

AdS/CFT and condensed matter

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2. Triangular lattice antiferromagnets
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Fermi surfaces and Fermi liquids

2. Quantum phase transitions of Fermi liquids

*Pomeranchuk instability and spin density waves;
Fermi surfaces and “non-Fermi liquids”*

3. AdS₂ theory

4. Cuprate superconductivity

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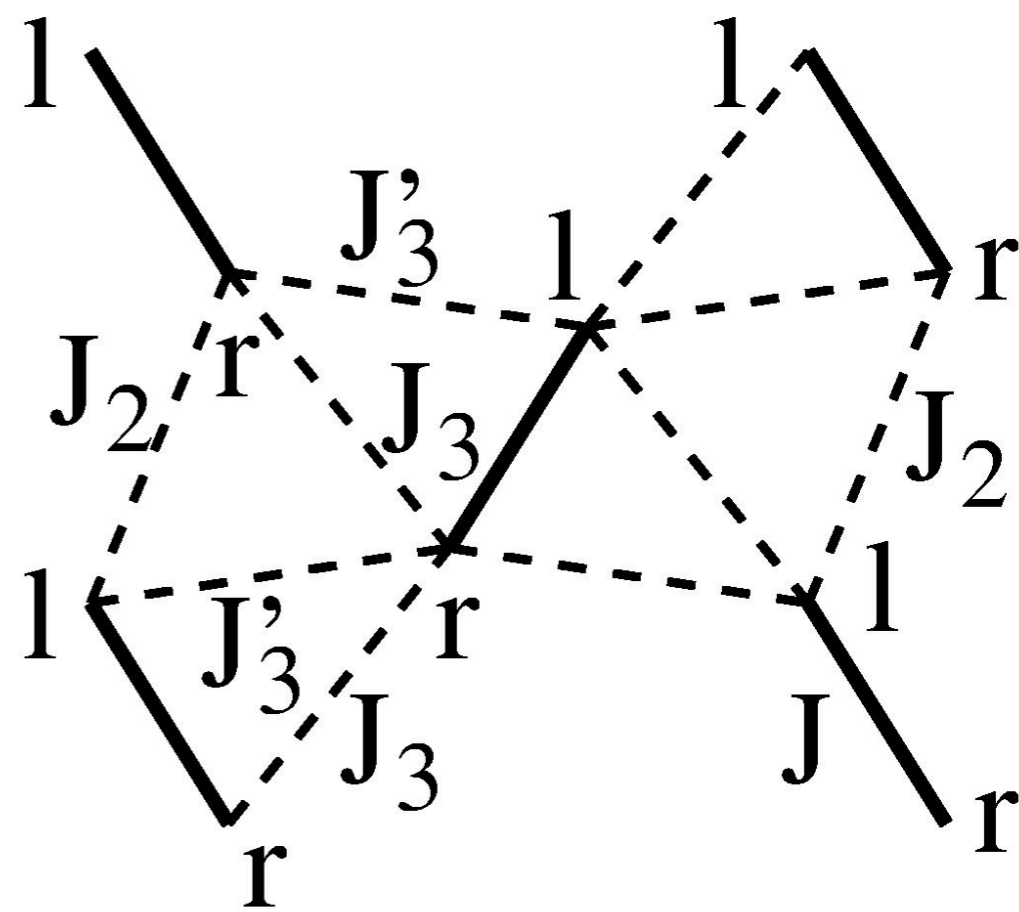
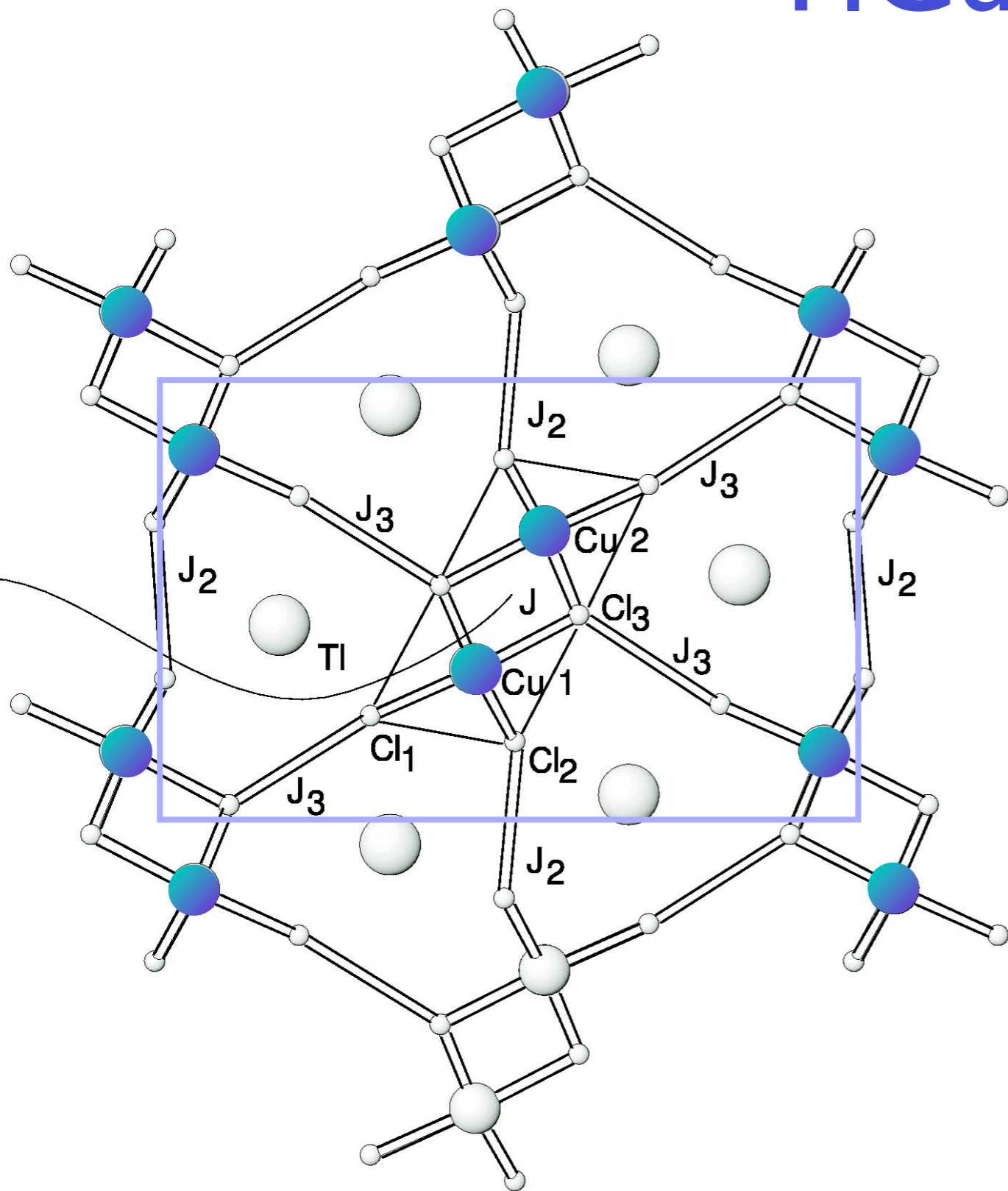
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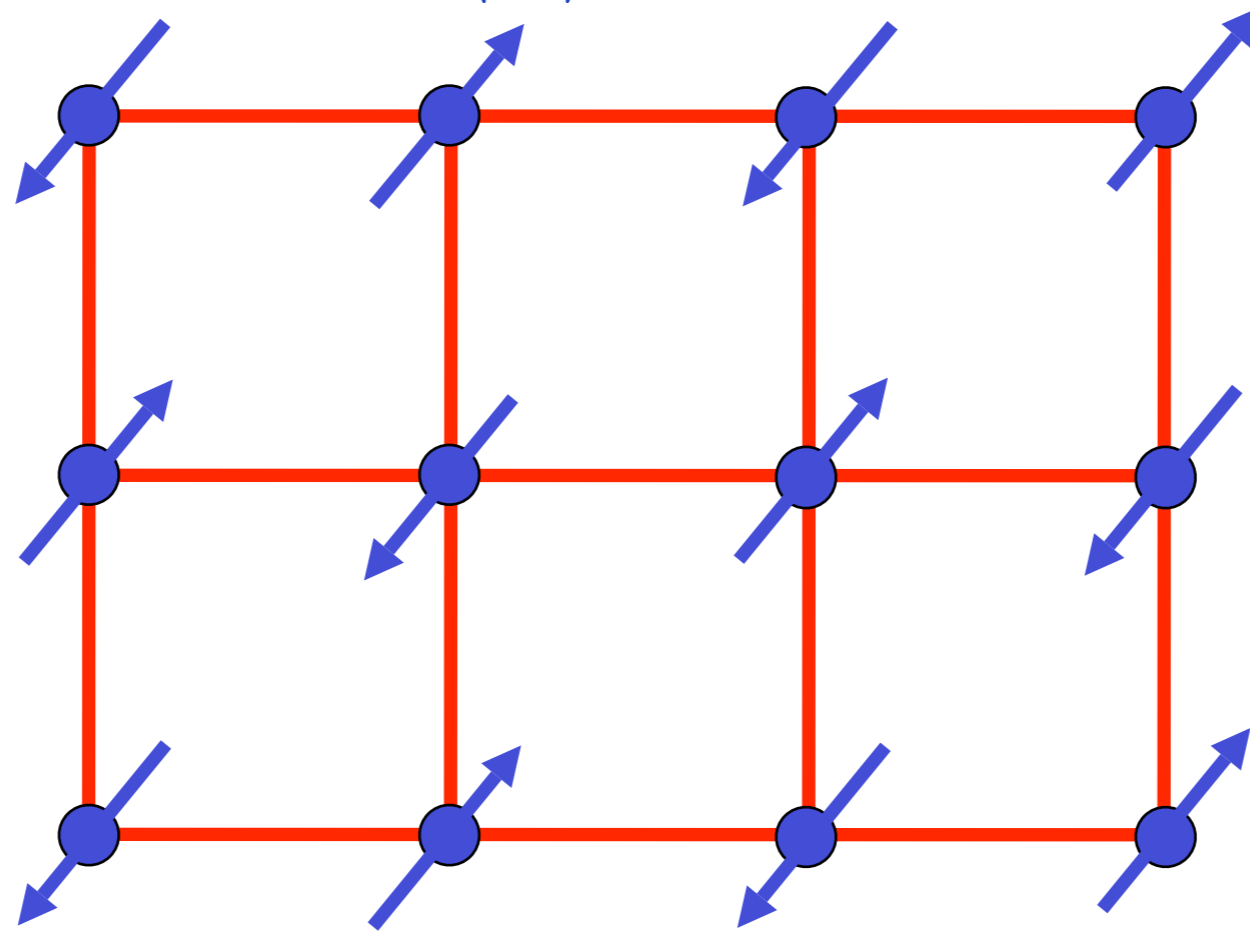
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TlCuCl₃



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Ground state has long-range Néel order

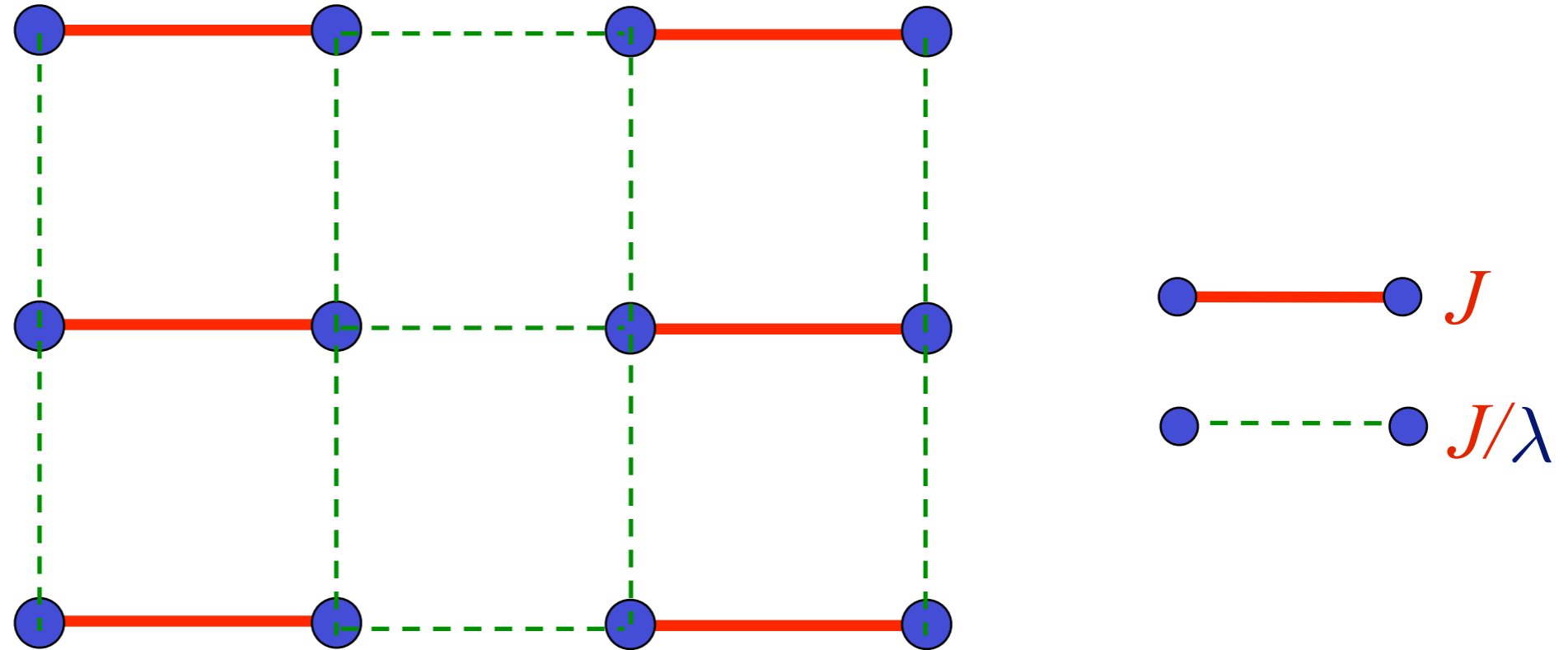
Order parameter is a single vector field $\vec{\varphi} = \eta_i \vec{S}_i$

$\eta_i = \pm 1$ on two sublattices

$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$ in Néel state.

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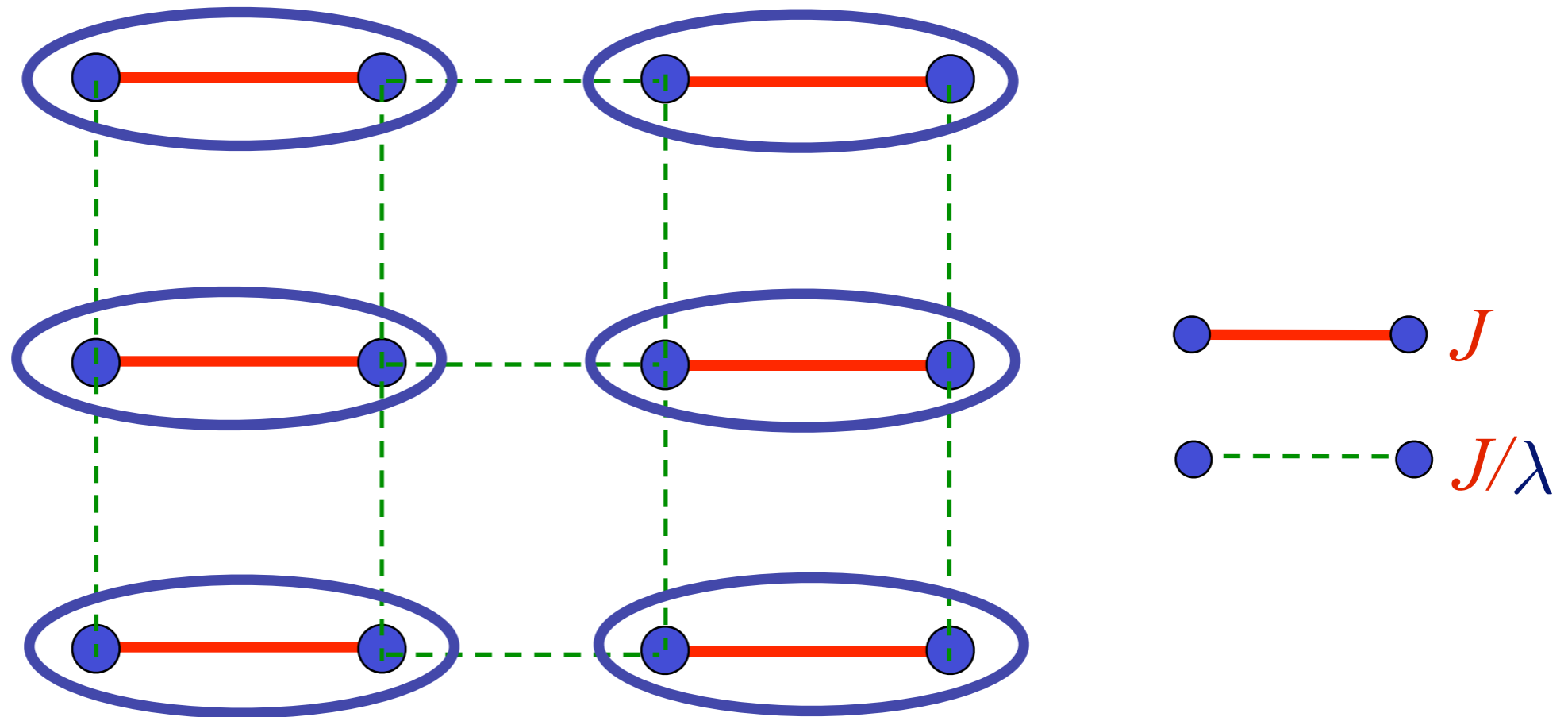
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Weaken some bonds to induce spin entanglement in a new quantum phase

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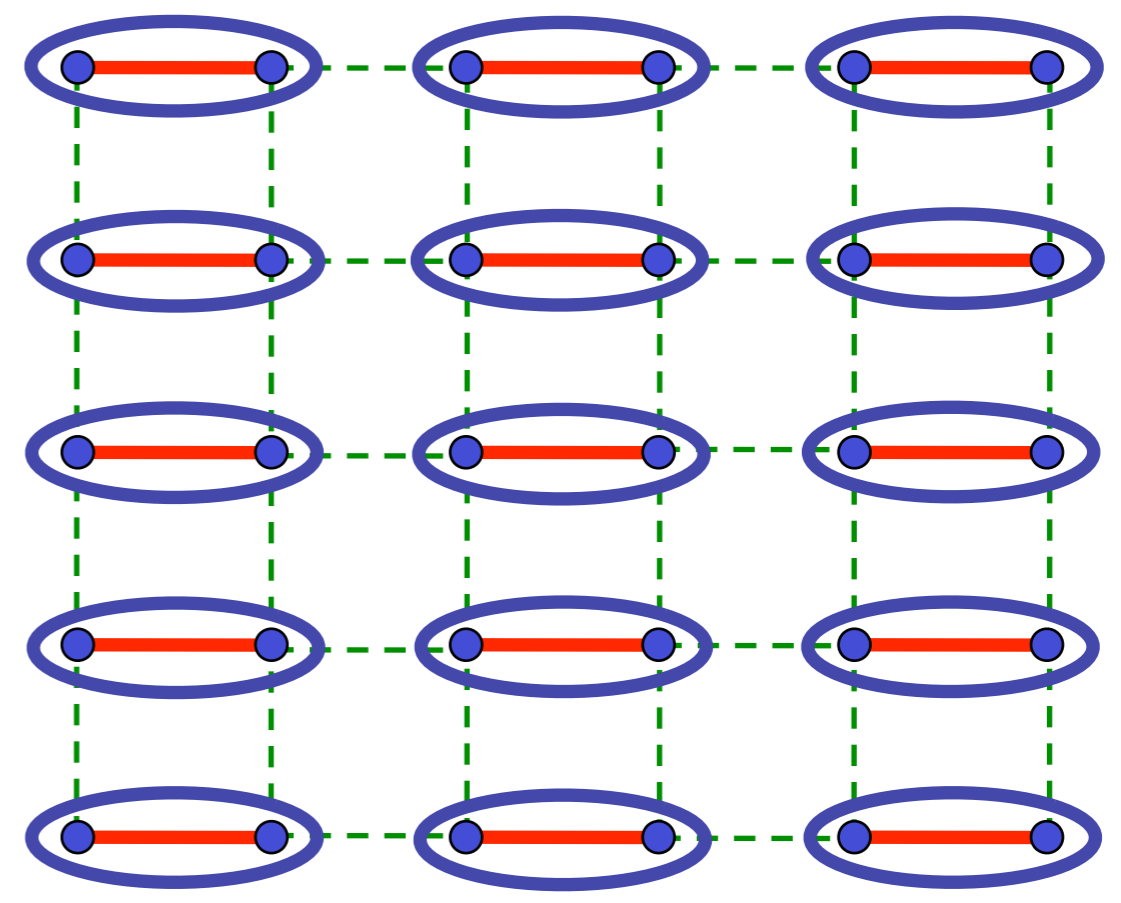
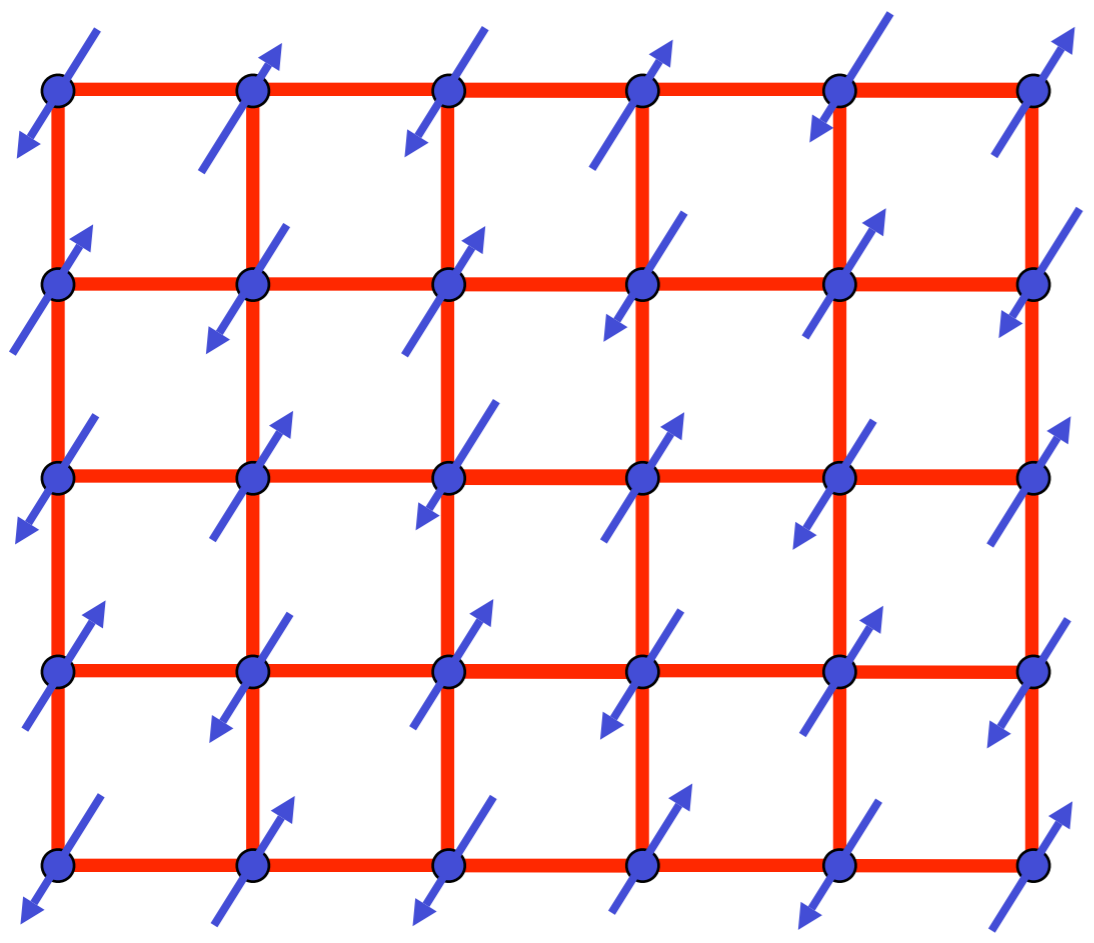


Ground state is a “quantum paramagnet”
with spins locked in valence bond singlets

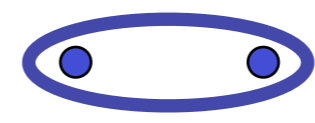
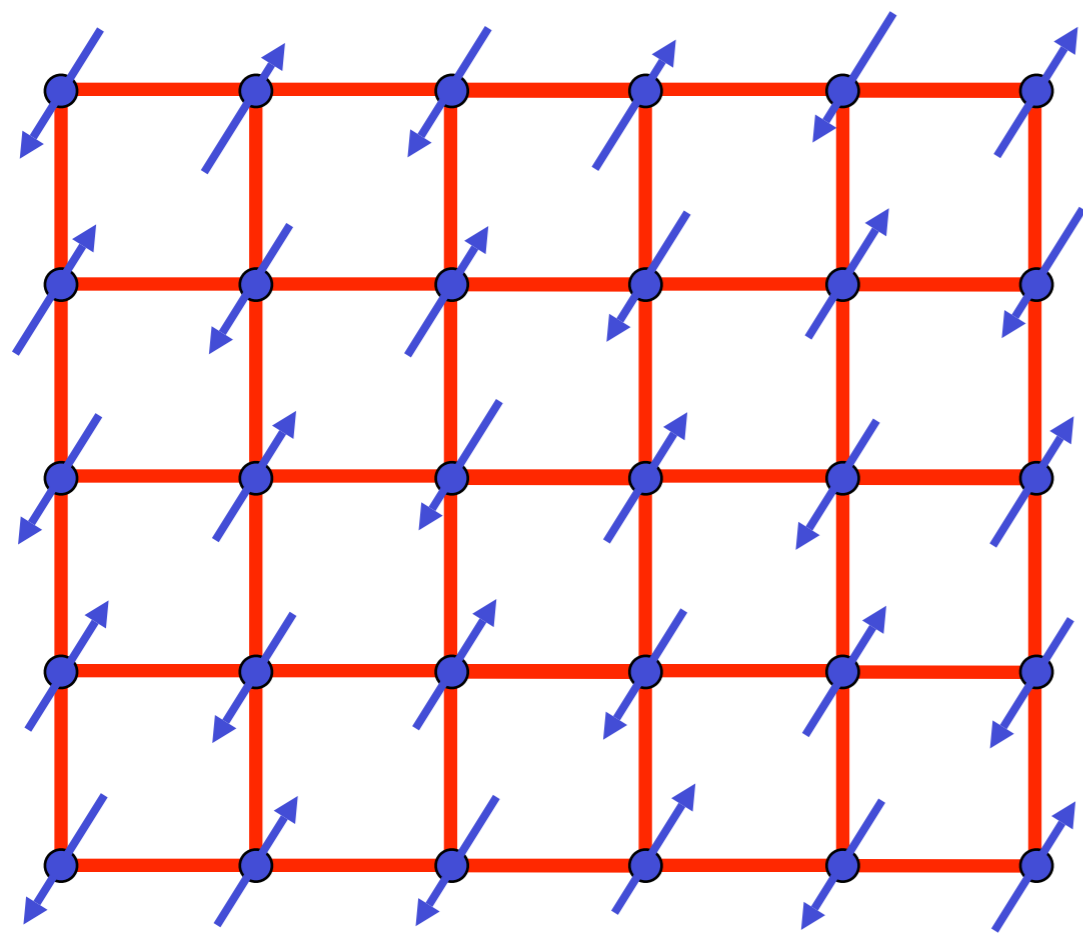
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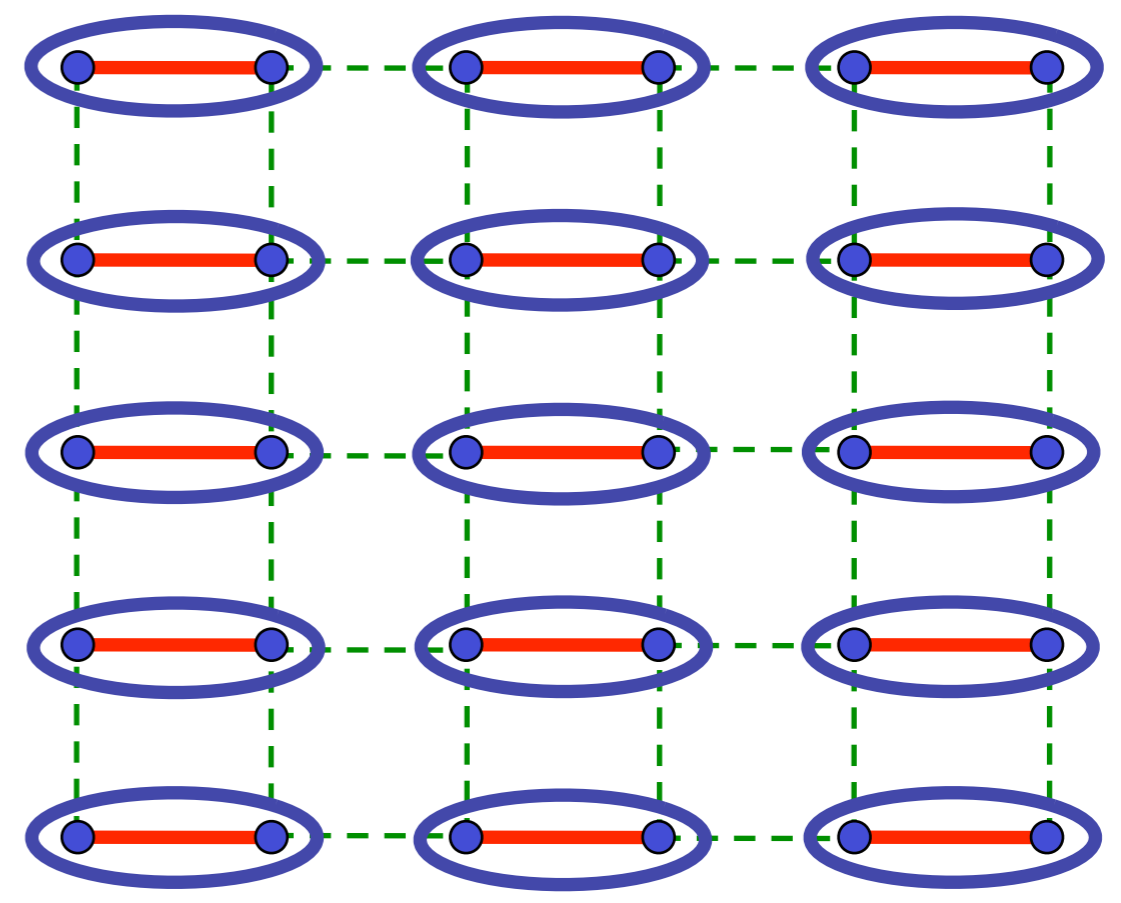
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← Pressure in TlCuCl_3

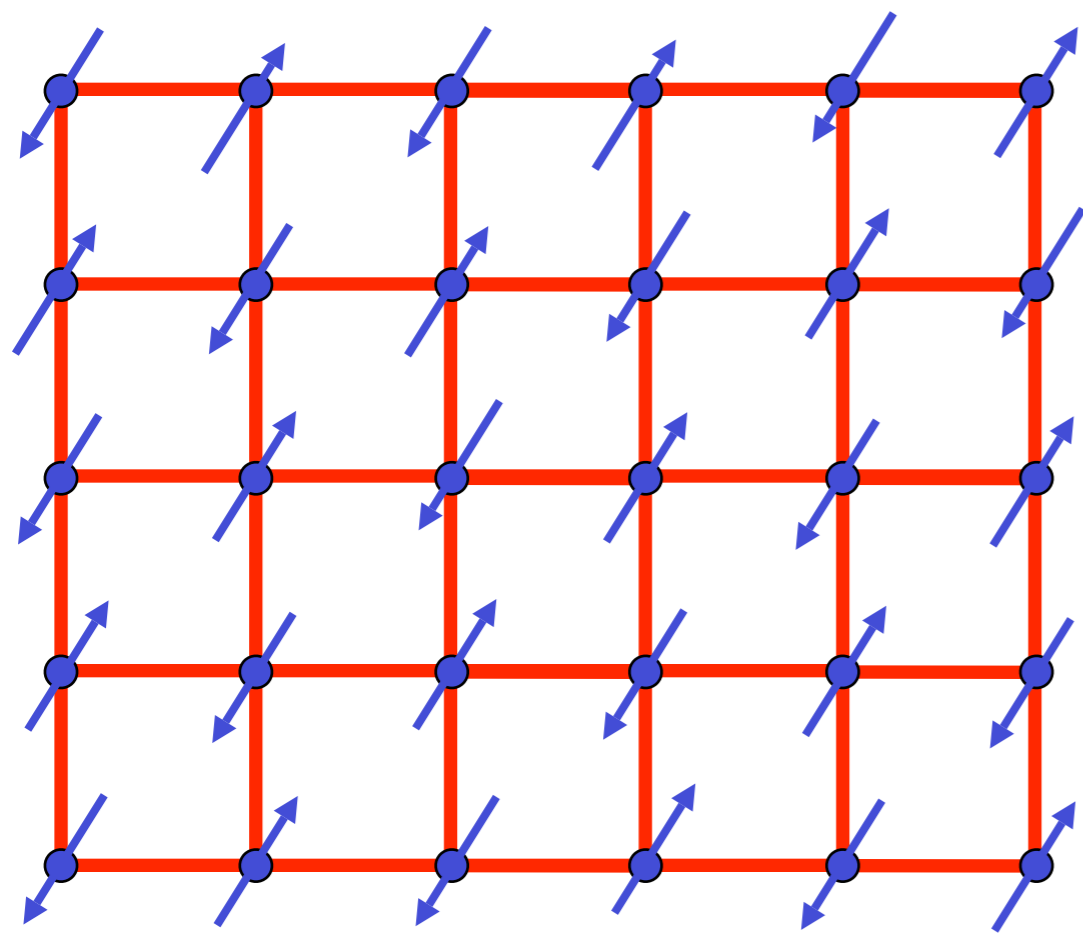


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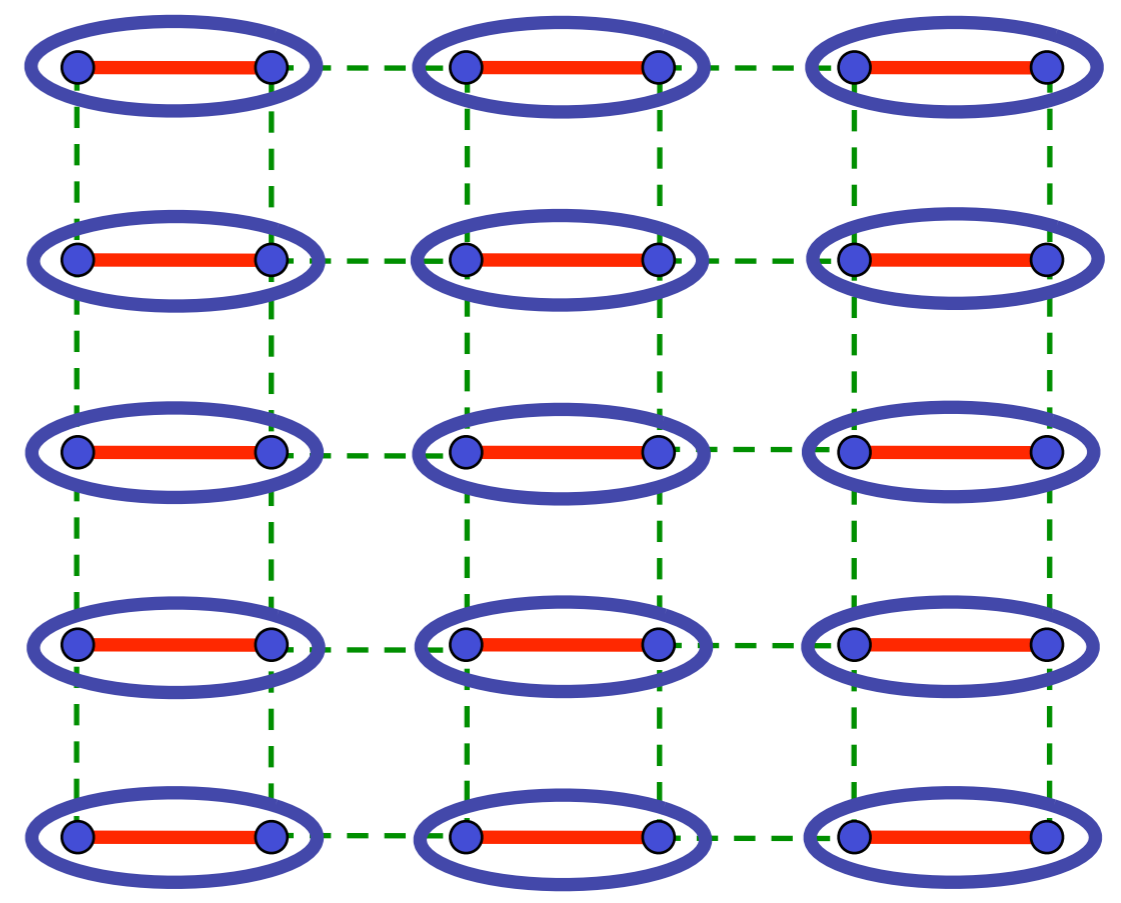


λ_c

Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction



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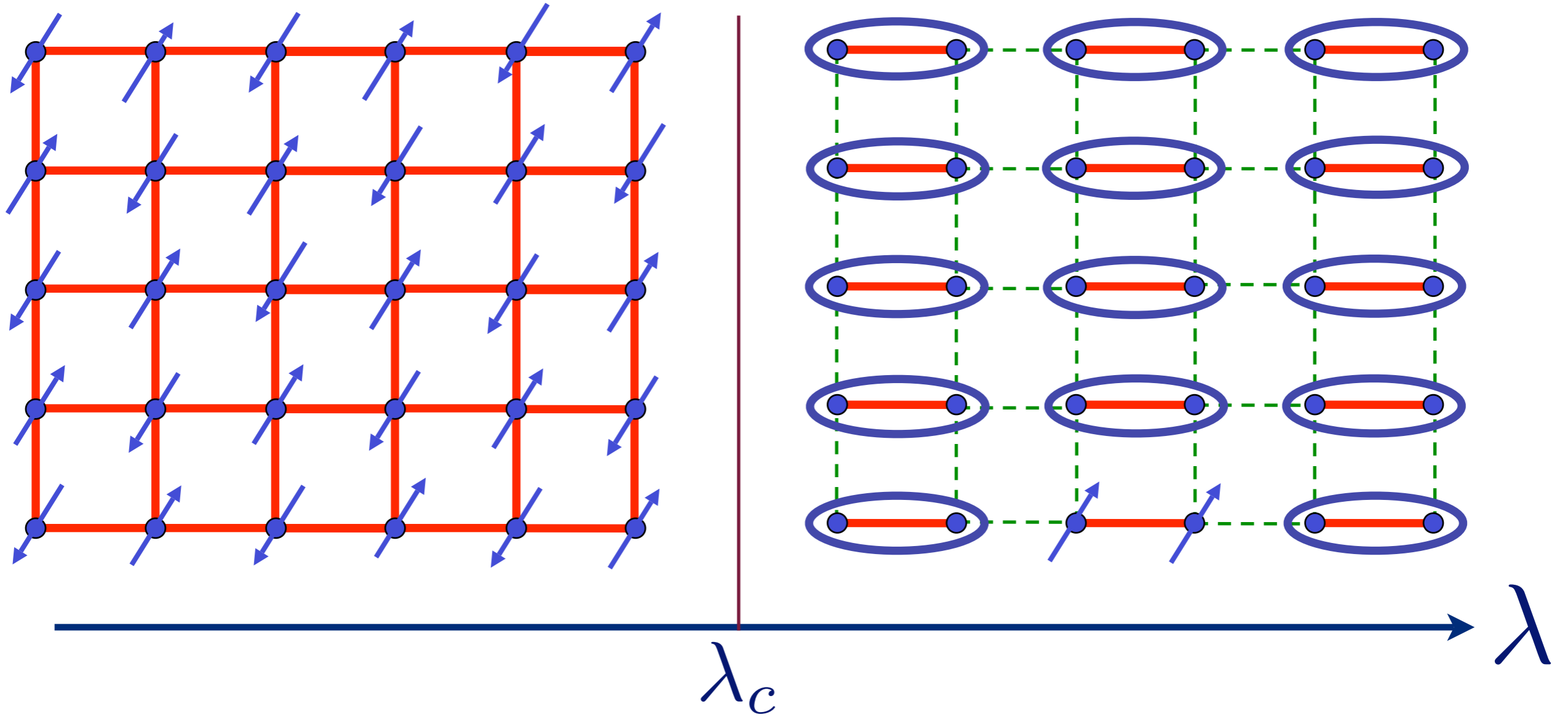


$O(3)$ order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$

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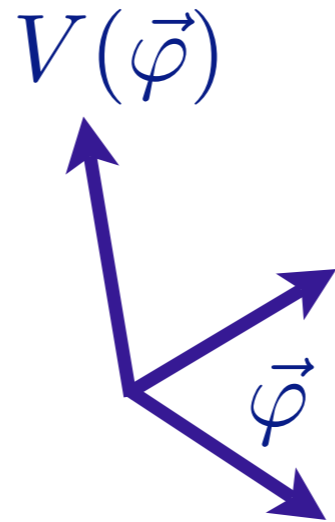
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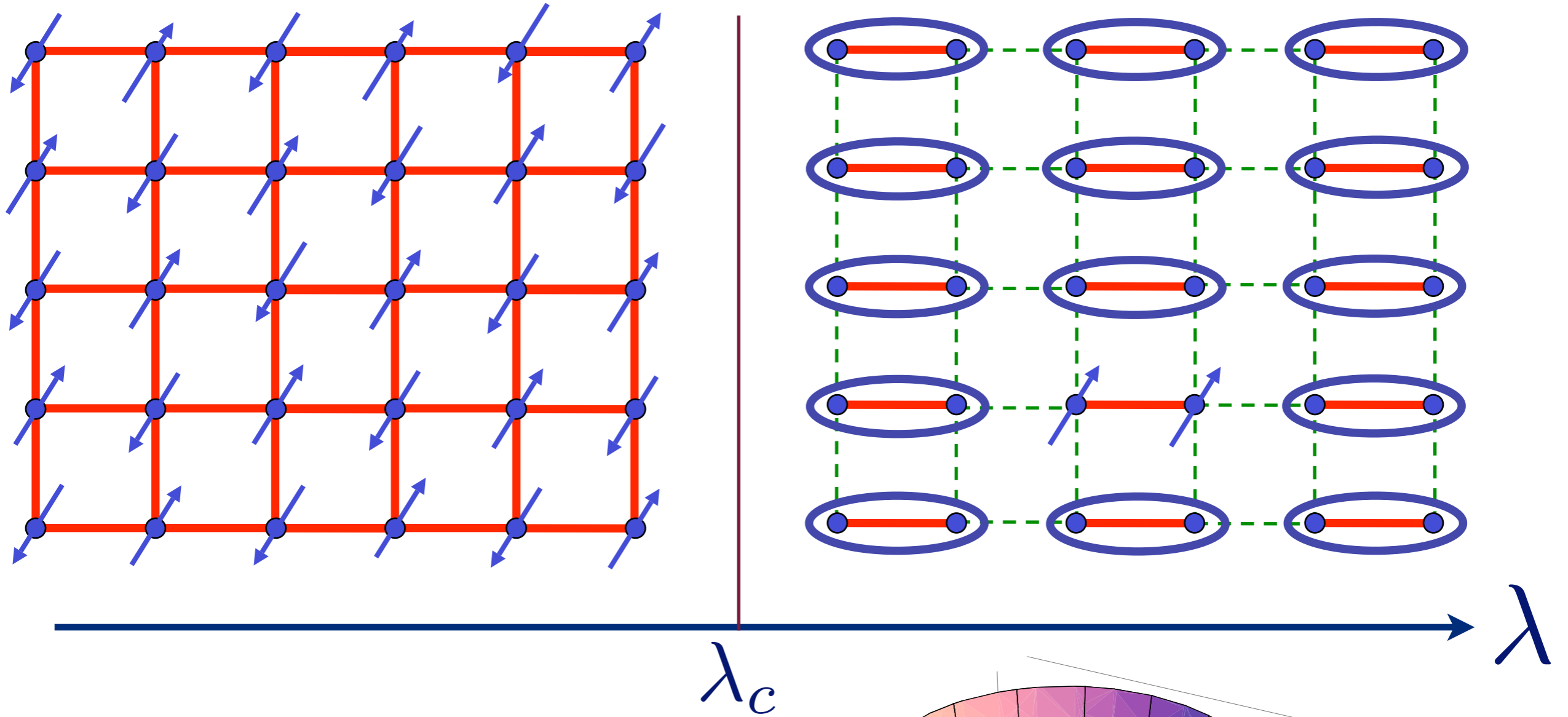
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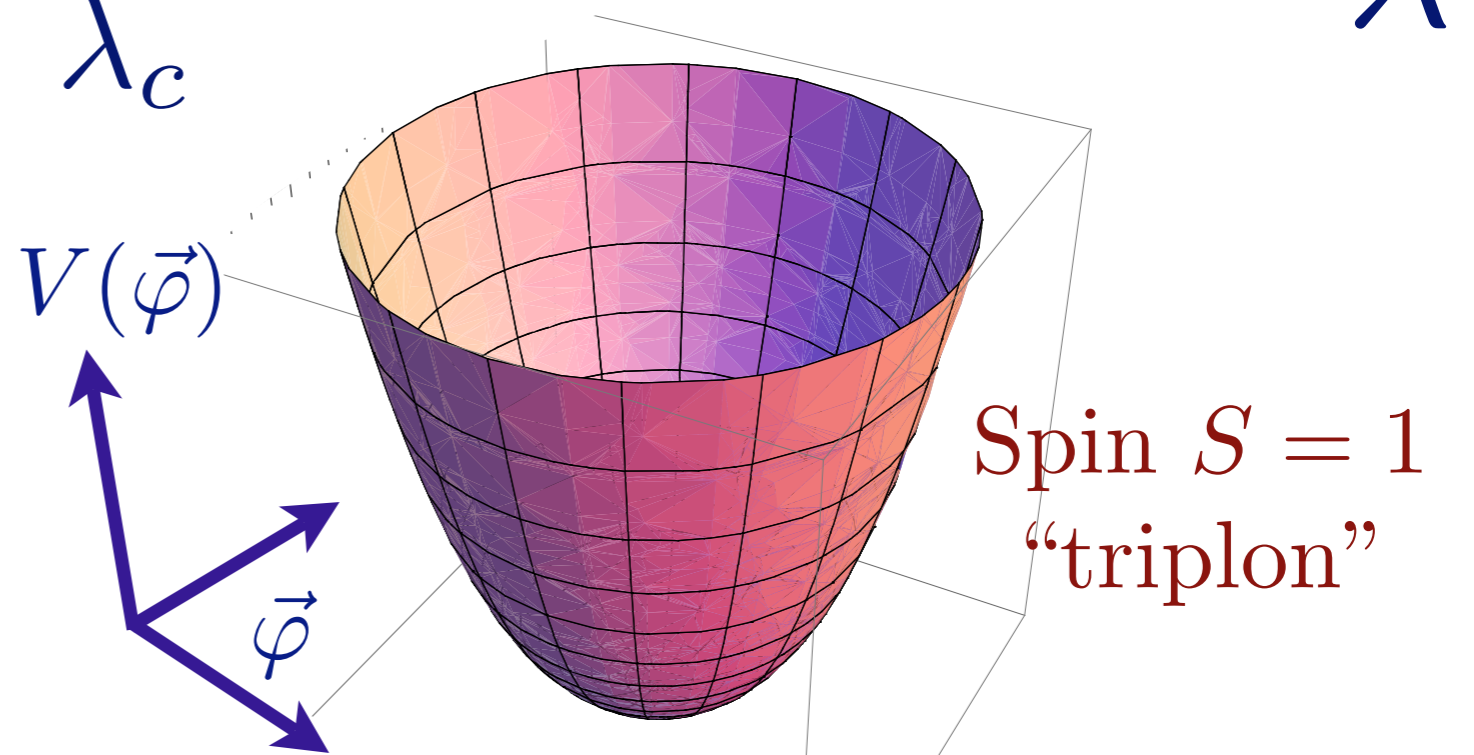
Spin $S = 1$
“triplon”

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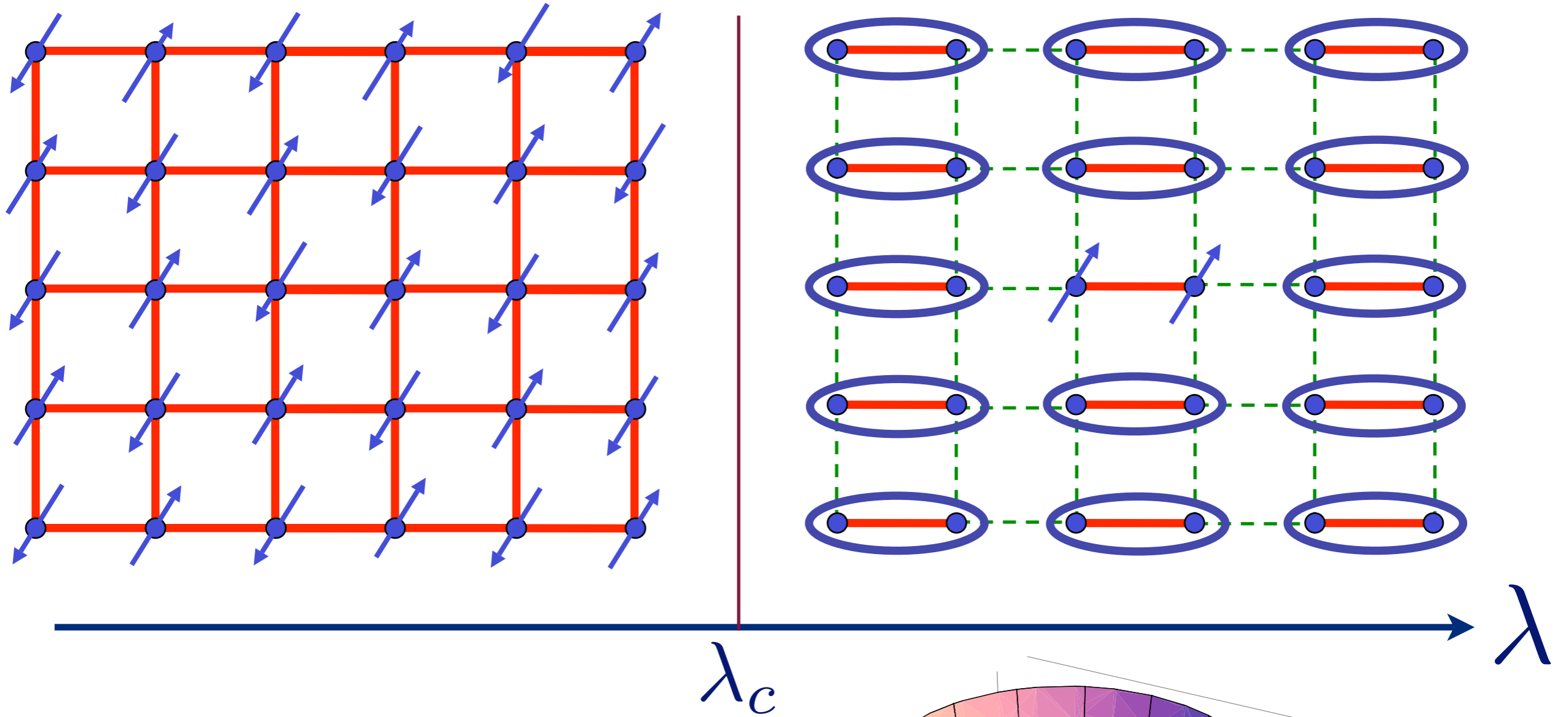


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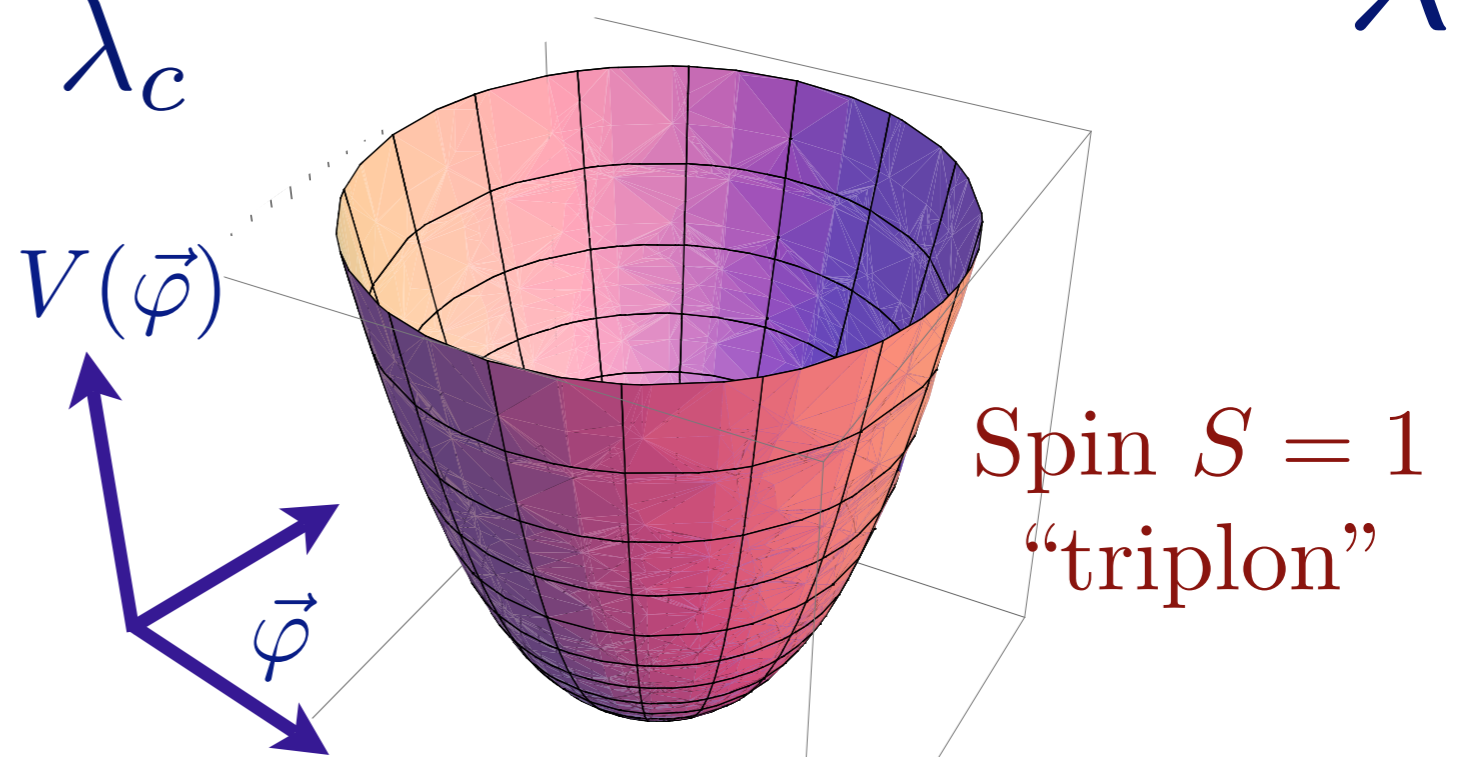


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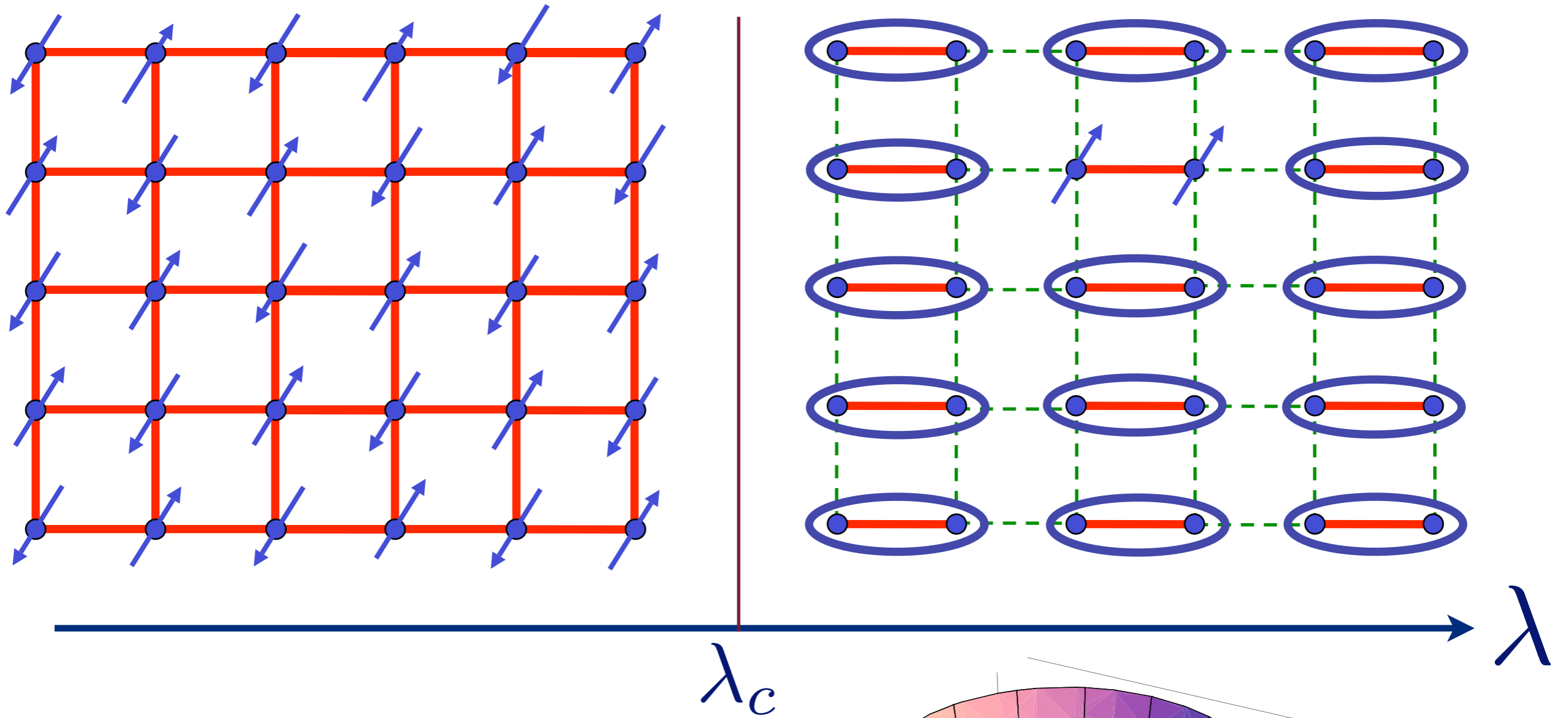


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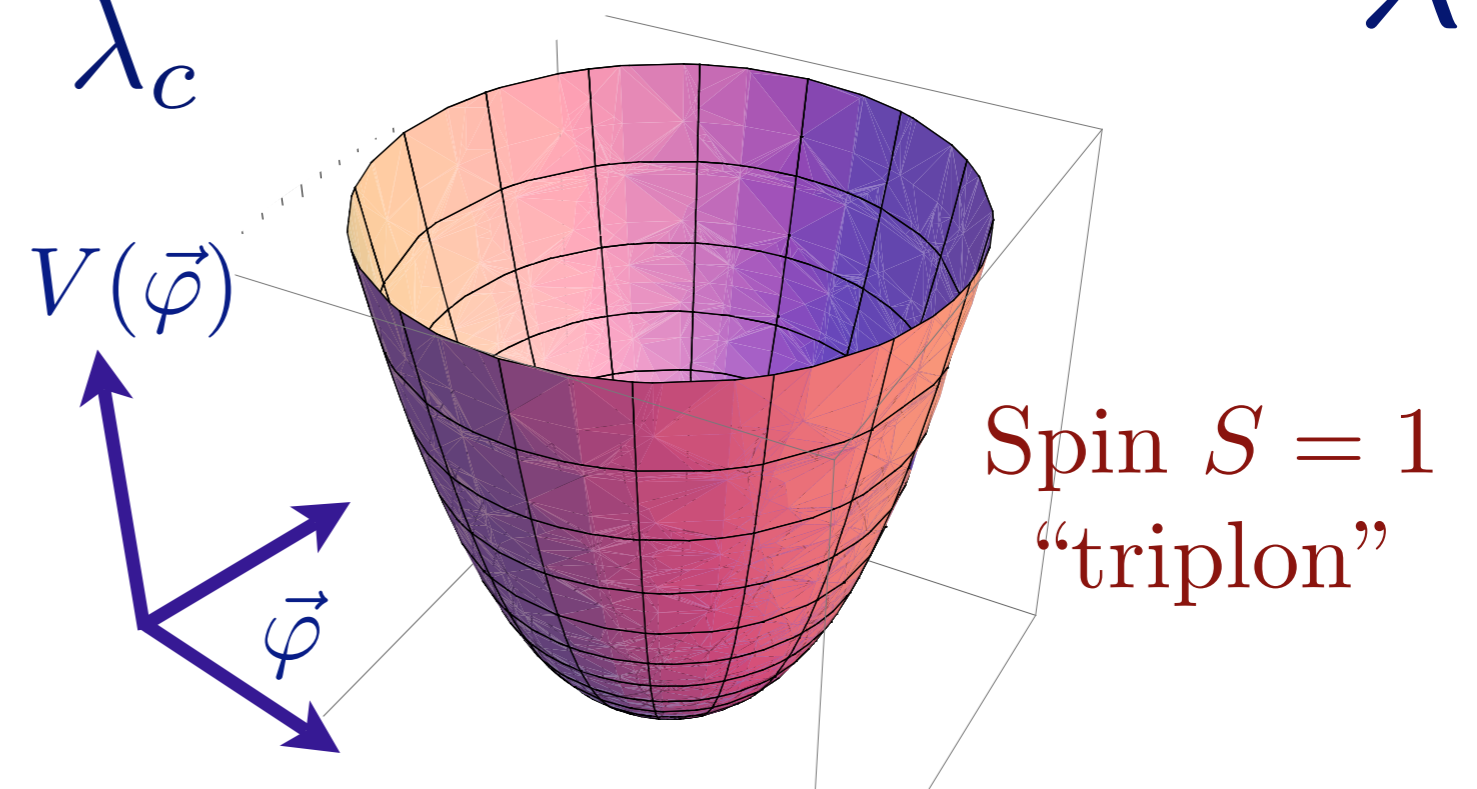


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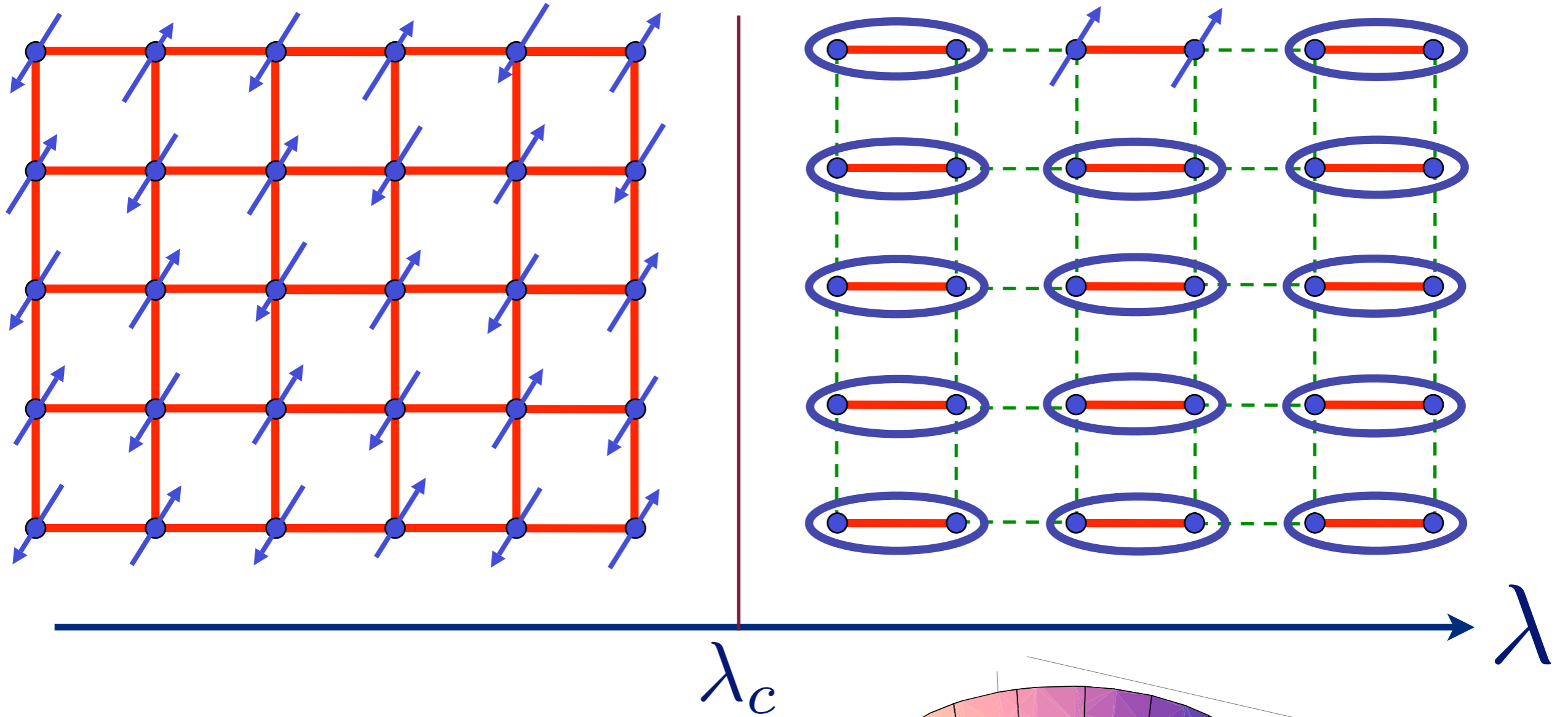


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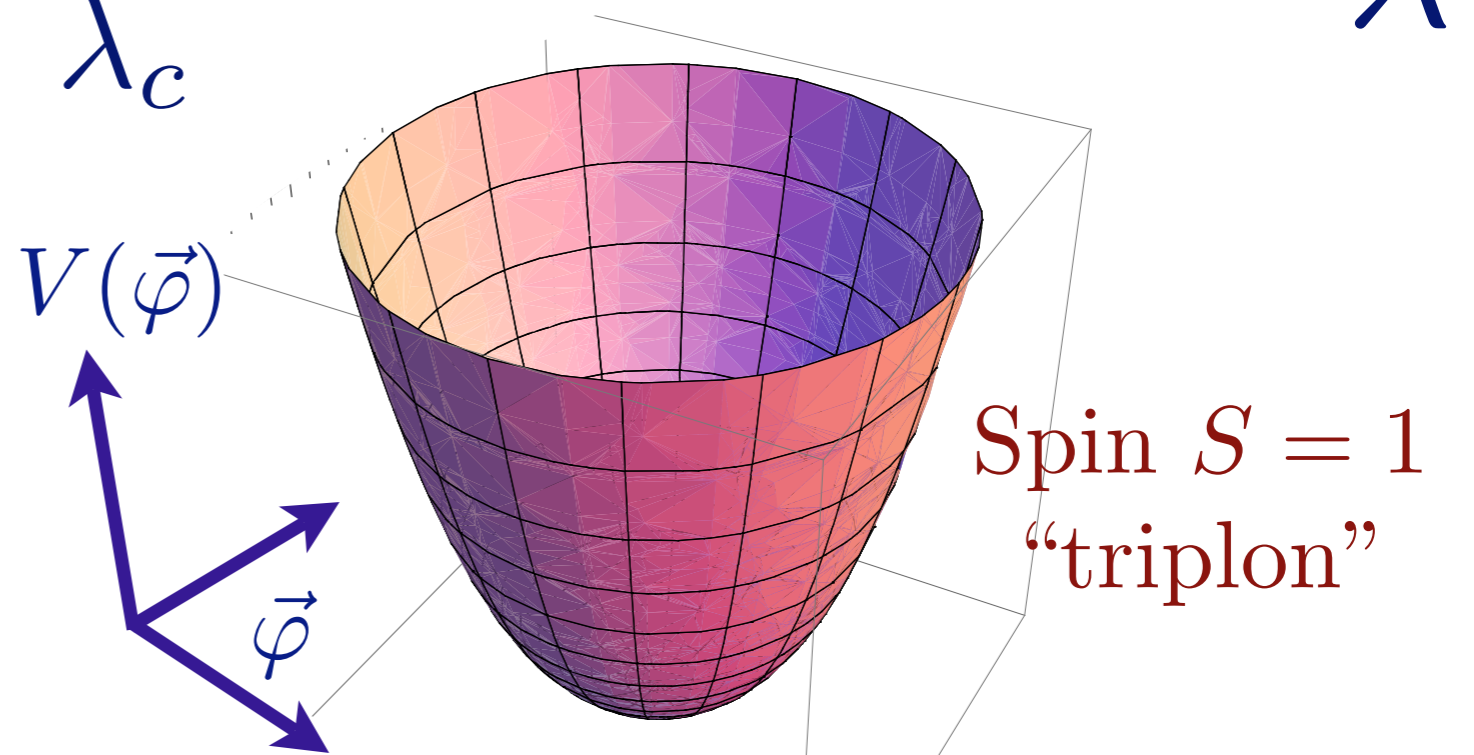


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TlCuCl₃ at ambient pressure

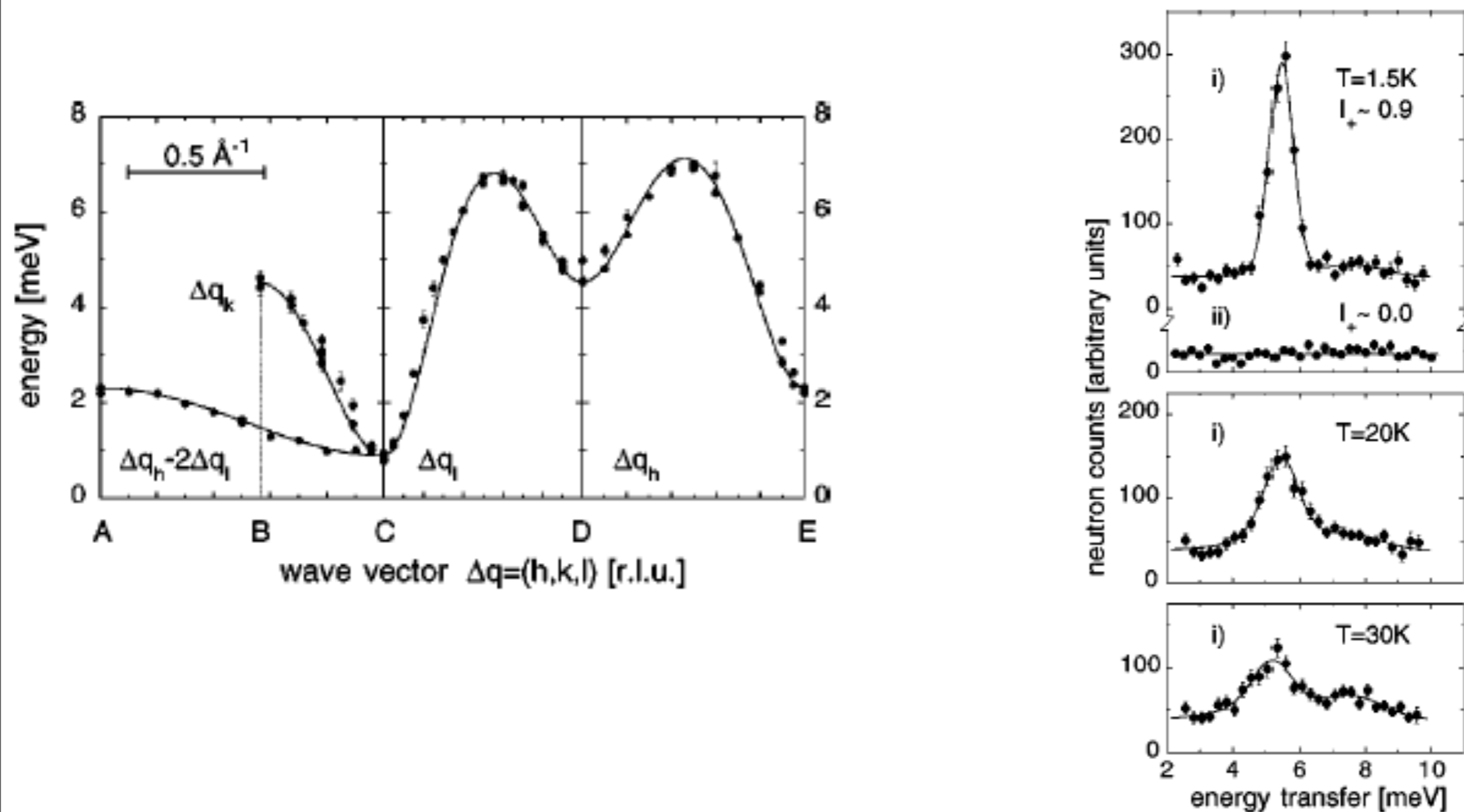
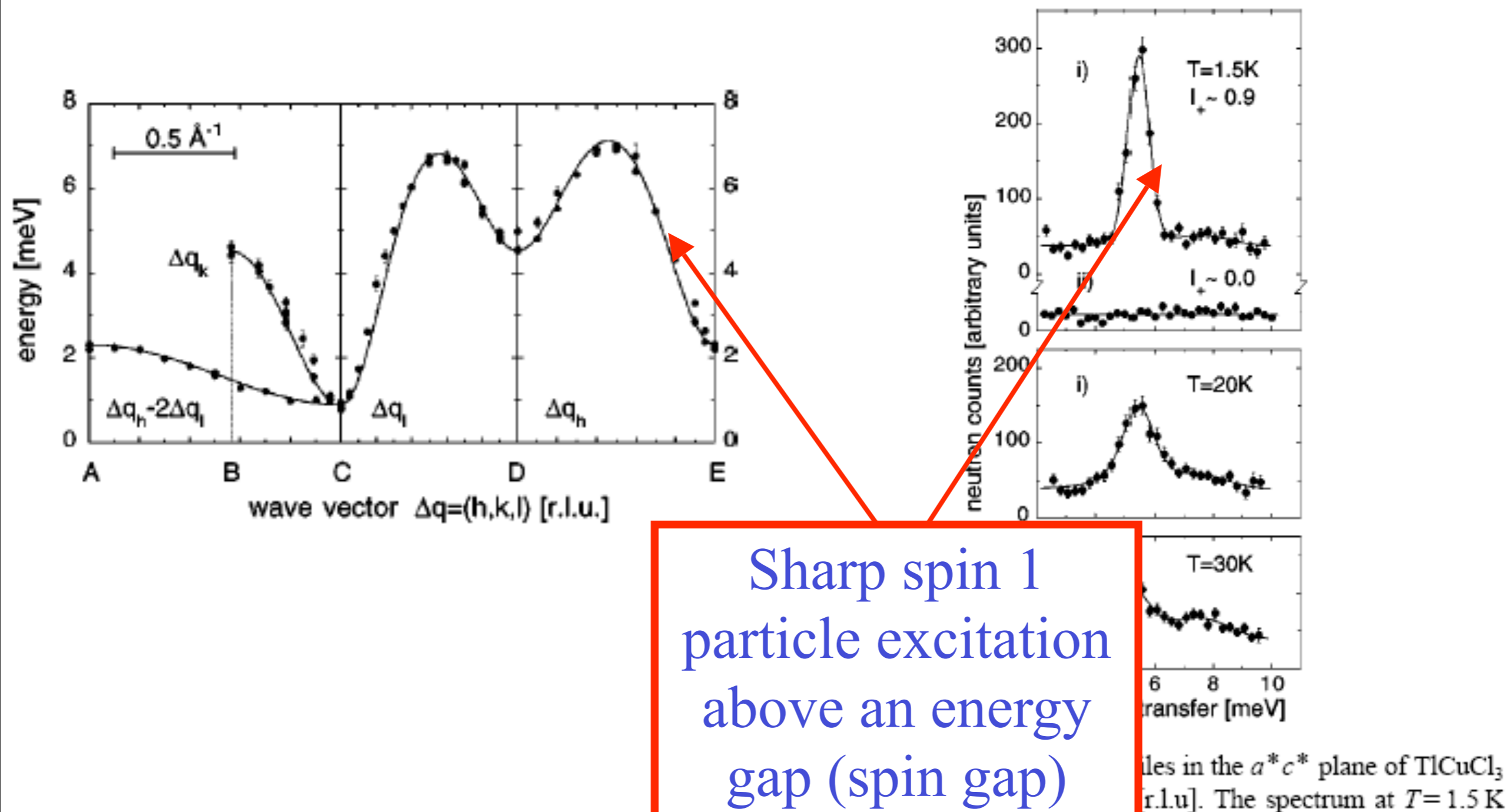


FIG. 1. Measured neutron profiles in the a^*c^* plane of TlCuCl₃ for $i=(1.35,0,0)$, $ii=(0,0,3.15)$ [r.l.u.]. The spectrum at $T=1.5\text{K}$

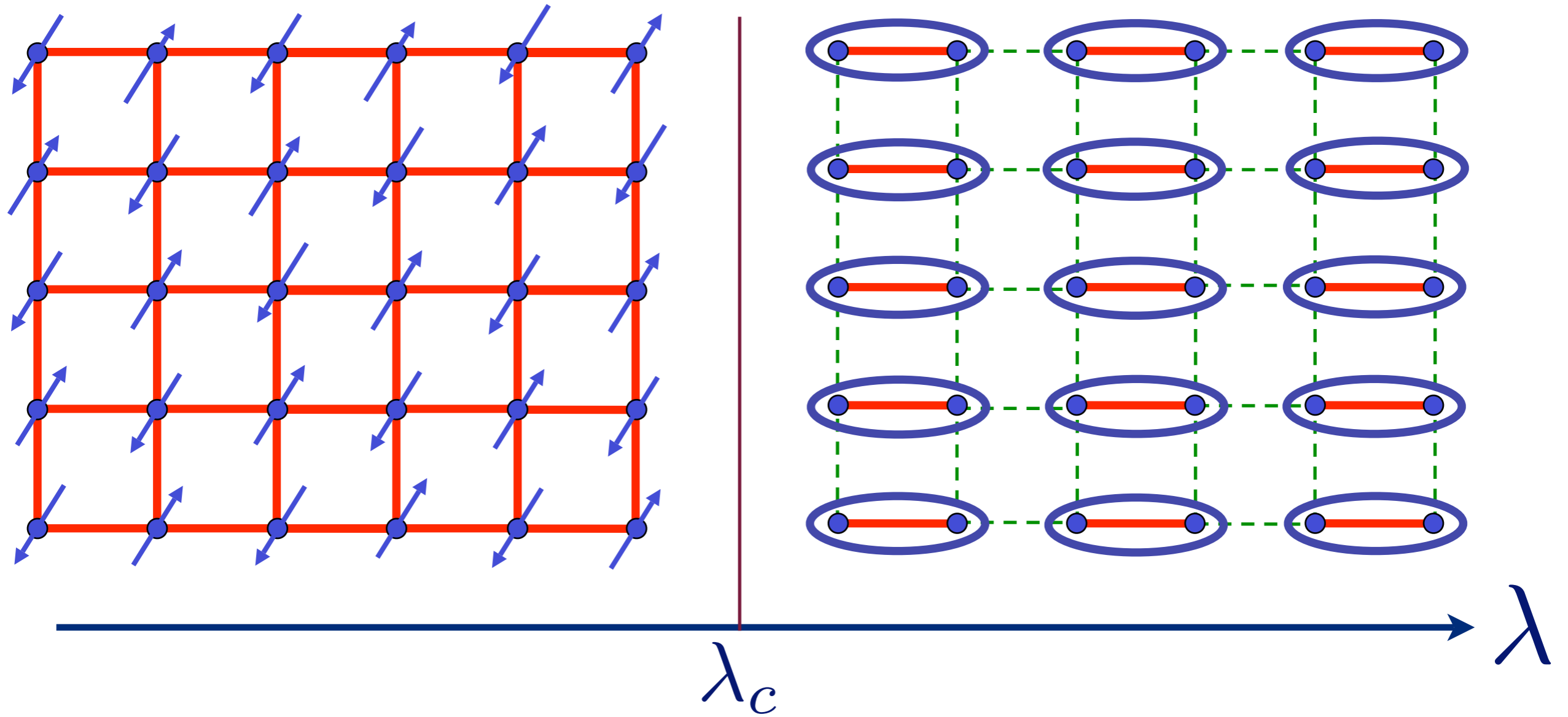
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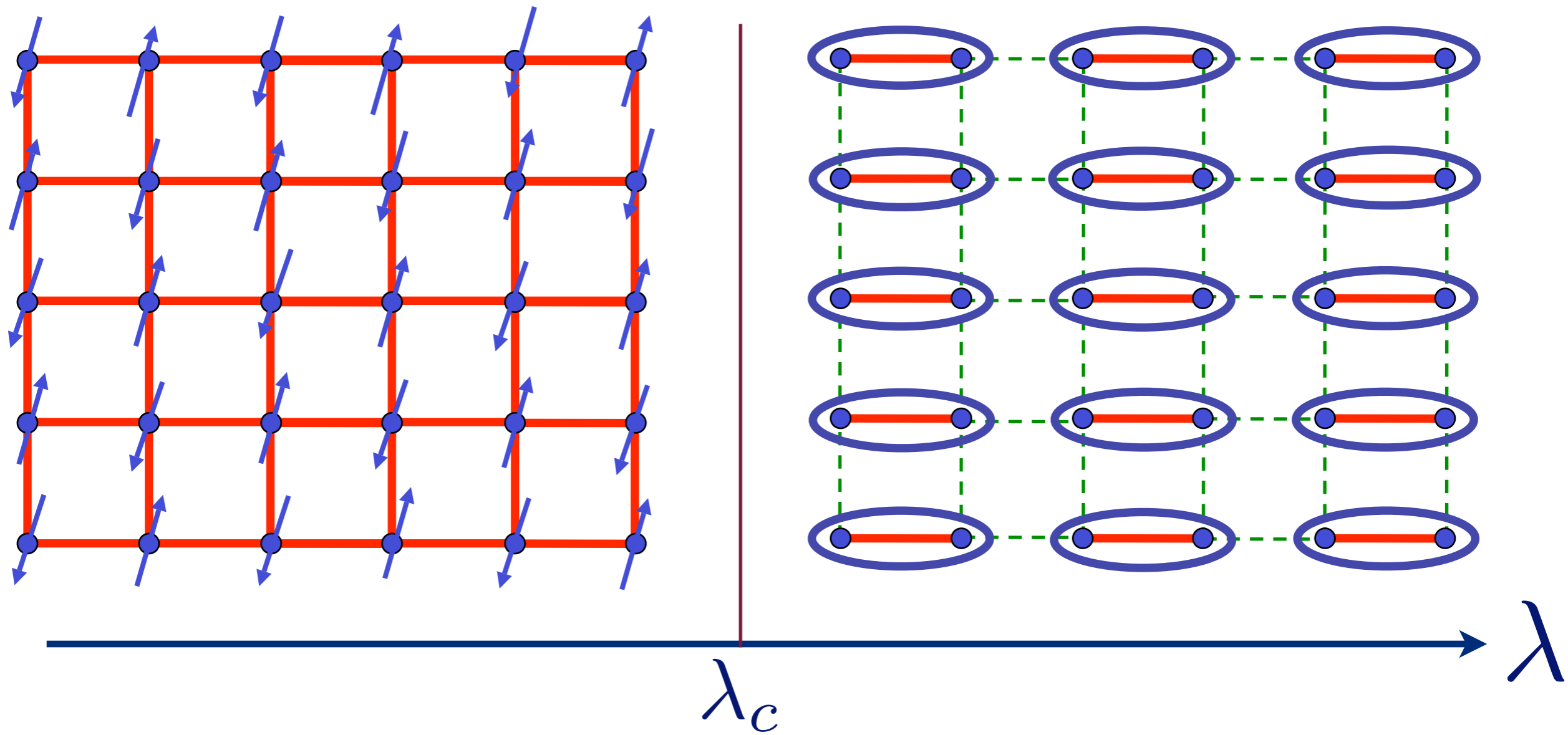


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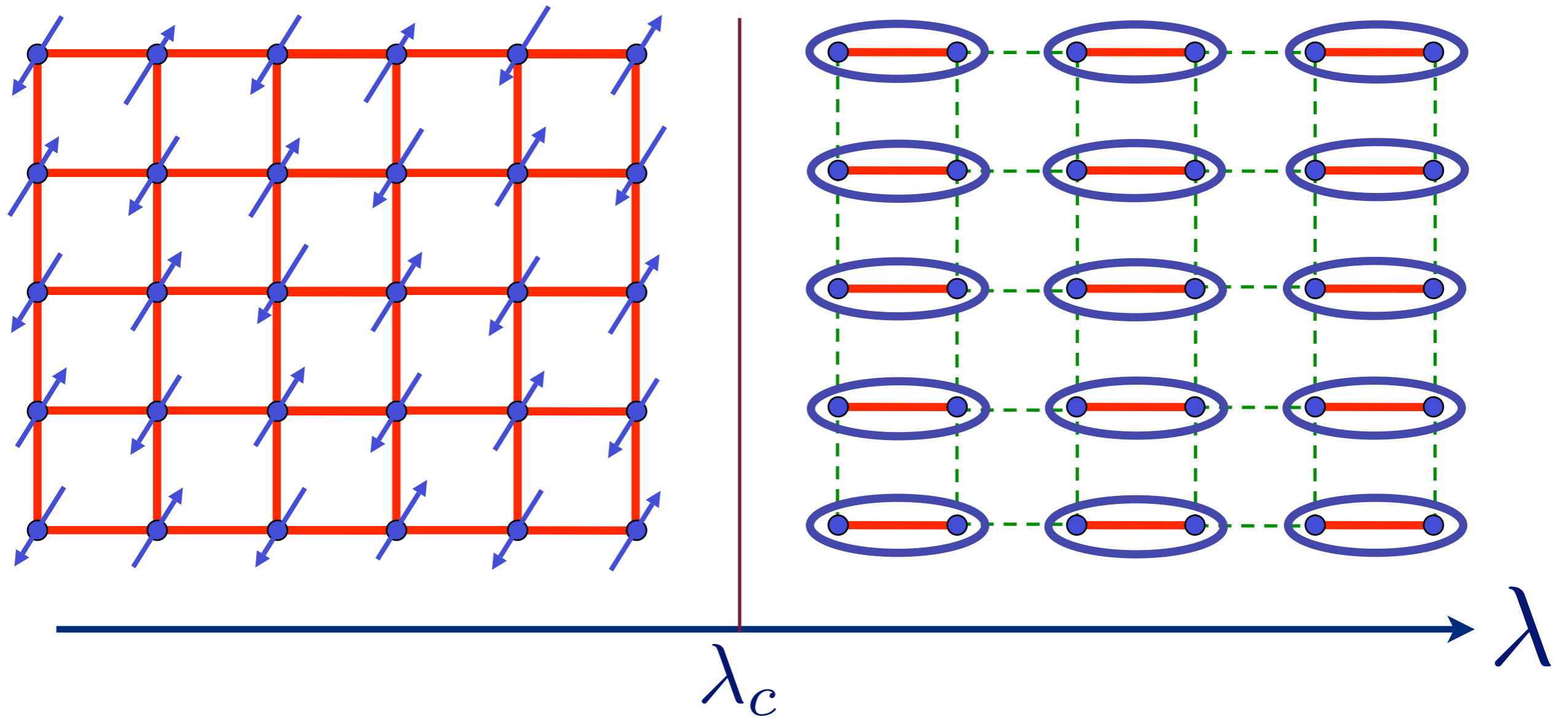


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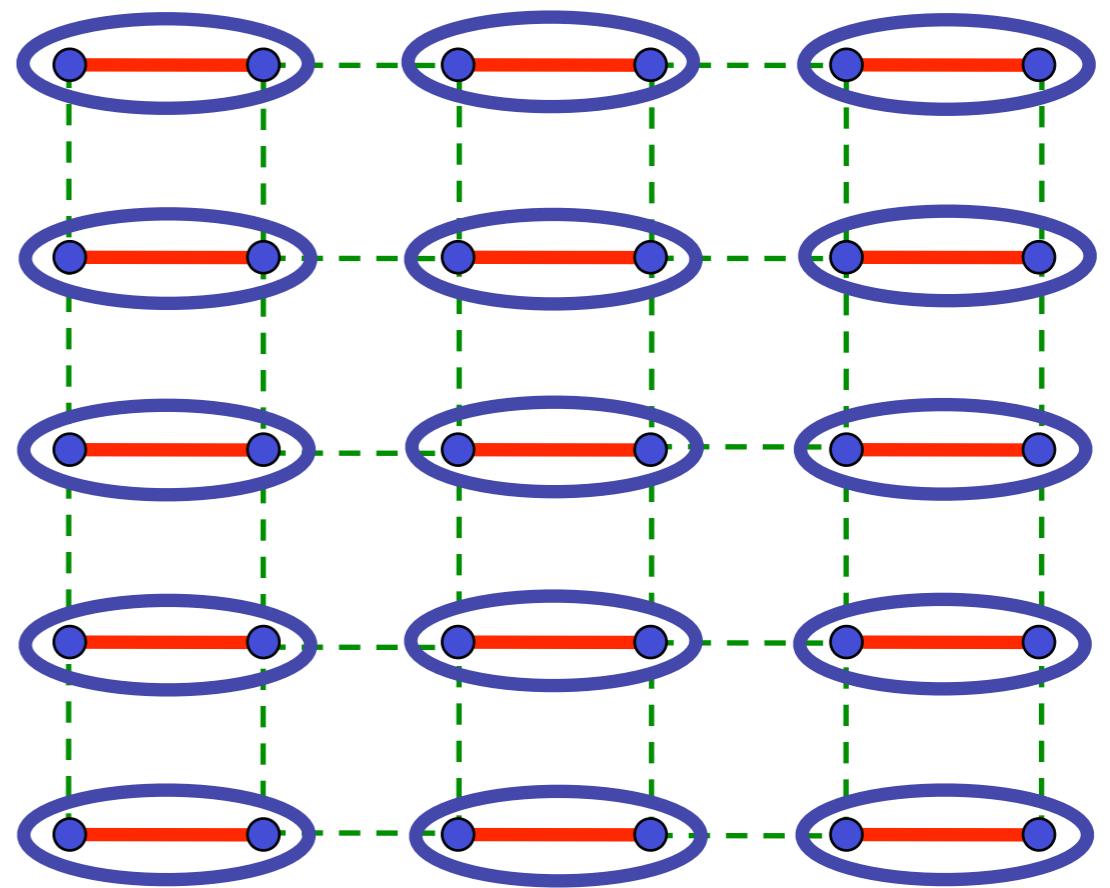
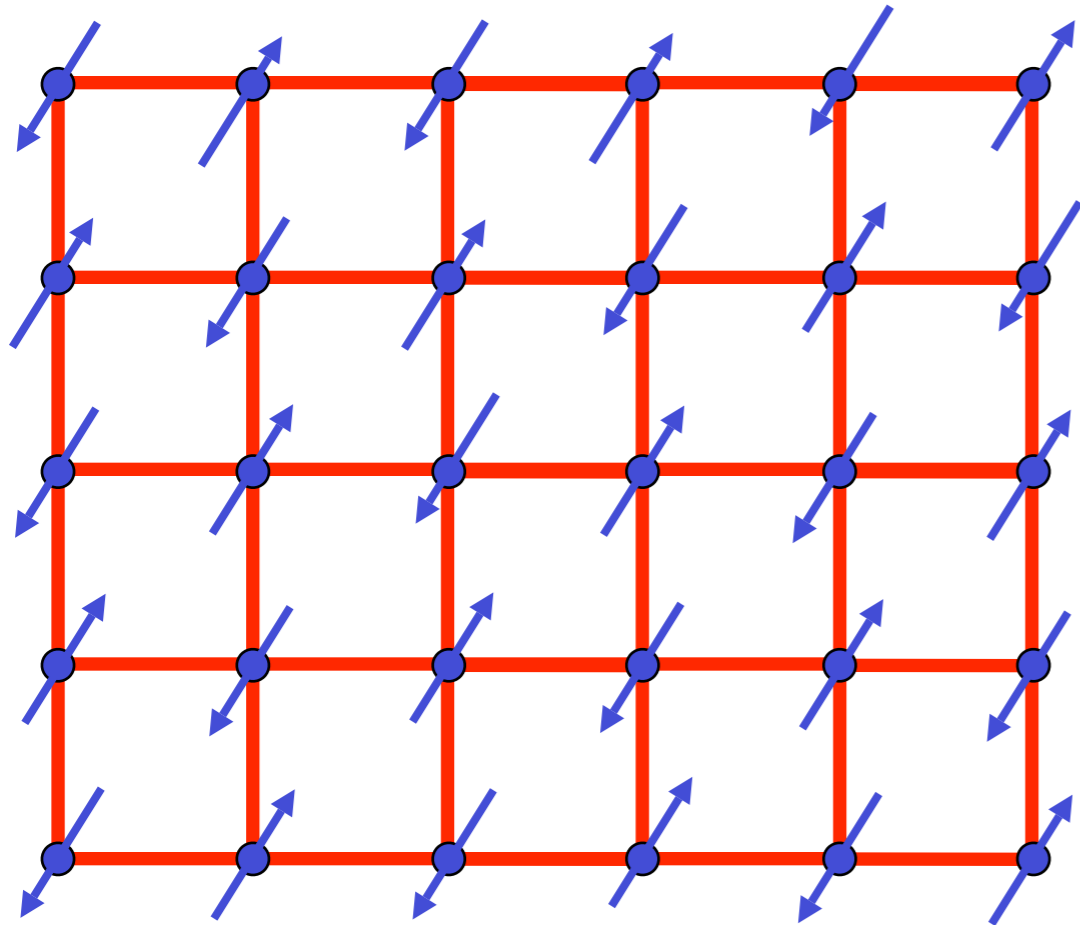
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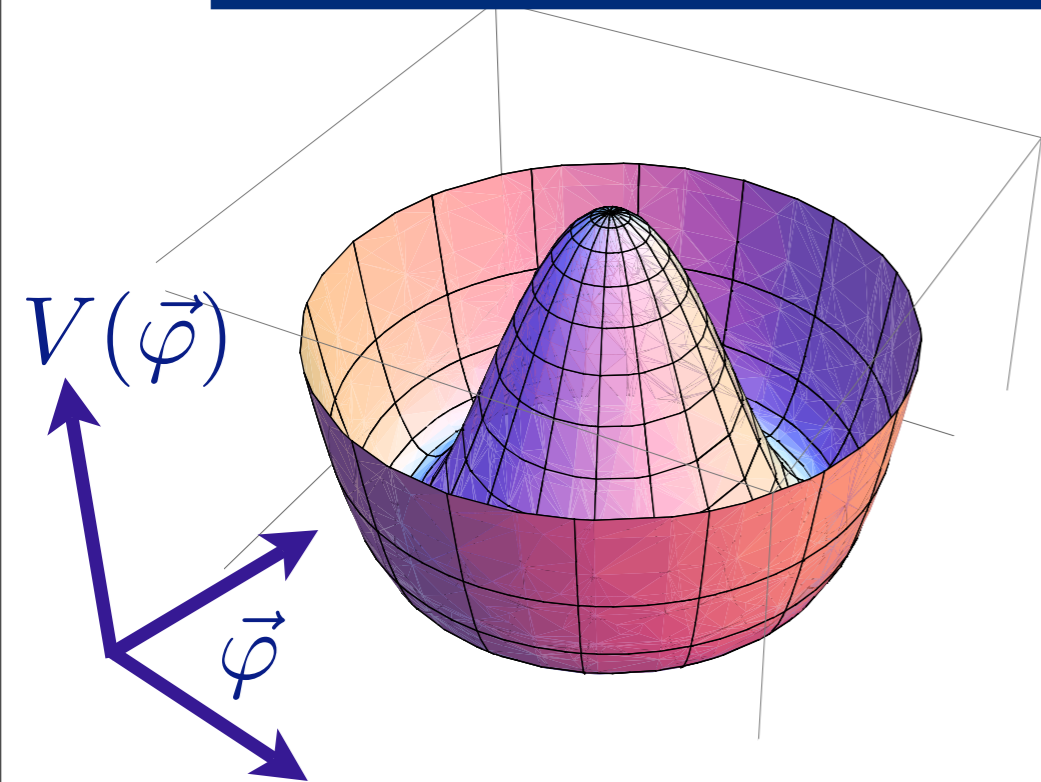
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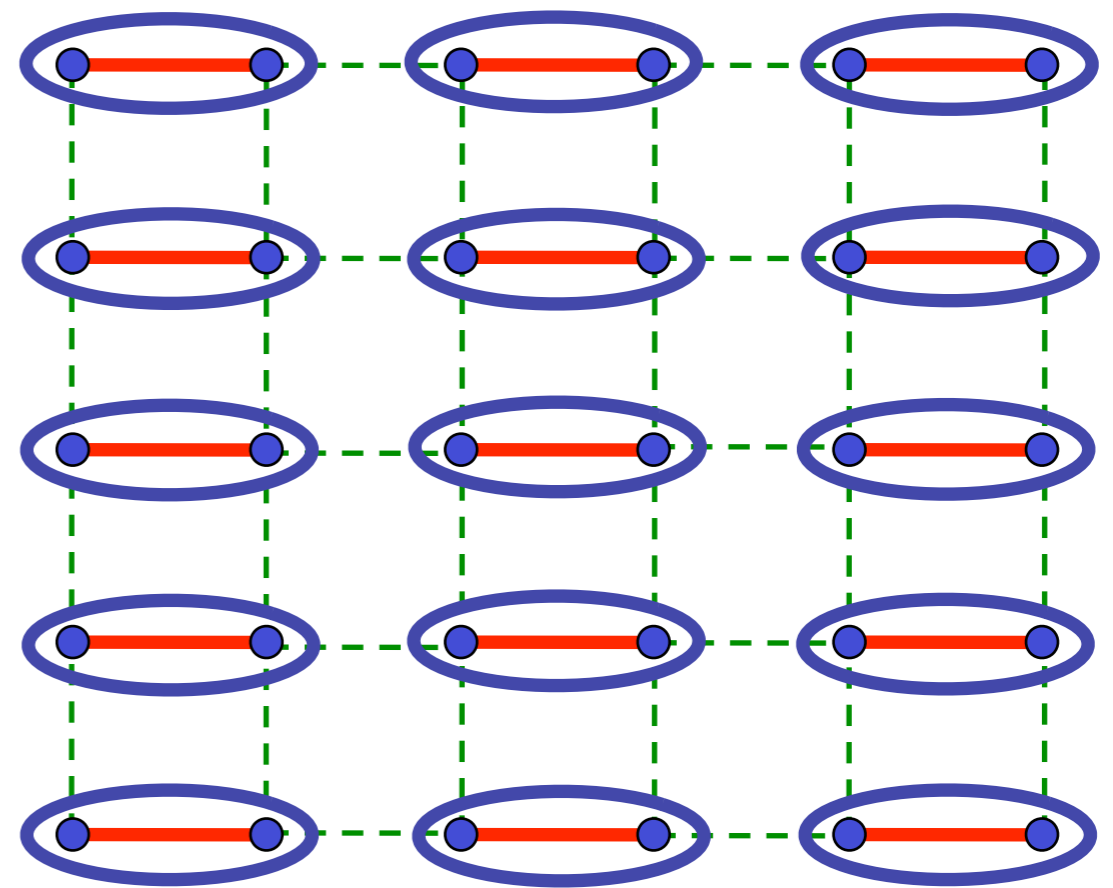
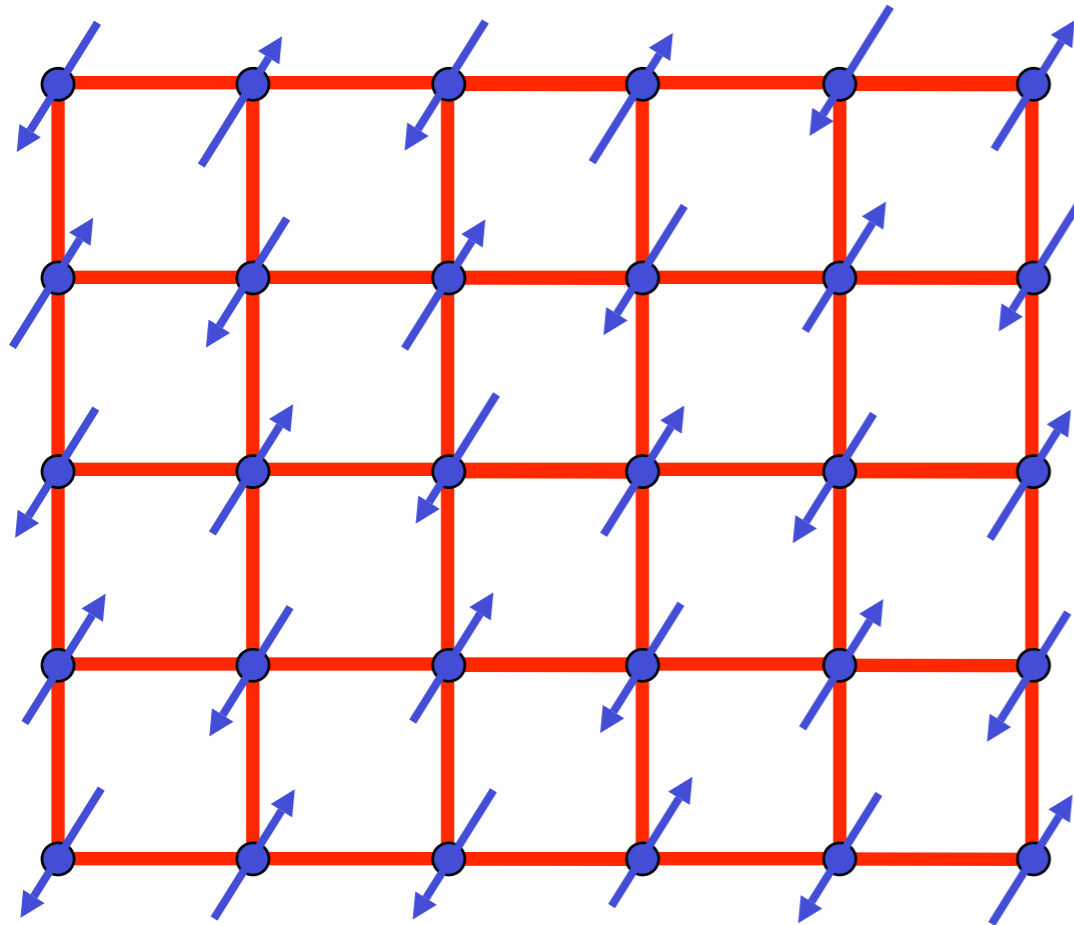


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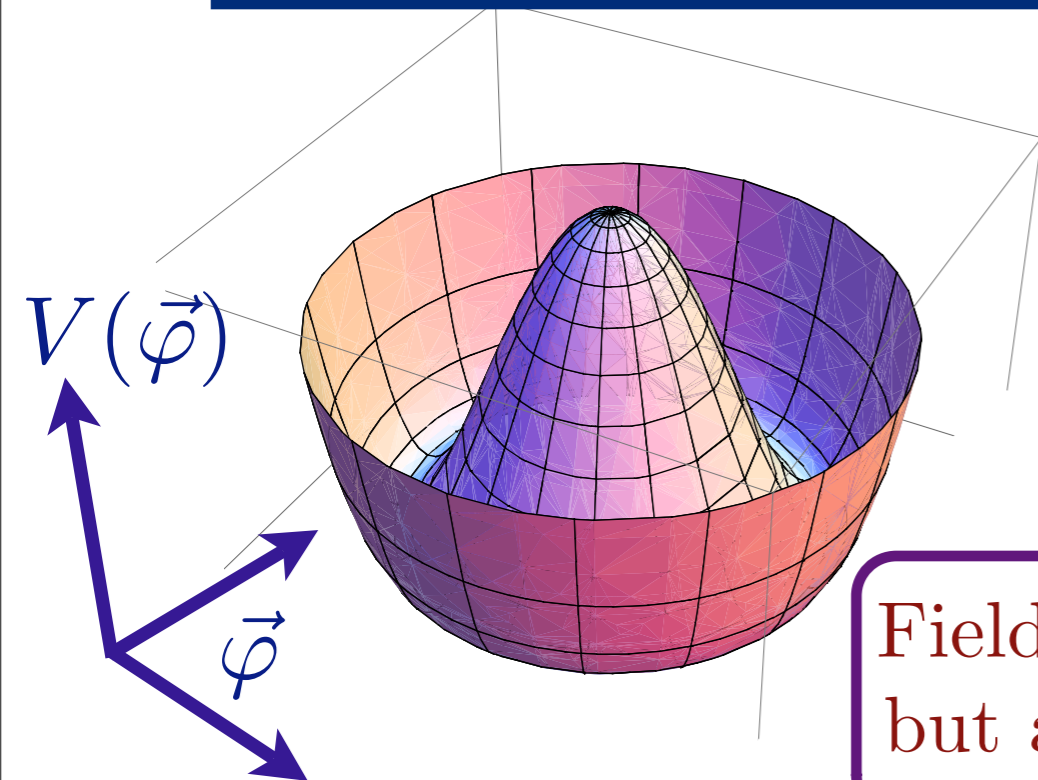


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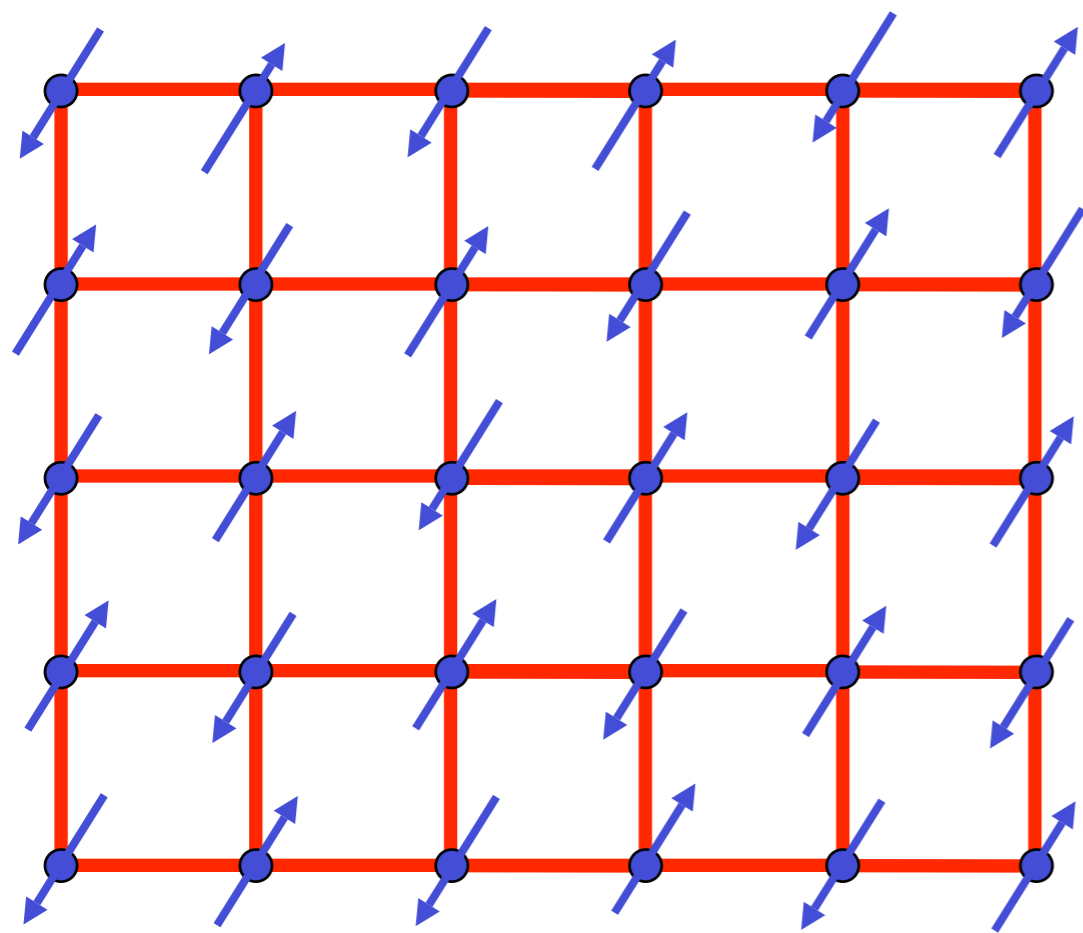


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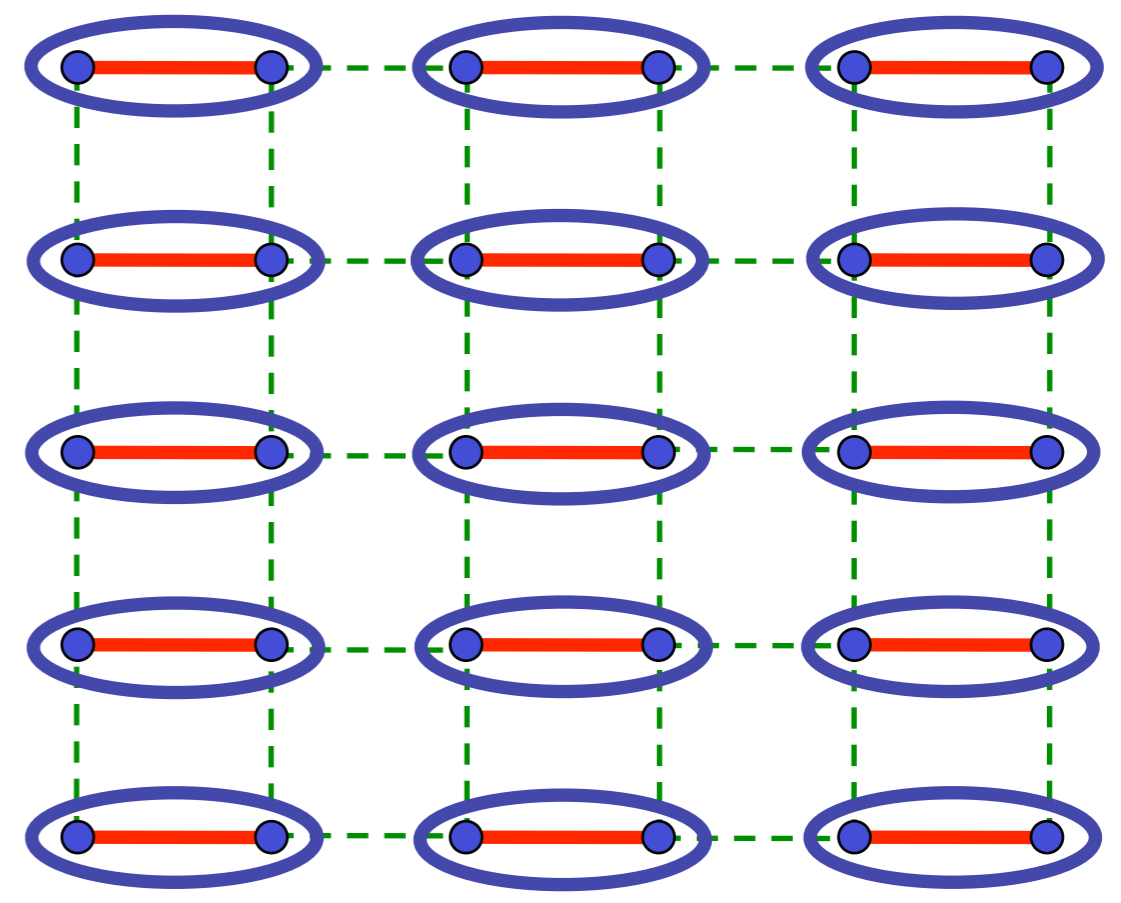
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Field theory yields spin waves (“Goldstone” modes) but also an additional longitudinal “Higgs” particle



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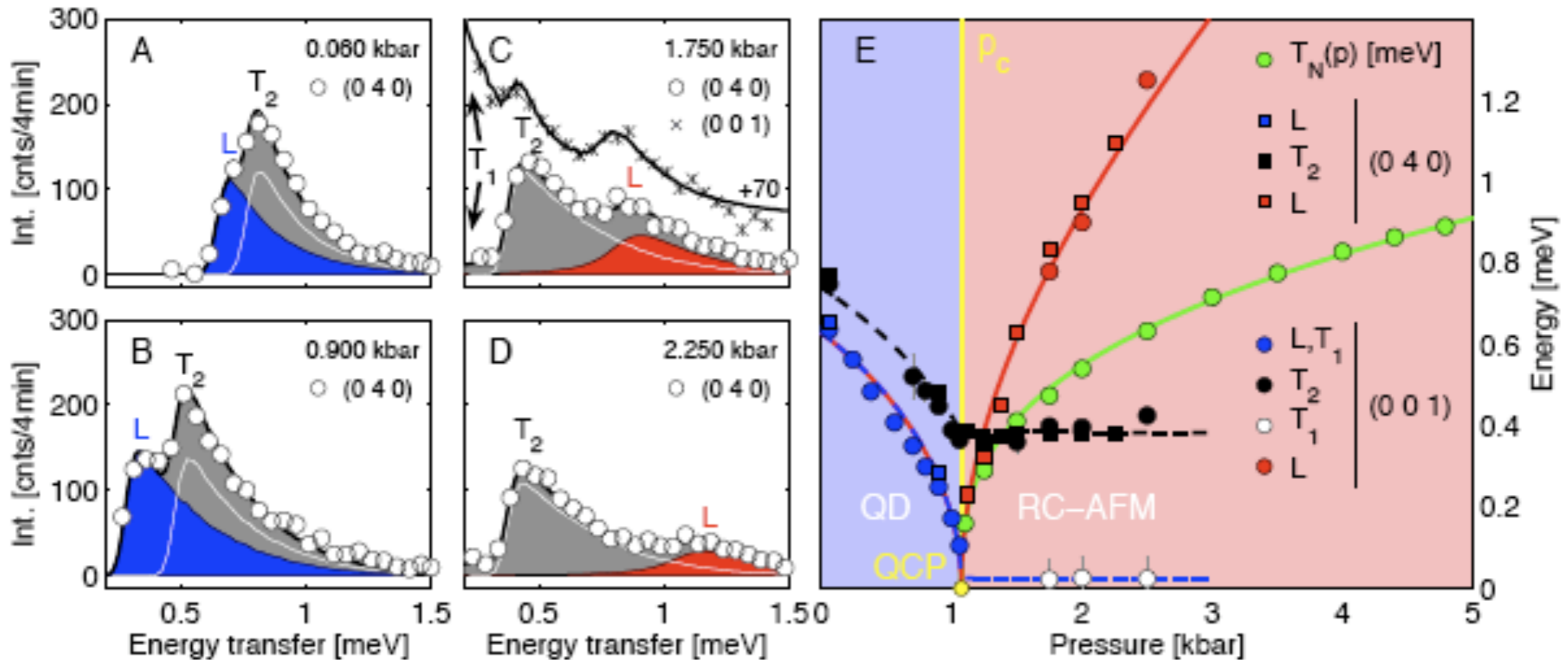
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TiCuCl₃ with varying pressure



Observation of 3 → 2 low energy modes,
emergence of new Higgs particle in the Néel phase,
and vanishing of Néel temperature at the quantum critical point

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Prediction of quantum field theory

Potential for $\vec{\varphi}$ fluctuations: $V(\vec{\varphi}) = (\lambda - \lambda_c)\vec{\varphi}^2 + u (\vec{\varphi}^2)^2$

Paramagnetic phase, $\lambda > \lambda_c$

Expand about $\vec{\varphi} = 0$:

$$V(\vec{\varphi}) \approx (\lambda - \lambda_c)\vec{\varphi}^2$$

Yields 3 particles with energy gap $\sim \sqrt{(\lambda - \lambda_c)}$

Néel phase, $\lambda < \lambda_c$

Expand $\vec{\varphi} = (0, 0, \sqrt{(\lambda_c - \lambda)/(2u)}) + \vec{\varphi}_1$:

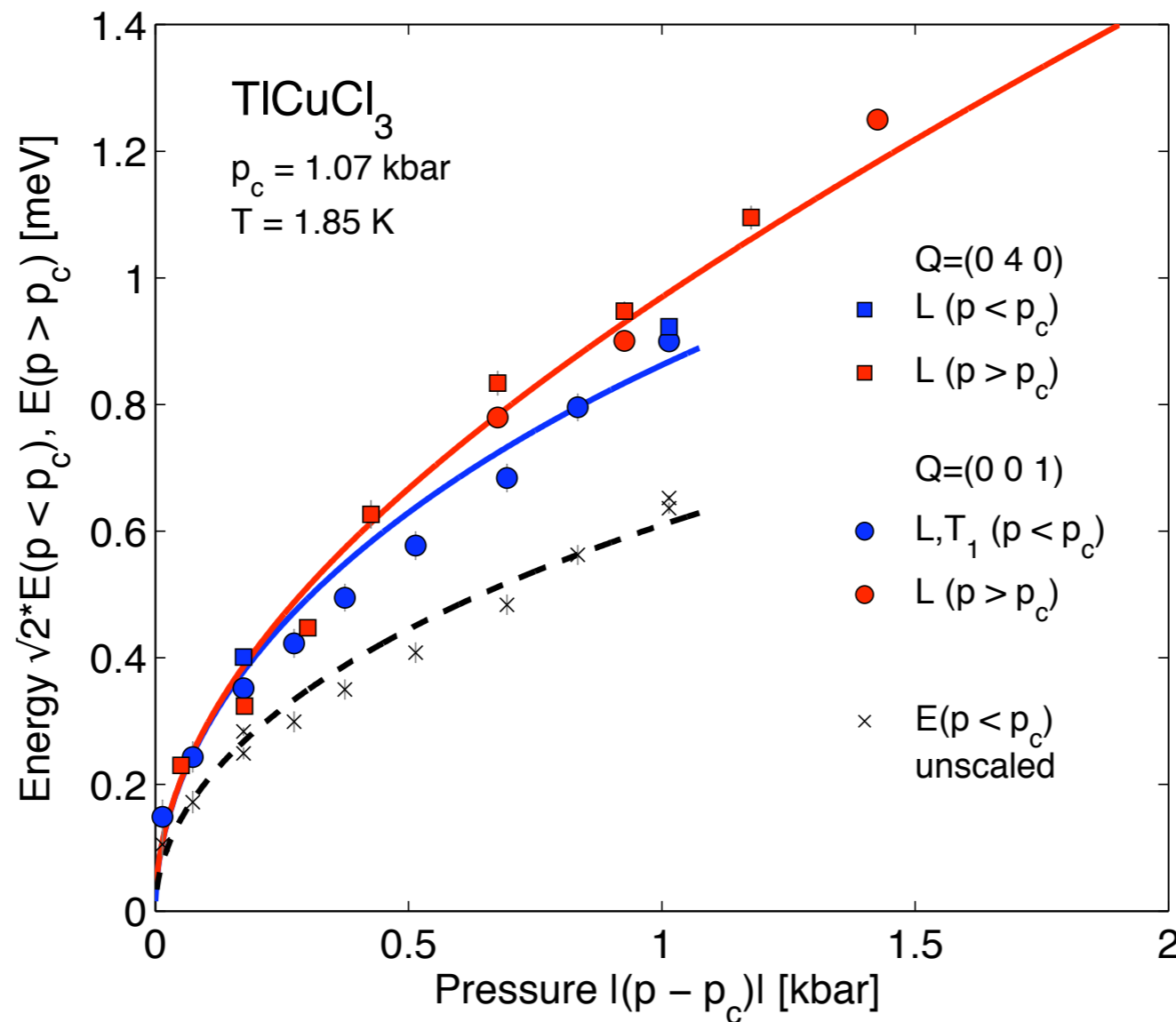
$$V(\vec{\varphi}) \approx 2(\lambda_c - \lambda)\varphi_{1z}^2$$

Yields 2 gapless spin waves and one Higgs particle with energy gap $\sim \sqrt{2(\lambda_c - \lambda)}$

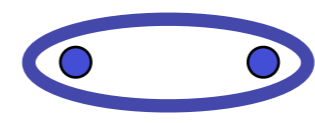
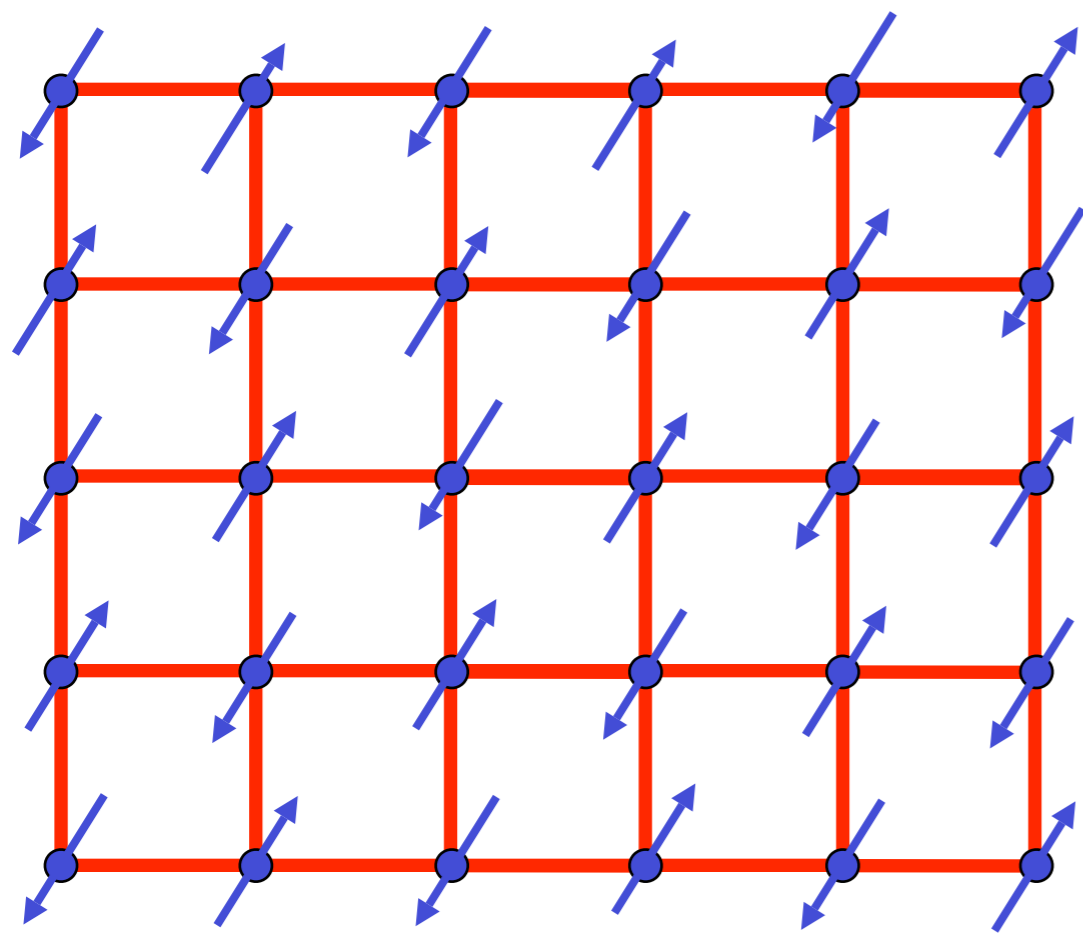
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$$\frac{\text{Energy of "Higgs" particle}}{\text{Energy of triplon}} = \sqrt{2}$$

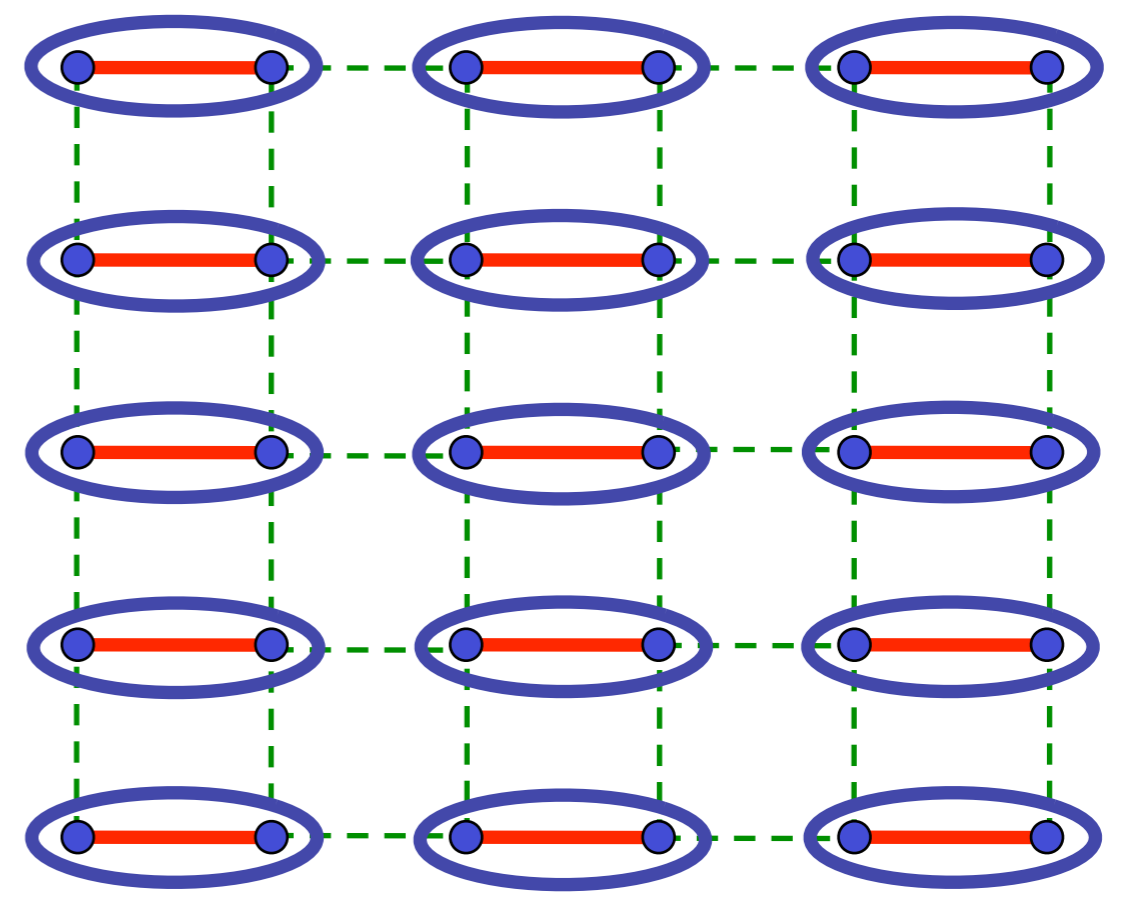
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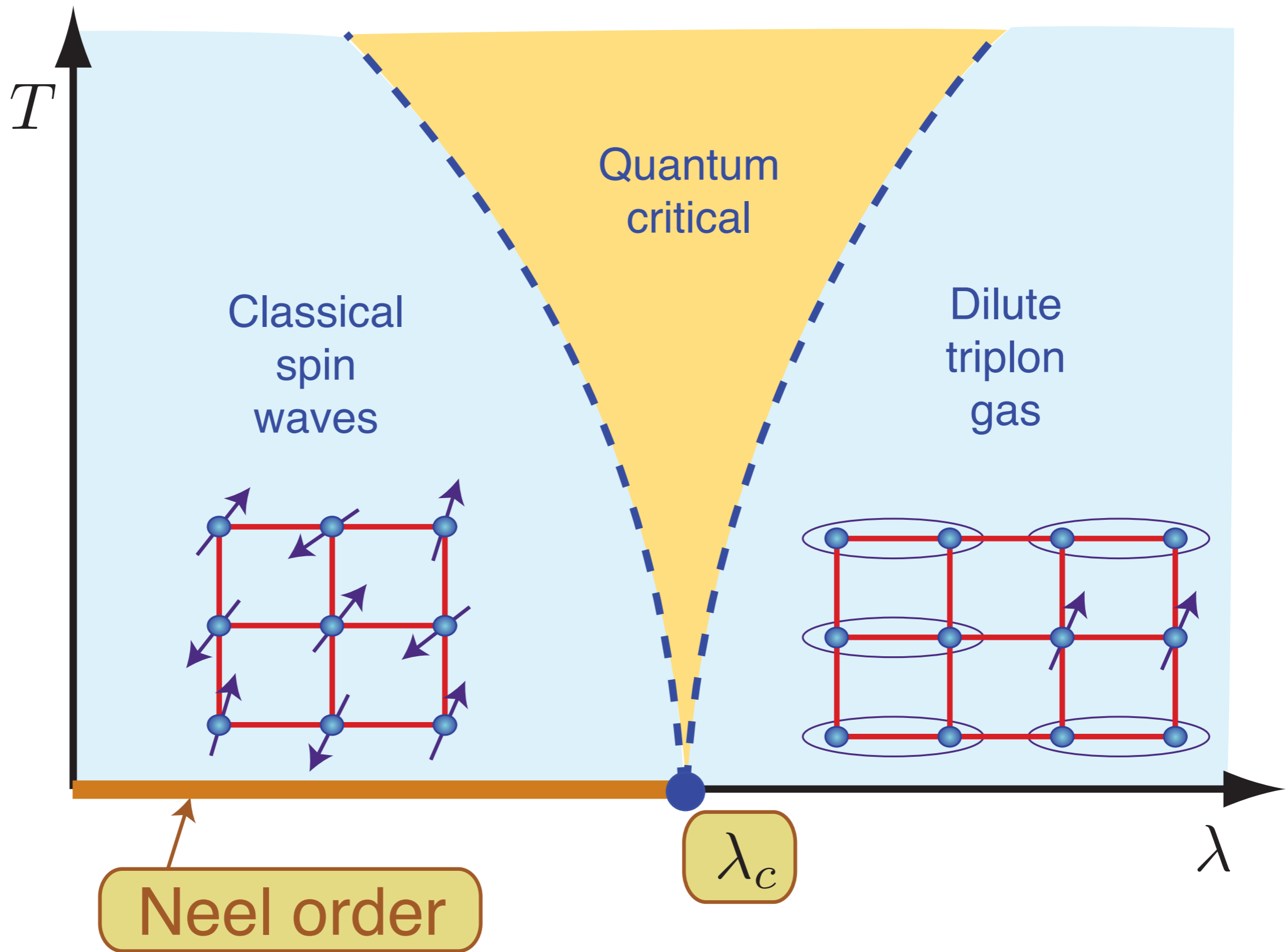
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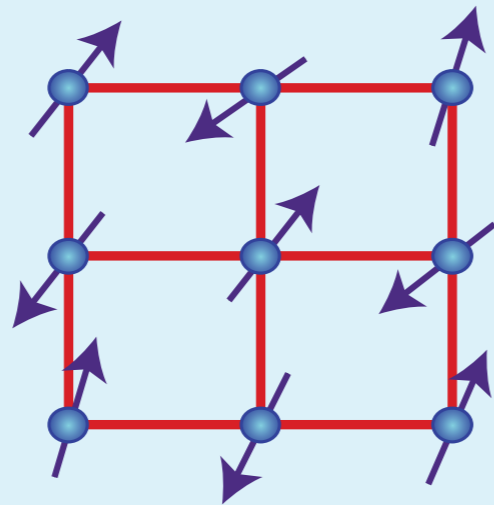
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Classical dynamics of spin waves

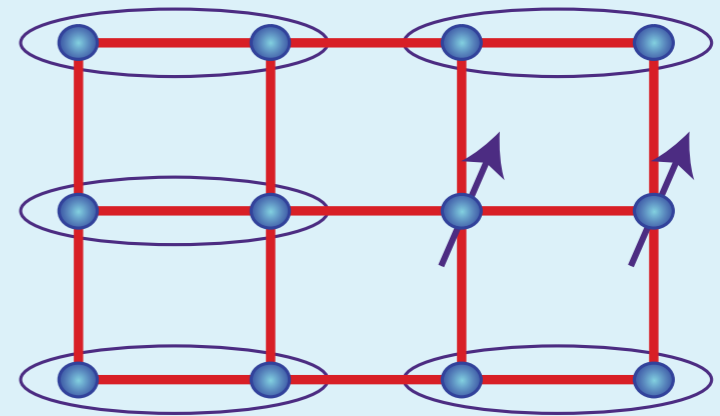
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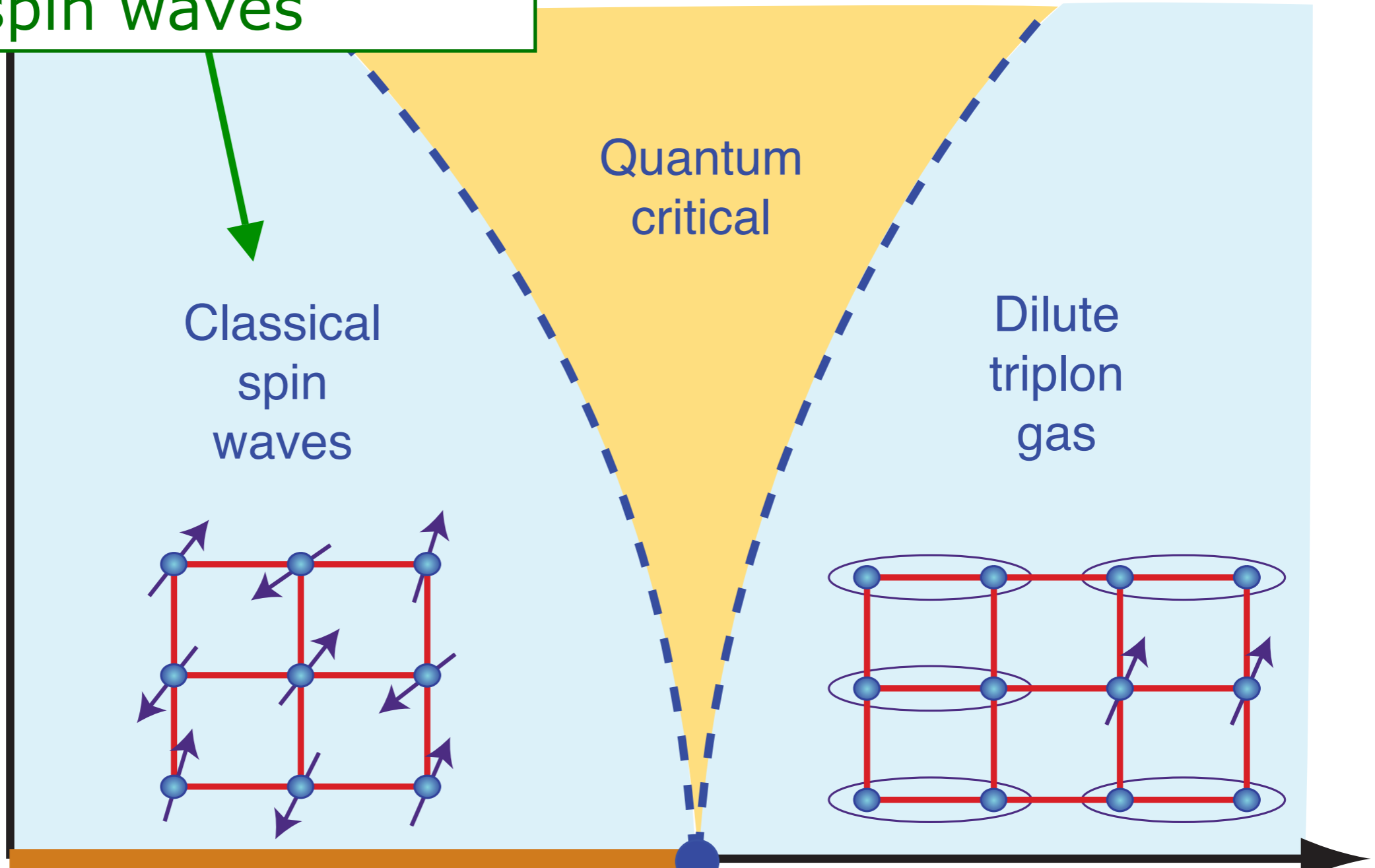
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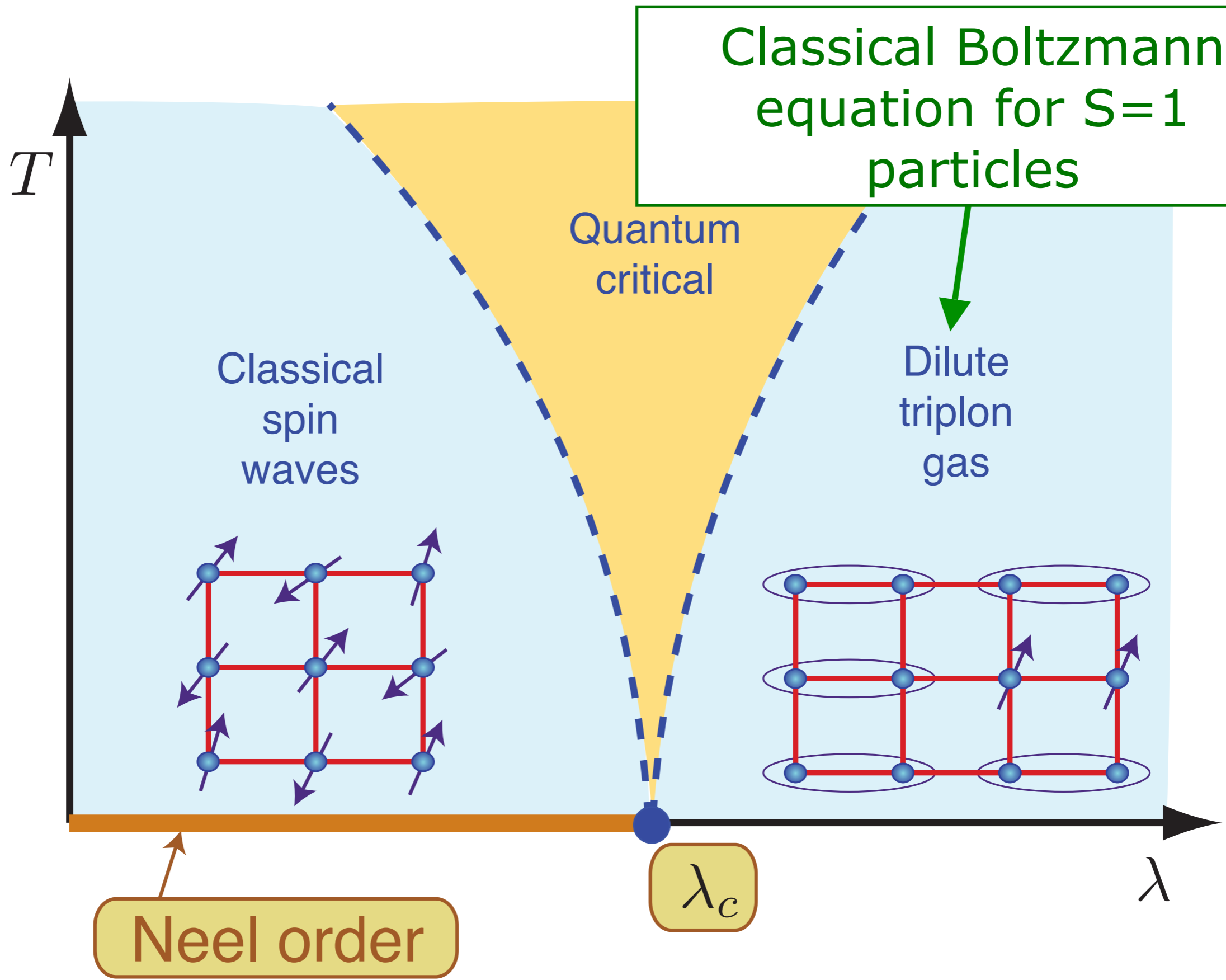


Neel order

λ_c

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Classical Boltzmann equation for S=1 particles

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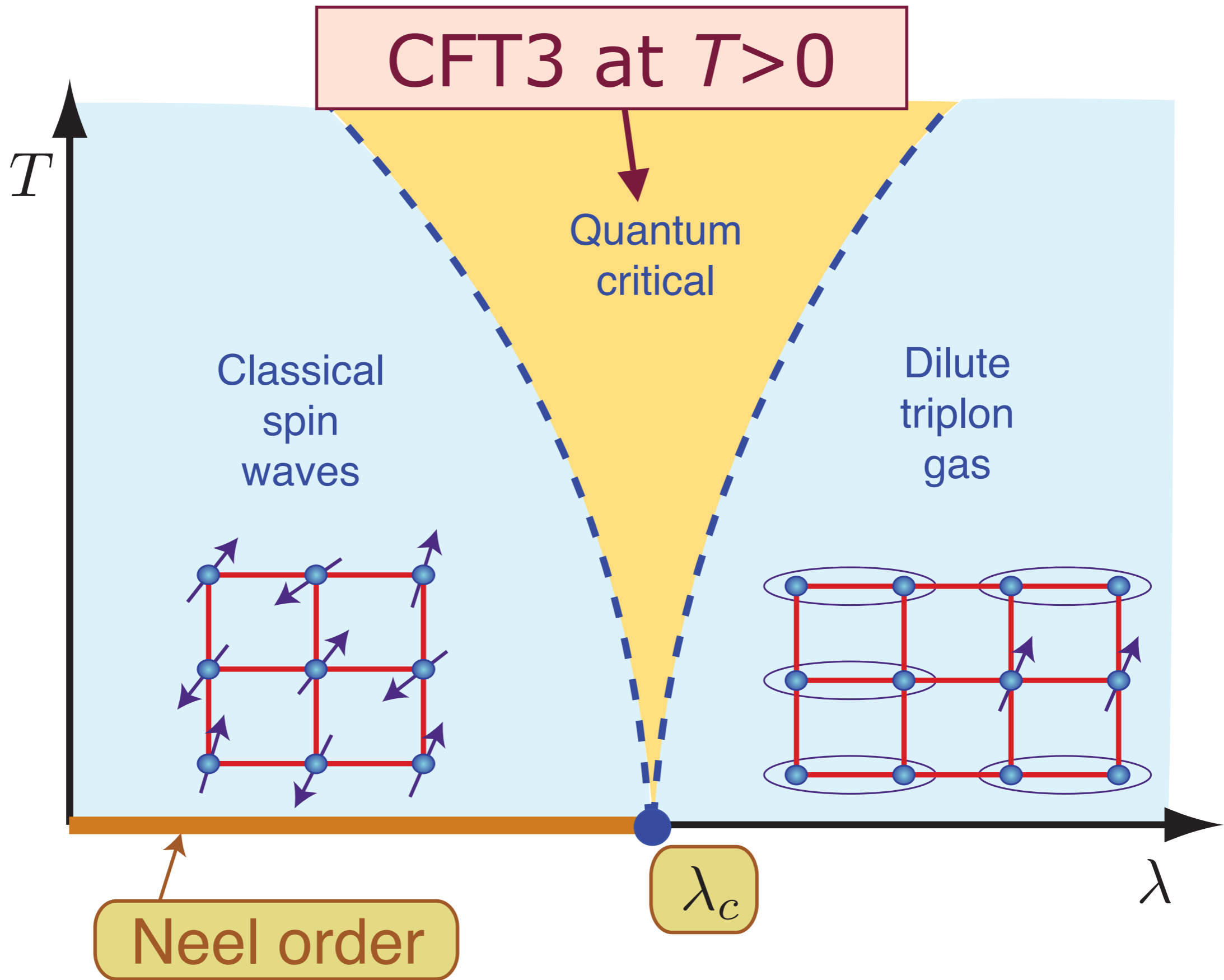
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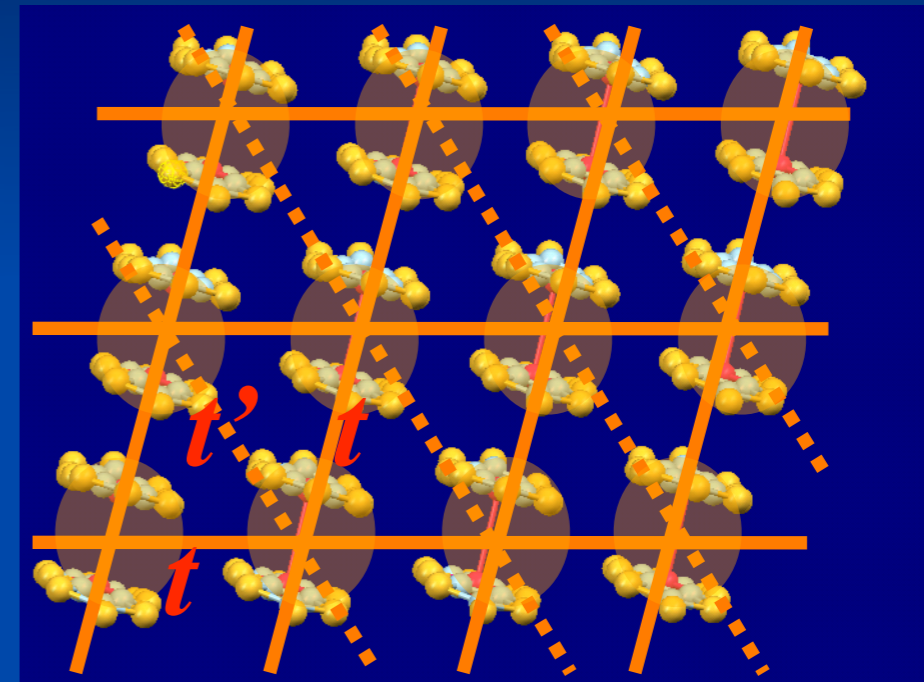
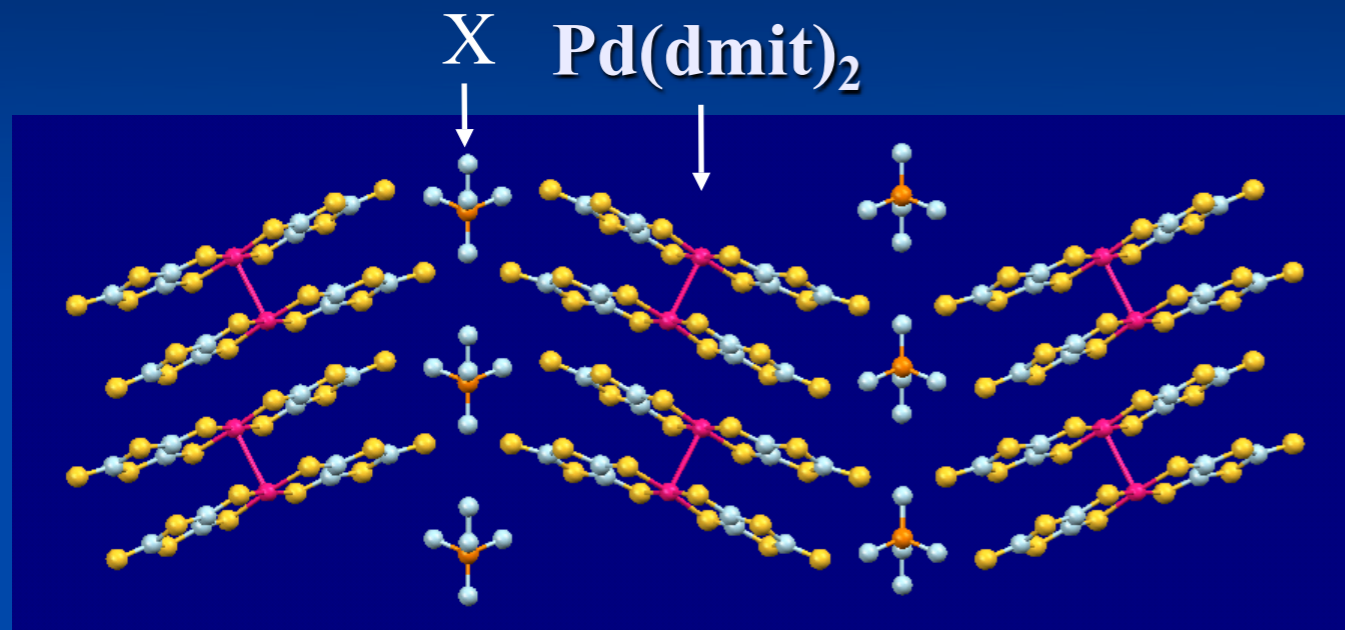
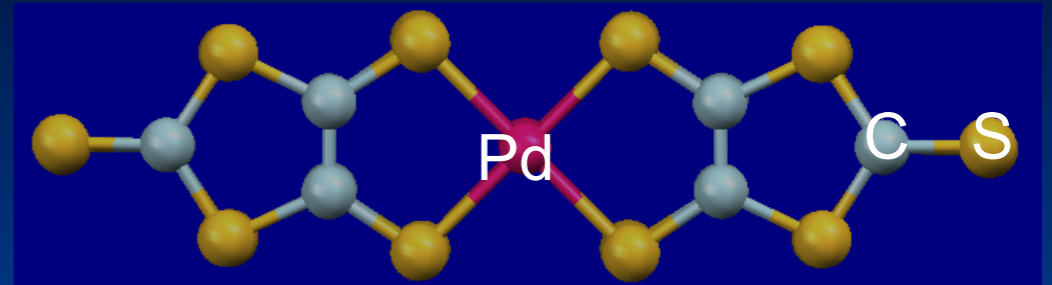
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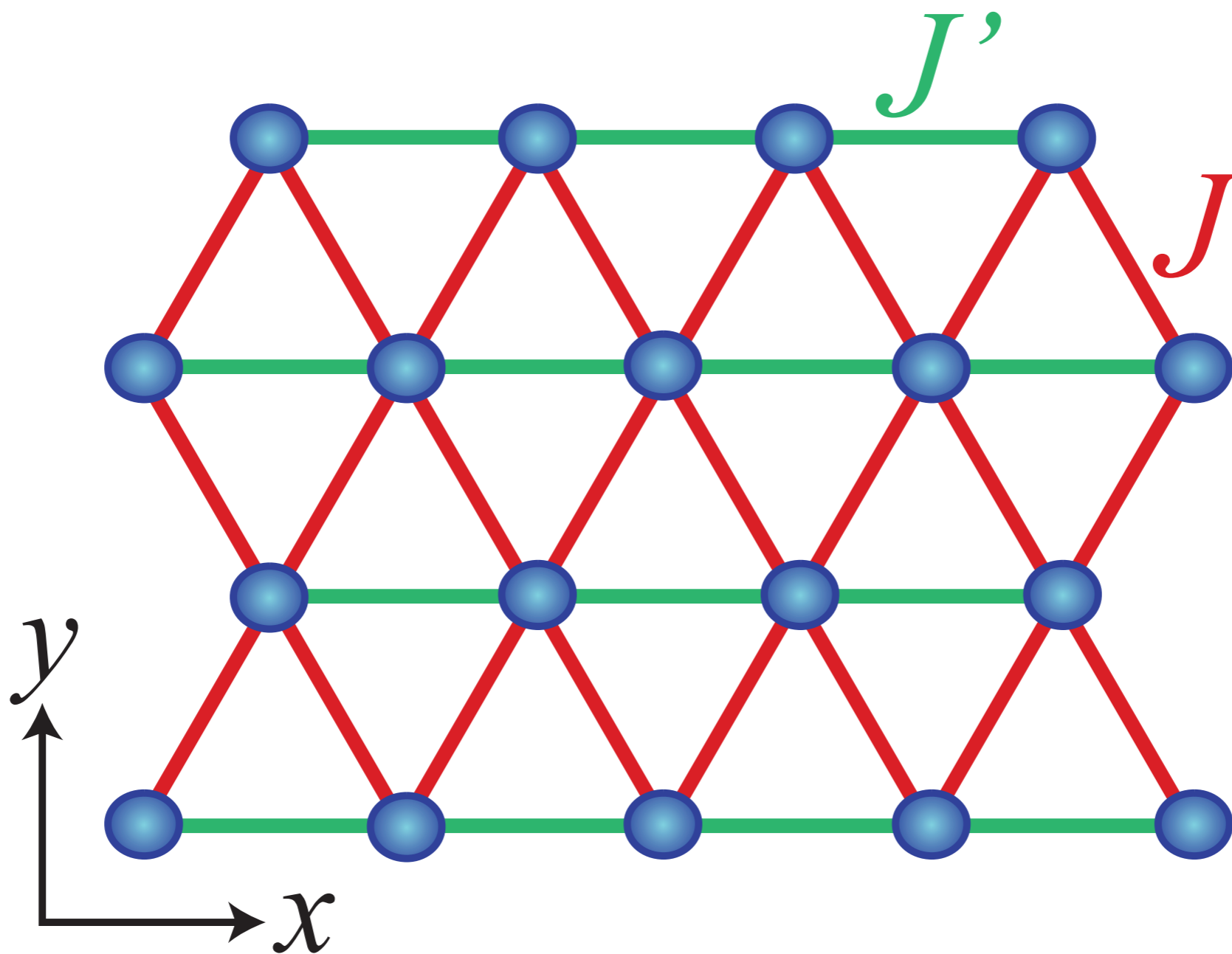
Half-filled band \rightarrow Mott insulator with spin $S = 1/2$

Triangular lattice of $[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

\rightarrow frustrated quantum spin system

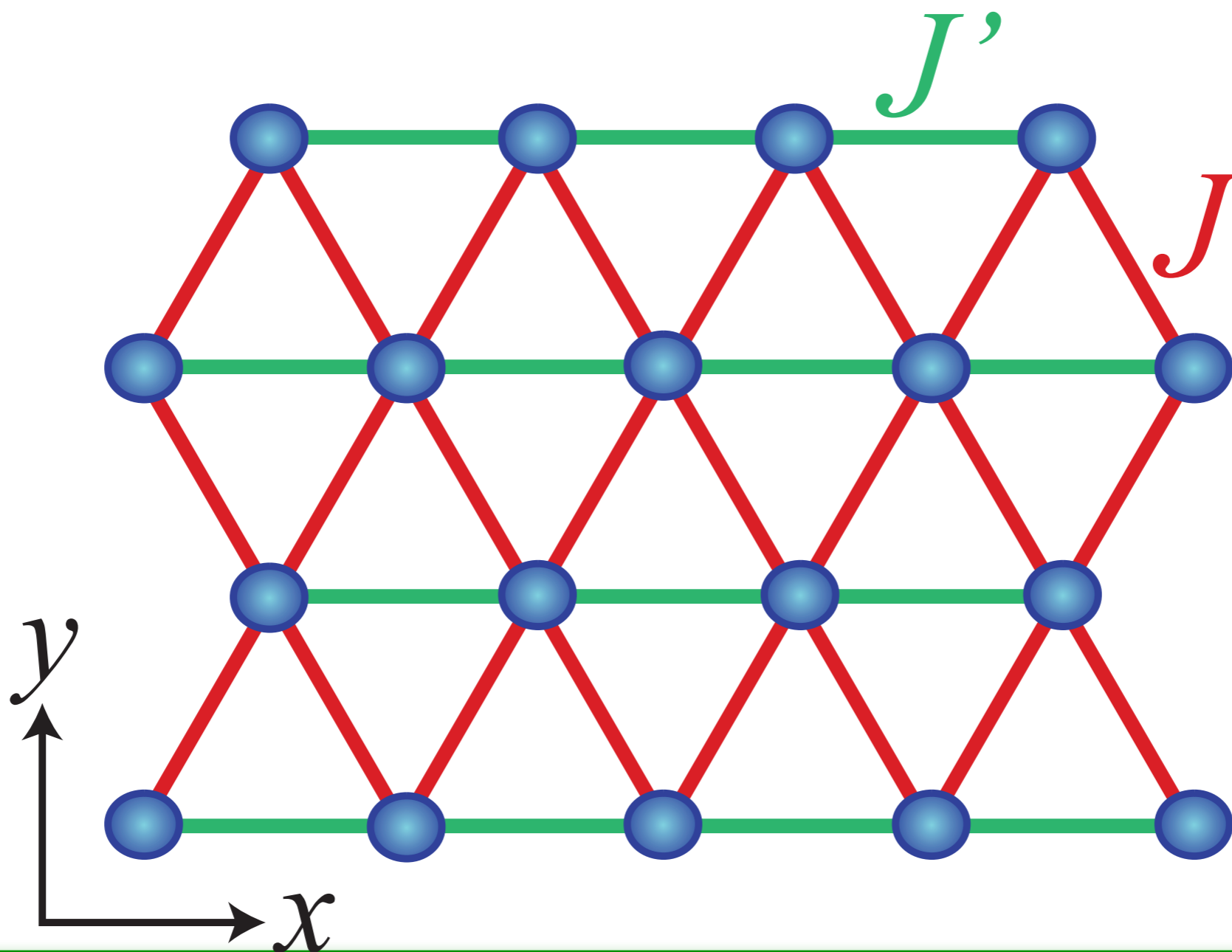
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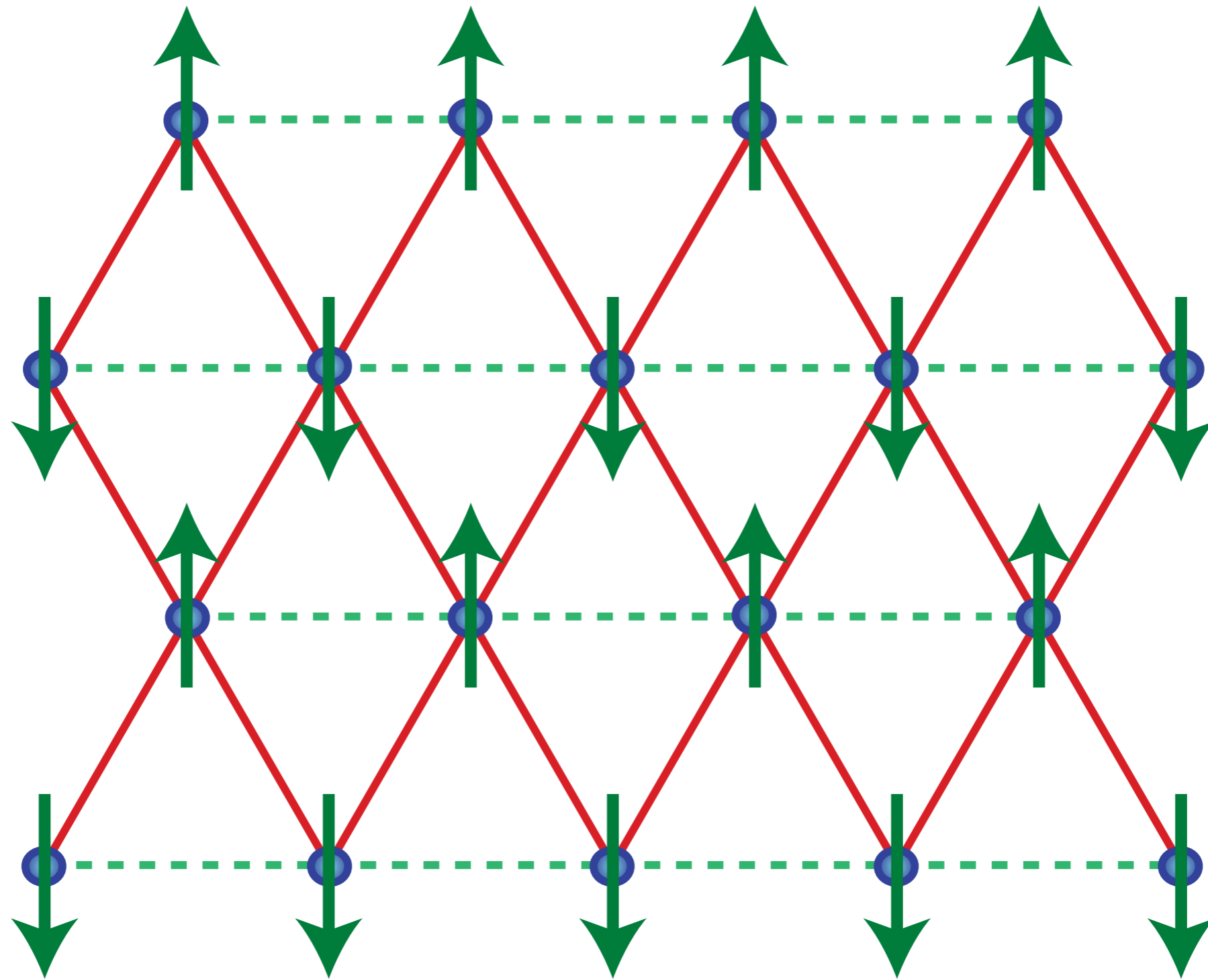
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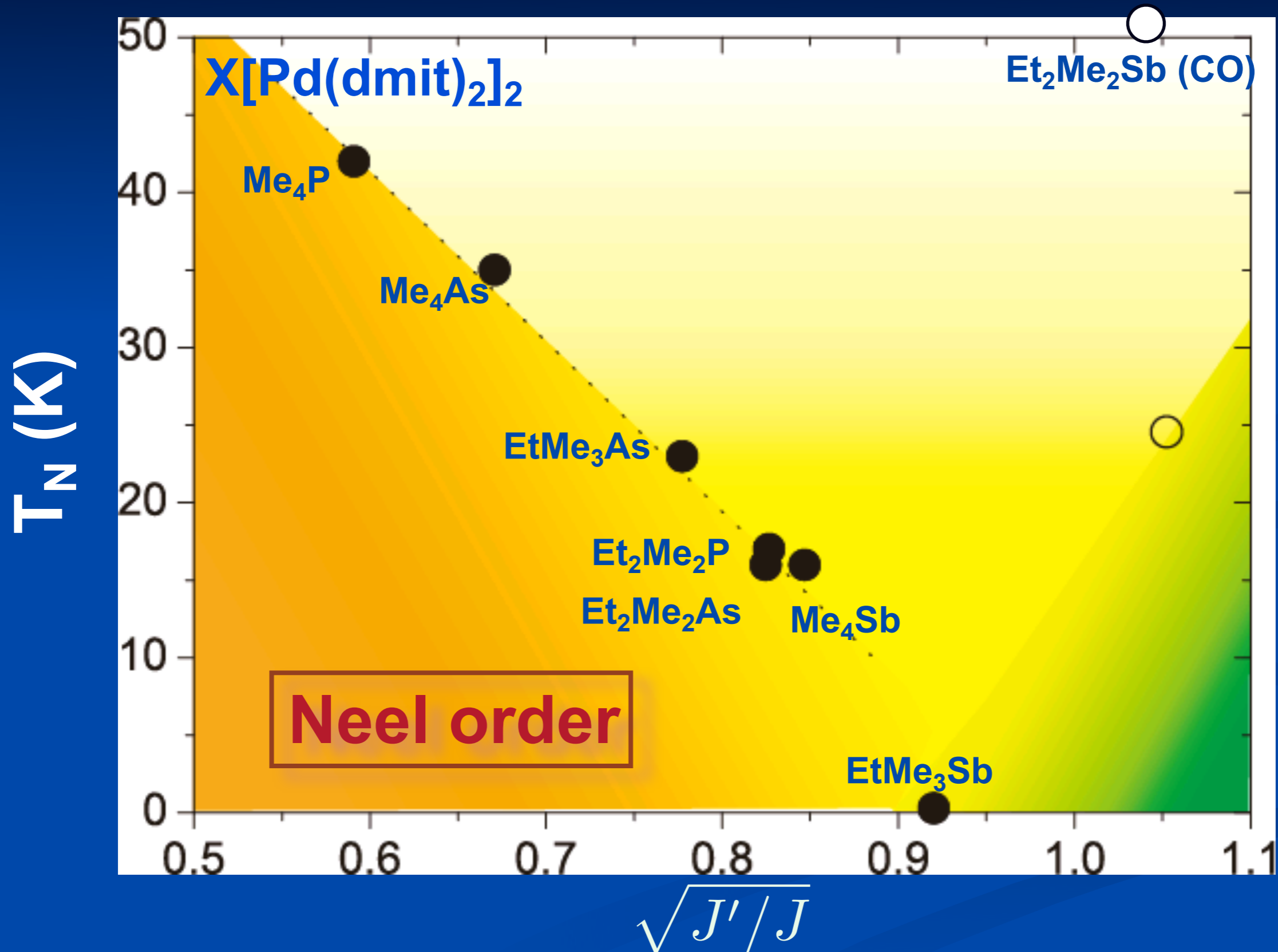
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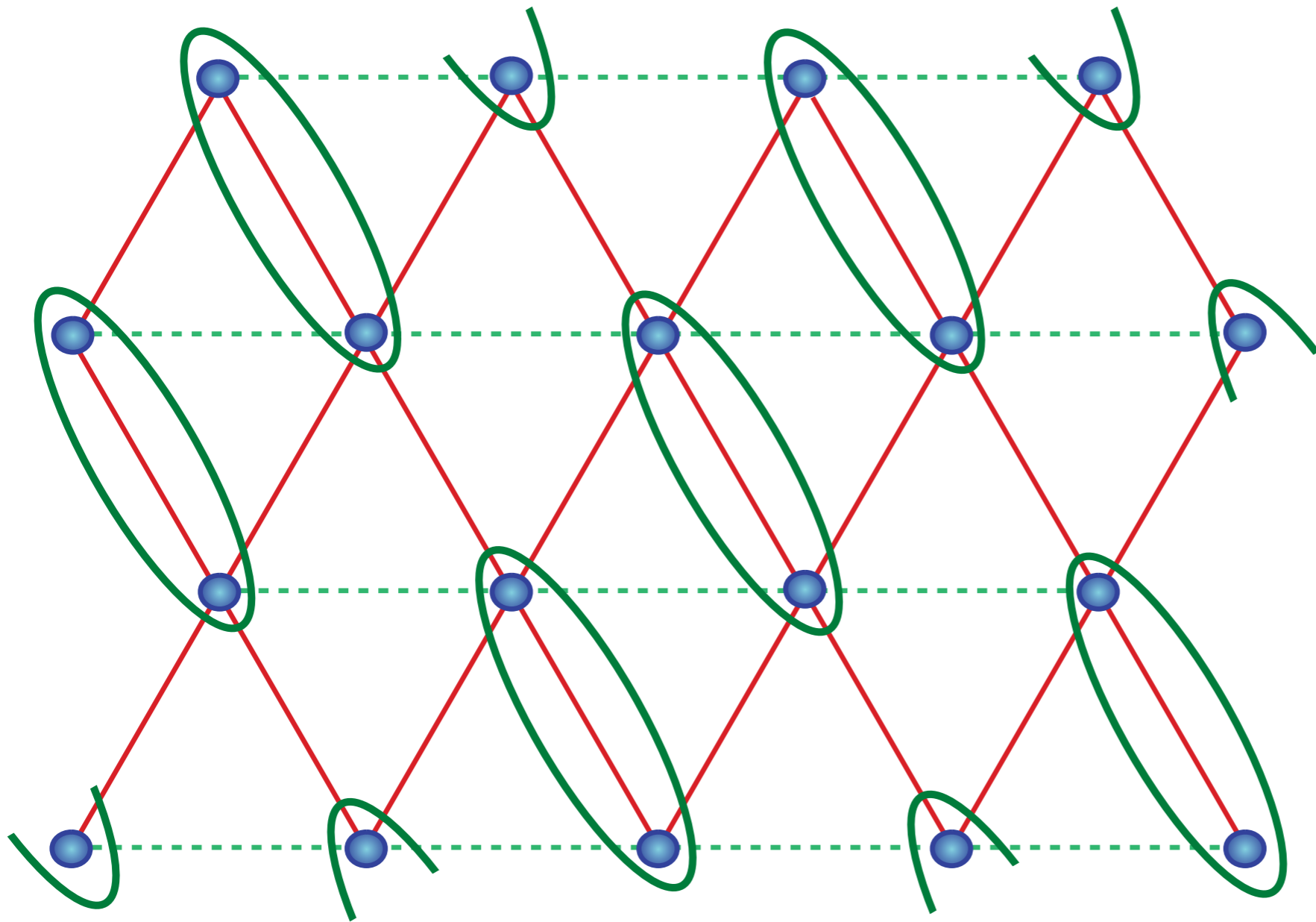
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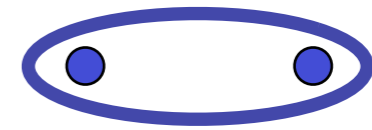
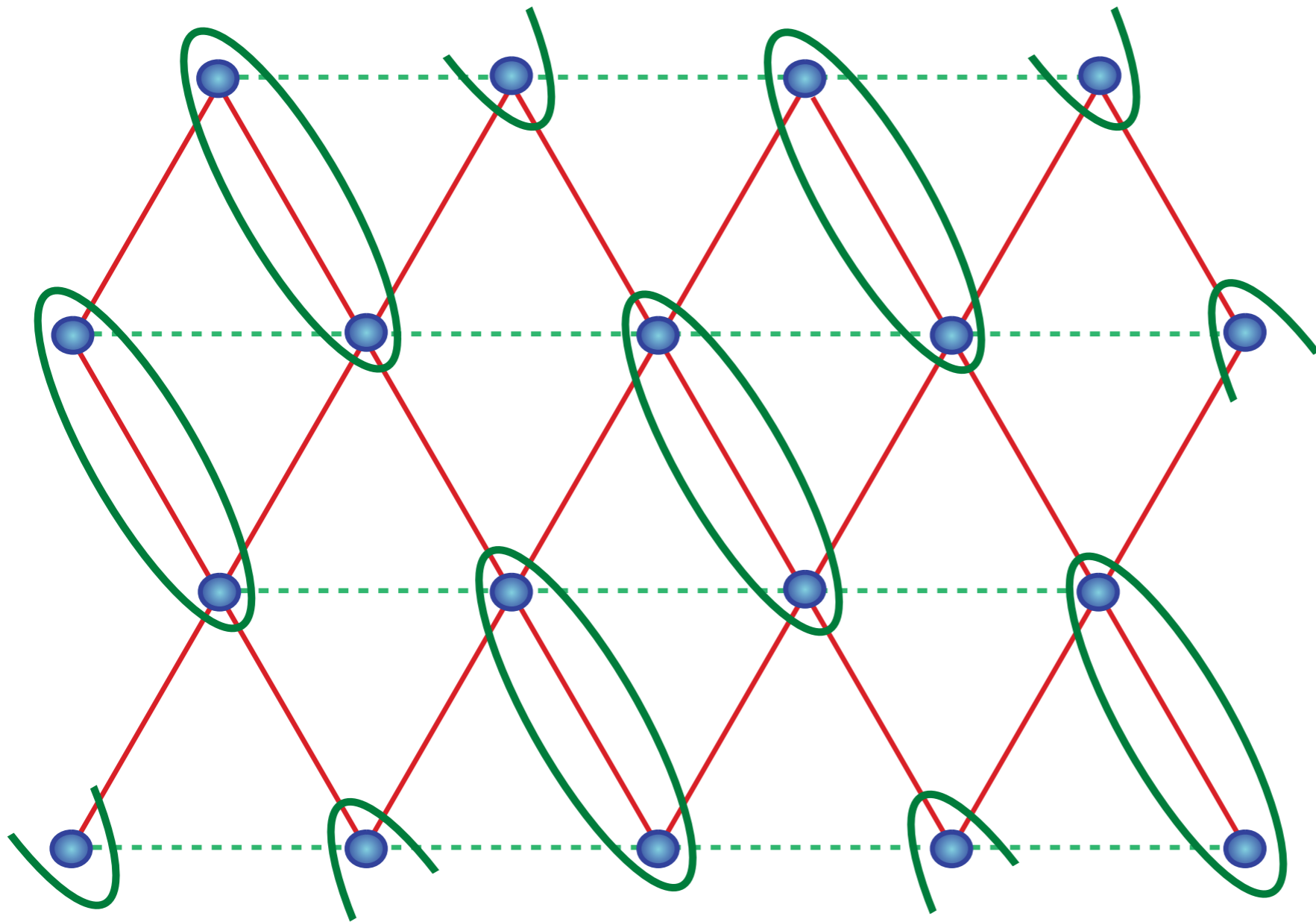


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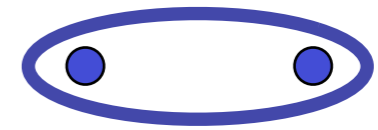
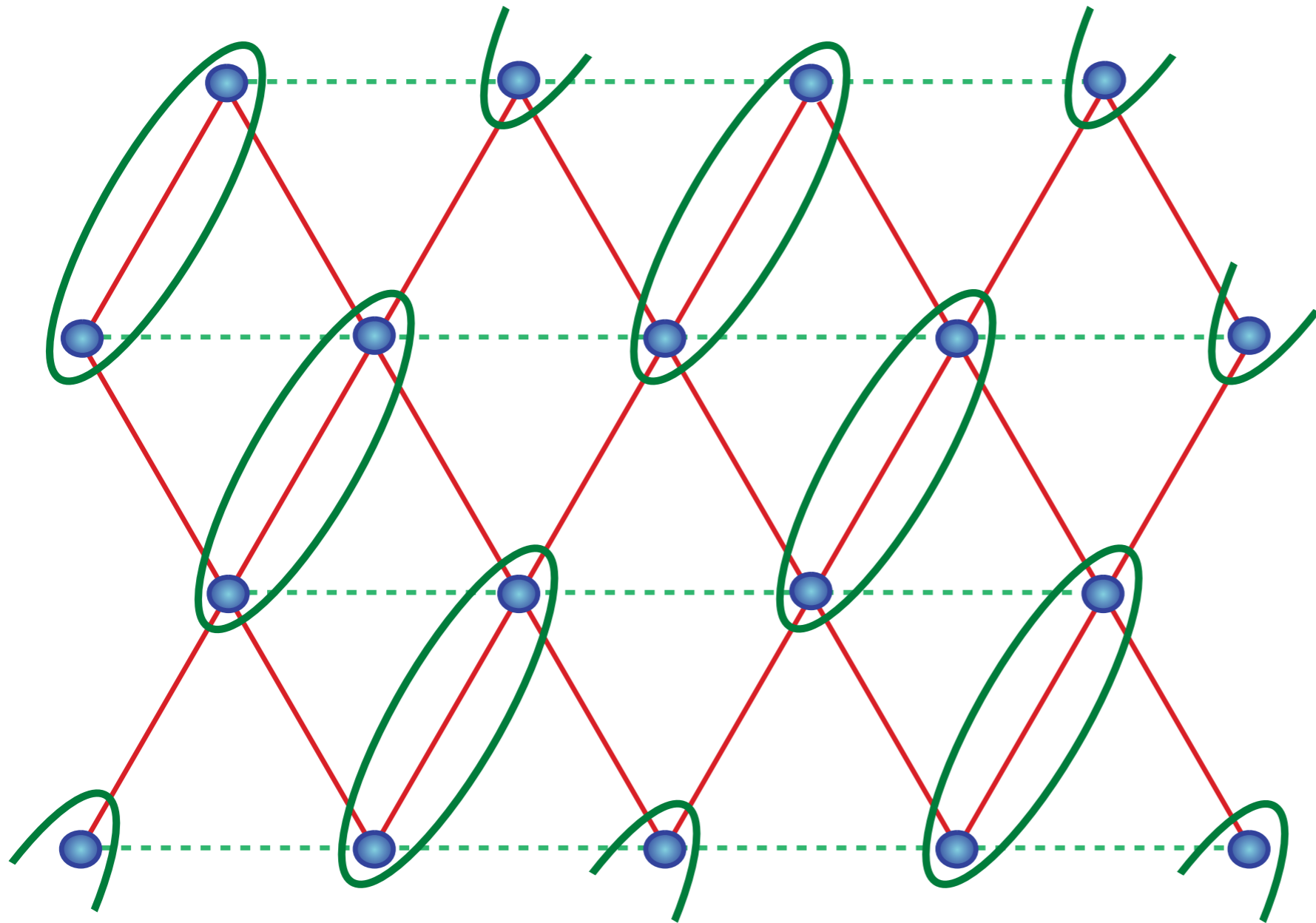
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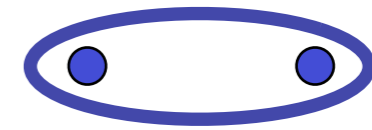
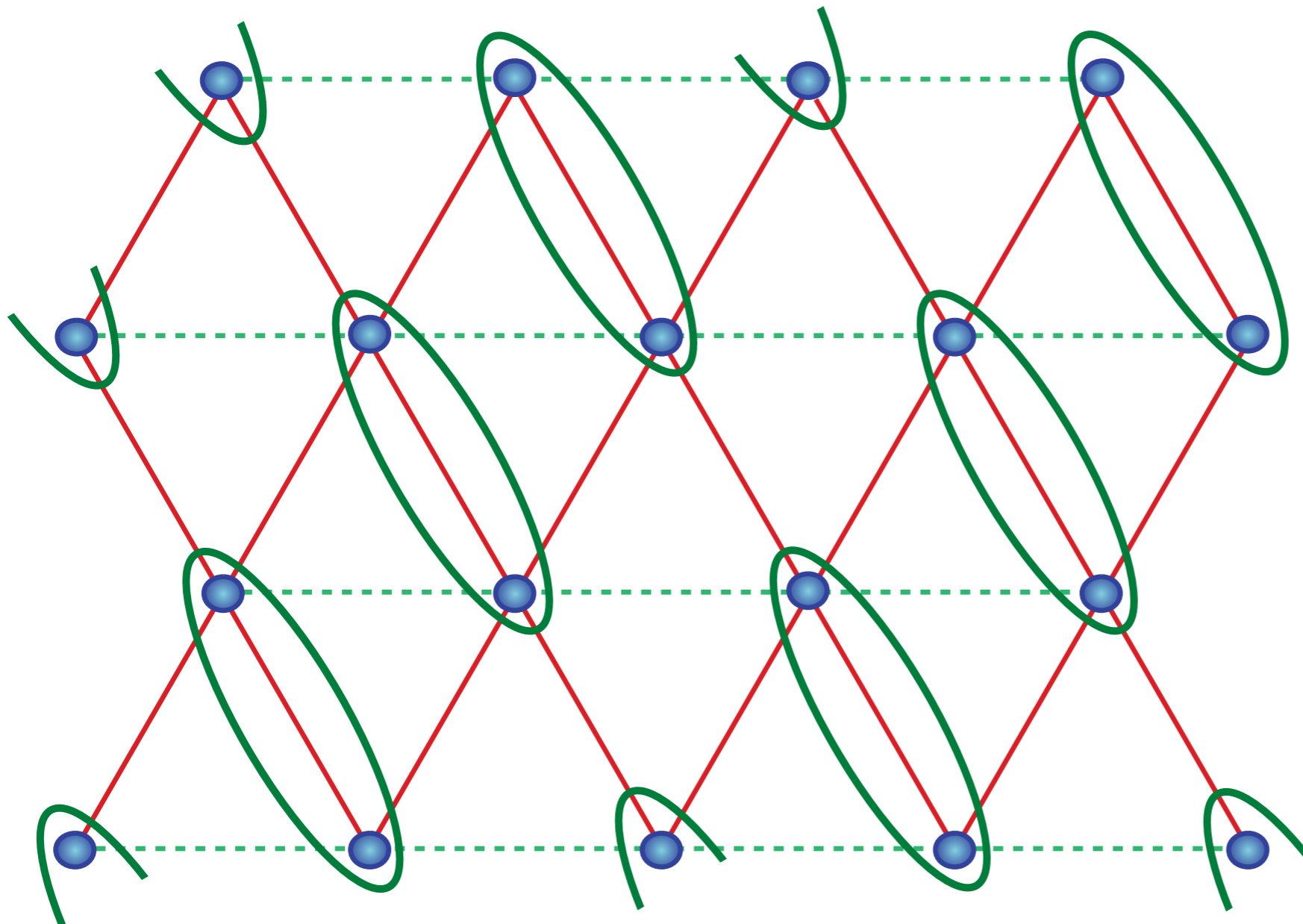


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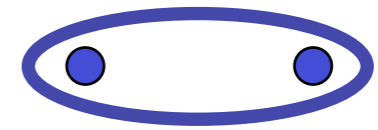
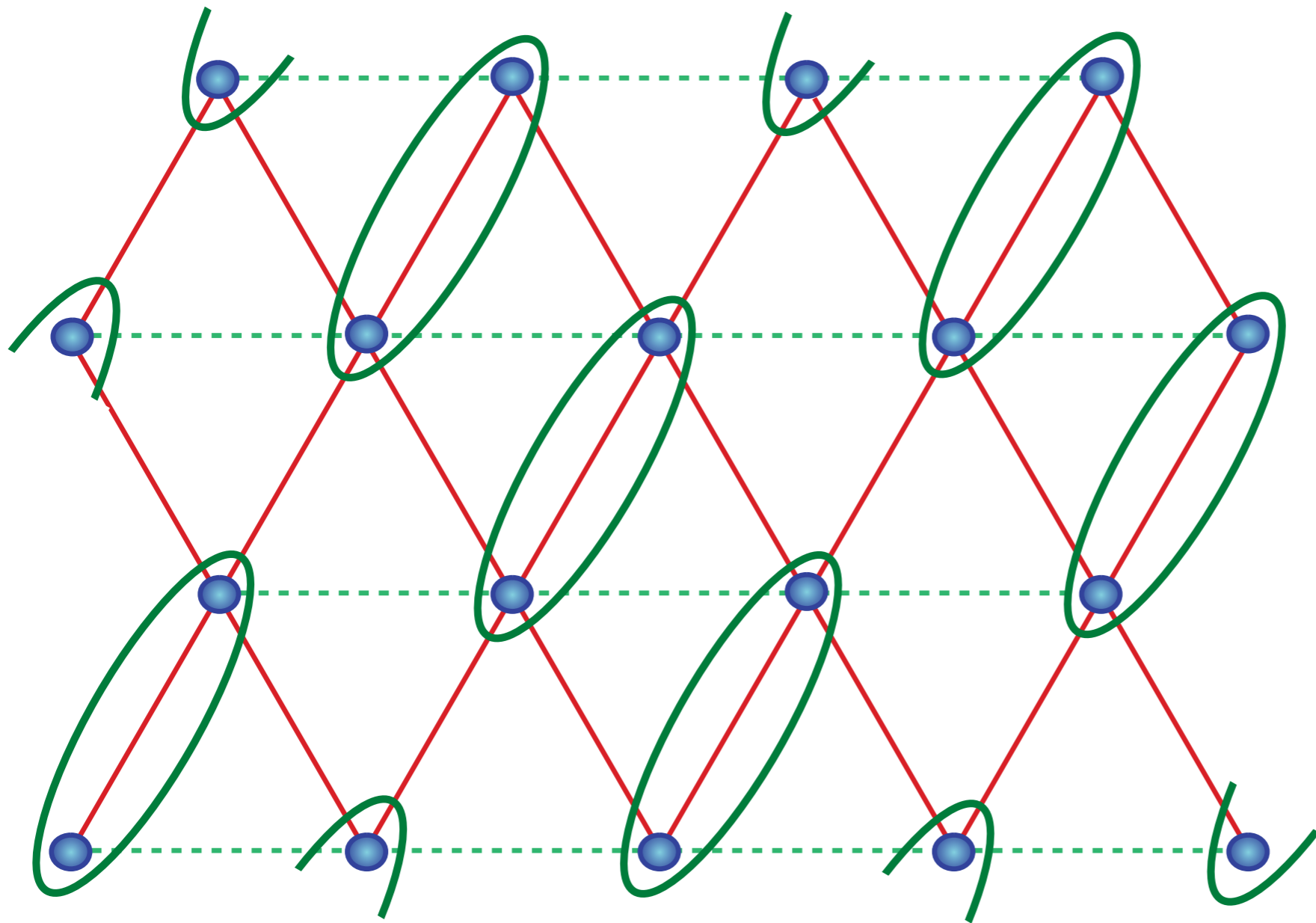
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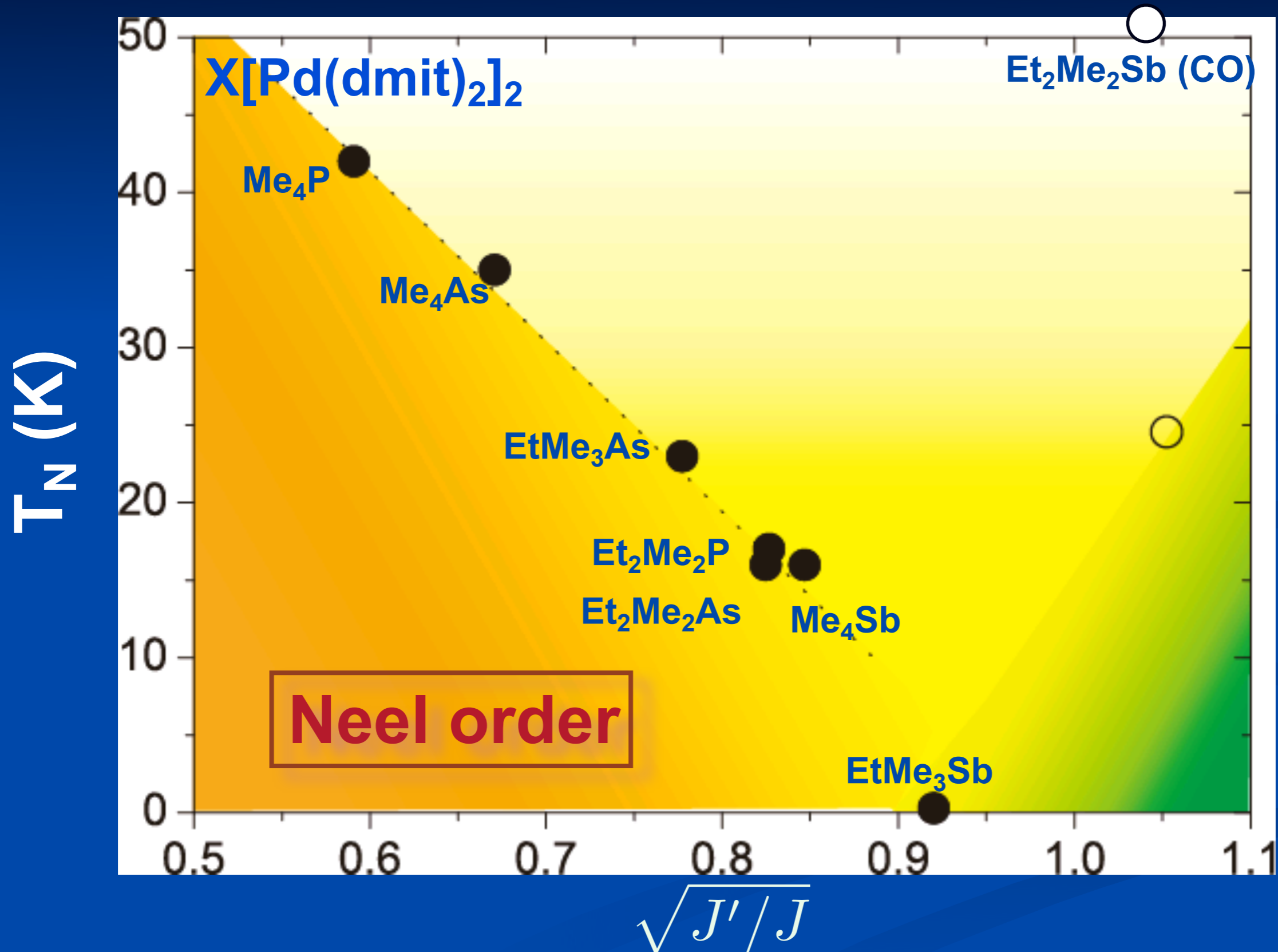
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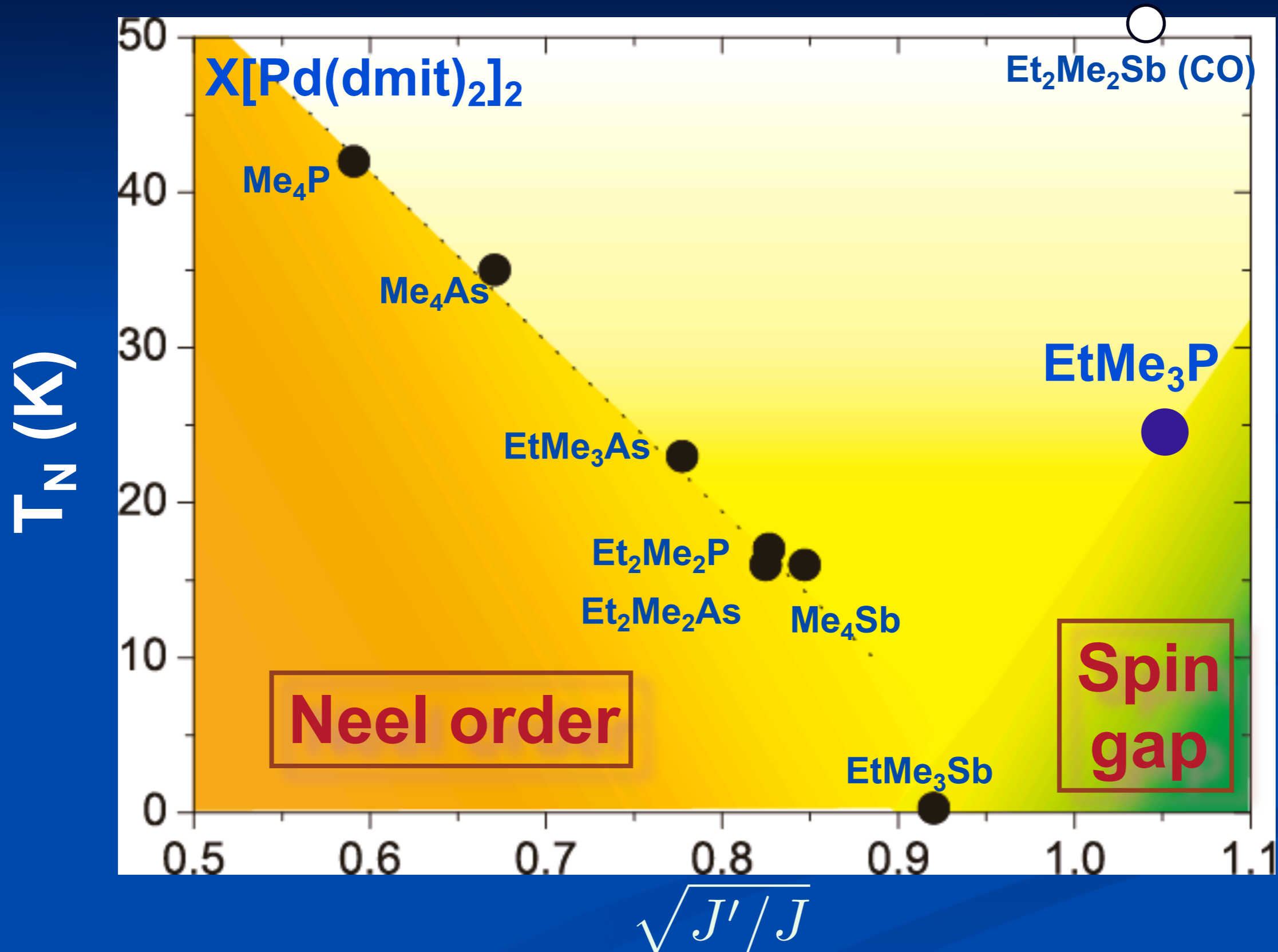
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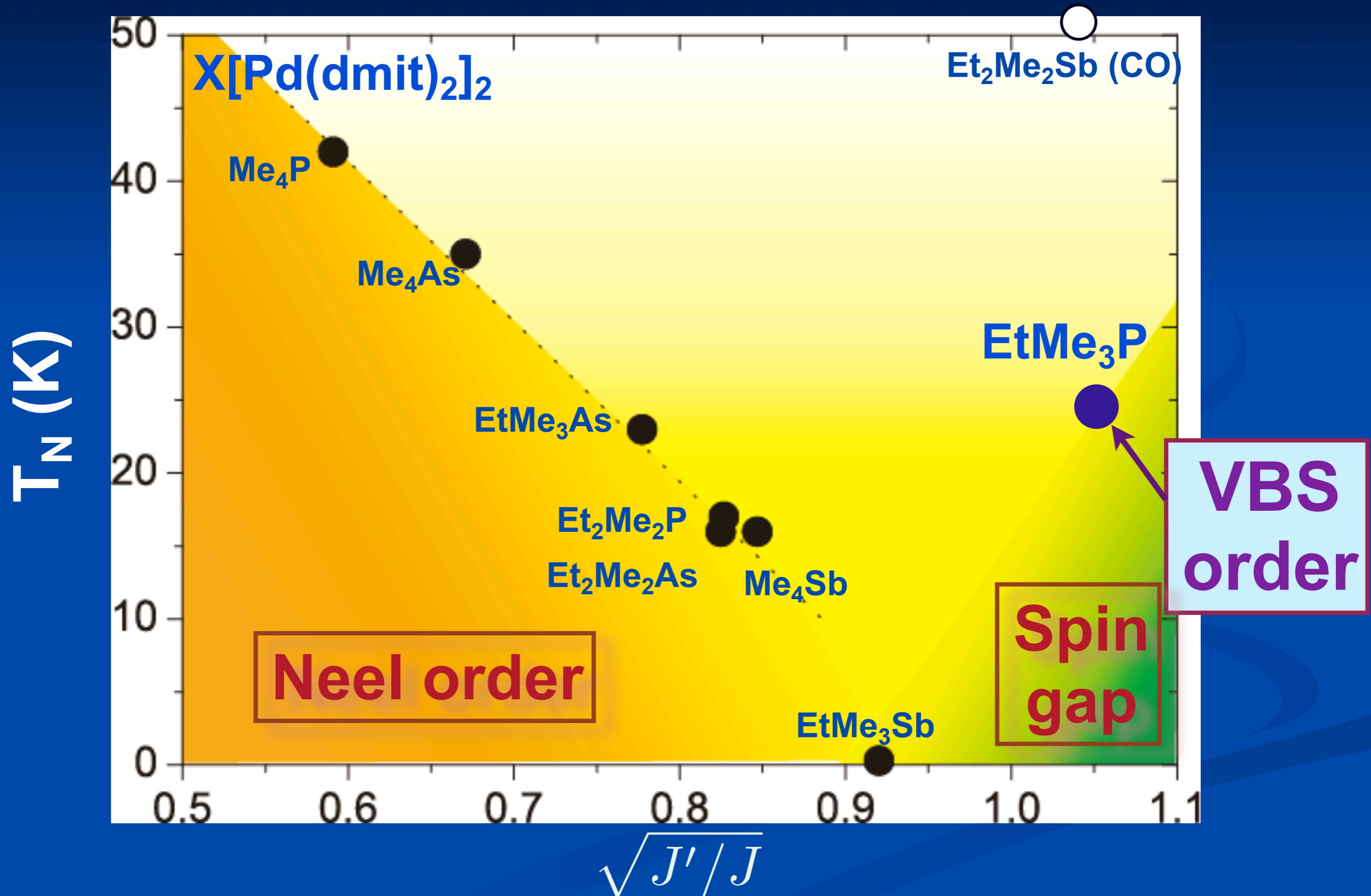
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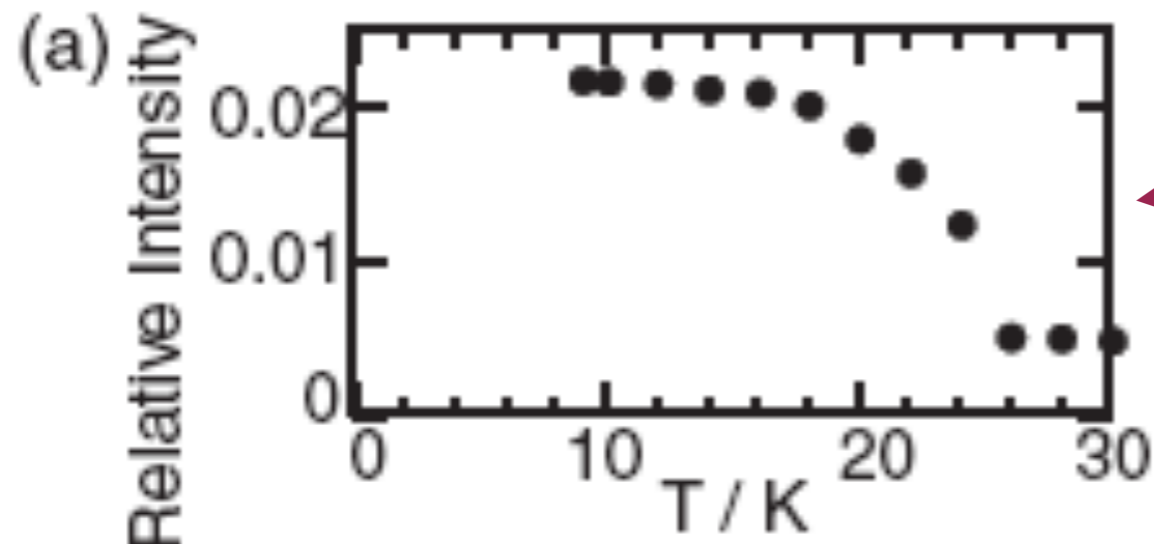
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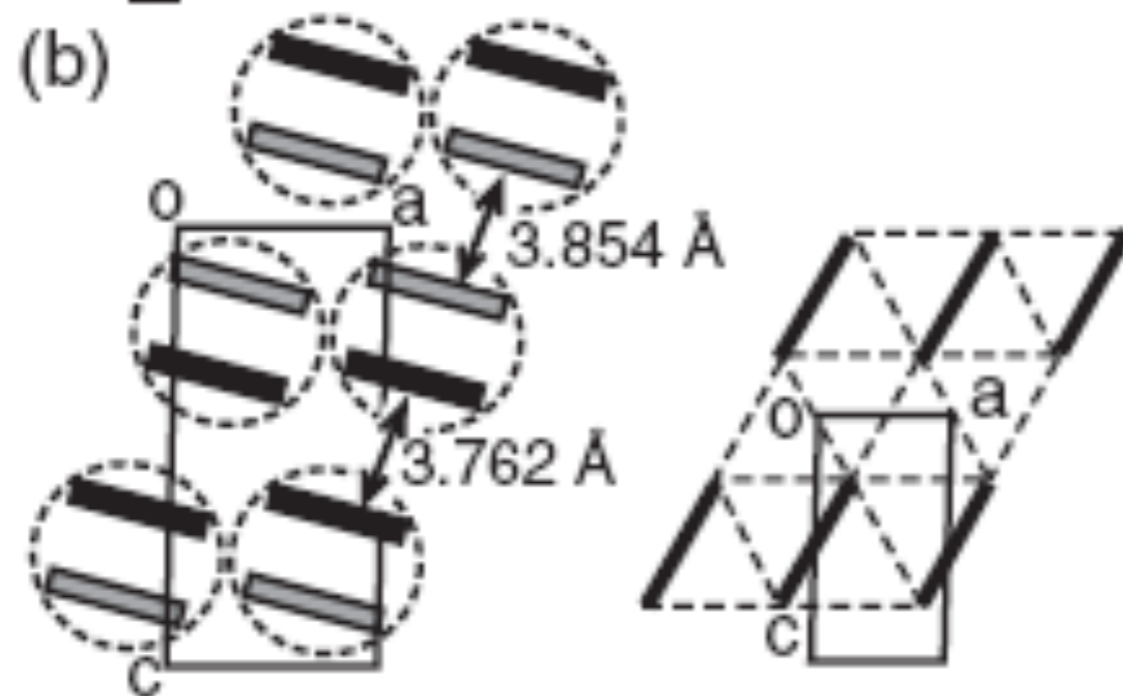
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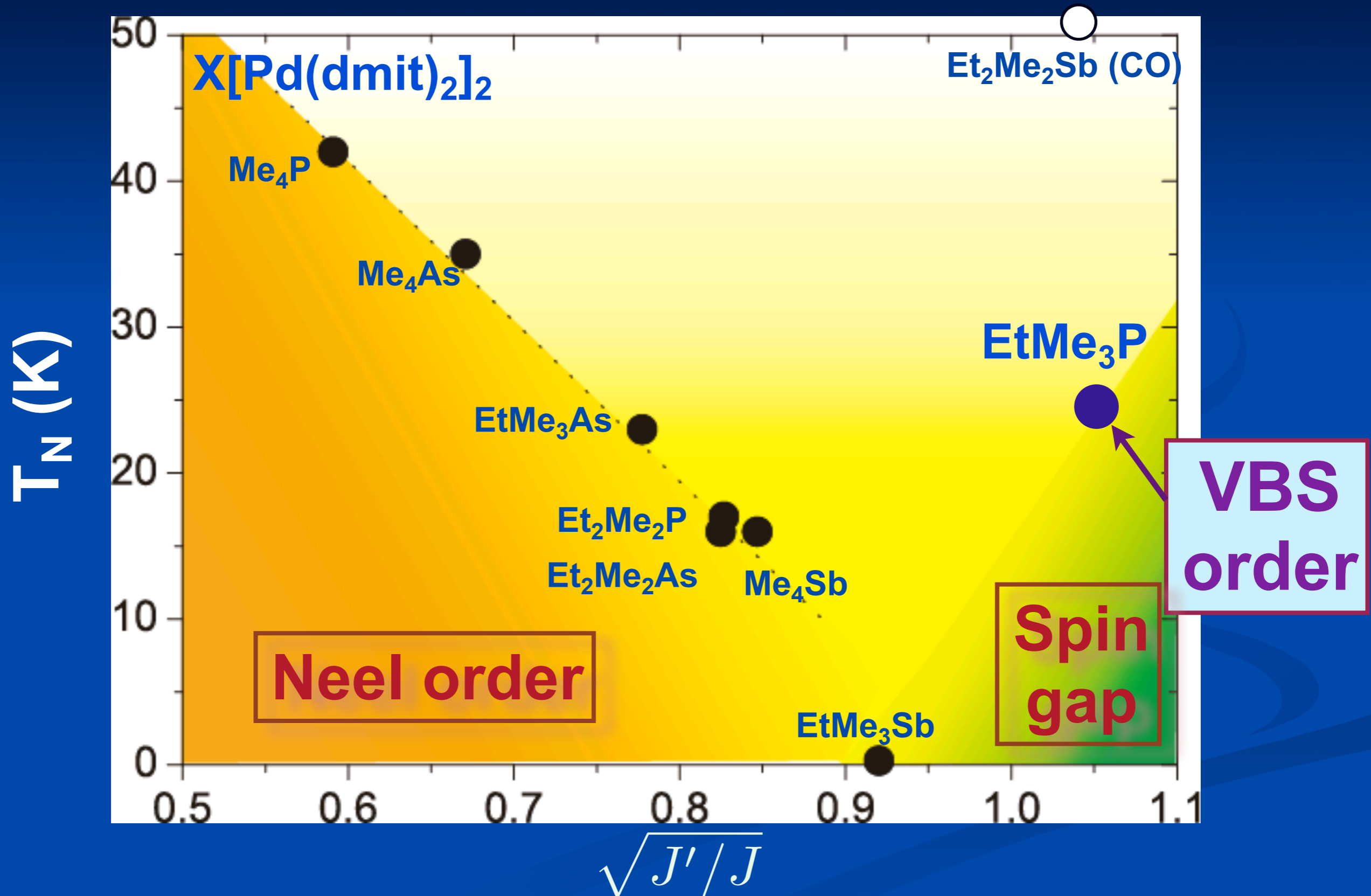


Spin gap ~ 40 K
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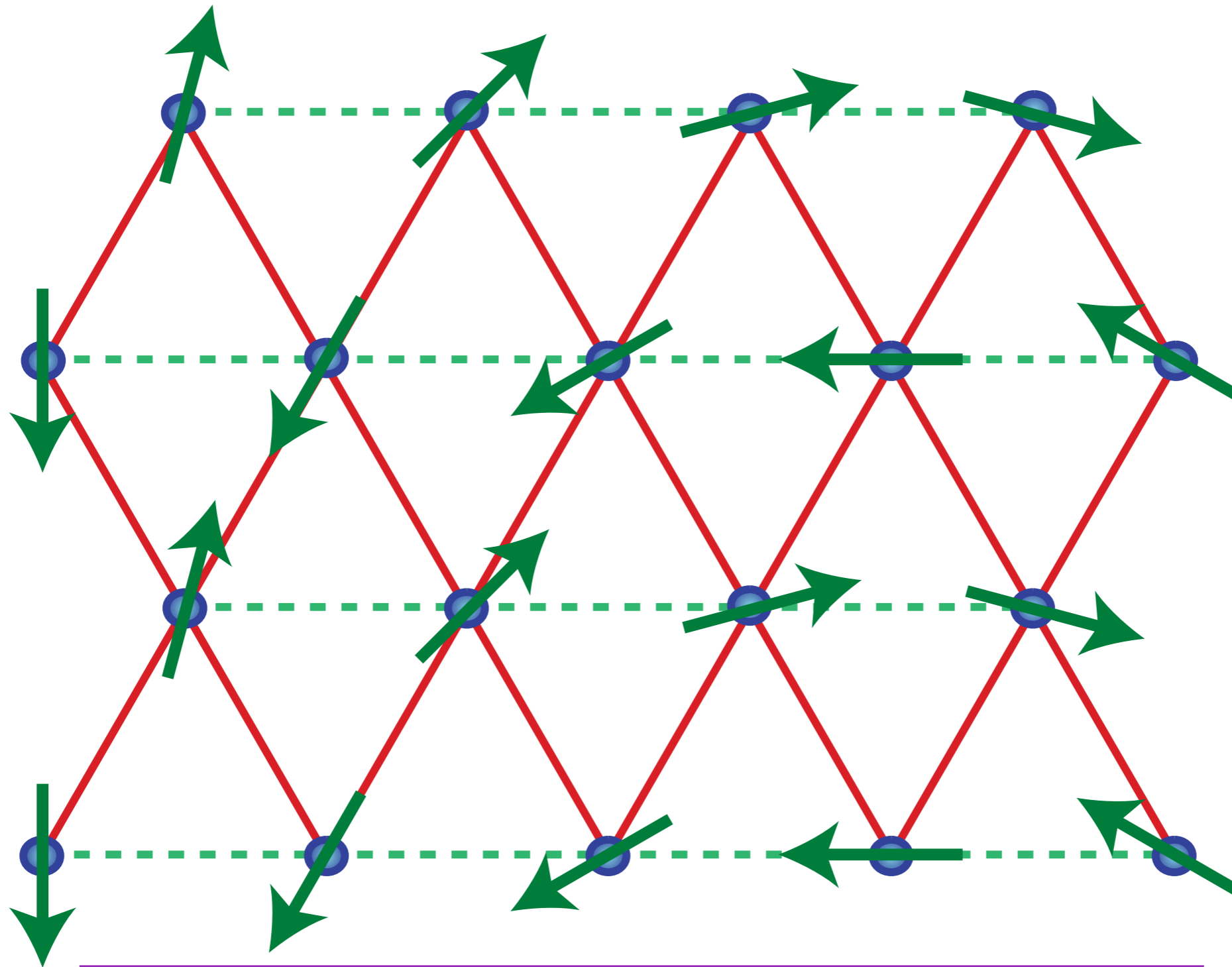


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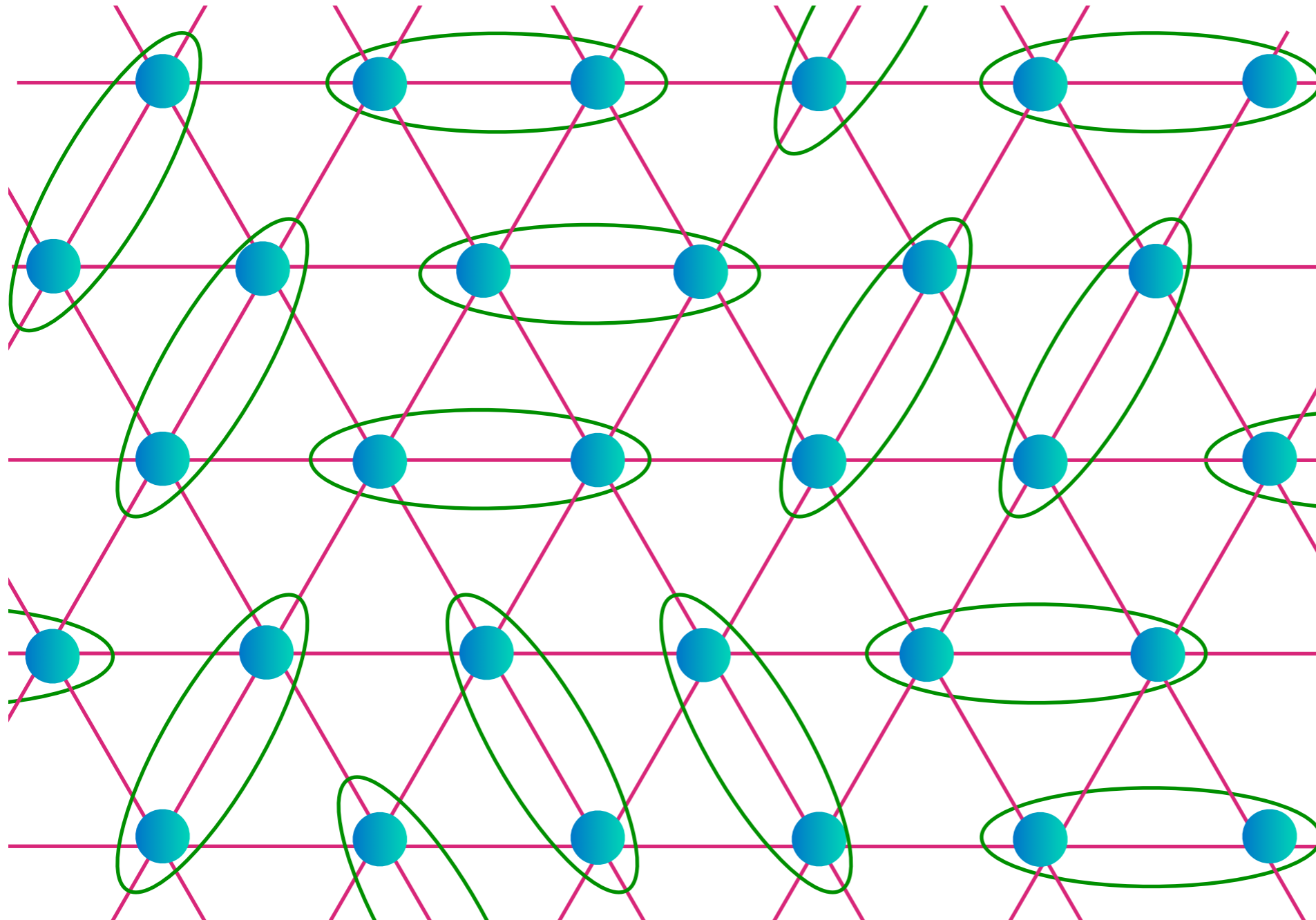
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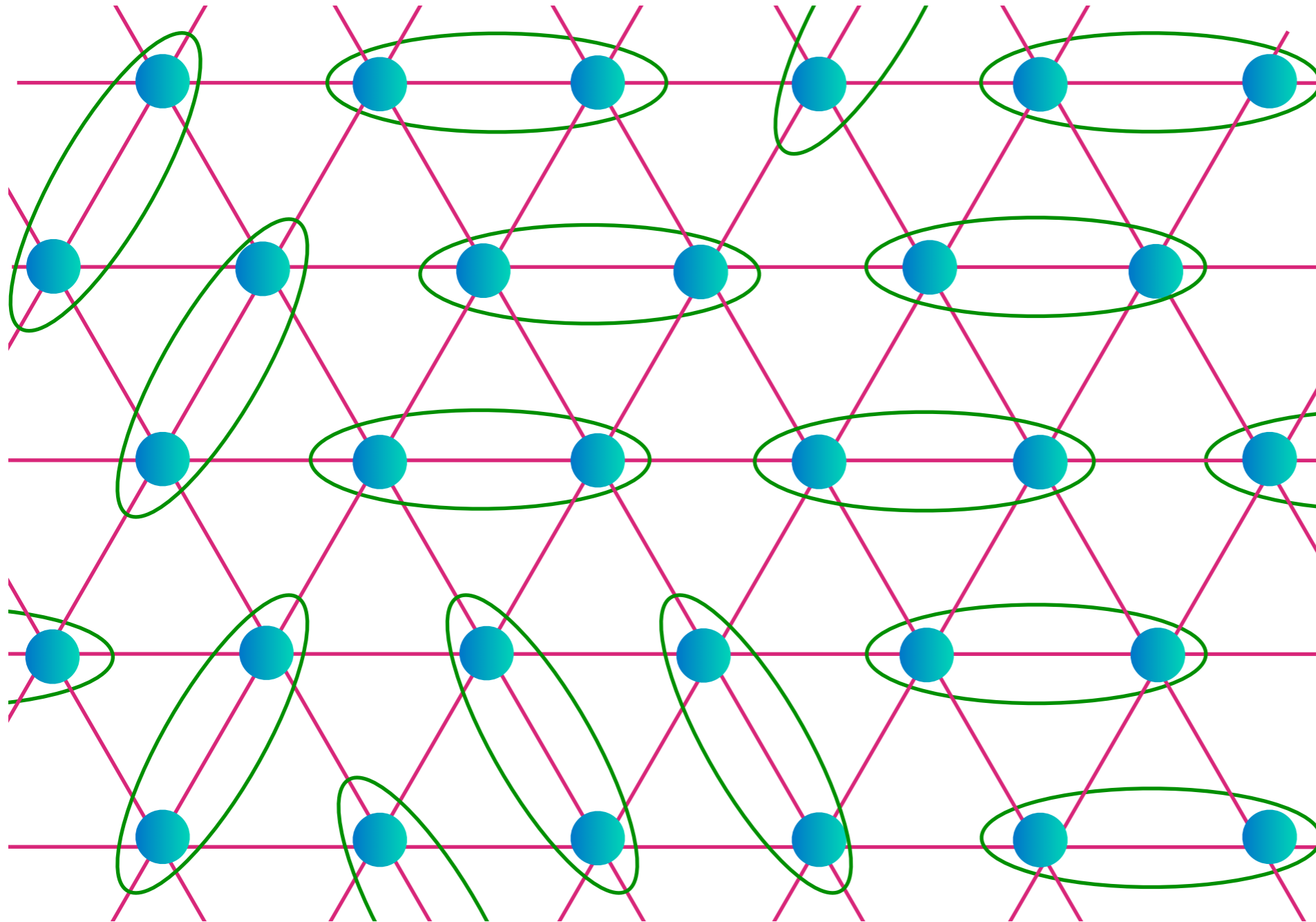
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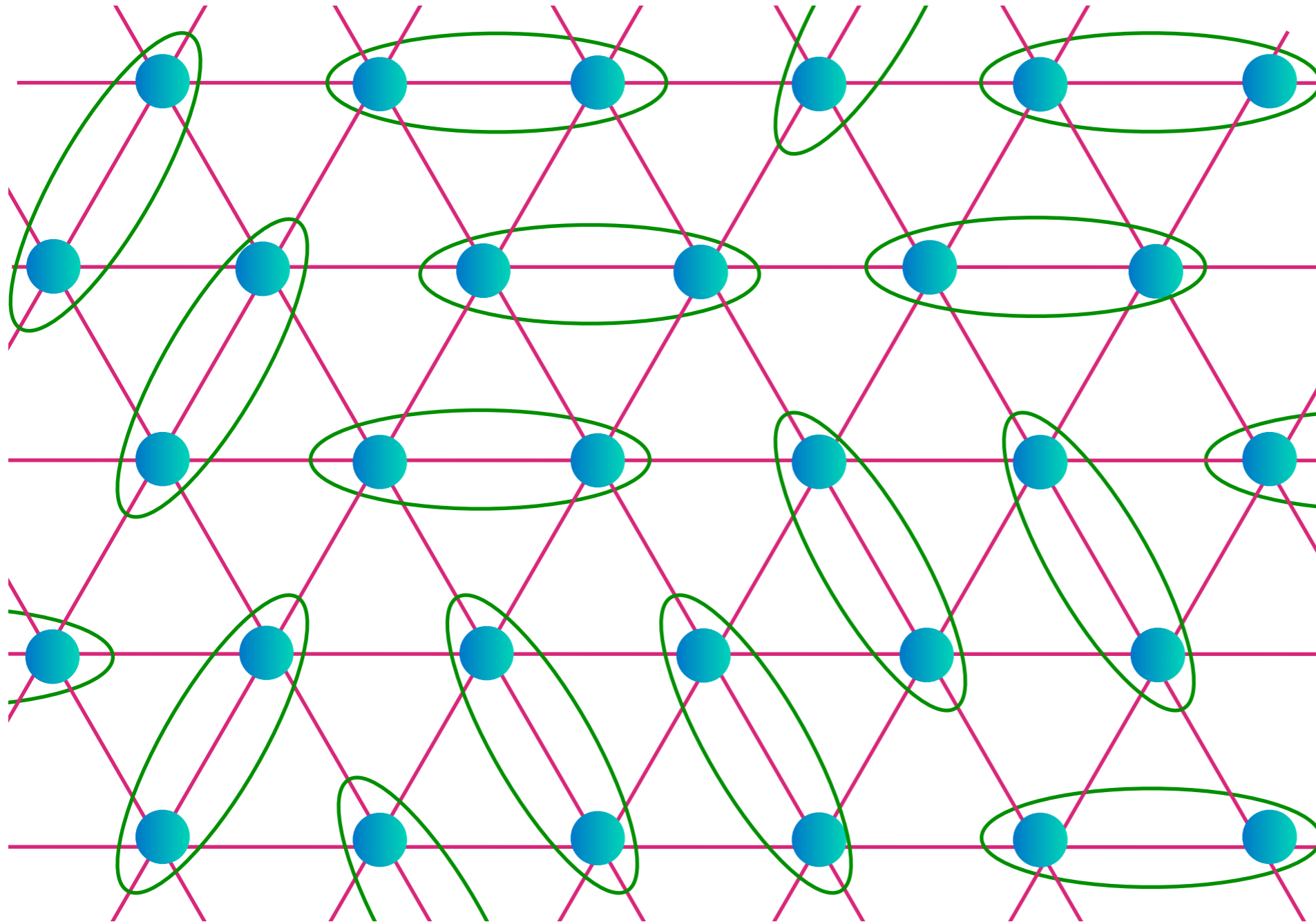
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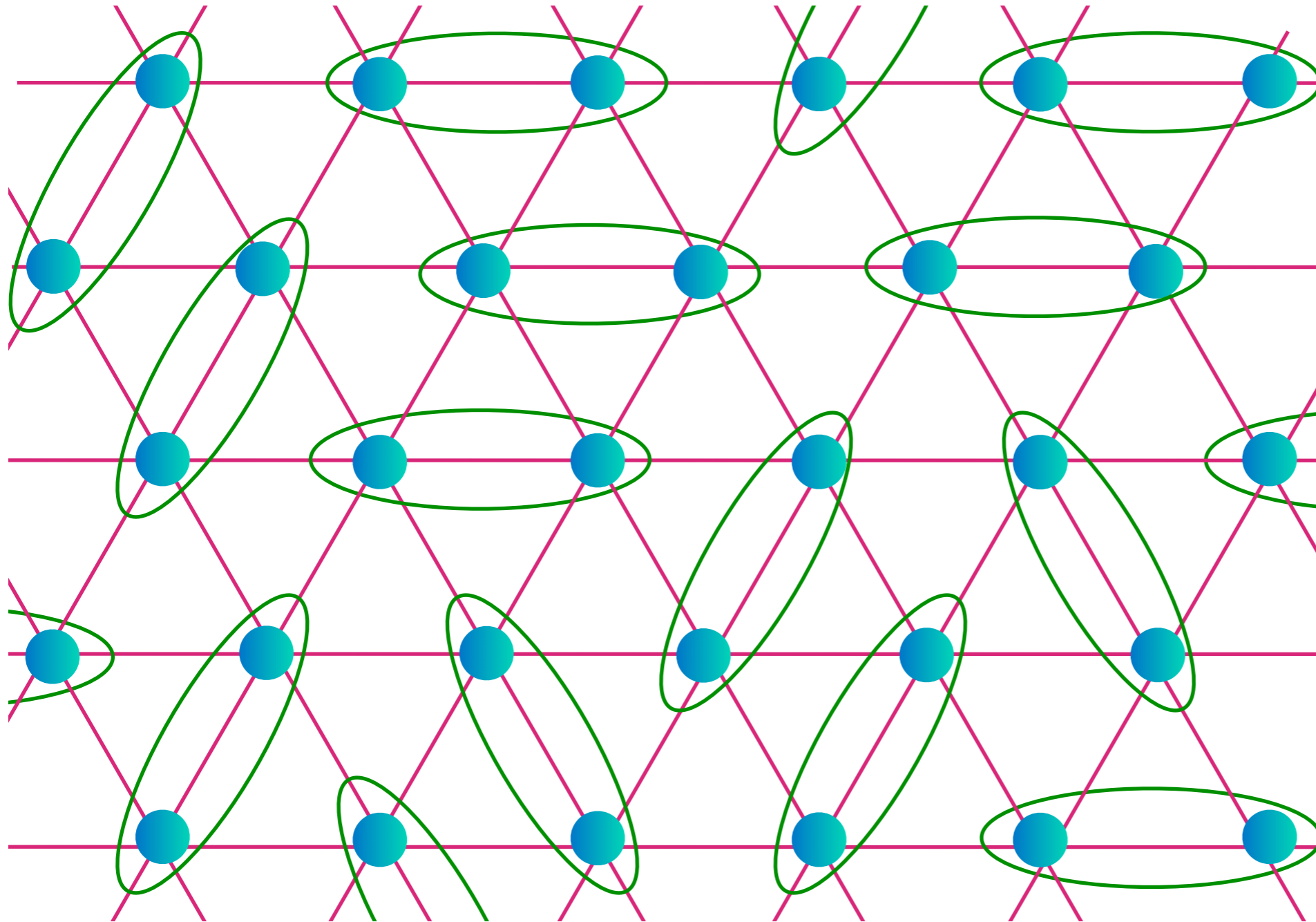
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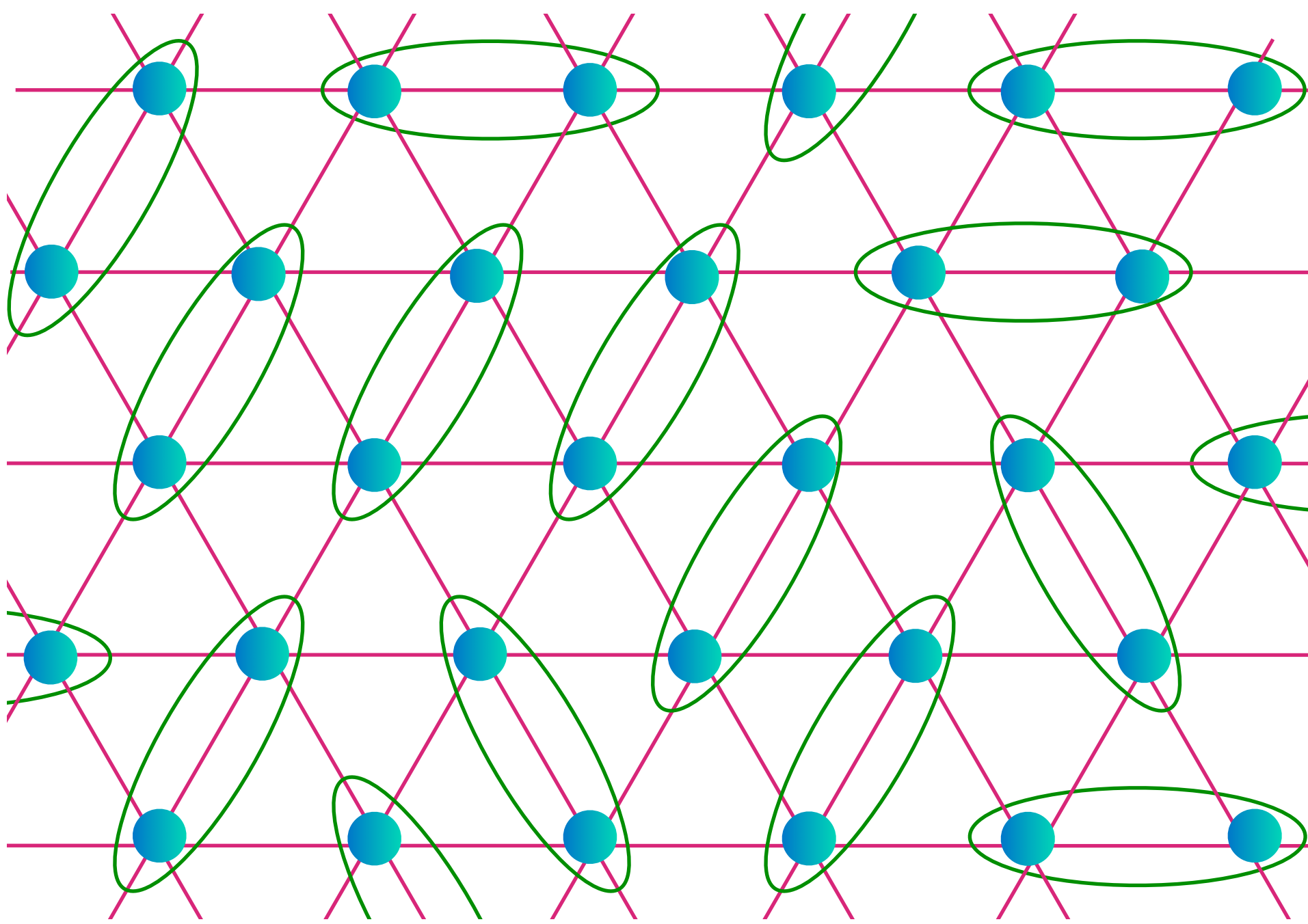
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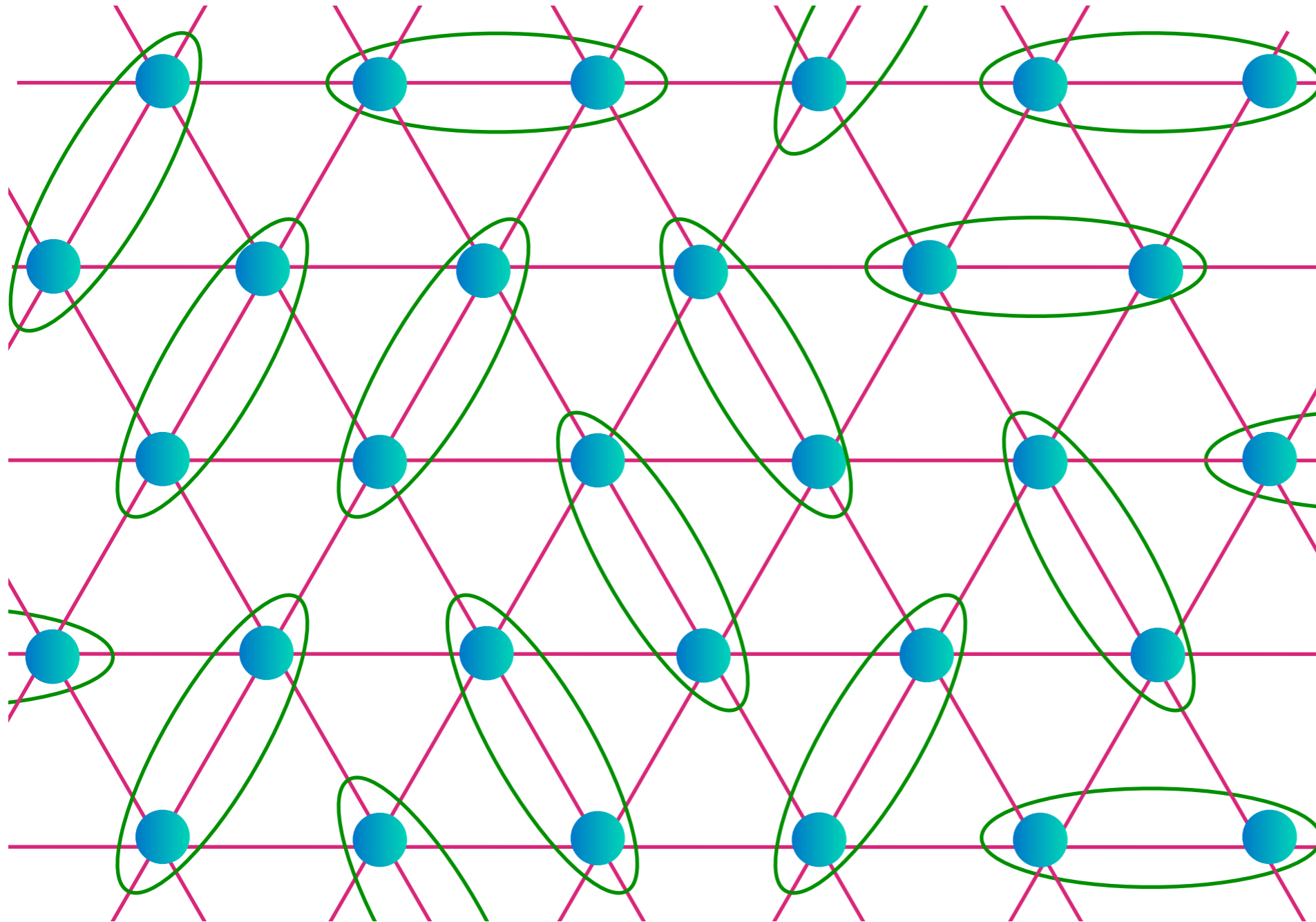
The diagram shows a triangular lattice of blue spheres representing spins. Horizontal pink lines are drawn through the lattice. Green ovals are drawn around pairs of sites, illustrating the spin liquid state. The ovals are arranged in a pattern that is not a simple checkerboard, reflecting the topological nature of the spin liquid.

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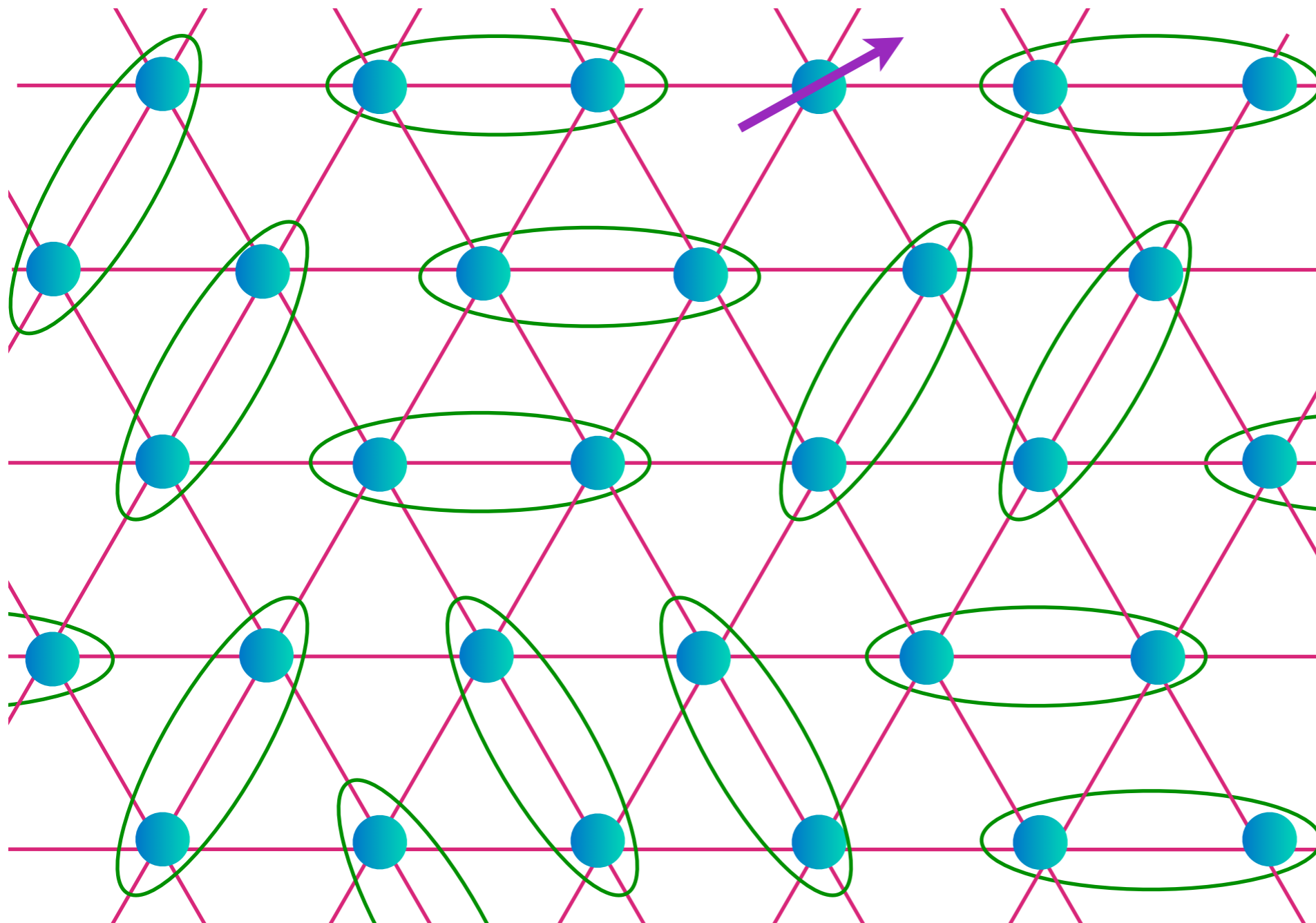
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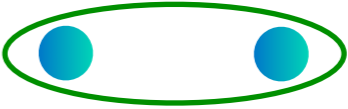
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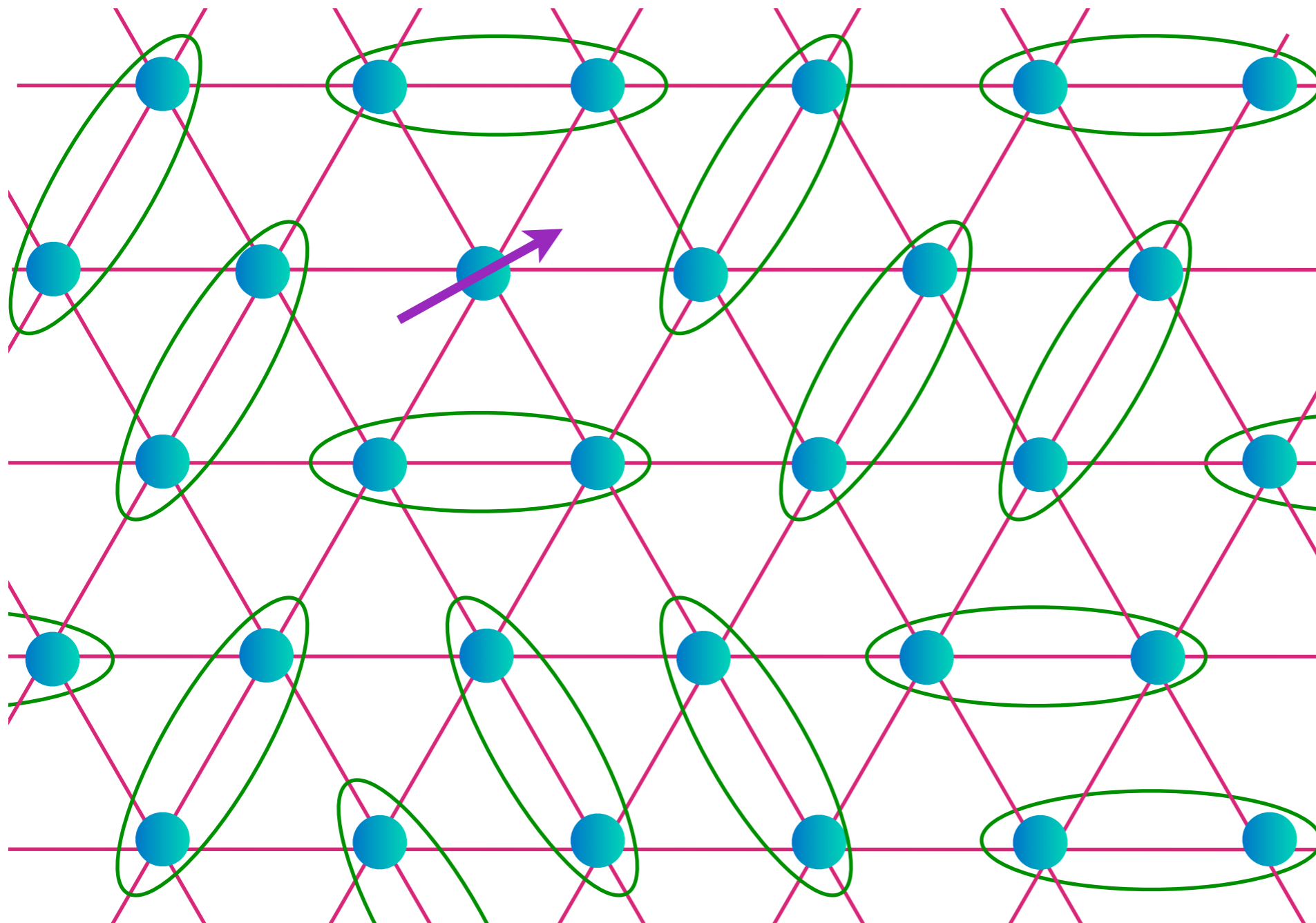
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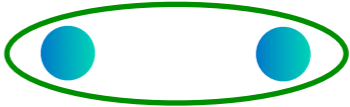
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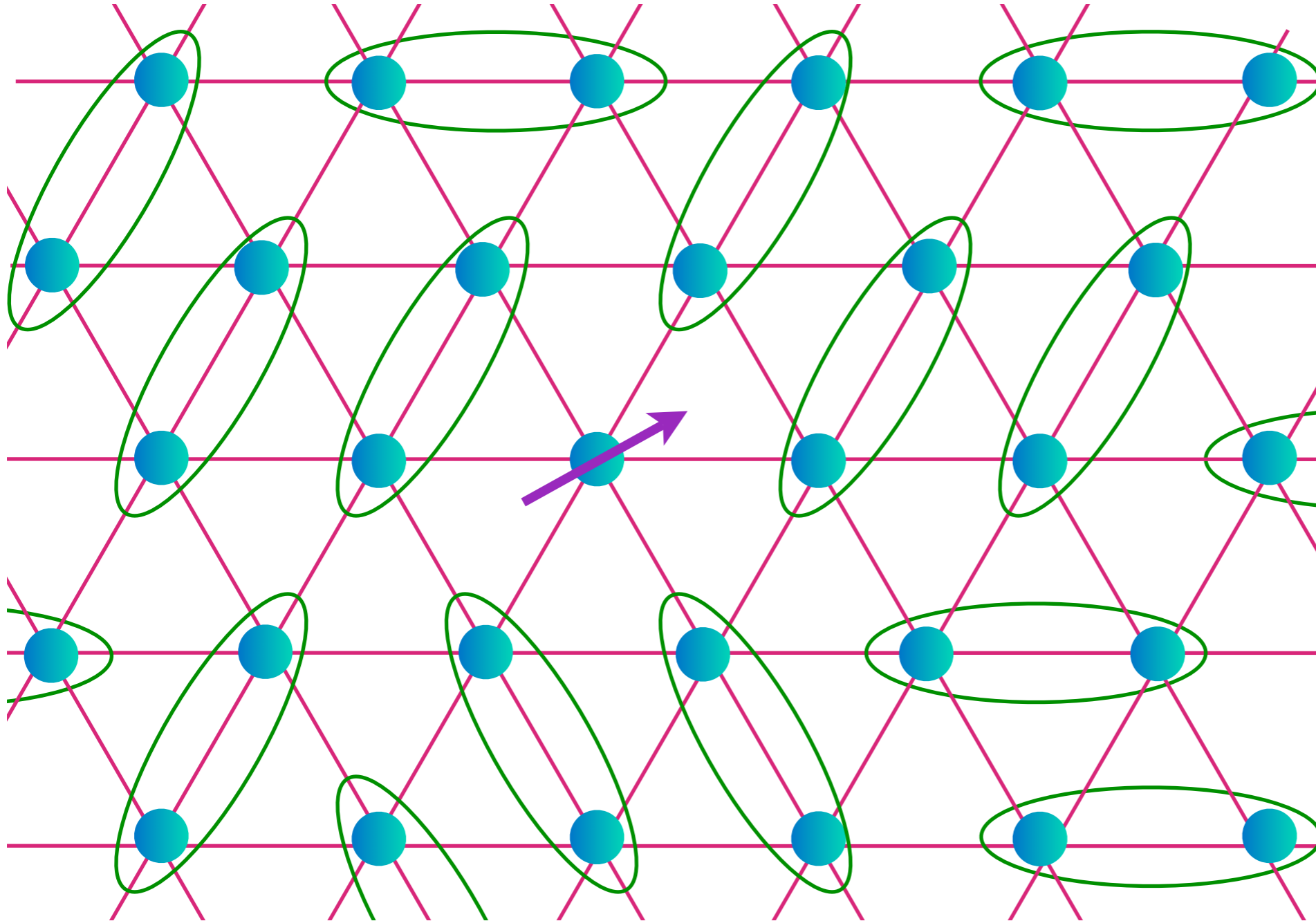

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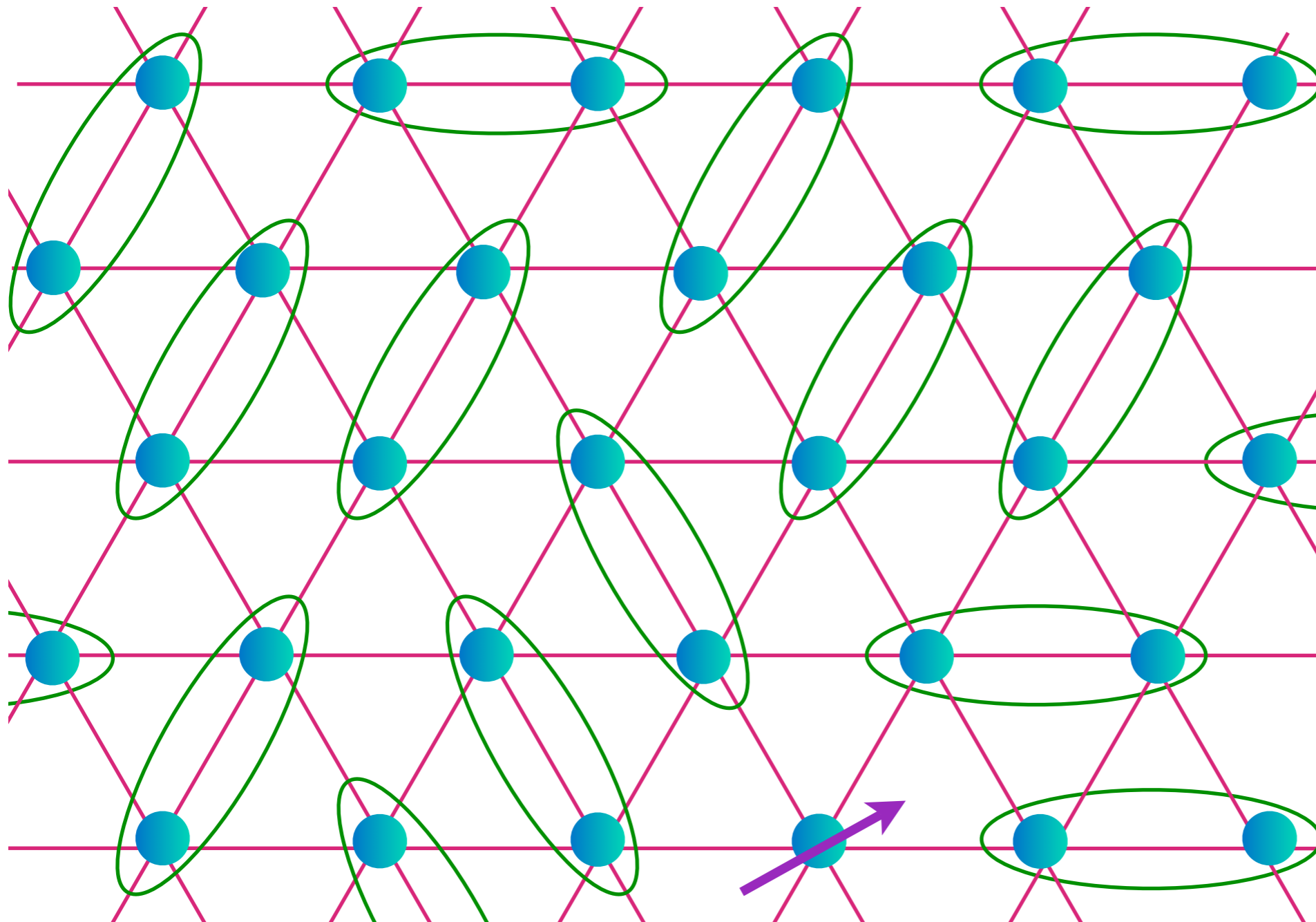

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The theory for quantum phase transitions is expressed in terms of fluctuations of z_α , and *not* the order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$.

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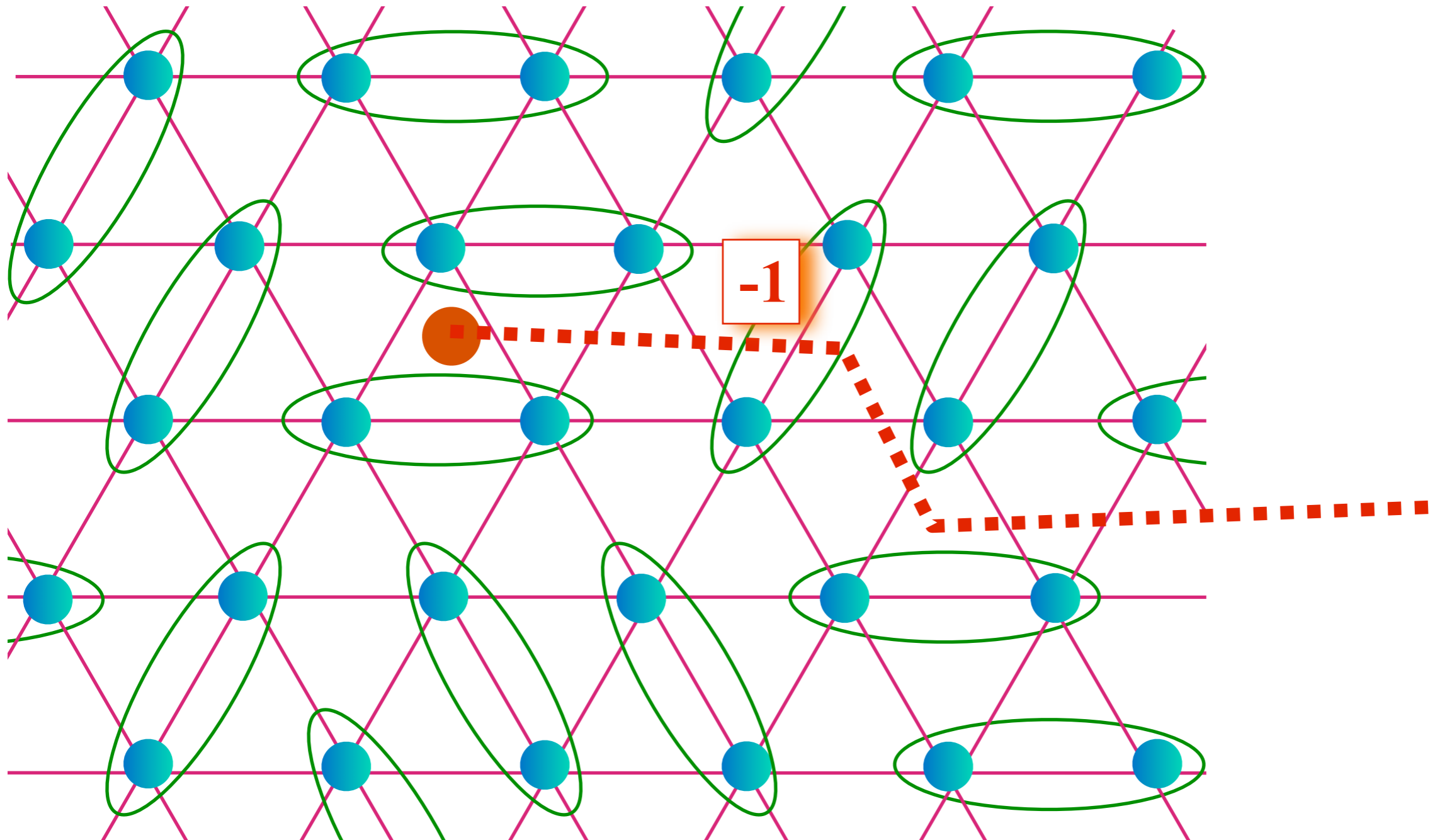
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- A characteristic property of a Z_2 spin liquid is the presence of a spinon pair condensate
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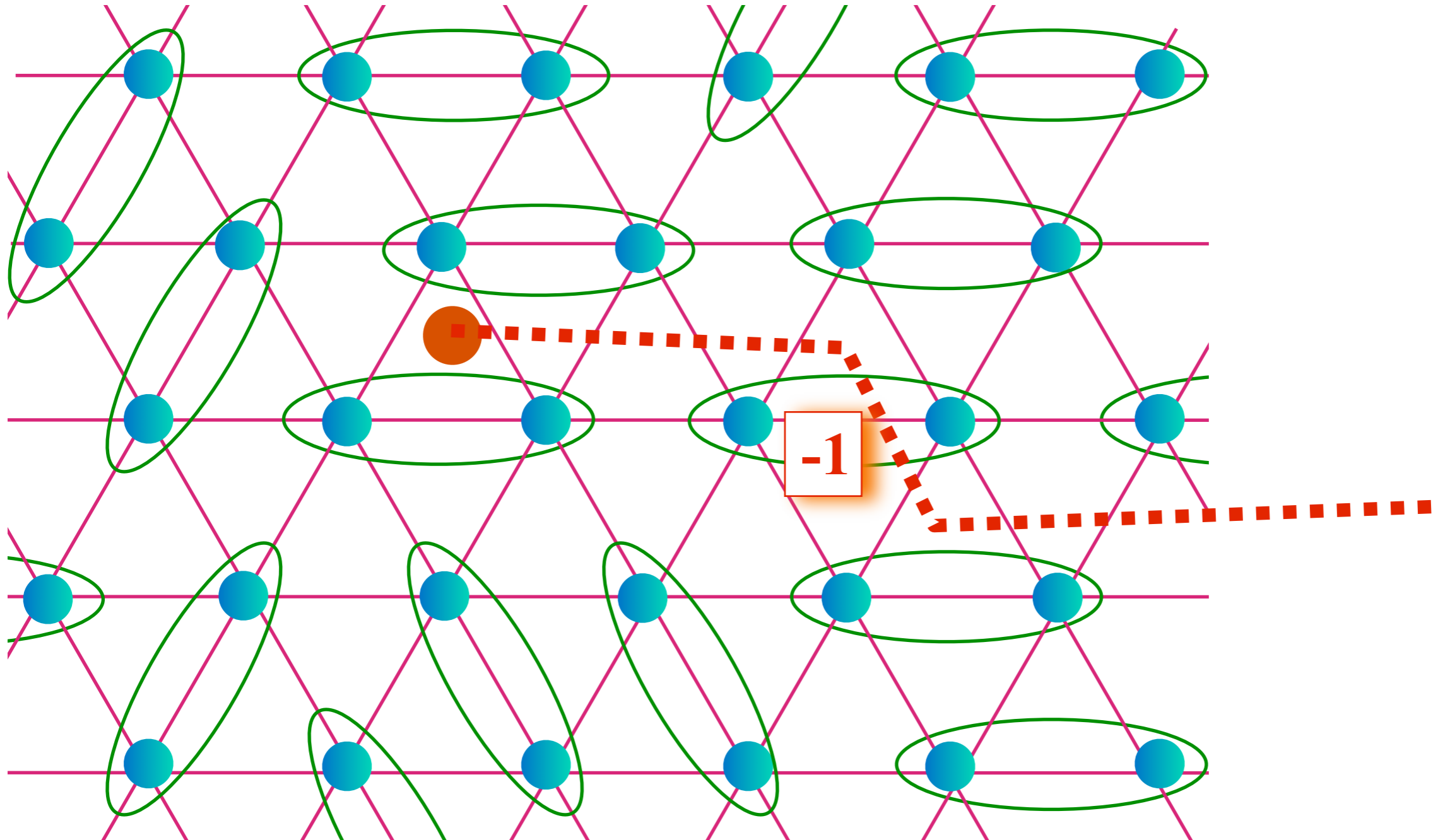

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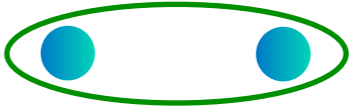
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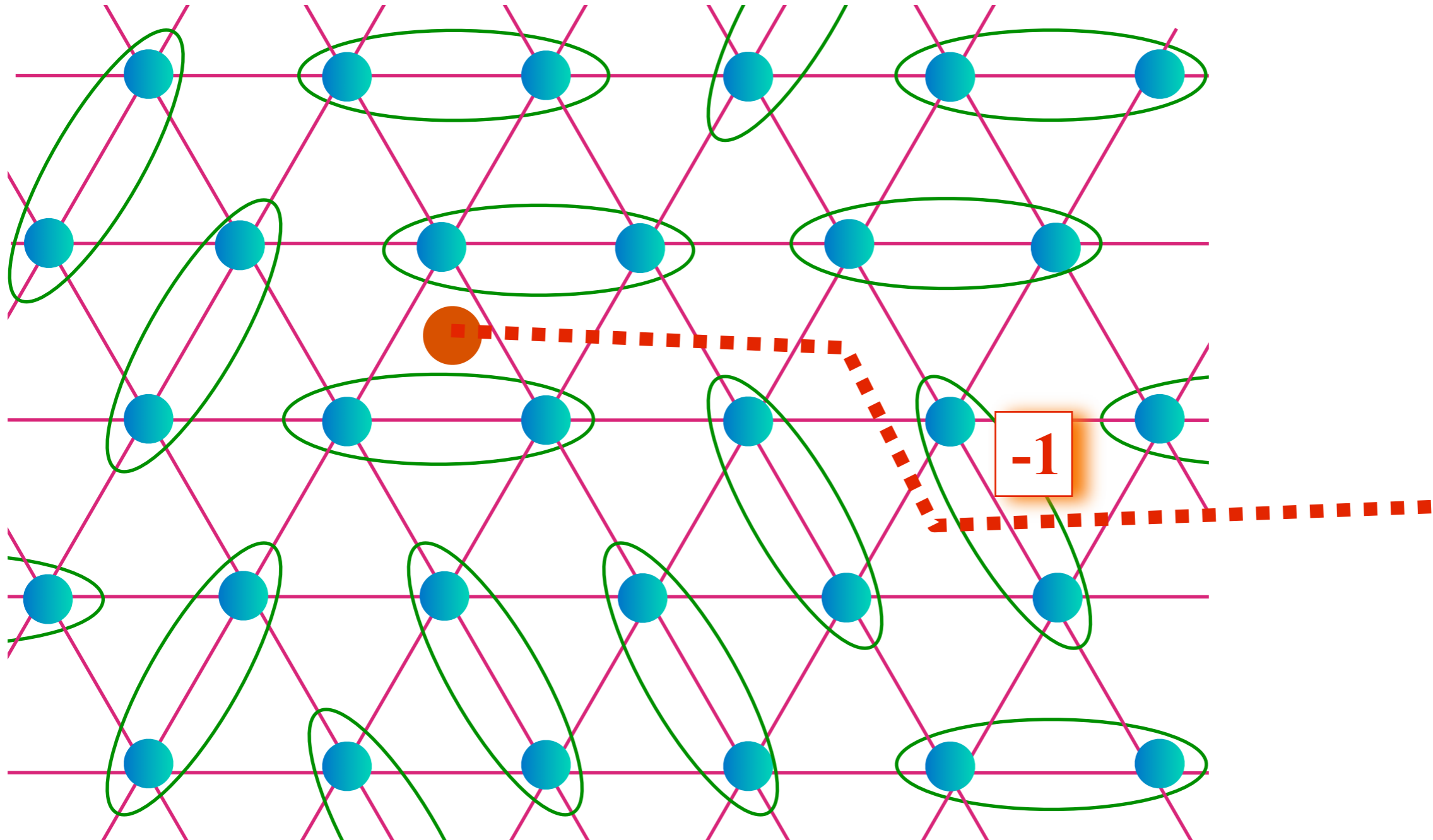

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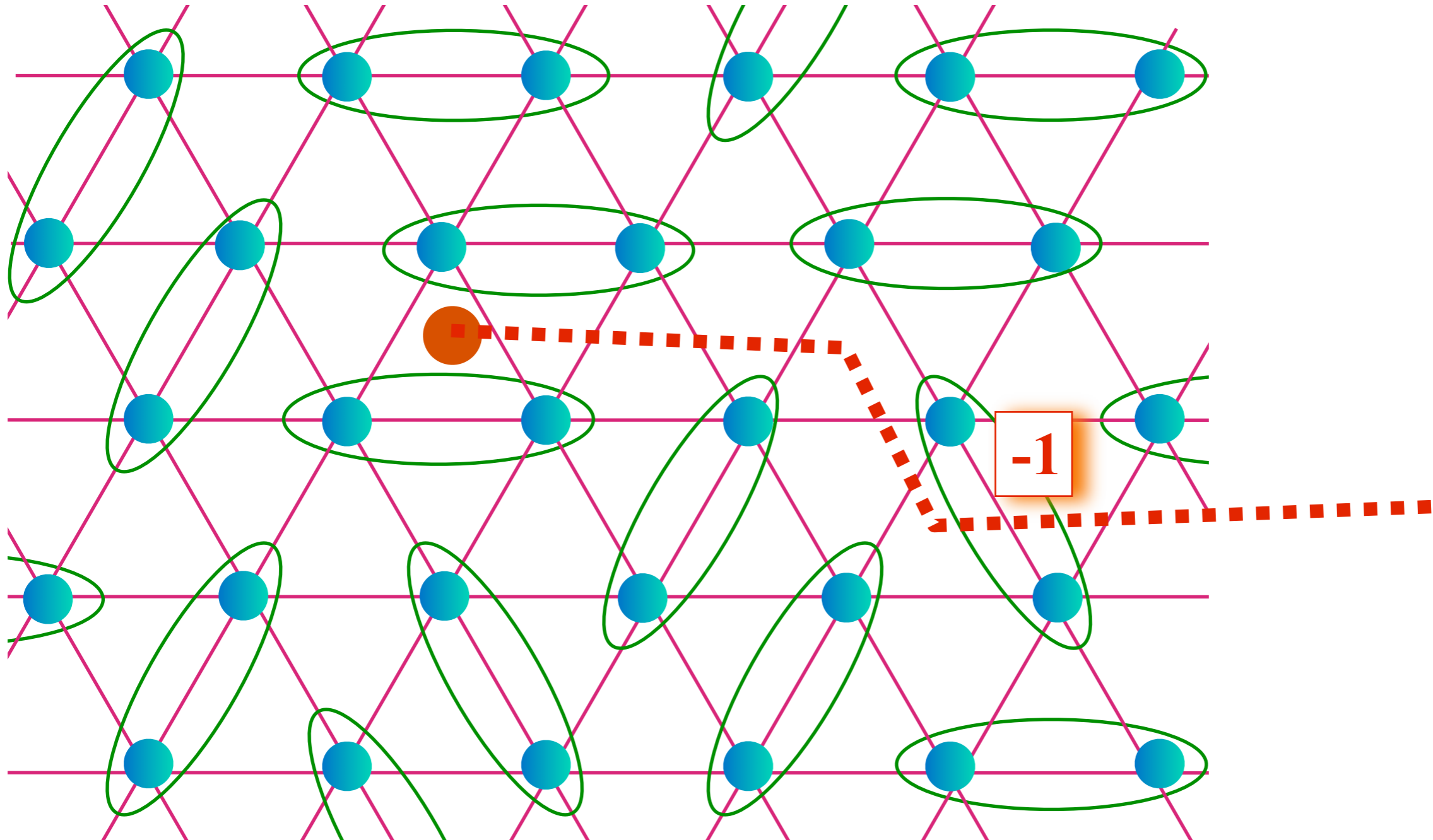

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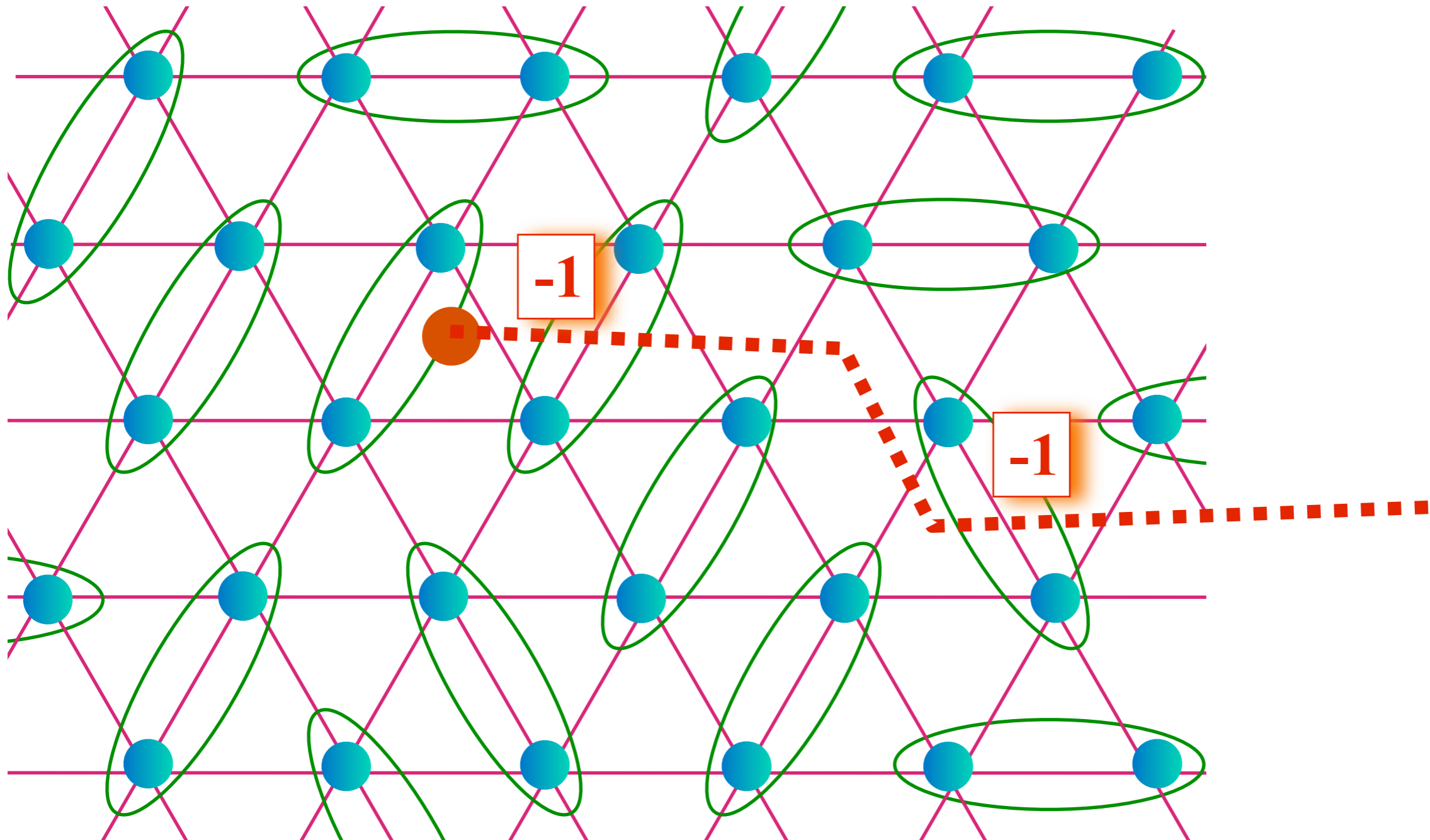
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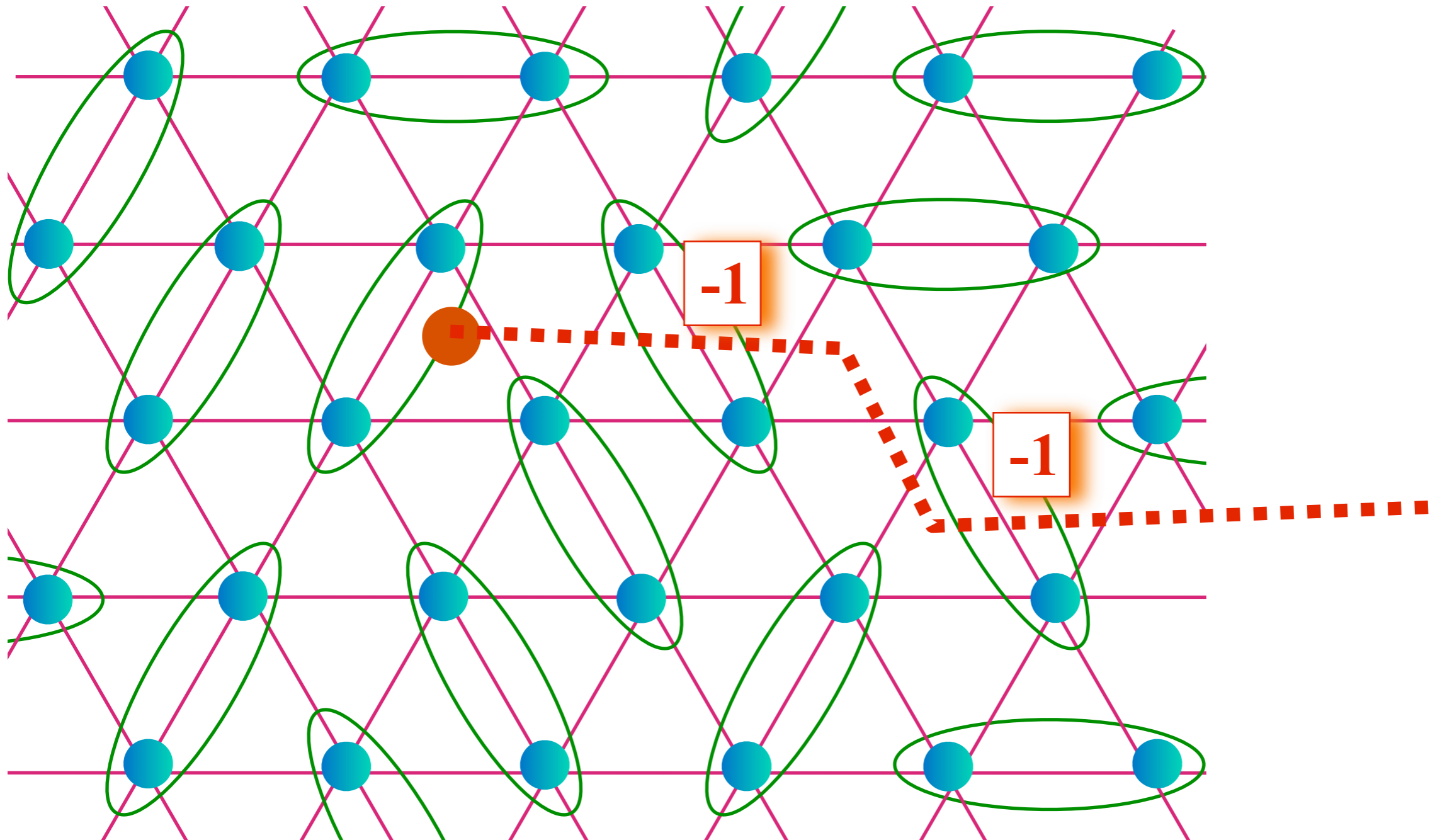
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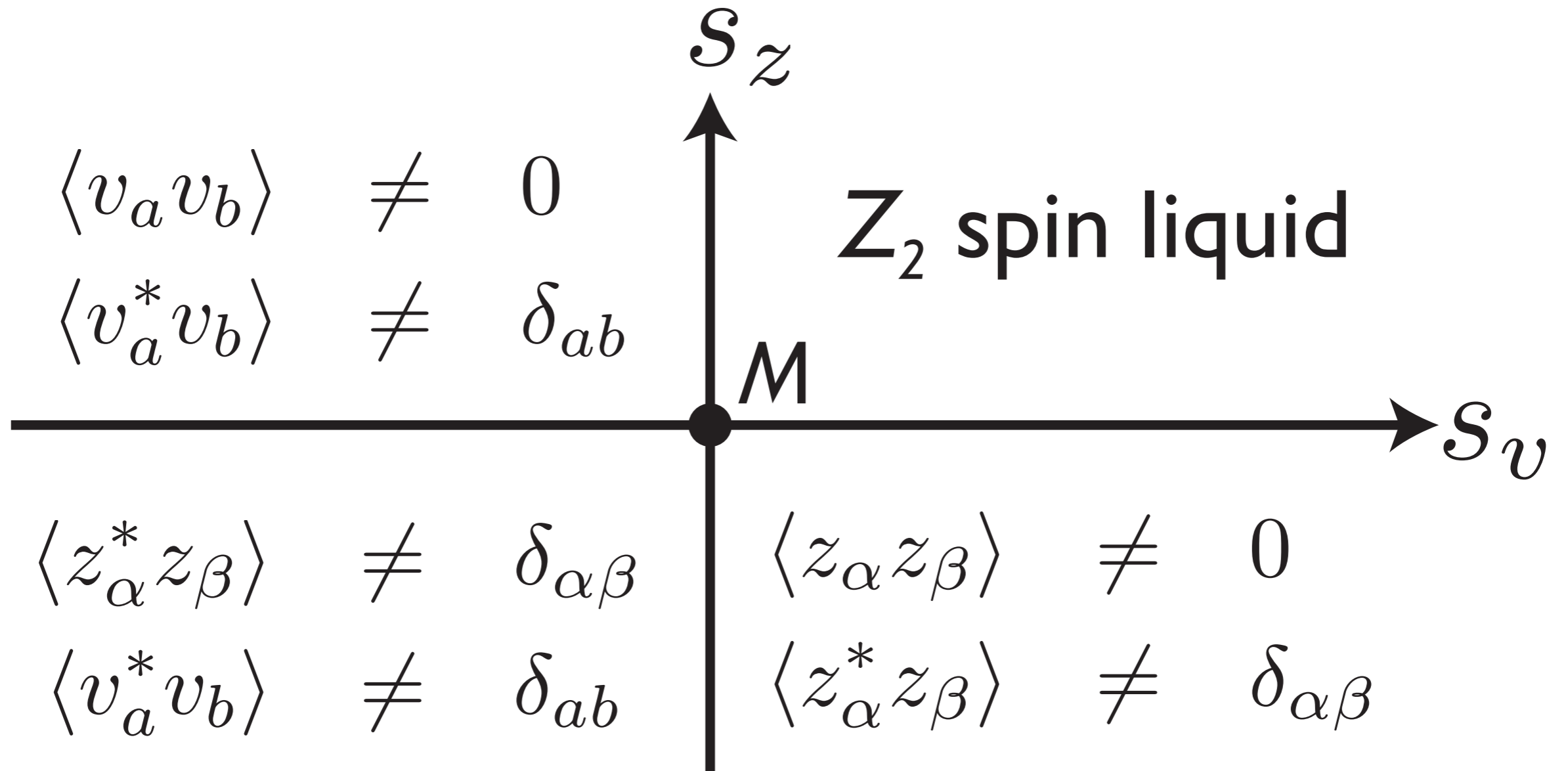


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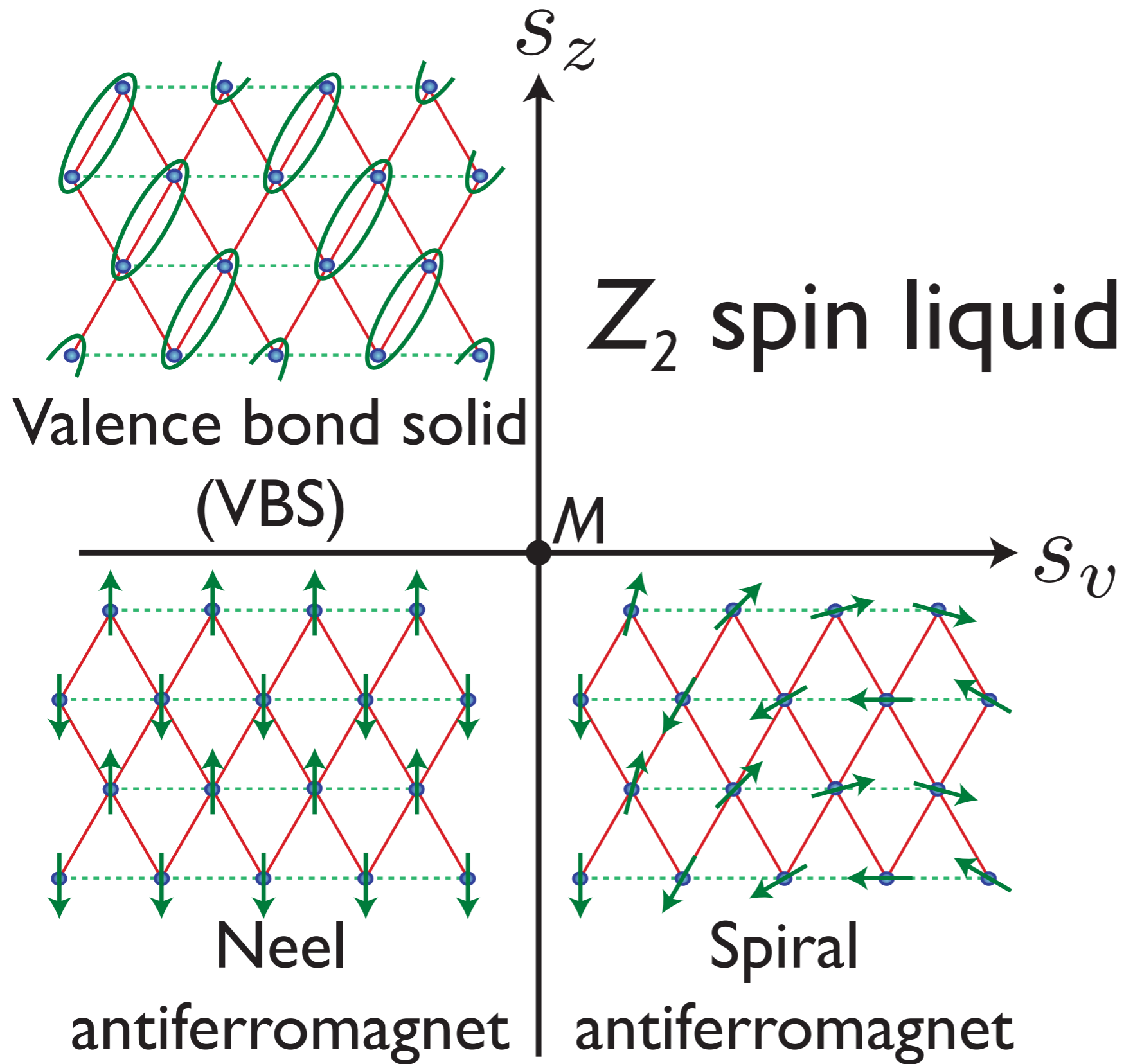
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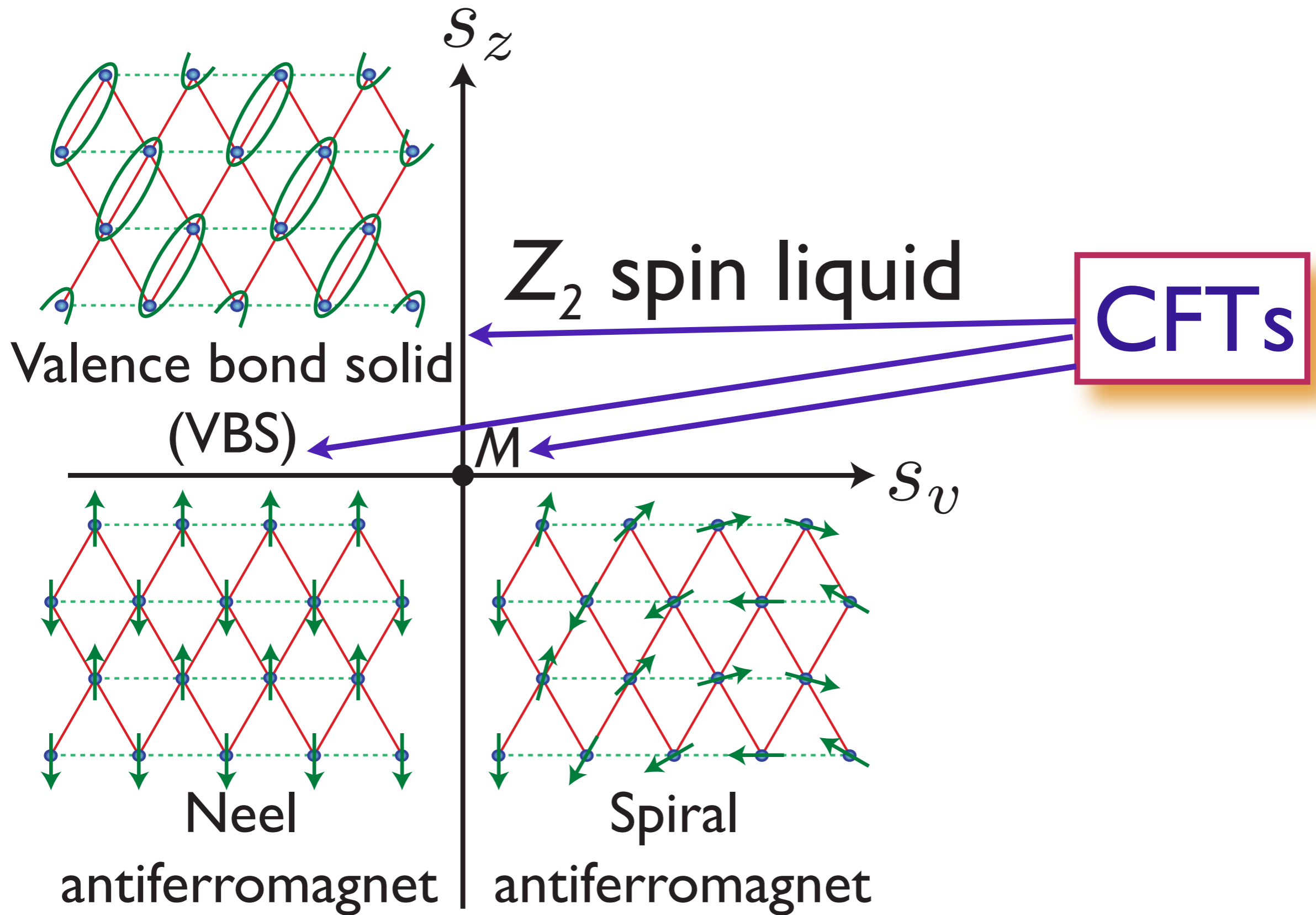


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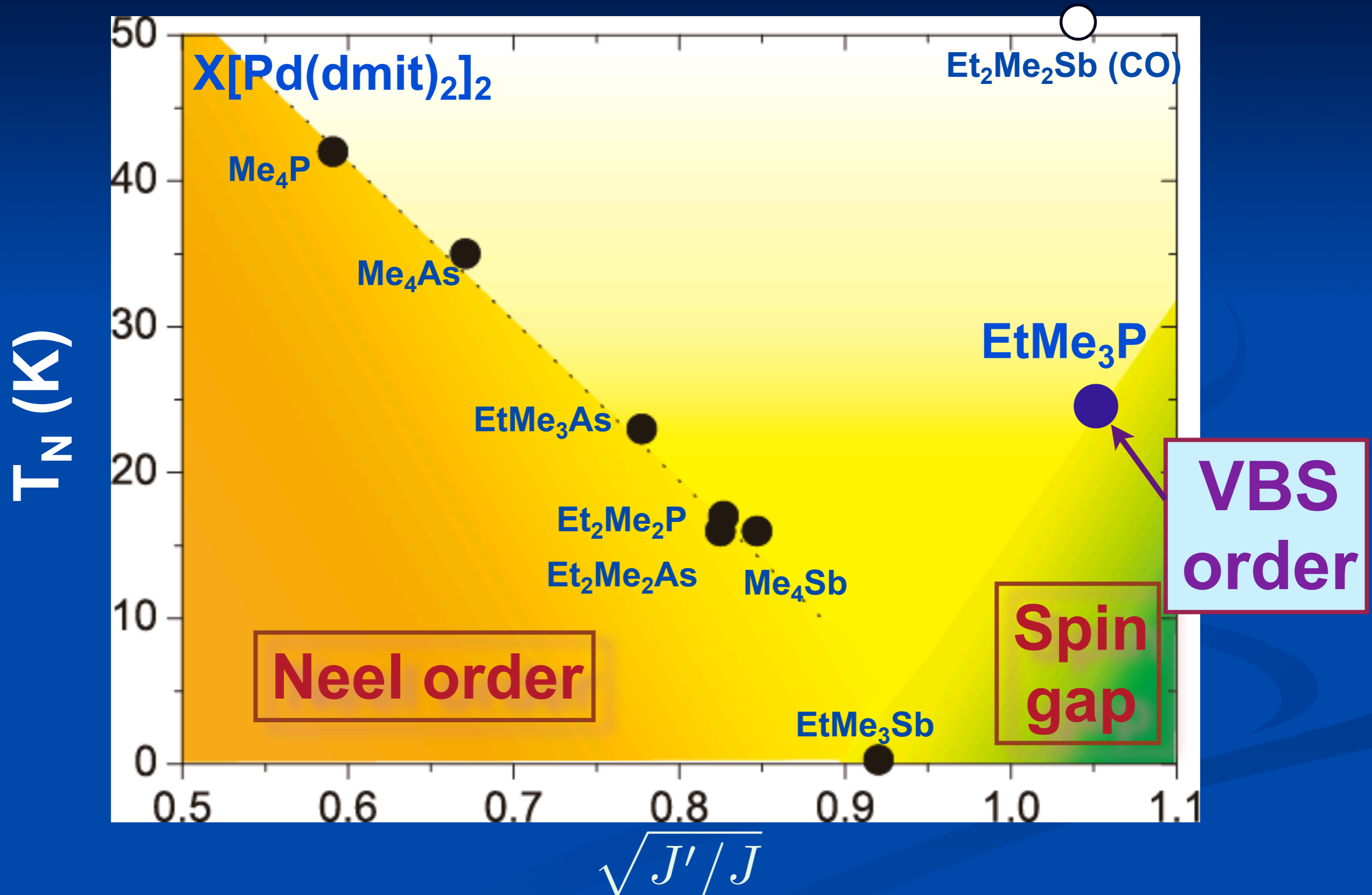
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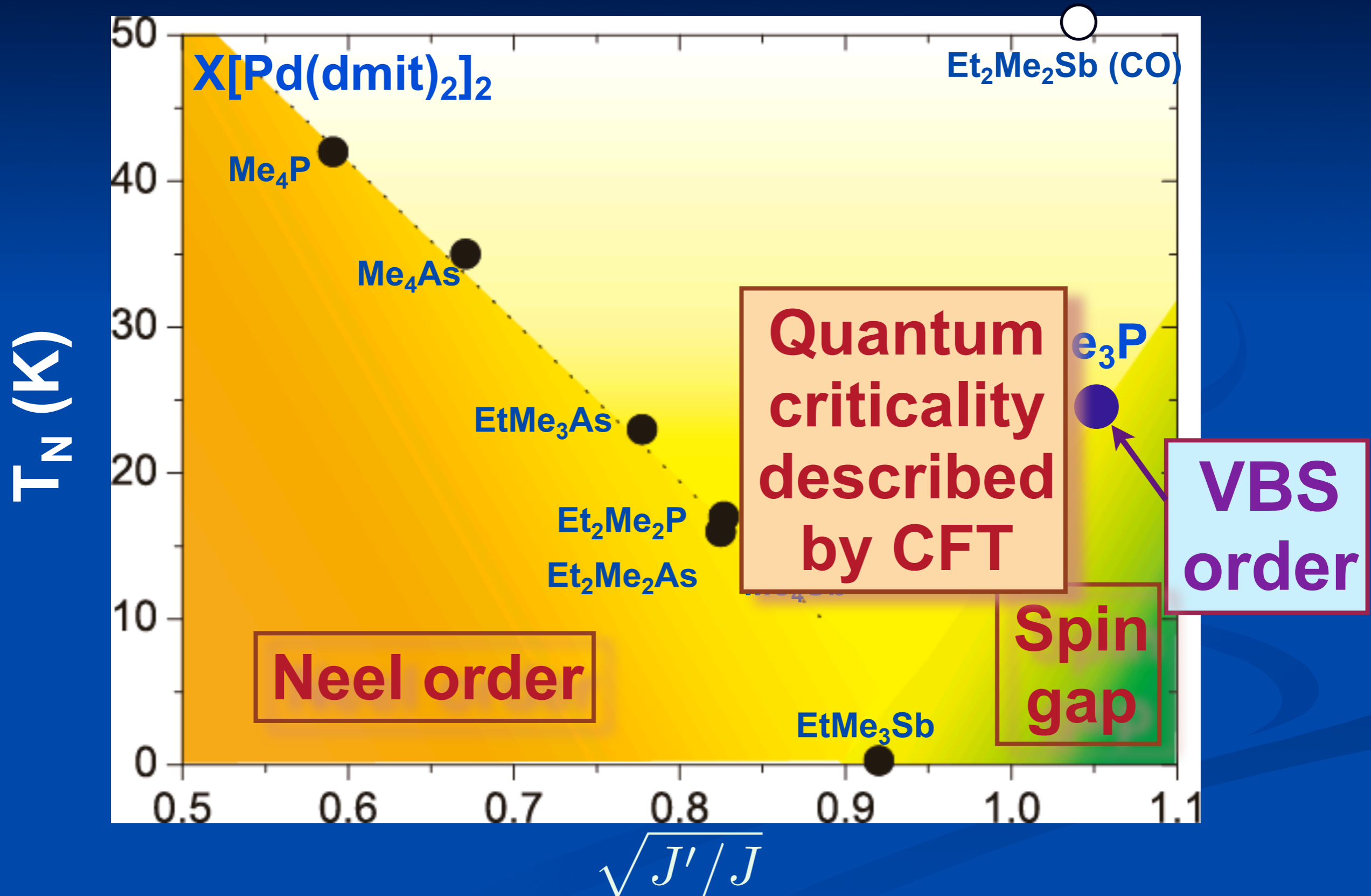
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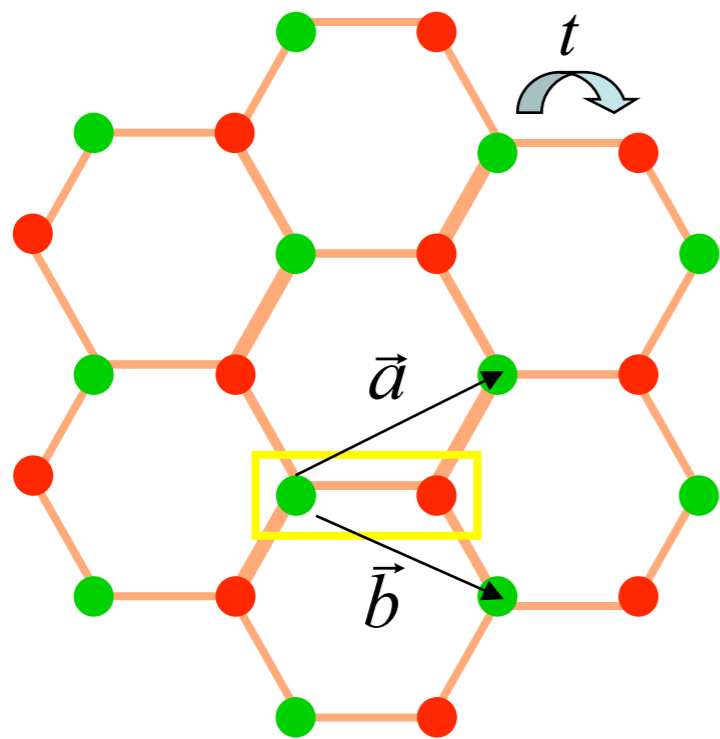
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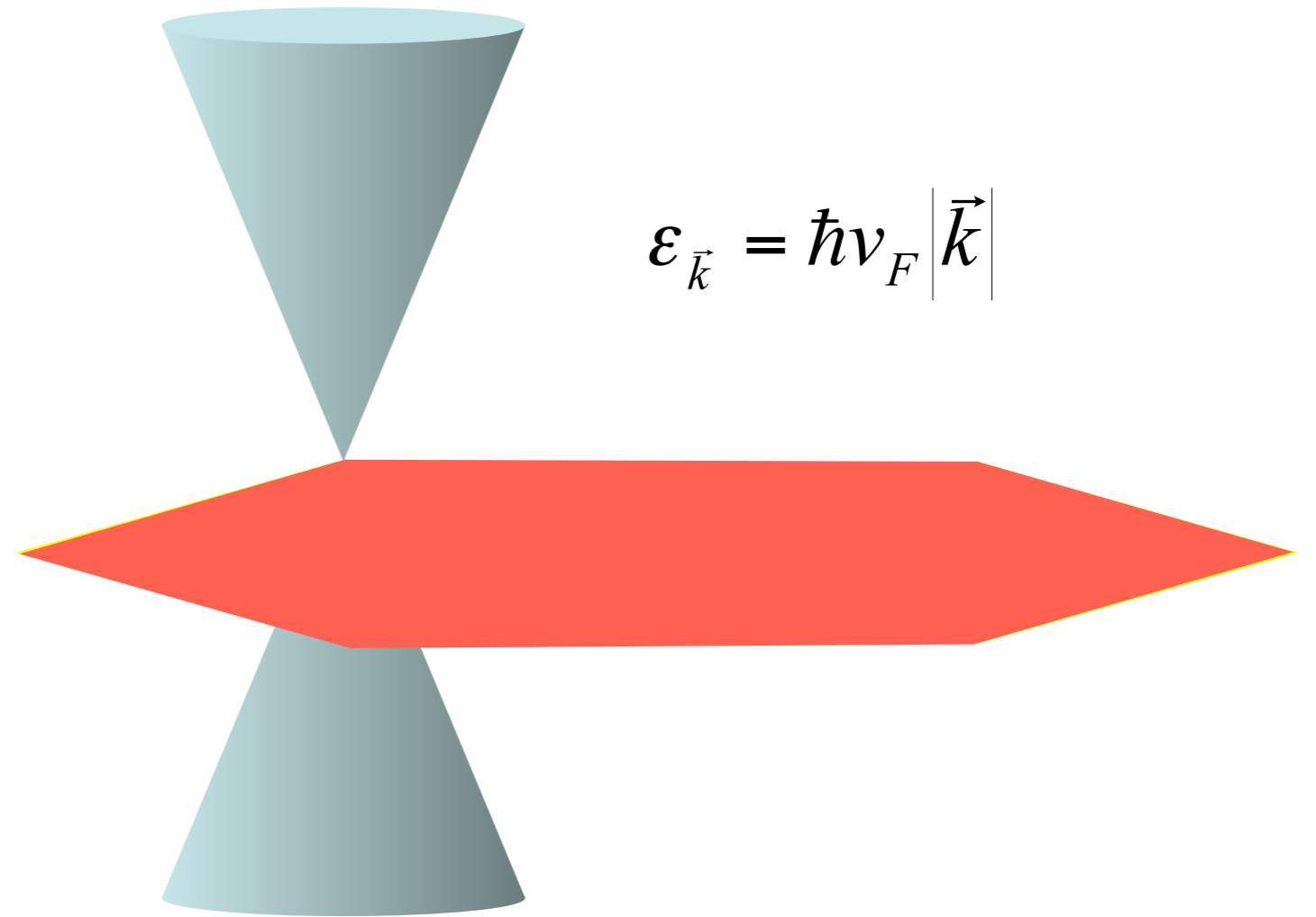
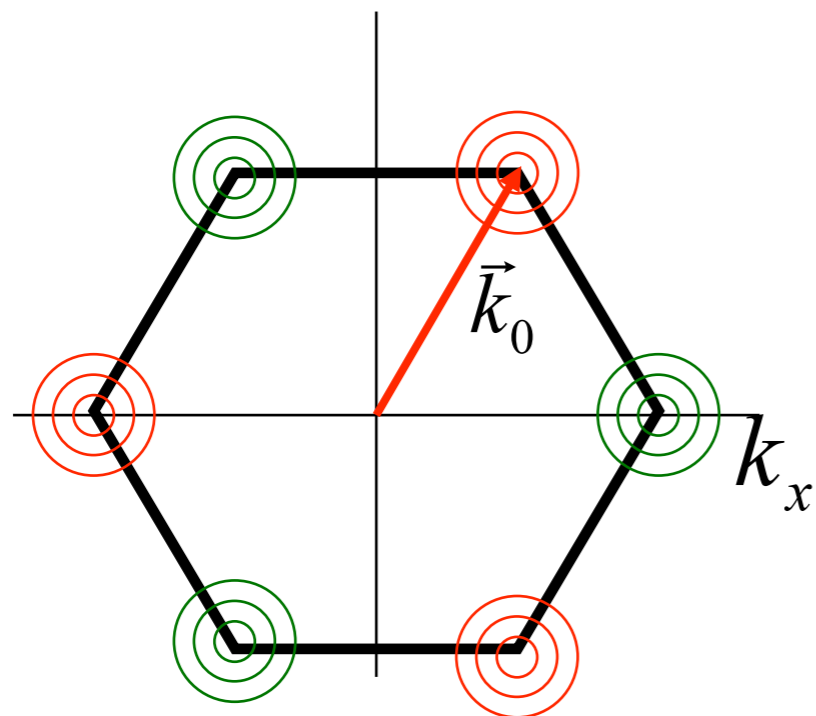
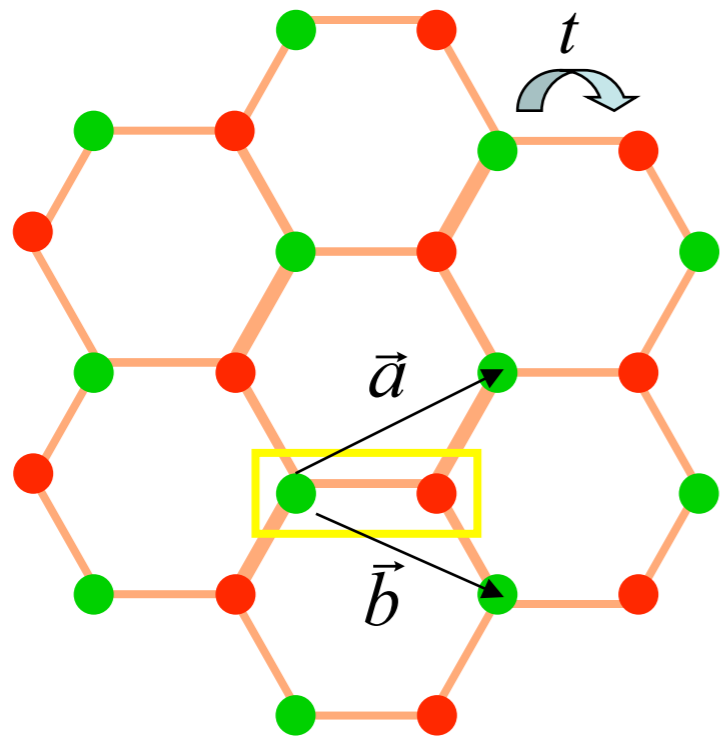
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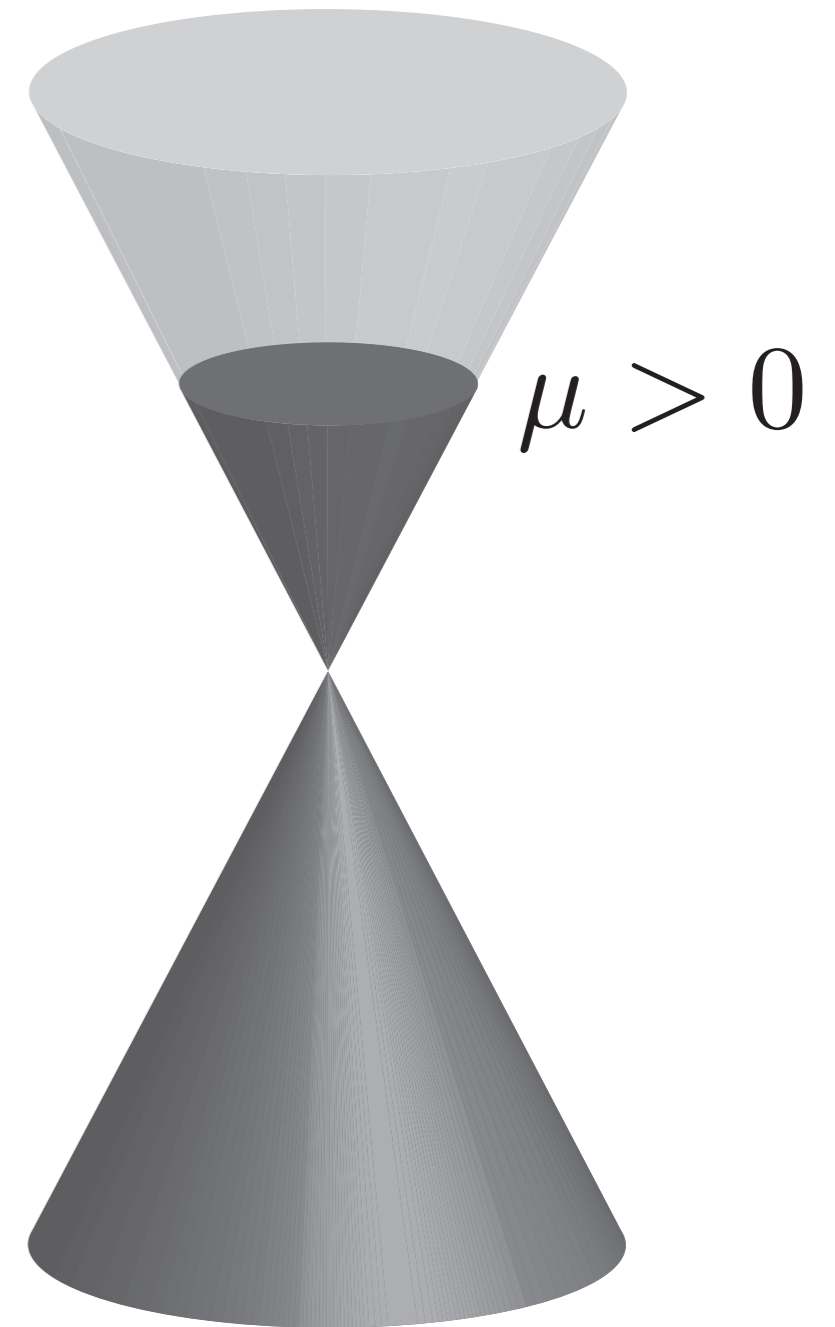
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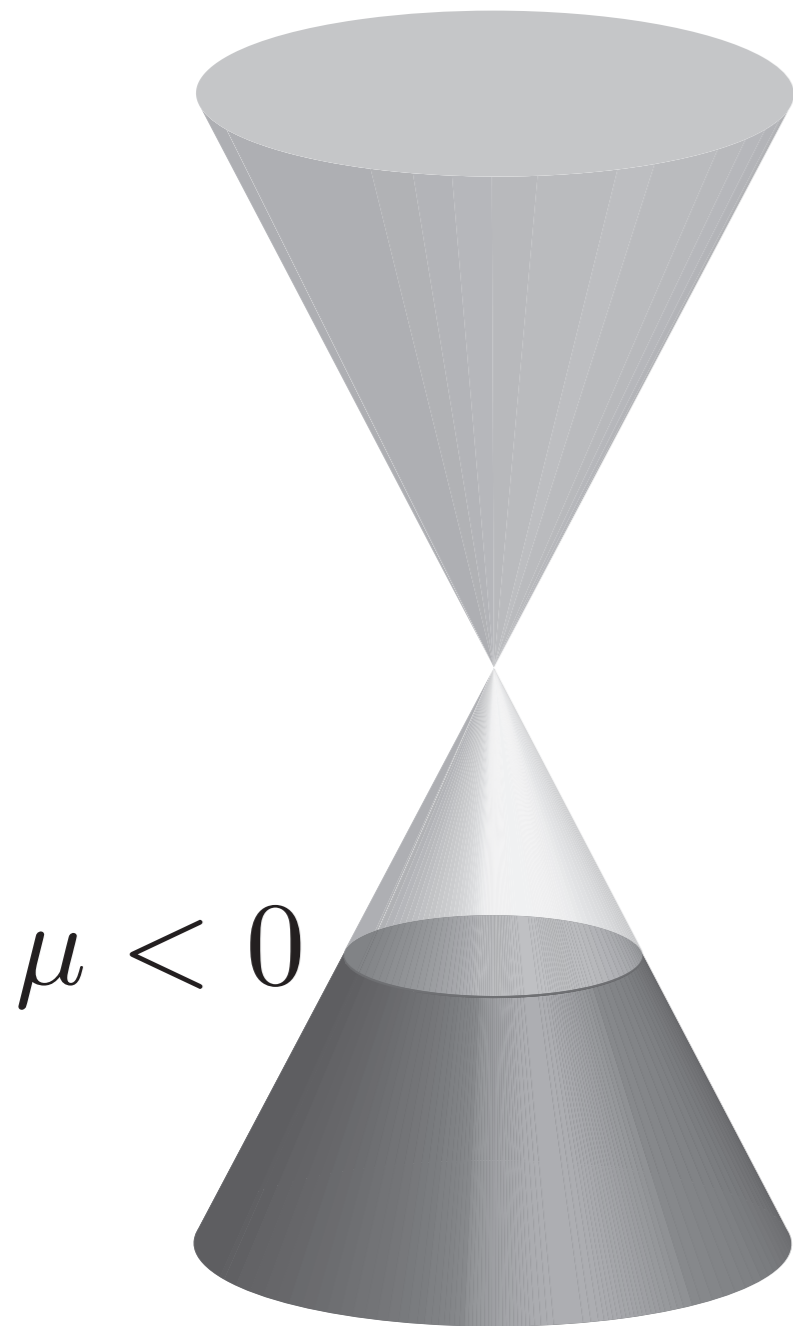
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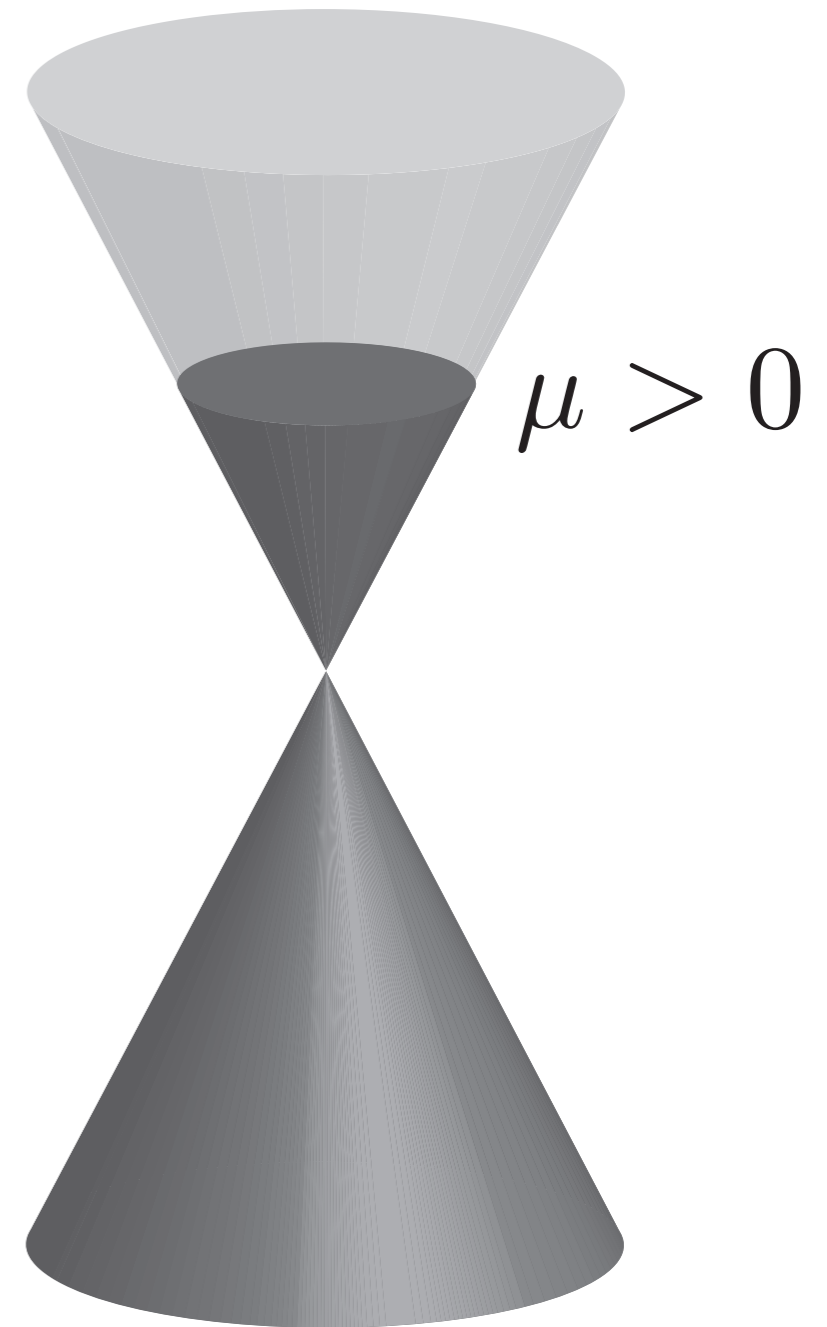


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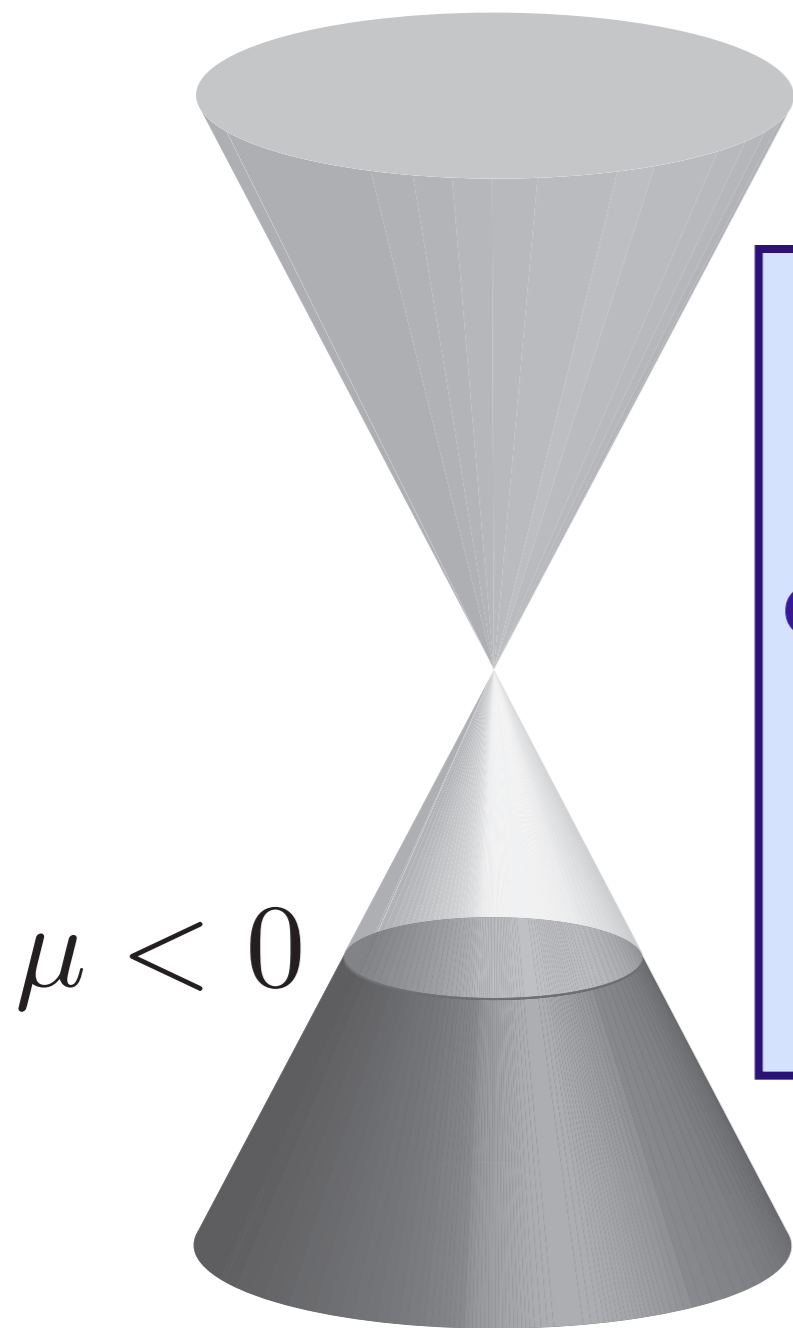


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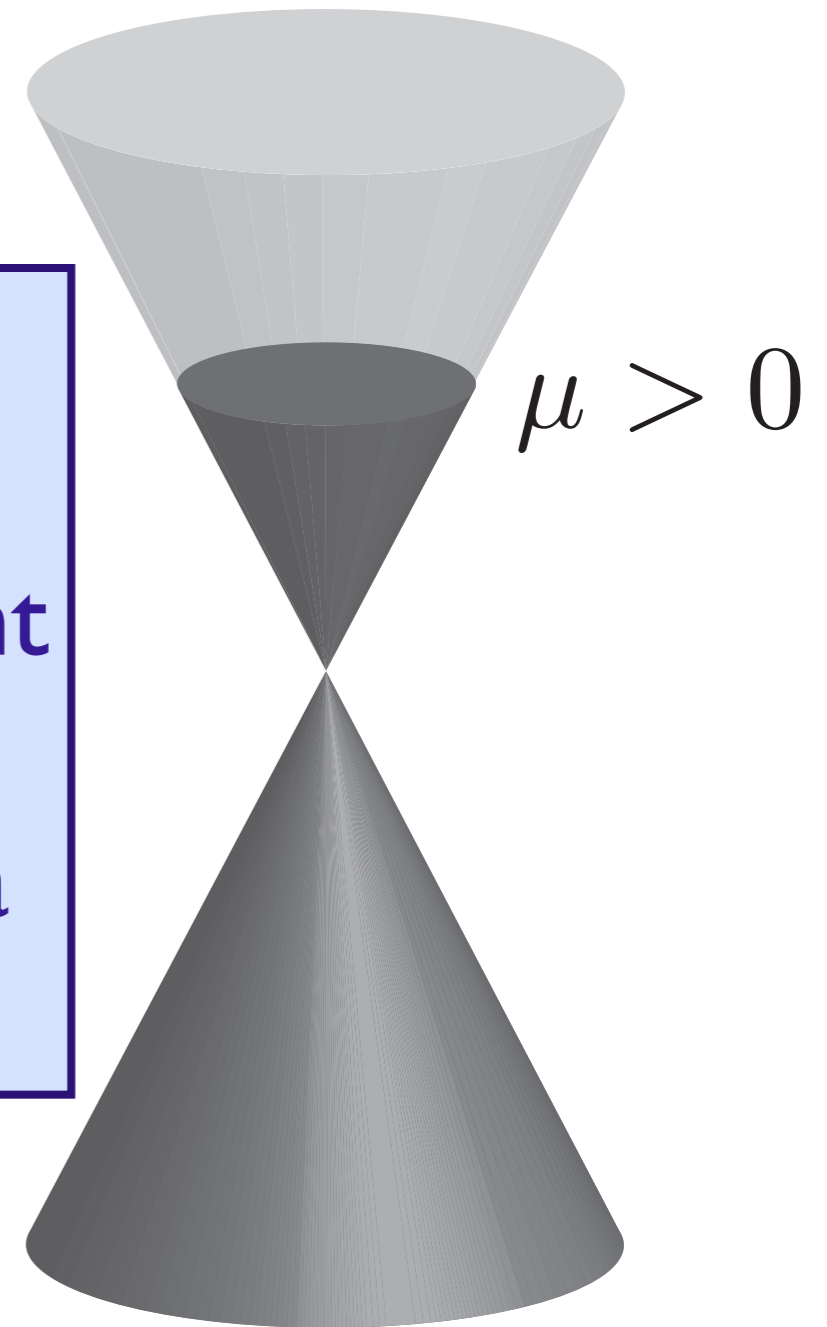
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$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r d\tau \psi_\sigma^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - i v_F \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \psi_\sigma + \frac{e^2}{2} \int d^2r d^2r' d\tau \psi_\sigma^\dagger \psi_\sigma(r) \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \psi_{\sigma'}^\dagger \psi_{\sigma'}(r')$$

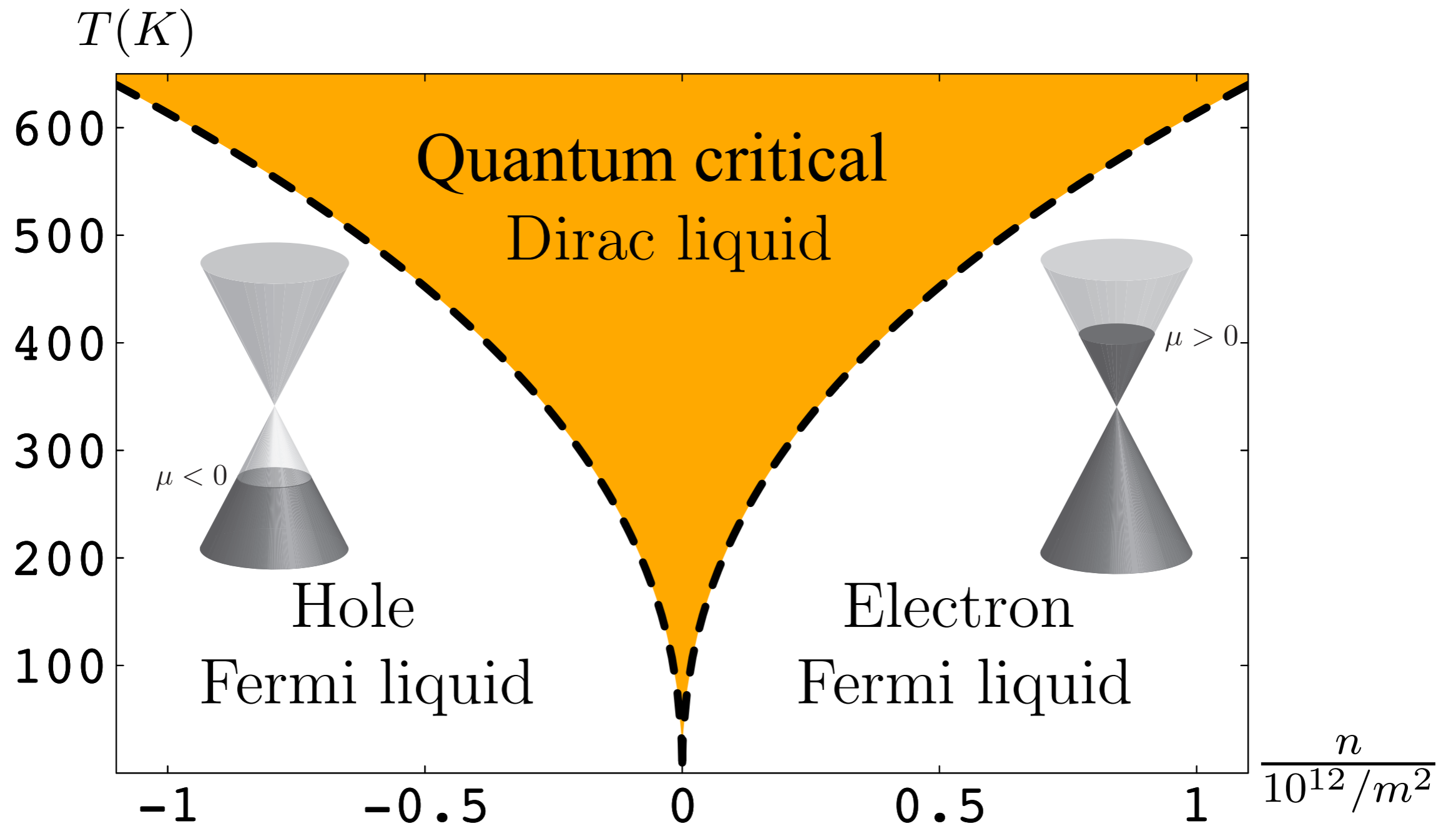
Dimensionless “fine-structure” constant $\alpha = e^2 / (\hbar v_F)$.

RG flow of α :

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\ell} = -\alpha^2 + \dots$$

Behavior is similar to a conformal field theory (CFT) in 2+1 dimensions with $\alpha \sim 1 / \ln(\text{scale})$

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Quantum “*perfect fluid*”
with shortest possible
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where the **compressibility**, χ_c , and the **diffusion constant** D obey

$$\chi = \frac{k_B T}{(h\nu)^2} \Theta_1 \quad ; \quad D = \frac{h\nu^2}{k_B T} \Theta_2$$

with Θ_1 and Θ_2 universal numbers characteristic of the CFT3

Density correlations in CFTs at $T > 0$

In CFTs collisions are “phase” randomizing, and lead to relaxation to local thermodynamic equilibrium. So there is a crossover from collisionless behavior for $\hbar\omega \gg k_B T$, to hydrodynamic behavior for $\hbar\omega \ll k_B T$.

$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{4e^2}{h} K & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{4e^2}{h} \Theta_1 \Theta_2 \equiv \sigma_Q & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \end{cases}$$

and in general we expect $K \neq \Theta_1 \Theta_2$ (verified for Wilson-Fisher fixed point).

SU(N) SYM3 with $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetry

- Has a single dimensionful coupling constant, e_0 , which flows to a strong-coupling fixed point $e_0 = e_0^*$ in the infrared.
- The CFT3 describing this fixed point resembles “critical spin liquid” theories.
- This CFT3 is the low energy limit of string theory on an M2 brane. The AdS/CFT correspondence provides a dual description using 11-dimensional supergravity on $\text{AdS}_4 \times S_7$.
- The CFT3 has a global SO(8) R symmetry, and correlators of the SO(8) charge density can be computed exactly in the large N limit, even at $T > 0$.

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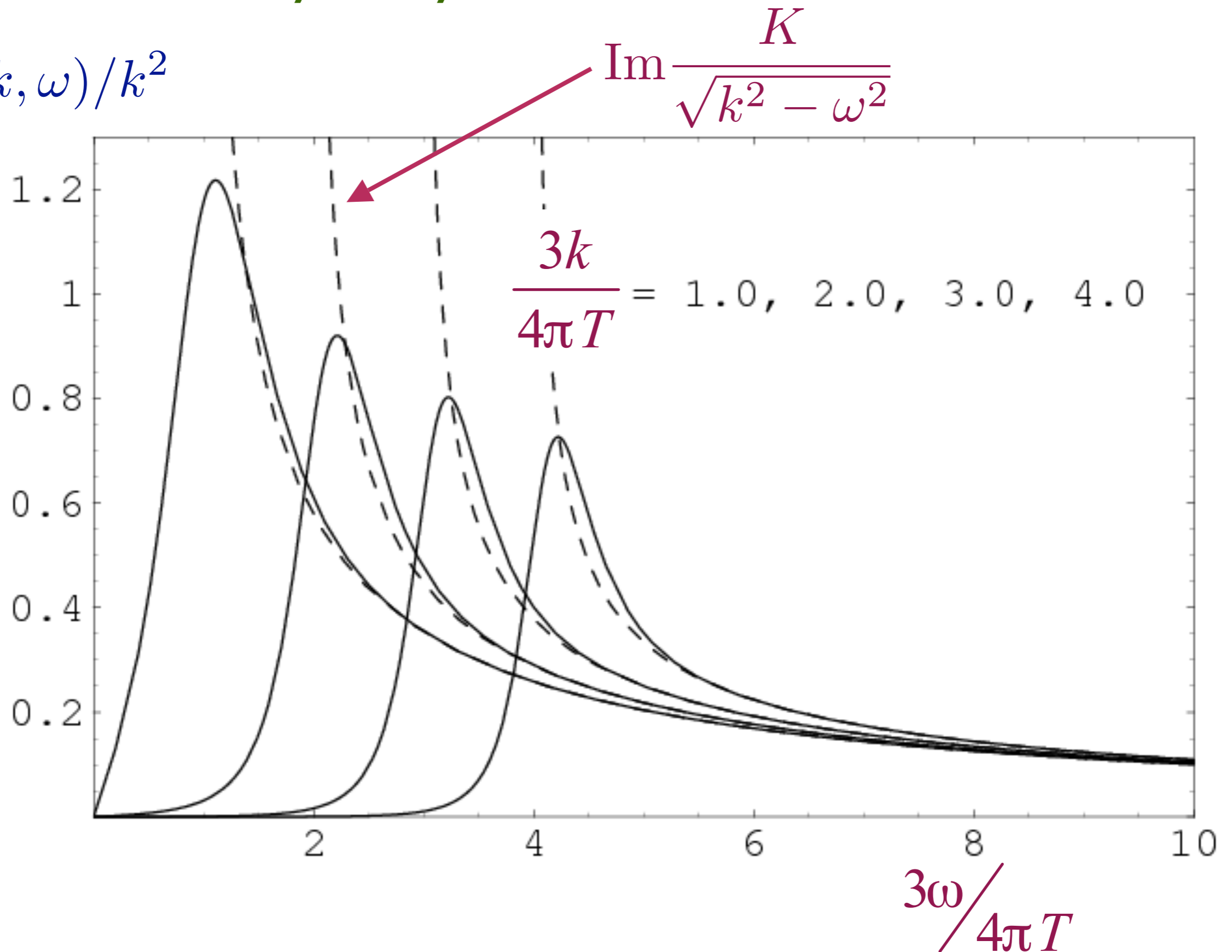
- The SO(8) charge correlators of the CFT3 are given by the usual AdS/CFT prescription applied to the following gauge theory on AdS4:

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{4g_{4D}^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{MA} g^{NB} F_{MN}^a F_{AB}^a$$

where $a = 1 \dots 28$ labels the generators of SO(8). Note that in large N theory, this looks like 28 copies of an Abelian gauge theory.

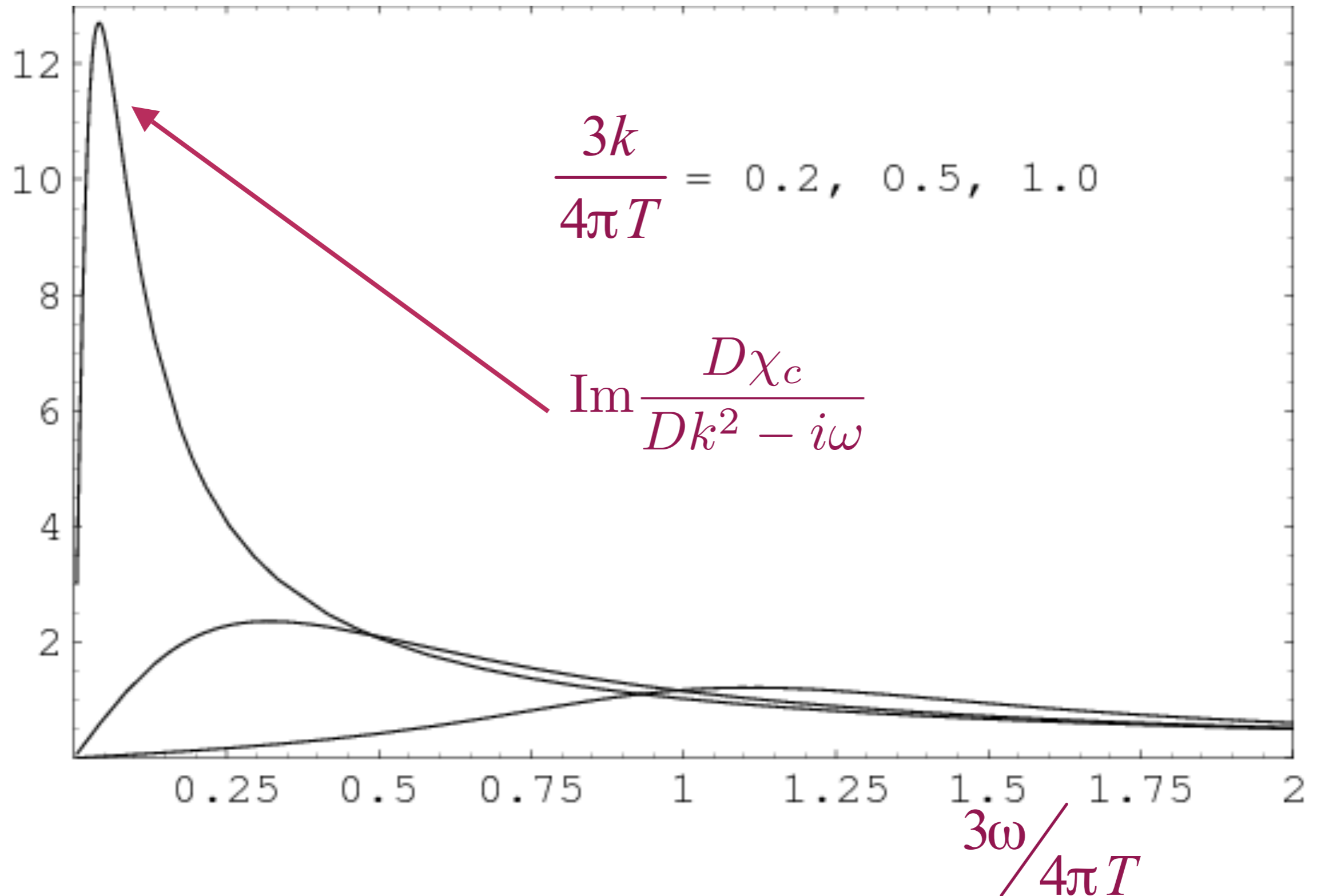
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$$K = \frac{\sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{3}$$

$$\Theta_1 = \frac{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2} N^{3/2}}{9}$$

$$\Theta_2 = \frac{3}{8\pi^2}$$

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Resistivity of Bi films

Conductivity σ

$$\sigma_{\text{Superconductor}}(T \rightarrow 0) = \infty$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Insulator}}(T \rightarrow 0) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Quantum critical point}}(T \rightarrow 0) \approx \frac{4e^2}{h}$$

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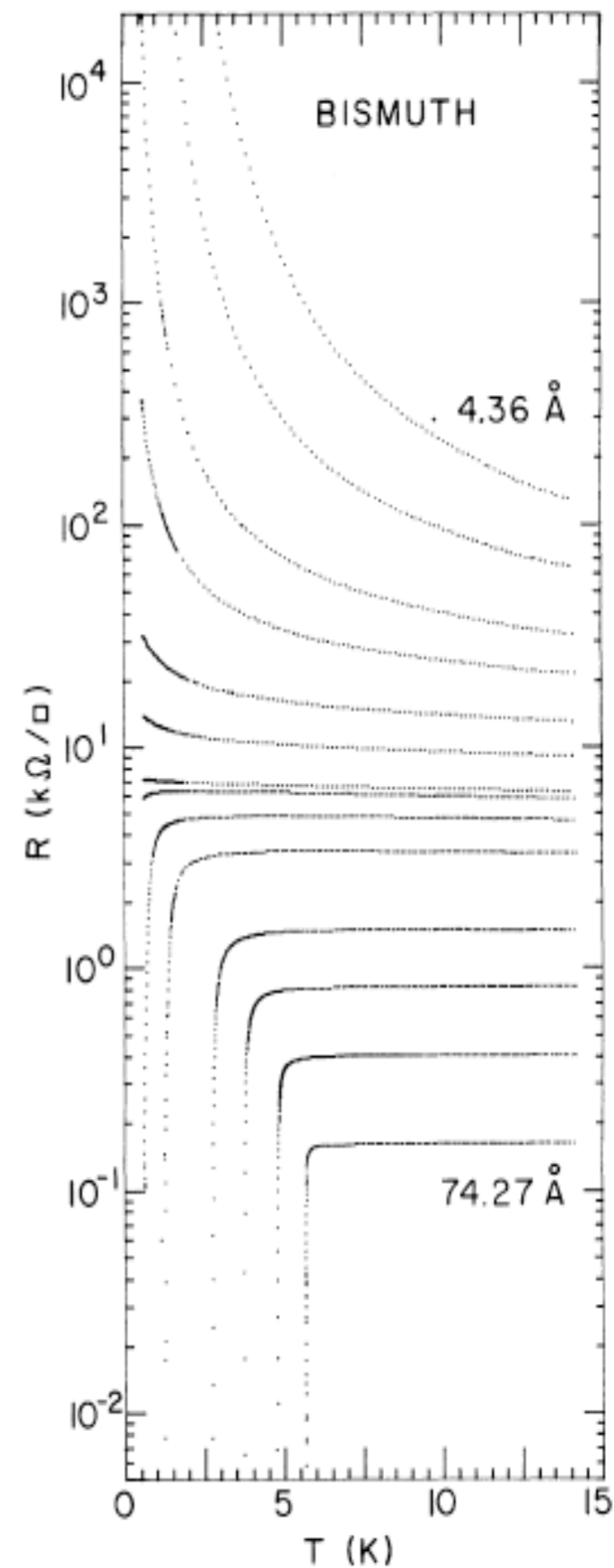


FIG. 1. Evolution of the temperature dependence of the sheet resistance $R(T)$ with thickness for a Bi film deposited onto Ge. Fewer than half of the traces actually acquired are shown. Film thicknesses shown range from 4.36 to 74.27 Å.

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$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^2}{h} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(\Lambda/\omega)} \right) \right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{e^2}{h\alpha^2(T)} \left[0.760 + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{|\ln(\alpha(T))|} \right) \right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \alpha^2(T) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{k_B \alpha^2(T)} \times 0.130$$

where the “fine structure constant” is

$$\alpha(T) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\alpha/4) \ln(\Lambda/T)} \stackrel{T \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{4}{\ln(\Lambda/T)}$$

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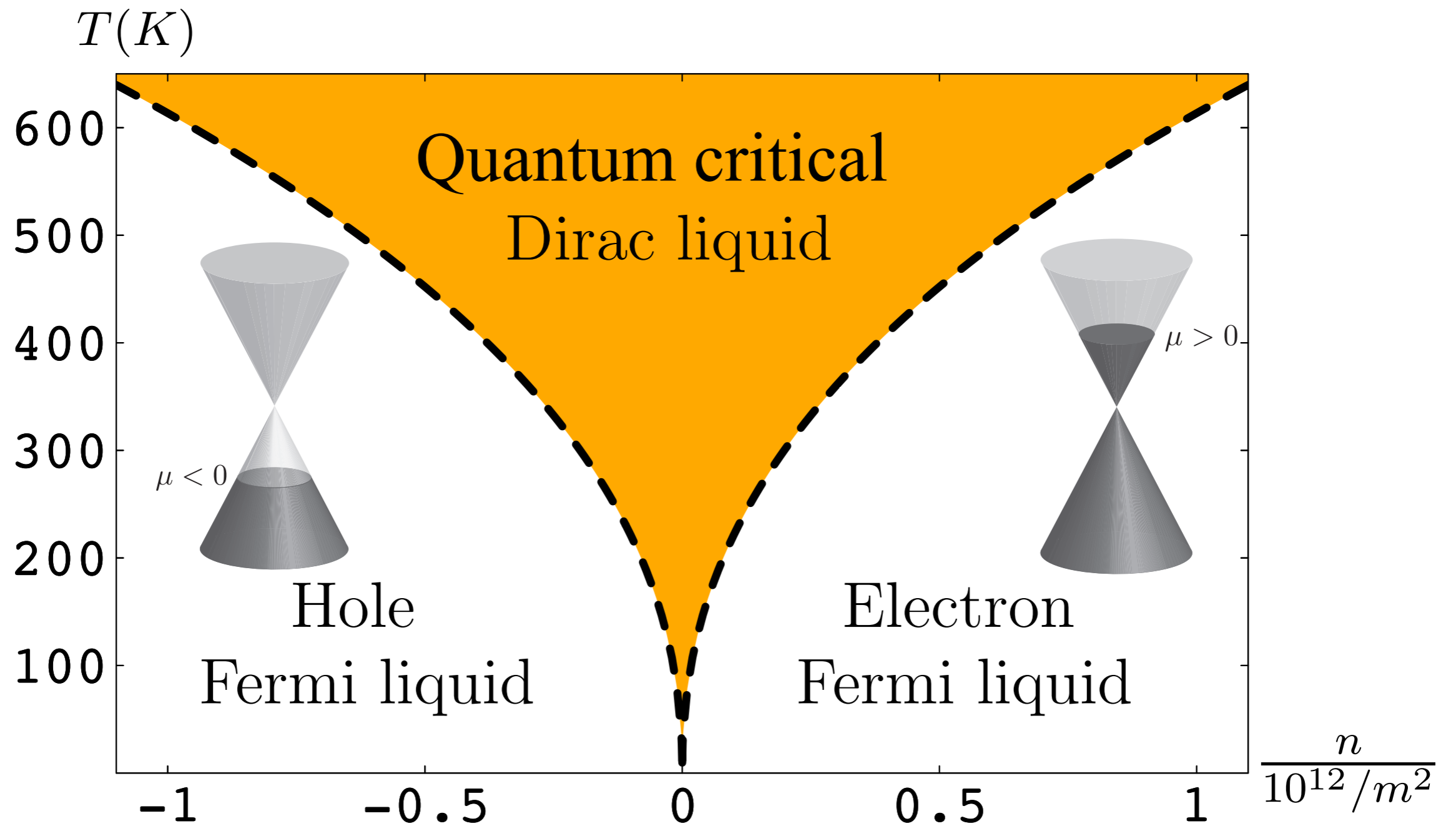
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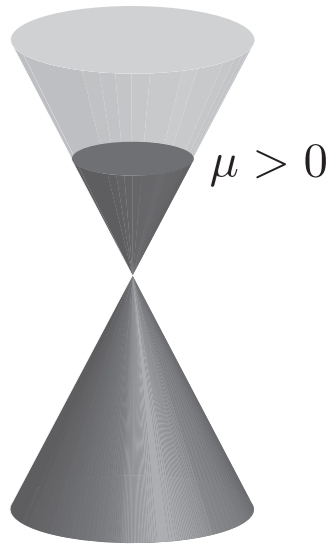
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Electron Green's function in Fermi liquid (T=0)

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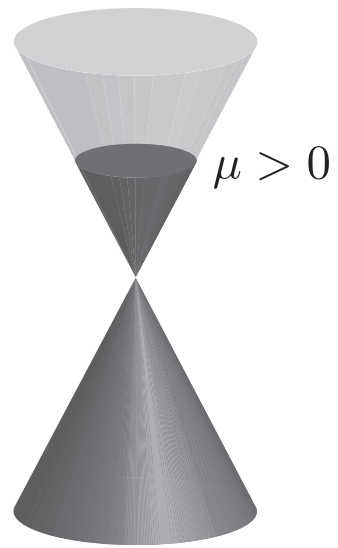


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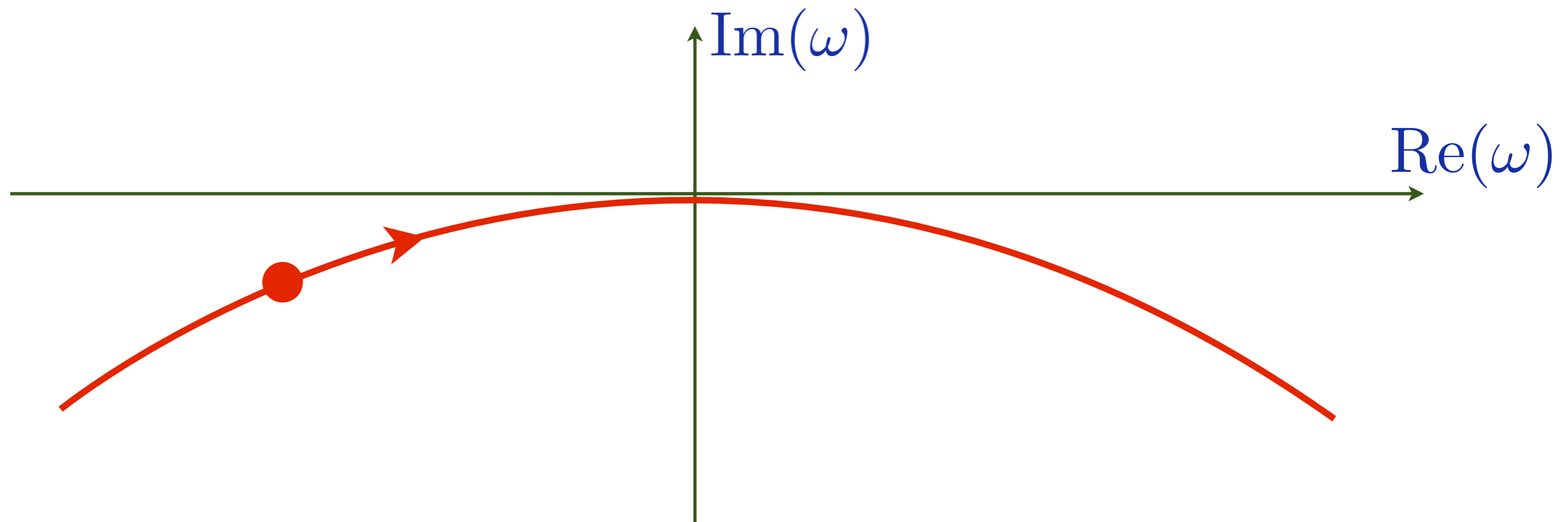
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Green's function has a pole in the LHP at

$$\omega = v_F(k - k_F) - i\alpha(k - k_F)^2 + \dots$$



Pole is at $\omega = 0$ precisely at $k = k_F$ *i.e.* on a sphere of radius k_F in momentum space. This is the *Fermi surface*.



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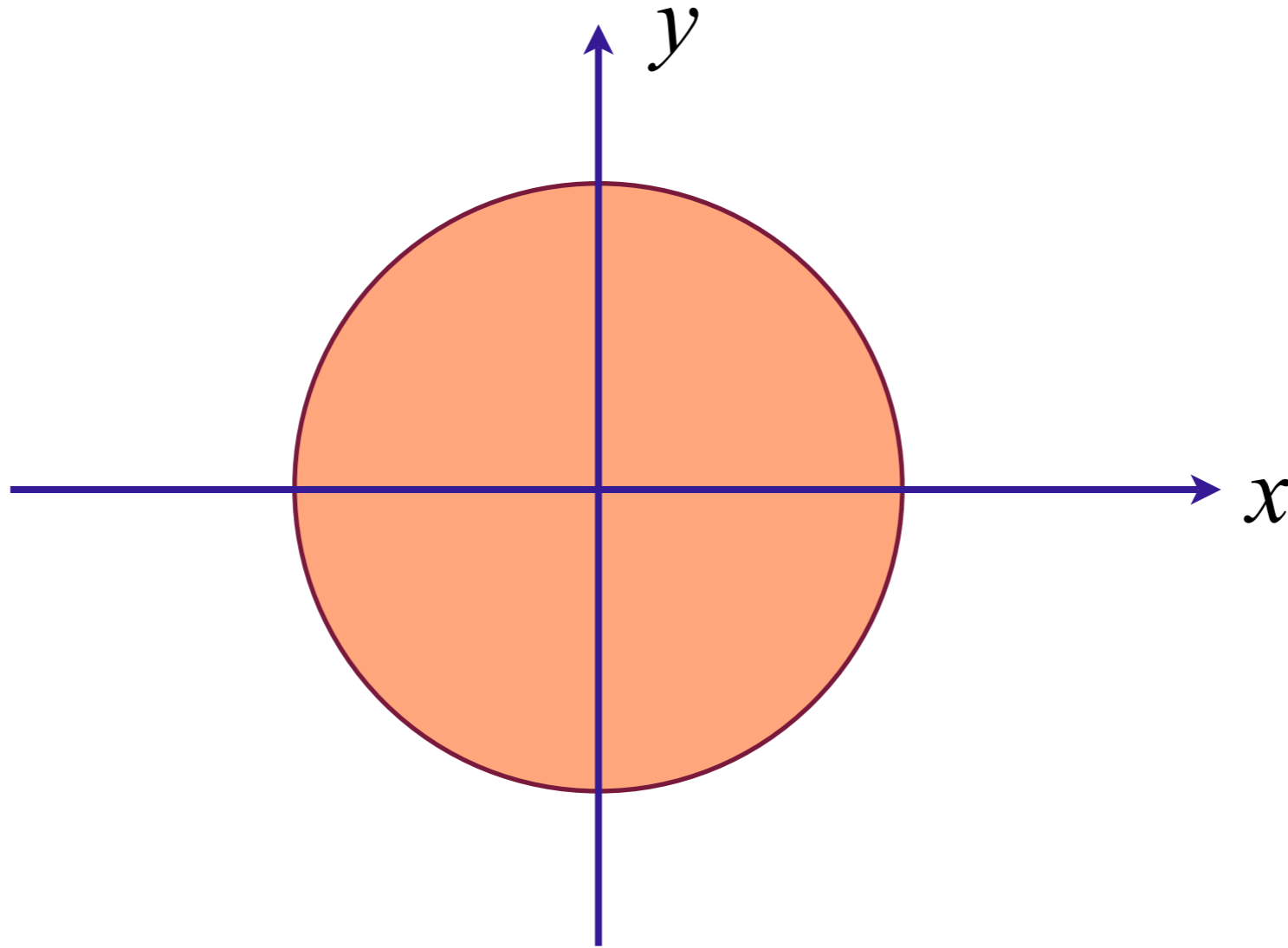
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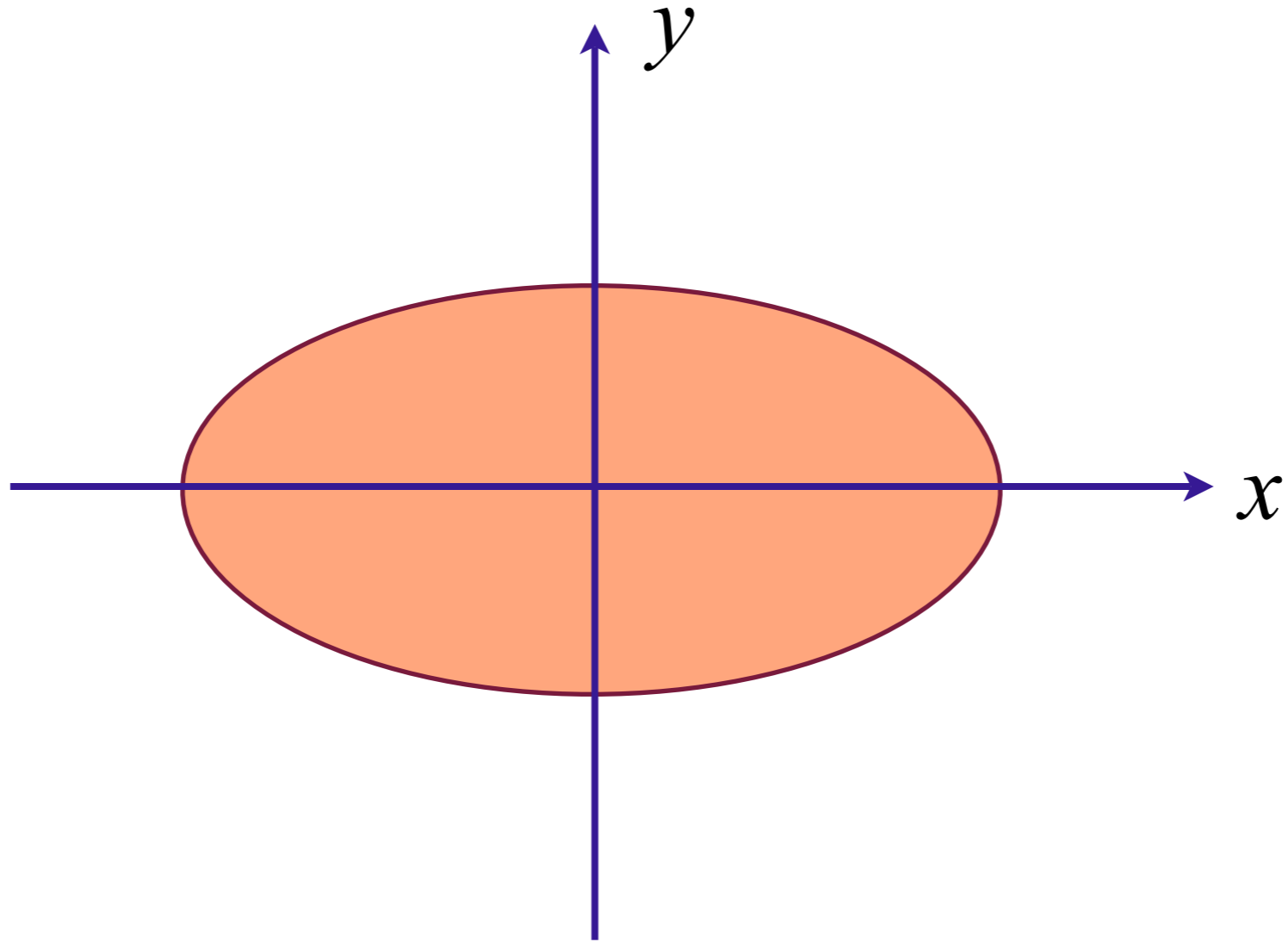
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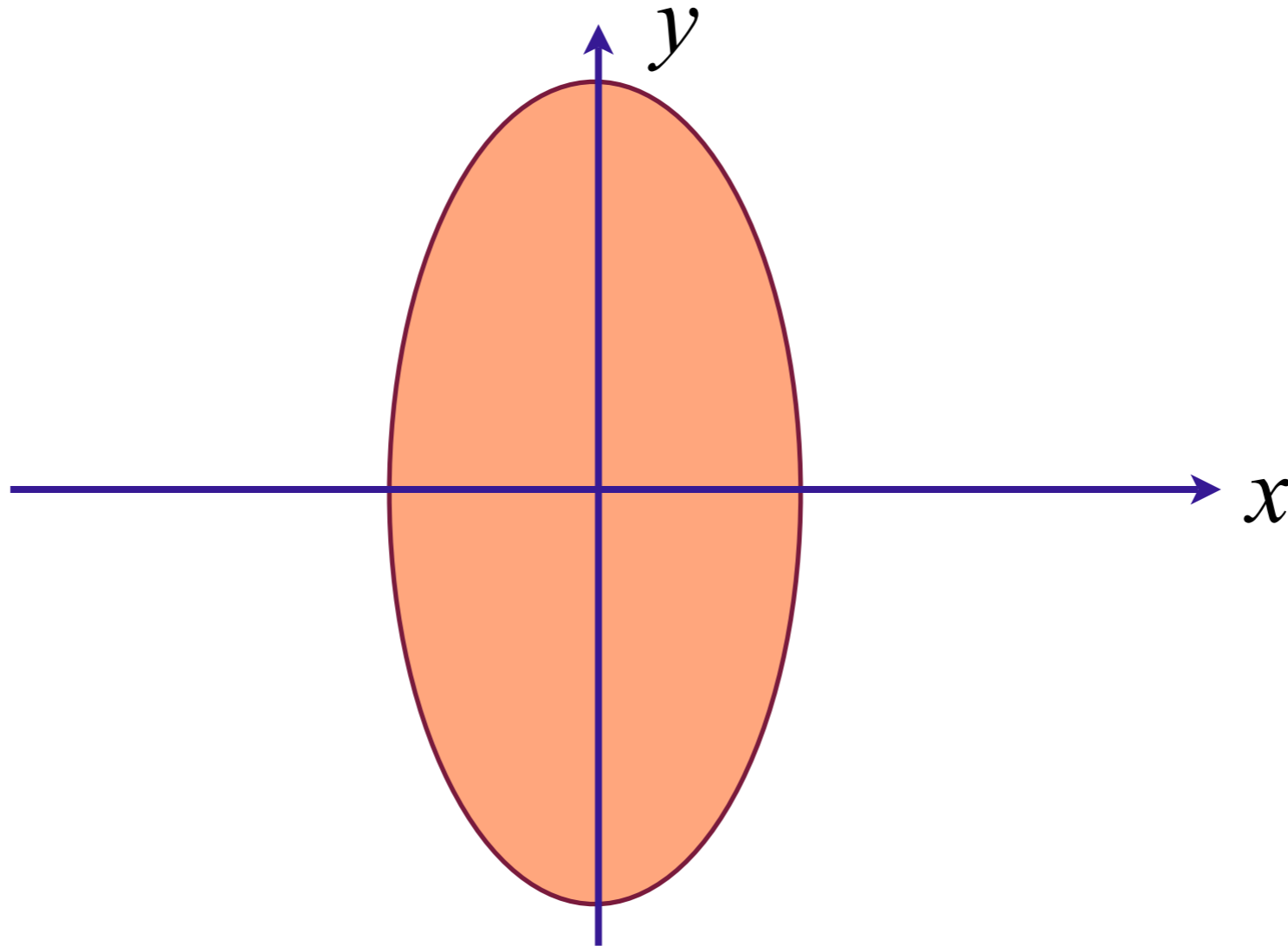
Fermi surface with full square lattice symmetry

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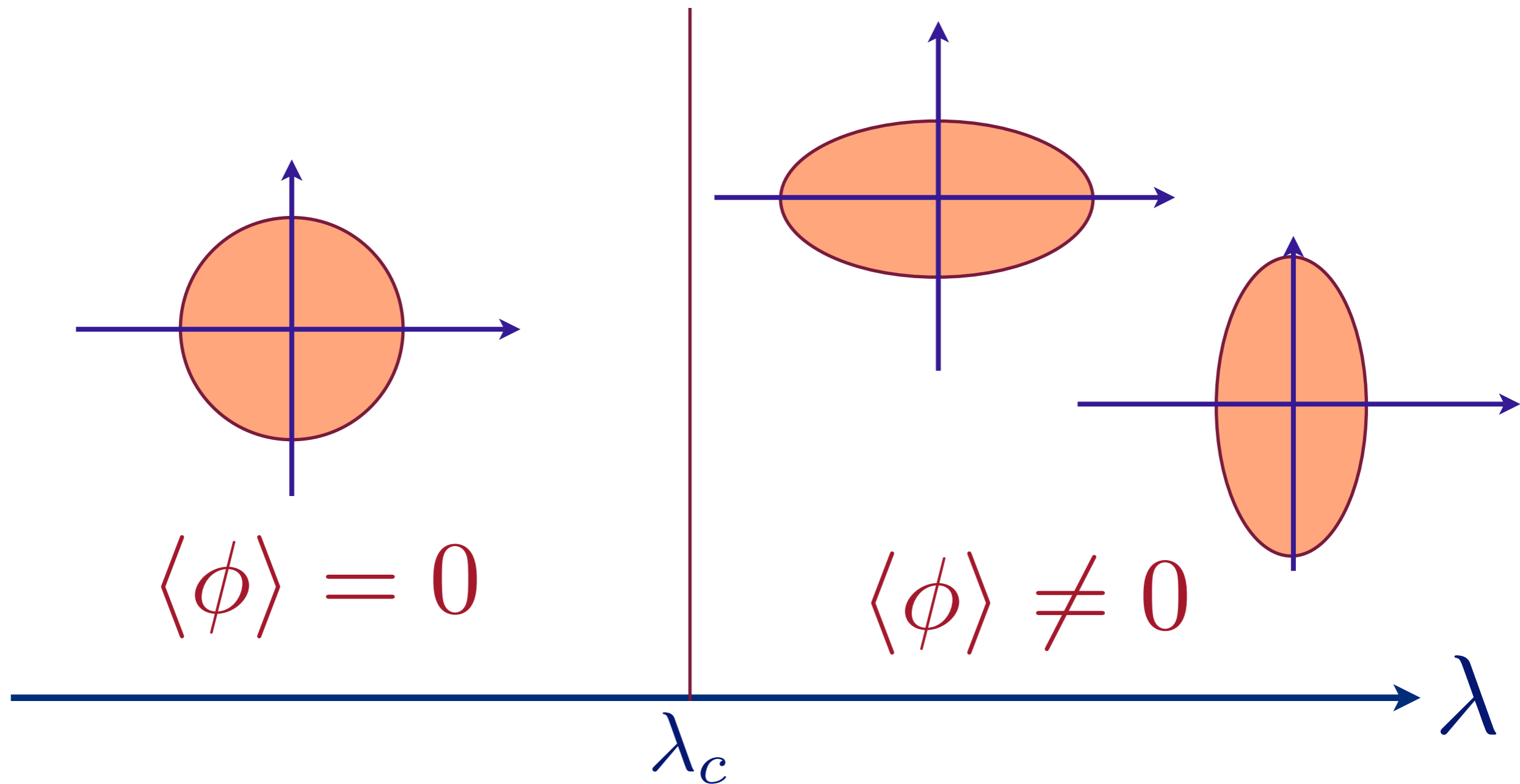
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Pomeranchuk instability as a function of coupling λ

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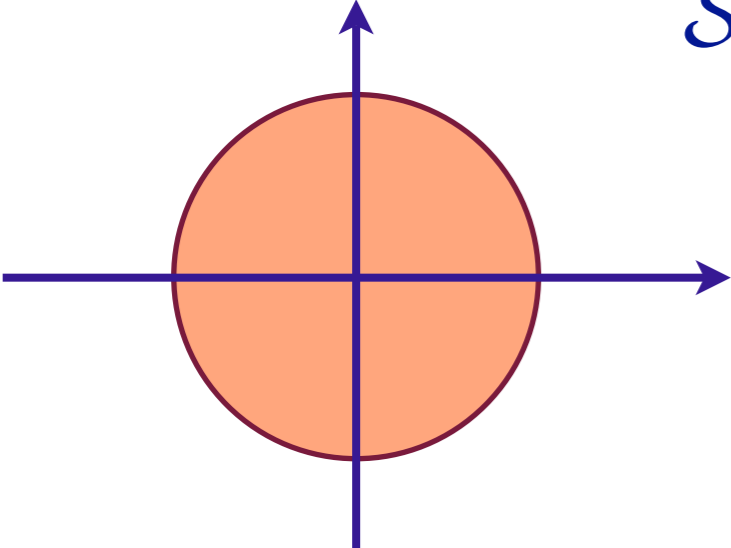
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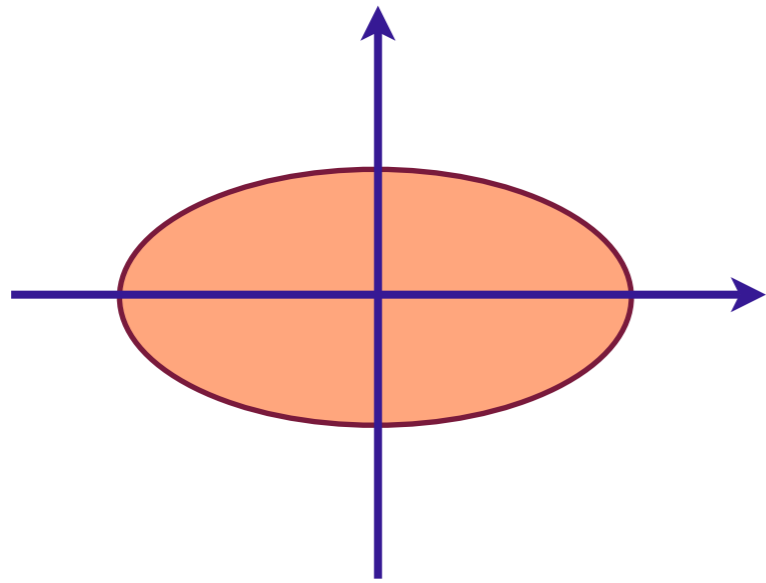

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_c &= \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \left[\sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \partial_\tau c_{i\alpha} - \sum_{i<j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \right] \\ &\equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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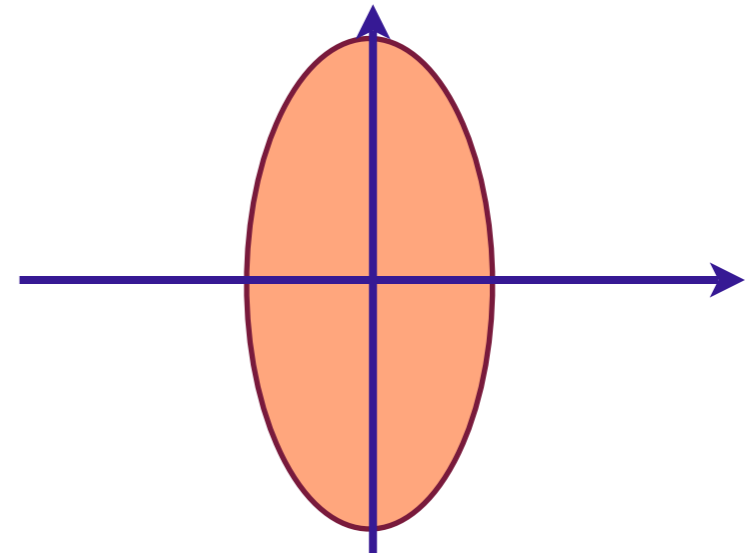
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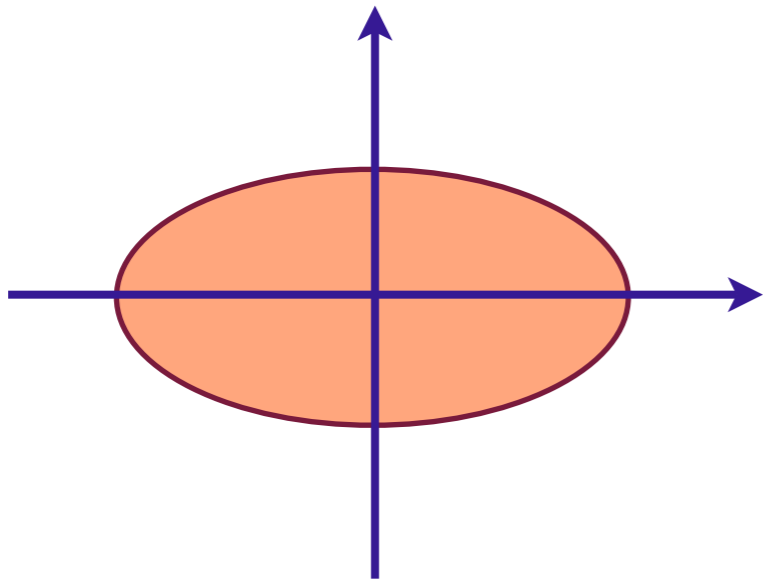
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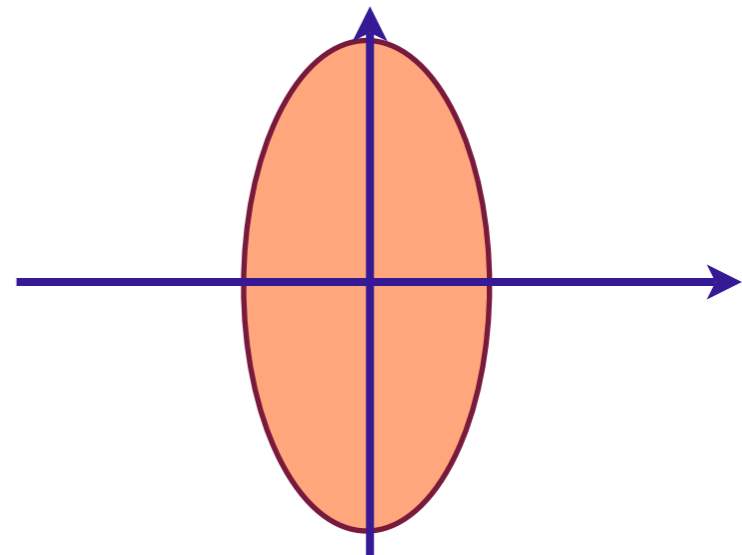
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Quantum critical field theory

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}c_{i\alpha} \exp(-\mathcal{S}_\phi - \mathcal{S}_c - \mathcal{S}_{\phi c})$$

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Hertz theory

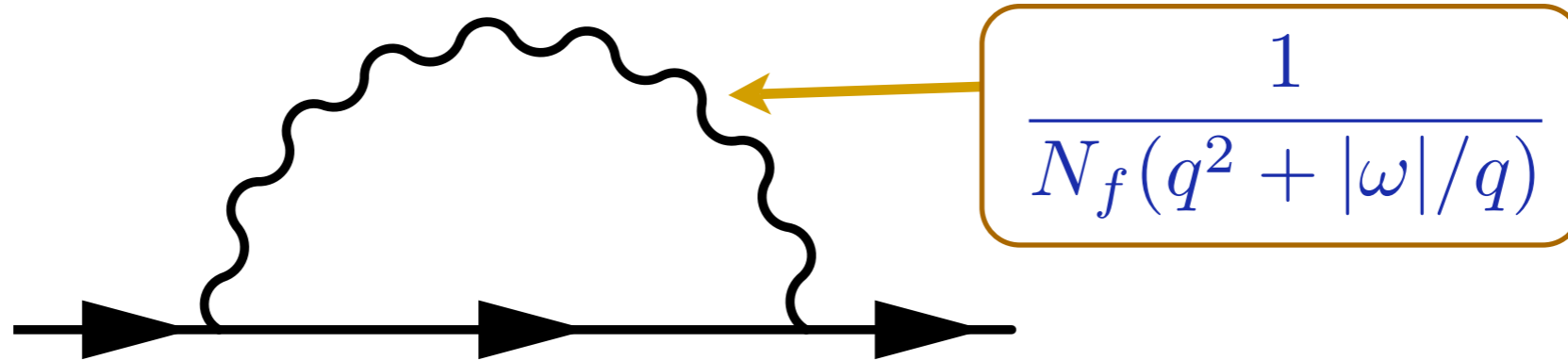
Integrate out c_α fermions and obtain non-local corrections to ϕ action

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_\phi \sim N_f \gamma^2 \int \frac{d^2q}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |\phi(\mathbf{q}, \omega)|^2 \left[\frac{|\omega|}{q} + q^2 \right] + \dots$$

This leads to a critical point with dynamic critical exponent $z = 3$ and quantum criticality controlled by the Gaussian fixed point.

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Self energy of c_α fermions to order $1/N_f$

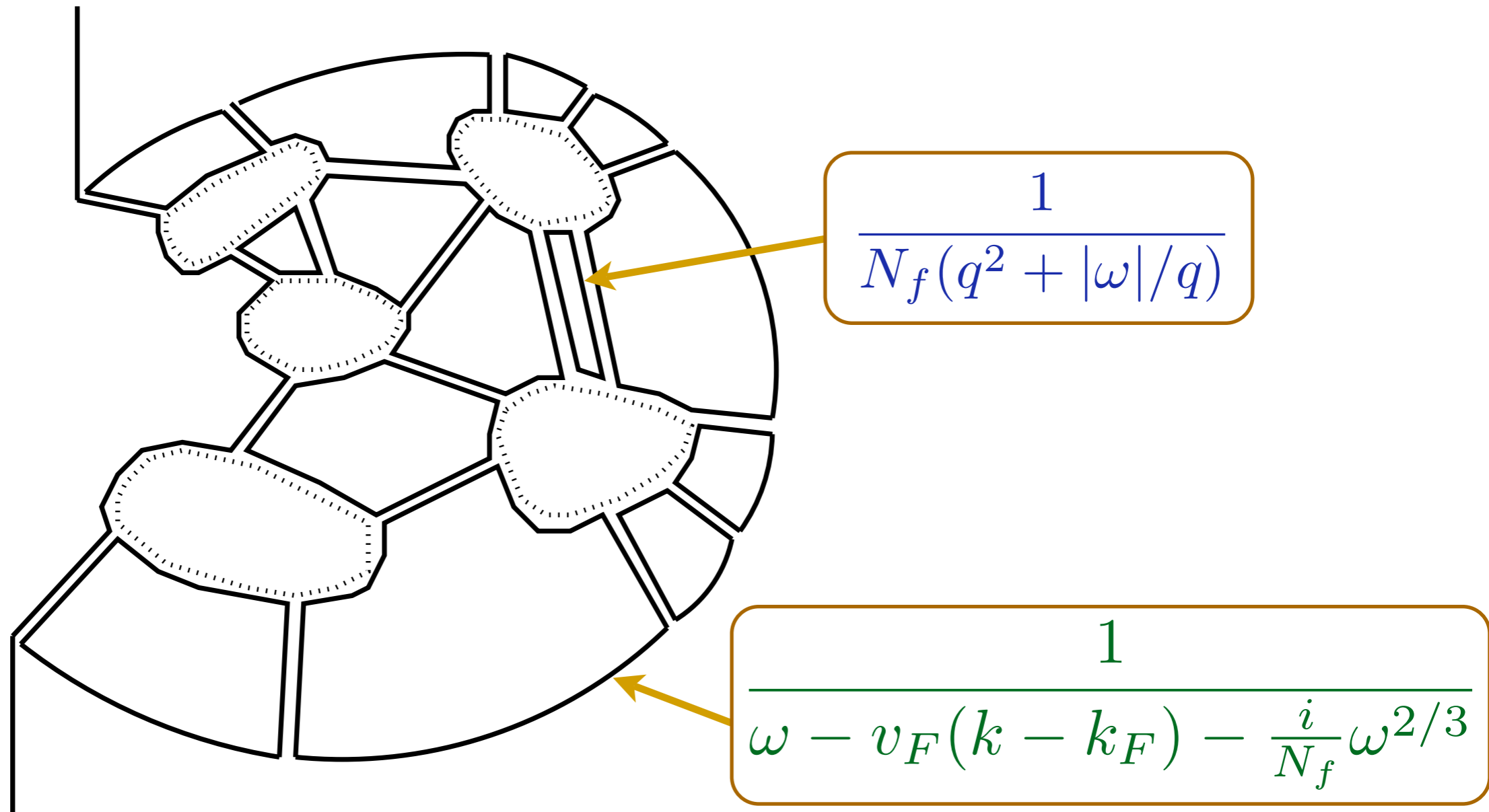
$$\Sigma_c(k, \omega) \sim \frac{i}{N_f} \omega^{2/3}$$

This leads to the Green's function

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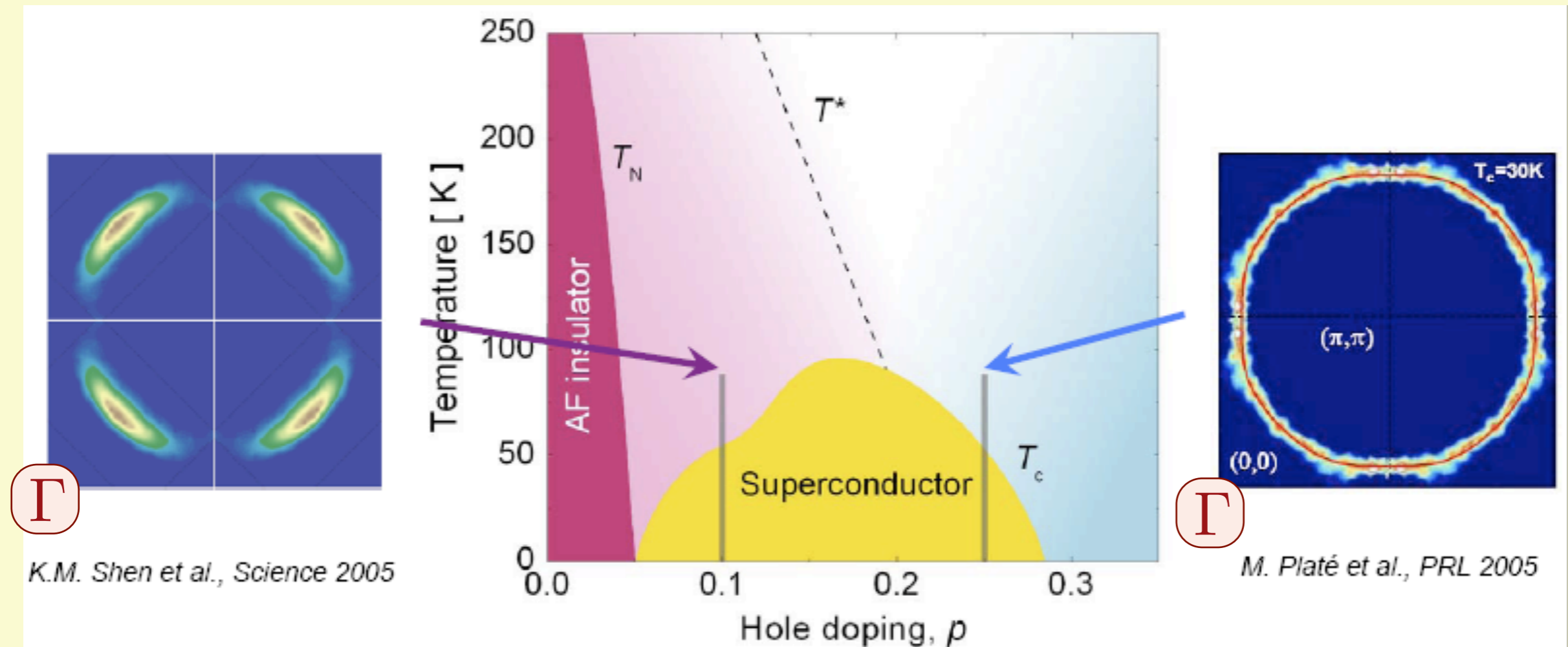
Note that the order $1/N_f$ term is more singular in the infrared than the bare term; this leads to problems in the bare $1/N_f$ expansion in terms that are dominated by low frequency fermions.

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The infrared singularities of fermion particle-hole pairs are most severe on planar graphs: these all contribute at leading order in $1/N_f$.

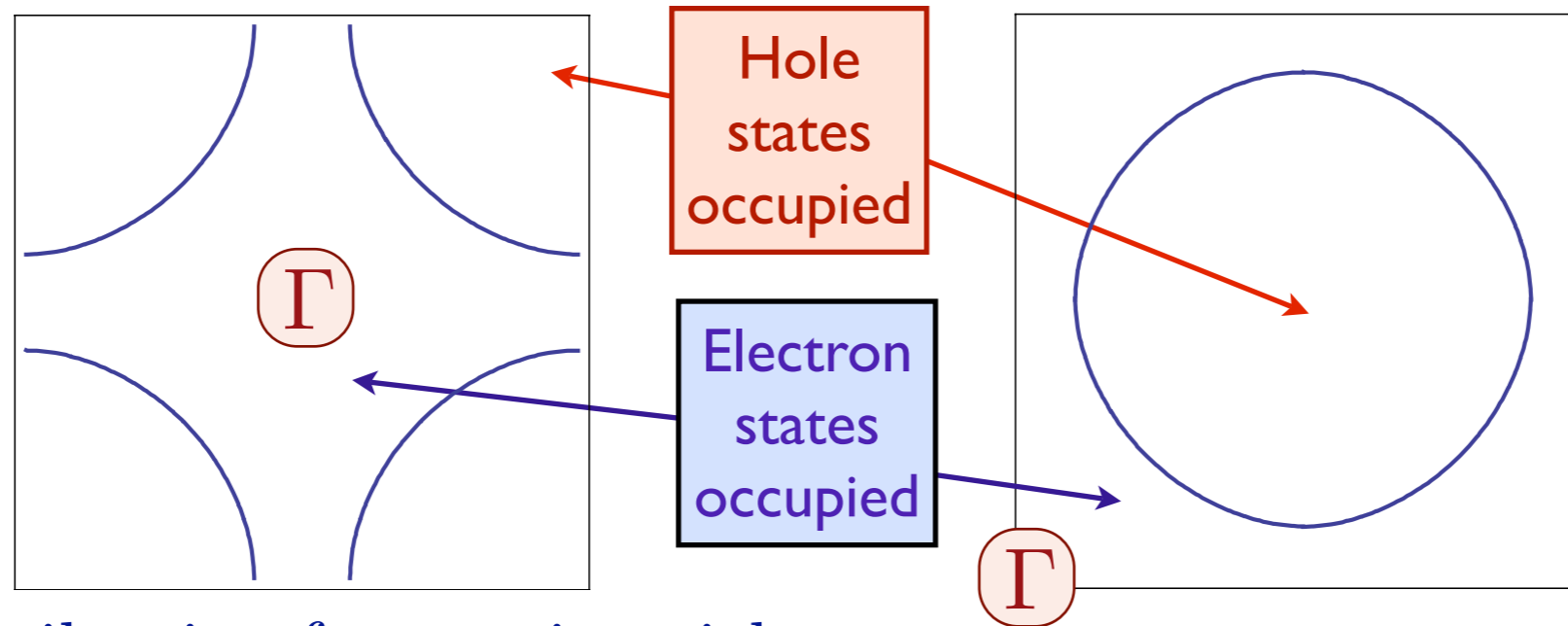
Evolution of the (ARPES) Fermi surface on the cuprate phase diagram



Smaller hole
Fermi-pockets

Large hole
Fermi surface

Fermi surfaces in electron- and hole-doped cuprates



Effective Hamiltonian for quasiparticles:

$$H_0 = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

with t_{ij} non-zero for first, second and third neighbor, leads to satisfactory agreement with experiments. The area of the occupied electron states, \mathcal{A}_e , from Luttinger's theory is

$$\mathcal{A}_e = \begin{cases} 2\pi^2(1 - p) & \text{for hole-doping } p \\ 2\pi^2(1 + x) & \text{for electron-doping } x \end{cases}$$

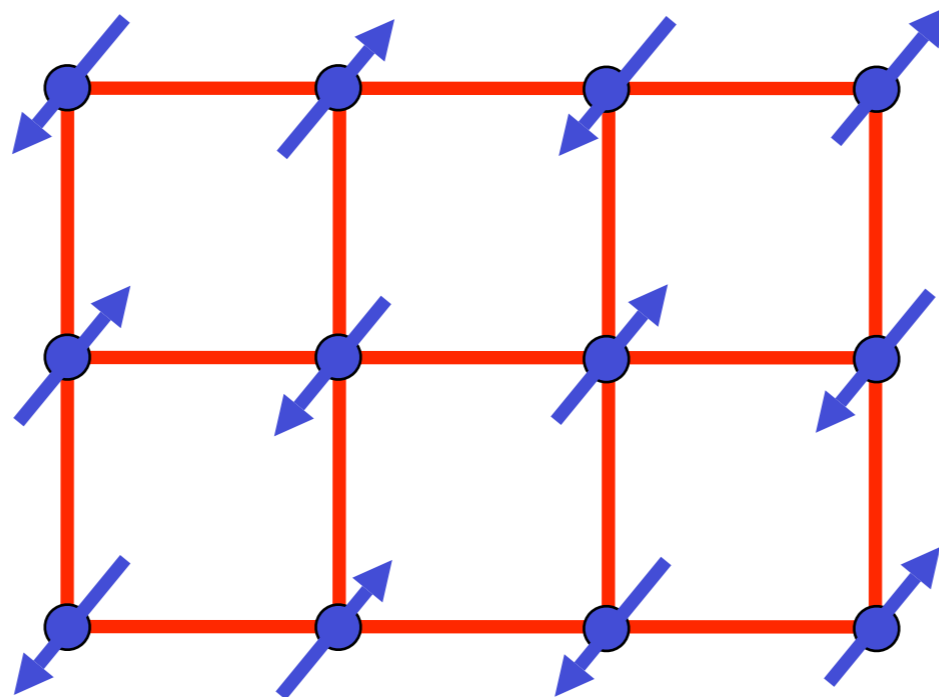
The area of the occupied hole states, \mathcal{A}_h , which form a closed Fermi surface and so appear in quantum oscillation experiments is $\mathcal{A}_h = 4\pi^2 - \mathcal{A}_e$.

Spin density wave theory

A spin density wave (SDW) is the spontaneous appearance of an oscillatory spin polarization. The electron spin polarization is written as

$$\vec{S}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = \vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) e^{i\mathbf{K}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

where $\vec{\varphi}$ is the SDW order parameter, and \mathbf{K} is a fixed ordering wavevector. For simplicity we will consider the case of $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$, but our treatment applies to general \mathbf{K} .



Spin density wave theory

In the presence of spin density wave order, $\vec{\varphi}$ at wavevector $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$, we have an additional term which mixes electron states with momentum separated by \mathbf{K}

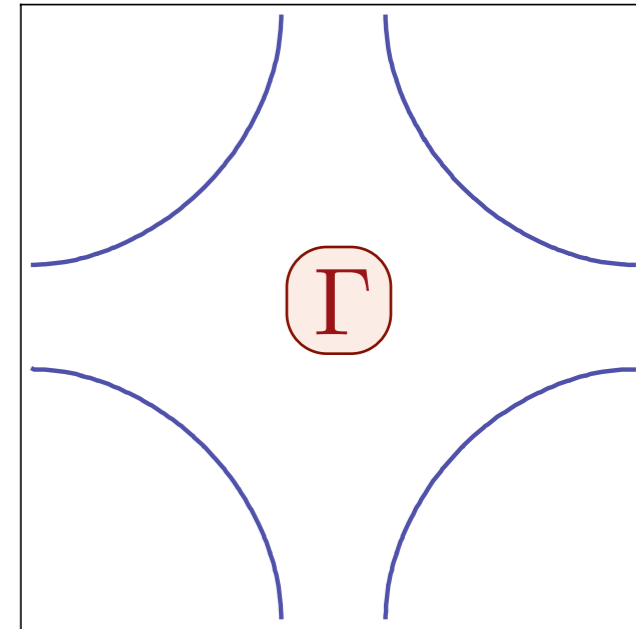
$$H_{\text{sdw}} = \vec{\varphi} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}, \beta}$$

where $\vec{\sigma}$ are the Pauli matrices. The electron dispersions obtained by diagonalizing $H_0 + H_{\text{sdw}}$ for $\vec{\varphi} \propto (0, 0, 1)$ are

$$E_{\mathbf{k}\pm} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2}\right)^2 + \varphi^2}$$

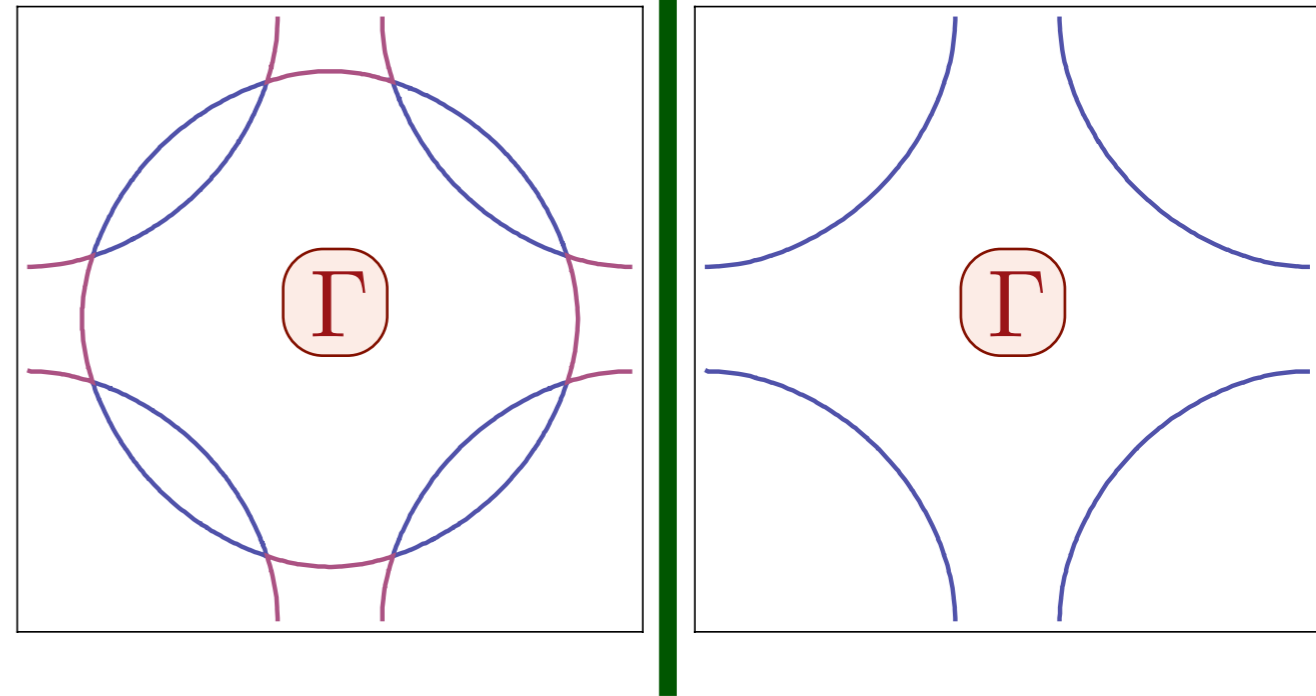
This leads to the Fermi surfaces shown in the following slides for electron and hole doping.

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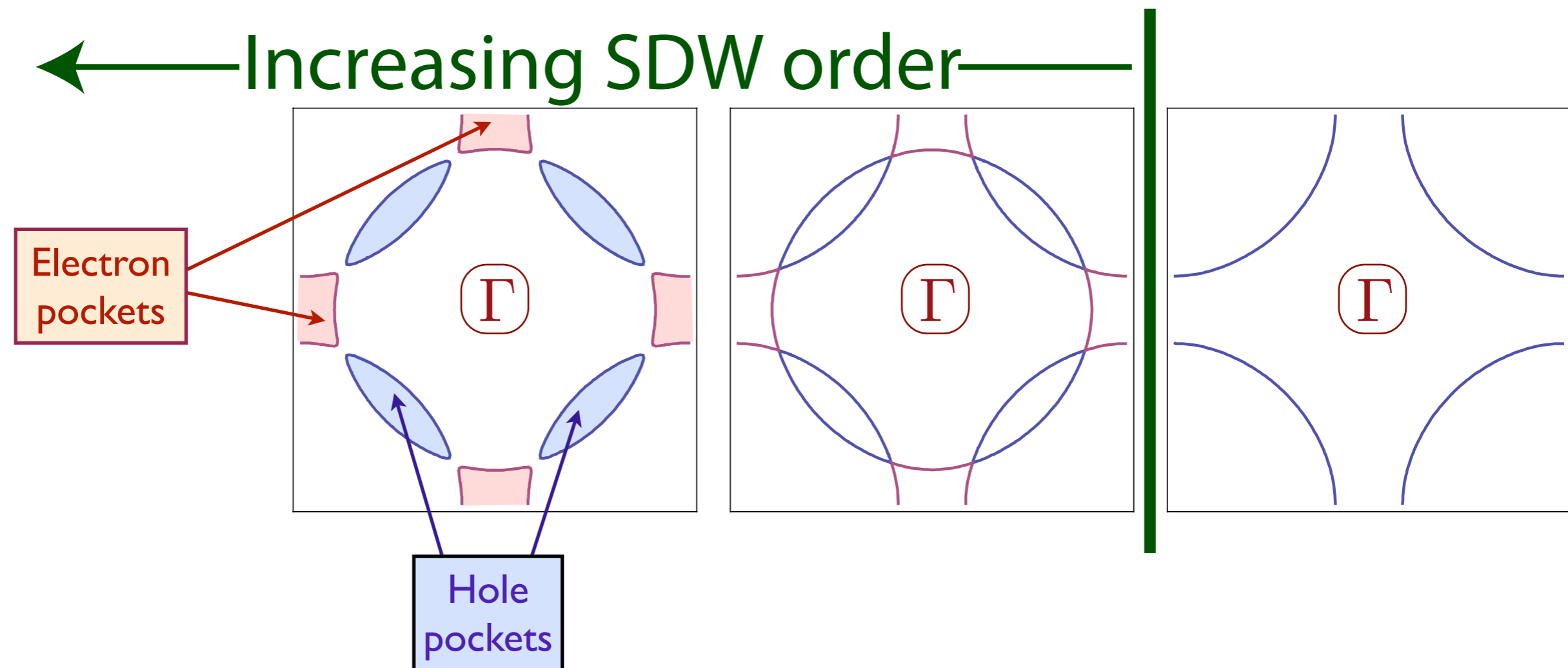
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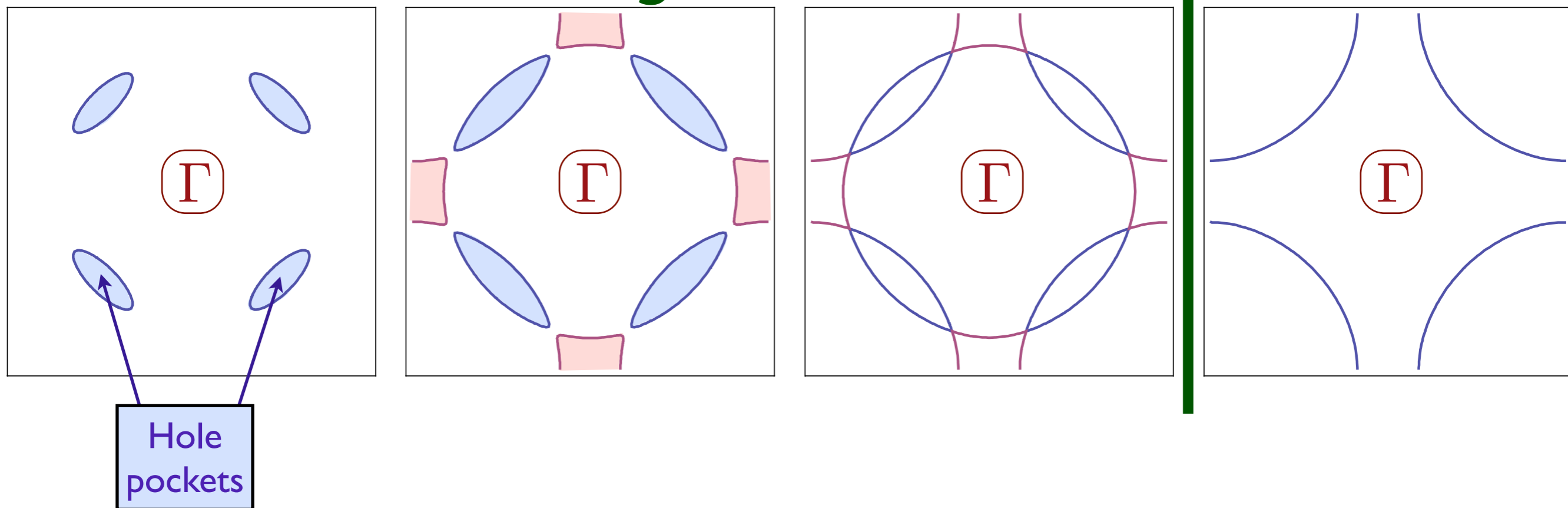
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In the presence of spin density wave order, $\vec{\varphi}$ at wavevector $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$, we have an additional term which mixes electron states with momentum separated by \mathbf{K}

$$H_{\text{sdw}} = \vec{\varphi} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}, \beta}$$

where $\vec{\sigma}$ are the Pauli matrices. At the quantum critical point for the onset of SDW order, we integrate out the fermions and derive an effective action functional for $\vec{\varphi}$.

Spin density wave theory

This functional has the form

$$\mathcal{S} = \int \frac{d^2 q}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |\vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)|^2 \left[r + q^2 + \chi(\mathbf{K}, \omega) \right] \\ + u \int d^2 x d\tau (\vec{\varphi}^2(x, \tau))^2 + \dots$$

The susceptibility, χ , has a non-analytic dependence on ω because of Landau damping:

$$\chi(\mathbf{K}, \omega) = \chi_0 + \chi_1 |\omega| + \dots$$

This leads to a critical point with dynamic critical exponent $z = 2$, and upper-critical dimension $d = 2$.

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However, the higher order corrections require summation of all planar graphs, as in the Pomeranchuk instability.

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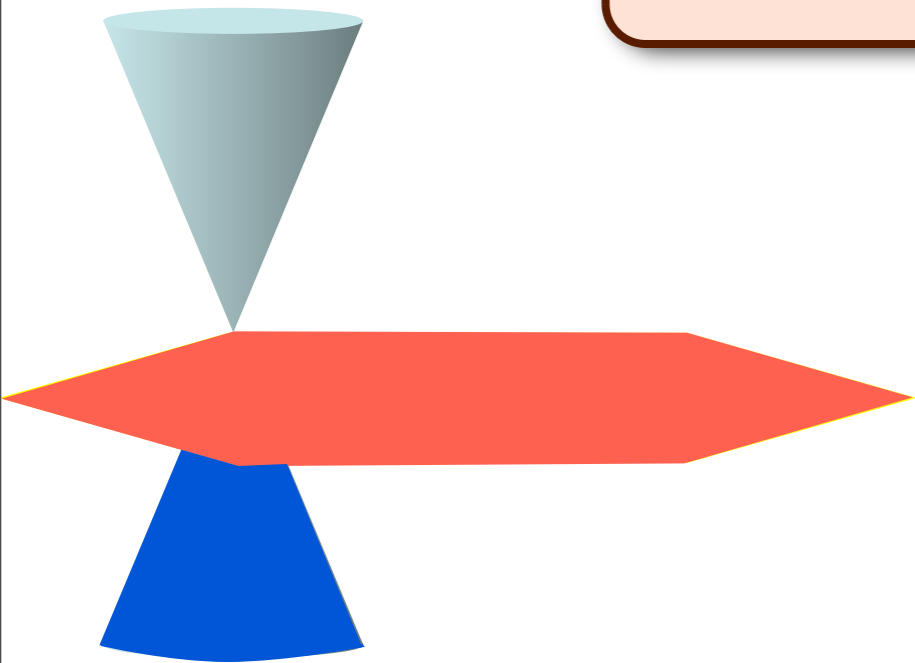
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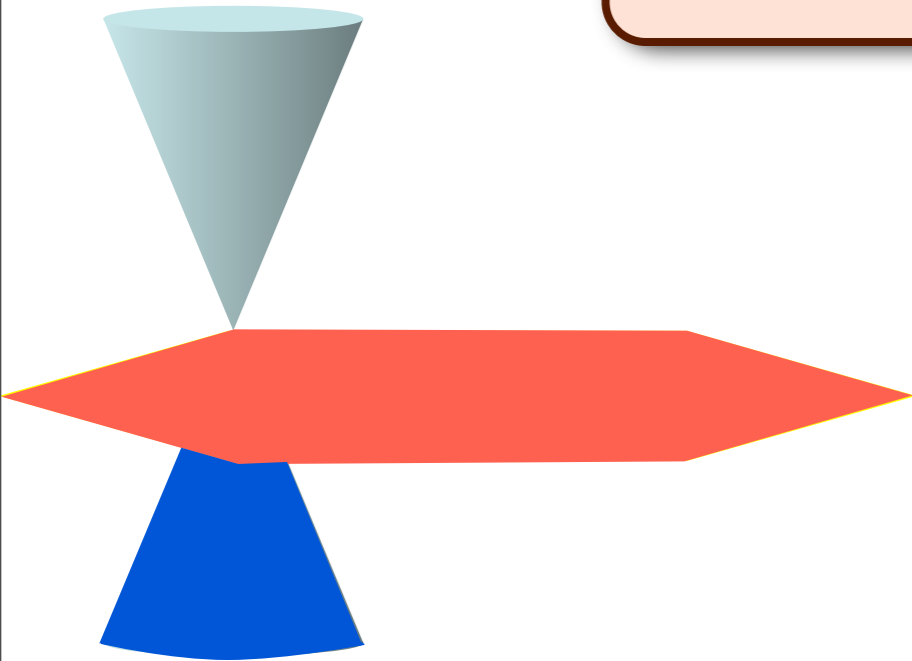
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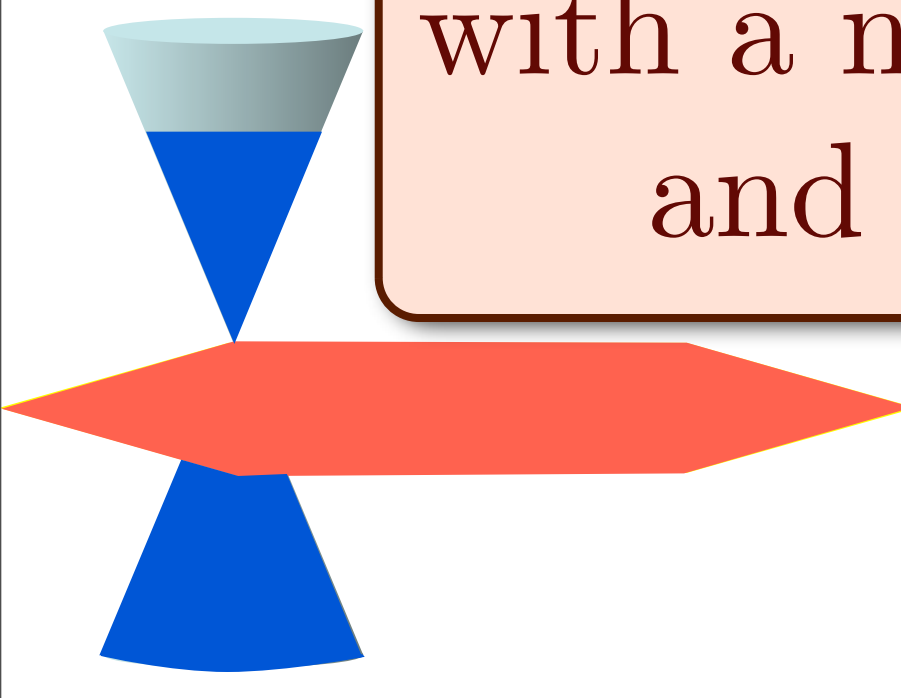


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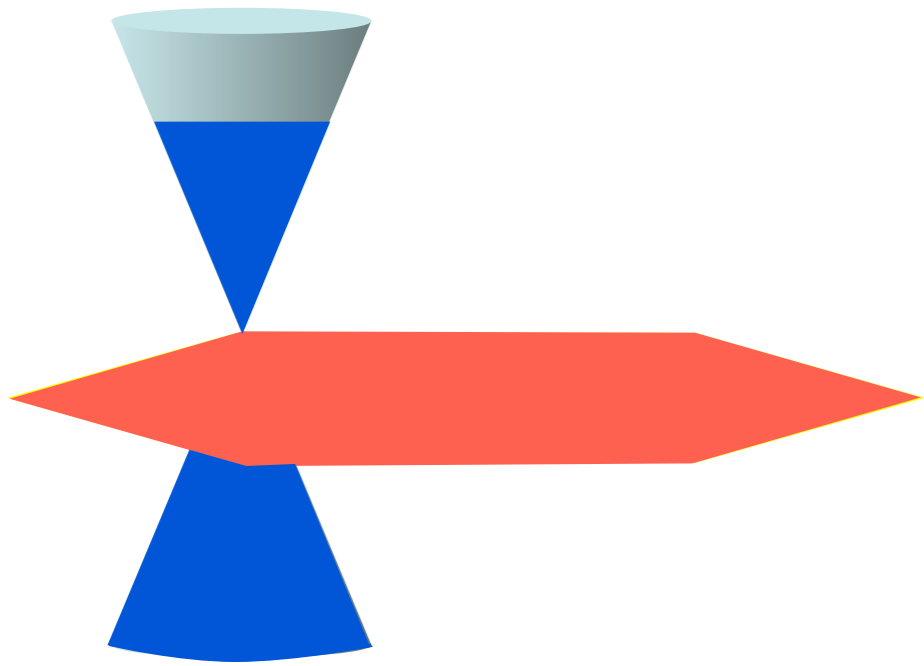


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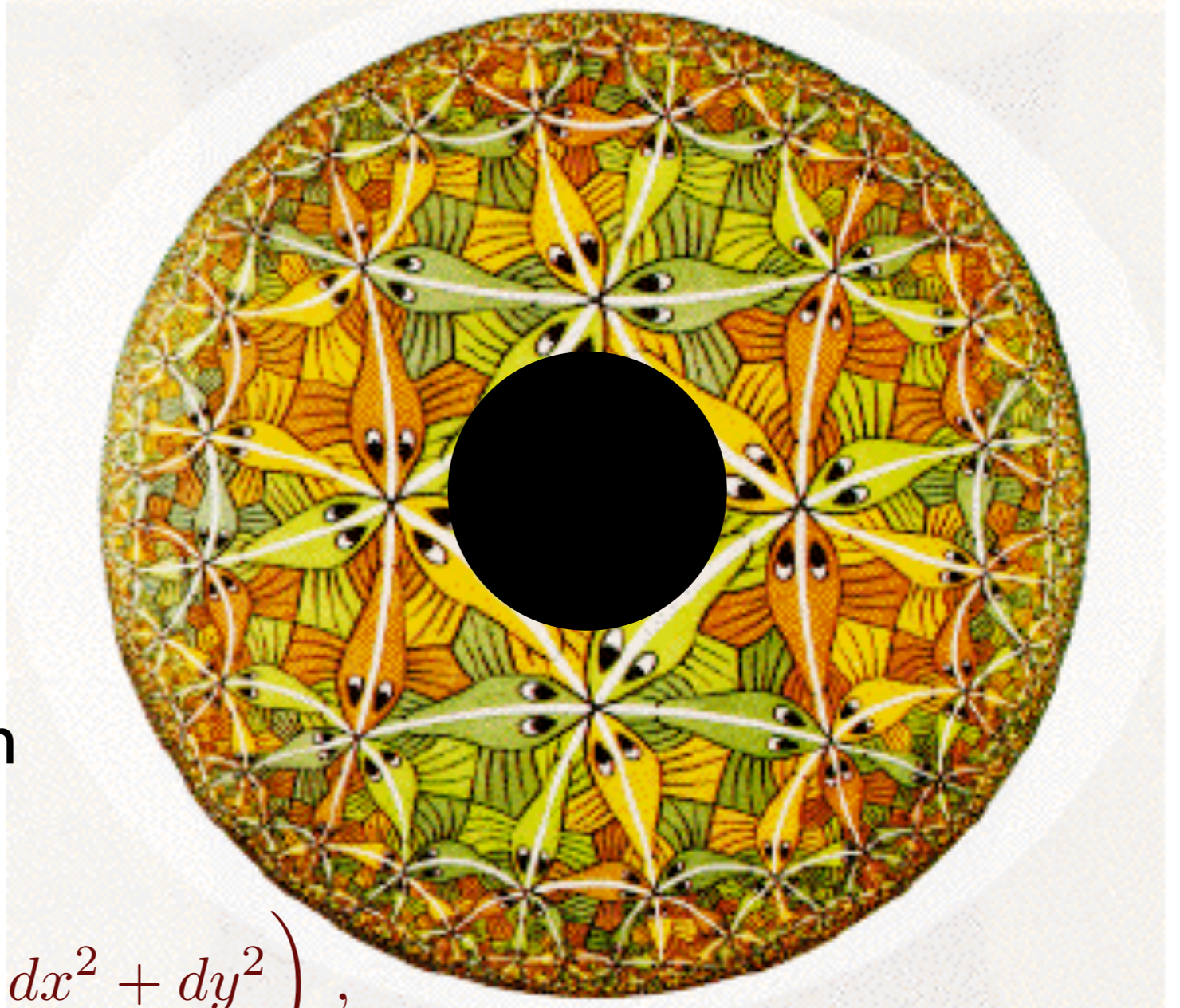


Conformal field theory
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Einstein gravity on AdS_4
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AdS₄-Reissner-Nordstrom black hole

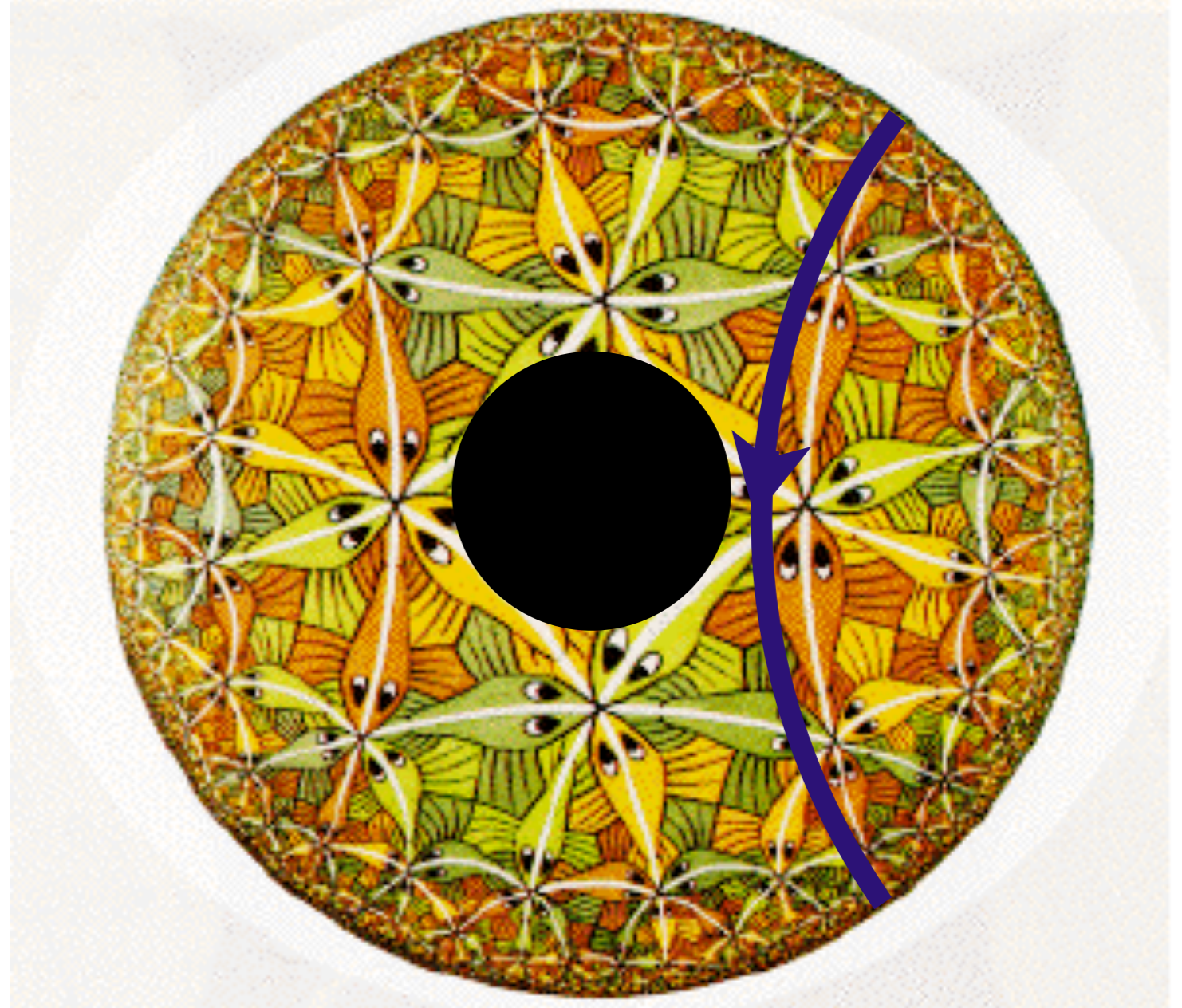
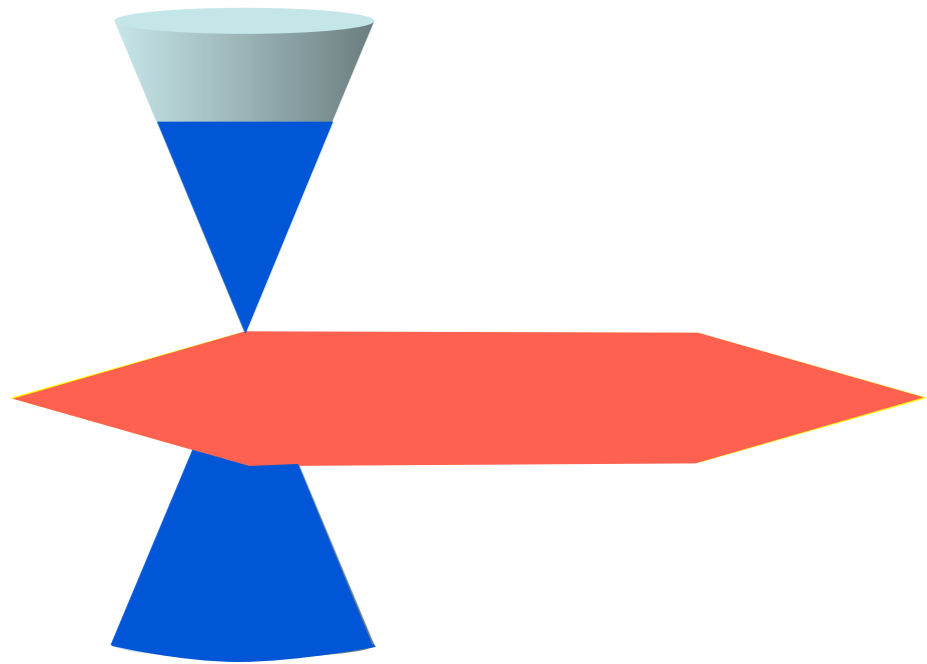


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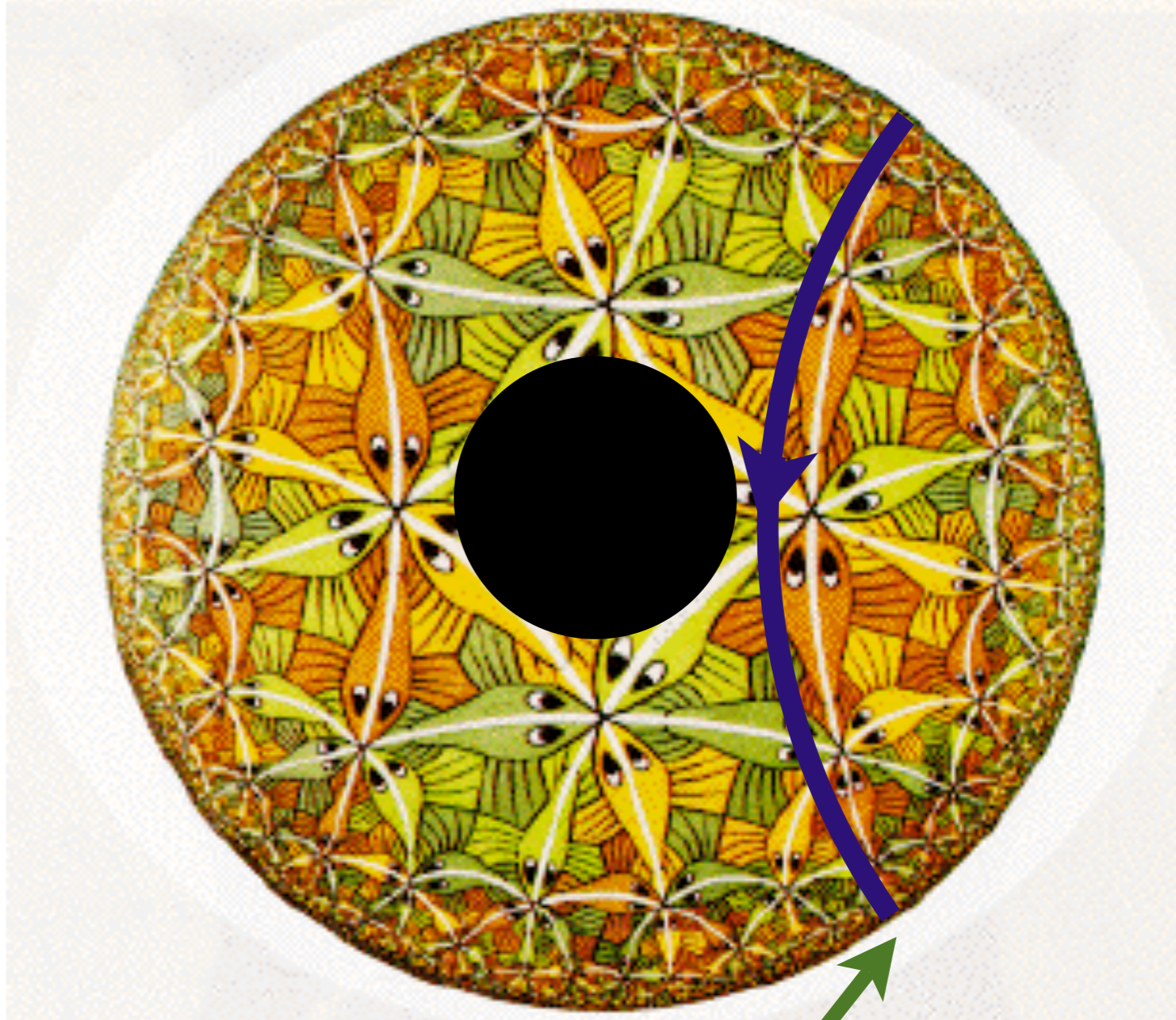
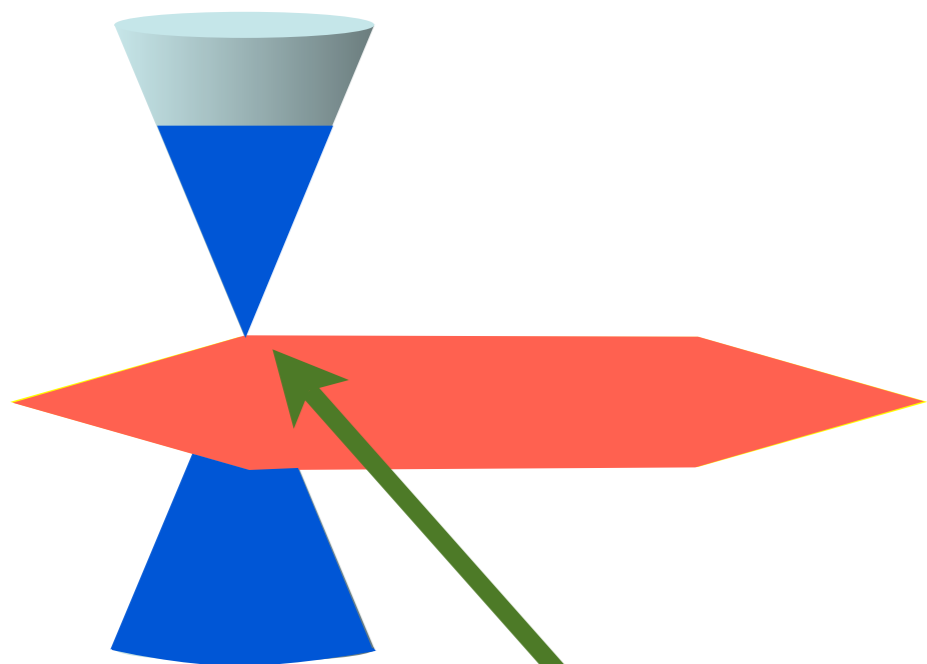
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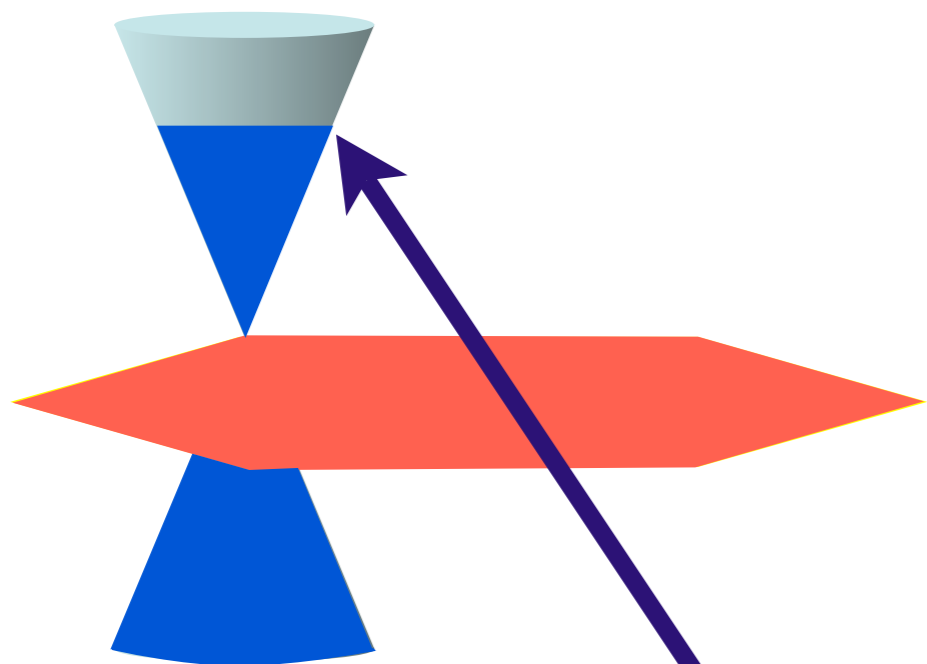
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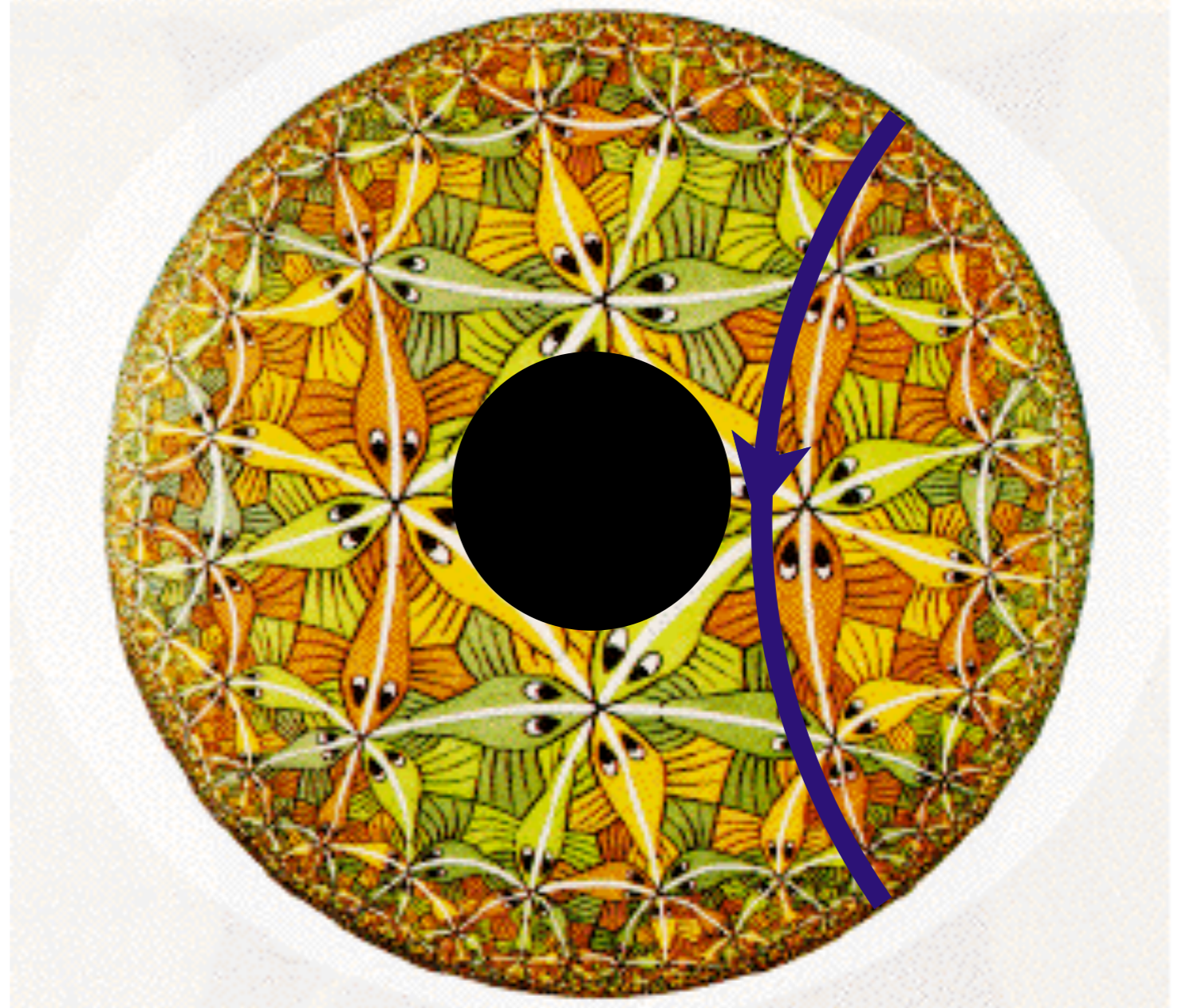
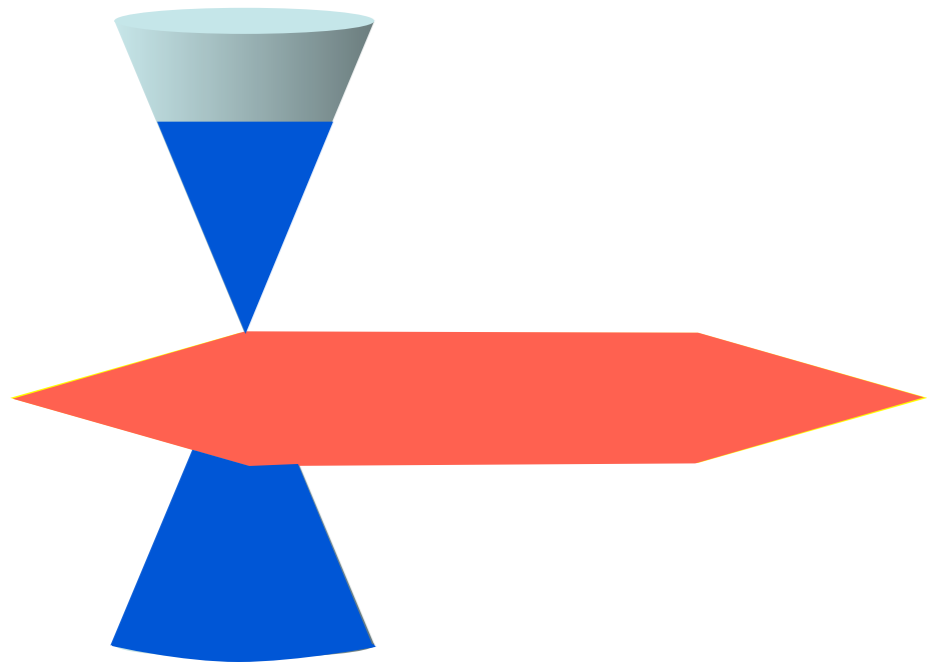
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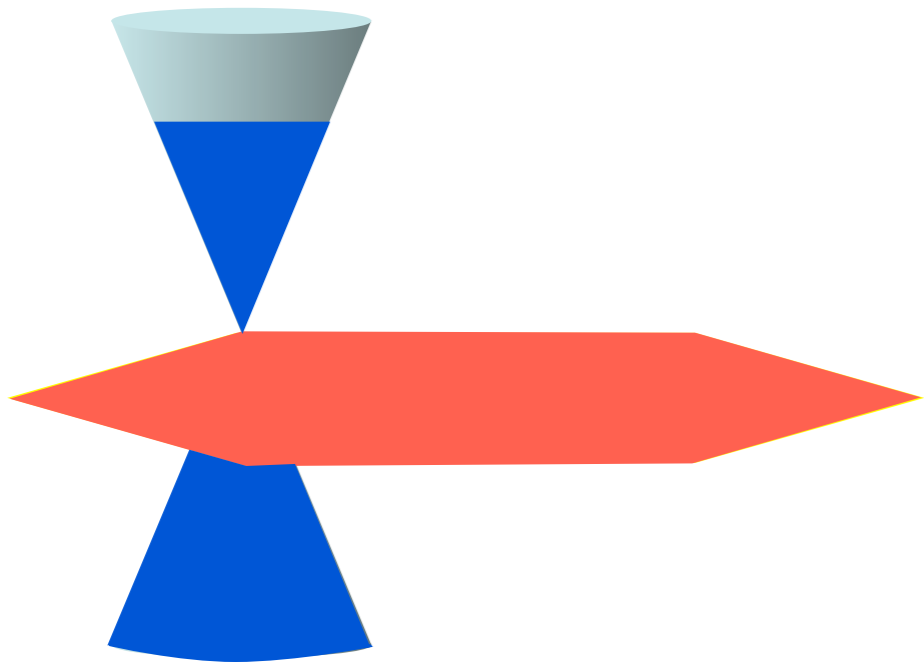
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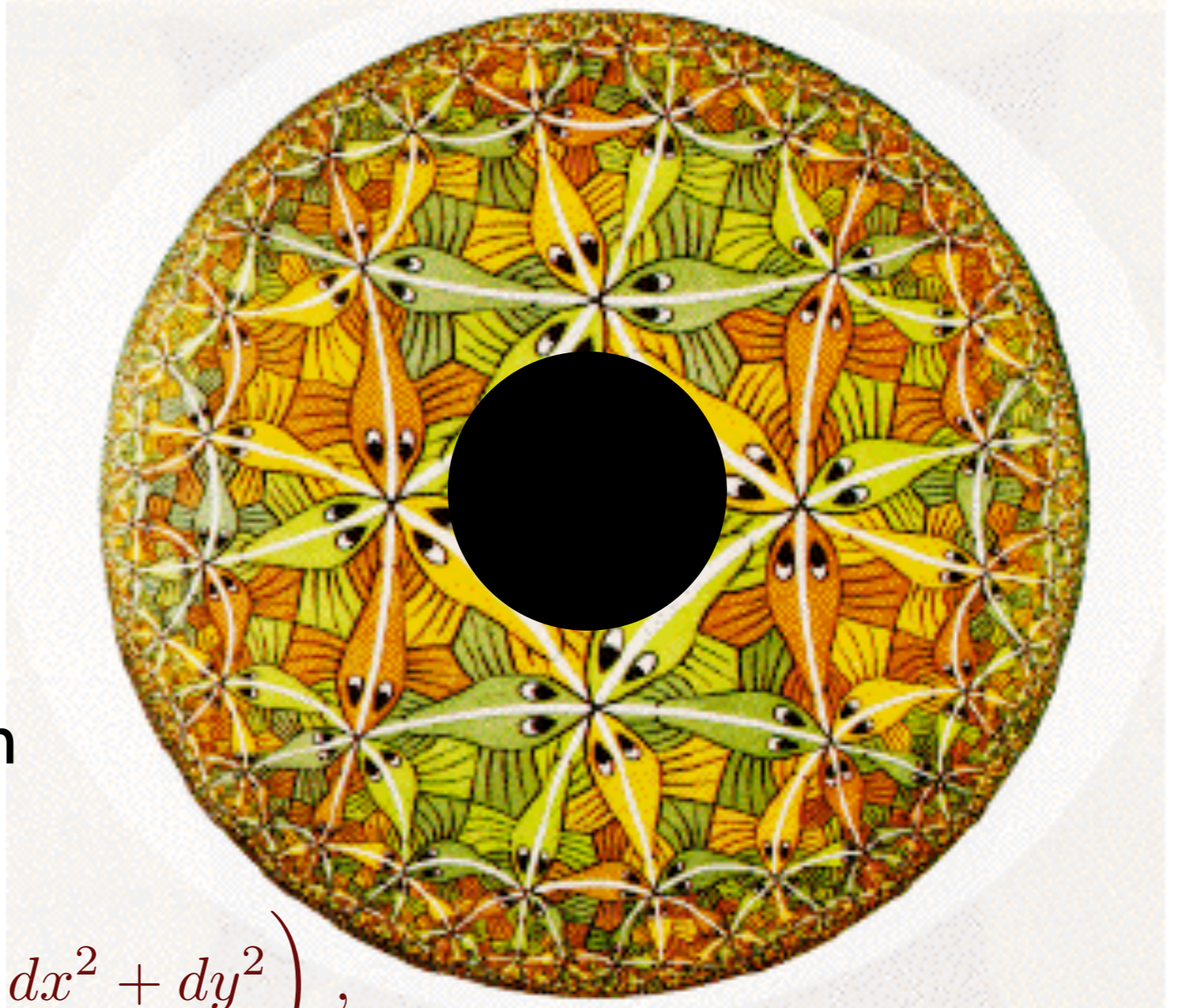


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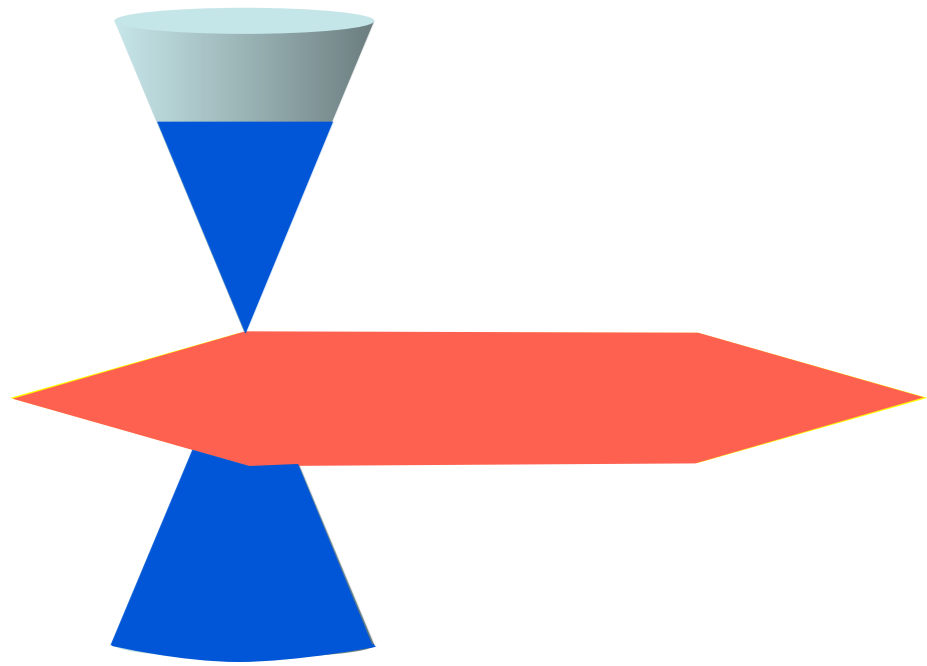


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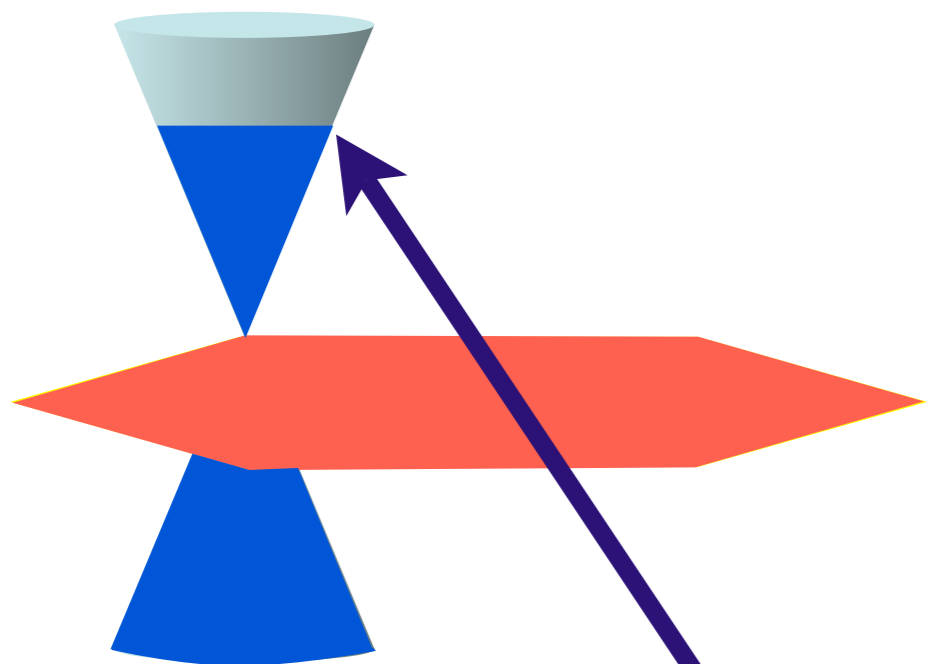


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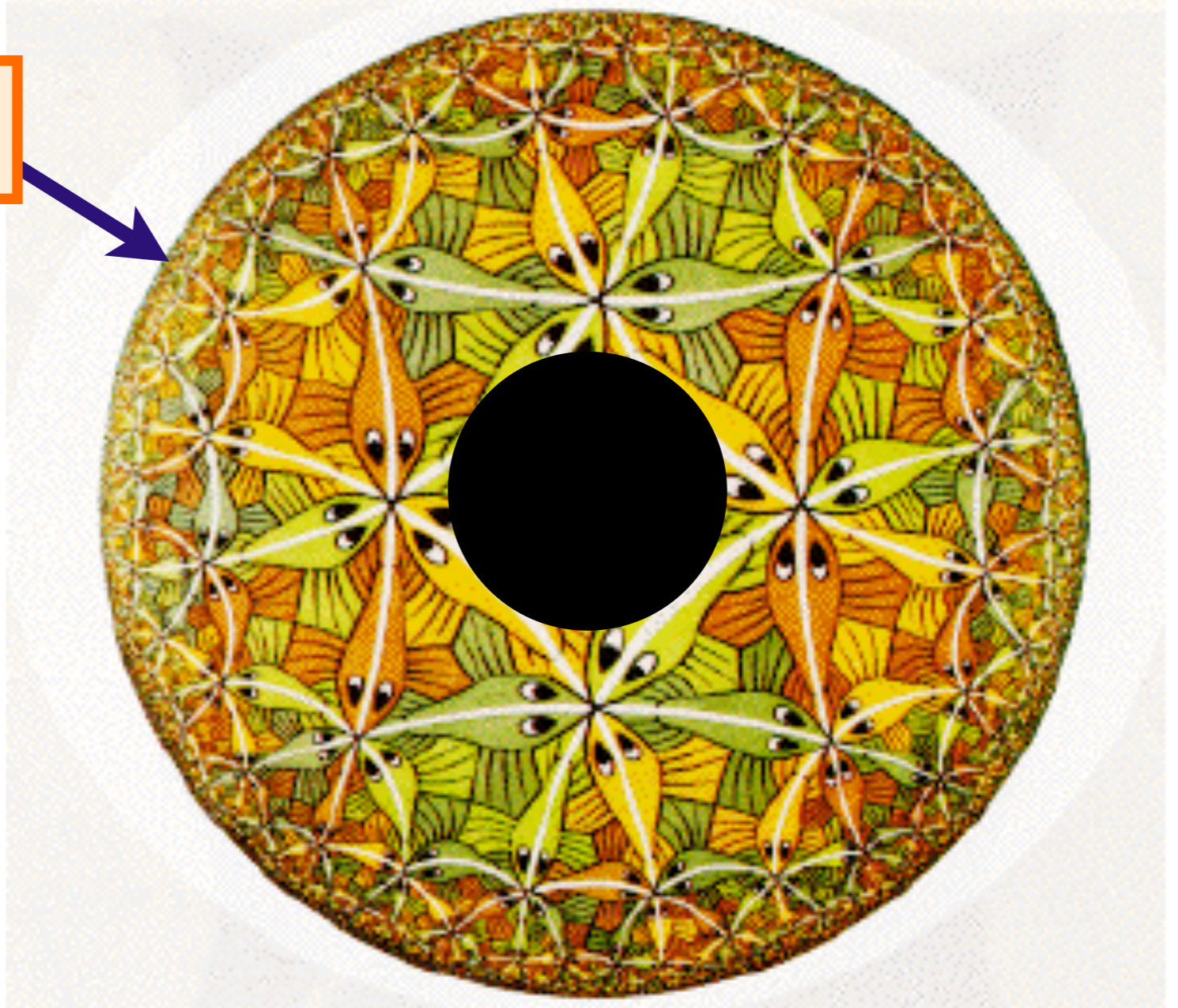
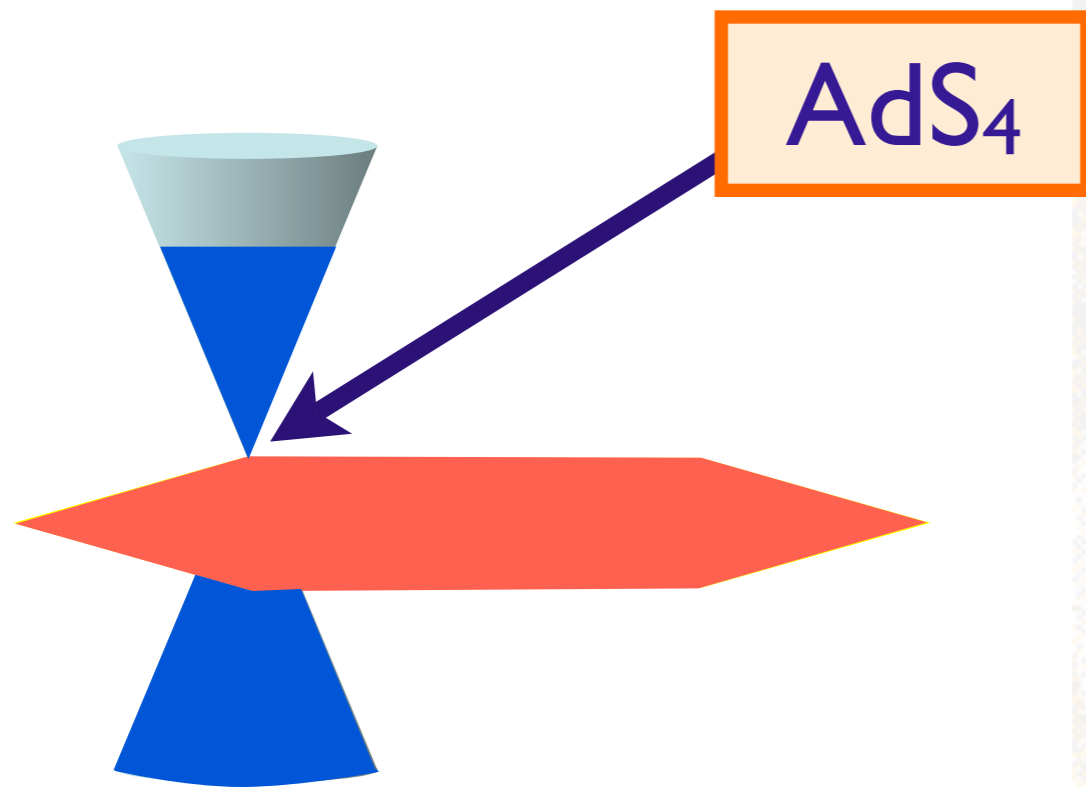
$$r - r_+ \sim \frac{1}{\zeta}$$

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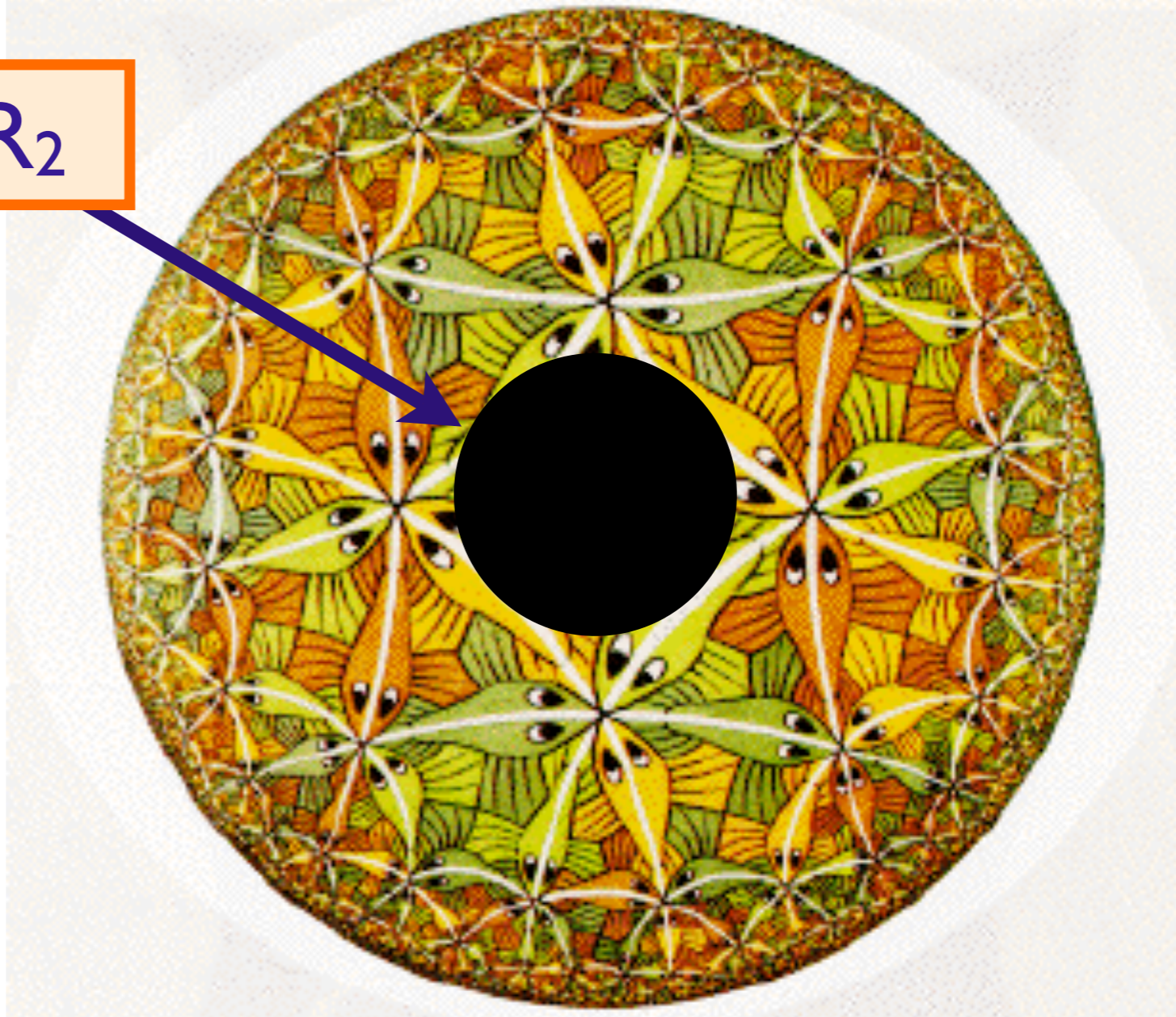
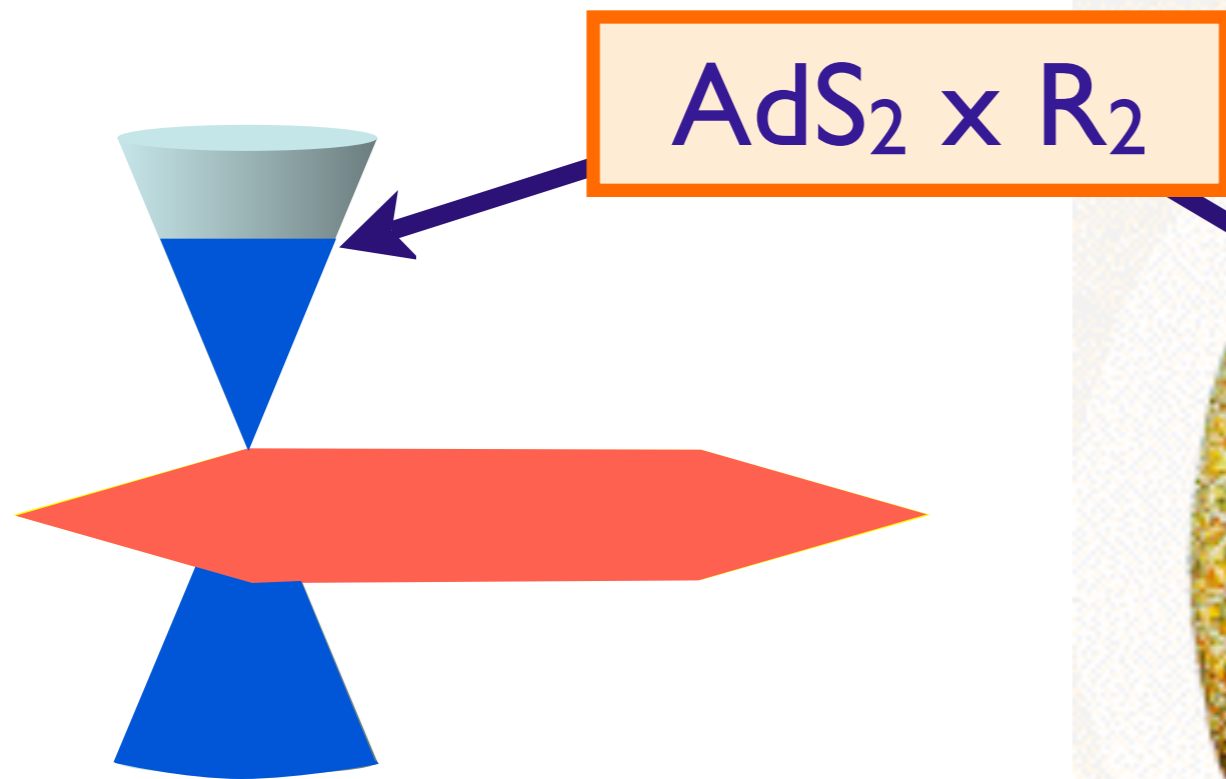
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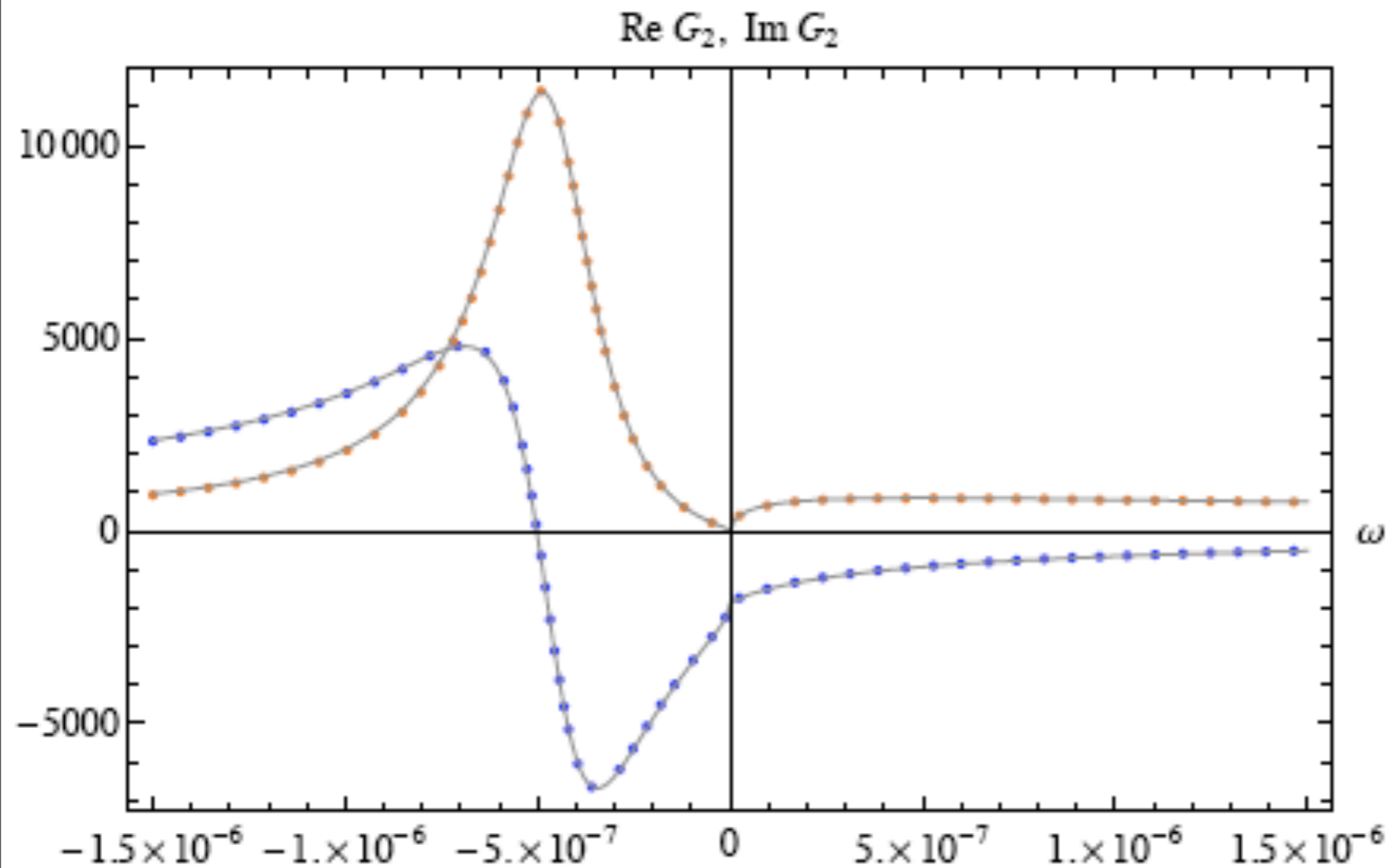
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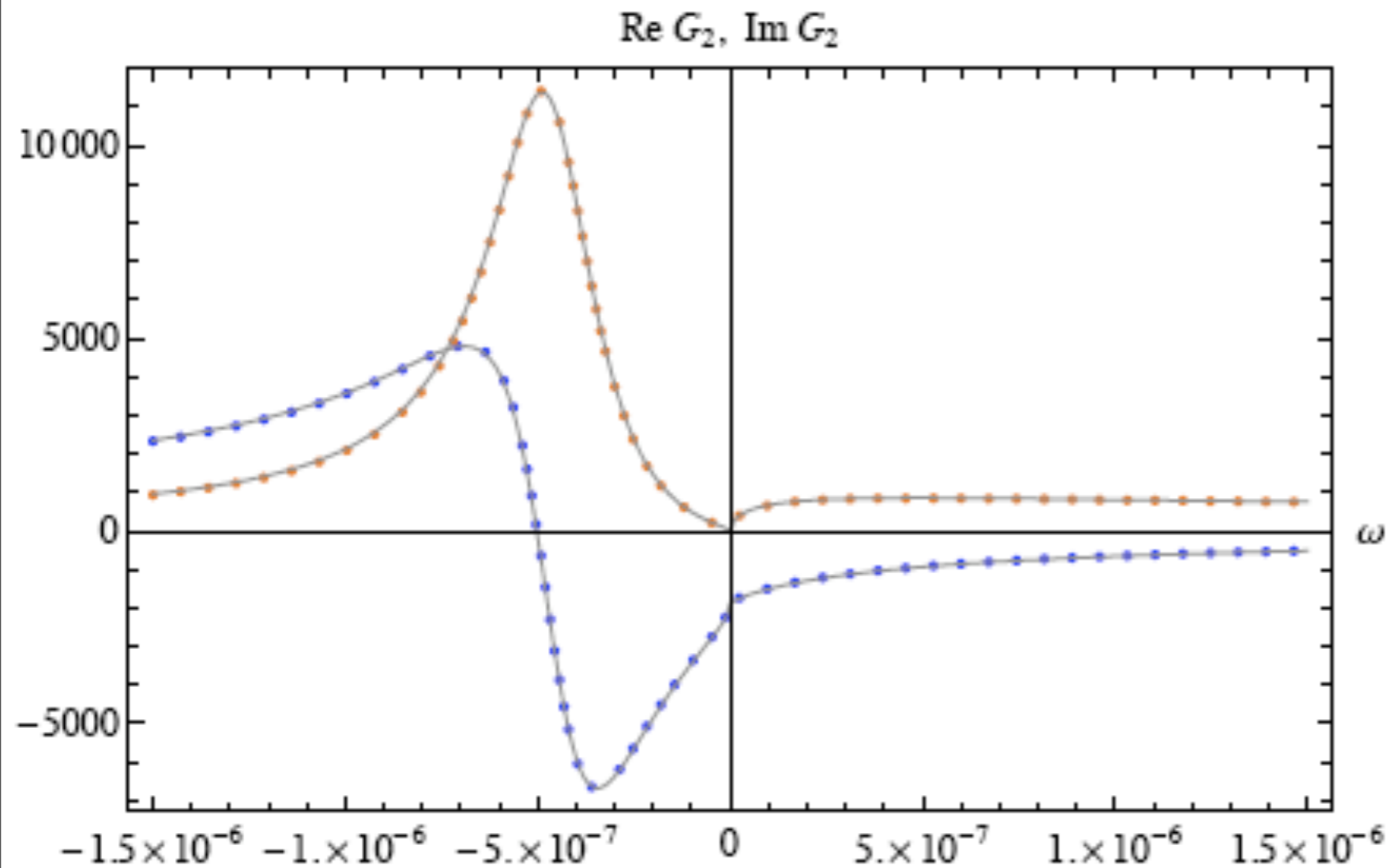


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See also M. Cubrovic, J Zaanen, and K. Schalm, arXiv:0904.1993

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Similar to non-Fermi liquid theories of Fermi surfaces coupled to gauge fields, and at quantum critical points

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$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{boson}} = -T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\frac{|z_\ell|}{2\pi T} \left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{fermion}} = T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left(\left| \Gamma \left(\frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$

Application of this formula shows that the fermions exhibit the dHvA quantum oscillations with expected period ($2\pi/(\text{Fermi surface area})$) in $1/B$, but with an amplitude corrected from the Fermi liquid formula of Lifshitz-Kosevich.

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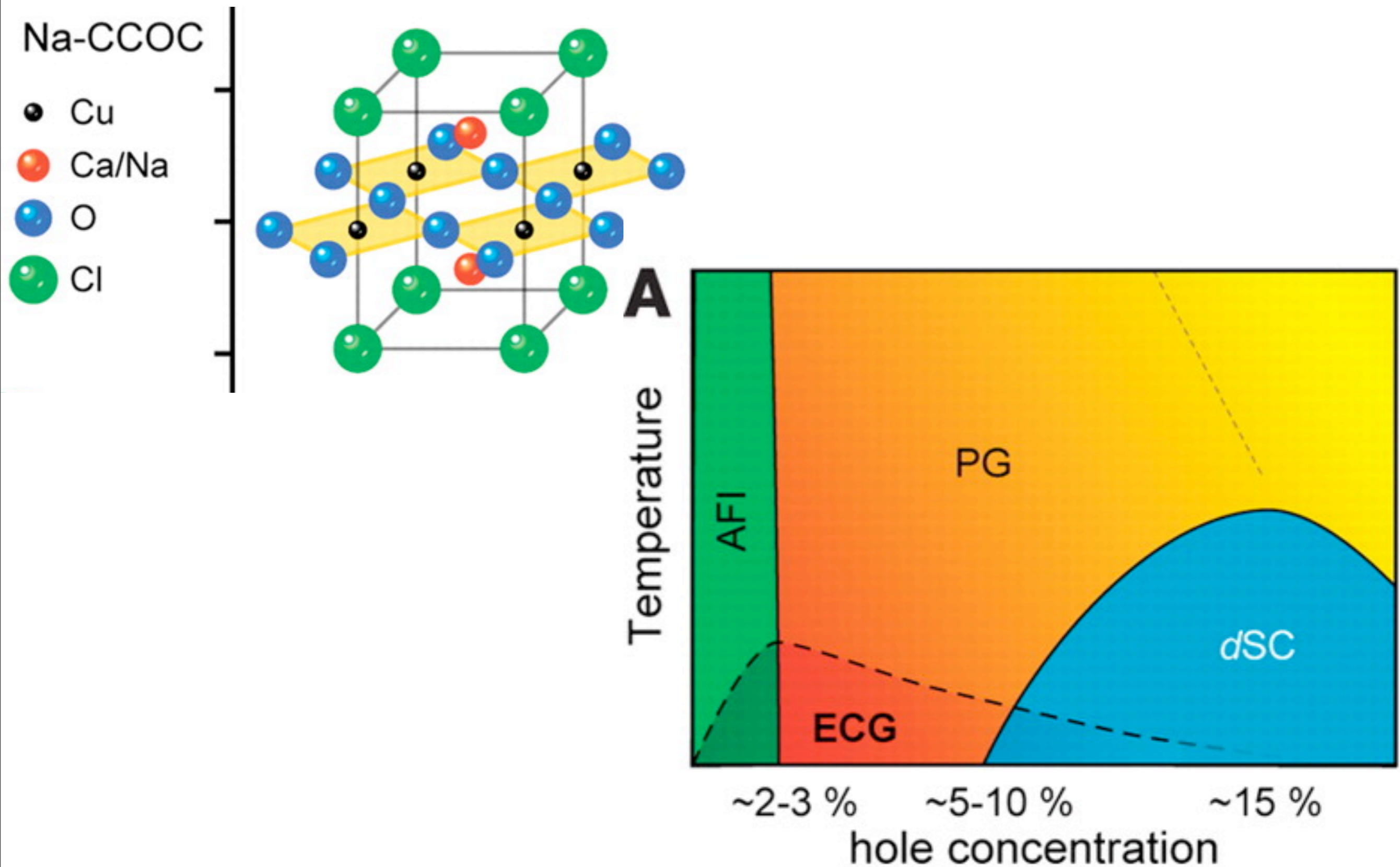
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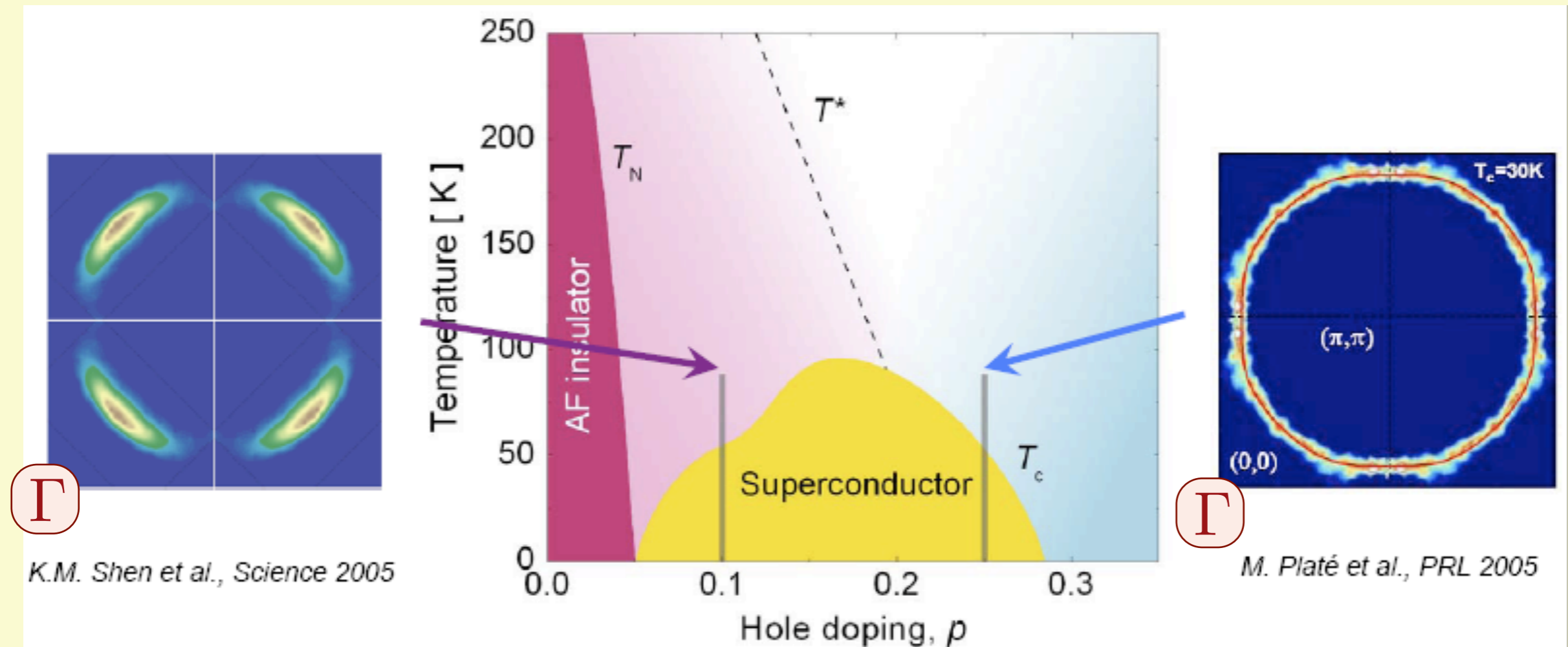
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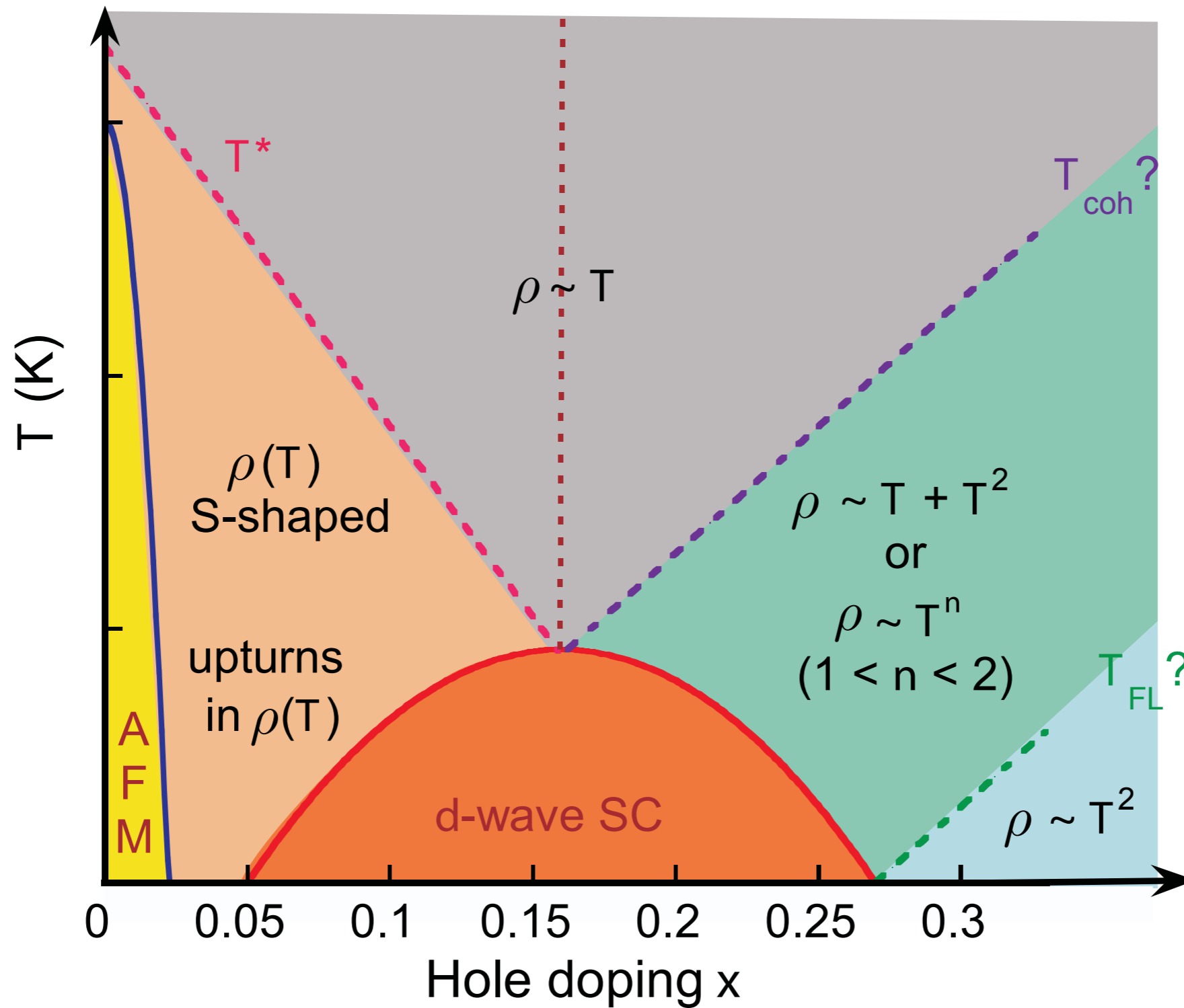
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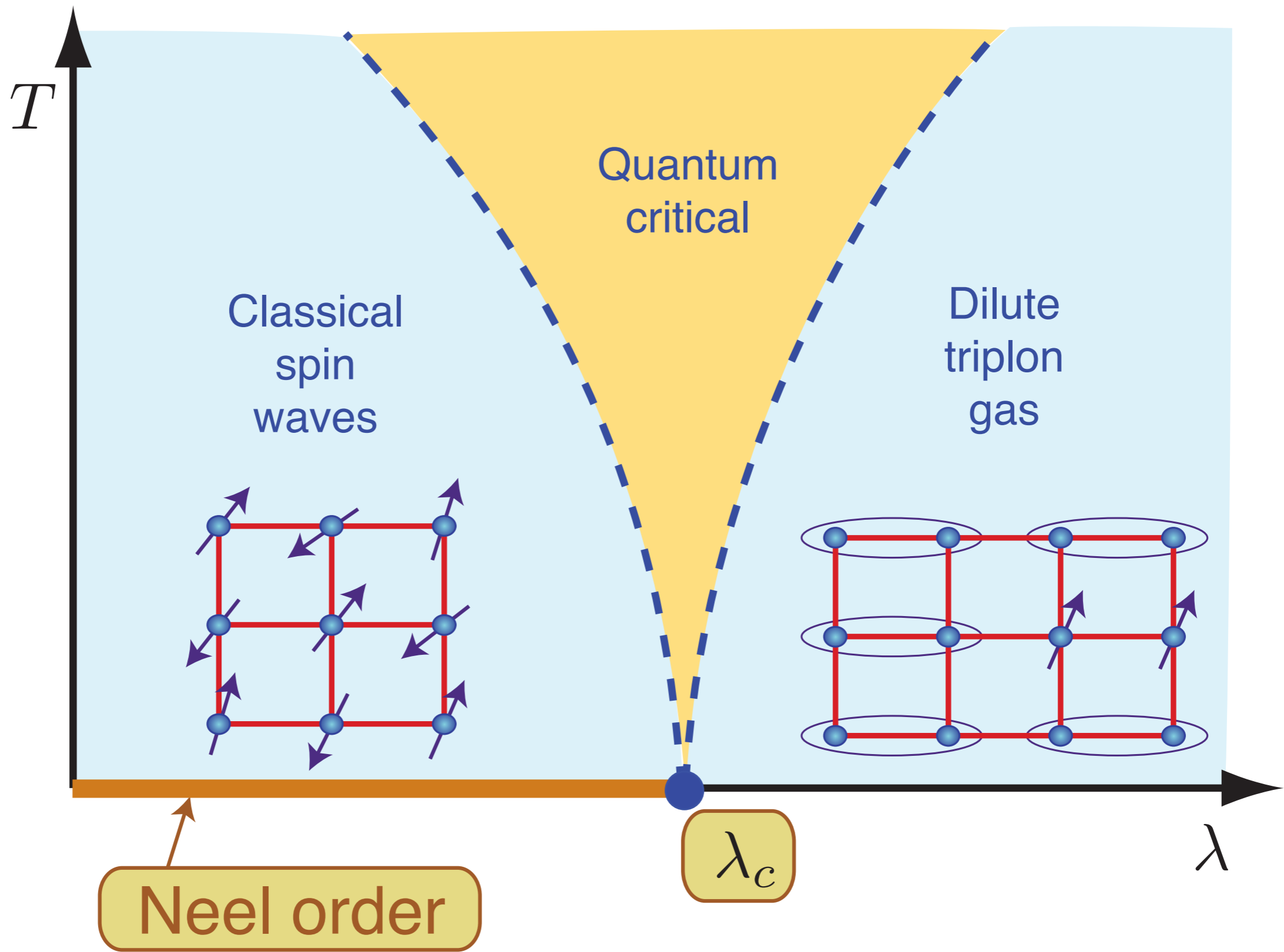
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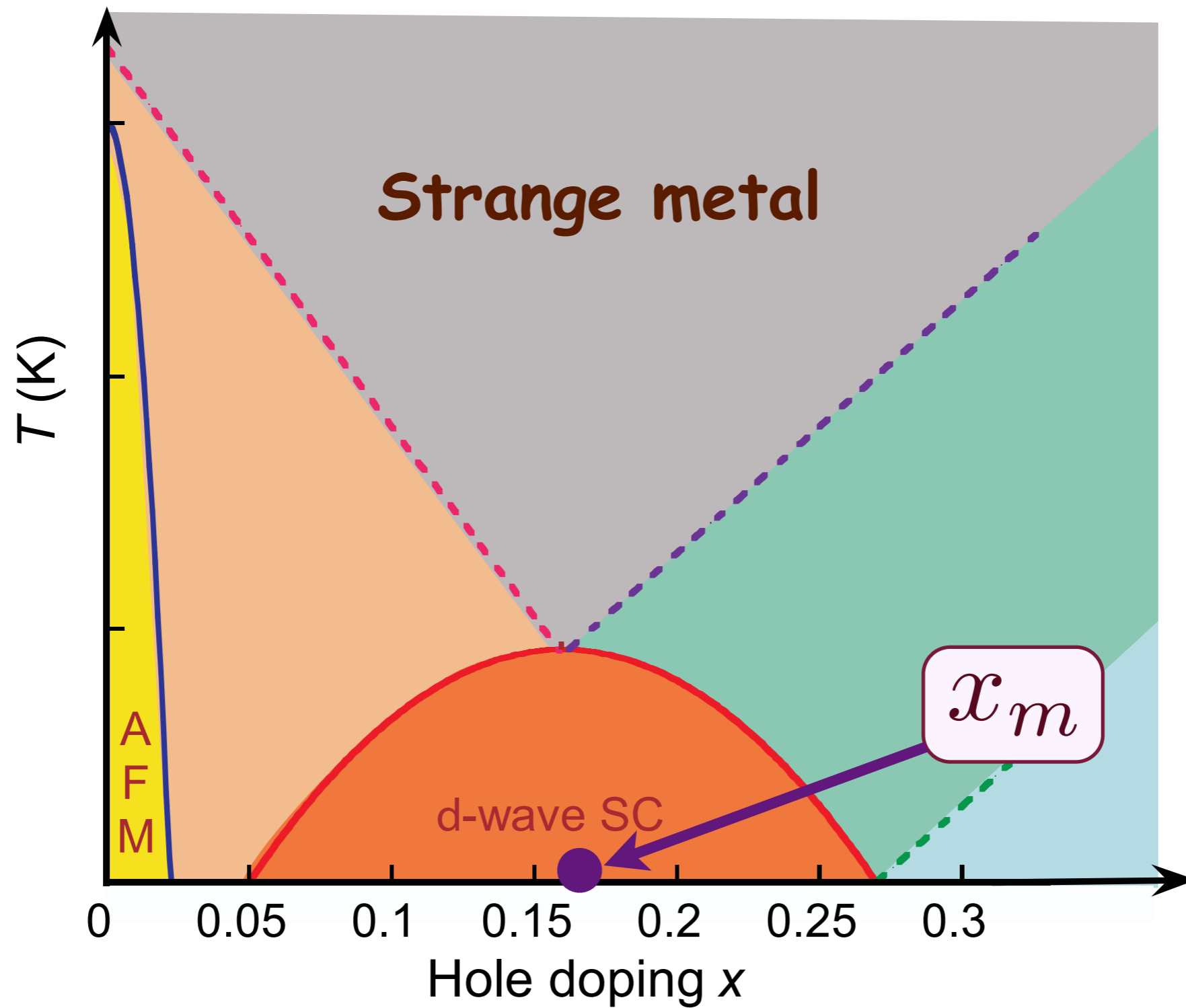
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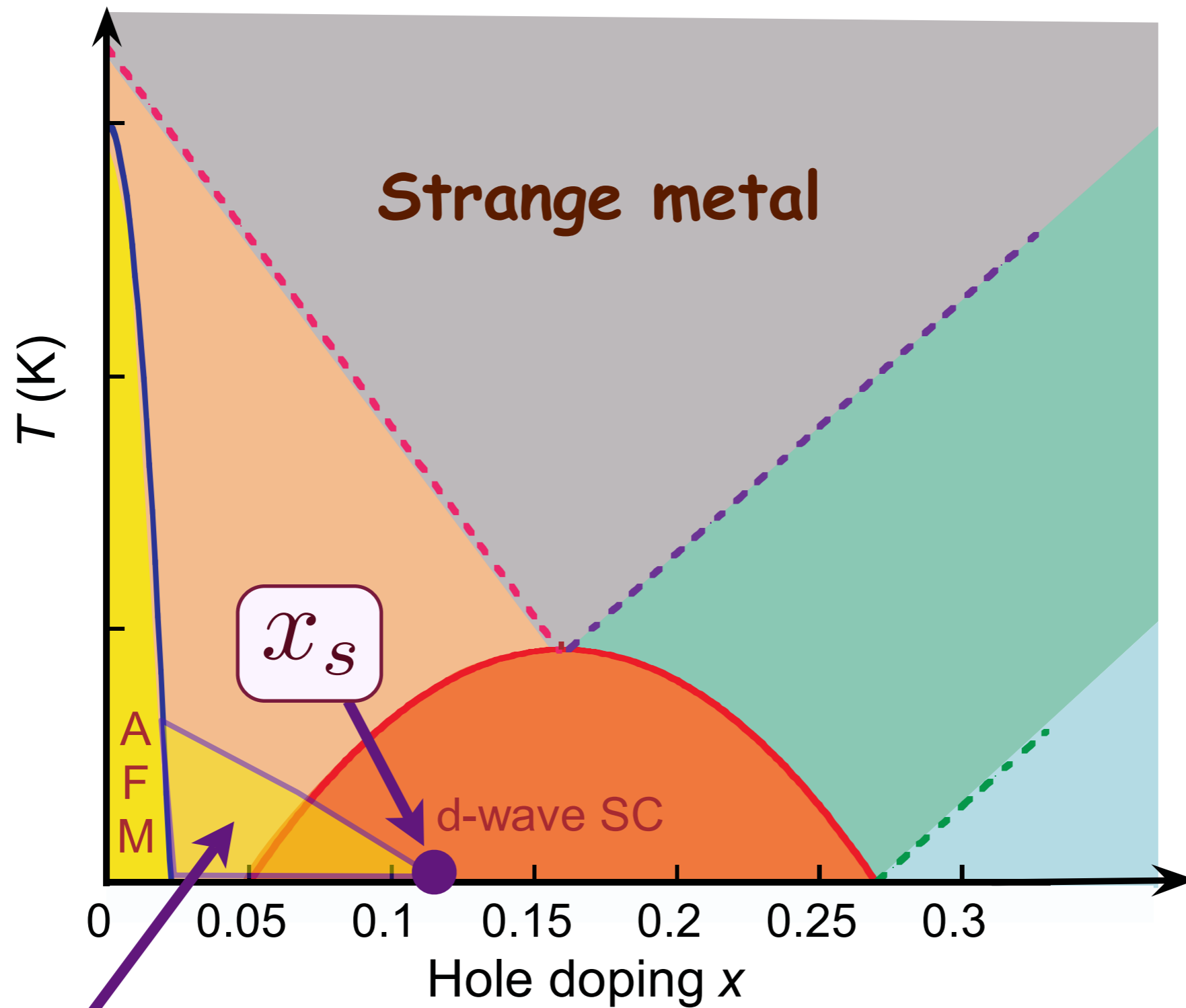


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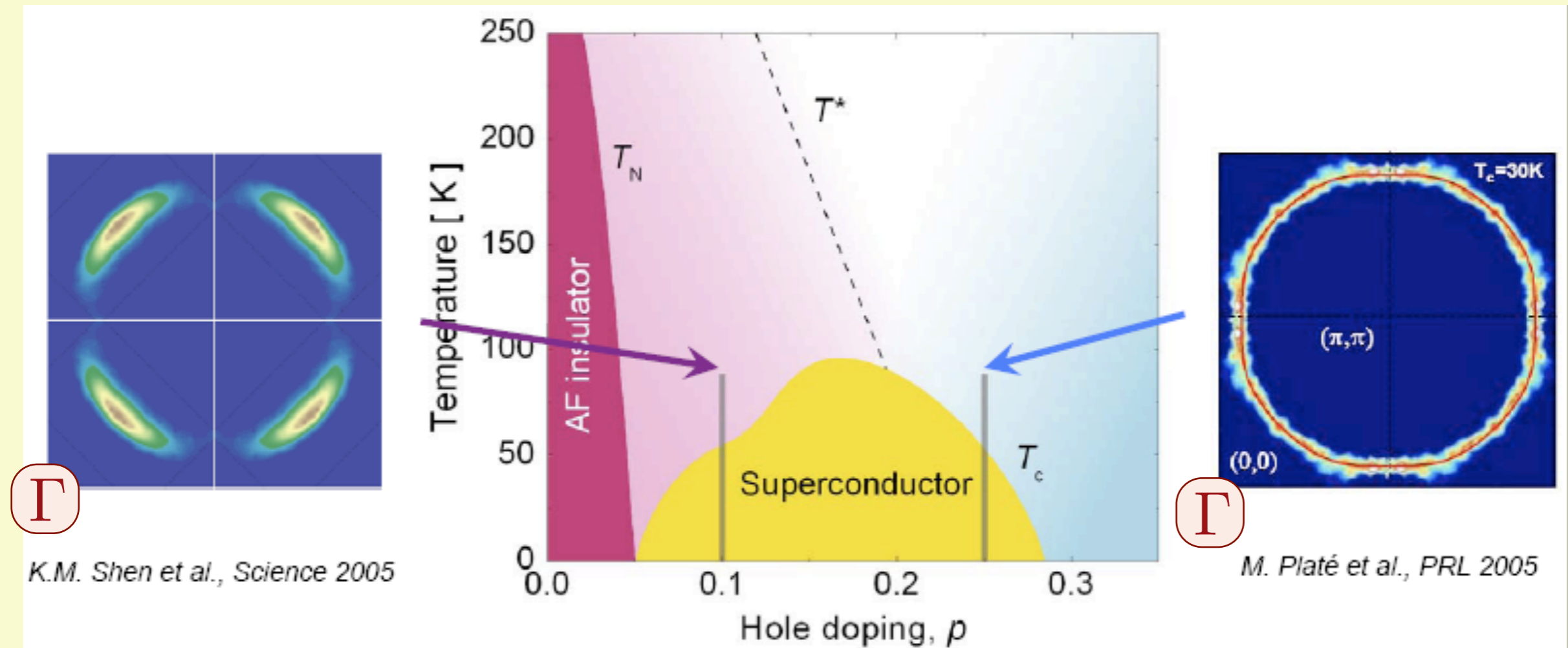
Strange metal: quantum criticality of optimal doping critical point at $x = x_m$?

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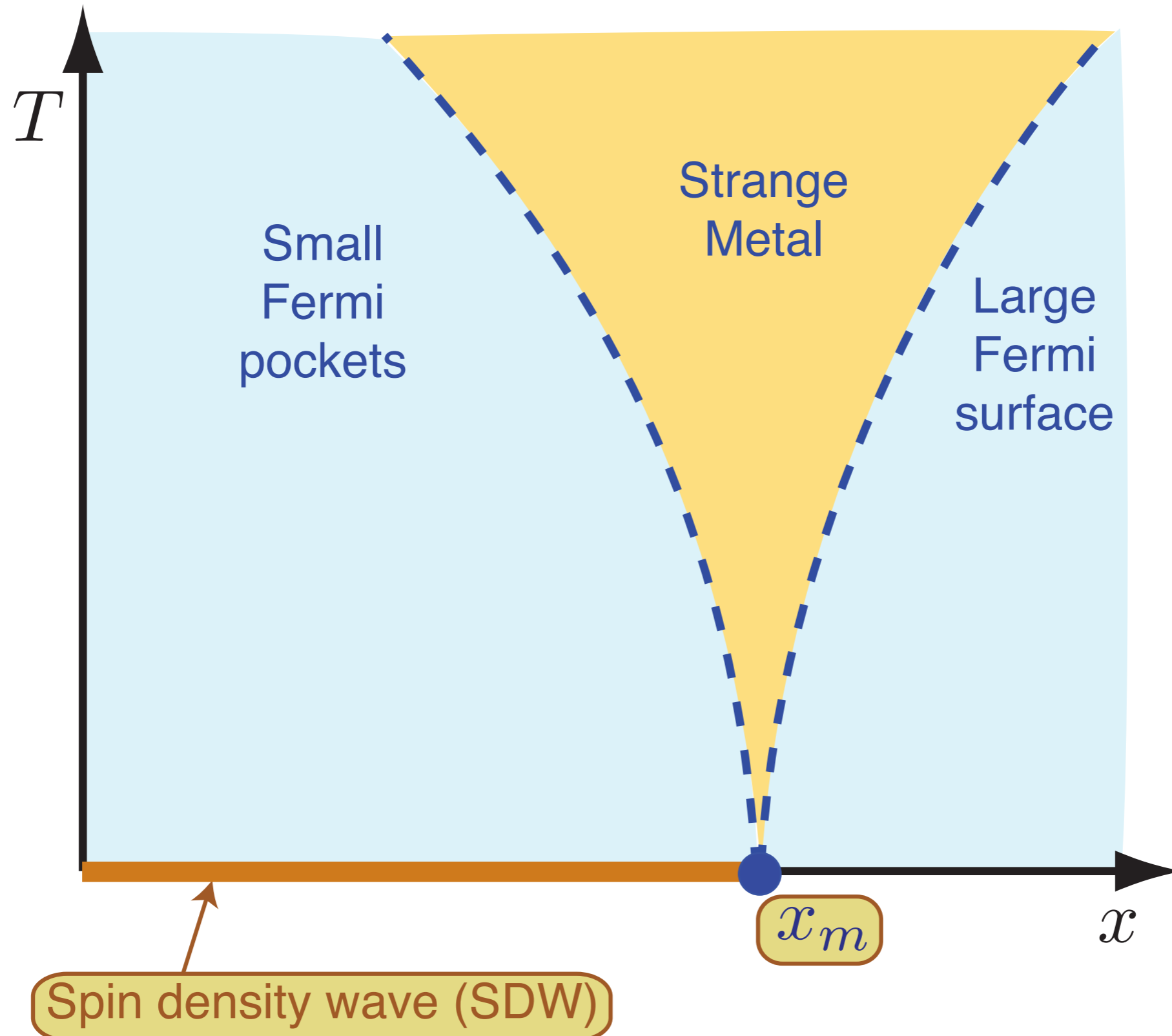
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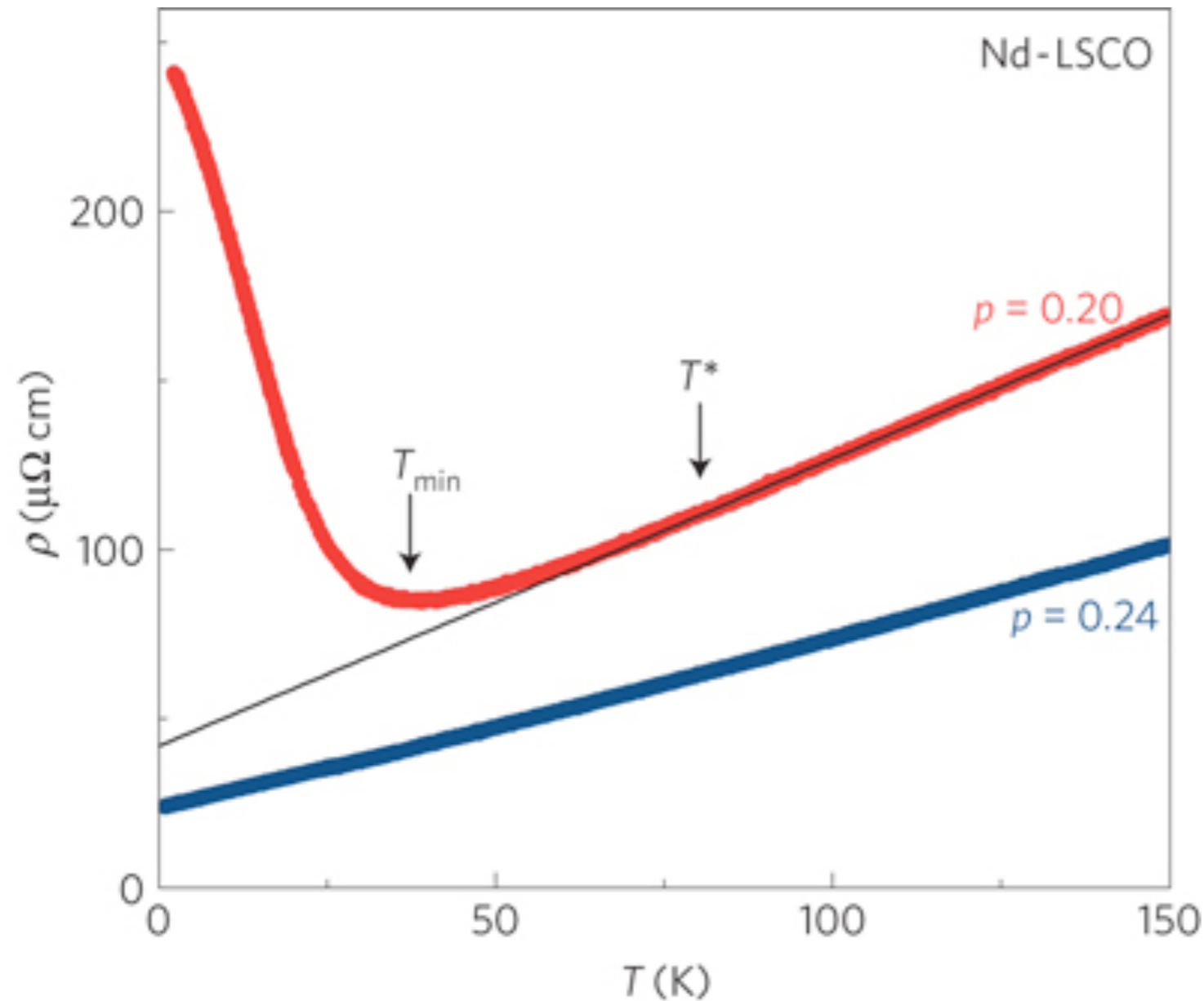
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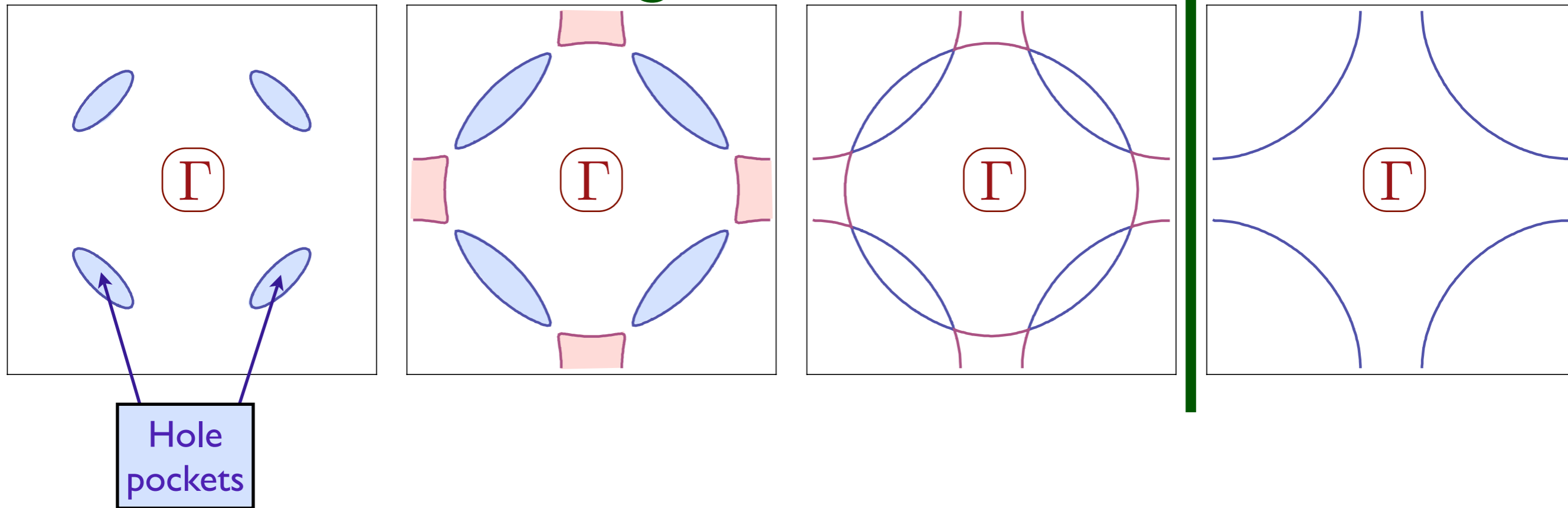
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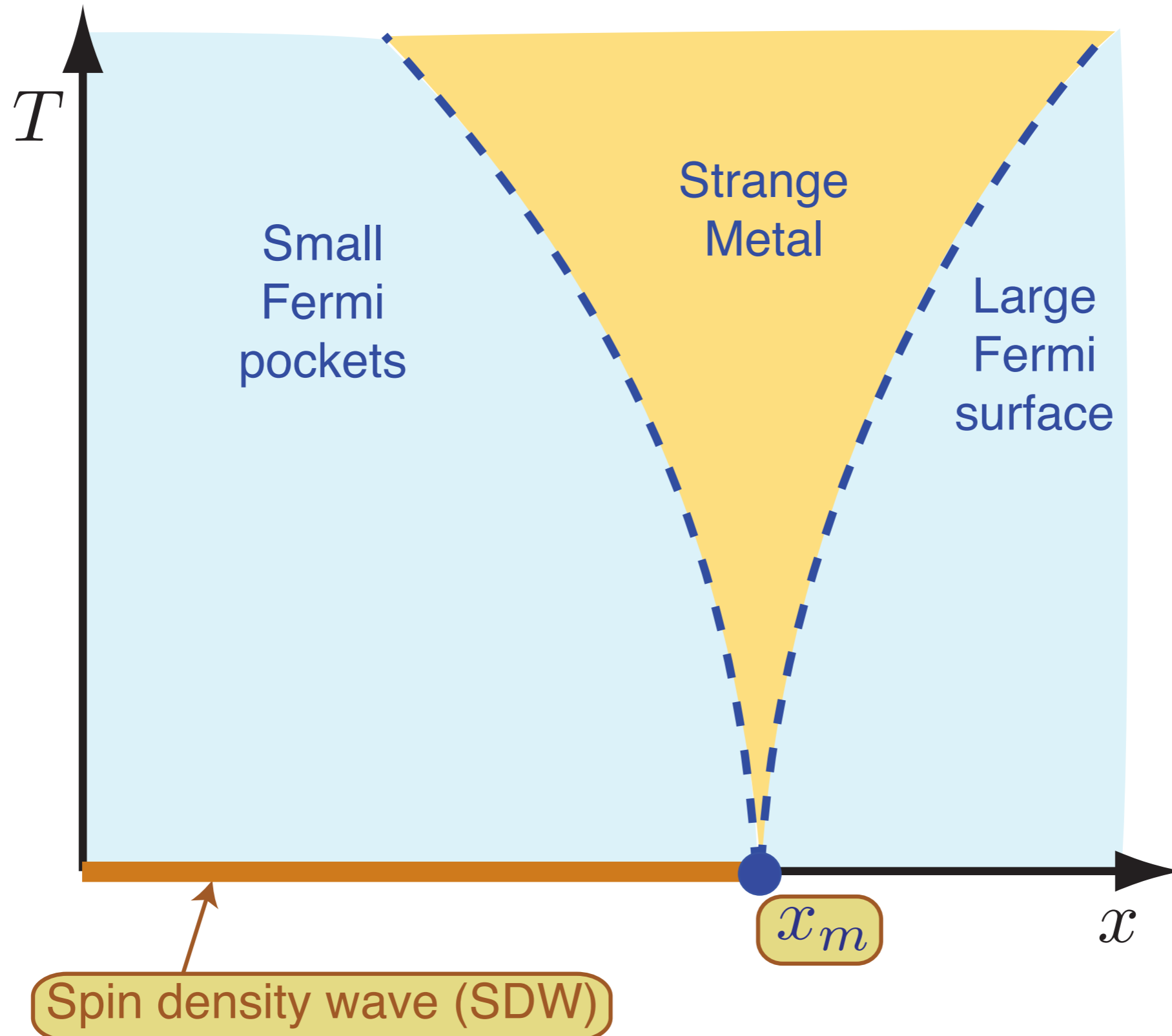


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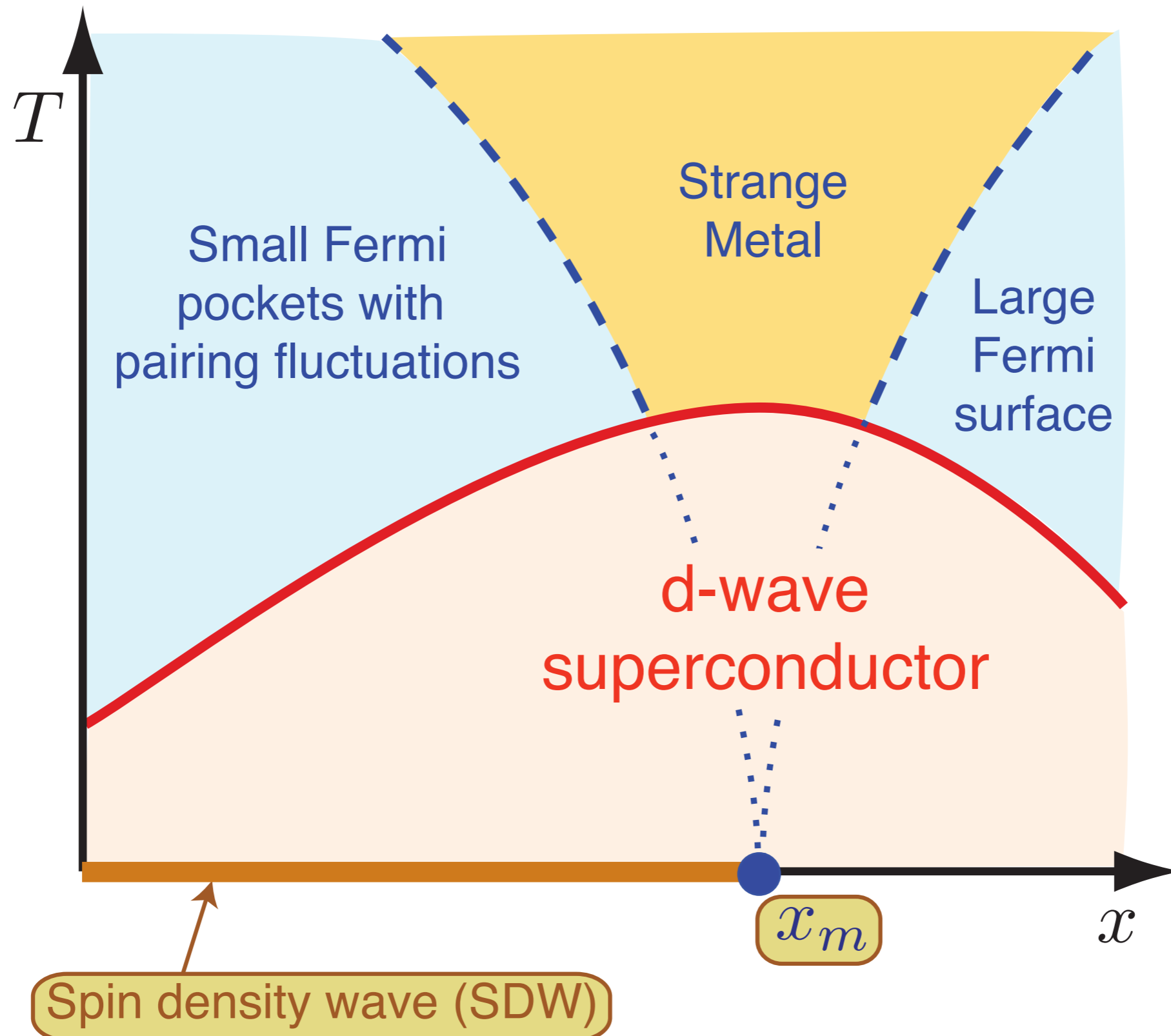
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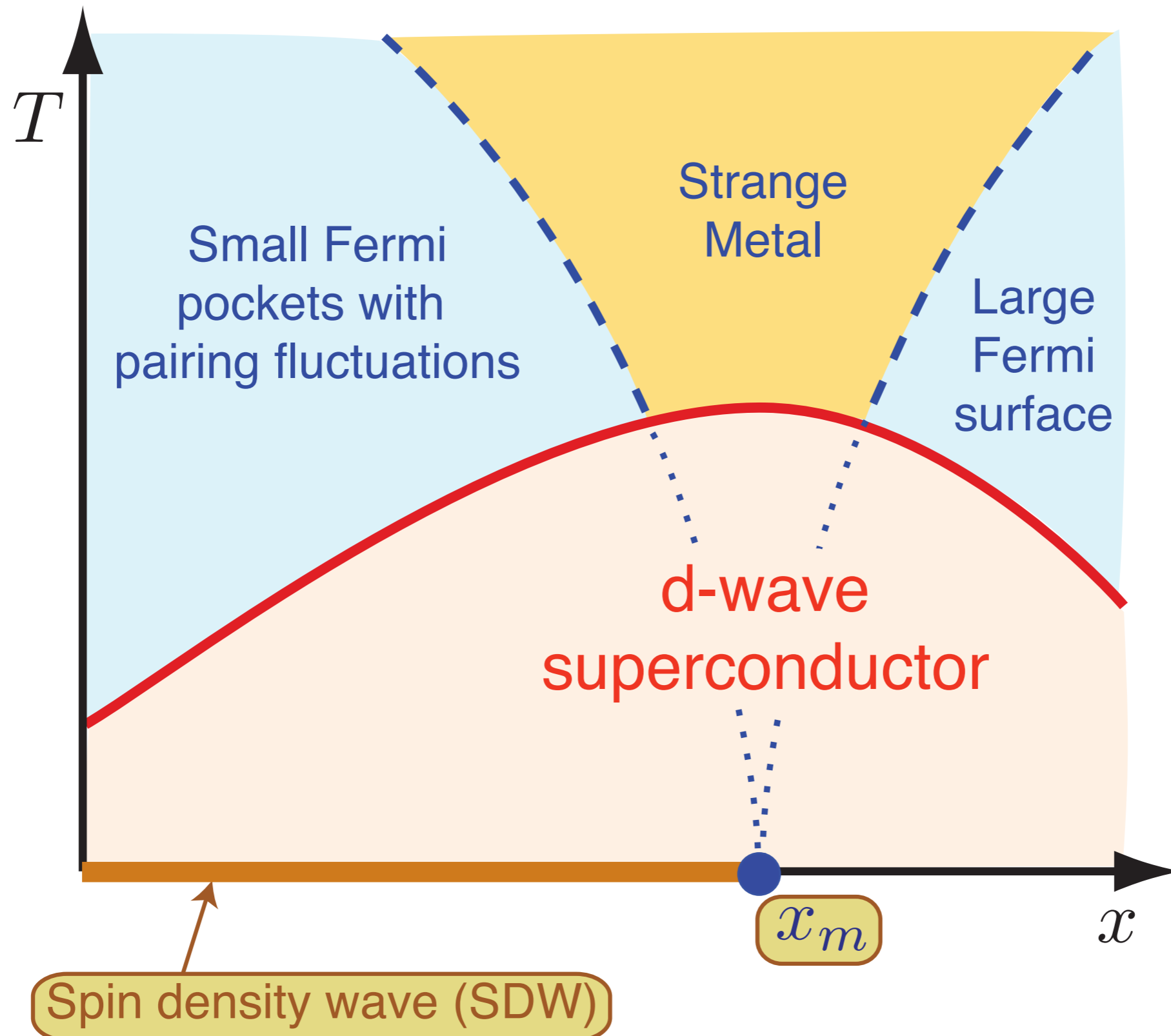
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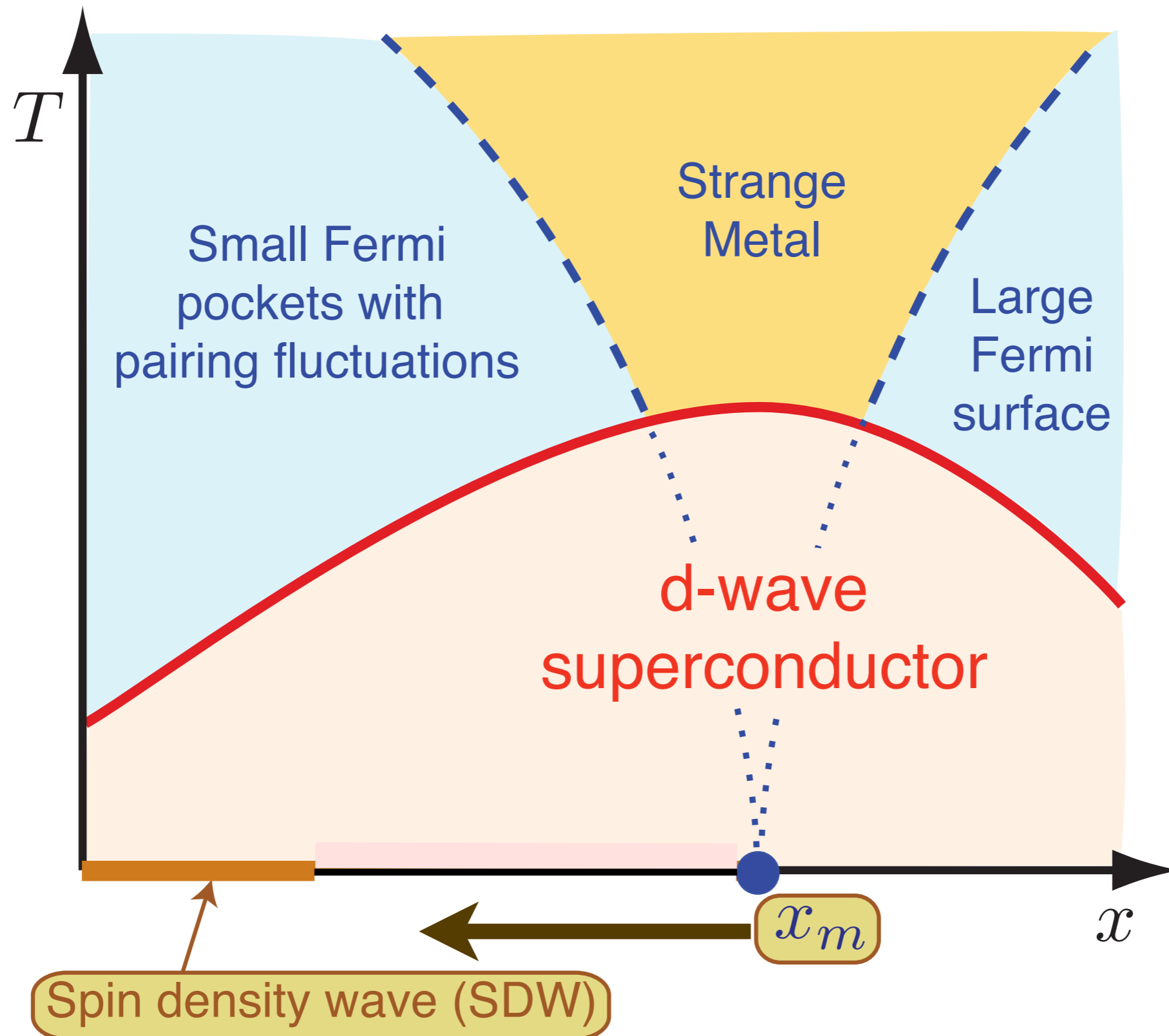
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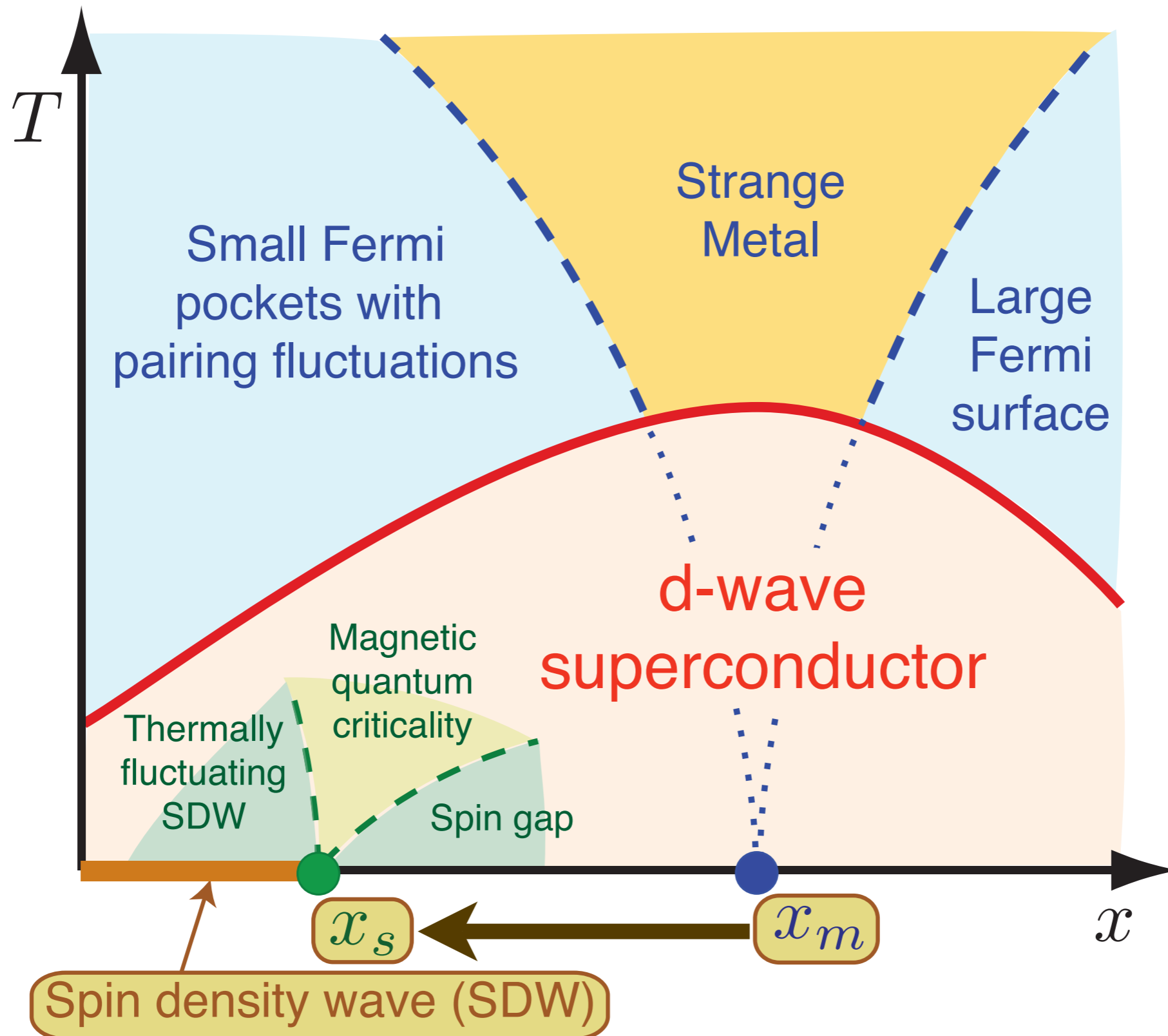
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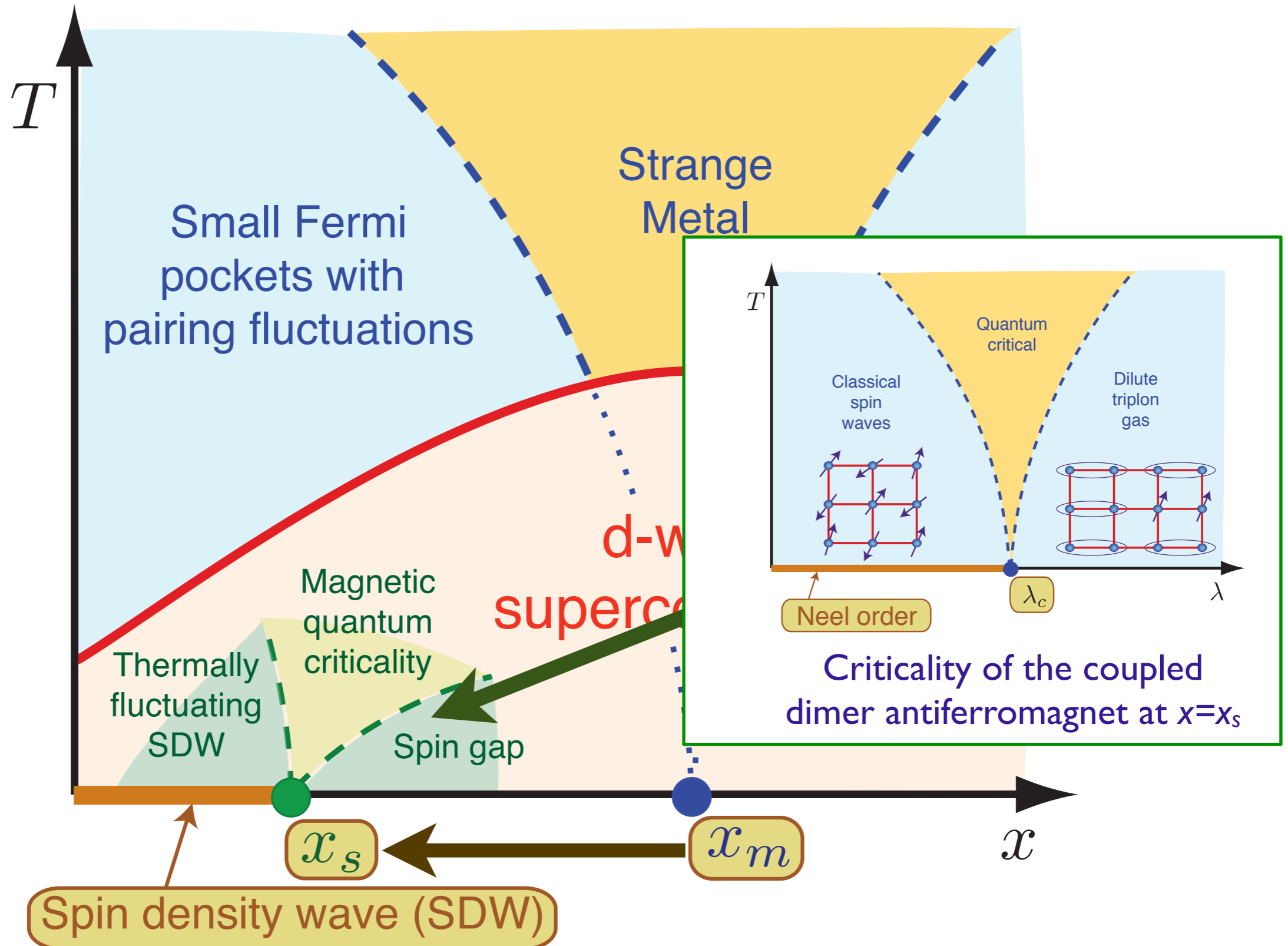
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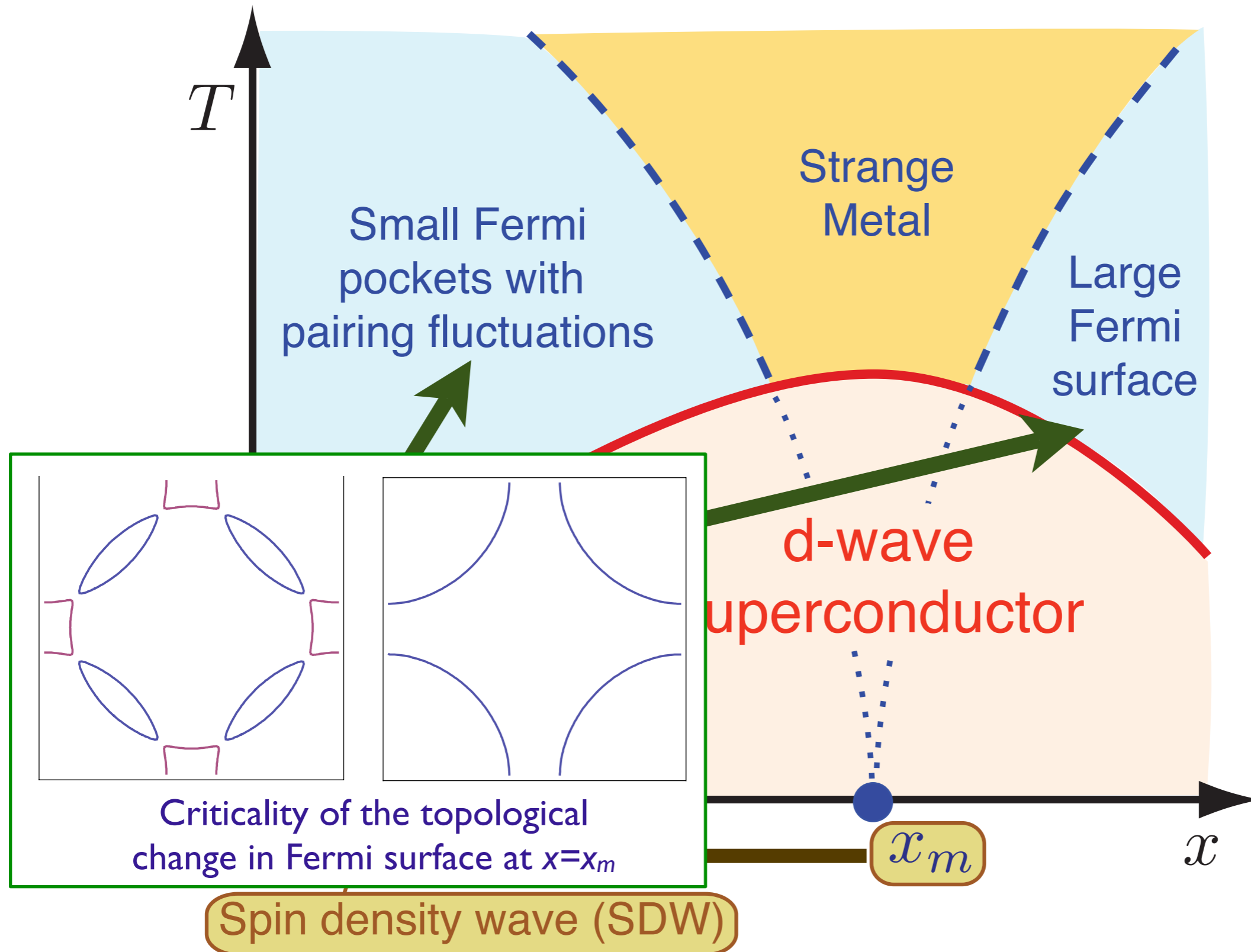
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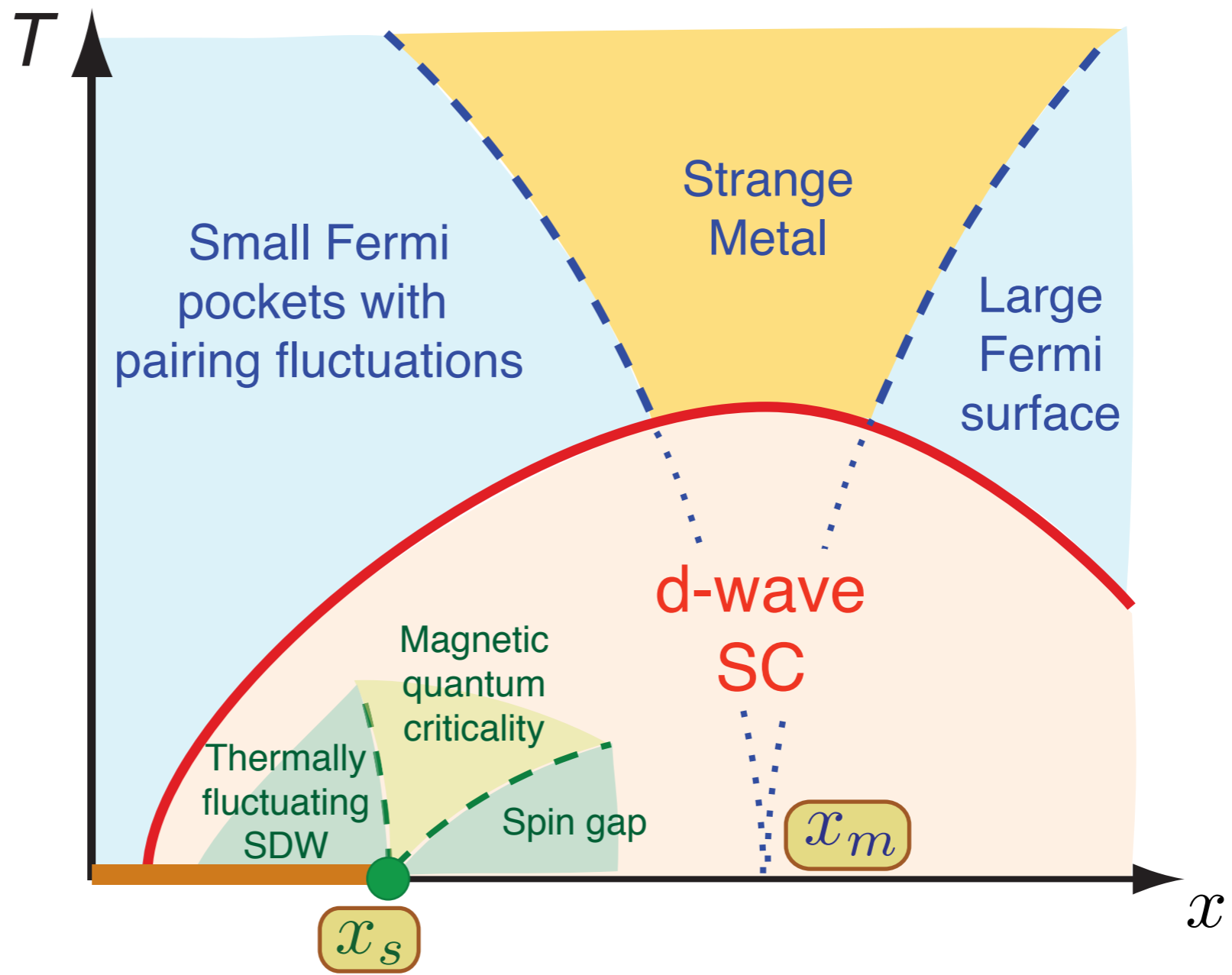
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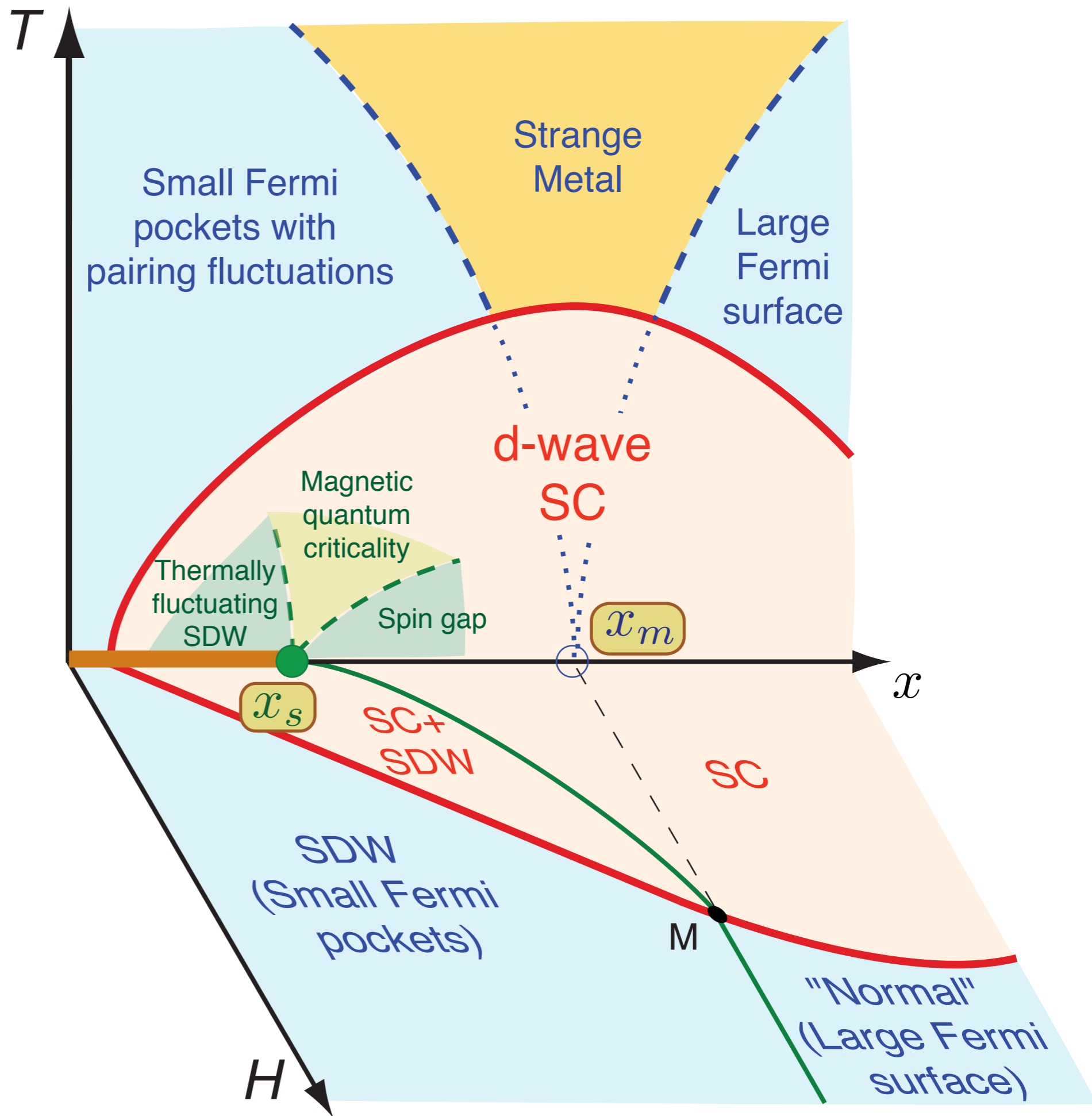
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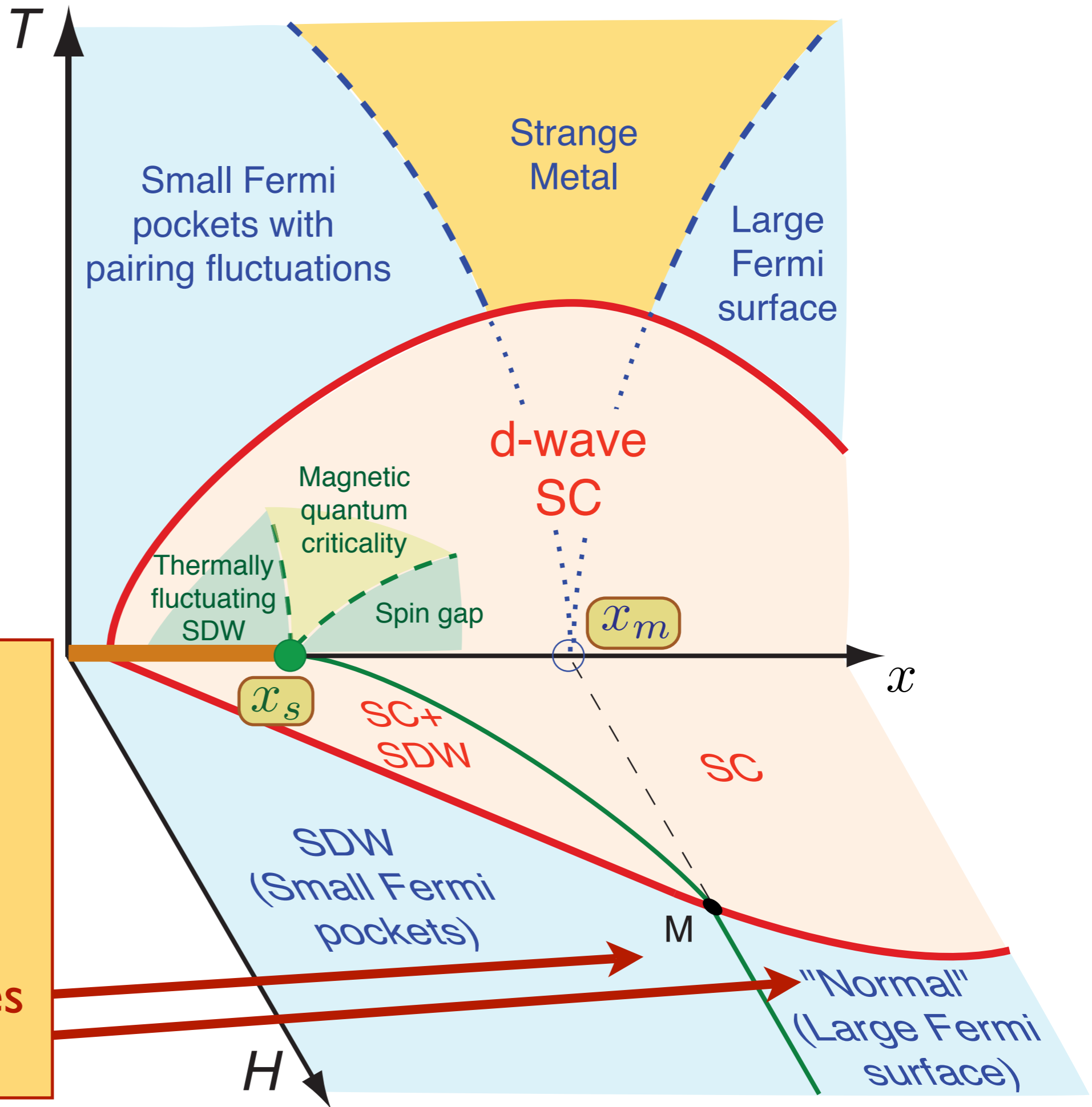


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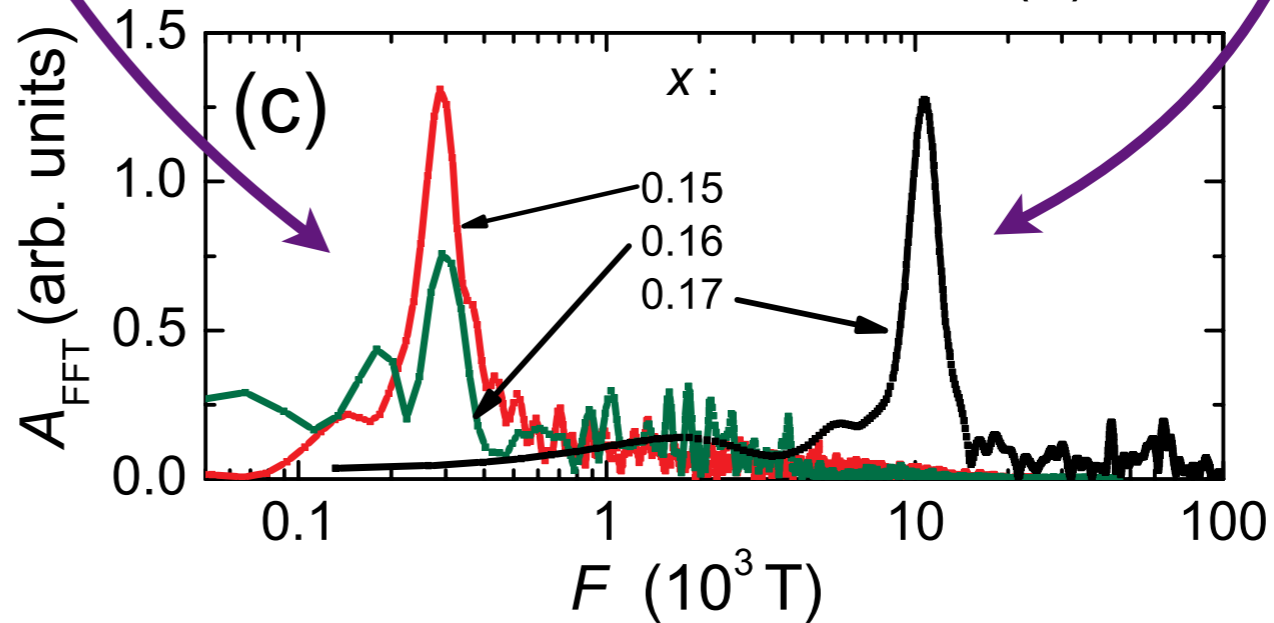
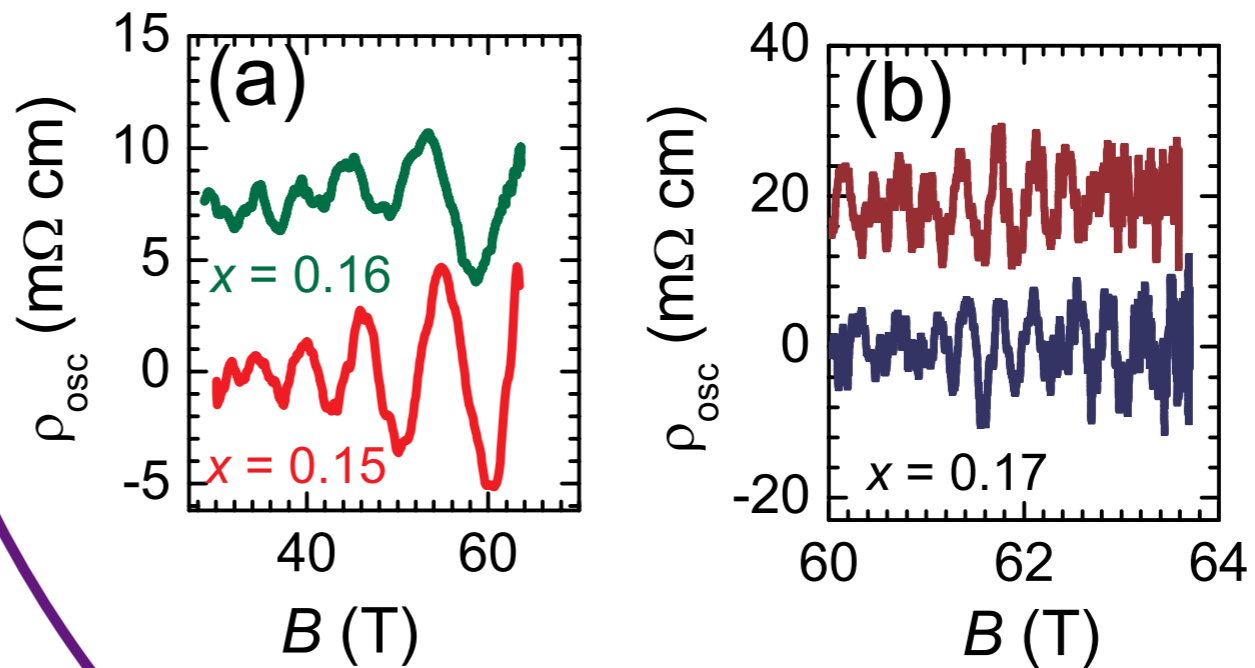
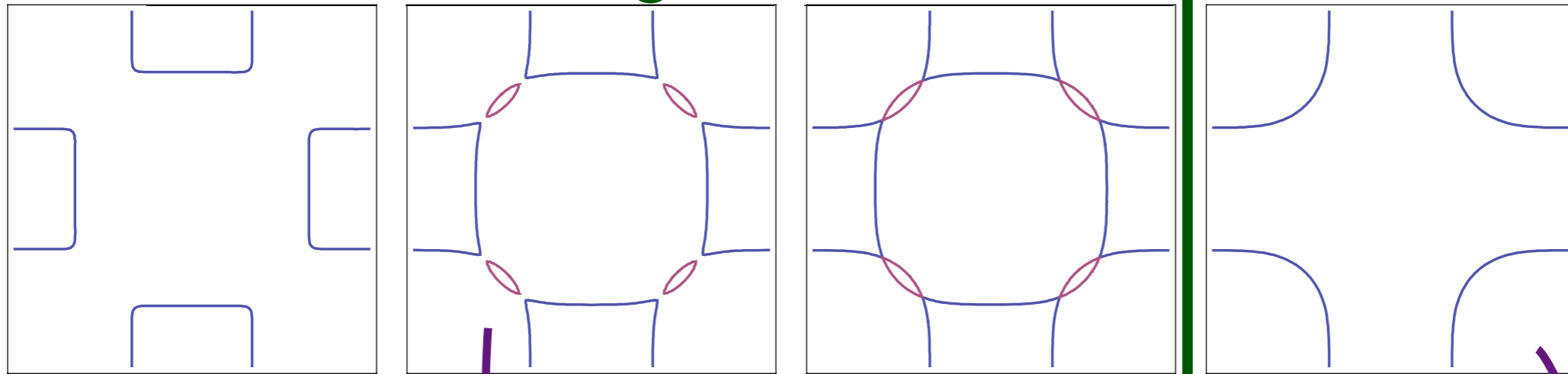






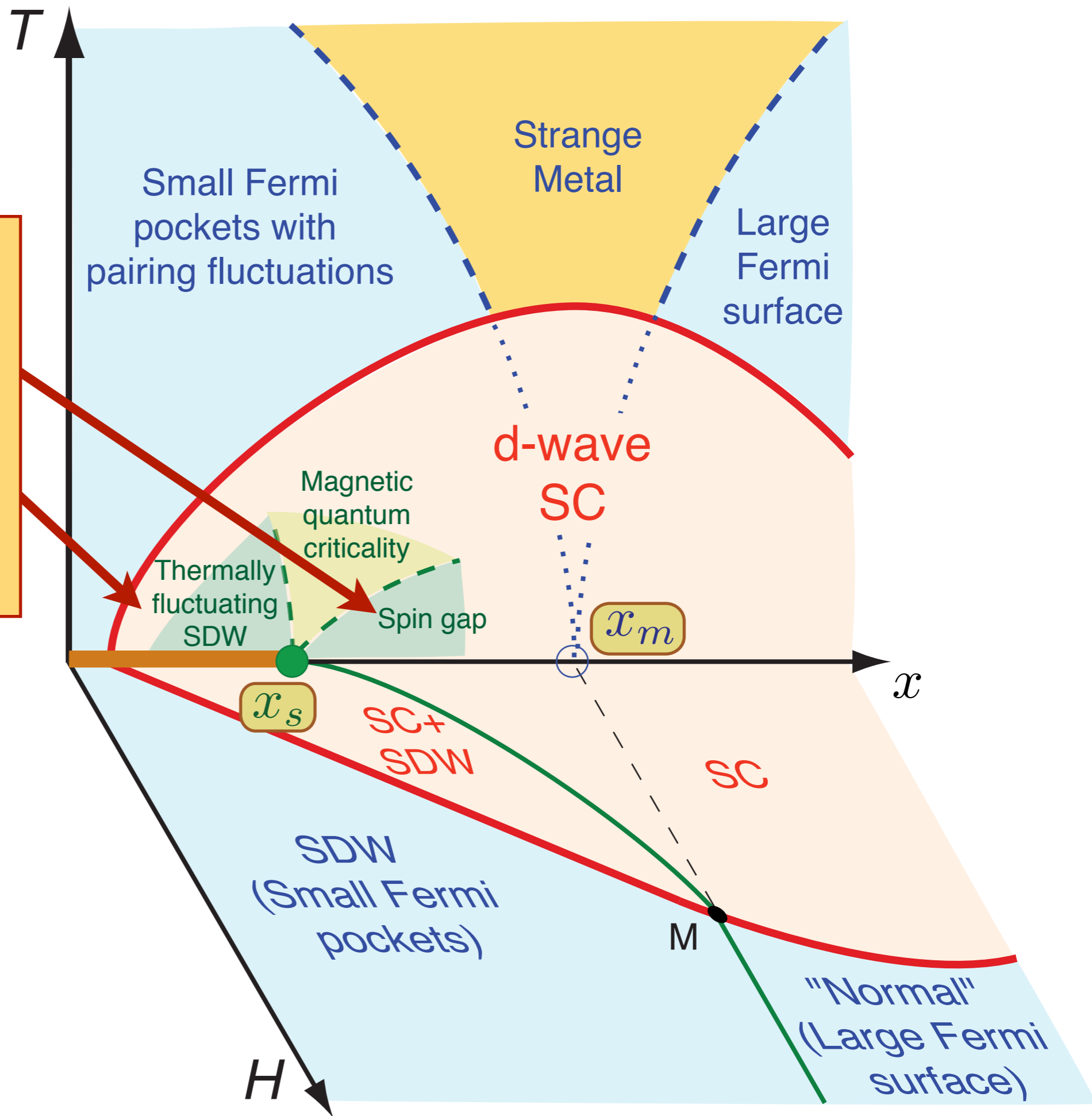
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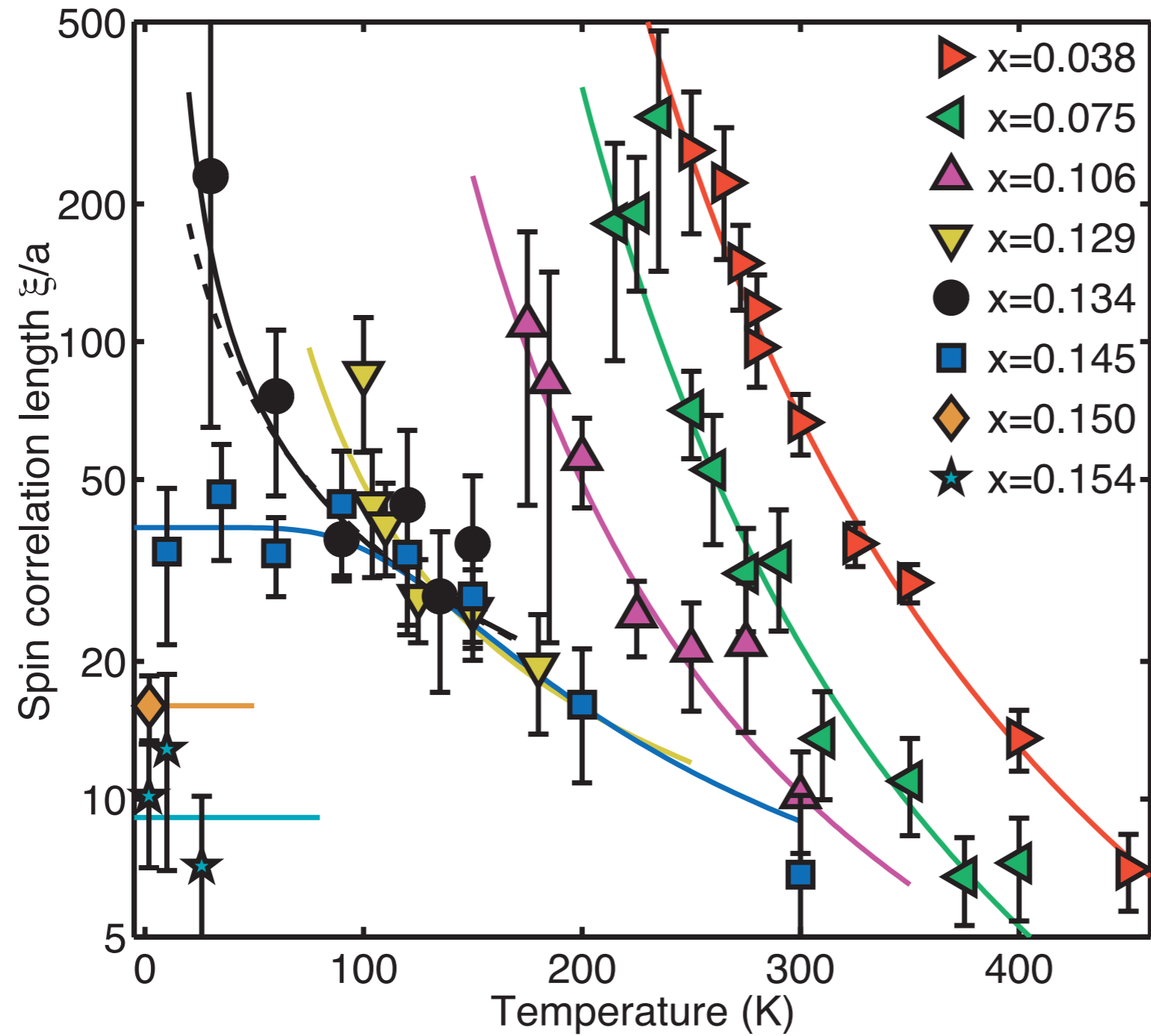
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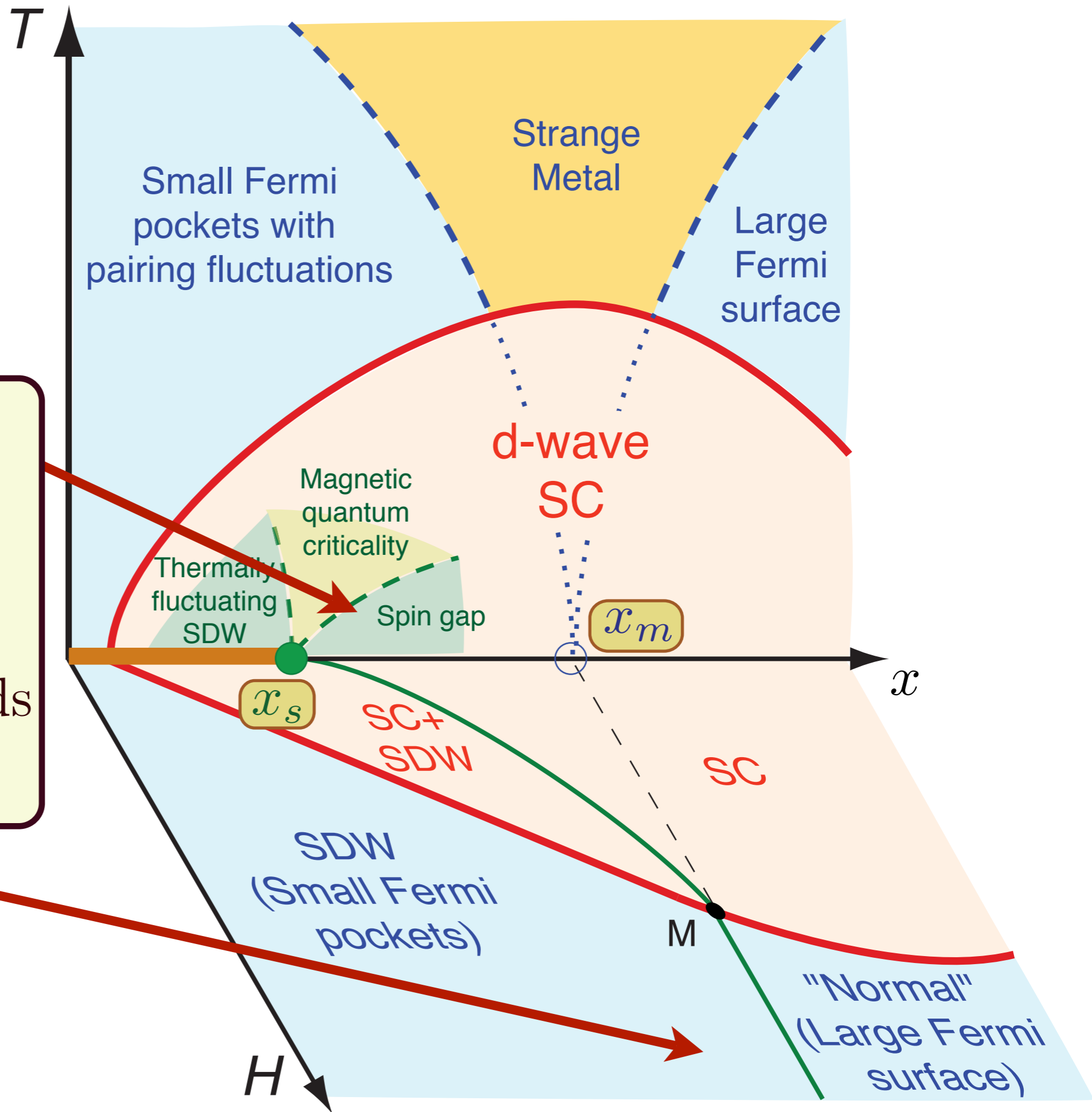
Neutron scattering at $H=0$ in **same** material identifies $x_s = 0.14 < x_m$





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Experiments on $\text{Nd}_{2-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{CuO}_4$ show that at low fields $x_s = 0.14$, while at high fields $x_m = 0.165$.



Conclusions

General theory of finite temperature dynamics and transport near quantum critical points, with applications to antiferromagnets, graphene, and superconductors

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The AdS/CFT offers promise in providing a new understanding of strongly interacting quantum matter at non-zero density

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Identified quantum criticality in cuprate superconductors with a critical point at optimal doping associated with onset of spin density wave order in a metal

Elusive optimal doping quantum critical point has been “hiding in plain sight”.

It is shifted to lower doping by the onset of superconductivity