

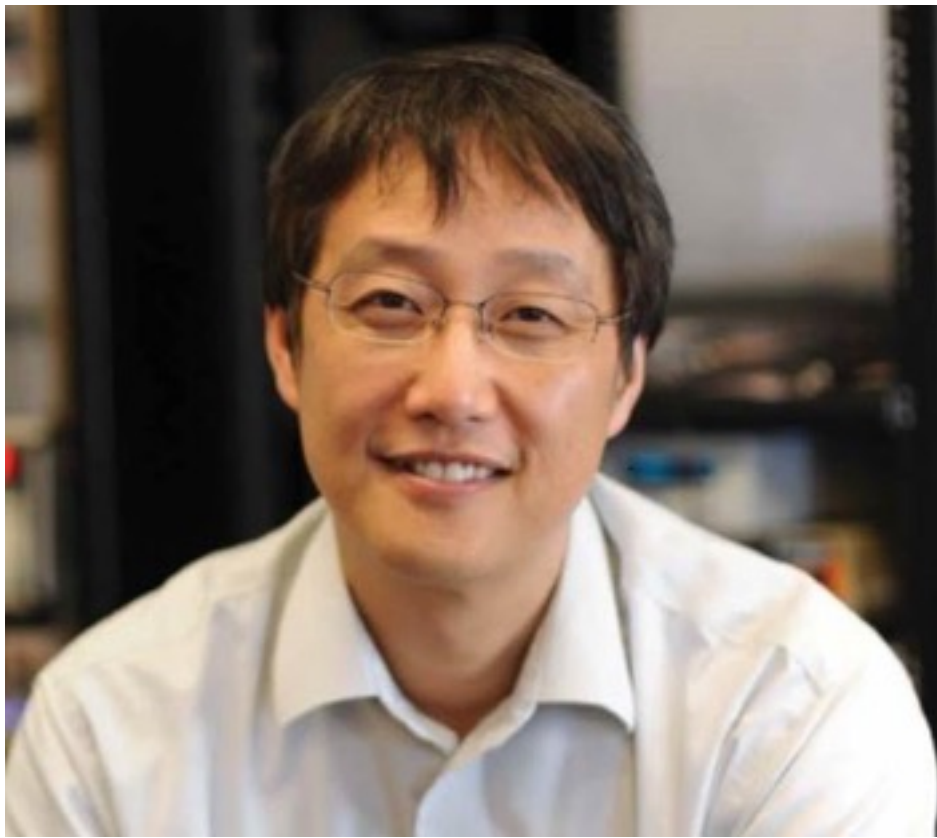
# Dynamics and Transport in Strange Metals

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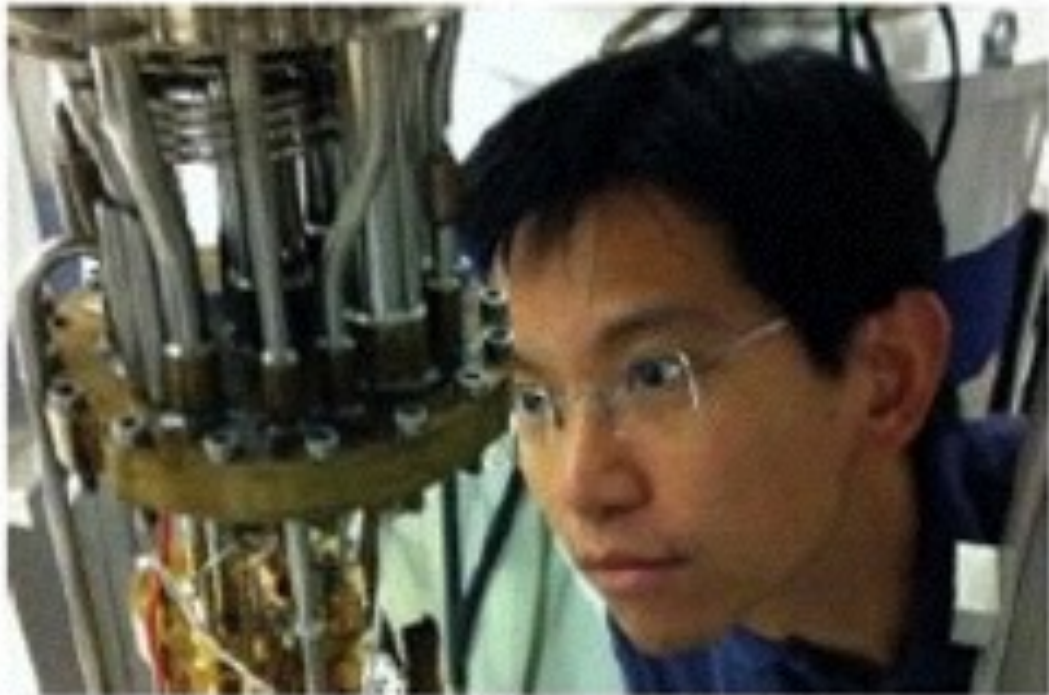




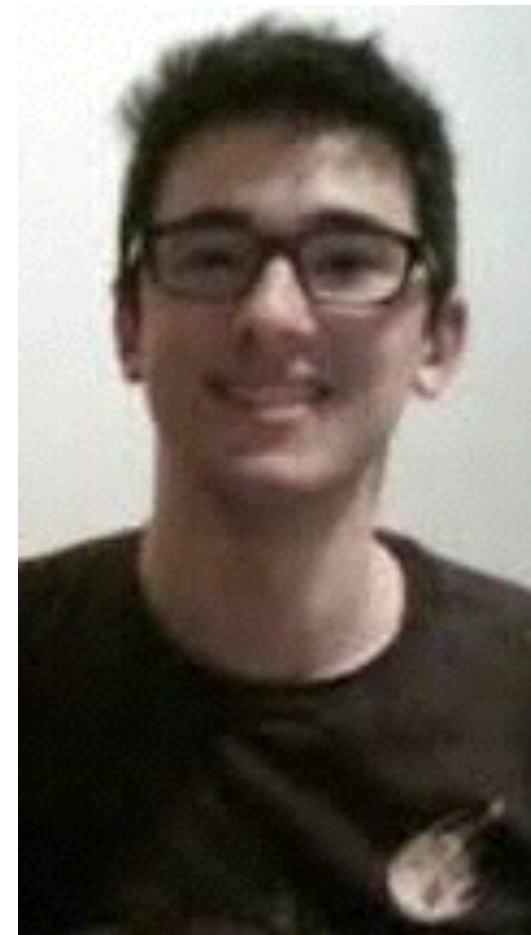
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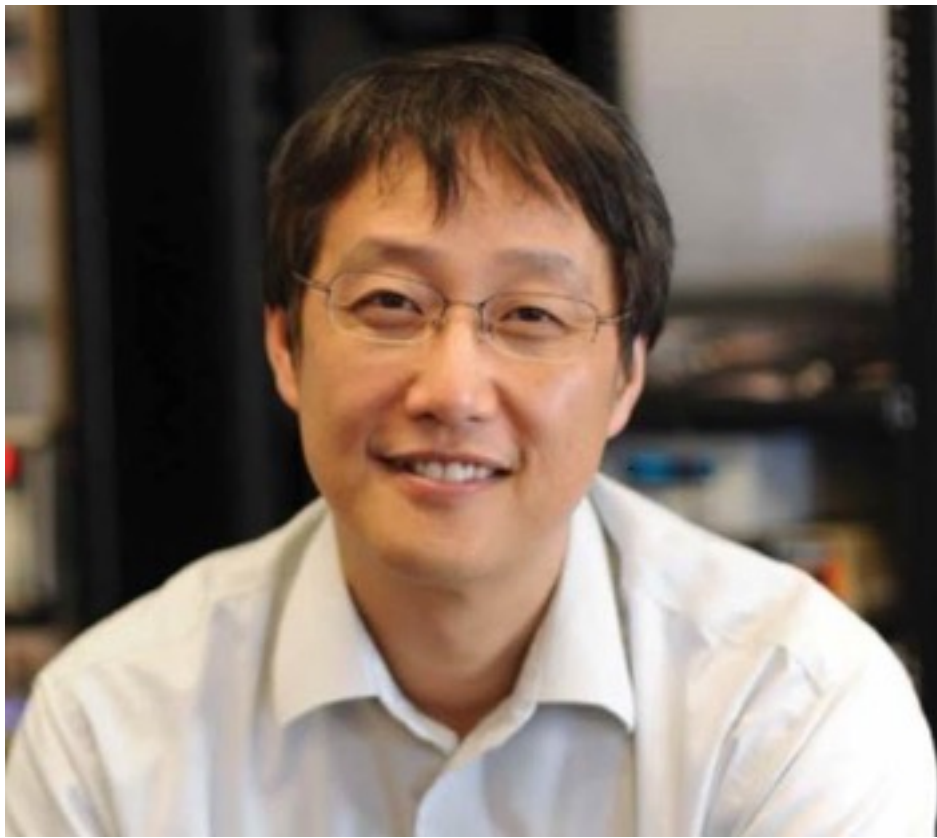


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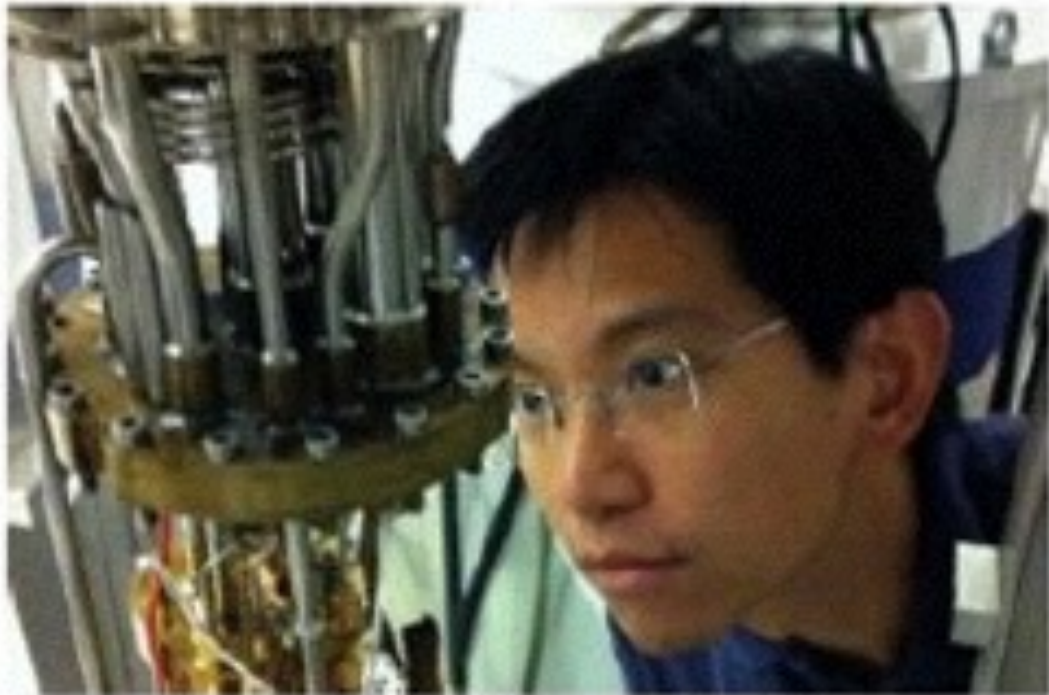




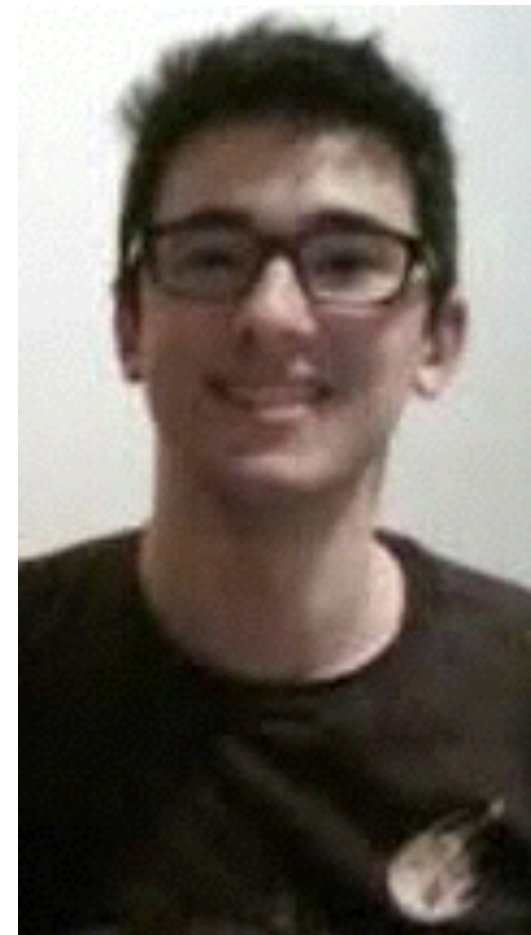
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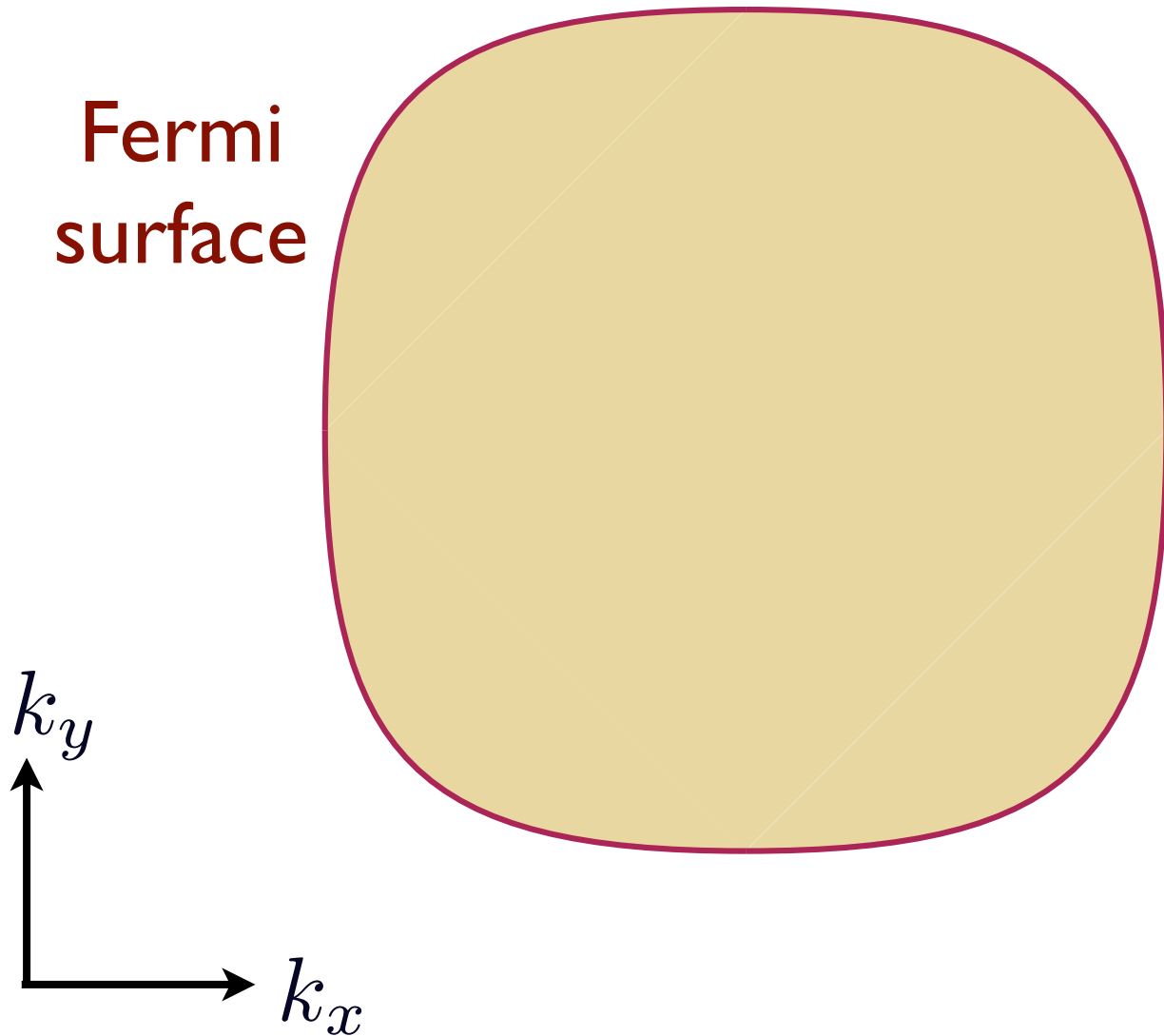
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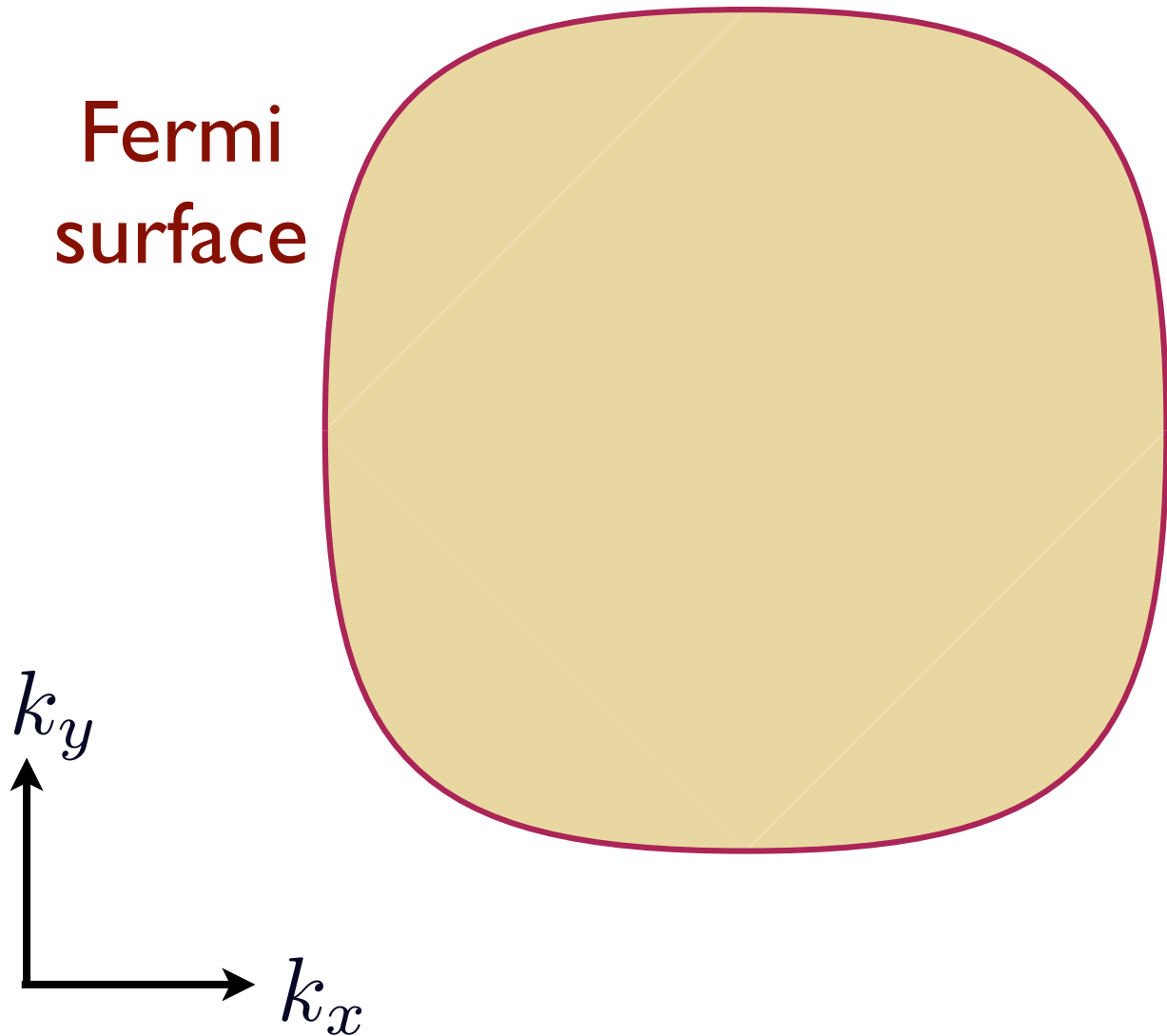


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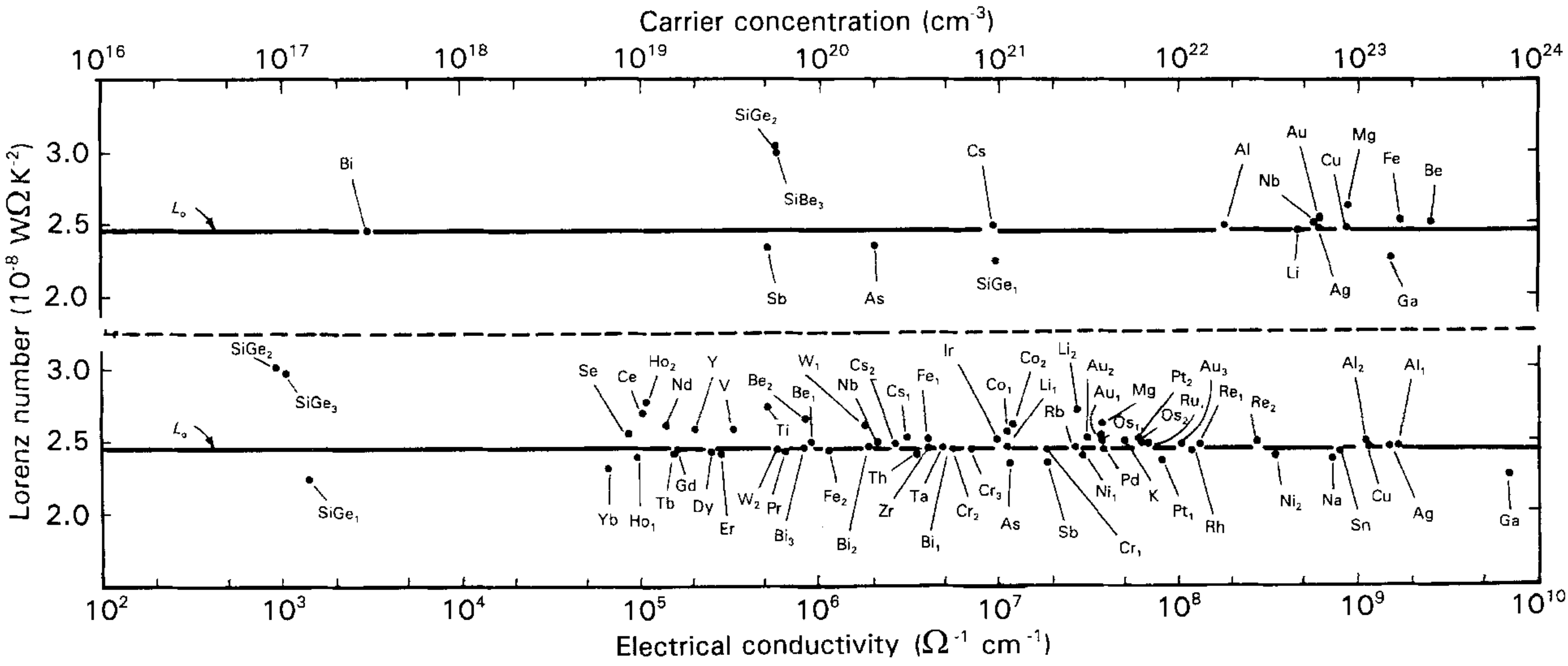


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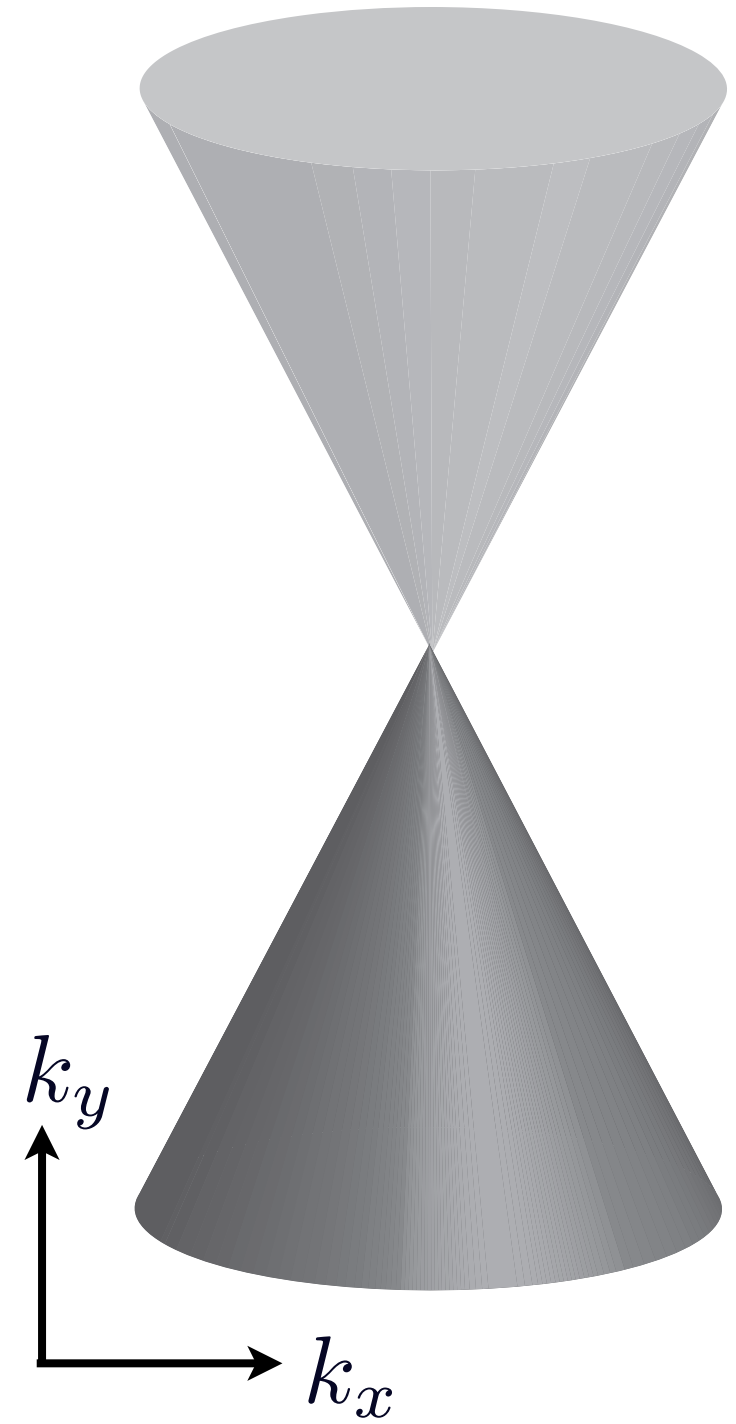
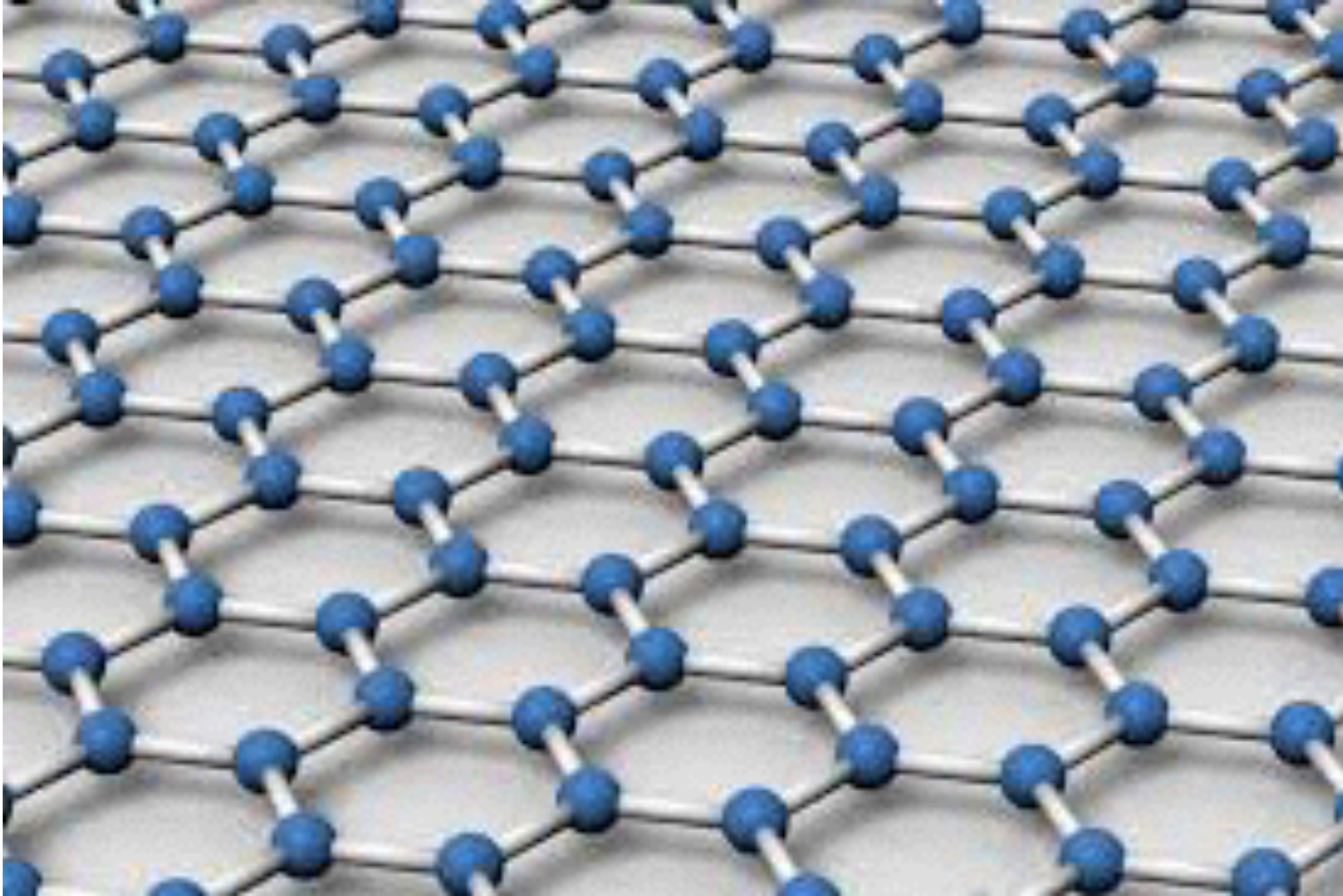
- $$\frac{(\text{Thermal conductivity})}{T (\text{Electrical conductivity})} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e^2}$$

► Wiedemann-Franz law in a Fermi liquid:

$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma T} \approx \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e^2} \approx 2.45 \times 10^{-8} \frac{W \cdot \Omega}{K^2}.$$

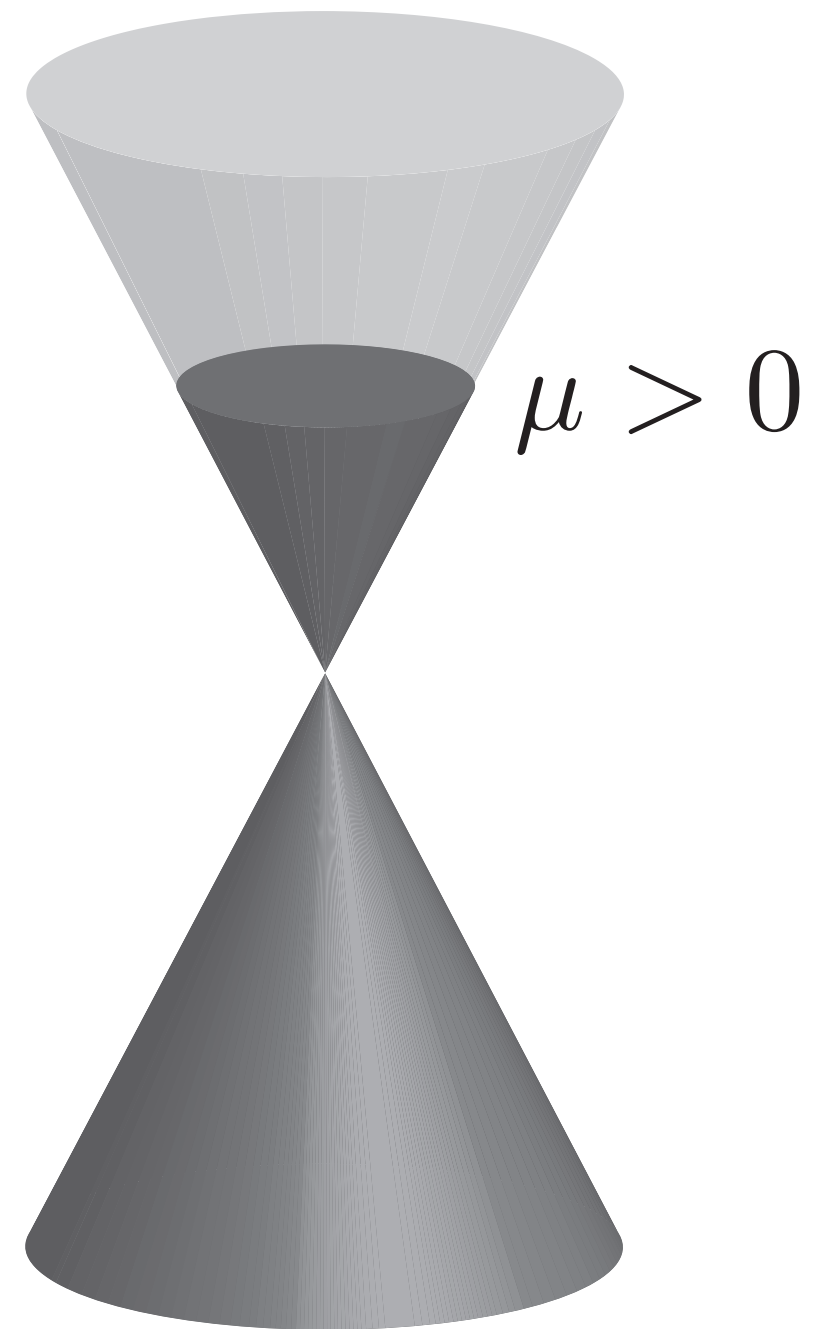


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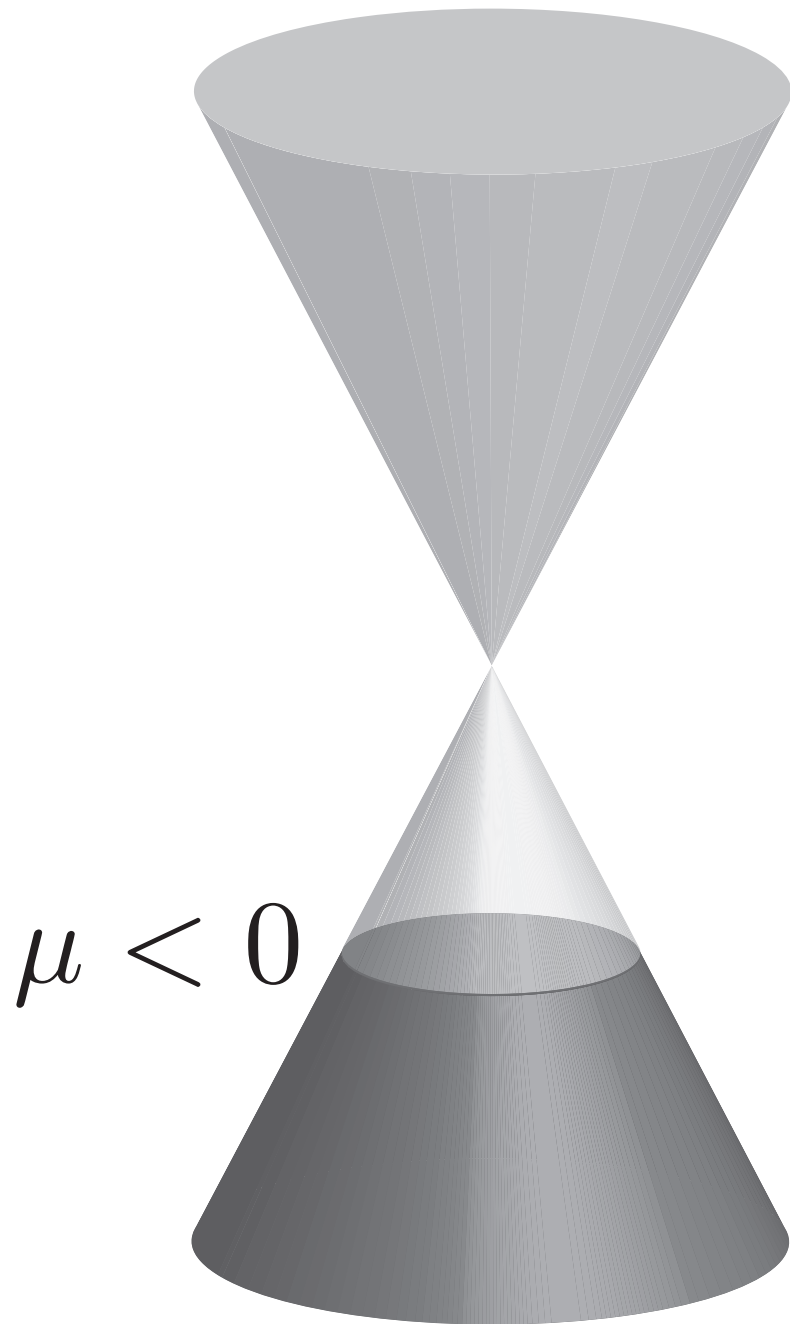


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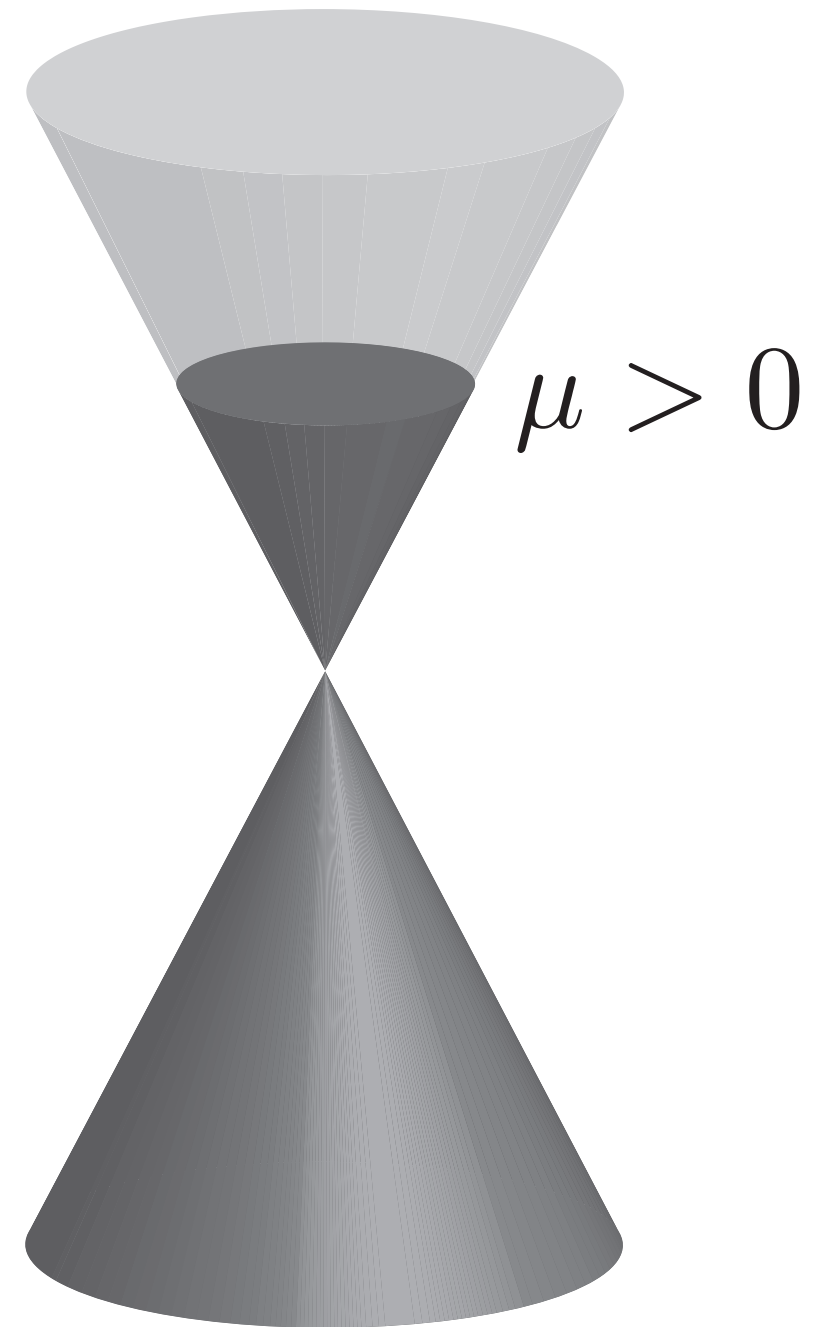


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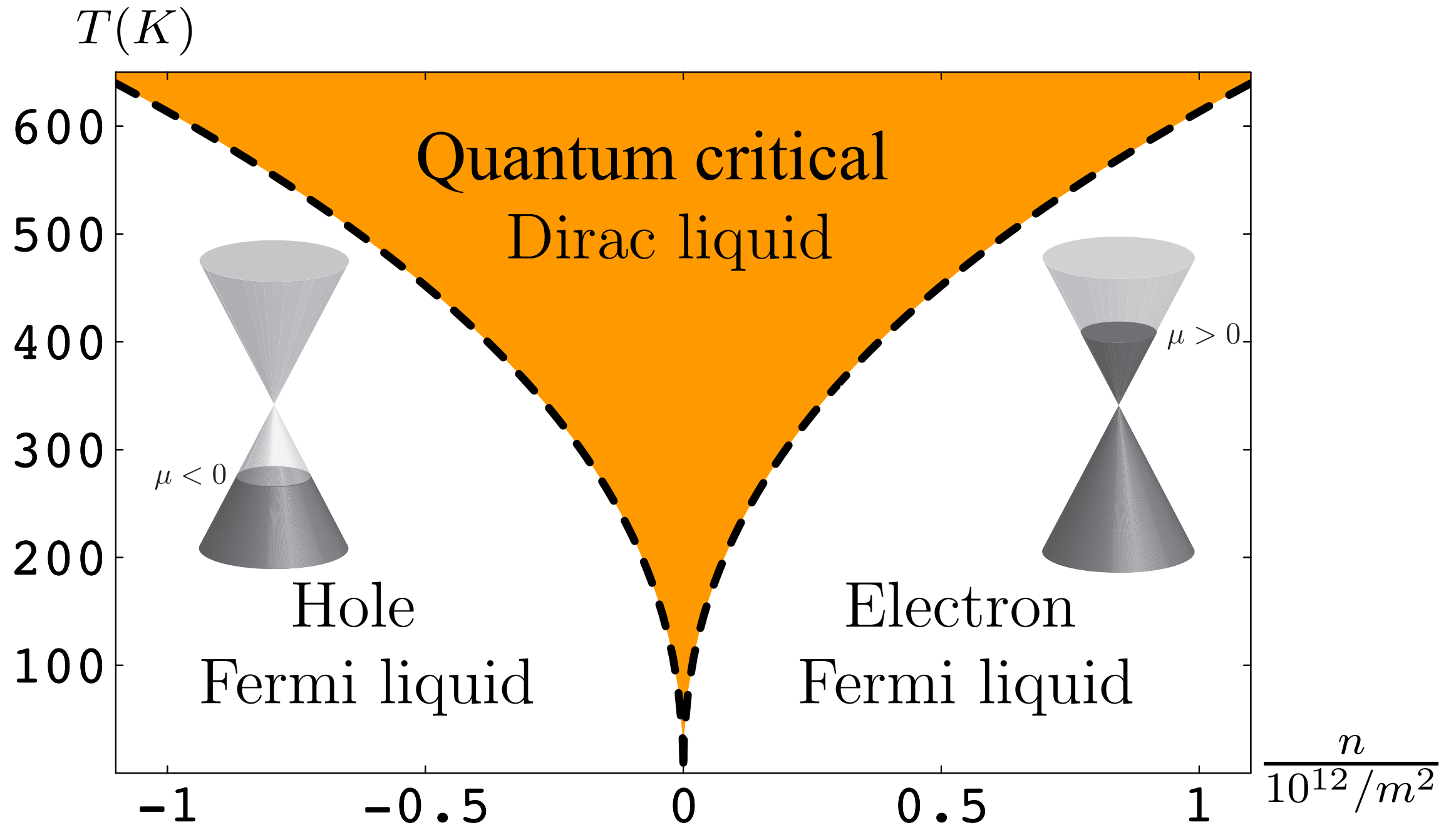


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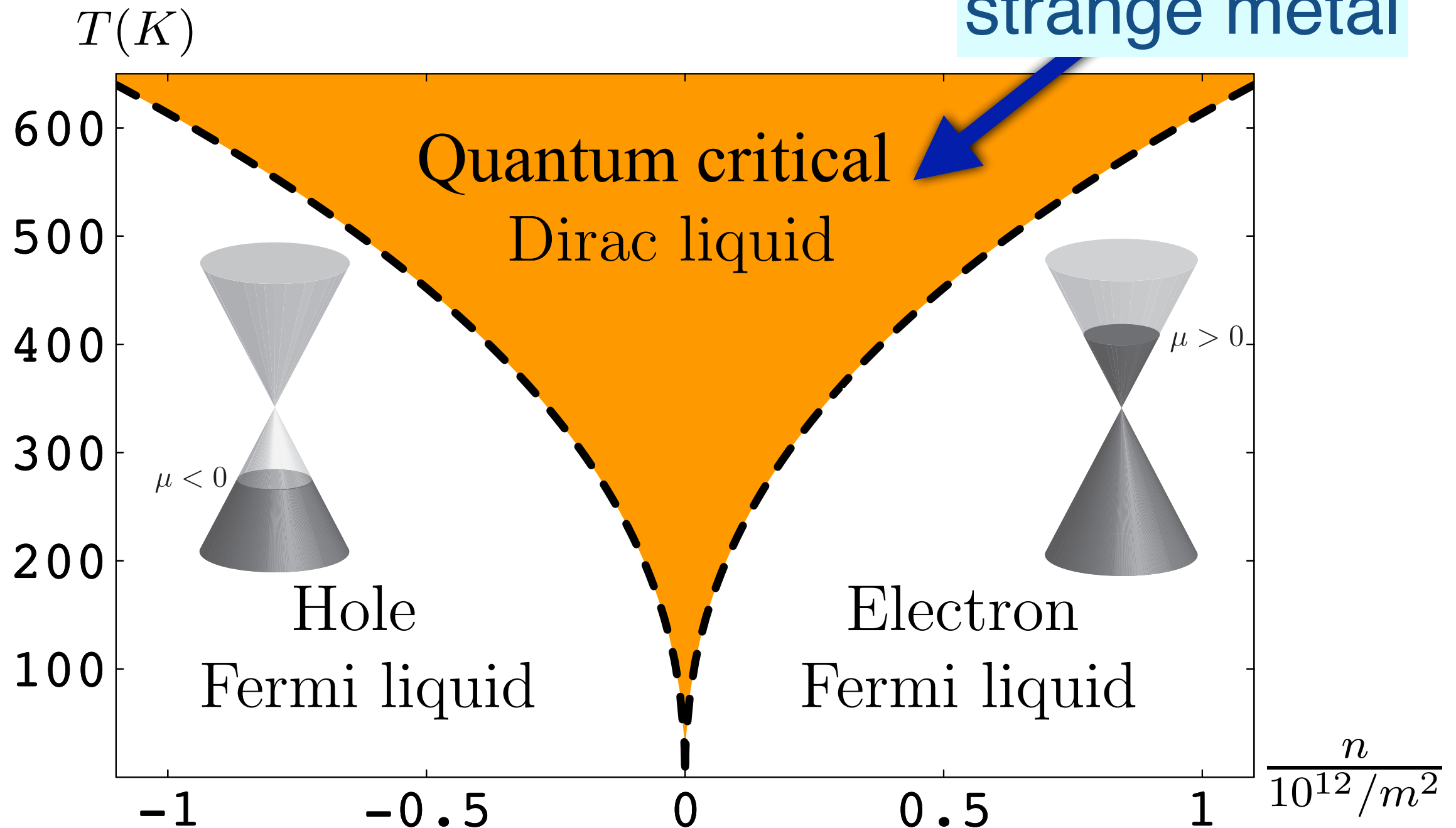


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For a strange metal with a “relativistic” Hamiltonian, hydrodynamic, holographic, and memory function methods yield

$$\sigma = \sigma_Q \left( 1 + \frac{e^2 v_F^2 Q^2 \tau_{\text{imp}}}{\mathcal{H} \sigma_Q} \right) \quad , \quad \kappa = \frac{v_F^2 \mathcal{H} \tau}{T} \left( 1 + \frac{e^2 v_F^2 Q^2 \tau_{\text{imp}}}{\mathcal{H} \sigma_Q} \right)^{-1}$$
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where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the enthalpy density,  $\tau_{\text{imp}}$  is the momentum relaxation time (from impurities), while  $\sigma = \sigma_Q$ , an intrinsic, finite, “quantum critical” conductivity. Note that the limits  $Q \rightarrow 0$  and  $\tau_{\text{imp}} \rightarrow \infty$  do not commute.

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# Observation of the Dirac fluid and the breakdown of the Wiedemann-Franz law in graphene

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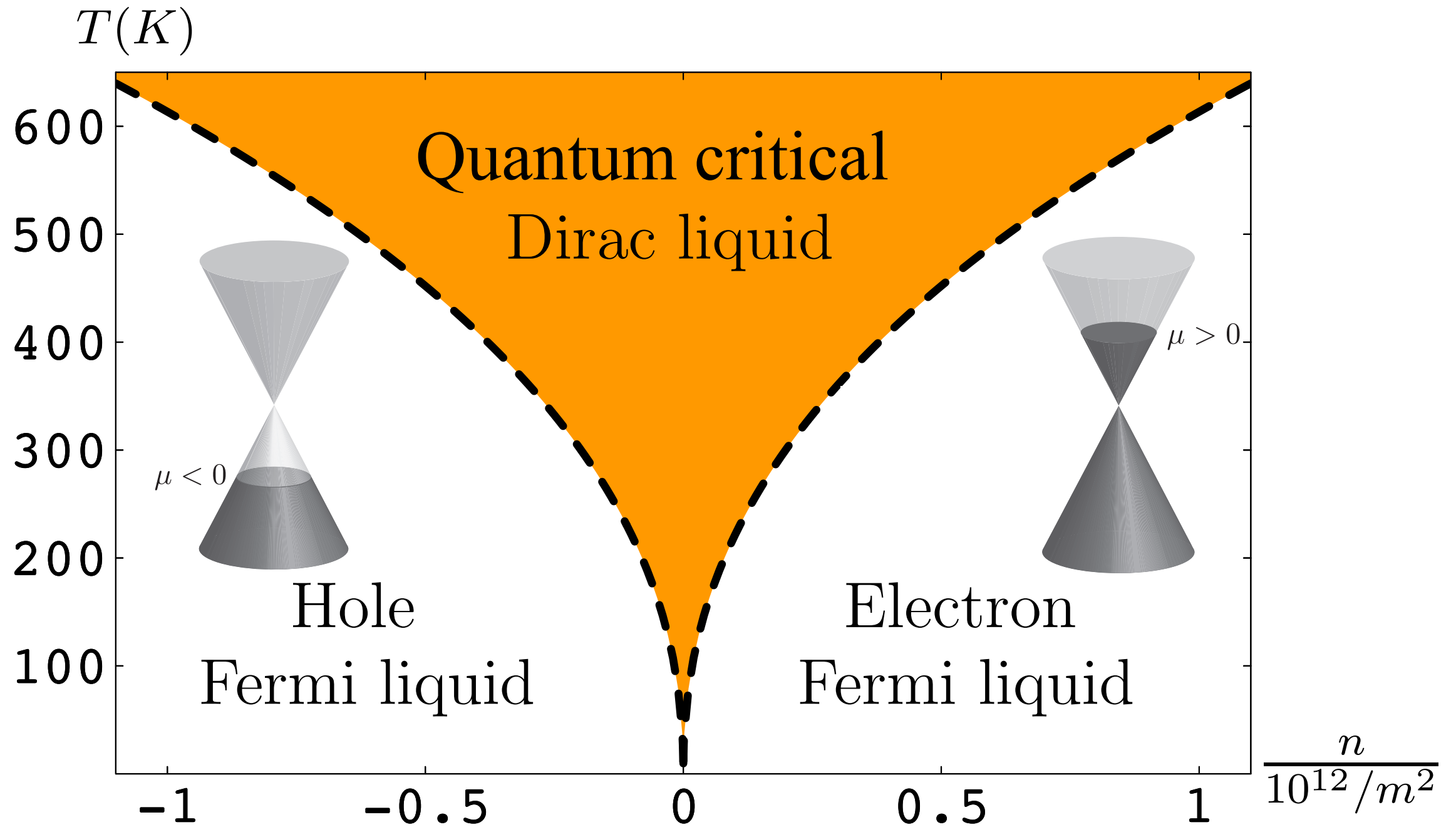
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Interactions between particles in quantum many-body systems can lead to collective behavior described by hydrodynamics. One such system is the electron-hole plasma in graphene near the charge neutrality point which can form a strongly coupled Dirac fluid. This charge neutral plasma of quasi-relativistic fermions is expected to exhibit a substantial enhancement of the thermal conductivity, due to decoupling of charge and heat currents within hydrodynamics. Employing high sensitivity Johnson noise thermometry, we report the breakdown of the Wiedemann-Franz law in graphene, with a thermal conductivity an order of magnitude larger than the value predicted by Fermi liquid theory. This result is a signature of the Dirac fluid, and constitutes direct evidence of collective motion in a quantum electronic fluid.

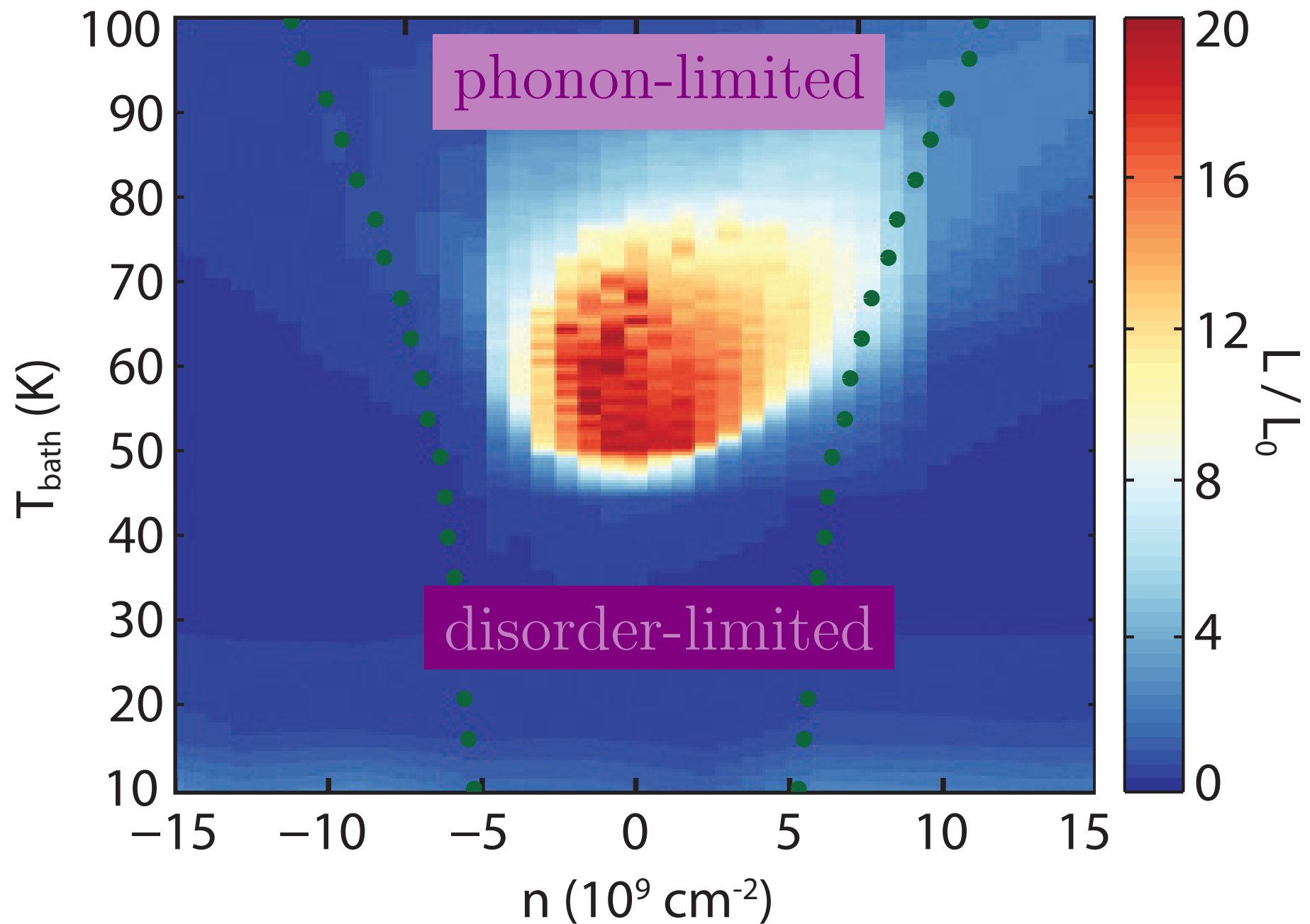
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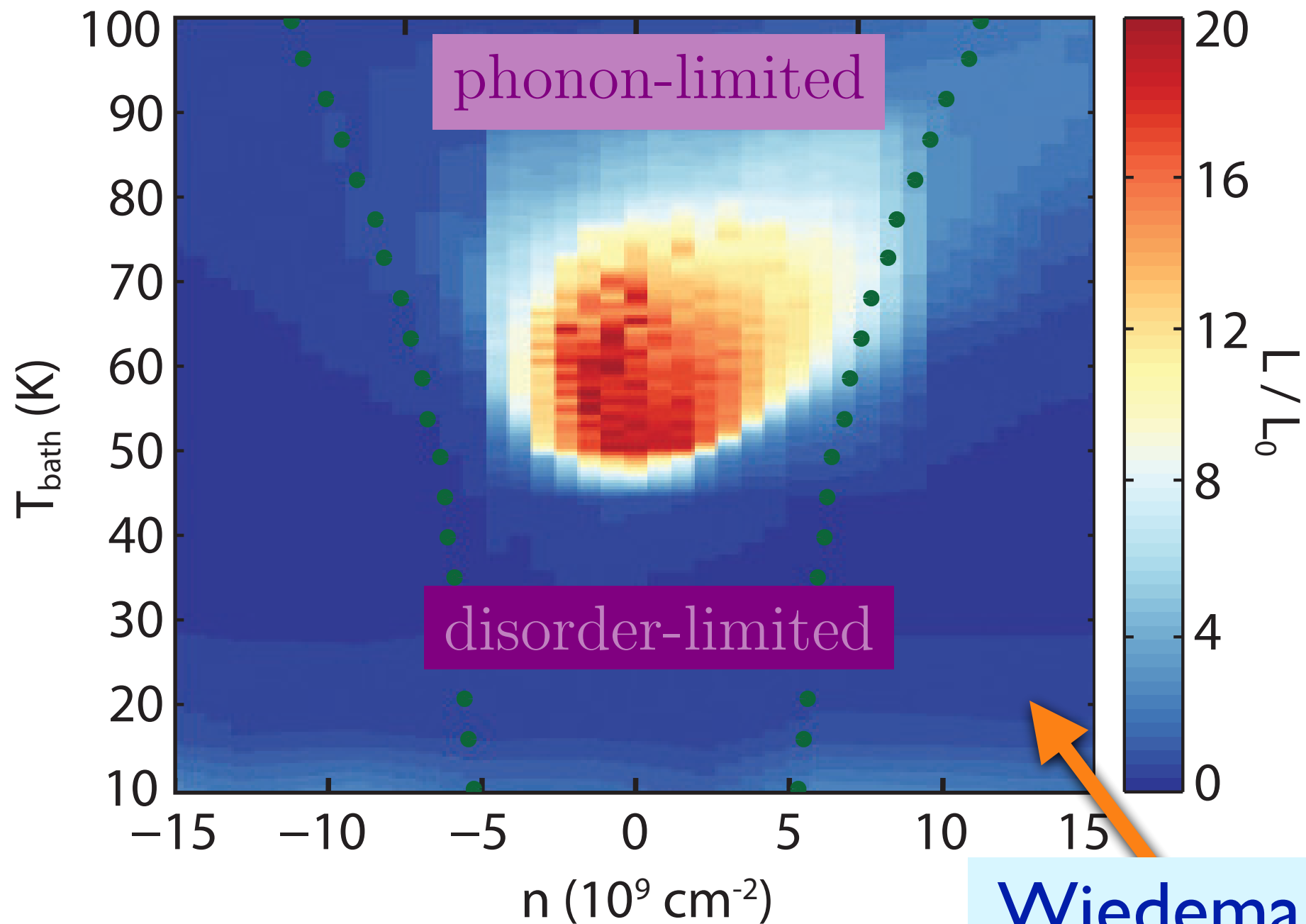


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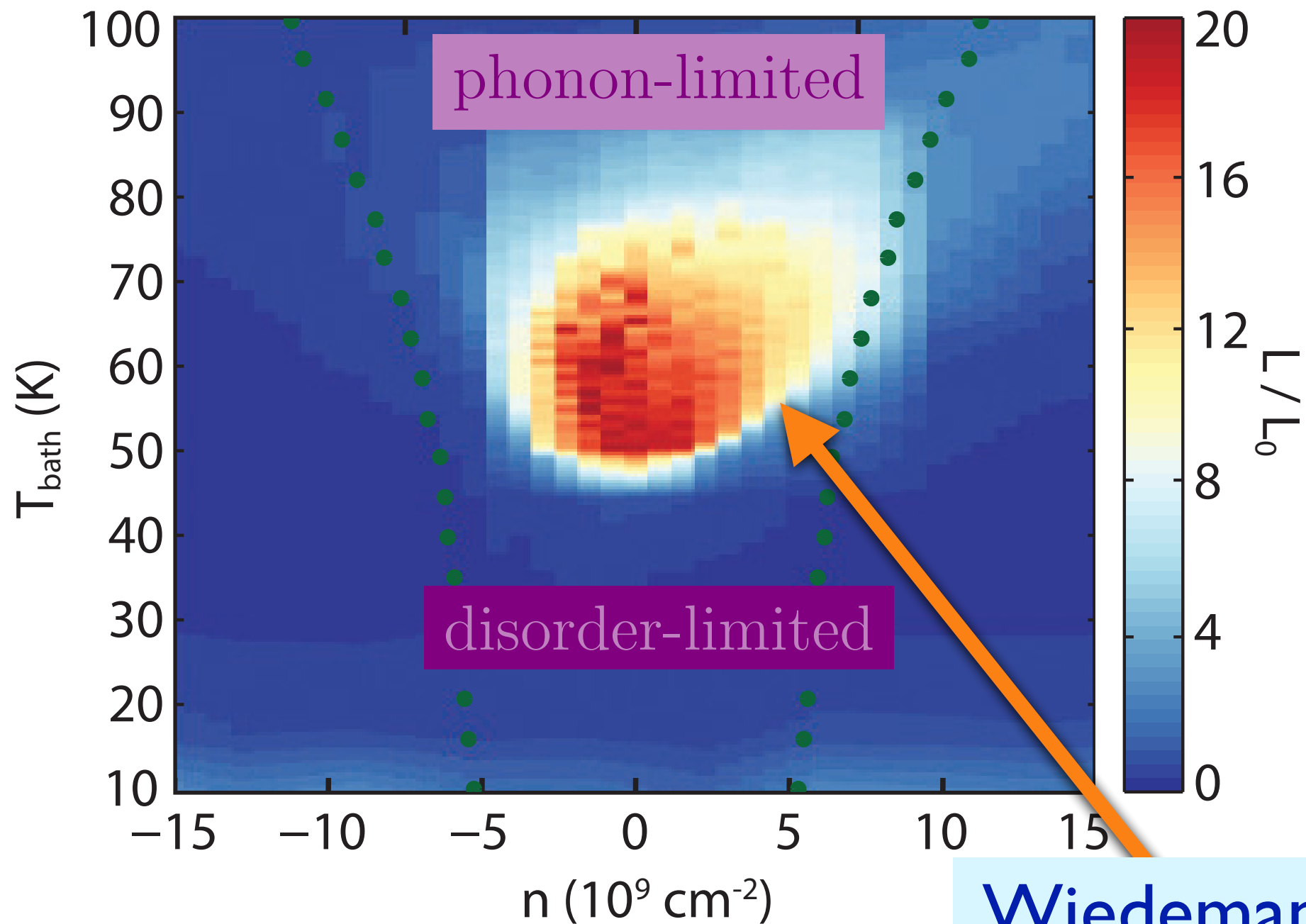
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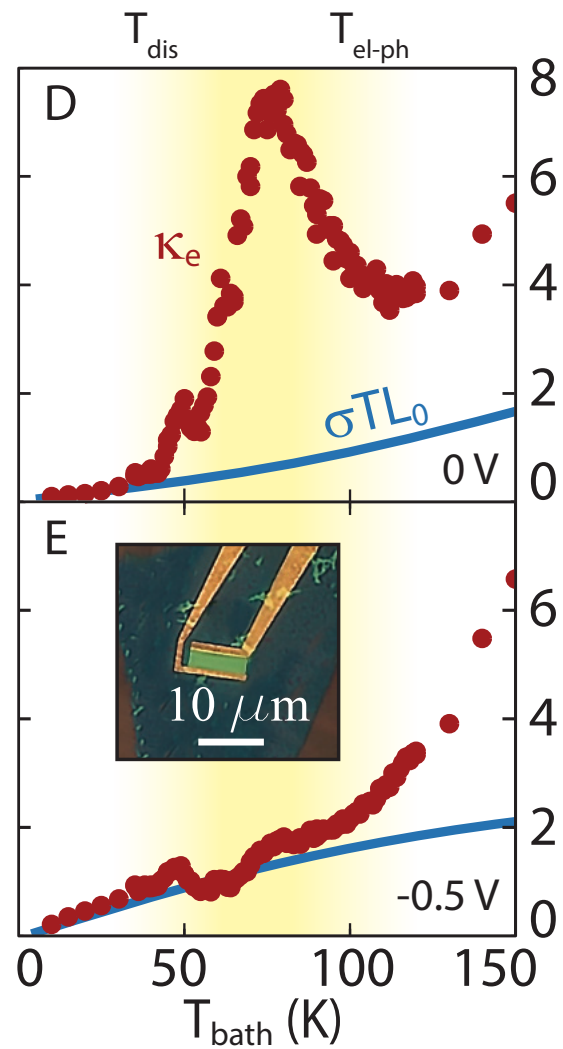
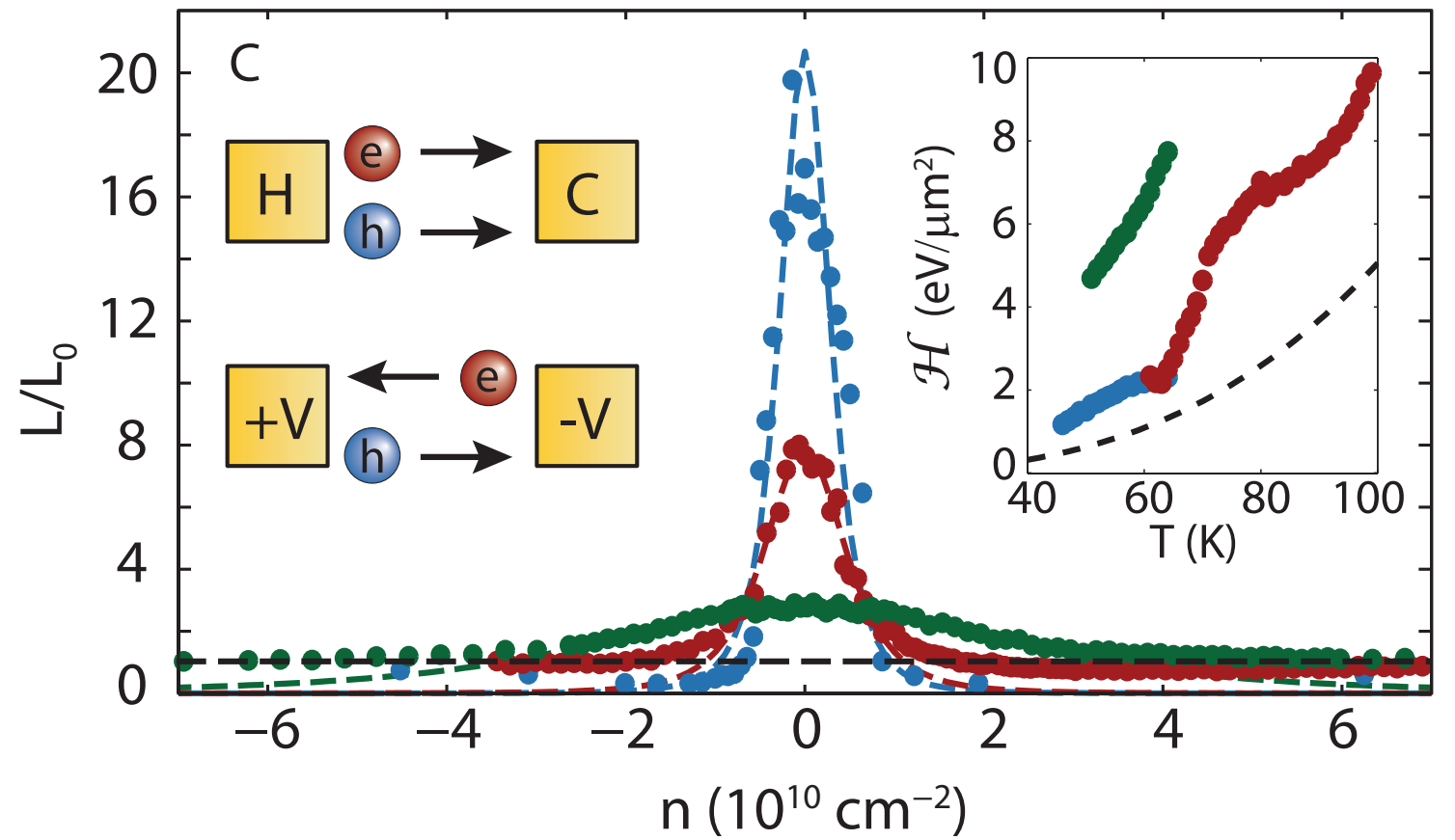
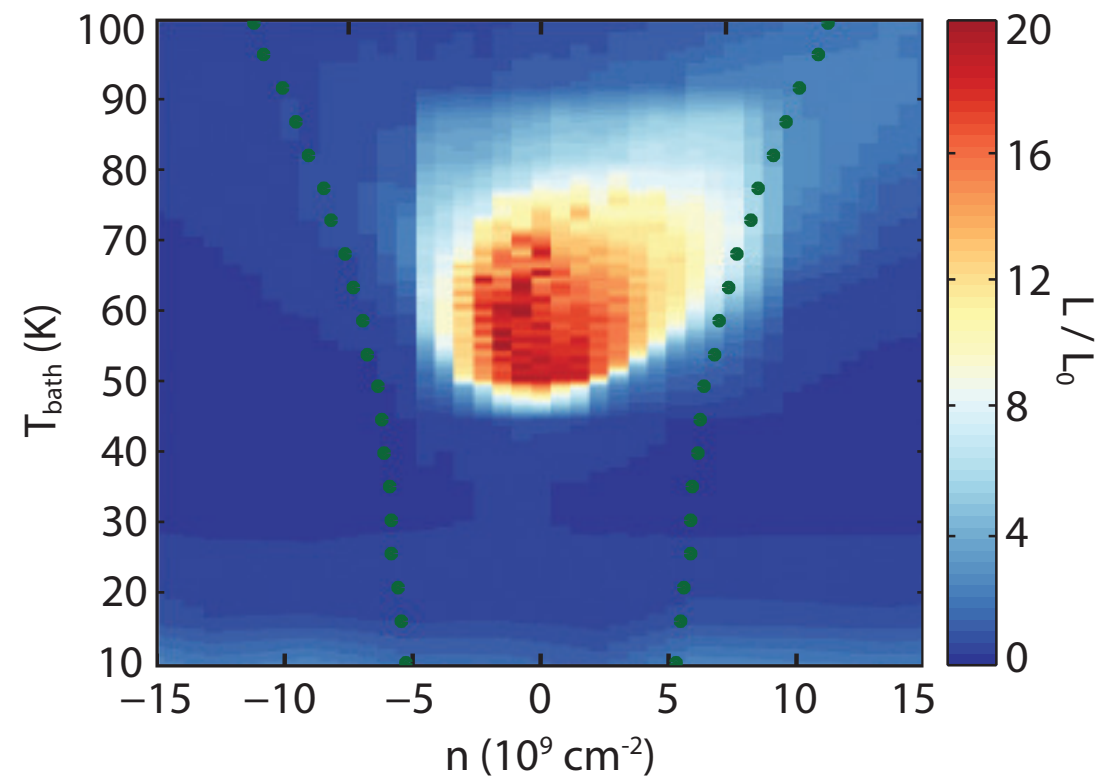
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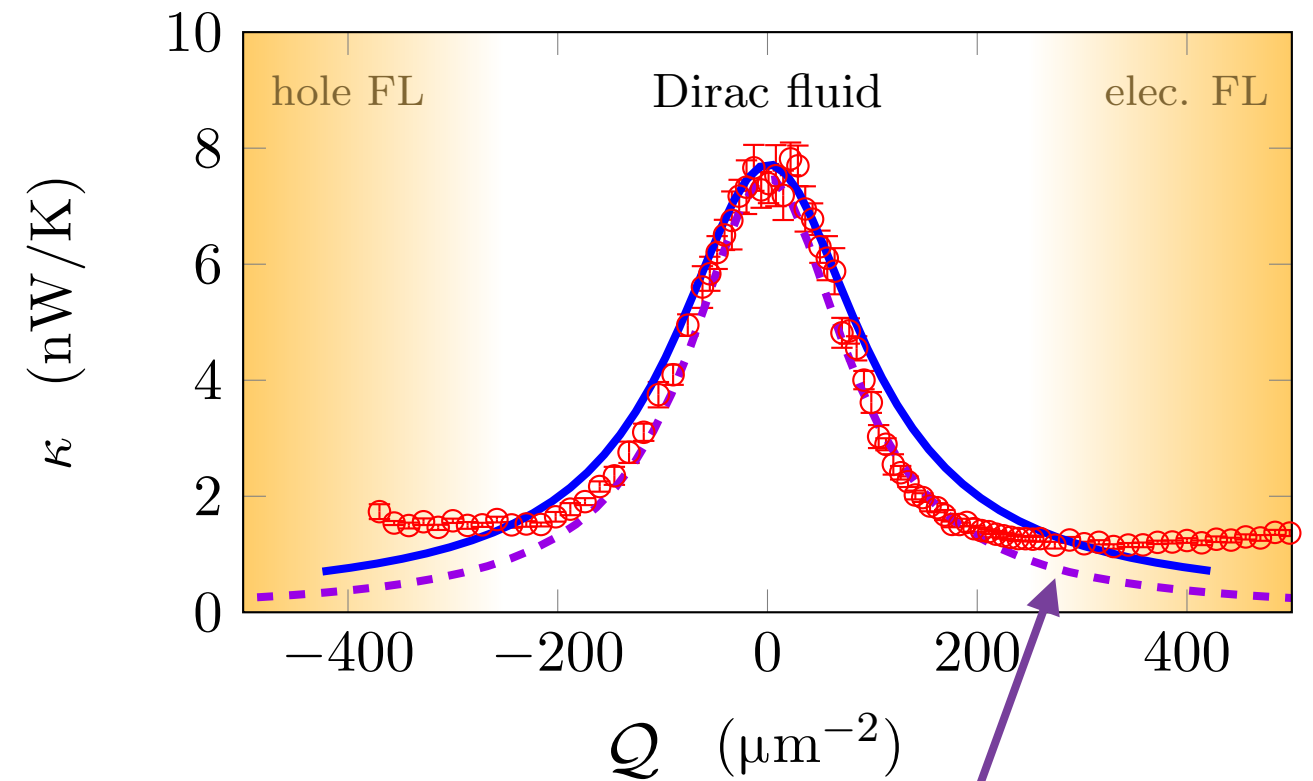
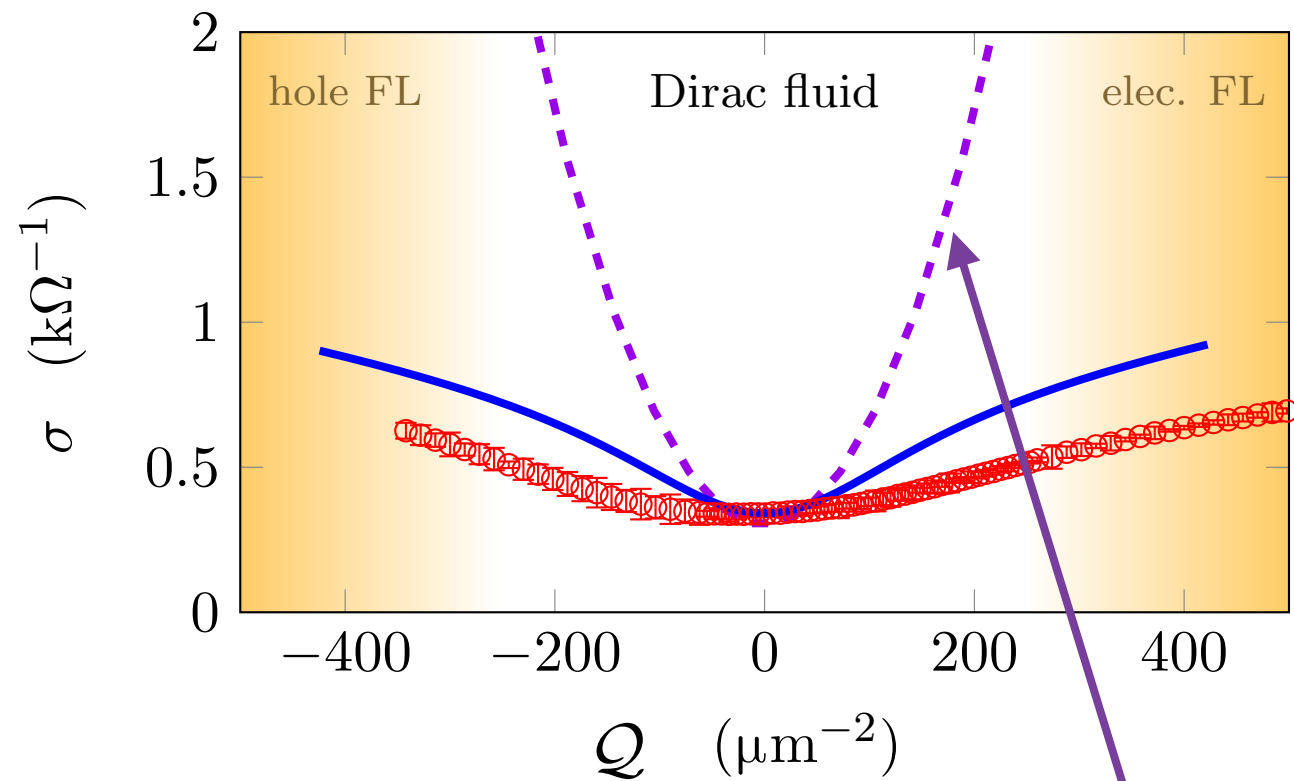


Wiedemann-Franz  
violated !



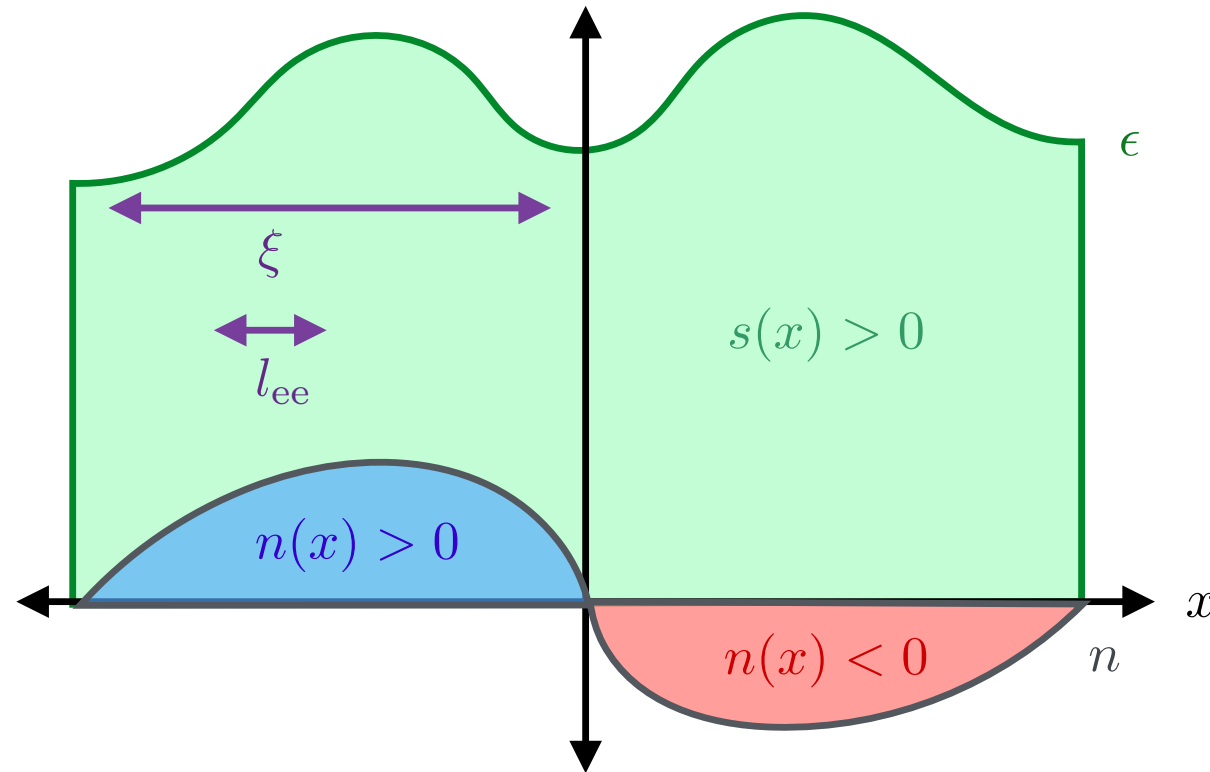
$$\text{Lorentz ratio } L = \kappa / (T\sigma)$$

$$= \frac{v_F^2 \mathcal{H} \tau_{\text{imp}}}{T^2 \sigma_Q} \frac{1}{(1 + e^2 v_F^2 Q^2 \tau_{\text{imp}} / (\mathcal{H} \sigma_Q))^2}$$



Comparison to theory with a single momentum relaxation time  $\tau_{\text{imp}}$ .  
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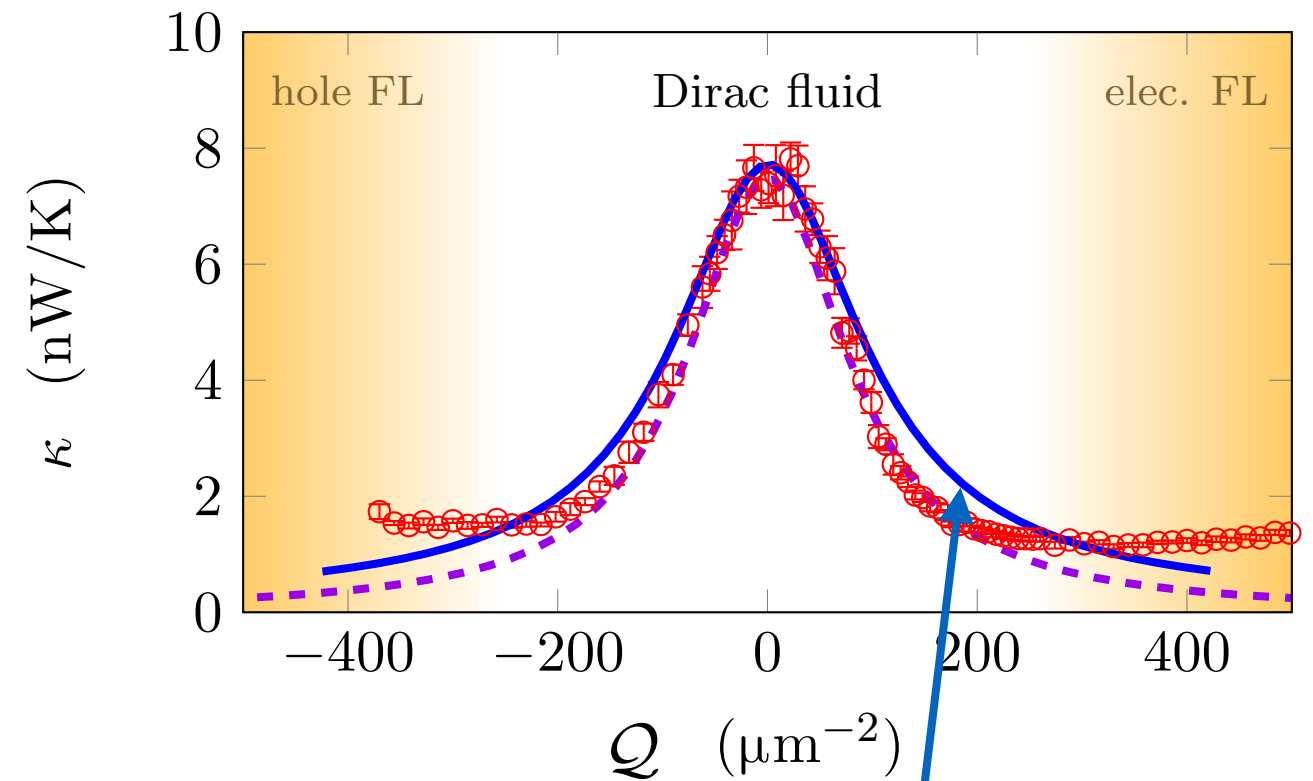
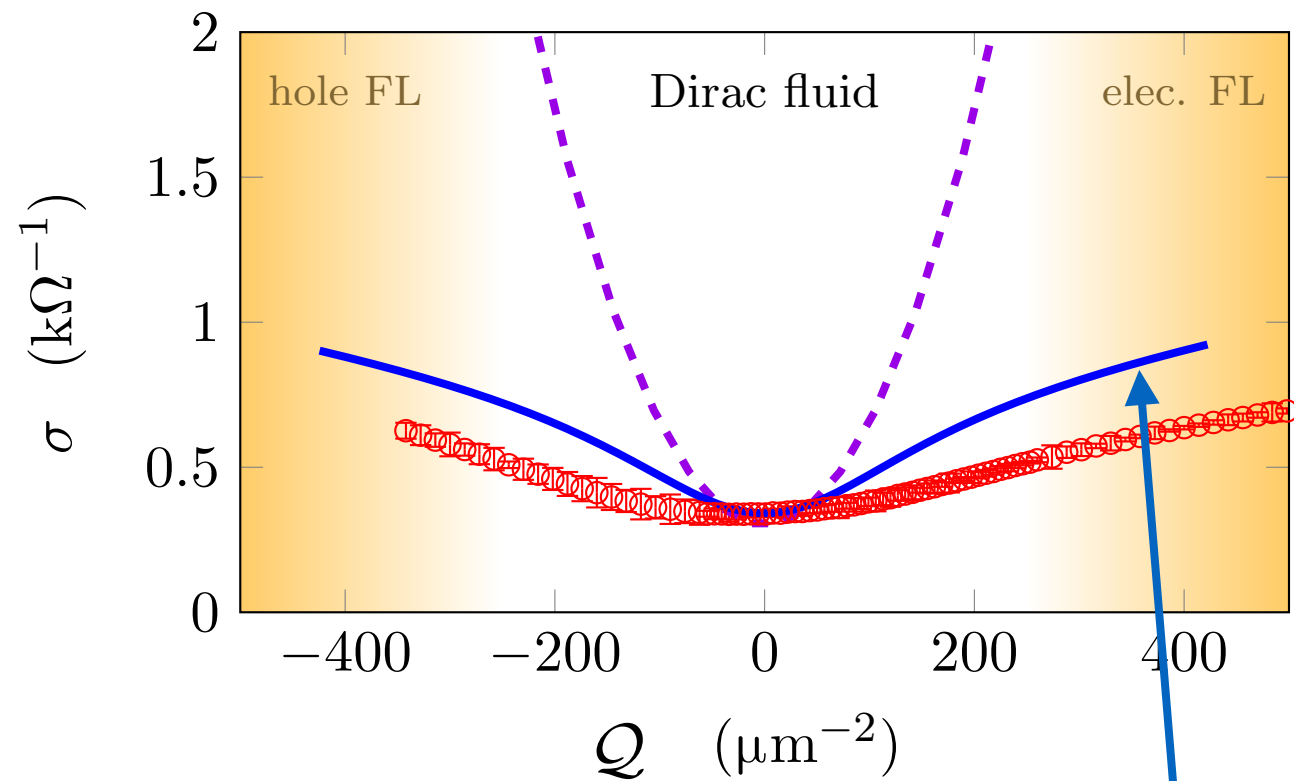
# Non-perturbative treatment of disorder



Note  
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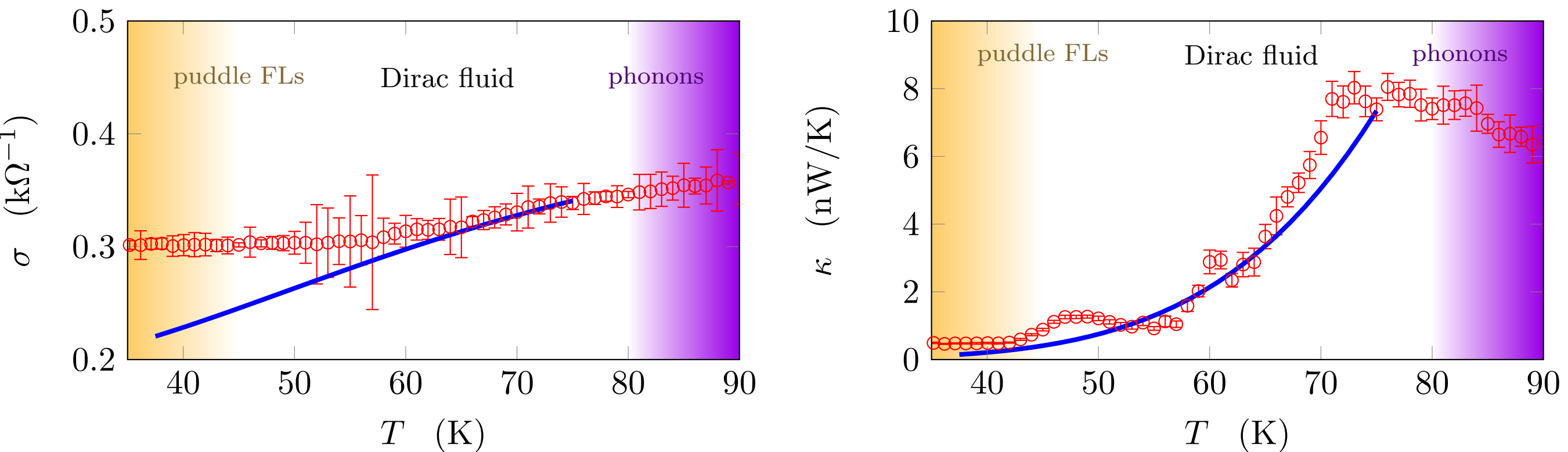
**Figure 3:** A cartoon of a nearly quantum critical fluid where our hydrodynamic description of transport is sensible. The local chemical potential  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  always obeys  $|\mu| \ll k_B T$ , and so the entropy density  $s/k_B$  is much larger than the charge density  $|n|$ ; both electrons and holes are everywhere excited, and the energy density  $\epsilon$  does not fluctuate as much relative to the mean. Near charge neutrality the local charge density flips sign repeatedly. The correlation length of disorder  $\xi$  is much larger than  $l_{ee}$ , the electron-electron interaction length.

Numerically solve the hydrodynamic equations of Hartnoll, Kovtun, Müller, Sachdev (PRB 76, 144502 (2007)) but in the presence of a  $x$ -dependent chemical potential. The thermoelectric transport properties will then depend upon the value of the shear viscosity,  $\eta$ .



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**Figure 2:** A comparison of our hydrodynamic theory of transport with the experimental results of [33] in clean samples of graphene at the charge neutrality point ( $n = 0$ ). We use no new fit parameters compared to Figure 1. The yellow shaded region denotes where Fermi liquid behavior is observed; the purple shaded region denotes the likely onset of electron-phonon coupling.

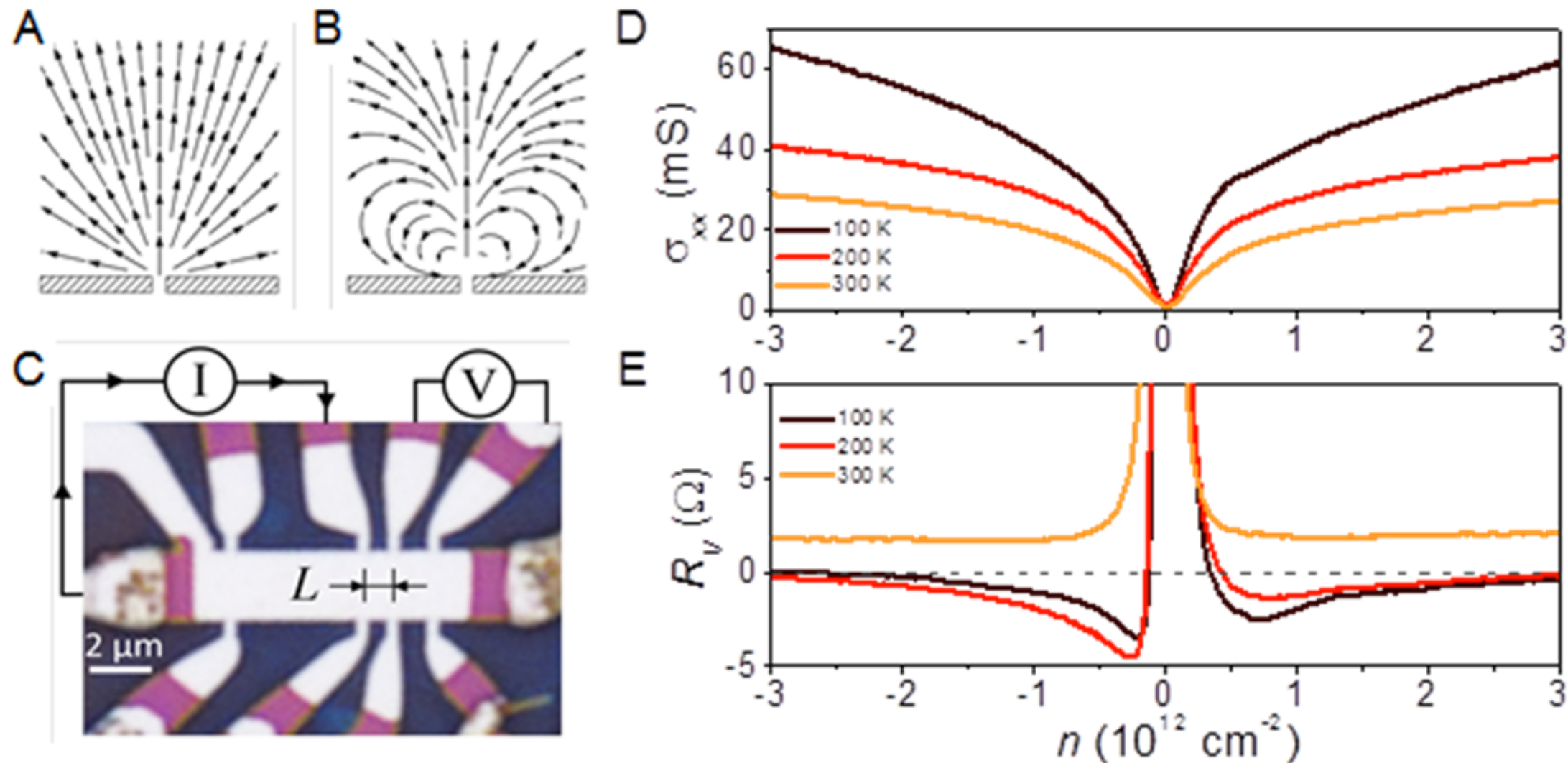
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## Negative local resistance due to viscous electron backflow in graphene

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**Figure 1.** Viscous backflow in doped graphene. (a,b) Steady-state distribution of current injected through a narrow slit for a classical conducting medium with zero  $\nu$  (a) and a viscous Fermi liquid (b). (c) Optical micrograph of one of our SLG devices. The schematic explains the measurement geometry for vicinity resistance. (d,e) Longitudinal conductivity  $\sigma_{xx}$  and  $R_V$  for this device as a function of  $n$  induced by applying gate voltage.  $I = 0.3\ \mu\text{A}$ ;  $L = 1\ \mu\text{m}$ . For more detail, see Supplementary Information.

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$$H = \frac{1}{(N)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N t_{ij} c_i^\dagger c_j + \dots$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i = \mathcal{Q}$$

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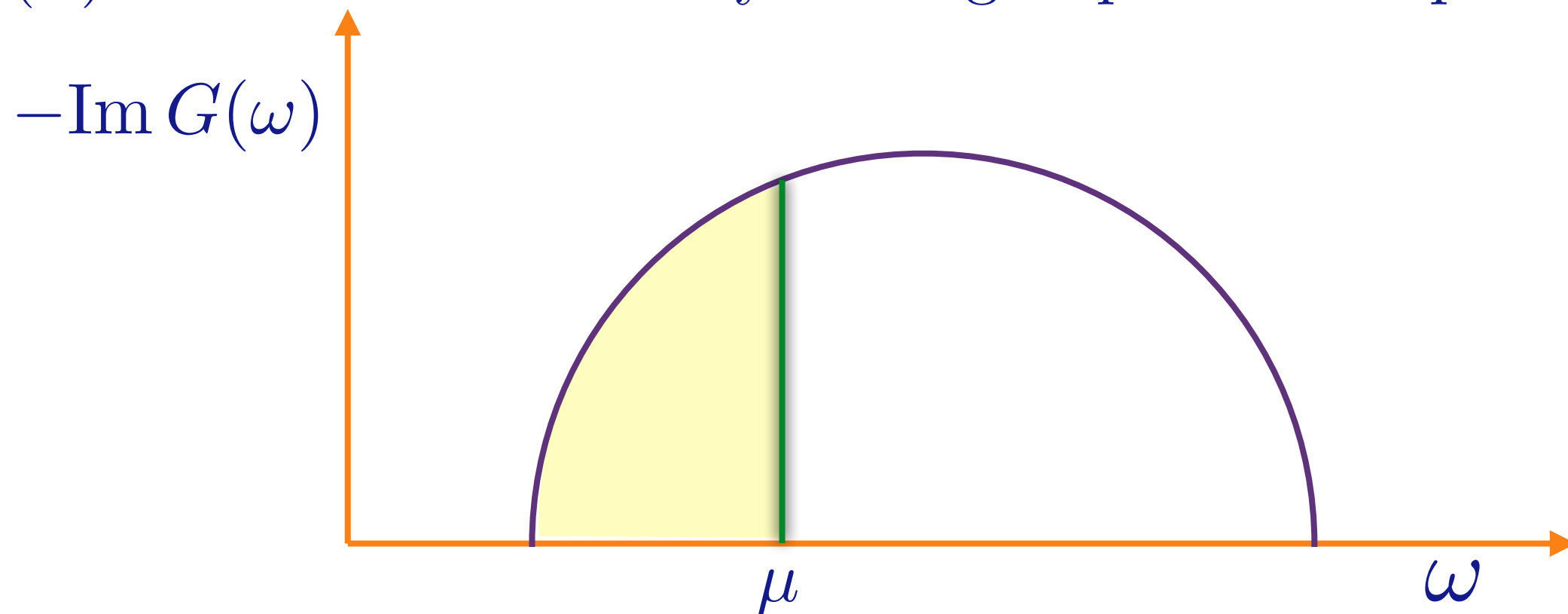
Fermions occupying the eigenstates of a  
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$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = t^2 G(\tau)$$
$$G(\tau = 0^-) = \mathcal{Q}.$$

$G(\omega)$  can be determined by solving a quadratic equation.



Fermions occupying eigenstates with a “semi-circular” density of states

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$$H = \frac{1}{(NM)^{1/2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^M J_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\beta} c_{j\beta}^\dagger c_{j\alpha}$$

$$c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta} + c_{j\beta} c_{i\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta}^\dagger + c_{j\beta}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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$J_{ij}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{J_{ij}} = 0$  and  $\overline{J_{ij}^2} = J^2$   
 $N \rightarrow \infty$  at  $M = 2$  yields spin-glass ground state.  
 $N \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $M \rightarrow \infty$  yields critical strange metal

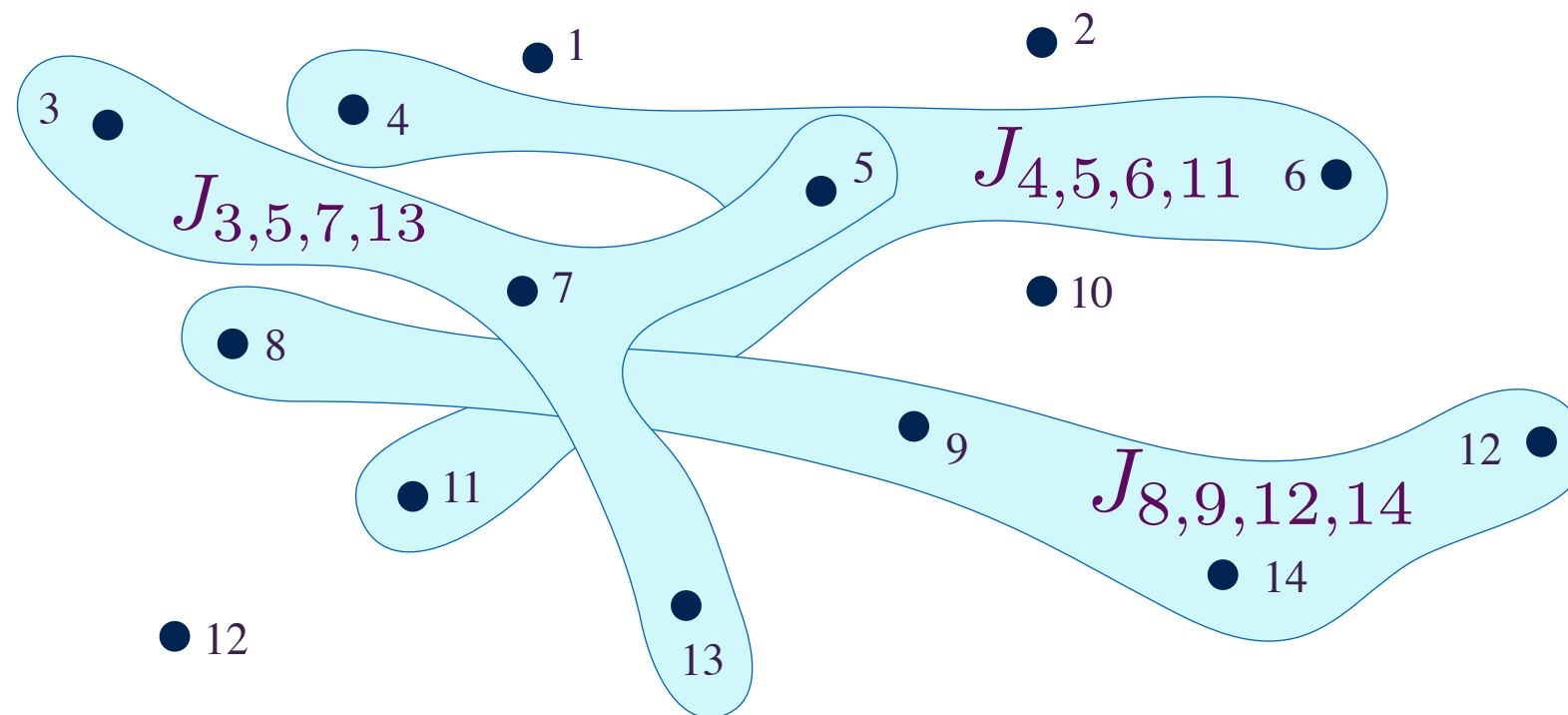


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$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N J_{ij;k\ell} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_\ell - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$



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$$G(\tau = 0^-) = Q.$$

Low frequency analysis shows that the solutions must be gapless and obey

$$\Sigma(z) = \mu - \frac{1}{A} \sqrt{z} + \dots \quad , \quad G(z) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{z}}$$

for some complex  $A$ .

# Infinite-range strange metals

Local fermion density of states

$$\rho(\omega) = -\text{Im } G(\omega) \sim \begin{cases} \omega^{-1/2}, & \omega > 0 \\ e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}} |\omega|^{-1/2}, & \omega < 0. \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{E}$  encodes the particle-hole asymmetry

While  $\mathcal{E}$  determines the *low* energy spectrum, it is determined by the *total* fermion density  $\mathcal{Q}$ :

$$\mathcal{Q} = \frac{1}{4}(3 - \tanh(2\pi\mathcal{E})) - \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} (e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}}).$$

Analog of the relationship between  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $k_F$  in a Fermi liquid.

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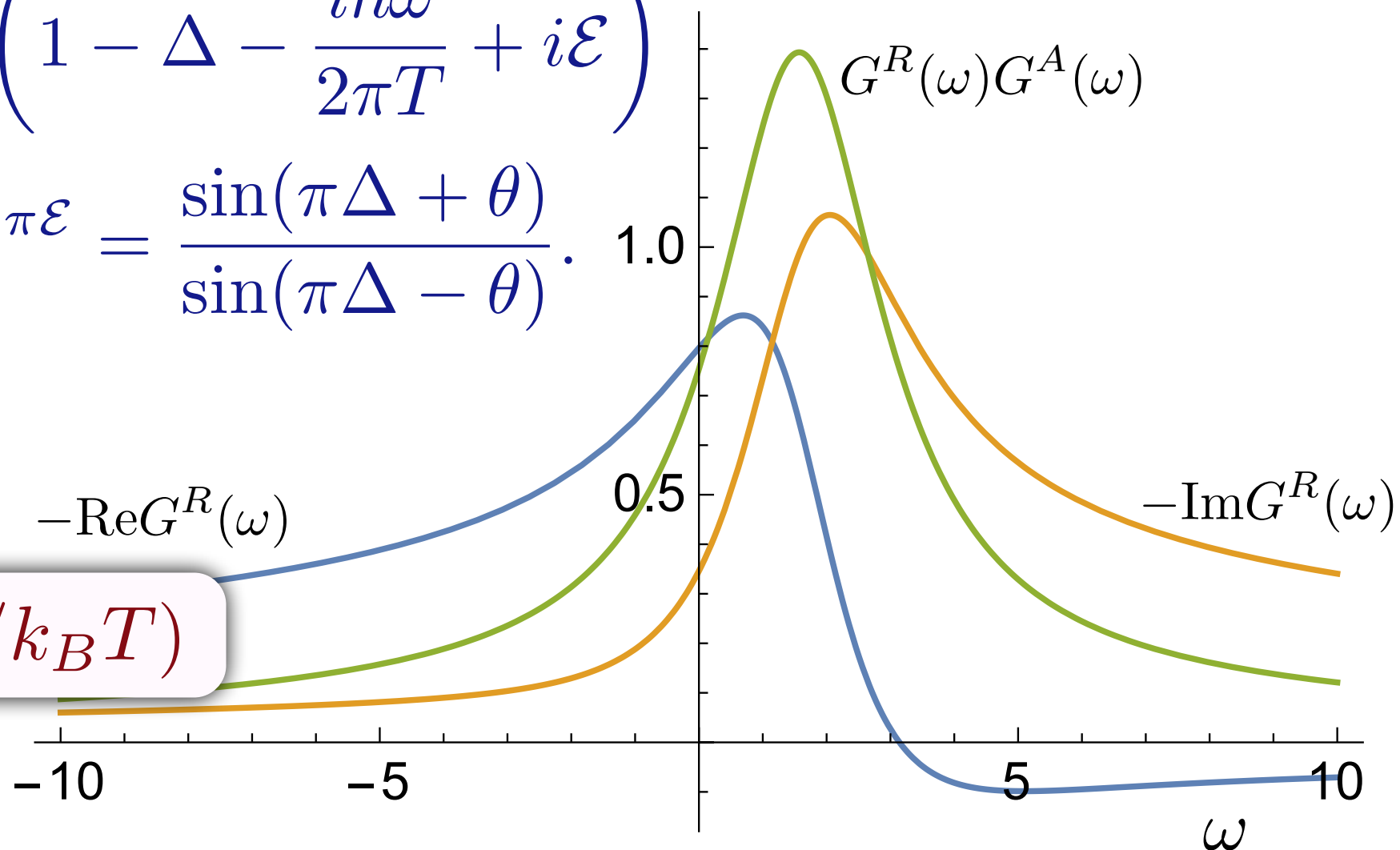
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At non-zero temperature,  $T$ , the Green's function also fully determined by  $\mathcal{E}$ .

$$G^R(\omega) = \frac{-iC e^{-i\theta}}{(2\pi T)^{1-2\Delta}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\Delta - \frac{i\hbar\omega}{2\pi T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}{\Gamma\left(1 - \Delta - \frac{i\hbar\omega}{2\pi T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}$$

where  $\Delta = 1/4$  and  $e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\sin(\pi\Delta + \theta)}{\sin(\pi\Delta - \theta)}$ .



Note  $G(\omega) \equiv f(\hbar\omega/k_B T)$

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“Critically-screened”  
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The entropy per site,  $\mathcal{S}$ , has a non-zero limit as  $T \rightarrow 0$ , and can be viewed as each site acquiring the universal boundary entropy of the multichannel Kondo problem.

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This entropy obeys

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial \mathcal{Q}}\right)_T = - \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}\right)_{\mathcal{Q}} = 2\pi\mathcal{E}$$

Note that  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  involve low-lying states, while  $\mathcal{Q}$  depends upon *all* states, and details of the UV structure

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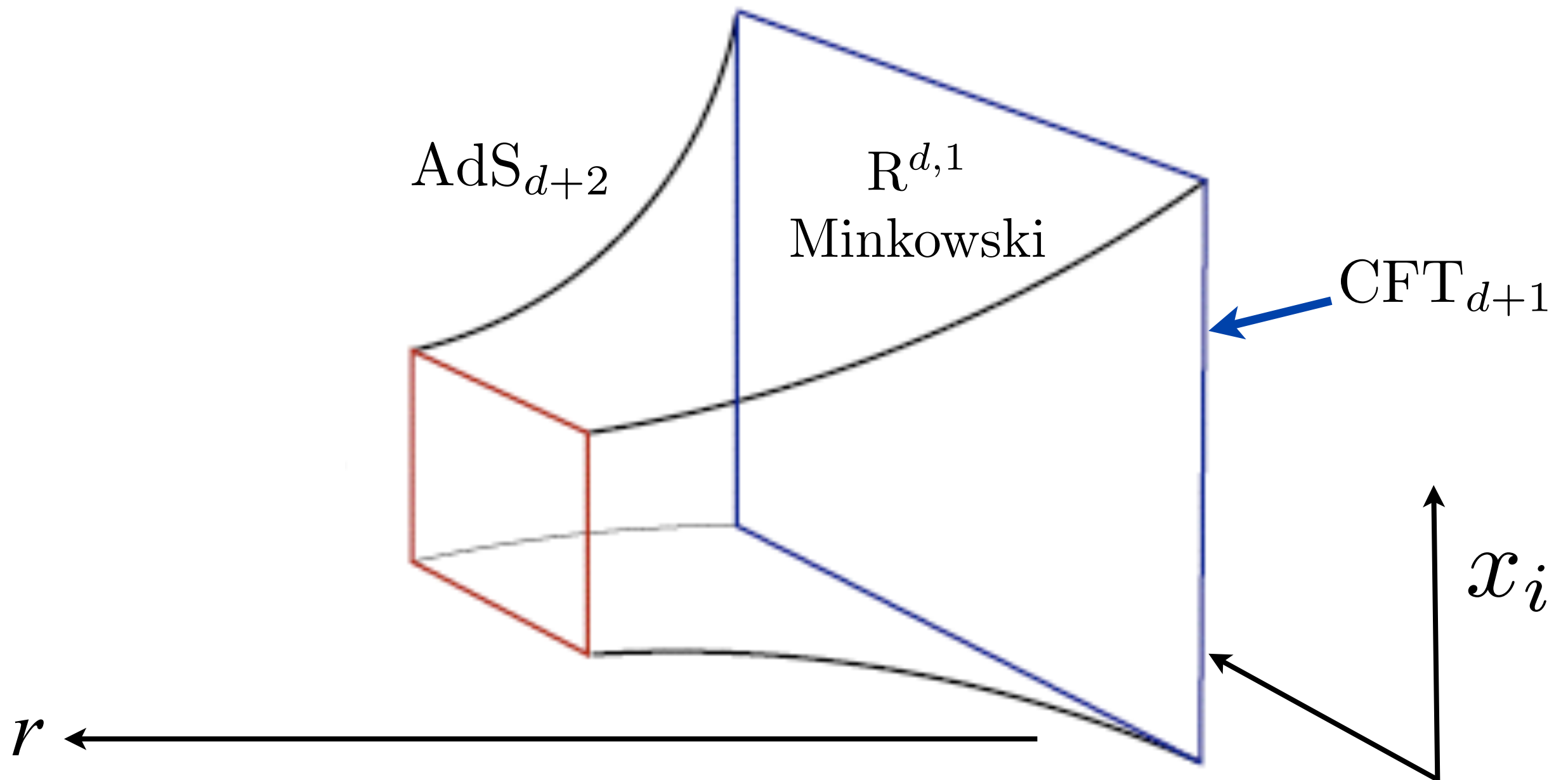


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# AdS/CFT correspondence at zero temperature

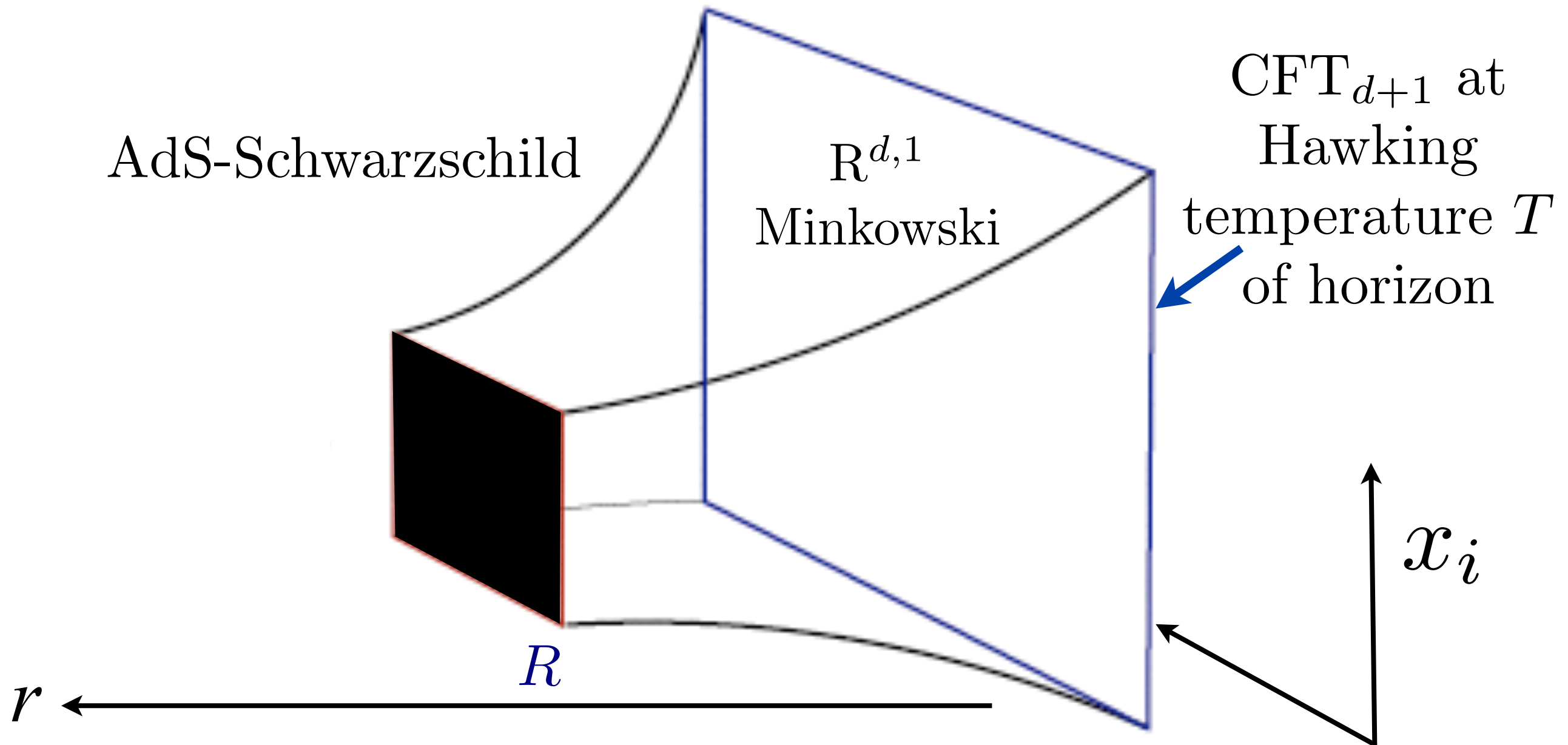
Einstein gravity  $\mathcal{S}_E = \int d^{d+2}x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left( \mathcal{R} + \frac{d(d+1)}{L^2} \right) \right]$



$$ds^2 = \left( \frac{L}{r} \right)^2 [dr^2 - dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2]$$

# AdS/CFT correspondence at non-zero temperature

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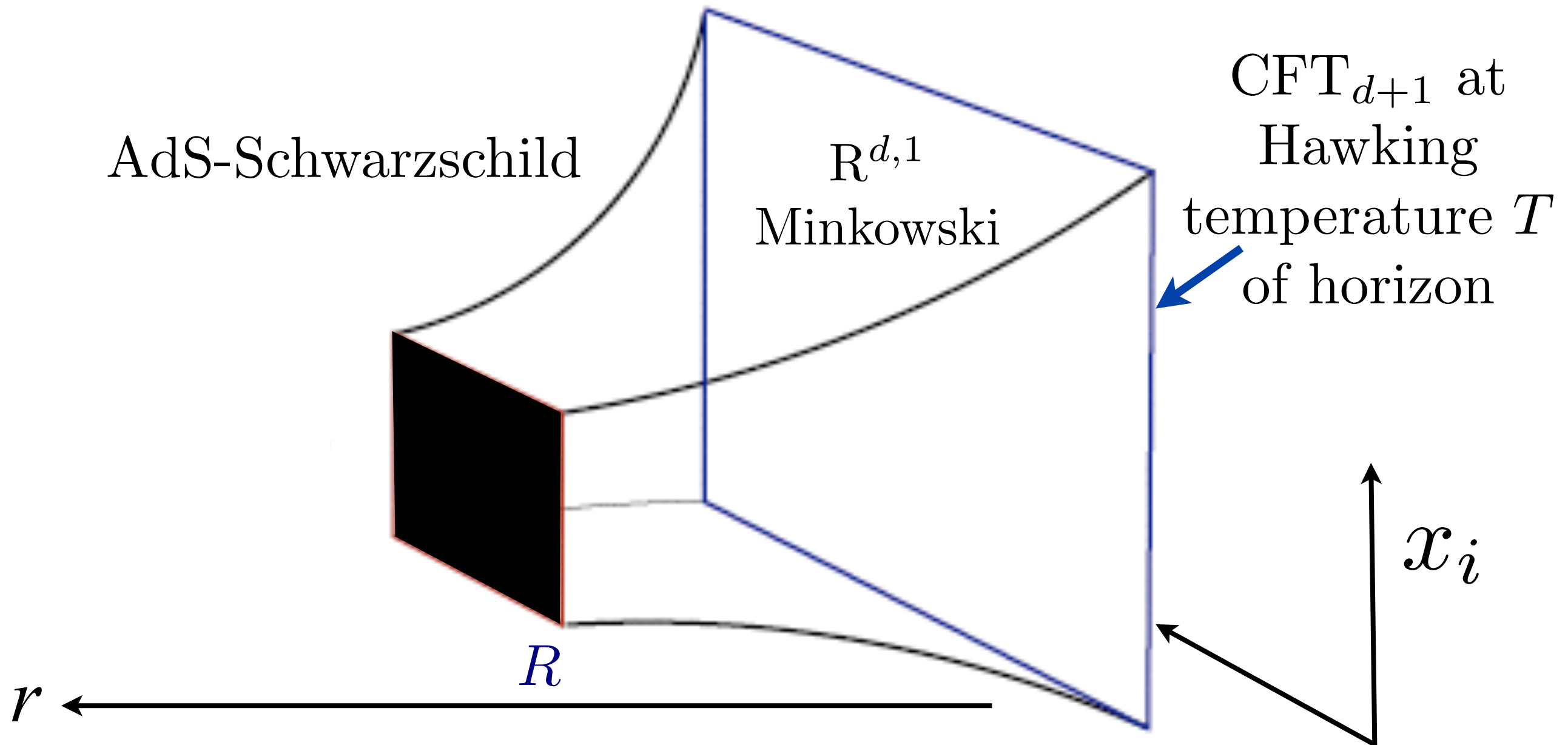


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# AdS/CFT correspondence at non-zero temperature

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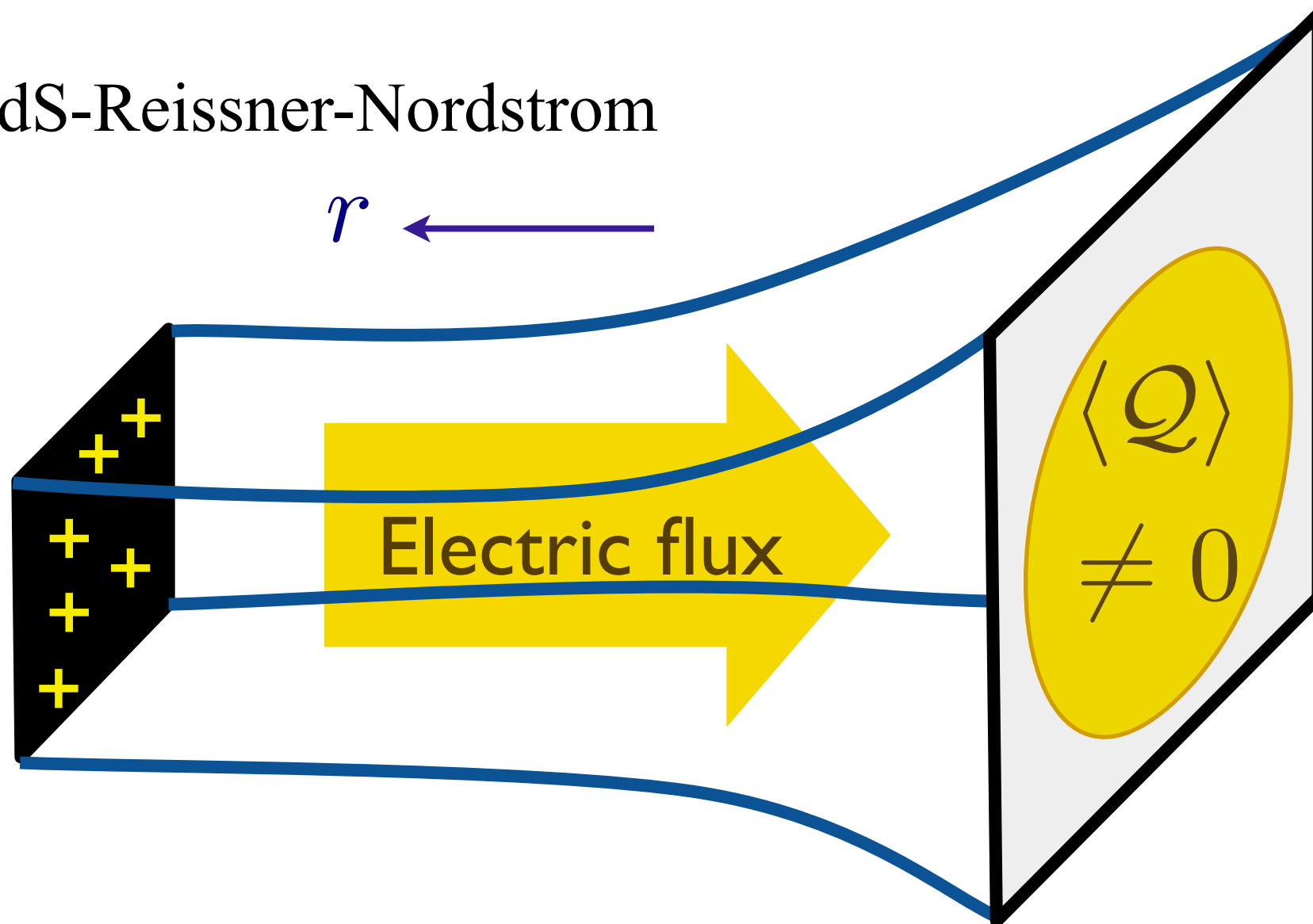


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## Charged black branes

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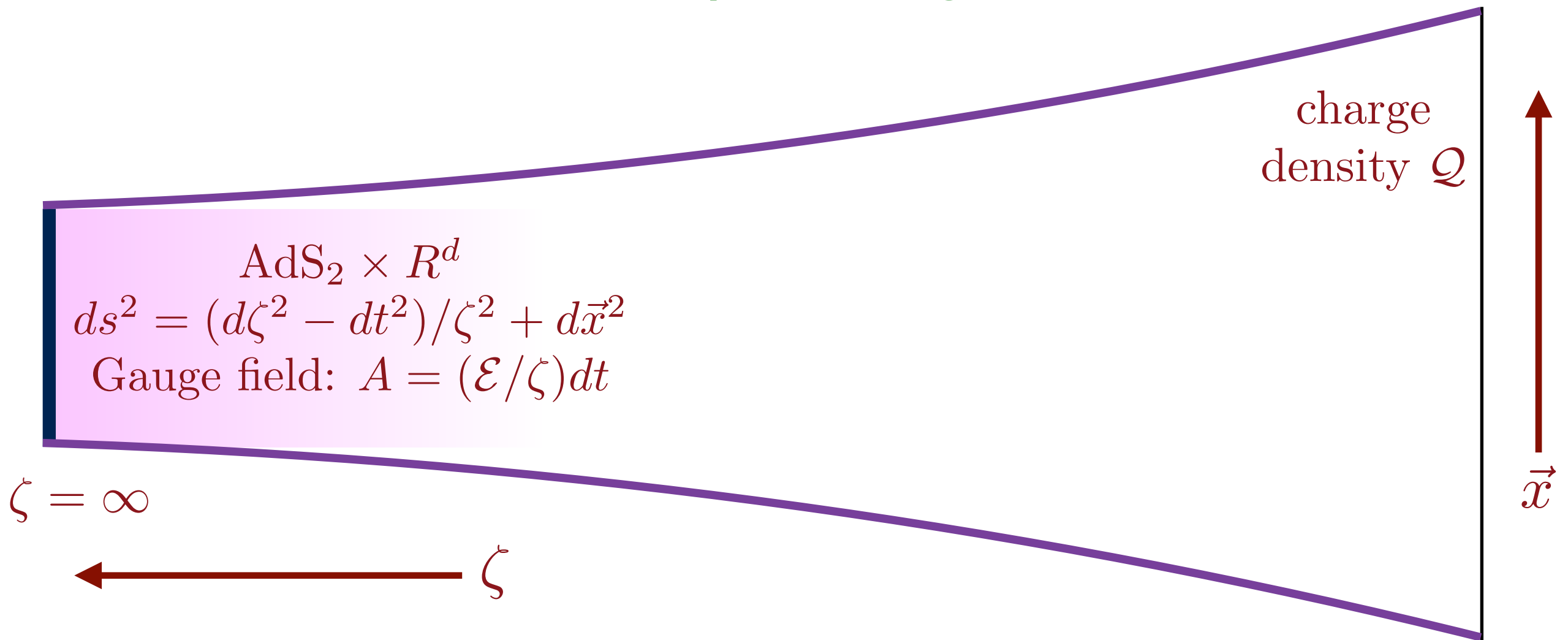
AdS-Reissner-Nordstrom



Quantum matter on the boundary with a variable charge density  $Q$  of a global U(1) symmetry.

Realizes a strange metal: a state with an unbroken global U(1) symmetry with a continuously variable charge density,  $Q$ , at  $T = 0$  which does not have any quasiparticle excitations.

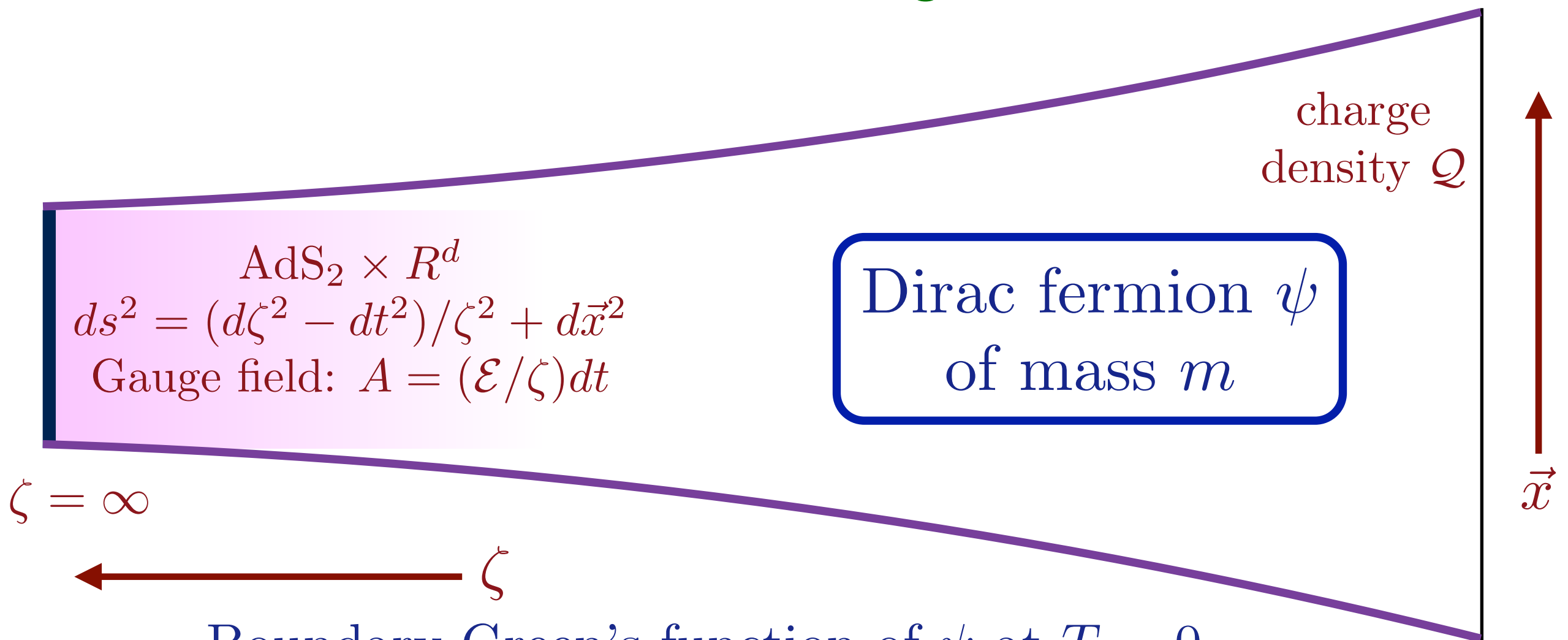
# General Relativity of charged black branes



- Near-horizon metric is  $\text{AdS}_2$ , with near-horizon electric field  $\mathcal{E}$ .



# Quantum fields on charged black branes



Boundary Green's function of  $\psi$  at  $T = 0$

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where the fermion scaling dimension  $\Delta$  is a function of  $m$

$\mathcal{E}$  encodes the particle-hole asymmetry

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Conformal mapping to  $T > 0$

$$\zeta = \zeta_0$$

charge  
density  $\mathcal{Q}$

$$ds^2 = [d\zeta^2 / (1 - \zeta^2 / \zeta_0^2) - (1 - \zeta^2 / \zeta_0^2) dt^2] / \zeta^2 + d\vec{x}^2$$

Gauge field:  $A = \mathcal{E}(1/\zeta - 1/\zeta_0)dt$  with  $\zeta_0 = 1/(2\pi T)$

Dirac fermion  $\psi$   
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$$\zeta = \infty$$



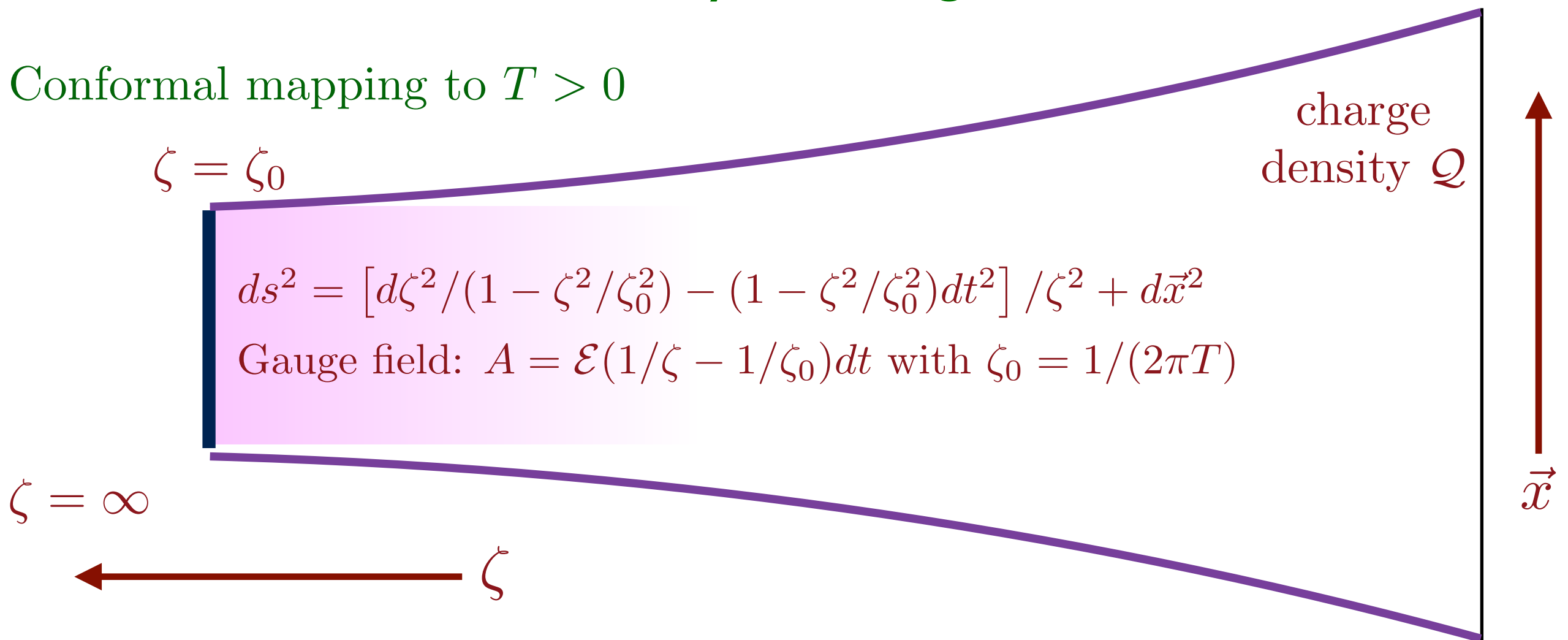
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where 
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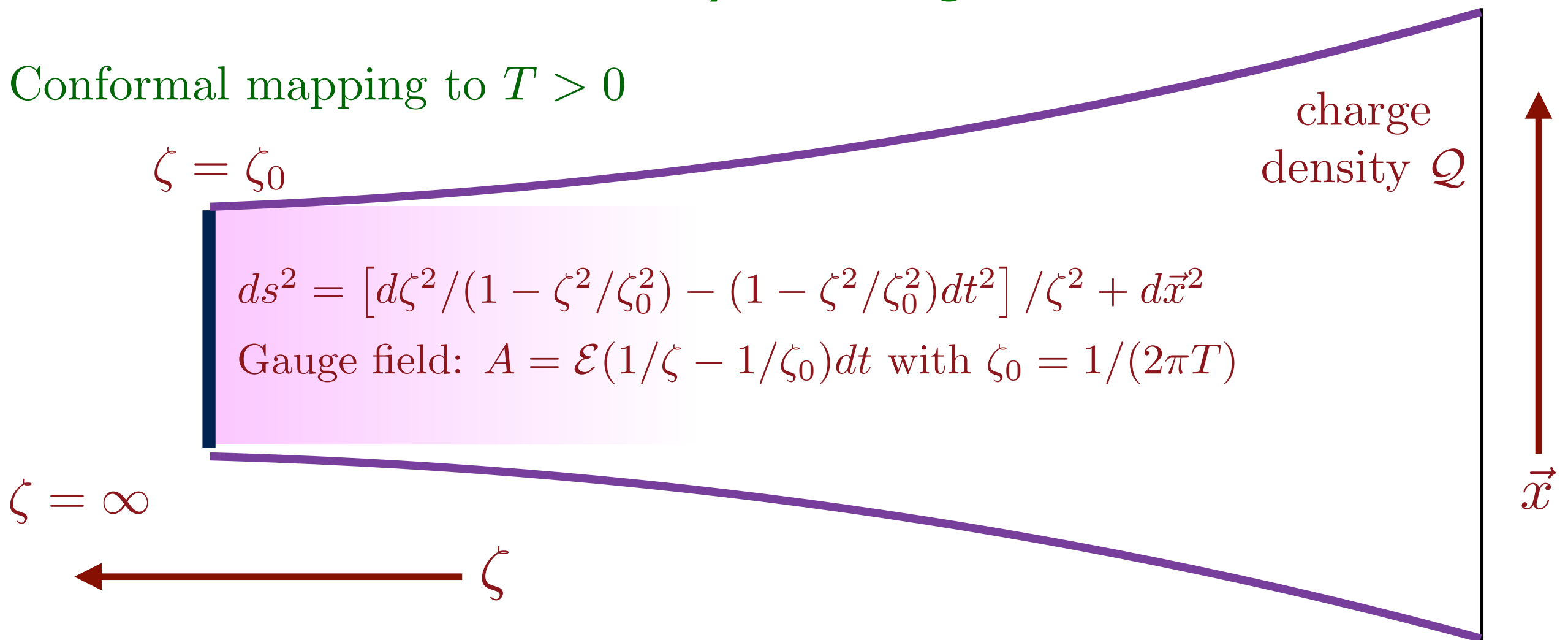
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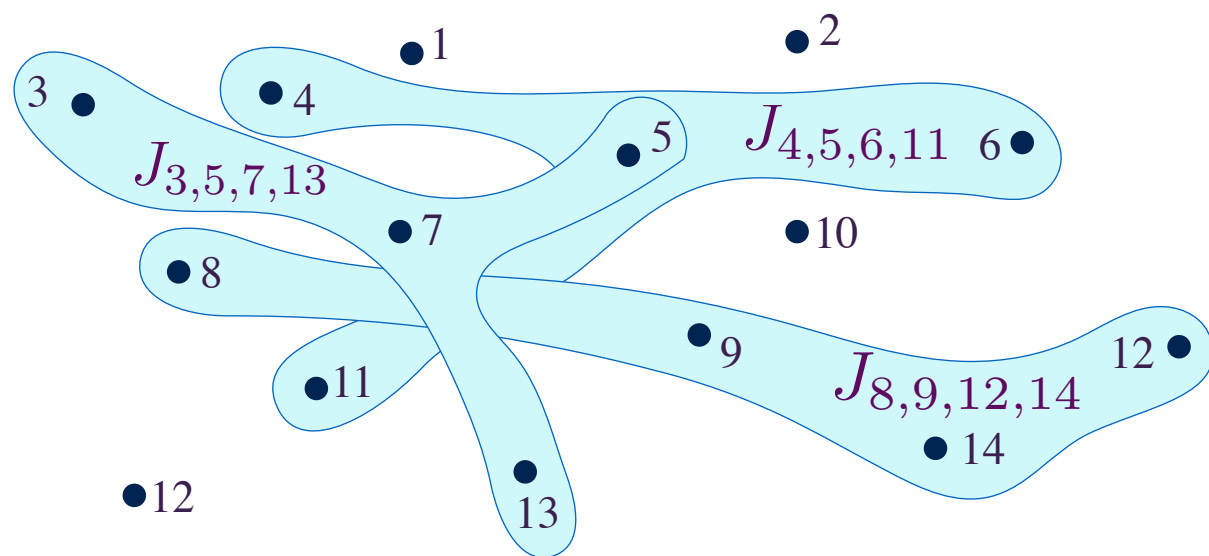
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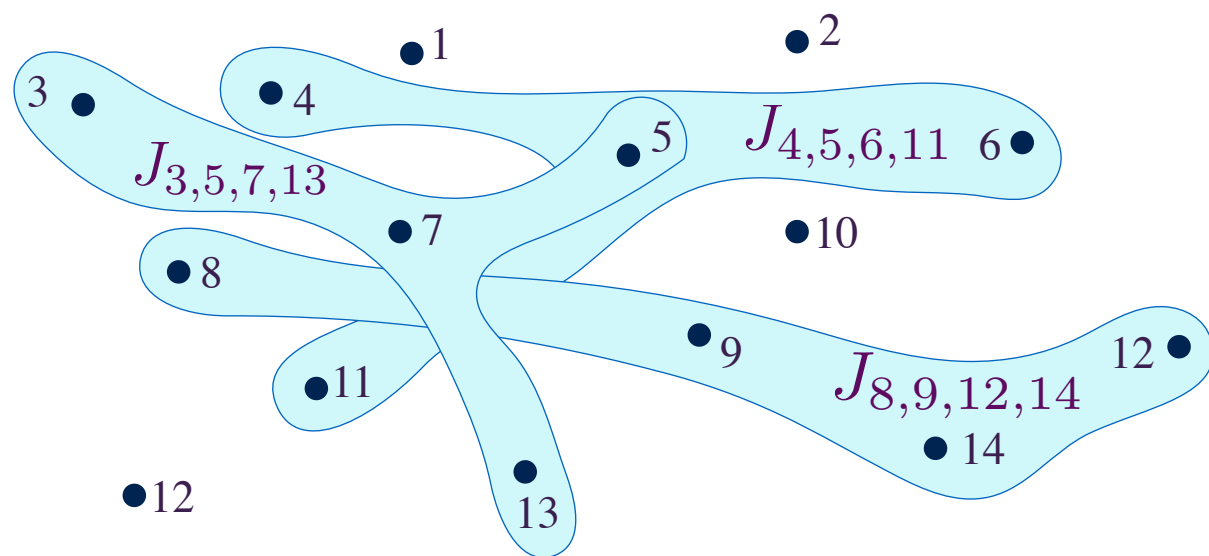
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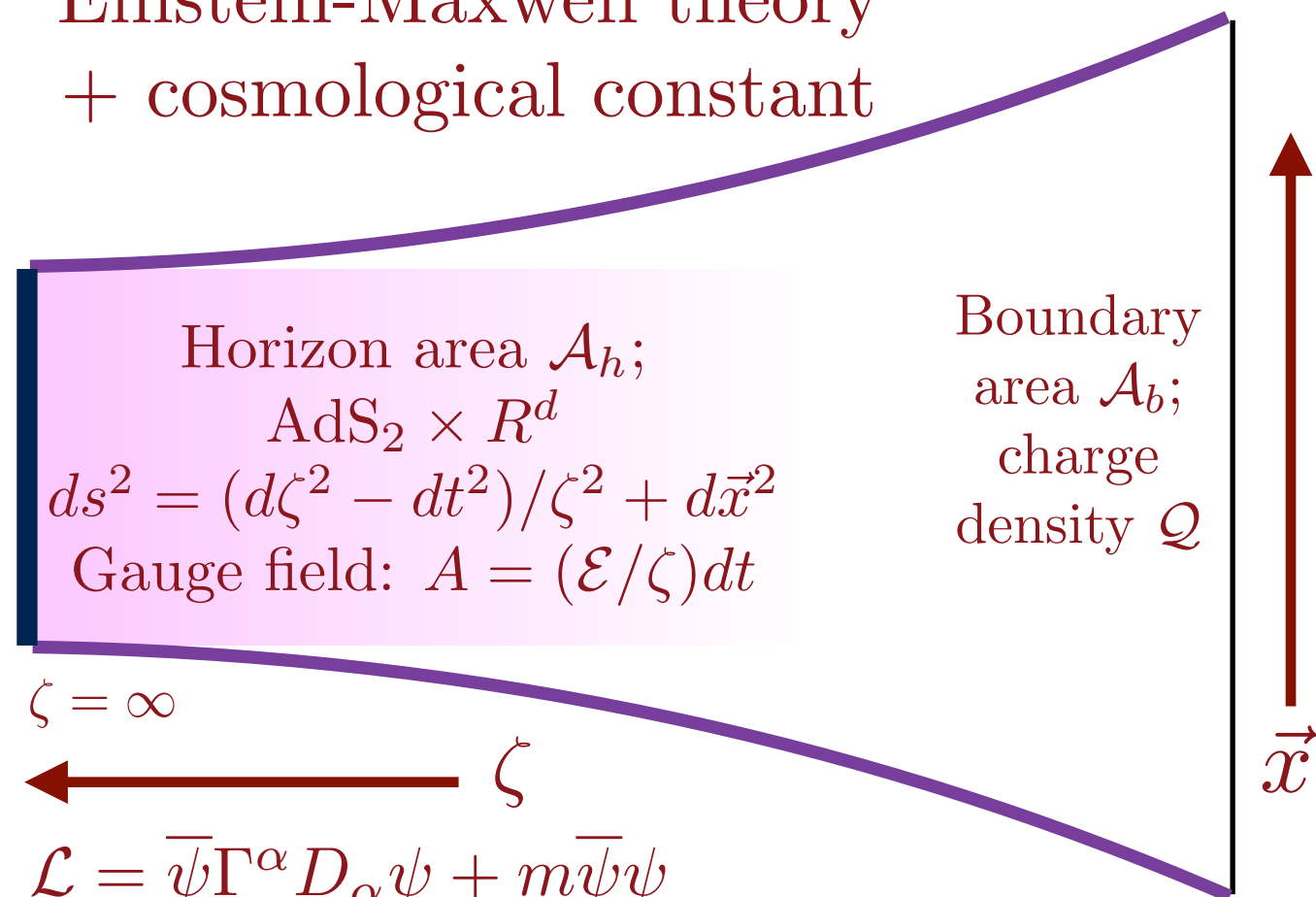
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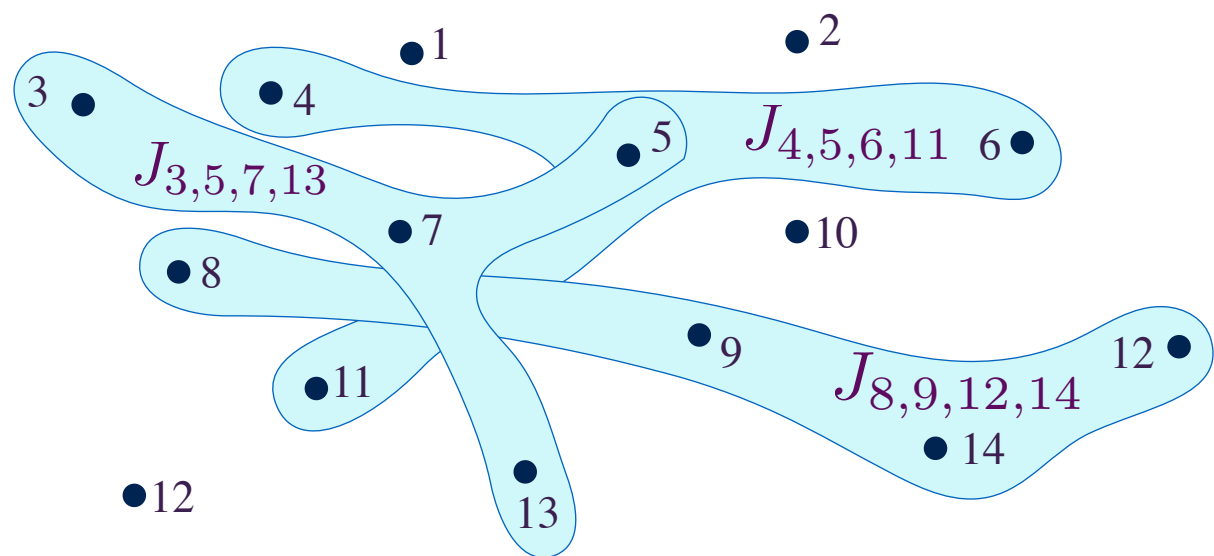
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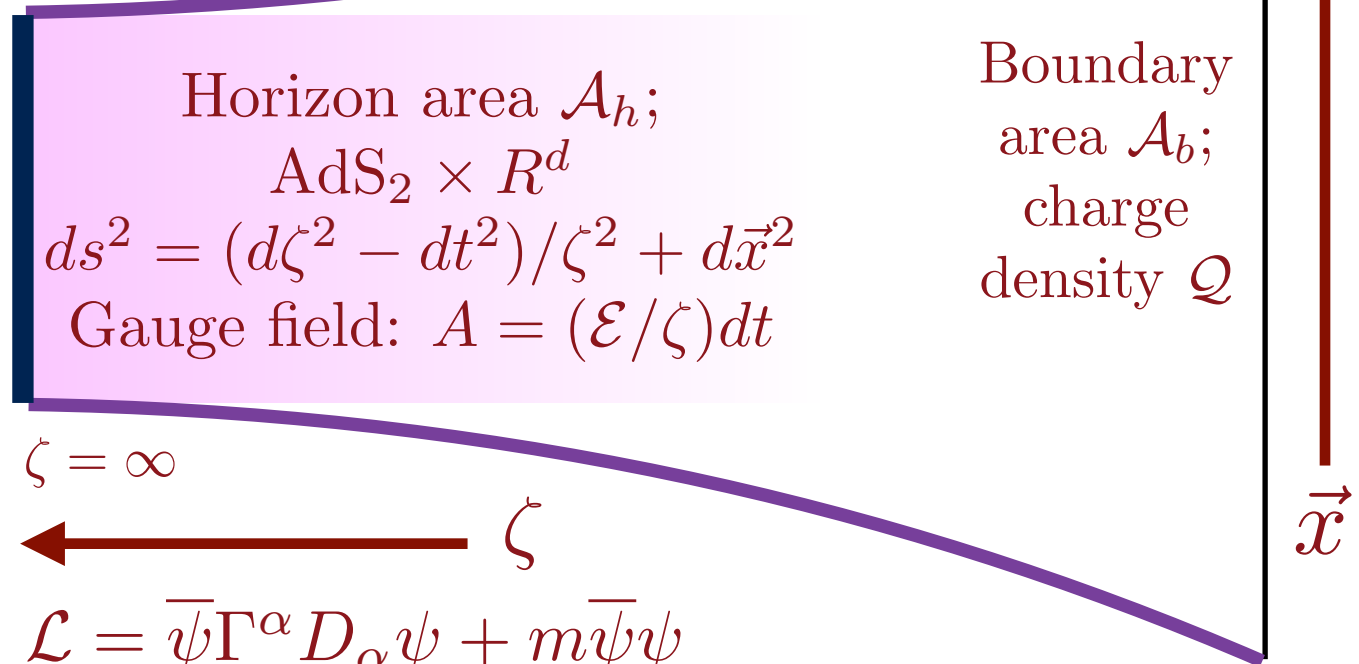
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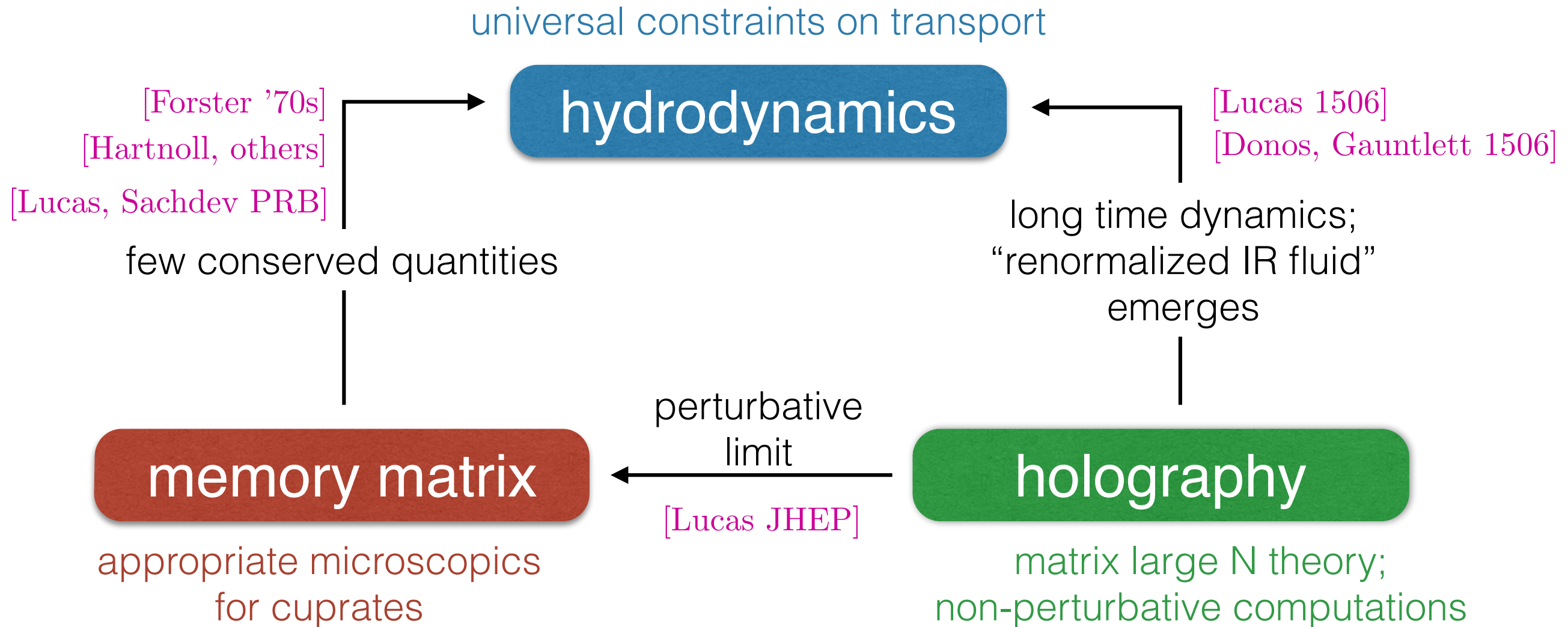
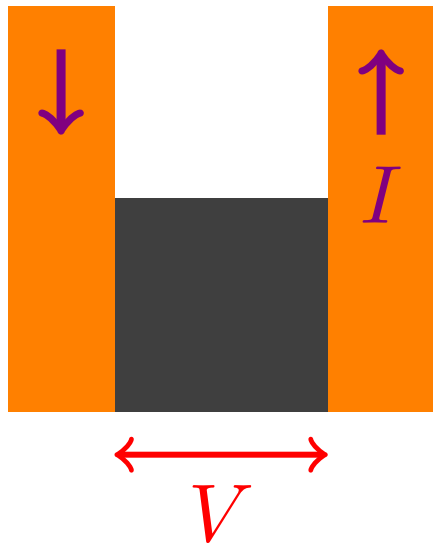


figure from [Lucas, Sachdev, *Physical Review* **B91** 195122 (2015)]



$$V = IR \quad R \sim \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

- more generally, measure thermoelectric transport:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta J_i \\ \delta Q_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{ij} & \alpha_{ij} \\ T\bar{\alpha}_{ij} & \bar{\kappa}_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta E_j \\ -\partial_j \delta T \equiv T\delta\zeta_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

- $\sigma$  = easy experiment; related to QFT correlators:

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# Relativistic hydrodynamics

- ▶ hydrodynamics when  $l \gg l_{\text{ee}}, t \gg t_{\text{ee}}$
- ▶ long time dynamics governed by conservation laws:

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = J_\nu (F^{\text{ext}})^{\mu\nu}, \quad \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0.$$

dynamics of relaxation to equilibrium

- ▶ expand  $T^{\mu\nu}, J^\mu$  in perturbative parameter  $l_{\text{ee}}\partial_\mu$ :

$$T^{\mu\nu} = P\eta^{\mu\nu} + (\epsilon + P)u^\mu u^\nu - 2\mathcal{P}^{\mu\rho}\mathcal{P}^{\nu\sigma}\eta\partial_{(\rho}u_{\sigma)} - \mathcal{P}^{\mu\nu}\left(\zeta - \frac{2\eta}{d}\right)\partial_\rho u^\rho + \dots,$$

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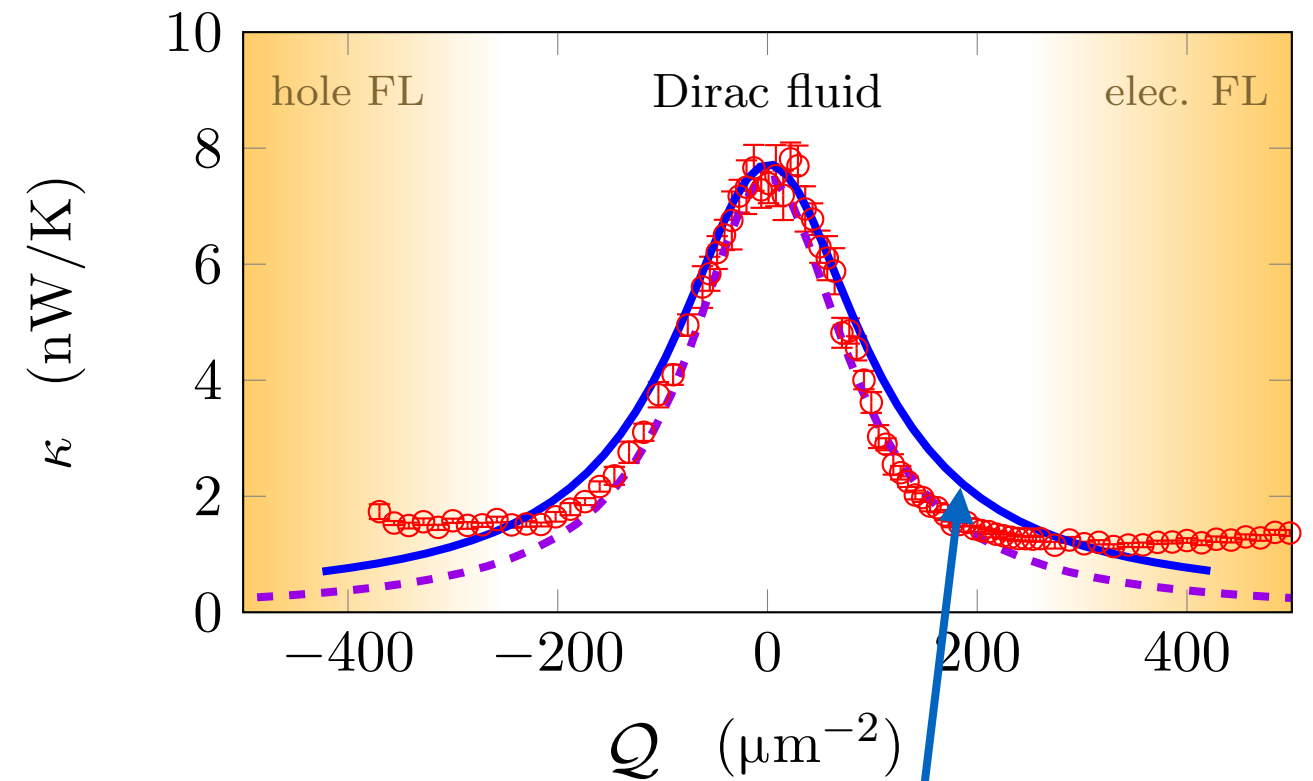
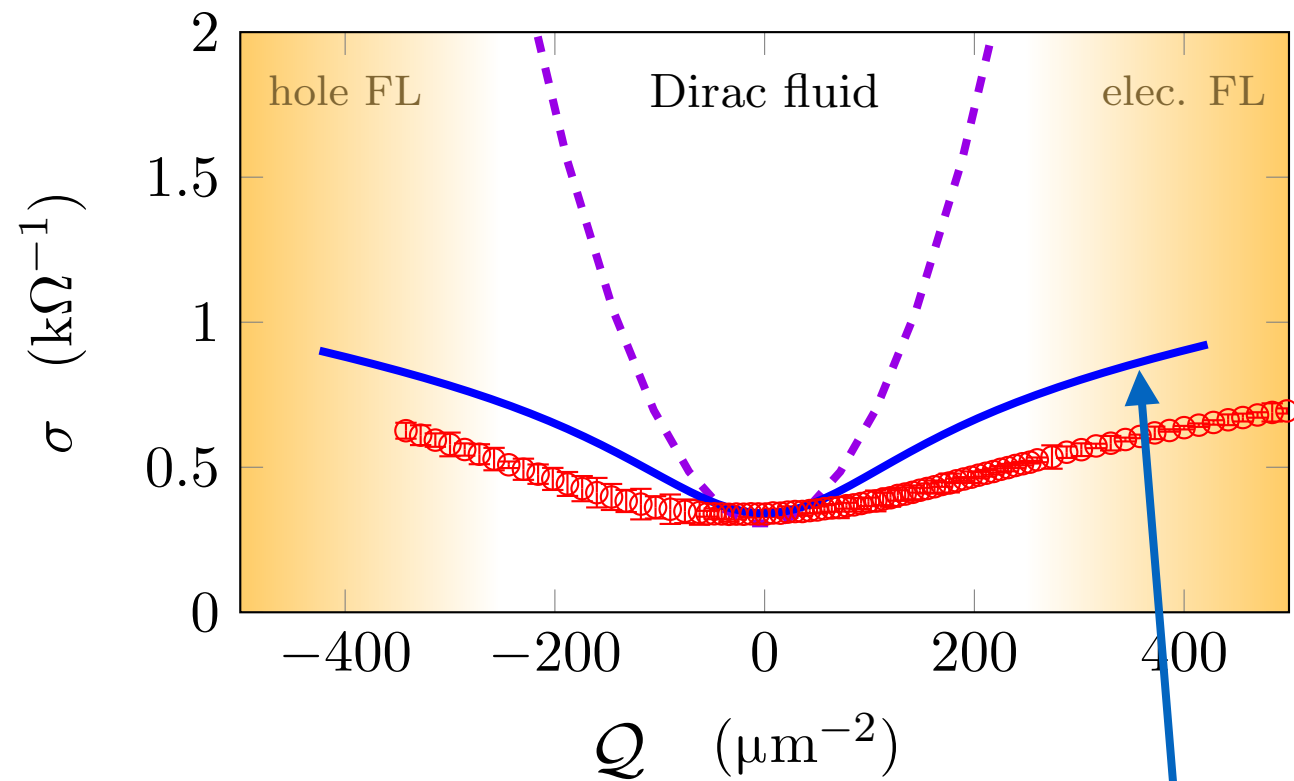
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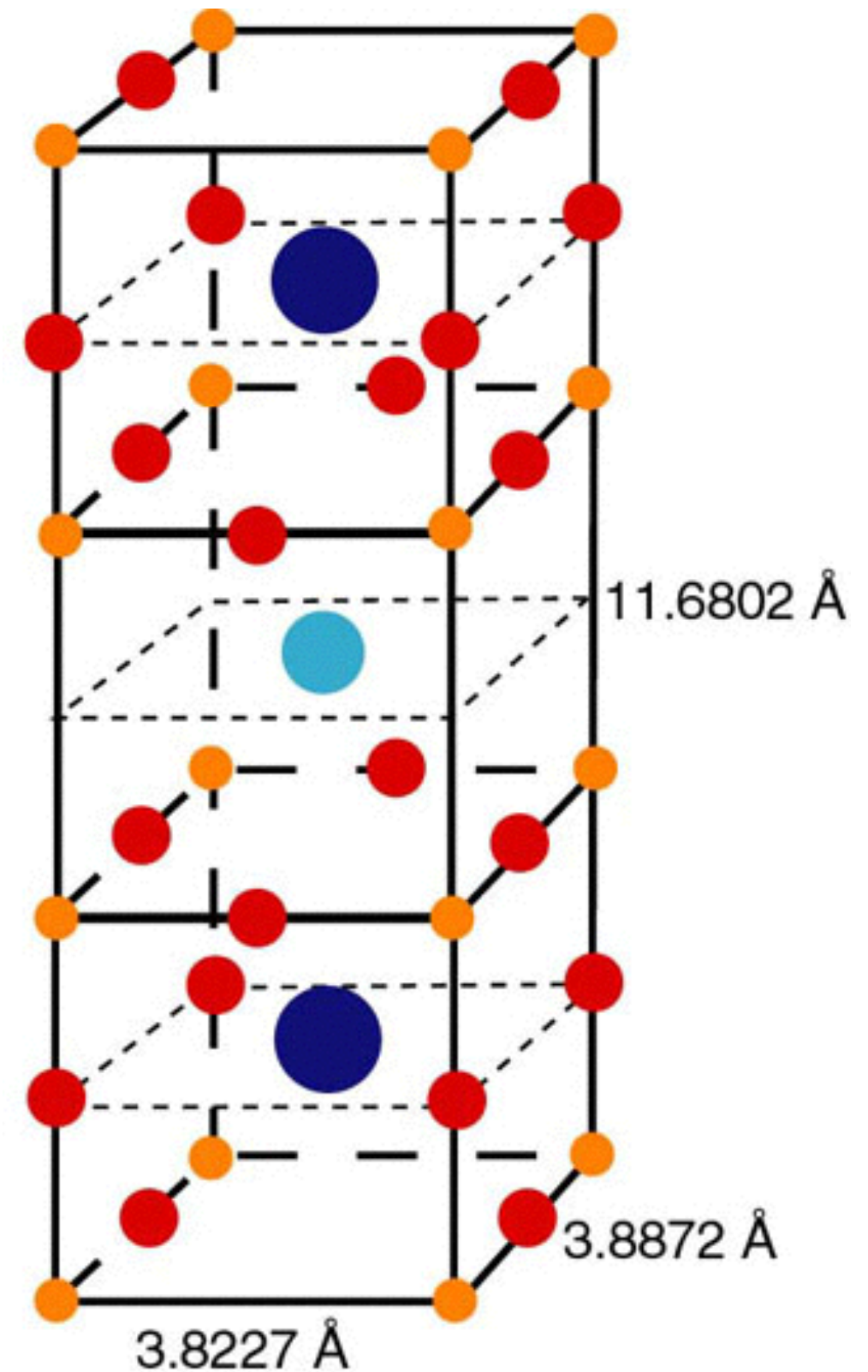
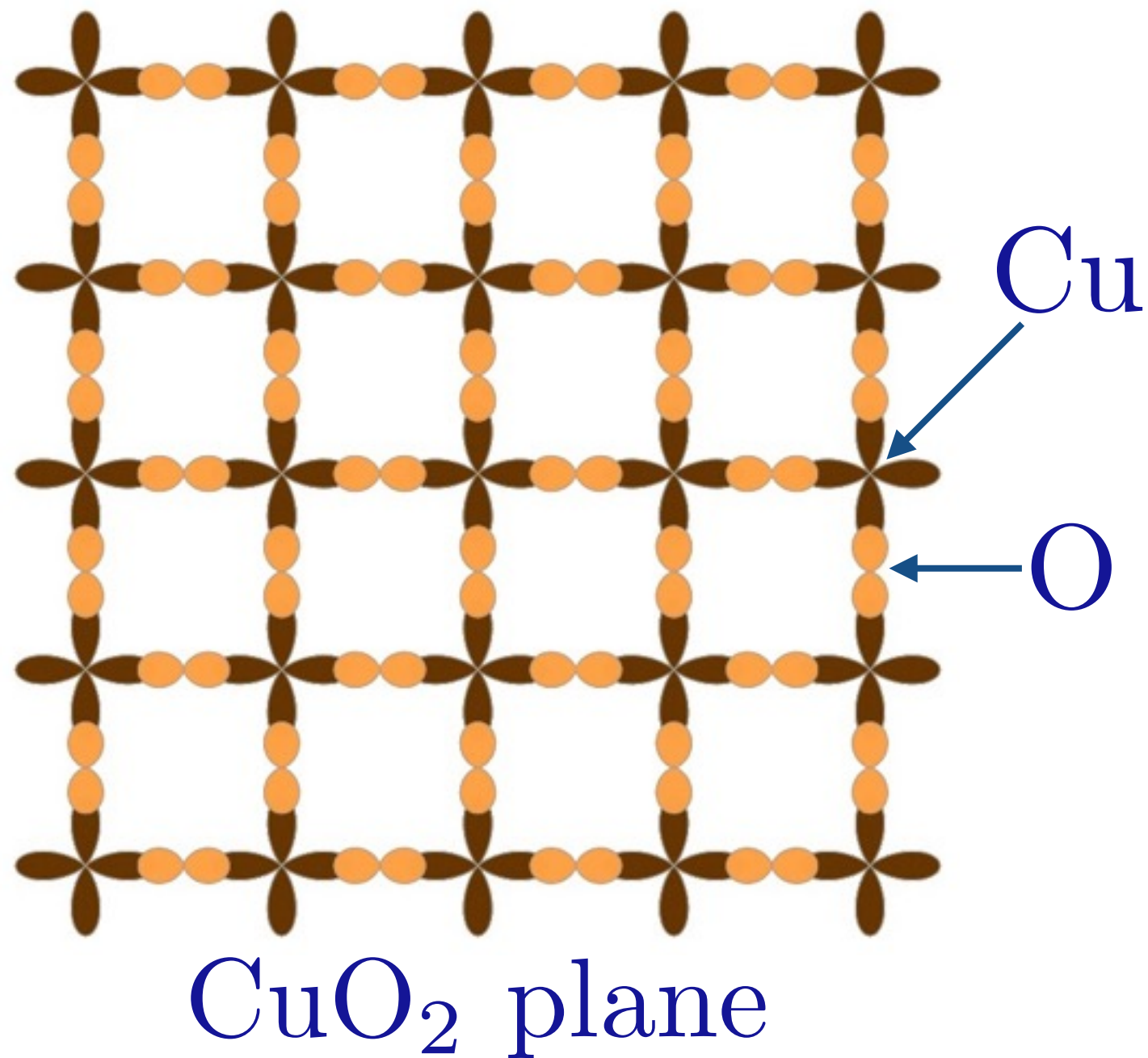
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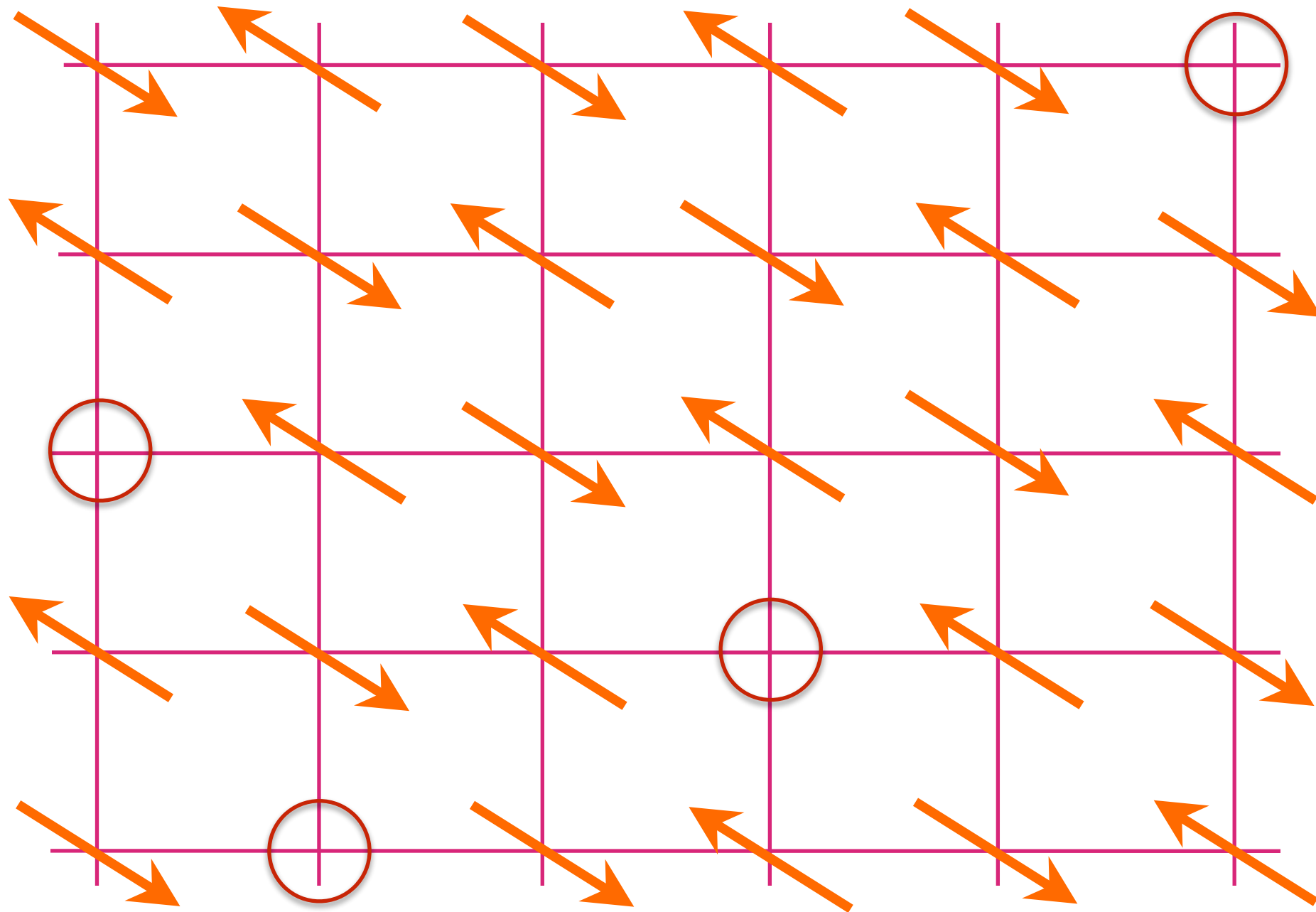
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# High temperature superconductors



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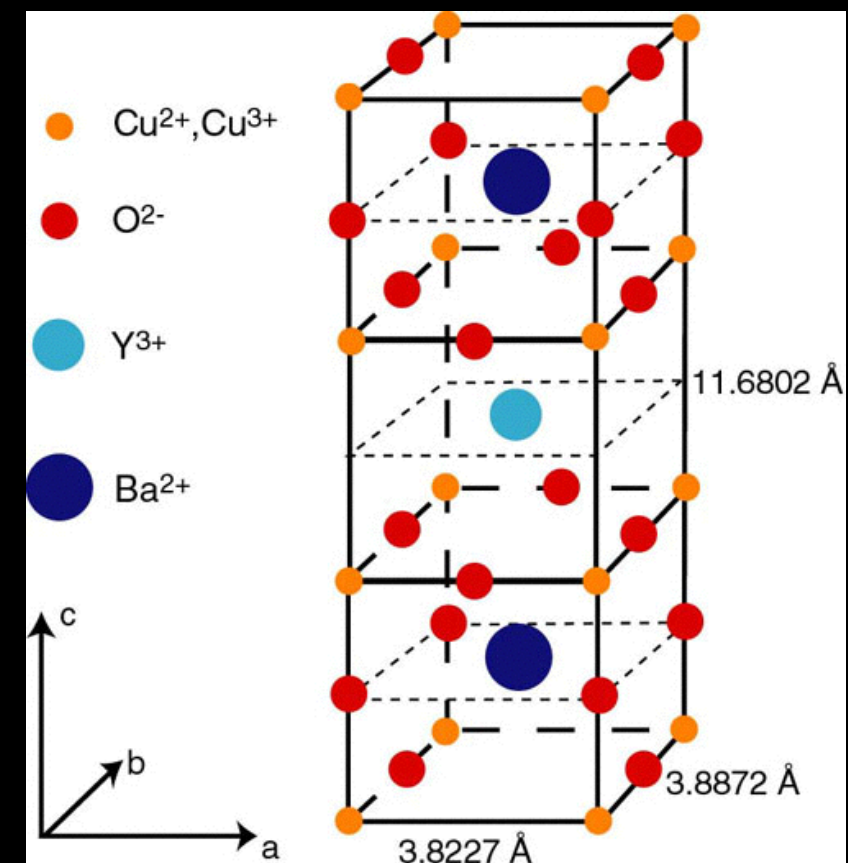
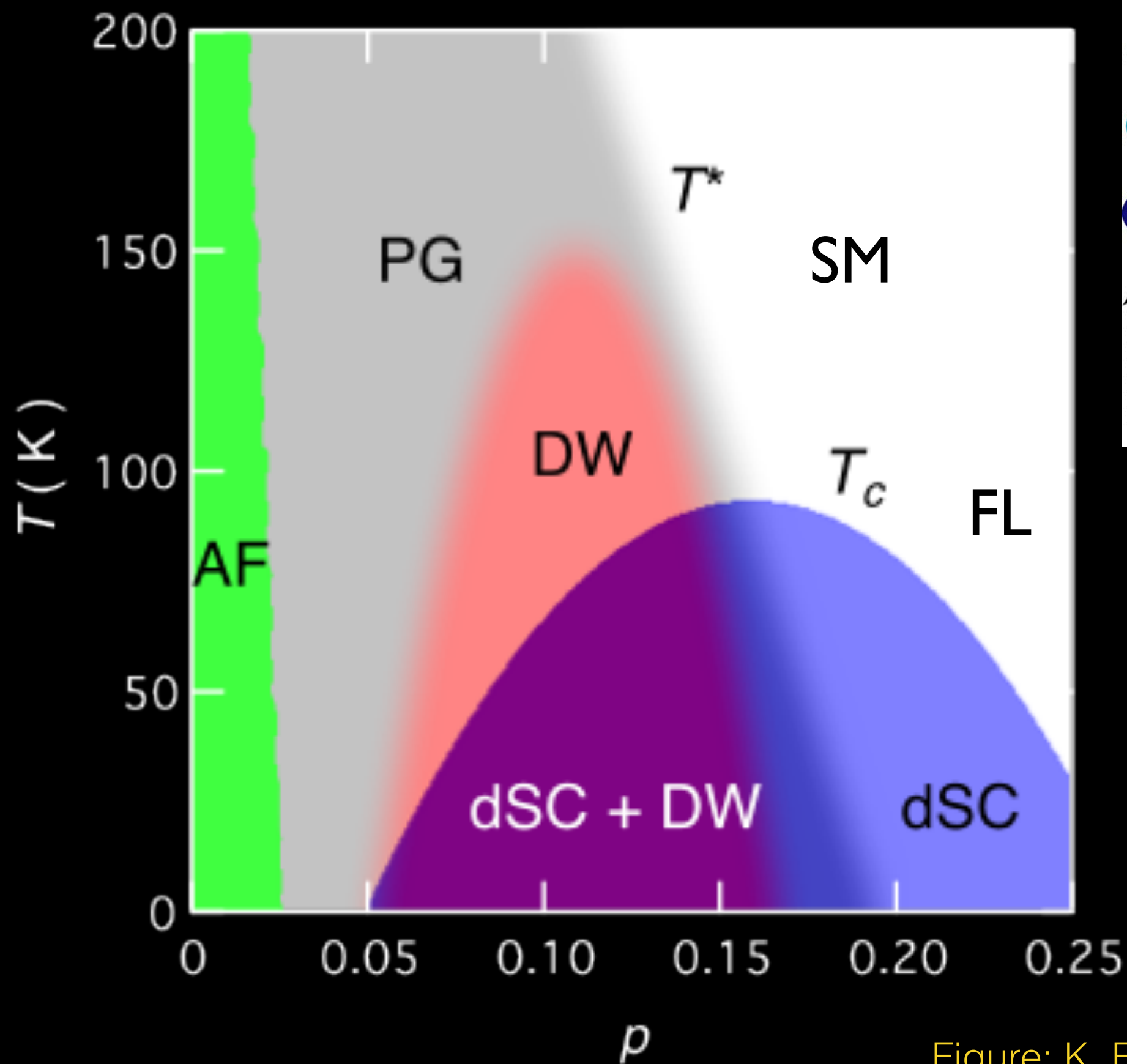
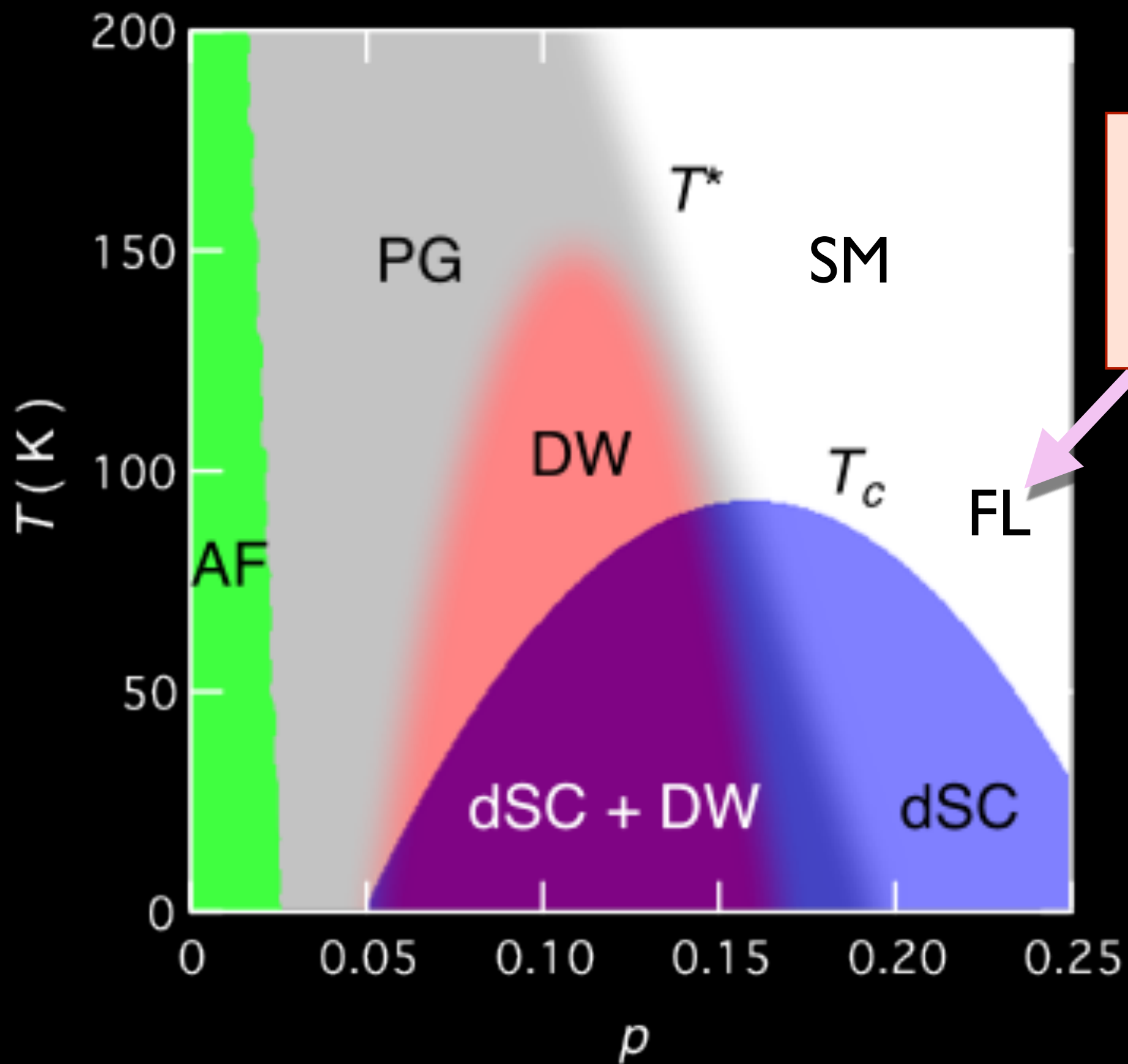


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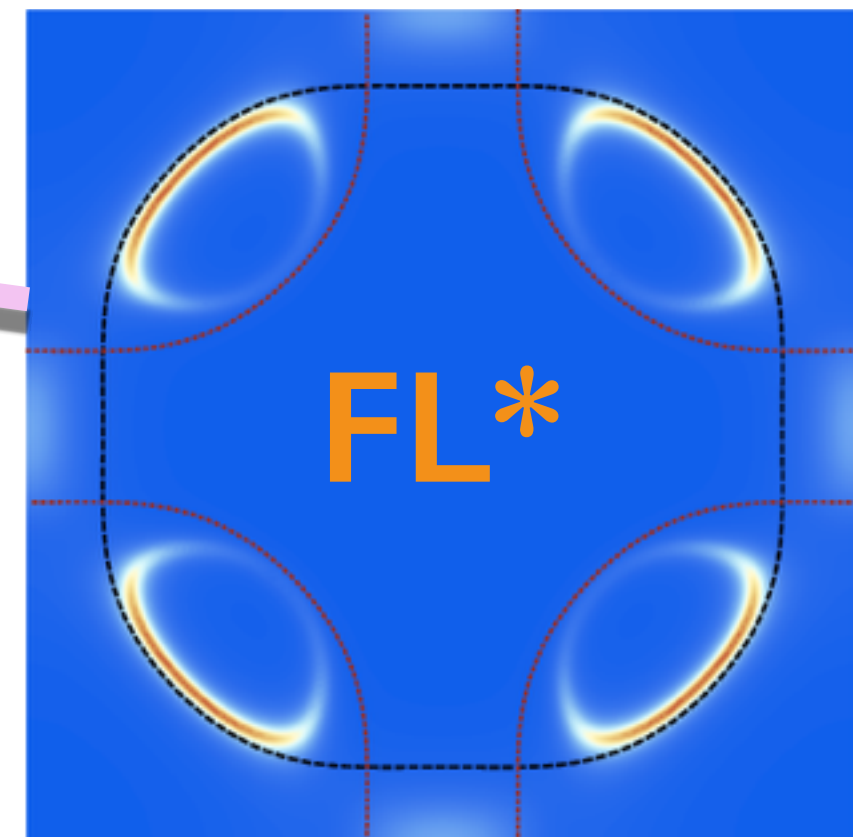
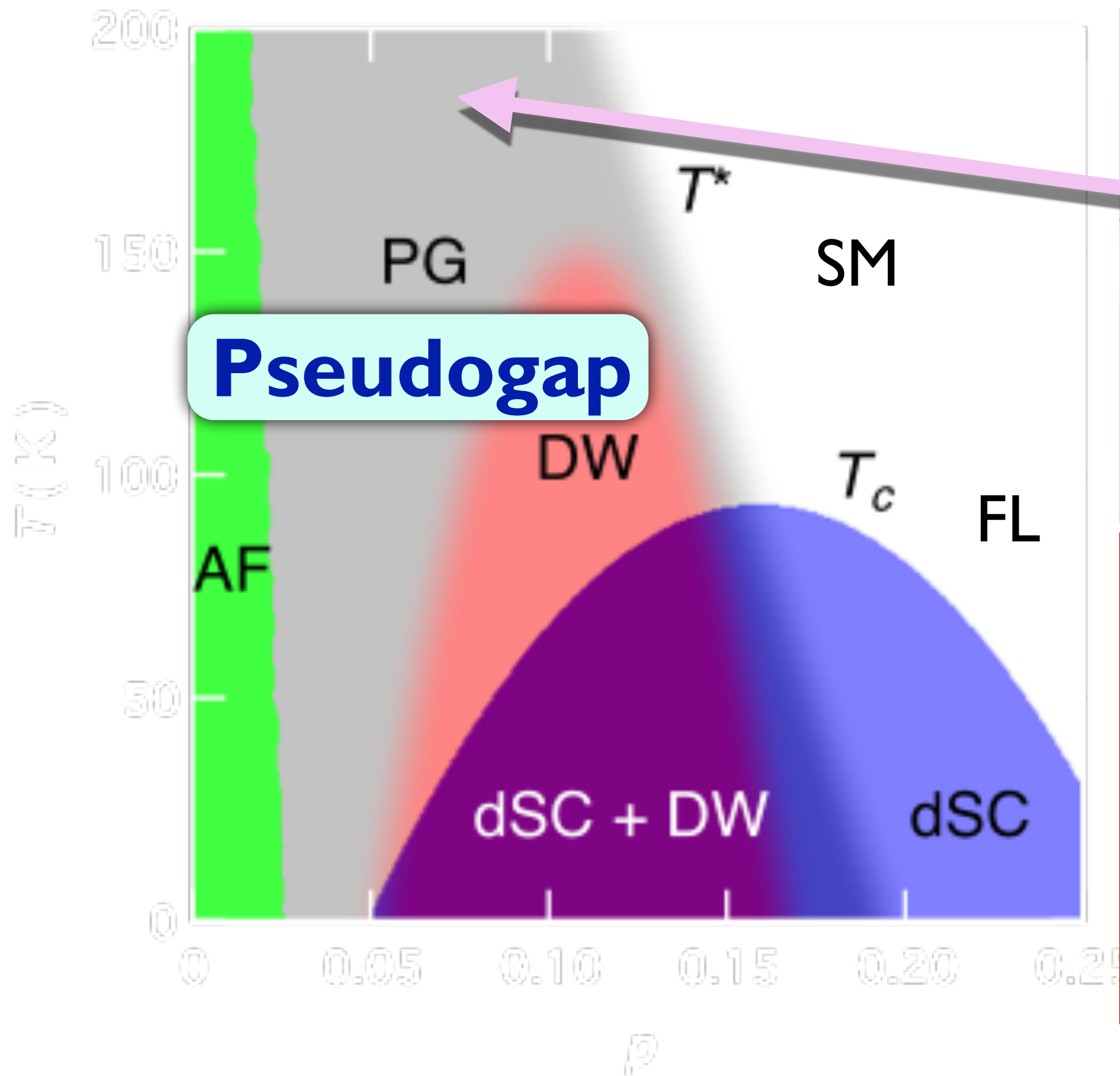


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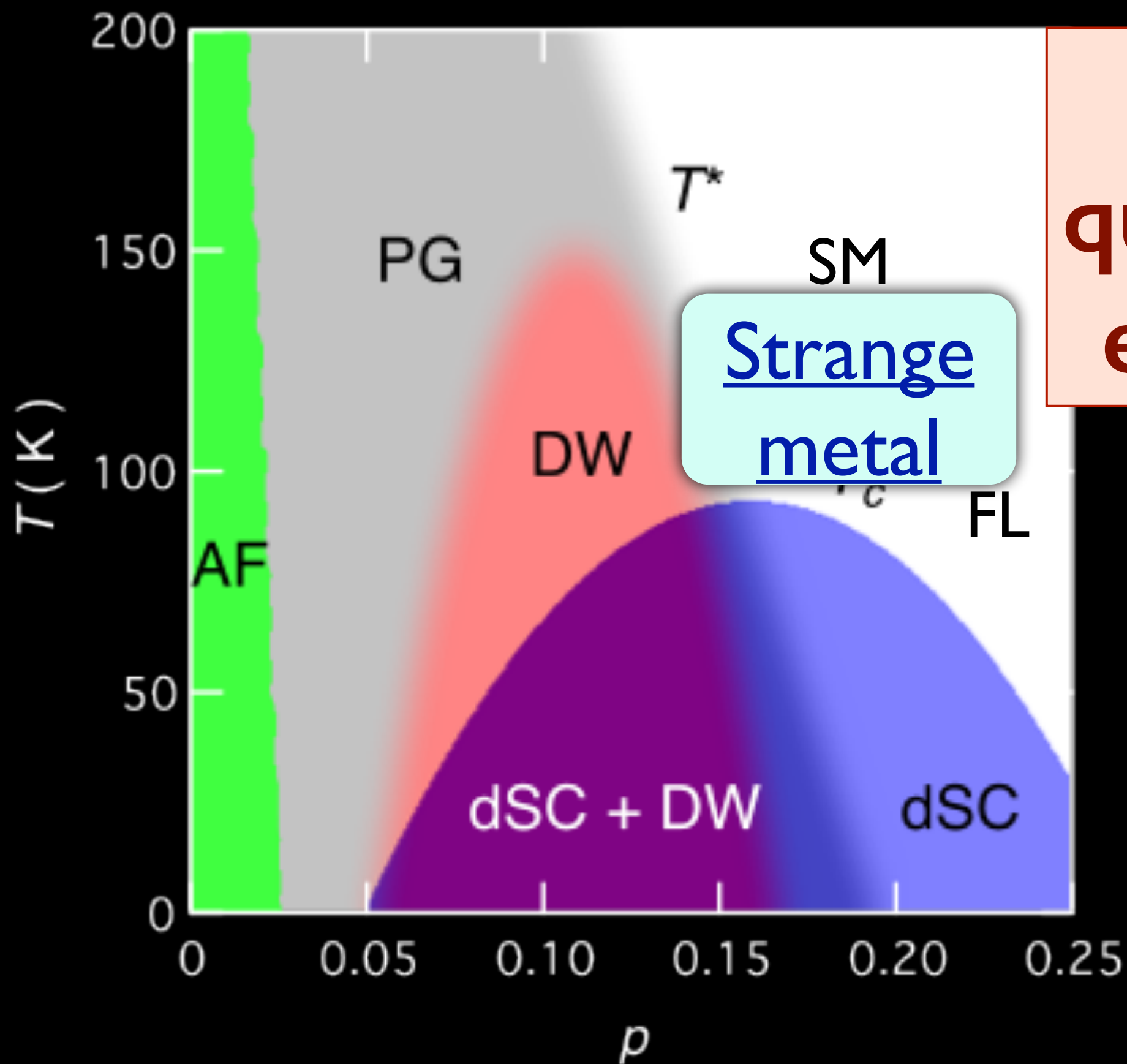
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Blake and Donos: With  $\sigma_Q \sim 1/T$ ,  $\tau_L \sim 1/T^2$  and assuming momentum drag dominates longitudinal transport, we obtain  $\sigma_{xx} \sim 1/T$  and  $\tan(\theta_H) = \sigma_{xy}/\sigma_{xx} \sim 1/T^2$ , in agreement with strange metal data on cuprates (such data cannot be explained in a quasiparticle model).

M. Blake and A. Donos, PRL 114, 021601 (2015)



# Computations on non-Fermi liquids

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## Spin density wave critical point

Momentum drag conductivity:  $\sigma \sim T^{-1}$  from disorder-induced shifts in the position of the critical point

A.A. Patel and S. Sachdev, PRB **90**, 165146 (2014)

Quantum critical conductivity:  $\sigma \sim T^0$

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# Computations on non-Fermi liquids

Transport has two components: a “momentum drag” term,  
and a “quantum critical” term.

## Ising-nematic critical point

Momentum drag conductivity:  $\sigma \sim T^{-2/3}$  from disorder-induced shifts in the position of the critical point

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Momentum drag conductivity:  $\sigma \sim T^{1/2}$  from random-field disorder

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Quantum critical conductivity:  $\sigma \sim ??$ , in progress...

# Quantum matter without quasiparticles

- No quasiparticle excitations
- Shortest possible “collision time”, or more precisely, fastest possible local equilibration time  $\sim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$
- Continuously variable density,  $\mathcal{Q}$   
(conformal field theories are usually at fixed density,  $\mathcal{Q} = 0$ )
- Theory built from hydrodynamics/holography  
/memory-functions/strong-coupled-field-theory
- Exciting experimental realization in graphene.