Quantum spin liquids and the phase diagram of the cuprates

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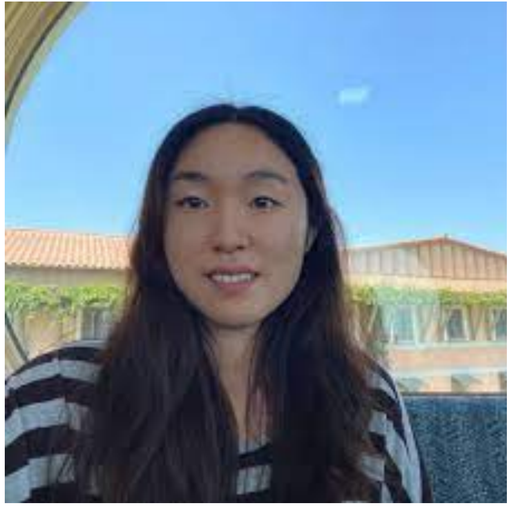

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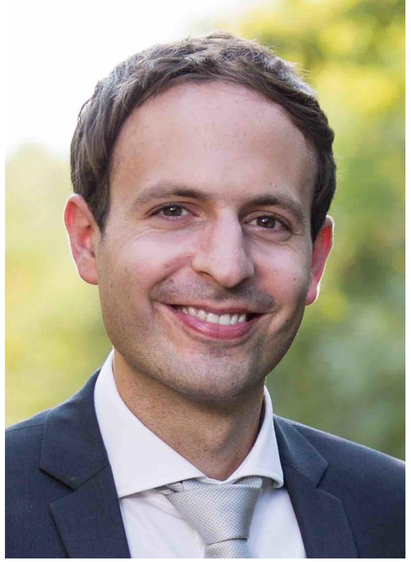

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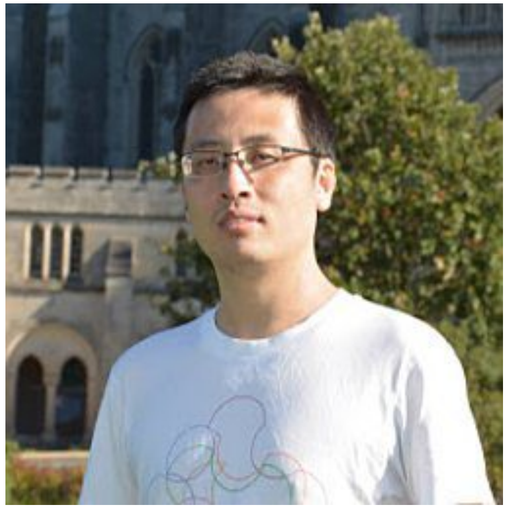

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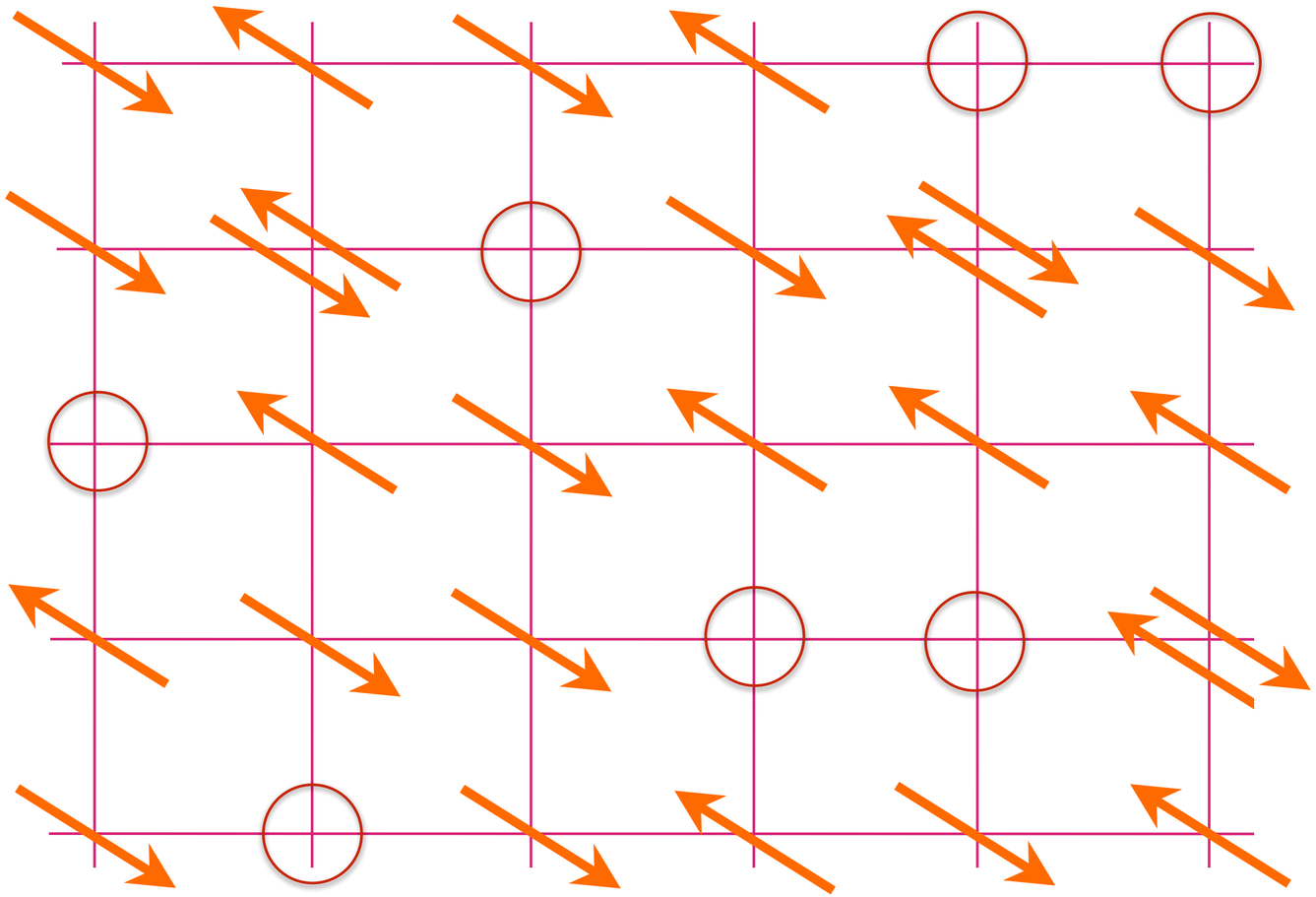
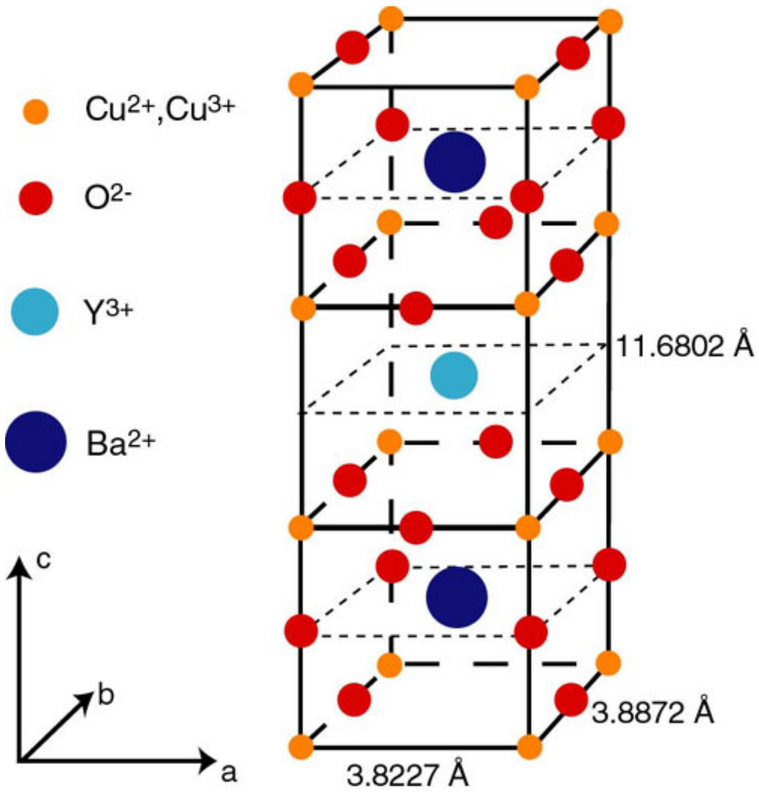
Square lattice Hubbard model with electron density $1-p$.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Hubbard}} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{p}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{p}\alpha} + U \sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \ldots$$





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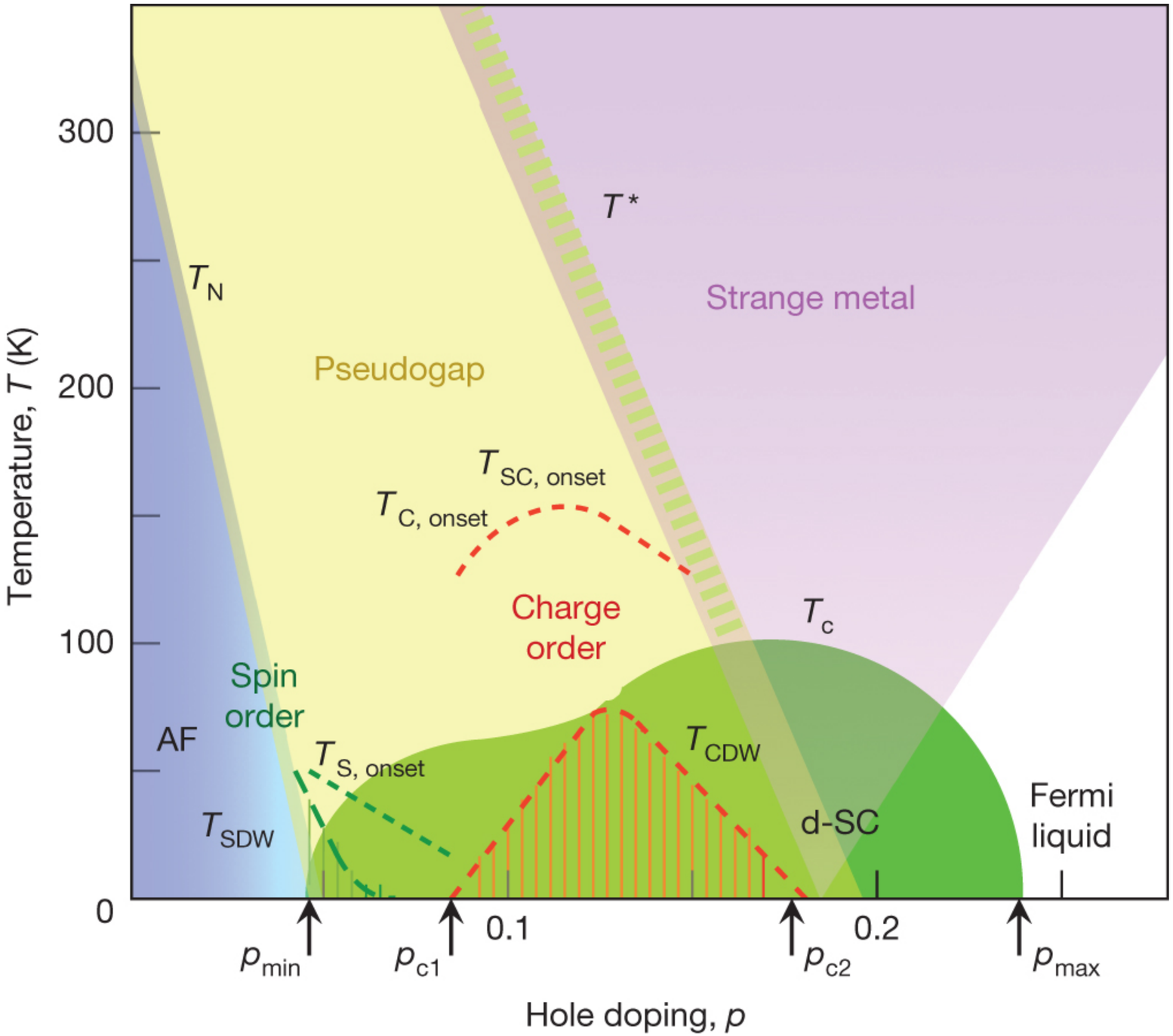

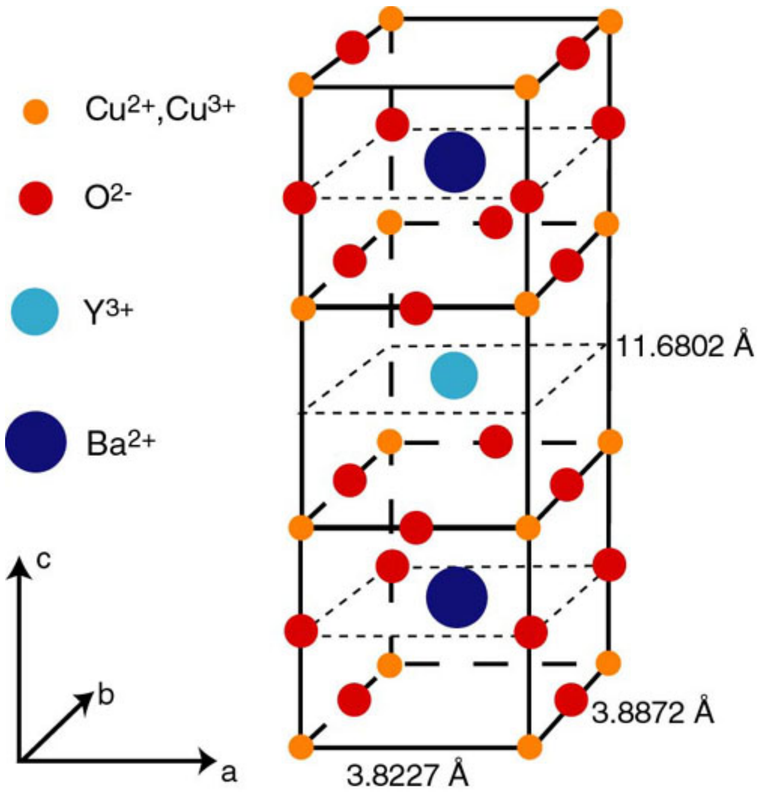

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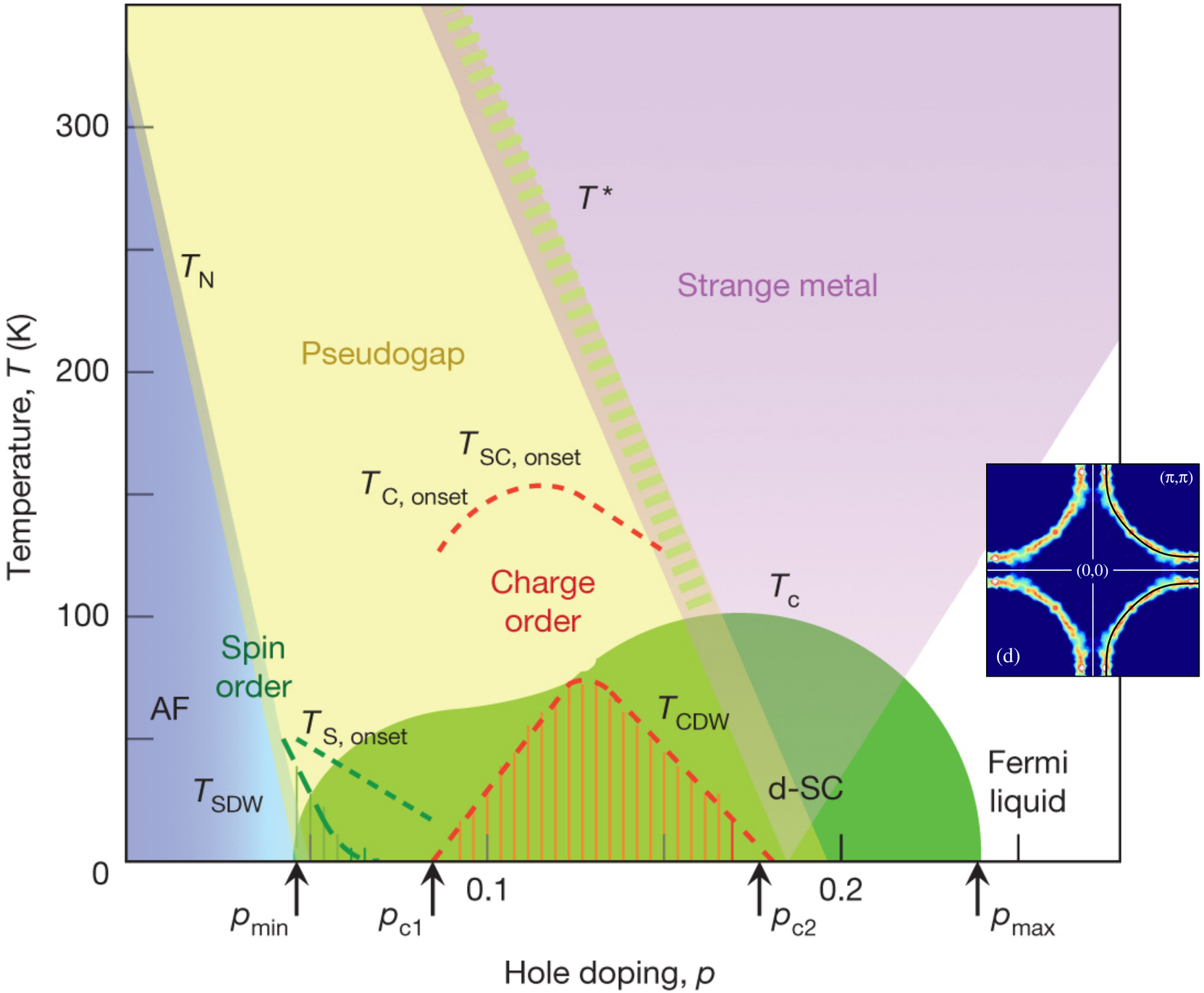

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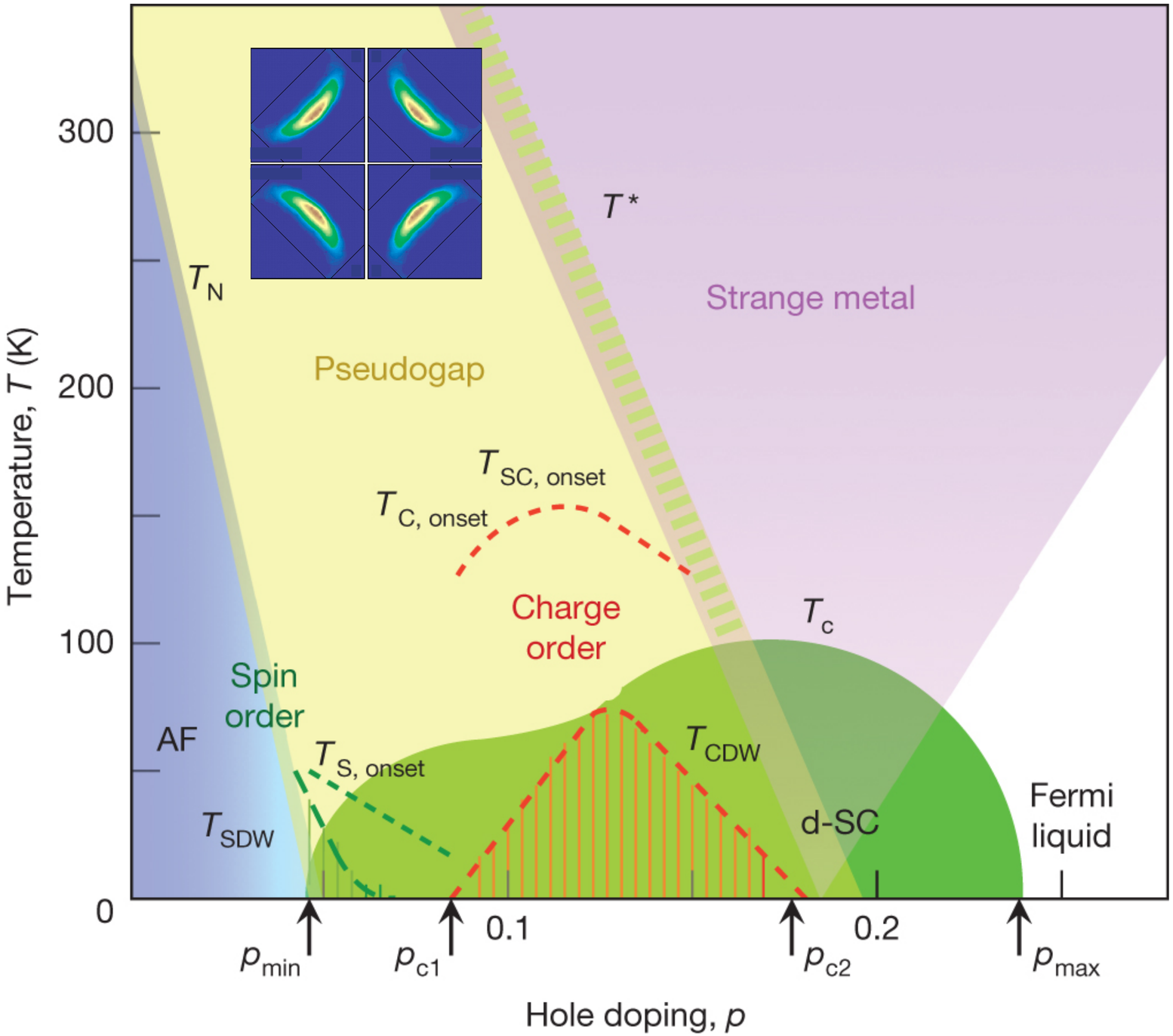

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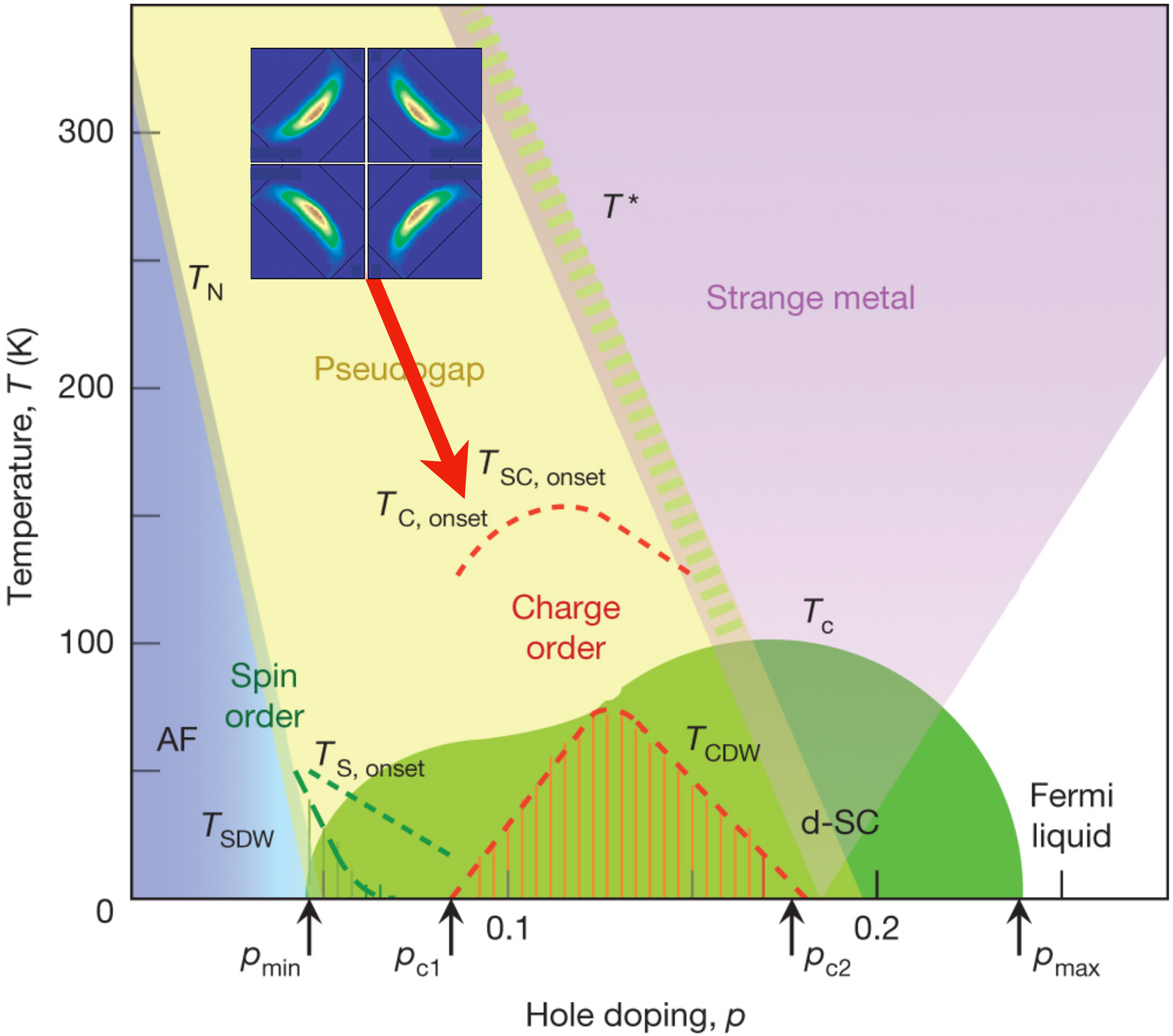

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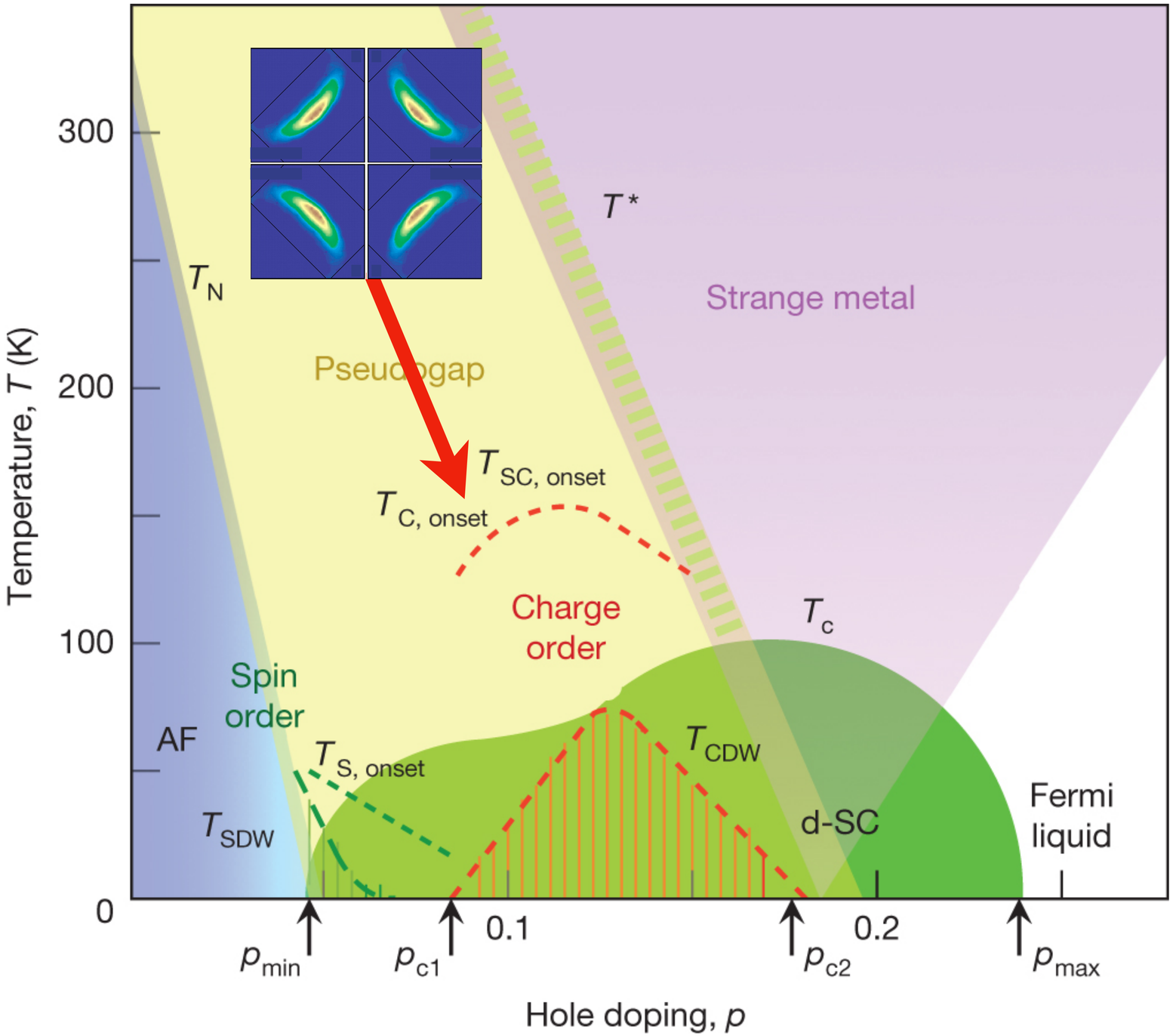

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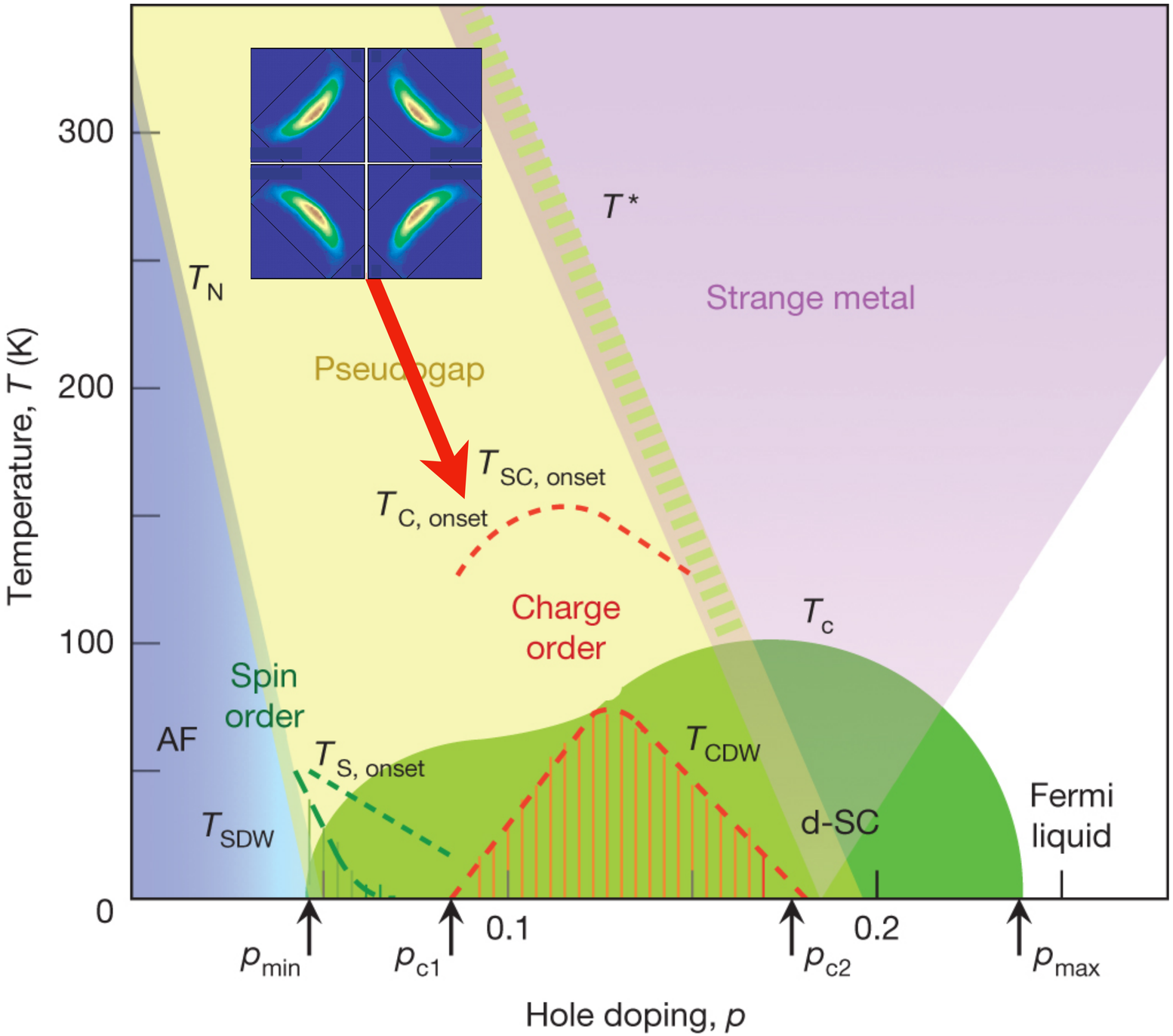

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Should we think of the pseudogap as a metal with "fluctuating" charge and/or superconducting order?

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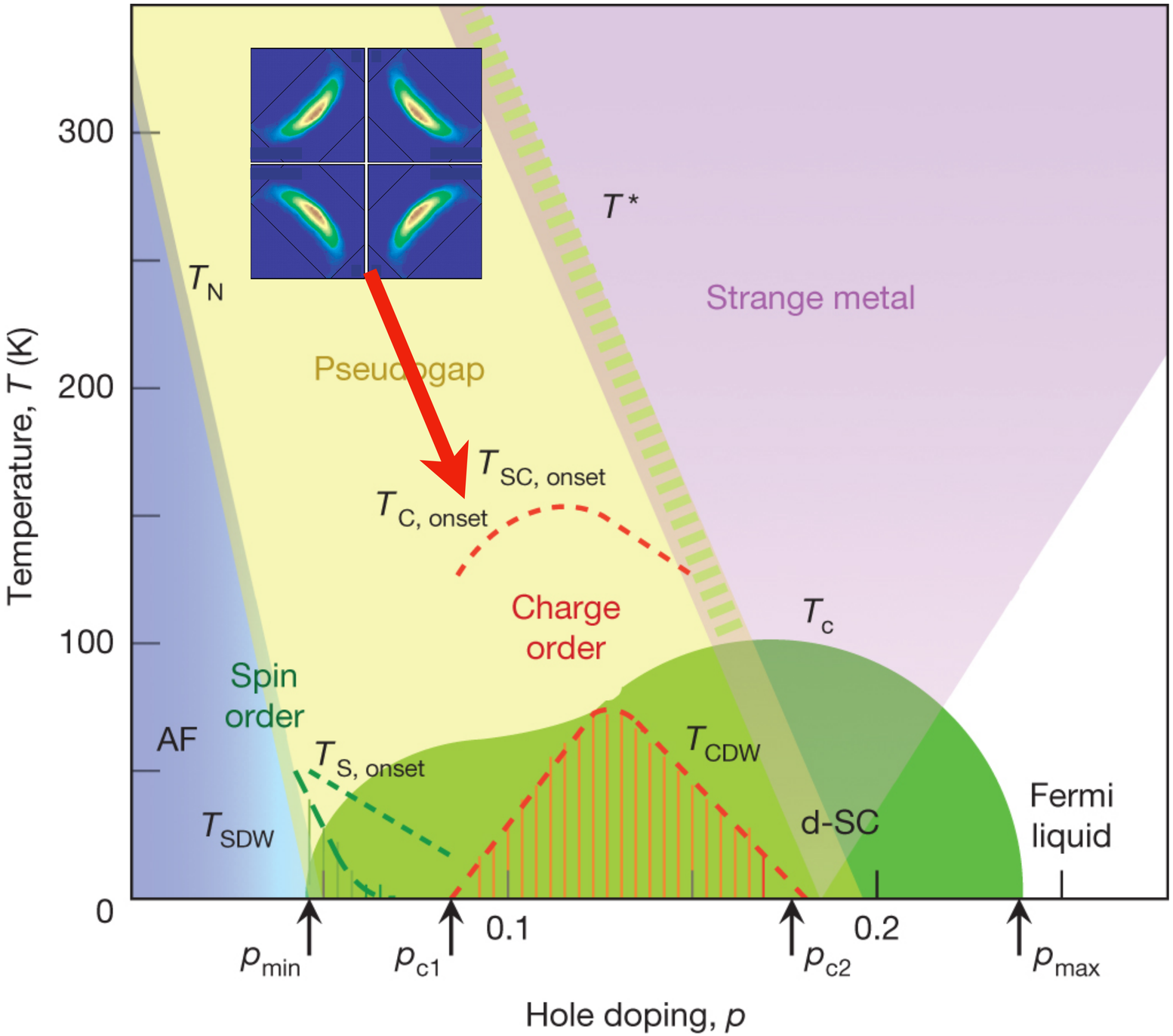

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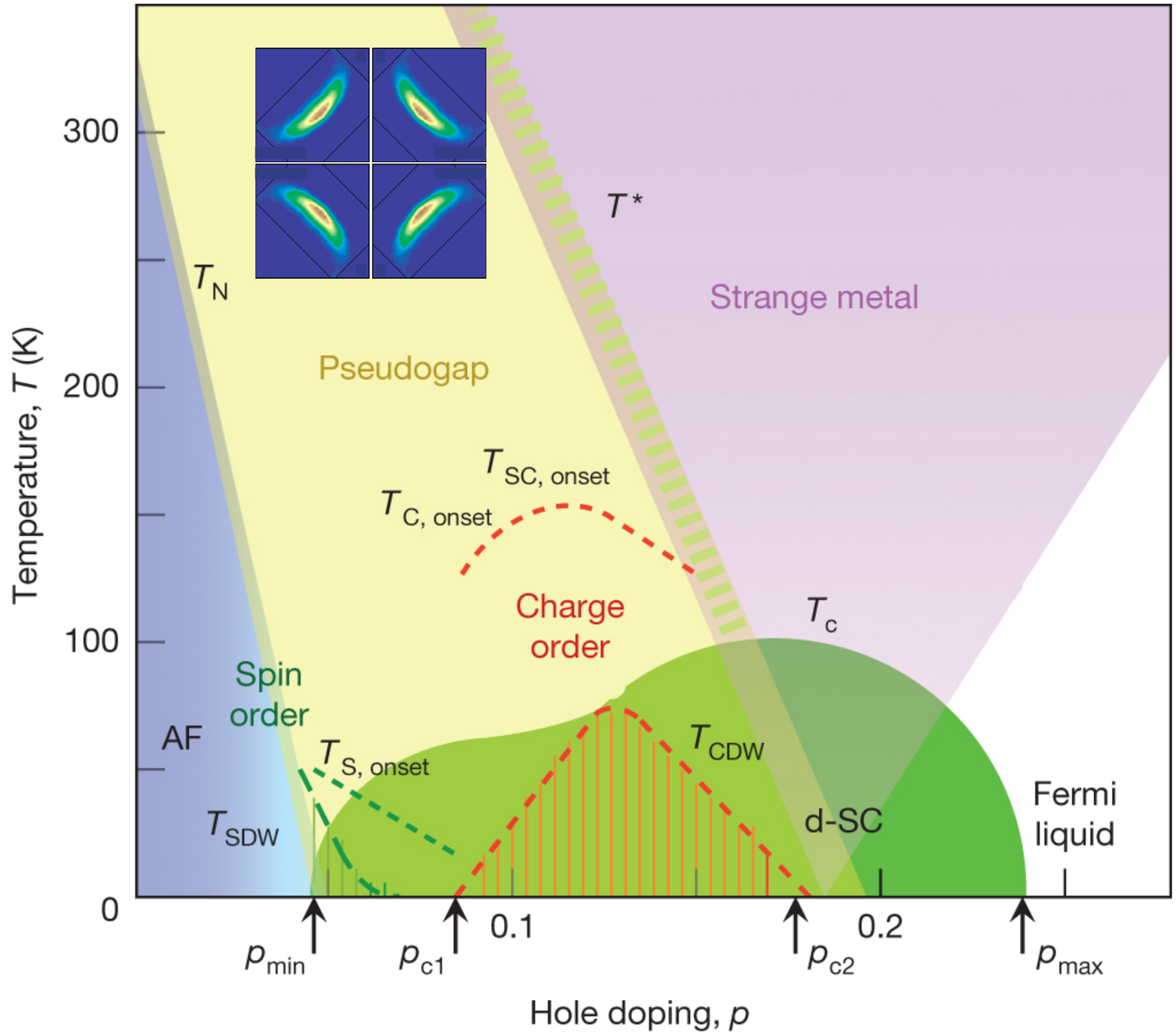

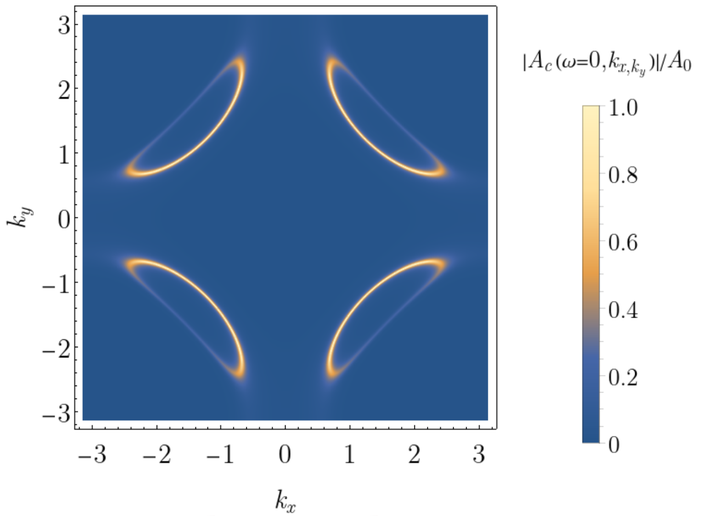

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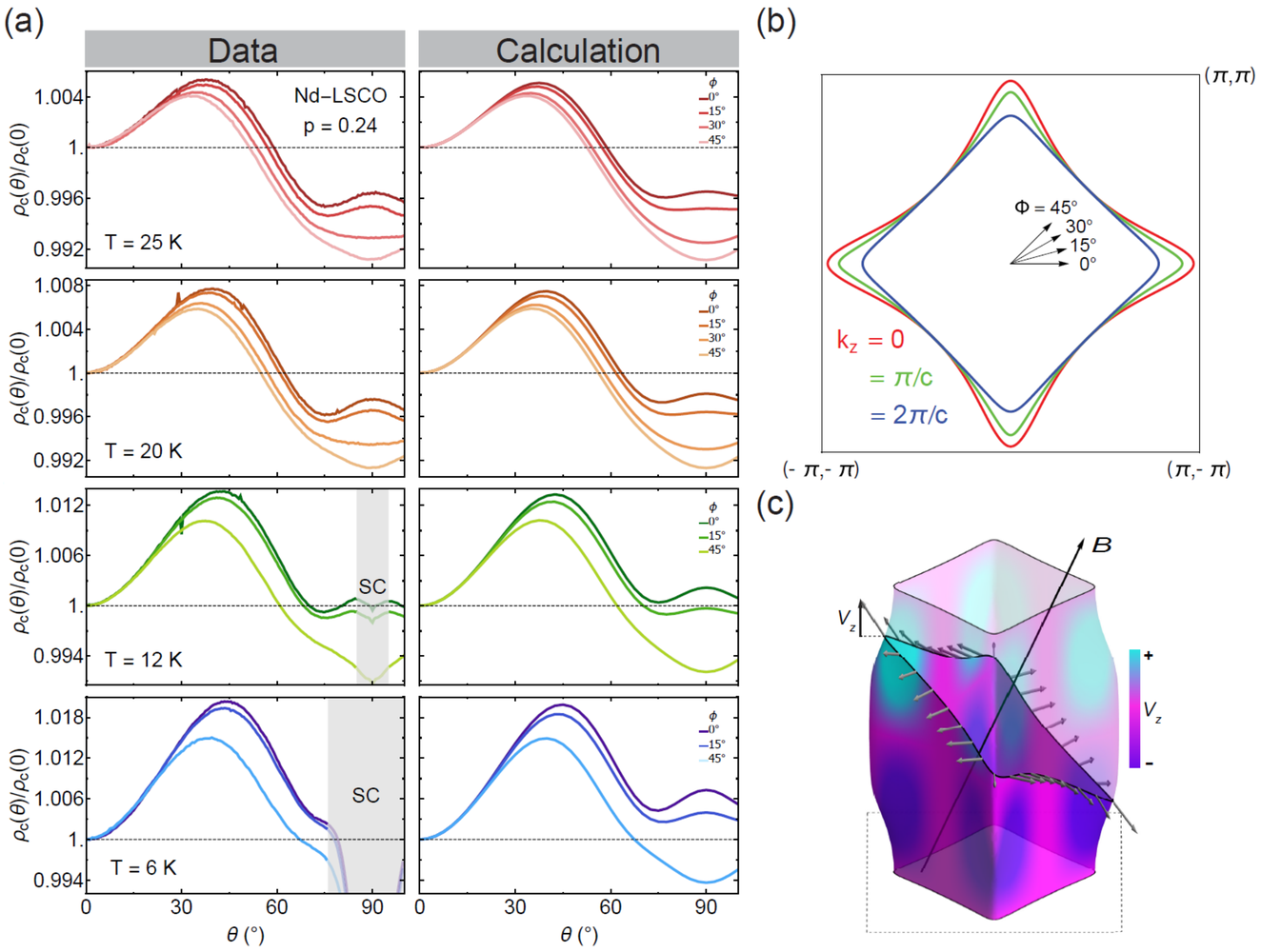

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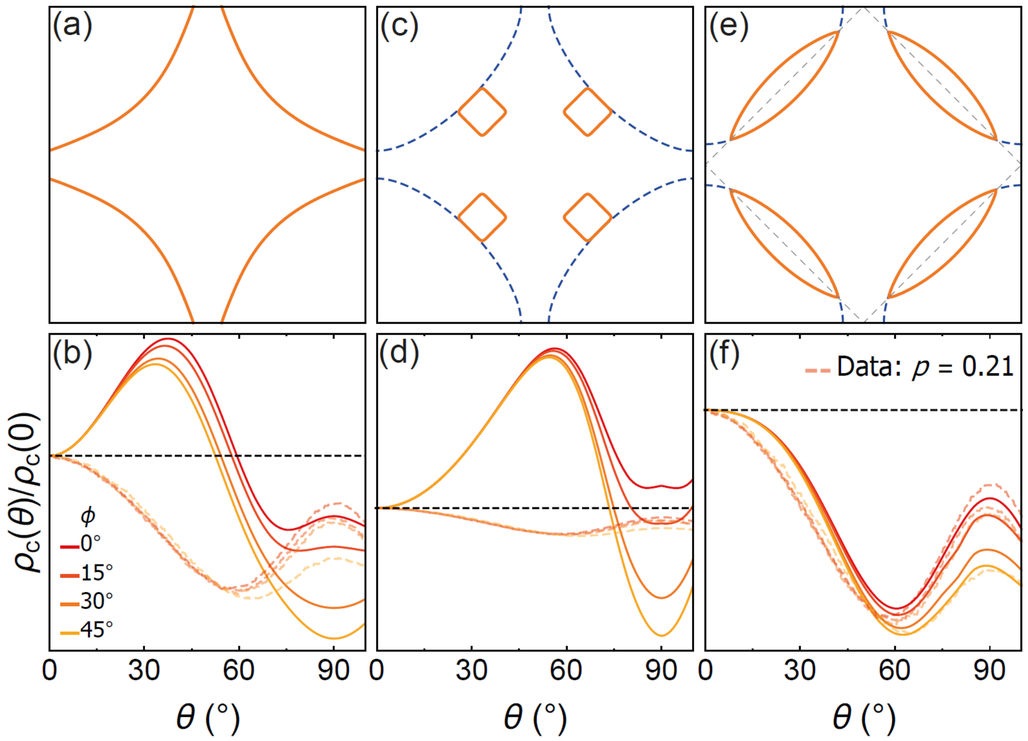

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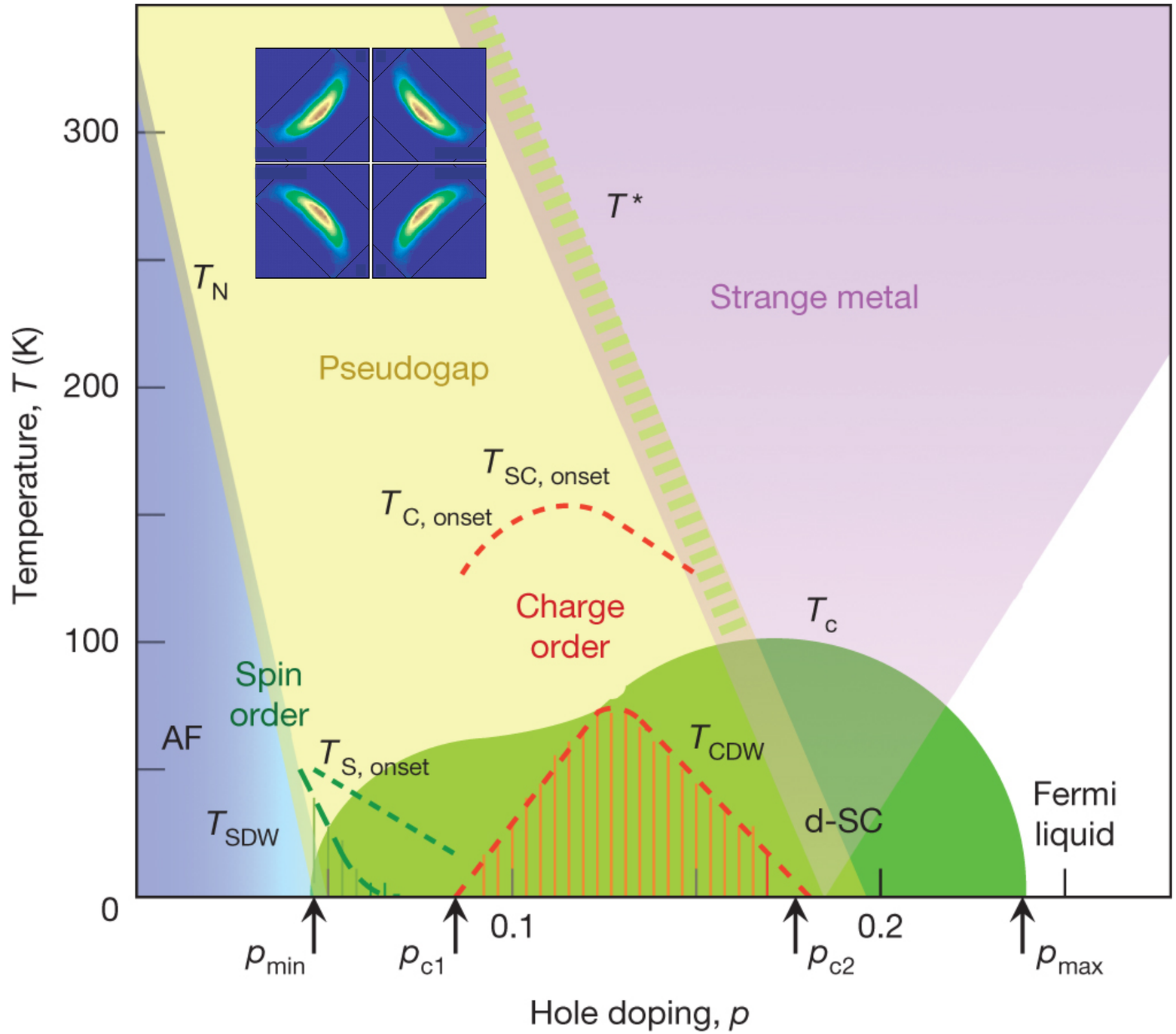

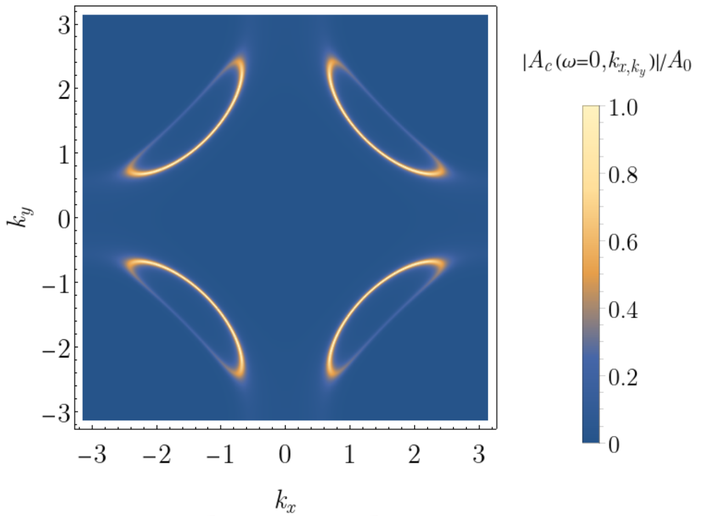

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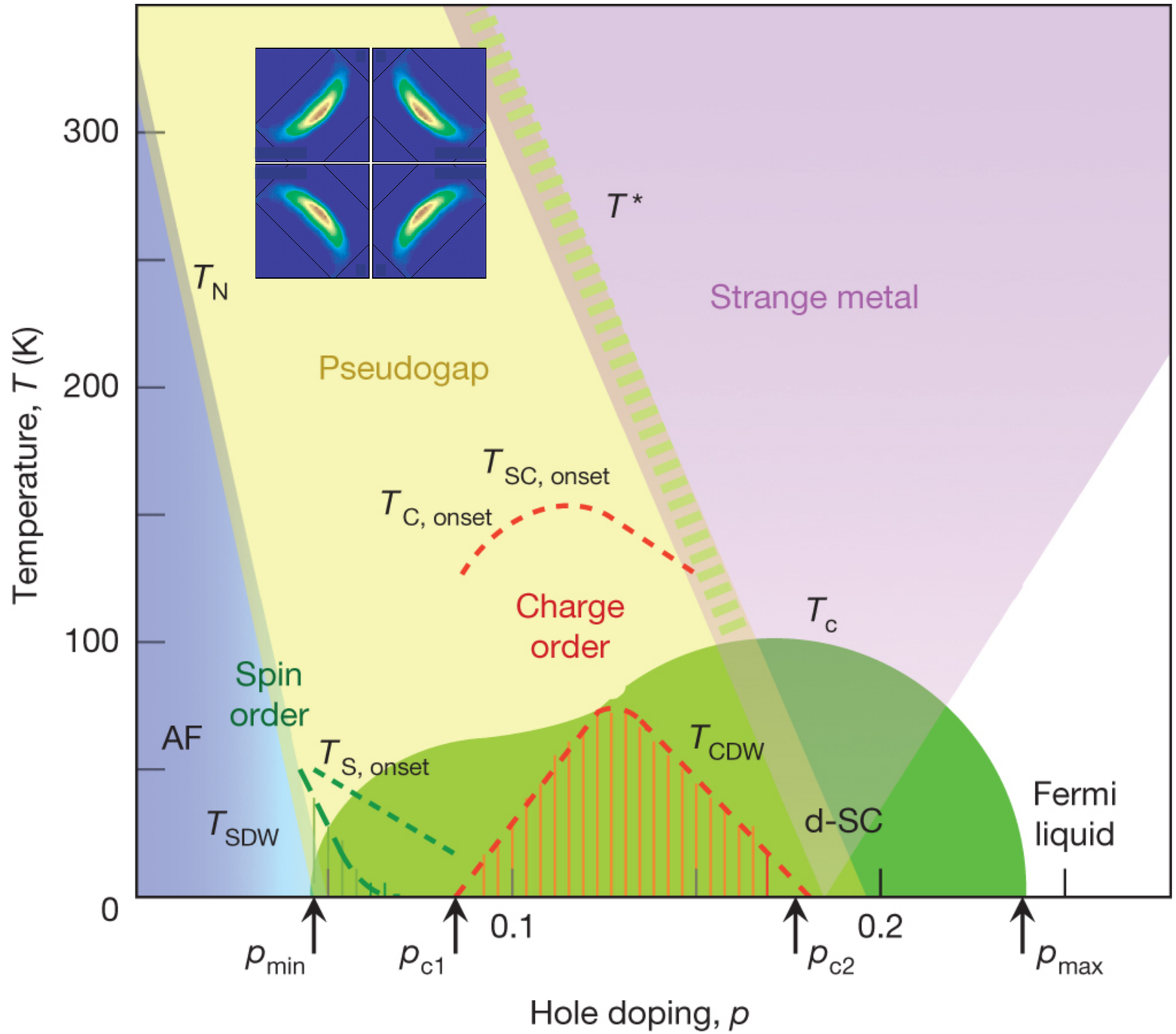

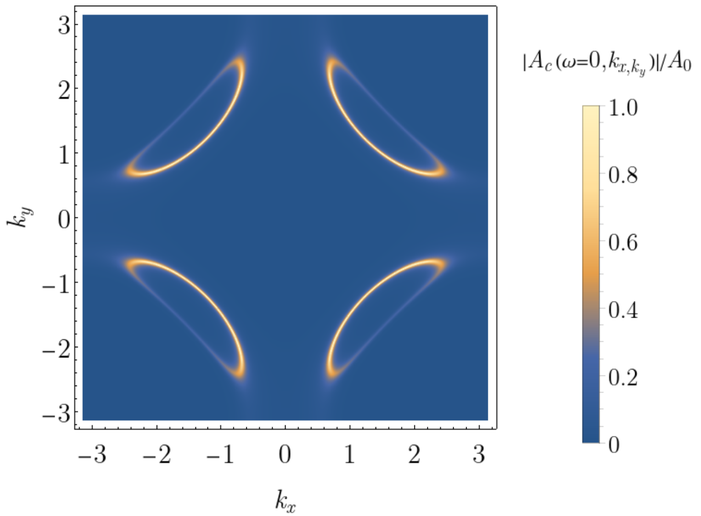

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'spectator' square lattice spin liquid *at half-filling.*

FL*: Spin liquid is *required* because the Fermi surface does not enclose the Luttinger volume $(1+p)$.

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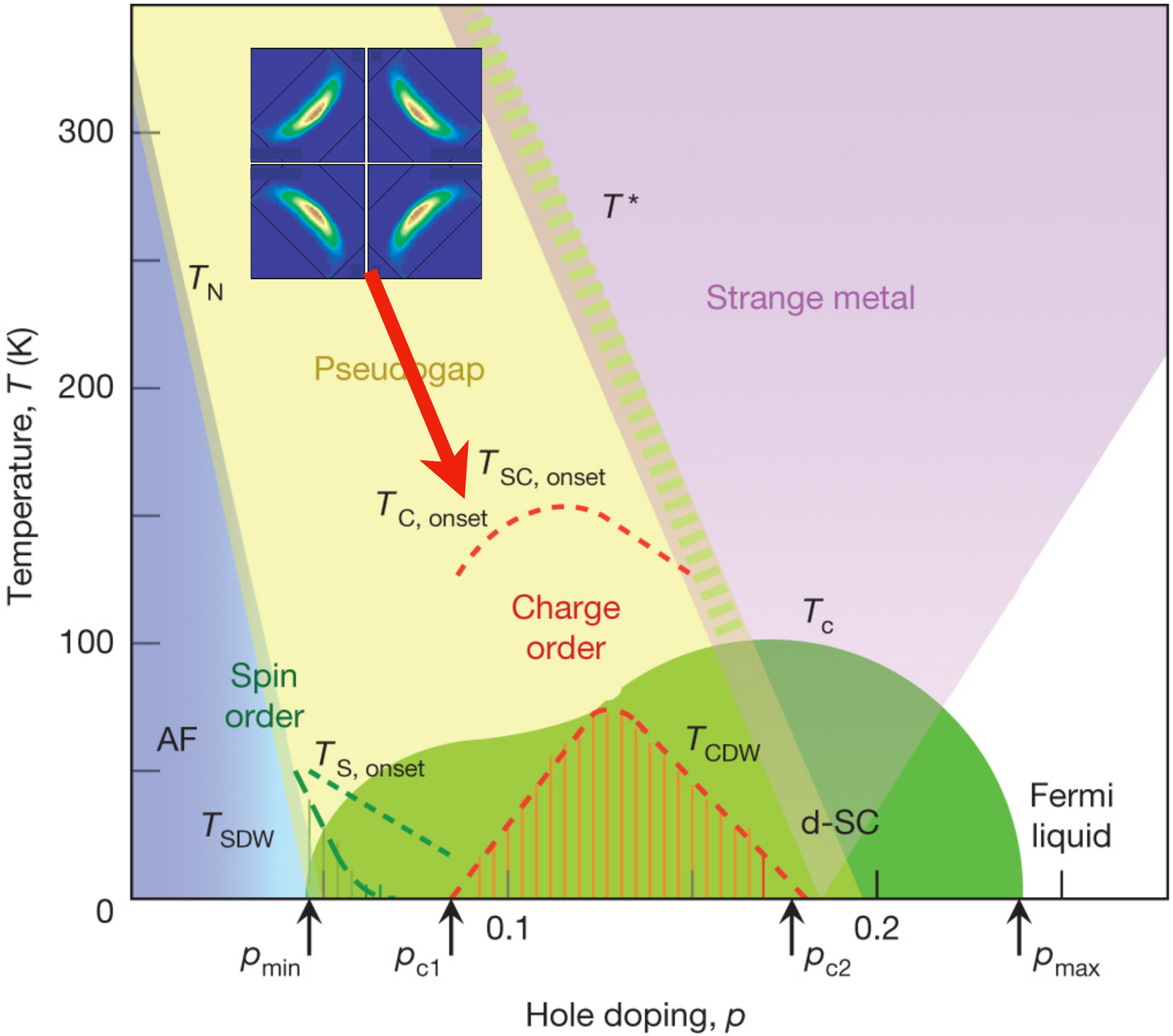

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The onset of conventional order is a *confinement transition* for the emergent gauge theory describing the fractionalized excitations of the spin liquid in the FL* state.

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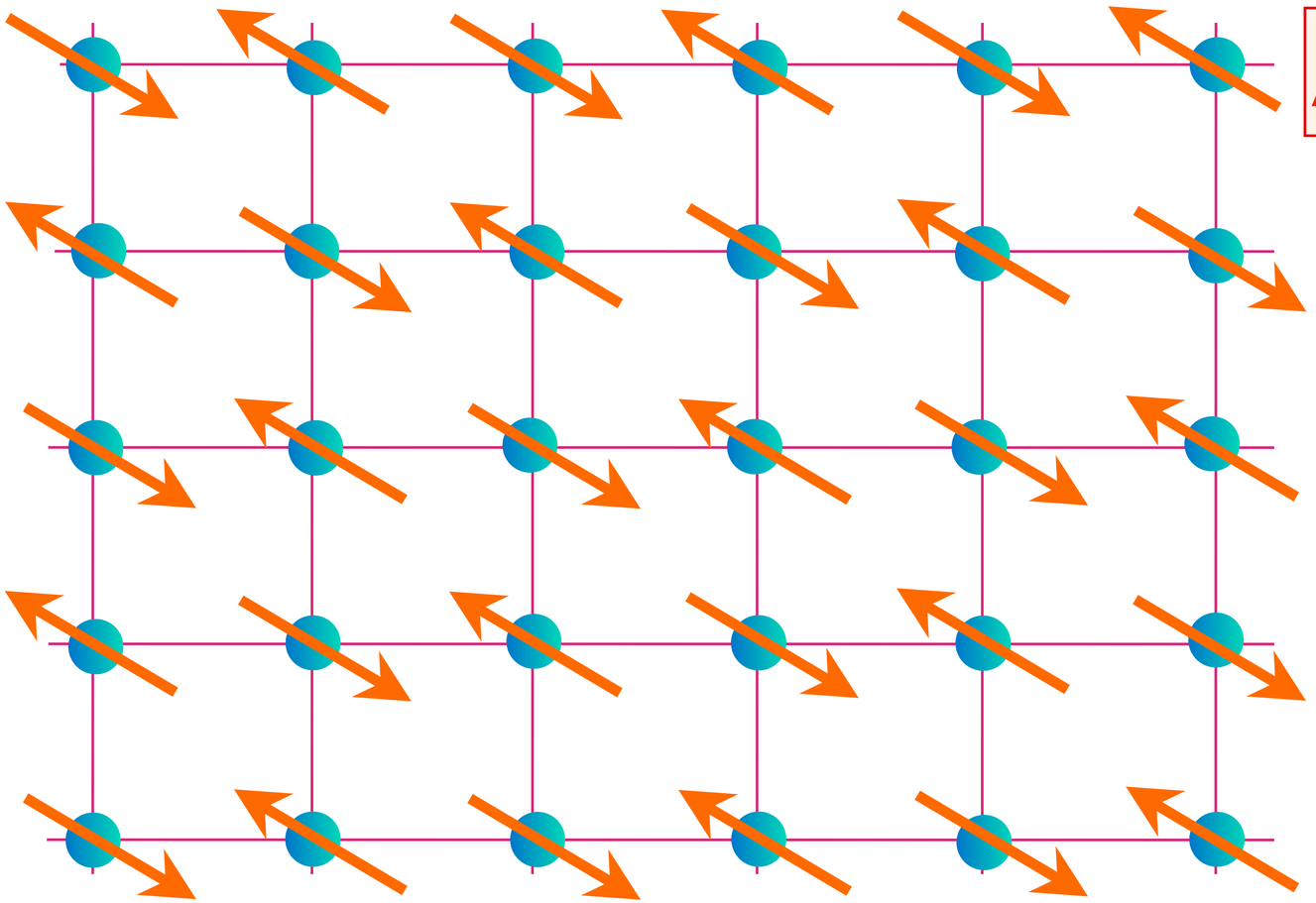

Antiferromagnetism

All nearest-neighbor pairs of electrons have opposite spins

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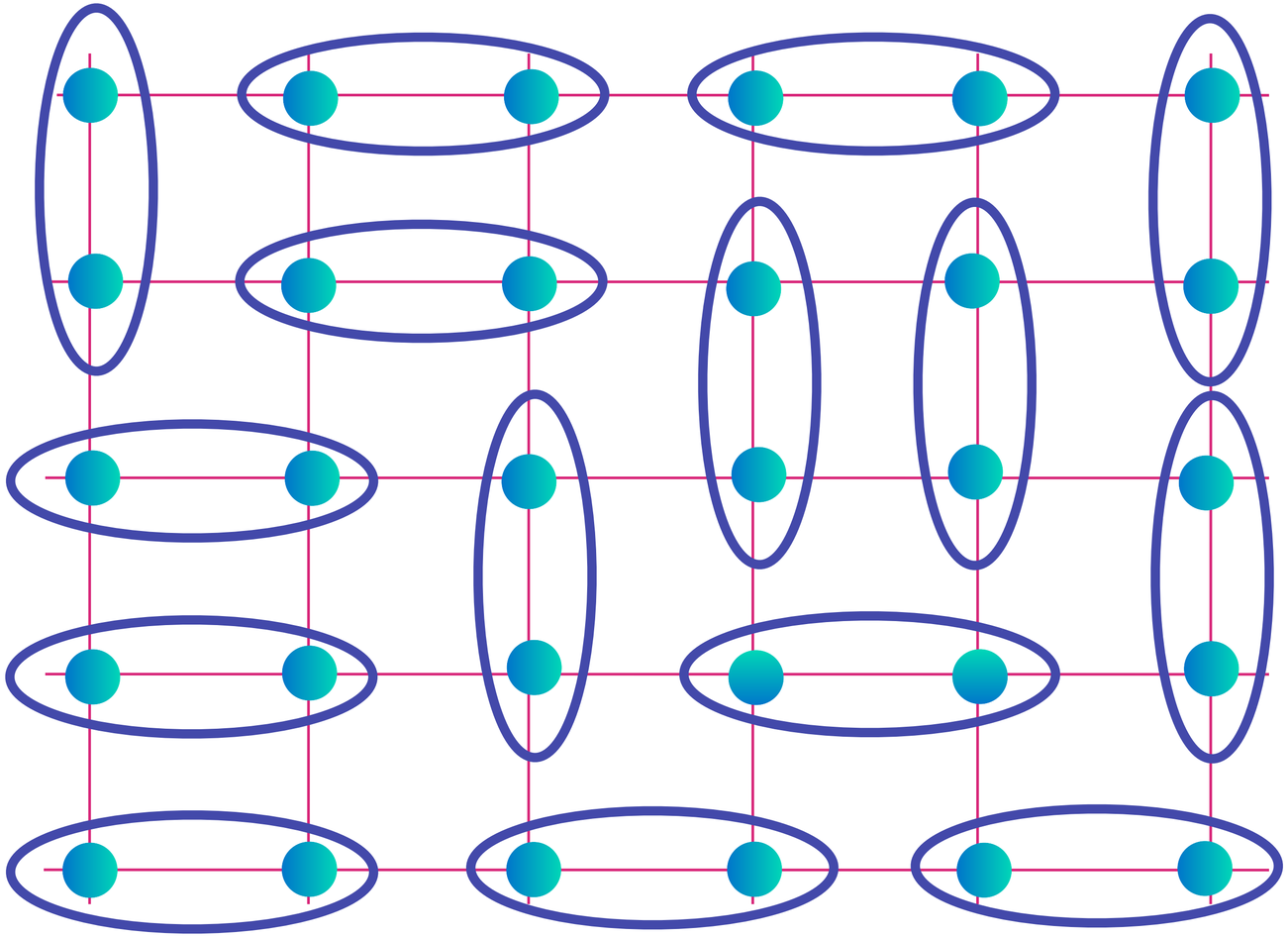

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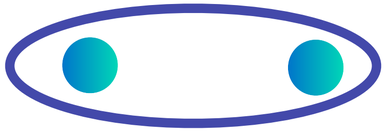

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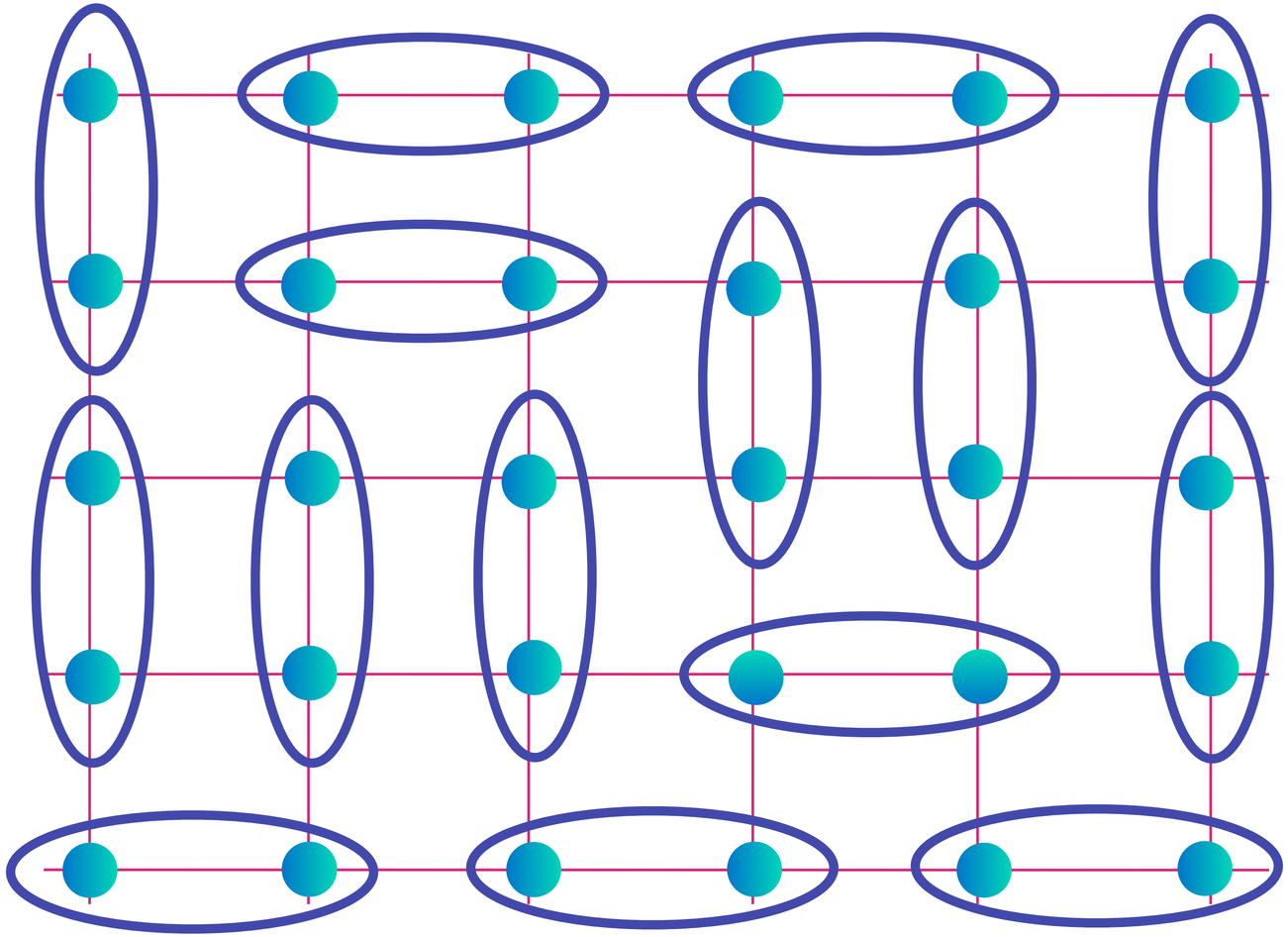

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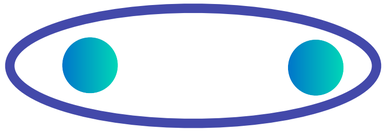

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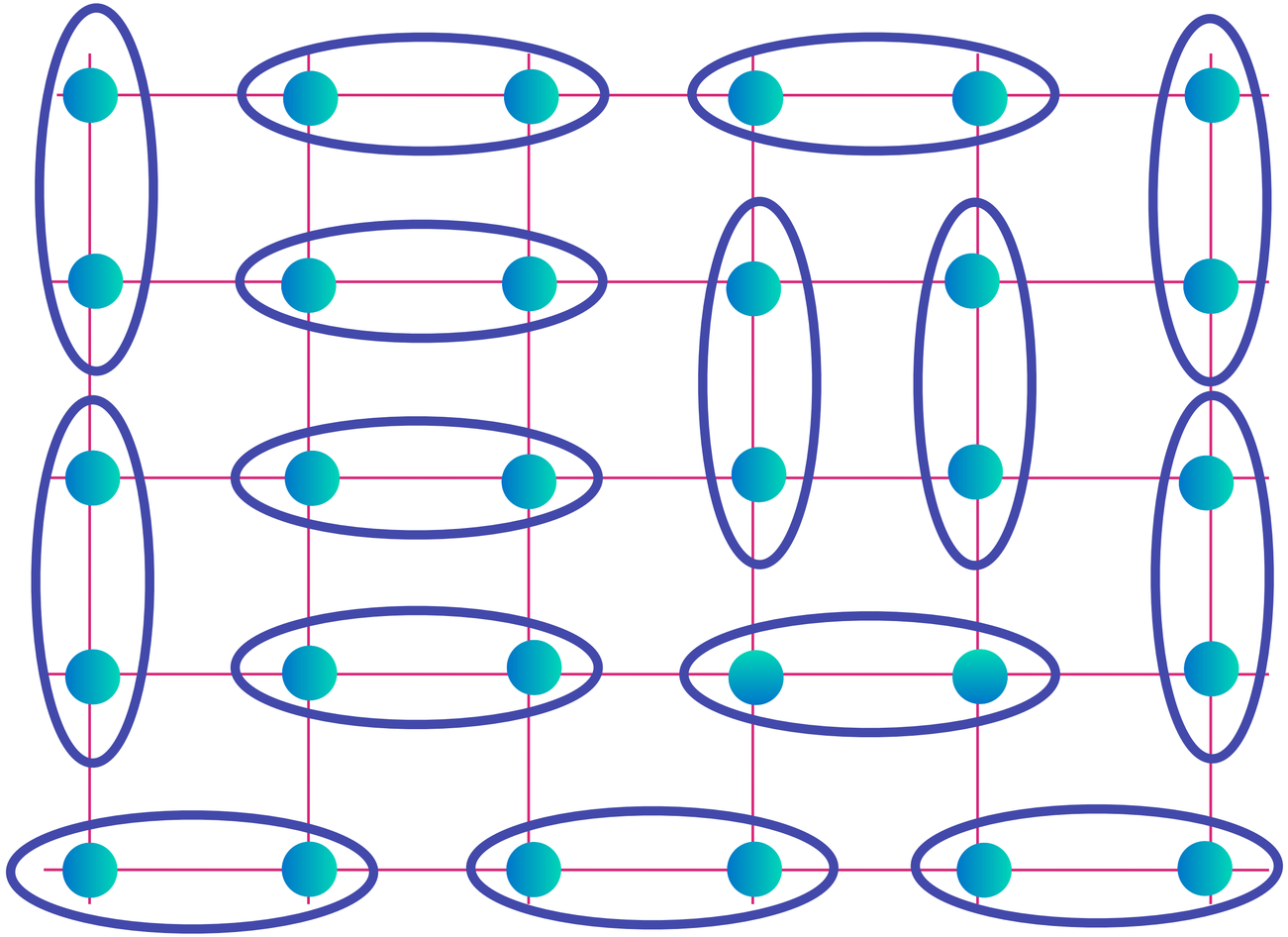

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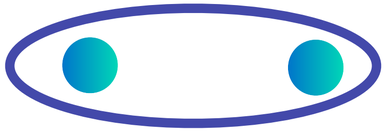

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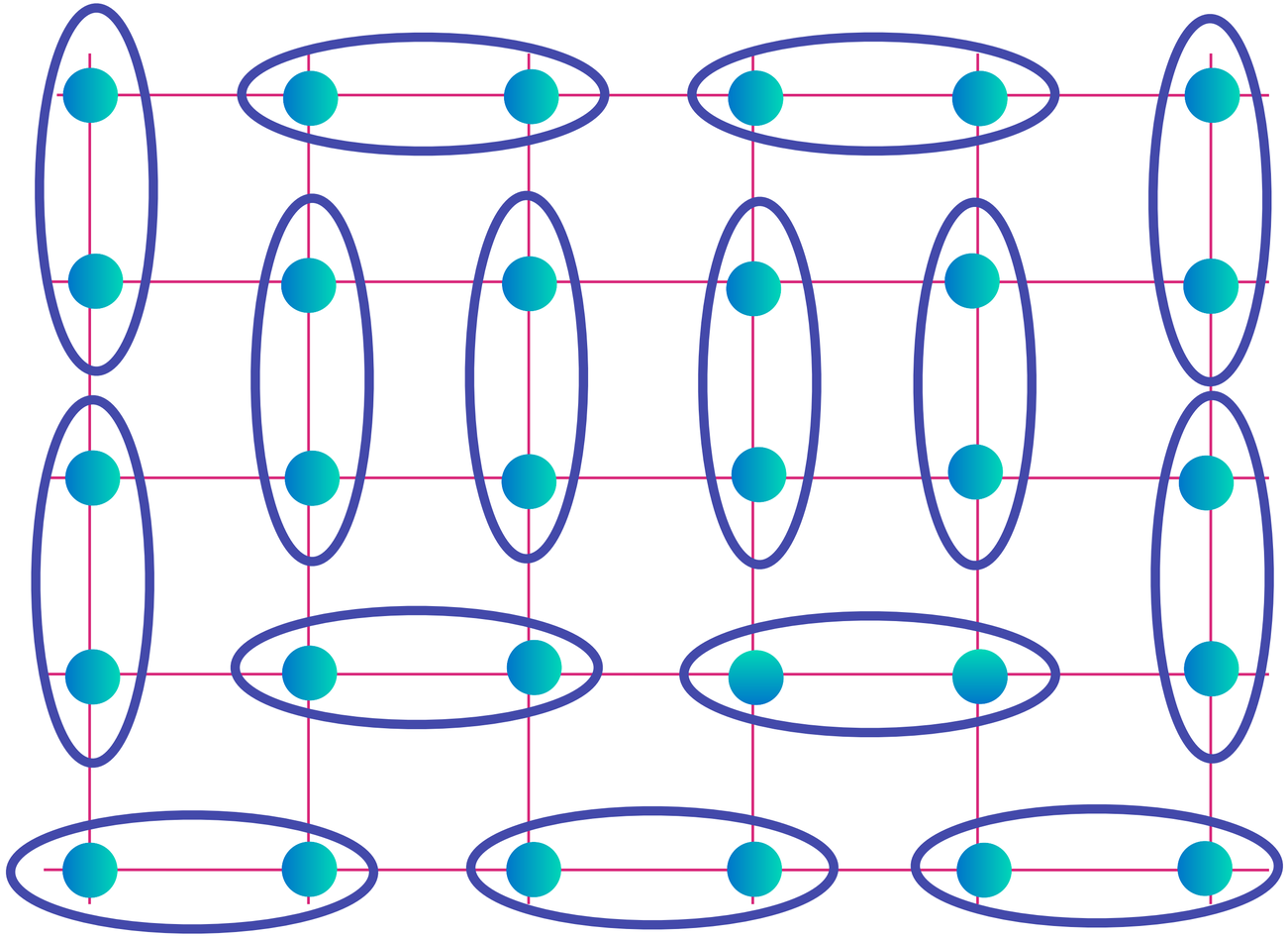

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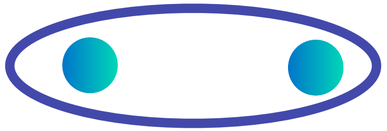

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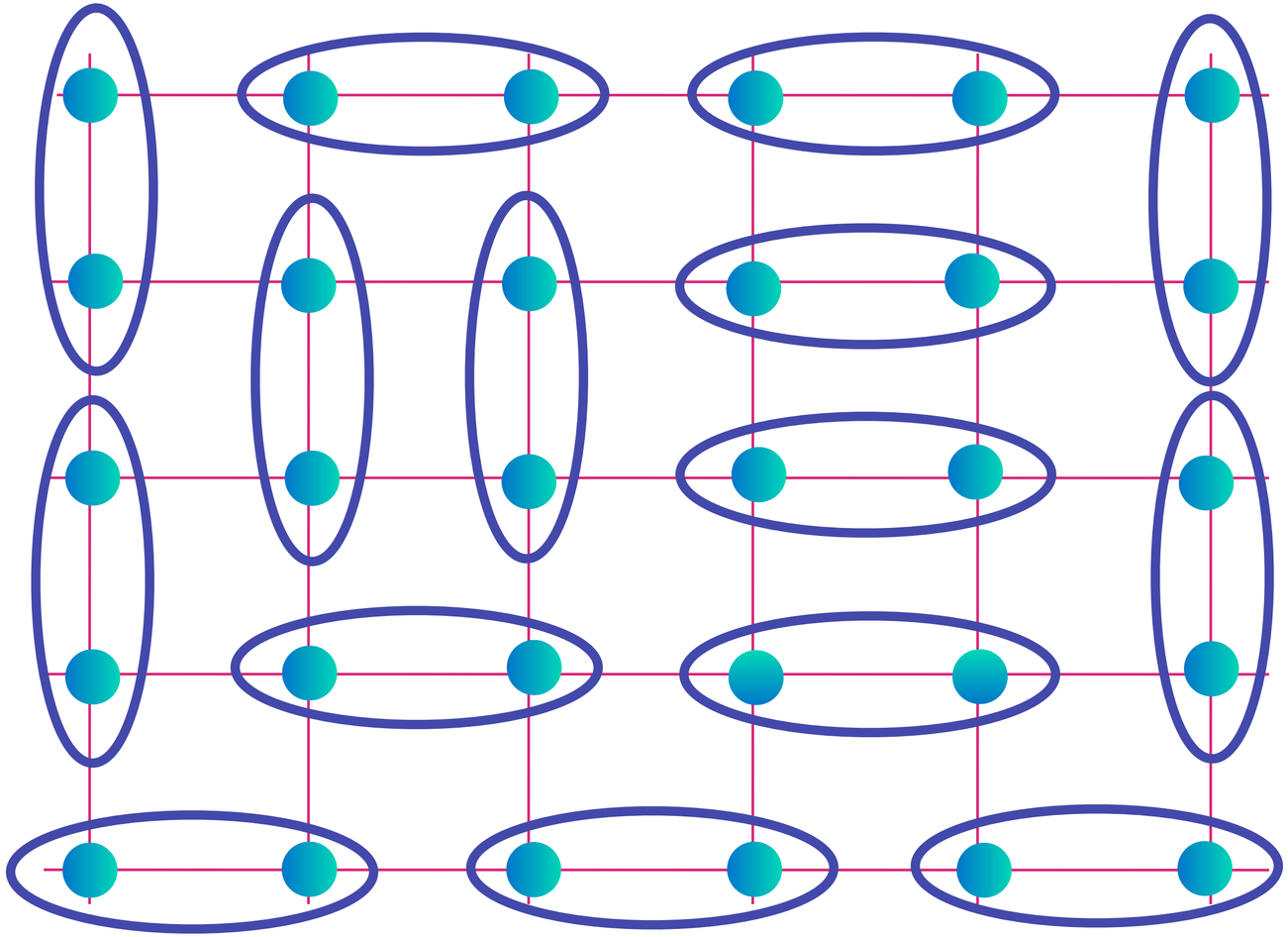

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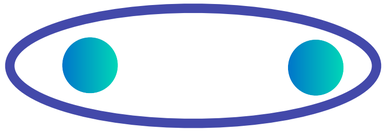

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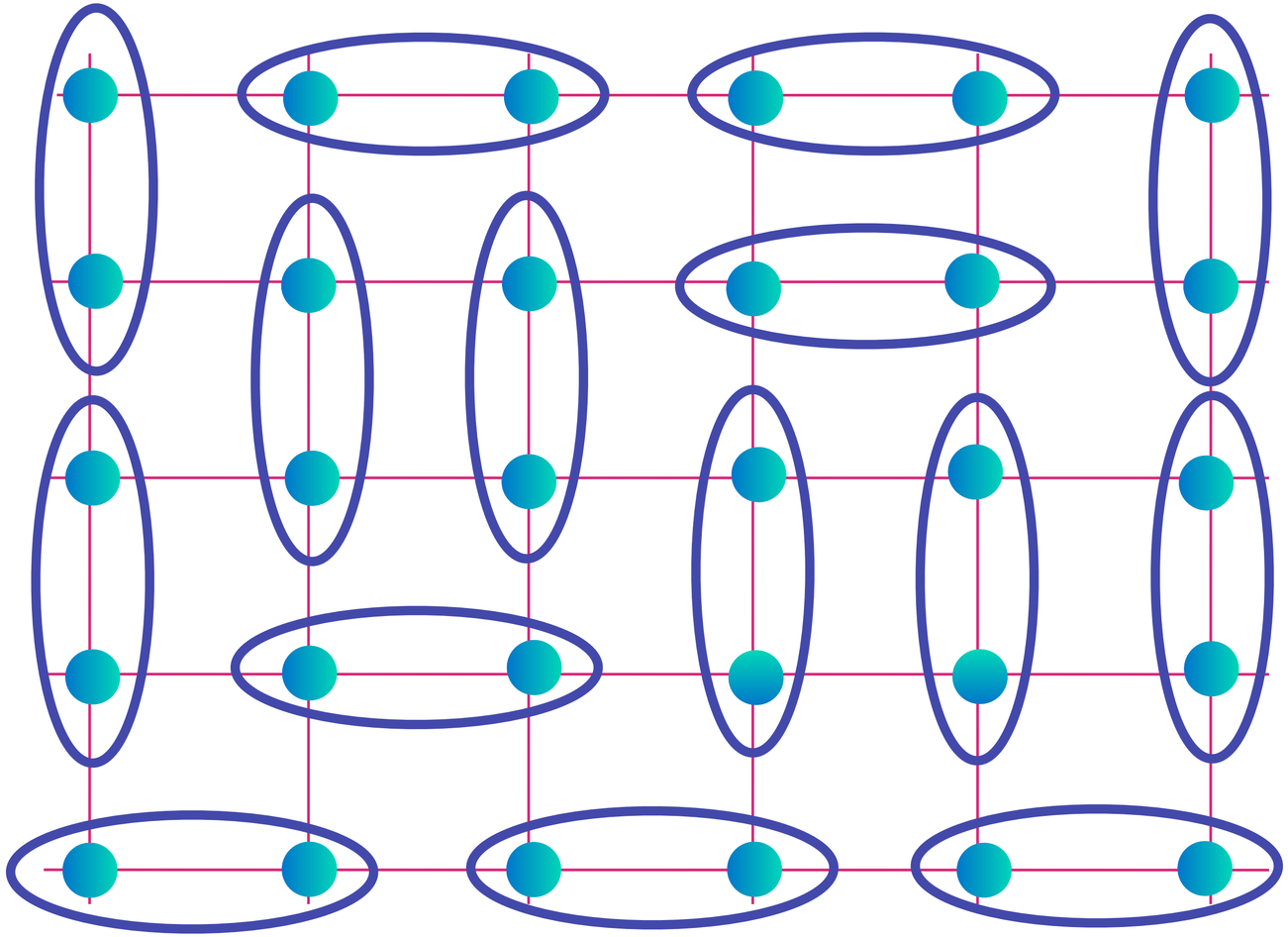

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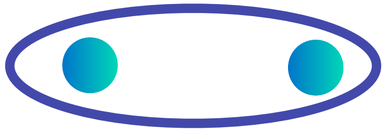

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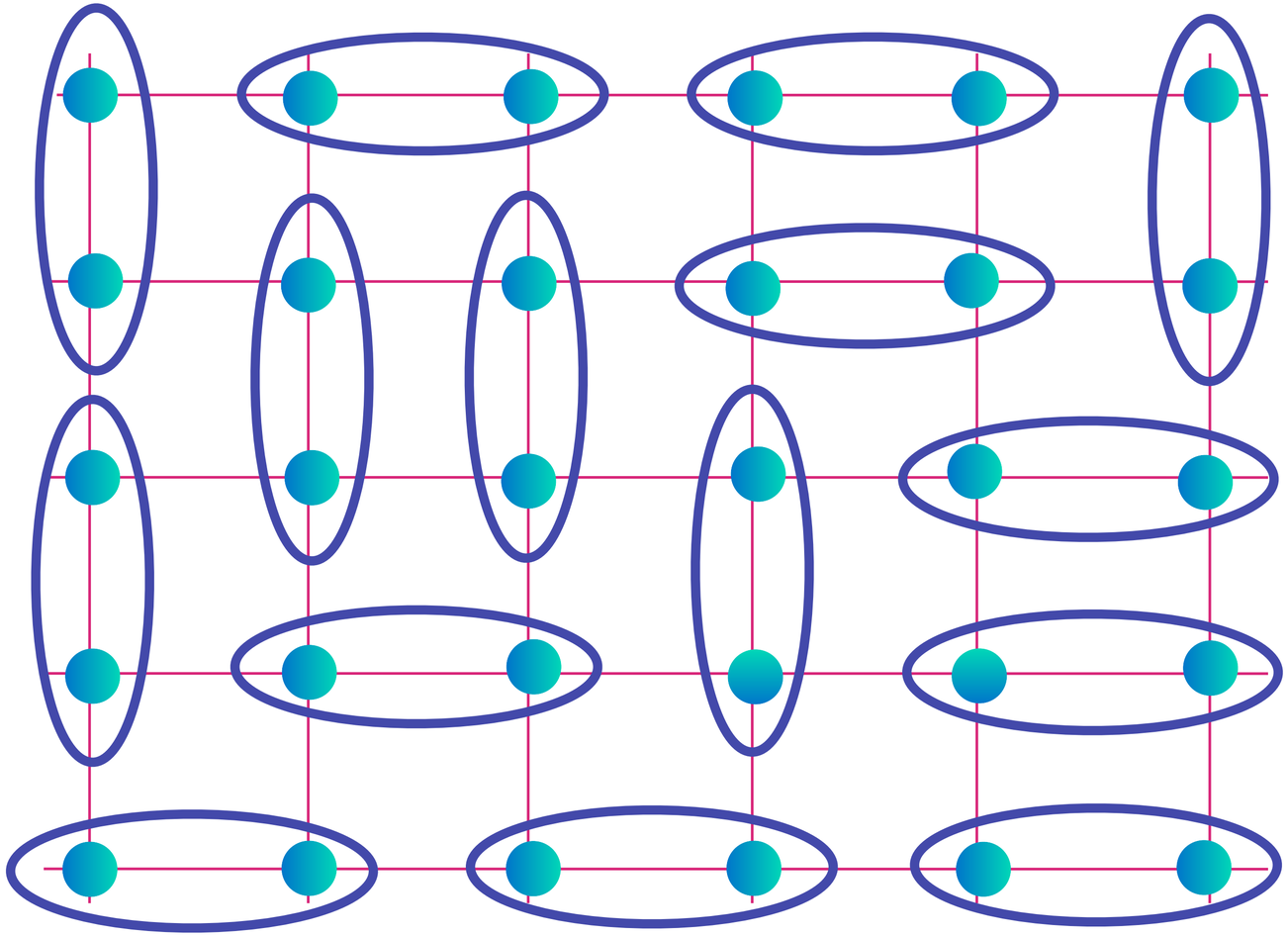

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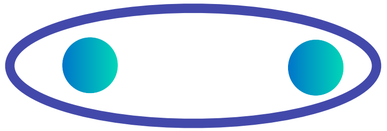

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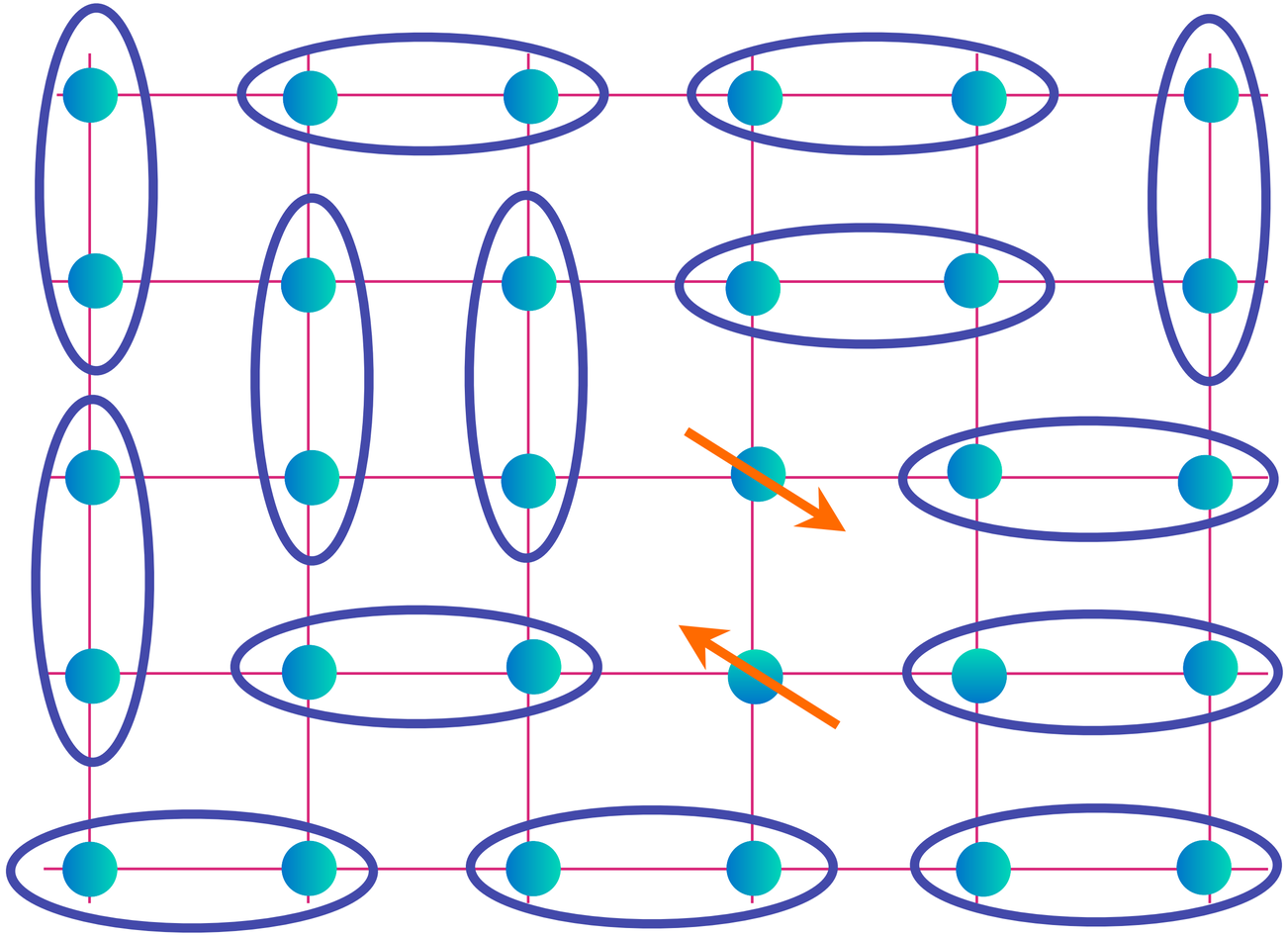

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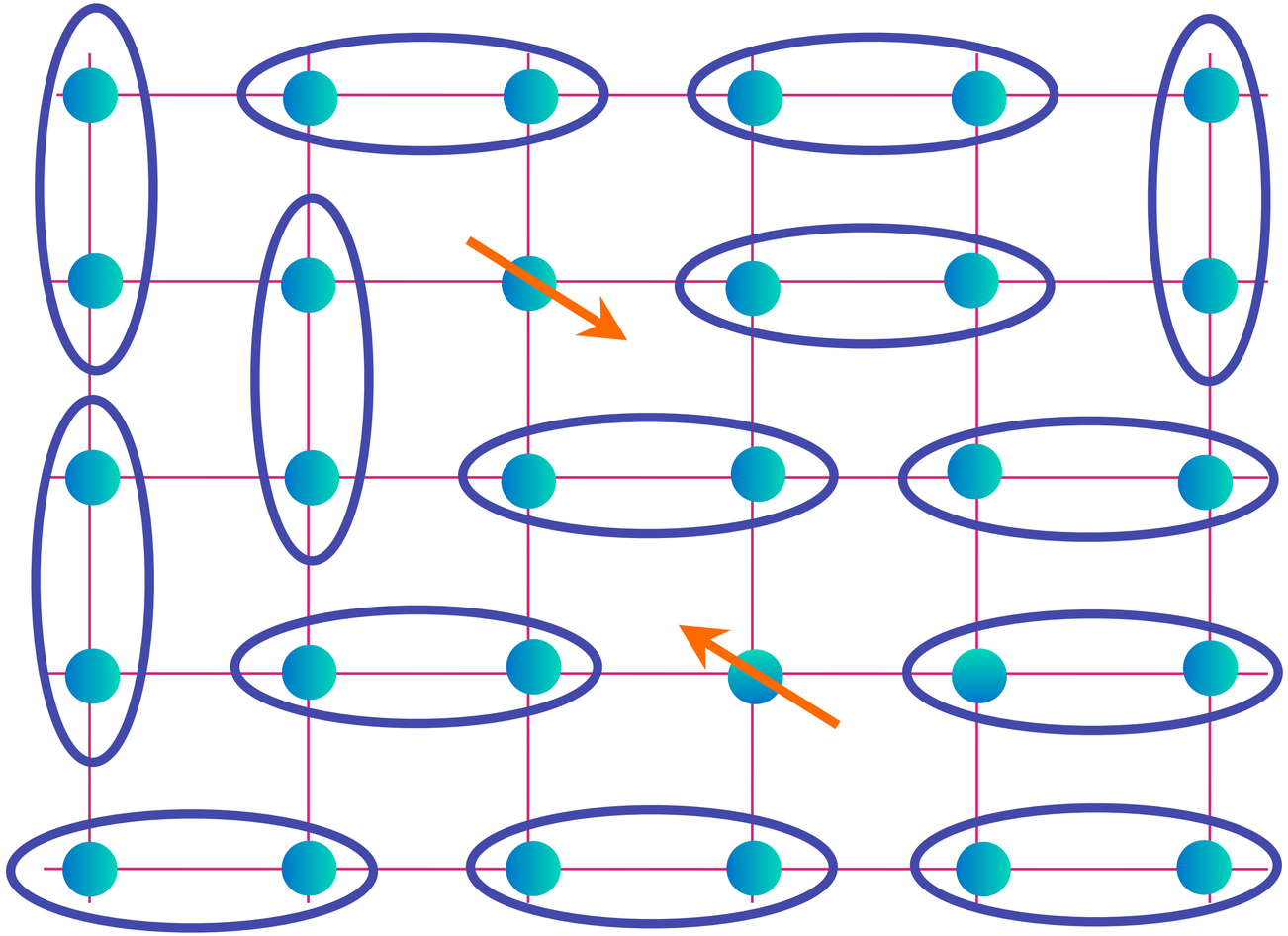

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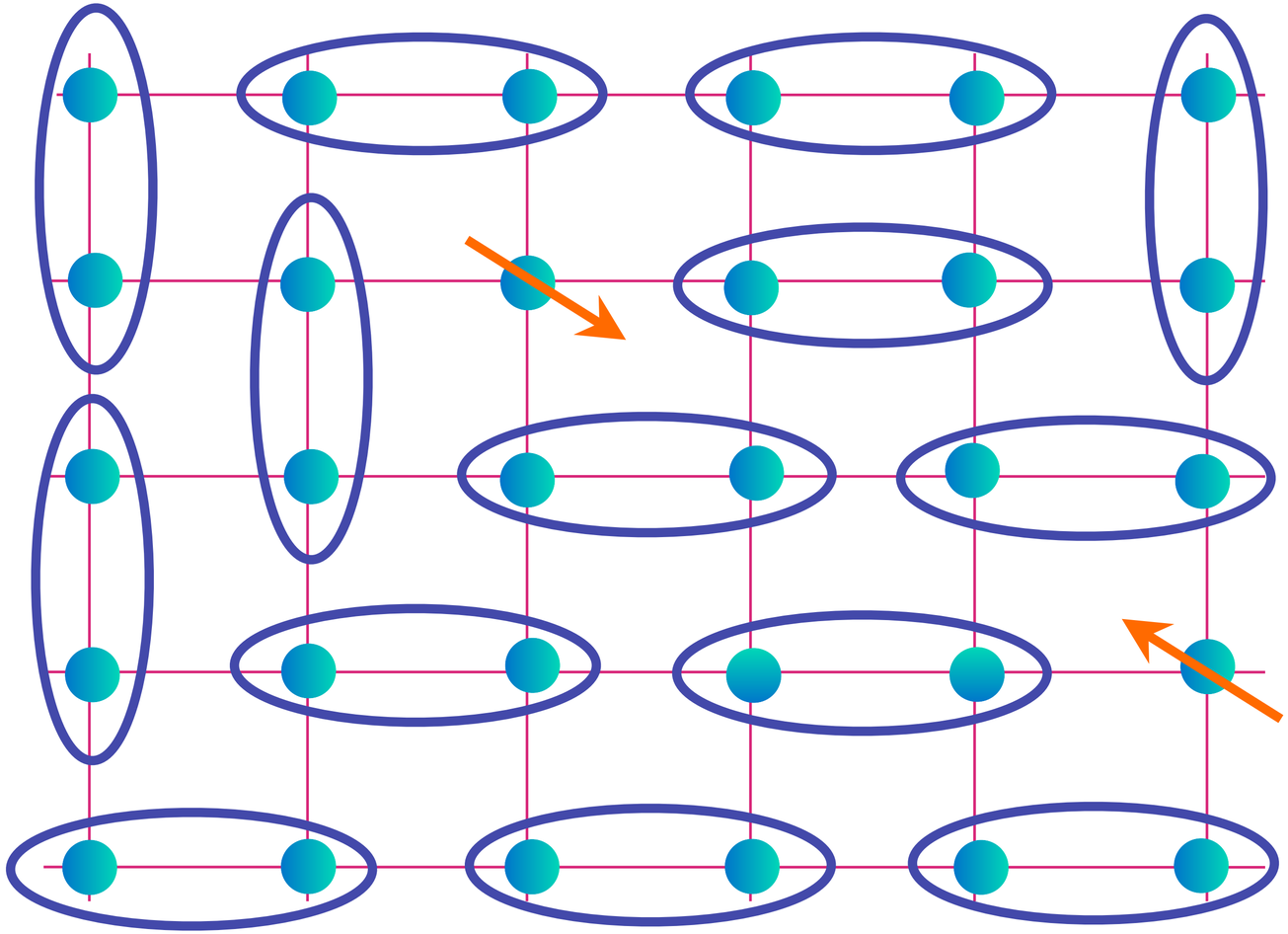

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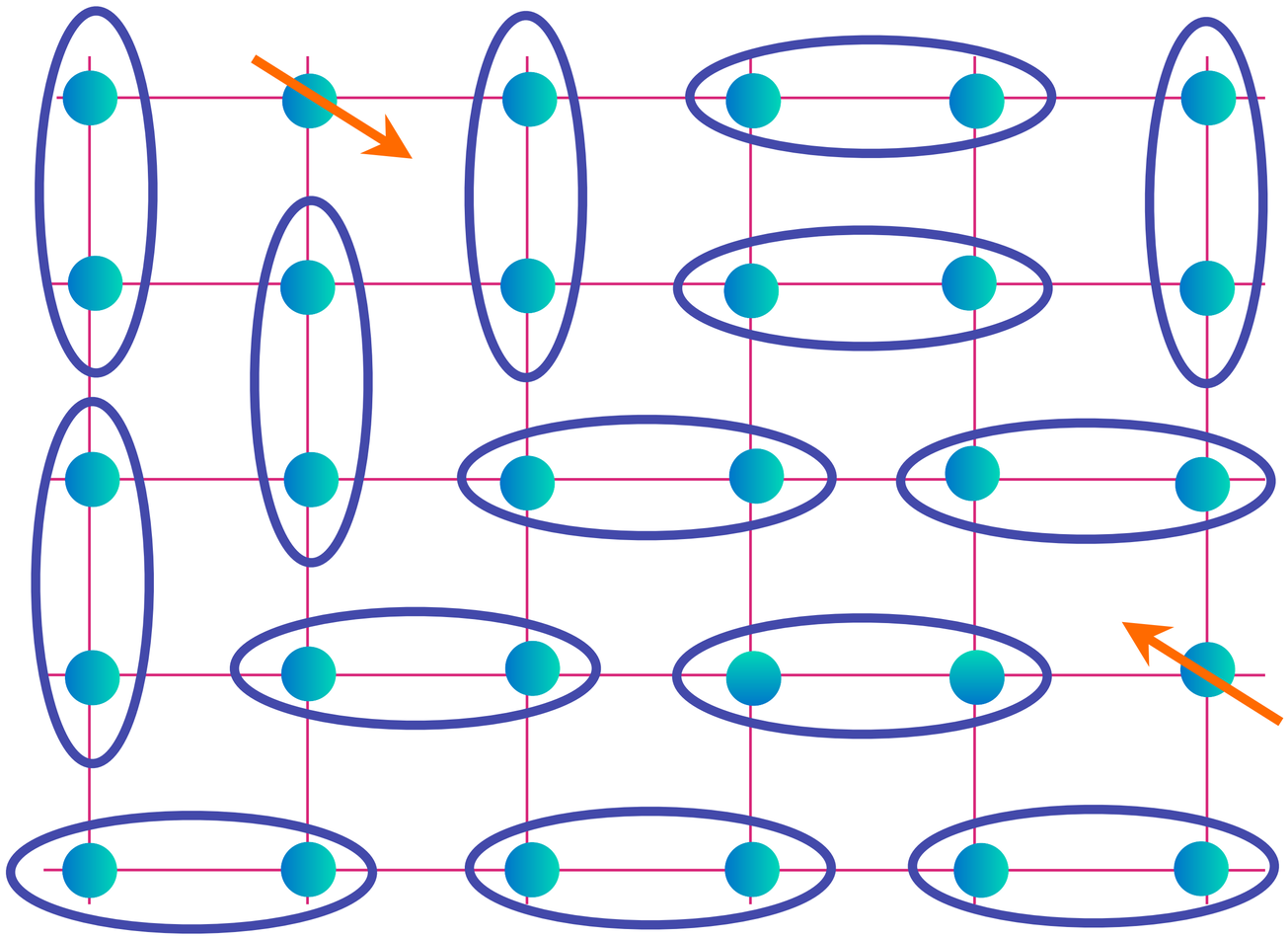

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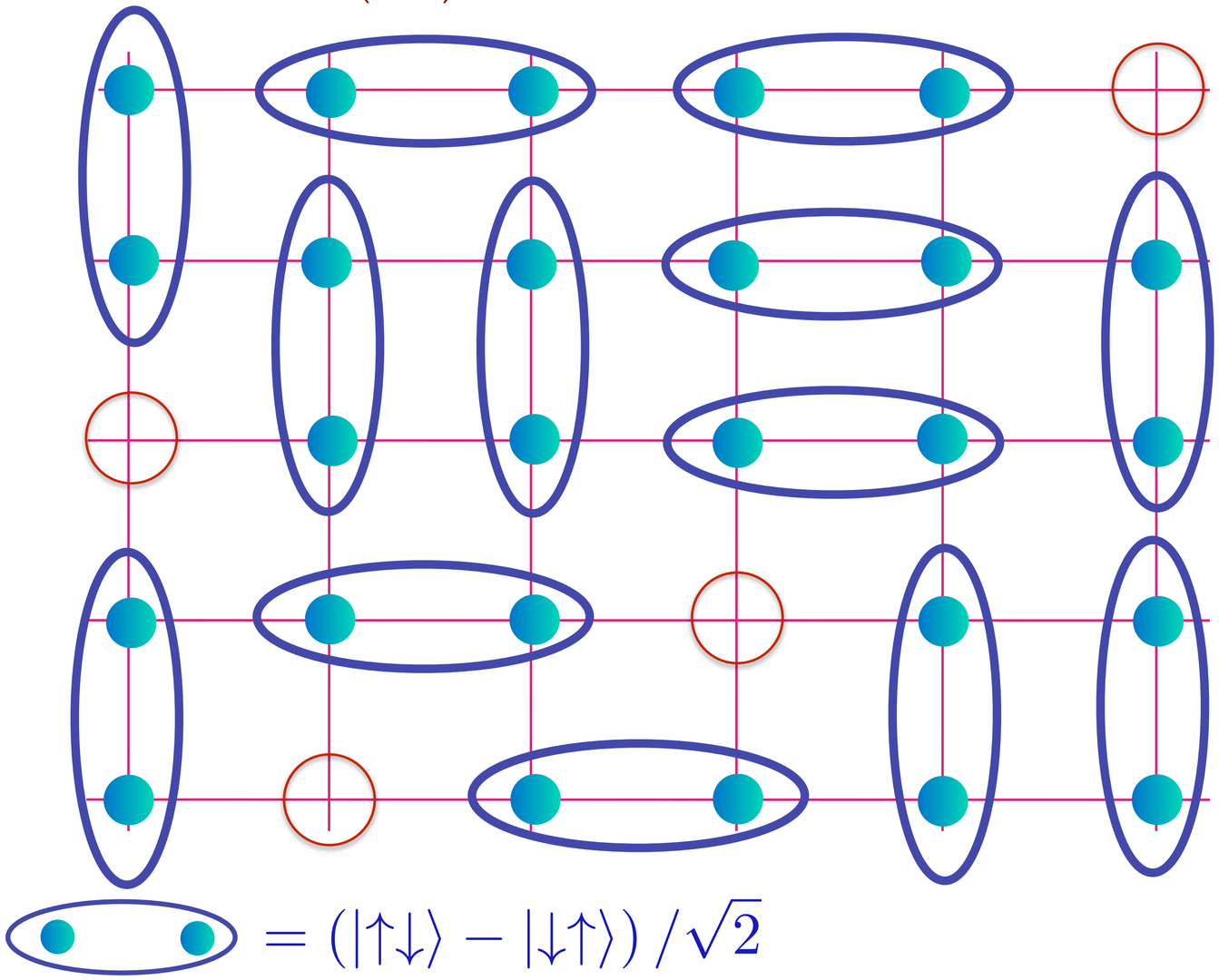

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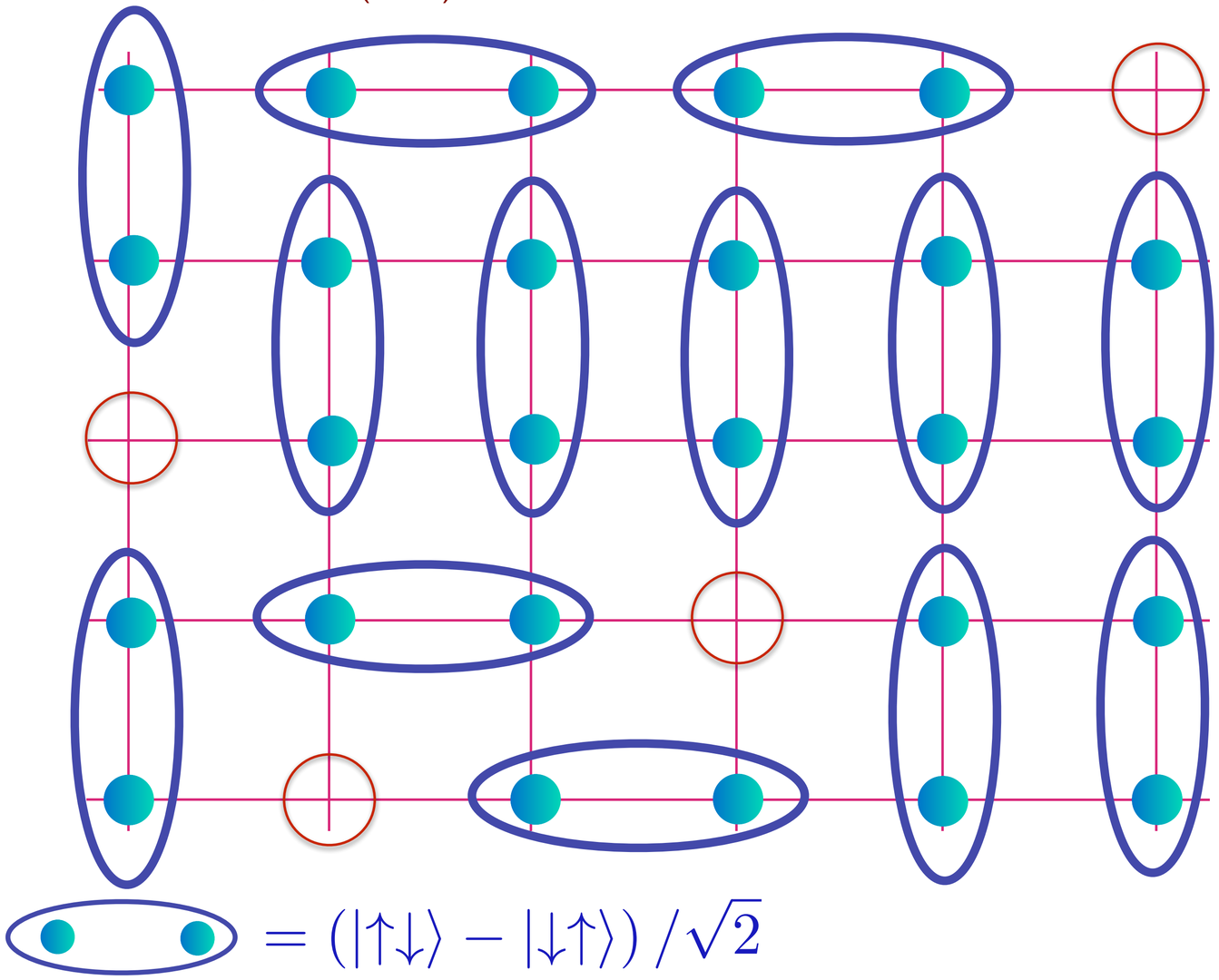

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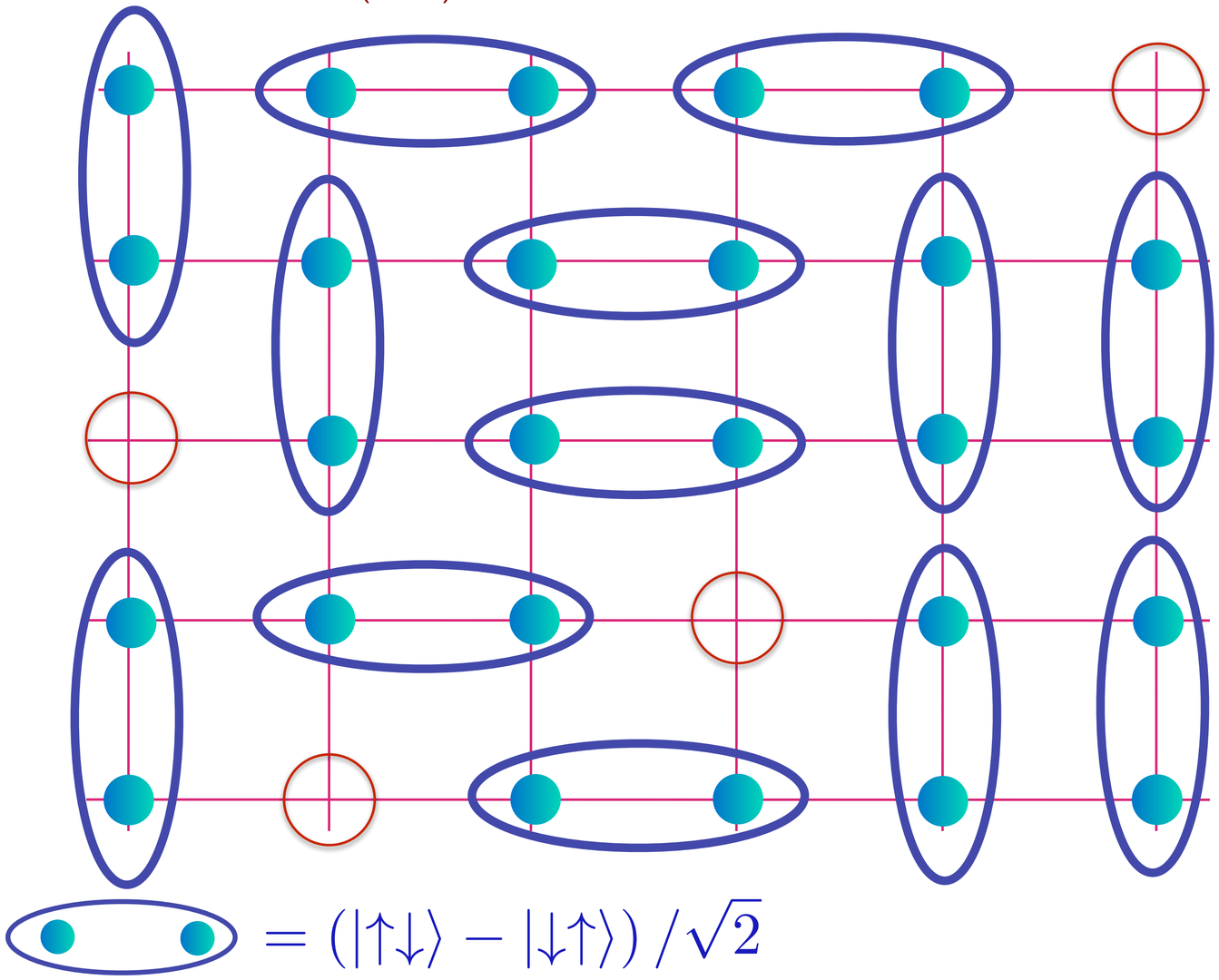

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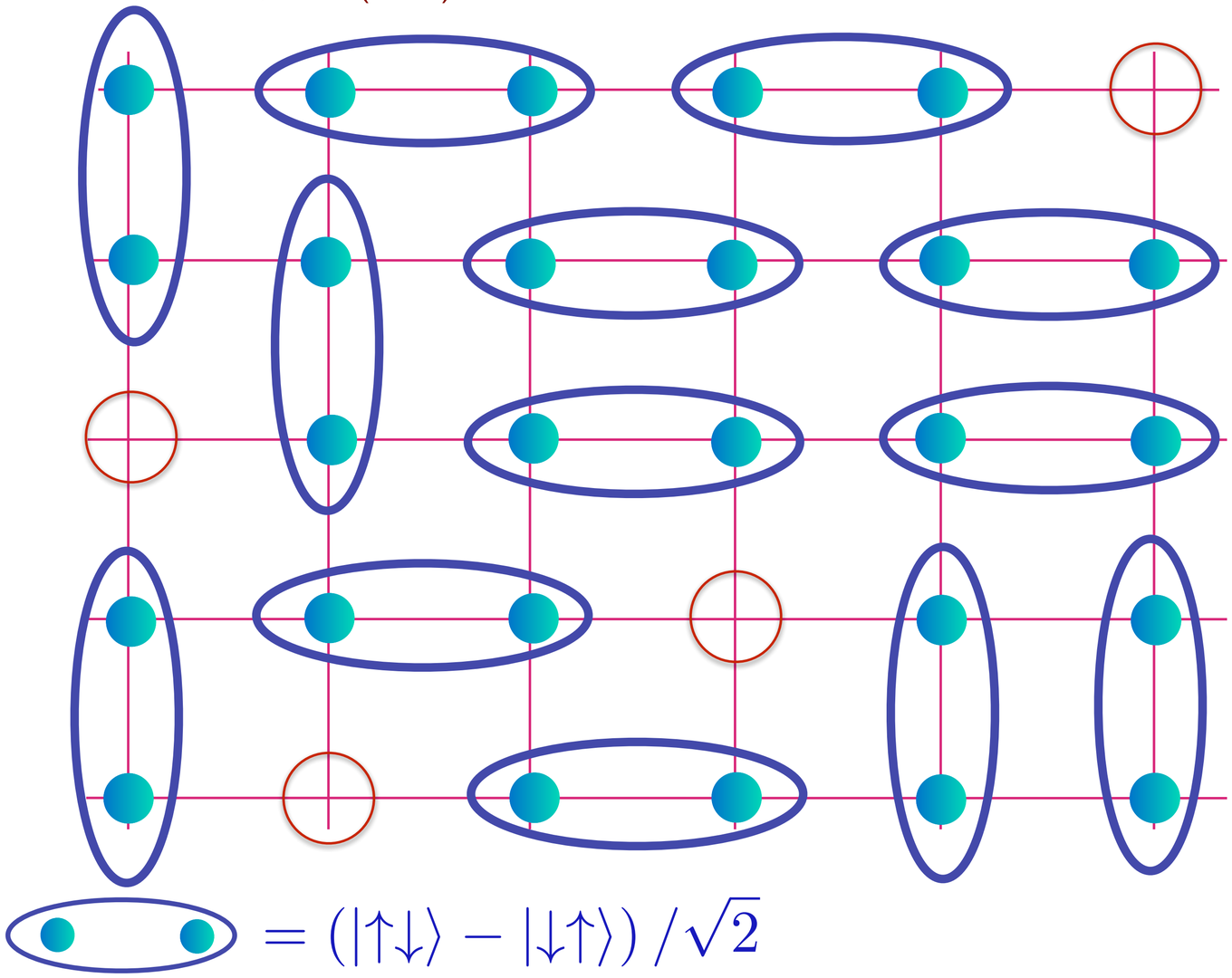

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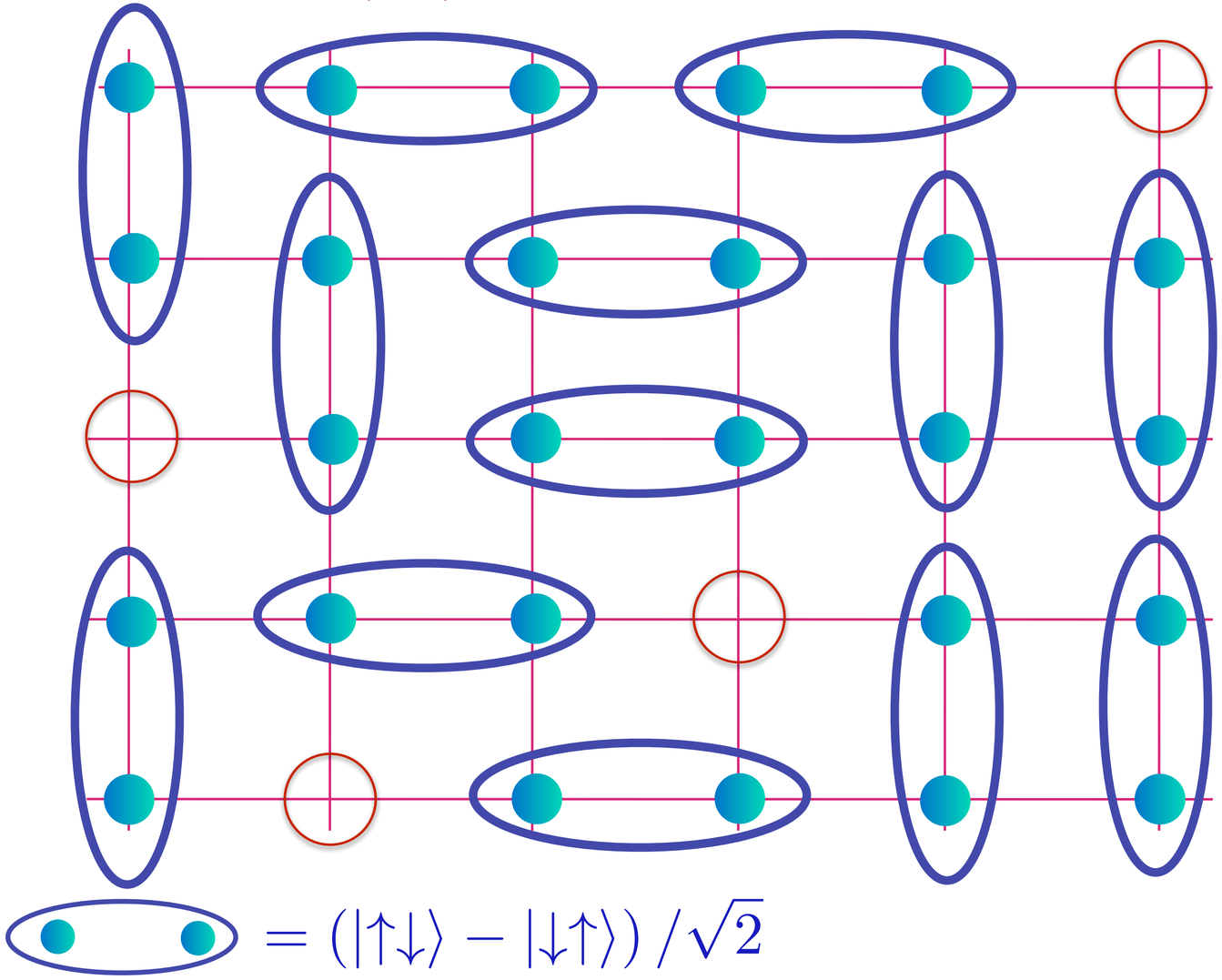

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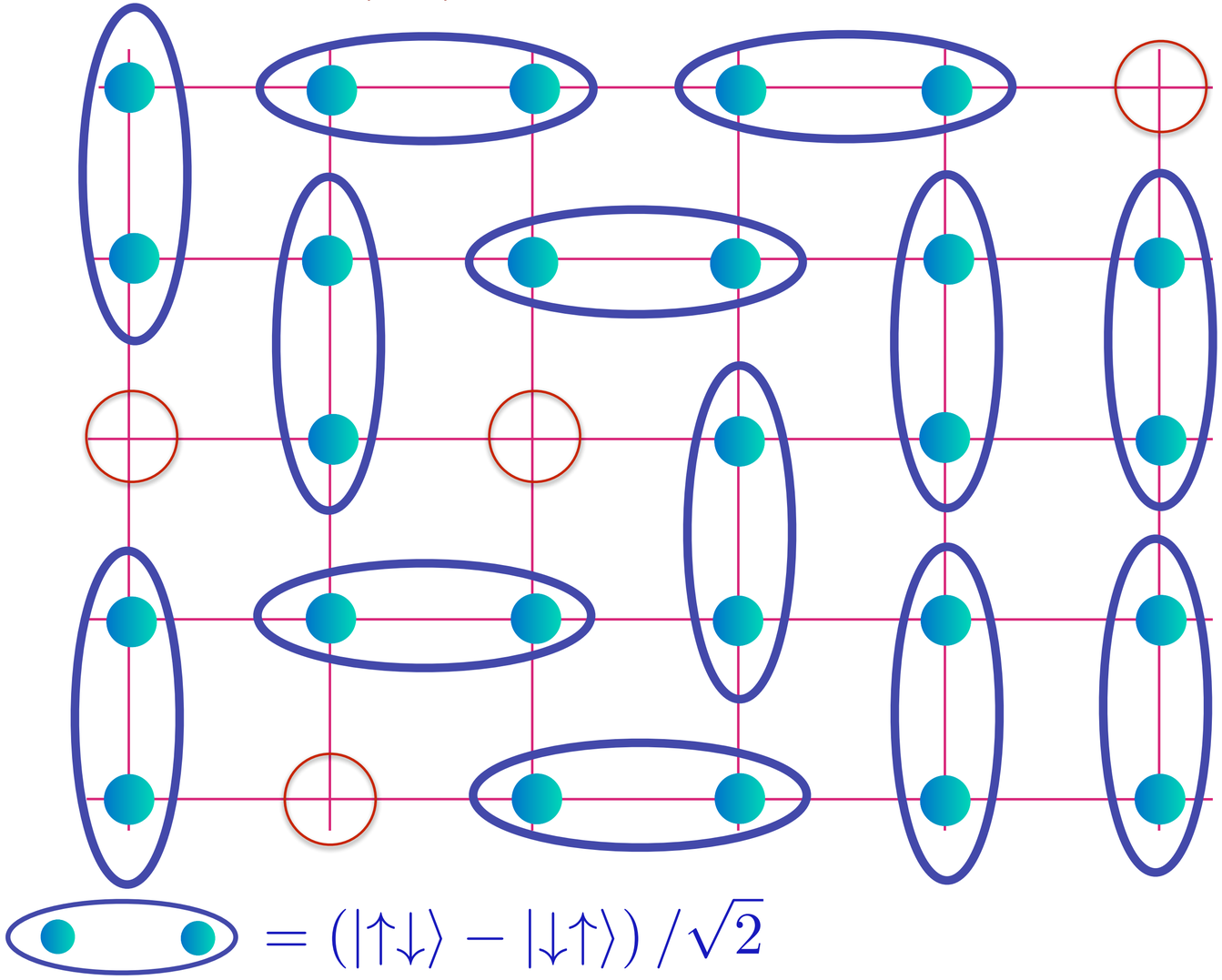

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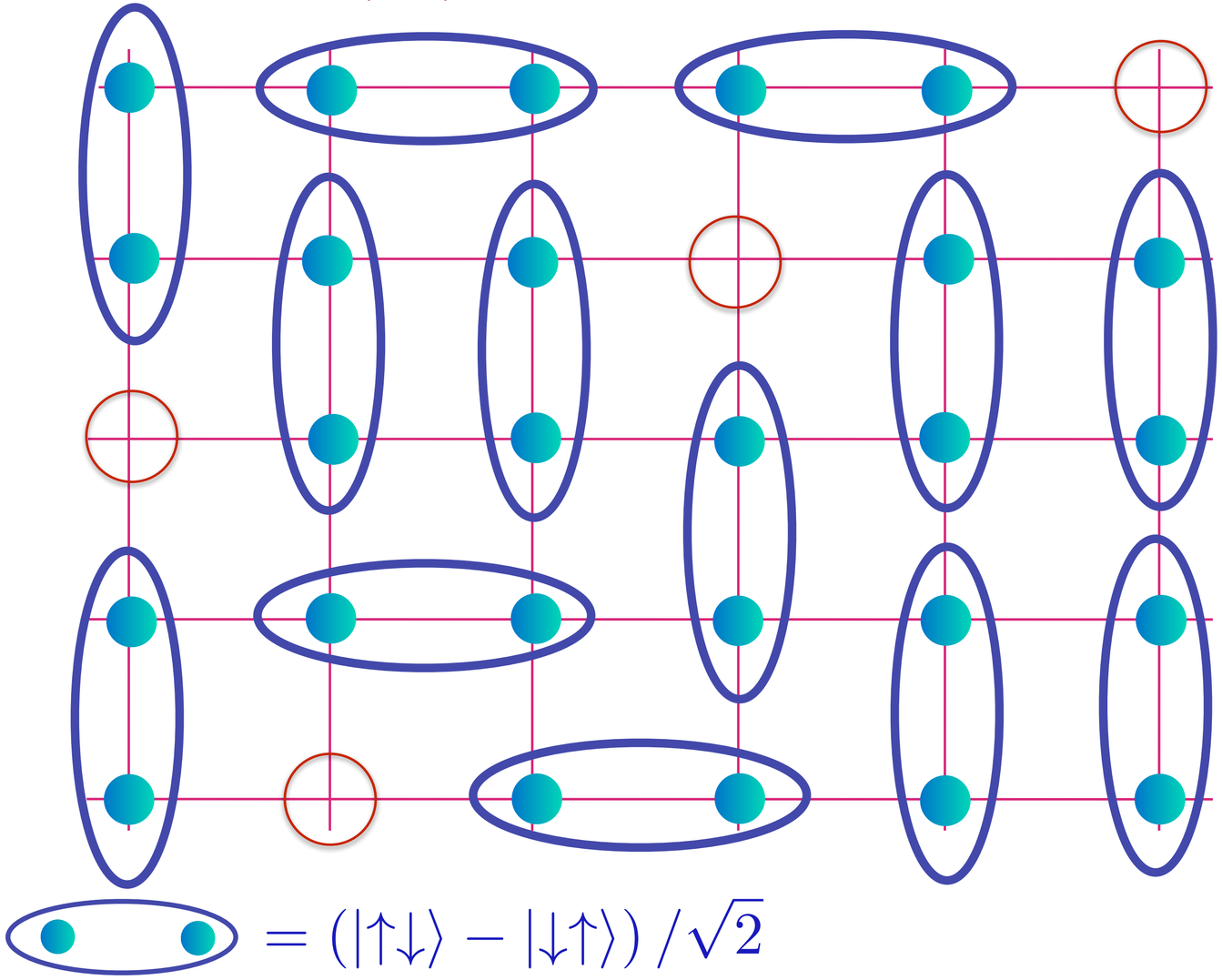

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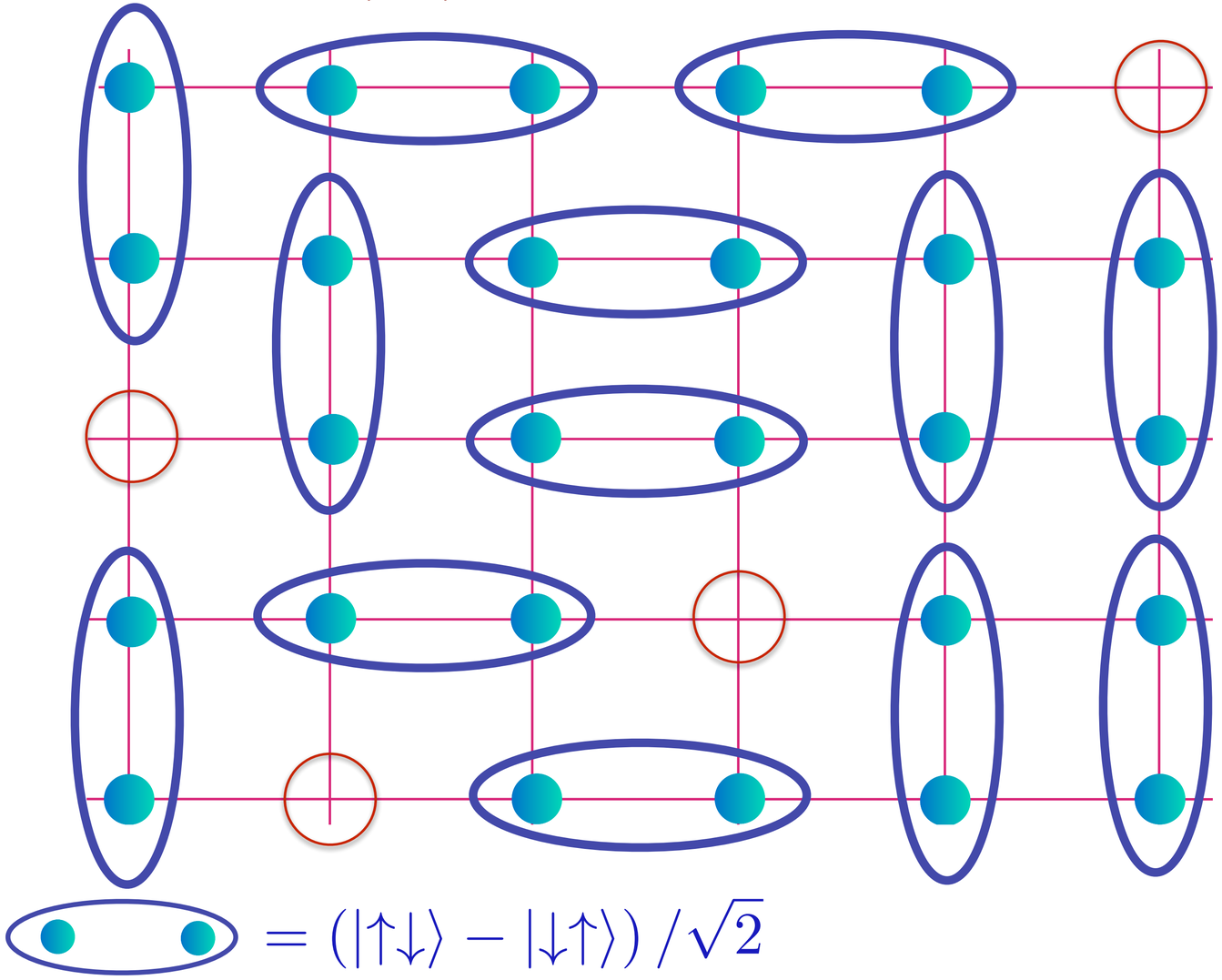

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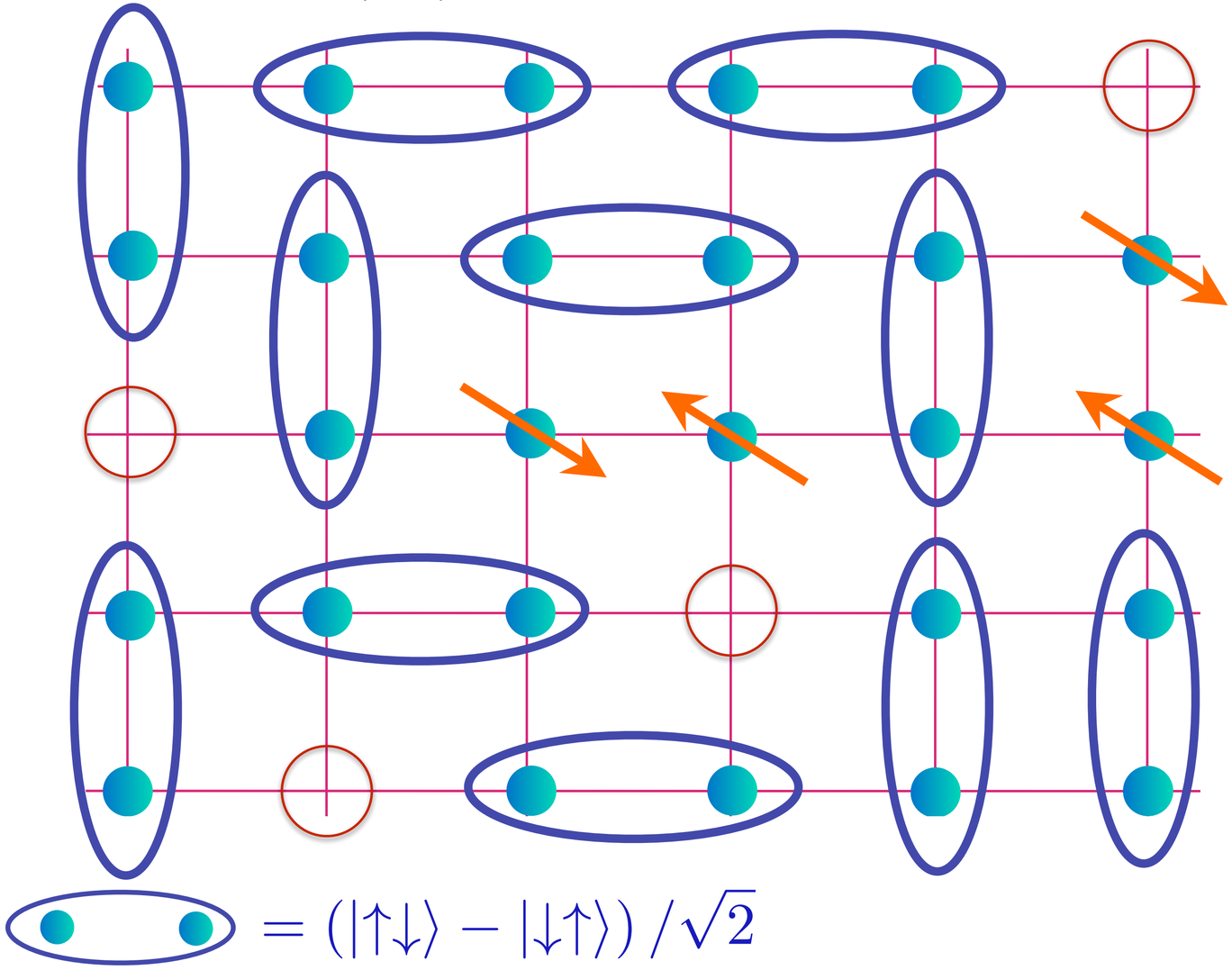

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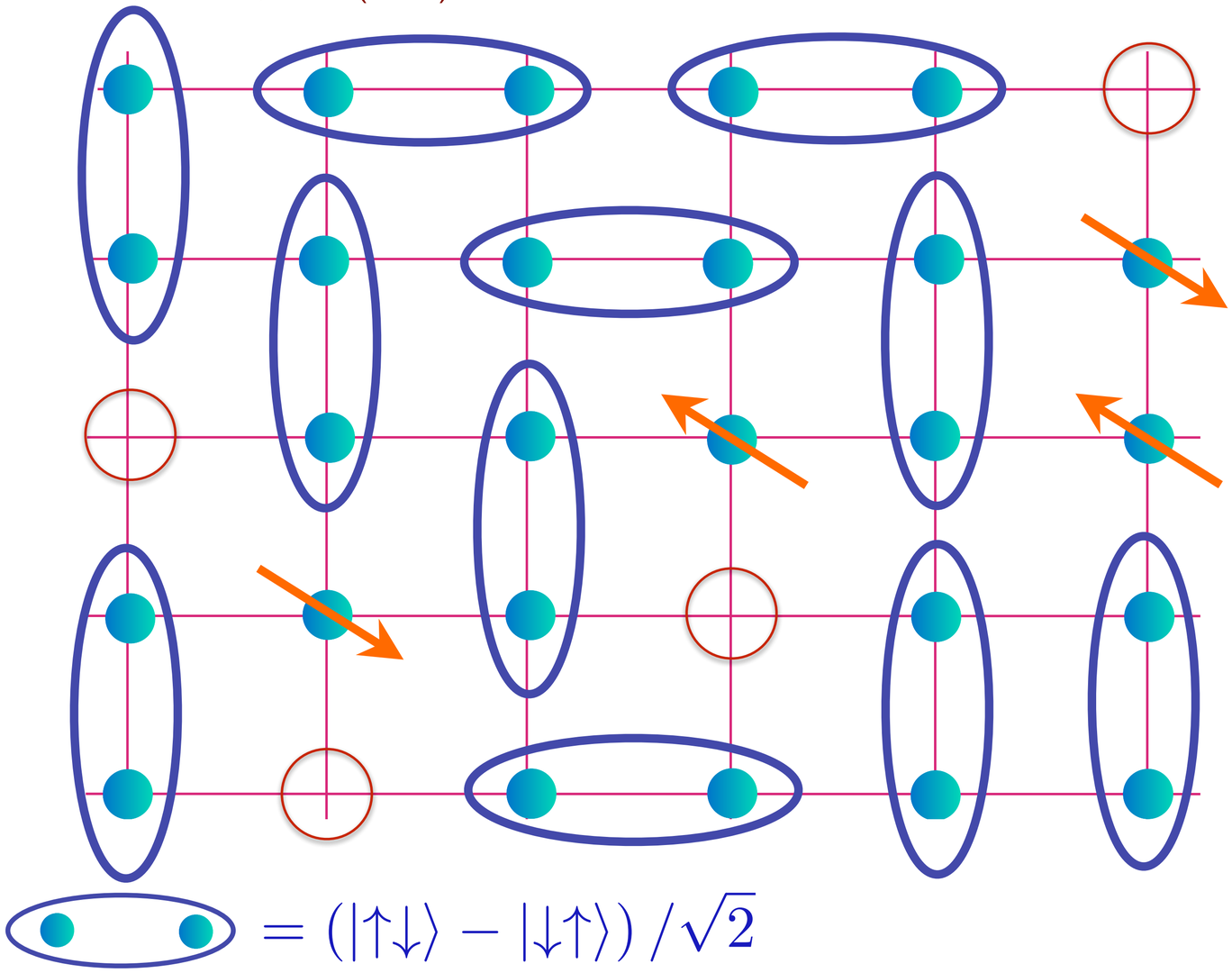

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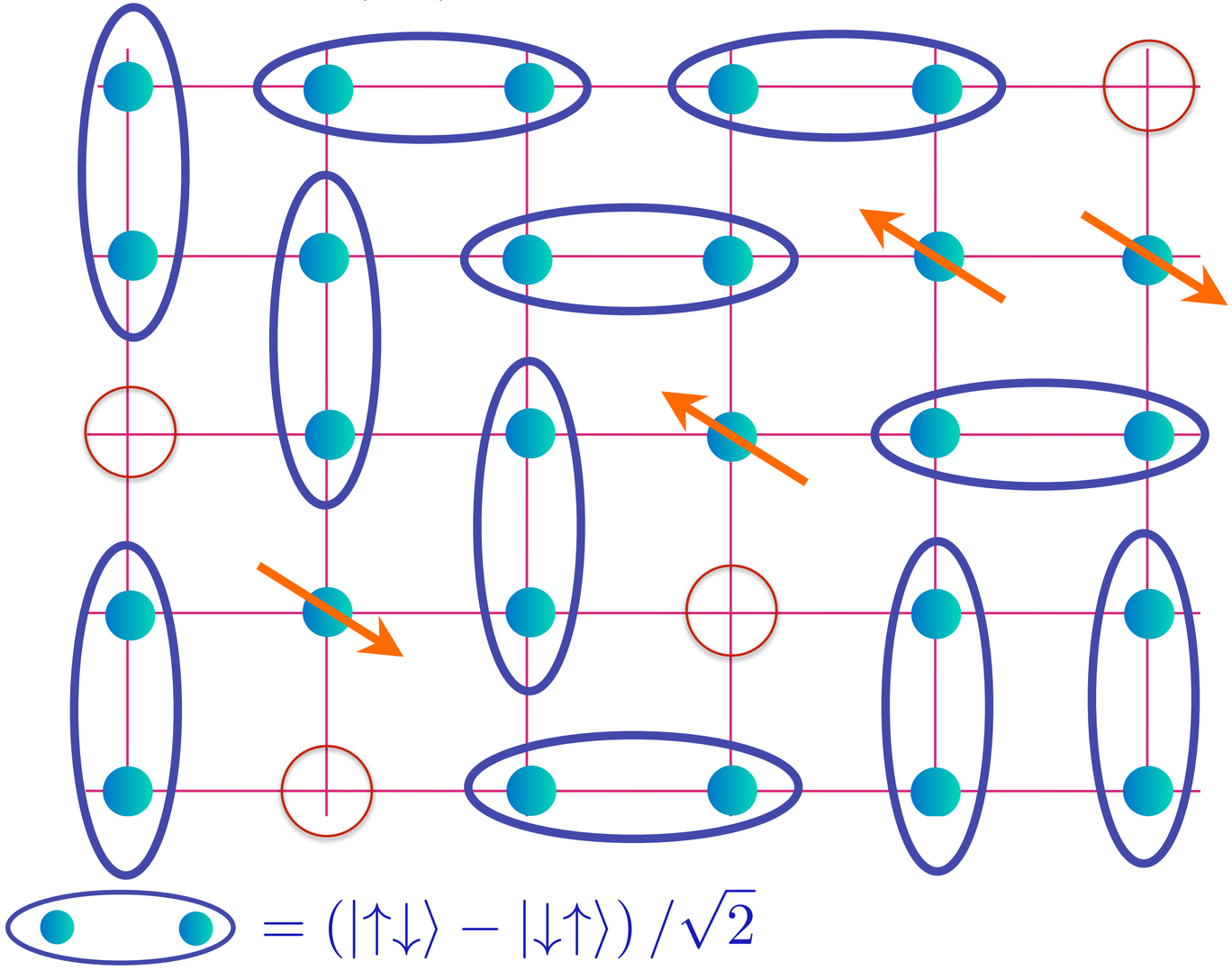

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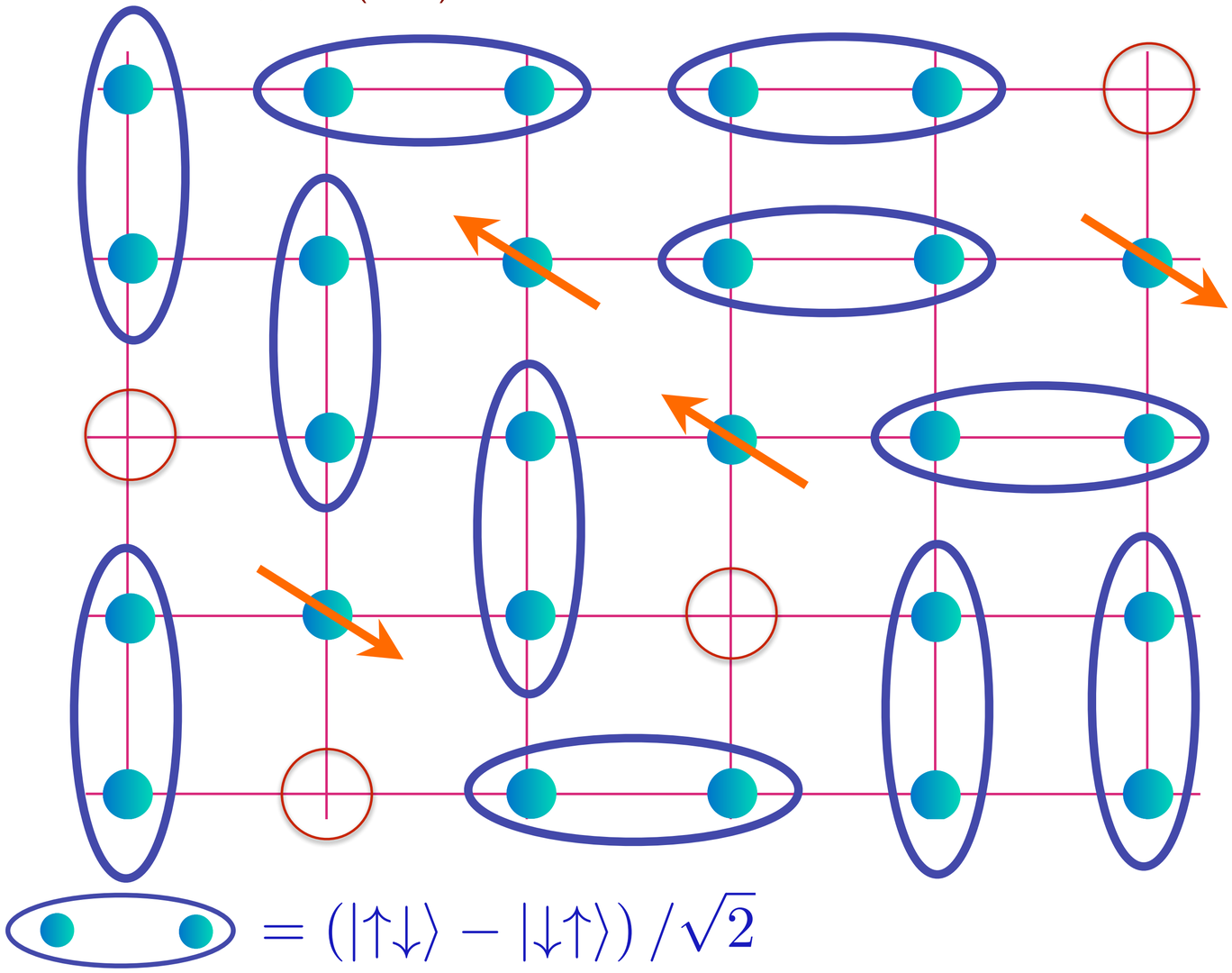

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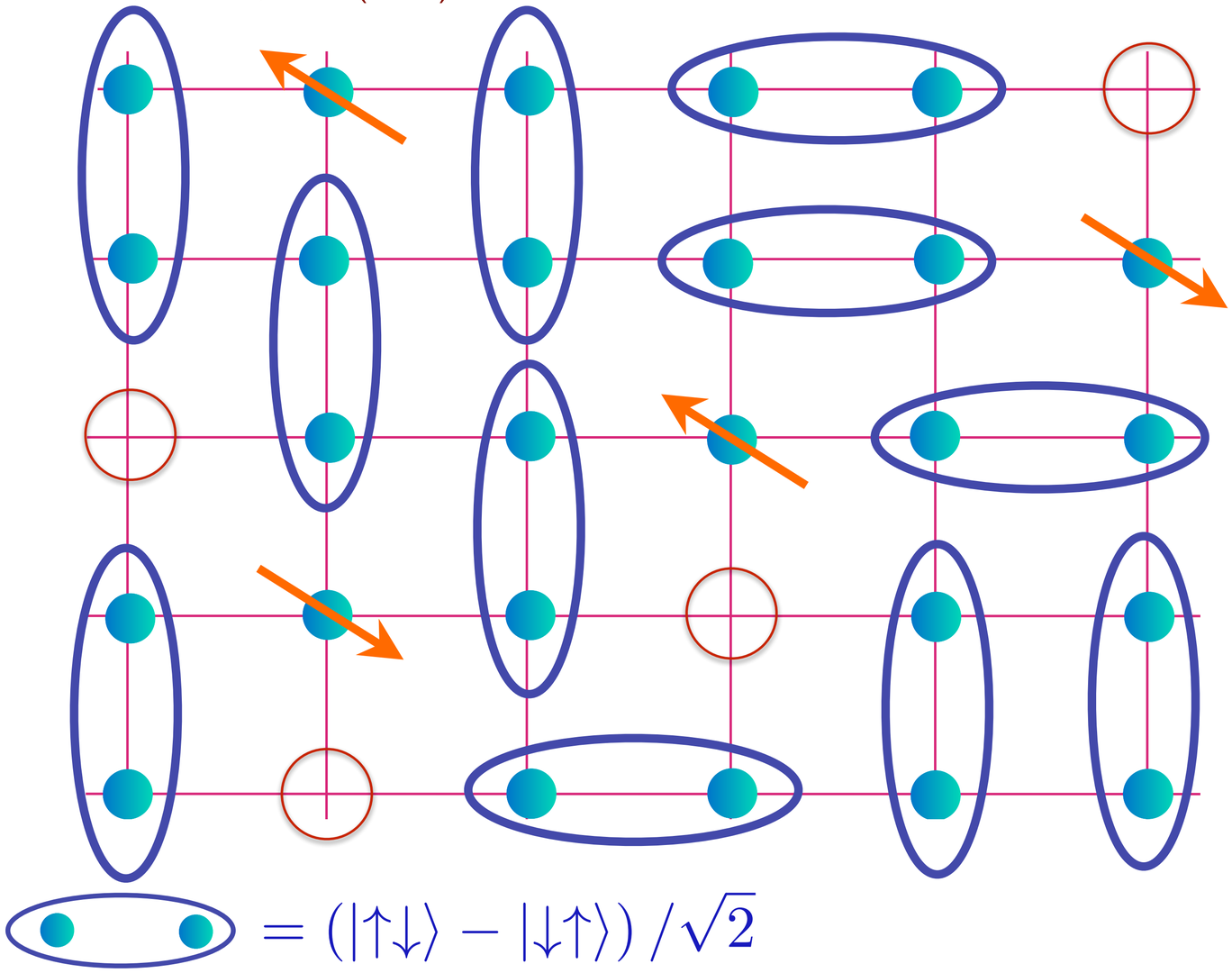

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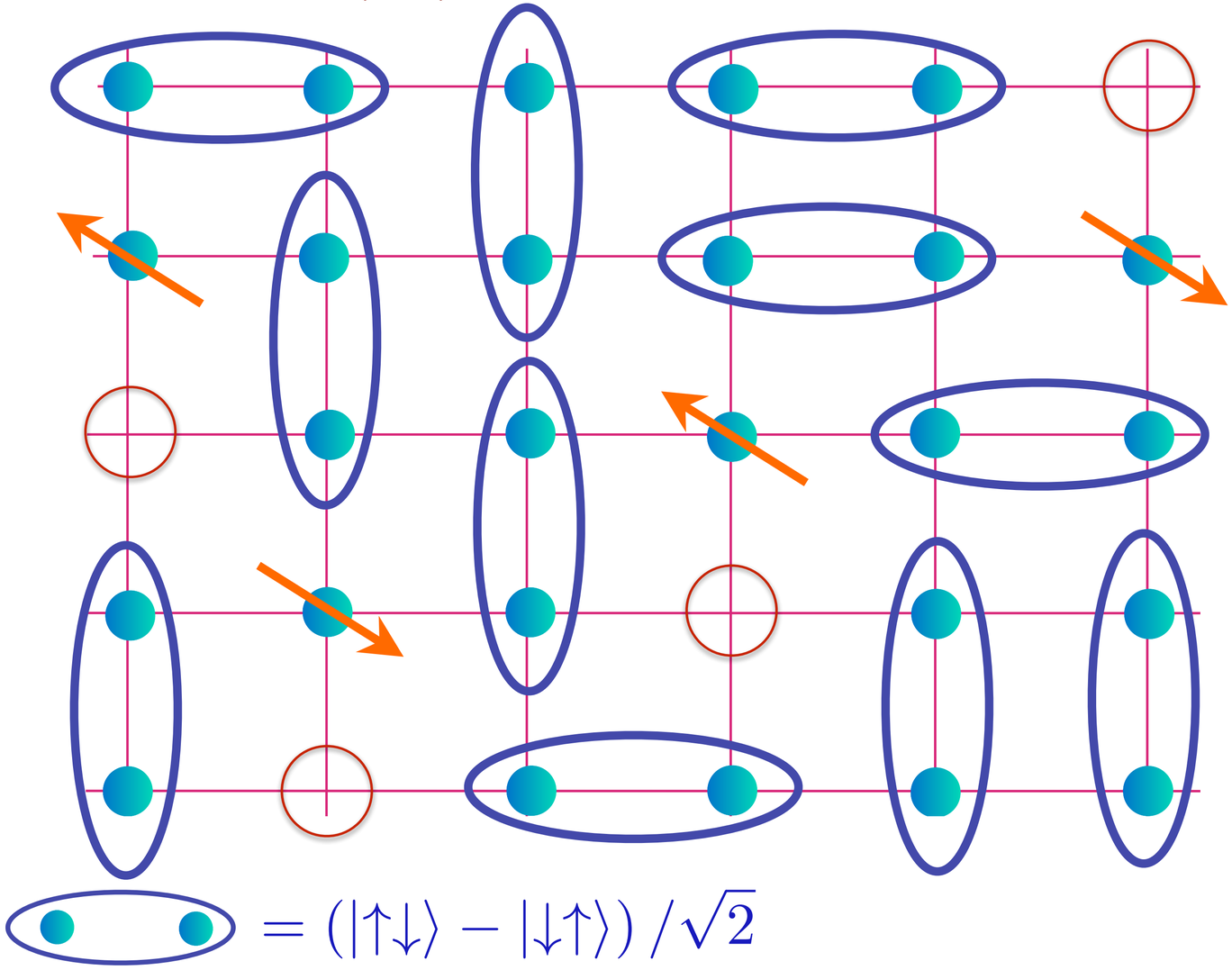

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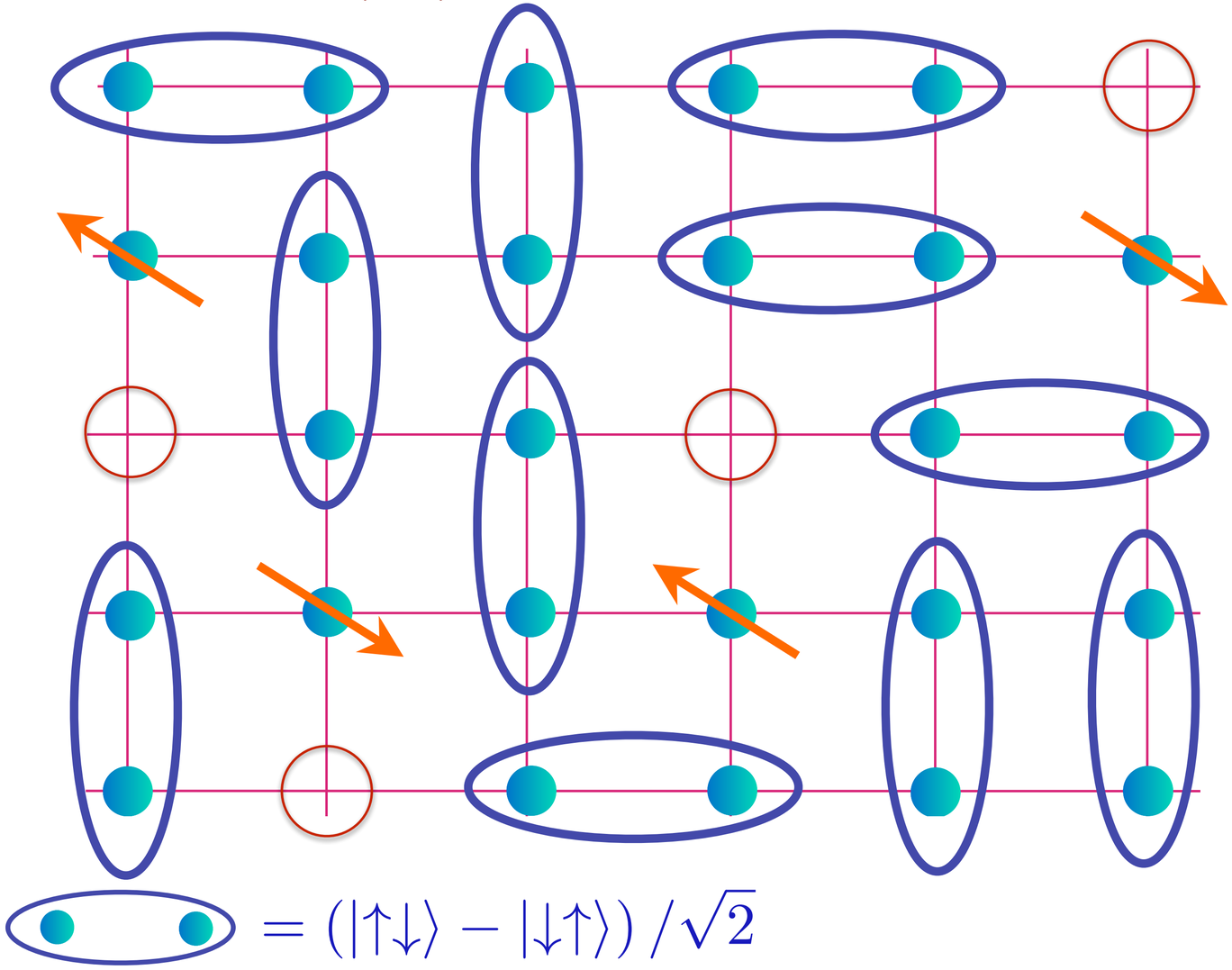

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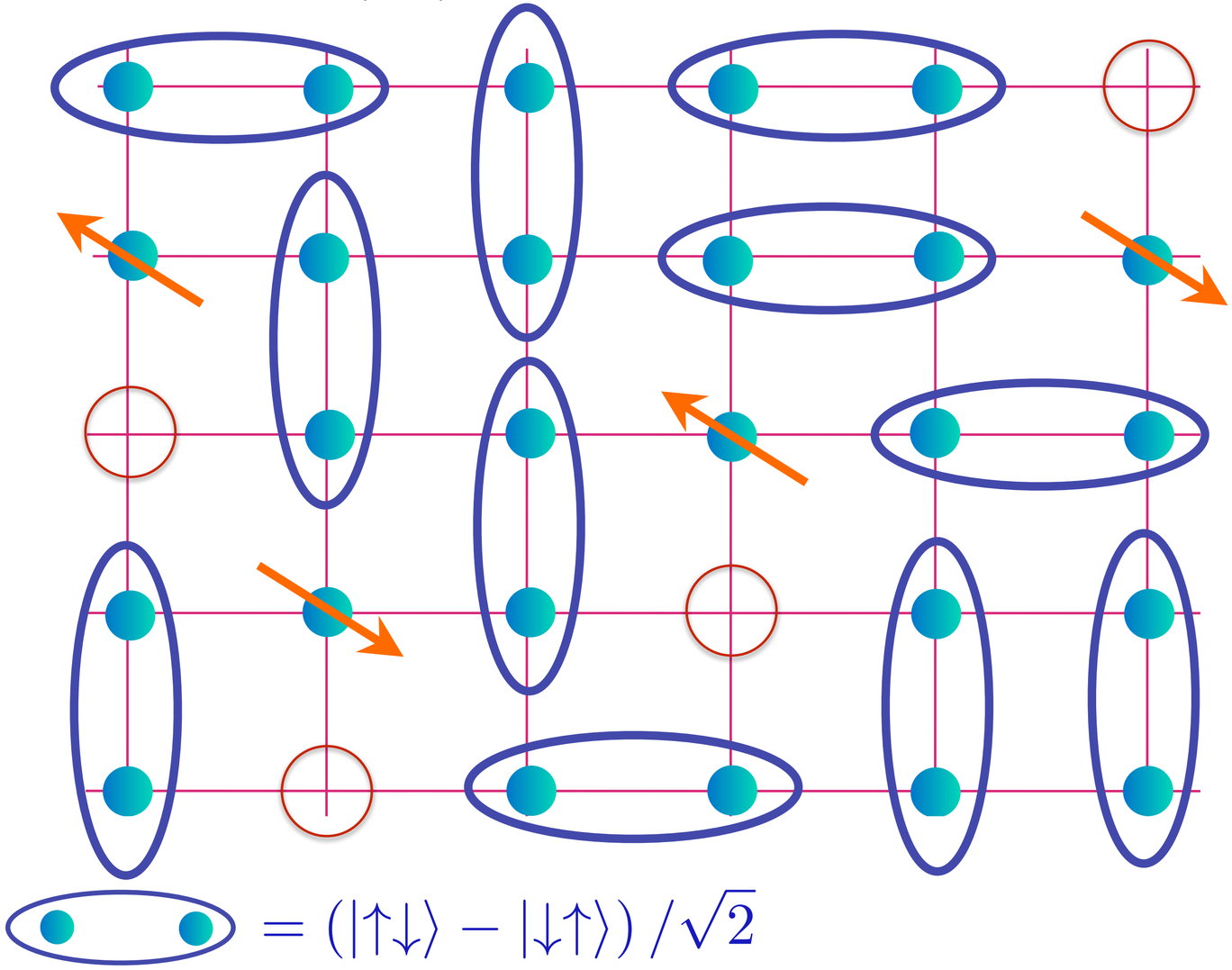

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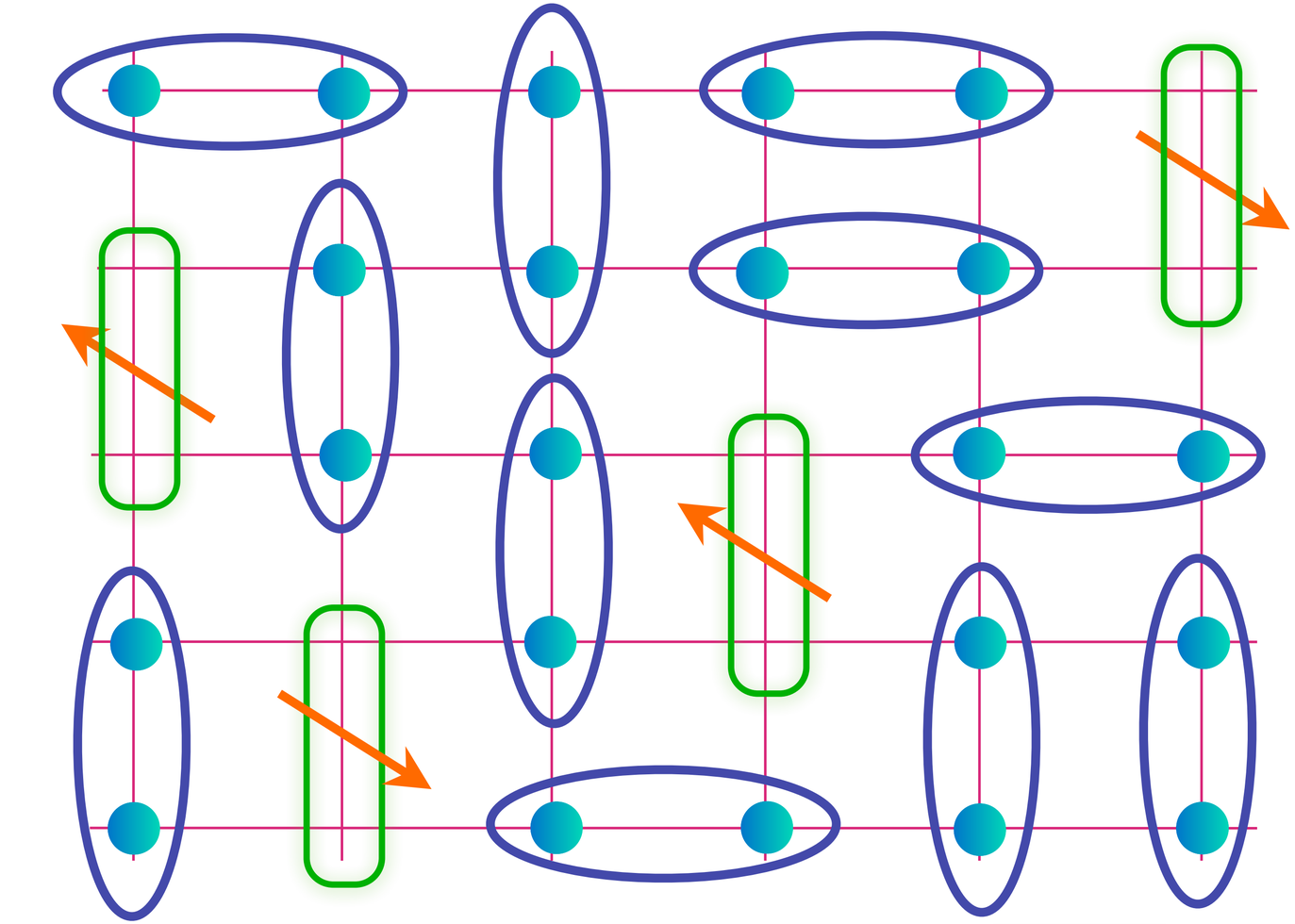

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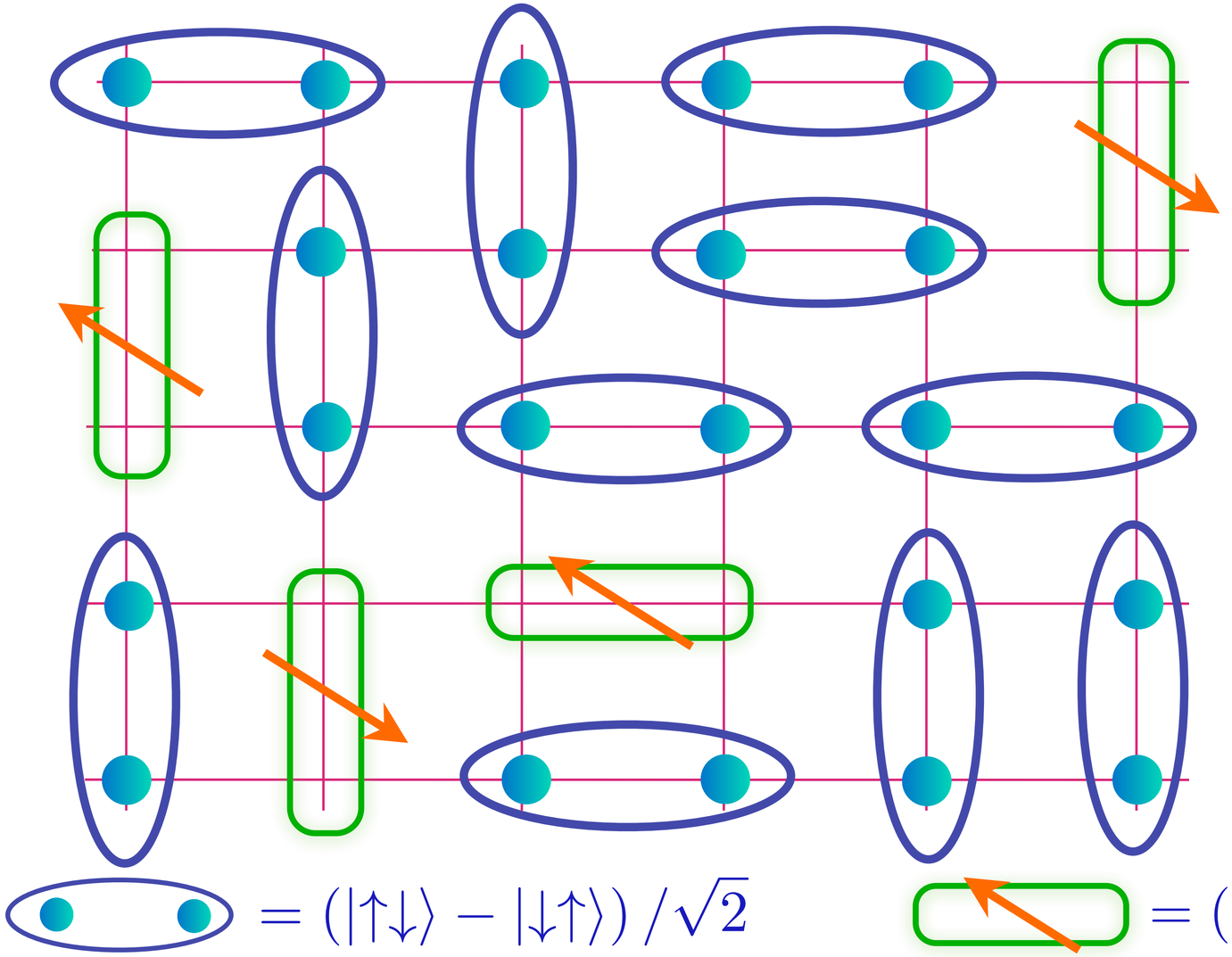

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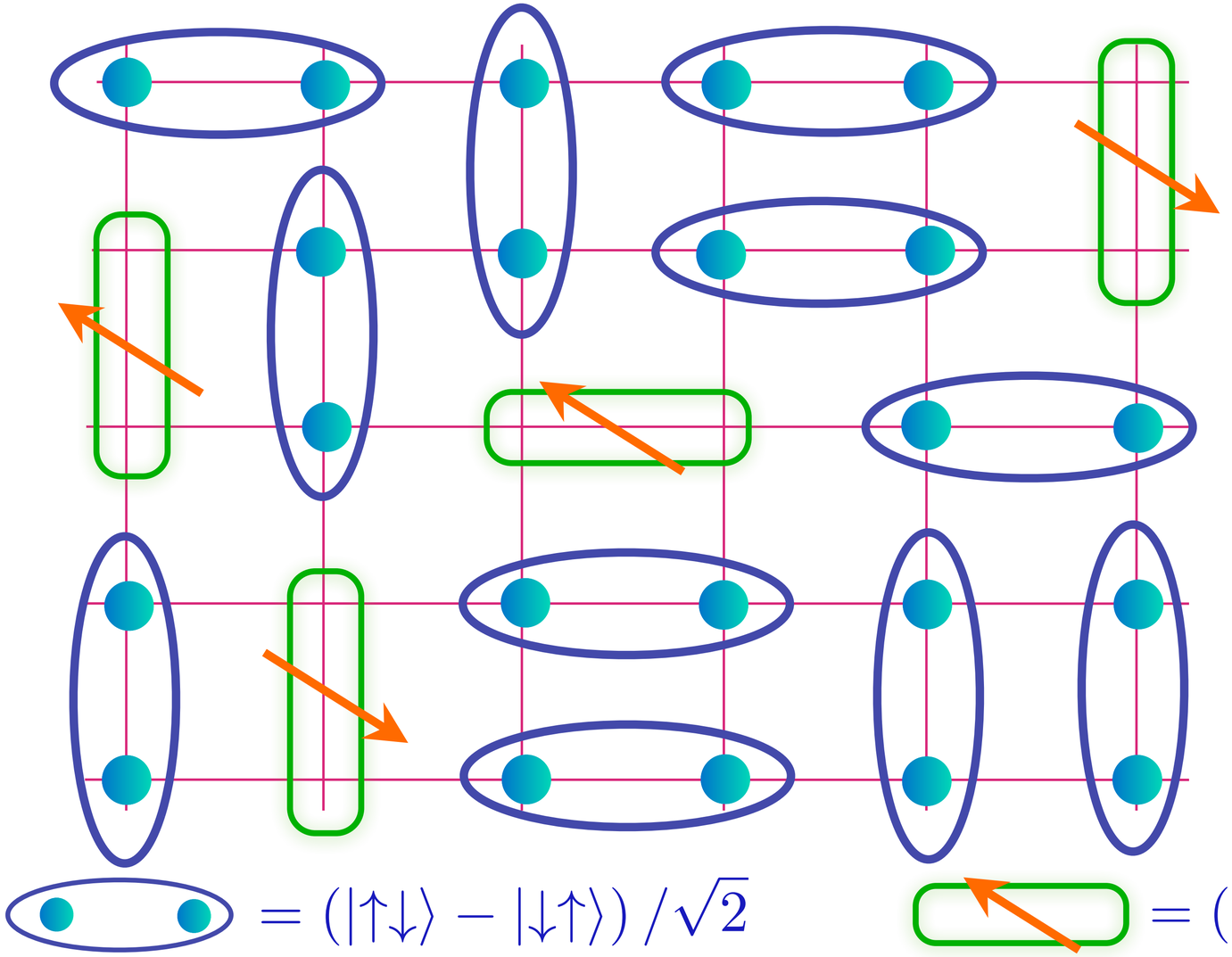

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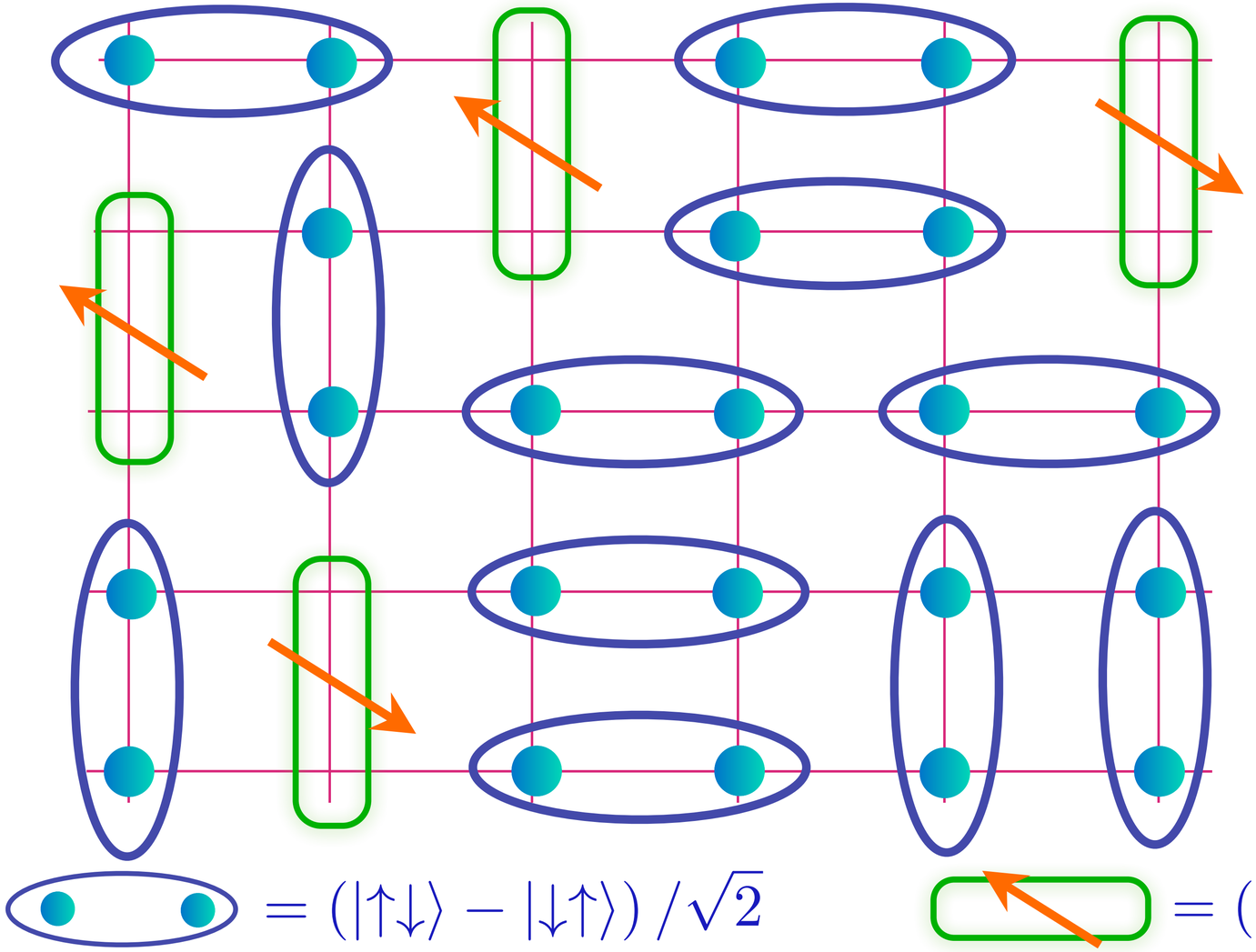

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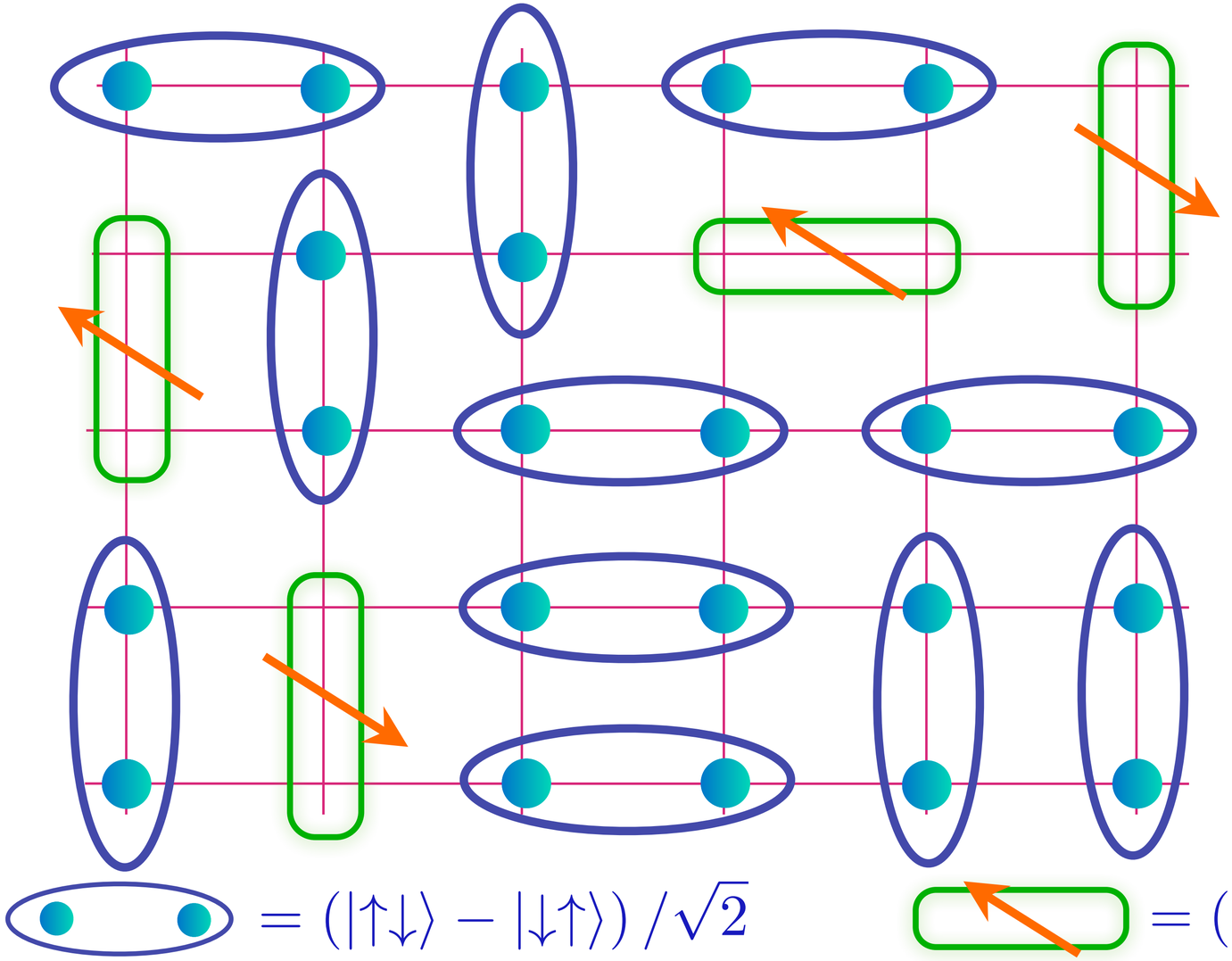

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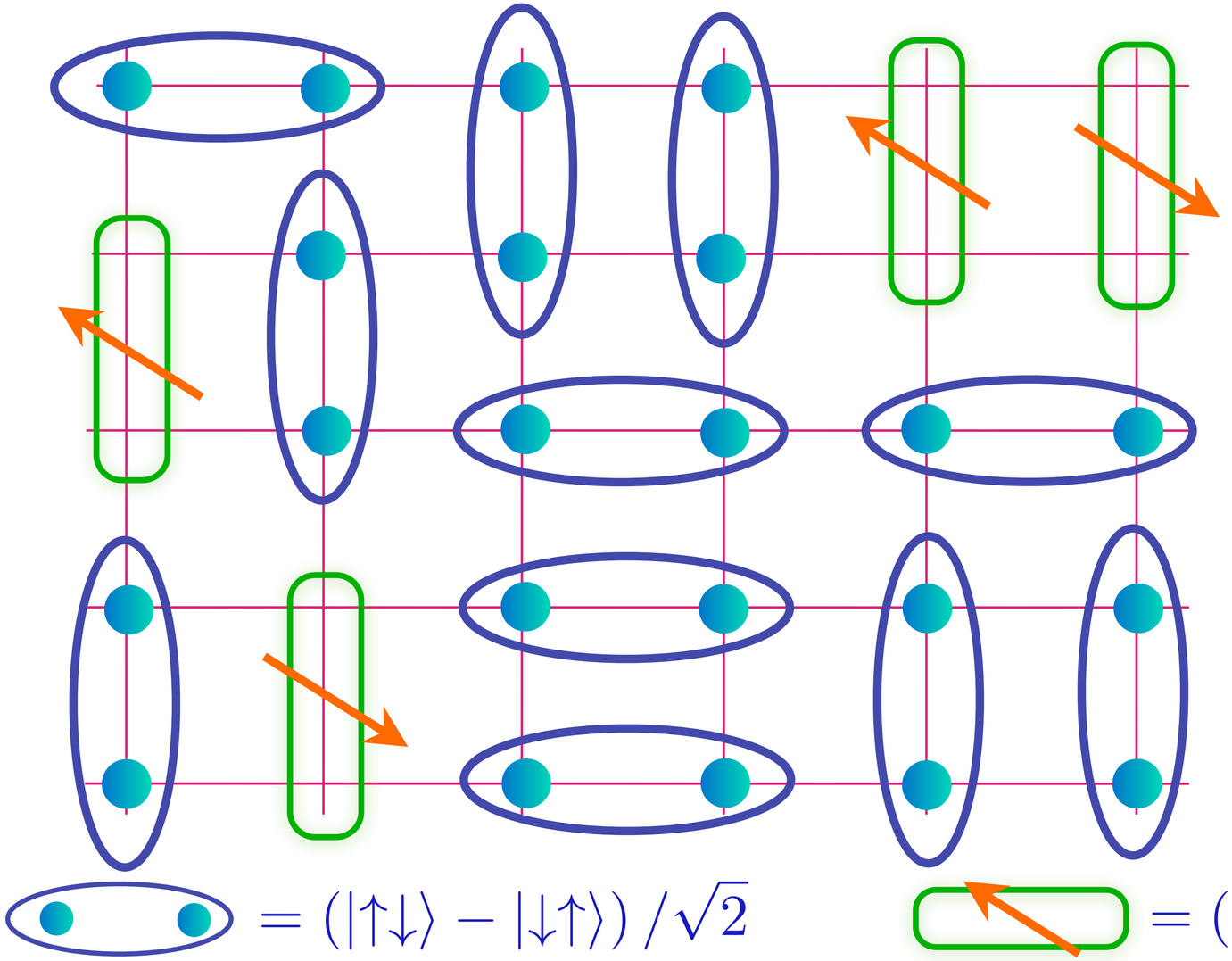

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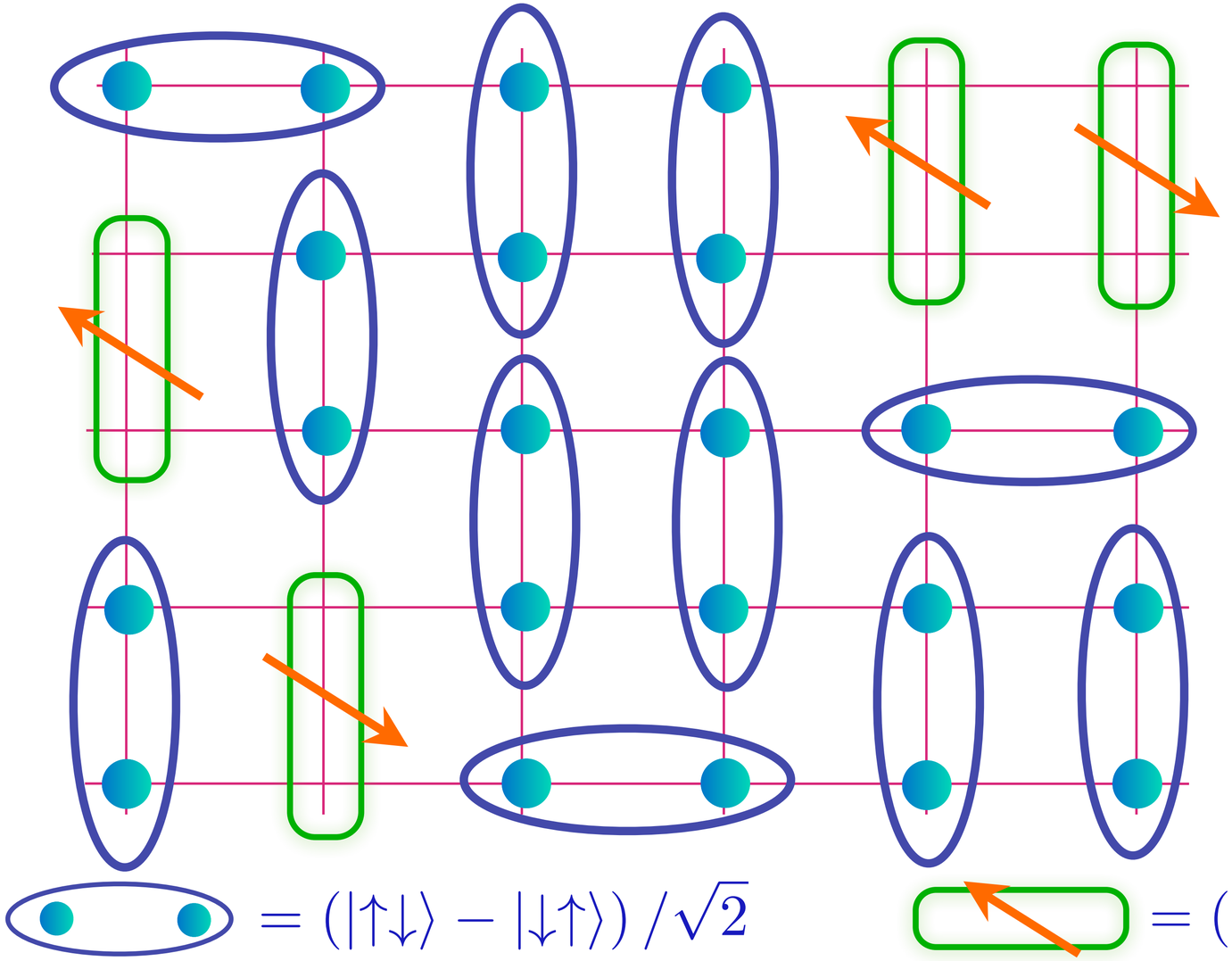

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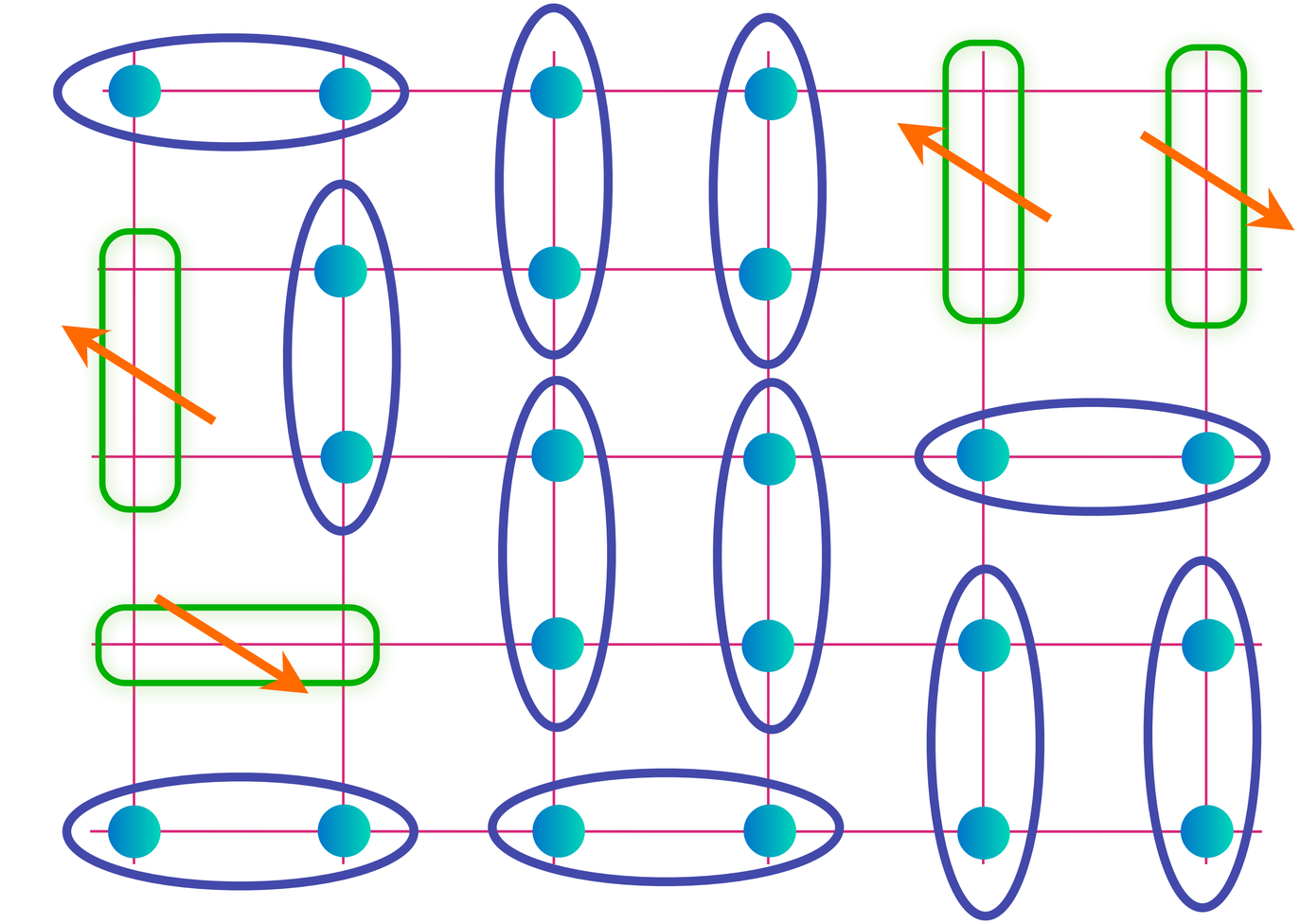

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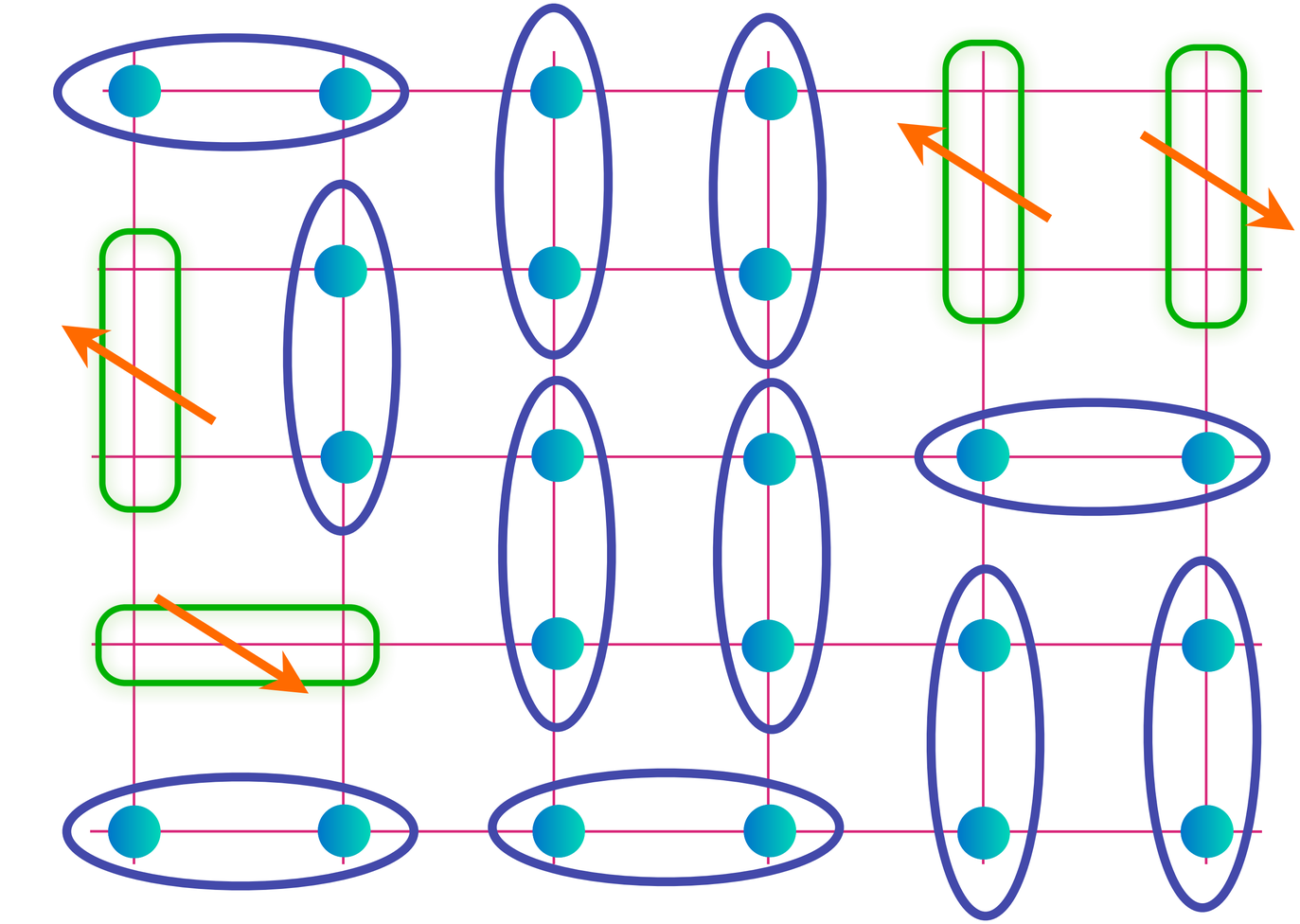

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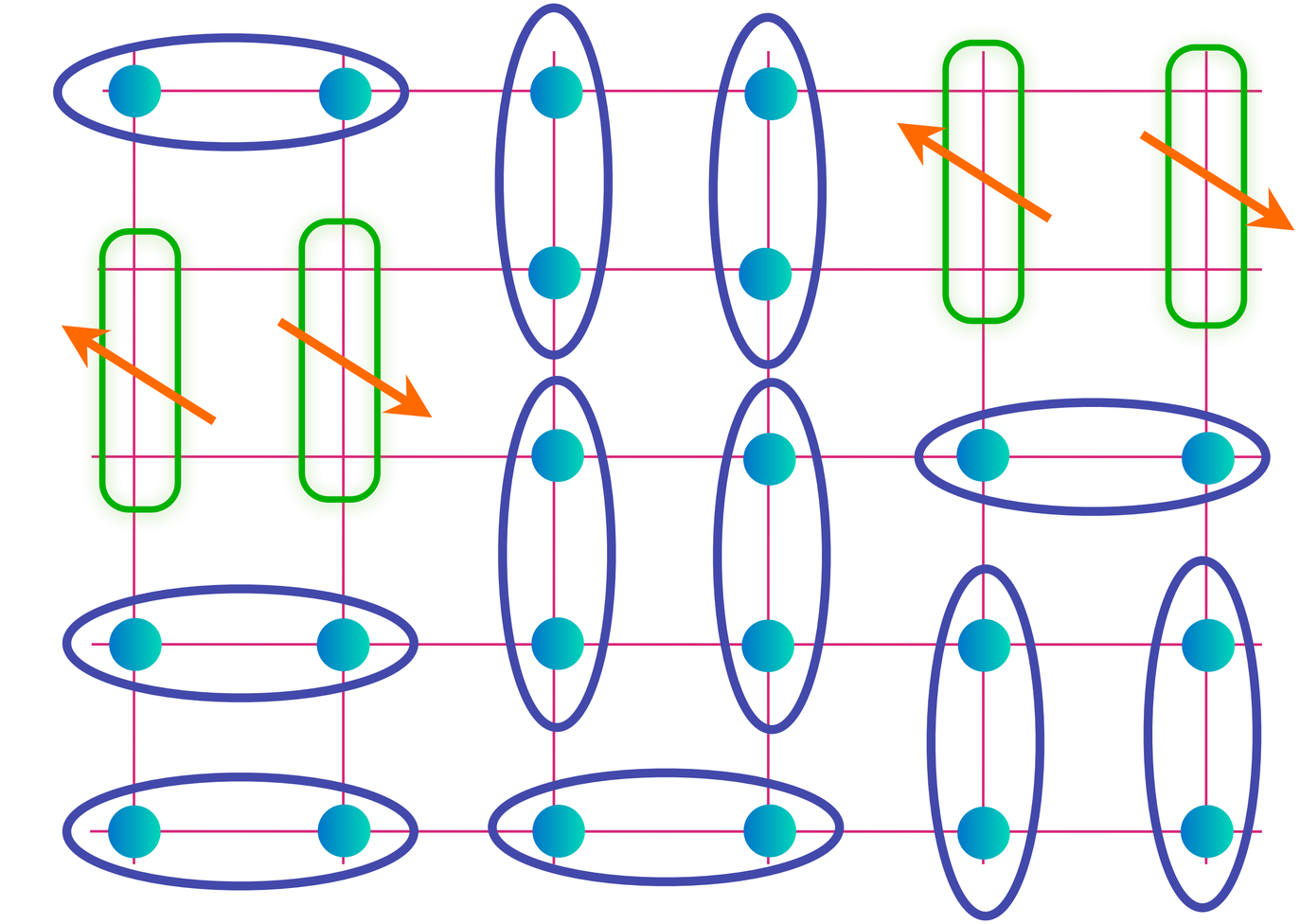

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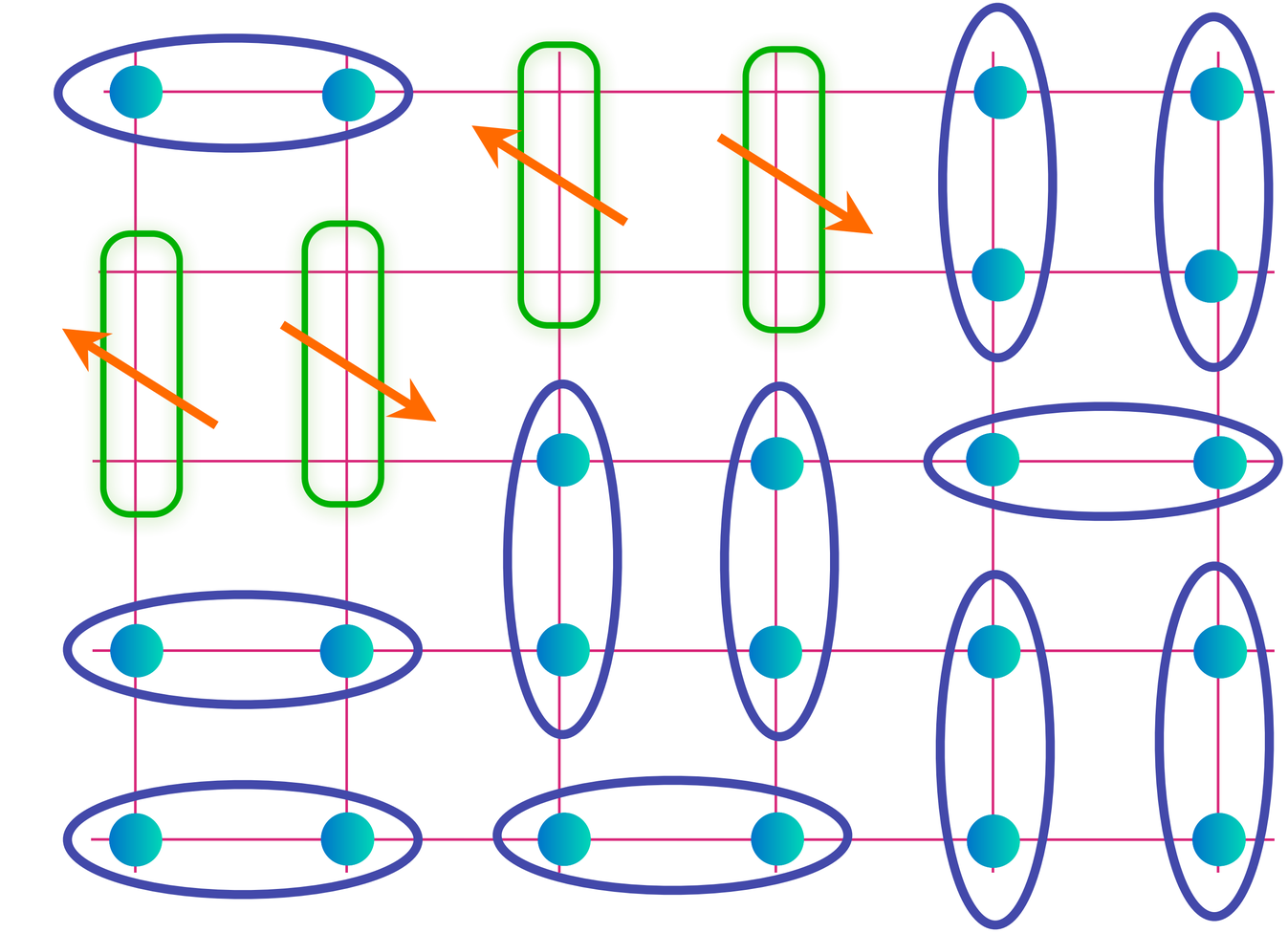

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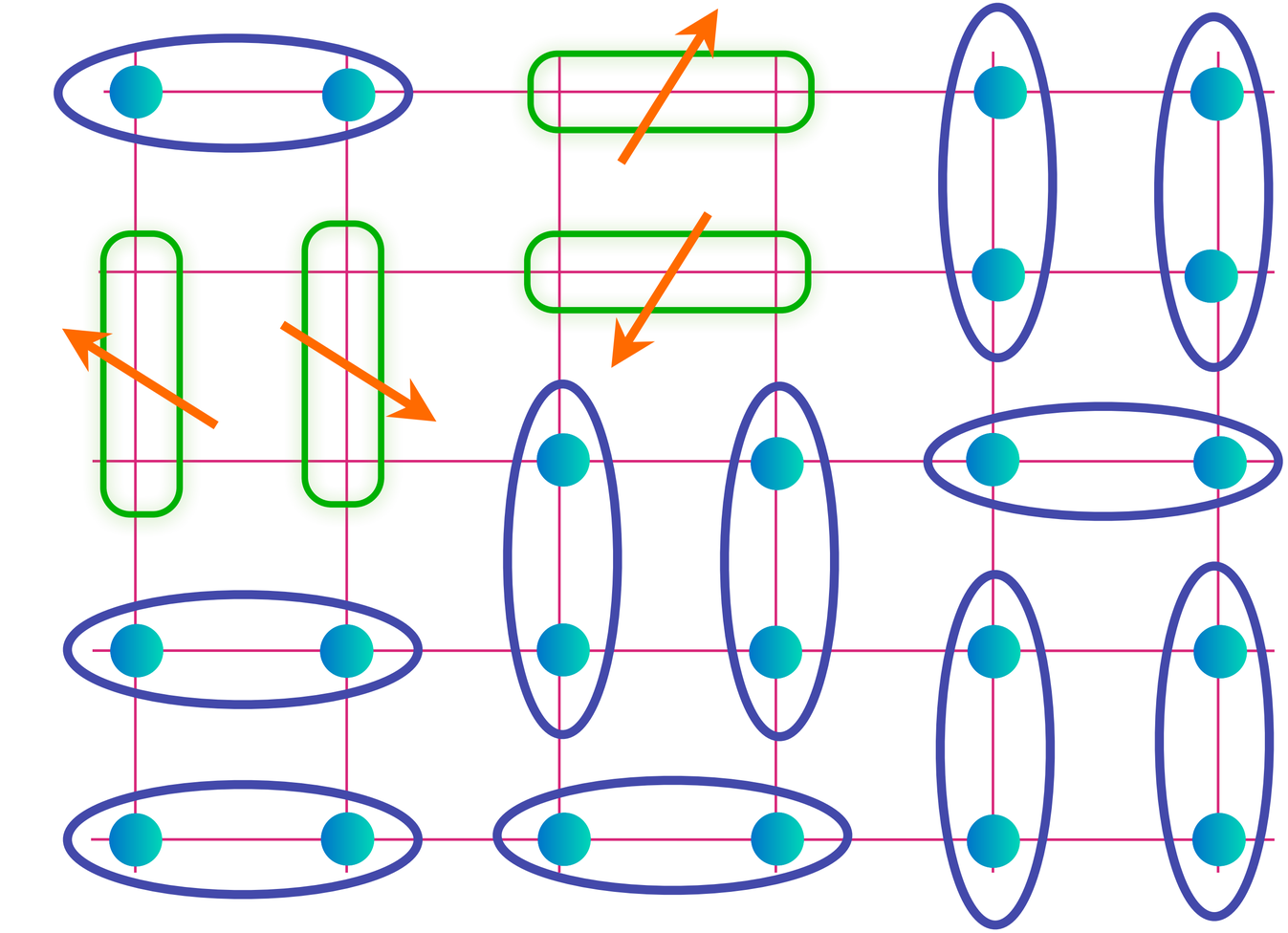

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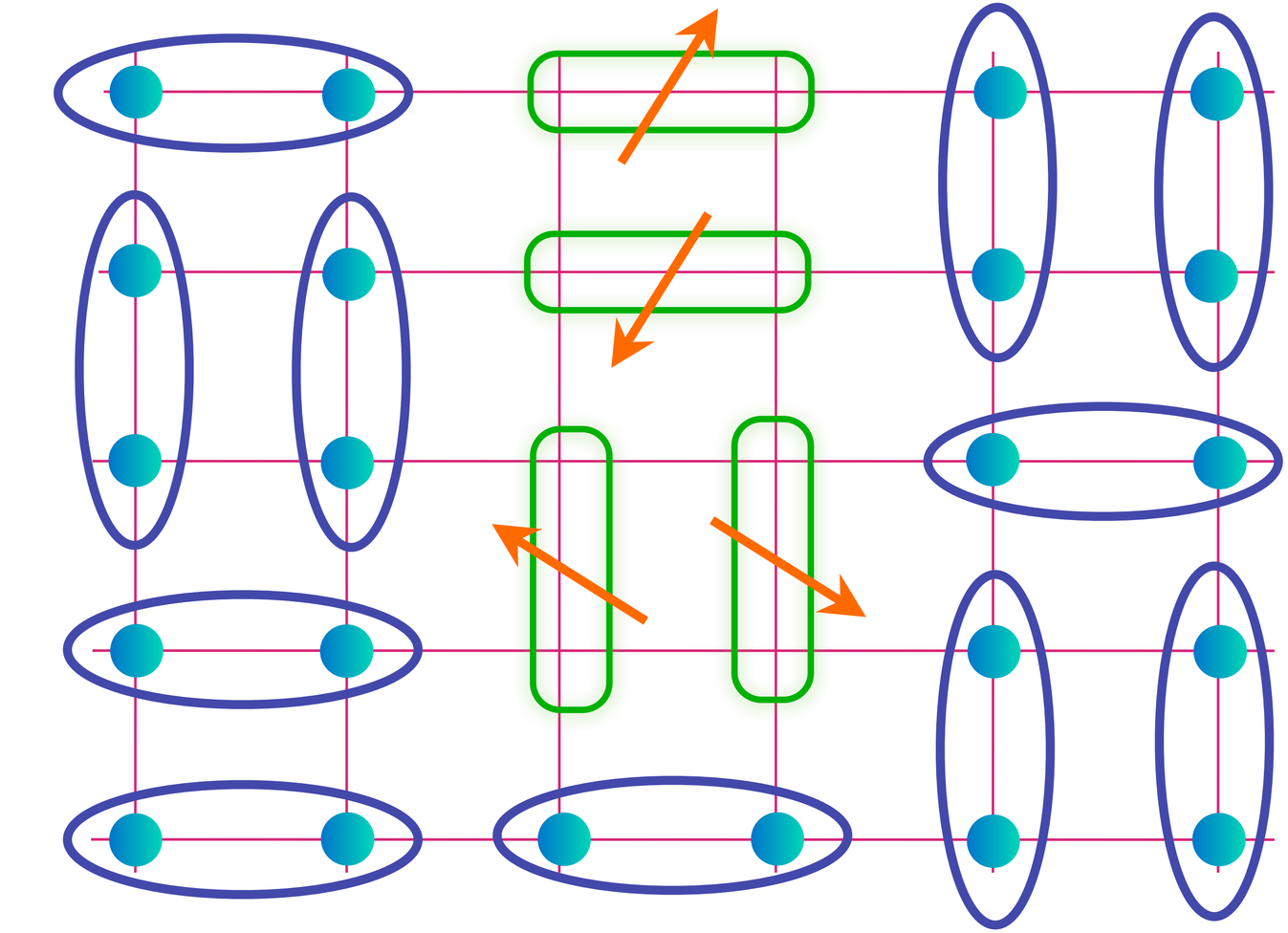

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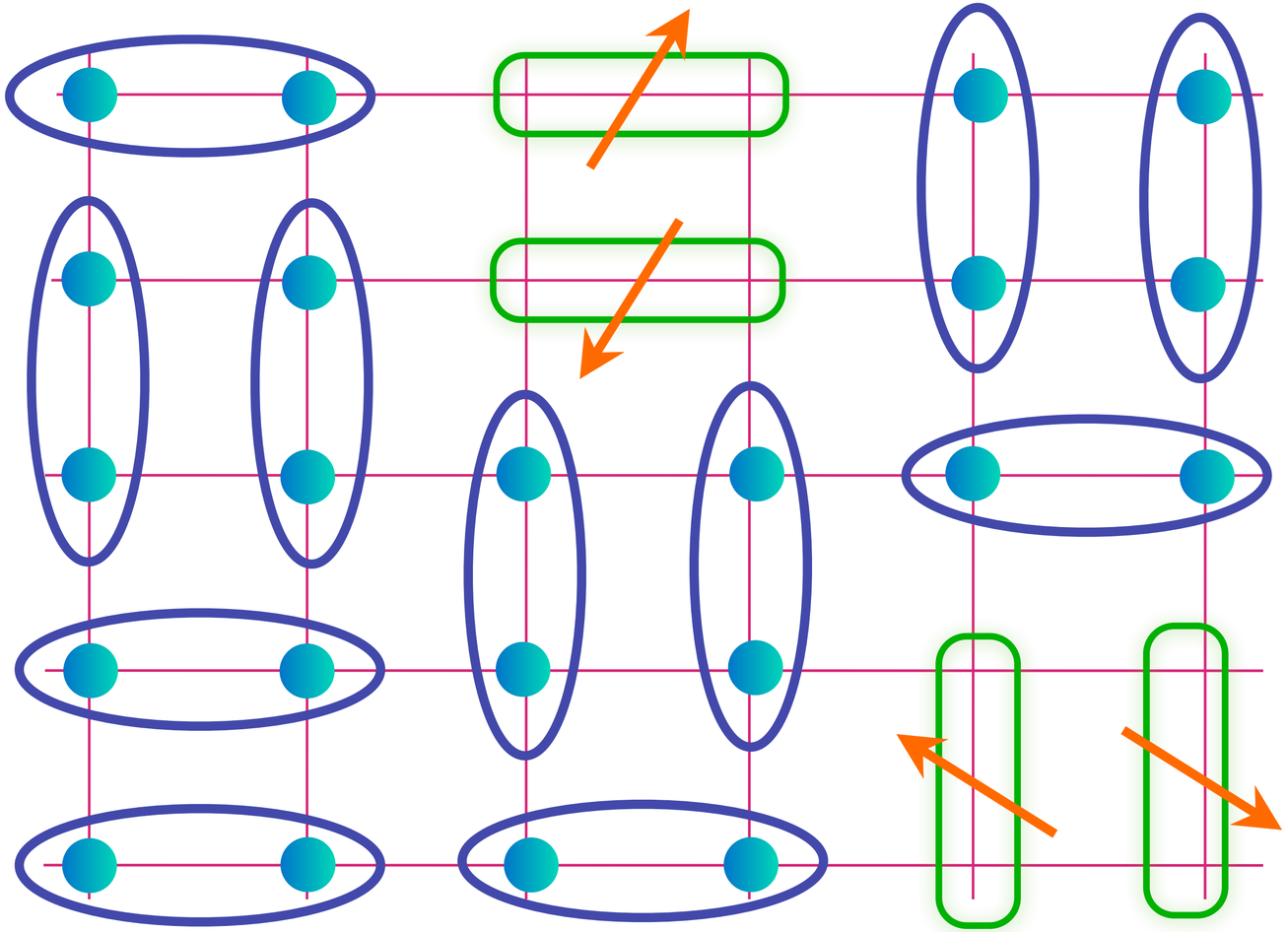

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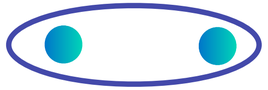

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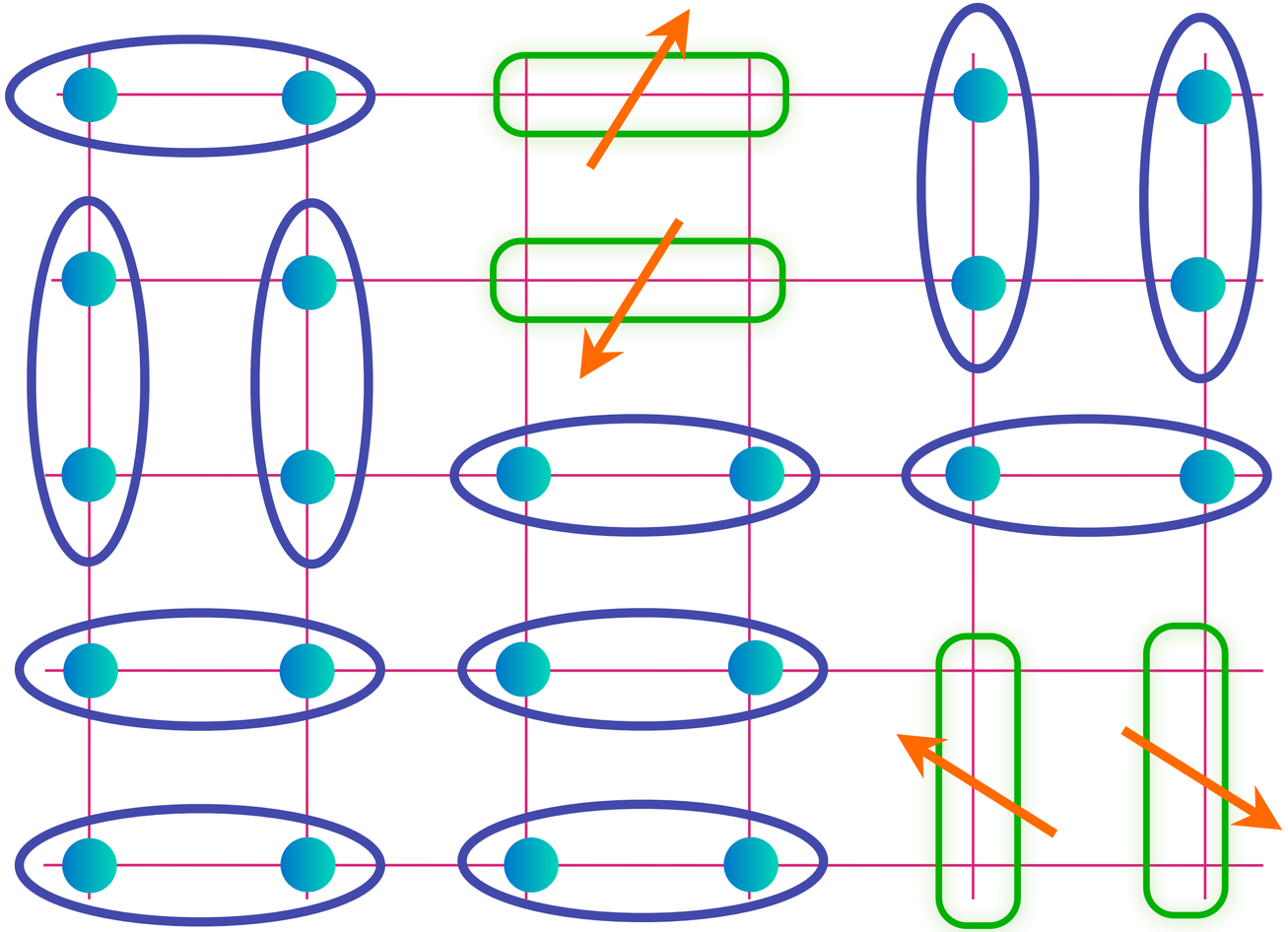

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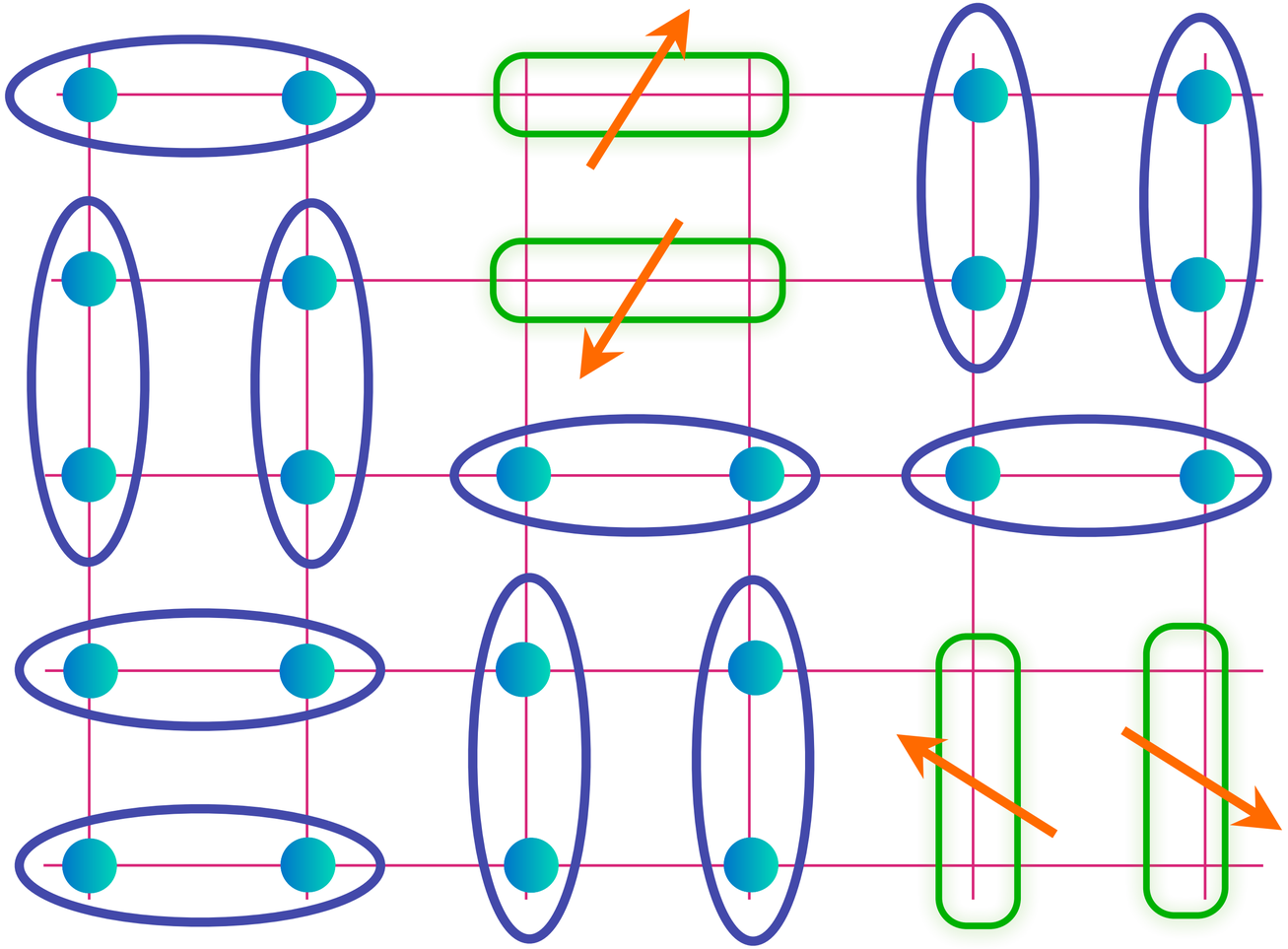

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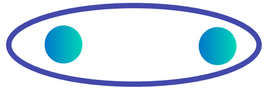

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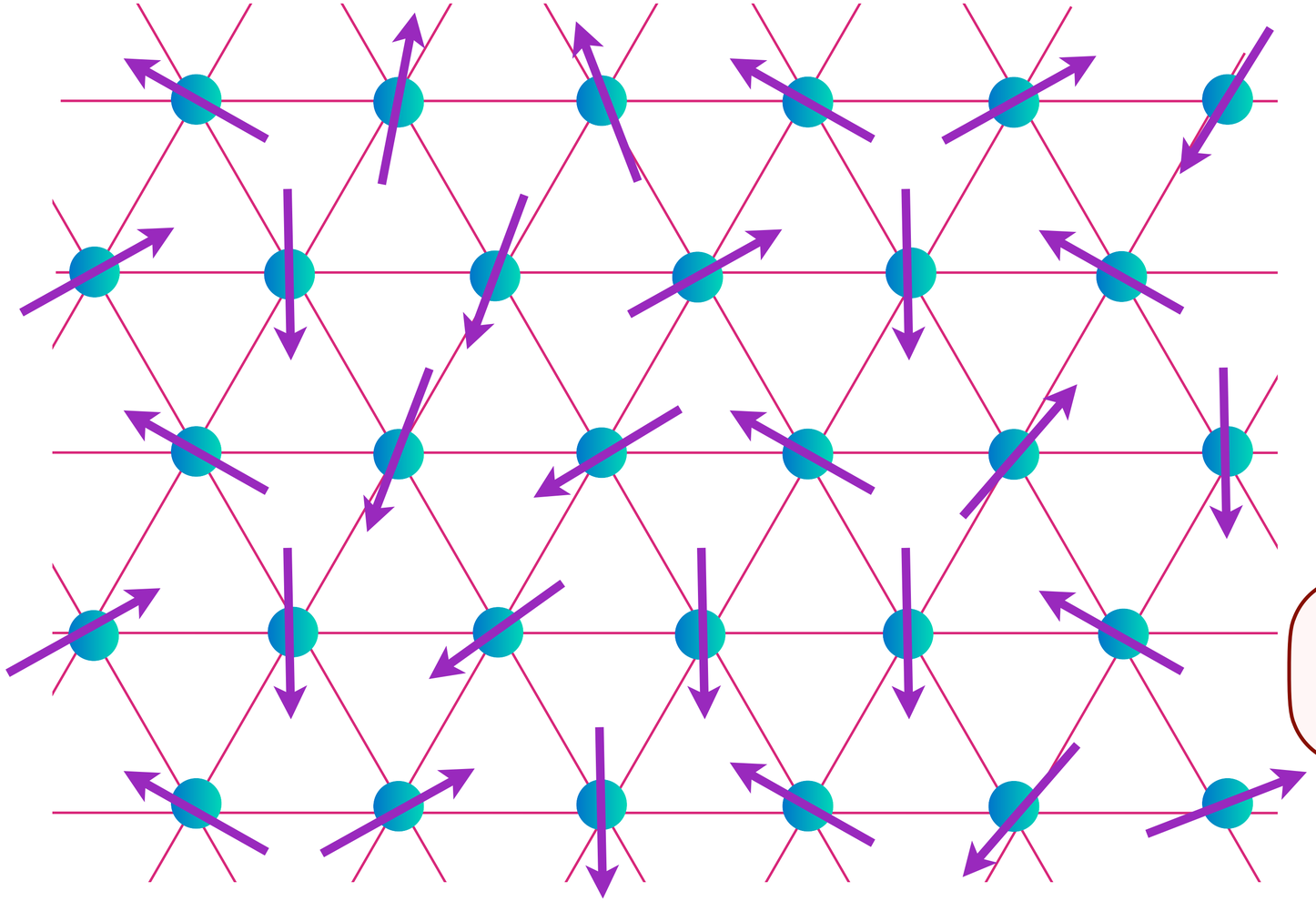

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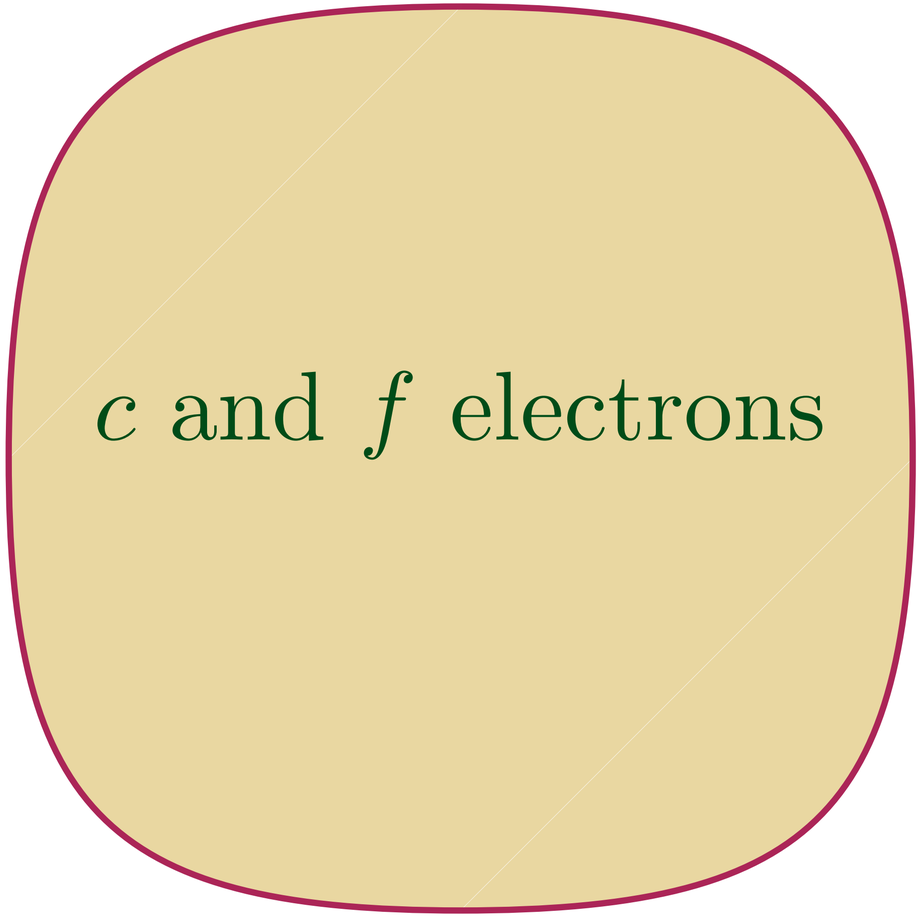

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$$H = -\sum_{i<j} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i \left(n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \mu \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$$

We use the operator equation (valid on each site i):

$$U \left(n_\uparrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_\downarrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{2U}{3} \boldsymbol{S}^2 + \frac{U}{4}$$

Then we decouple the interaction via

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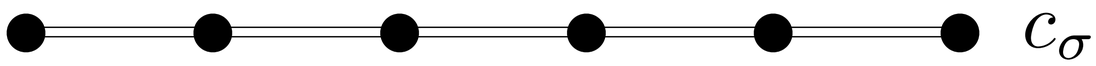

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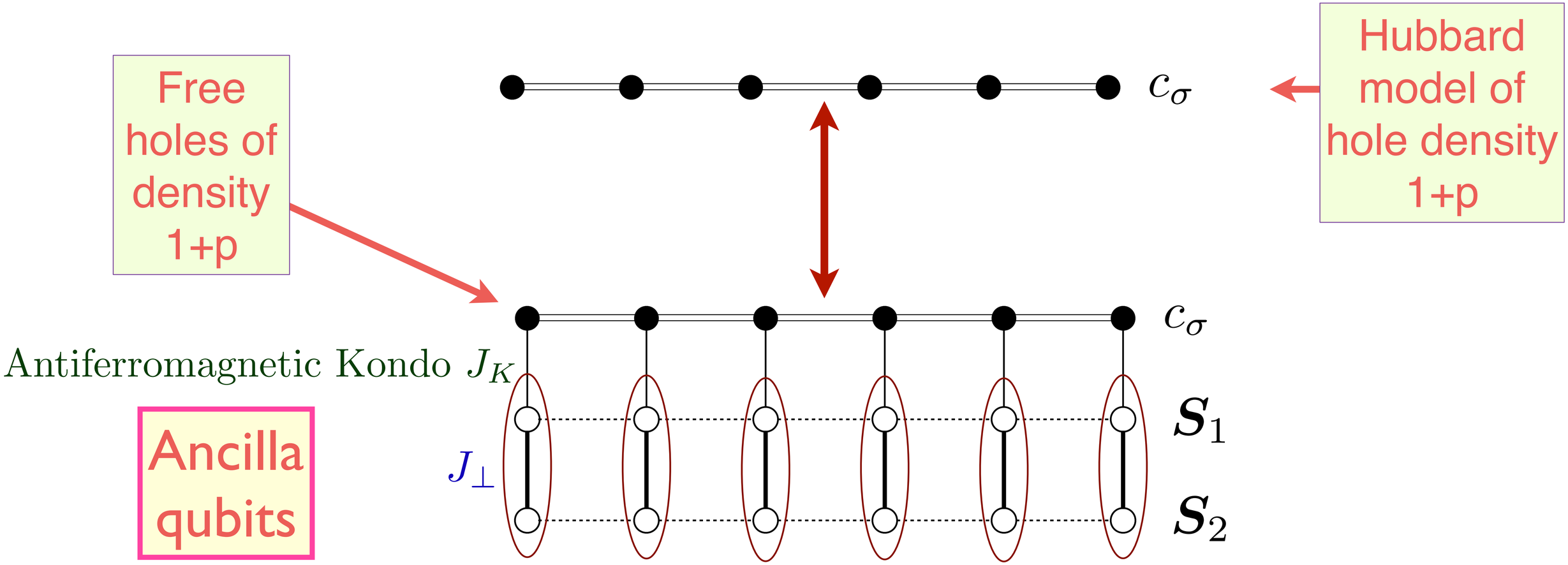

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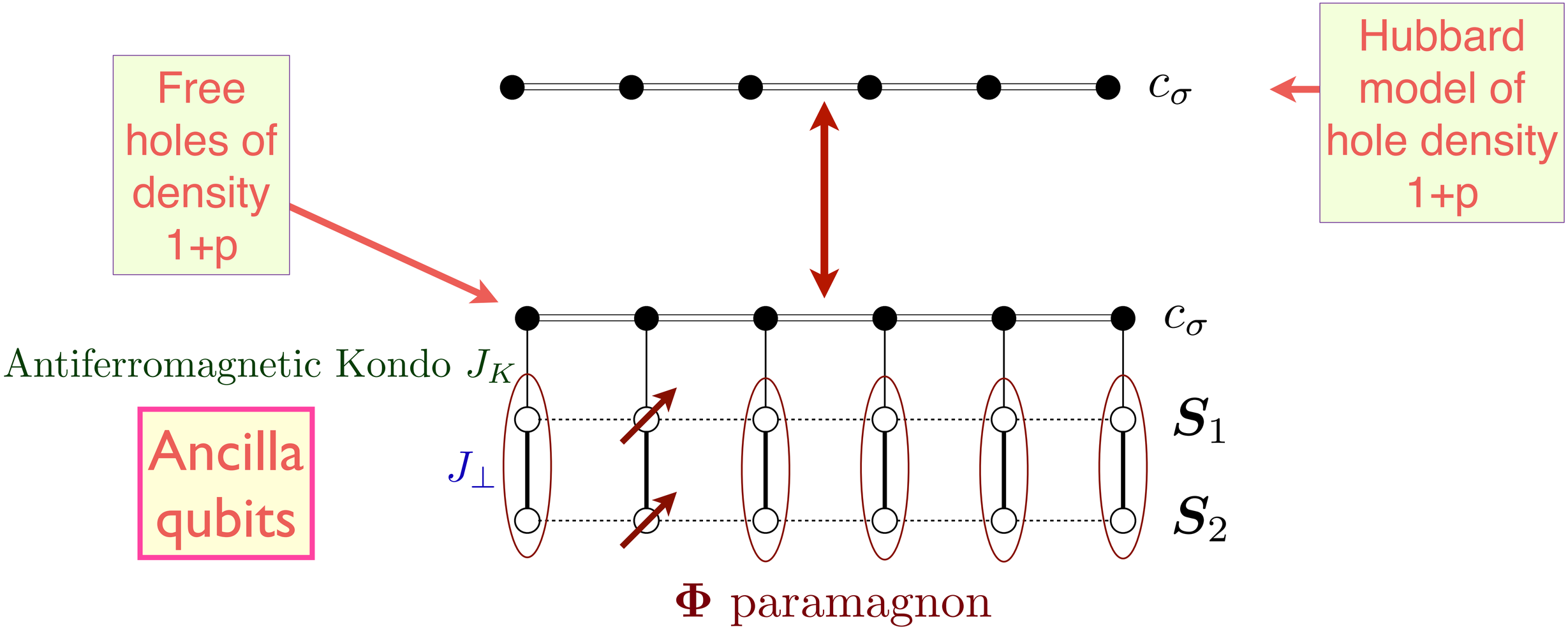

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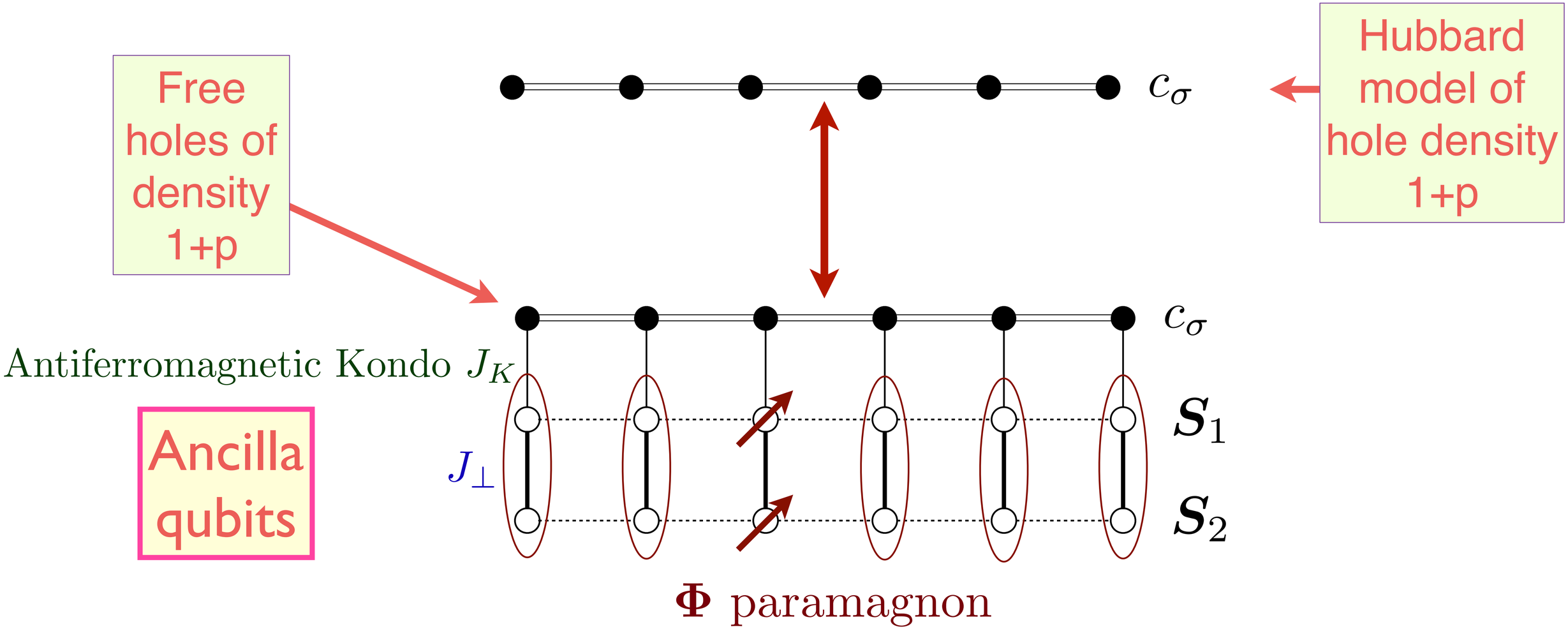

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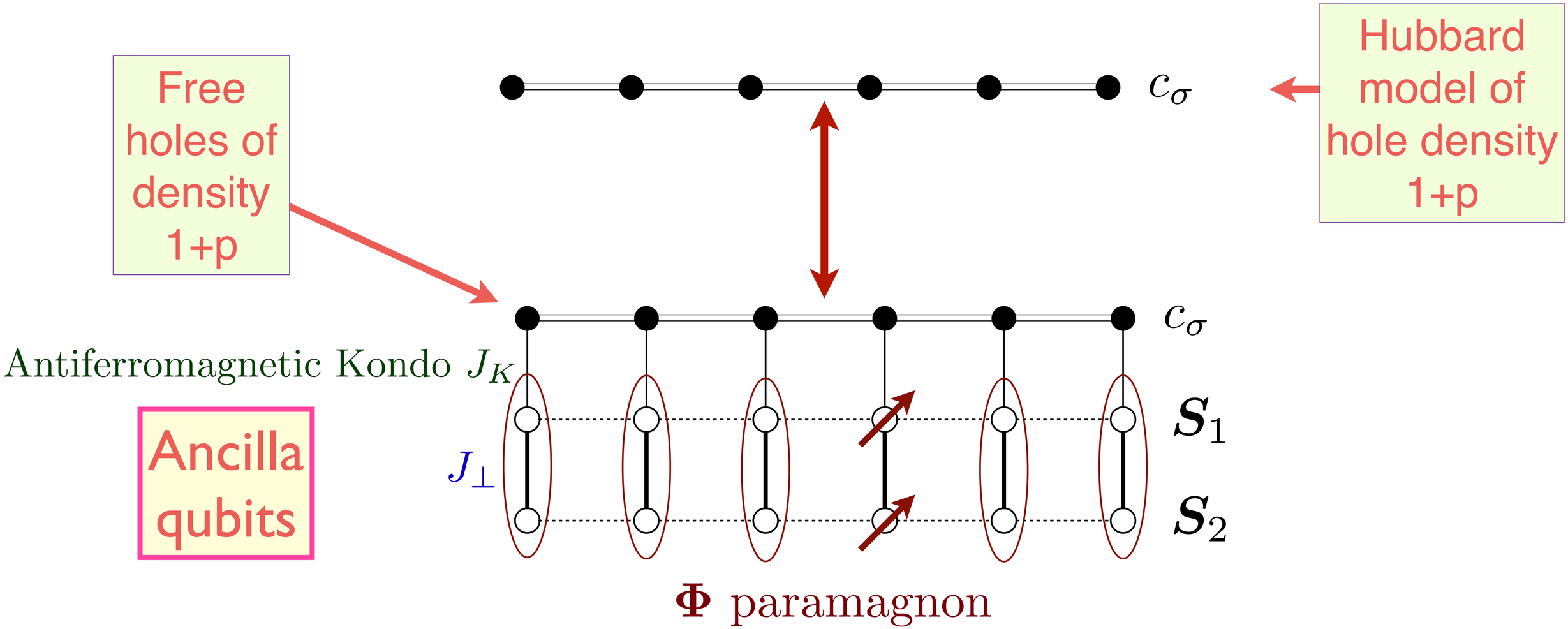

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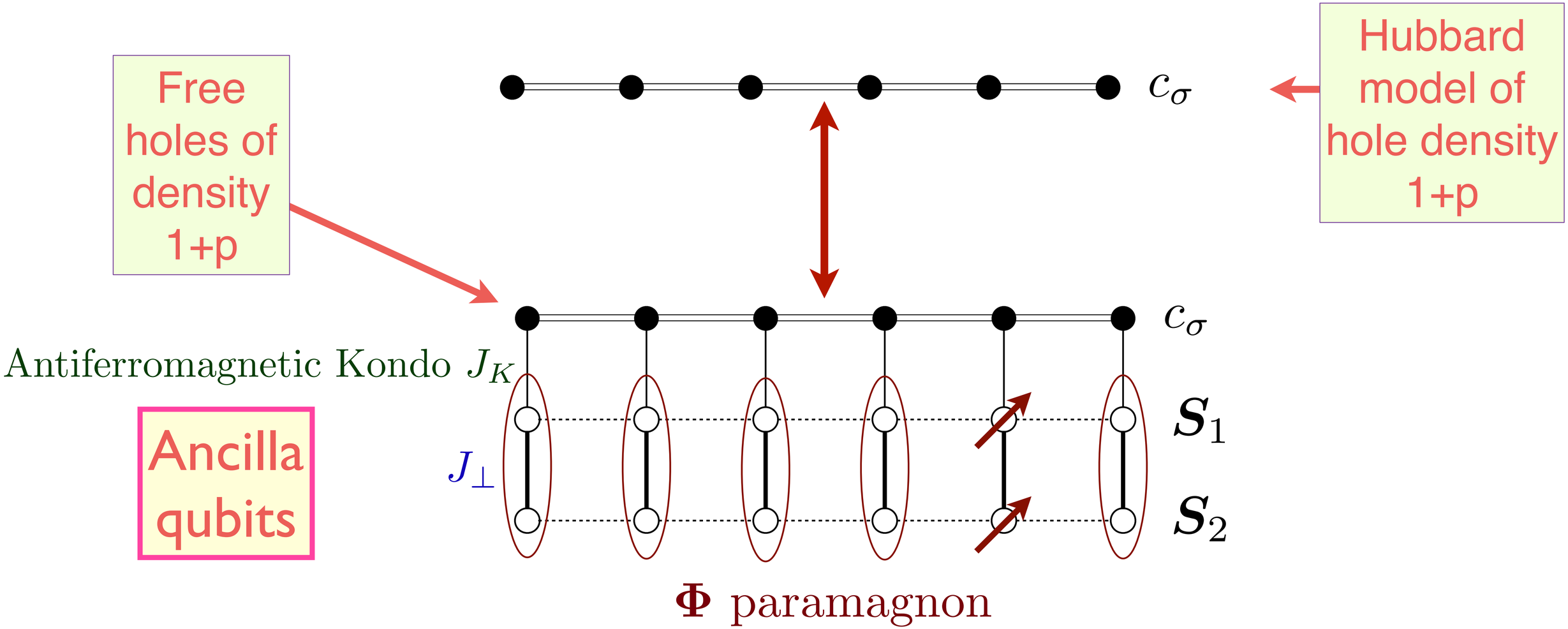

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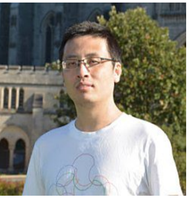

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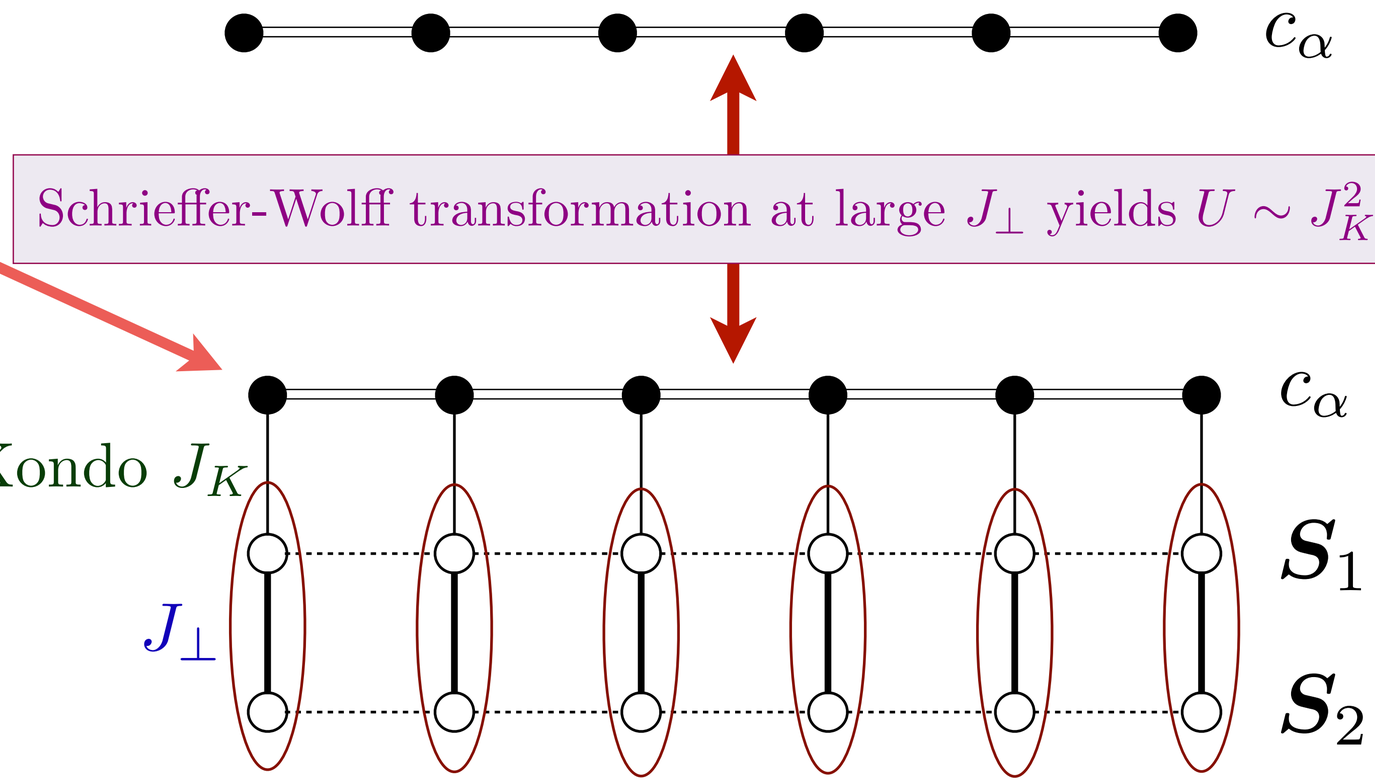

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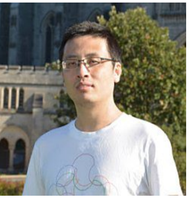

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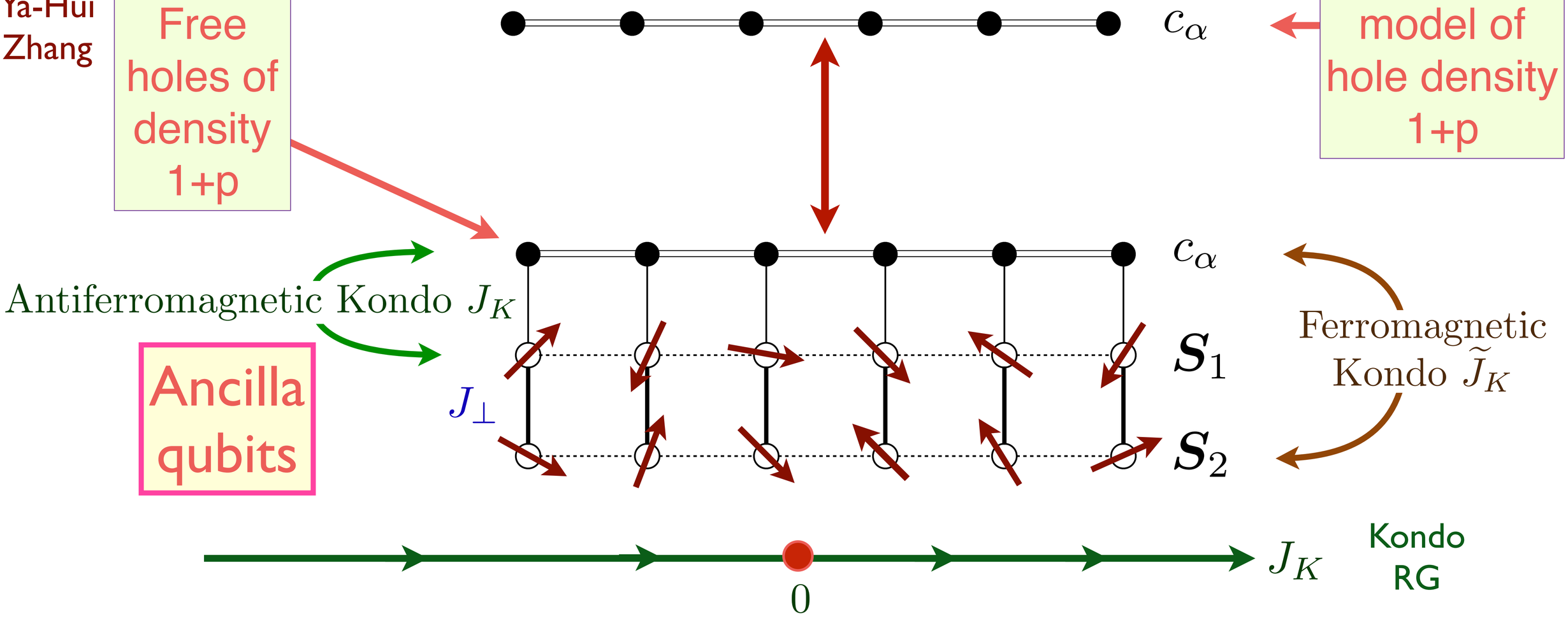

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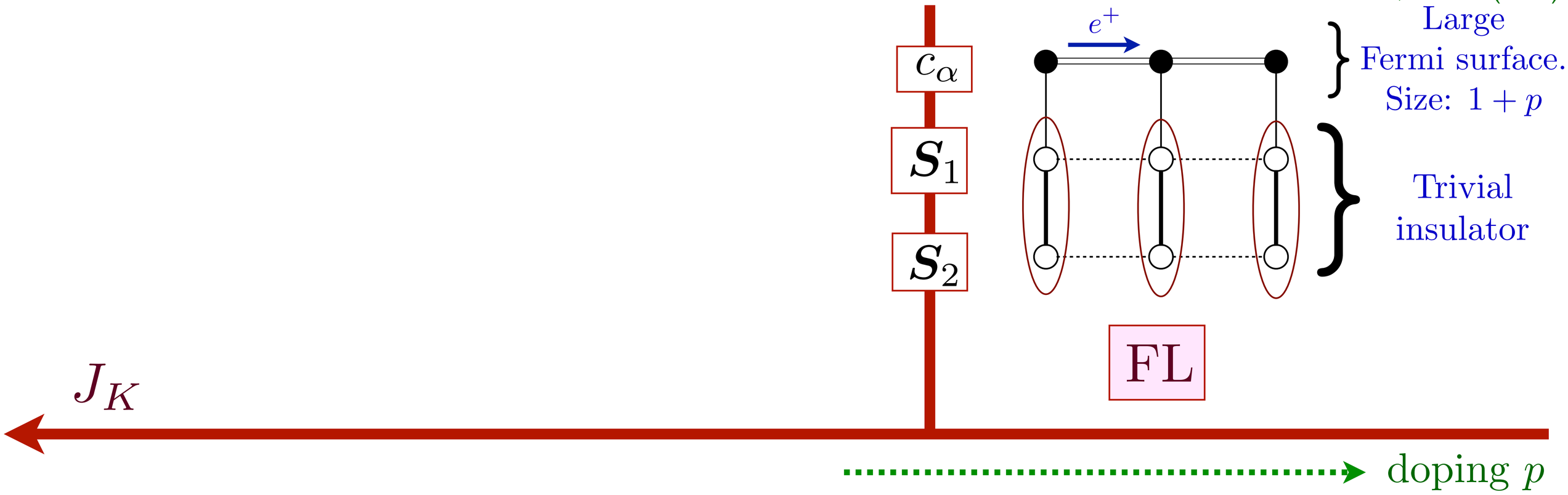

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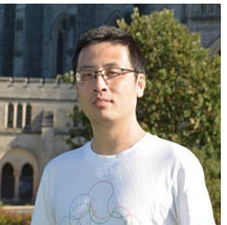

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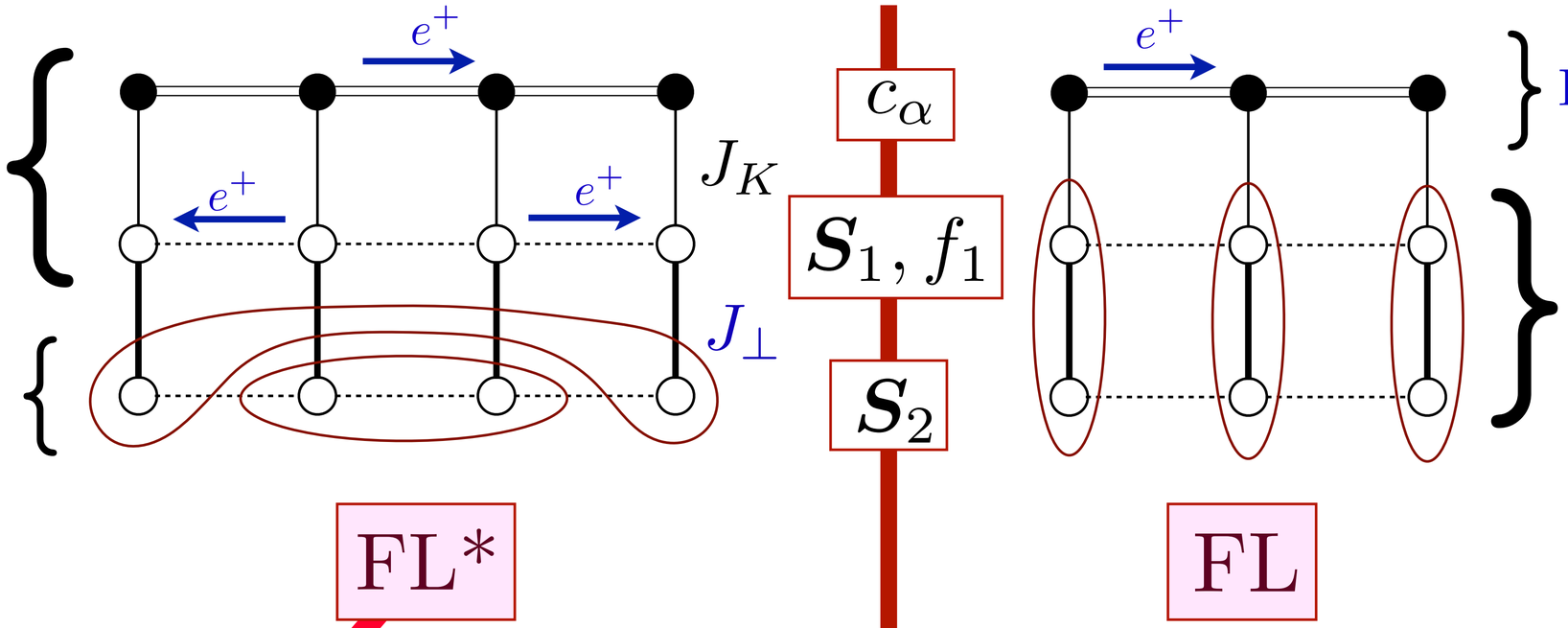

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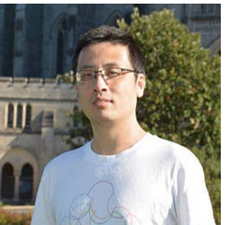

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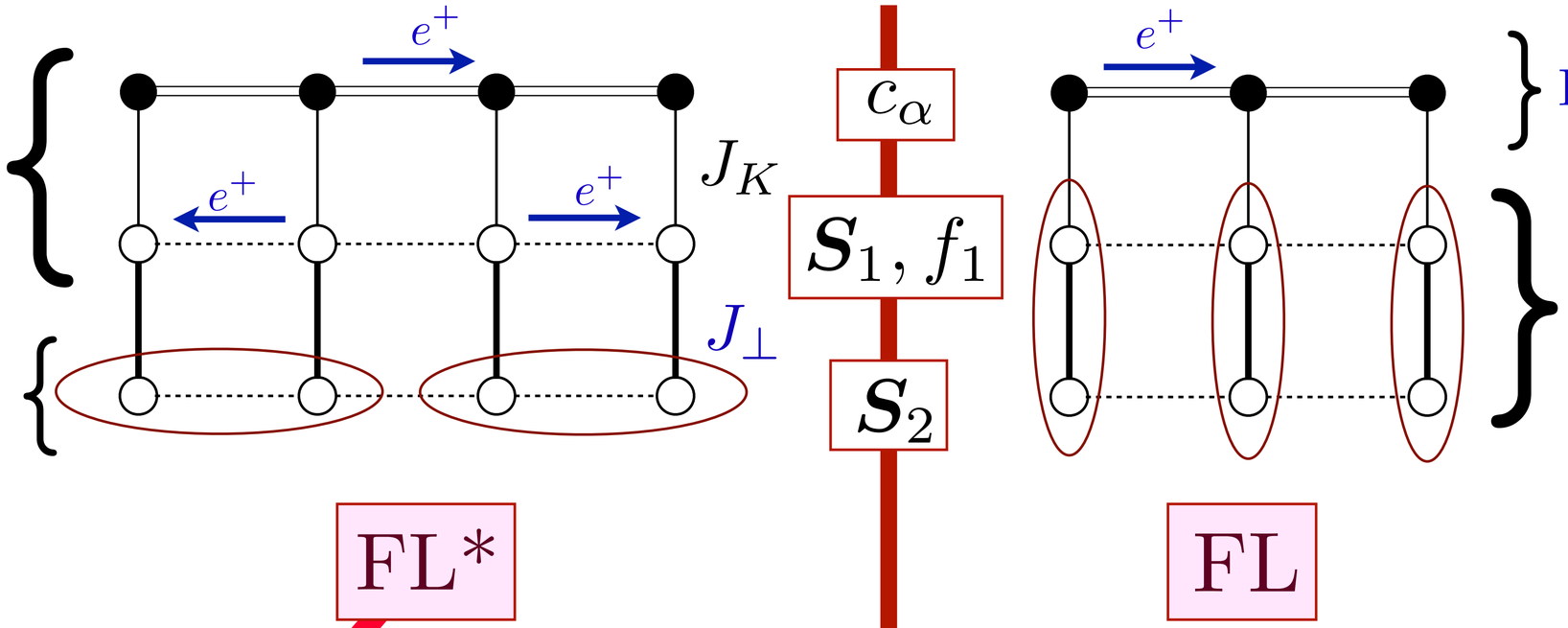

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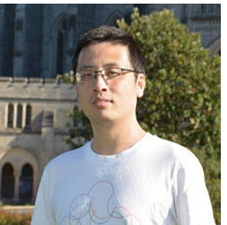

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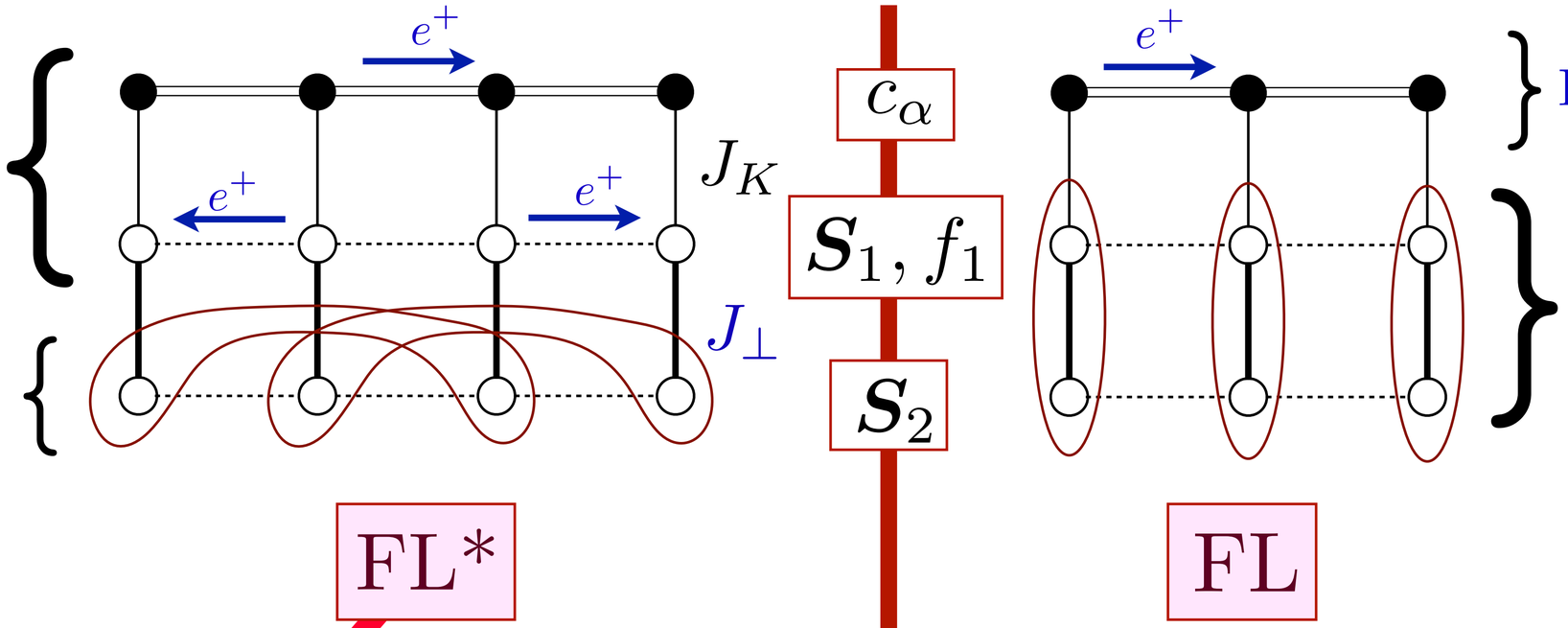

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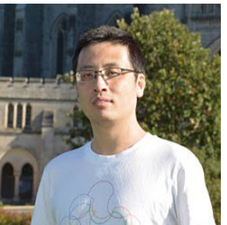

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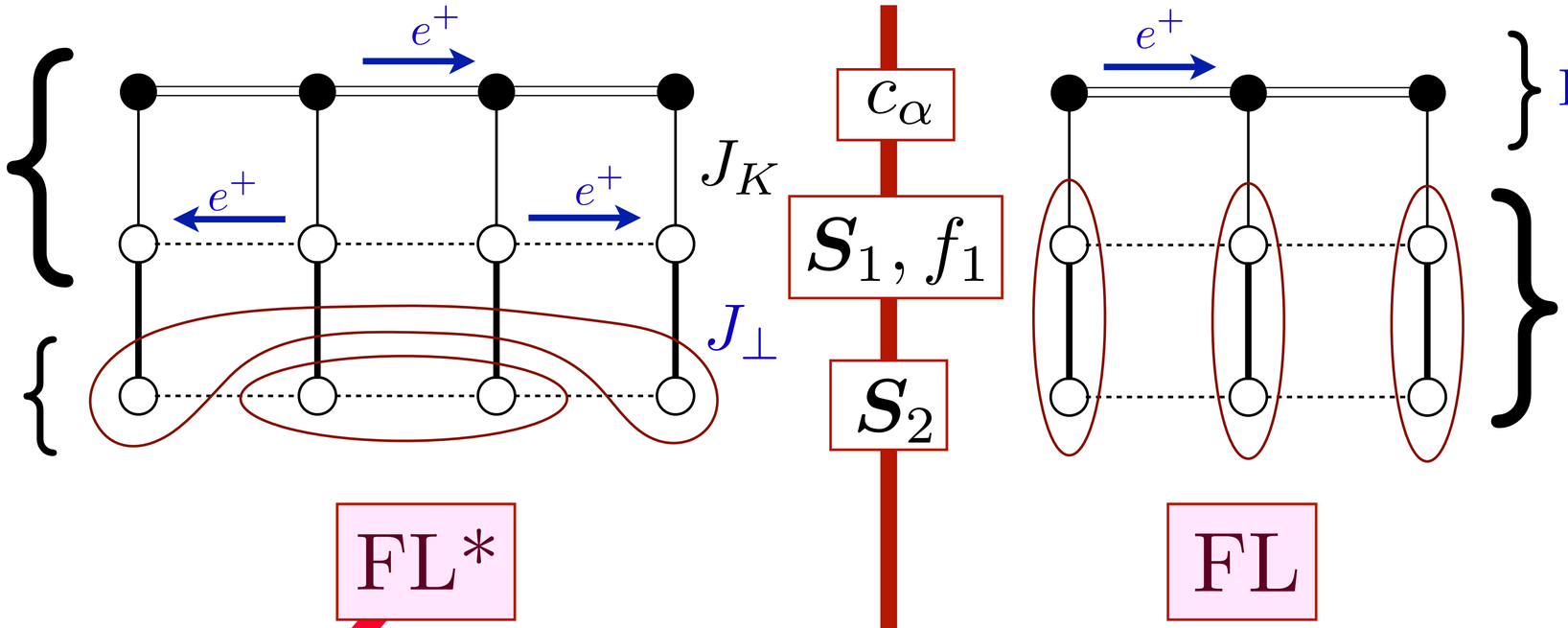

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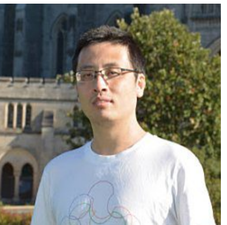

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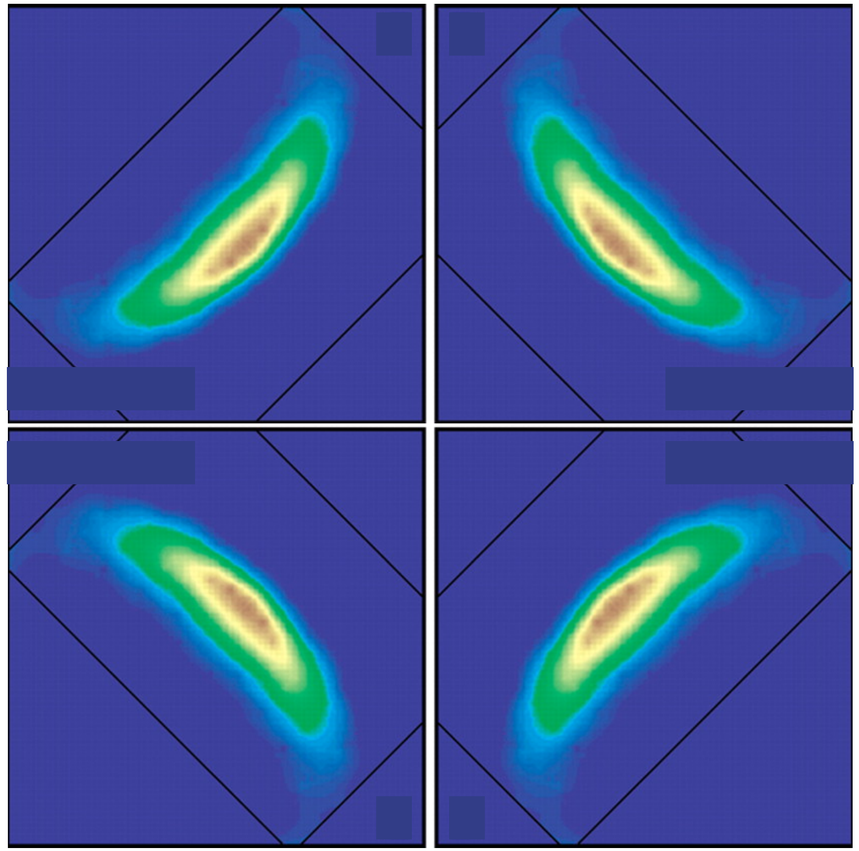

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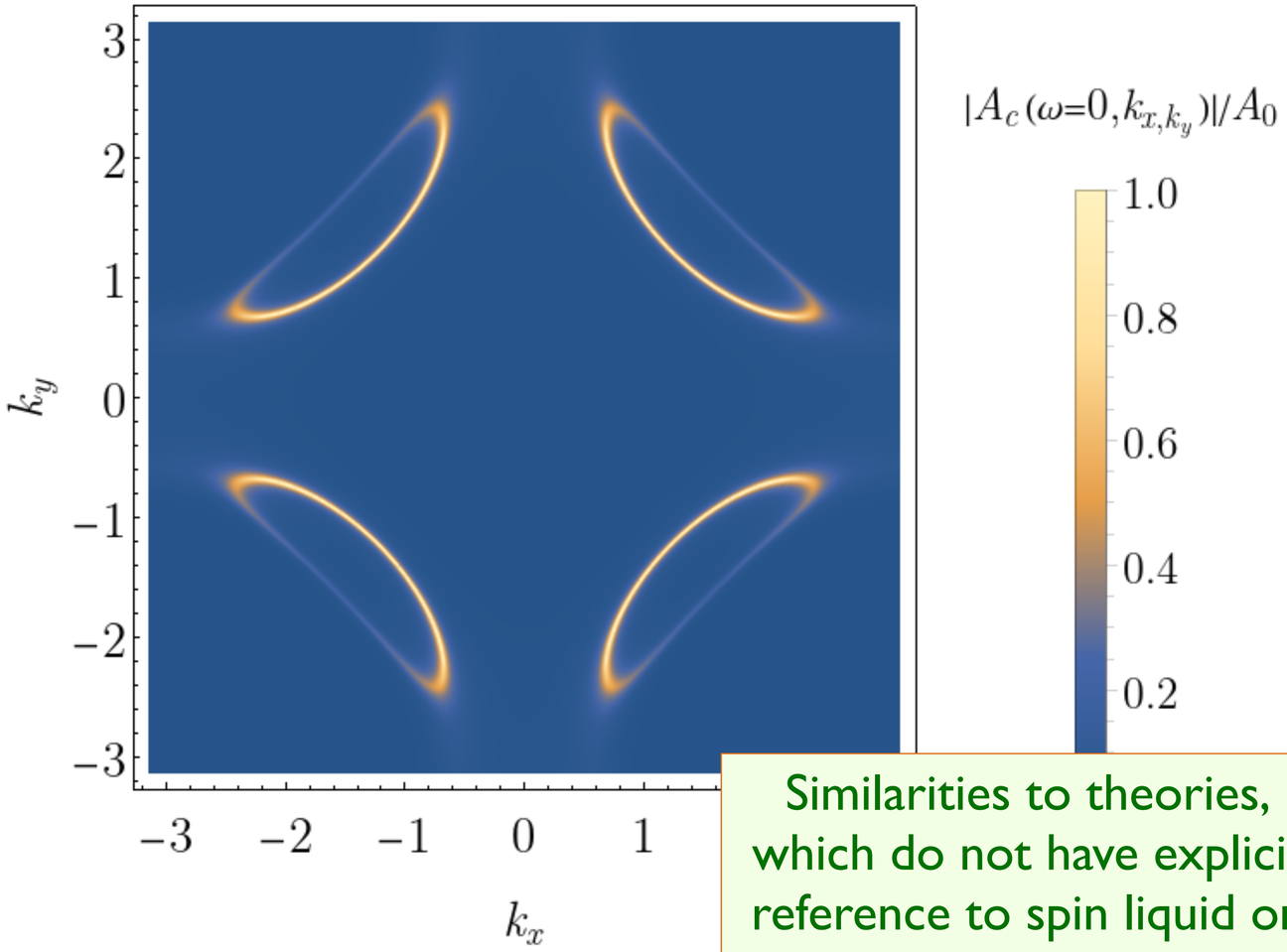

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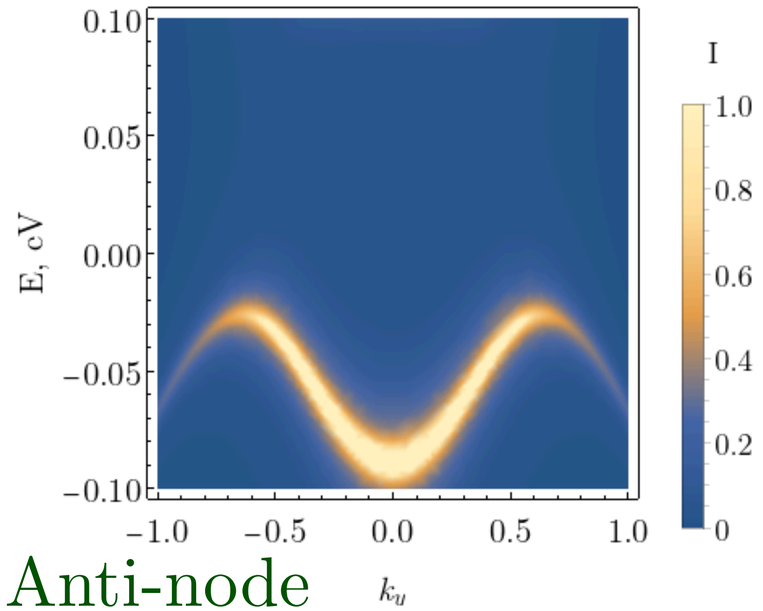

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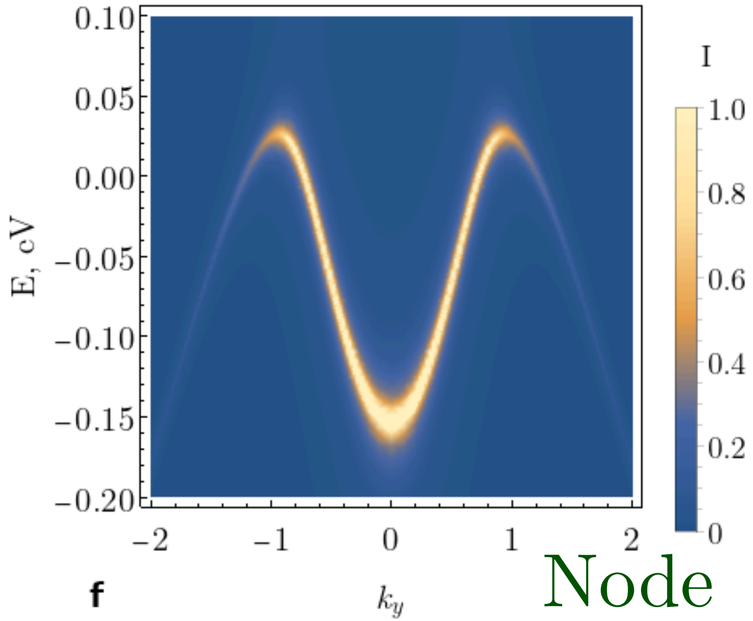

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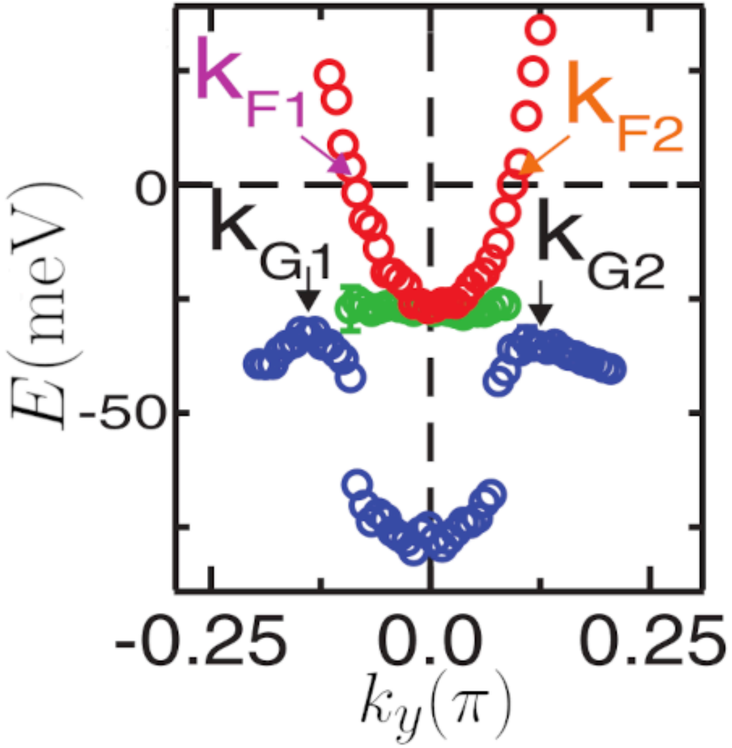

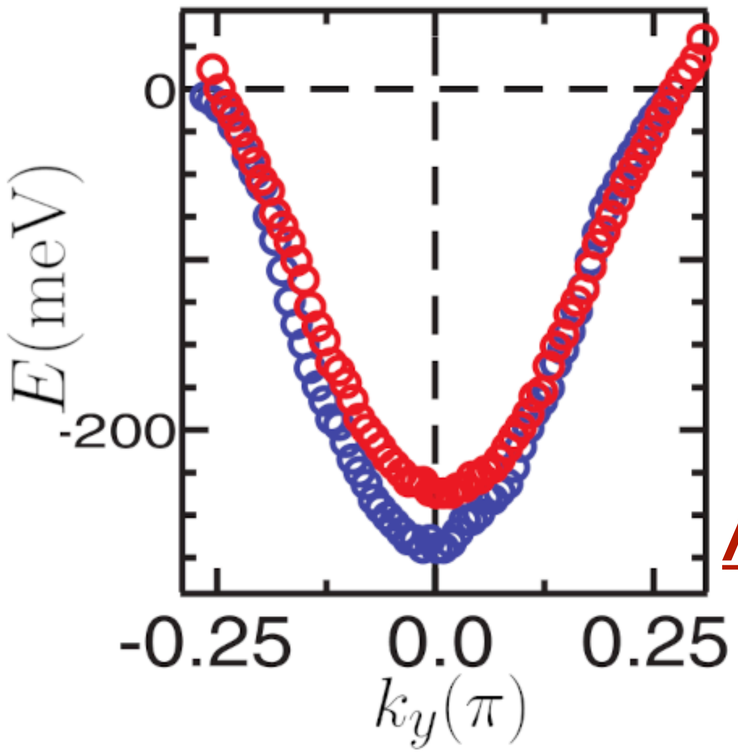

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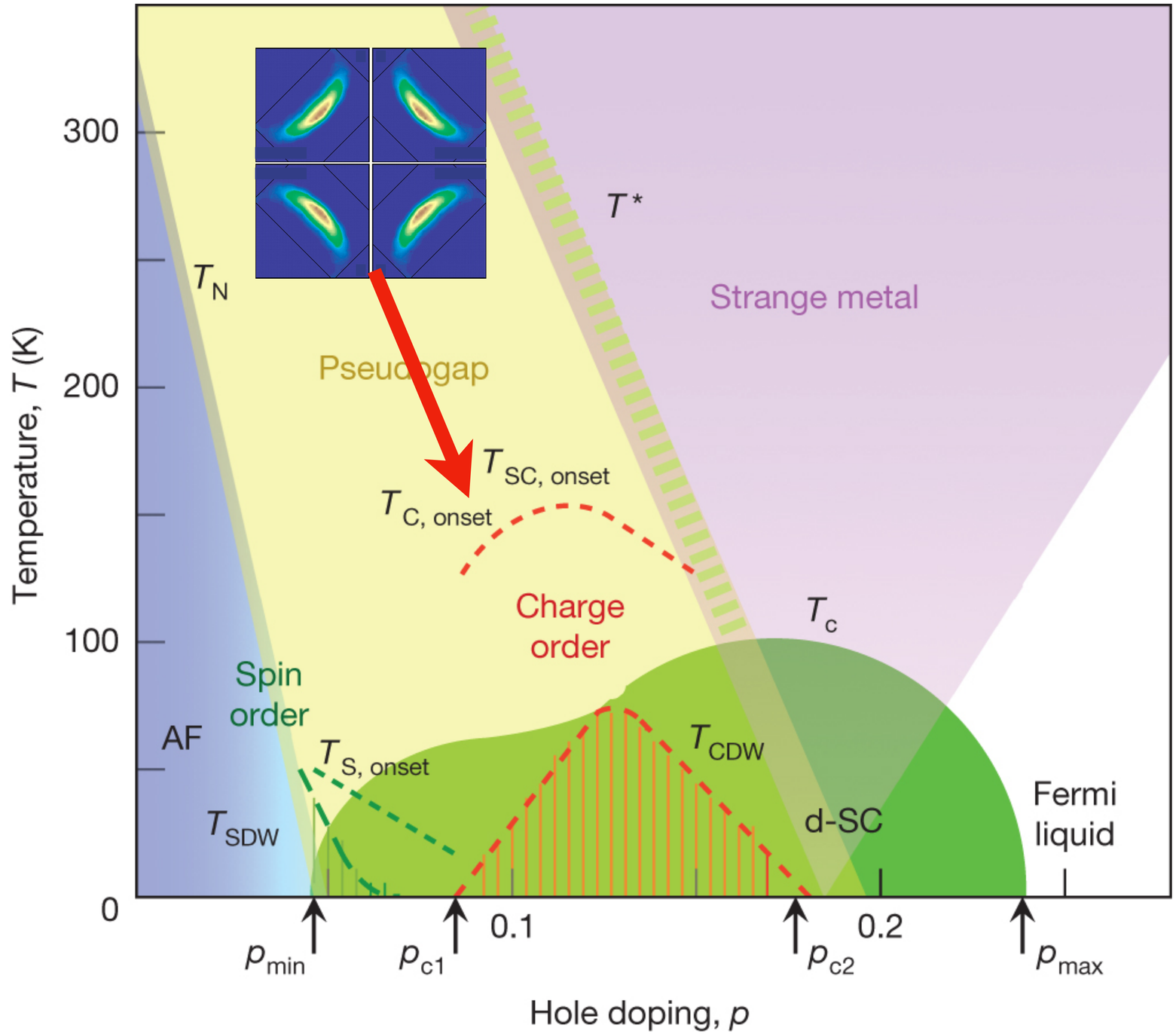

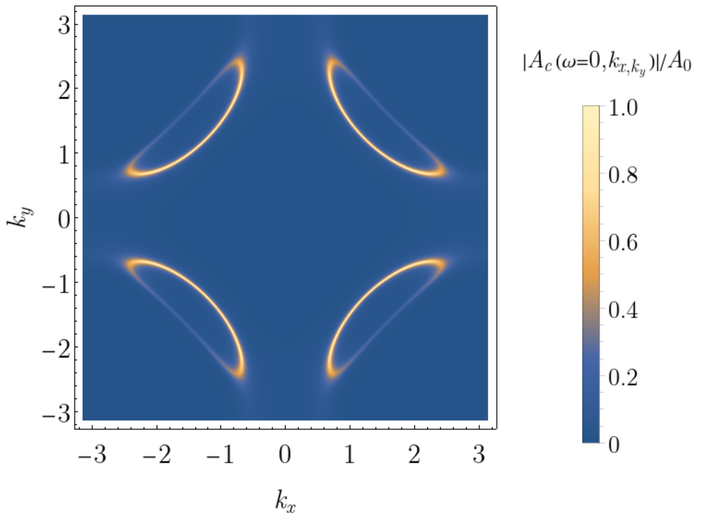

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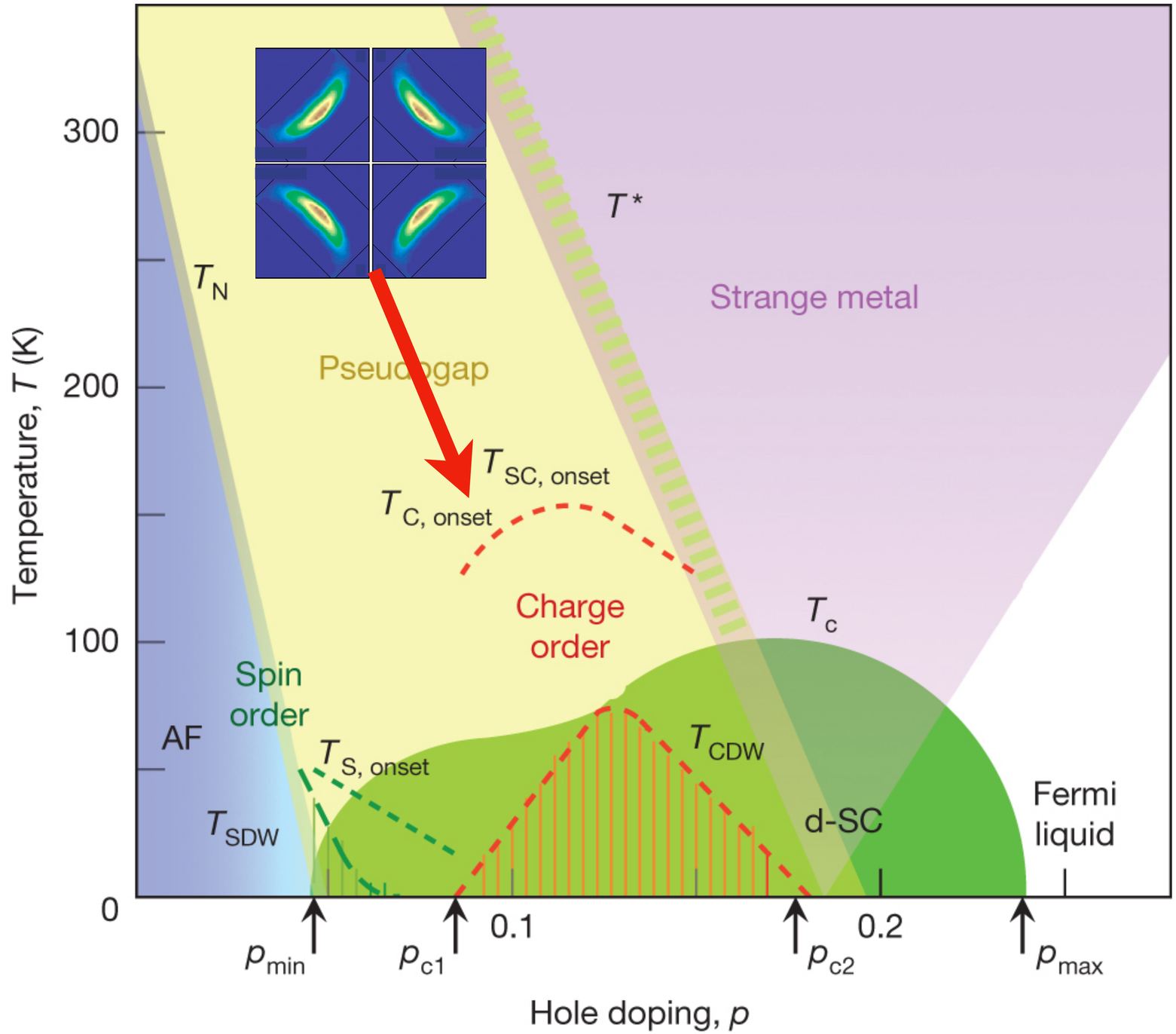

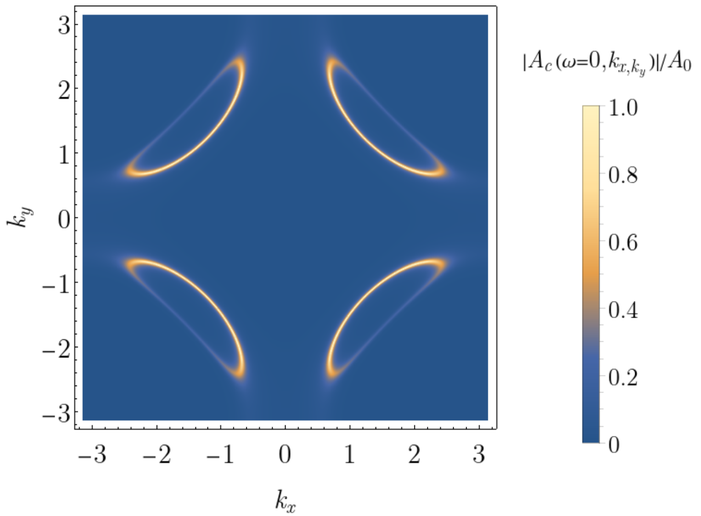

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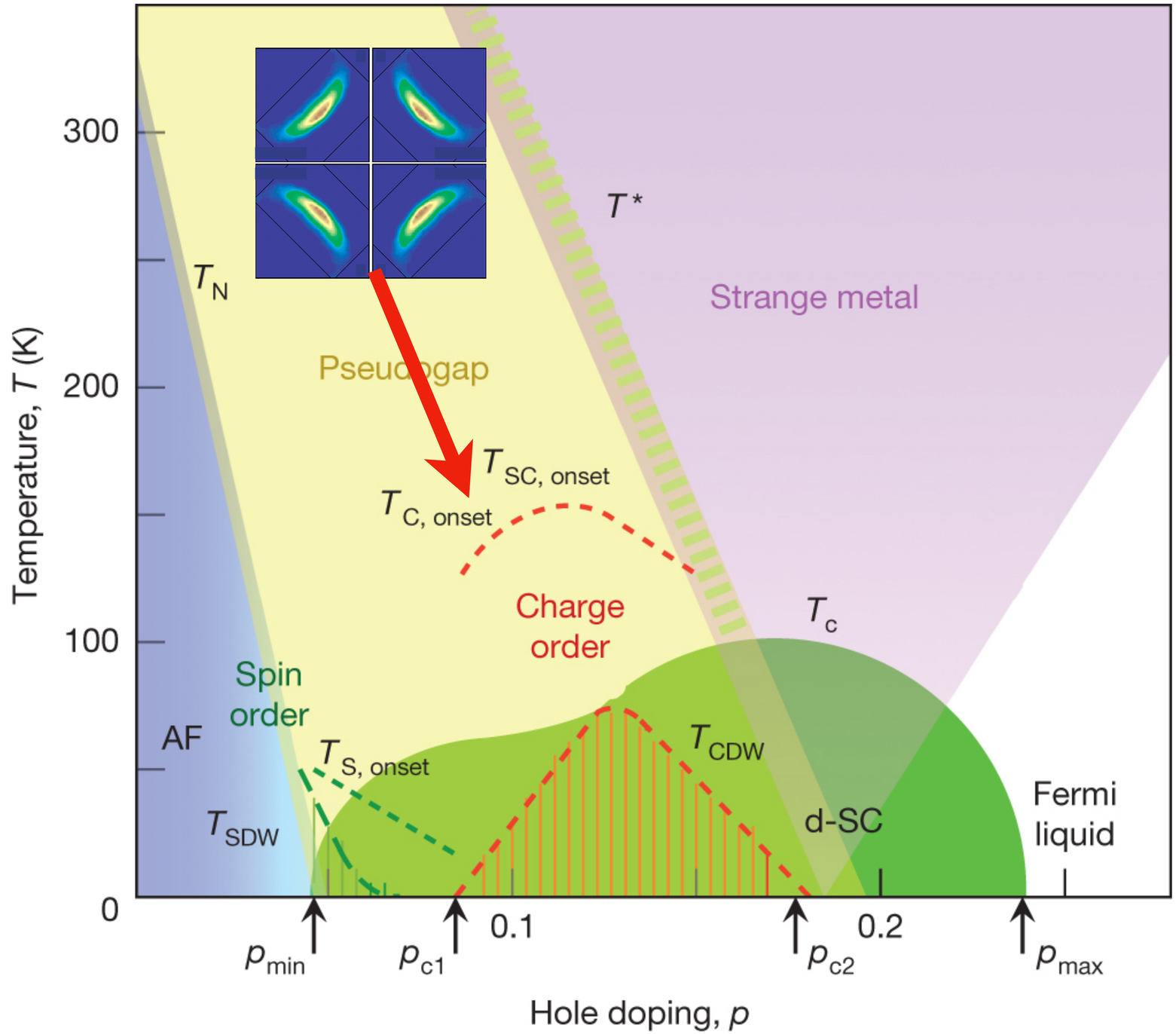

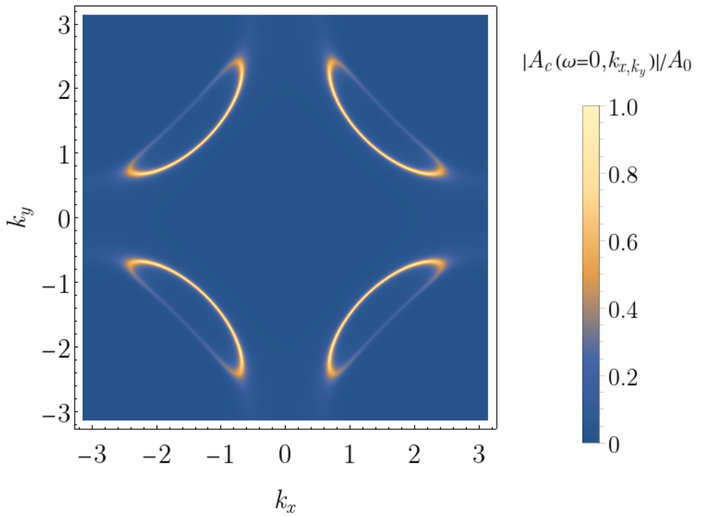

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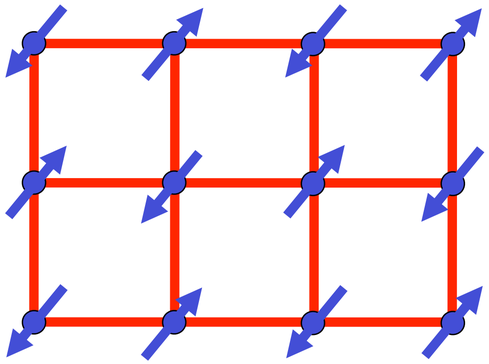

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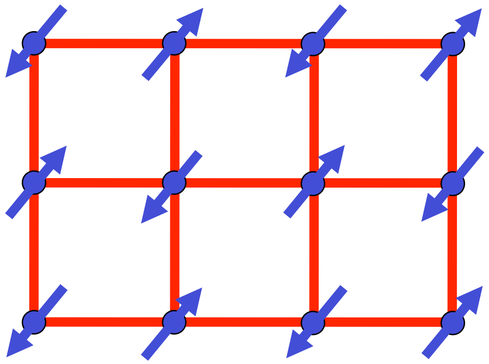

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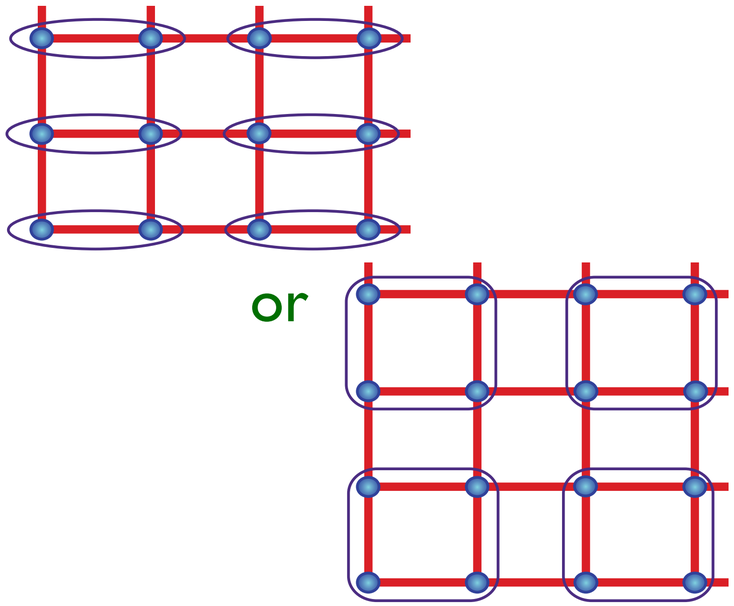

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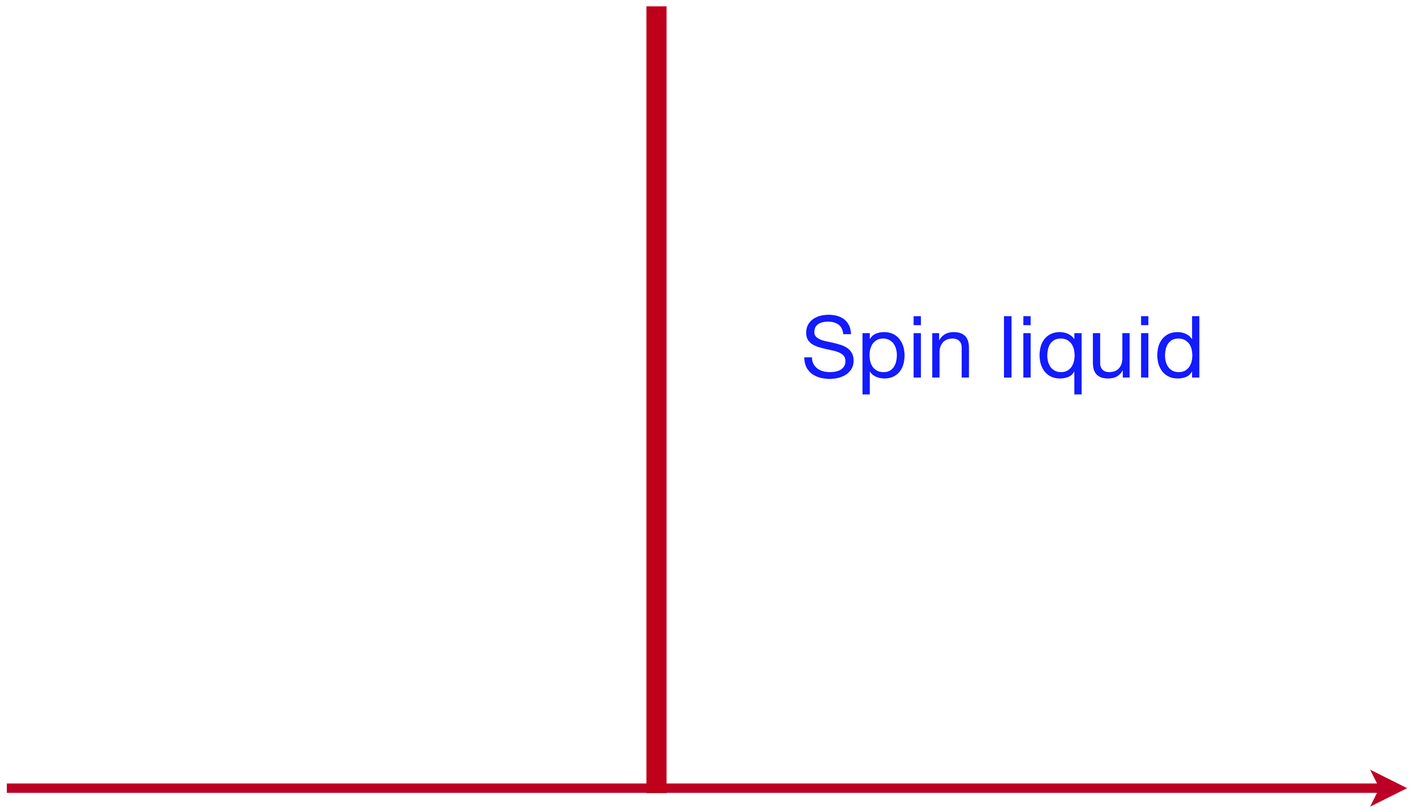

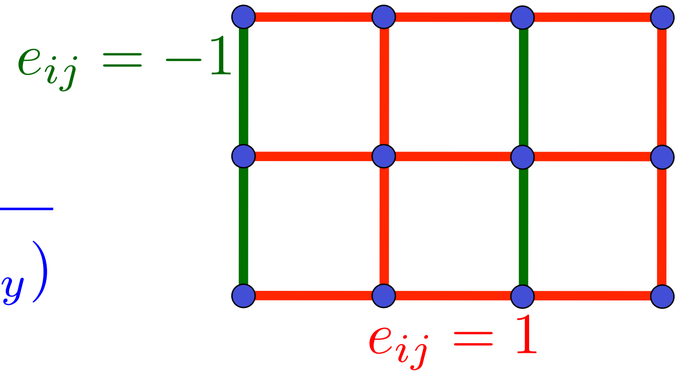

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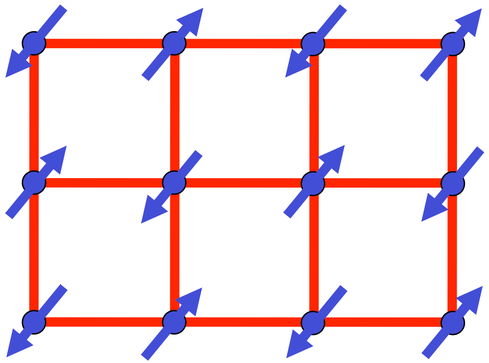

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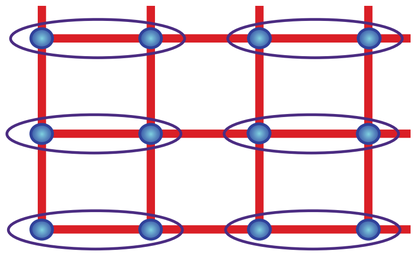

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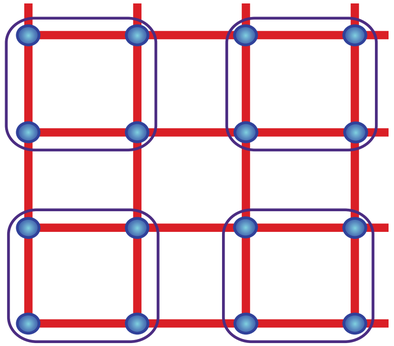

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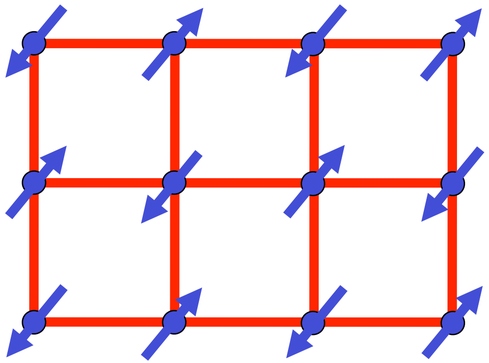

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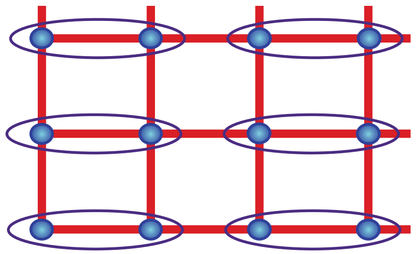

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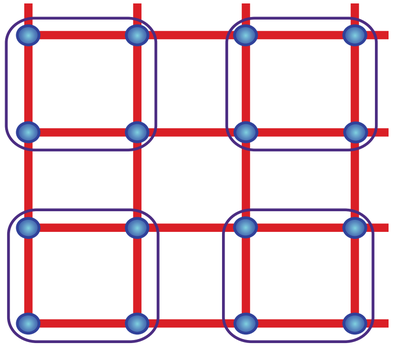

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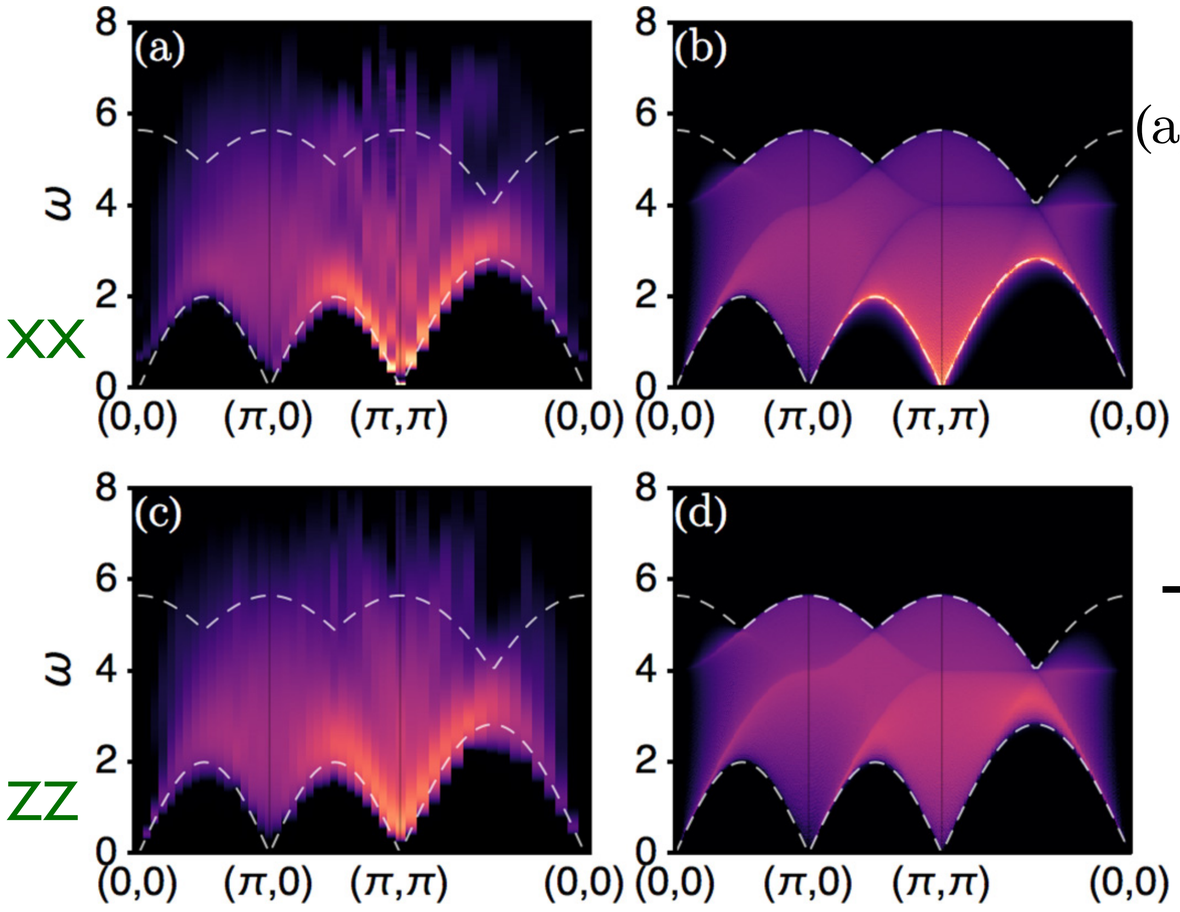

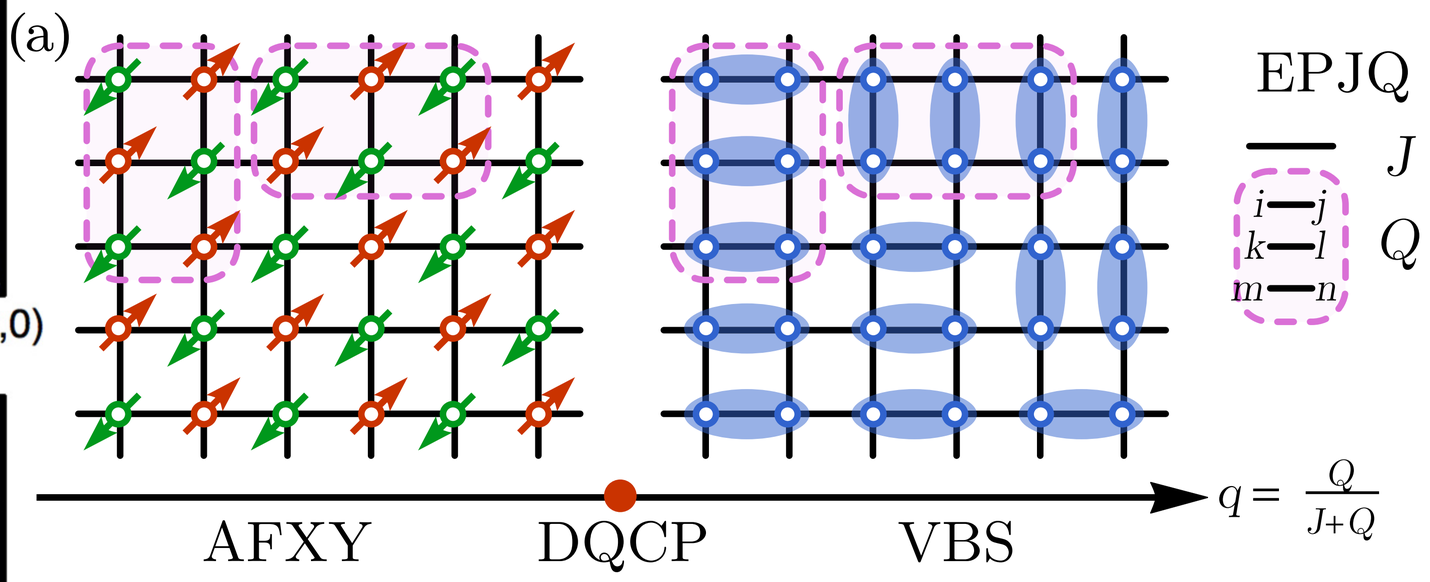

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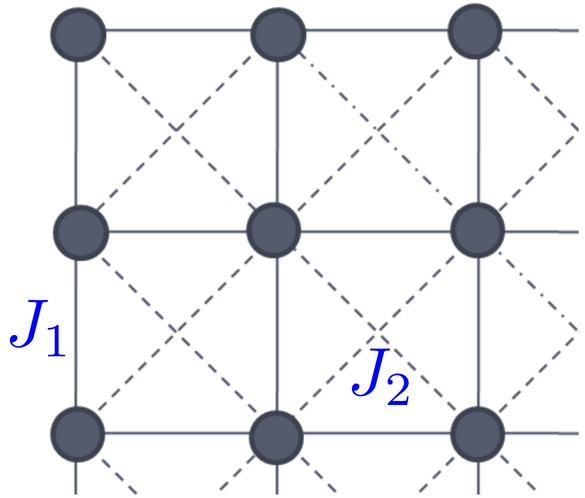

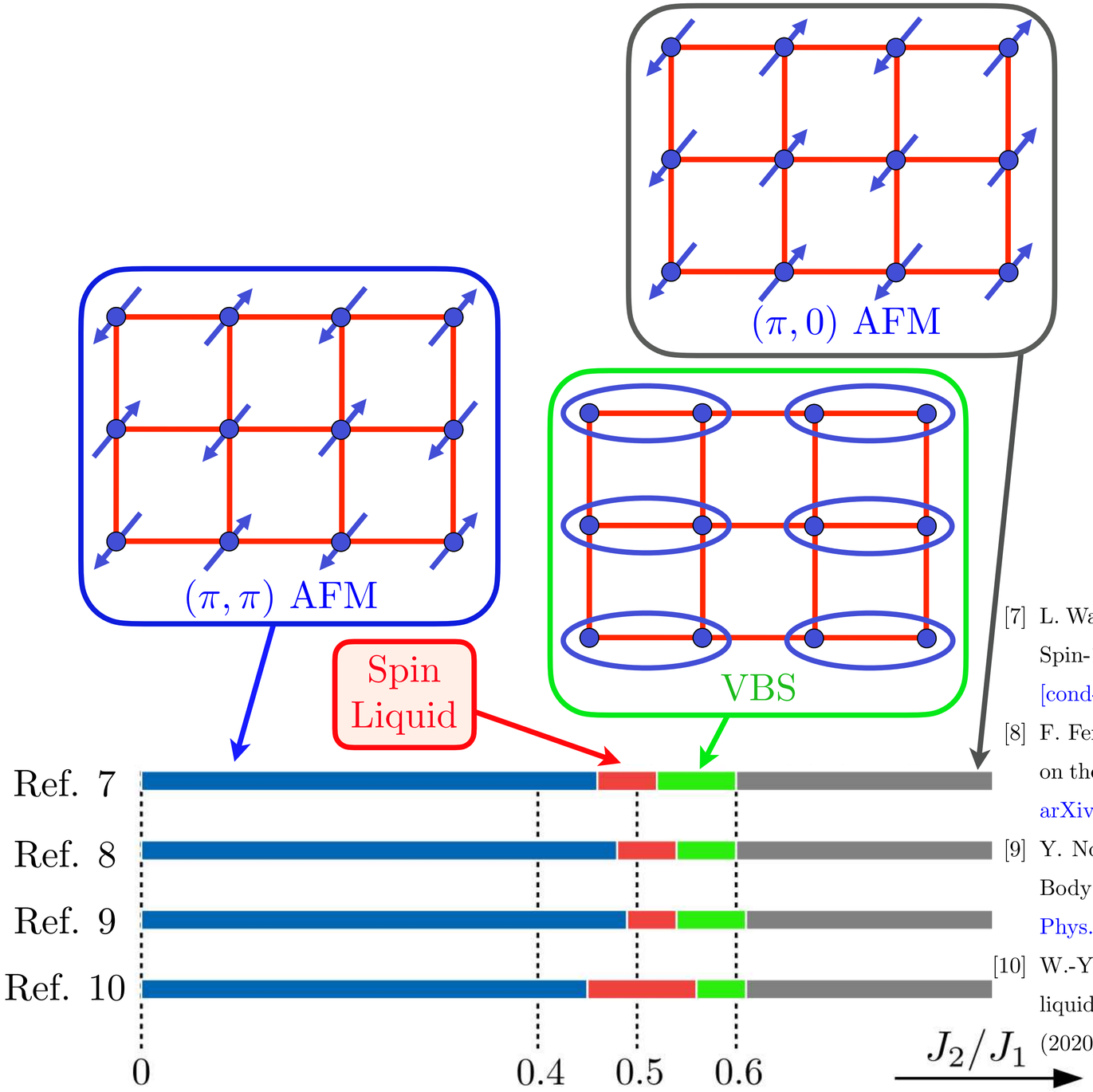

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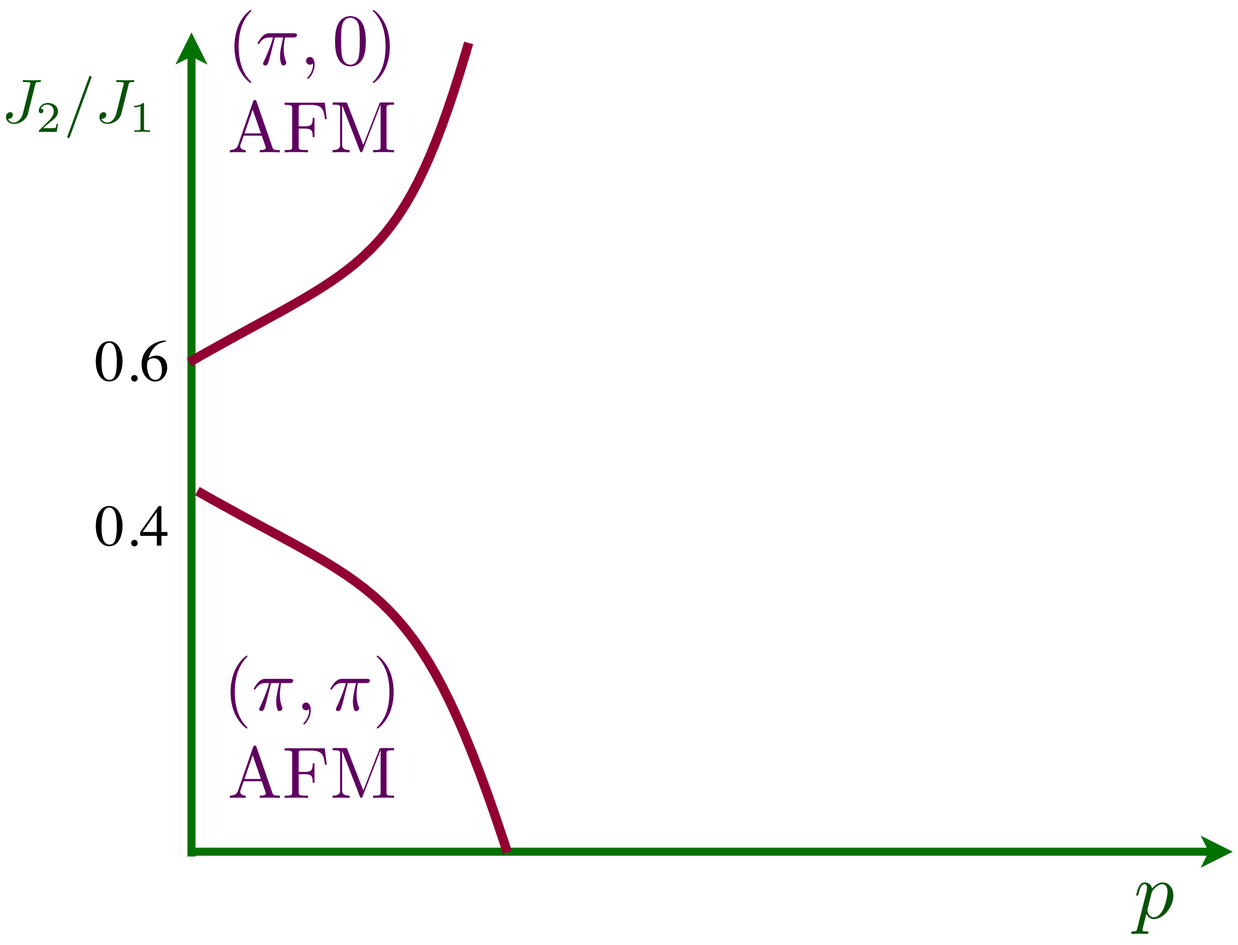

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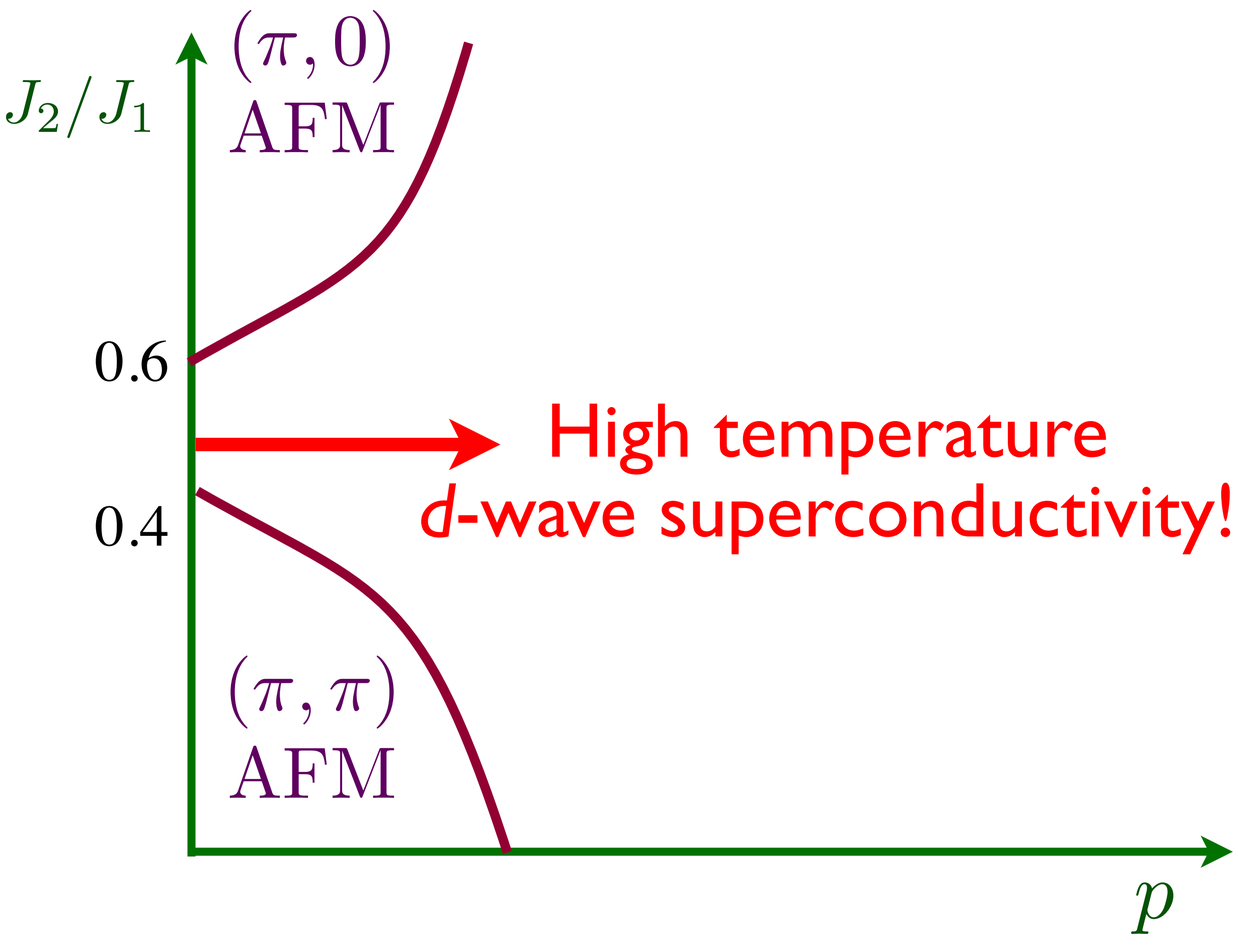

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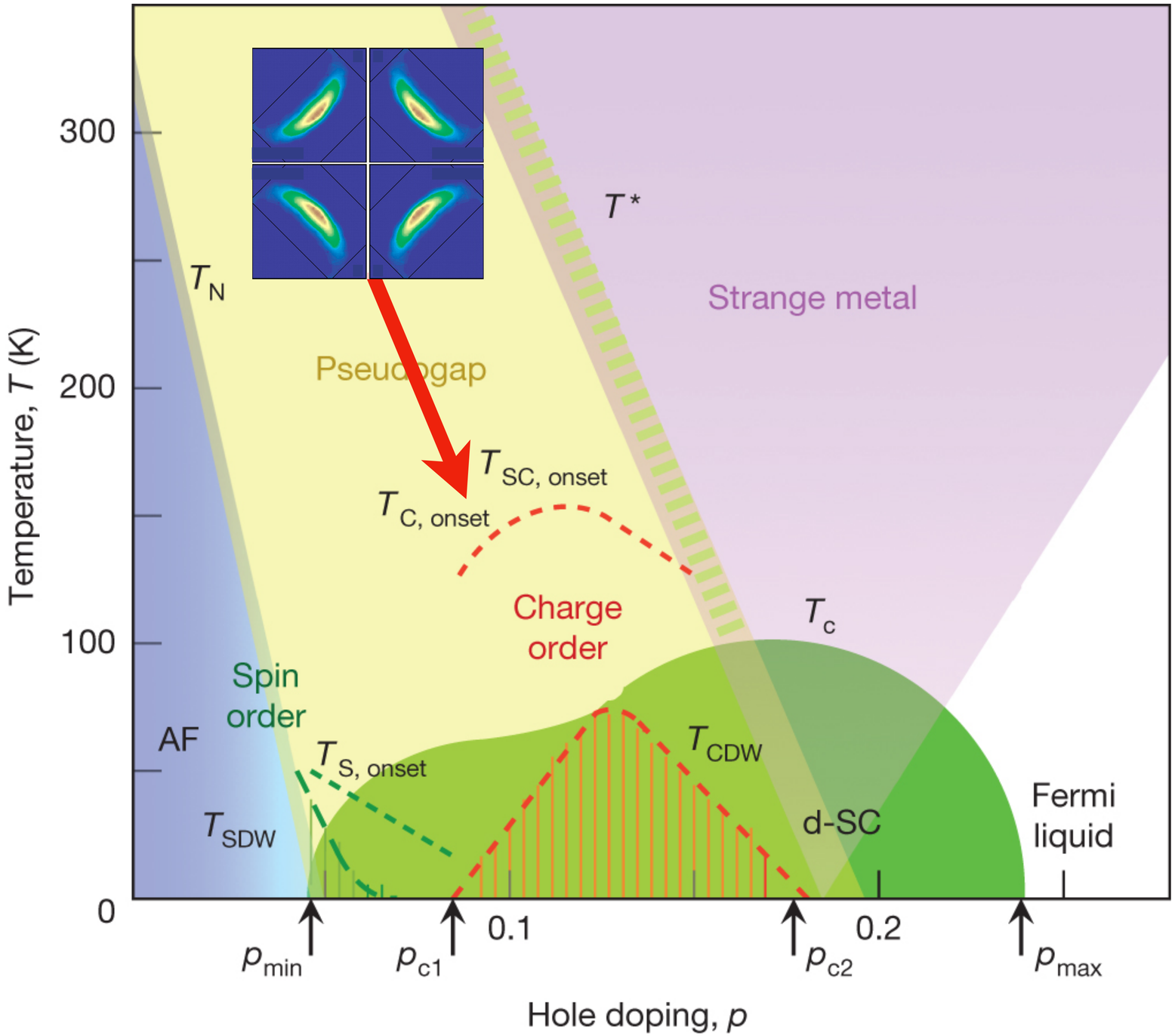

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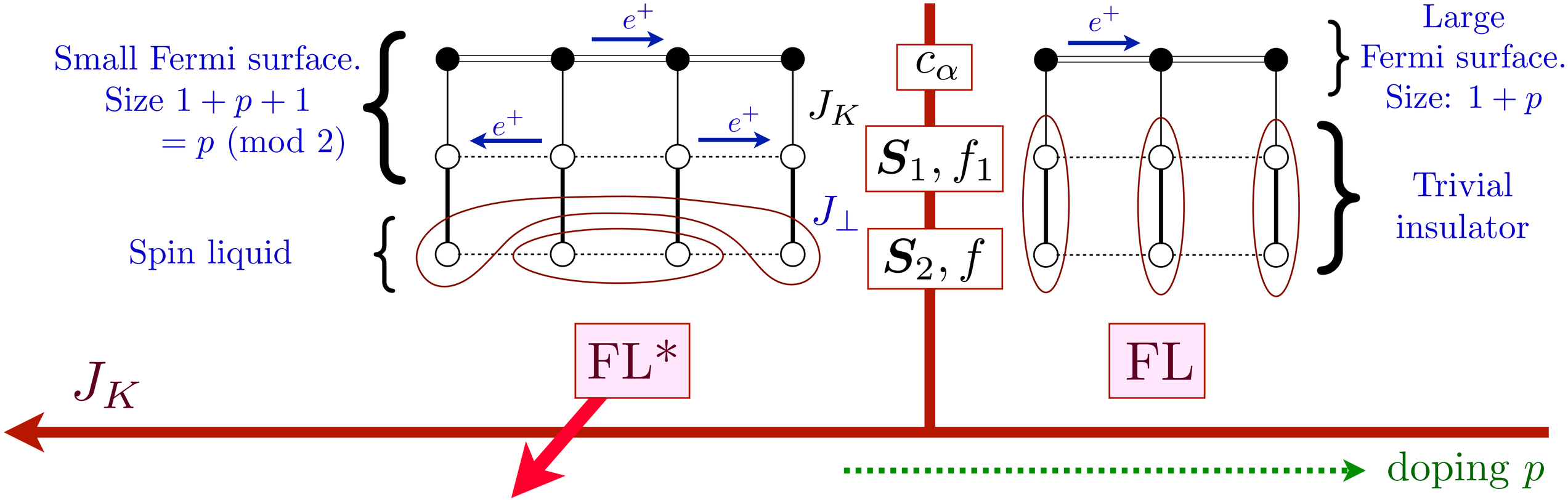

Pseudogap metal: $\langle c_\alpha^\dagger f_{1\alpha} \rangle \neq 0$

f_α form π-flux spin liquid with $\mathrm{SU}(2)_N$ gauge field

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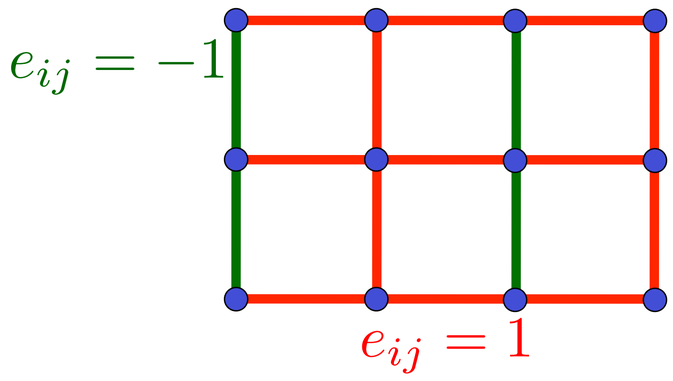

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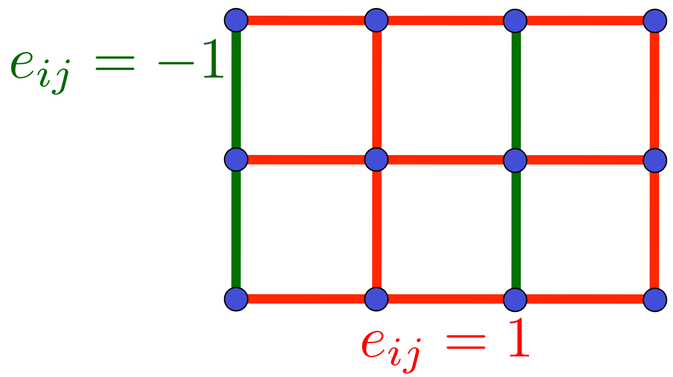

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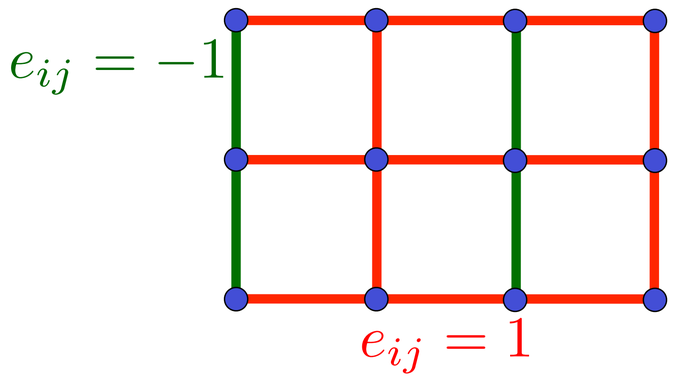
$$H_f = iJ \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} e_{ij} \left(f^\dagger_{i\alpha} f_{j\alpha} - f^\dagger_{j\alpha} f_{i\alpha} \right) = \boxed{iJ \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} e_{ij} \left(\Psi^\dagger_i U_{ij} \Psi_j - \Psi^\dagger_j U_{ji} \Psi_i \right)}; \quad \Psi_i = \begin{pmatrix} f_{i\uparrow} \\ f^\dagger_{i\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

H_f is invariant under SU(2) rotations in spin and SU(2)$_N$ rotations in Nambu space; U_{ij} is the SU(2)$_N$ gauge field.



- The nearest-neighbor effective Hamiltonian for charge e, SU(2)$_N$ fundamental boson B_i is constrained by the fact that the composite of B_i and Ψ_i is an electron:

$$\boxed{H_B = r \sum_i B^\dagger_i B_i + iw \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} e_{ij} \left(B^\dagger_i U_{ij} B_j - B^\dagger_j U_{ji} B_i \right) + \ldots}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(B) = H_B + \frac{u}{2}\sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \rho_{\boldsymbol{i}}^2 + V_1 \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \rho_{\boldsymbol{i}} \left(\rho_{\boldsymbol{i}+\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}} + \rho_{\boldsymbol{i}+\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}}\right) + g \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{ij} \rangle} |\Delta_{\boldsymbol{ij}}|^2$$
$$+ J_1 \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{ij} \rangle} Q_{\boldsymbol{ij}}^2 + K_1 \sum_{\langle \boldsymbol{ij} \rangle} J_{\boldsymbol{ij}}^2 .$$

site charge density: $\left\langle c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha} \right\rangle \sim \rho_{\boldsymbol{i}} = B_{\boldsymbol{i}}^\dagger B_{\boldsymbol{i}}$

bond density: $\left\langle c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\boldsymbol{j}\alpha} + c_{\boldsymbol{j}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha} \right\rangle \sim Q_{\boldsymbol{ij}} = Q_{\boldsymbol{ji}} = \mathrm{Im}\left(B_{\boldsymbol{i}}^\dagger e_{\boldsymbol{ij}} U_{\boldsymbol{ij}} B_{\boldsymbol{j}}\right)$

bond current: $i\left\langle c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\boldsymbol{j}\alpha} - c_{\boldsymbol{j}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\boldsymbol{i}\alpha} \right\rangle \sim J_{\boldsymbol{ij}} = -J_{\boldsymbol{ji}} = \mathrm{Re}\left(B_{\boldsymbol{i}}^\dagger e_{\boldsymbol{ij}} U_{\boldsymbol{ij}} B_{\boldsymbol{j}}\right)$

Pairing: $\langle \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta} \rangle \sim \Delta_{\boldsymbol{ij}} = \Delta_{\boldsymbol{ji}} = \varepsilon_{ab} B_{a\boldsymbol{i}} e_{\boldsymbol{ij}} U_{\boldsymbol{ij}} B_{b\boldsymbol{j}}$.

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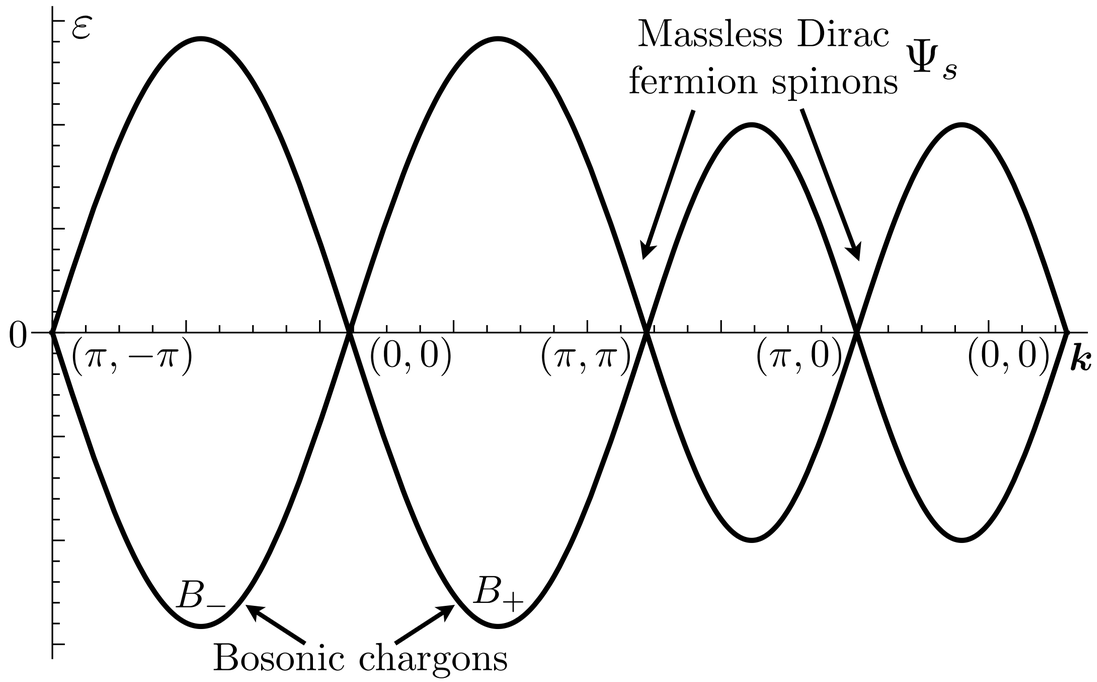

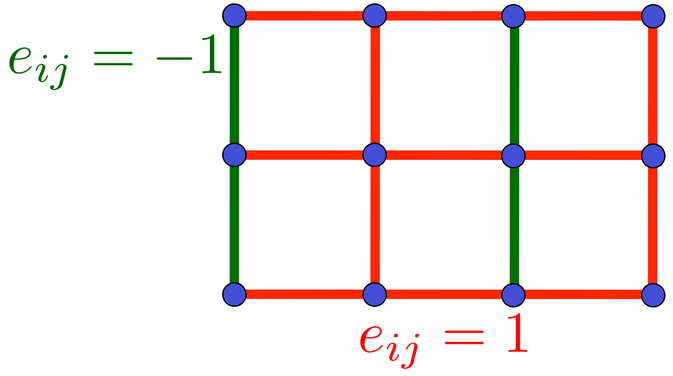

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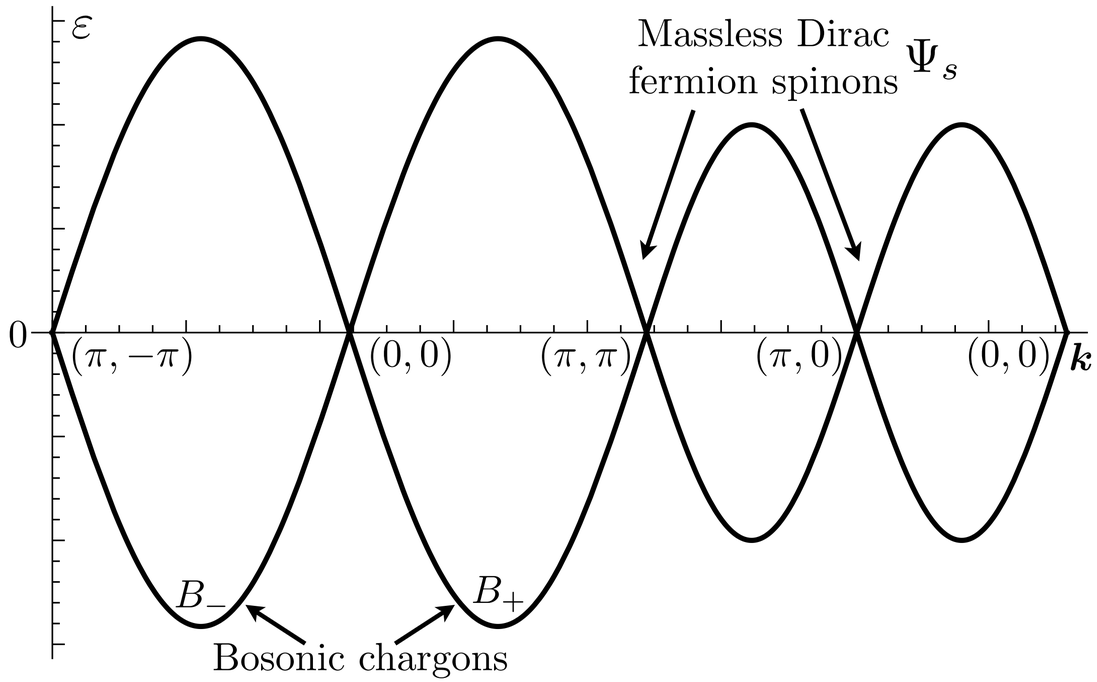
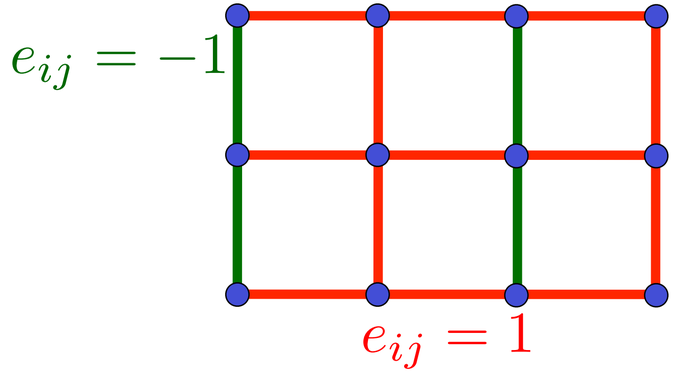




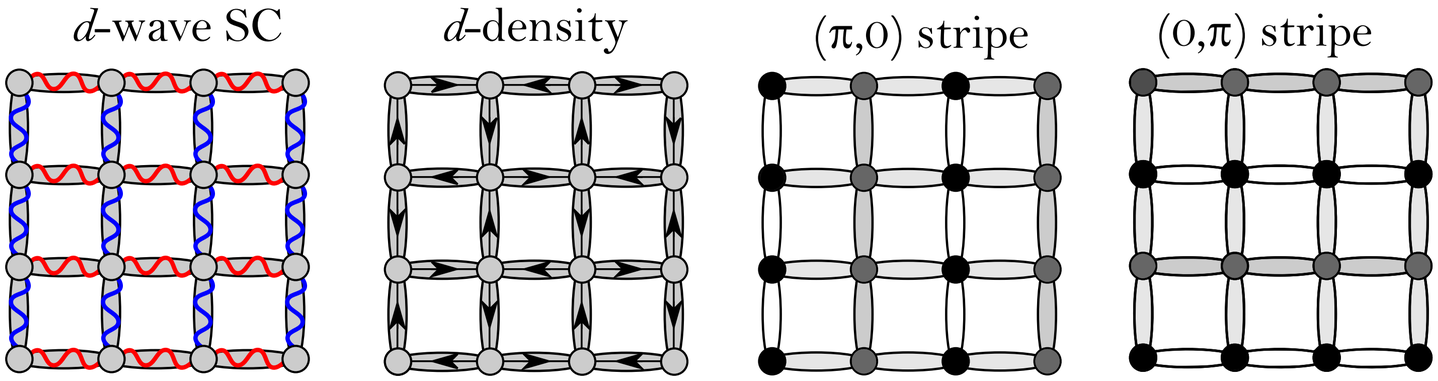
SU(2)$_N$ gauge-invariant and SU(2) spin invariant order parameters of Higgs phases:

$$x\text{-CDW}: \quad \rho_{(\pi,0)} = B^*_{a+}B_{a+} - B^*_{a-}B_{a-}$$

$$y\text{-CDW}: \quad \rho_{(0,\pi)} = B^*_{a+}B_{a-} + B^*_{a-}B_{a+}$$

$$d\text{-density wave}: \quad D = i\left(B^*_{a+}B_{a-} - B^*_{a-}B_{a+}\right)$$

$$d\text{-wave superconductor}: \quad \Delta = \varepsilon_{ab}B_{a+}B_{b-}$$



The $\mathcal{O}(B^2_{a\pm})$ terms in the energy have a SO(5)$_b$ rotation symmetry between these orders.

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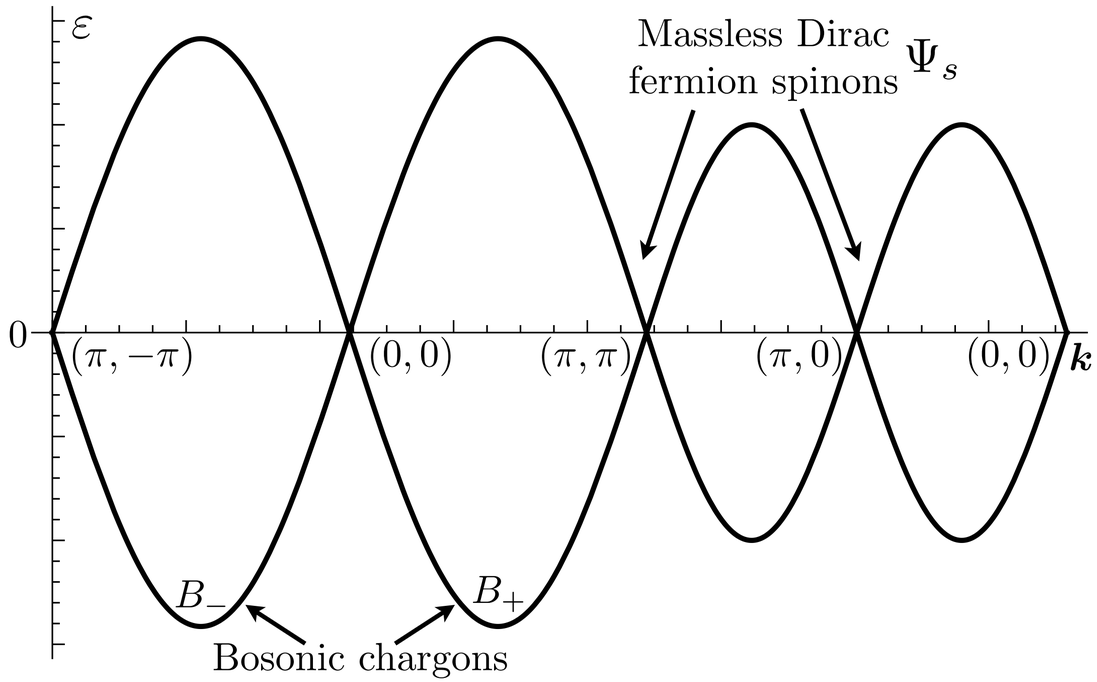

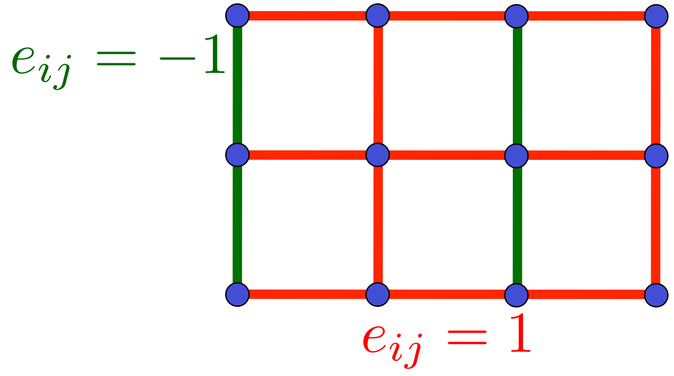

The B_{av}
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are the "square roots" of
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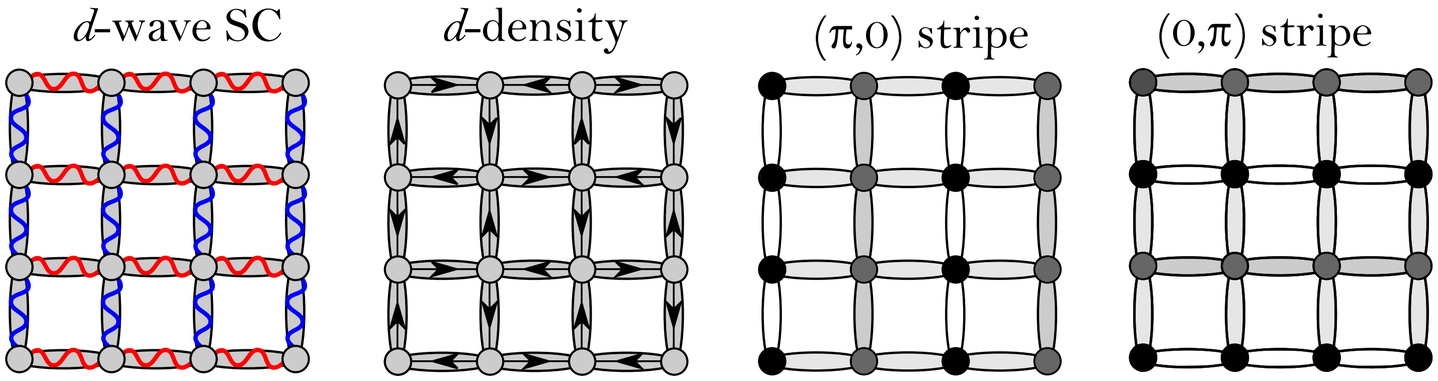

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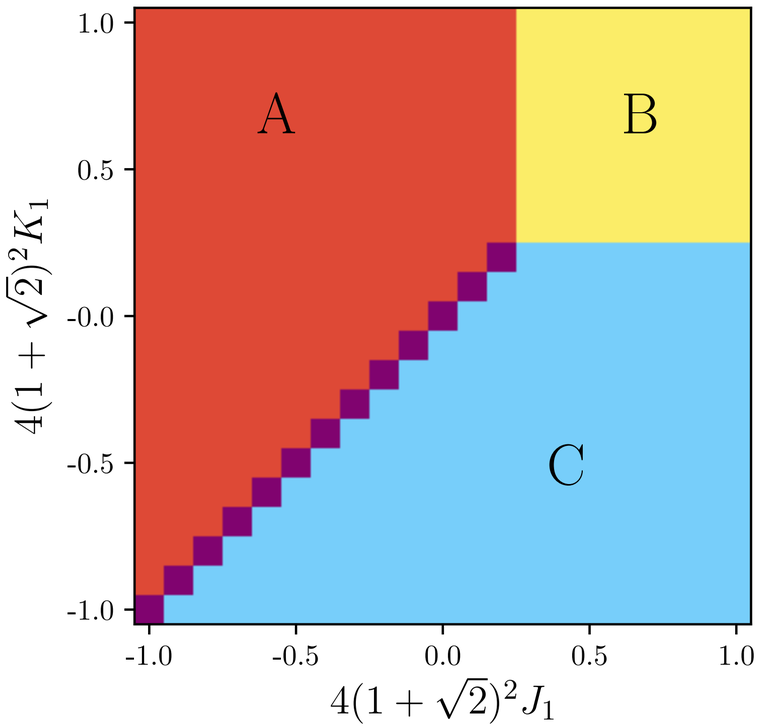

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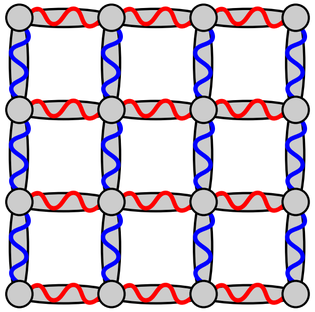
Phase B
d-wave SC



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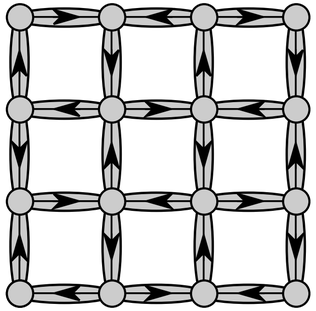

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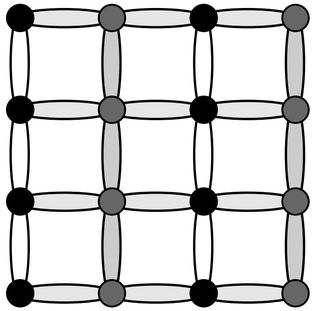

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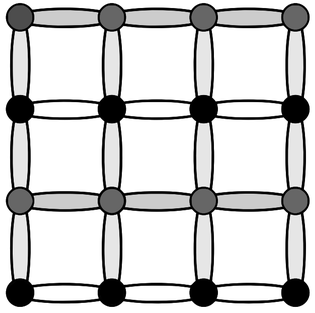

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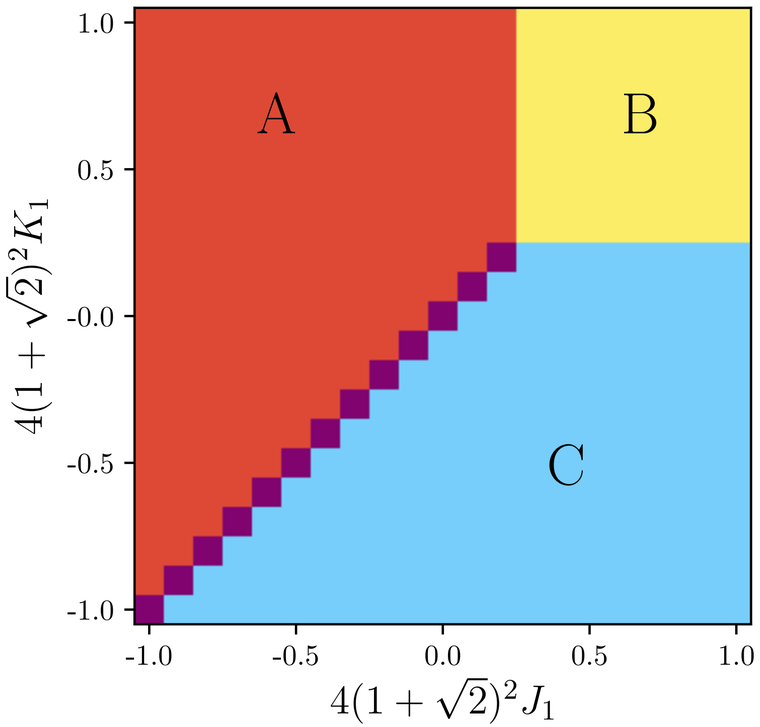

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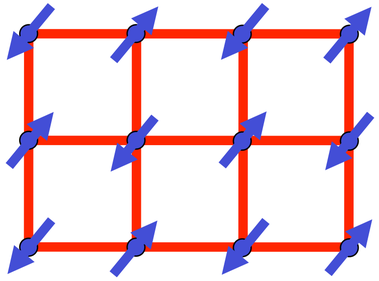

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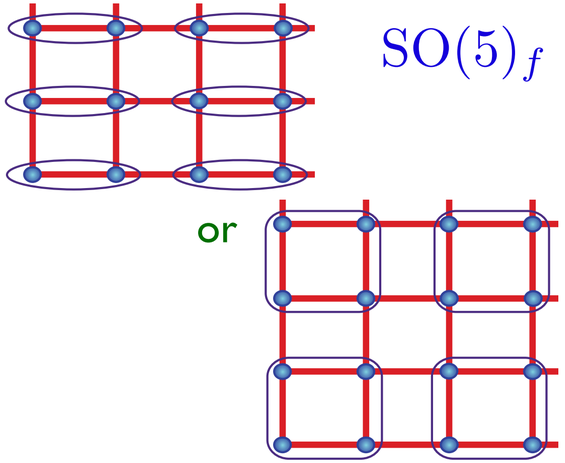
Néel order



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VBS order

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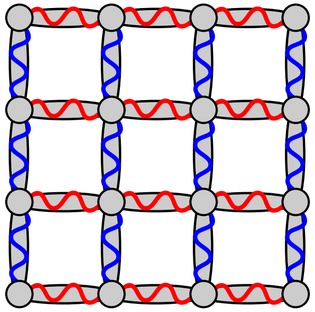

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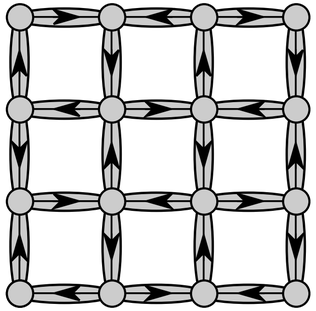

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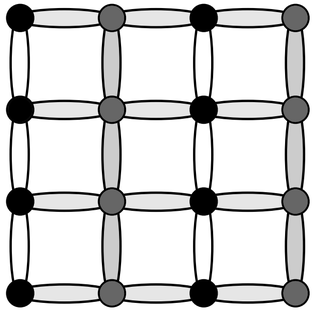

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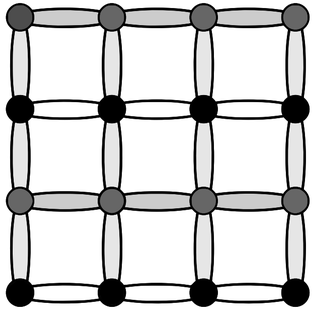

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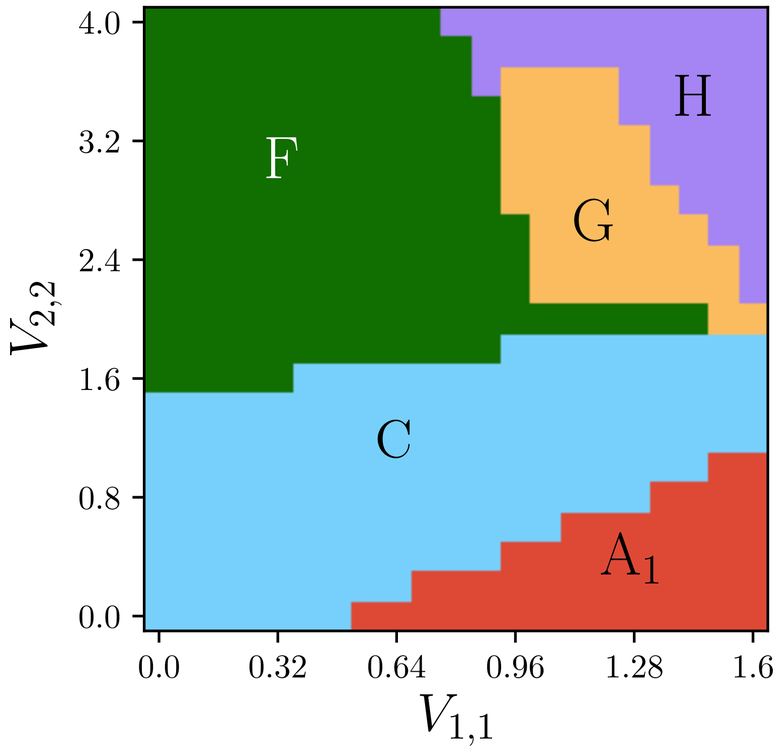

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Including further-neighbor couplings in B

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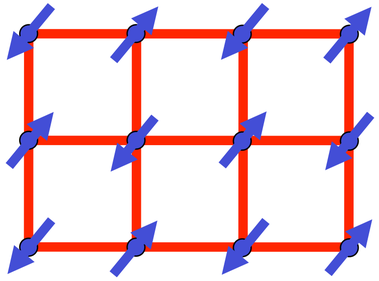

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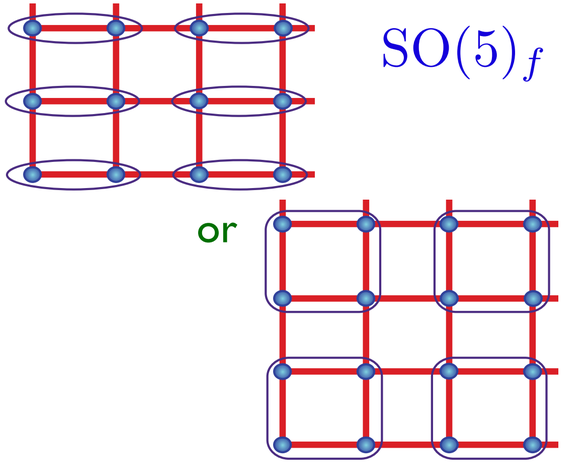

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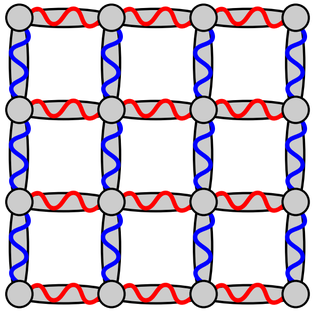

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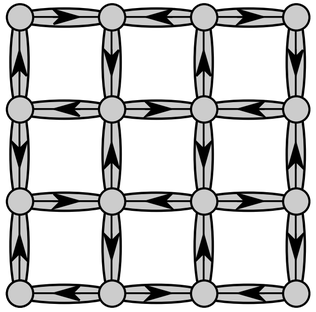

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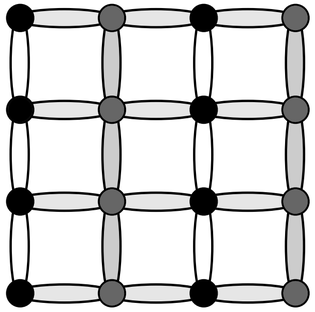

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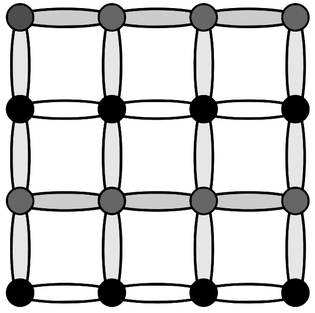

Phase F
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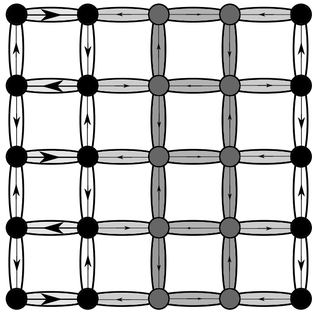

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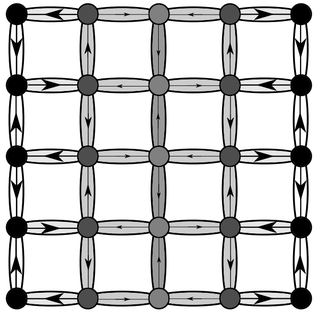

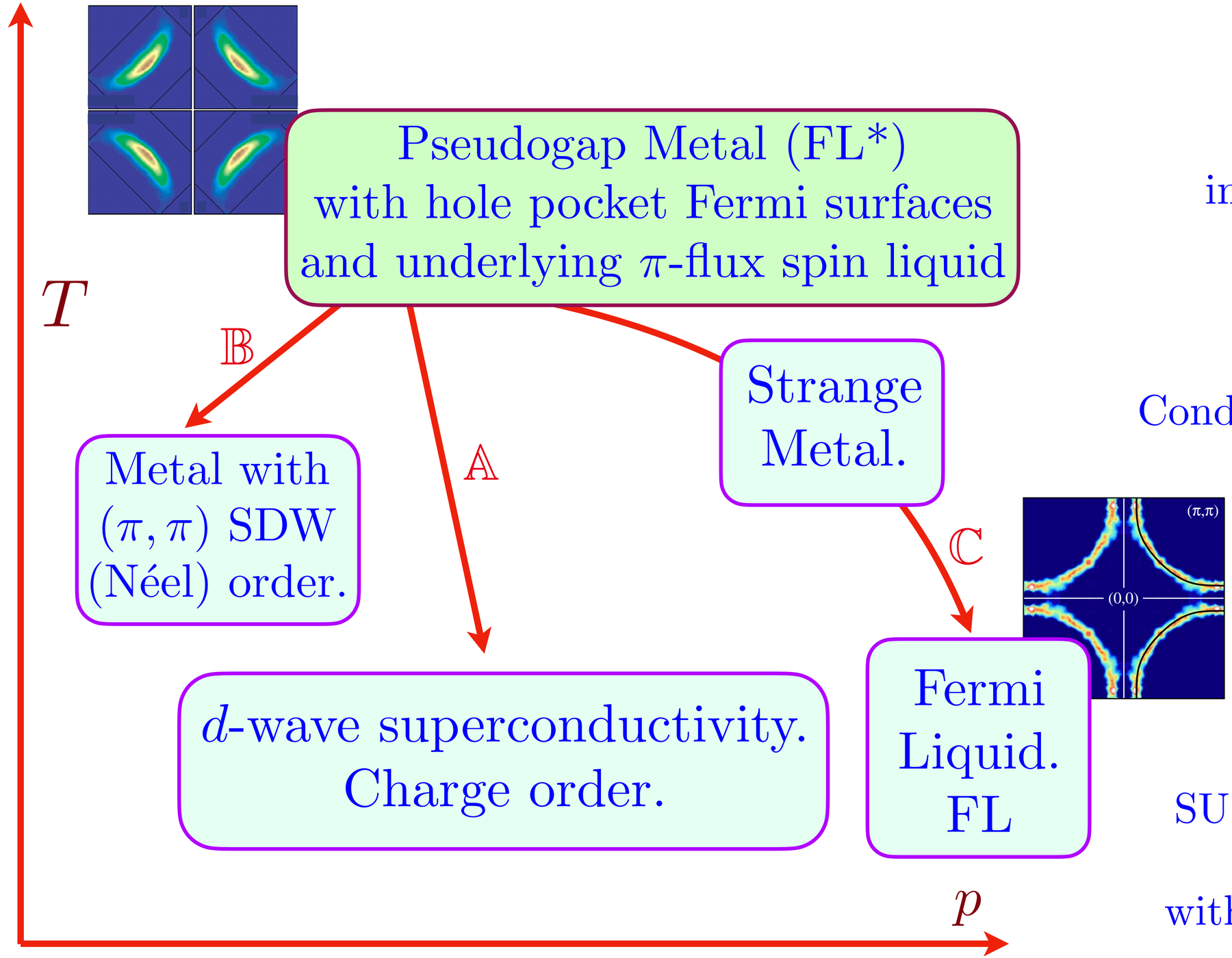

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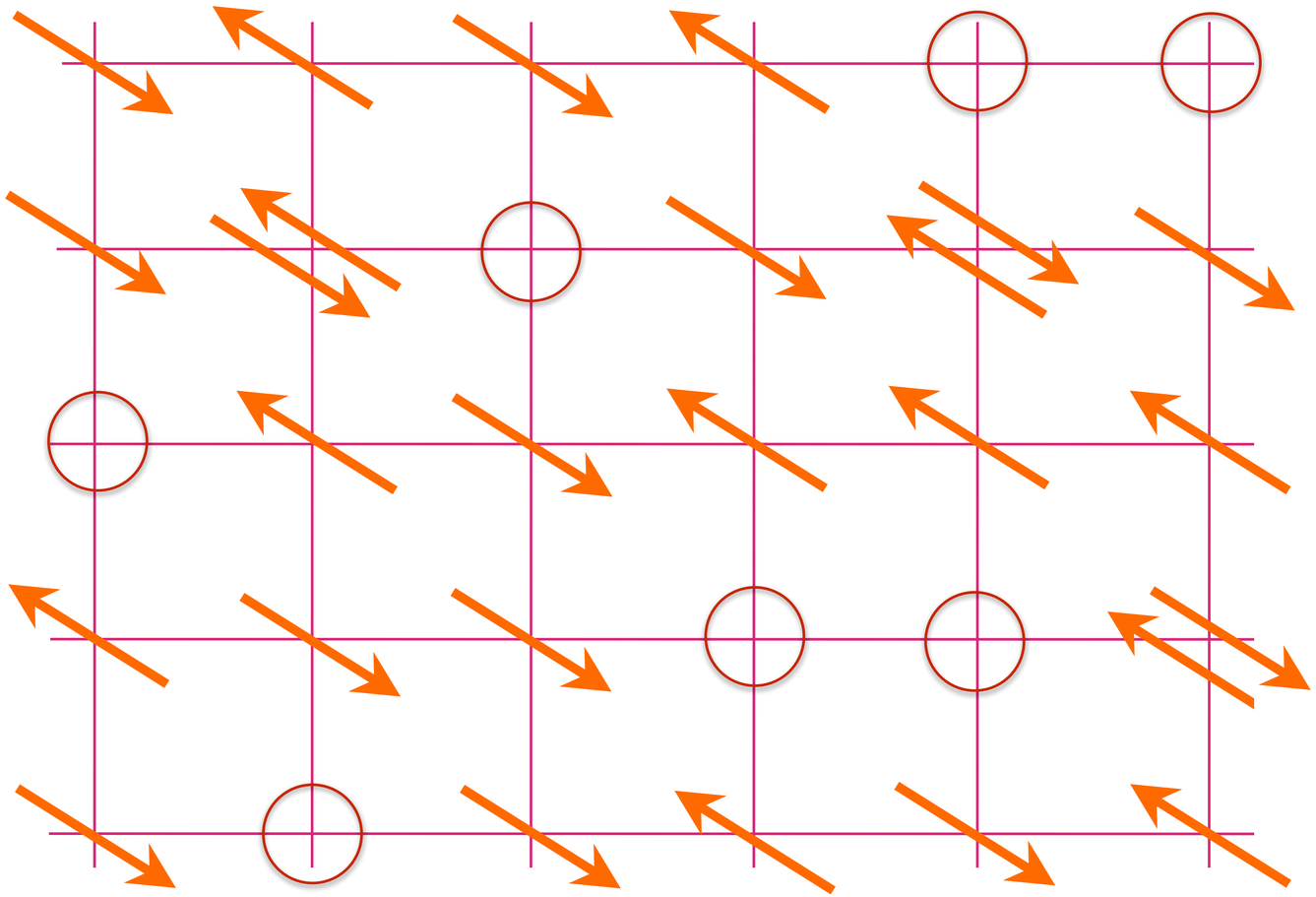
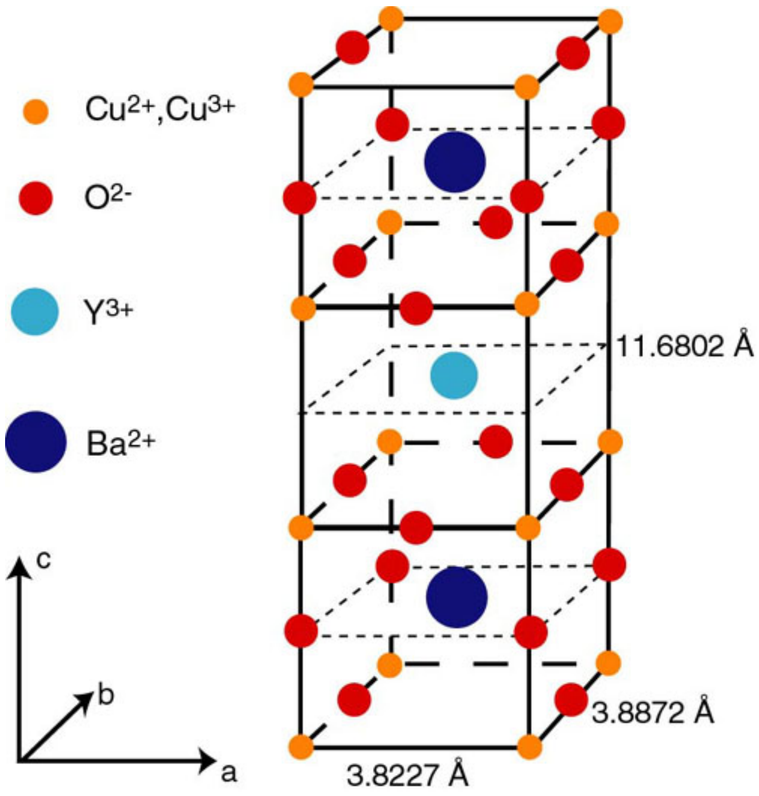
Square lattice Hubbard model with electron density $1-p$.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Hubbard}} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{p}\alpha} c_{\mathbf{p}\alpha} + U \sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \ldots$$





$YBa_2Cu_3O_{6+x}$

Ancilla theory of the Hubbard model

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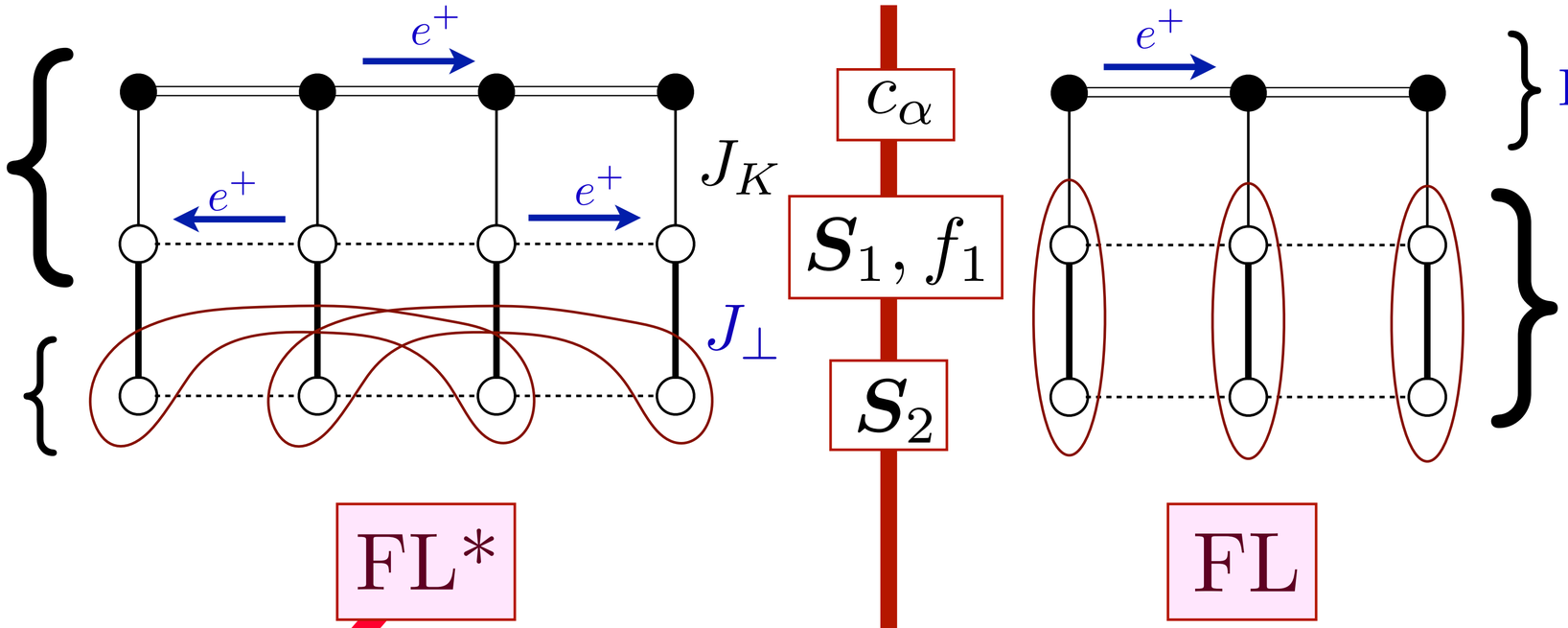
Kondo lattice heavy Fermi liquid. Size $1+p+1 = p \pmod 2$. *Small* Fermi surface!

Spin liquid



Large Fermi surface. Size: $1+p$

Trivial insulator

J_K

doping p

Pseudogap metal = Kondo Lattice Heavy Fermi Liquid $\oplus$ Spin Liquid

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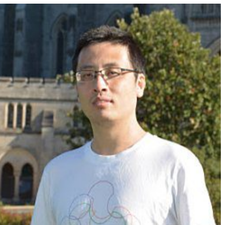

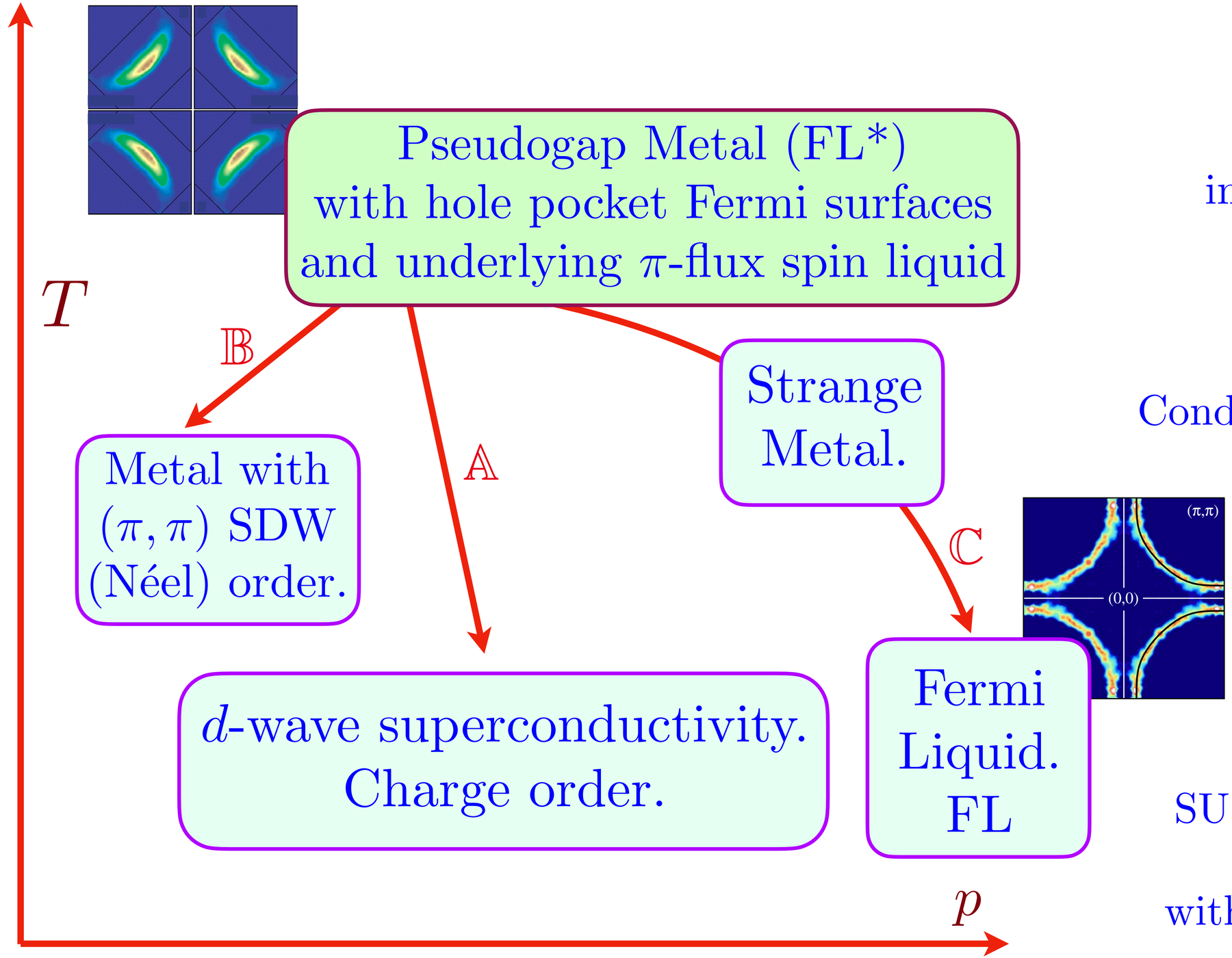

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Unified SU(2)xU(1) gauge theory of spinons, electrons and Higgs bosons:
uncanny similarities to the Salam-Weinberg-Glashow theory of weak interactions

- The electromagnetic U(1) is effectively global, because $\alpha \ll 1$.

- The fermionic spinons transform as a fundamental of gauge SU(2), with a massless Dirac spectrum

$$H_f = iJ \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} e_{ij} \left(\Psi_i^\dagger U_{ij} \Psi_j - \Psi_j^\dagger U_{ji} \Psi_i \right) ,$$

  where U_{ij} is the (lattice) SU(2) gauge field. The spinons are the analog of the neutrinos

- The Higgs sector has a boson B_i which is fundamental of SU(2)

$$H_B = r \sum_i B_i^\dagger B_i + iw \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} e_{ij} \left(B_i^\dagger U_{ij} B_j - B_j^\dagger U_{ji} B_i \right) + \mathcal{O}(B_i^4)$$

- The hole pockets in the nodal region of the Brillouin zone are described by electron $\bar{c}_{i\alpha}$ which have a Yukawa coupling to the spinons and the Higgs field $B_i = (B_{1i}, B_{2i})$:

$$H_Y = \sum_{ij} \bar{t}_{ij} \bar{c}_{i\alpha}^\dagger \bar{c}_{j\alpha} + i \sum_i \left(B_{1i} f_{i\alpha}^\dagger \bar{c}_{i\alpha} - B_{2i} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} f_{i\alpha} \bar{c}_{i\beta} \right) + \text{H.c.} .$$