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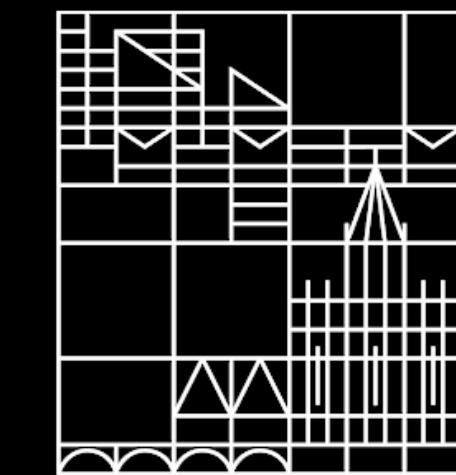
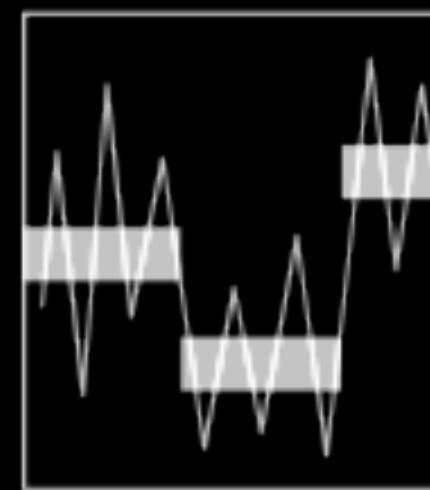
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- 1) MTJJs are an excellent platform to study engineered (non-hermitian) topology
- 2) Refectionless scattering modes are a source of topology in MTJJs

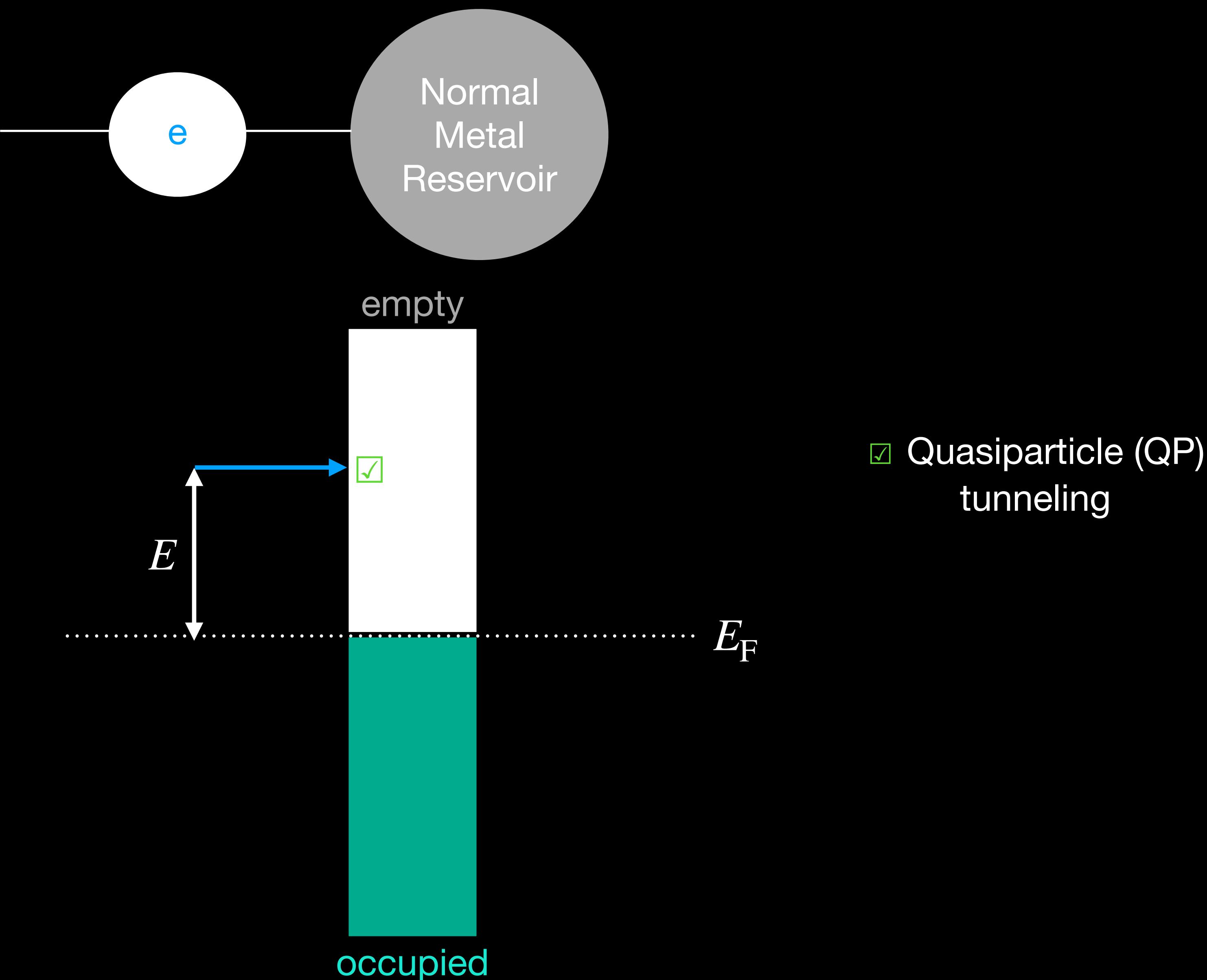
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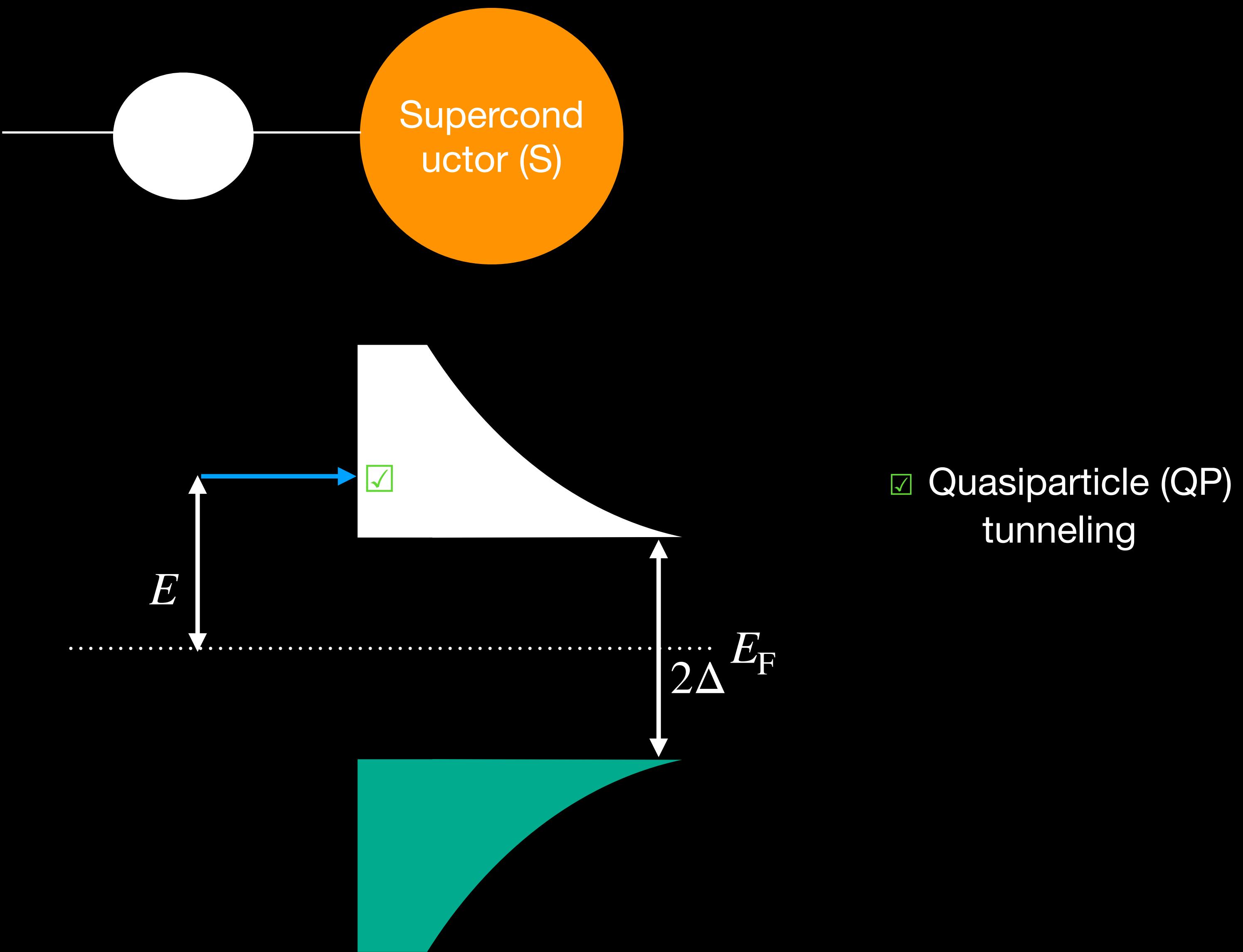
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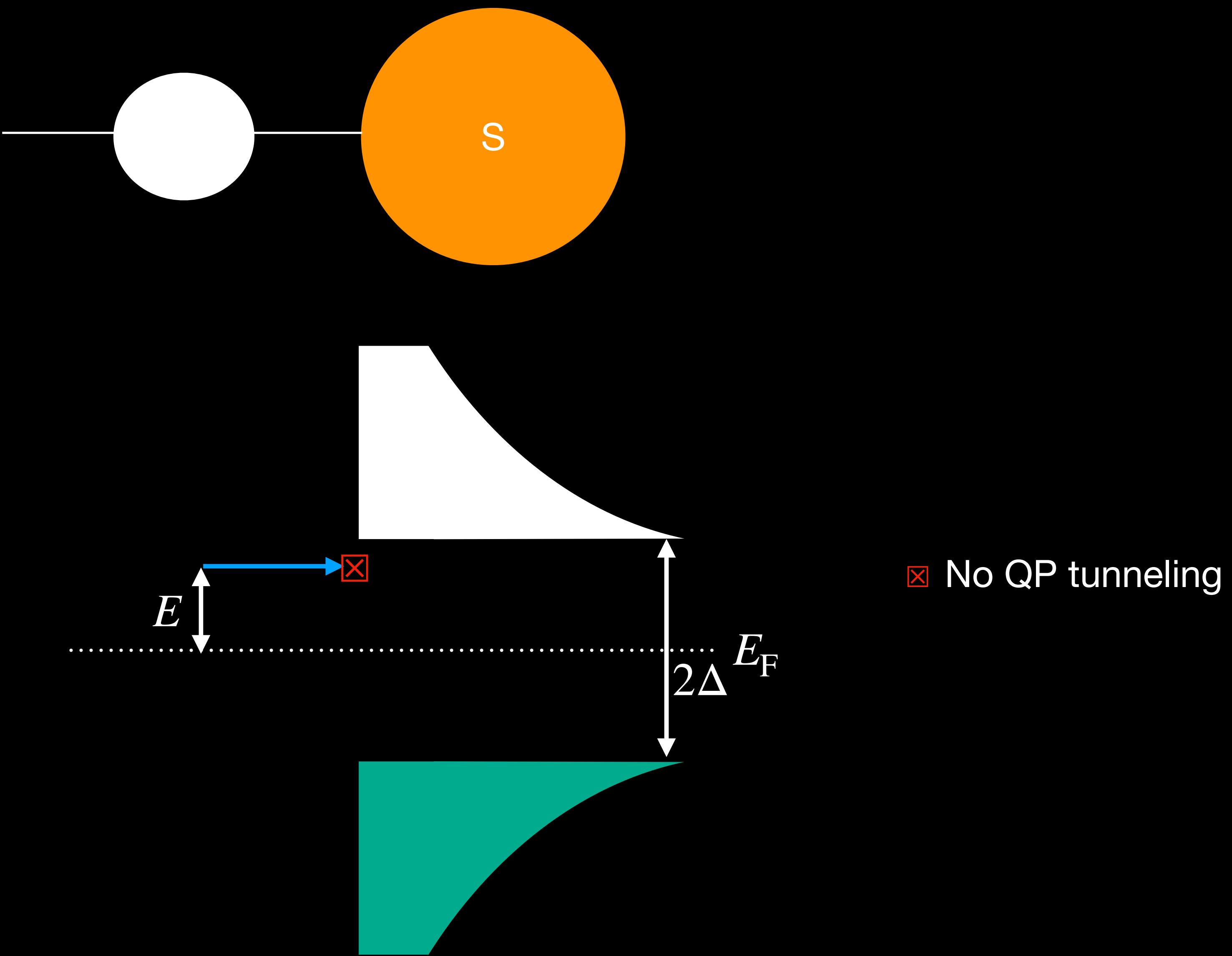
# What's special about superconducting junctions?



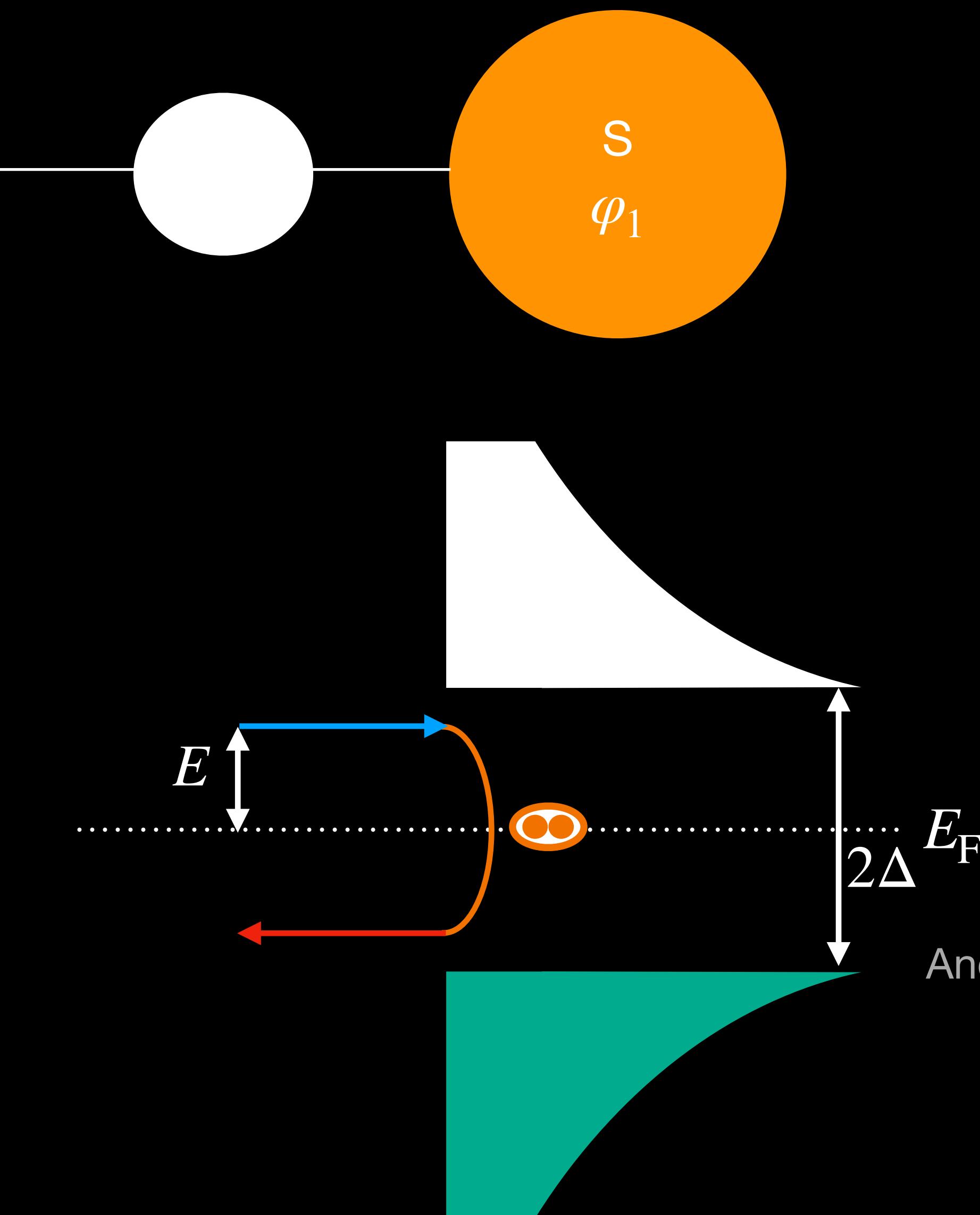
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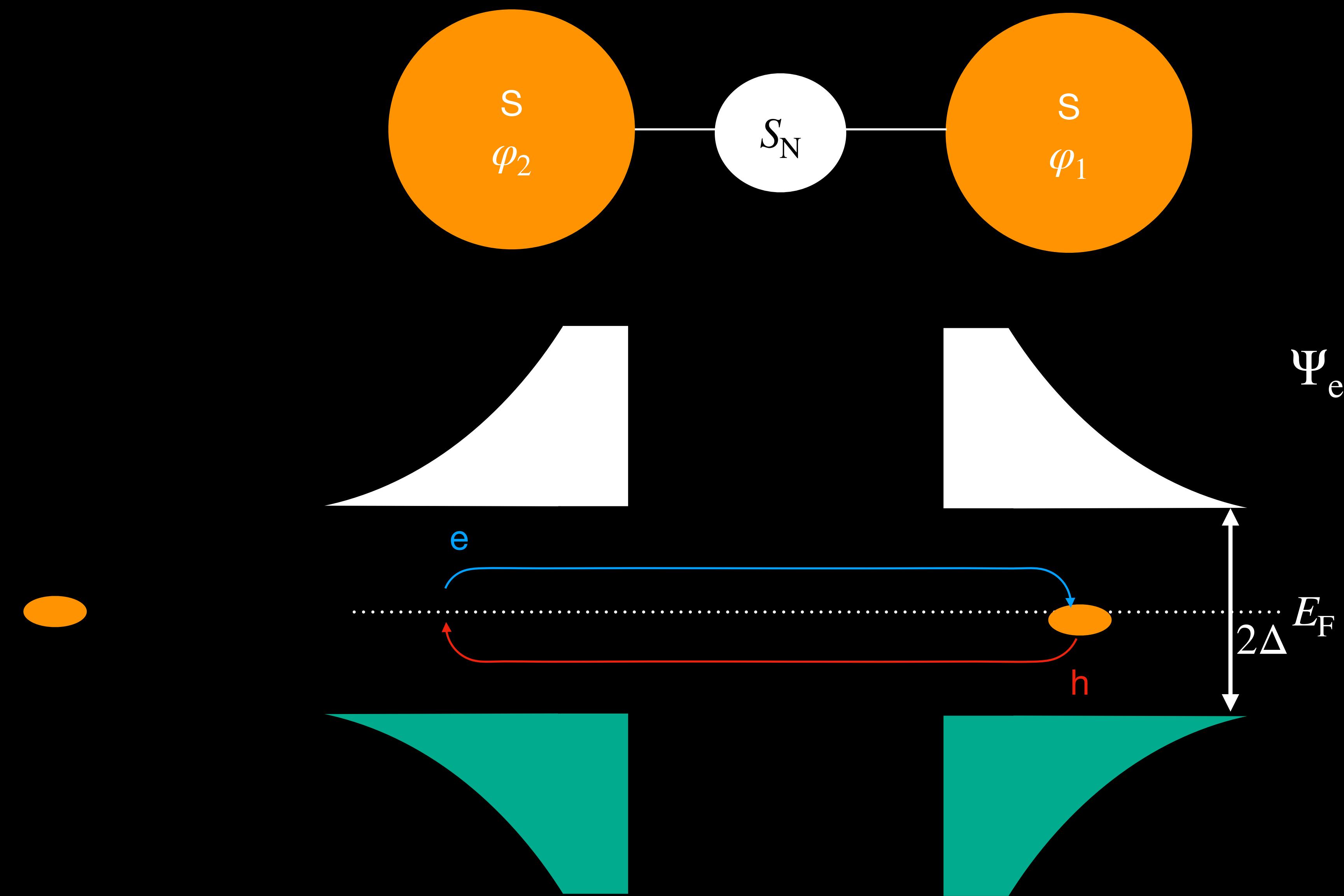


Andreev reflection (AR)

Andreev, A. F., Sov. Phys. JETP. 19: 1228 (1964)

$$\Psi_h \propto \alpha(E) e^{i\varphi_1} \Psi_e$$

# Supercurrent

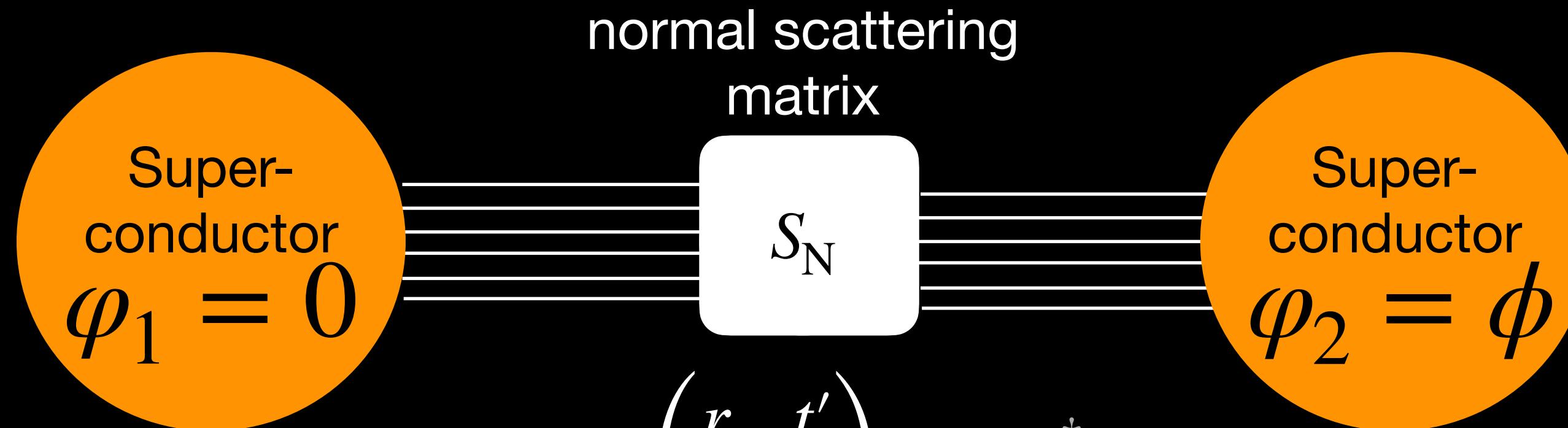


$$\Psi_e = \alpha^2 e^{-i\vec{\varphi}} S_N^*(-E) e^{i\vec{\varphi}} S_N(E) \Psi_e$$

$$S_N = \begin{pmatrix} r & t' \\ t & r' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{i\vec{\varphi}} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\varphi_2} \\ e^{i\varphi_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$r, t, t', r'$     $n \times n$  matrices

**Transmission matrix with  $n$  transmission eigenvalues**

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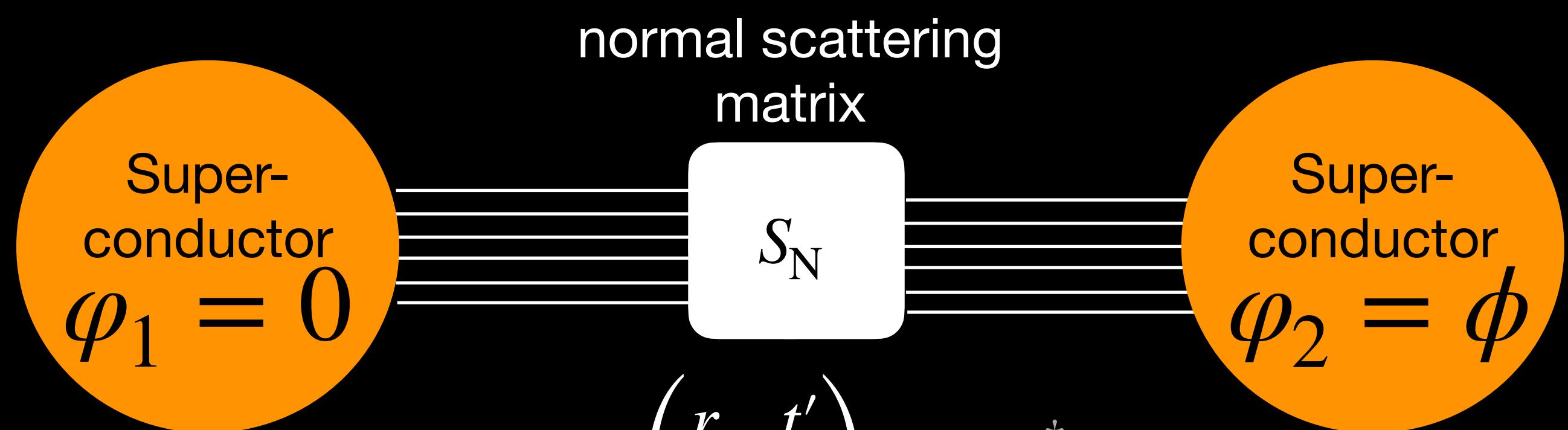
**Andreev Bound state spectrum (ABS):**

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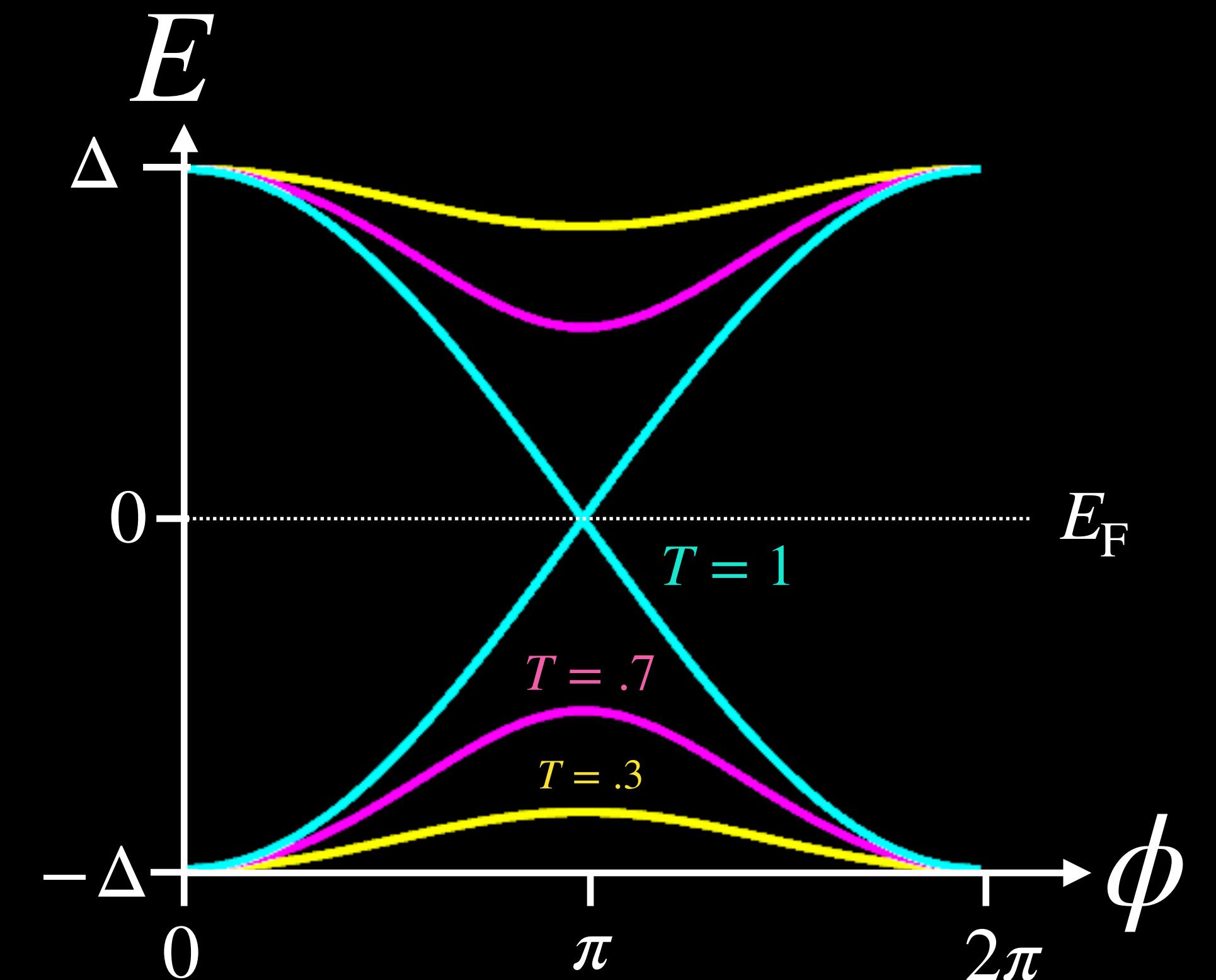
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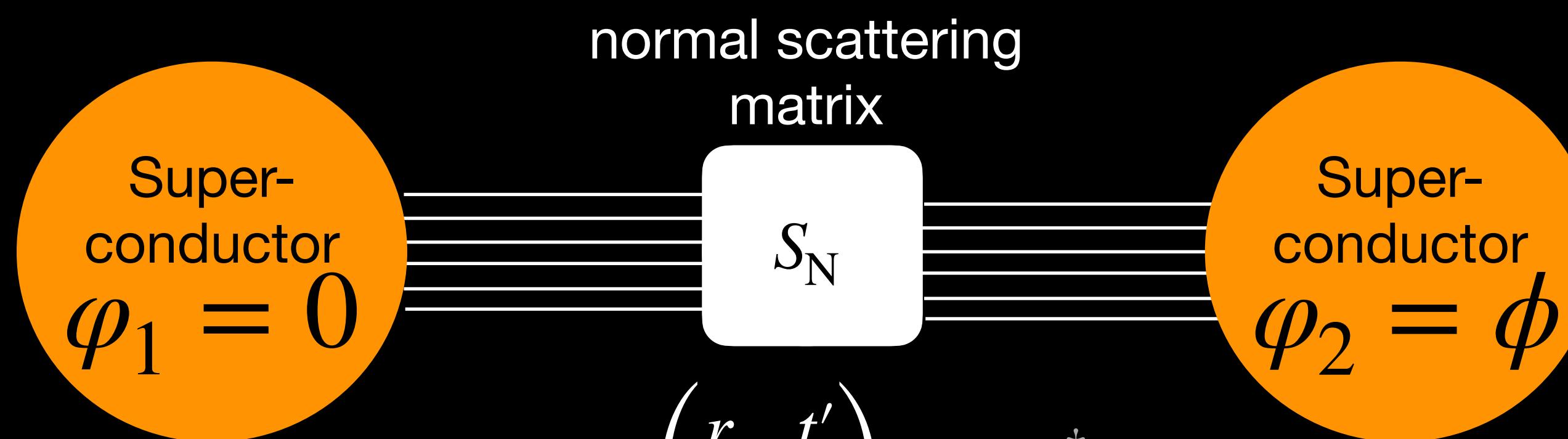
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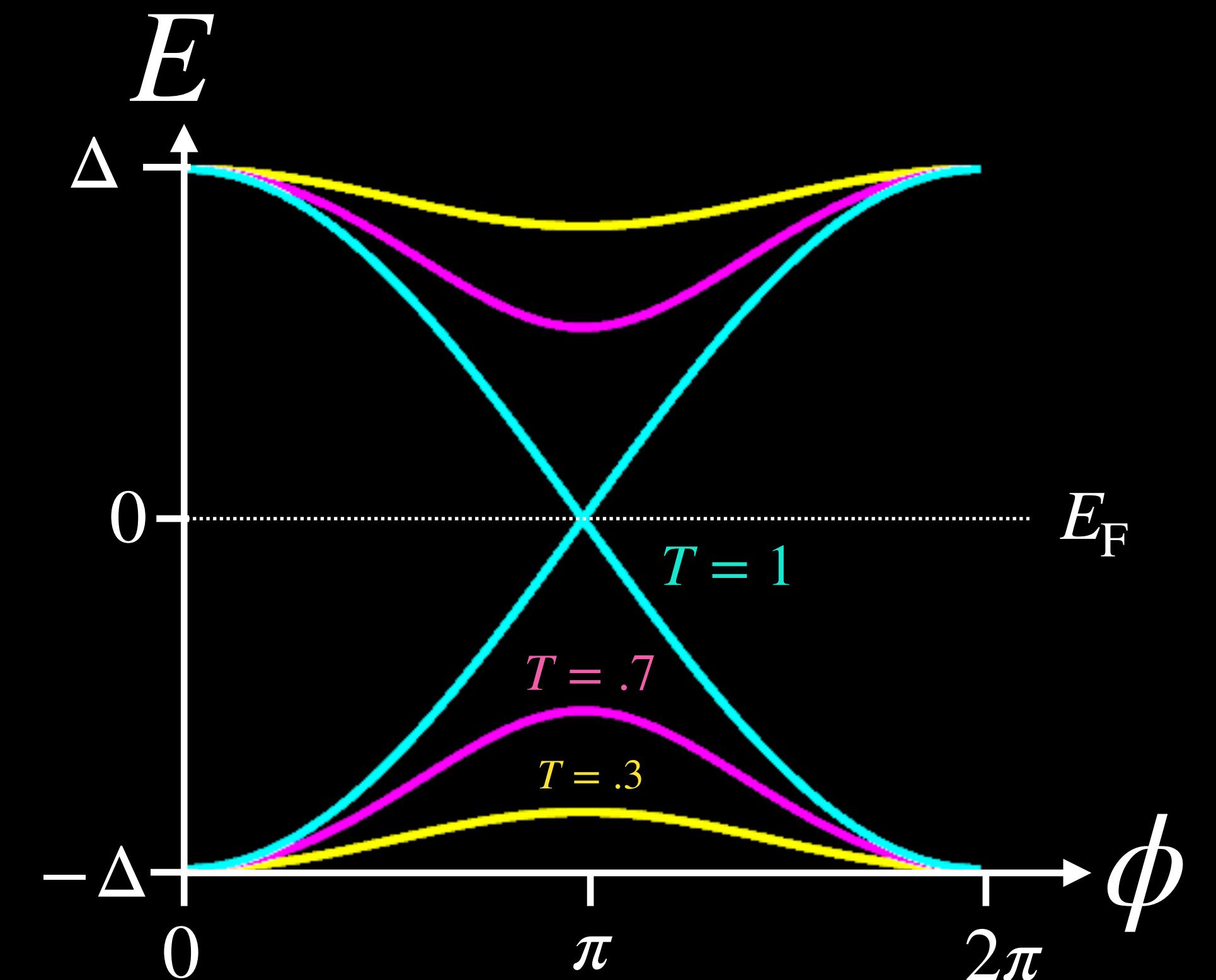
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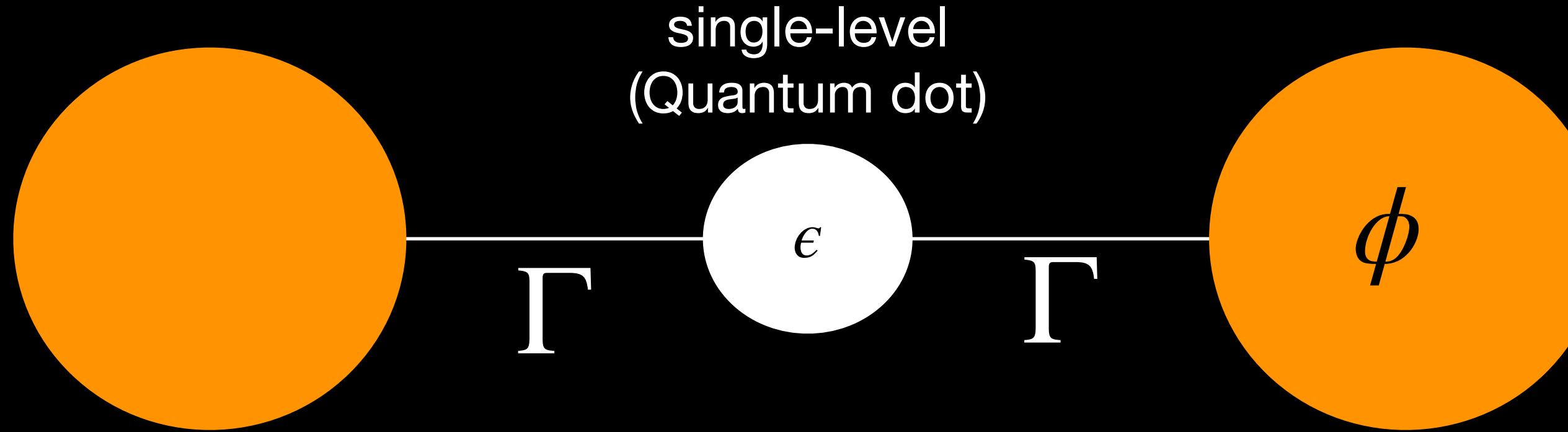
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Example: 1-dot 2-terminal JJ



**normal S-matrix**

$$S_N = 1 - \frac{\Gamma}{E - \epsilon + 2i\Gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Transmission (Breit-Wigner)**

$$T(E) = \frac{4\Gamma^2}{(E - \epsilon) + 4\Gamma^2}$$

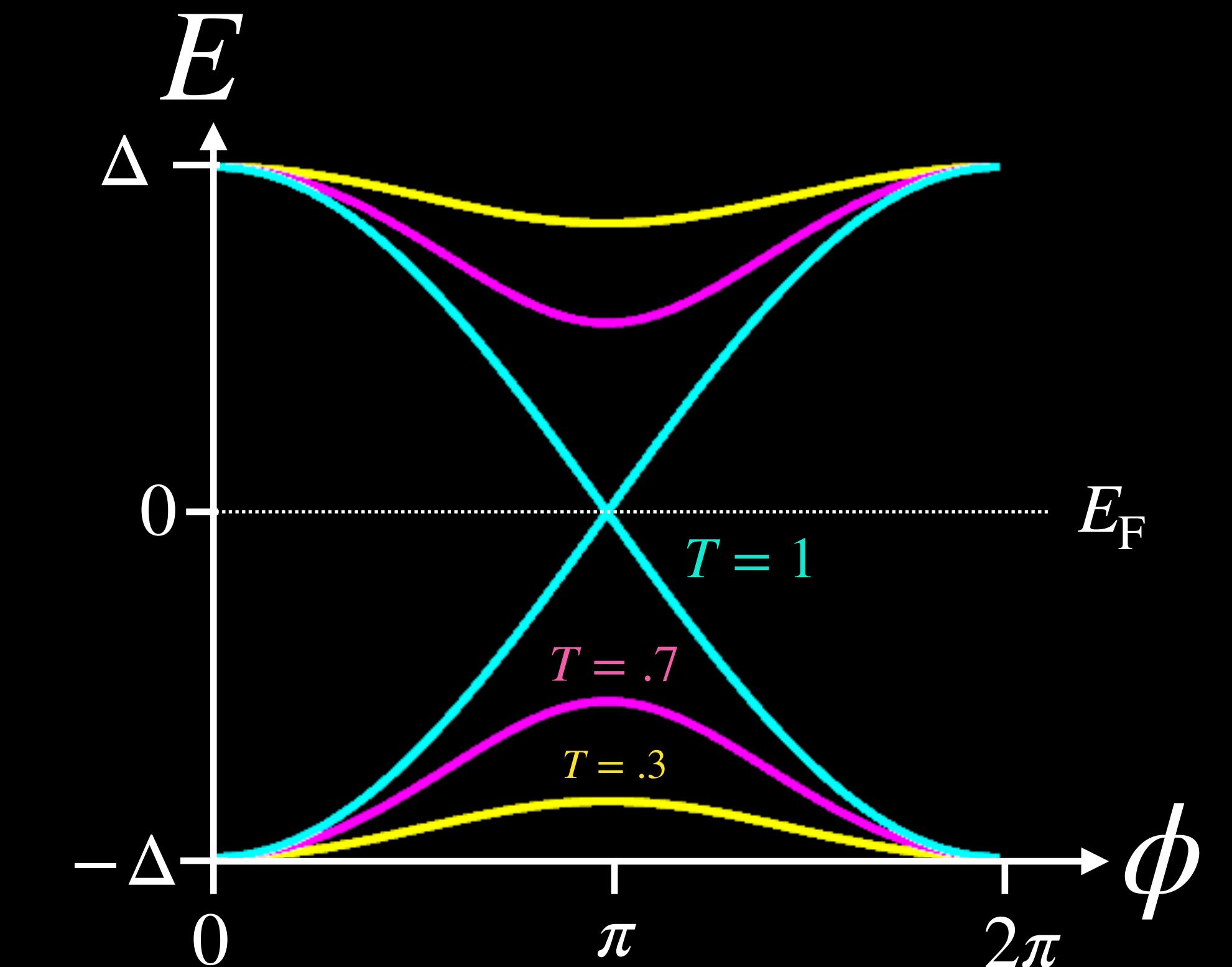
**equal to 1...**

**...for  $\epsilon = 0$  !**

**Reflection**

$$\det(r) = 1 - \frac{2\Gamma}{2\Gamma + i\epsilon}$$

**equal to 0...**



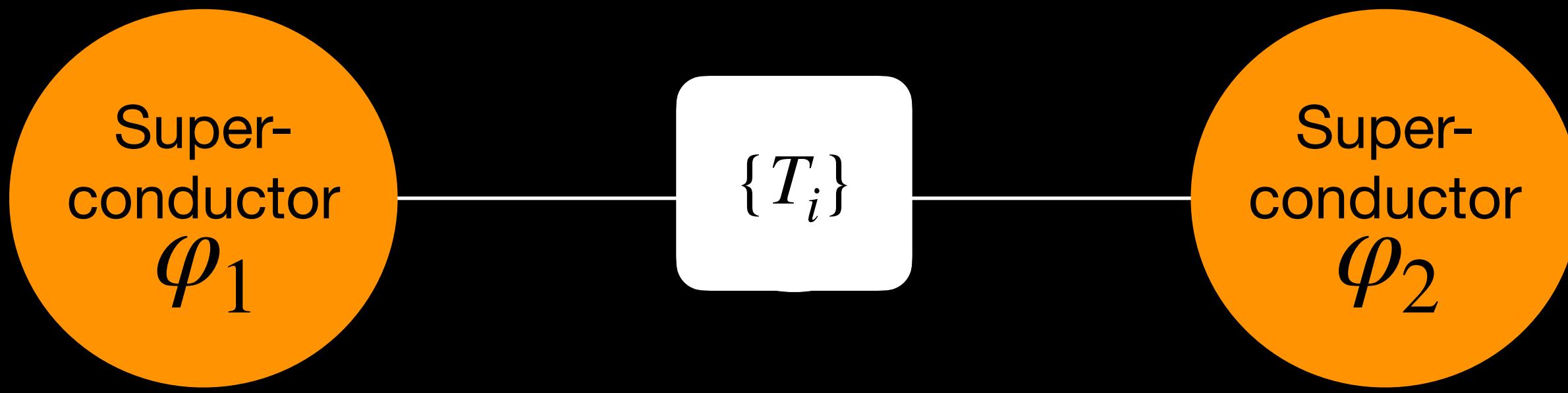
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2-terminal Josephson junctions



1-to-1 correspondence between ABSs  
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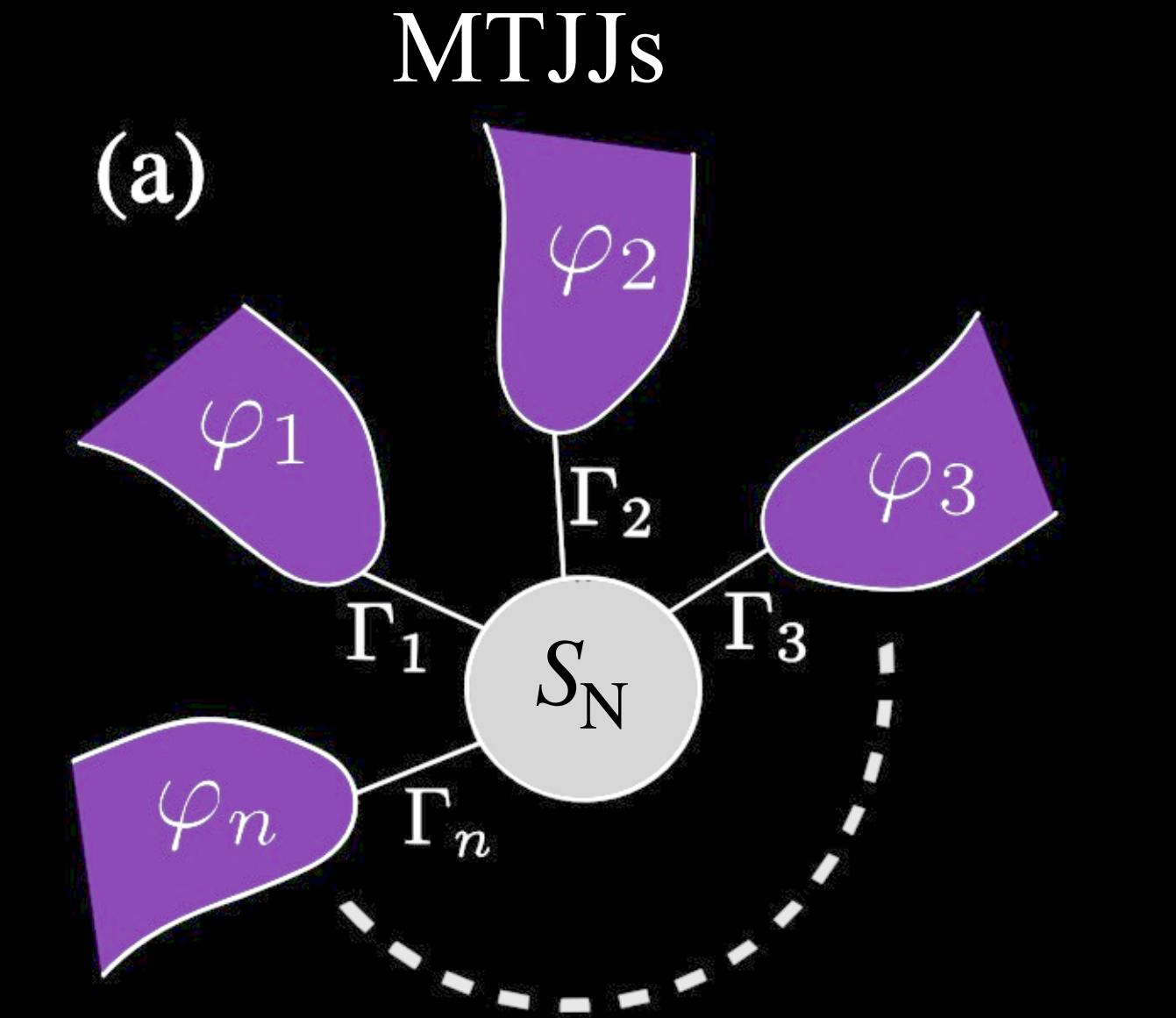
$$E_{\text{ABS}}^i \leftrightarrow T_i$$

One superconducting phase  $\phi$

$$E_{\text{ABS}}(T_i, \phi)$$

Transmissions are  
Kramers degenerate  
(without TRS  
breaking in normal  
state)

B. van Heck, et. al., Phys. Rev.  
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no 1-to-1 correspondence!

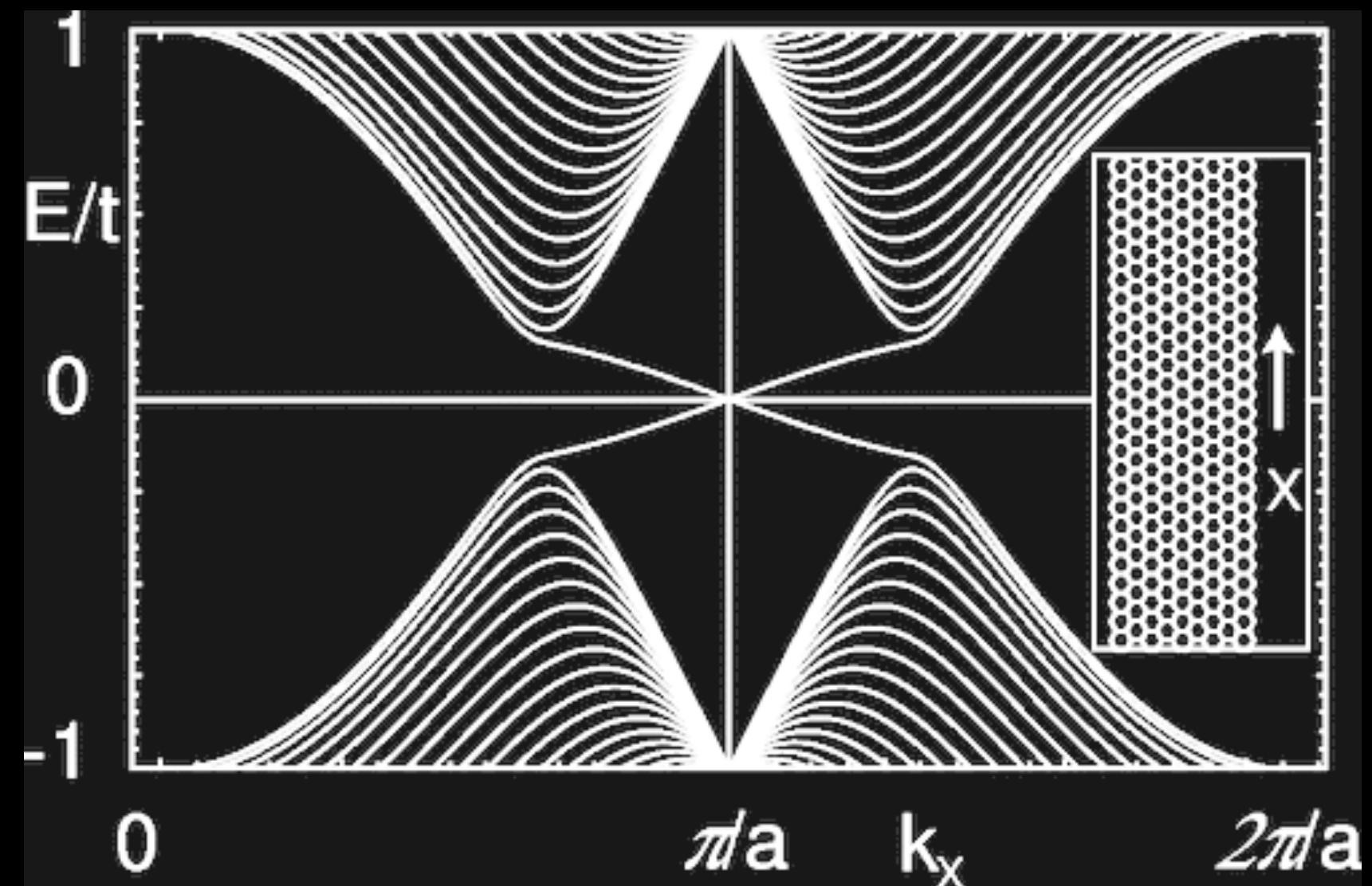
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$n - 1$  superconducting phases  $\{\phi_i\}$

$$E_{\text{ABS}}(S, \vec{\phi})$$

# Why care about topology?

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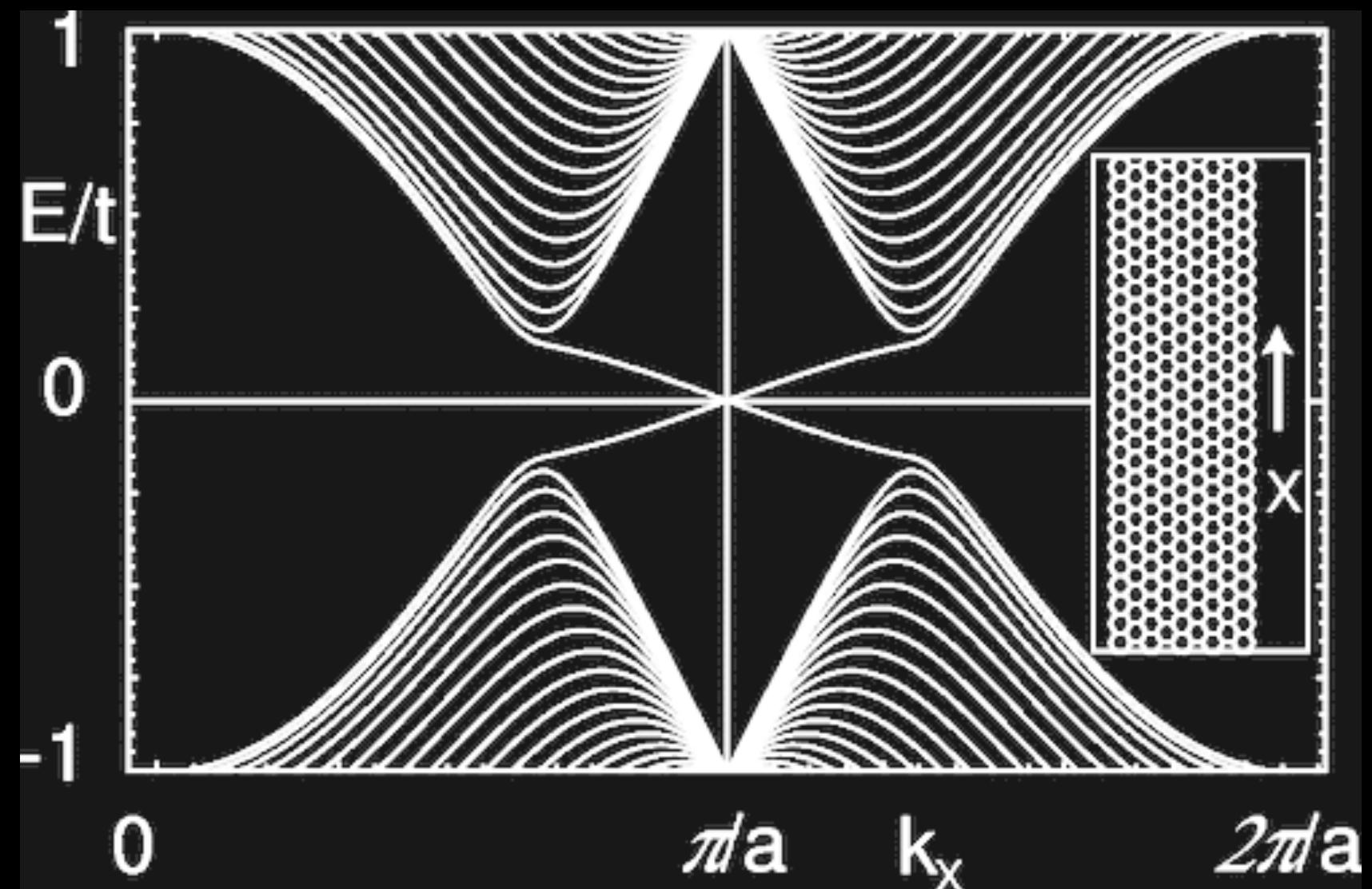
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# How to define topology (in MTJJs)?

Effective Hamiltonian with eigenenergies and eigenvectors

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \vec{d} \cdot \vec{\sigma} / E_i(\vec{k}) / |v_i(\vec{k})\rangle \quad H_{\text{eff}} = -G_C^{-1}(E=0) \quad E_i(\vec{\phi}) / |v_i(\vec{\phi})\rangle$$

Define the Chern number of a band  $E_i$  like  
for topological insulators

$$C_i^{jk} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} B_i^{jk}(\vec{k}) dk_j dk_k \quad C_i^{jk} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} B_i^{jk}(\vec{\phi}) d\phi_j d\phi_k$$

Berry curvature

$$B_i^{jk} = -2\text{Im}\langle \partial_{k_j} v_i | \partial_{k_k} v_i \rangle \quad B_i^{jk} = -2\text{Im}\langle \partial_{\phi_j} v_i | \partial_{\phi_k} v_i \rangle$$

# Intuition: Chern Number

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Algebraic

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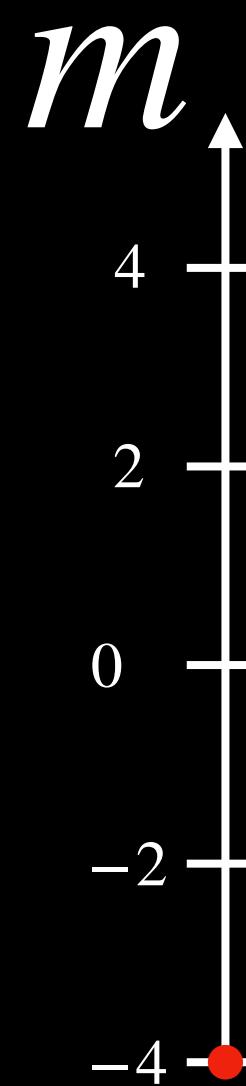
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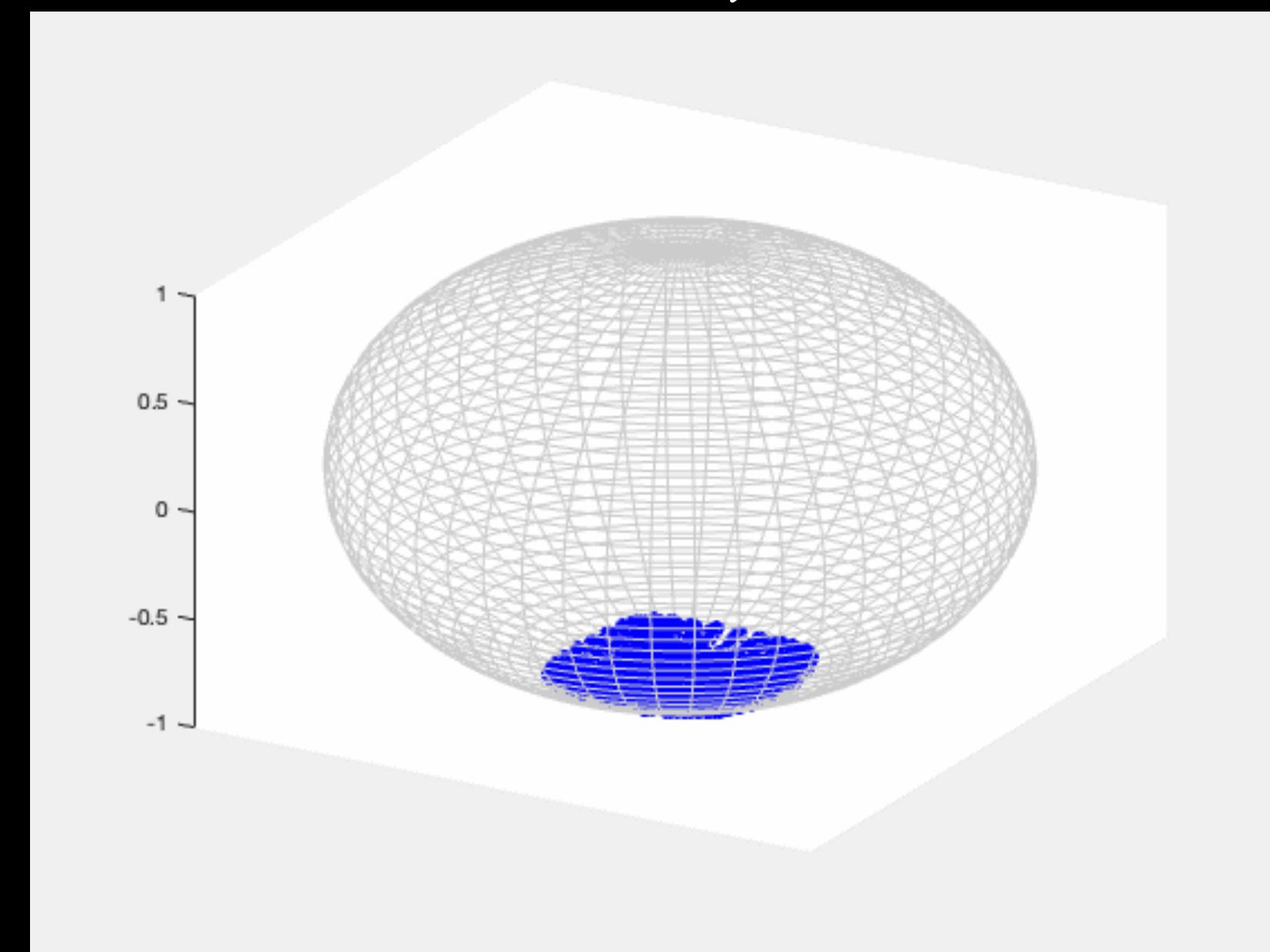
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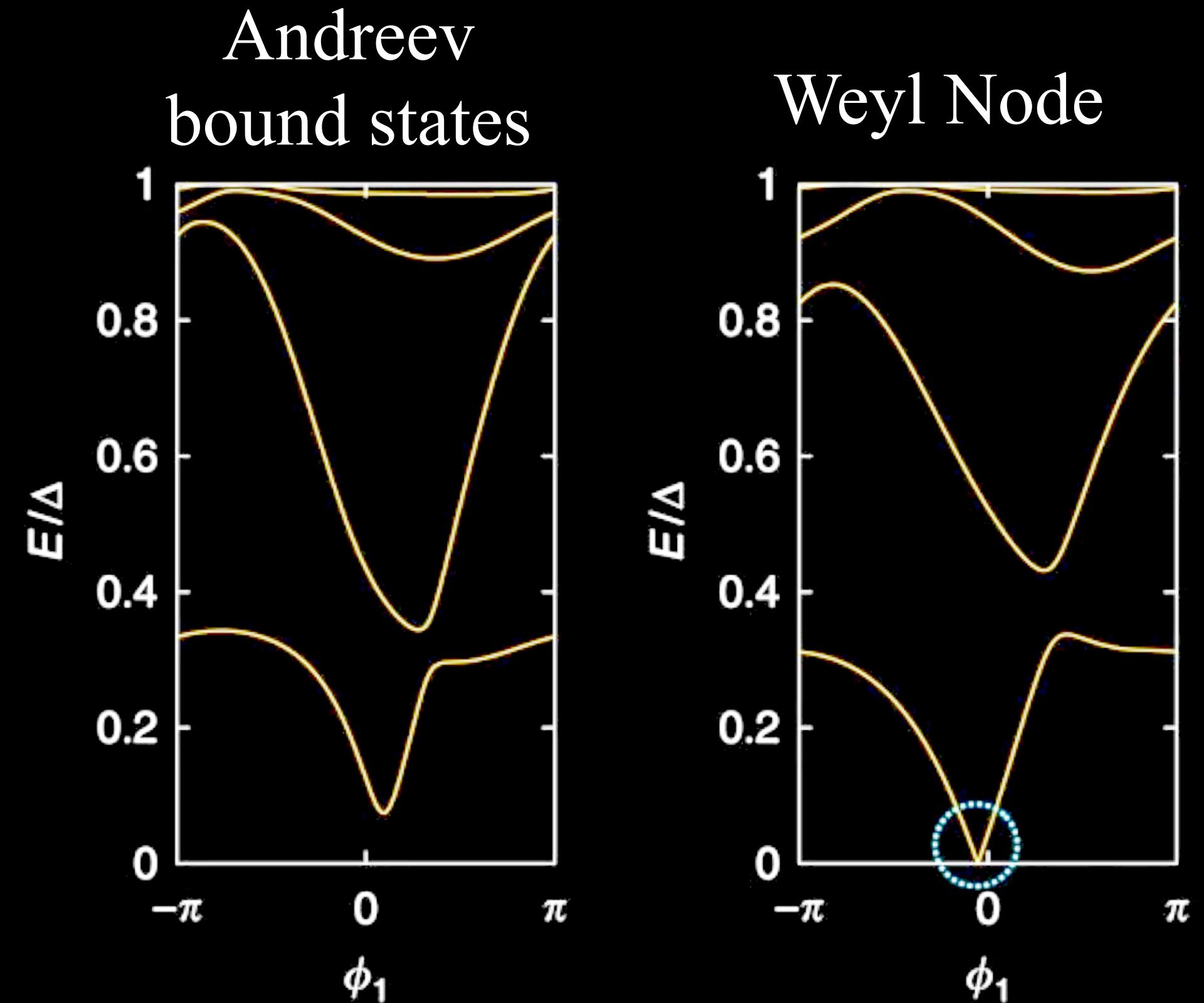
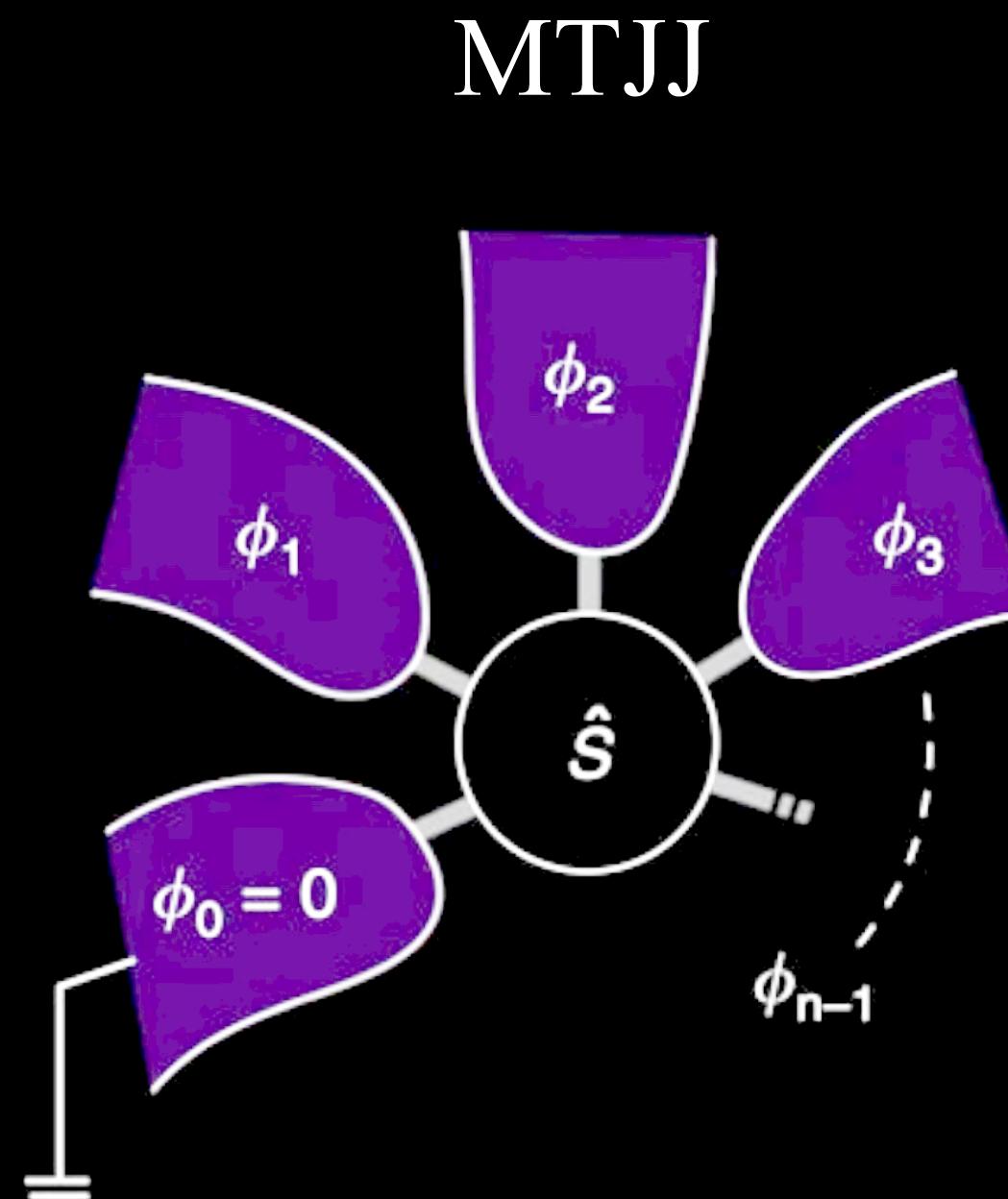
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$$\vec{e}(k_x, k_y) |_{k_x, k_y \in [0, 2\pi)}$$



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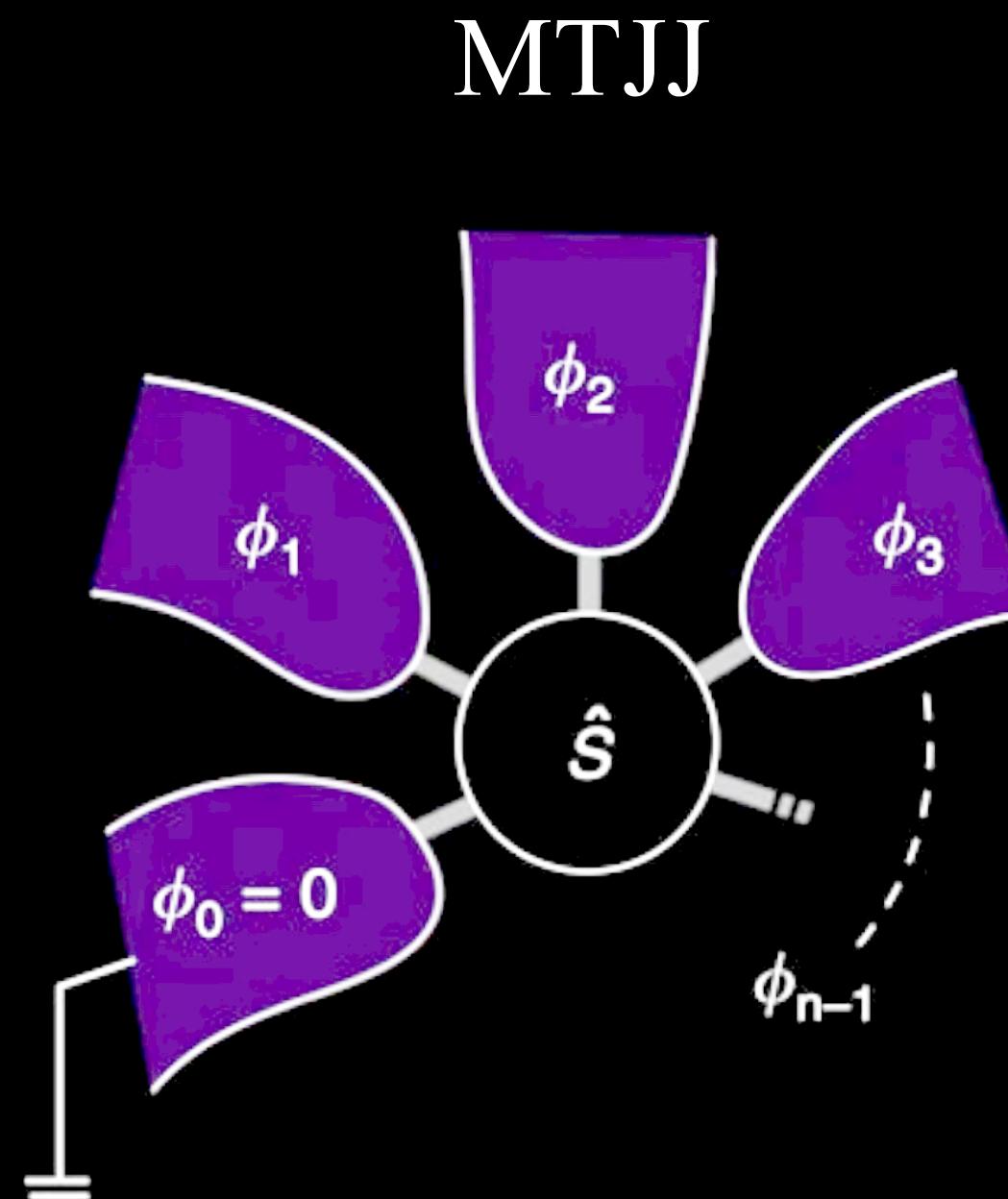


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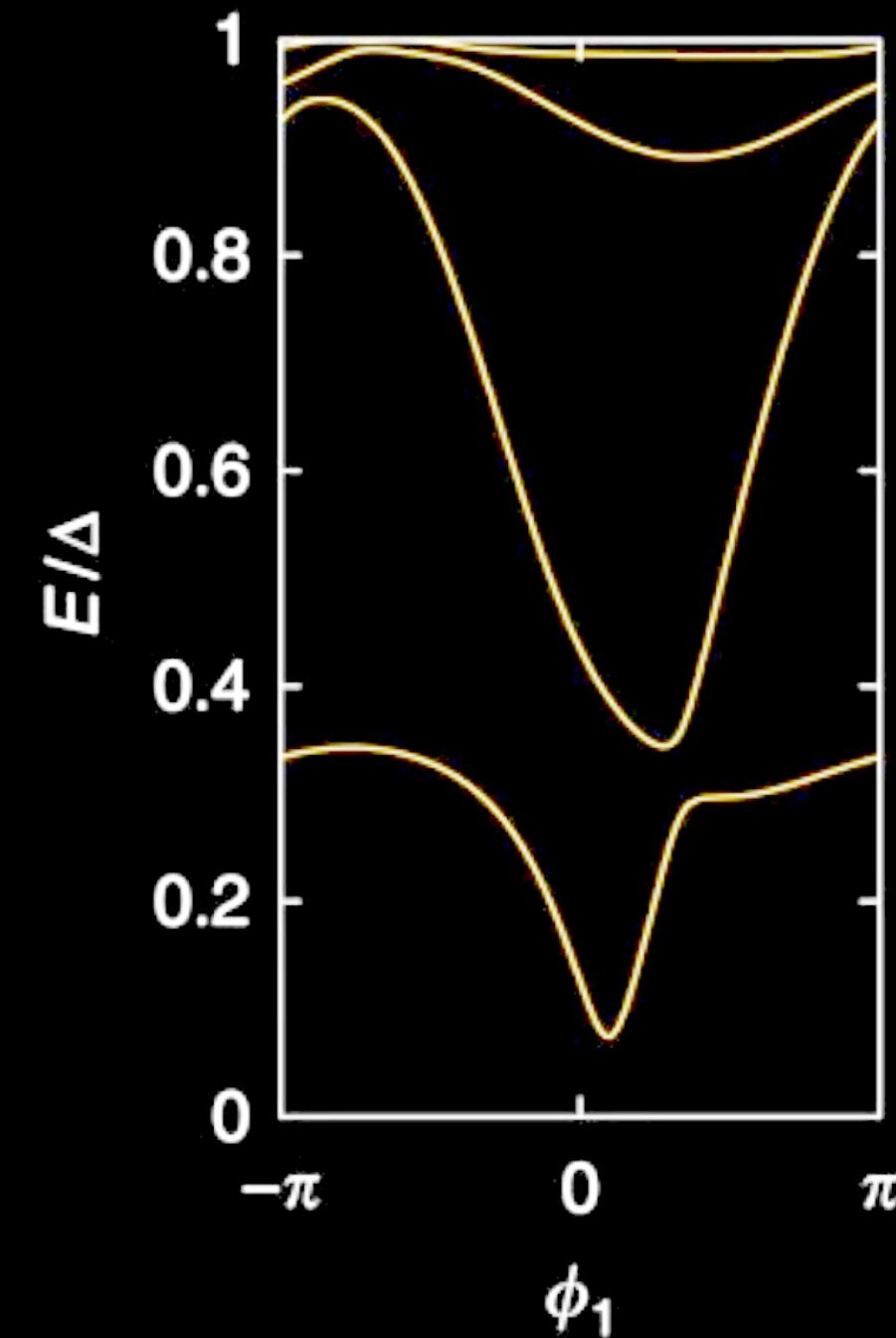
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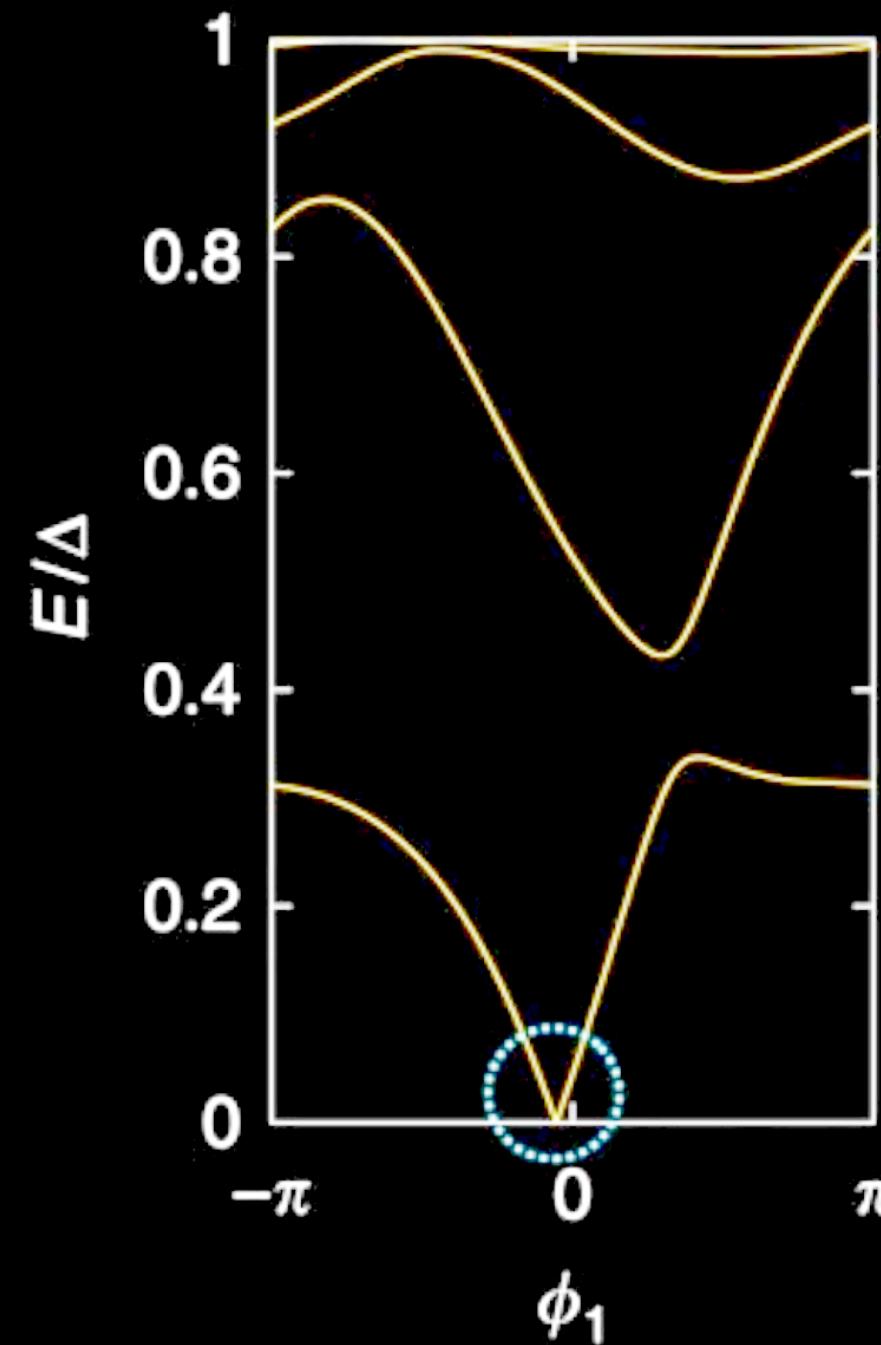
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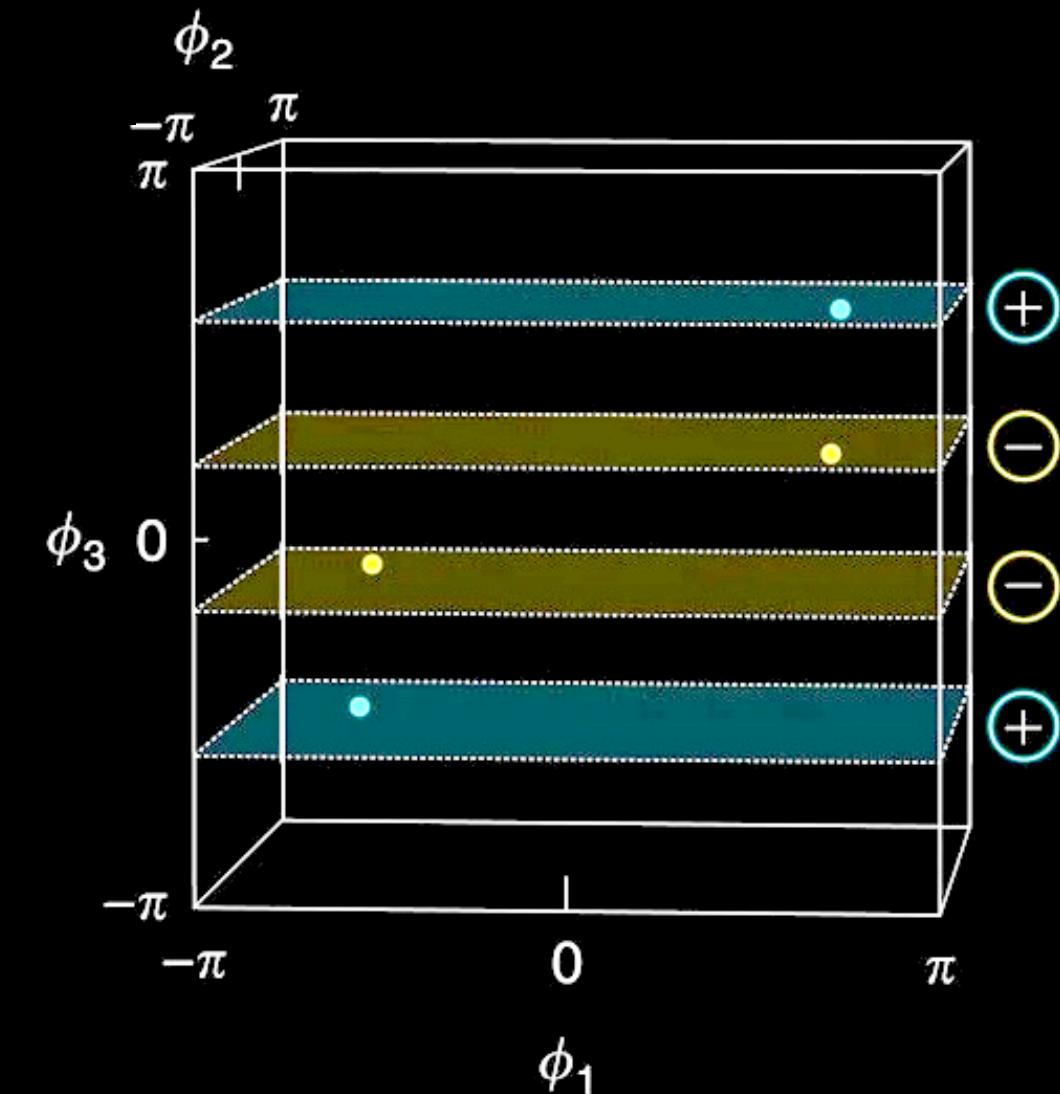
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Weyl Node

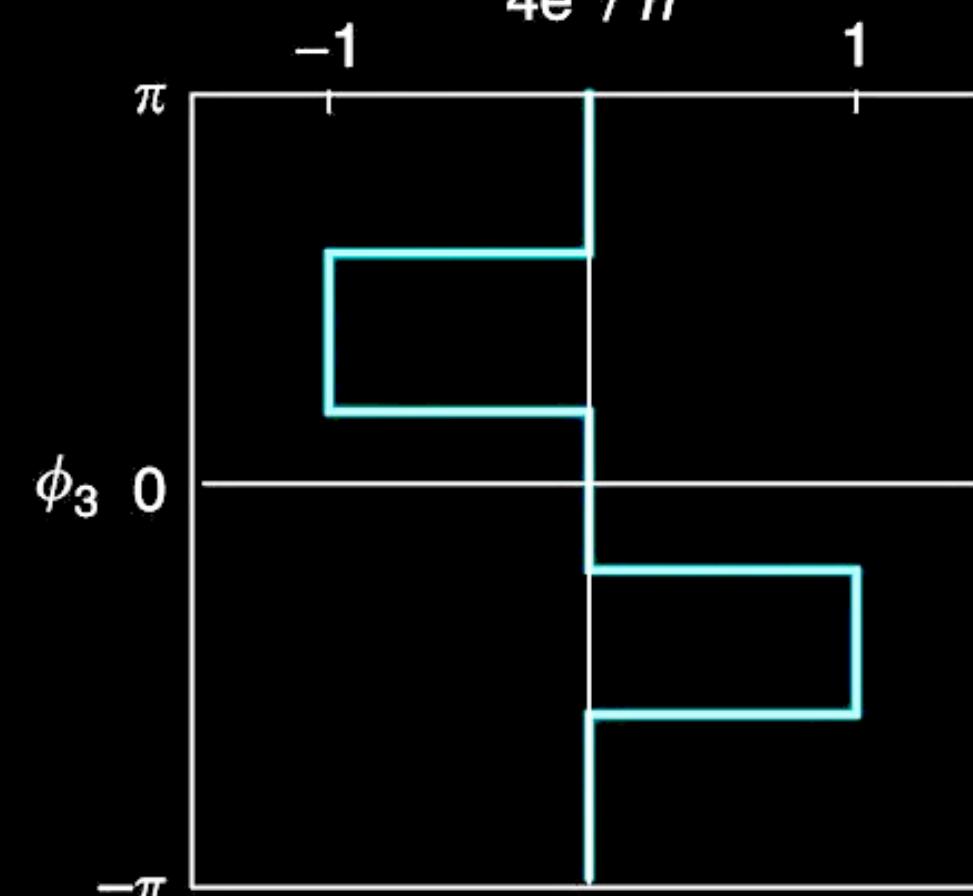


Weyl Nodes in phase space



Transconductance (Chern number)

$$\frac{G^{12}}{4e^2/h}$$

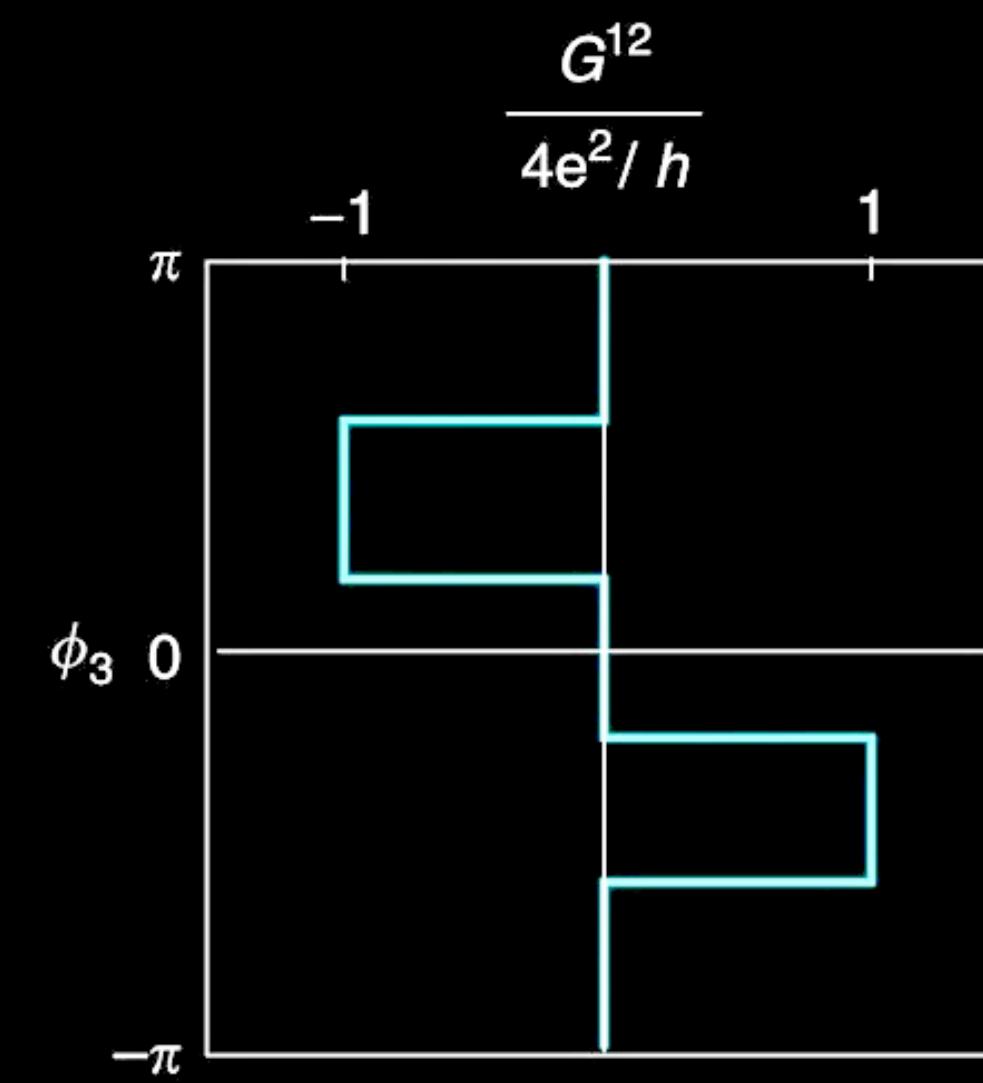


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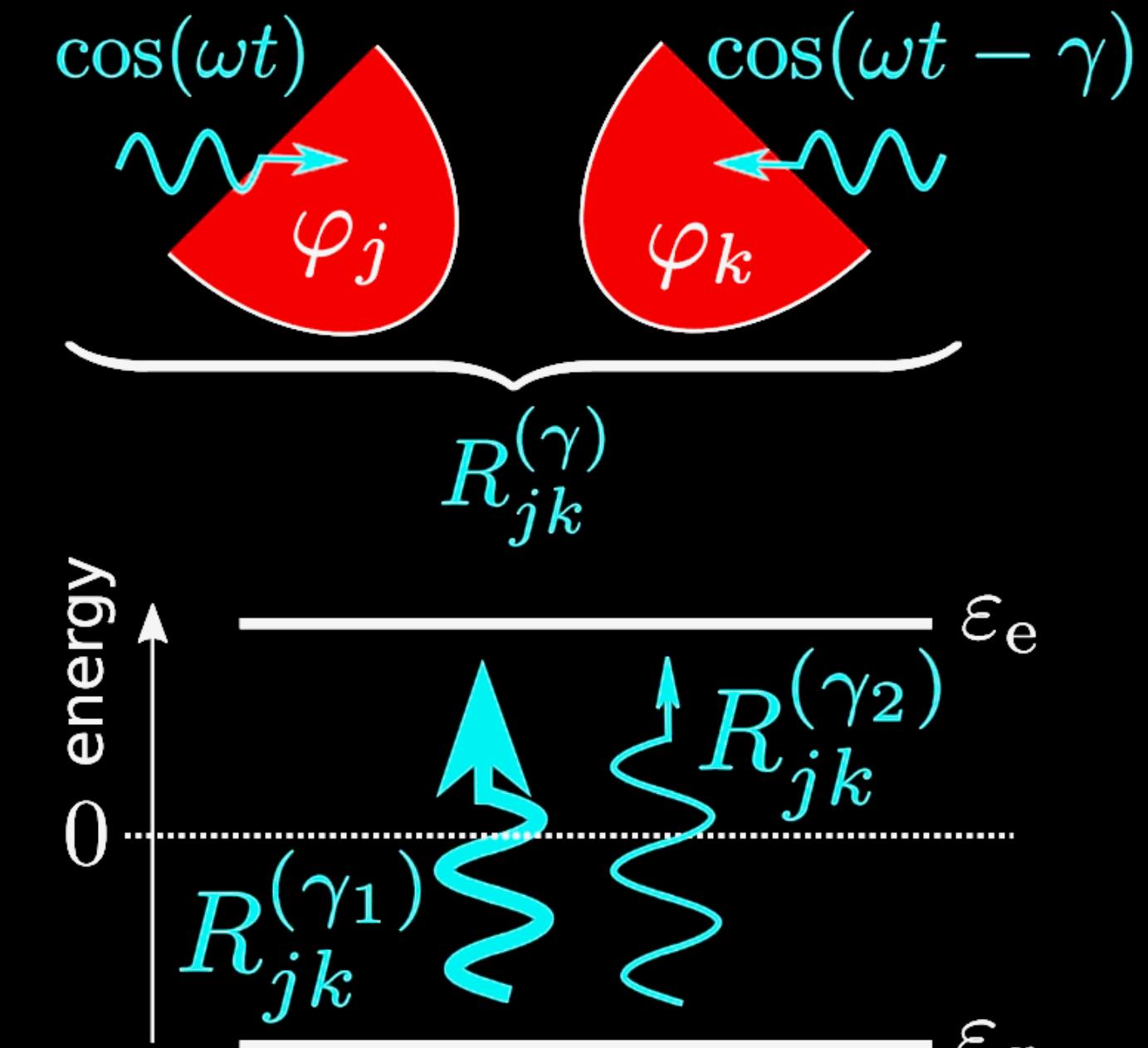
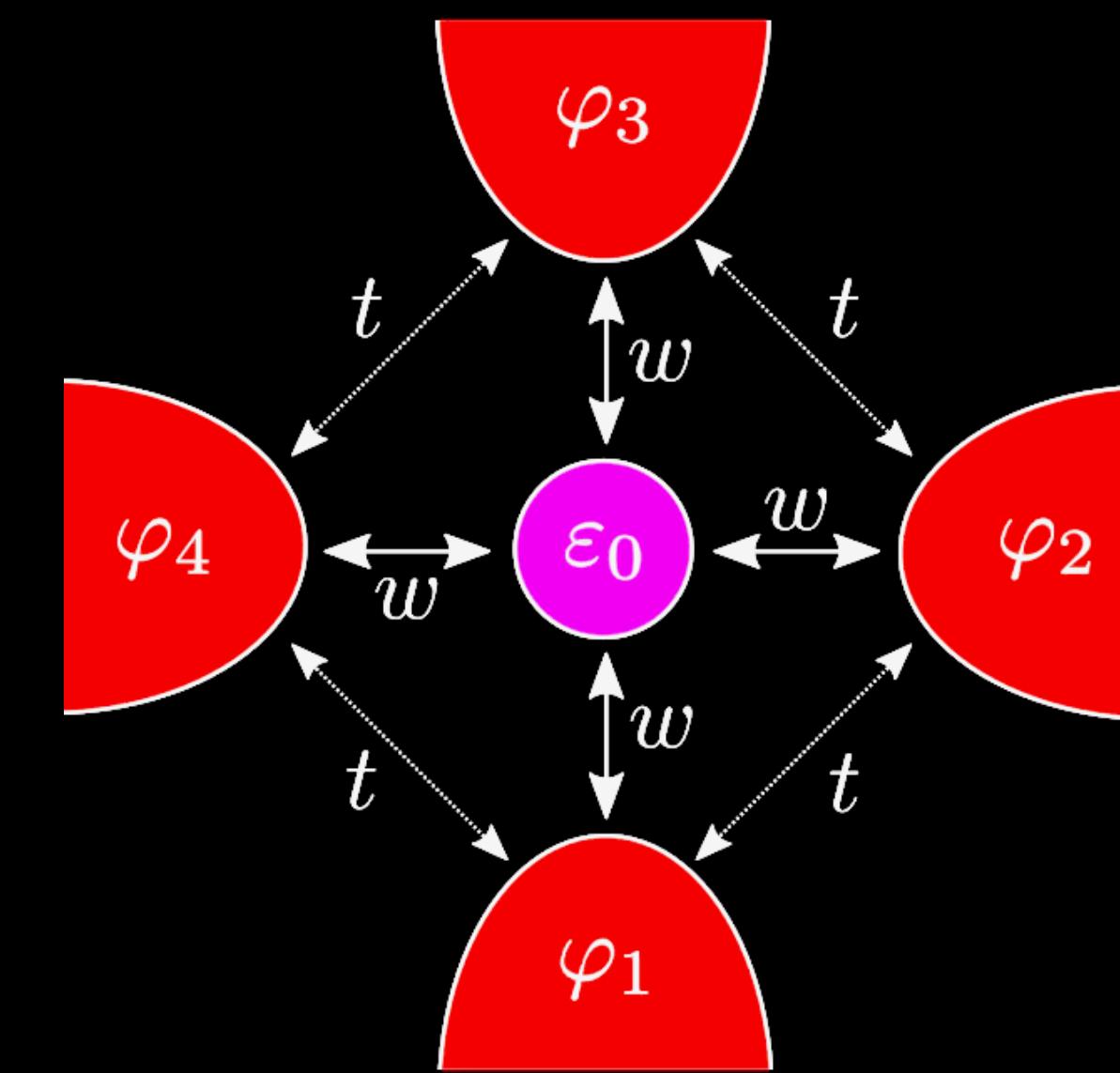


$$I_i(t) = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \partial_{\phi_i} E_{\text{ABS}} - 2e\dot{\phi}_j B^{ij}$$

Incommensurate voltages:

$$\langle I_i \rangle = -\frac{4e^2}{h} C^{ij} V_j$$

Microwave spectroscopy

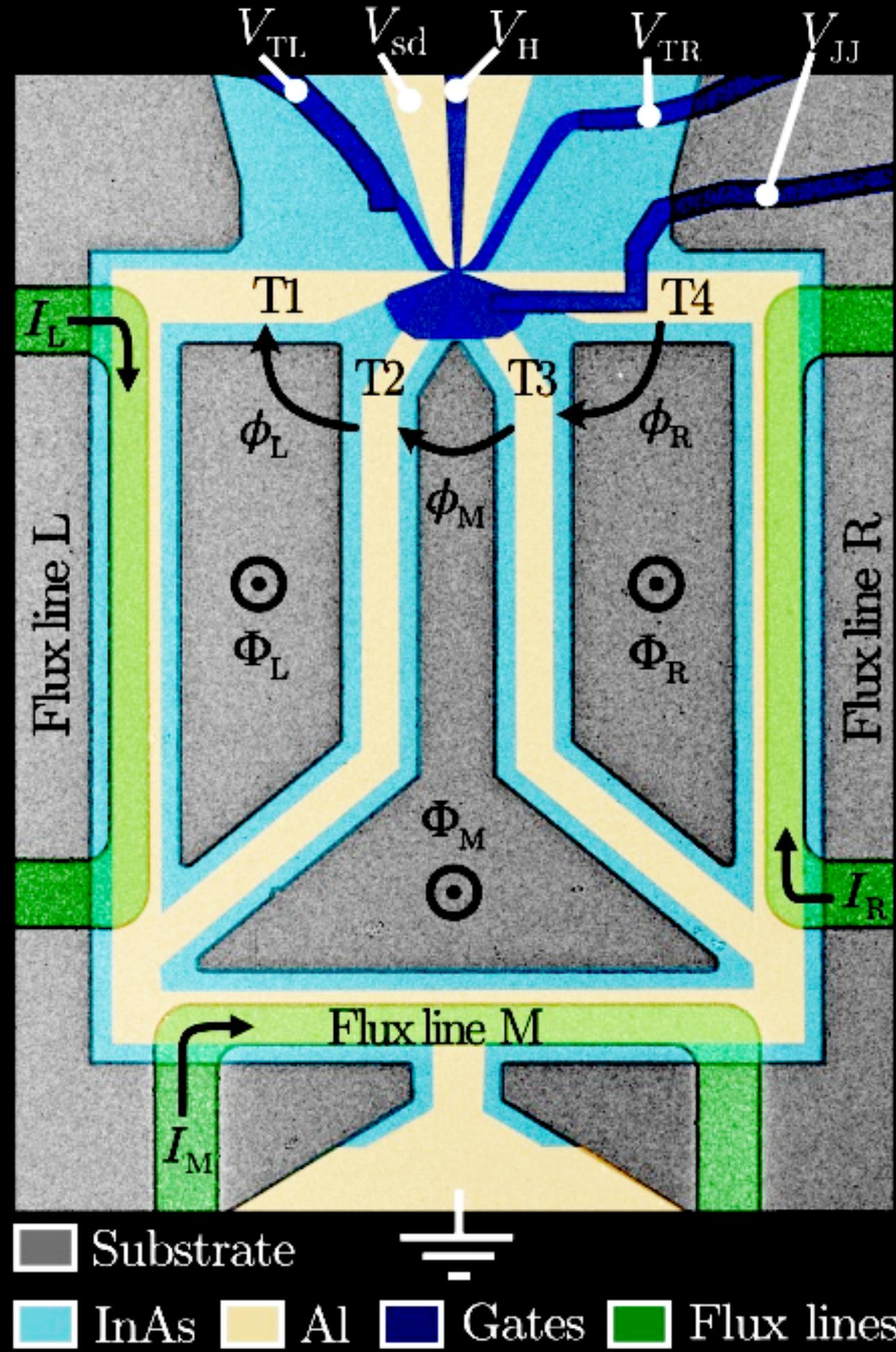


Access to the quantum geometric tensor

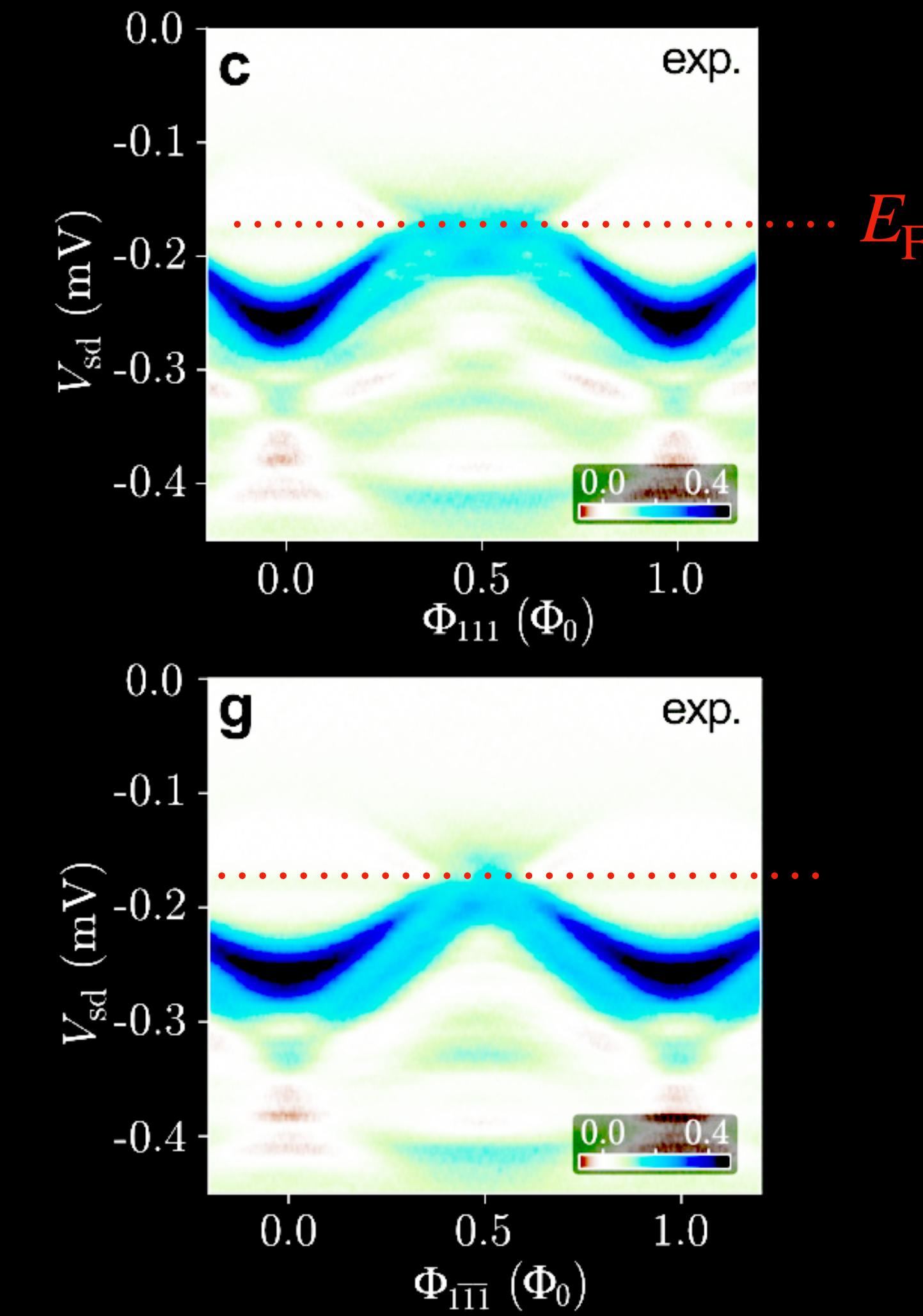
$$\chi_{jk} = \langle \partial_j g | (1 - |g\rangle\langle g|) | \partial_k g \rangle$$

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Topography of  
4-terminal MTJJ

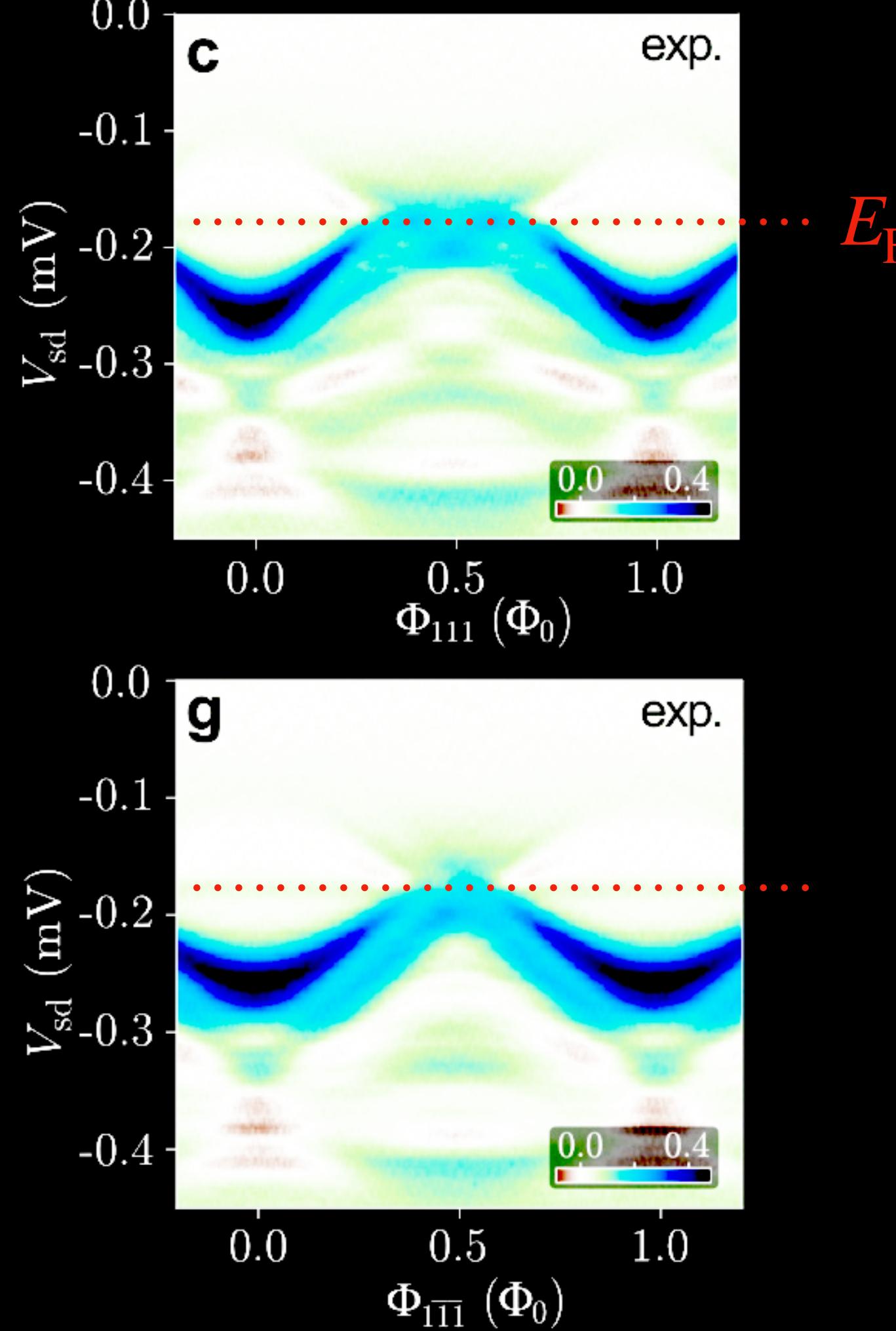


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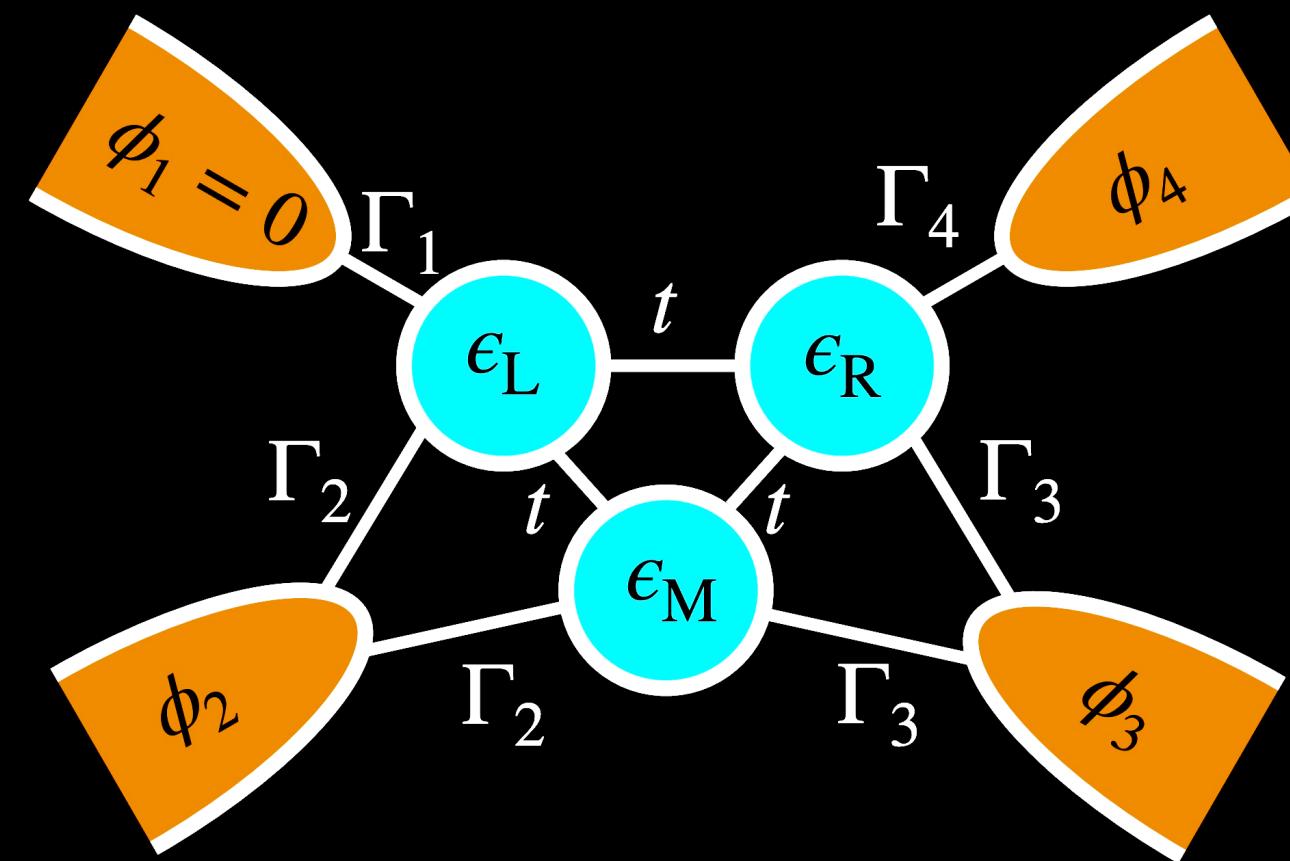


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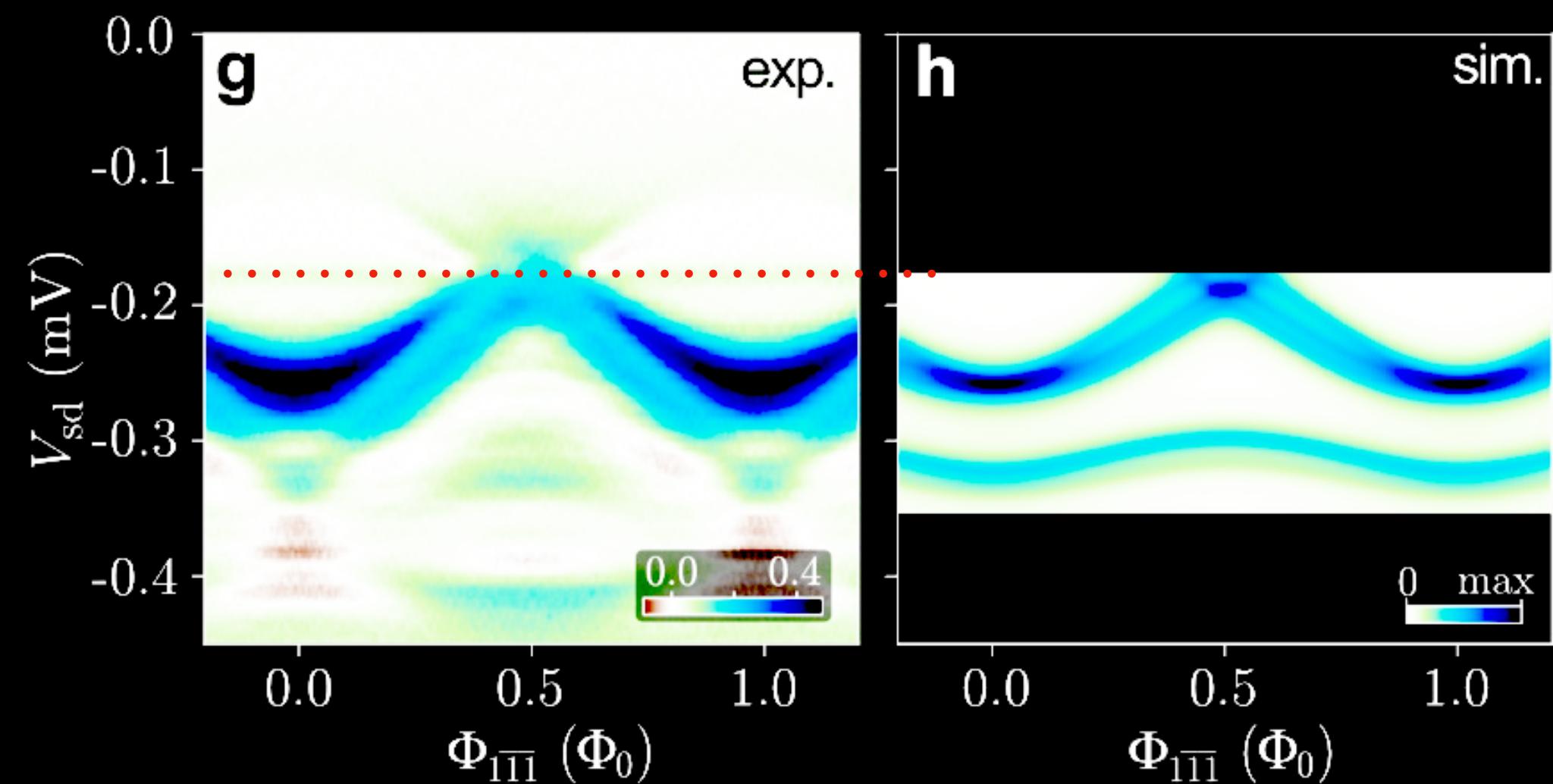
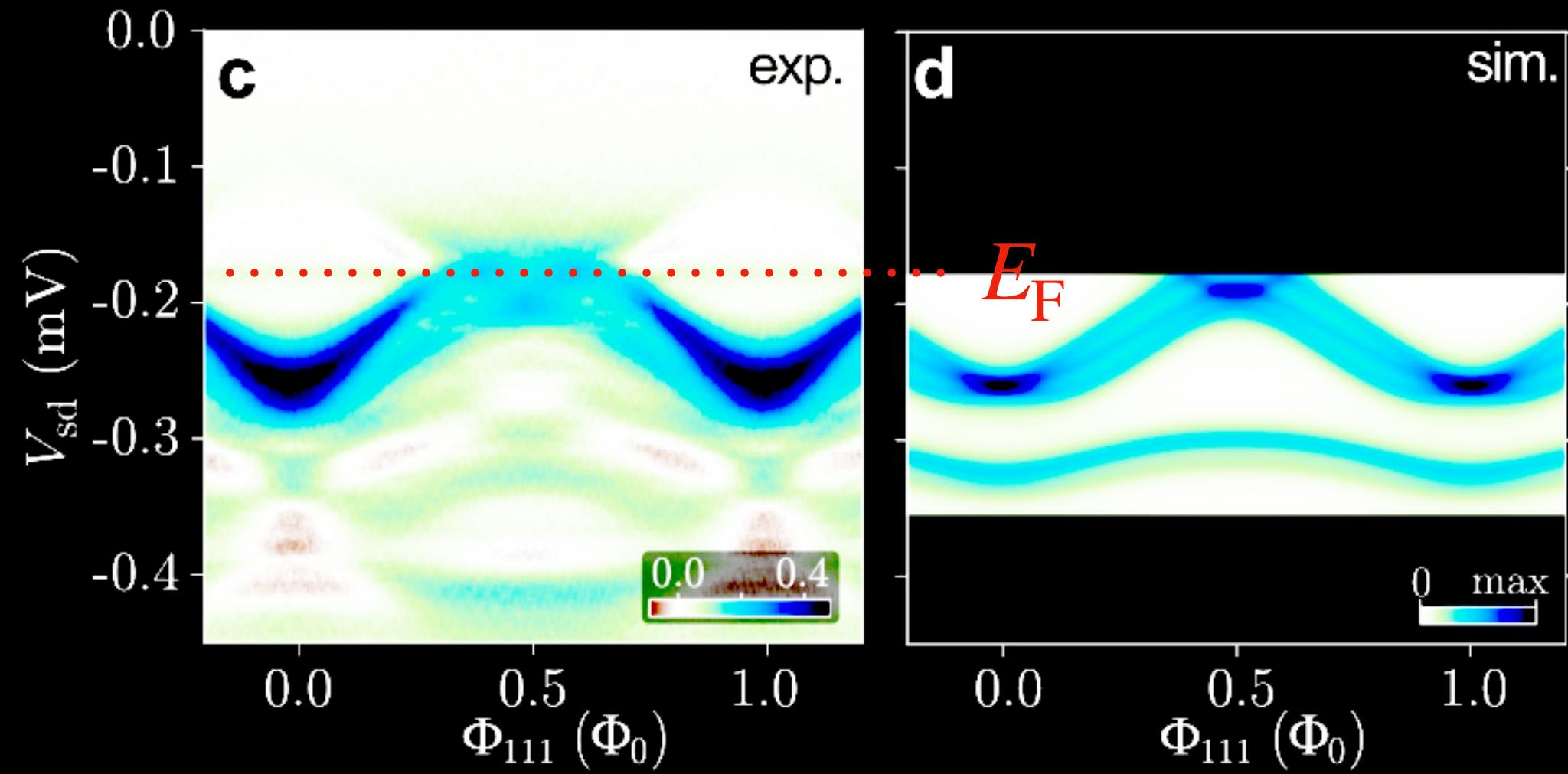


Three state Andreev molecule model

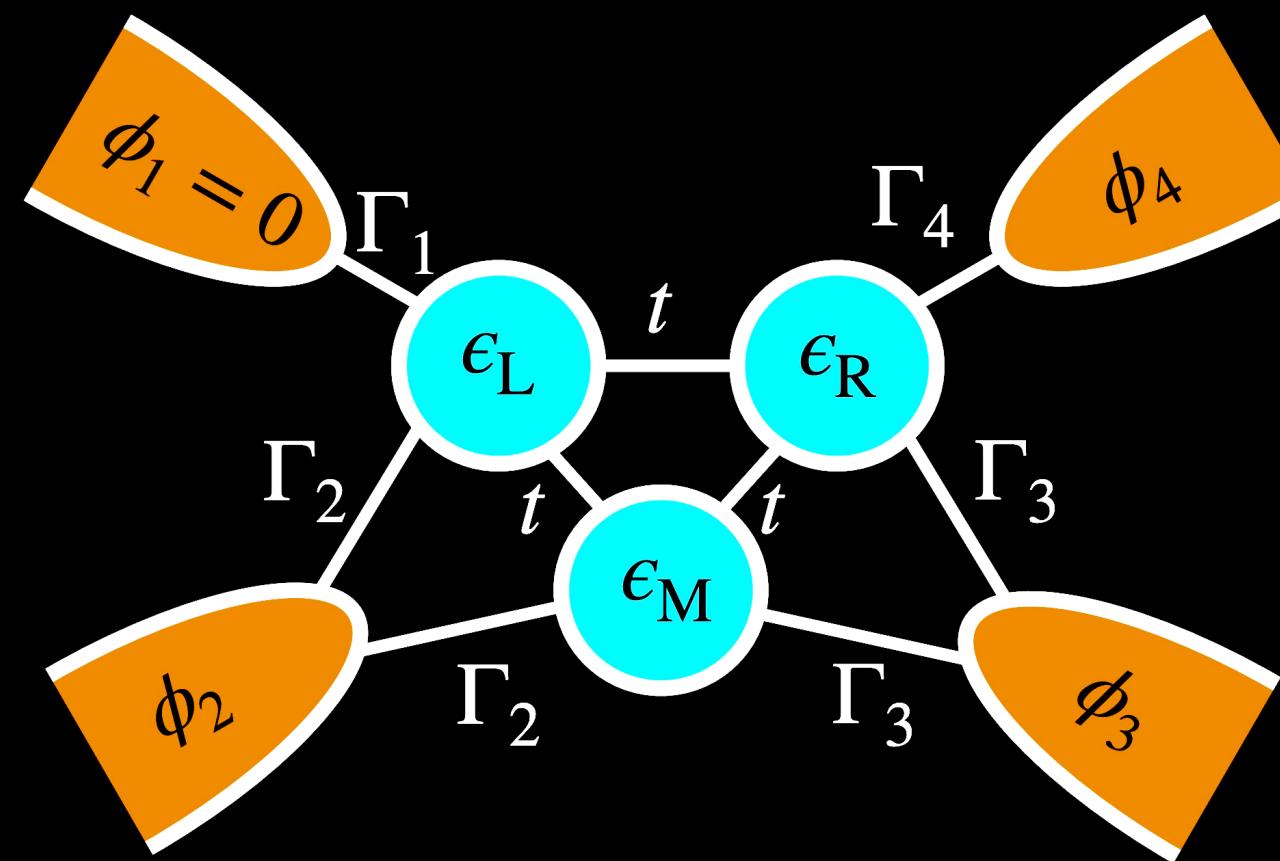


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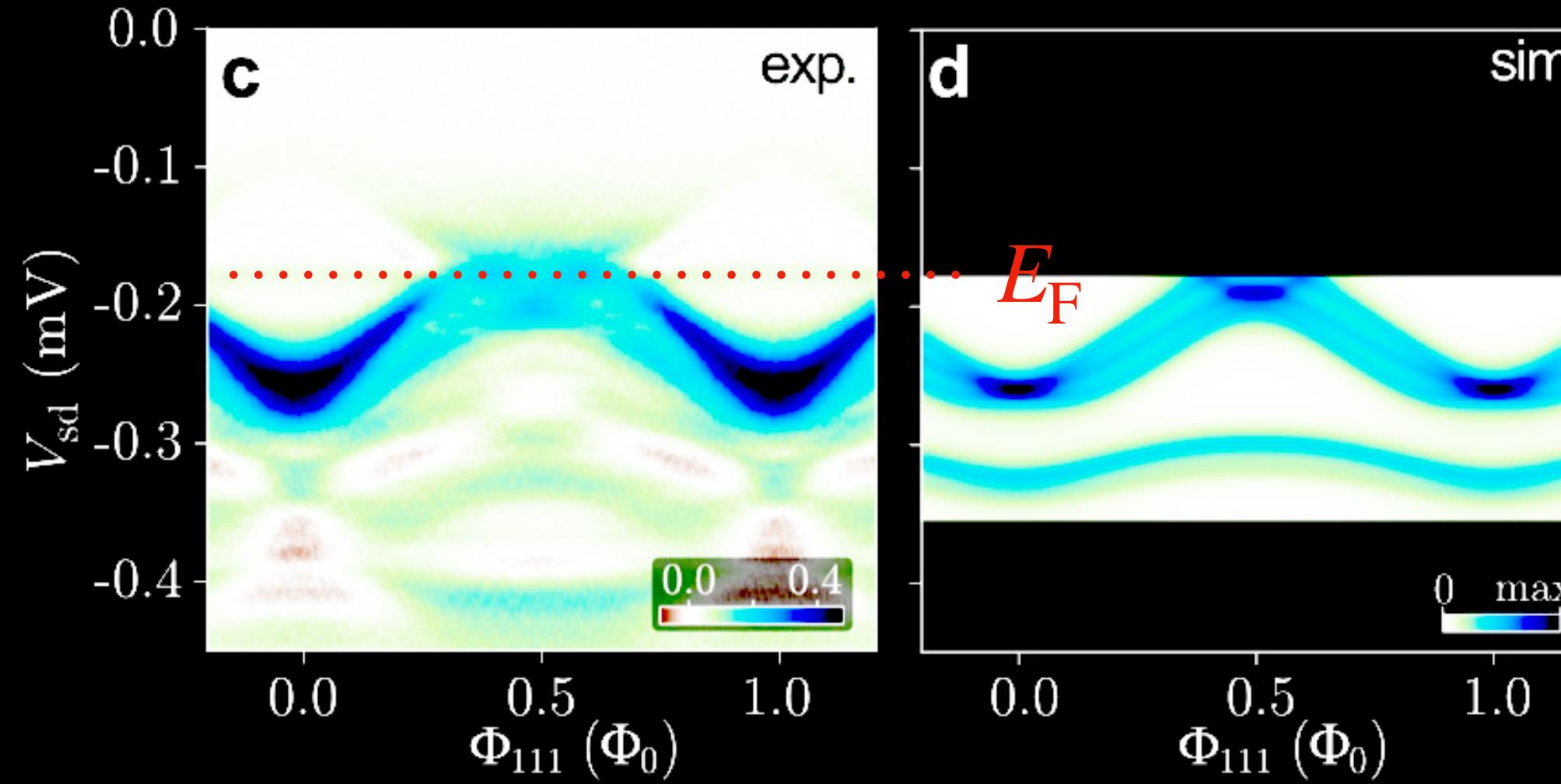


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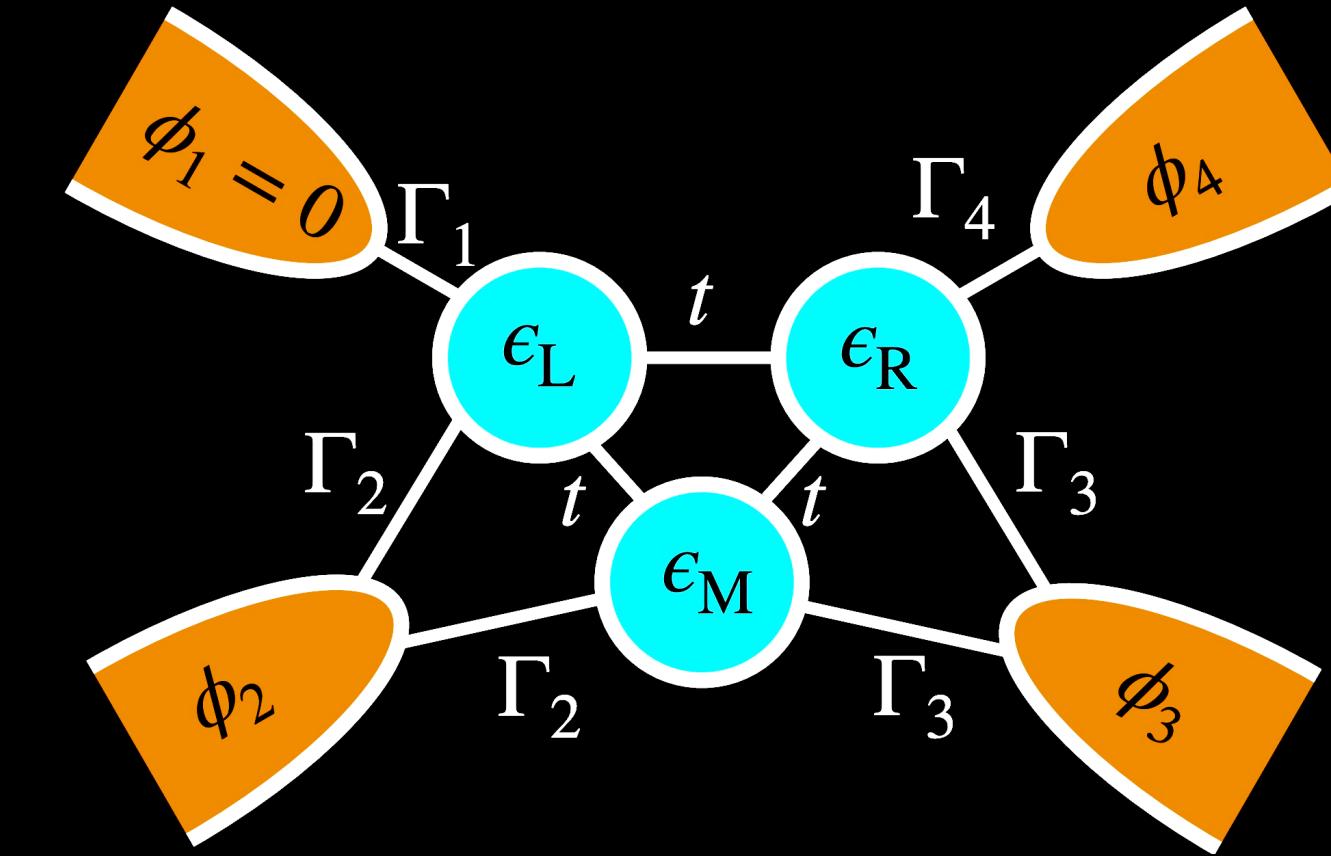


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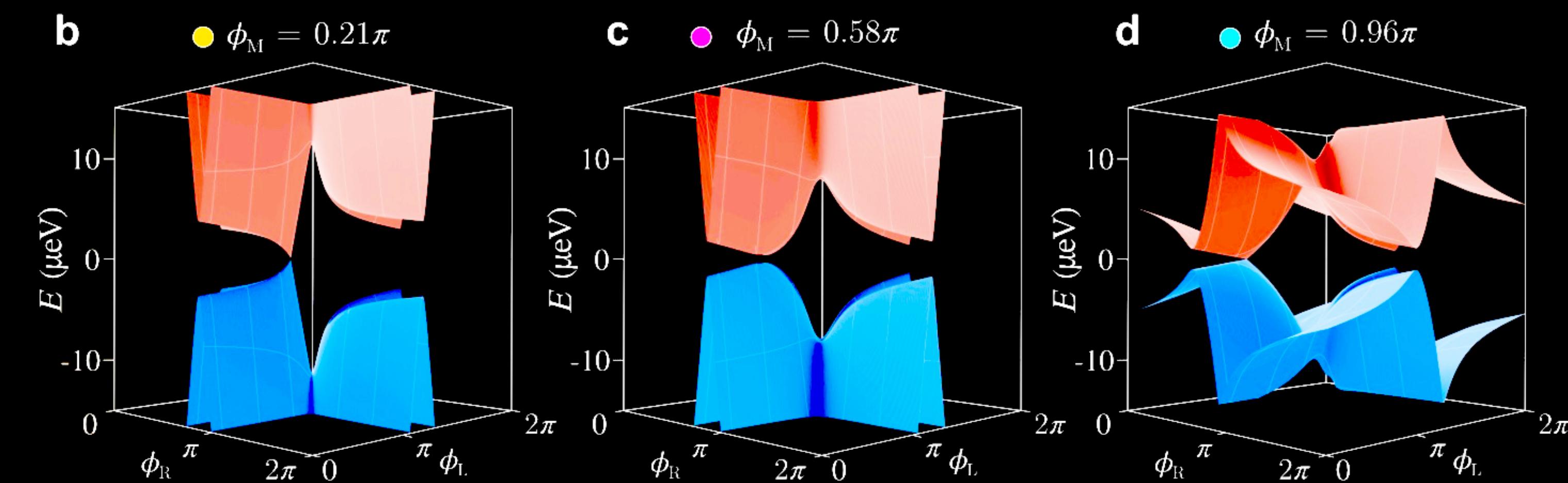
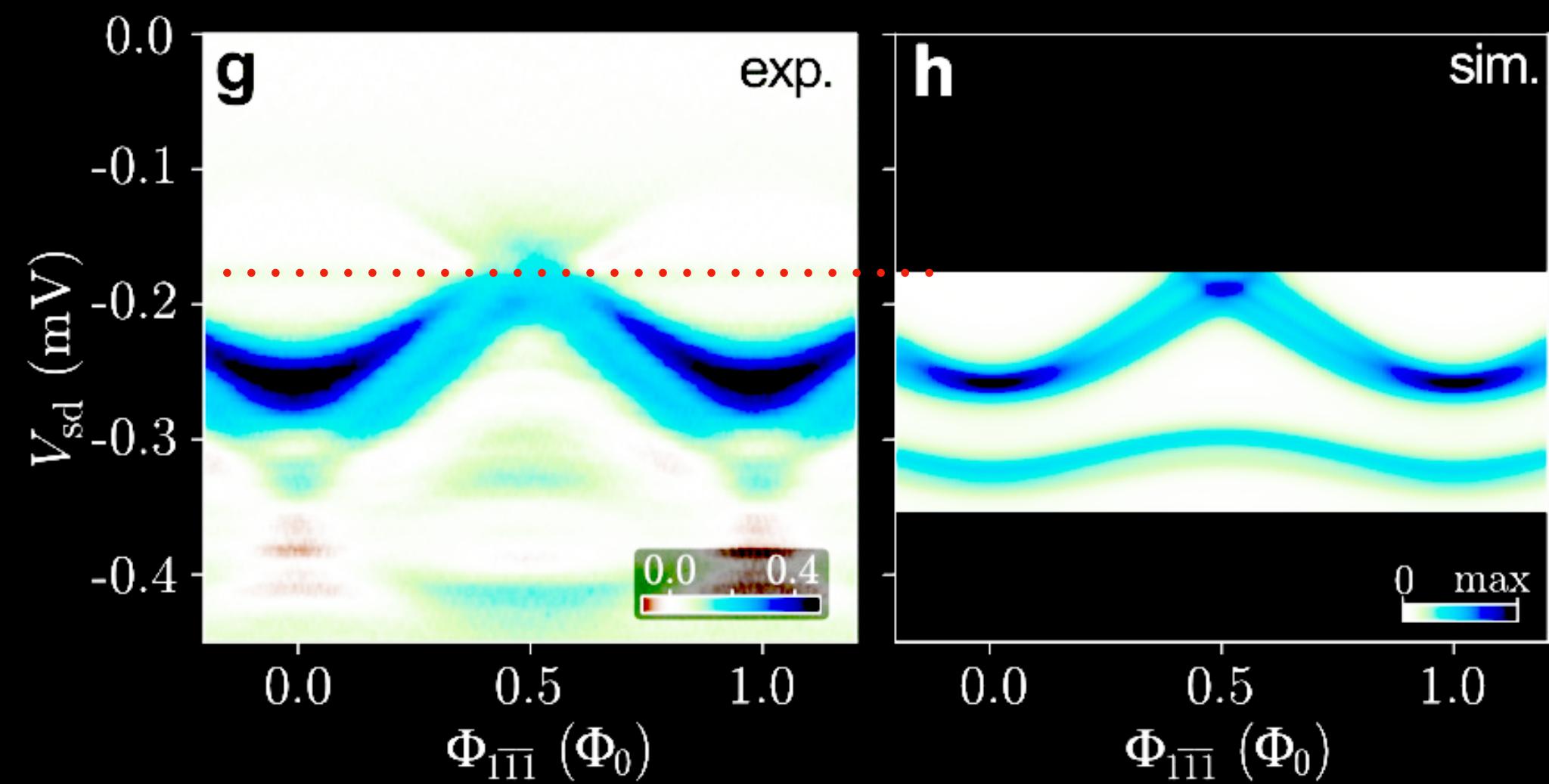
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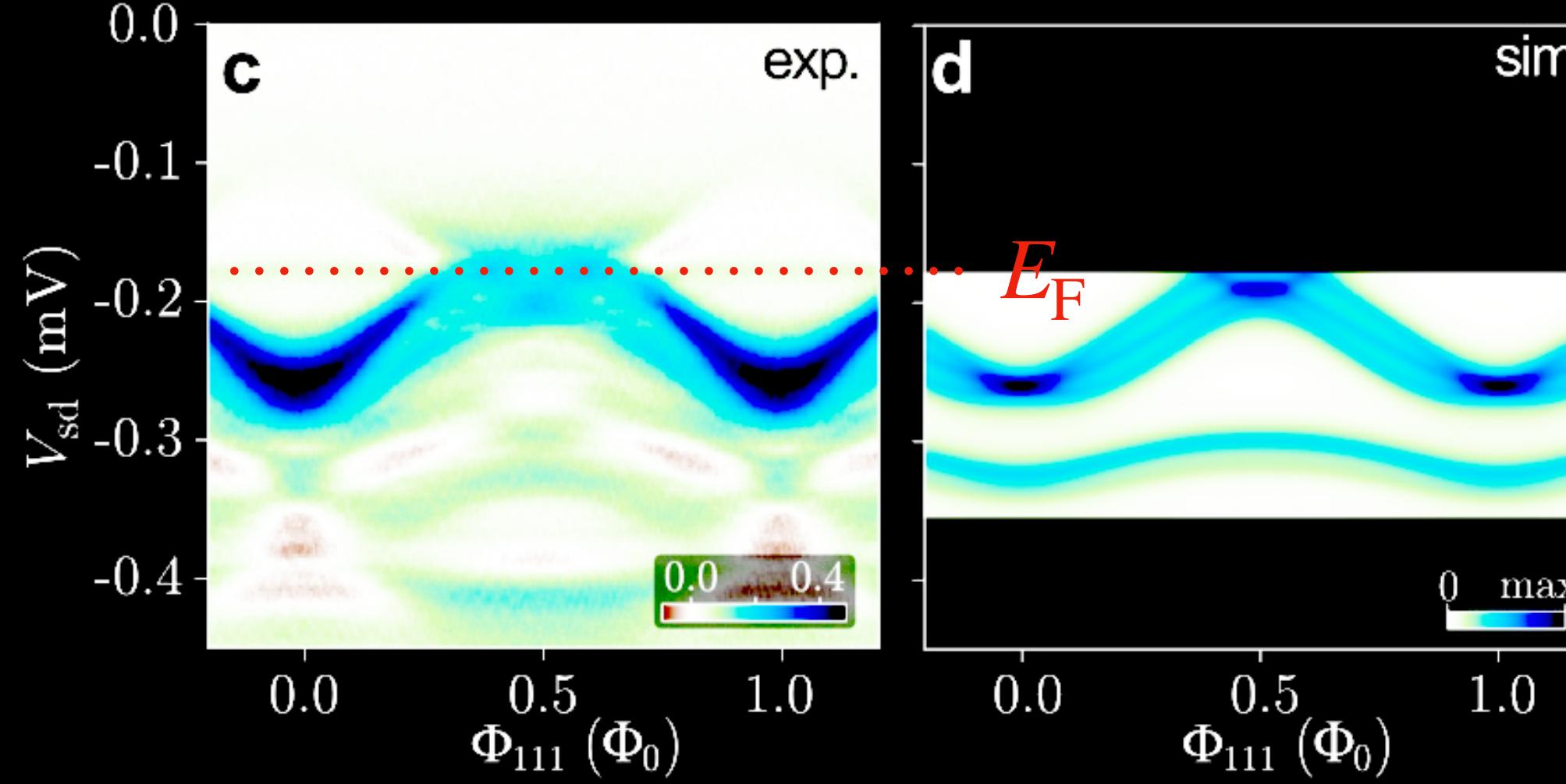


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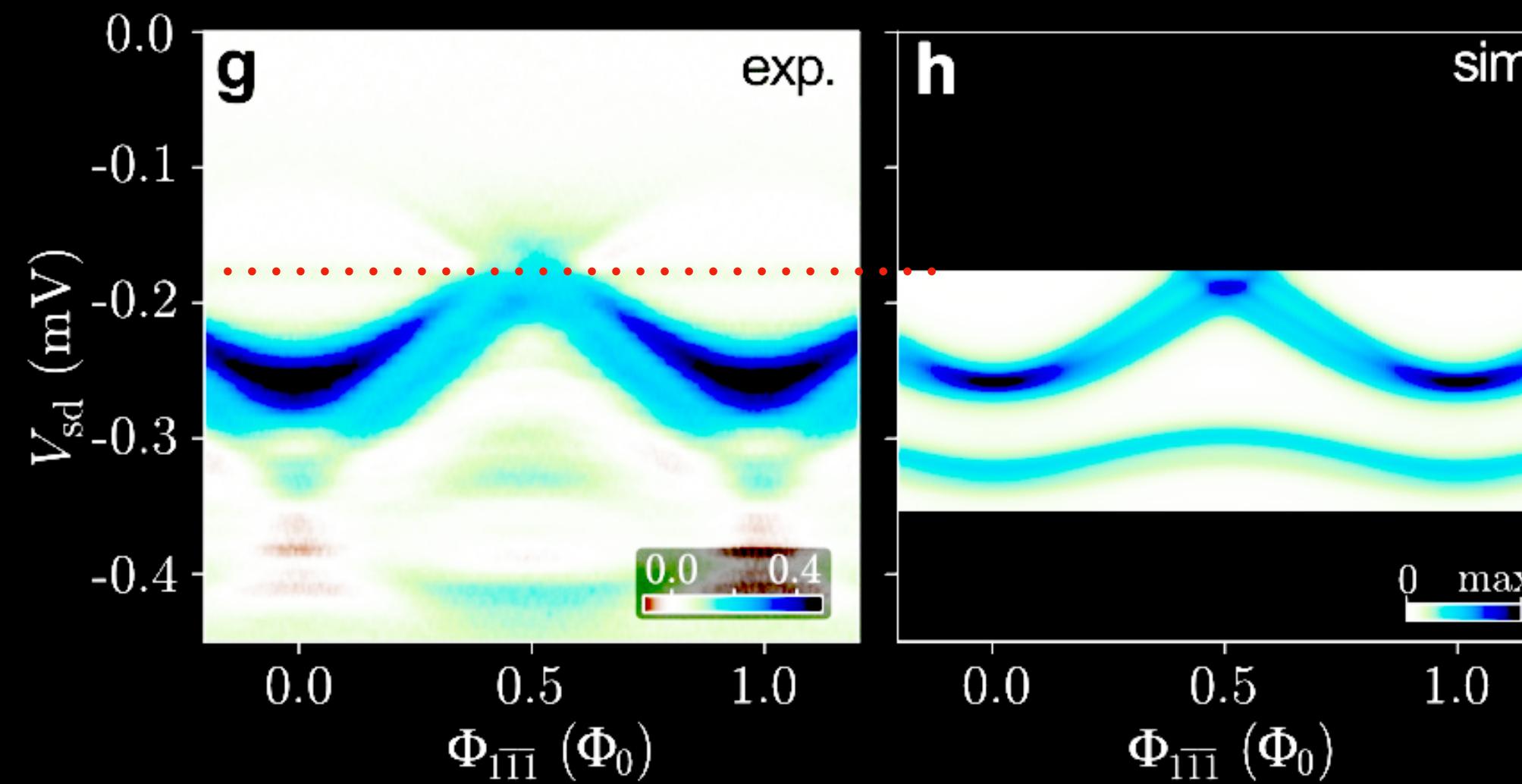
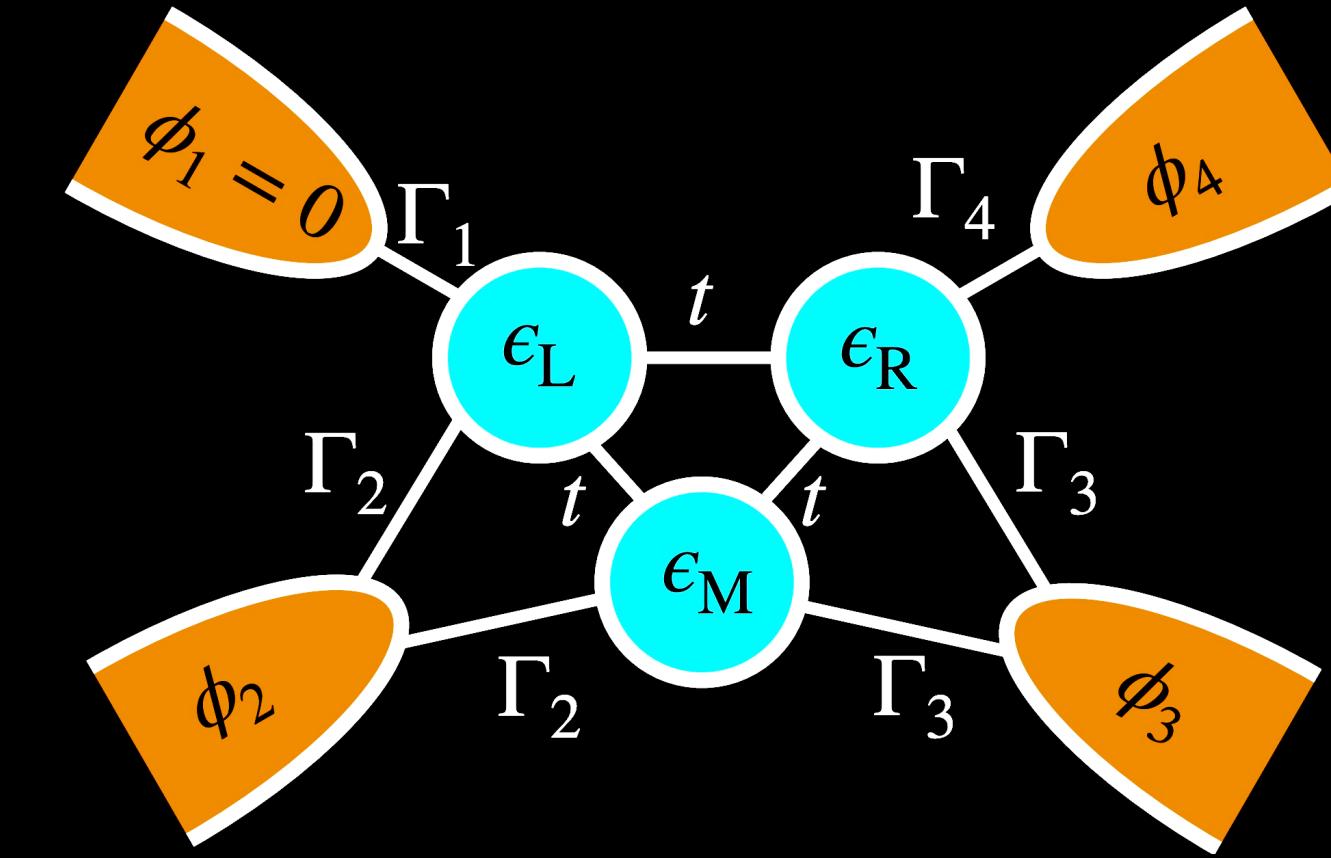


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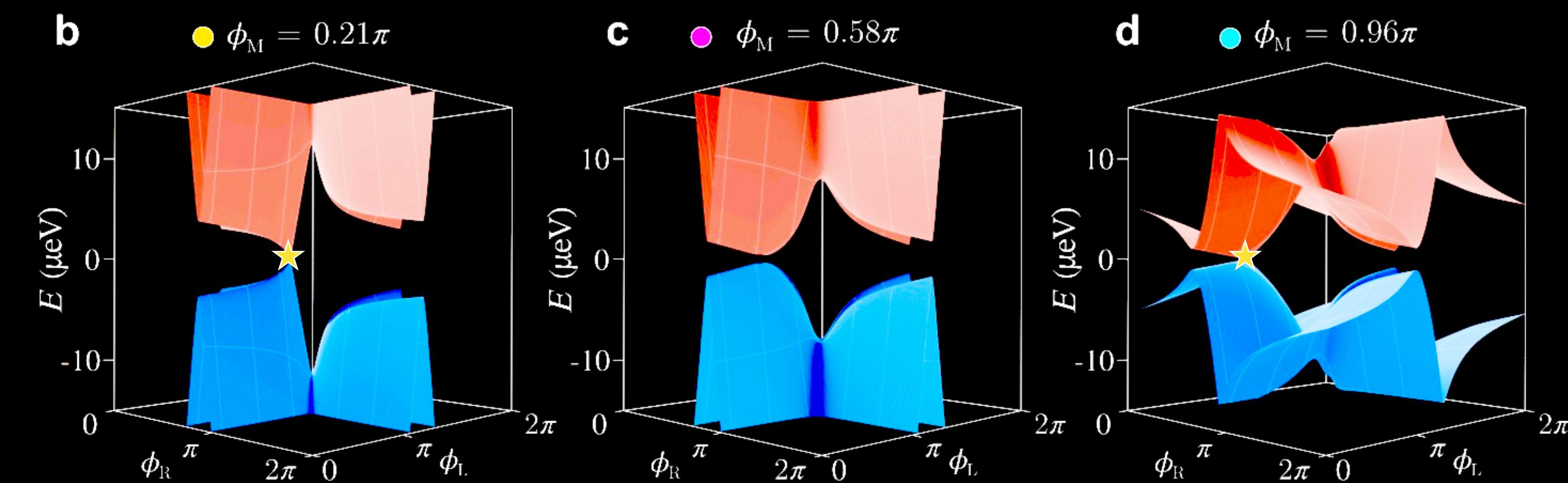
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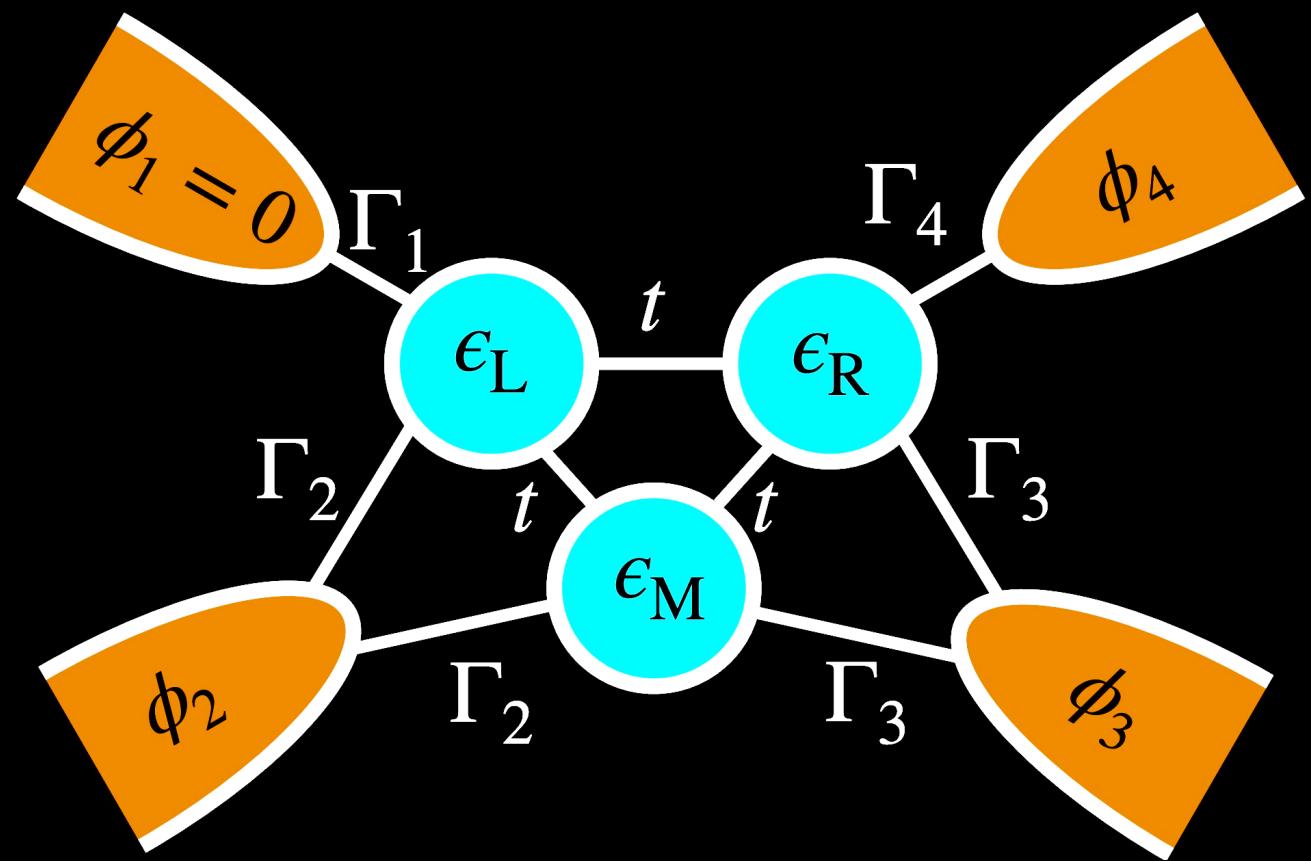


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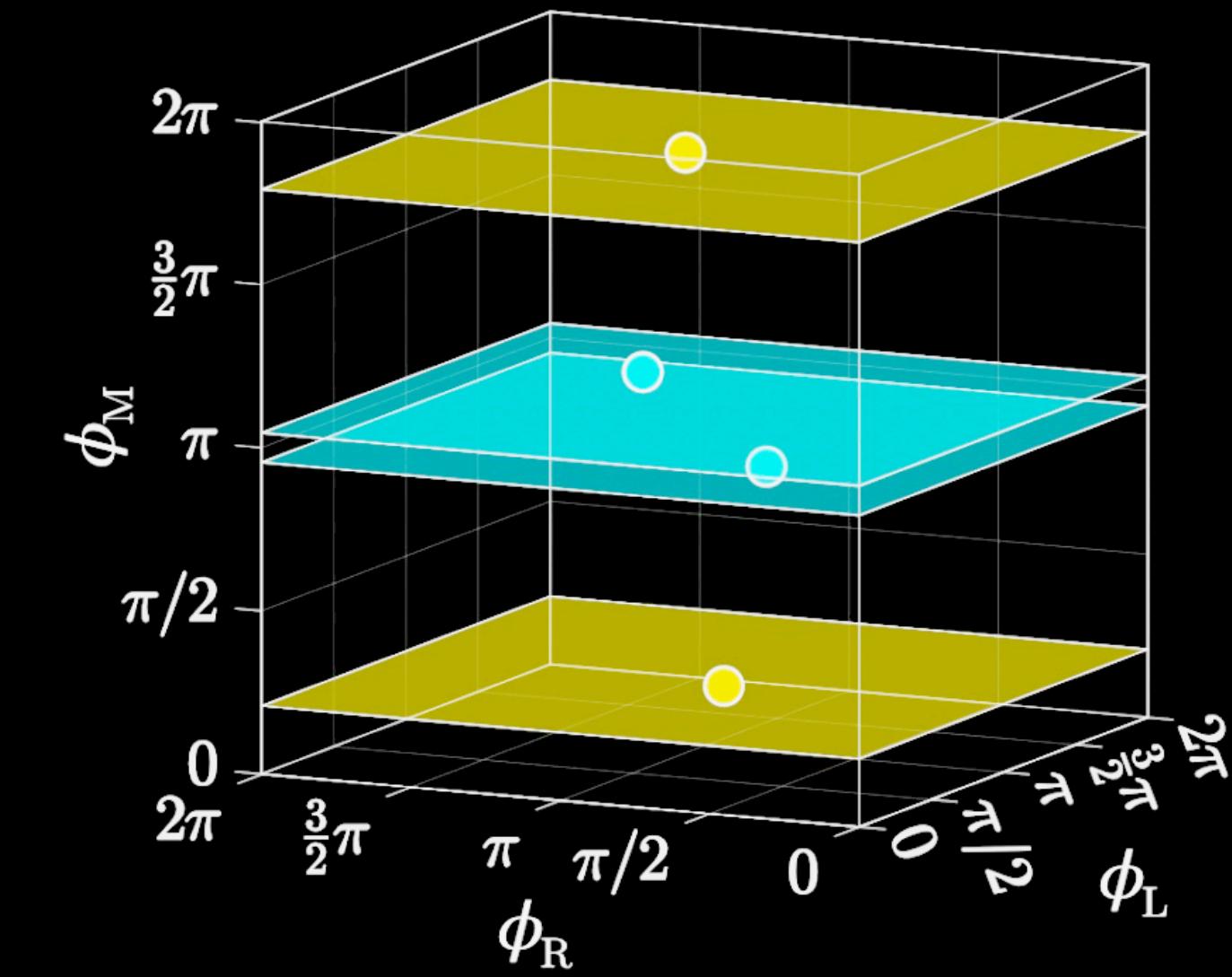


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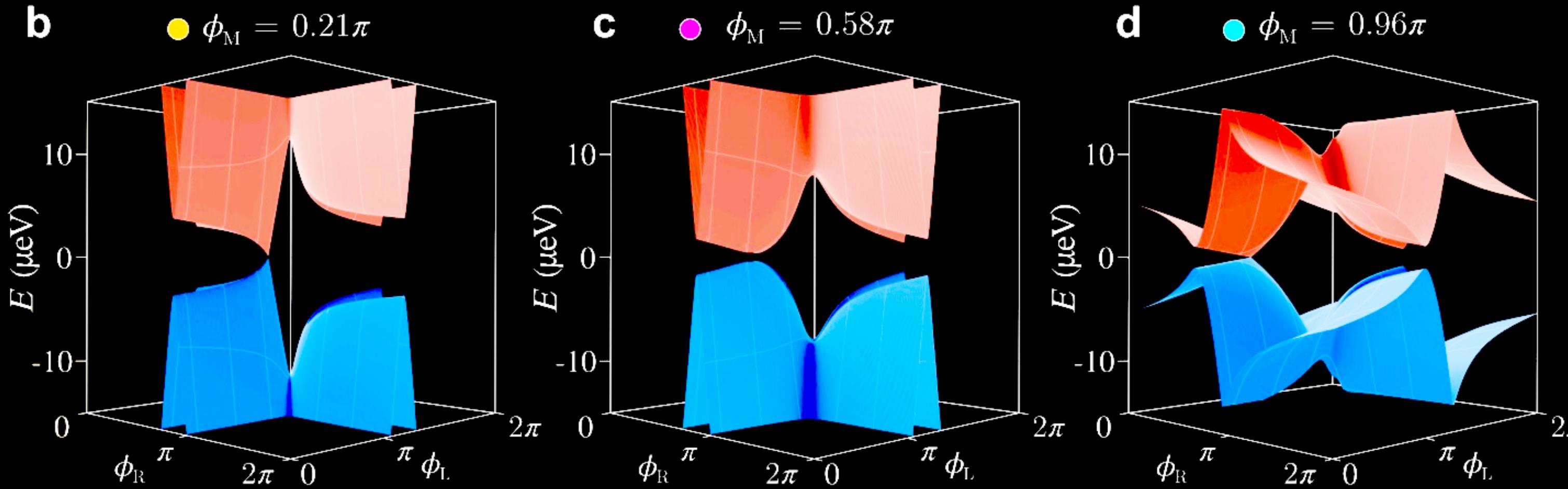
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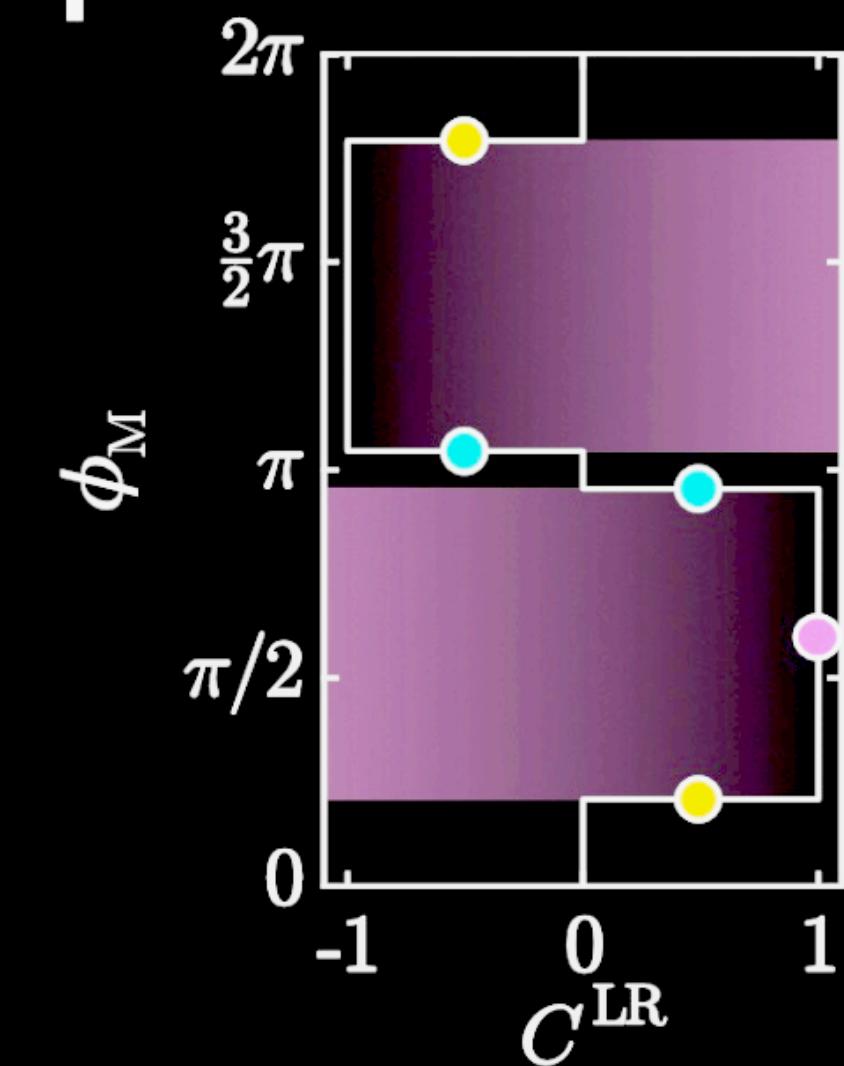
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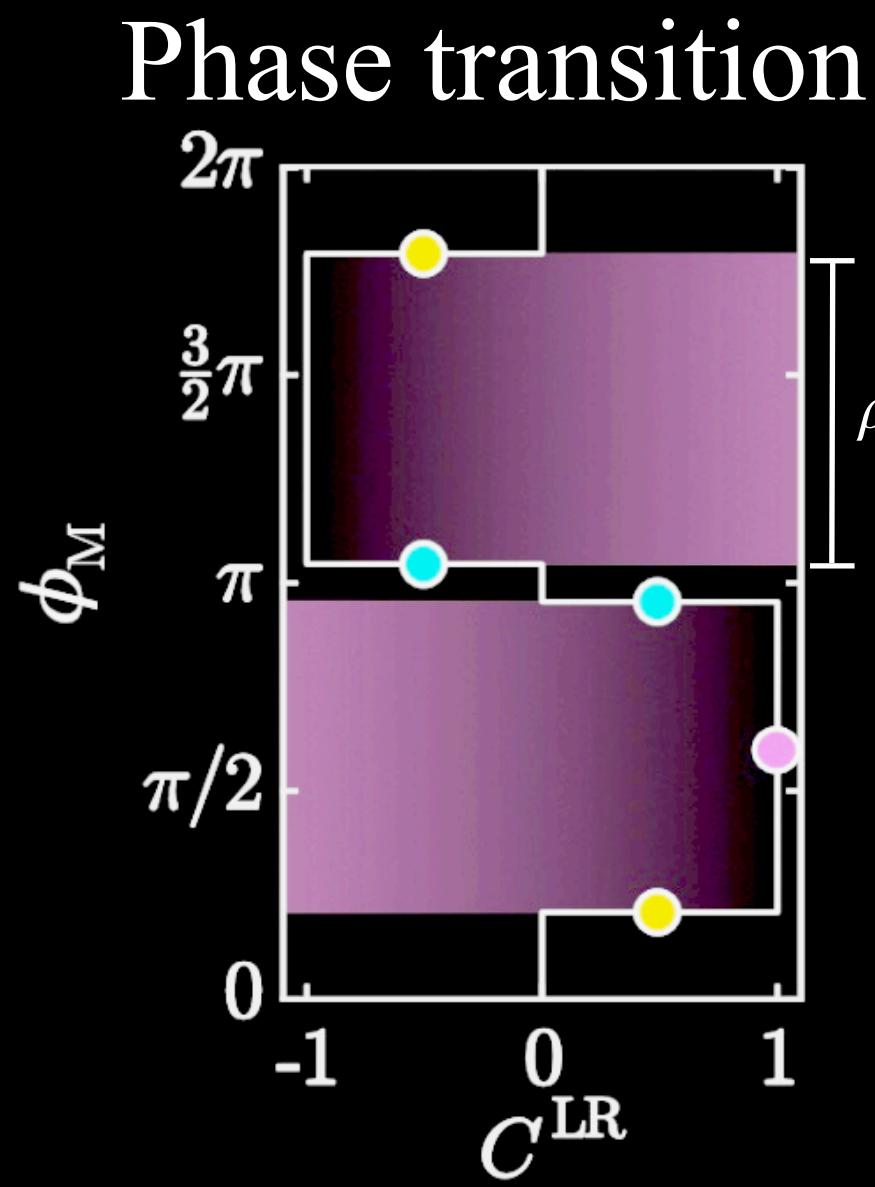
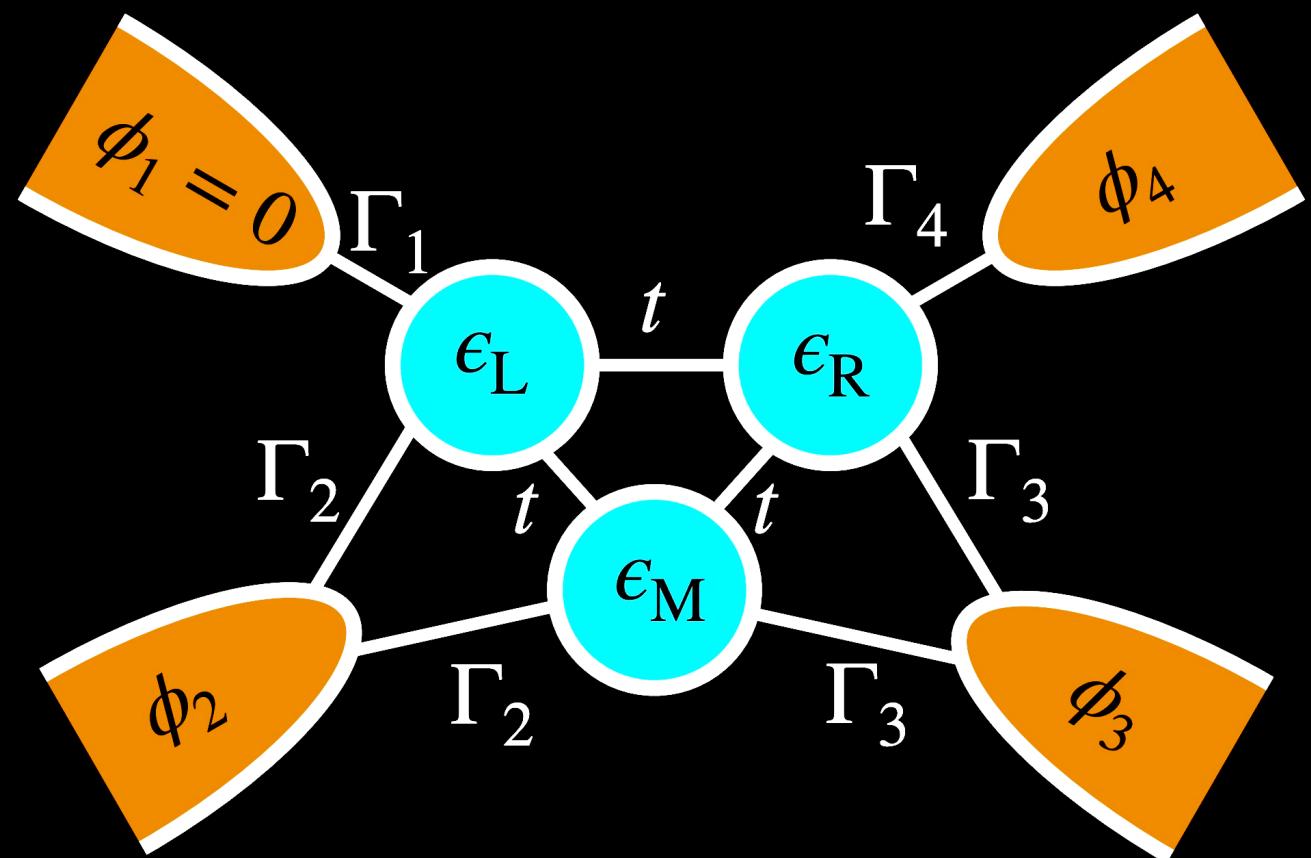


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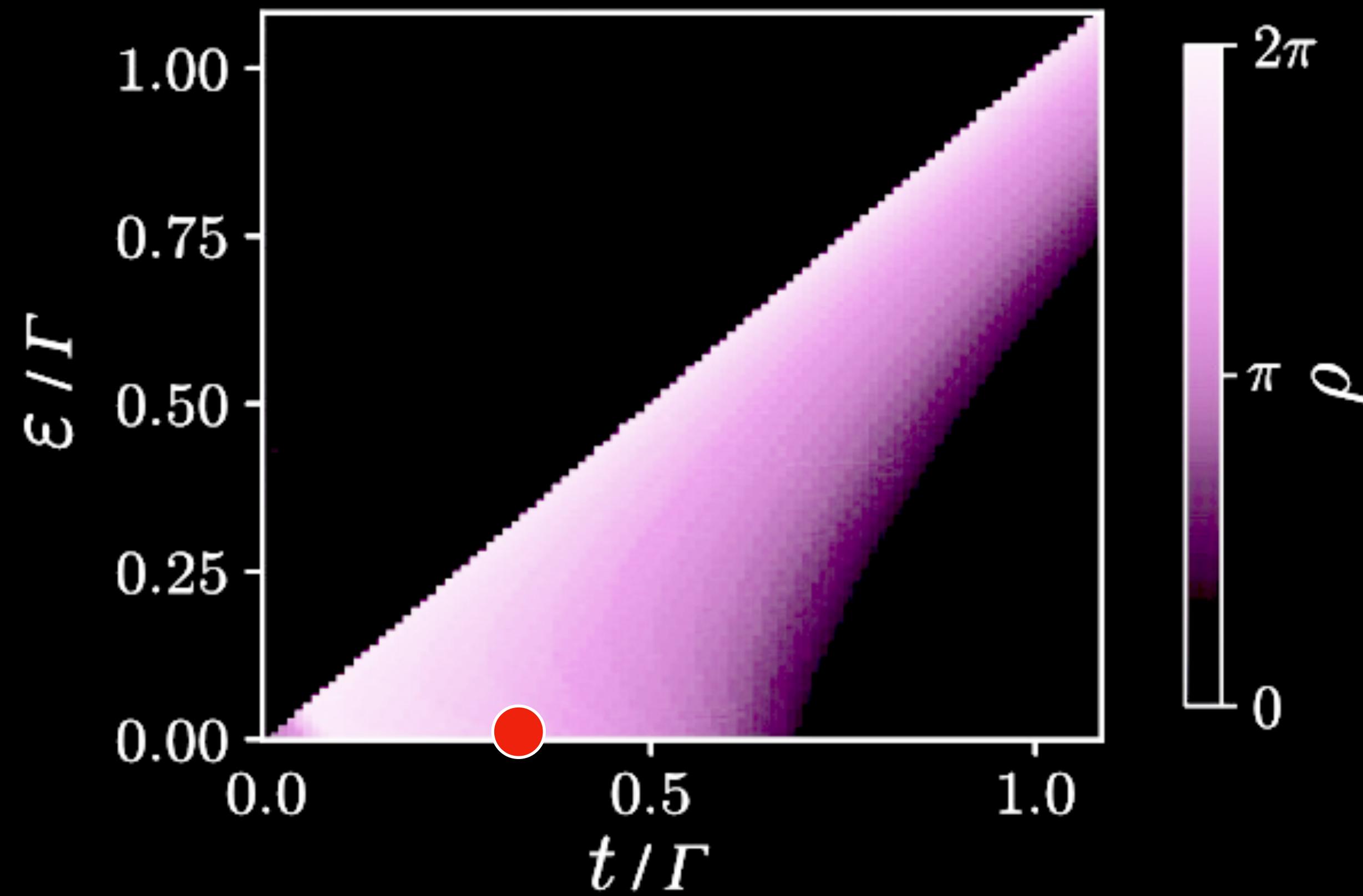


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Three state Andreev molecule model



Stability in parameter space  
“Transmission” vs Hybridization

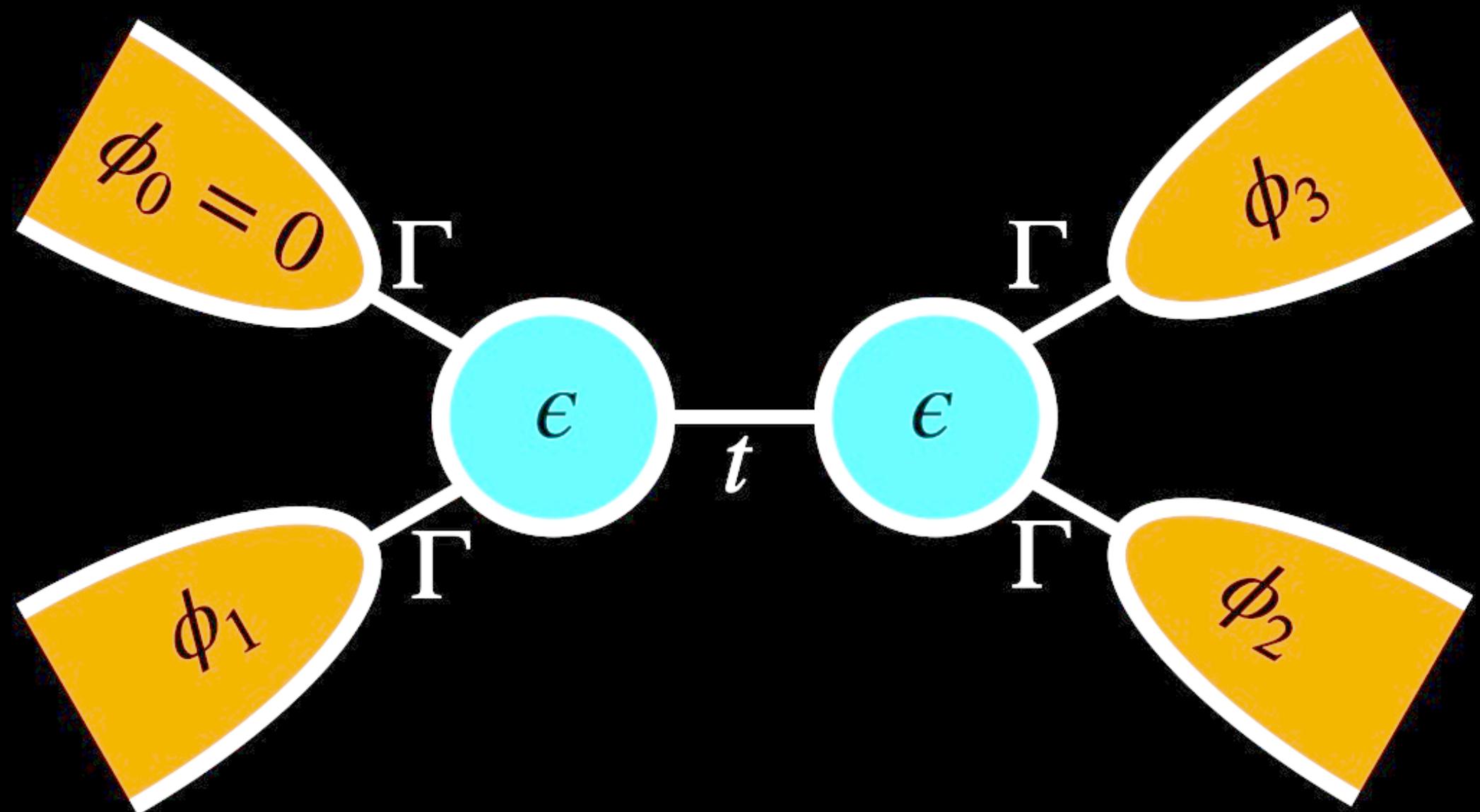


Is there any insight theory can provide for experiment?

# MTJJ considered here

Effective quantum dot models

2-dot modell



Effective low energy  
Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \begin{pmatrix} H_N & \Sigma \\ \Sigma^* & -H_N \end{pmatrix}$$

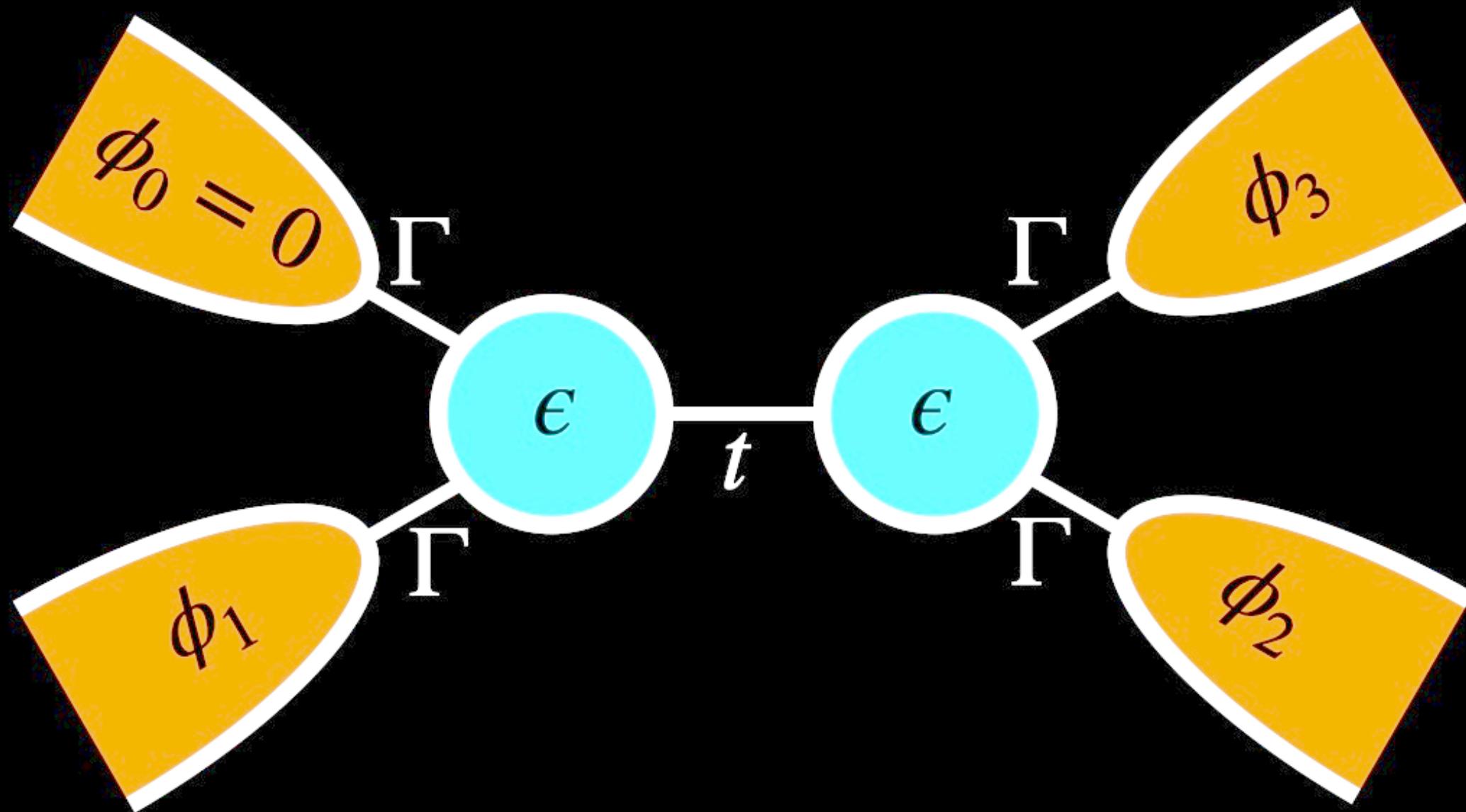
$$H_N = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & t \\ t & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma(H_N) = \{\epsilon \pm t\}$$

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$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma + \Gamma e^{i\phi_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Gamma e^{i\phi_2} + \Gamma e^{i\phi_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

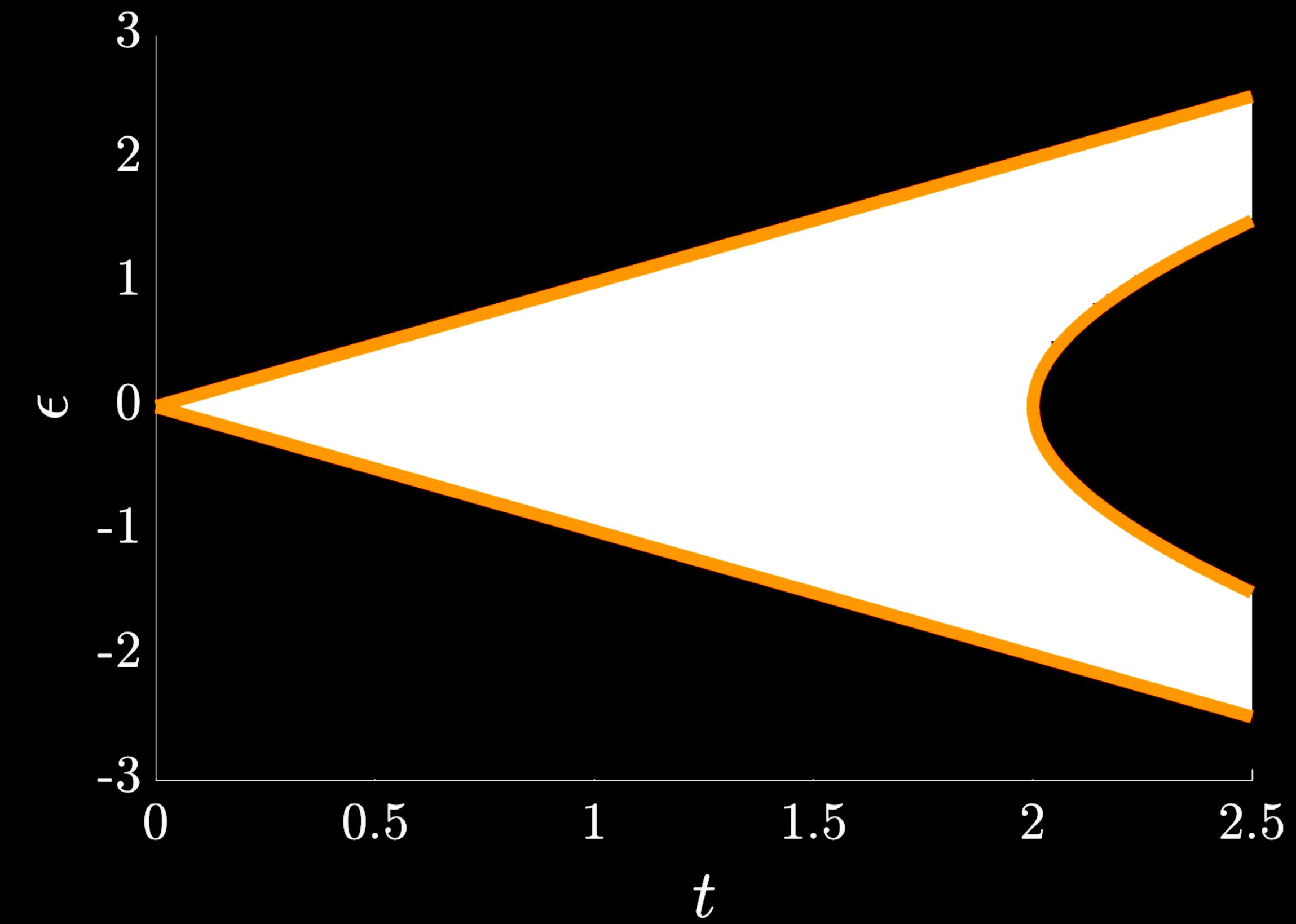
# What's the source of topology in MTJJs?

4-terminal MTJJ with two dots



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Topological phase diagram

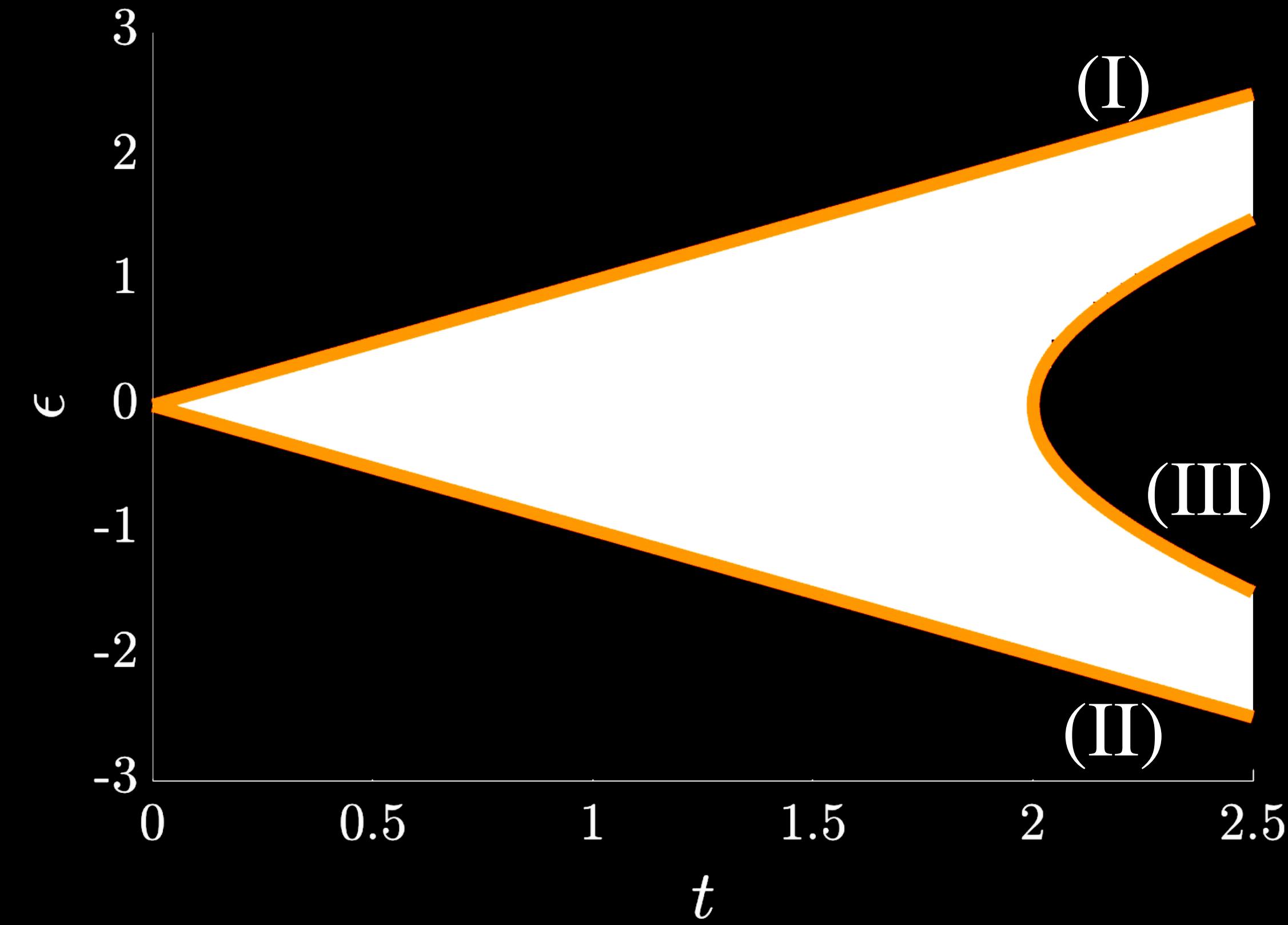
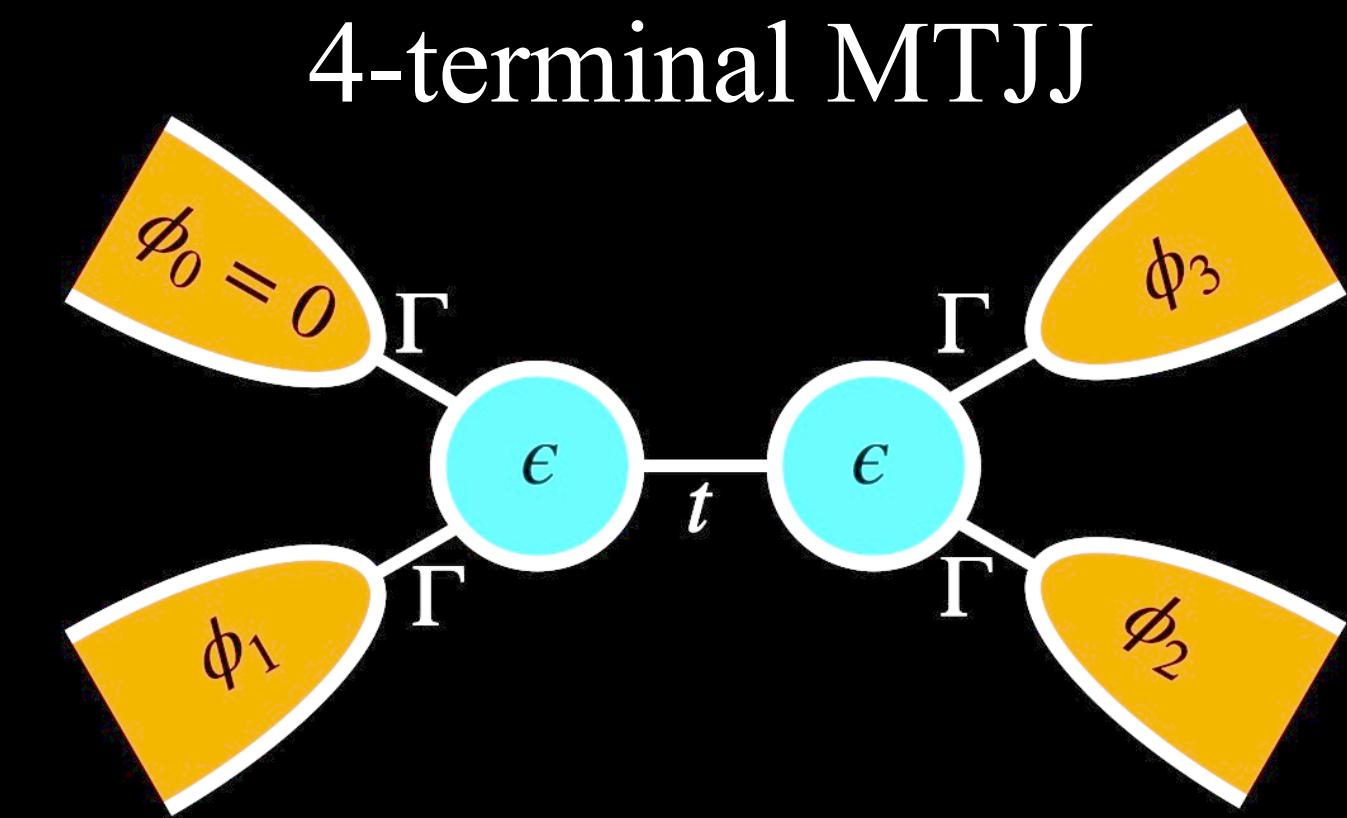
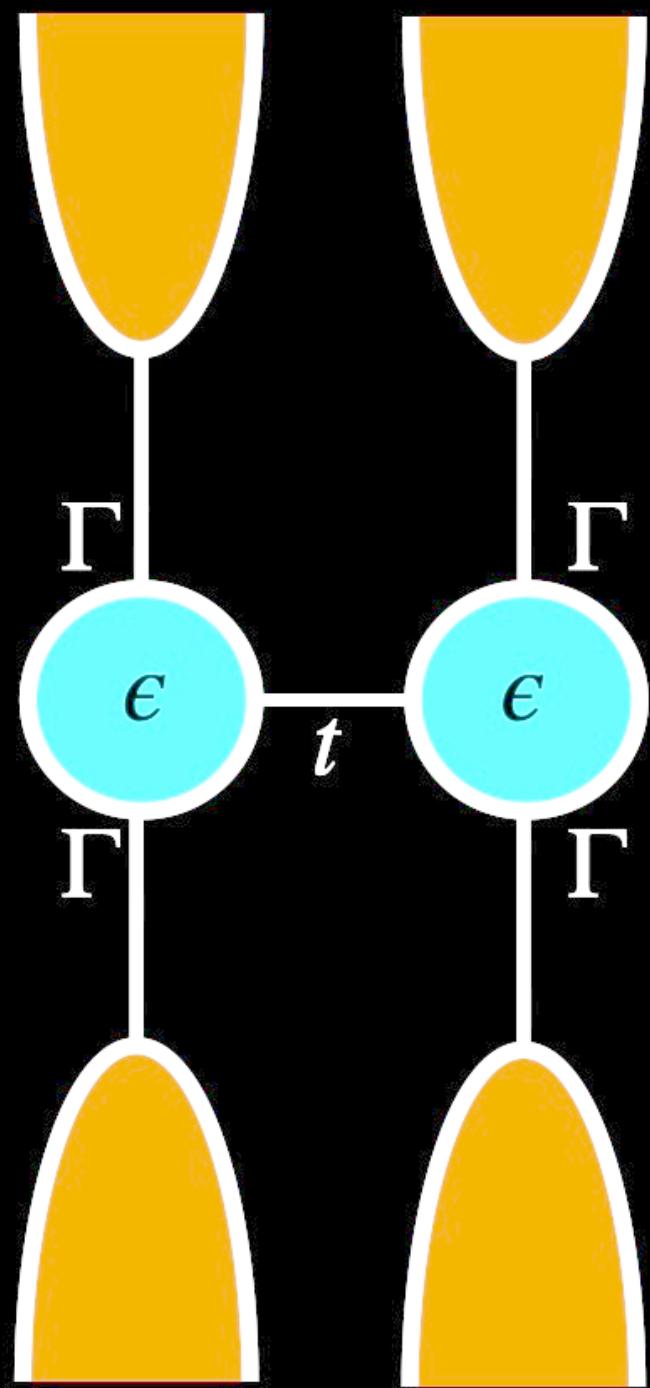


■ non-trivial Chern number  
in superconducting phase space  $\{ \vec{\phi} \}$

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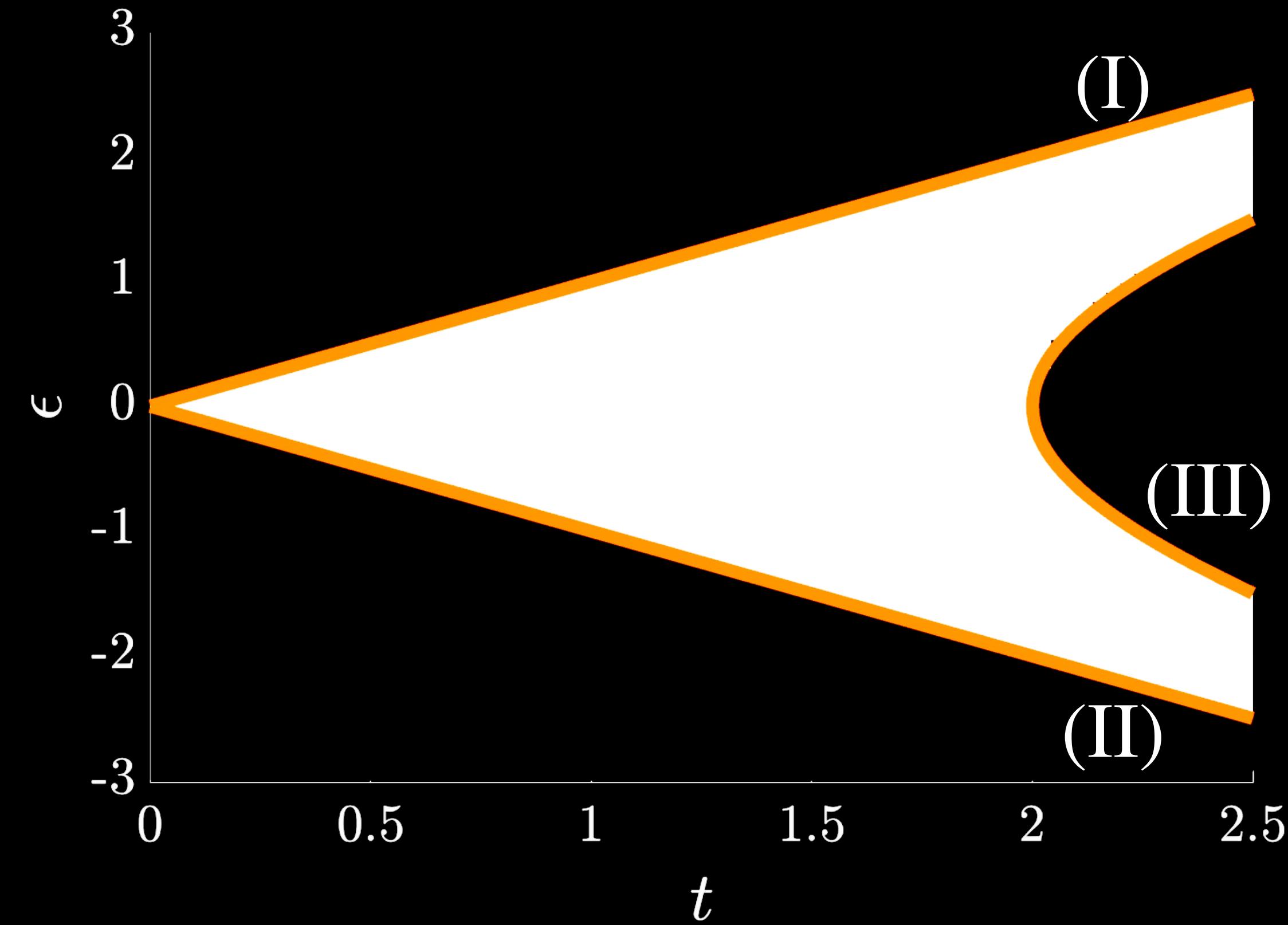
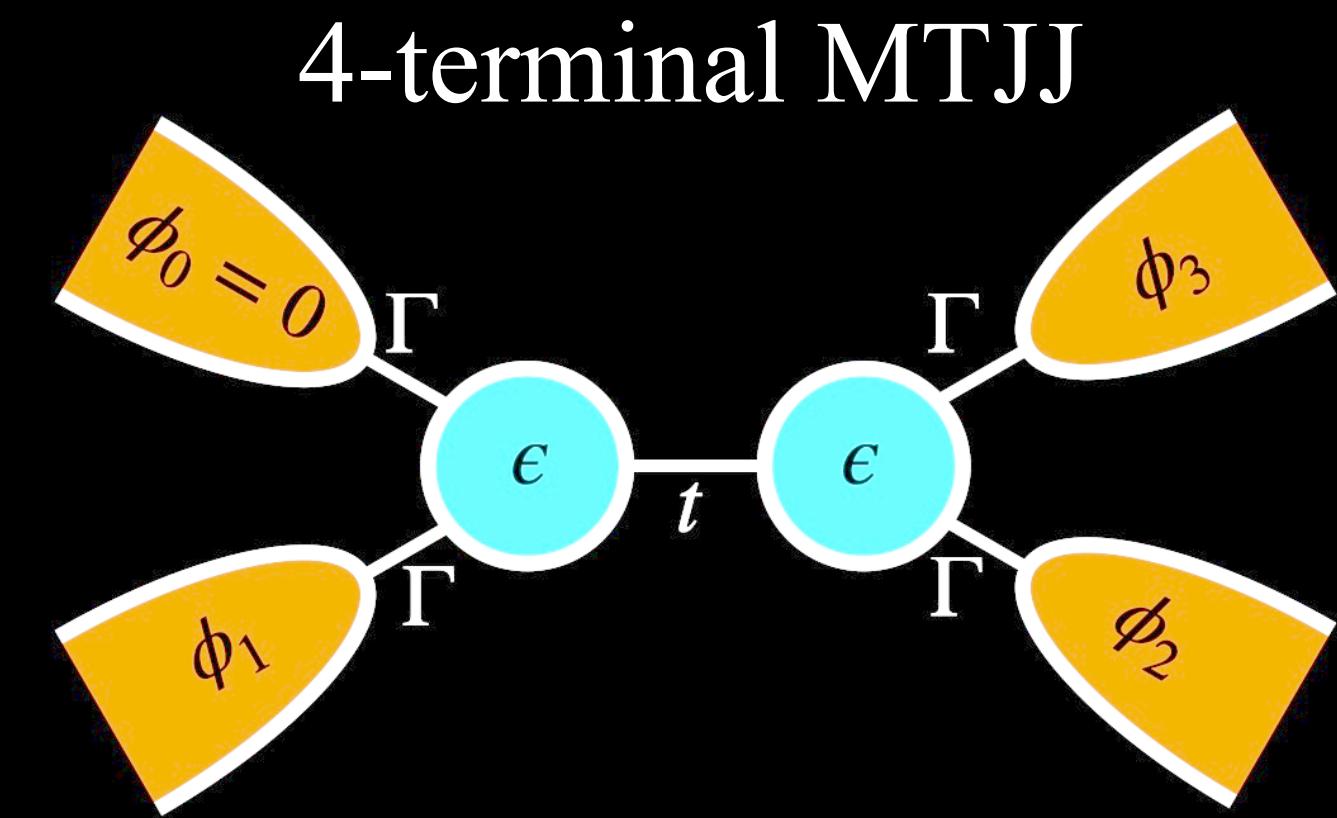
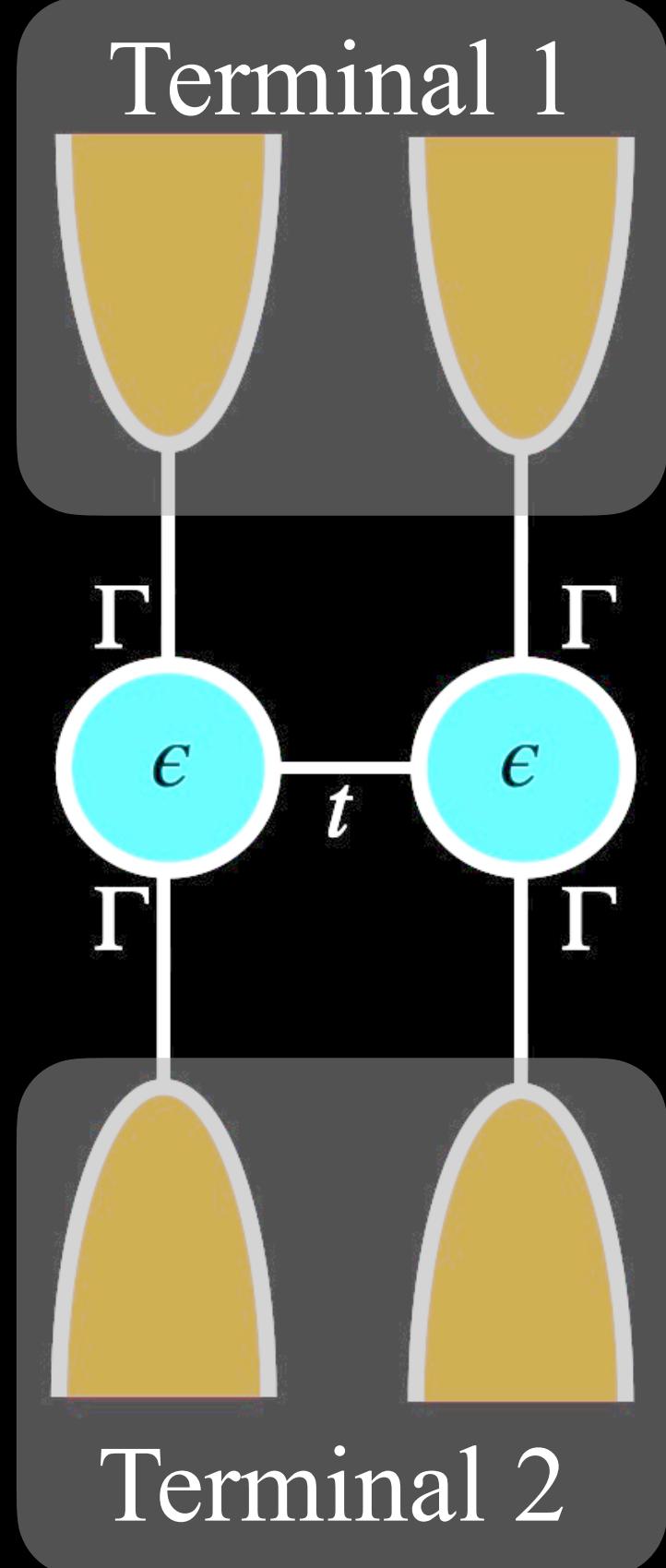
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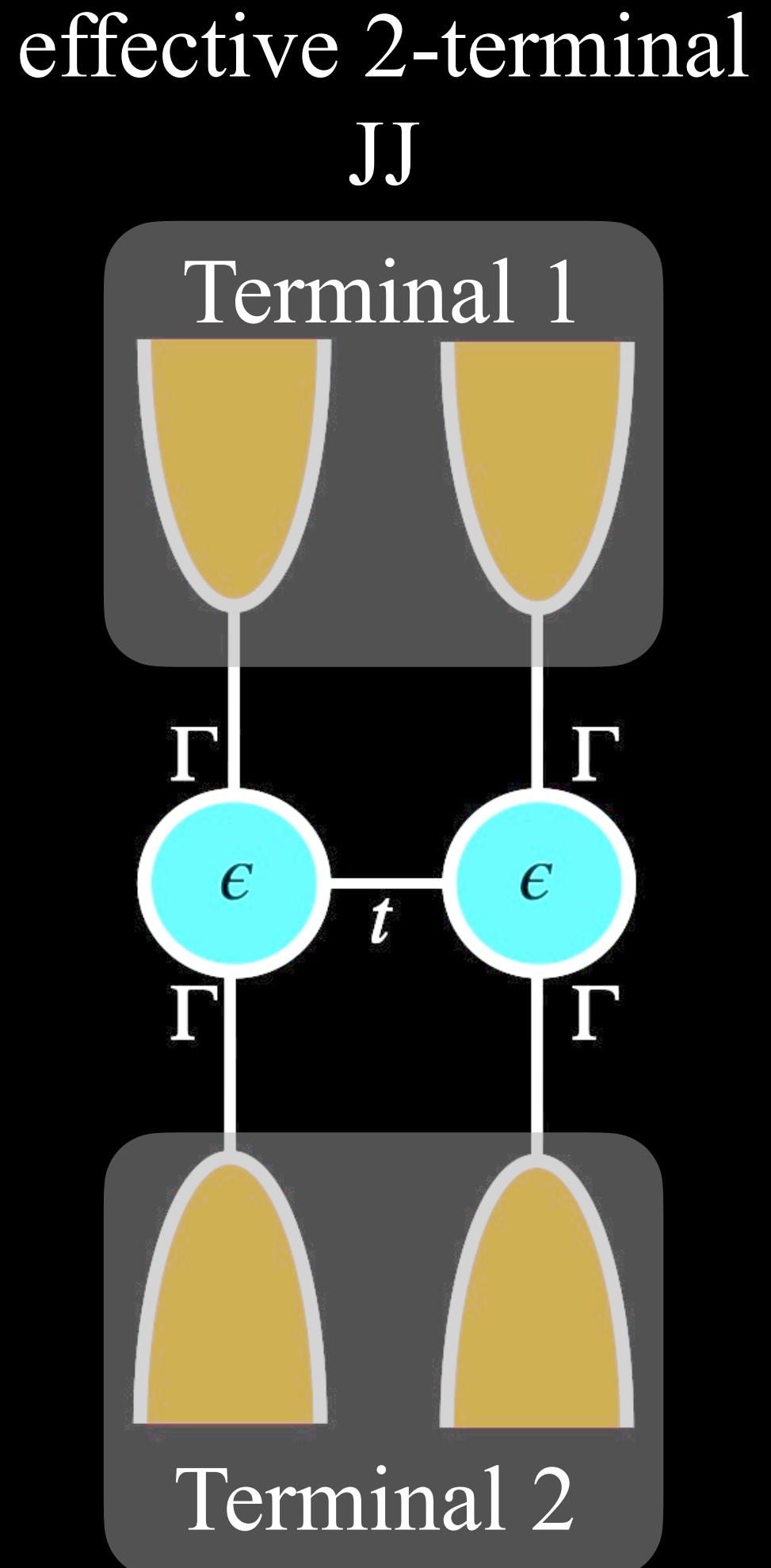
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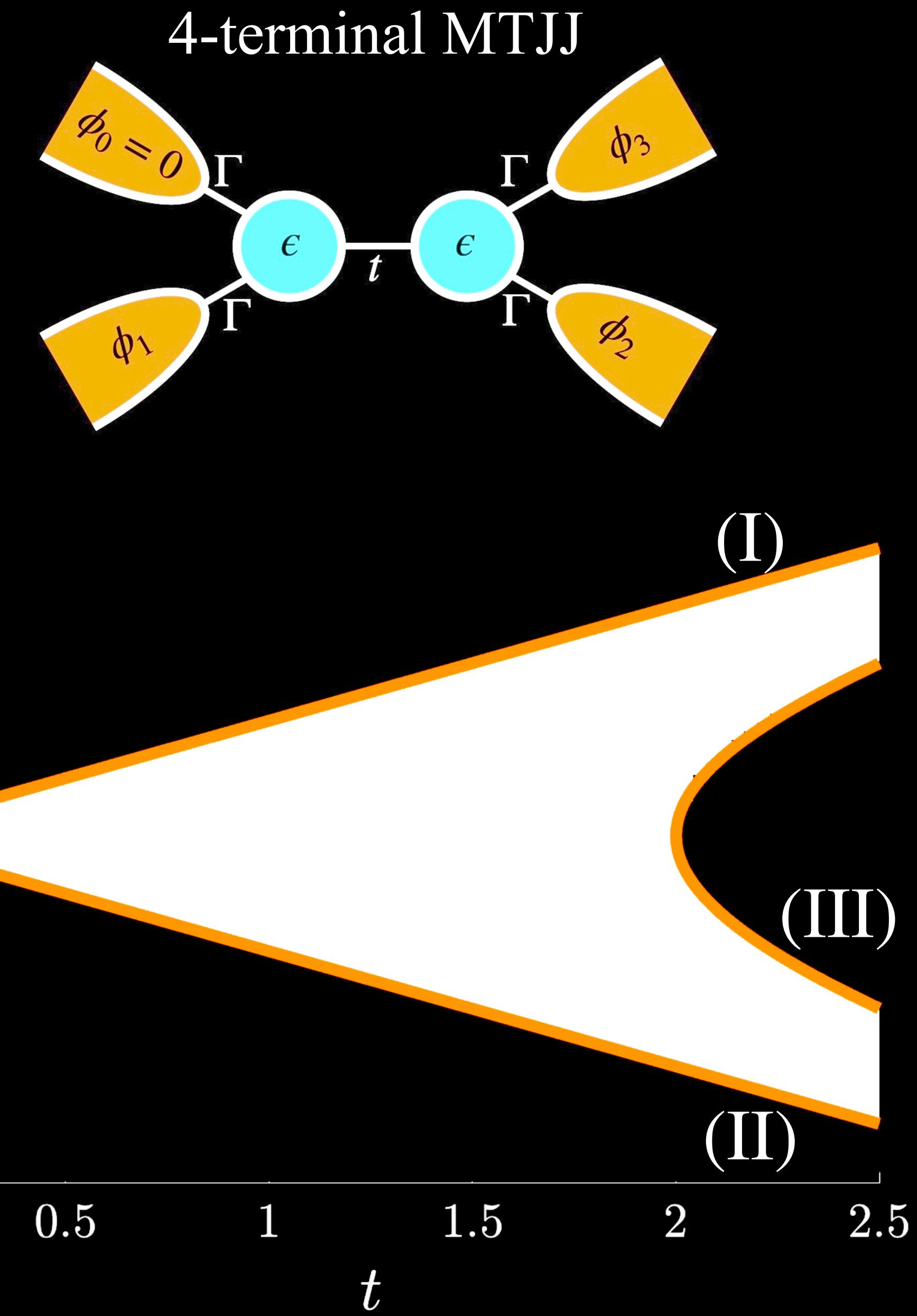
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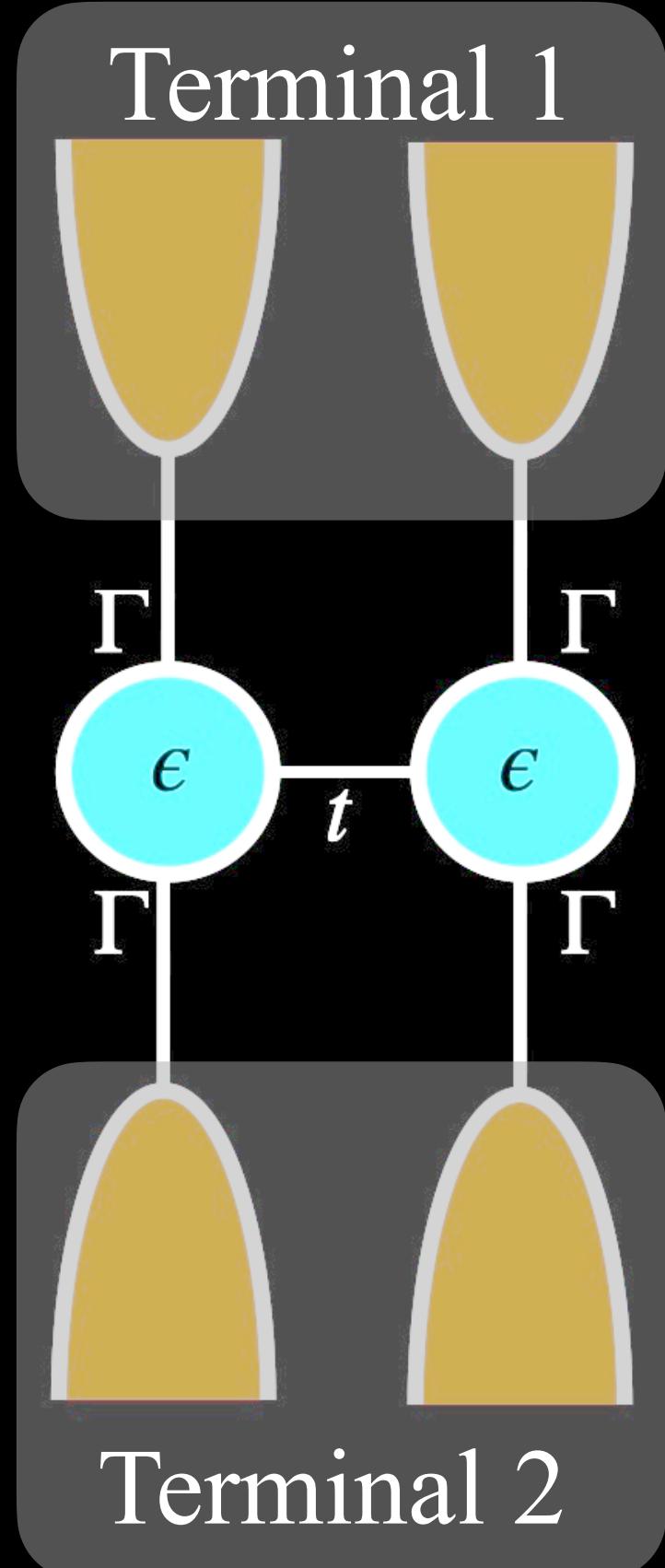
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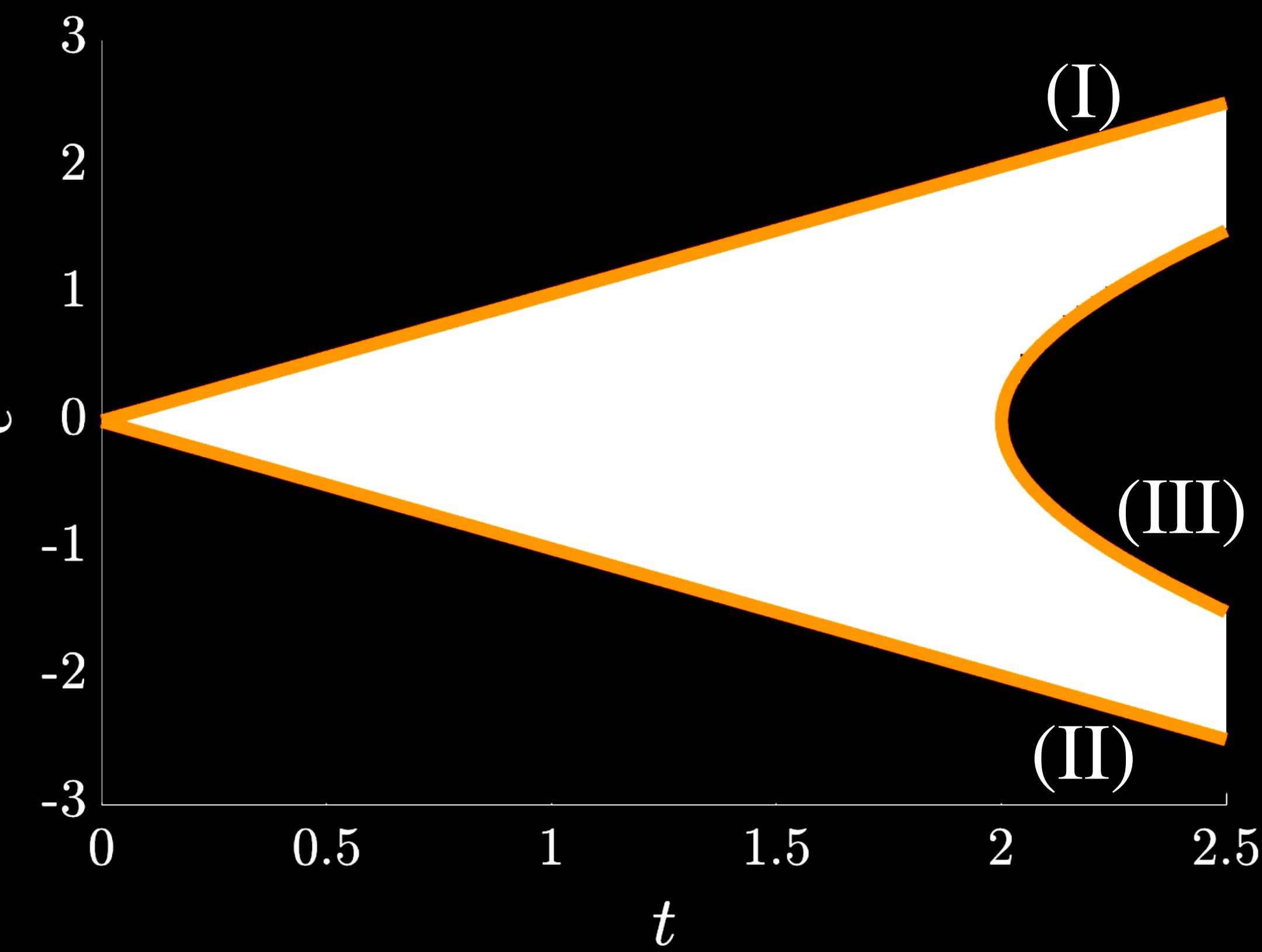
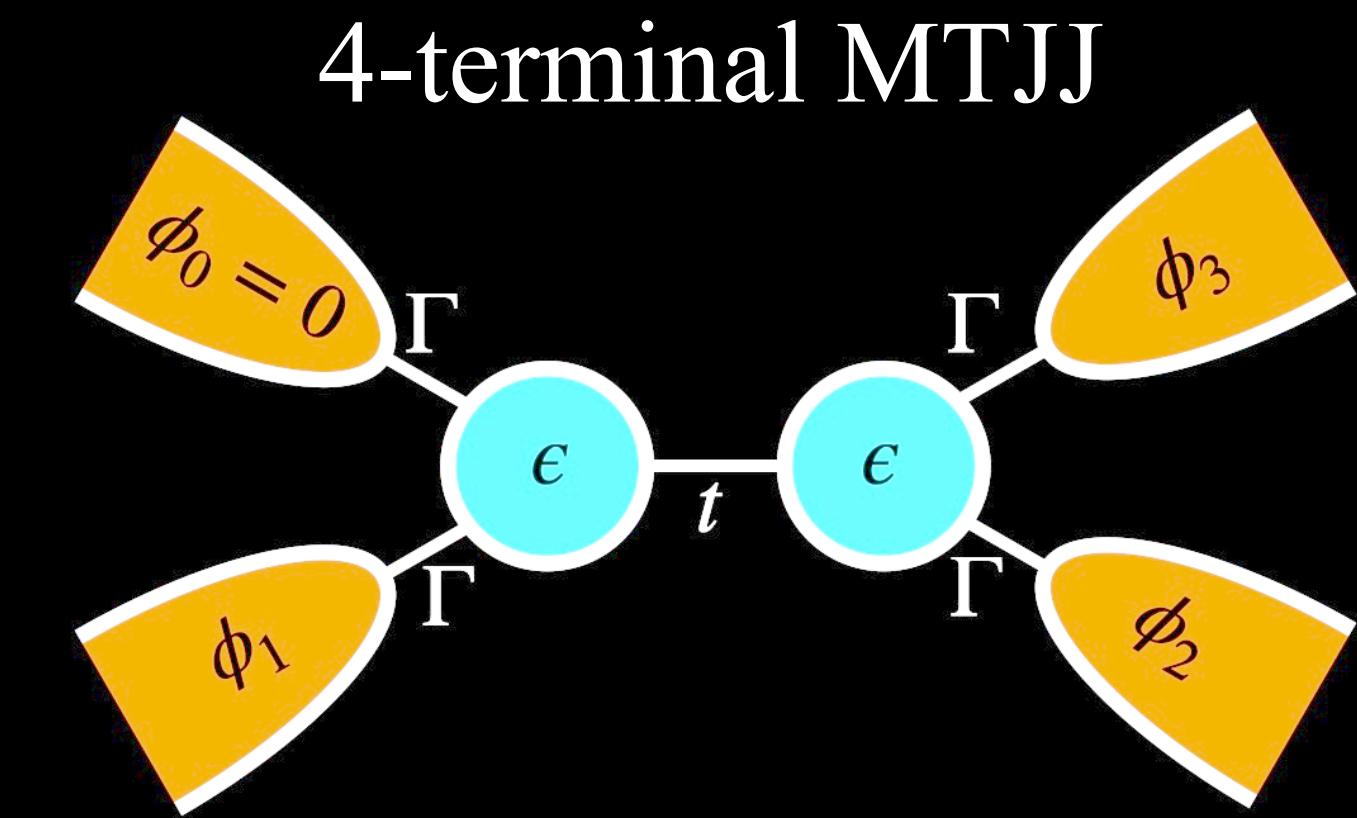


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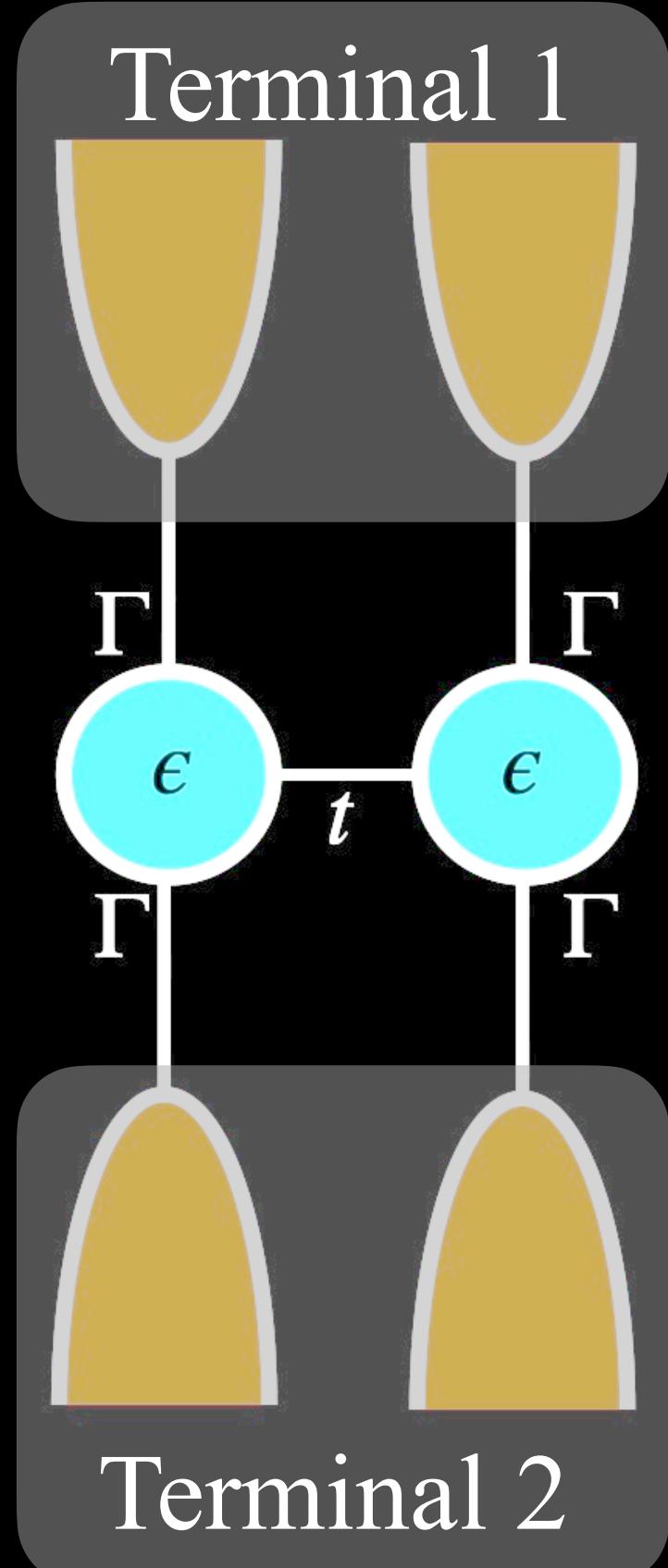
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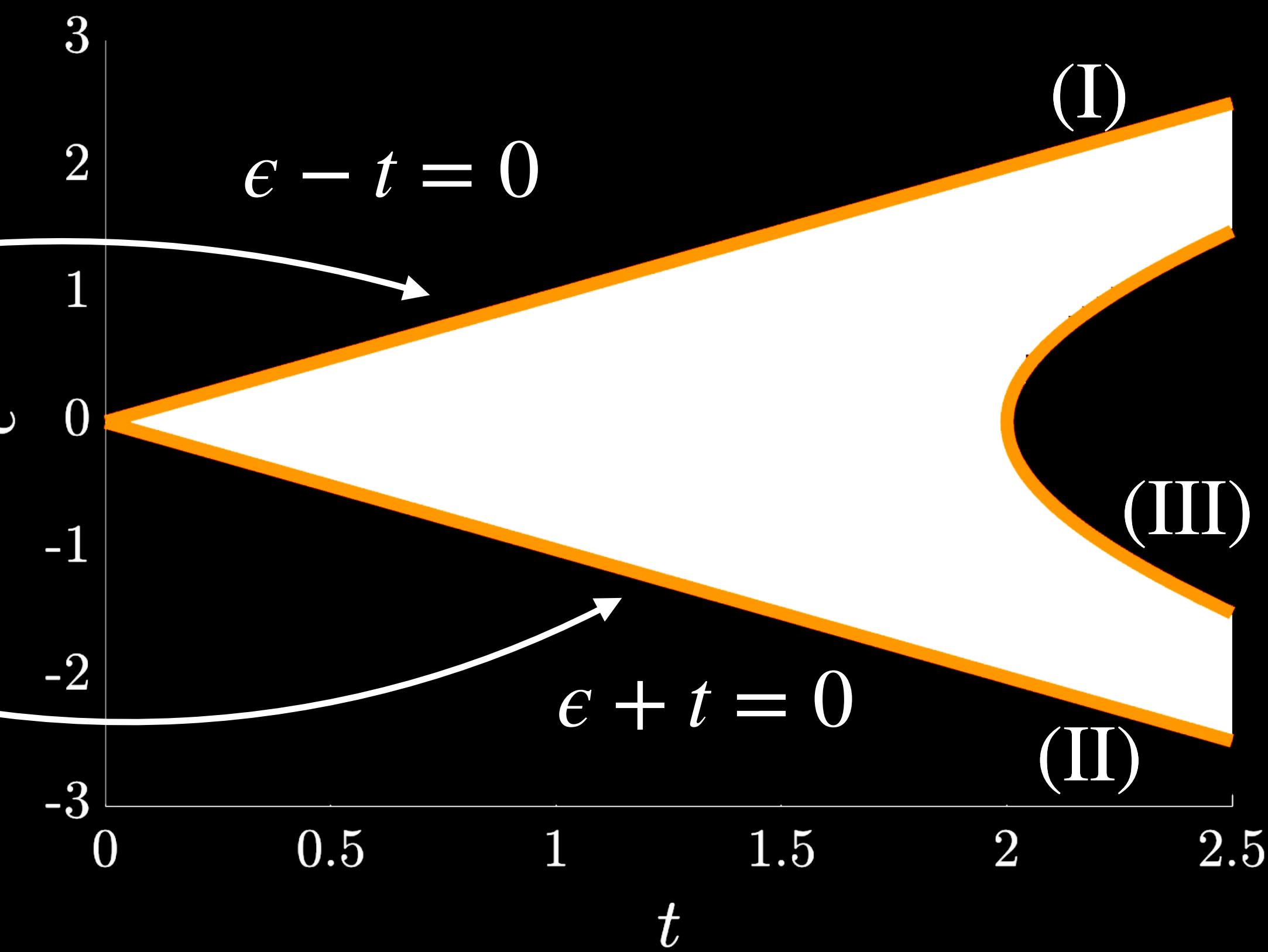
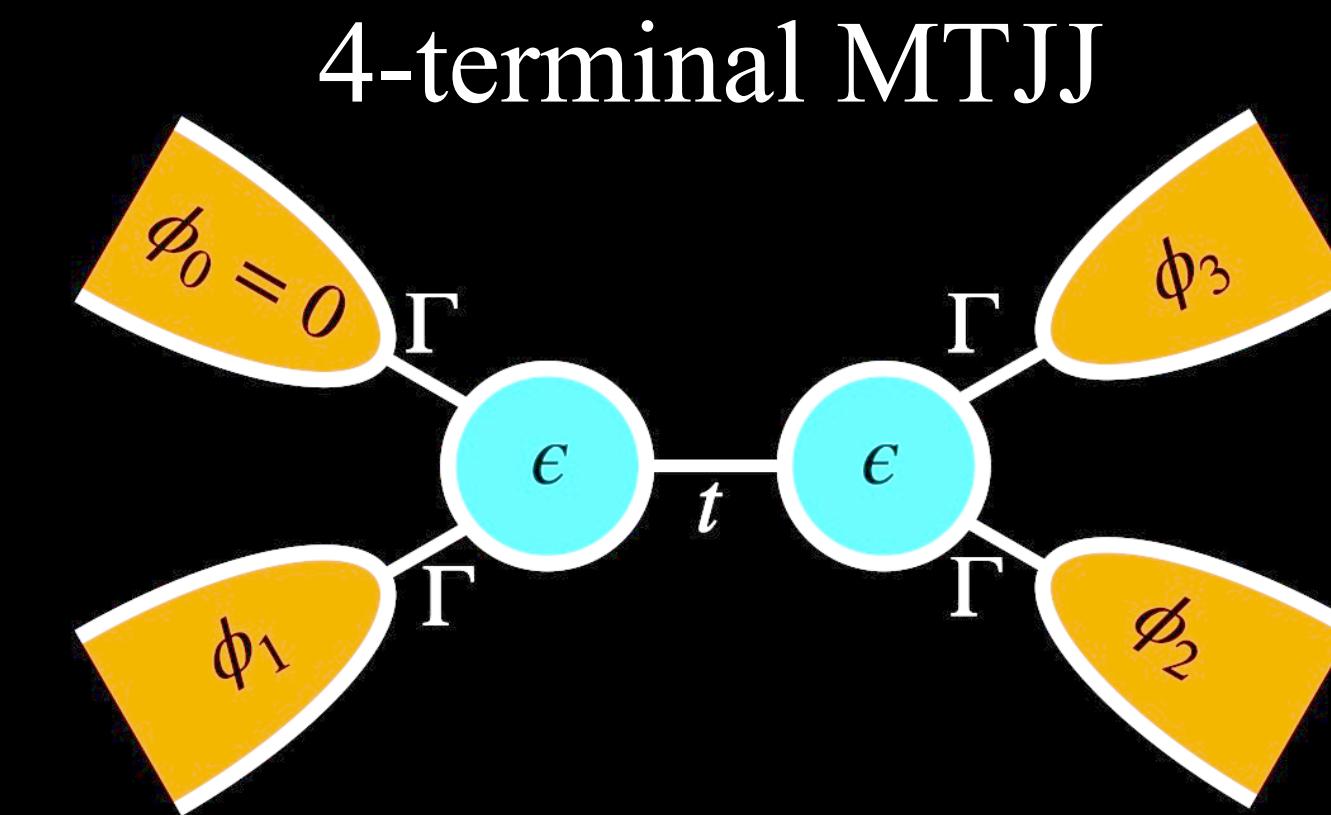


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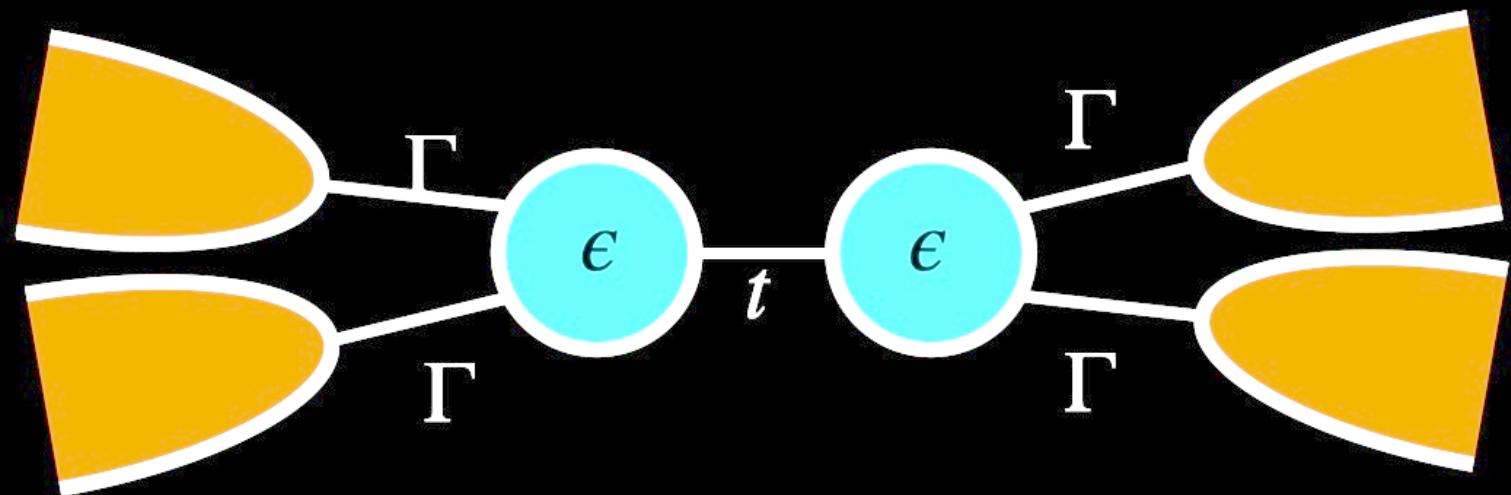
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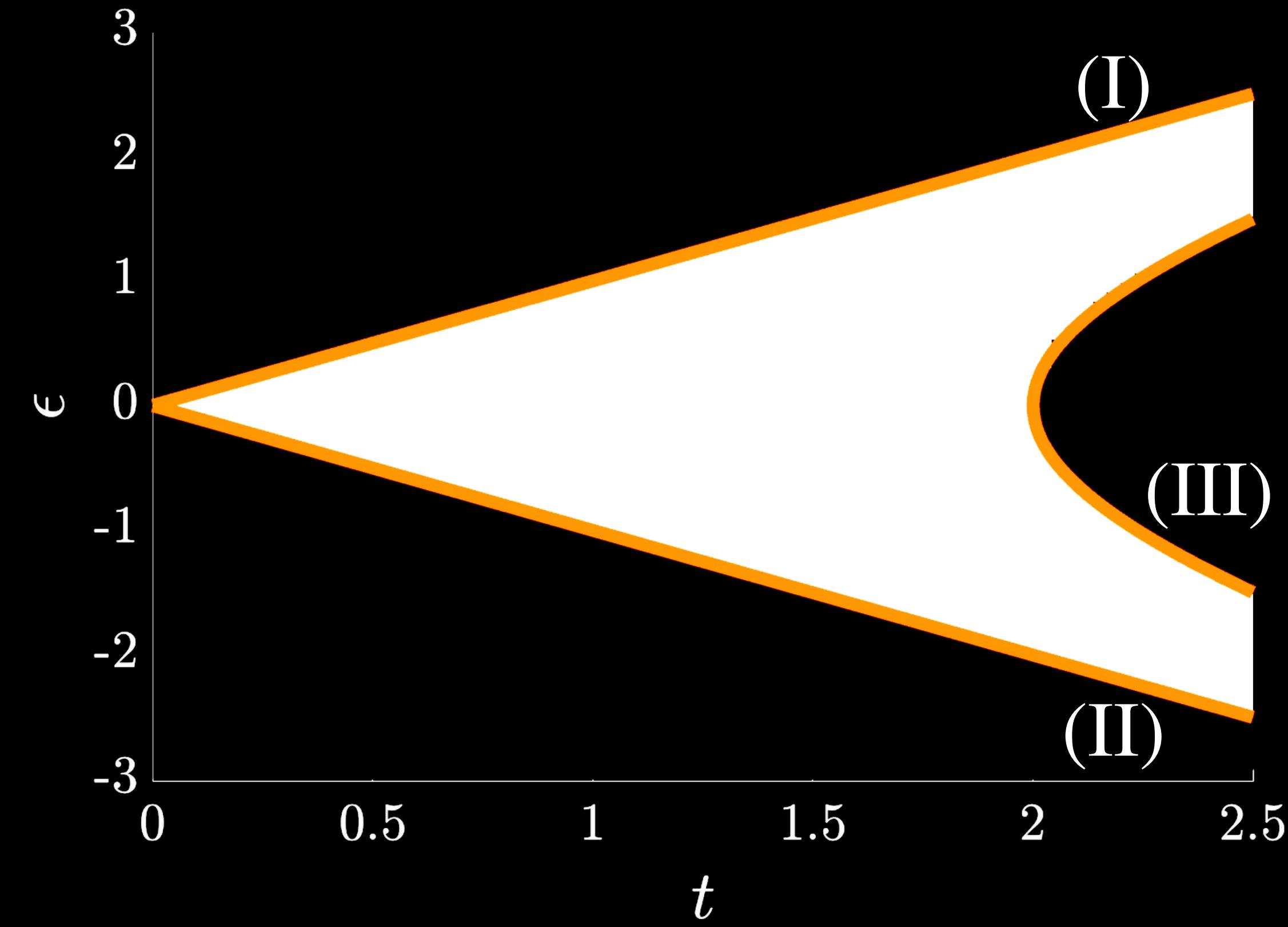
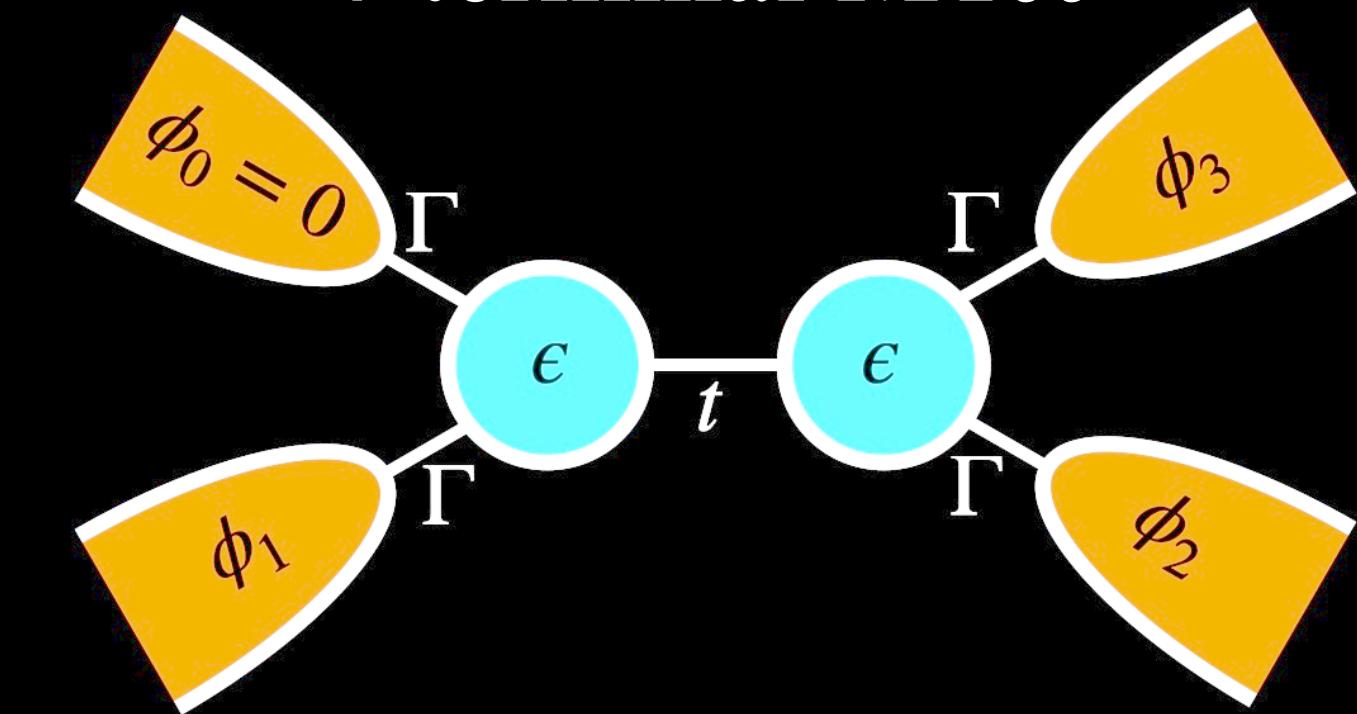
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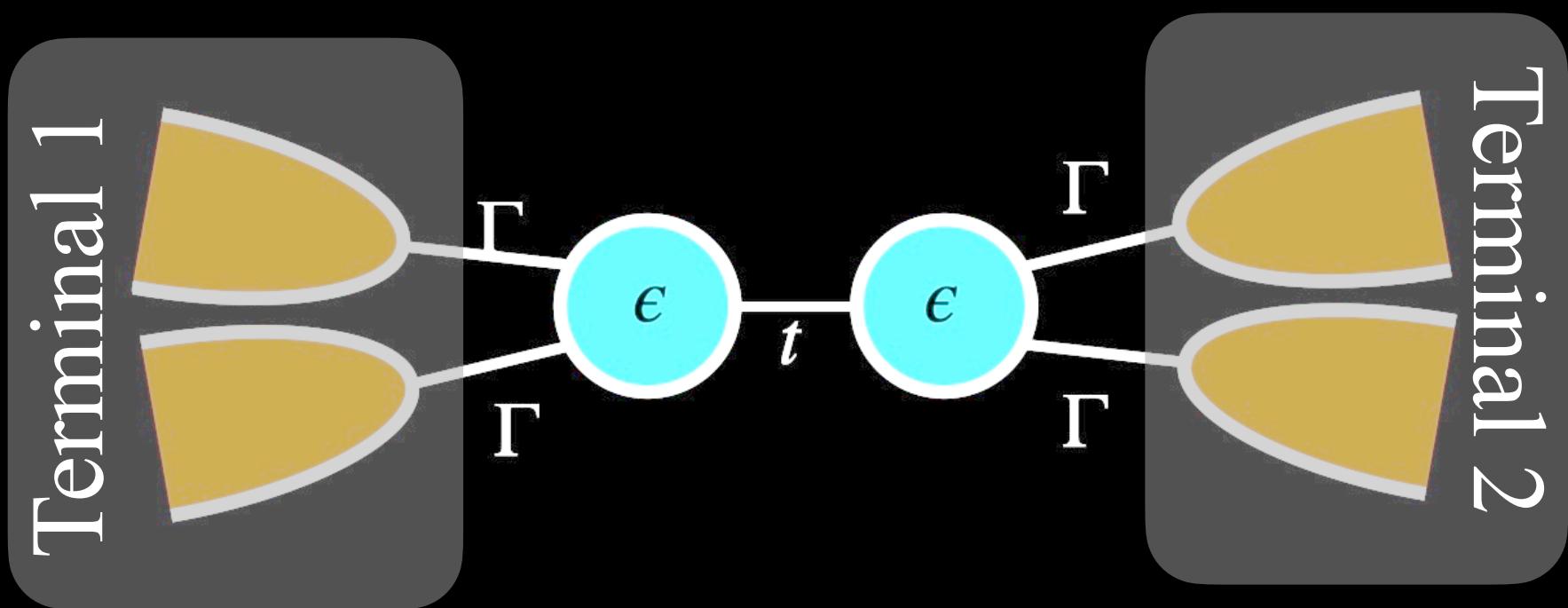
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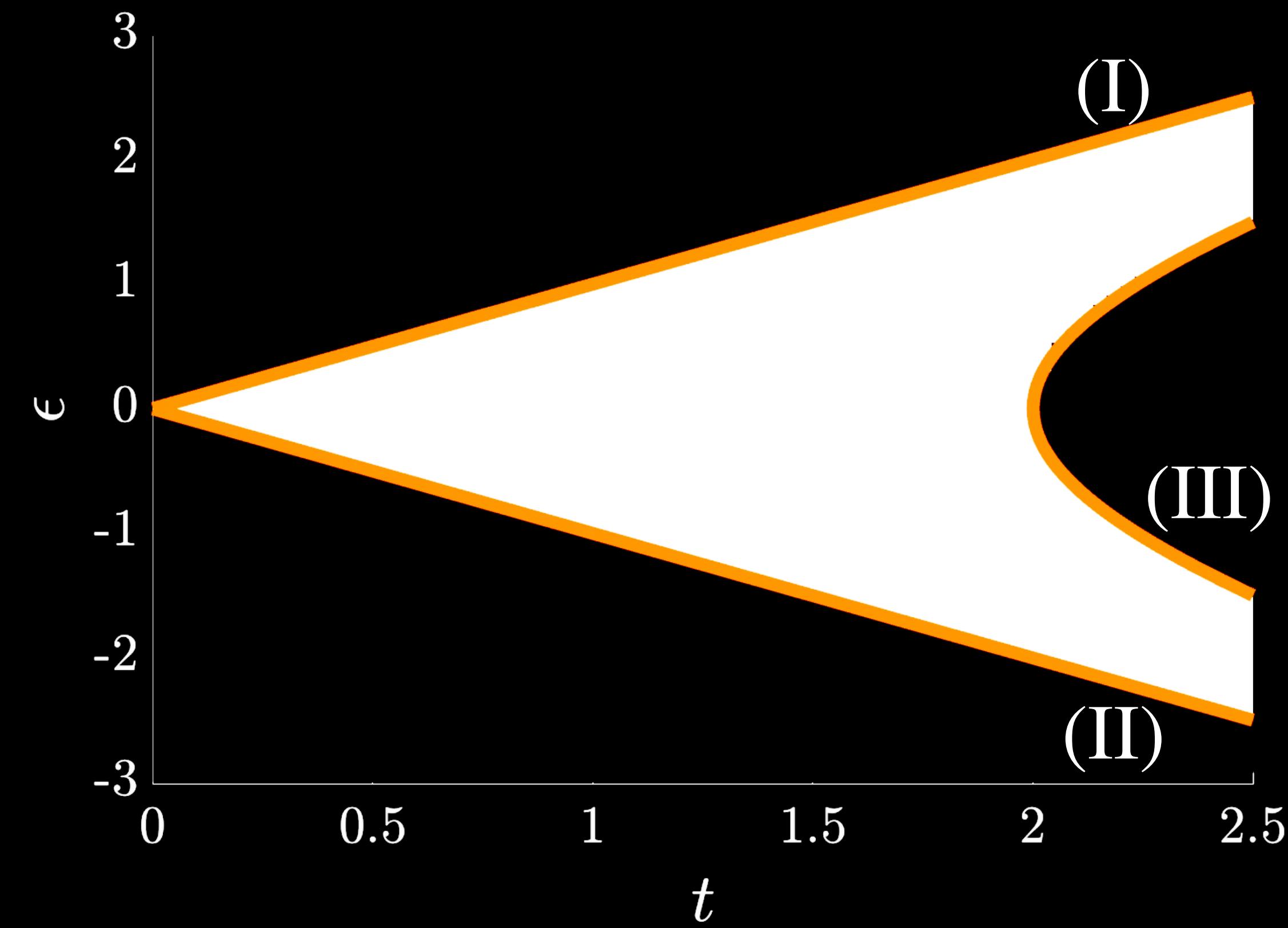
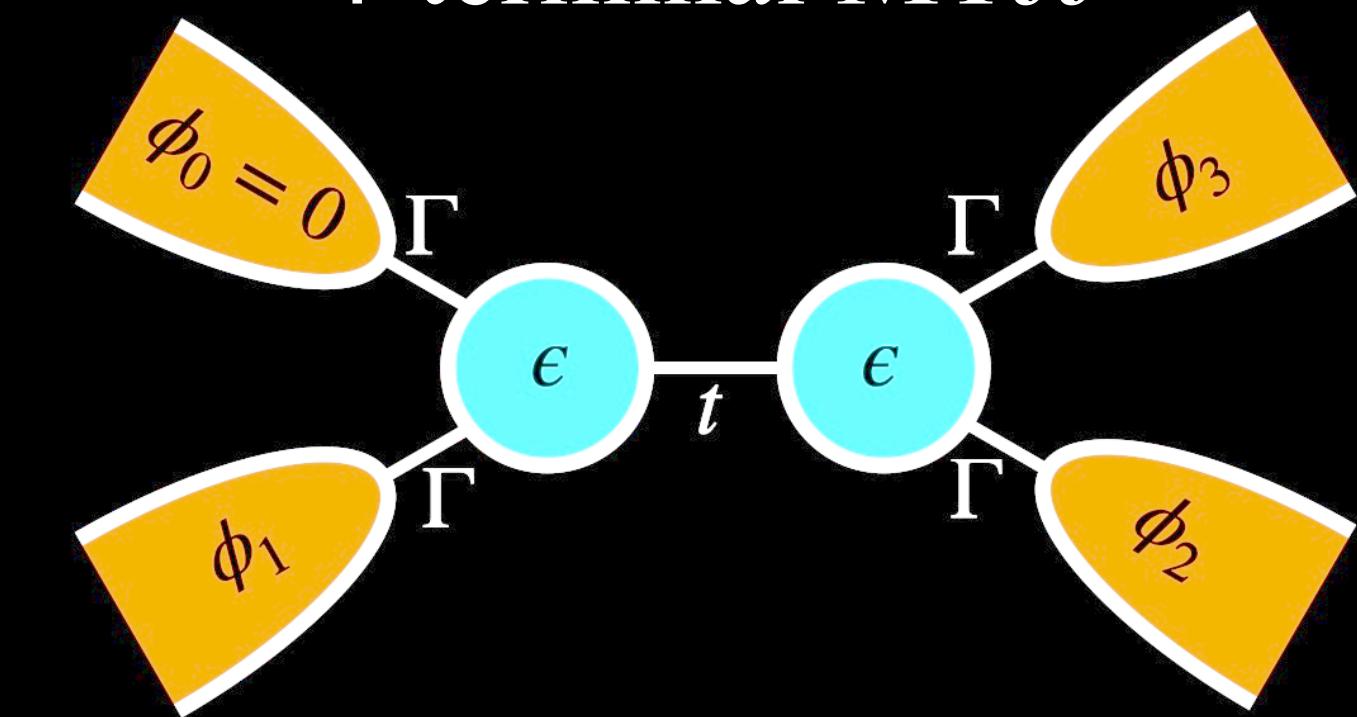
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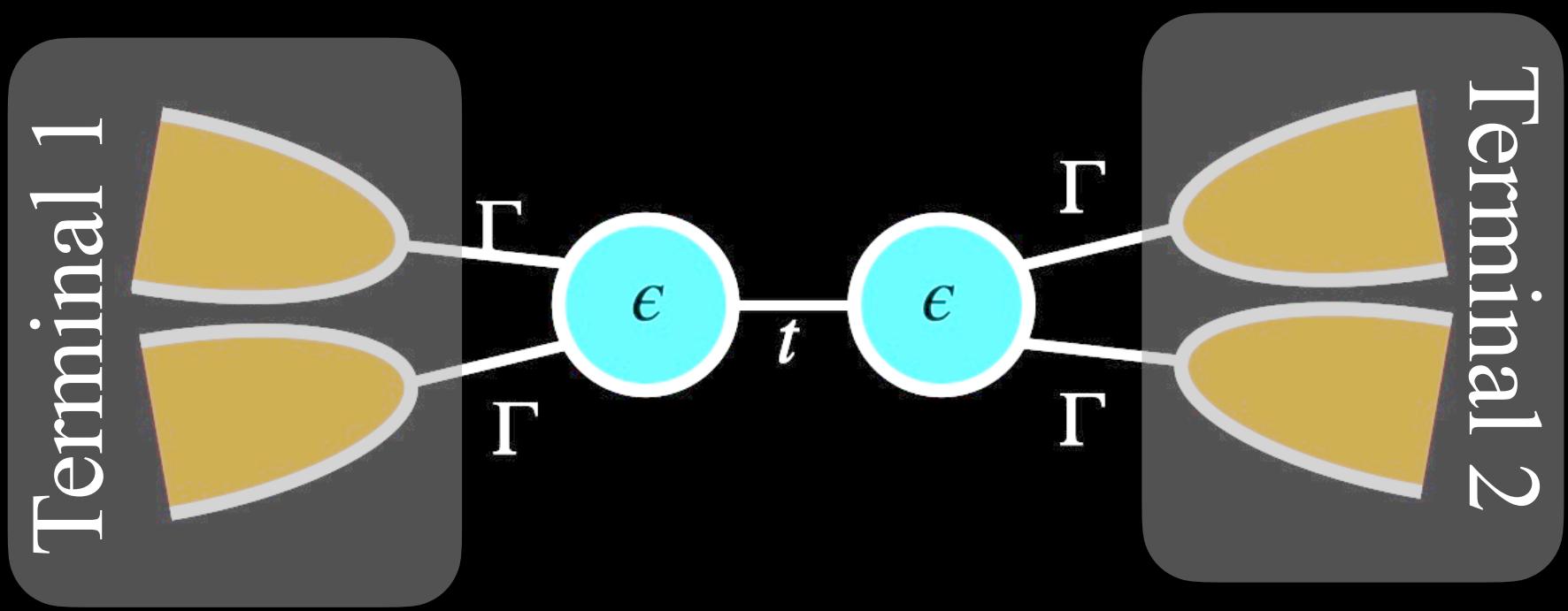
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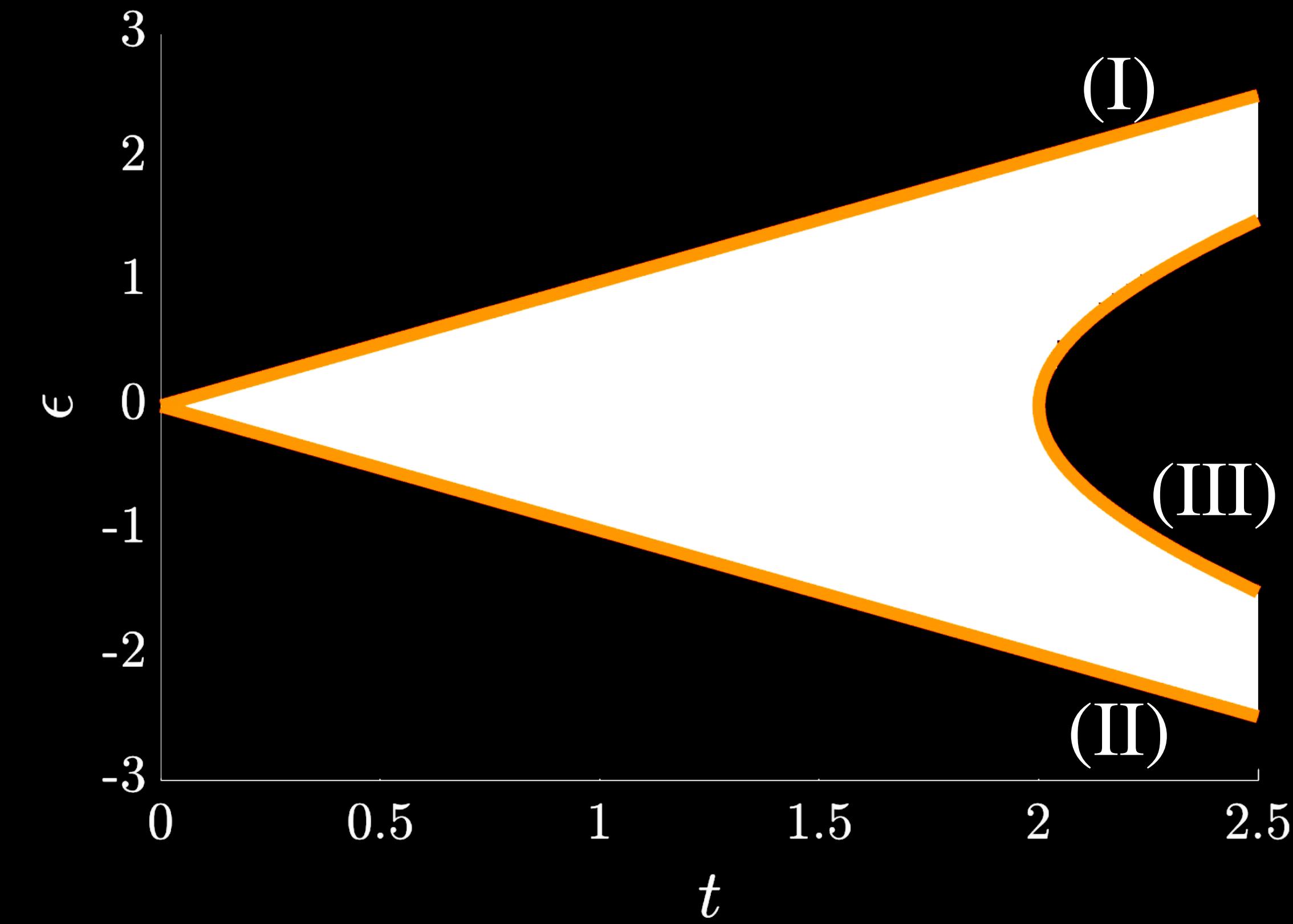
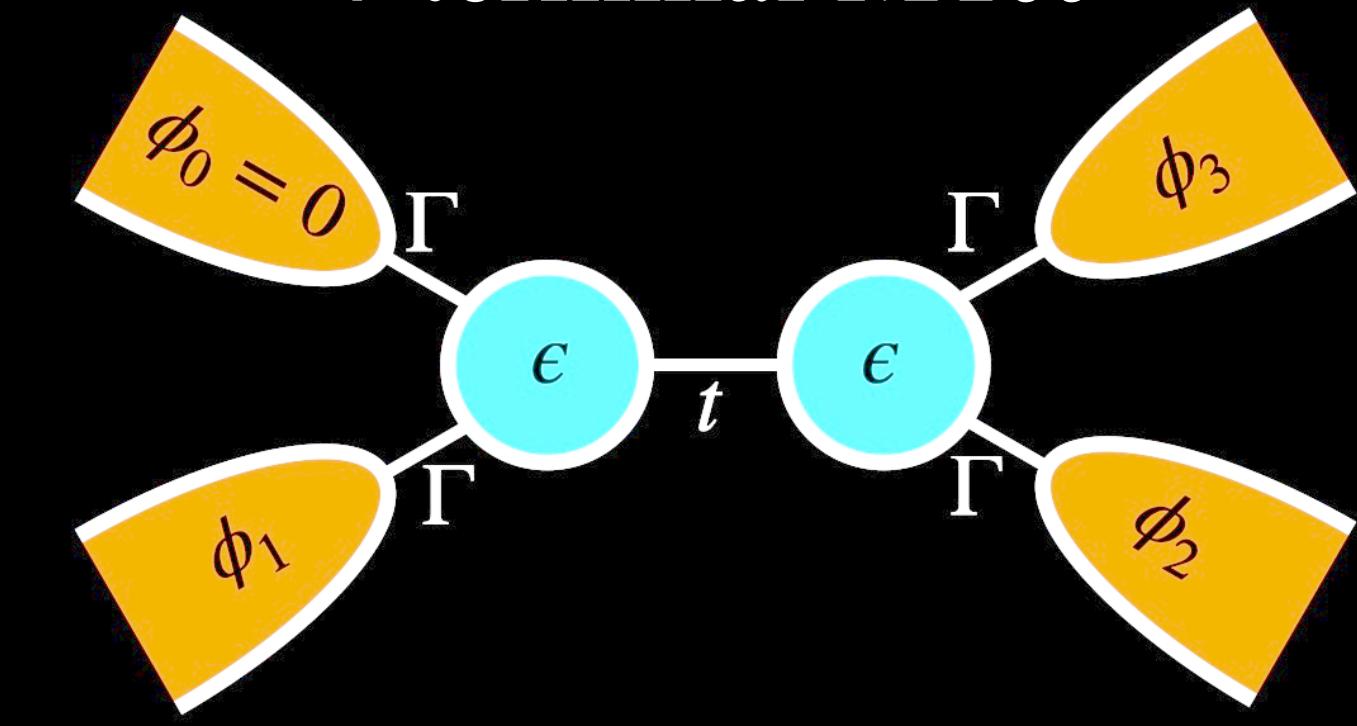
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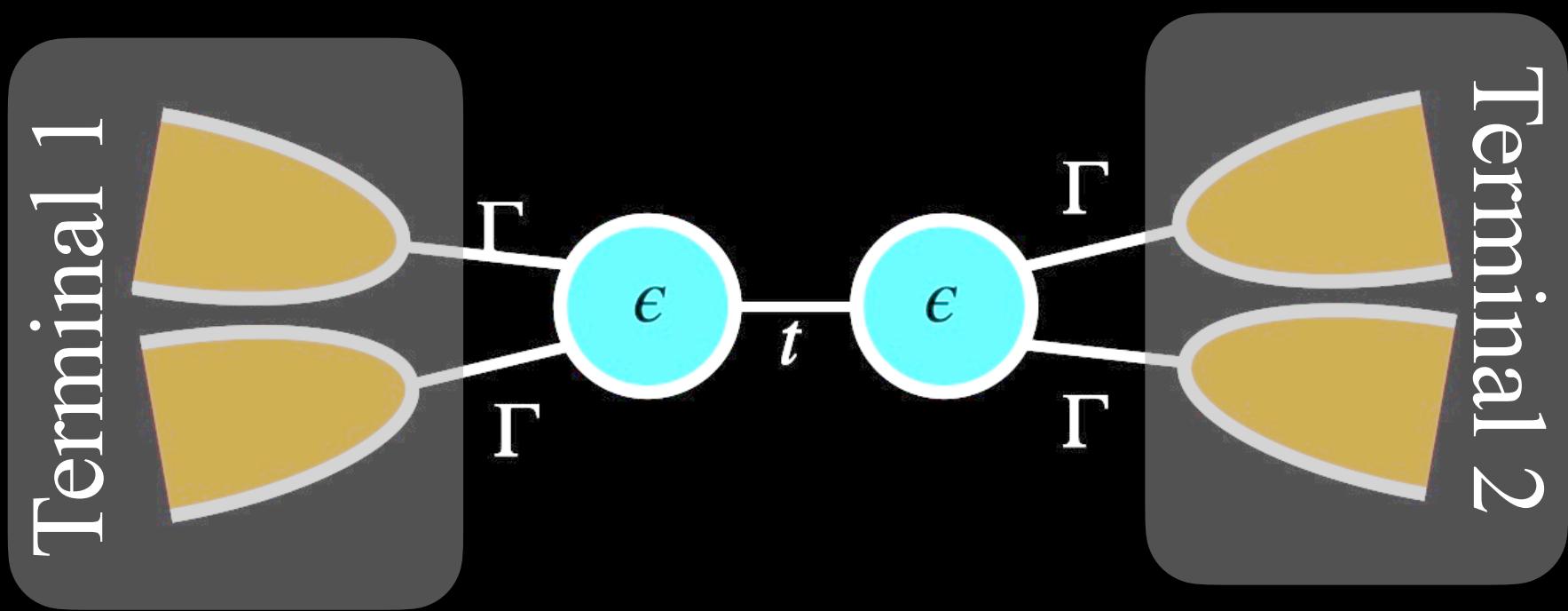
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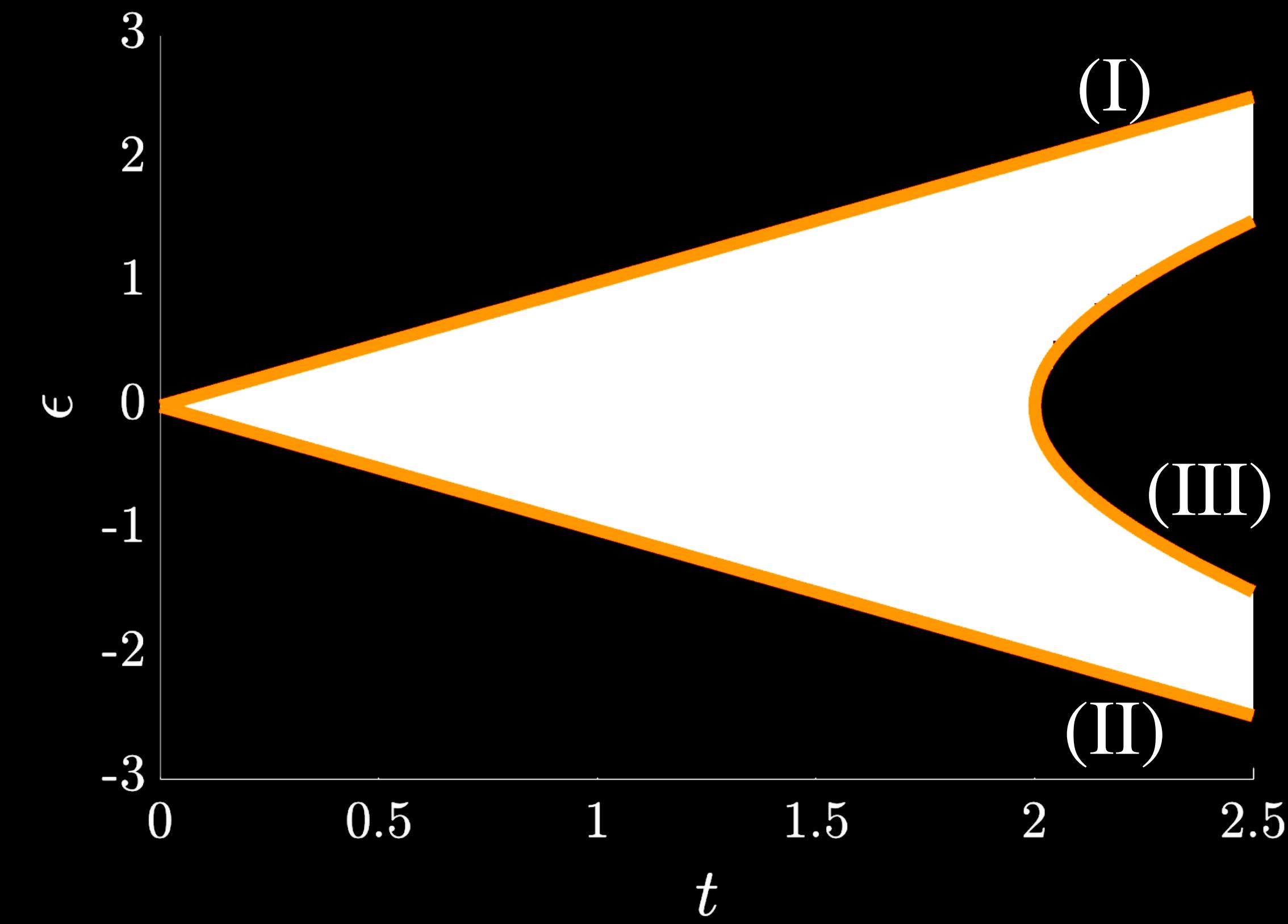
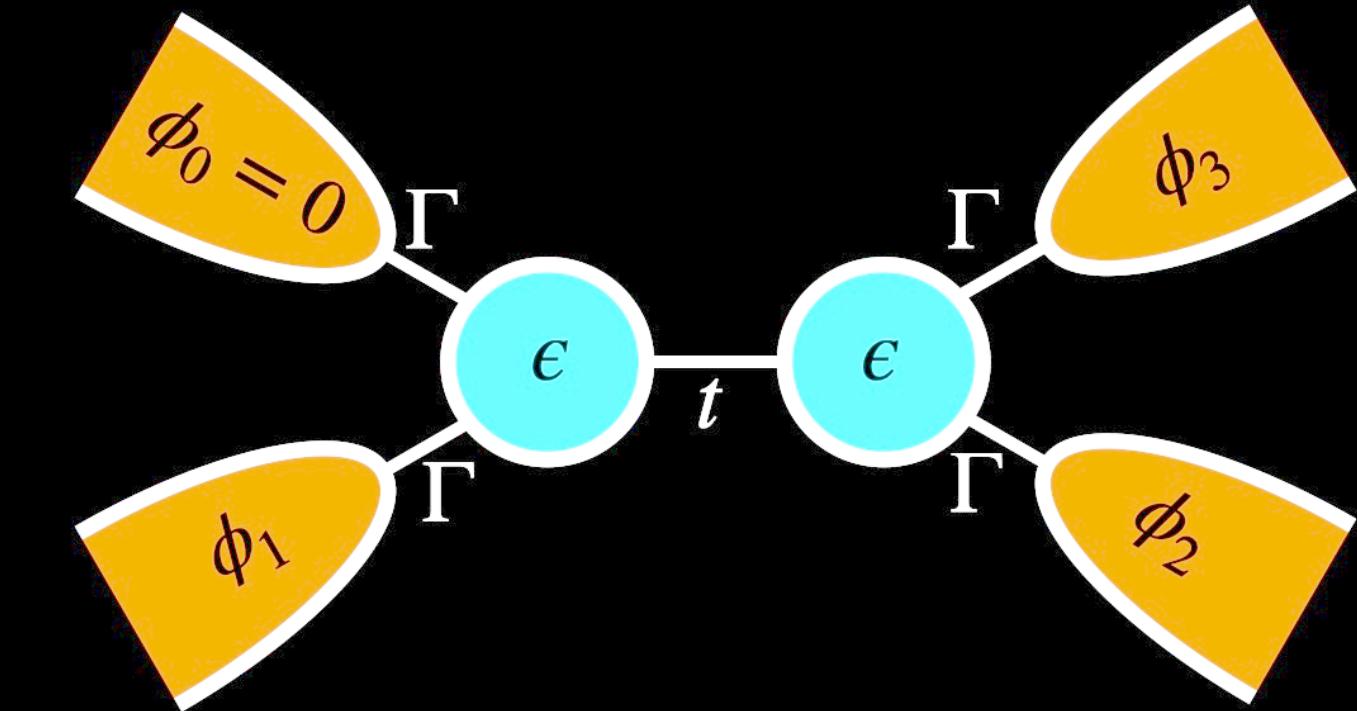
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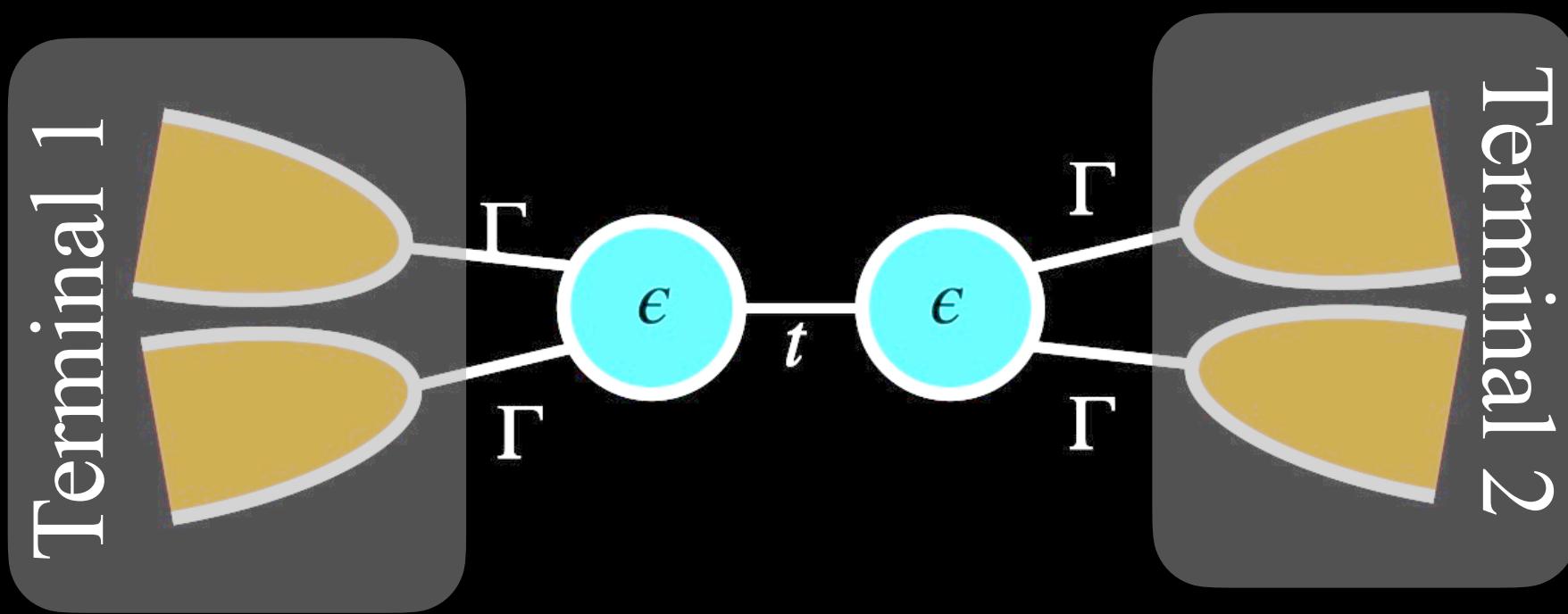
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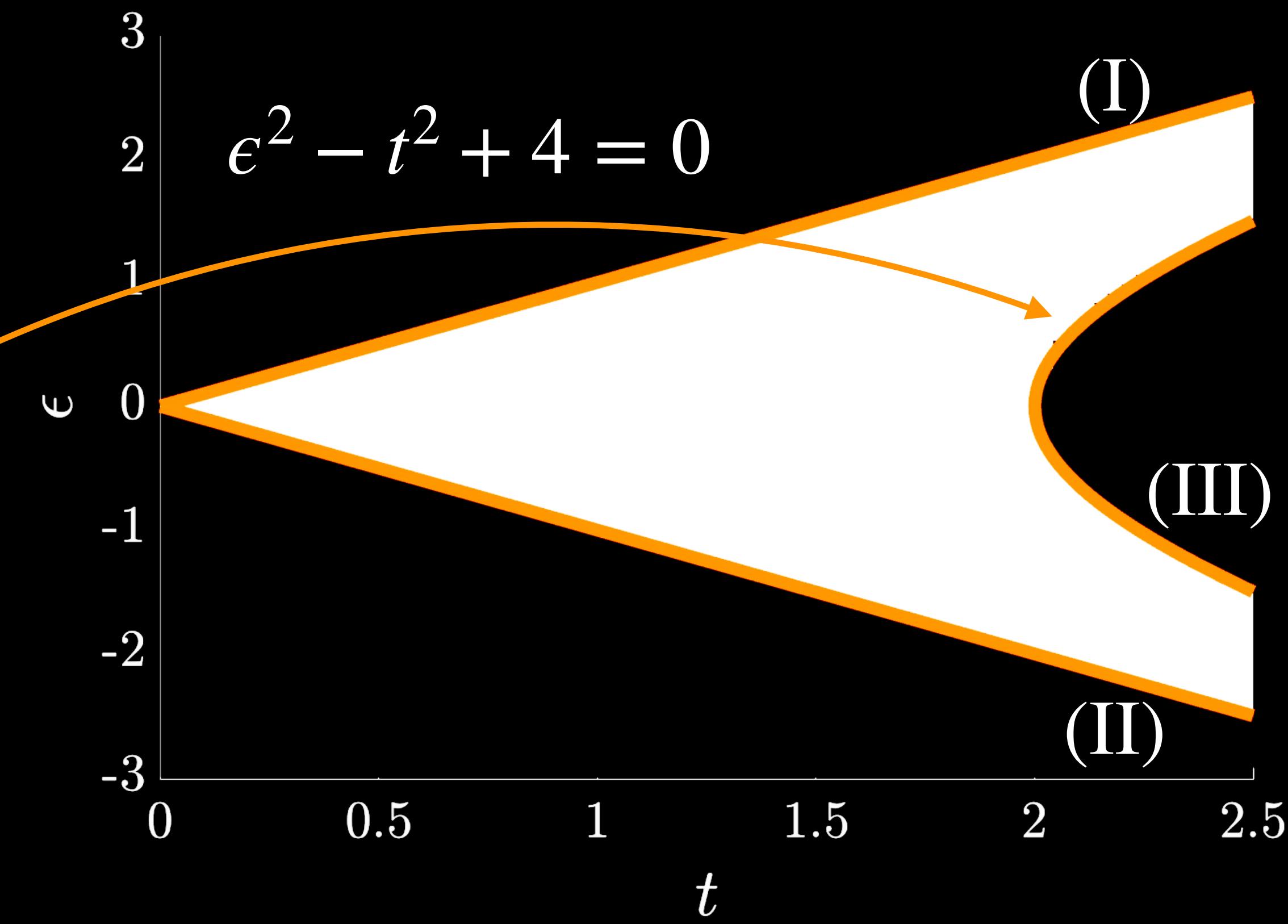
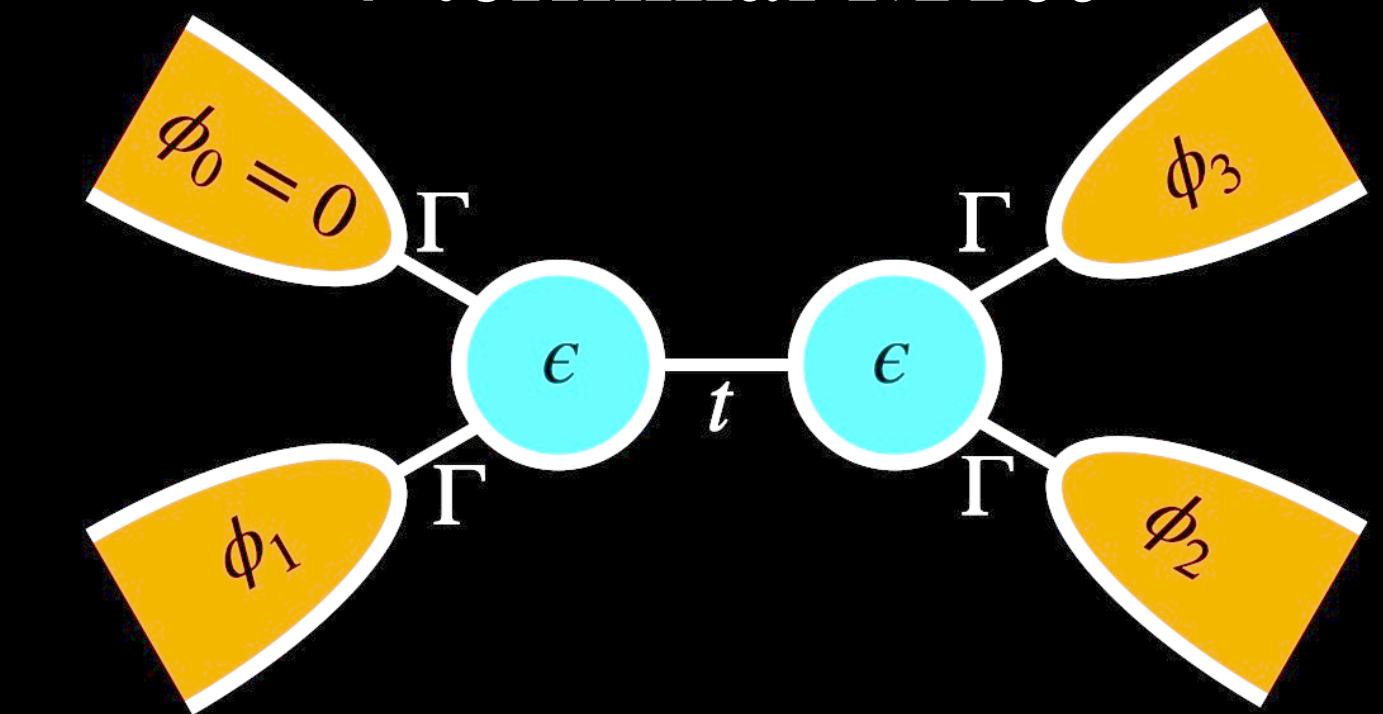
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# Conclusion I

**1) MTJJs are an excellent platform to study engineered  
(non-hermitian) topology**

**Topology in three state Andreev Molecule**

T. Antonelli, et. al., arXiv:2501.07982 (2025)

**2) Refectionless scattering modes are a source of  
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**Reflectionless Modes lead to Weyl nodes in MTJJs**

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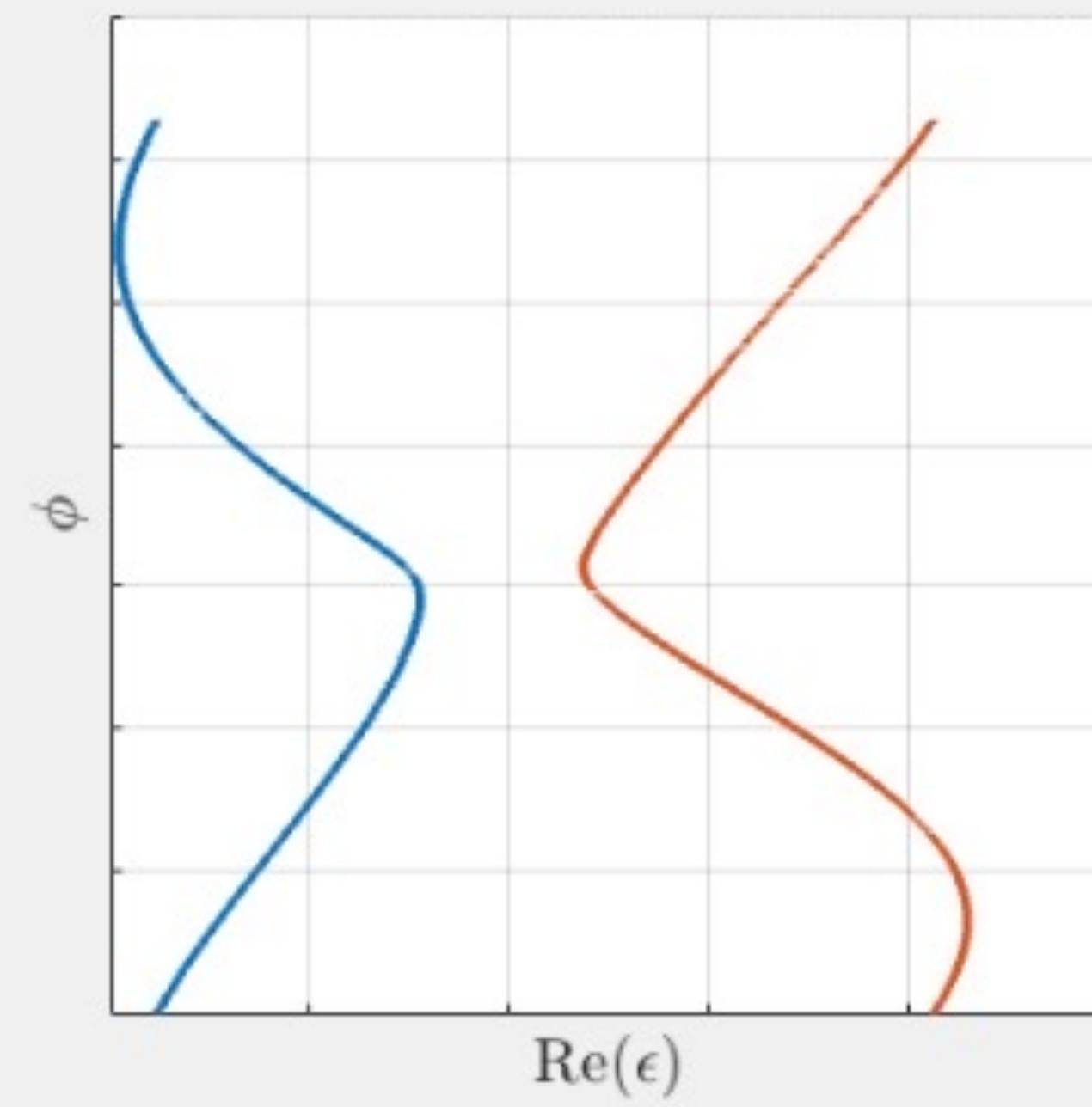
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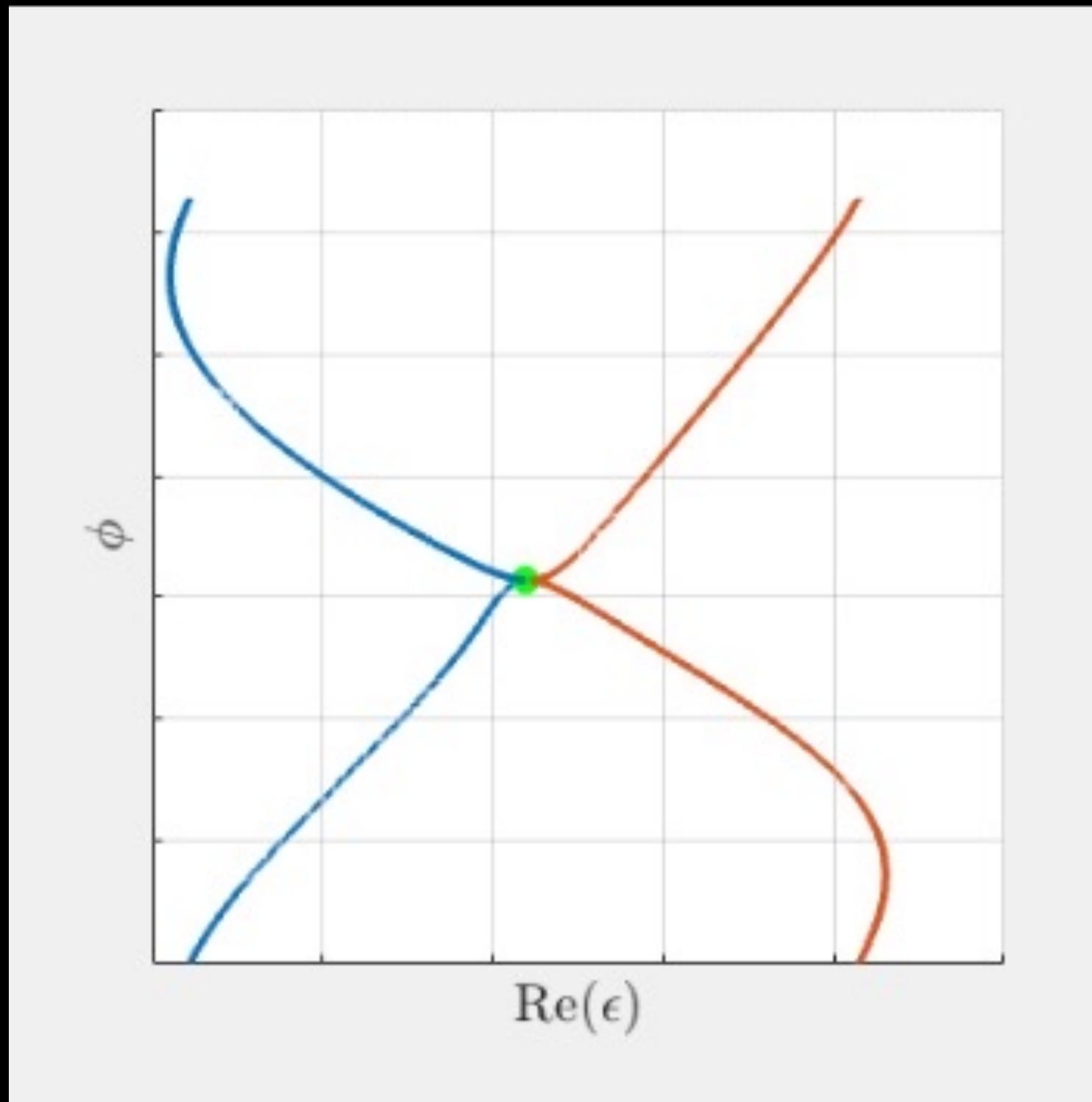
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$$\epsilon_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Gapped



Ungapped



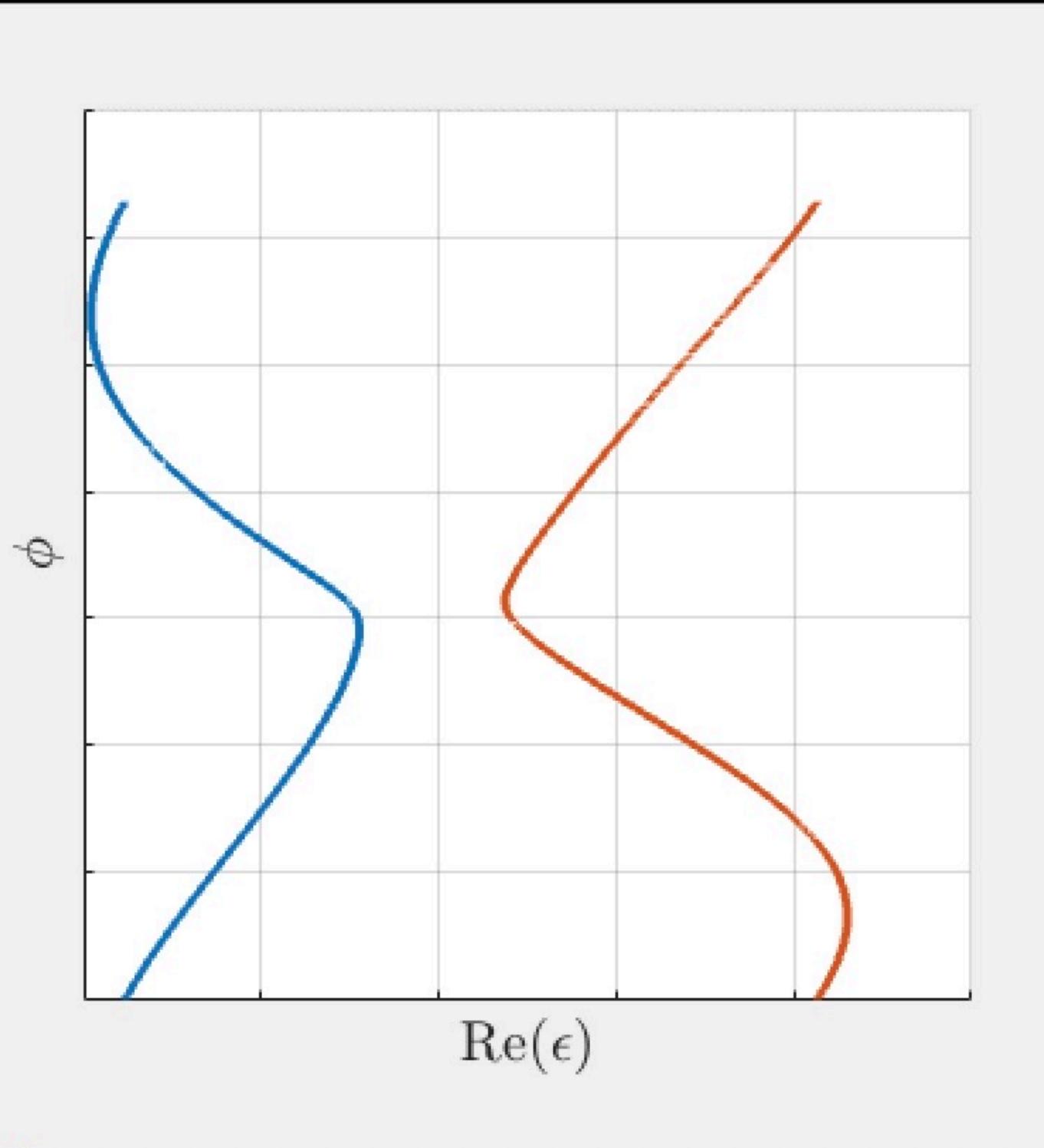
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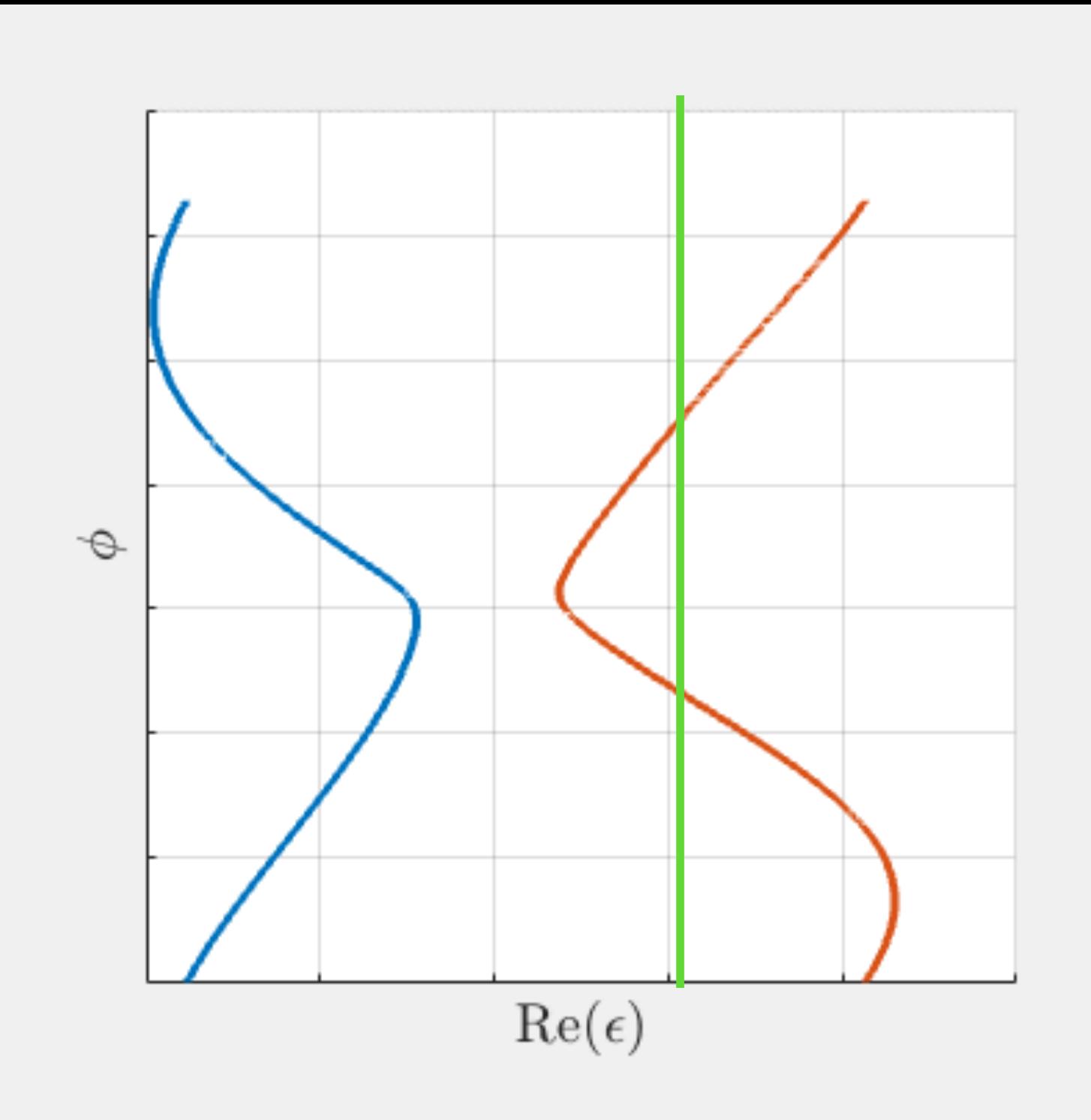
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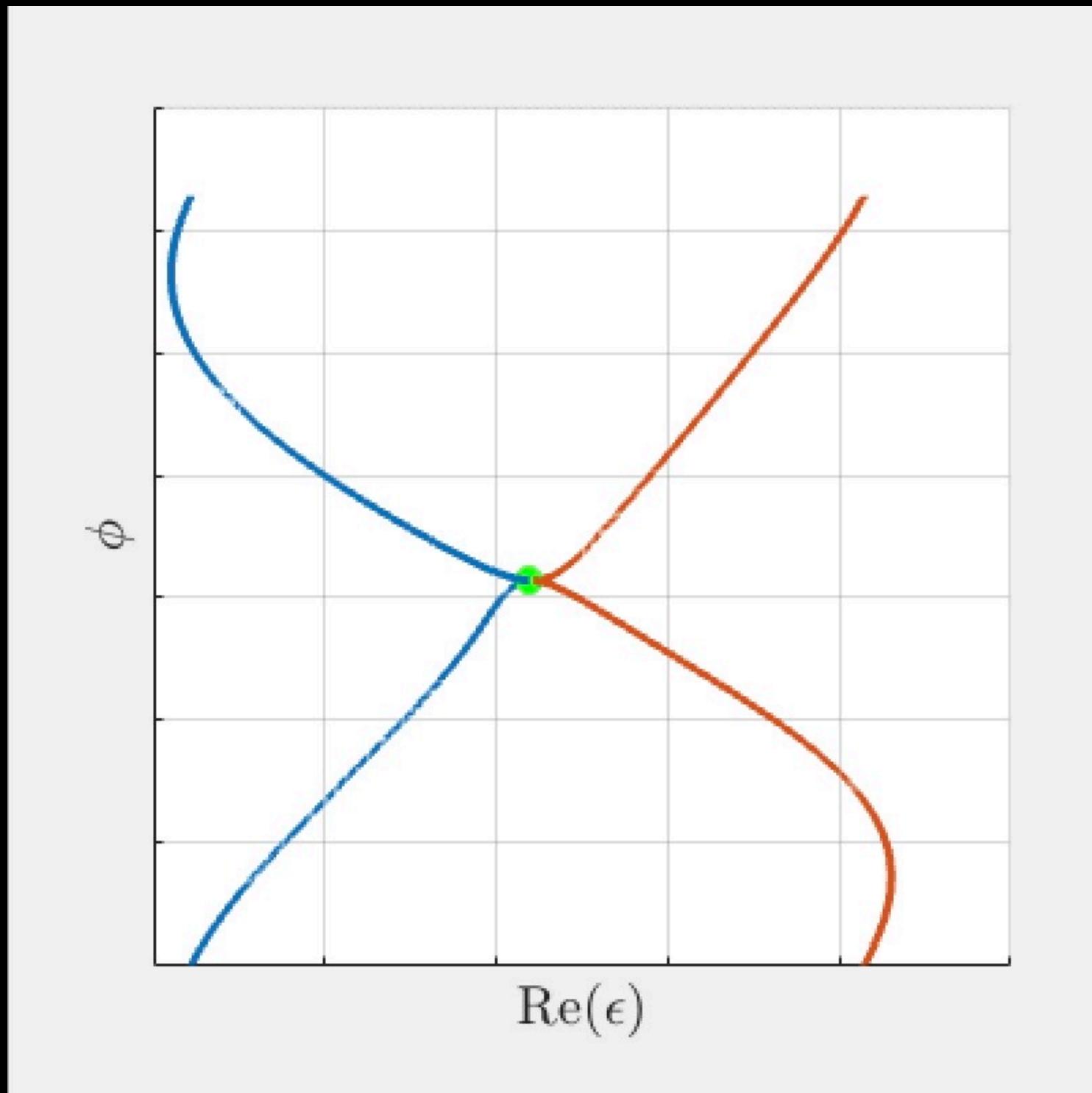
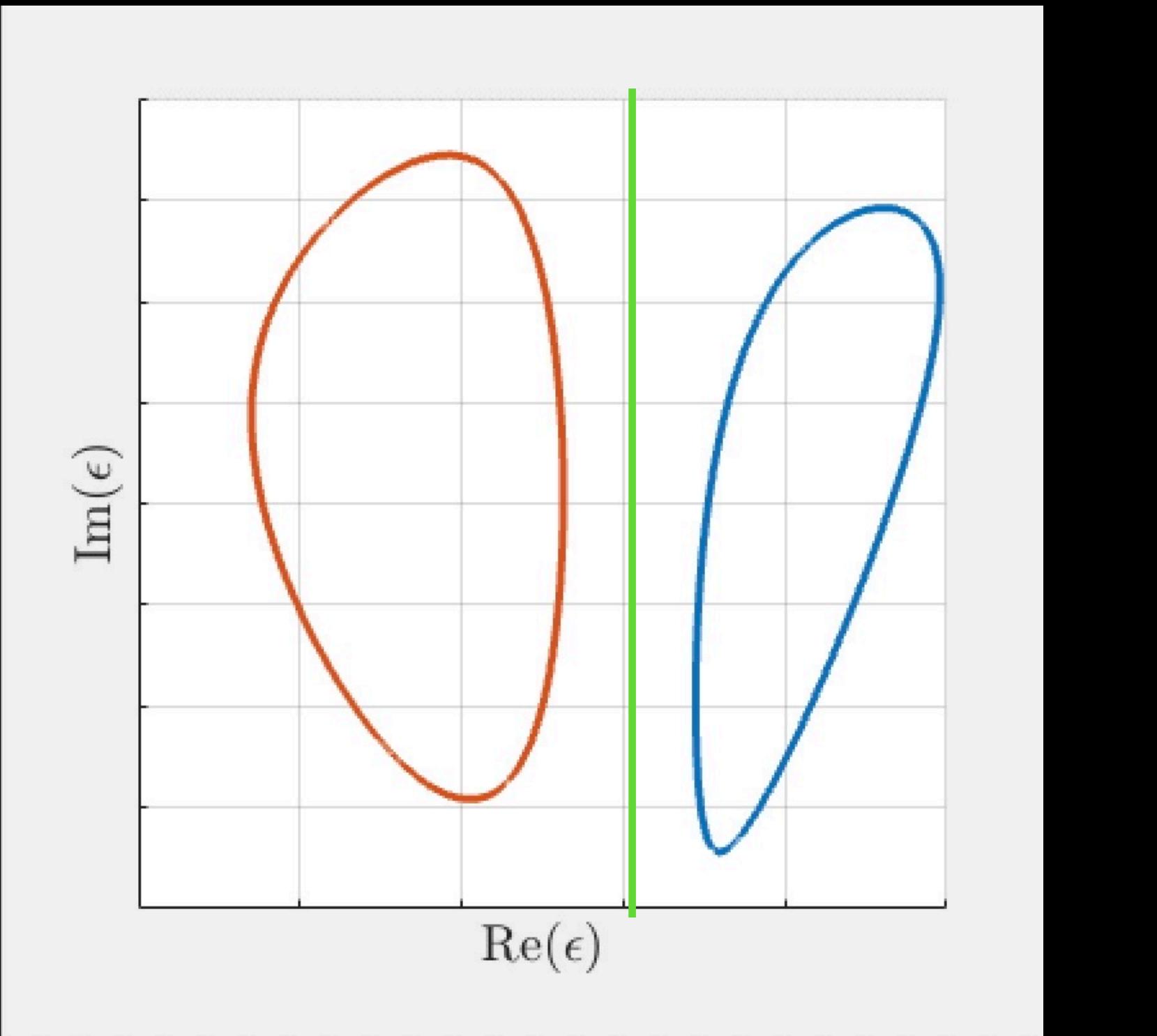
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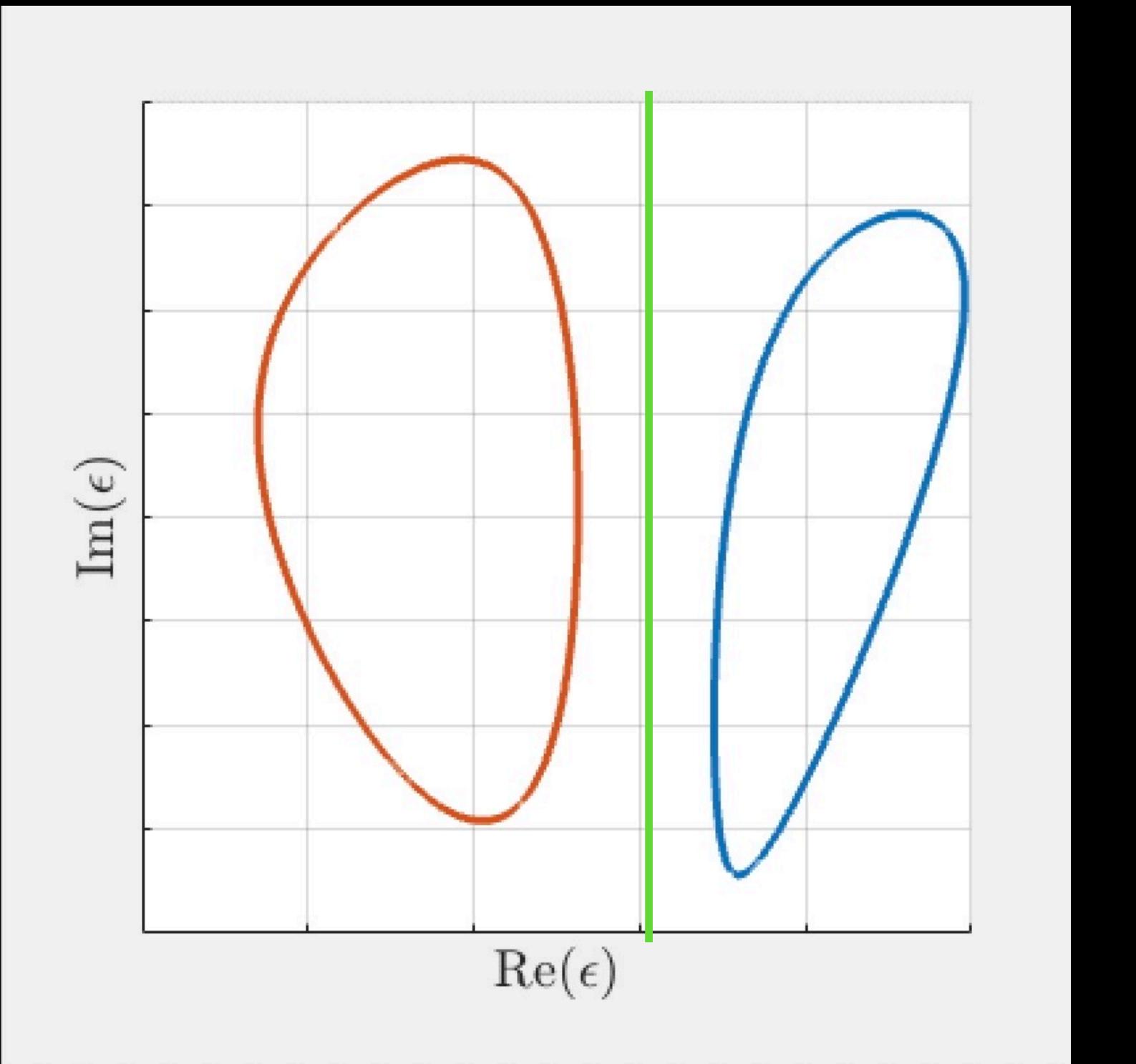
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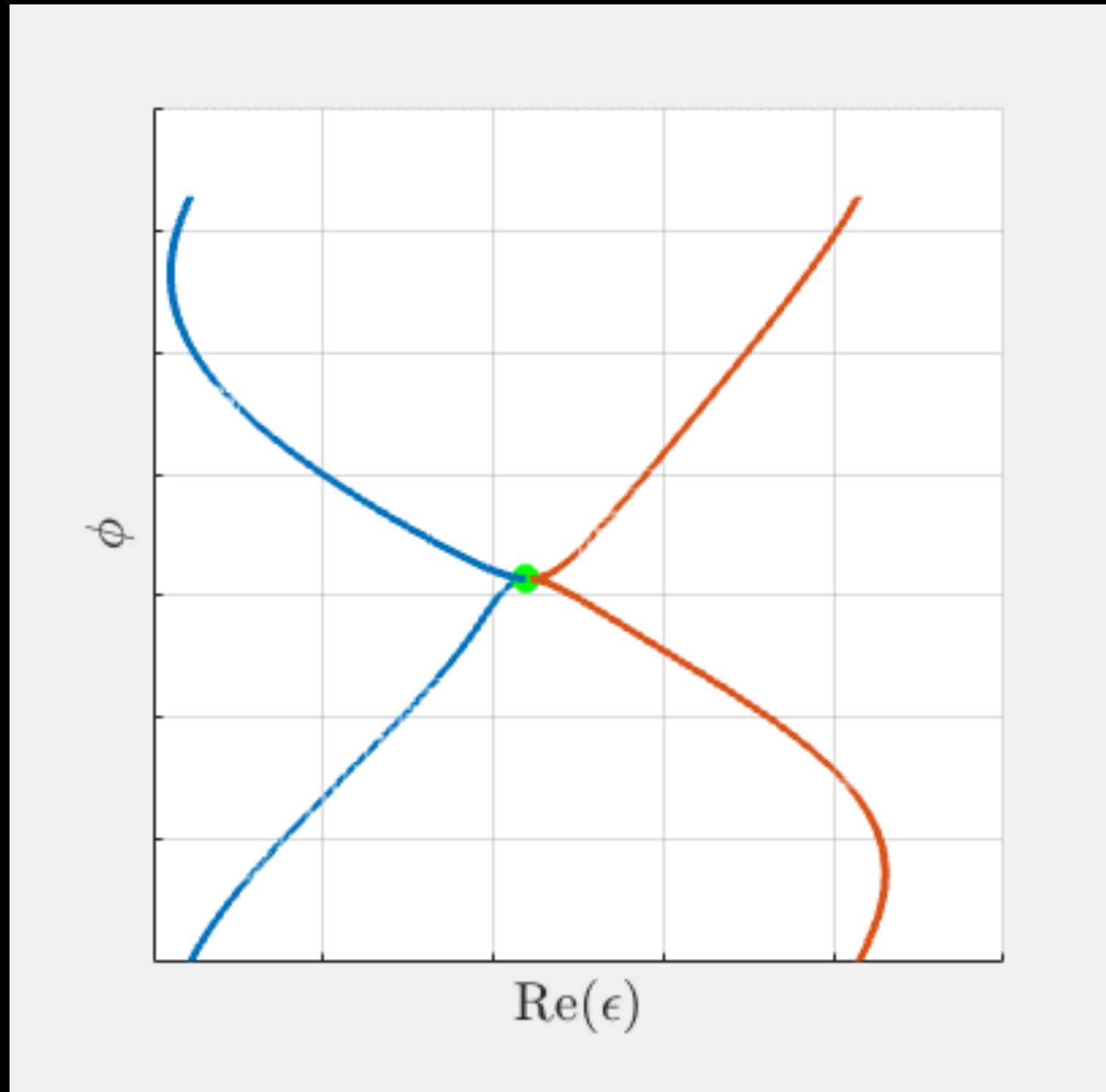
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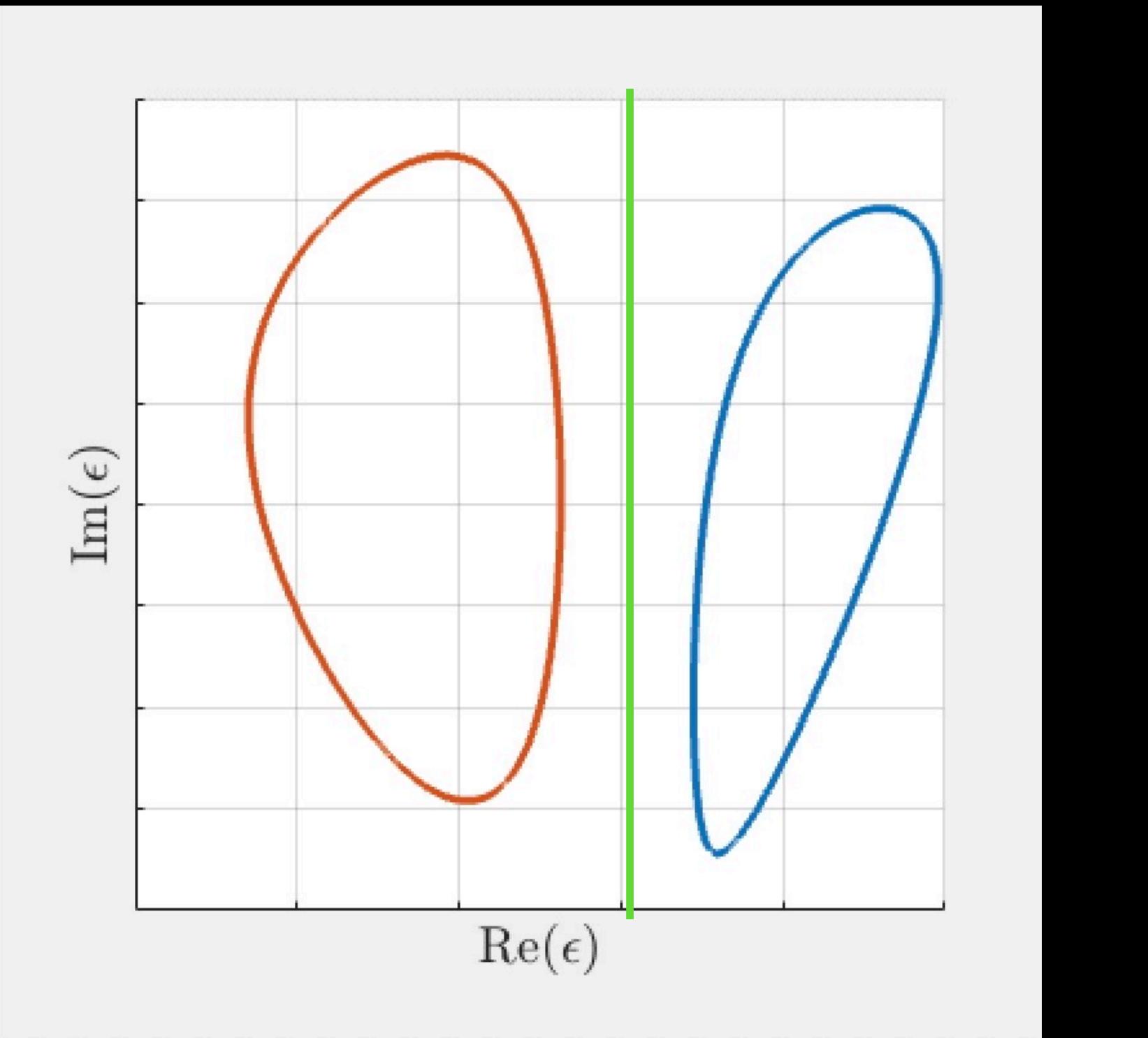
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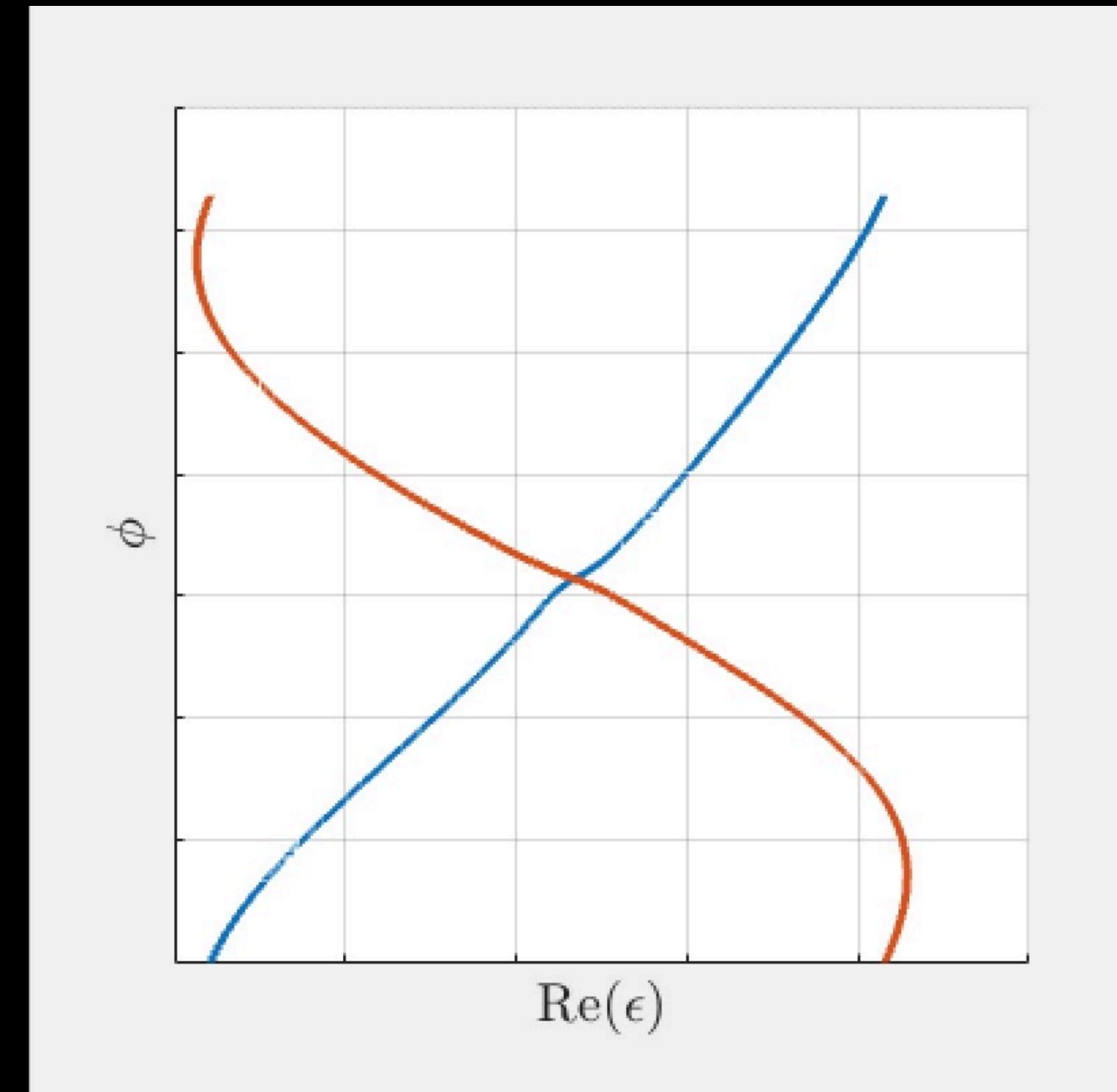
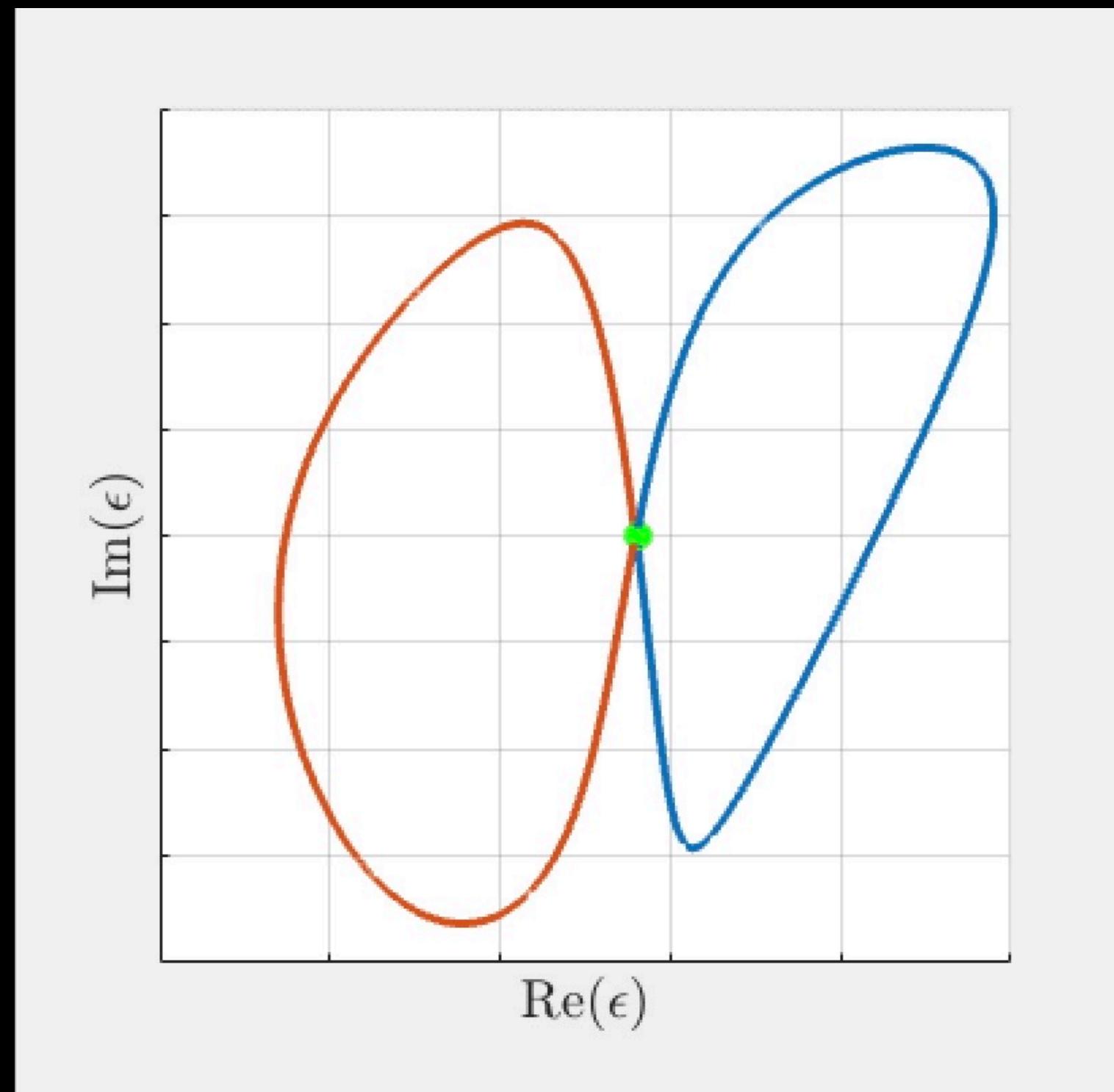
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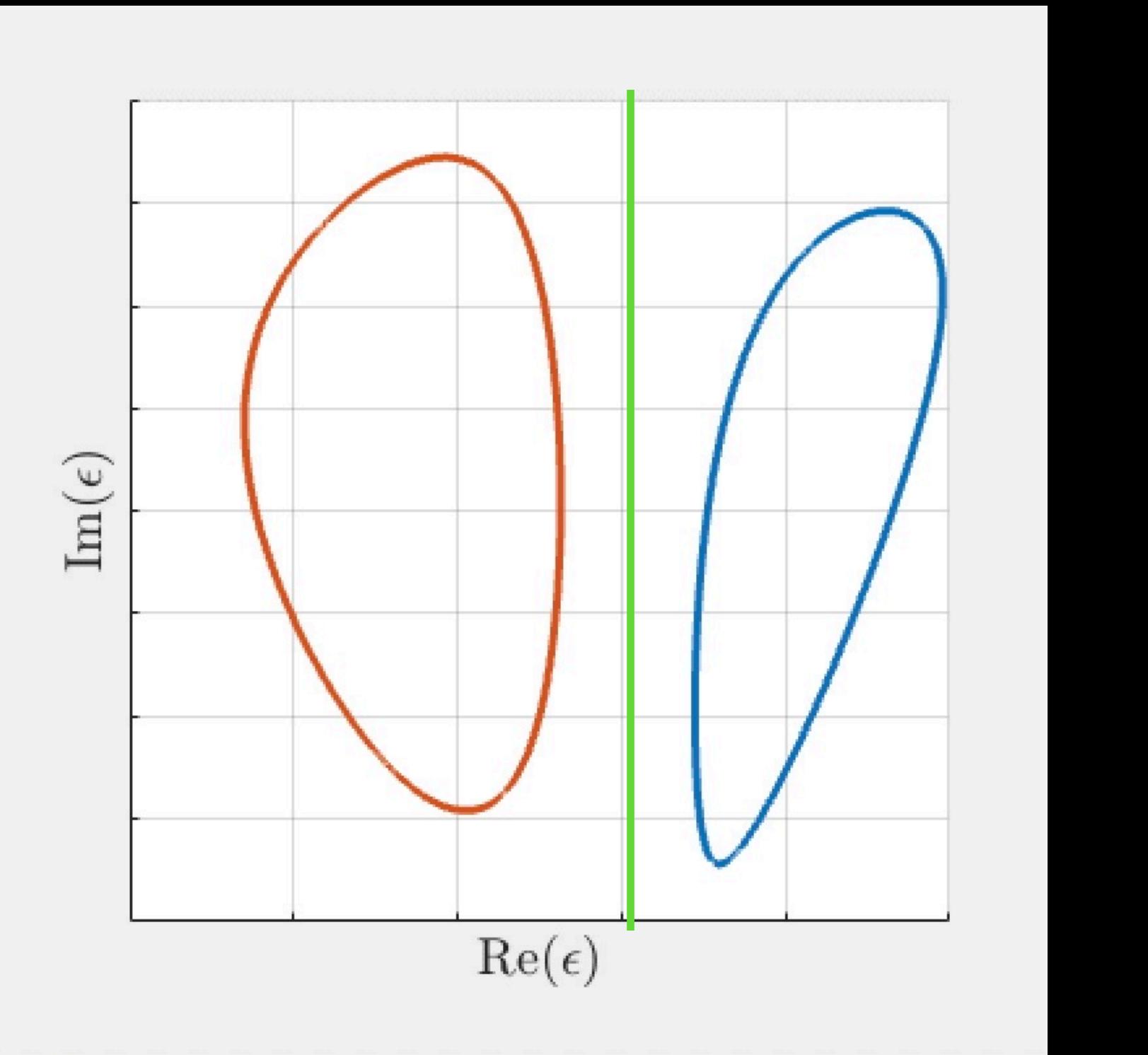
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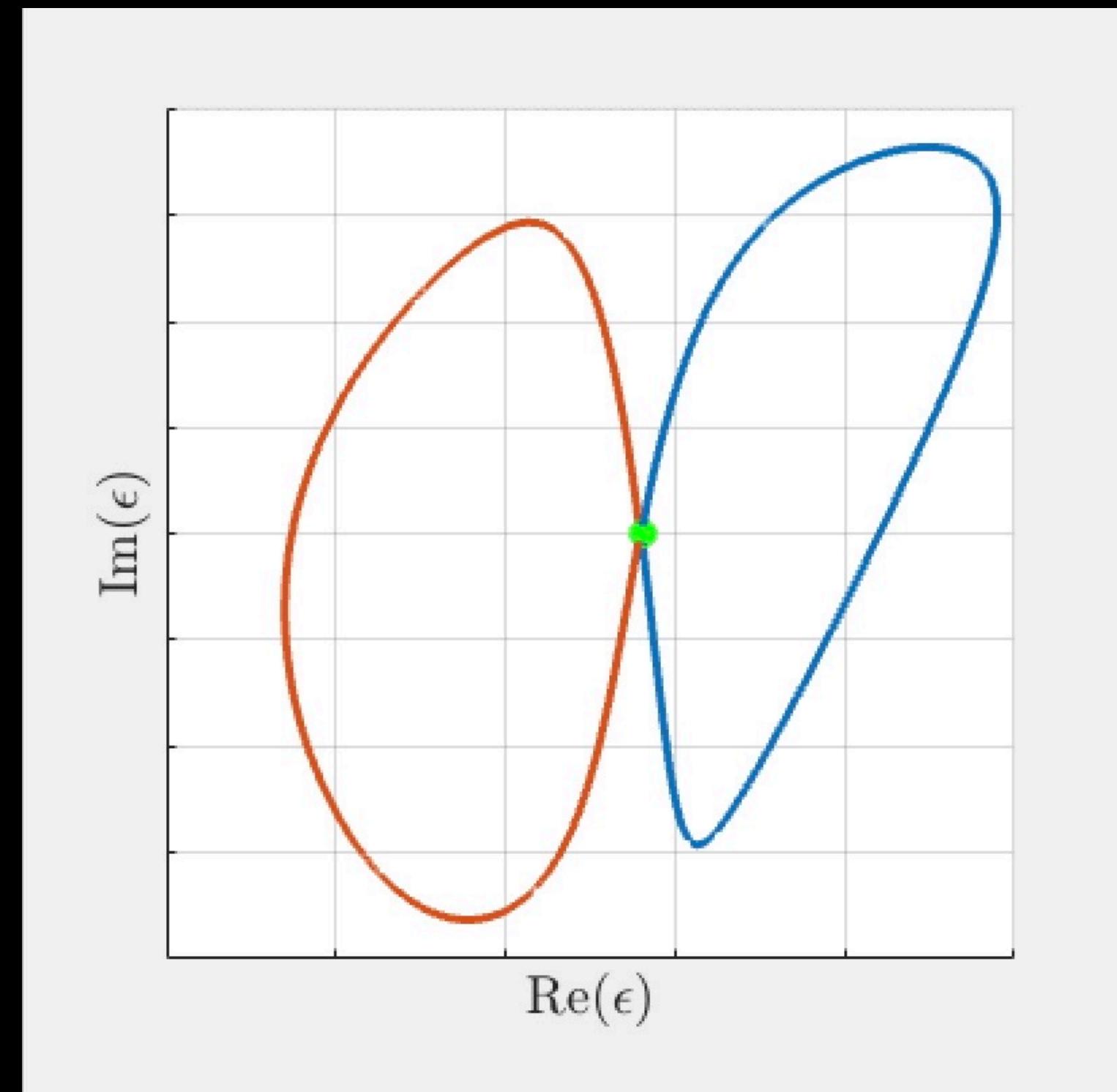
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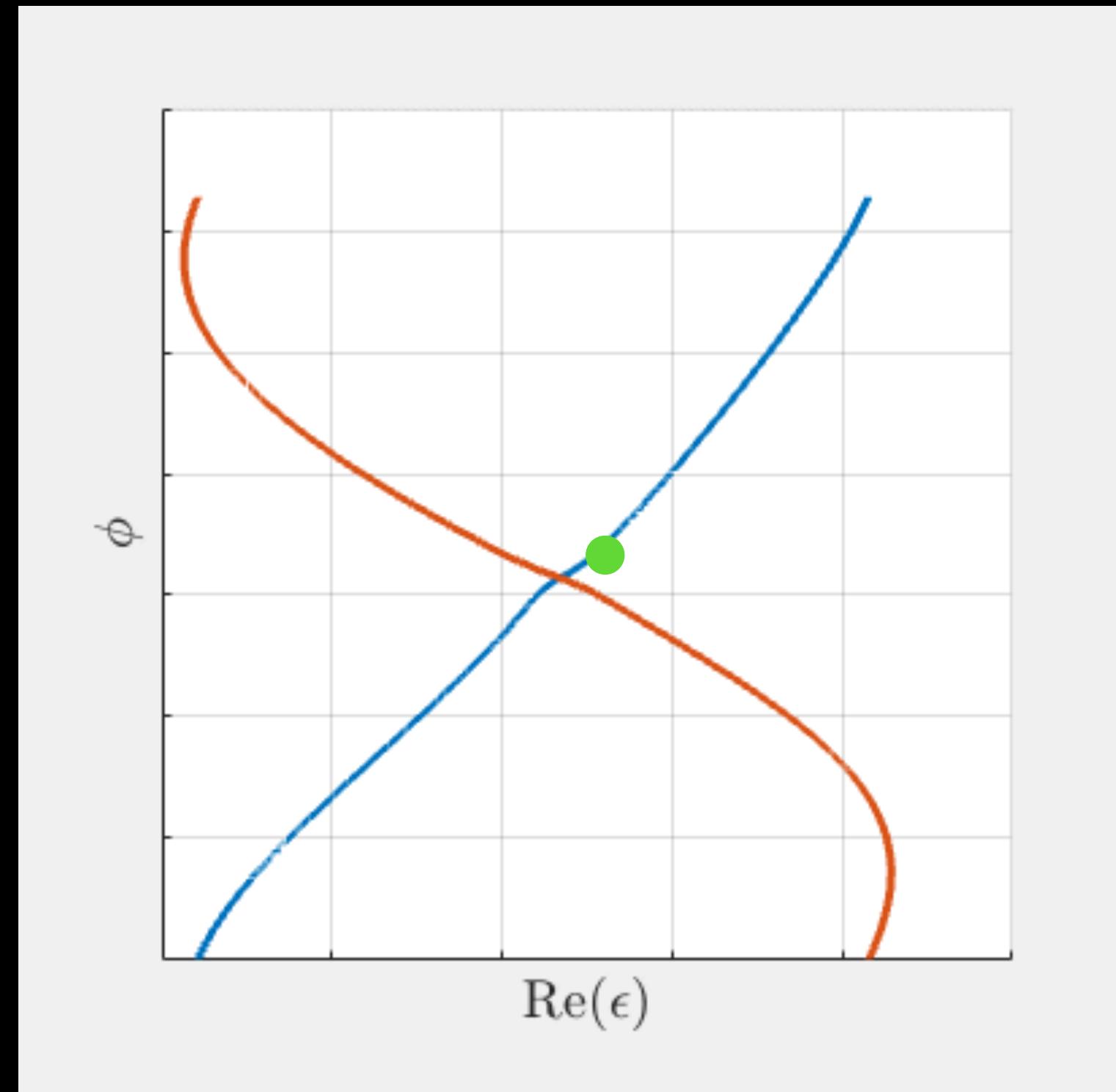
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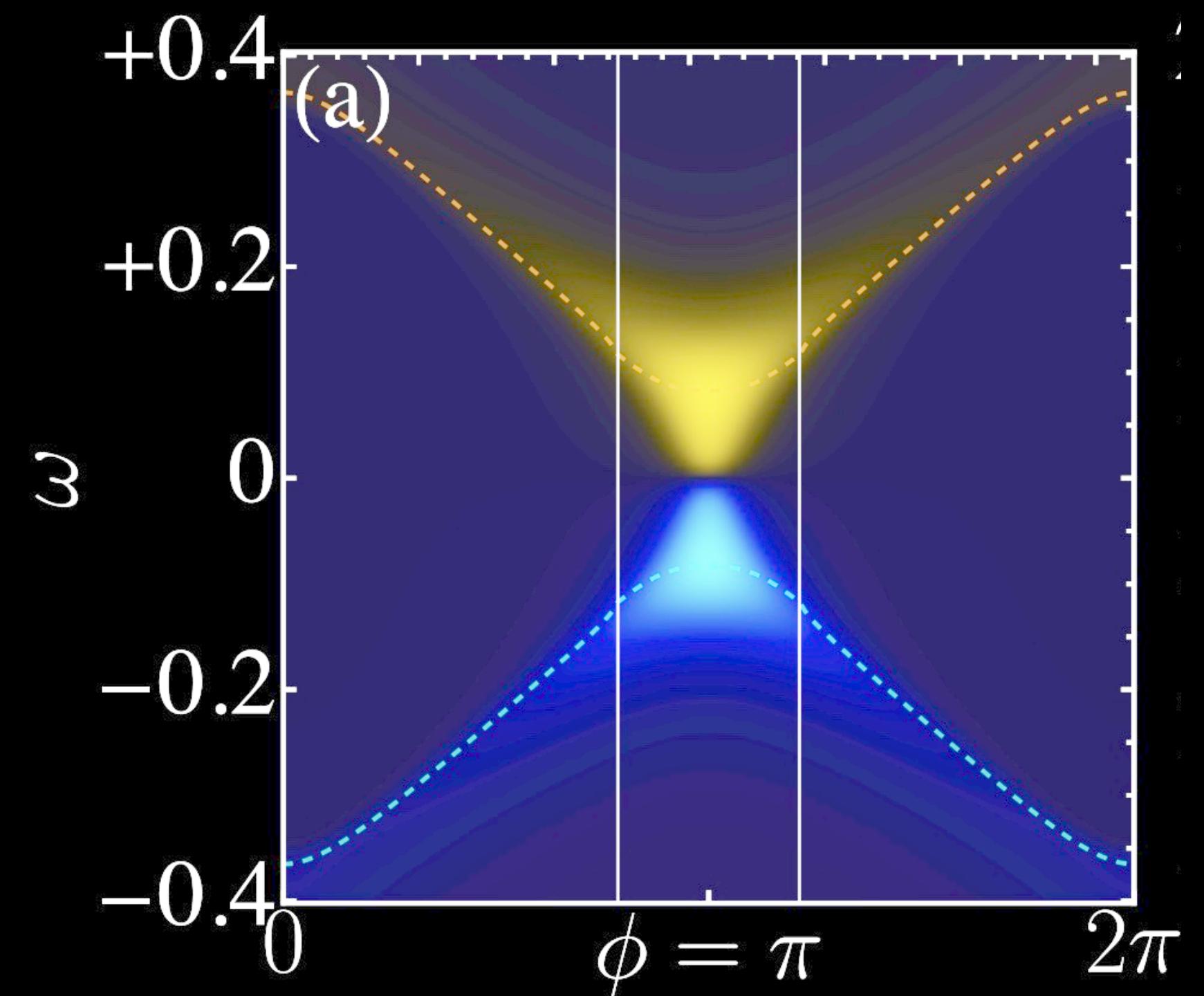
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Non-hermitian topology  
generalisation of hermitian  
topology

Enhanced sensing,  
undirectional laser, bulk-  
fermi arcs, ...

Superconductors offer  
tunability via  
superconducting phases

Measurability in current susceptibility



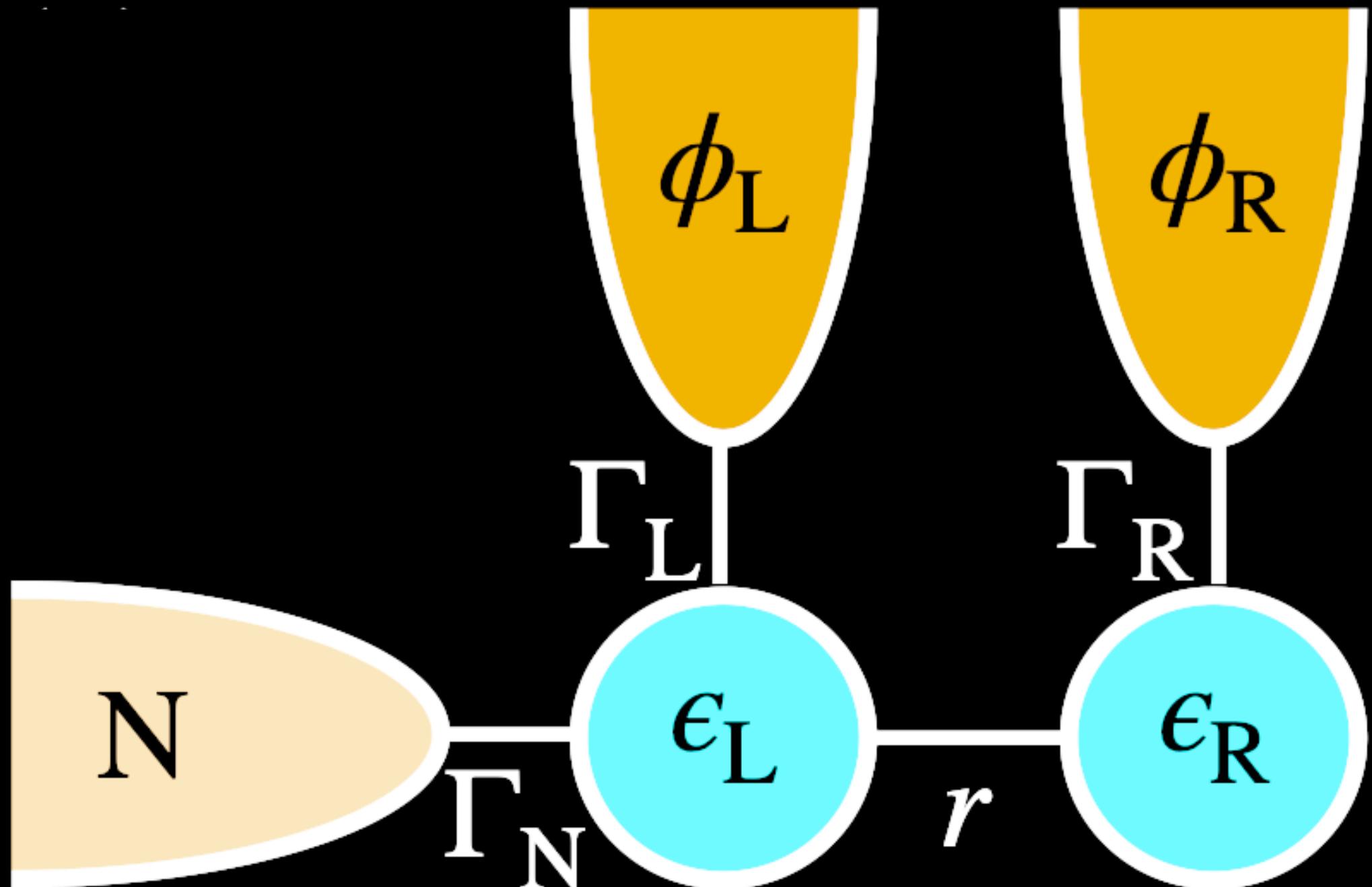
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2-terminal junction with added normal metal



Effective low-energy Hamiltonian from central  
Green's function (no-jump limit)

K. Sim, et. al., Phys. Rev. Research 7, 013325 (2025)

$$H_{\text{eff}} = G_C^{-1}(E = 0)$$

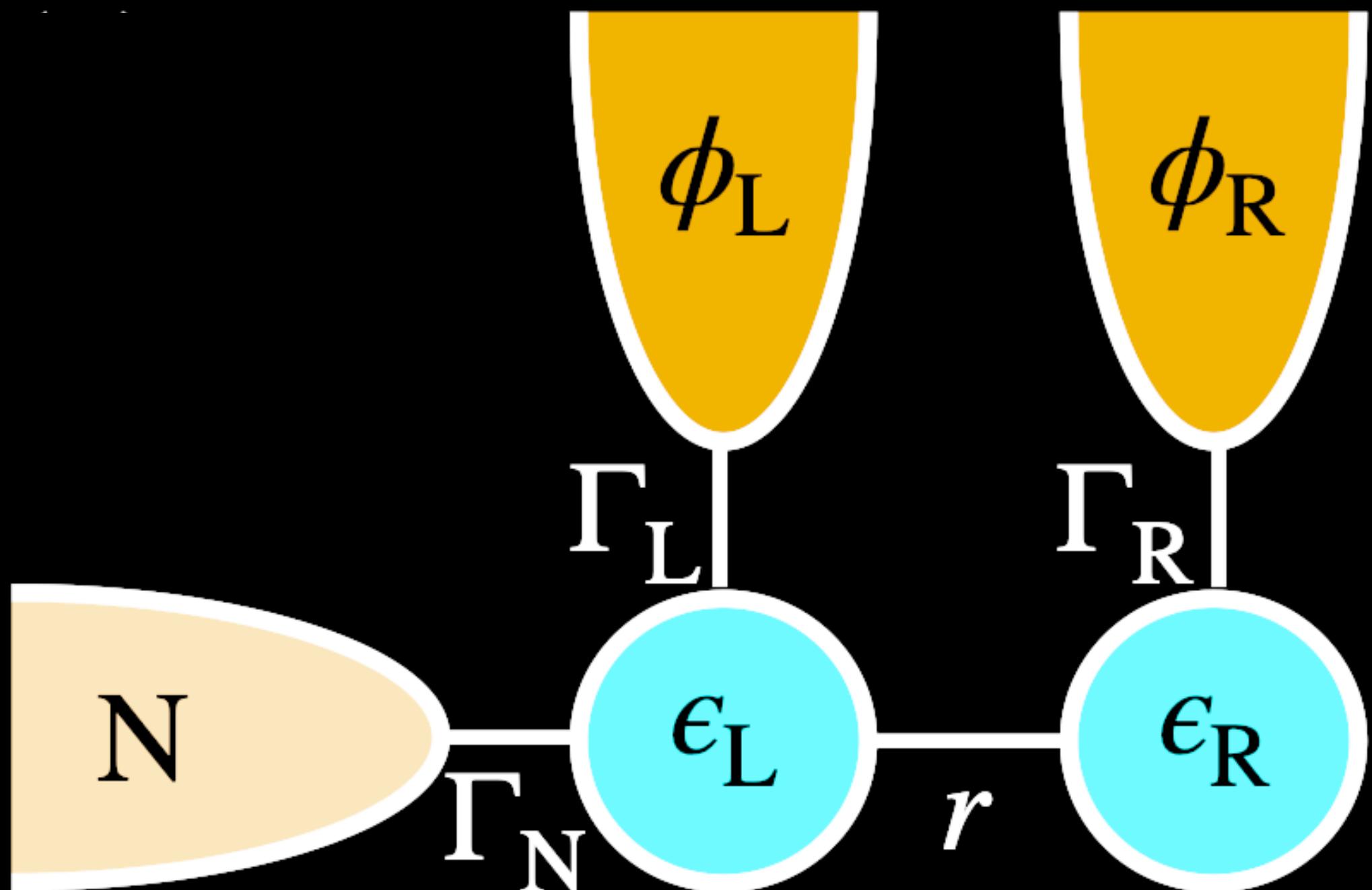
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Analogous to: J. Cayao and M. Sato, arXiv:2307.15472 (2024)

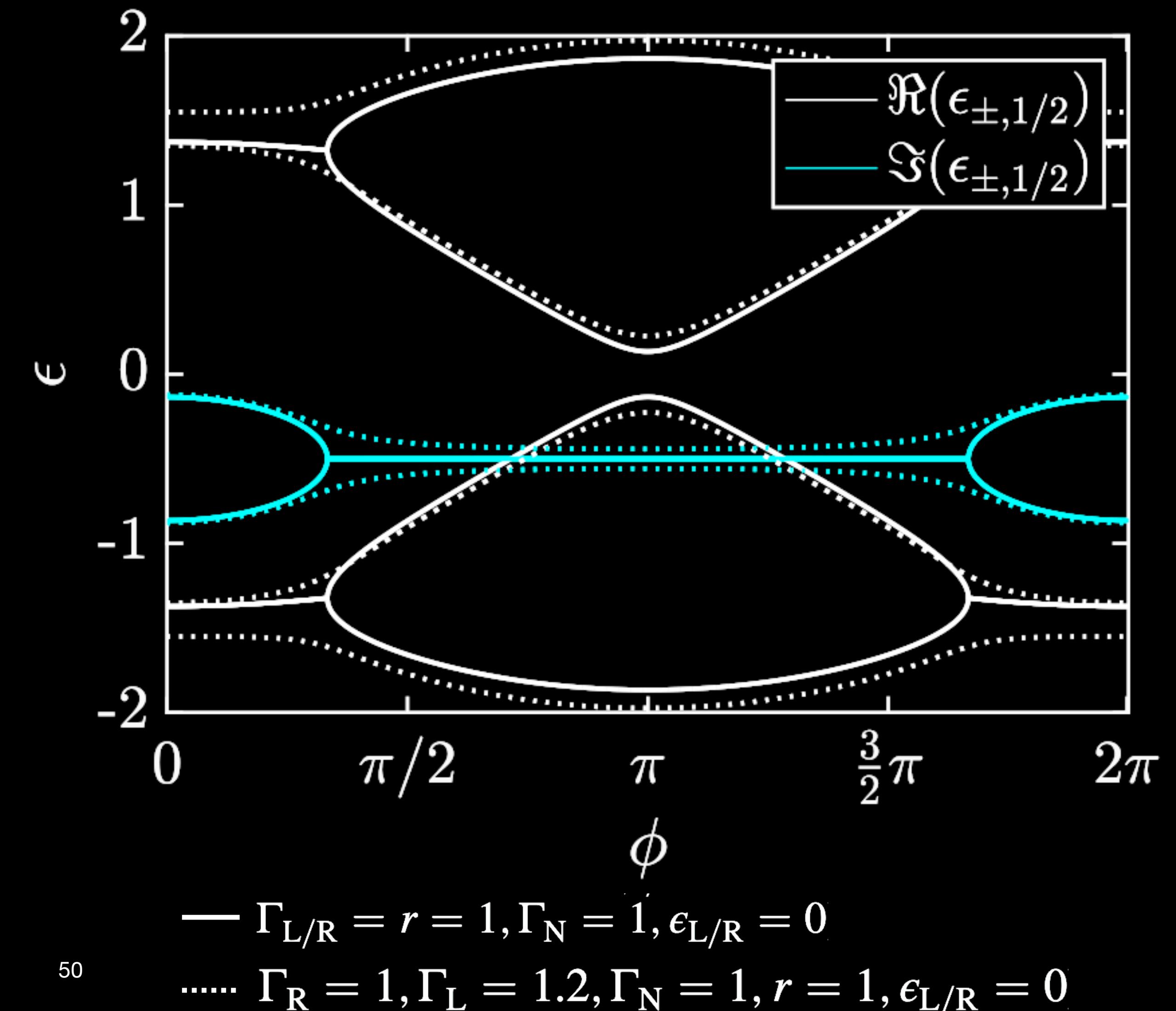
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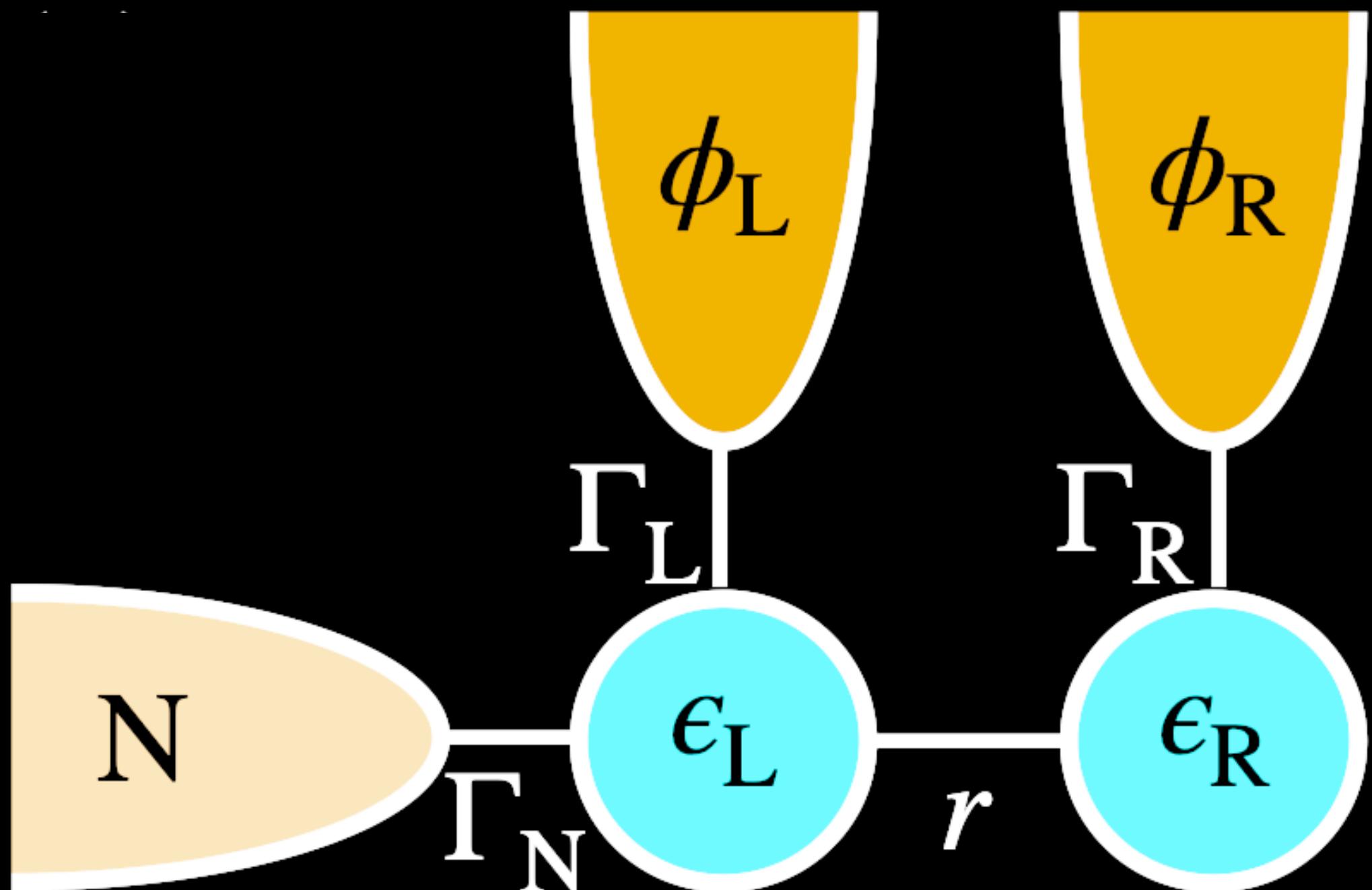
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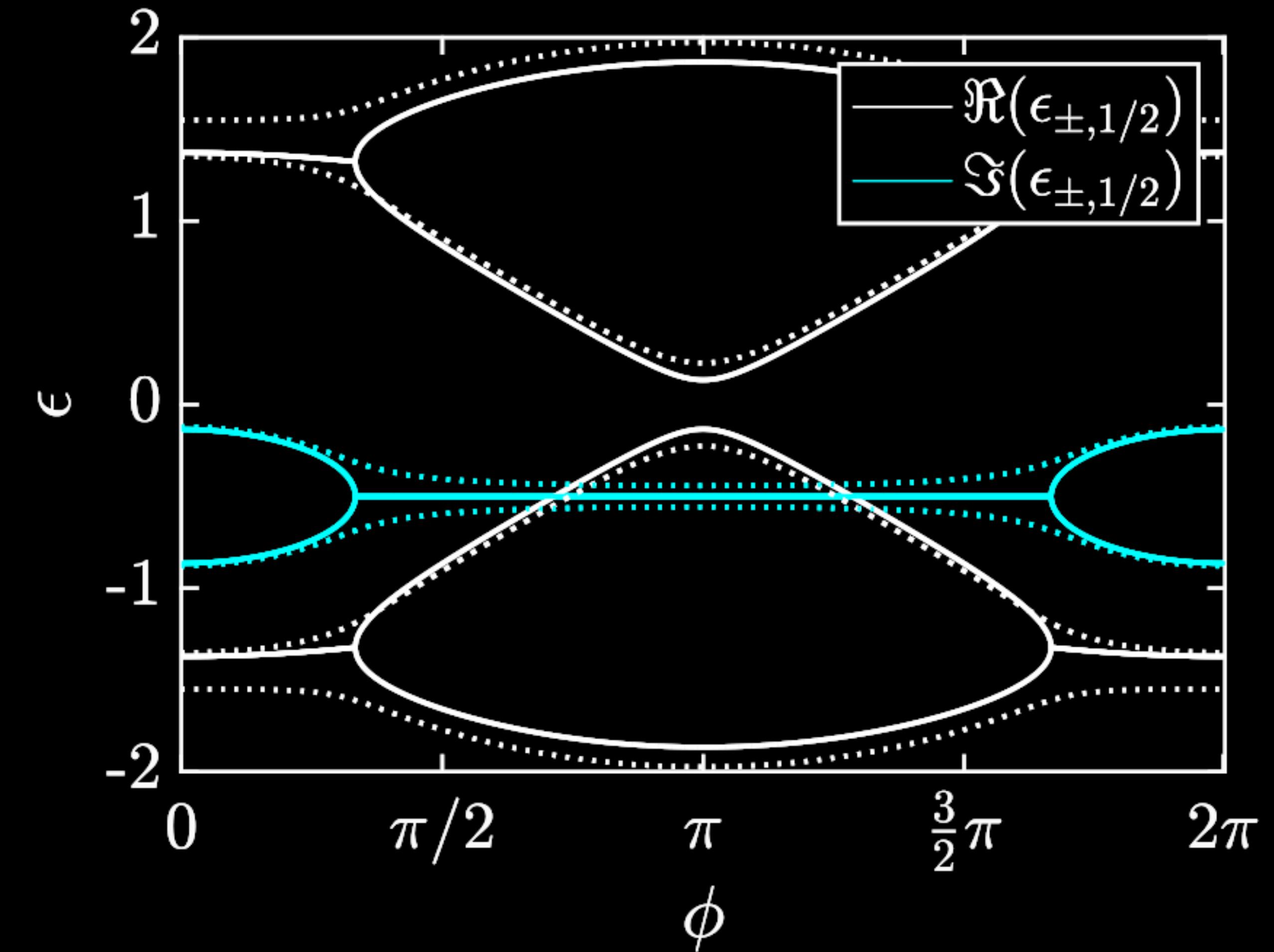
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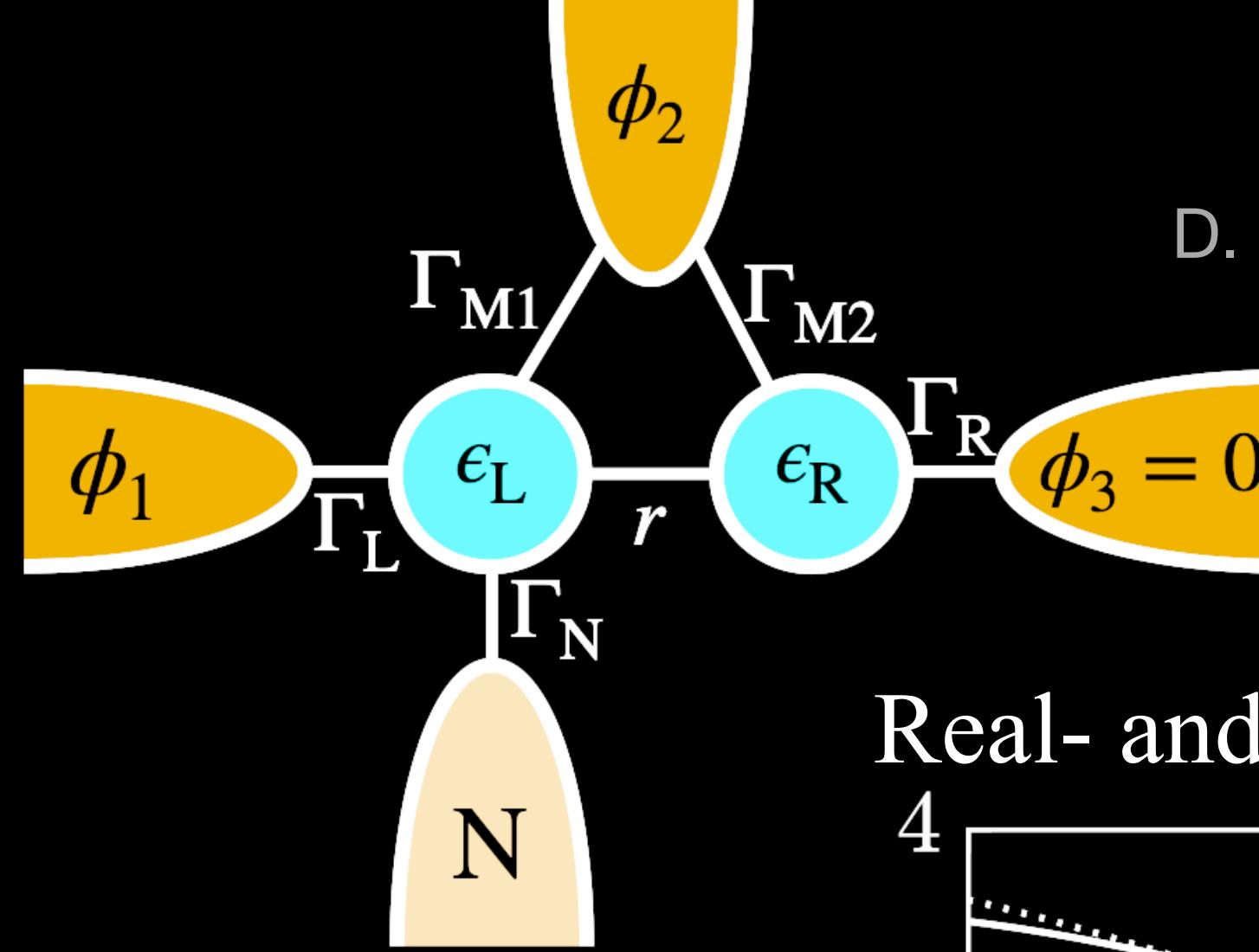
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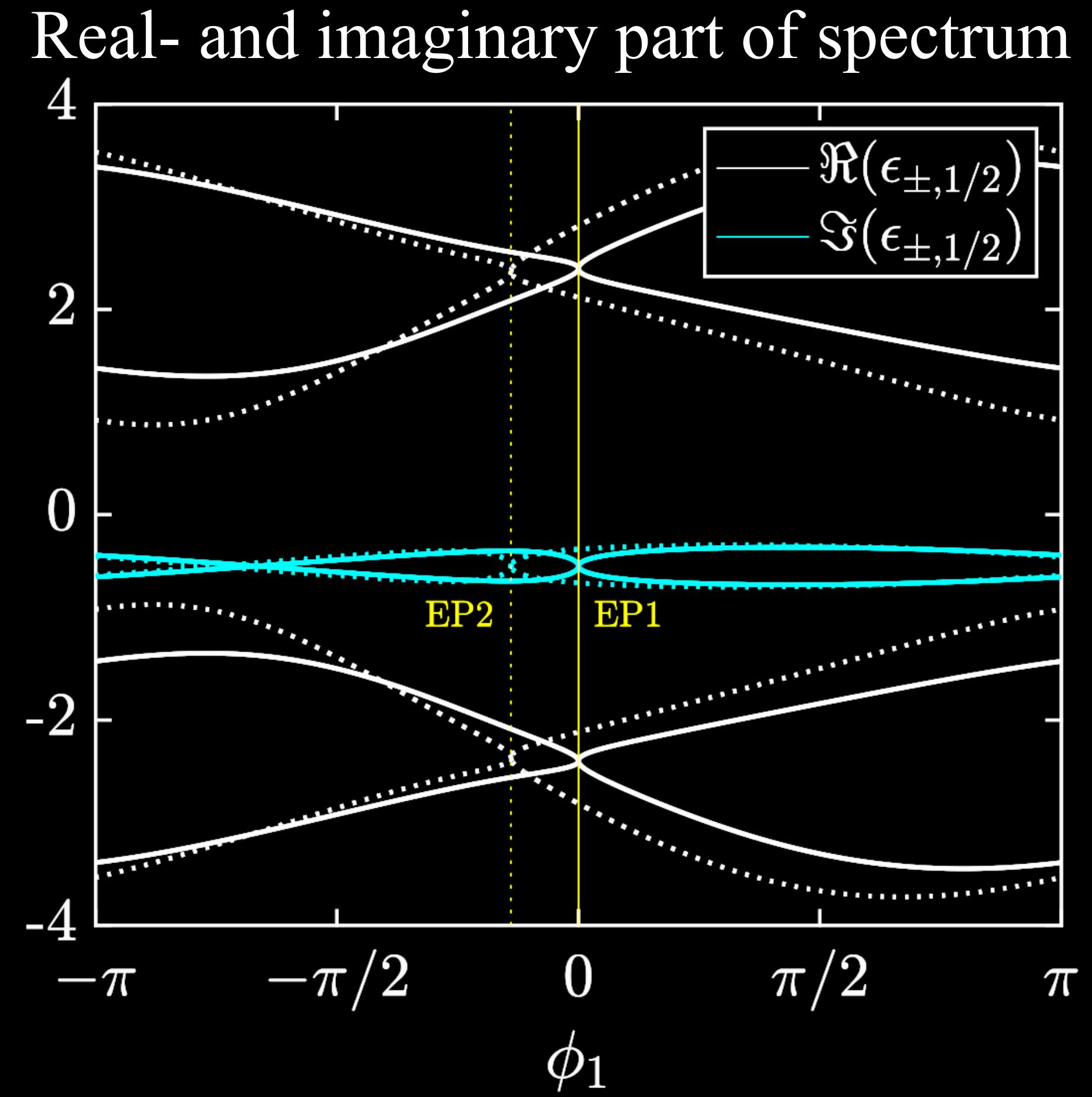
EPs are **not** stable (protected by symmetry)

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$$\phi_2 \neq 0$$

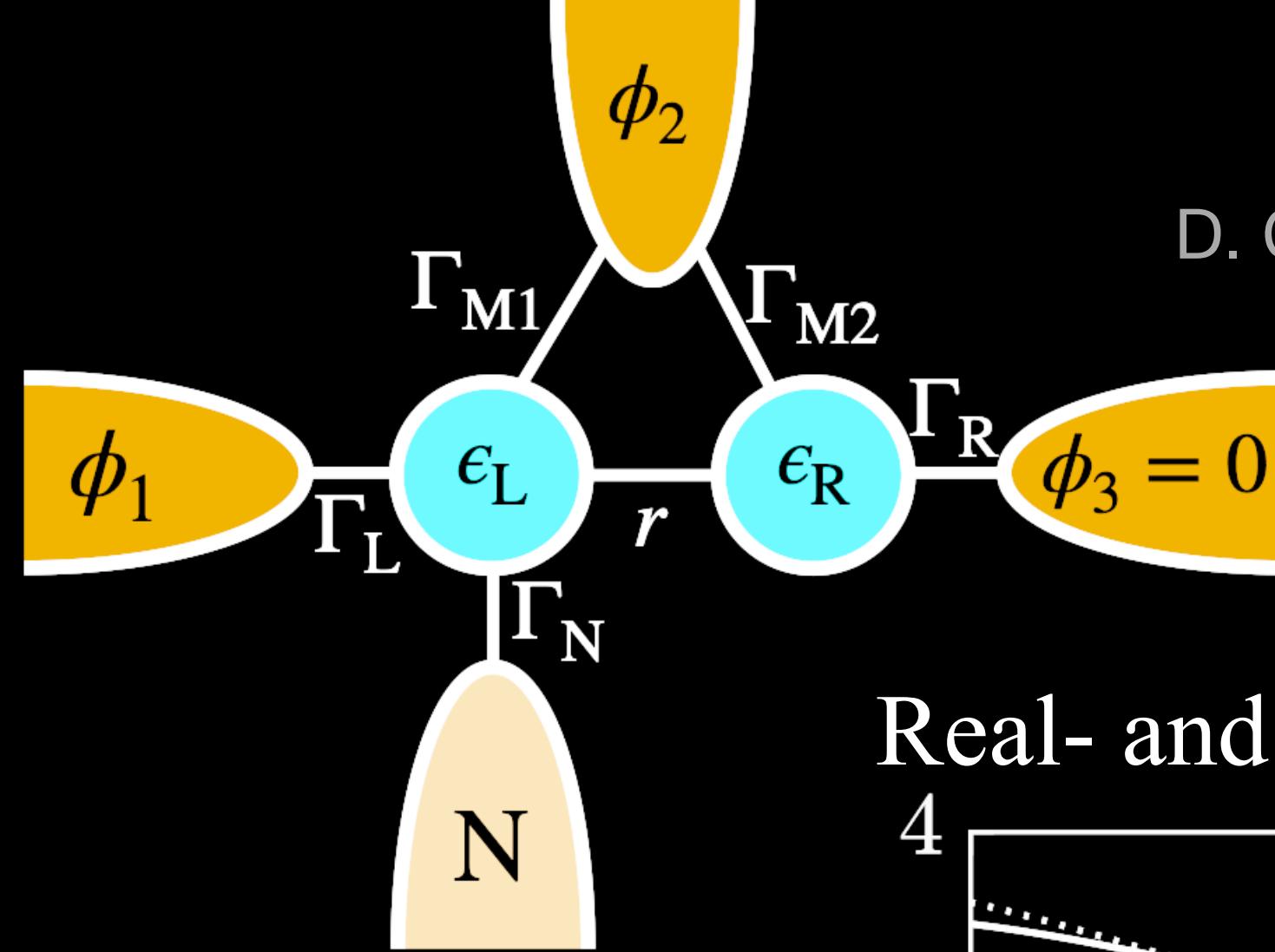


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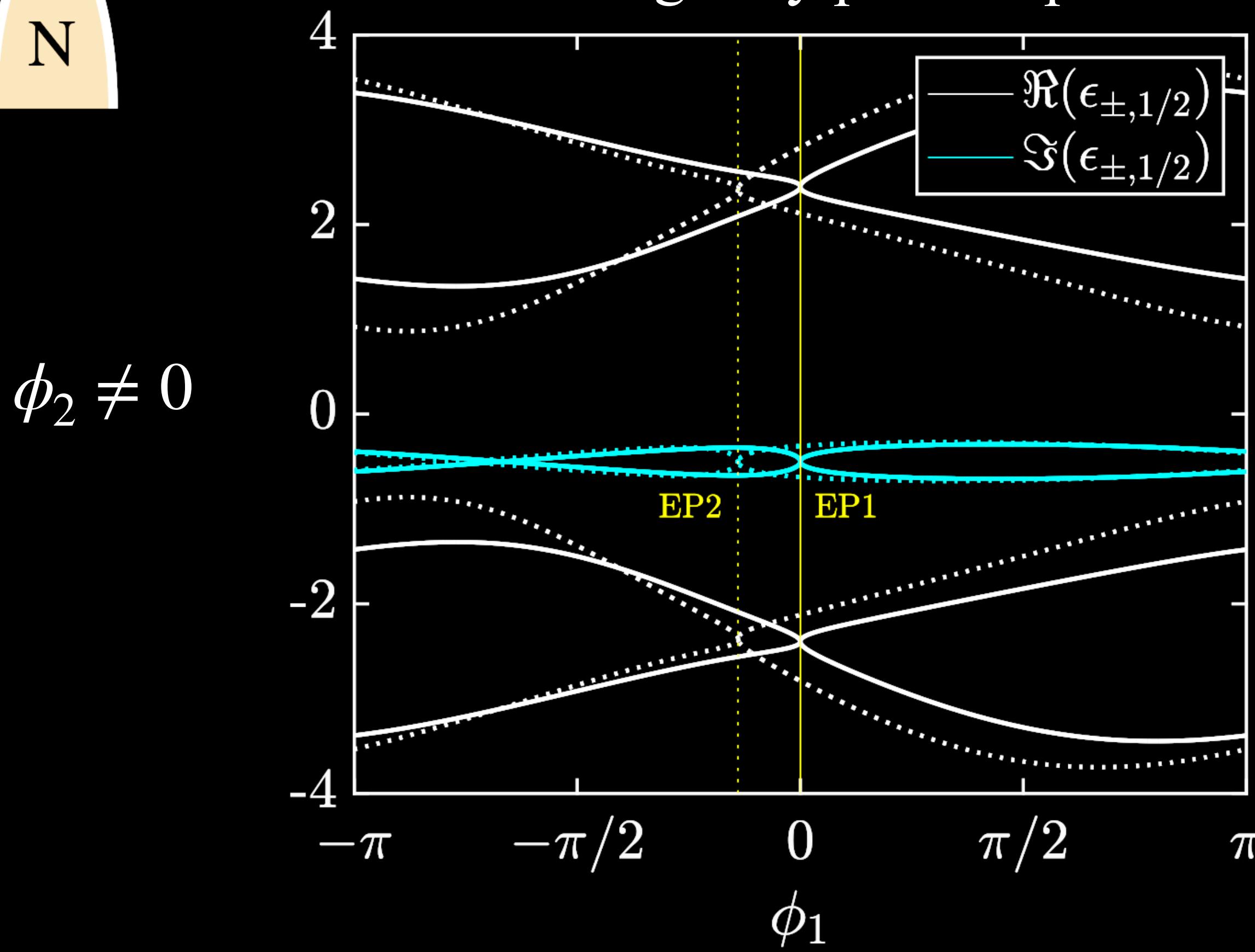
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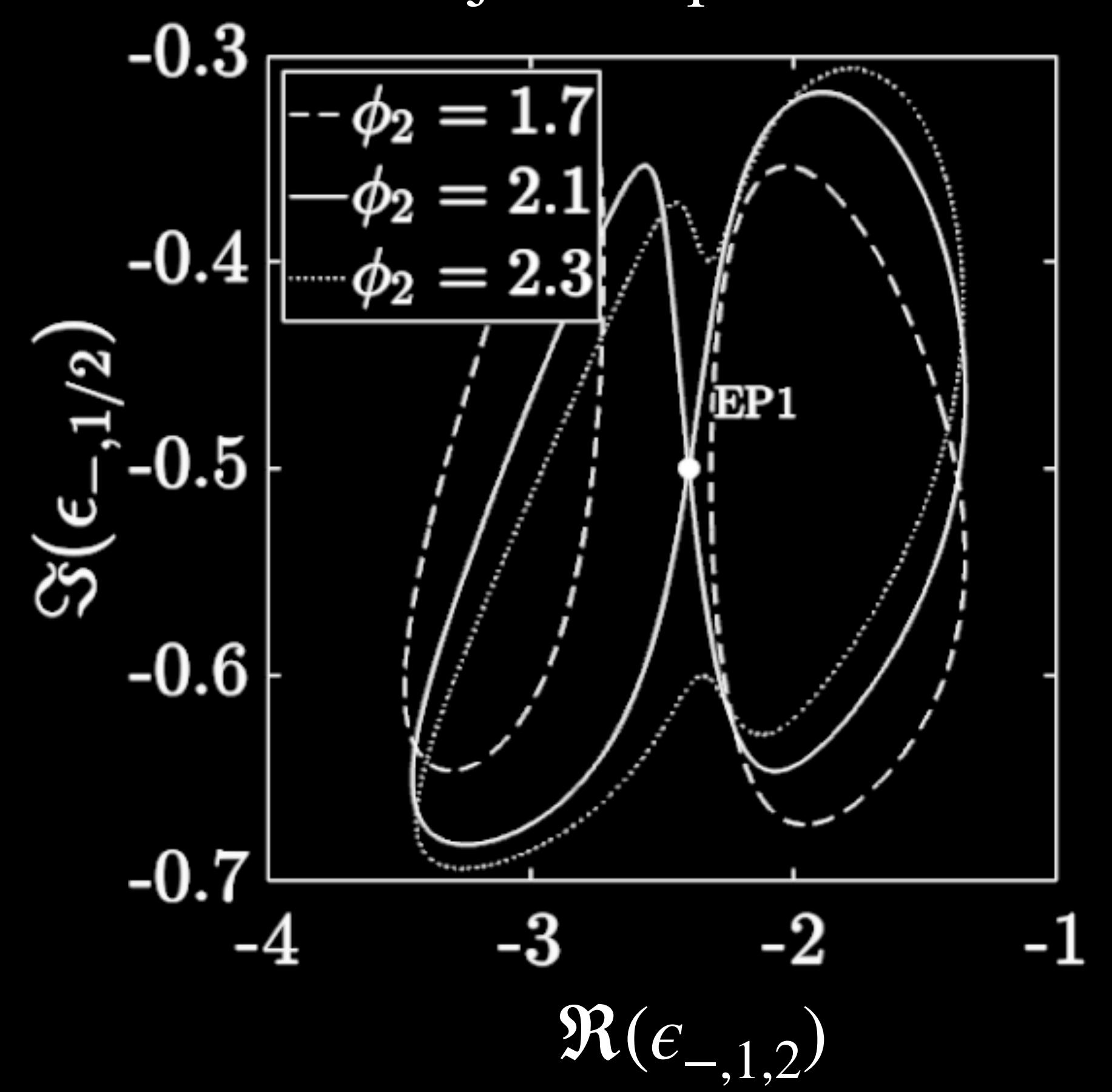
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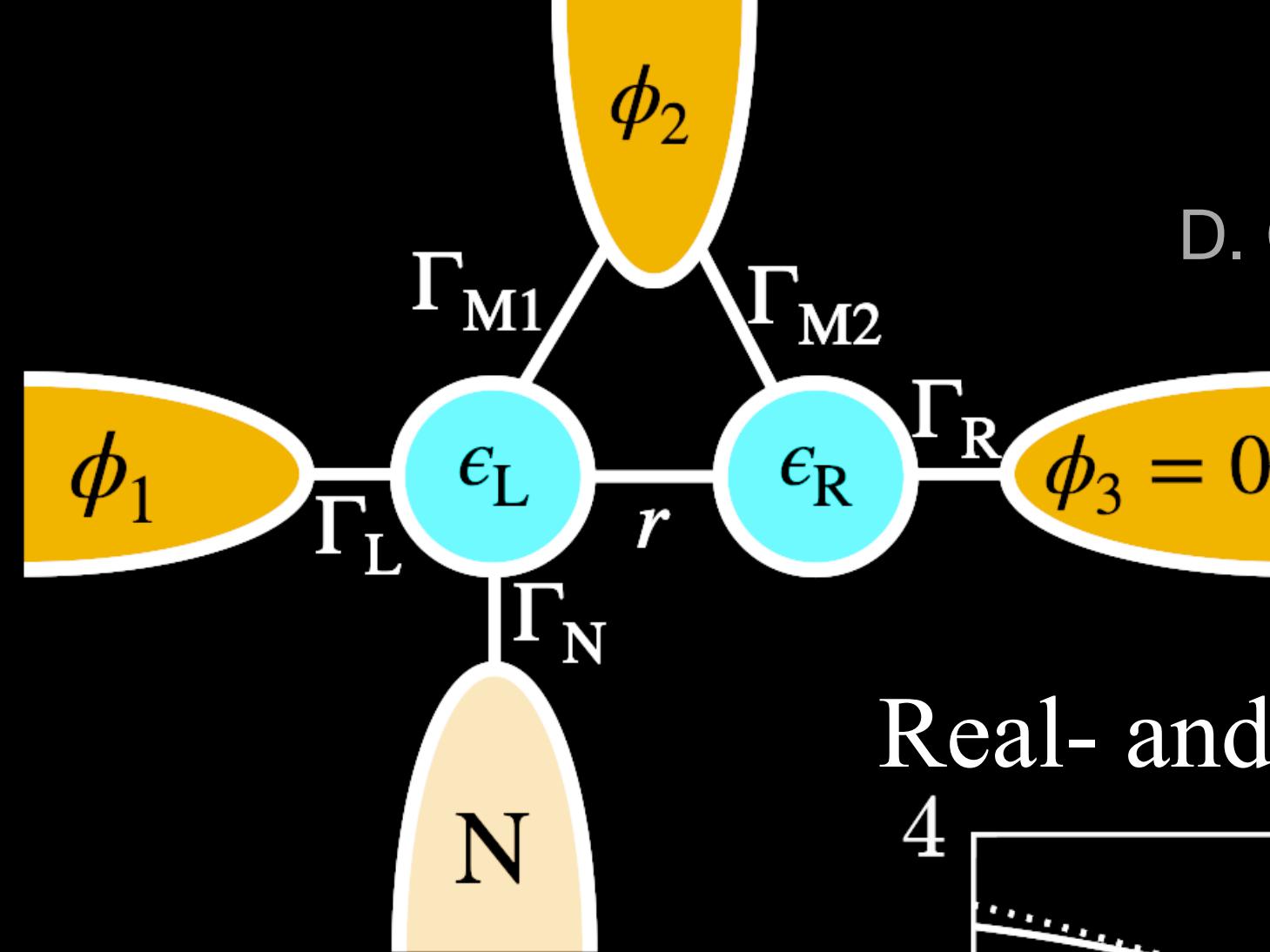
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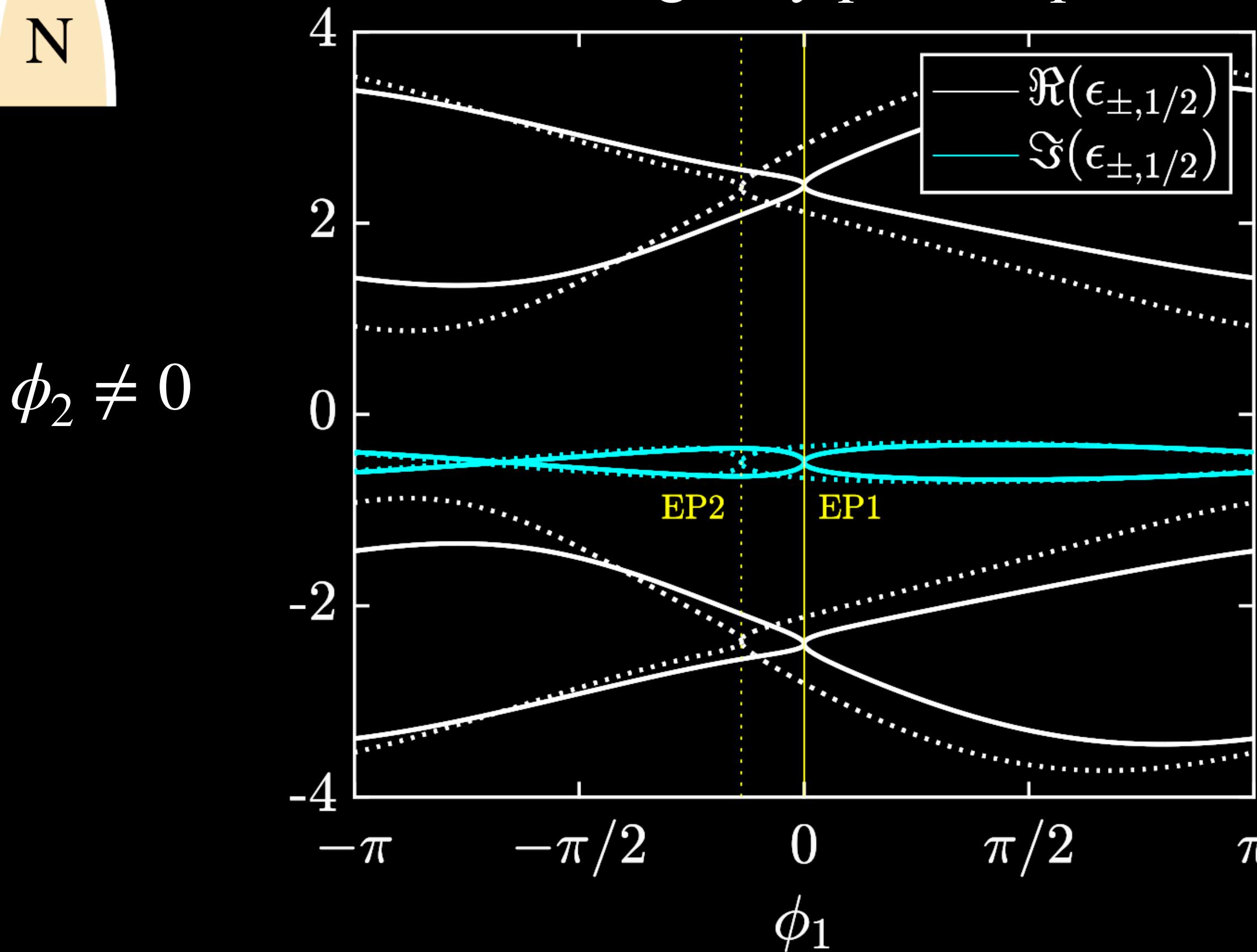
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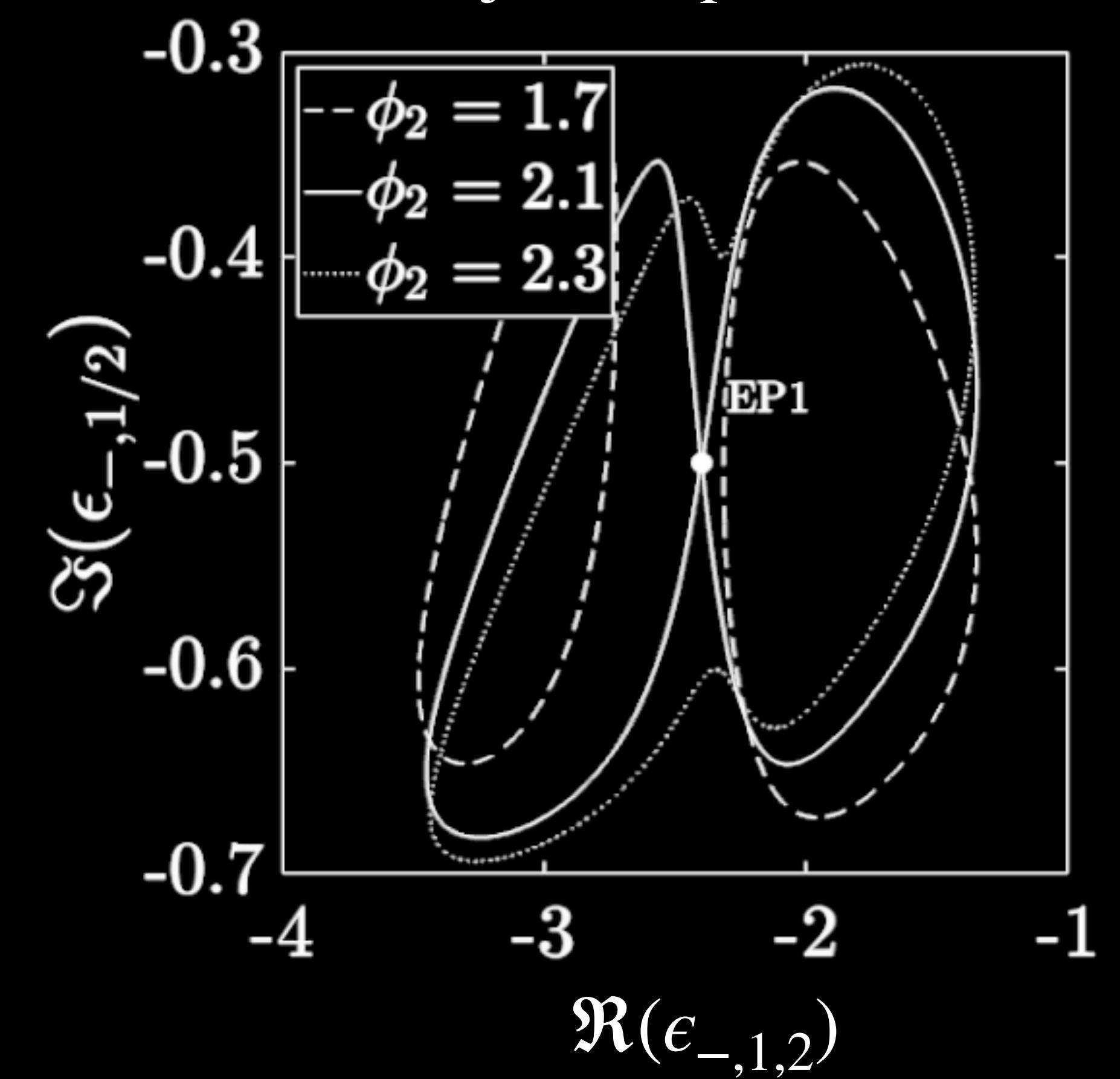
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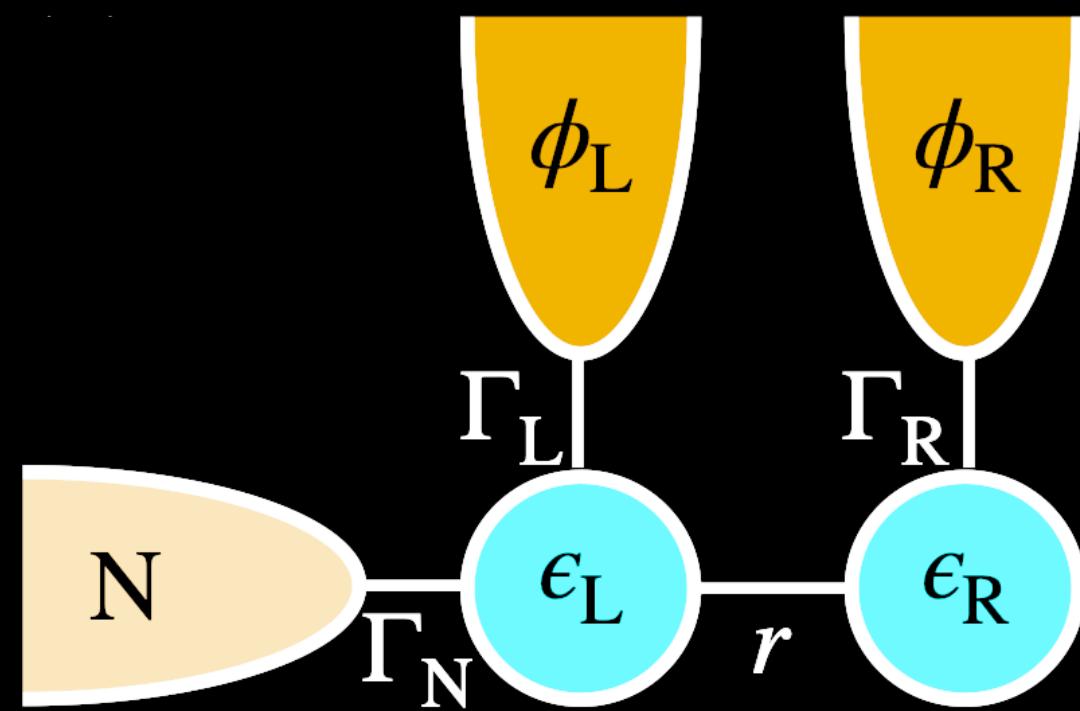
Real- and imaginary part of spectrum



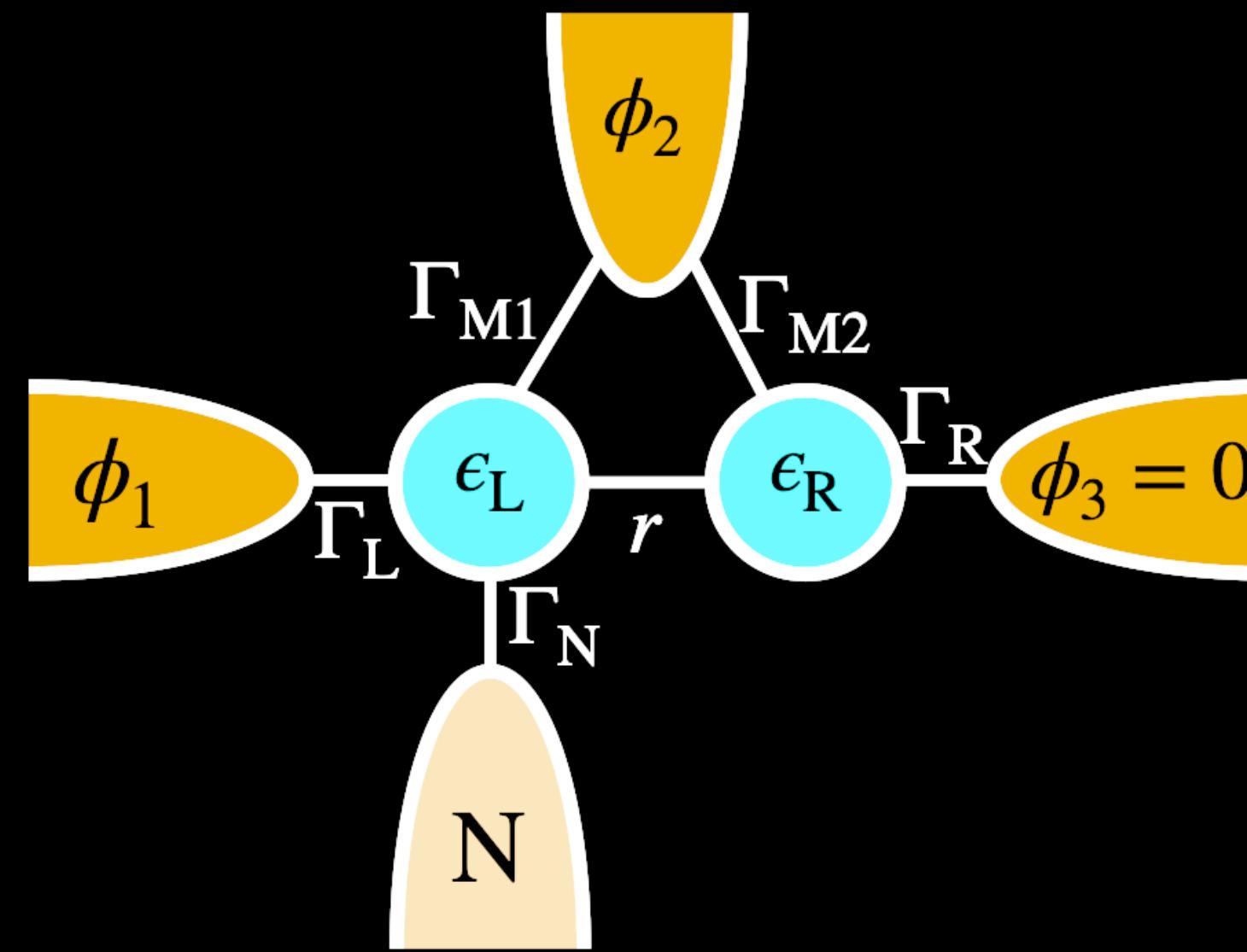
Projected spectrum



# Why the difference?



VS.



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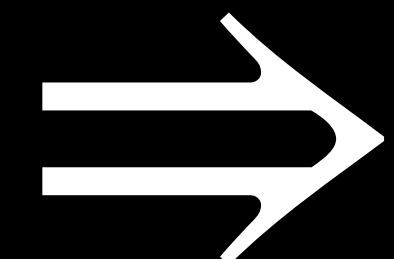
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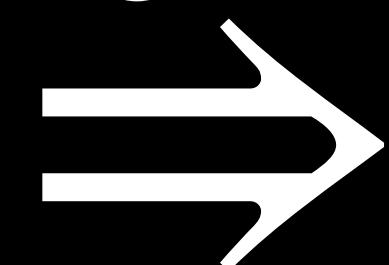
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# Making sense of effective dimensions

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## Periodic table for topological insulators and superconductors

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The Hamiltonian of a translationally invariant systems can be written in the momentum representation:

$$\hat{H} = \frac{i}{4} \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{j,k} A_{jk}(\mathbf{p}) \hat{c}_{-\mathbf{p},j} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{p},k}, \quad (19)$$

where  $j$  and  $k$  refer to particle flavors. The matrix  $A(\mathbf{p})$  is skew-Hermitian but not real; it rather satisfies the condition  $A_{jk}(\mathbf{p})^* = A_{jk}(-\mathbf{p})$ . By abuse of terminology, such matrix-valued functions are called “functions from  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}^d$  to real skew-symmetric matrices”, where  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}^d$  is the usual Euclidean space with the involution  $\mathbf{p} \leftrightarrow -\mathbf{p}$  (cf. [29]).

By a *real vector bundle* over the *real space*  $X$  we mean a complex vector bundle  $E$  over  $X$  which is also a real space and such that

- (i) the projection  $E \rightarrow X$  is real (i.e. commutes with the involutions on  $E, X$ );
- (ii) the map  $E_x \rightarrow E_x$  is anti-linear, i.e. the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{C} \times E_x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E_x \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{C} \times E_x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E_x \end{array}$$

commutes, where the vertical arrows denote the involution and  $\mathbf{C}$  is given its standard real structure ( $\tau(z) = \bar{z}$ ).

Normally, symmetries defined by

$$U_C H_i^*(k) U_C^{-1} = -H_i(-k)$$

But phase is unusual dimension:

$$U_C H_i^*(\phi) U_C^{-1} = -H_i(+\phi)$$

⇒ Phase is “just” a parameter

# Solution: Effective Parameter

Effective classification parameter

$$d = d_k - d_\phi \bmod 8 = \begin{cases} 0 , d_k = d_\phi = 0 \\ 7 , d_k = 0 , d_\phi = 1 \end{cases}$$

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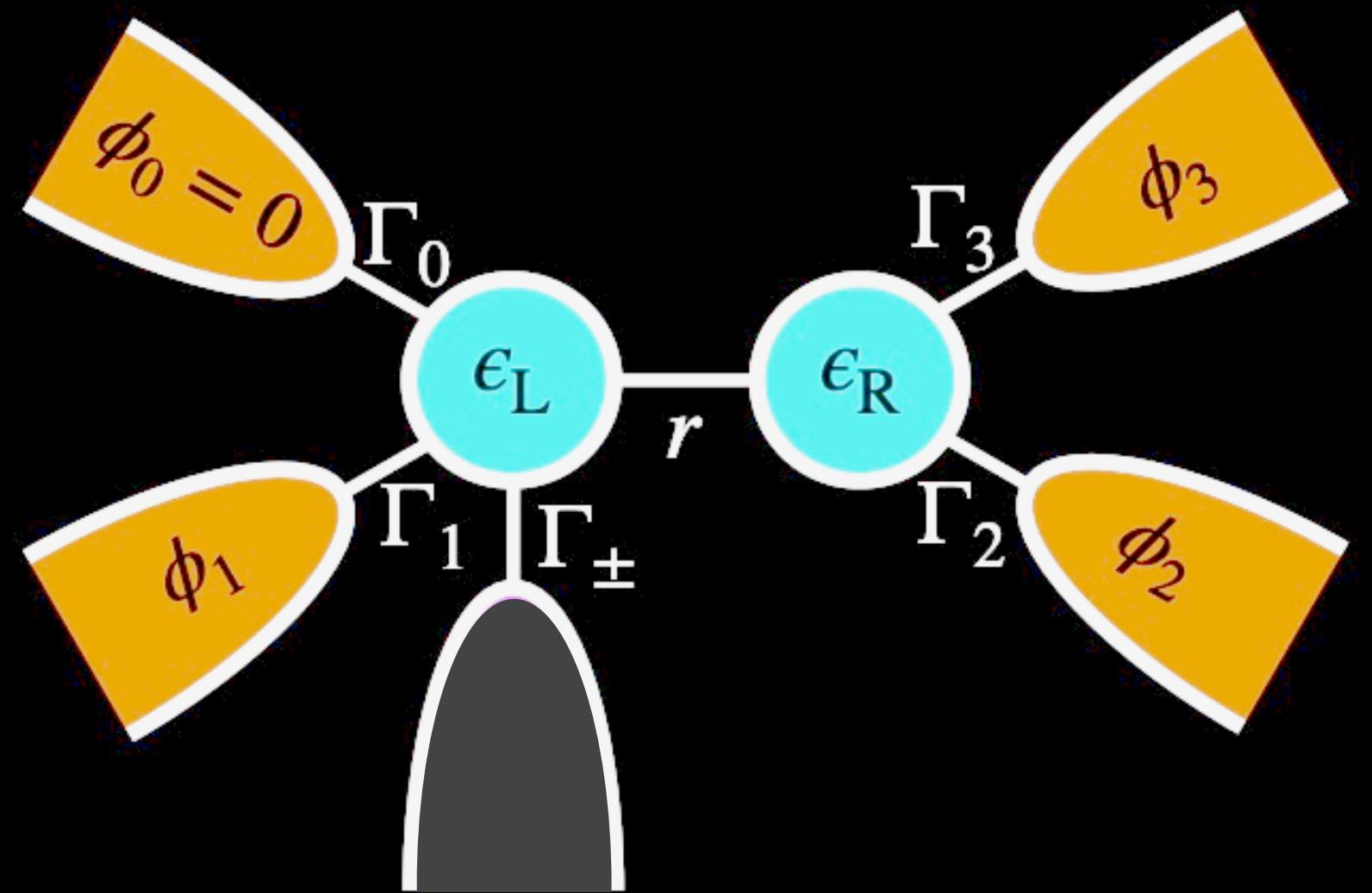
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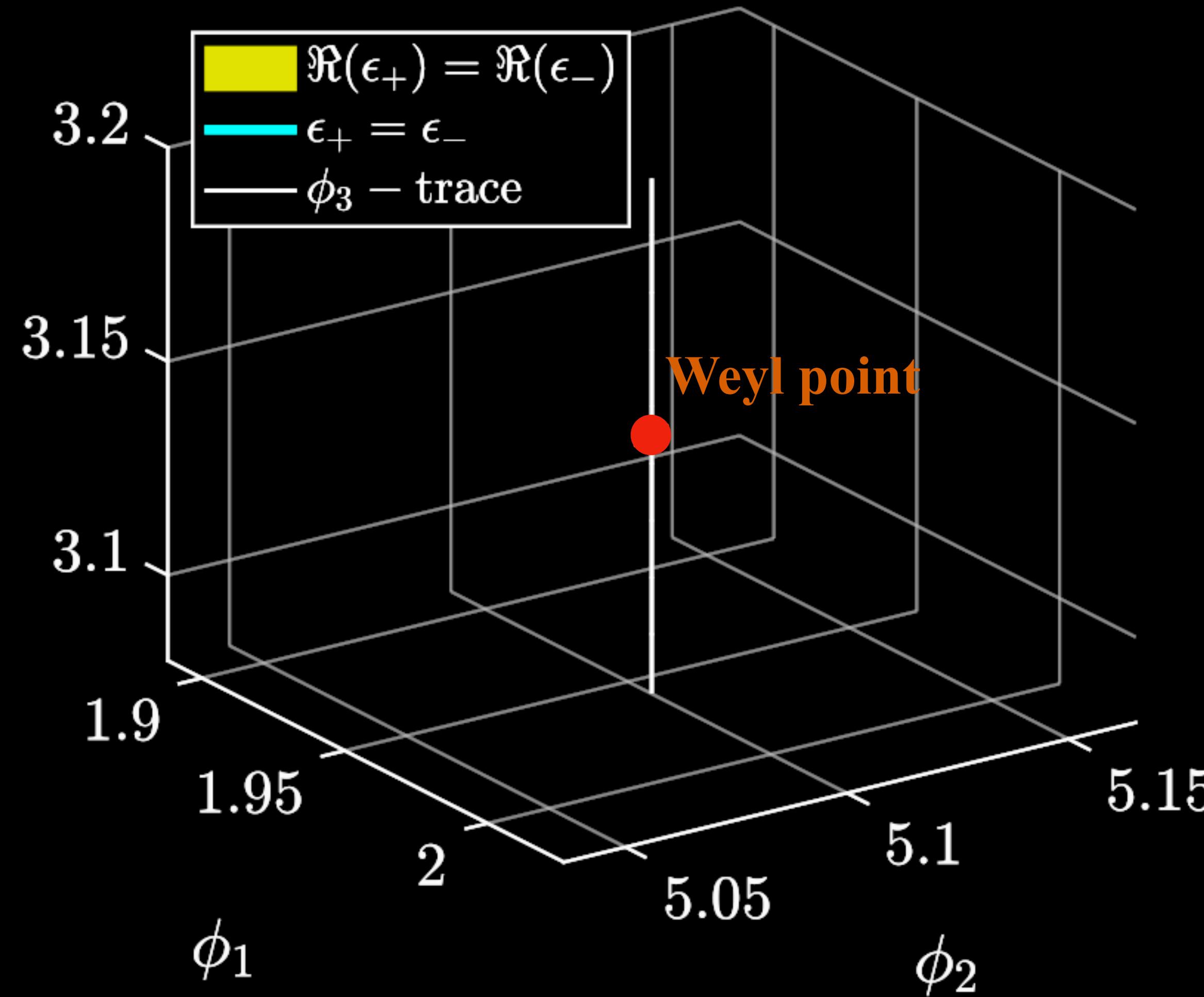
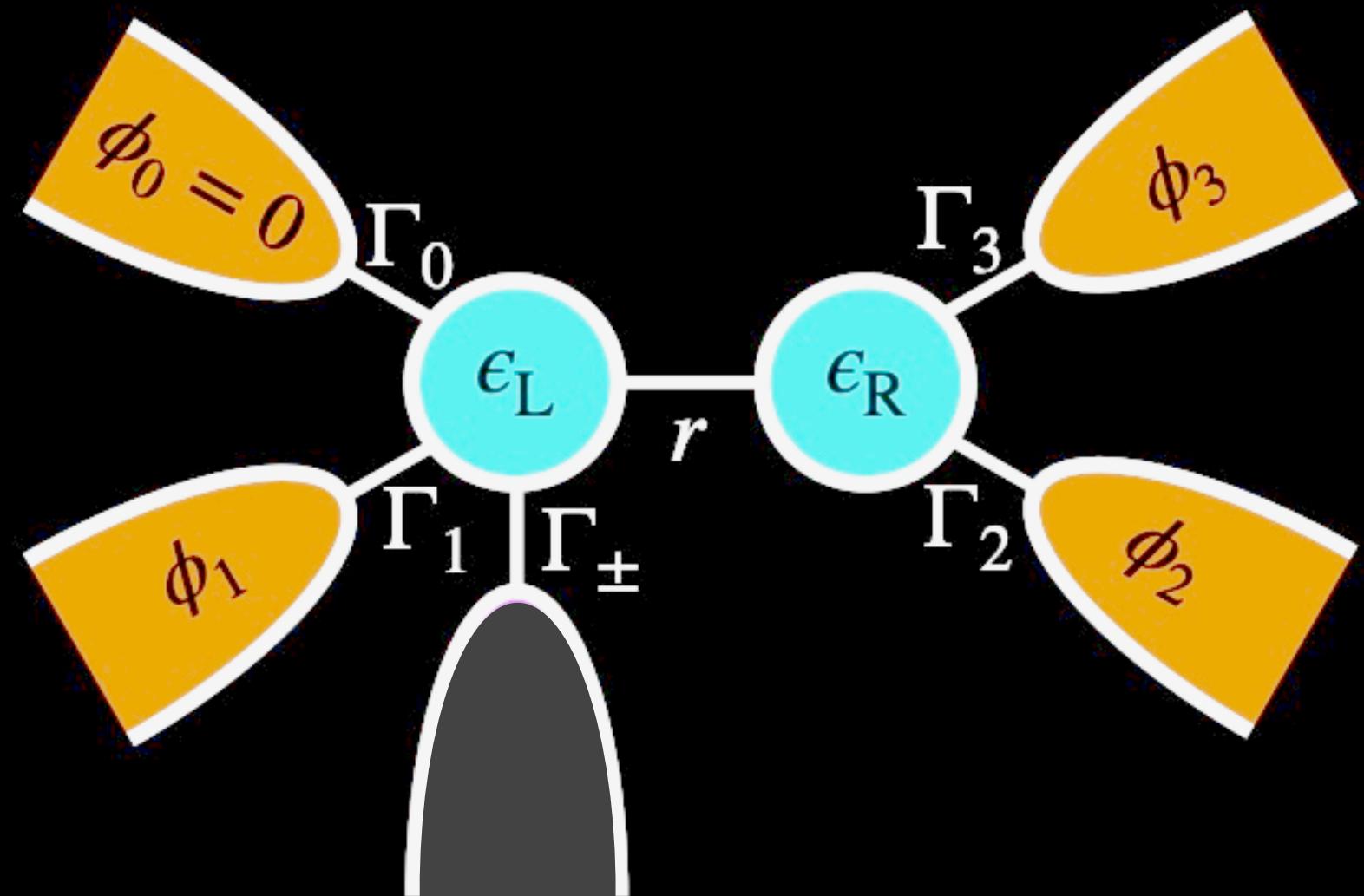
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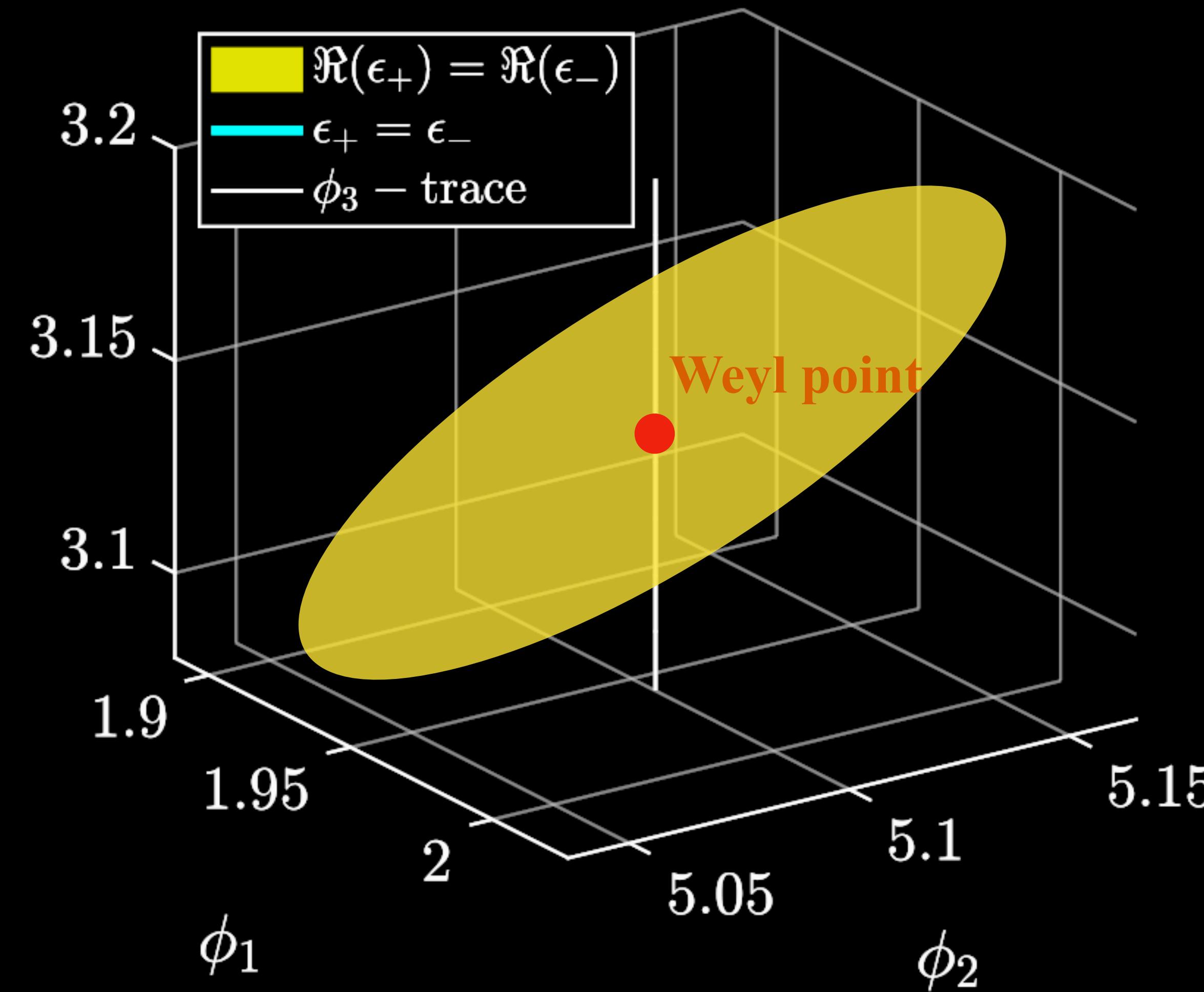
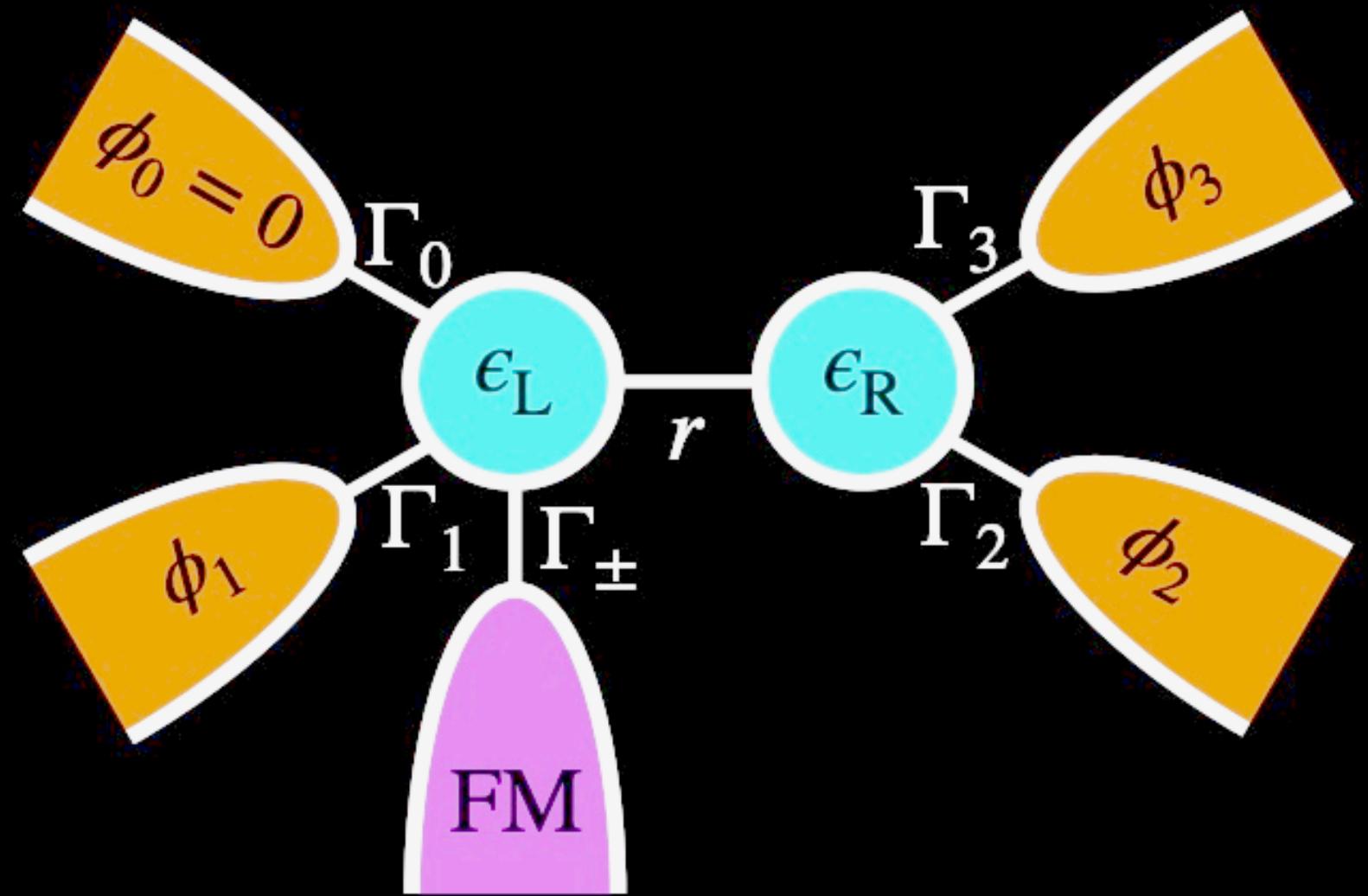
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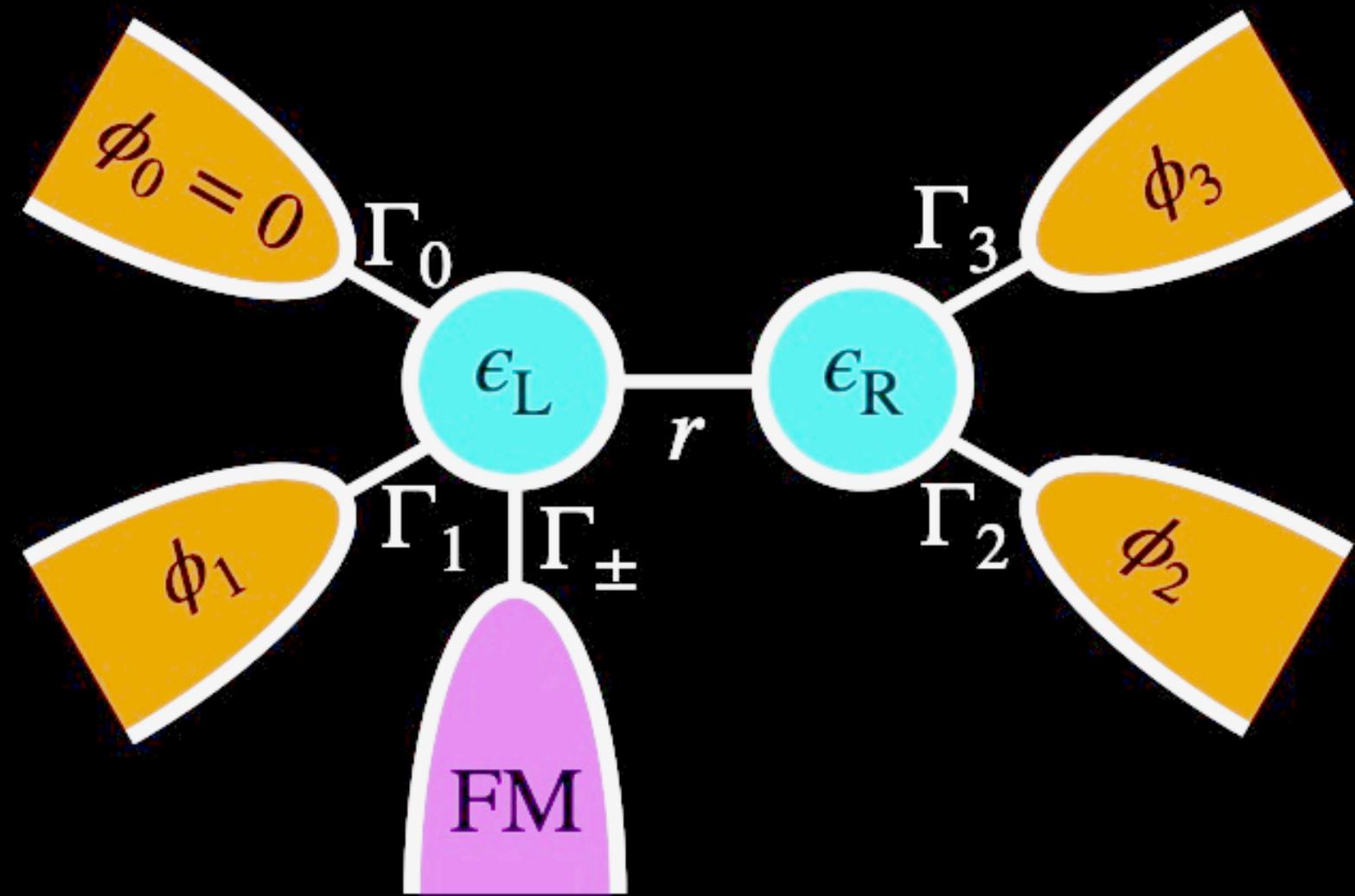
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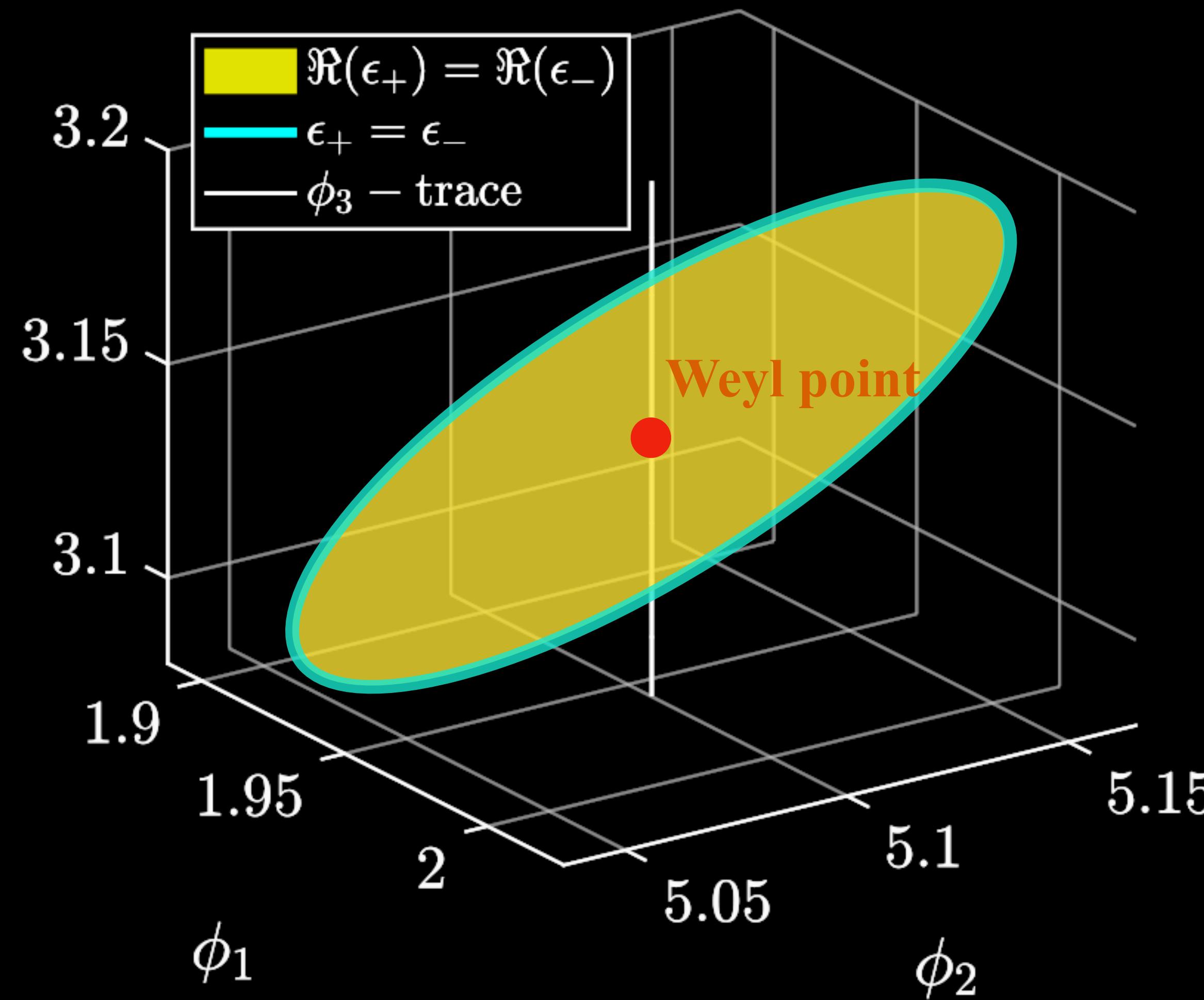
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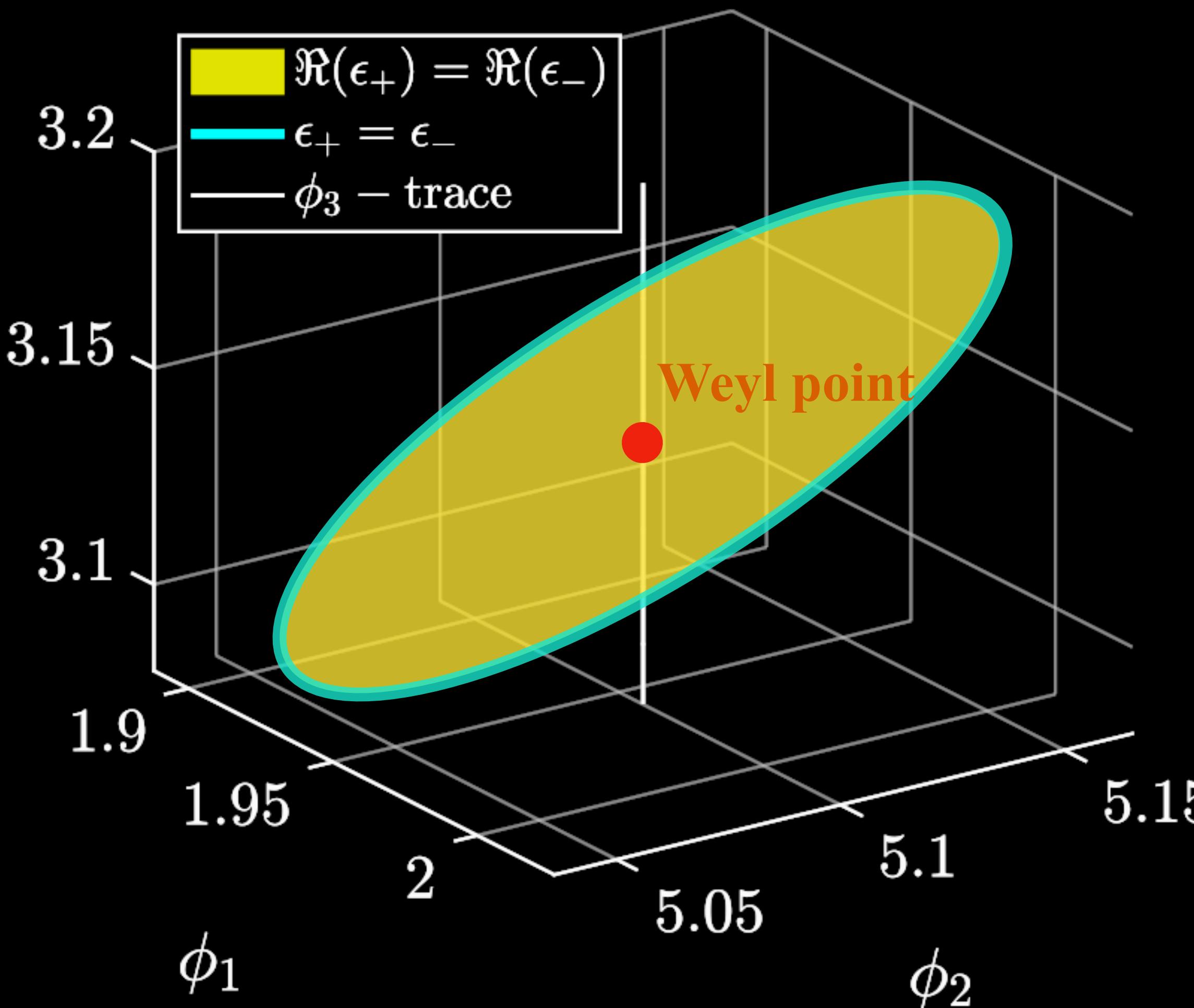
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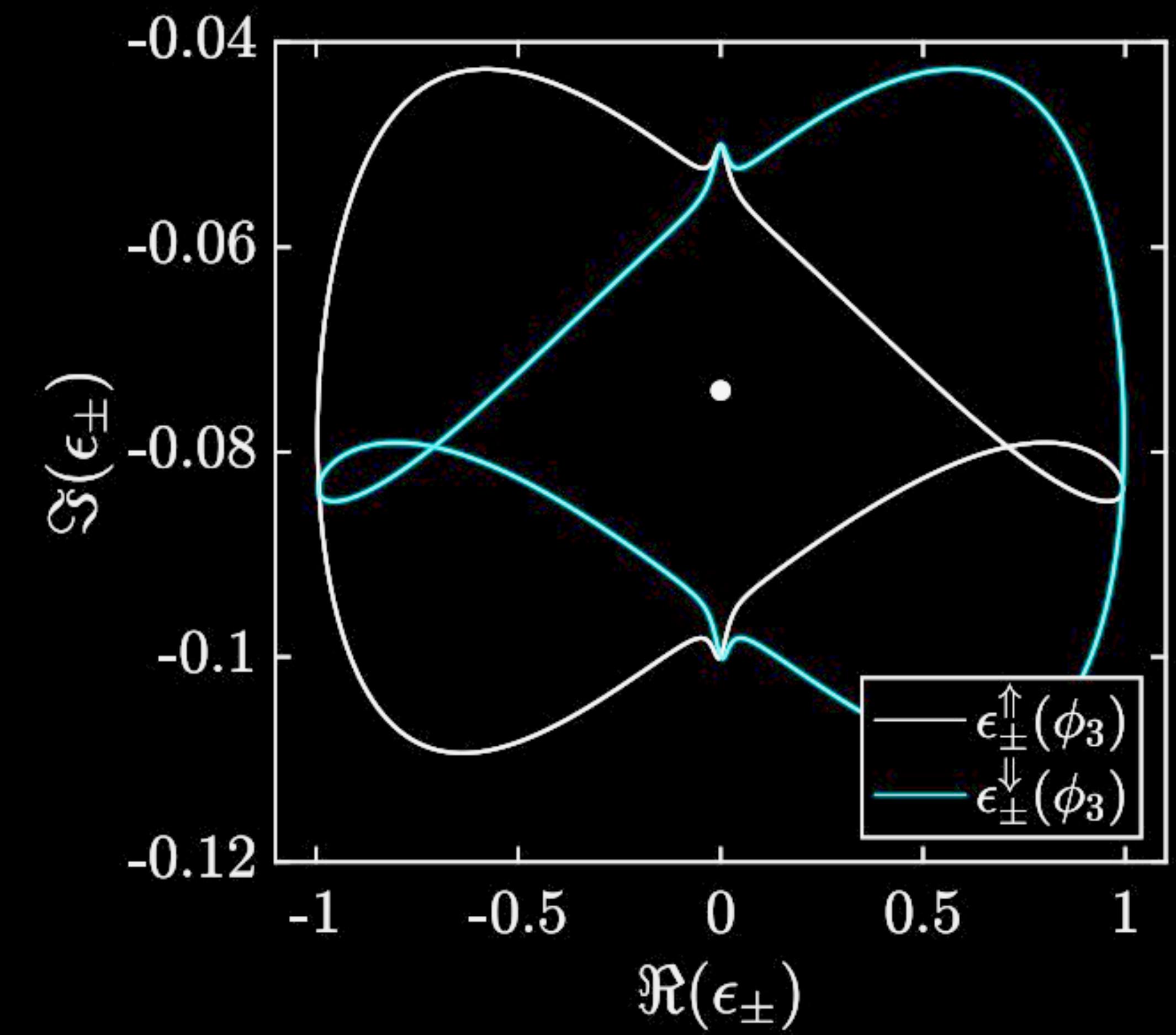
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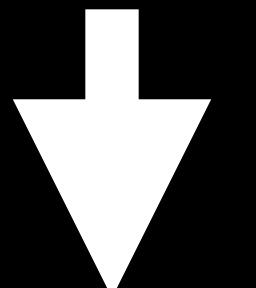
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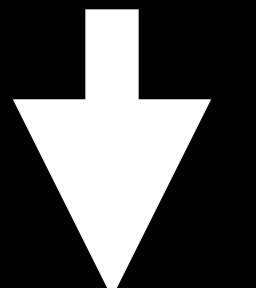
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# Conclusion II

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(non-hermitian) topology**

**Non-hermitian topology in MTJs**

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**Topology in three state Andreev Molecule**

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**2) Refectionless scattering modes are a source of  
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**Reflectionless Modes lead to Weyl nodes in MTJs**

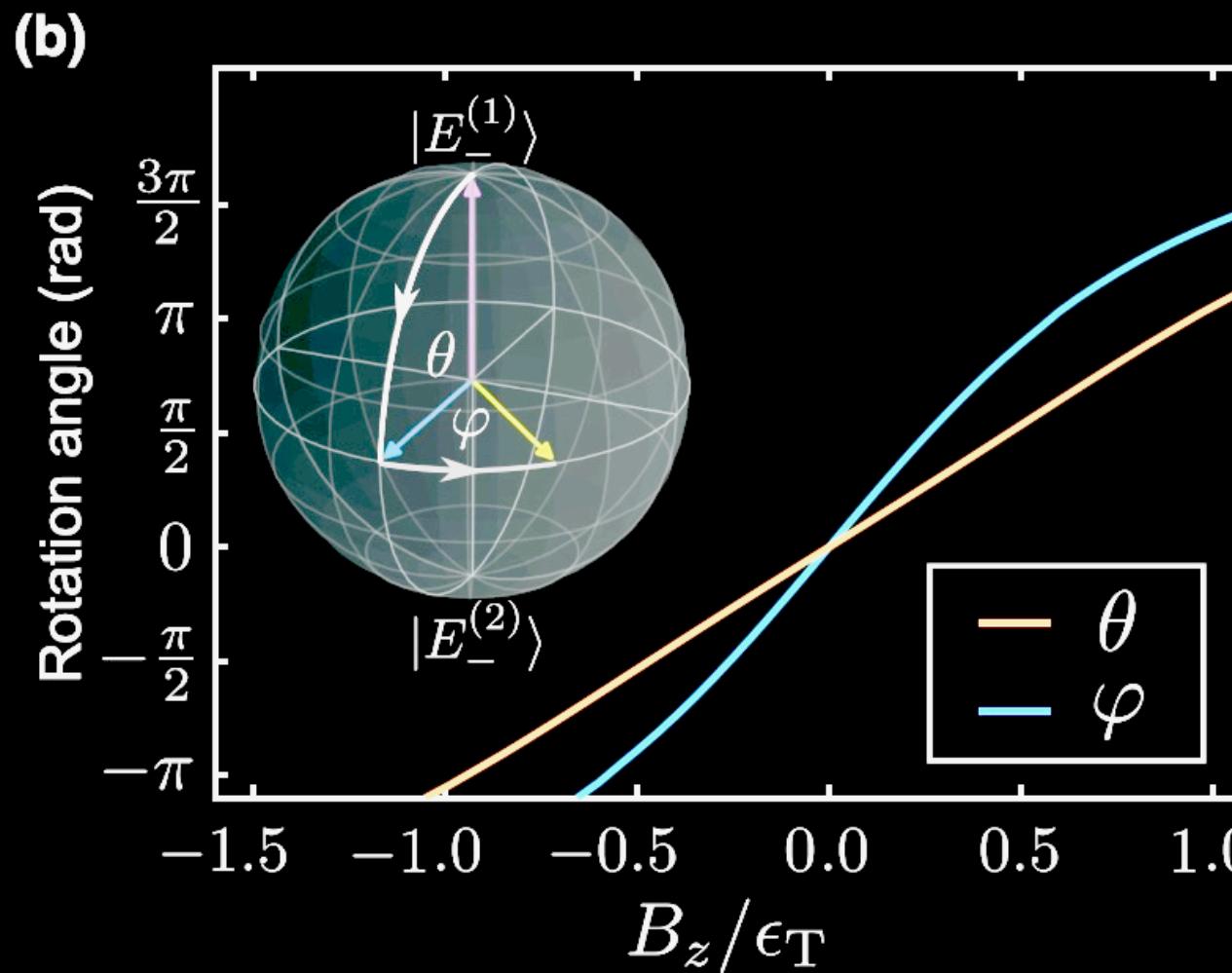
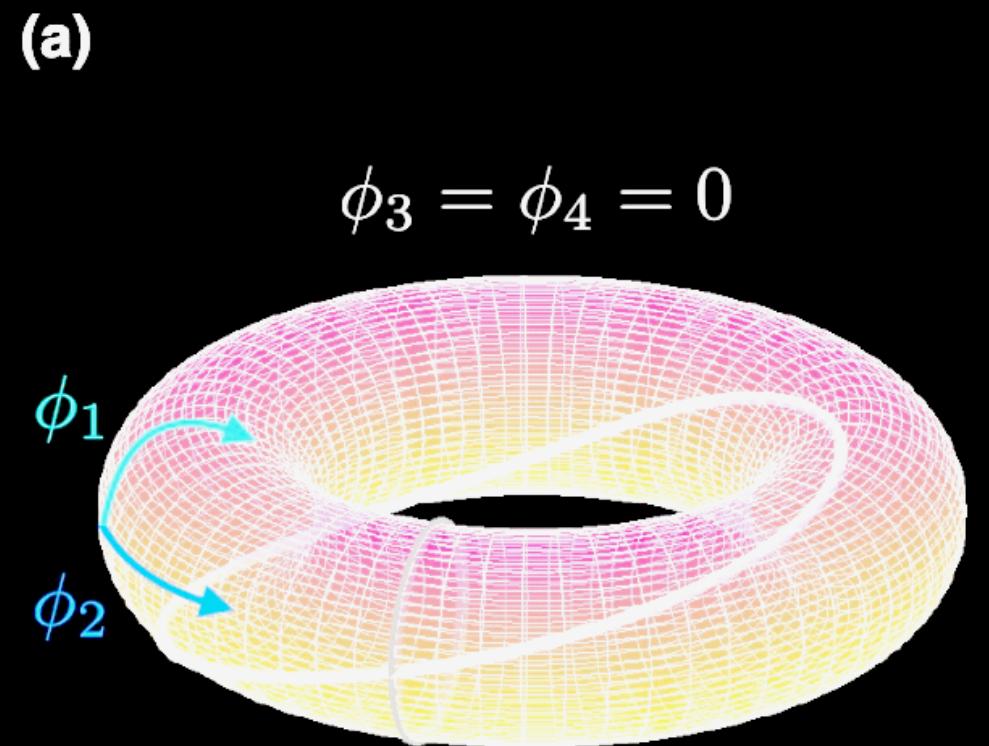
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# Outlook

Fundamental bounds?

Y. Onishi and L. Fu, Phys. Rev. X 14, 011052 (2024)

Higher order topology  
(2nd Chern number)



H. Weisbrich, et. al., PRX Quantum 2, 010310 (2021)

Andreev spin qubits

M. Hays, et. al., Science 373, 430 (2021).

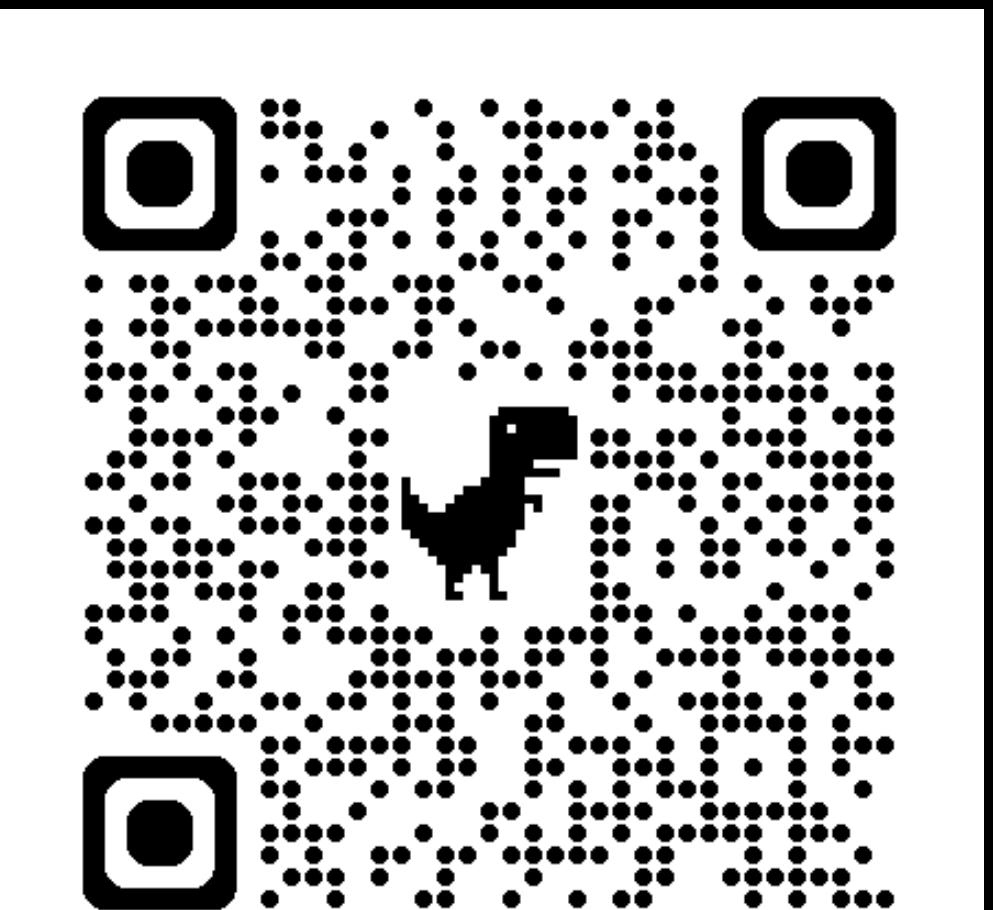
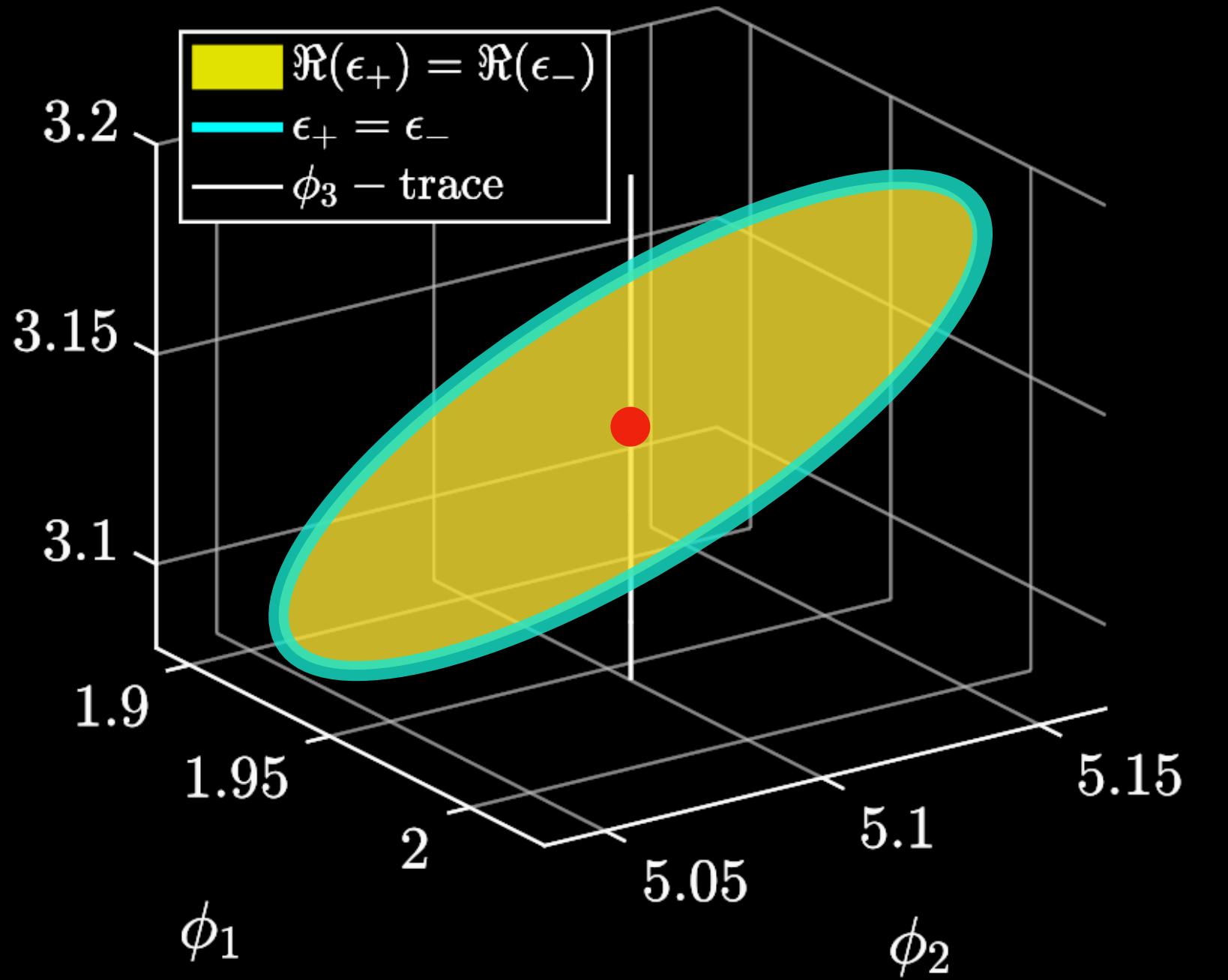
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V. Boogers, et. al., Phys. Rev. B 105, 235437 (2022)

Edge States?

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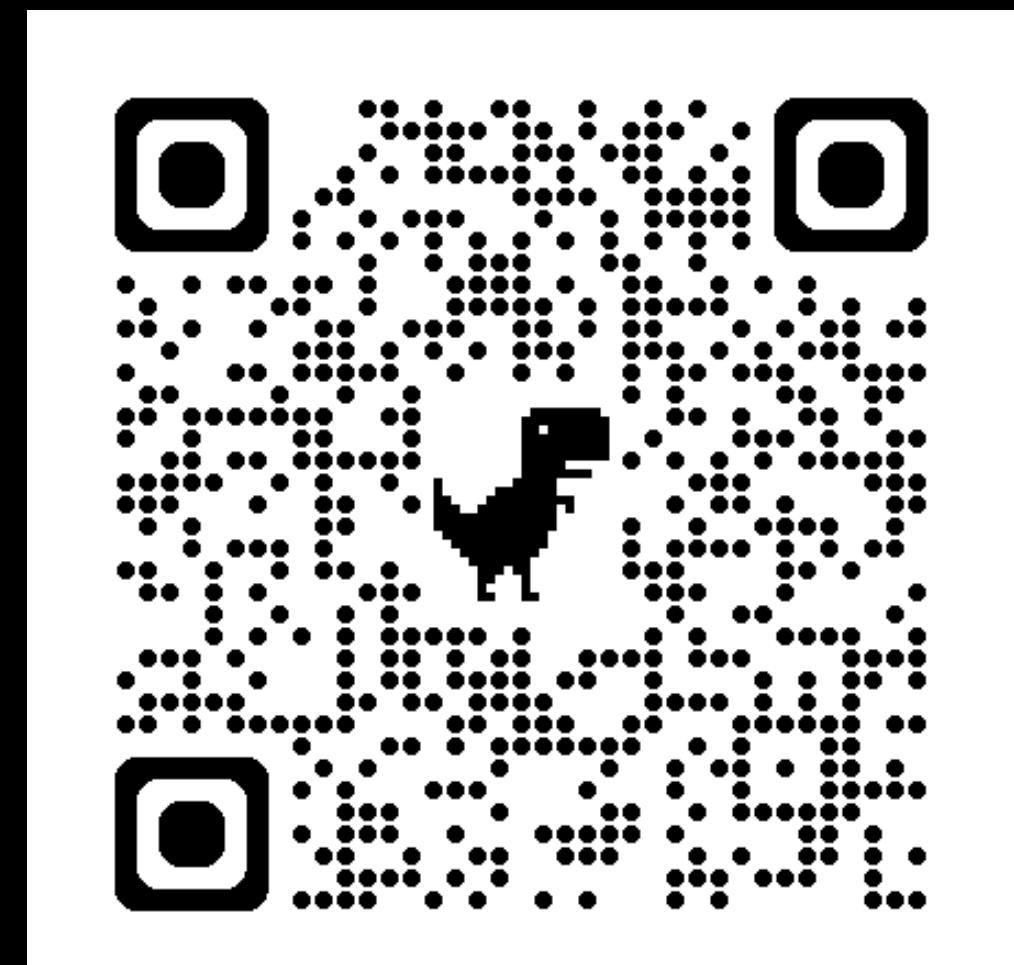


# Thank you!

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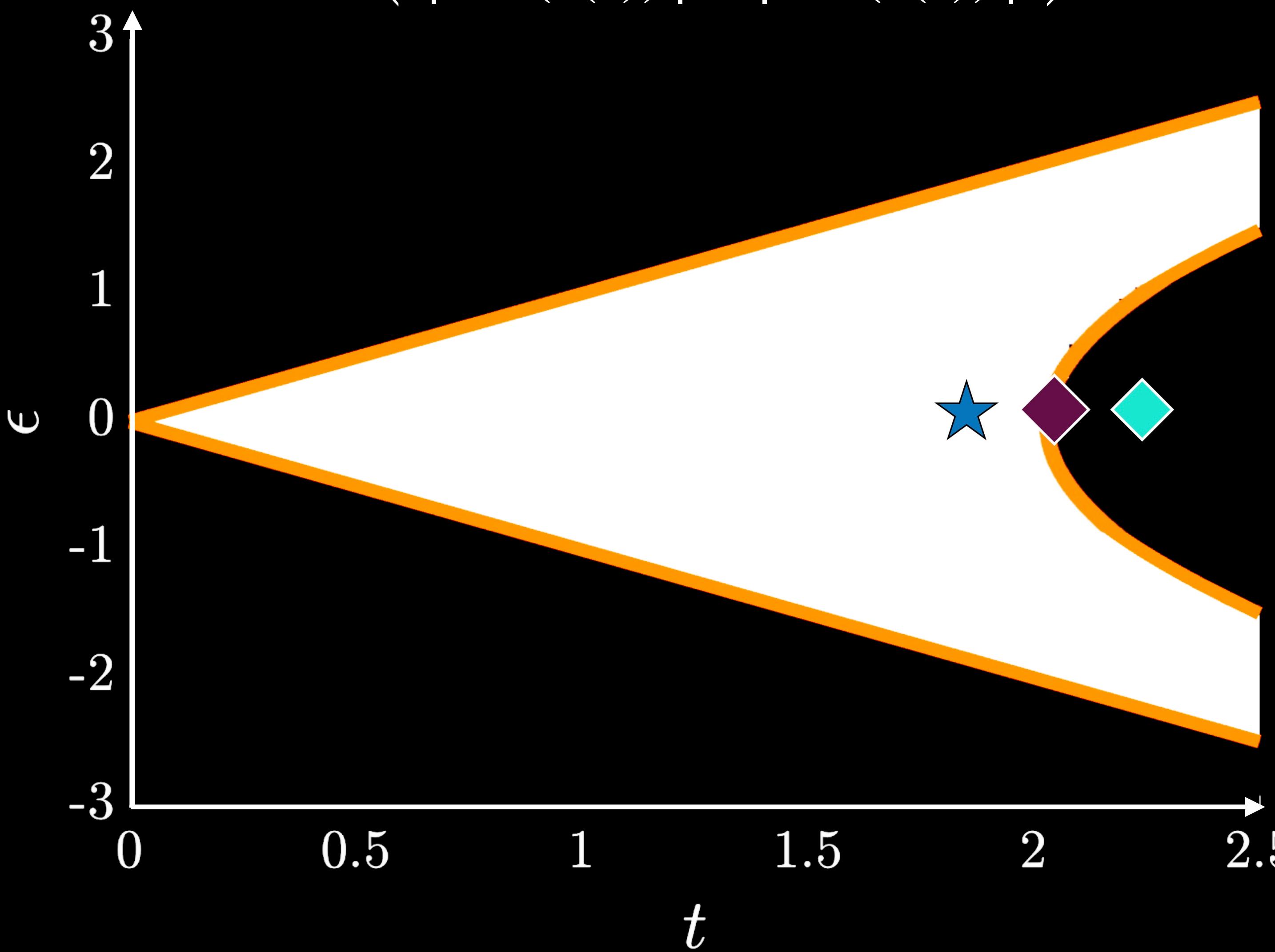


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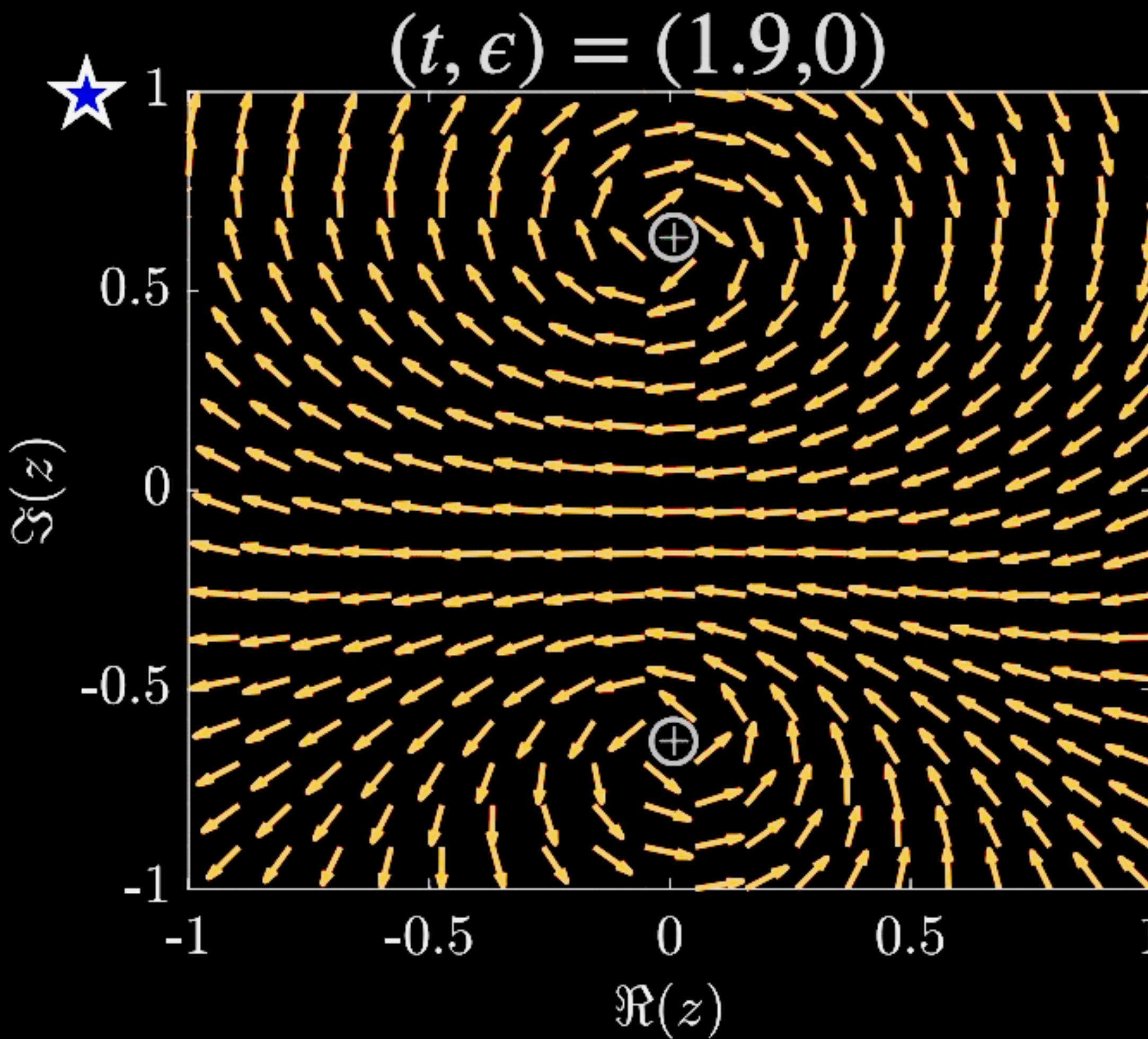
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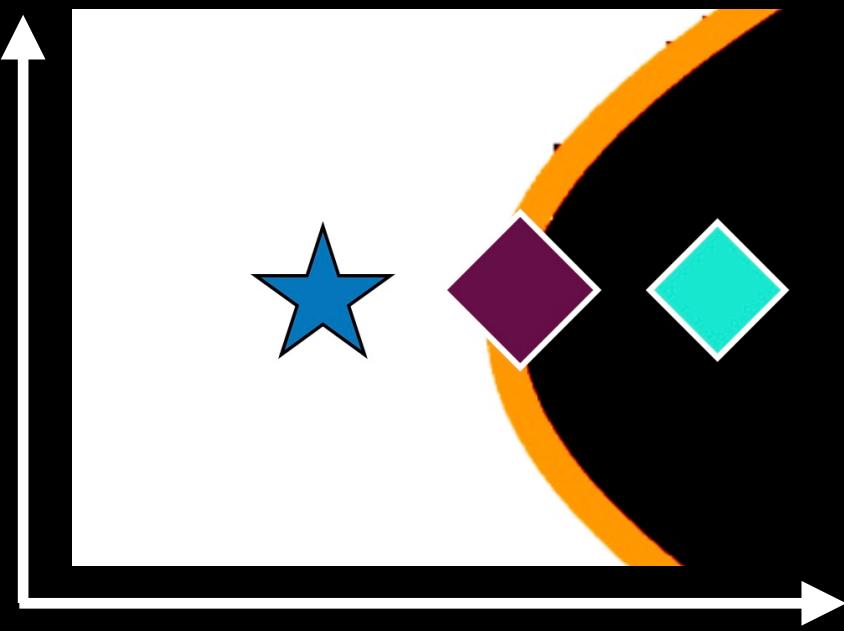


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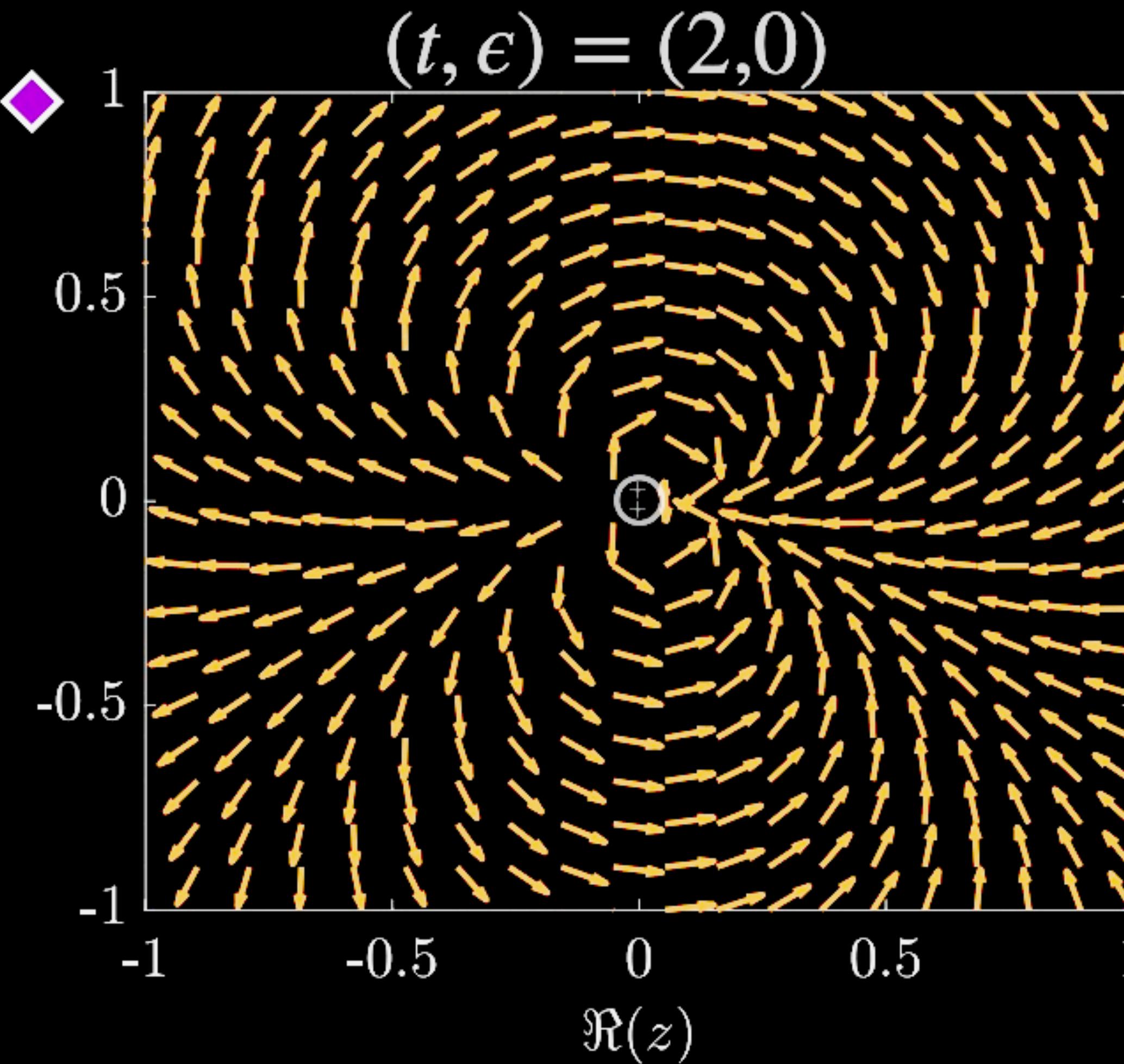
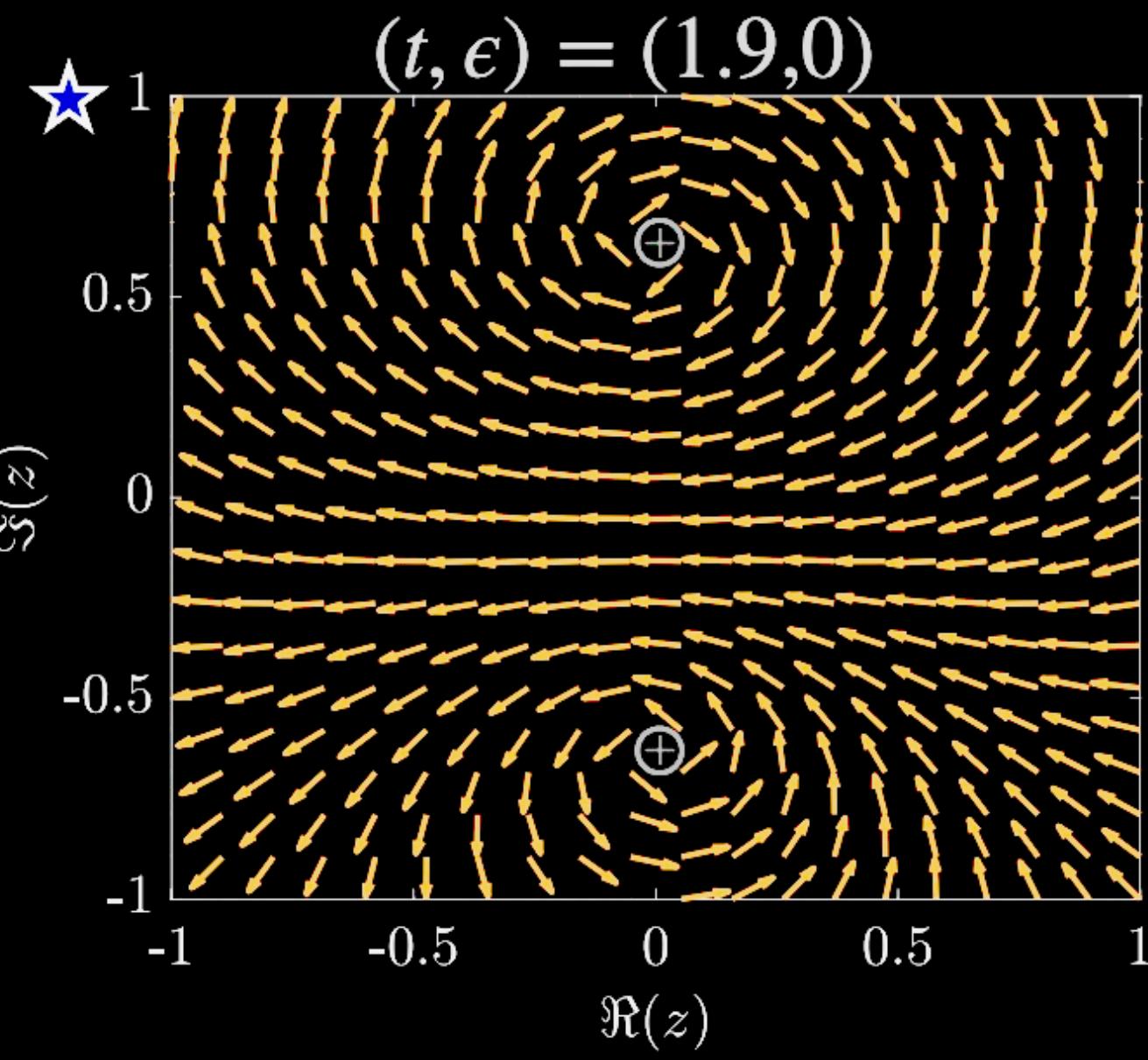
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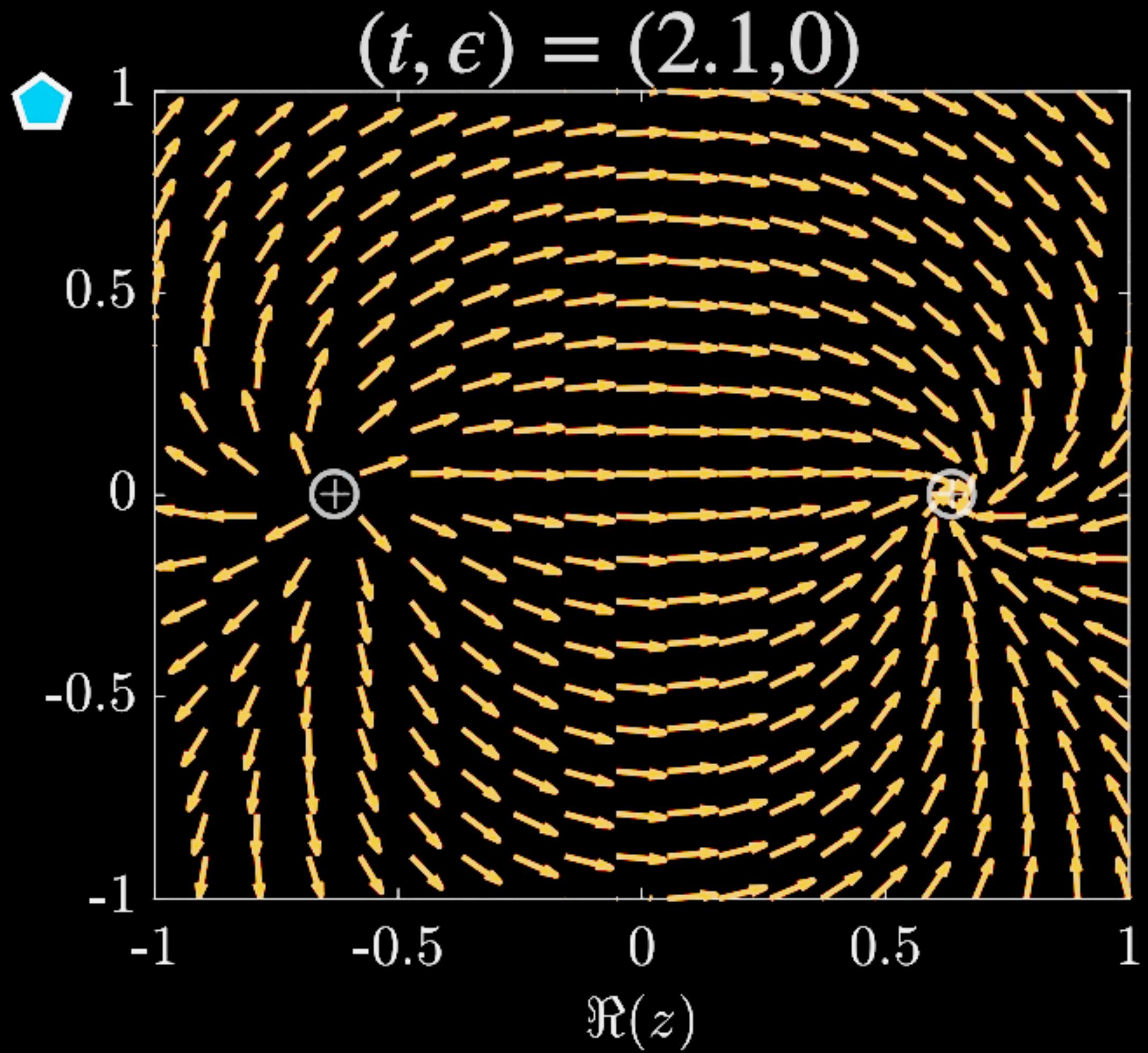
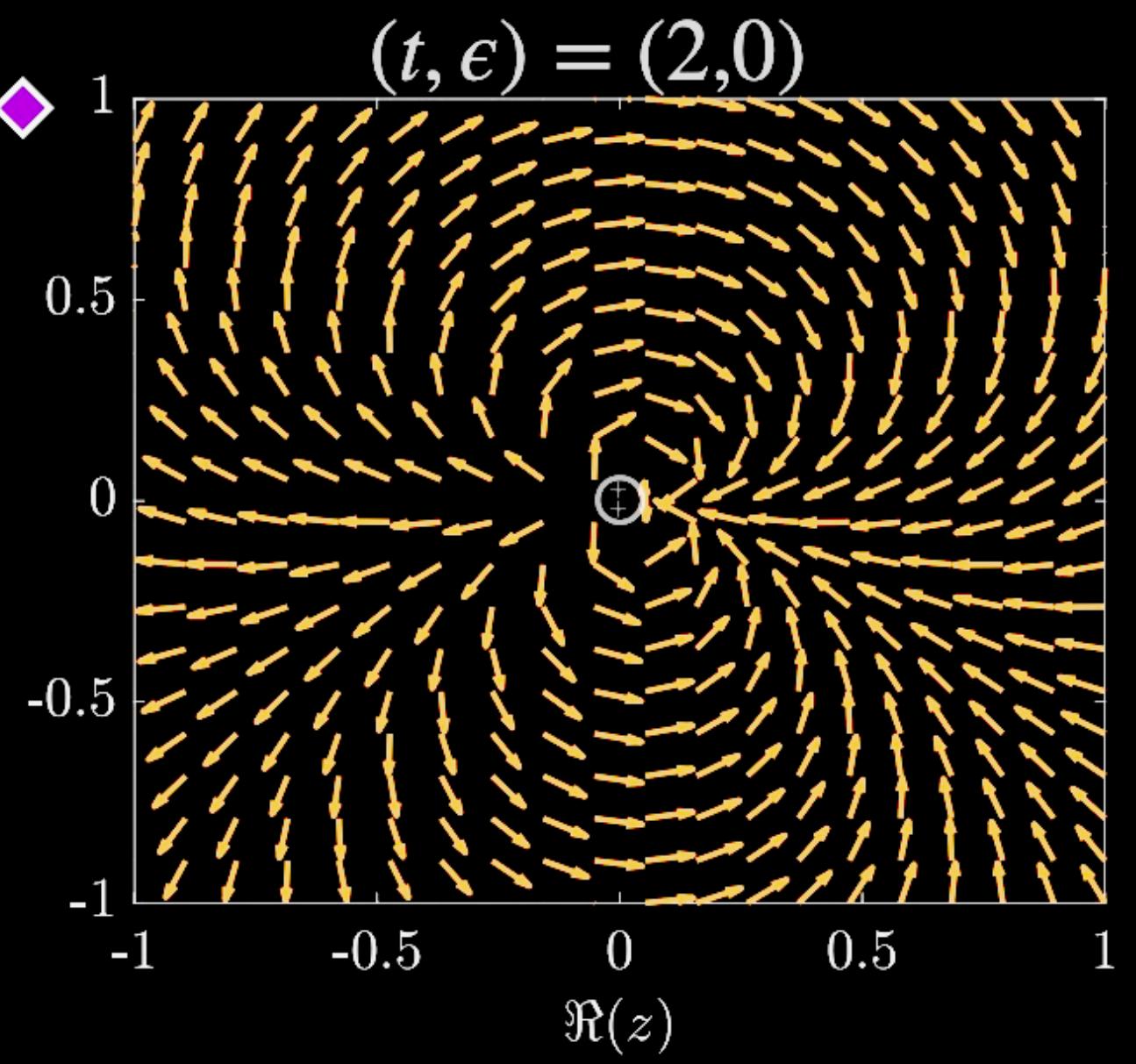
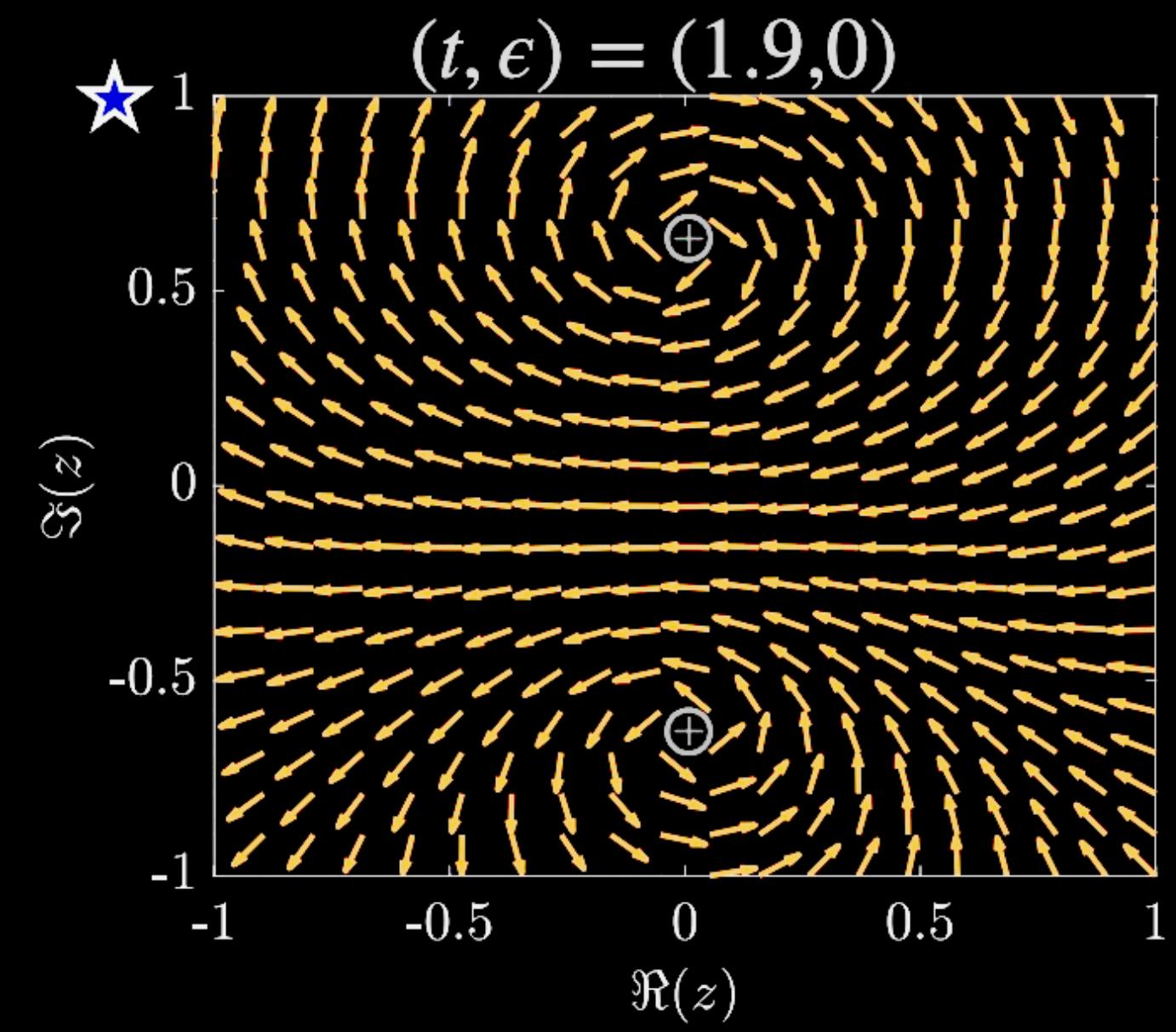
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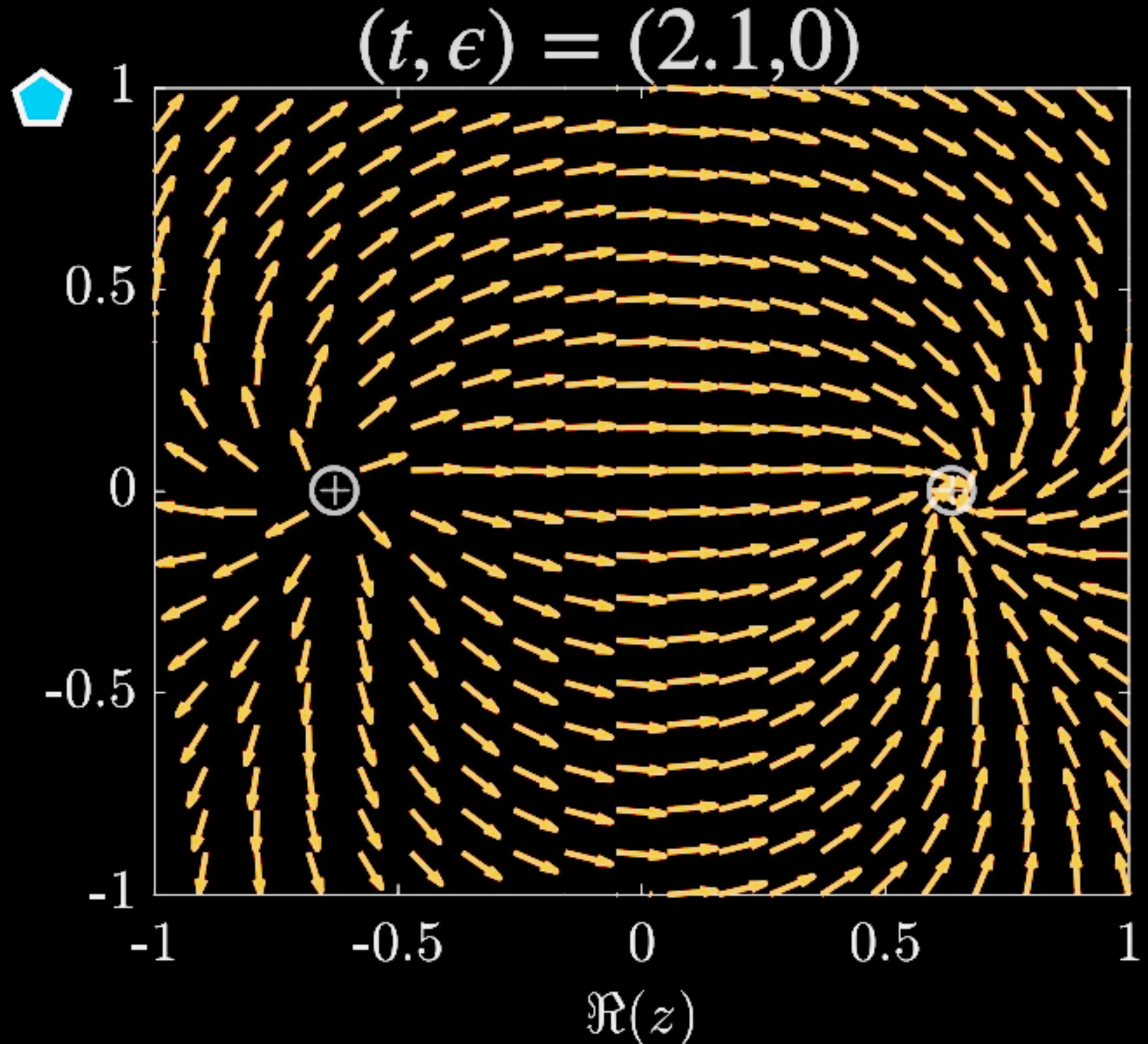
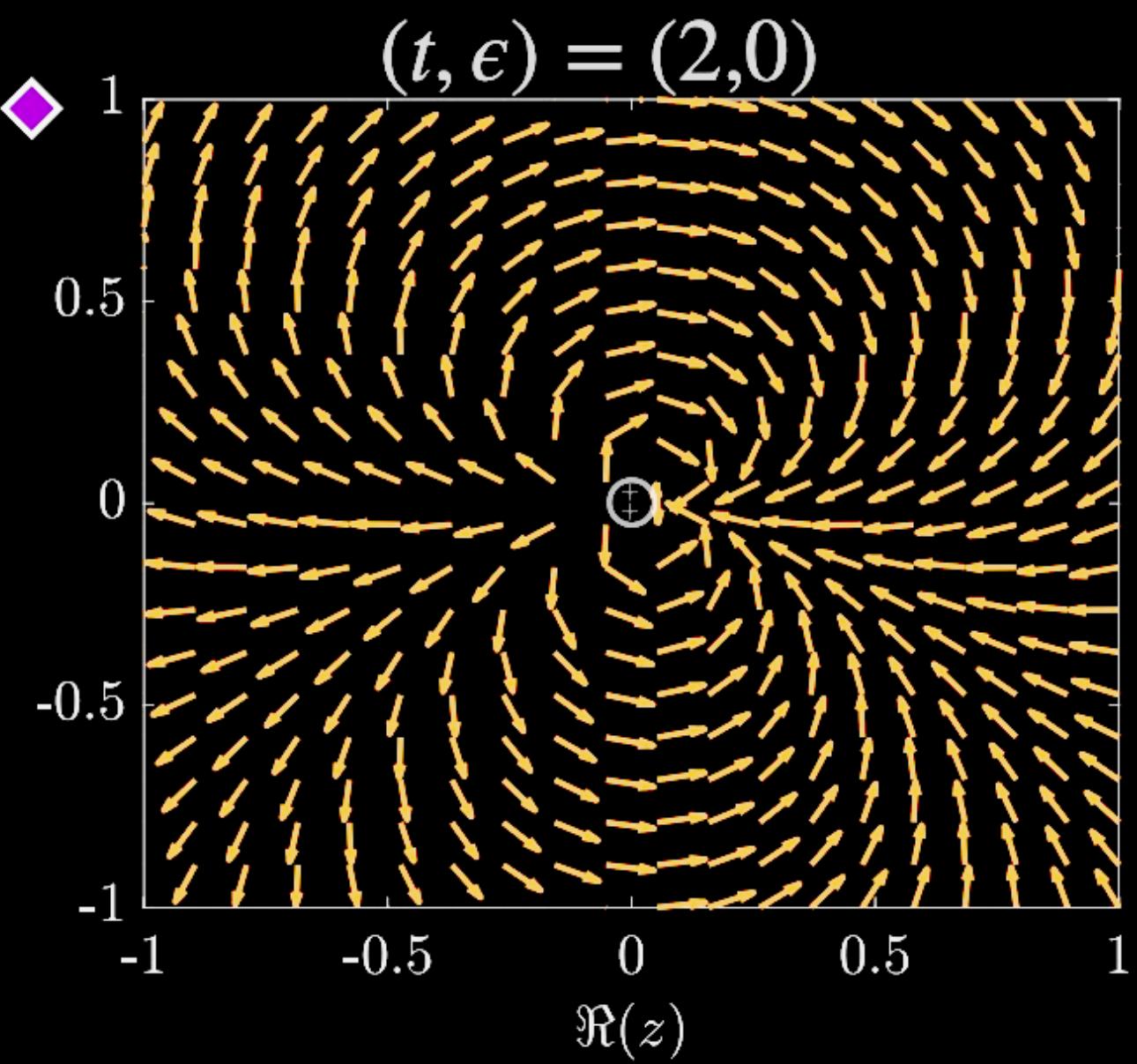
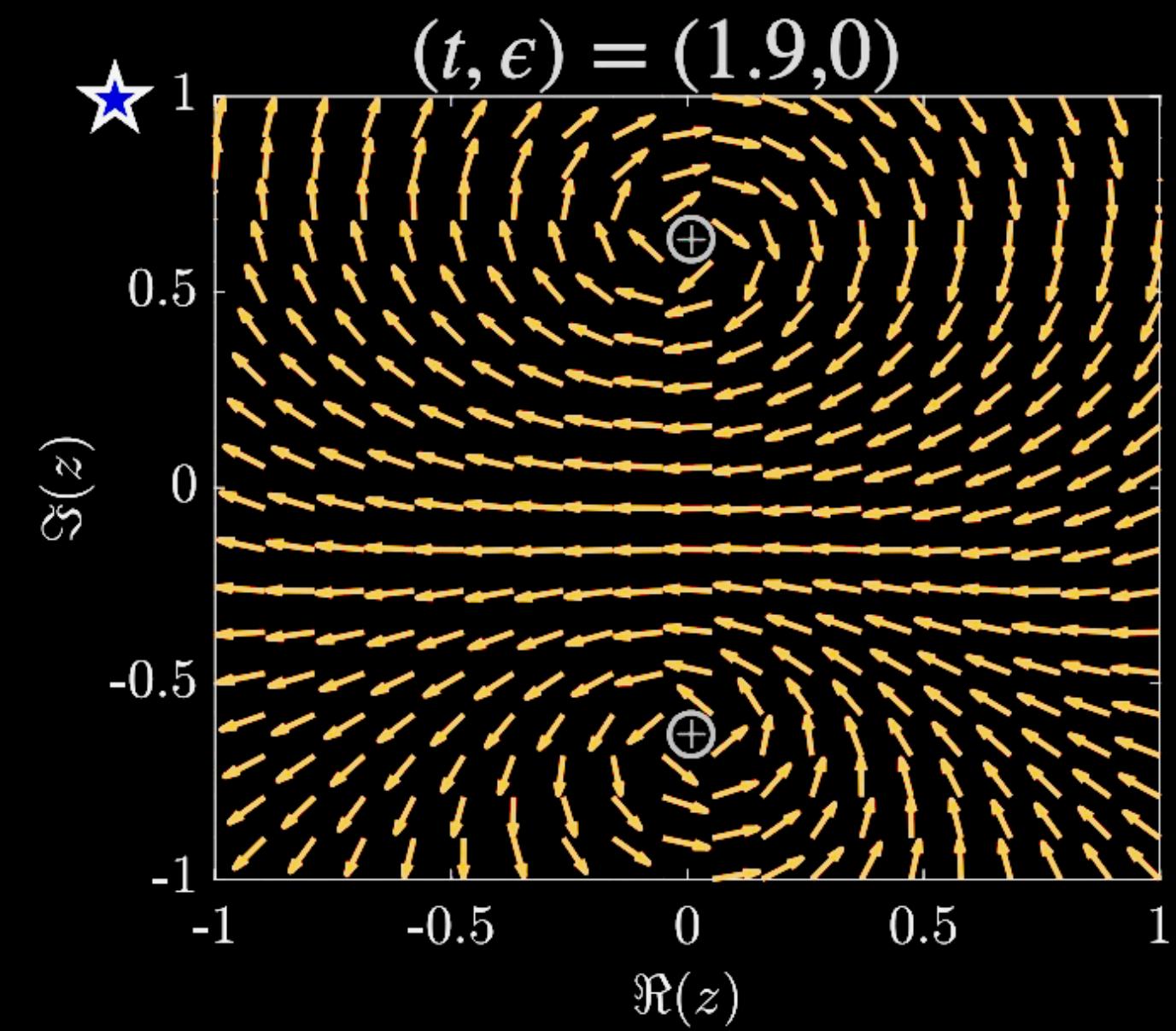
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One can assign top. number, but  
what about other boundaries?  
→ No generalized number...

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$$\det(\{S_N(E = 0), e^{\imath\vec{\phi}}\}) = 0$$

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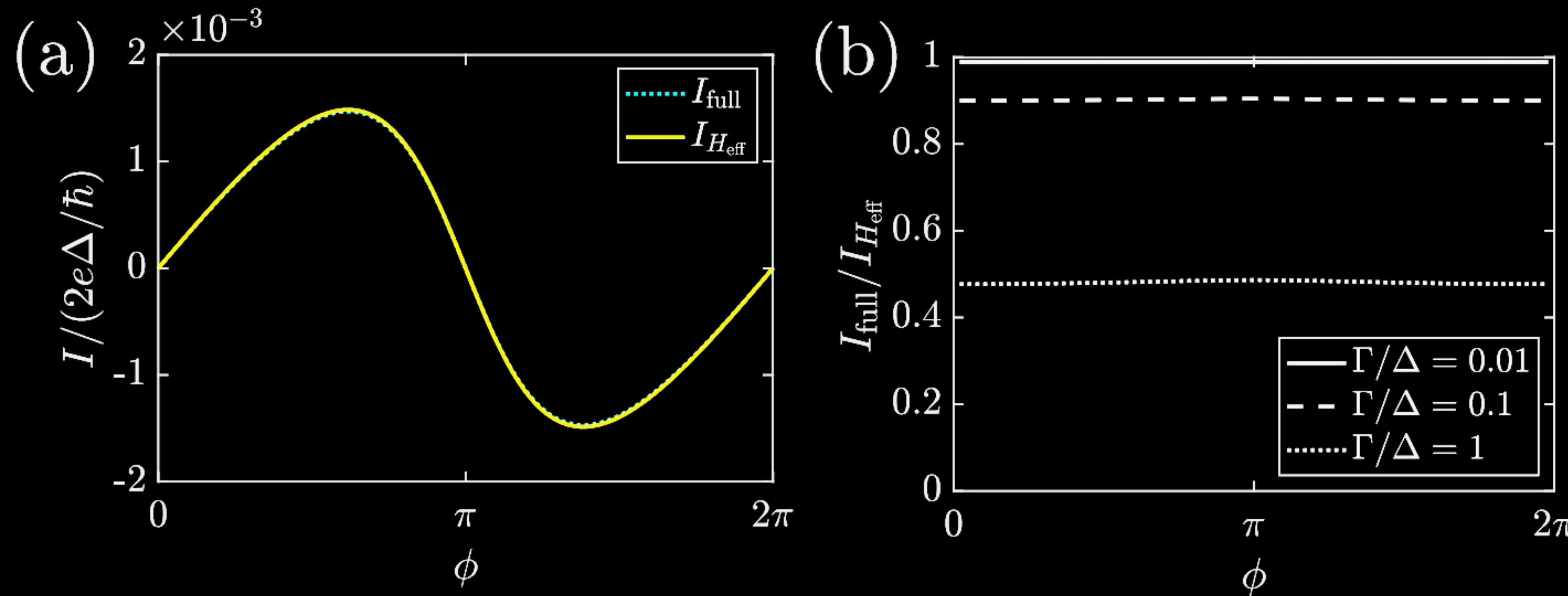
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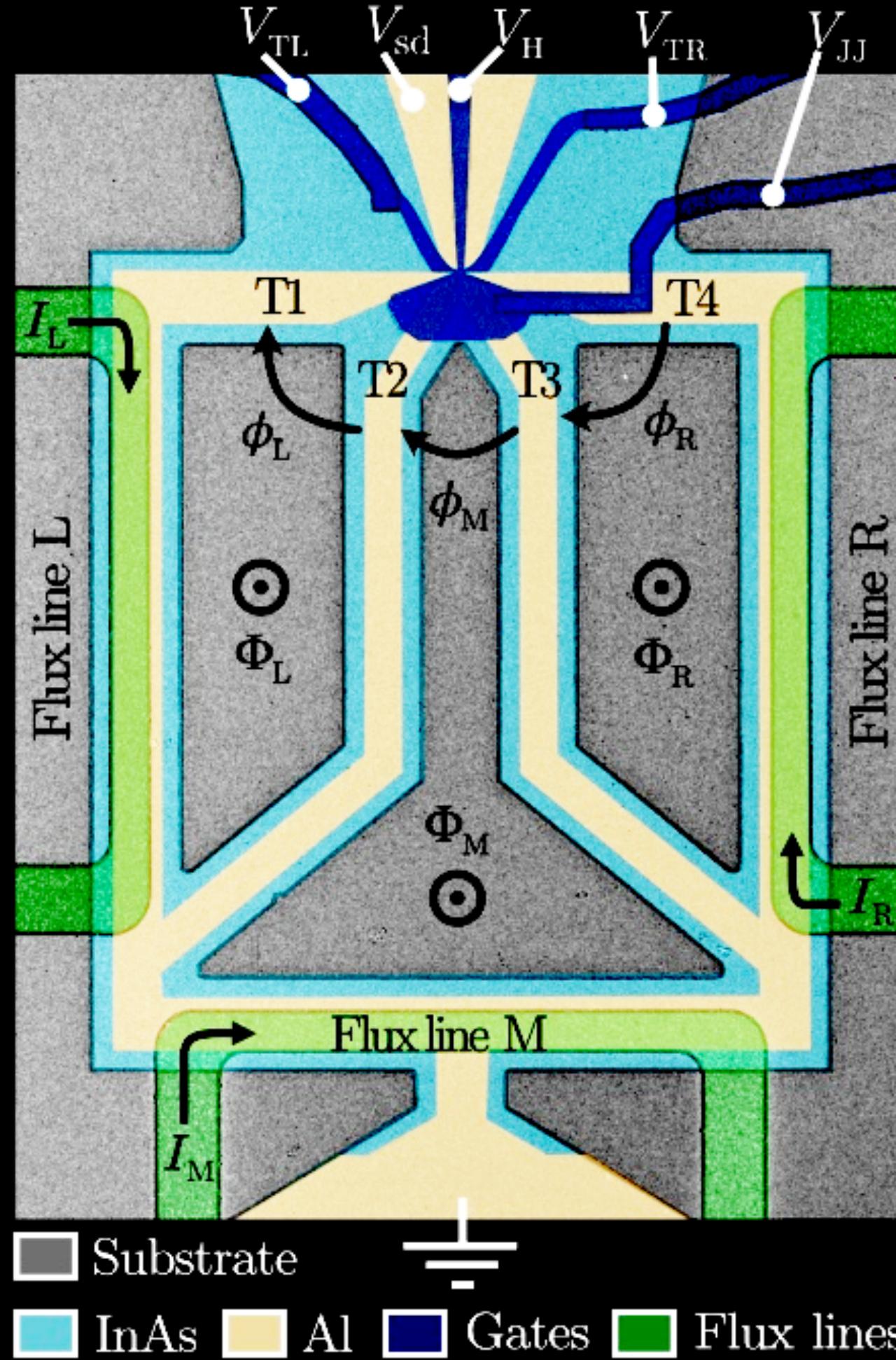
$$I = -\frac{4e\Delta}{h} \frac{d}{d\phi} \text{Im} \sum_i \epsilon_i \ln(\epsilon_i)$$

$\Gamma \ll \Delta$

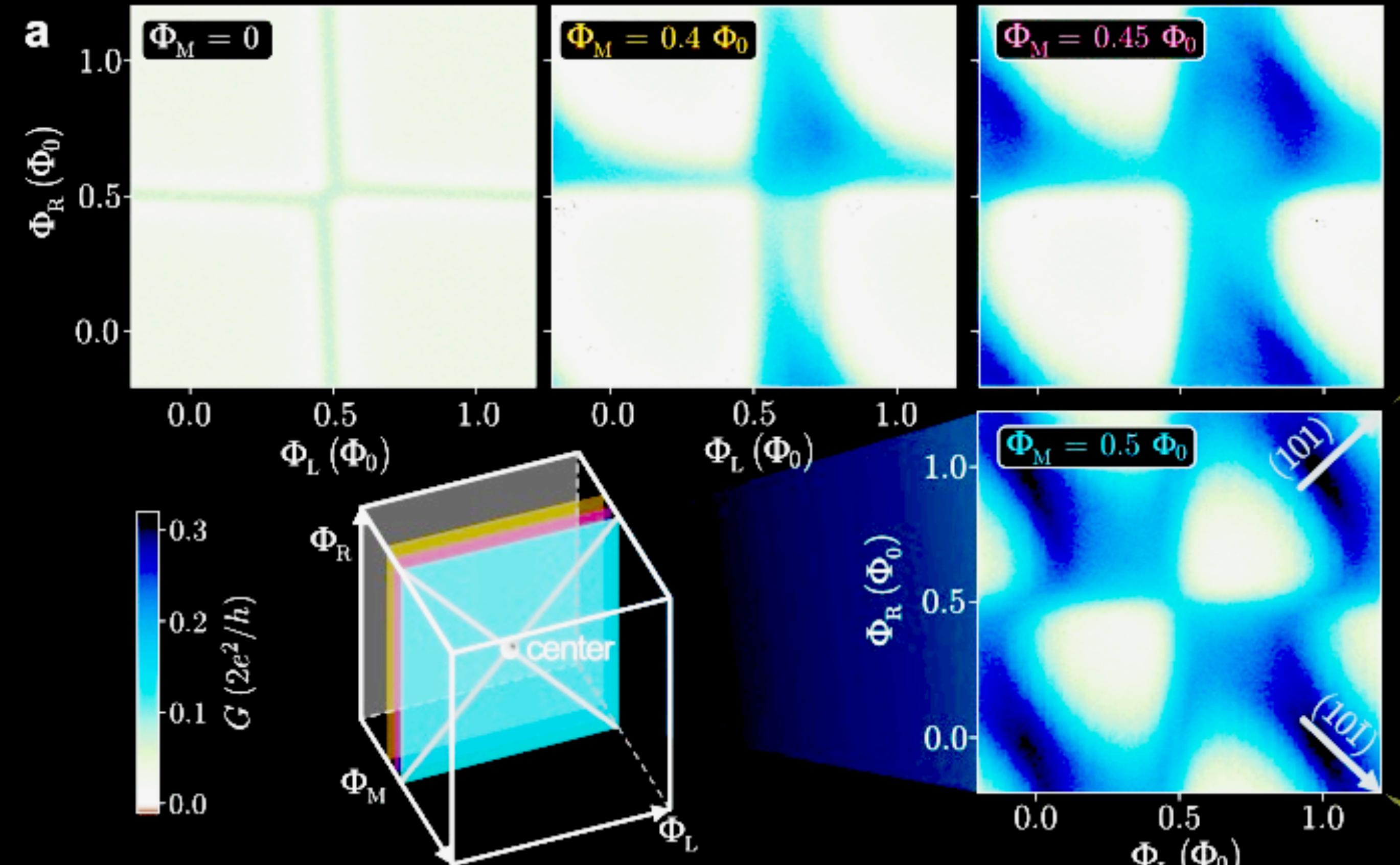
# Experiments on MTJJs: Topology?

S-2DEG Hybrid

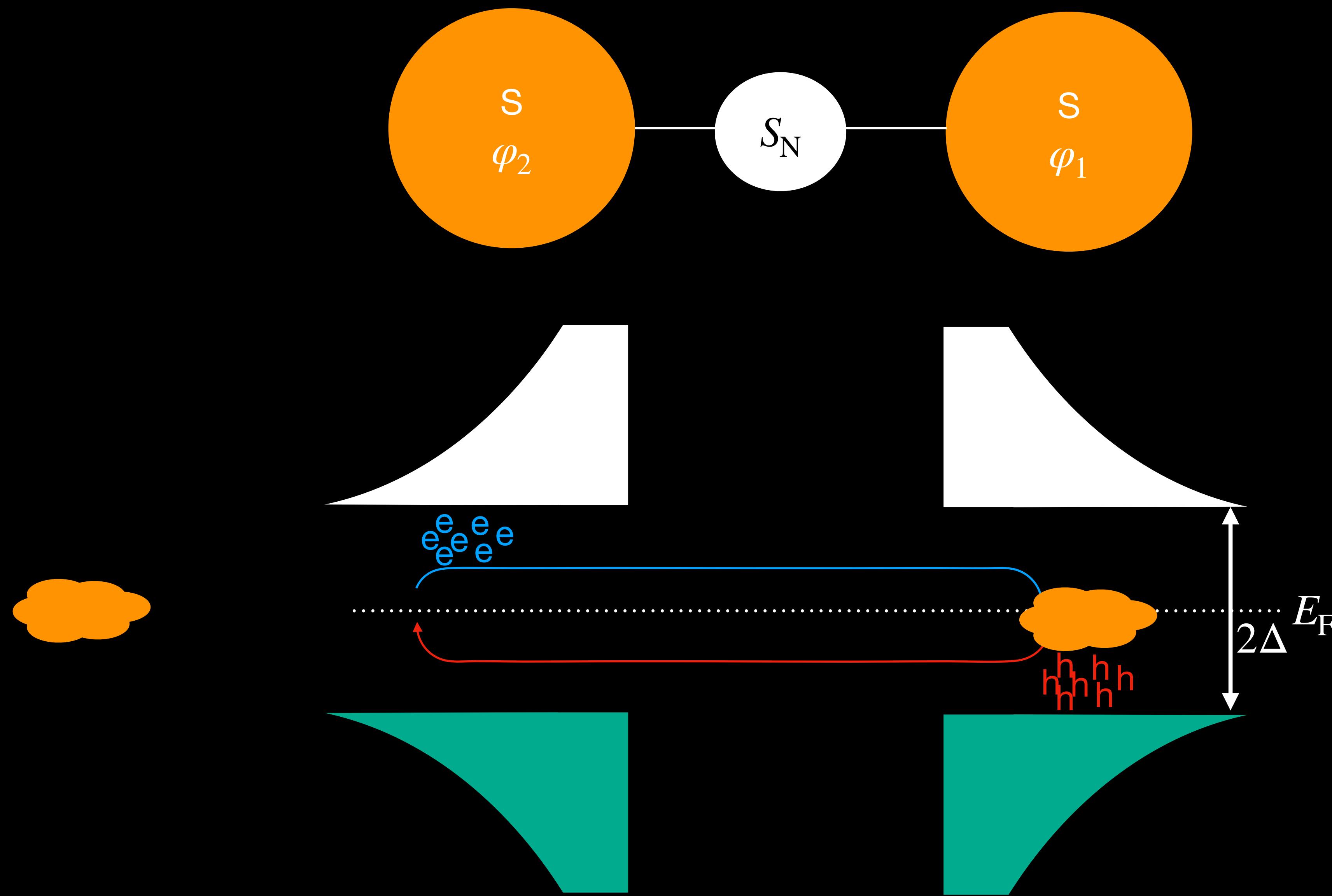
Topography of  
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Conductance measurement at  $E = 0$



# Supercurrent



**Supercurrent in equilibrium!**

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$$- 4 e^{-\chi_1 \text{Li} + \chi_2 \text{Li}} \left( f_2 + e^{\chi_1 \text{Li} - \chi_2 \text{Li}} - f_2 e^{\chi_1 \text{Li} - \chi_2 \text{Li}} \right) \left( 1 + f_1 e^{\chi_1 \text{Li} - \chi_2 \text{Li}} - f_1 \right)^{'}$$