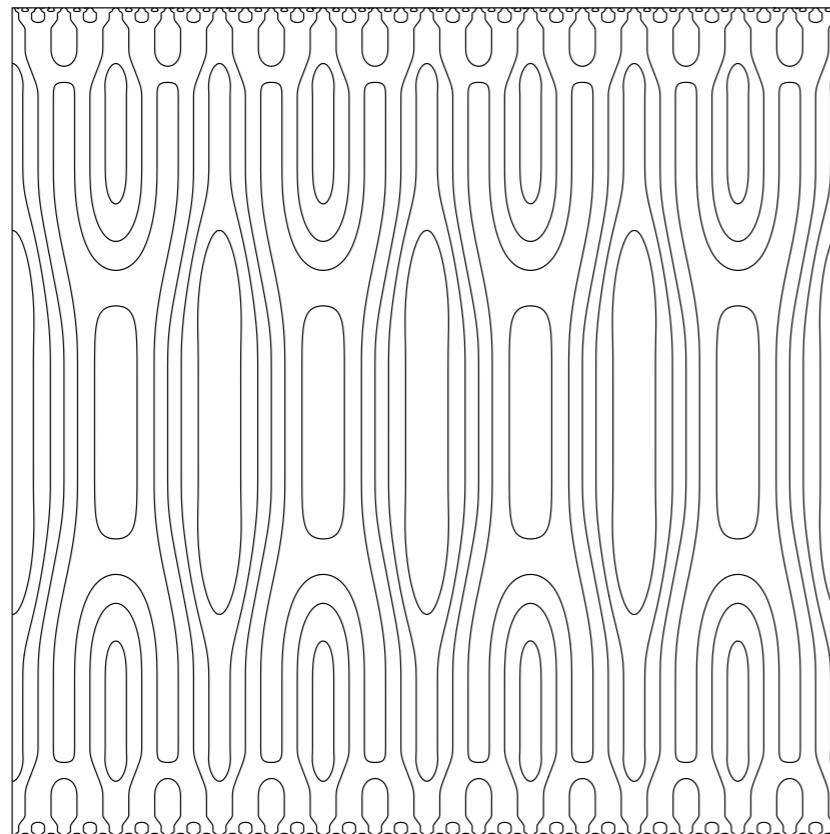


# Branching patterns in the optimal design of heat transport



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+ more *in prep*

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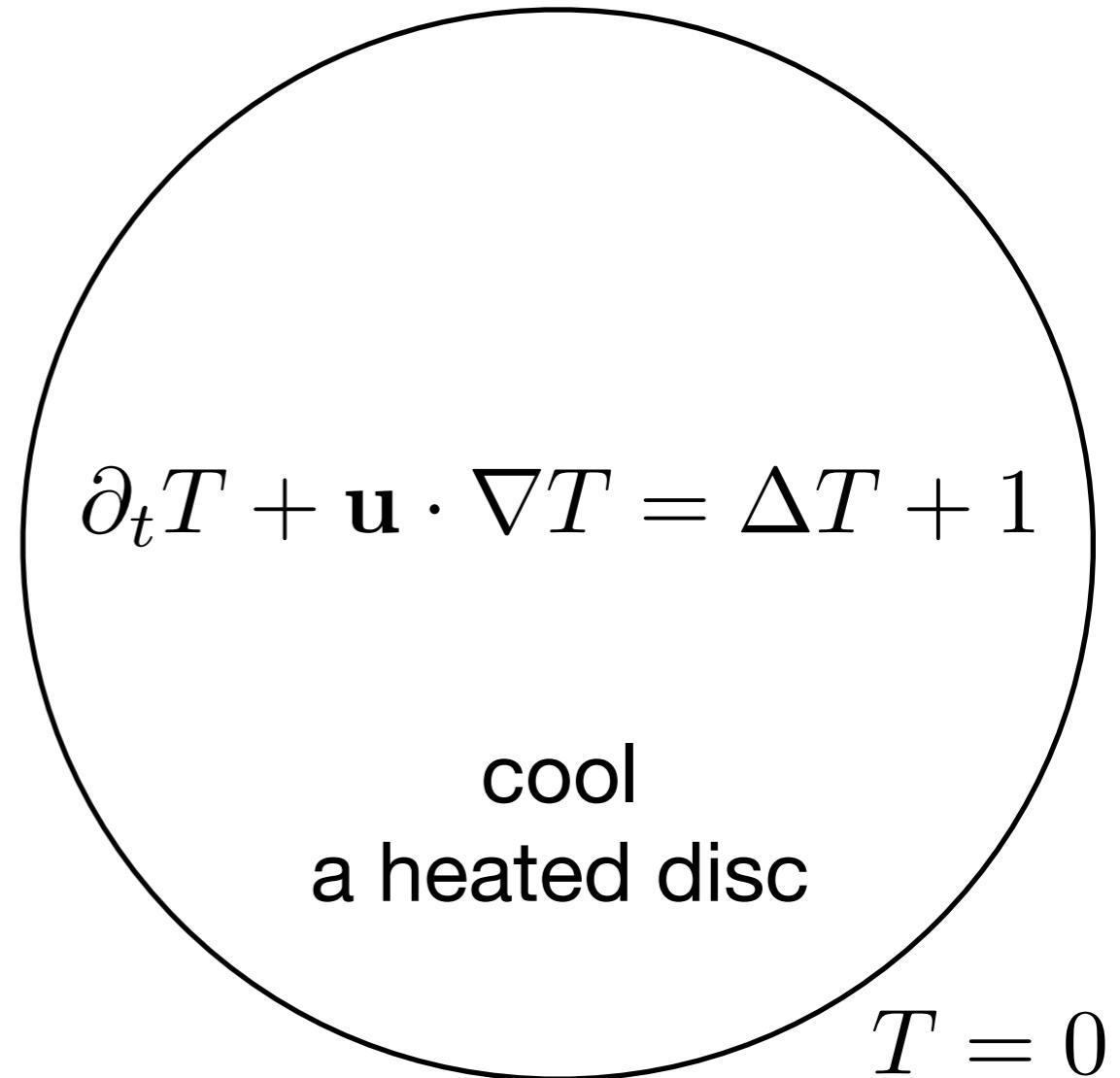
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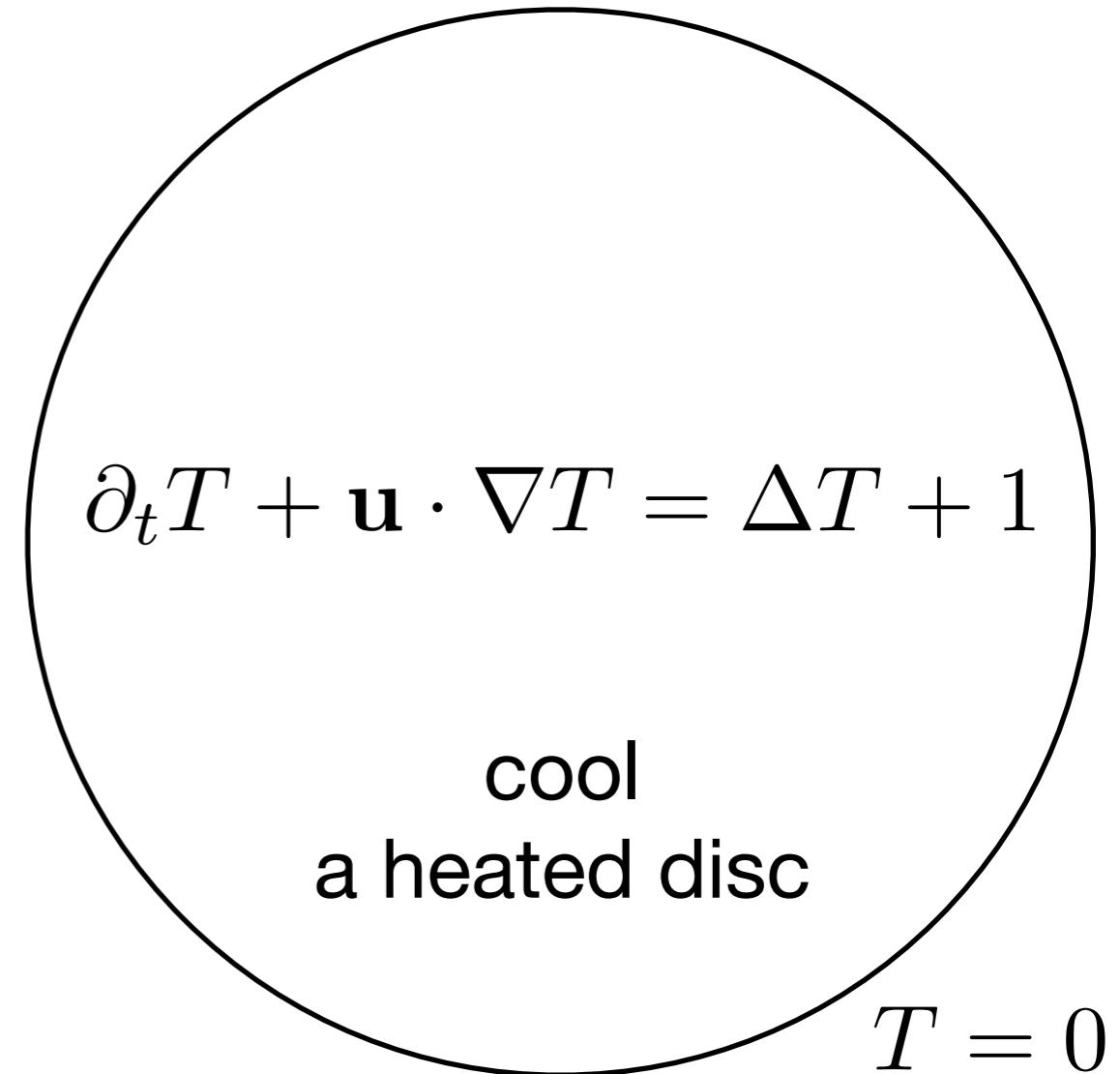
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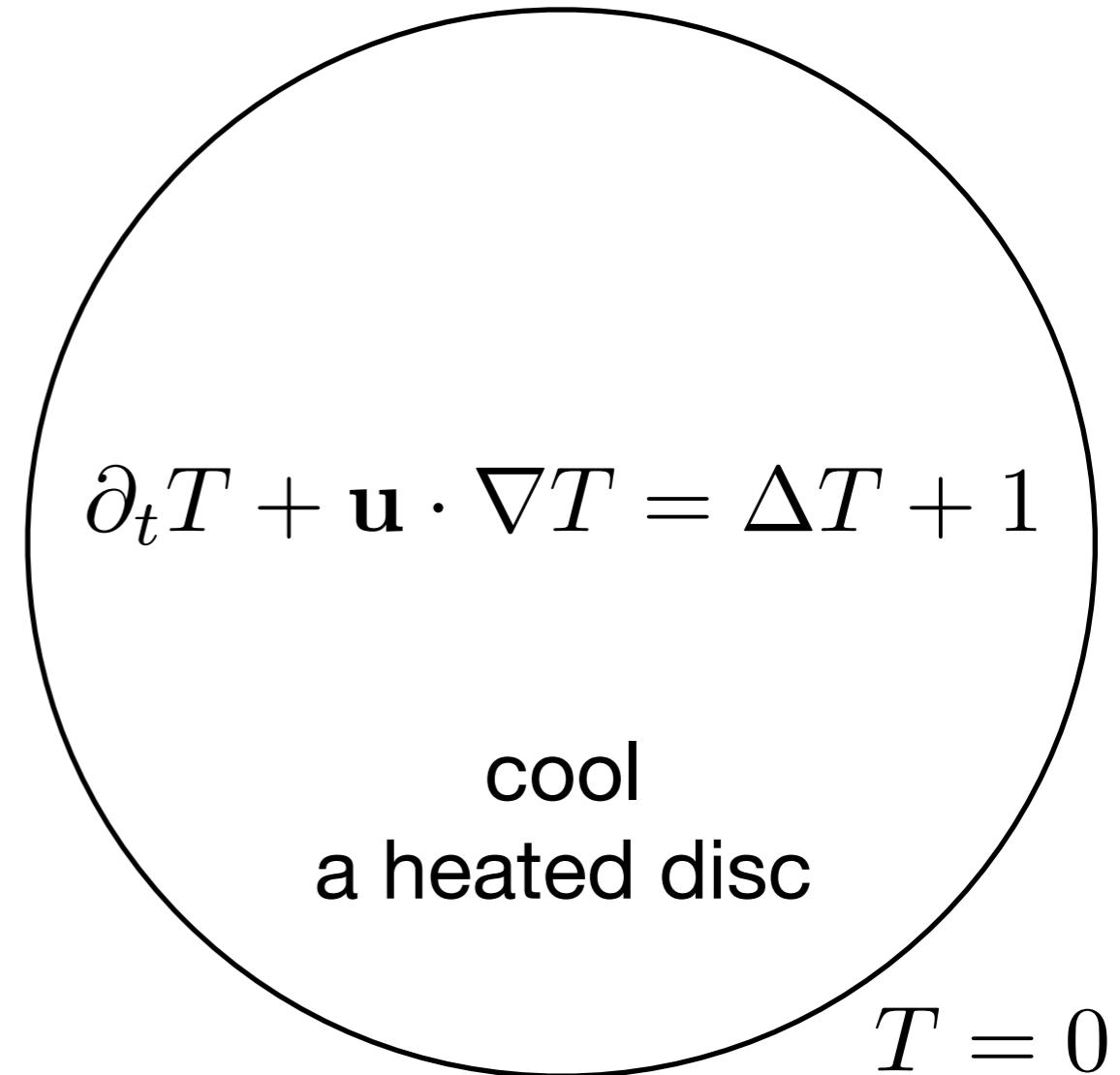
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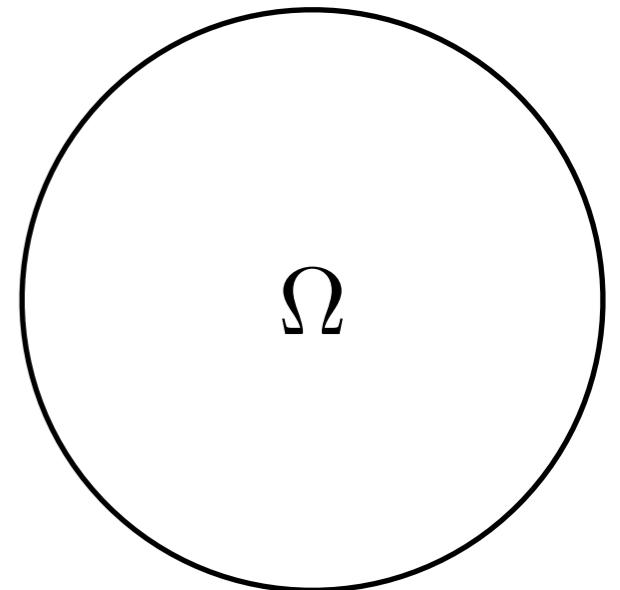
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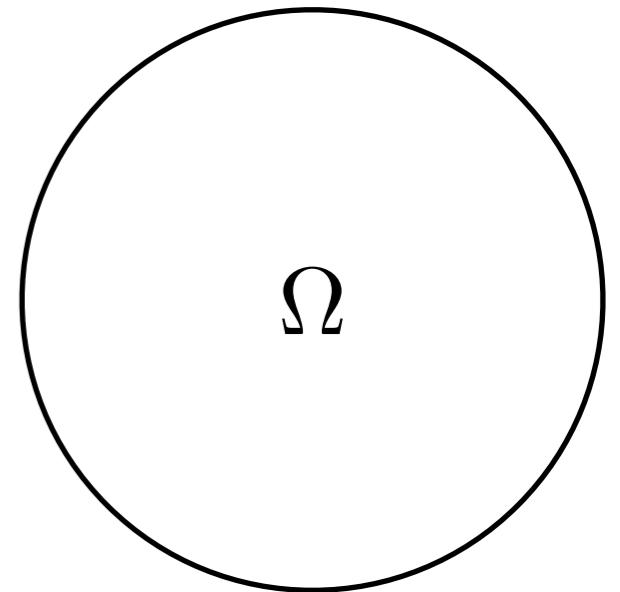
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*Energy dissipation balances  
power input to sustain flow*

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transport  
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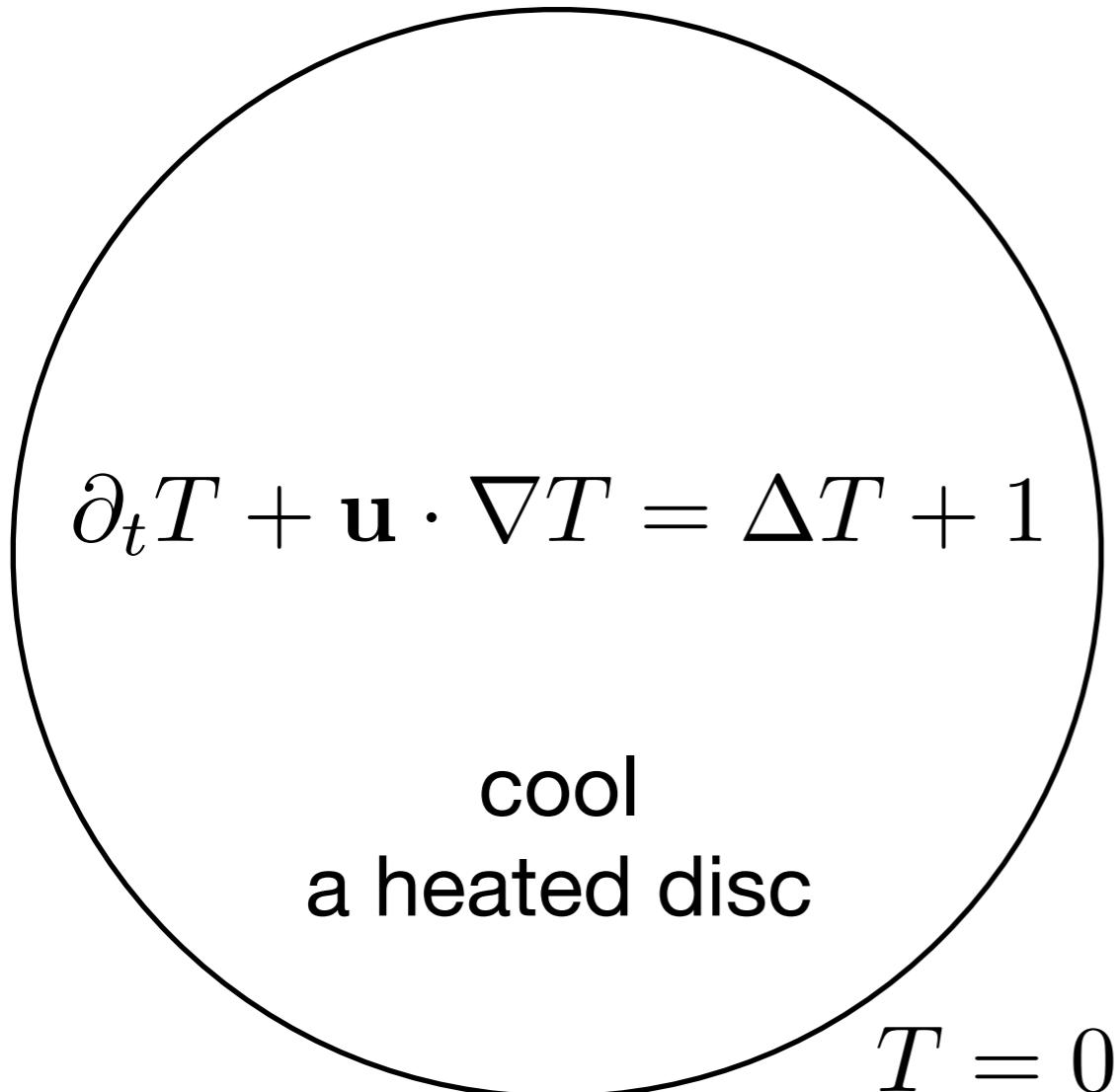
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*Both scaling laws hold up to log corrections for  $Pe \gg 1$ .*

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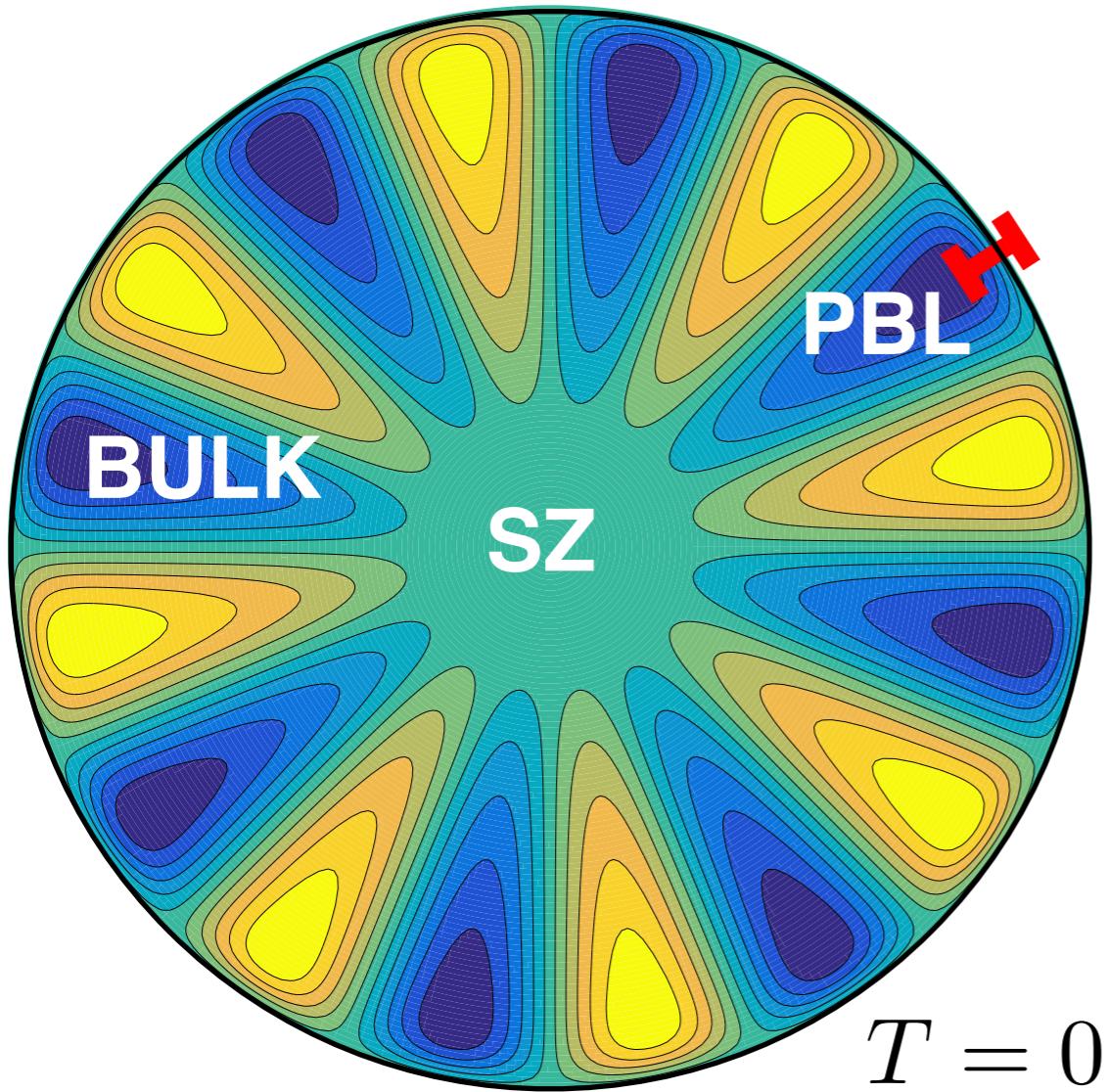
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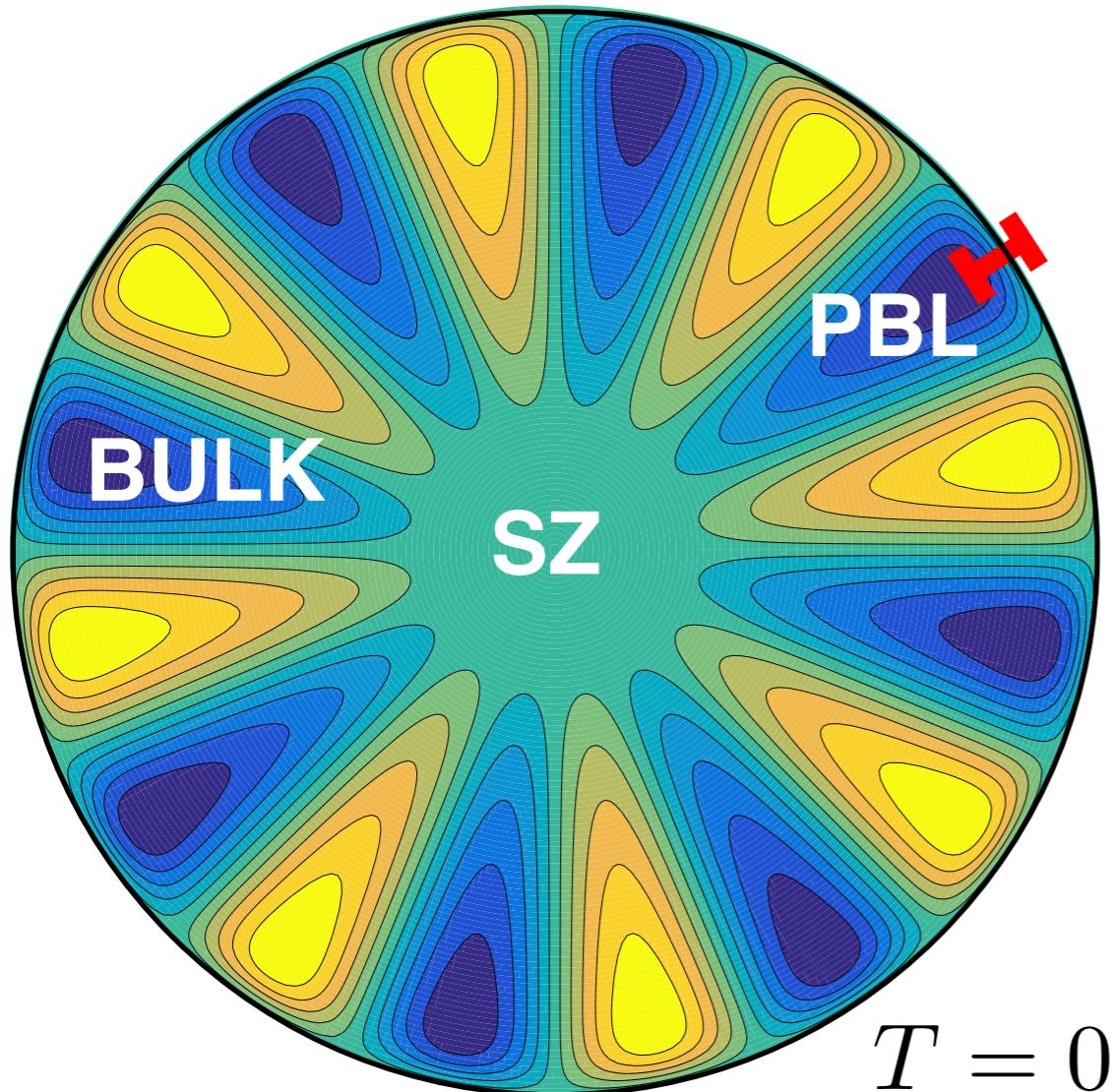
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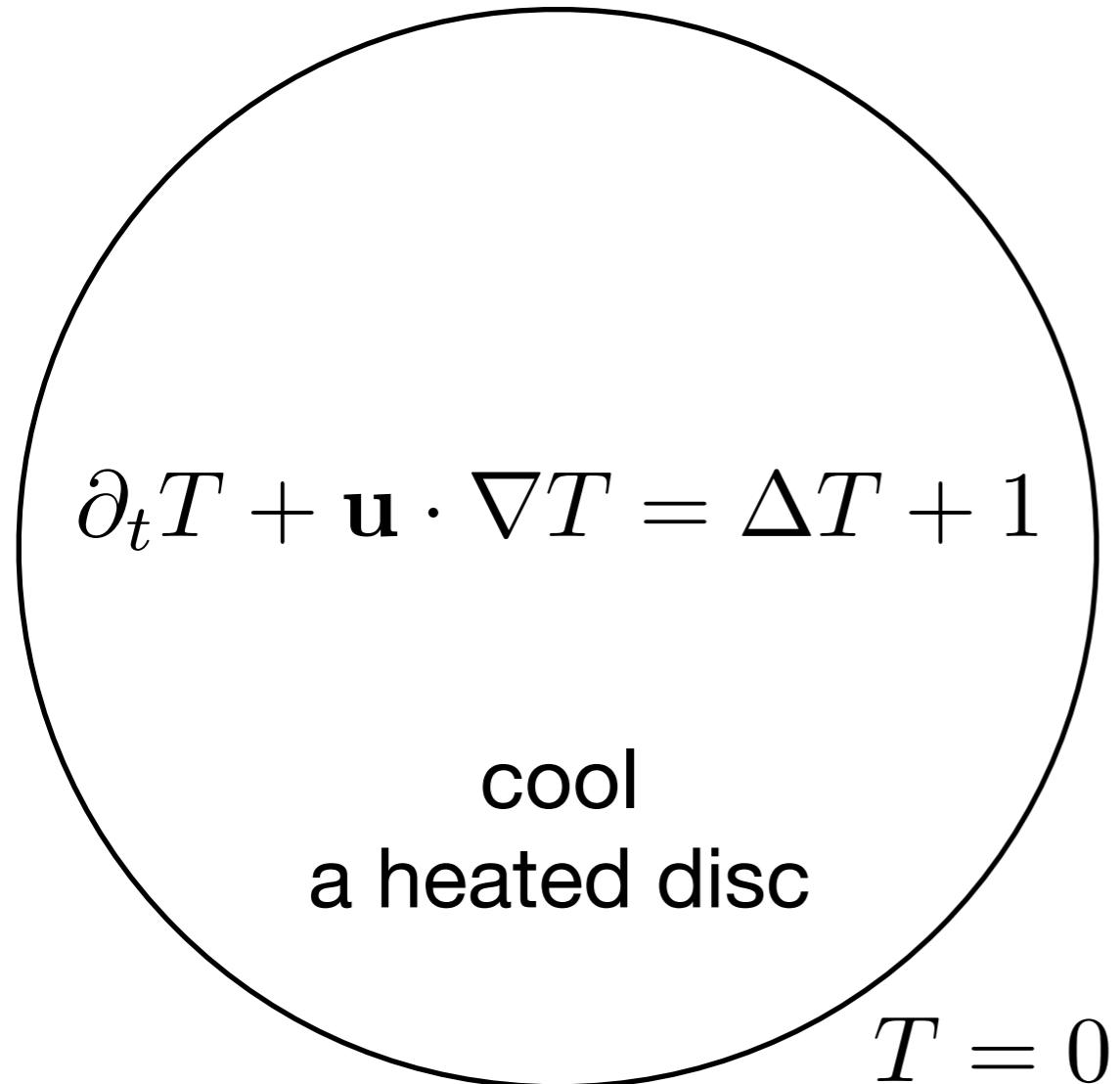
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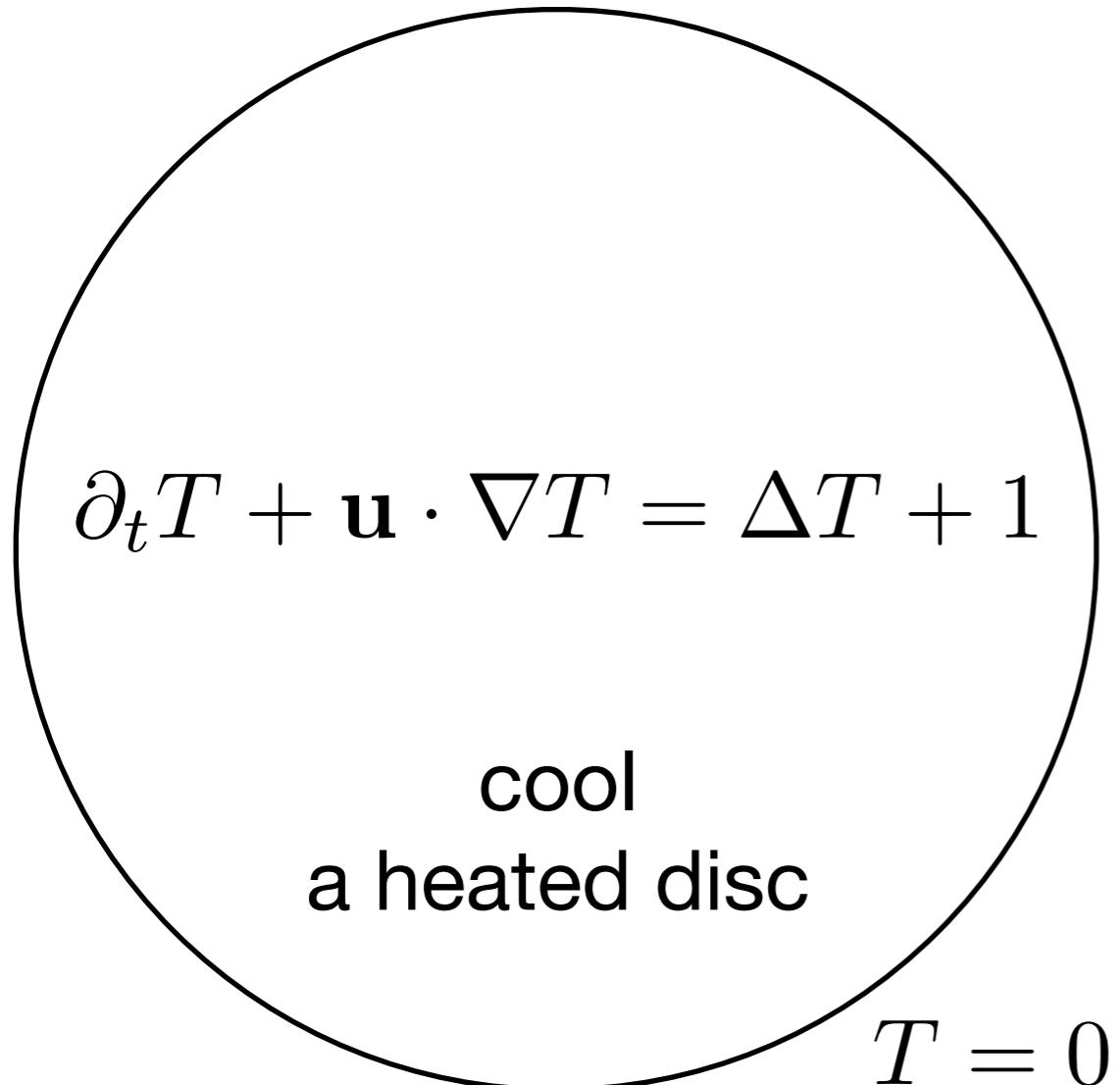


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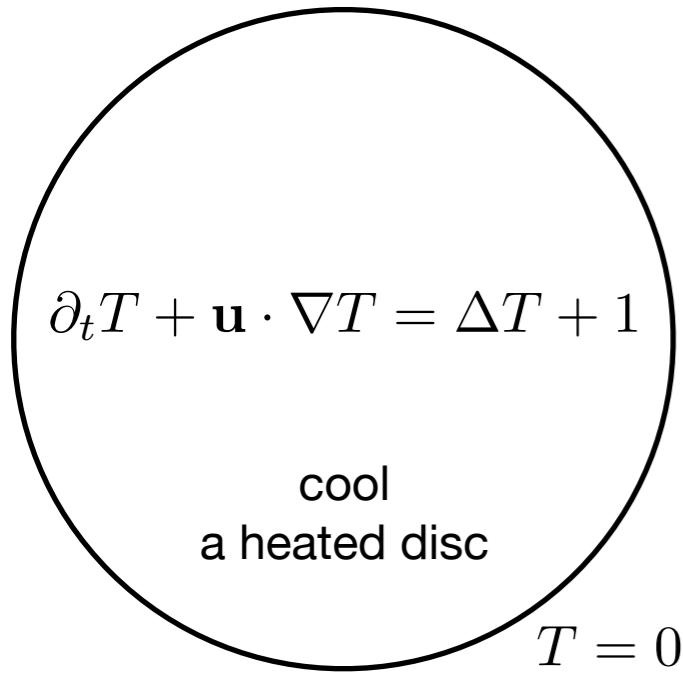
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*How do optimal flows behave?*

# Variational bounds on cooling



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*(sharp in case of steady flows)*

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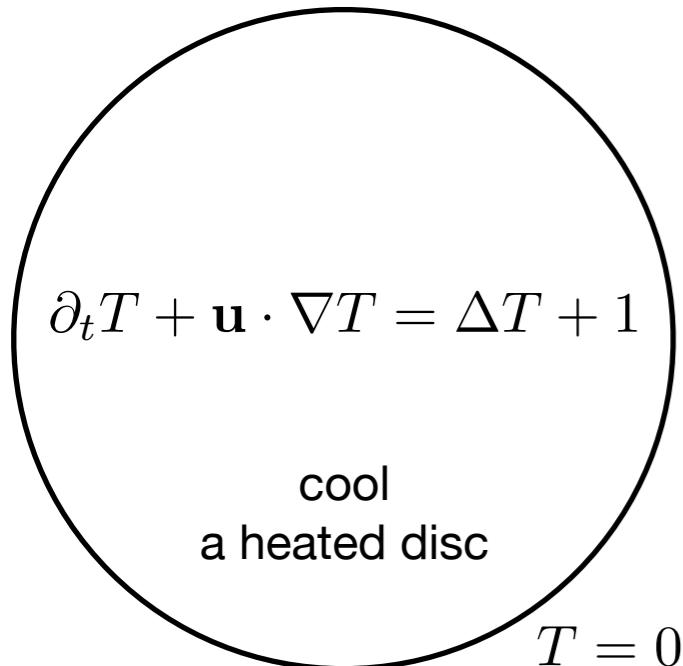
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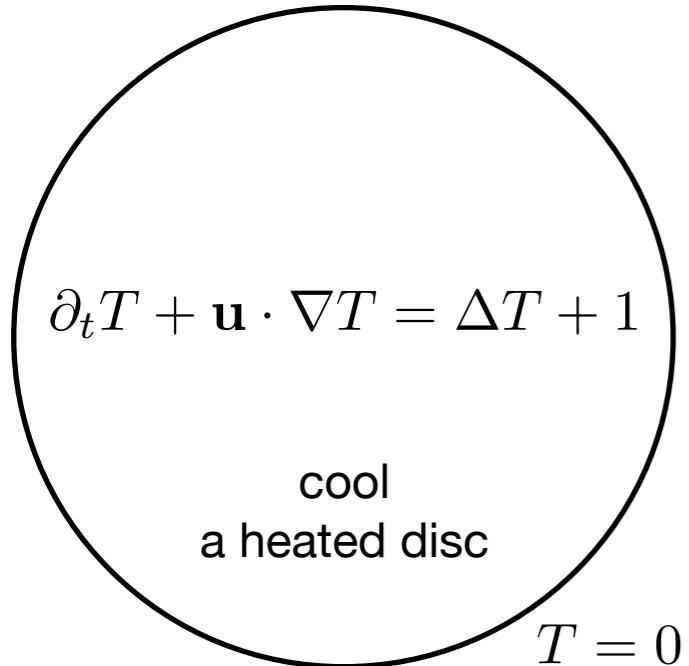


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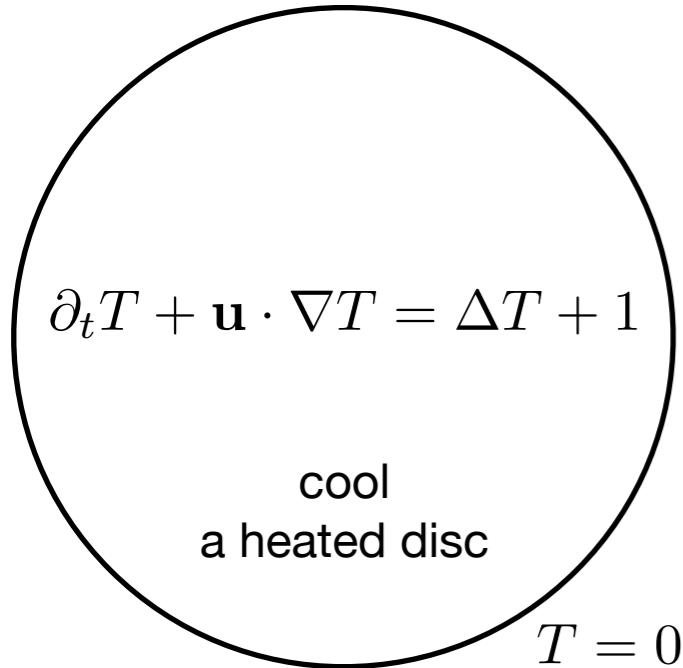
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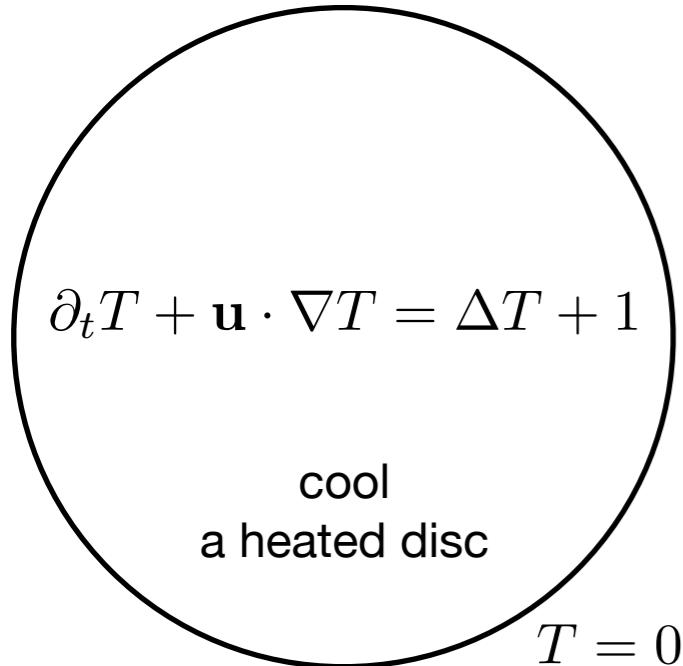
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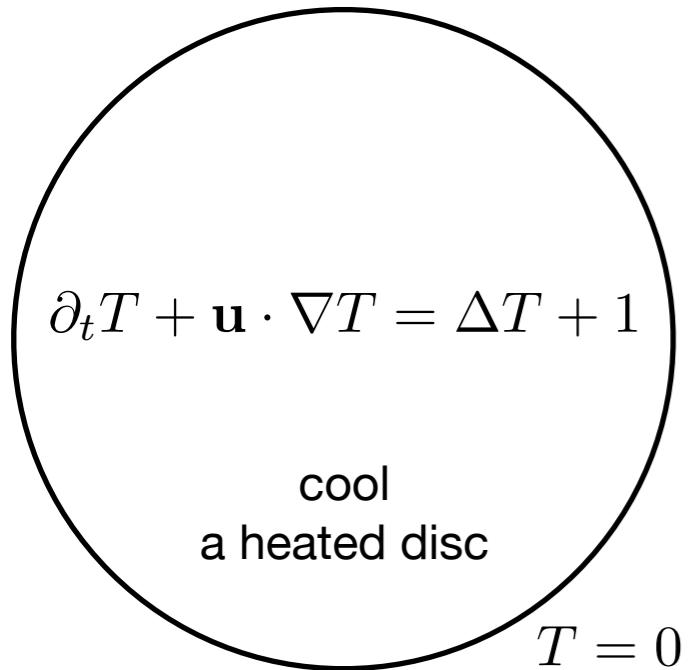
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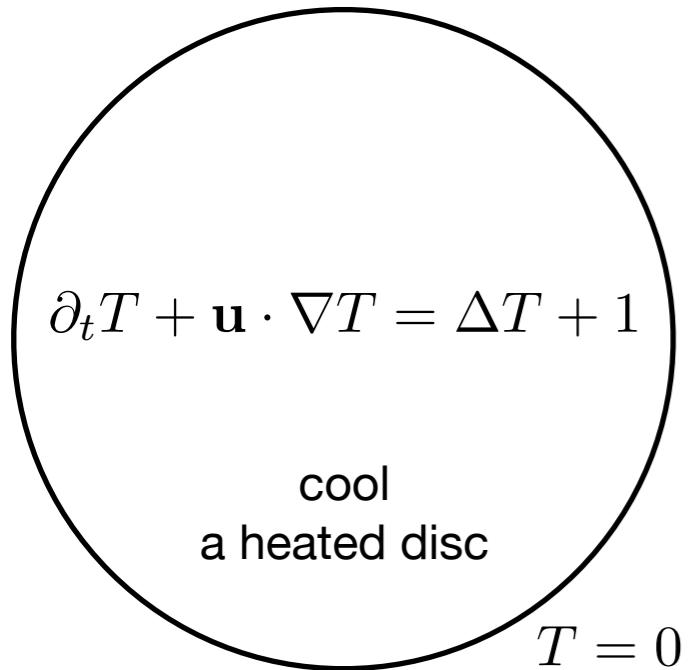


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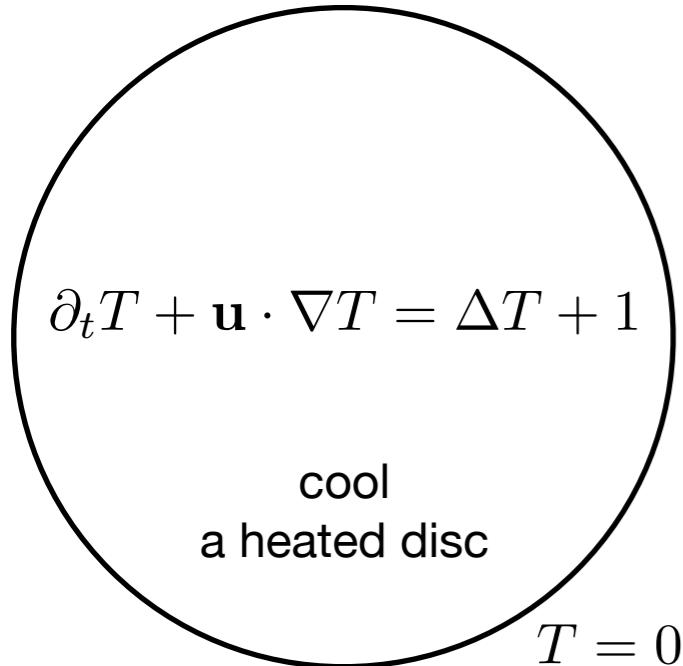
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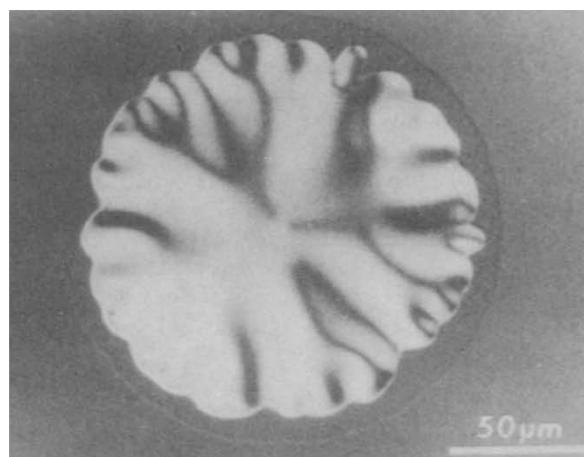
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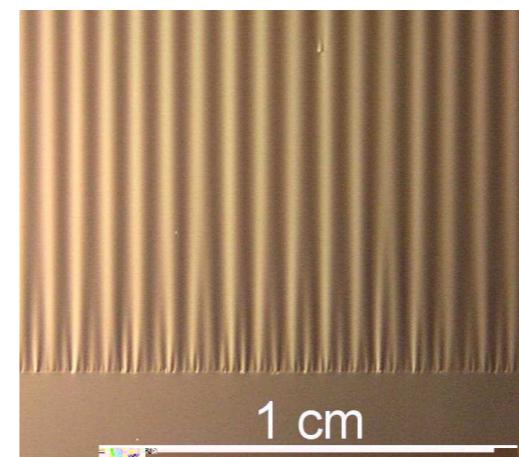
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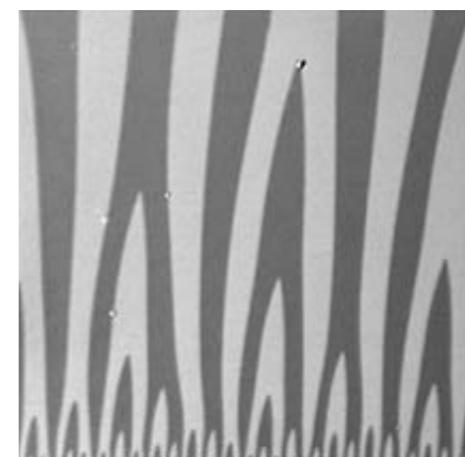
*Reminds of problems in elasticity, micromagnetics, ...*



Ortiz & Gioia JMPS 1994



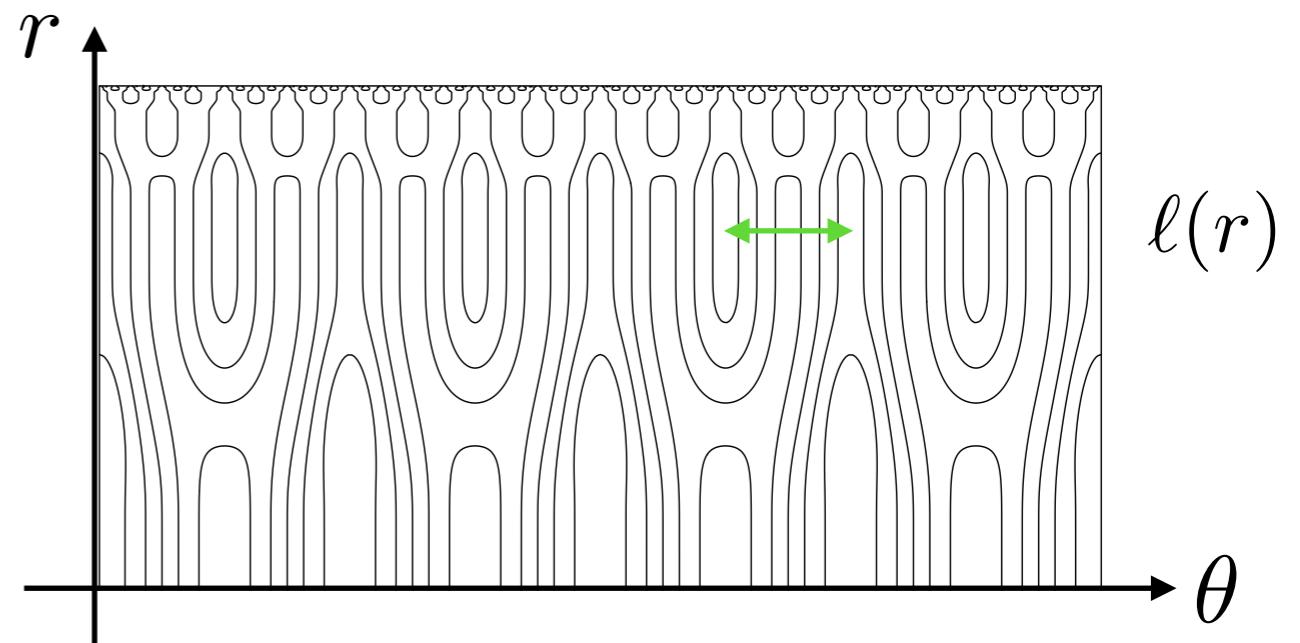
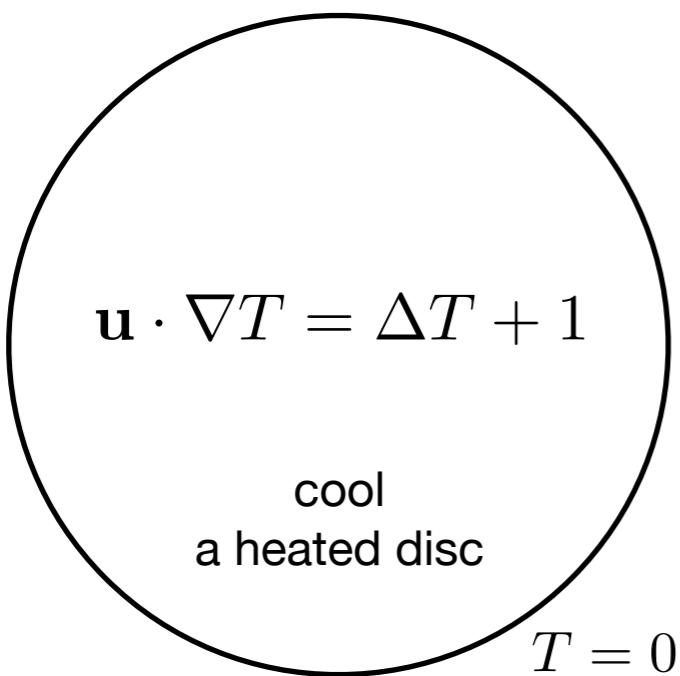
Huang et al PRL 2010



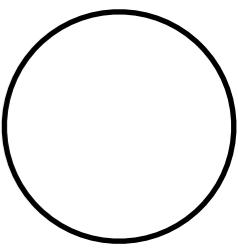
Hubert & Schafer 1998

# Building a branching ansatz

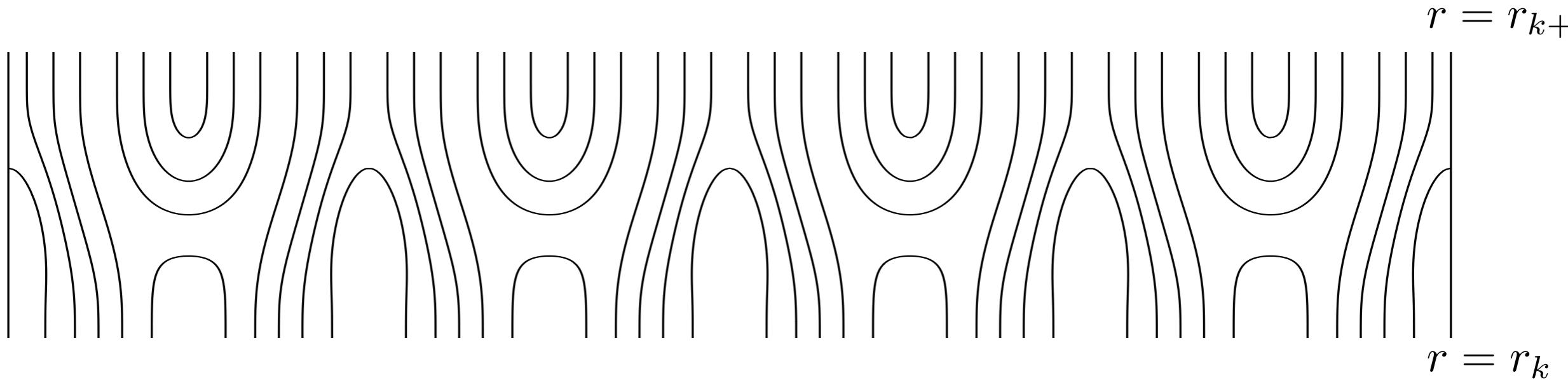
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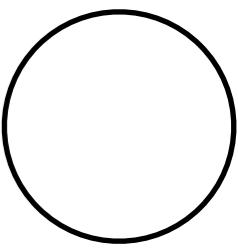
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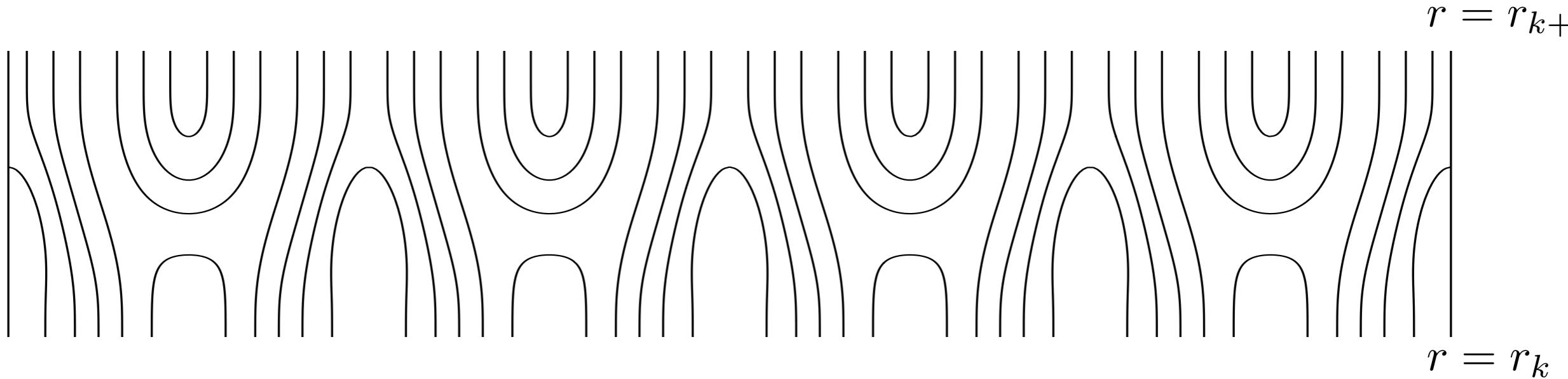
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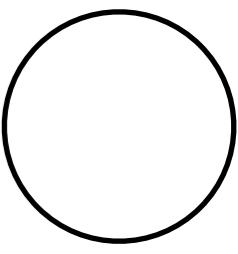


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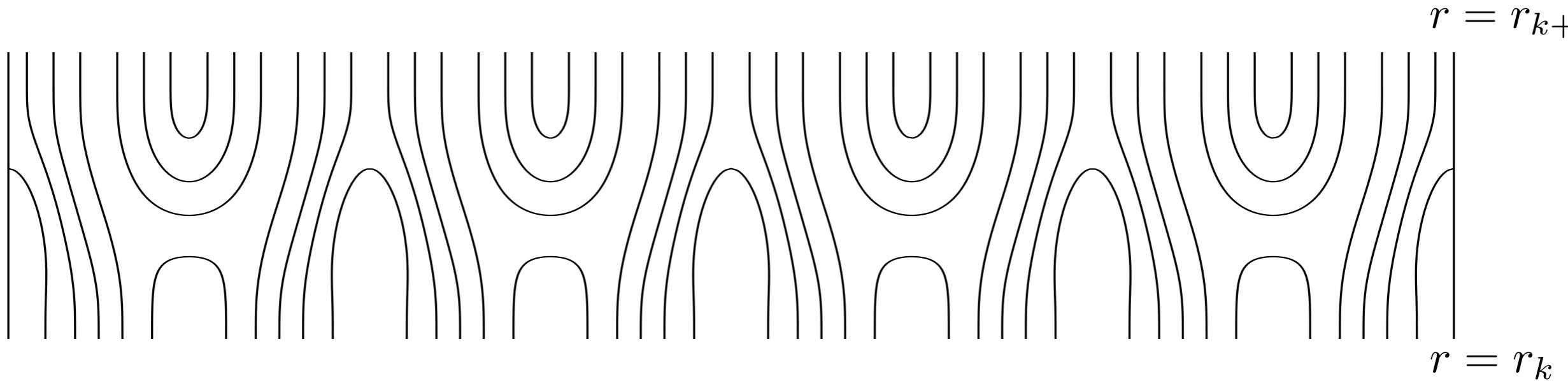


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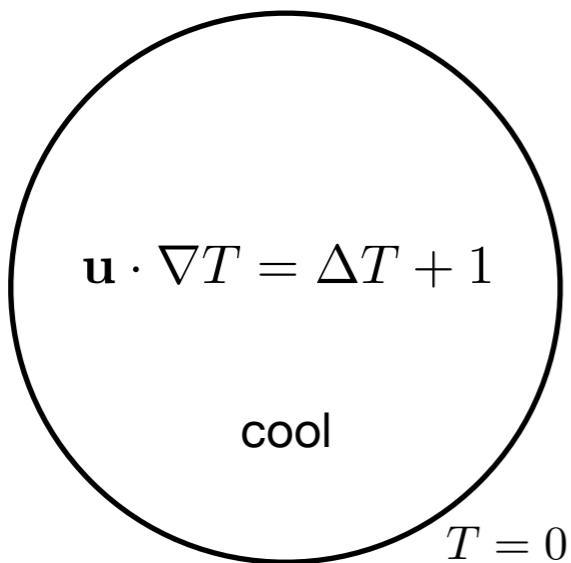


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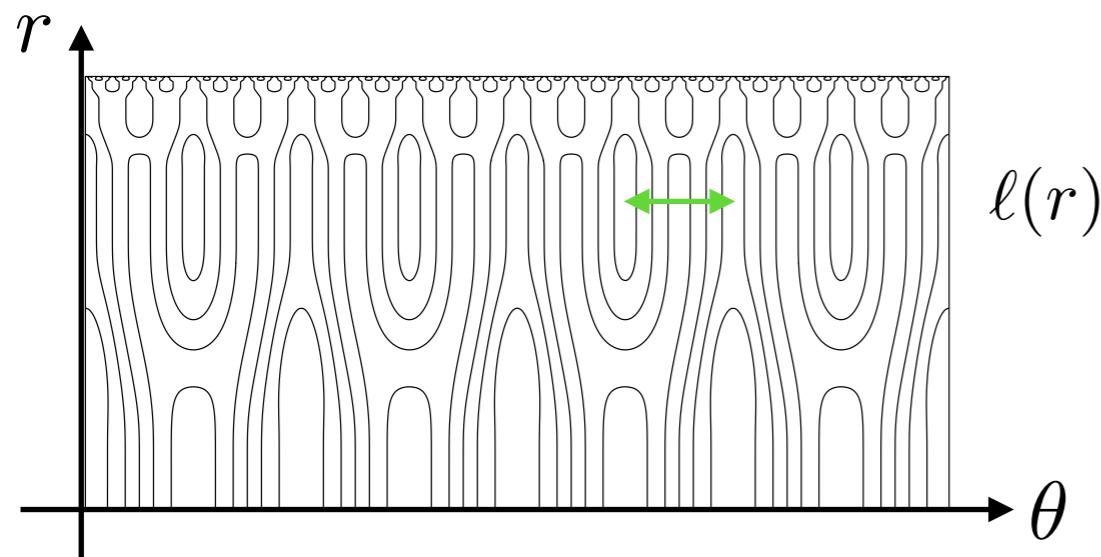
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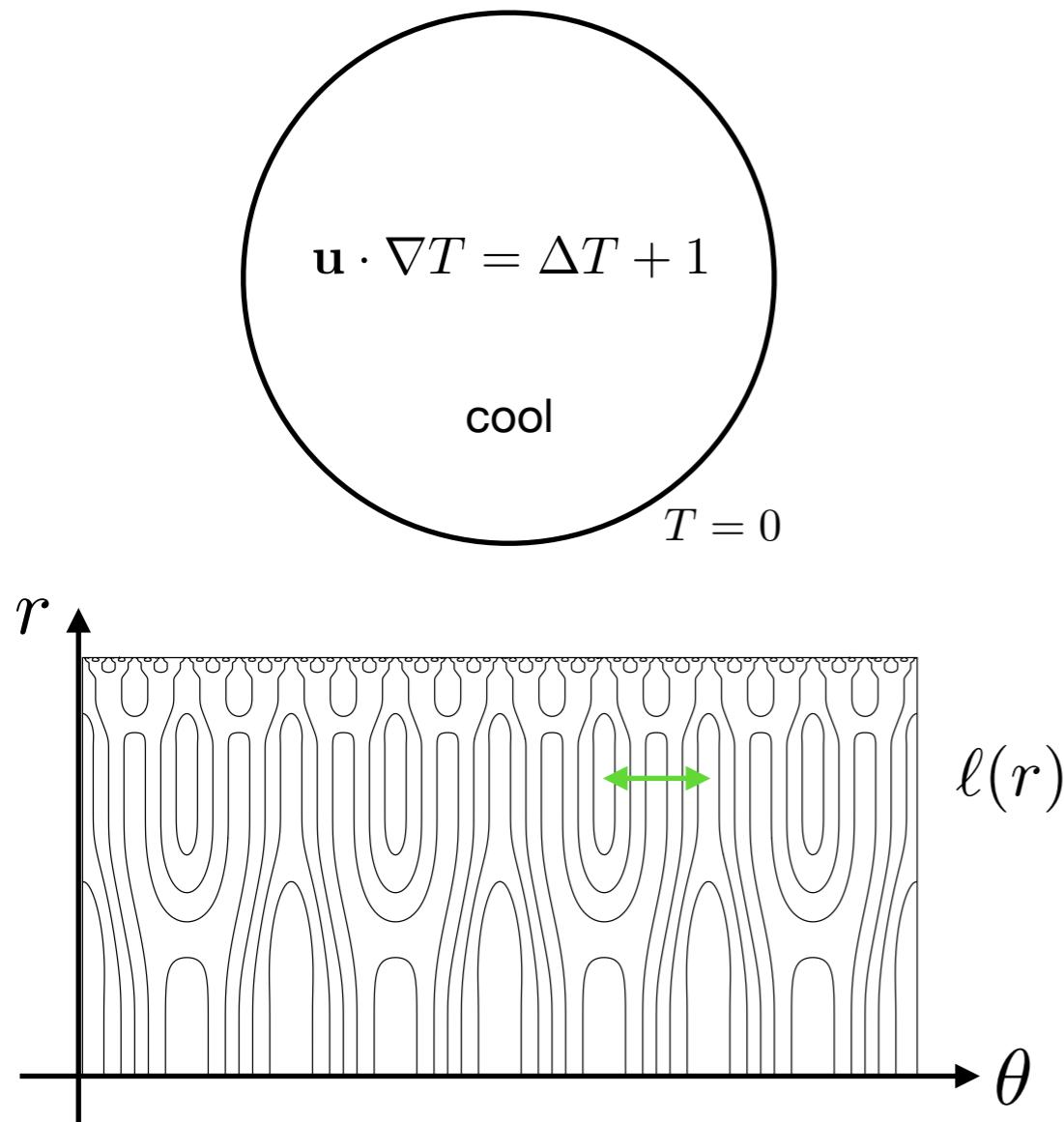


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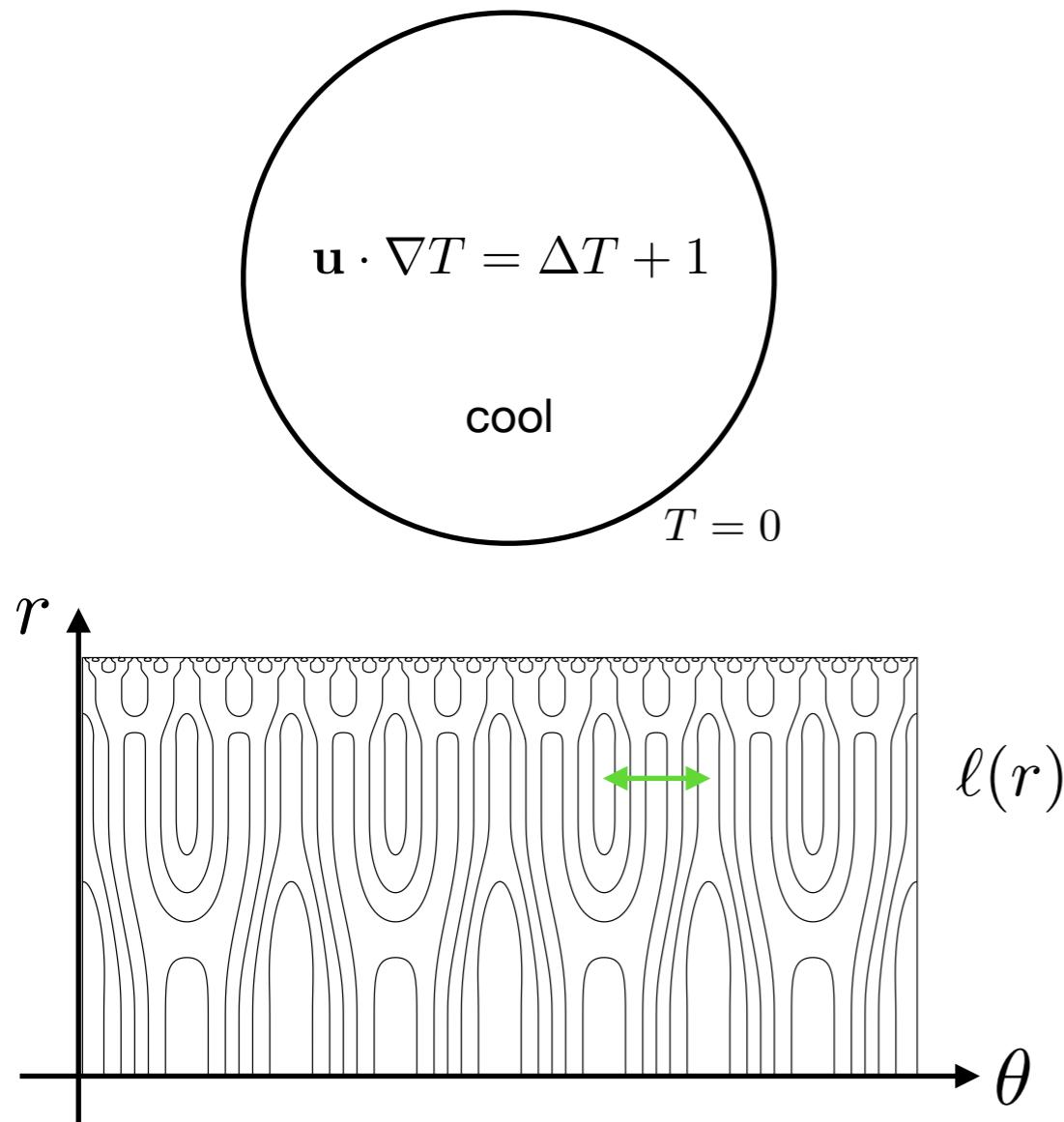


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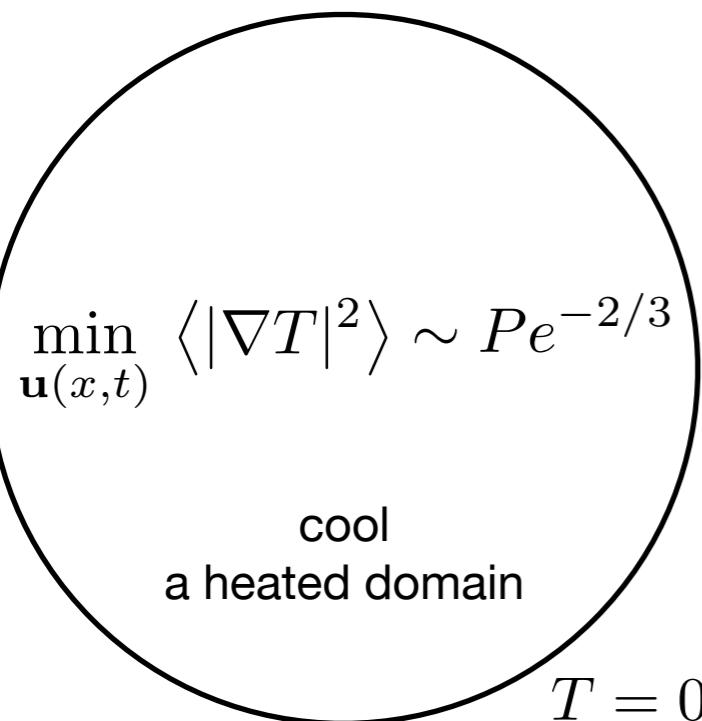
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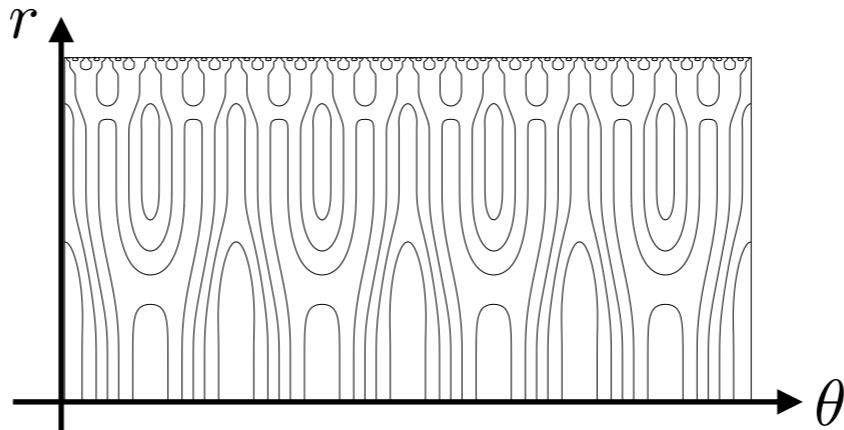
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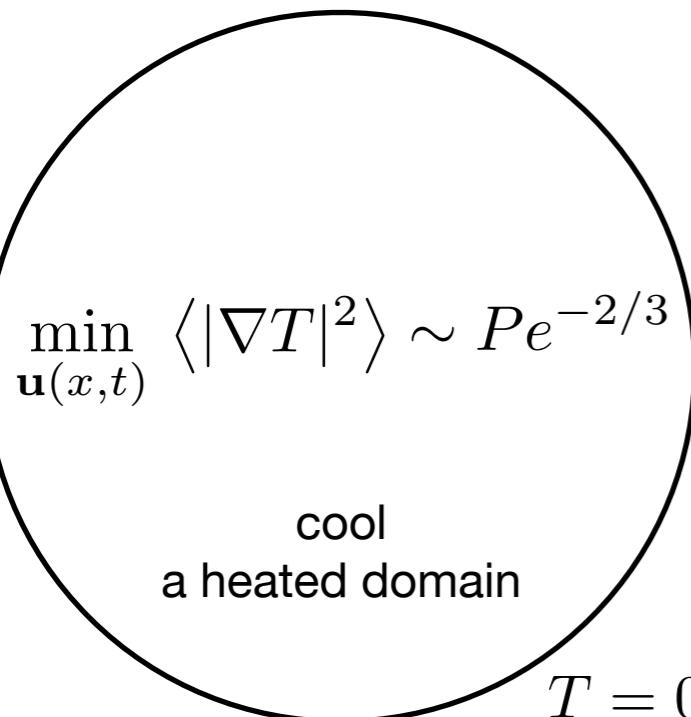
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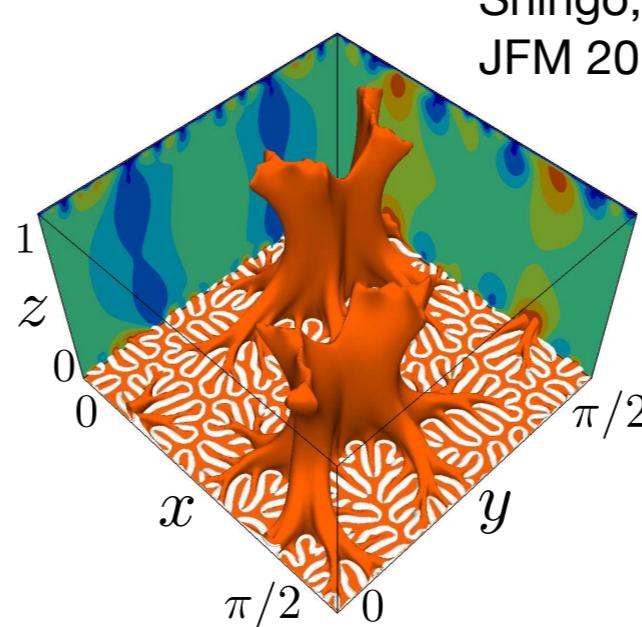
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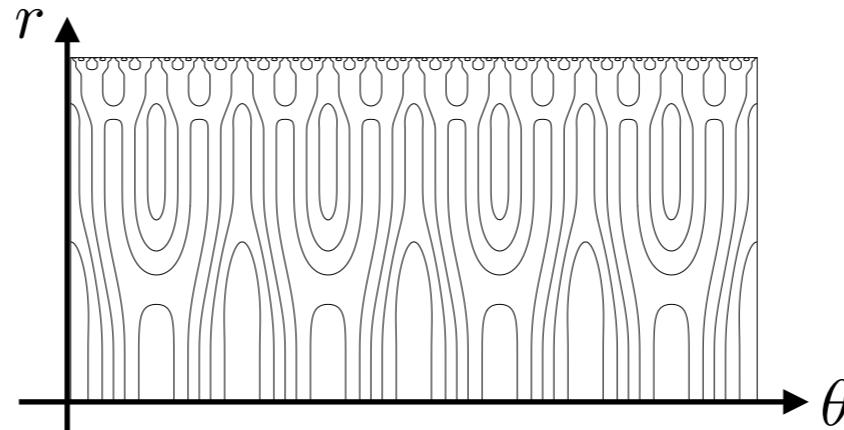


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