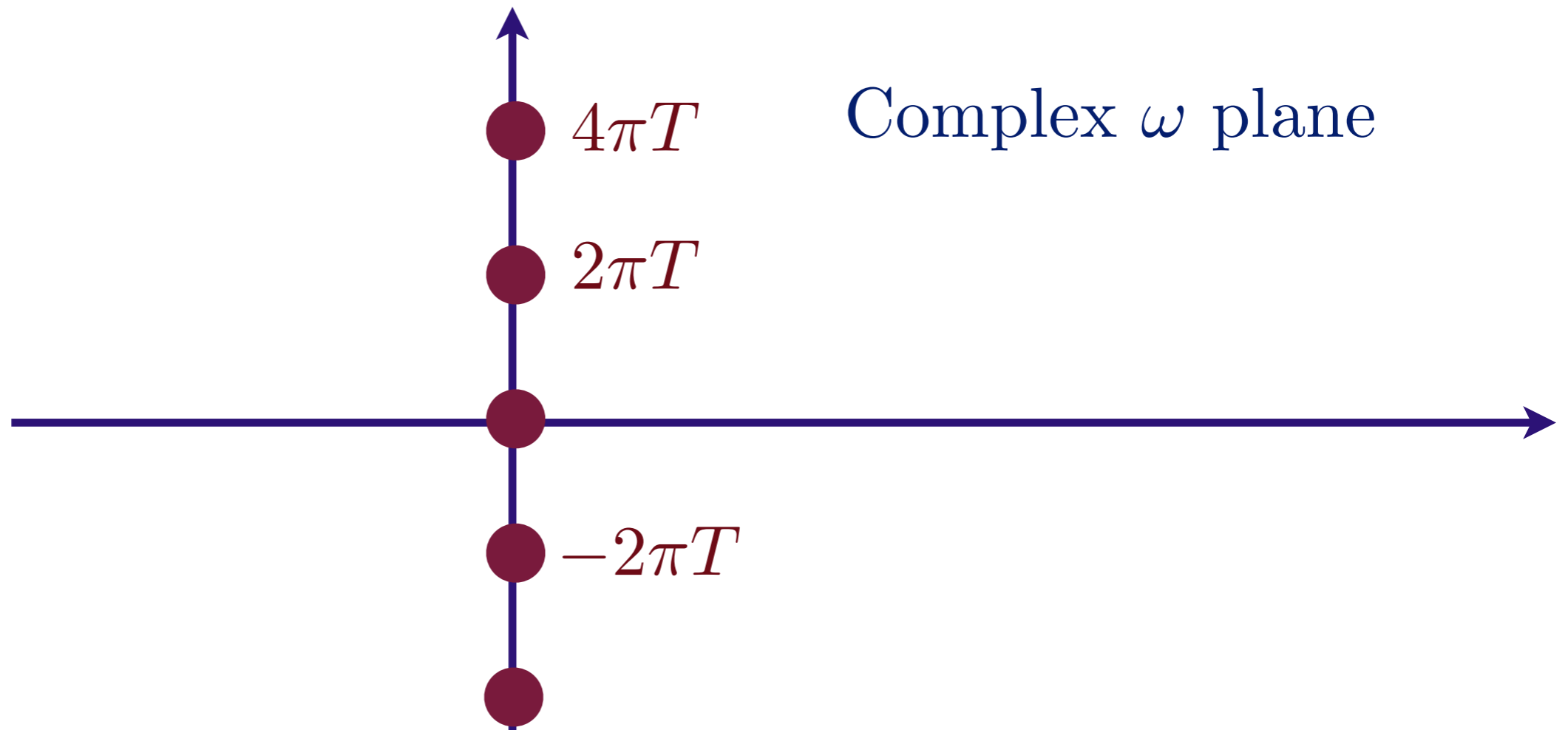
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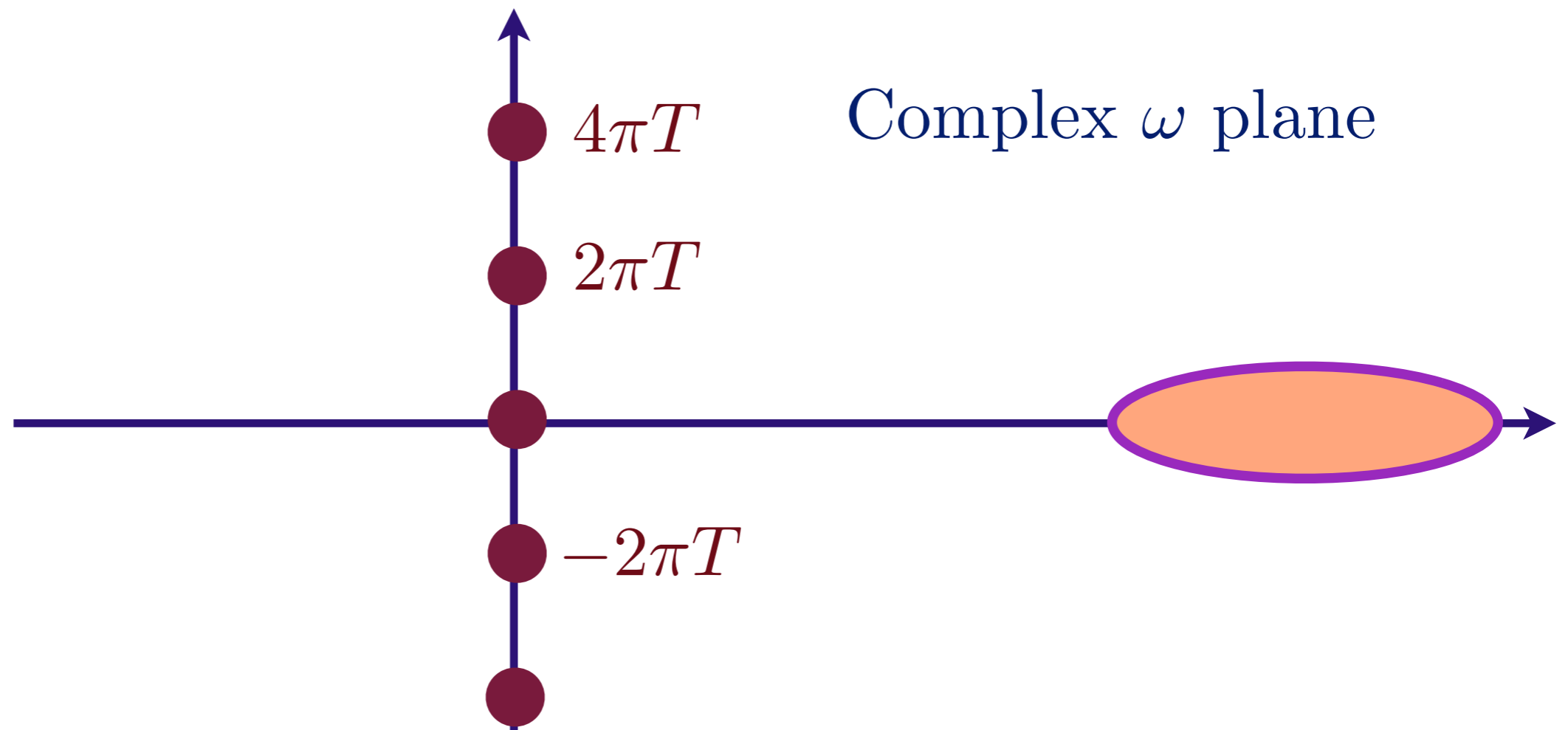
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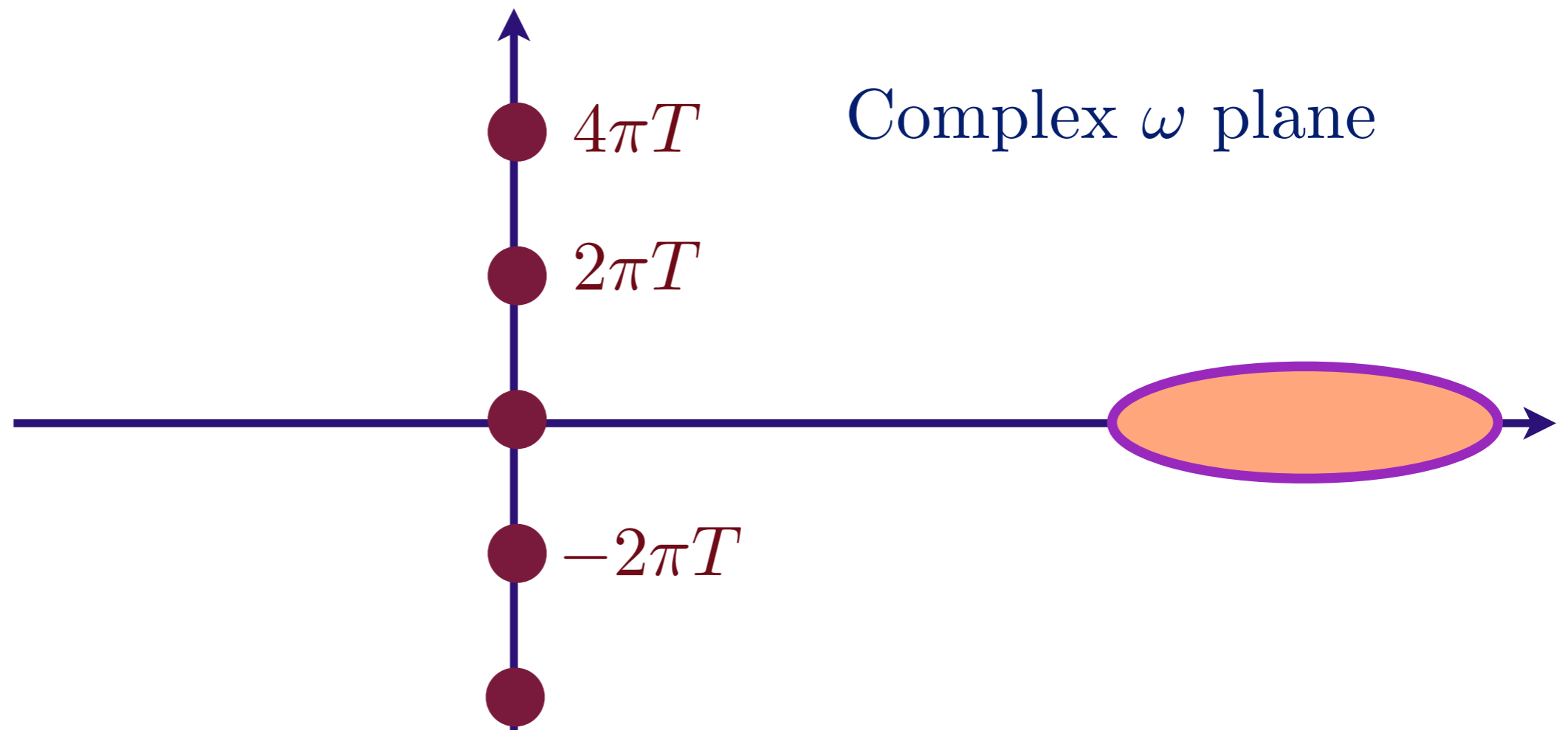
For *all* CFT3s, at  $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$

$$\chi(k, \omega) = \frac{4e^2}{h} K \frac{k^2}{\sqrt{v^2 k^2 - \omega^2}} ; \quad \sigma(\omega) = \frac{4e^2}{h} K$$

where  $K$  is a universal number characterizing the CFT3, and  $v$  is the velocity of “light”.

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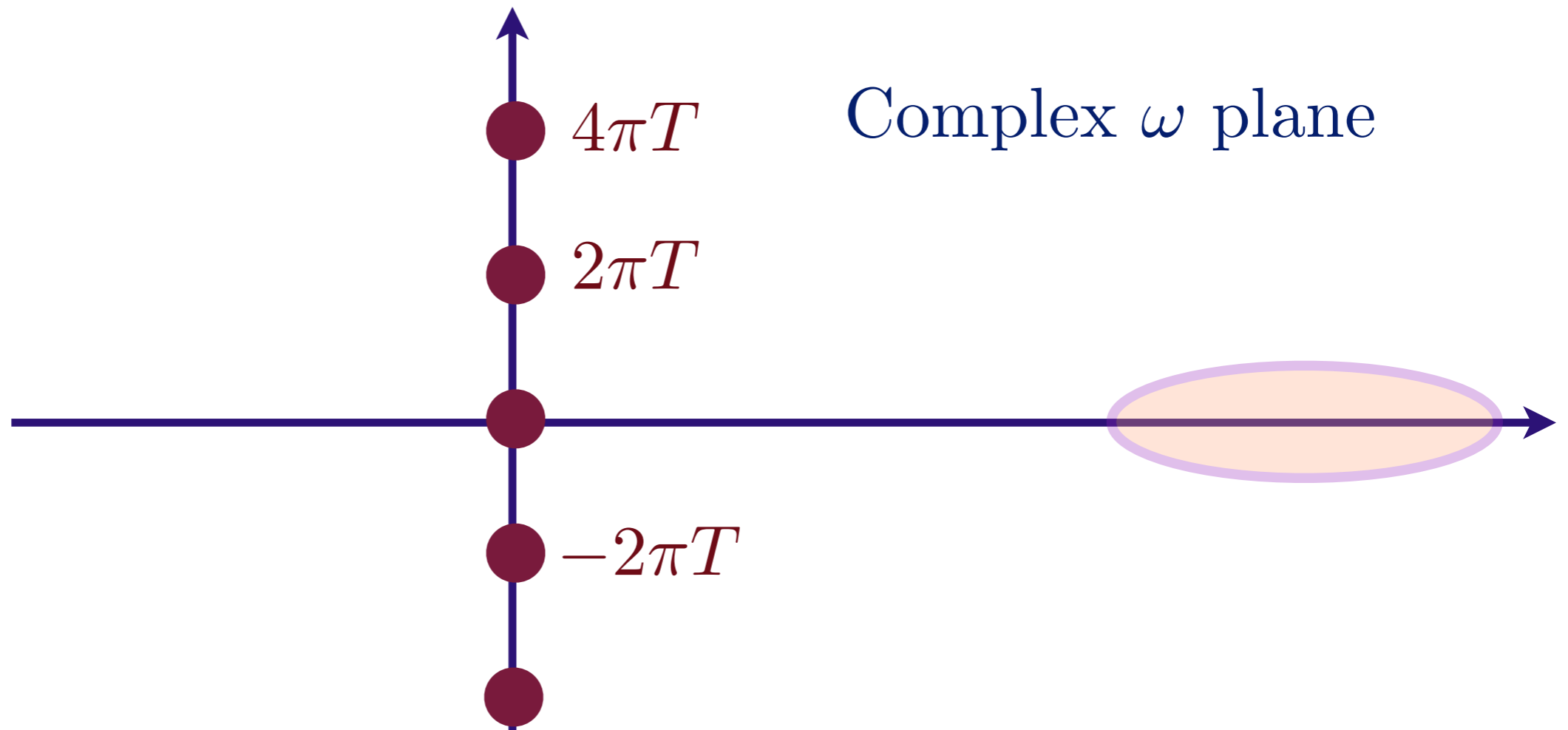
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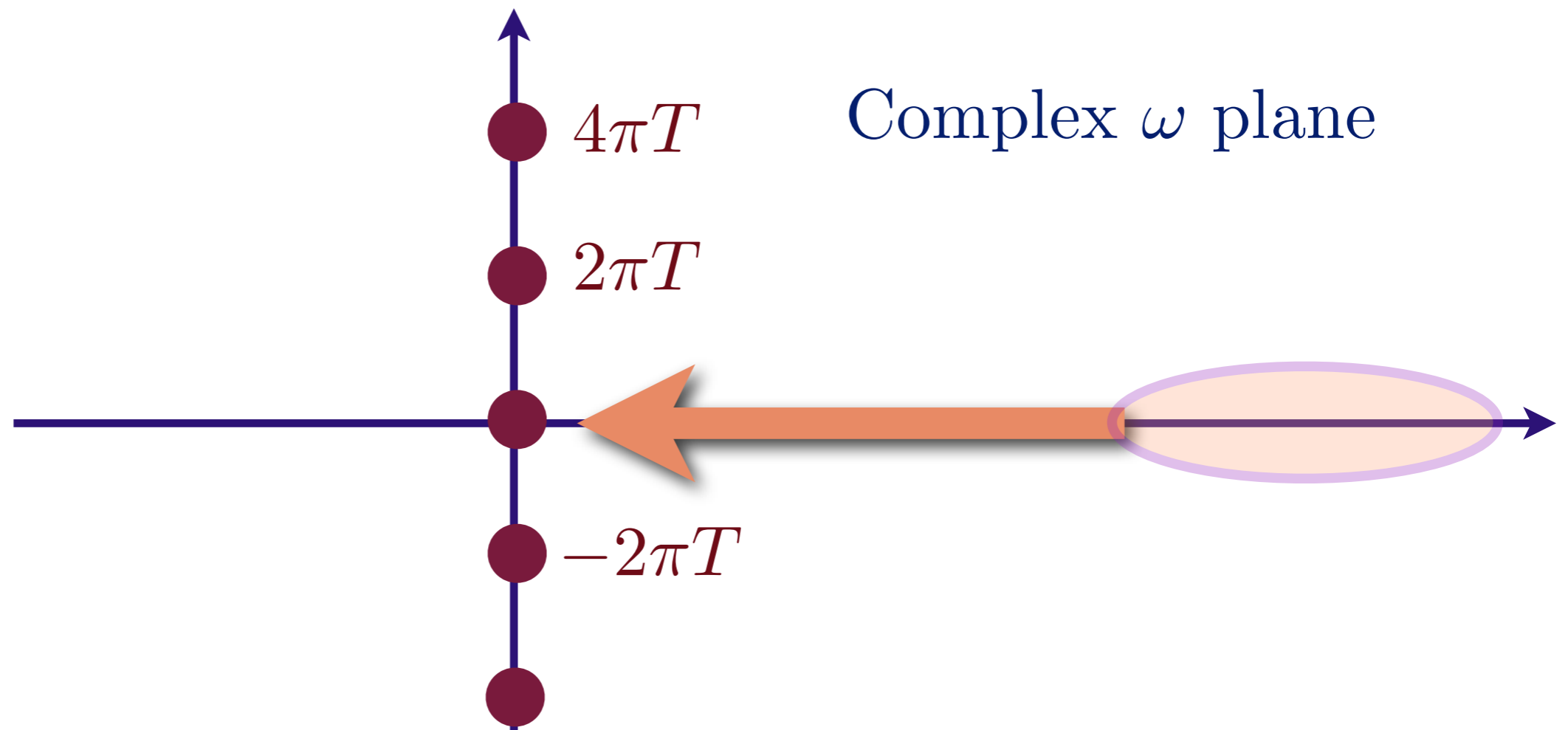


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**However**, for *all* CFT3s, at  $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$ , we have the Einstein relation

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

where the **compressibility**,  $\chi_c$ , and the **diffusion constant**  $D$  obey

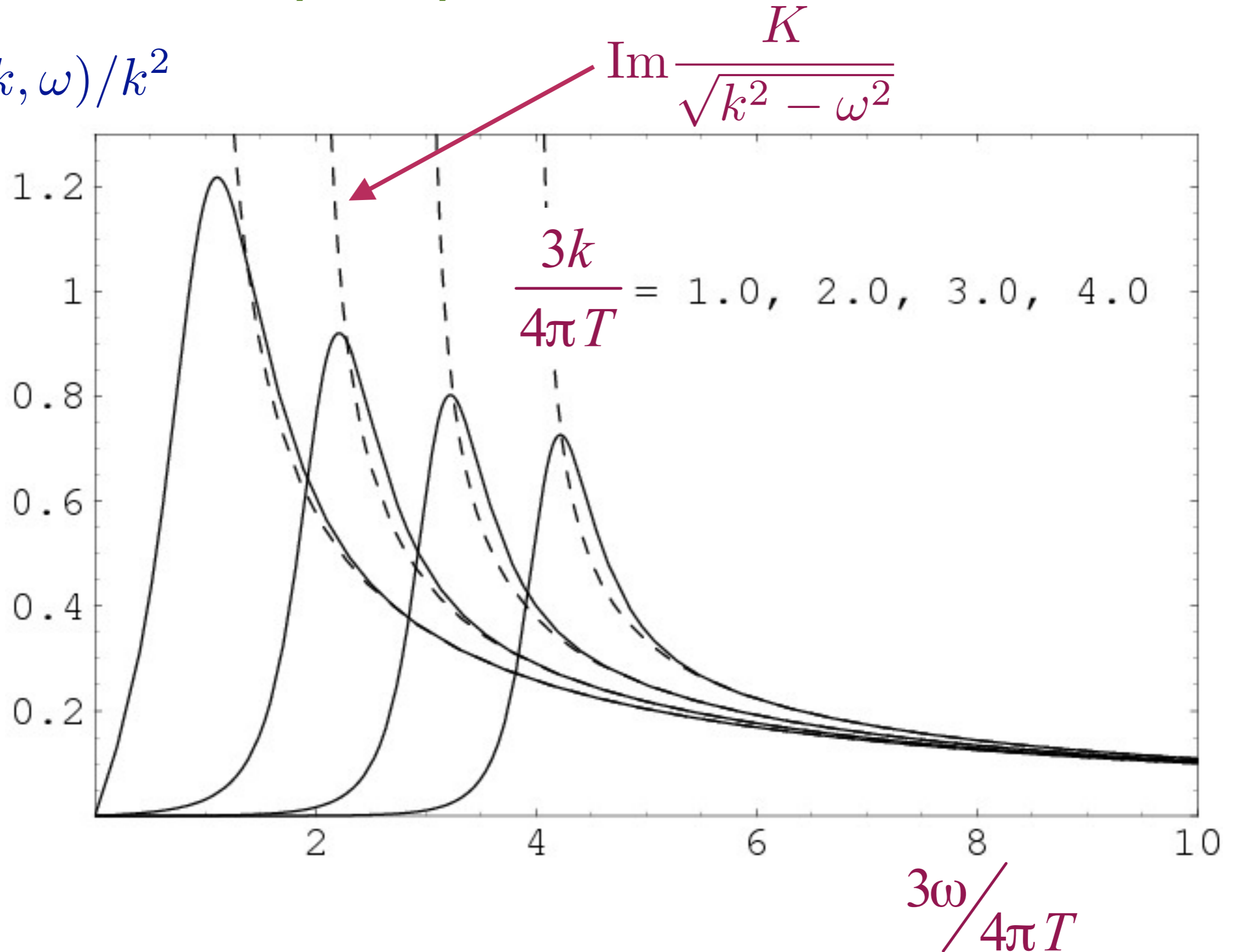
$$\chi = \frac{k_B T}{(h\nu)^2} \Theta_1 \quad ; \quad D = \frac{h\nu^2}{k_B T} \Theta_2$$

with  $\Theta_1$  and  $\Theta_2$  universal numbers characteristic of the CFT3

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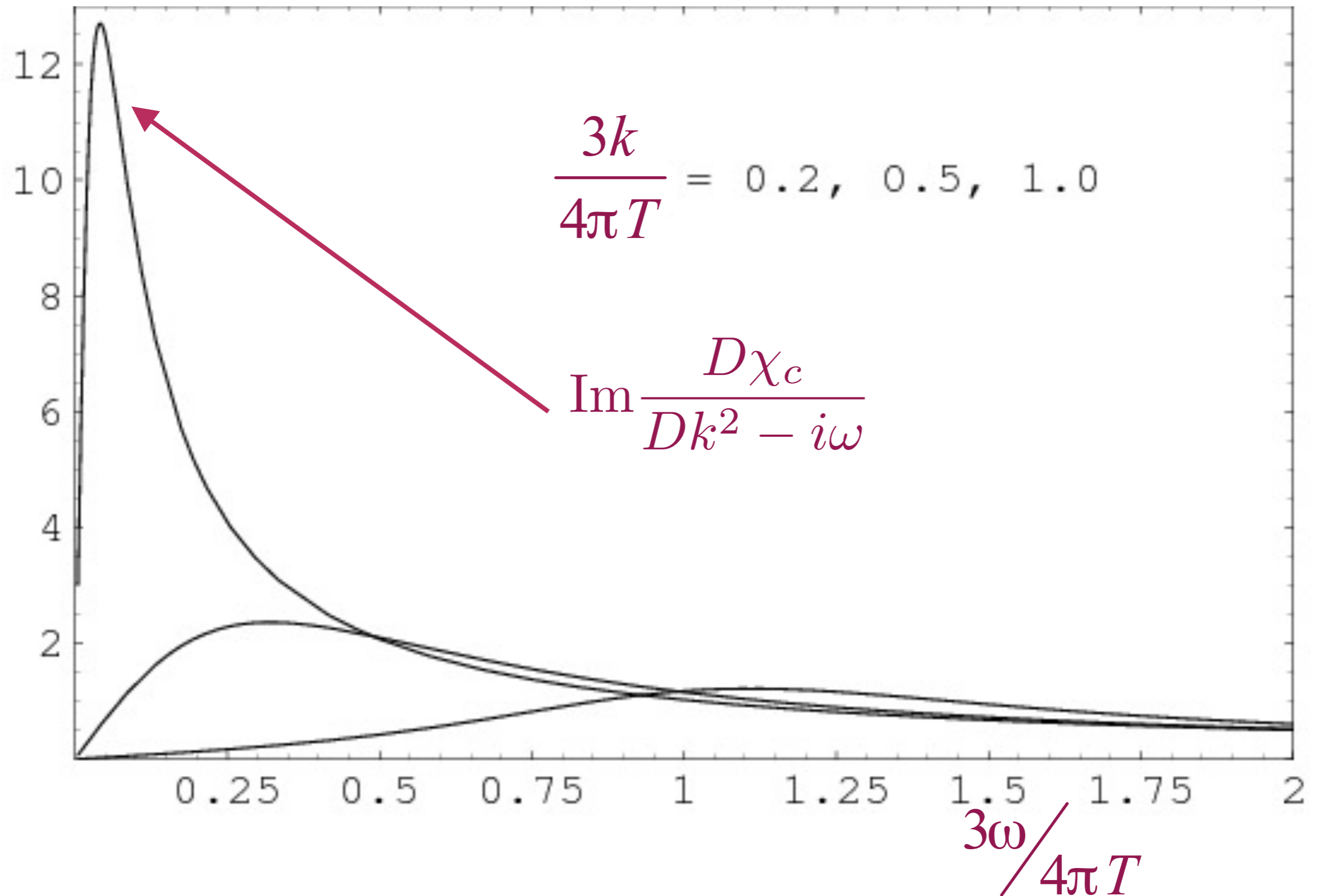


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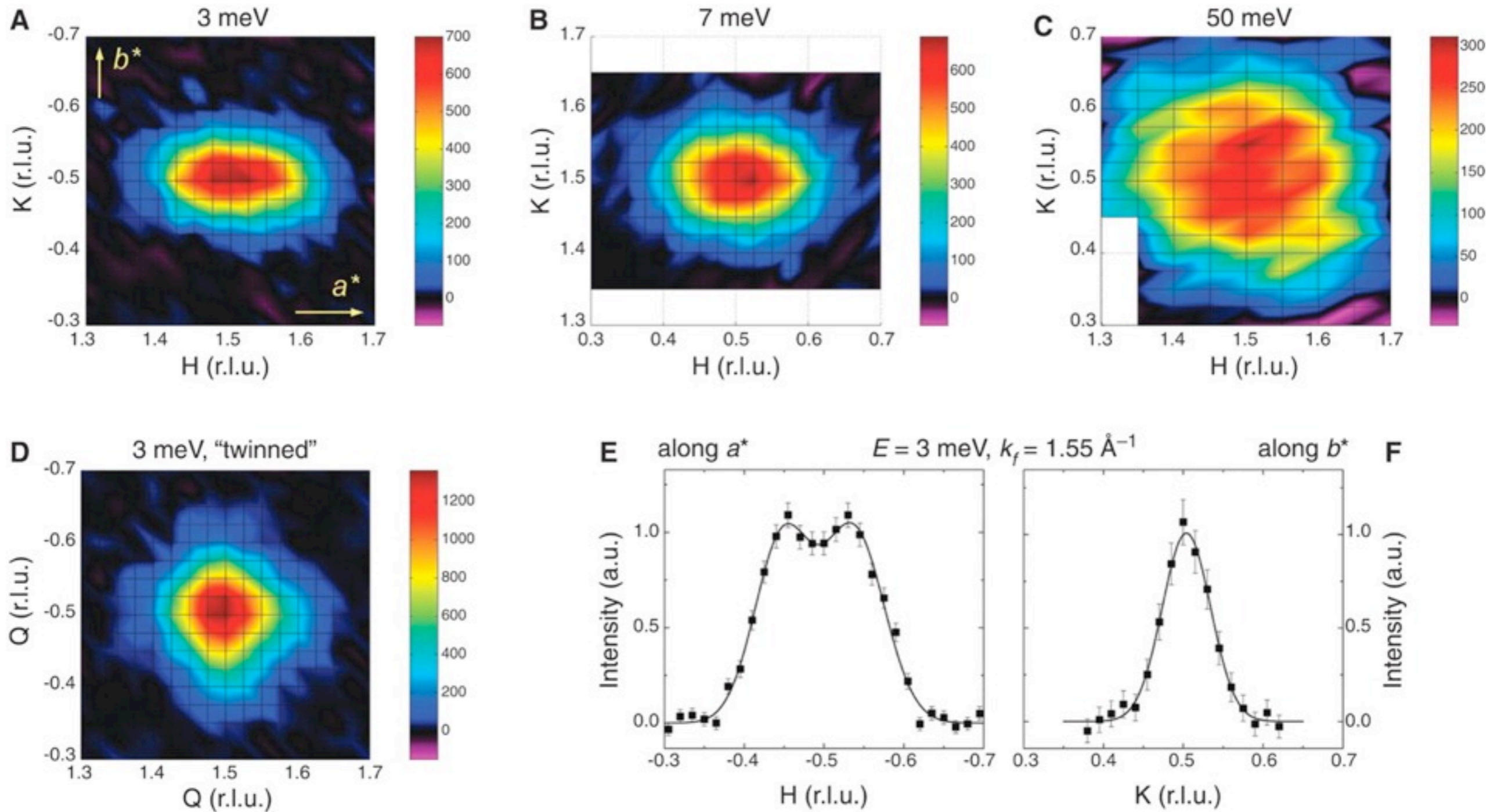
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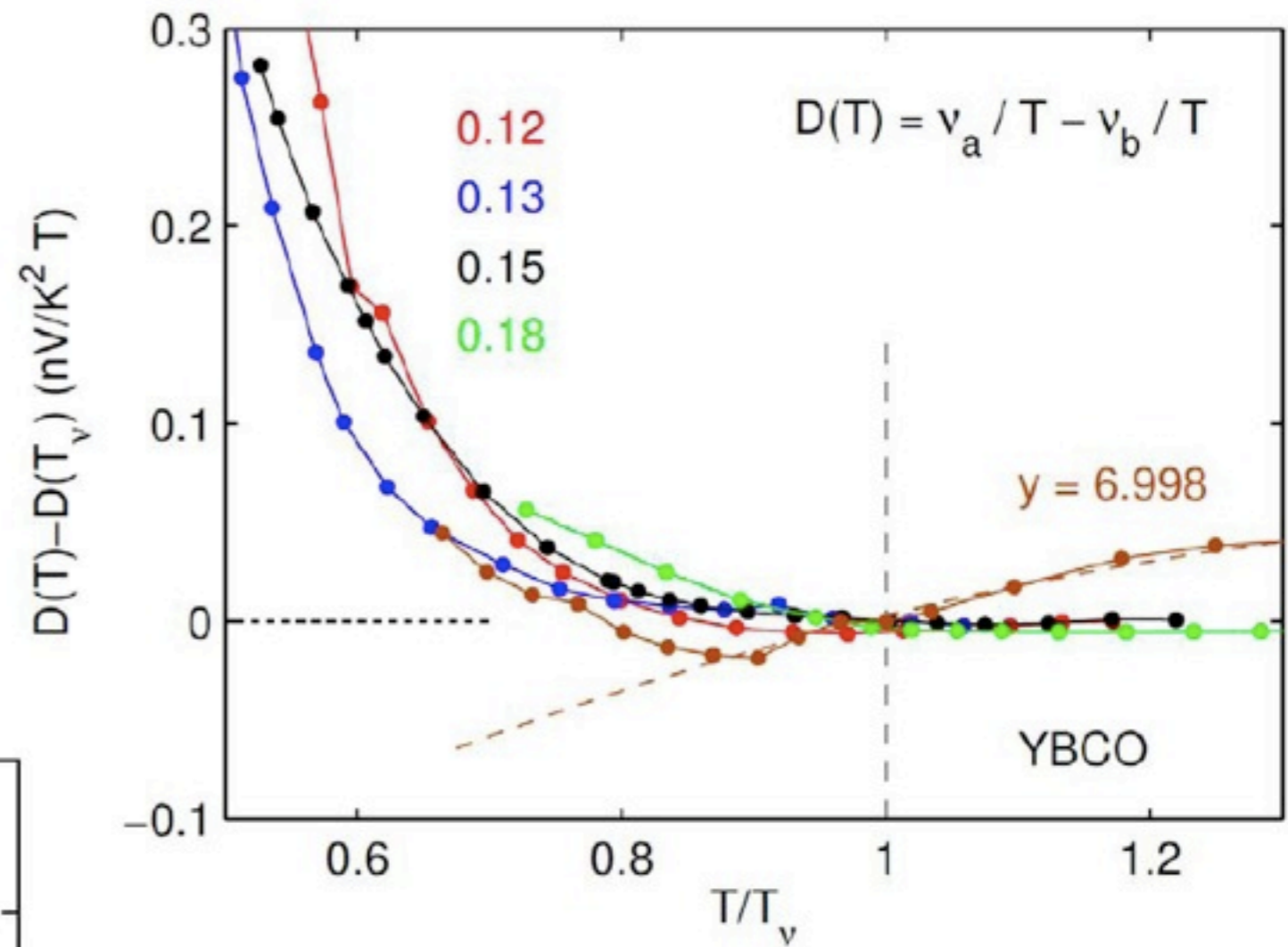
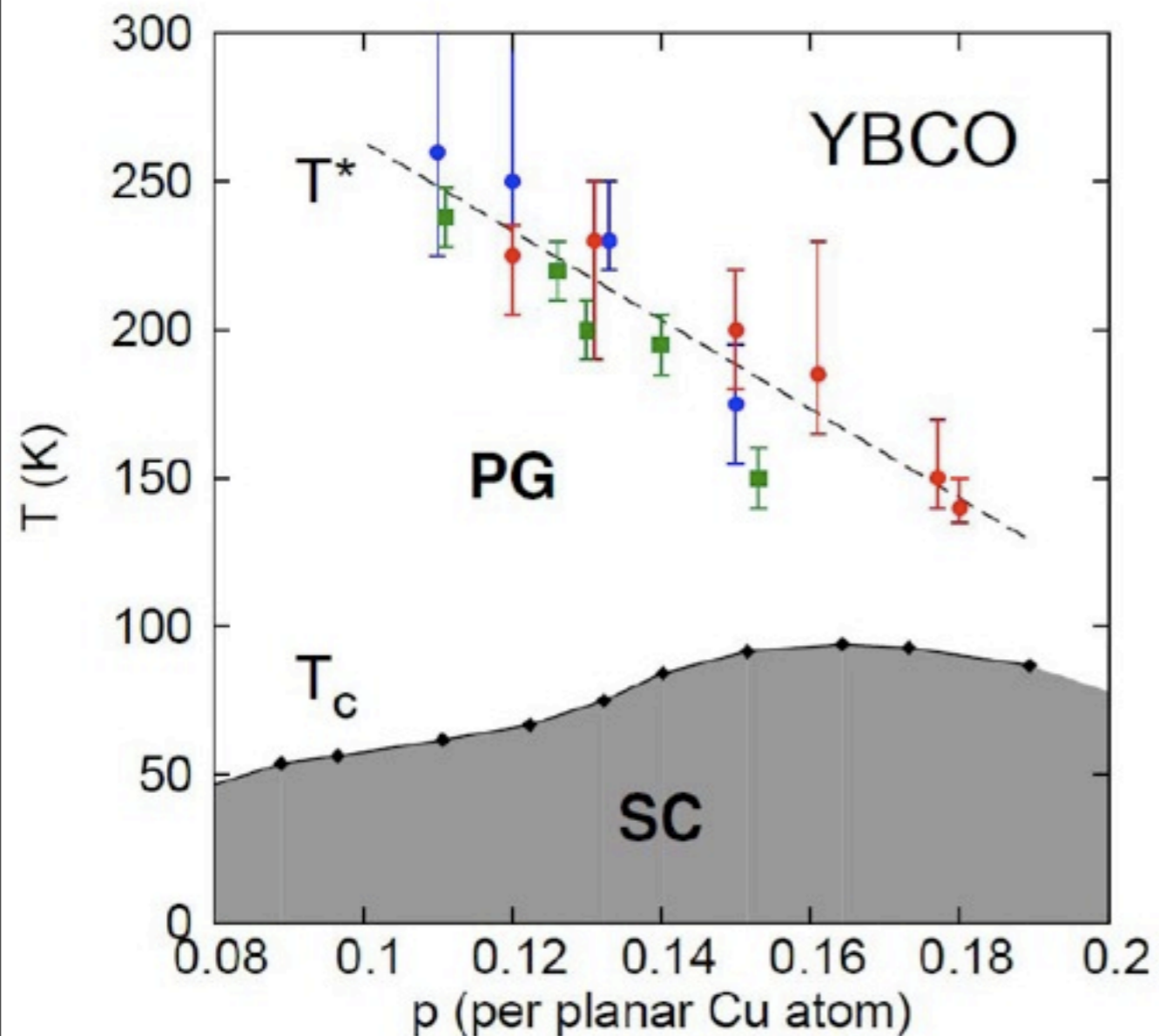


## Nematic order in YBCO

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# Broken rotational symmetry in the pseudogap phase of a high- $T_c$ superconductor

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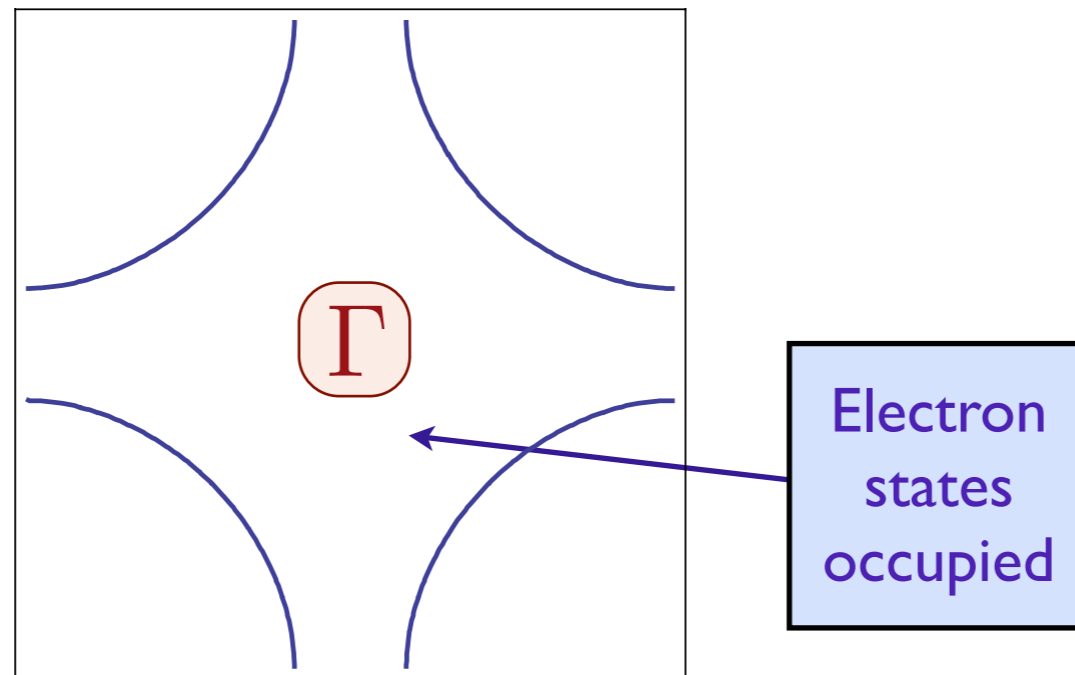
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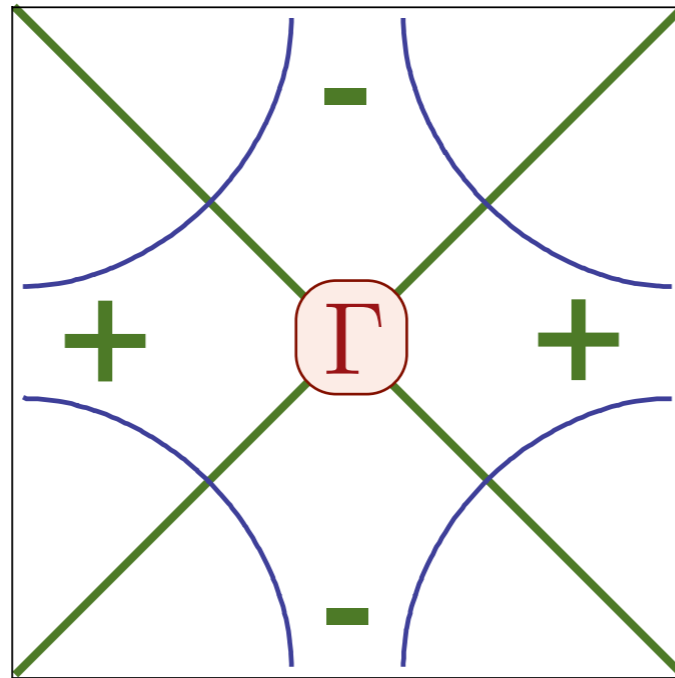
# d-wave superconductivity in cuprates



$$H_0 = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

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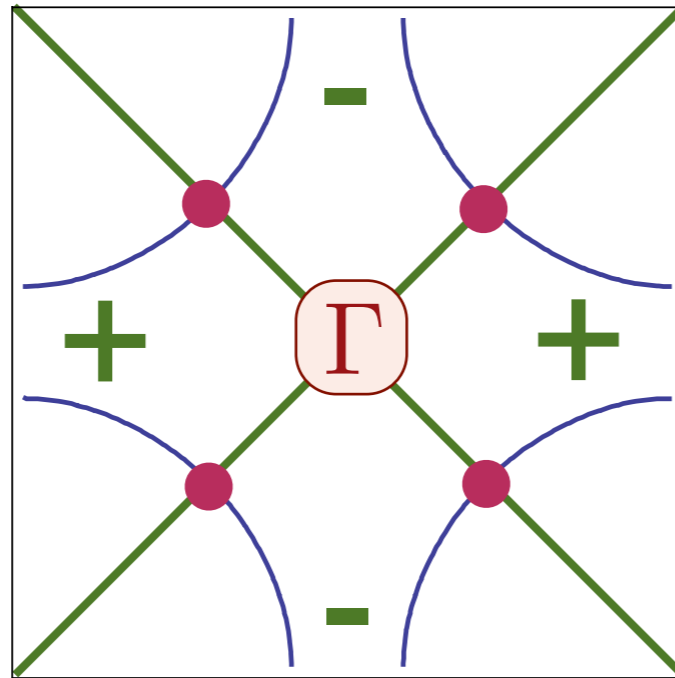


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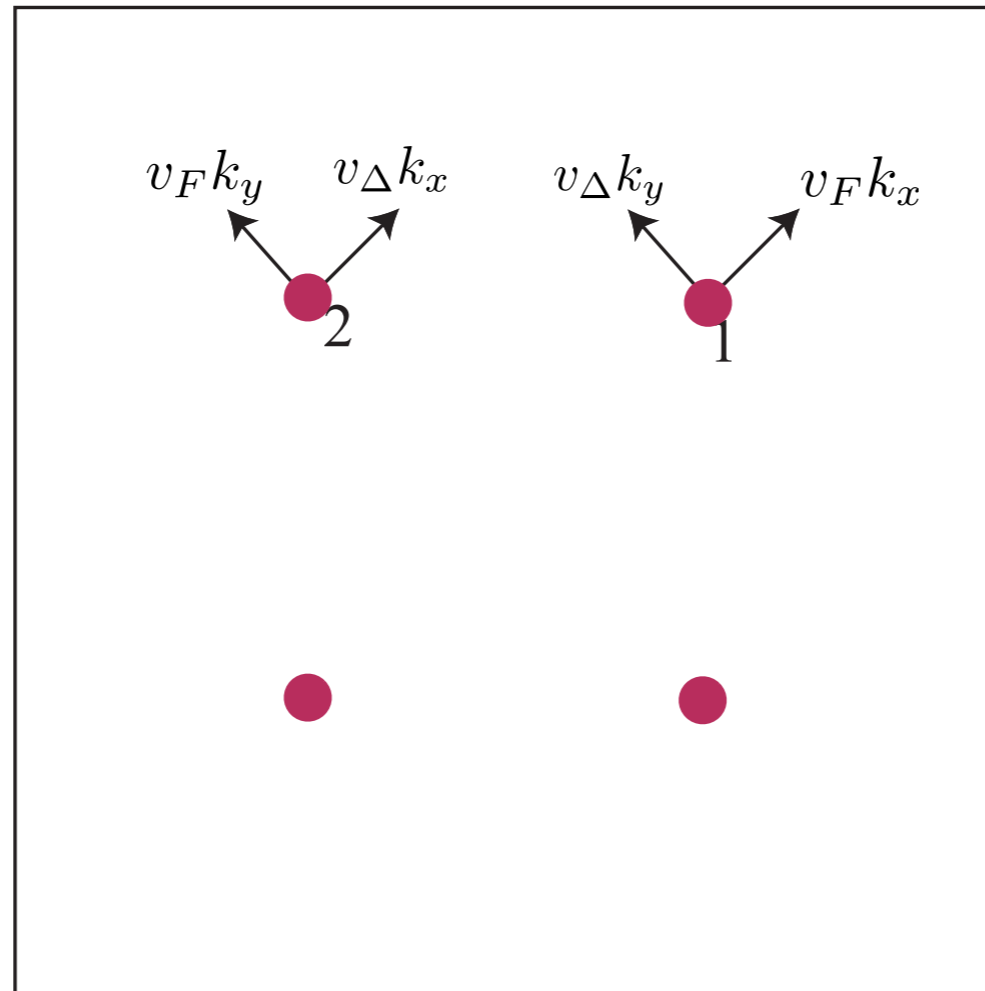
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- Obtain Bogoliubov quasiparticles with dispersion  $\sqrt{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2}$

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## 4 two-component Dirac fermions

$$S_\Psi = \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{\omega_n} \Psi_{1a}^\dagger (-i\omega_n + v_F k_x \tau^z + v_\Delta k_y \tau^x) \Psi_{1a} \\ + \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{\omega_n} \Psi_{2a}^\dagger (-i\omega_n + v_F k_y \tau^z + v_\Delta k_x \tau^x) \Psi_{2a}.$$

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Now consider a discrete spontaneous symmetry breaking, with Ising symmetry, described by a real scalar field  $\phi$ .

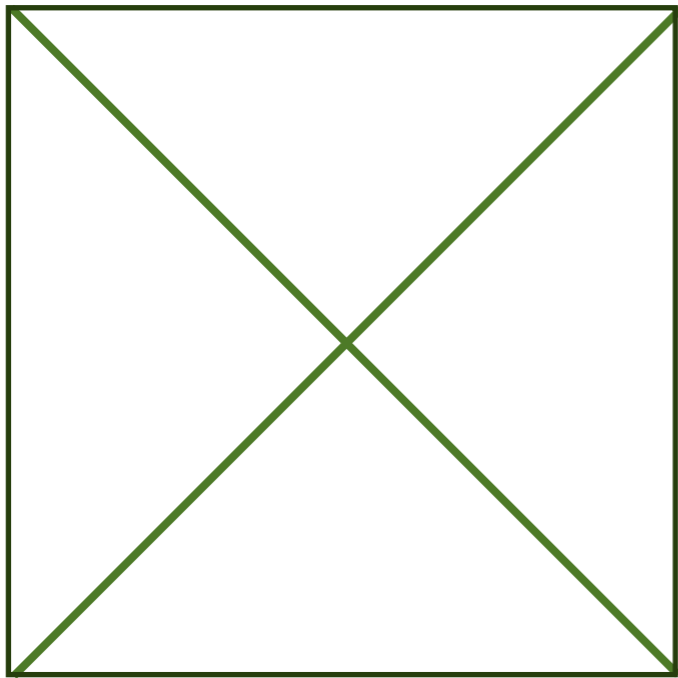
Two cases of experimental interest are:

- Time-reversal symmetry breaking: leads to a  $d_{x^2-y^2} + id_{xy}$  superconductor, in which the Dirac fermions are massive
- Break 4-fold lattice rotation symmetry to 2-fold lattice rotations: leads to a superconductor with **nematic** order.

We can write down the usual  $\phi^4$  theory for the scalar field:

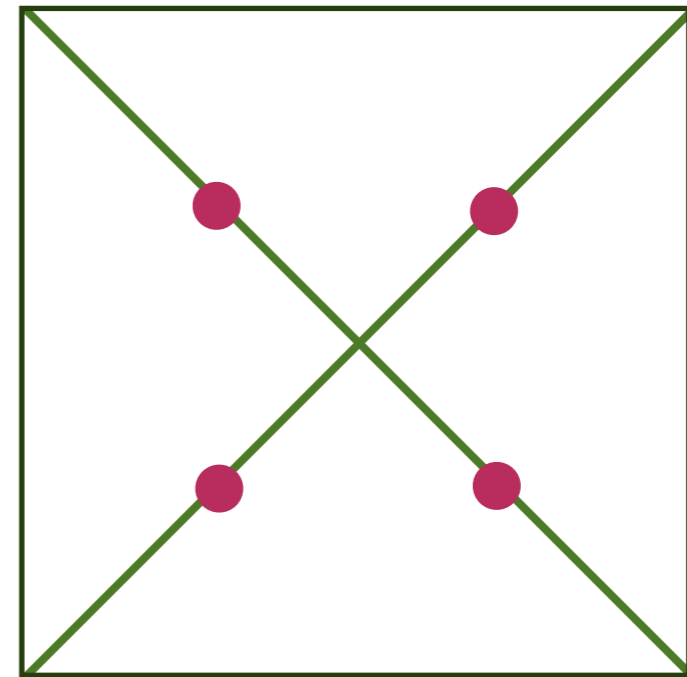
$$S_{\phi}^0 = \int d^2x d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\tau} \phi)^2 + \frac{c^2}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{u_0}{24} \phi^4 \right]$$

# Time-reversal symmetry breaking



$d_{x^2-y^2} \pm id_{xy}$   
superconductor

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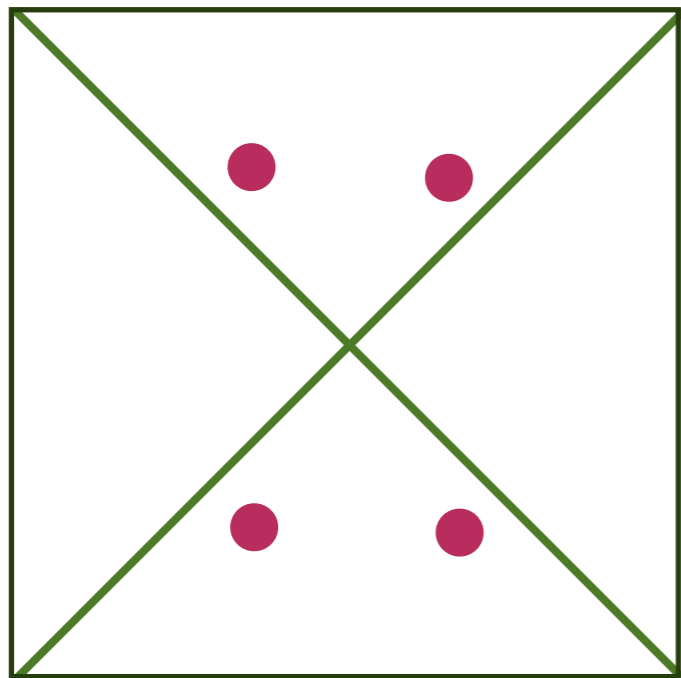
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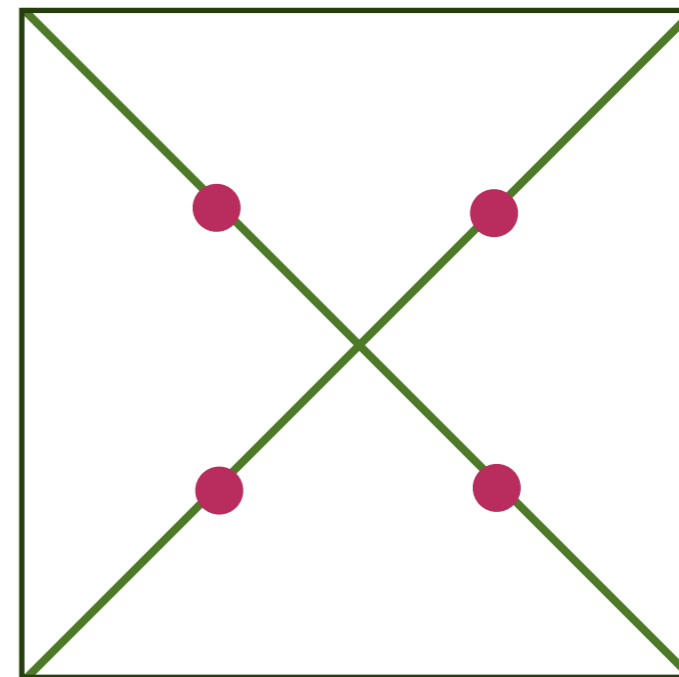
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# Lattice rotation symmetry breaking



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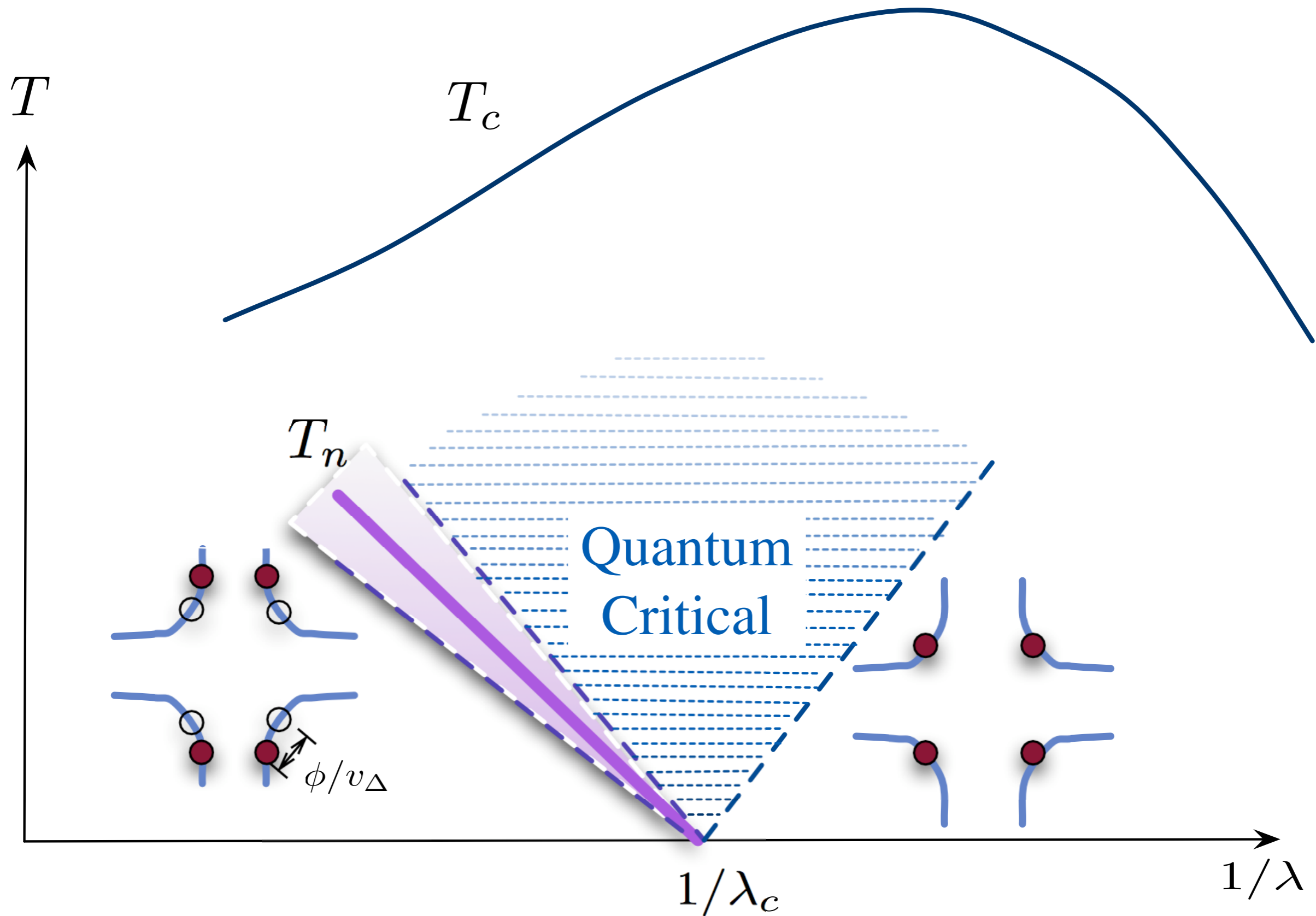


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For the latter case *only*, with  $v_F = v_\Delta = c$ , theory reduces to relativistic Gross-Neveu model



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Integrating out the fermions yields an effective action for the scalar order parameter

$$S_\phi = \frac{N_f}{v_\Delta v_F} \Gamma \left[ \lambda_0 \phi(x, \tau); \frac{v_\Delta}{v_F} \right] + \frac{N_f}{2} \int d^2x d\tau \left( r \phi^2(x, \tau) \right) + \text{irrelevant terms}$$

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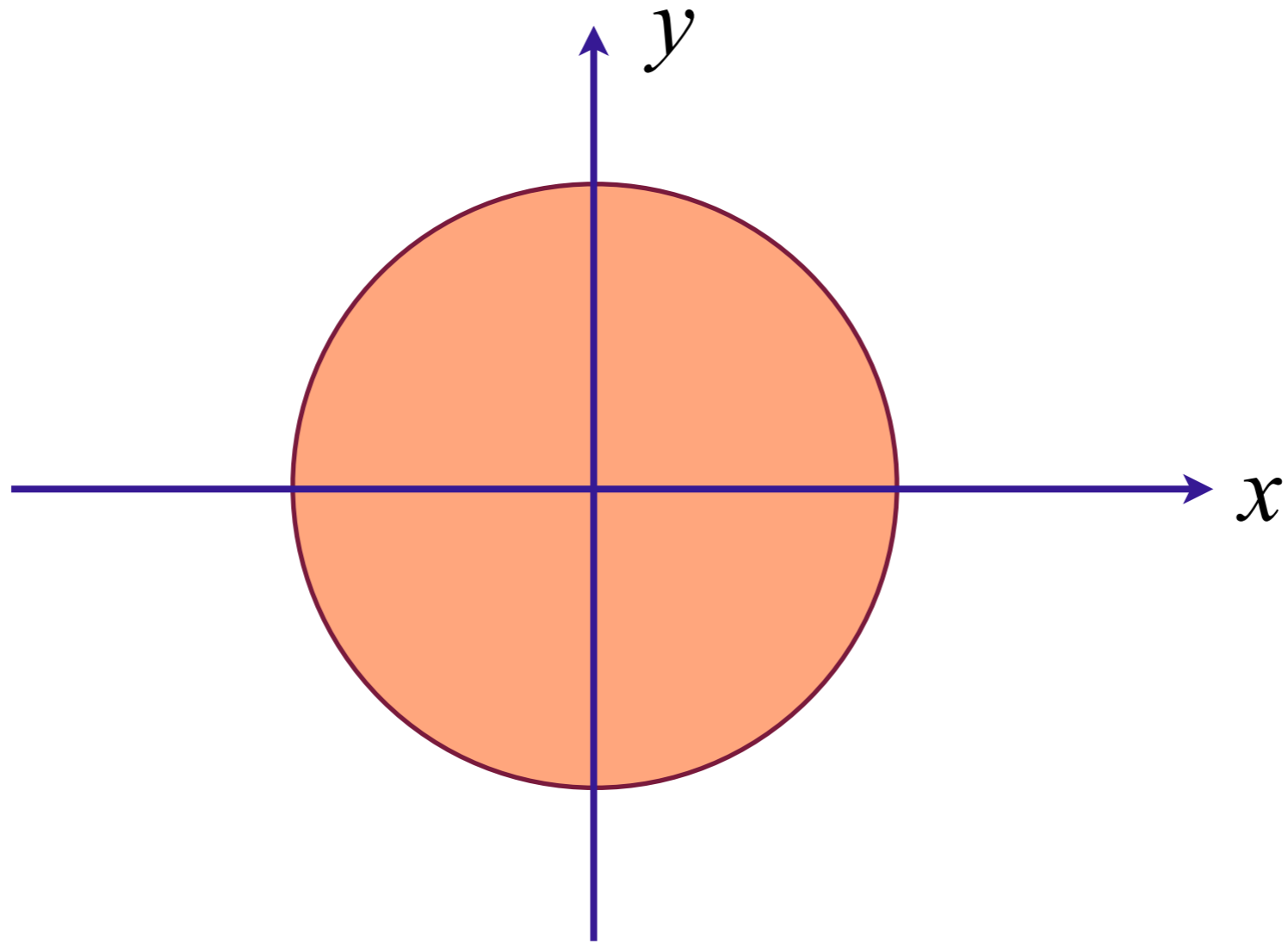
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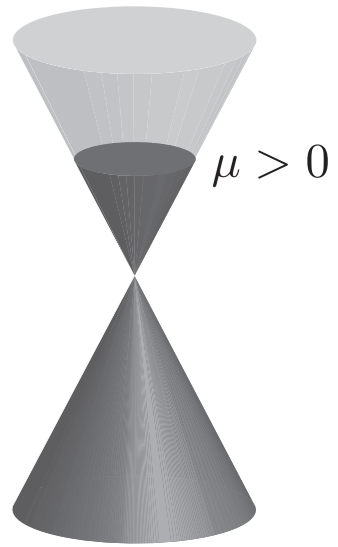
# Quantum criticality of Pomeranchuk instability



Fermi surface with full square lattice symmetry

# Electron Green's function in Fermi liquid (T=0)

$$G(k, \omega) = \frac{Z}{\omega - v_F(k - k_F) - i\omega^2 \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{k - k_F}{\omega}\right)} + \dots$$

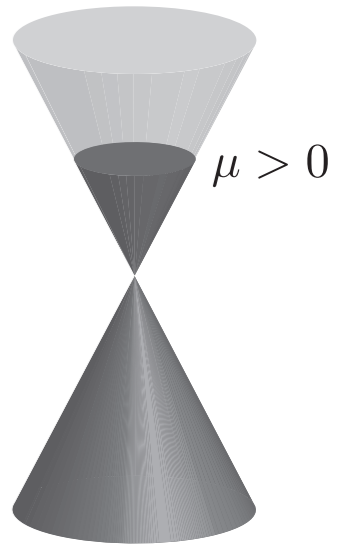


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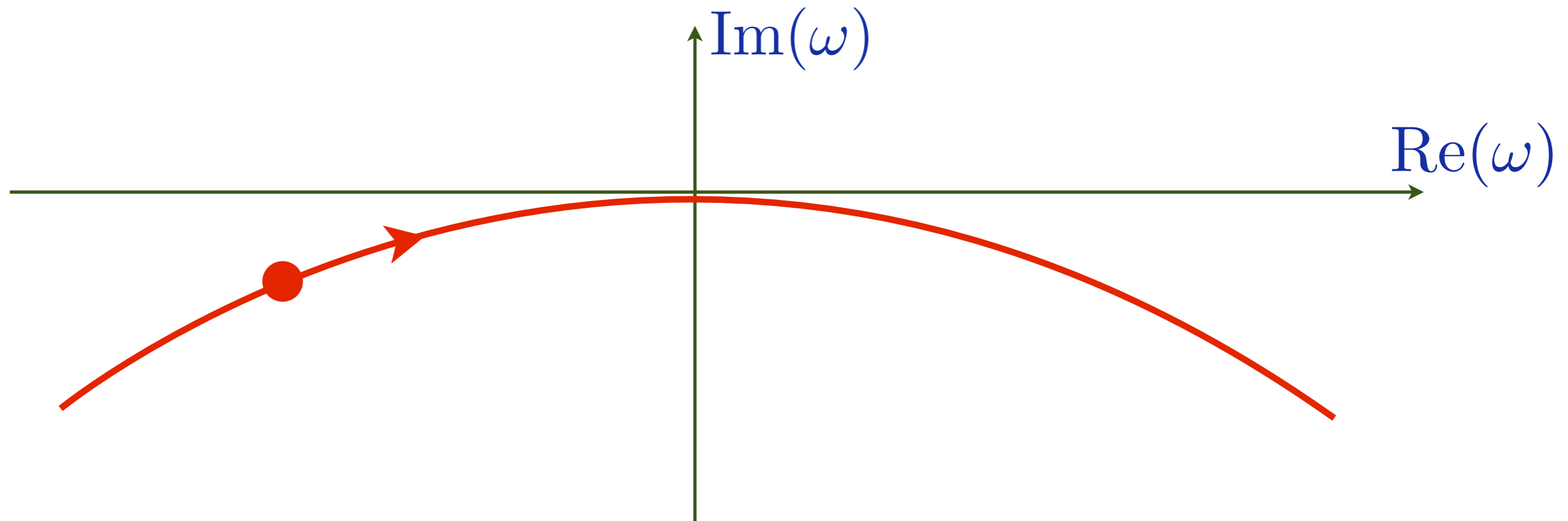
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Green's function has a pole in the LHP at

$$\omega = v_F(k - k_F) - i\alpha(k - k_F)^2 + \dots$$

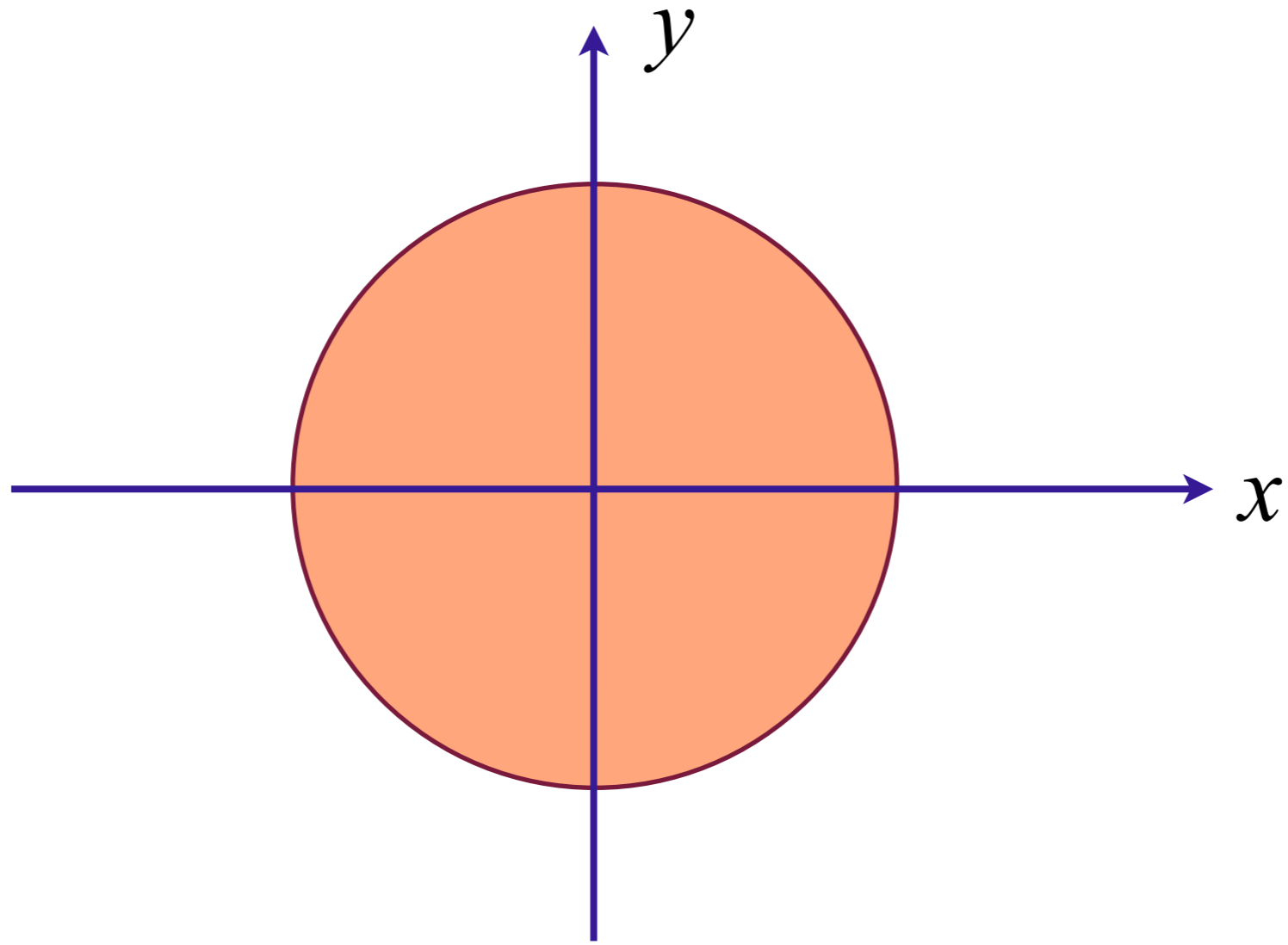


Pole is at  $\omega = 0$  precisely at  $k = k_F$  *i.e.* on a sphere of radius  $k_F$  in momentum space. This is the *Fermi surface*.



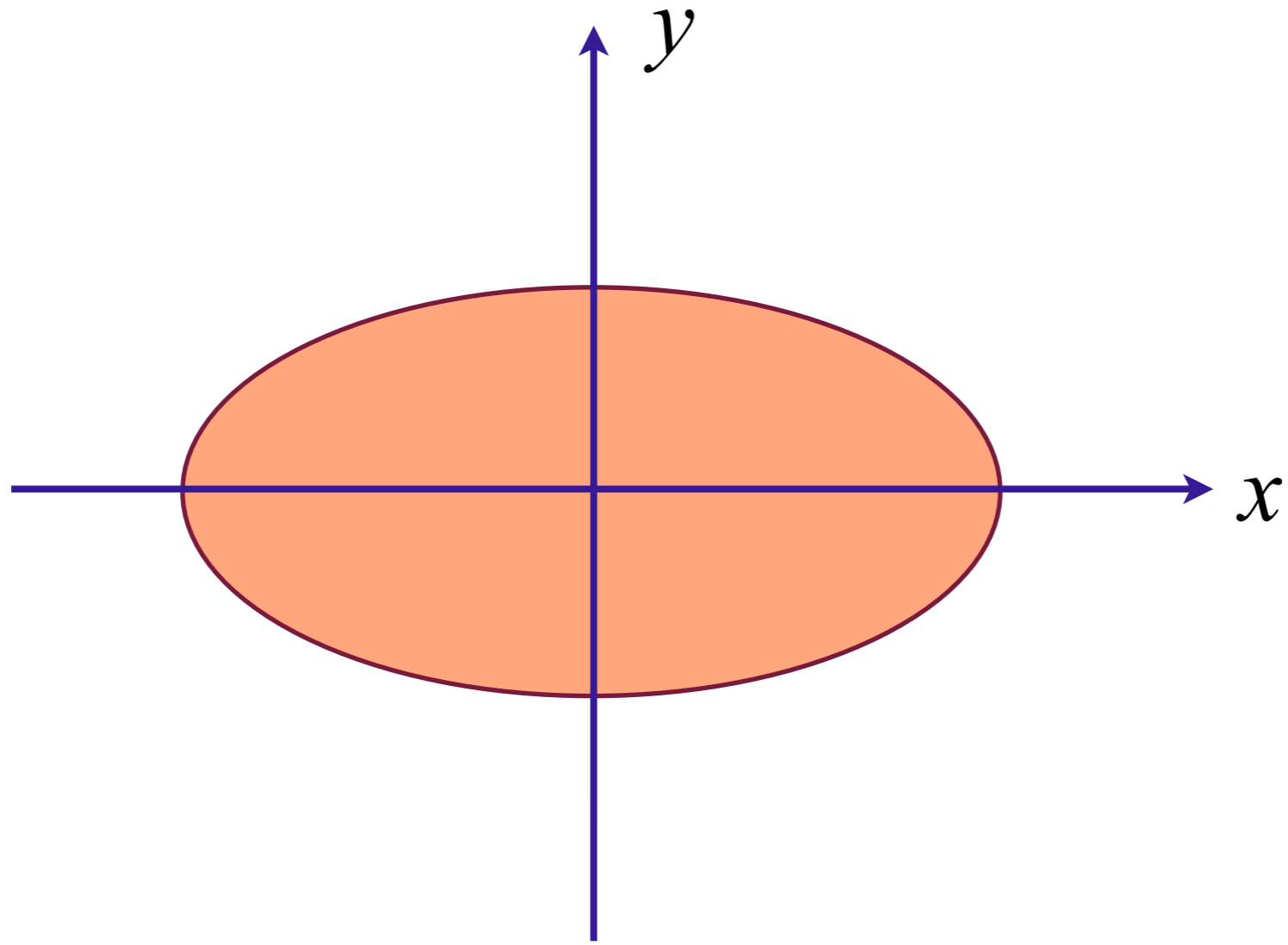


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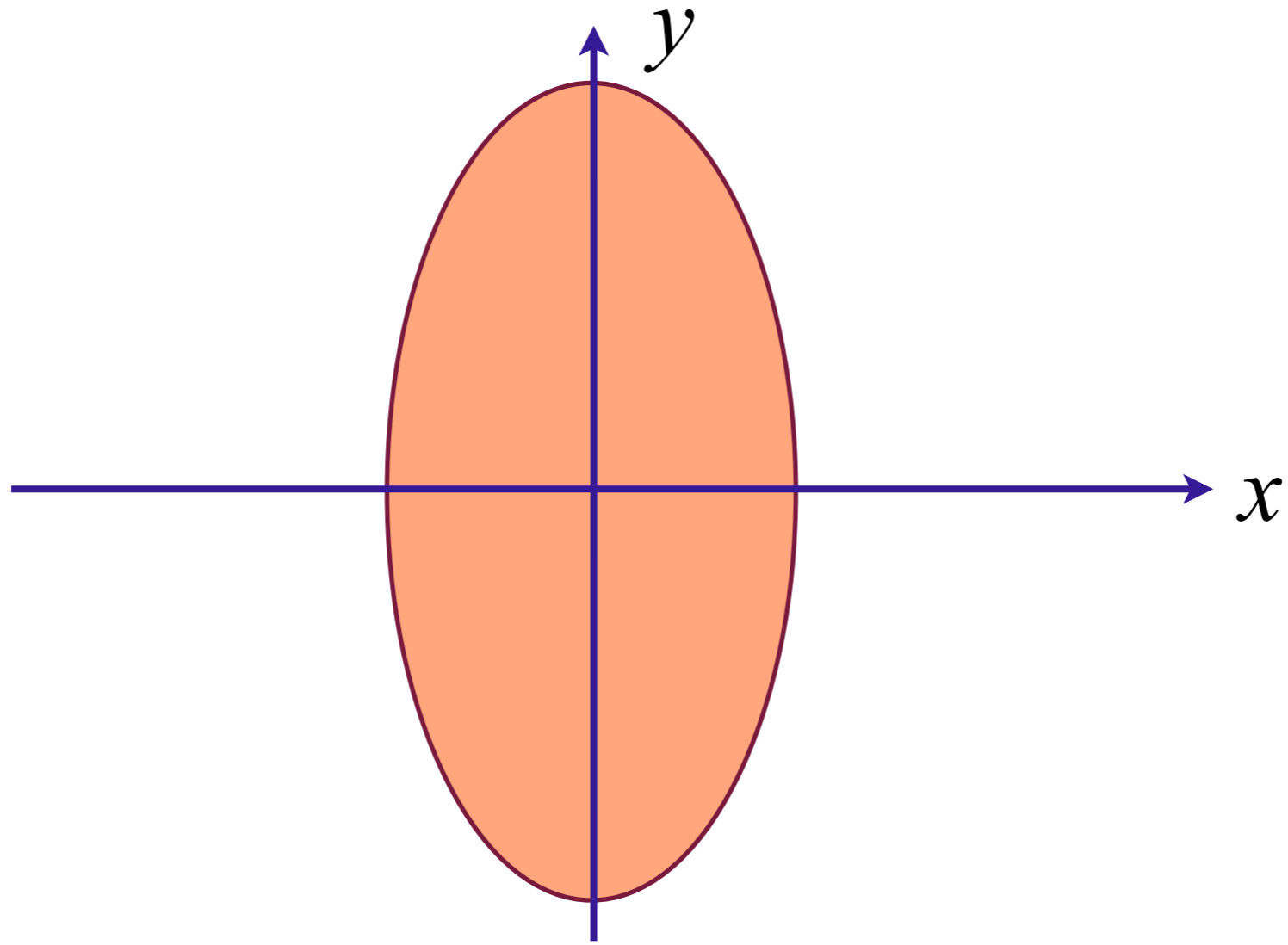
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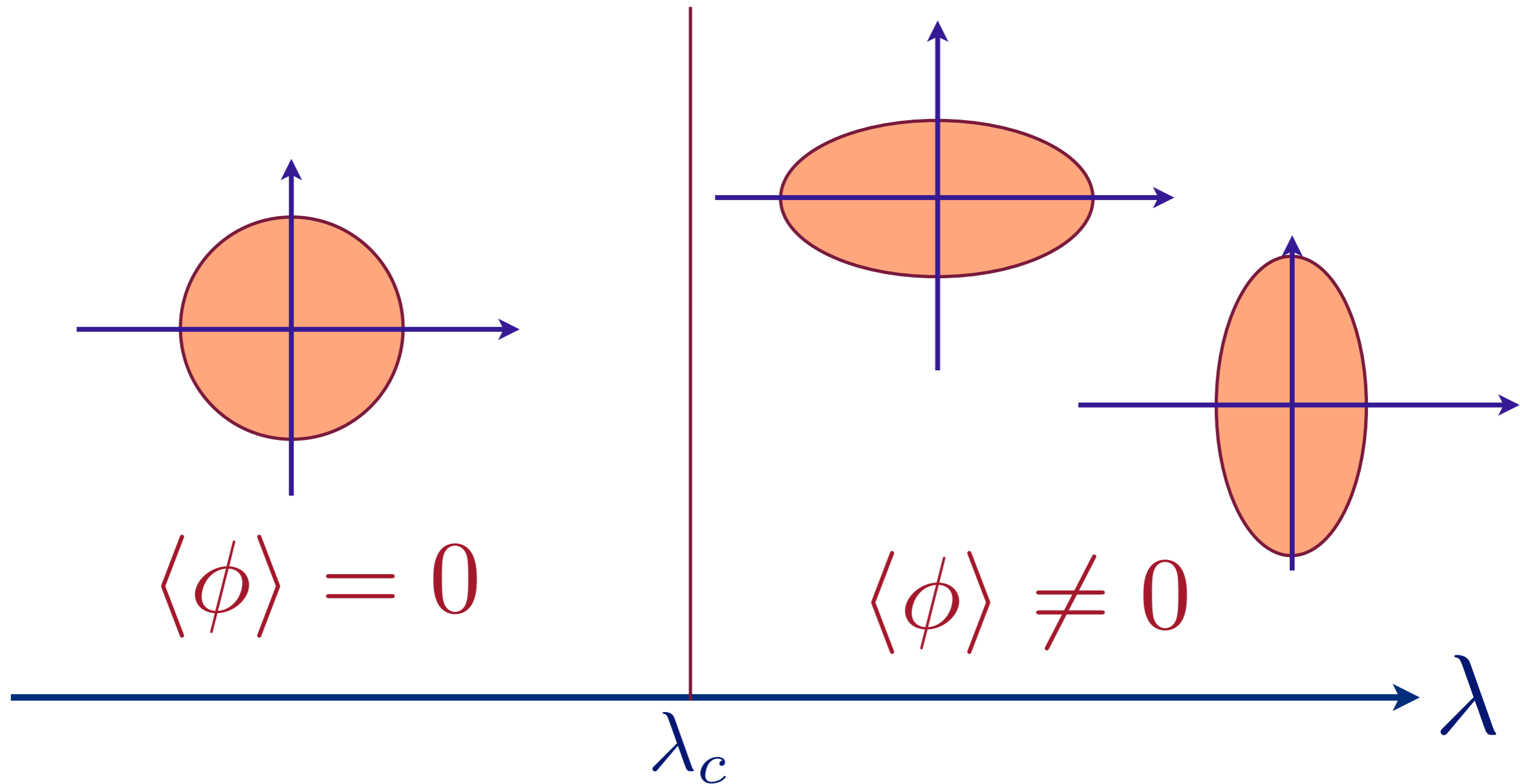
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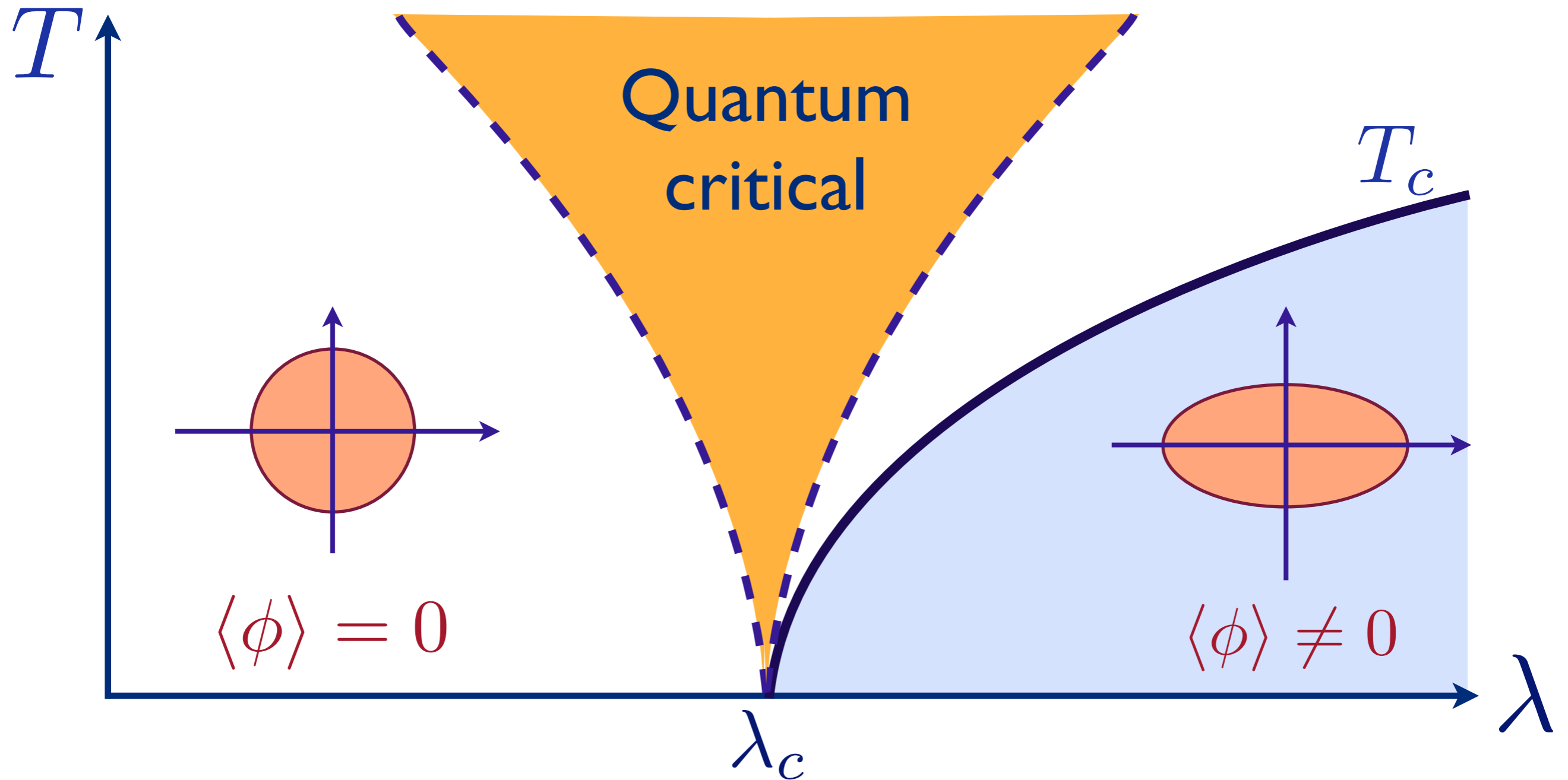
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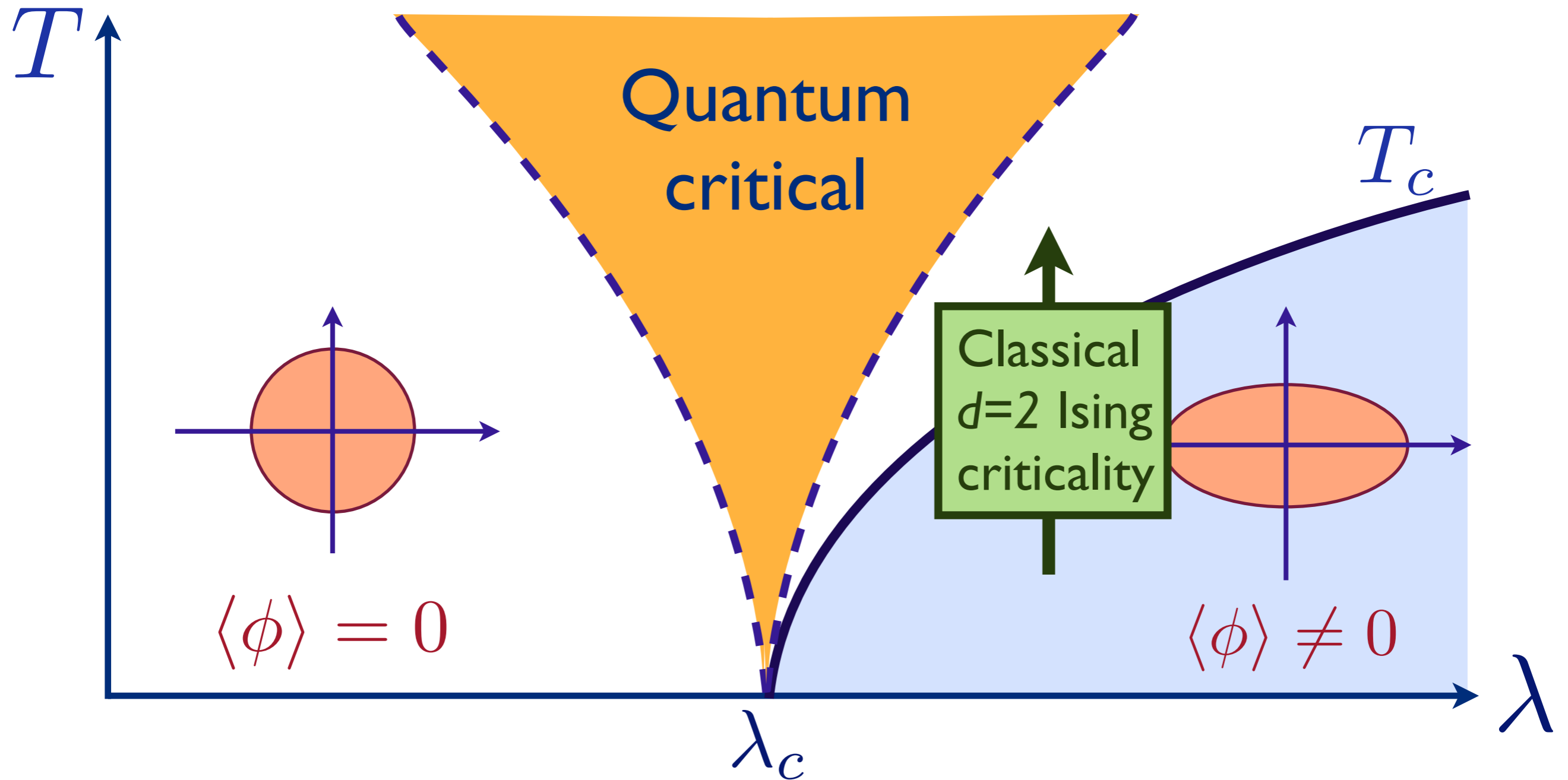
Pomeranchuk instability as a function of coupling  $\lambda$

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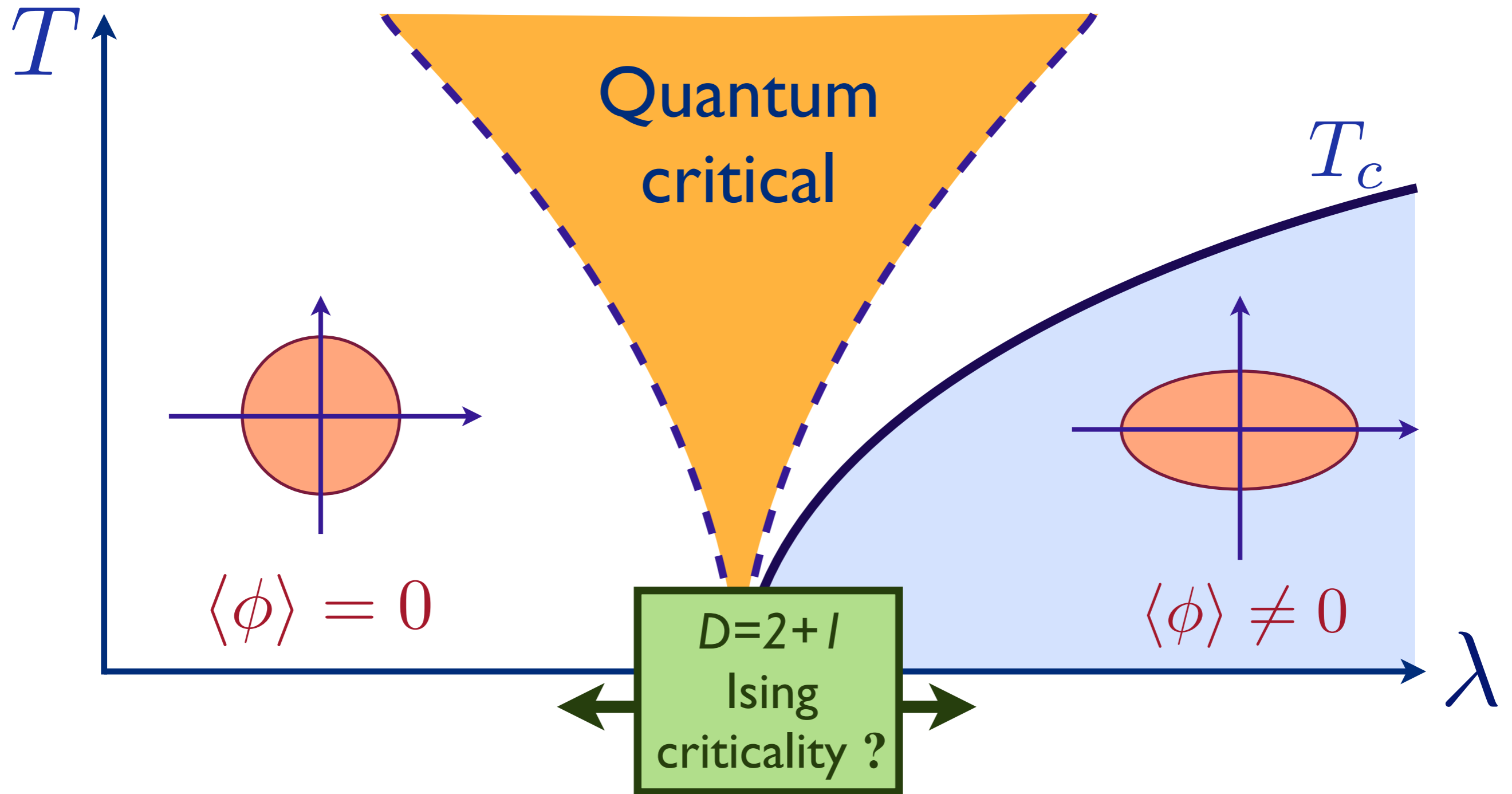
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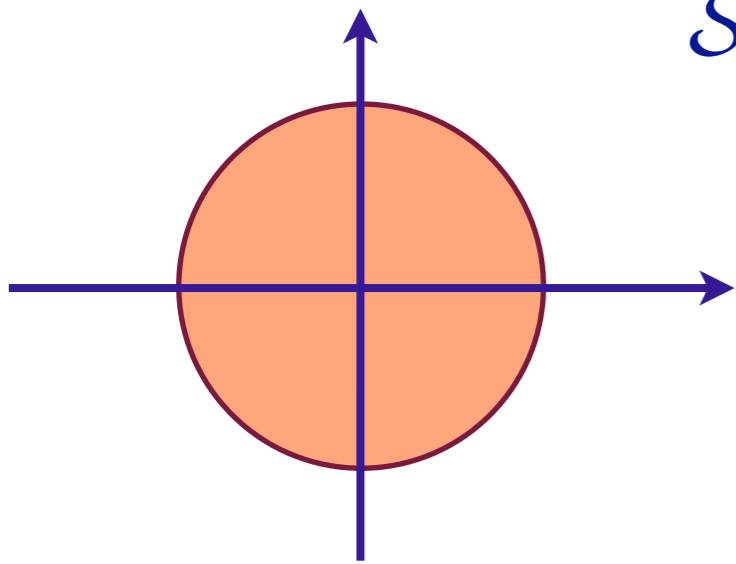


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Effective action for electrons:



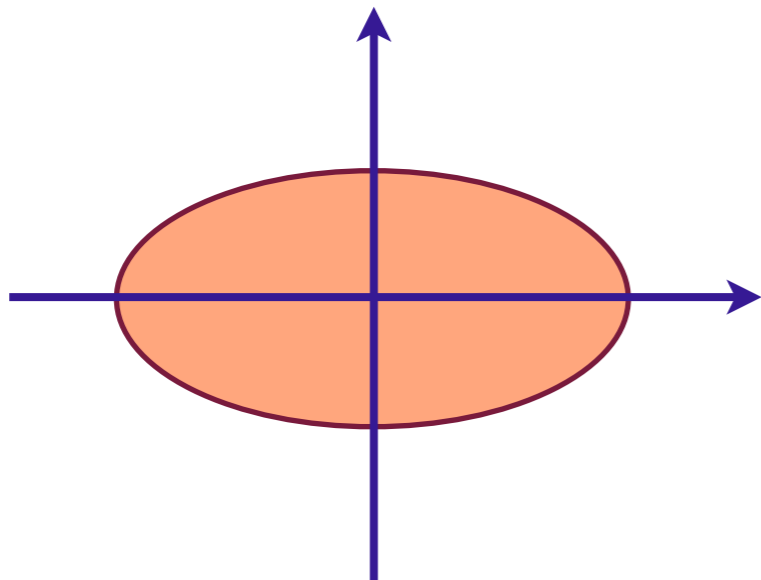
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_c &= \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \left[ \sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \partial_\tau c_{i\alpha} - \sum_{i<j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \right] \\ &\equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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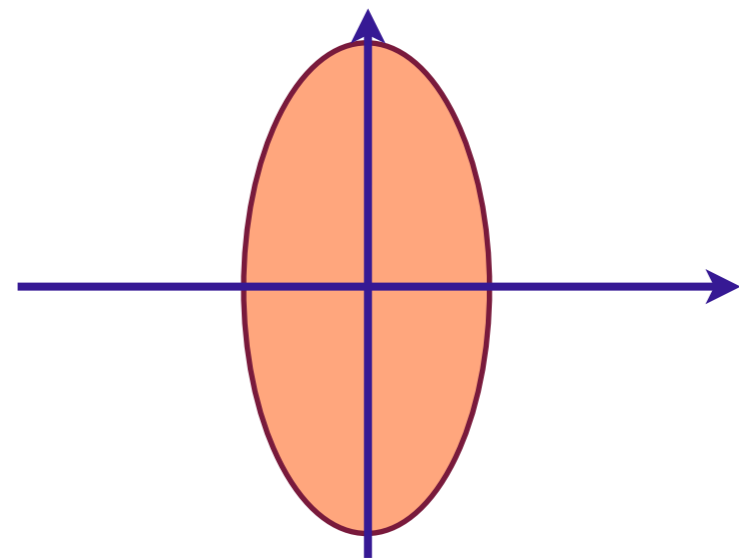
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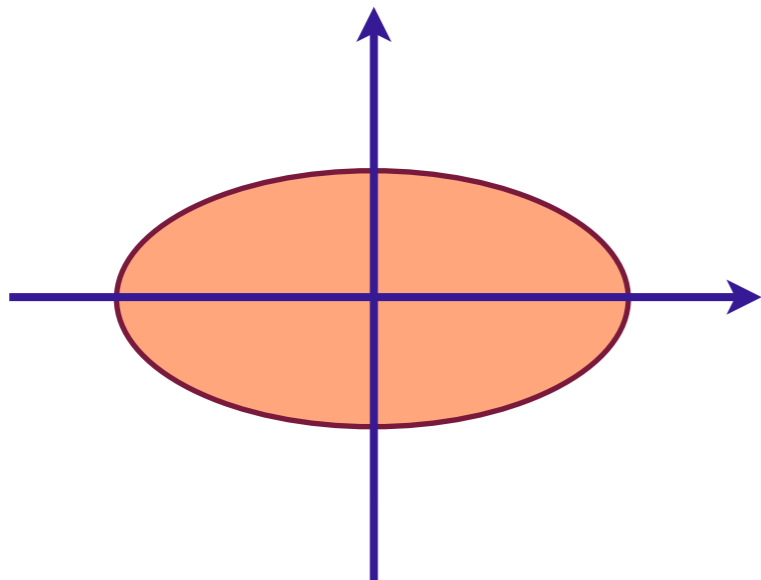
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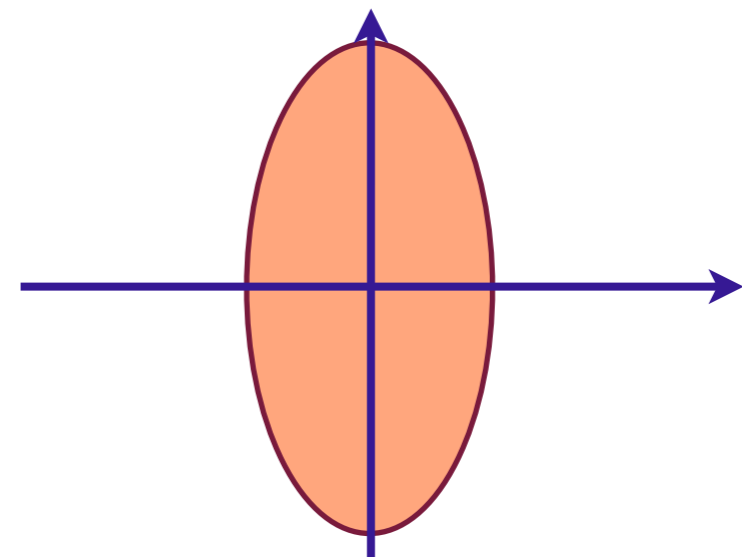
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Quantum critical field theory

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}c_{i\alpha} \exp(-\mathcal{S}_\phi - \mathcal{S}_c - \mathcal{S}_{\phi c})$$

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## Hertz theory

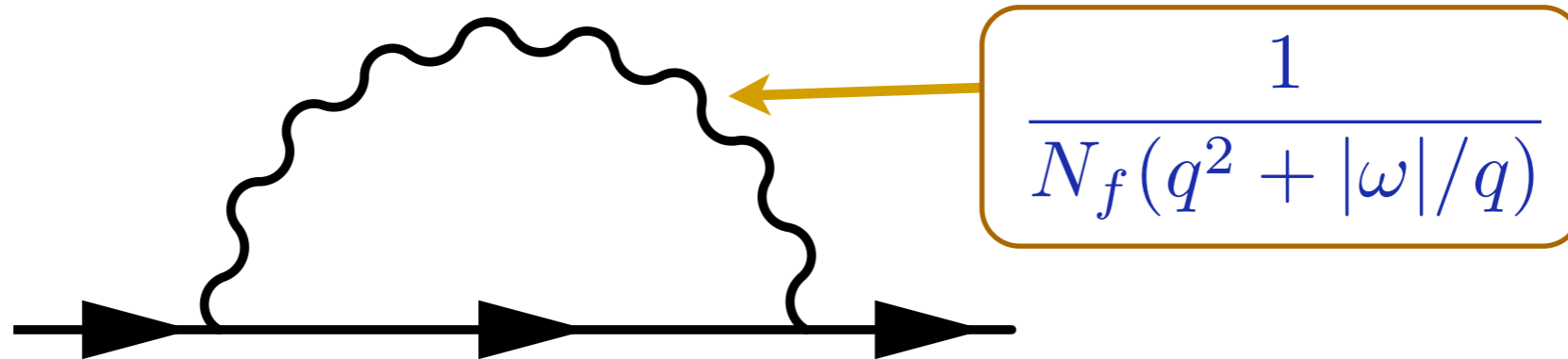
Integrate out  $c_\alpha$  fermions and obtain non-local corrections to  $\phi$  action

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_\phi \sim N_f \gamma^2 \int \frac{d^2 q}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |\phi(\mathbf{q}, \omega)|^2 \left[ \frac{|\omega|}{q} + q^2 \right] + \dots$$

This leads to a critical point with dynamic critical exponent  $z = 3$  and quantum criticality controlled by the Gaussian fixed point.

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## Hertz theory



Self energy of  $c_\alpha$  fermions to order  $1/N_f$

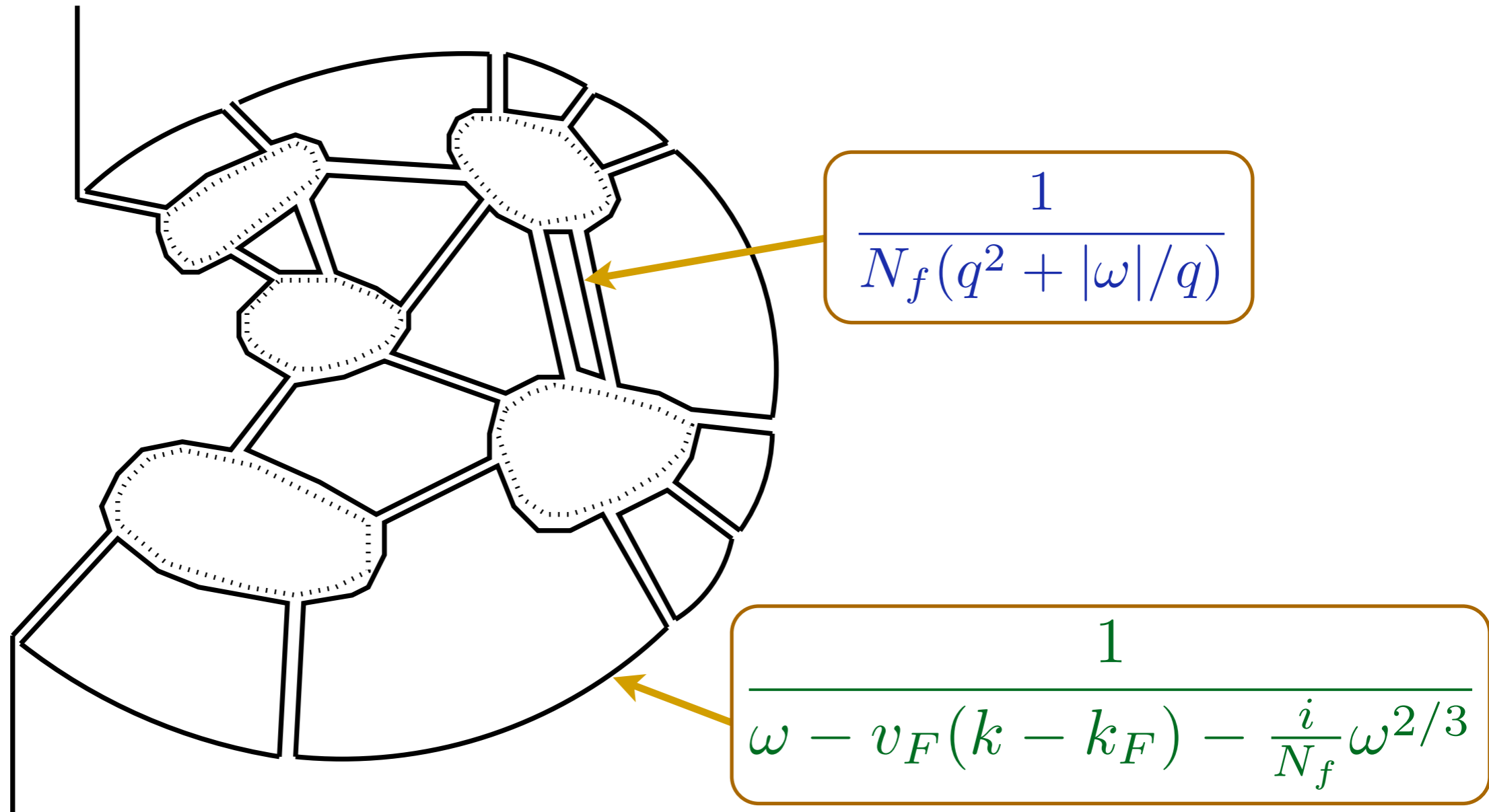
$$\Sigma_c(k, \omega) \sim \frac{i}{N_f} \omega^{2/3}$$

This leads to the Green's function

$$G(k, \omega) \approx \frac{1}{\omega - v_F(k - k_F) - \frac{i}{N_f} \omega^{2/3}}$$

Note that the order  $1/N_f$  term is more singular in the infrared than the bare term; this leads to problems in the bare  $1/N_f$  expansion in terms that are dominated by low frequency fermions.

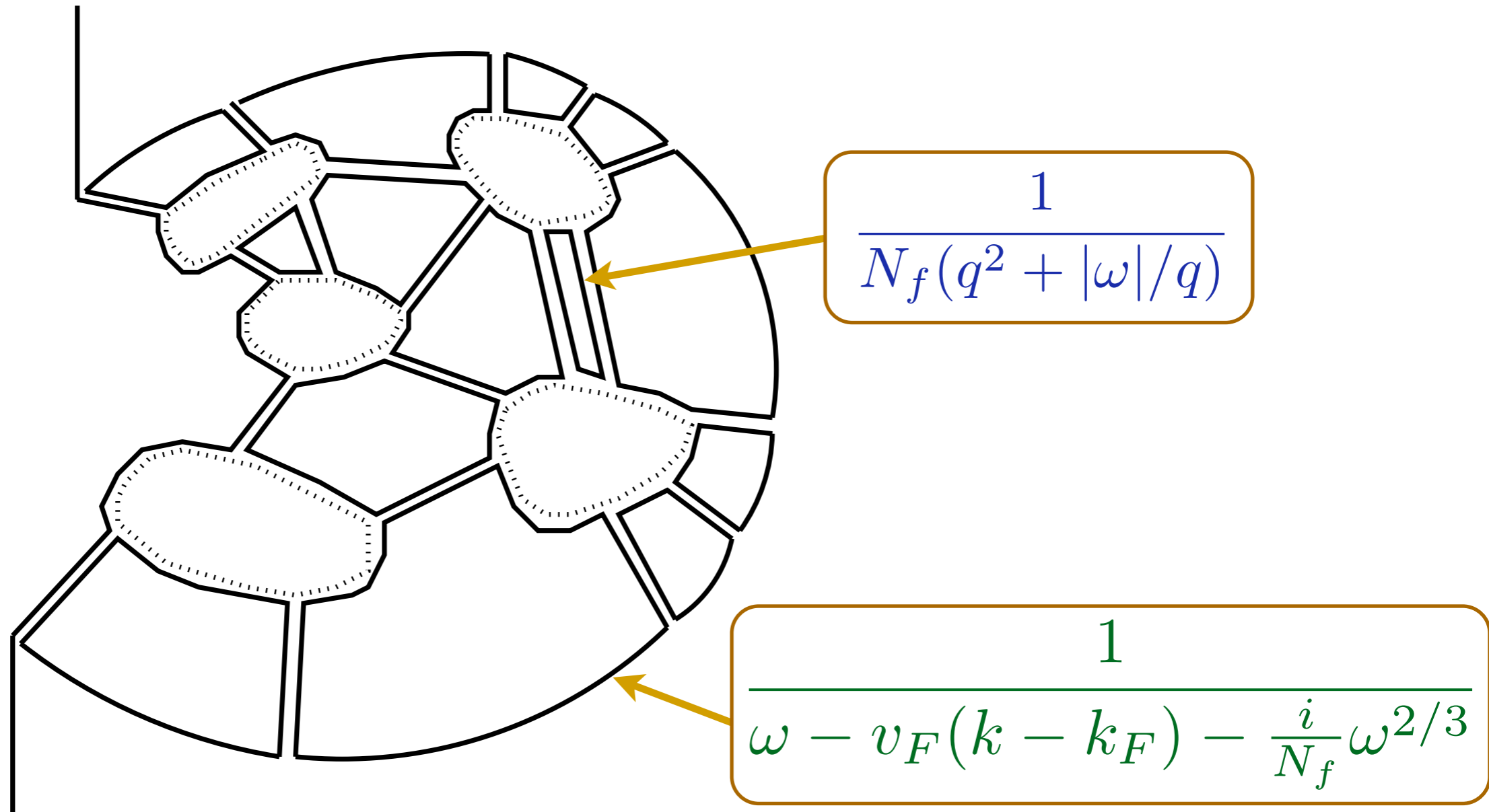
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The infrared singularities of fermion particle-hole pairs are most severe on planar graphs: these all contribute at leading order in  $1/N_f$ .

Sung-Sik Lee, *Physical Review B* **80**, 165102 (2009)

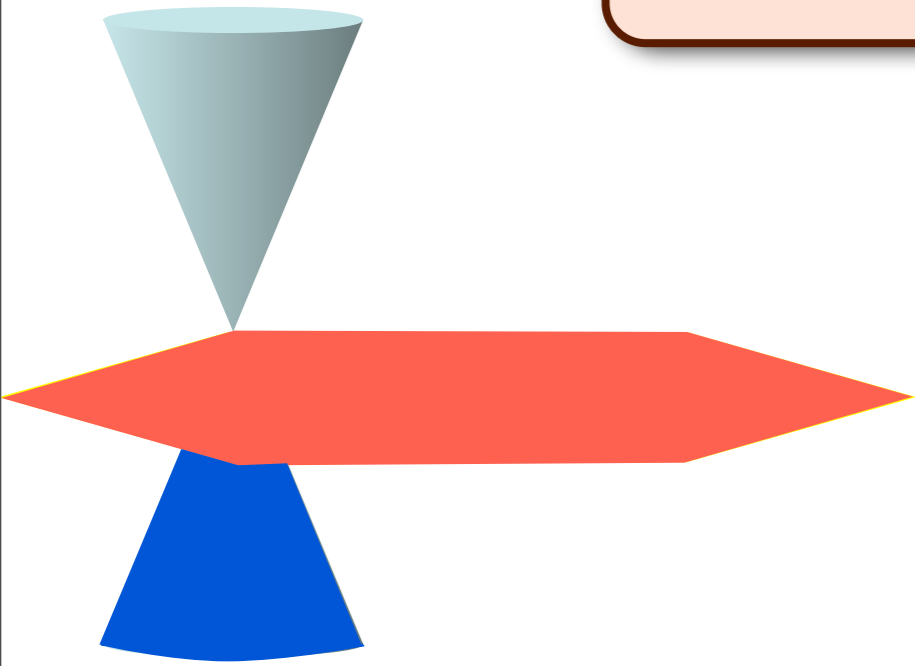
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A string theory for the Fermi surface ?

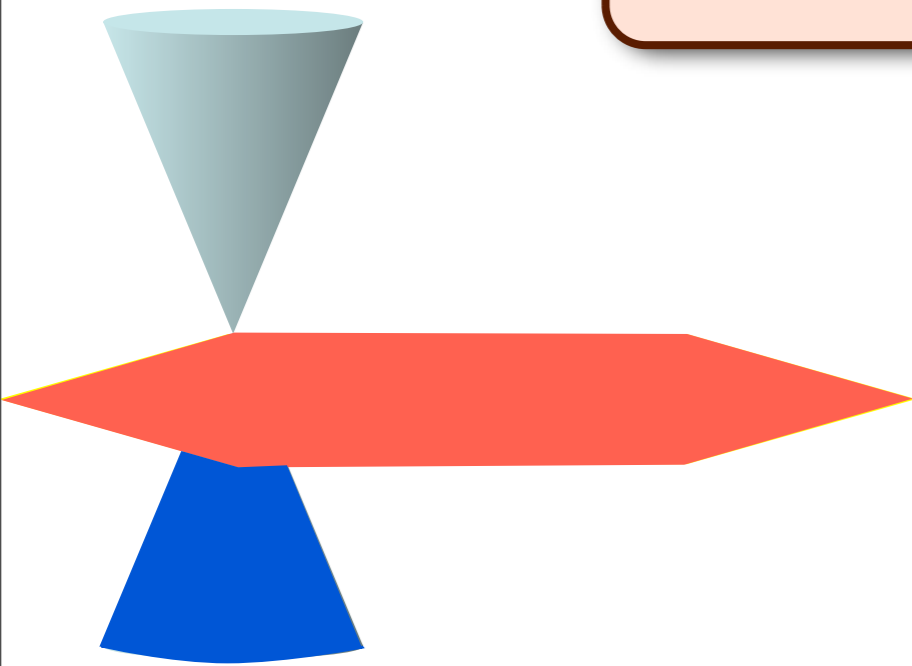


Conformal field theory  
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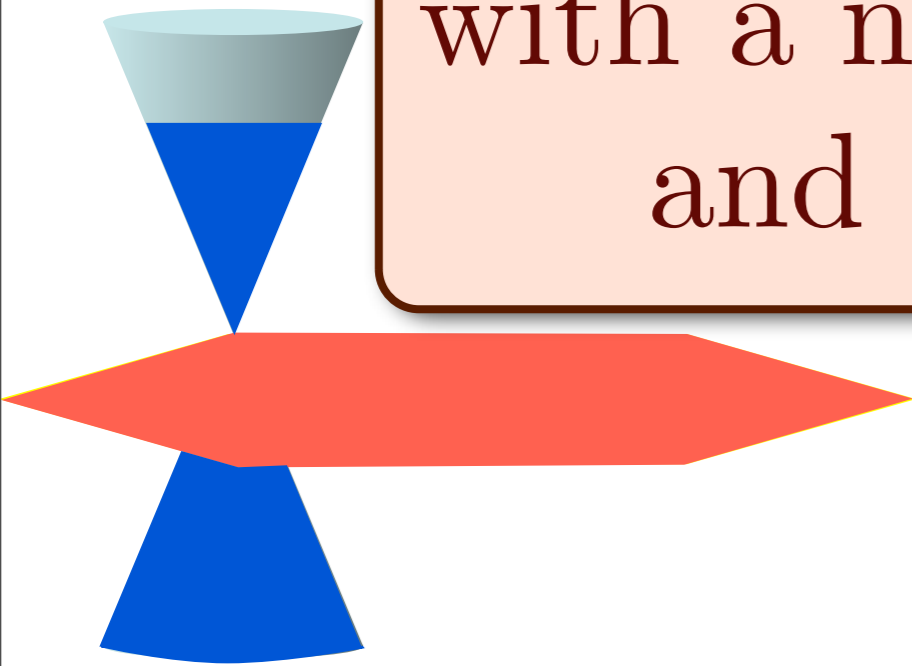
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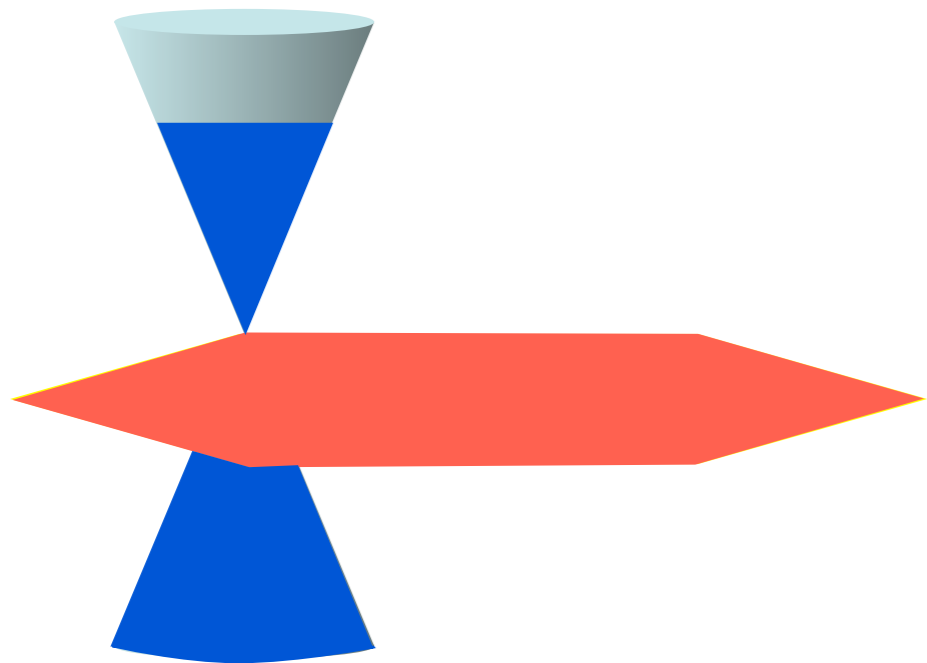


Einstein gravity on  $AdS_4$   
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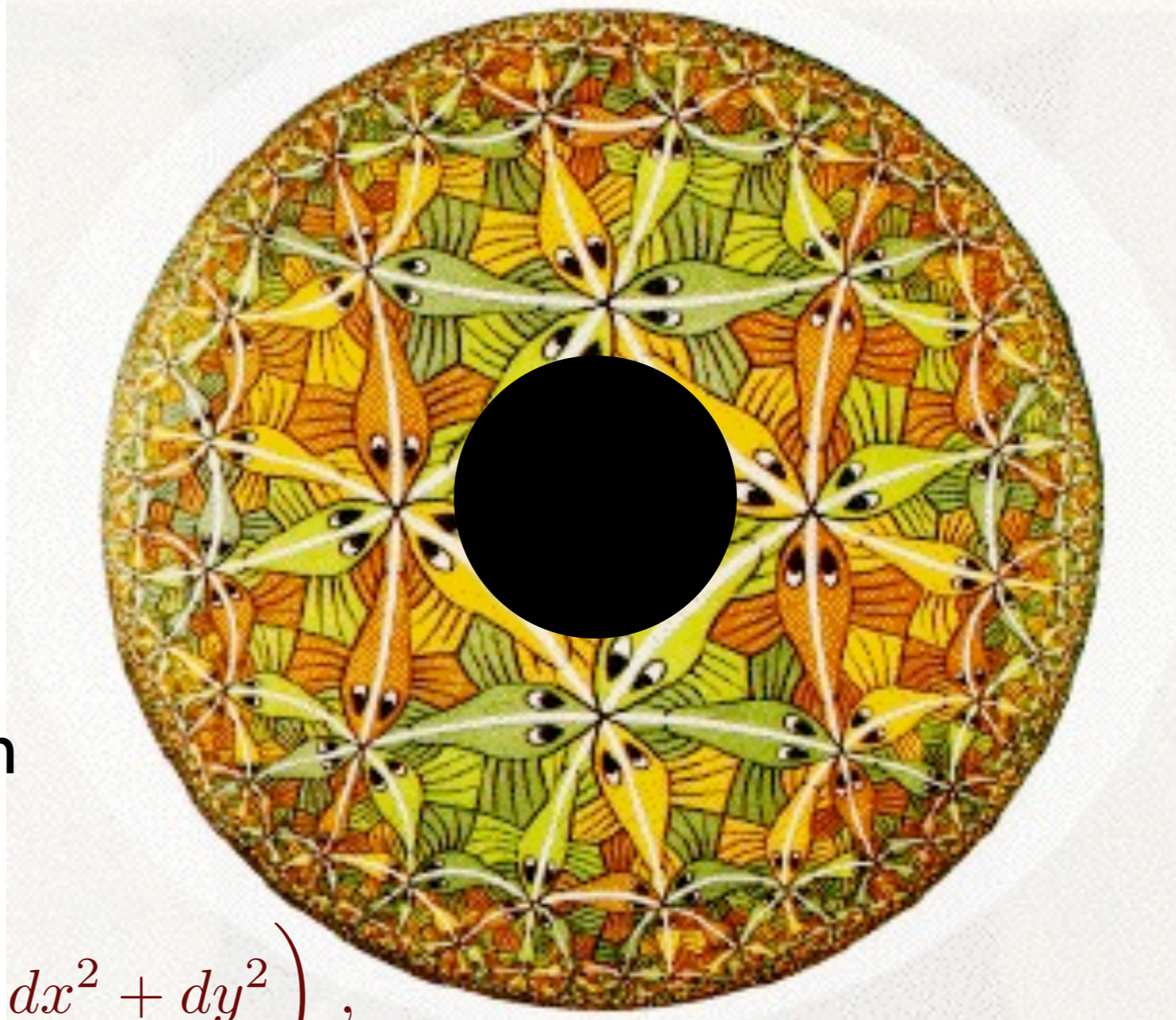
Conformal field theory  
in  $2+1$  dimensions at  $T > 0$ ,  
with a non-zero chemical potential,  $\mu$   
and applied magnetic field,  $B$



Einstein gravity on  $AdS_4$   
with a Reissner-Nordstrom  
black hole carrying electric  
and magnetic charges



## AdS<sub>4</sub>-Reissner-Nordstrom black hole

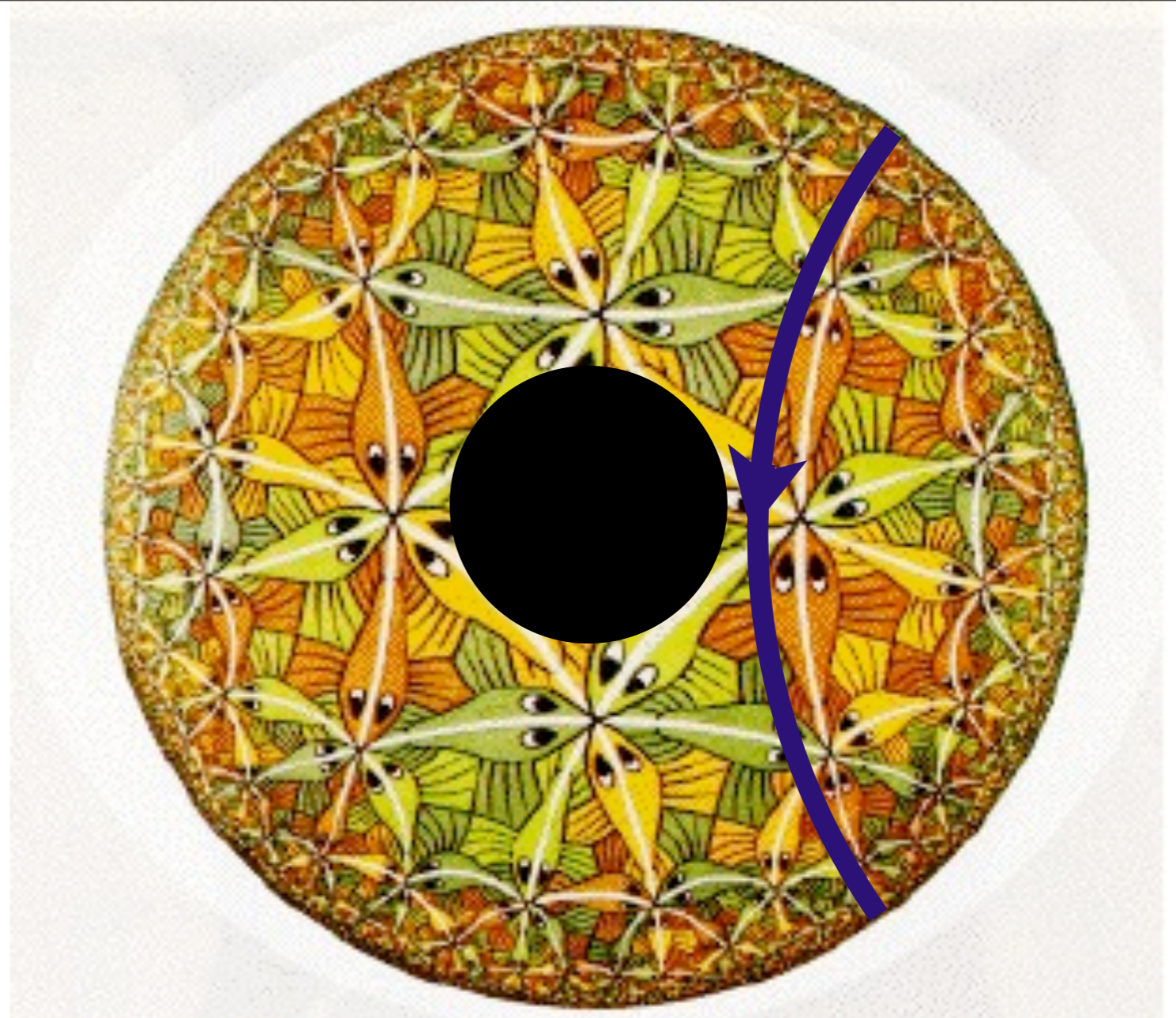
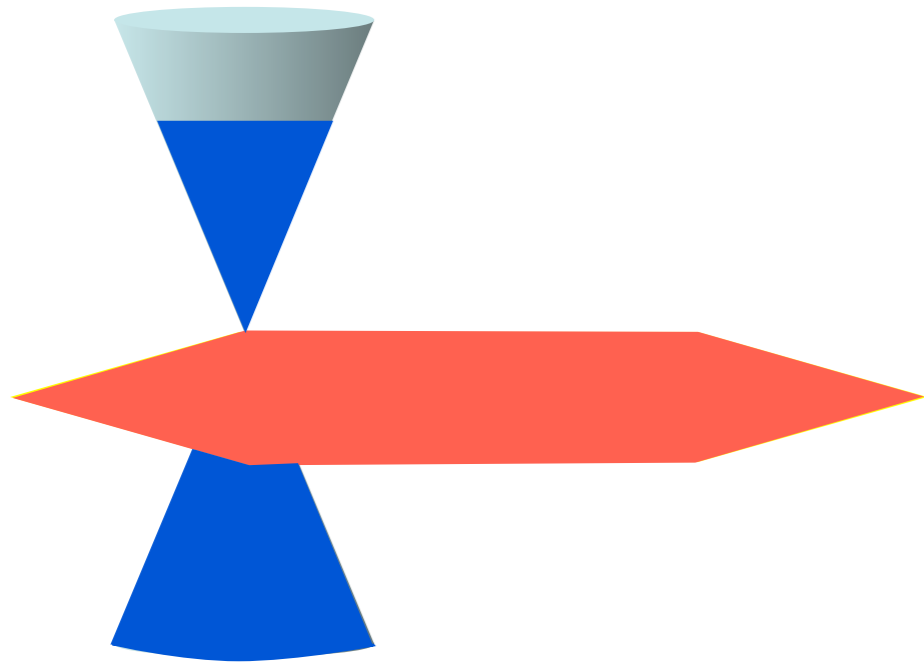


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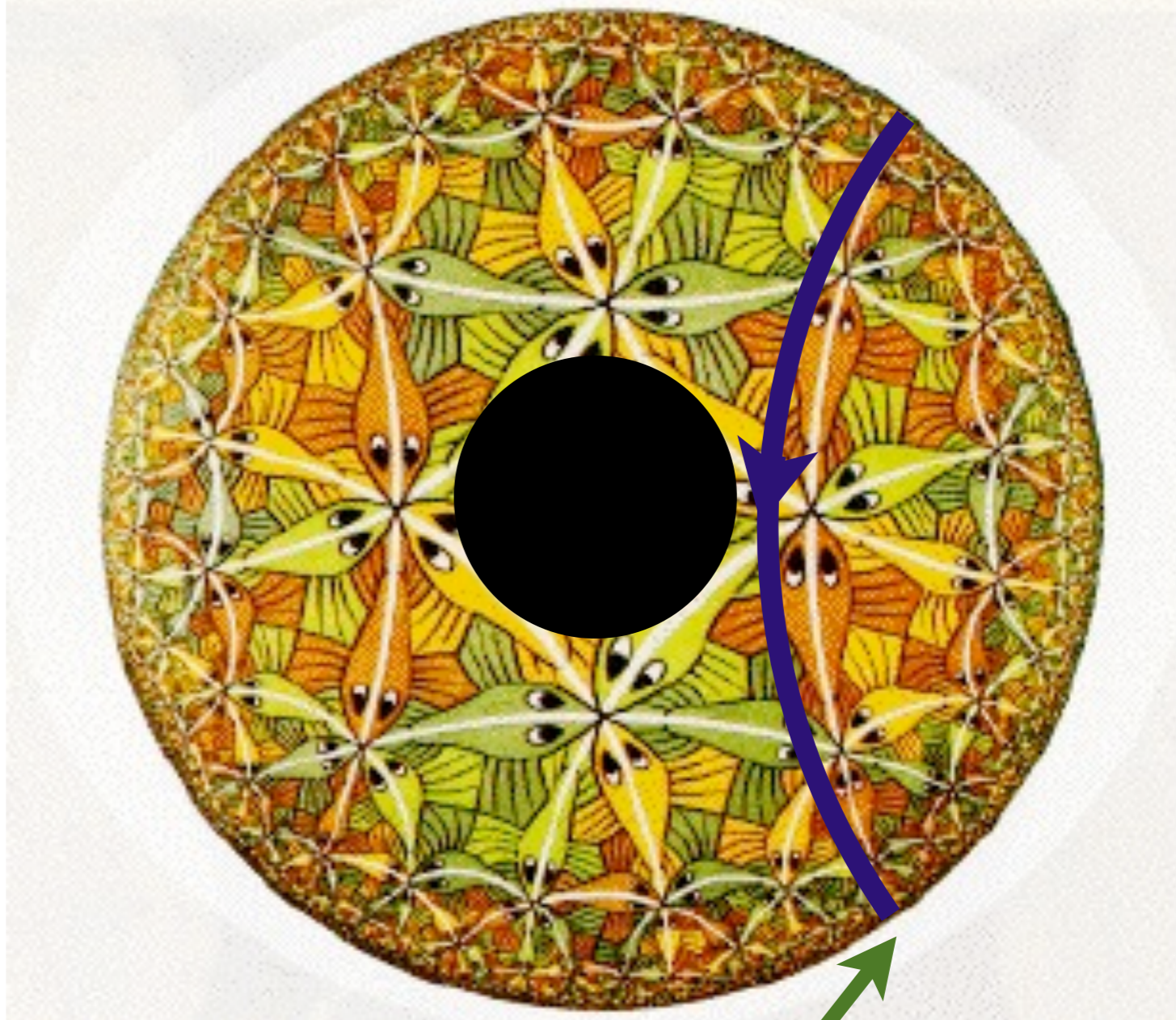
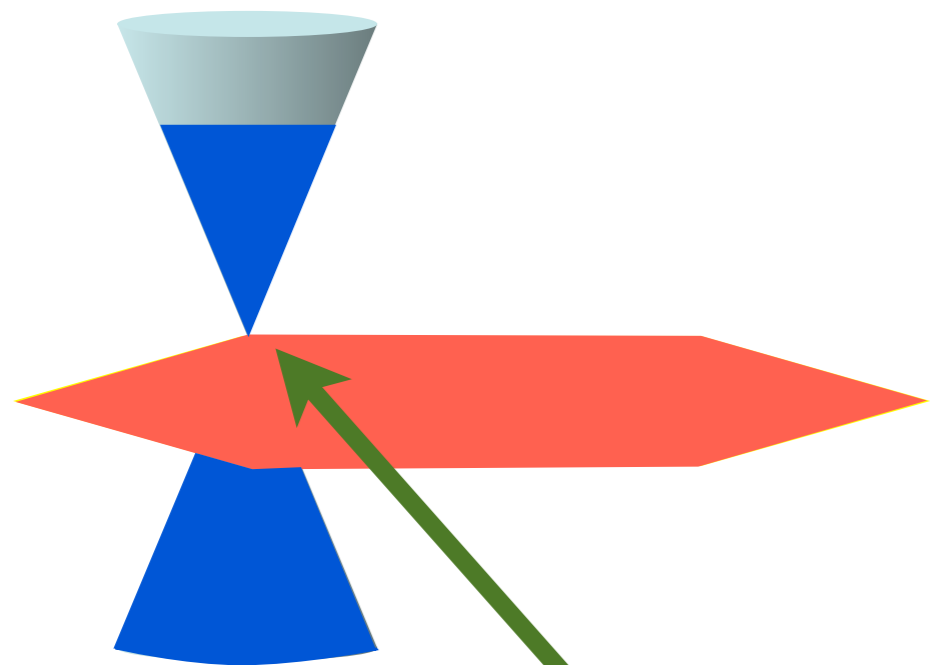
$$A = i\mu \left[ 1 - \frac{r}{r_+} \right] d\tau + Bx dy.$$

$$T = \frac{1}{4\pi r_+} \left( 3 - \frac{r_+^2 \mu^2}{\gamma^2} - \frac{r_+^4 B^2}{\gamma^2} \right).$$



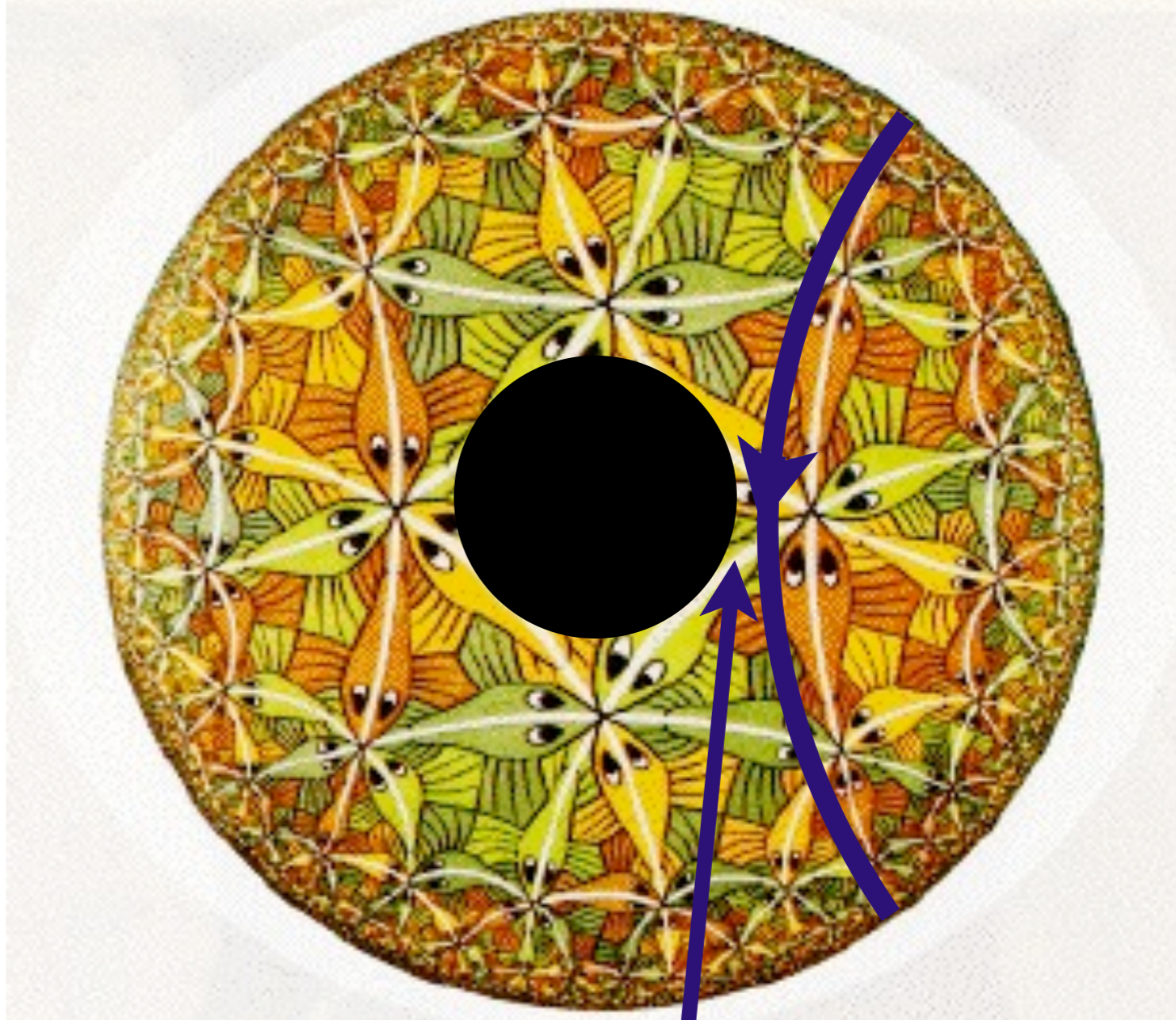
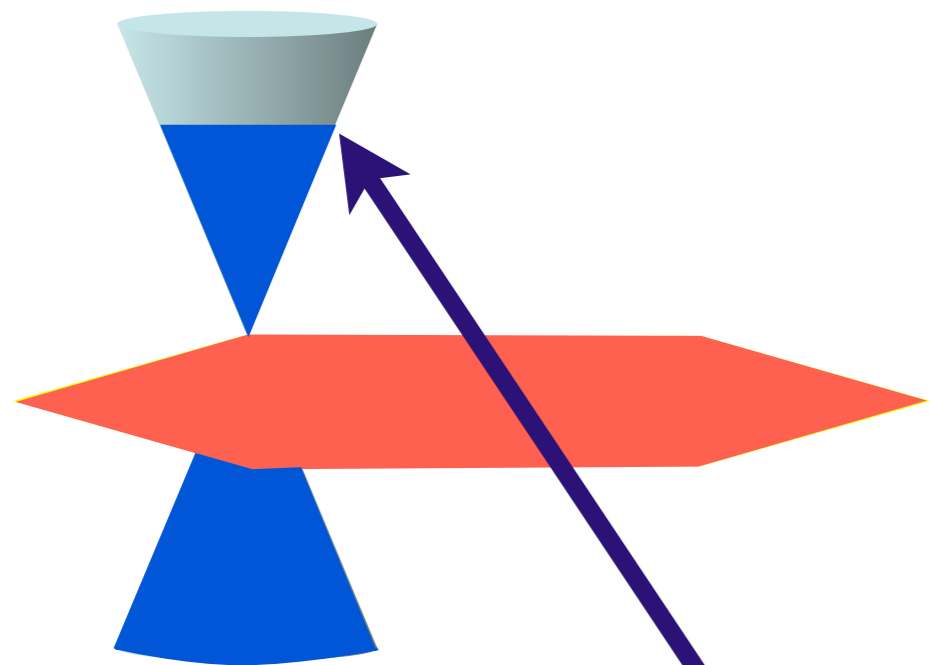
Examine free energy and Green's function  
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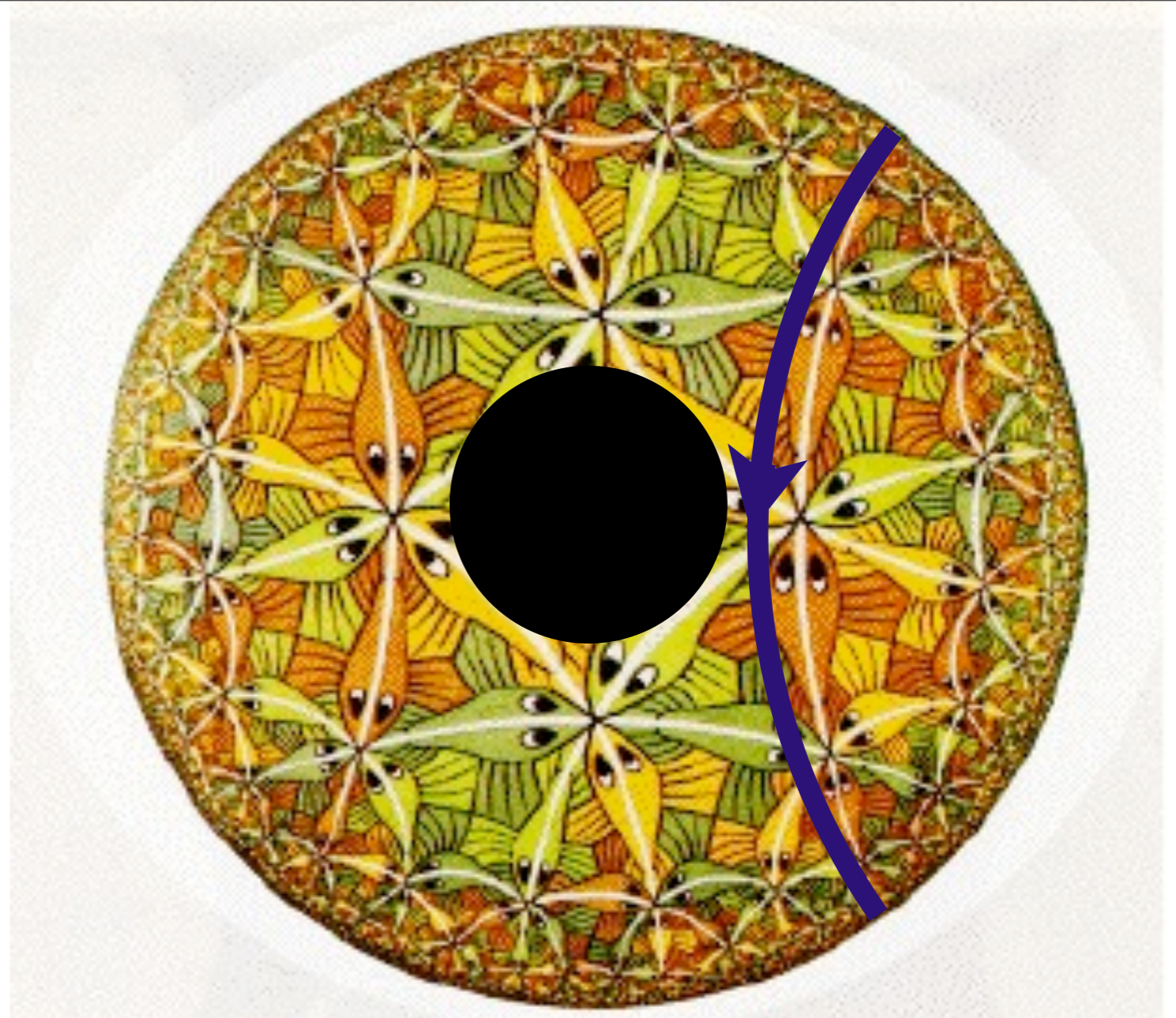
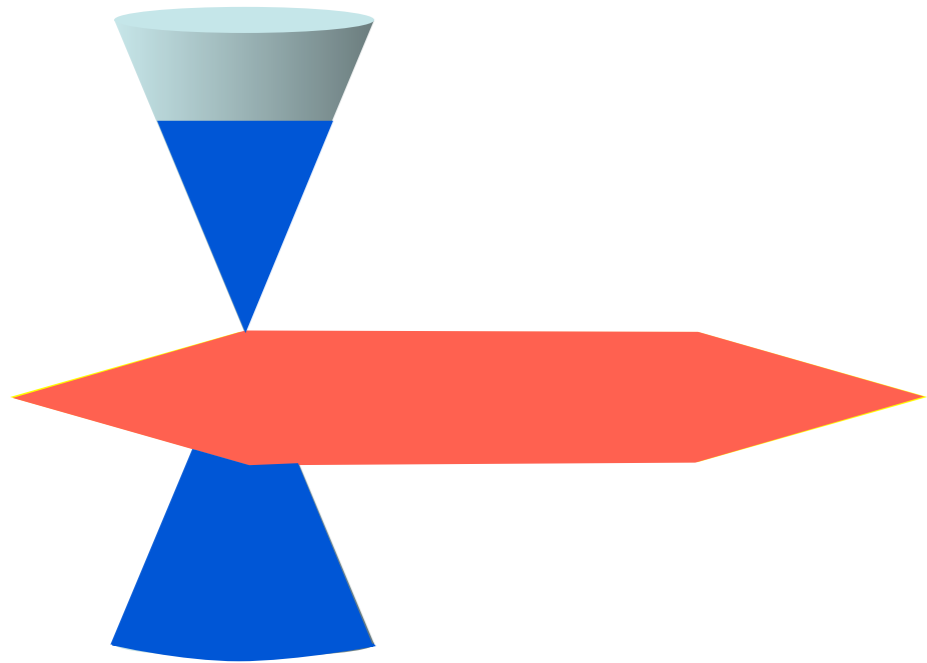
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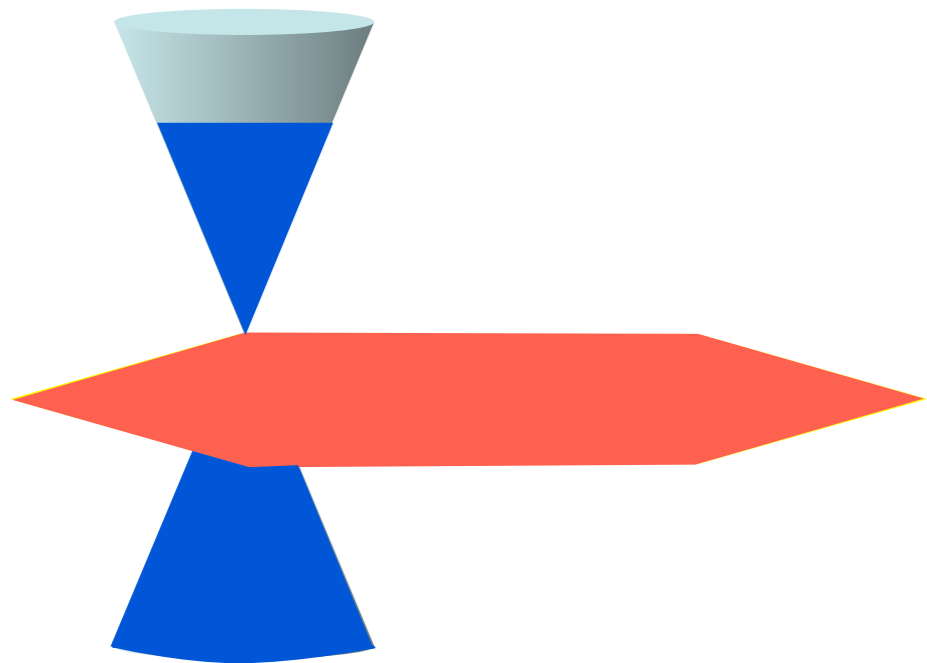
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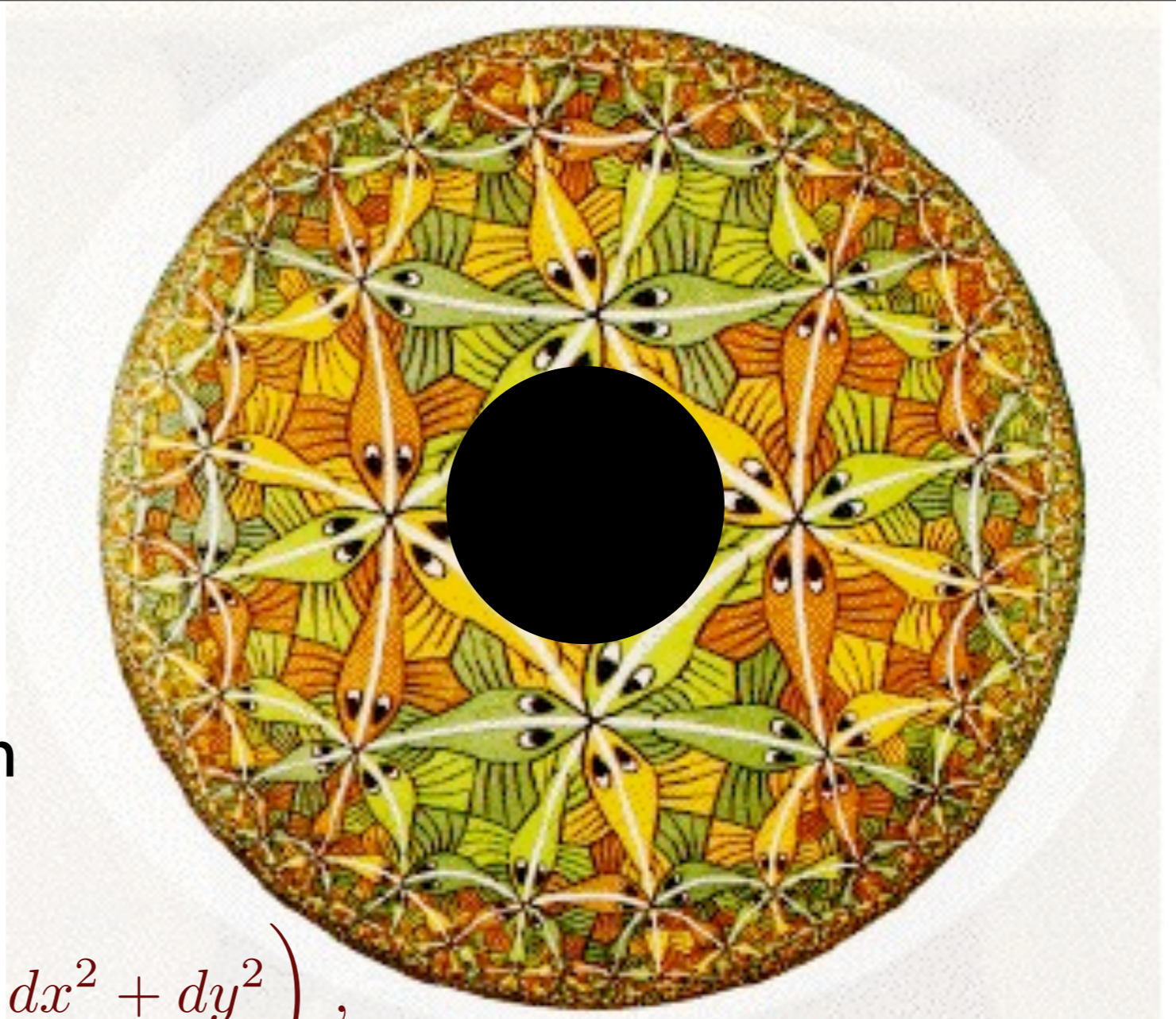
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## AdS<sub>4</sub>-Reissner-Nordstrom black hole

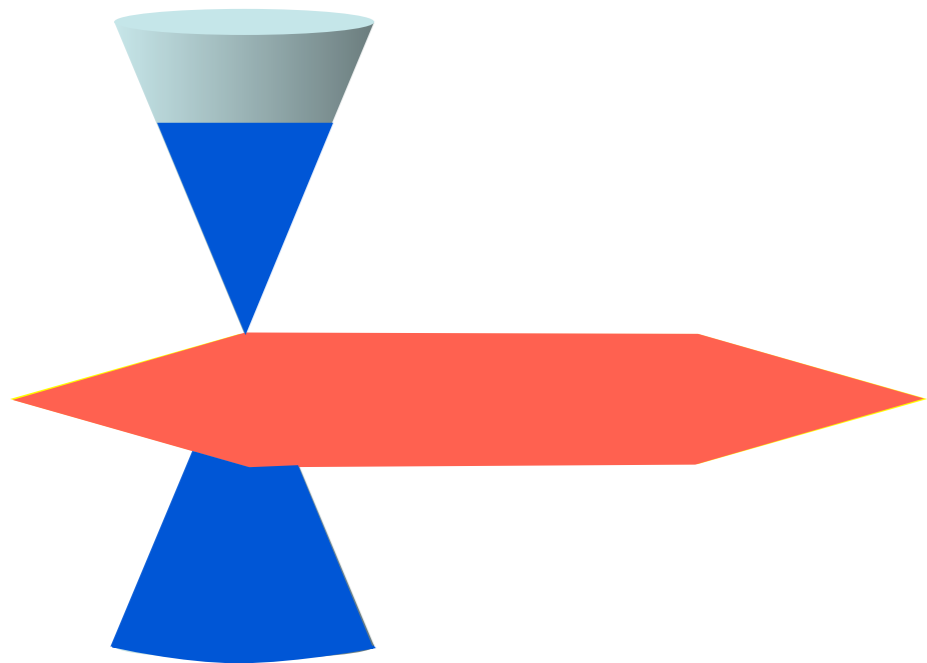


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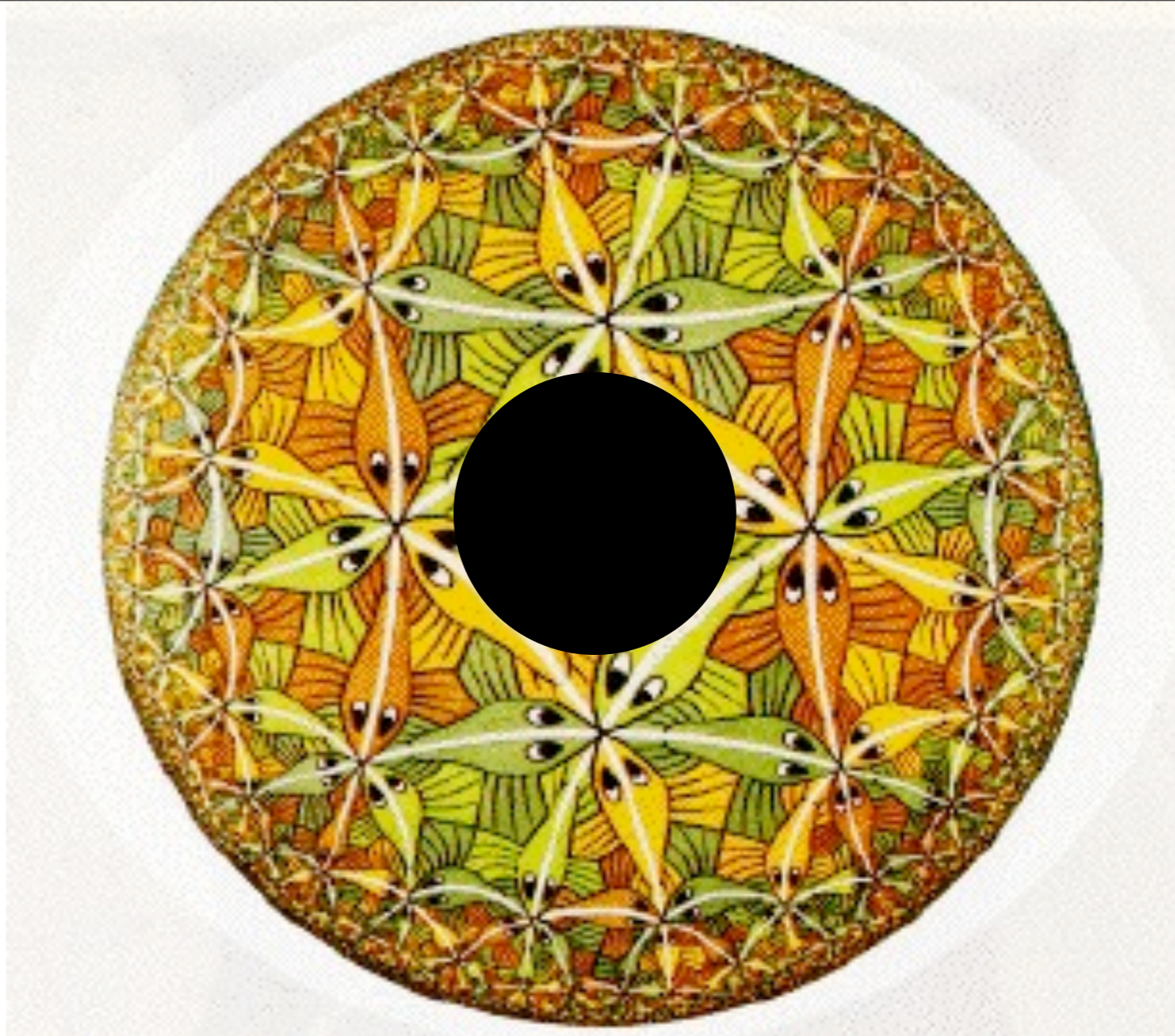
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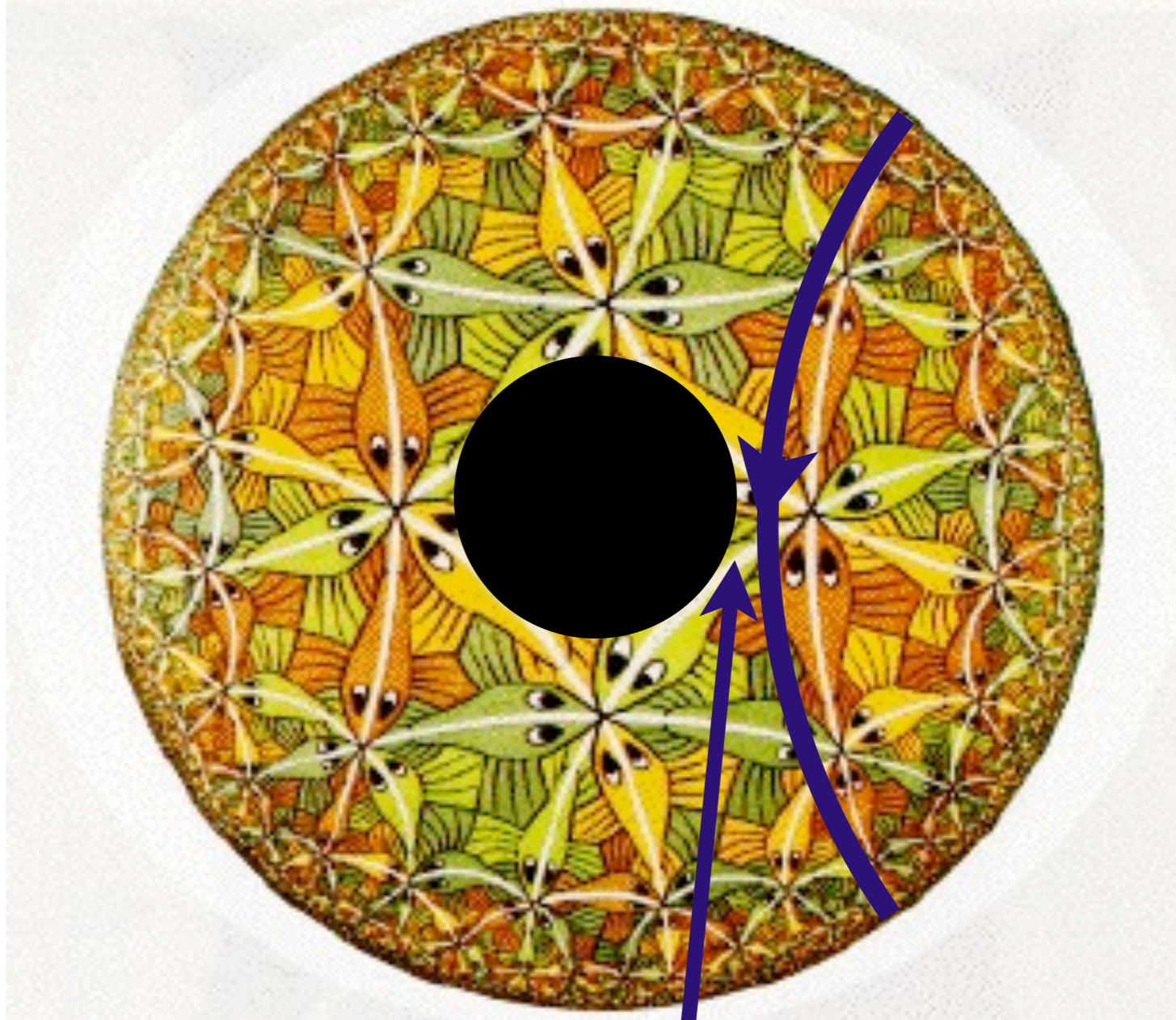
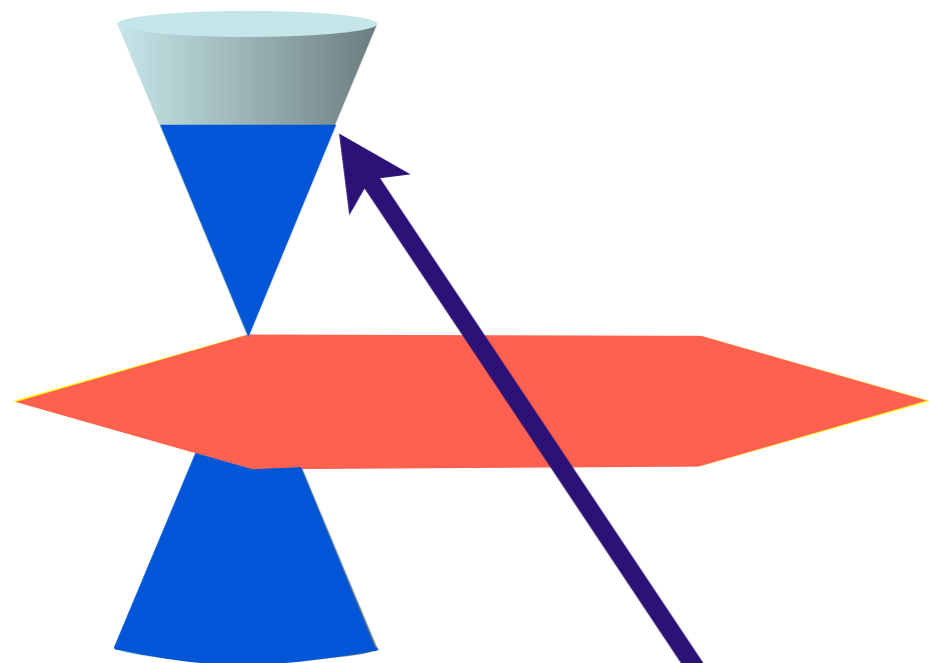


AdS<sub>2</sub> x R<sup>2</sup> near-horizon geometry



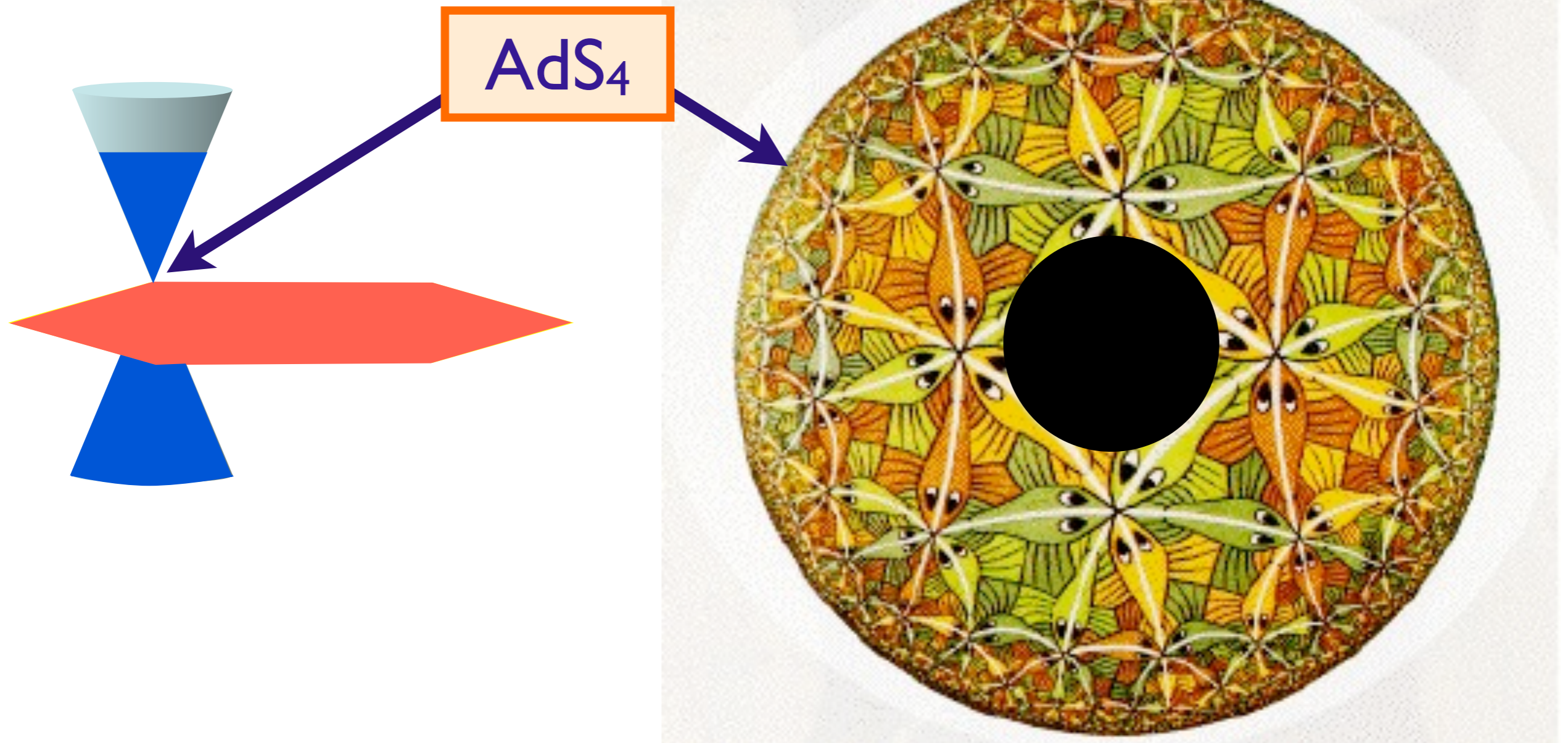
$$r - r_+ \sim \frac{1}{\zeta}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{\zeta^2} (-d\tau^2 + d\zeta^2) + \frac{r_+^2}{R^2} (dx^2 + dy^2)$$



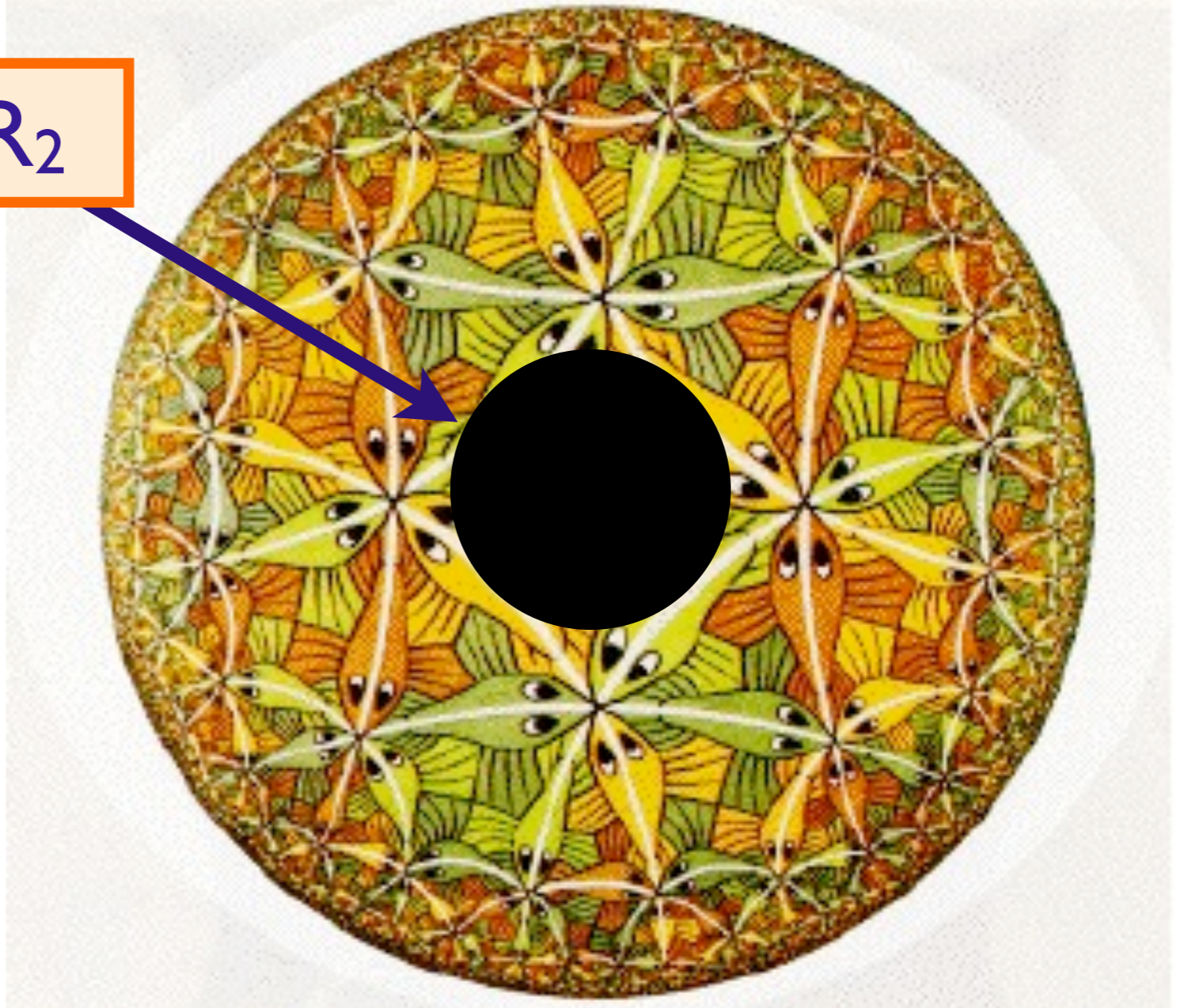
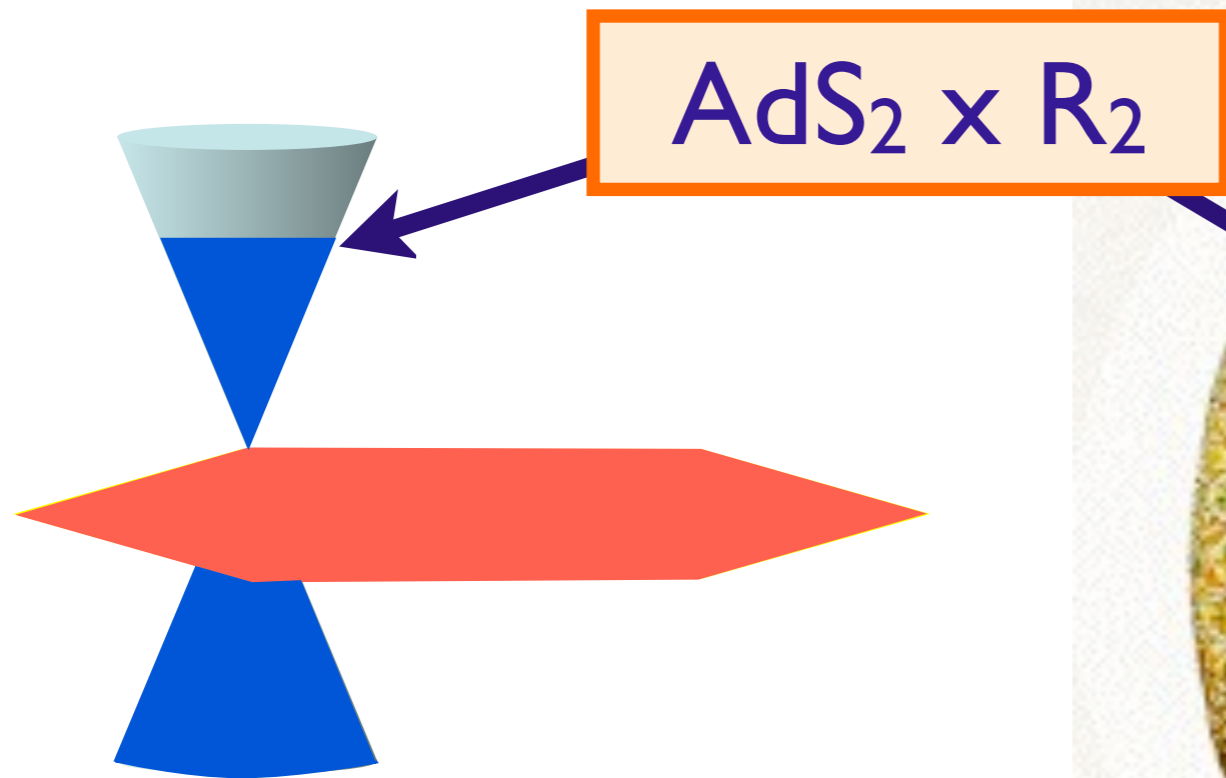
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## Geometric interpretation of RG flow

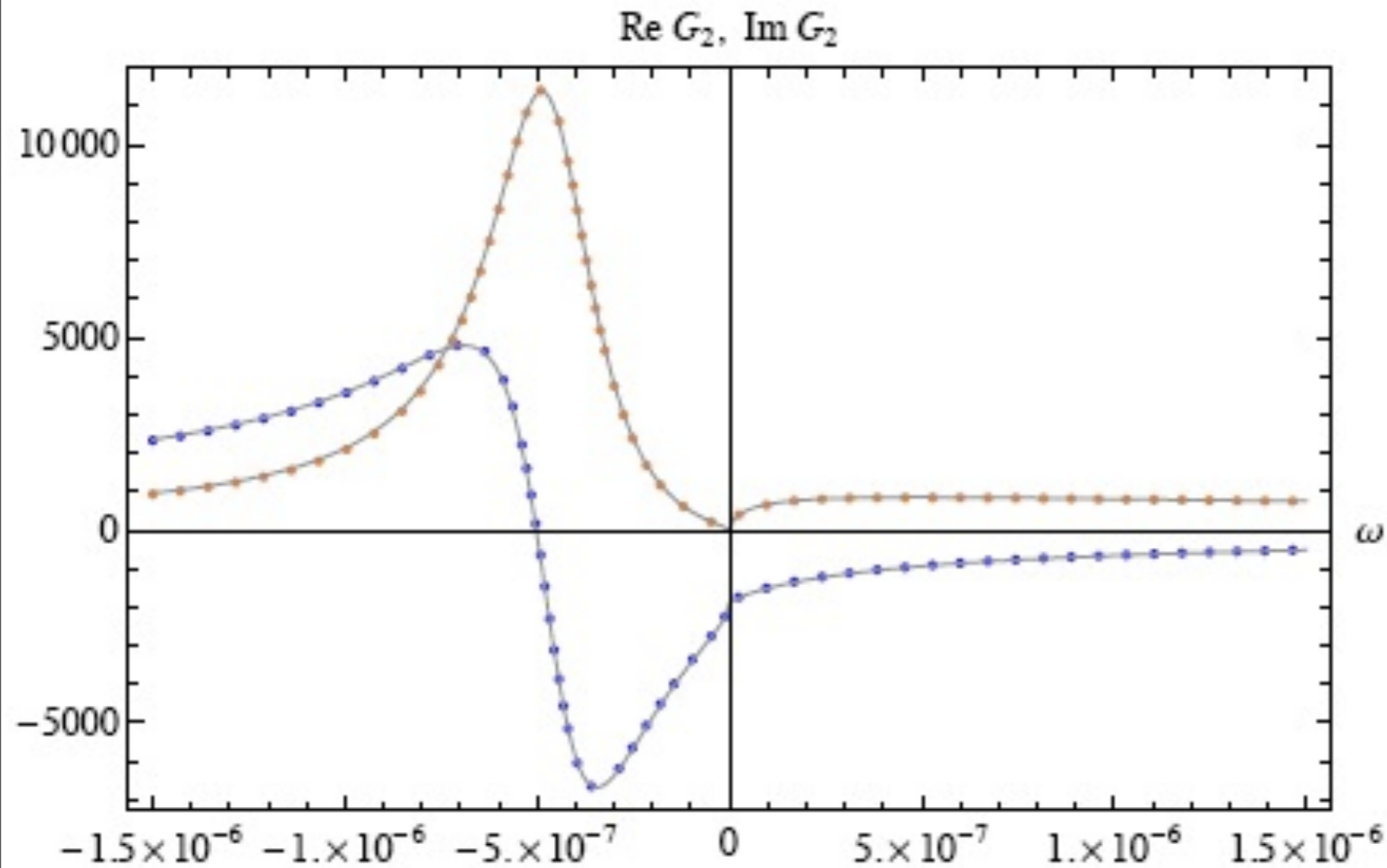
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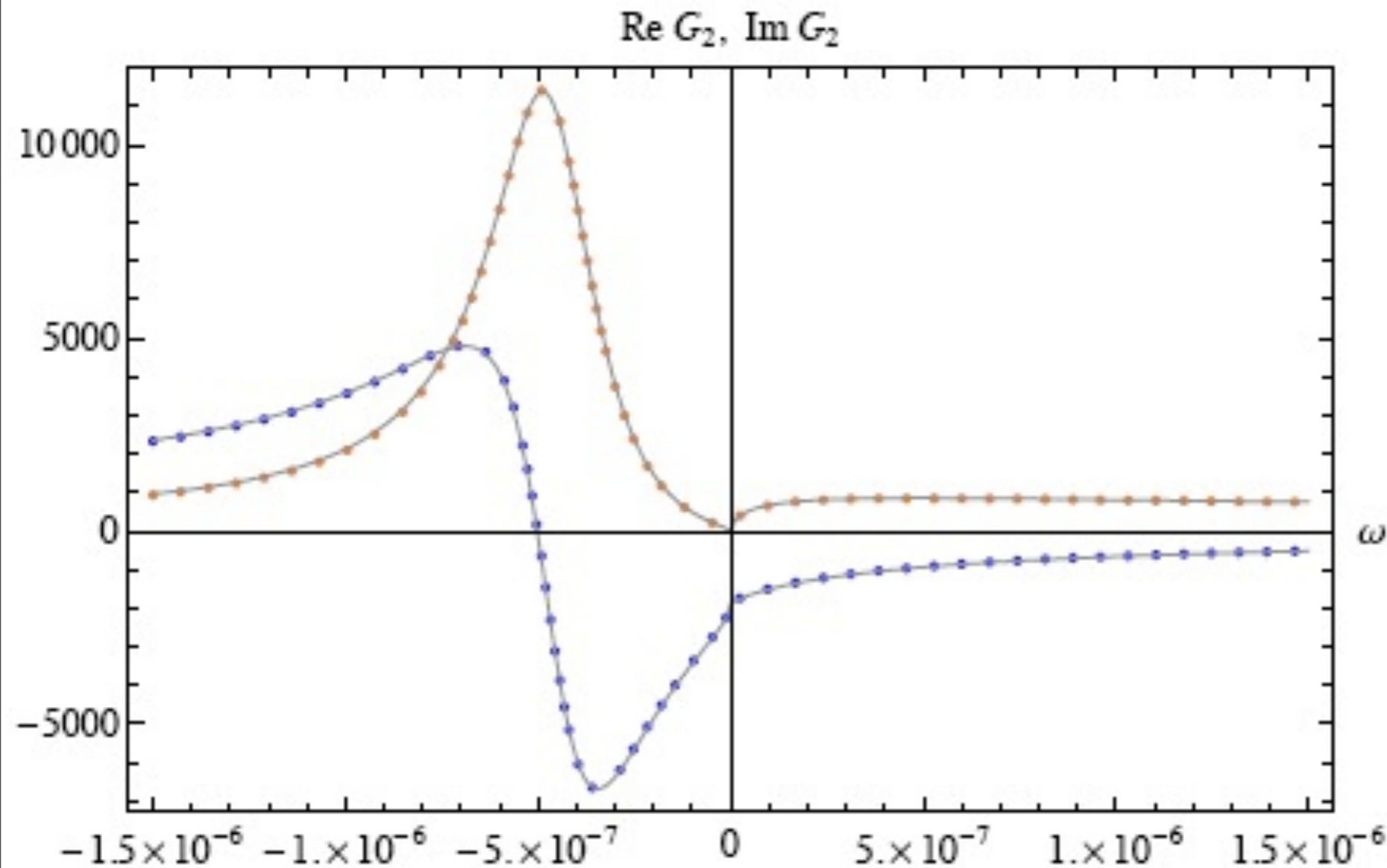


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See also M. Cubrovic, J Zaanen, and K. Schalm, arXiv:0904.1993

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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”,  $z_\ell$ , of the black hole. Here  $\ell$  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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# Conclusions

The AdS/CFT offers promise in providing a new understanding of strongly interacting quantum matter at non-zero density