

Absence of Criticality in Open Floquet Systems

— How to Renormalize an Ensemble under Periodic Drive

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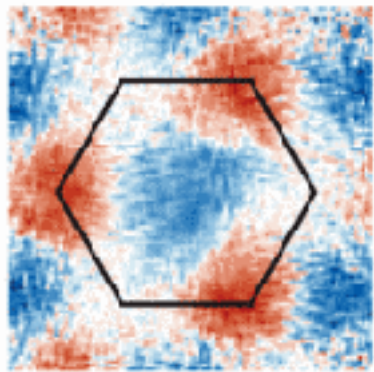


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Periodically Driven Quantum Systems

- Realizations in different platforms

Engineering artificial
gauge fields

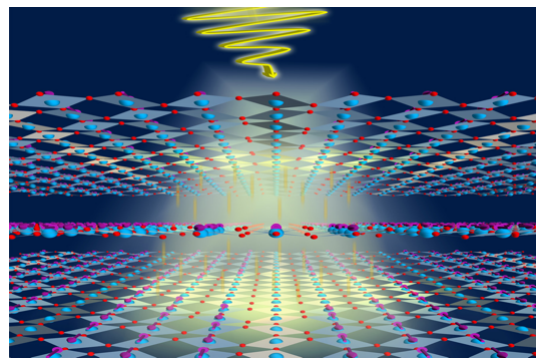


Ultracold atoms

Fläschner et al. Science (2016)
Eckardt, RMP (2017)

driven, closed
often non-interacting

Light induced
superconductivity

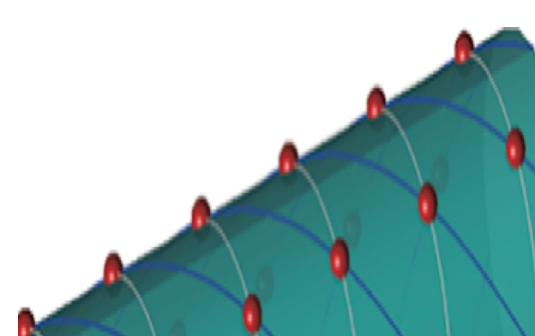


Solid state

Fausti et al. Science (2011)
Mitrano et al. Nature (2016)

driven, open
interacting

Quantum time crystals
Wilczek, PRL (2012)

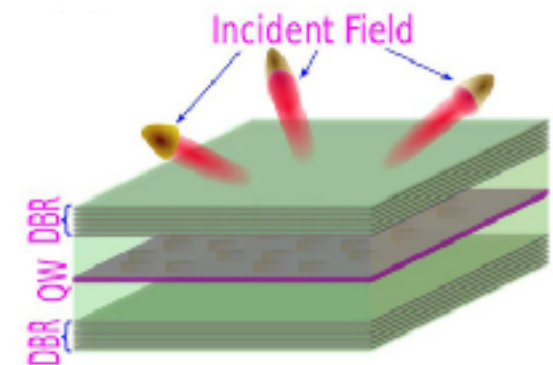


Trapped ions, NV centers

Zhang et al. Nature (2017)
Choi et al. Nature (2017)

driven, closed
short times

Floquet topological
insulators



Polaritons

Karzig et al. PRX (2015)
Nalitov et al. PRL (2015)
Ge, Broer, Liew PRB (2018)

driven, open
interacting

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Seetharam et al., PRX (2015)

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Questions:

What is the **nature of phase transitions** in periodically driven, open quantum systems (3D)?

How to renormalize an open Floquet system?

(1D closed disordered Ising: Berdanier, Kolodrubetz, Parameswaran, Vasseur, arXiv:1803.00019, arXiv:1807.09767)

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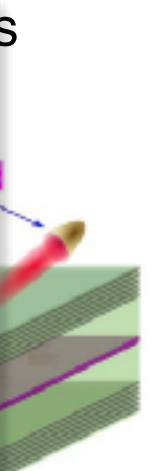
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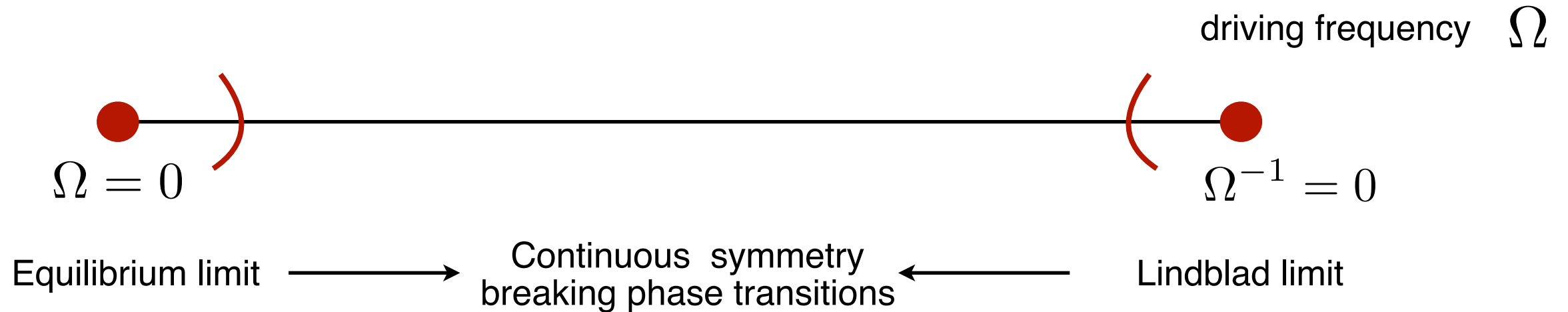


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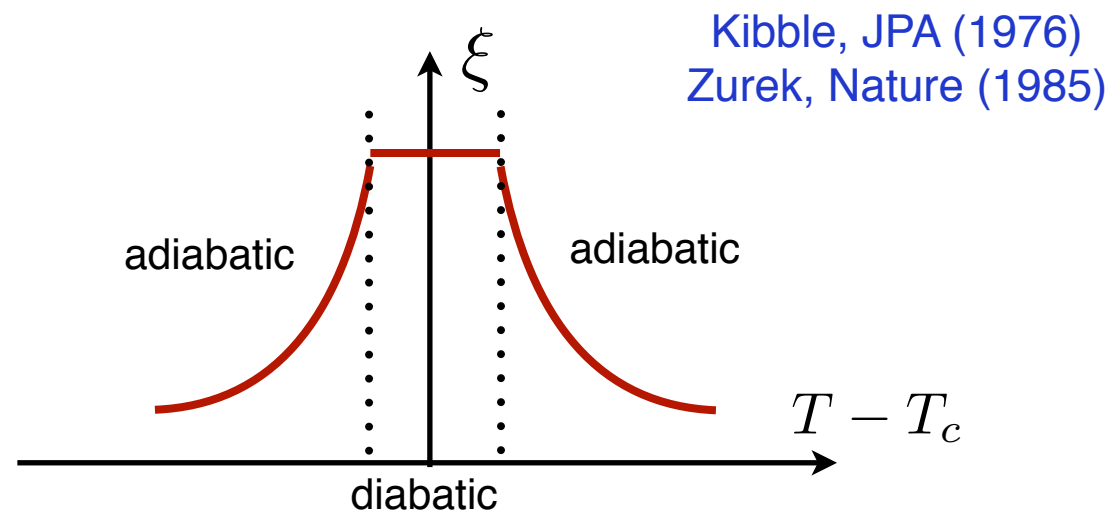
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Periodically Driven Open Quantum Systems

- What is known



Slowly driven regime: **Kibble-Zurek mechanism**



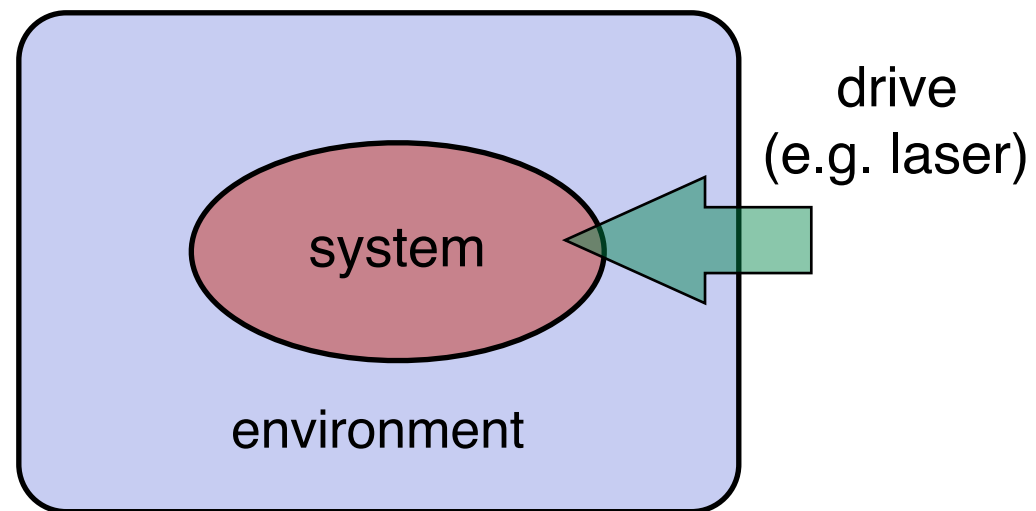
- ξ saturates for
 - production of defects $\nu_\tau \sim (T - T_c)$
- driving rate

Rapidly driven regime: **unknown**

- Plan:
 - Description of driven open quantum systems
 - Modified criticality in the infinitely rapidly driven limit
 - Absence of criticality at rapid, finite drive

- ➔ Second order phase transition 'masked' by slow drive
- ➔ Exponents accessible
- ➔ Universality class not modified

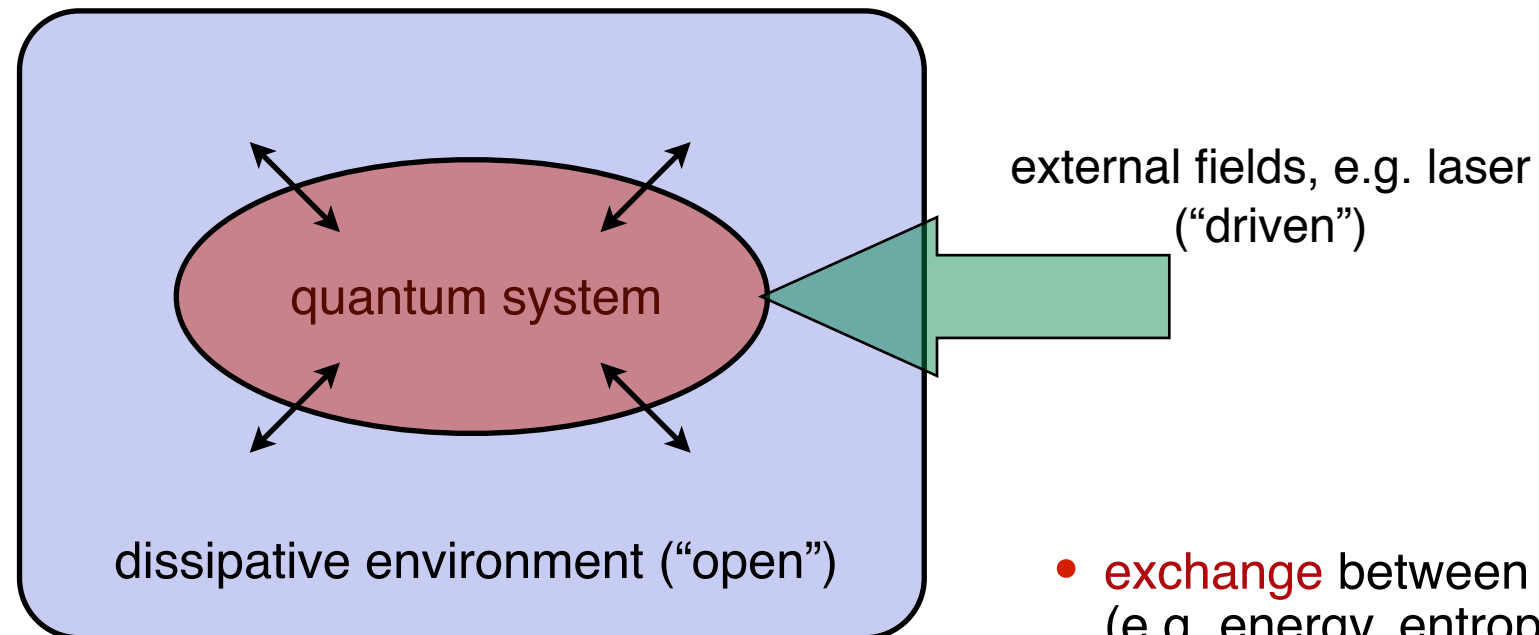
Equilibrium vs. Non-equilibrium



$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \mathcal{D}[\rho] \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad e^{i\Gamma[\Phi]} = \int \mathcal{D}\delta\Phi e^{iS_M[\Phi+\delta\Phi]} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\left(\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k \right)^{-1} \partial_k R_k \right]$$

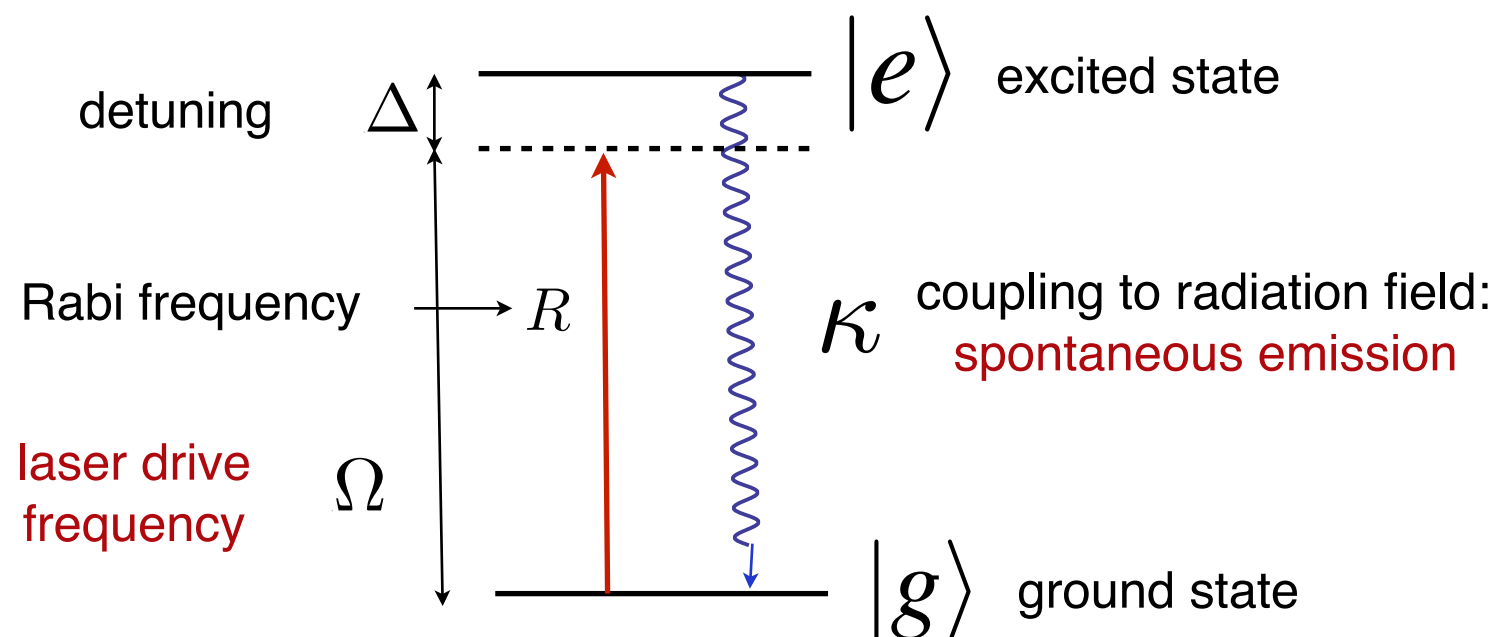
Lindblad limit of driven, open quantum systems

- Quantum Optics: periodically driven and open quantum systems



- exchange** between system and bath (e.g. energy, entropy, particle number)

- example: laser driven atom coupled to the radiation field (two-level system)



- simple fact: **drive essential** to access upper level

- Implications:

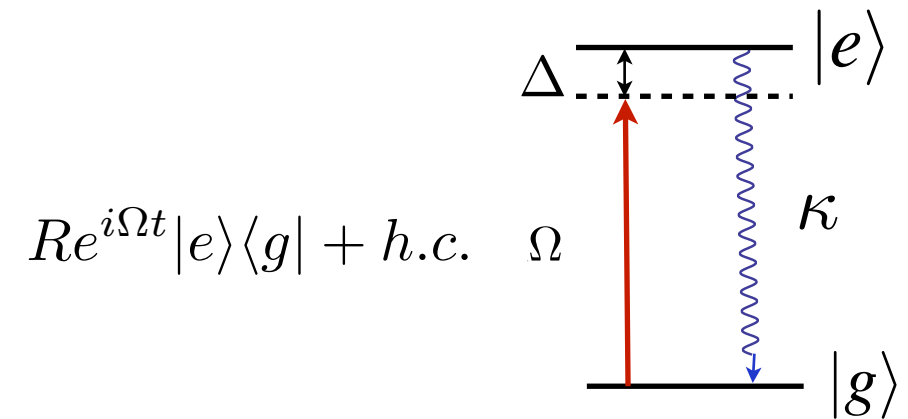
- no guarantee for detailed balance**
- no obedience of the second law** of thermodynamics (state purification)

Lindblad limit

- microscopically system-bath setting

$$\partial_t \rho_{\text{tot}} = -i[H + H_{\text{SB}} + H_{\text{B}}, \rho_{\text{tot}}]$$

continuum of harmonic oscillators



- typical regime: $\frac{\Delta}{\Omega} \sim 10^{-4} \ll 1$

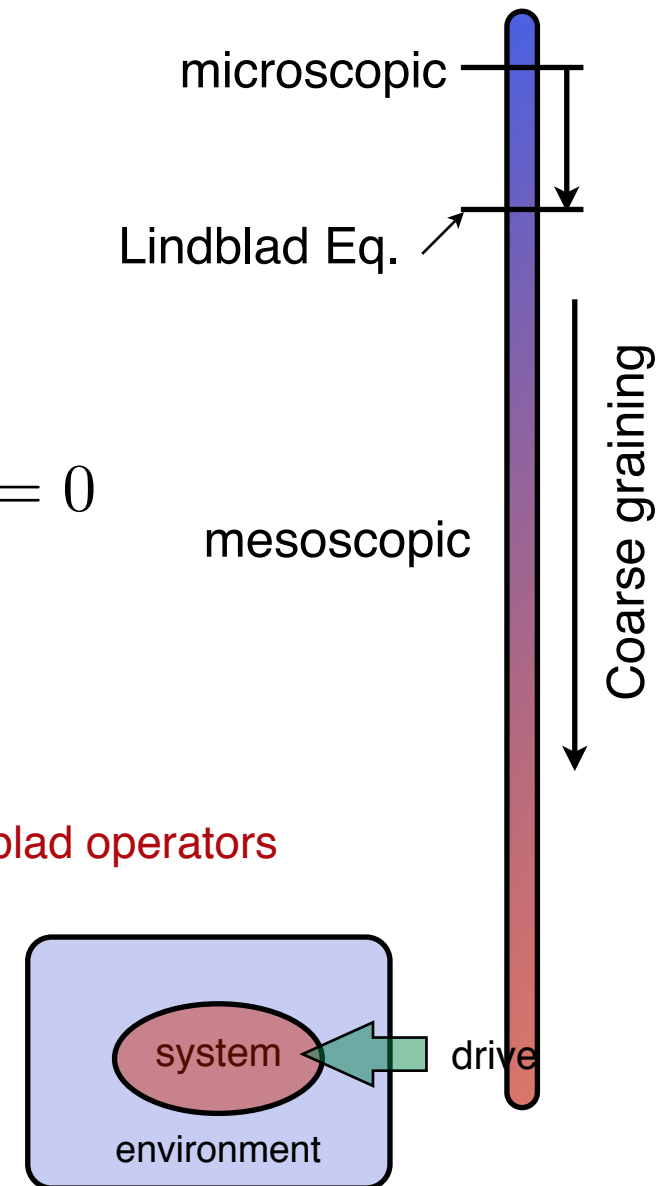
→ drop corrections in rotating wave approximation (+ Born-Markov): $\Omega^{-1} = 0$

- elimination of bath variables: Lindblad master equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \underbrace{-i[H, \rho]}_{\text{coherent evolution}} + \underbrace{\kappa \sum_i (L_i \rho L_i^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_i^\dagger L_i, \rho\})}_{\text{driven-dissipative evolution}}$$

Lindblad operators

system

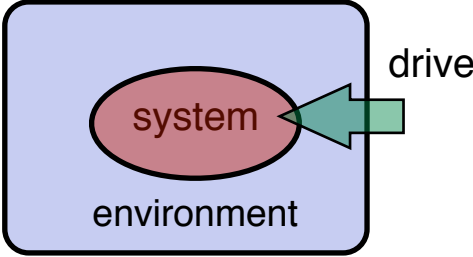


Lindblad limit: interpretation

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The diagram shows a light blue rounded rectangle labeled 'environment' containing a red oval labeled 'system'. A green arrow labeled 'drive' points from the right into the 'system' oval.

- interpretation: rewrite

$$\partial_t \rho = -i(H - i\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_i L_i^\dagger L_i) \rho + h.c. + \kappa \sum_i L_i \rho L_i^\dagger$$

energy

decay (dissipation)

ensures probability
conservation (fluctuation)

$$”E - i\Gamma”$$

$$\partial_t \text{tr} \rho = 0$$

“What is non-equilibrium about it”

- Field theory representation: Keldysh functional integral for stationary states

$$U(t, t_0) = e^{-iH(t-t_0)}$$

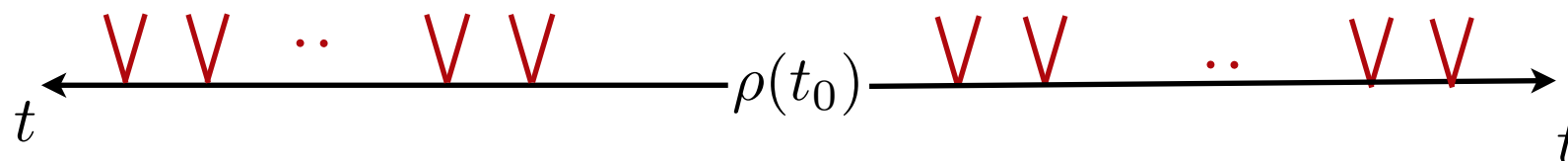
- Schrödinger equation: evolving a state **vector**

$$i\partial_t|\psi\rangle(t) = H|\psi\rangle(t) \Rightarrow |\psi\rangle(t) = U(t, t_0)|\psi\rangle(t_0)$$



- Heisenberg-von Neumann equation: evolving a state (density) **matrix**

$$\partial_t\rho(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)] \Rightarrow \rho(t) = U(t, t_0)\rho(t_0)U^\dagger(t, t_0)$$

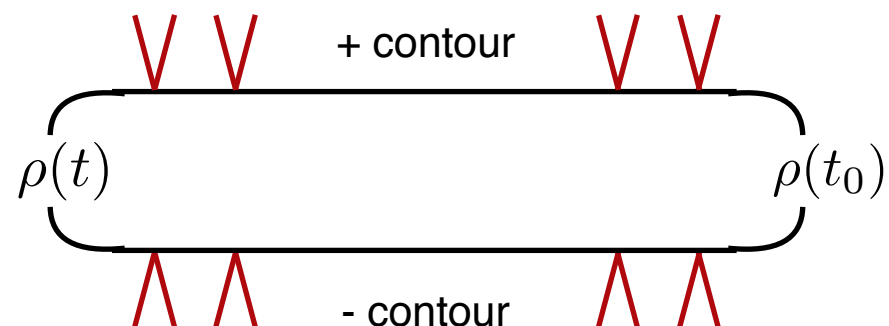


- Same is true for the Lindblad master equation:

$$\partial_t\rho = -i[H, \rho] + \kappa \sum_i L_i \rho L_i^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_i^\dagger L_i, \rho\} \equiv \mathcal{L}[\rho] \Rightarrow \rho(t) = e^{\mathcal{L}(t-t_0)} \rho(t_0)$$

- Keldysh partition function

$$Z = \text{tr}\rho(t \rightarrow \infty) = 1$$



Keldysh functional integral

- quantum master equation: $\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \mathcal{D}[\rho]$

$$= -i(H\rho - \rho H) + \kappa \sum_i (L_i \rho L_i^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} L_i^\dagger L_i \rho - \frac{1}{2} \rho L_i^\dagger L_i)$$

- equivalent Keldysh functional integral:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}(\Phi_+, \Phi_-) e^{i(S_M[\Phi_+, \Phi_-])} \quad \Phi_\pm = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_\pm \\ \phi_\pm^* \end{pmatrix}$$

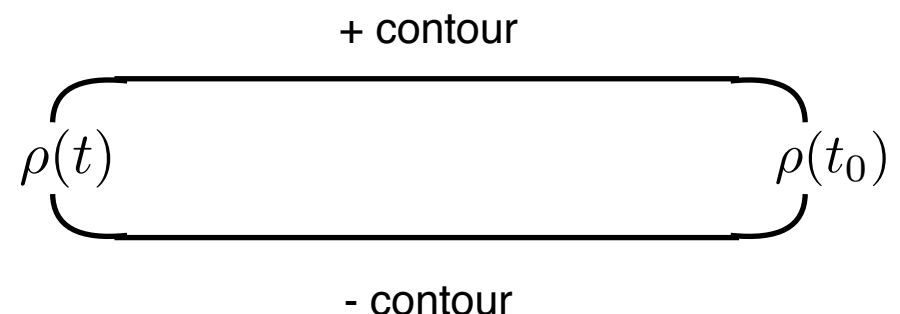
$$S_M[\Phi_+, \Phi_-] = \int dt (\phi_+^* i \partial_t \phi_+ - \phi_-^* i \partial_t \phi_- - i \mathcal{L}[\Phi_+, \Phi_-])$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\Phi_+, \Phi_-] = -i (H_+ - H_-) - \kappa \sum_i \left(L_{i,+} L_{i,-}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} L_{i,+}^\dagger L_{i,+} - \frac{1}{2} L_{i,-}^\dagger L_{i,-} \right)$$

$$H_\pm = H(\Phi_\pm) \text{ etc.}$$

- recognize Lindblad structure
- simple translation table (for normal ordered Liouvillian)

- operator right of density matrix → - contour
- operator left of density matrix → + contour



“What is non-equilibrium about it?”

- quantum master equation: $\partial_t \rho = \underbrace{-i[H, \rho]}_{\Rightarrow S_H} + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}[\rho]}_{\Rightarrow S_D}$

- Keldysh partition function

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}(\Phi_+, \Phi_-) e^{i(S_H[\Phi_+, \Phi_-] + S_D[\Phi_+, \Phi_-])}$$

- equilibrium dynamics generated by a **time-independent Hamiltonian** alone (global [S+B] energy conservation)

$$S_D = 0$$

Sieberer, Chiocchetta, Täuber, Gambassi, SD PRB (2015)

Aron, Biroli, Cugliandolo, SciPost (2018)

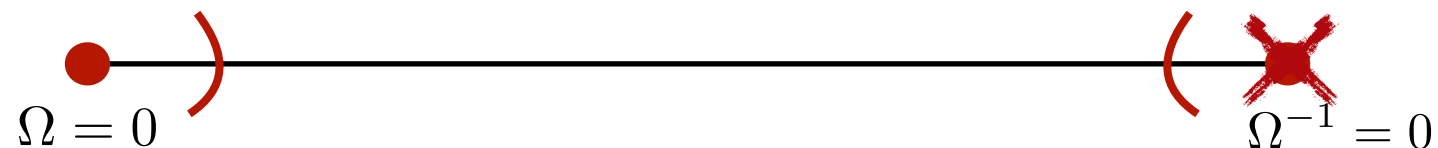
classical limit: Janssen (1976)

- ➔ **symmetry** of Keldysh action under transformation

$$\mathcal{T}_\beta \Phi_\pm(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Phi_\pm^*(-t \pm i\beta/2, \mathbf{x}) \quad \Phi_\pm = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_\pm \\ \phi_\pm^* \end{pmatrix}$$

- associated “Ward identities” are equilibrium quantum Fluctuation-Dissipation relations to arbitrary order
- compact functional formulation of KMS boundary condition

- ➔ the Liouville operator (or S_D) violates this symmetry **explicitly** (memory of microscopic periodic drive)
- ➔ consequences of the absence of this symmetry on criticality?



Many-Body Model

- generic microscopic many-body model:

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \mathcal{D}[\rho] \equiv \mathcal{L}[\rho]$$

$$H = \int_{\mathbf{x}} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\Delta}{2M} - \mu \right) \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}})^2$$

$$\mathcal{D}[\rho] = \underbrace{\gamma_p \int_{\mathbf{x}} [\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} \rho \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger}, \rho \}]}_{\text{single particle pump}} + \underbrace{\gamma_l \int_{\mathbf{x}} [\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \rho \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}, \rho \}]}_{\text{single particle loss}} +$$

- U(1) phase rotation symmetry

$$\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

- practical evaluation:

Many-Body Master Equation

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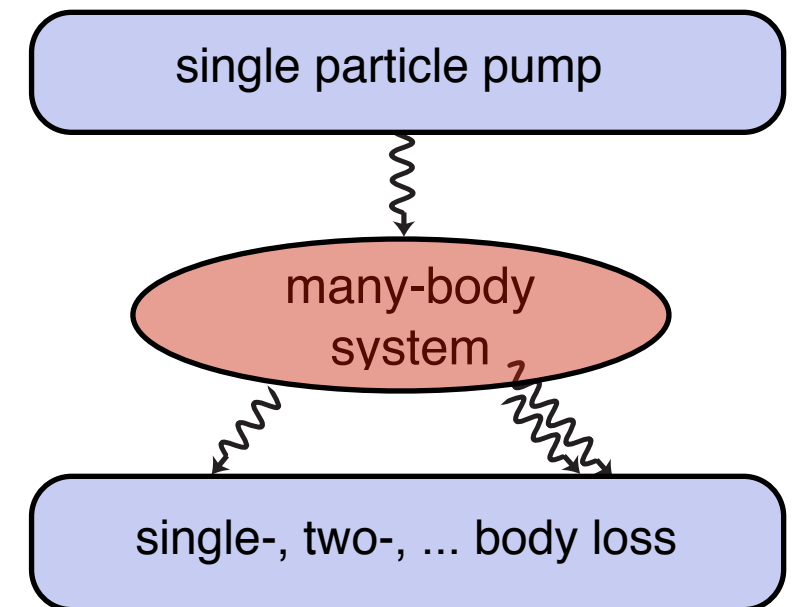
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Keldysh Functional
Renormalization Group

Wetterich, 93

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closed system Keldysh:
Gasenzer, Pawłowski, PLB 08;
Berges, Hoffmeister, Nucl. Phys. B, 09

open system Keldysh review
Sieberer, Buchhold, SD, ROPP
(2016)

Non-Eq. ϕ^4 Theory: Phase Transition

- 3D: mean field approximation

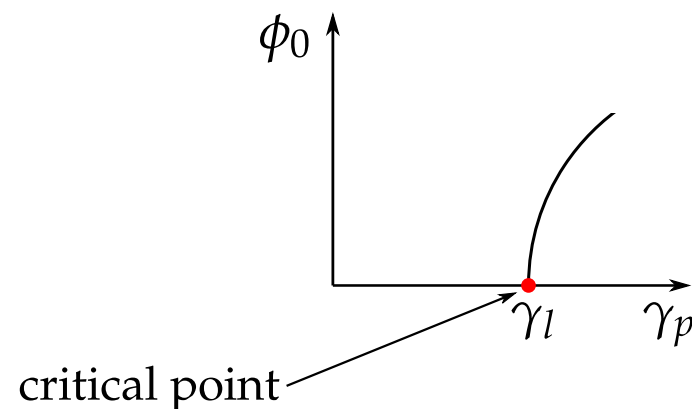
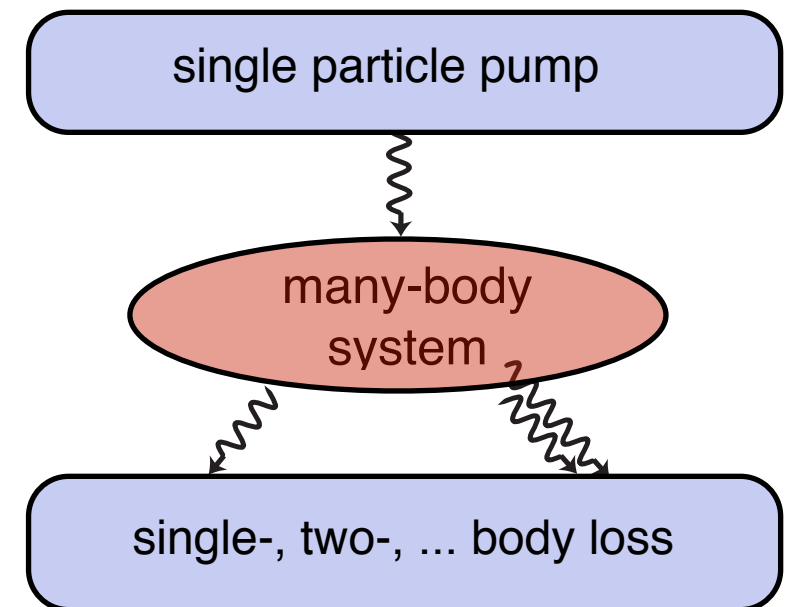
- study field expectation value

$$\langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle(t) = \text{tr}[\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \rho(t)]$$

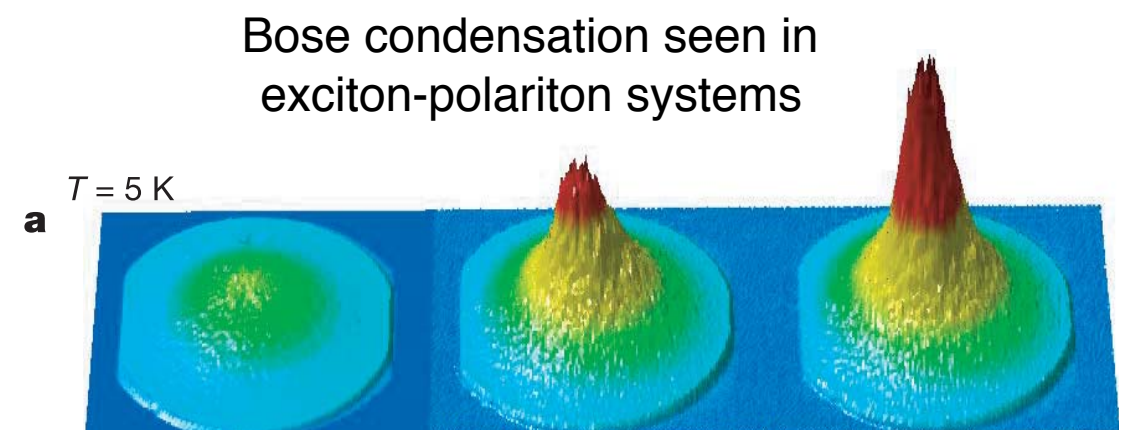
- mean field: factorize correlation functions
- consider spatially homogeneous configuration

$$\langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle(t) \equiv \phi(t)$$

$$\partial_t \phi = [i\mu - (\gamma_l - \gamma_p) + (-i\lambda - \kappa) |\phi|^2] \phi$$

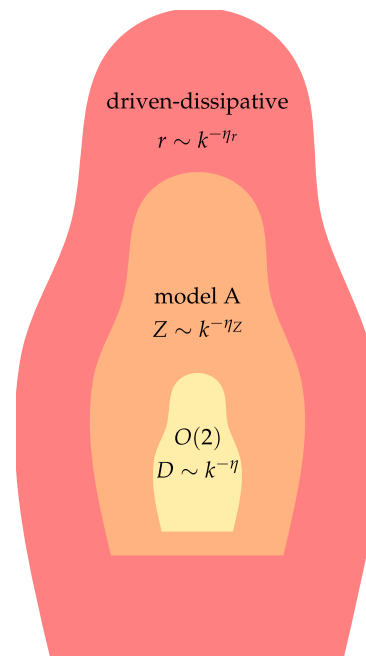


Kasprzak et al.,
Nature 2006

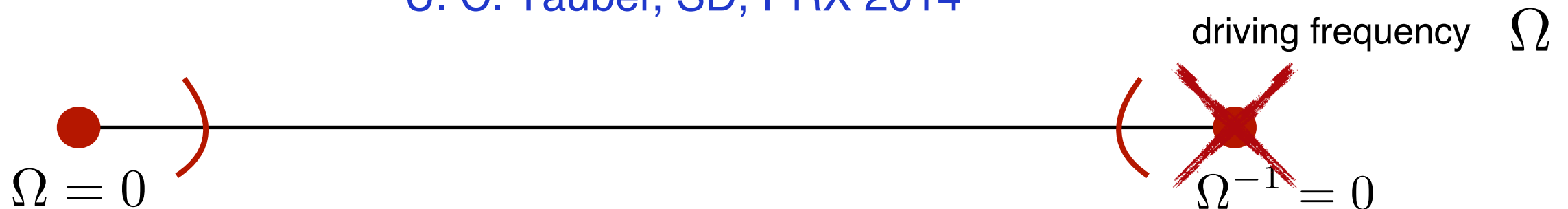


➔ Suggests **continuous symmetry breaking** phase transition in infinitely rapidly driven limit (many-body laser threshold)

Driven Open Criticality: Infinitely rapidly driven limit



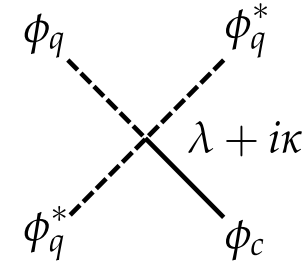
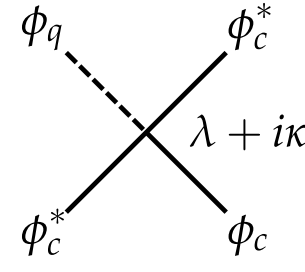
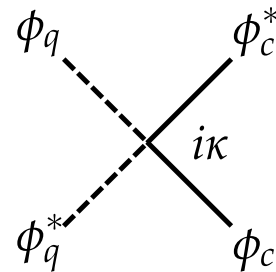
L. Sieberer, S. Huber, E. Altman, SD,
PRL 2013; PRB 2014
U. C. Täuber, SD, PRX 2014



Semiclassical limit: power counting

- Quantum master equation \rightarrow Keldysh functional integral, with action

$$\mathcal{S} = \int_{t,\mathbf{x}} \left\{ (\phi_c^*, \phi_q^*) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P^A \\ P^R & P^K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_c \\ \phi_q \end{pmatrix} + 2i\kappa \phi_c^* \phi_c \phi_q^* \phi_q - \frac{1}{2} [(\lambda + i\kappa) (\phi_c^{*2} \phi_c \phi_q + \phi_q^{*2} \phi_c \phi_q) + c.c.] \right\}$$



microscopic

Lindblad Eq.

mesoscopic

semiclassical

Coarse graining

- Gaussian sector **close to a critical point**:

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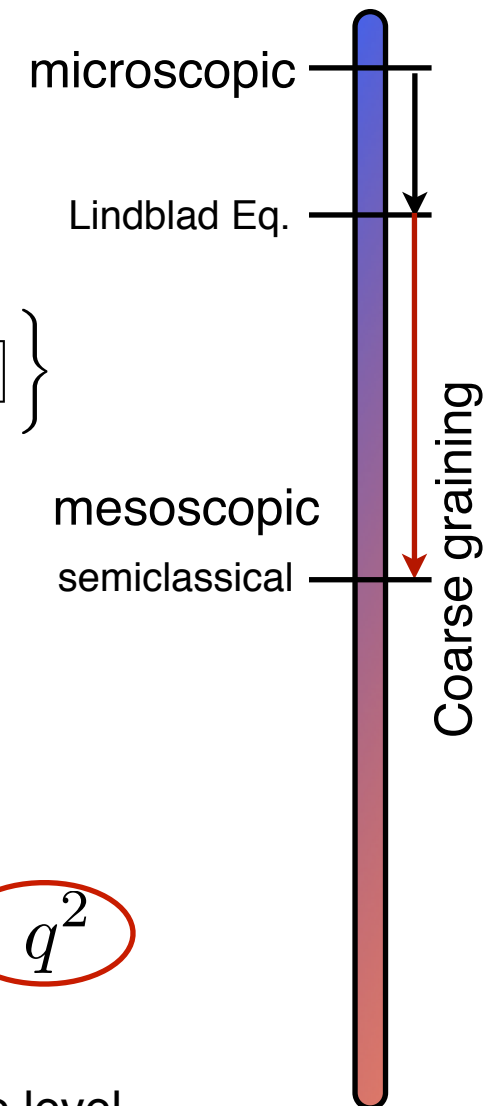
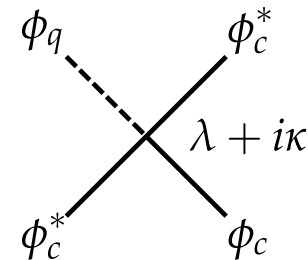
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\rightarrow Equivalent to MSRJD functional integral

\rightarrow Equivalence to phenomenological semiclassical Langevin equations (phase coherence preserved)

\rightarrow Non-equilibrium analog of **classical** criticality

Wouters and Carusotto PRL (2006);
Szymanska, Keeling, Littlewood PRL (2004)

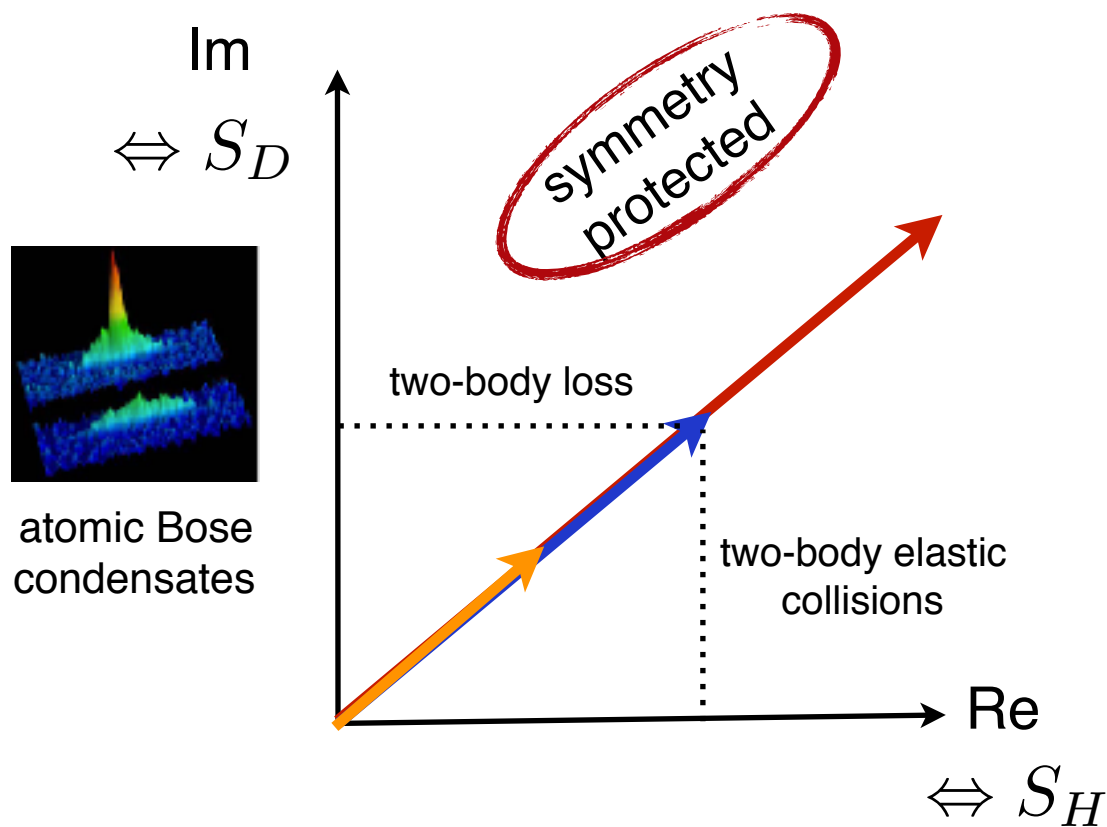
\rightarrow Possible to evade: non-equilibrium analog of **quantum** criticality (dark state engineering)

Marino, SD PRL (2016)

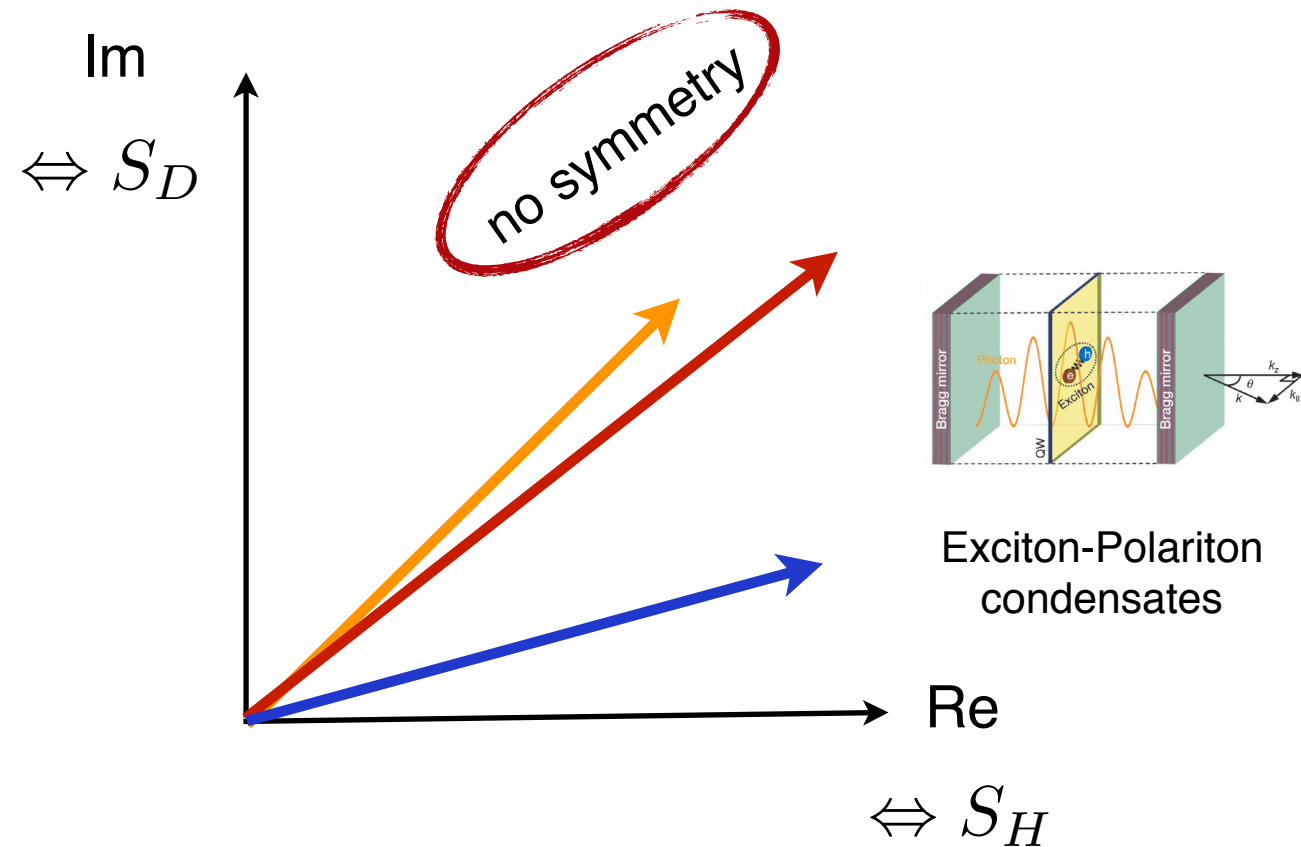
“What is non-equilibrium about it”, cont’d

- implication of equilibrium symmetry in semiclassical limit
- reversible and irreversible contributions to action: $S = S_H + S_D$

equilibrium dynamics

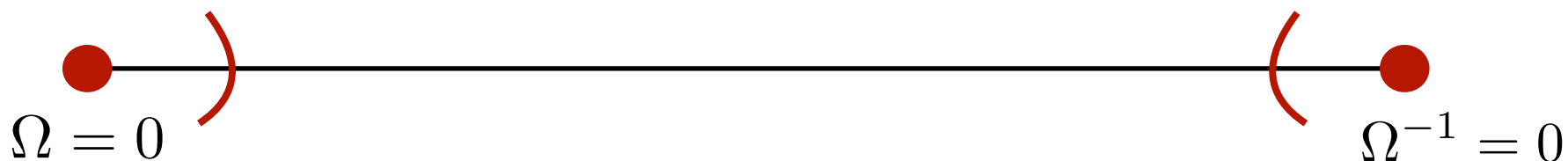


non-equilibrium dynamics



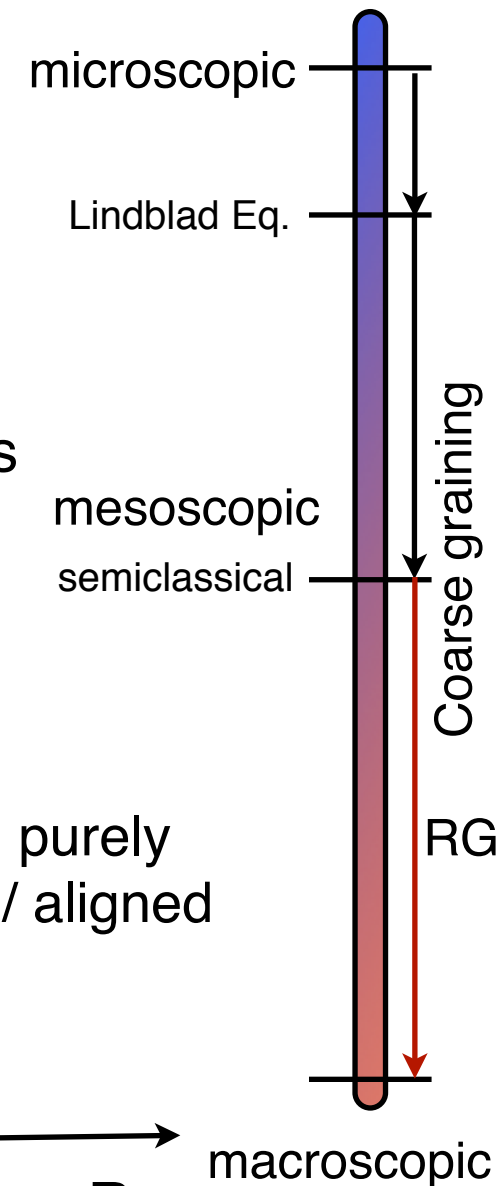
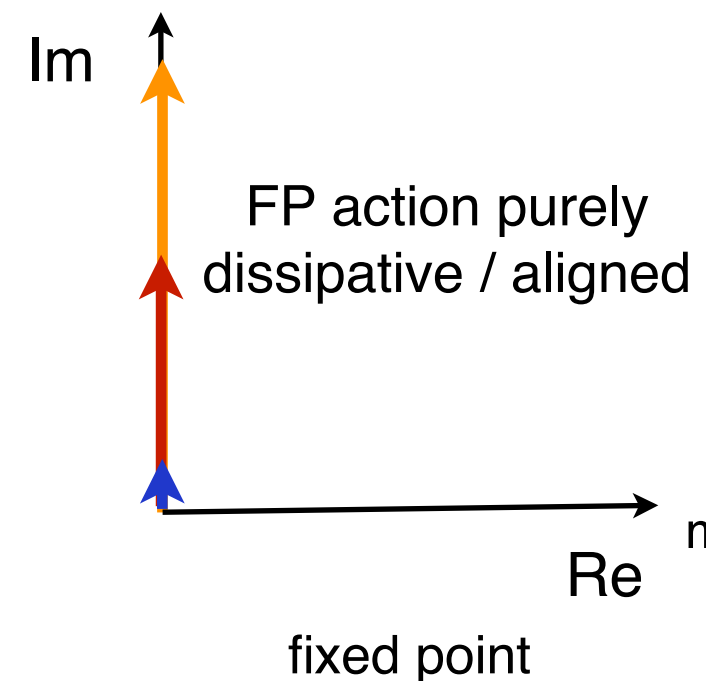
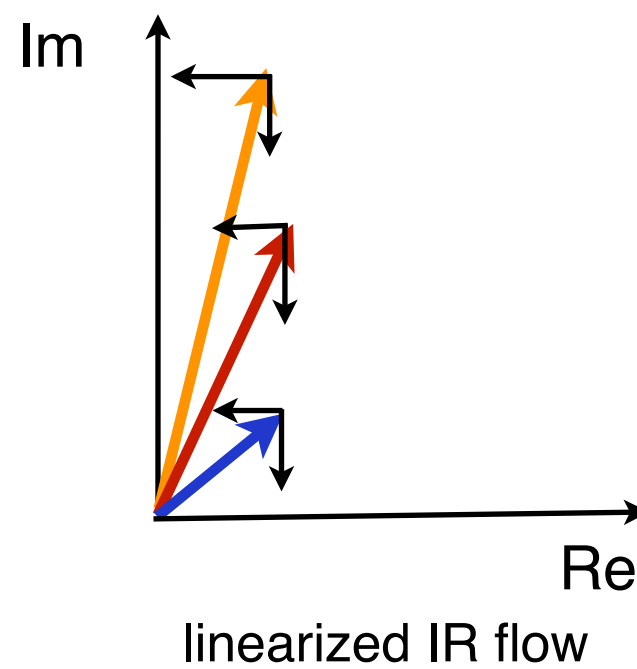
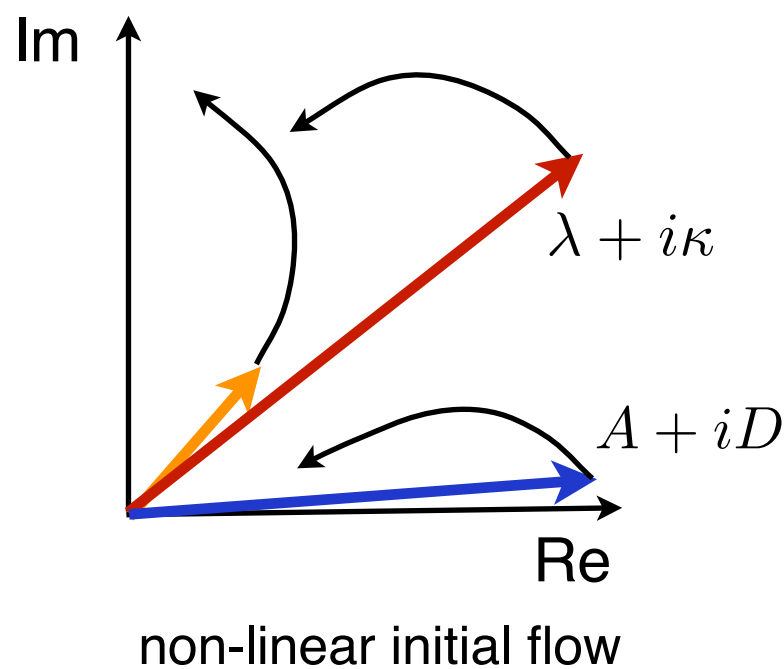
- coherent and dissipative dynamics may occur simultaneously
- but they are not independent

- coherent and dissipative dynamics do occur simultaneously
- they result from different dynamical resources



Schematic RG flow

- How much information on breaking of detailed balance is lost at criticality?
- Flow in the complex plane of couplings: (Functional) RG for driven open systems



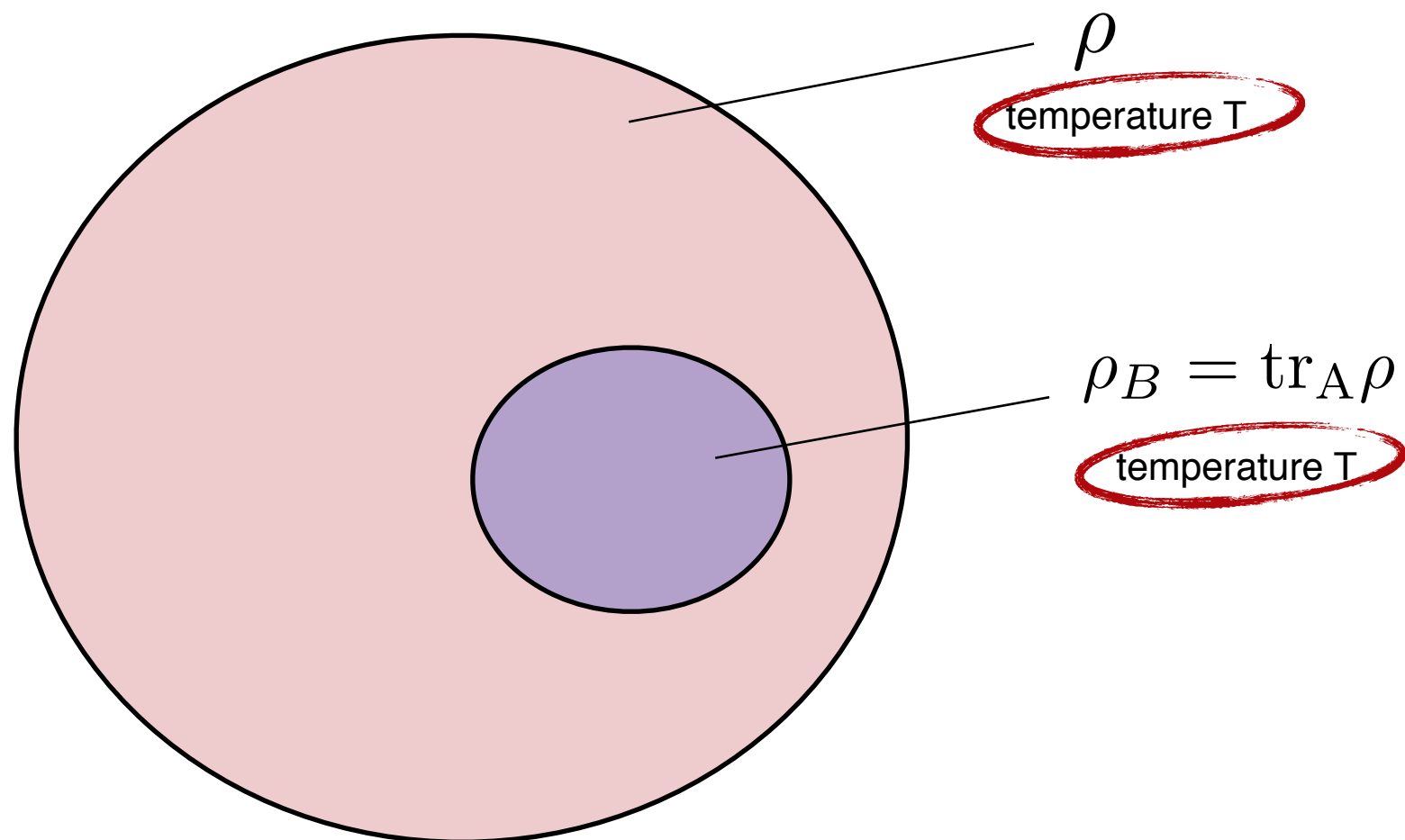
- initial values: $\Gamma_{k \approx \Lambda_0} \approx S$

- universal domain encoding universality class

- decoherence
- asymptotic thermalization

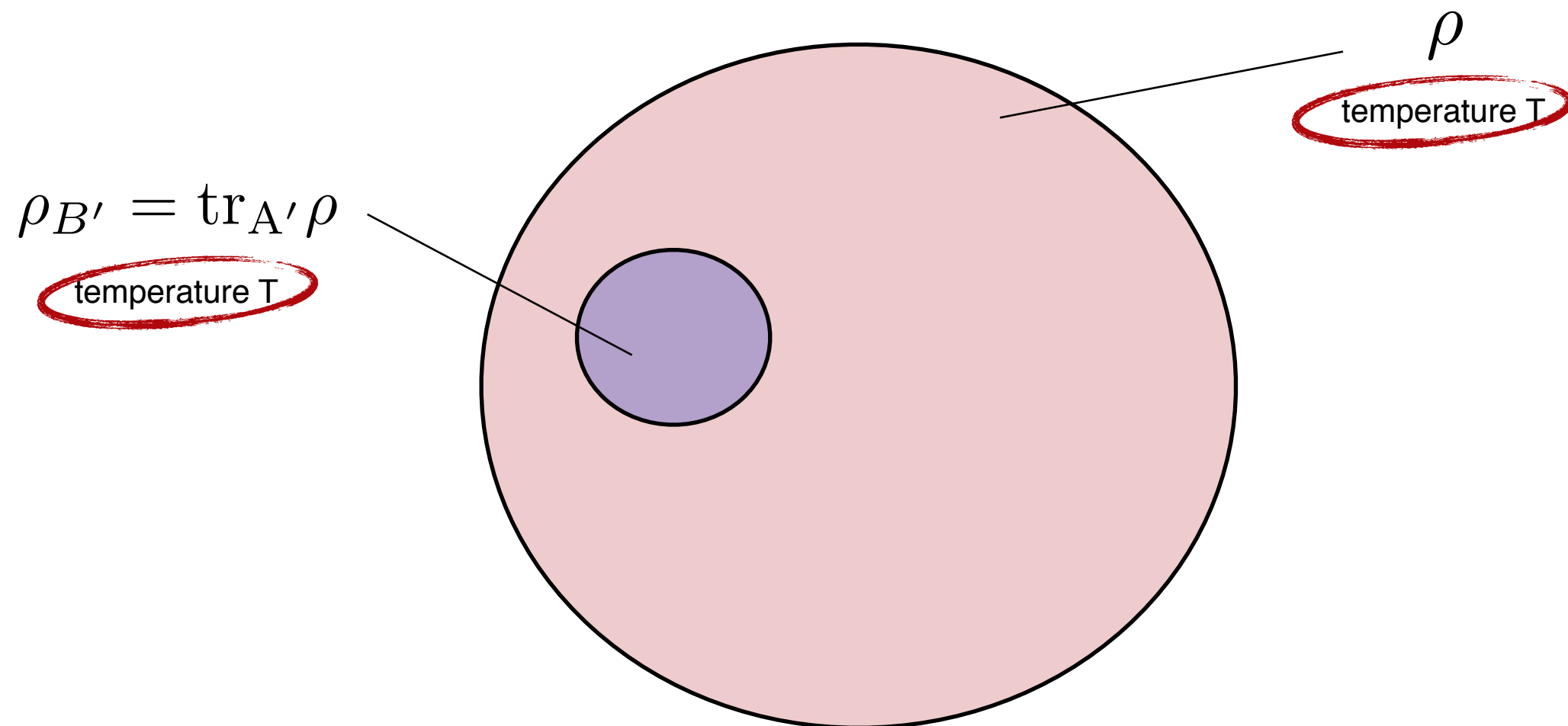
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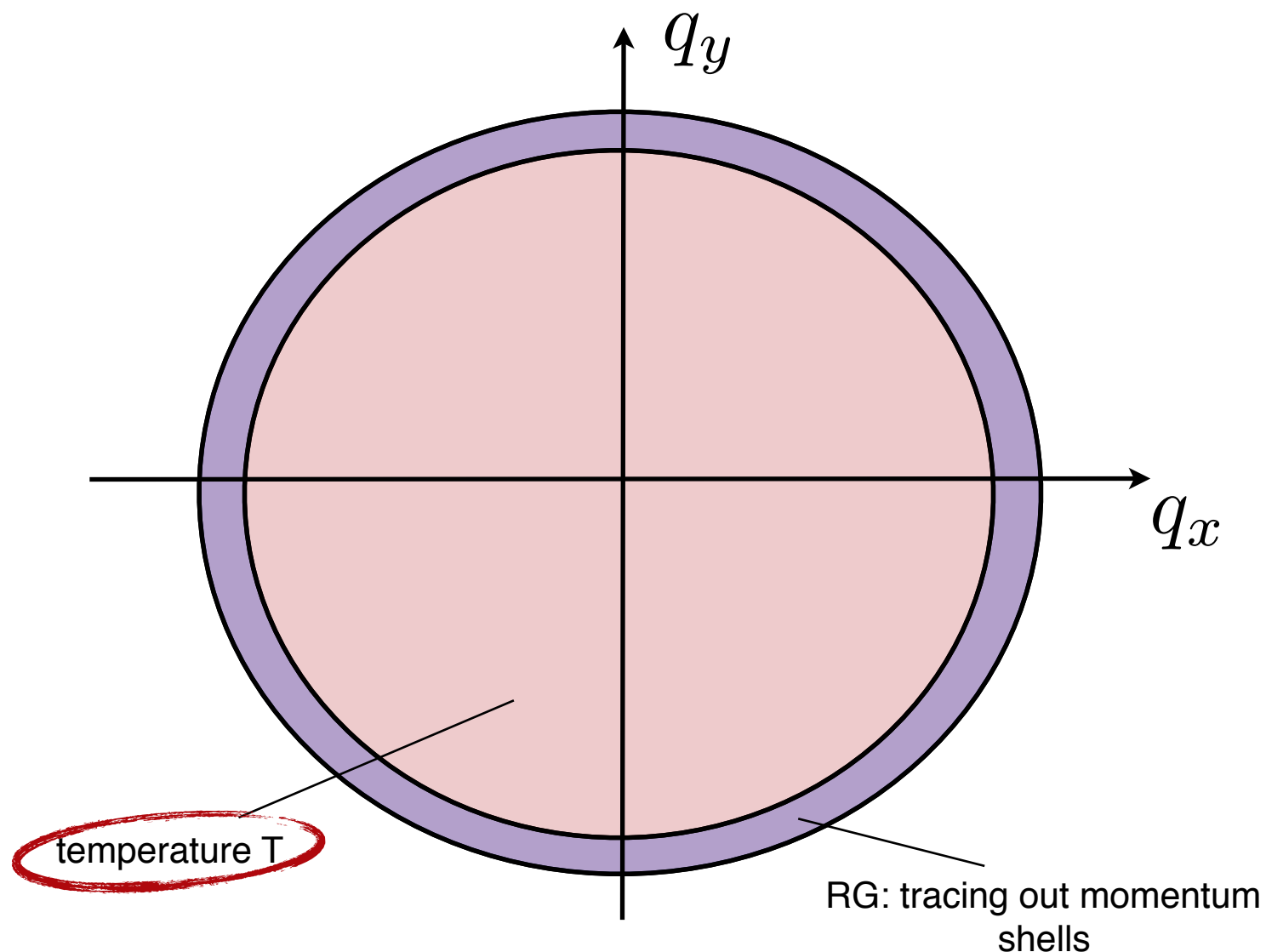


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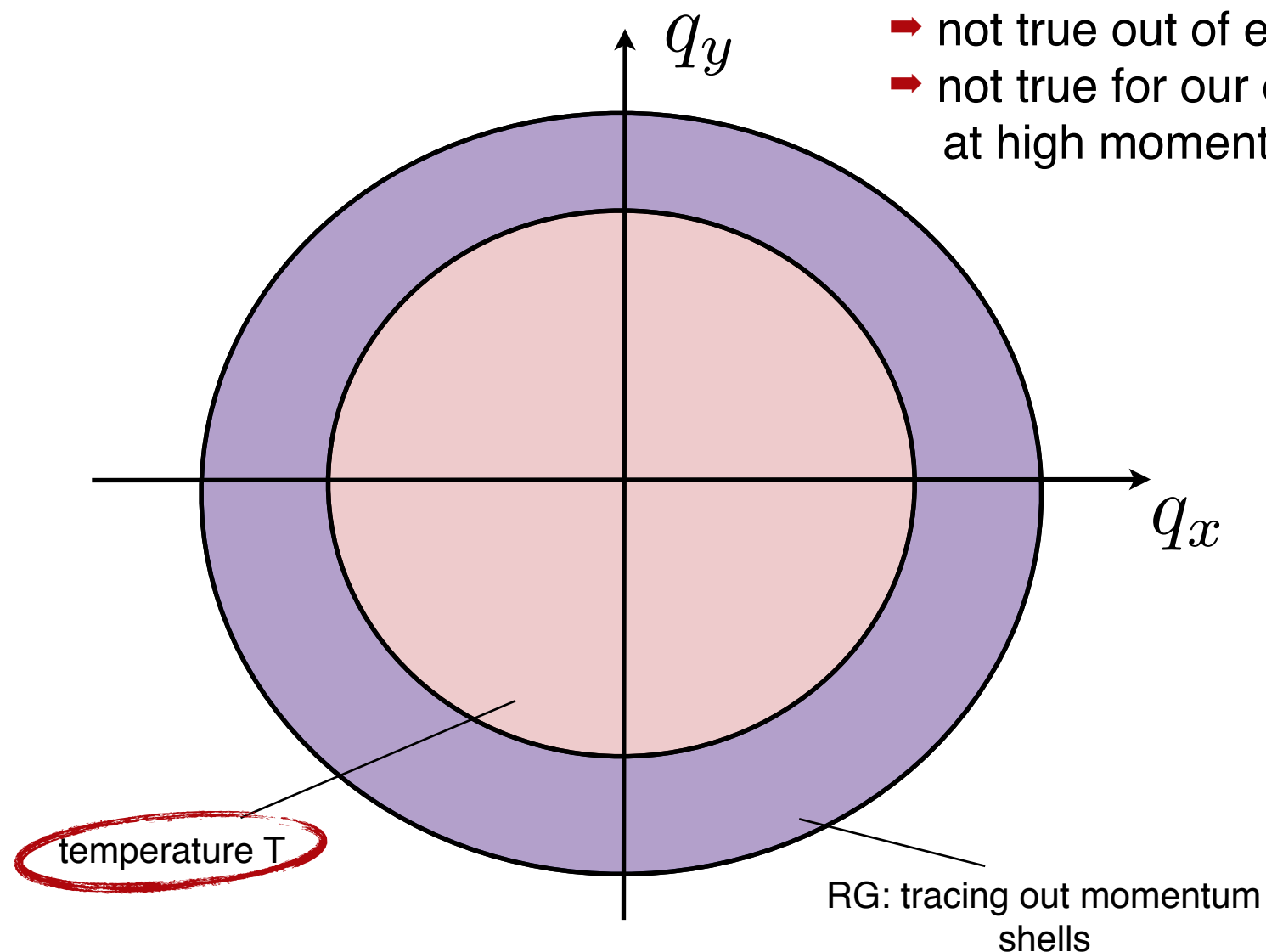


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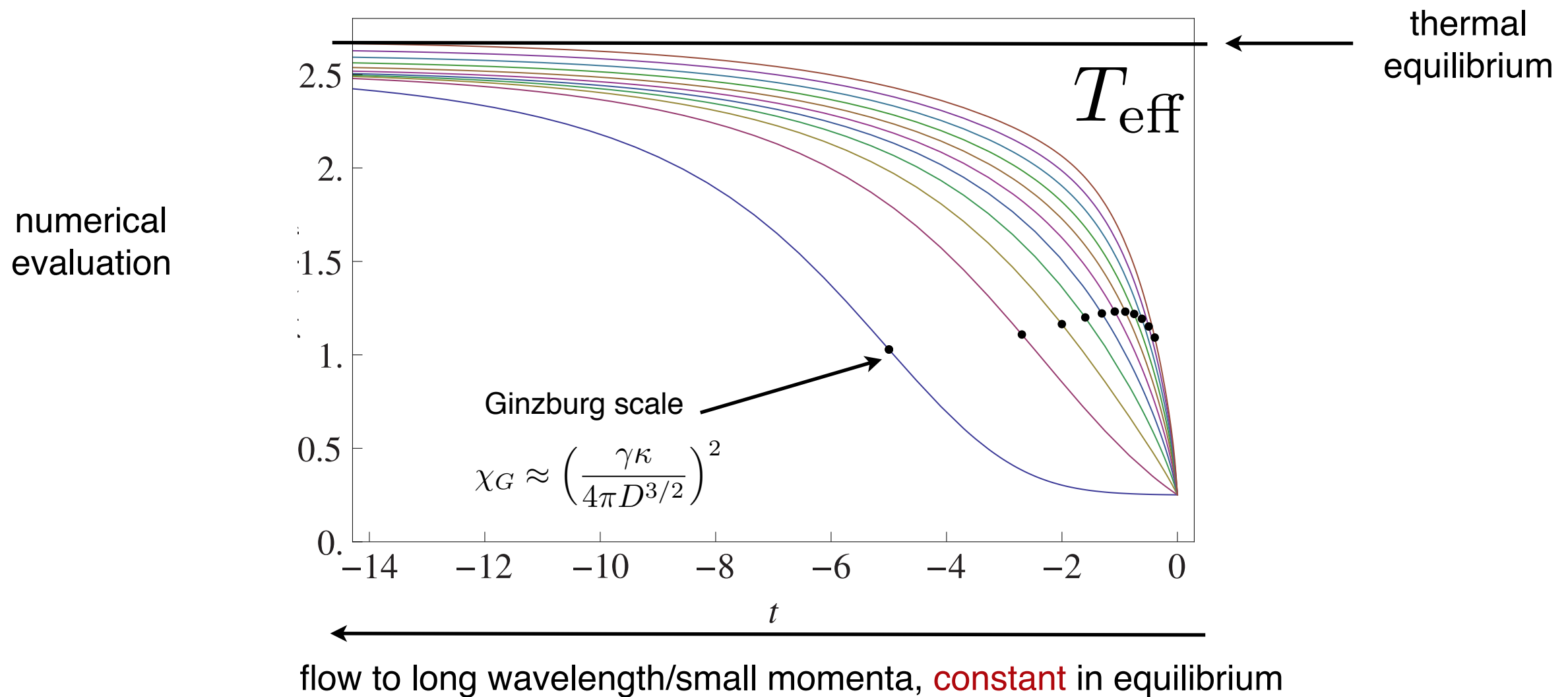


→ not true out of equilibrium

→ not true for our driven-dissipative system at high momenta

Asymptotic Low-Frequency Thermalization

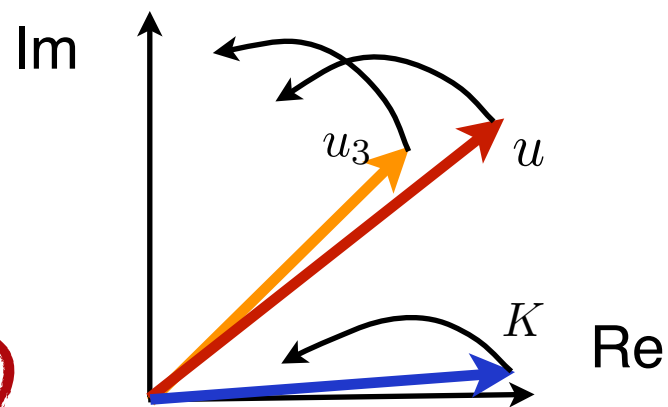
- emergent **scale invariant effective temperature** in the universal low-momentum regime: asymptotic thermalization



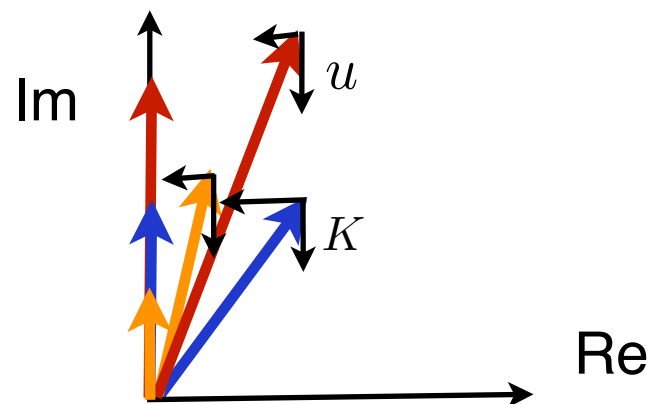
New universality: Equilibrium vs. non-equilibrium fine structure

- RG approach to fixed point

non-equilibrium dynamics

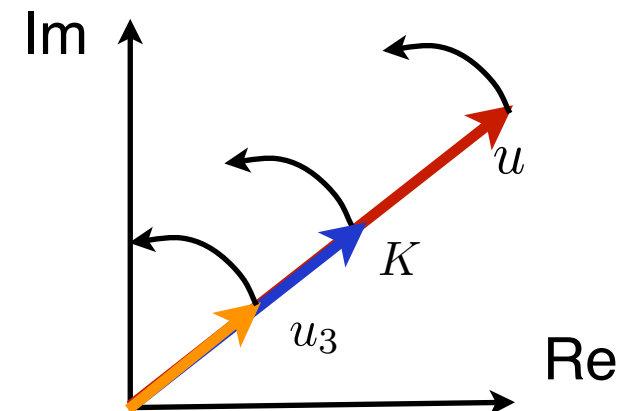


initial flow

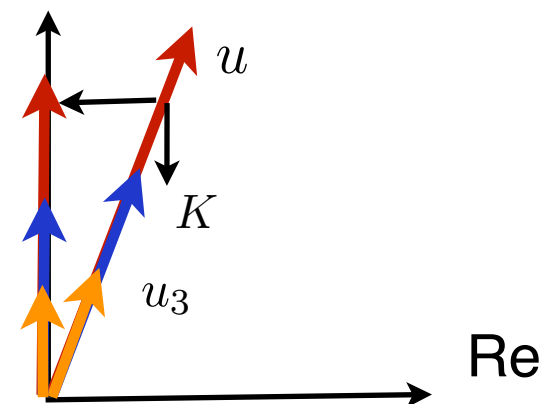


- lowest eigenvalue
 $\eta_R \approx -0.143$

equilibrium dynamics



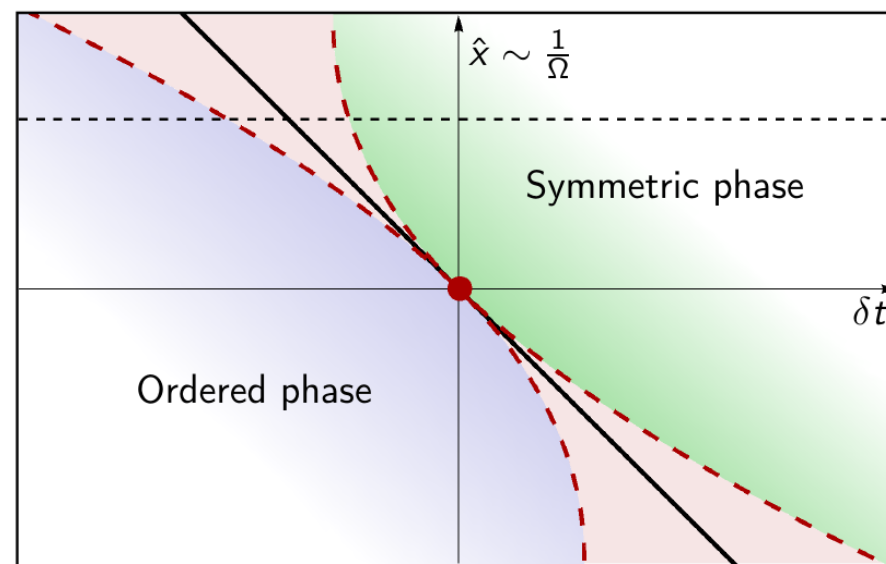
long-wavelength flow



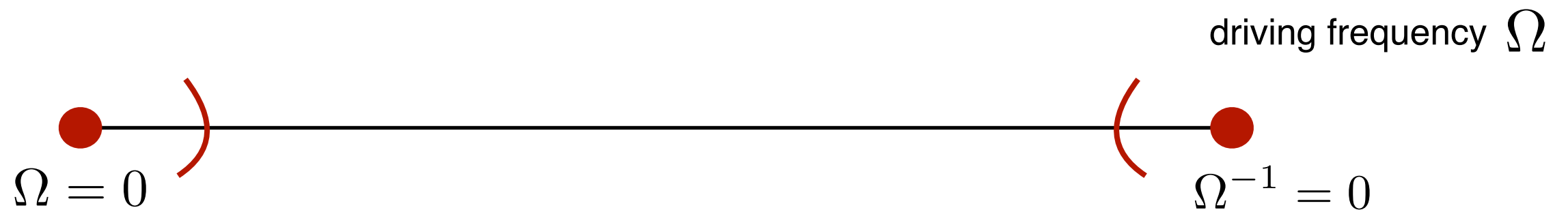
- eigenvalue of flow speed
 $\eta_r \approx -0.101$

- ➔ identifies new independent critical exponent, measuring universal decoherence
- ➔ equilibrium and driven systems in different dyn. universality classes
- ➔ physical reason: independence of coherent and dissipative dynamics

Periodically Driven Open Criticality: Rapidly Driven Regime



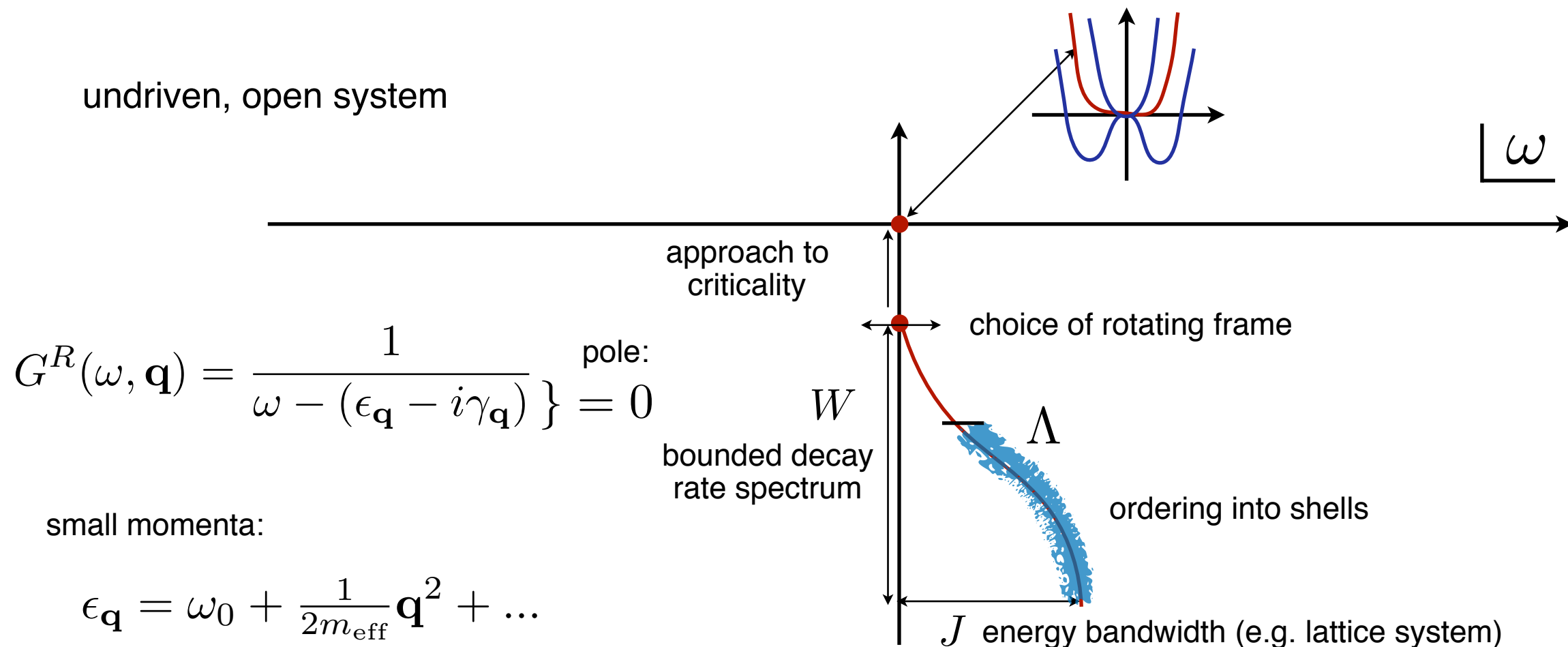
S. Mathey, SD, arxiv:1807.02146



Basic Physical Picture

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- But: energy not conserved, defined only $\text{mod}(\Omega)$: ‘high’ and ‘low’ energies not well defined
(can exchange energy quanta $n \cdot \hbar\Omega$ with drive)
- Pole structure of single particle Green’s function (dynamic susceptibility) with bounded spectrum

undriven, open system



$$G^R(\omega, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{\omega - (\epsilon_{\mathbf{q}} - i\gamma_{\mathbf{q}})} \quad \text{pole: } = 0$$

small momenta:

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{q}} = \omega_0 + \frac{1}{2m_{\text{eff}}} \mathbf{q}^2 + \dots$$

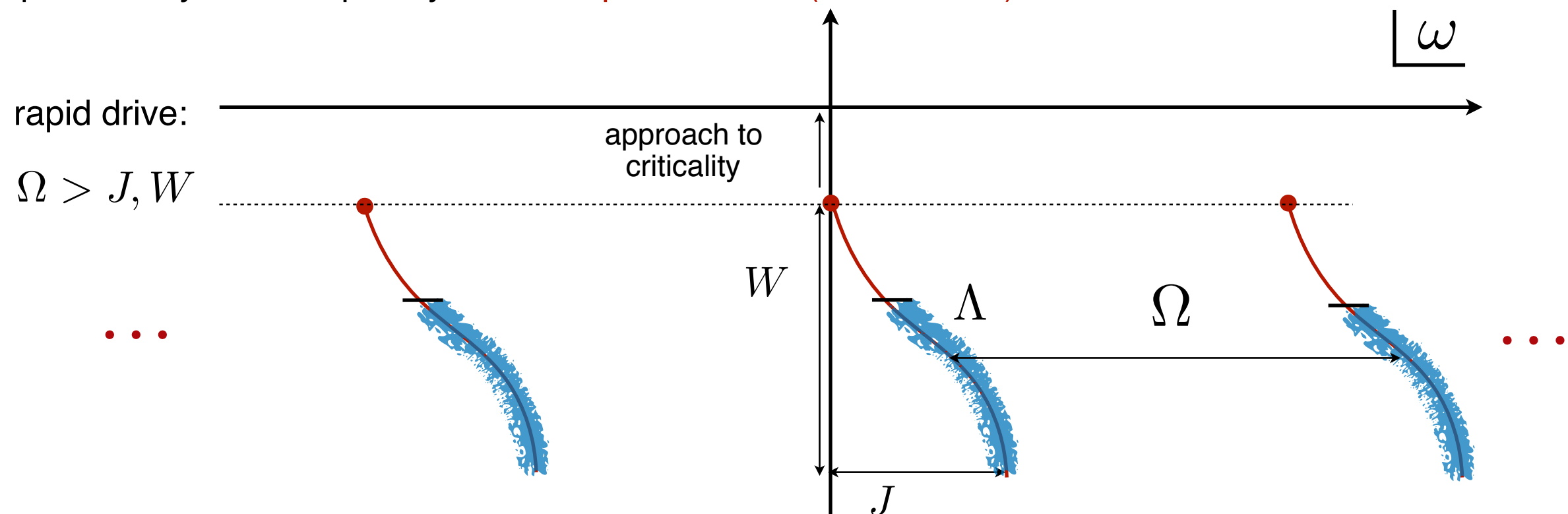
$$\gamma_{\mathbf{q}} = \gamma_0 + D\mathbf{q}^2 + \dots$$

$\rightarrow 0$ at critical point

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periodically driven, open system: **Floquet theorem (linear PDEs)**



- ➔ Periodic drive leads to massive **degeneracy** of near critical poles
- ➔ Need to treat on equal footing, but RG possible within each strip

➔ Effect on criticality not obvious

Setup of the problem: Mesoscopic action

- microscopically: periodically driven Hamiltonian on a lattice (e.g. hopping, interaction), coupled to bath
- mesoscopic action for finite temperature bath

$$S = \int_{t,\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \phi_q^* \left[i\partial_t - \left(-K\nabla^2 + \mu + \frac{g}{2} |\phi_c|^2 \right) \right] \phi_c^* + c.c. + 2i\gamma |\phi_q|^2 \right\}$$

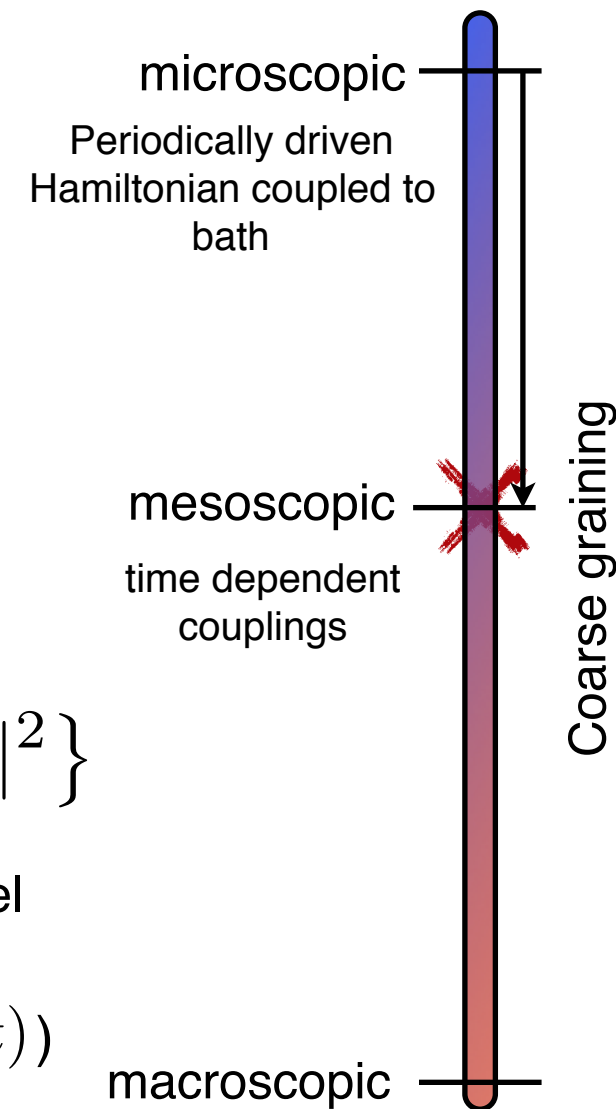
generator of dynamics

noise level

- all couplings **complex** and **periodically time dependent** (simplicity: just $\mu(t), g(t)$)
- key requirements:
 - drive respects U(1) phase rotation symmetry
 - drive cannot be factored out of generator of dynamics (accidental equilibrium symmetry)
- **synchronization** to Floquet stationary state

$$\mu(t) = \sum_n e^{-in\Omega t} \mu_n, \quad g(t) = \sum_n e^{-in\Omega t} g_n$$

→ to be found $\{\mu_n, g_n, \dots\}$



Explicit symmetry breaking and new couplings

- new couplings: symmetry point of view
- explicit symmetry breaking: continuous time translations \rightarrow discrete time translations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Phi(t) \rightarrow \Phi(t + \Delta t) & \longrightarrow & \Phi(t) \rightarrow \Phi(t + n \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\Omega}) \\ \Delta t \text{ arbitrary} & & n \text{ integer} \end{array}$$

- $\{\mu_{n \neq 0}, g_{n \neq 0}, \dots\}$ ruled out only for
 - undriven problem (continuous time translations)
 - **emergent**: infinitely rapidly driven limit (averaging out, Lindblad limit)

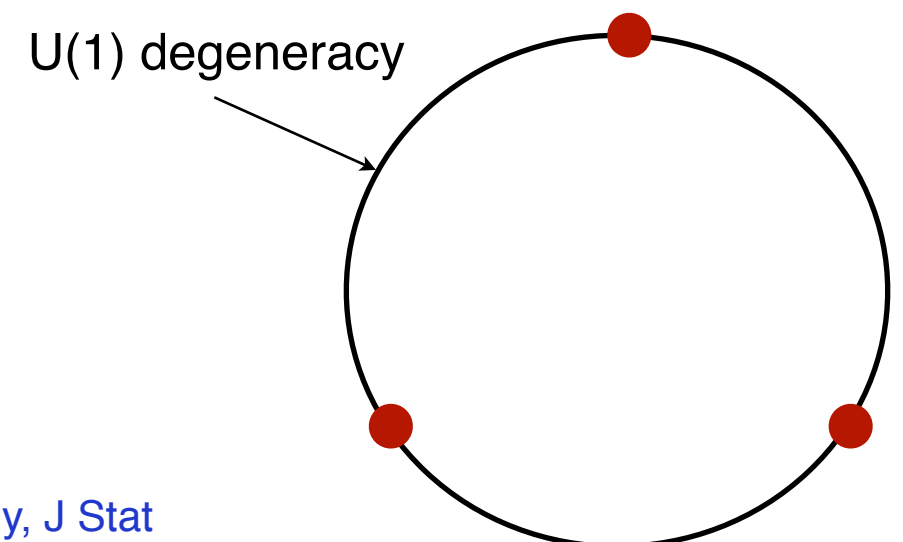
\rightarrow here: need to classify relevance of new couplings at critical point

- Analogous: **external** symmetry transformations: continuous rotations \rightarrow discrete rotations

- example: Potts model, $U(1) \simeq O(2) \rightarrow Z_3$

- New correlation length scale around discrete degenerate minima

\rightarrow That case: single pole but more relevant couplings:
can lead to **fluctuation induced first order transition**



Exact single particle Green's function

- **Floquet theorem** (time-periodic linear partial differential equations), stationary state:

$$G\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}, t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) = \sum_n e^{-in\Omega t} G_n(\tau) = \sum_n \int_{\omega} e^{-i[n\Omega t + \omega\tau]} G_n(\omega)$$

periodic in center-of-mass time t

Wigner Green's functions

- solution:

$$i\partial_t \phi + M(t)\phi = \xi, \quad M(t) = K\mathbf{p}^2 + \mu(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{left general here}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_R(t, t') = -i\theta(t - t') e^{i \int_{t'}^t M(t'') dt''} \quad M_0 = \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\Omega}} M(t) dt = K\mathbf{p}^2 + \mu_0$$

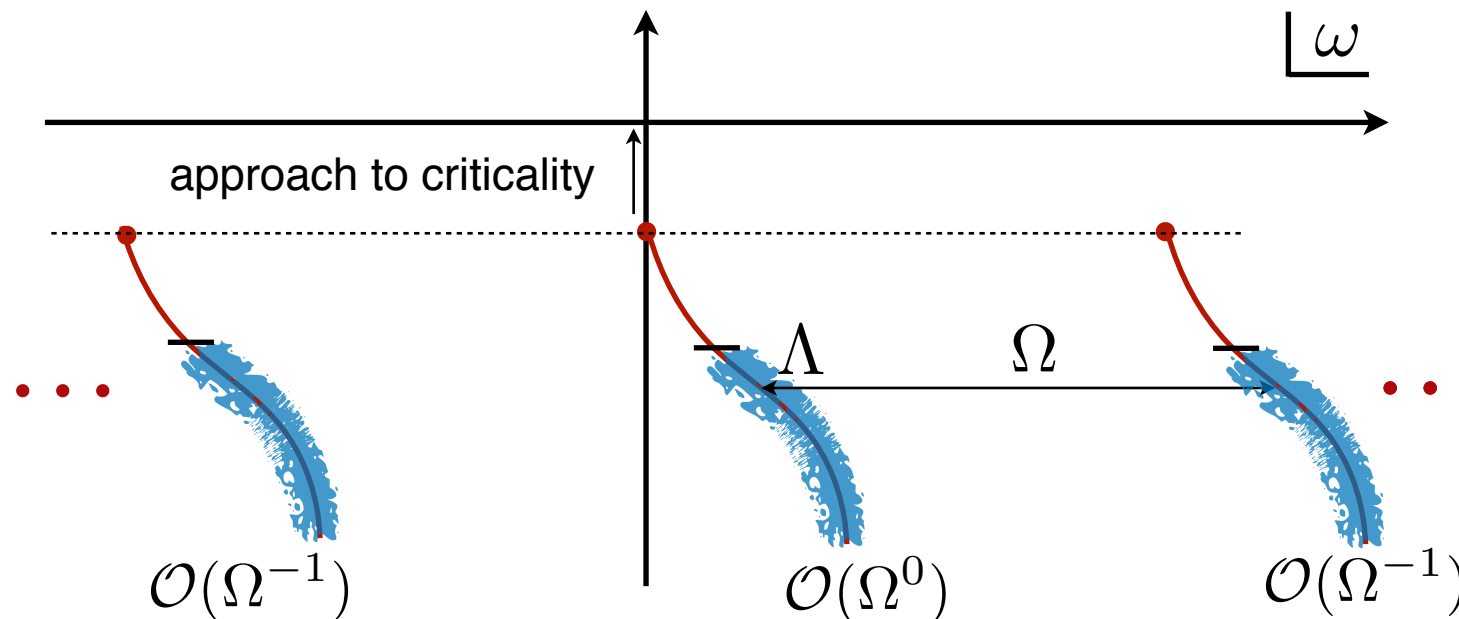
$$\Rightarrow G_{R;n}(\omega) = \frac{\Omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\Omega}} dt e^{in\omega t} \sum_m \frac{J_m(2[M(t) - M_0]/\Omega)}{\omega + M_0 + \frac{m\Omega}{2}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Bessel functions of first kind}$$

Approximate single particle Green's function

- exact Wigner Green's function

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- key properties:



- infinitely many degenerate poles become critical simultaneously
- parametric suppression, ordered by distance from central one $\left(\frac{\mu_n}{\Omega}\right)^n$

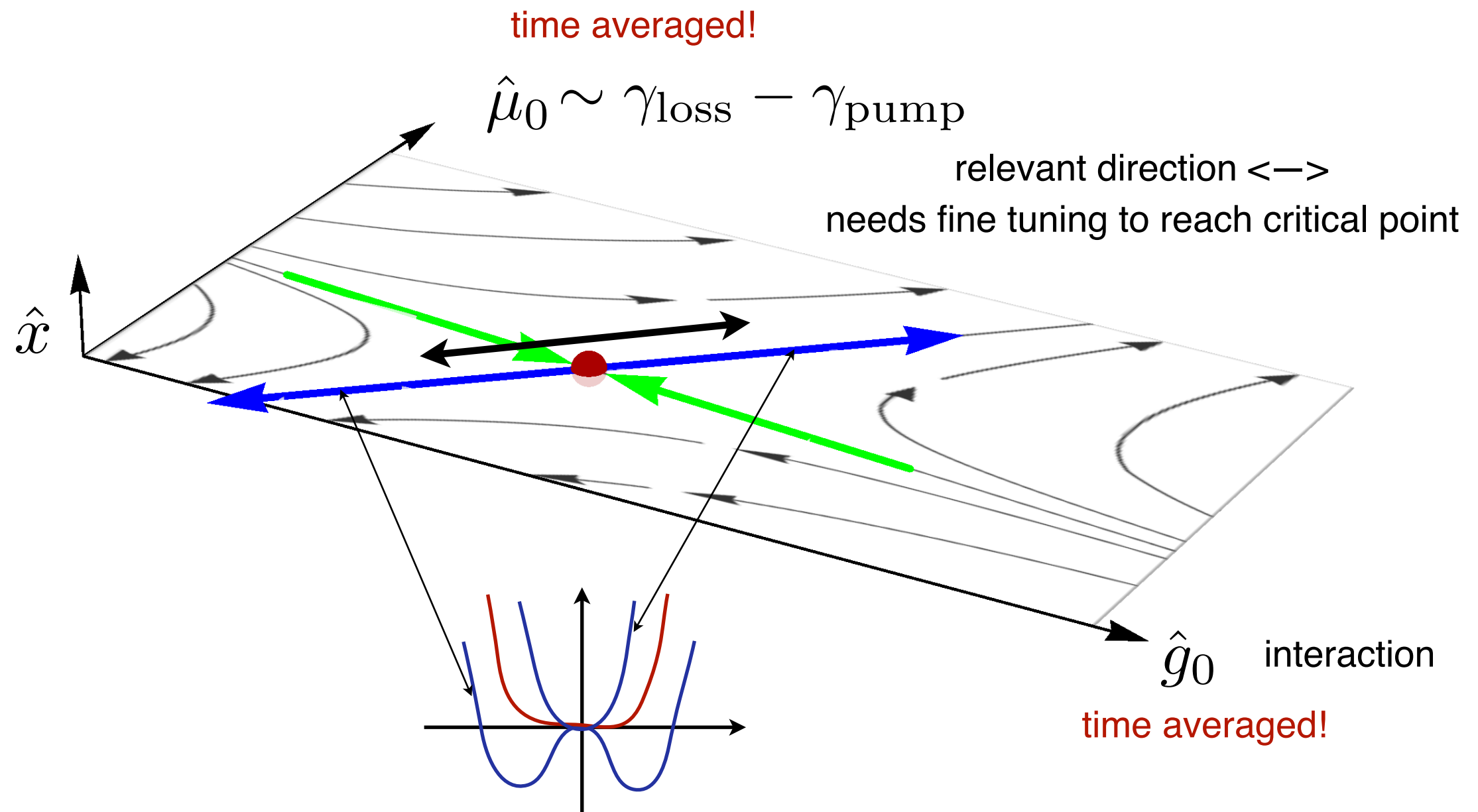
- Ordering principle: Expansion in inverse drive frequency

$$G_{R;0}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + K\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_0}, \quad G_{R;n \neq 0}(\omega) = \frac{\mu_n}{\left(\frac{n\Omega}{2}\right)^2 - (\omega + K\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_0)^2}$$

- up to $\mathcal{O}(\Omega^{-1})$: first correction to rotating wave approximation

Renormalization group flow

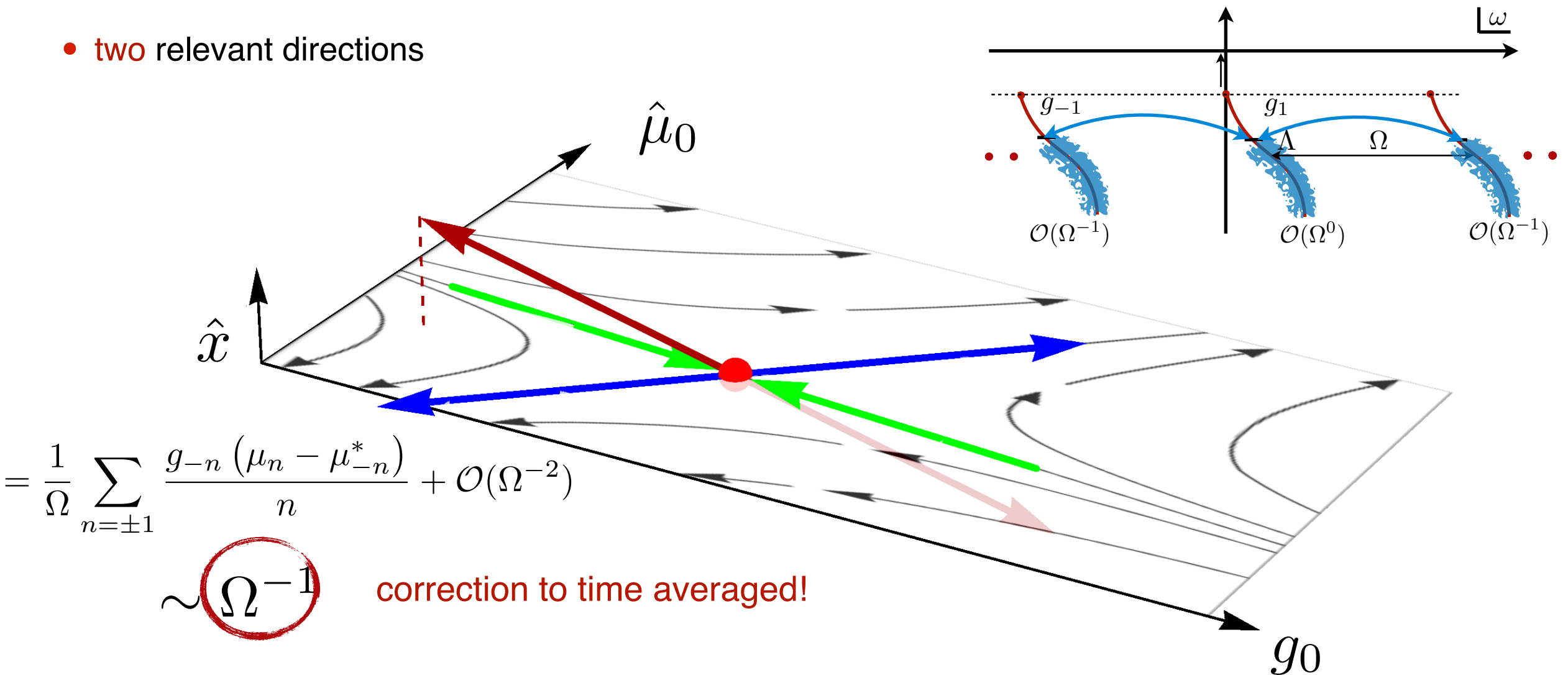
- fixed point coordinates $\left(\begin{matrix} \hat{\mu}_0^* \\ \hat{g}_0^* \\ \hat{x}^* \end{matrix} \right) \cong \left(\begin{matrix} -\epsilon/5 \\ 4\pi^2\epsilon/5 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right) \}$ usual Wilson-Fisher fixed point



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- two** relevant directions



$$= \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{n=\pm 1} \frac{g_{-n} (\mu_n - \mu_{-n}^*)}{n} + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^{-2})$$

$$\sim \Omega^{-1}$$

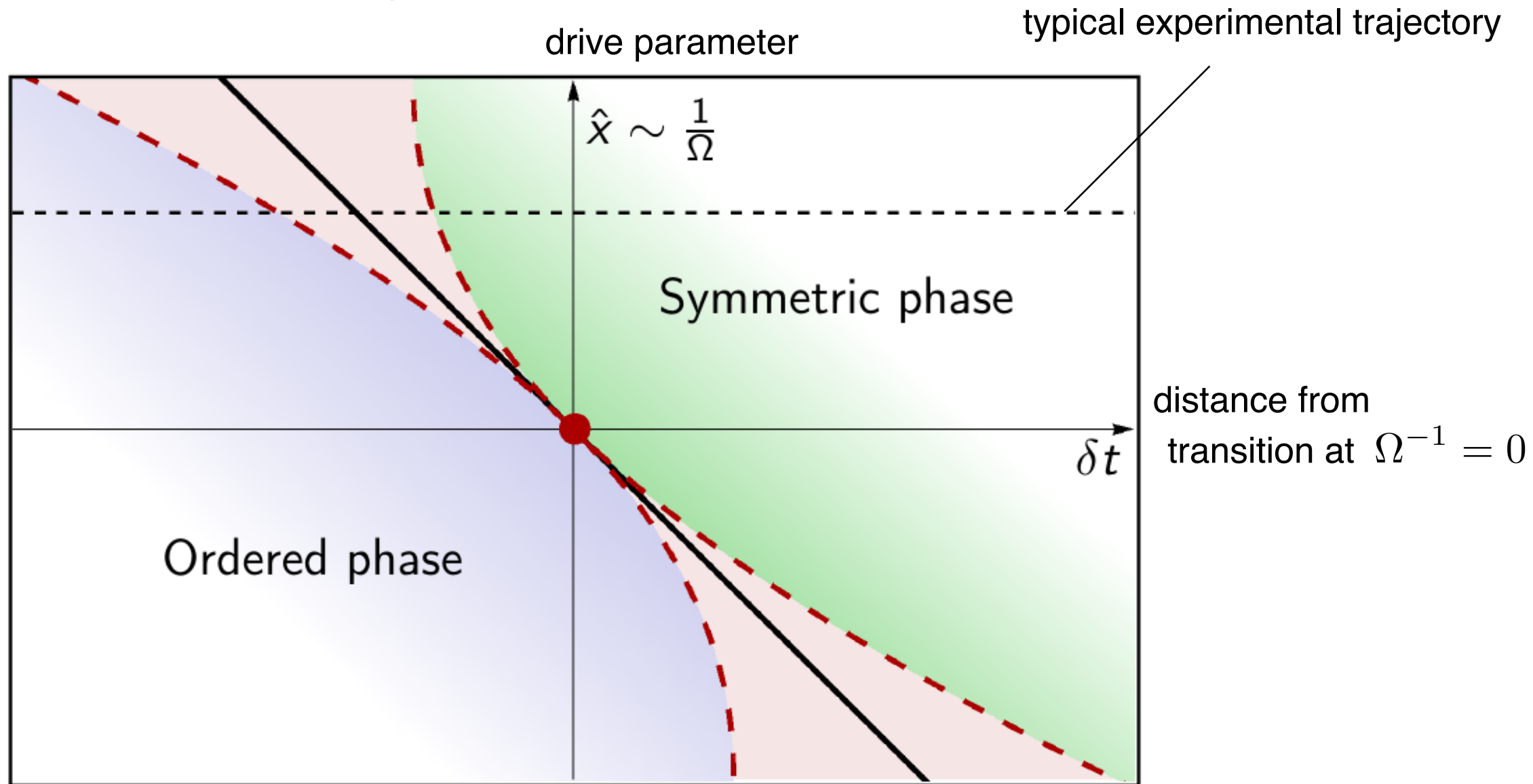
correction to time averaged!

- \hat{x} defines a **new independent critical exponent**, at $\mathcal{O}(\Omega^{-1}) \times \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

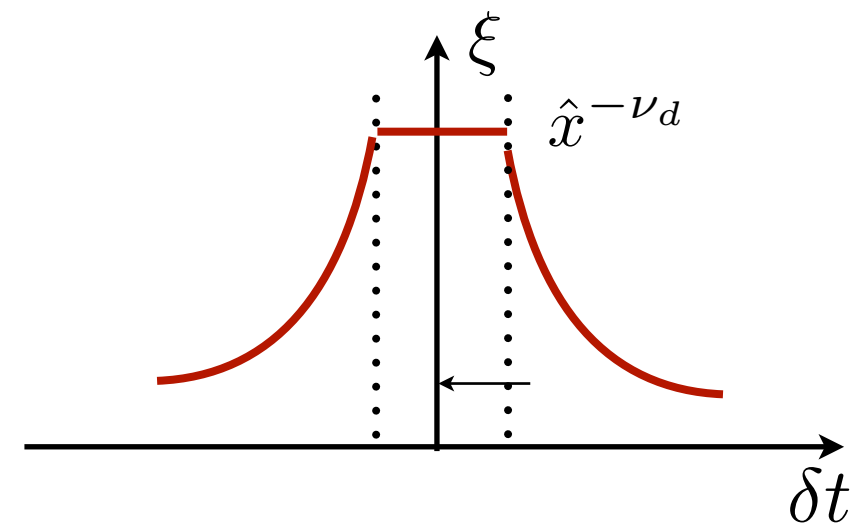
$$\nu_d = 1/\epsilon$$

Phase diagram

- Drive scale turns critical into bicritical point (two relevant directions)

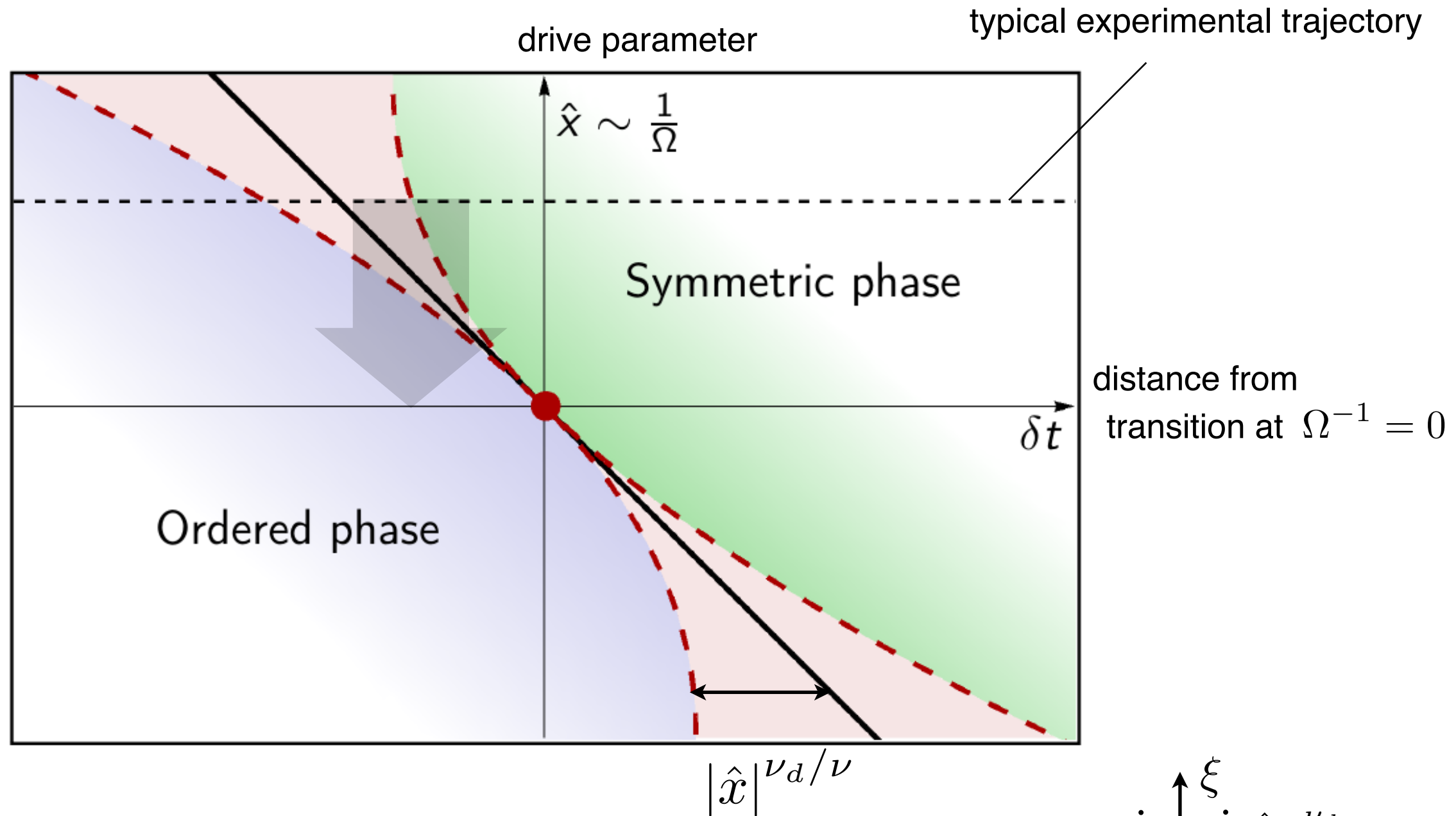


- $\hat{x} = 0$: usual critical physics is visible, e.g. $\xi \sim \delta t^{-\nu}$
- $\hat{x} \neq 0$: correlation length saturates to $\xi \lesssim \hat{x}^{-\nu_d}$
- infinitely rapidly driven smoothly recovered as $\hat{x} \sim \Omega^{-1} \rightarrow 0$



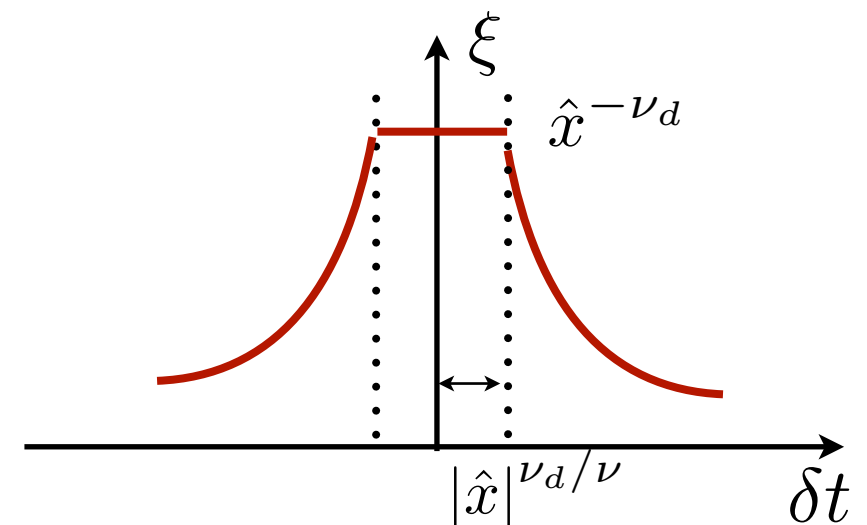
Phase diagram

- Observability



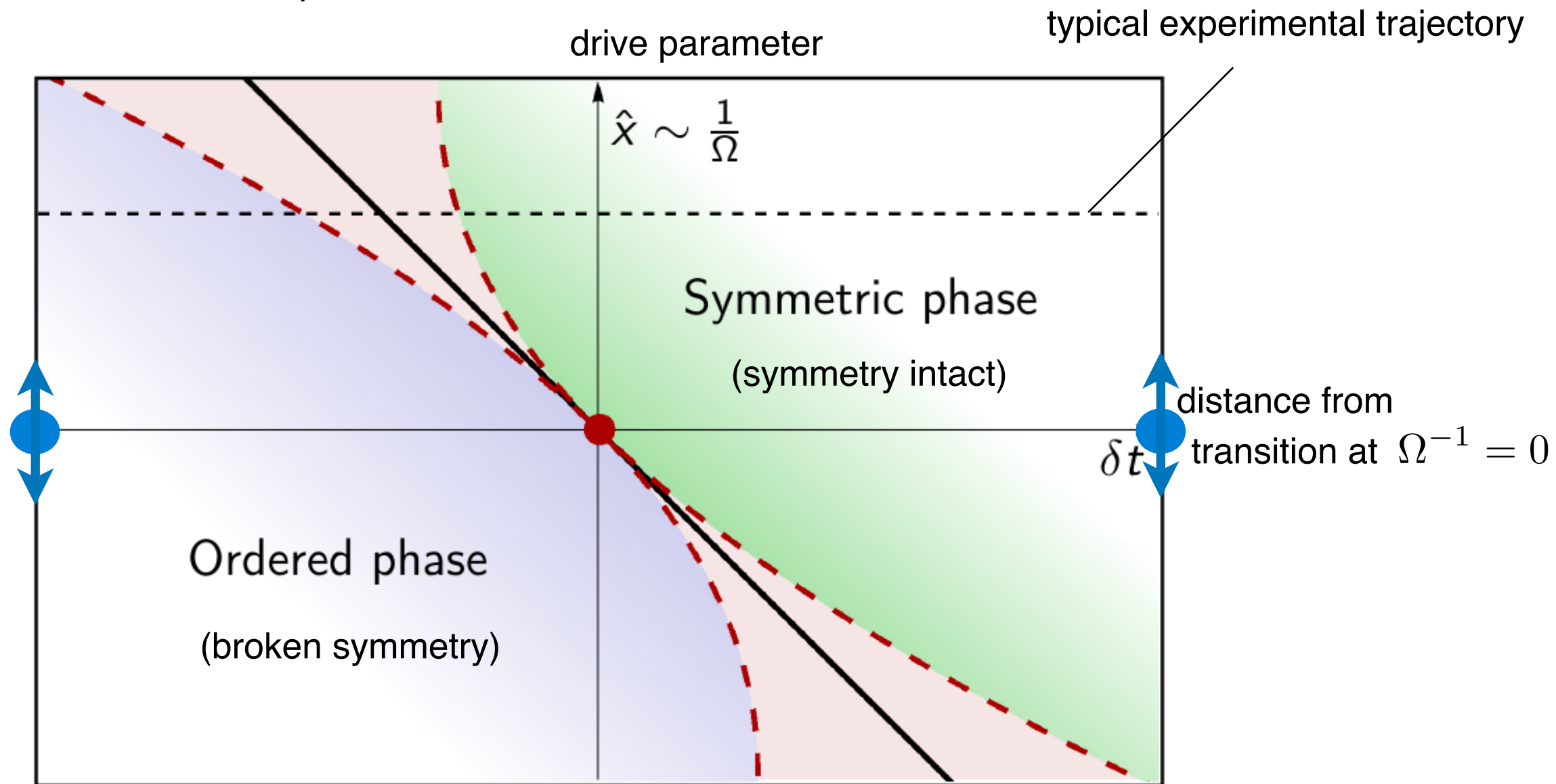
- width of saturation window hosts the new critical exponent

$$|\Delta t| \cong |\hat{x}|^{\nu_d/\nu}$$

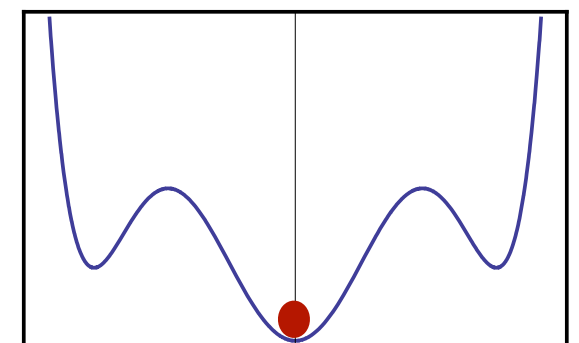


Phase diagram: Nature of Phase Transition

- Fluctuation induced first order phase transition



- Perturbation theory converges despite driving
- Phases macroscopically distinct by symmetry breaking pattern
- Correlation length remains finite despite symmetry breaking transition
- ➔ Fluctuation induced, weak first order phase transition



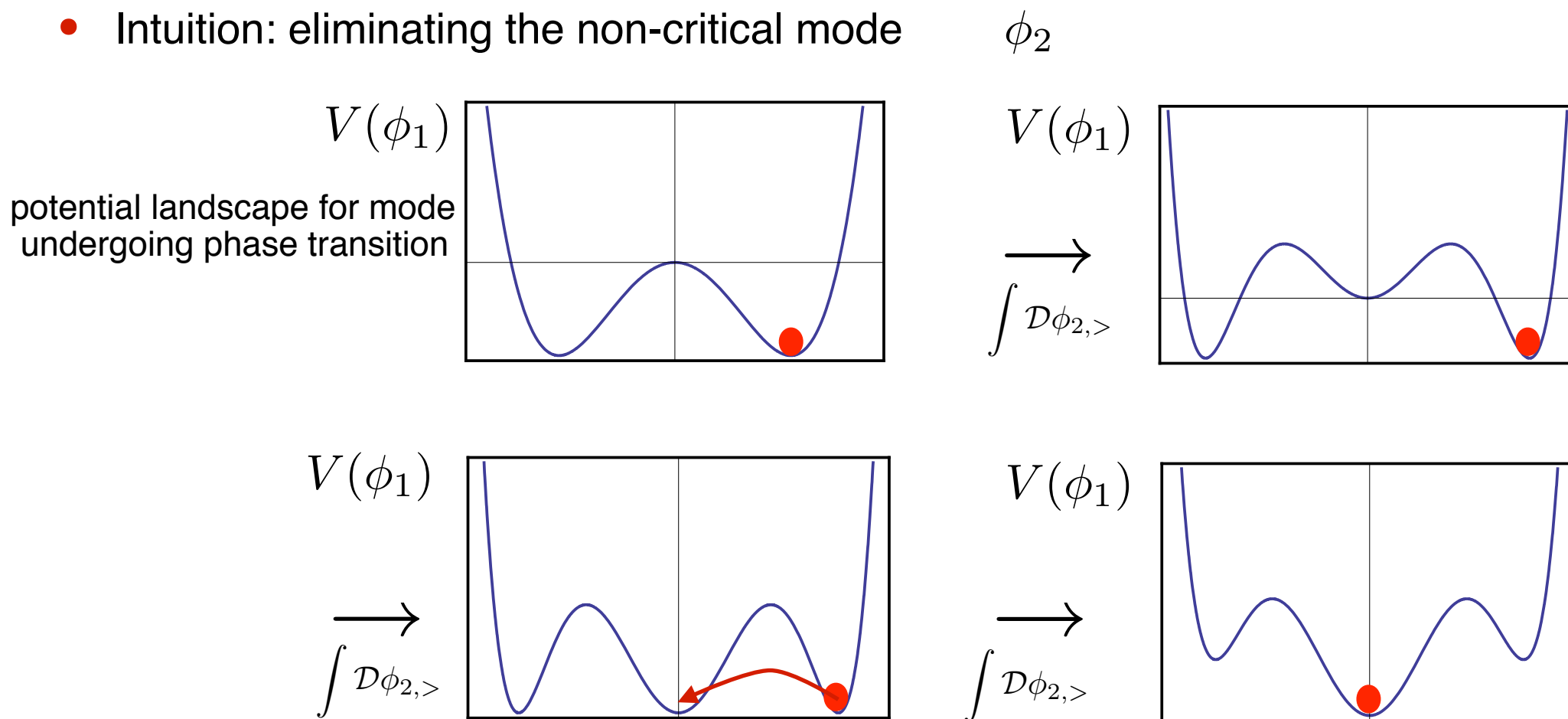
analogies: Coleman, Weinberg, PRD (1973); Halperin, Lubensky, Ma, PRL (1974); Fisher, Nelson, PRL (1974)

gauged vector models superconductors Goldstone modes

Critical Degeneracy: Coleman-Weinberg phenomenon Halperin-Lubensky-Ma

- Multiple gapless modes: Critical mode coupled to non-critical gapless modes
 - ➔ **Fluctuation induced first order phase transition** (w/o explicit symmetry breaking)
- gauged vector models Coleman, Weinberg, PRD (1973)
- superconductors Halperin, Lubensky, Ma, PRL (1974) and many after!
- Goldstone modes Fisher, Nelson, PRL (1974)

- Intuition: eliminating the non-critical mode



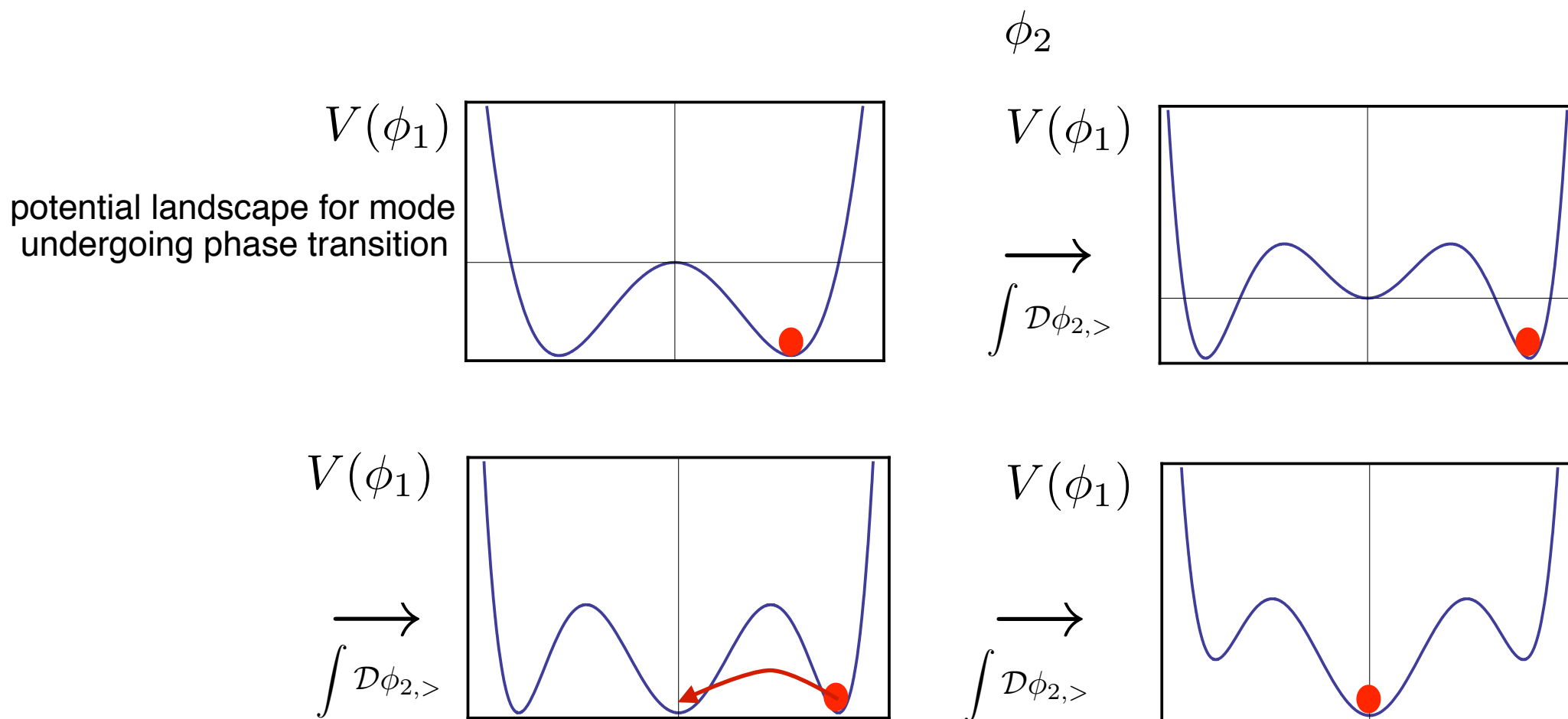
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Picture: fluctuation induced many-body Kapitza pendulum

Citro et al., AoP (2015); Lerose, Marino, Gambassi, Silva, arxiv:1803.04490

- renormalization of $n = 0$ sector due to higher FBZs
- 1-loop effective potential for $n=0$: **interaction sign change** $g_0^{1\text{-loop}} < 0$
- suggests generation of additional minimum due to fast drive via Kapitza mechanism
- universal: critical degeneracy guaranteed by Floquet theorem



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- follow the above program:

- RG equations

$$\partial_t \hat{\mu} = -2\hat{\mu} - \frac{4[2\pi\Omega_d]\hat{g}}{|1+\hat{\mu}|} \left[1 + \frac{\hat{\mu}'}{2(1+\hat{\mu})^2} \right]$$

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$$\partial_t \hat{g} = -(4-d)\hat{g} + \frac{10[2\pi\Omega_d]\hat{g}^2}{|1+\hat{\mu}|(1+\hat{\mu})} \left[1 + \frac{3\hat{\mu}'}{4(1+\hat{\mu})^2} \right]$$

$$\partial_t \hat{g}' = -(6-d)\hat{g}' + \frac{20[2\pi\Omega_d]\hat{g}}{|1+\hat{\mu}|(1+\hat{\mu})} \left[\hat{g}' - \frac{\hat{g}\hat{\mu}'}{1+\hat{\mu}} \right]$$

- Wilson Fisher fixed point: **unmodified**

$$\mu^* = -\frac{4-d}{9-d}, \quad g^* = 2^{d-2} \pi^{d/2} \Gamma[d/2] \frac{5(4-d)}{(9-d)|9-d|}, \quad \hat{\mu}' = 0, \quad \hat{g}' = 0$$

- stability matrix: linearize around fixed point



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 - structure of stability matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 + \frac{4S_d g^*}{(1+\mu^*)^2} & -\frac{4S_d}{1+\mu^2} & -\frac{2S_d g^*}{(1+\mu^*)^3} & 0 \\ -\frac{20S_d (g^*)^2}{(1+\mu^*)^3} & (d-4) + \frac{20S_d g^*}{(1+\mu^*)^2} & \frac{15S_d (g^*)^2}{2(1+\mu^*)^4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 + \frac{4S_d g^*}{(1+\mu^*)^2} & -\frac{4S_d}{1+\mu^2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{20S_d (g^*)^2}{(1+\mu^*)^3} & d-6 + \frac{20S_d g^*}{(1+\mu^*)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

leading eigenvalues (critical exponents)

$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & X \\ 0 & M_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$M_2 = -2 + M_1$$

difference in canonical dimension

identical loop effect!

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 2 - \frac{2}{5}\epsilon \\ y_2 &= 2 - y_1 \end{aligned}$$

- ➔ additional relevant direction, as in opposite limit
- ➔ **no independent information** (at one loop), unlike opposite limit!



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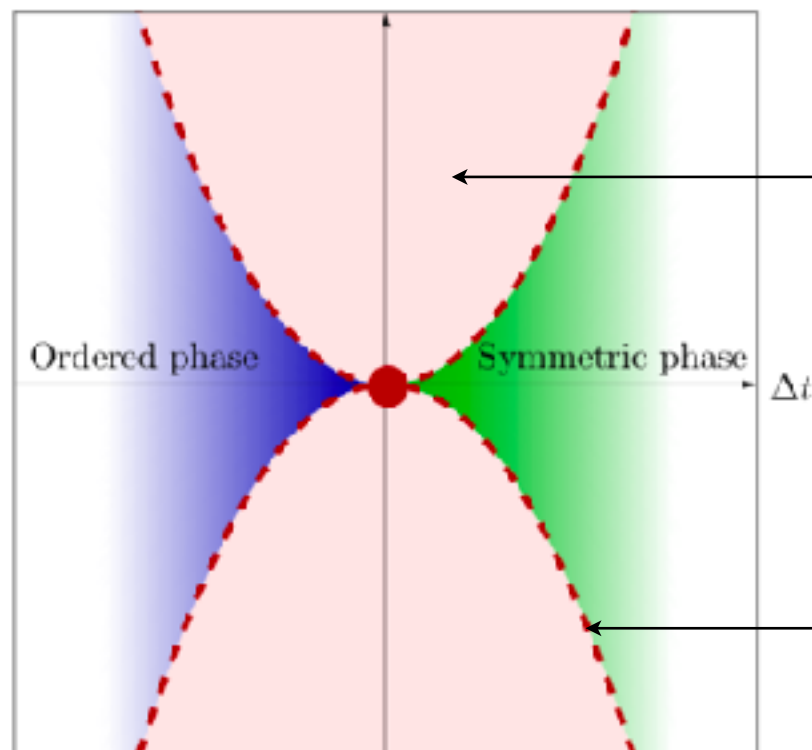
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- phase diagram

$\mu' \sim \Omega$ ramp speed



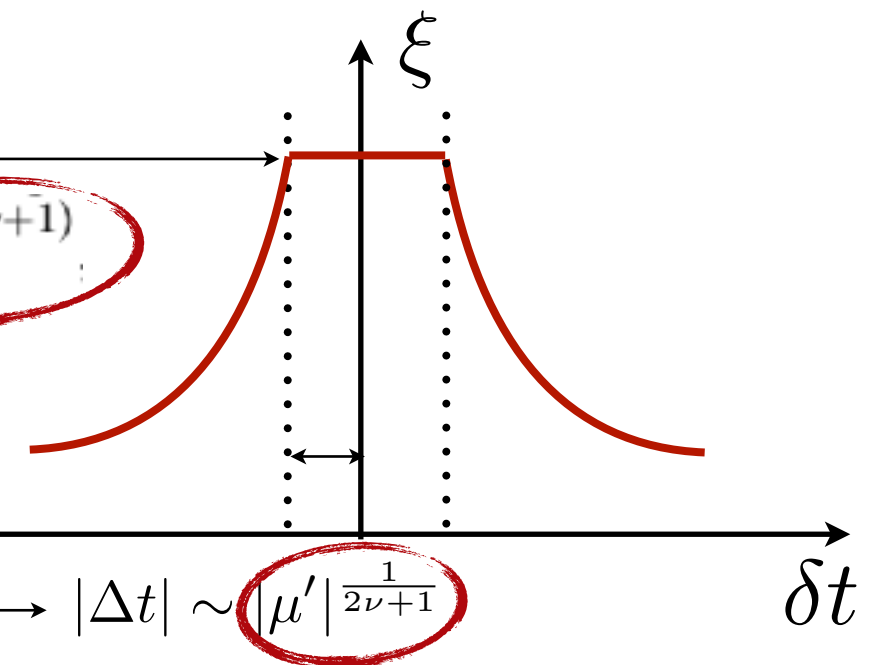
saturation to

$$\xi \sim \hat{\mu}'^{-1/(y+2)} = \mu'^{-\nu/(2\nu+1)}$$

adiabatic freeze out at

$$|\Delta t| \sim |\mu'|^{-\frac{1}{2\nu+1}}$$

- interpretation: Kibble-Zurek



→ Kibble-Zurek scaling reproduced



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- open: quantitative test of Kibble-Zurek hypothesis of **non-modification of critical exponents** (structure of M_1, M_2 at two-loop order)
- guess: structure prevails
 - $\Omega \rightarrow 0$: Kibble-Zurek: **infrared** modification \Rightarrow no change of universal behavior
 - $\Omega^{-1} \rightarrow 0$: **ultraviolet** modification \Rightarrow universal behavior possibly changed

origin of each independent critical exponent must be associated to a UV scale

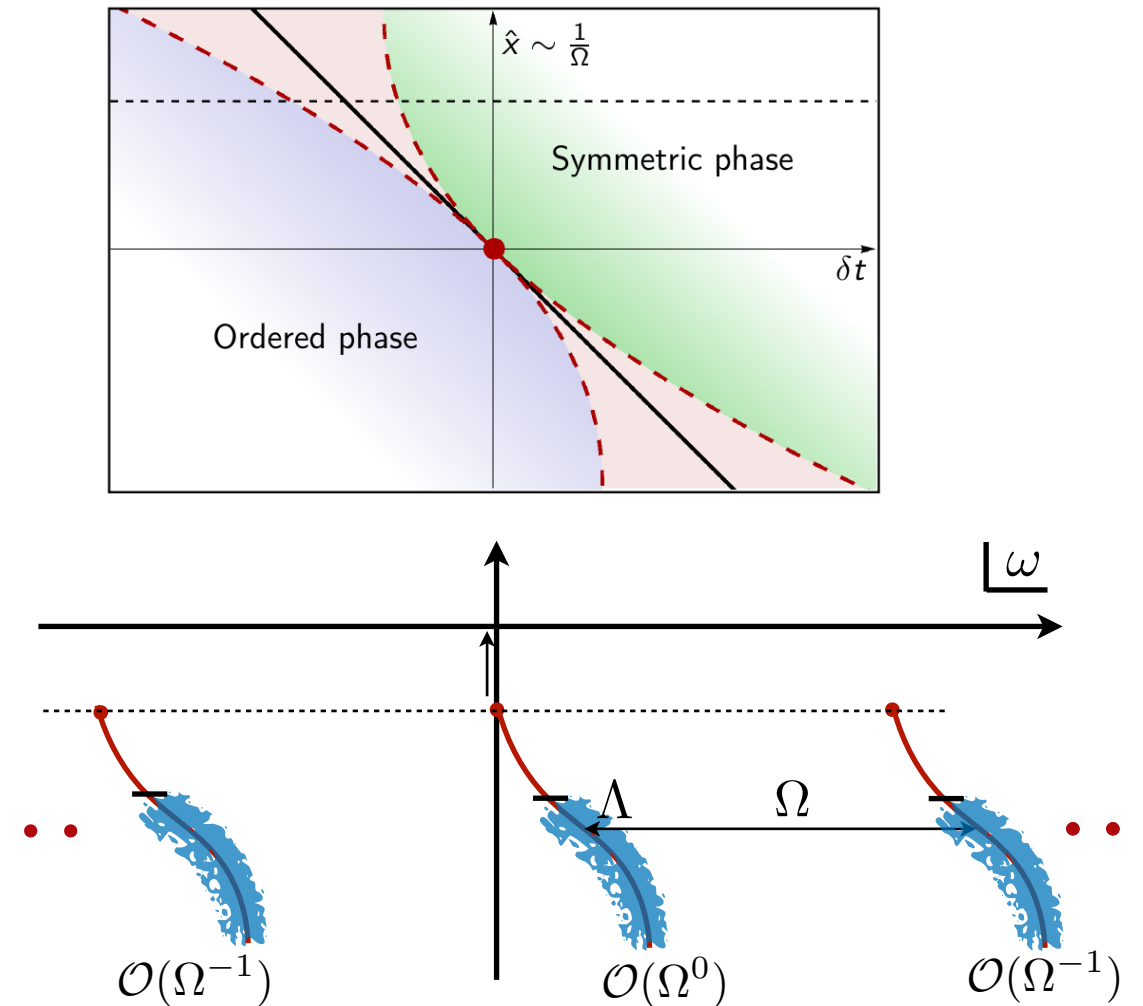
$$\text{e.g.} \quad \langle \phi^*(r) \phi(0) \rangle \sim L^{2-d} \sim \underbrace{a^{-\eta}}_{\text{experimentally observed scaling}} r^{2-d+\eta}$$

physical length
dimension

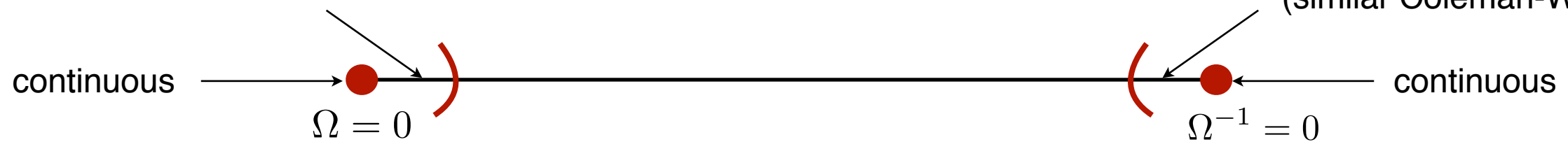
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Conclusions and Outlook

- Absence of criticality in rapidly driven quantum systems above lower critical dimension
- Mechanism
 - Degeneracy of near critical poles
=> new relevant direction at infinitely rapidly driven fixed point
 - Ordering principle in rapidly driven limit
- completes picture of vicinity of established fixed points



masked (Kibble-Zurek)



➔ connection between the two limiting regimes?

- applicability in “pre-heating” states of closed Floquet systems (system as its own bath)?