

**Initial Stages 2021**

# On the way to collectivity in rarely interacting systems

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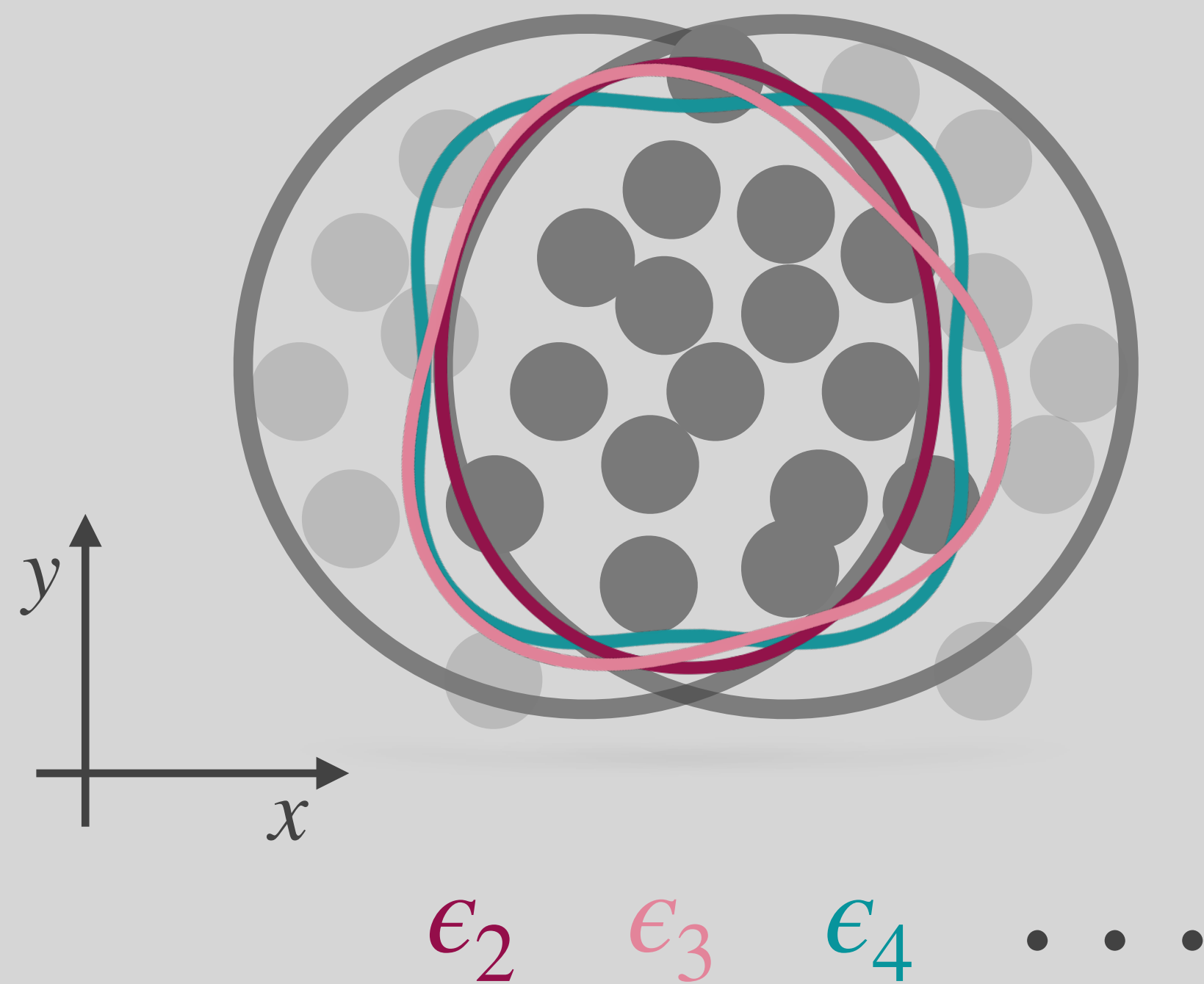
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# Motivation

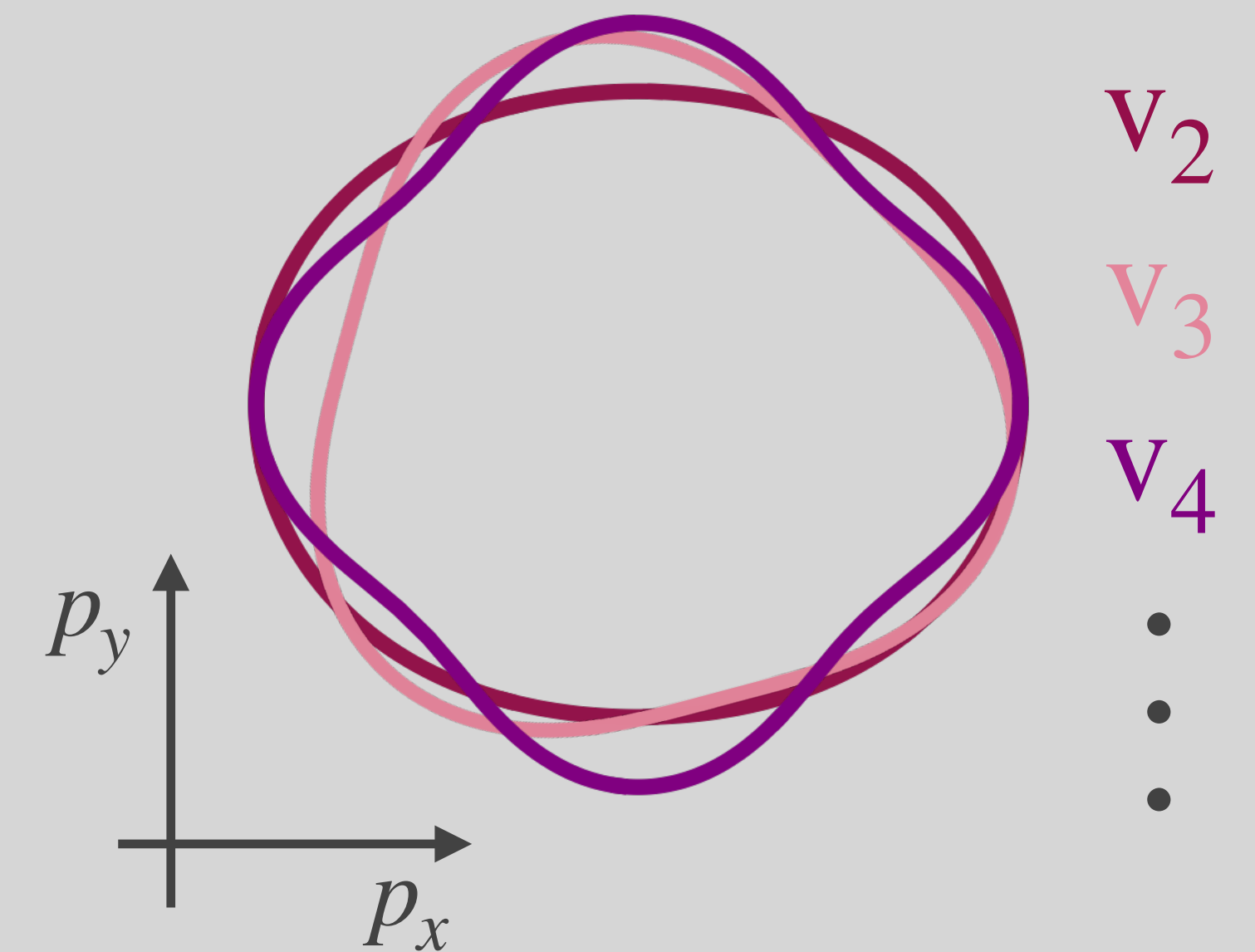


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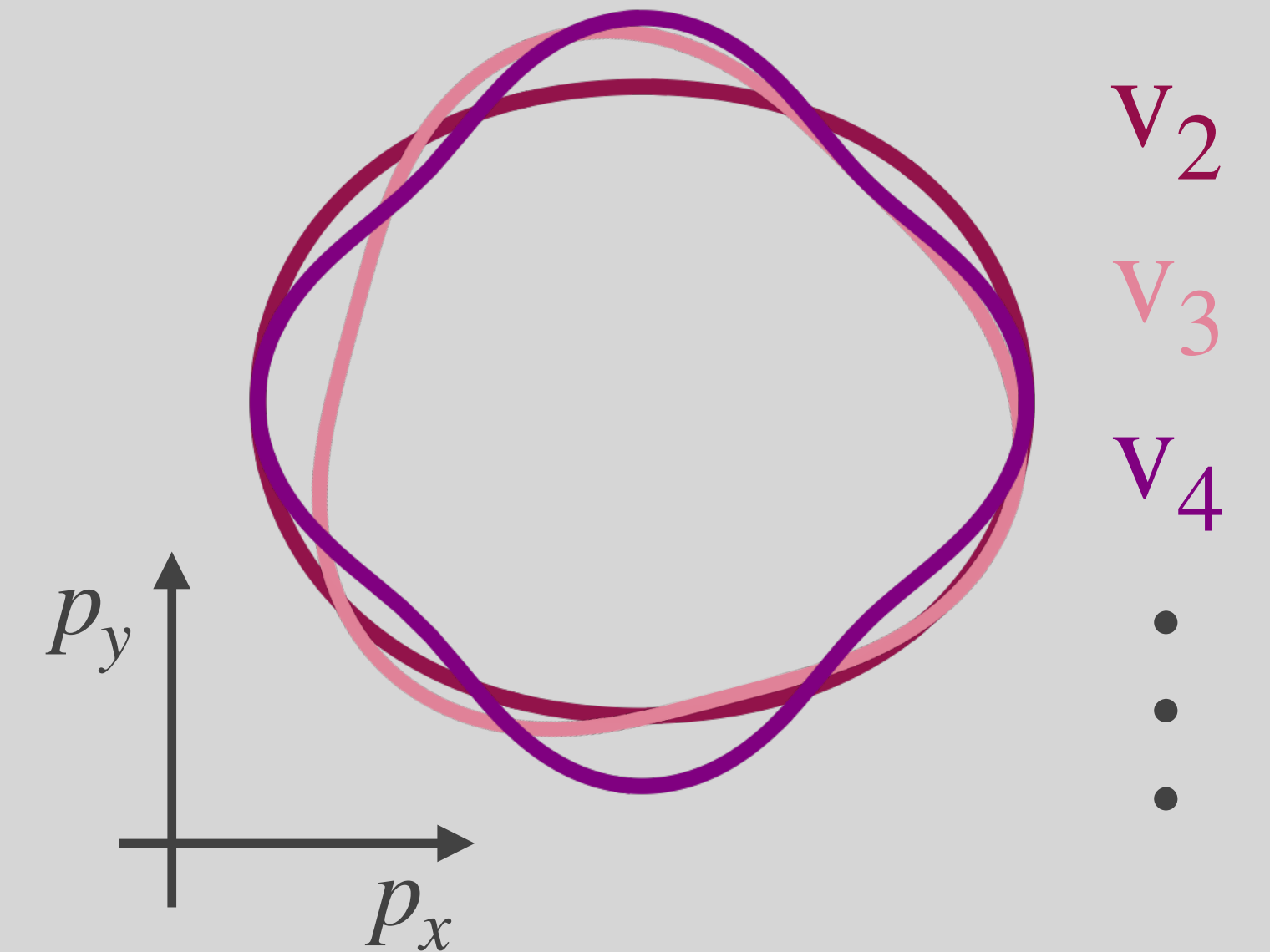
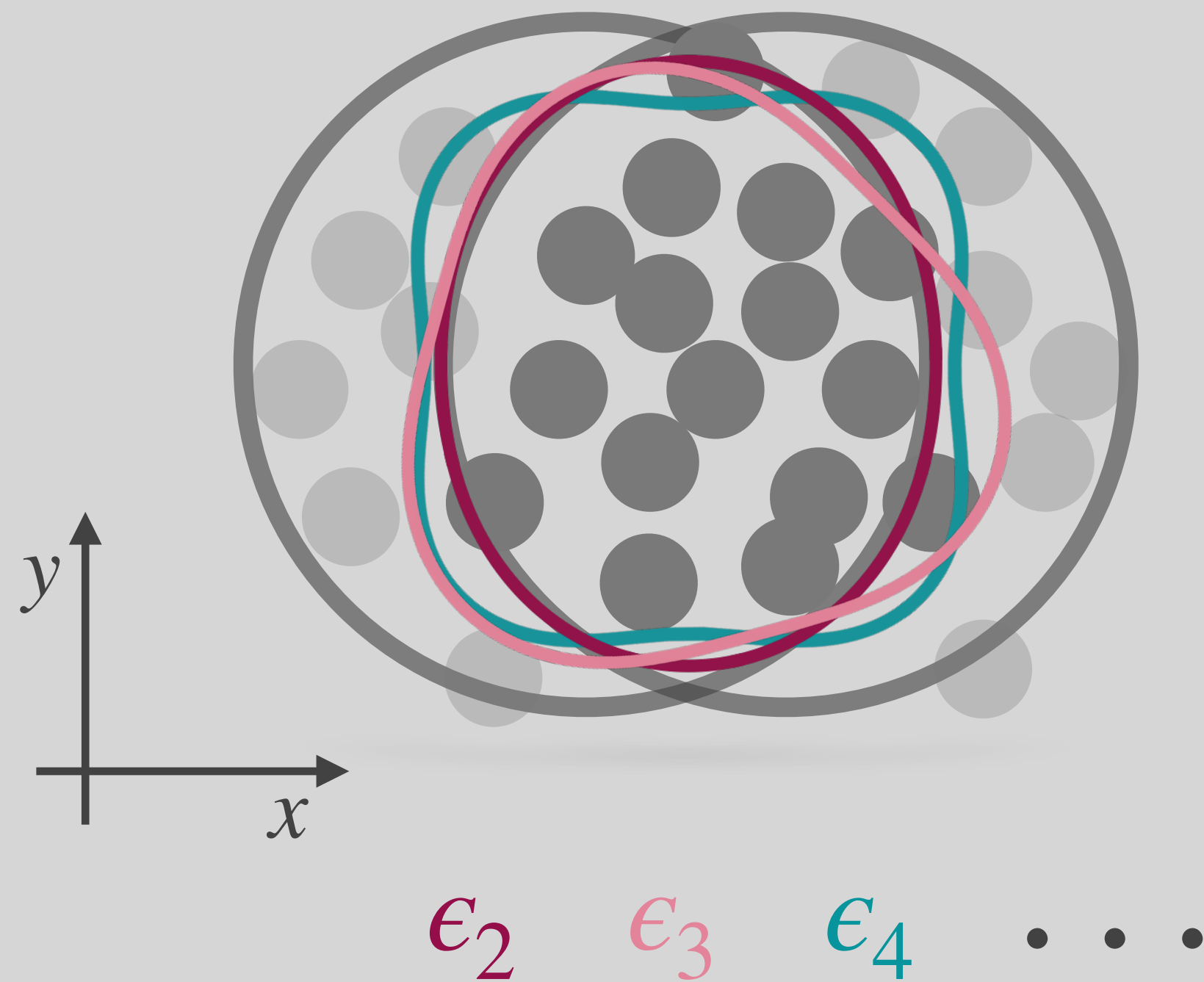


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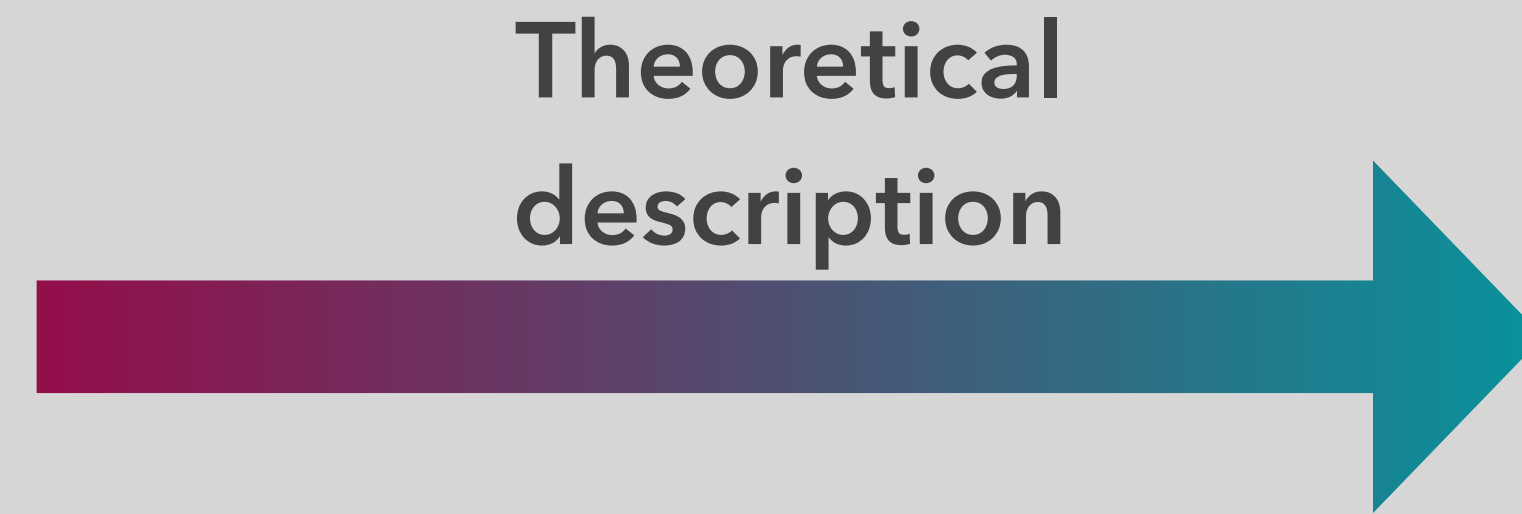
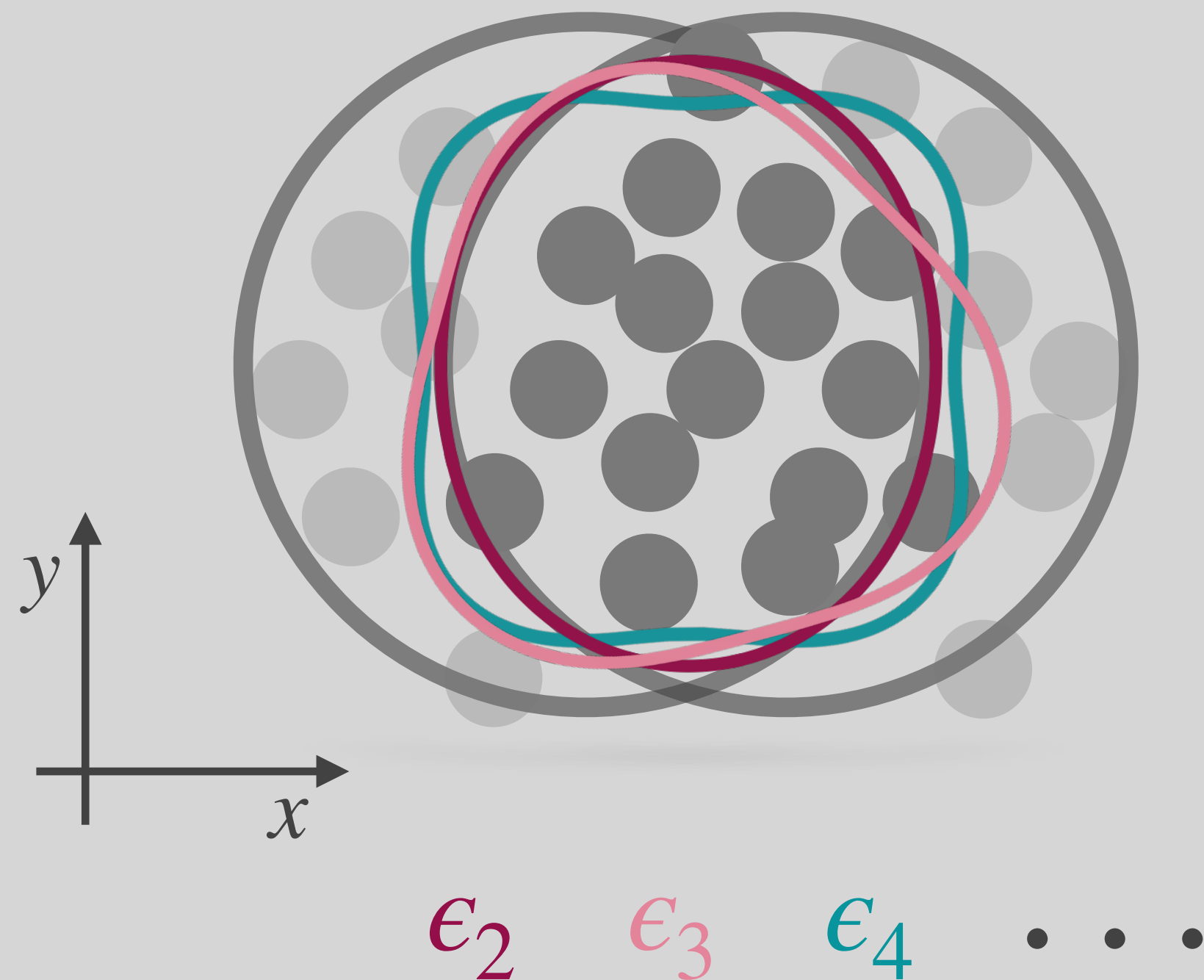


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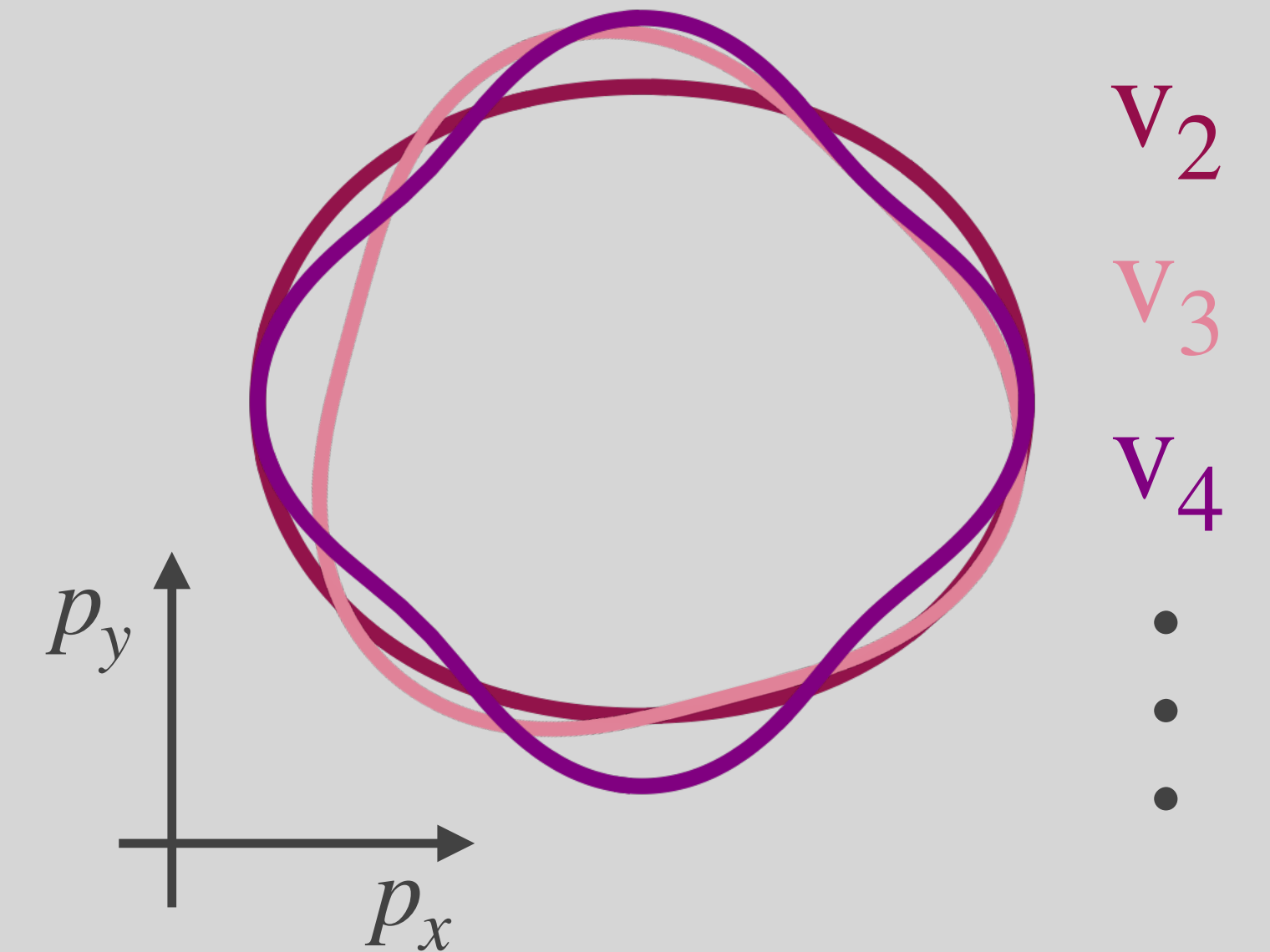
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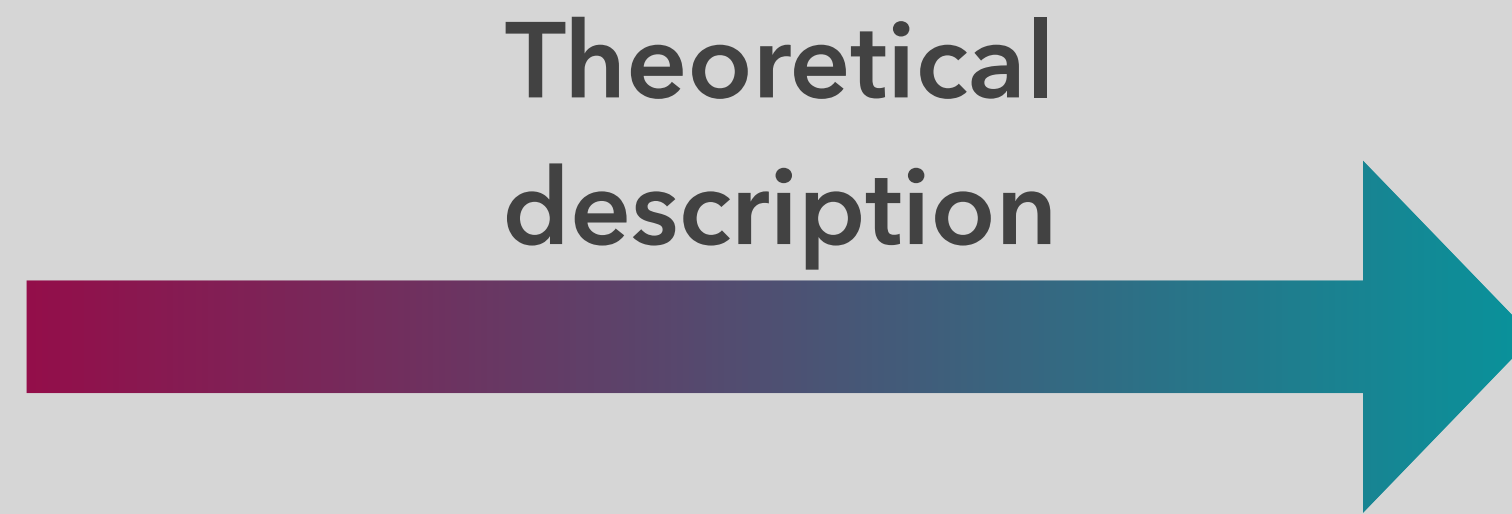
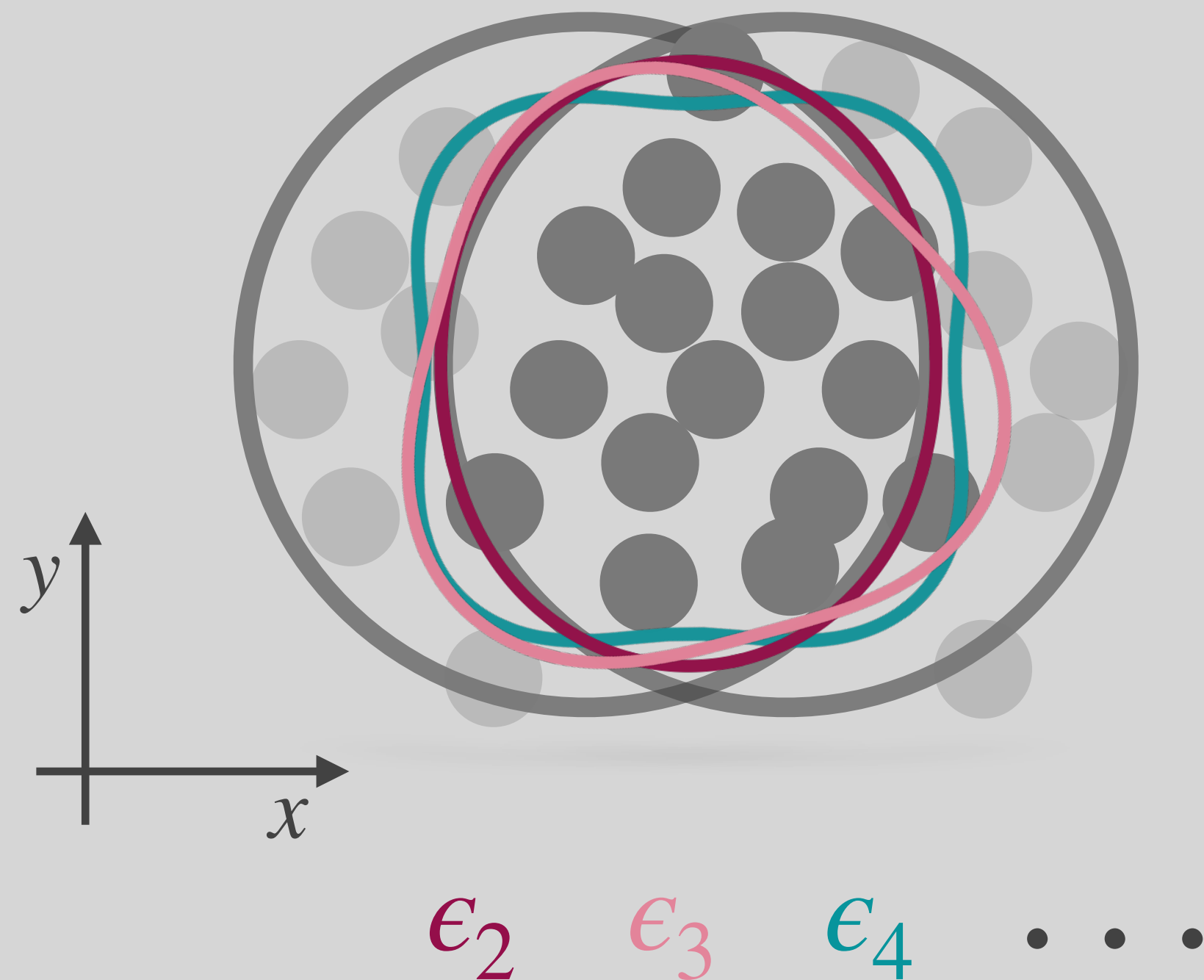
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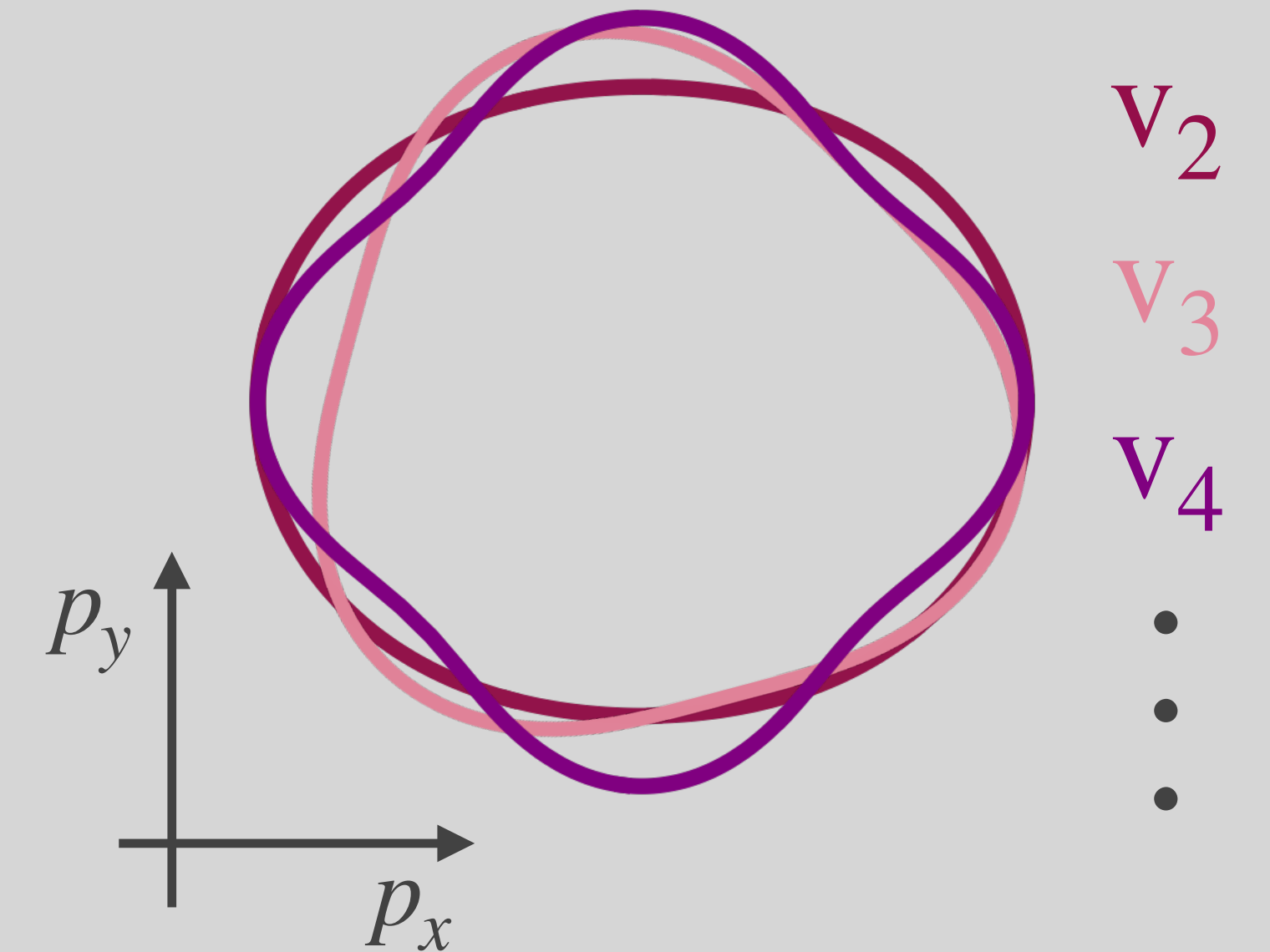
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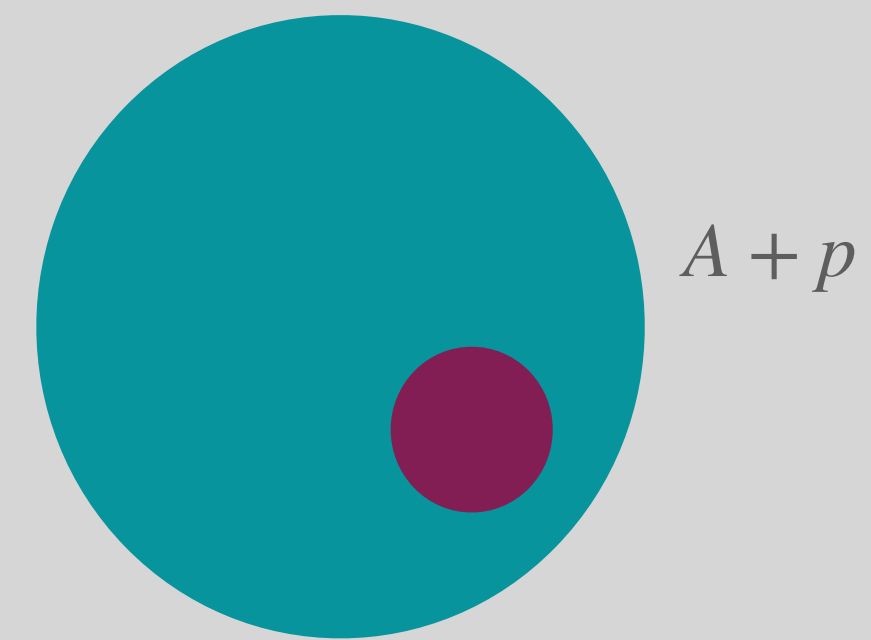
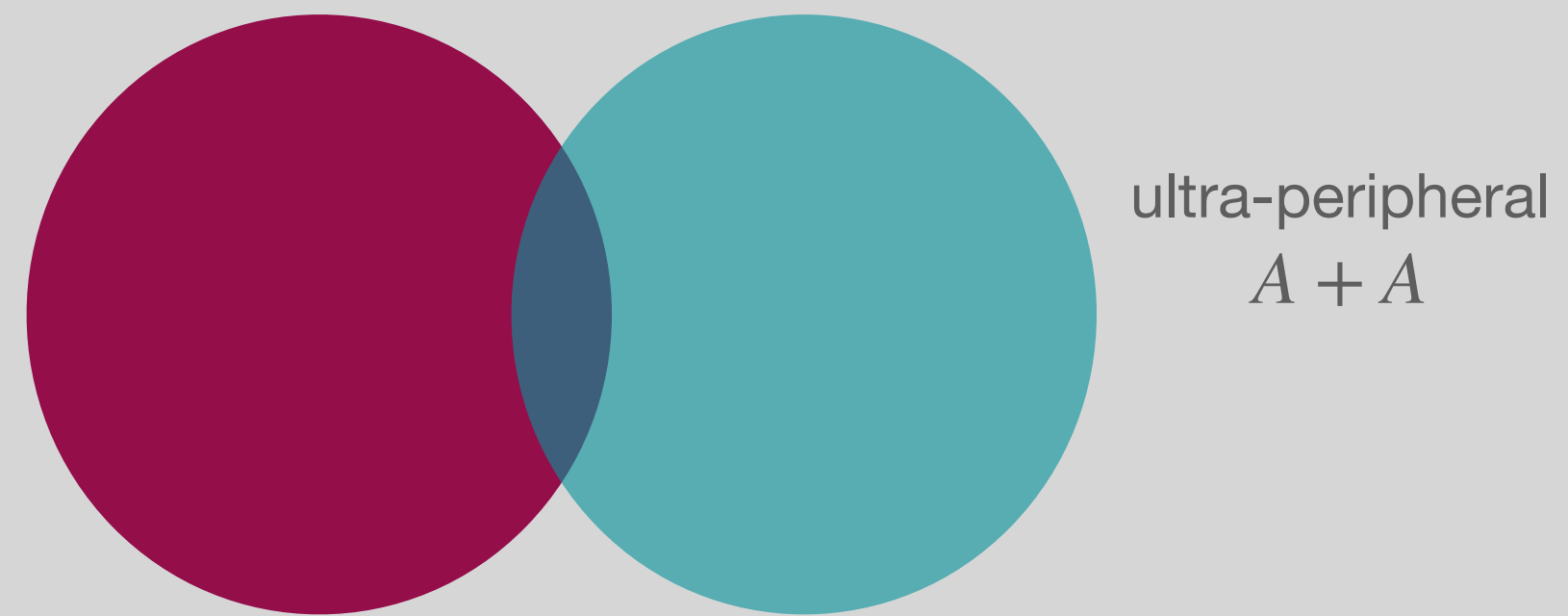
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# Reasons for kinetic theory approach

Small and dilute systems



# Question to be answered

for our approaches

How do flow harmonics  $v_n$  evolve in time with dependence on the various initial eccentricities  $\epsilon_m$ ?





# Methods

# Analytical approach

to calculate time-dependent  $v_n$

**Analytical  
model**

Calculate time-dependent anisotropic flow coefficients

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Dependence on free-streaming distribution function

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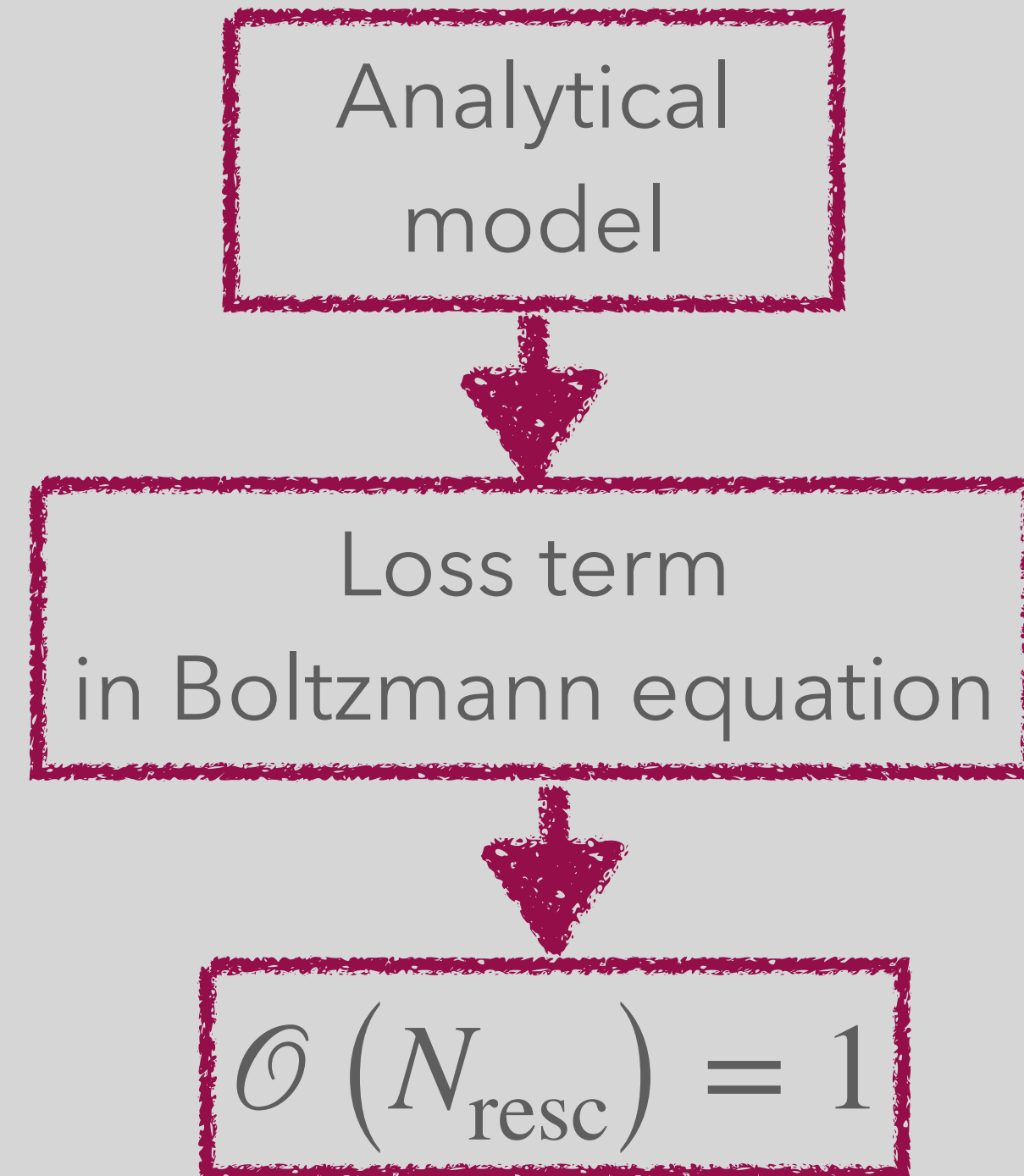
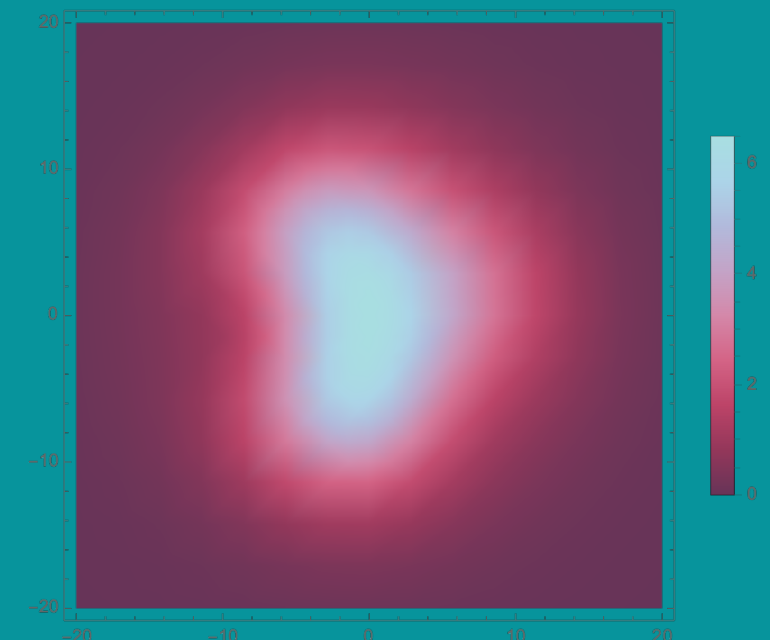
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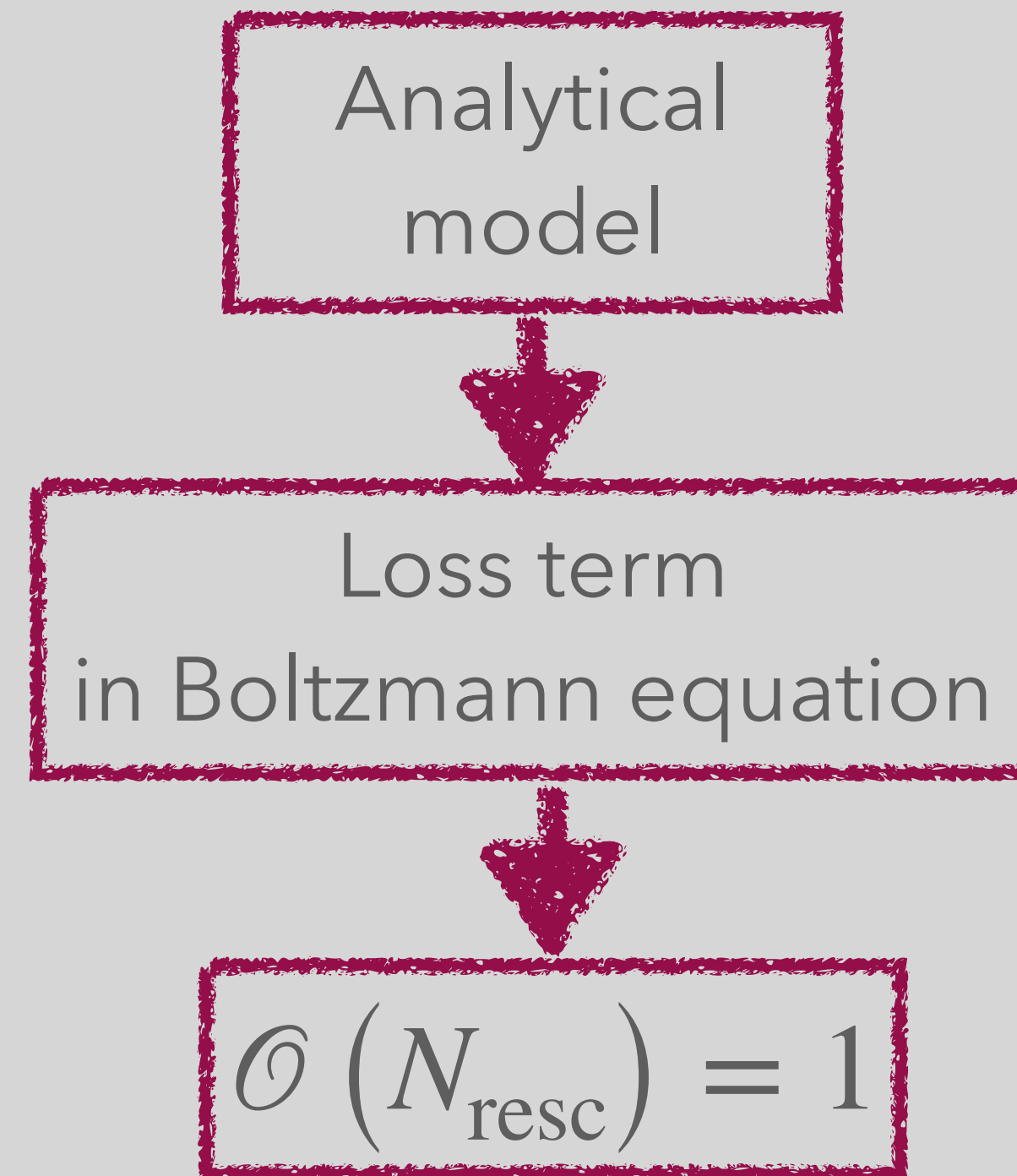
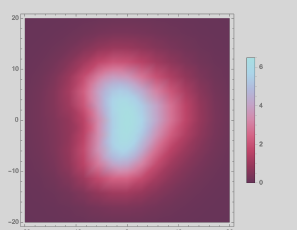
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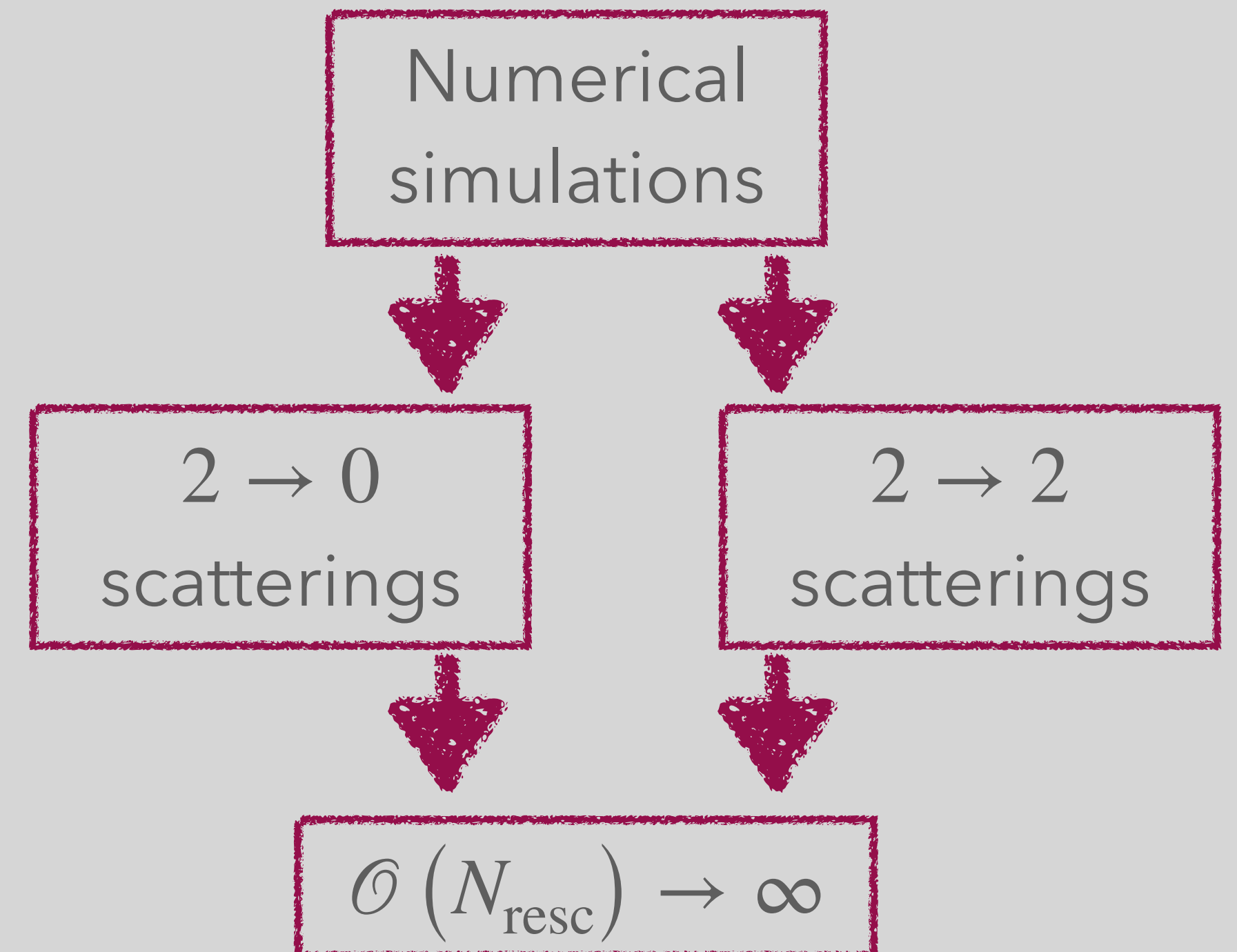
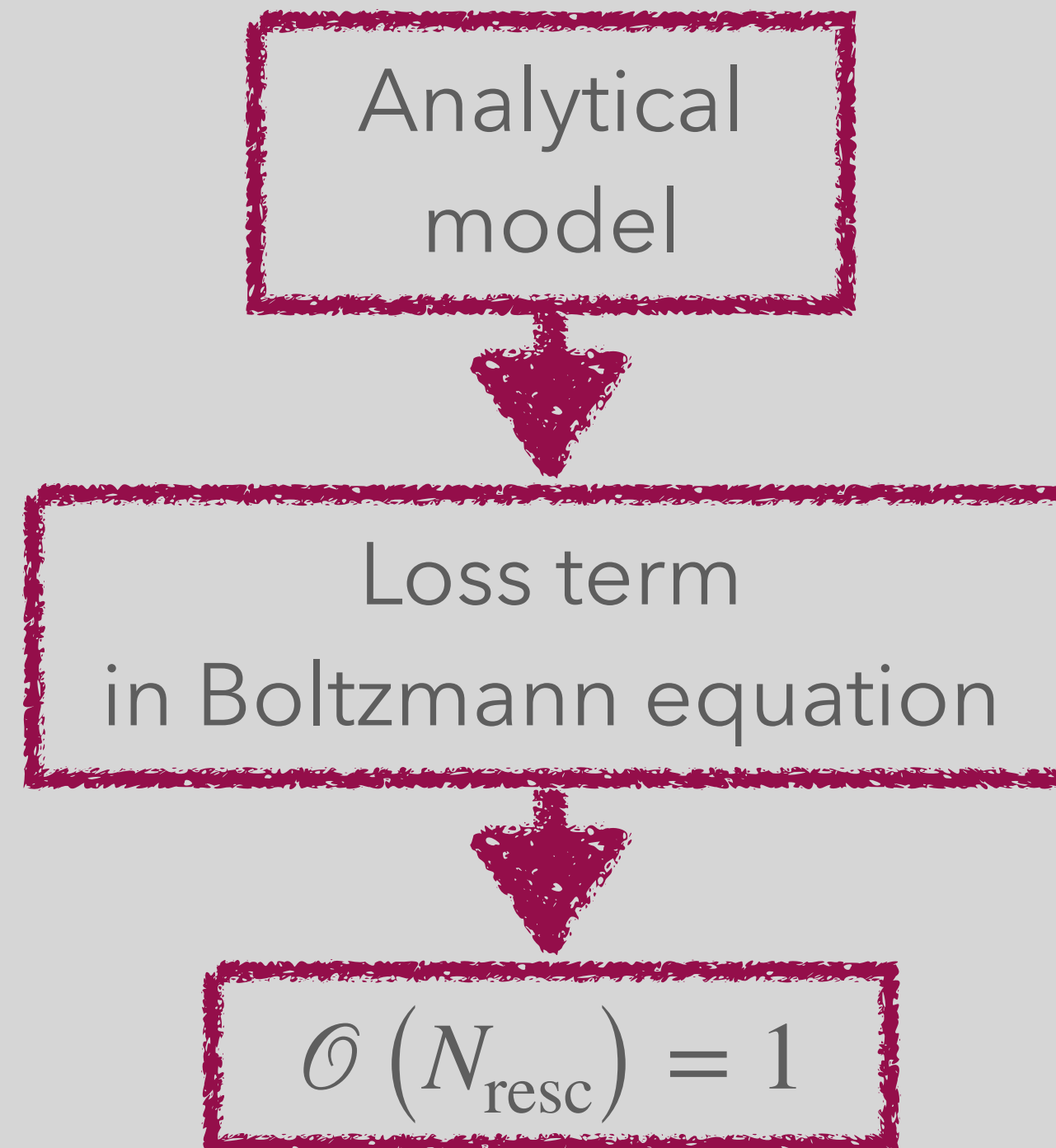
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# Our approaches to calculate $v_n$

- Kinetic theory
- 2 dimensional
- Massless particles



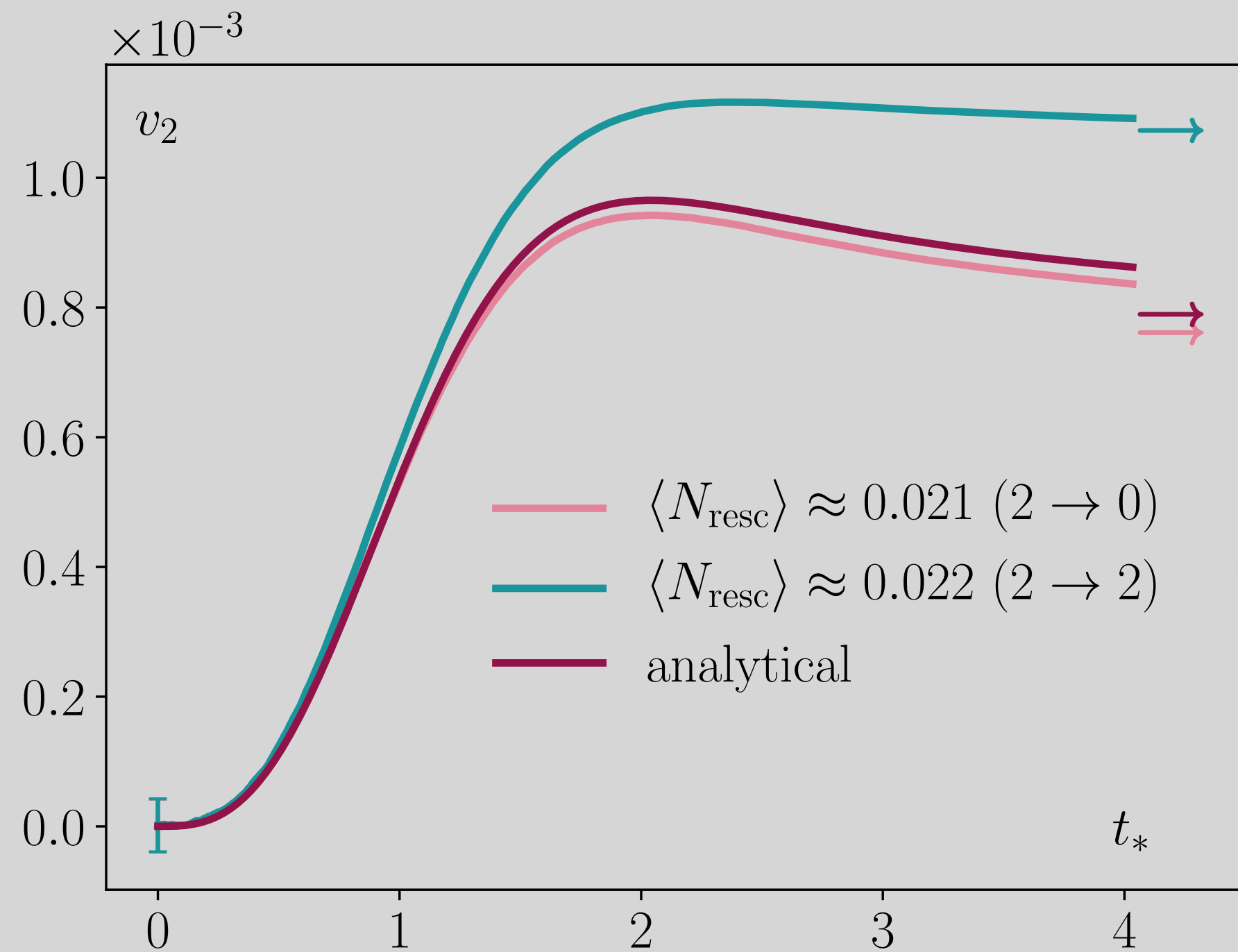
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# Results





# $v_2$ from our approaches



Loss term dominates signal for  $N_{\text{resc}} \lesssim 0.35$

Higher orders in  $N_{\text{resc}}$  can be neglected in few collision regime

Deviation increases with growing  $N_{\text{resc}}$

Good agreement for small  $N_{\text{resc}}$

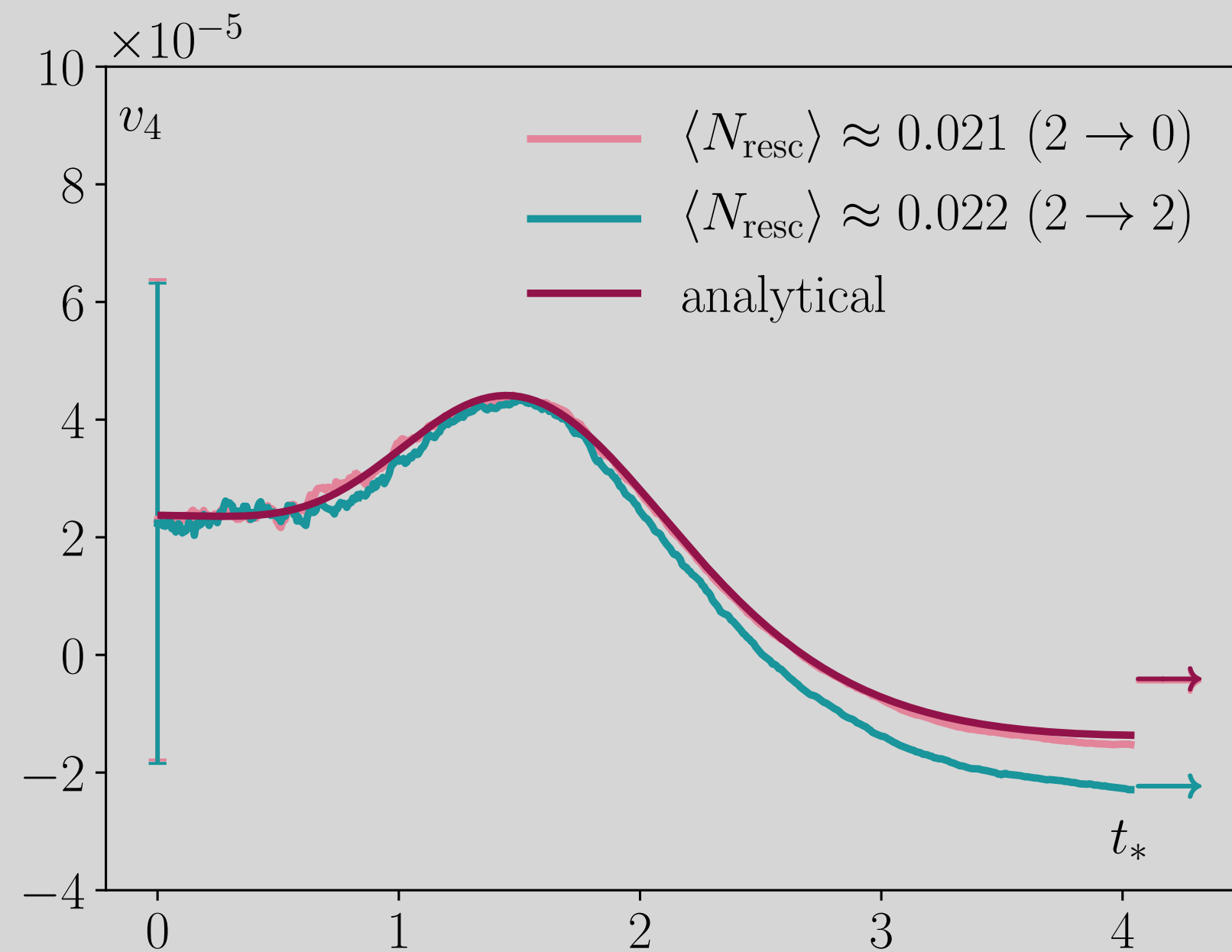
Expansion around small times  $t \Rightarrow v_2 \propto \epsilon_2 t^3$

- Analytical formula (with  $t_* \equiv t/R$ )

$$v_2(t_*) = \frac{64 \sqrt{\pi} N_{\text{resc}} \epsilon_2}{27 (8 + 3 \sqrt{2} \epsilon_2^2)} e^{-\frac{2 t_*^2}{3}} \left[ -t_* I_0 \left( \frac{2 t_*^2}{3} \right) + \left( 2 t_* + \frac{3}{t_*} \right) I_1 \left( \frac{2 t_*^2}{3} \right) \right]$$

# $v_4$ from our approaches

with dependence on  $\epsilon_4$



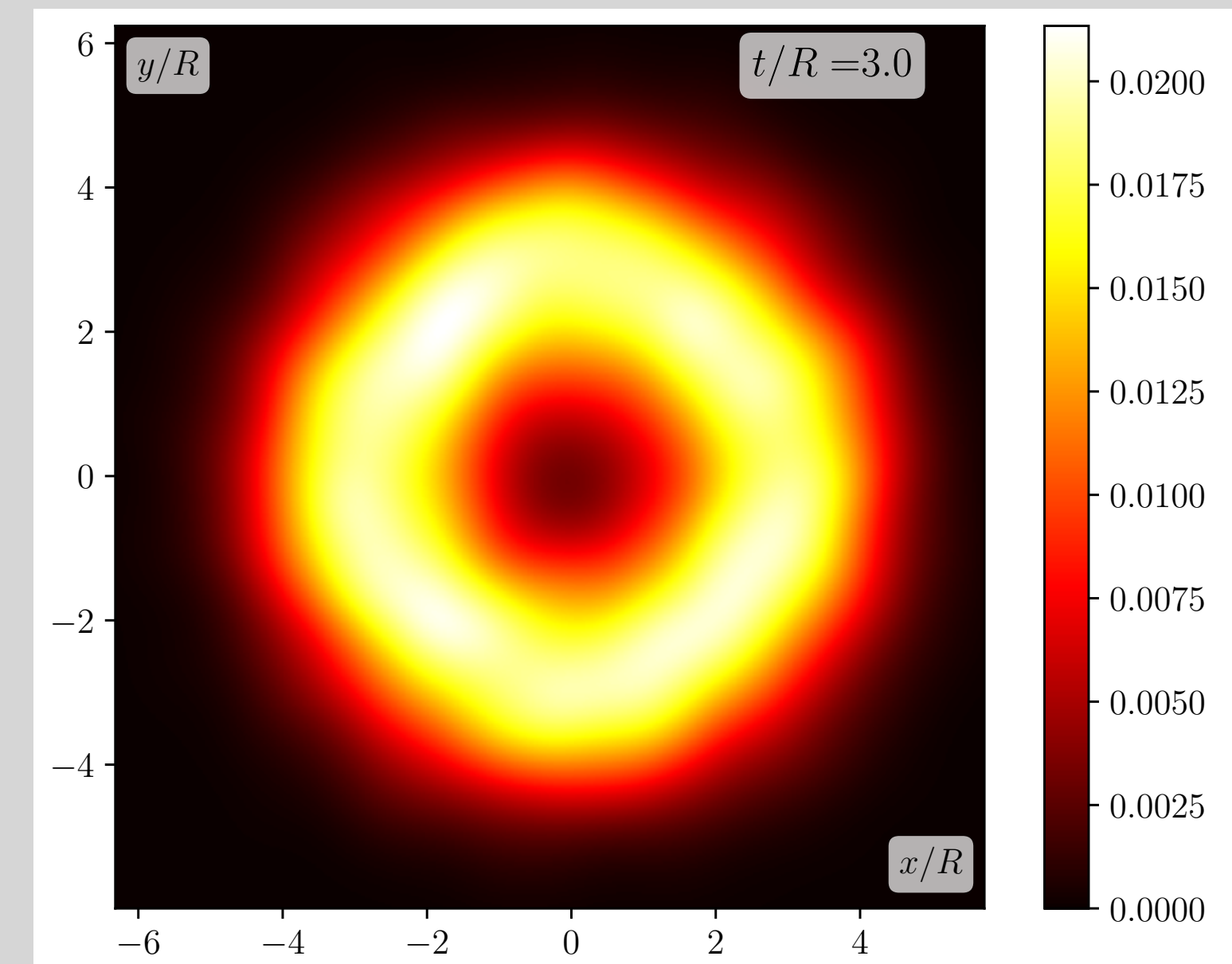
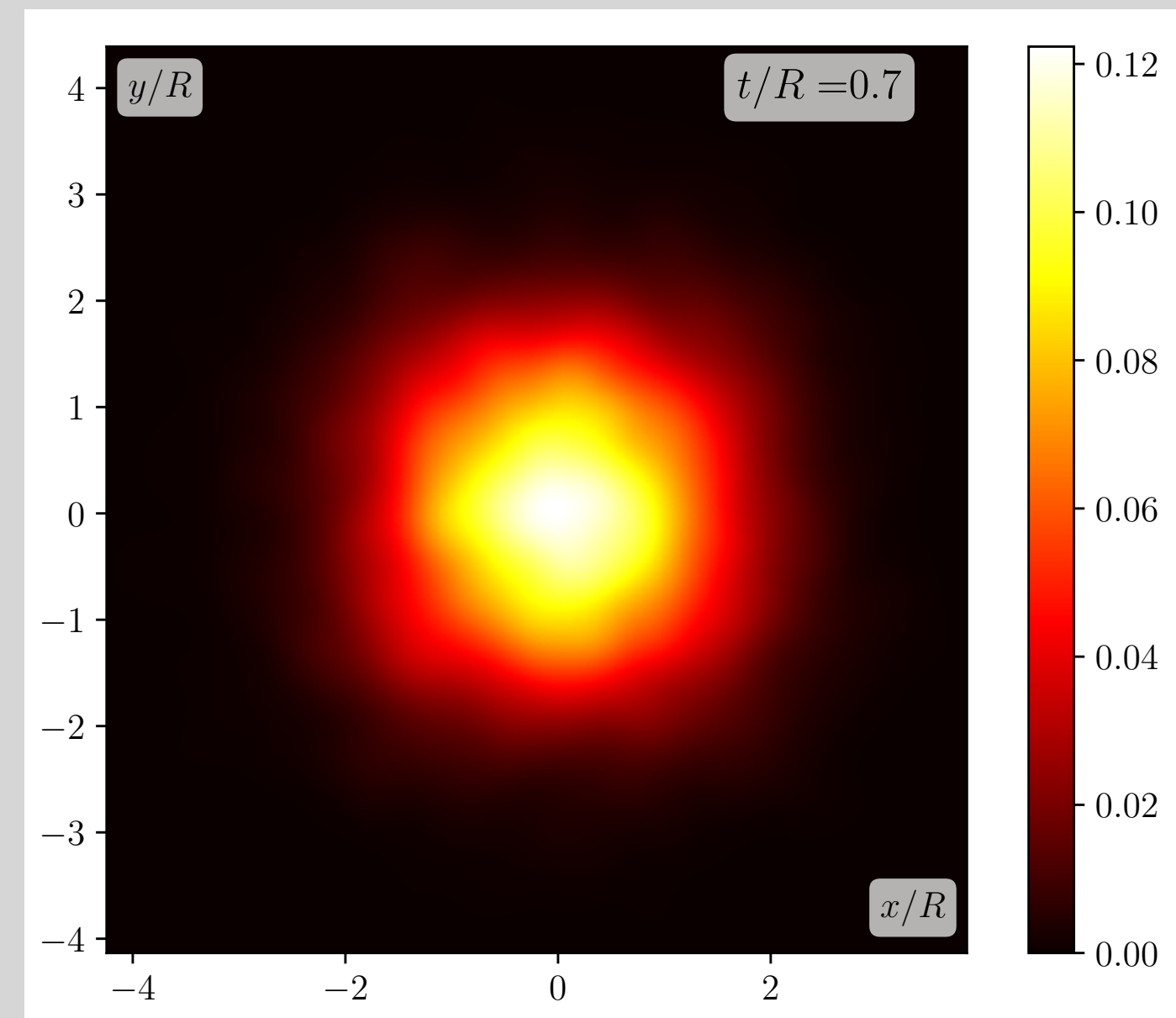
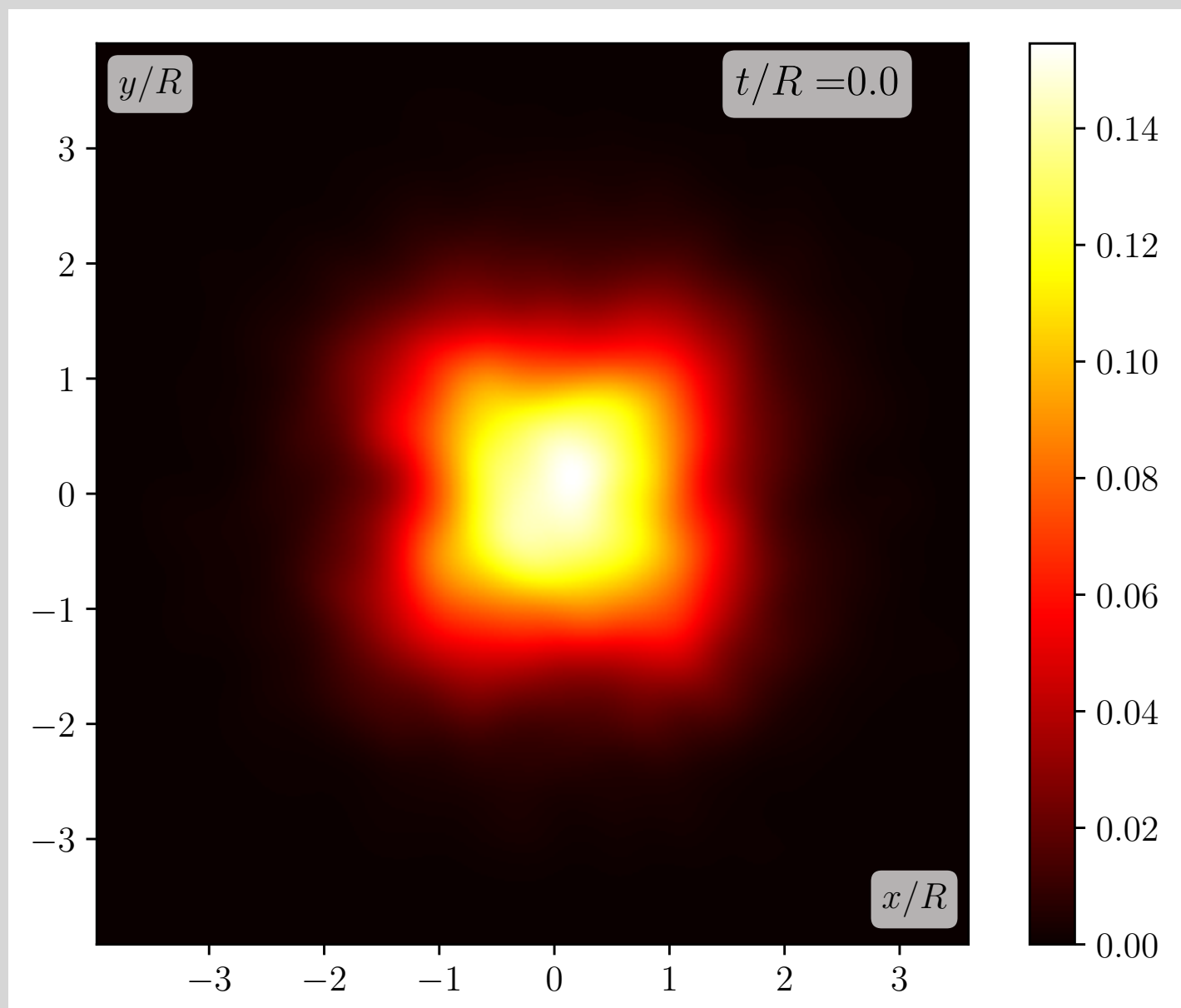
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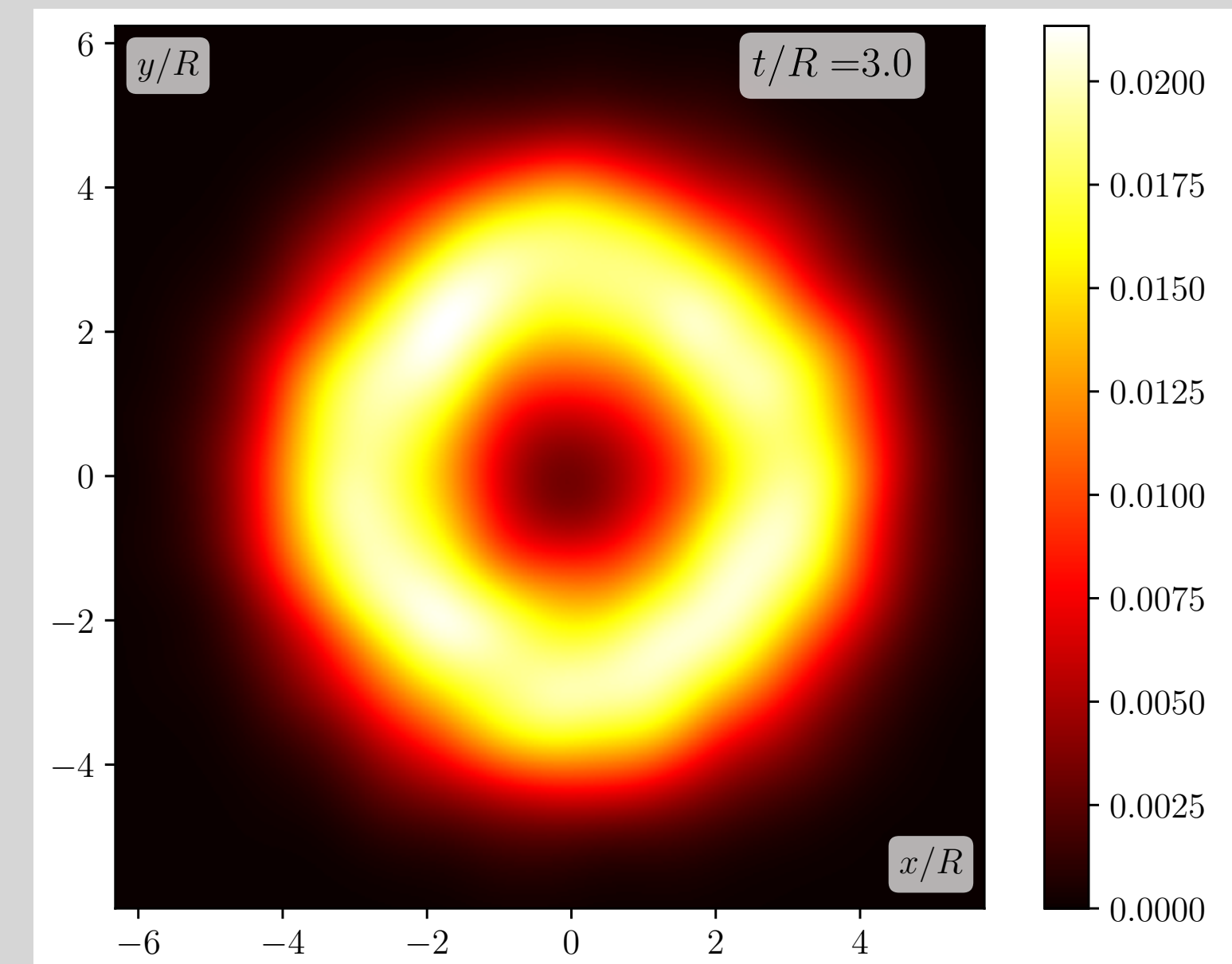
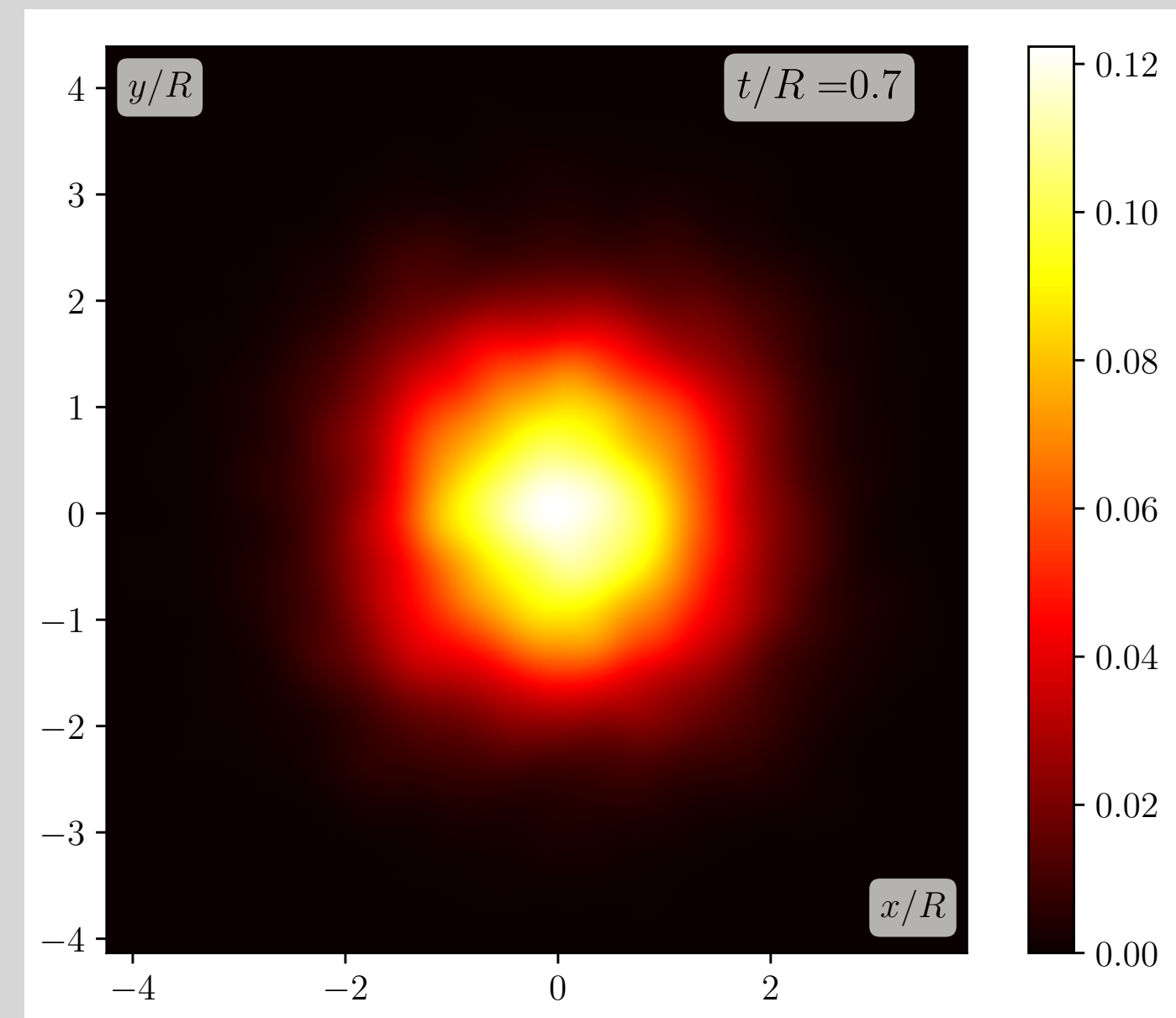
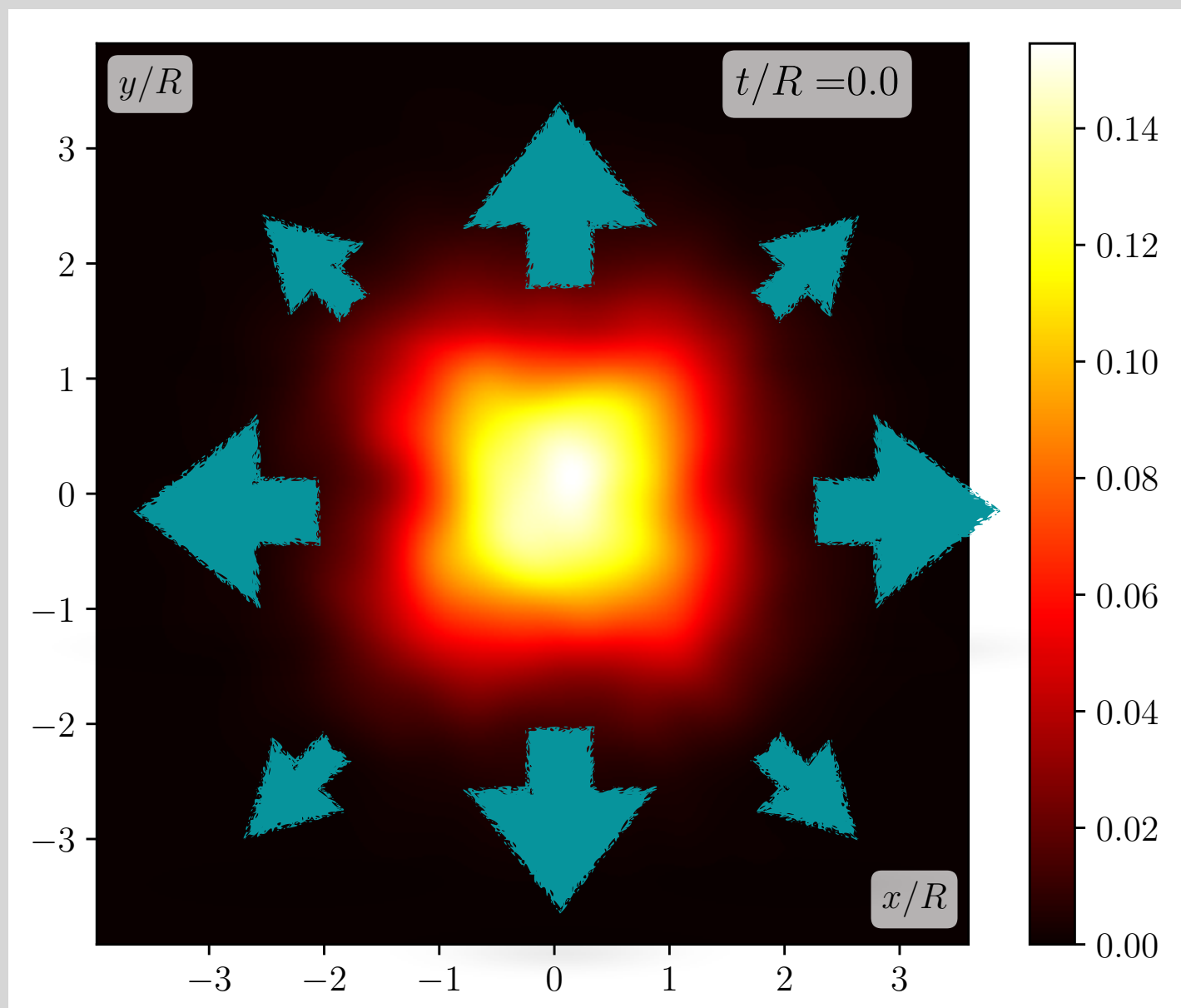


- Initial eccentricity  $\epsilon_4$  only

- $\pi/4$ -rotated high density region  $\Rightarrow$  locally  $\epsilon_4 < 0$
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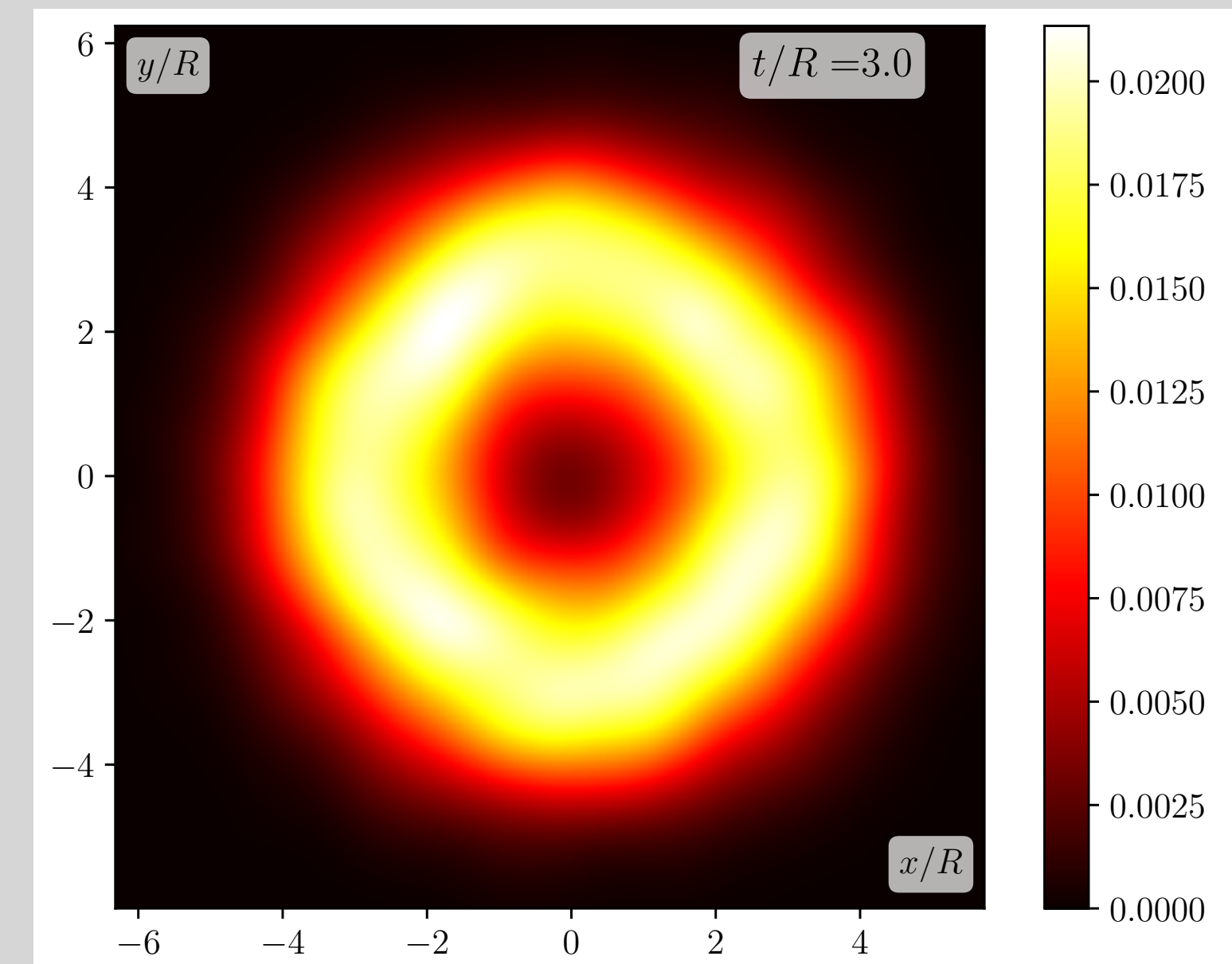
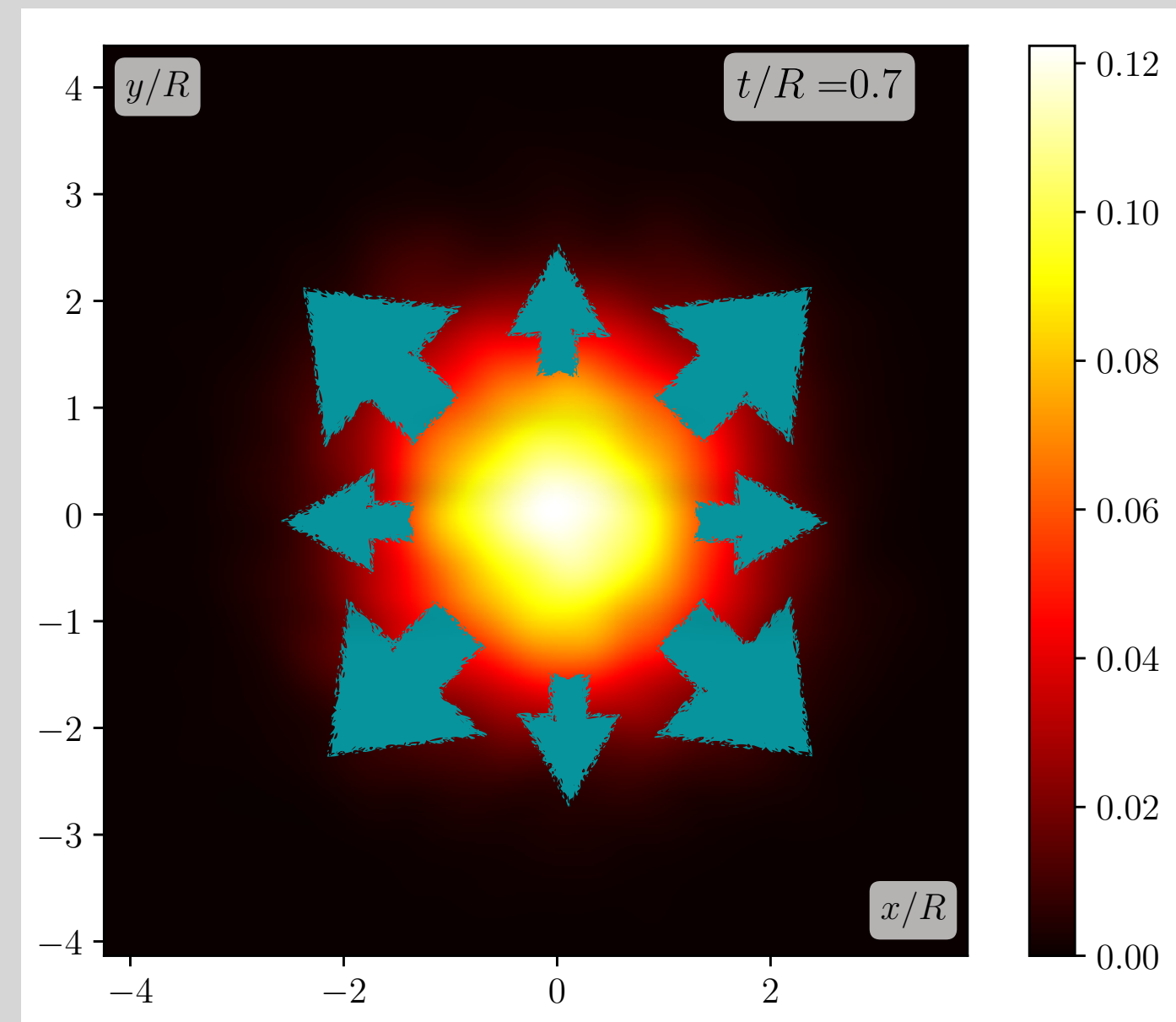
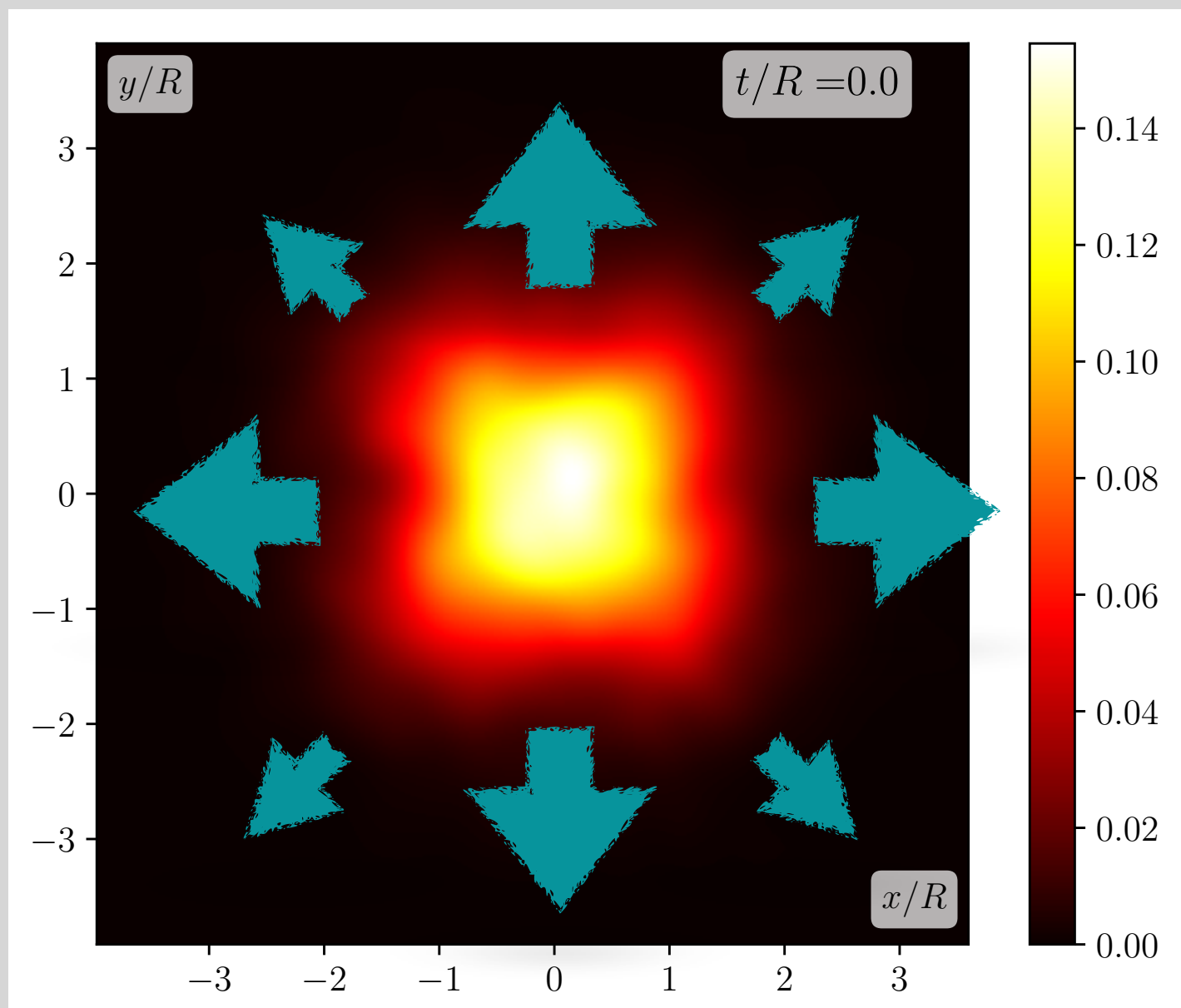


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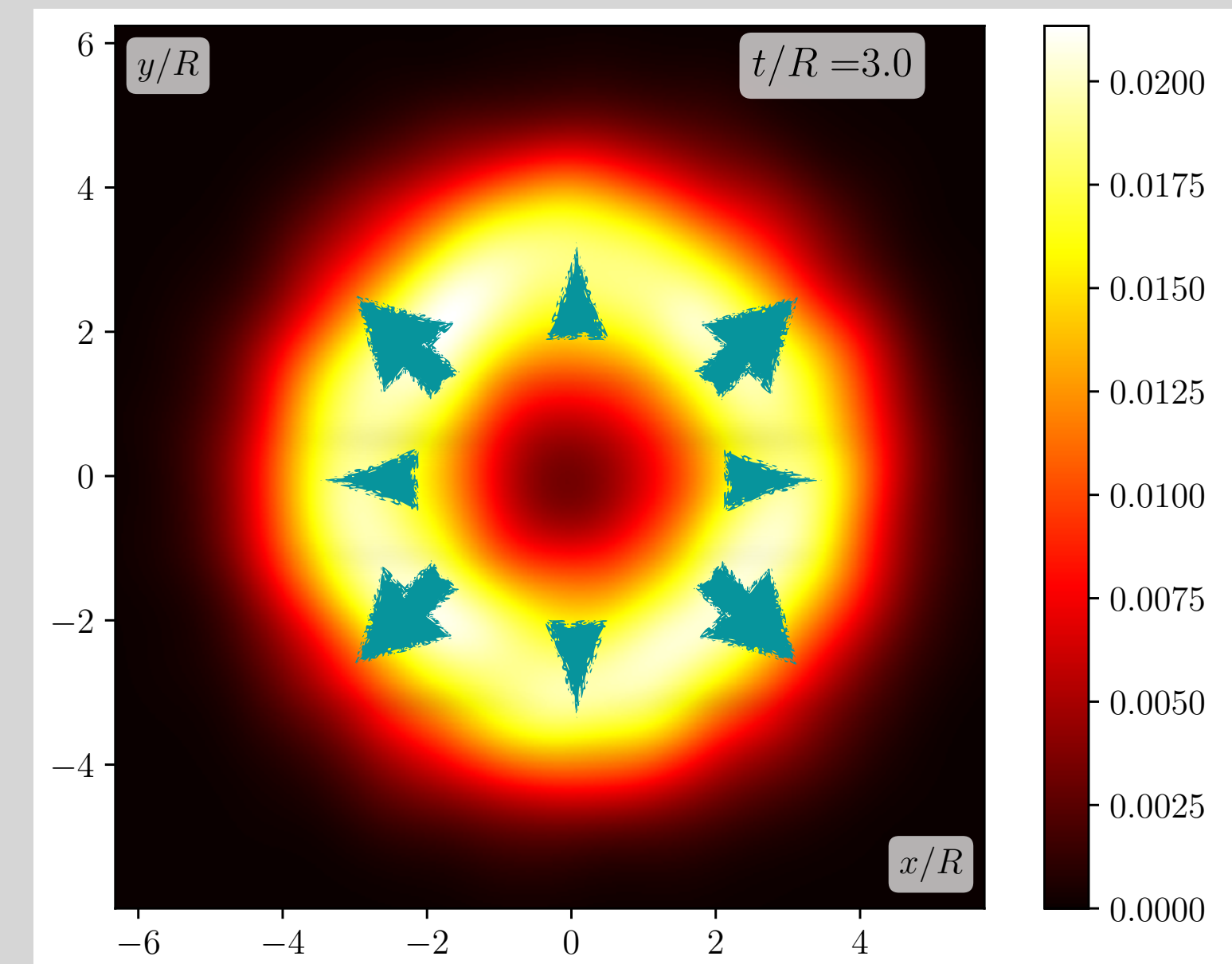
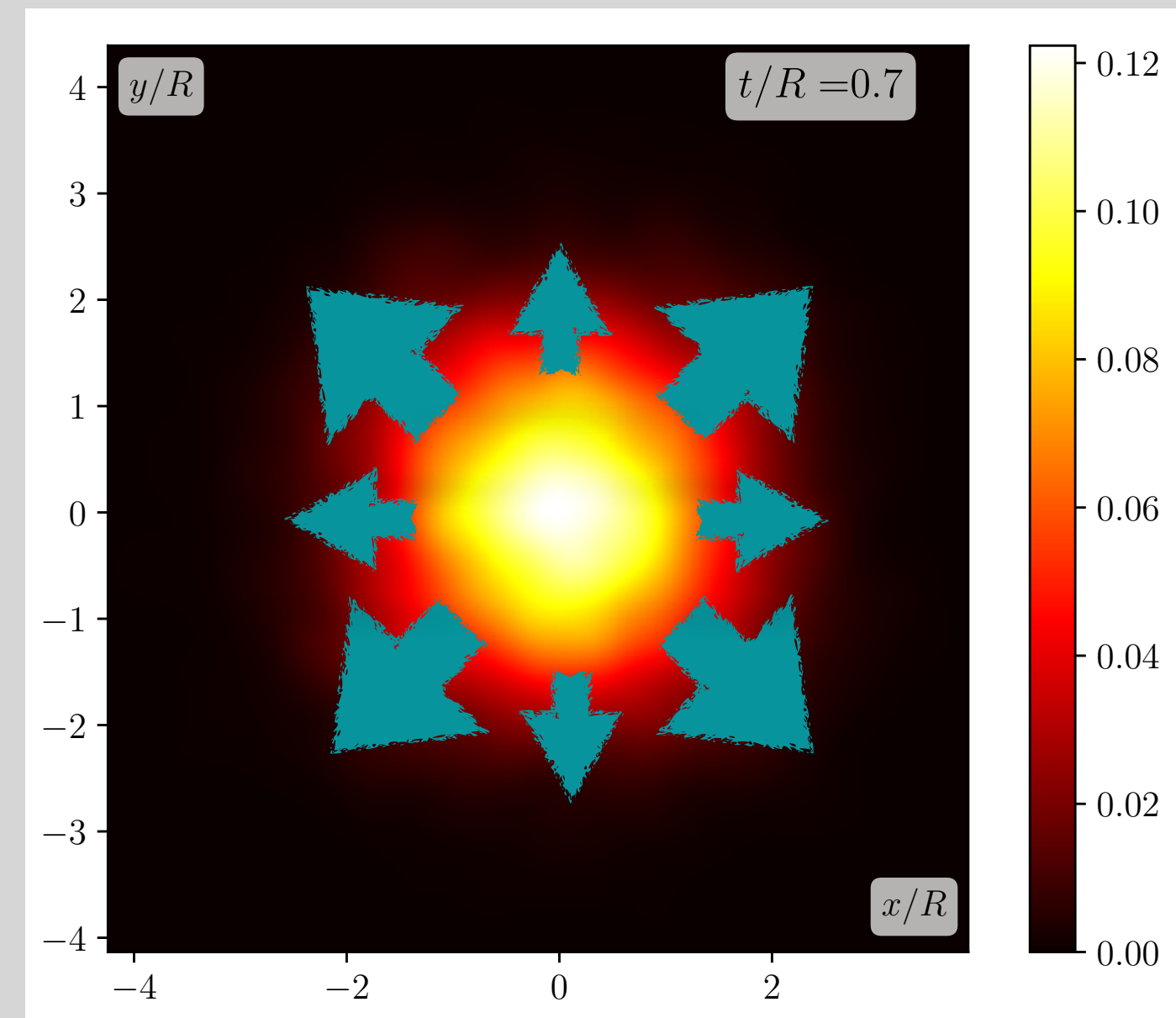
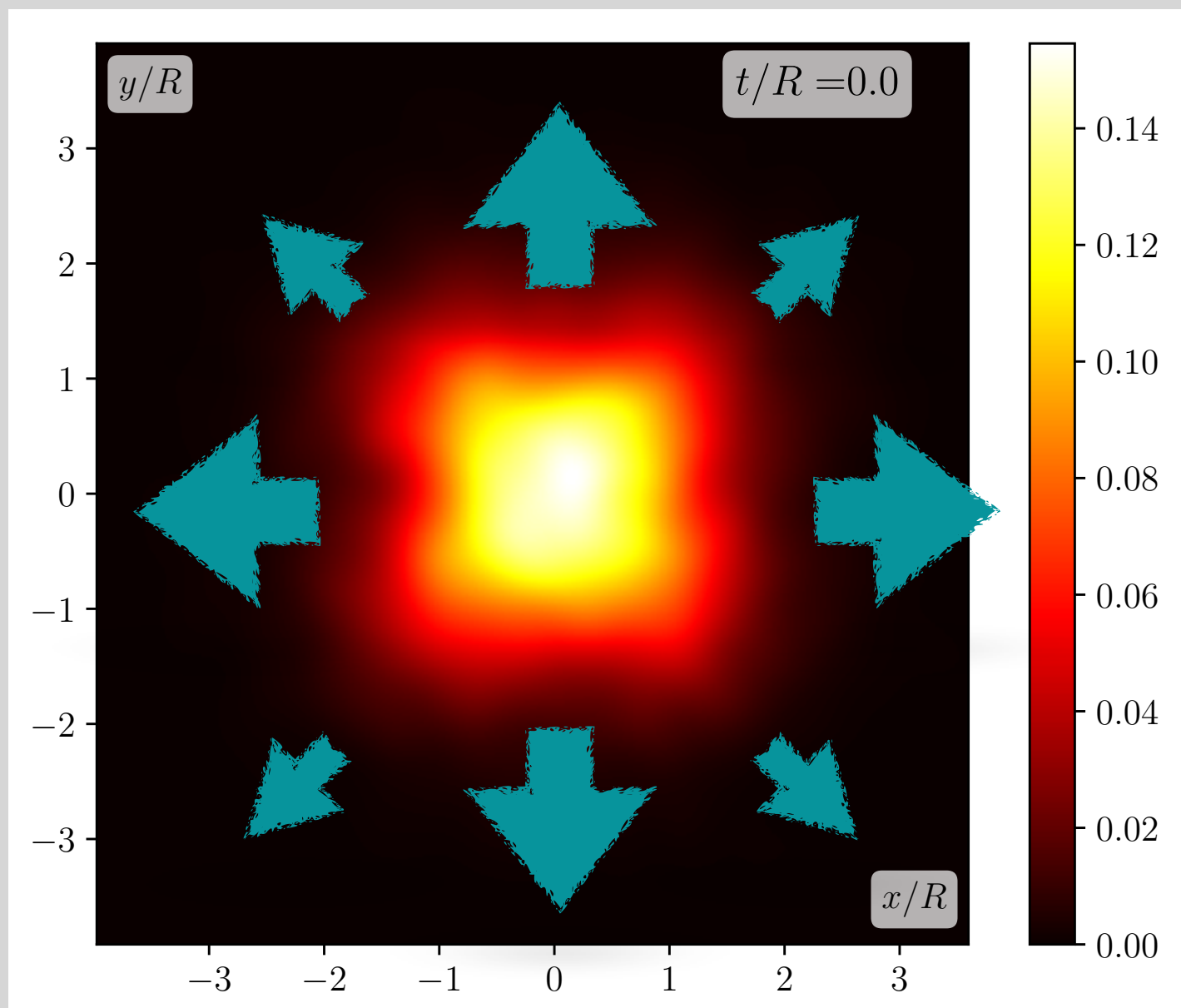


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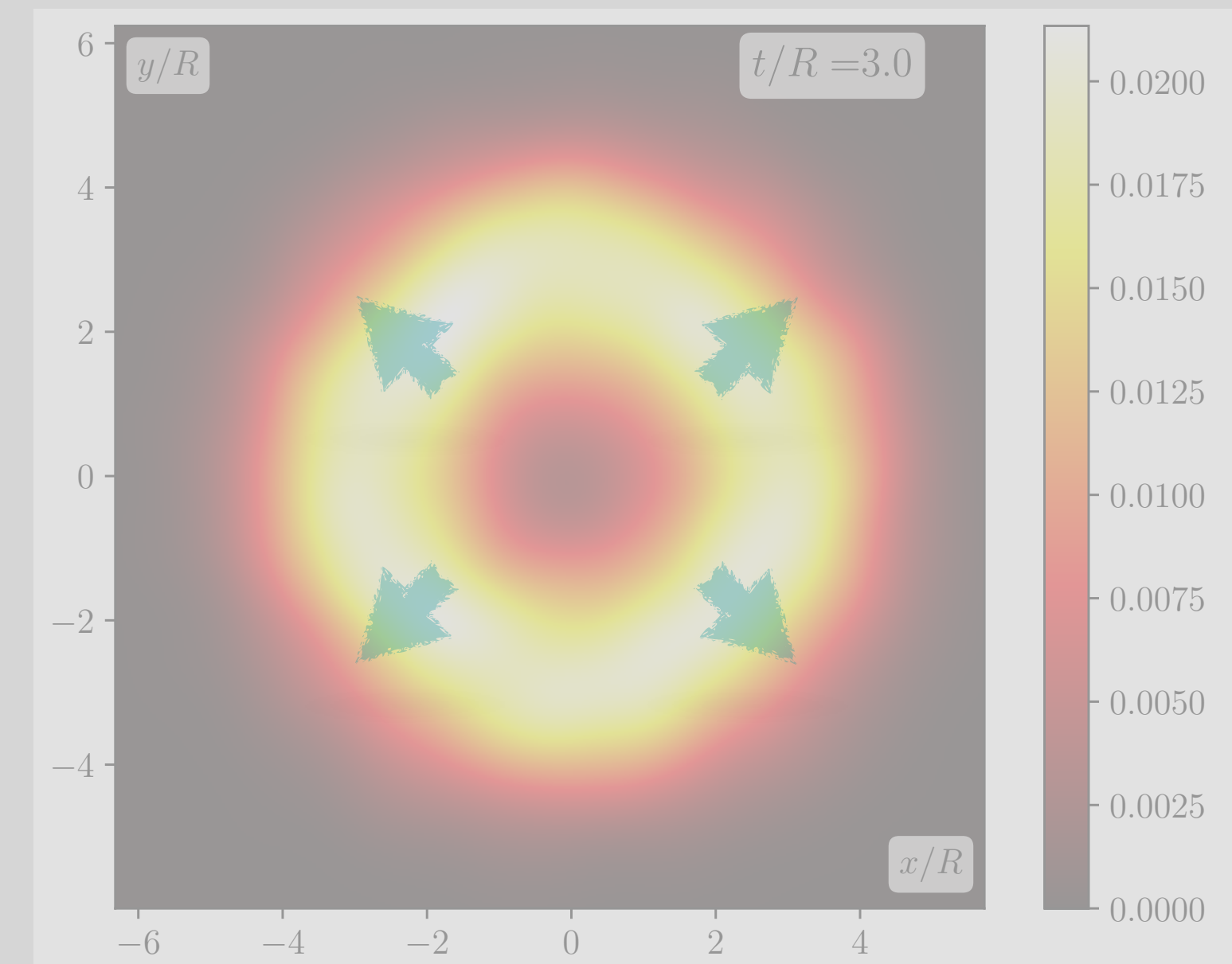
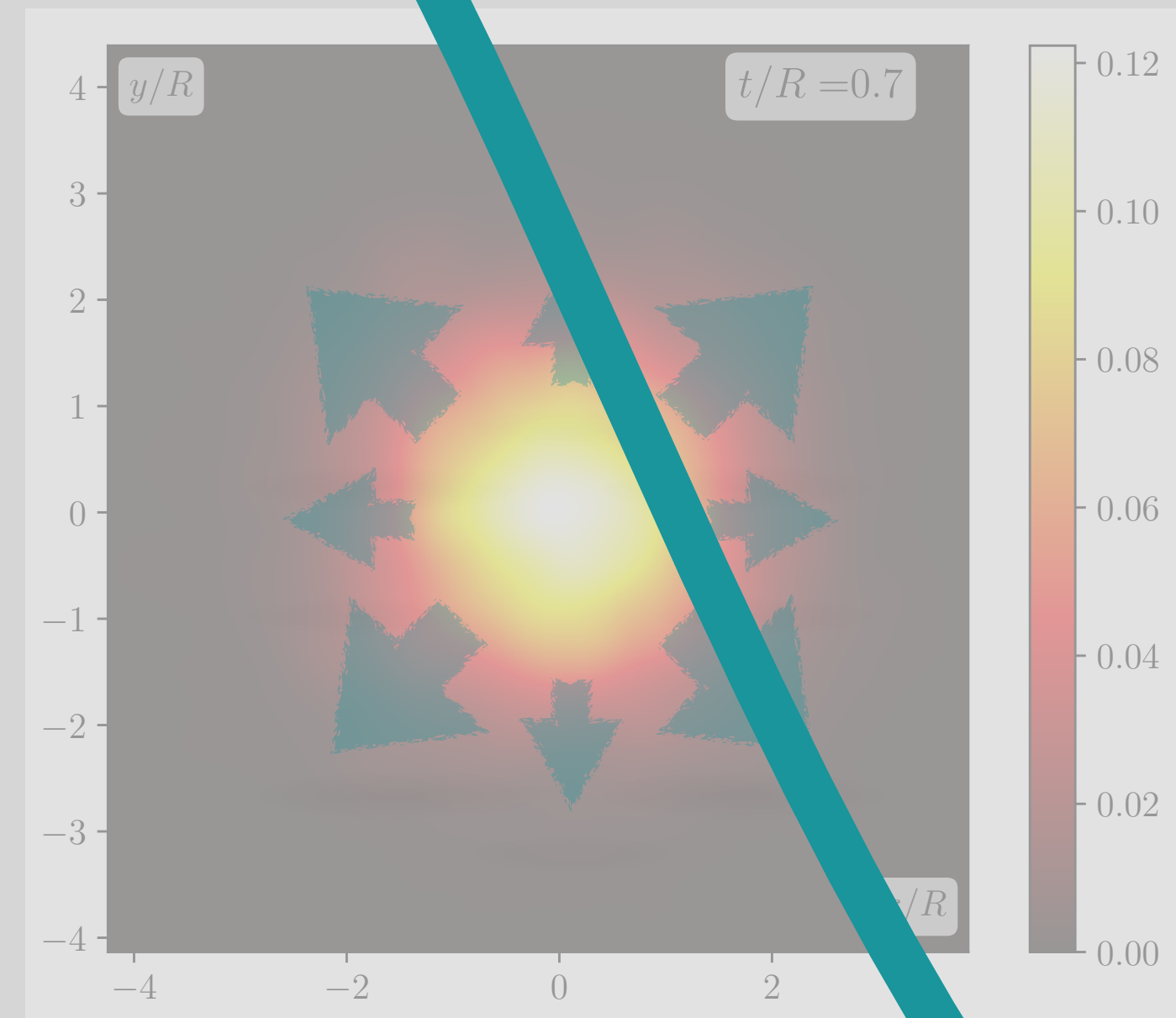
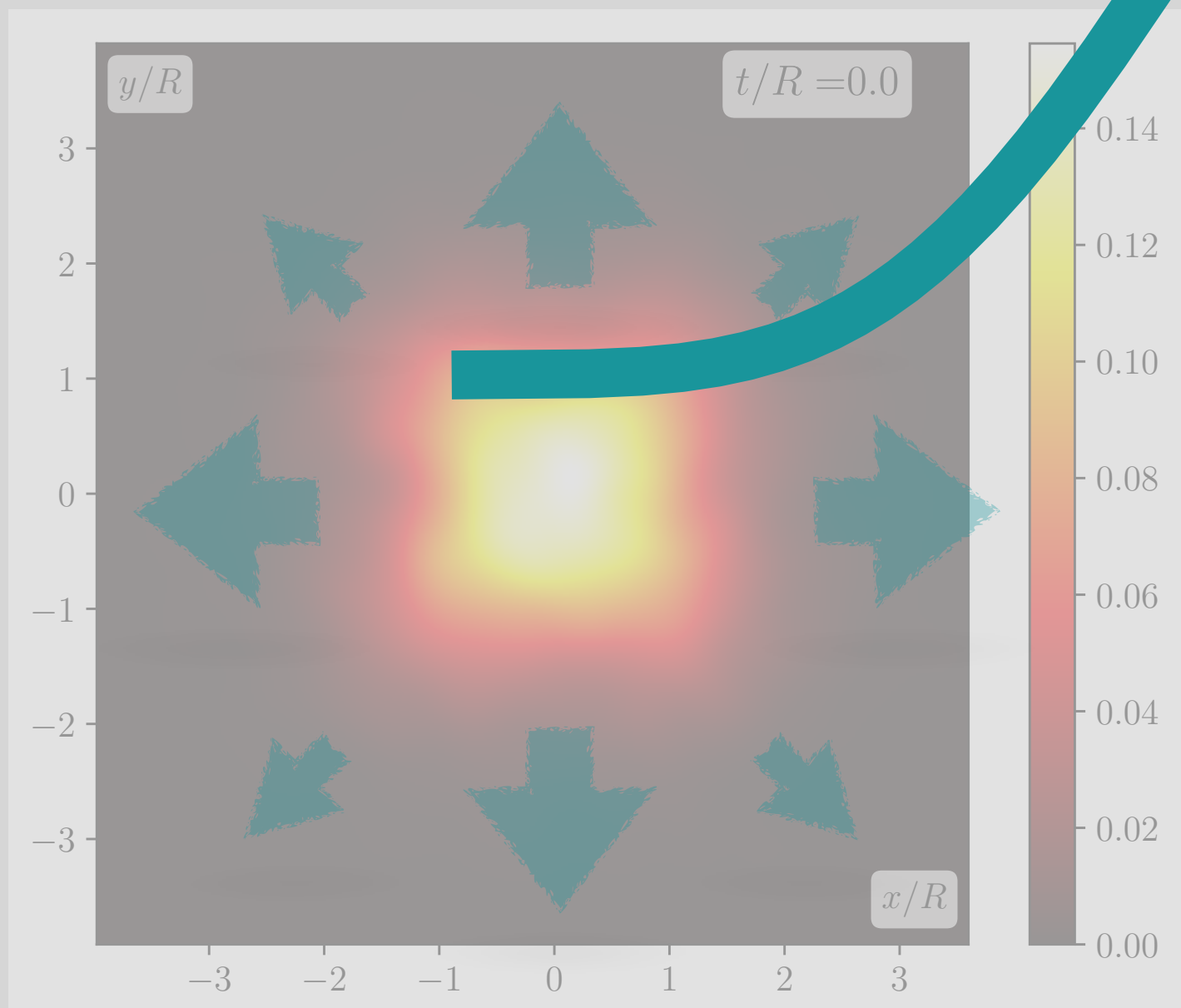
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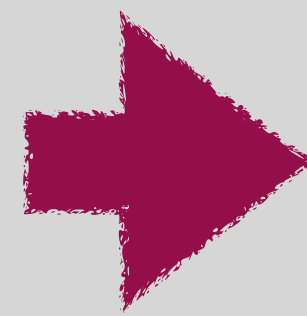
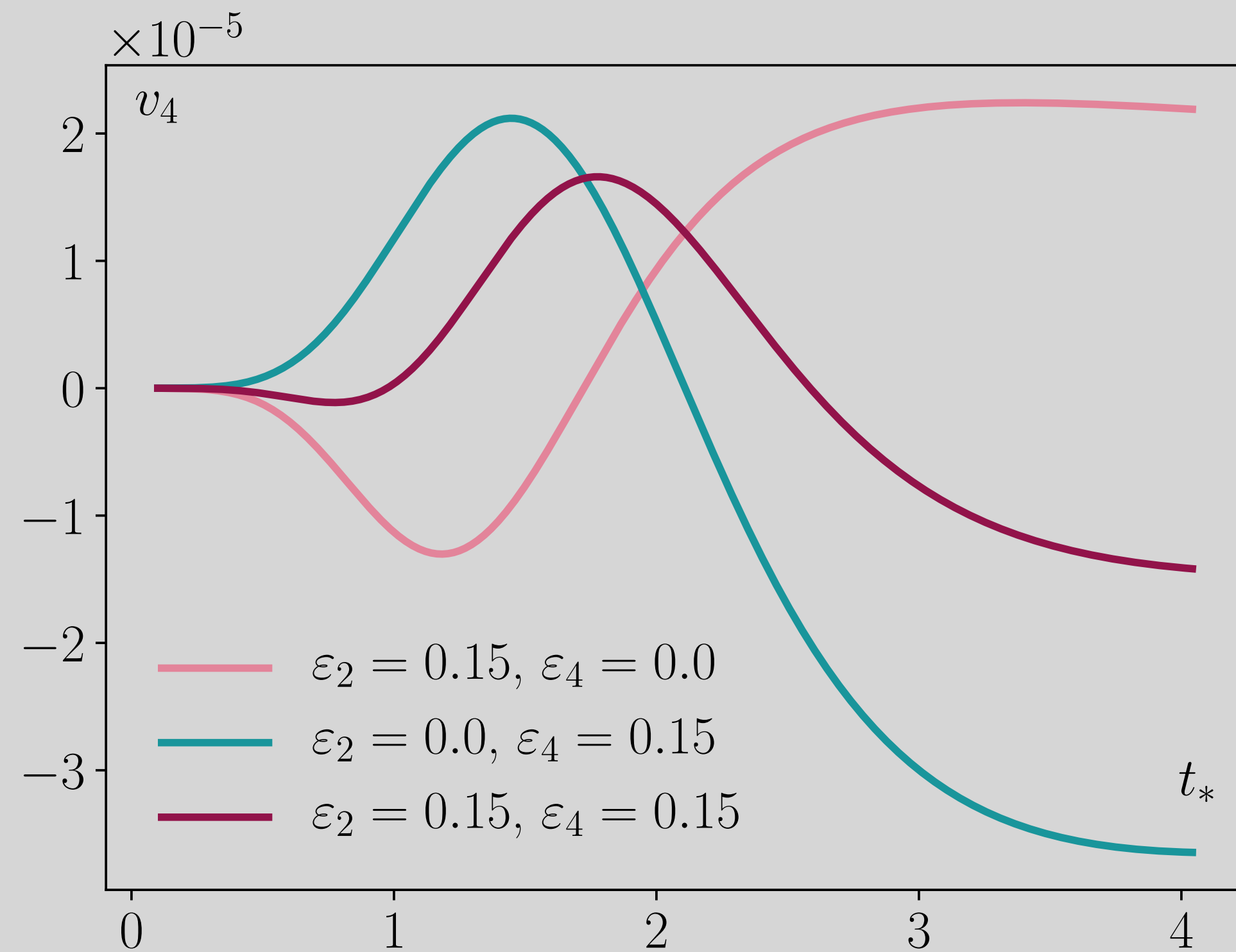
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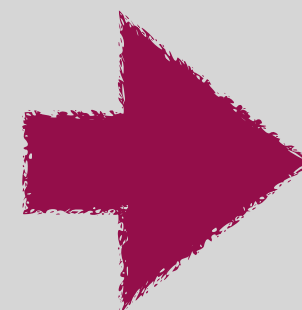
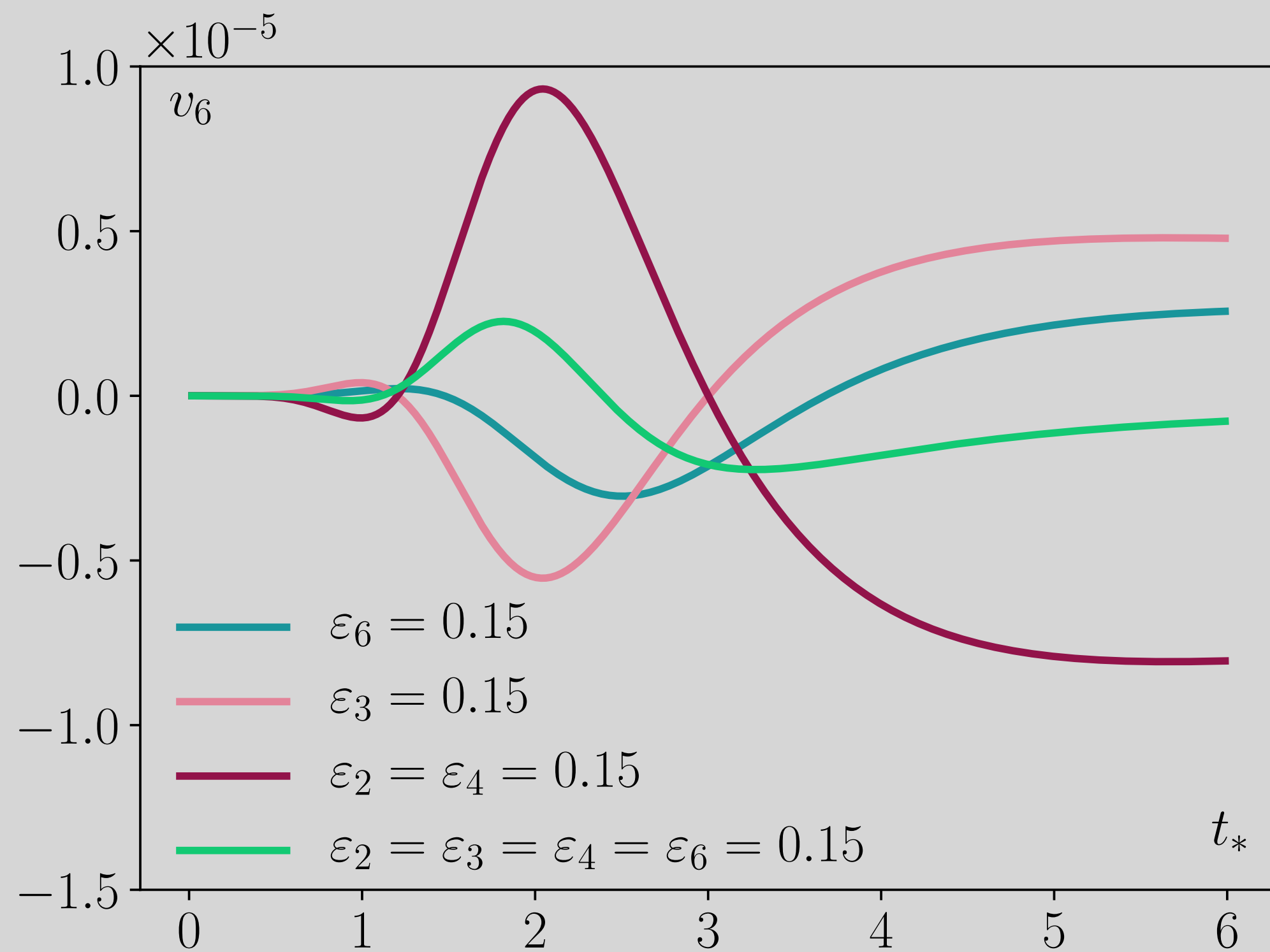
Oscillating  $v_4$  with dependence on time  $t$

Contributions compensate each other



# $v_6$ from our analytical approach

with dependence on  $\epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \epsilon_4$  and  $\epsilon_6$



Three contributions from  $\epsilon_6, \epsilon_3^2$  and  $\epsilon_2\epsilon_4$  to  $v_6$

Oscillating  $v_6$  with dependence on time  $t$

Additional zero compared to  $v_4$  signal

Contributions compensate each other

# Summary

of our results on time-dependent anisotropic flow coefficients  $v_{2n}$   
in few collision regime

- Loss term dominates the signal of anisotropic flow coefficients  $v_{2n}$
- Rediscovery of  $v_{2n} \propto t^{2n+1}$  for kinetic theory (expansion around small times  $t$ )
- Oscillation of  $v_{2n}$  with dependence on time
- Compensation of linear and non-linear eccentricity-contributions to higher flow harmonics  $v_{2n}$

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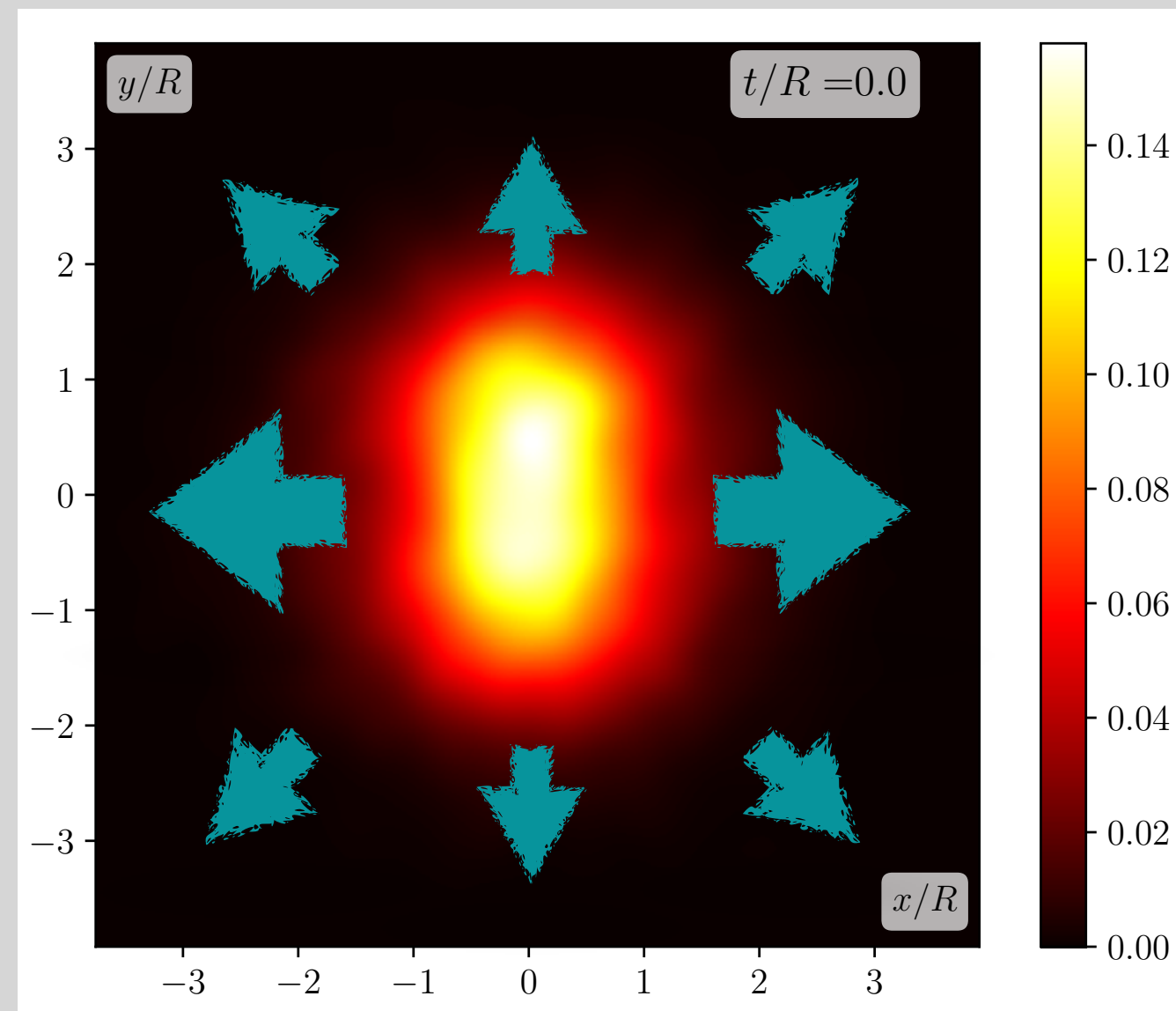
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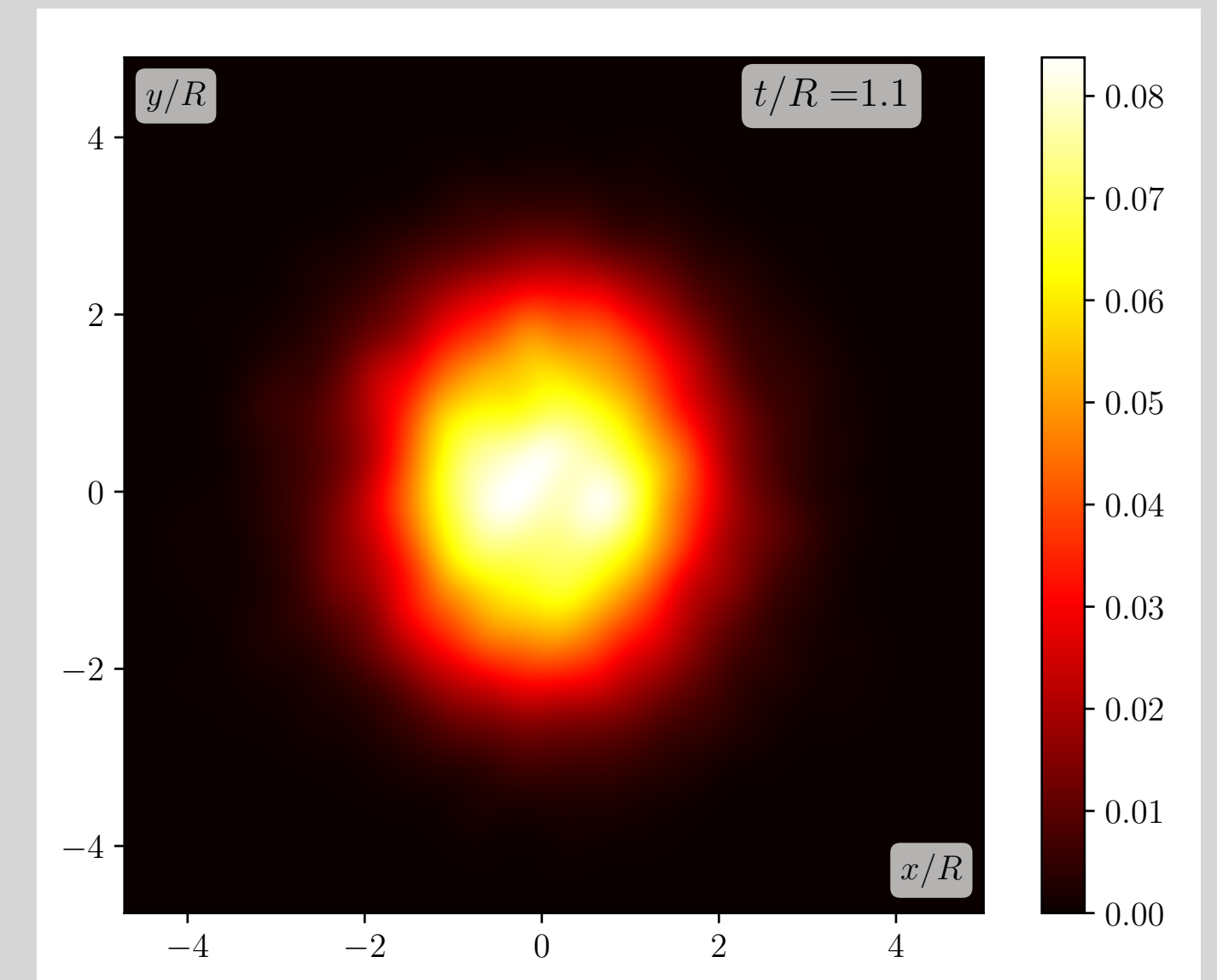
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# Density plots from numerical simulations



$$v_4(t^*)$$



- Initial eccentricity  $\epsilon_2$  only
- Negative  $v_4$  created

- Eccentricity  $\epsilon_4 > 0$  created
- Leads to increase of  $v_4$

Note: The  $v_2$  signal is much stronger than the  $v_4$  signal. It is not easy to draw conclusions from this density plot.

# AFC $v_4$ for our approaches

with dependence on  $\epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_4$

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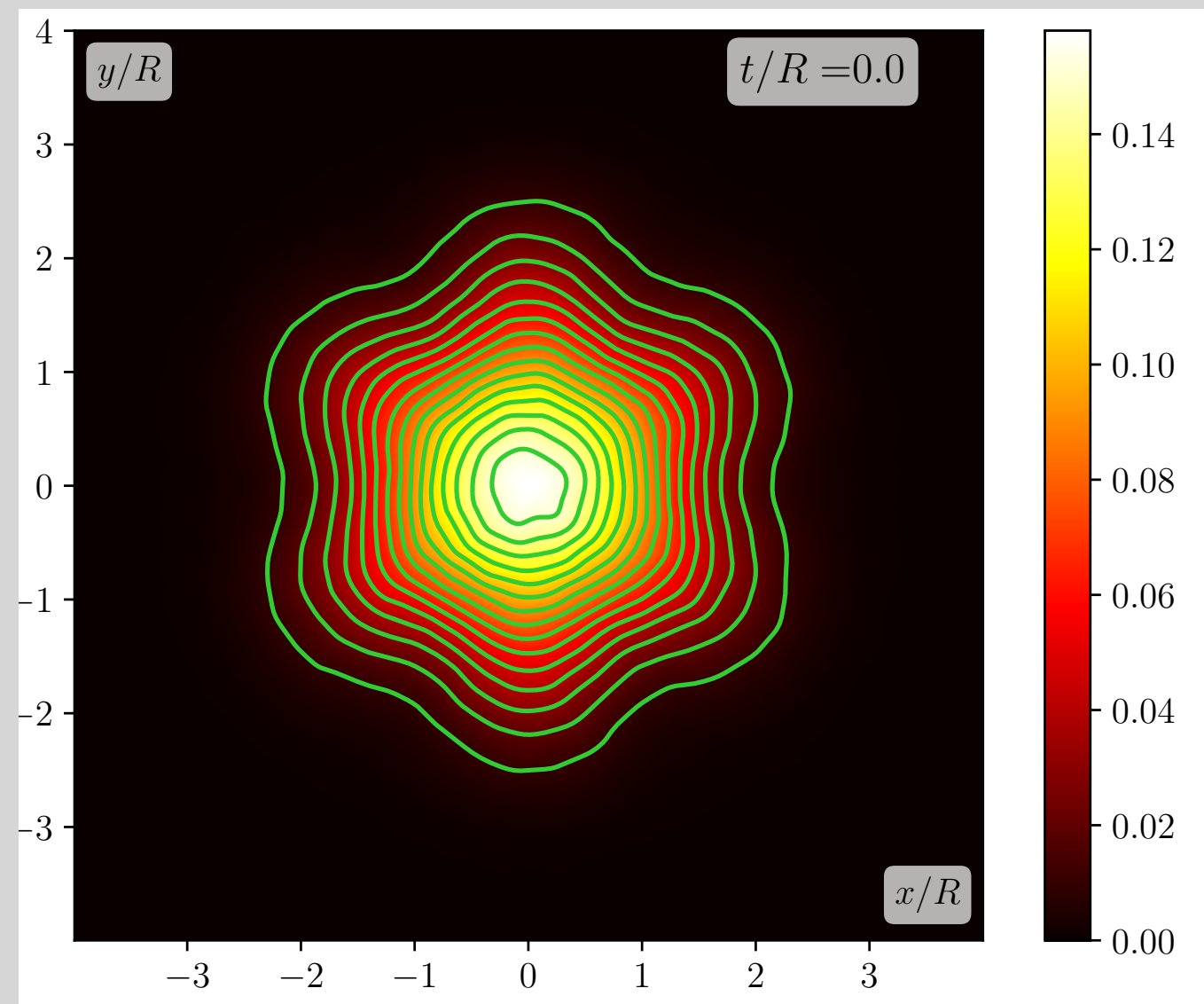
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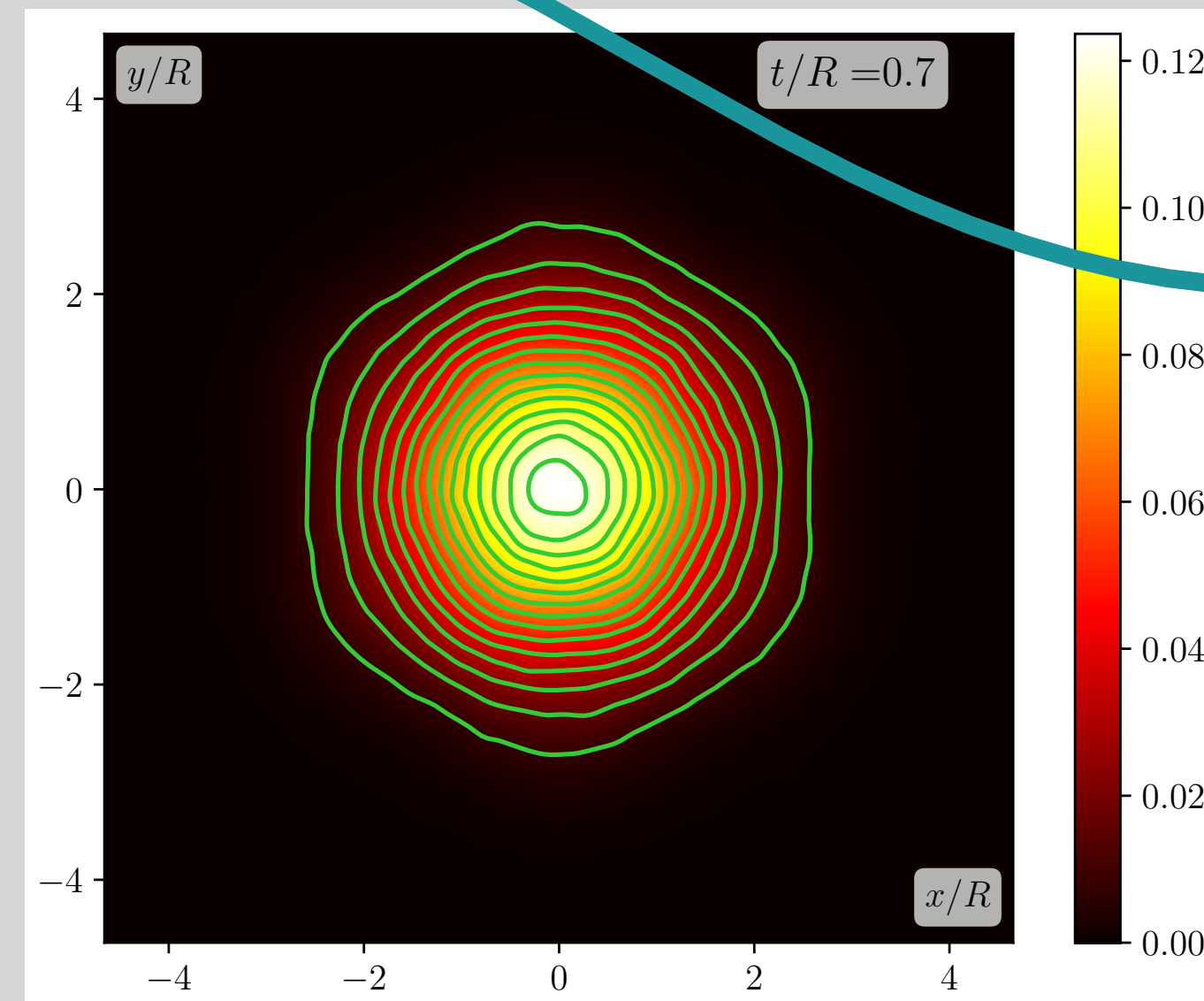


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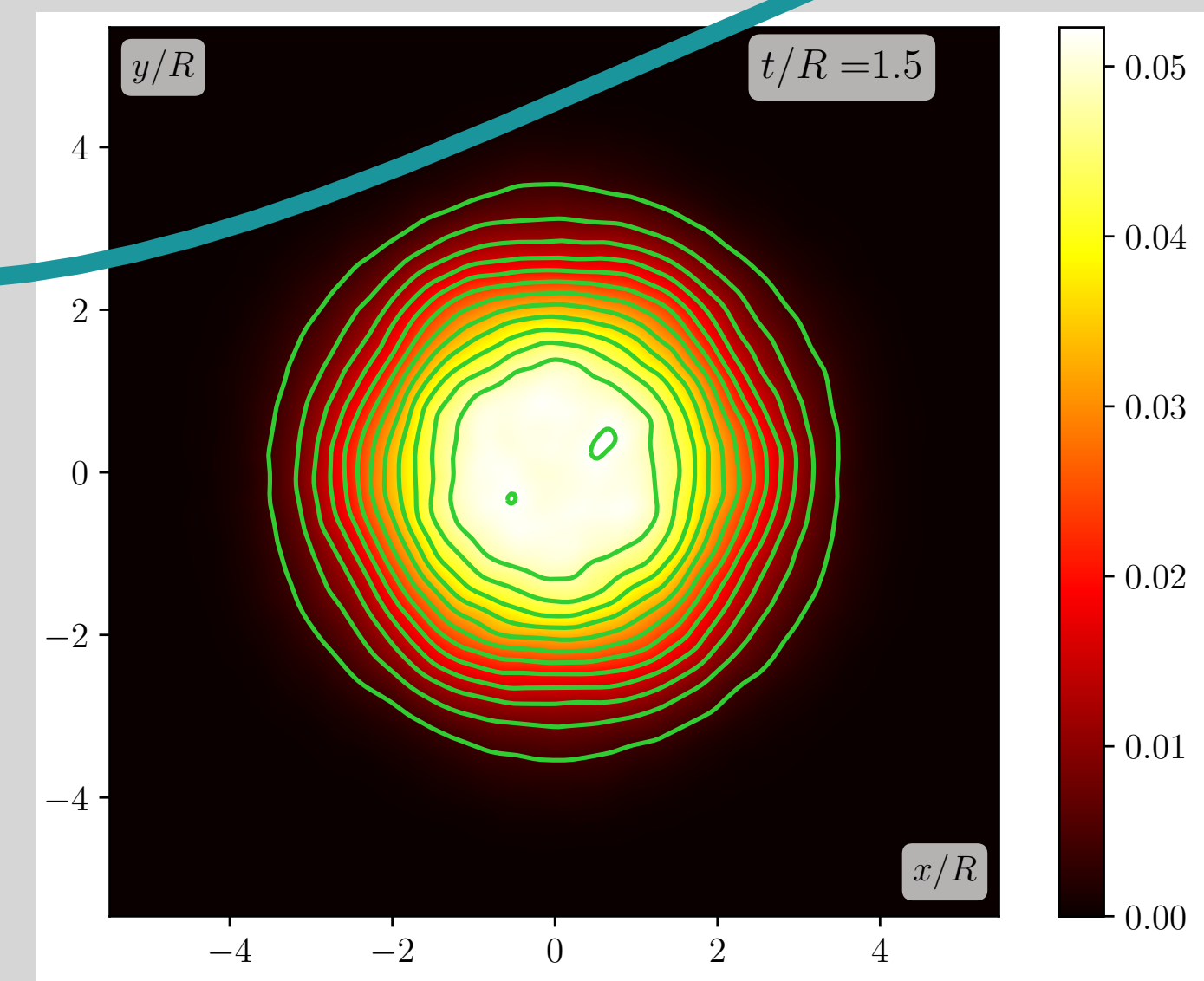
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- Original orientation in denser region regained
- Dilute regions  $\Rightarrow$  small contribution to  $v_6$

# Initial distribution function

- Initially factorized in position and momentum space

$$f^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = G(\mathbf{r}) F(\mathbf{p})$$

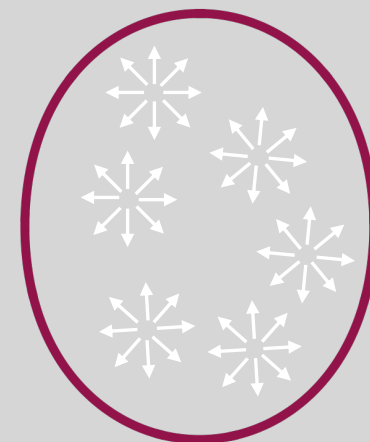
- Initial distribution function in position space

$$G(\mathbf{r}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \tilde{\epsilon}_n \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \cos\left(n(\theta - \Psi_n)\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \right]$$

- Initially isotropy in momentum space

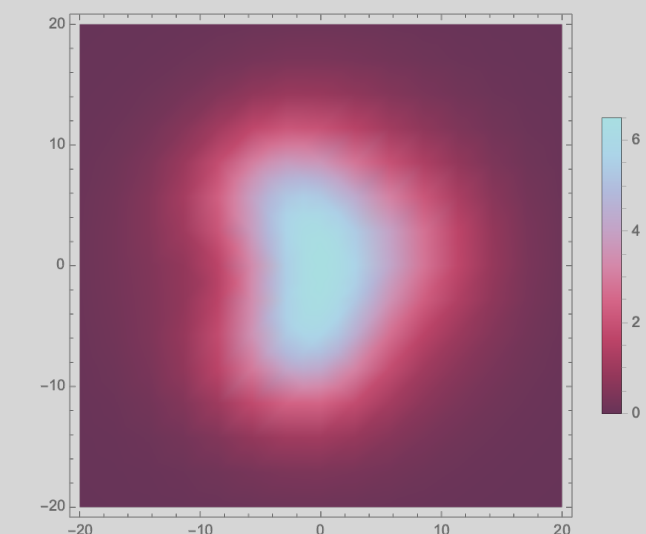
$$\Rightarrow F(\mathbf{p}) = F(p_T)$$

OR



- Anisotropic initial momentum distribution

$$F(\mathbf{p}) = \tilde{F}(p_{\perp}) \left[ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( w_{k,c} \cos(k\phi) + w_{k,s} \sin(k\phi) \right) \right]$$



# Eccentricity

- Formula  $\epsilon_n = \frac{\int G(r, \theta) \cos(n(\theta - \Psi_n)) r^{n+1} d\theta dr}{\int G(r, \theta) r^{n+1} d\theta dr}$

weighted with  $r^n$

$\Rightarrow$  Outer regions contribute stronger to  $\epsilon_n$