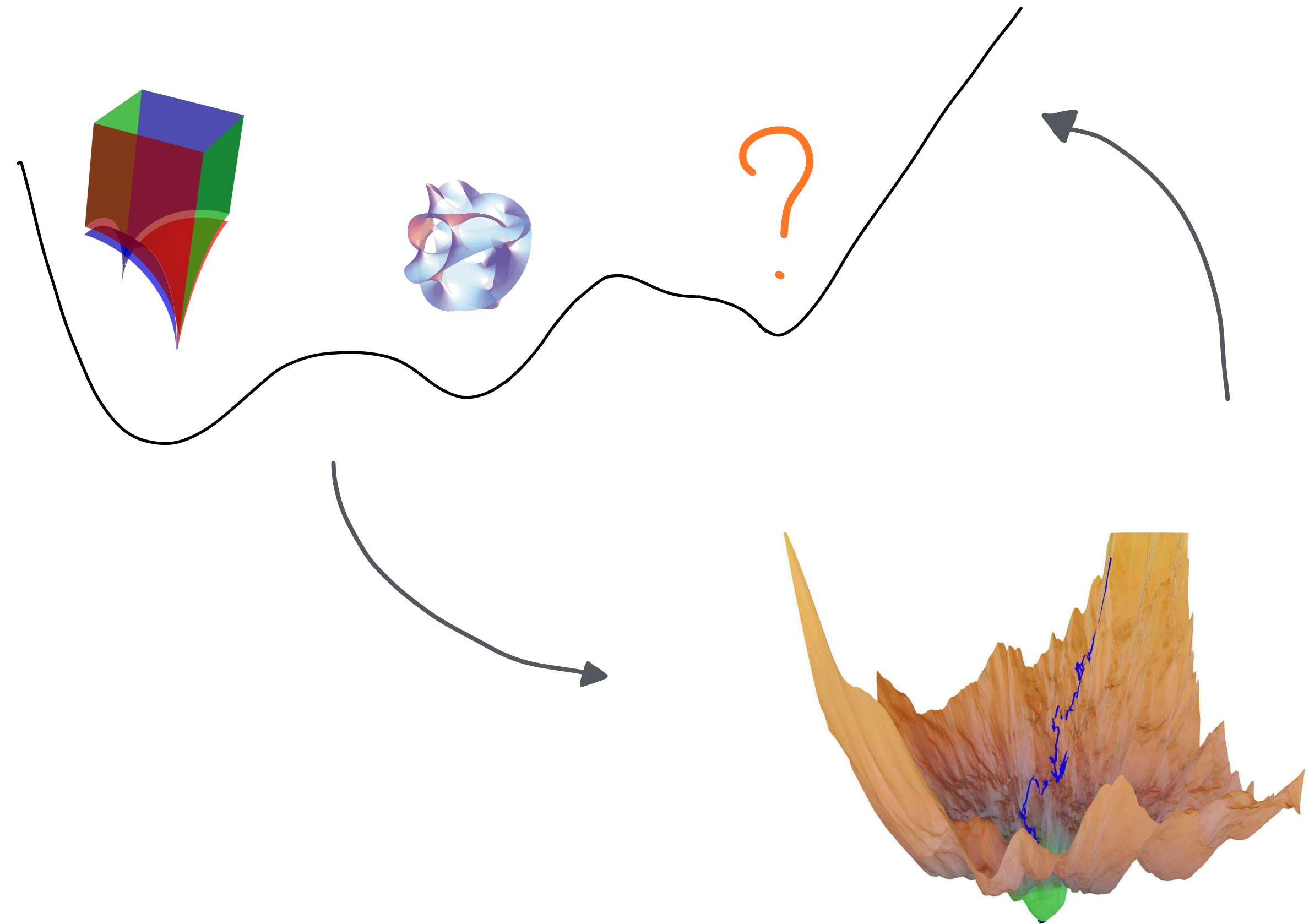


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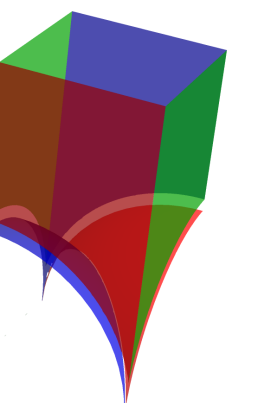
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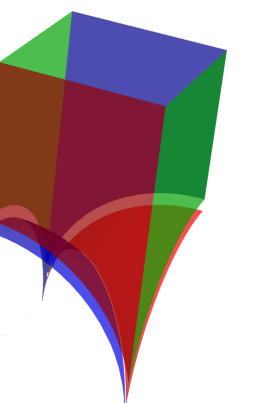
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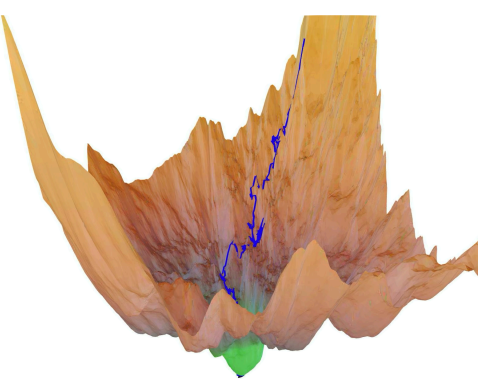
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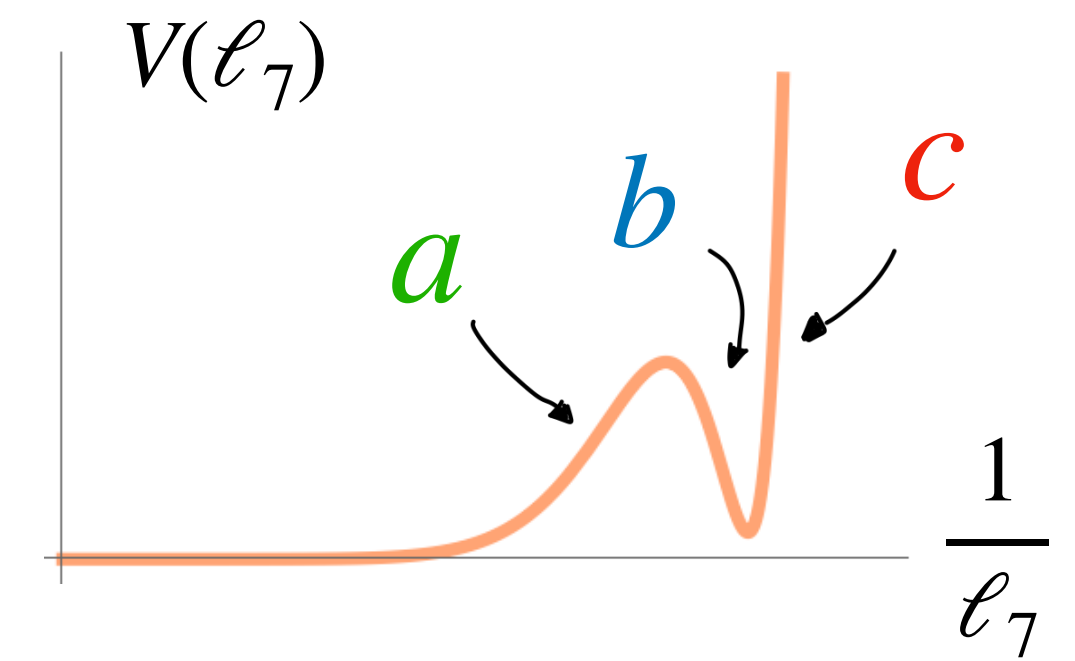


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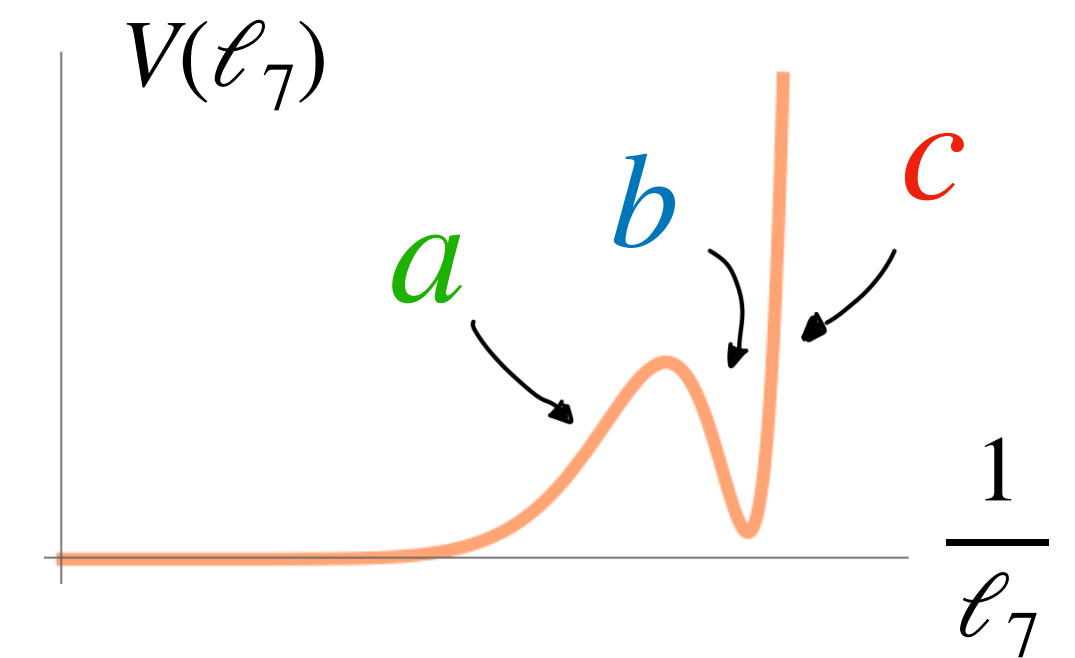
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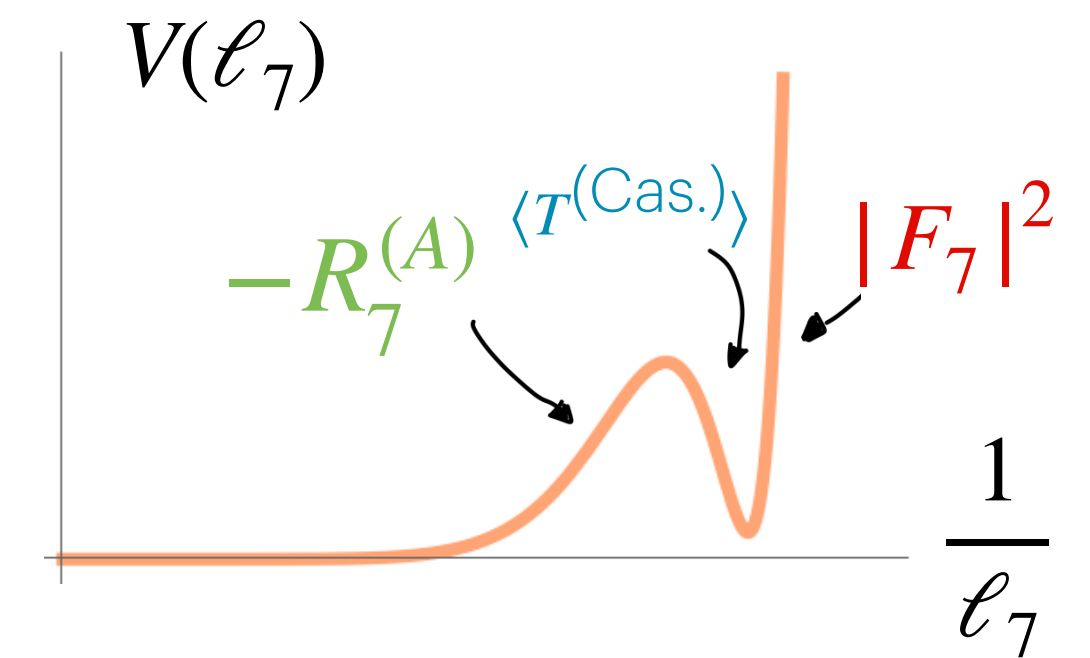


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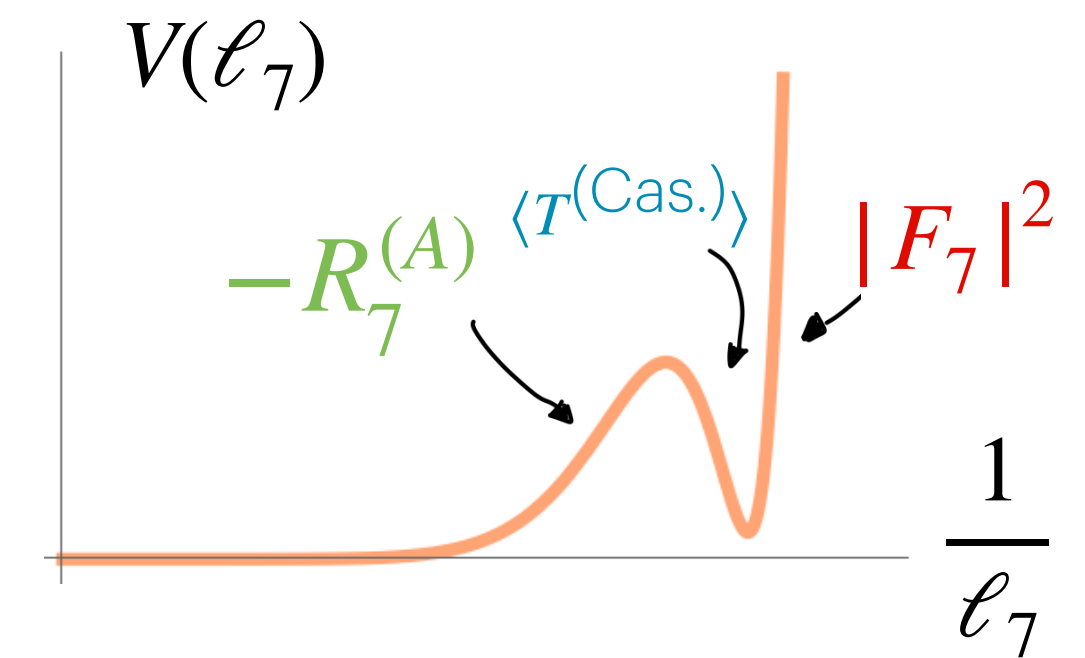
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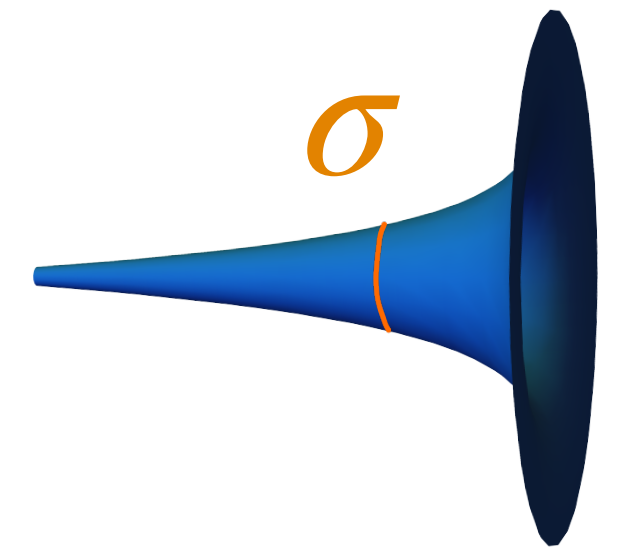
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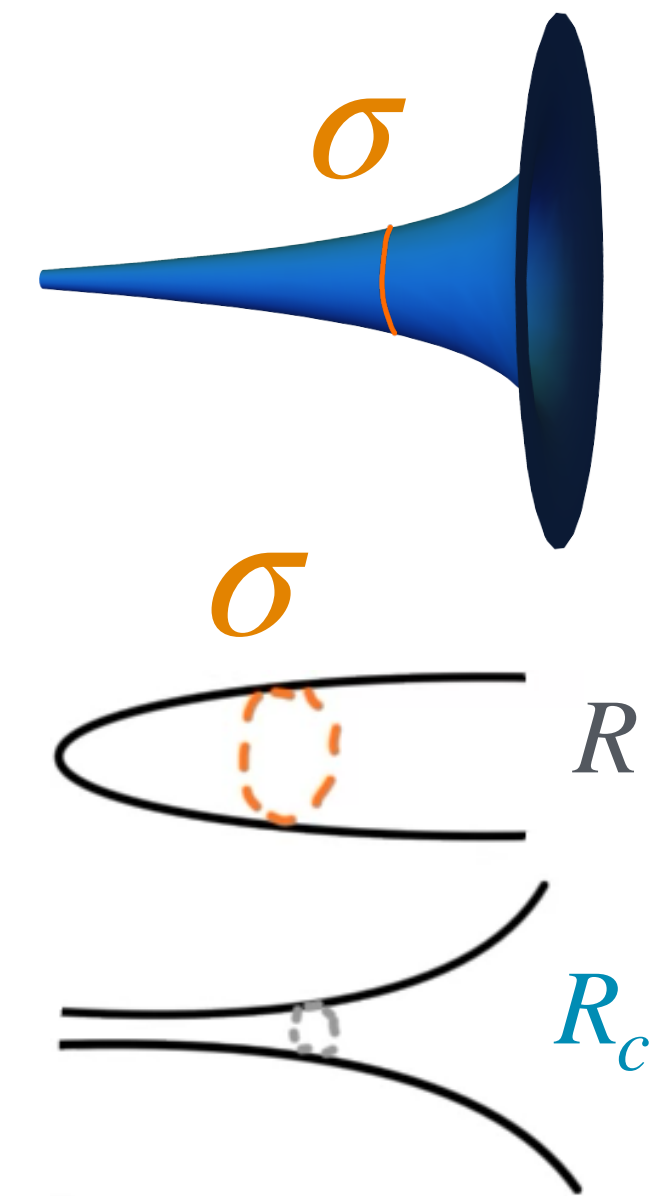
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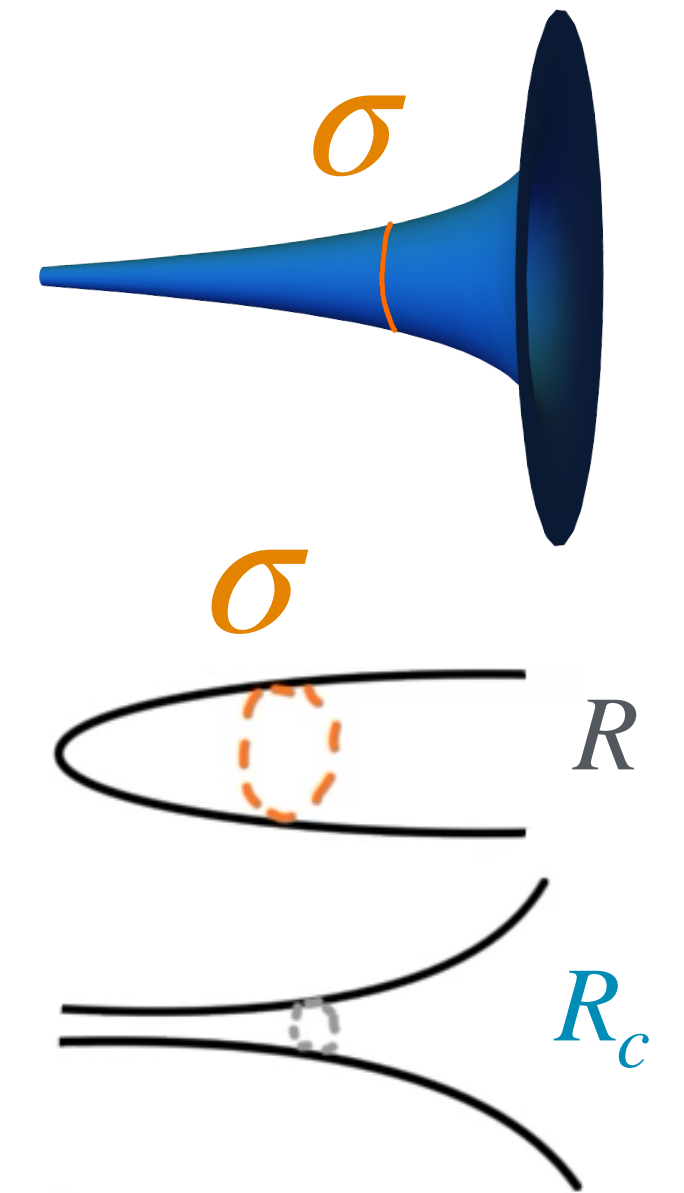
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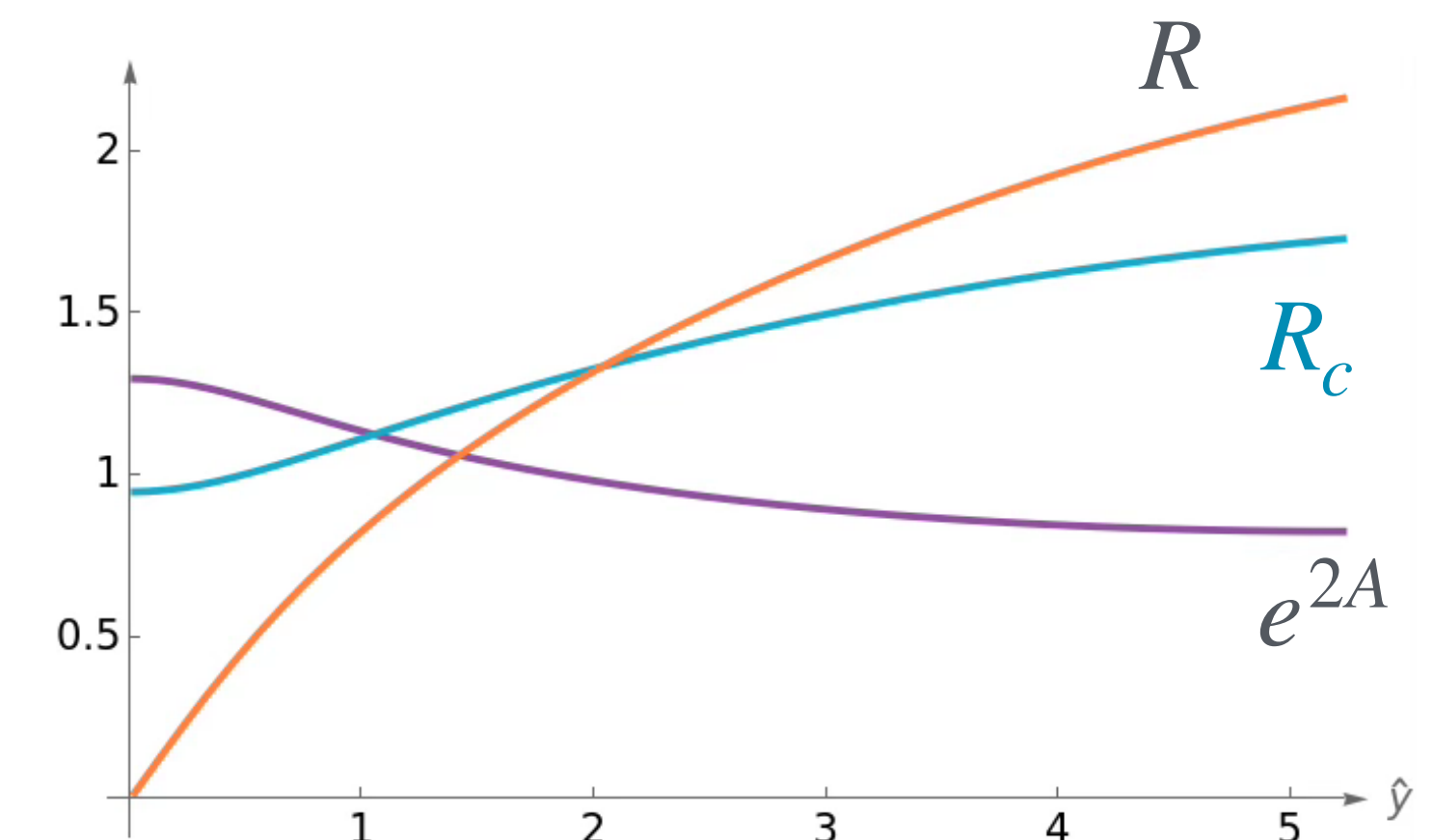


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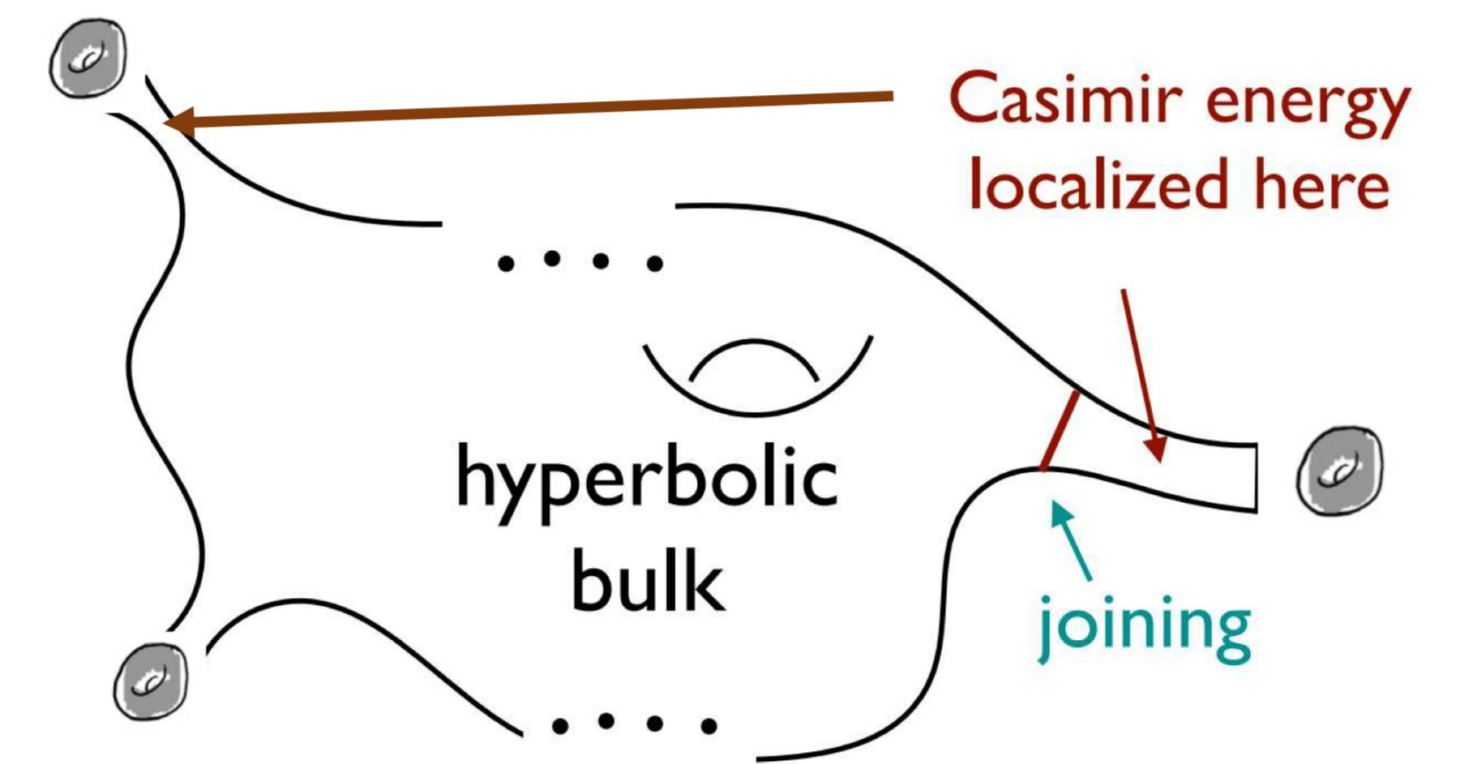
[cf. Parameswaran, Serra, '24, Montero, Bento in progress]

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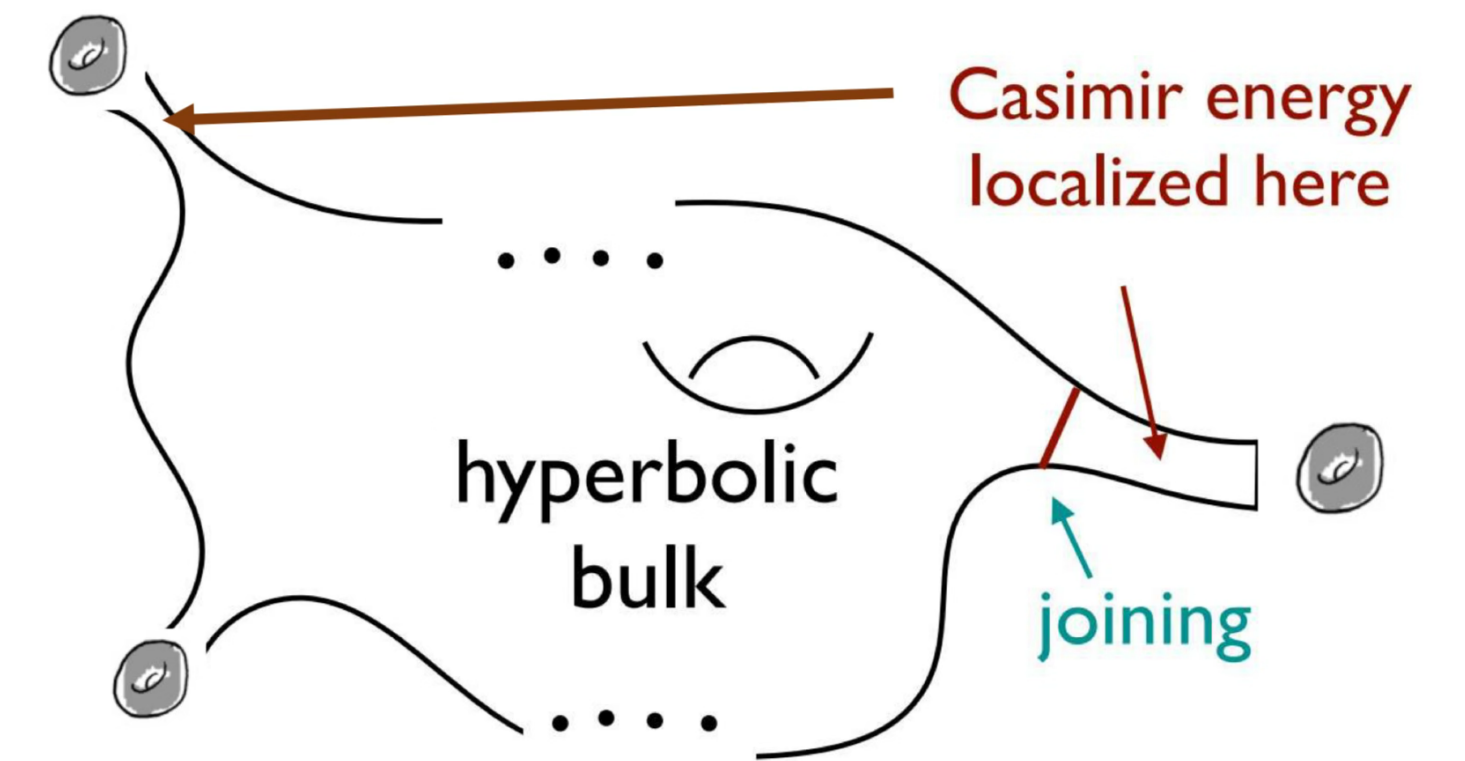


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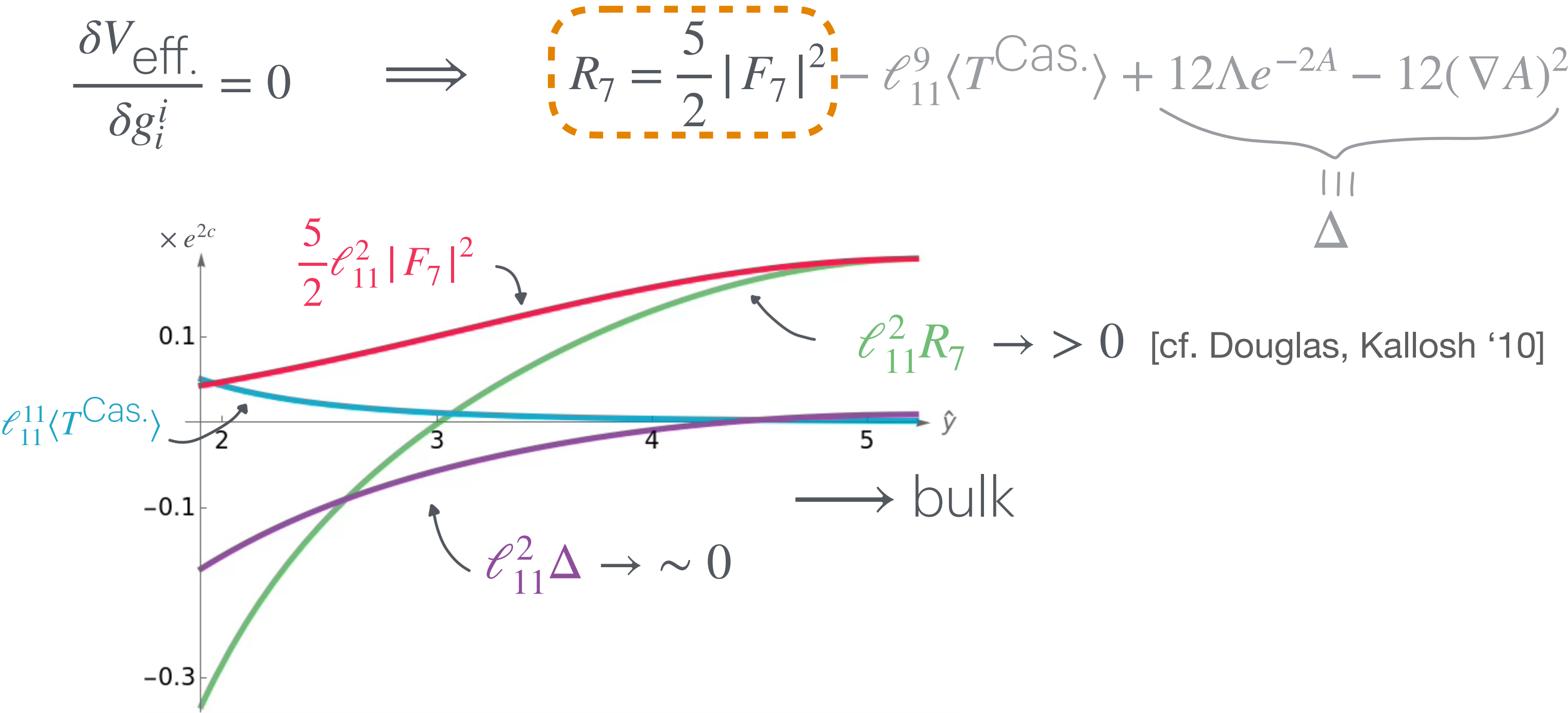
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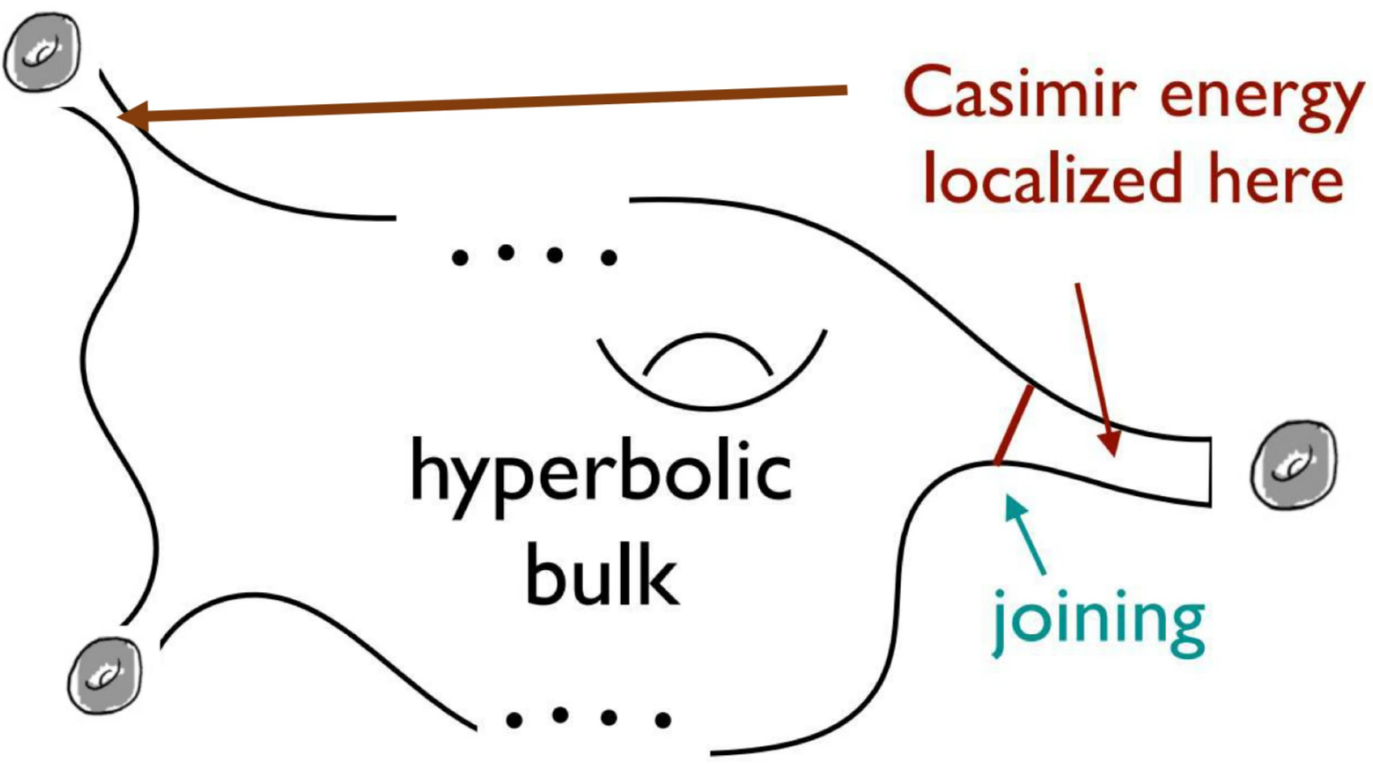


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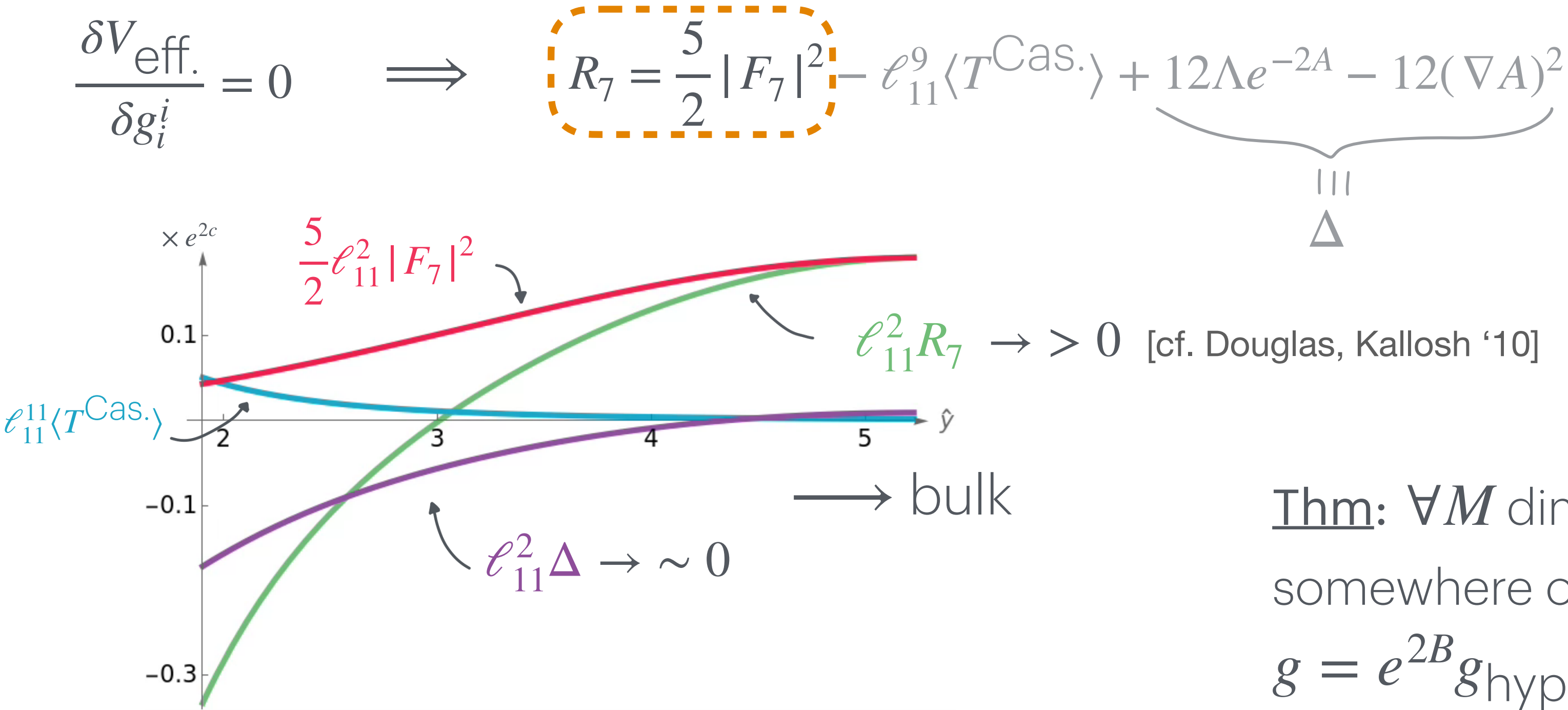


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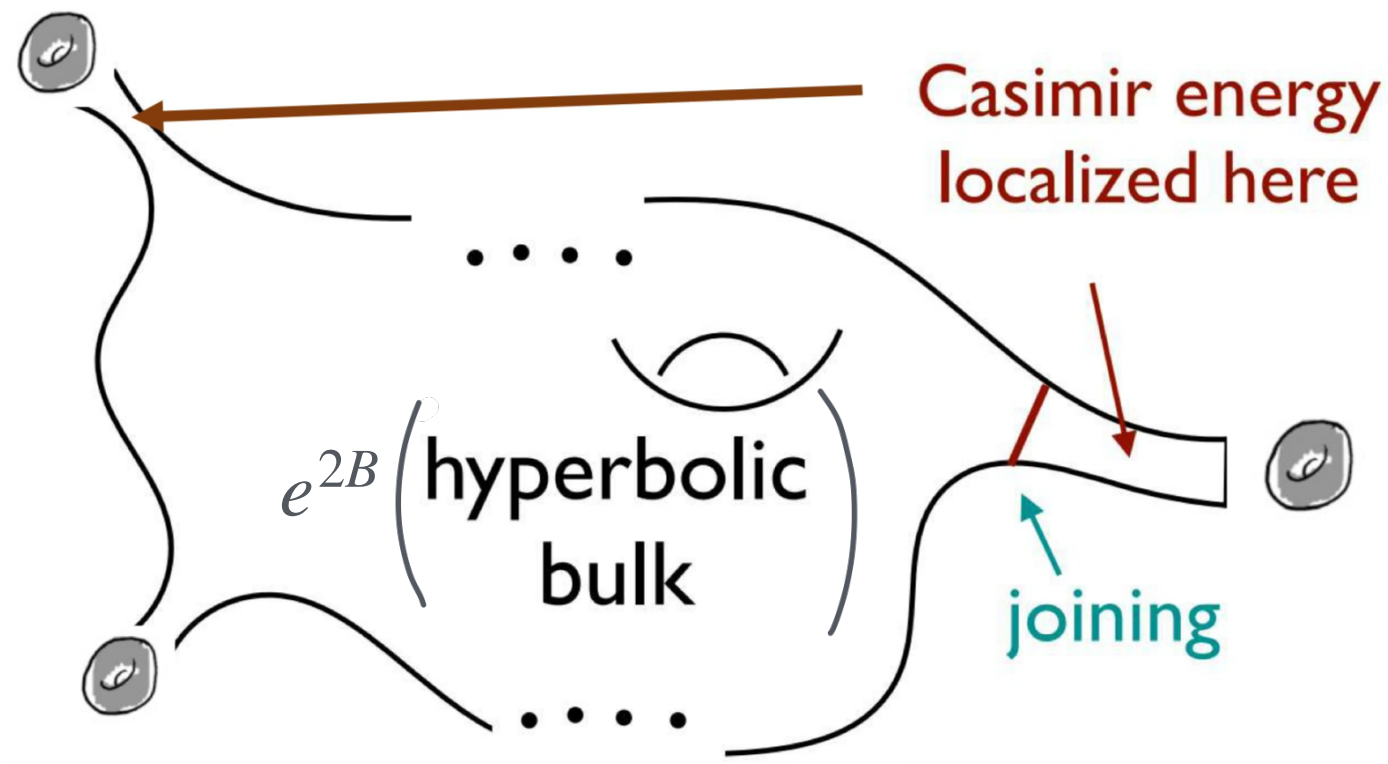


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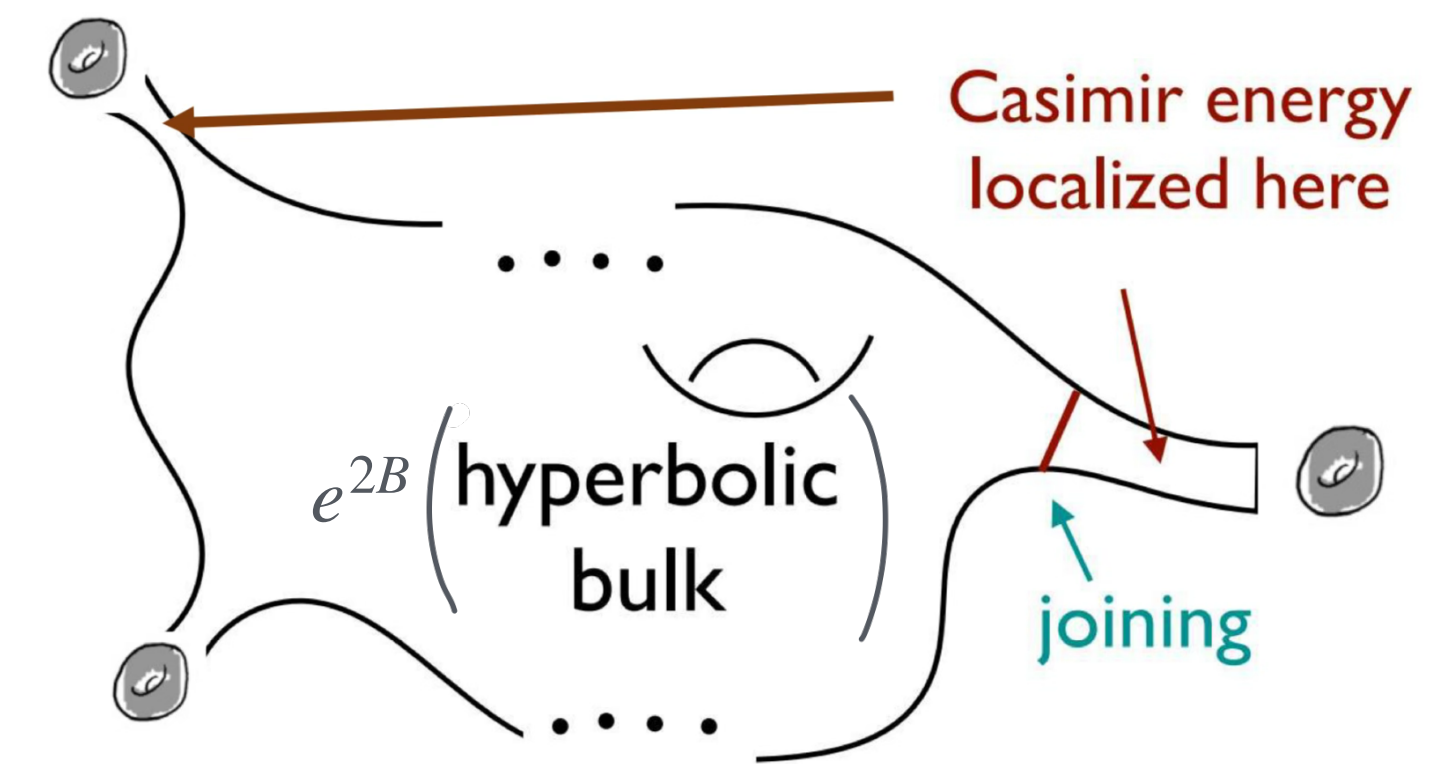
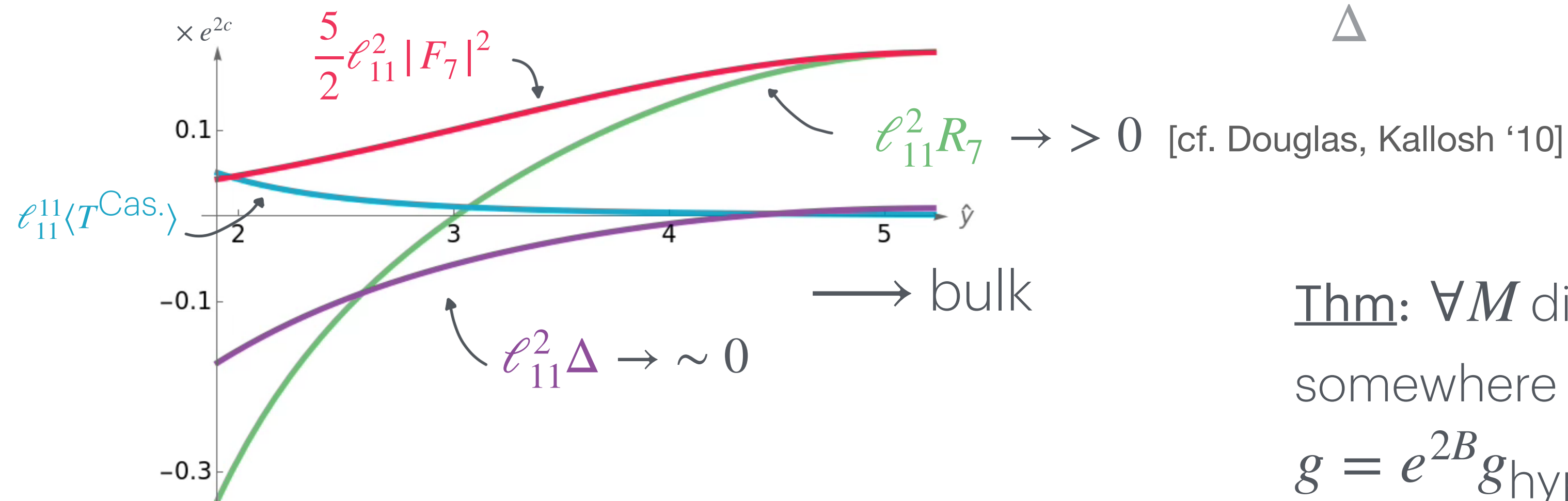
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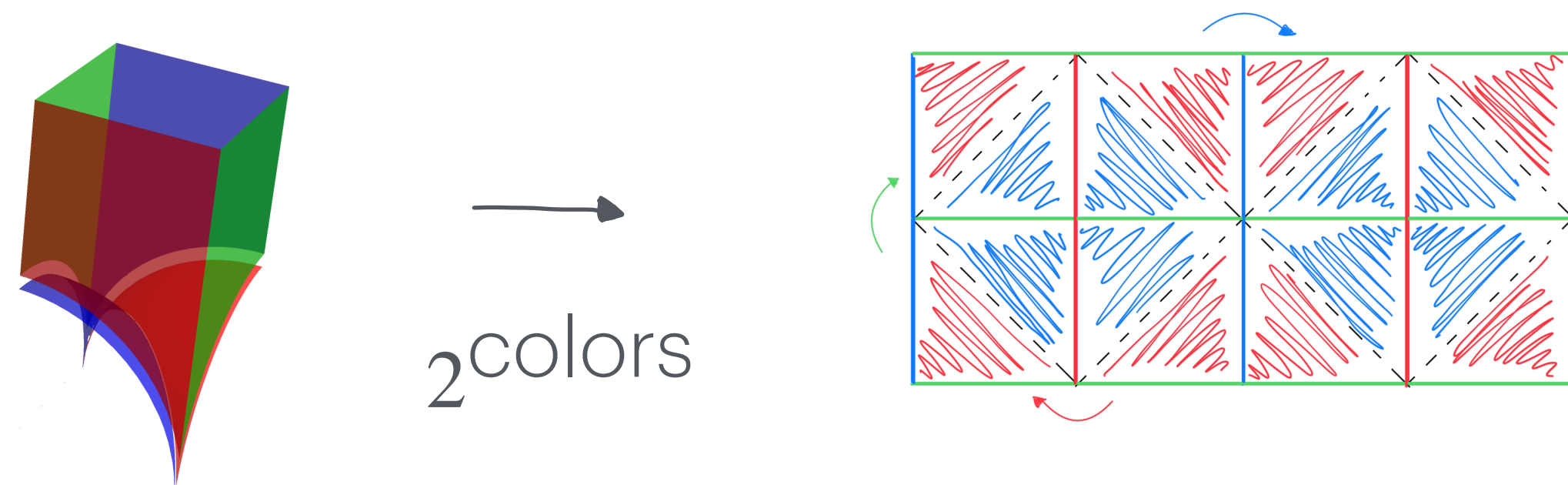
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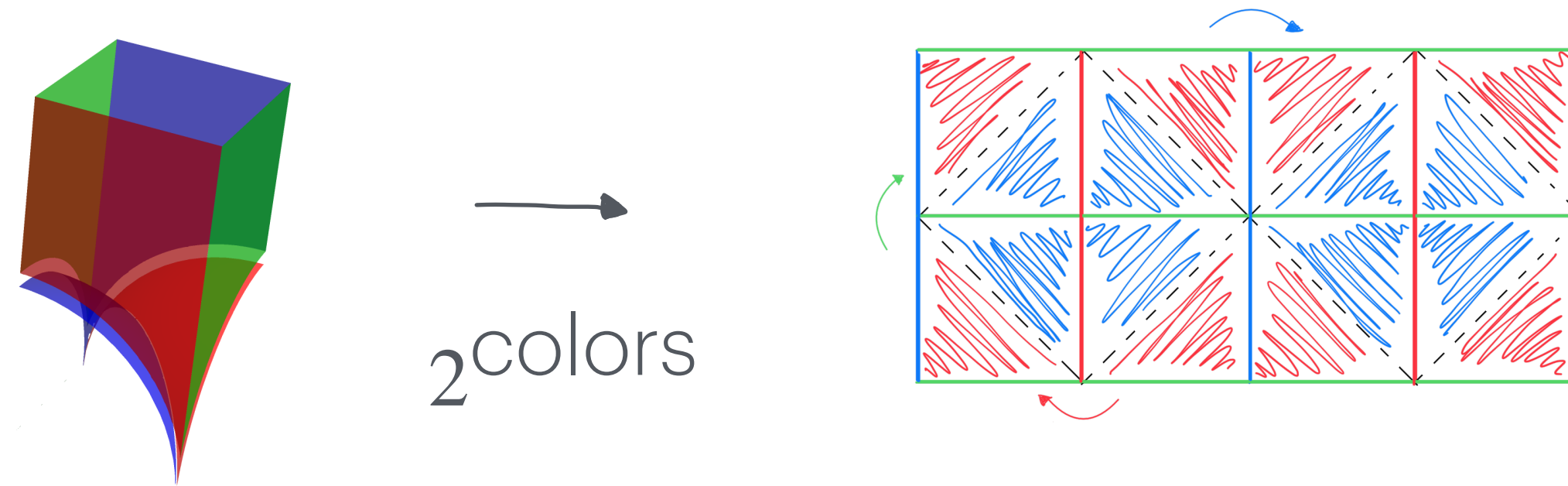
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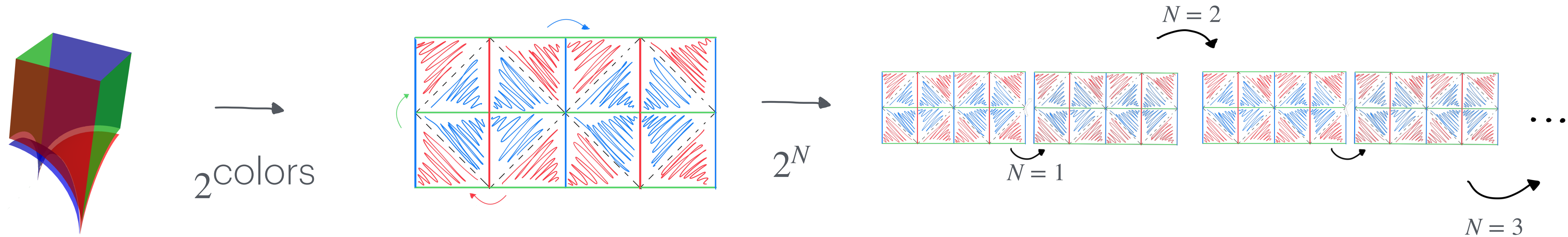
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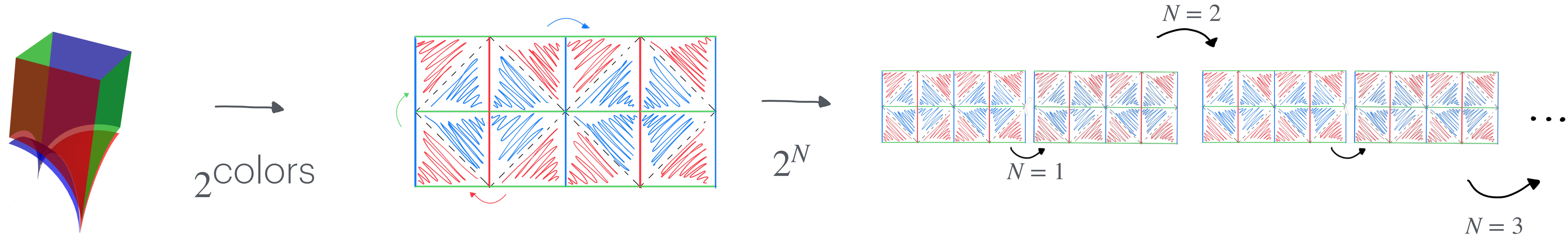
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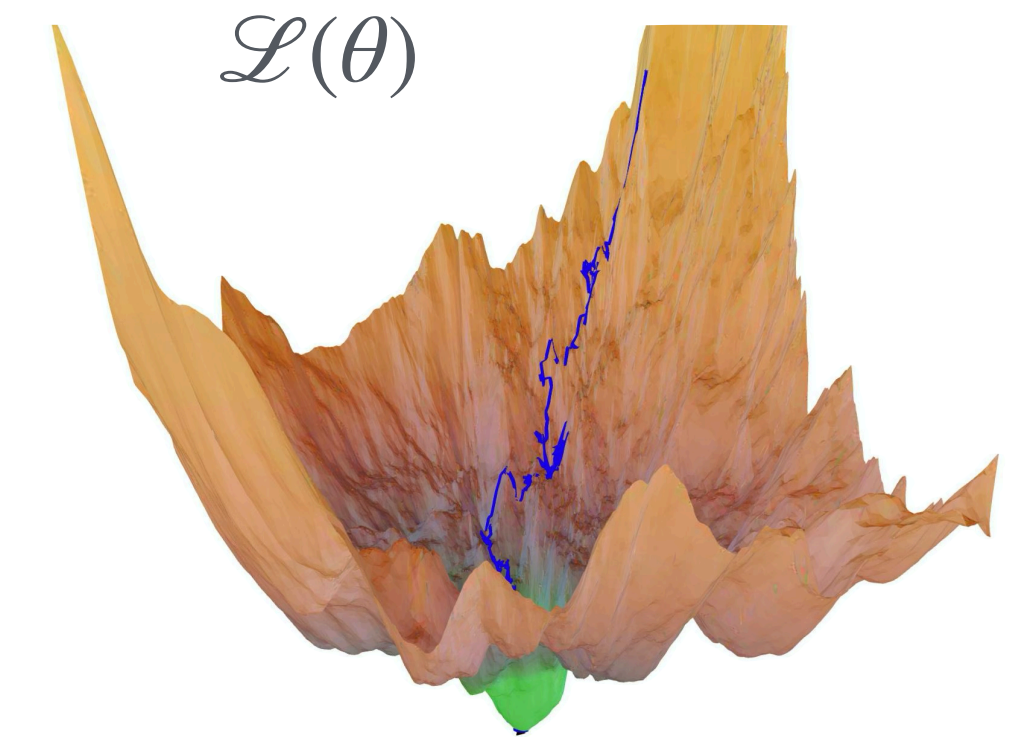
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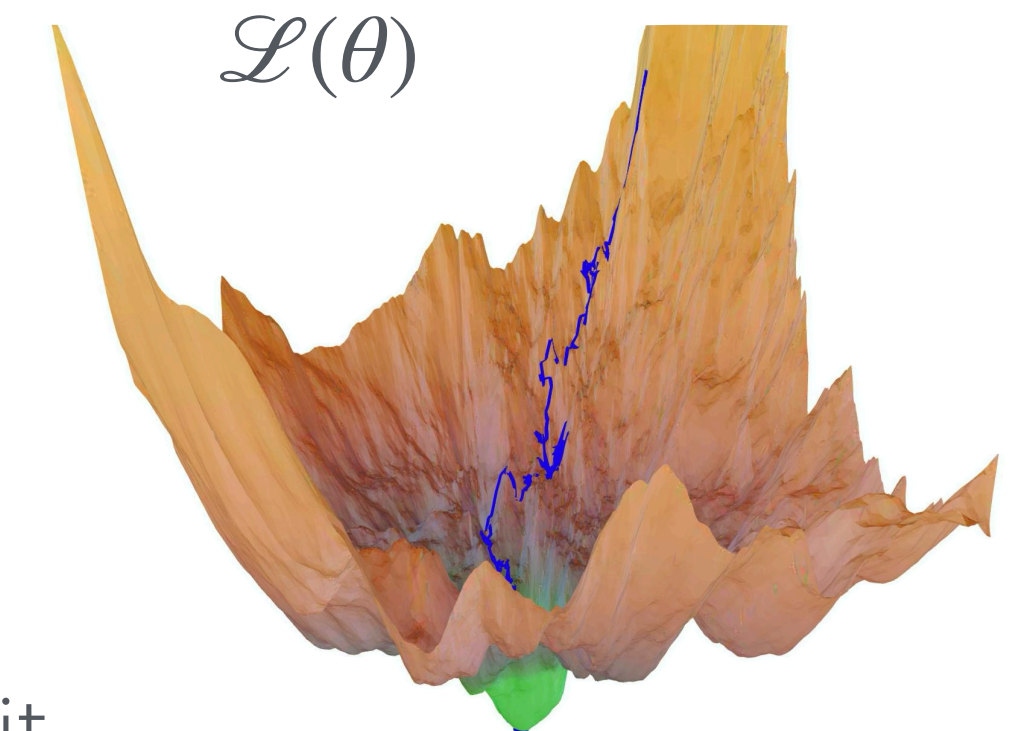
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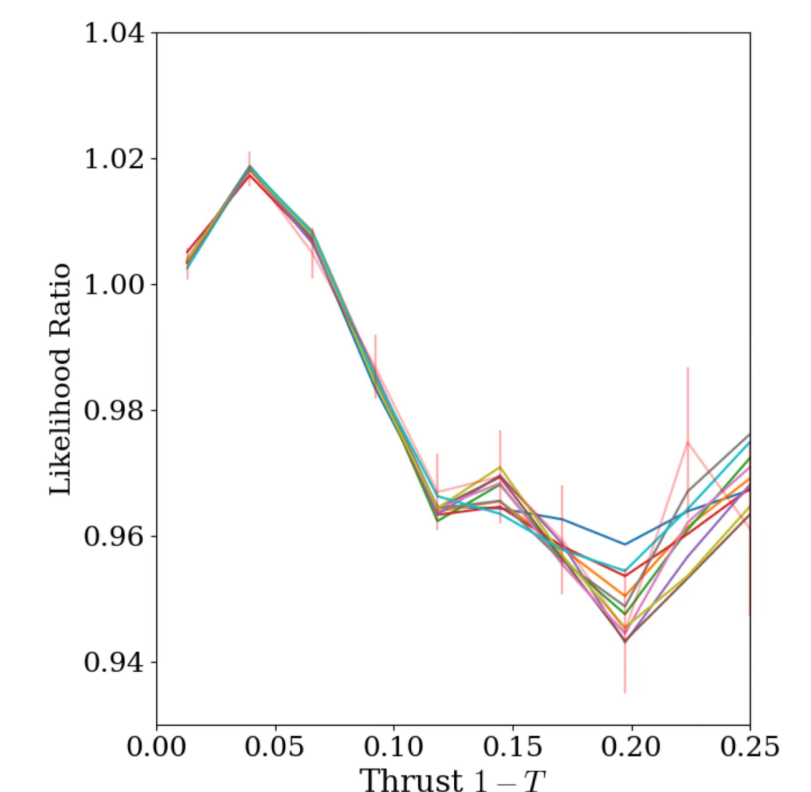
3) It's now a **physics problem**! Prescribe a dynamics on this new landscape and follow it

- Standard approach: (Stochastic) Gradient Descent (and relatives) \longrightarrow friction dominated motion!
- Can we use other physical dynamics to solve this problem?

- Yes: Energy **C**onserving **D**escent: **H**amiltonian **e**volution in chaotic regime,
concentrate Liouville measure [GBDL, Silverstein '21, GBDL, Gatti, Silverstein' '23]

- Convergence due to kinetic effects (e.g. relativistic) rather than friction
- Measure concentration useful for precise optimization for simulation
based-inference in particle physics [GBDL, Nachman, Silverstein, Zheng, to appear]

- Yes: [Your idea here]



Proof of concept: filled metrics in 3d

[GBDL, '25]

- Can we directly solve the Einstein equations to find the filled geometries, starting from 3d?

1) Parametrize the problem using Neural Networks

2a) Pre-train to fit Anderson's approximate metric

2b) Continue training to solve the Einstein conditions, plus continuity and differentiability

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) \equiv \sum_{y \in M} \left| \text{Ric}_{mn}(x, \theta) - \Lambda g_{mn}(y, \theta) \right|^2 + \sum_{y \in \partial M} \left| \text{BC}(y; \theta) \right|^2$$

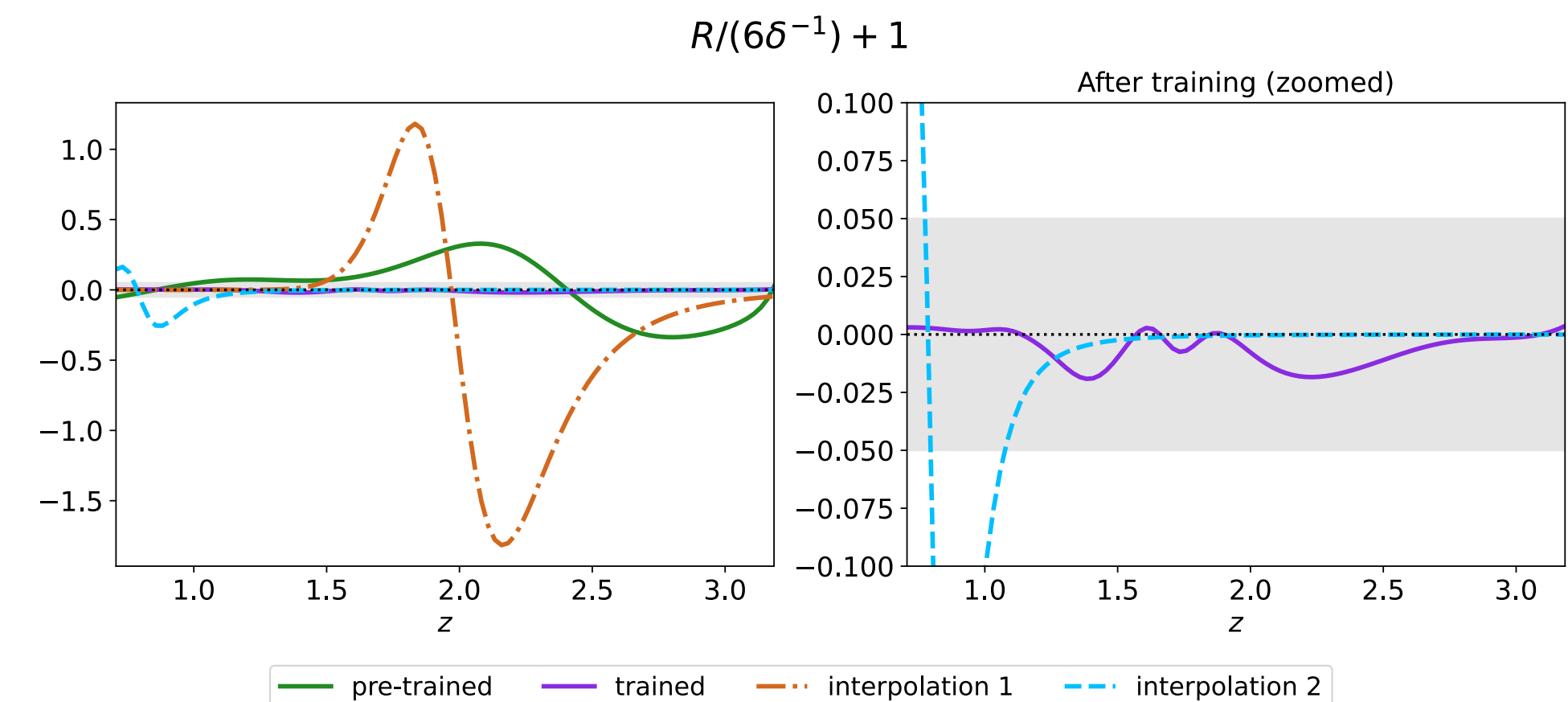
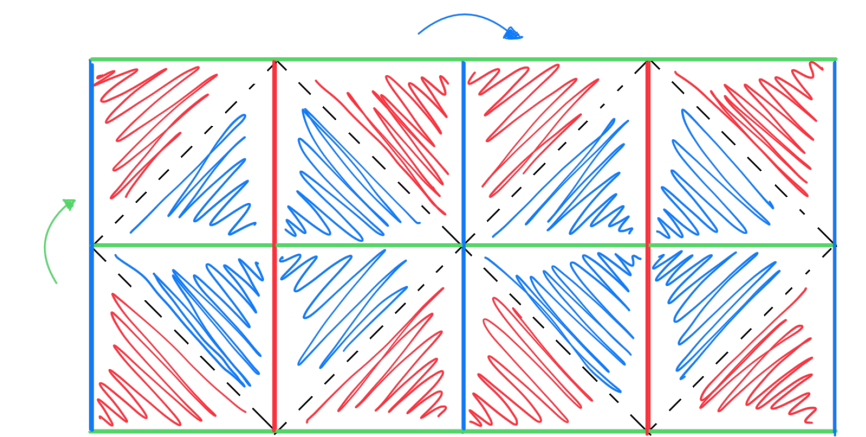
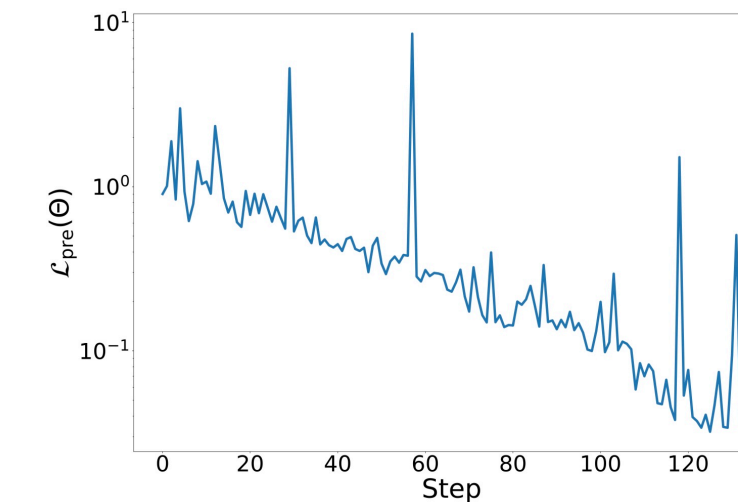
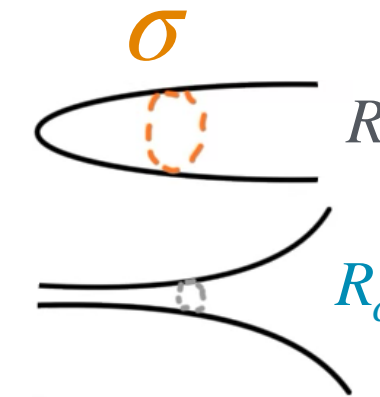
- Average percentage error: $\sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$

- Next steps:** add matter fields and scale up to 7d!

- Intermediate step: explicit numerical filling in 4d is an open problem in hyperbolic geometry [Martelli, '15]

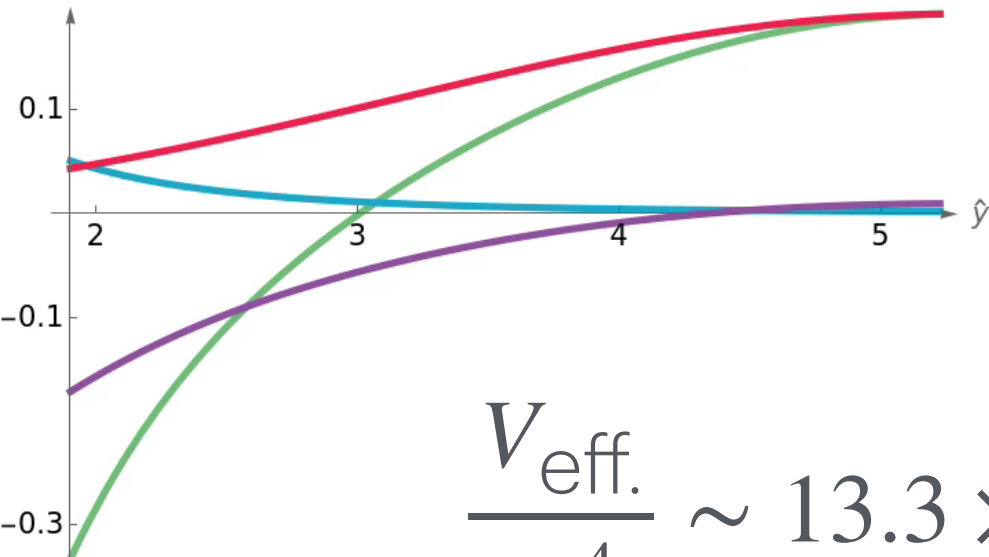
[GBDL, Law, in progress]

- Other approach: direct minimization of effective potential or slow-roll parameters? [cf. GBDL, Silverstein, Torroba, '21]

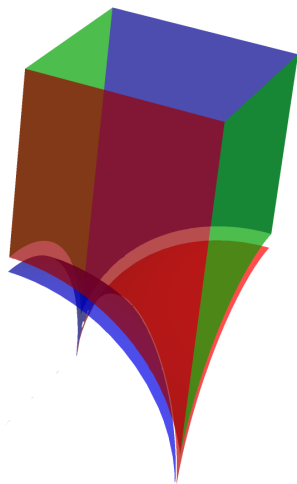


Recap

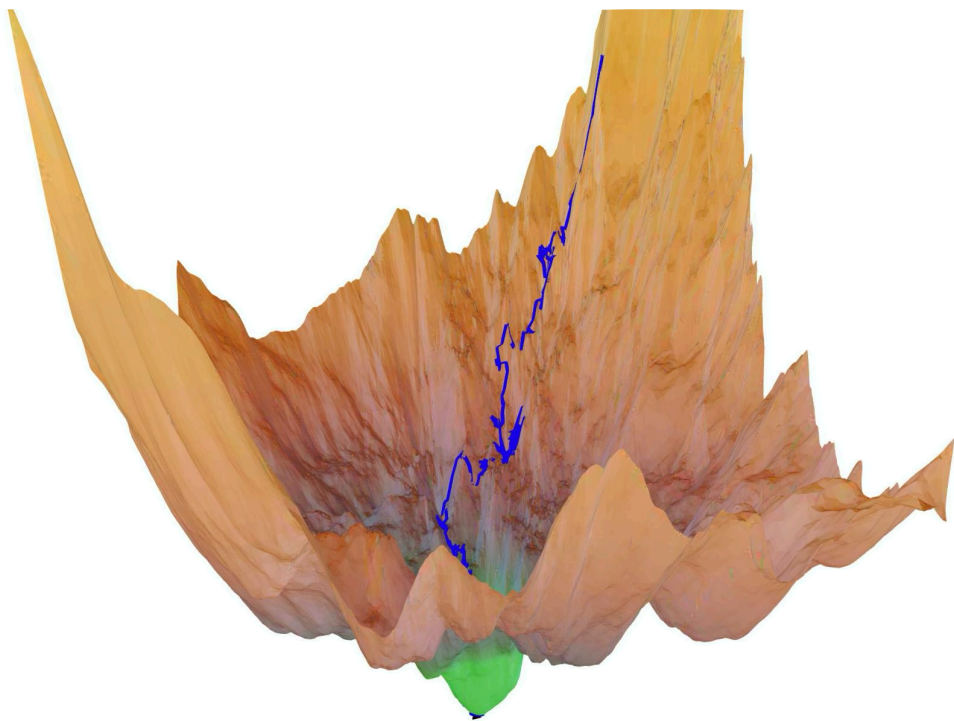
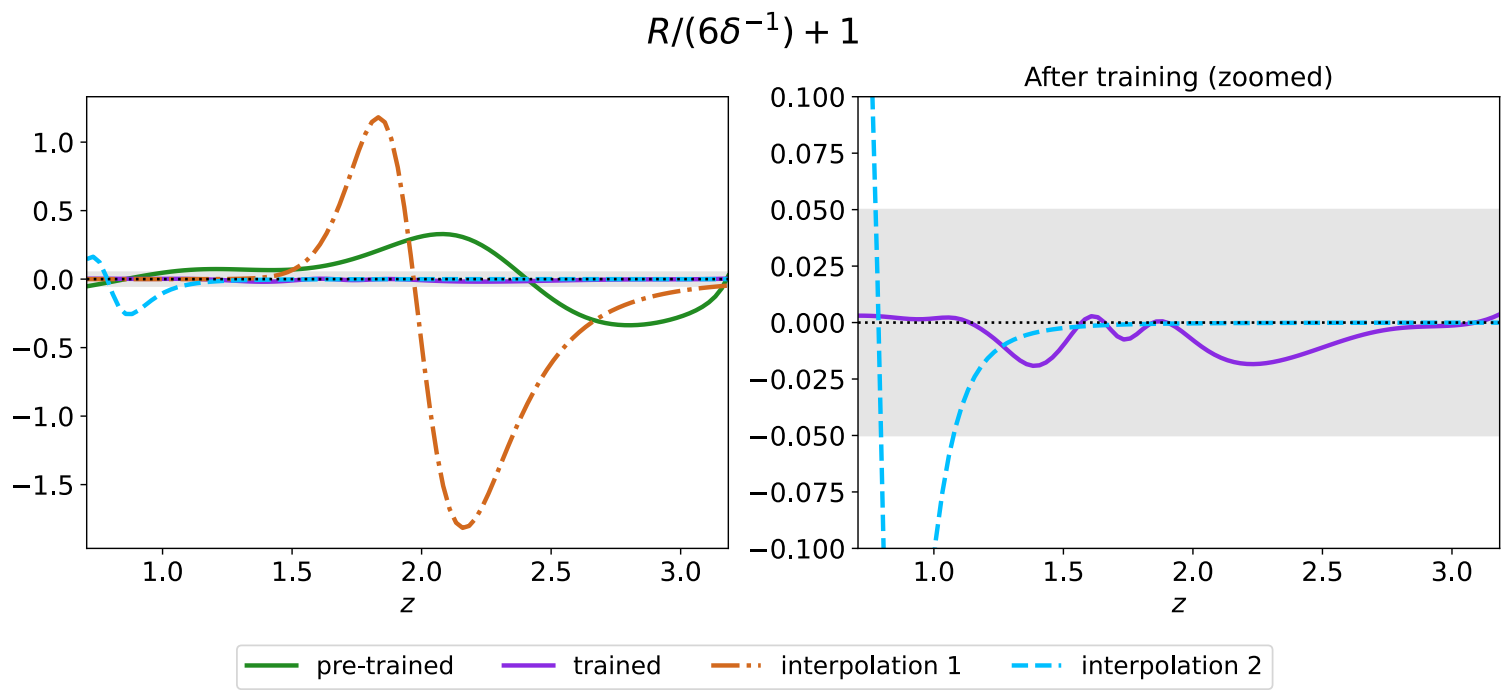
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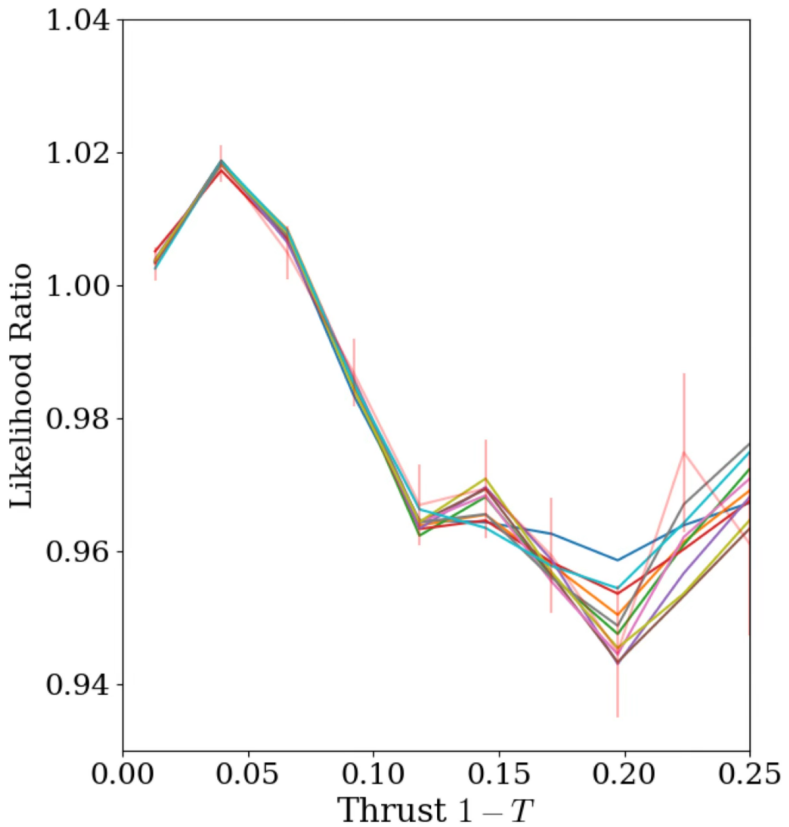
$$\frac{V_{\text{eff.}}}{m_4^4} \sim 13.3 \times 2^{-6N}$$



de Sitter Landscape



Neural Networks Landscapes



Many Physics
applications!