

# Holographic Anyonic Superfluids

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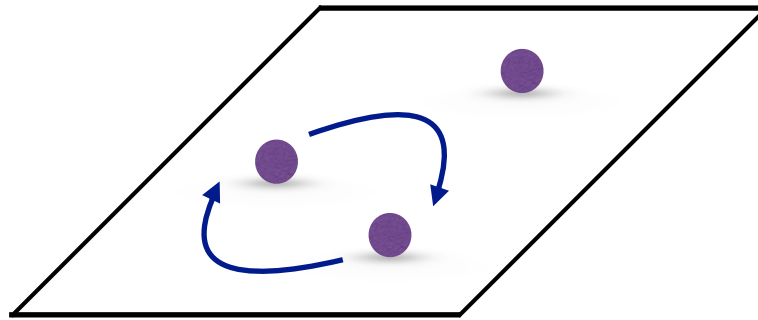
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# Plan

- Anyons,  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , and Quantum Hall Effect
- Superfluids and Anyon Superfluids
- A Holographic Anyon Superfluid
- A Flowing Holographic Anyon Superfluid

# Anyons

particles in 2+1 dim can have arbitrary statistics



$$|\psi_1\psi_2\rangle = e^{i\theta} |\psi_2\psi_1\rangle$$

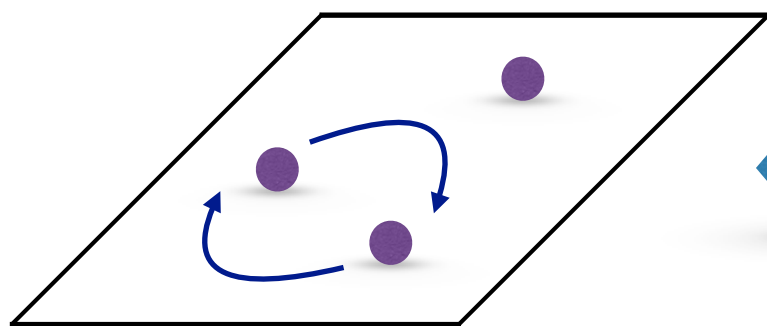
- $\theta = 0$  bosons
- $\theta = \pi$  fermions
- $\theta = \pi n/m$  anyons

**Wilczek**

# Alternate Description

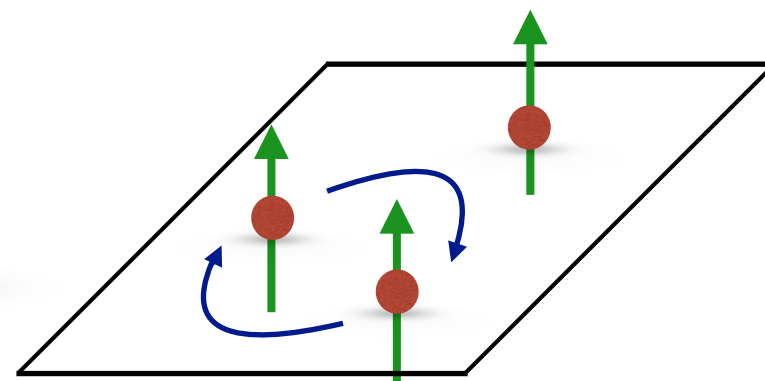
charged particles with  $n$  magnetic fluxes attached

statistical phase  $\theta \longleftrightarrow$  Aharonov-Bohm phase  $\pi n$



anyons

$$\theta_{stat} = \pi (1 - n)$$



fermions with  $n$  fluxes

$$\theta_{stat} + \theta_{AB} = \pi - \pi n$$

# Flux attachment and $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

2+1 dim CFT

- $U(1)$  current -  $J$
- external vector -  $\mathcal{A}$
- define  $\mathcal{B} = \frac{1}{2\pi} * d\mathcal{A}$

**Witten**  
**Burgess, Dolan**

mapping to CFT'

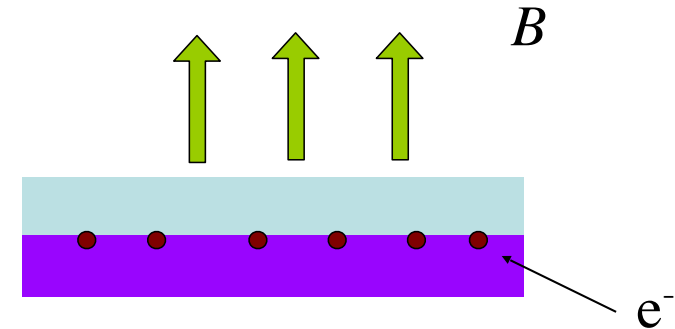
- add Chern-Simons term for  $\mathcal{A}$  :  $J' = J + \mathcal{B}$
- make  $\mathcal{A}$  dynamical:  $J' = \mathcal{B}$
- generate  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} J' \\ \mathcal{B}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J \\ \mathcal{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

# An example: Anyons and the Quantum Hall Effect

Set-up:

- $e^-$  in 2+1-dim
- magnetic field  $B$
- low temperature  $T$

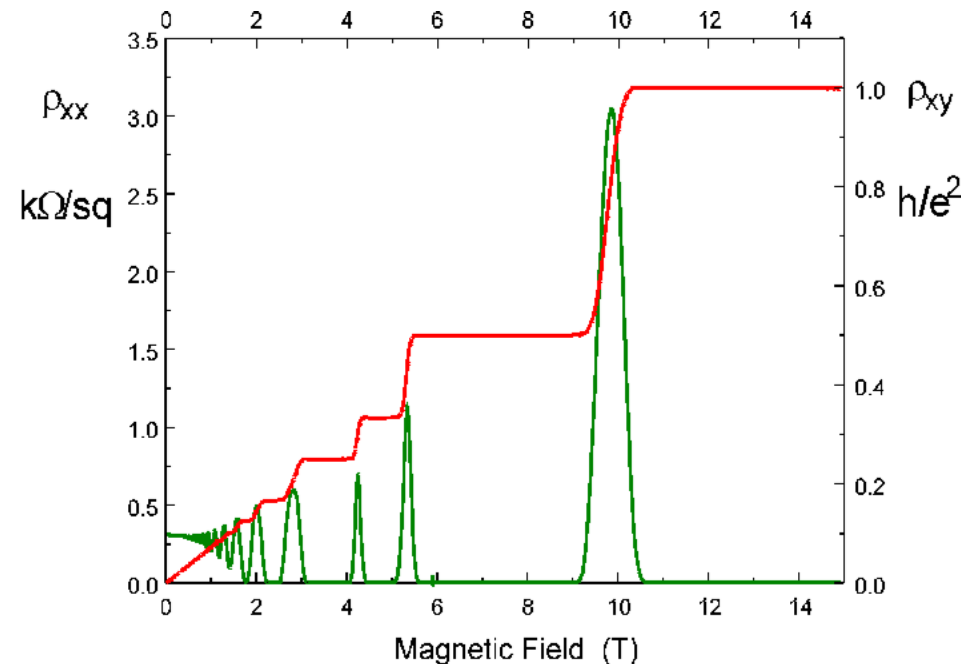


Conductivity

Long.  $\sigma_{xx} = \frac{J_x}{E_x} = 0$

Hall  $\sigma_{xy} = \frac{J_y}{E_x} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi\hbar} \nu$

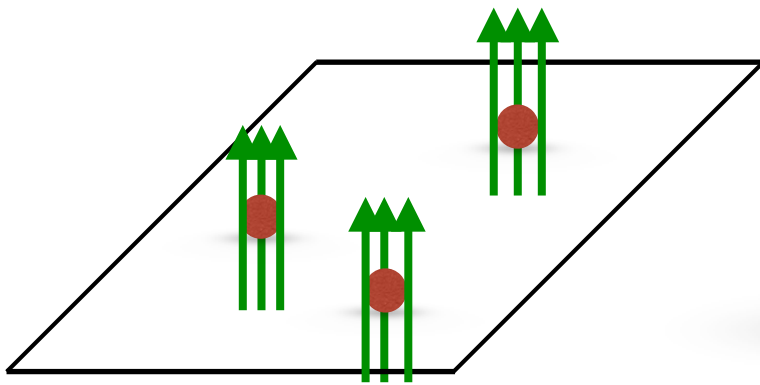
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Filling Fraction



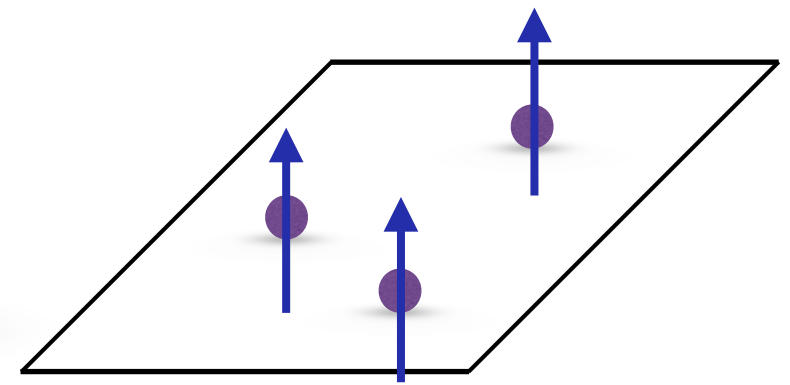
# An example: Anyons and the Quantum Hall Effect

QH fluid:

- Filling fraction  $\nu = 2\pi \frac{D}{B}$
- $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  maps between QH states:  $\nu' = \frac{a\nu - b}{-c\nu + d}$



FQH fluid of fermions  $\nu$



IQH fluid of anyons  $\theta = \pi/\nu$

Special ex:

$$\nu = 1/3$$

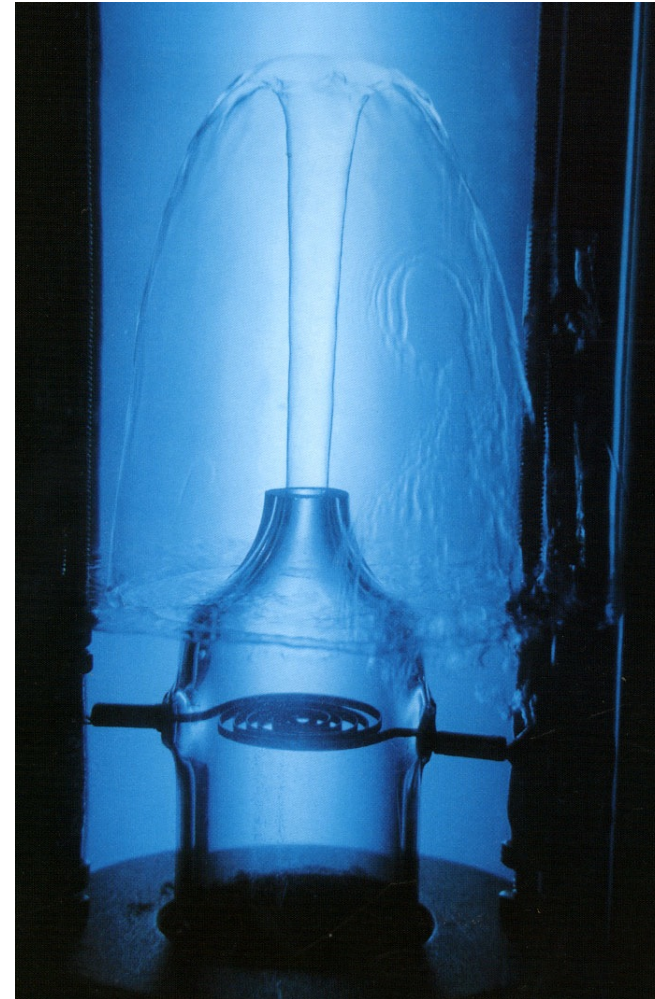
$$\theta = 3\pi \text{ - fermions} \quad \mathbf{Jain}$$

# Superfluids

- Flow without resistance
- For example:
  - Liquid  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $T < 2.17\text{K}$
  - Holographic dual of hairy BH
- Spontaneously broken global symmetry



massless mode



$^4\text{He}$  fountain



# Anyon Superfluids

Anyons in  $B = 0$   Superfluid

**Laughlin**

Start with:

- QH fluid of fermions, filling fraction  $\nu$
- Background  $E_x$   Hall current  $J_y = \frac{\nu}{2\pi} E_x$

$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  with  $d/c = \nu$

$$J'_y = d J_y \neq 0 \quad \text{current}$$

$$B' = E'_x = 0 \quad \text{no sources}$$

$$\theta' = \pi \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\nu} \right) \quad \text{anyons}$$

# Superfluidity without symmetry breaking

Usually:

massless  
mode



spontaneous  
symmetry  
breaking

For anyons:

massless  
mode



Spontaneous  
**Fact** Violation

$$[T_x, T_y] \neq 0$$

**Chen, Wilczek, Witten, Halperin, Giddings**

# Holographic Models of the QHE

Brane intersections with  $\#ND=6$

- fundamental fermions
- probe  $D_q$  in  $D_p$  background
- ~~SUSY~~
- Chern-Simons terms

Familiar example: Sakai-Sugimoto  $D4-D8-\overline{D8}$

QHE Models:

- D3-D7':

**Bergman, NJ, GL, ML**

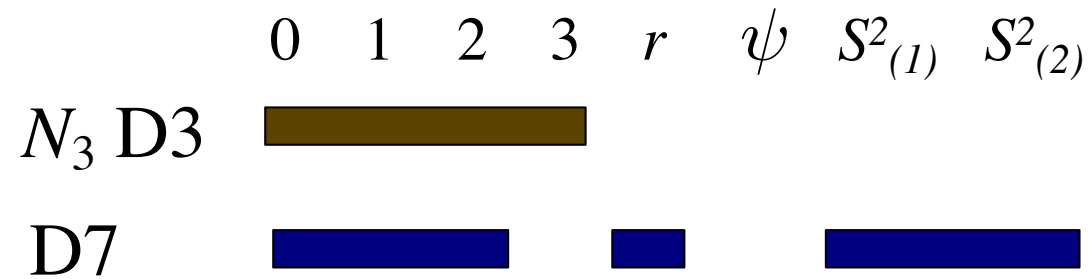
2+1-dim defect,  $\nu$  irrational

- D2-D8':

**Järvinen, NJ, ML**

fully 2+1-dim,  $\nu = 1$

# D3-D7' Model



$$d\Omega_5^2 = d\psi^2 + \cos^2 \psi \, d\Omega_{2(1)}^2 + \sin^2 \psi \, d\Omega_{2(2)}^2$$

Probe D7:

- wraps  $S^2 \times S^2 \subset S^5$
- fermions on 2+1-dim defect
- embedding  $\psi(r)$ 
  - tachyonic
  - stabilize with wrapped flux on  $S^2$

# Add charges and magnetic field

Magnetic Field  $F_{12} = B$

Charge Density  $F_{0r} = A'_0(r)$

Sources for  $A_0$ :

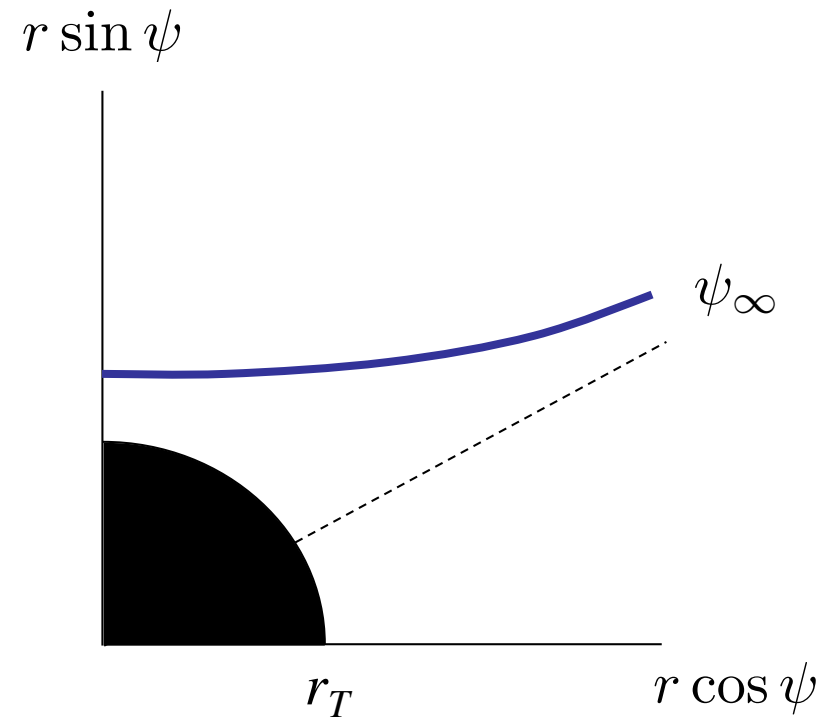
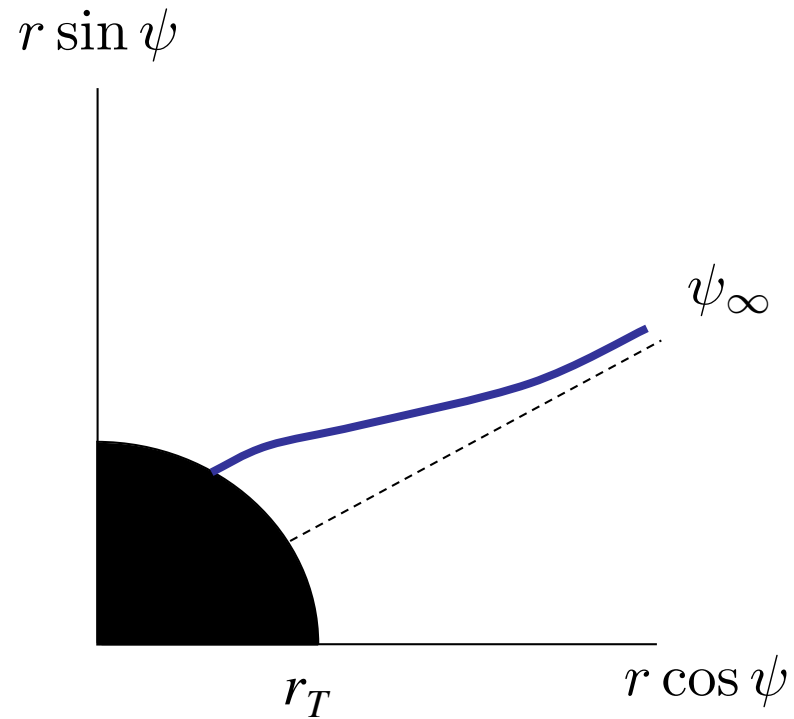
- “Fractionalized”: charged BH
- “Mesonic”: Induced by Chern-Simons

$$S_{CS} \sim \int C_5 \wedge F \wedge F$$

# Embeddings

Black Hole

Minkowski



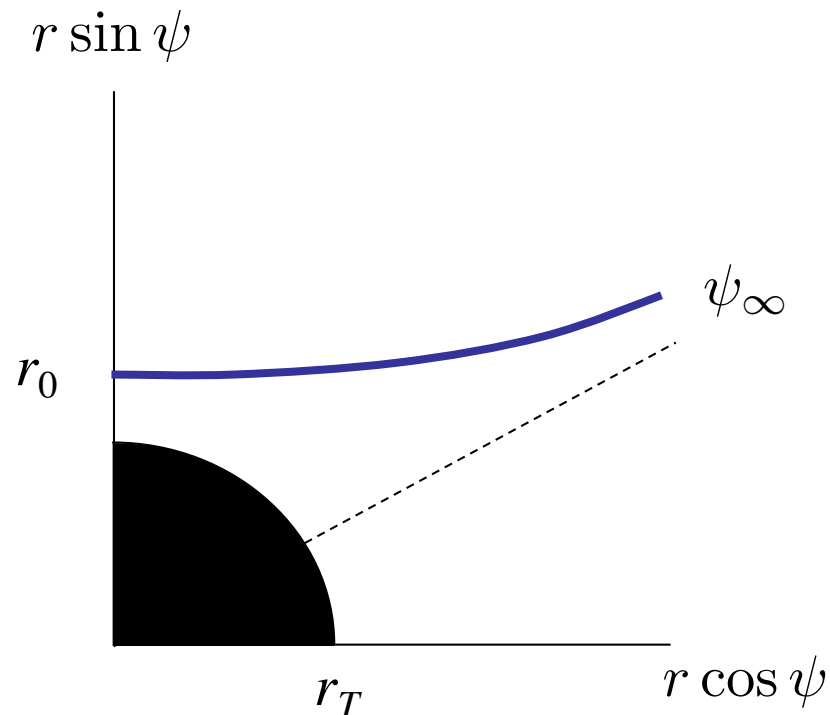
D7 enters horizon  
metallic

D7 ends where  $S^2$  shrinks  
QH fluid

# Minkowski Embedding - QH state

- no sources at tip  $\longrightarrow \nu = 2\pi \frac{D}{B} \approx 1 - \frac{2\psi_\infty}{\pi}$
- gap for charged excitations  $m_{gap} = r_0$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{\nu}{2\pi}$$



# Alternative Quantization

Standard Dirichlet conditions:

bulk gauge field  $A$  fixed at boundary

$$\delta S_D = \int_{\partial} J_{\mu} \delta A^{\mu}$$

Change to Neumann condition:

$$S_N = S_D - \int_{\partial} J_{\mu} A^{\mu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta S_N = - \int_{\partial} A^{\mu} \delta J_{\mu}$$

define  $J = \frac{1}{2\pi} * dv$  and recall  $\mathcal{B} = \frac{1}{2\pi} * d\mathcal{A}$

$$\longrightarrow \delta S_N = - \int_{\partial} \mathcal{B}_{\mu} \delta v^{\mu}$$



# General alternative quantization

Dirichlet to Neumann = Bulk electric-magnetic duality

General boundary variation implements  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\delta S = \int_{\partial} (a J_{\mu} + b \mathcal{B}_{\mu}) (c \delta v^{\mu} + d \delta A^{\mu})$$

For anyons with  $B=0$ , choose  $d/c = \nu$

# Fluctuations

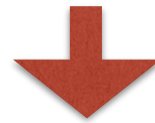
Bulk remains unchanged under  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

Lowest modes:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1. \delta J' \\ 2. \delta \psi \end{array} \right\} \text{ with fixed } \mathcal{B}'$$

In original  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  variables:

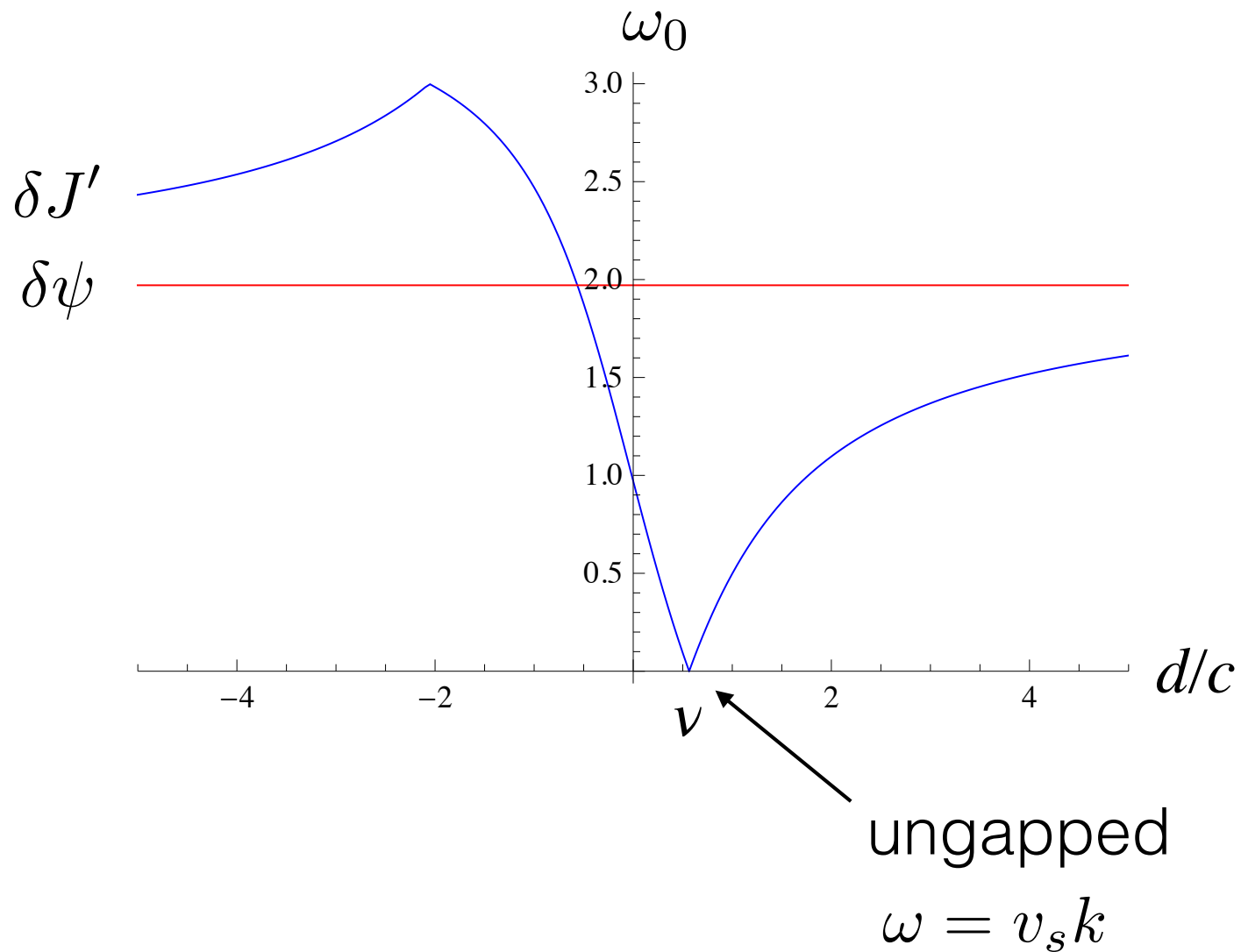
$$0 = \delta B' = c \delta D + d \delta B$$



$$\frac{\delta D}{\delta B} = -\frac{d}{c}$$



if  $\frac{d}{c} = \nu$   extra  $D$  is compensated by extra  $B$

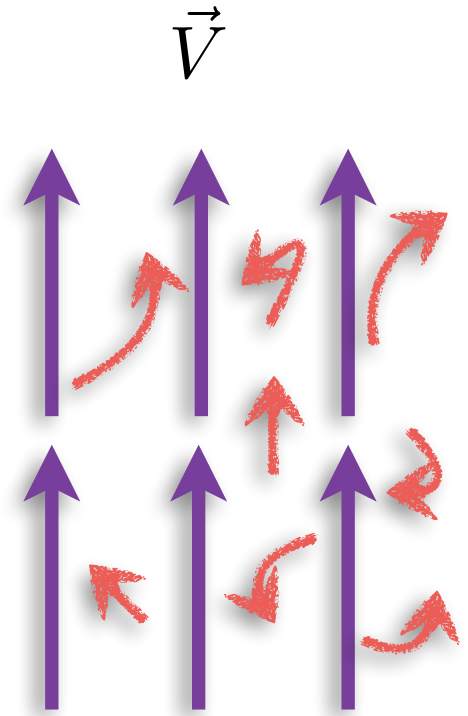
# Spectrum vs. $d/c$



# Superfluids can flow

Two component description:

- superfluid with velocity  $\vec{V}$  
- normal fluid   
at low  $T$ , gas of phonons



In holographic model:

Superfluid velocity  $V_y$



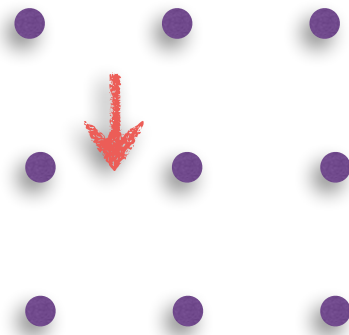
Electric field  $E_x$

# But not too fast!

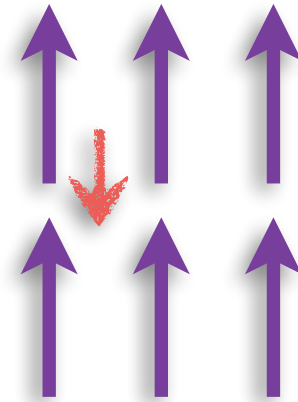
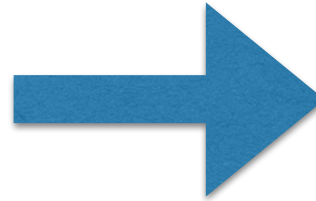
Superfluid stable only if all excitations have  $\omega(k) > 0$

At  $T=0$ :

$$\vec{V} = 0$$



Boost  
by  $-V$



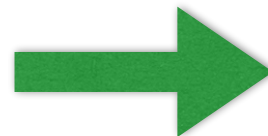
Phonon  
Energy

$$\omega(\vec{k})$$

$$\omega' = \gamma \left( \omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{V} \right)$$

Landau criterion for superfluidity:

$$\omega'(\vec{k}) > 0$$



$$V < V^{crit} = v_s$$

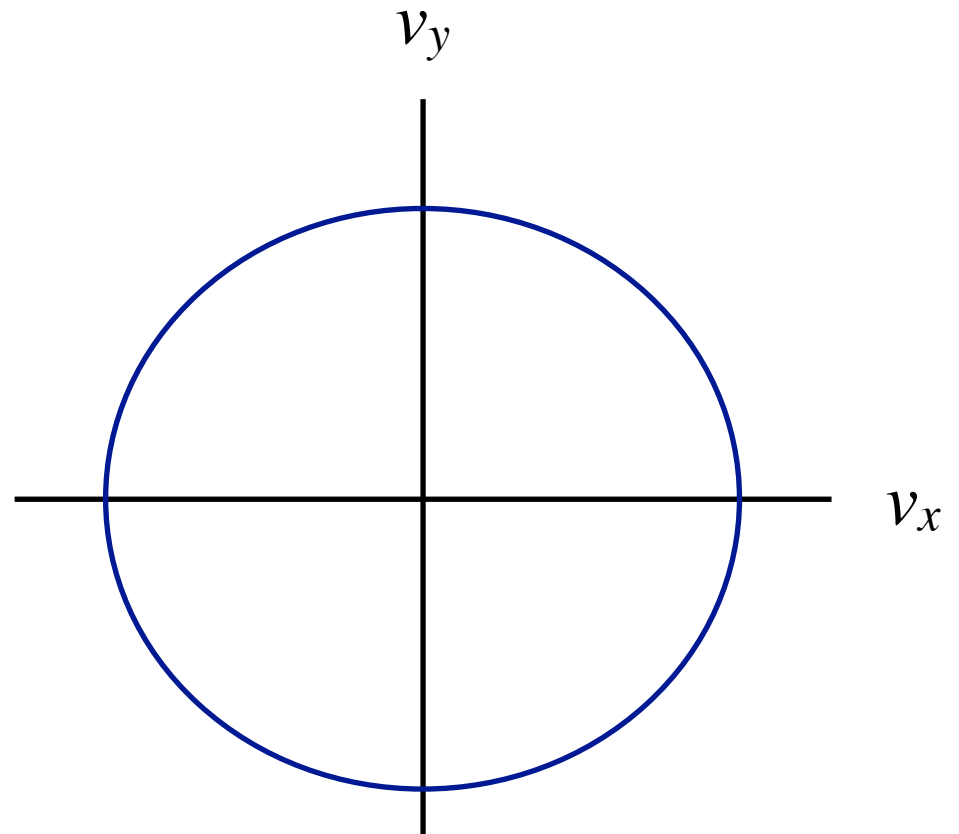
# Anisotropic sound speed

Now  $T \geq 0$ , holographic anyonic superfluid:

phonon velocity  $v_s$

vs.  
direction

$$V_y = 0$$

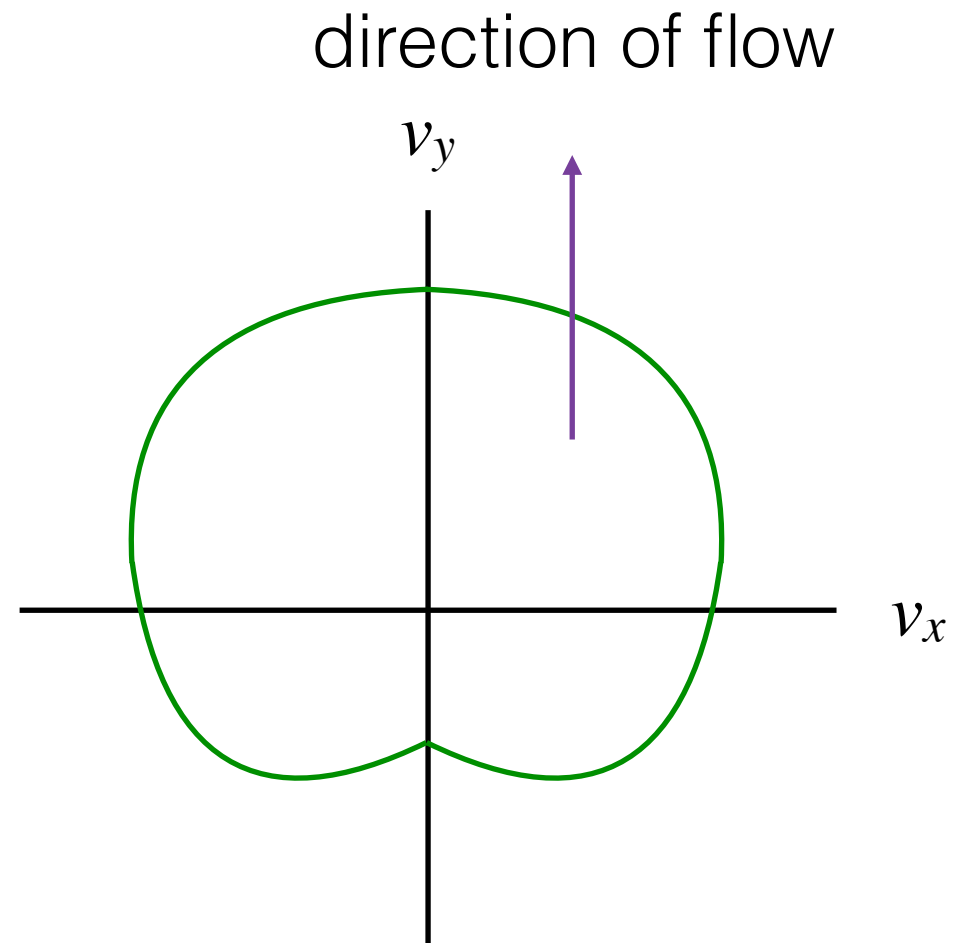


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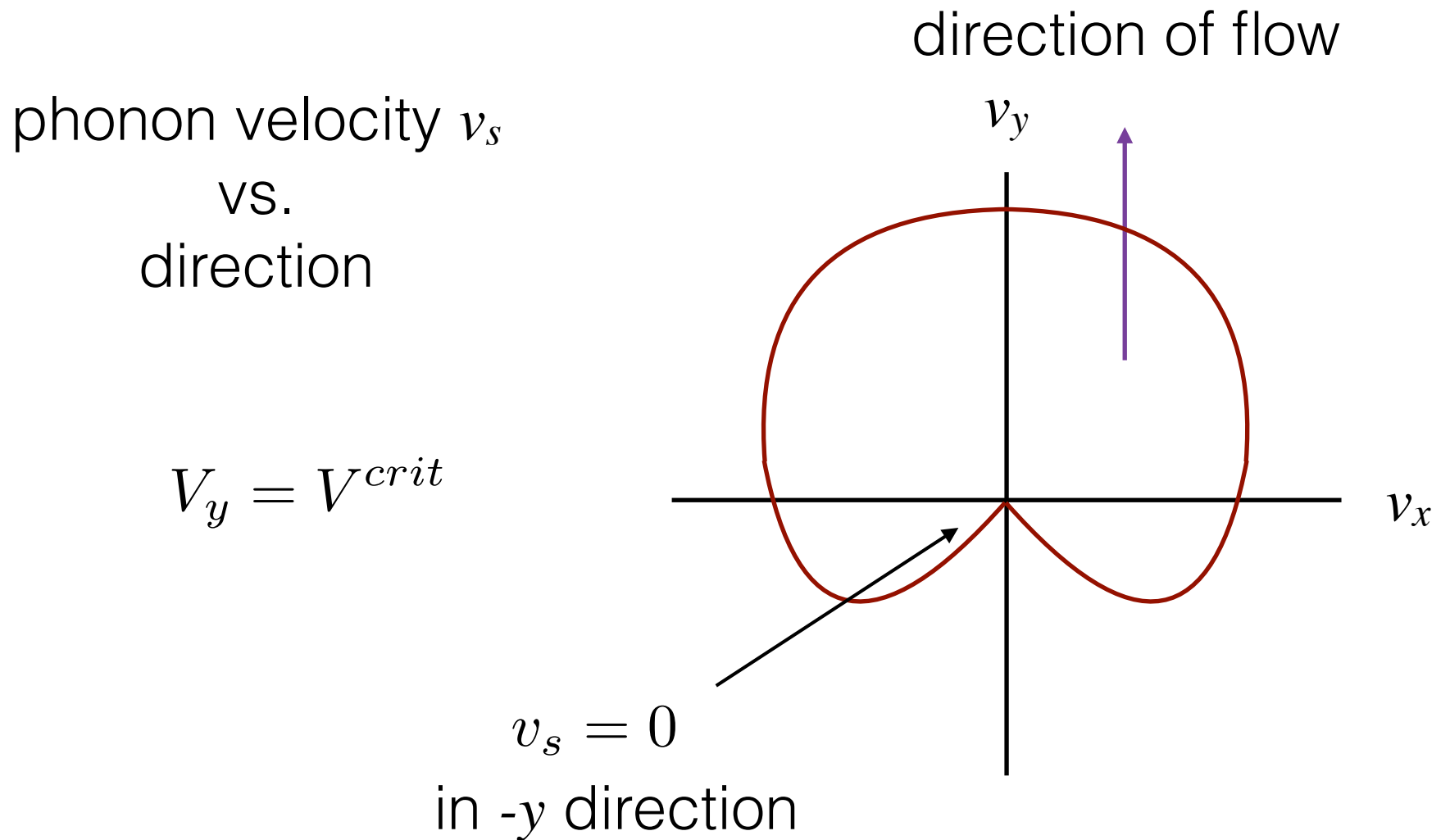
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$$V_y > 0$$



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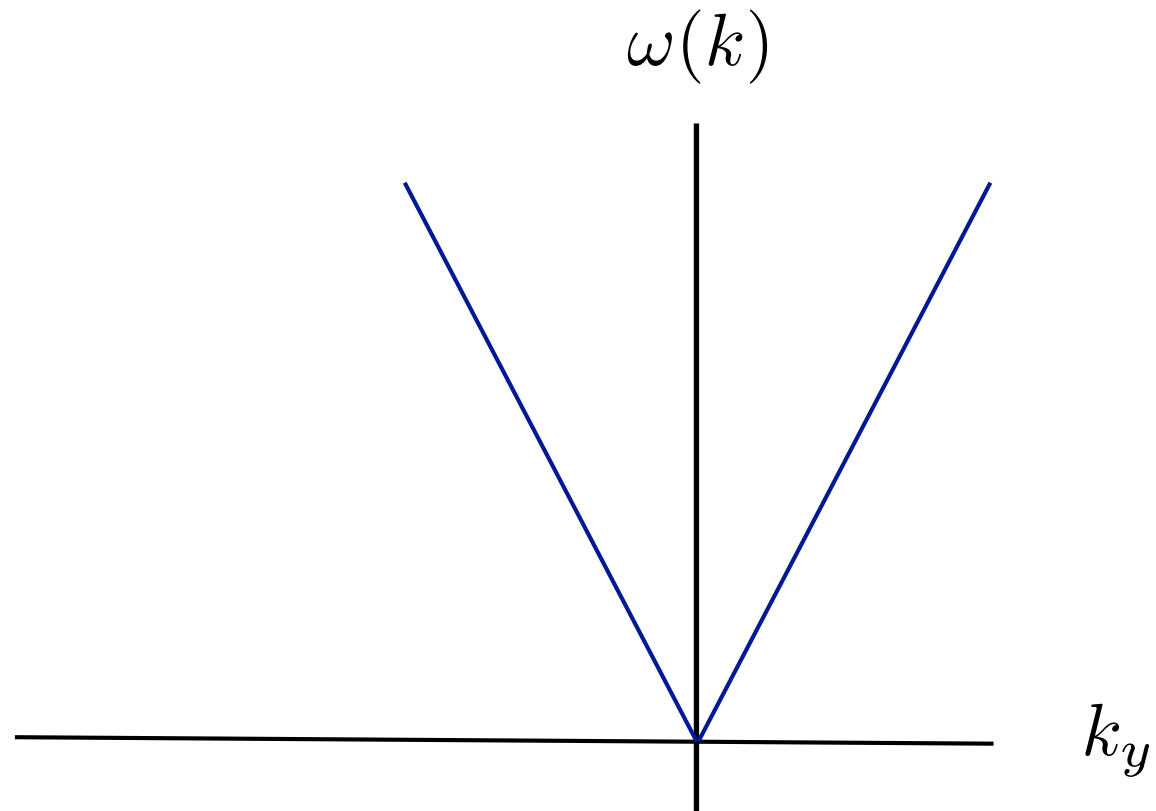
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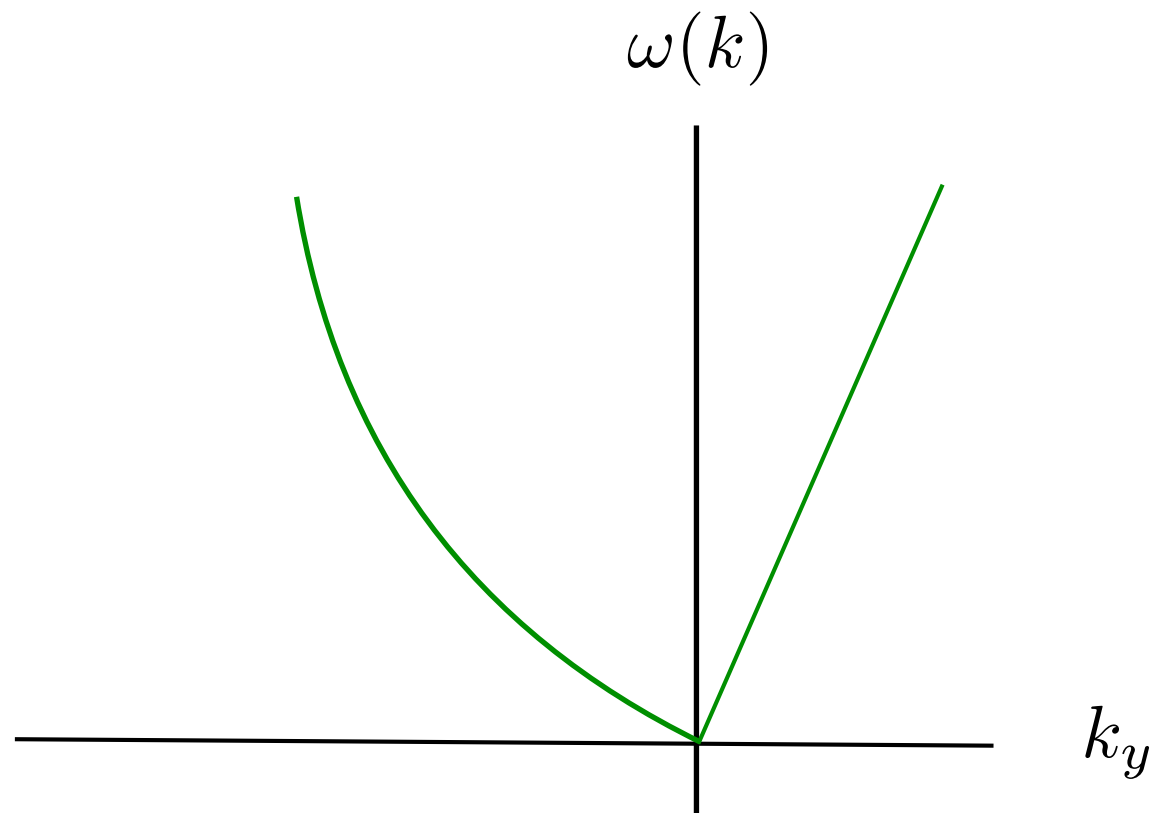
# Phonon dispersion

$$V_y = 0$$



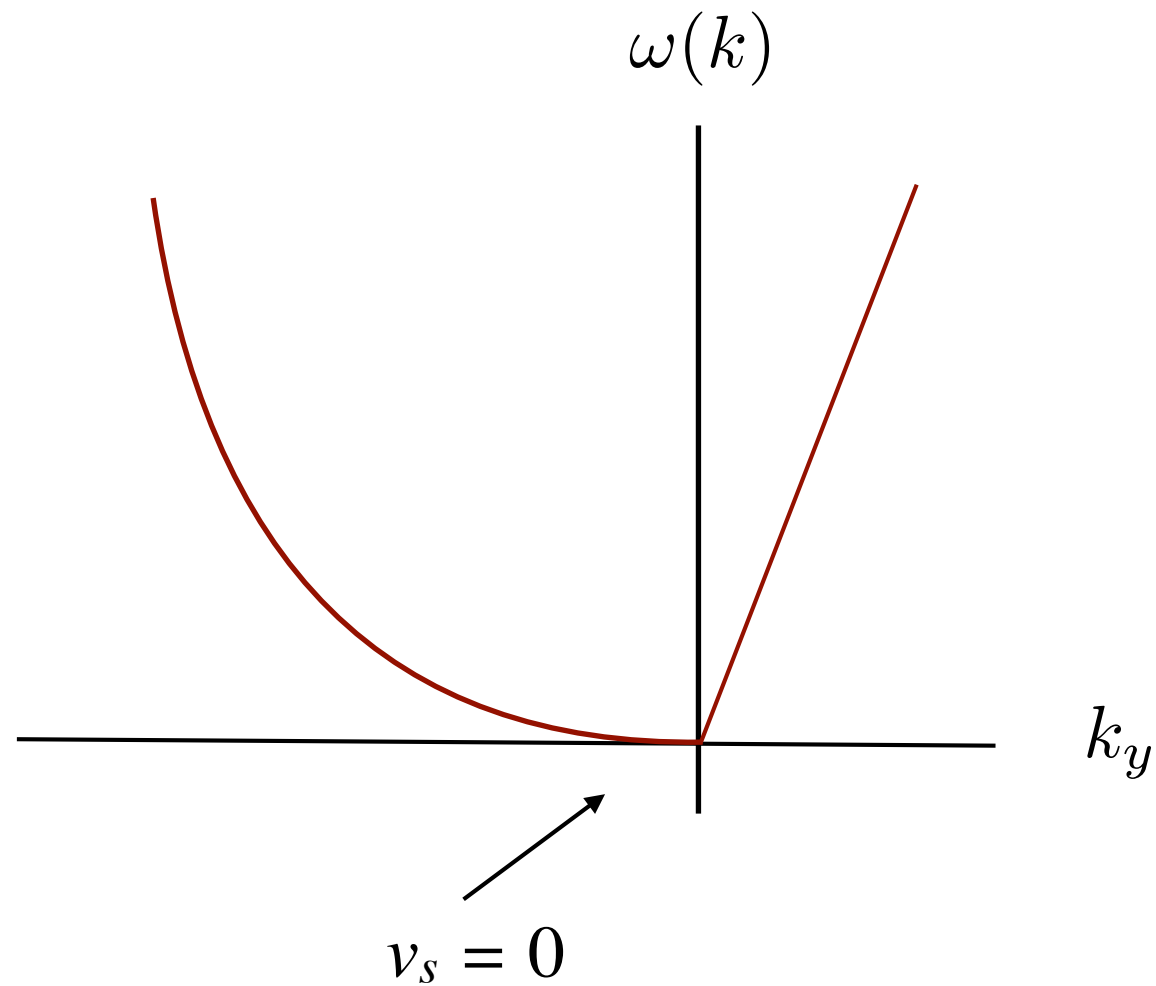
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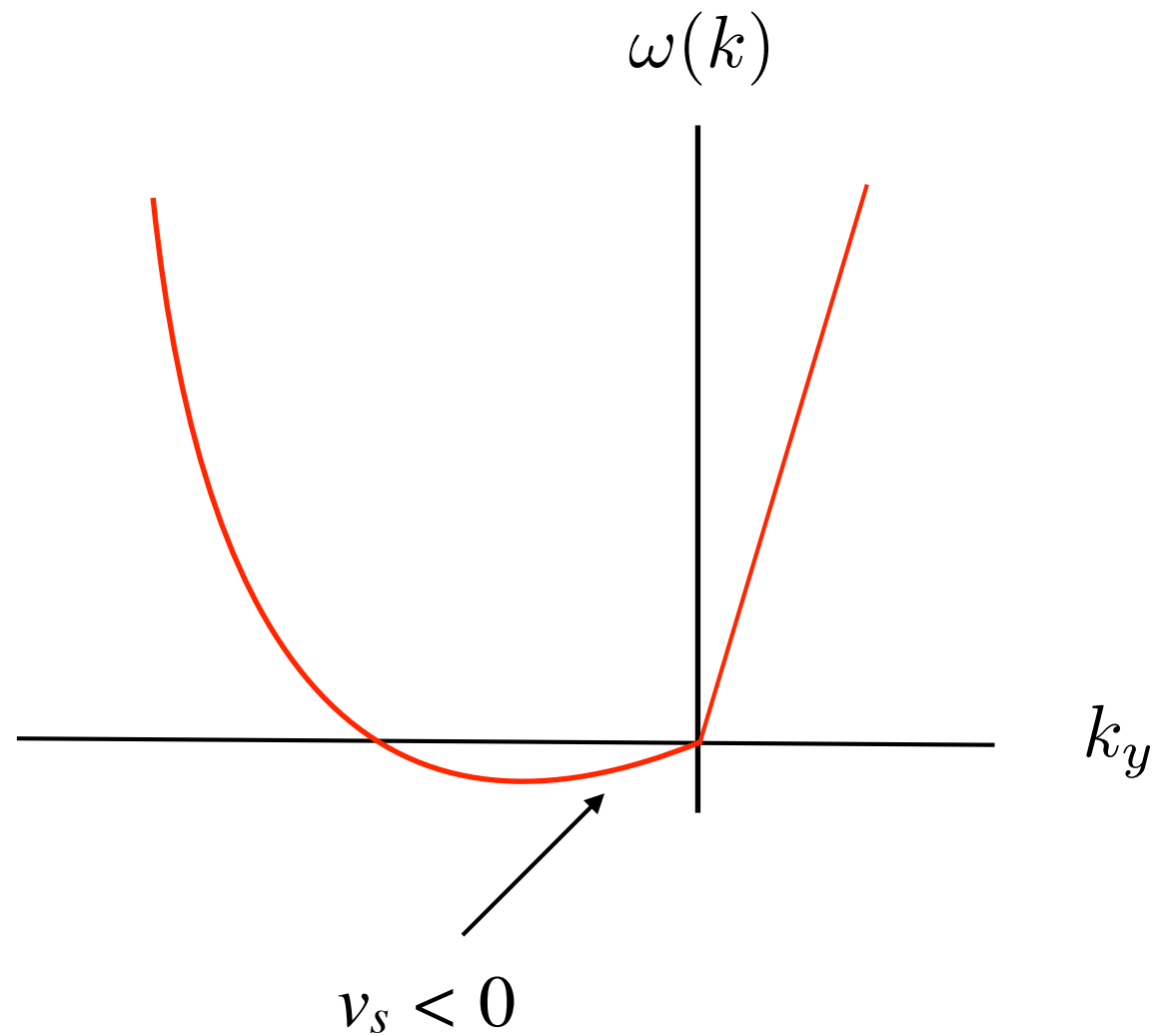
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$$V_y = V^{crit}$$

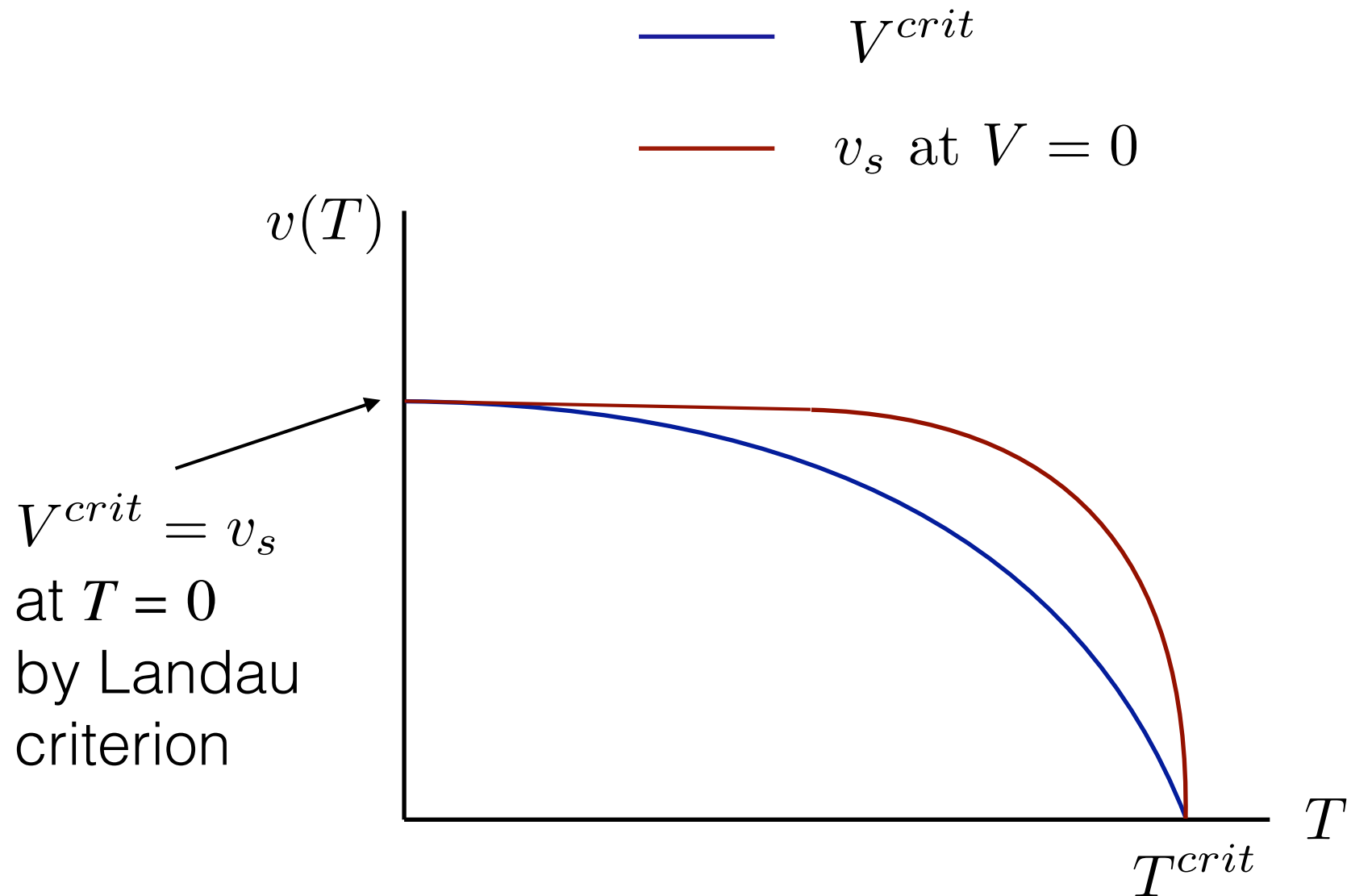


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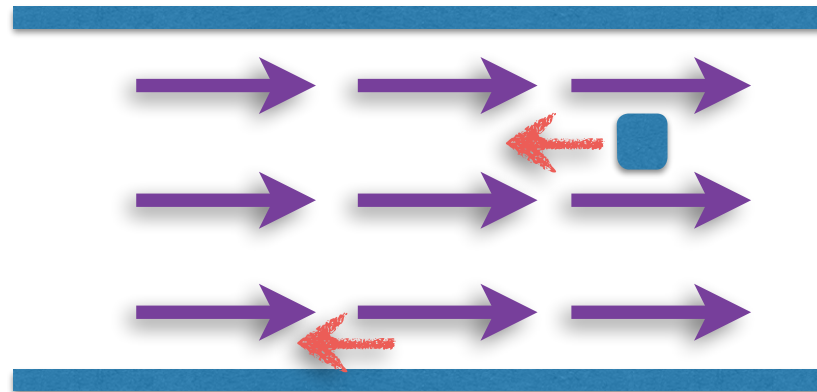
# Critical Velocity vs. Temperature



# Instability ?

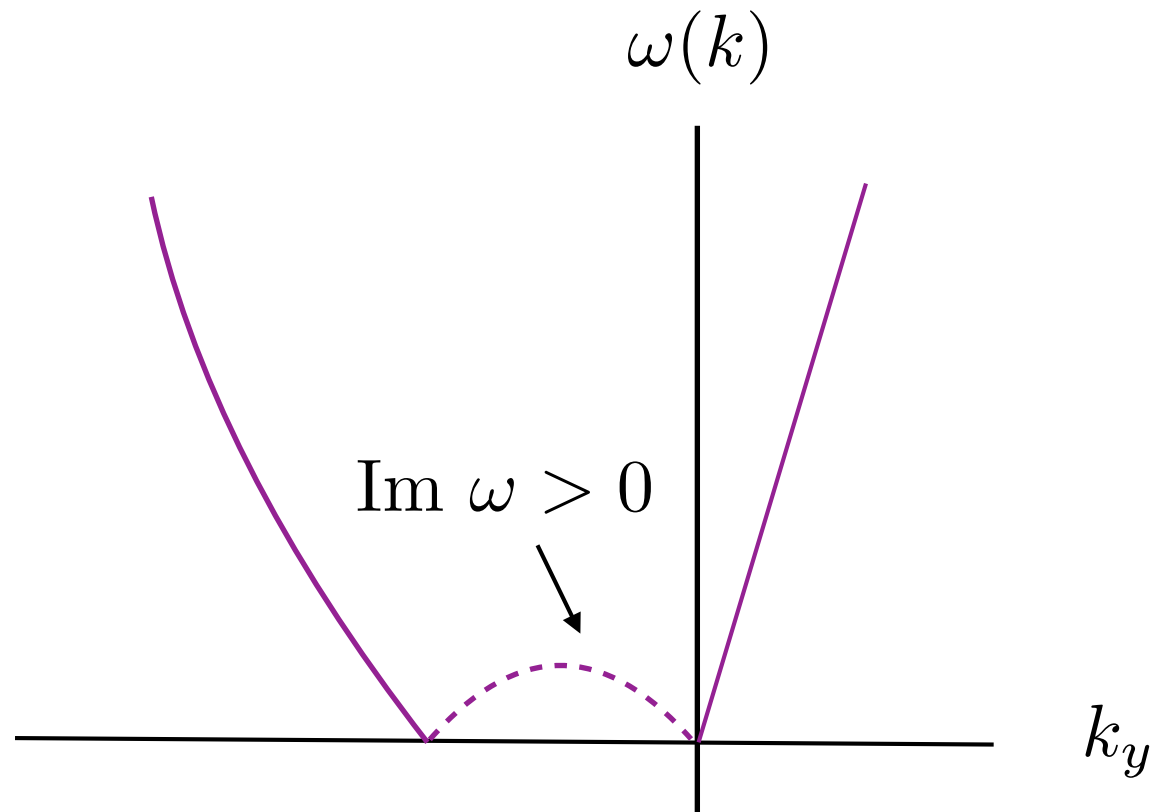
At  $T = 0$  and  $V_y > V^{crit}$

- Lorentz invar.  Infinite superfluid stable
- Barrier/boundary can excite modes with  $\omega < 0$

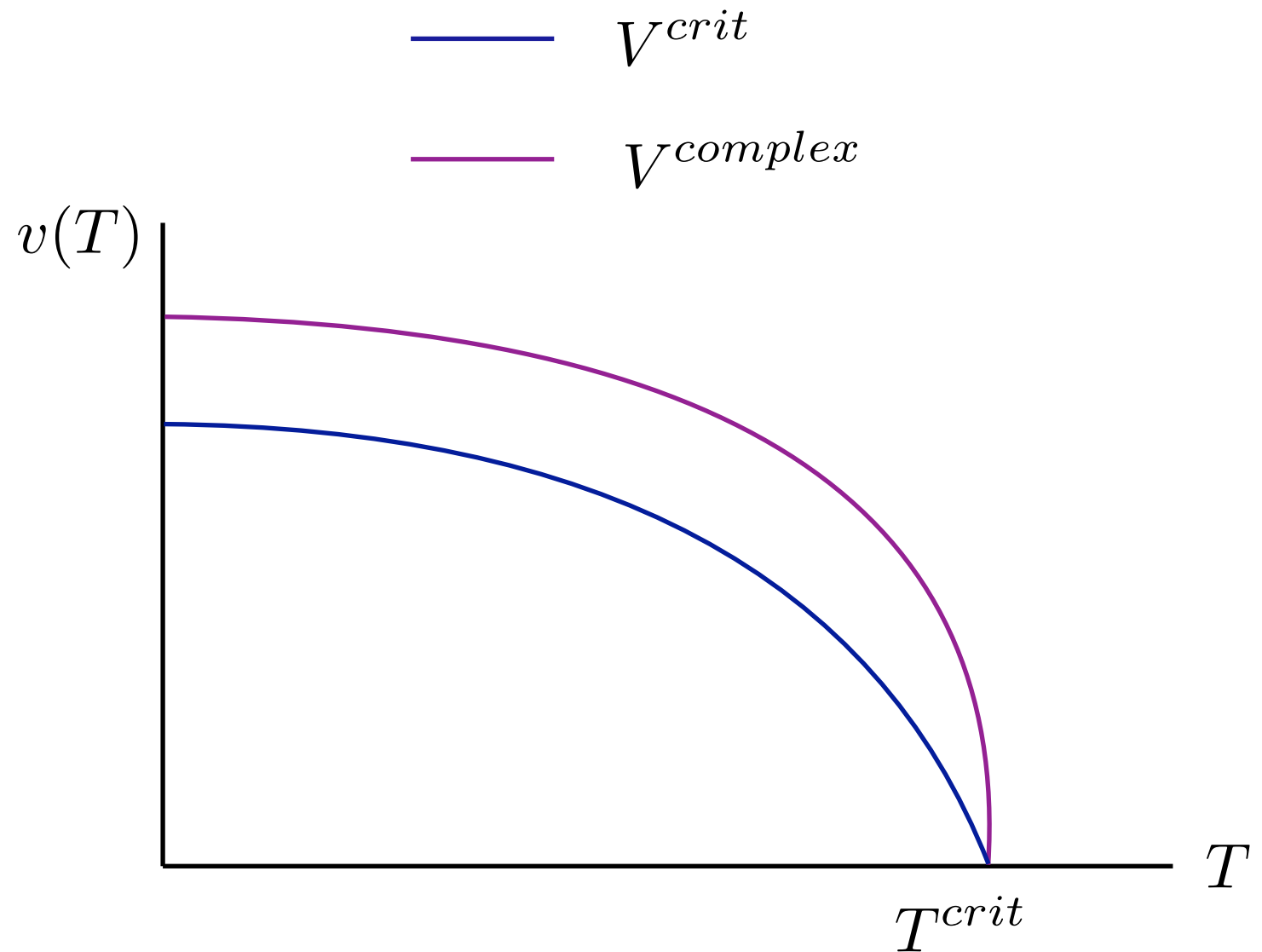


# Instability

For  $V_y > V^{complex} > V^{crit}$

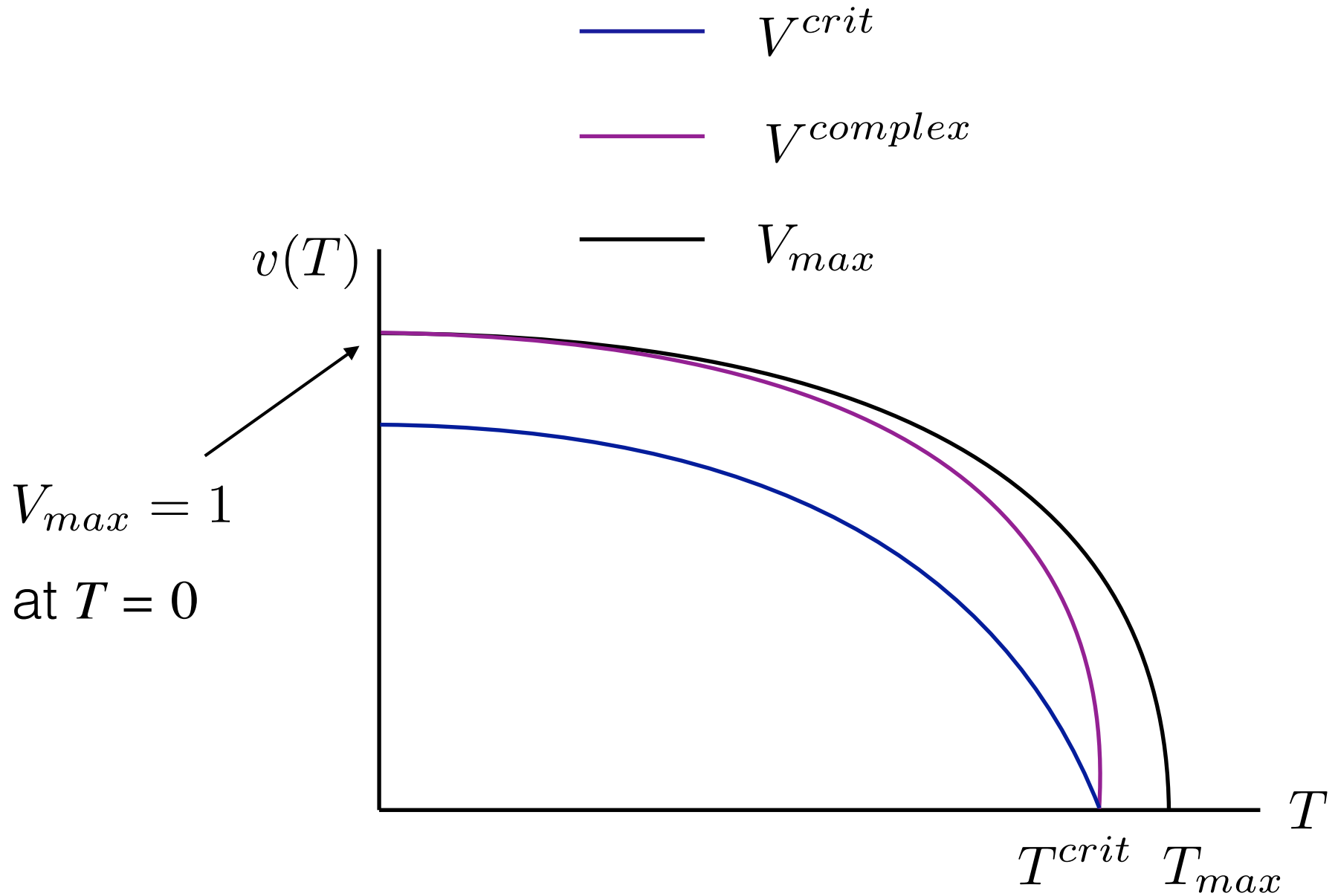


# Velocity vs. Temperature





# Velocity vs. Temperature



# Summary

- Anyonic superfluid: non-standard superfluid
- Related to QH fluid by  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$
- Holographic model of strongly-coupled anyon superfluid
  - $T \geq 0$
  - $V^{complex} > V^{crit}$
  - ground state at large  $V$ ?