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A traditional Chinese landscape painting in ink and wash, showing a vast, hazy mountain range with a winding path or river in the foreground. The style is characteristic of classical Chinese art.

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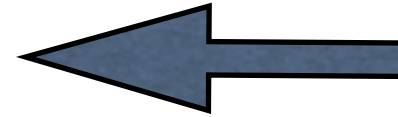
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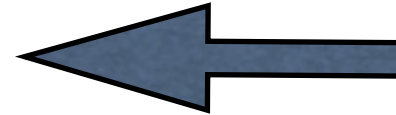
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Is it extensive (volume law) or does it follow an area law ?

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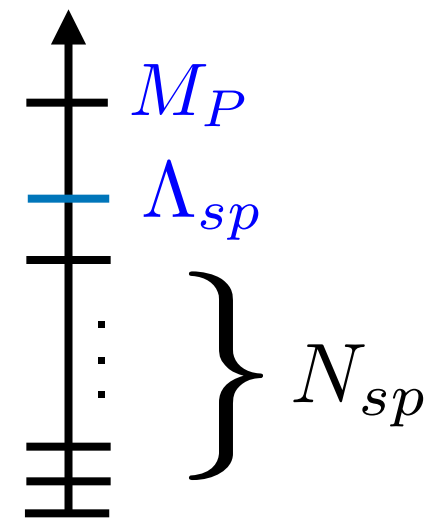
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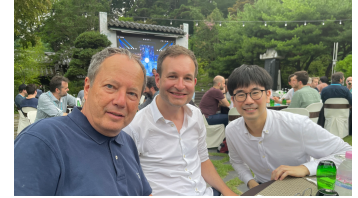
.... it depends on moduli fields:  $N_{sp} = N_{sp}(\phi)$



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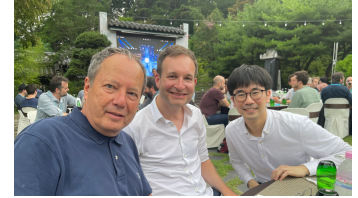
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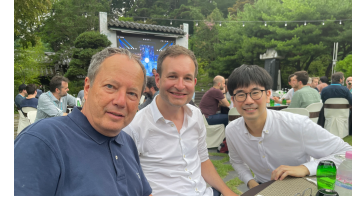
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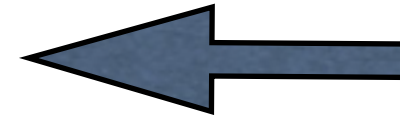
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Species thermodynamics:

Determines the motion of species properties in moduli space.

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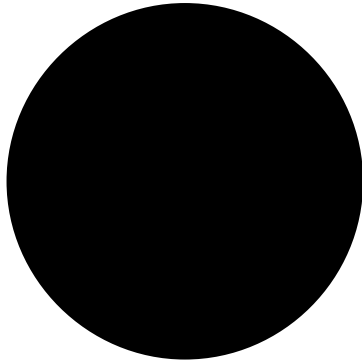
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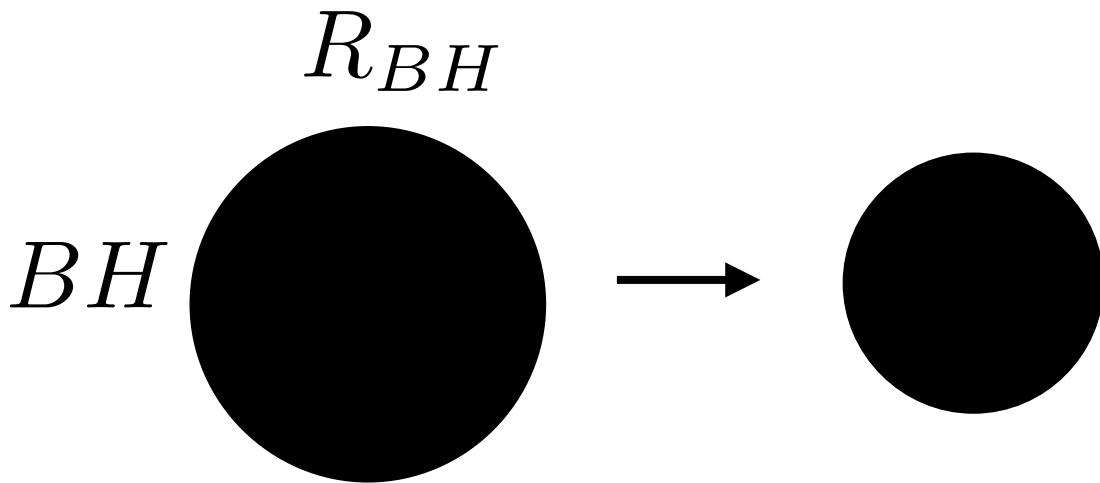




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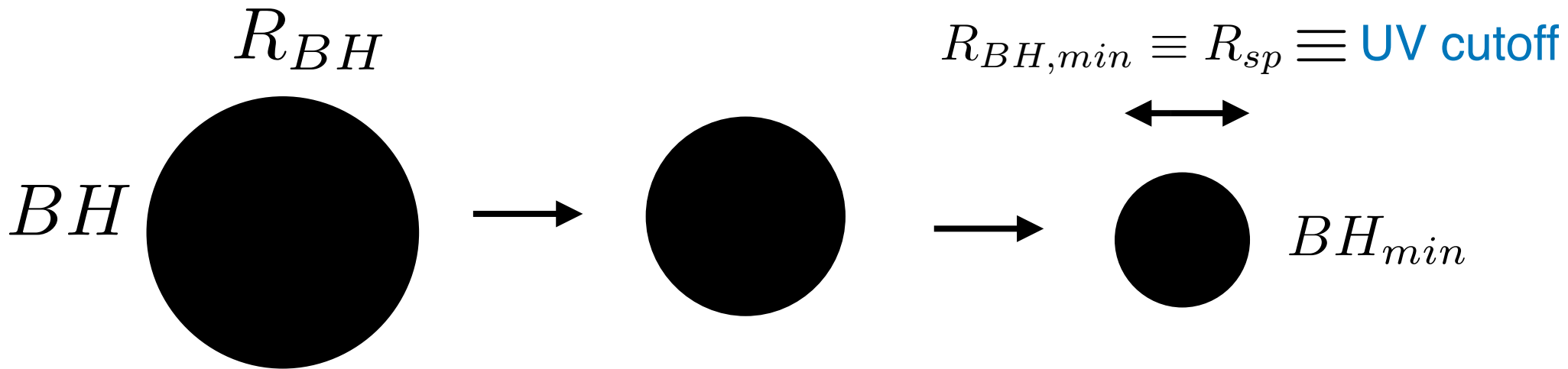
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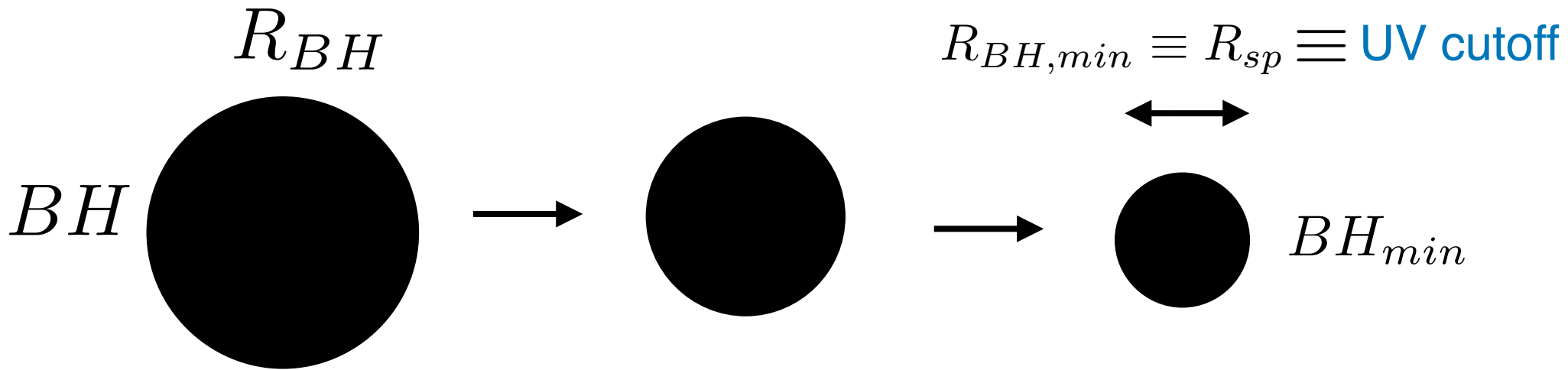
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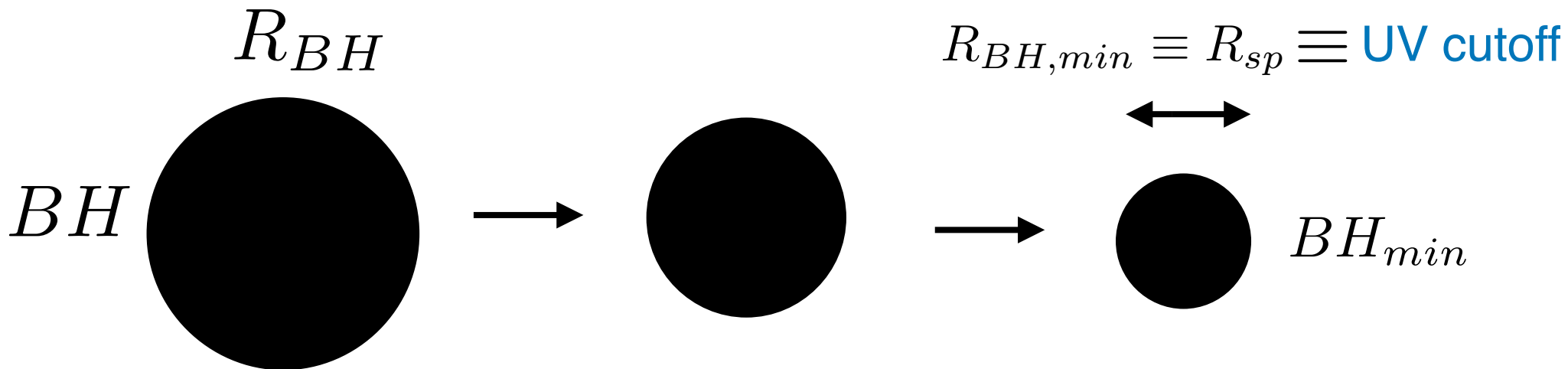


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Dual description: Particles - Geometry  
Species - Minimal BH as species bound state

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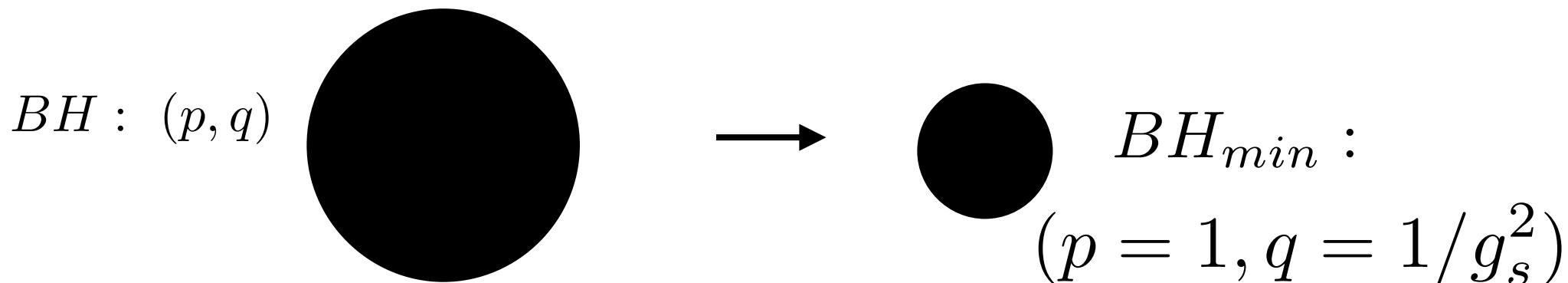
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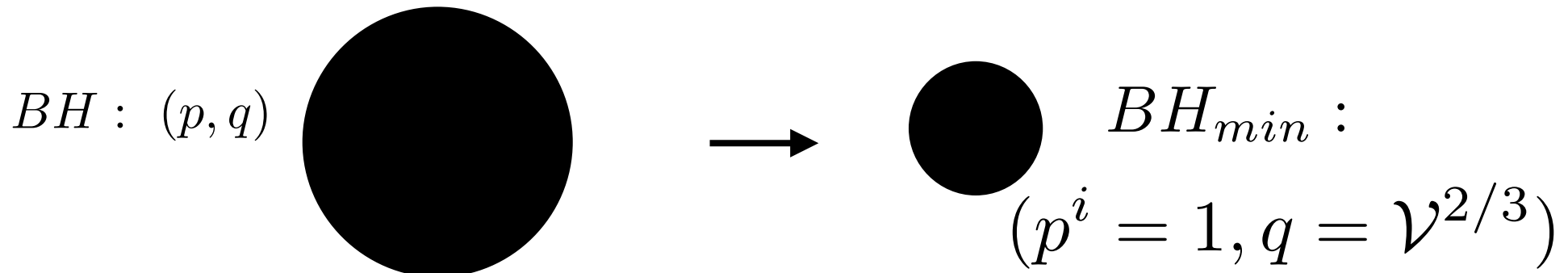
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Use calculation of fermionic free energy

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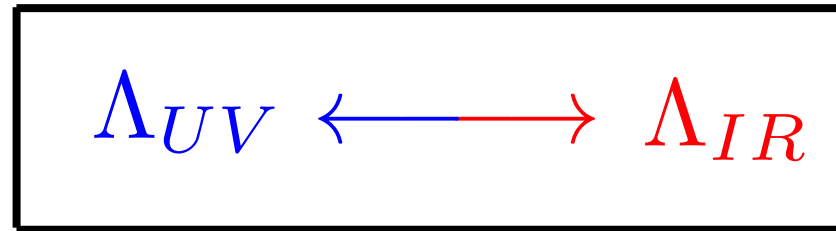


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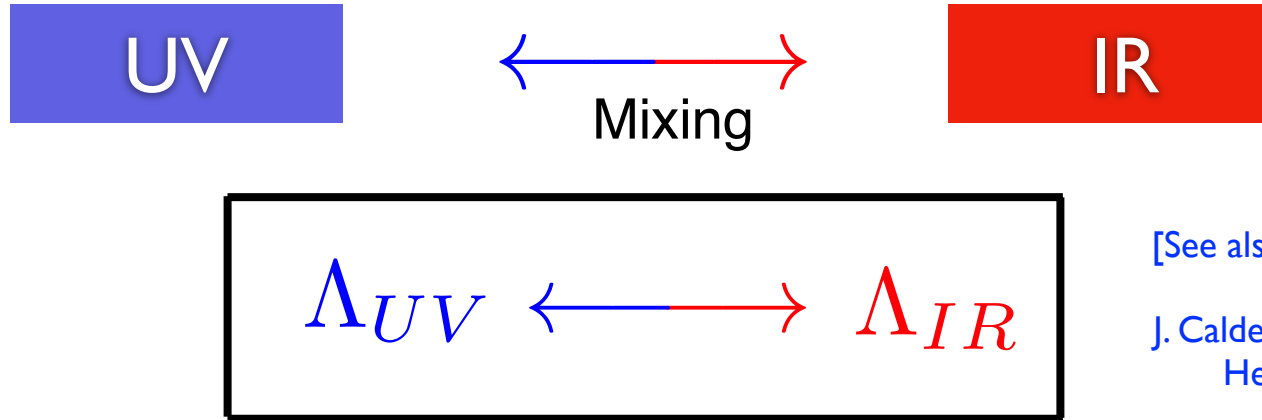
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This agrees with the Higuchi bound.

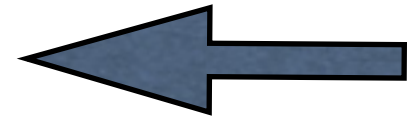
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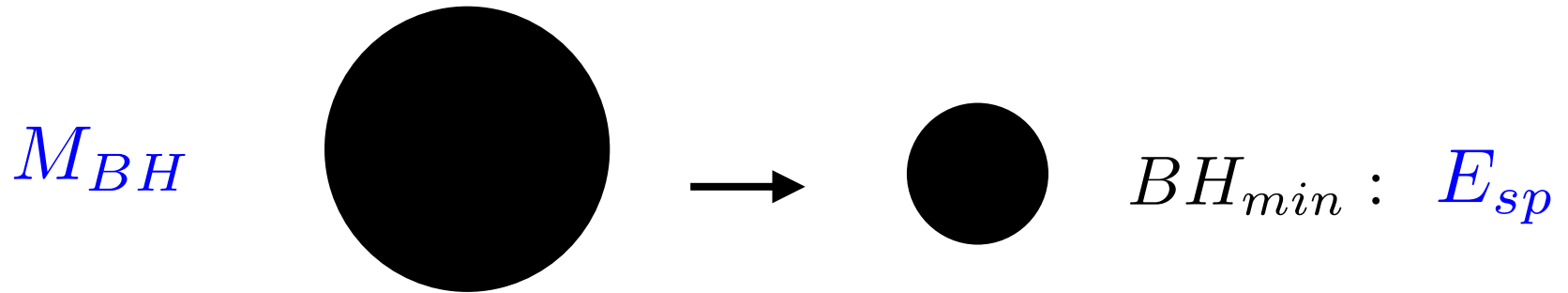
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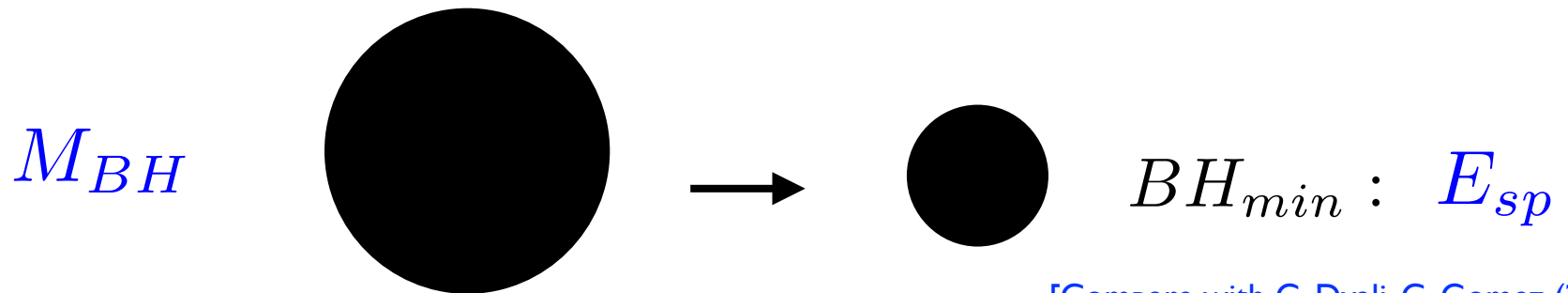
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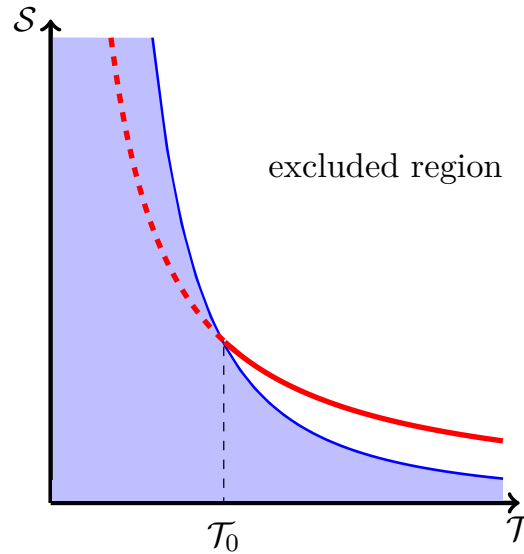
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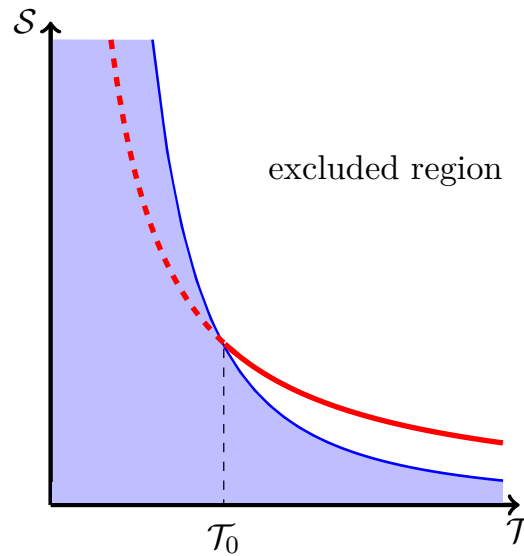
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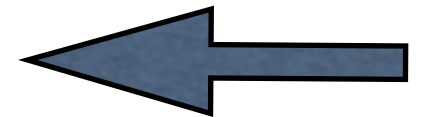
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