

Paramagnon fractionalization theory of the cuprate pseudogap metal

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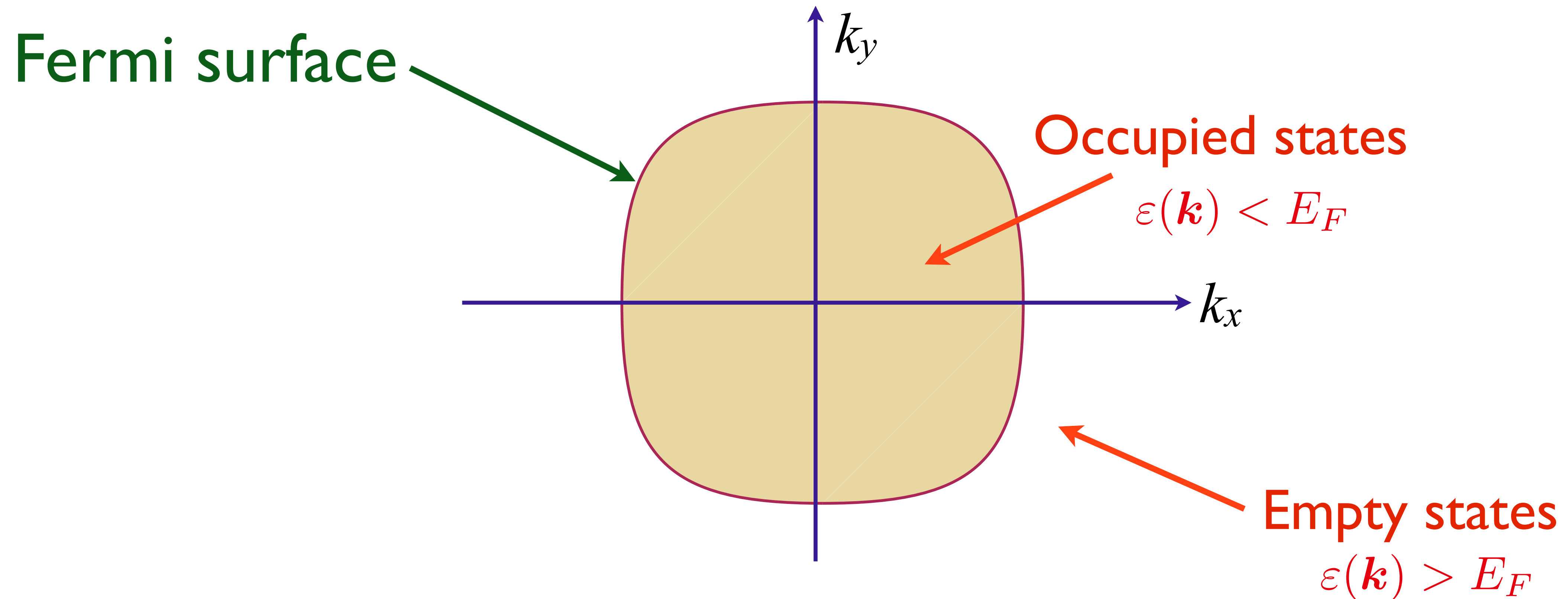


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Luttinger relation

Electrons move with momentum \mathbf{k} through the lattice with dispersion $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})$



$$2 \times \frac{\text{Volume inside Fermi surface}}{(2\pi)^d} = \text{density of electrons (mod 2)}$$

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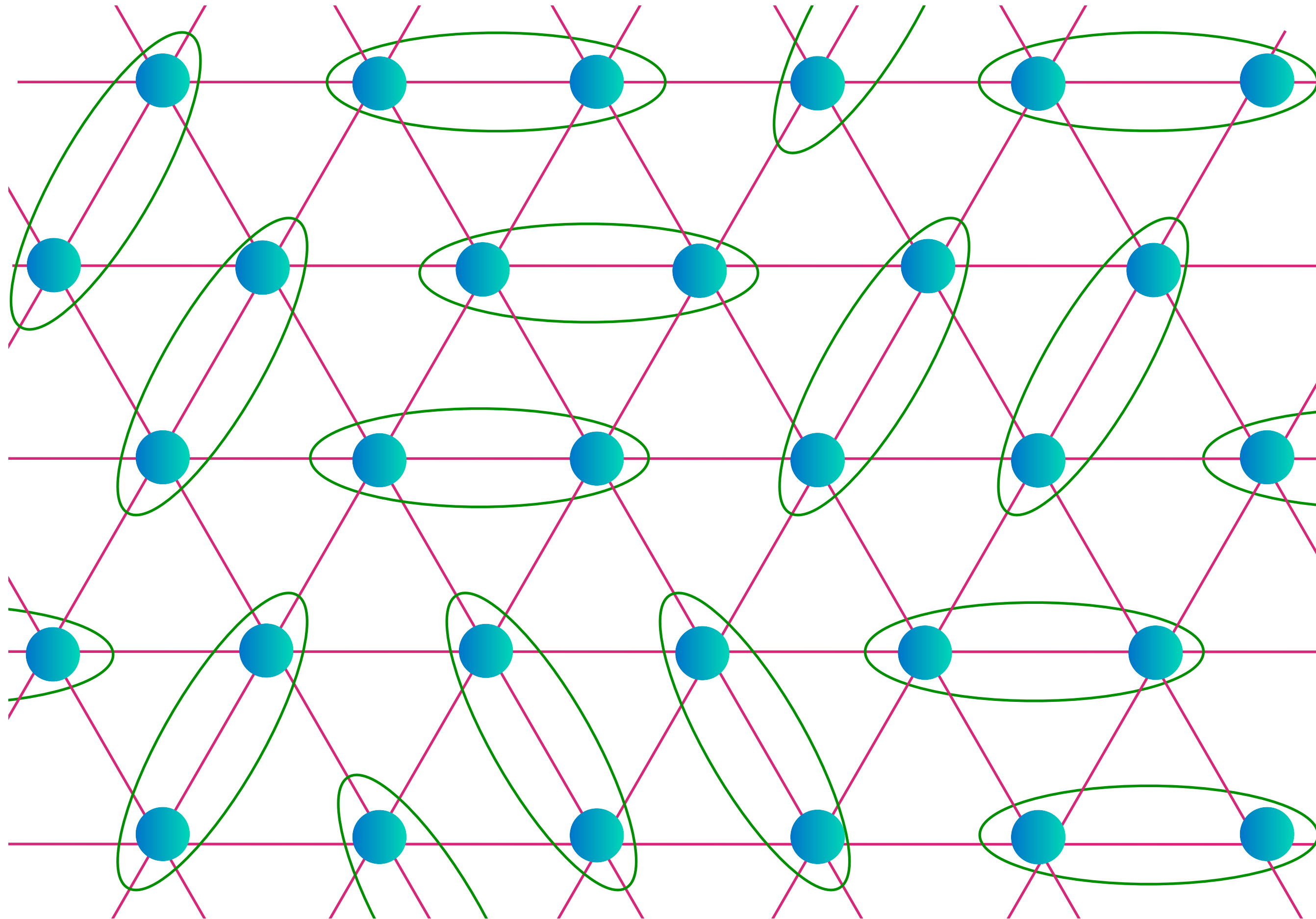
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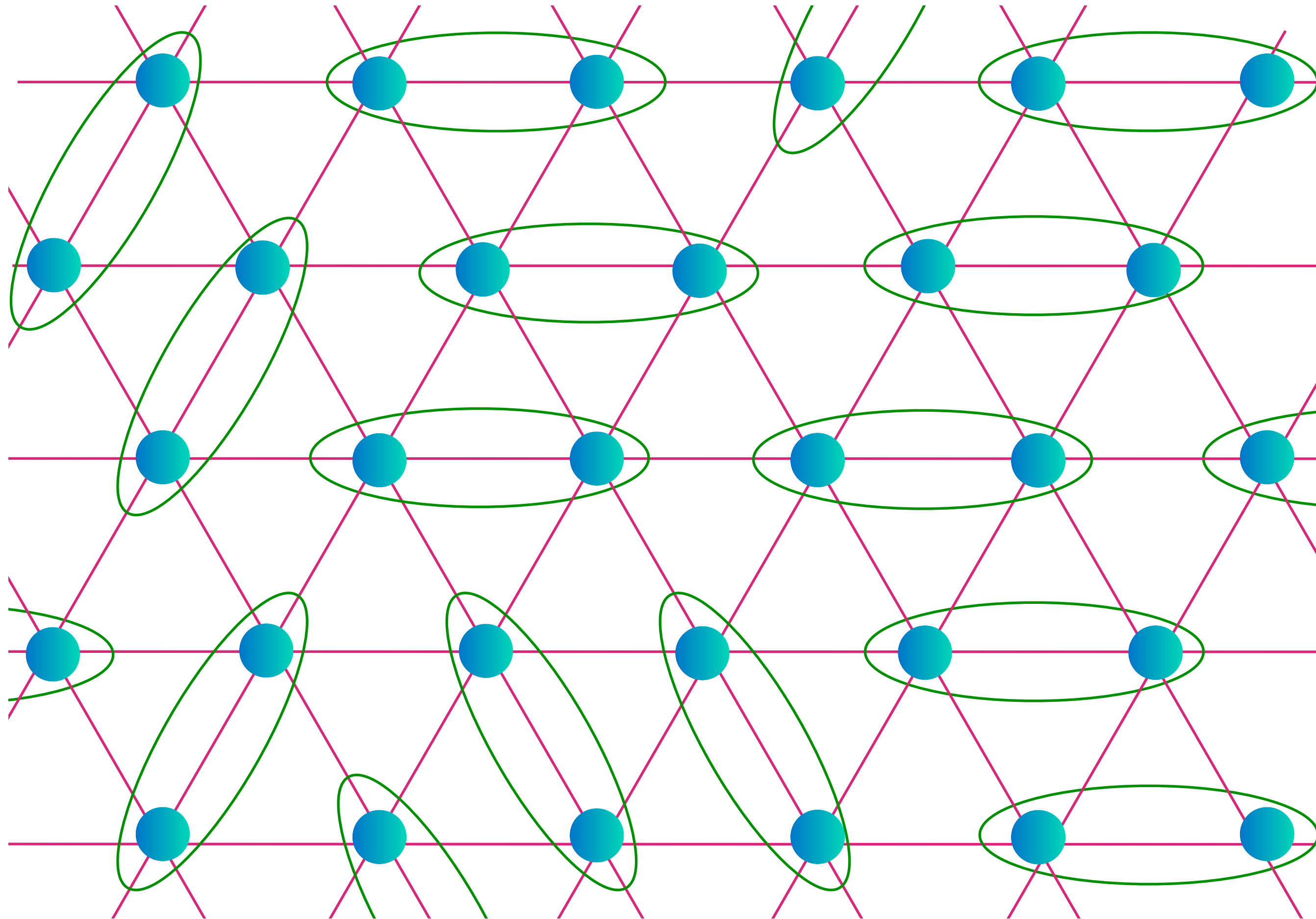
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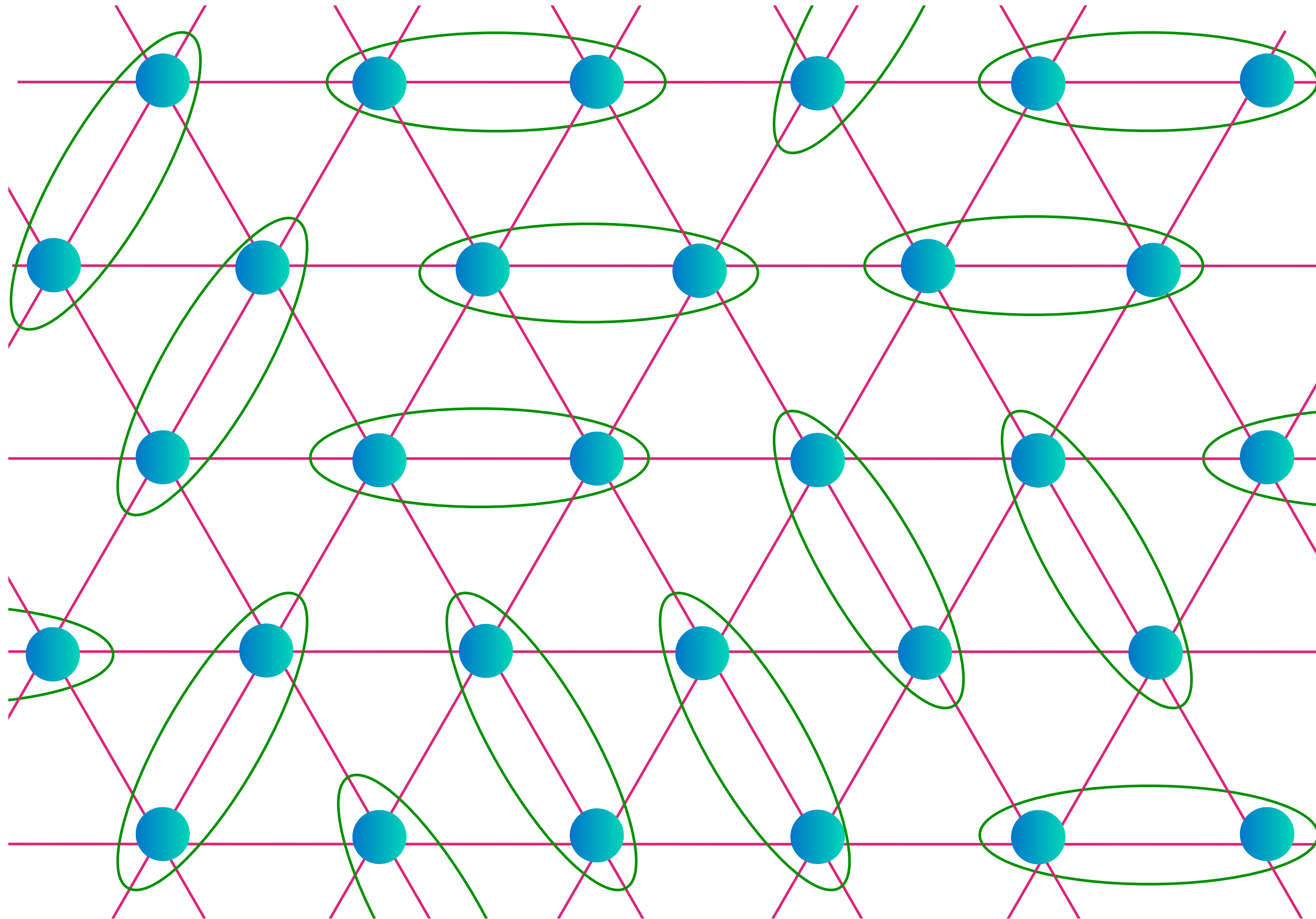
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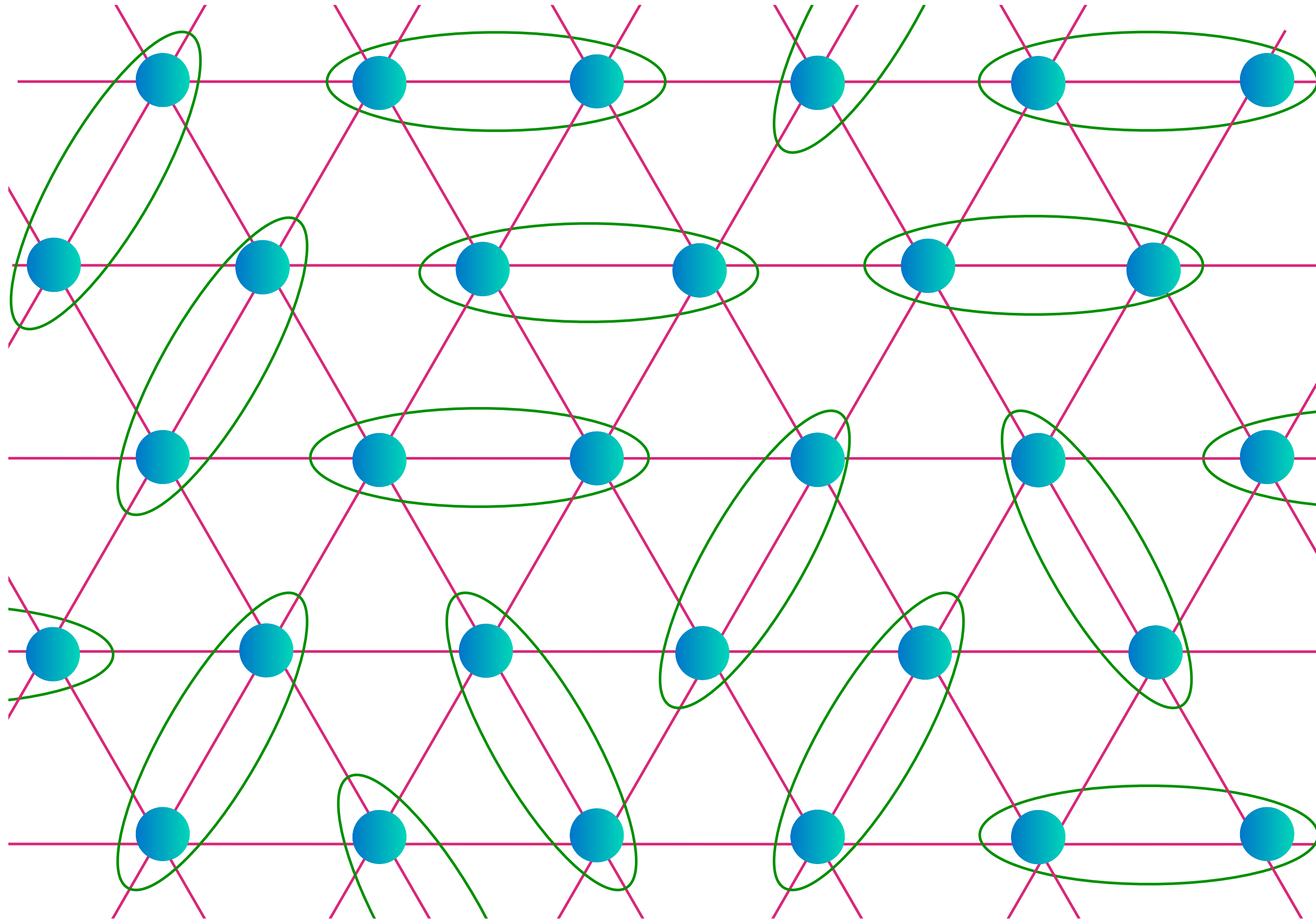
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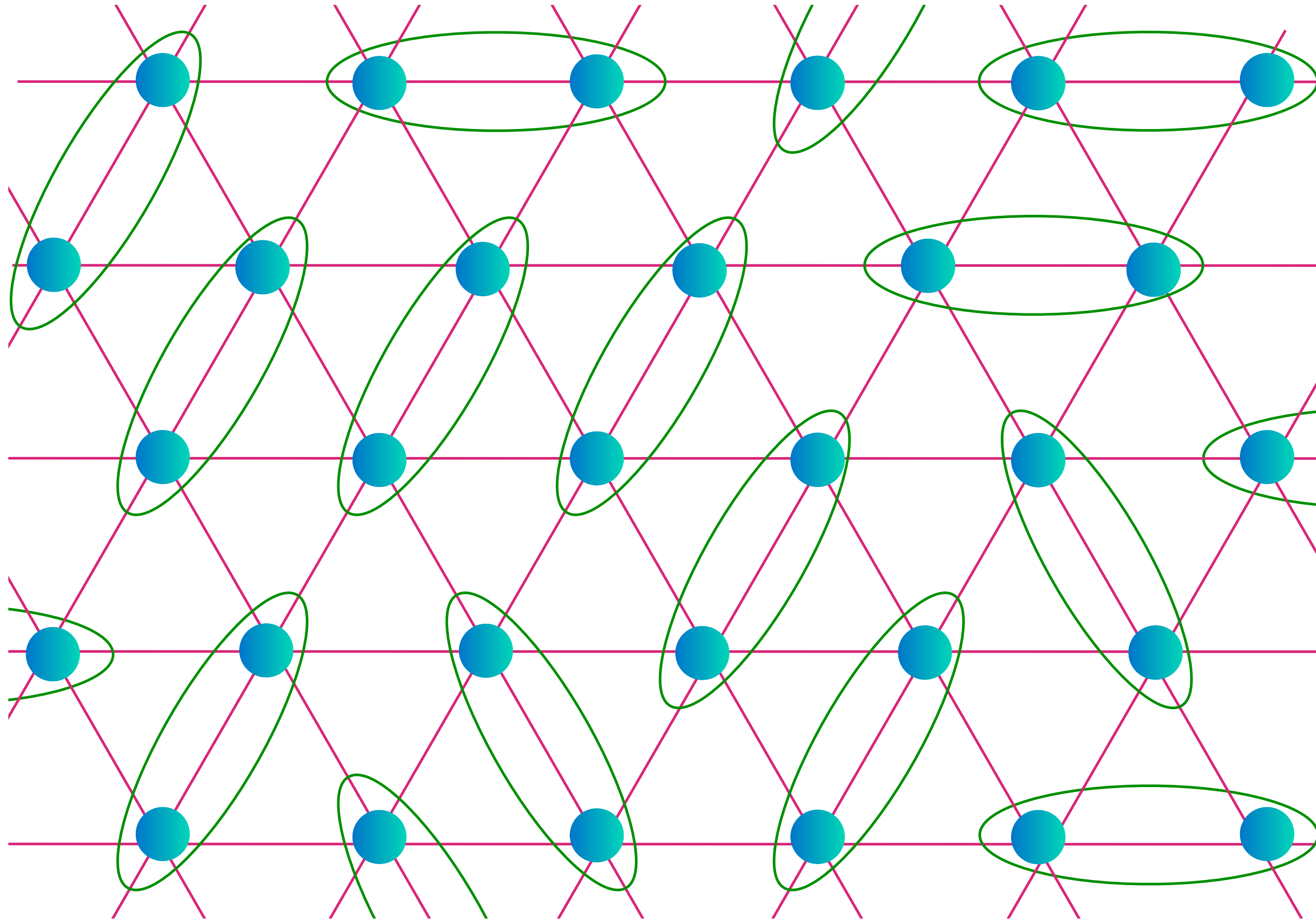
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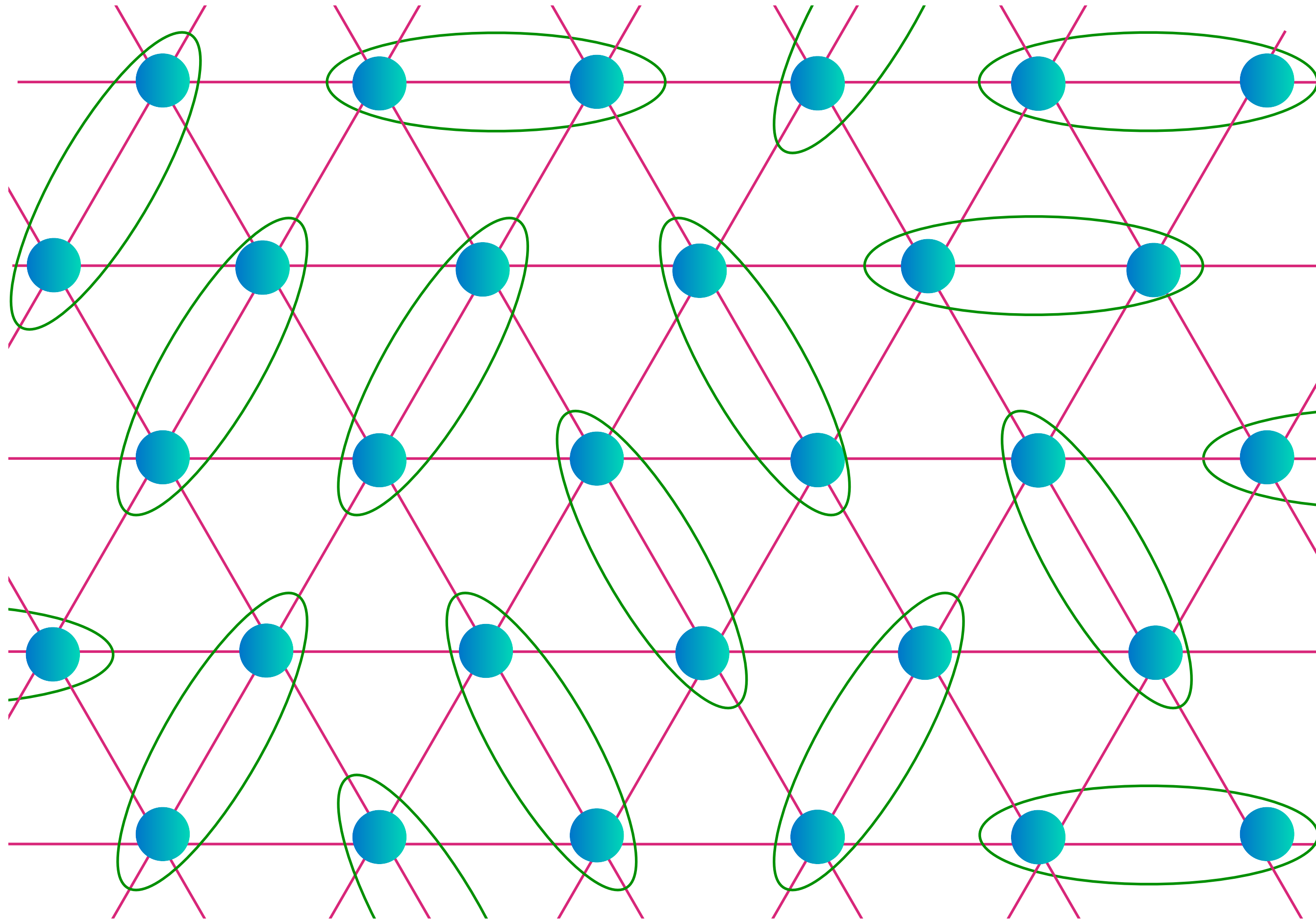
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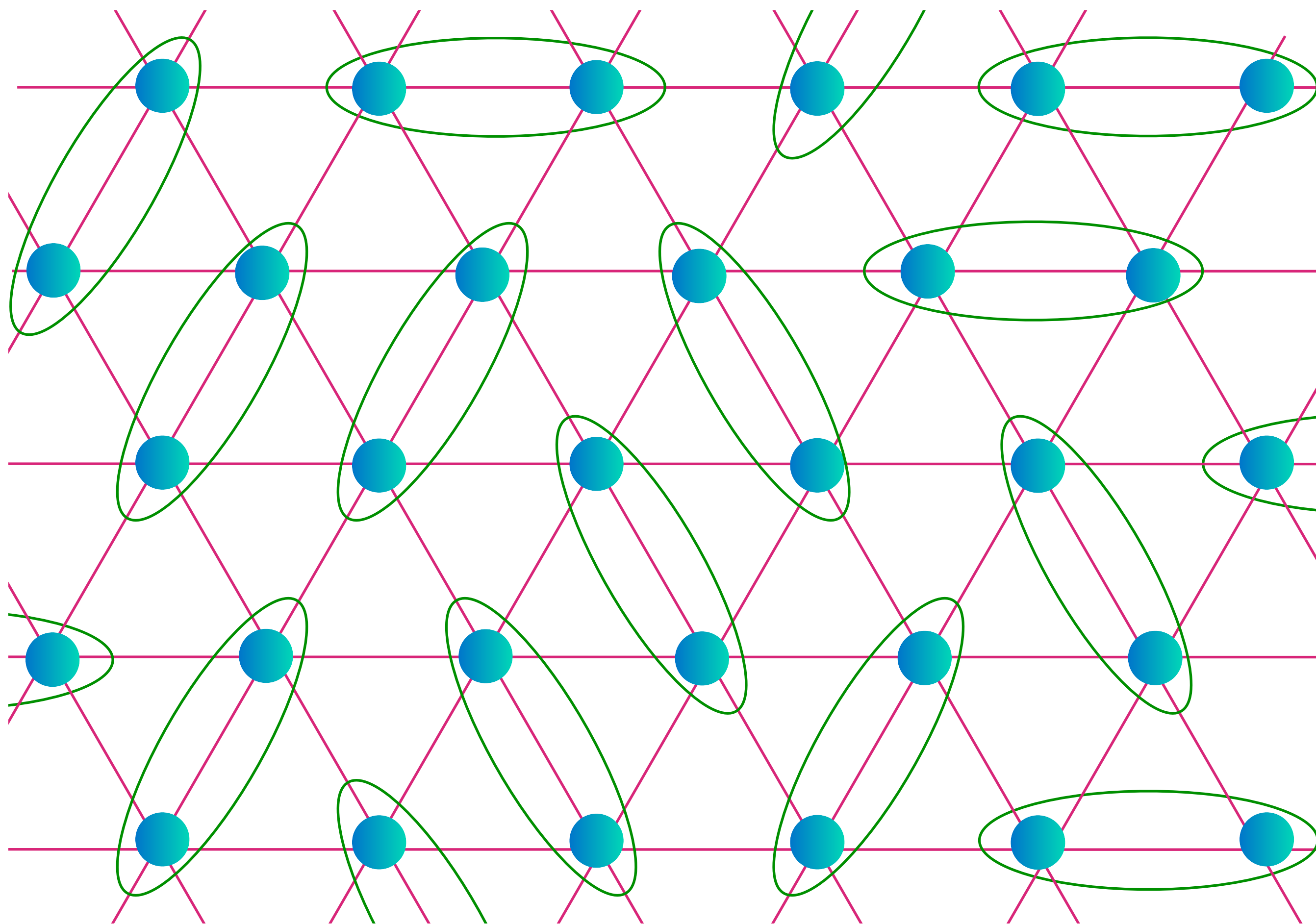
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 \Rightarrow Violation of
Luttinger relation

Kondo lattice



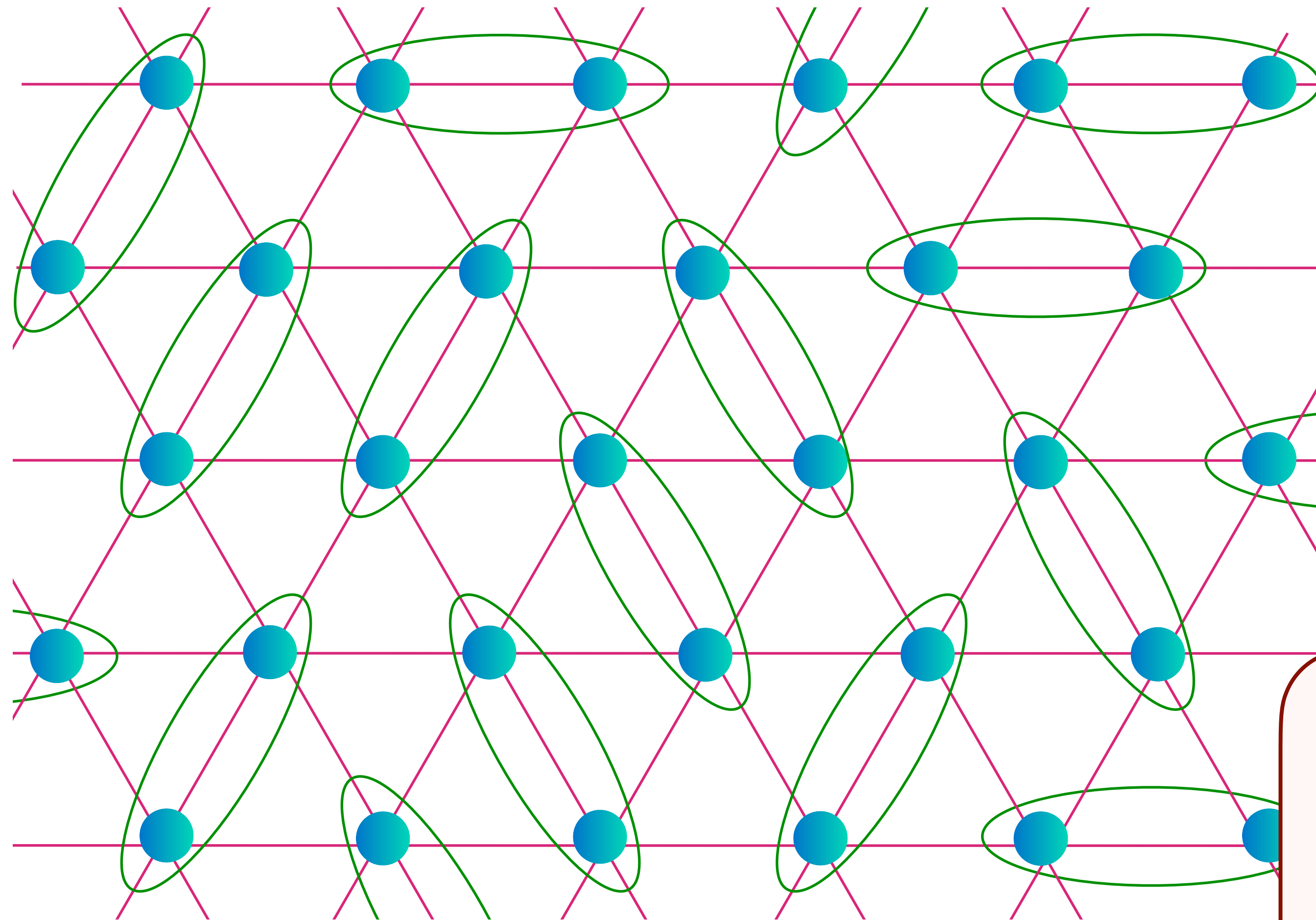
f electrons

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Kondo lattice: FL* phase

(closely related: OSMT: ignores topological order needed for Luttinger violation)



Kondo
exchange

J_K



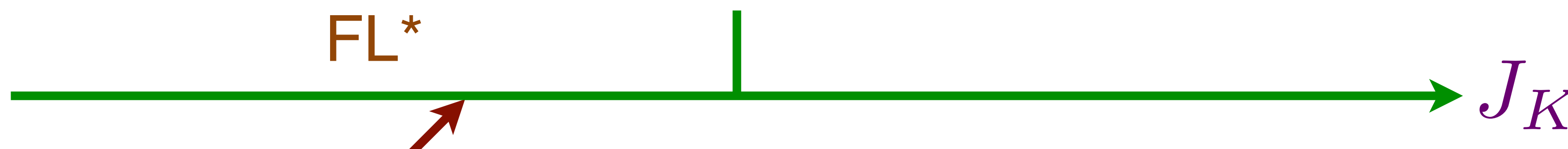
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Non-Luttinger volume “small” Fermi
surface size is stable to all orders in J_K .

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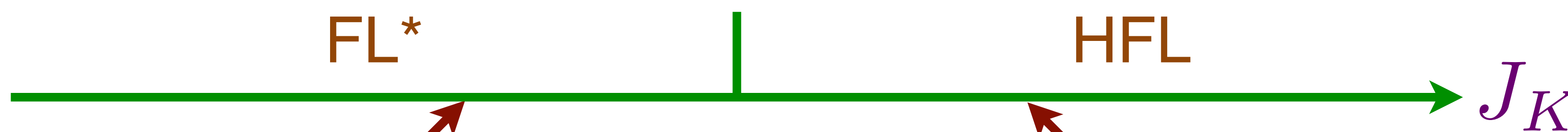
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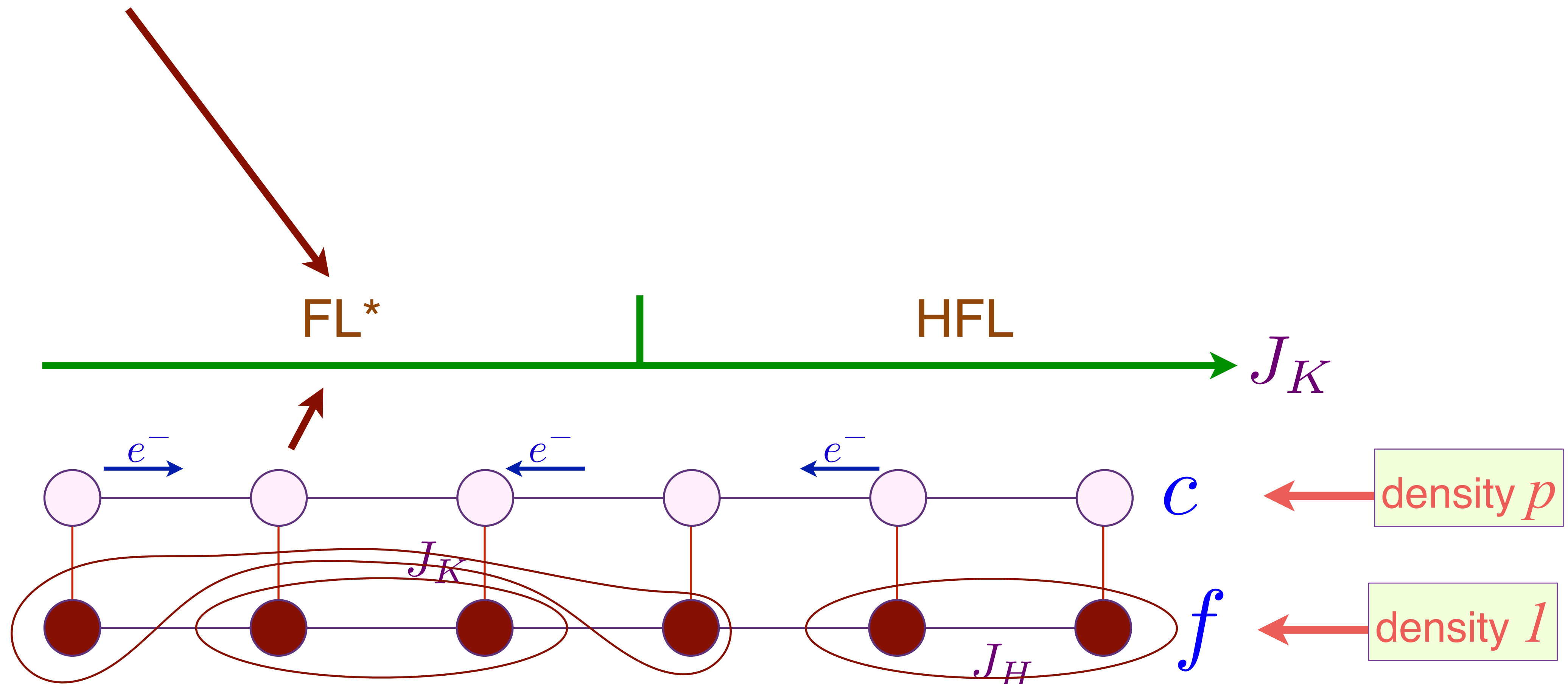
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Large Fermi surface of size $1 + p$

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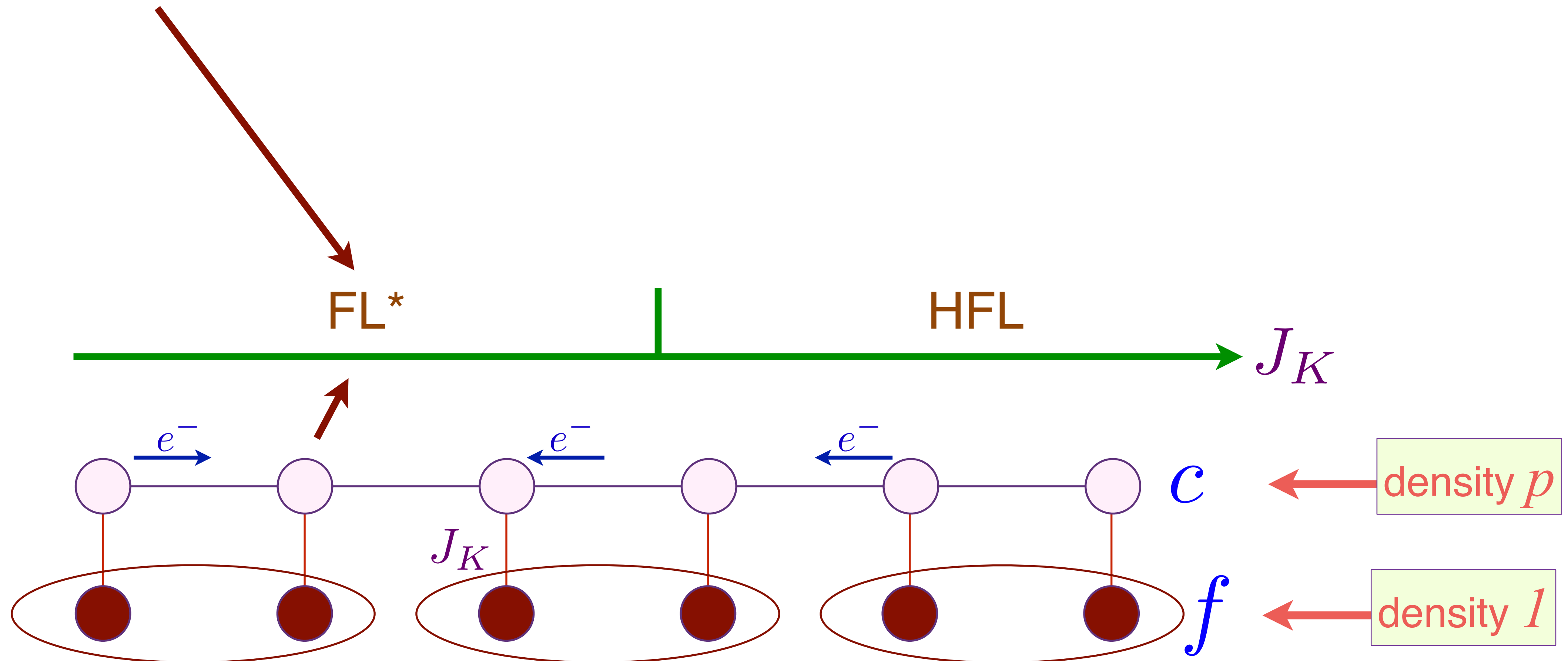
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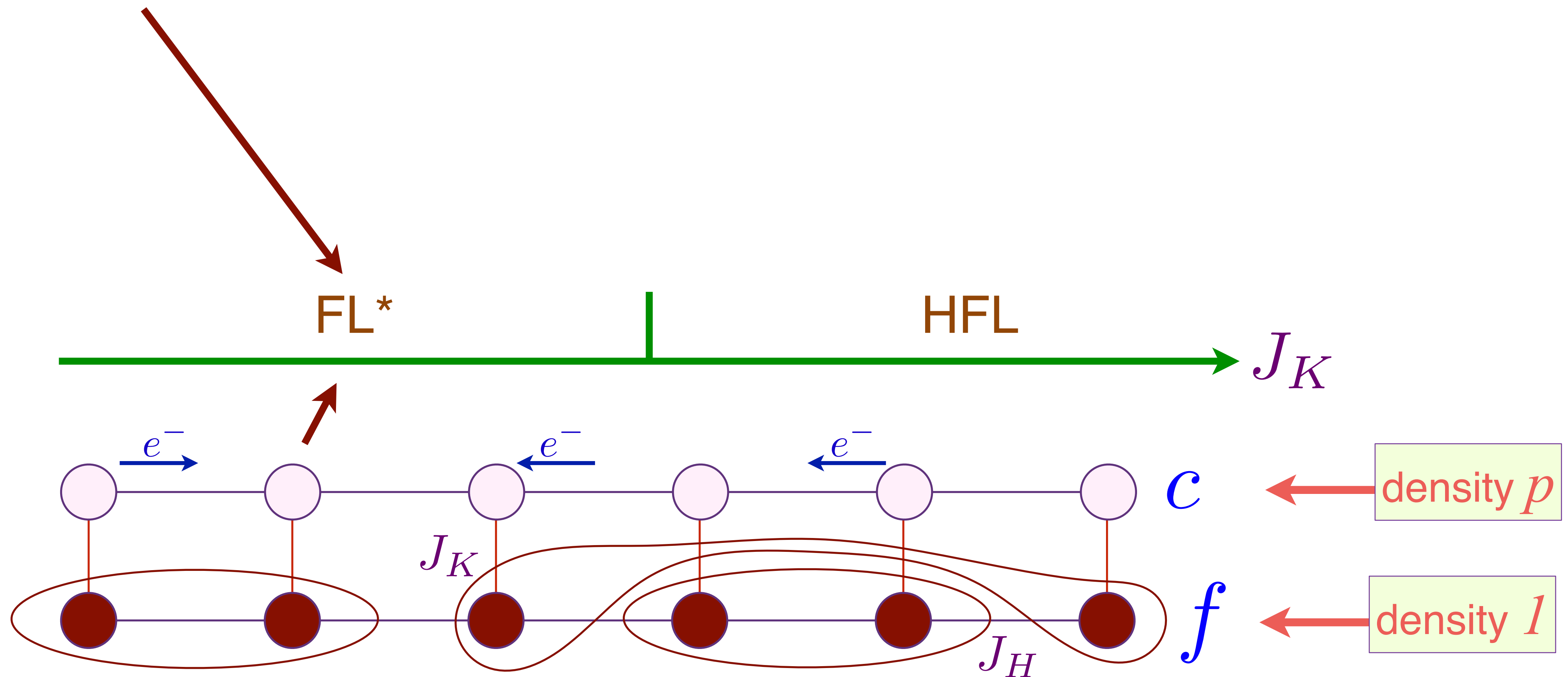
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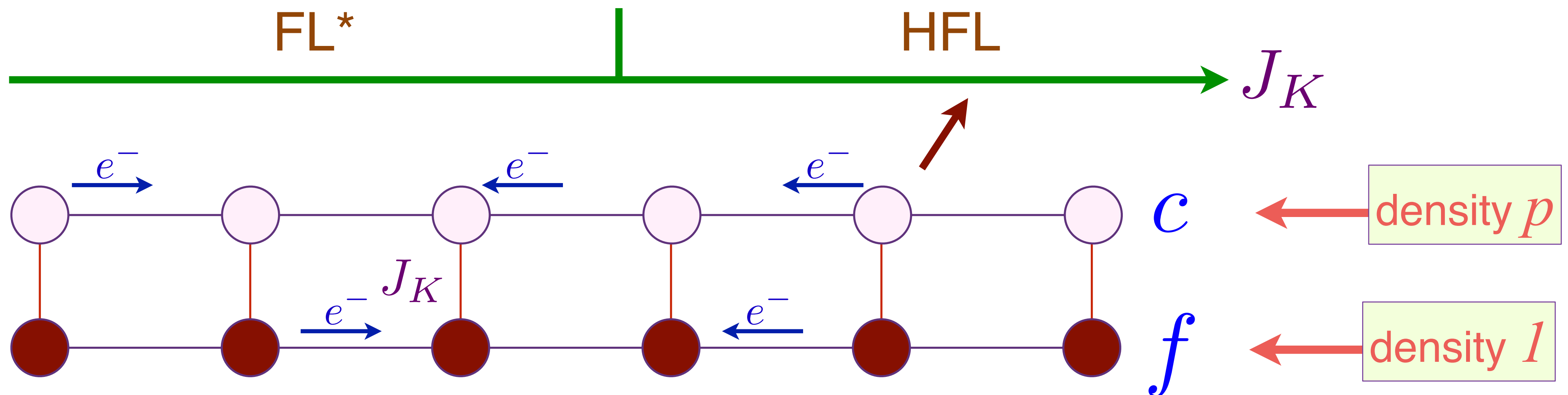
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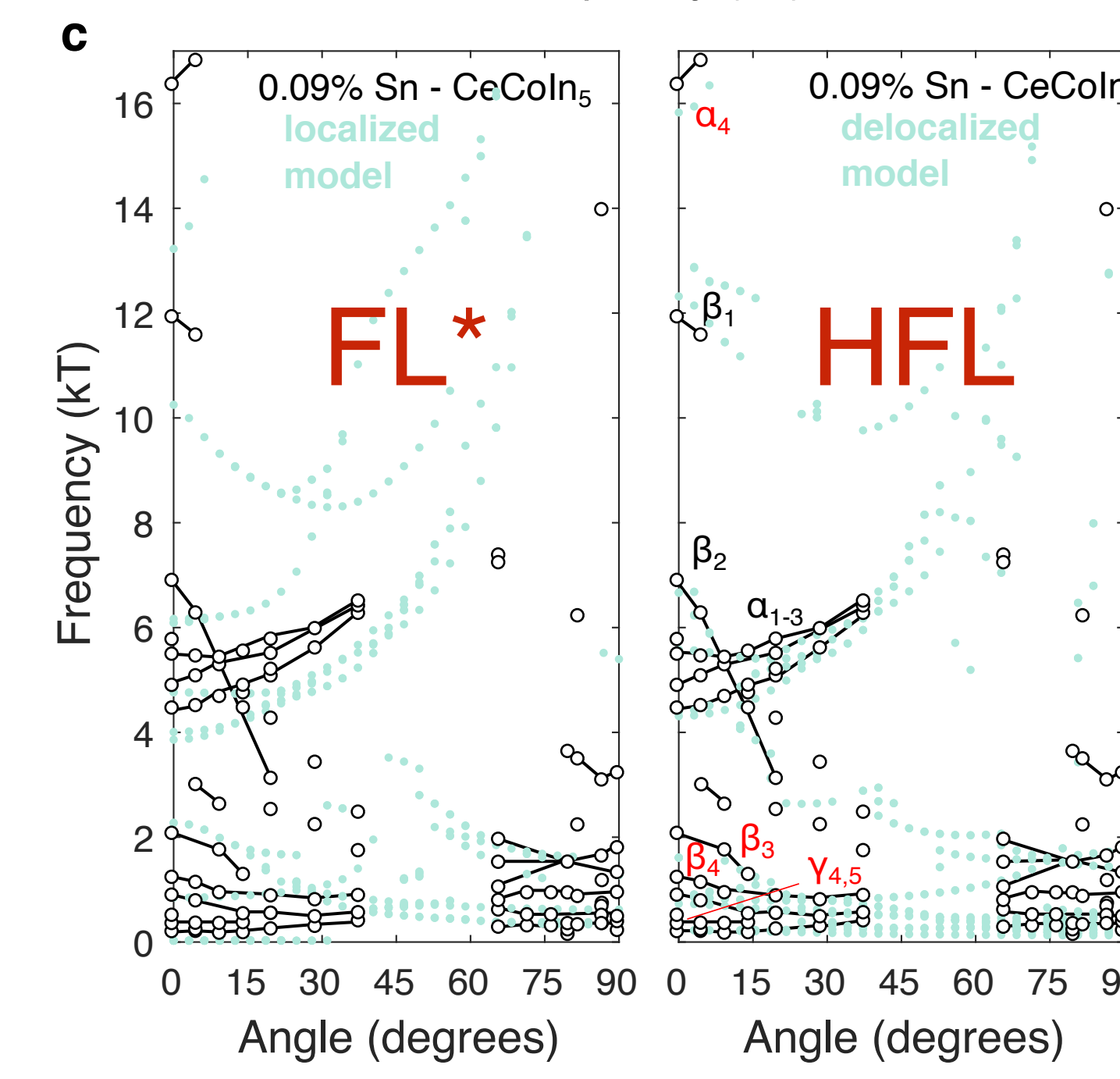
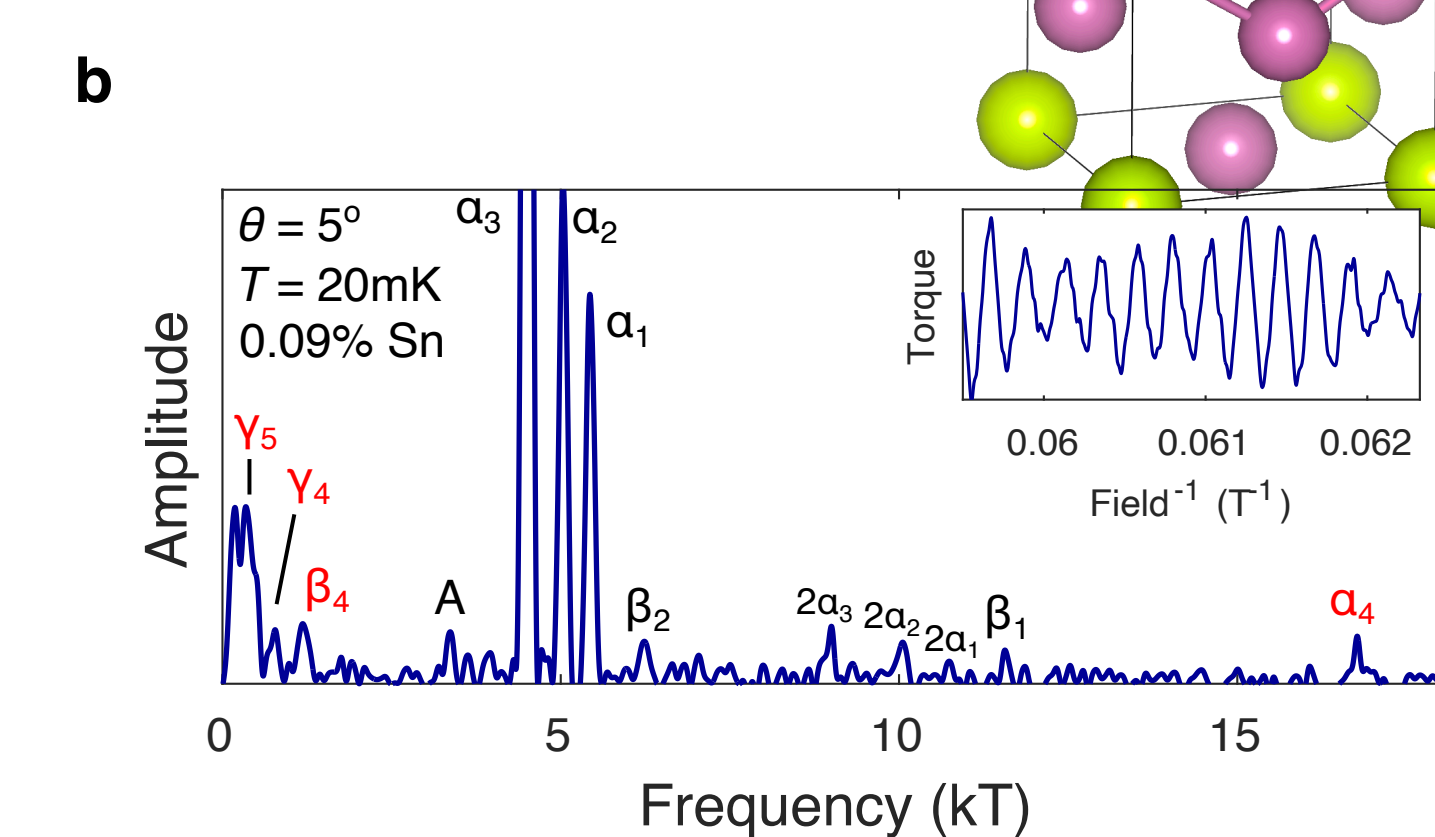
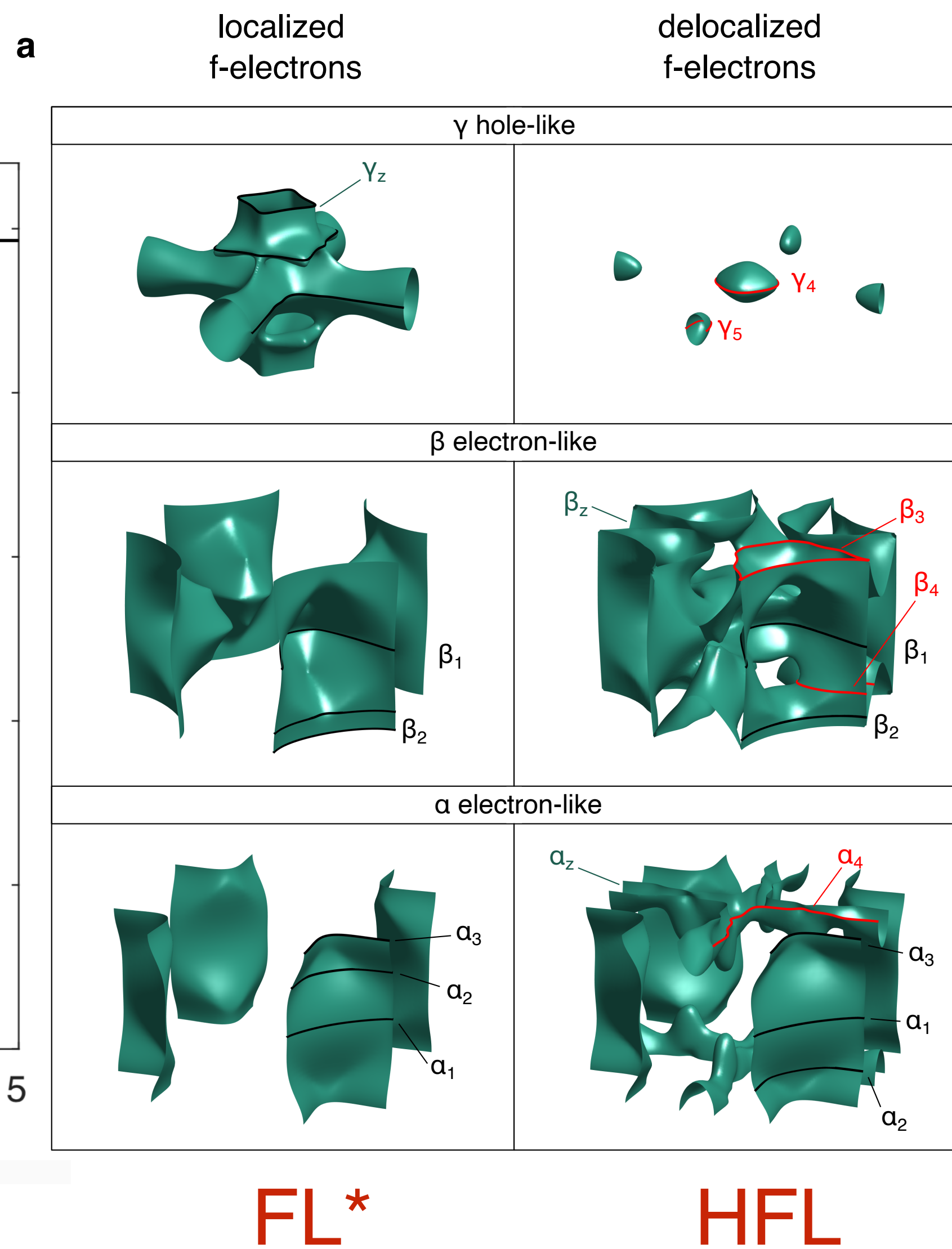
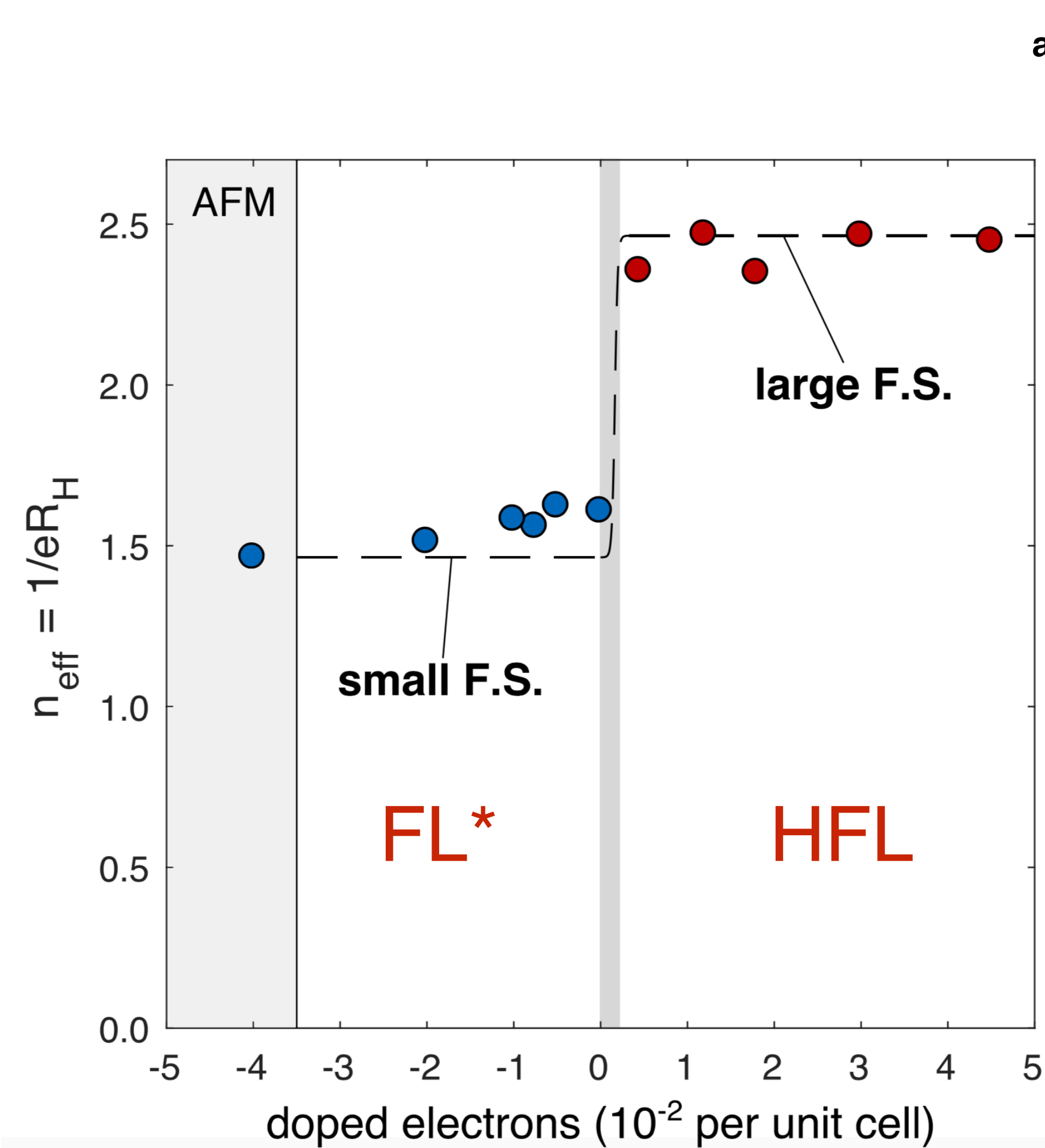
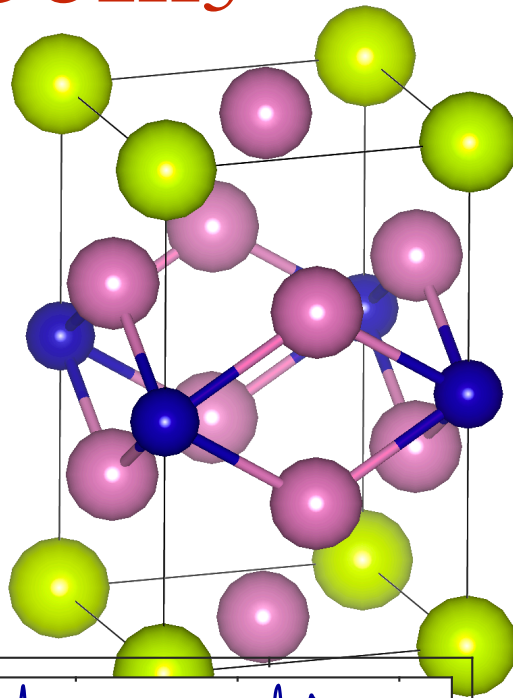
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- In the HFL state, the $U(1)_{\text{gauge}} \times U(1)_{\text{em}}$ symmetry is ‘Higgsed’ by the condensation of the hybridization boson $B_i \sim f_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$ to a diagonal $U(1)_{\text{diag}}$ symmetry. The Luttinger arguments can only be applied to the unbroken $U(1)_{\text{diag}}$ symmetry, which counts *both* c and f fermions, and so the Fermi surface is *large*.

$$H_{\text{HFL}} = - \sum_{i,j} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \sum_{i,j} t_{1,ij} f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma} + \sum_i B (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{i\sigma} + f_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma})$$



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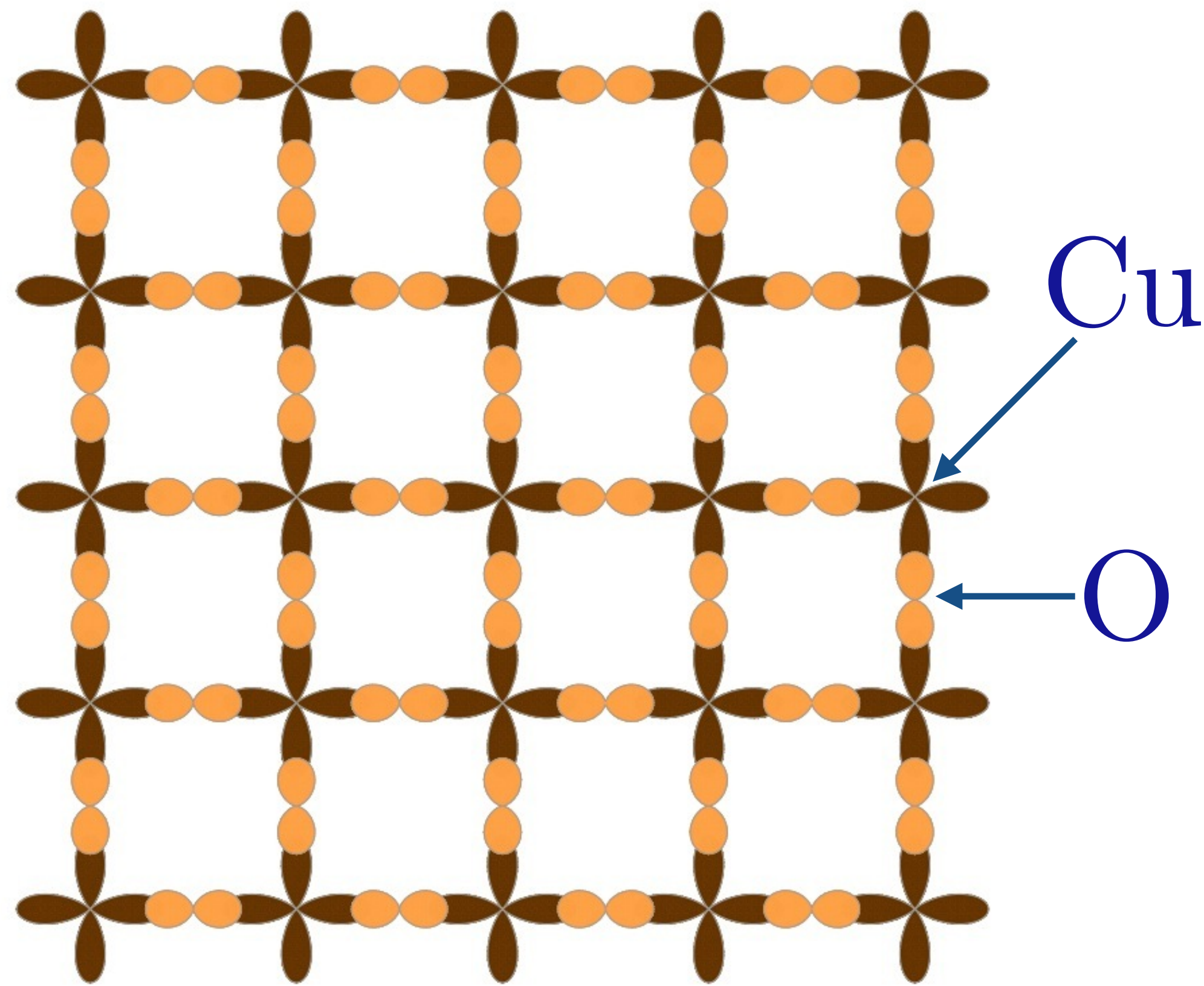
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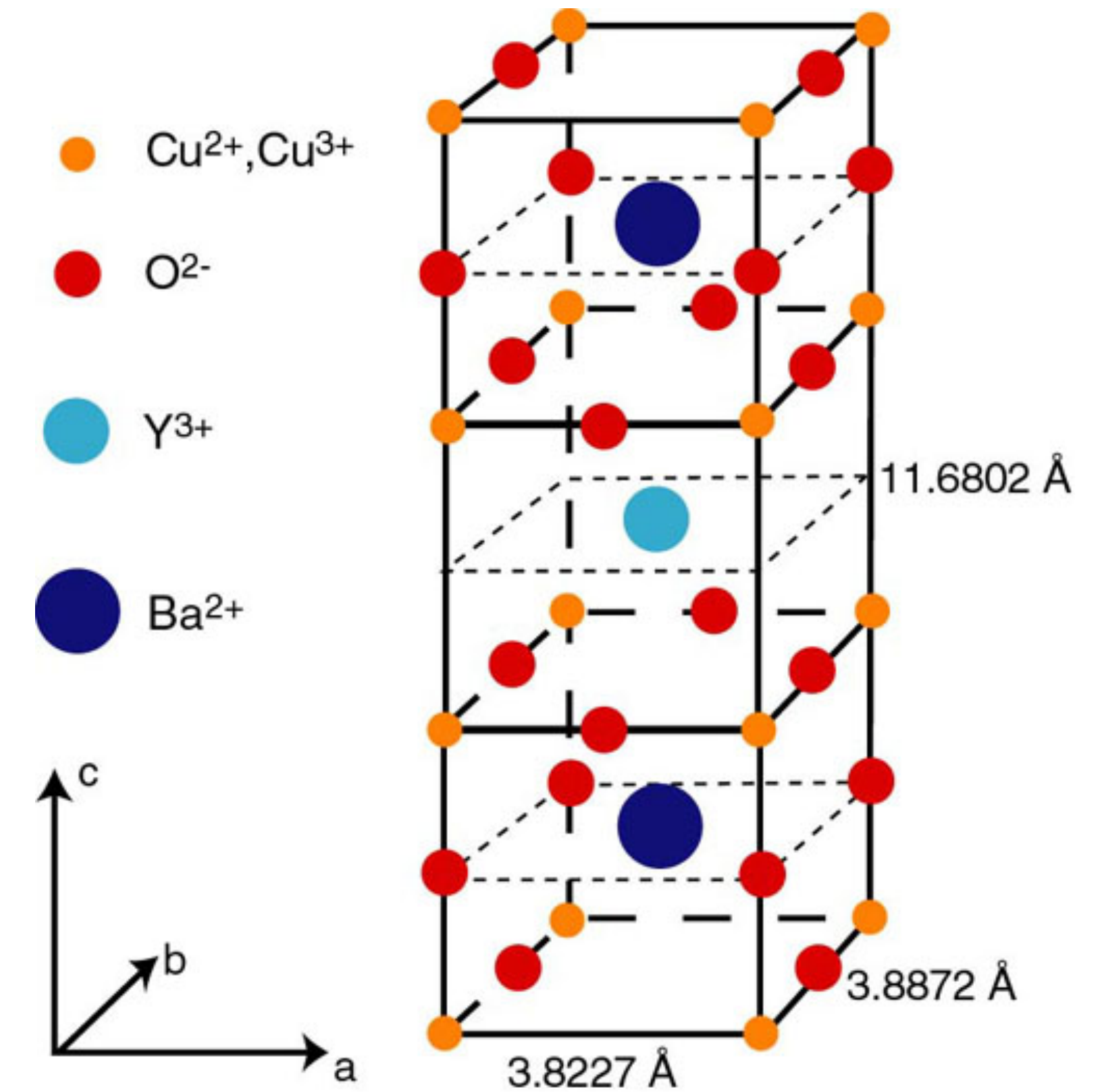
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High
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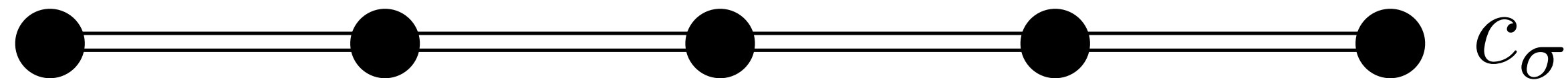


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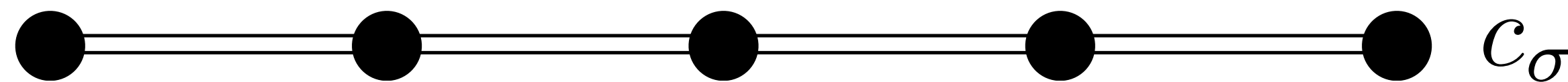
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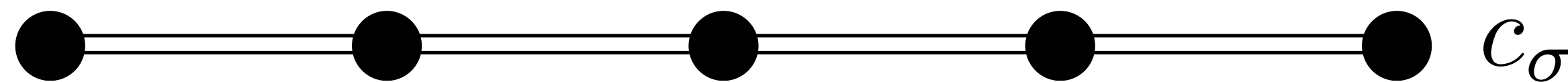
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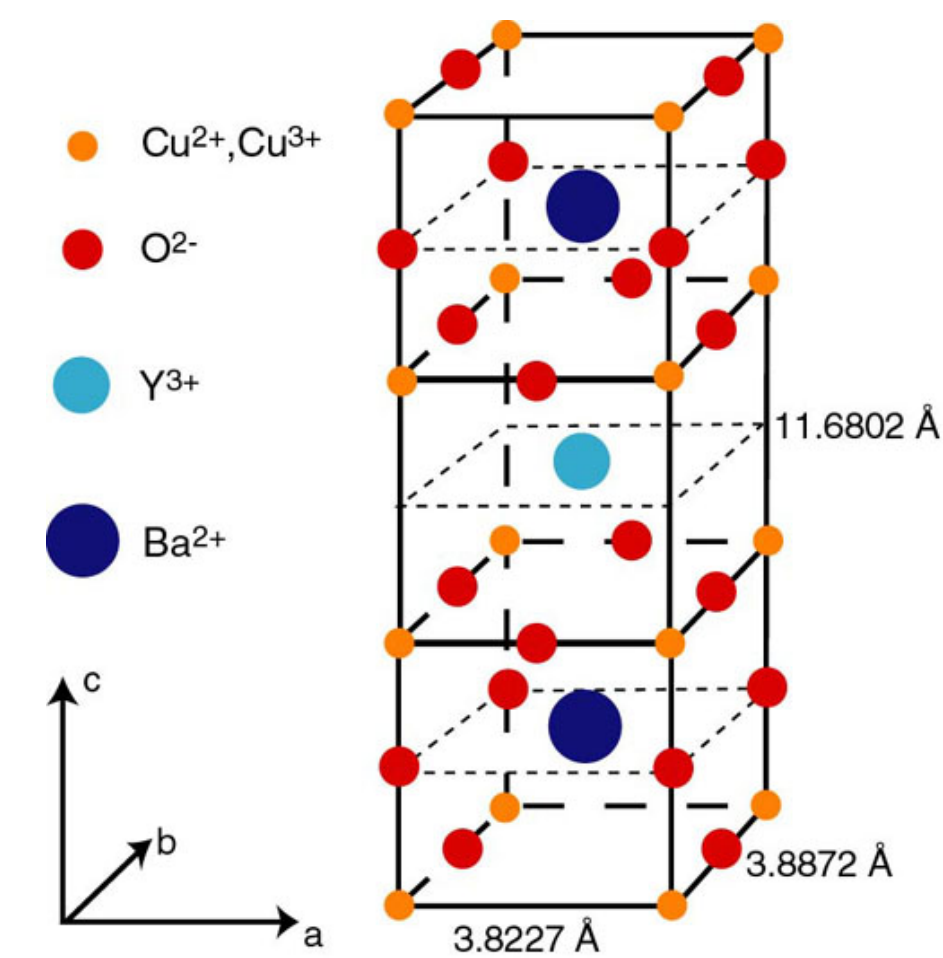
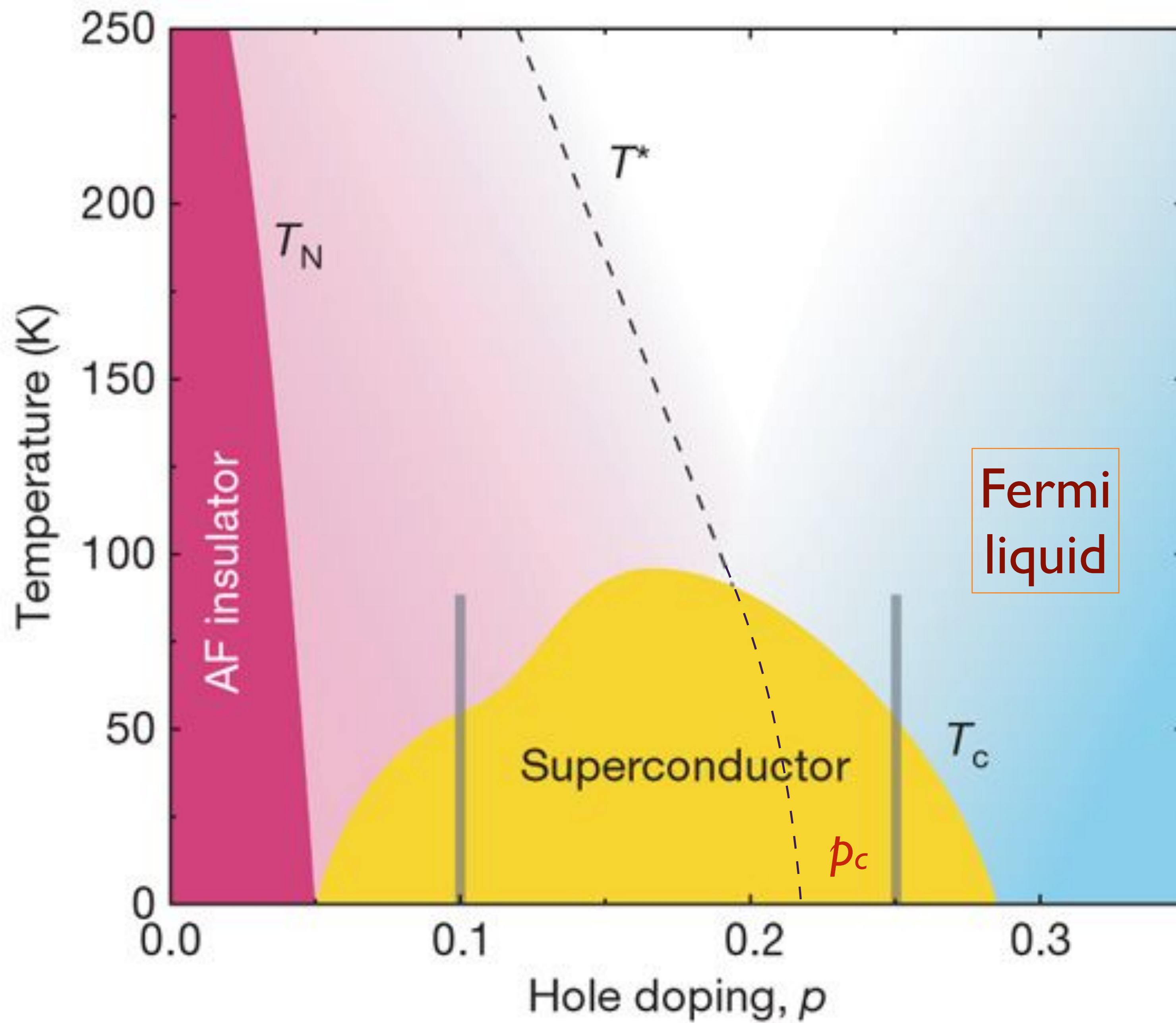
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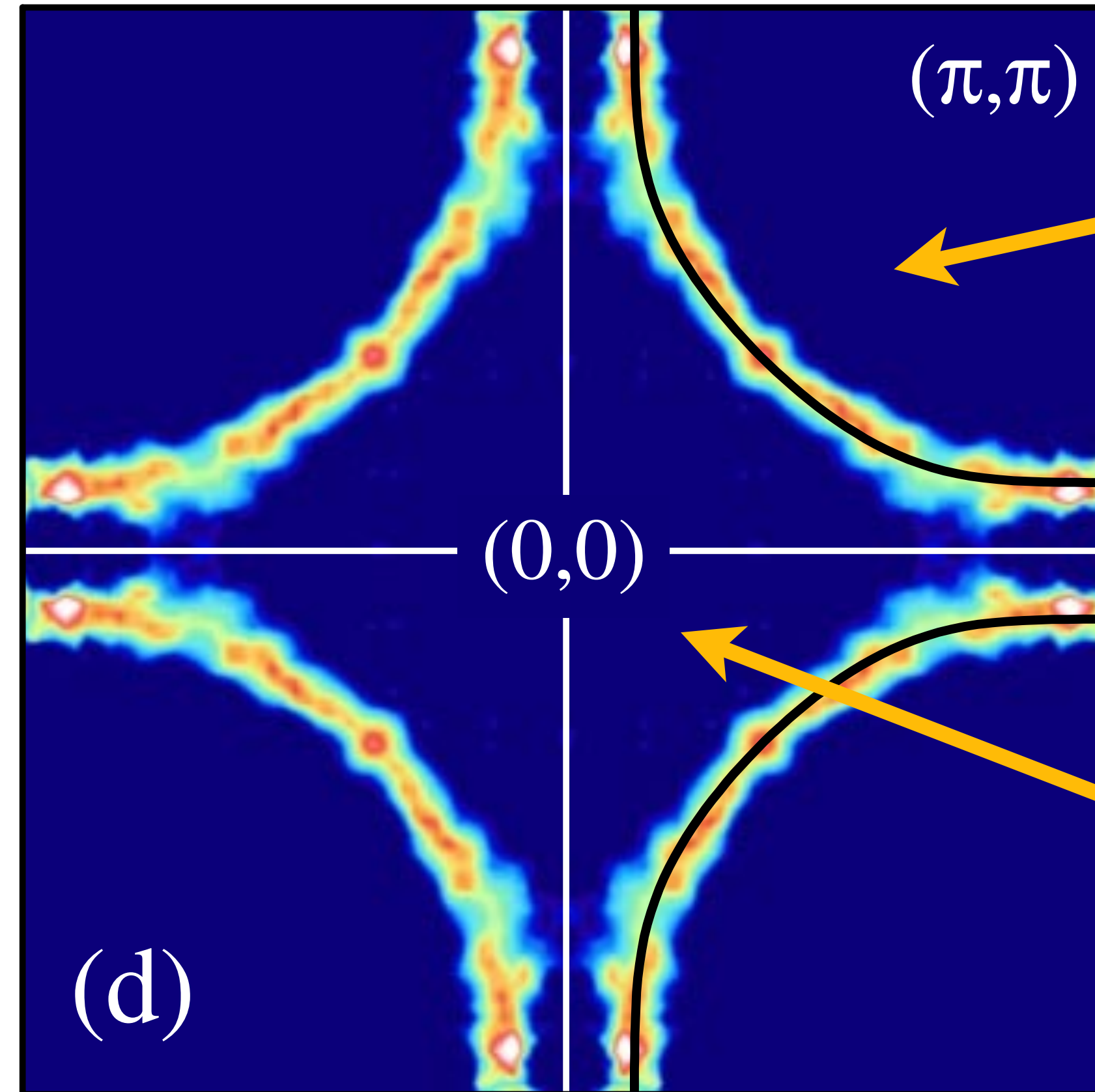
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Photoemission at large p



$l+p$ holes

Overdoped $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$
 $T_c = 30\text{K}$

$l-p$ electrons

$l+p$ mobile holes in a filled band

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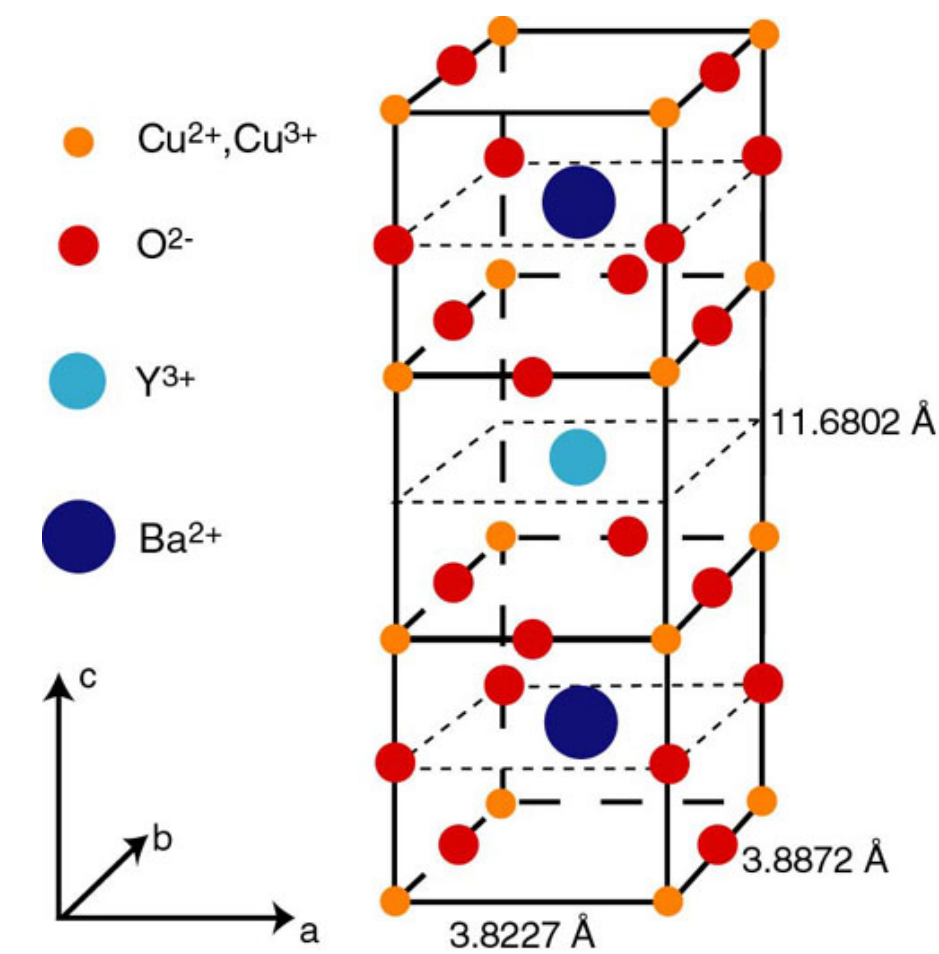
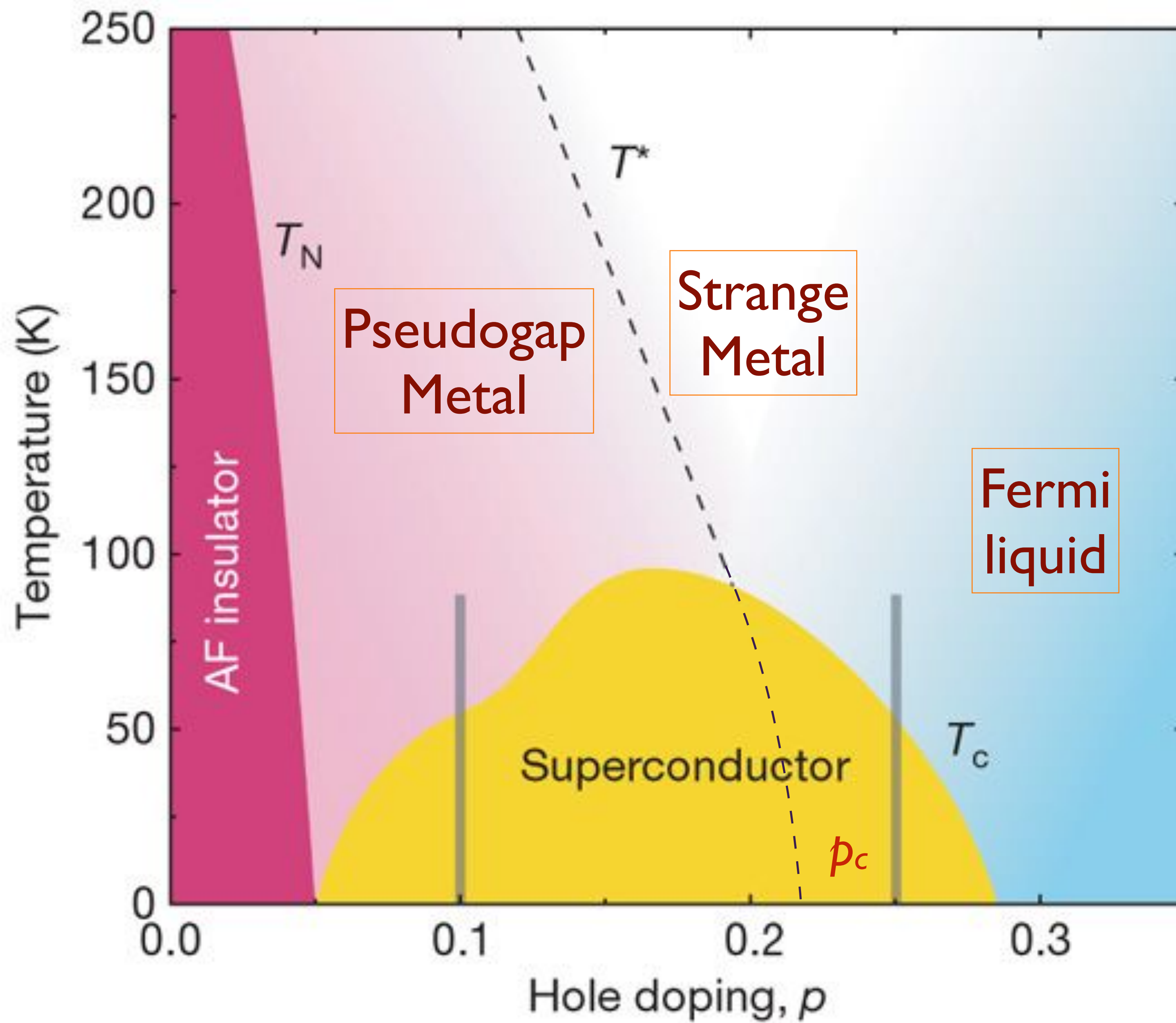
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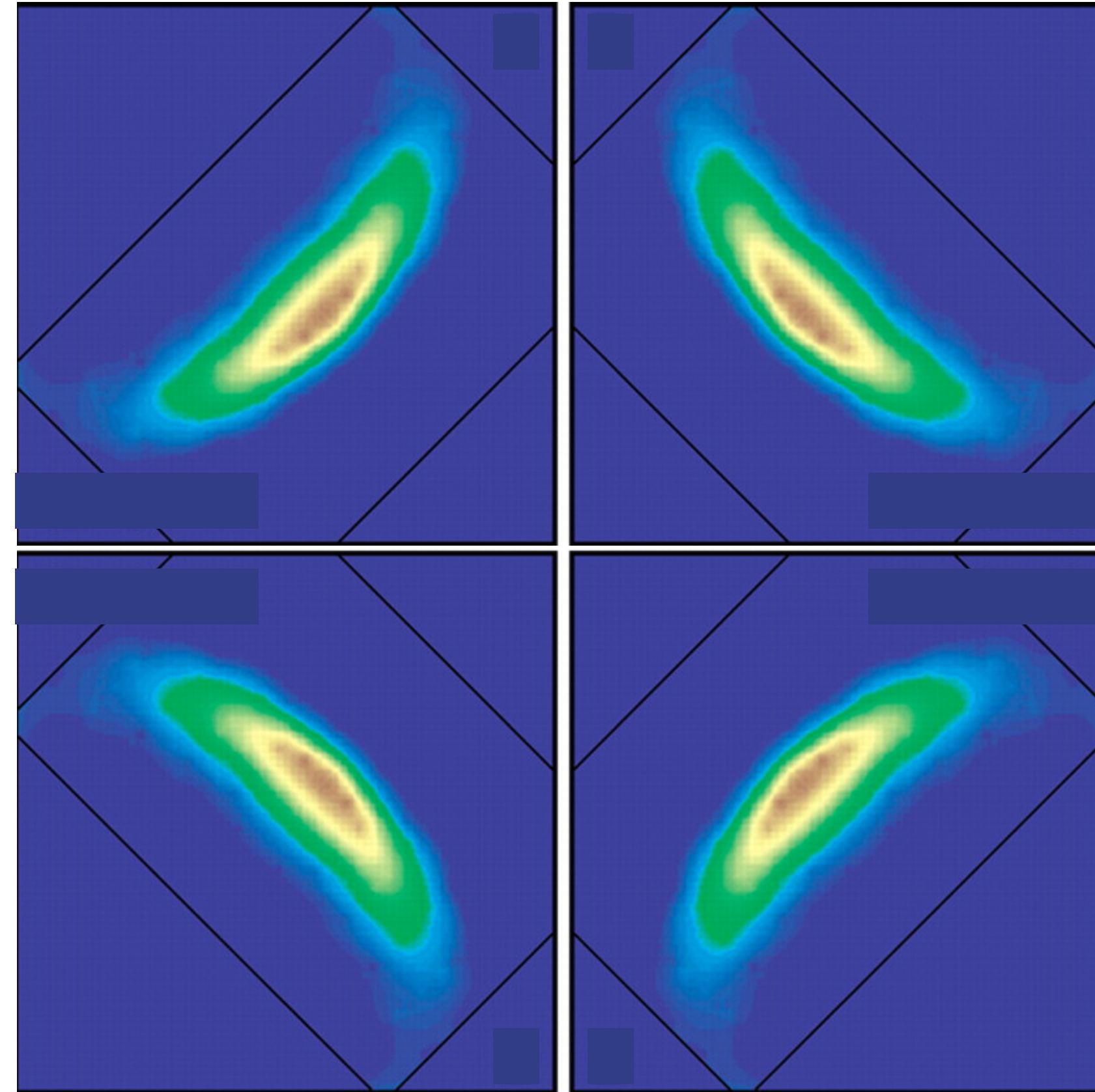
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$\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$
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“Fermi arcs”

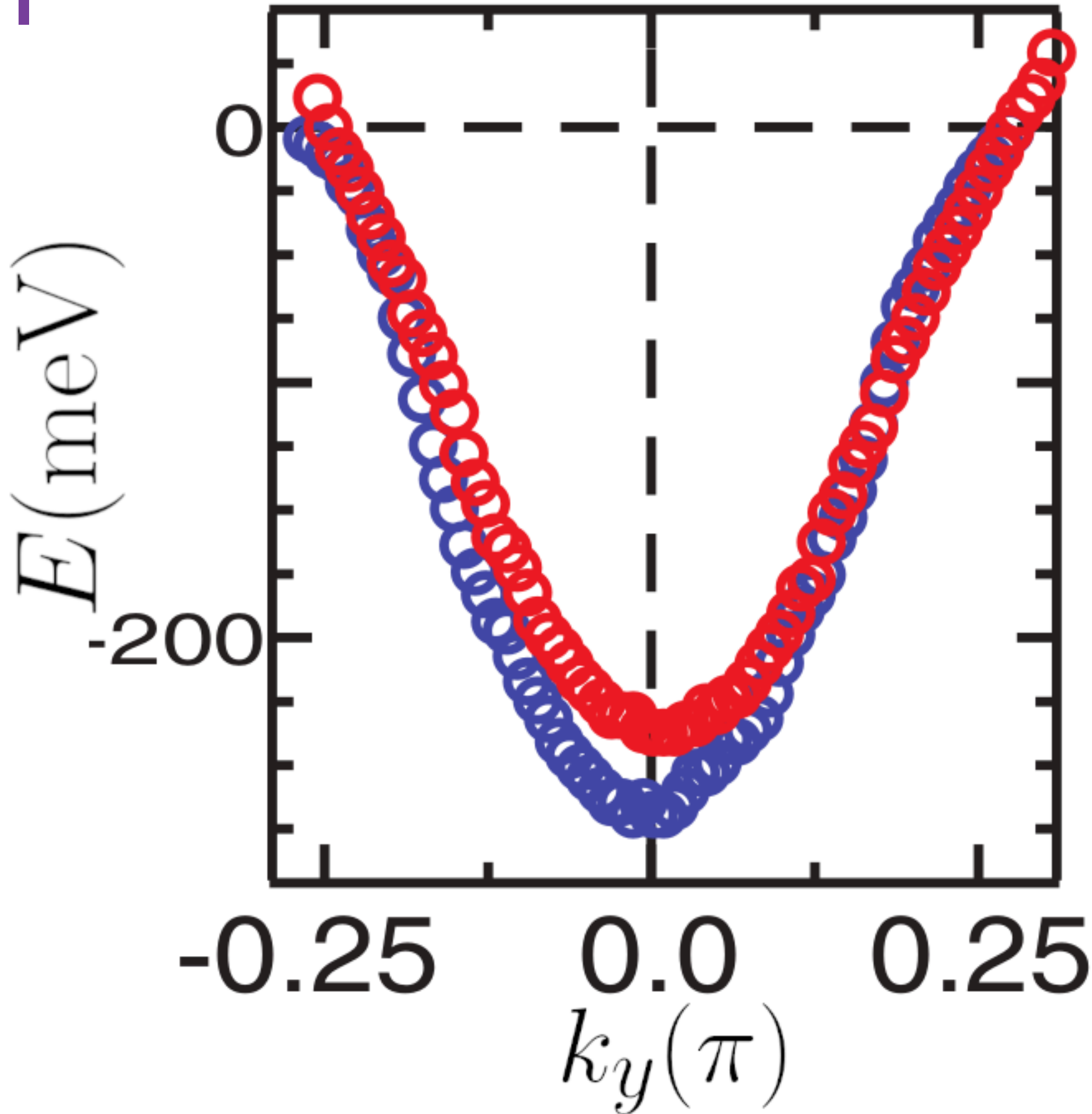
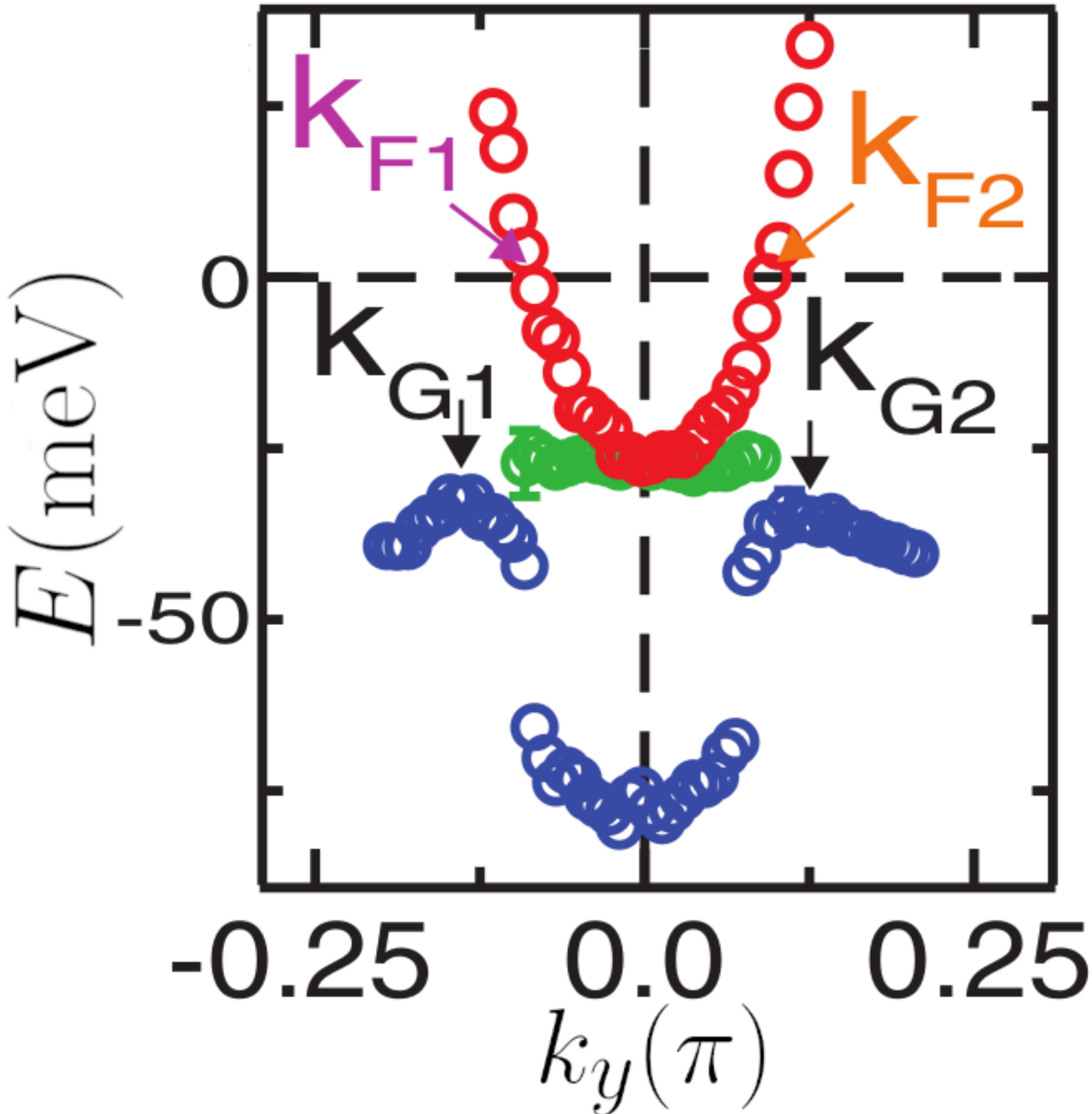
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Photoemission at small and large p

Anti-node: $k_x = \pi$

Node: $k_x = 2$

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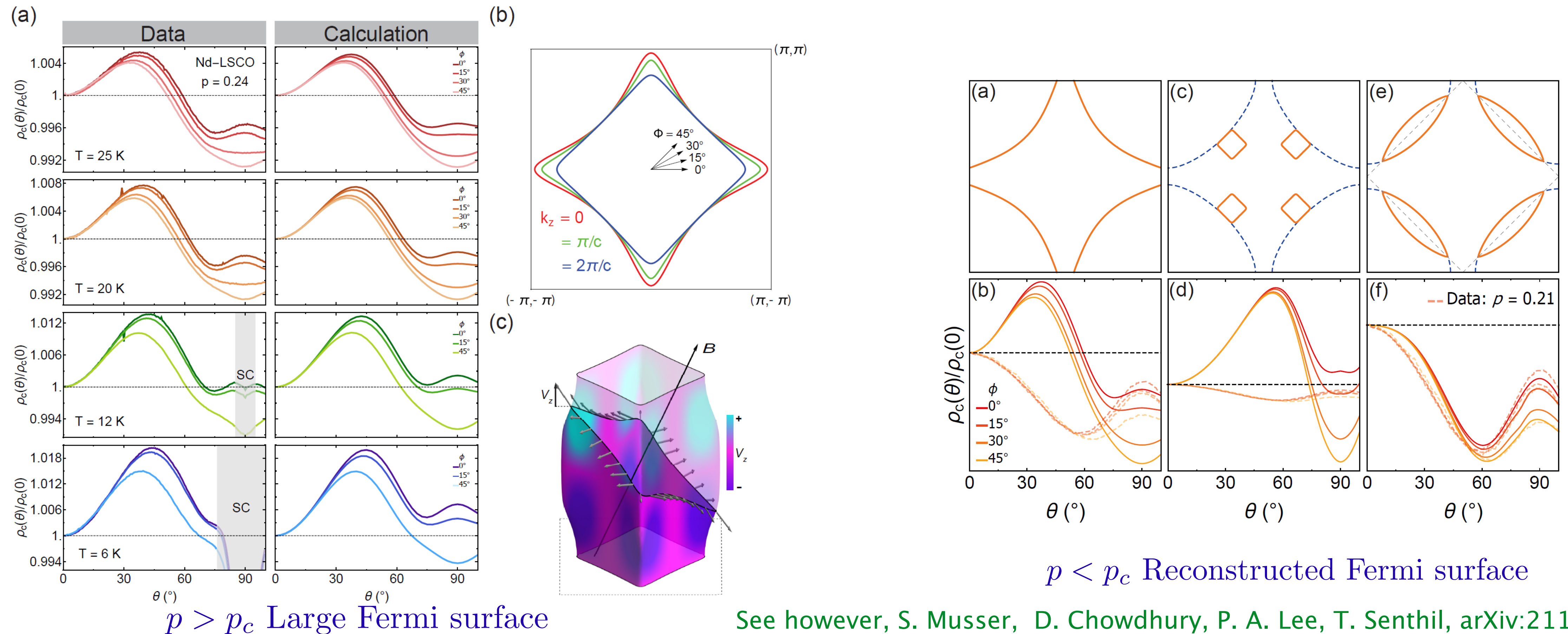


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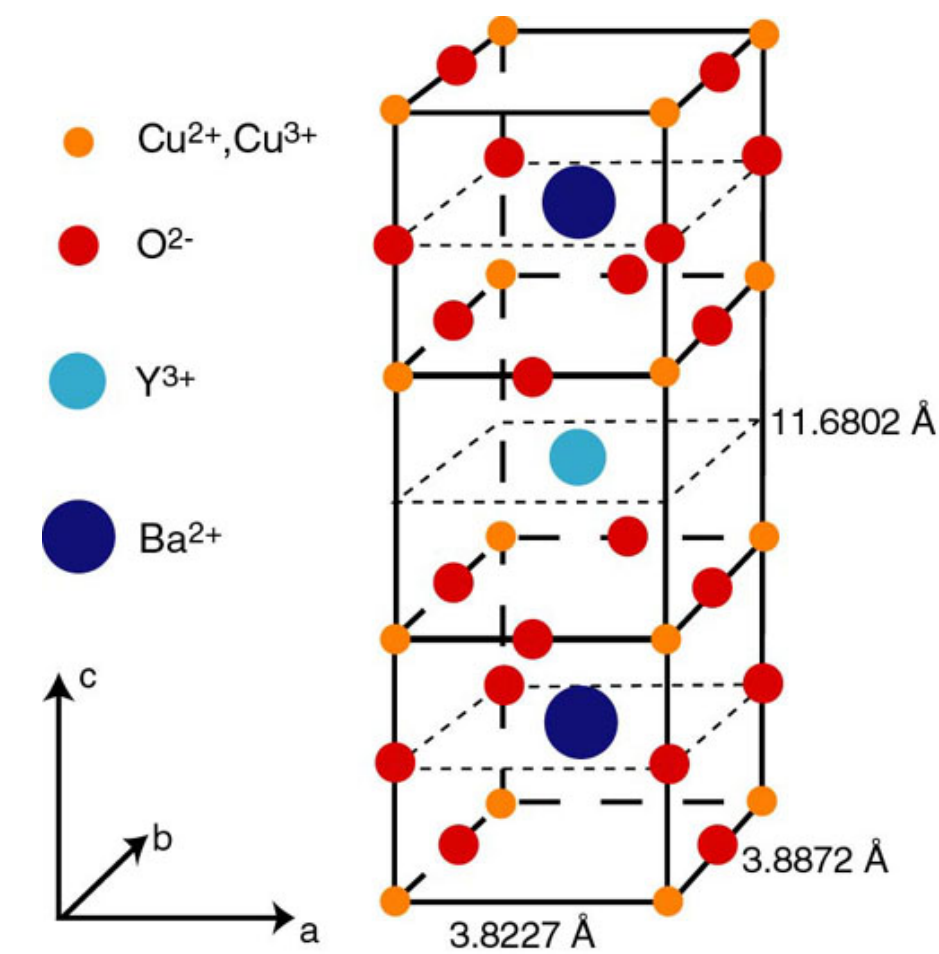
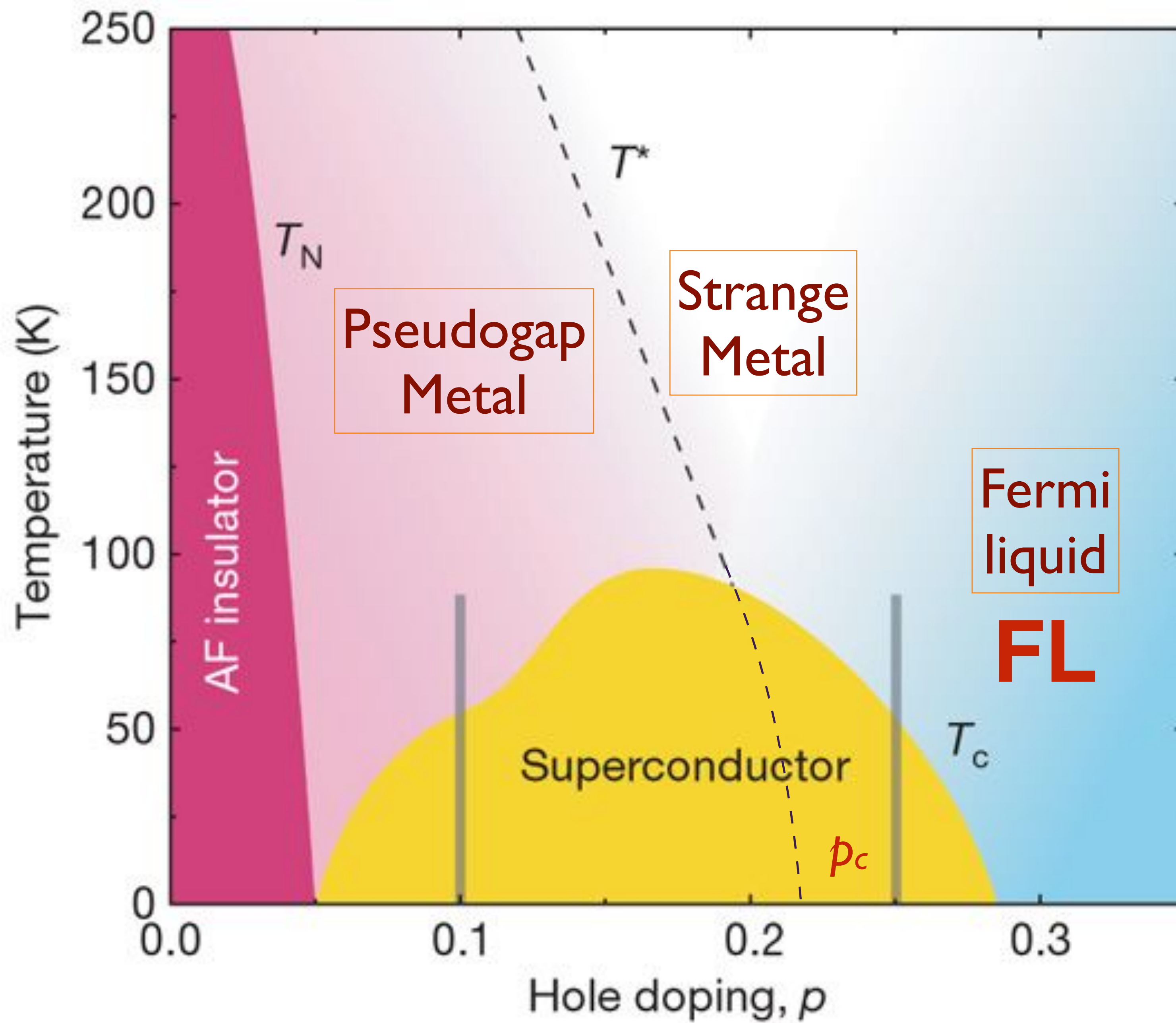
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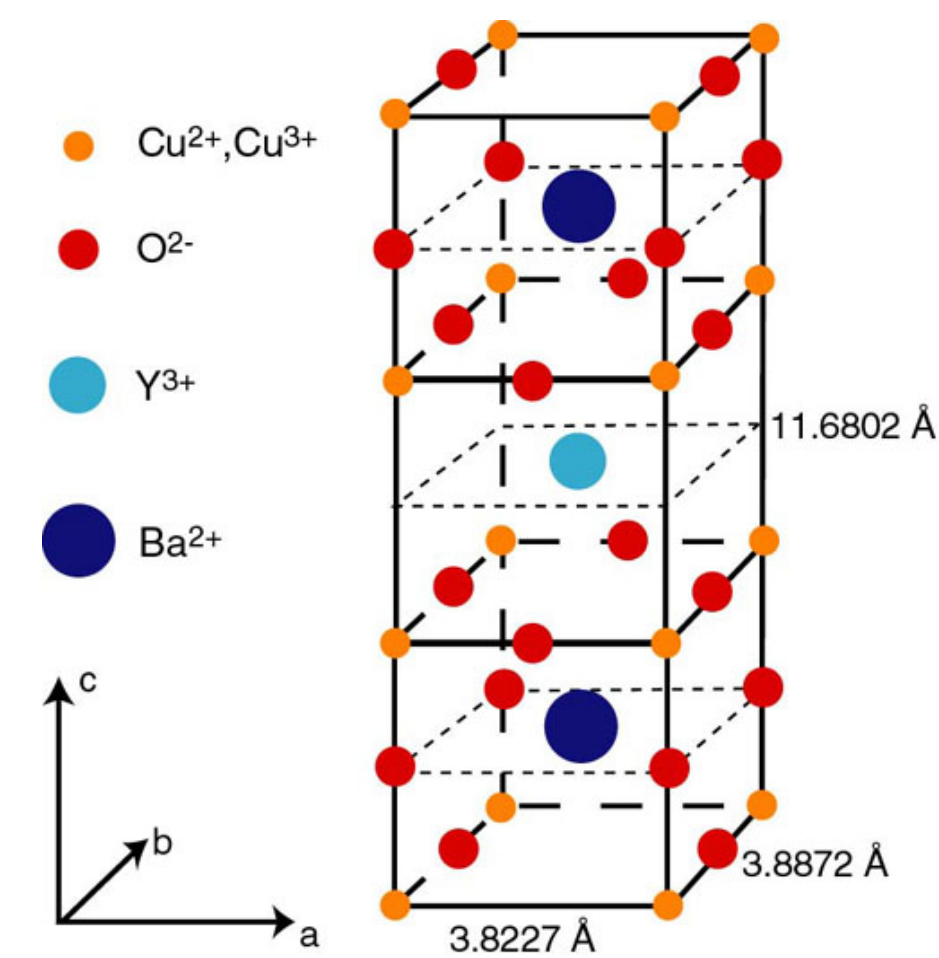
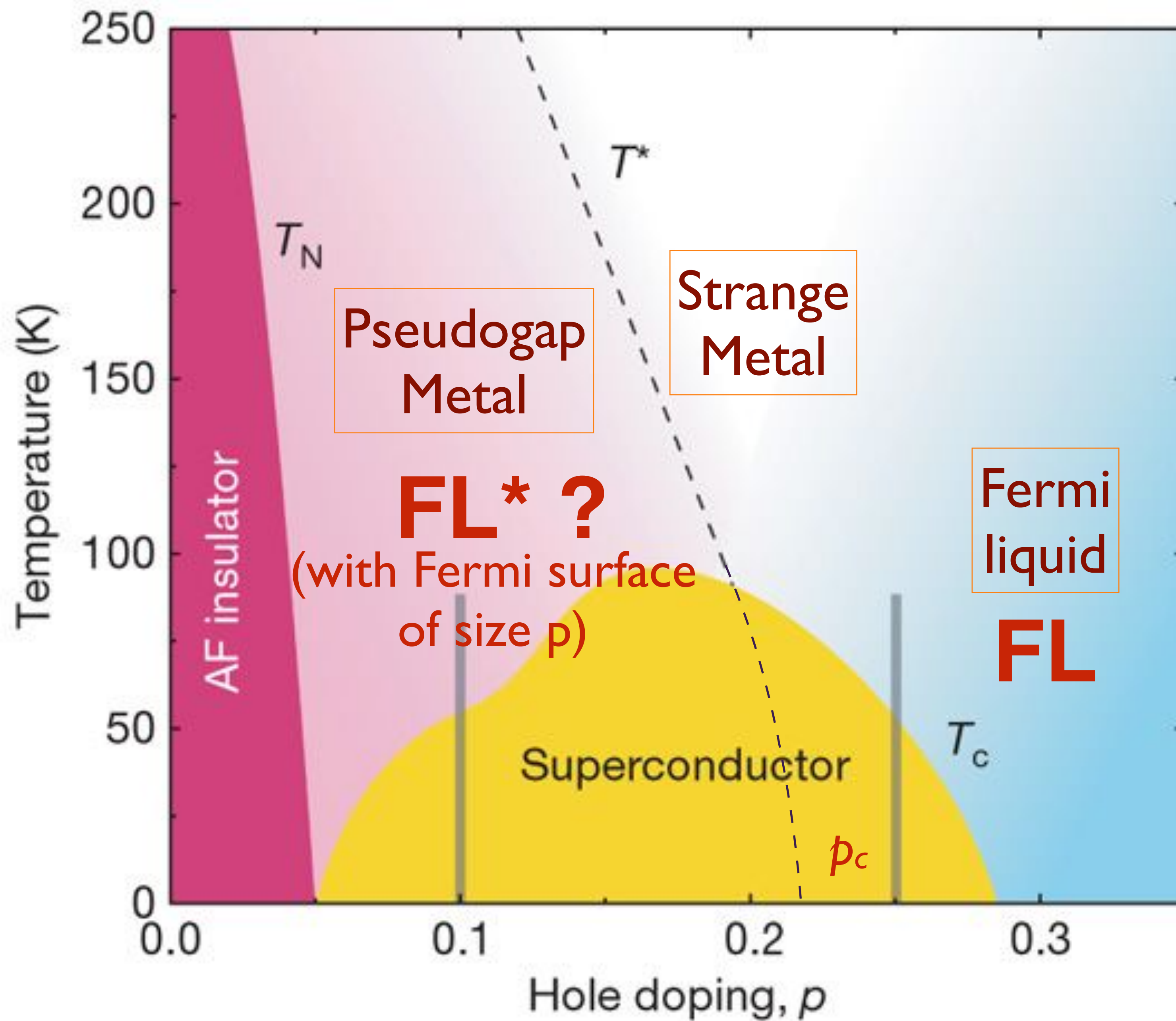
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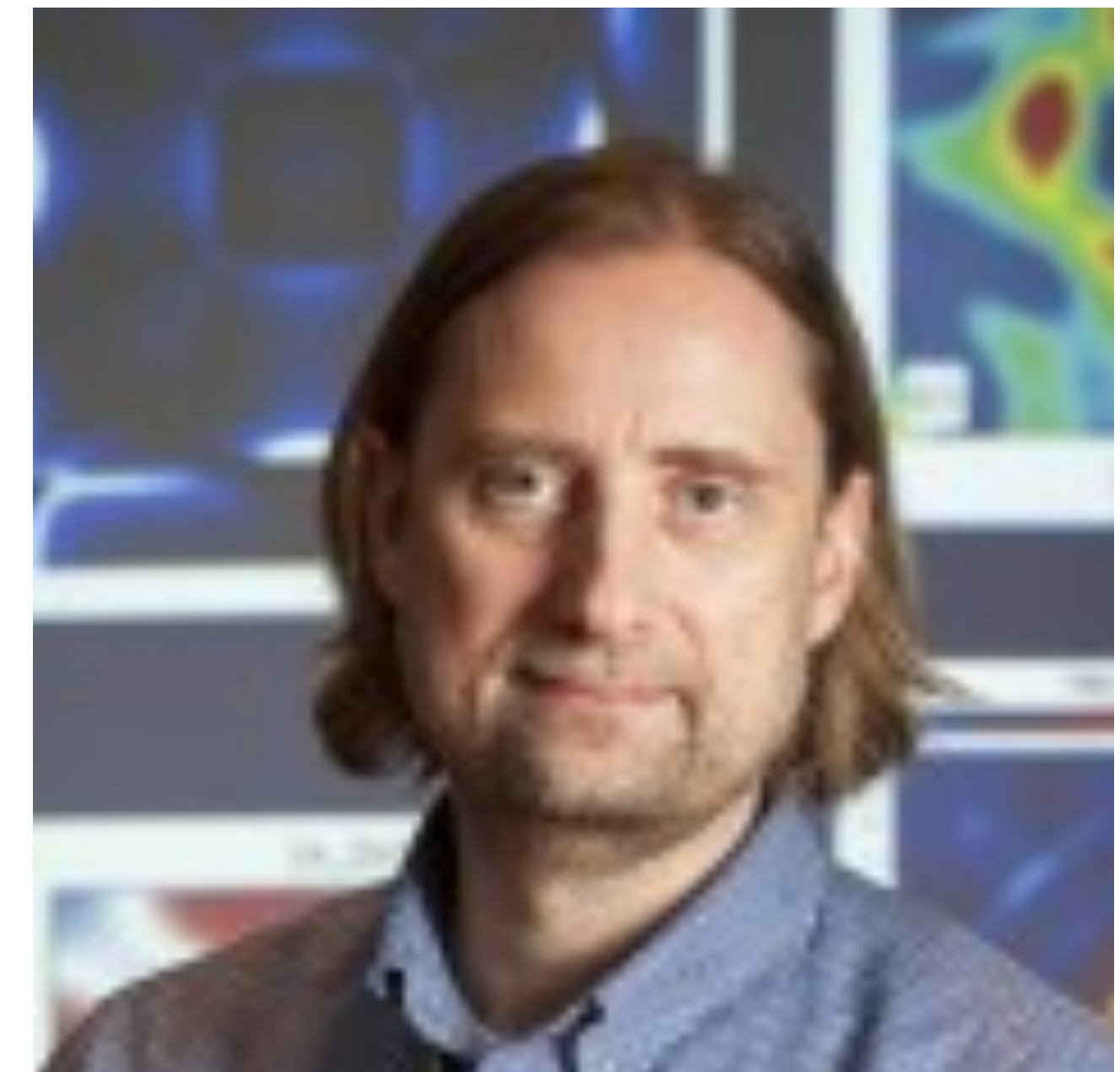
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Paramagnon theory of the Hubbard model

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

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

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

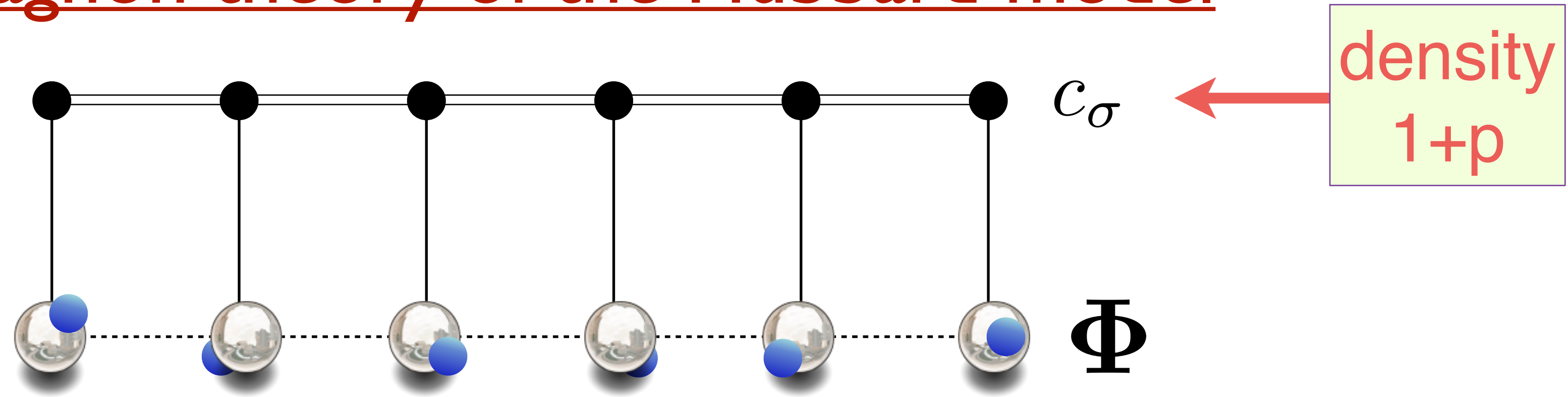
Then we decouple the interaction via

$$\exp \left(\frac{2U}{3} \sum_i \int d\tau \mathbf{S}_i^2 \right) = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi_i(\tau) \exp \left(- \sum_i \int d\tau \left[\frac{3}{8U} \Phi_i^2 - \Phi_i \cdot c_{i\sigma}^\dagger \frac{\tau_{\sigma\sigma'}}{2} c_{i\sigma'} \right] \right)$$

This yields the ‘Scalapino-Pines-Chubukov-Schmalian...’ theory for a ‘paramagnon quantum rotor’ Φ_i coupled to otherwise free fermions $c_{i\sigma}$.

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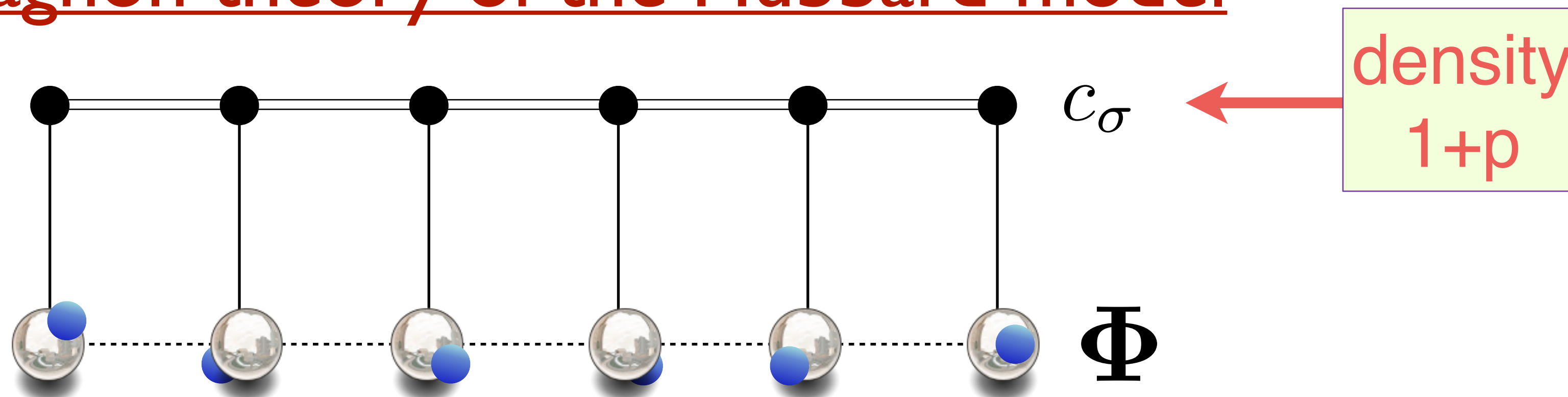


$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{rotor}} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} c_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \sum_i \frac{g}{2} L_i^2 - \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^\dagger \frac{\tau_{\sigma\sigma'}}{2} c_{i\sigma'} \cdot \Phi_i$$

$$[L_{i\alpha}, L_{j\beta}] = i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \delta_{ij} L_{i\gamma}, \quad [L_{i\alpha}, \Phi_{j\beta}] = i\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \delta_{ij} \Phi_{i\gamma}, \quad [\Phi_{i\alpha}, \Phi_{j\beta}] = 0$$

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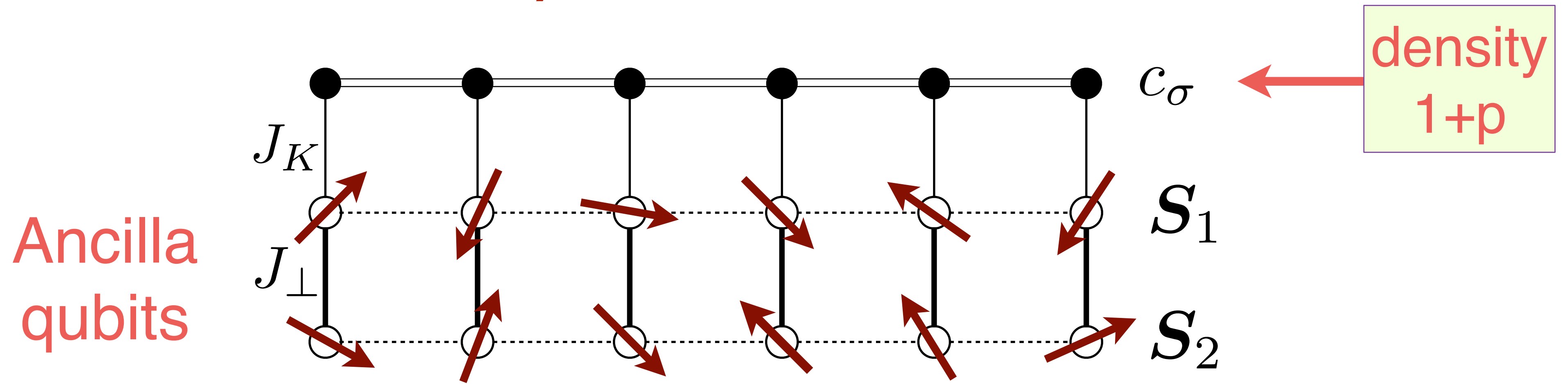
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Each rotor has eigenvalues $g\ell(\ell + 1)/2$, degeneracy $2\ell + 1$, $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Restrict to the $\ell = 0, 1$ states, and represent each rotor by 2 “ancilla qubits”, $S = 1/2$ spins \mathbf{S}_{1i} and \mathbf{S}_{2i} , with an antiferromagnetic coupling $J_\perp = g$

$$\mathbf{L}_i = \mathbf{S}_{1i} + \mathbf{S}_{2i}$$

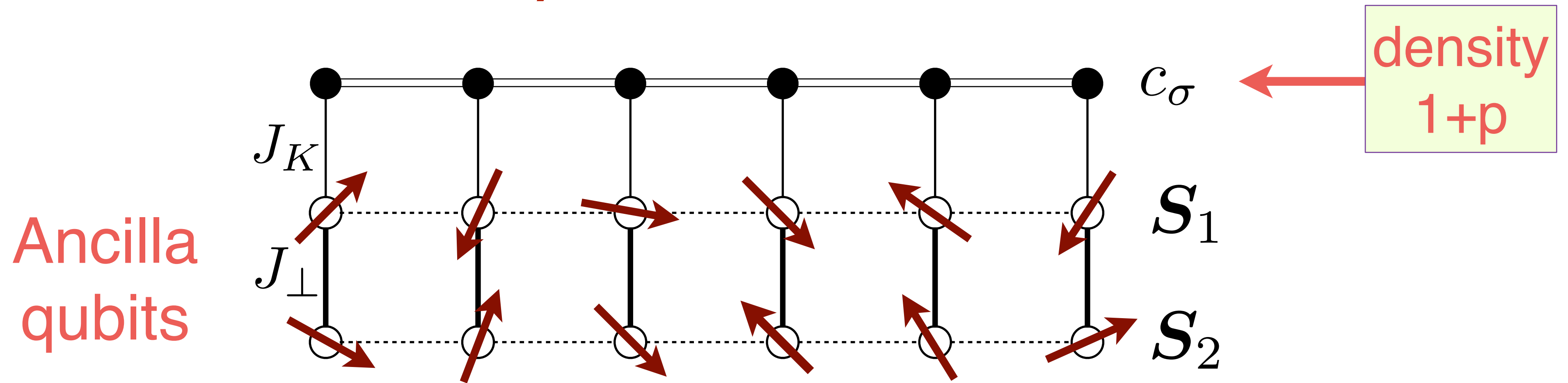
$$\Phi_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\mathbf{S}_{2i} - \mathbf{S}_{1i})$$

Ancilla theory of the Hubbard model



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{ancilla}} = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} c_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}\sigma} + \sum_i \left[J_K c_{i\sigma}^\dagger \frac{\tau_{\sigma\sigma'}}{2} c_{i\sigma'} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{1i} + J_\perp \mathbf{S}_{1i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{2i} \right] + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [J_1 \mathbf{S}_{1i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{1j} + J_2 \mathbf{S}_{2i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{2j}]$$

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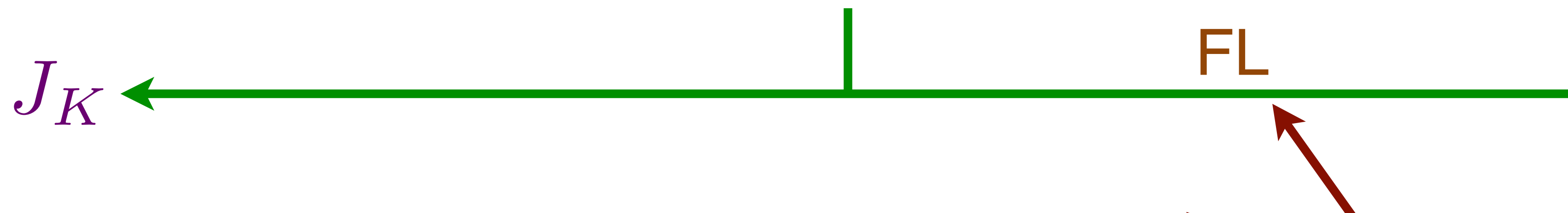
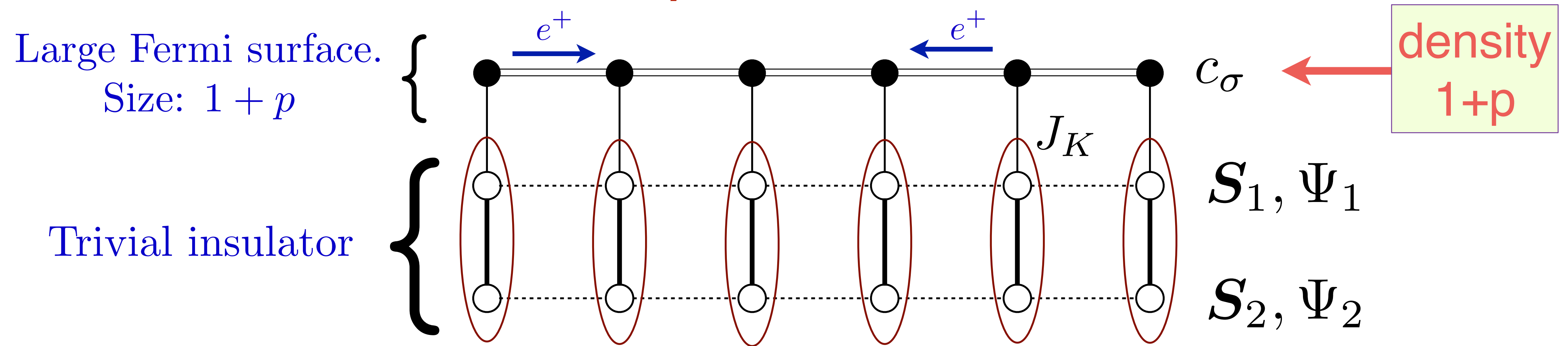
Performing a Schrieffer-Wolff transformation in powers of $1/J_\perp$, we obtain

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i.e. we recover a Hubbard-Heisenberg model with *no ancillas* and

$$U = \frac{3J_K^2}{8J_\perp} + \frac{3J_K^3}{16J_\perp^2} + \dots, \quad J = \frac{J_K^2 (J_1 + J_2)}{4J_\perp^2}$$

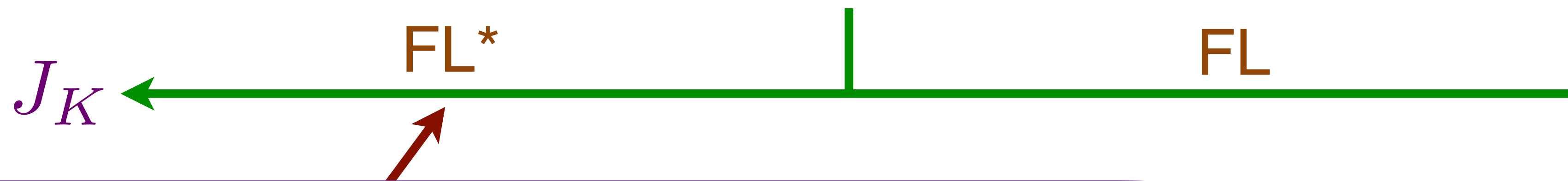
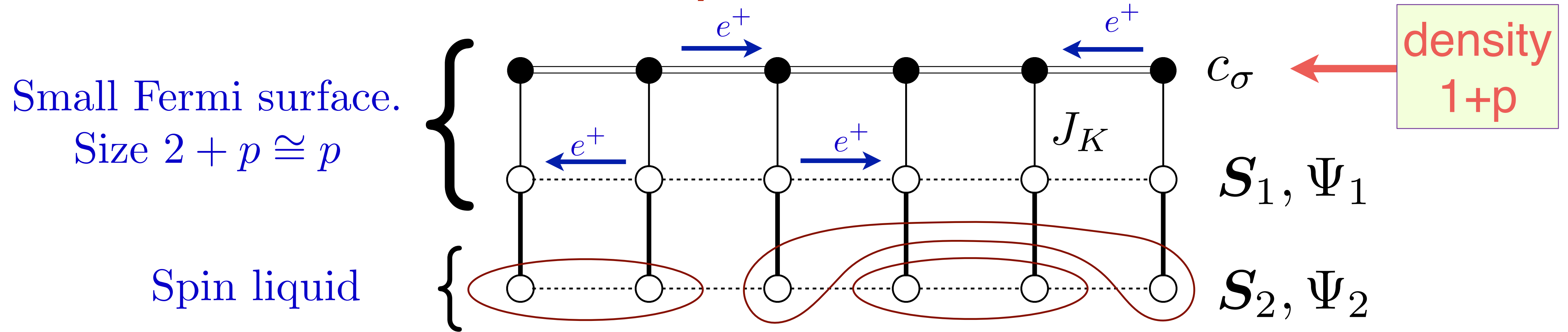
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Large Fermi surface of size $1 + p$

$$|\text{FL}\rangle = |\text{Rung singlets of } \Psi_1, \Psi_2\rangle \otimes |\text{Slater determinant of } c\rangle$$

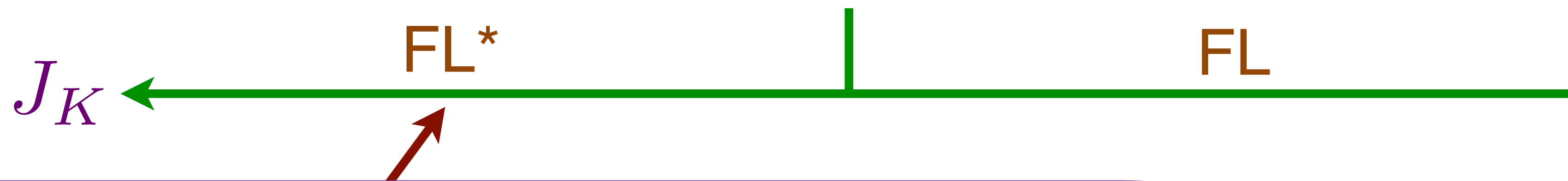
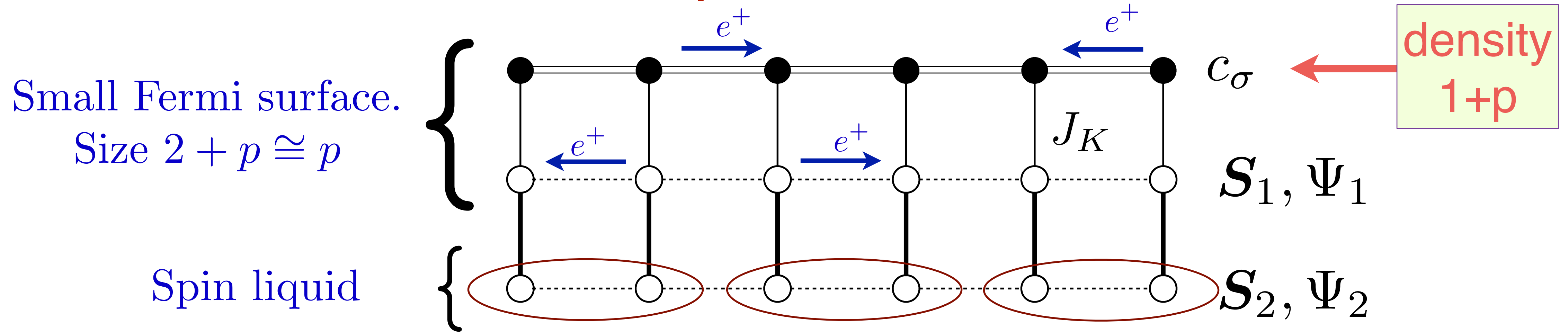
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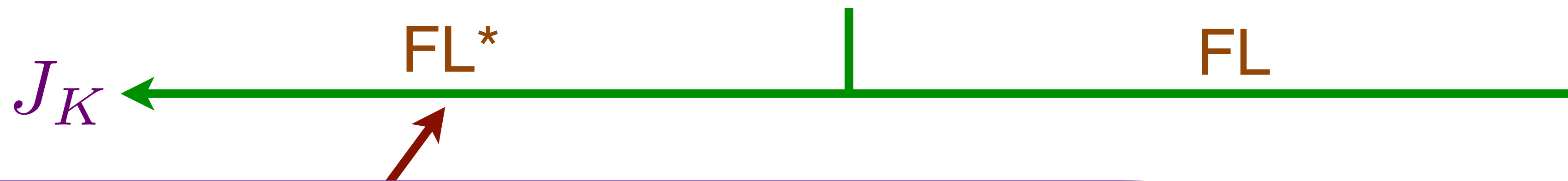
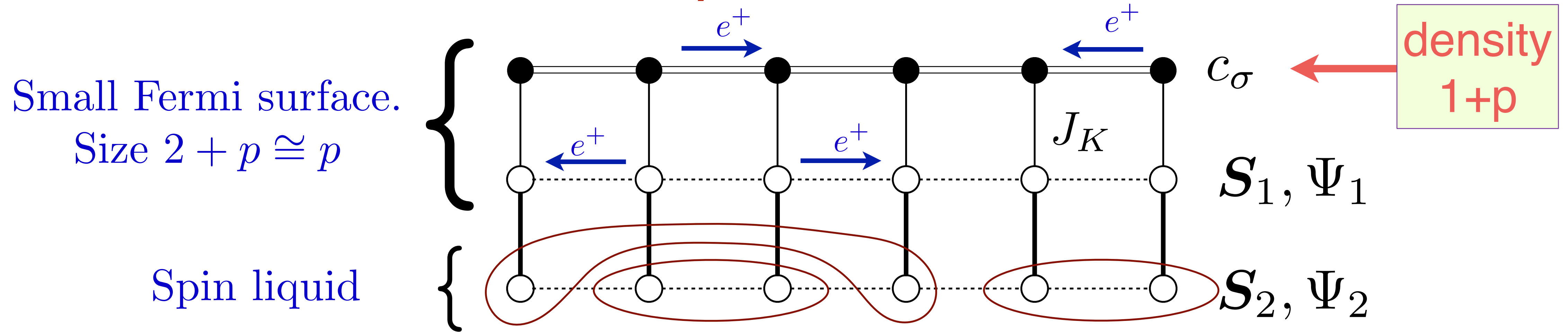
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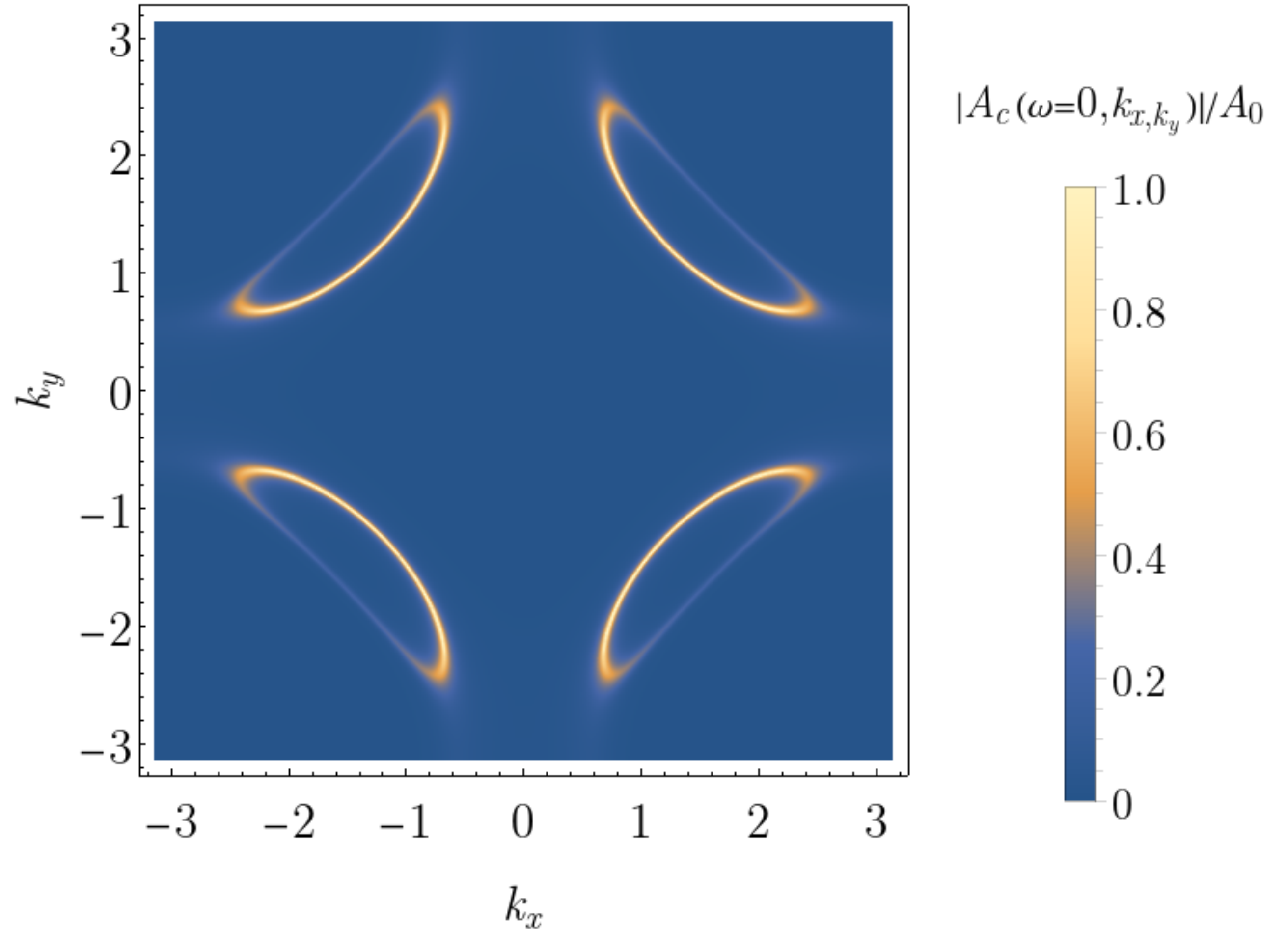
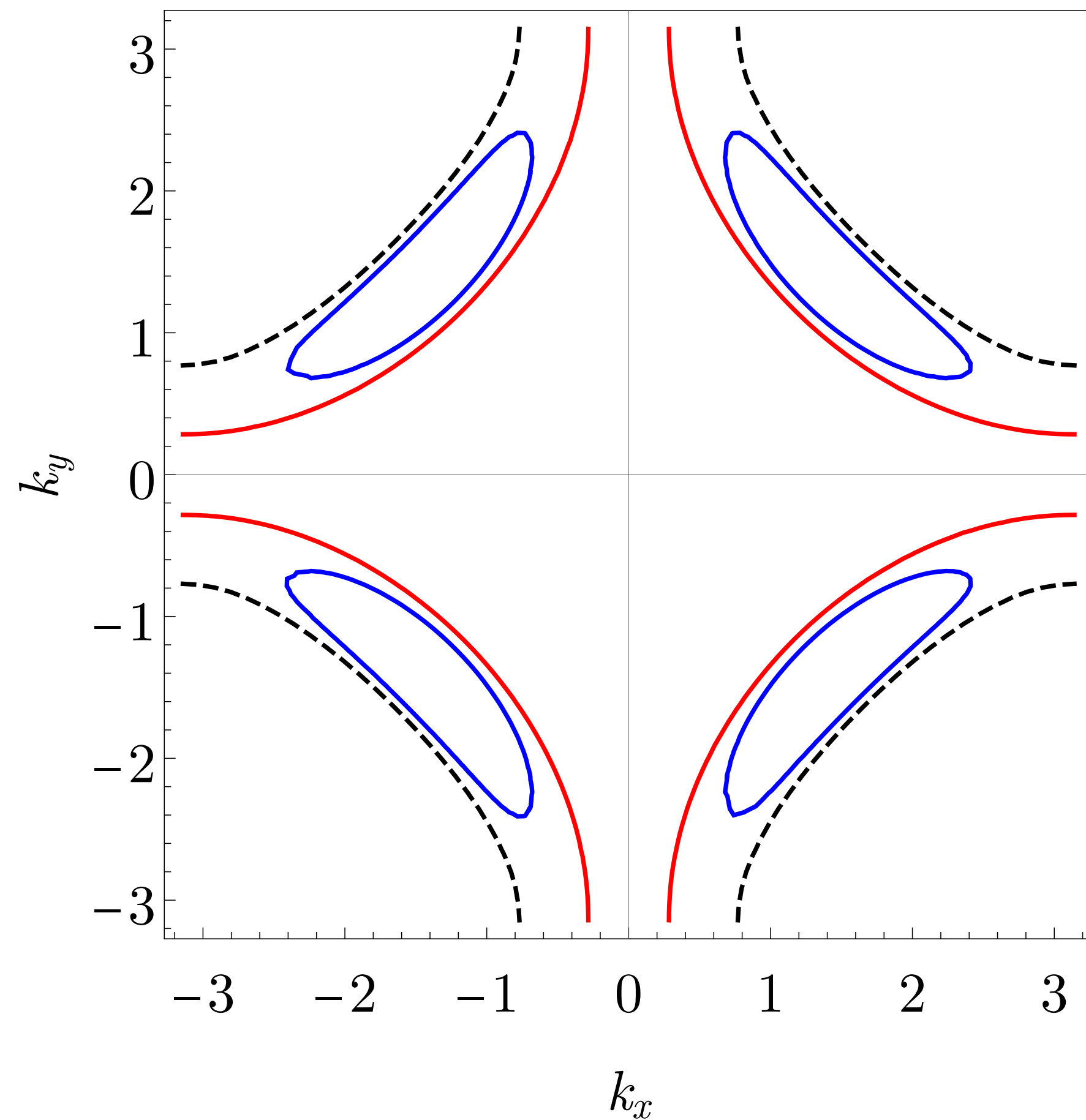


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FL* in a **one-band** model

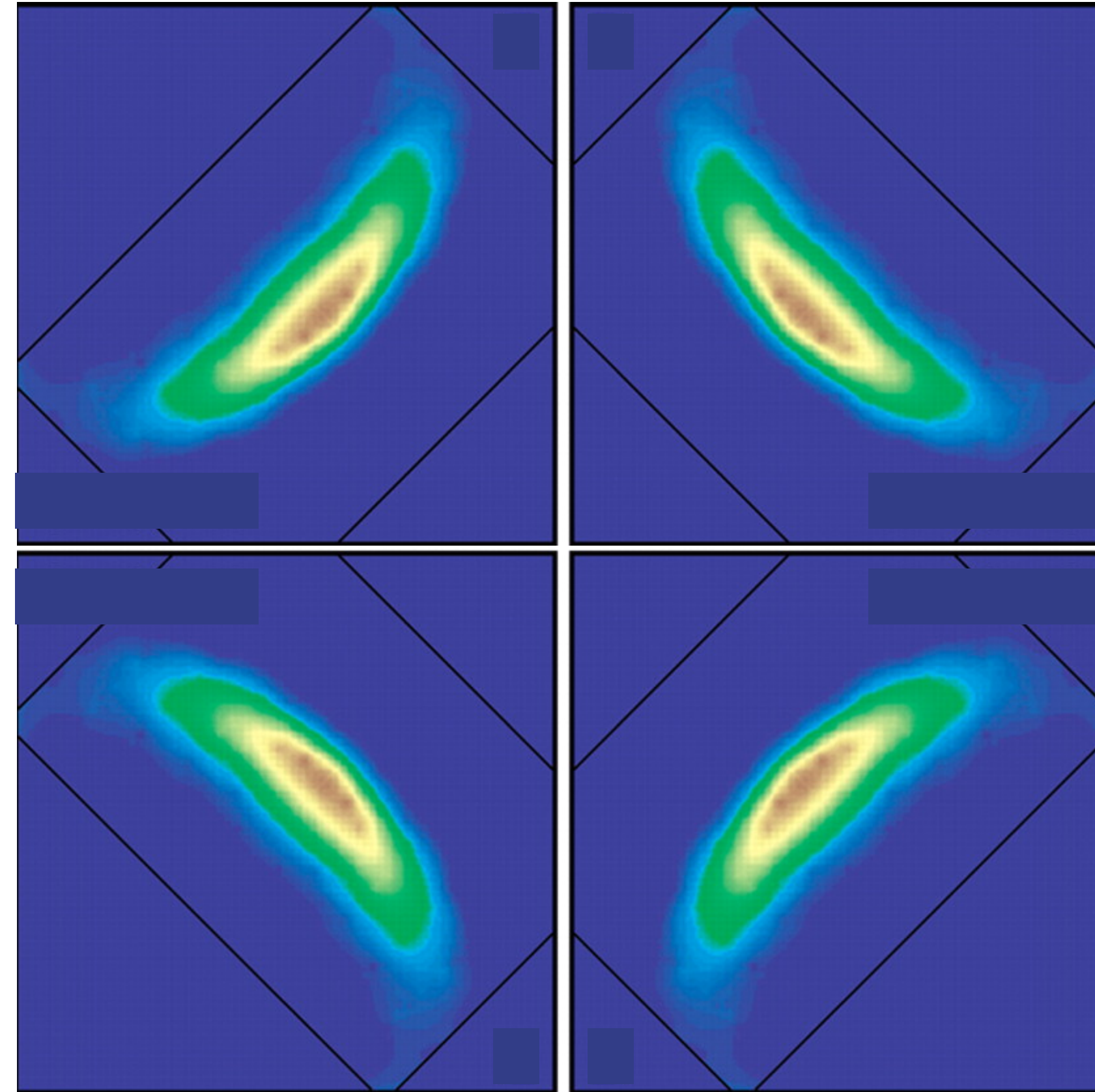
“Fermi arc” spectral functions



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Photoemission at small p



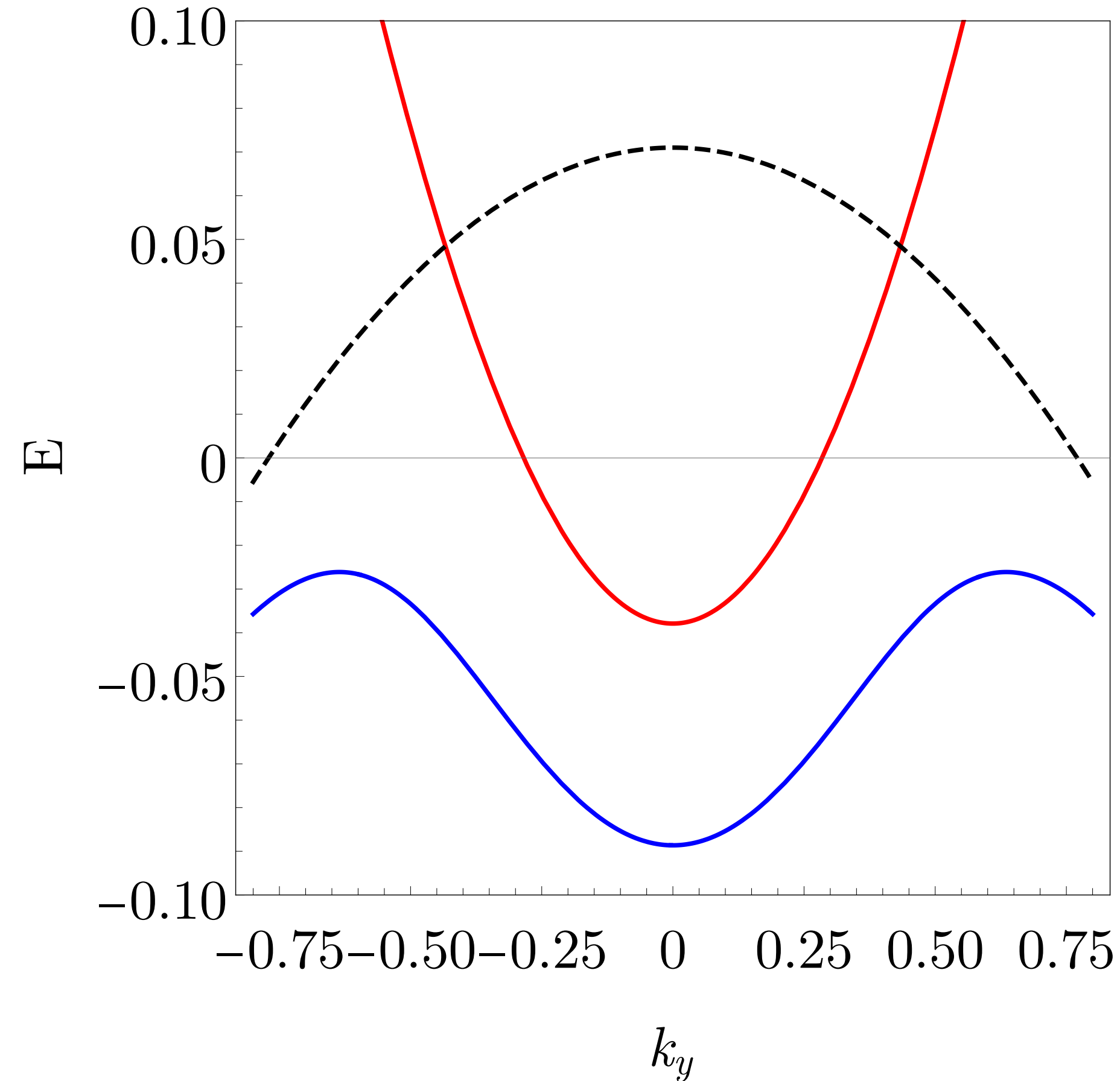
$\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$
at $x = 0.10$

“Fermi arcs”

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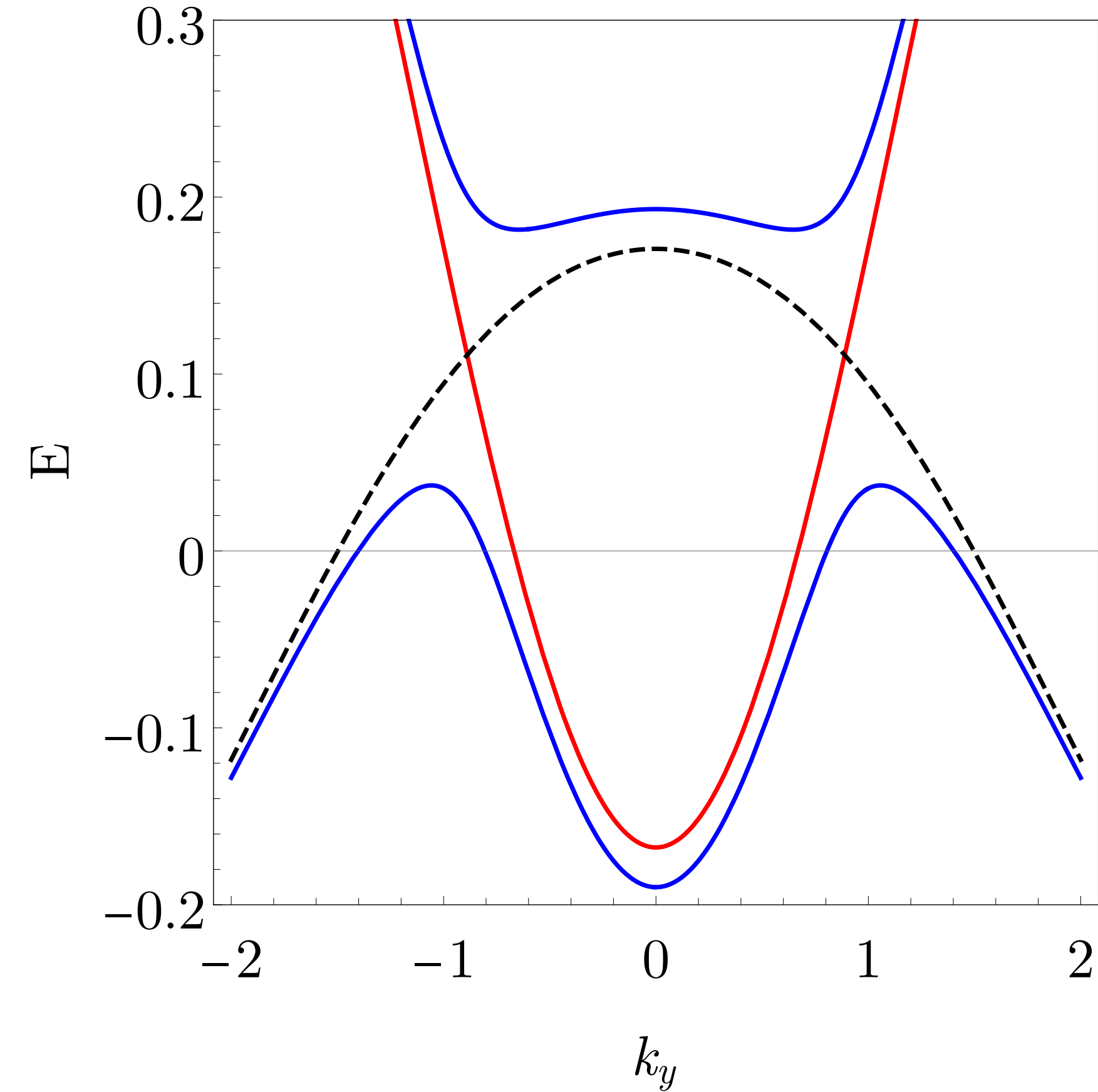
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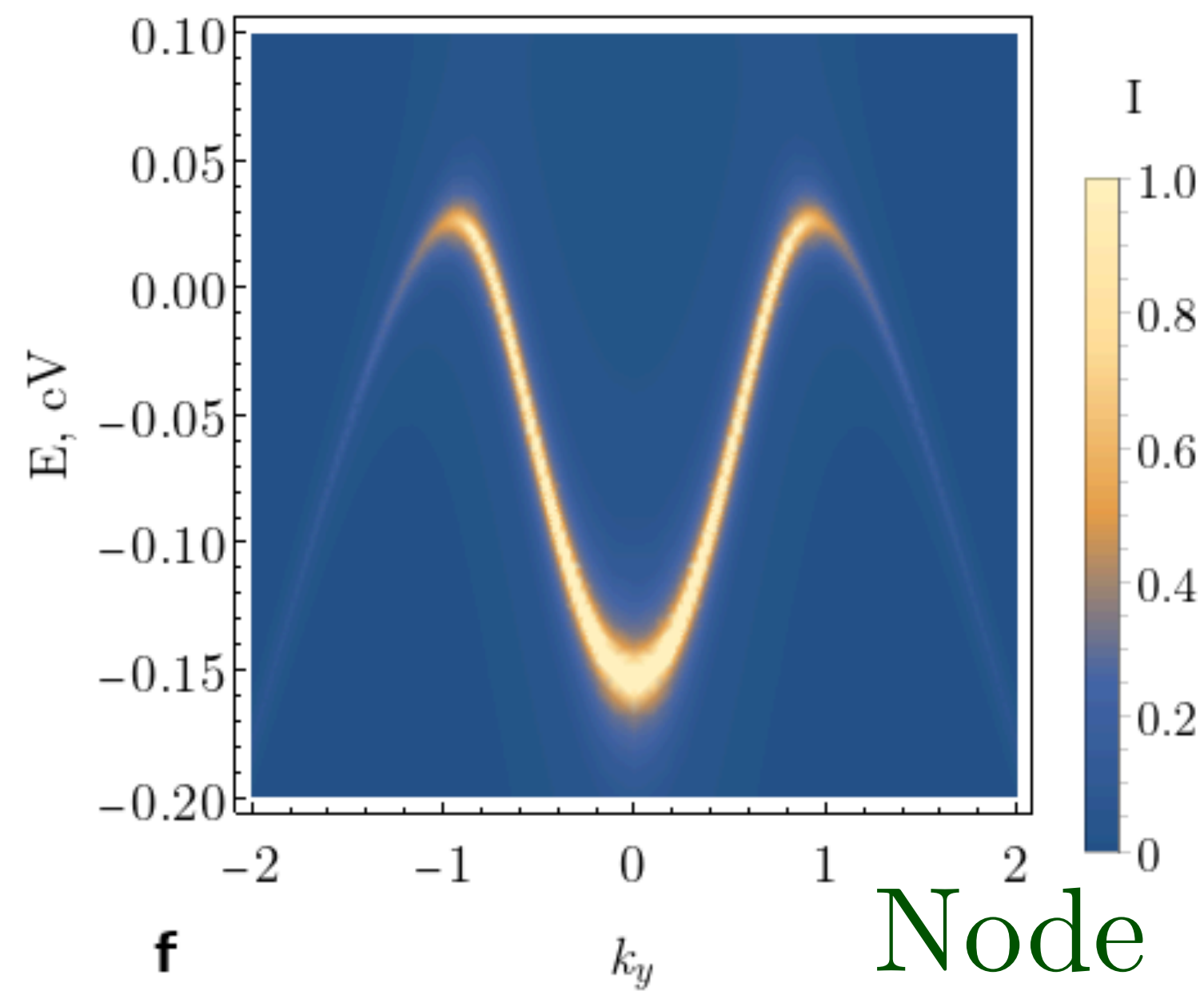
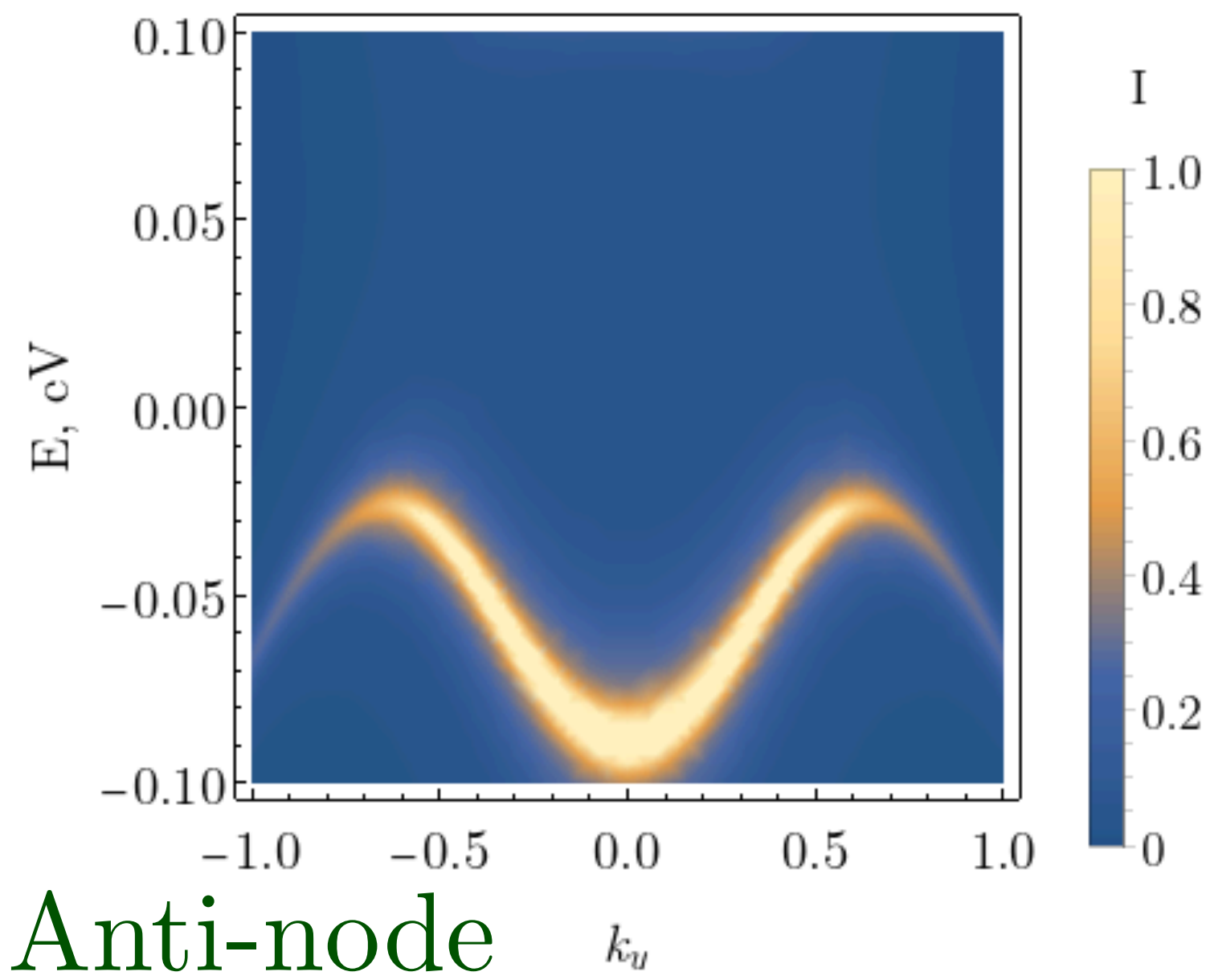
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Node: $k_x = 2$

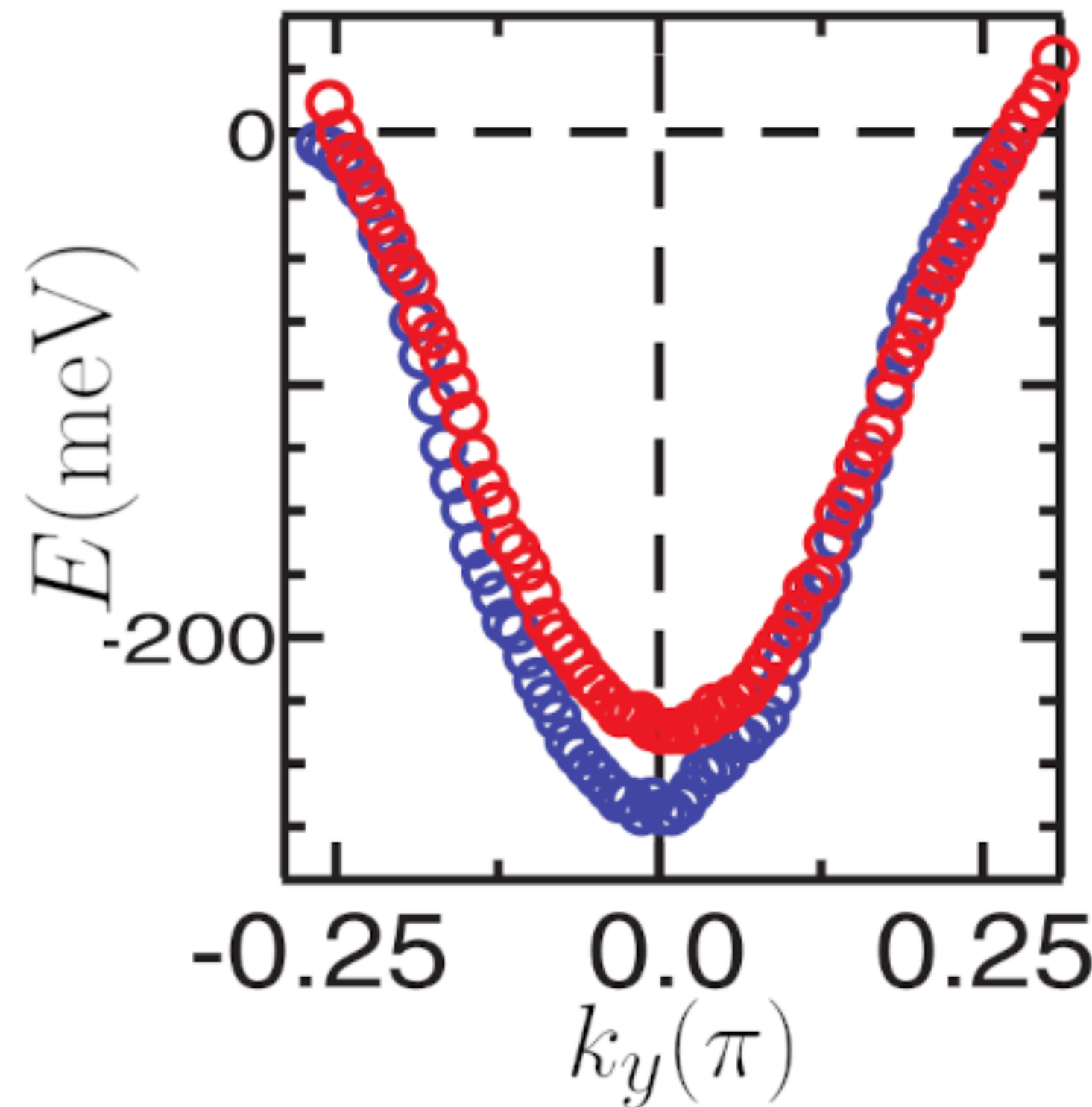
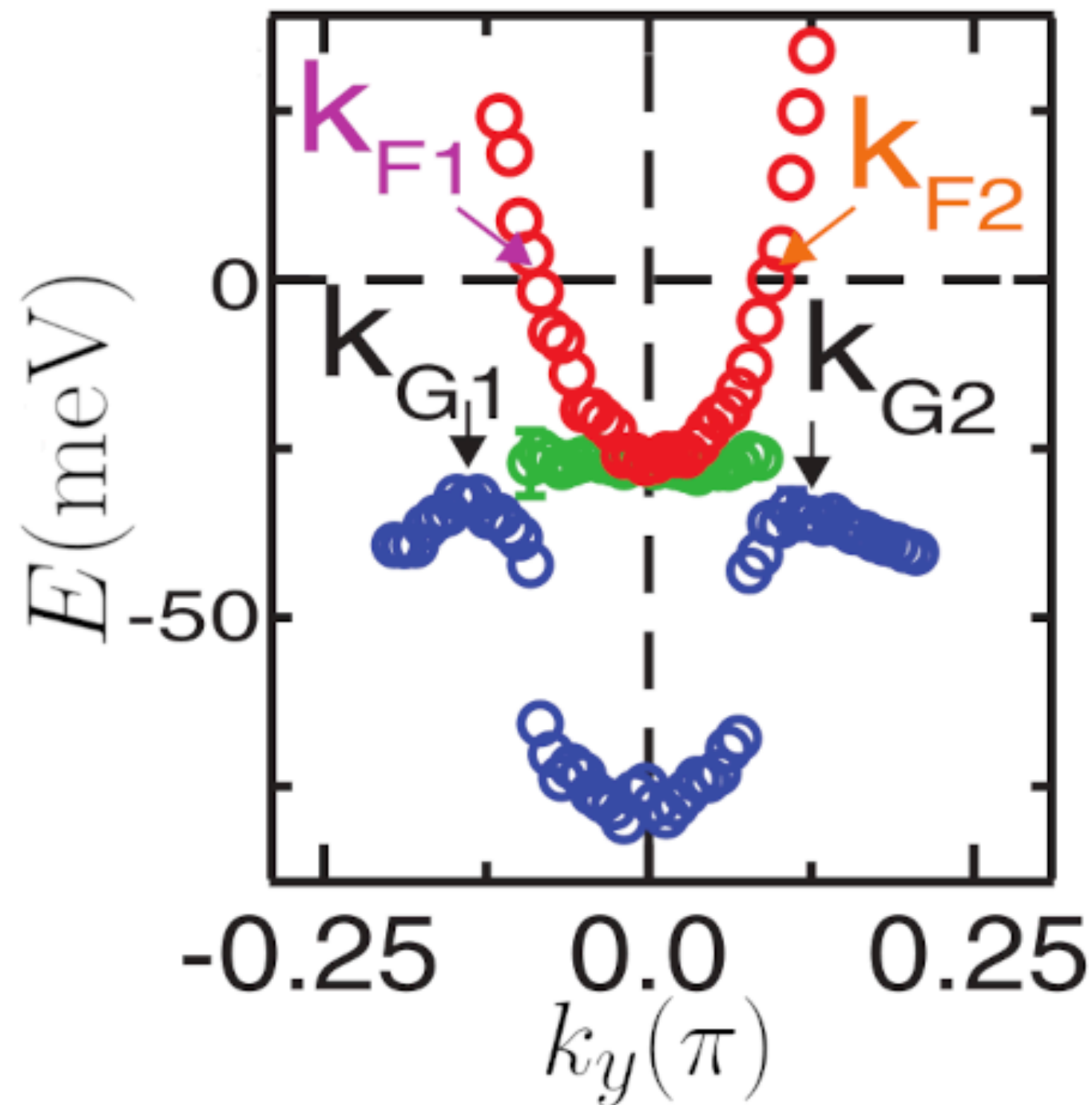


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FL* in a **one-band** model



ARPES on Bi2201

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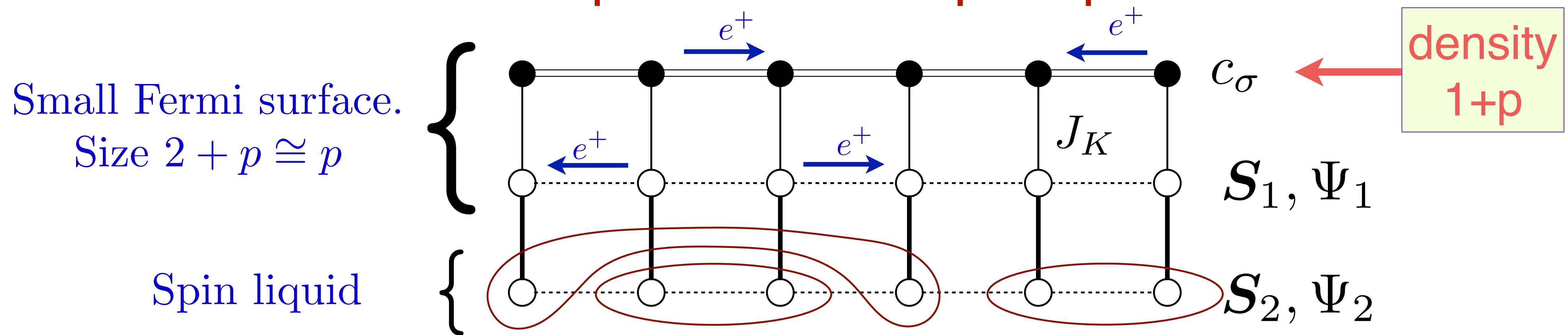
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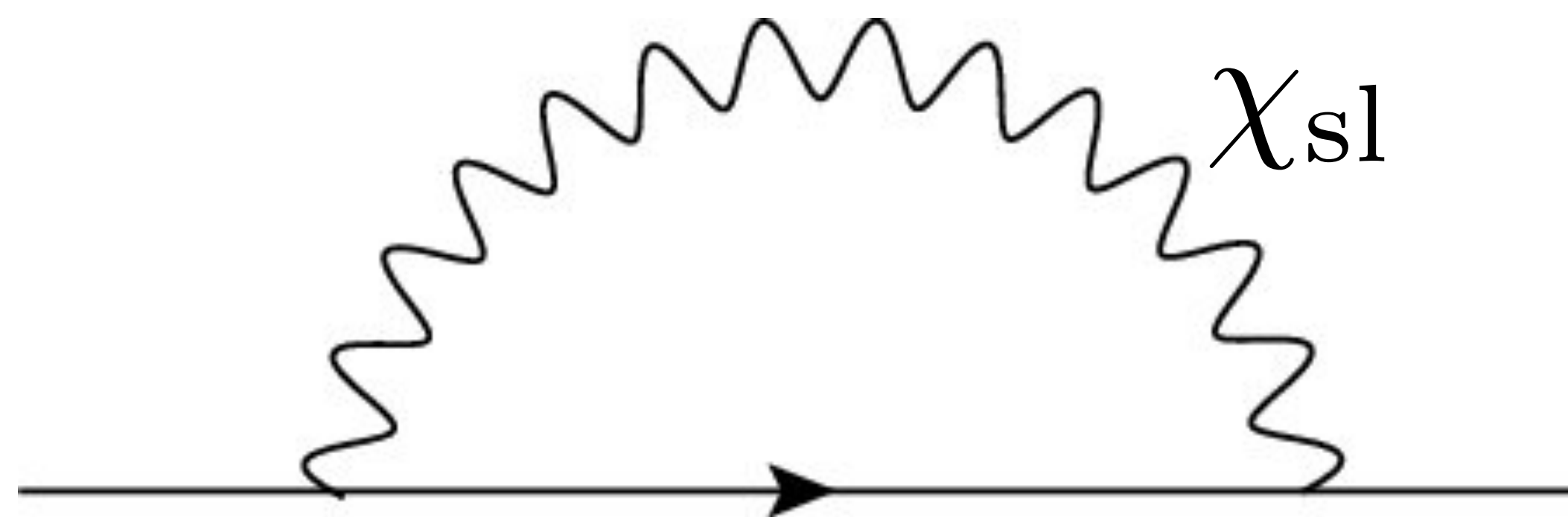
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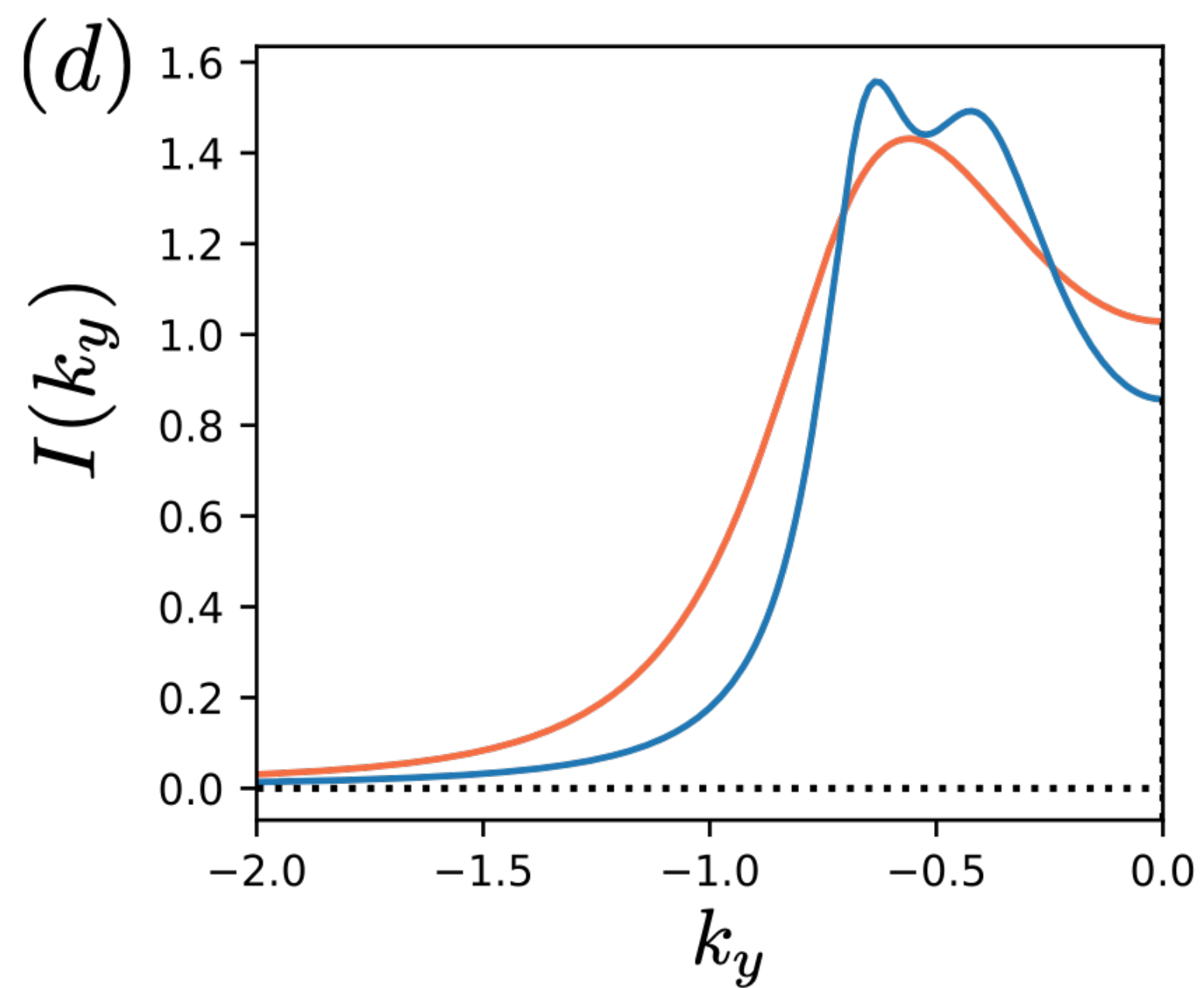
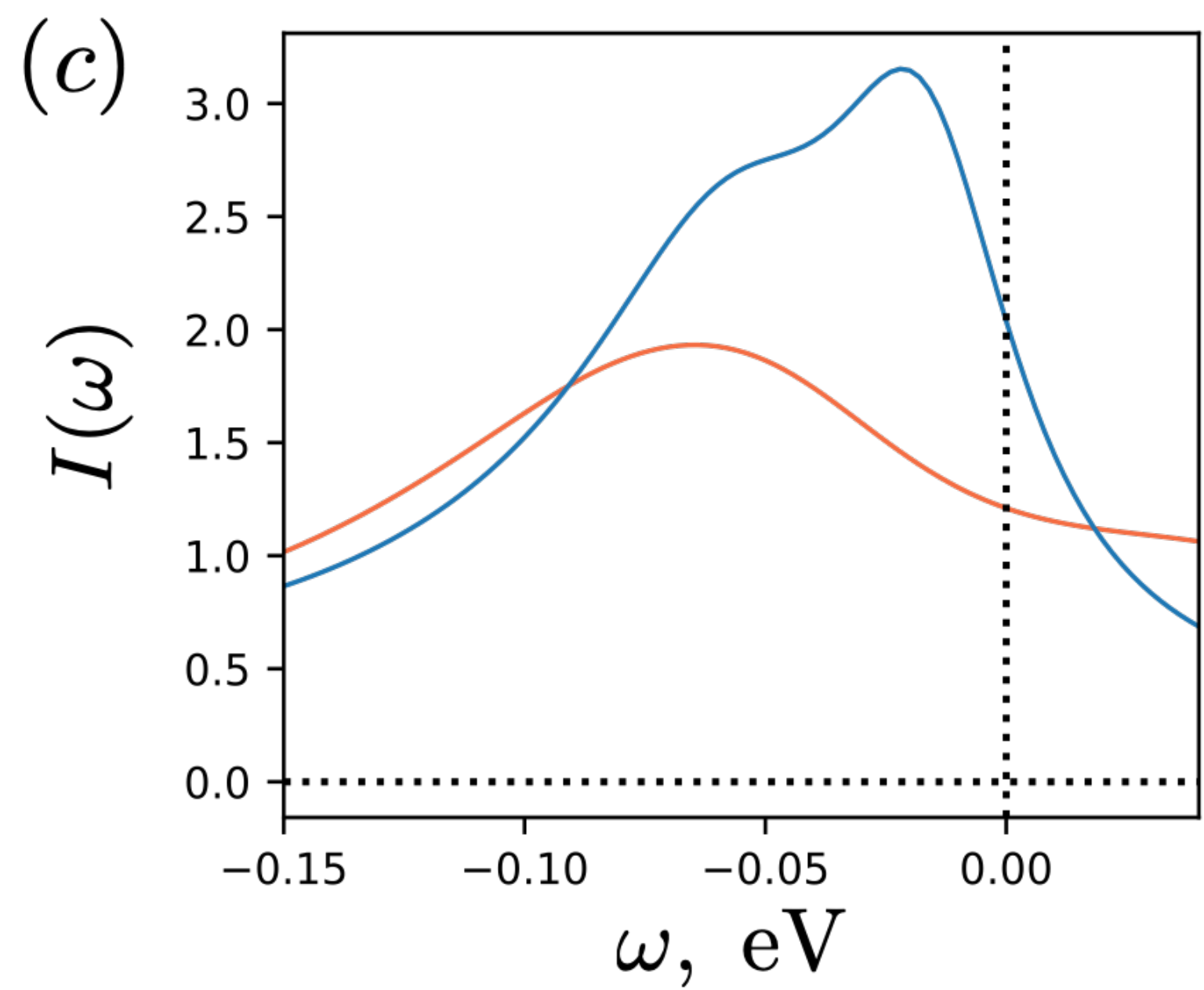
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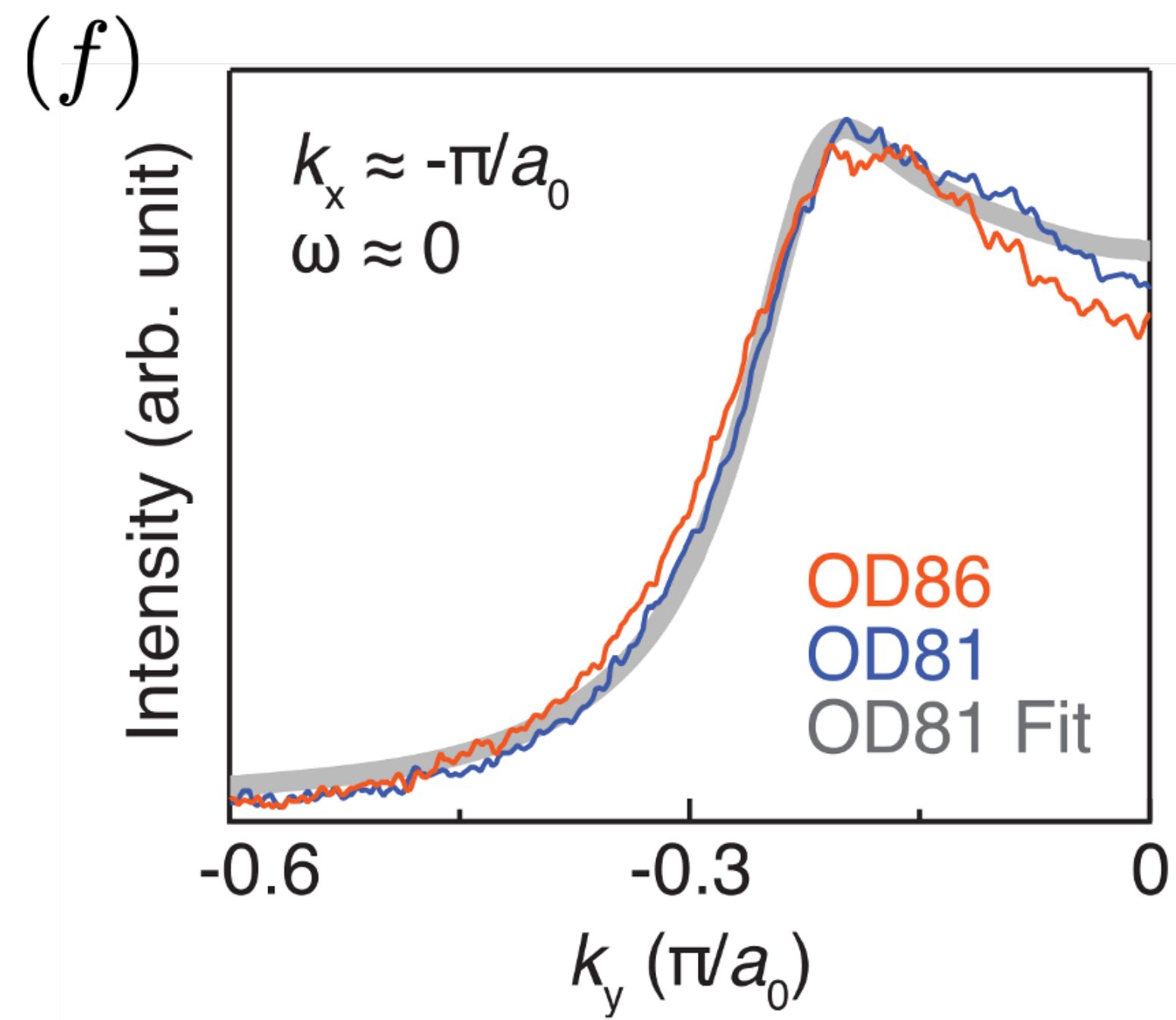
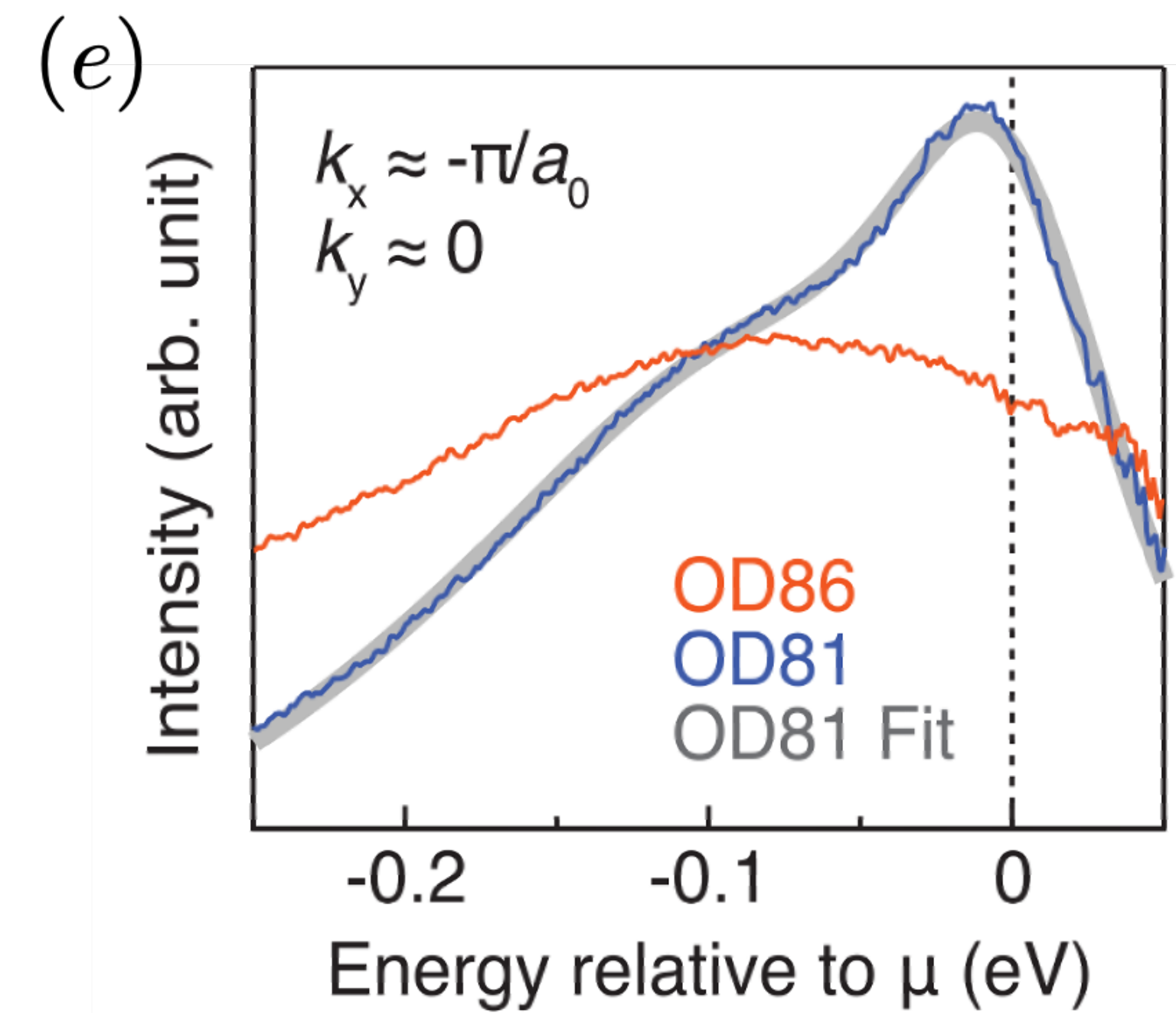
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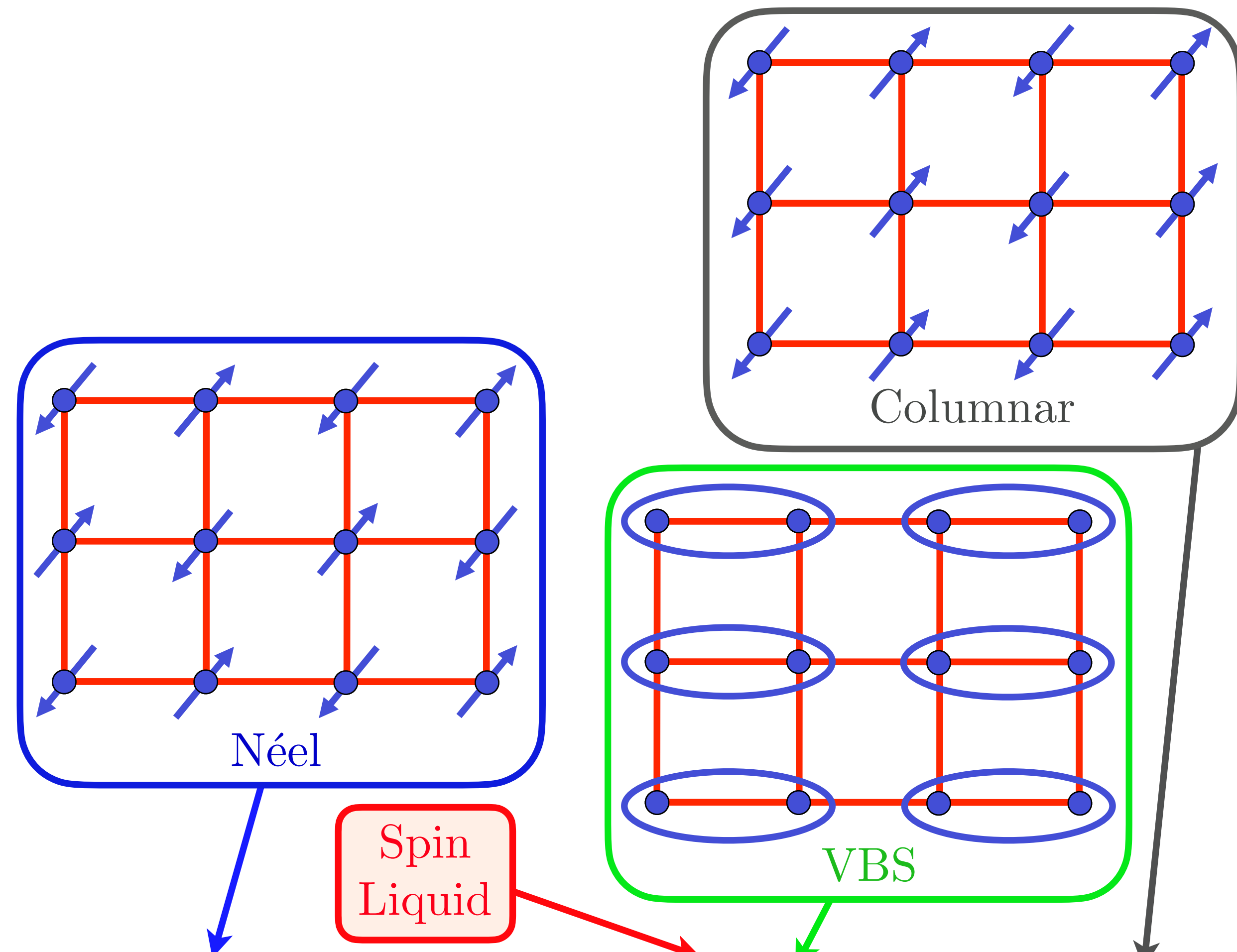
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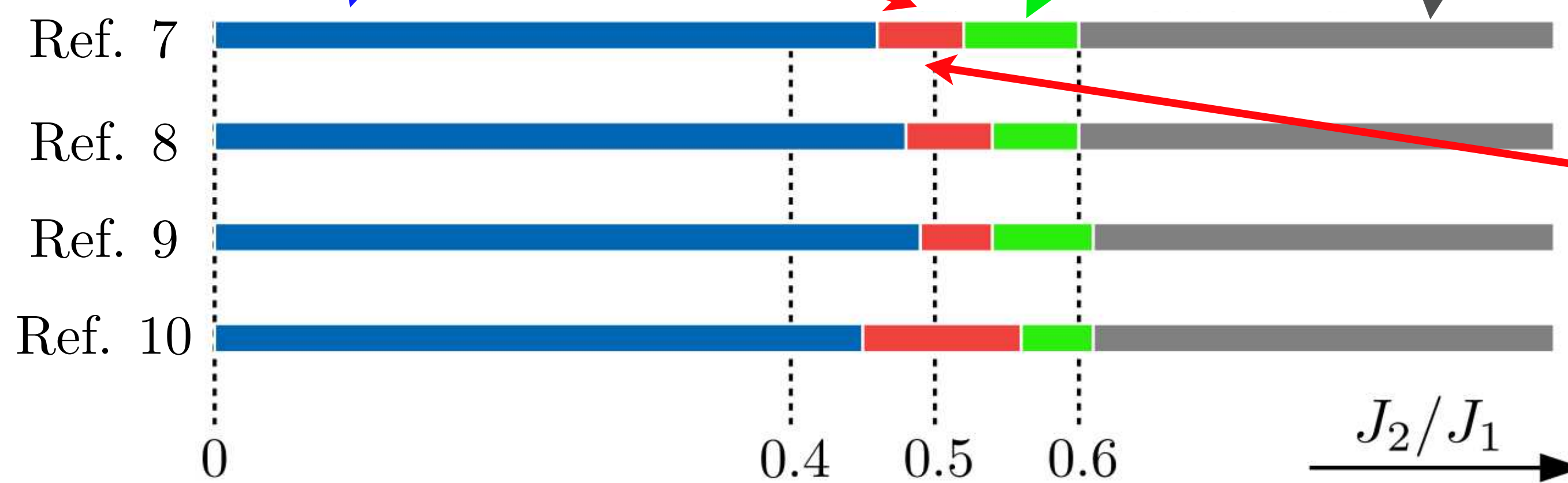
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Gapless
 Z_2 spin liquid
phase !

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SU(2) gauge theory for transition from π -flux to gapless \mathbb{Z}_2 spin liquid:

Condense *two* adjoint Higgs scalars, Φ_1^a, Φ_2^a without breaking any symmetry.

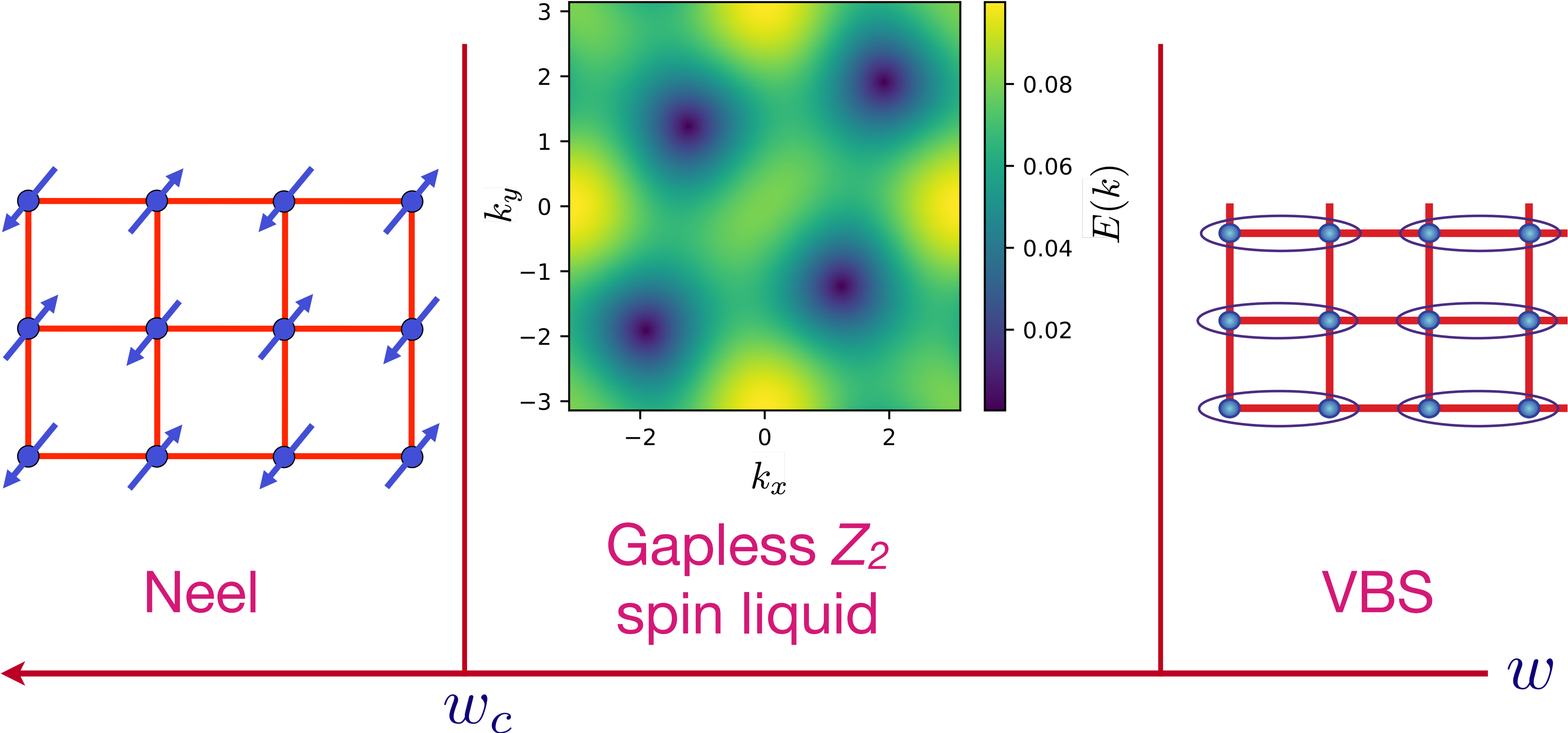
$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2x d\tau \left[i\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu - ia_\mu^a \sigma^a) \psi + \dots \right. \\ \left. + \lambda (\Phi_1^a \bar{\psi} \mu^z \gamma^x \sigma^a \psi + \Phi_2^a \bar{\psi} \mu^x \gamma^y \sigma^a \psi) + \frac{w}{2} (\Phi_1^a \Phi_1^a + \Phi_2^a \Phi_2^a) + \dots \right]$$



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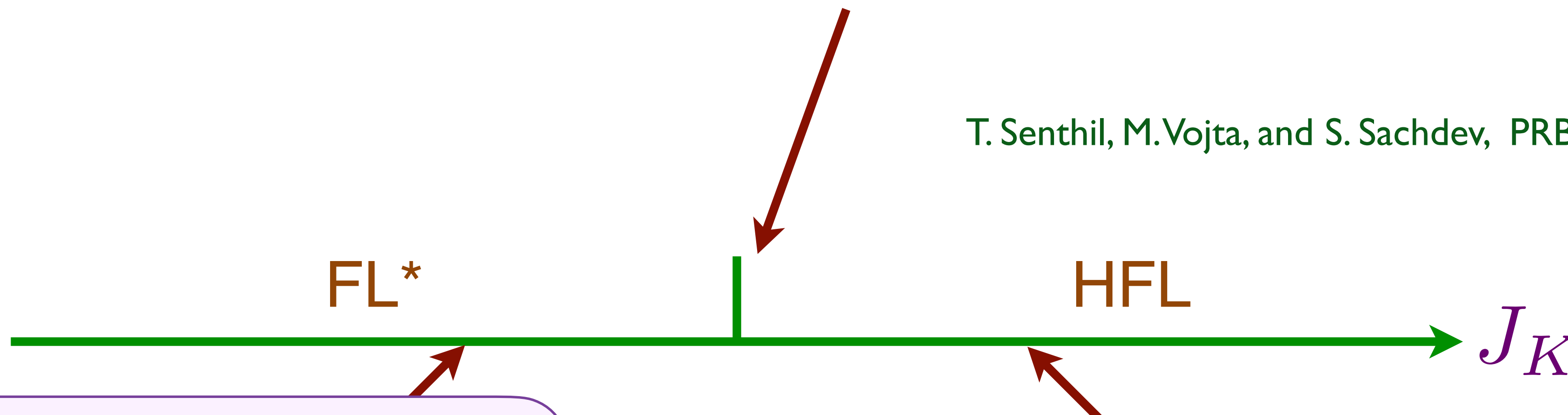
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Kondo lattice

Deconfined criticality of a U(1) gauge theory with a Higgs field, spinons, and a small Fermi surface of electrons.
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$(\text{SU}(2)_1 \times \text{SU}(2)_2 \times \text{SU}(2)_S) / \mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge theory of **one-band** model

Write fermion operators as 2×2 matrices

$$\Psi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{1\uparrow} & -\Psi_{1\downarrow}^\dagger \\ \Psi_{1\downarrow} & \Psi_{1\uparrow}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{2\uparrow} & -\Psi_{2\downarrow}^\dagger \\ \Psi_{2\downarrow} & \Psi_{2\uparrow}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

Constraints $\Psi_\alpha^\dagger \Psi_\alpha = 1$ and $\tilde{\Psi}_\alpha^\dagger \tilde{\Psi}_\alpha = 1$ lead to:

P.A. Lee, N. Nagaosa, and
X.-G. Wen, RMP **78**, 17 (2006)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SU}(2)_1 : \quad & \Psi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_1 U_1, & \Psi_2 & \rightarrow \Psi_2 \\ \text{SU}(2)_2 : \quad & \Psi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_1, & \Psi_2 & \rightarrow \Psi_2 U_2 \end{aligned}$$

Rung singlet formation $\mathcal{S}_1 + \mathcal{S}_2 \approx 0$ leads to:

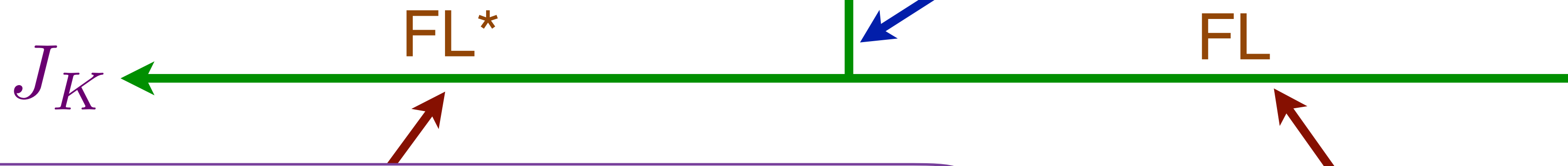
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$$\text{SU}(2)_S : \quad \Psi_1 \rightarrow U_S \Psi_1, \quad \Psi_2 \rightarrow U_S \Psi_2$$

Ancilla theory of the Hubbard model

- Deconfined criticality of a $(\text{SU}(2)_S \times \text{U}(1)_1)/\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge theory.
- ‘Hybridization-Higgs’ boson $\sim C_\sigma^\dagger \Psi_a$ which condenses on the FL* side (in Kondo lattice, Higgs boson was condensed on the FL side).
- Gauge-charged ‘ghost’ Fermi surface of Ψ_1 fermions.
- Large Fermi surface of c_σ gauge-neutral electrons.



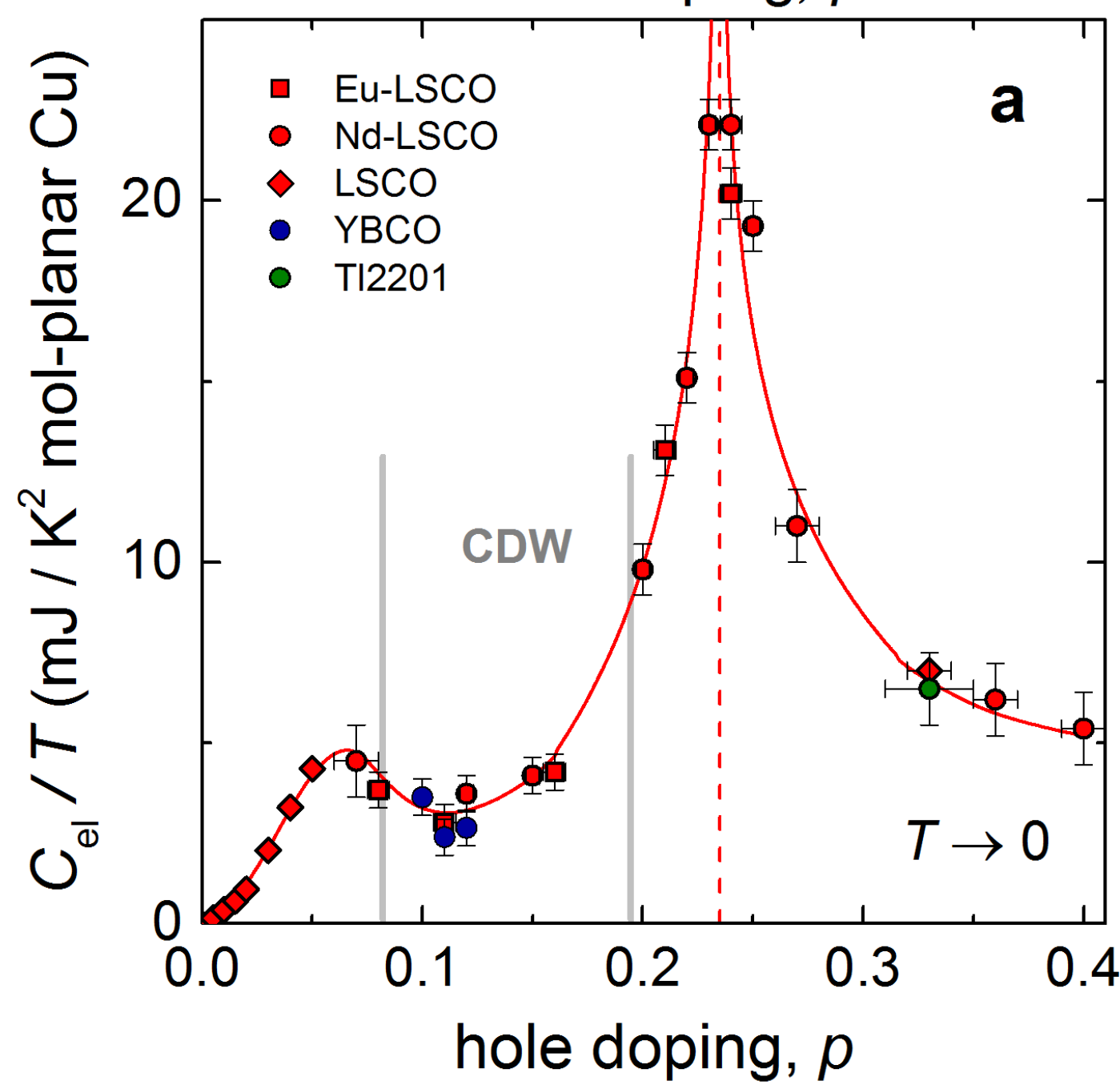
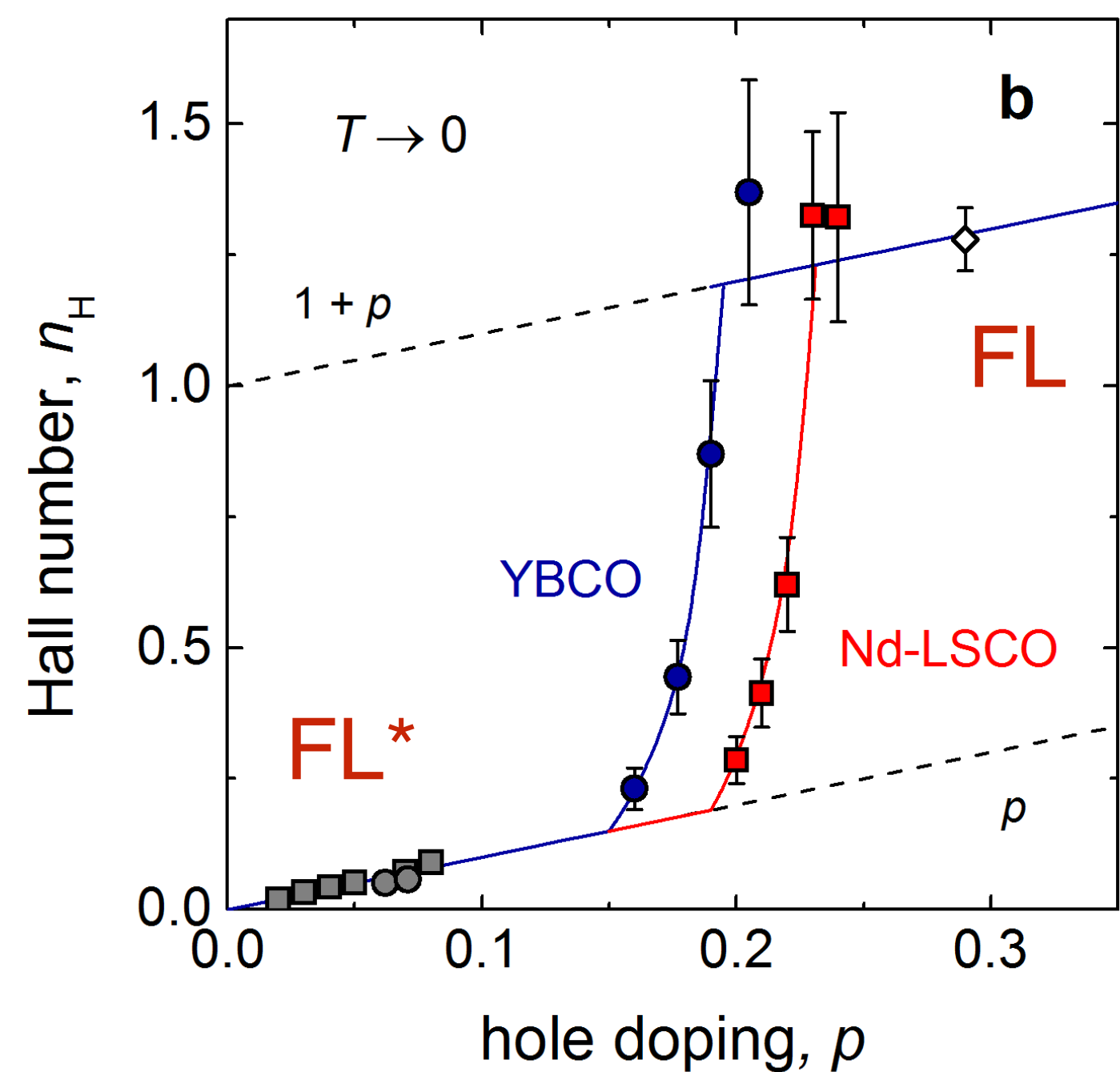
Small Fermi surface of size p

$$|\text{FL}^*\rangle = [\text{Projection onto rung singlets of } \Psi_1, \Psi_2] \\ \times |\text{Slater determinant of } (c, \Psi_1)\rangle \\ \otimes |\text{Slater determinant of } \Psi_2\rangle$$

Large Fermi surface of size $1 + p$

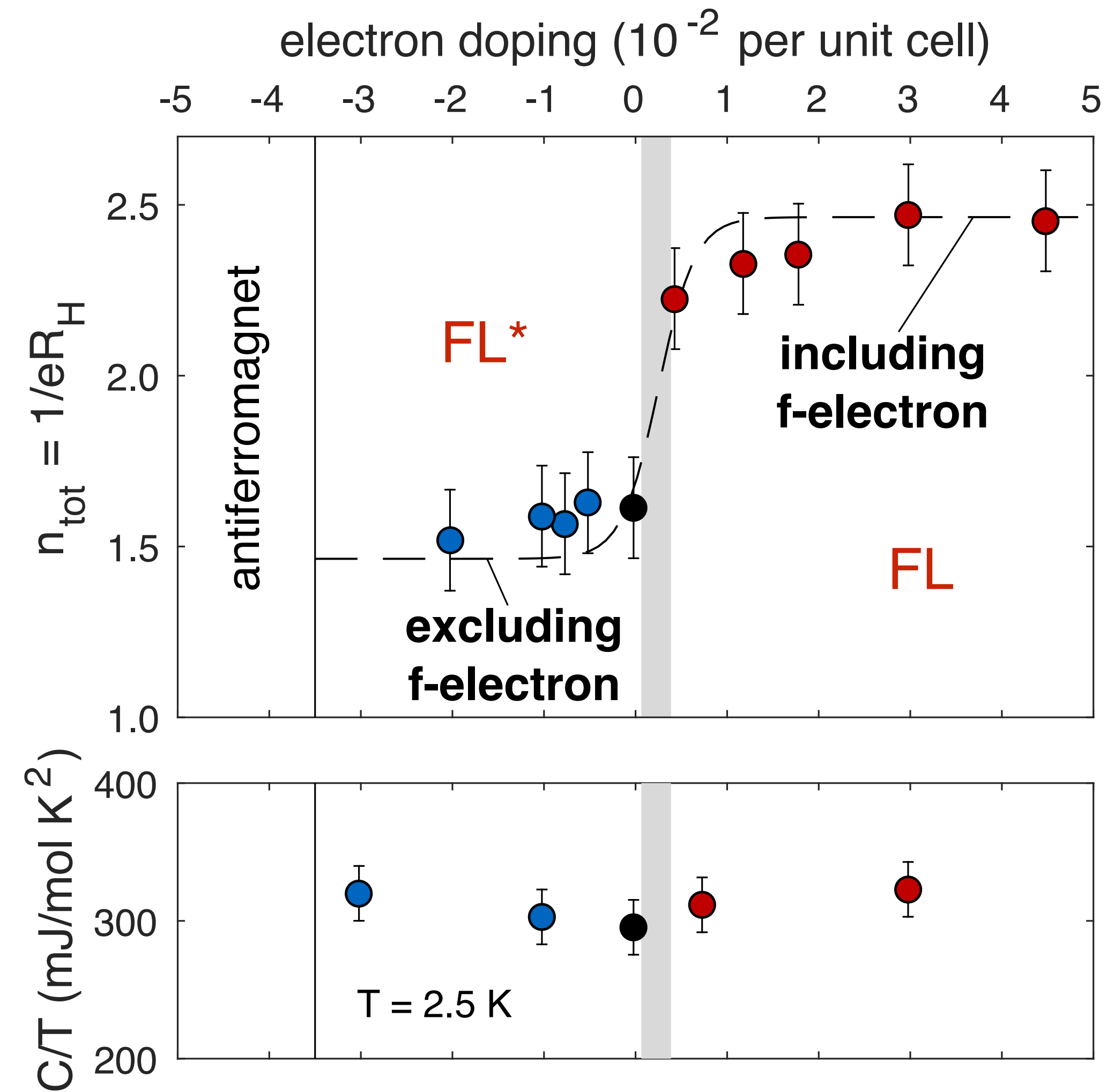
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Cuprates



Evidence for ghost Fermi surfaces in the FL^* - FL transition in a single-band model ?

CeCoIn₅



FL*

- Recent evidence for a FL* phase in a Kondo lattice: CeCoIn₅ (Maksimovic *et al.*, Science **375**, 76 (2021), and in CePdAl, Zhao *et al.*, Nature Physics **15**, 1261 (2019). And perhaps YbB₁₂ (Liu *et al.* arXiv:2102.09545)?
- Ancilla theory of FL* for the pseudogap metal of the cuprates: Don't fractionalize the mobile electron, but fractionalize the 'paramagnon rotor' into 'ancilla qubits'. Predicts electronic spectra in good agreement with observations in *both* nodal and anti-nodal regions.
- Theory of FL-FL* transition on a single band Hubbard model: $(\text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))/\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge theory coupled to hybridization boson, a gauge-neutral *large* Fermi surface of electrons, and a 'ghost' Fermi surface. Prediction: critical 'ghost' Fermi surfaces near the transition.