

Viscosity as a regularization mechanism for conical cavity collapse like bursting bubbles

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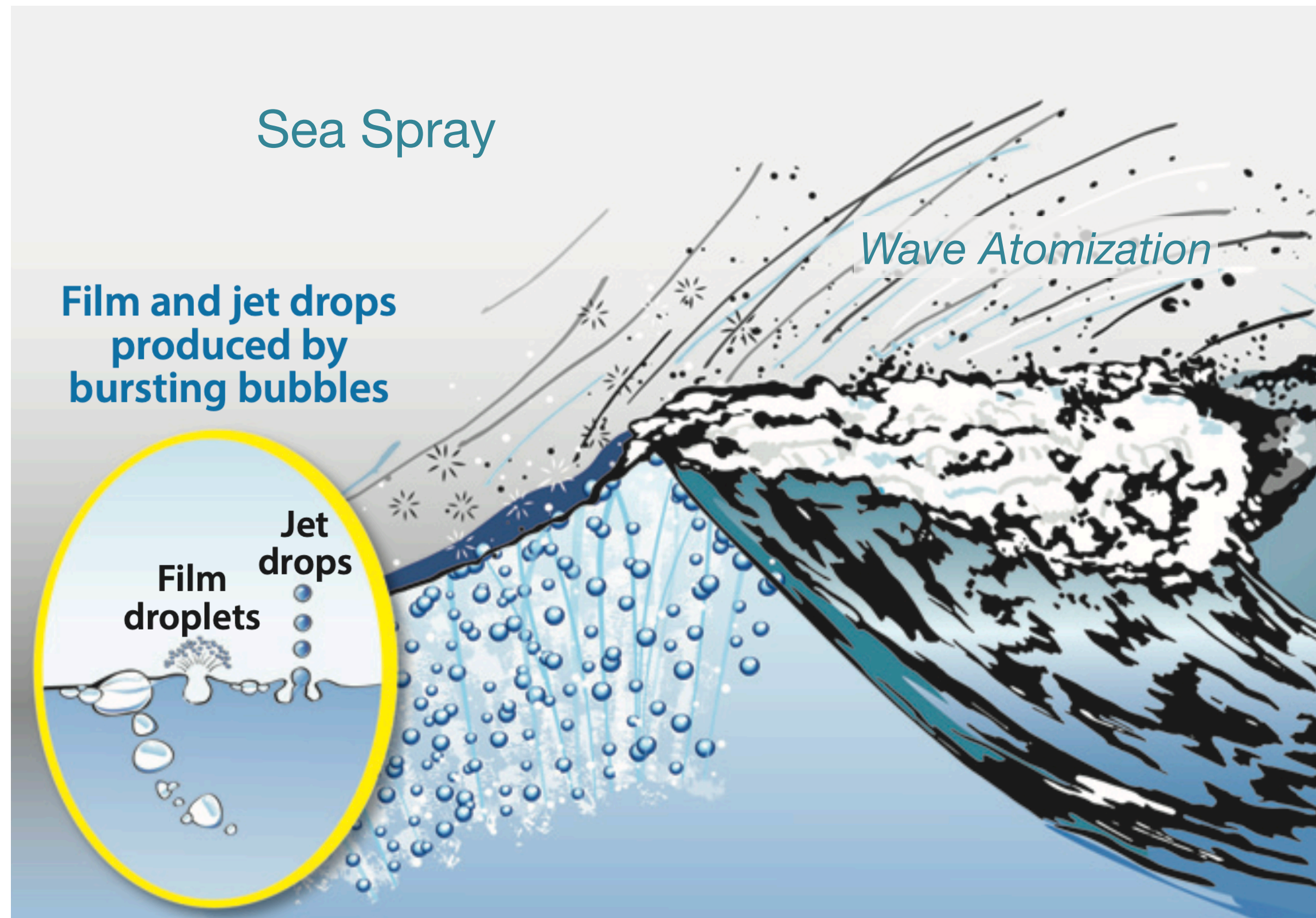
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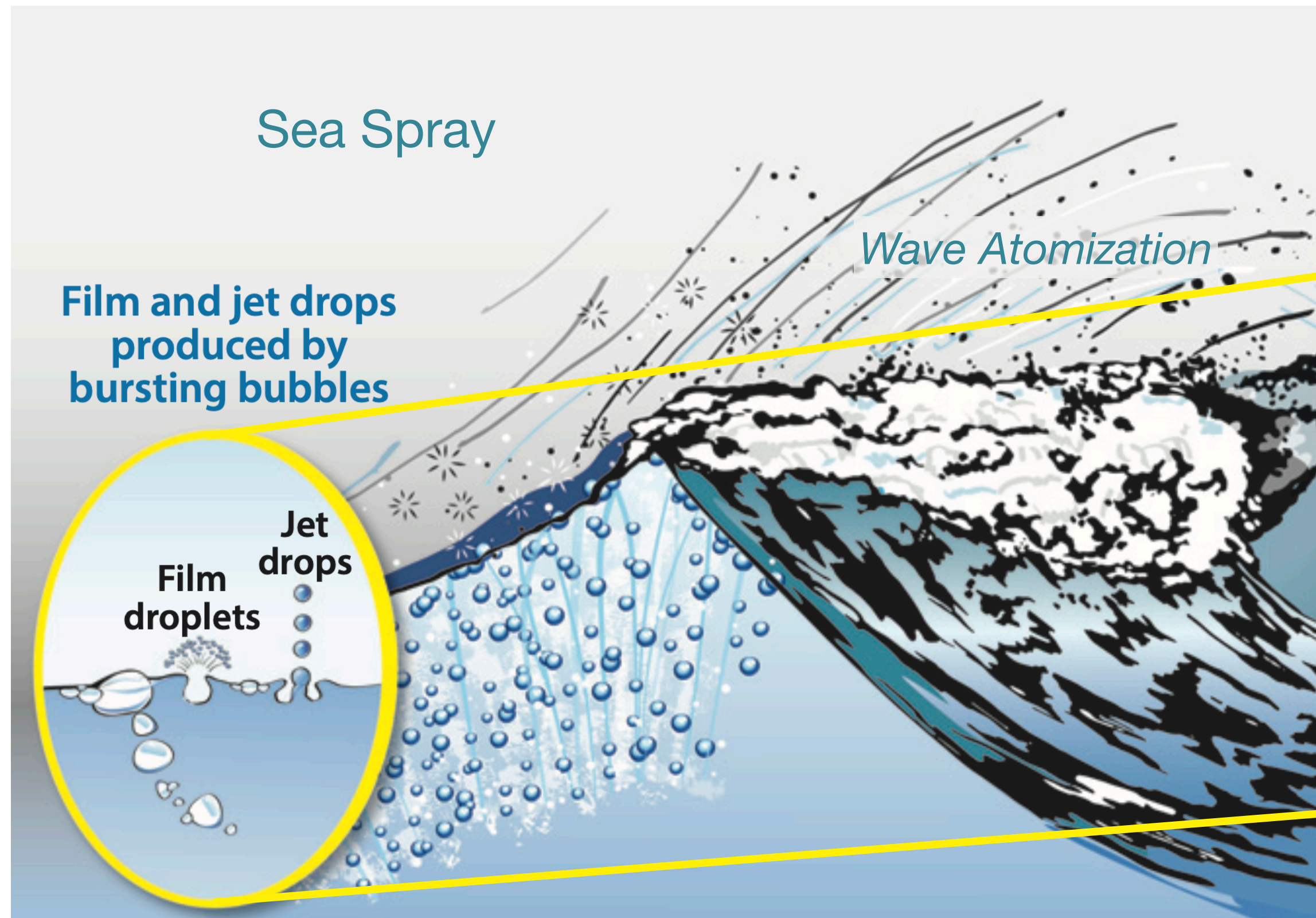
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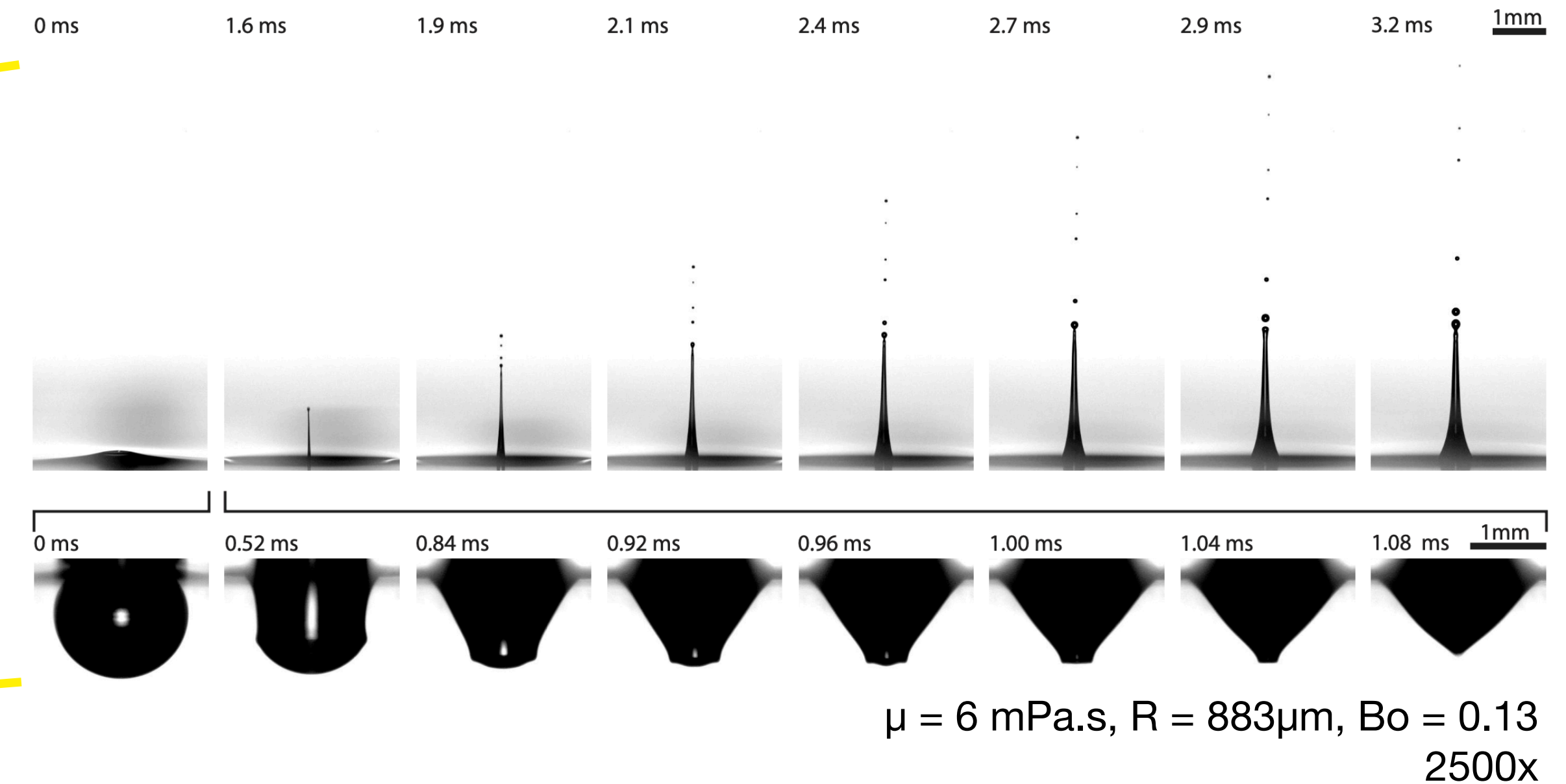
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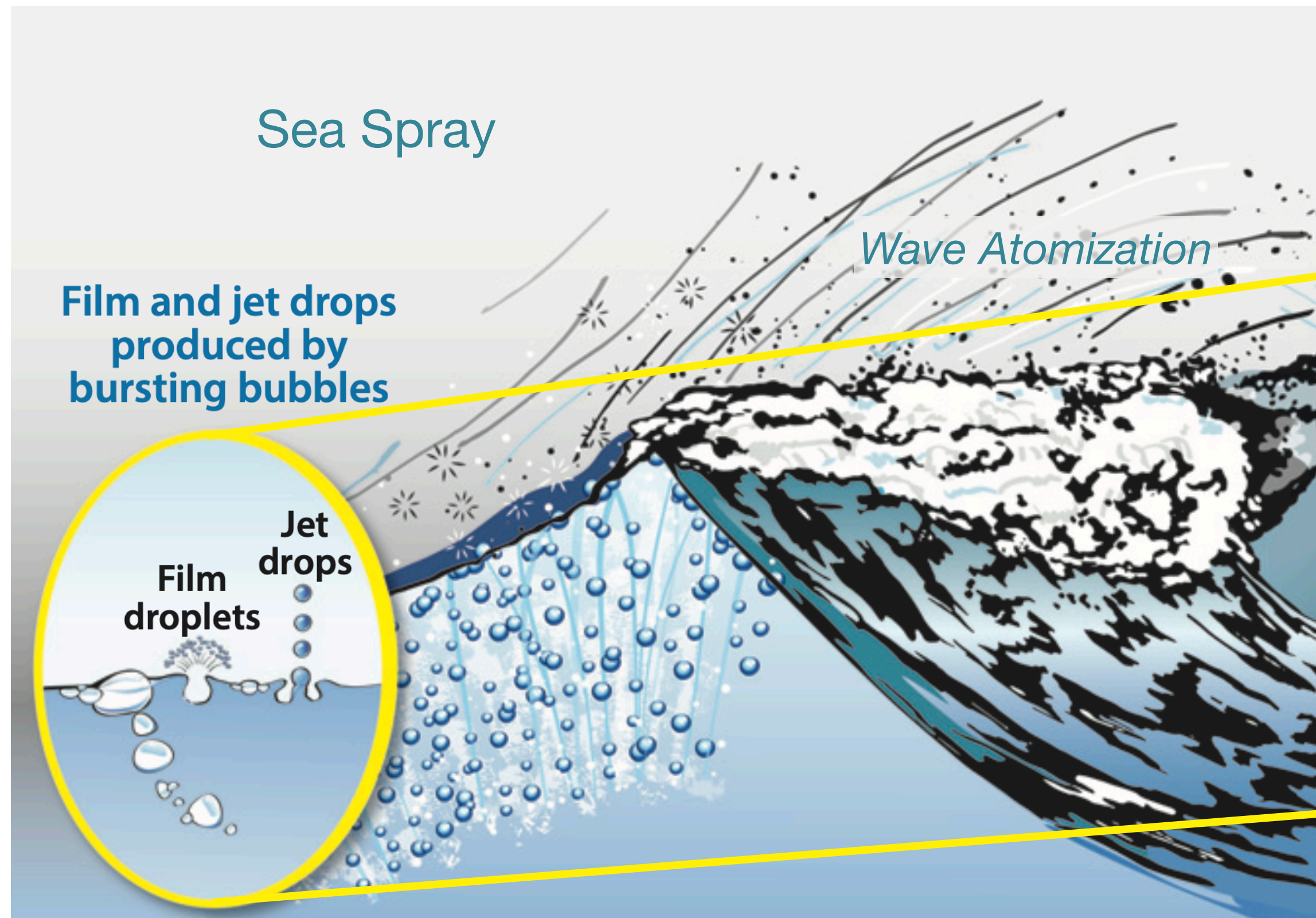


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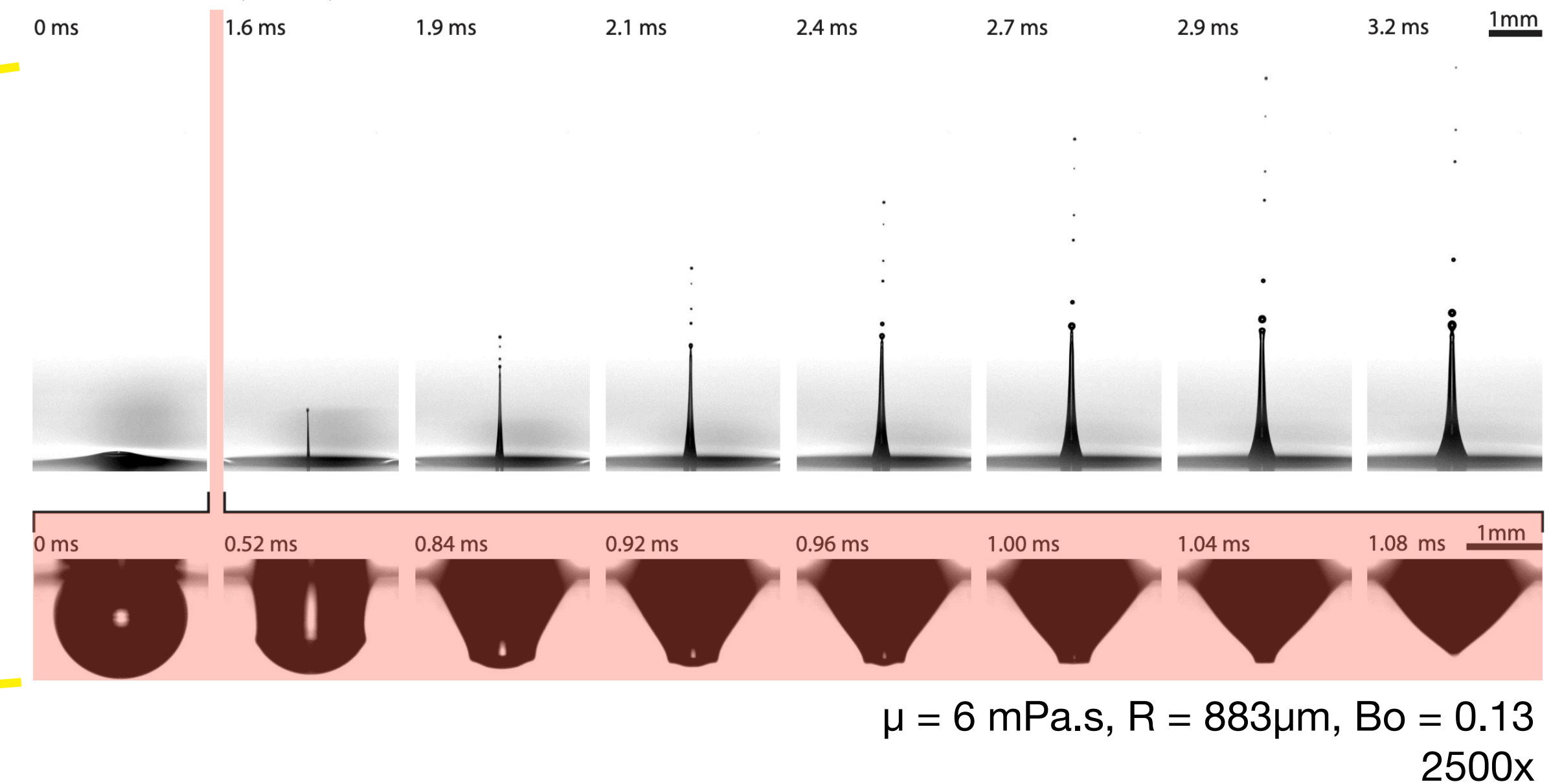
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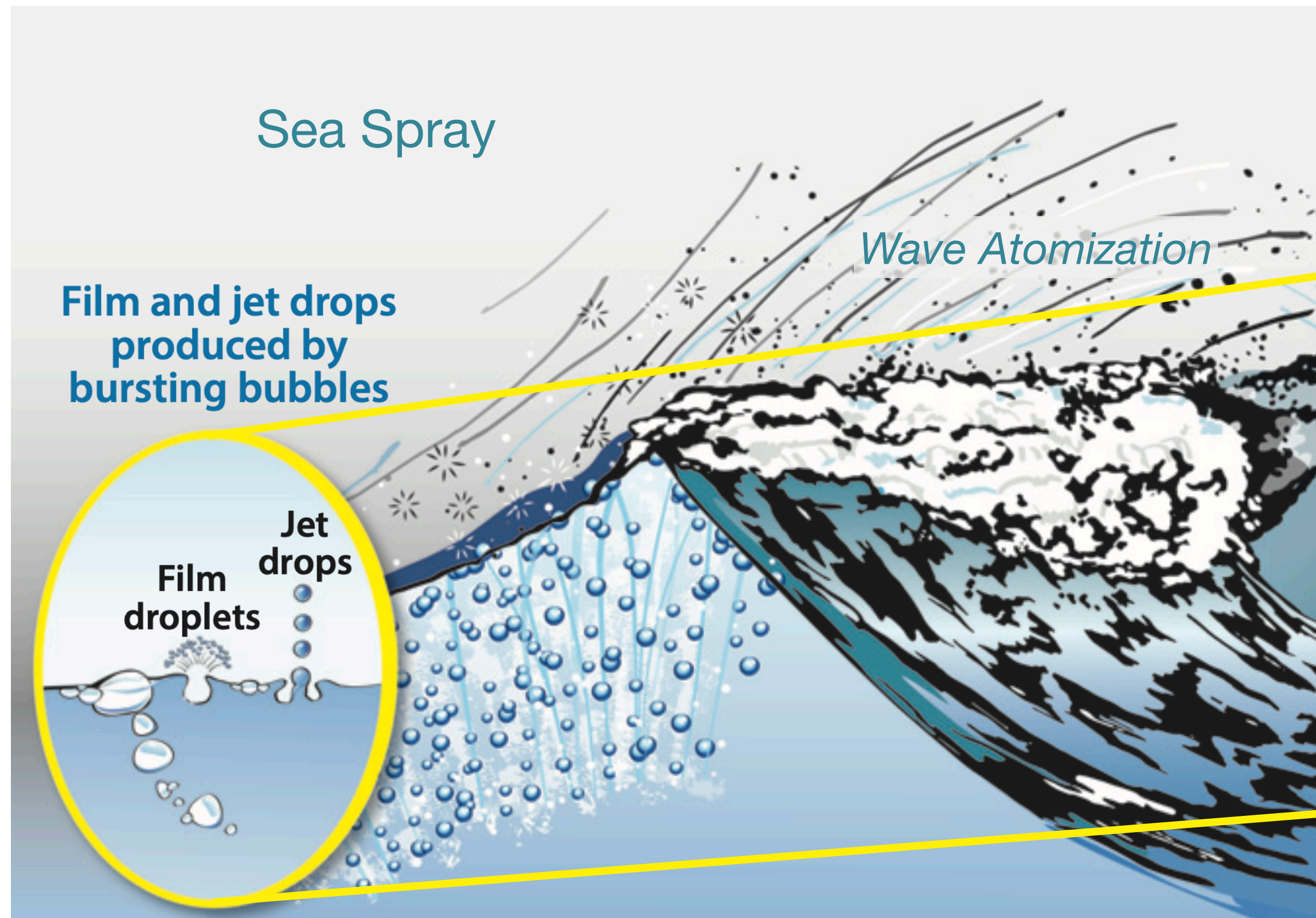


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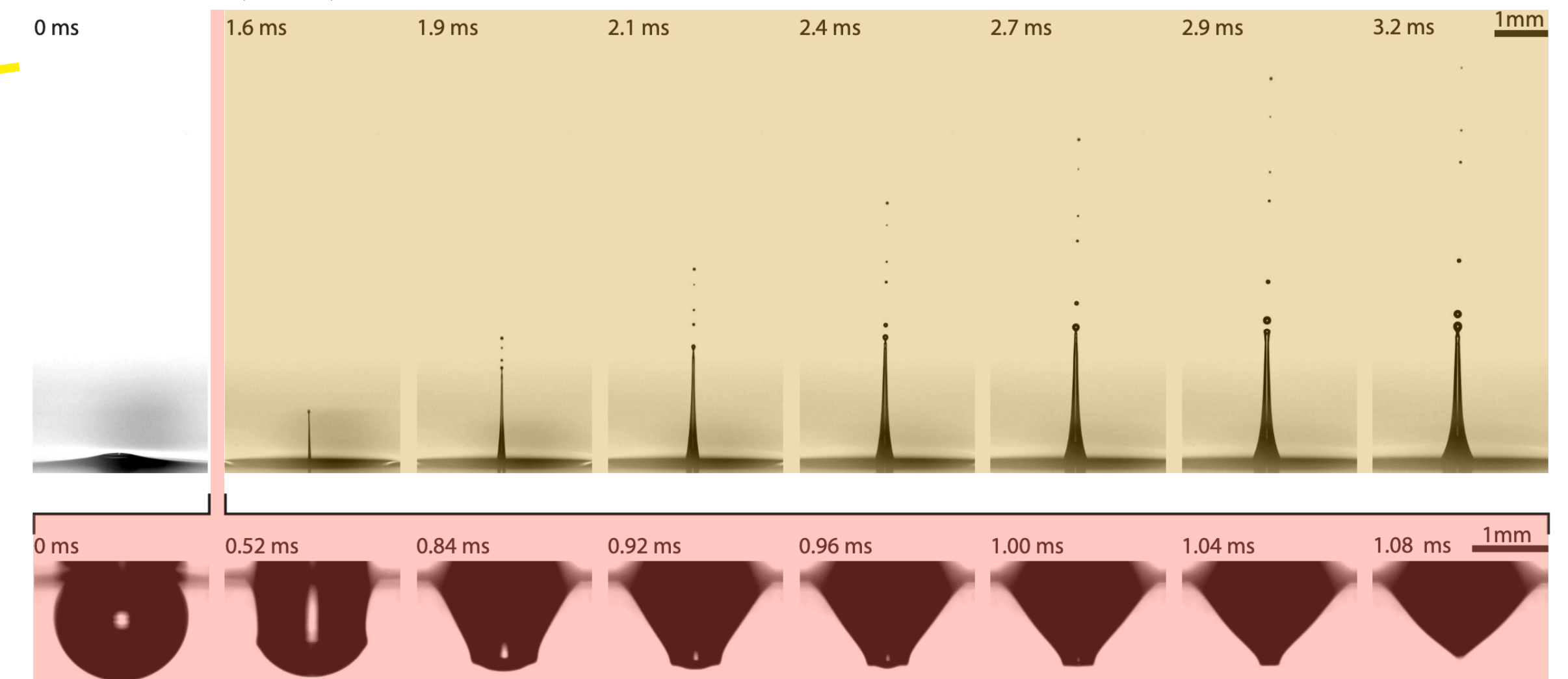
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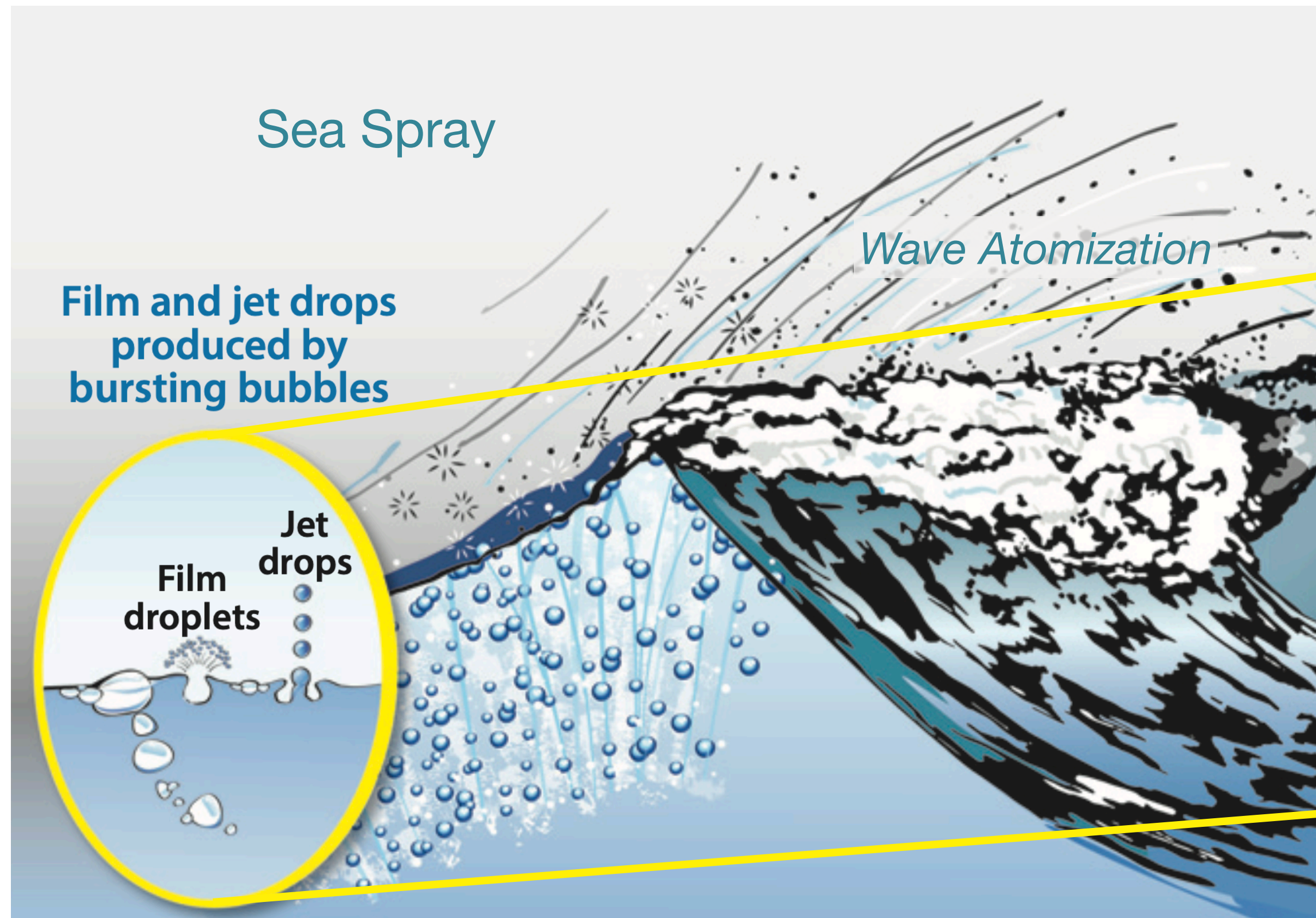
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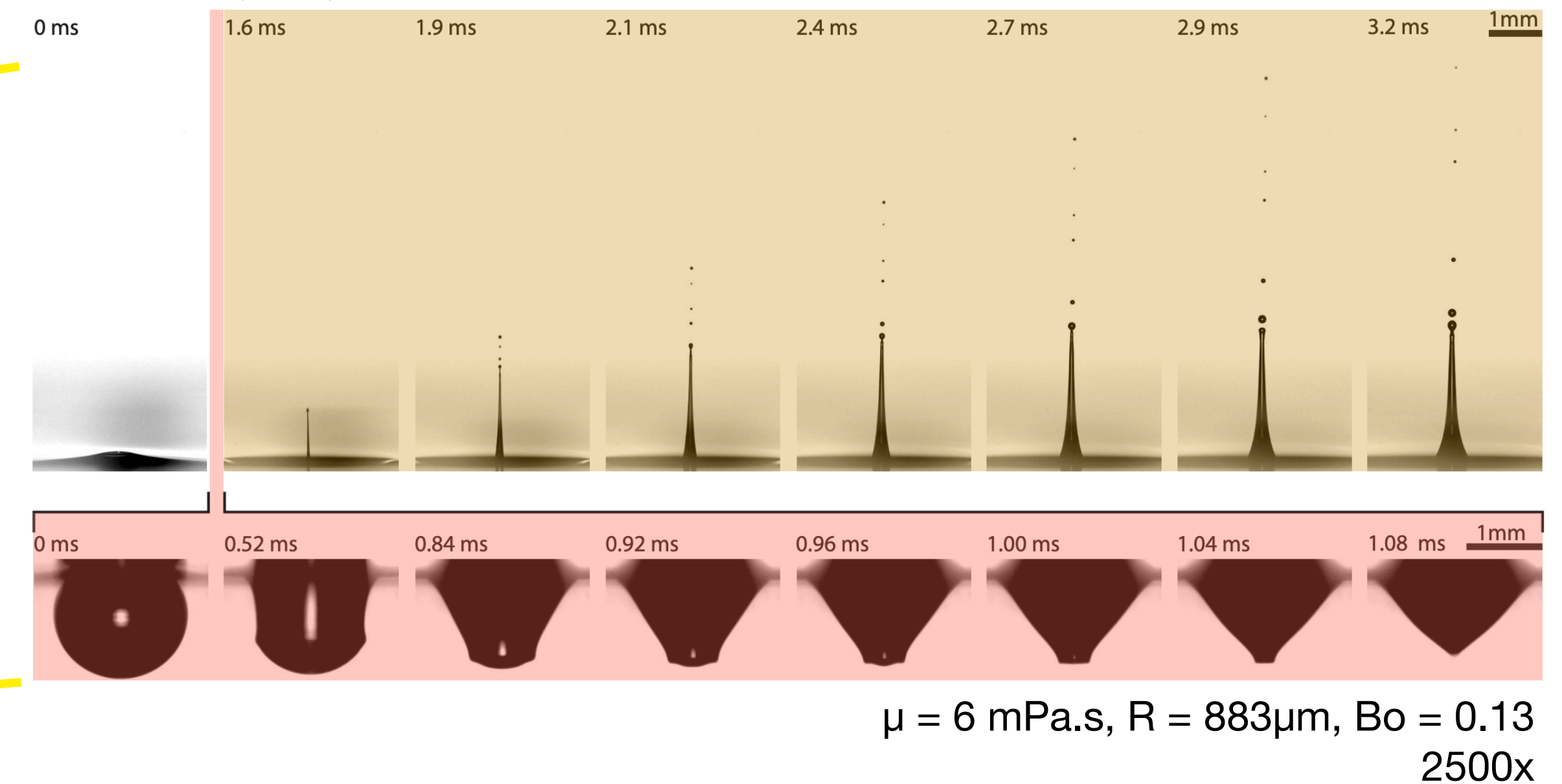
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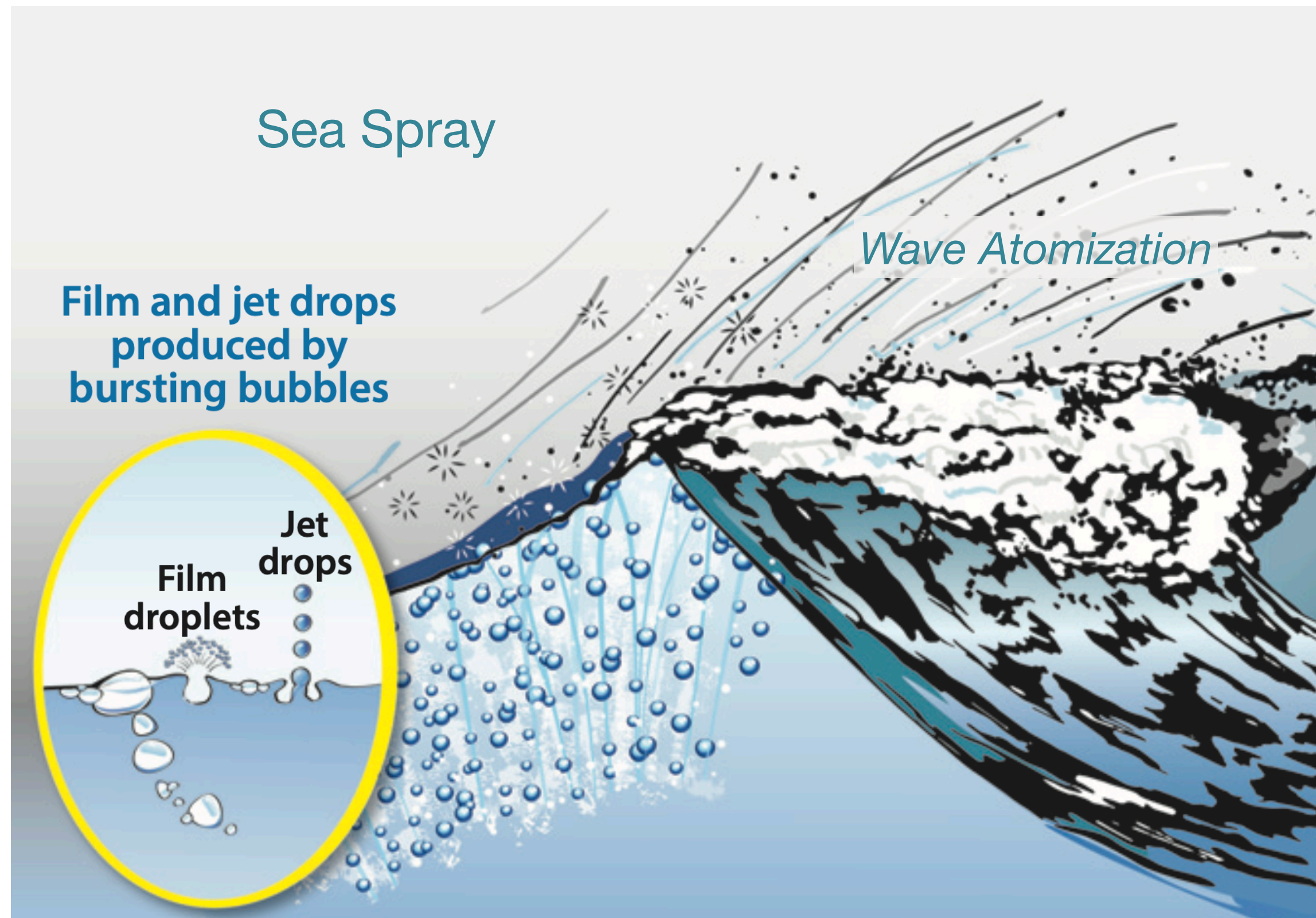
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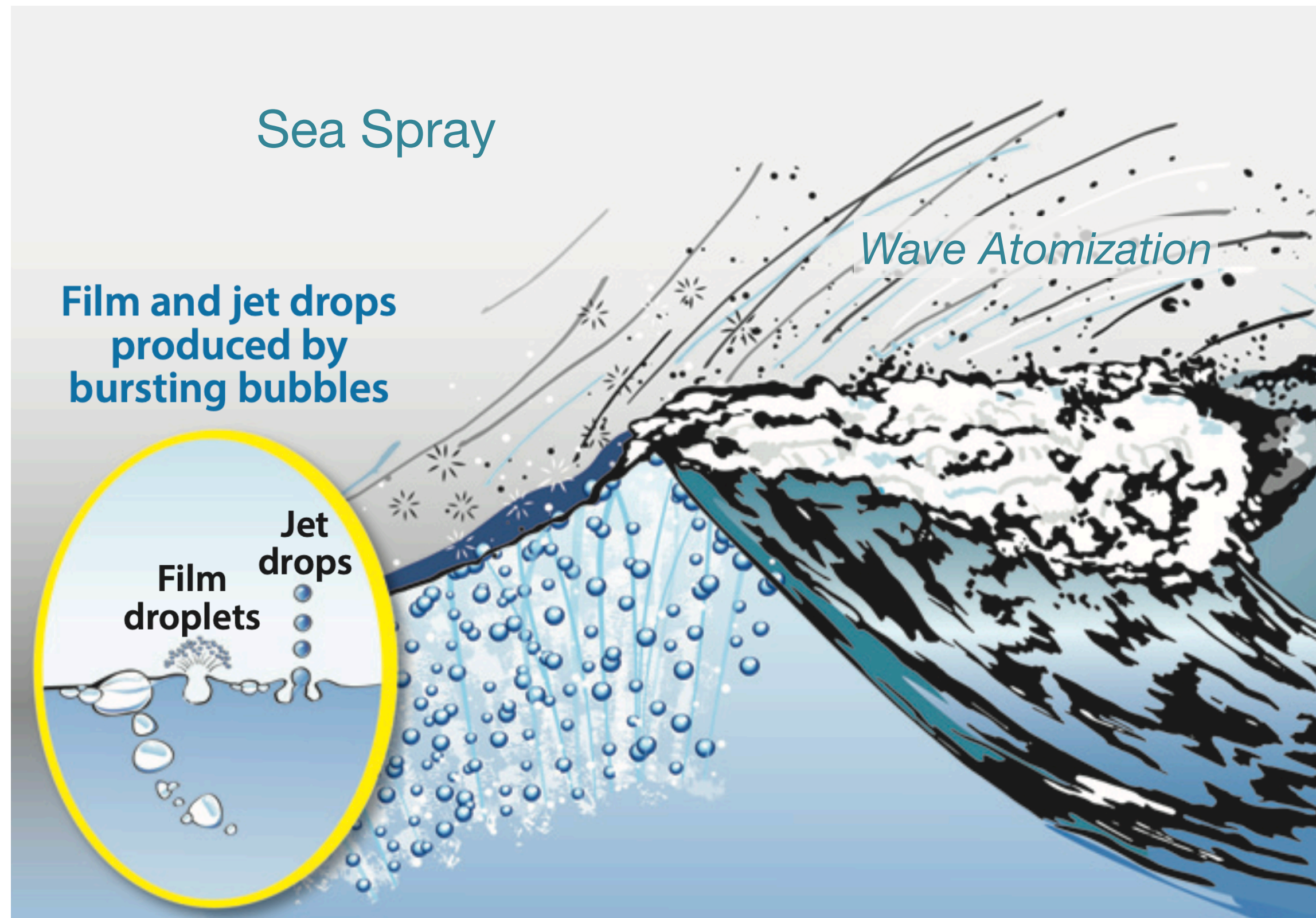
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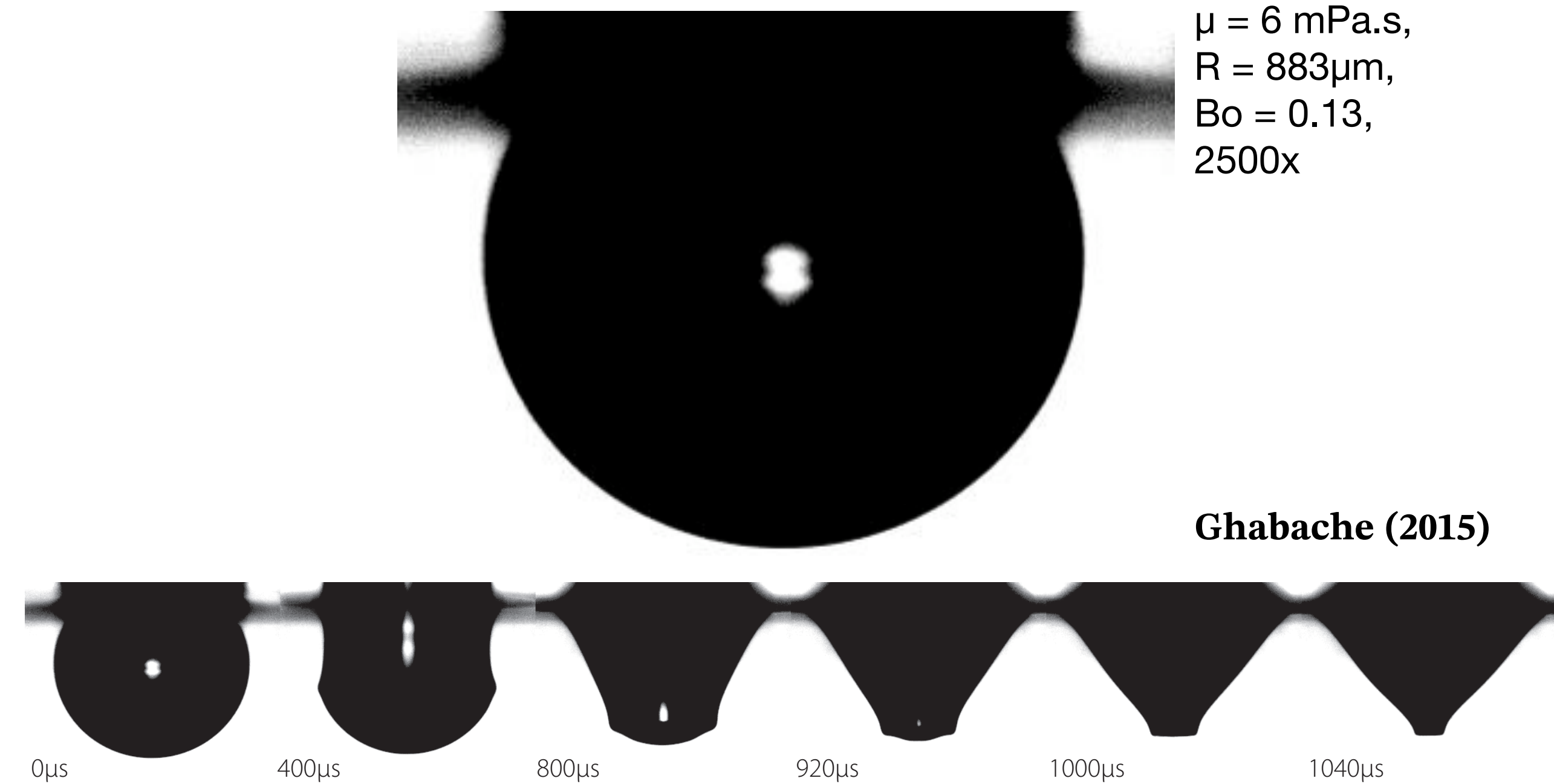
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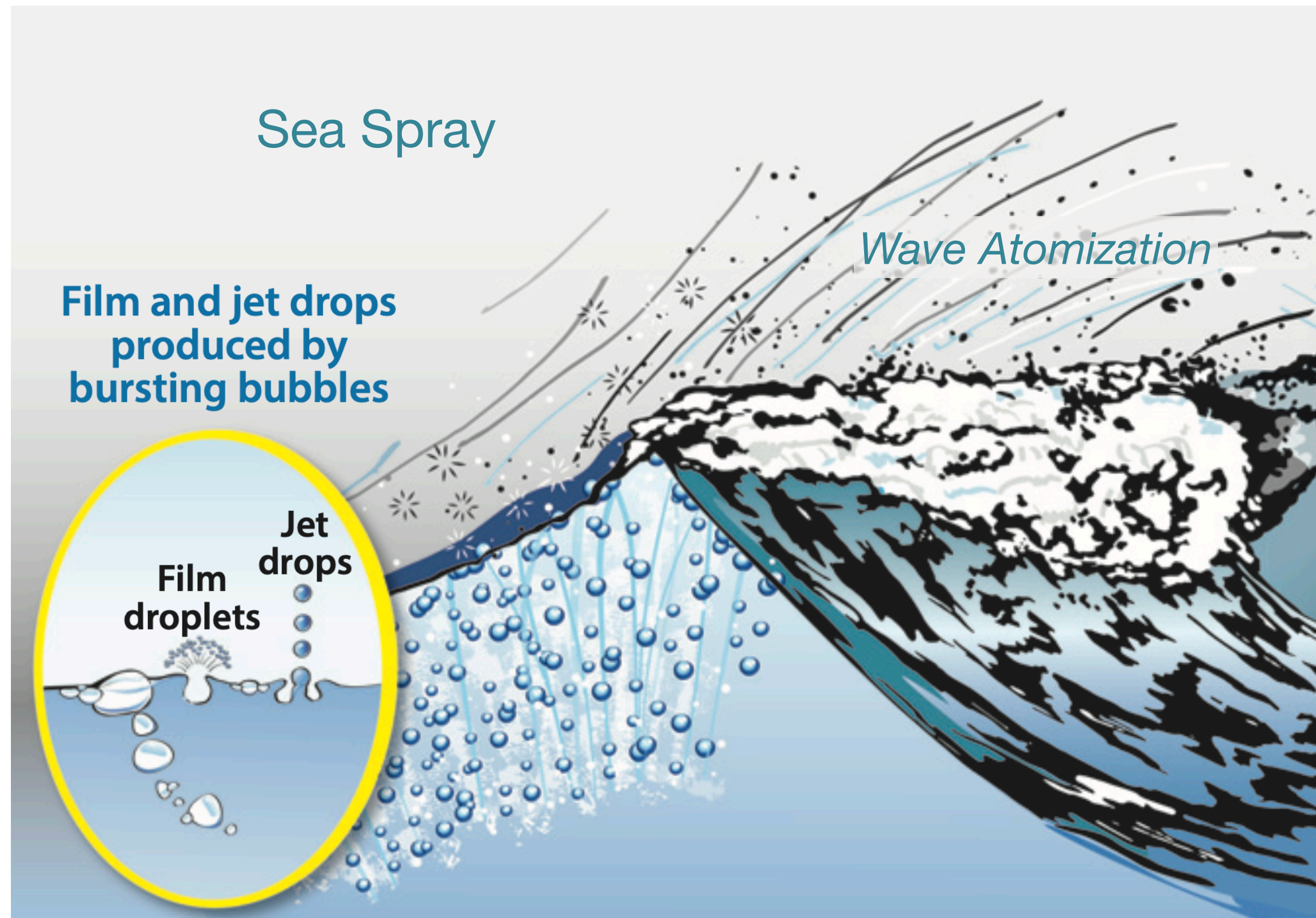
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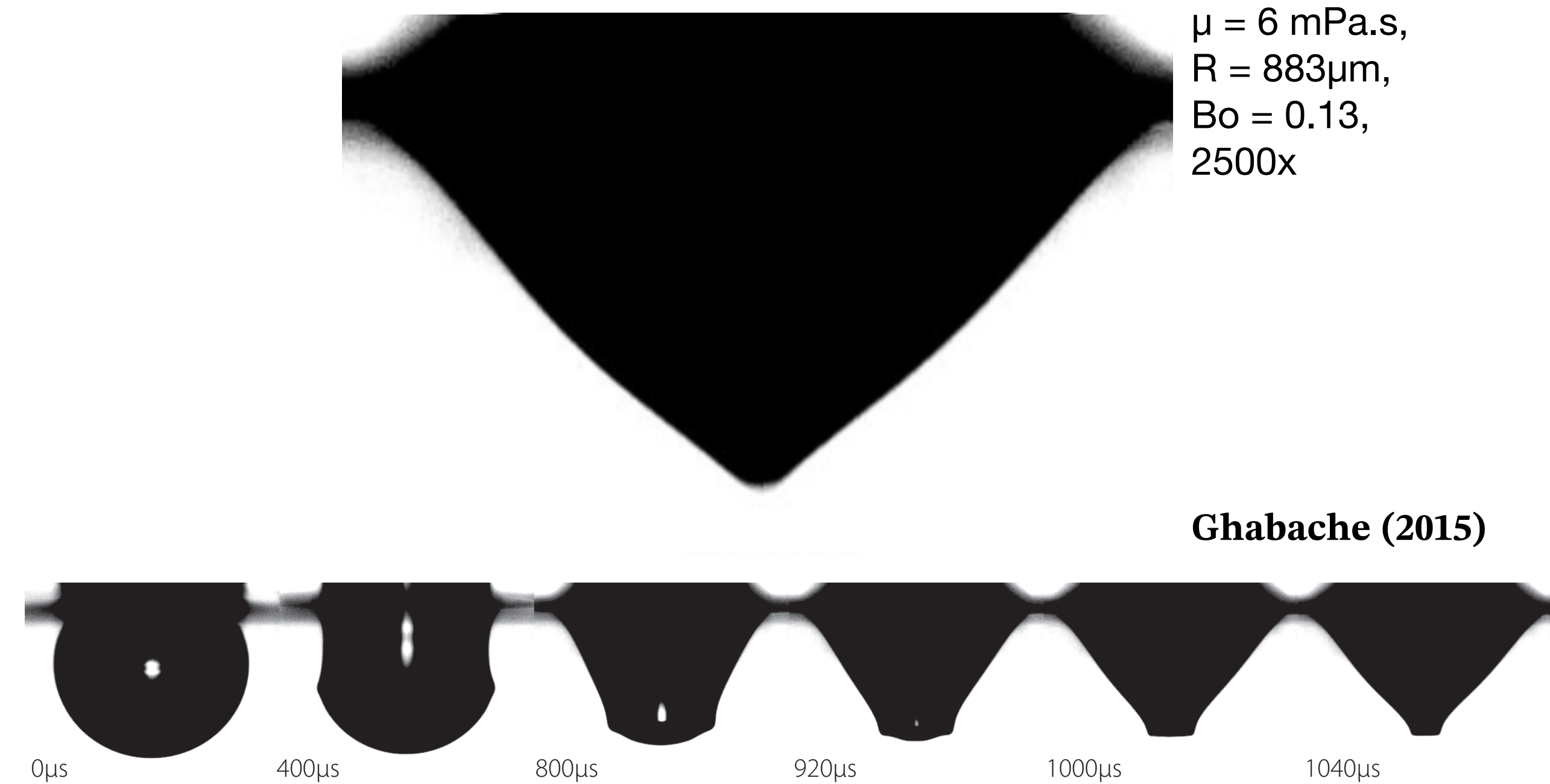
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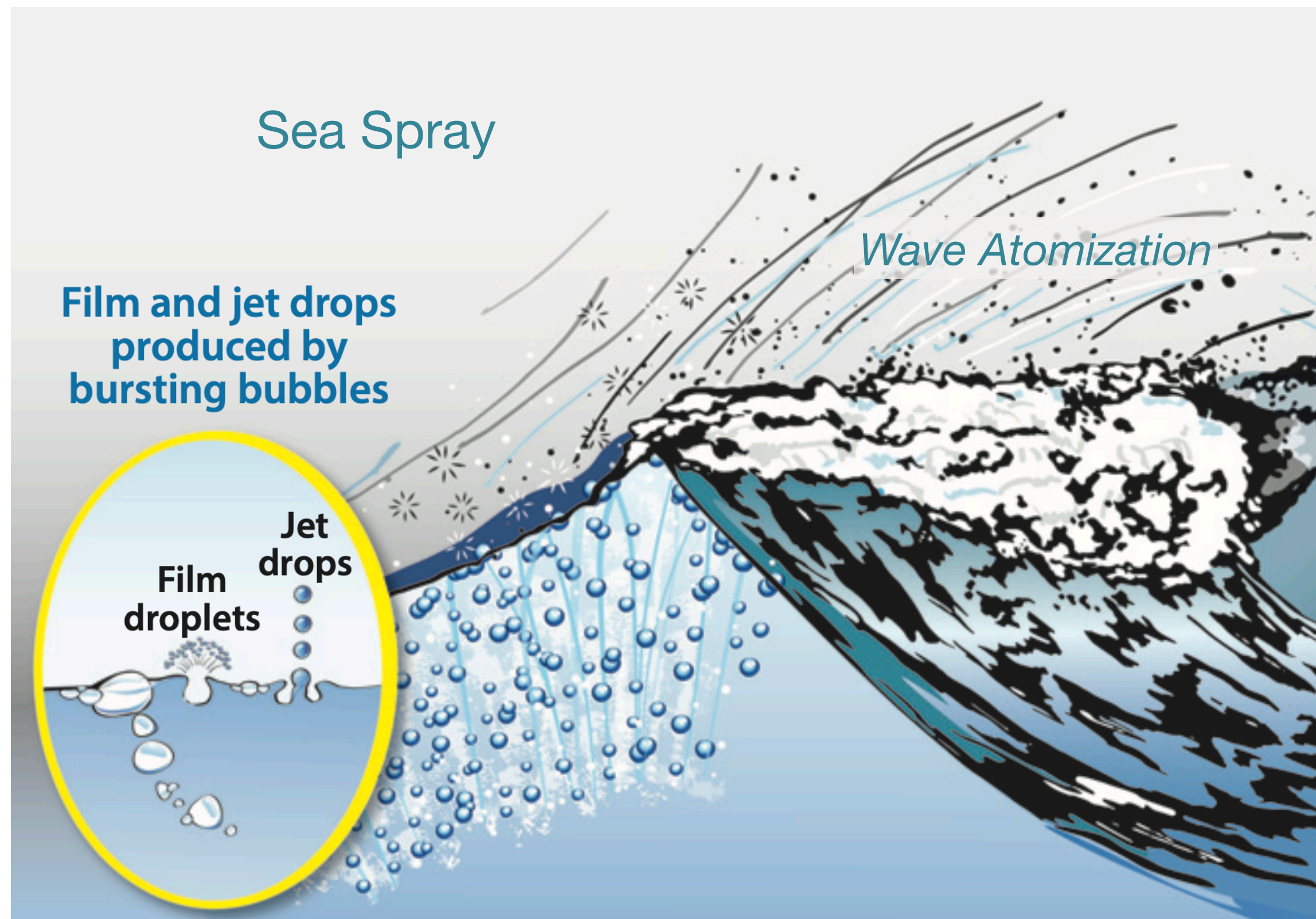
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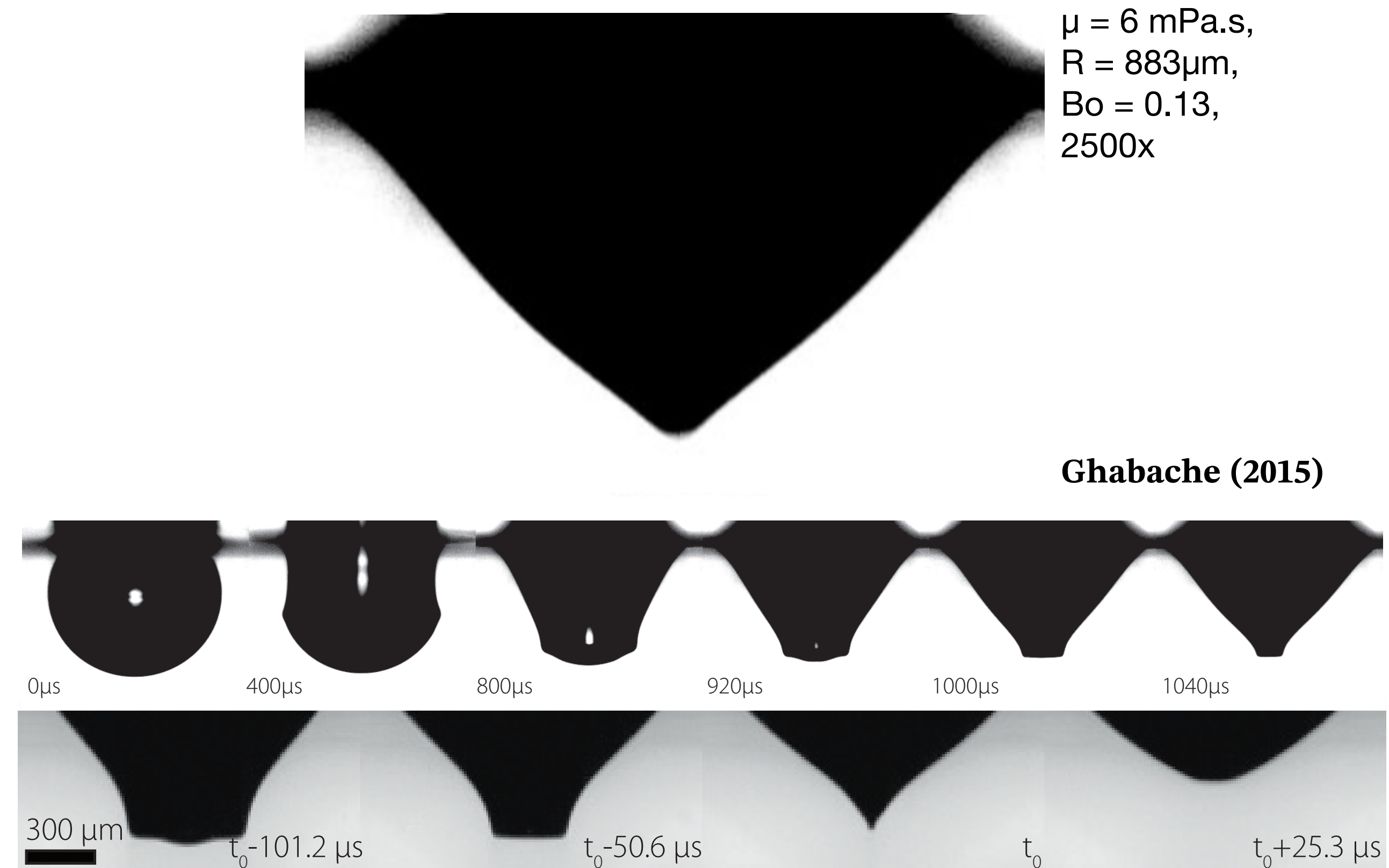
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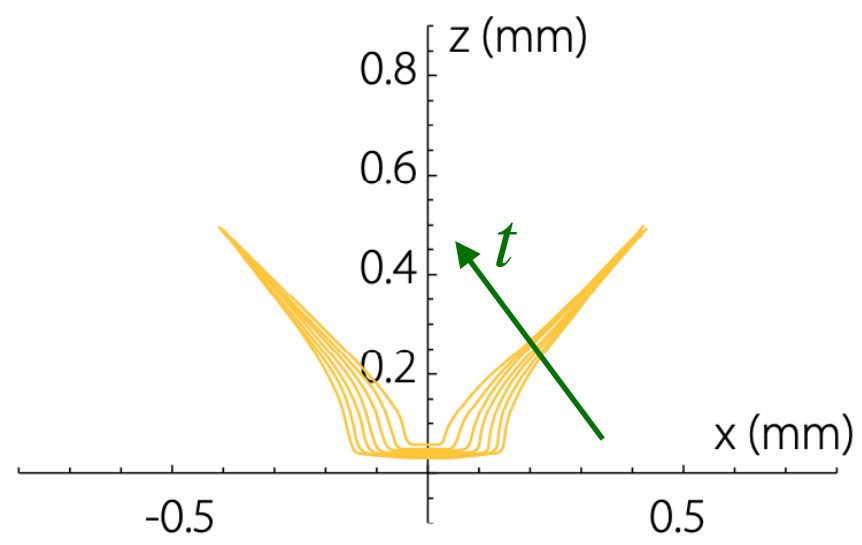
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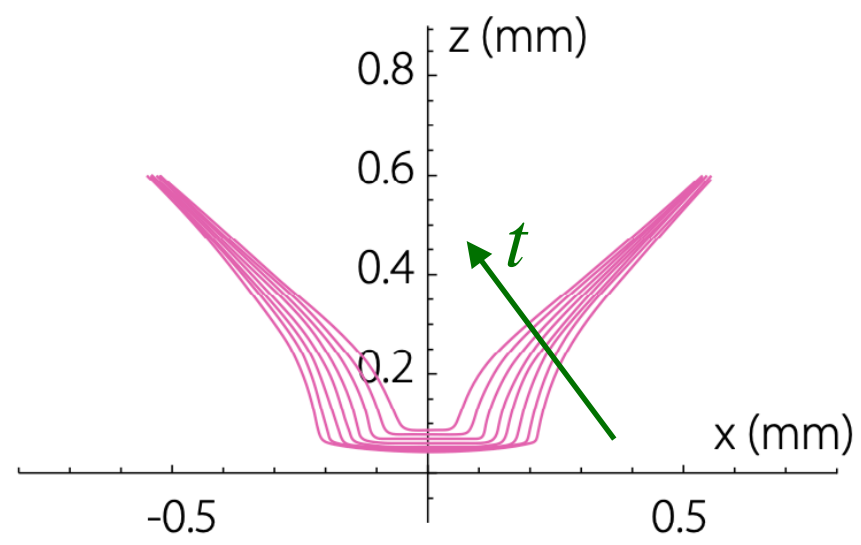
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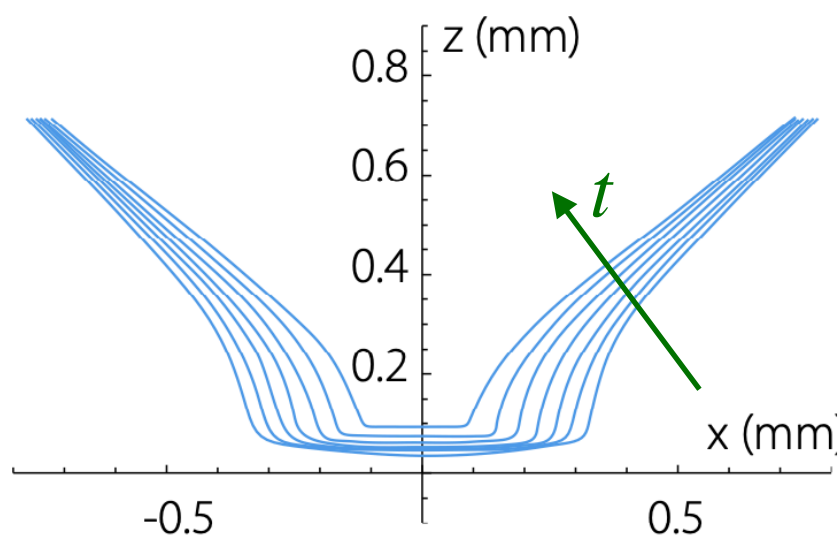
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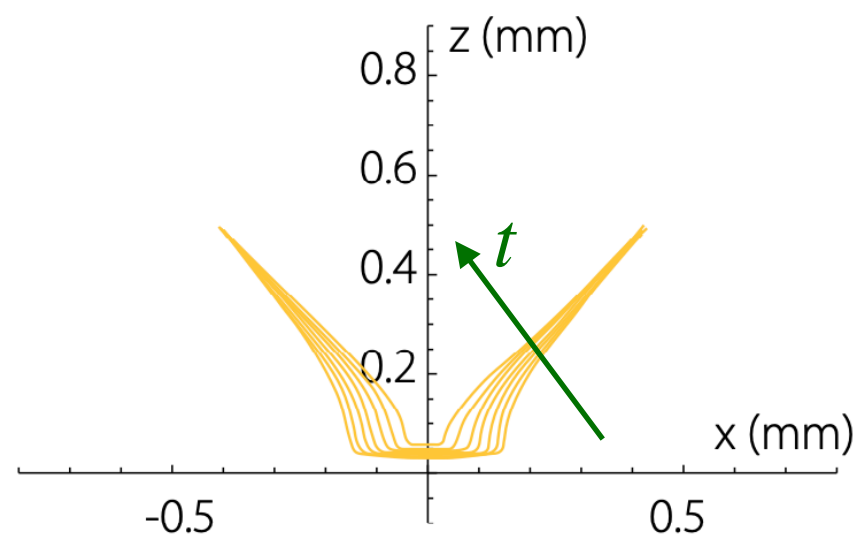
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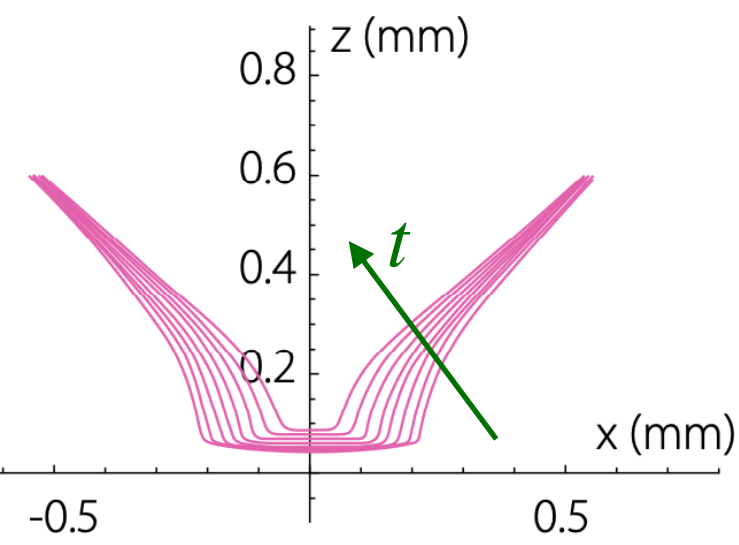
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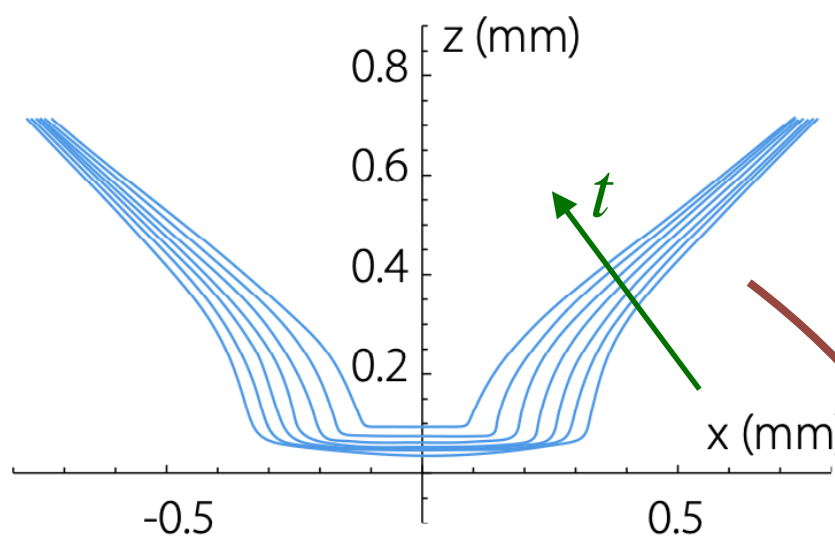
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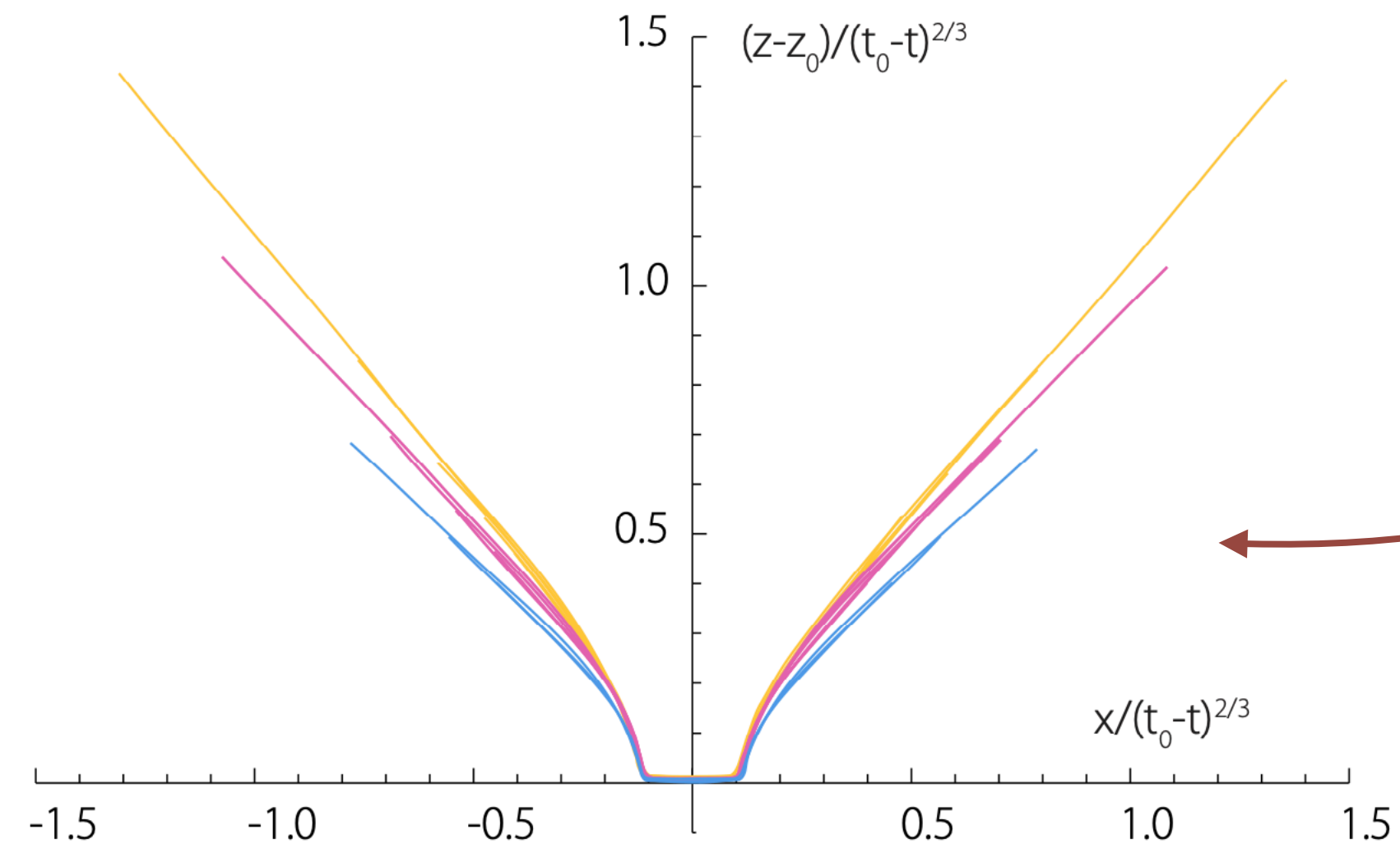
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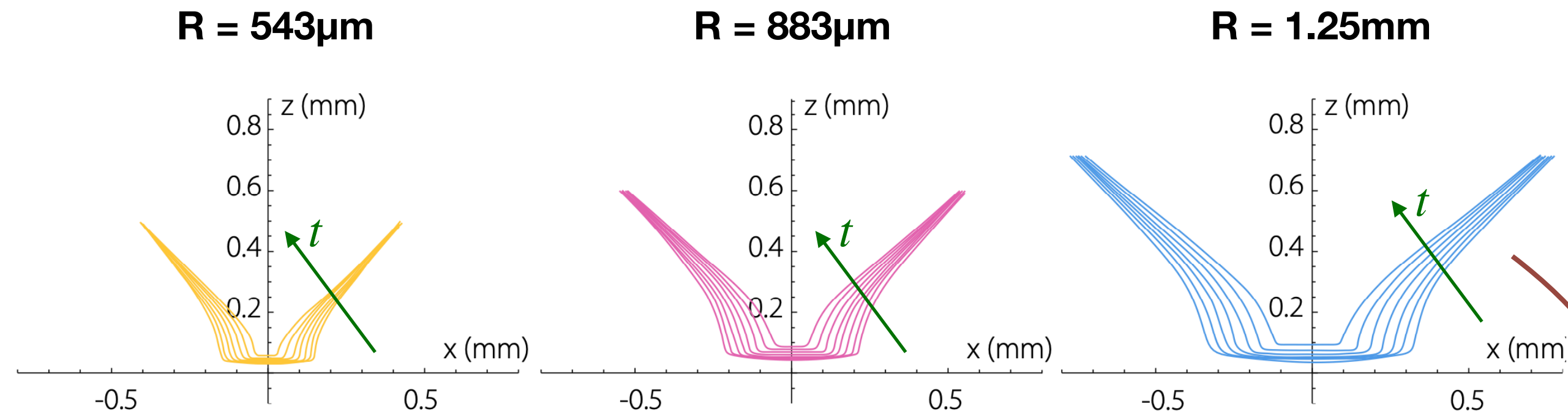
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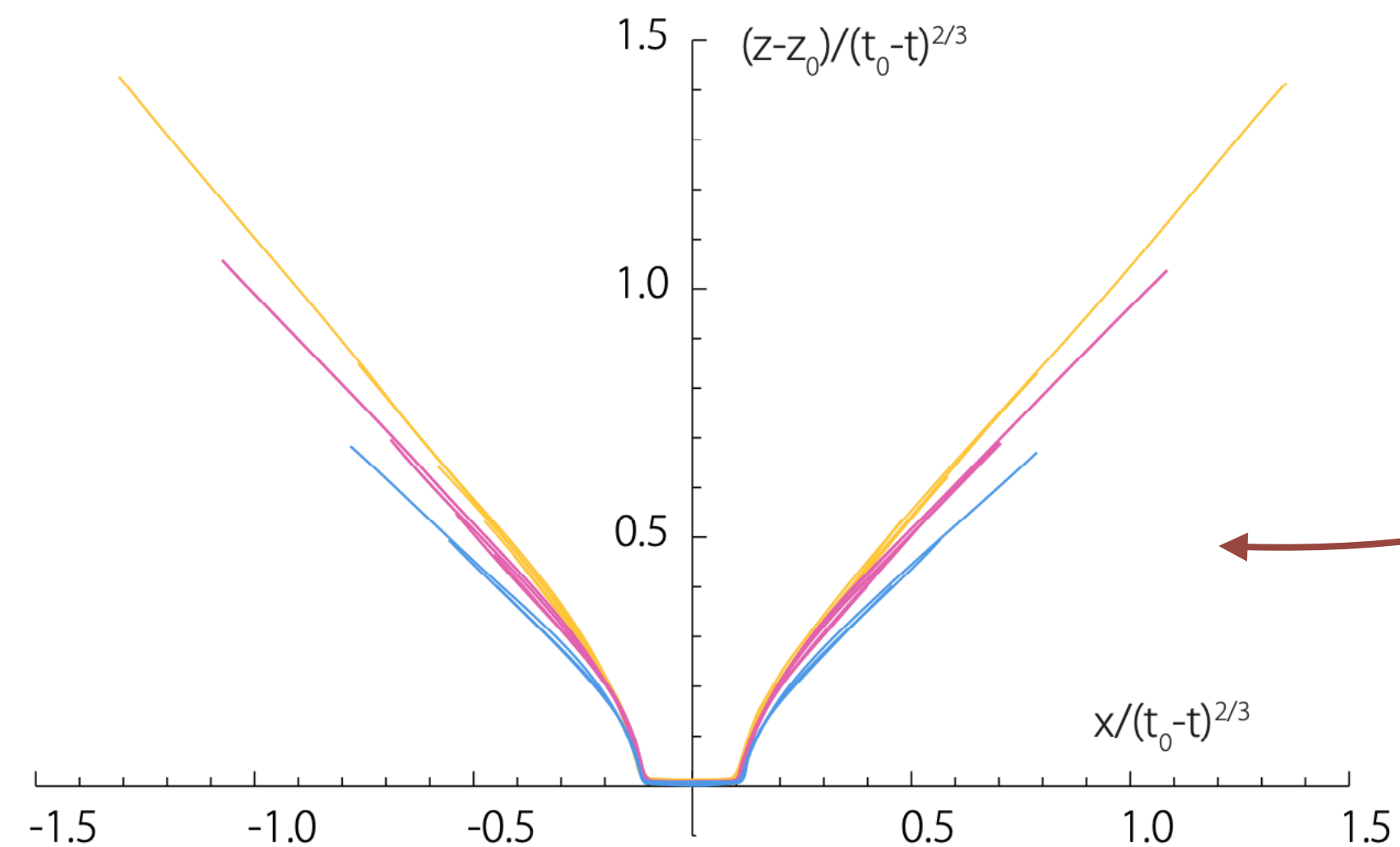
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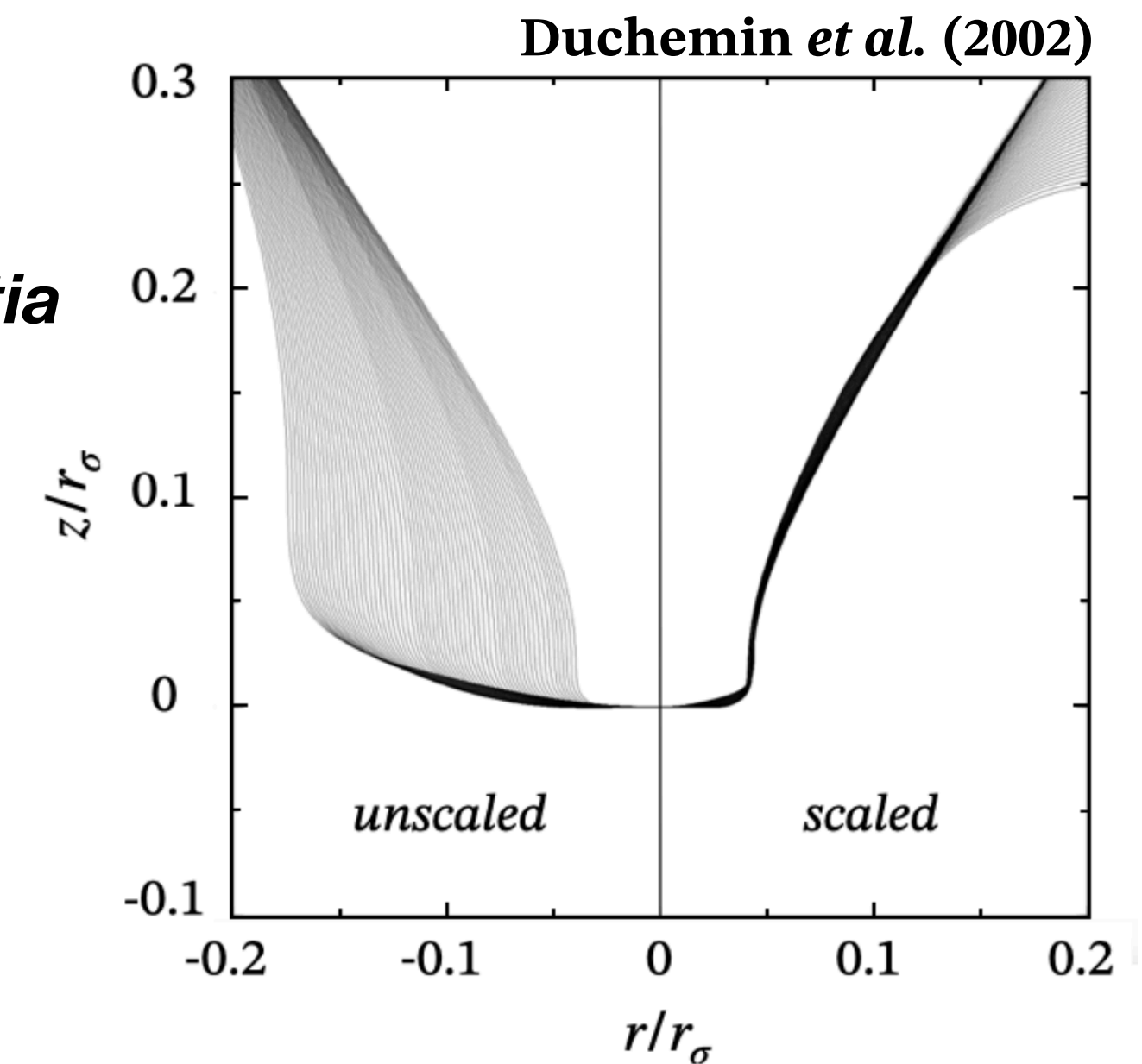
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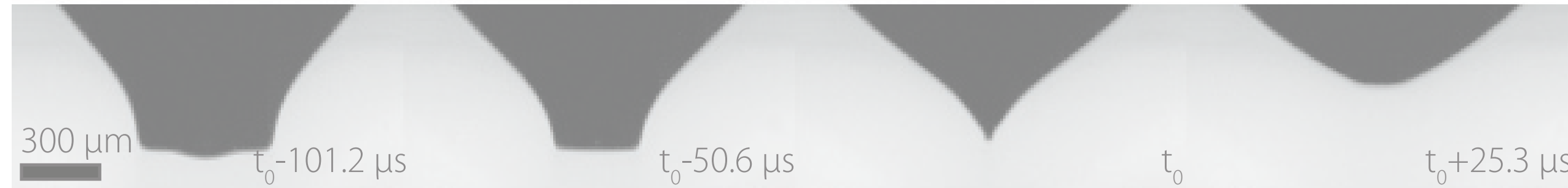


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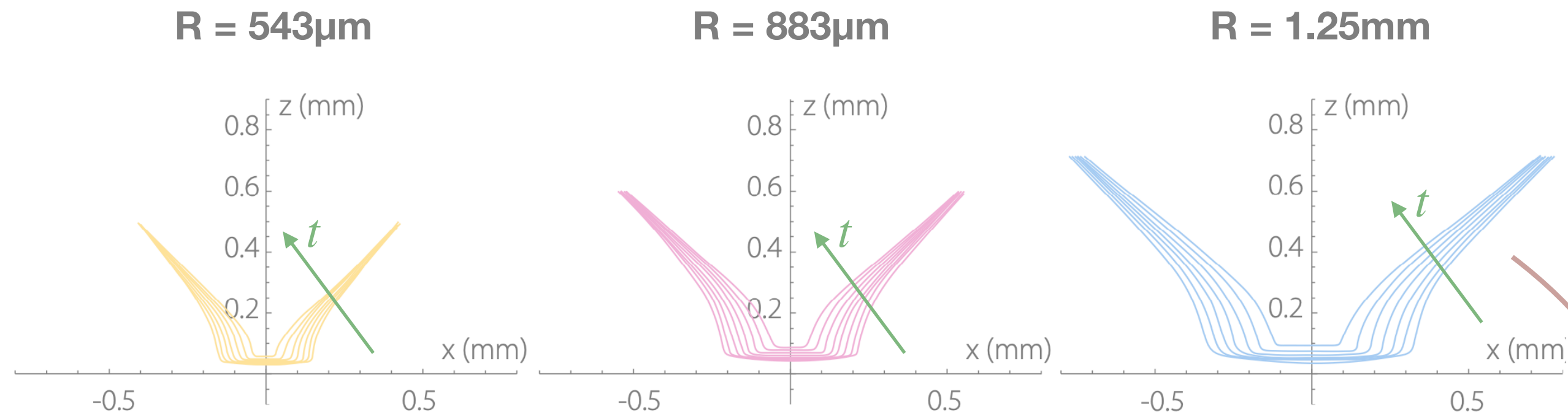
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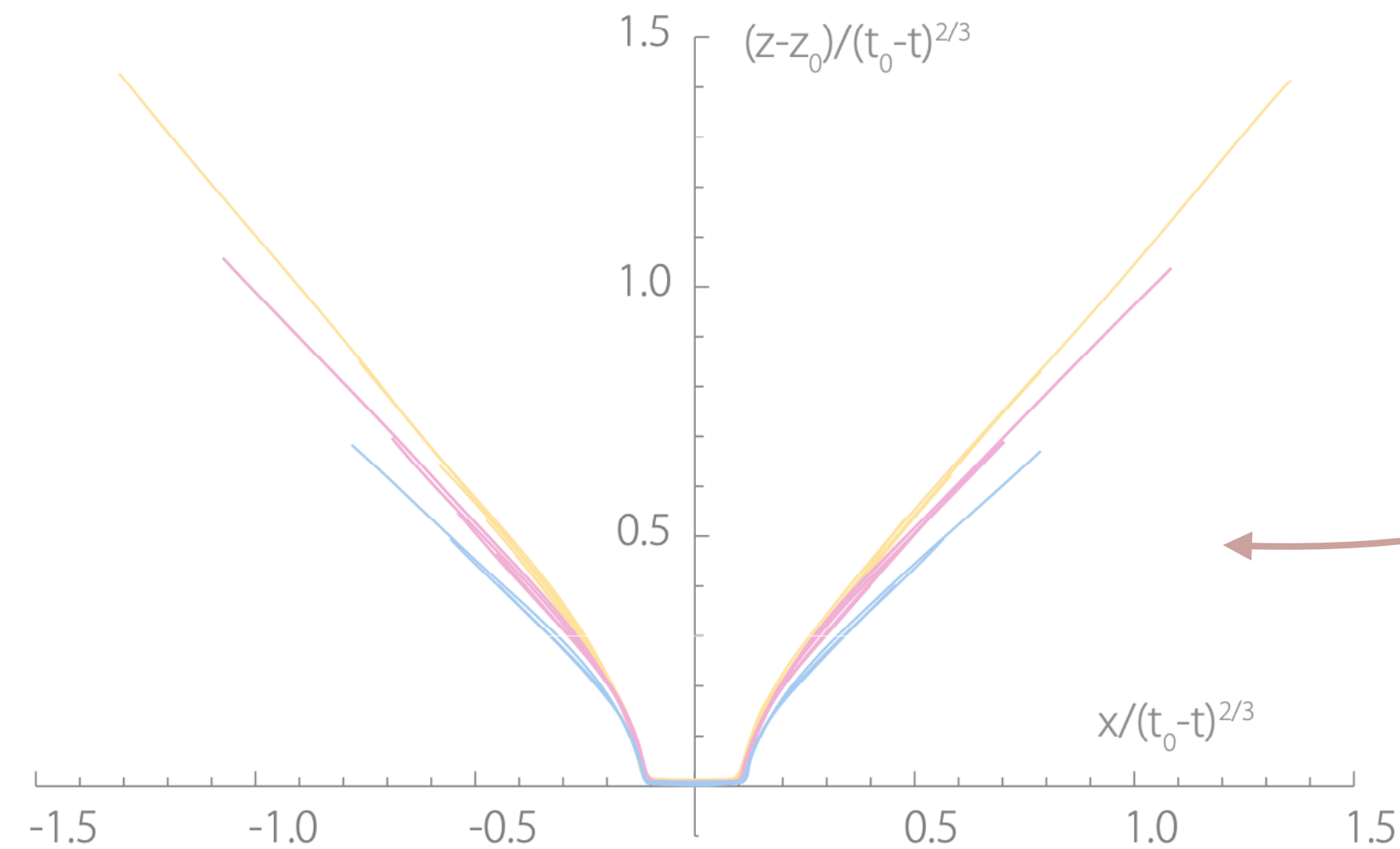
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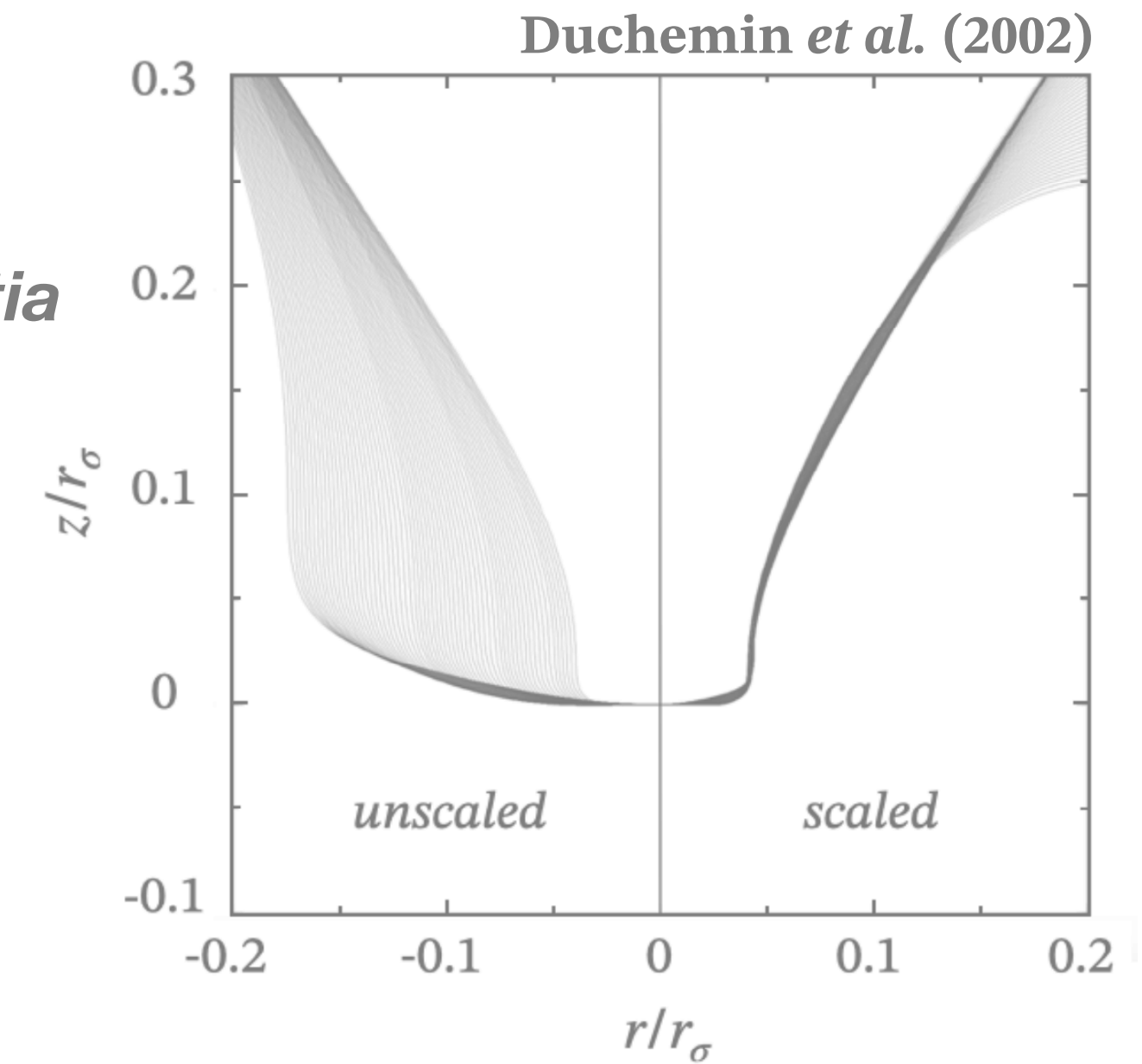
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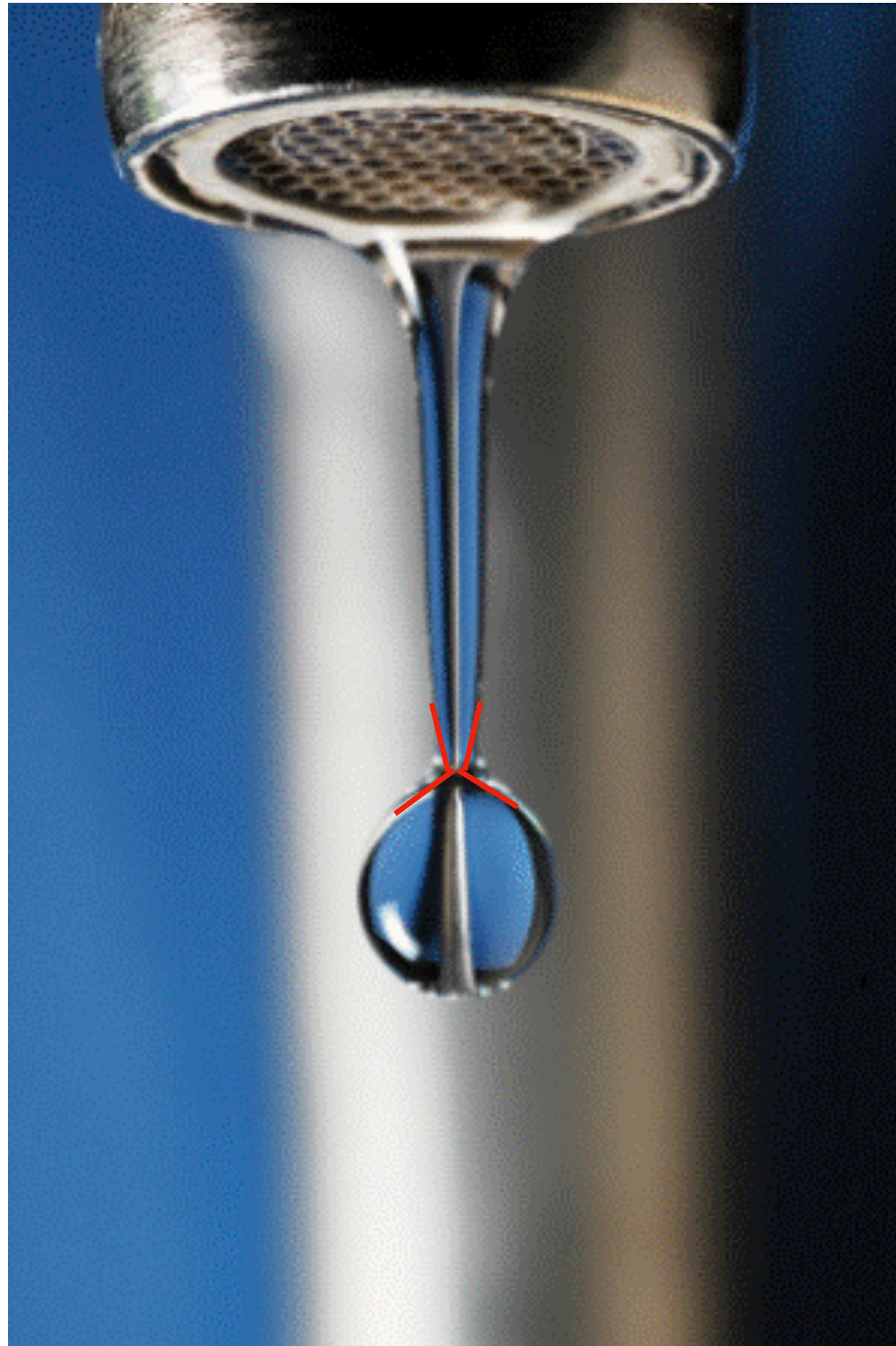
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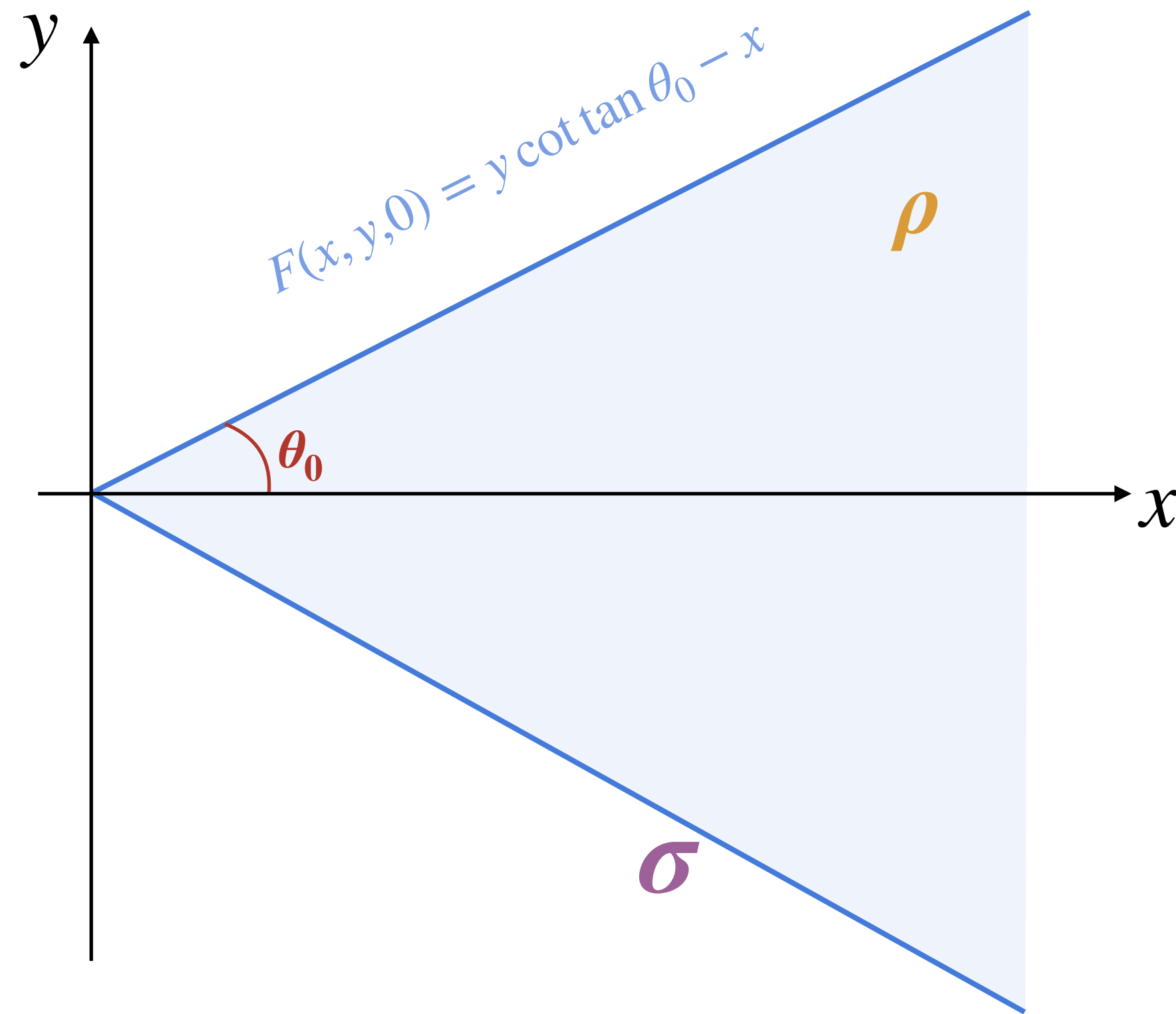
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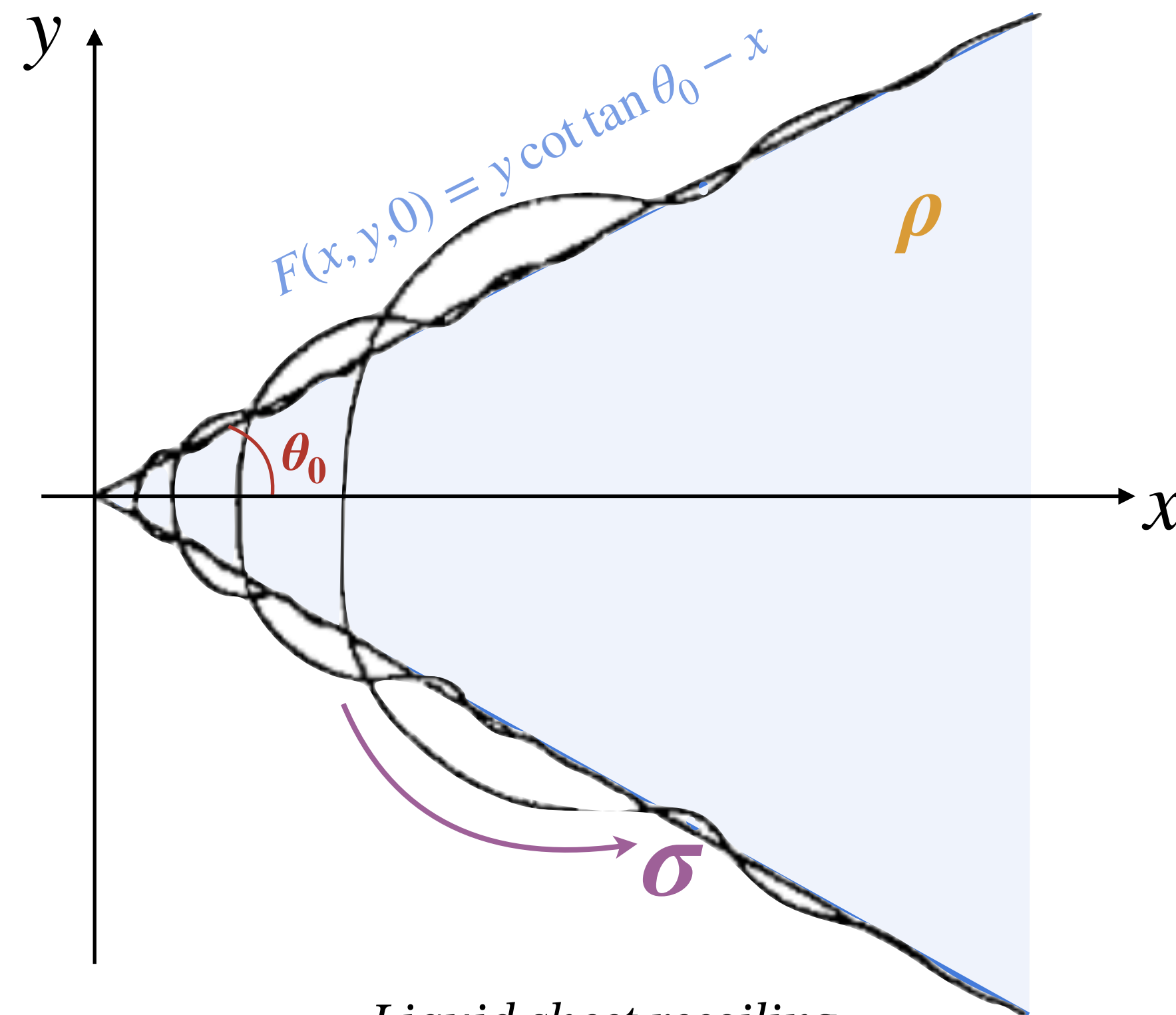


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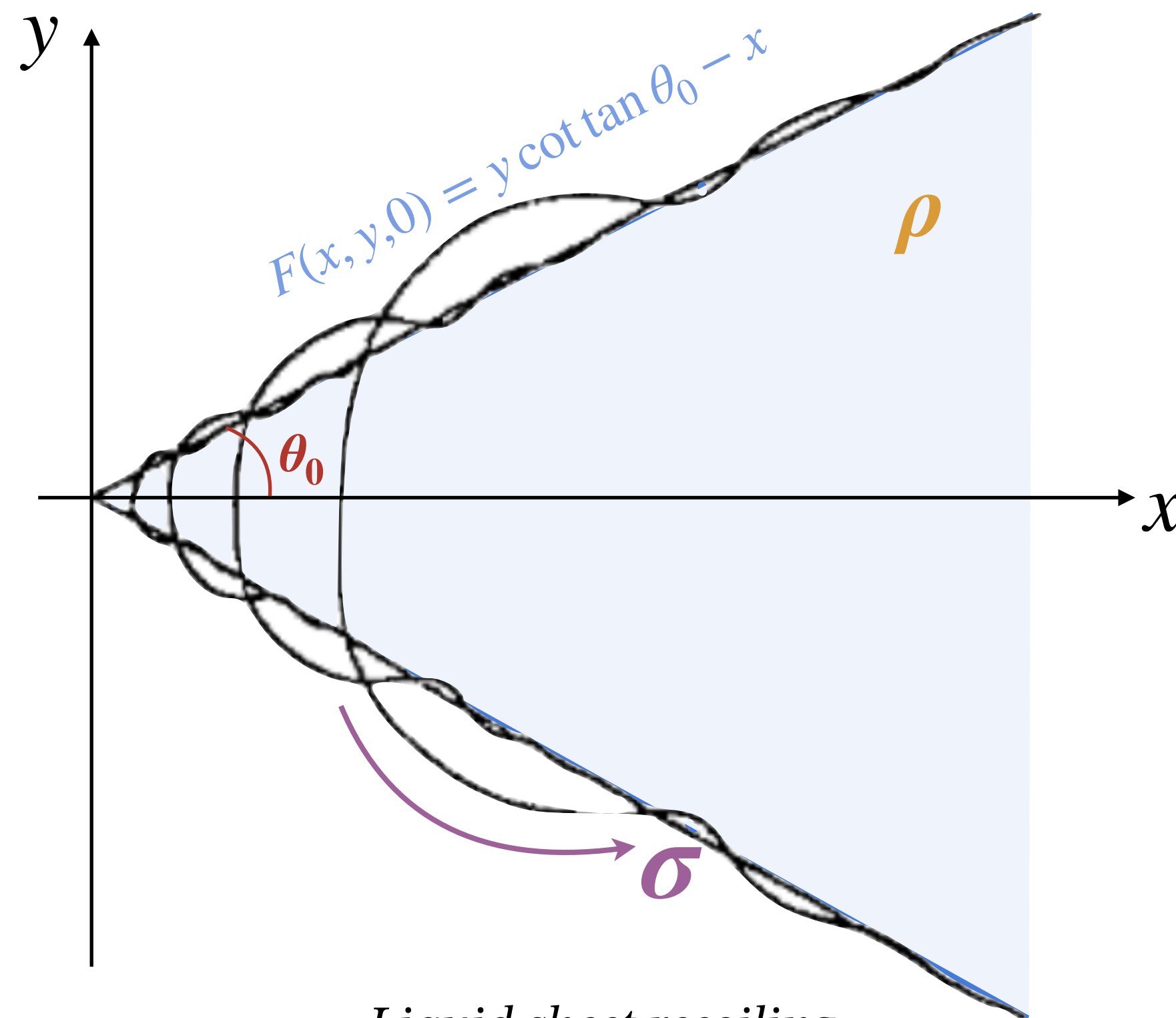
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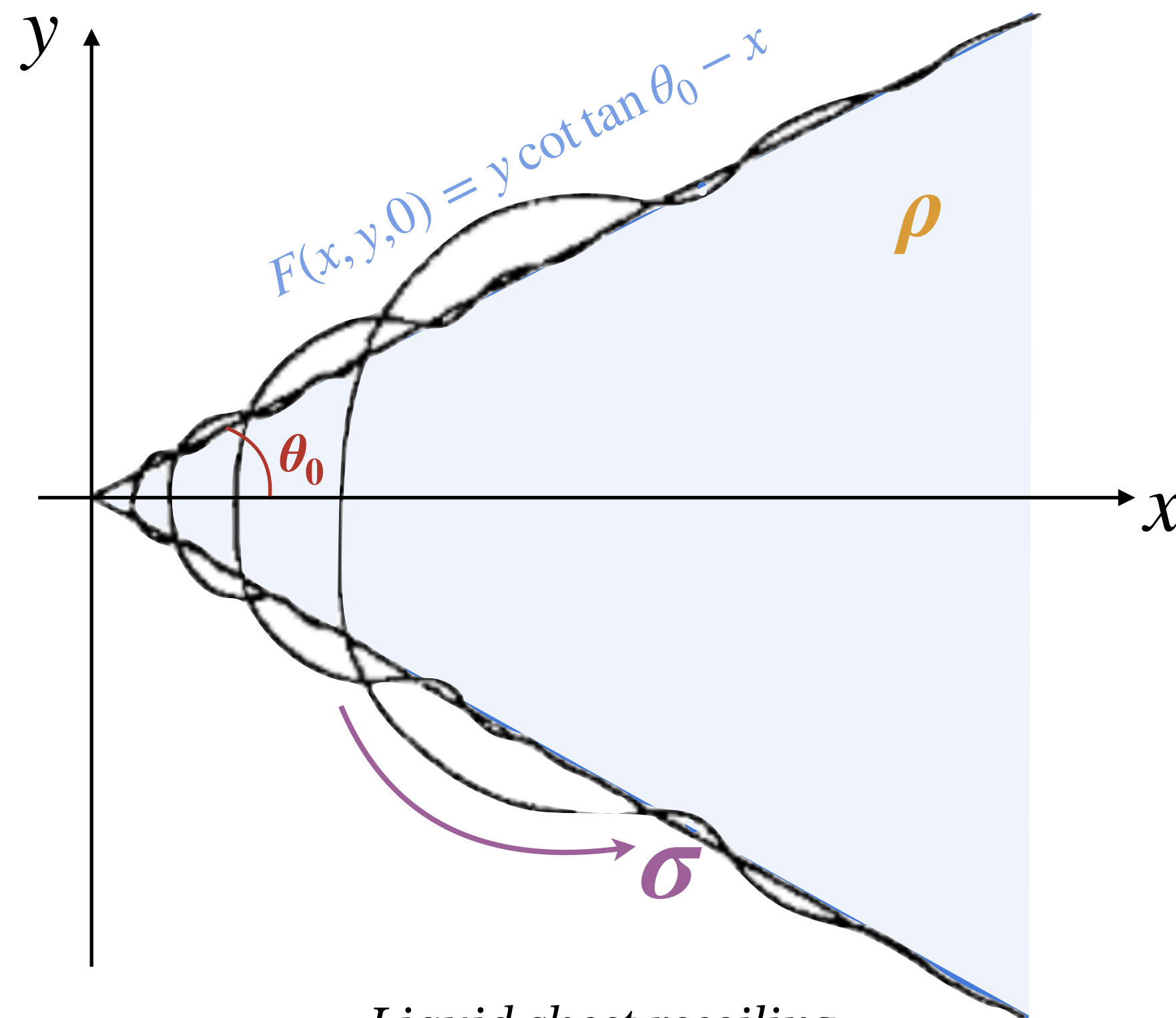
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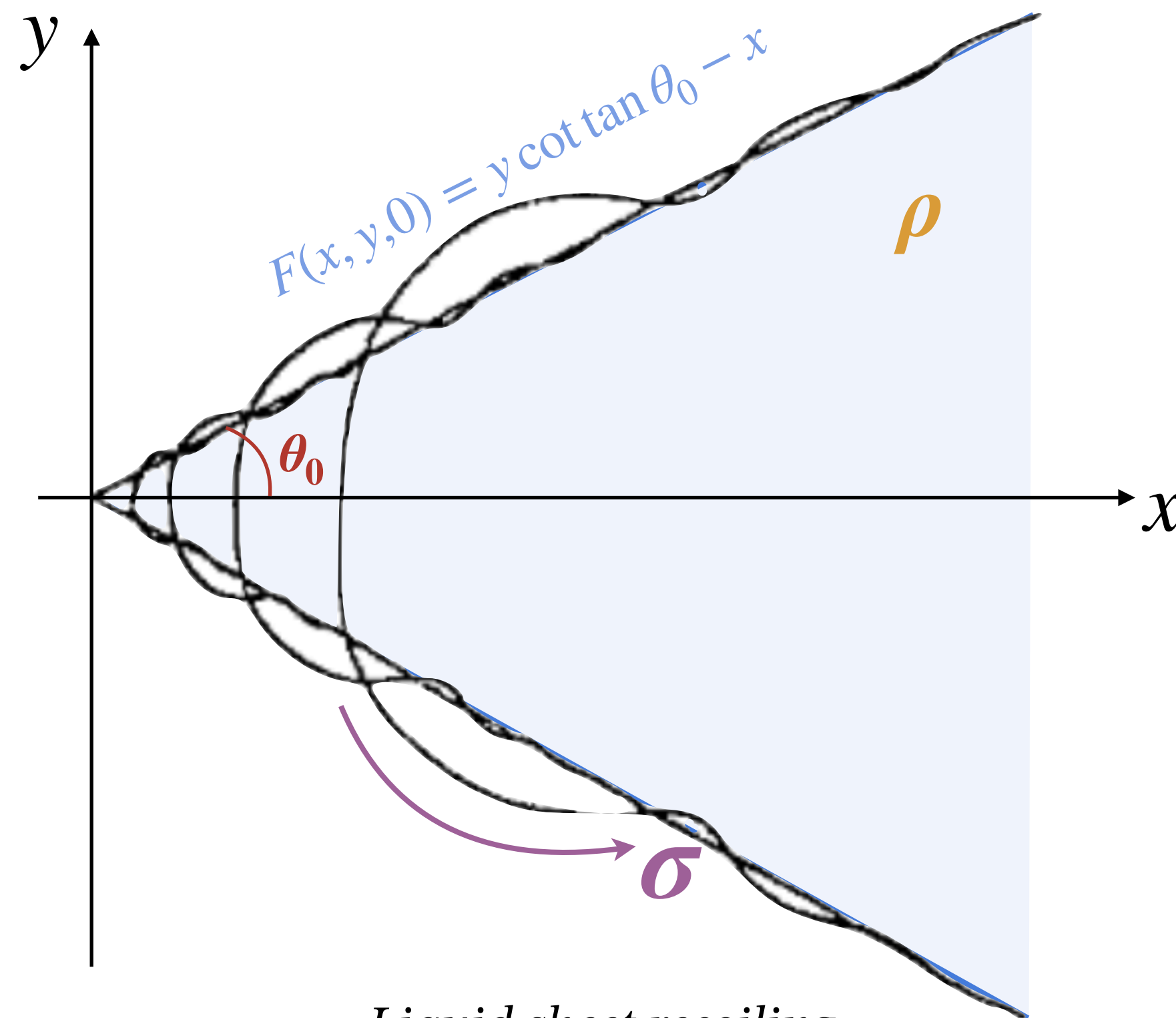
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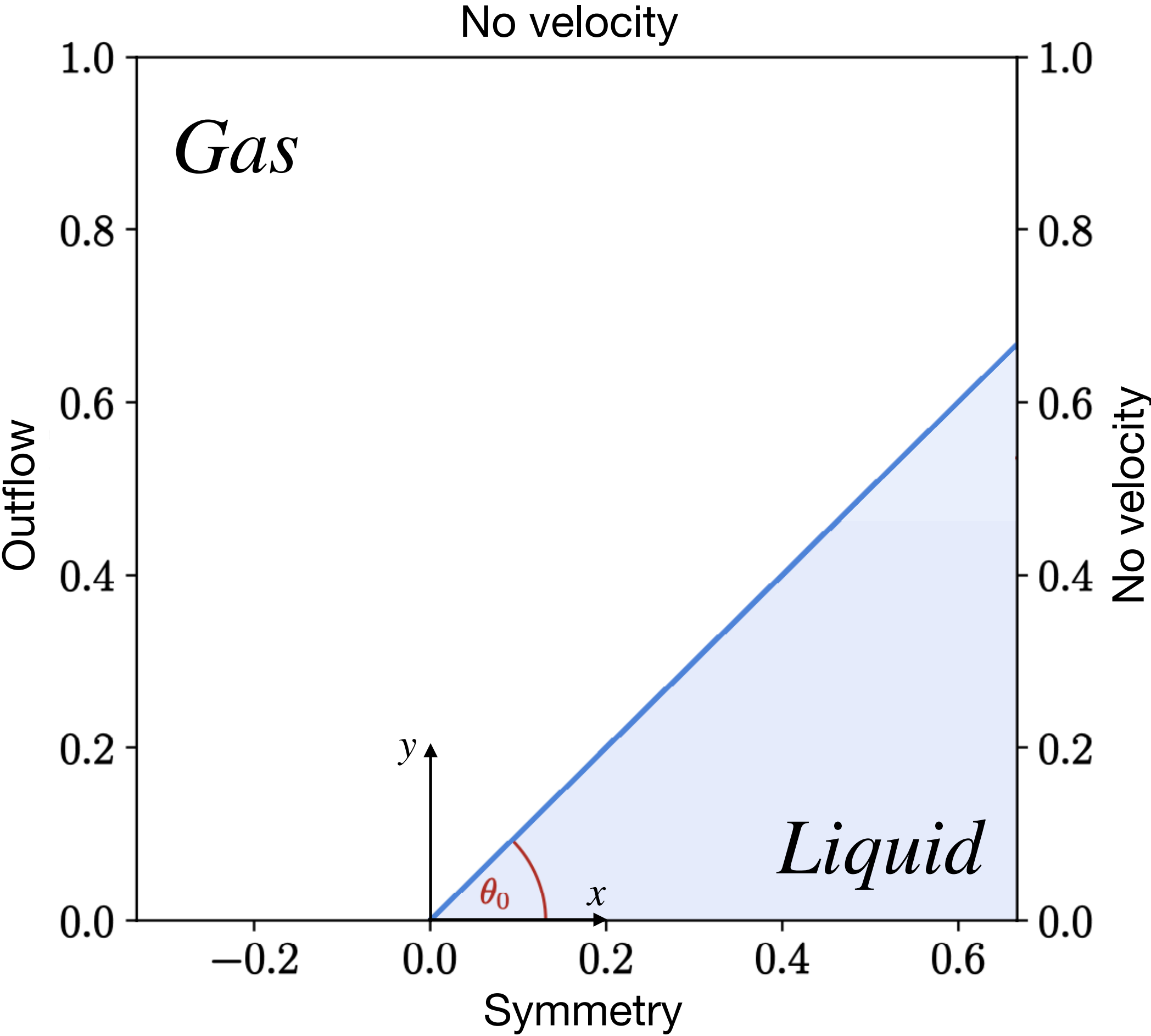
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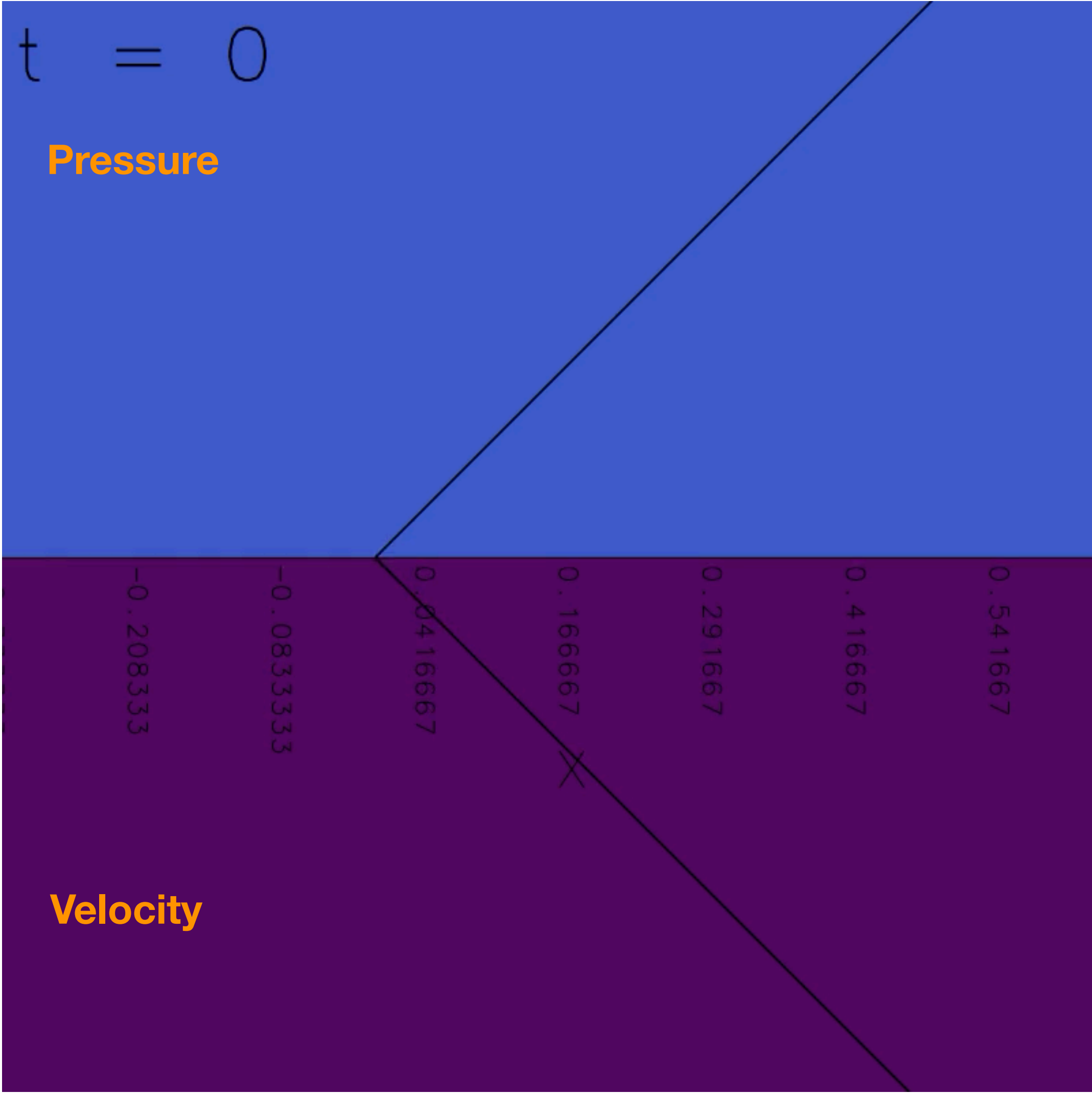
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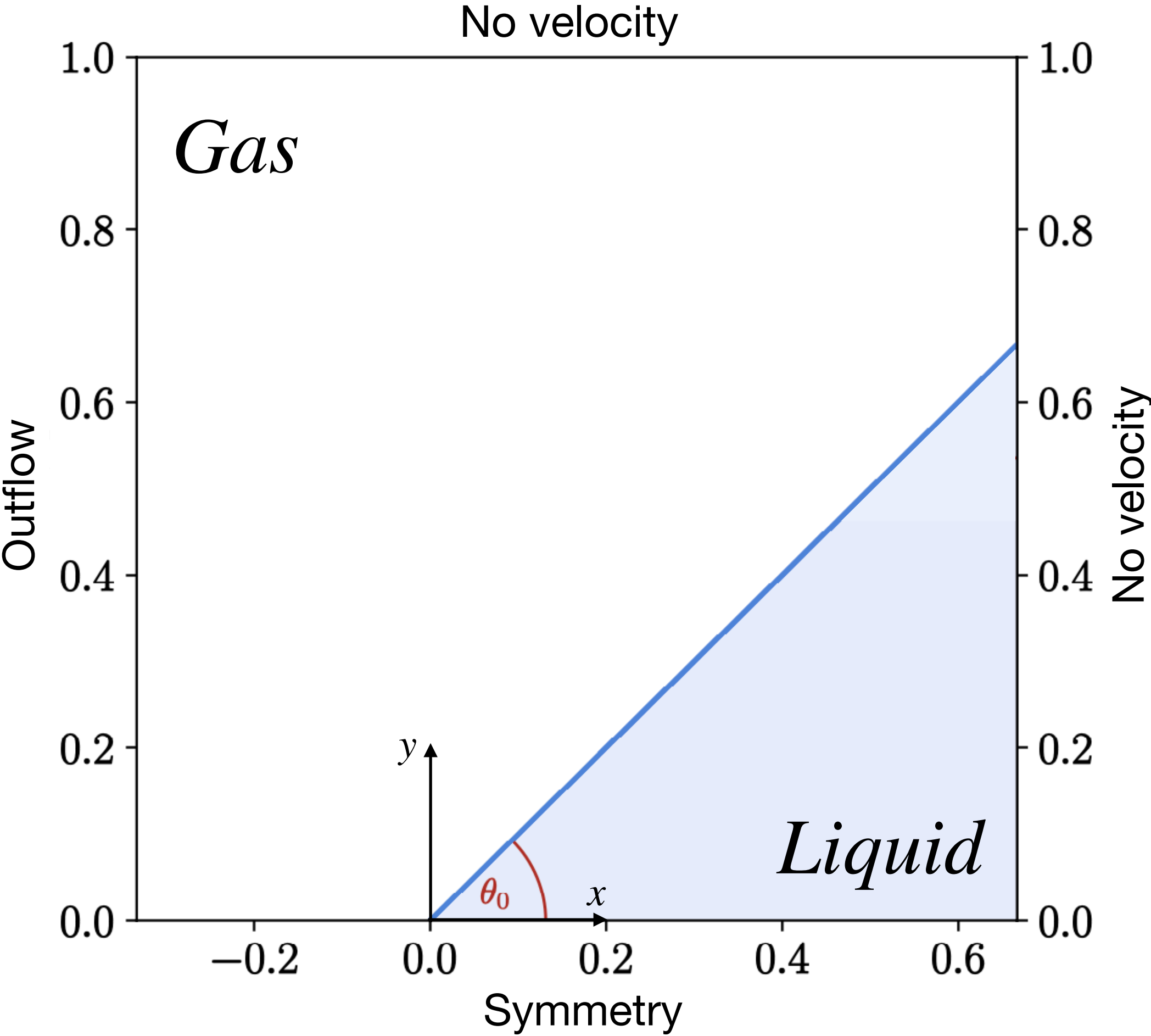


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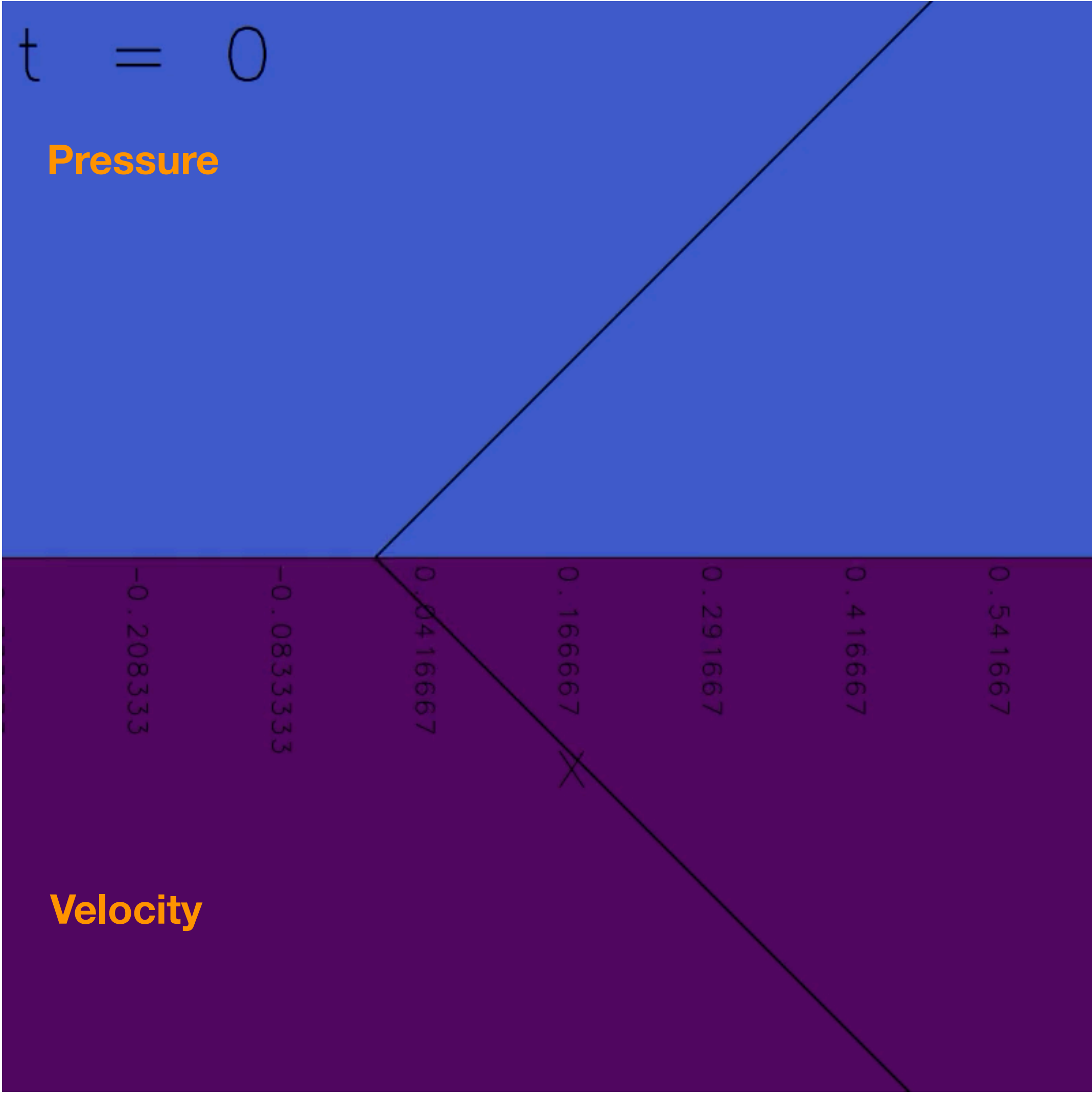


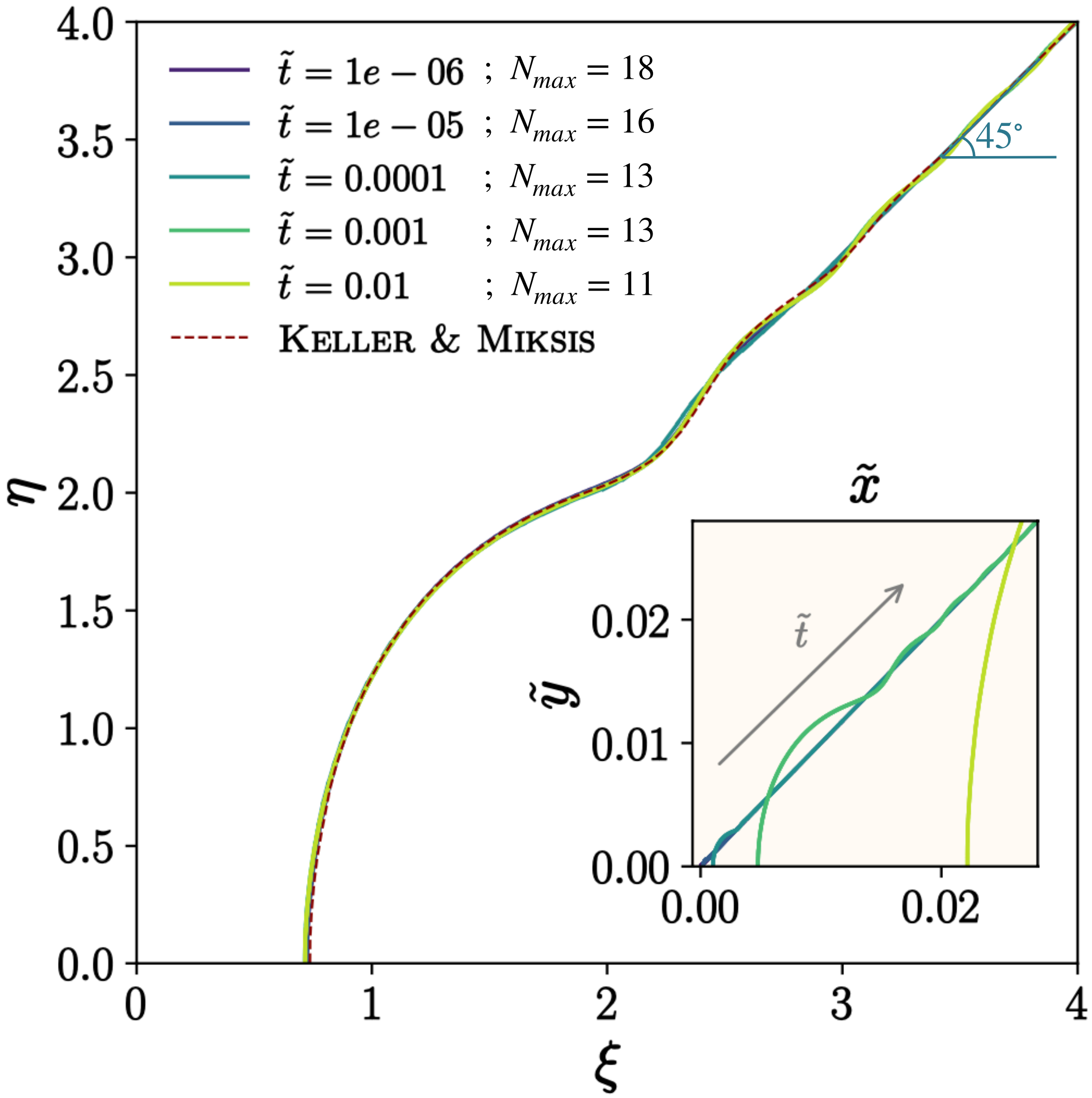
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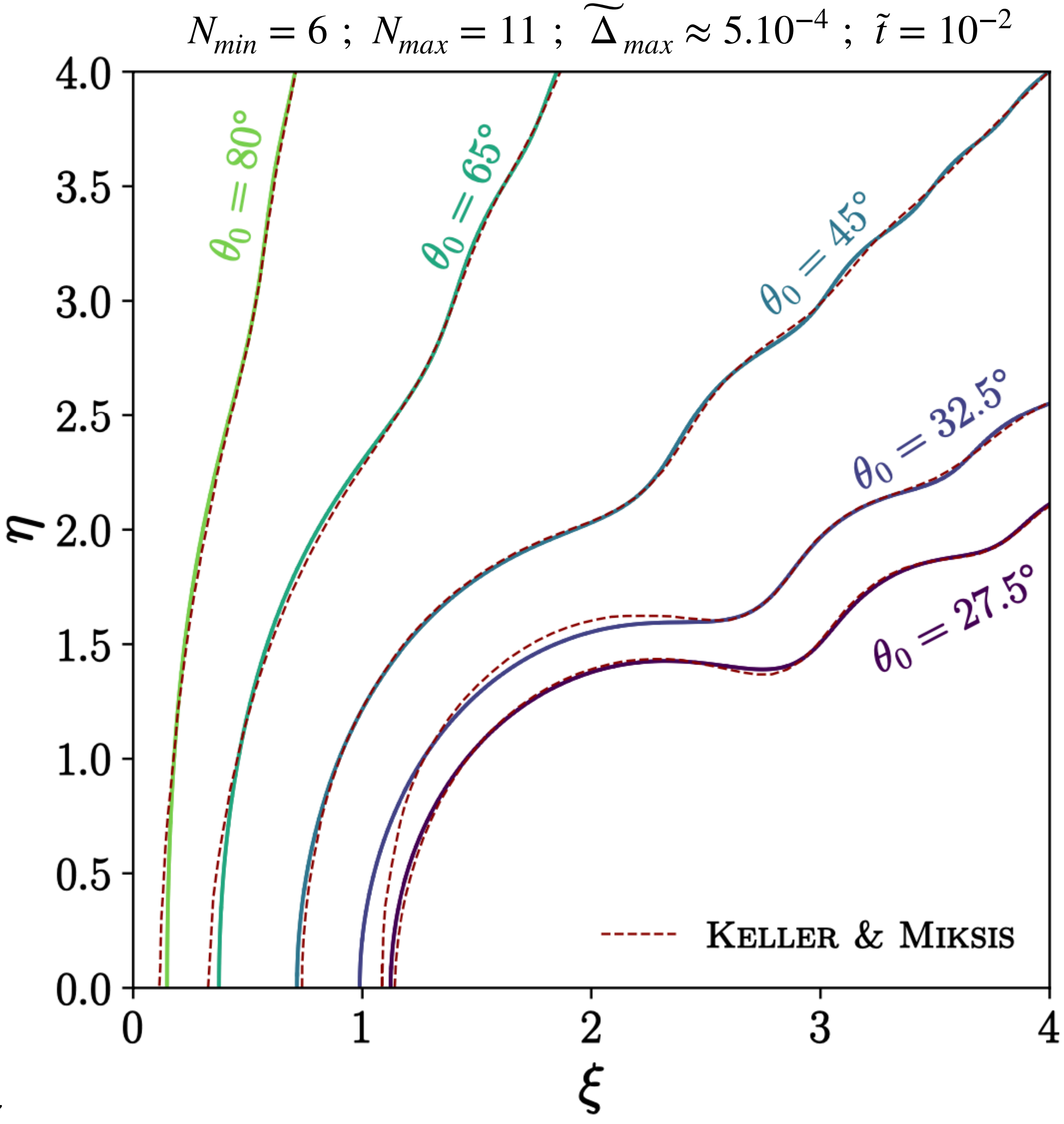
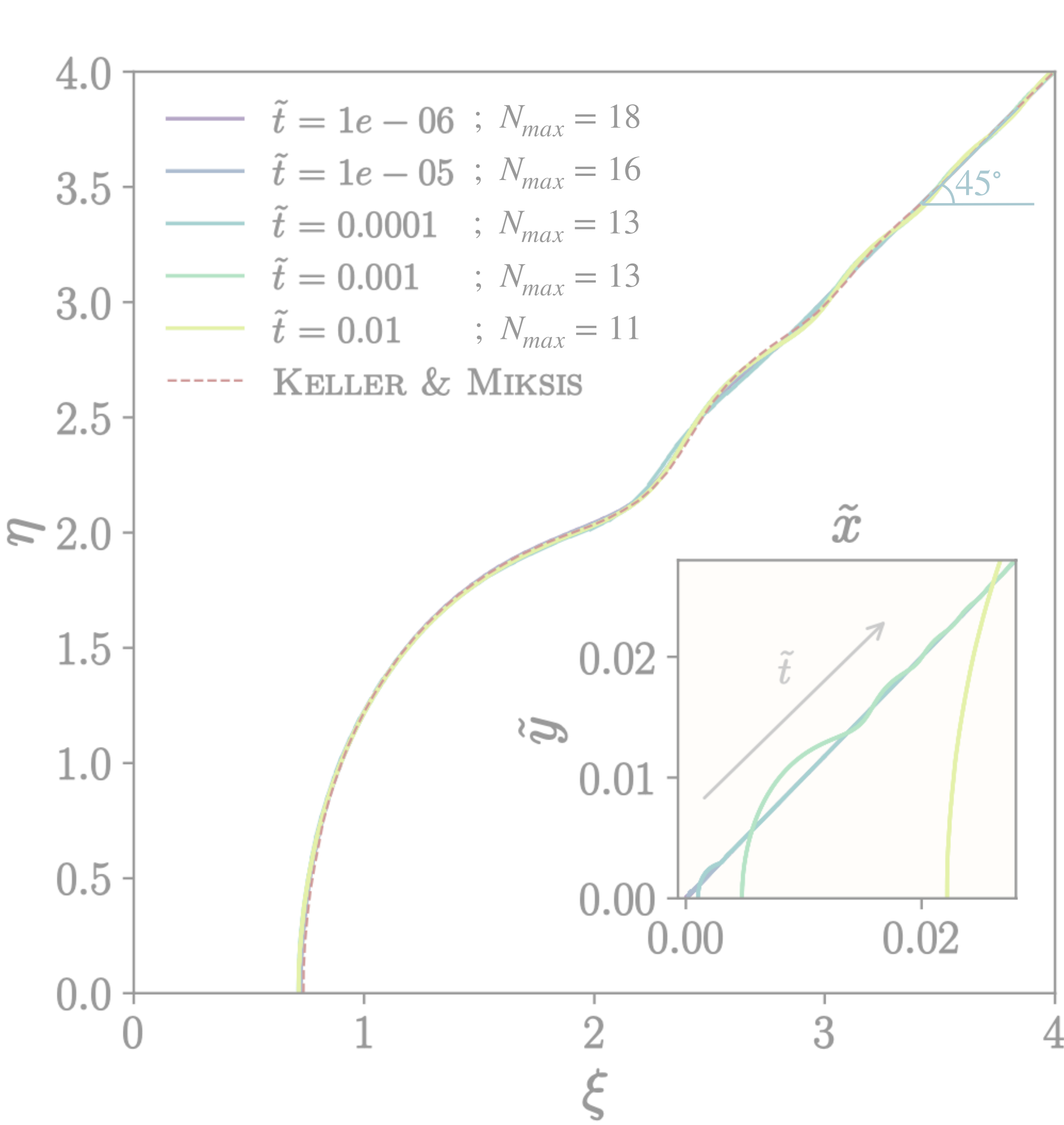


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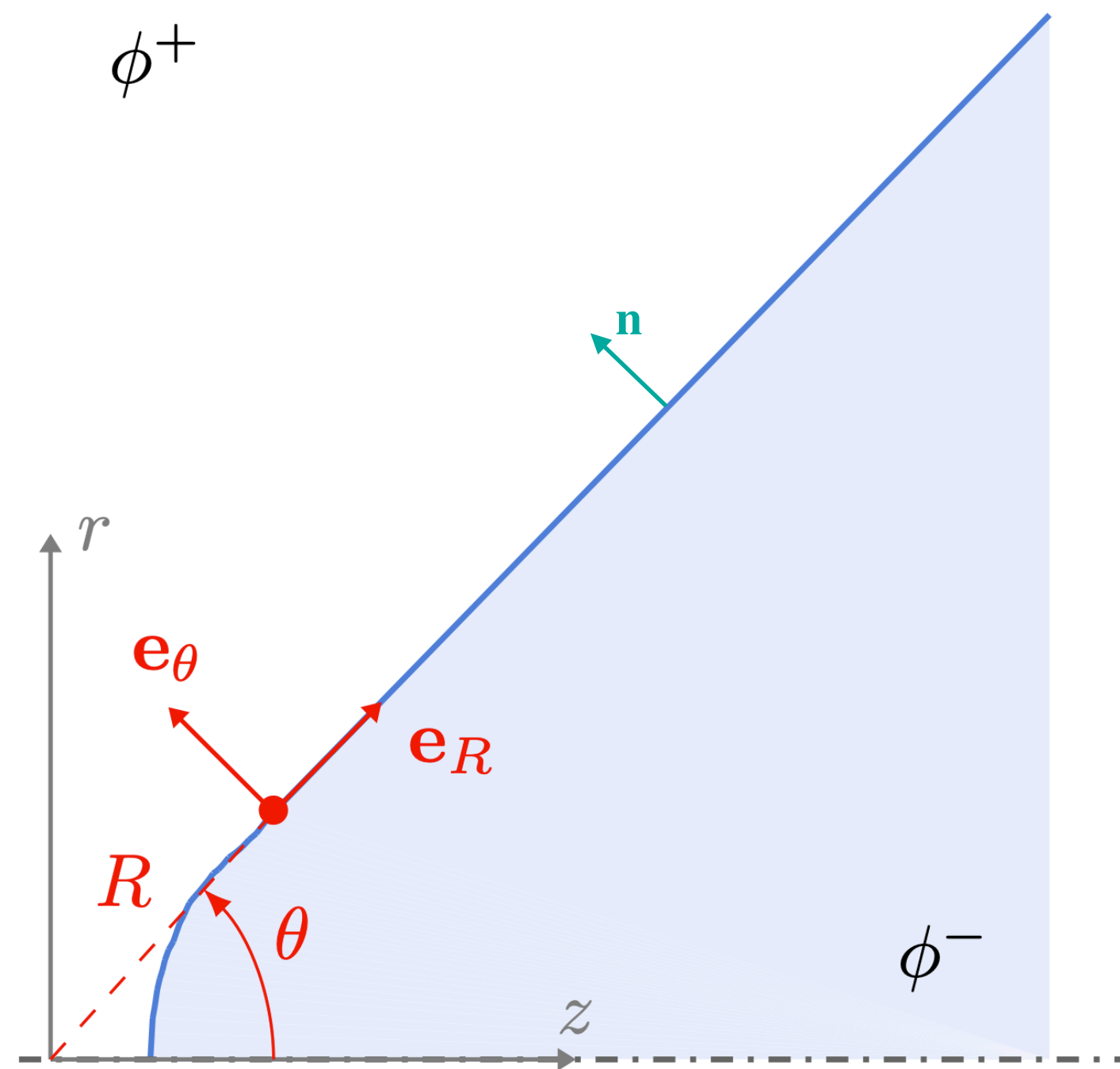




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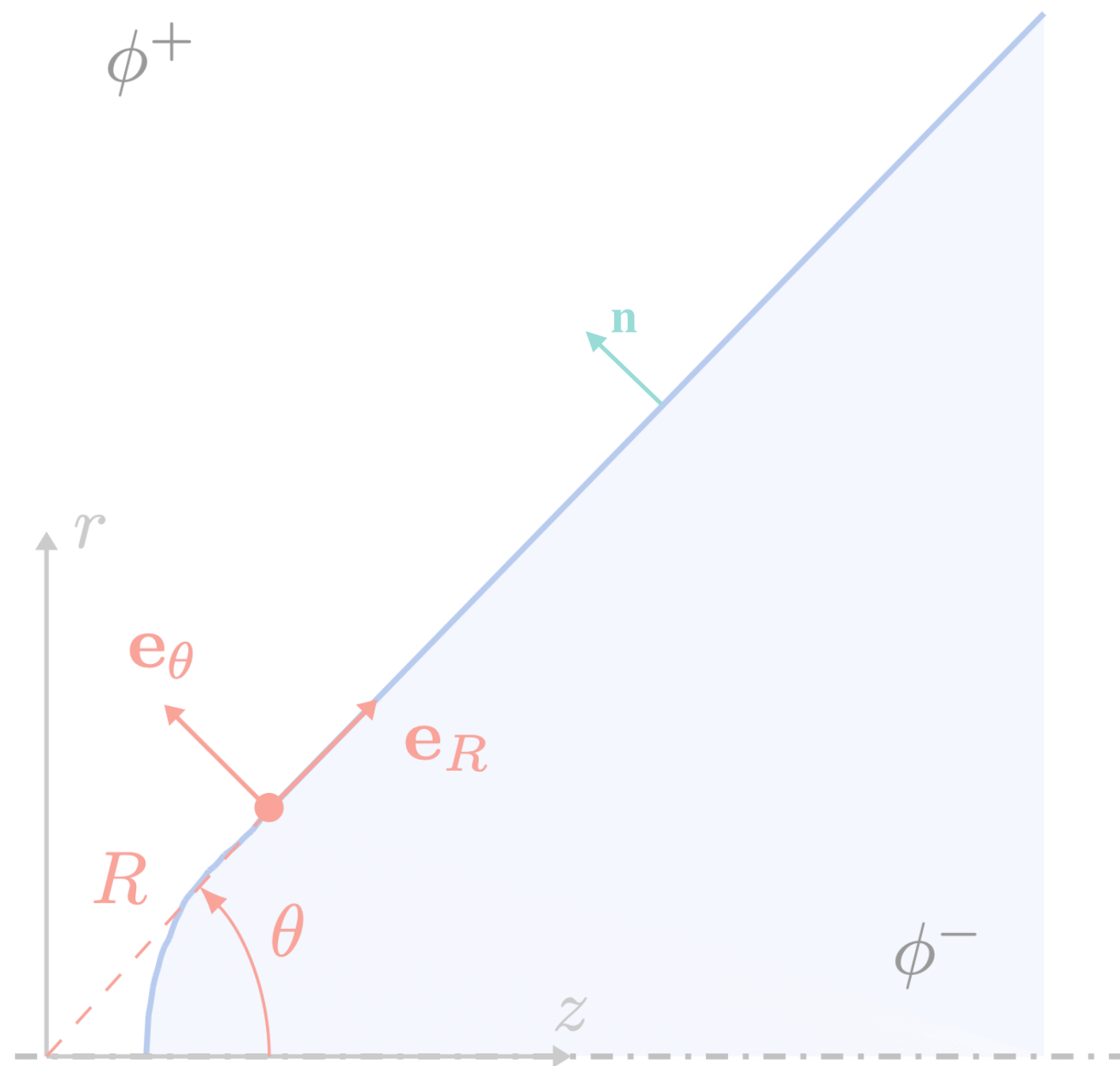
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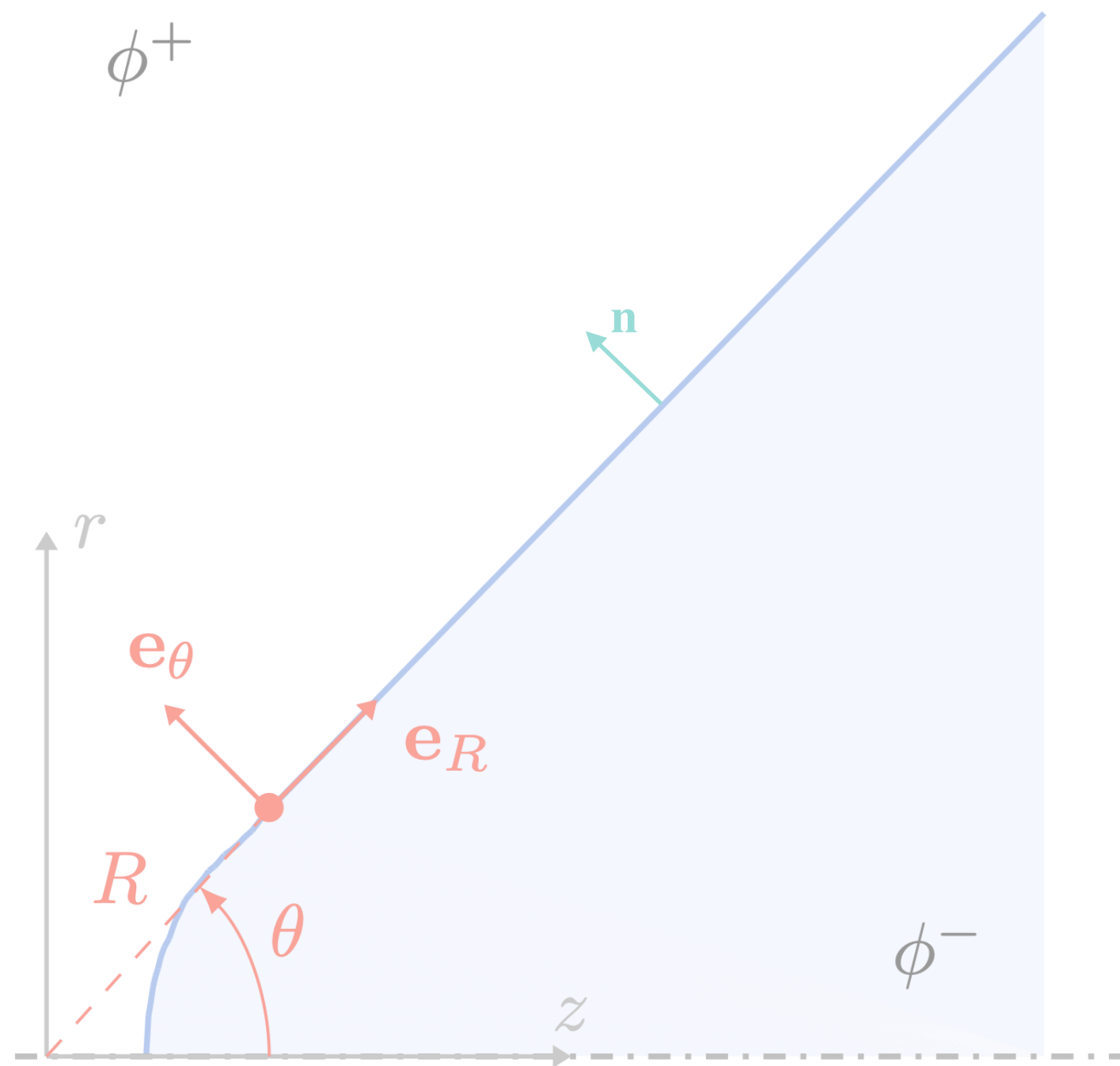
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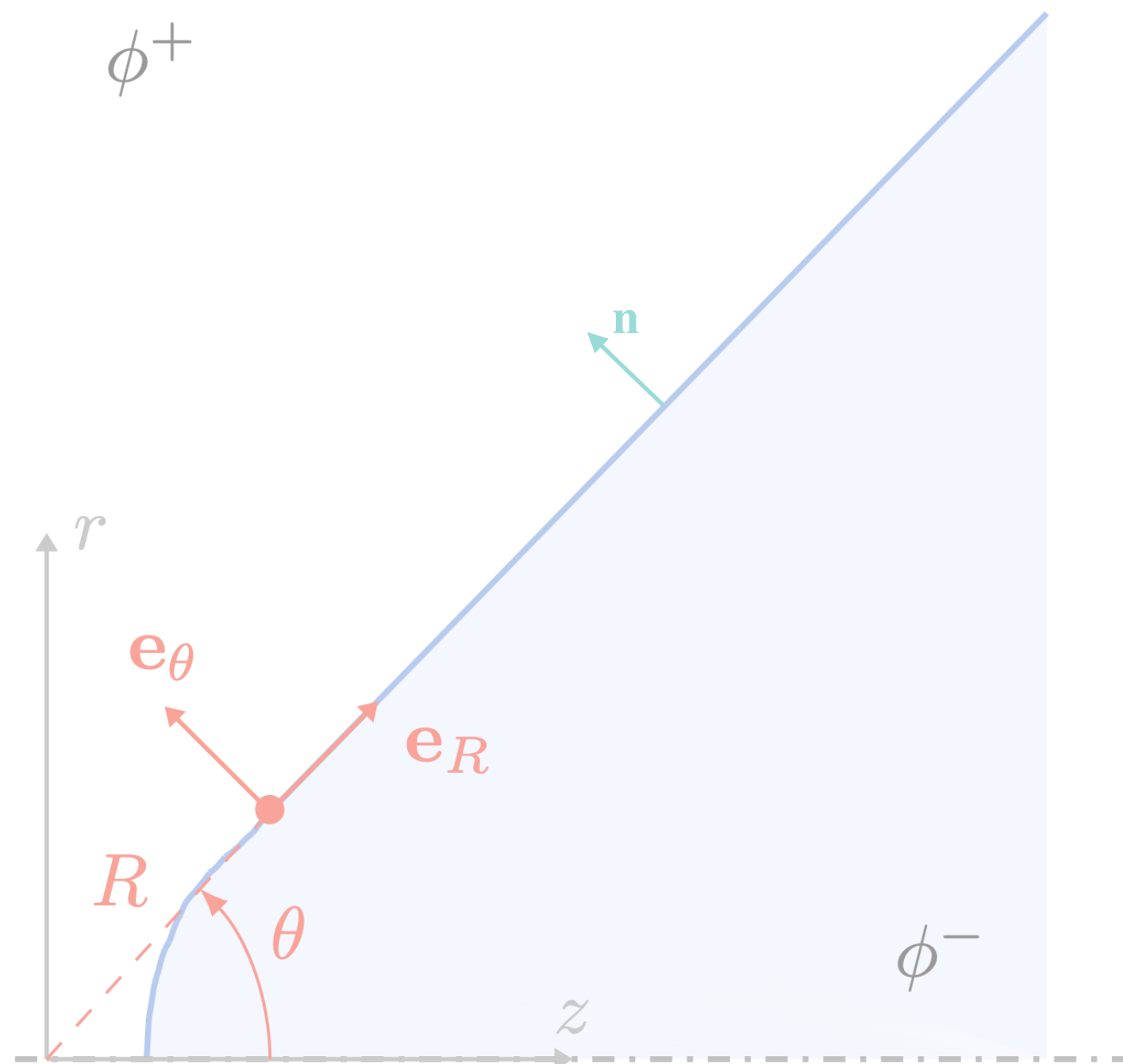
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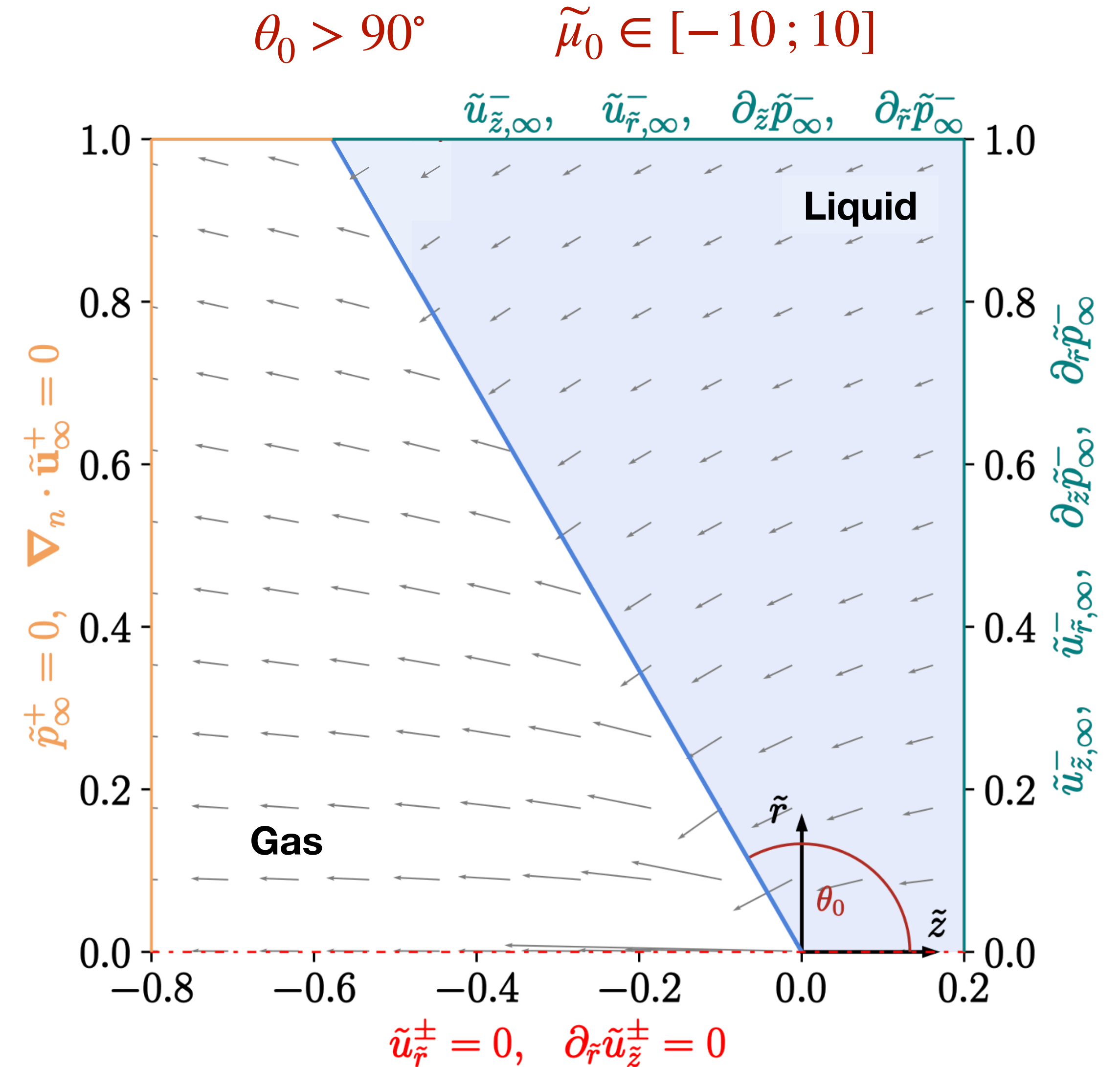
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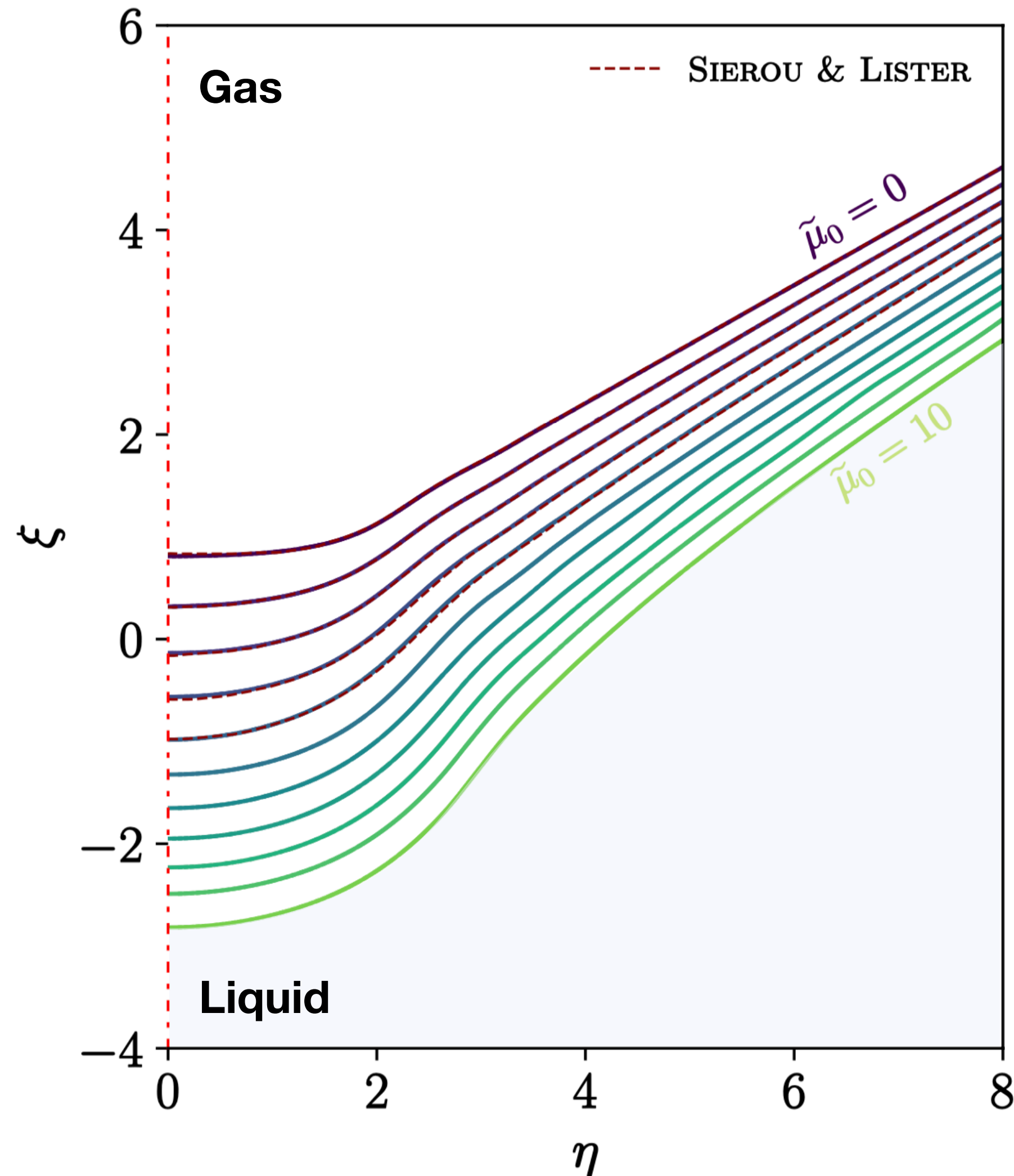
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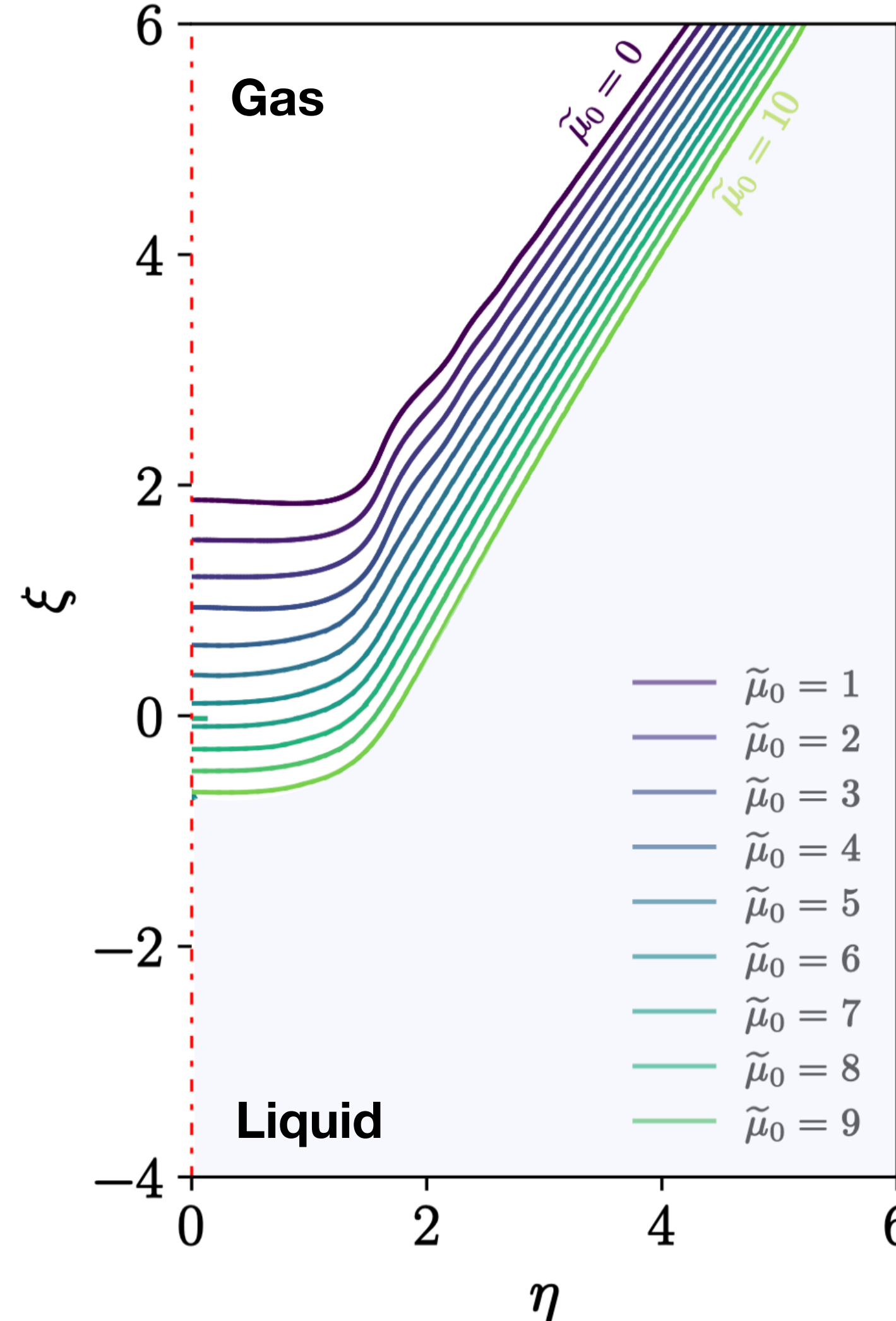
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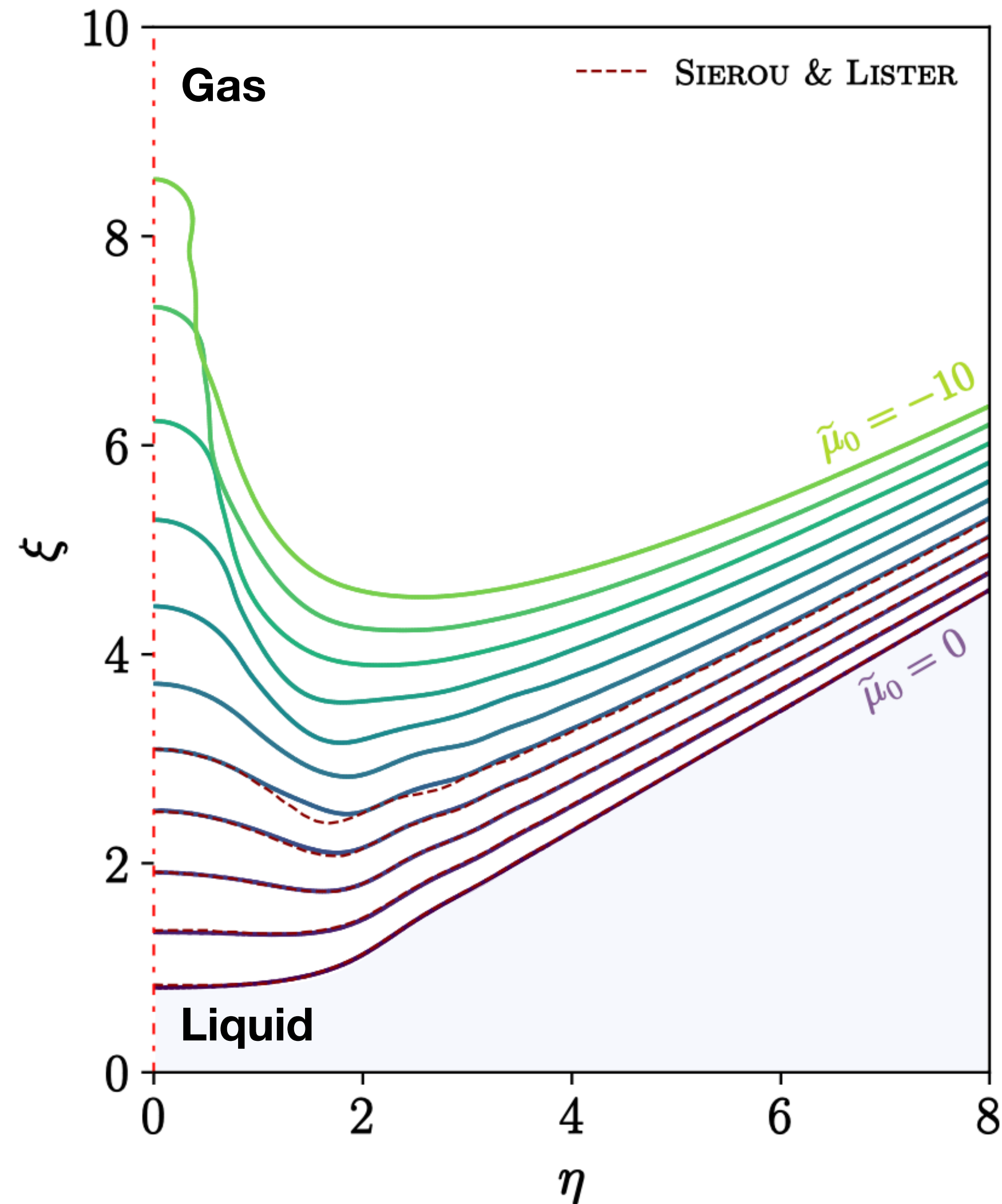
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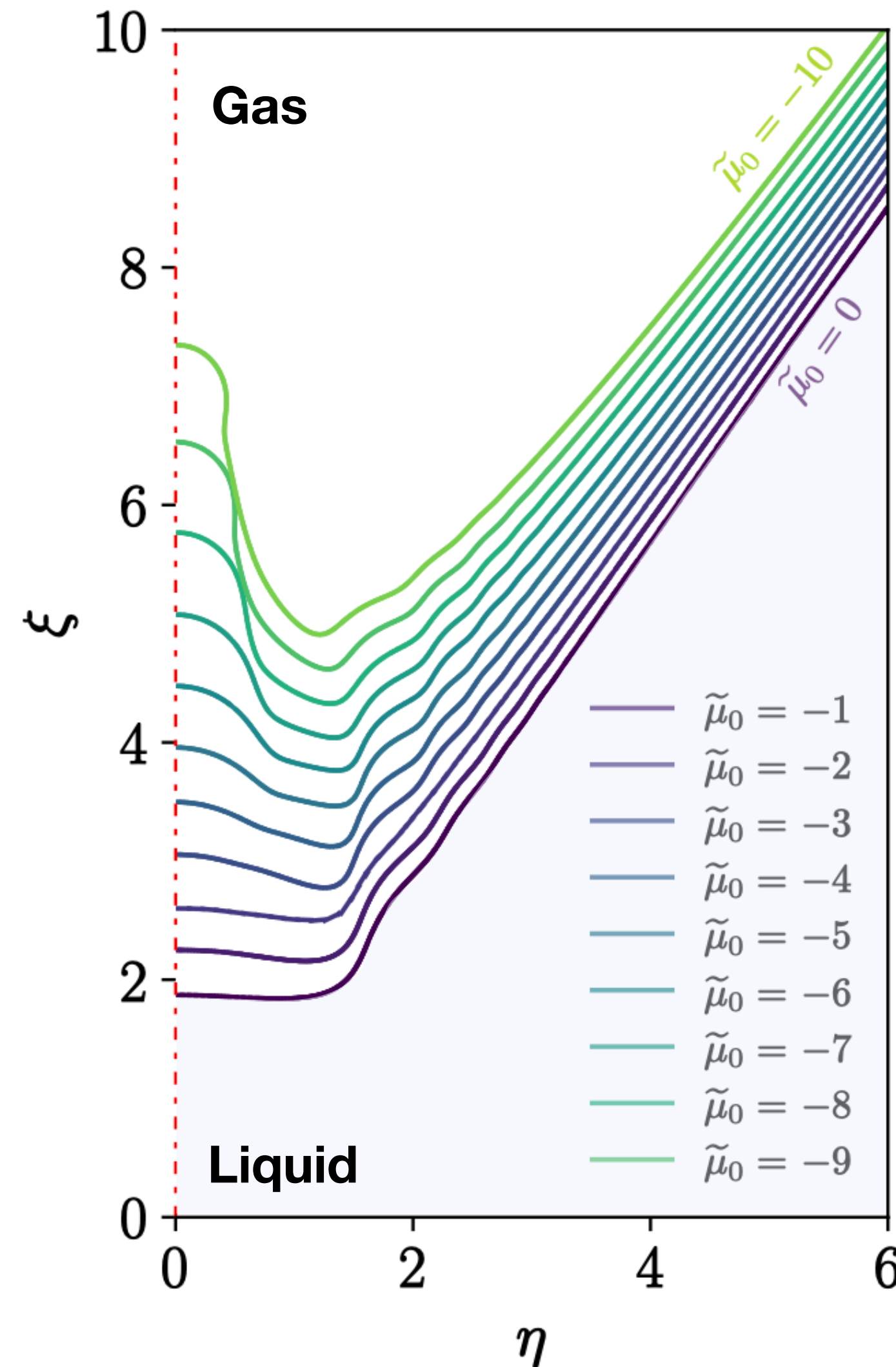
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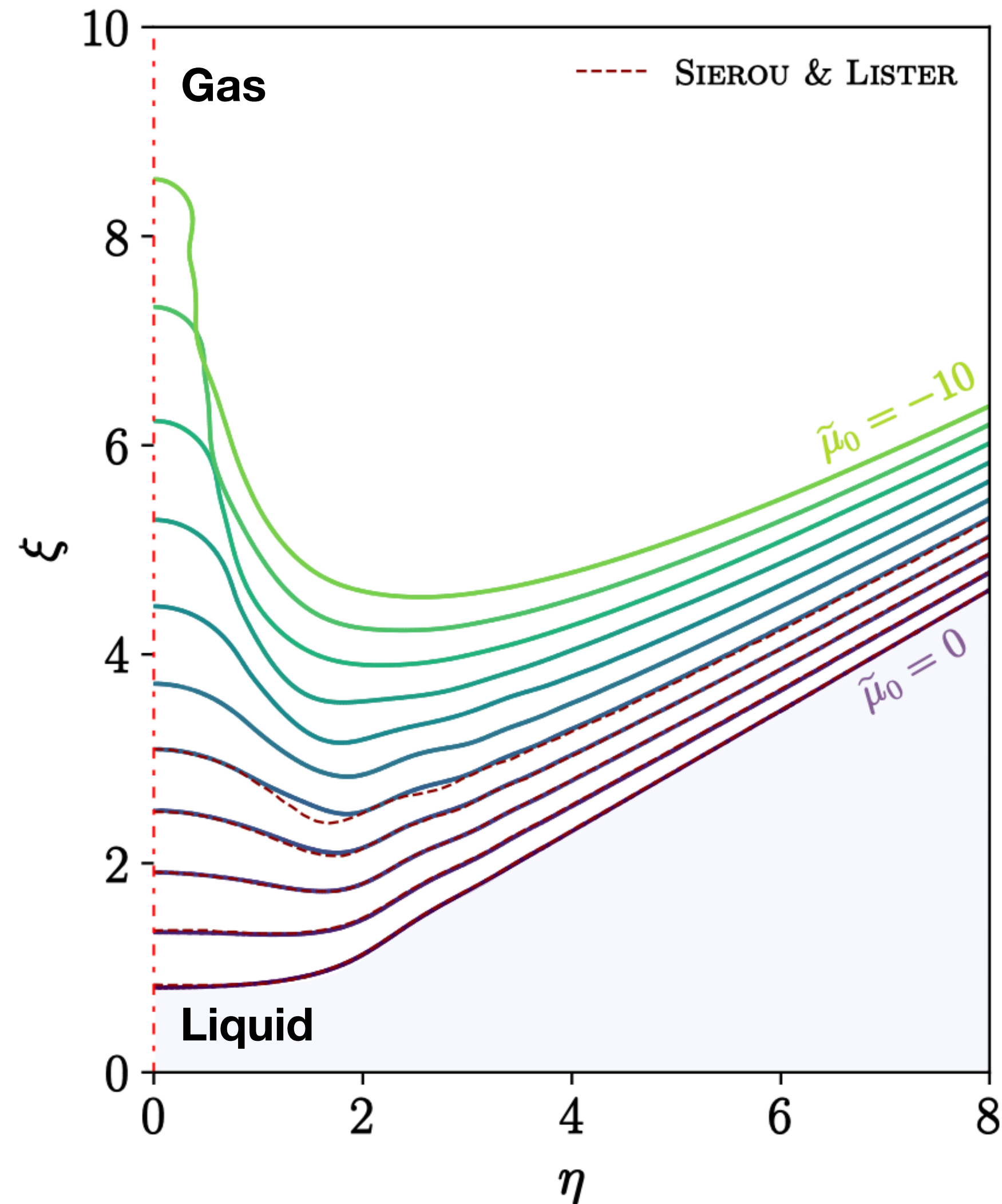
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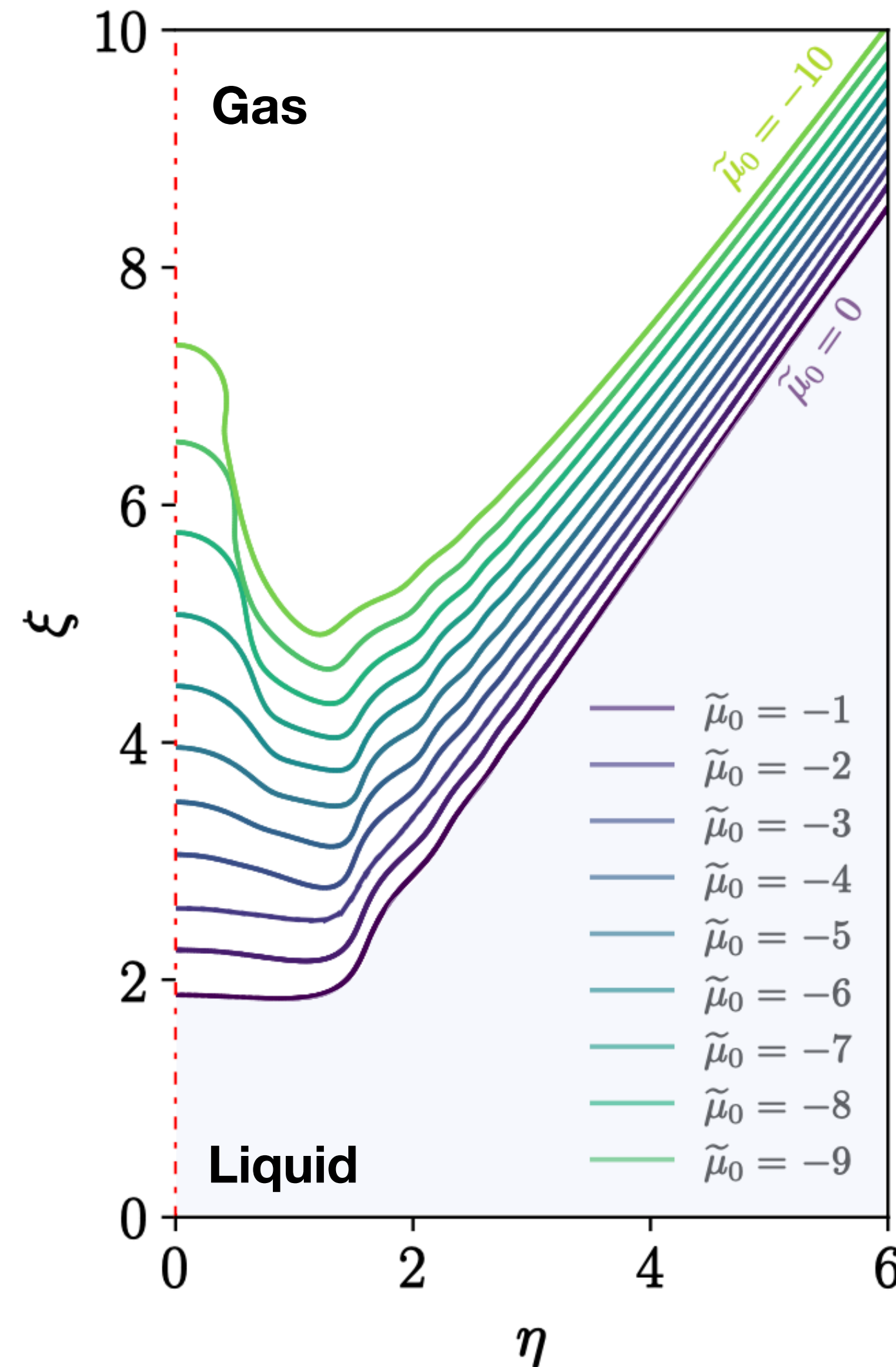
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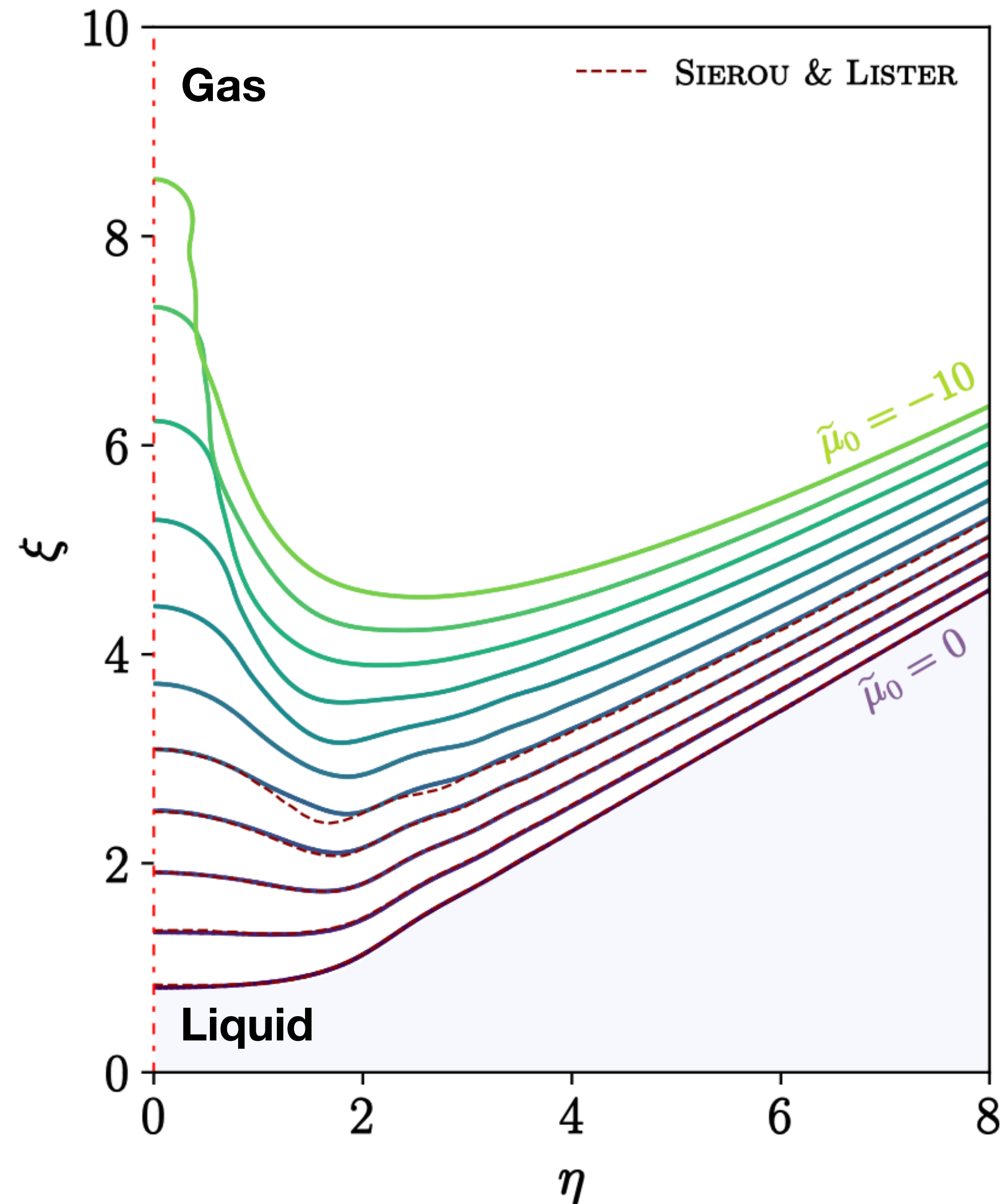
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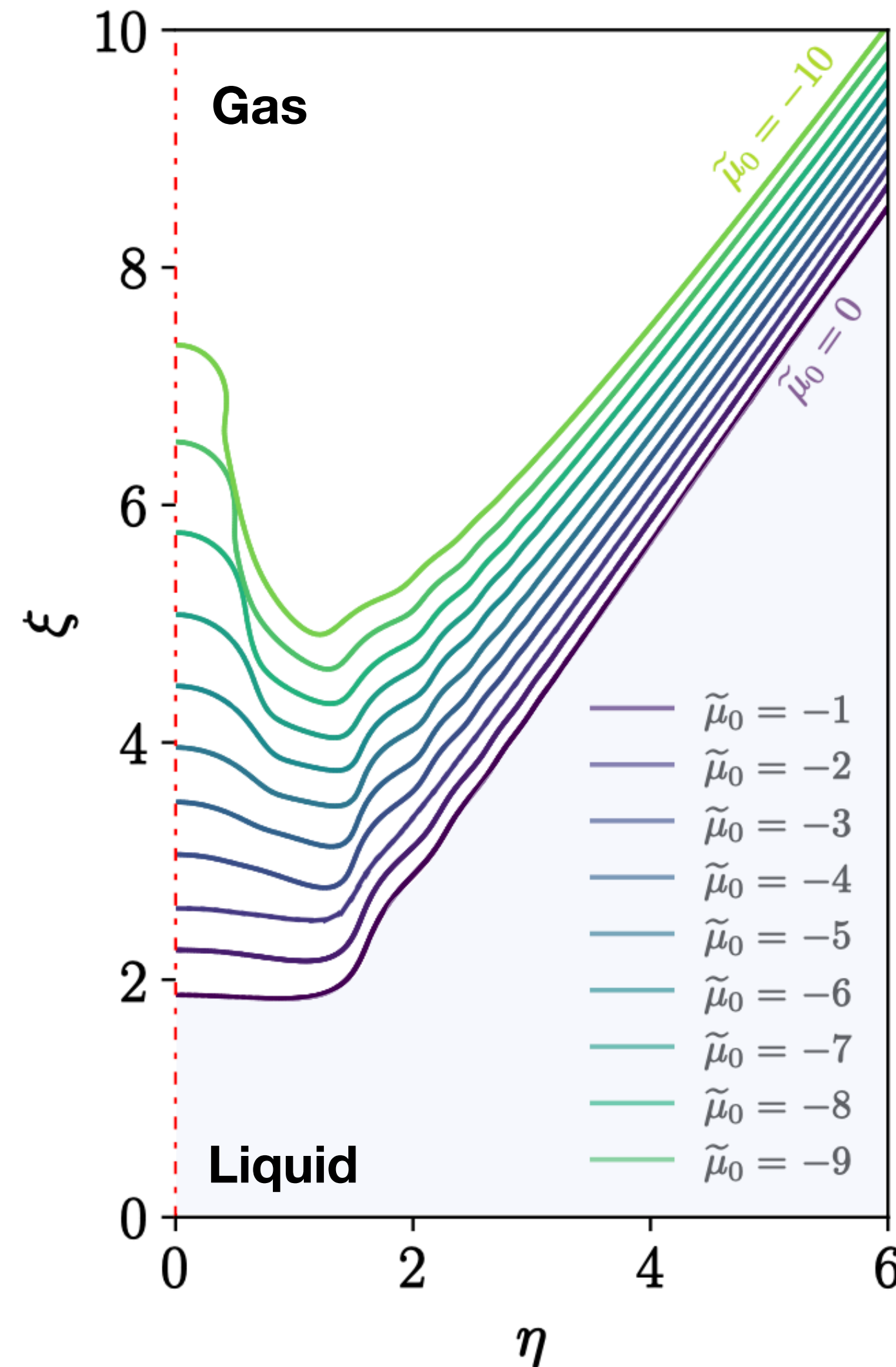
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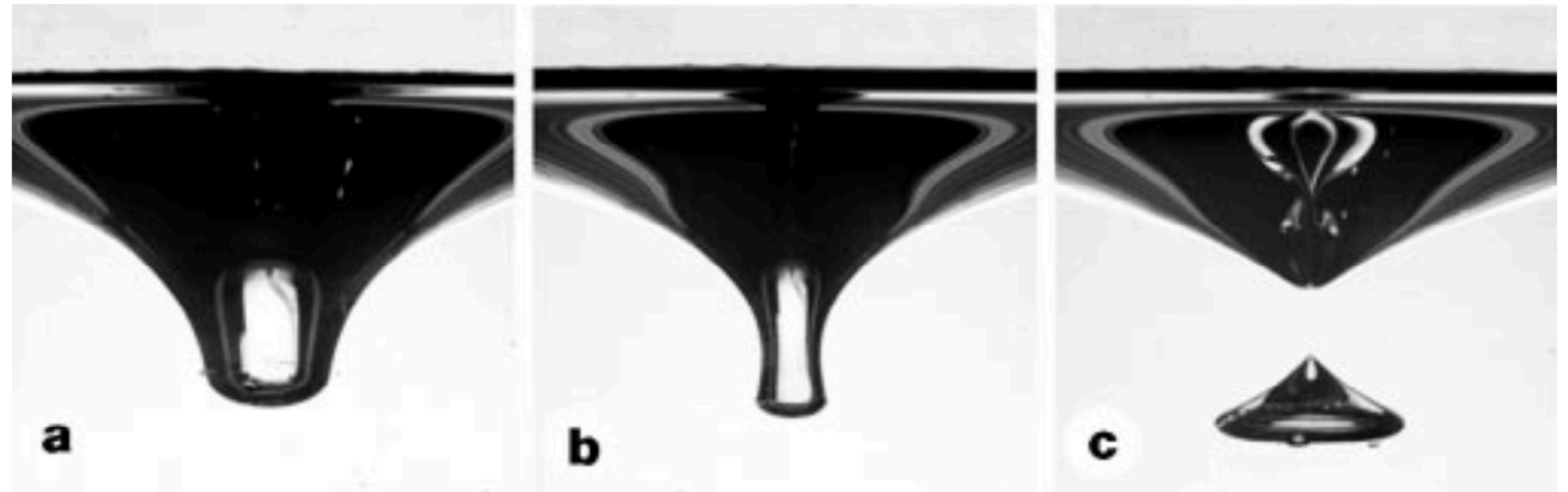
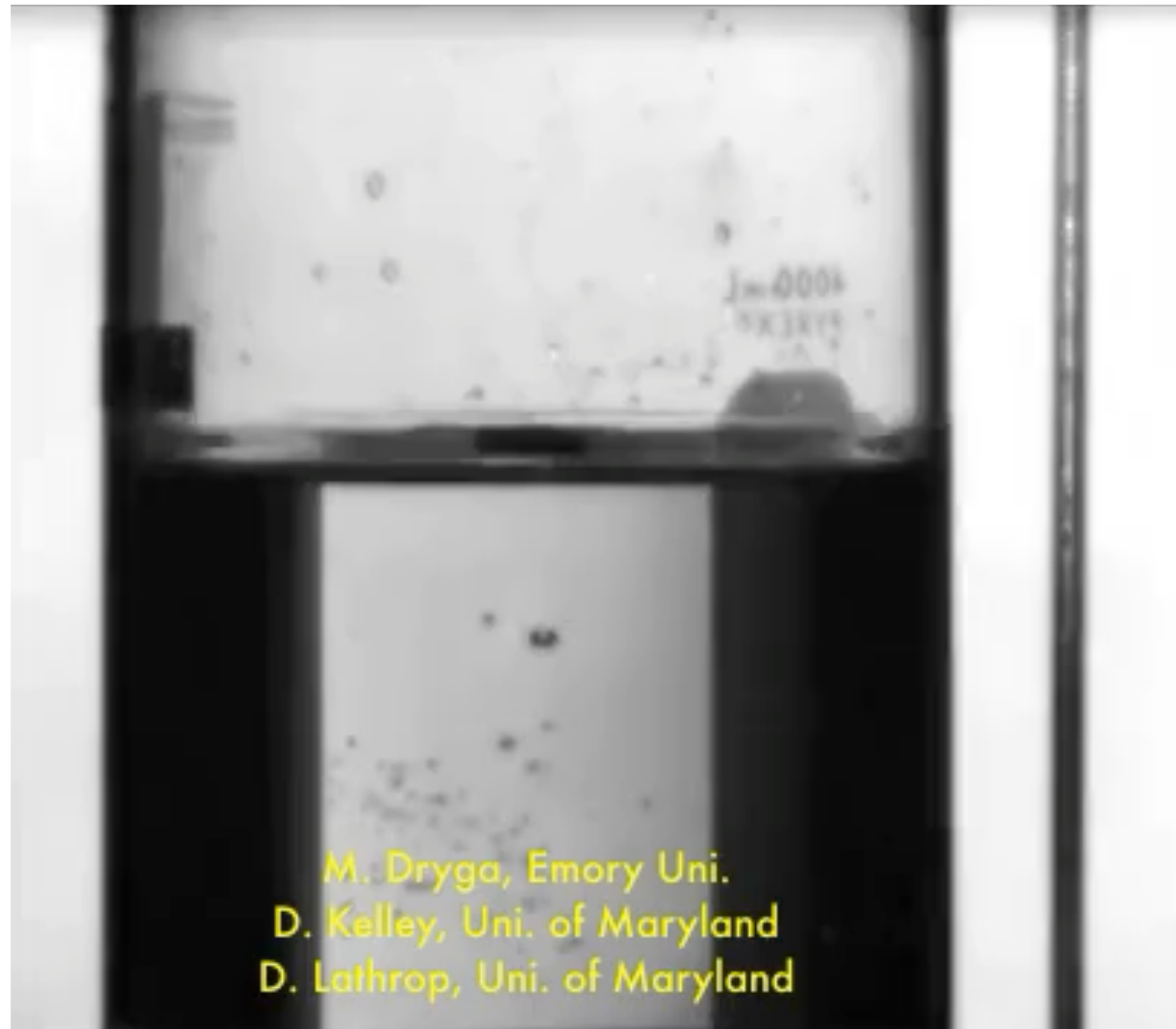
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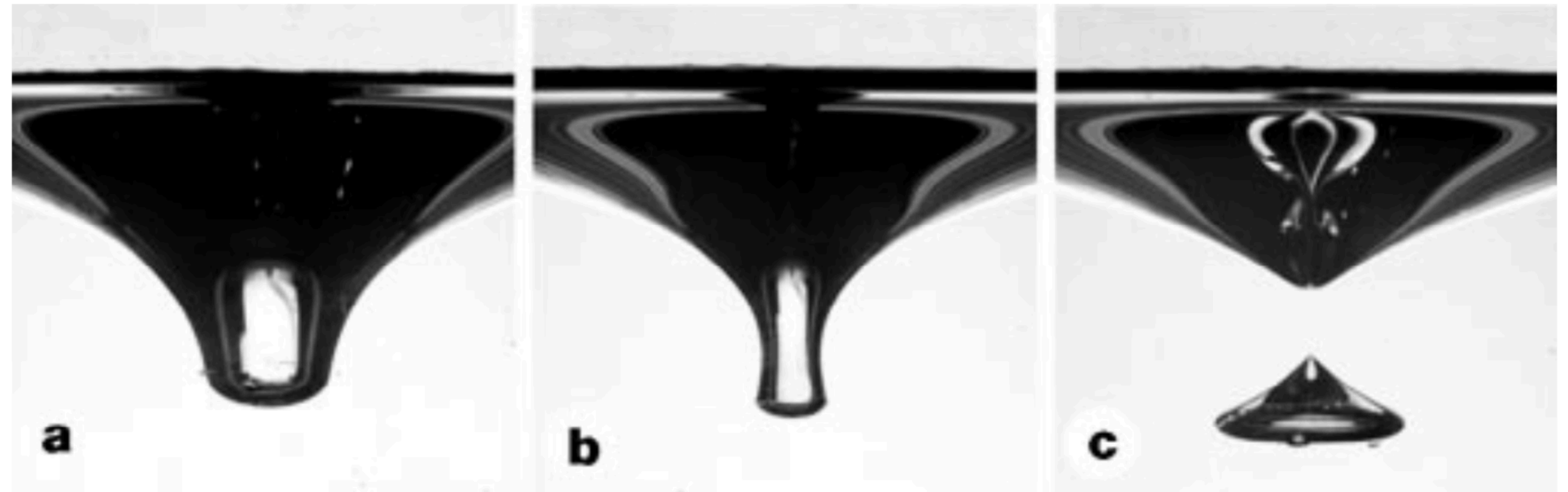
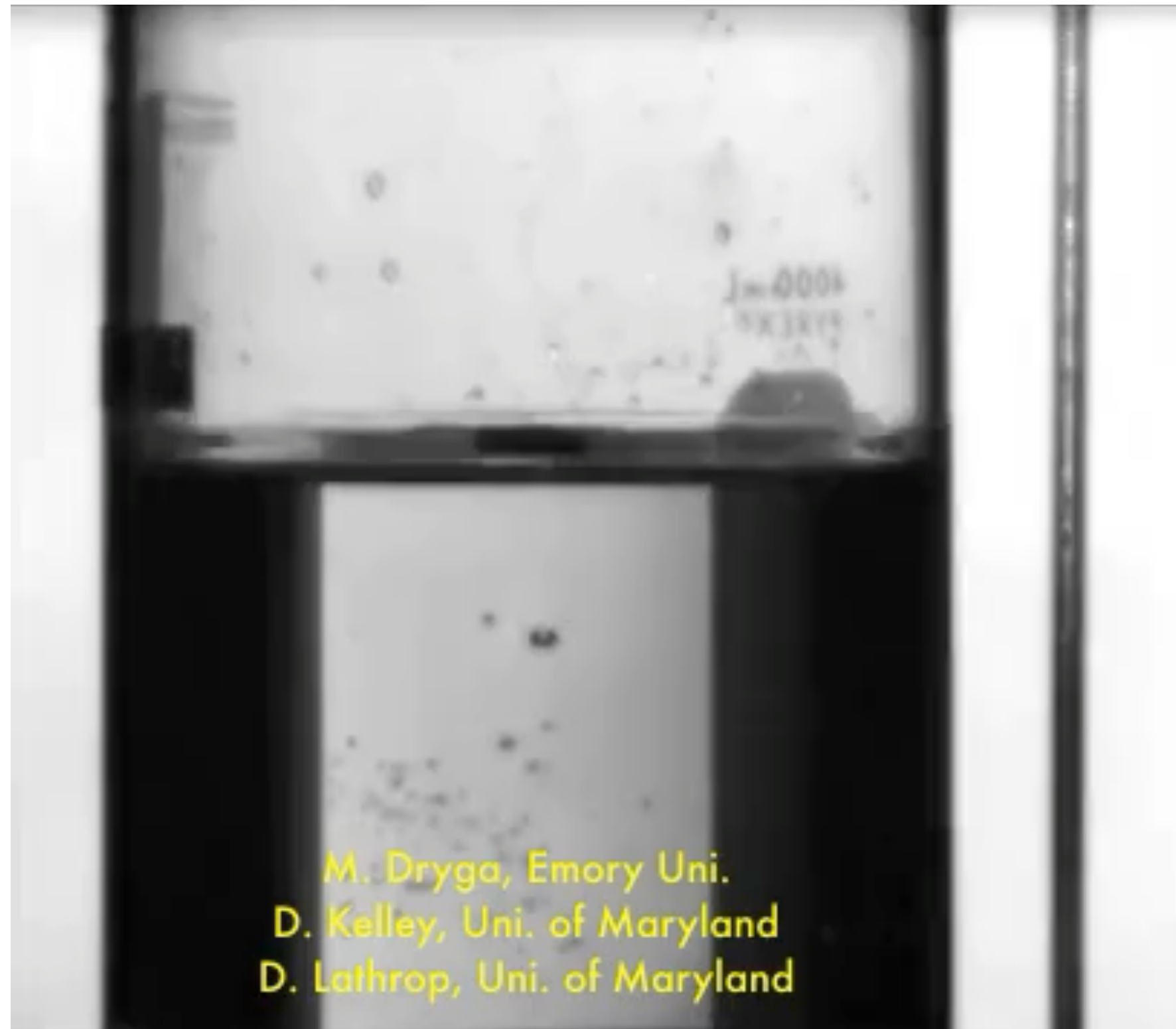


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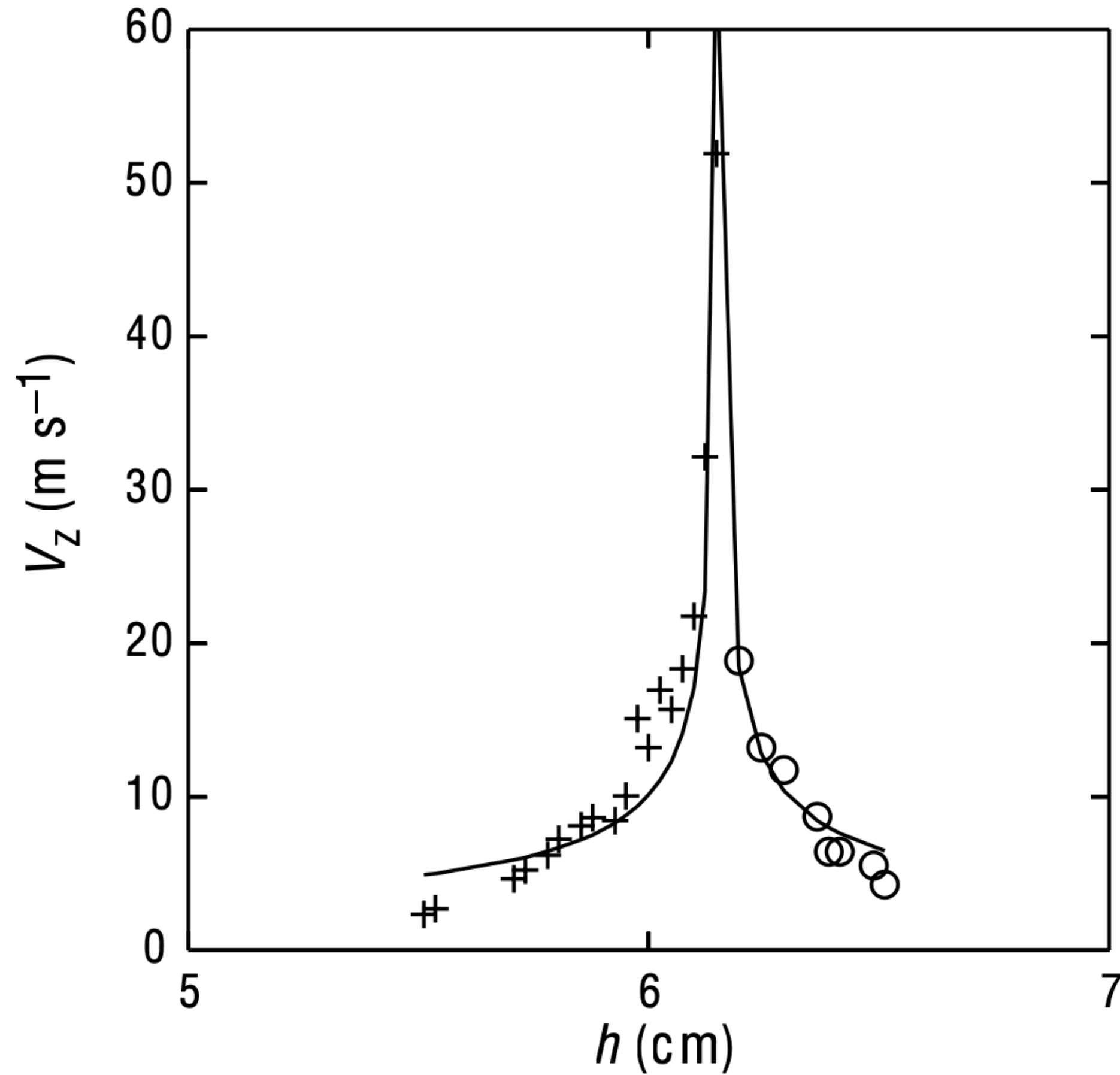
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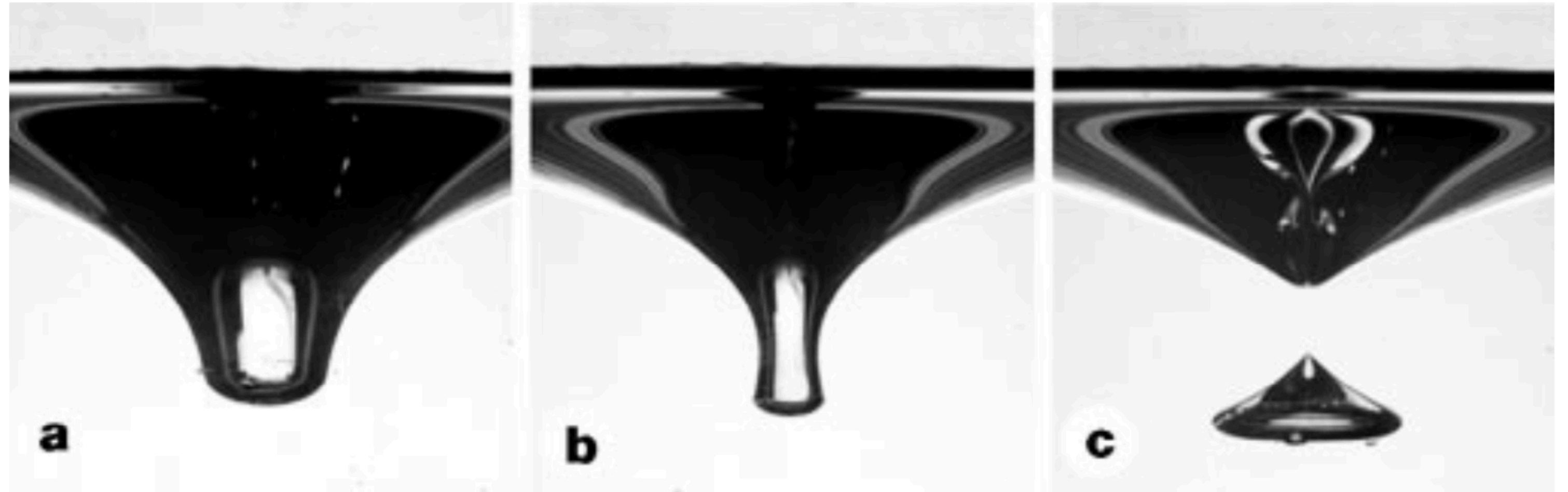
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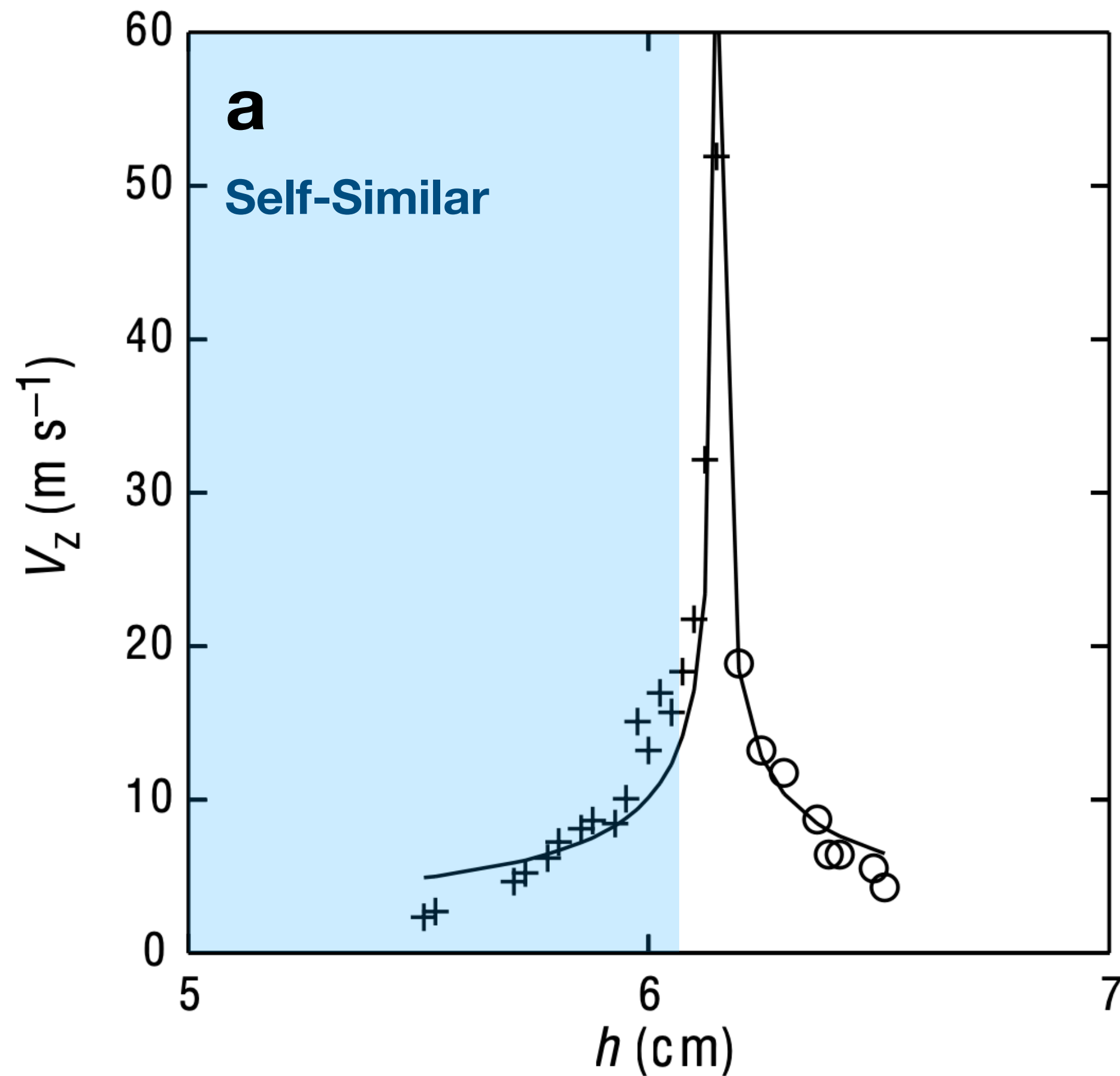
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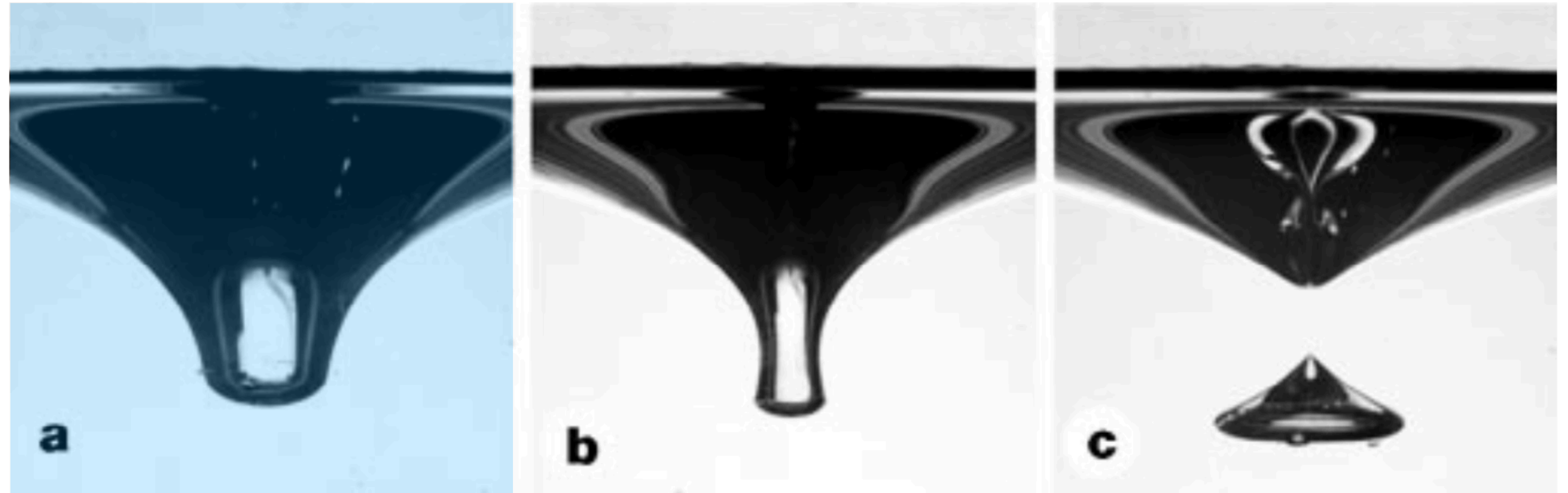
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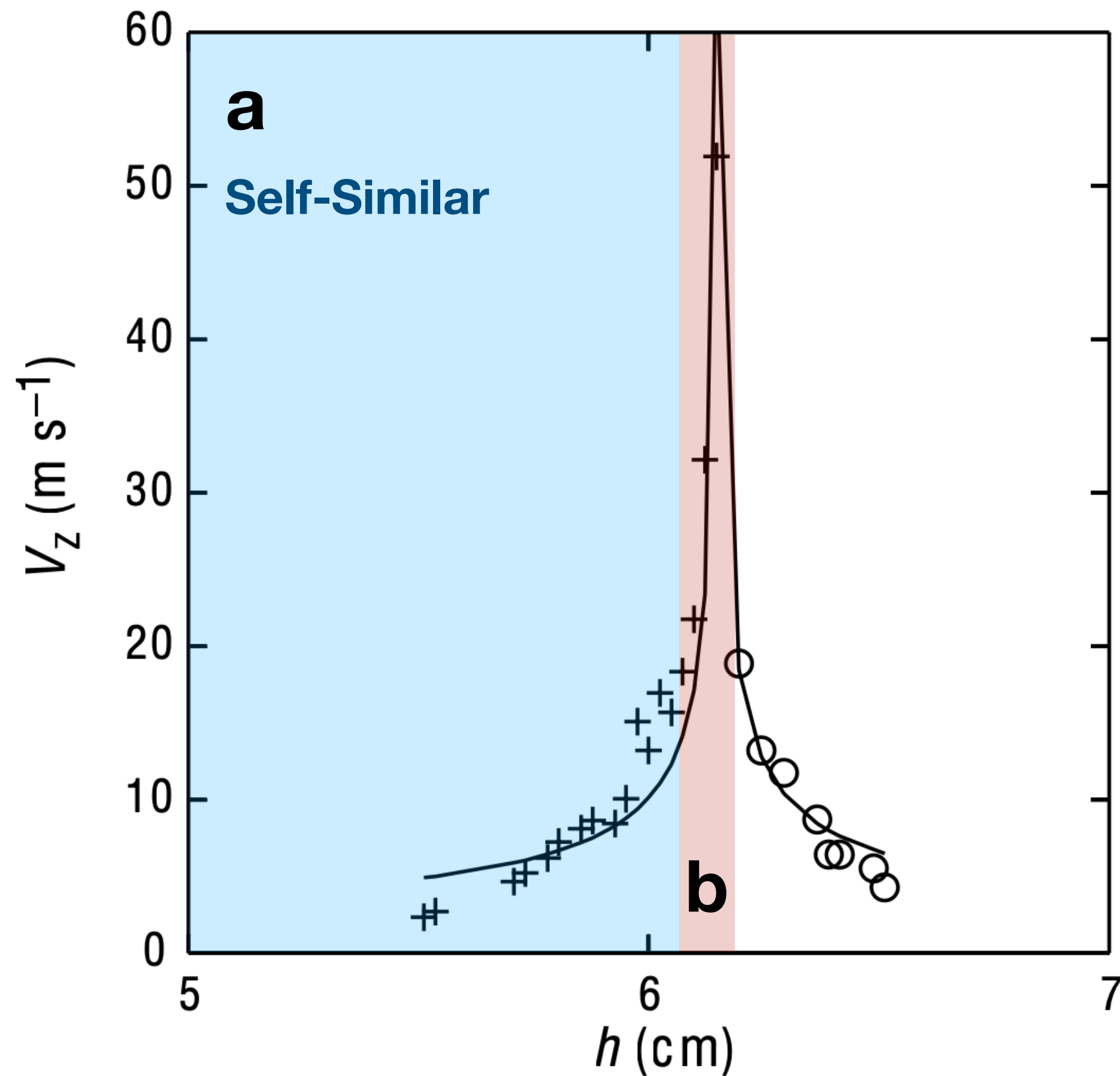
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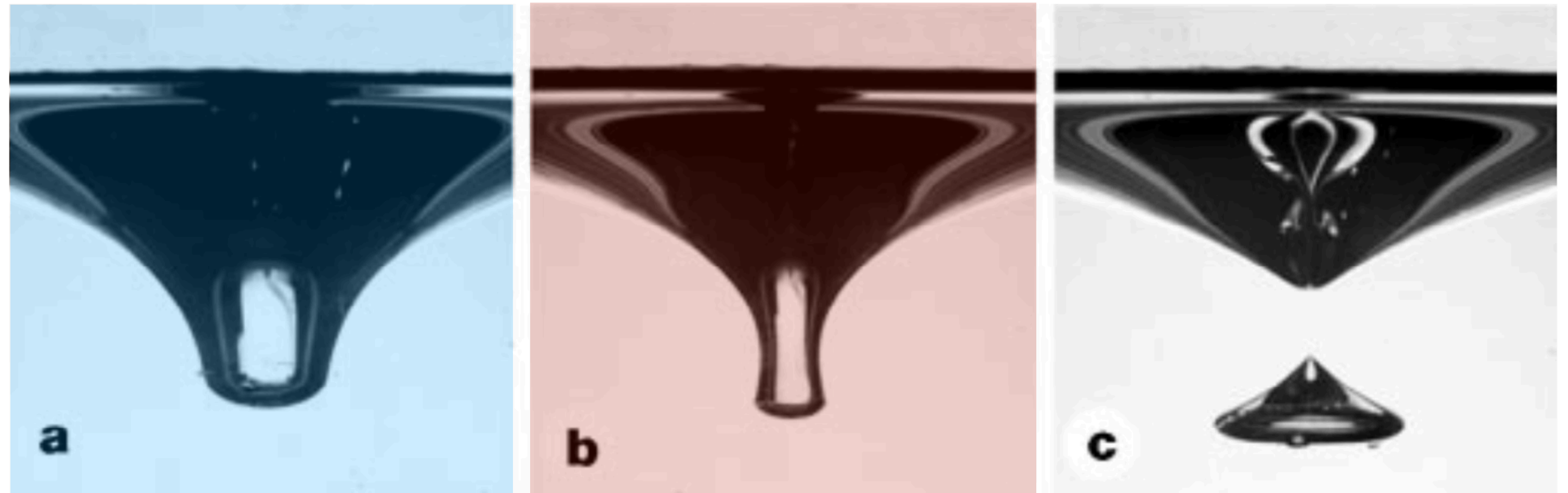
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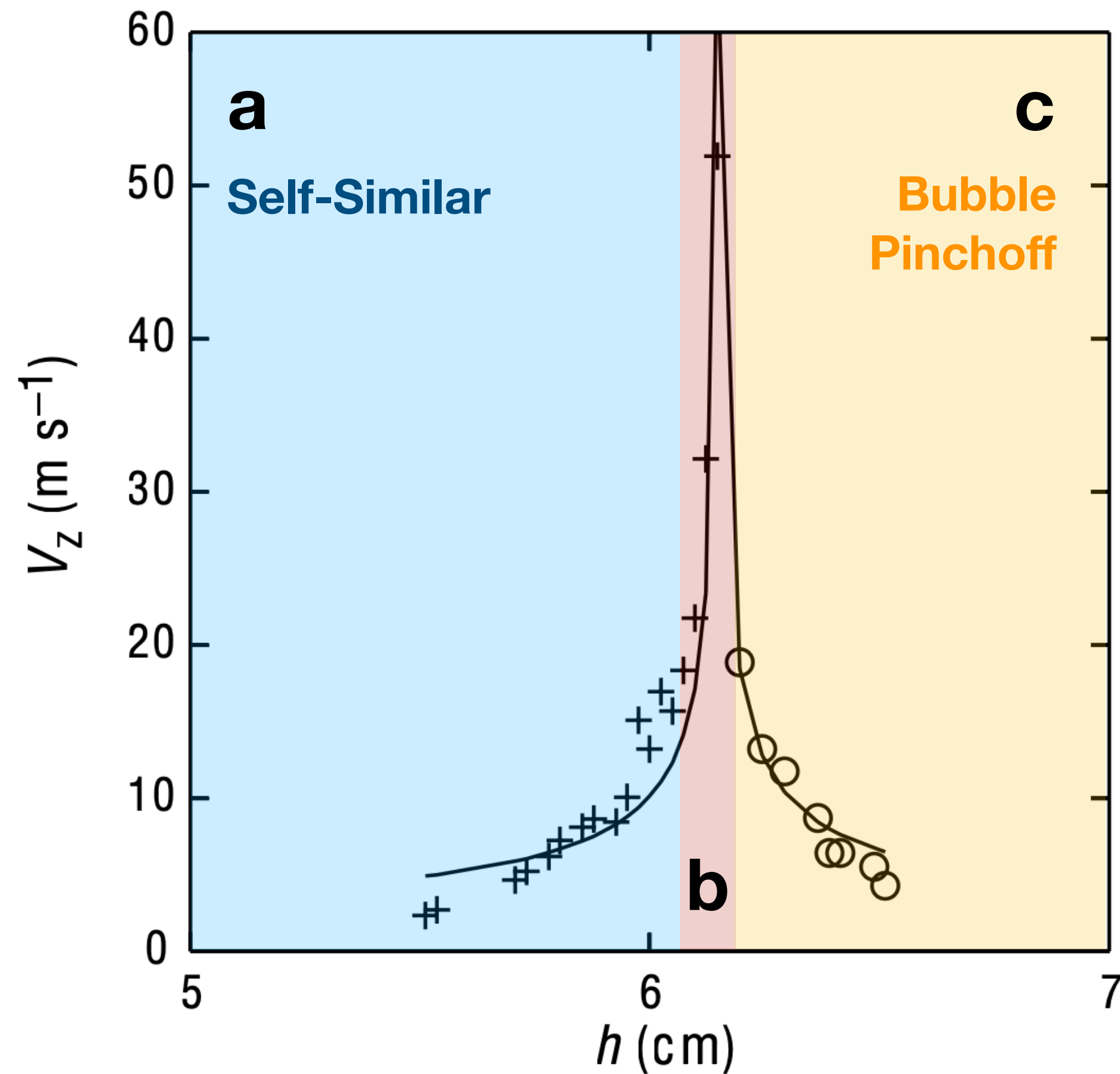
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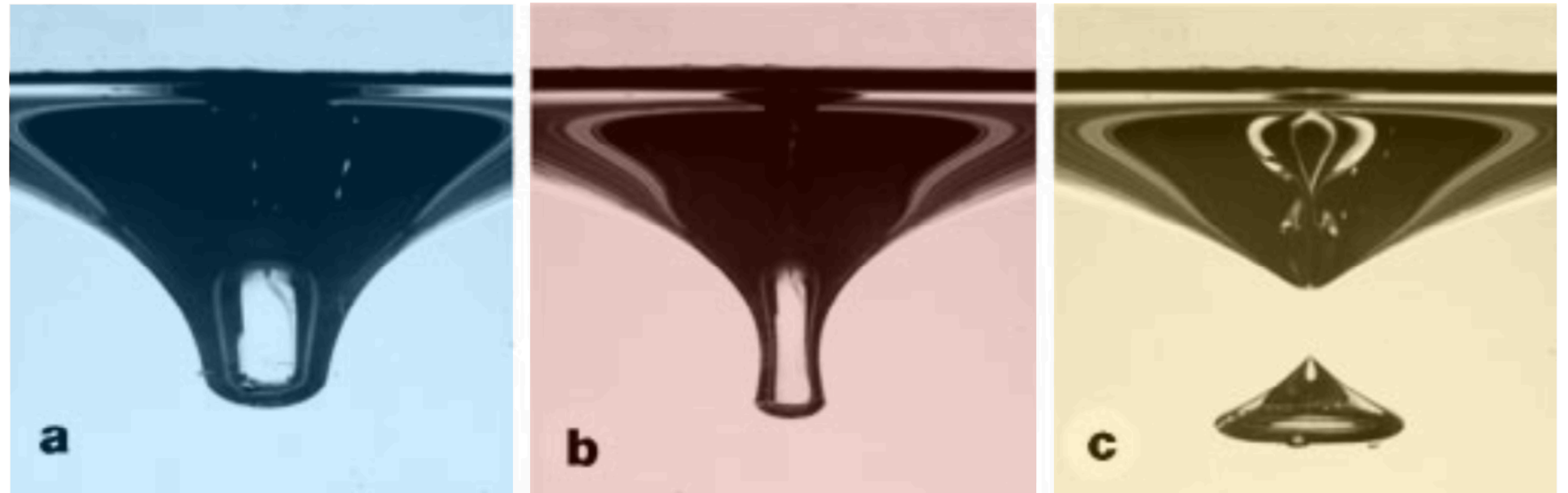
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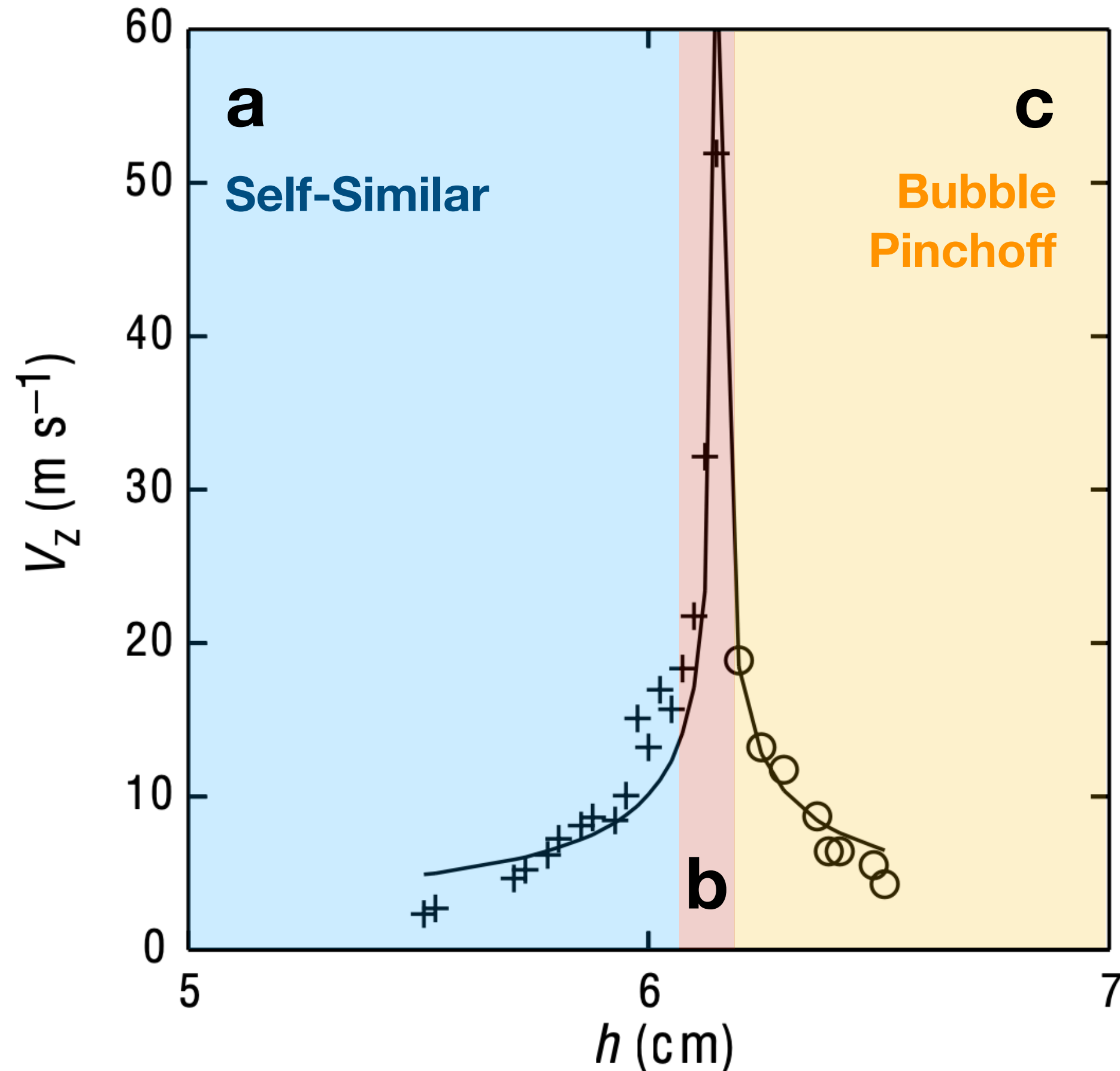
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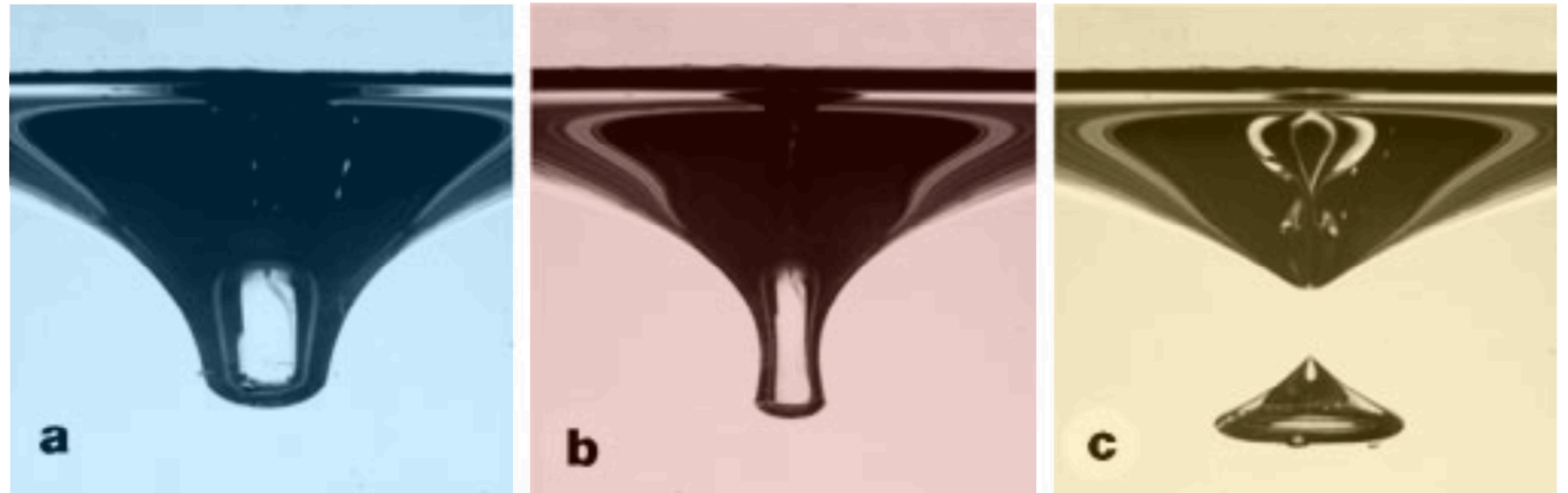
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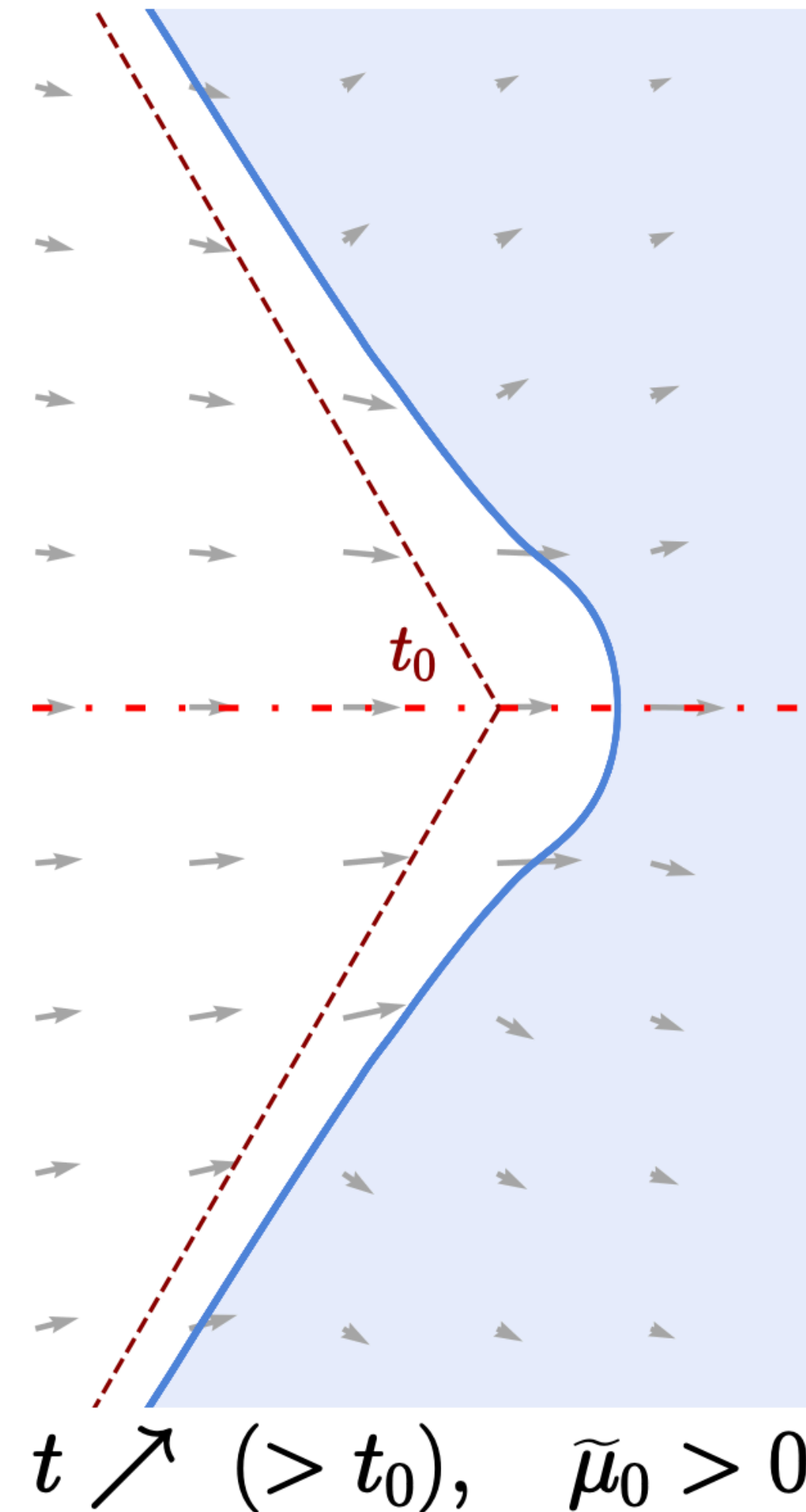


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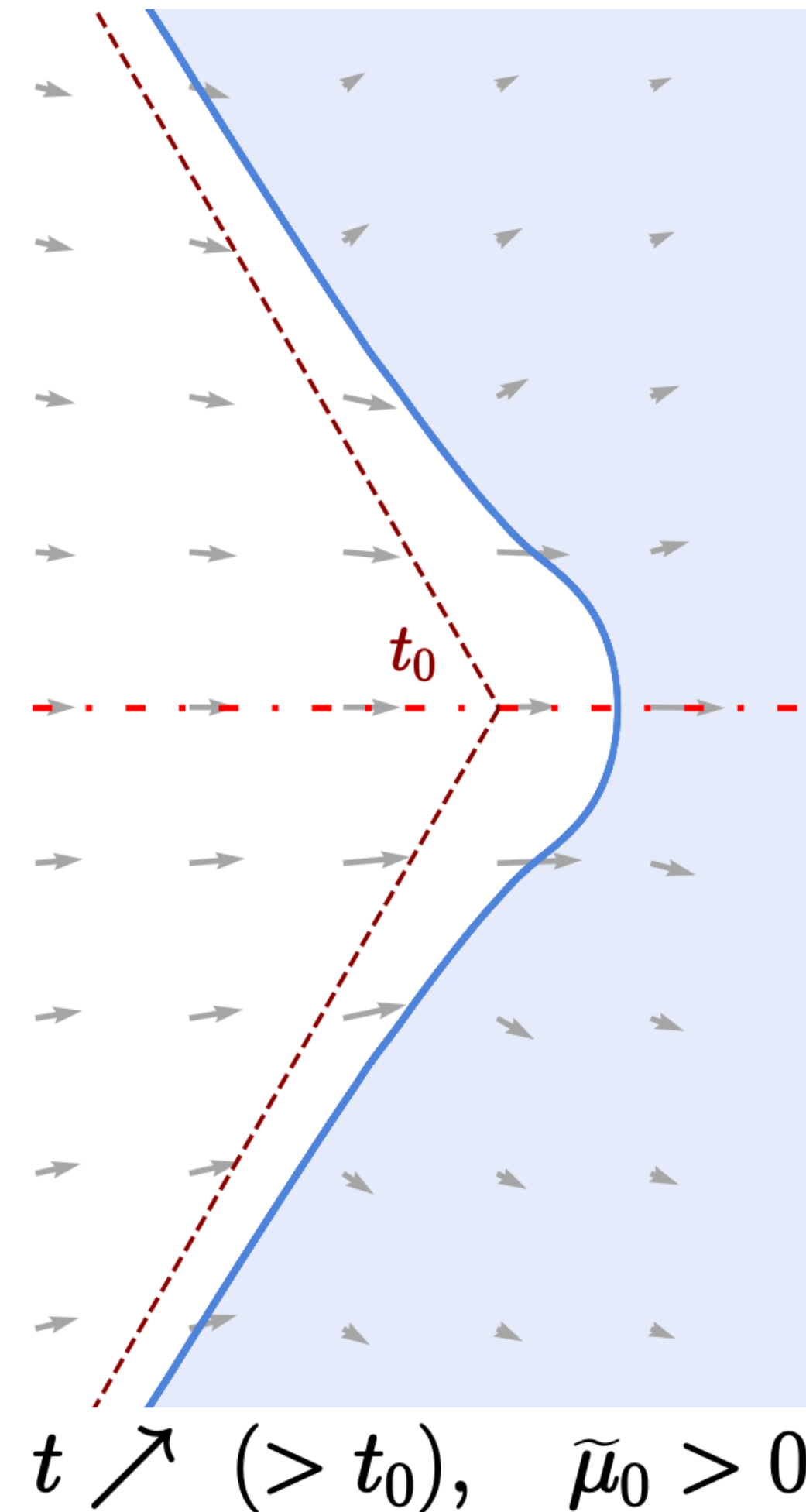
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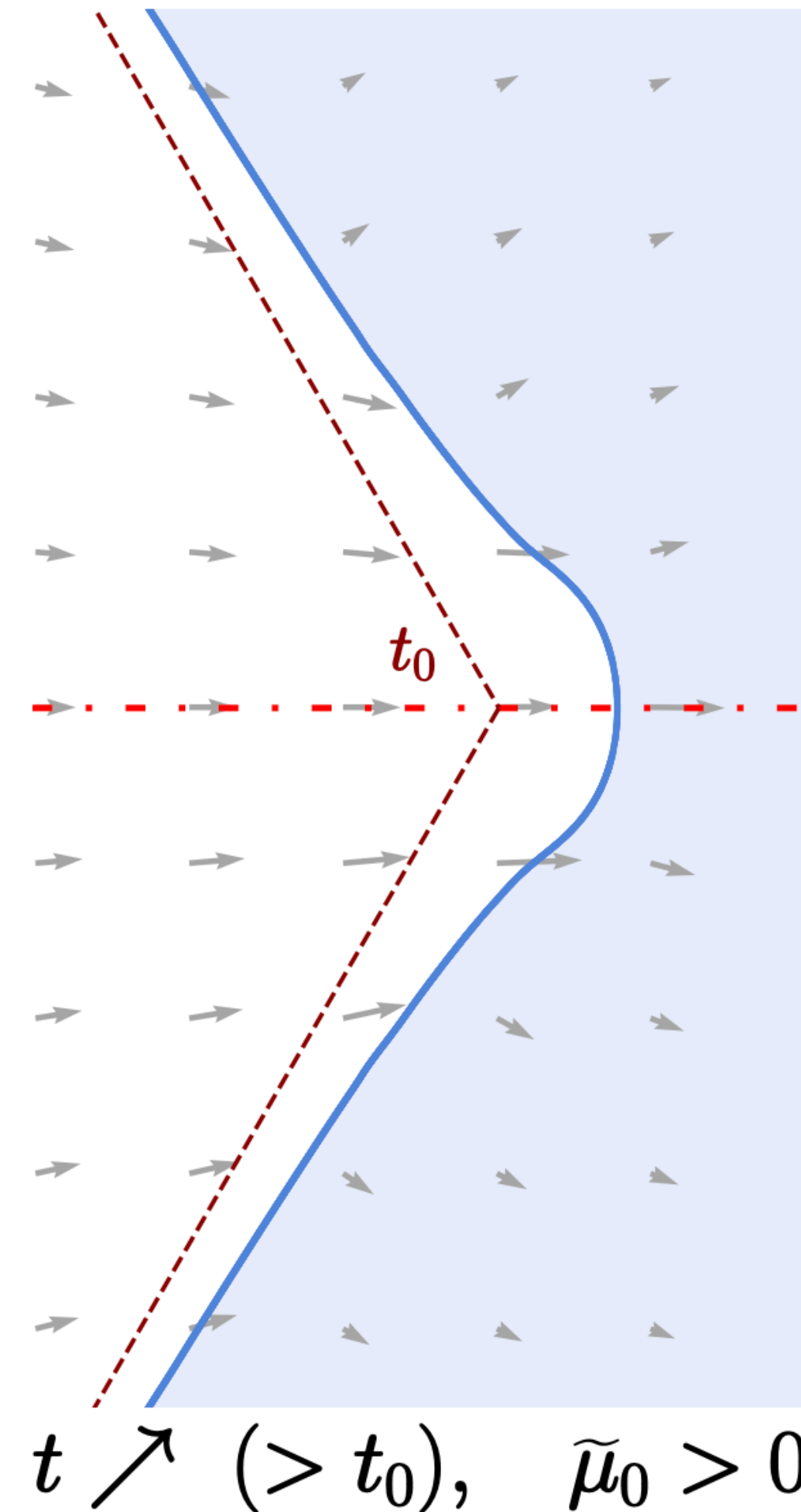
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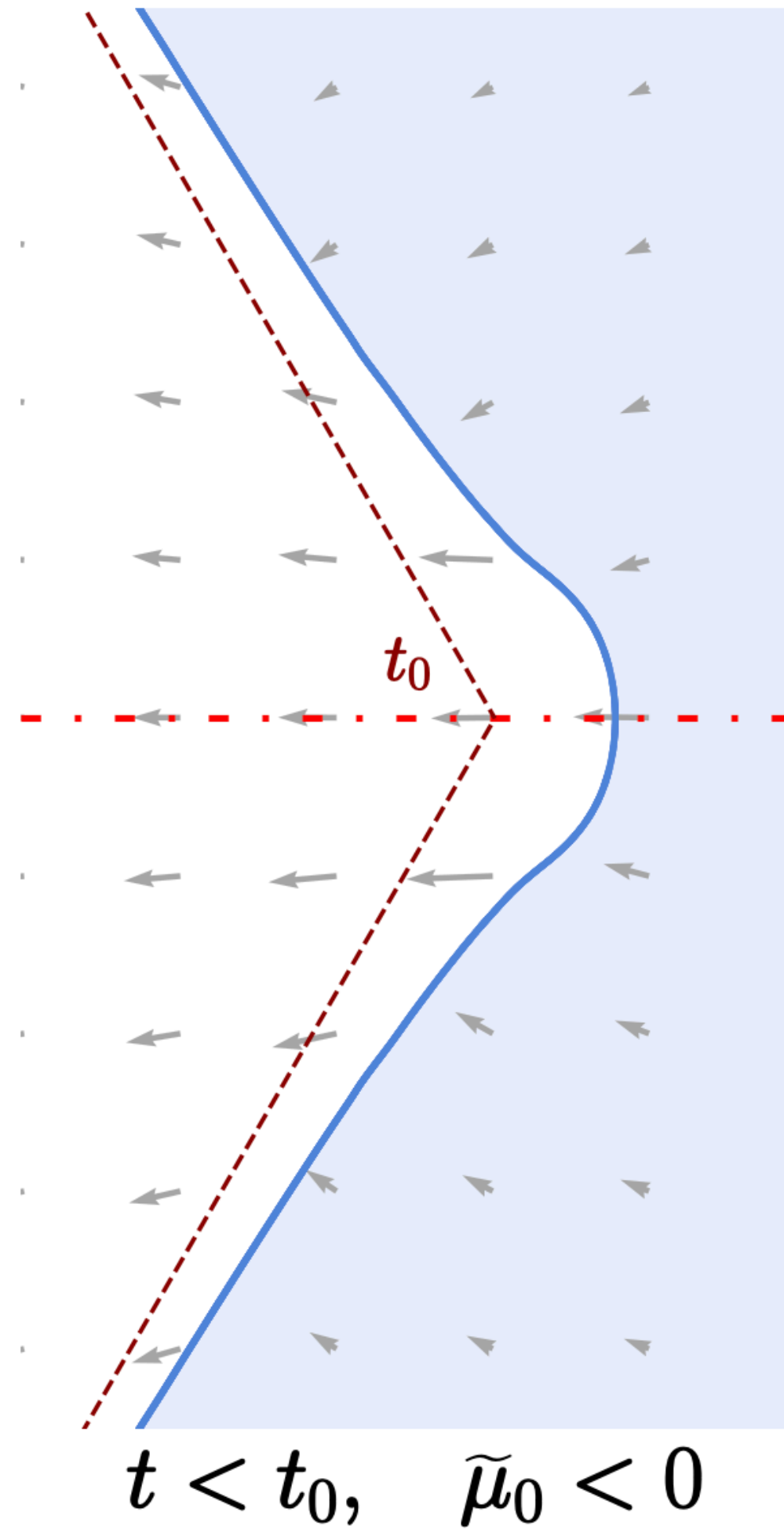
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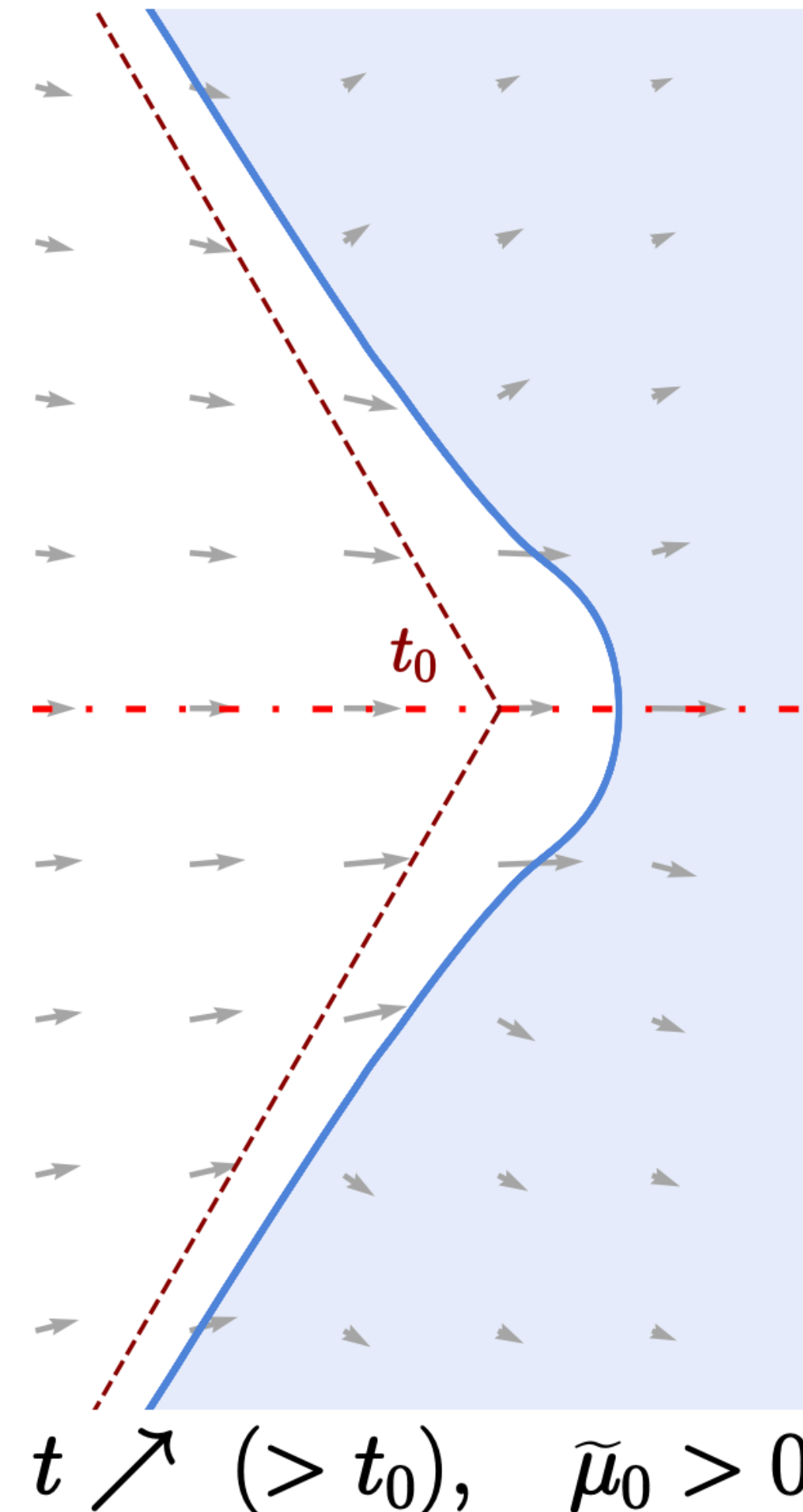
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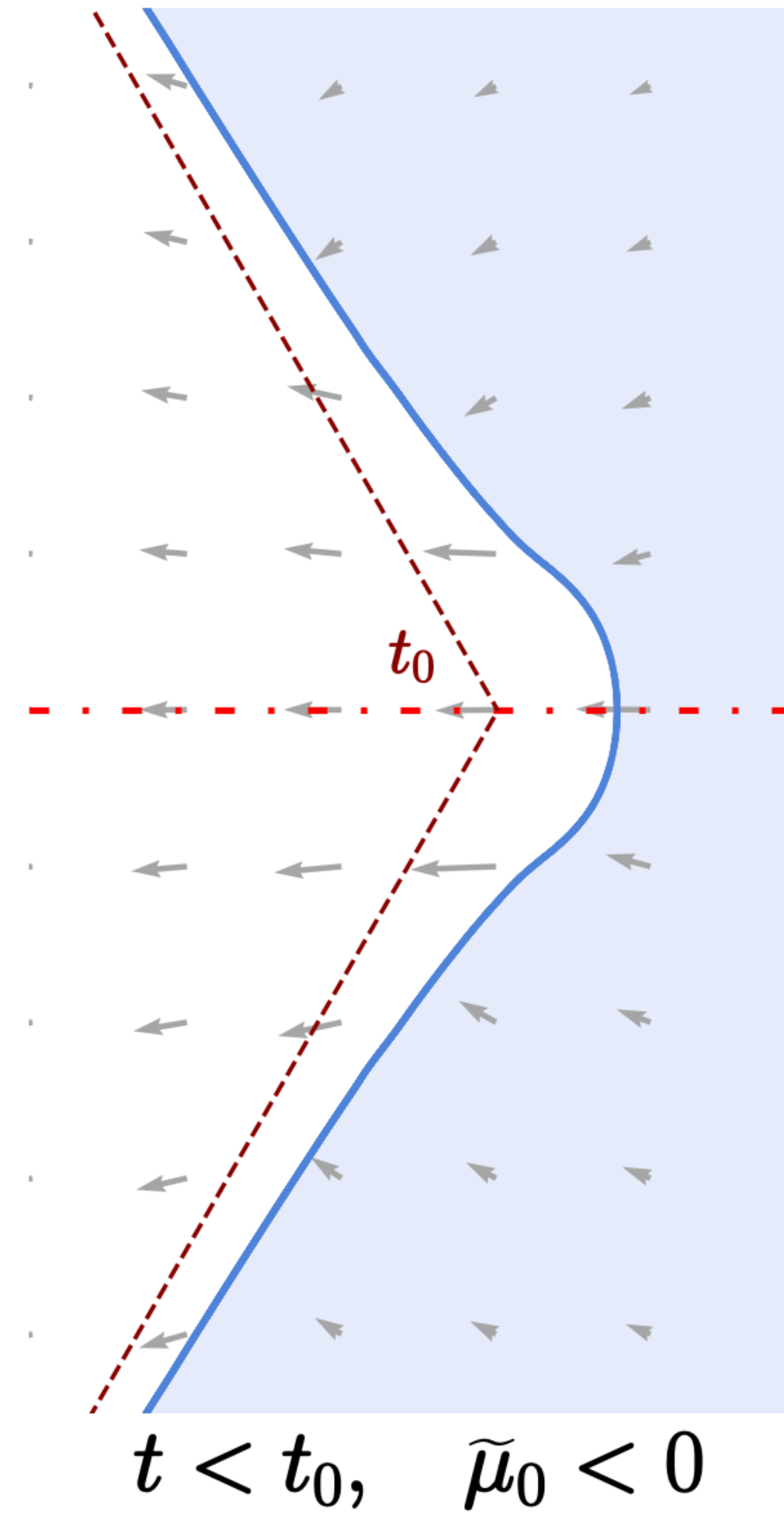


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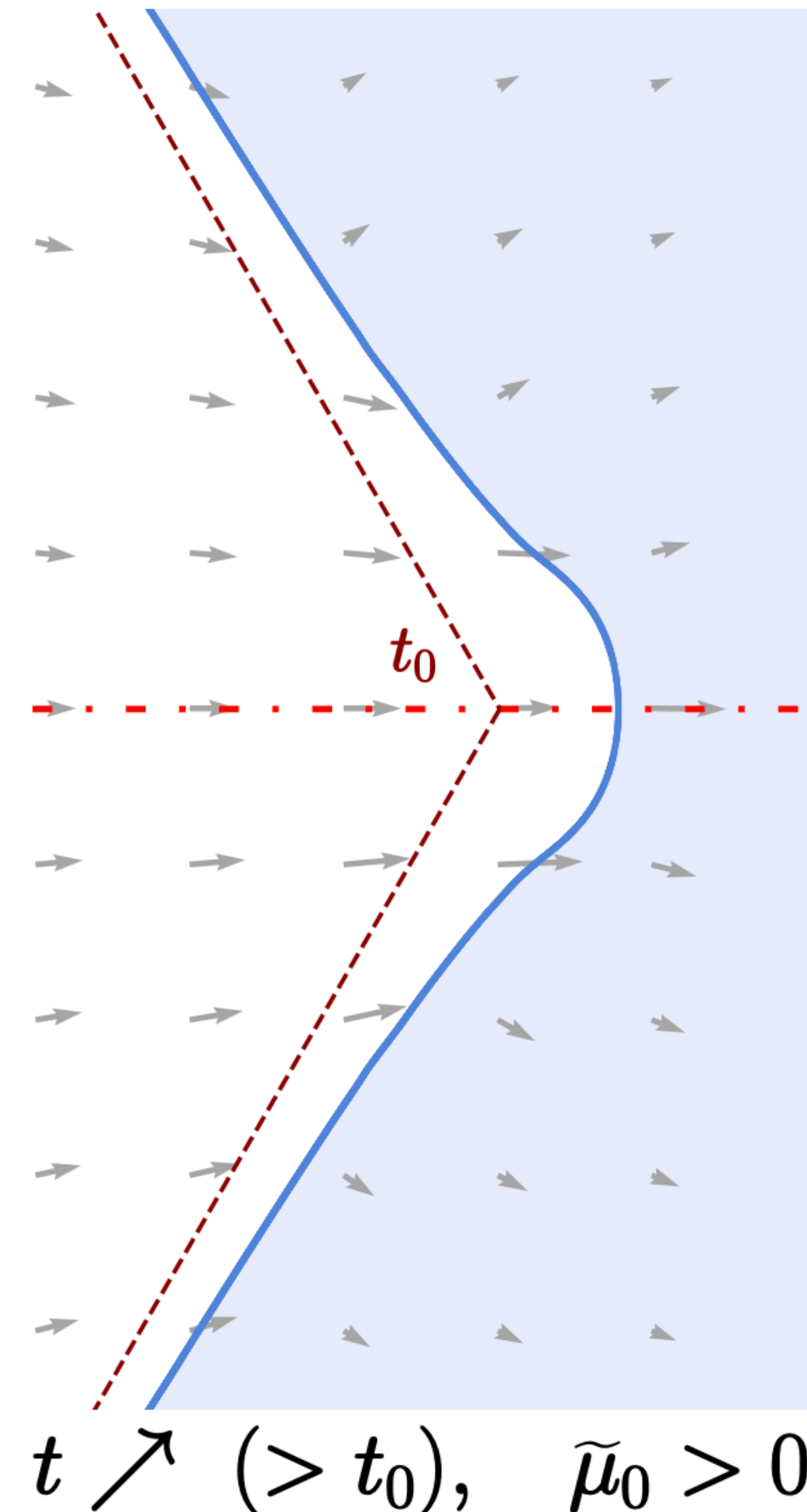
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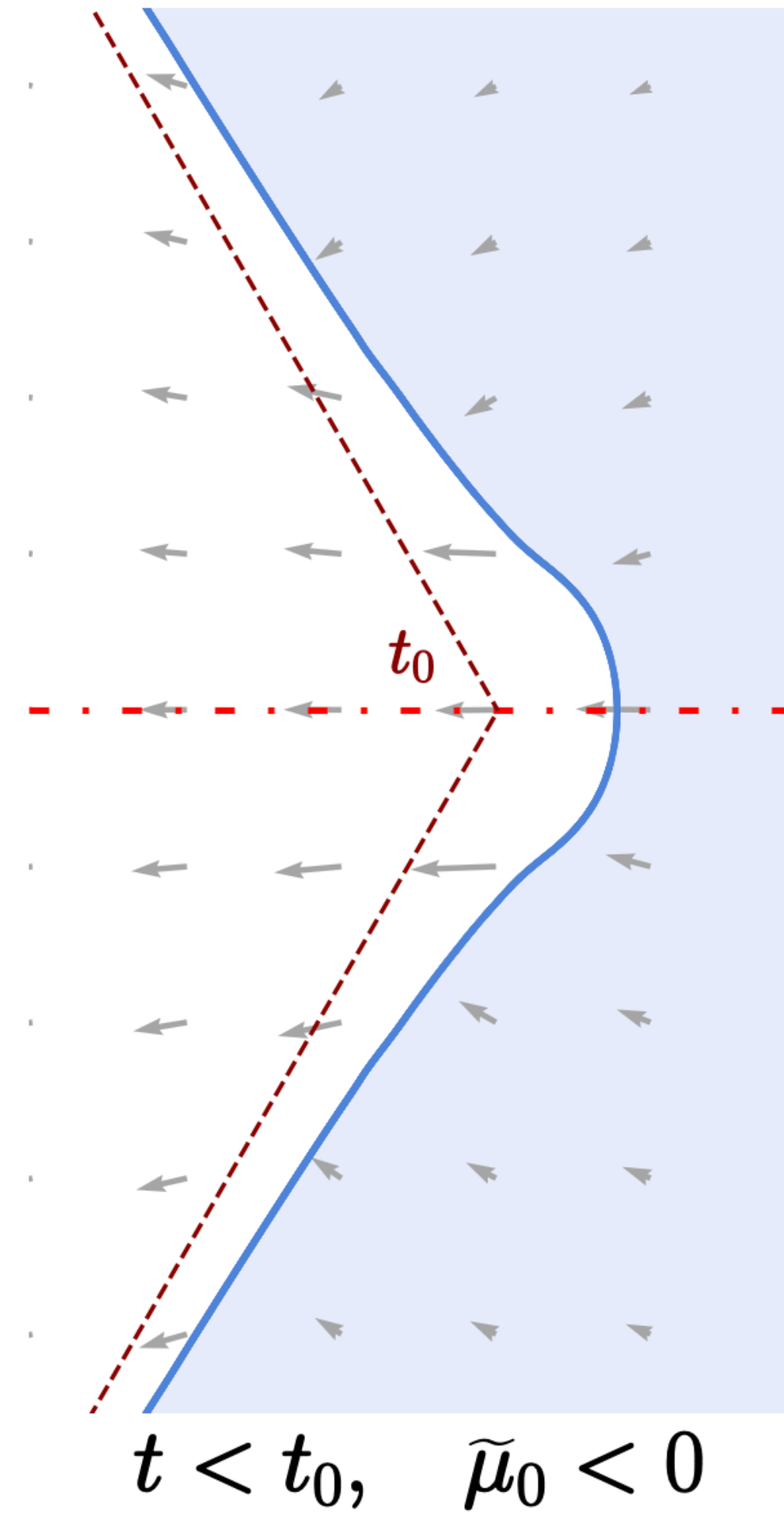


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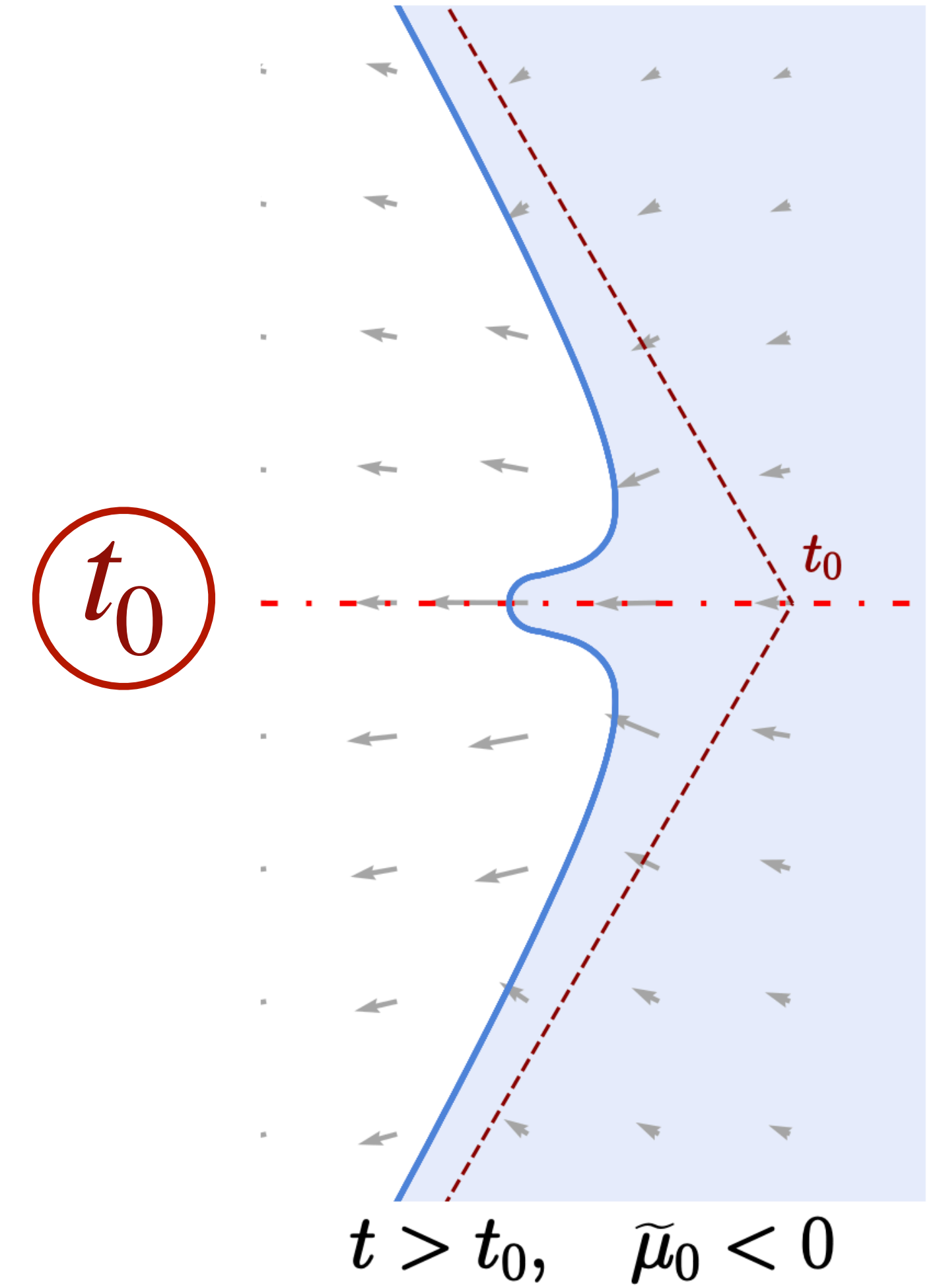
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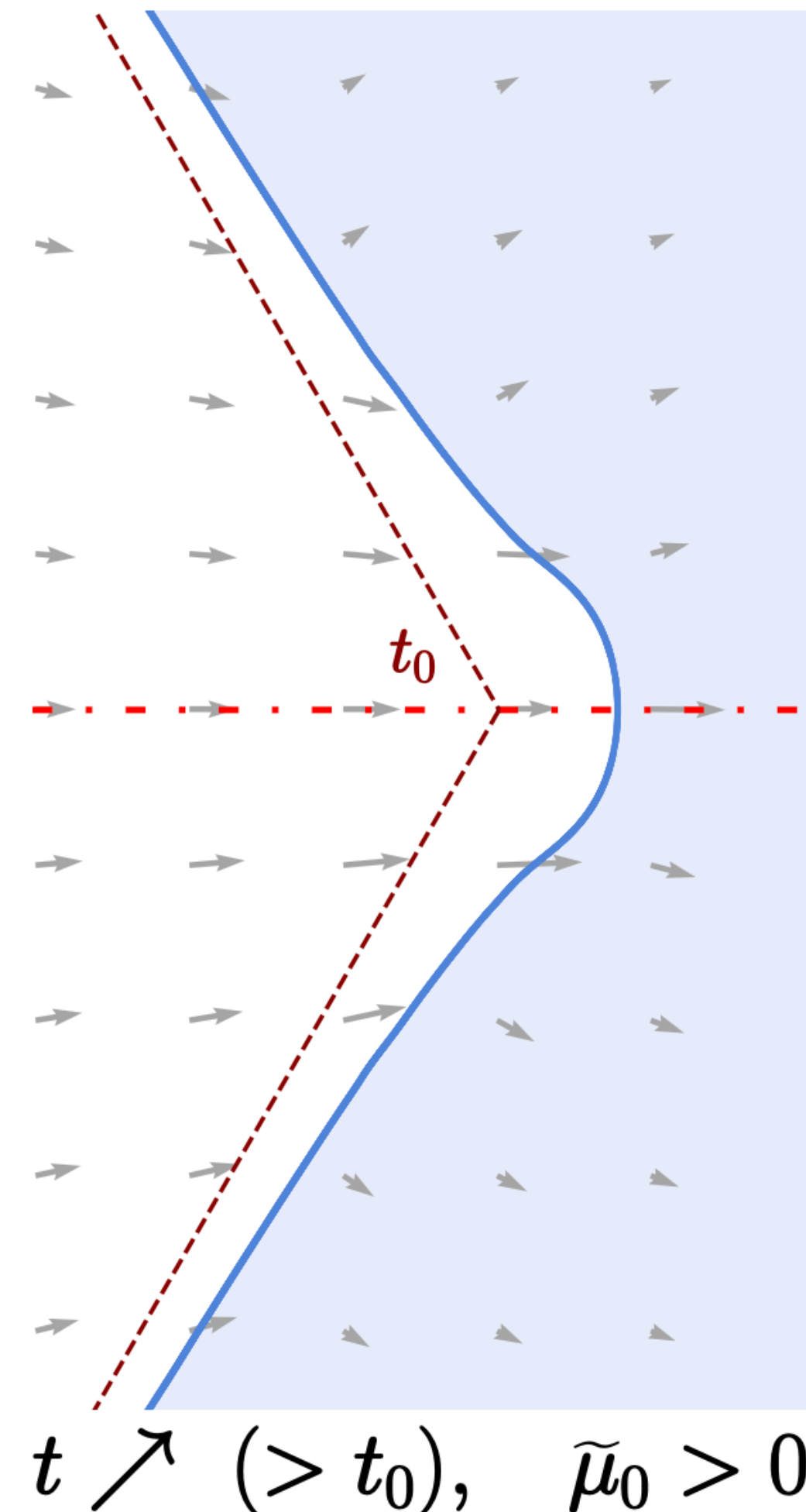
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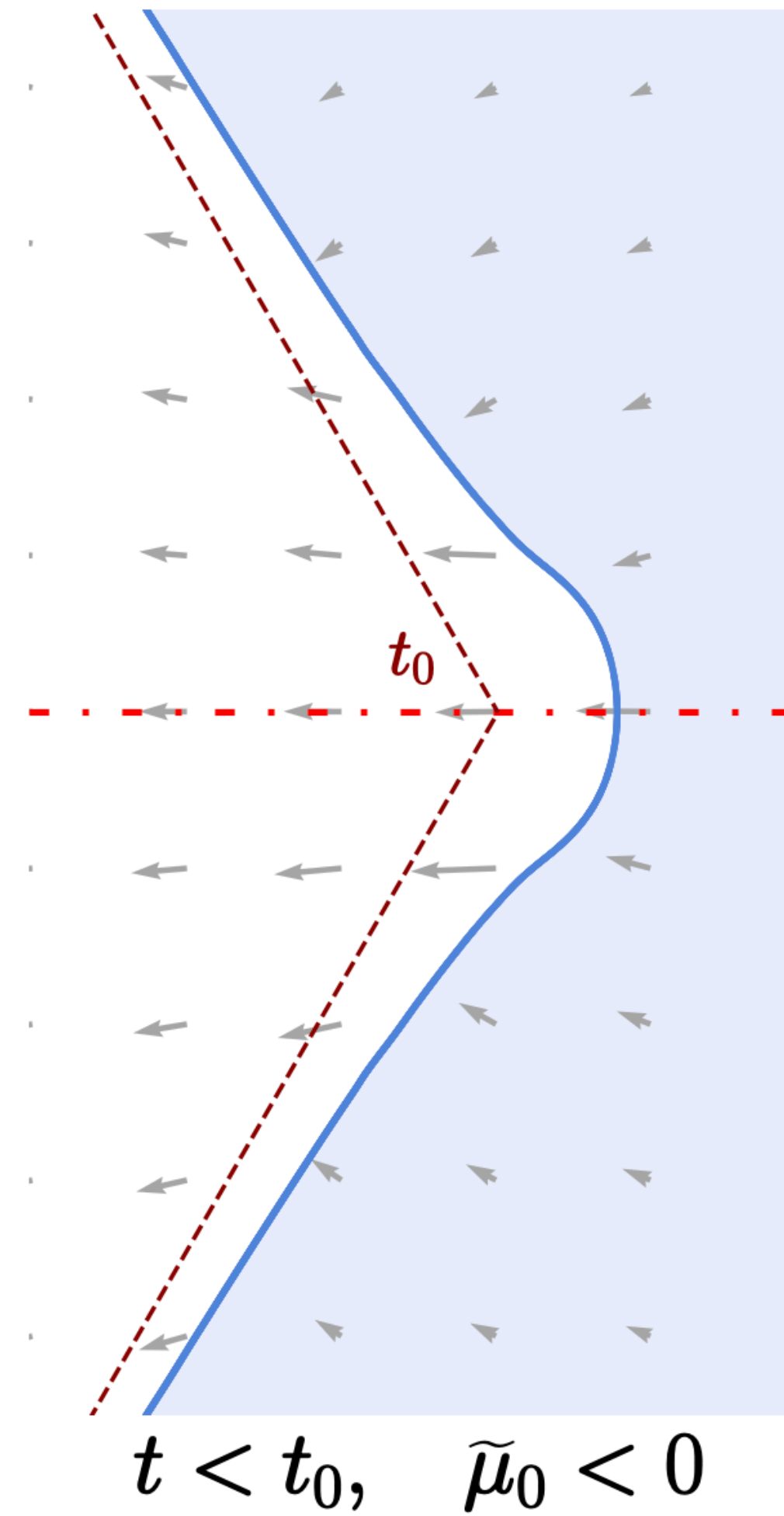
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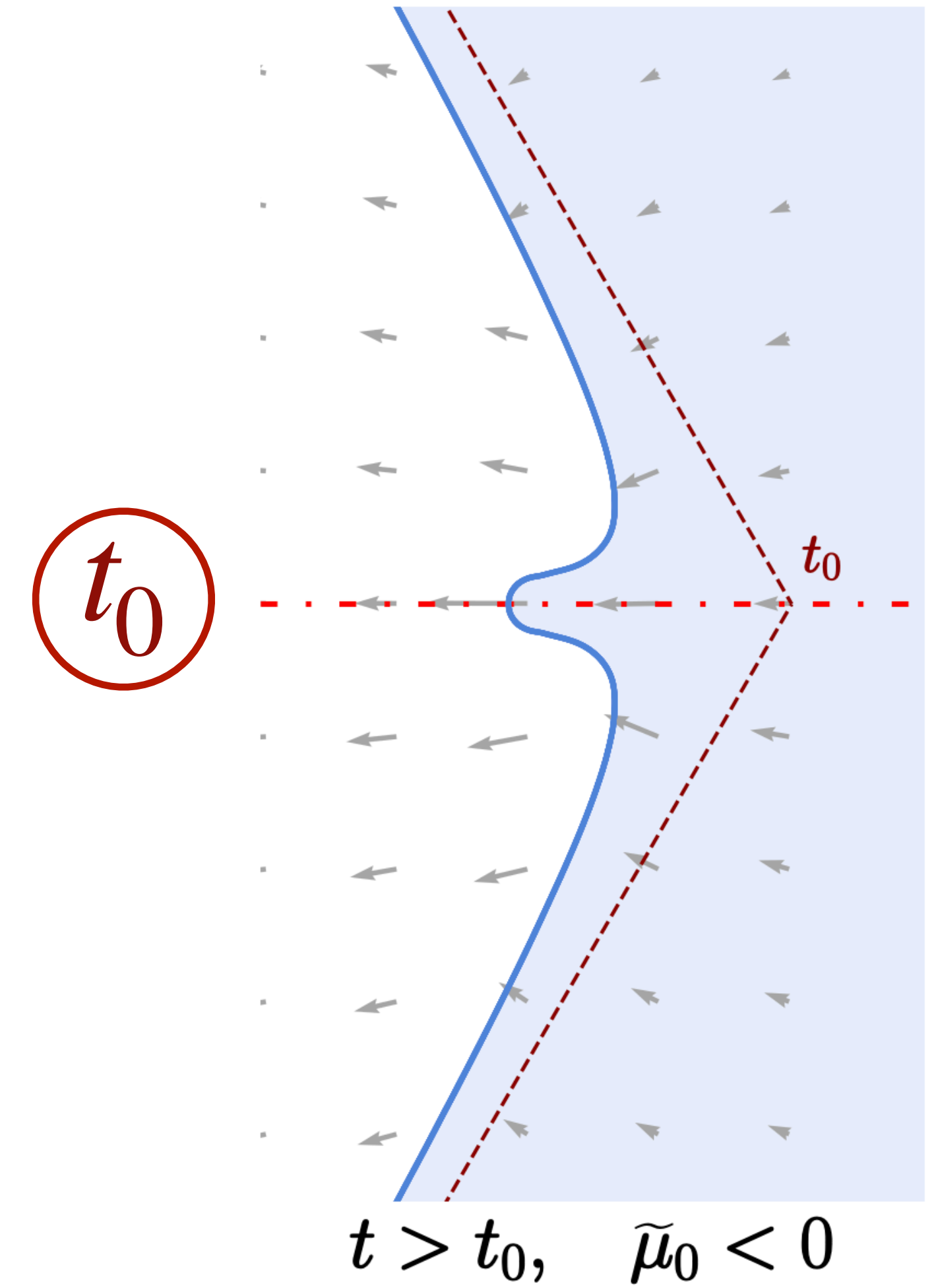
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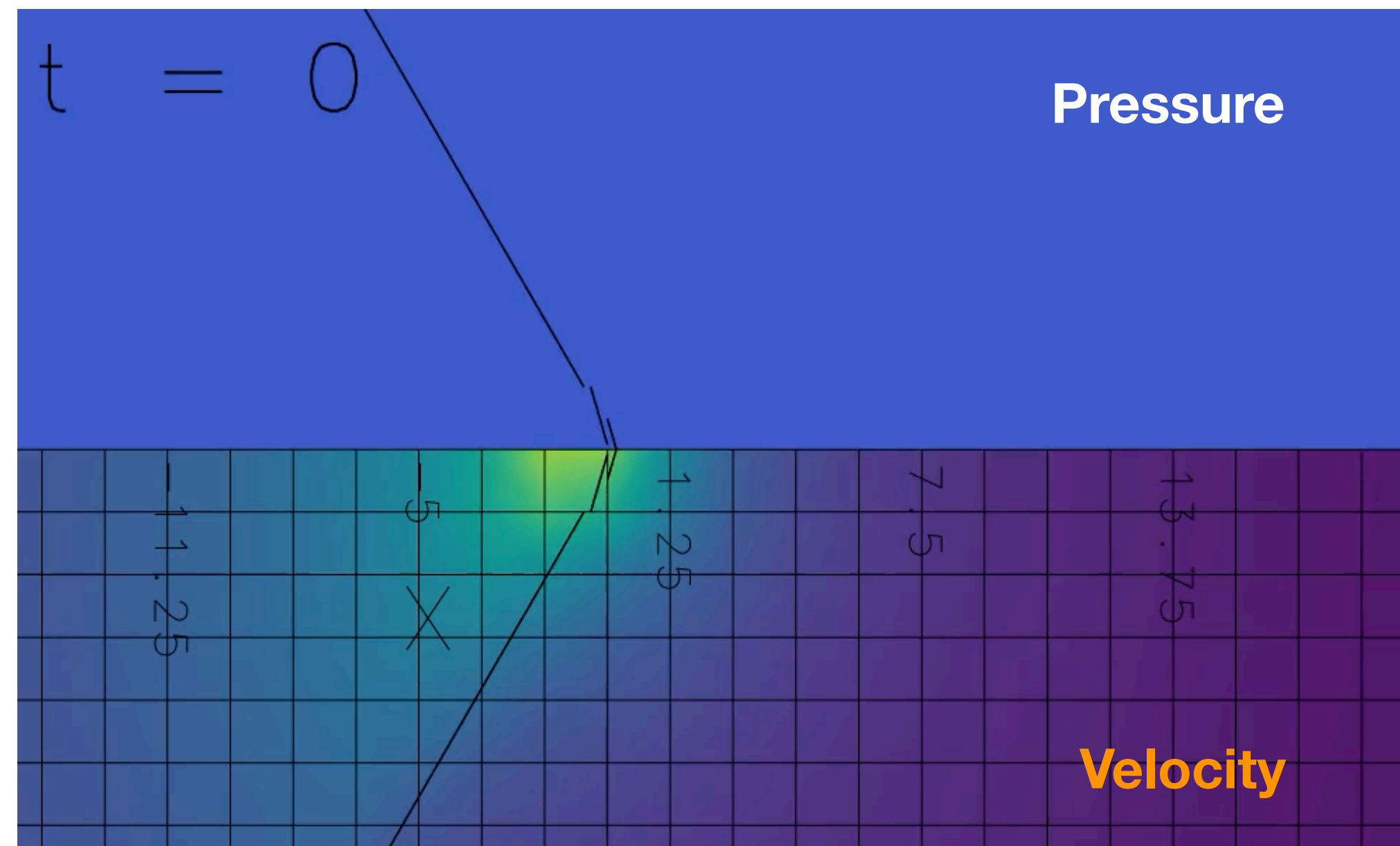


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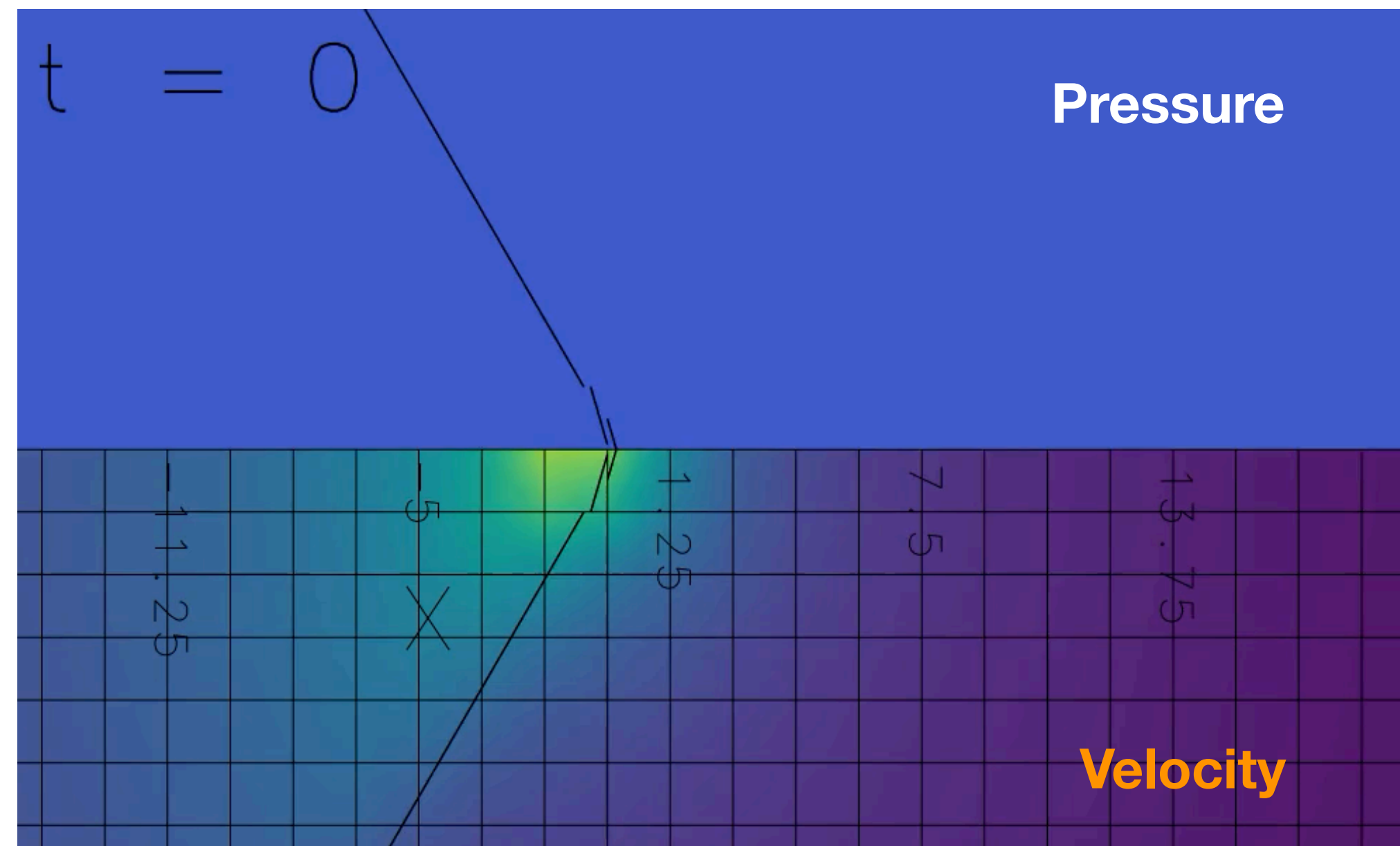


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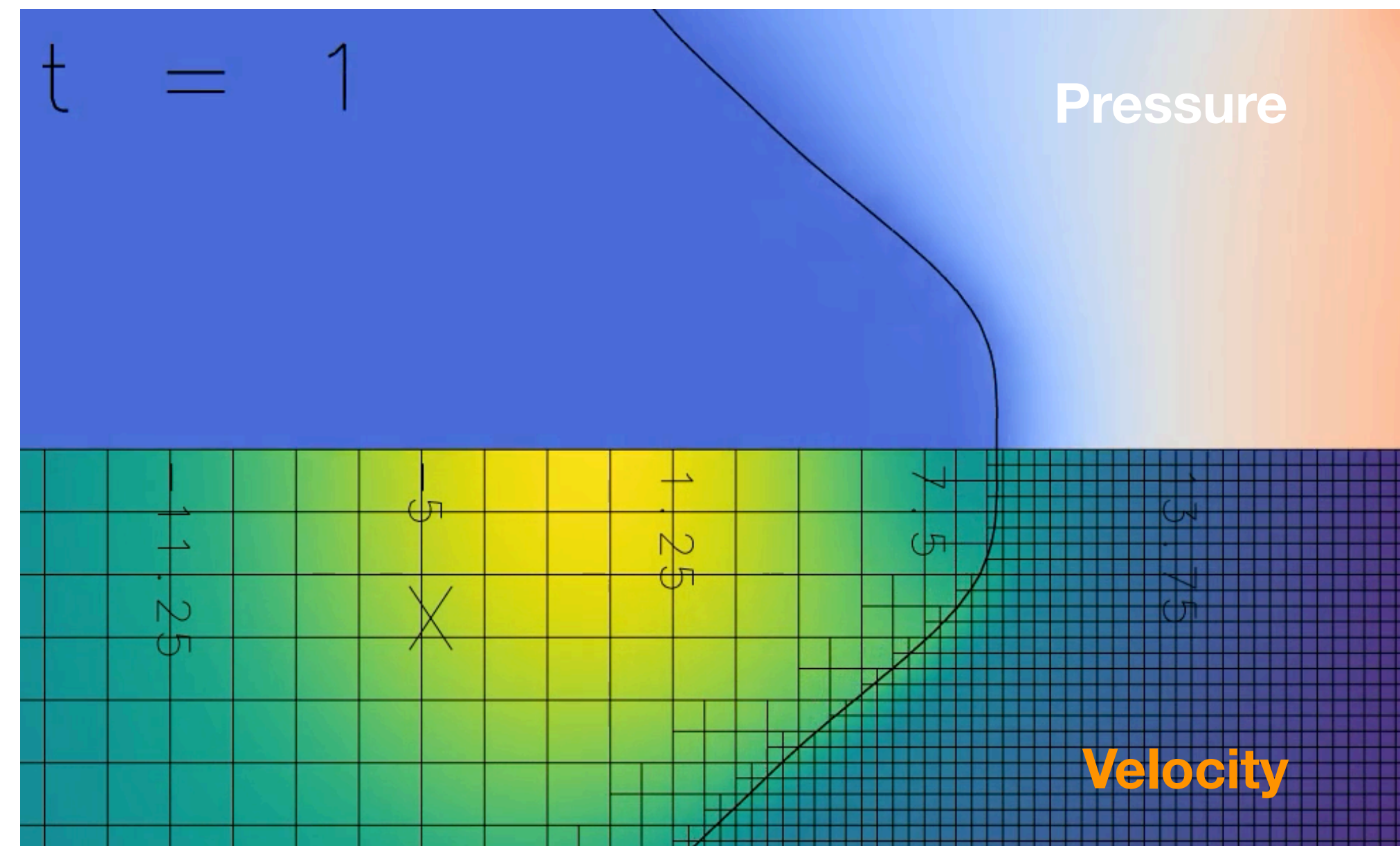
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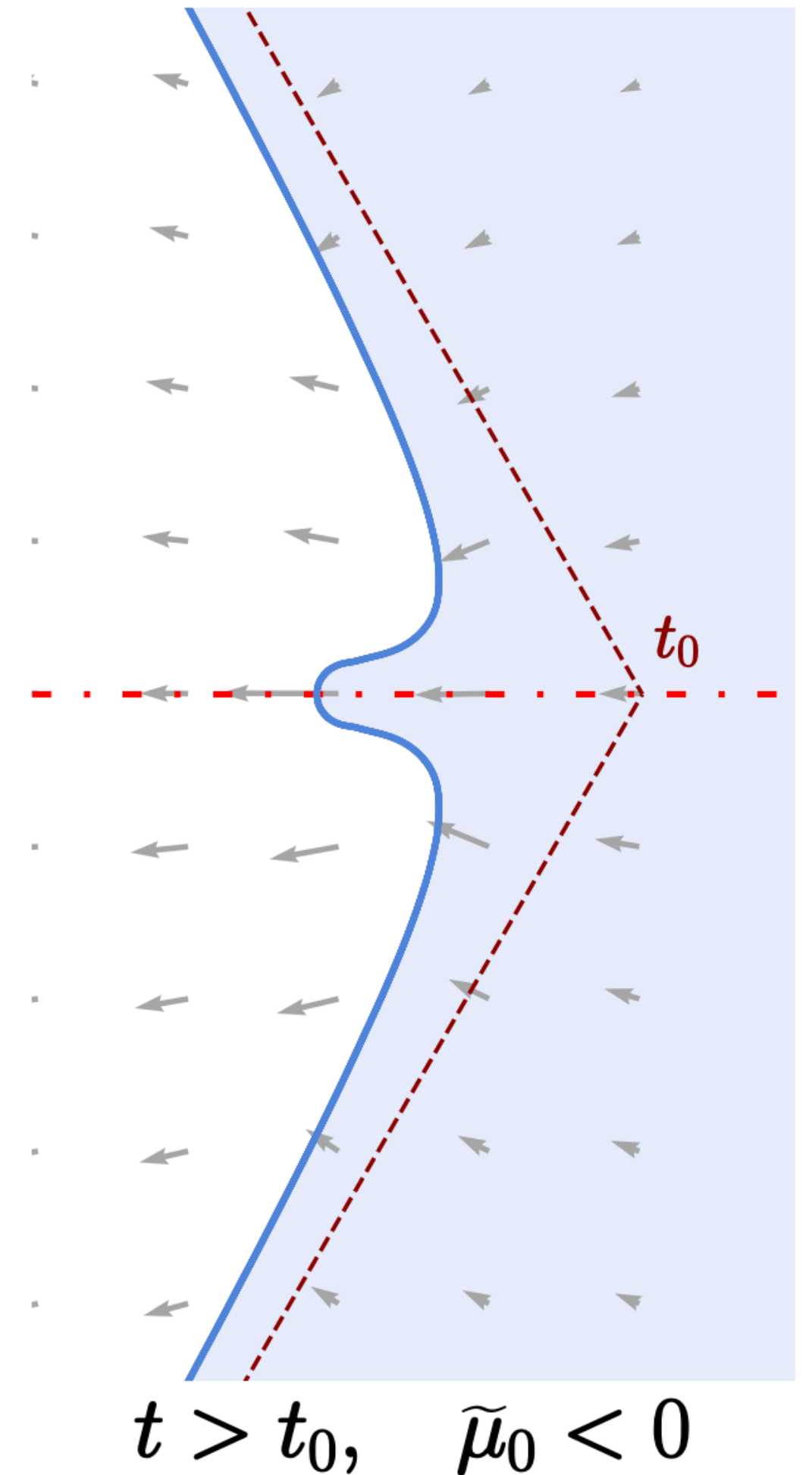
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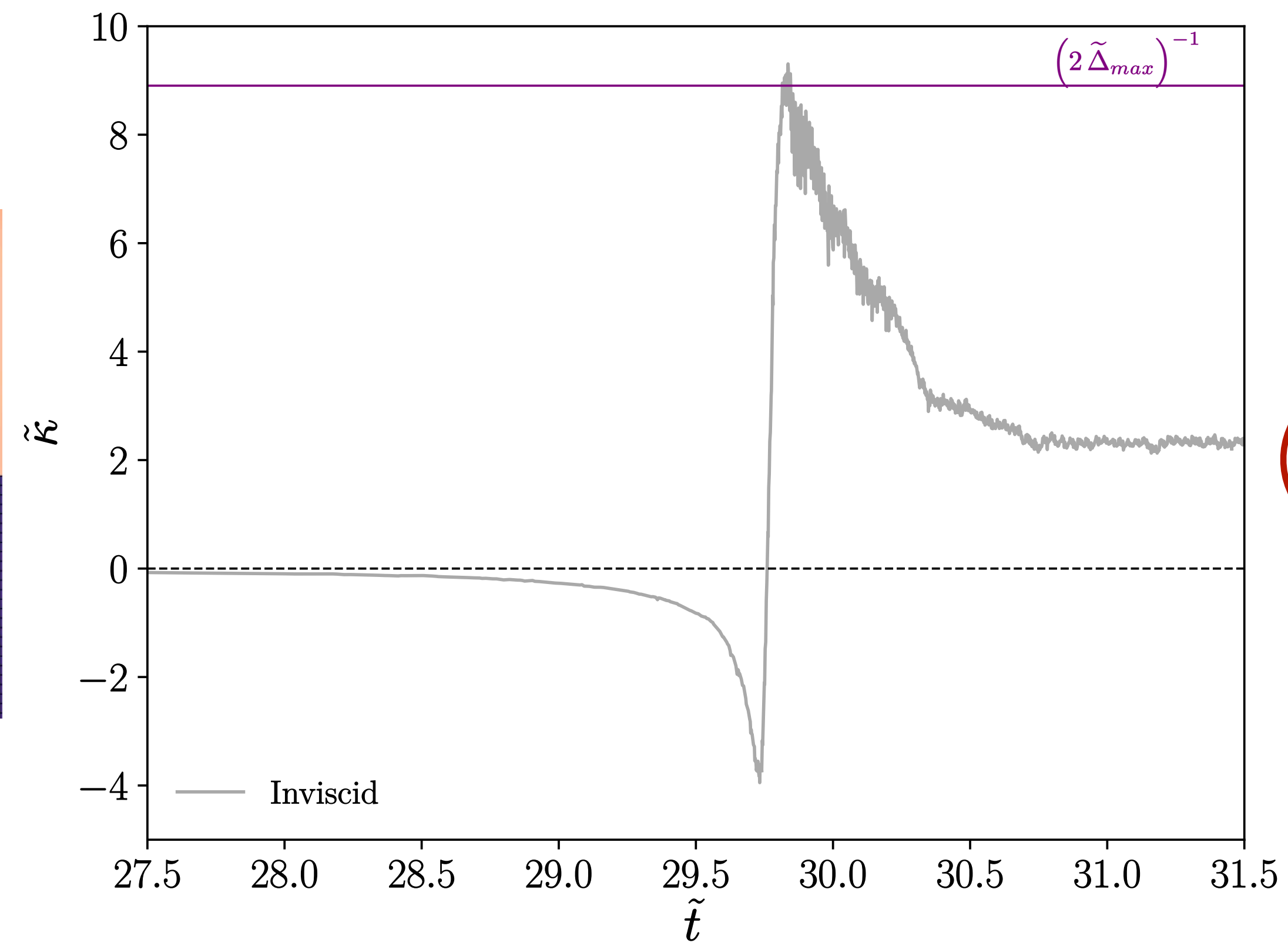
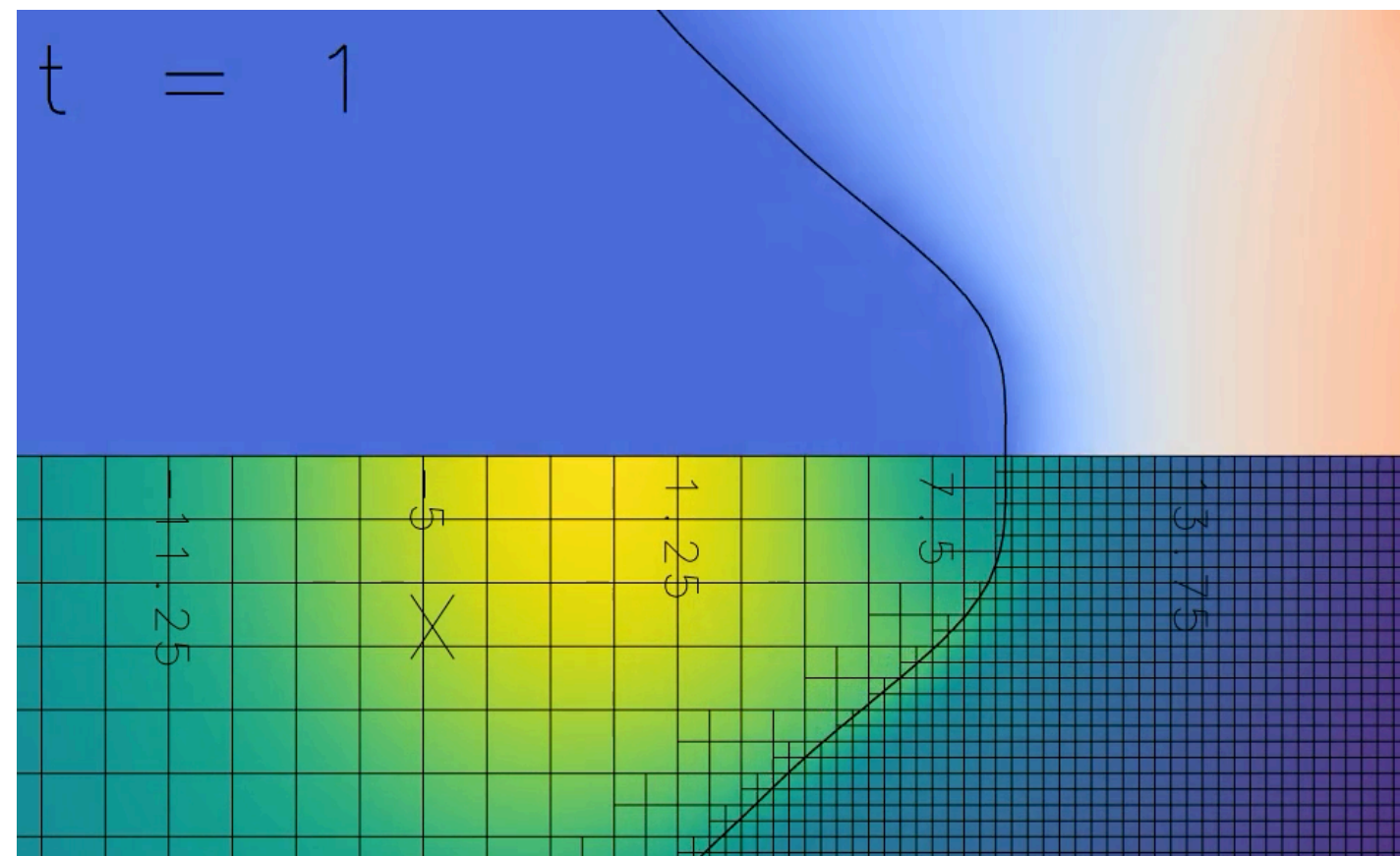
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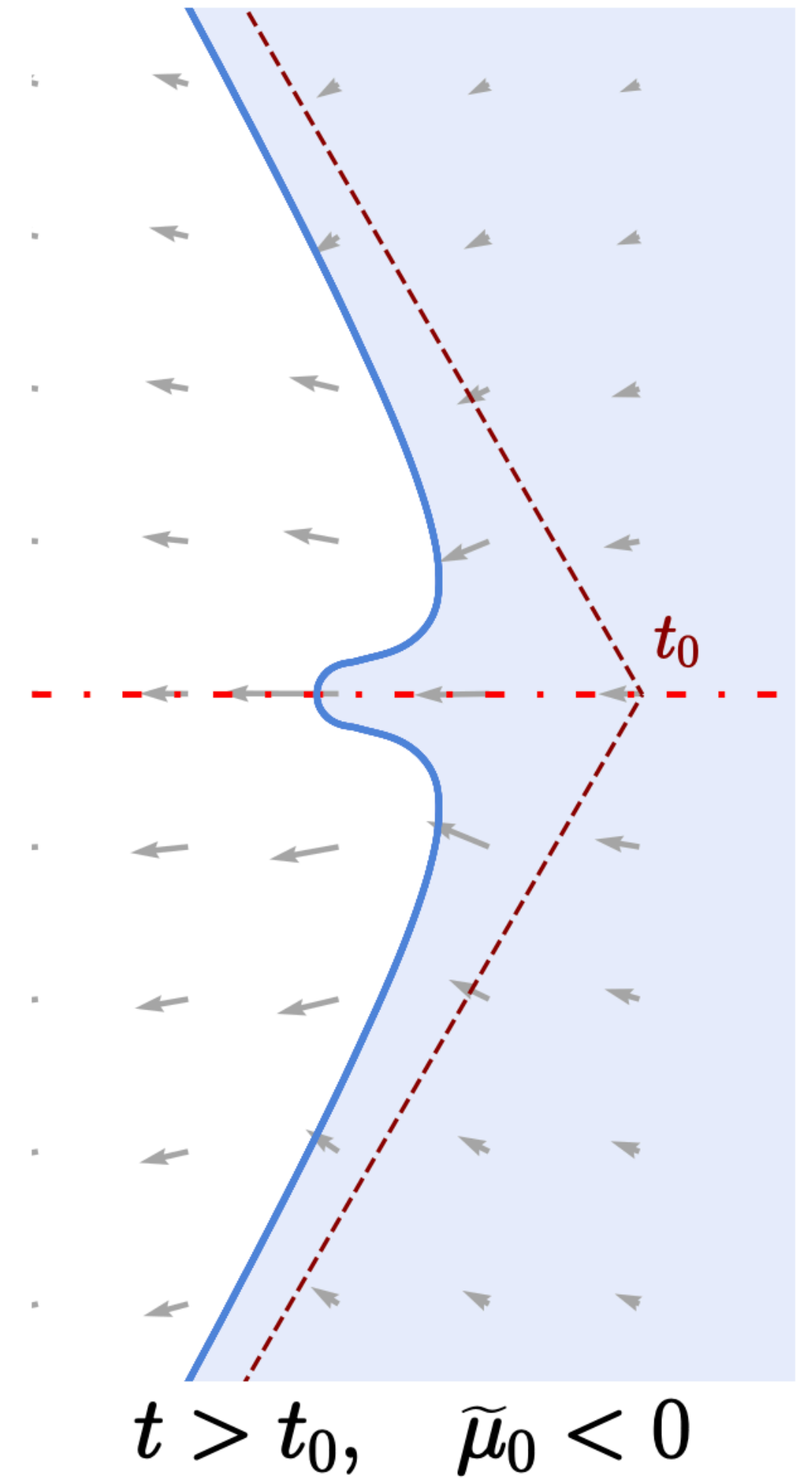
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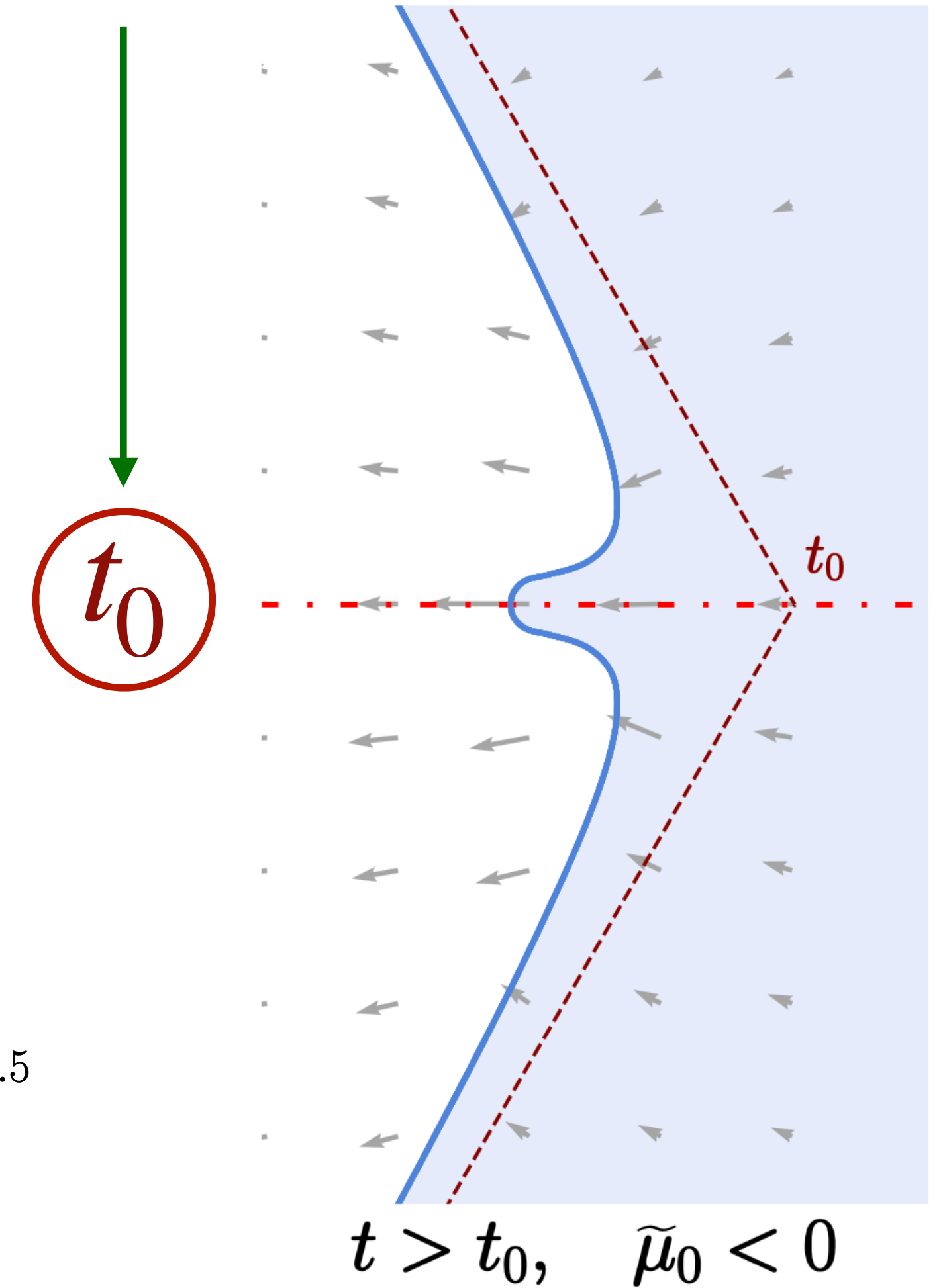
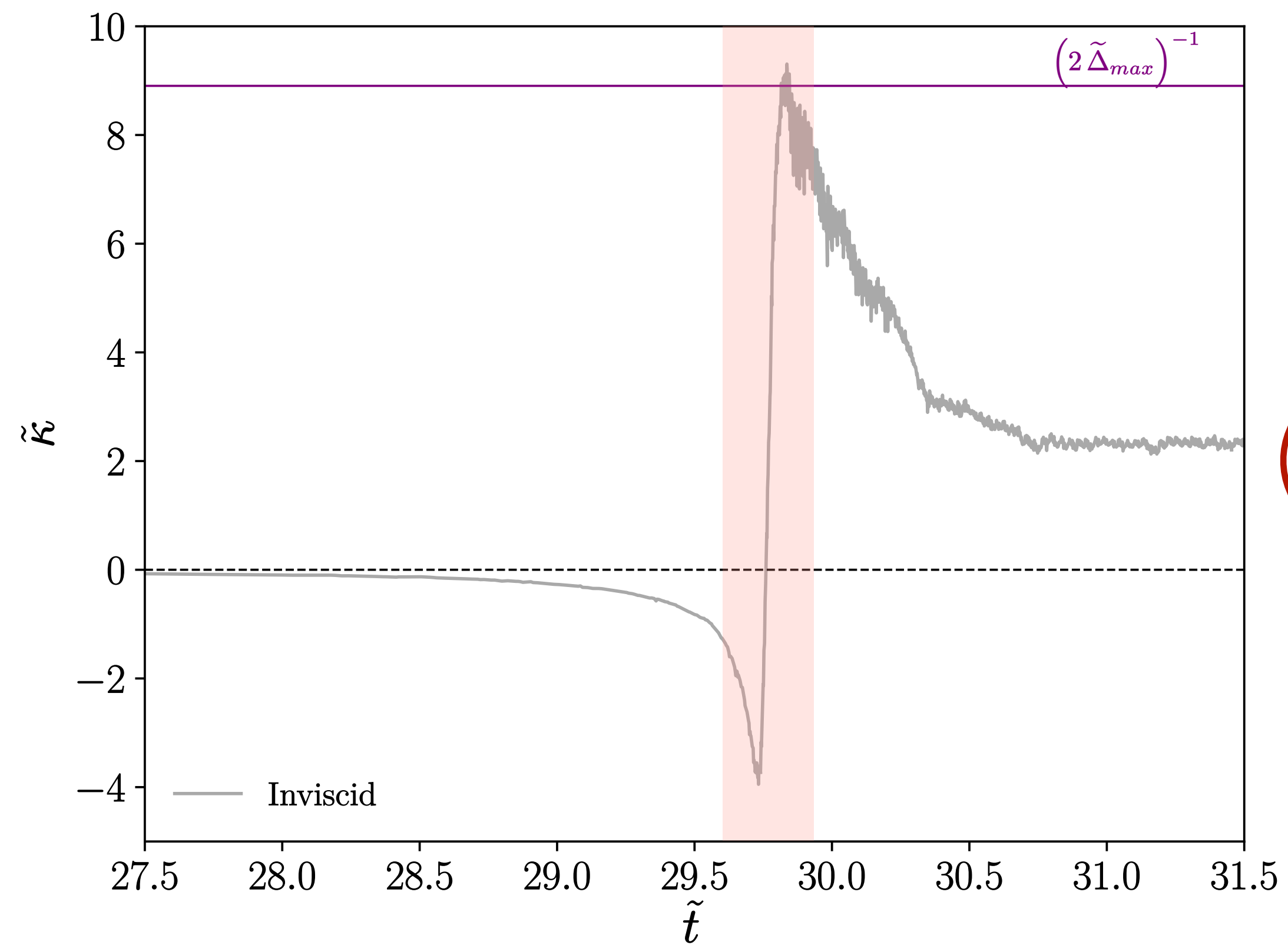
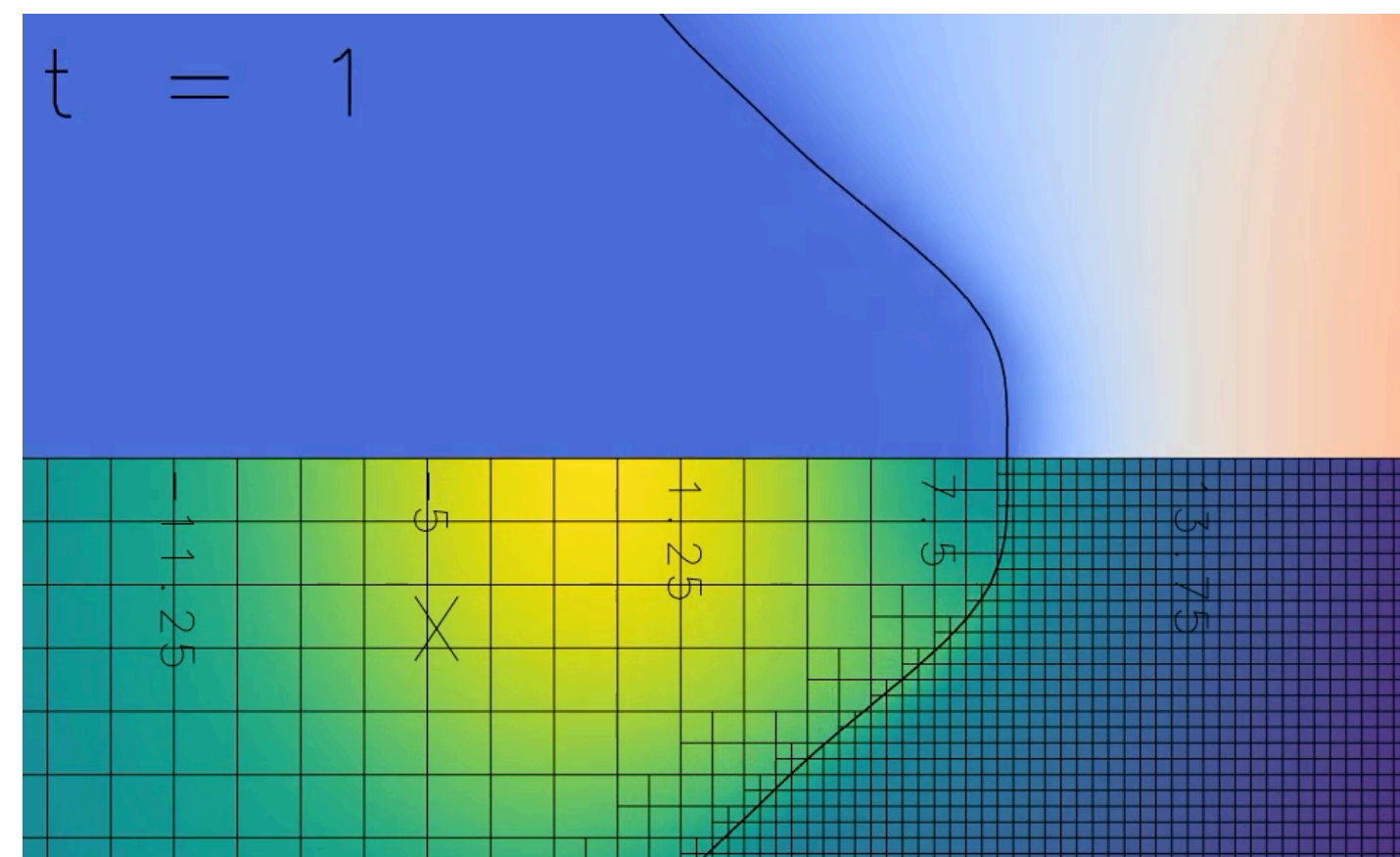


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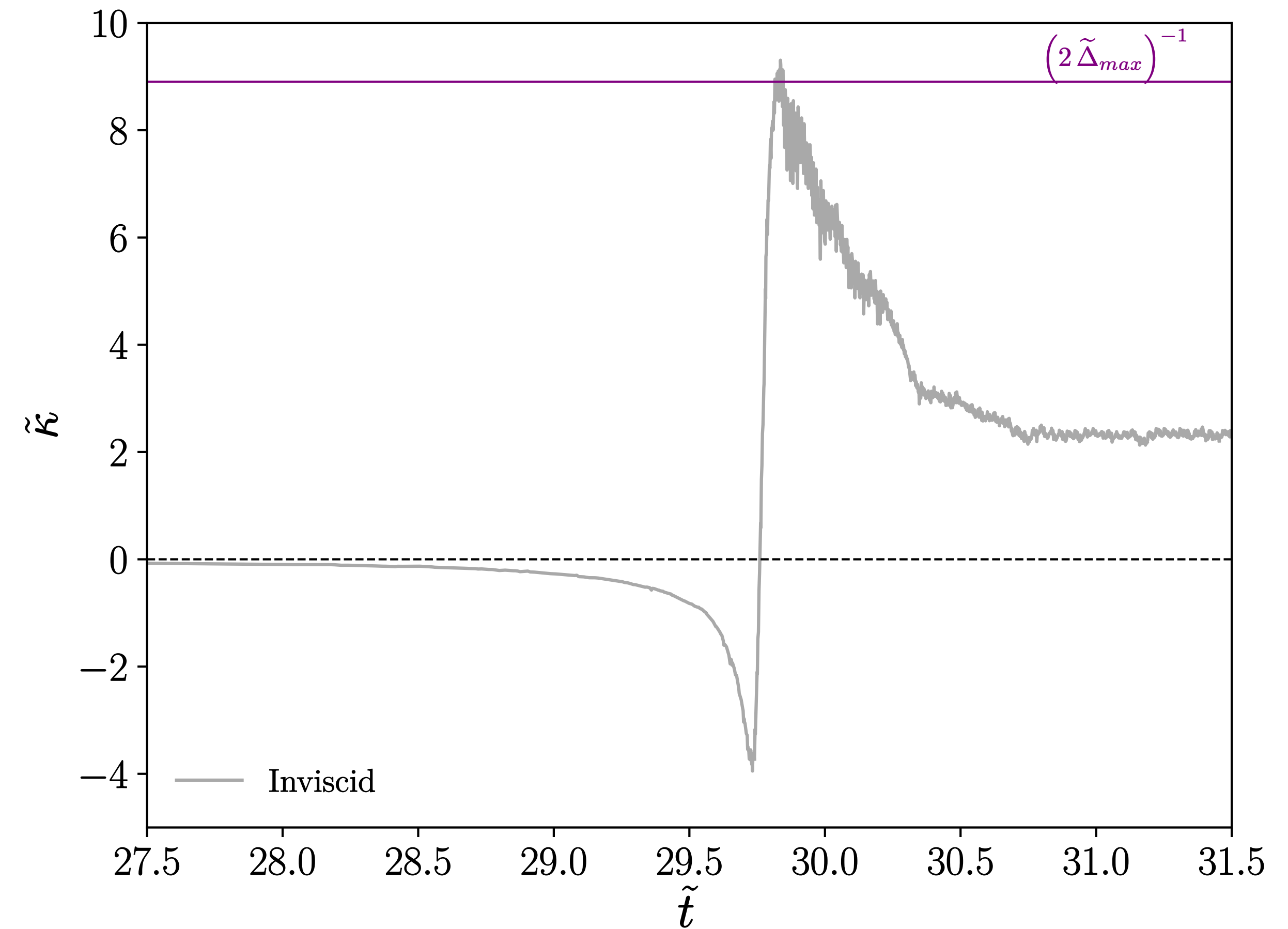
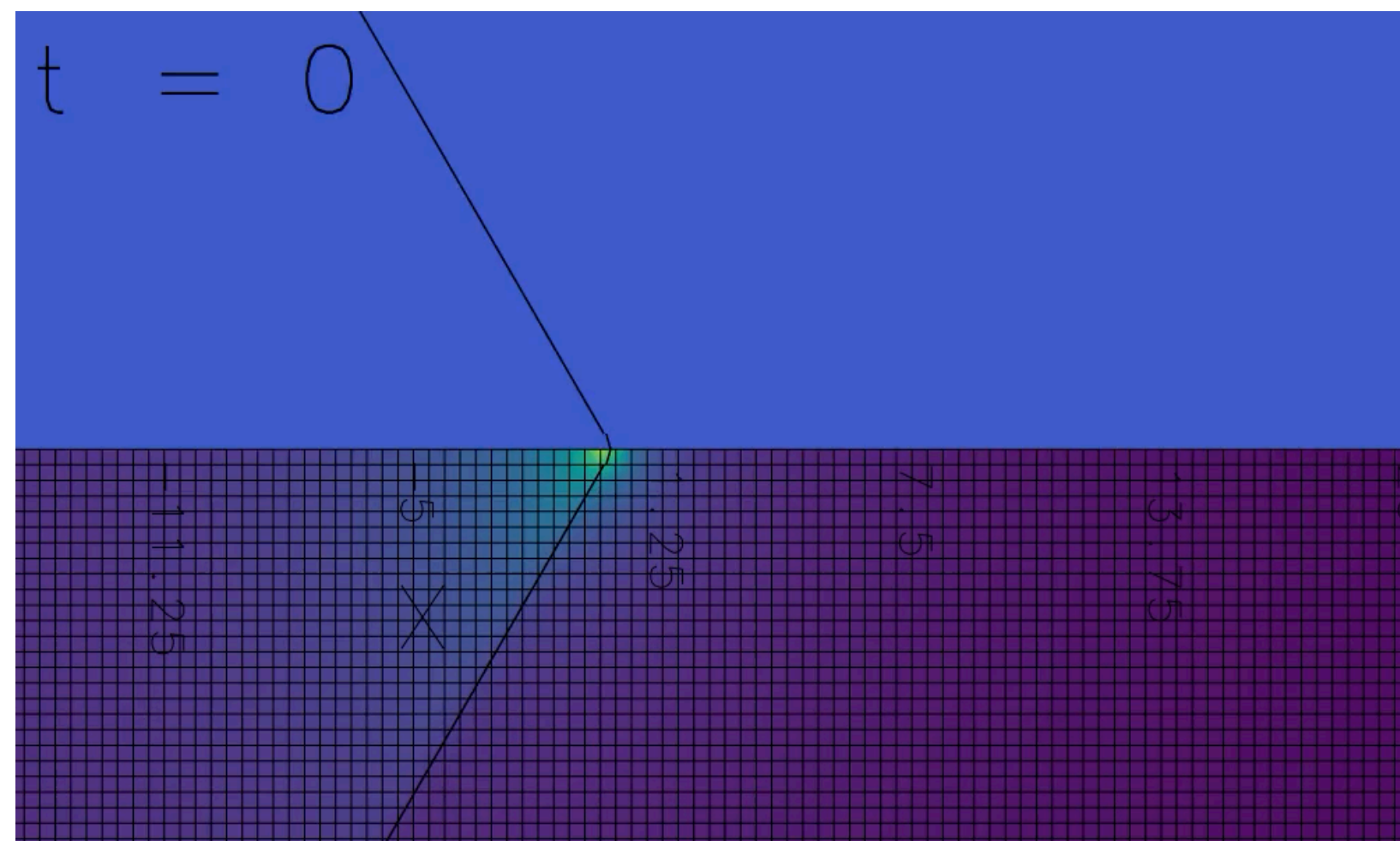


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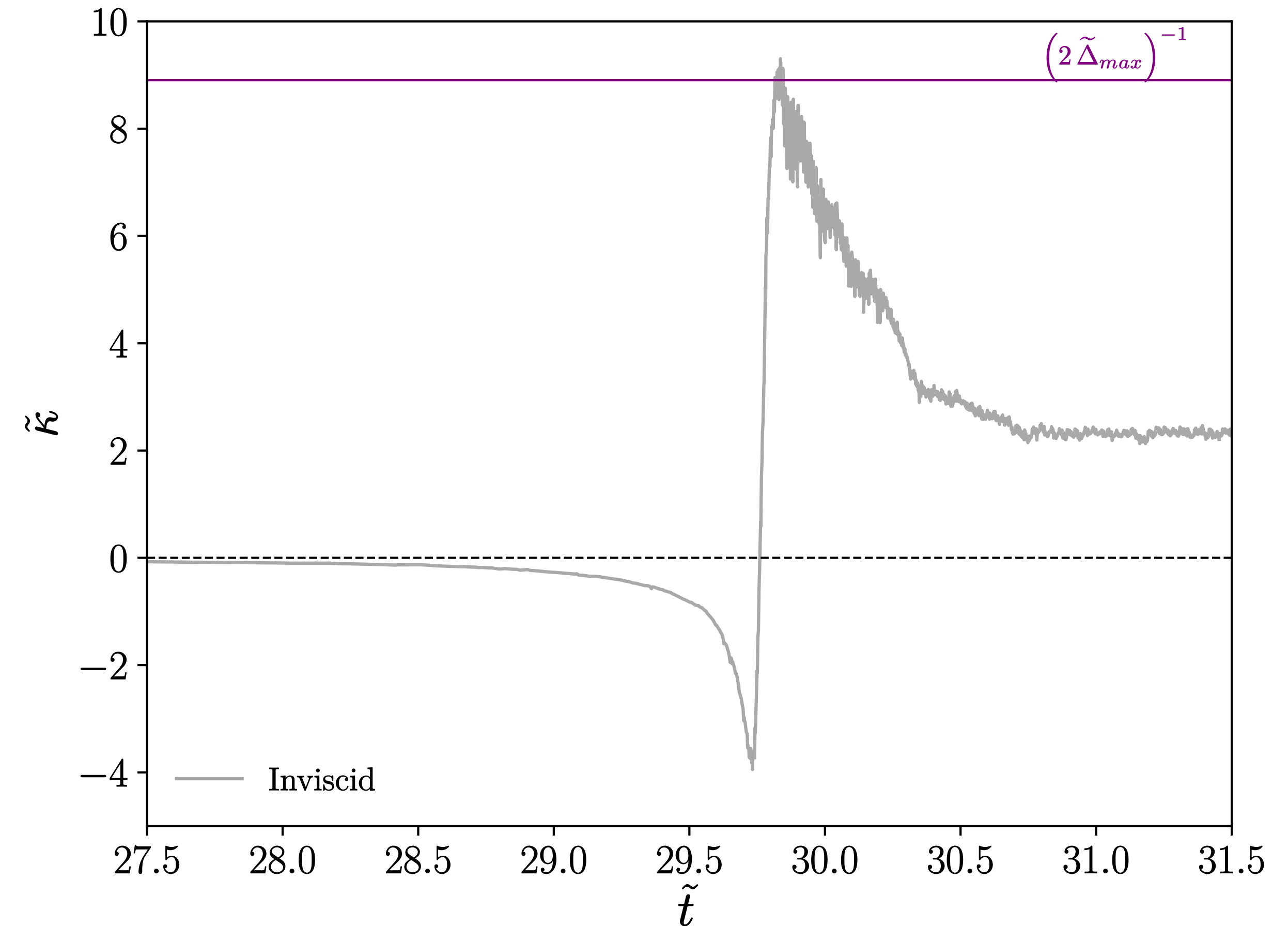
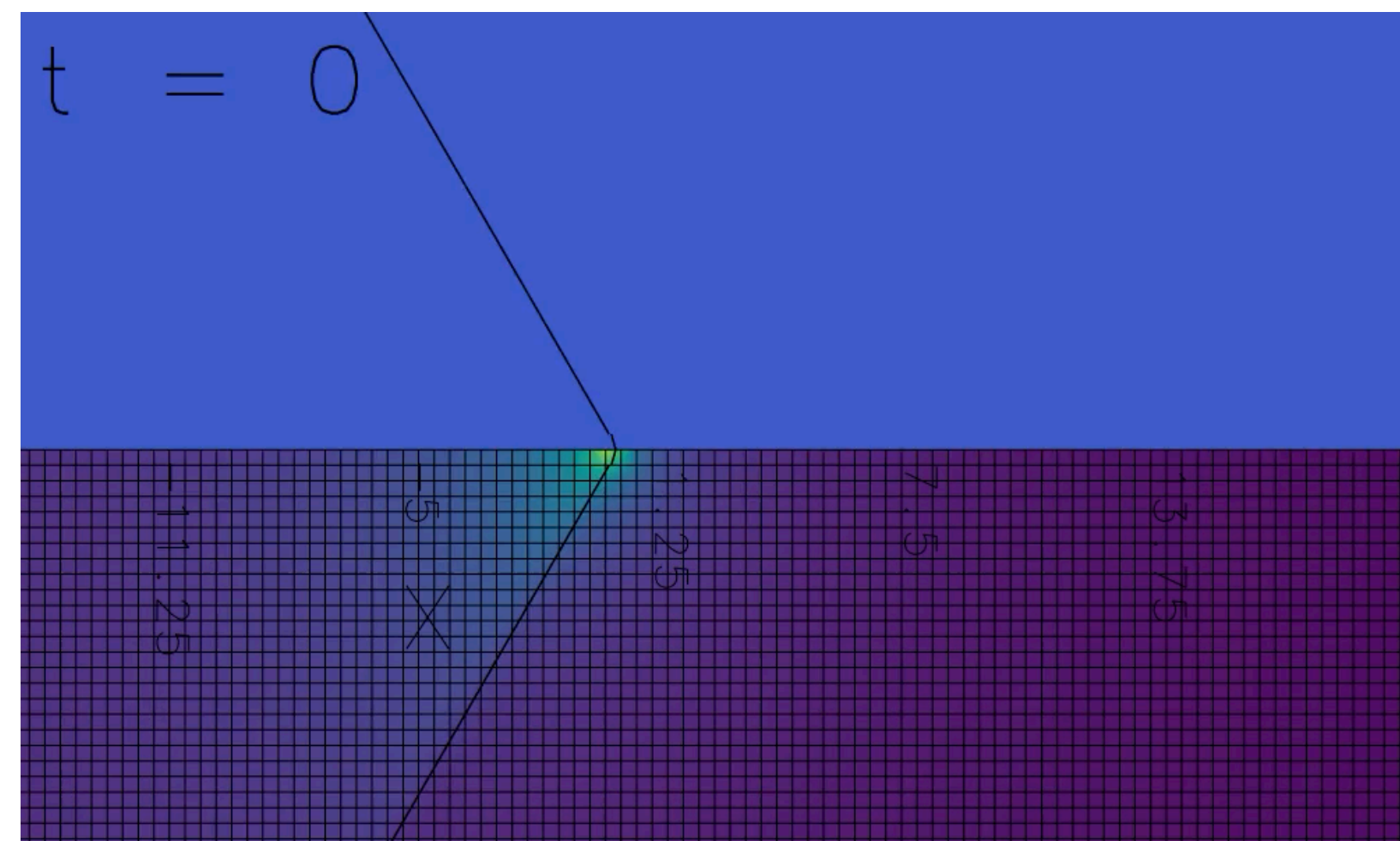
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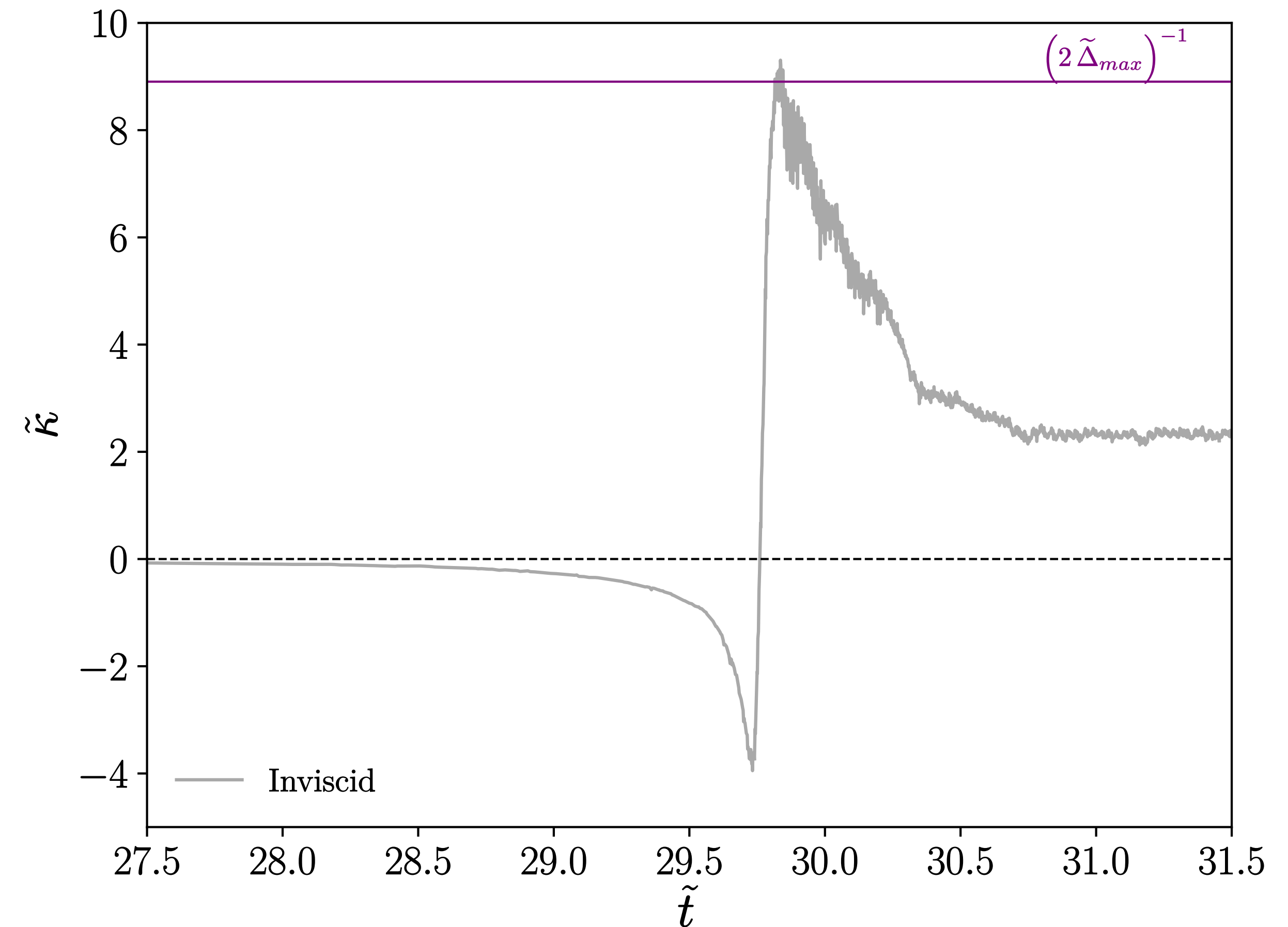
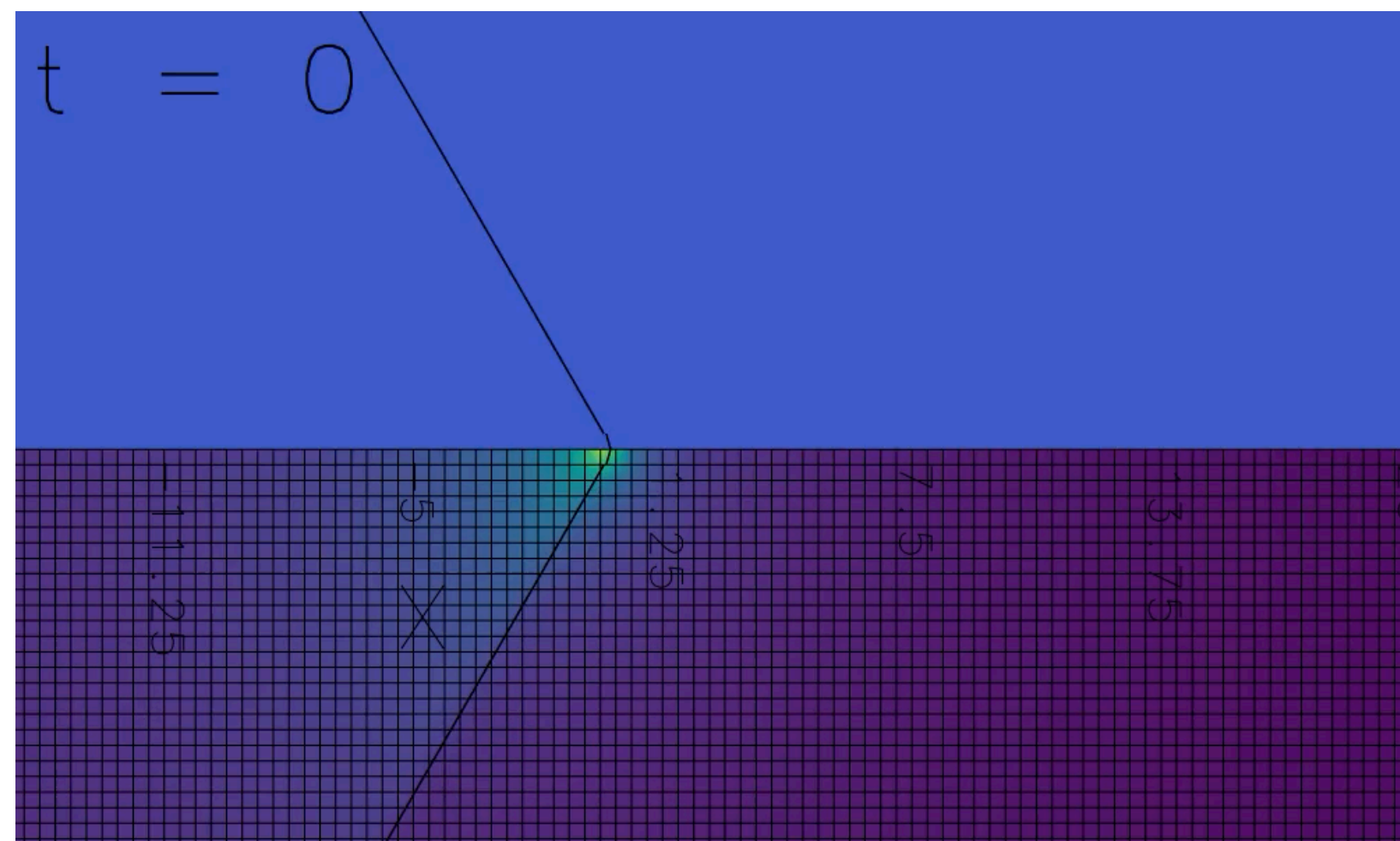
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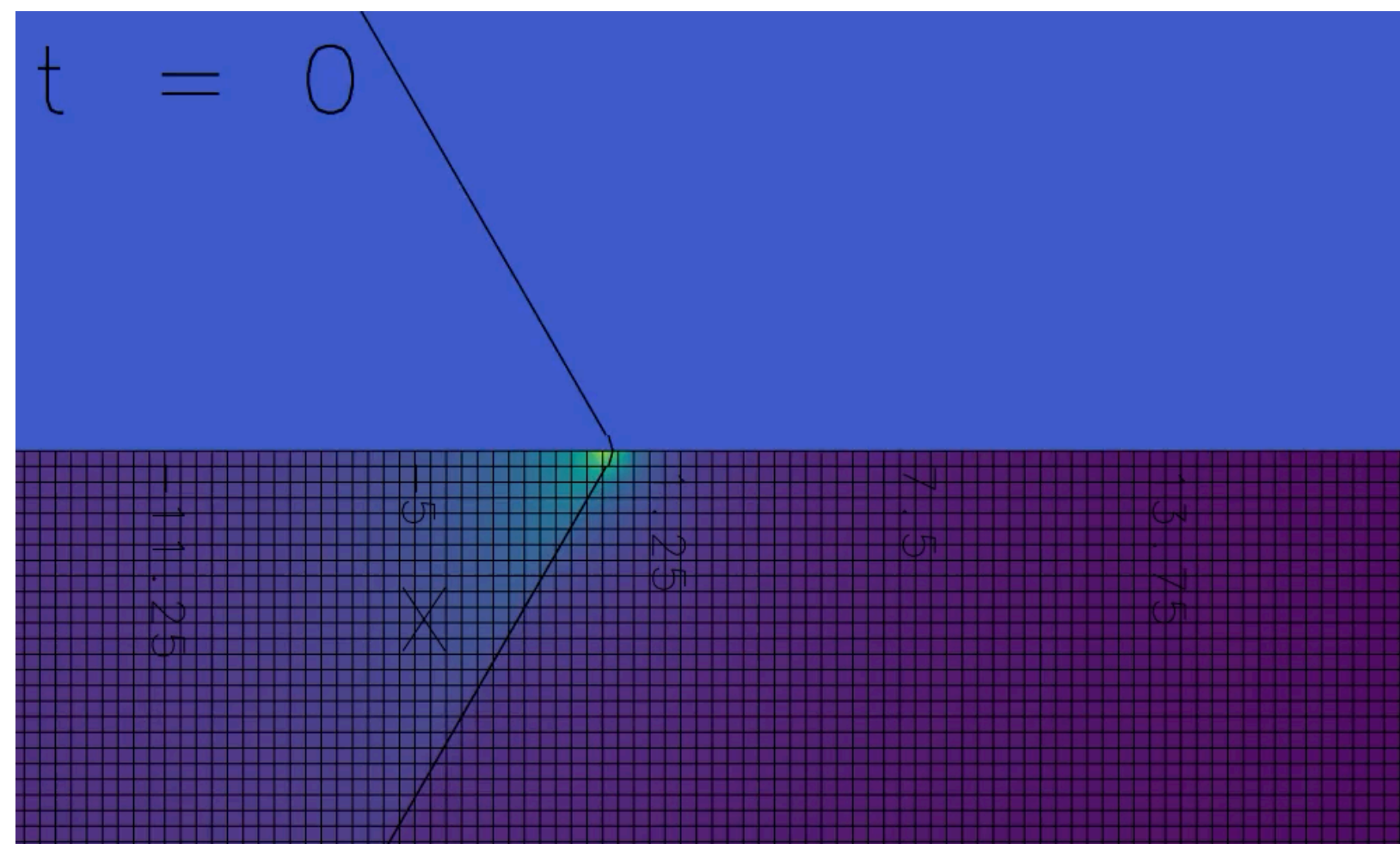
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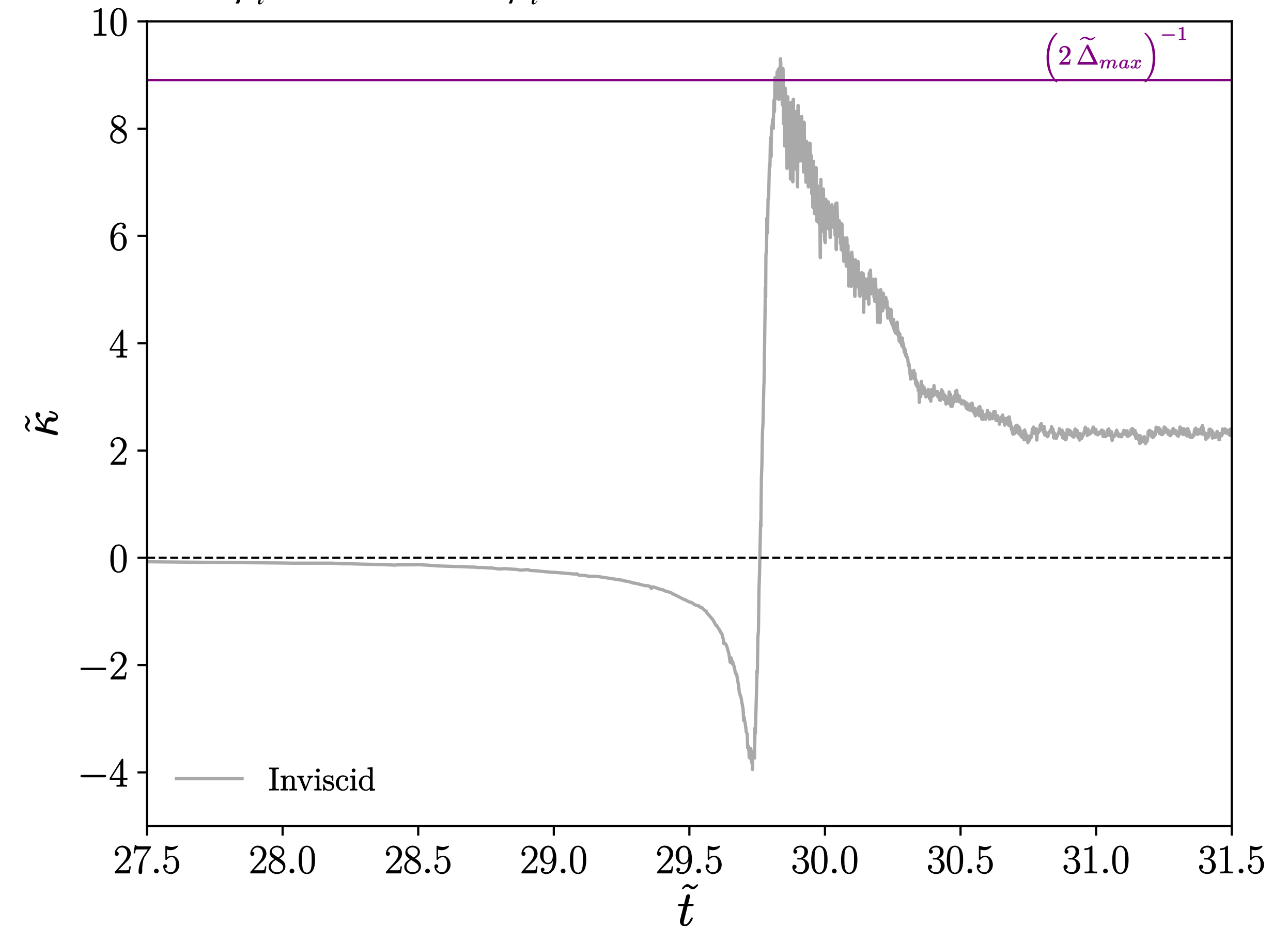
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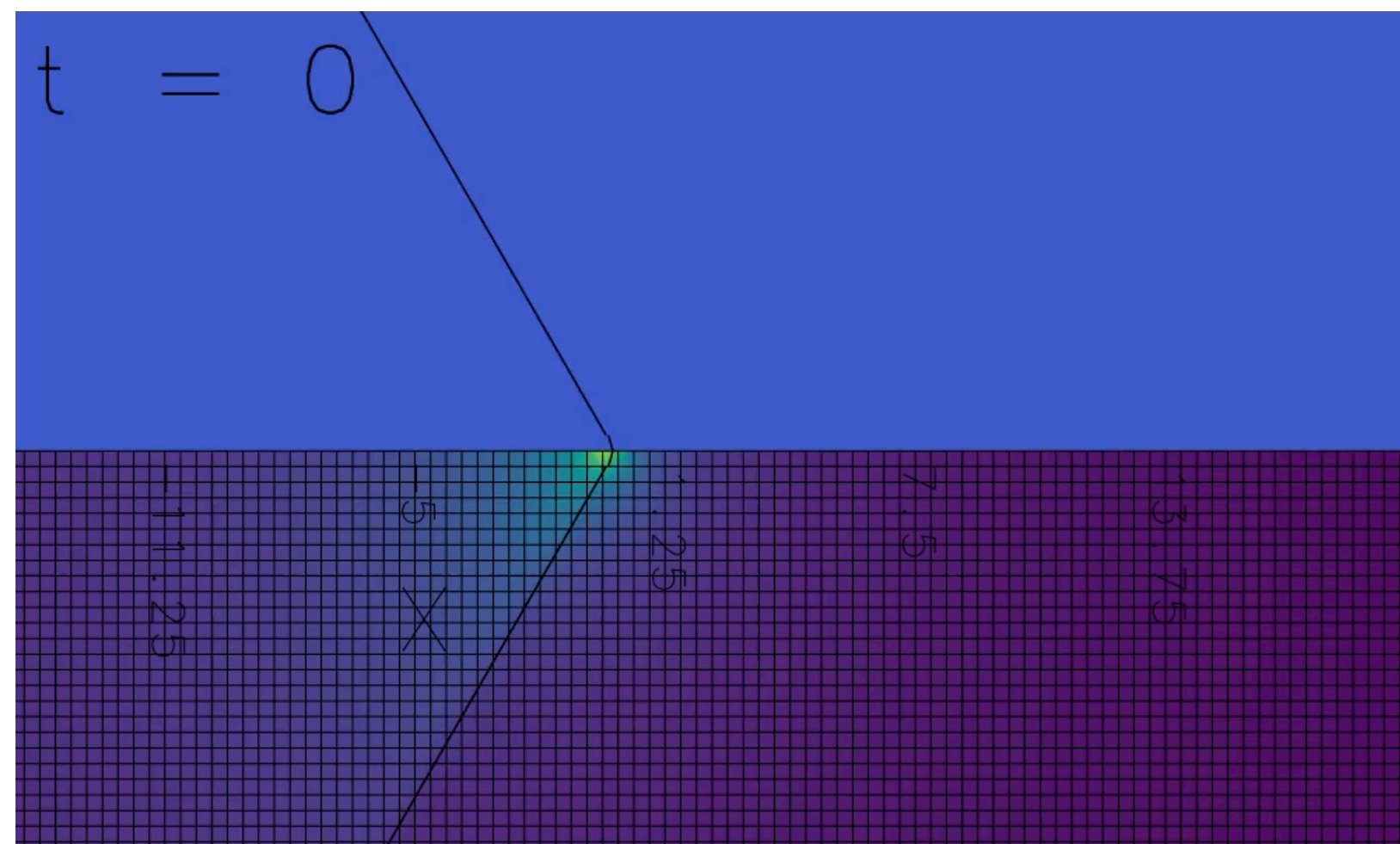
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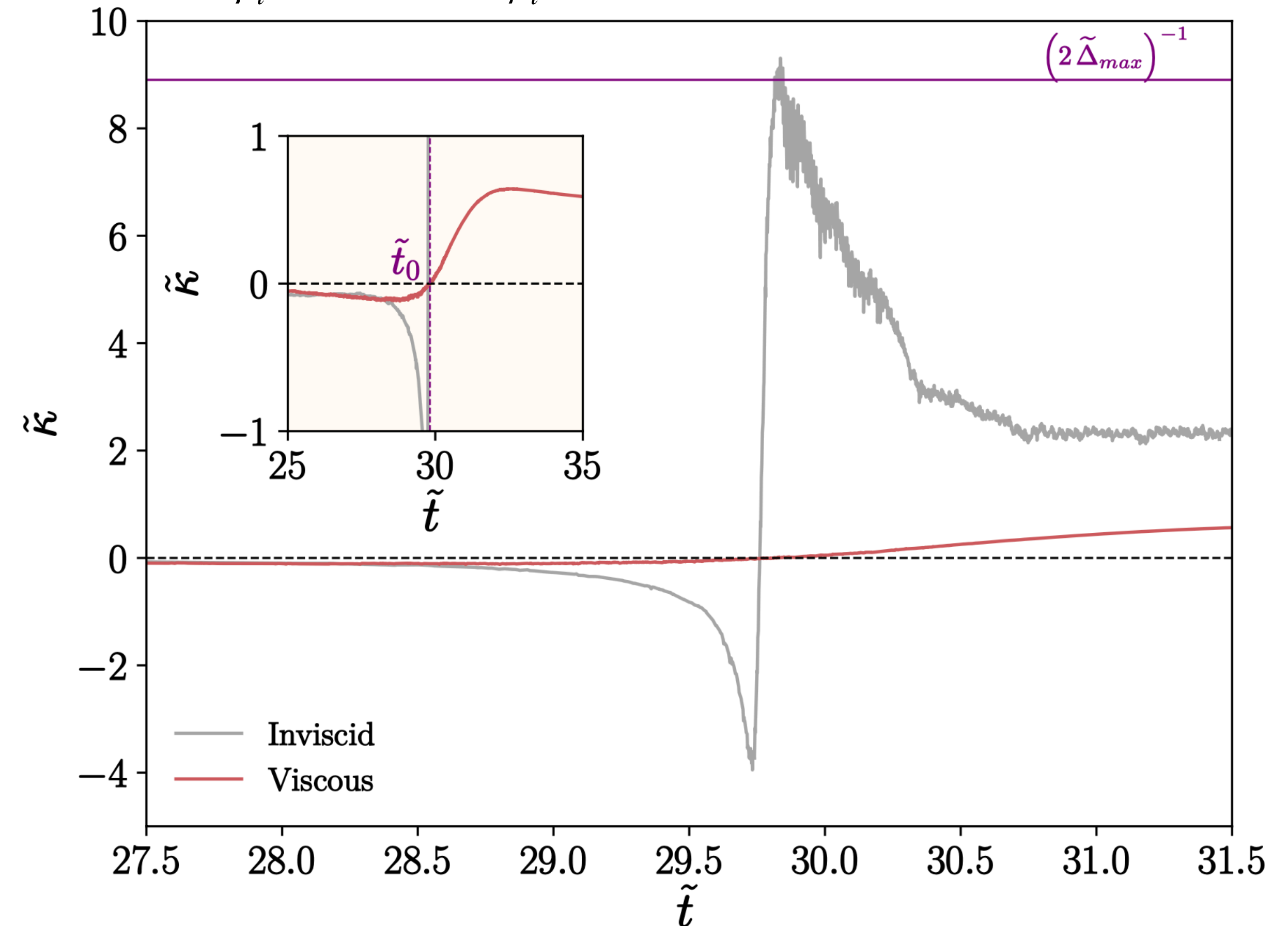
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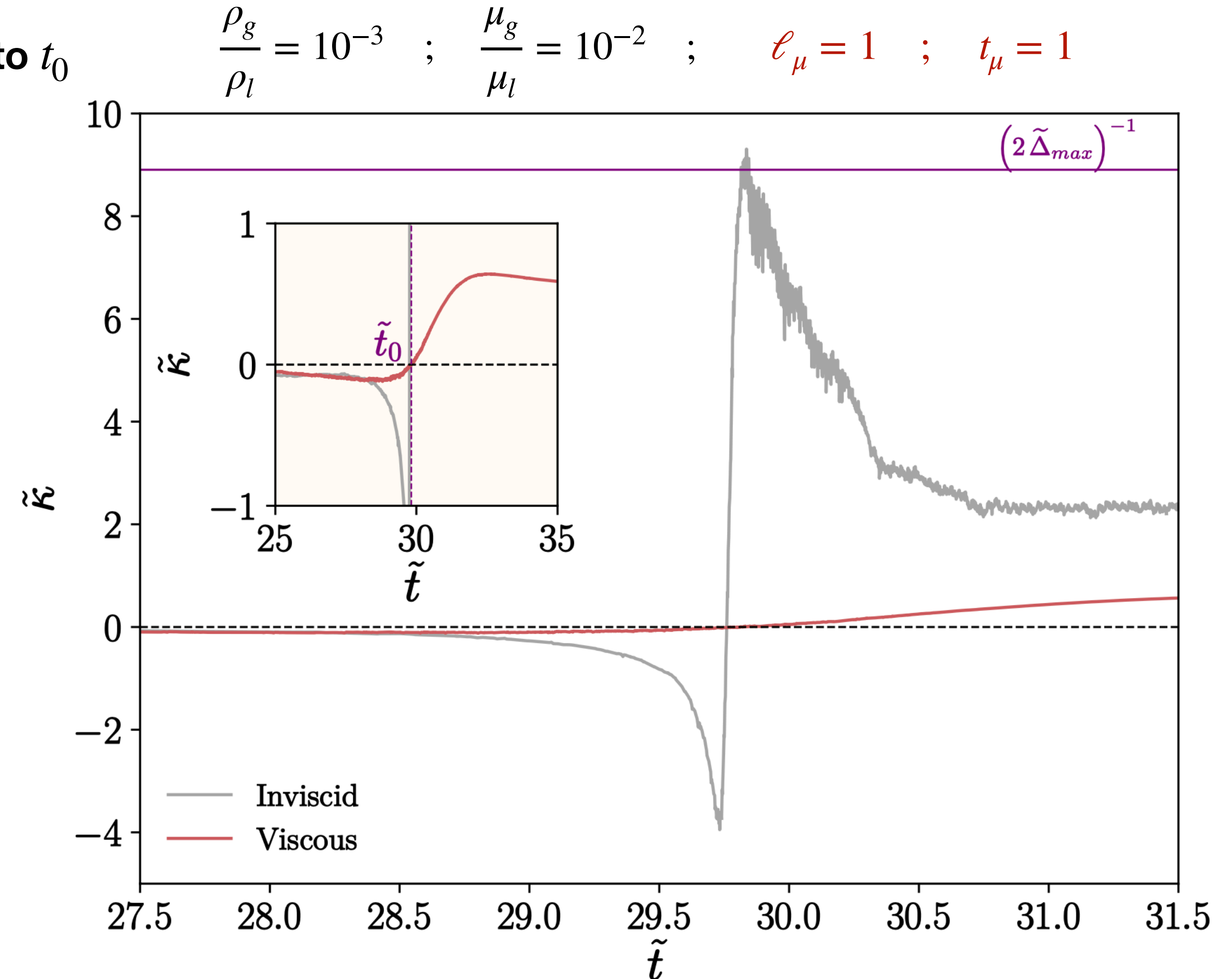
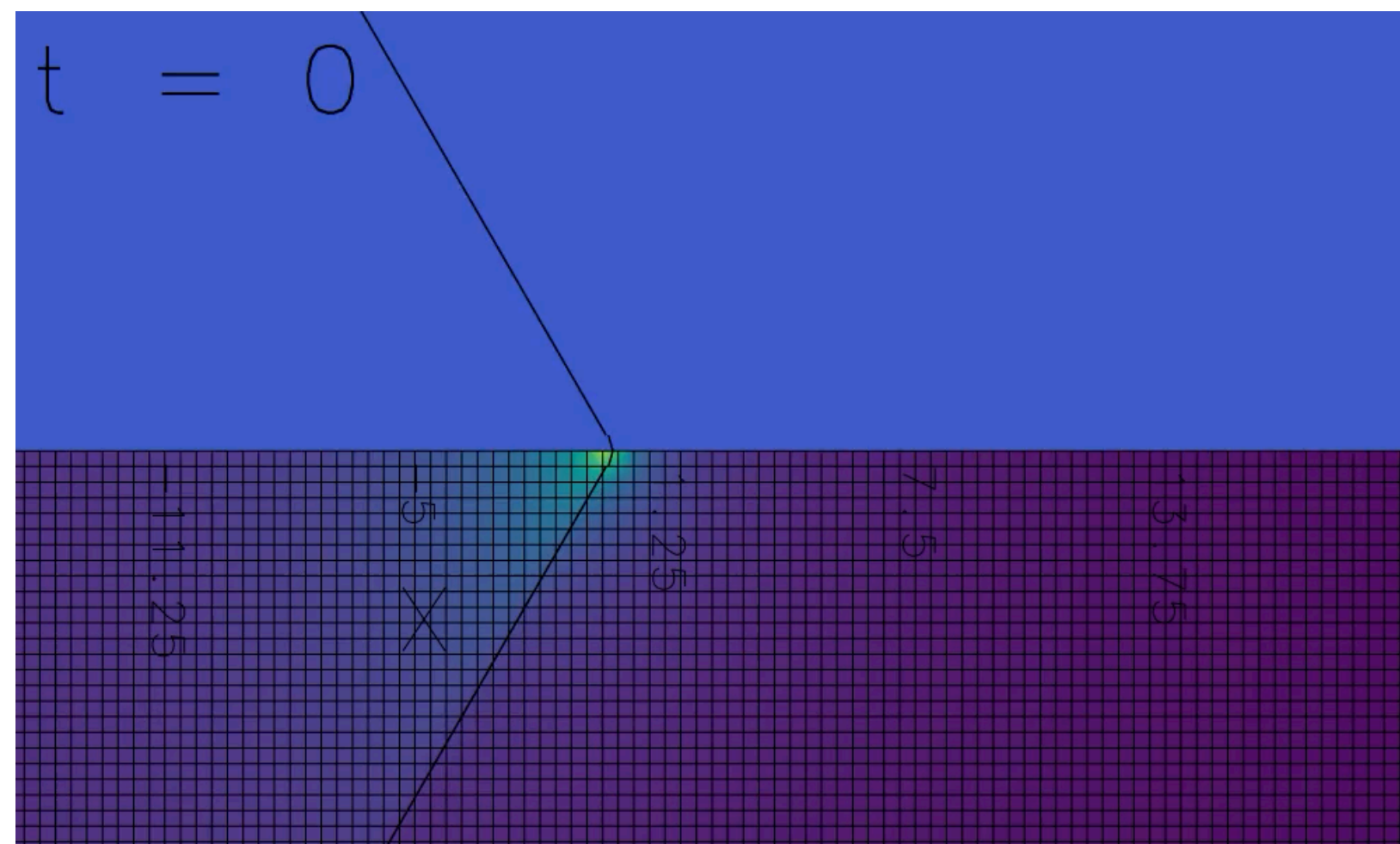
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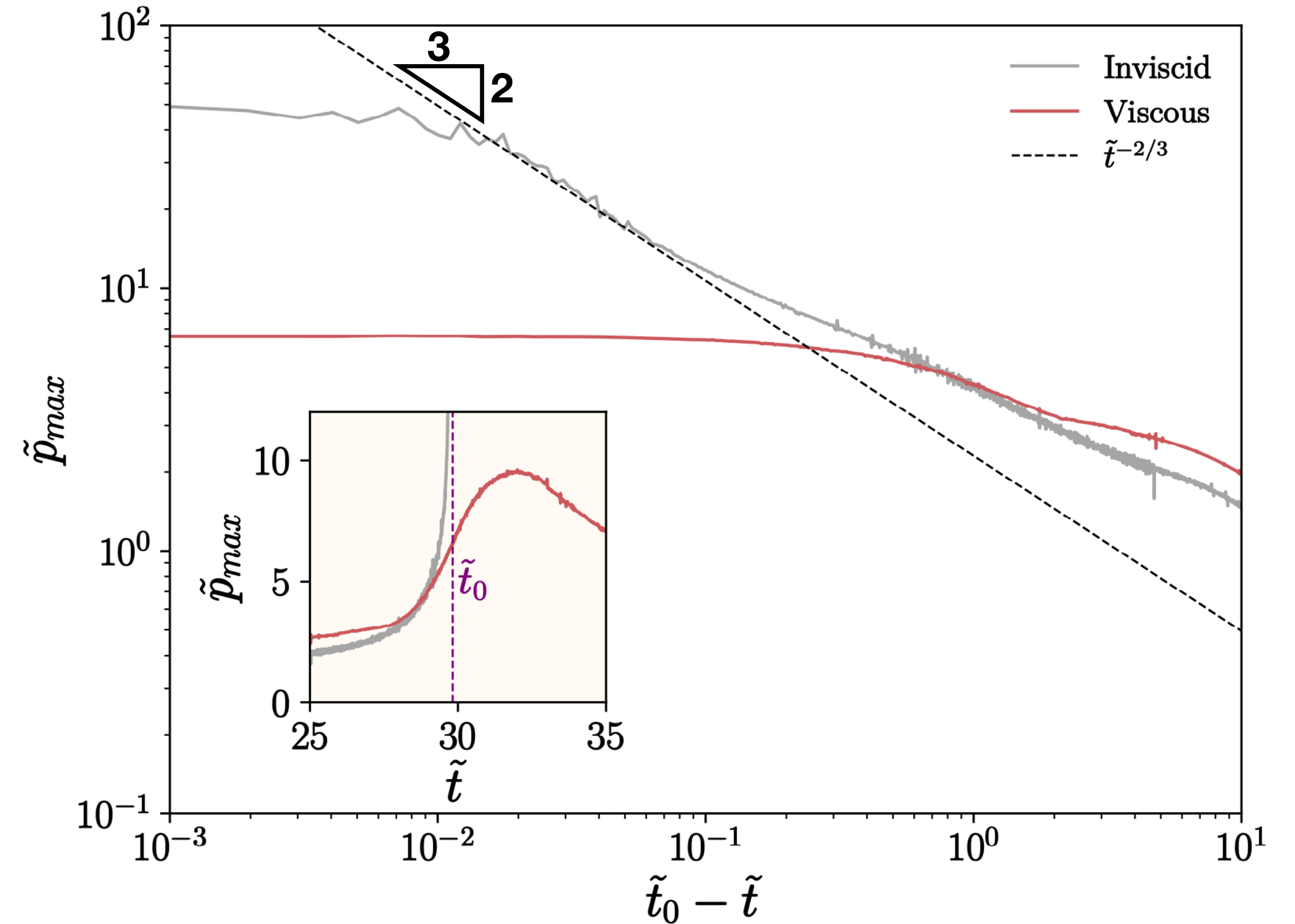
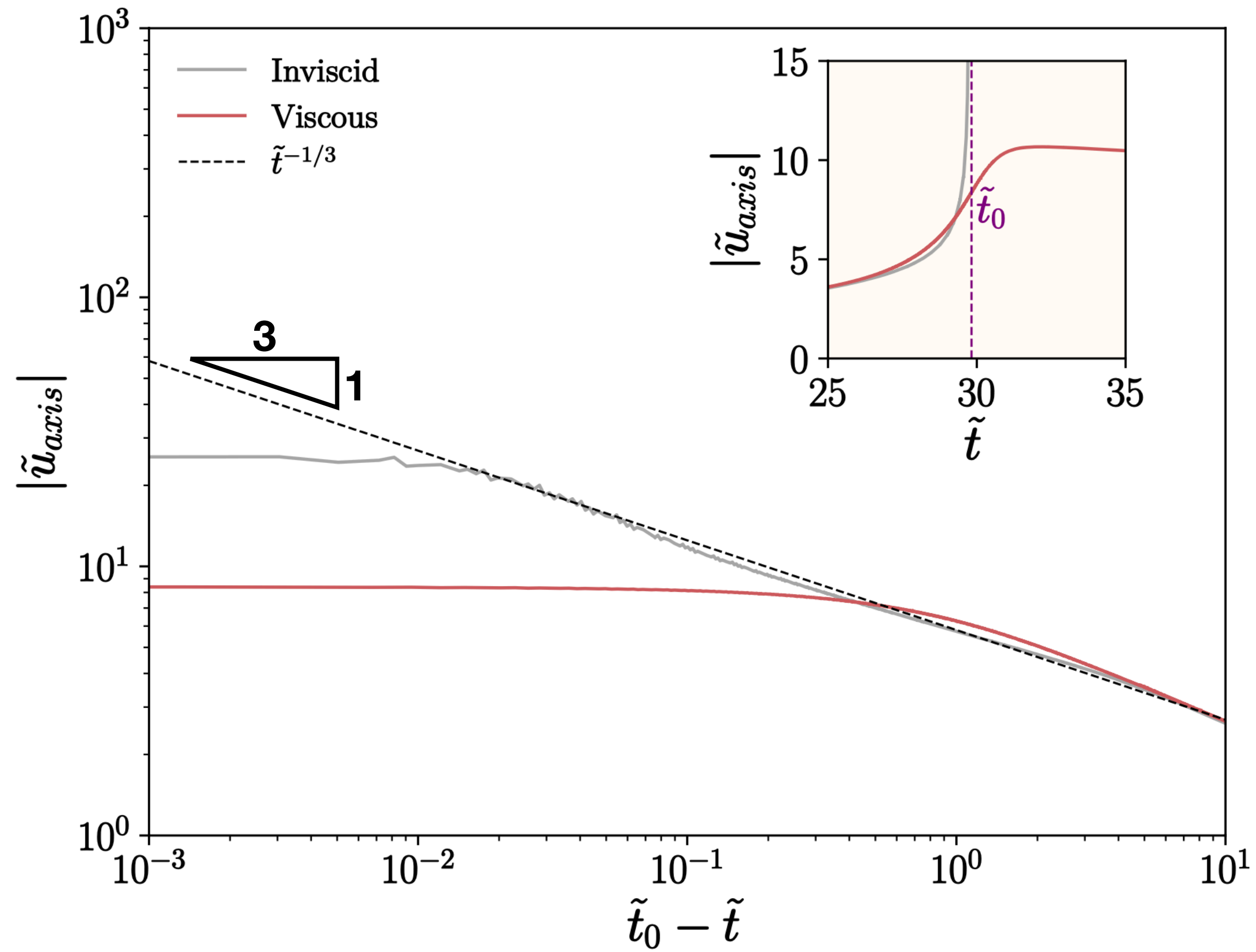
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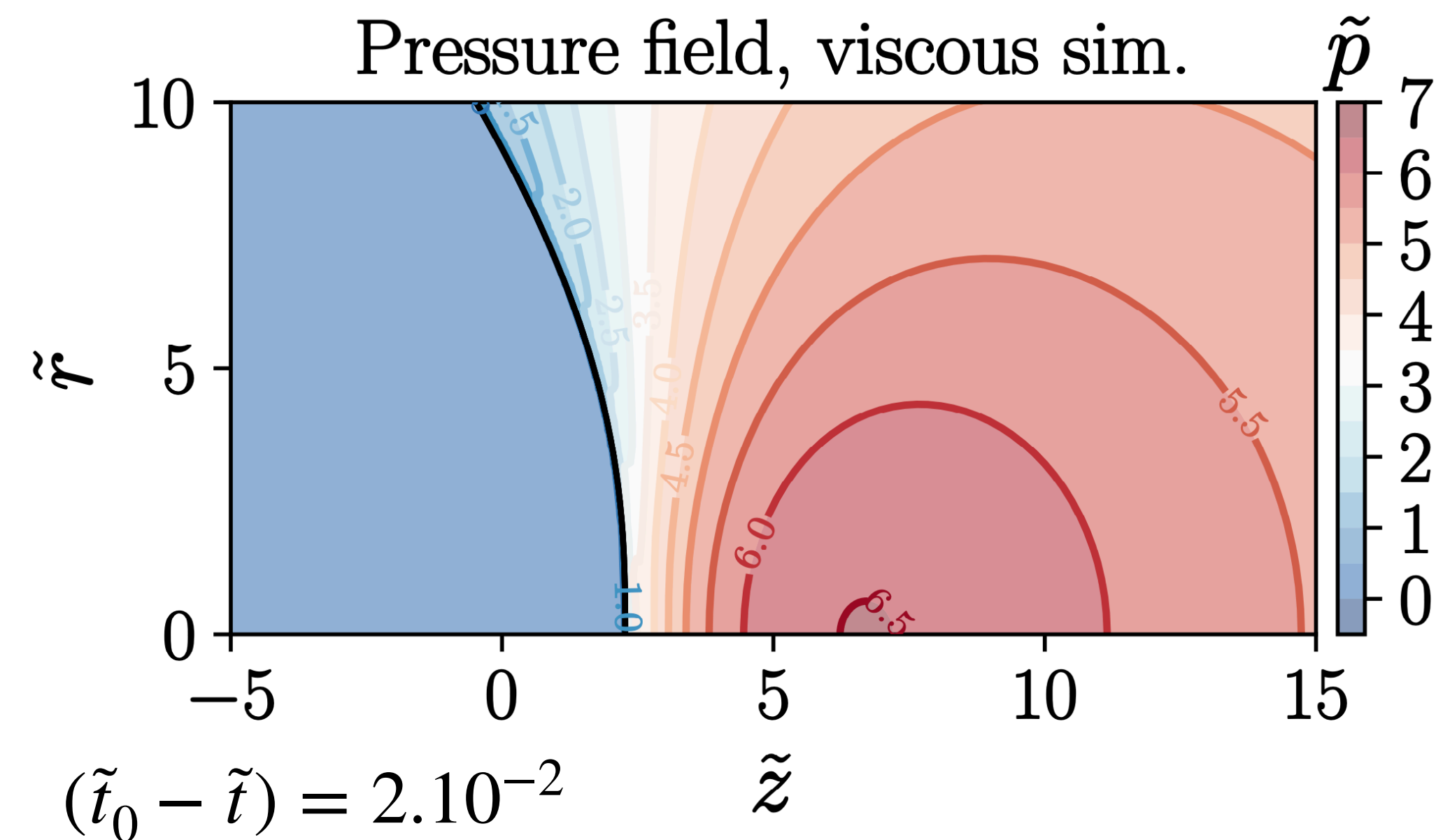
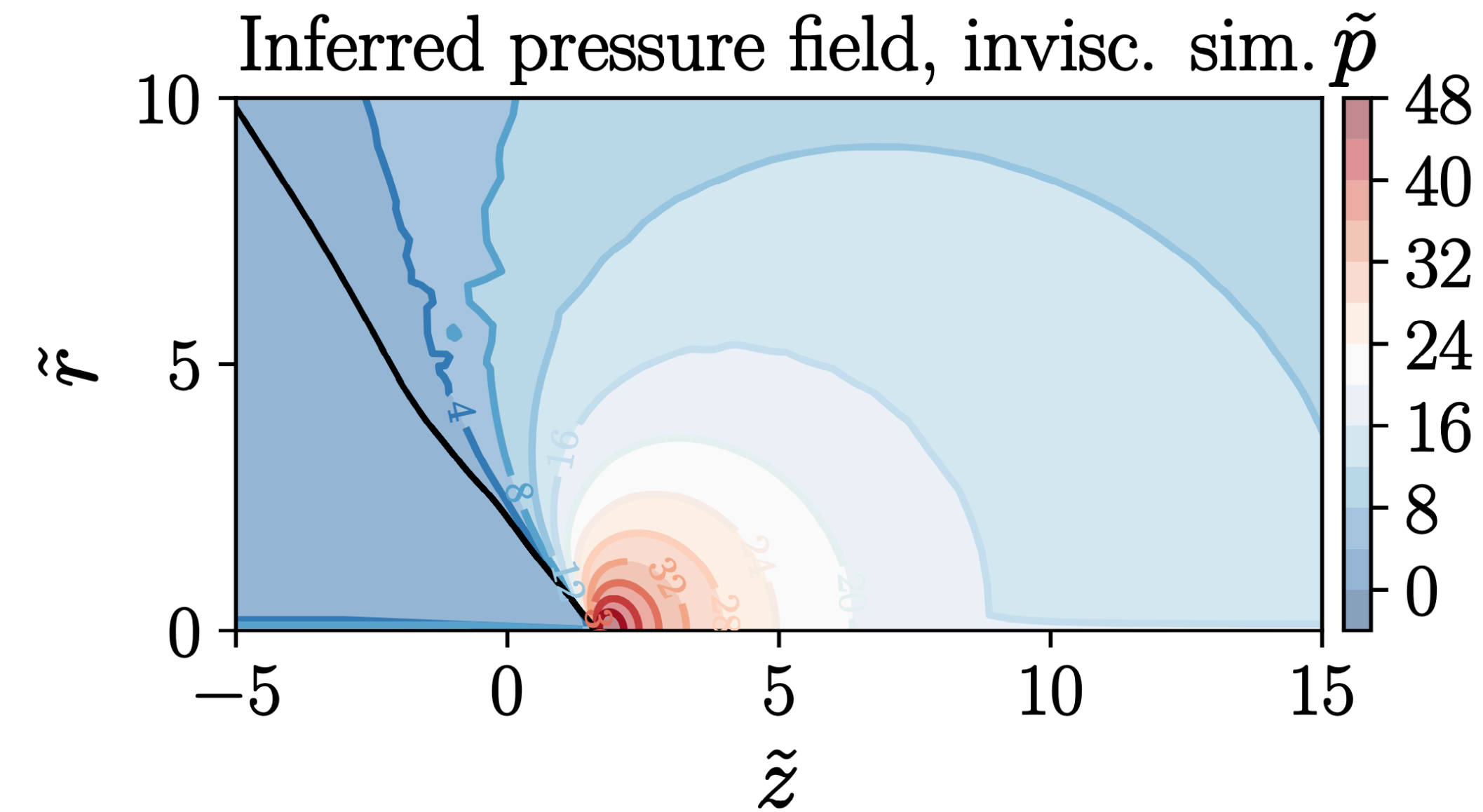
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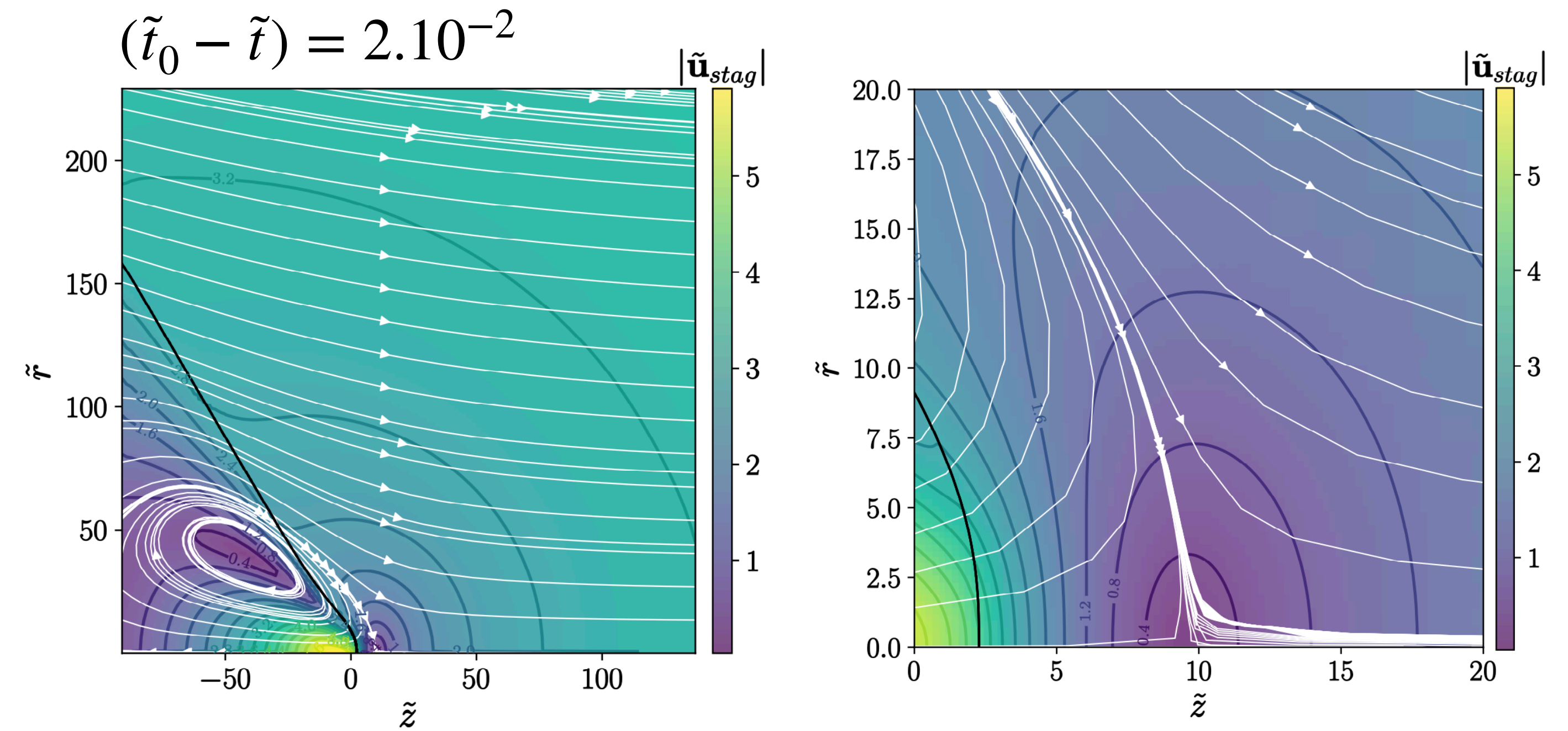
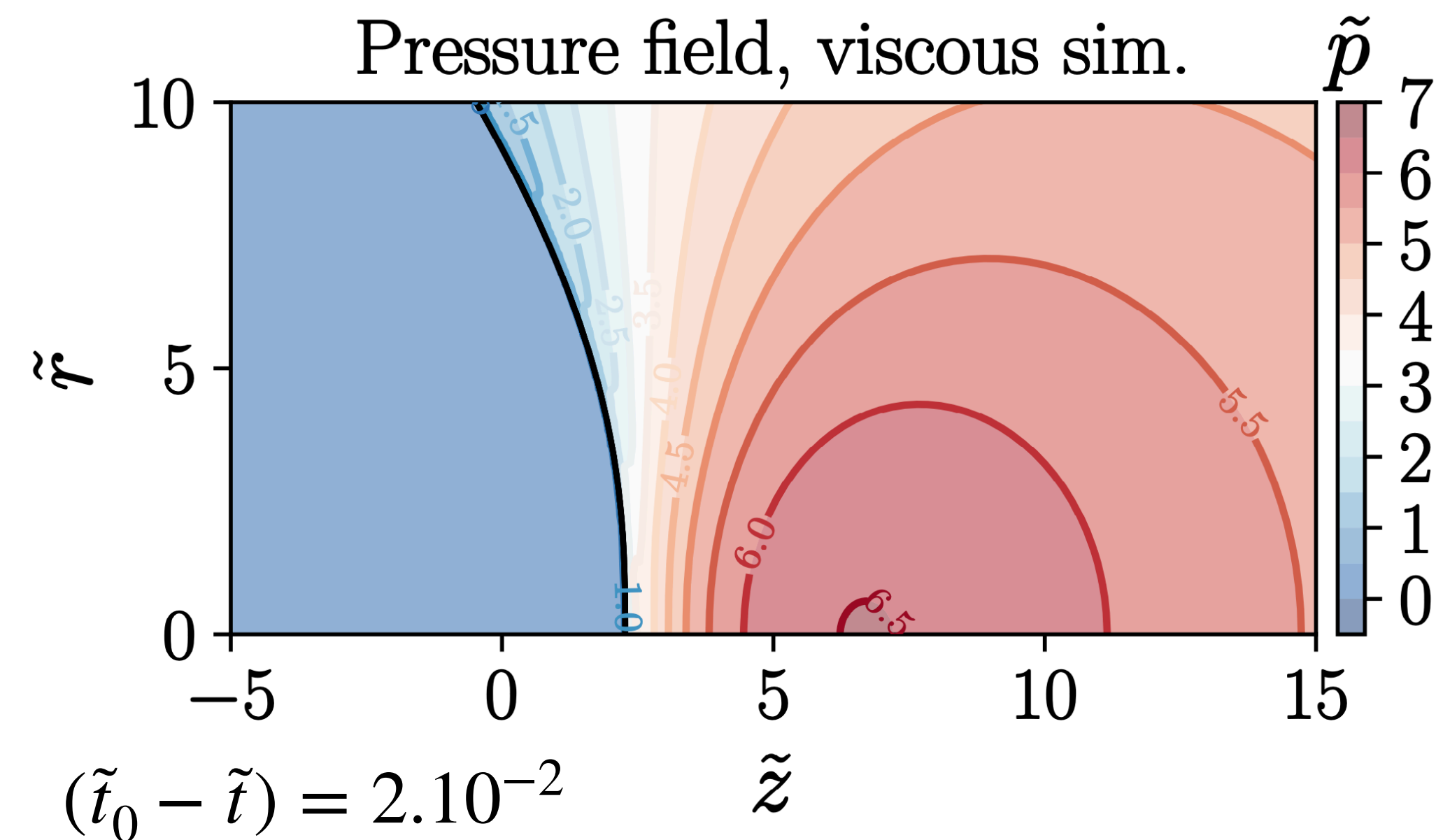
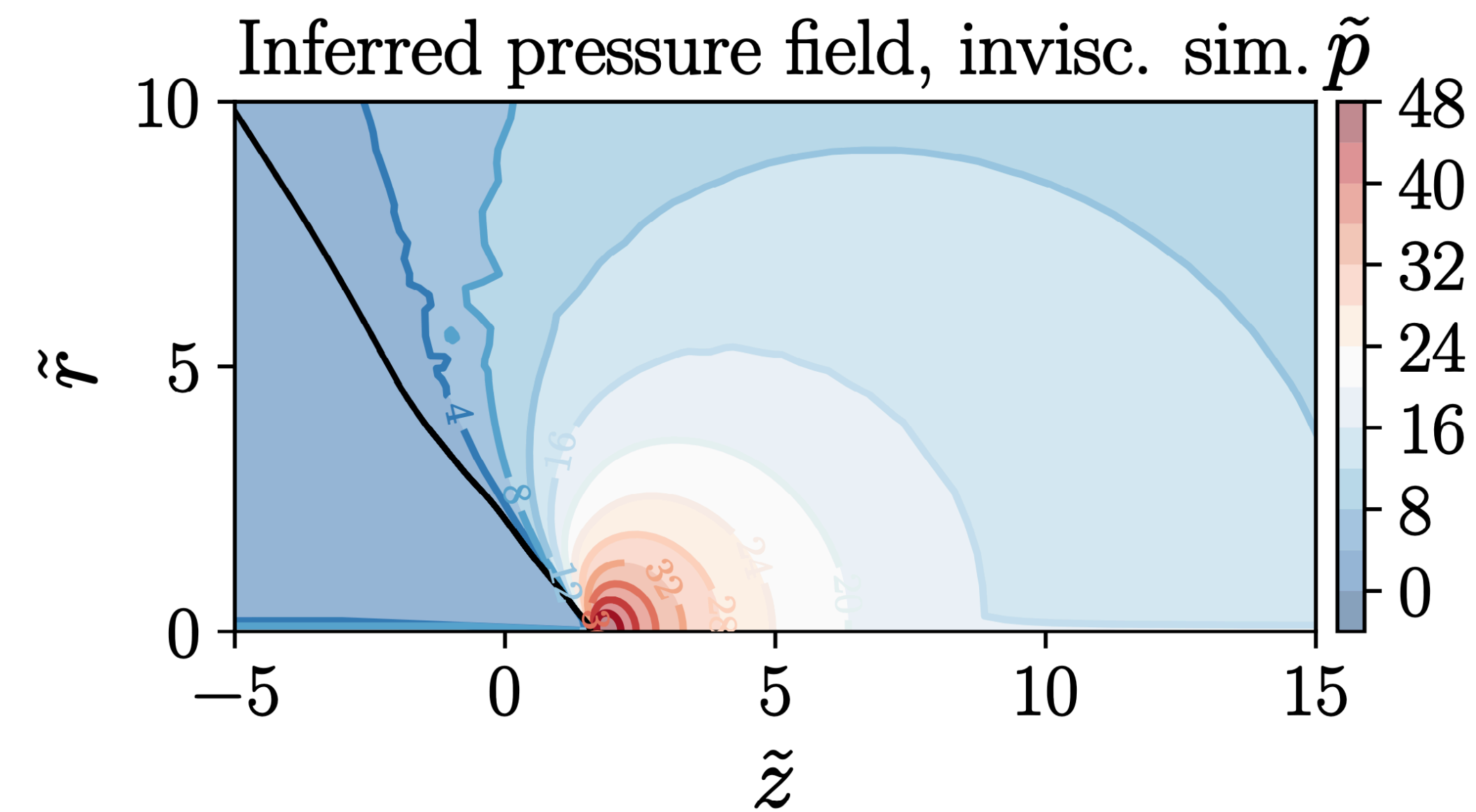
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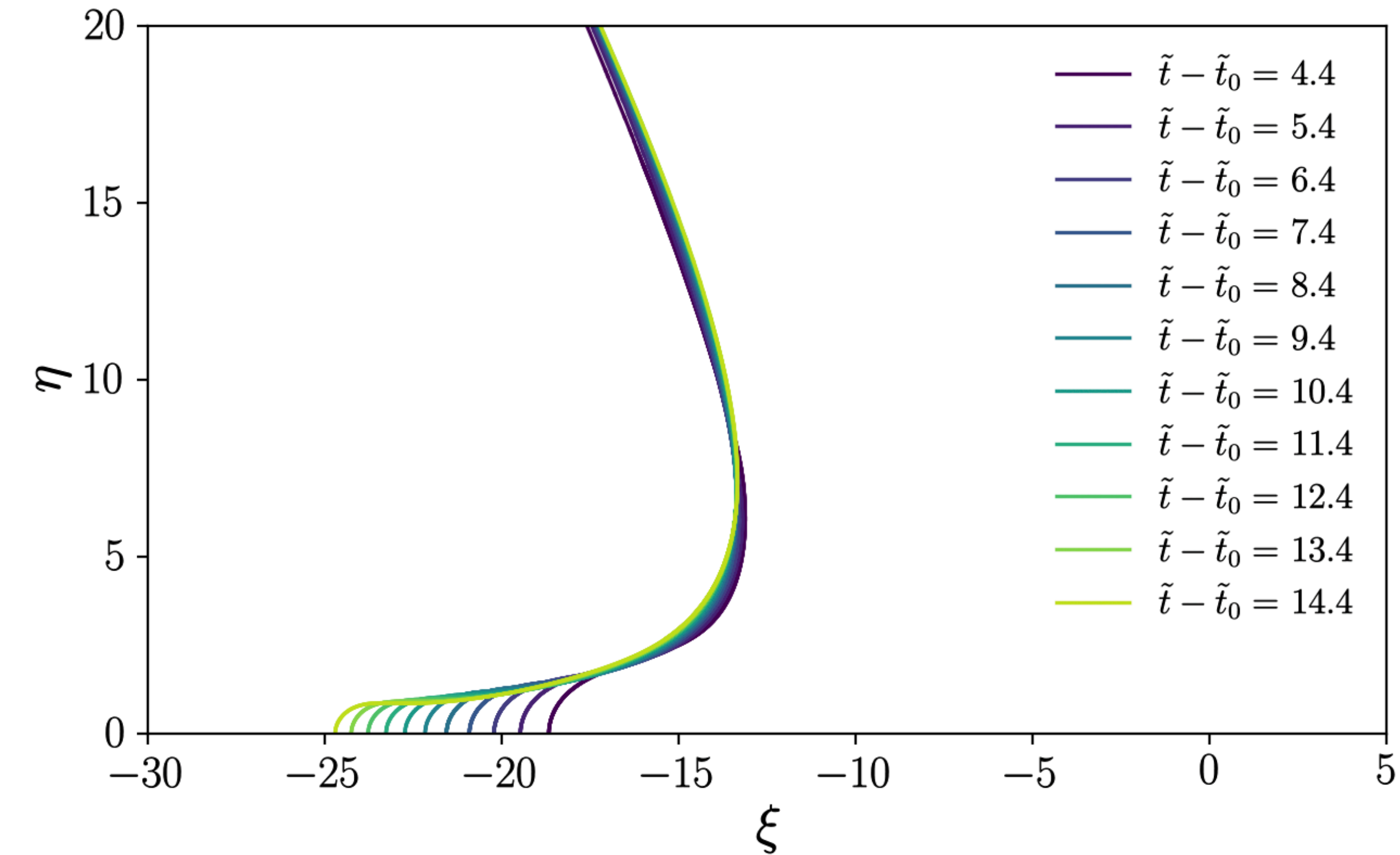


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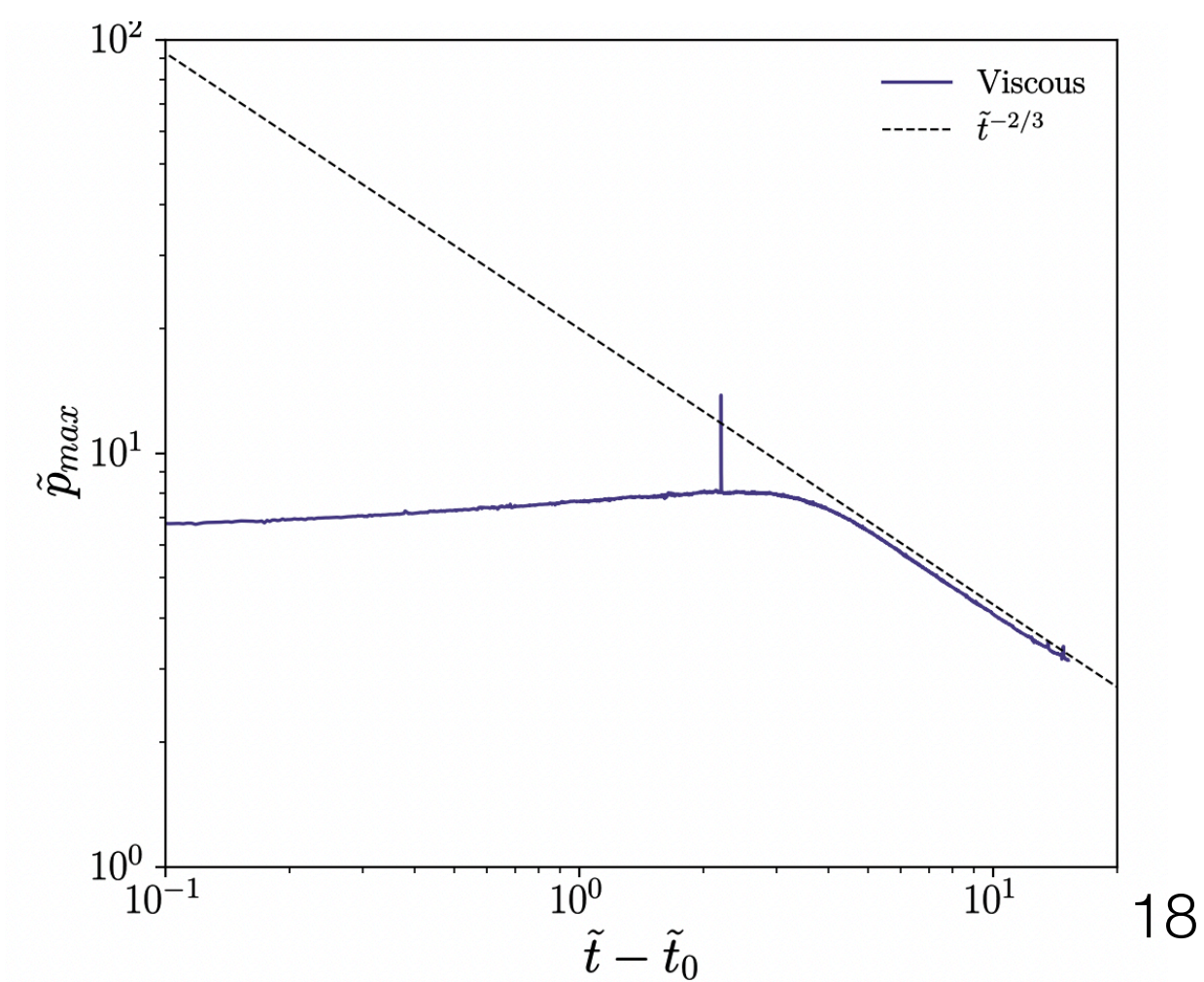
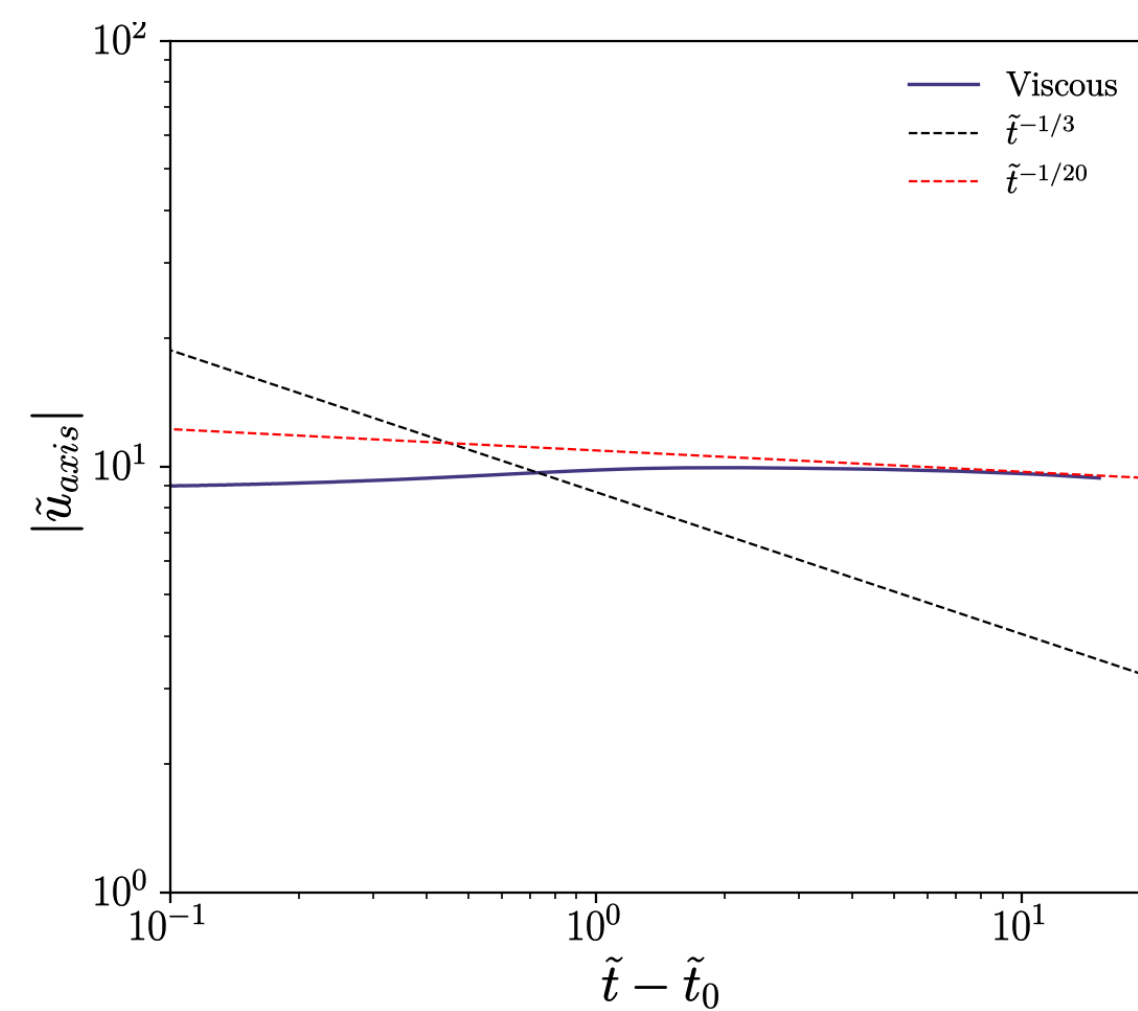
Stagnation flow $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{stagn} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_0$:
 → lateral convergence ⇒ **jet**

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IV.7 - Post-singular jets



***Post-singular jets of non-perturbed collapsed cavities
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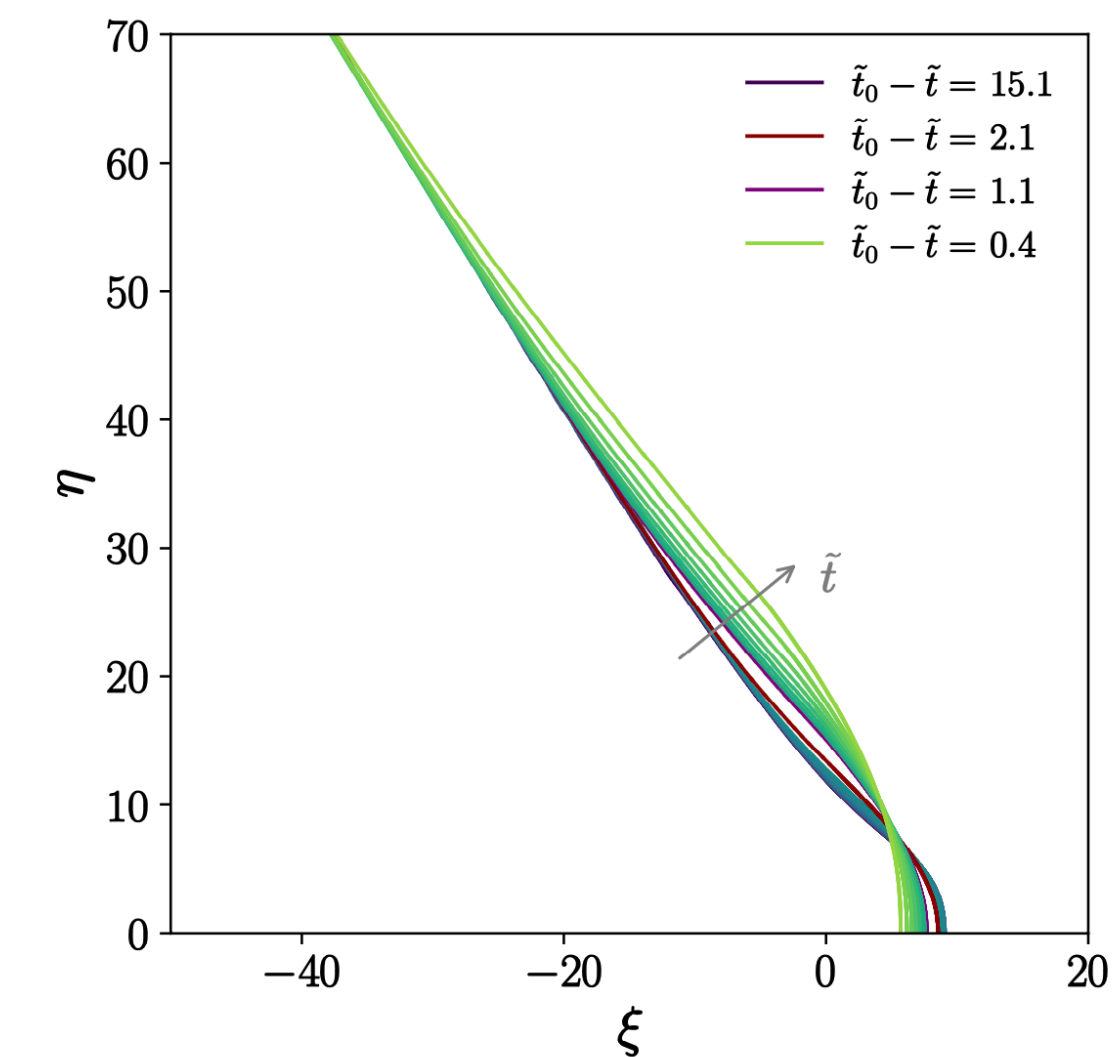
***Velocity is more or less constant,
as observed experimentally***

Pressure field follows again a cap.-inert. Reg.

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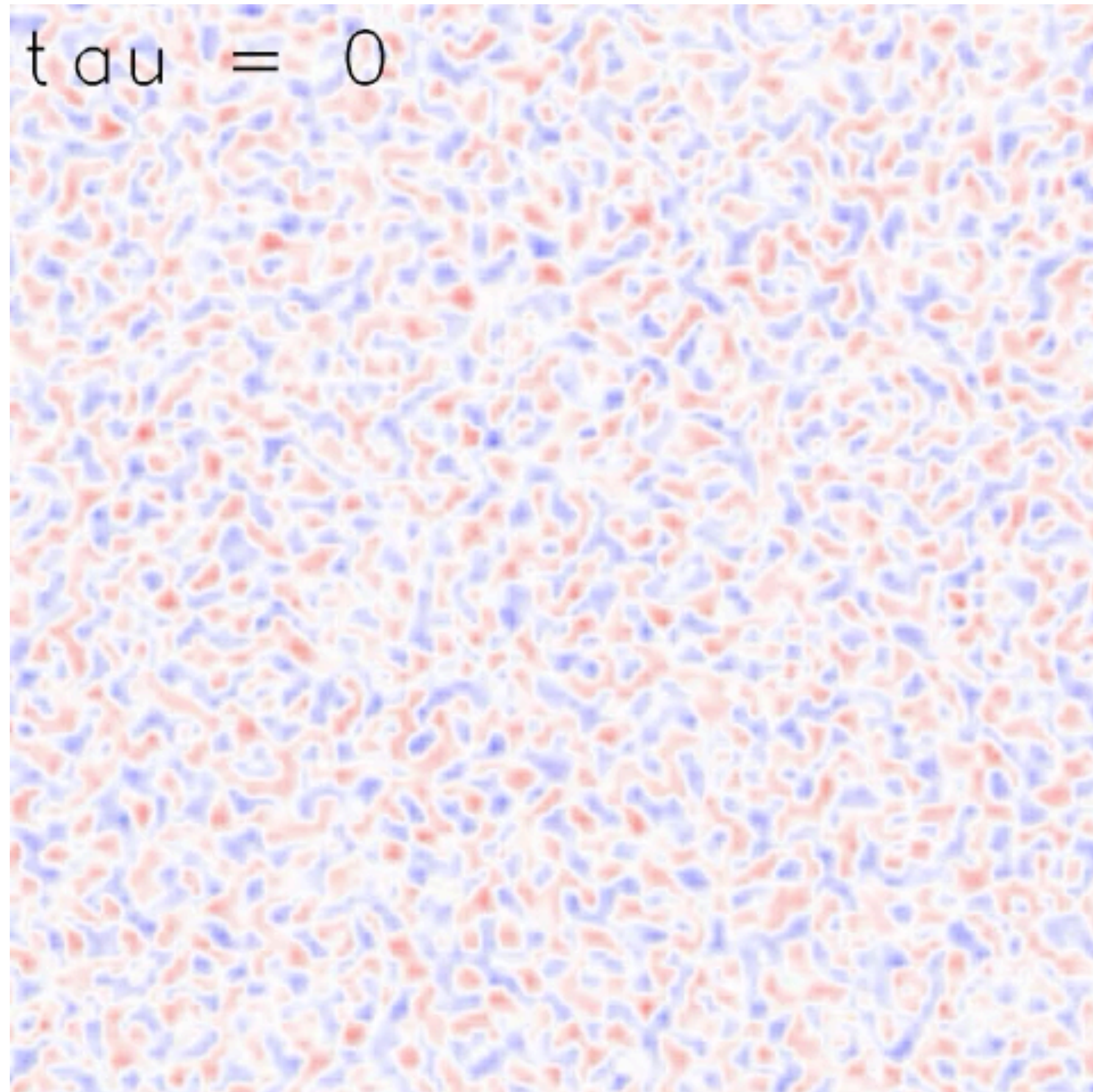
- **Collapse of a conical cavity:**
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 - self-similar in $t'^{2/3}$ (capillary-inertial)
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 - family of self-similar profiles indexed by $(\theta_0, \tilde{\mu}_0)$
 - self-similar jet profiles at high $|\tilde{\mu}_0|$
 - singularity crossed by viscosity effects
 - stagnation point as a kinematic process for jet emission
 - variation of BCs \rightarrow *inertial pinching* \rightarrow *non-universality* of self-sim. sol.



*Passing through
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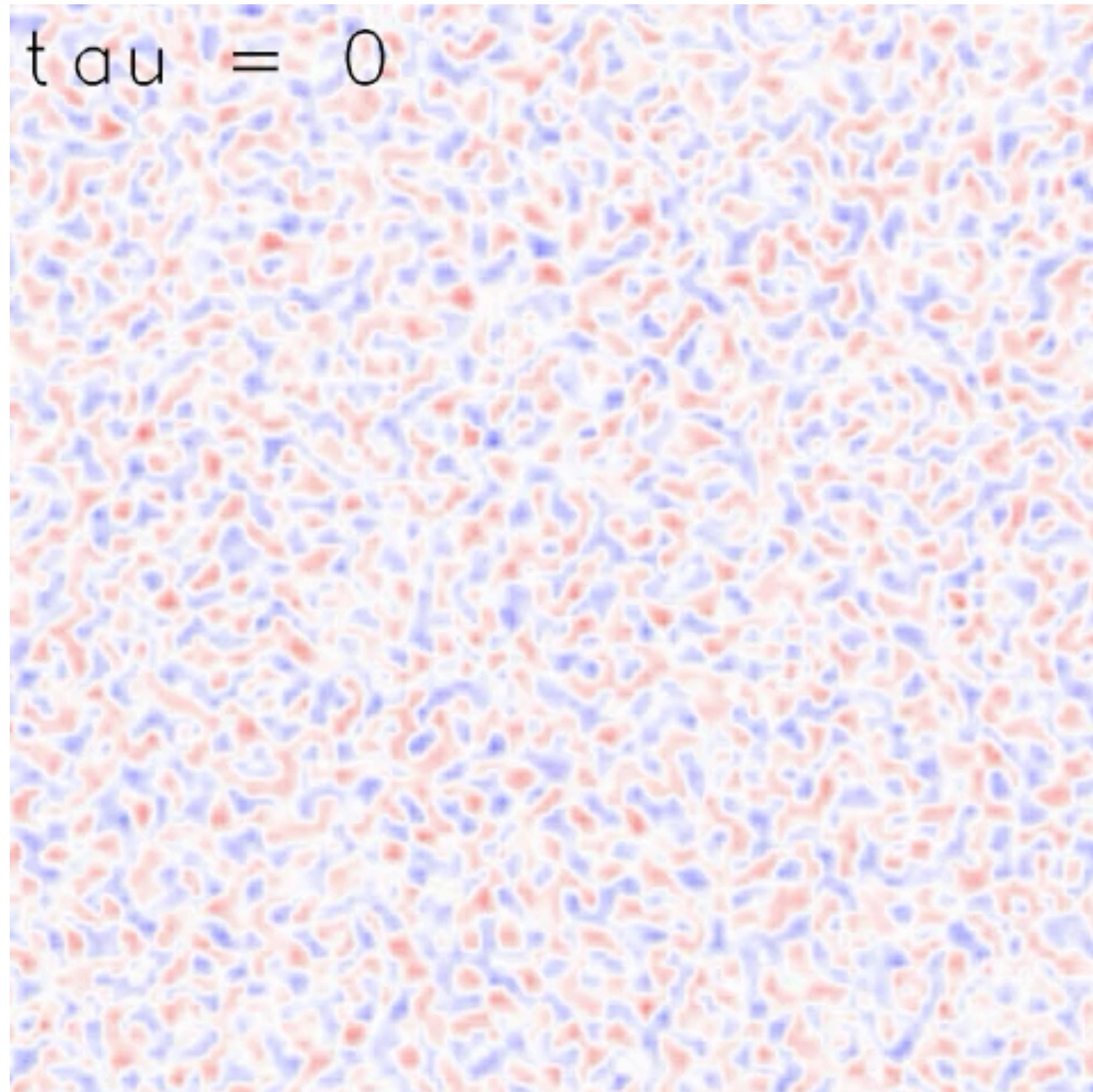
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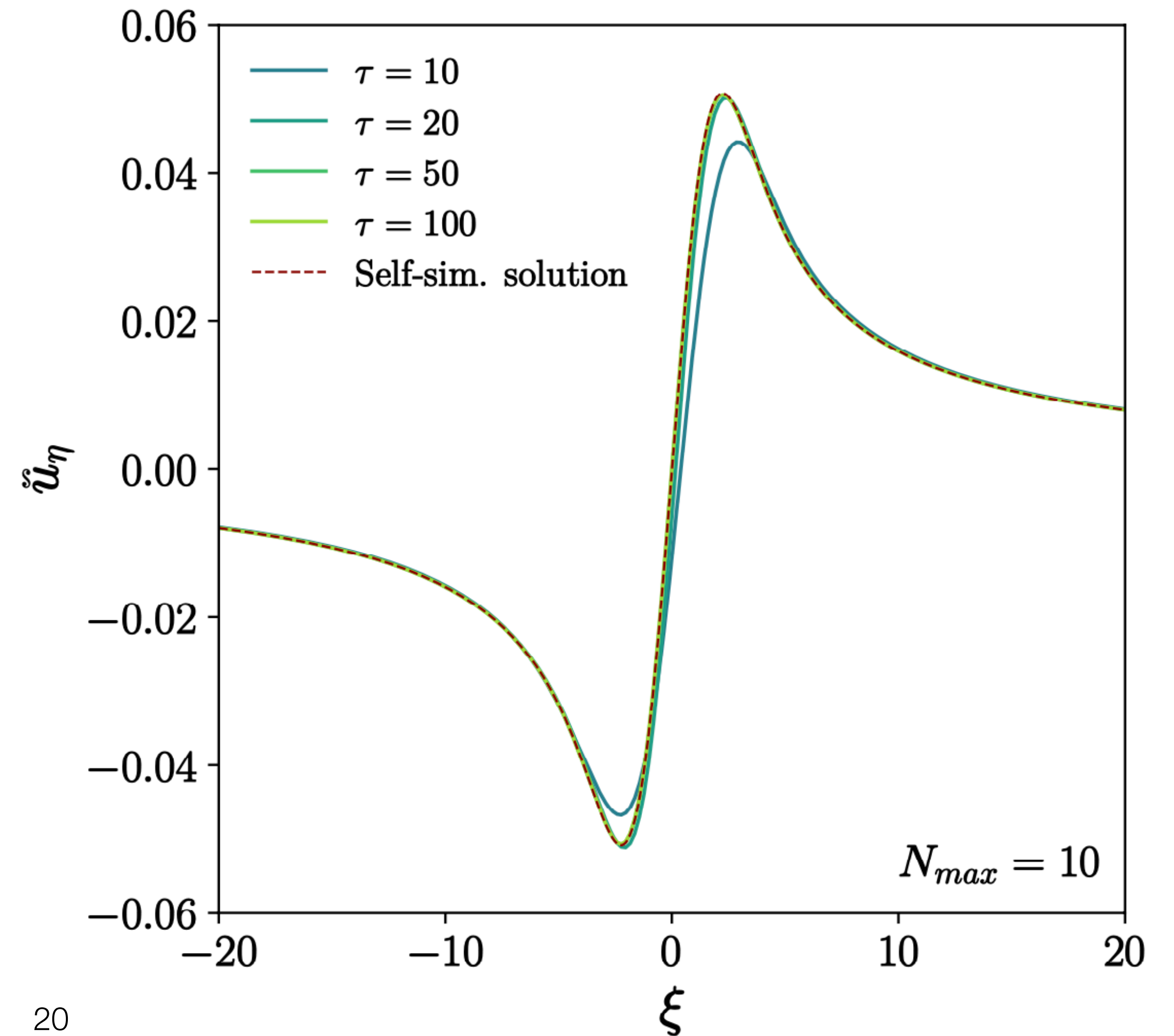
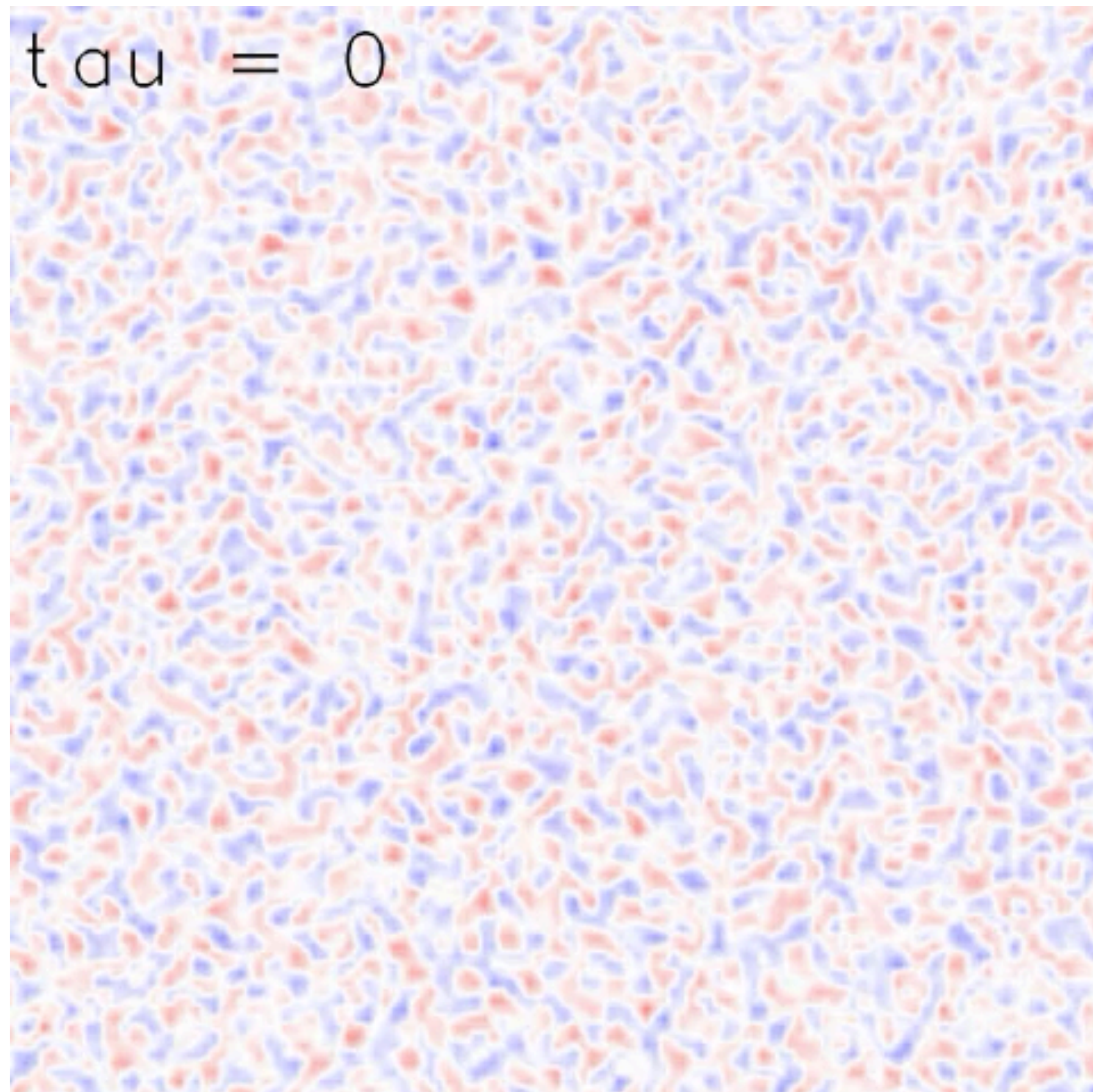
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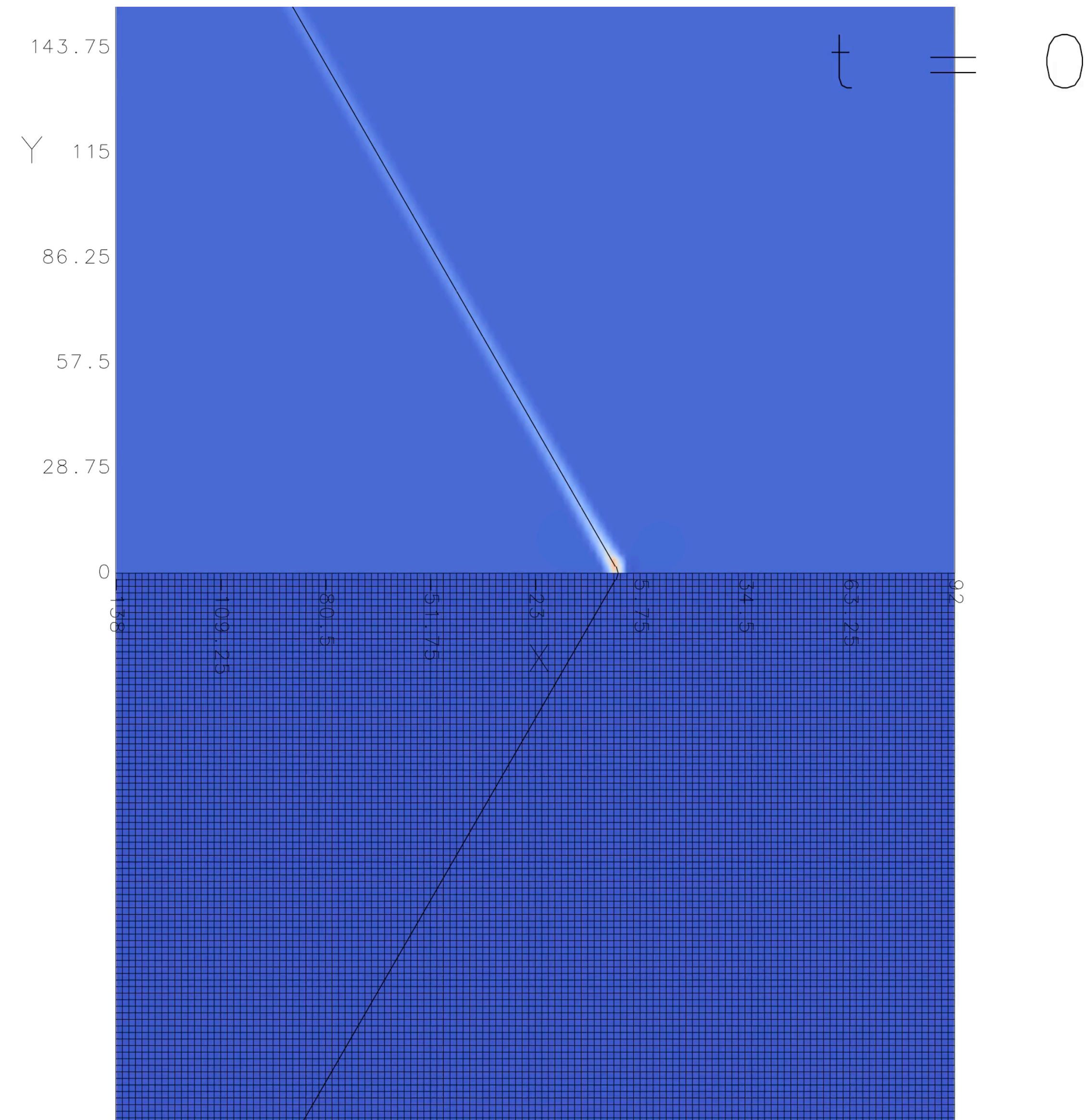
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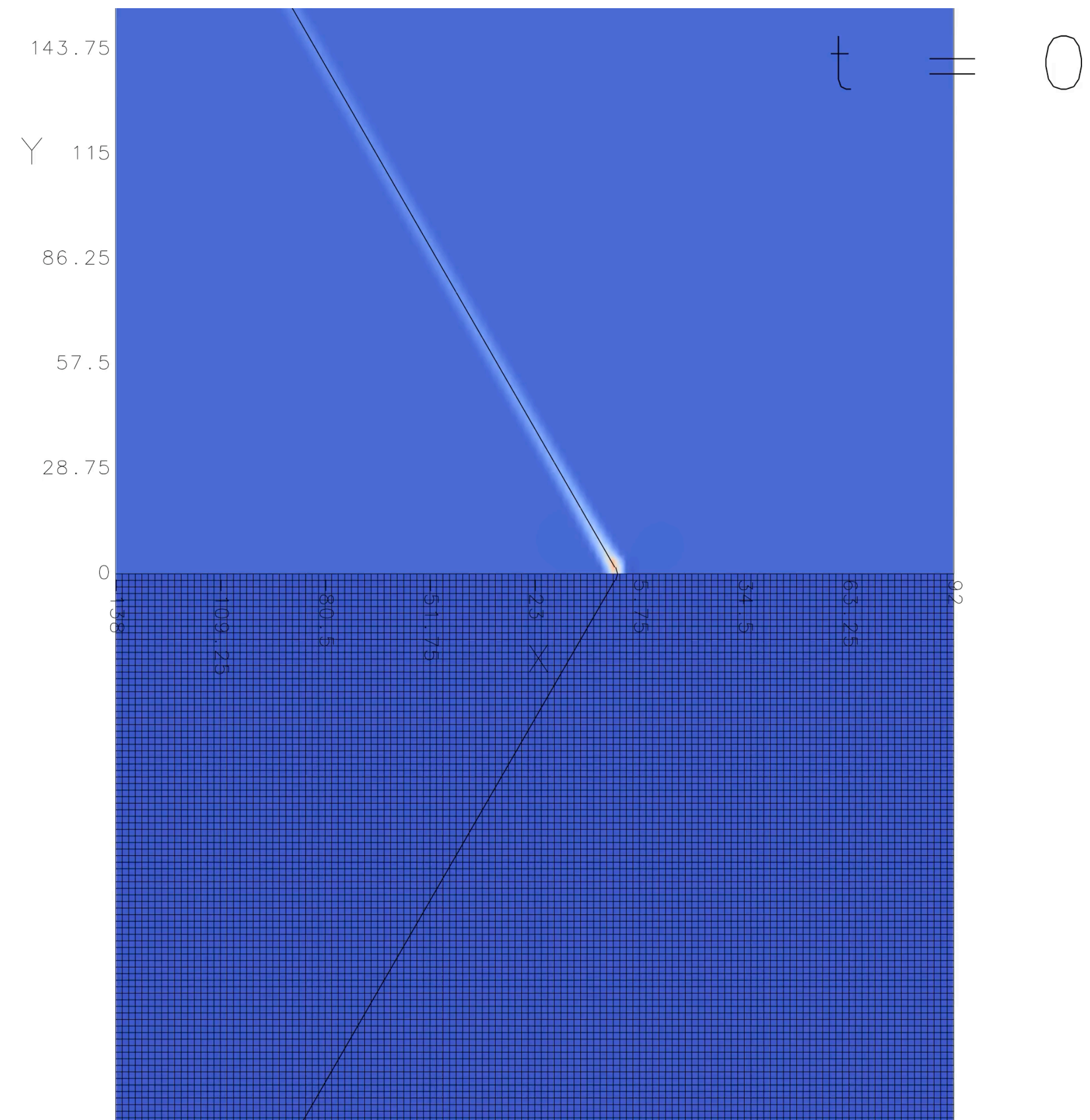
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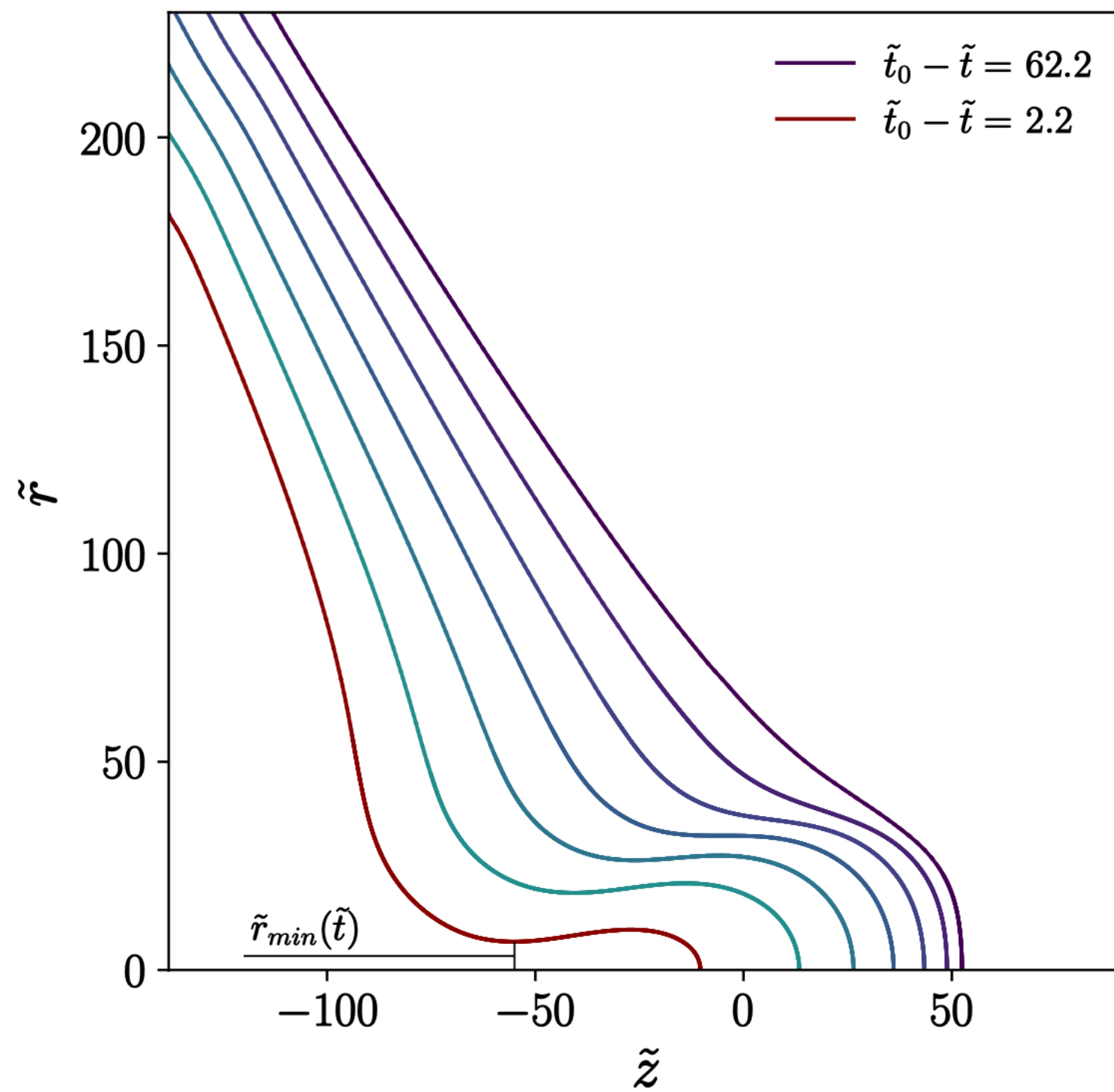
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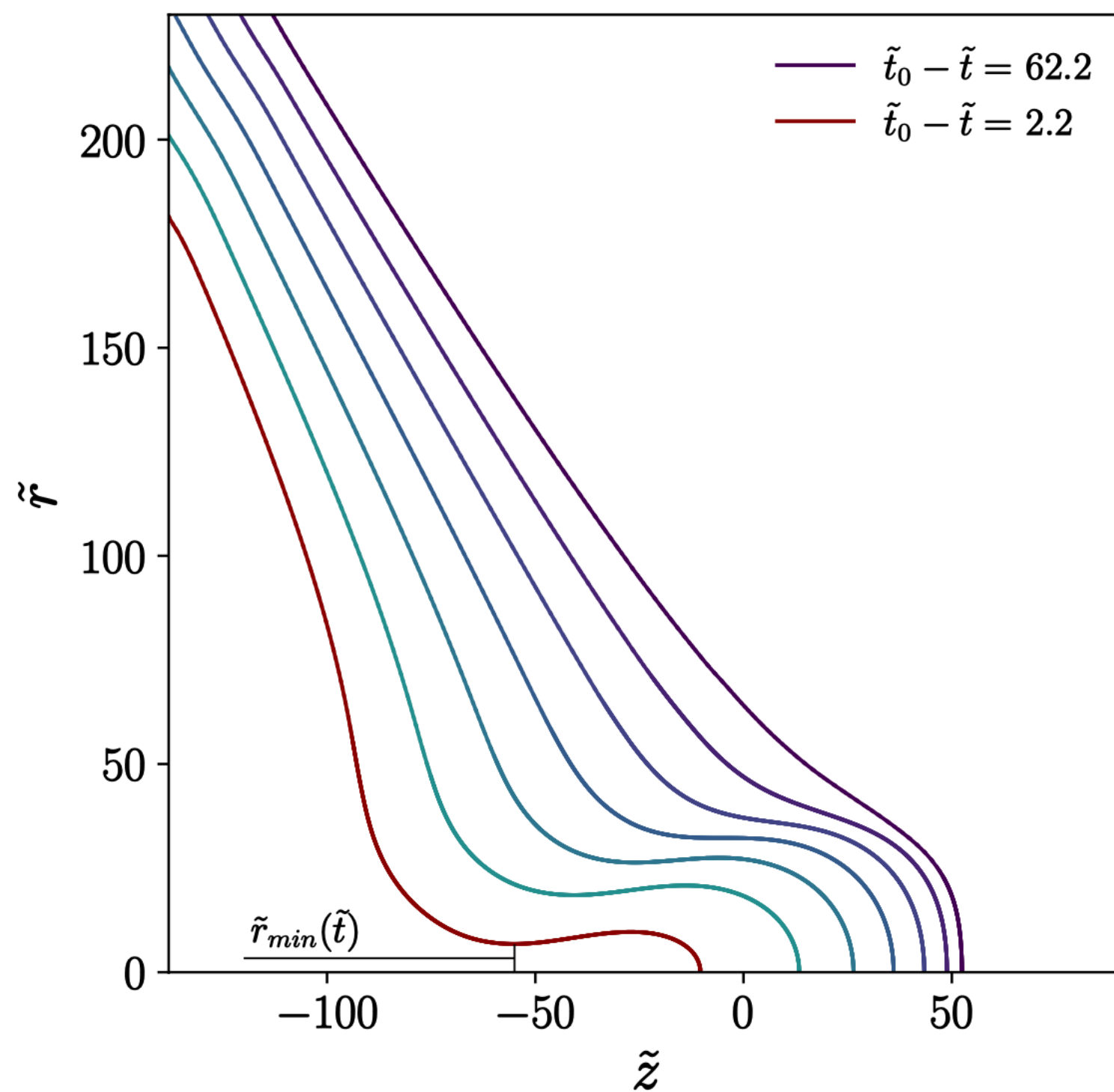


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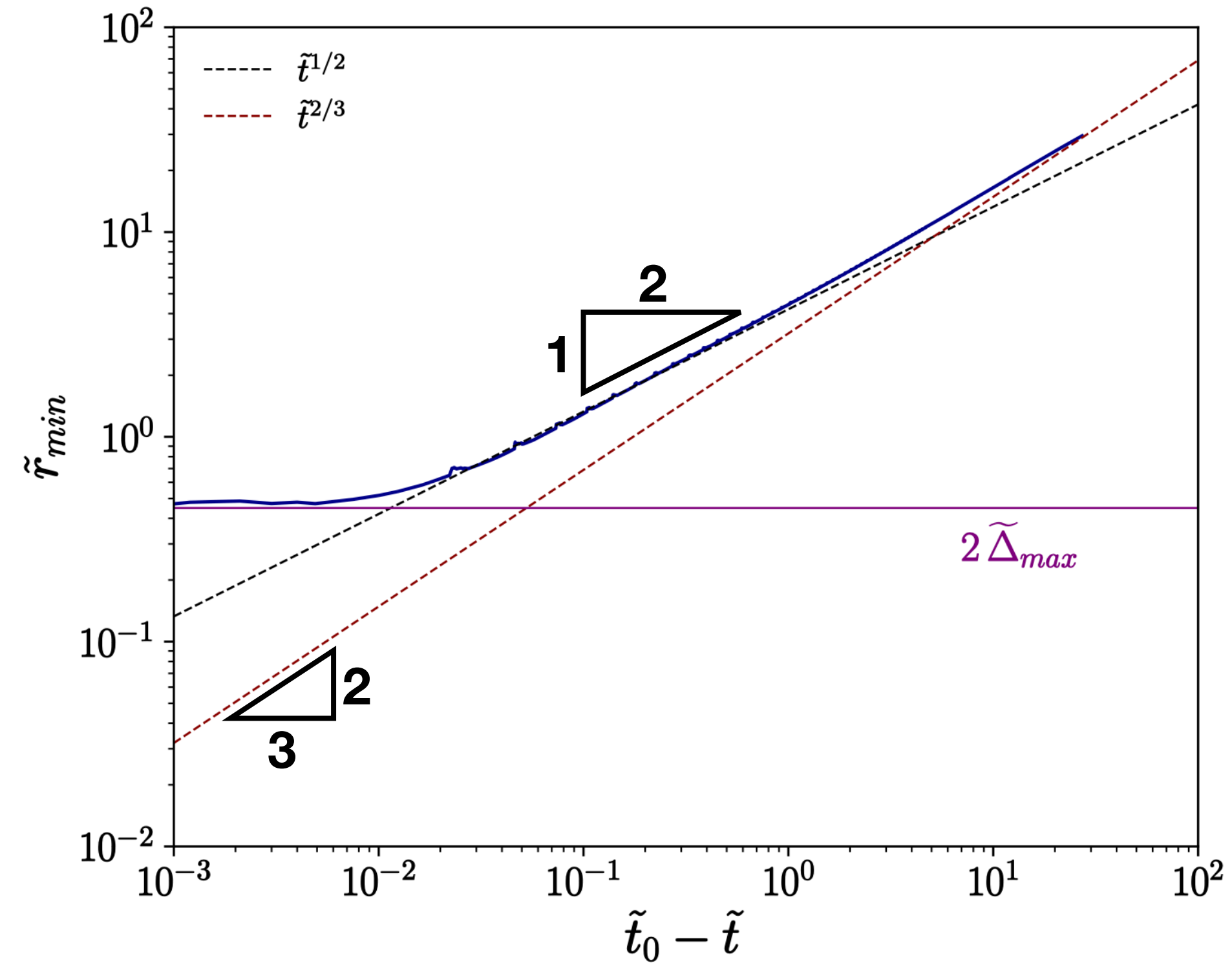
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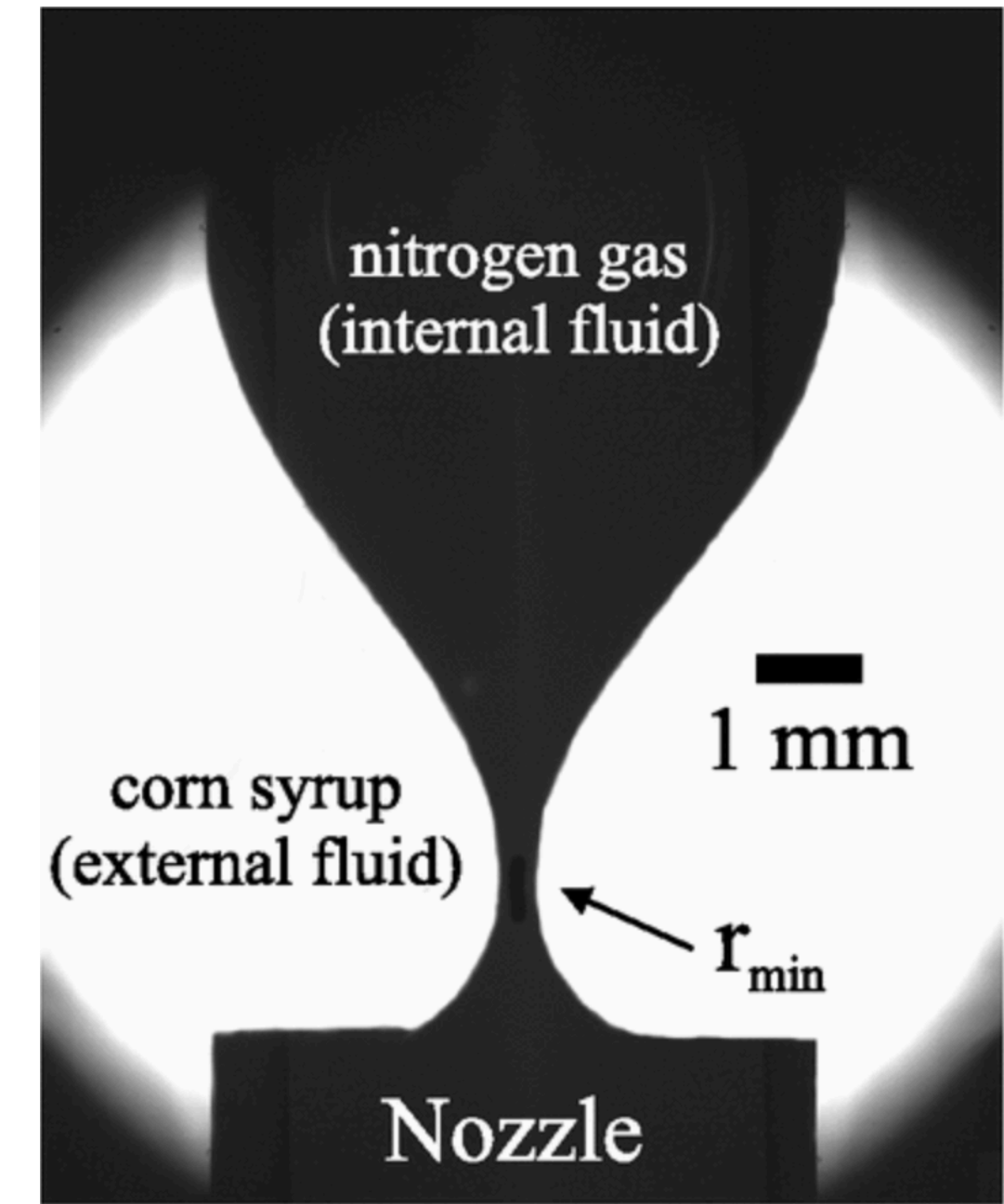
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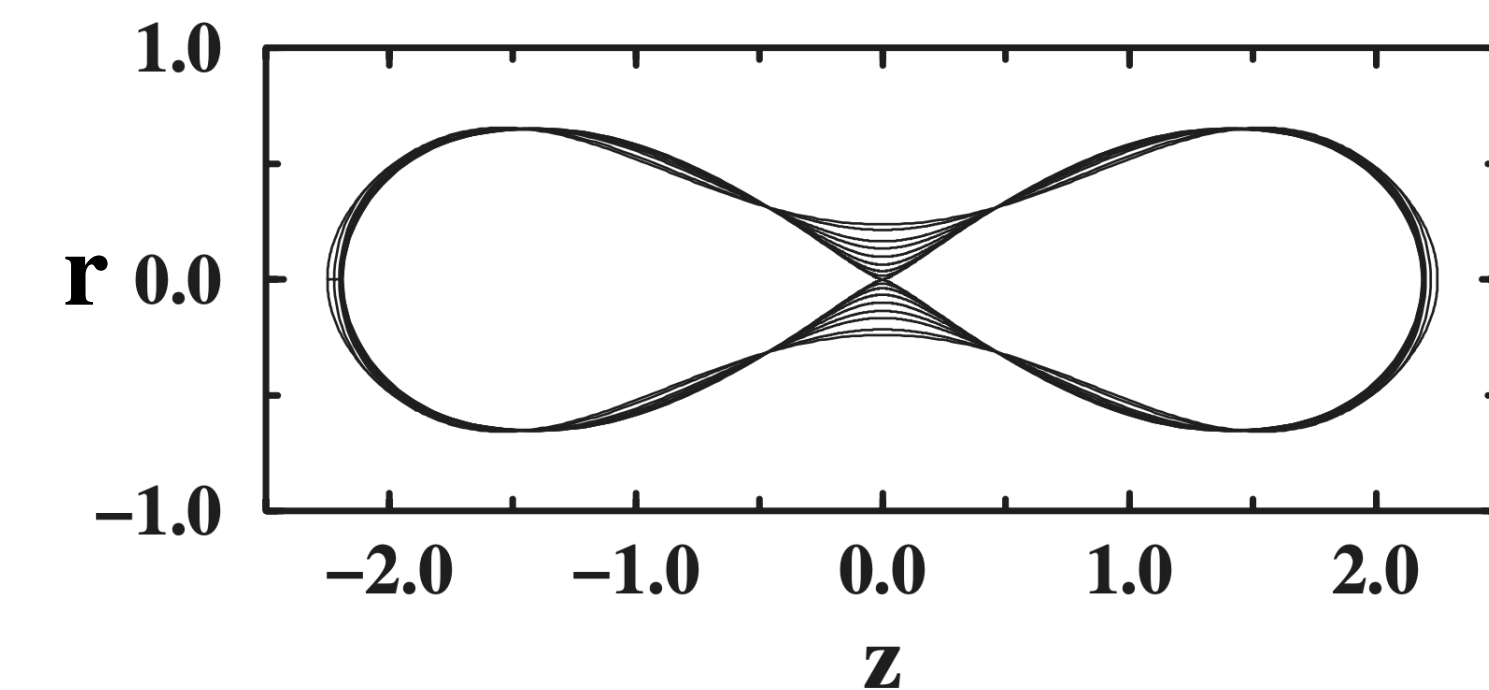


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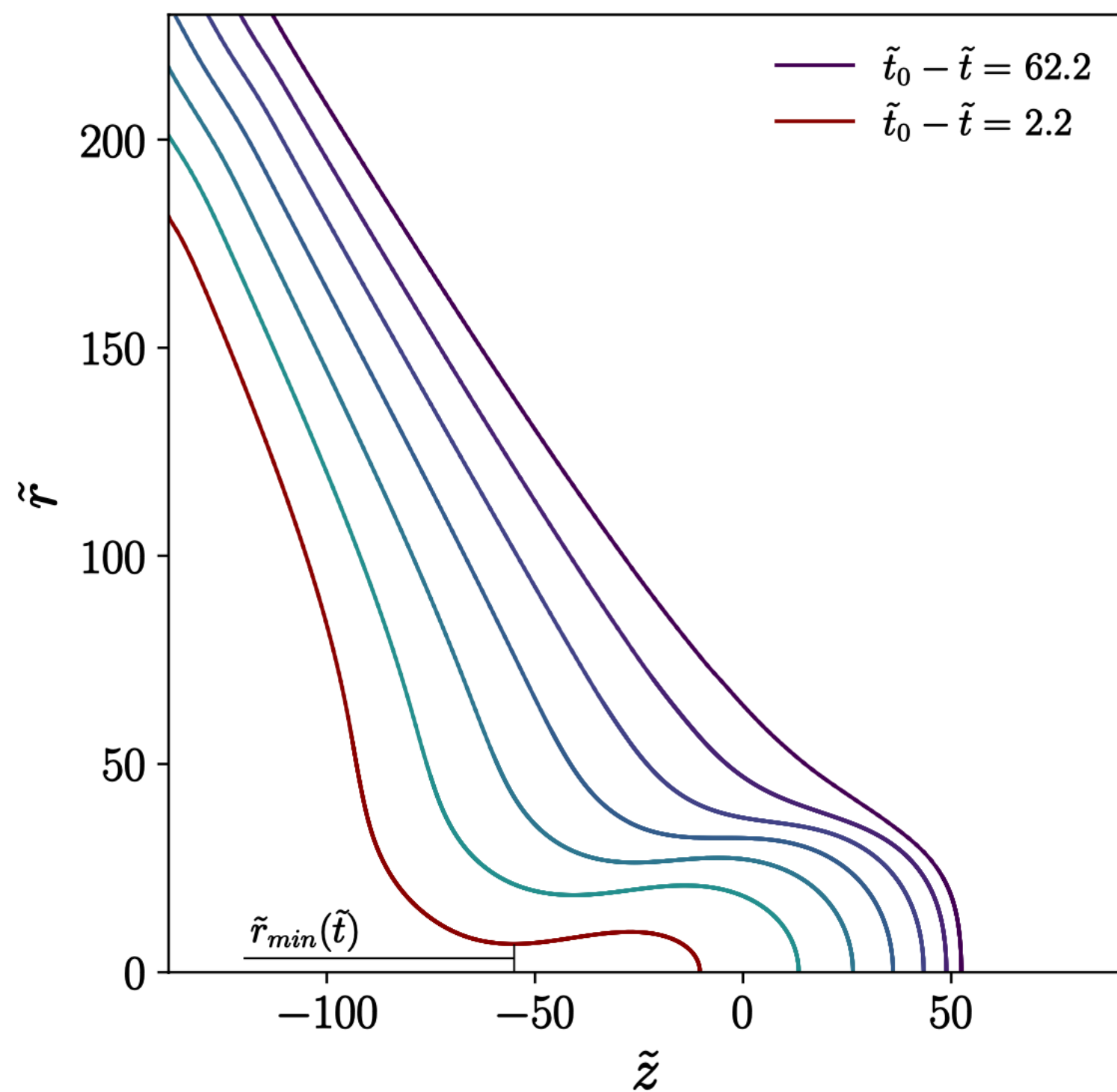


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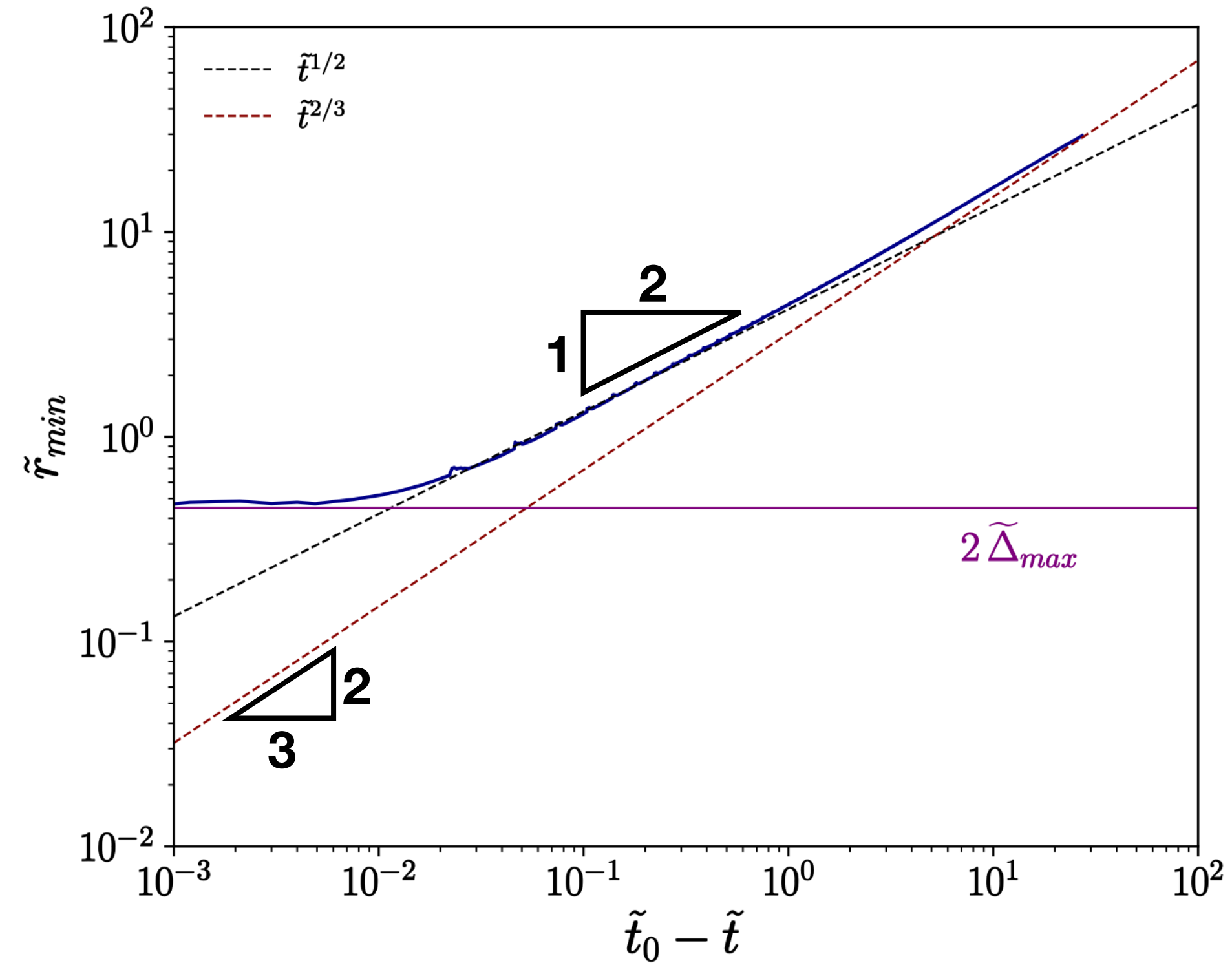
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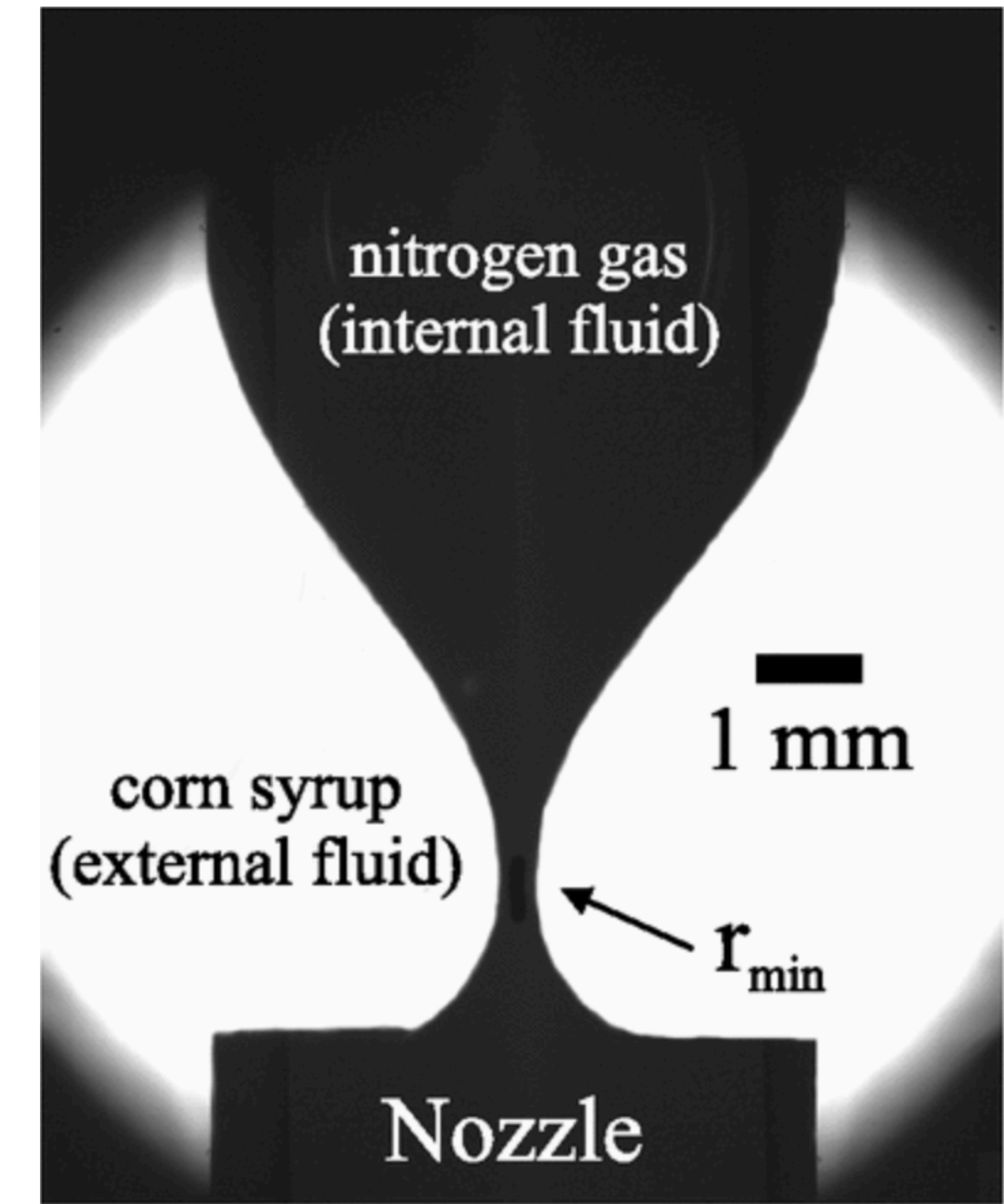


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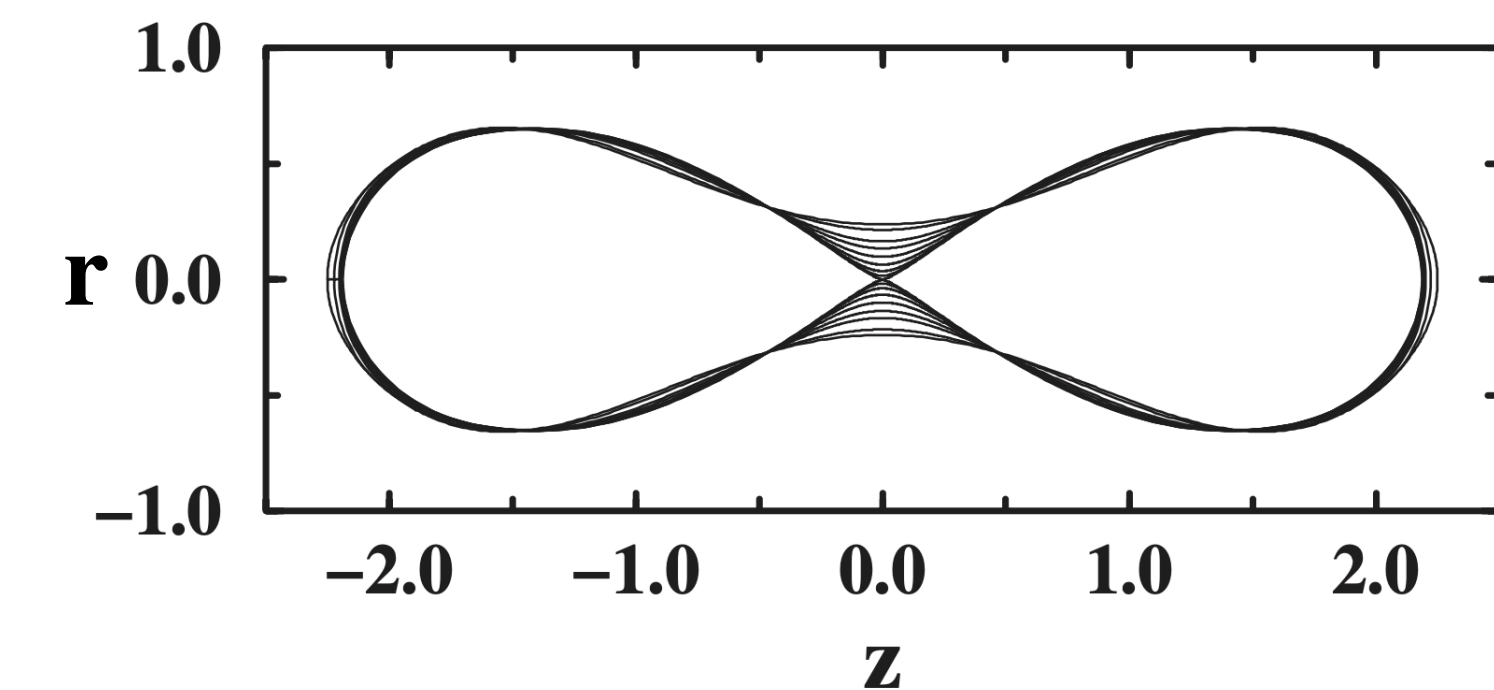
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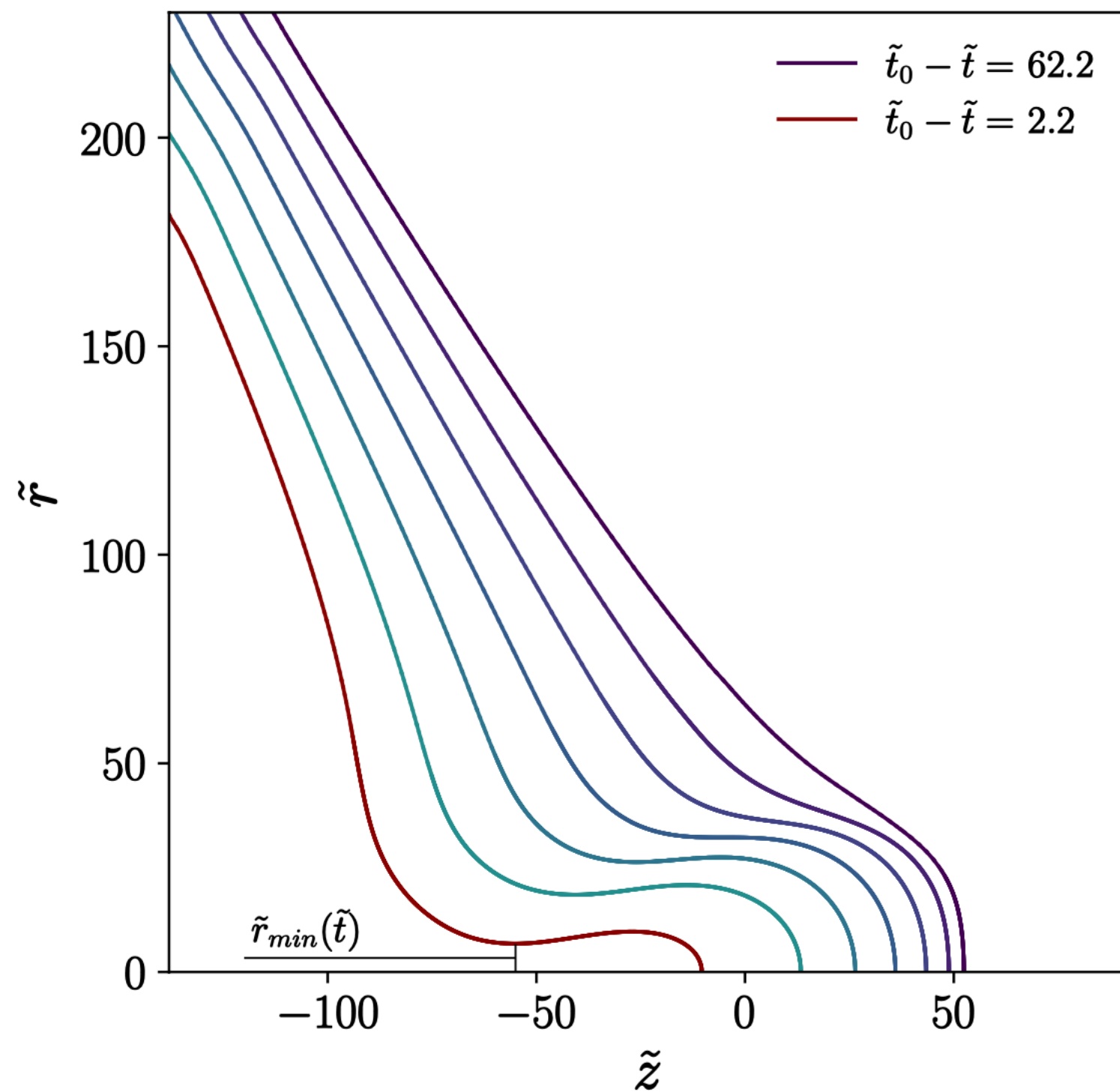


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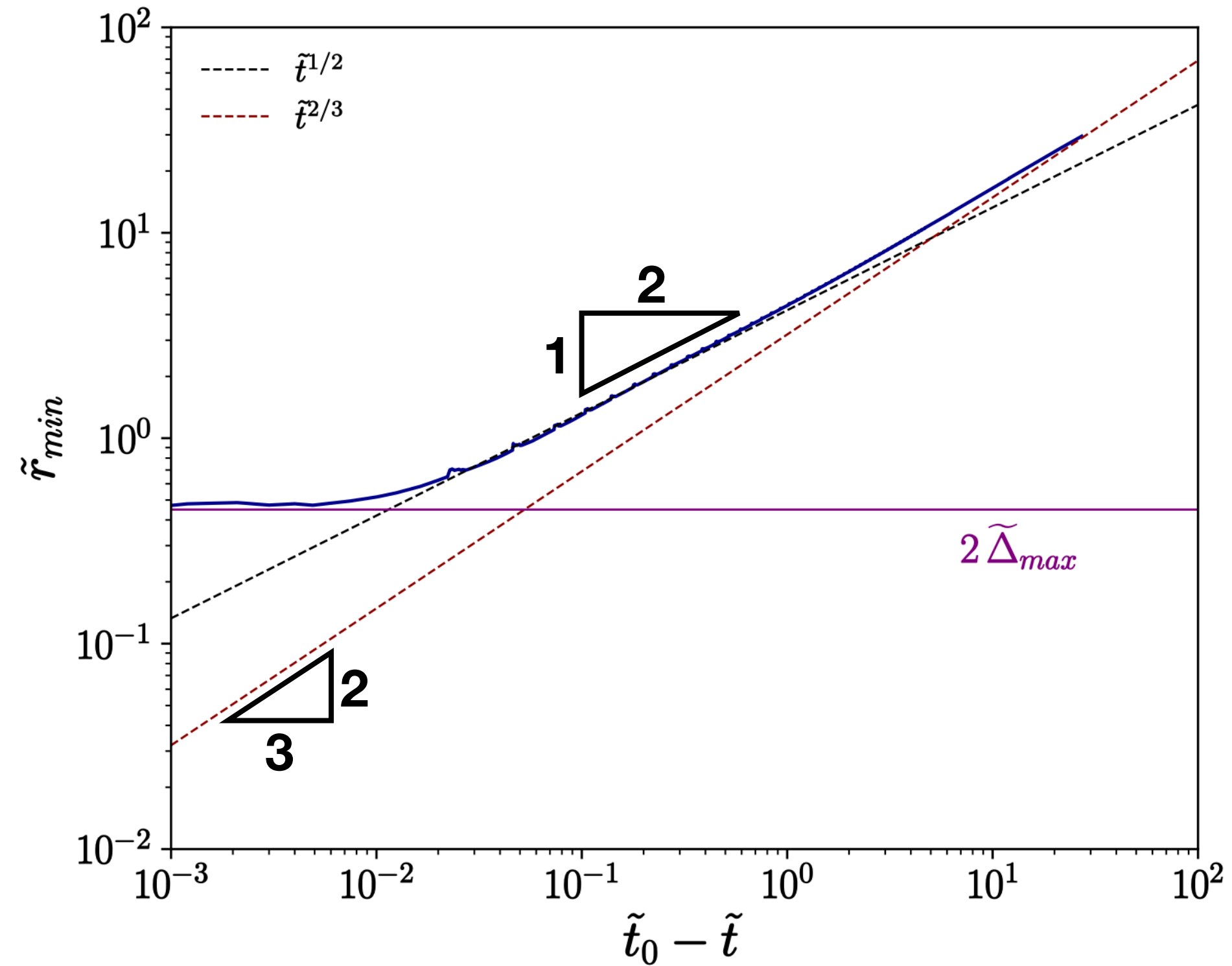
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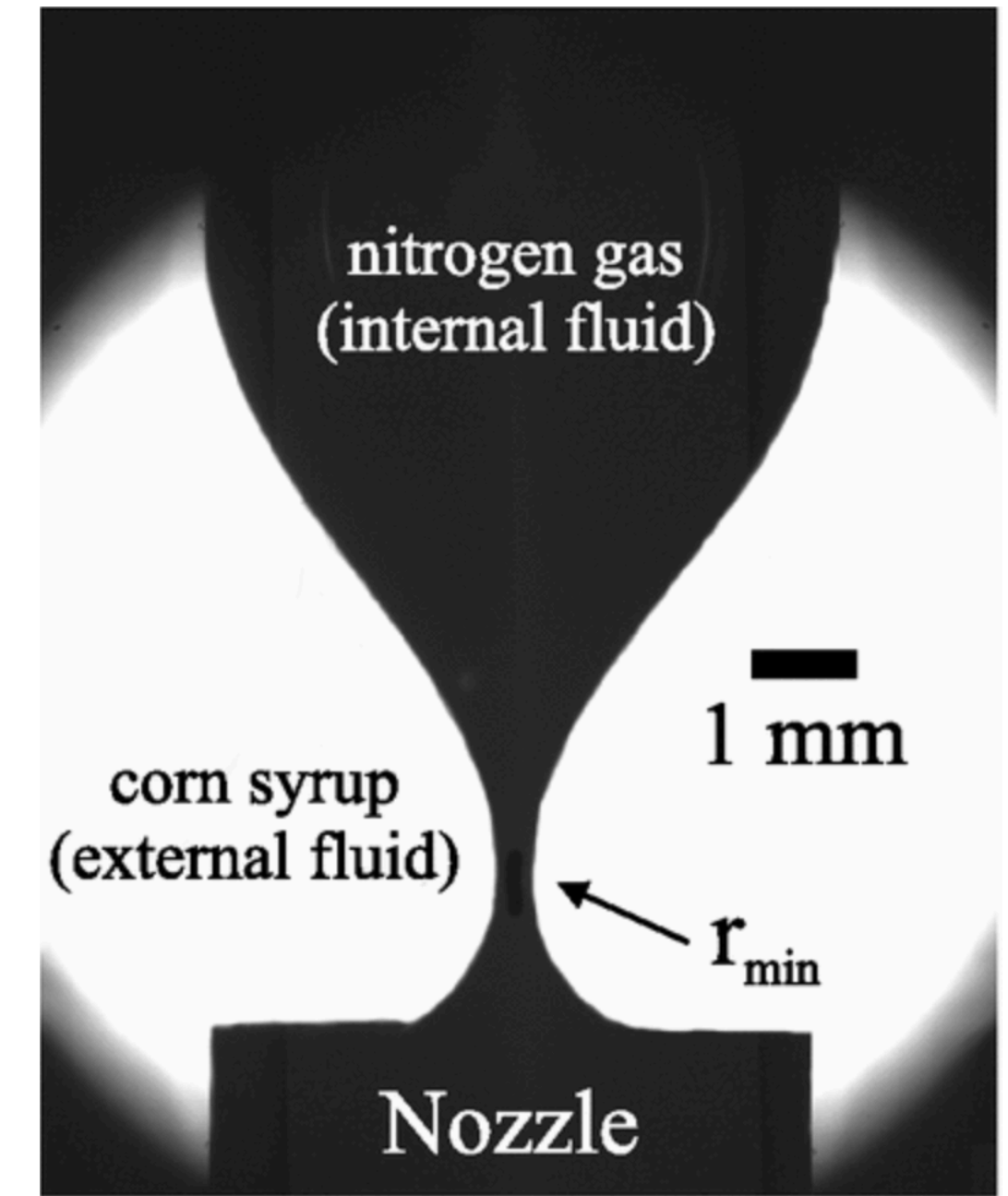
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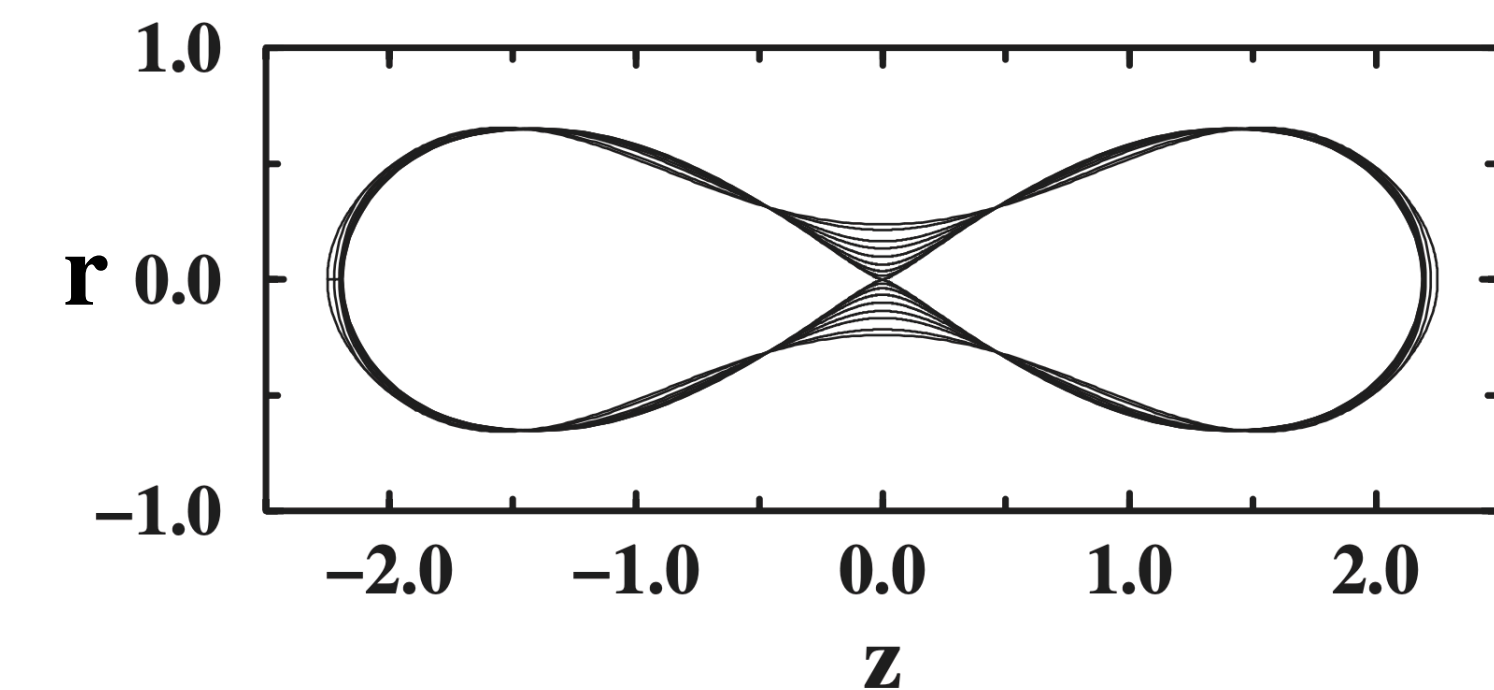


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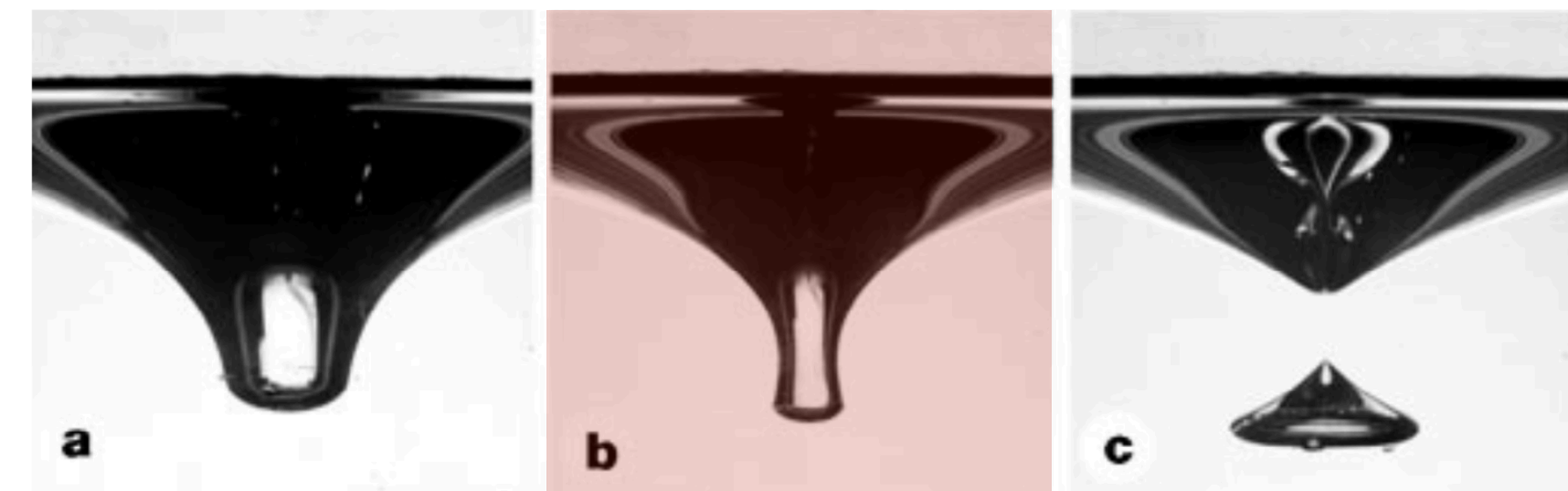
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More violent singularity: velocity $\propto \tilde{t}'^{-1/2}$



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