Quantum critical transport and AdS/CFT

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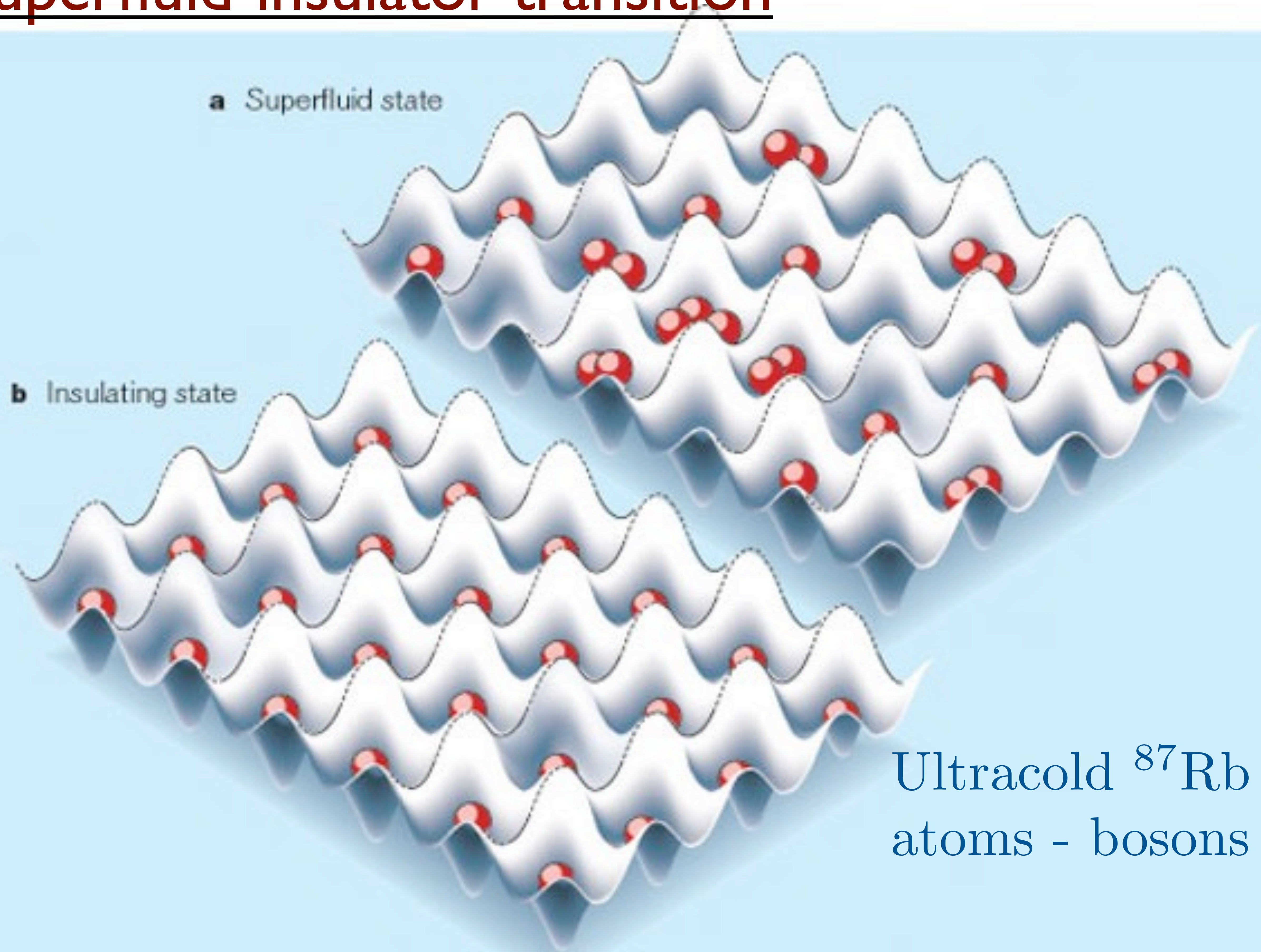
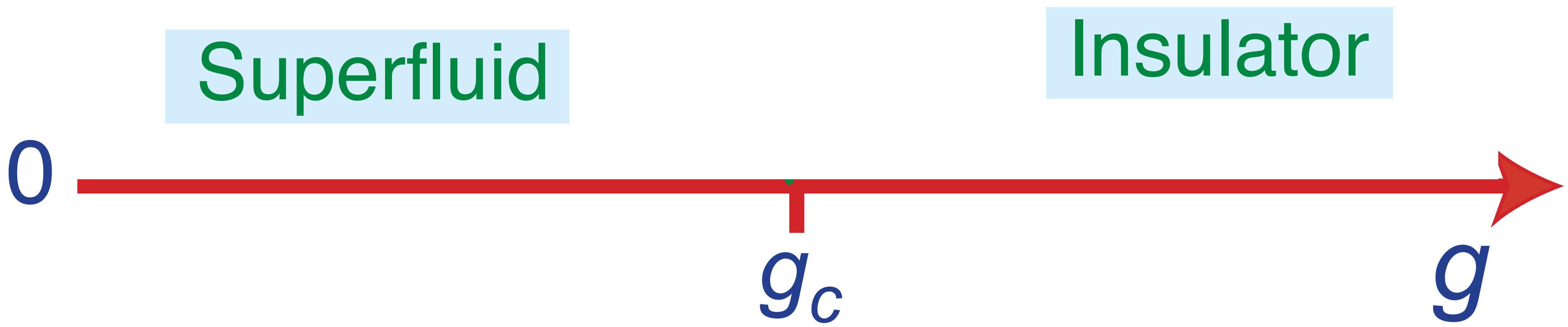


Ultracold ^{87}Rb atoms - bosons

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



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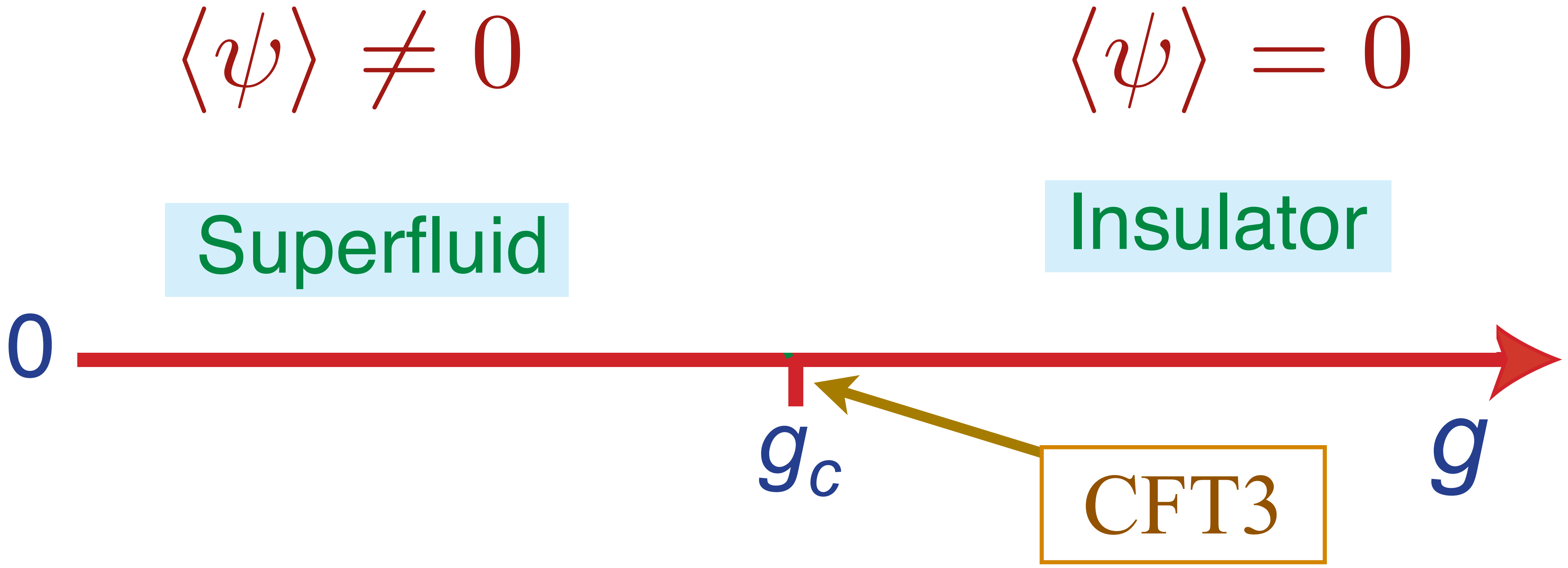

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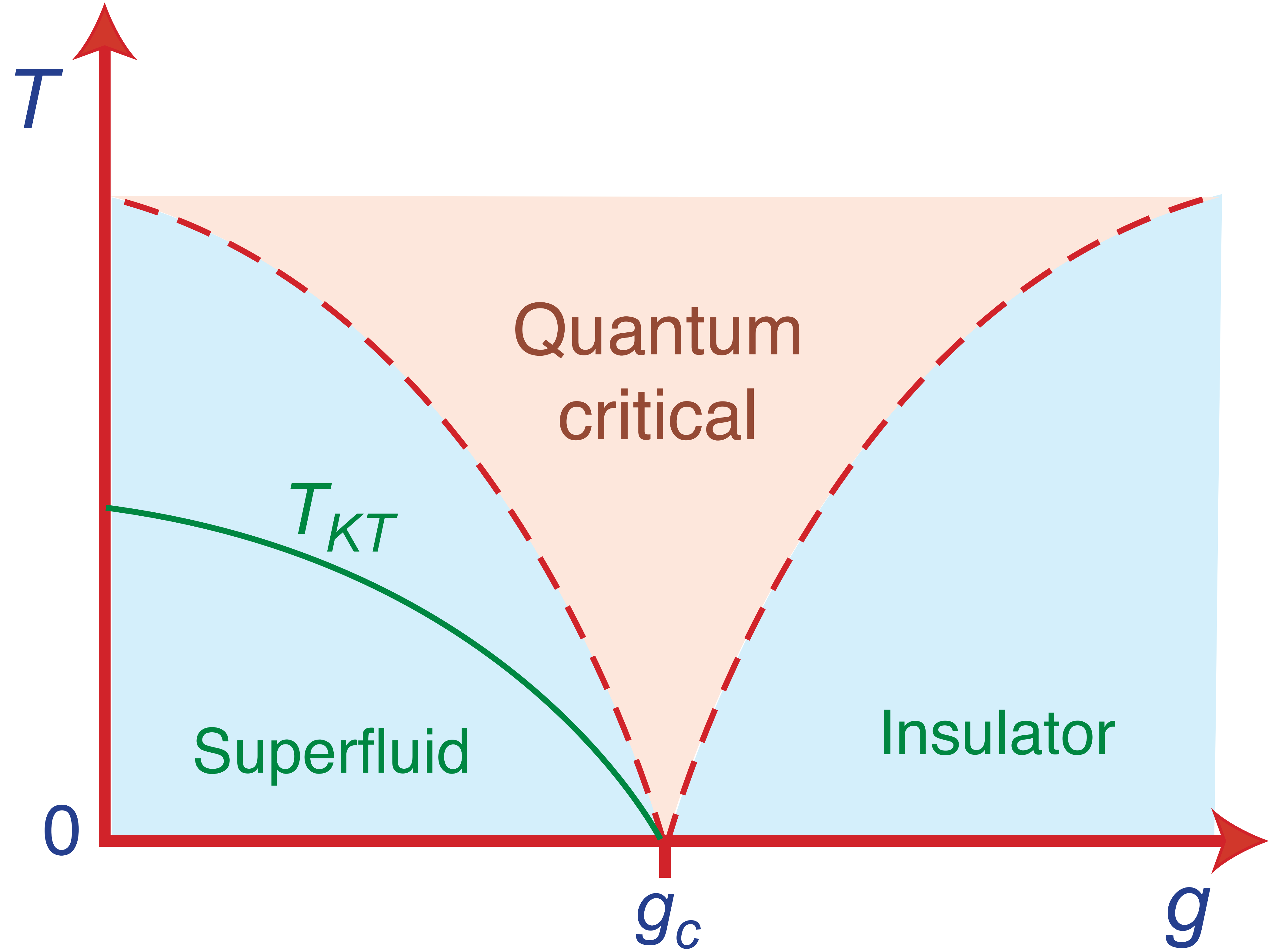
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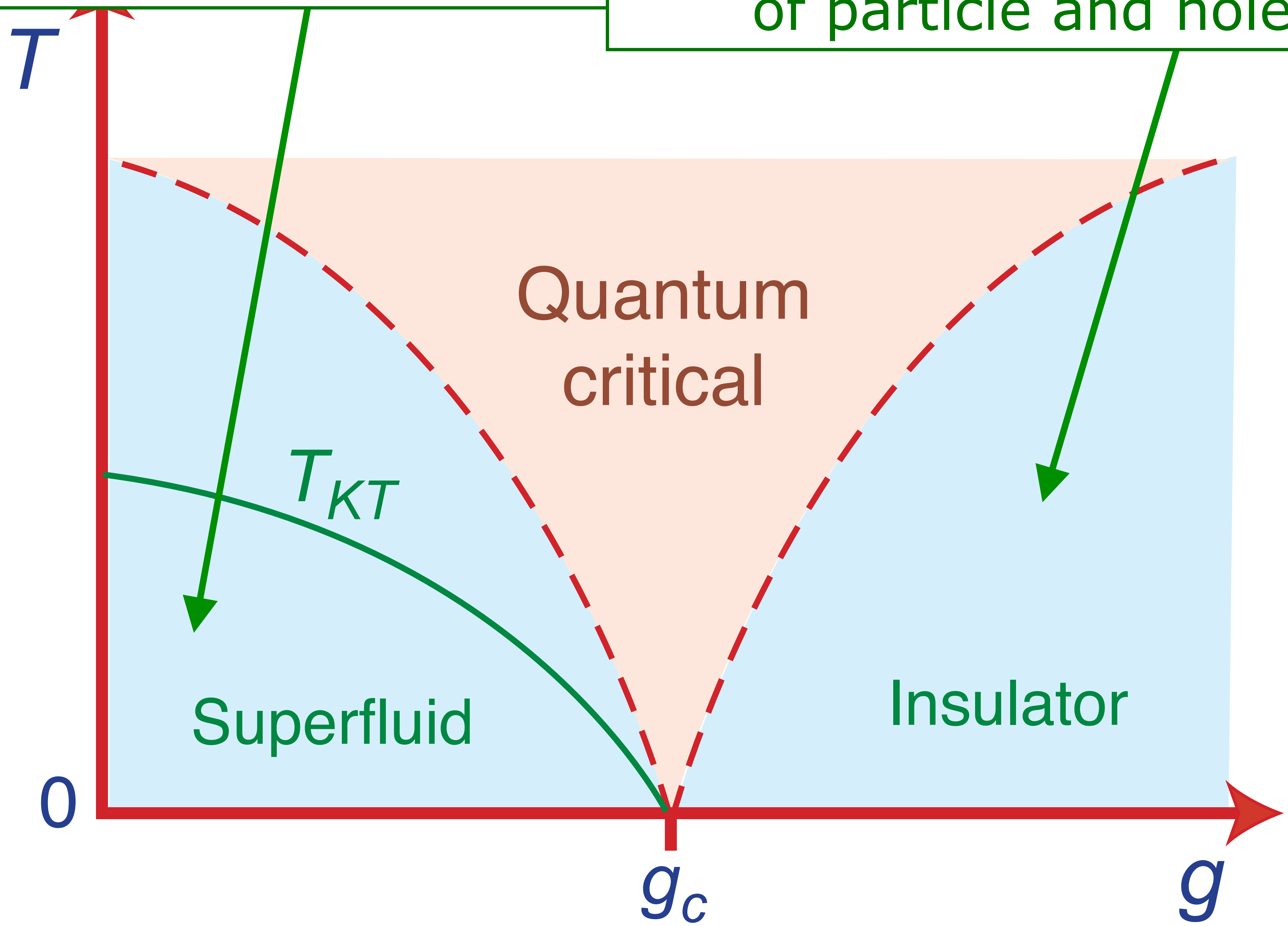
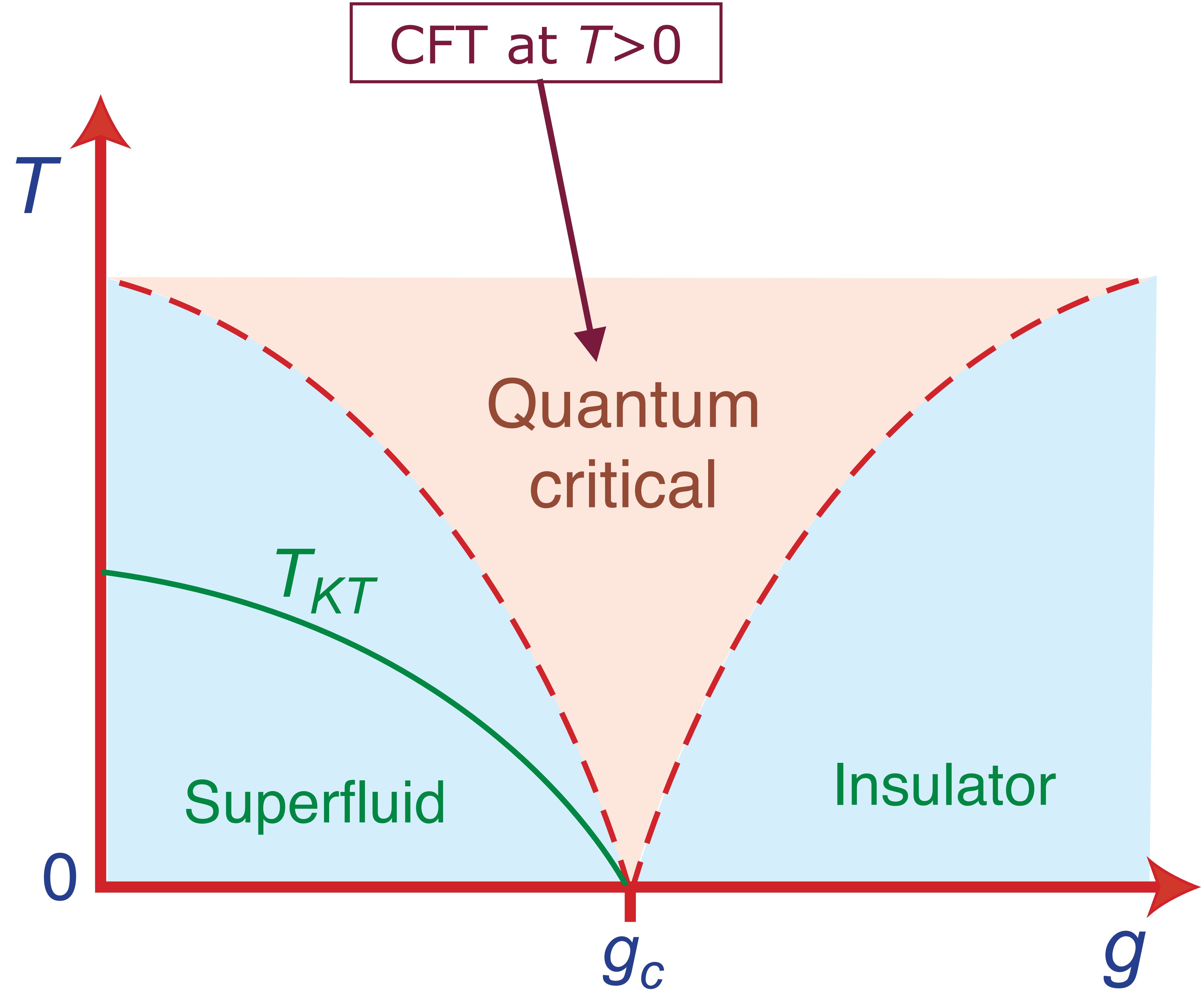
Classical vortices and wave oscillations of the condensate

Dilute Boltzmann/Landau gas of particle and holes

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Resistivity of Bi films

Conductivity σ

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

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

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

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

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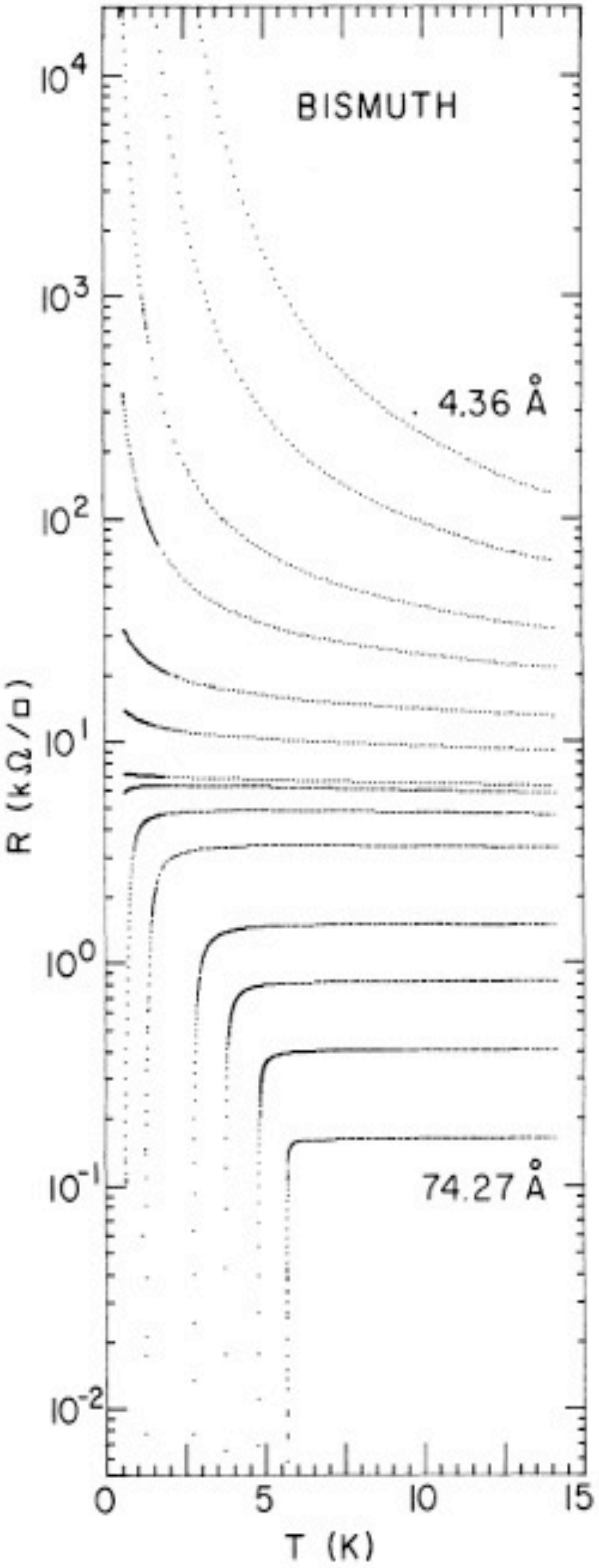

FIG. 1. Evolution of the temperature dependence of the sheet resistance $R(T)$ with thickness for a Bi film deposited onto Ge. Fewer than half of the traces actually acquired are shown. Film thicknesses shown range from 4.36 to 74.27 Å.

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Quantum *"perfect fluid"* with shortest possible relaxation time, τ_R

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

S. Sachdev, *Quantum Phase Transitions,* Cambridge (1999).

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Transport co-oefficients not determined by collision rate, but by universal constants of nature

Electrical conductivity

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

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P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, and A. Starinets, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94,** 11601 (2005)

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Two-point density correlator, $\chi(k,\omega)$

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For *all* CFT2s, at all $\hbar\omega/k_B T$

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

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

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

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

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

with Θ_1 and Θ_2 universal numbers characteristic of the CFT3

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Density correlations in CFTs at $T>0$

In CFT3s collisions are "phase" randomizing, and lead to relaxation to local thermodynamic equilibrium. So there is a crossover from collisionless behavior for $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$, to hydrodynamic behavior for $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$.

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

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

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

- Has a single dimensionful coupling constant, e_0, which flows to a strong-coupling fixed point $e_0 = e_0^*$ in the infrared.

- The CFT3 describing this fixed point resembles "critical spin liquid" theories.

- This CFT3 is the low energy limit of string theory on an M2 brane. The AdS/CFT correspondence provides a dual description using 11-dimensional supergravity on AdS$_4 \times S_7$.

- The CFT3 has a global SO(8) R symmetry, and correlators of the SO(8) charge density can be computed exactly in the large N limit, even at $T > 0$.

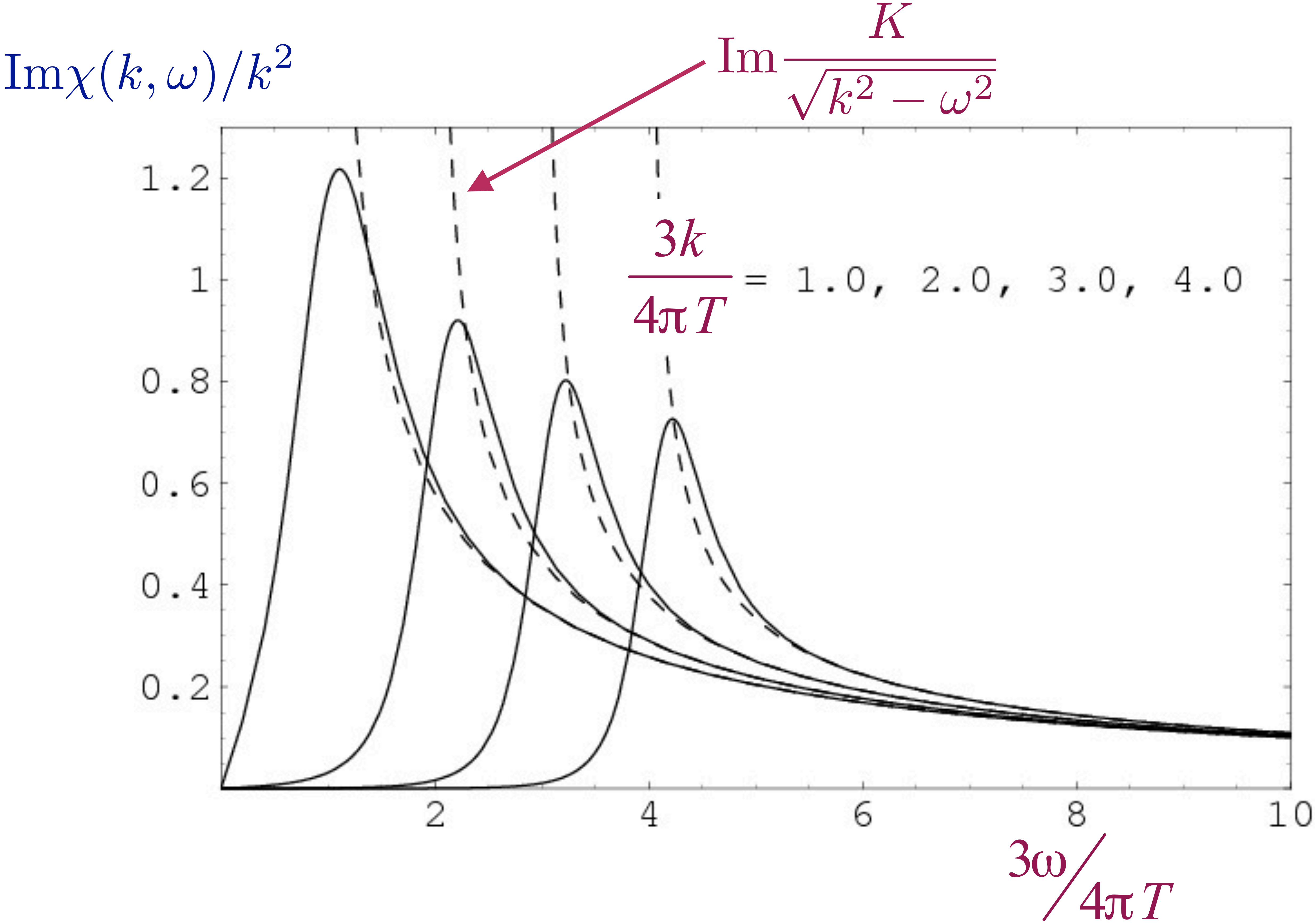
SU(N) SYM3 with $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetry

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

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

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

Collisionless to hydrodynamic crossover of SYM3



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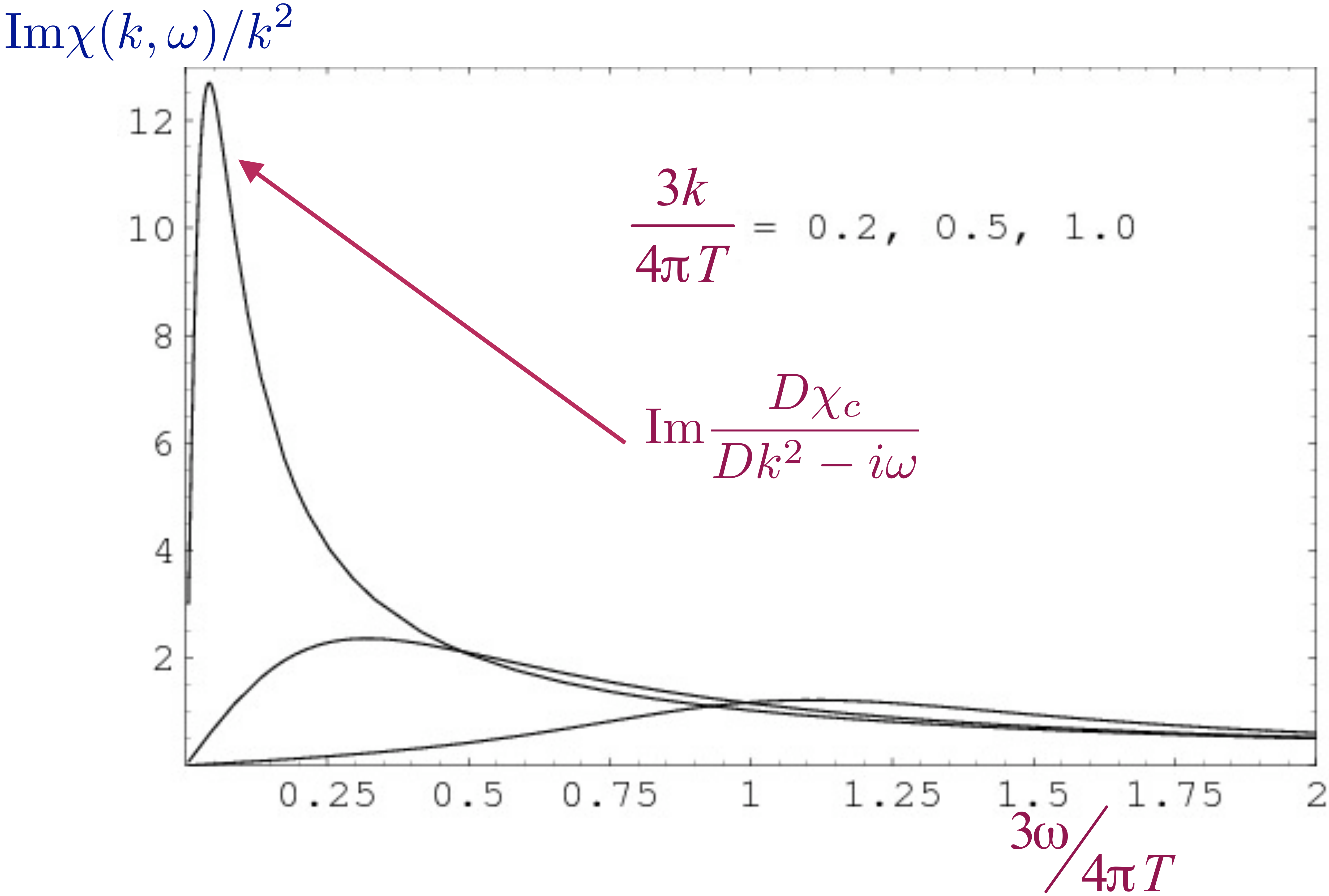

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Universal constants of SYM3

$$\chi_c = \frac{k_B T}{(hv)^2}\Theta_1$$

$$D = \frac{hv^2}{k_B T}\Theta_2$$

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

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{\sqrt{2}N^{3/2}}{3} \\ \Theta_1 &= \frac{8\pi^2\sqrt{2}N^{3/2}}{9} \\ \Theta_2 &= \frac{3}{8\pi^2} \end{aligned}}$$

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

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$$\left\langle J_\mu(p) J_\nu(-p) \right\rangle = K\sqrt{p^2}\left(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2}\right)$$

K: a universal number analogous to the level number of the Kac-Moody algebra in 1+1 dimensions

Application of Kubo formula shows that

$$\sigma\left(\omega/T = \infty\right) = \frac{4e^2}{h} 2\pi K$$

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The projectors are defined by

$$P^T_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{k^2} \text{ and } P^L_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2} - P^T_{\mu\nu} \quad ; \quad p = (k,\omega)$$

while $K^{L,T}(k,\omega)$ are universal functions of ω/T and k/T

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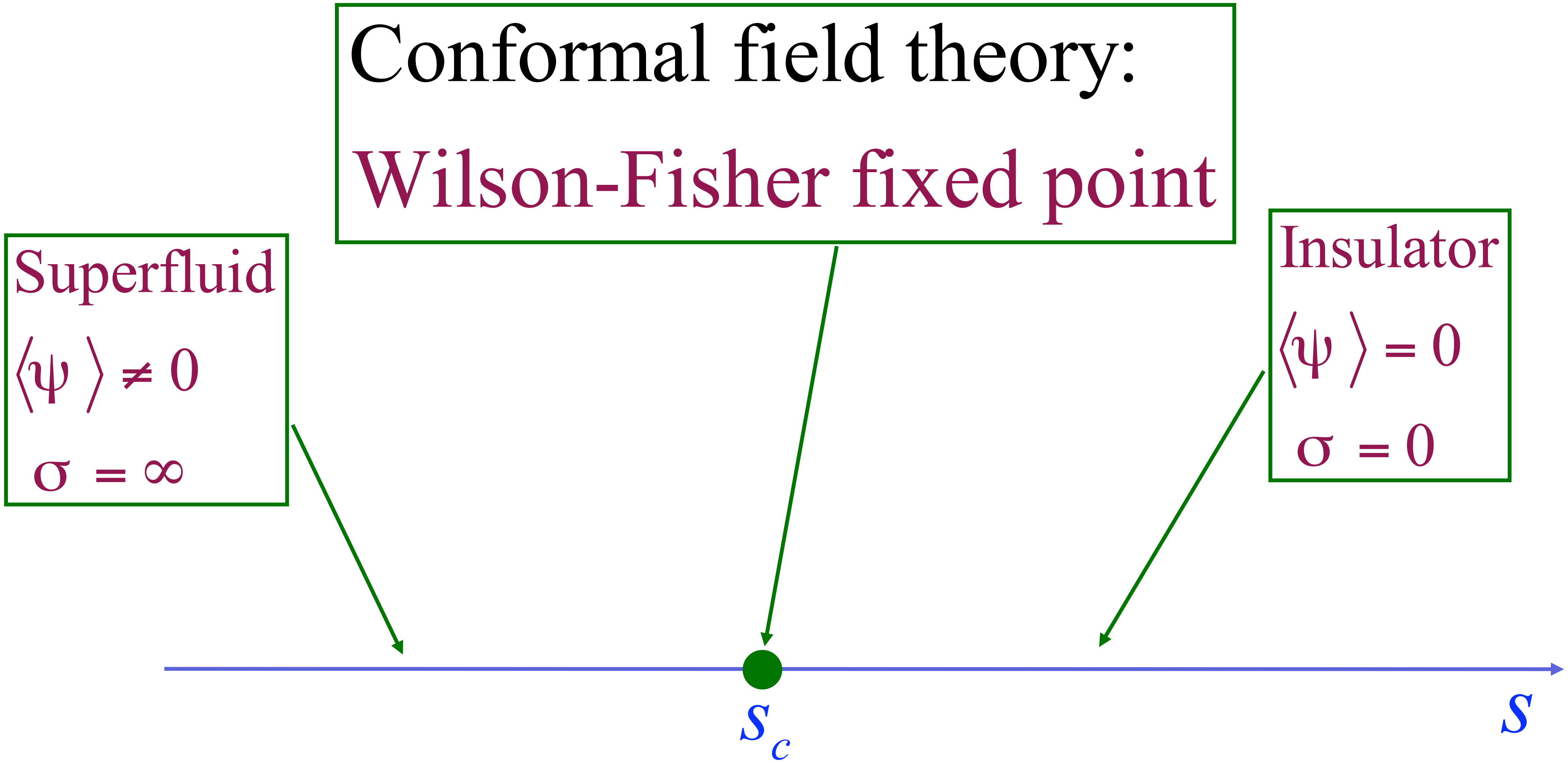

Conformal field theory:

Wilson-Fisher fixed point

Superfluid

$\langle\psi\rangle \neq 0$

$\sigma = \infty$

Insulator

$\langle\psi\rangle = 0$

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Using the boson quasiparticle excitations of the insulator $\sim \psi$

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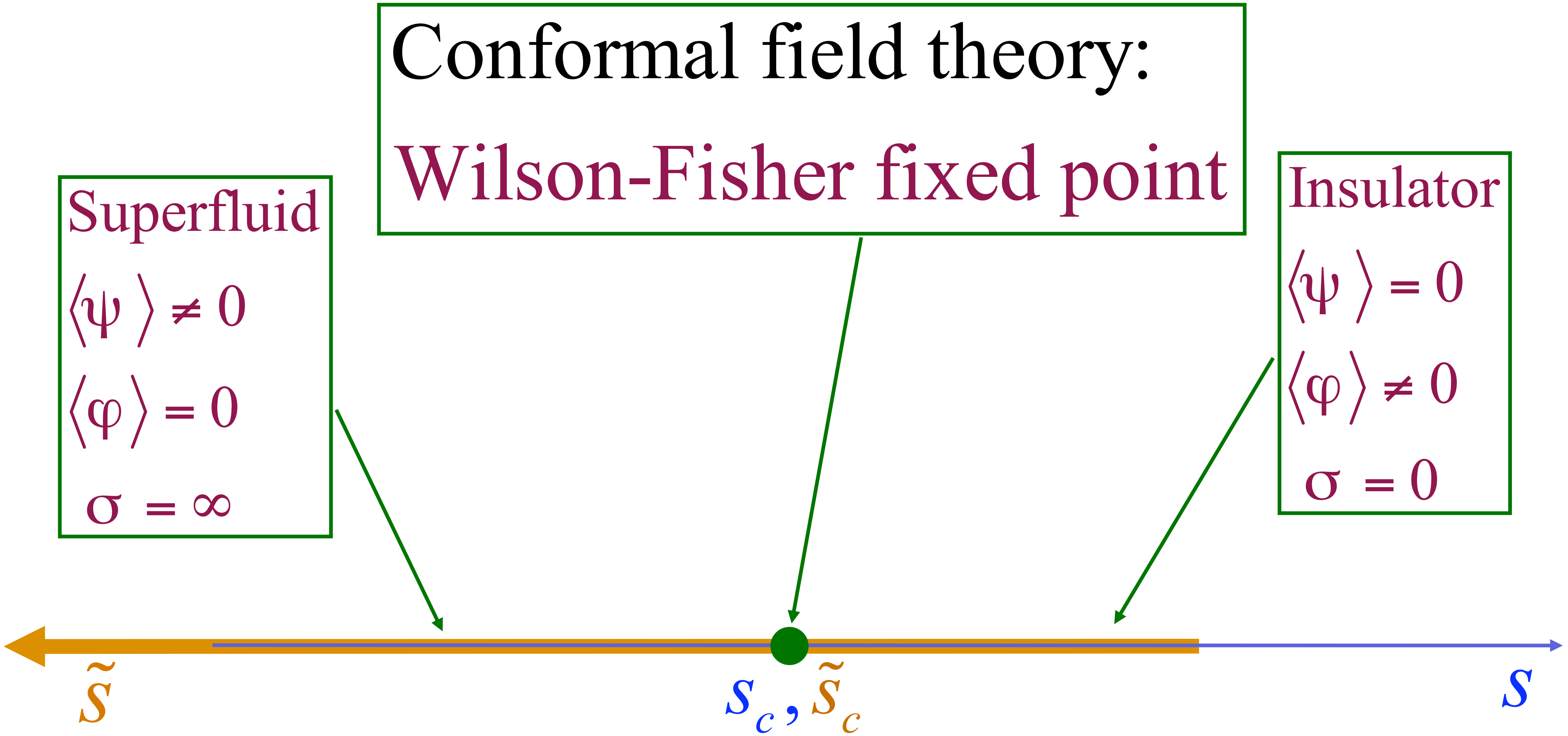

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is dual to

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

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

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Consequences of duality on CFT correlators of $\mathrm{U}(1)$ currents

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$$\left\langle \widetilde{J}_\mu(k,\omega) \widetilde{J}_\nu(k,\omega)\right\rangle_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{dual}}} = \sqrt{k^2-\omega^2}\left(P^T_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{K}^T(k,\omega) + P^L_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{K}^L(k,\omega)\right)$$

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Application of Kubo formula shows that

$$\sigma\left(\omega/T\right) = \frac{4e^2}{h} 2\pi K^T(0,\omega) = \frac{4e^2}{h} 2\pi K^L(0,\omega)$$

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Analyticity of correlations at $T > 0$ implies

$$K^T(0,\omega) = K^L(0,\omega),$$

and so the conductivity

$$\sigma(\omega/T) = K^T(0,\omega) = K^L(0,\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{N^3}{72\pi^2}}$$

is frequency independent.

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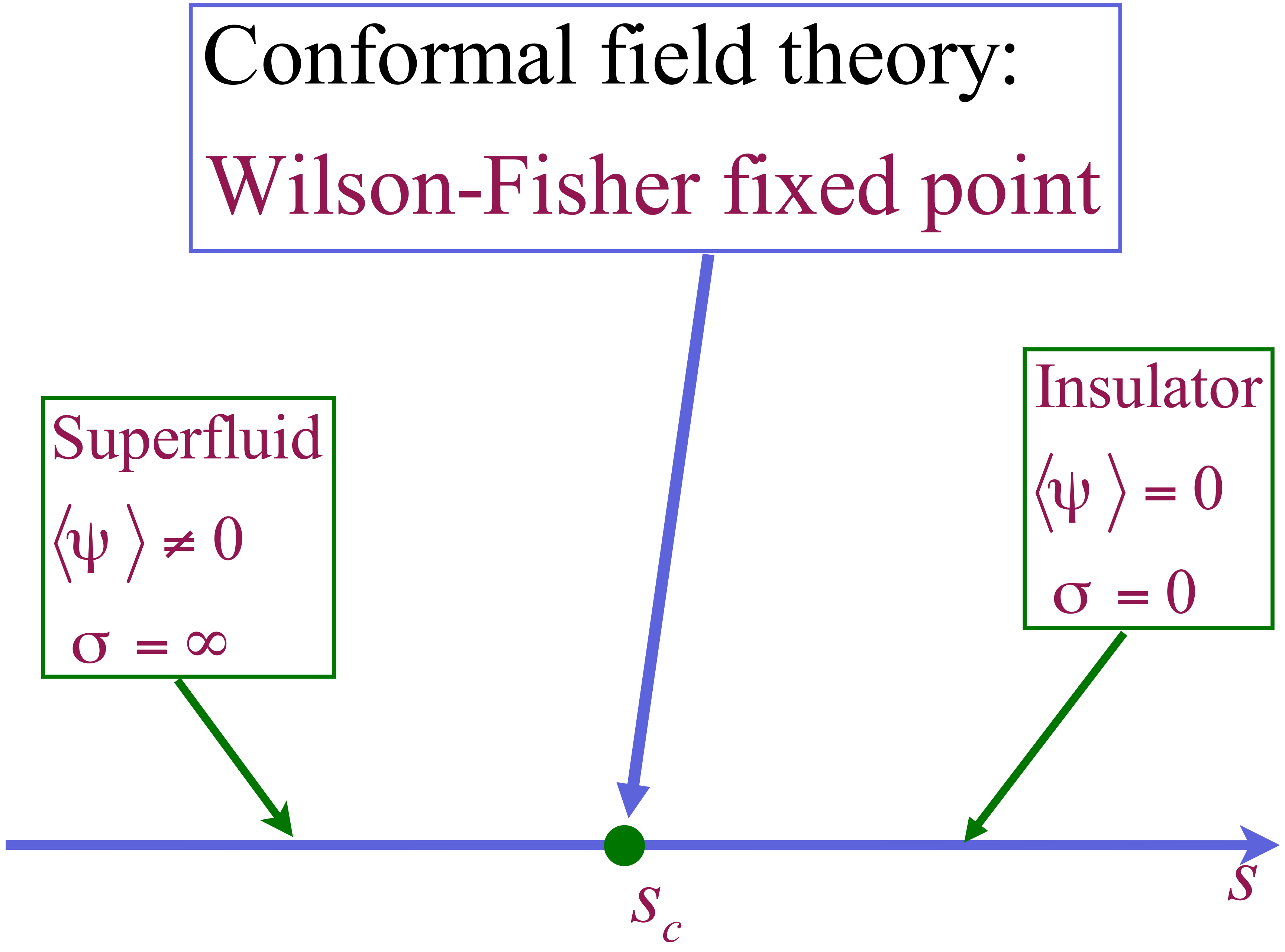

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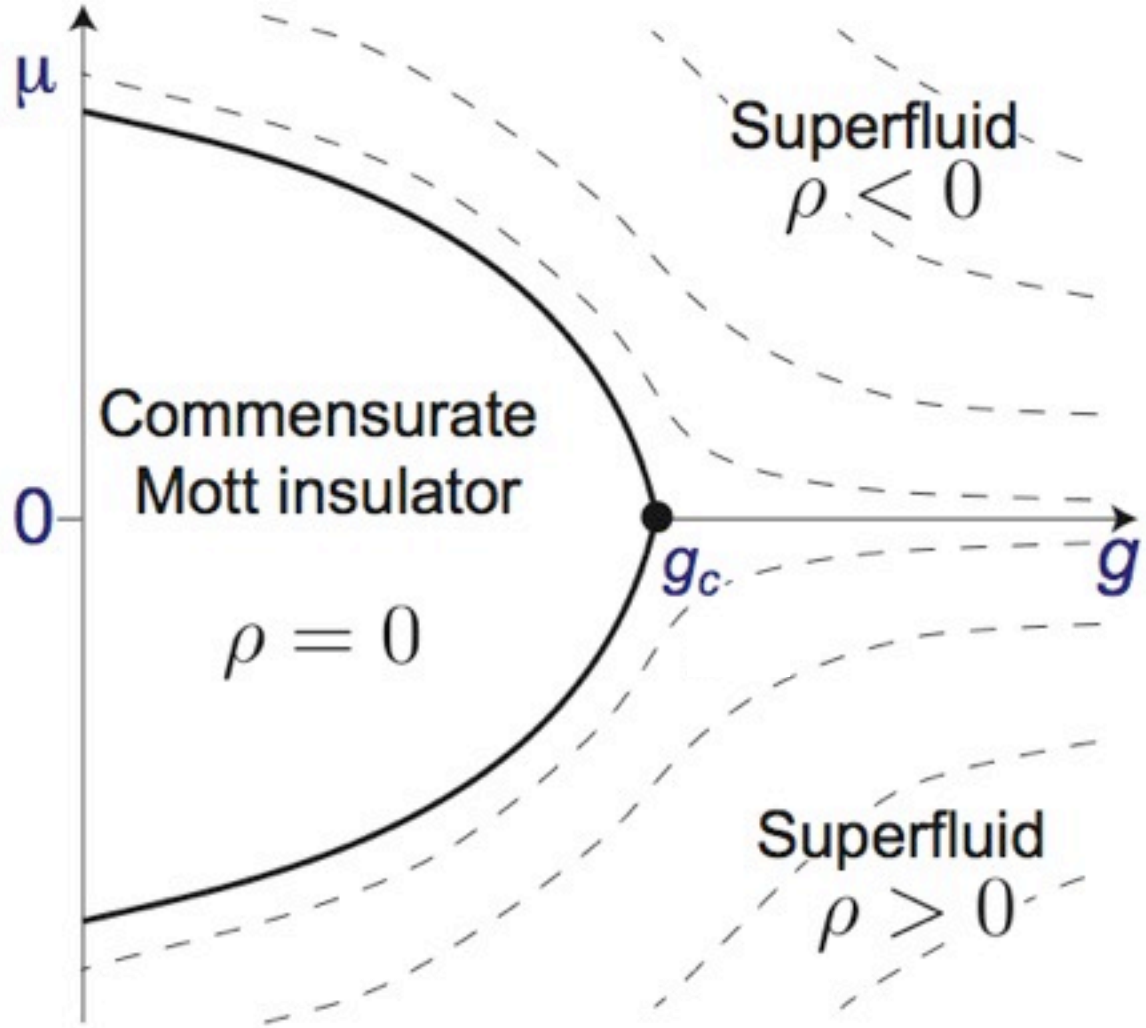

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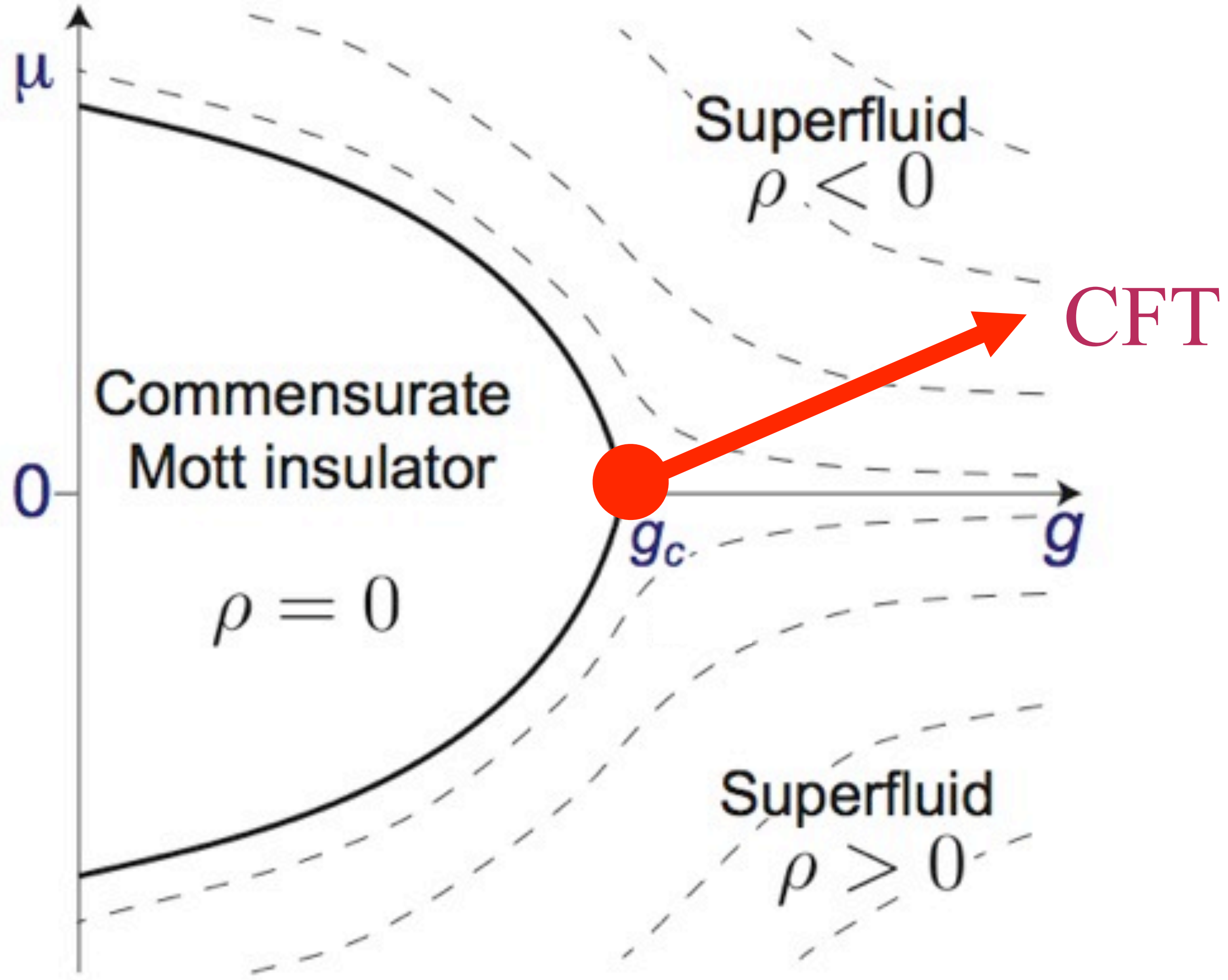

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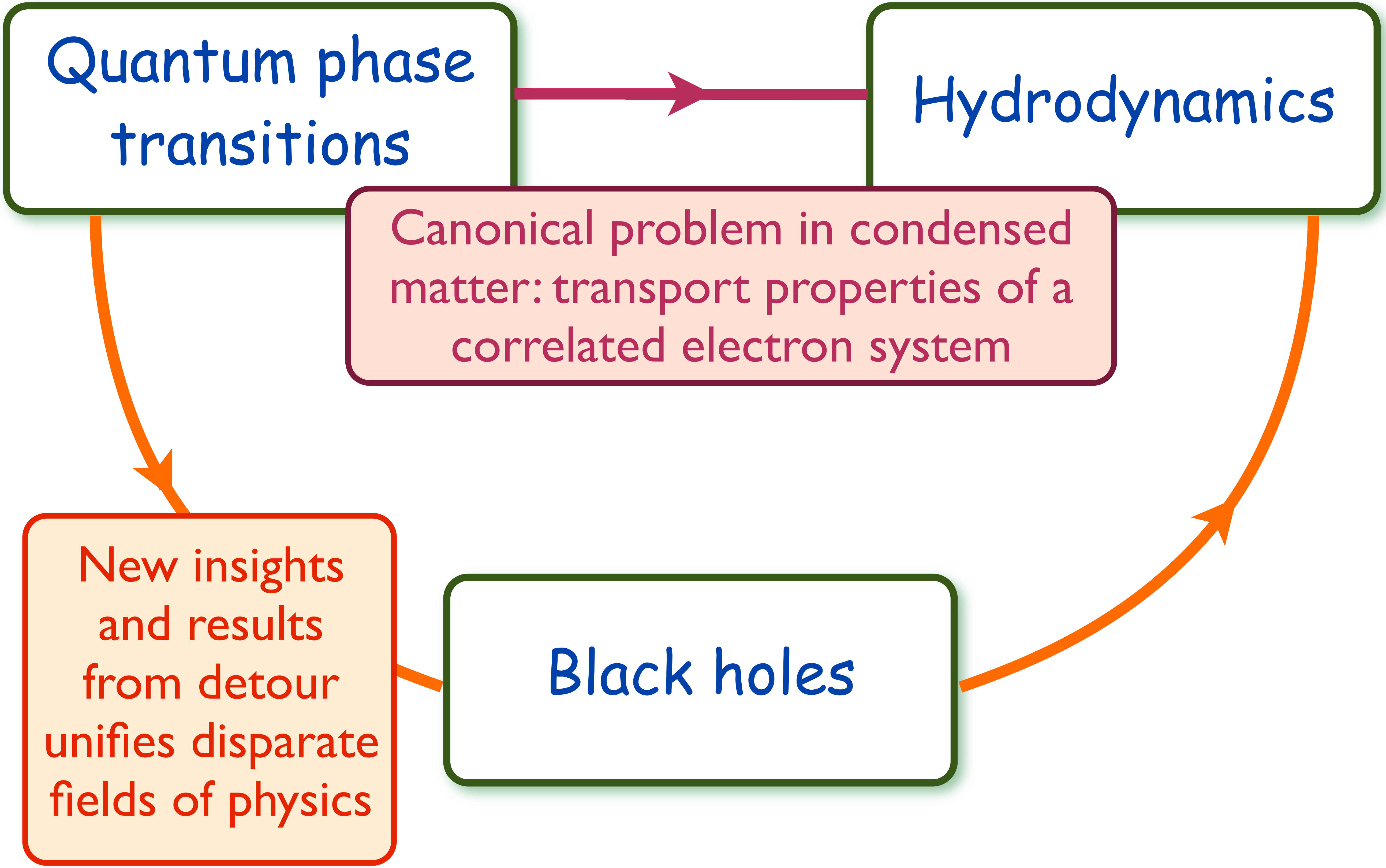

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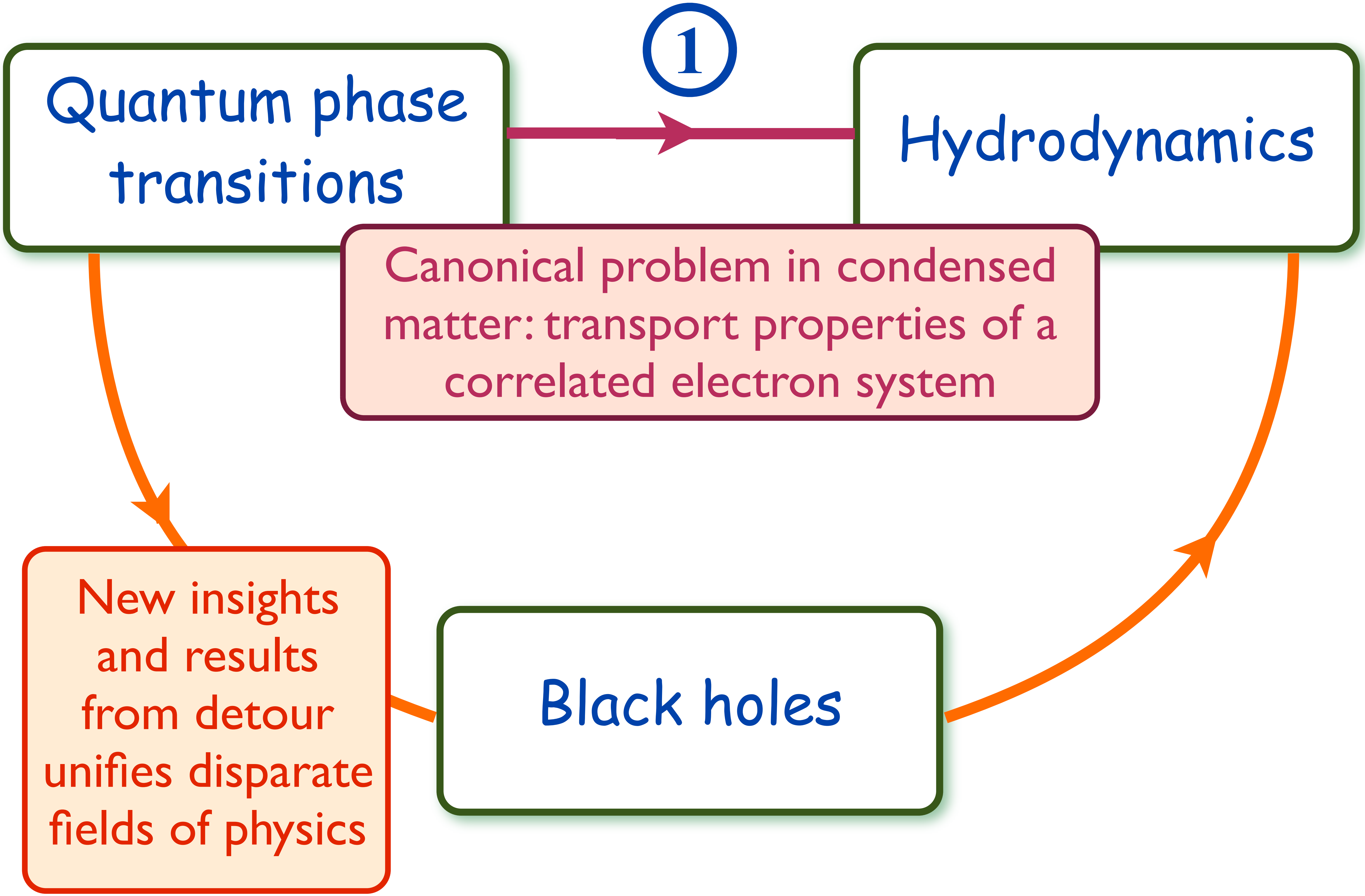

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Hydrodynamics of quantum critical systems

1. Use quantum field theory + quantum transport equations + classical hydrodynamics

   Uses physical model but strong-coupling makes explicit solution difficult

In the regime $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$, we can use the principles of hydrodynamics:

- Describe system in terms of local state variables which obey the equation of state
- Express conserved currents in terms of gradients of state variables using transport co-efficients. These are restricted by demanding that the system relaxes to *local equilibrium i.e.* entropy production is positive.
- The conservation laws are the equations of motion.

The variables entering the hydrodynamic theory are

- the external magnetic field $F^{\mu\nu}$,

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B \\ 0 & -B & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- $T^{\mu\nu}$, the stress energy tensor,
- J^{μ}, the current,
- ρ, the **difference** in density from the Mott insulator.
- ε, the local energy
- P, the local pressure,
- u^{μ}, the local velocity, and
- σ_Q, a universal conductivity, which is the **single transport co-efficient.**

The dependence of ε, P, σ_Q on T and v follows from simple scaling arguments

Lorentz invariance and positivity of entropy production lead to the hydrodynamic equations of motion and constitutive relations:

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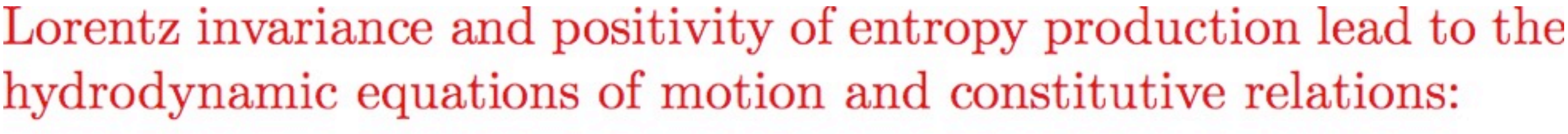

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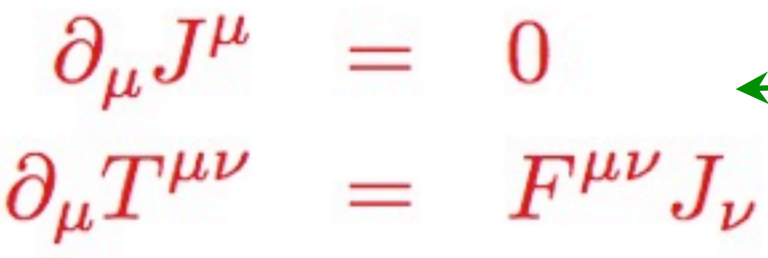

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Constitutive relations which follow from Lorentz transformation to moving frame

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Single dissipative term allowed by requirement of positive entropy production. There is only one independent transport co-efficient

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For experimental applications, we must move away from the ideal CFT

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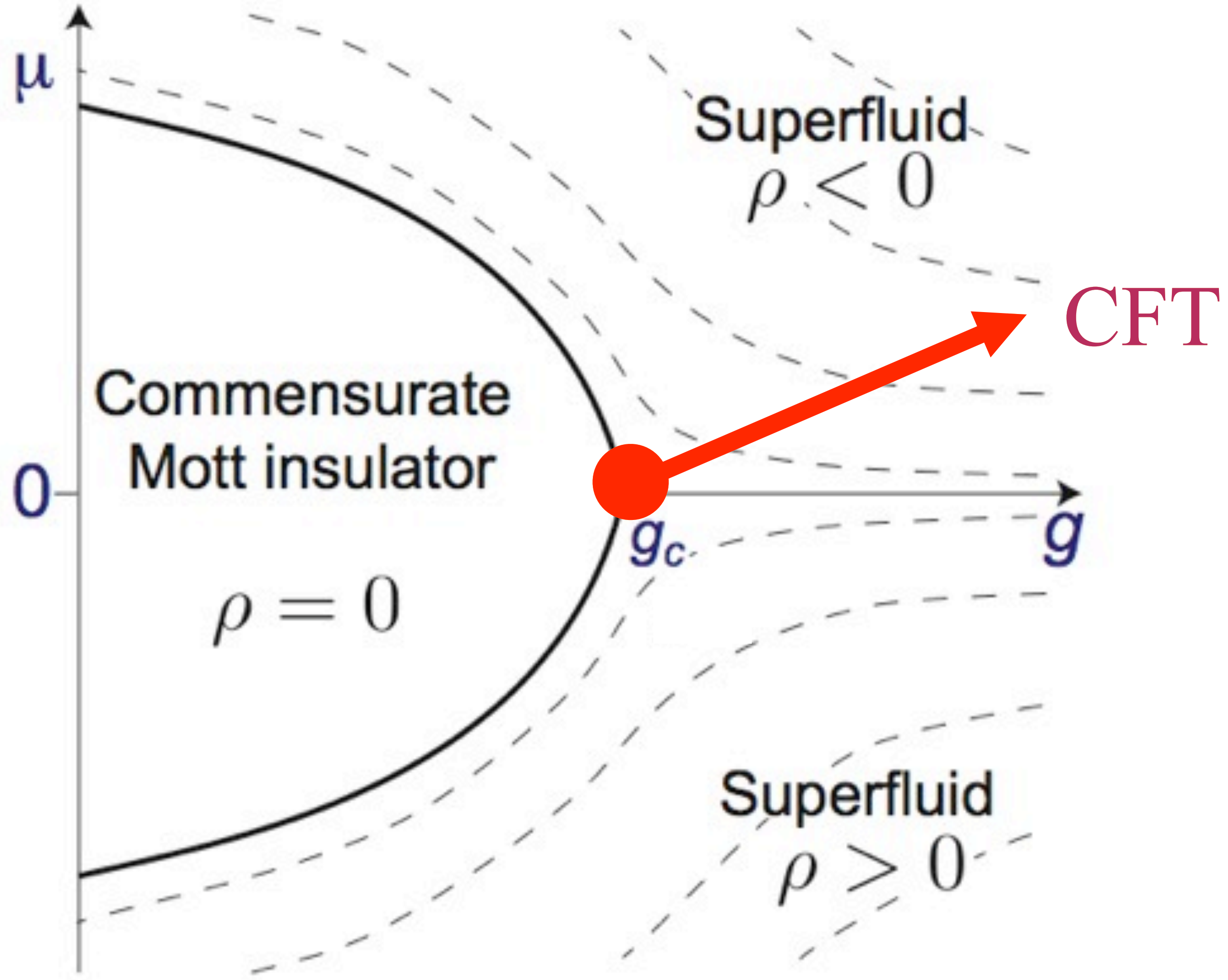
- An impurity scattering rate $1/\tau_{\rm imp}$ (its T dependence follows from scaling arguments)



e.g.

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r d\tau \left[|(\partial_\tau - \mu)\psi|^2 + v^2 \left|(\vec{\nabla} - i\vec{A})\psi\right|^2 - g|\psi|^2 + V(r)|\psi|^2 + \frac{u}{2}|\psi|^4 \right]$$

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and with width

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

where B = magnetic field, ρ = charge density away from density of CFT, ε = energy density, P = pressure, v = velocity of "light" in CFT, and $\sigma_Q e^2/h$ is the universal conductivity of the CFT.

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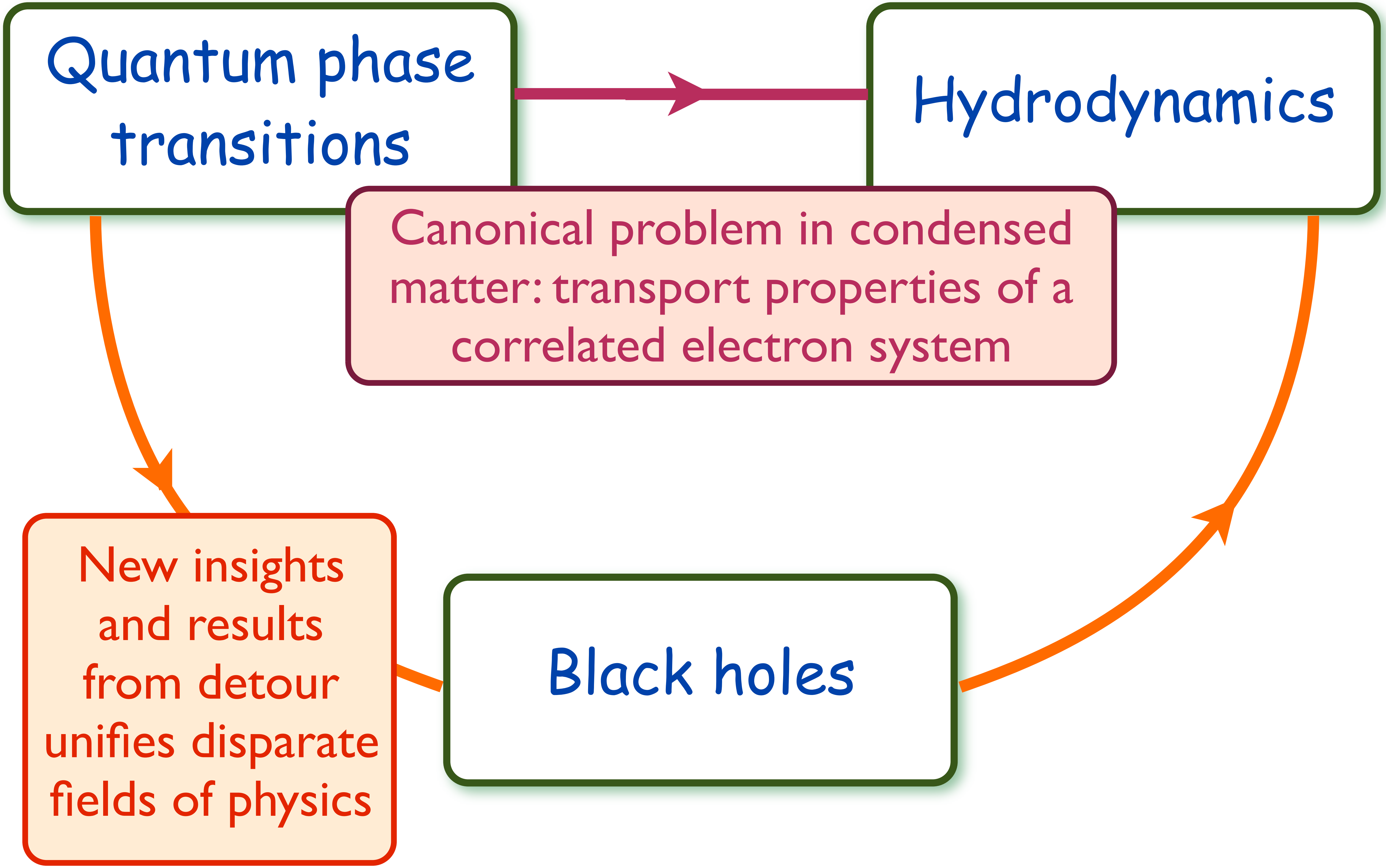

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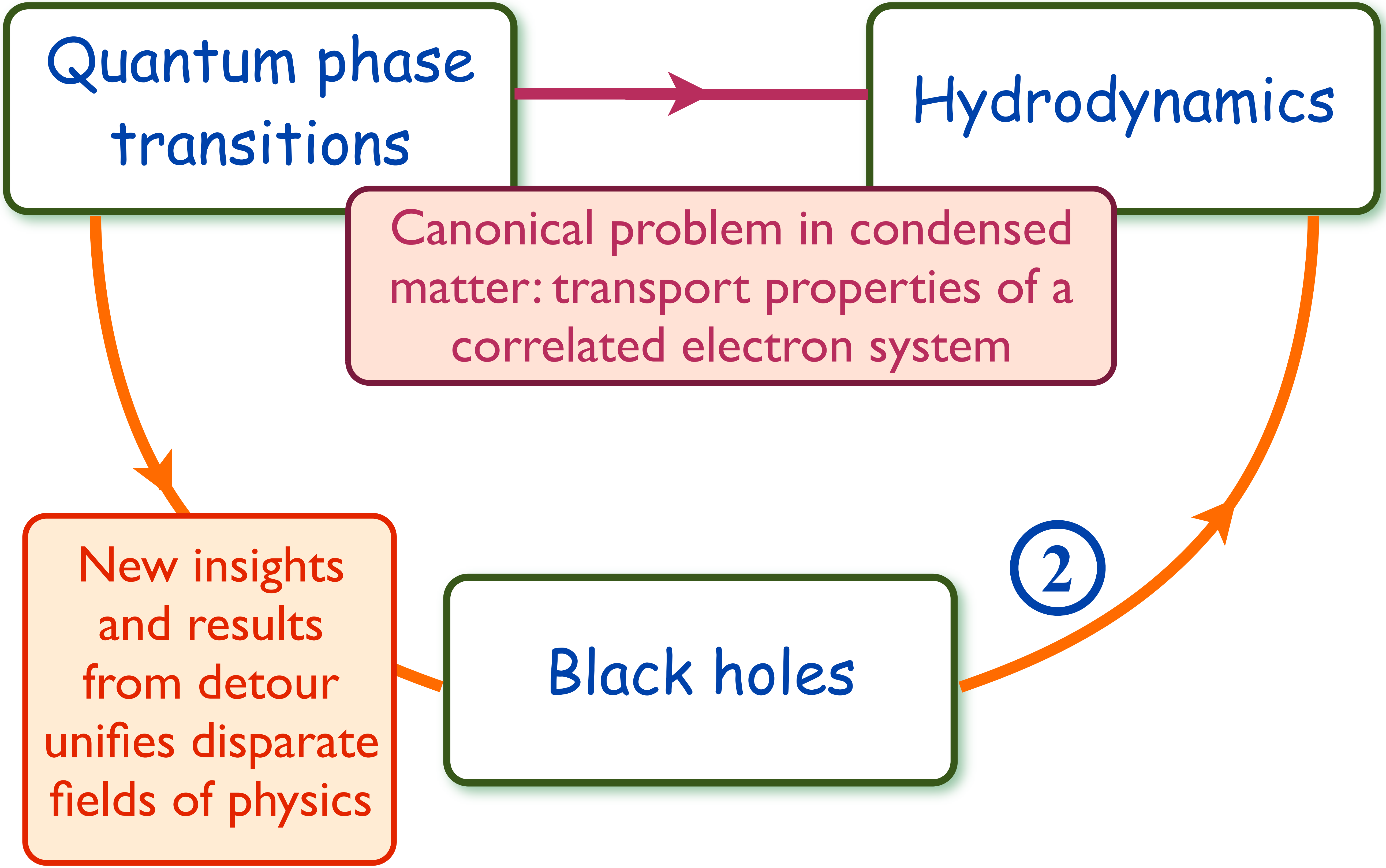

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Hydrodynamics of quantum critical systems

1. Use quantum field theory + quantum transport equations + classical hydrodynamics

   Uses physical model but strong-coupling makes explicit solution difficult

2. Solve Einstein-Maxwell equations in the background of a black hole in AdS space

   Yields hydrodynamic relations which apply to general classes of quantum critical systems. First exact numerical results for transport co-efficients (for supersymmetric systems).

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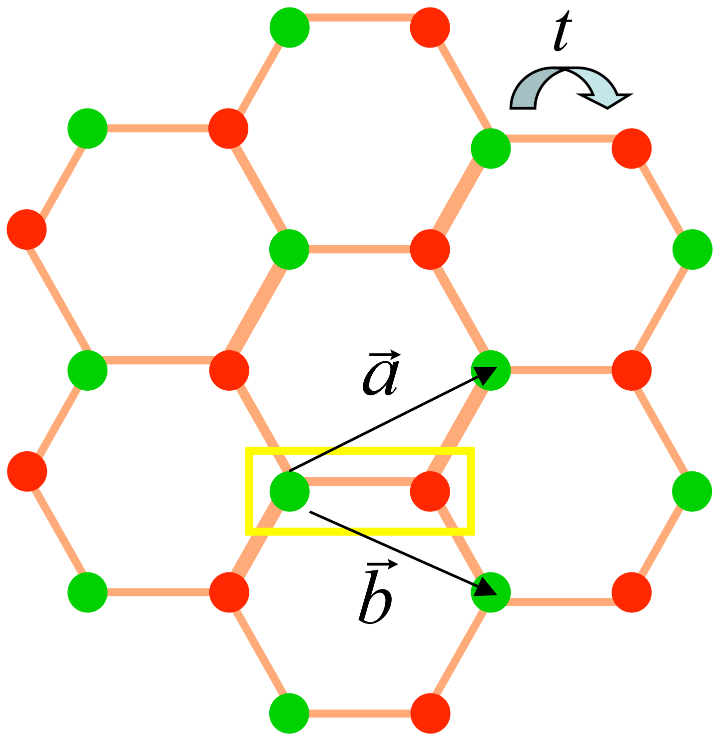

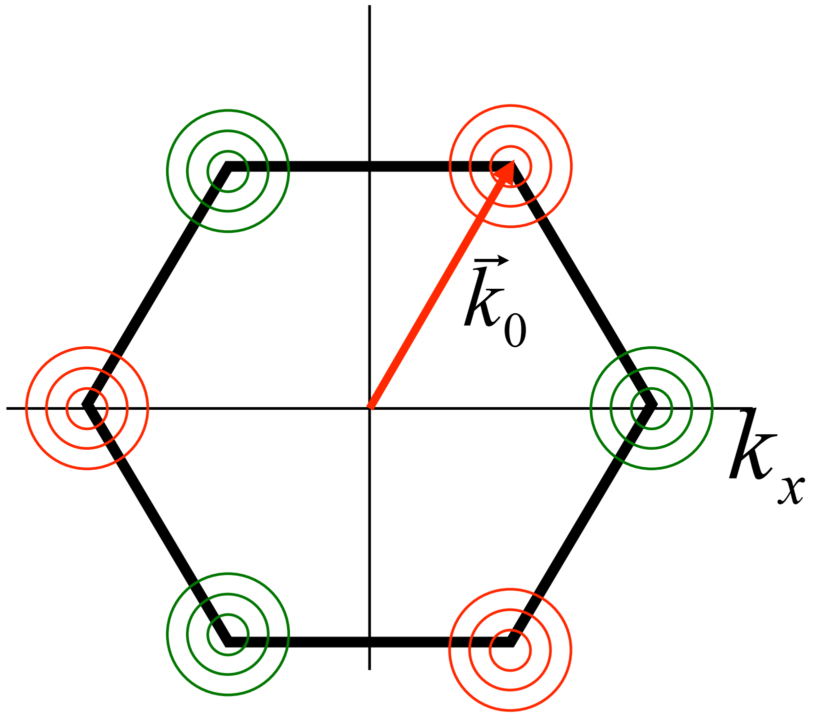

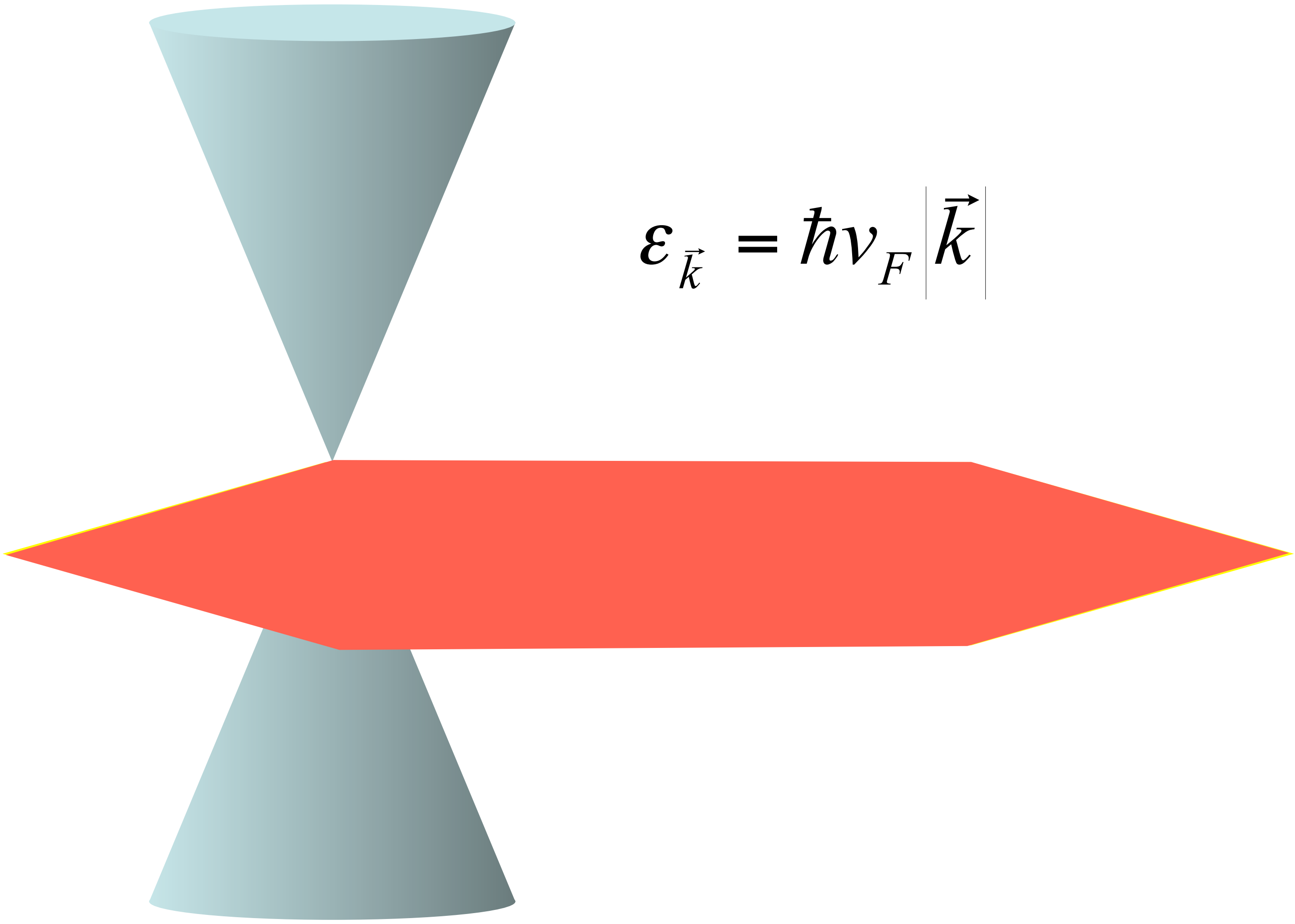

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Dimensionless "fine-structure" constant $\alpha = e^2/(\hbar v_F)$.
RG flow of α:

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\ell} = -\alpha^2 + \ldots$$

Behavior is similar to a conformal field theory (CFT) in 2+1 dimensions with $\alpha \sim 1/\ln(\text{scale})$

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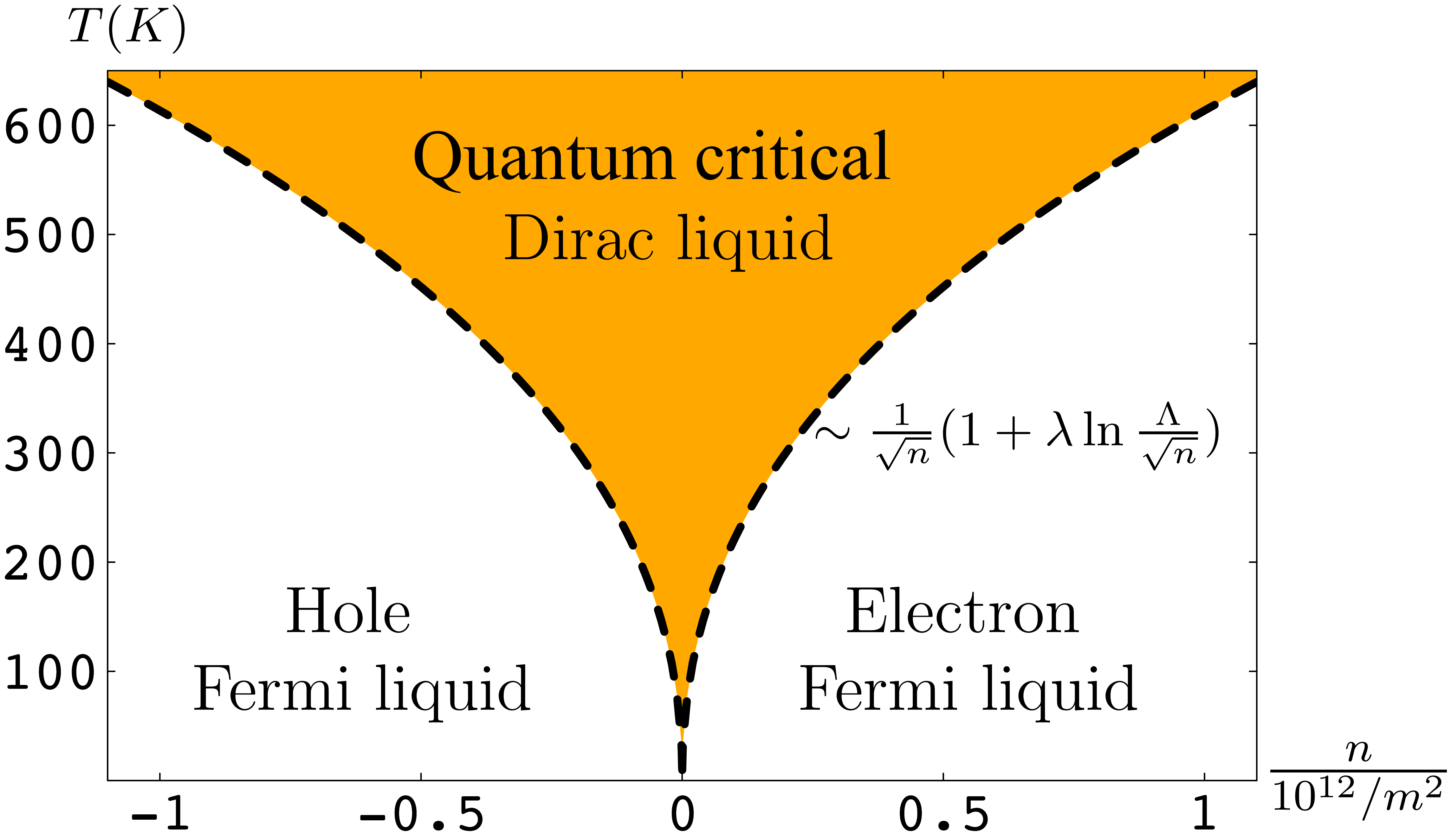
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Collisionless-hydrodynamic crossover in pure, undoped, graphene

$$\sigma_Q(\omega) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{e^2}{h}\left[\dfrac{\pi}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\dfrac{1}{\ln(\Lambda/\omega)}\right)\right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \dfrac{e^2}{h\alpha^2(T)}\left[0.760 + \mathcal{O}\left(\dfrac{1}{|\ln(\alpha(T))|}\right)\right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \alpha^2(T) \end{cases}$$

I. Herbut, V. Juricic, and O. Vafek, *Phys. Rev. Lett*. **100**, 046403 (2008).

where $\alpha(T)$ is the T-dependent fine structure constant which obeys

$$\alpha(T) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\alpha/4)\ln(\Lambda/T)} \overset{T\rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{4}{\ln(\Lambda/T)}$$

L. Fritz, M. Mueller, J. Schmalian and S. Sachdev, *Physical Review B* **78**, 085416 (2008)

See also A. Kashuba, arXiv:0802.2216

Universal conductivity σ_Q : graphene

L. Fritz, J. Schmalian, M. Mueller, and S. Sachdev, arXiv:0802.4289

General doping:

Lightly disordered system:

$$\sigma_{xx}(\omega;\mu,\Delta) = \frac{e^2}{\tau_{\rm imp}^{-1} - i\omega}\frac{\rho^2 v_F^2}{\varepsilon + P} + \sigma_Q + \delta\sigma(\Delta,\omega,\mu)$$

$$\delta\sigma(\Delta,\omega,\mu) = \mathcal{O}(\Delta/\alpha^2)$$

Fermi liquid regime:

$$\sigma_{xx}(\omega = 0;\mu \gg T) \approx \frac{e^2\rho^2 v_F^2 \tau_{\rm imp}}{\varepsilon + P} = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{1}{(Z\alpha)^2}\frac{e^2}{h}\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\rm imp}}$$

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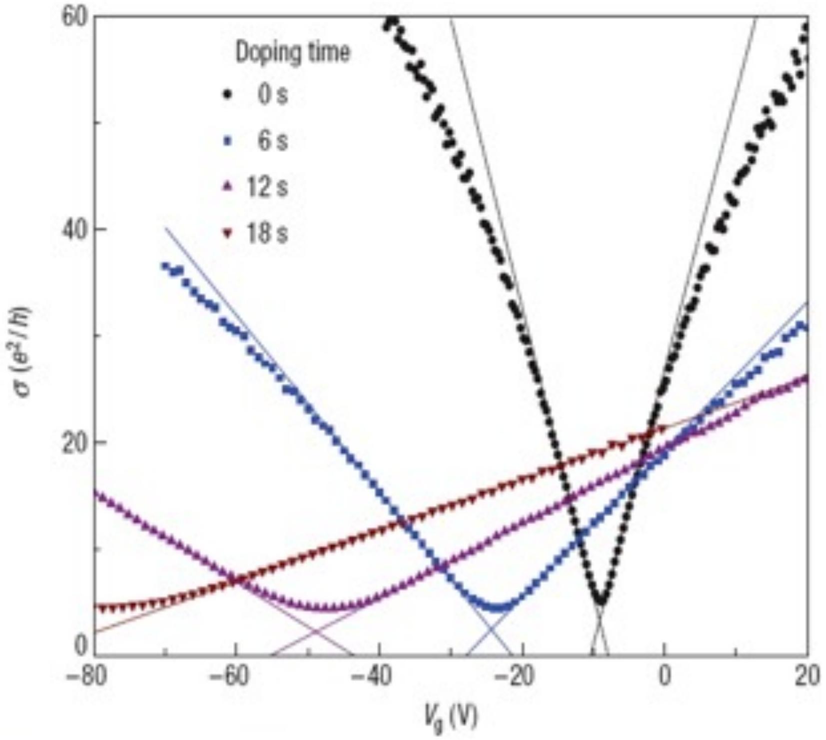

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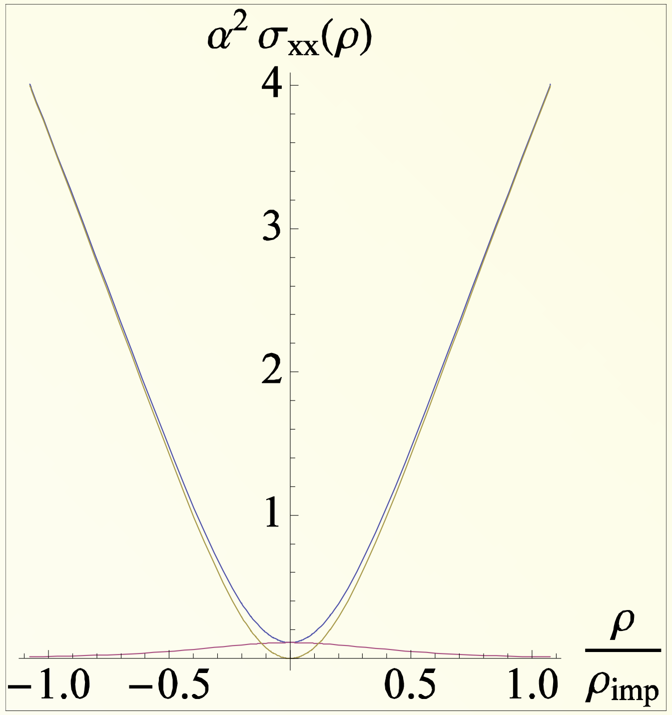

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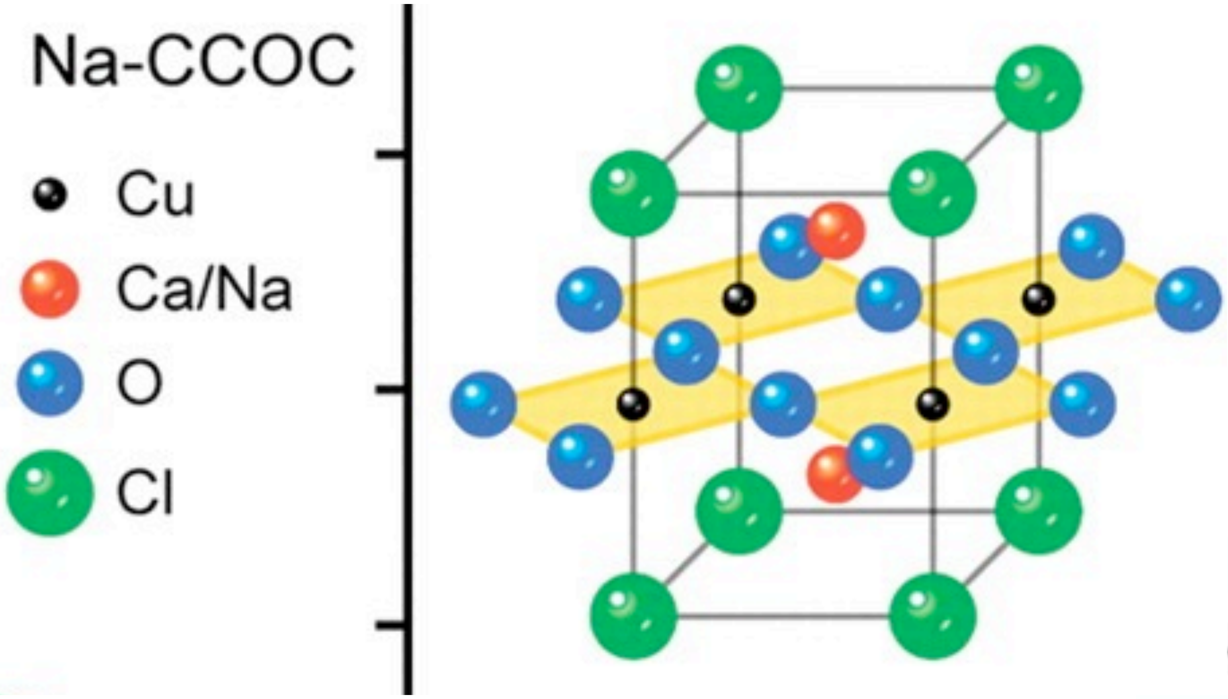

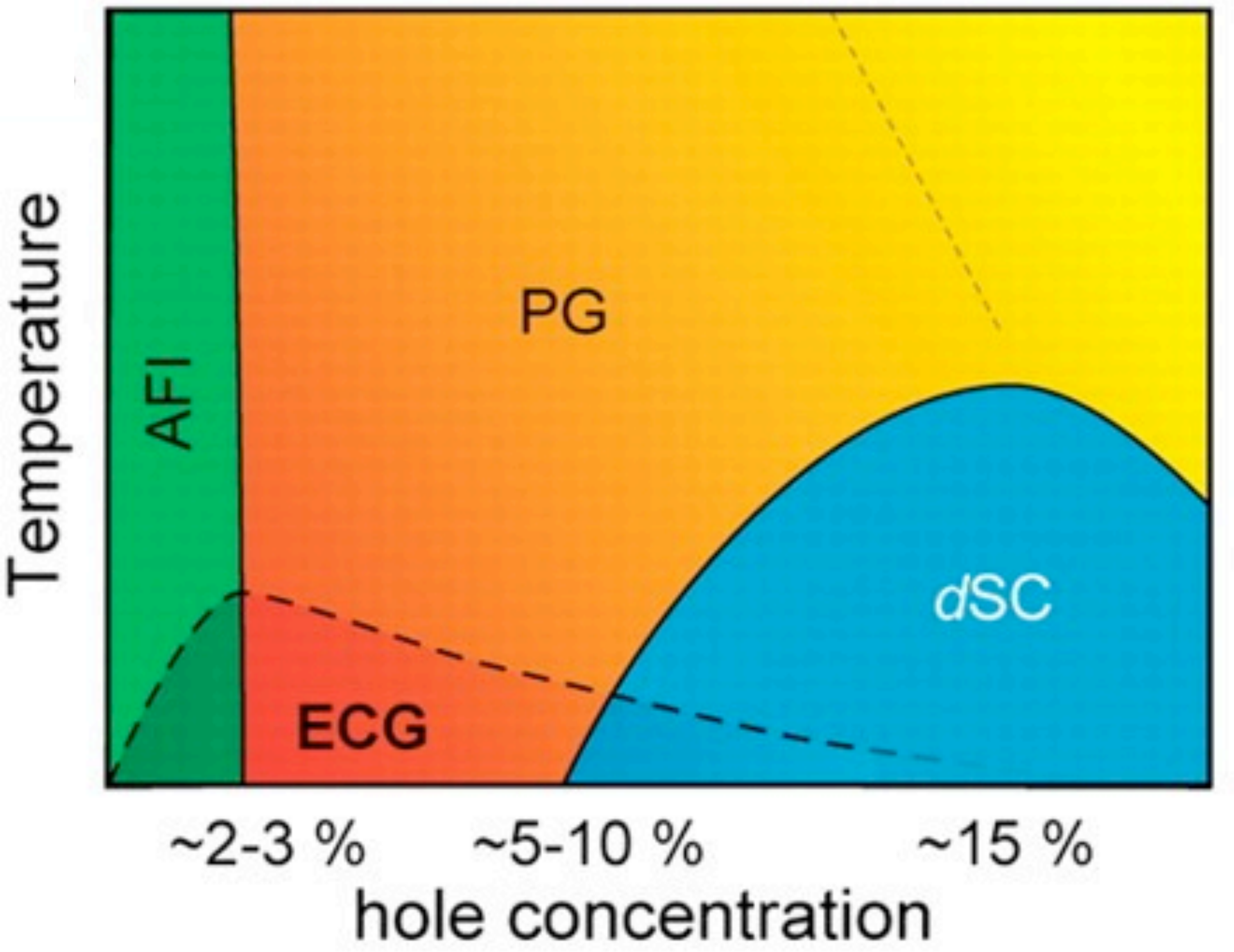

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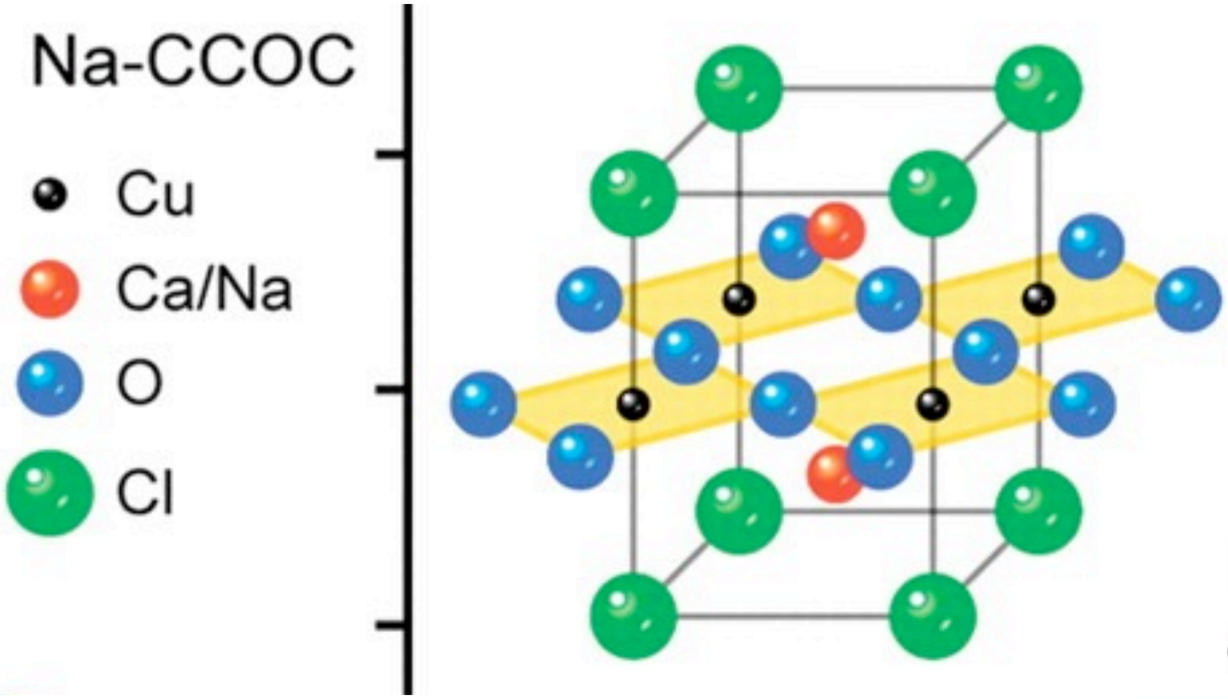
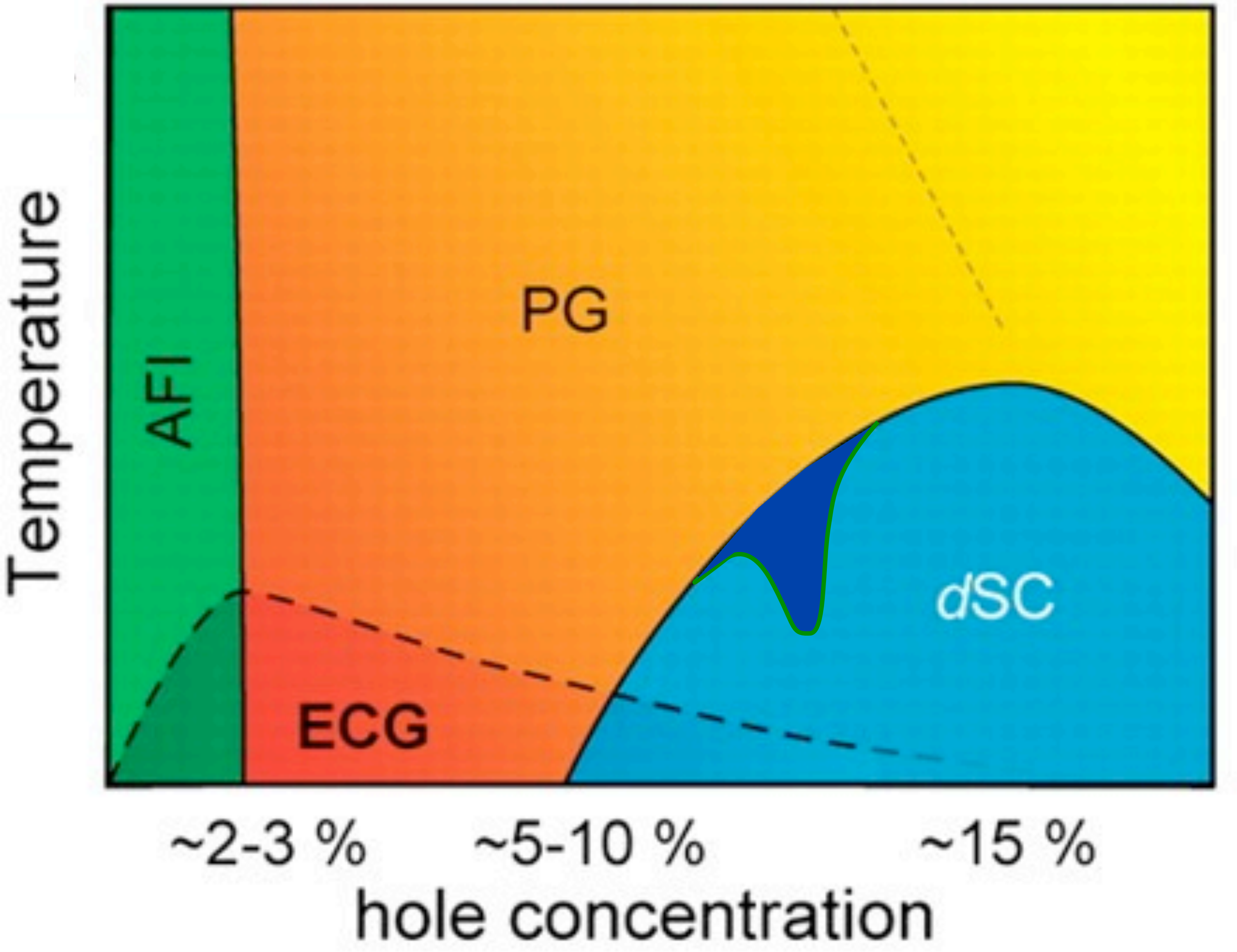


Proximity to an insulator at 12.5% hole concentration



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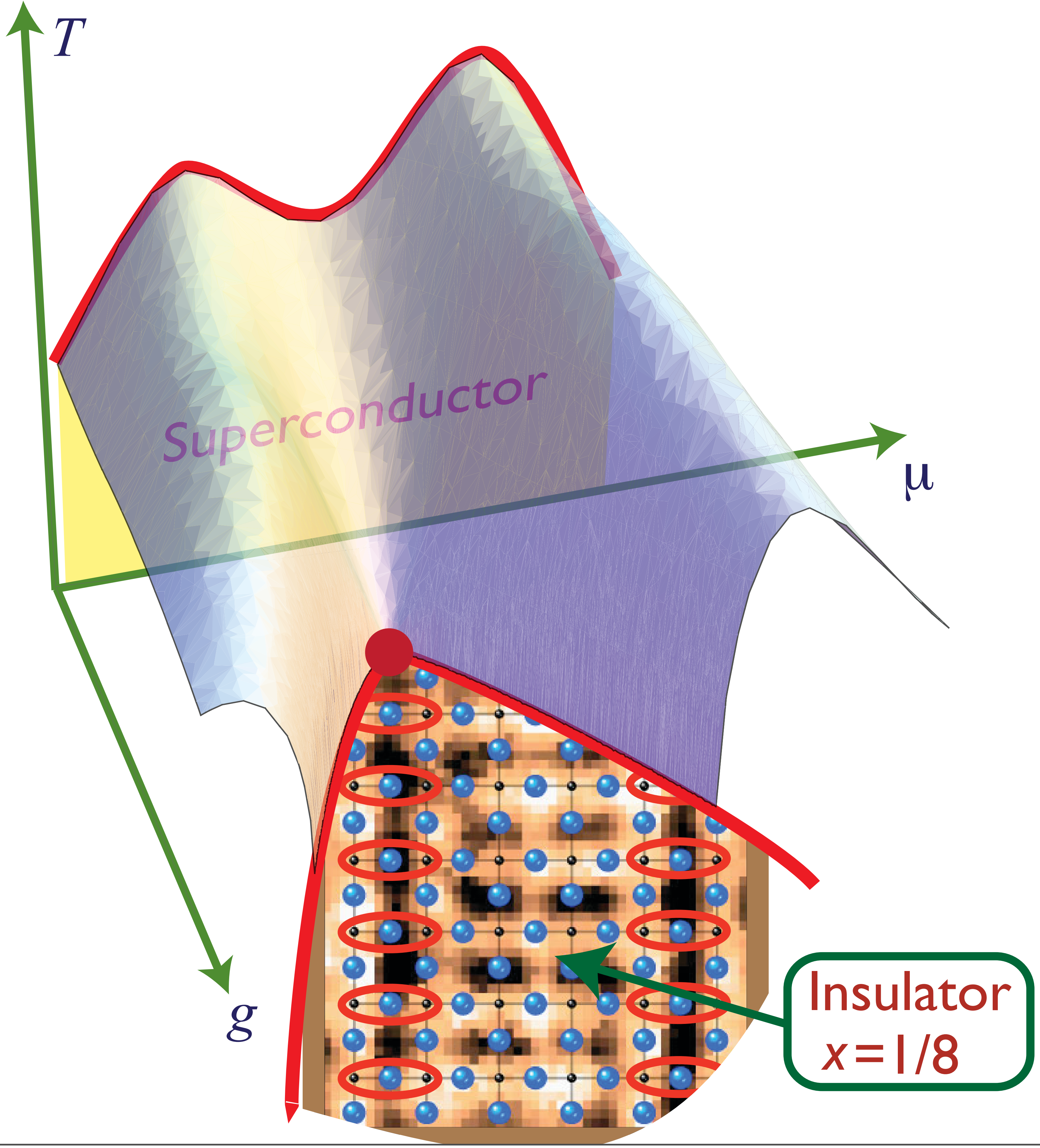

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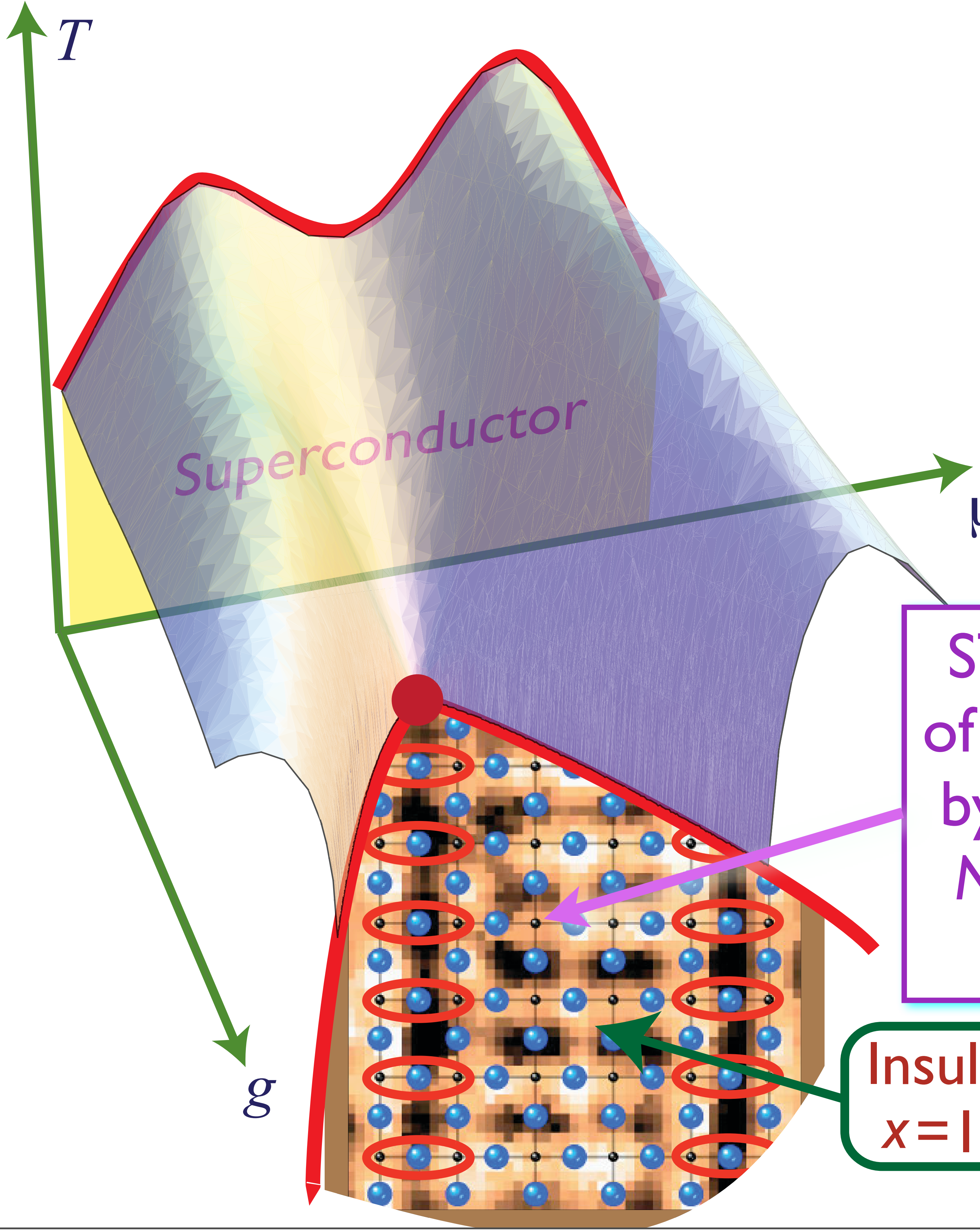

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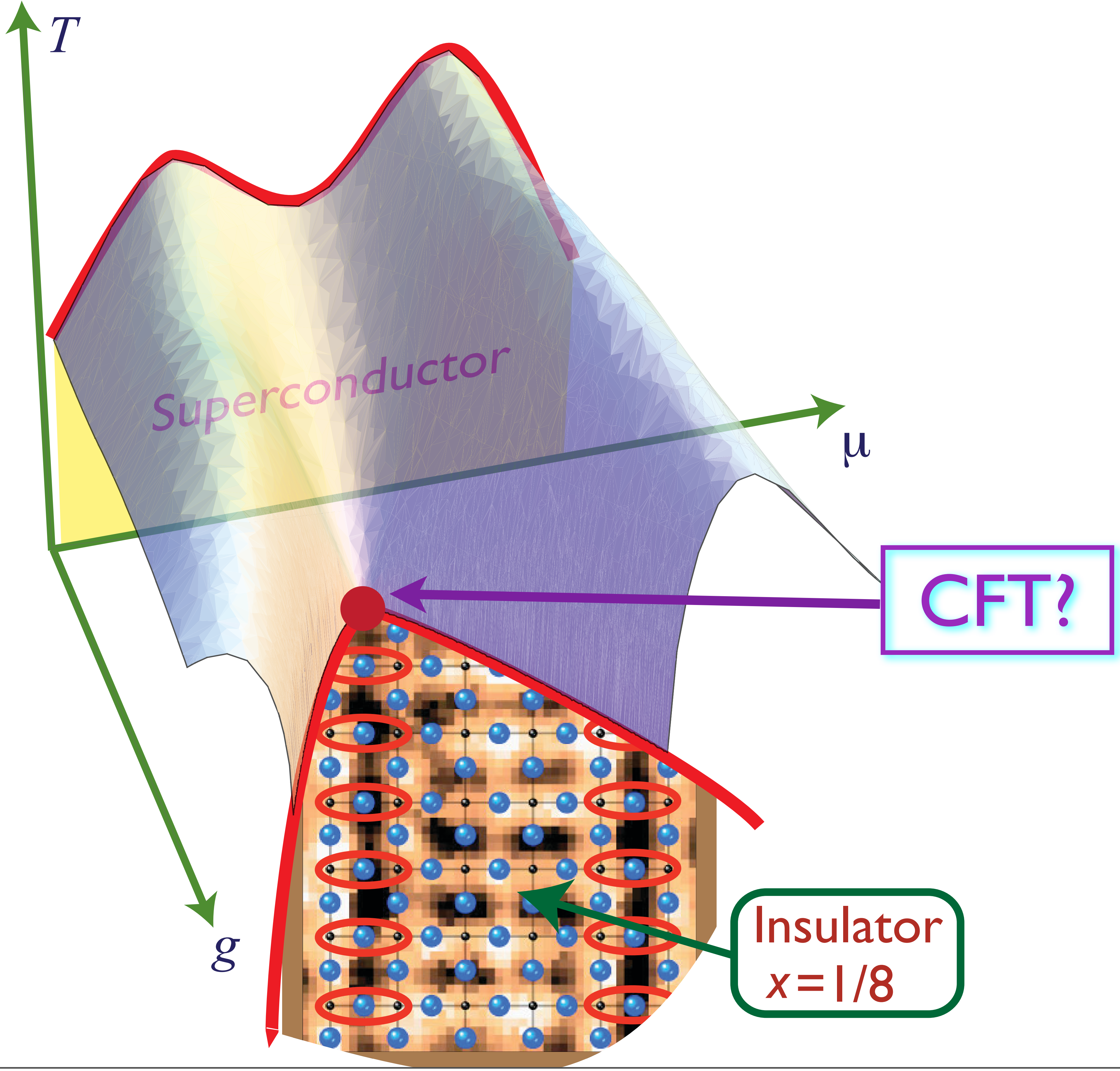

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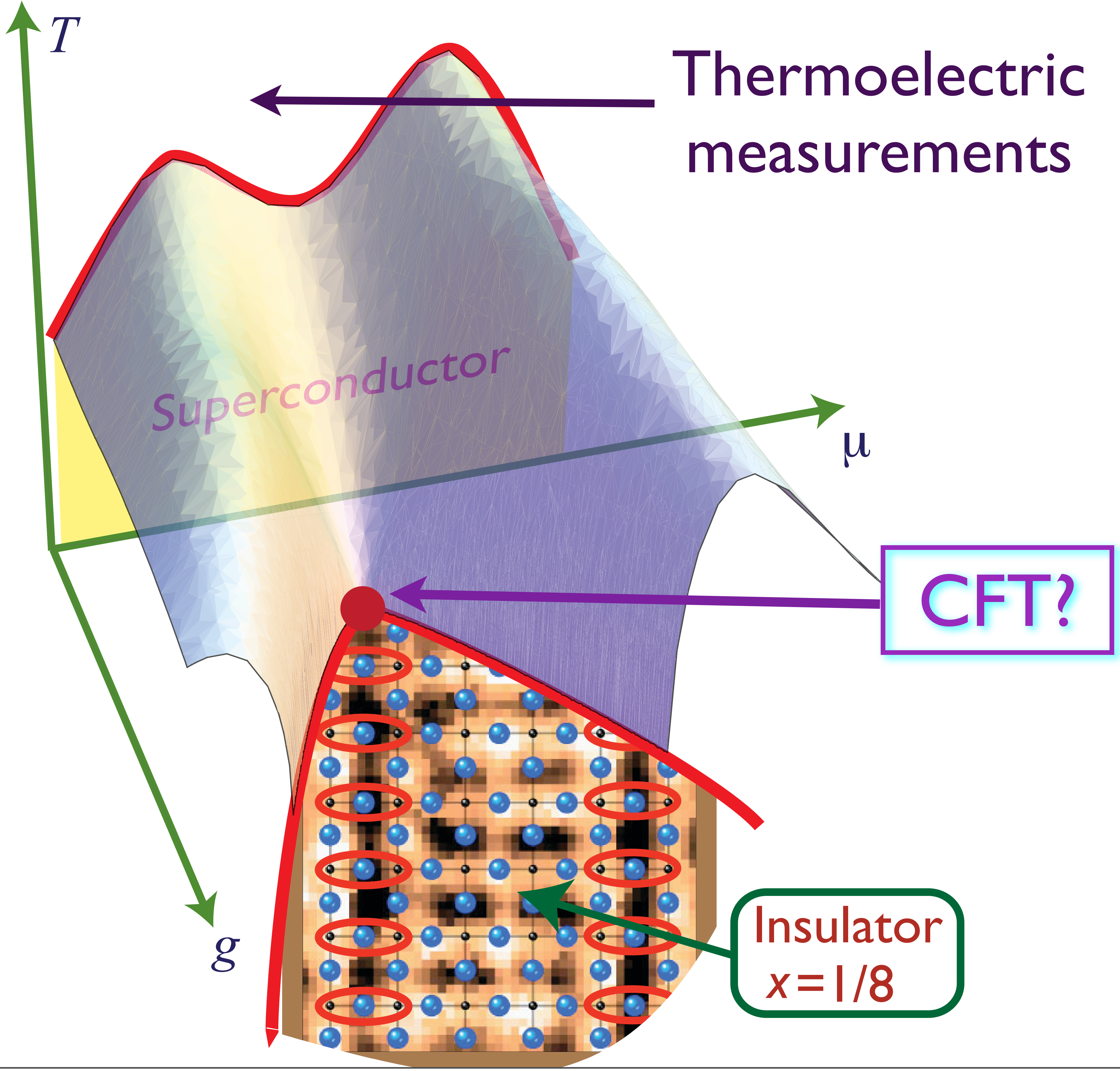

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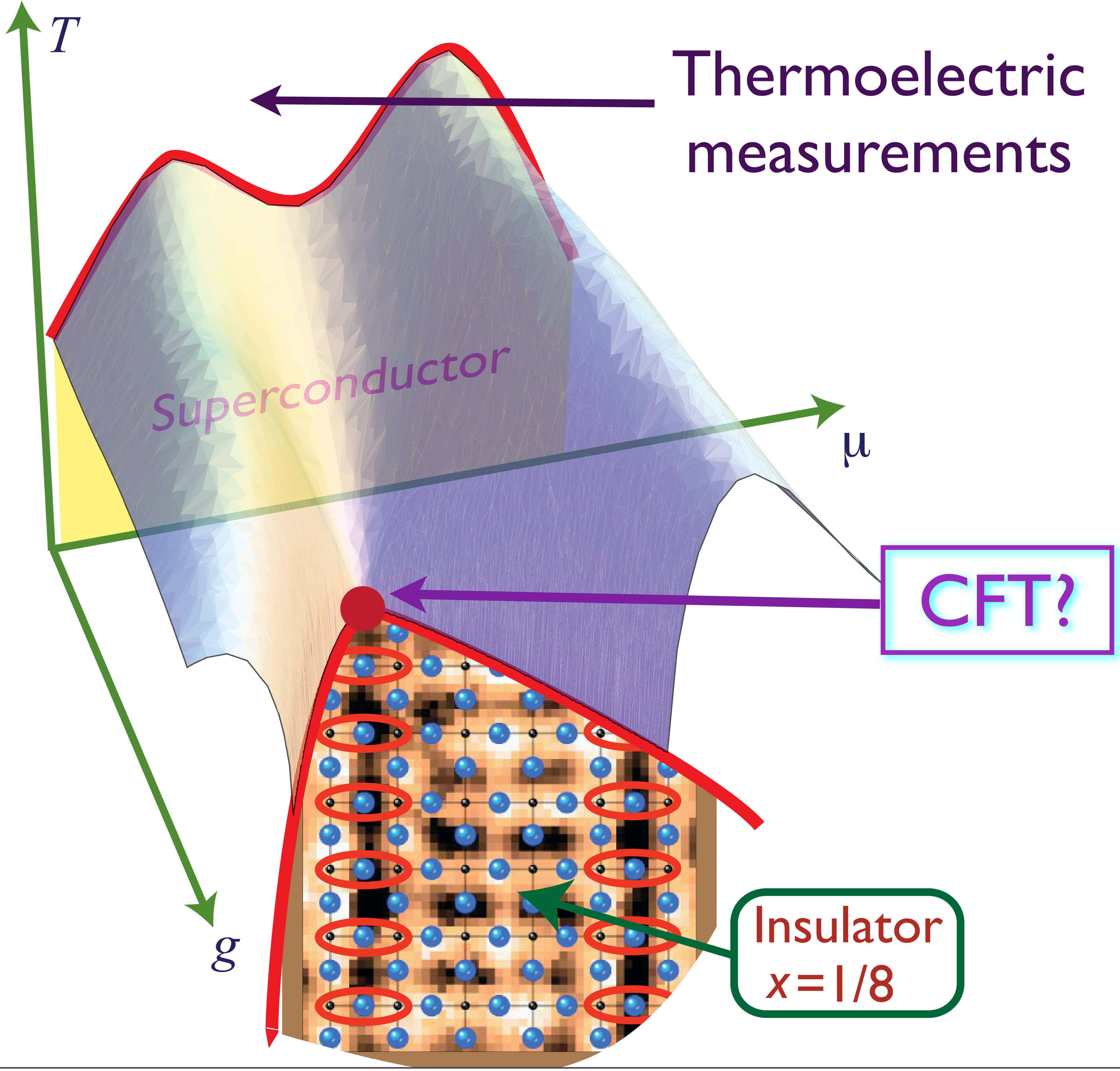

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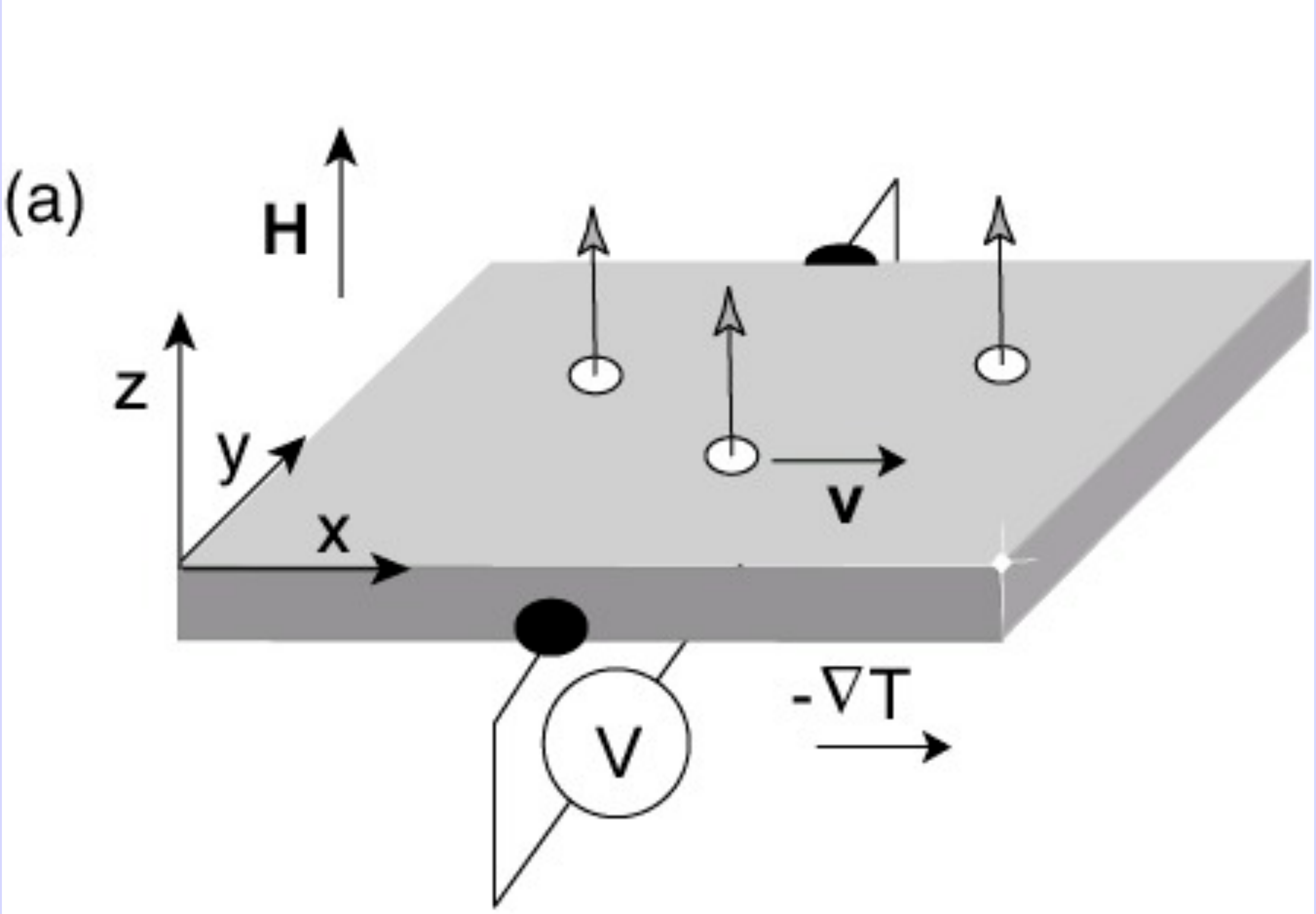

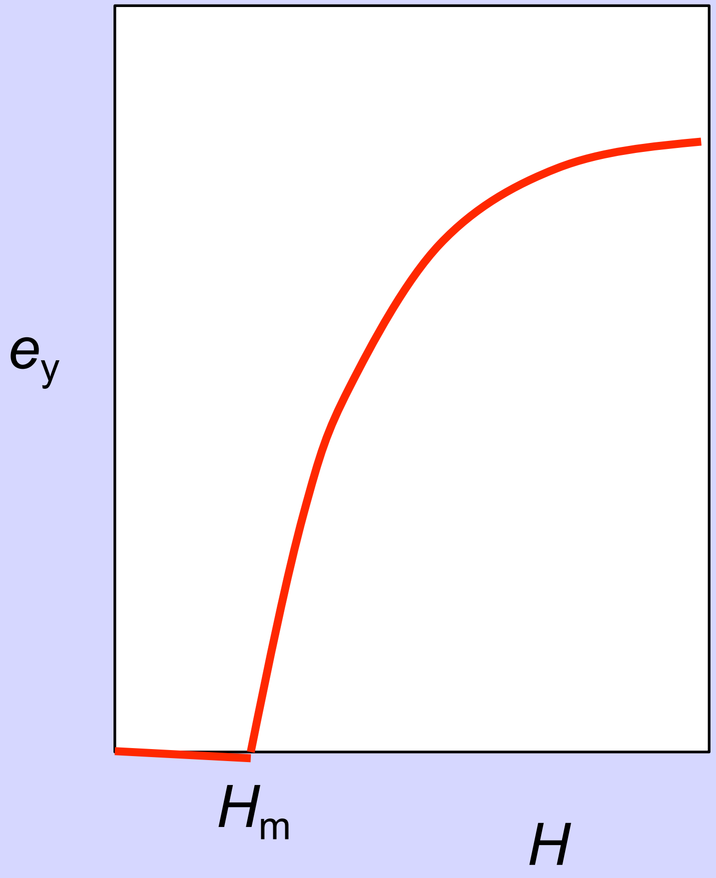

Nernst signal (transverse thermoelectric response)

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where $\tau_{\rm imp}$ is the momentum relaxation time due to impurities or umklapp scattering.

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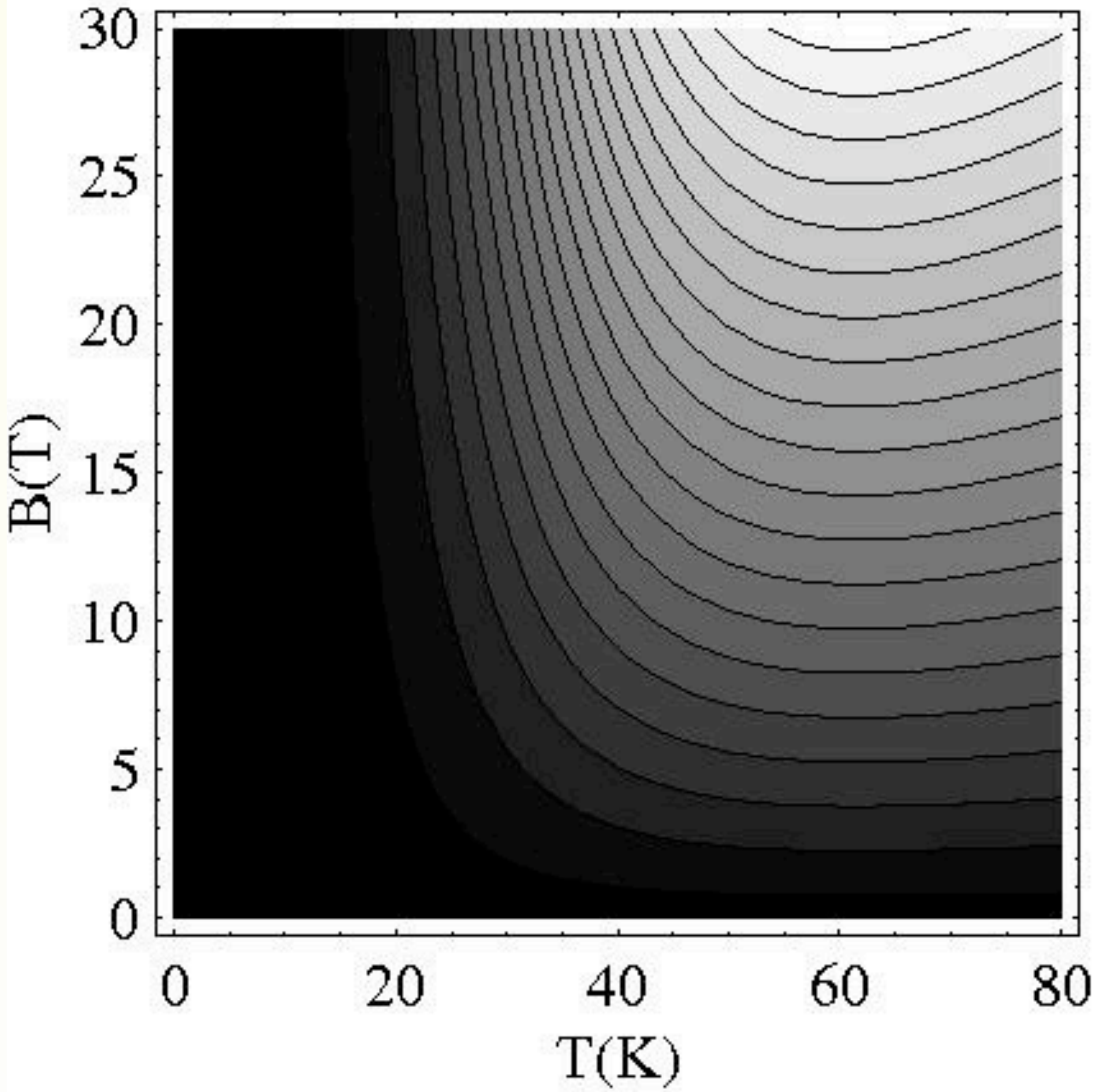
LSCO Experiments

Theory for N



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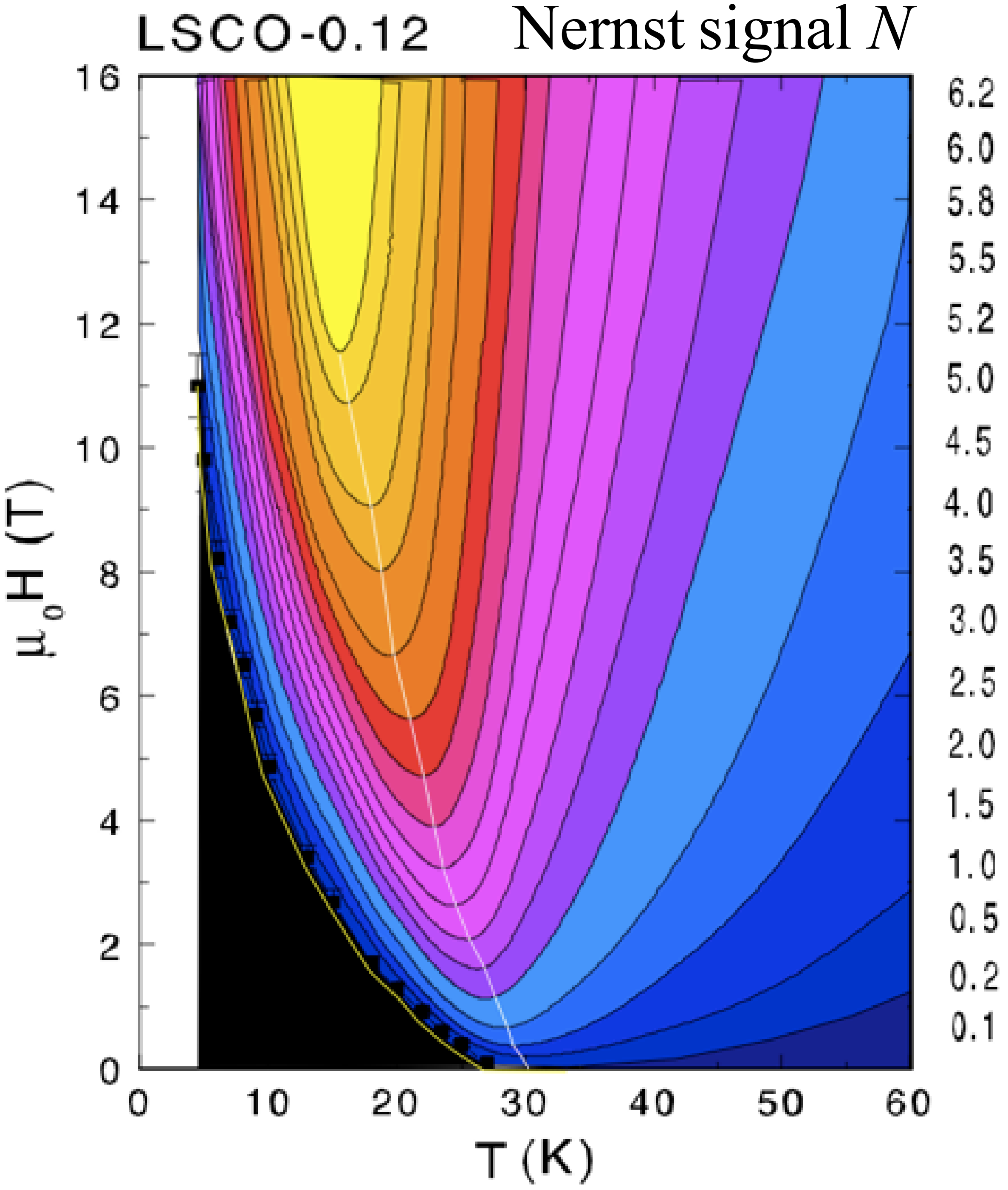

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Conclusions

- Theory for transport near quantum phase transitions in superfluids and antiferromagnets
- Exact solutions via black hole mapping have yielded first exact results for transport co-efficients in interacting many-body systems, and were valuable in determining general structure of hydrodynamics.
- Theory of Nernst effect near the superfluid-insulator transition, and connection to cuprates.
- Quantum-critical magnetotransport in graphene.