

# Solitons, Large **N** and Holography

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**SOLITONS**

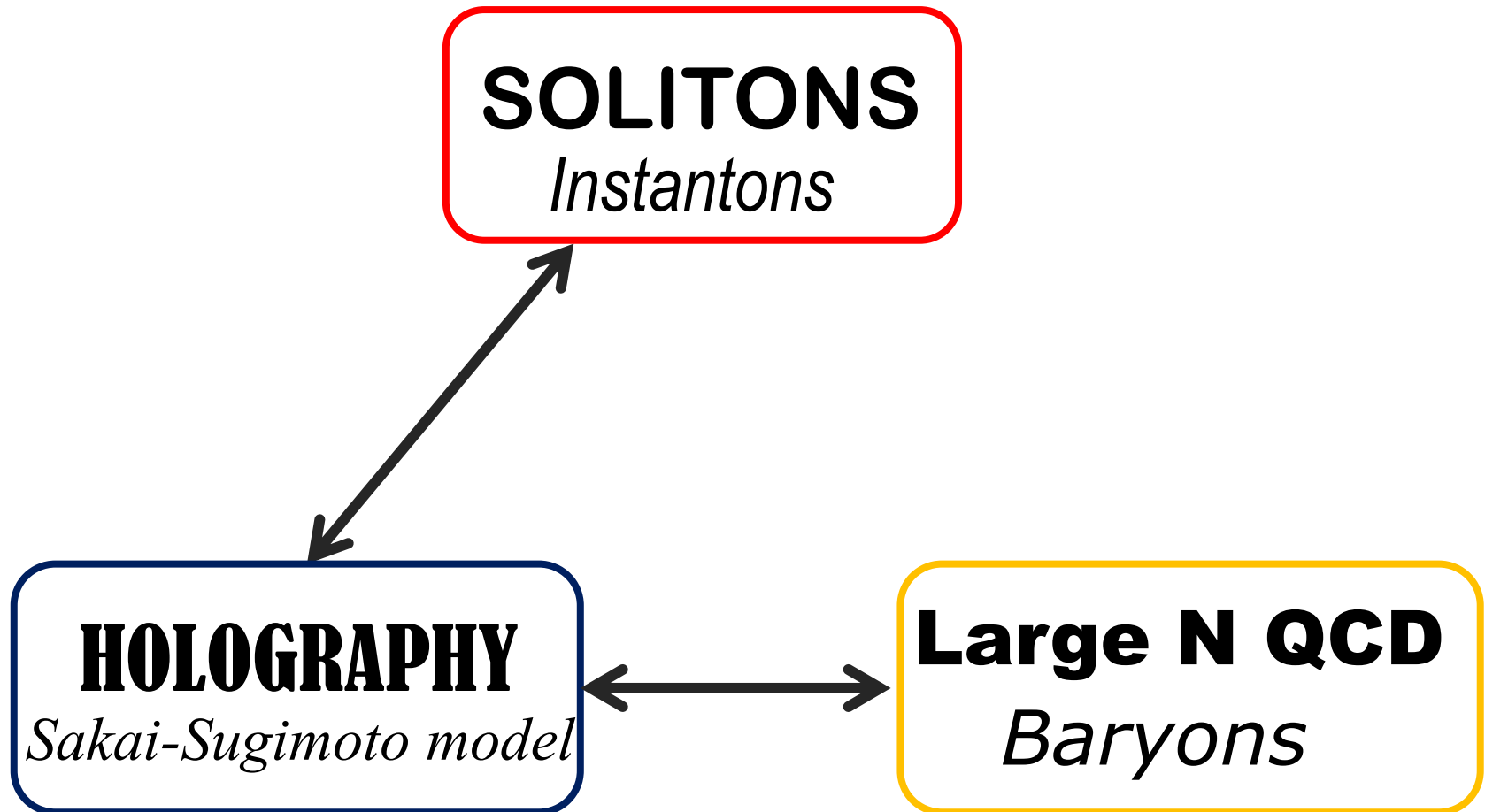
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**HOLOGRAPHY**

**Large N**

# Plan of the talk (part 1)

- Models of holographic baryons



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- Introduction to the models of holographic baryons
- Two main issues
  - 1) Core properties
  - 2) Large distance properties

based on work with **P. Sutcliffe** arXiv:1309.1396

# Some geometry to begin with...

We consider the following 5D Lorentzian metric

$$ds^2 = H(z) dx_\mu dx^\mu + \frac{1}{H(z)} dz^2$$

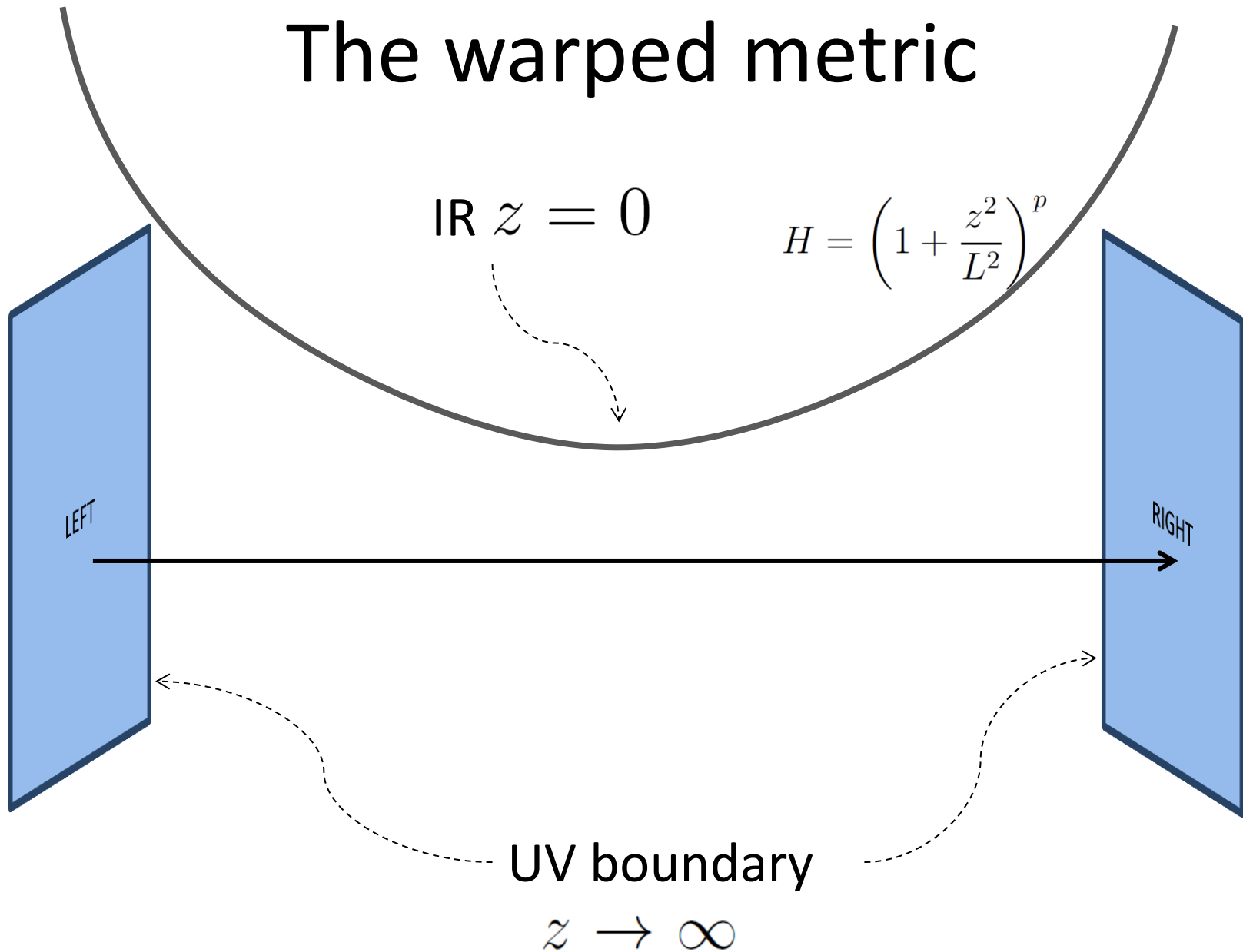
with  $H = \left(1 + \frac{z^2}{L^2}\right)^p$   $p \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$

Conformal boundary



$p=2/3$  for the Sakai-Sugimoto model

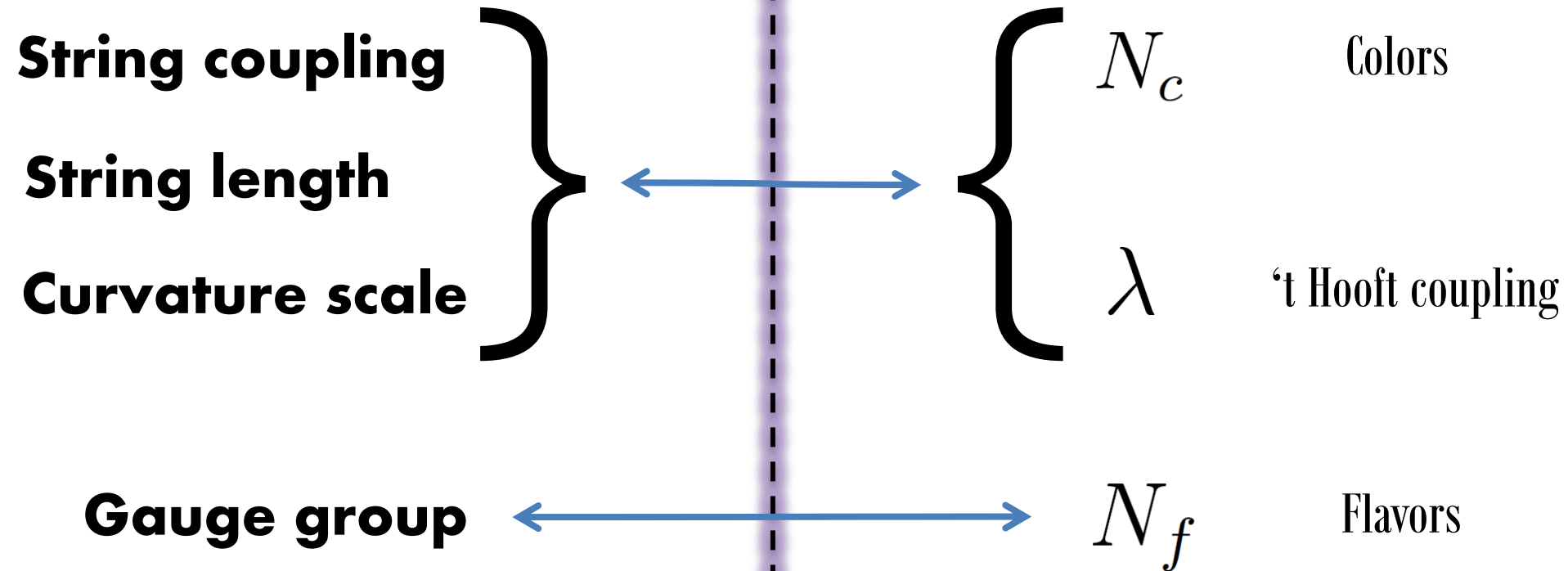
# The warped metric



# Brief holographic dictionary

**Bulk theory**


“QCD” defined on the boundary



# The Sakai-Sugimoto model

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Yang-Mills



Chern-Simons



$$U(2) = SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\Gamma = A_\Gamma + \frac{1}{2} \hat{A}_\Gamma$$



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Colors



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‘t Hooft coupling



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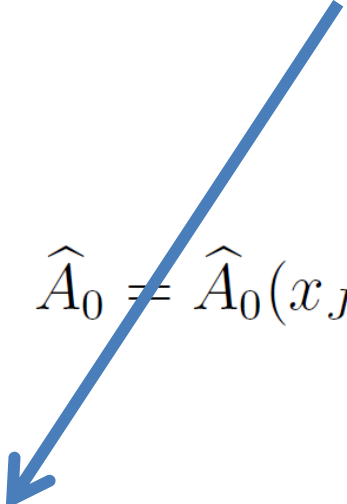
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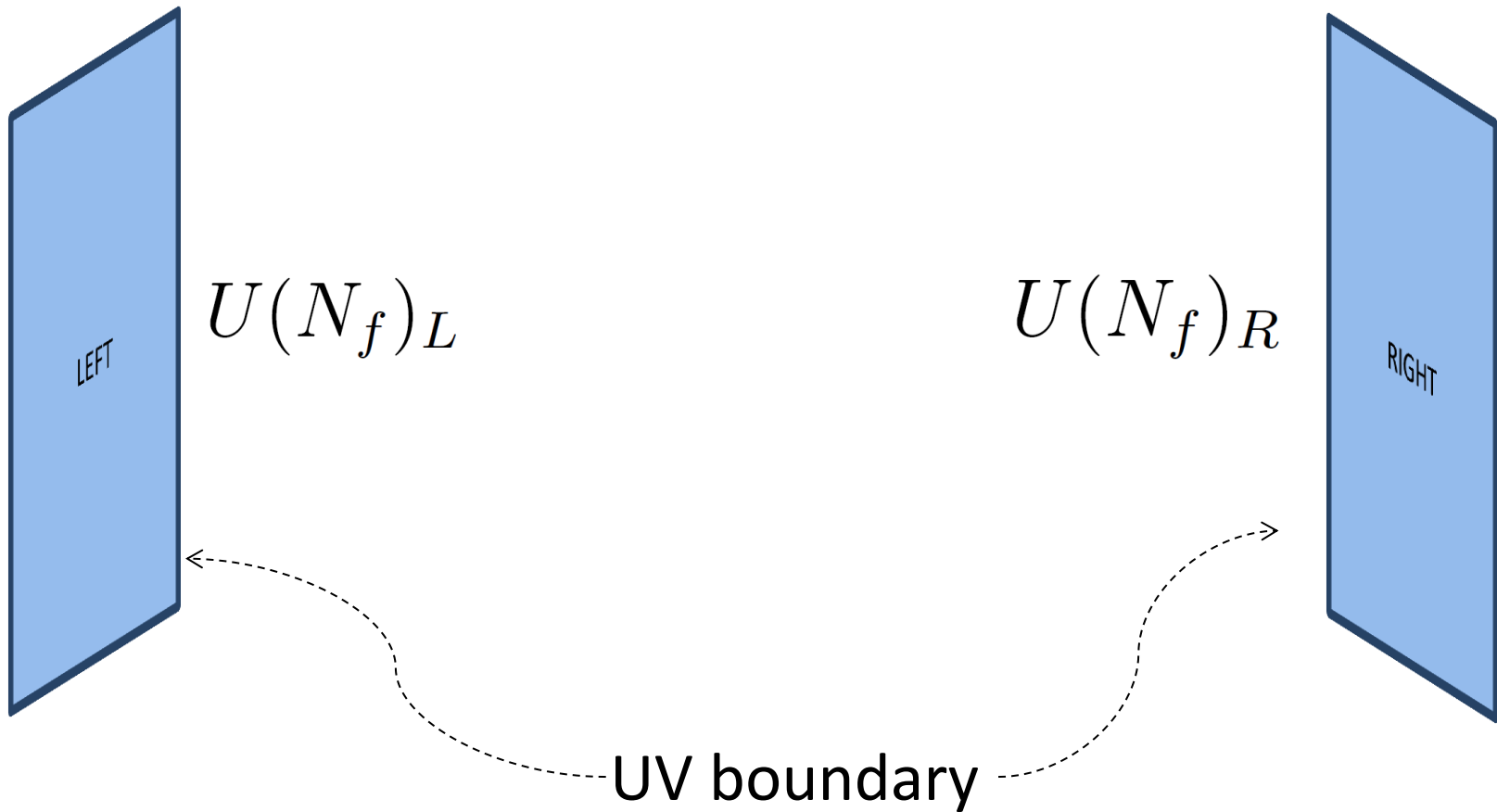
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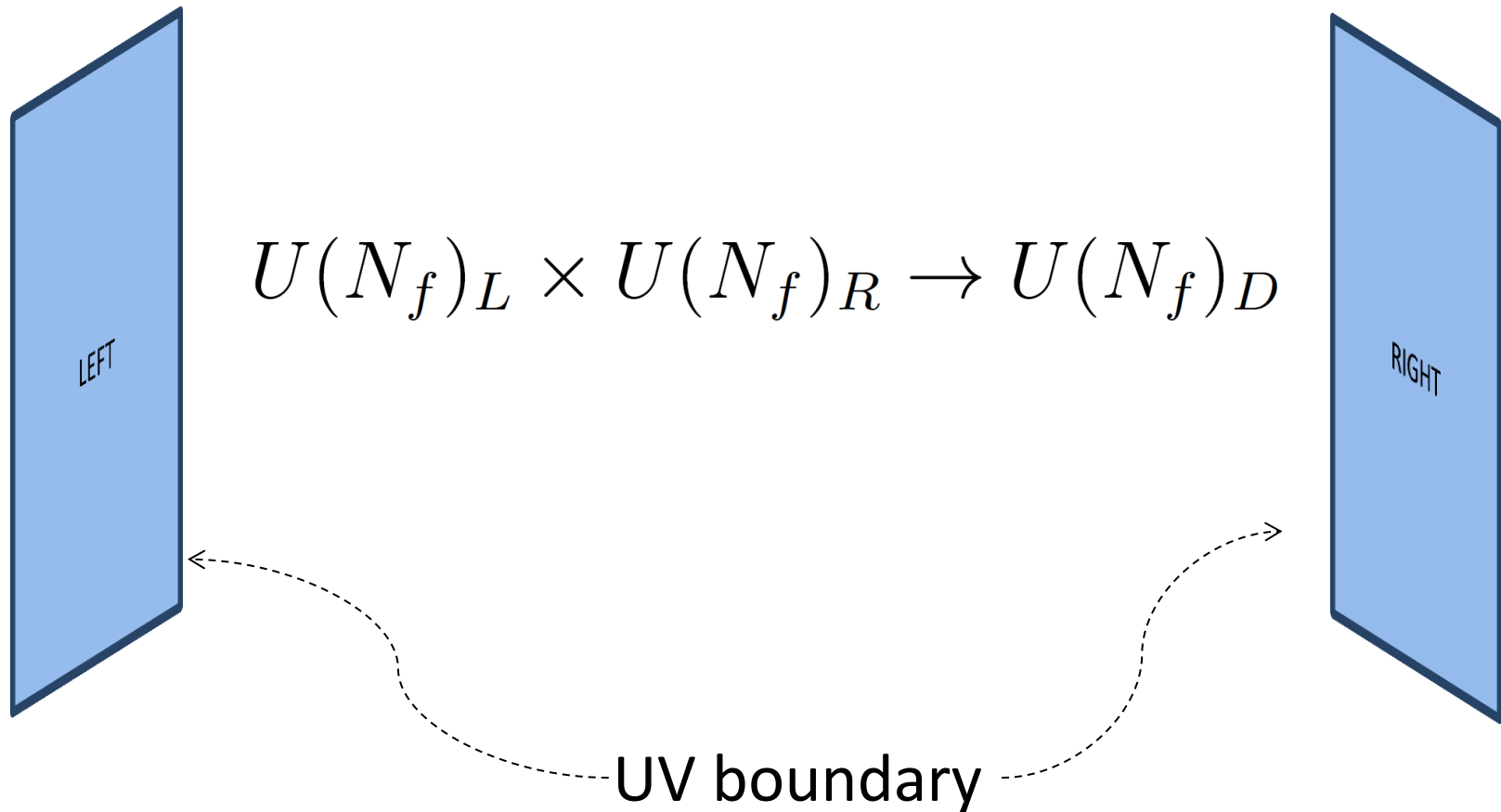

$$\int \hat{A}_0 \text{tr} (F_{IJ} F_{KL}) \varepsilon_{IJKL} d^4x dz$$

**Instanton charge is an electric field source**

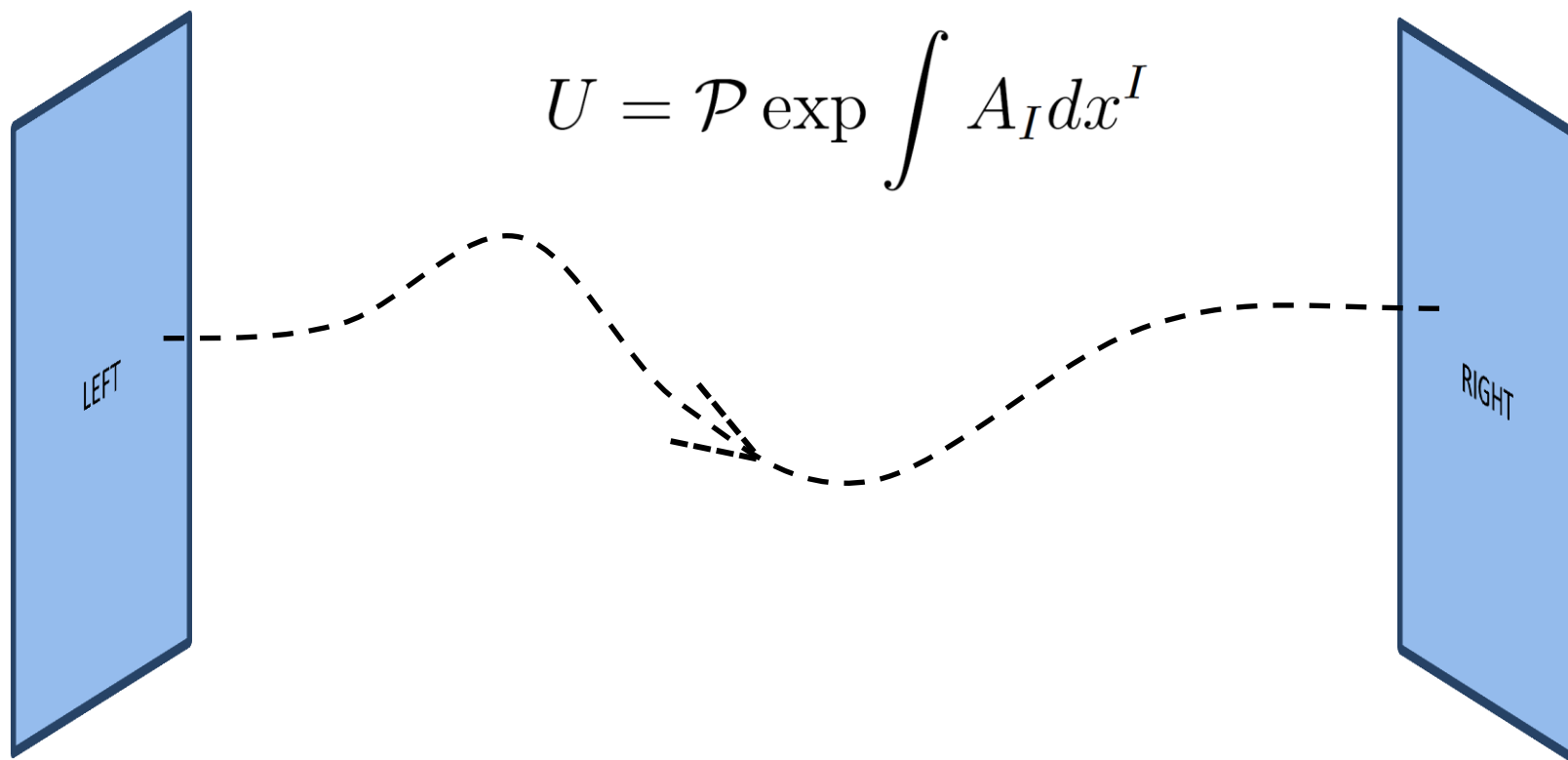
# Global symmetries



# Chiral symmetry breaking

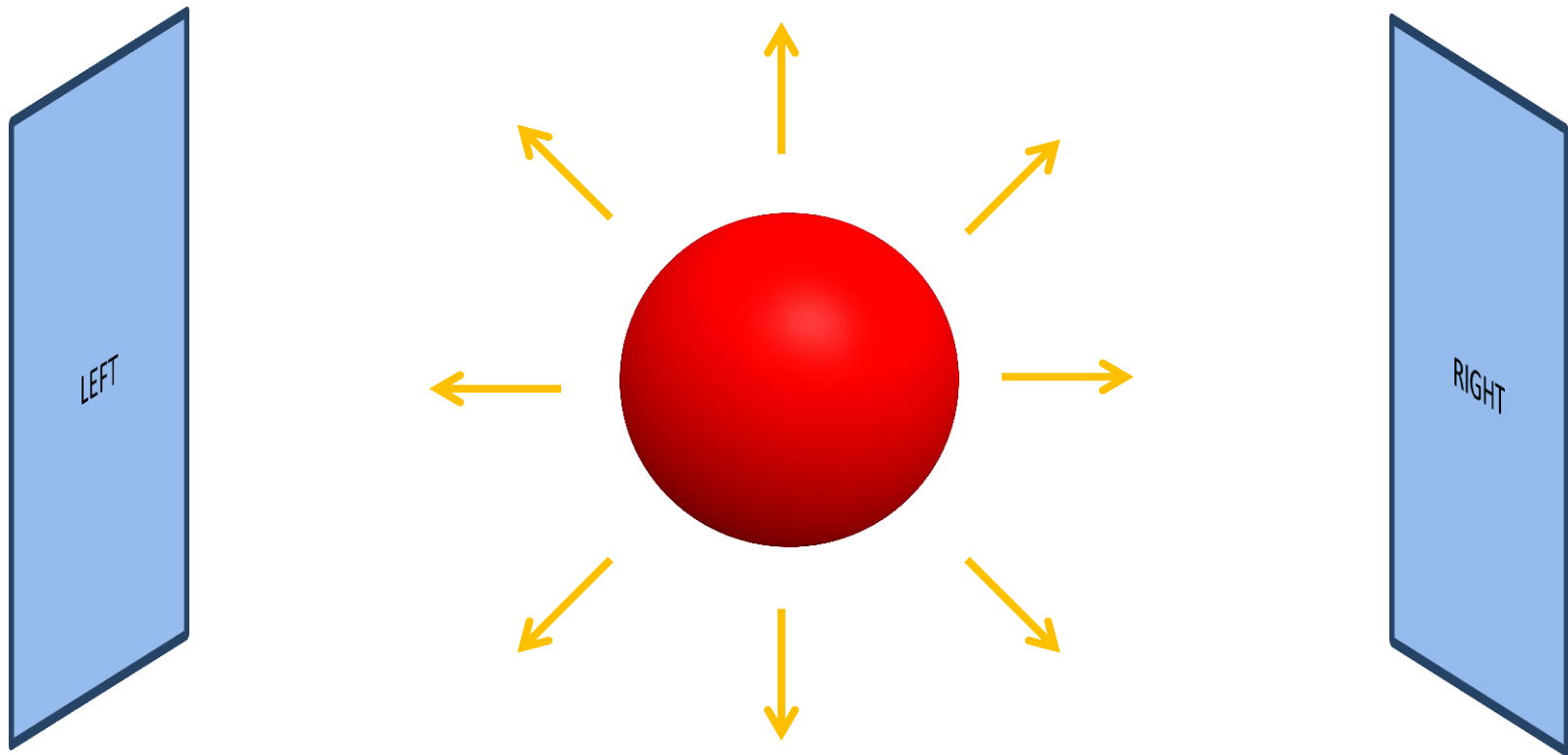


# Instantons *are* holographic baryons



Atiyah-Manton correspondence

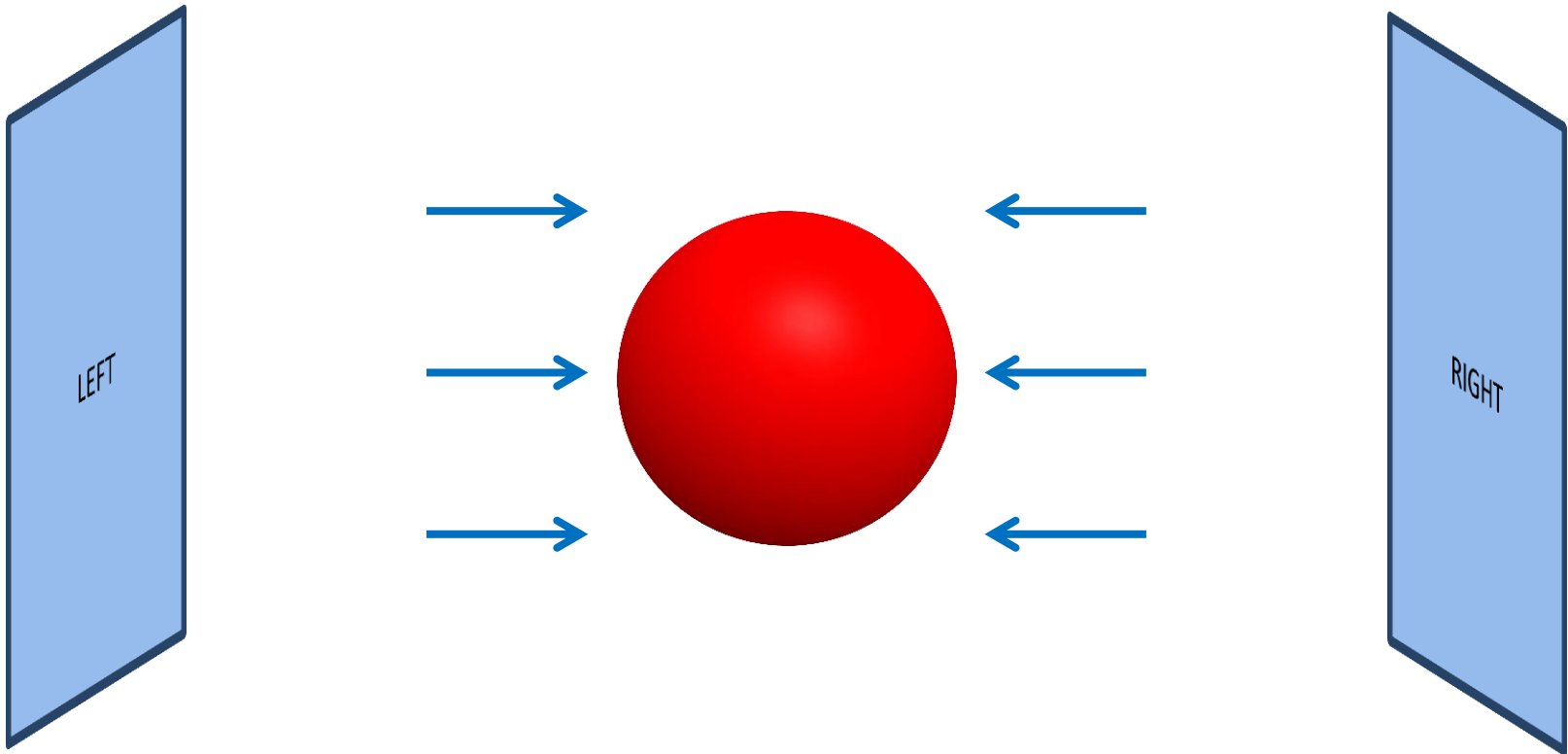
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Electric field

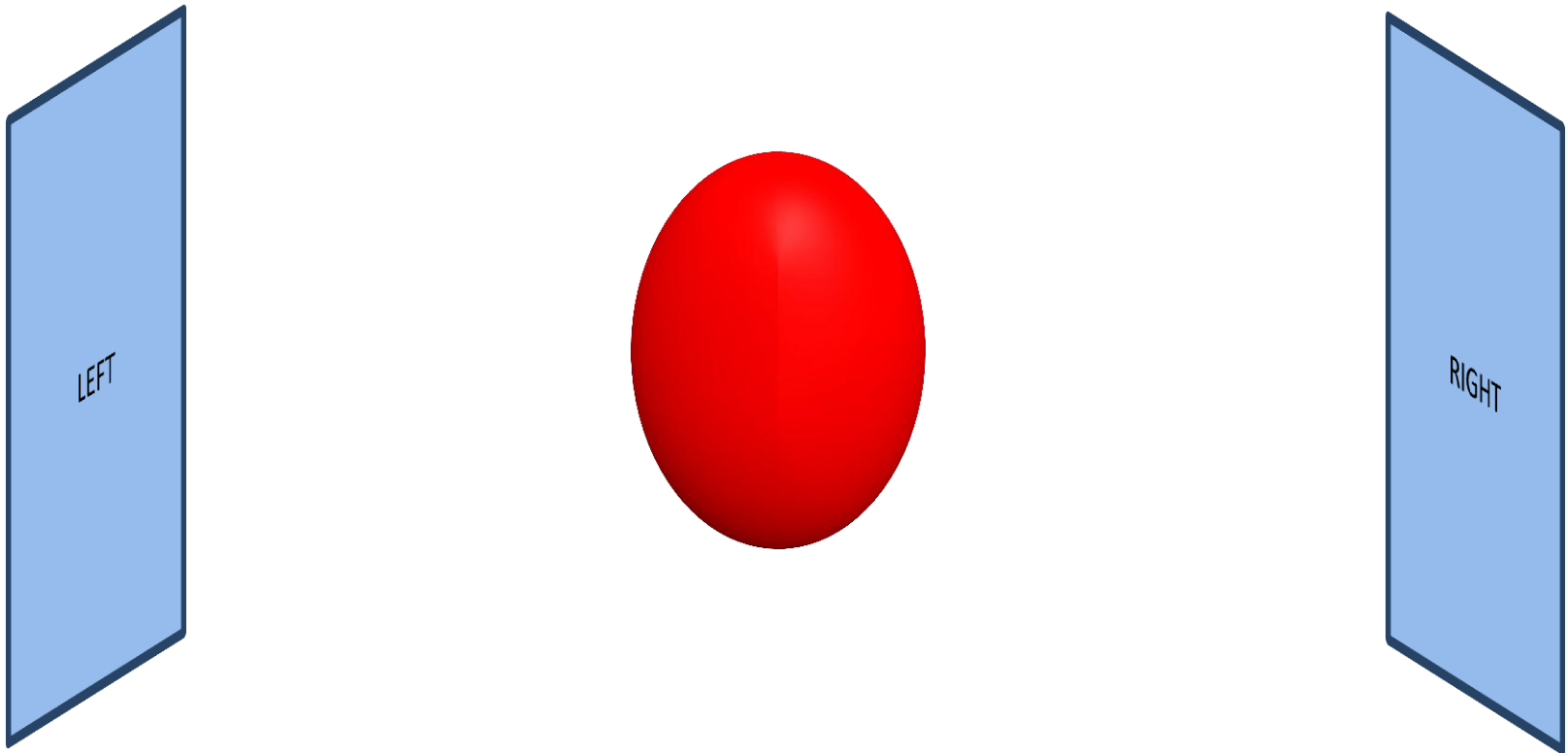


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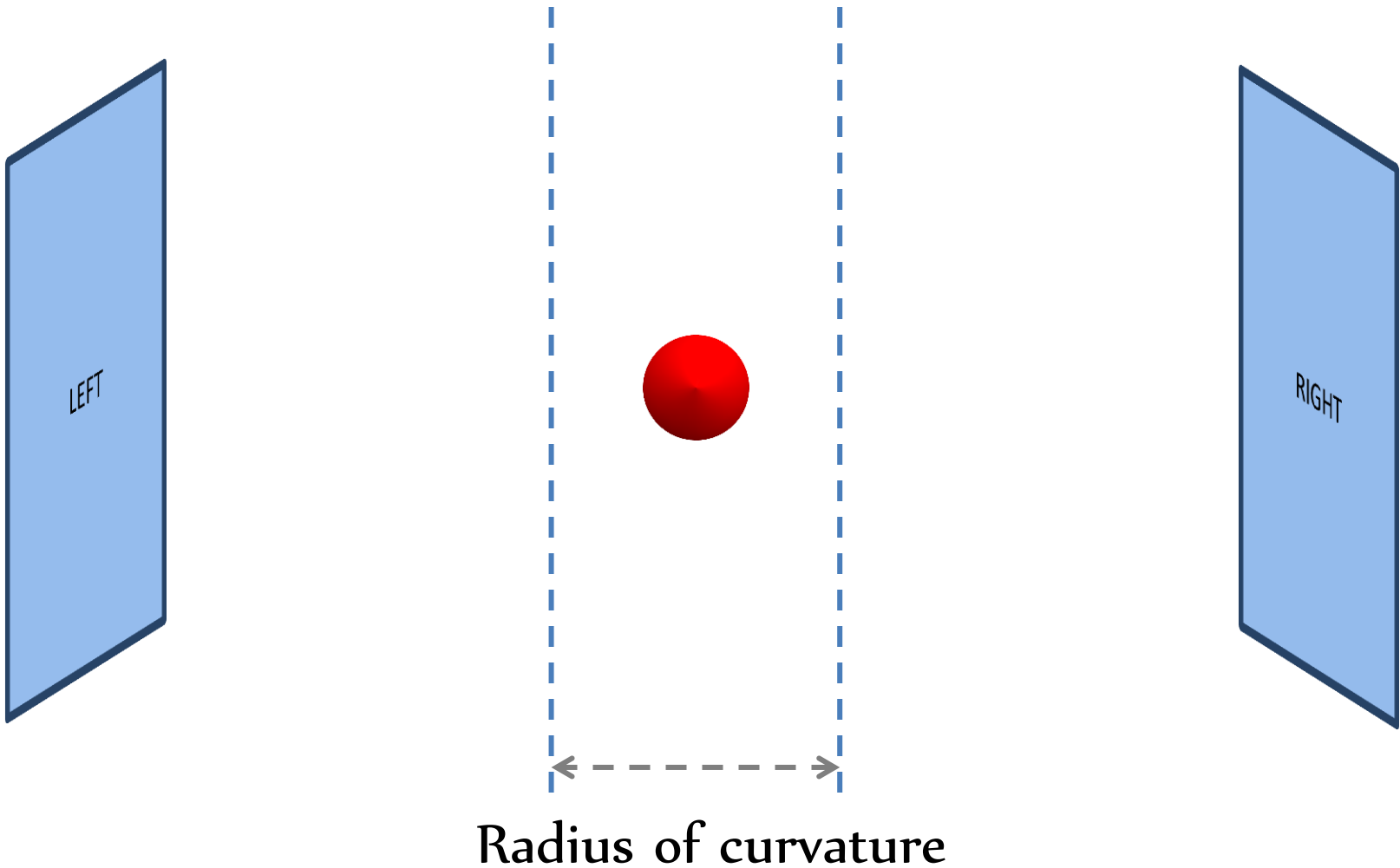
**GRAVITY**

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Squashed

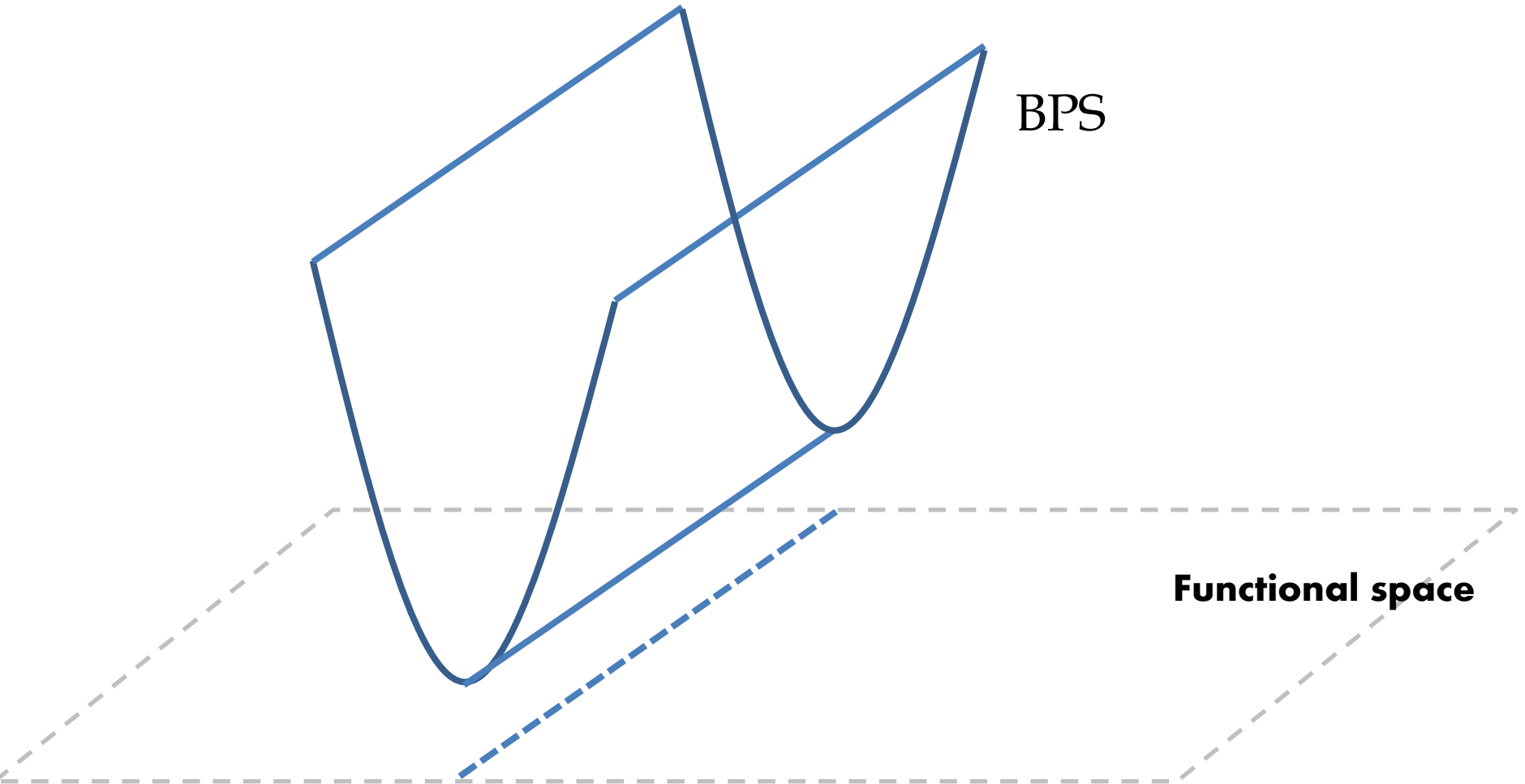
# Self-Dual Approximation



# Flow to the BPS solution

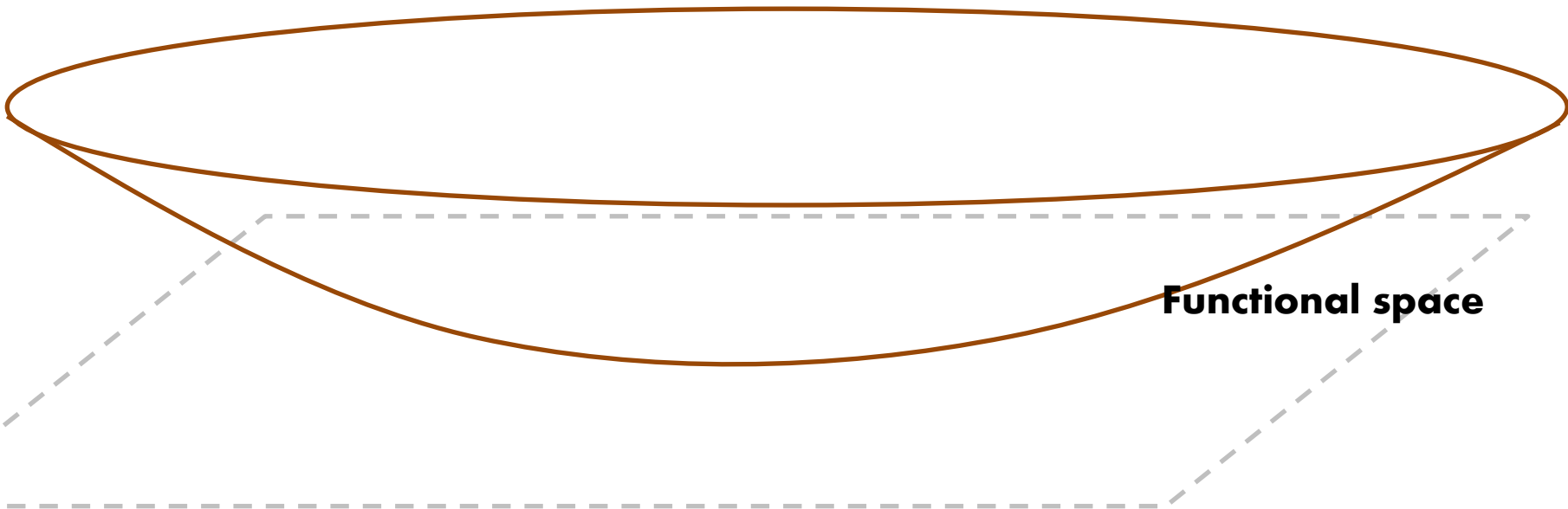


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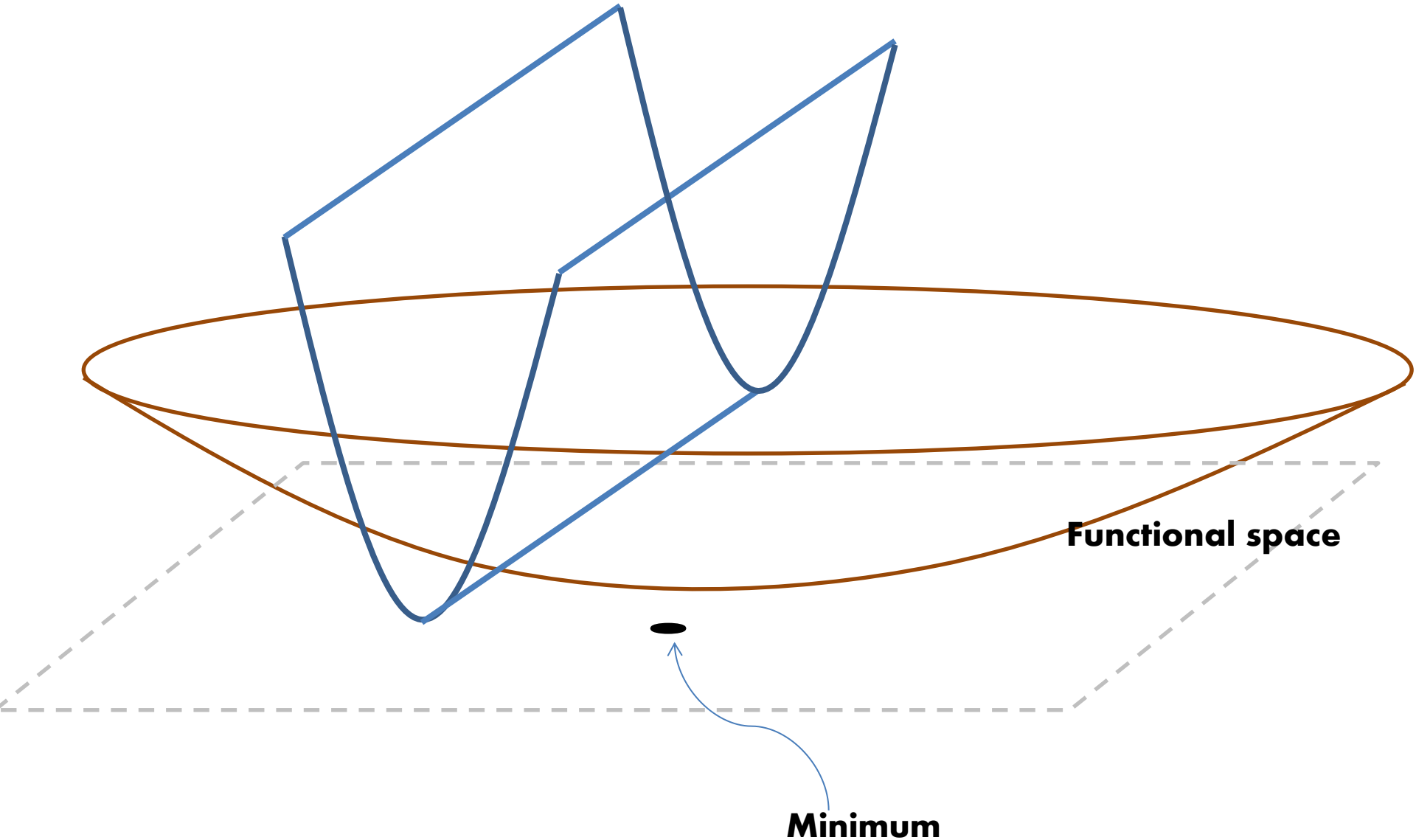


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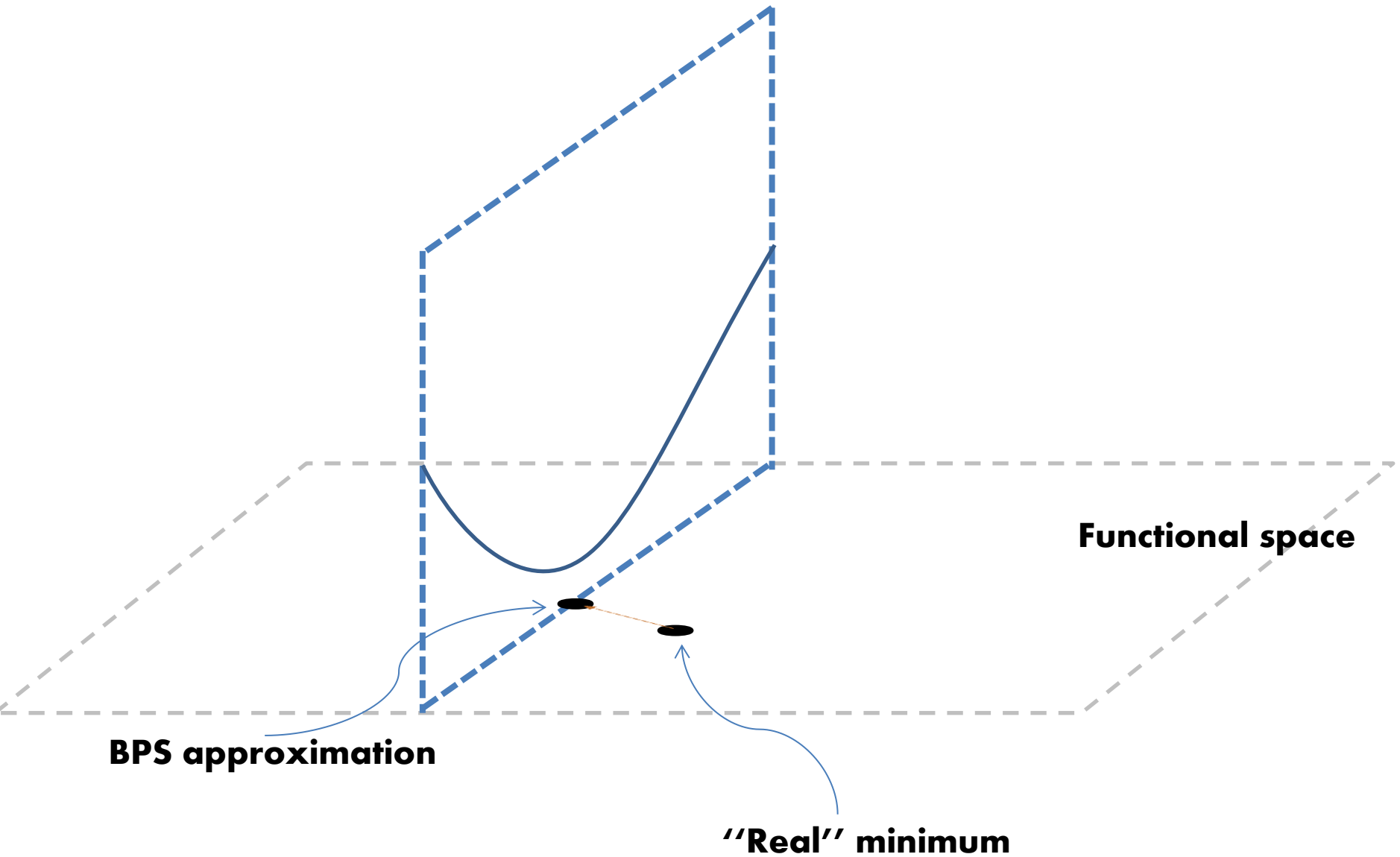
Curvature and Chern-Simons



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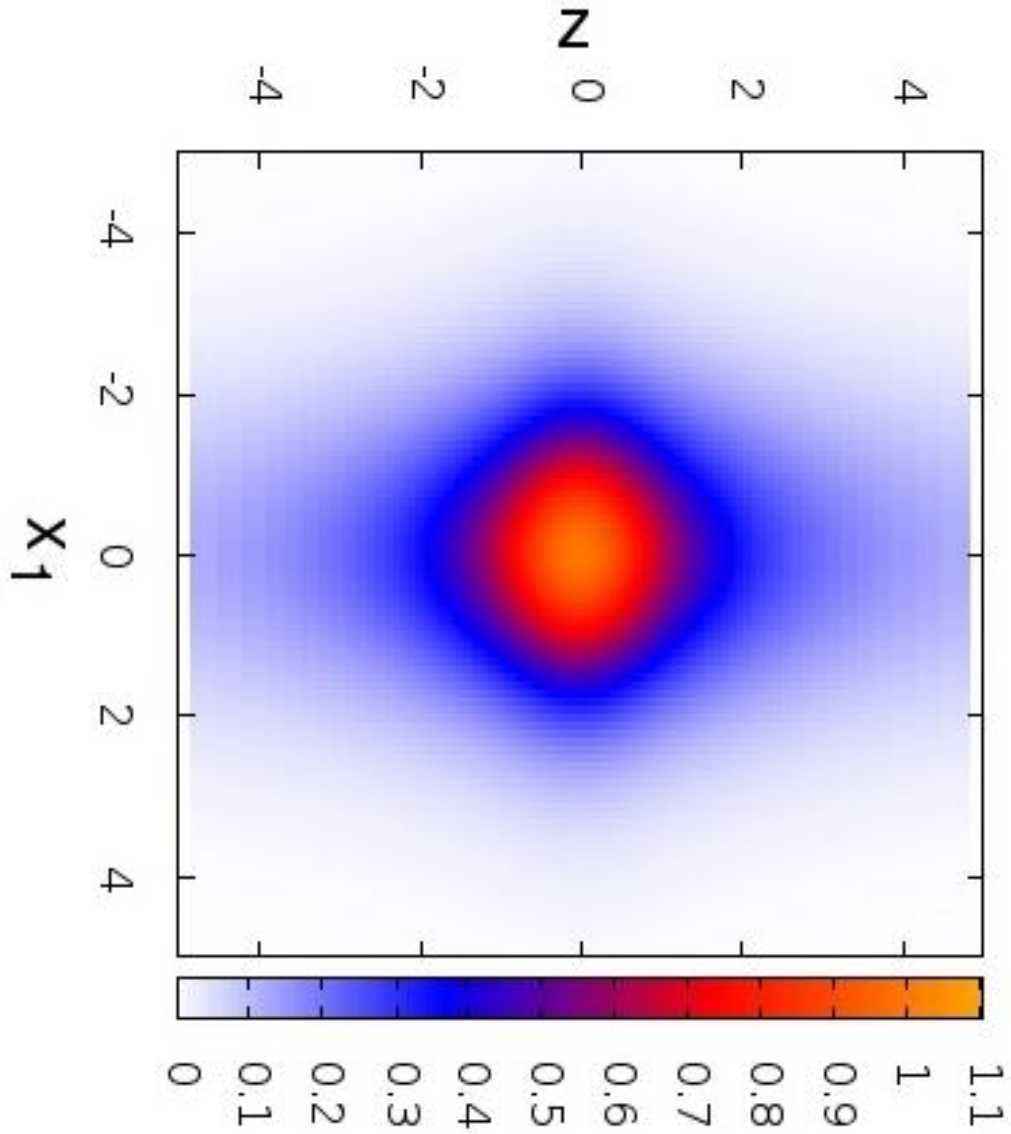


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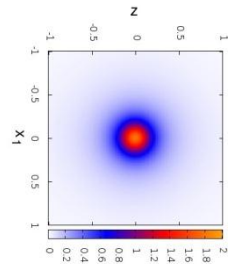




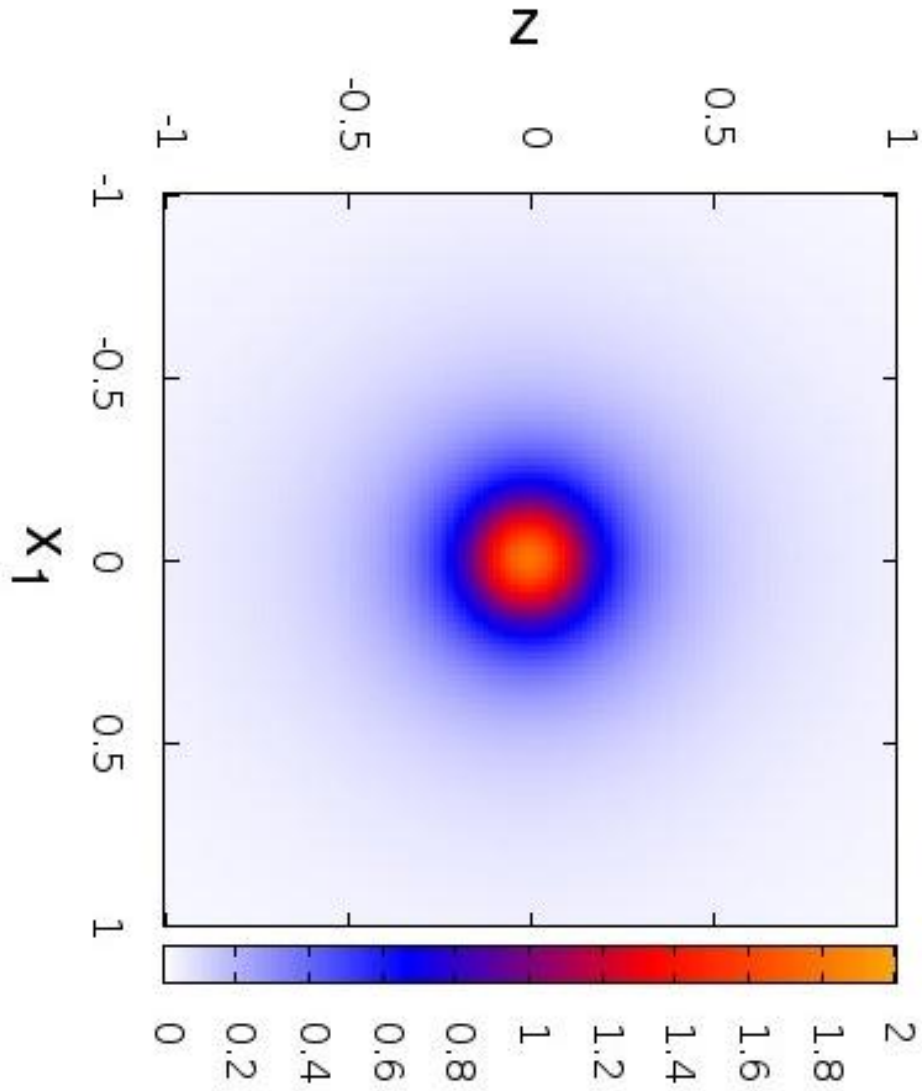
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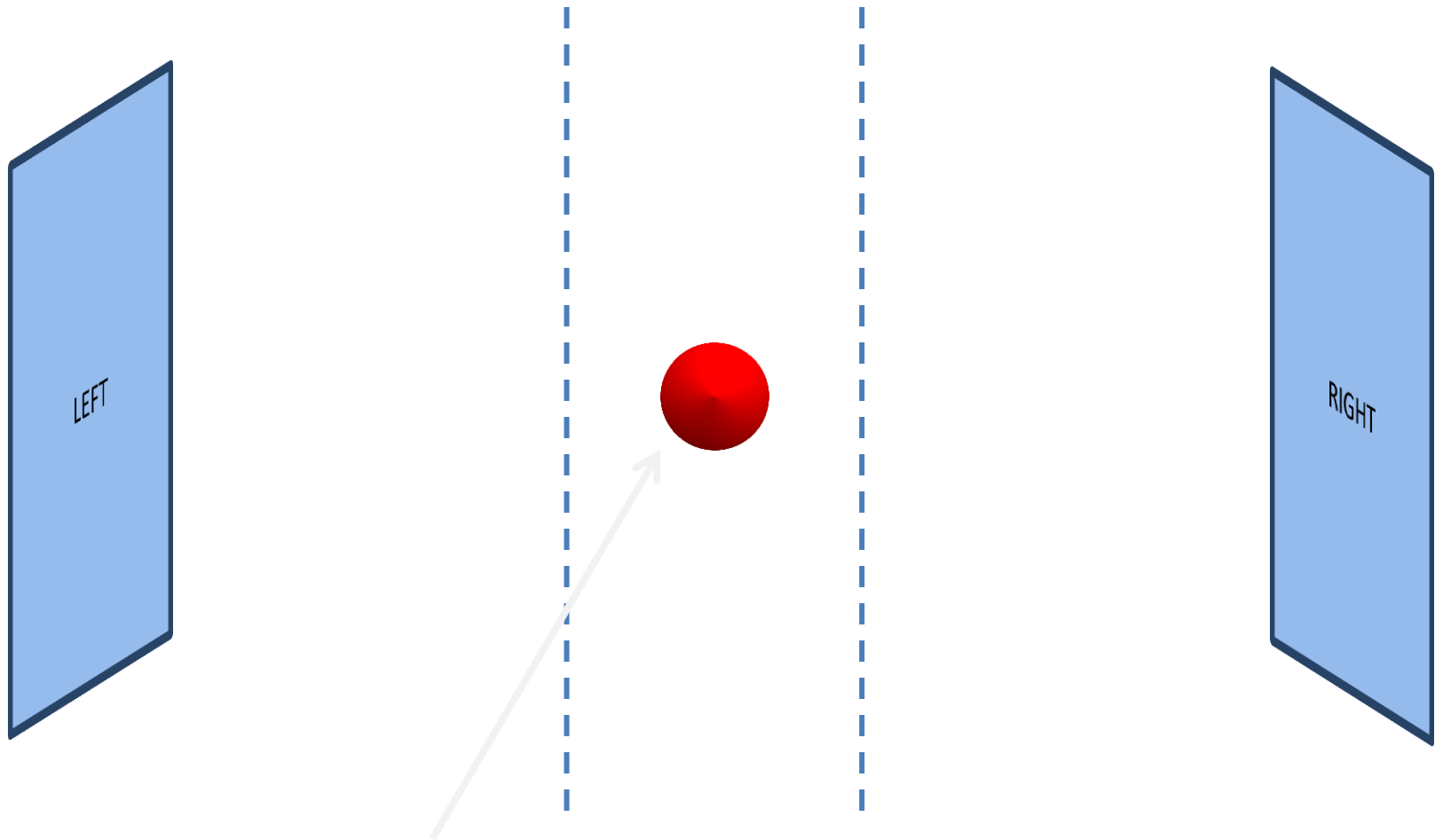
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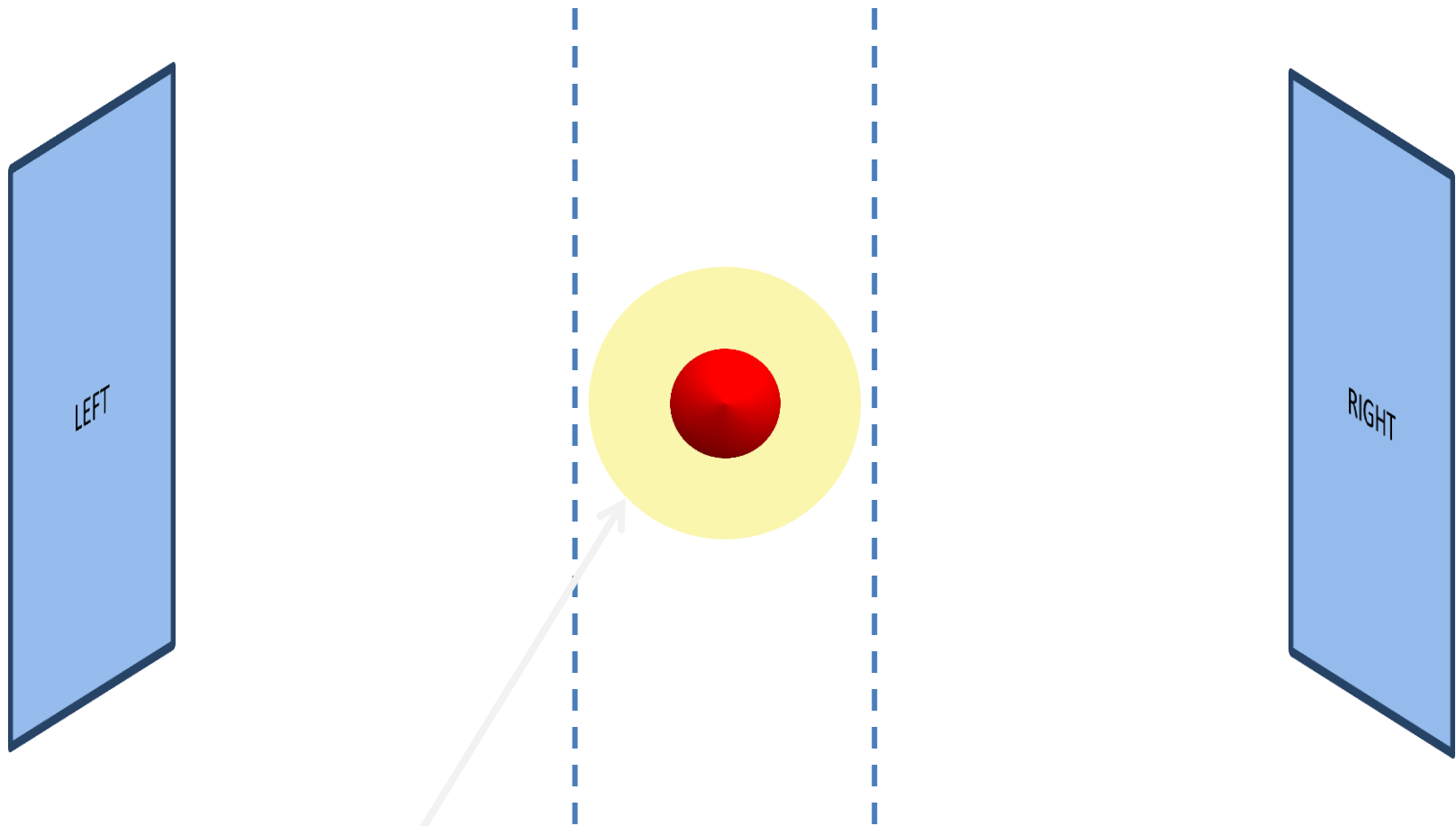


# BPS core



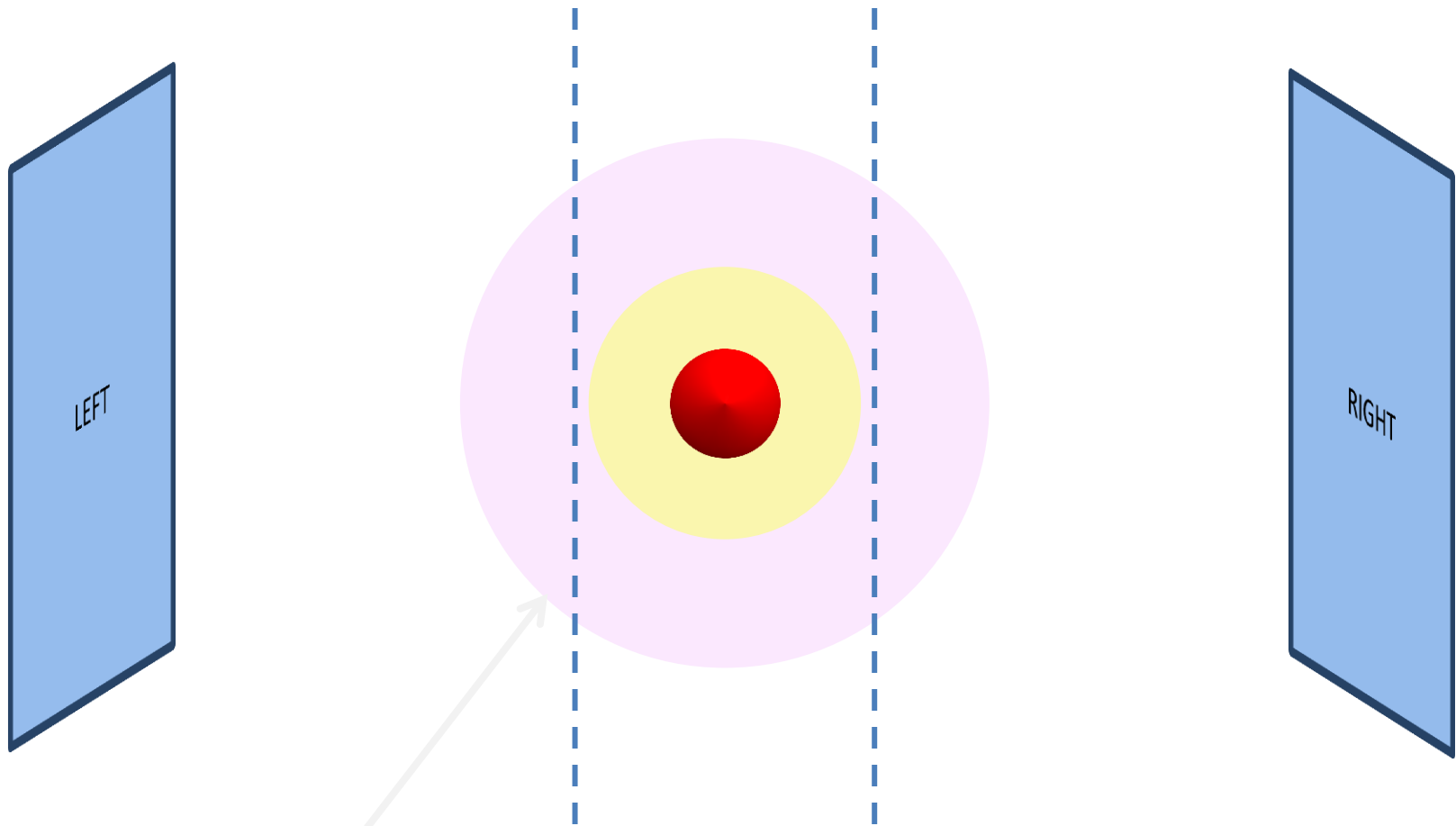
*Full non-linear problem*

# Medium distance



*Linear and flat space-time*

# Large distance



*Curvature effects MUST be considered*

# Form factors puzzle

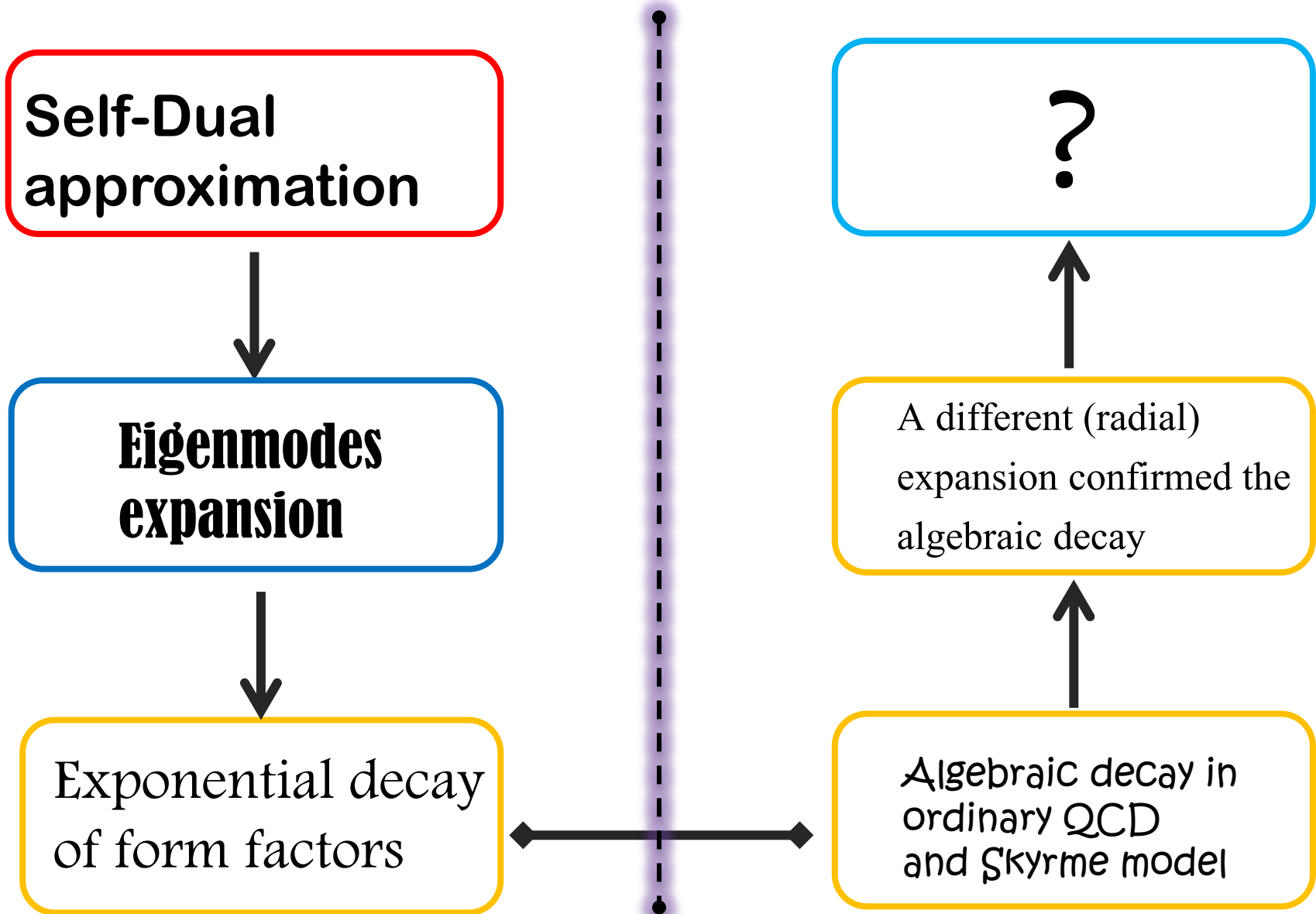
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graph TD; A[Self-Dual approximation] --> B[Eigenmodes expansion]; B --> C[Exponential decay of form factors];
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**Eigenmodes  
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# How to compute a soliton tail

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At large distance from the core fields are small and equations “linearize”

$$A_I^{(1)} = -\sigma_{IJ} \frac{x_J \mu^2}{\rho^4} = \frac{\mu^2}{2} \sigma_{IJ} \partial_J \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

# Separation of variables

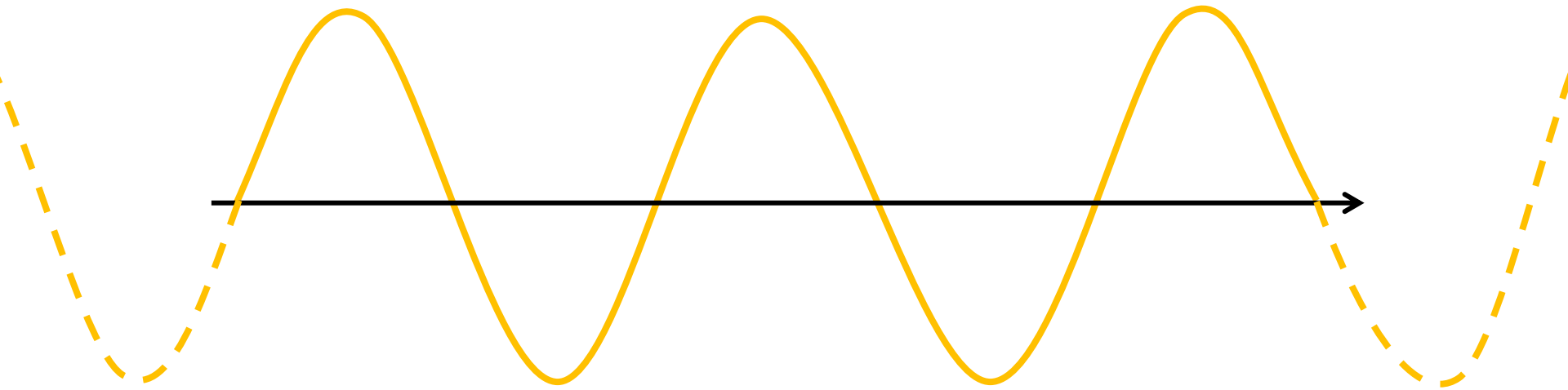
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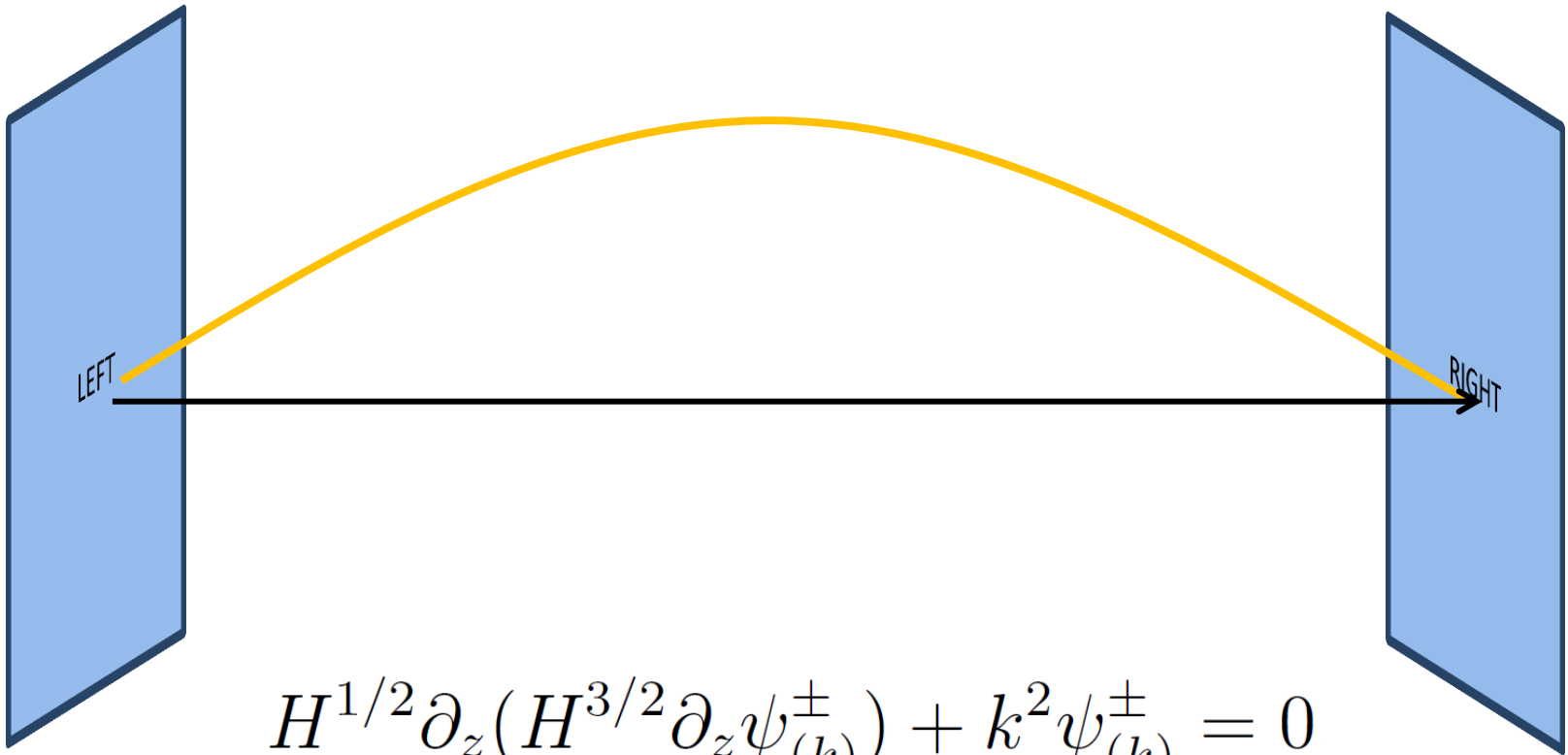
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*Laplace-Fourier expansion*

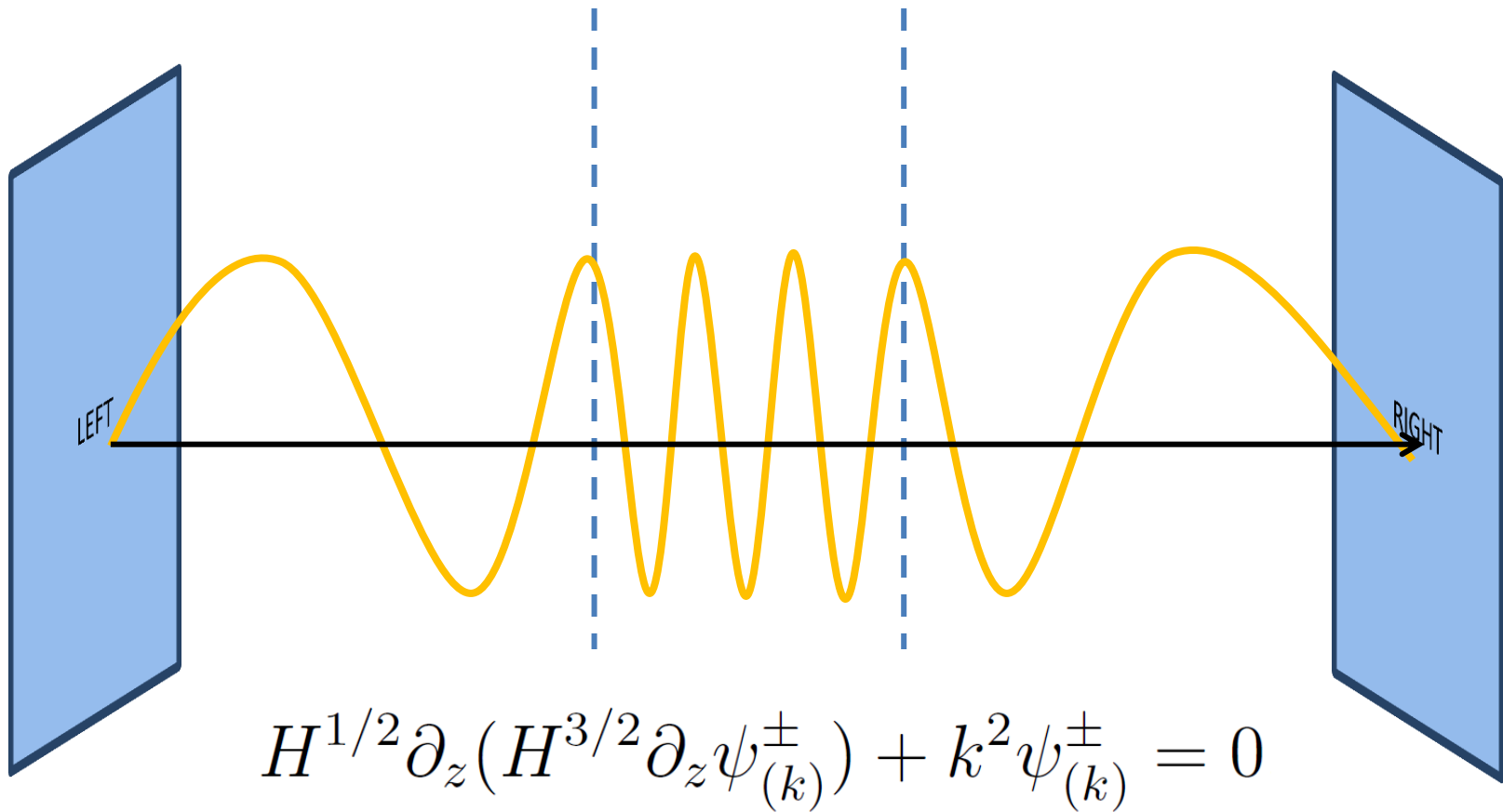
# Eigenmodes in flat space



# Eigenmodes in curved space

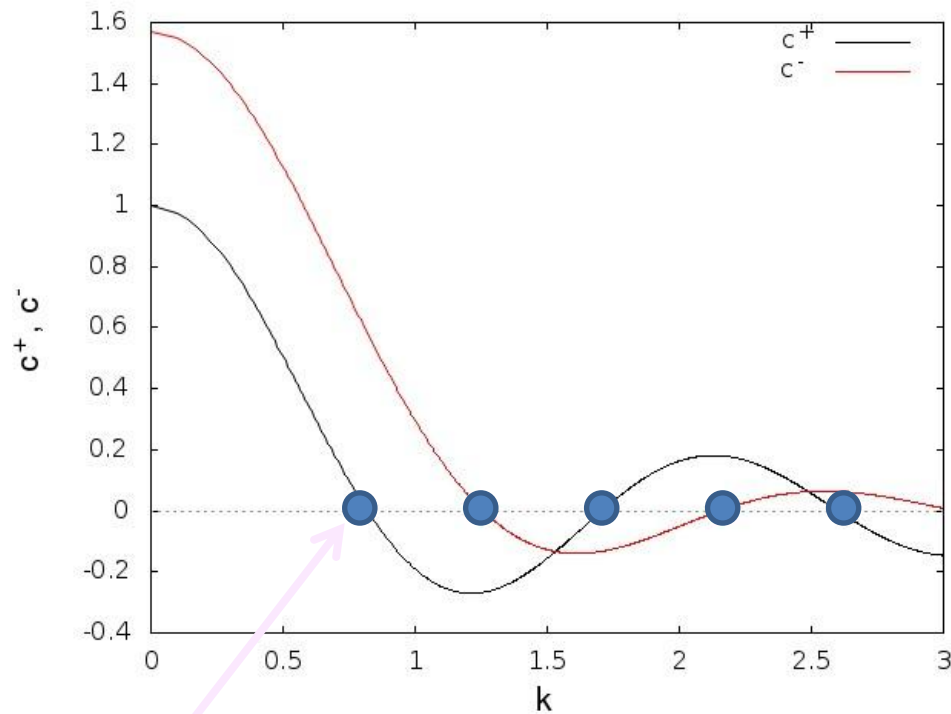


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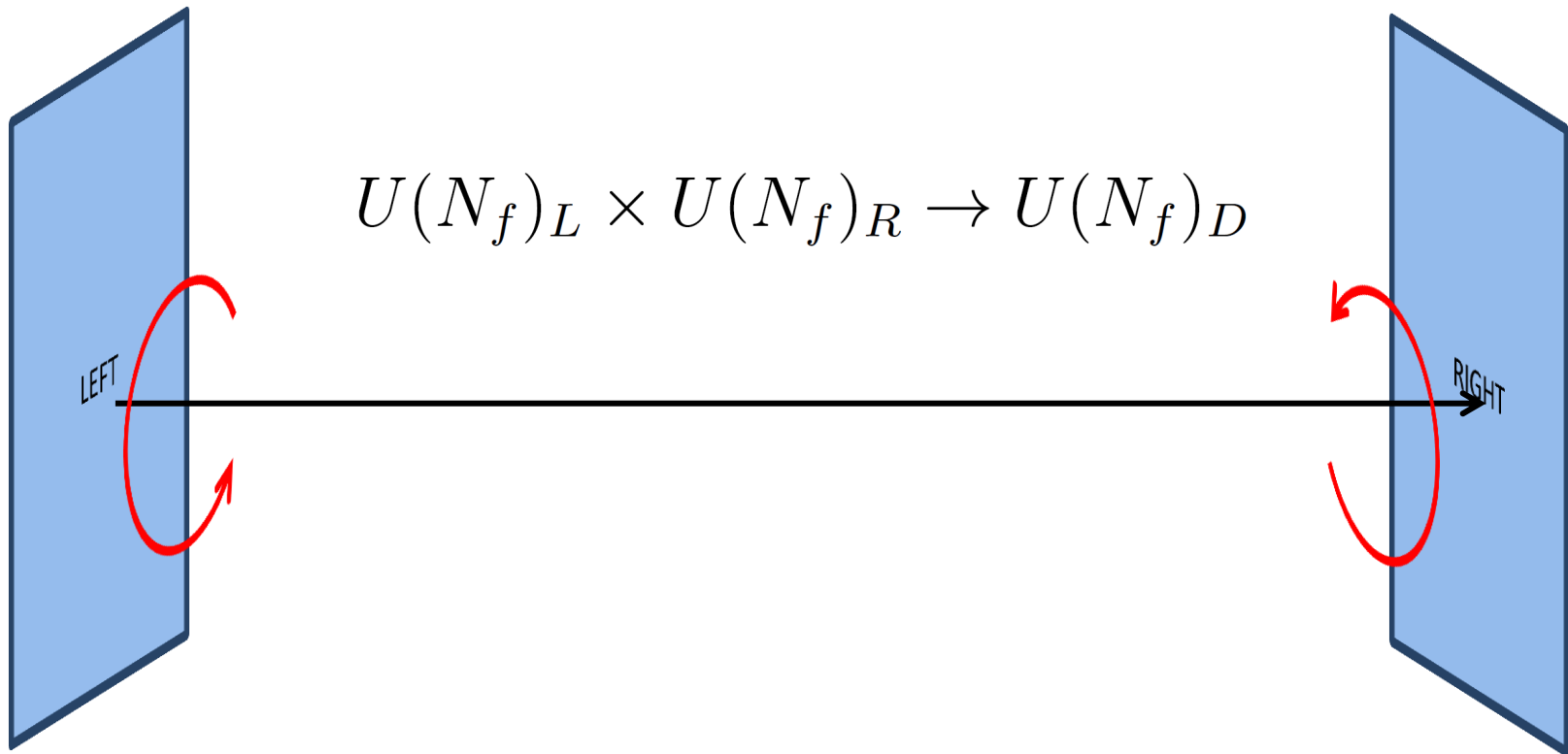


# The effect of a conformal boundary



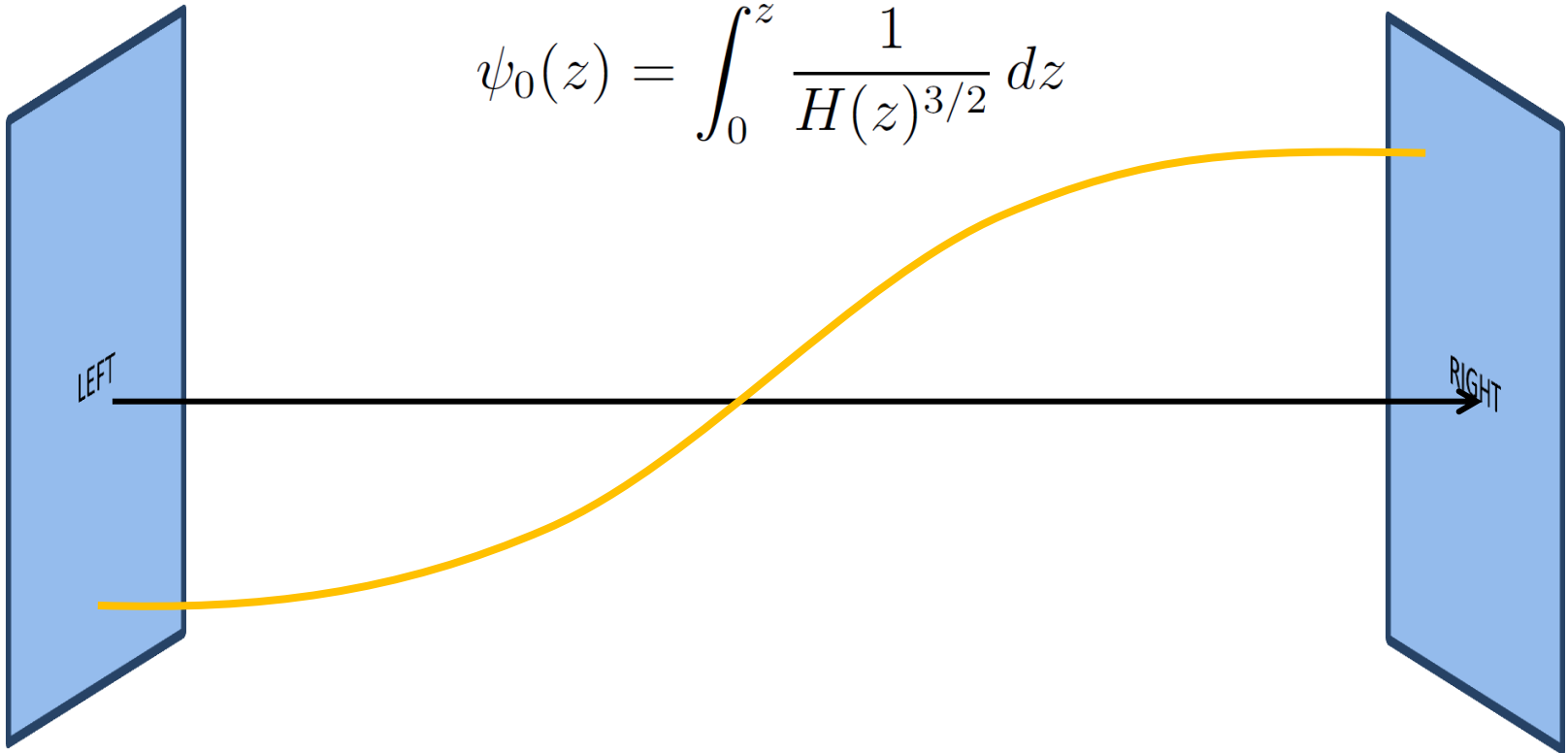
The conformal boundary, and the boundary condition, cause the discretization of the spectrum

# Goldstone boson



# The massless mode

$$\psi_0(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{H(z)^{3/2}} dz$$



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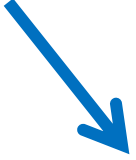
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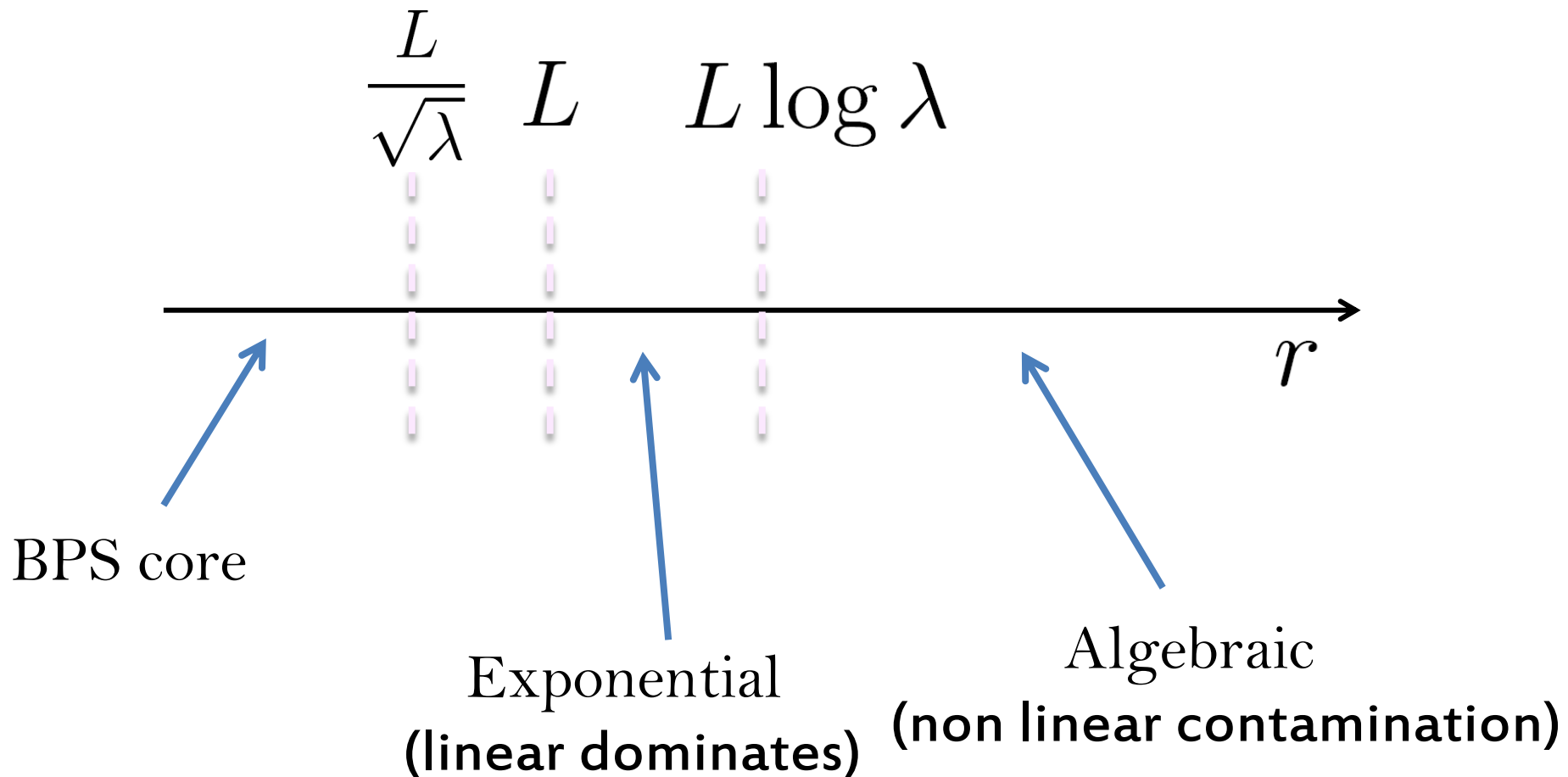
**Instanton charge**

**Baryon charge**

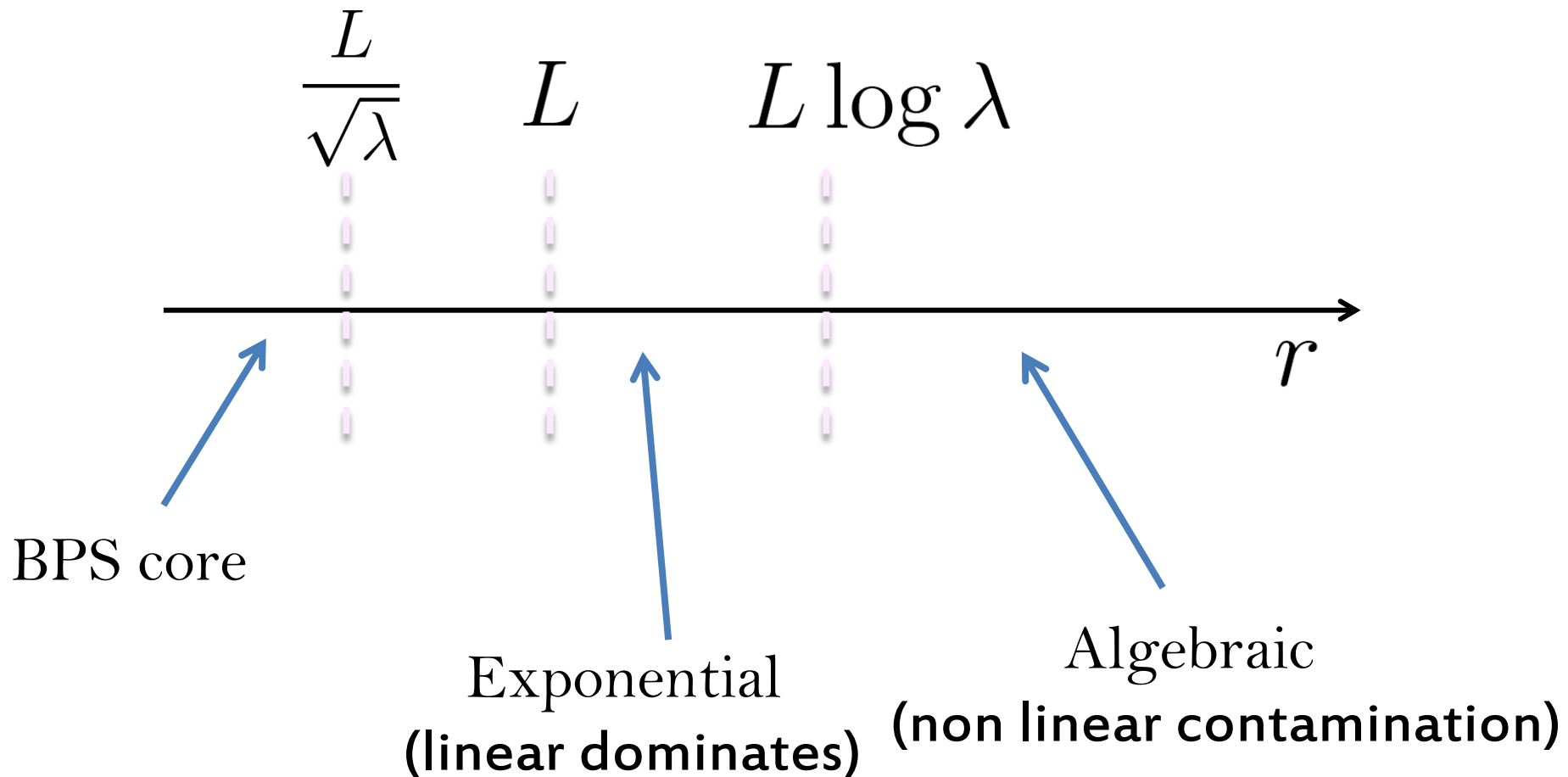

$$\hat{A}_0^{(4)} \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^4} \frac{1}{r^9} \varrho(z)$$



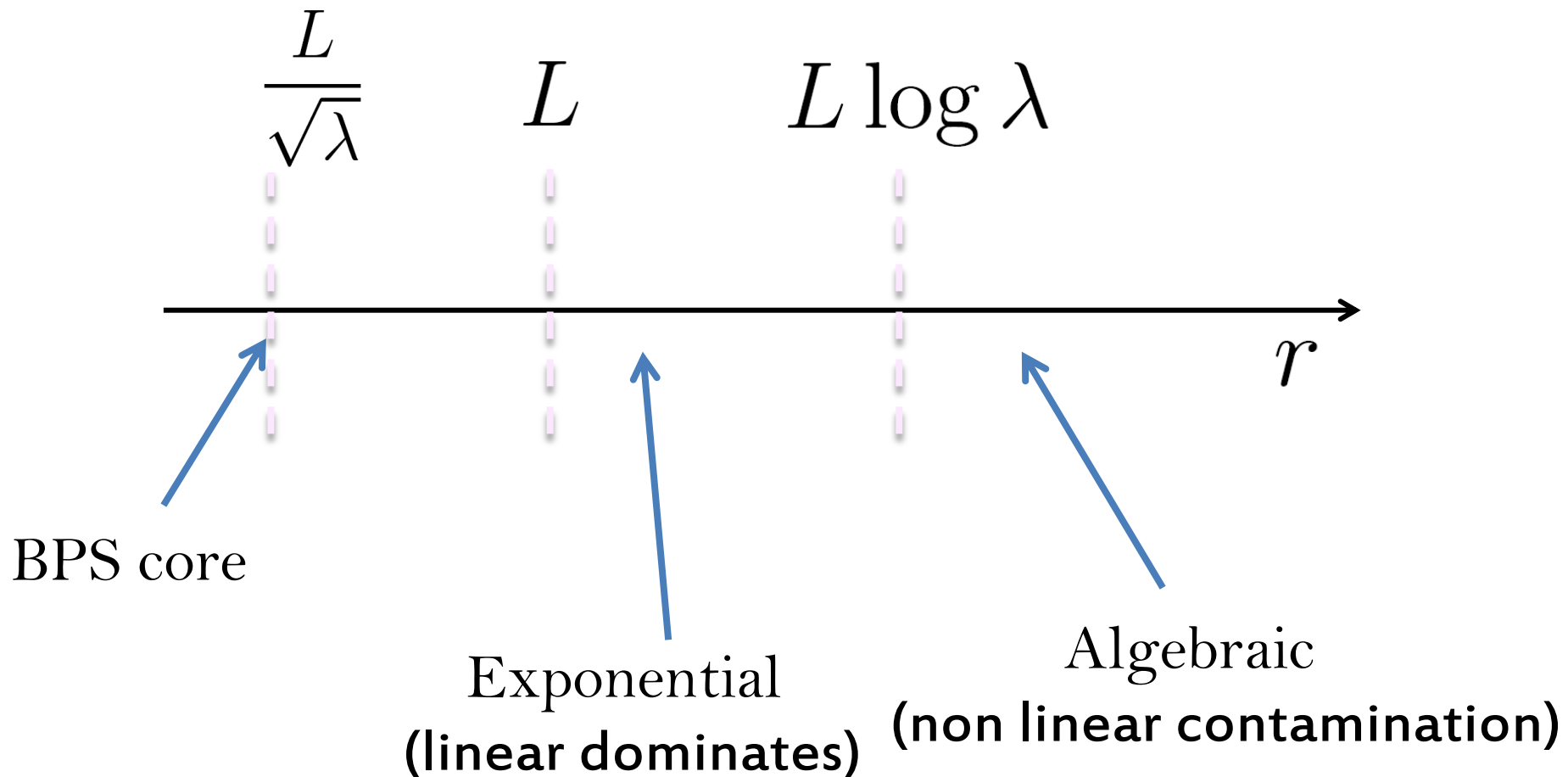
# The emergence of a new *BIG* scale



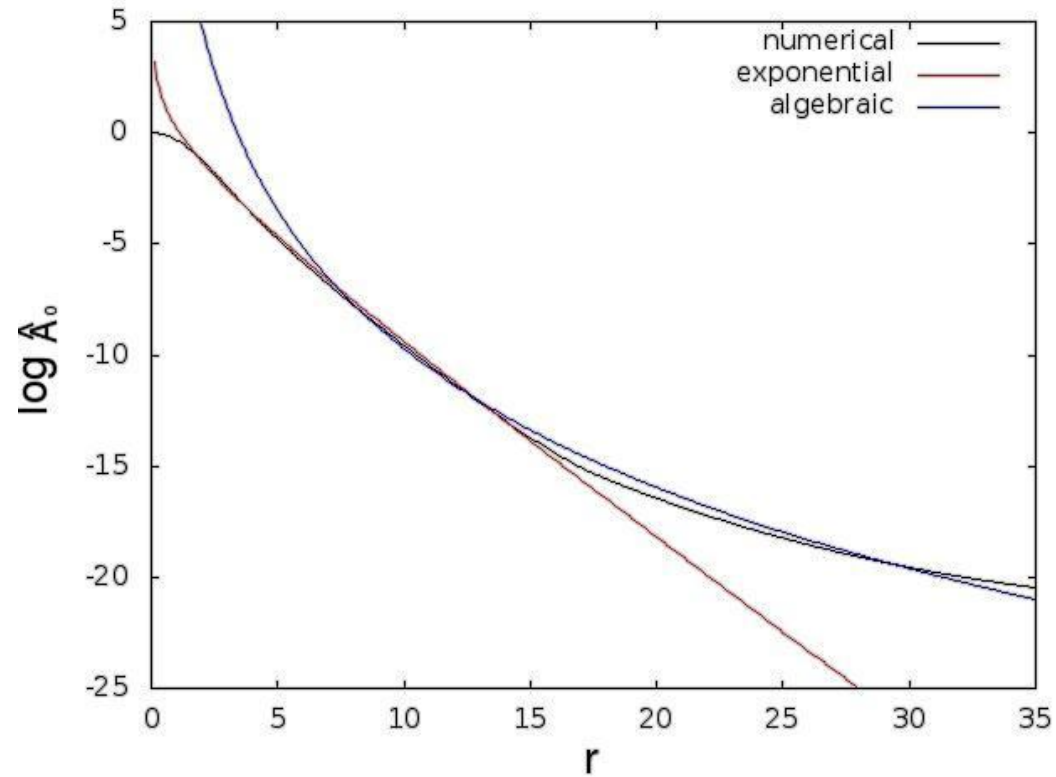
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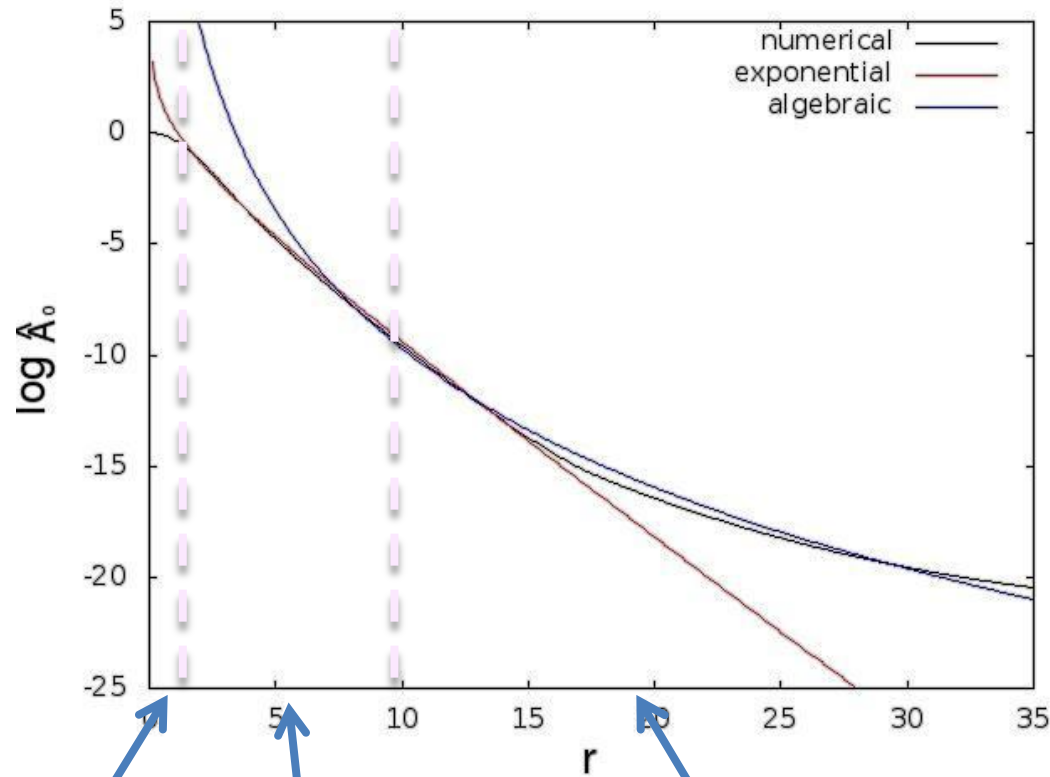
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BPS core

Exponential  
(linear)

Algebraic  
(non linear)

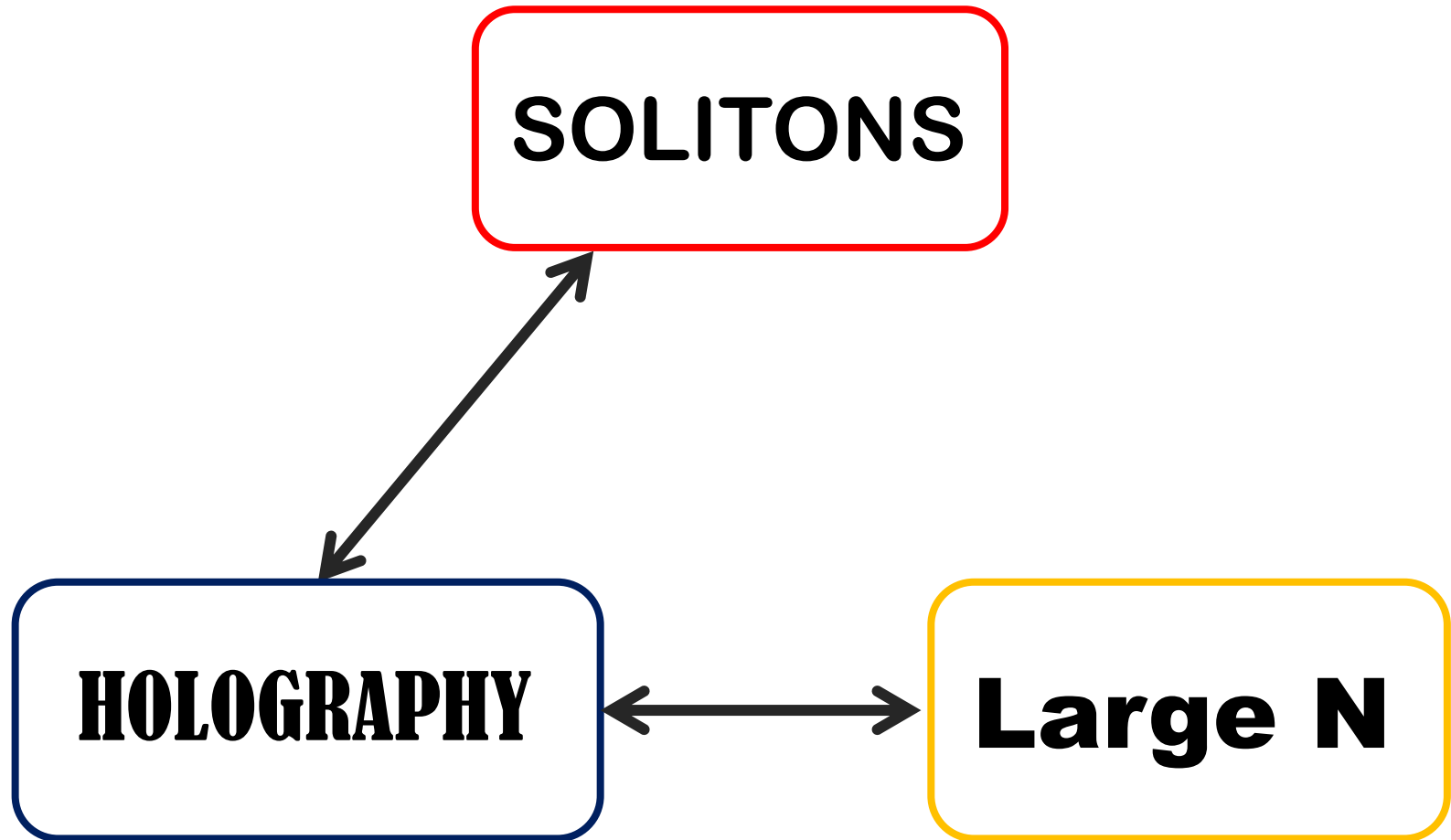
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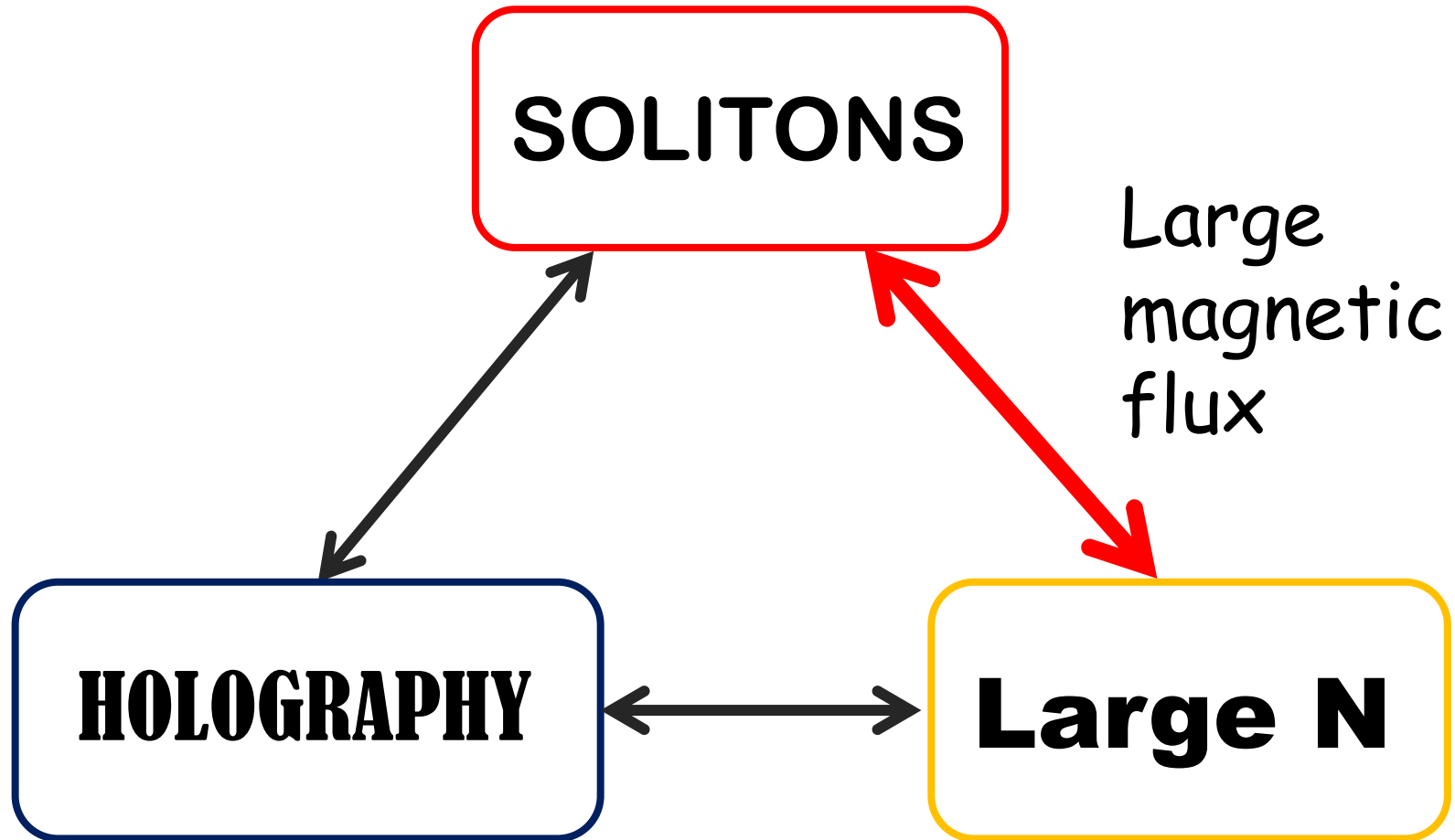
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- Exponential vs. algebraic decay puzzle is solved by the existence of a new large scale. This explains non-commutativity of large 't Hooft and large radius limits.

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- Introduction to magnetic bags
- Instanton bags
- High density holographic QCD

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=0

Bogomolny Equation

Boundary term

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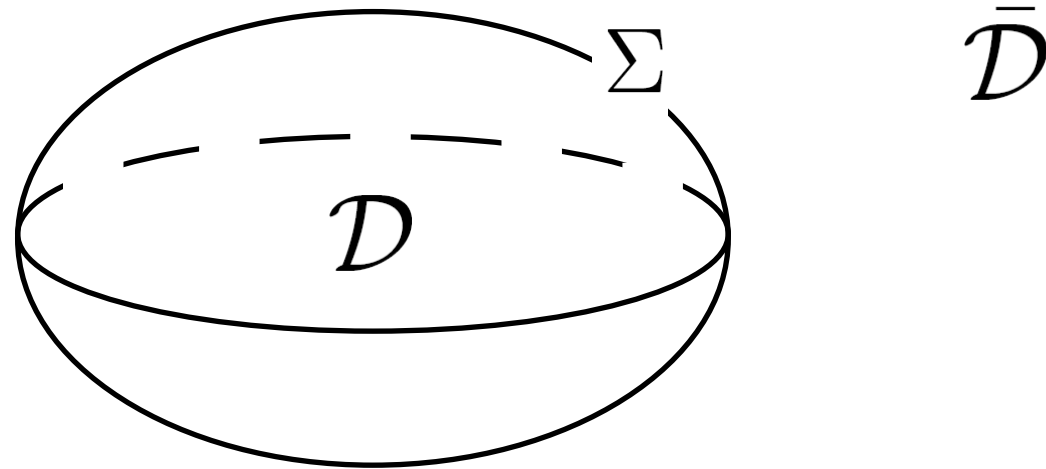


**Magnetic charge**

# Definition of a magnetic bag

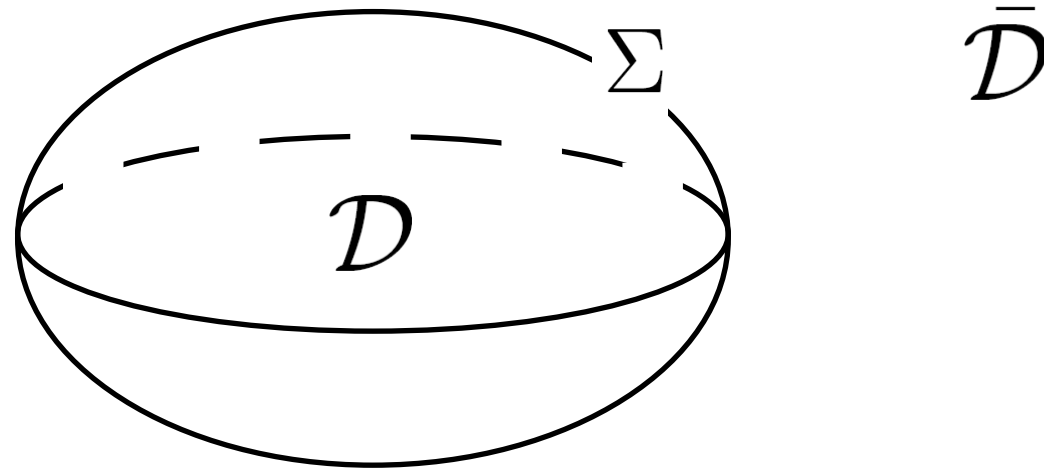
$$\Sigma = \partial\mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{D} \cup \bar{\mathcal{D}}$$



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$$\phi \simeq |\Phi| \quad \text{and} \quad f_{ij} \simeq \frac{\text{tr}(F_{ij}\Phi)}{2|\Phi|}$$

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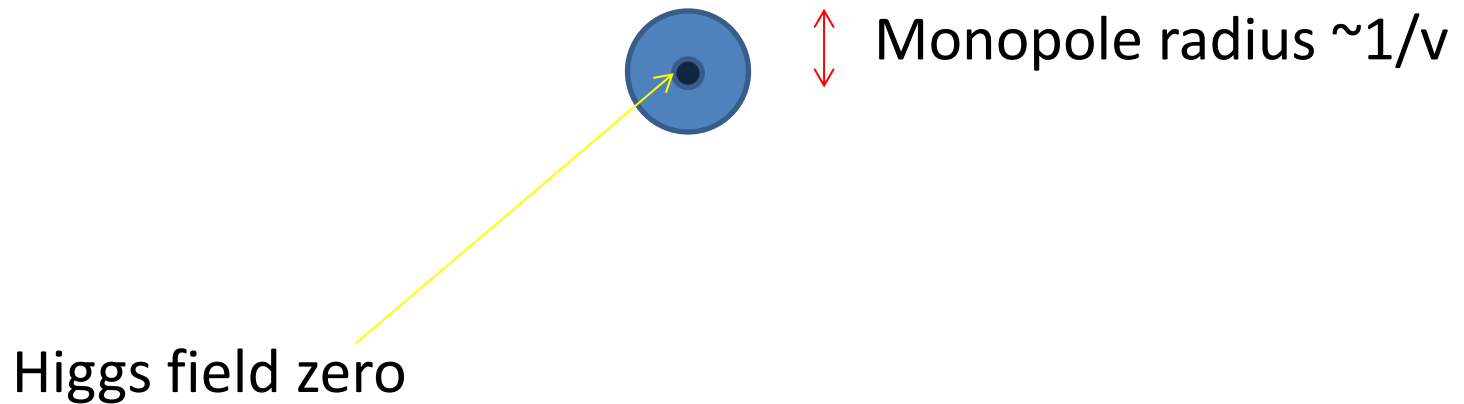
For any shape, the size of the bag is fixed

# The magnetic bag limit

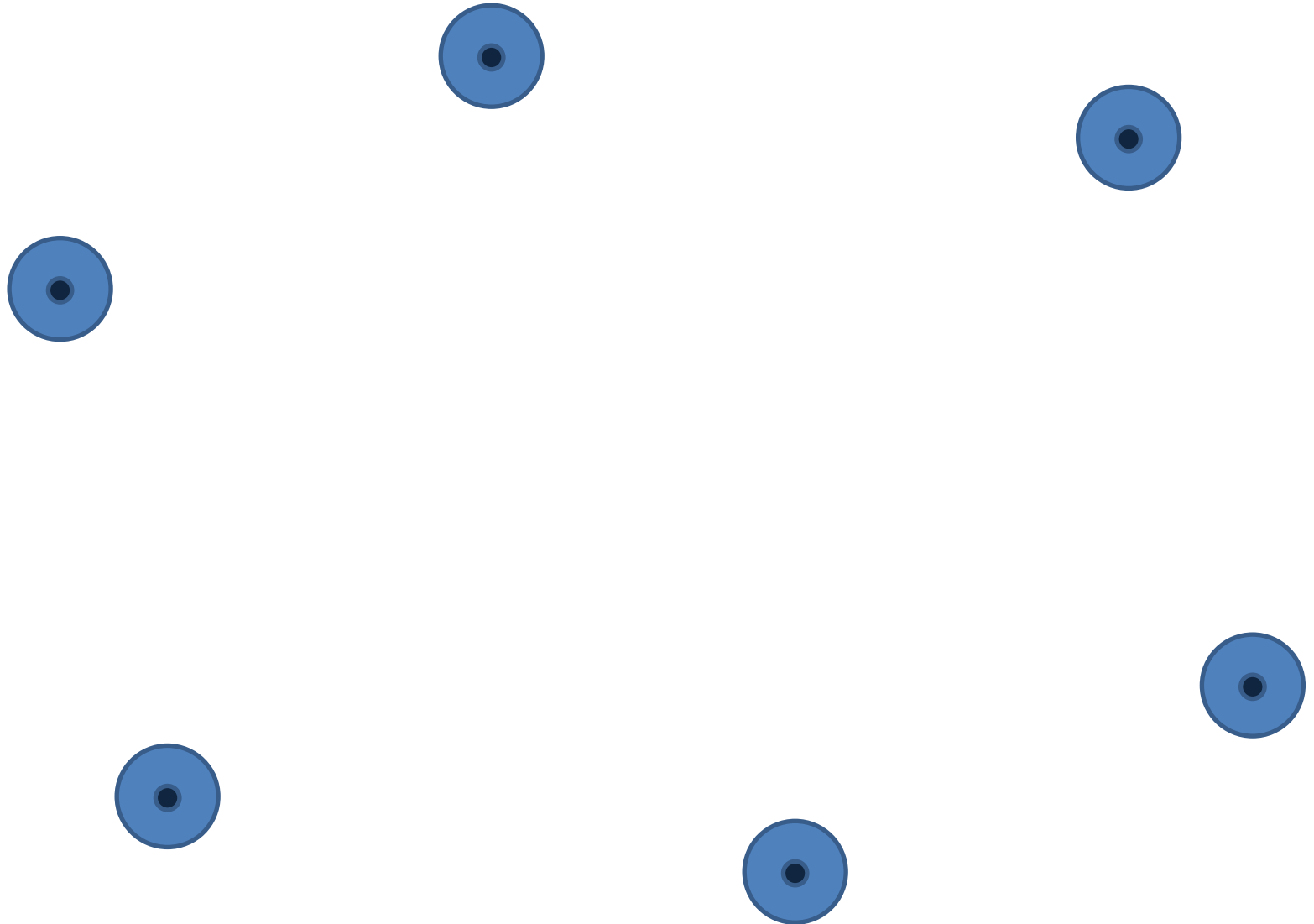
*For any magnetic bag, there are multi monopole solutions which converge to it in the limit*

$$n, v \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{keeping} \quad \frac{n}{v} = \text{const}$$

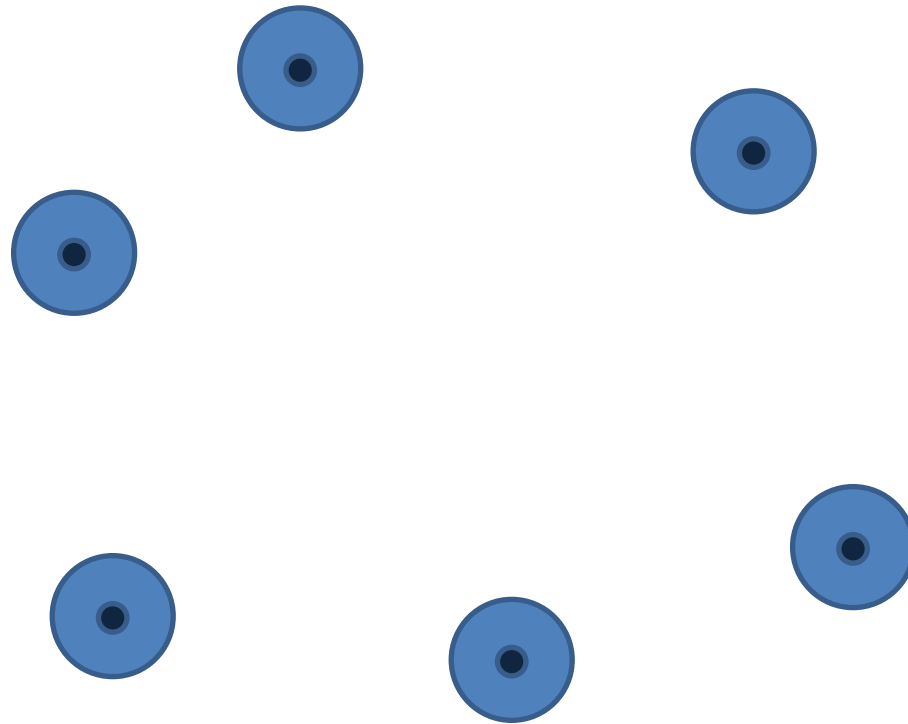
# Heuristic explanation



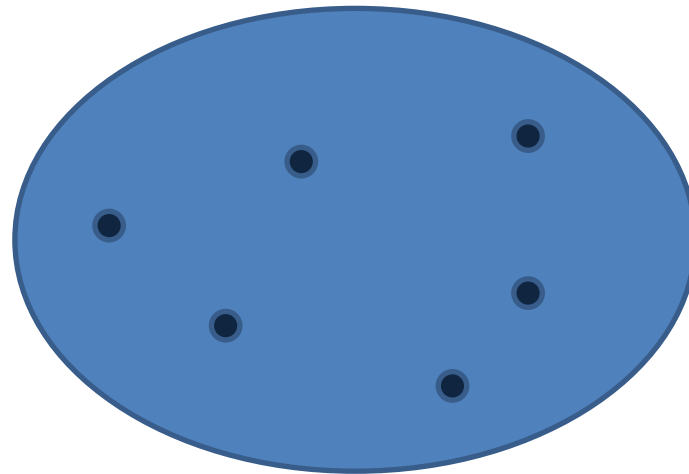
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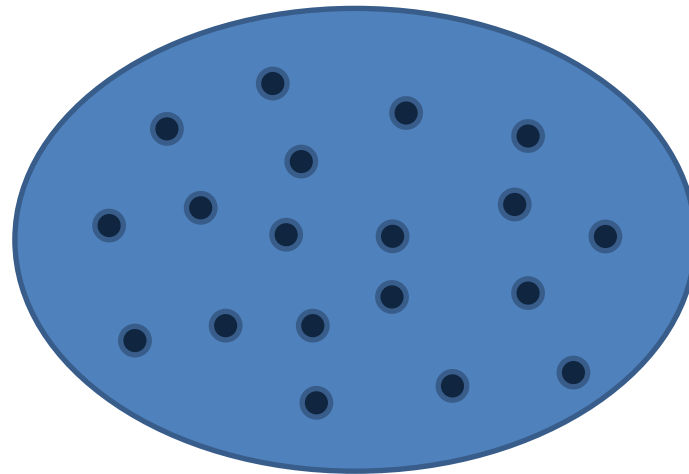
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Radius bag  $\sim n/v$



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# Nahm Equation for monopoles

$$\frac{dT^i}{d\sigma} = -\frac{i}{2}\varepsilon_{ijk}[T^j, T^k]$$

Triplet of  $n \times n$  matrices on a line

One-to-one correspondence with  $n$  monopole solution of Bogomoln'y equation

# $u(\infty)$ -Nahm and magnetic bags

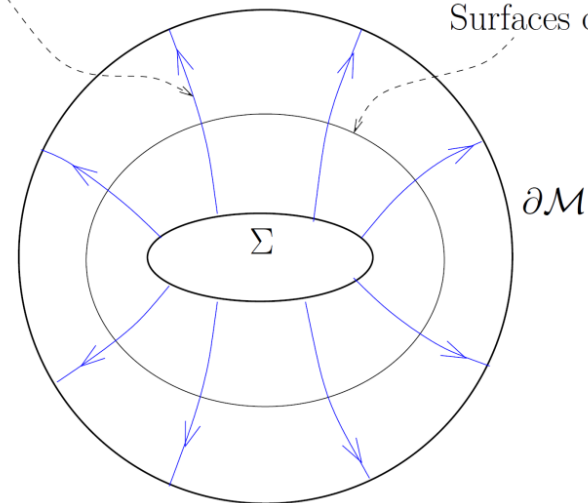
Nahm equations are “fuzzy sphere” versions of the following commutative limit:

$$t^i : S^2 \times I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\frac{dt^i}{ds} = \frac{1}{N} \epsilon_{ijk} \{t^j, t^k\}$$

Magnetic flux line, constant position in  $S^2$

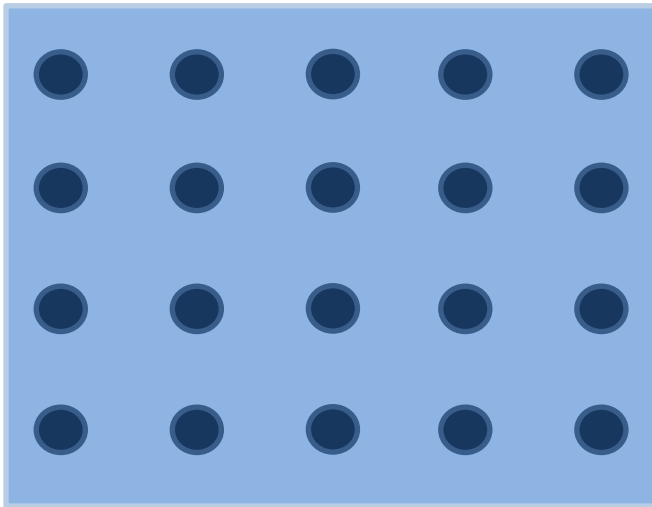
Surfaces of constant  $\phi = s$



# Monopole Wall

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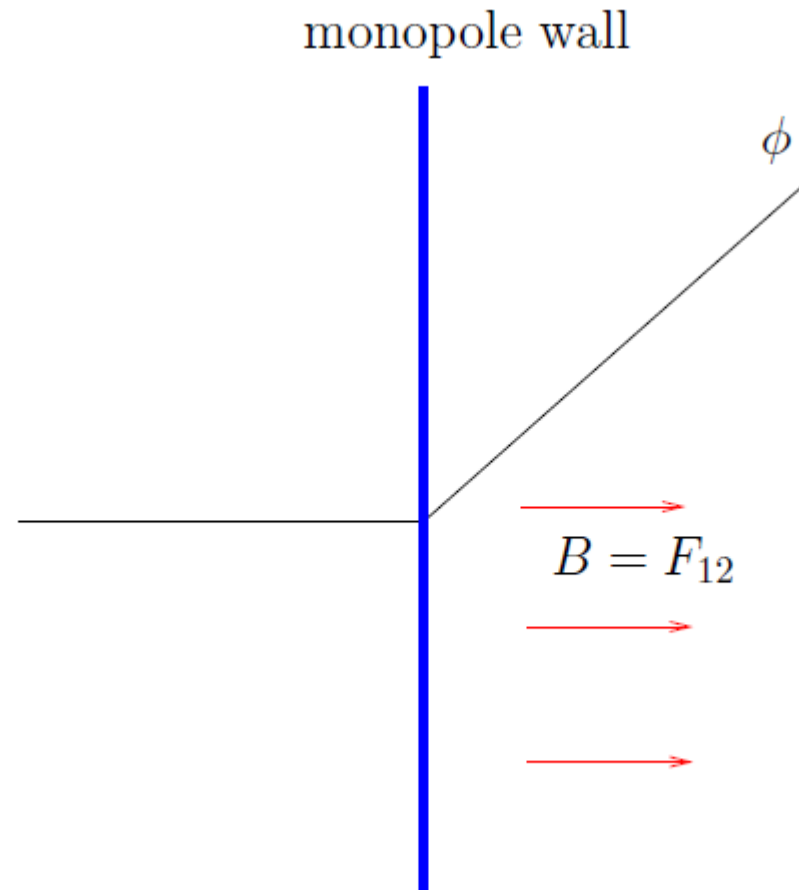
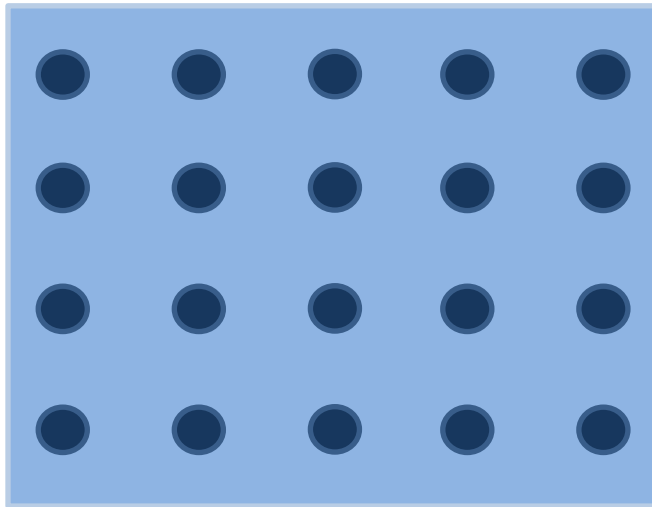
Lattice of monopoles periodic in two direction



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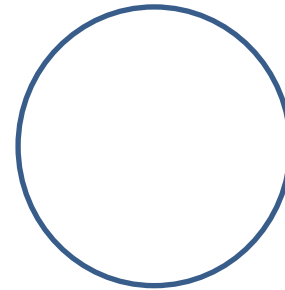
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# From instantons to monopoles

$$S_{YM5} = - \int dt d^4x \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a}$$

Kaluza-Klein compactification



$R_3$  radius

$$S_{YMH4} = - \int dt dx_1 dx_2 dx_4 \frac{\pi R_3}{2g^2} (F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{\mu\nu a} + D\phi^a D\phi^a)$$

# “Large” gauge transformation

$$e^{-ix_3 t_{\text{su}(2)}/R_3}$$

$$x_3 \simeq x_3 + 2\pi R_3$$

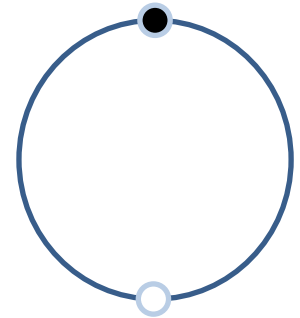
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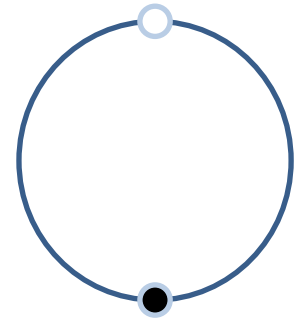
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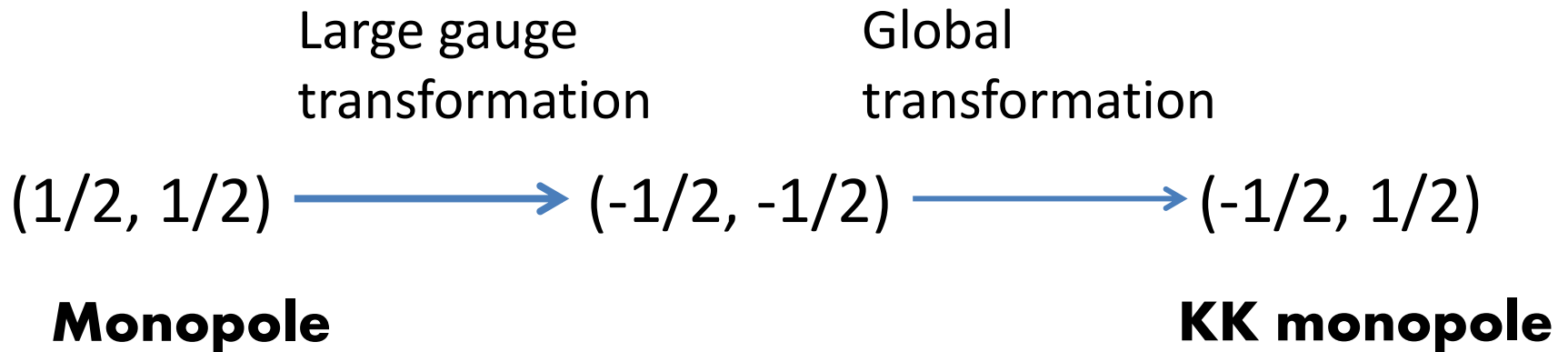
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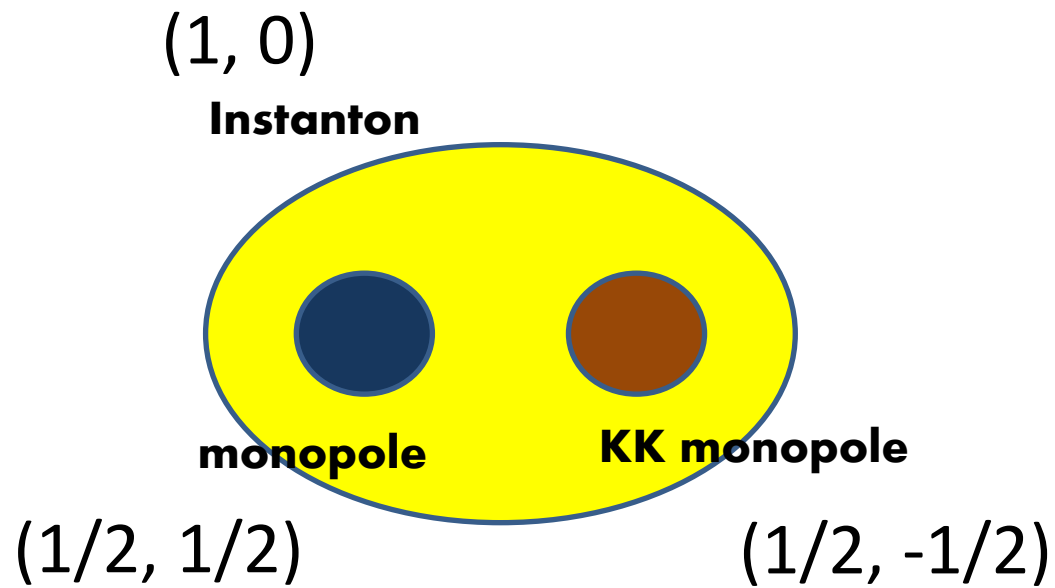


# Monopole and KK monopole



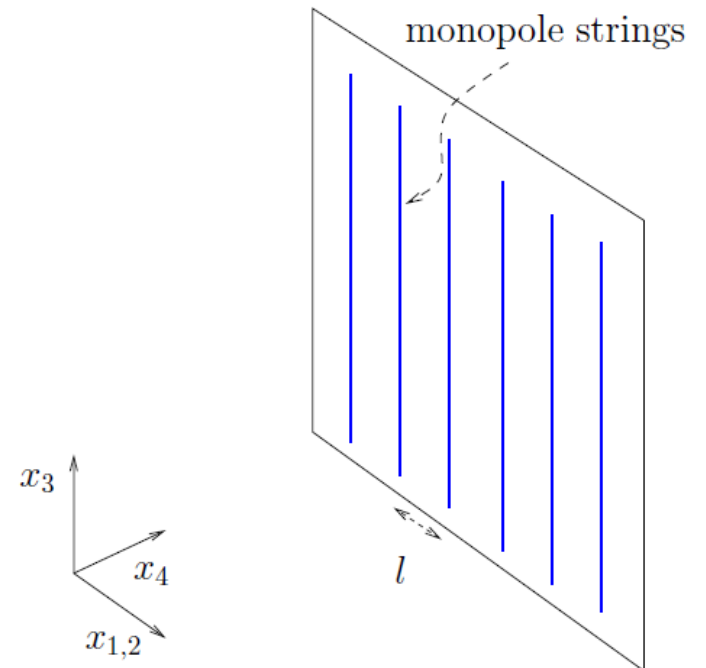
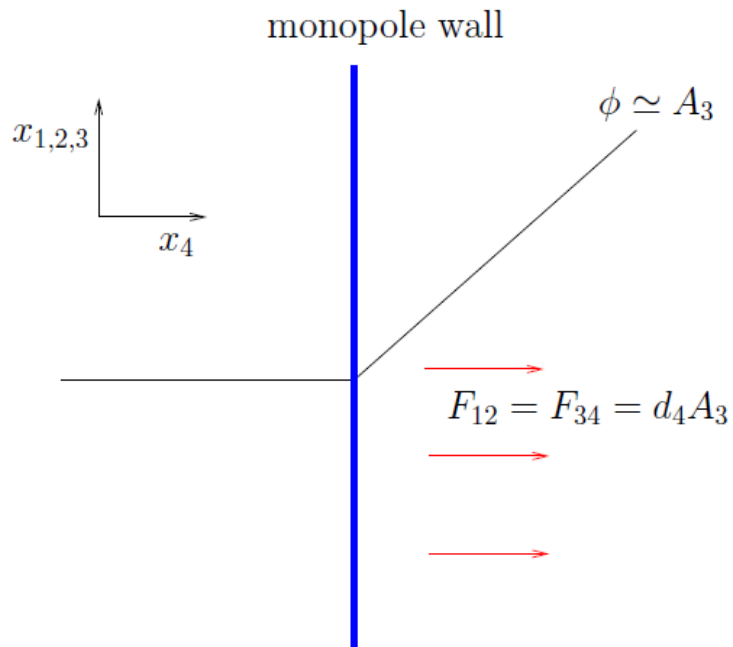
(Inst. Charge, Mag. Charge)

# Instanton constituents



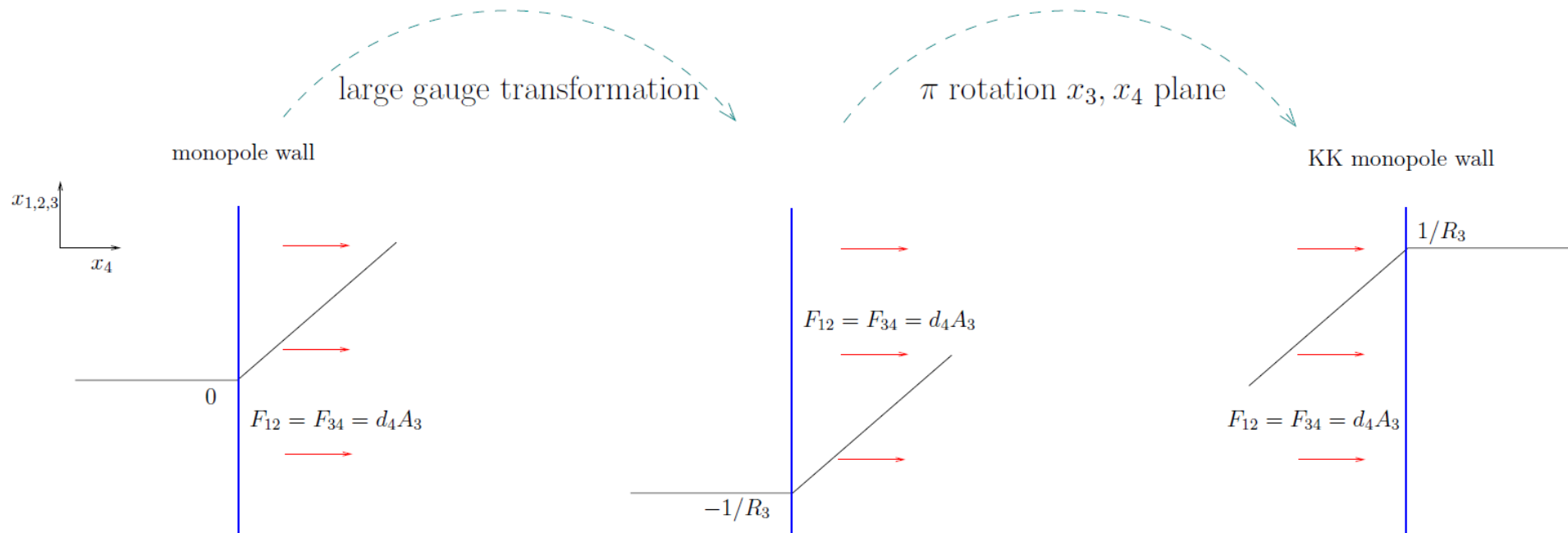
# Lifting the Monopole Wall to 4+1

Lifting the monopole wall is easy, we just keep everything constant in the extra direction



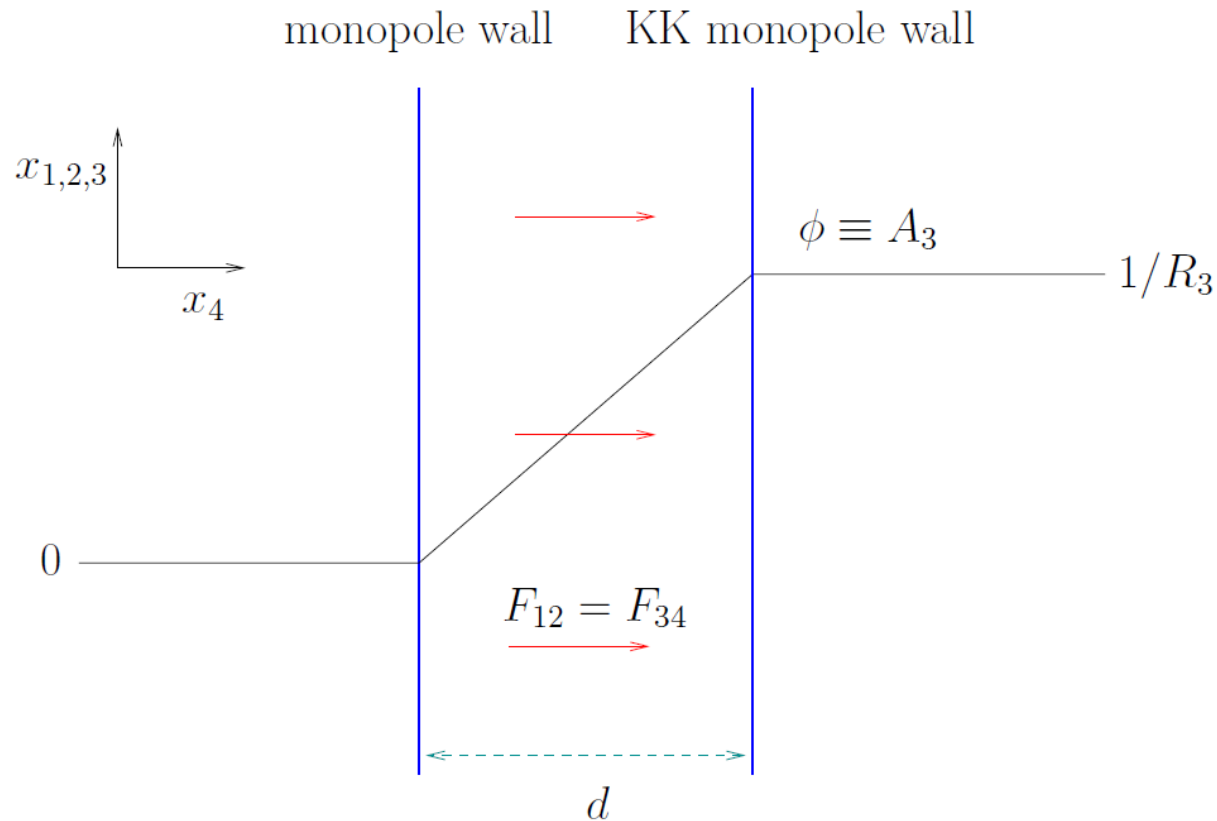
# KK monopole wall

A KK monopole wall can be constructed starting from the monopole wall with two transformations



# Monopole wall and KK monopole wall

Joining them together we obtain an instanton capacitor, or *instanton bag*



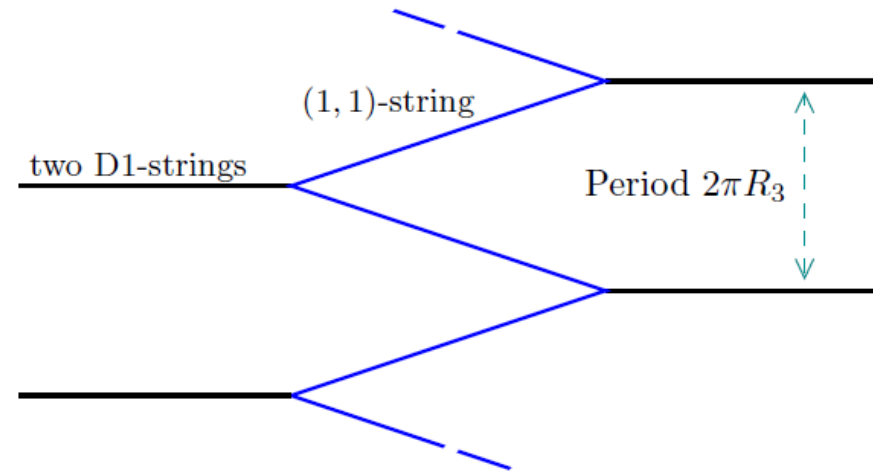
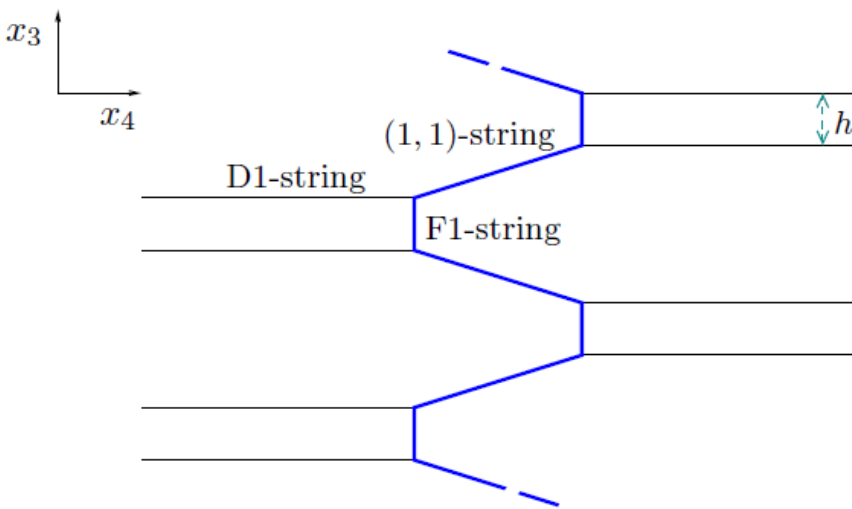
$$Q = \frac{B}{4\pi^2 R_3}$$

$$B = \frac{1}{R_3 d}$$

The distance  $d$  is a modulus

# String webs

After a series of T and S dualities...

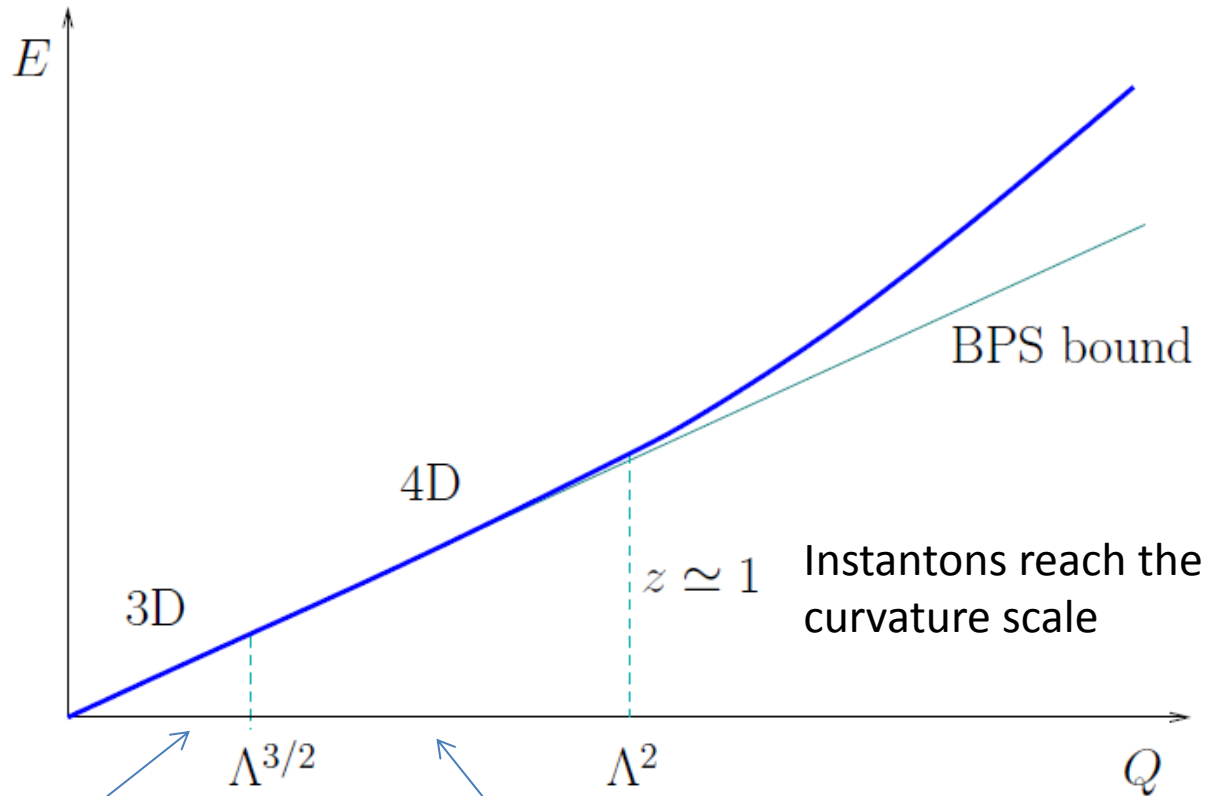


# What we know so far...

- We were able to solve numerically the 4D problem only for one instanton
- When solitons start to populate the holographic direction they are no longer diluted!!!
- Instanton bag is good for these situations



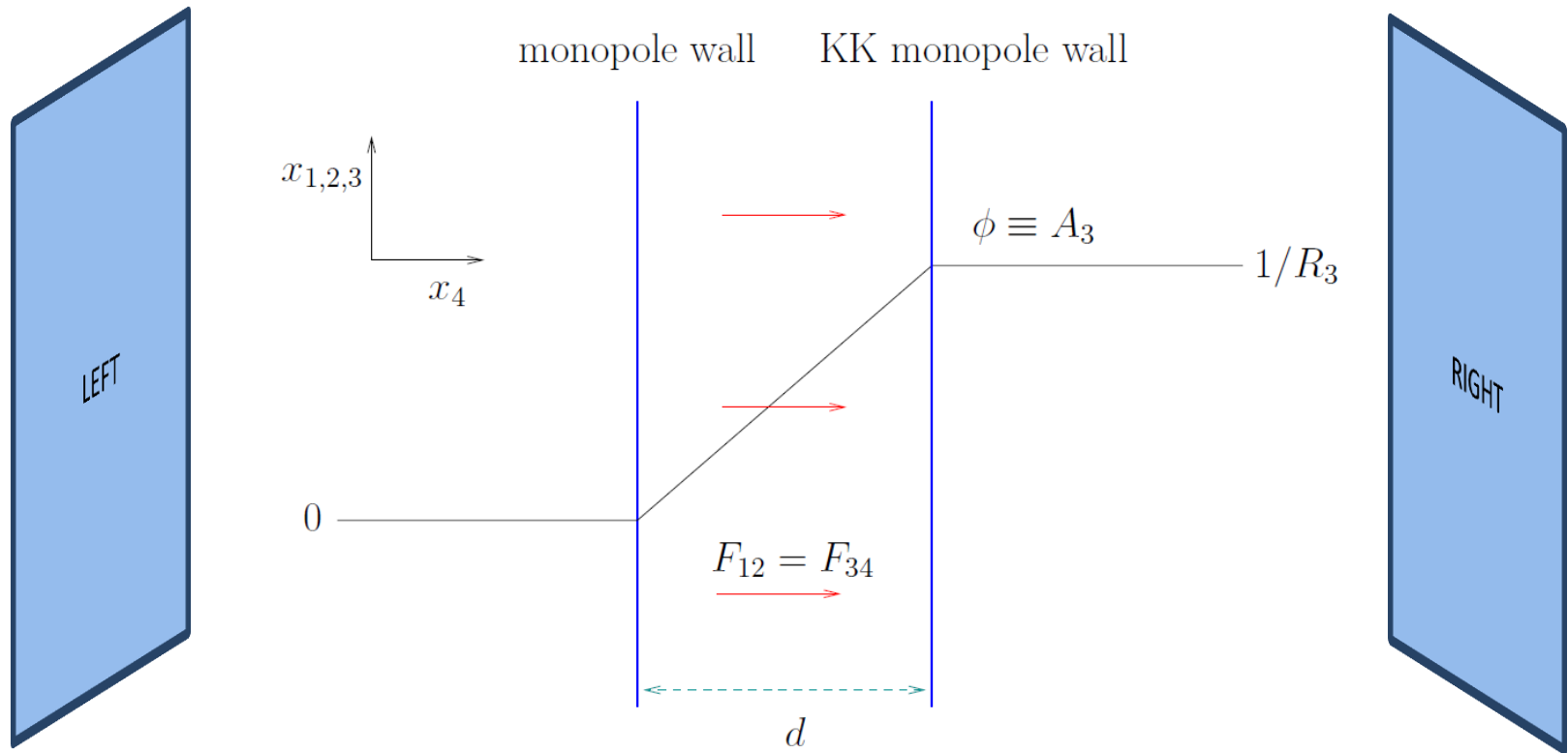
# Generic expectation



3D lattice of instantons

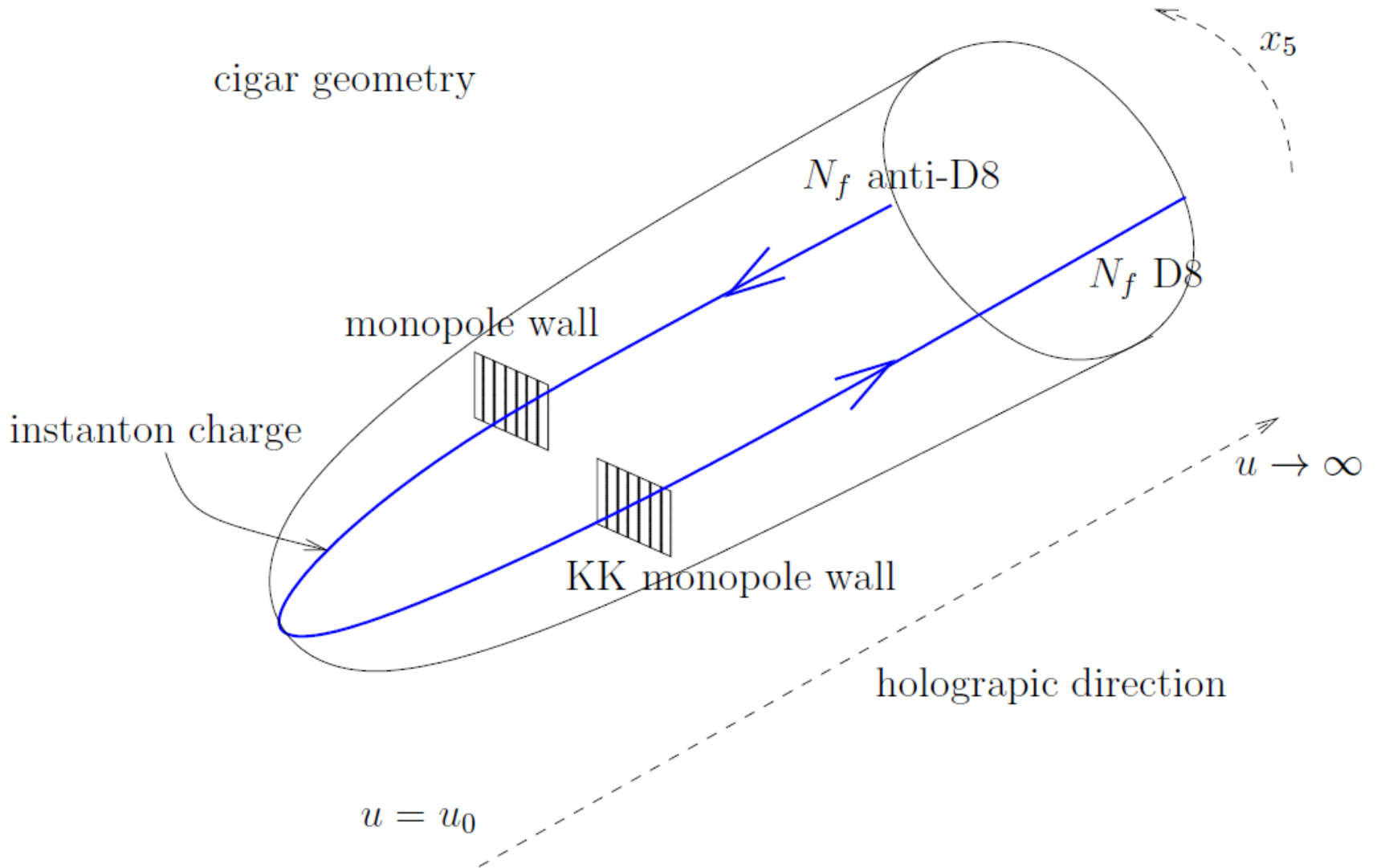
Instantons start to populate  
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# Instanton Bag embedded in SS

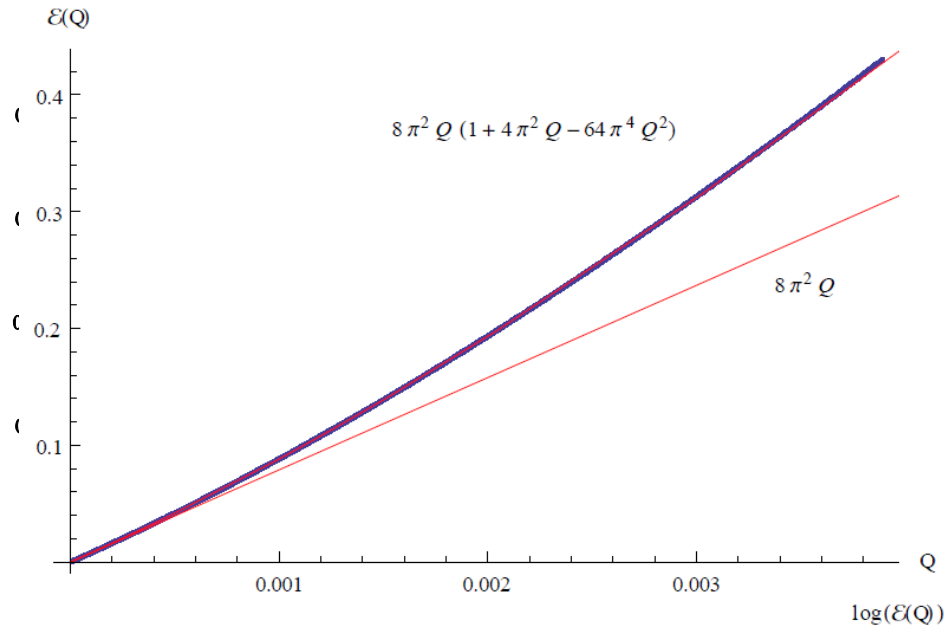


$d$  is determined by energy minimization

# String Embedding

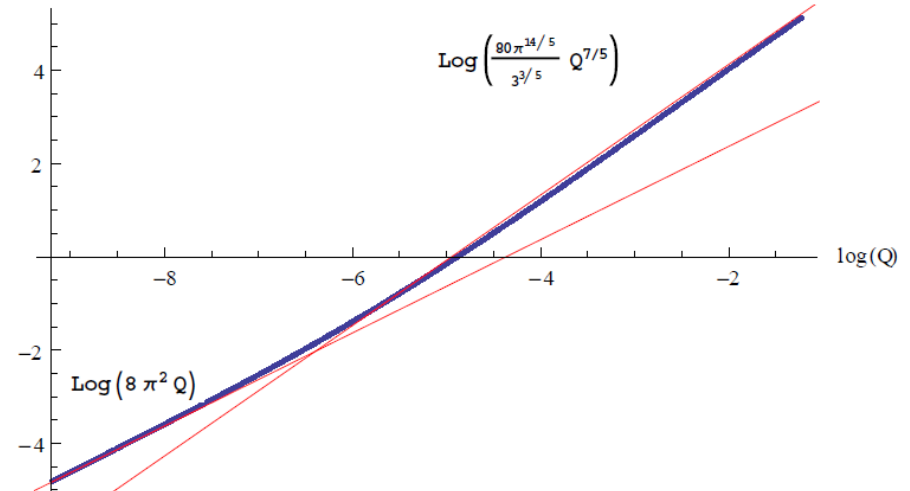


# Results from moduli stabilization

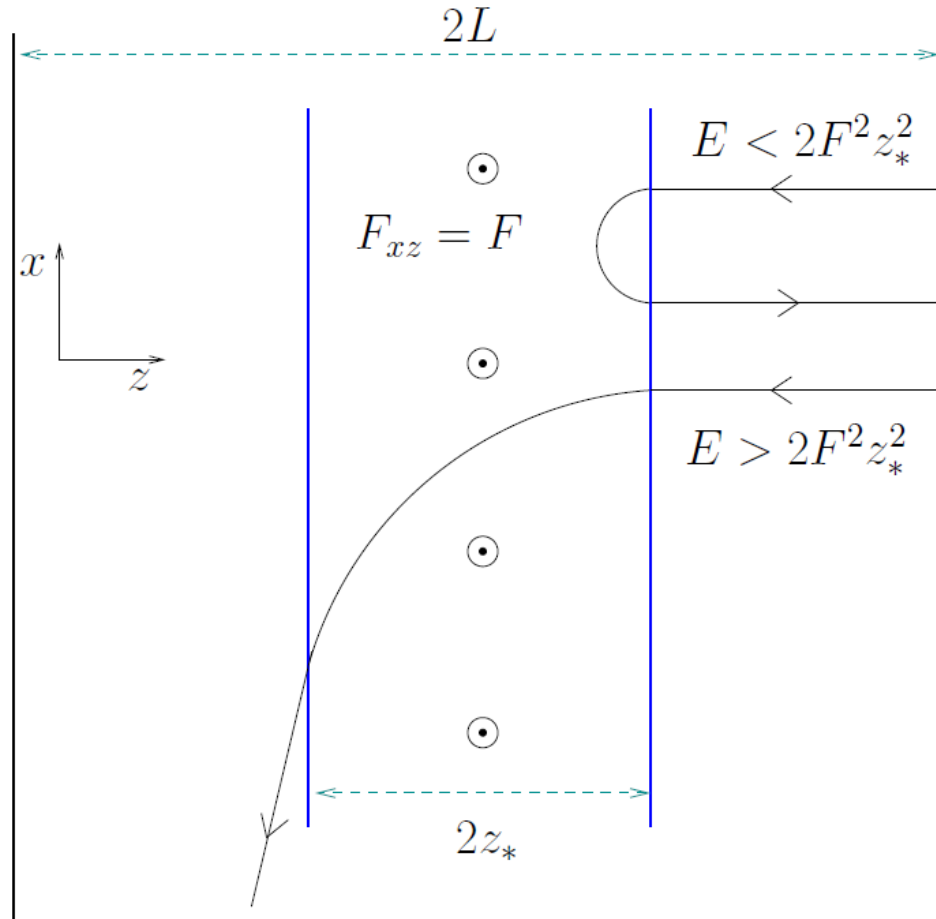


Small Q regime, almost BPS

Small-to-large Q regime,  
in log plot



# Chiral Symmetry Restoration

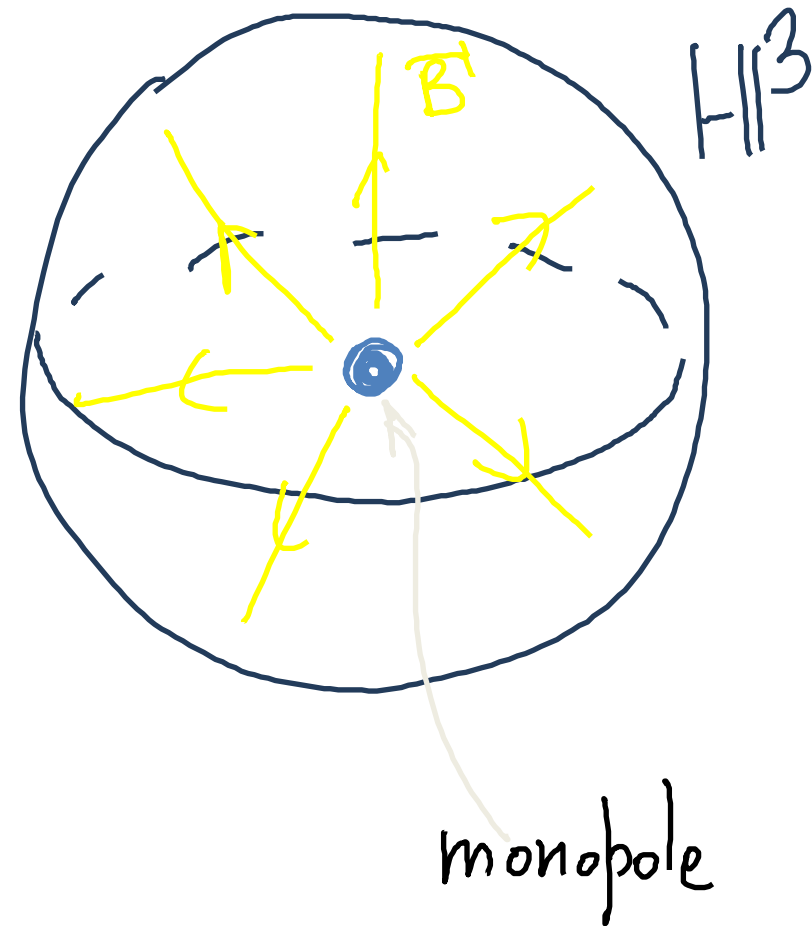


Effective separation between the two sides due to a magnetic trapping effect

# Conclusion (part 2)

- First prototype of instanton bag constructed;
- This provides candidate for the state of HQCD at high density and explains chiral symmetry restoration.

# Hyperbolic monopoles



Bogomolny equation

$$D\Phi = *F$$

Hyperbolic space

$$ds^2(\mathbb{H}^3) = \frac{4(dX_1^2 + dX_2^2 + dX_3^2)}{(1 - R^2)^2}$$

# Plan of the talk (part III)

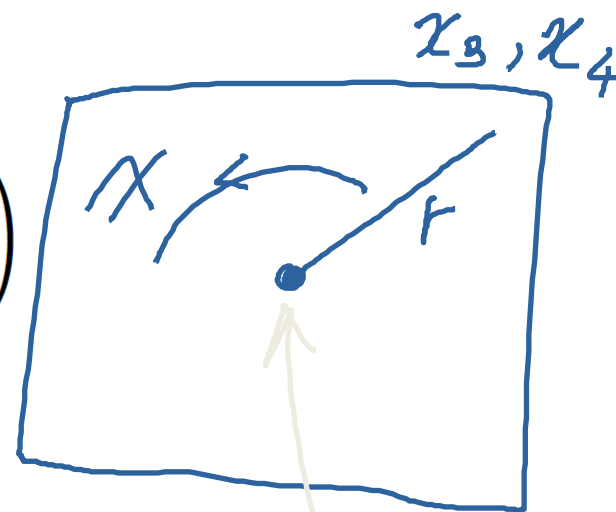
- Relation between instantons and Hyperbolic monopoles (Atiyah)
- Magnetic bags in hyperbolic space and Nahm equation from ADHM
- Examples of multi-monopole solutions from JNR

Based on arXiv:1404.1846 with A. Cockburn and P. Sutcliffe  
on arXiv:1504.01477 with D. Harland and P. S.



# Conformalities and invariant instantons

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2 + dx_4^2 \\ &= r^2 \left( d\chi^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dr^2) \right) \end{aligned}$$



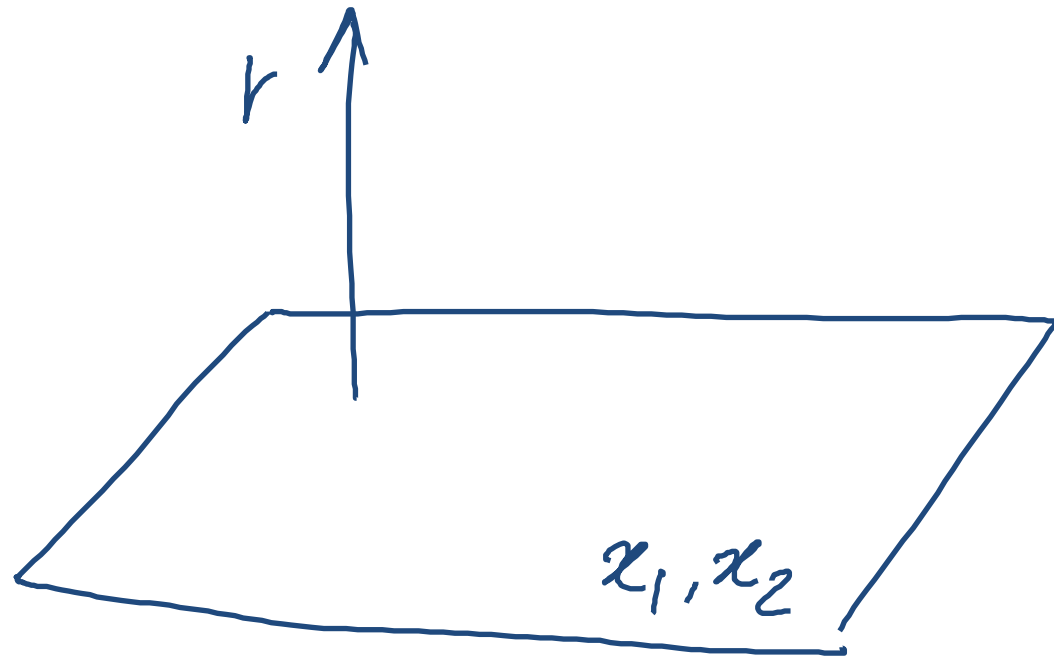
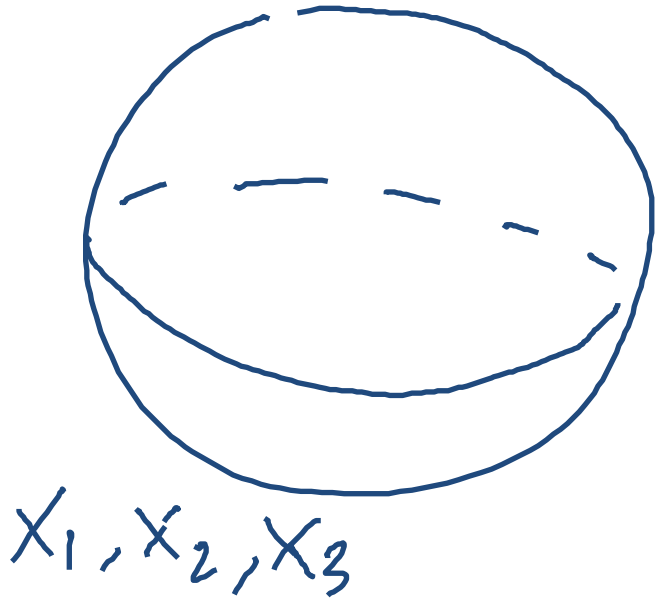
$\mathbb{R}^4 - \mathbb{R}^2$  is conformal equivalent to  $S^1 \times \mathbb{H}^3$ .

boundary  
of  $\mathbb{H}^3$

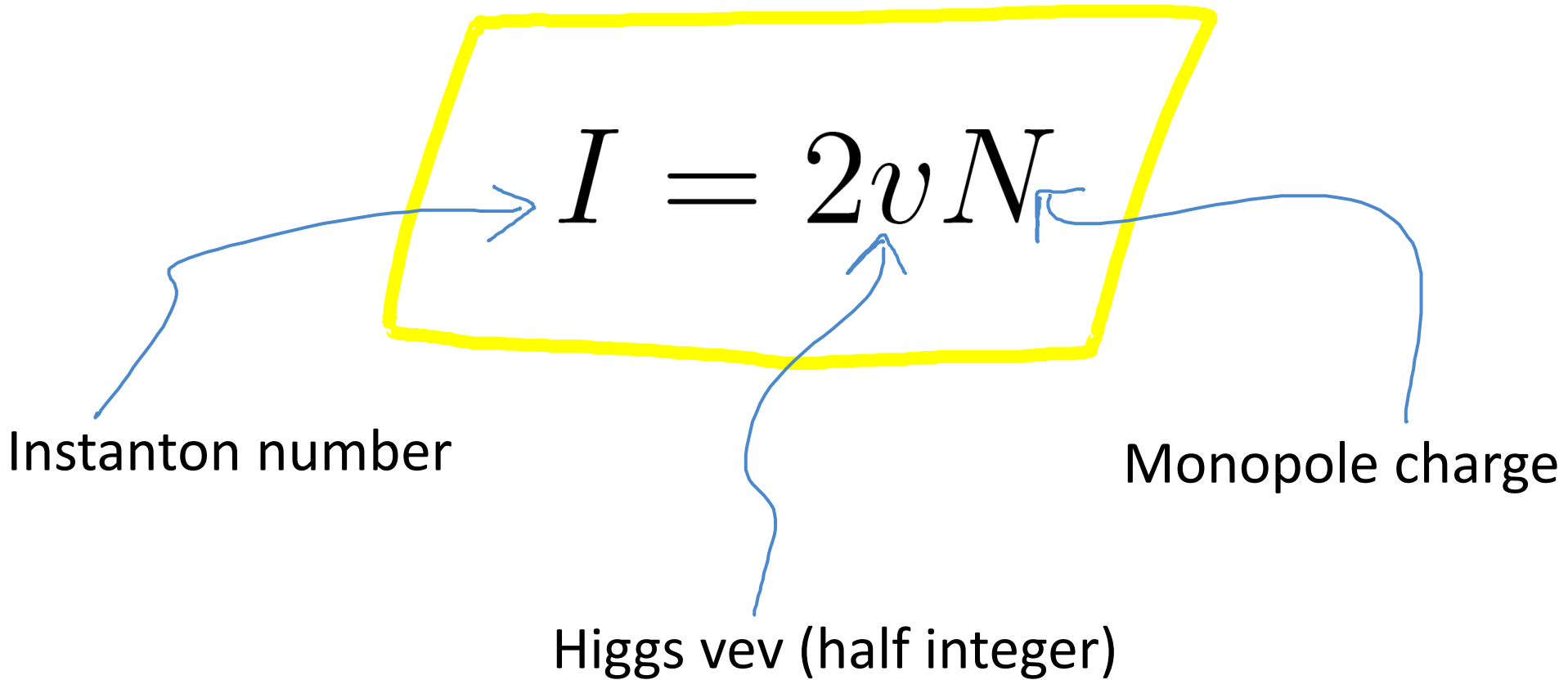
# Ball and Poincare

$$ds^2(\mathbb{H}^3) = \frac{4(dX_1^2 + dX_2^2 + dX_3^2)}{(1 - R^2)^2}$$

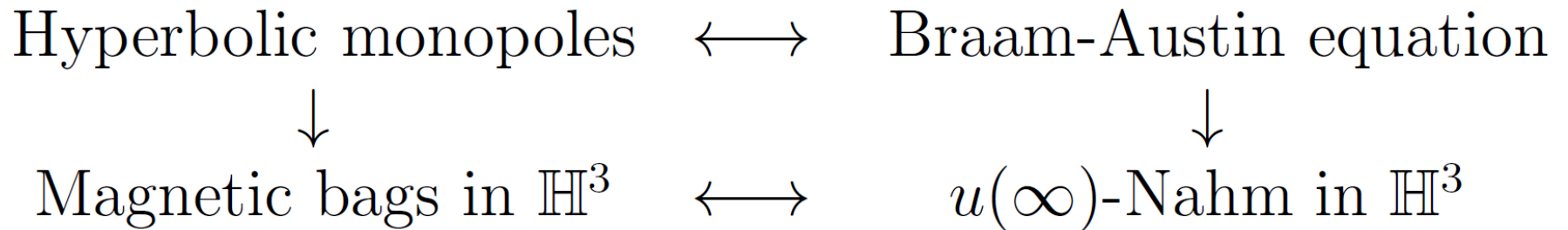
$$\frac{1}{r^2} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dr^2)$$



# Circle invariant instantons



# From ADHM to $u(\infty)$ -Nahm



JNR ansatz provides a large class of accessible solutions

$$A_\mu = \frac{i}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \varrho \quad \varrho = \log \psi$$

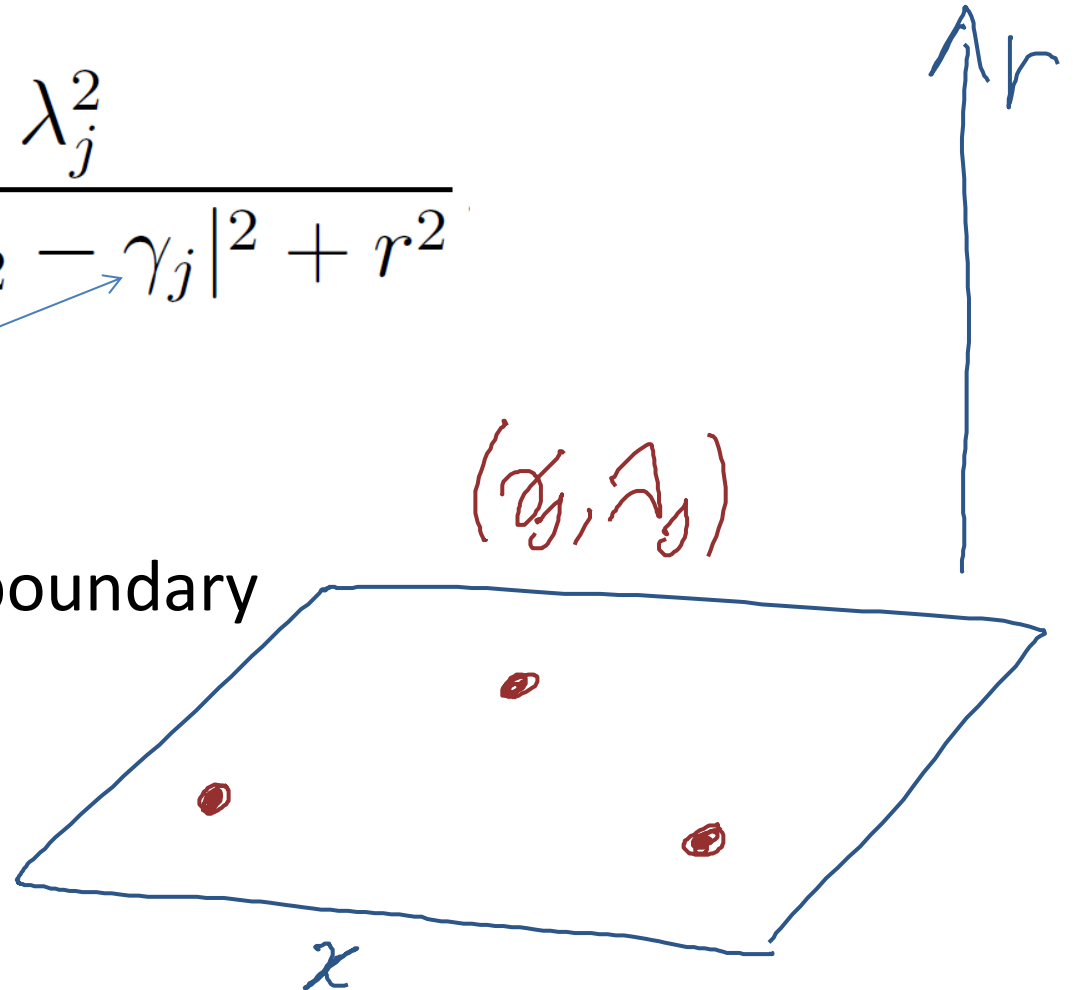
$\psi$  is an arbitrary harmonic function



# Hyperbolic monopoles from JNR instantons

$$\psi = \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{\lambda_j^2}{|x_1 + ix_2 - \gamma_j|^2 + r^2}$$

Poles are chosen on the boundary of the hyperbolic space



# Explicit solution

Higgs field

$$|\Phi|^2 = \frac{r^2}{4\psi^2} \left( \left( \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\psi}{r} + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right)$$

Energy density

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_i \left( \sqrt{g} g^{ij} \partial_j |\Phi|^2 \right)$$

# Two limitations

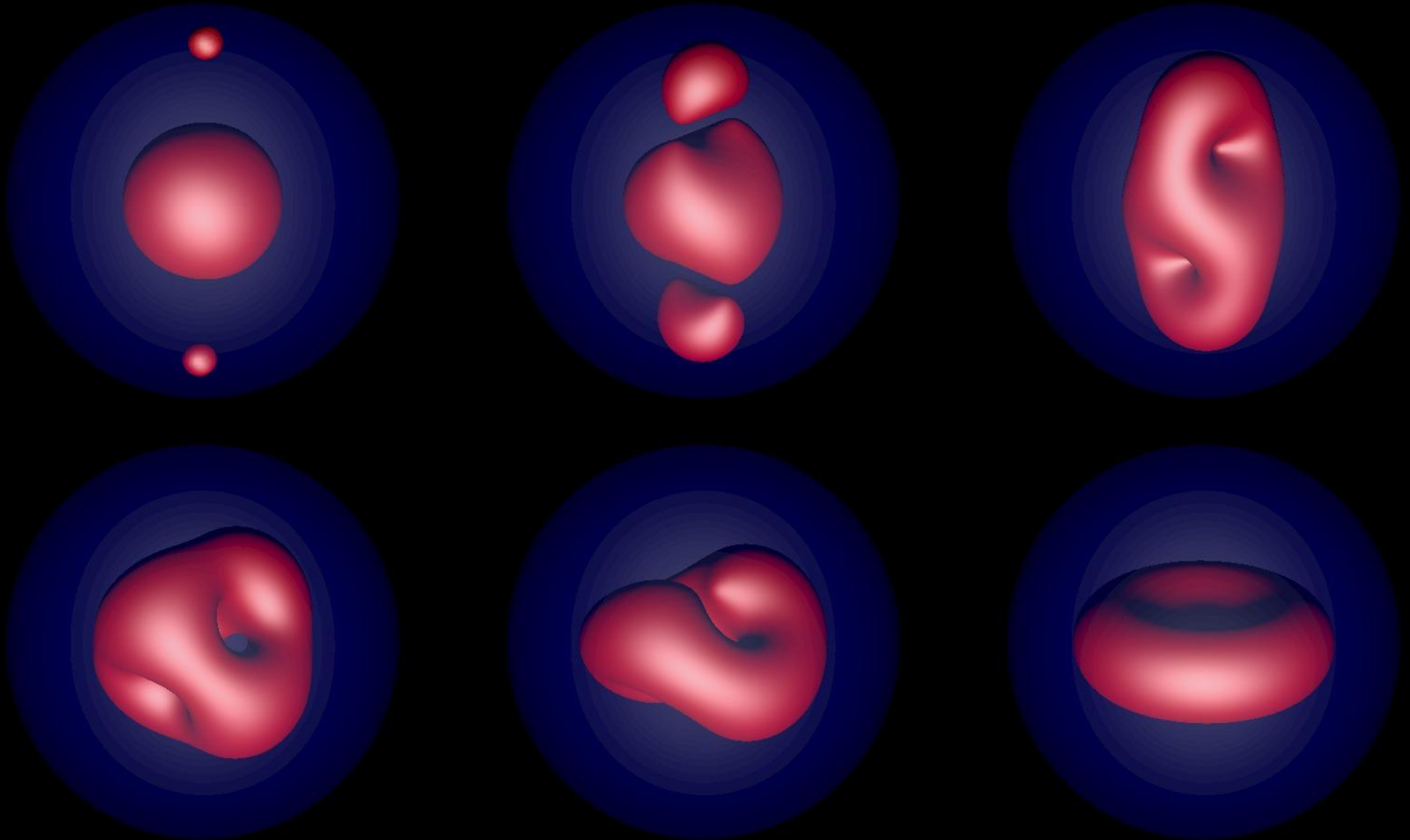
1) The Higgs vev is fixed by  $v = 1/2$  , and so  $I = N$

2) We can access only a subset of the full moduli

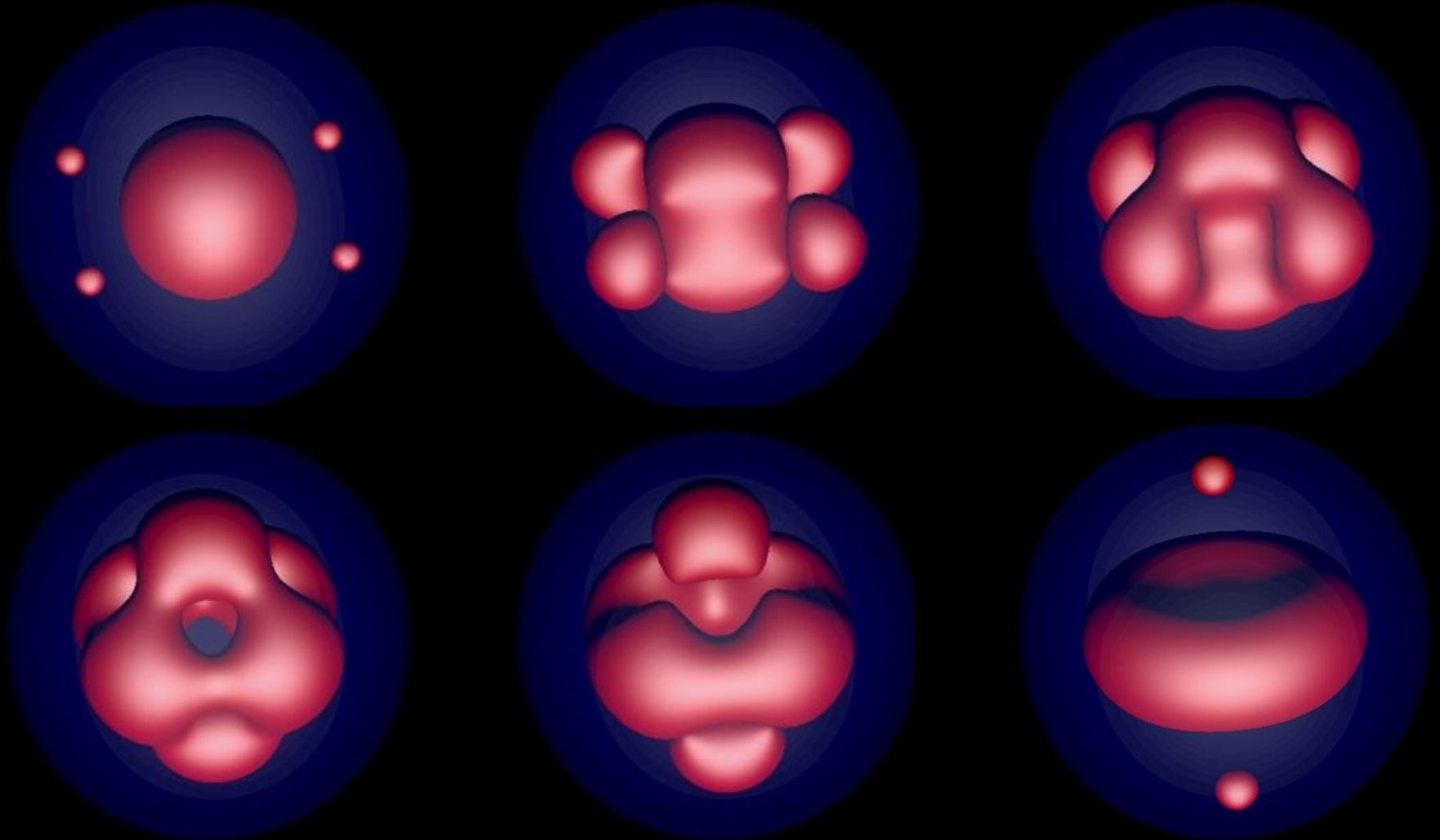
$$\dim(\mathbb{M}_N^{\text{JNR}}) = 3N + 2 < 4N - 1 = \dim(\mathbb{M}_N)$$



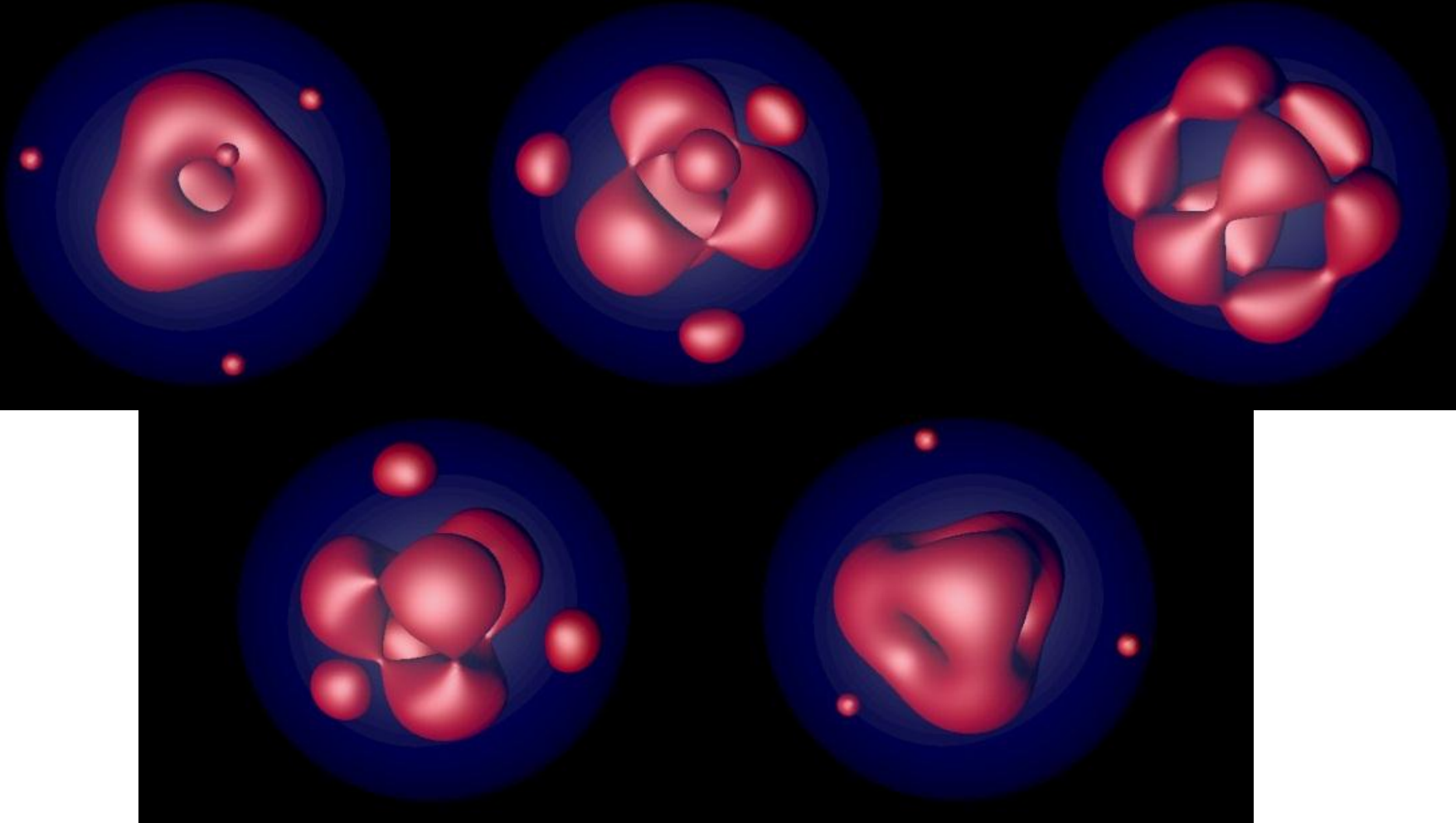
# D2 three monopole



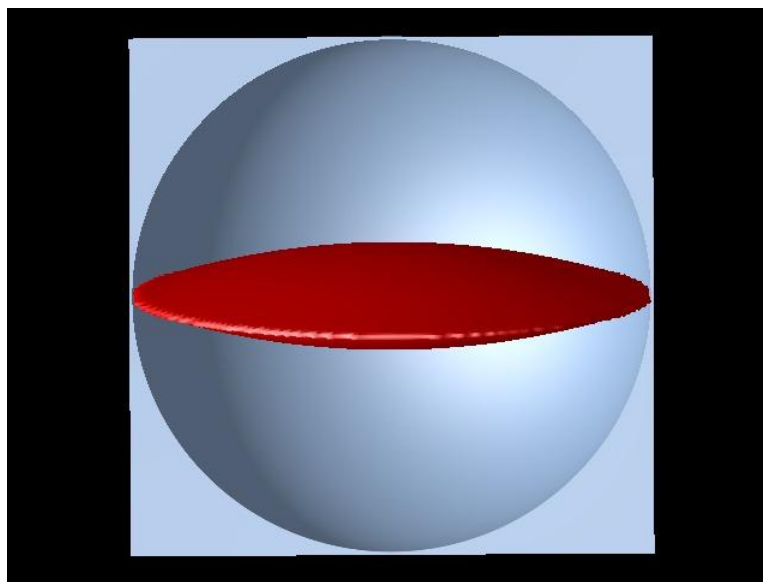
# D4 five-monopole family



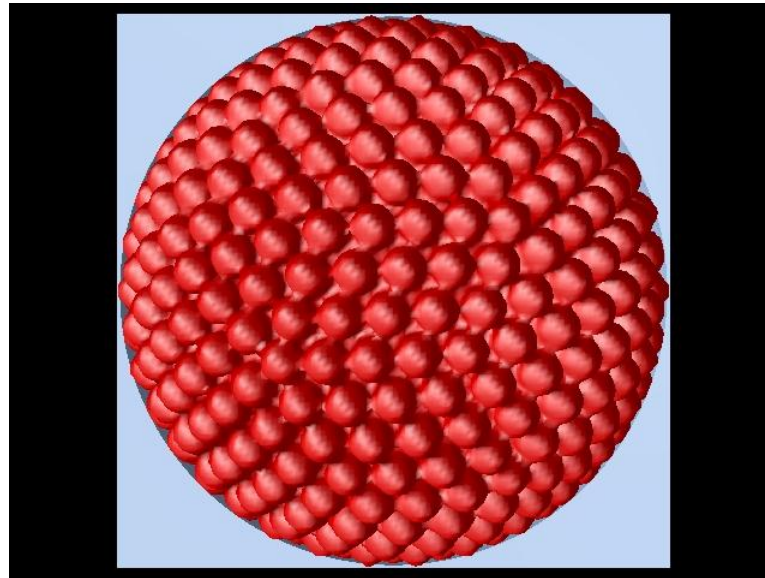
# Tetrahedral seven monopole



# Large N axial symmetric monopole



# Large N spherical JNR-type monopole



# Conclusion

- We considered solitons in holographic dual of large  $N$  theory
- Another large  $N$  (with  $N$  magnetic flux now) is useful for some physically interesting situations (e.g. finite density of QCD)
- Large  $N$  limit of monopoles still to be completely understood; large  $N$  limit of instanton just at the beginning...