

# Quantum spin liquids and the phases of the cuprates

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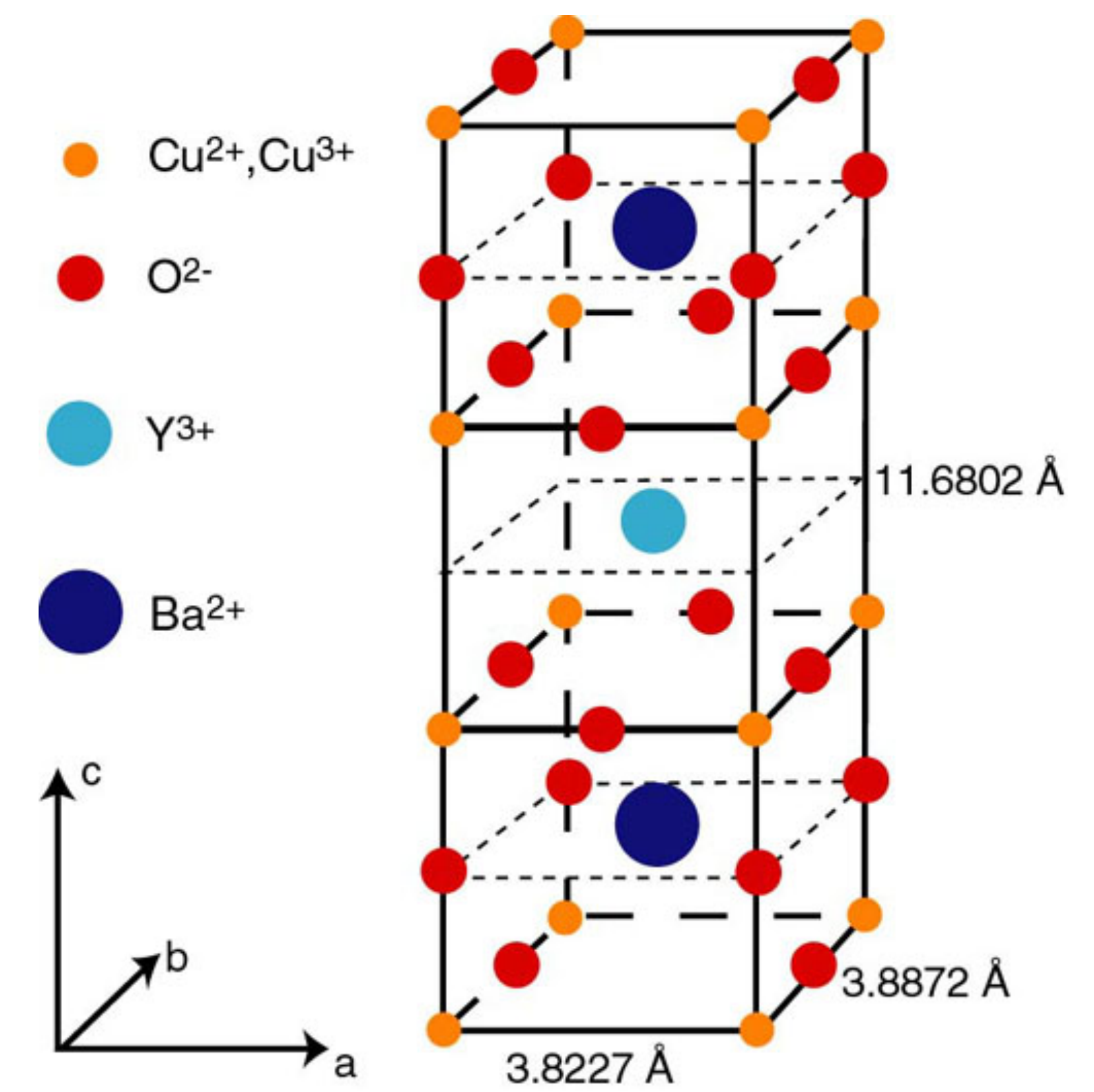
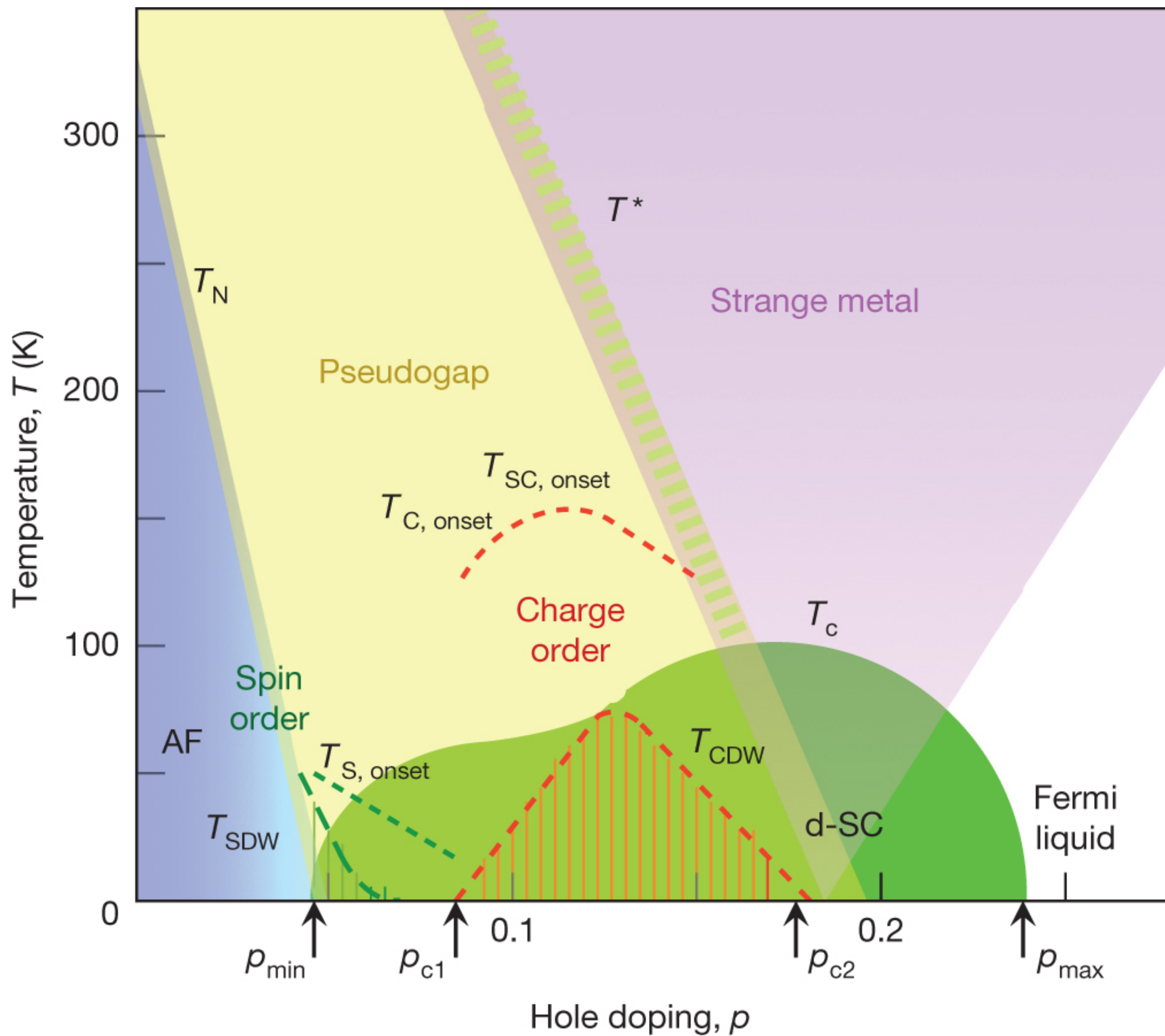
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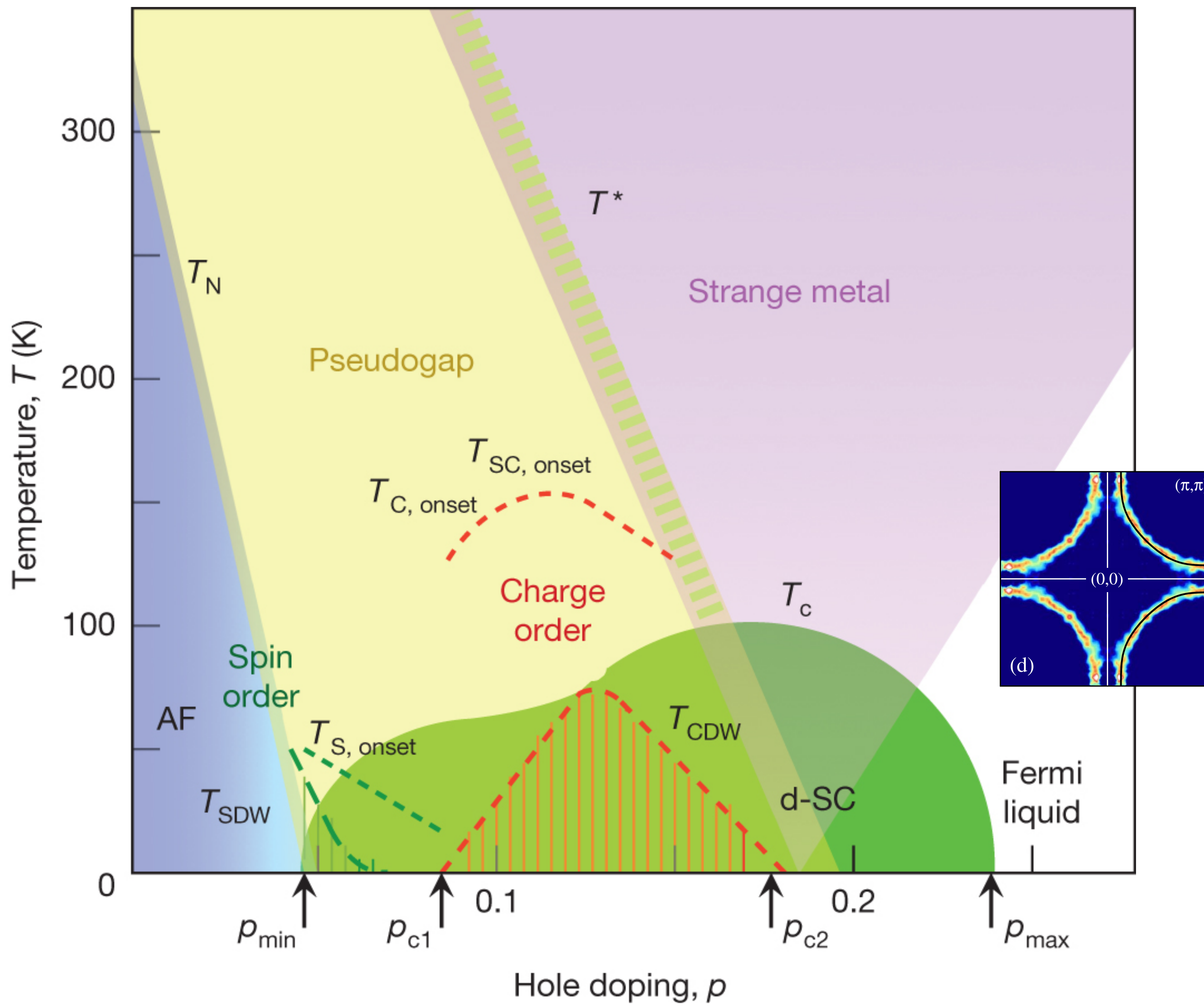


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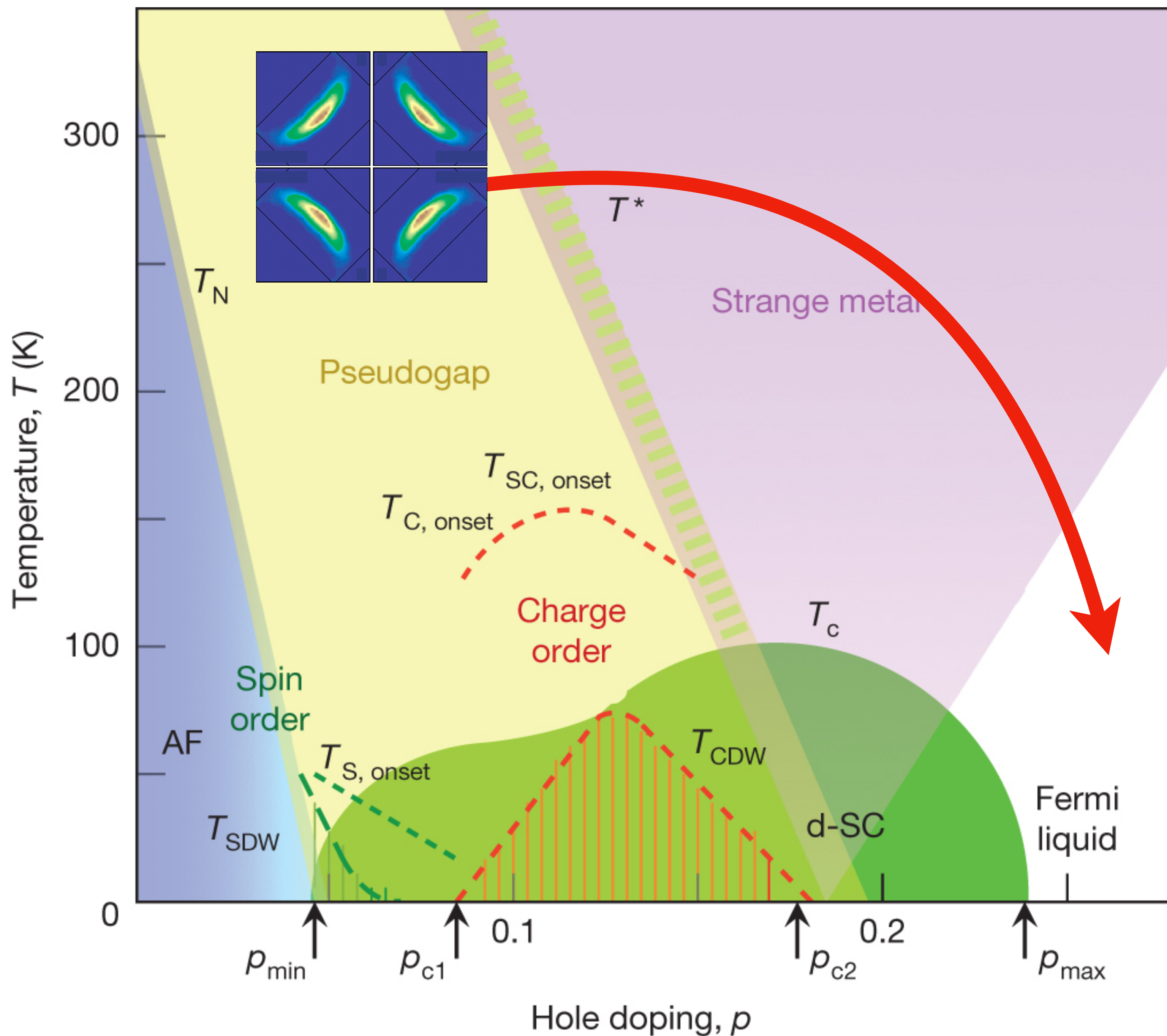
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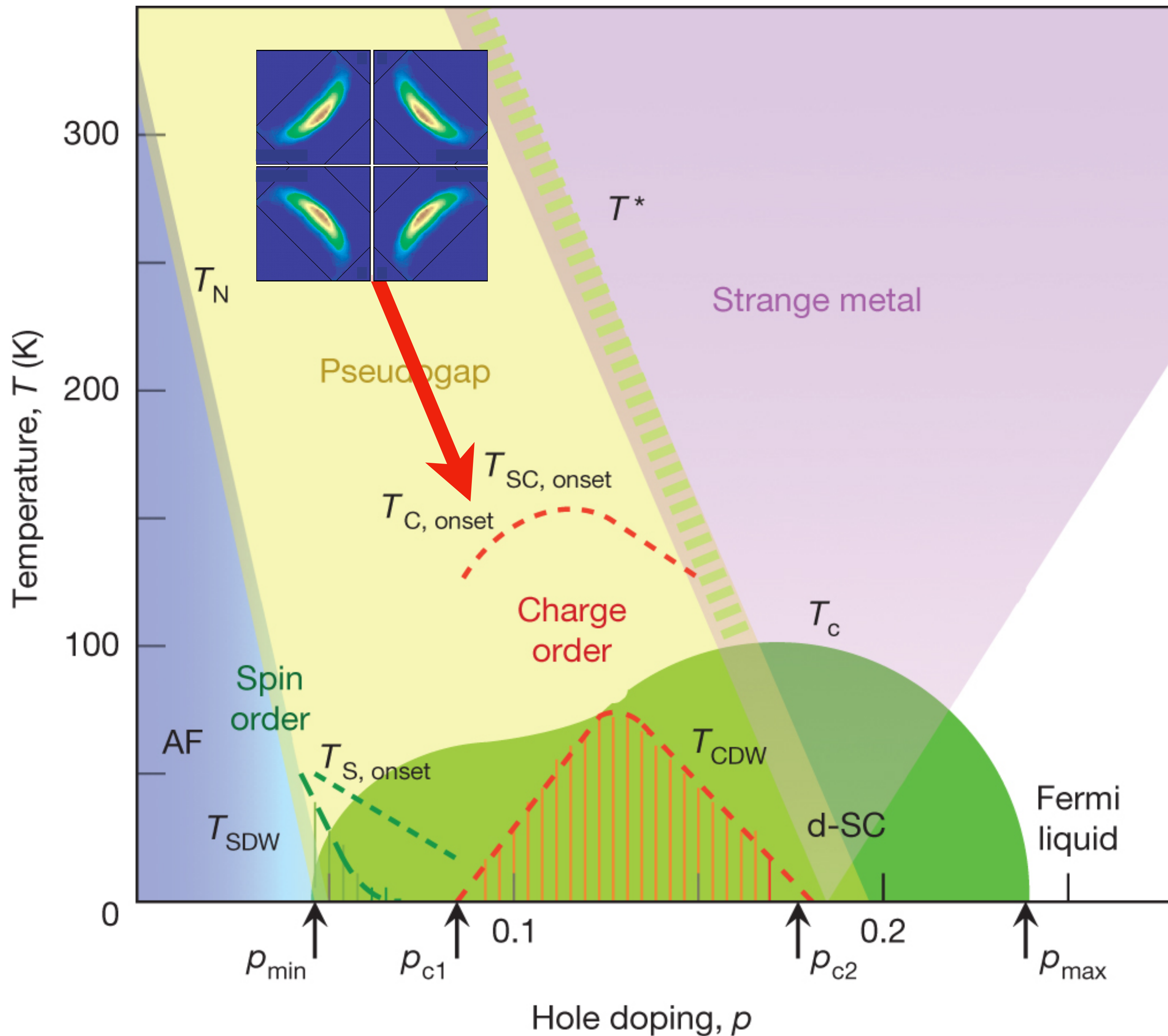


Fermi liquid  
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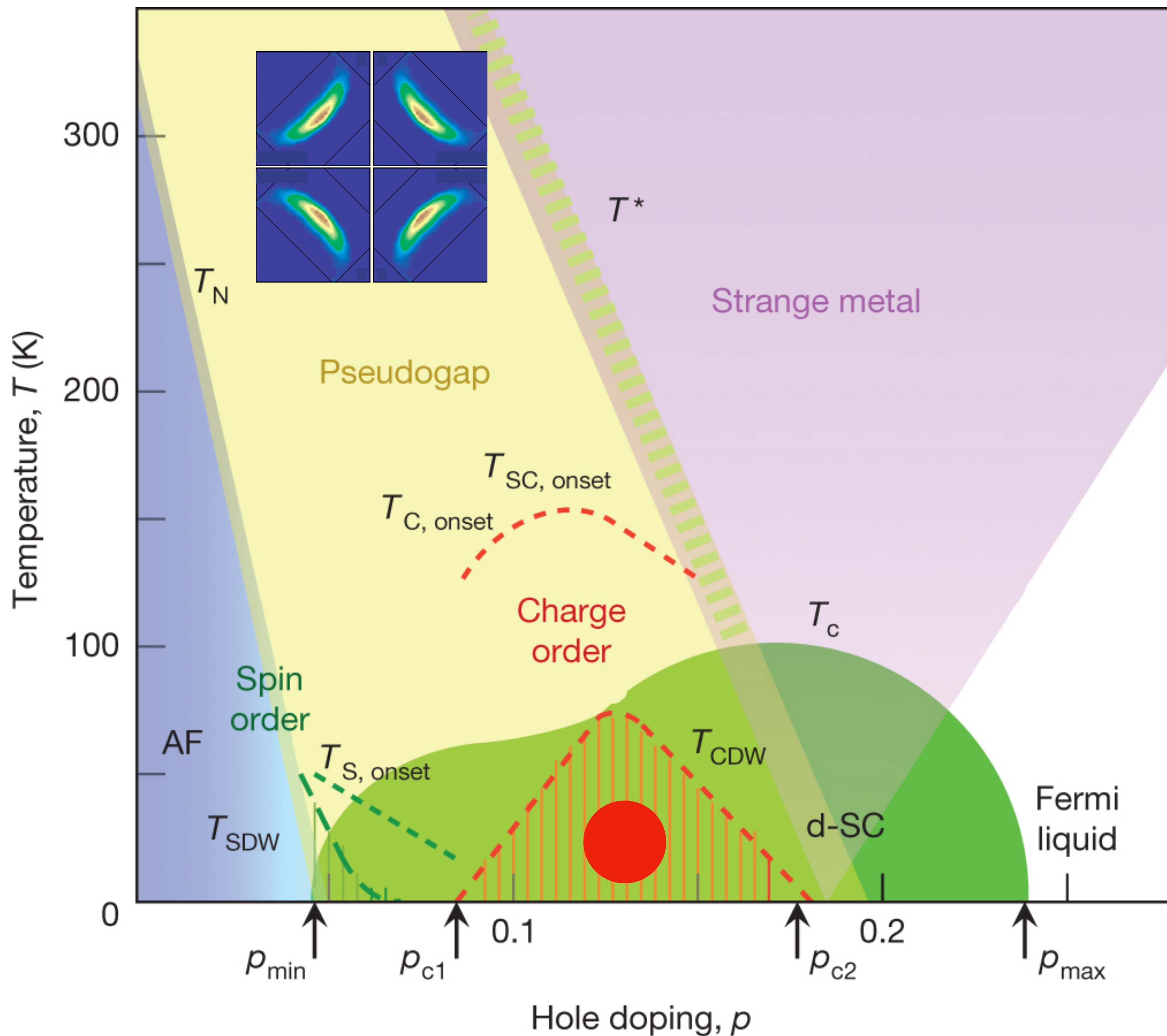


Strange metal from  
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between  
pseudogap  
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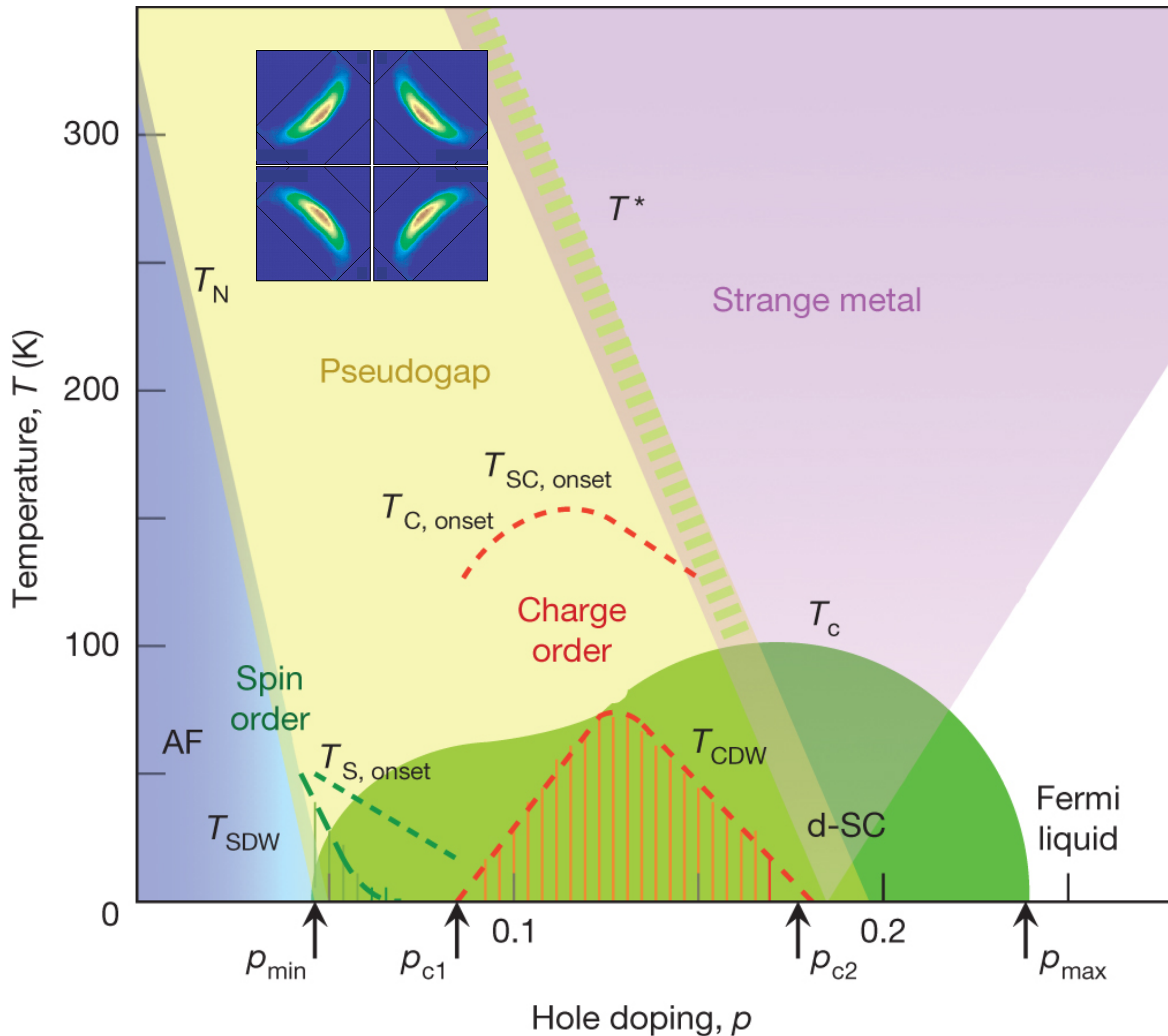
A theory for the onset of charge order and  $d$ -wave superconductivity from the pseudogap metal.

Why are  $T_c$  and  $T_{CDW}$  about the same?

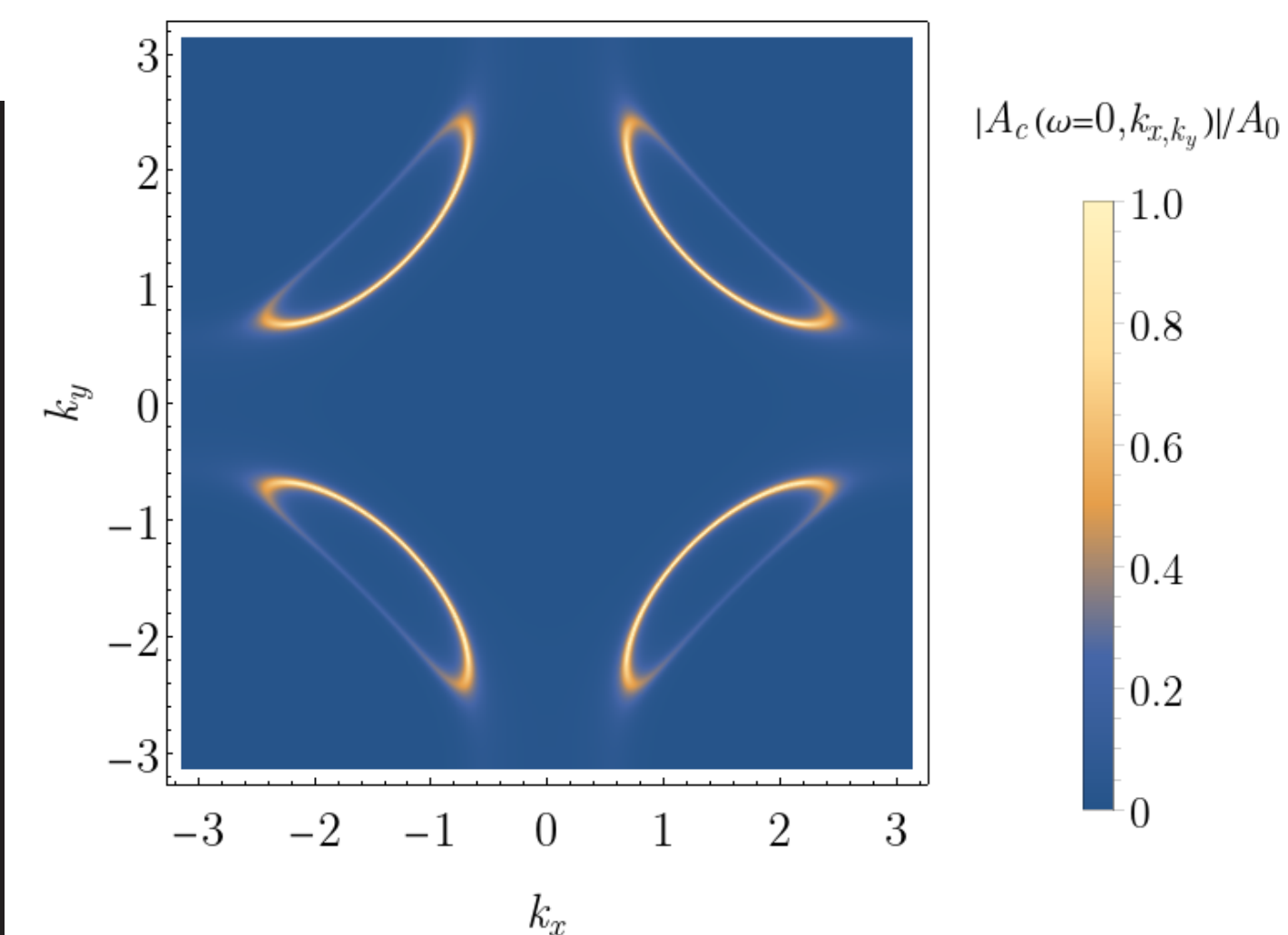
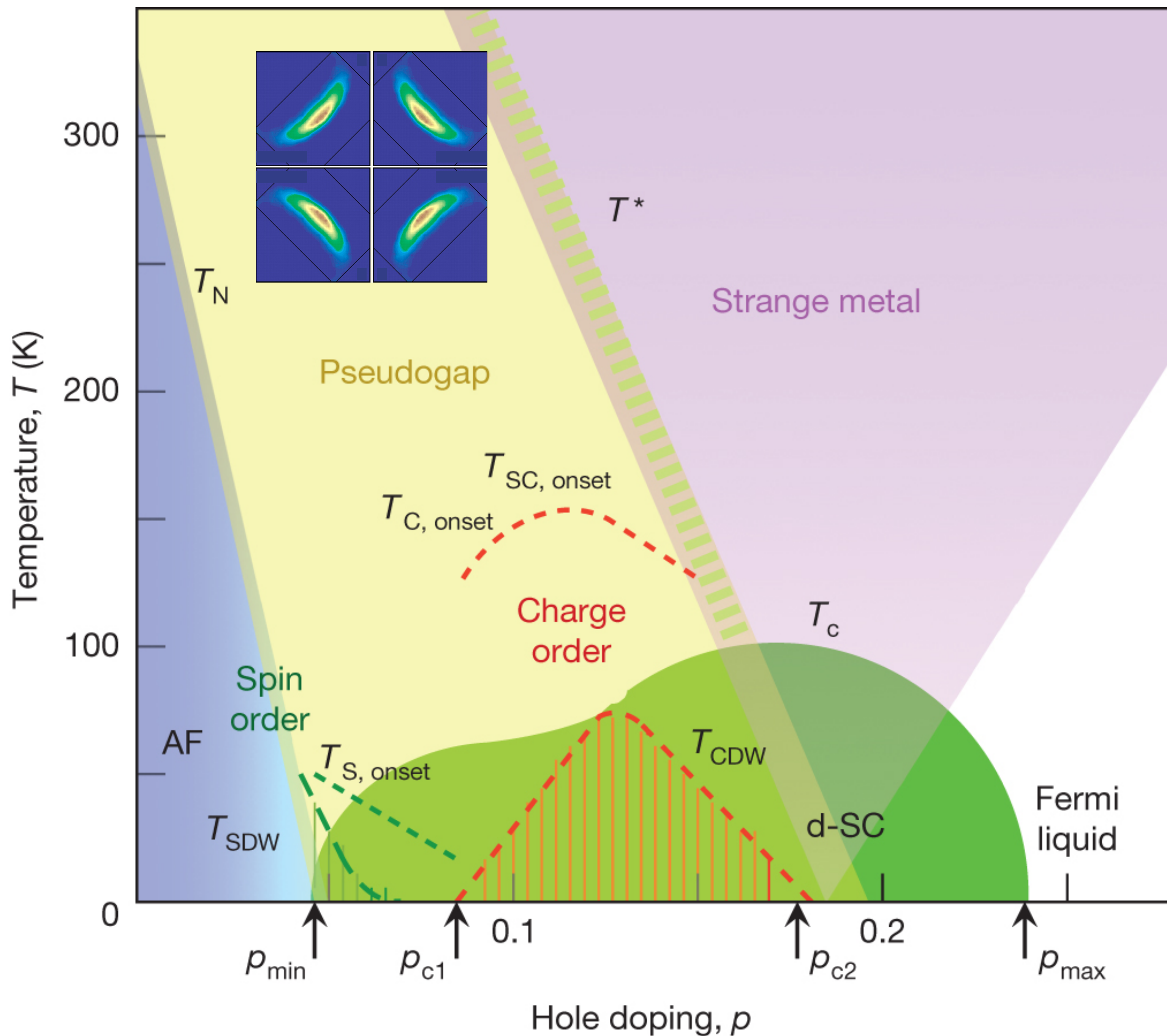


Quantum oscillations in the CDW phase at low  $T$  show only a single electron pocket.

This cannot be obtained as the CDW instability of a Fermi liquid



Build a theory for the phase diagram from a theory of the pseudogap metal



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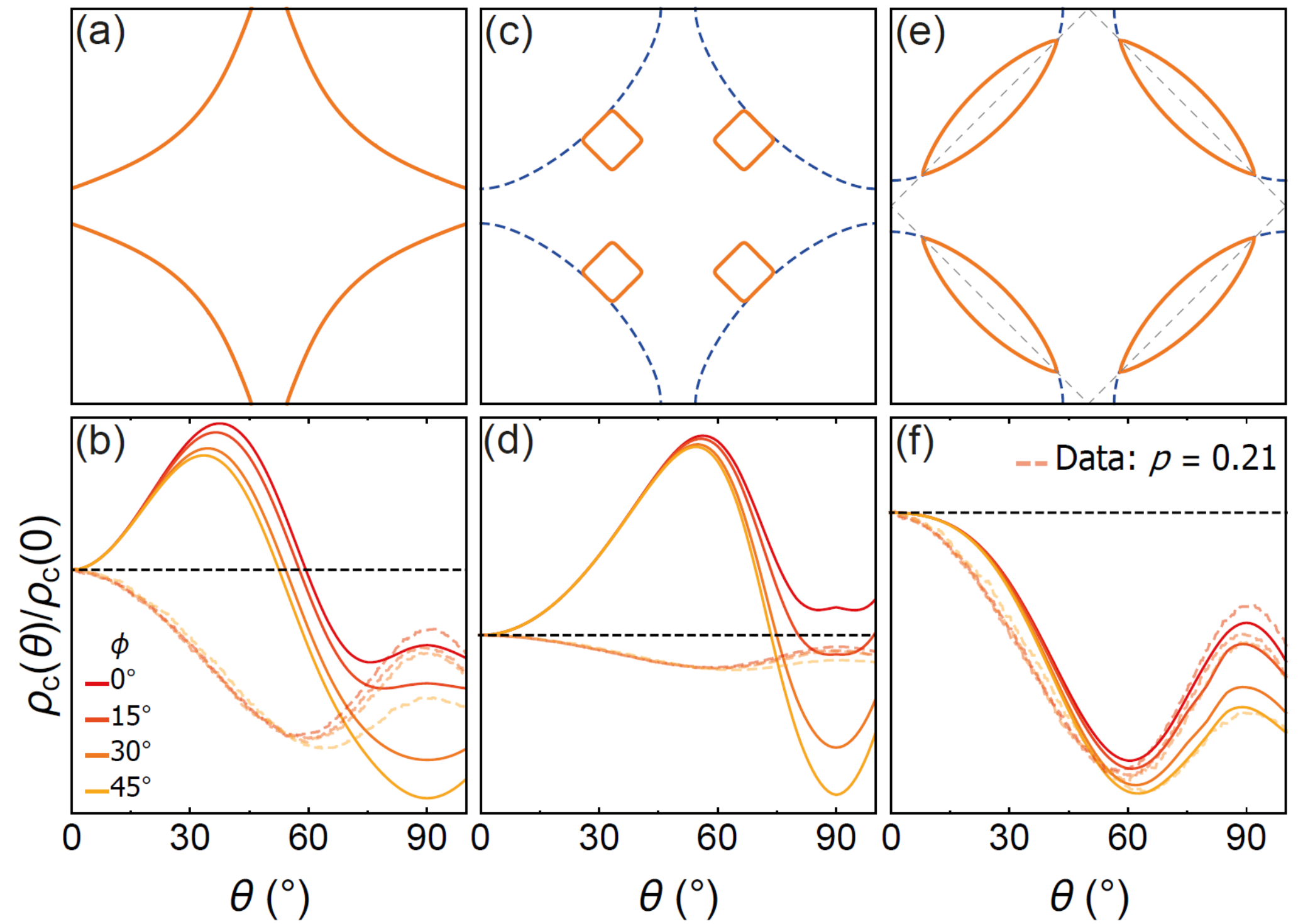
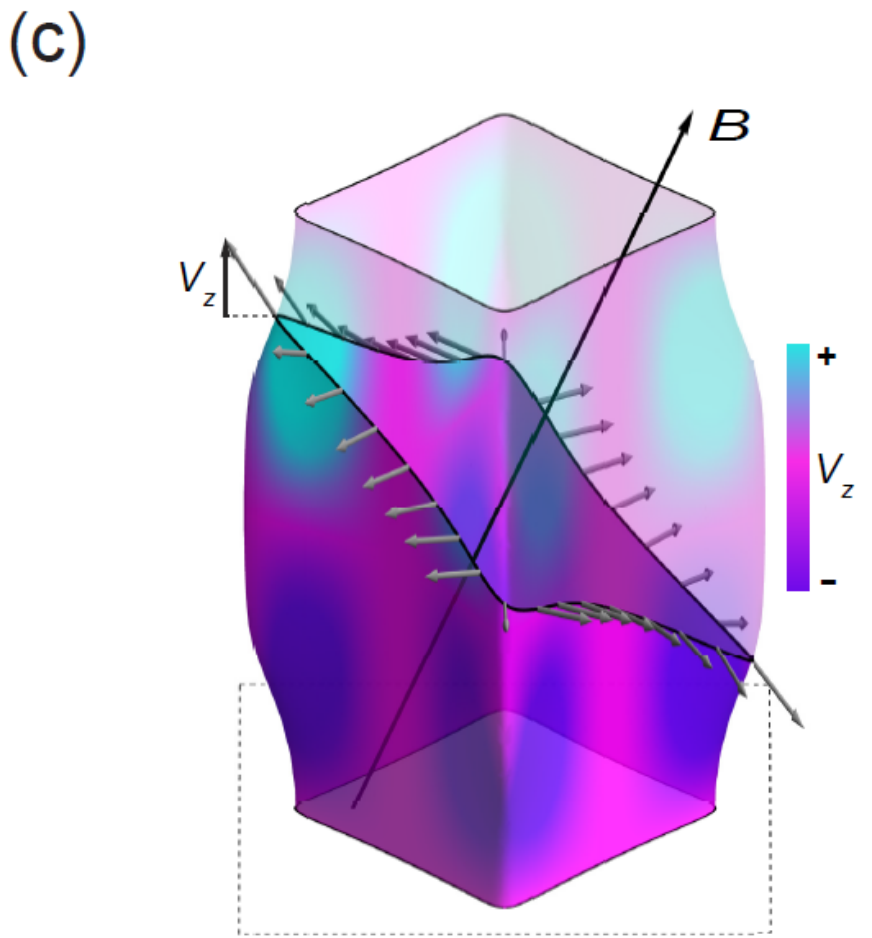
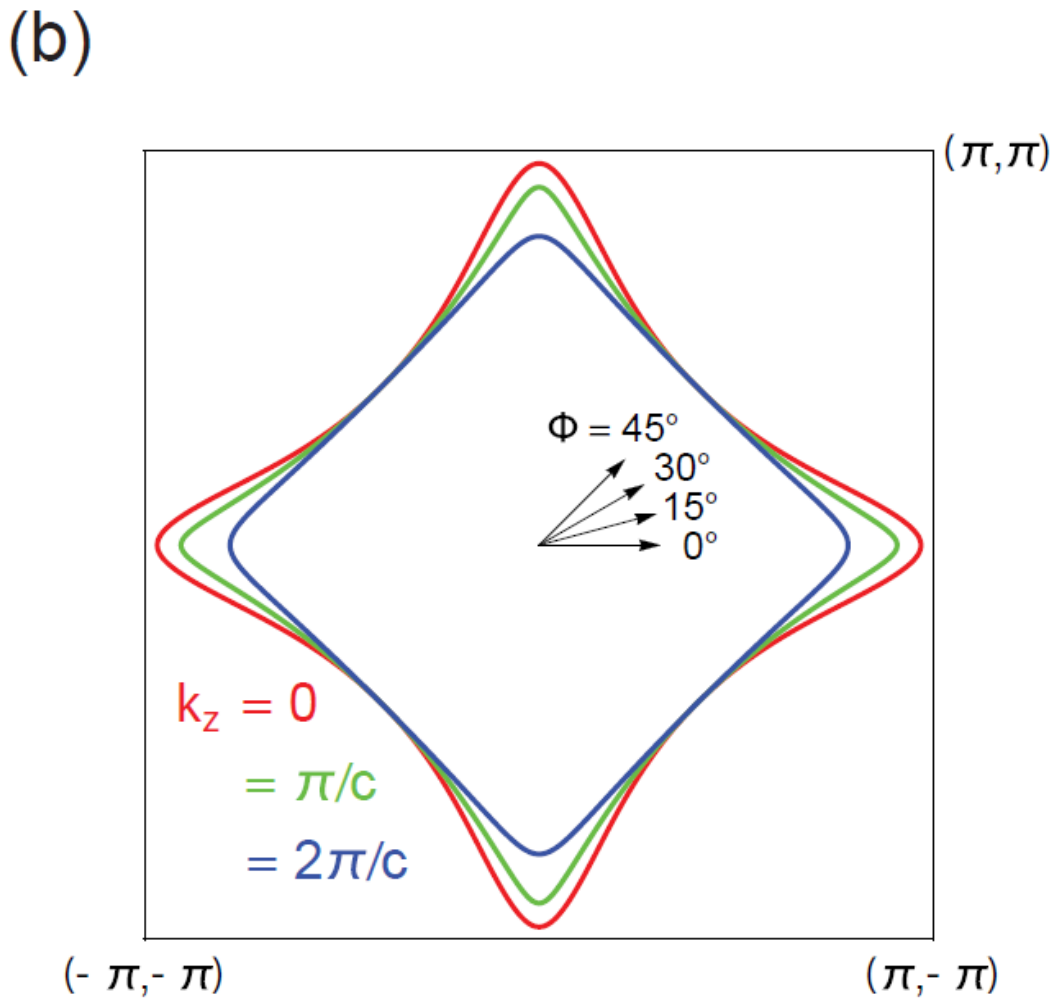
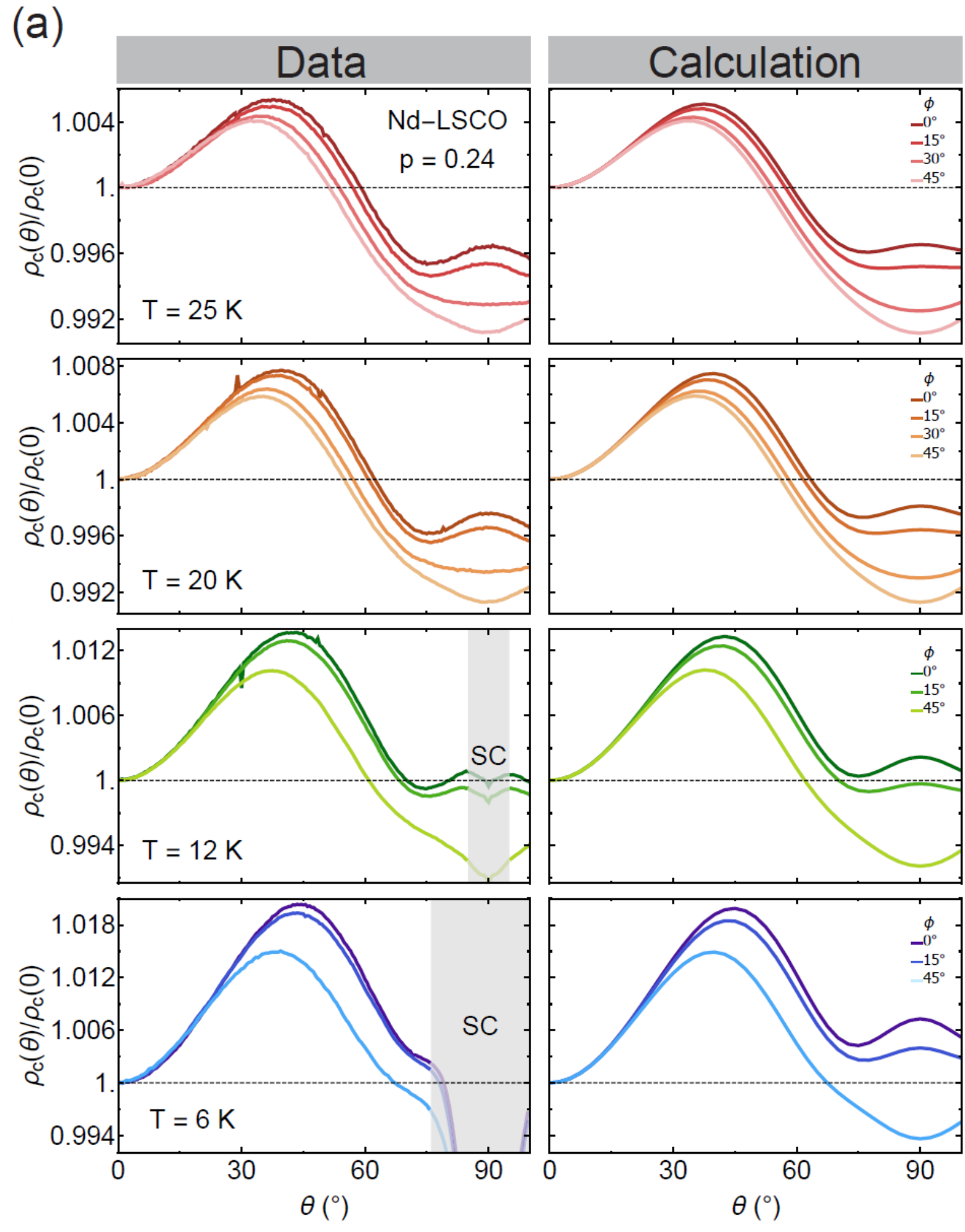
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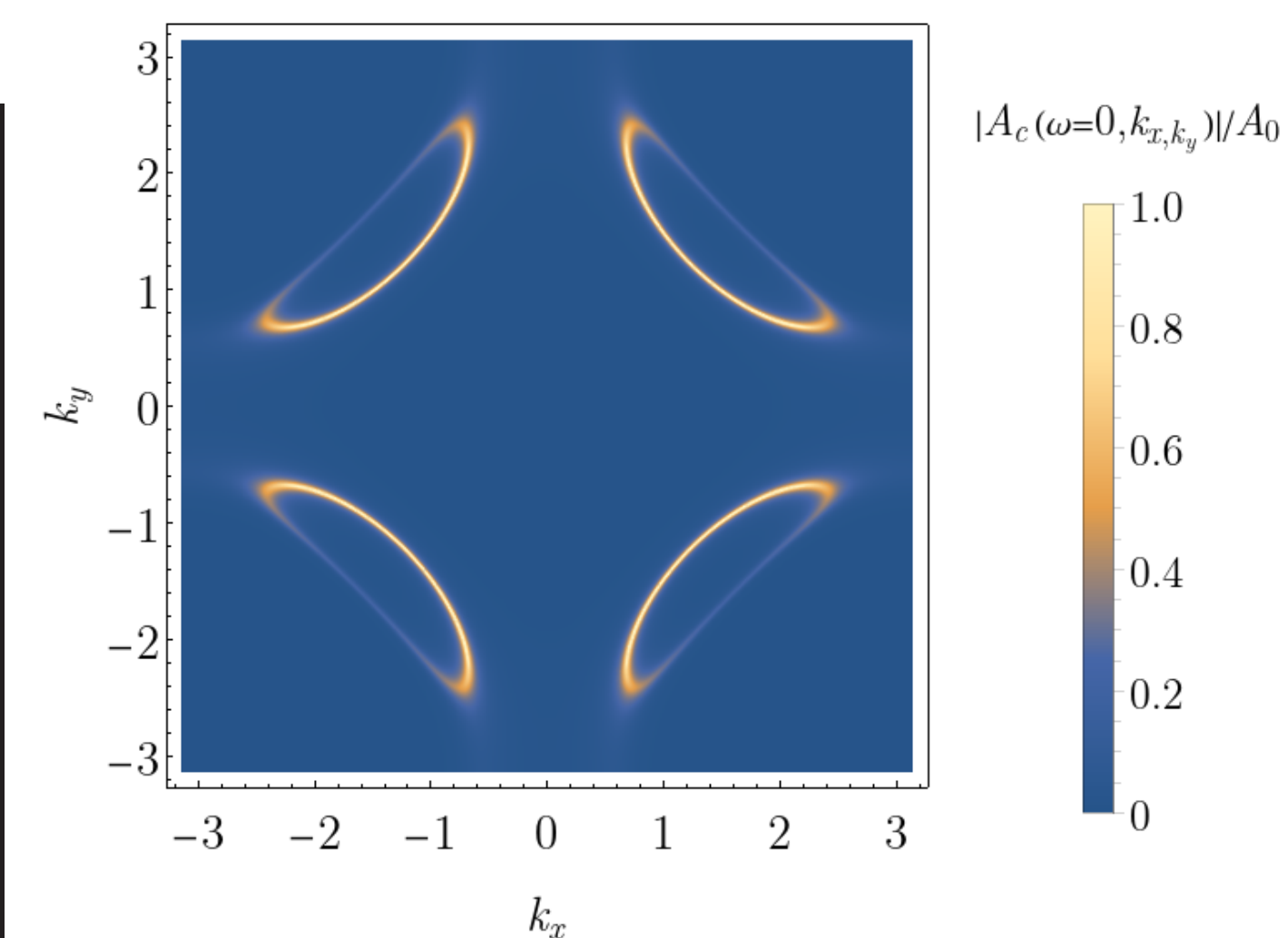
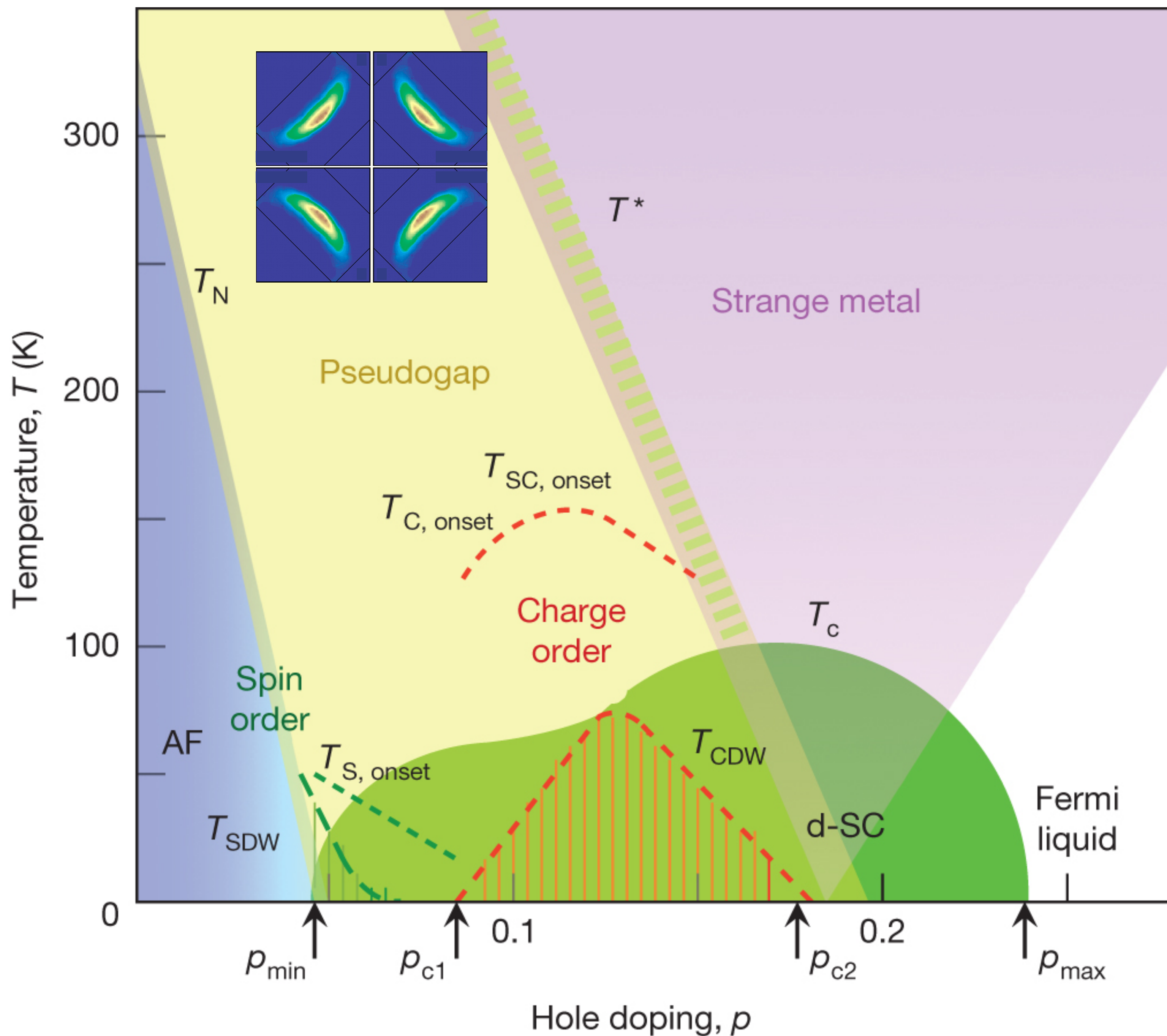
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$p < p_c$  Reconstructed Fermi surface

$p > p_c$  Large Fermi surface



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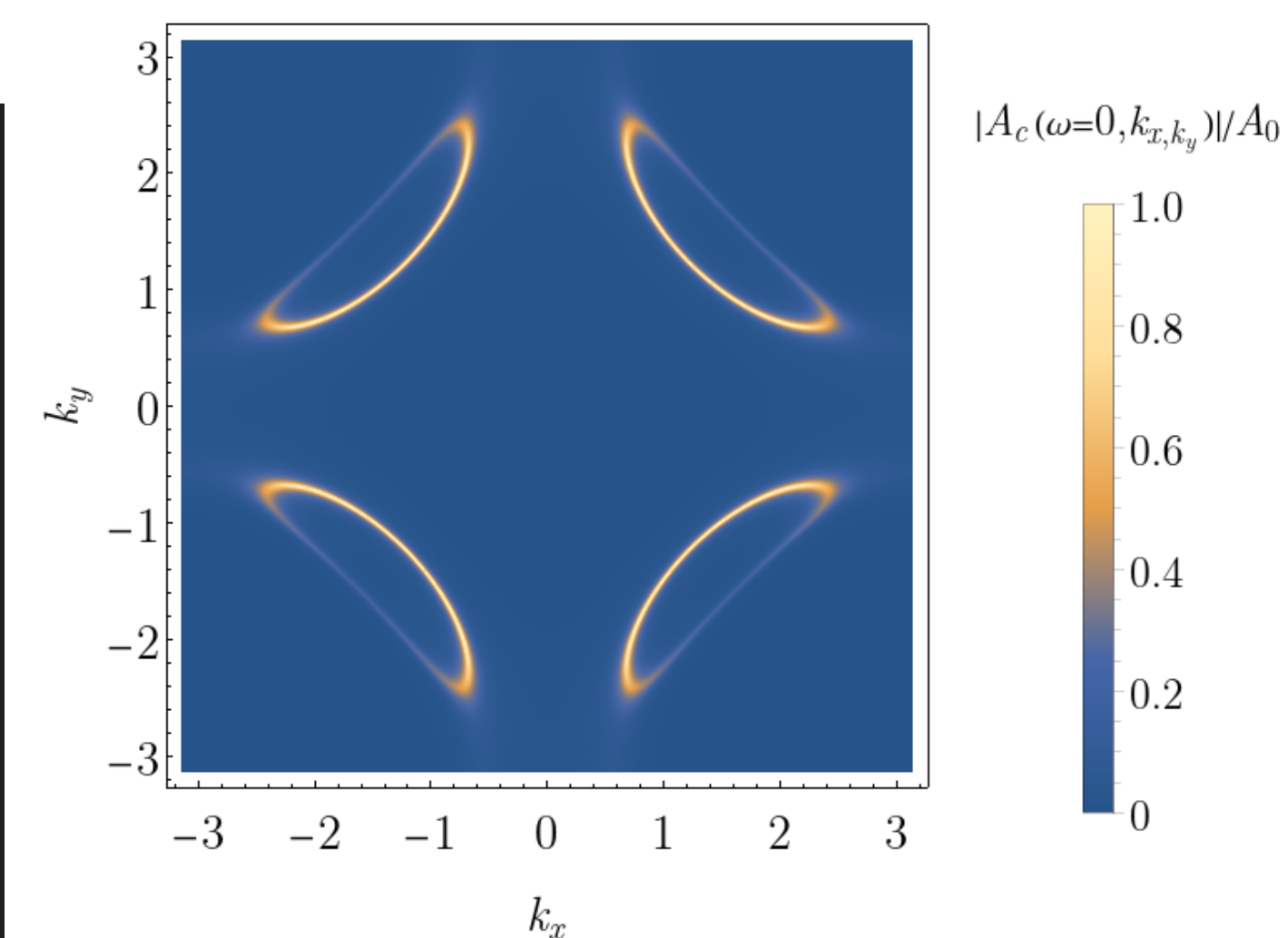
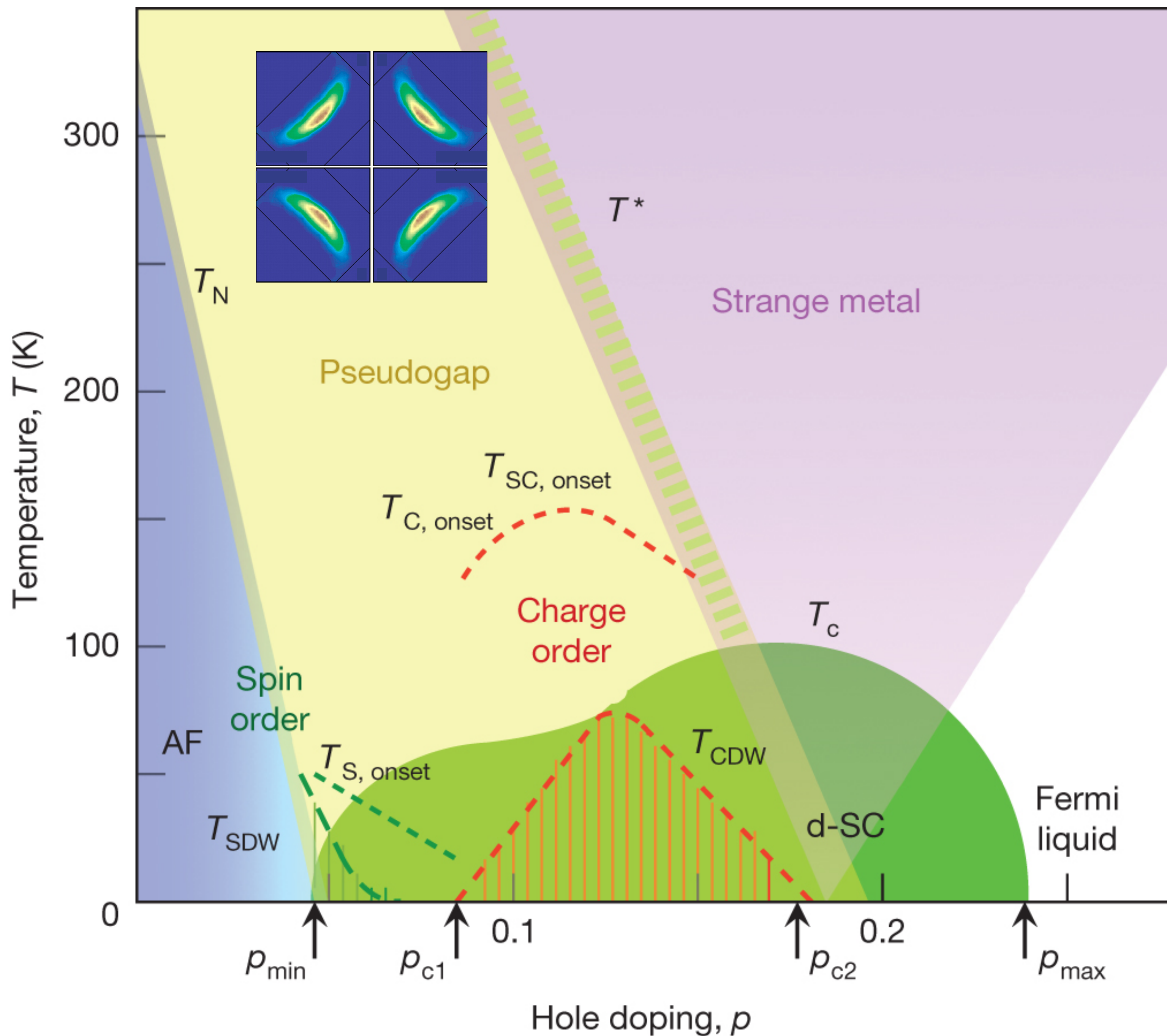
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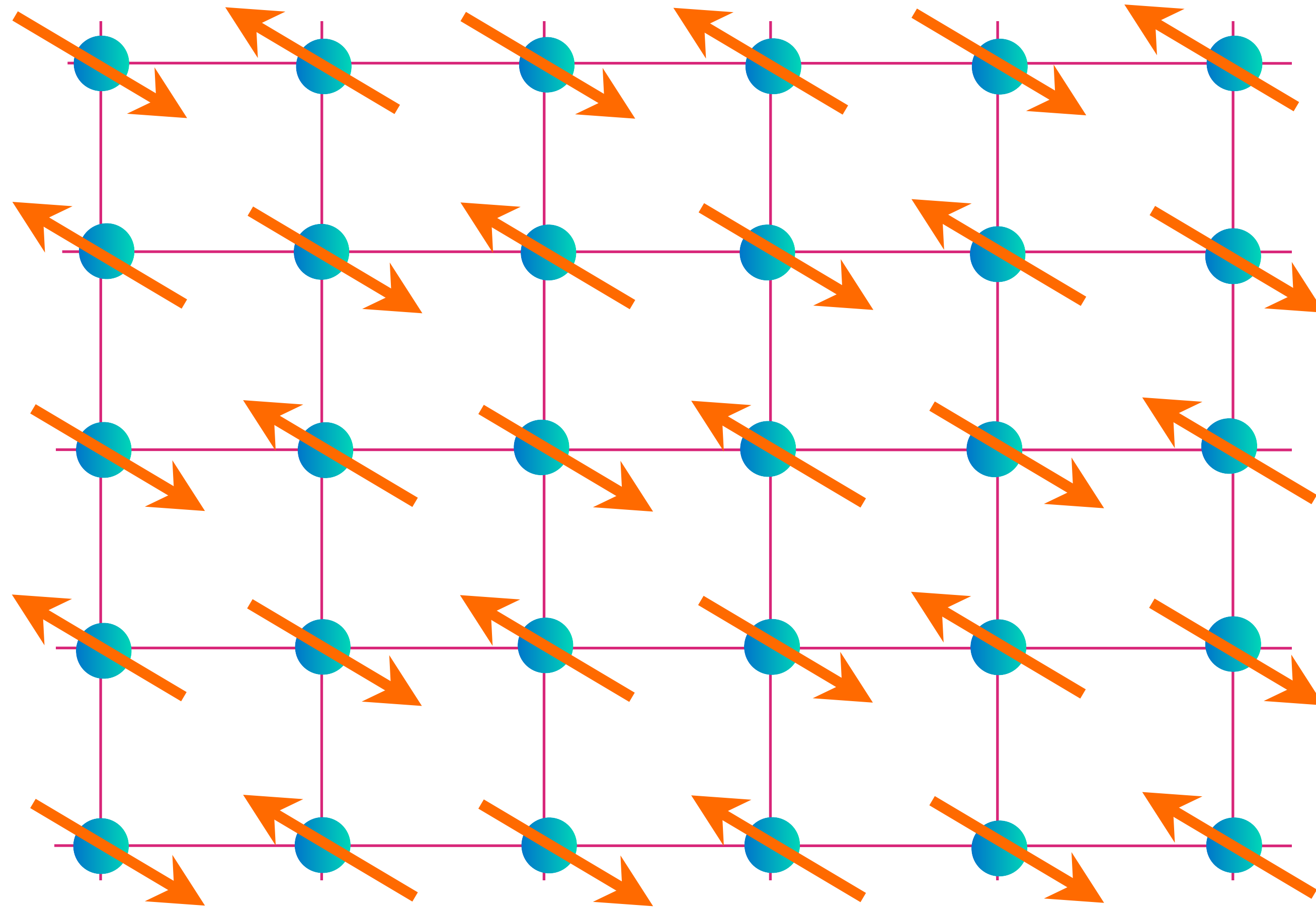
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FL\*: Spin liquid is *required* because  
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Intro to  
spin liquids  
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doped spin liquids ( $FL^*$ )

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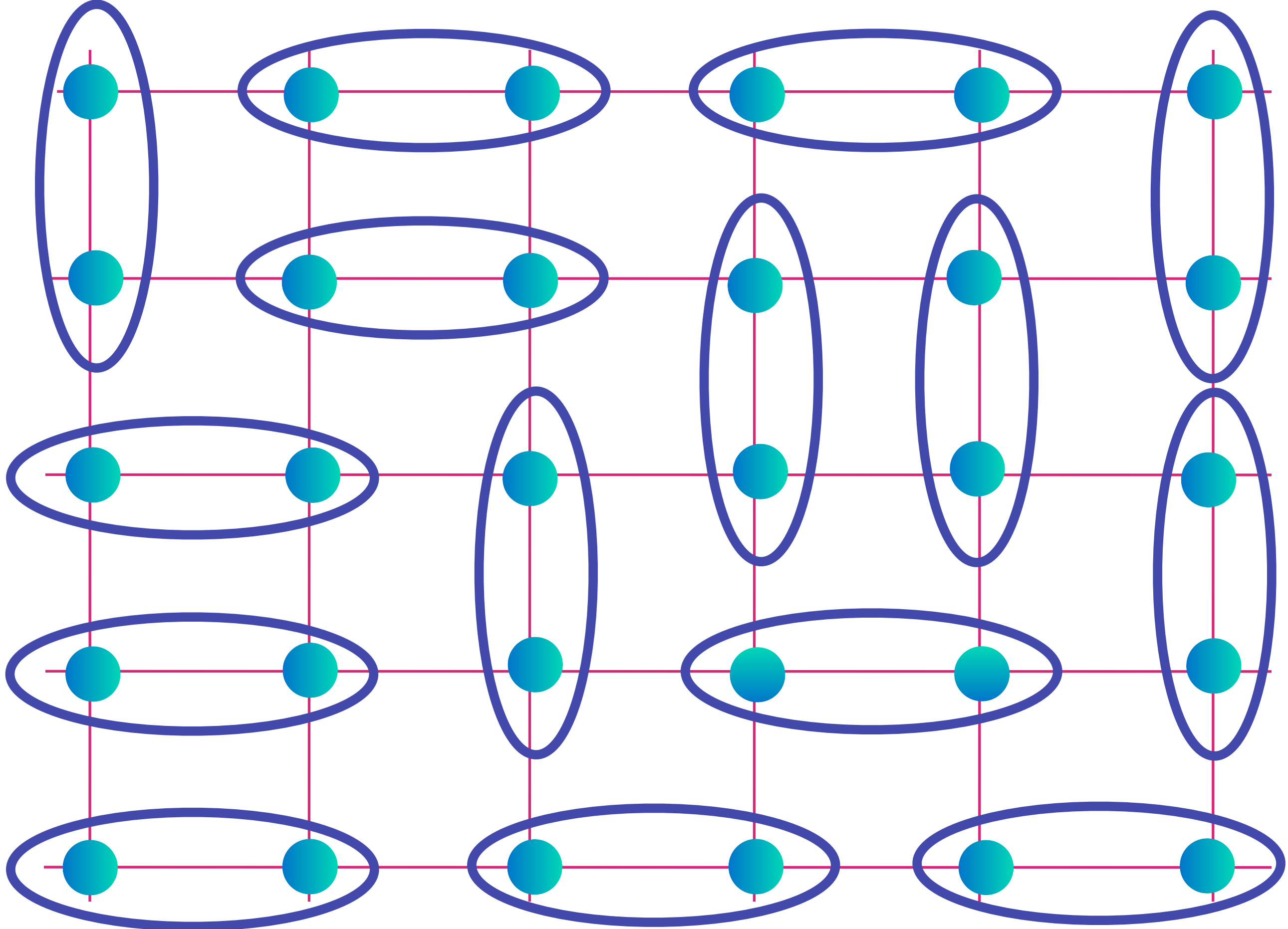
**Antiferromagnetism**

All nearest-neighbor pairs of electrons have opposite spins

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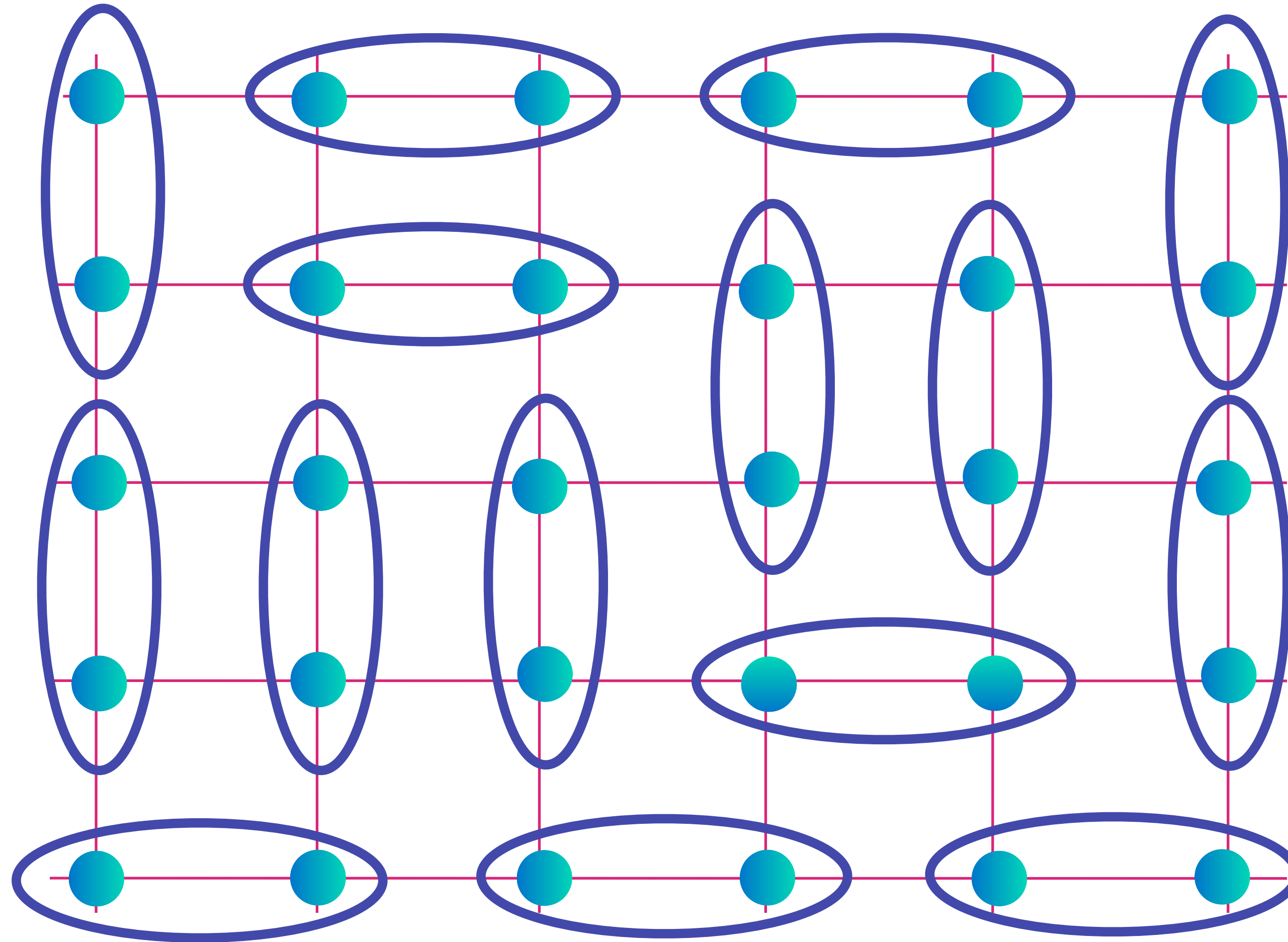
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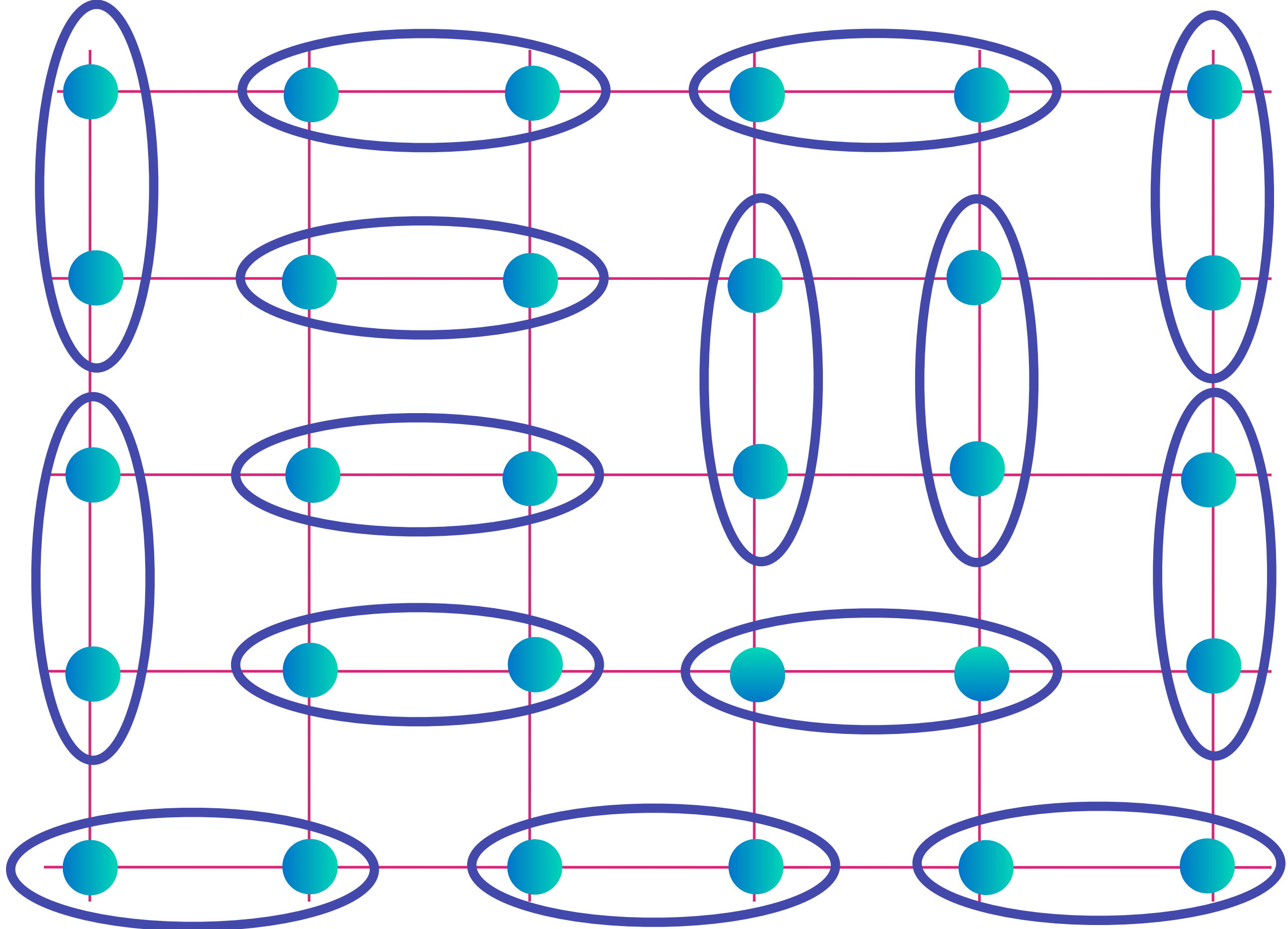
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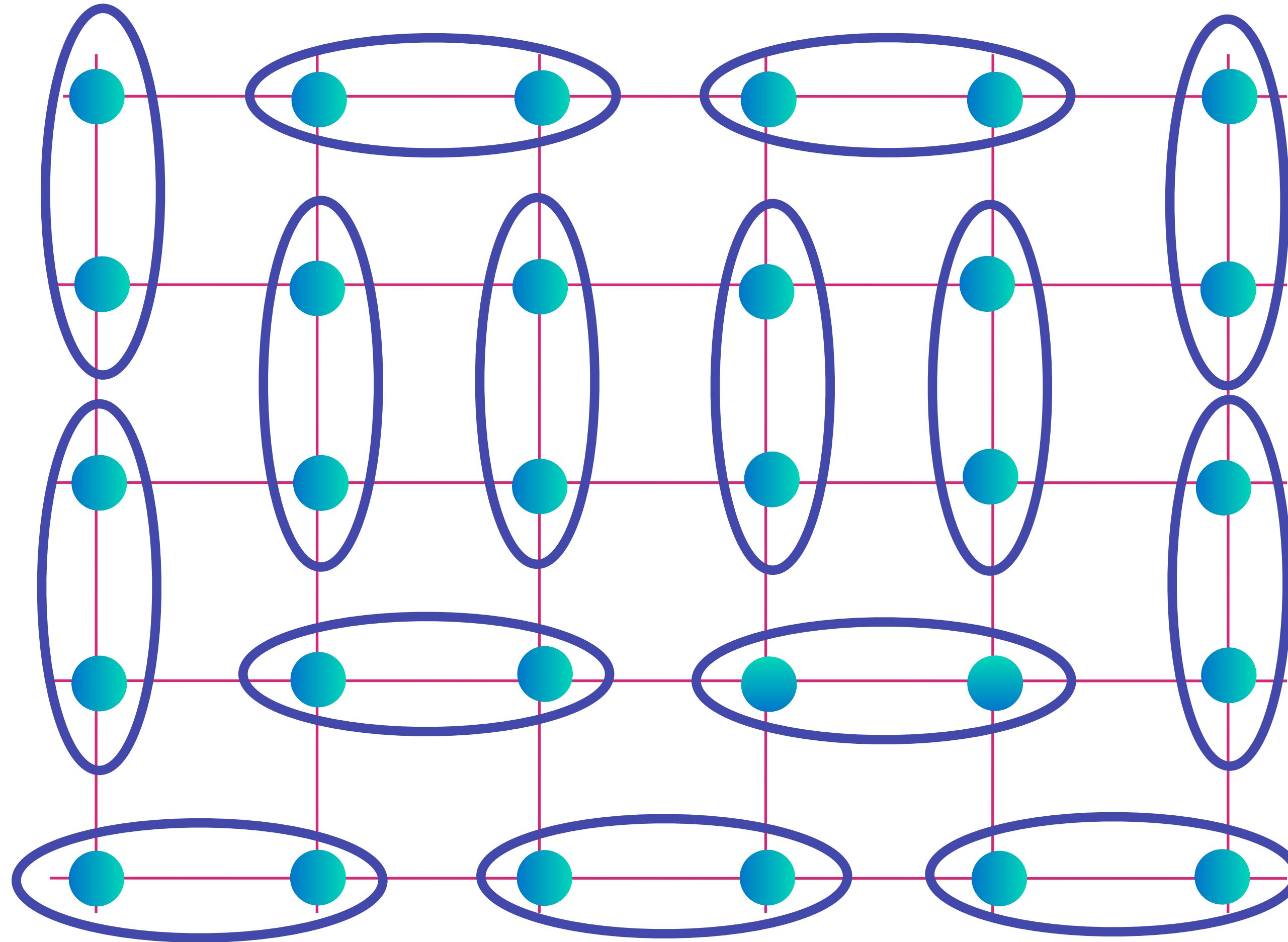
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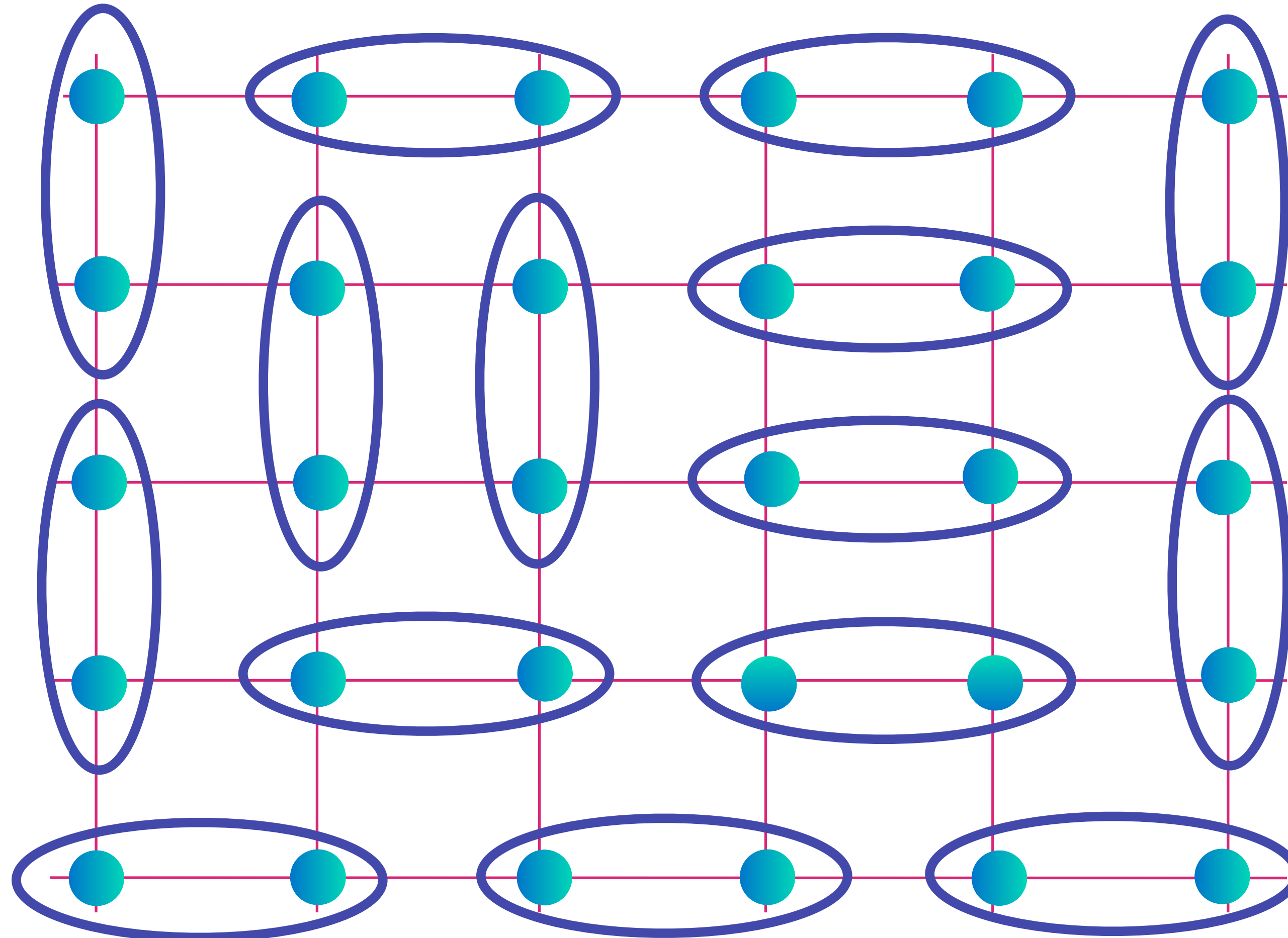
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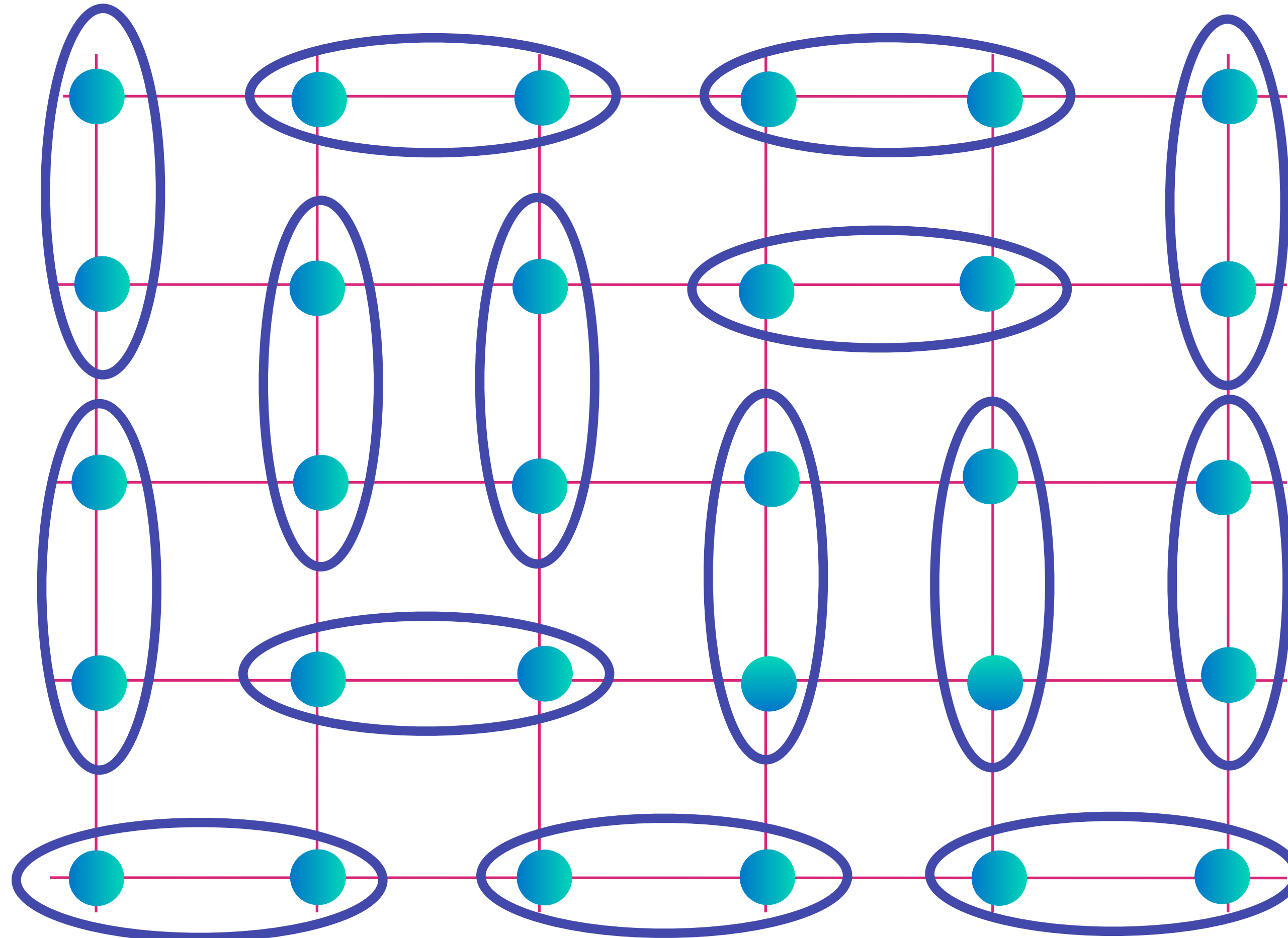
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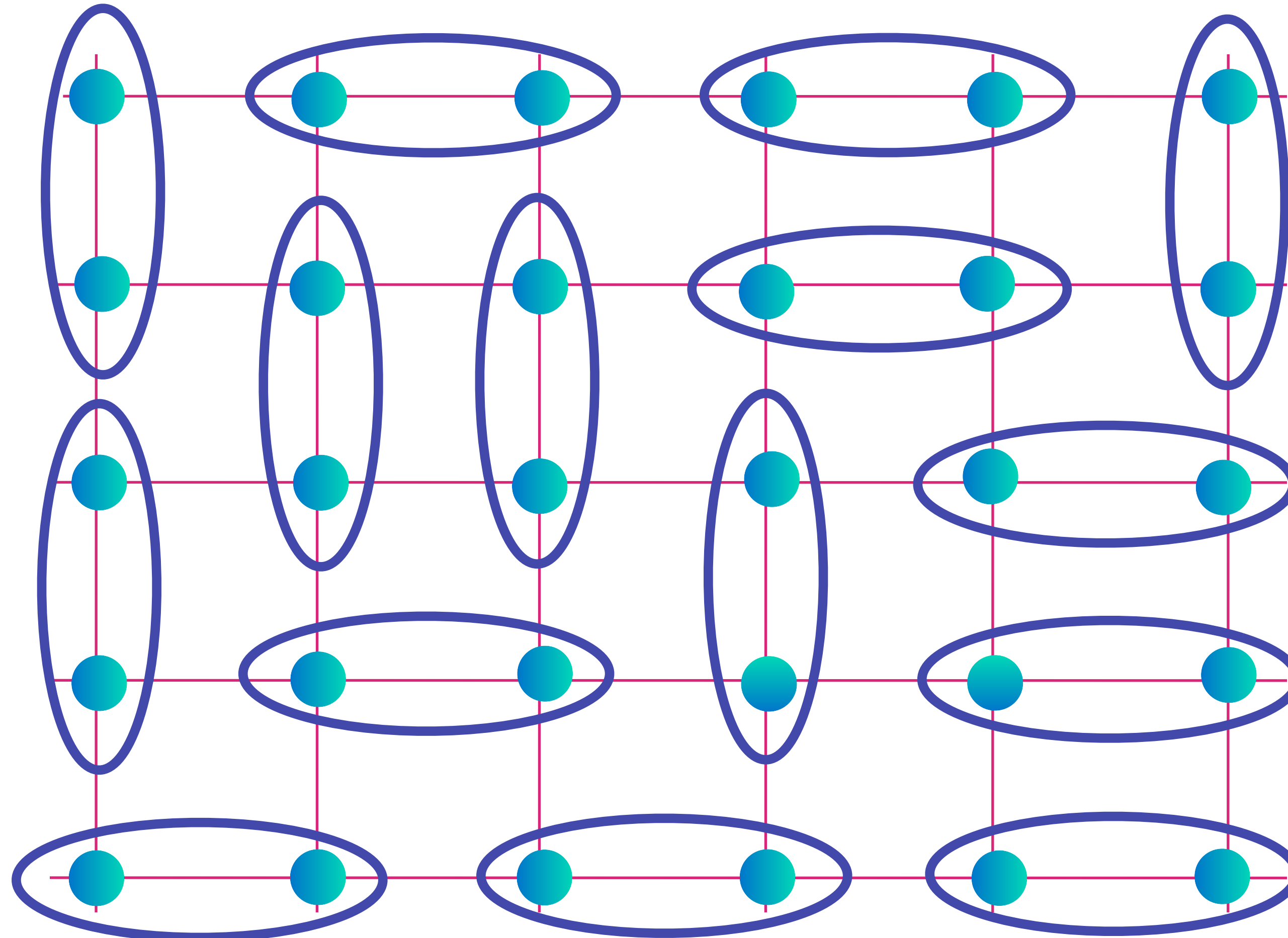
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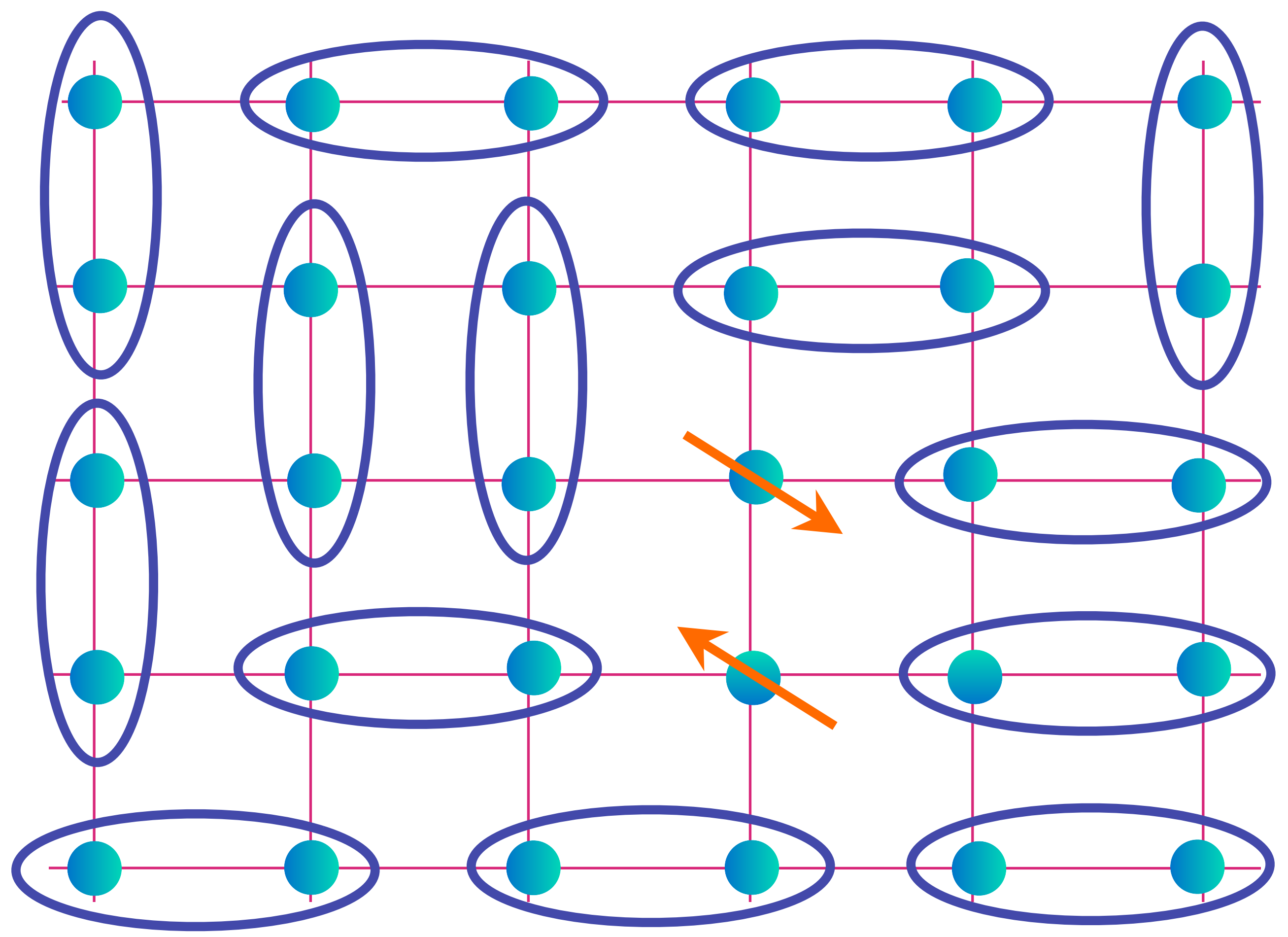


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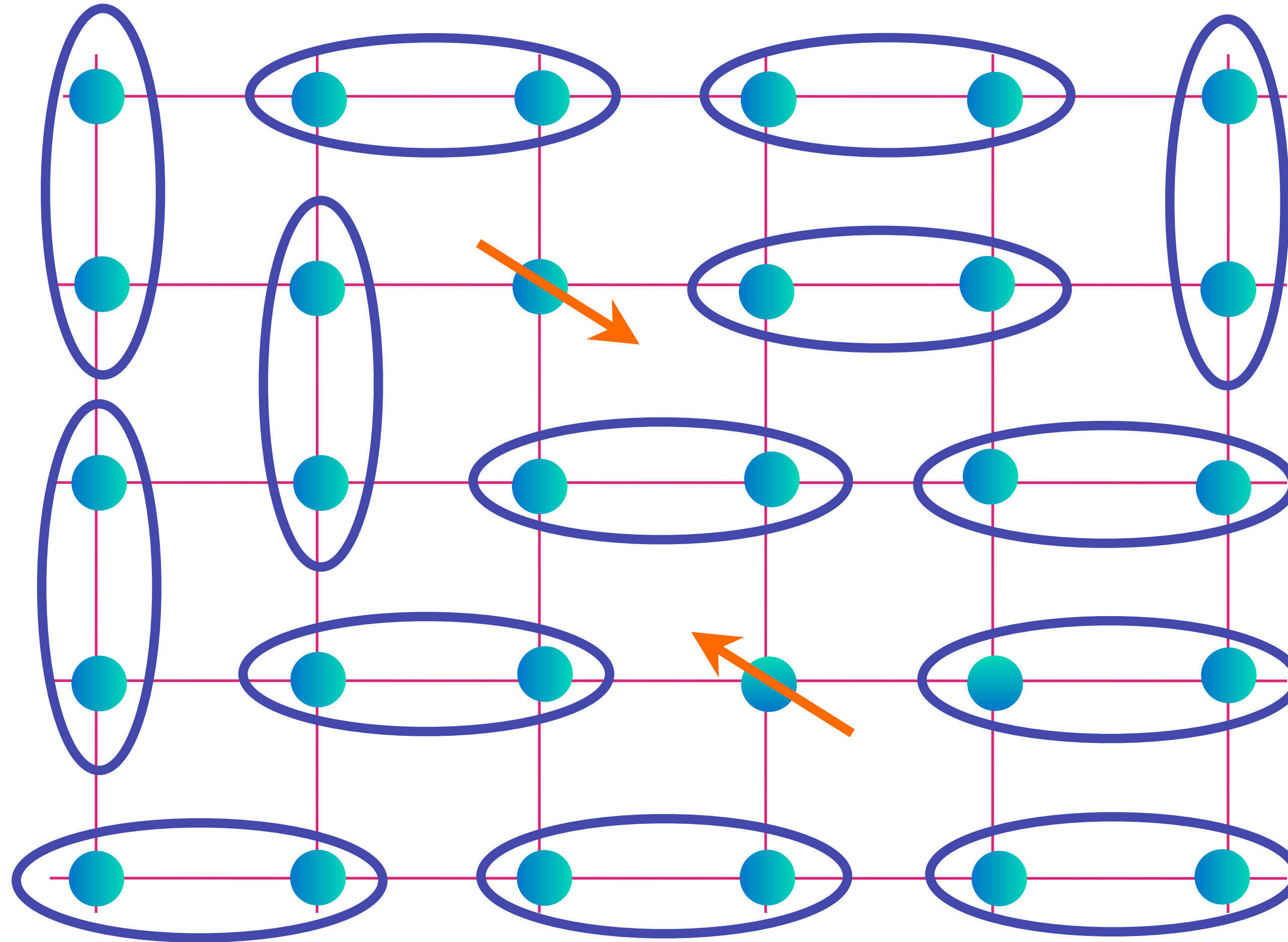
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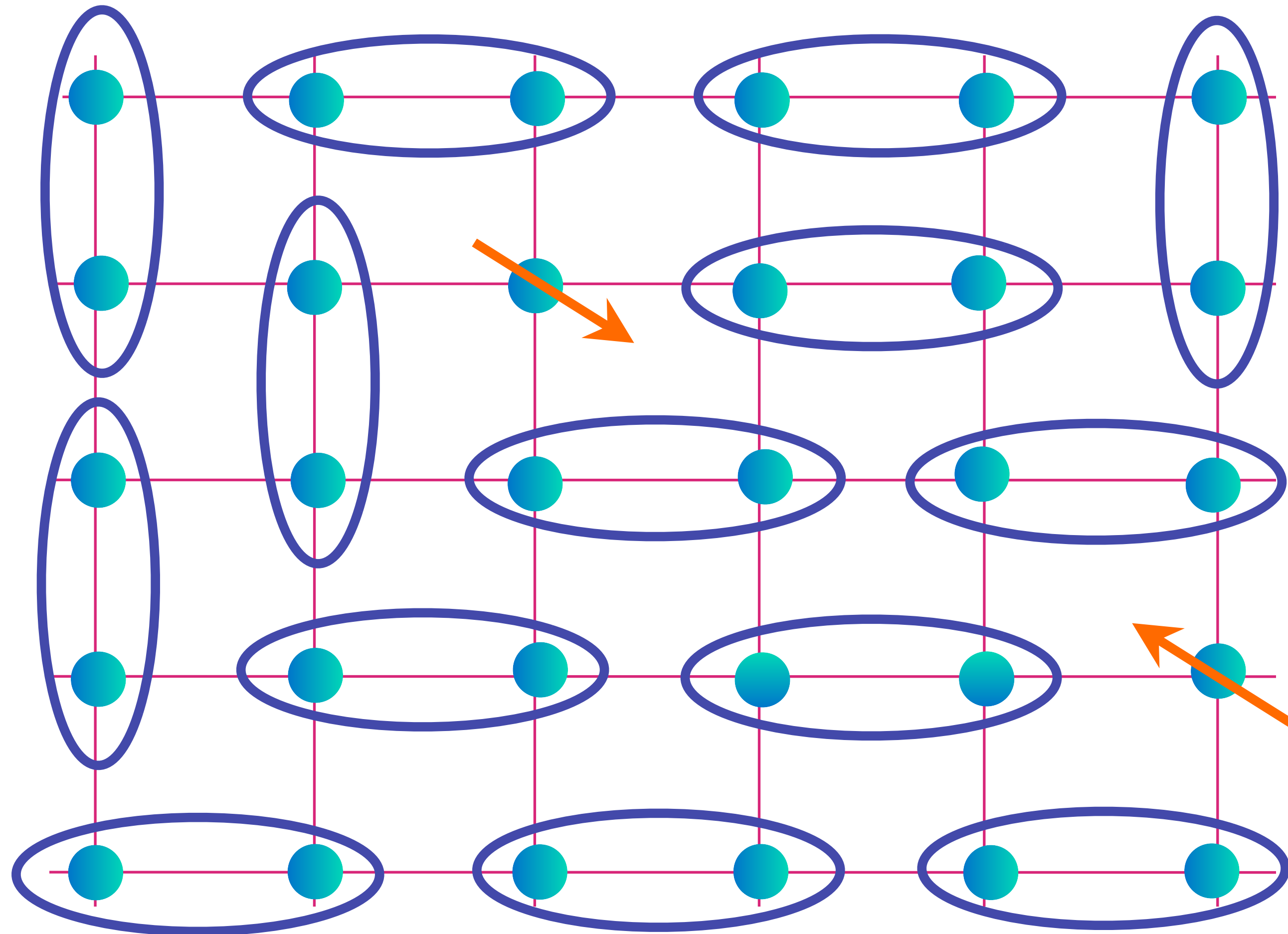
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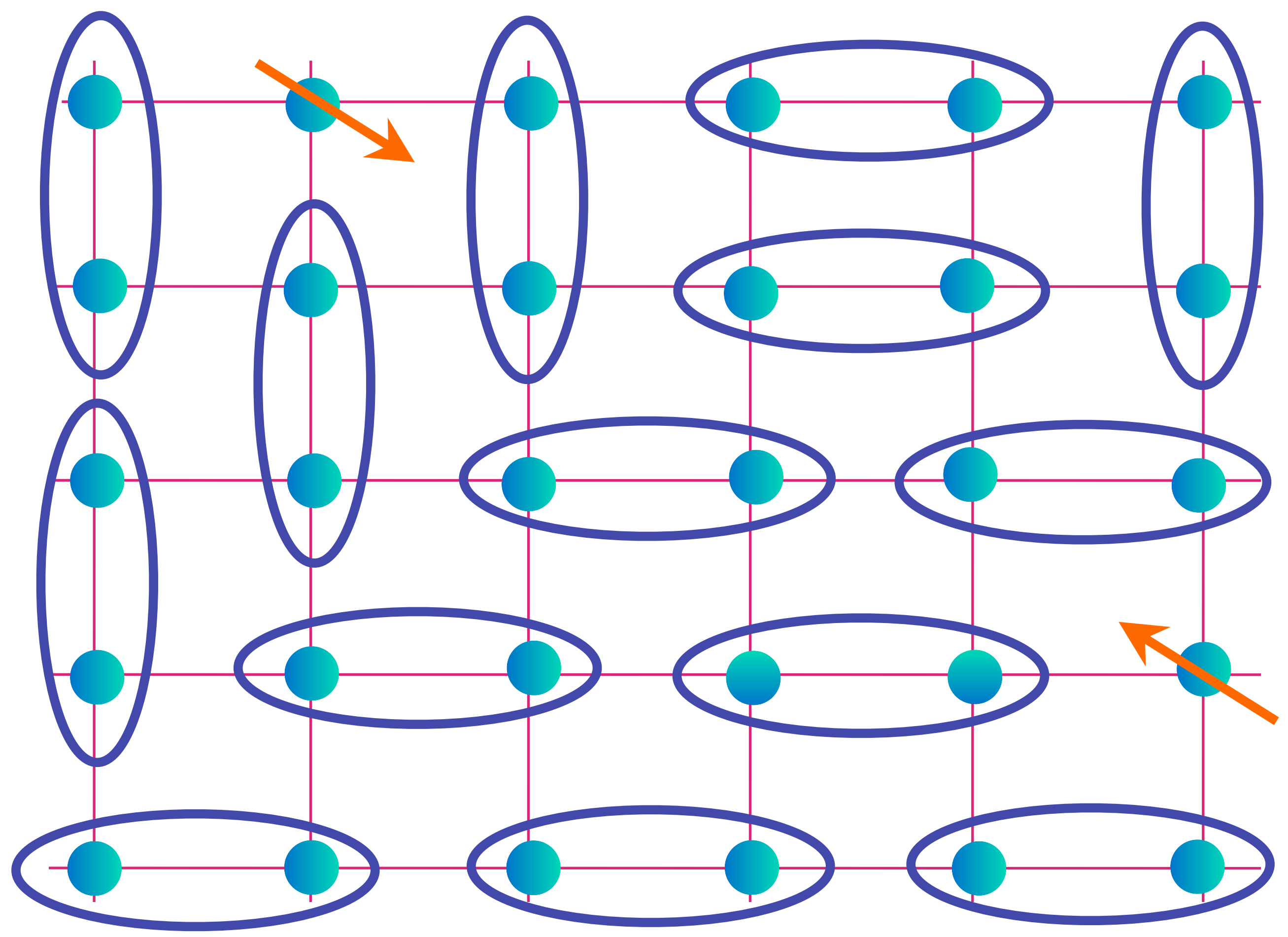
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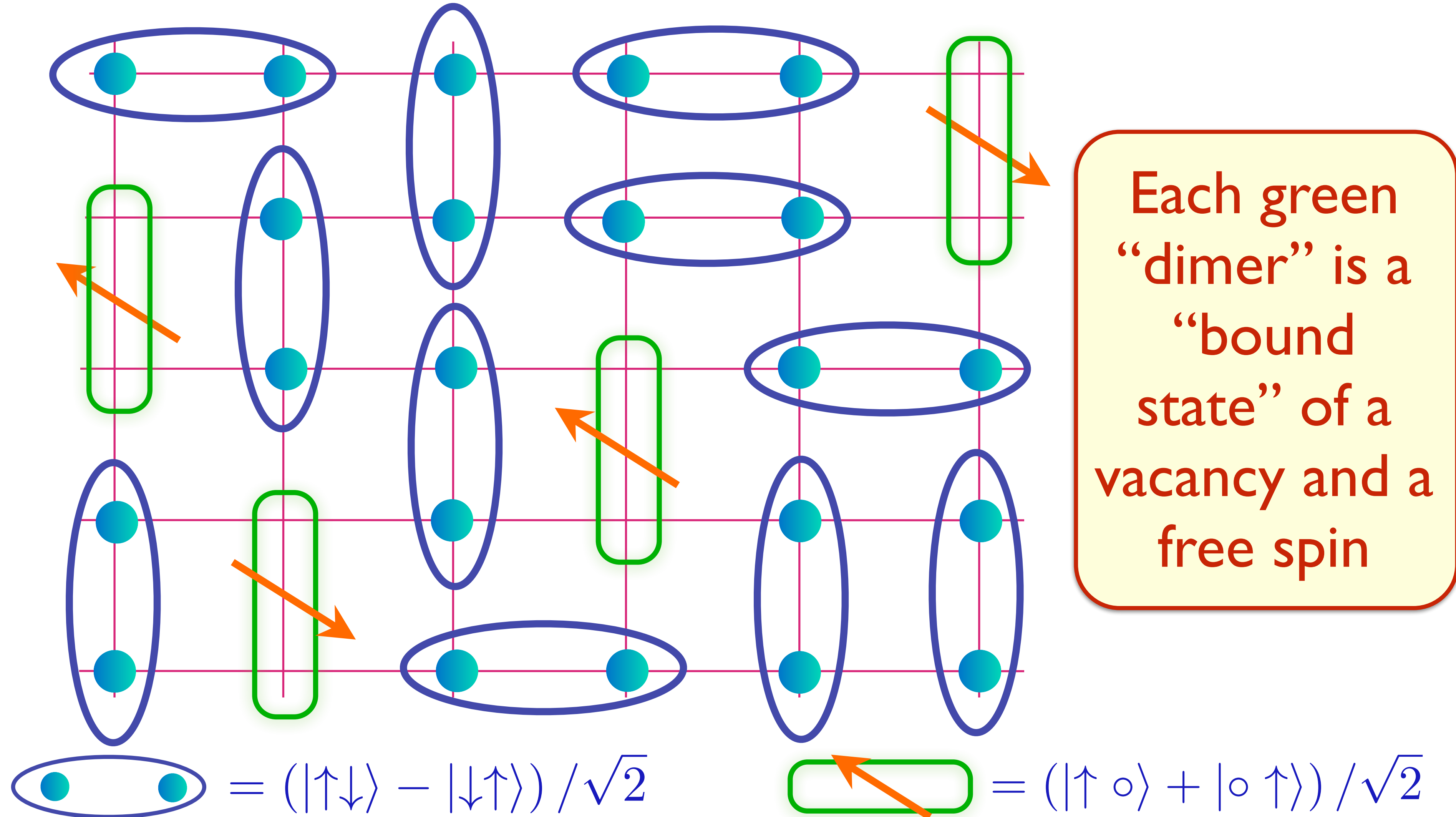
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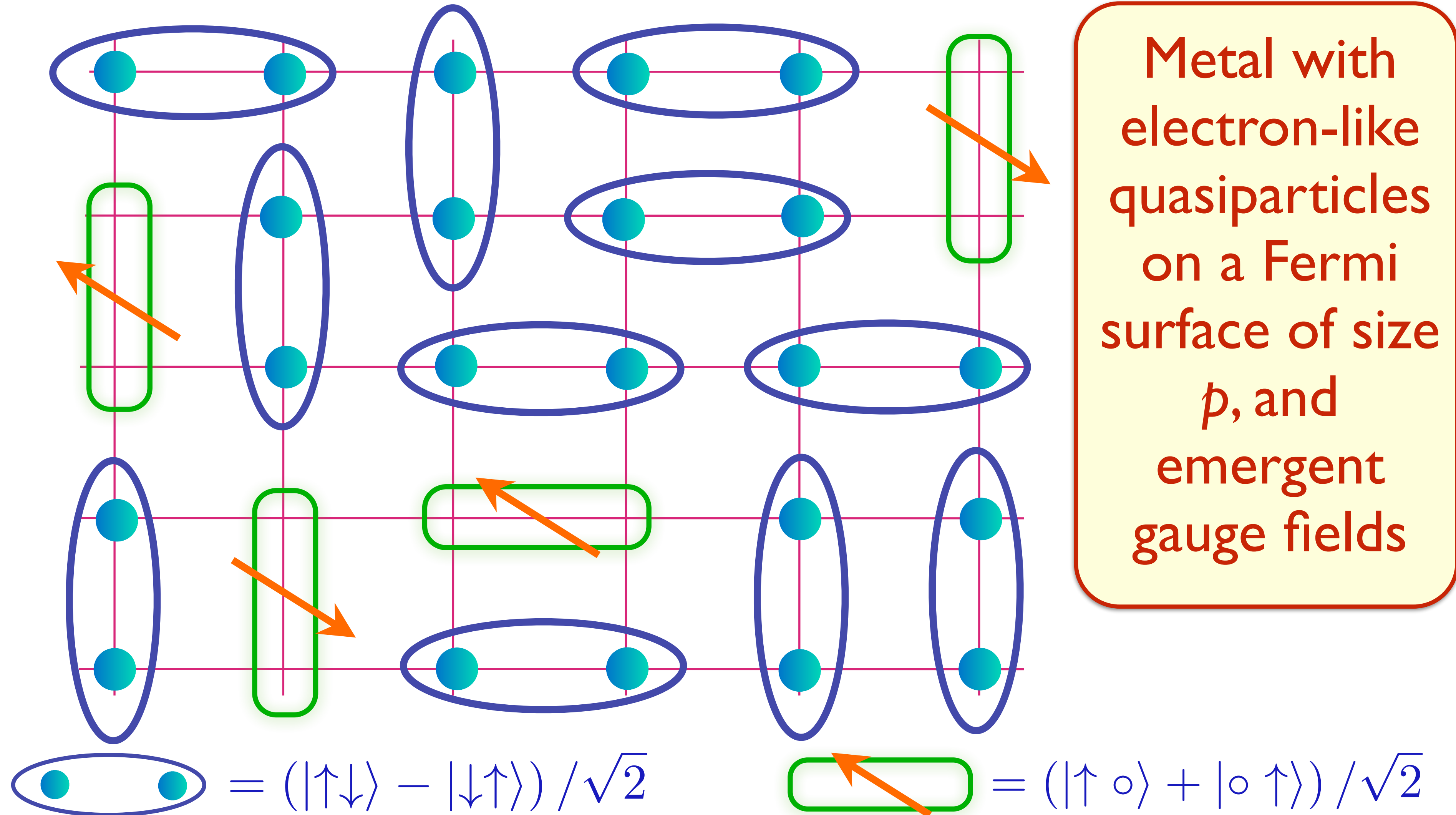


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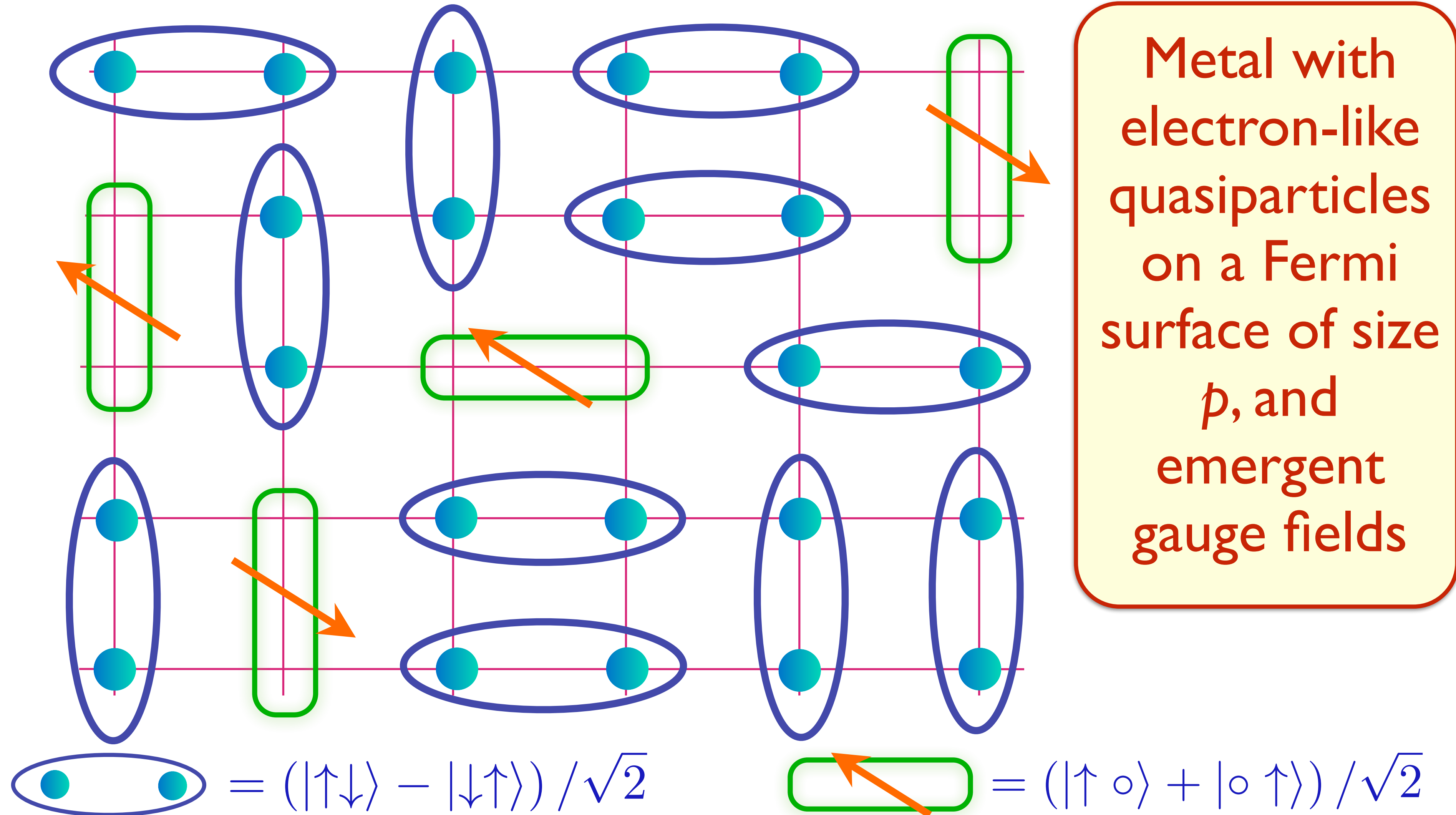


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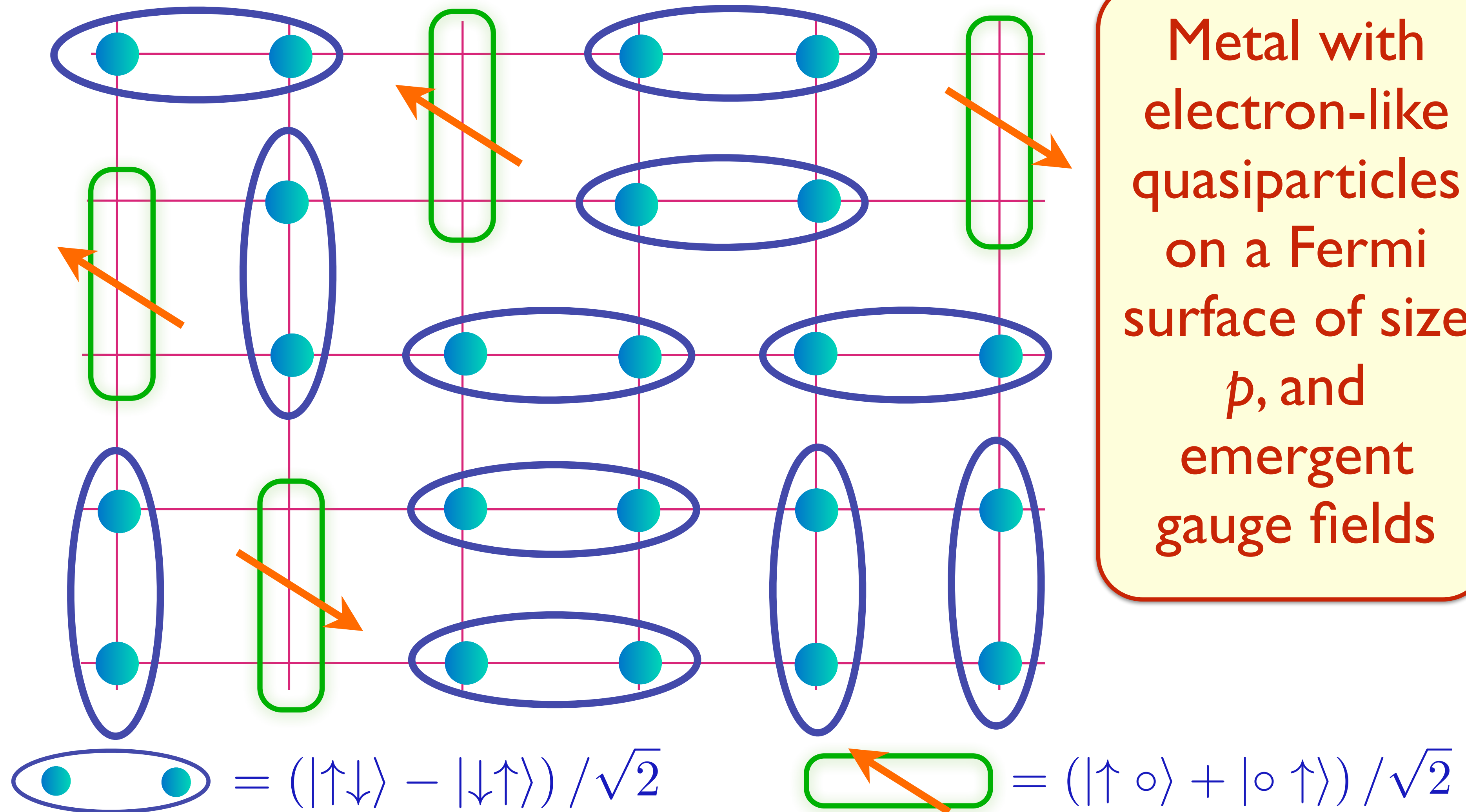


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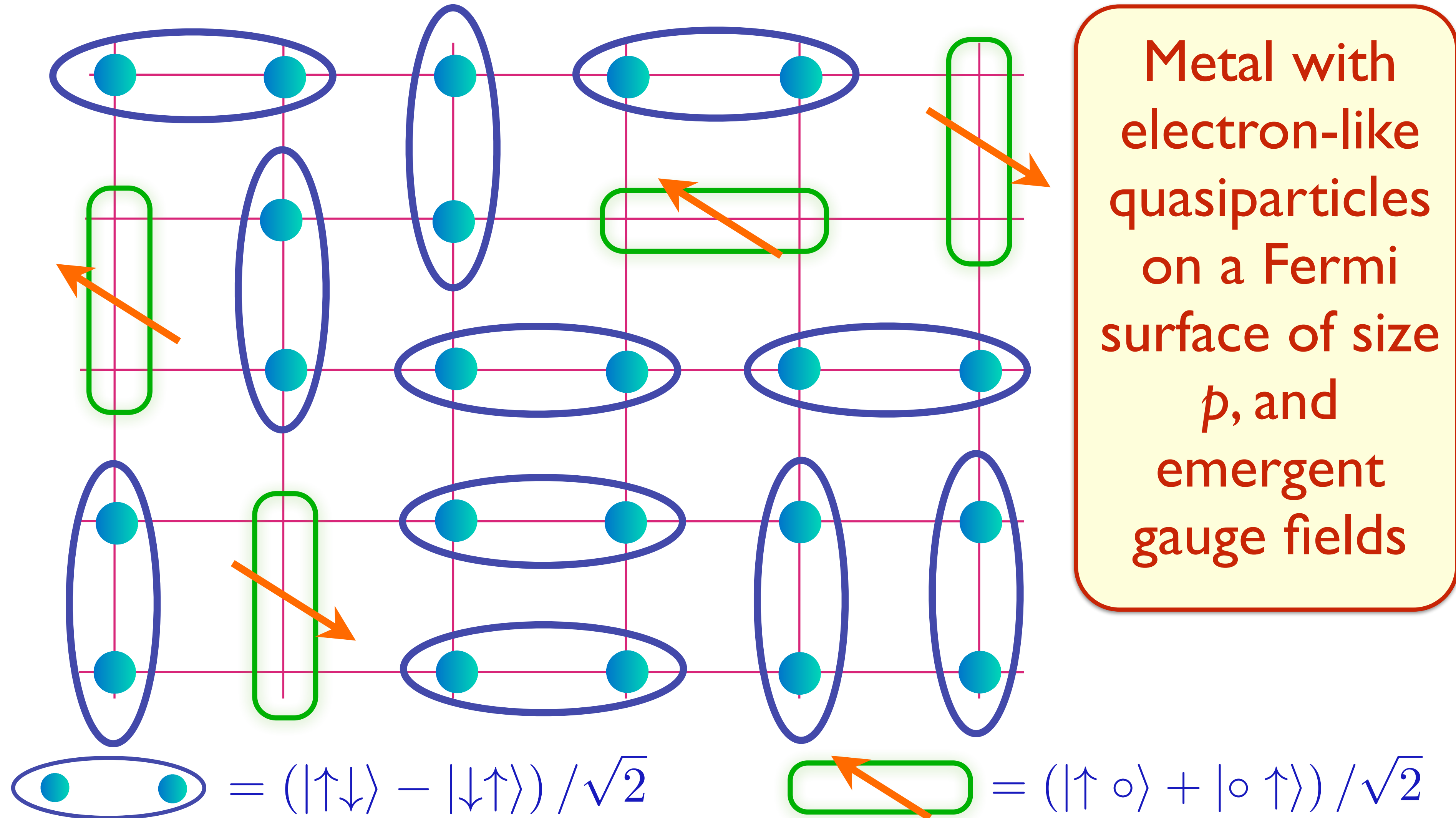


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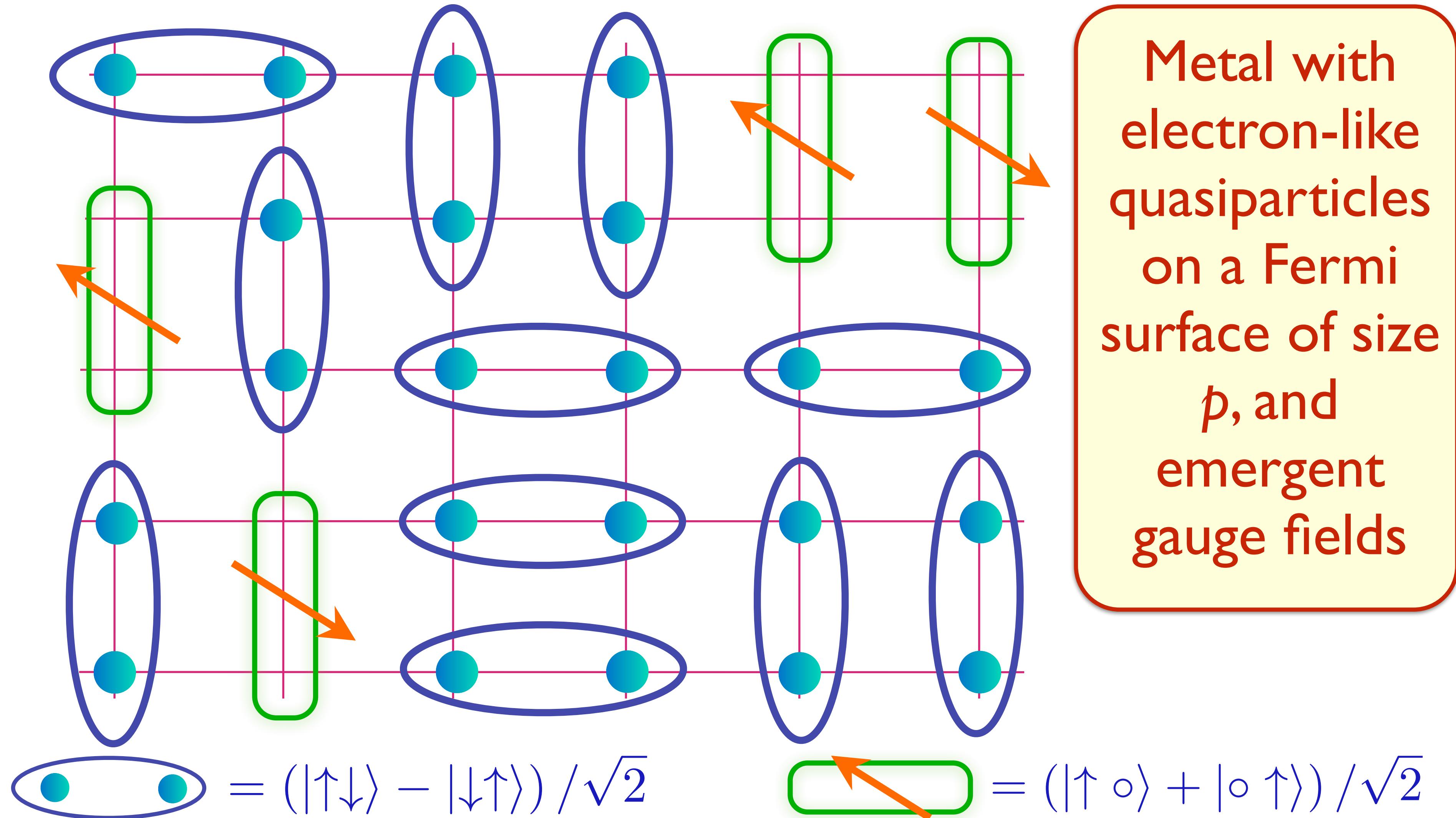


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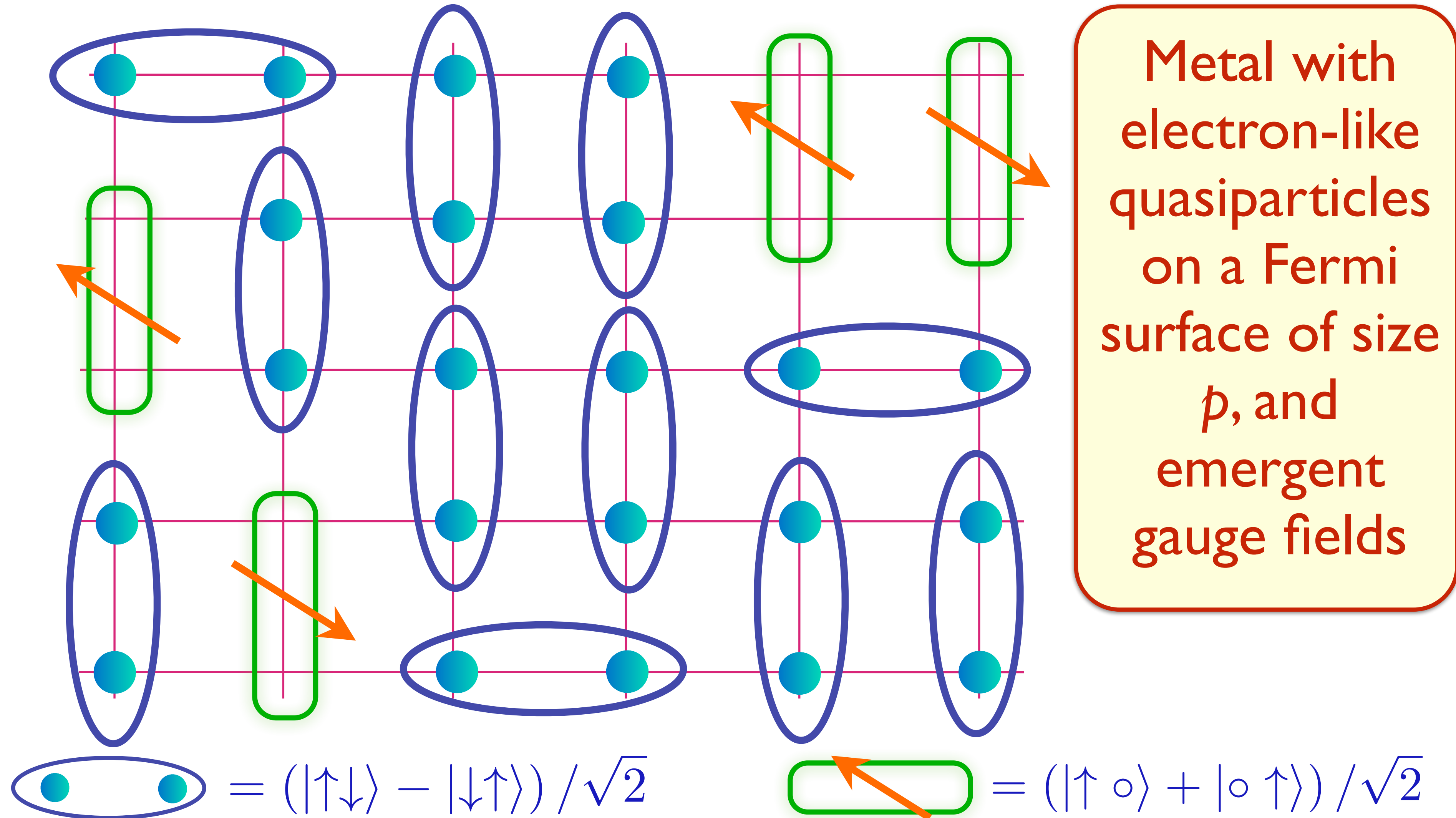


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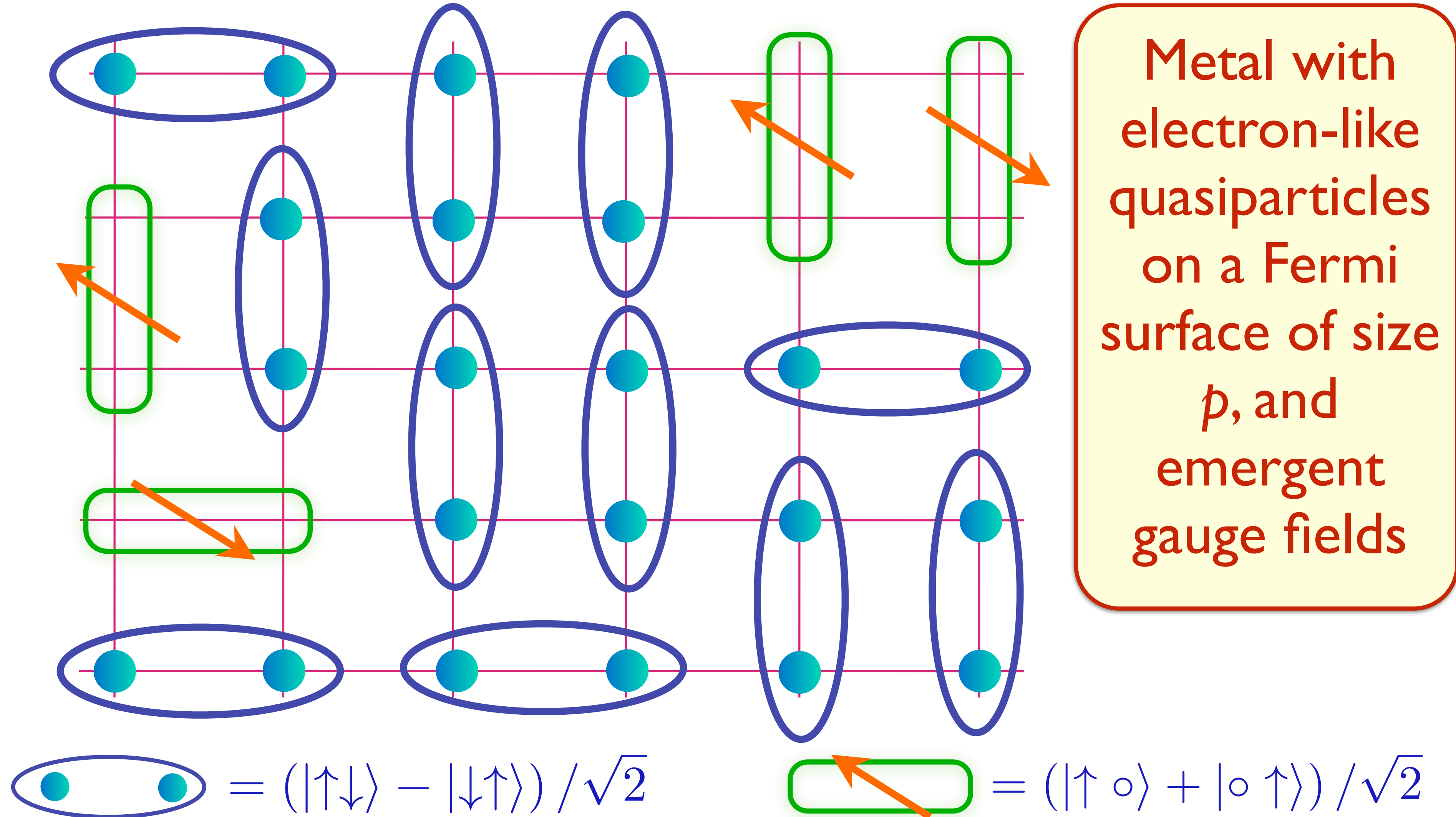


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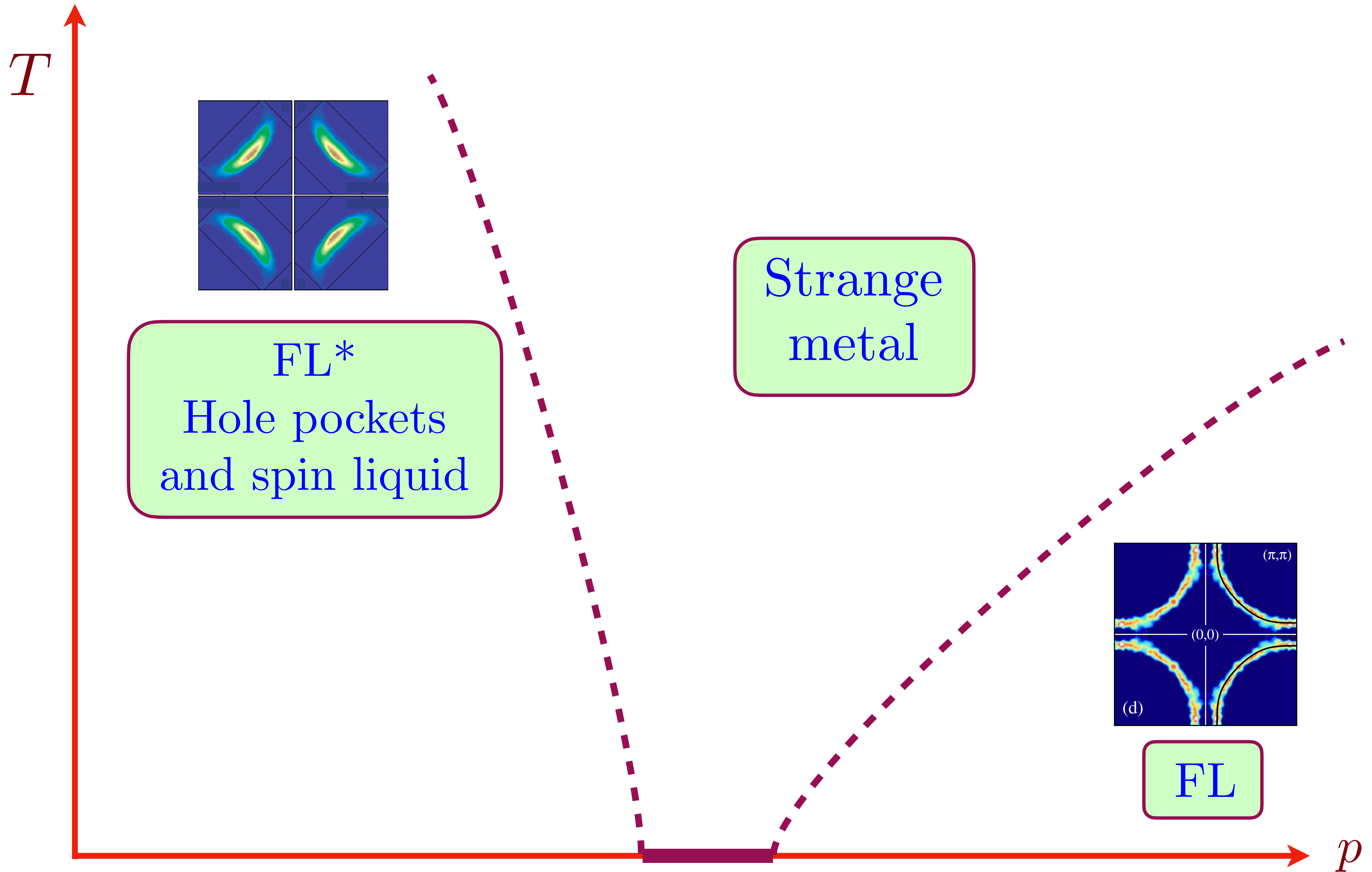


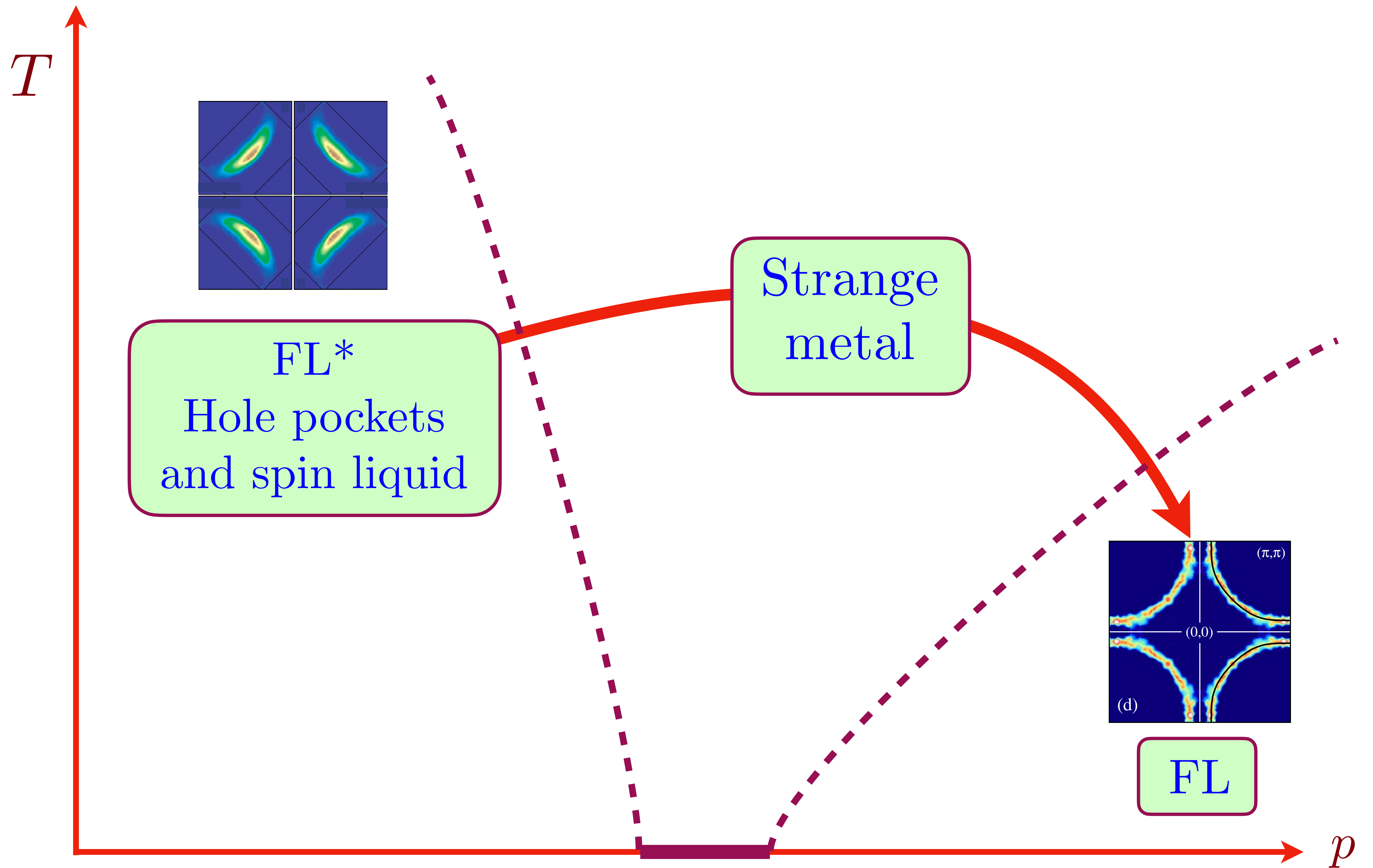
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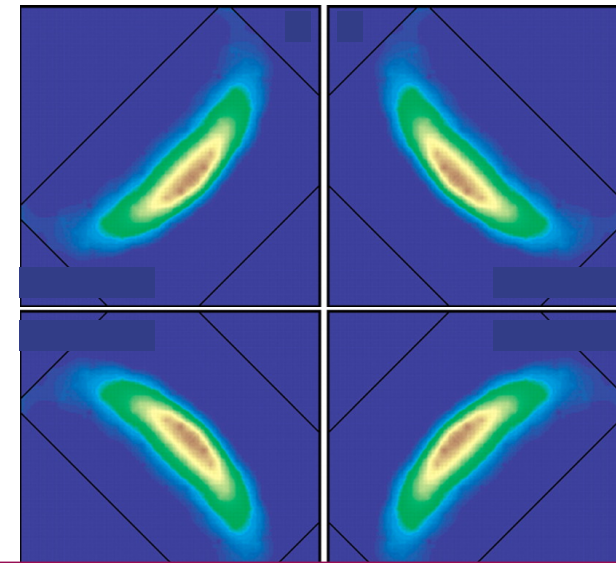
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# Universal theory of strange metals from spatially random interactions

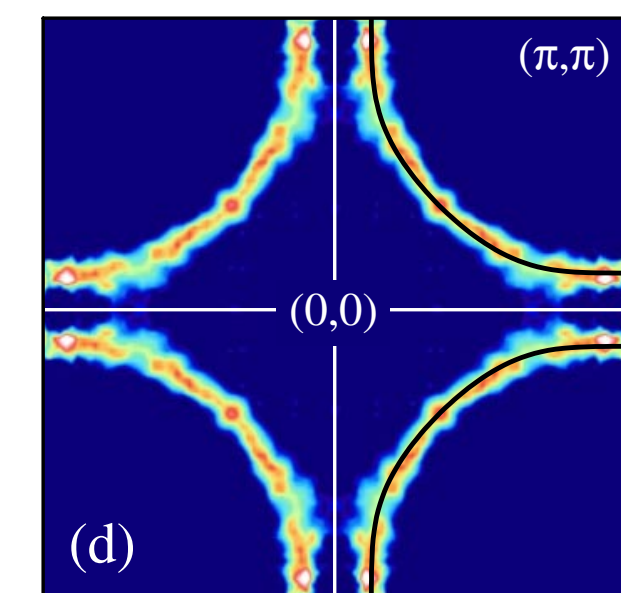
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 $T$ 


we consider two-dimensional metals of fermions coupled to quantum critical scalars, the latter representing order parameters or fractionalized particles. We show that at low temperatures ( $T$ ), such metals generically exhibit strange metal behavior with a  $T$ -linear resistivity arising from spatially random fluctuations in the fermion-scalar Yukawa couplings about a nonzero spatial average.

FL\*  
Hole pockets  
and spin liquid

Strange  
metal



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 $p$

# Spatially random interactions!

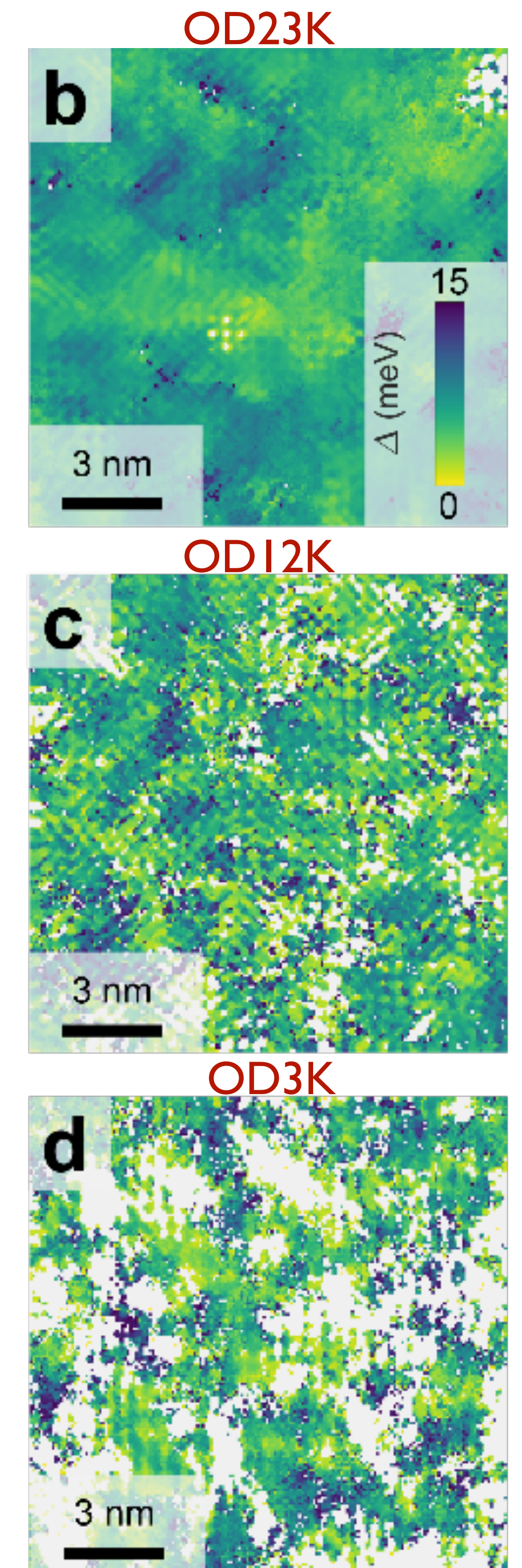
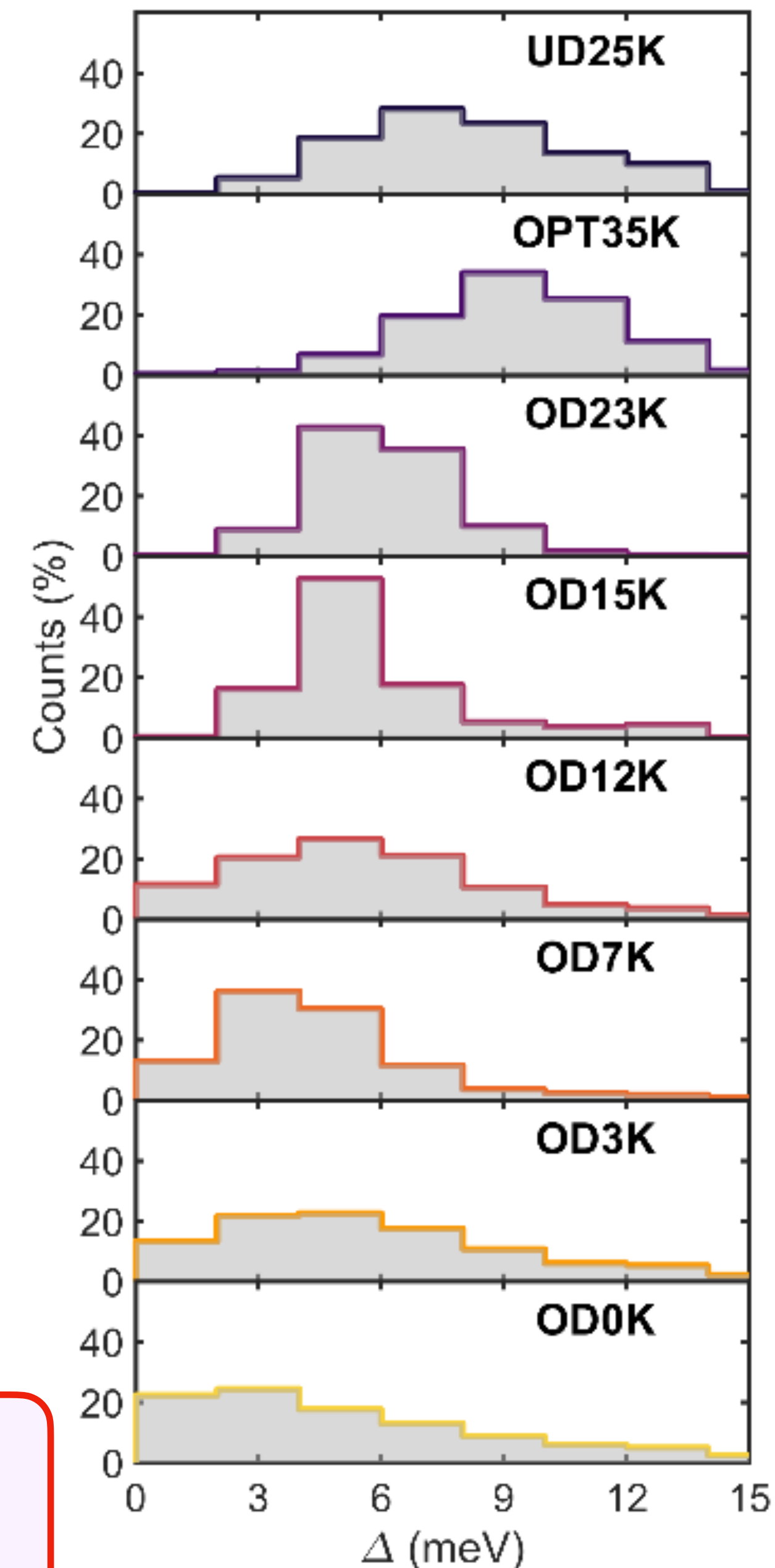
## Puddle formation, persistent gaps, and non-mean-field breakdown of superconductivity in overdoped $(\text{Pb,Bi})_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$

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Our scanning tunneling spectroscopy measurements in the overdoped regime of the  $(\text{Pb,Bi})_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$  high-temperature superconductor show the emergence of puddled superconductivity, featuring nanoscale superconducting islands in a metallic matrix

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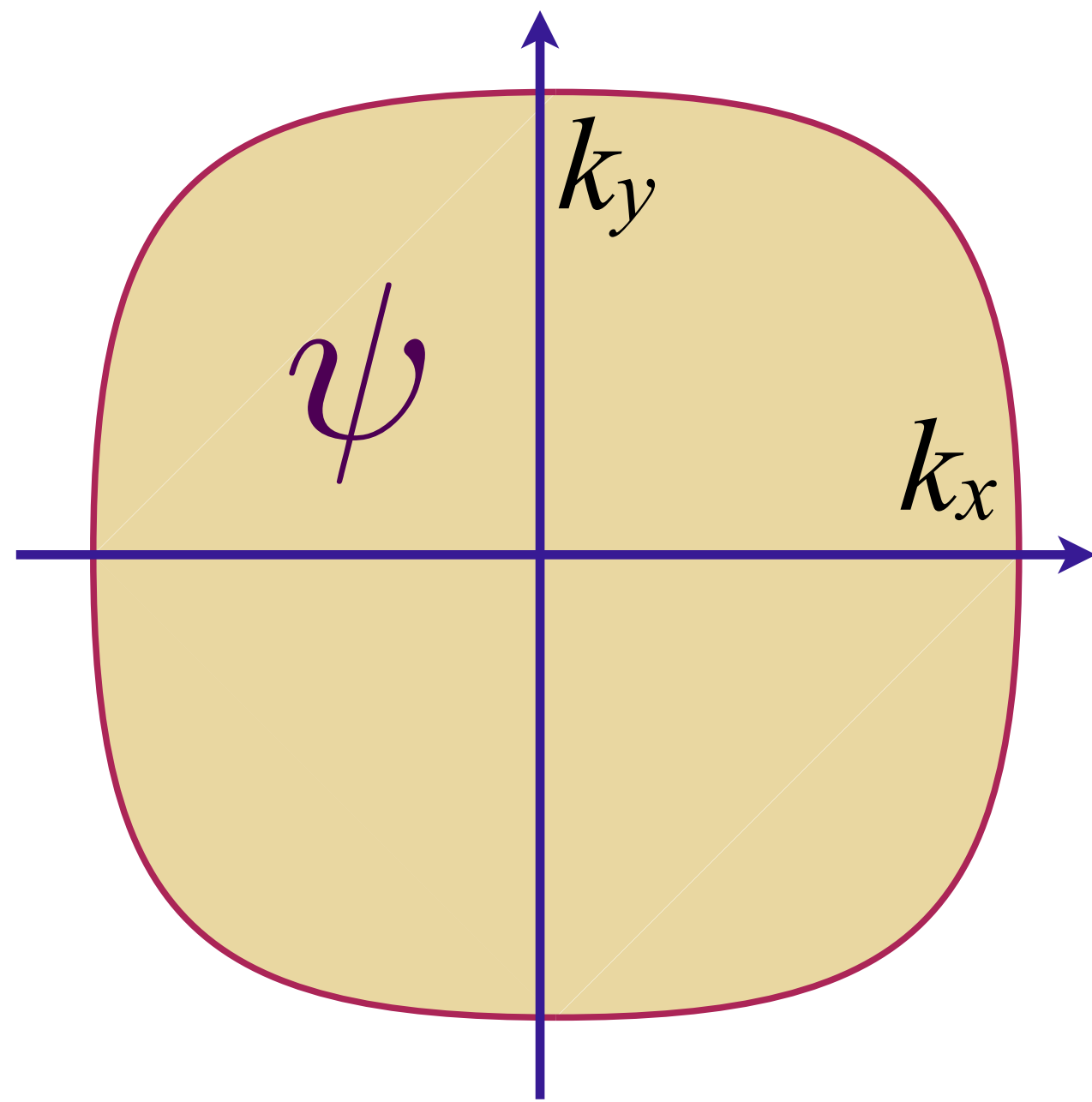
Disorder in  $t_{ij}$  induces disorder in  $J_{ij} = \frac{t_{ij}^2}{U}$



# Fermi surface + critical boson with potential and interaction disorder

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi = \psi_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) \right) \psi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

a critical boson  $\phi$   
*e.g.* gauge-charged boson or Ising-nematic order



$$+ [\phi(\mathbf{r})]^2 + [g + g'(\mathbf{r})] \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r})$$

$$+ v(\mathbf{r}) \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

$\phi^2$  “mass” disorder is strongly relevant;  
 rescale  $\phi$  to move disorder to the Yukawa coupling

Spatially random Yukawa coupling  $g'(\mathbf{r})$  with  $\overline{g'(\mathbf{r})} = 0$ ,  $\overline{g'(\mathbf{r})g'(\mathbf{r}')} = g'^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$

Spatially random potential  $v(\mathbf{r})$  with  $\overline{v(\mathbf{r})} = 0$ ,  $\overline{v(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r}')} = v^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$

## Transport properties of a strange metal:

1. Resistivity  $\rho(T) = \rho_0 + AT + \dots$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$   
and  $\rho(T) < h/e^2$  (in  $d = 2$ ).  
Metals with  $\rho(T) > h/e^2$  are bad metals.

2. Optical conductivity

$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{K}{\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} - i\omega \frac{m_{\text{trans}}^*(\omega)}{m}} \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} \sim |\omega| \Phi_{\sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$$

B. Michon.....D. van der Marel,A. Georges, Nat. Comm. **14**, 3033 (2023)

## Electronic properties of a marginal Fermi liquid:

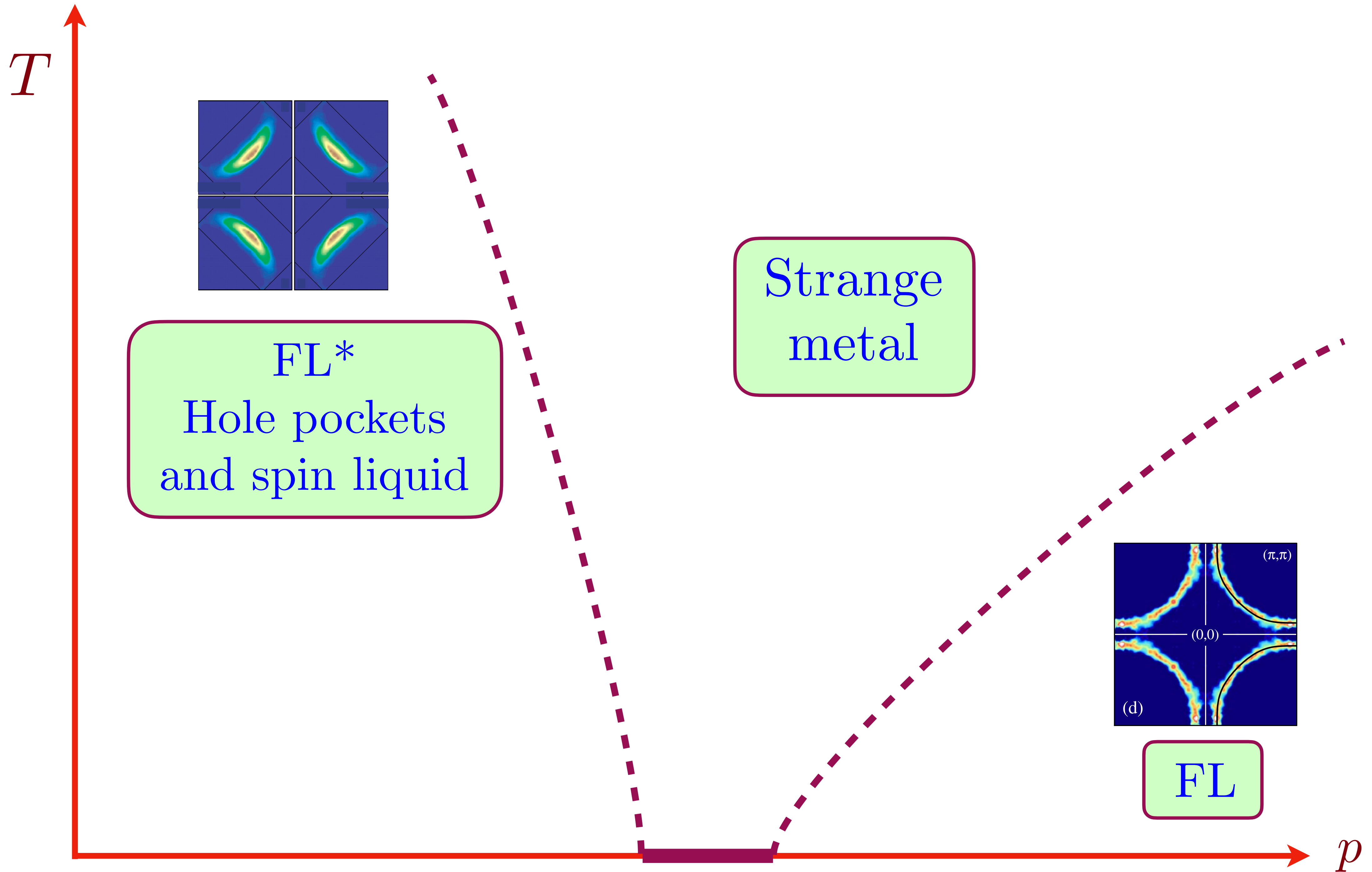
1. Photoemission: nearly marginal Fermi liquid electron spectral density:

$$\text{Im}\Sigma(\omega) \sim |\omega|^{2\alpha} \Phi_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right) \quad \text{with } \alpha \approx 1/2 \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{in}}(\omega)} \sim |\omega| \Phi_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$$

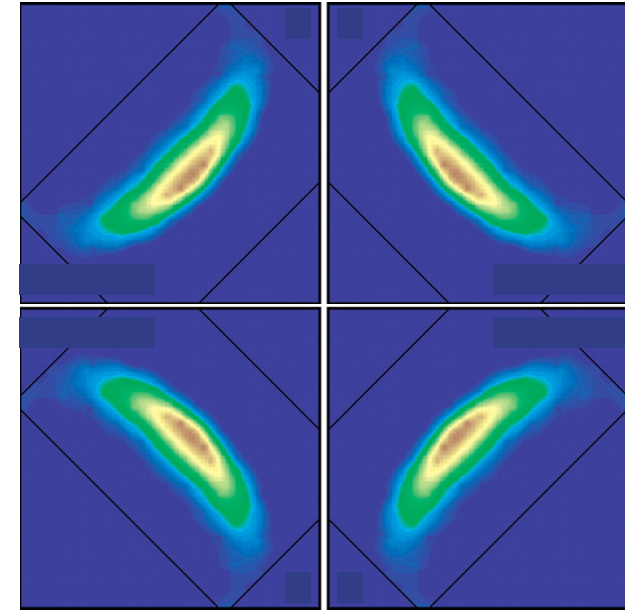
T.J. Reber....D. Dessau, Nat. Comm. **10**, 5737 (2019)

2. Specific heat  $\sim T \ln(1/T)$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

S.A. Hartnoll and A.P. MacKenzie, RMP (2022)

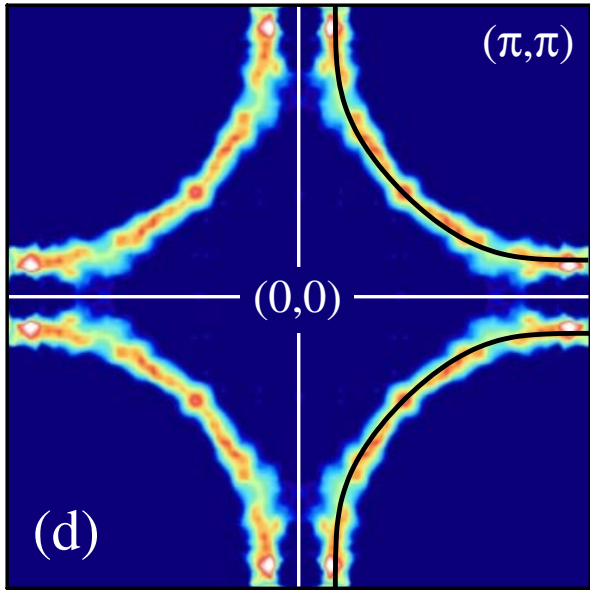


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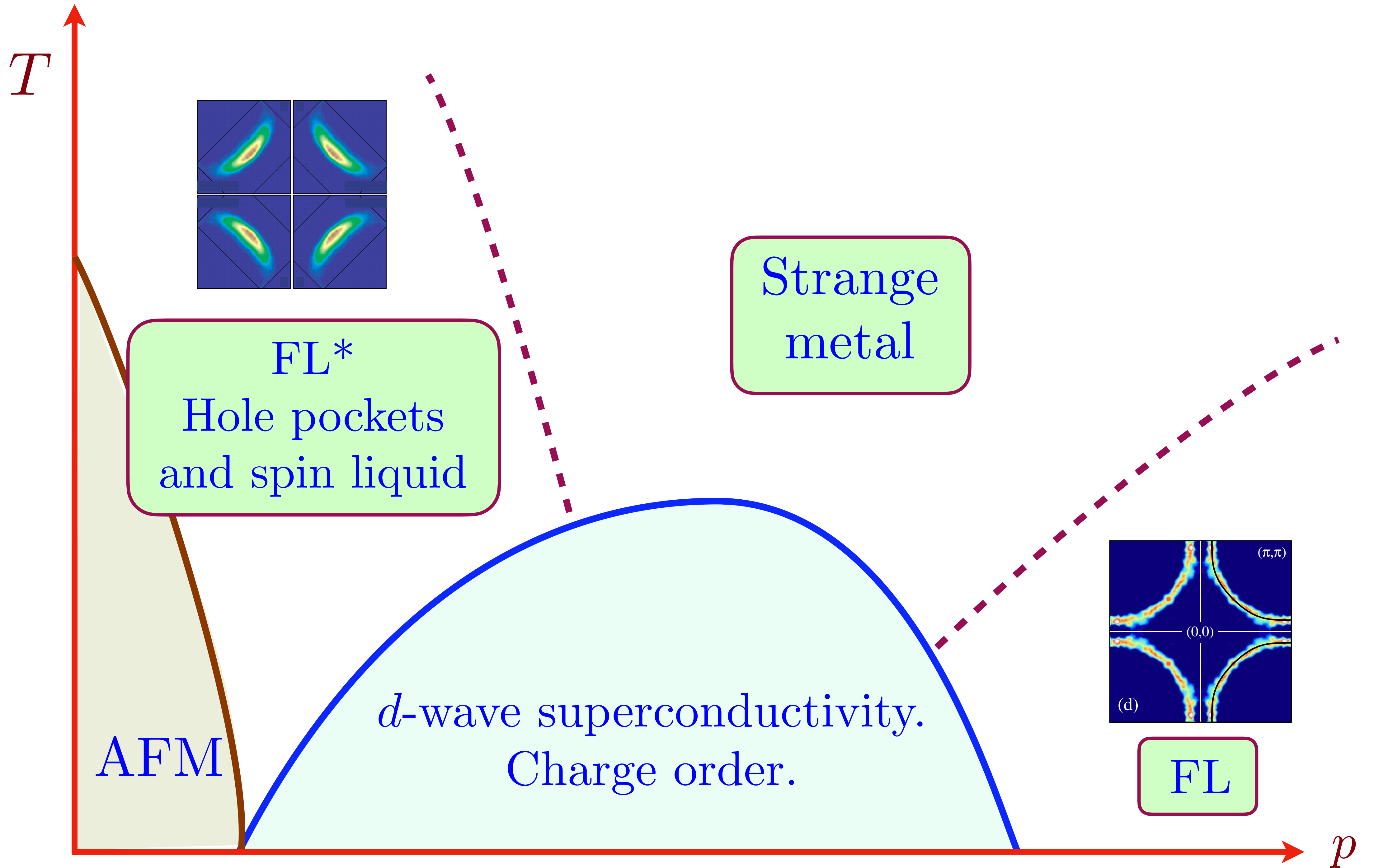
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Hole pockets  
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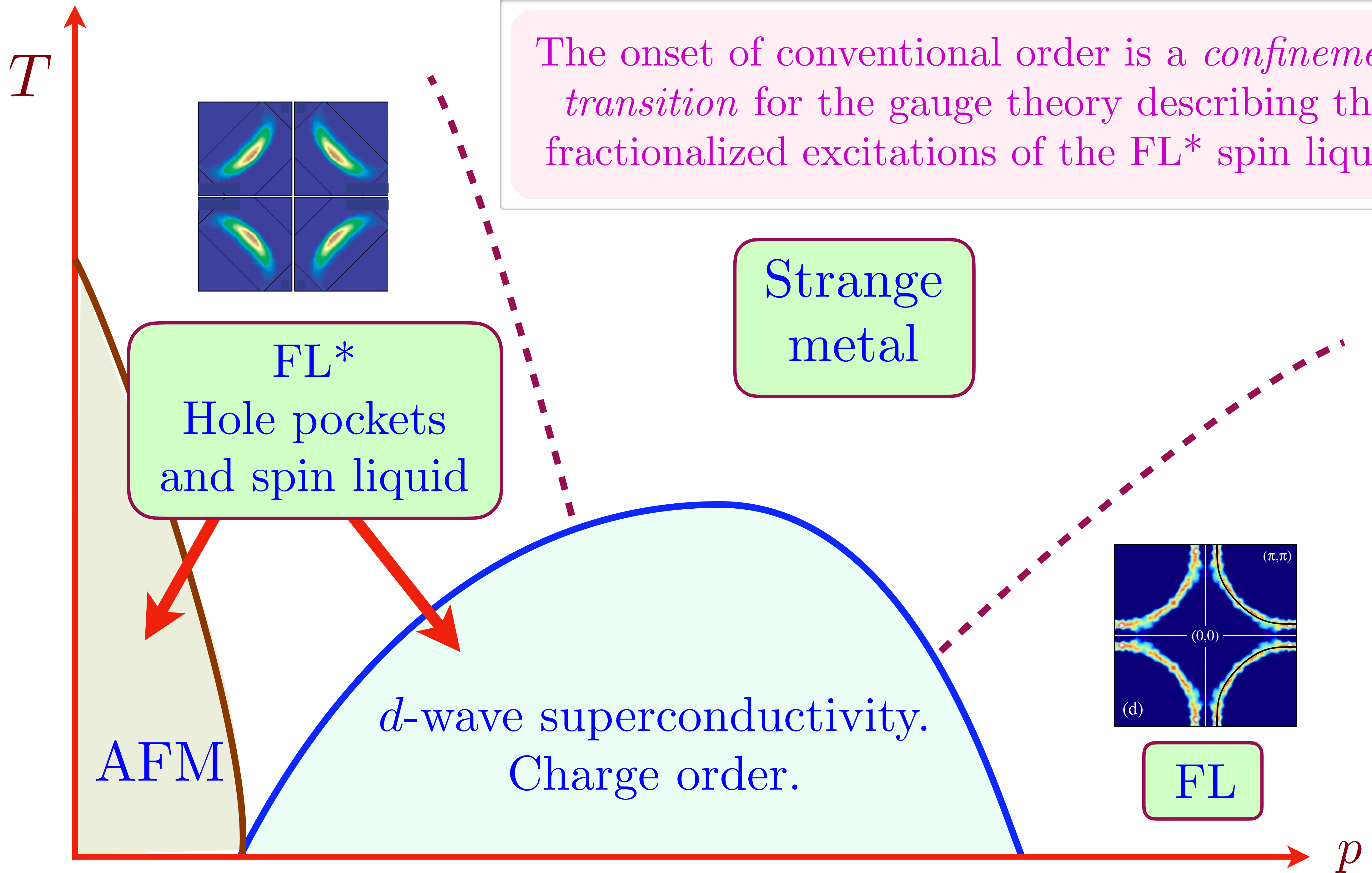
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The onset of conventional order is a *confinement transition* for the gauge theory describing the fractionalized excitations of the FL\* spin liquid

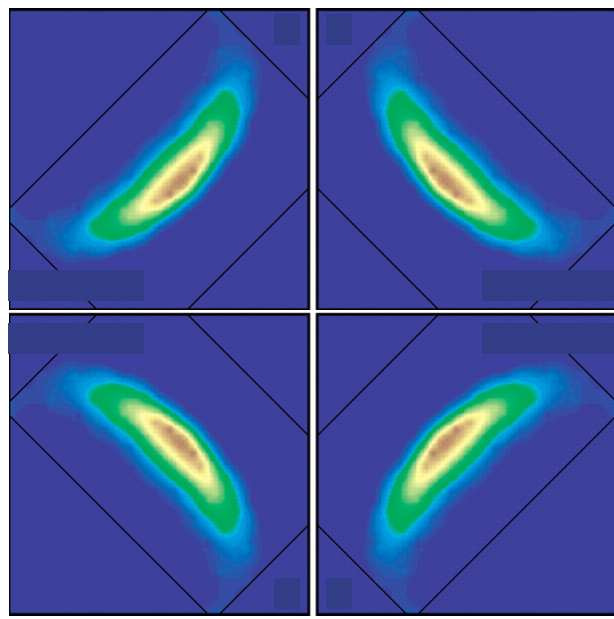
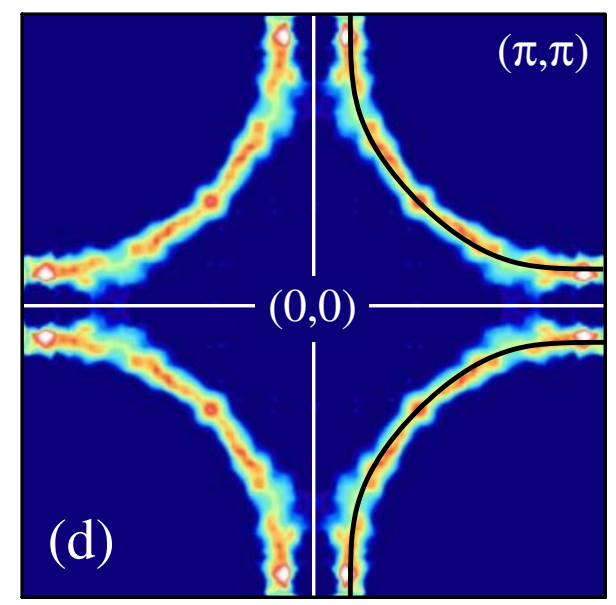
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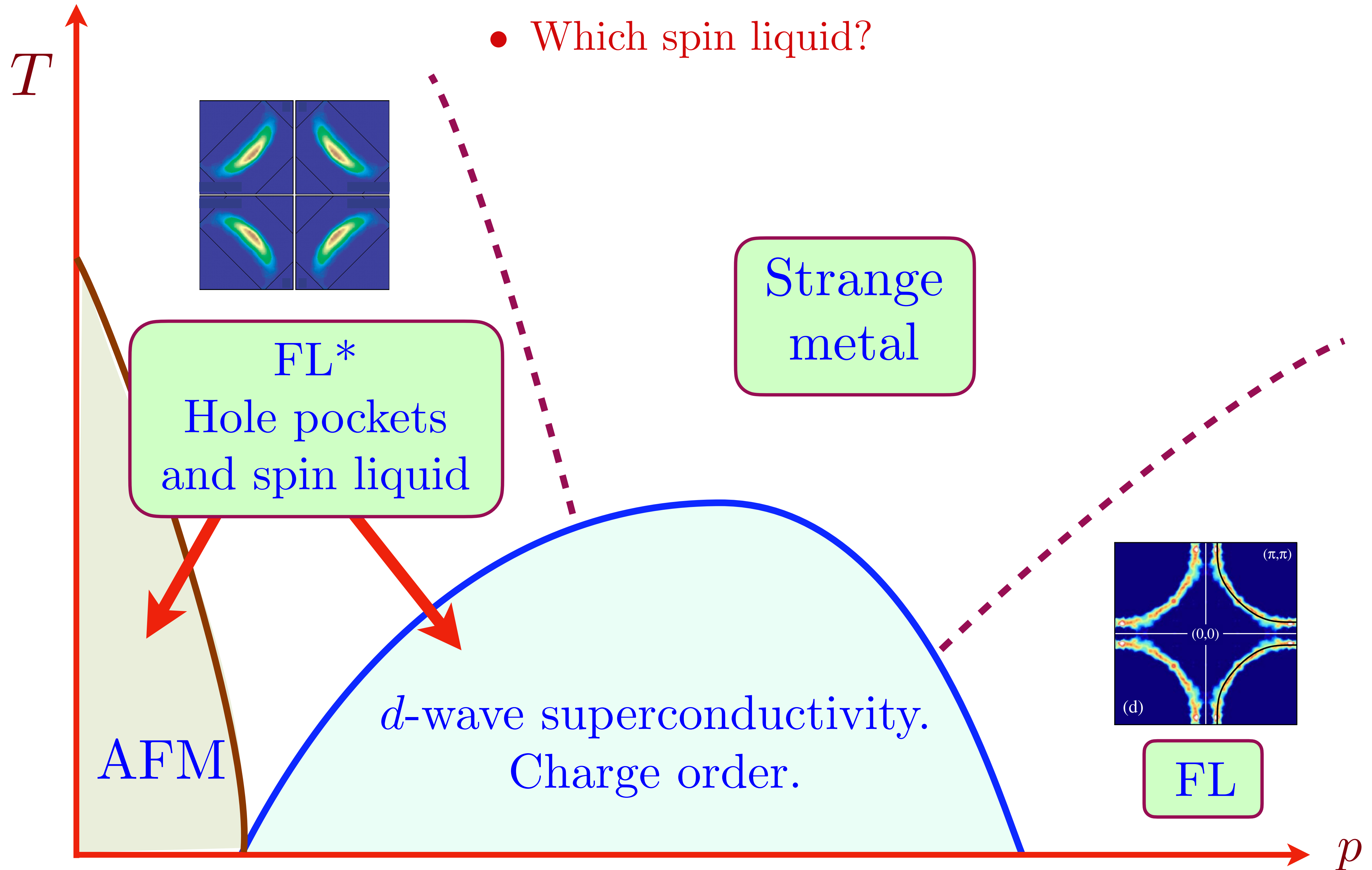
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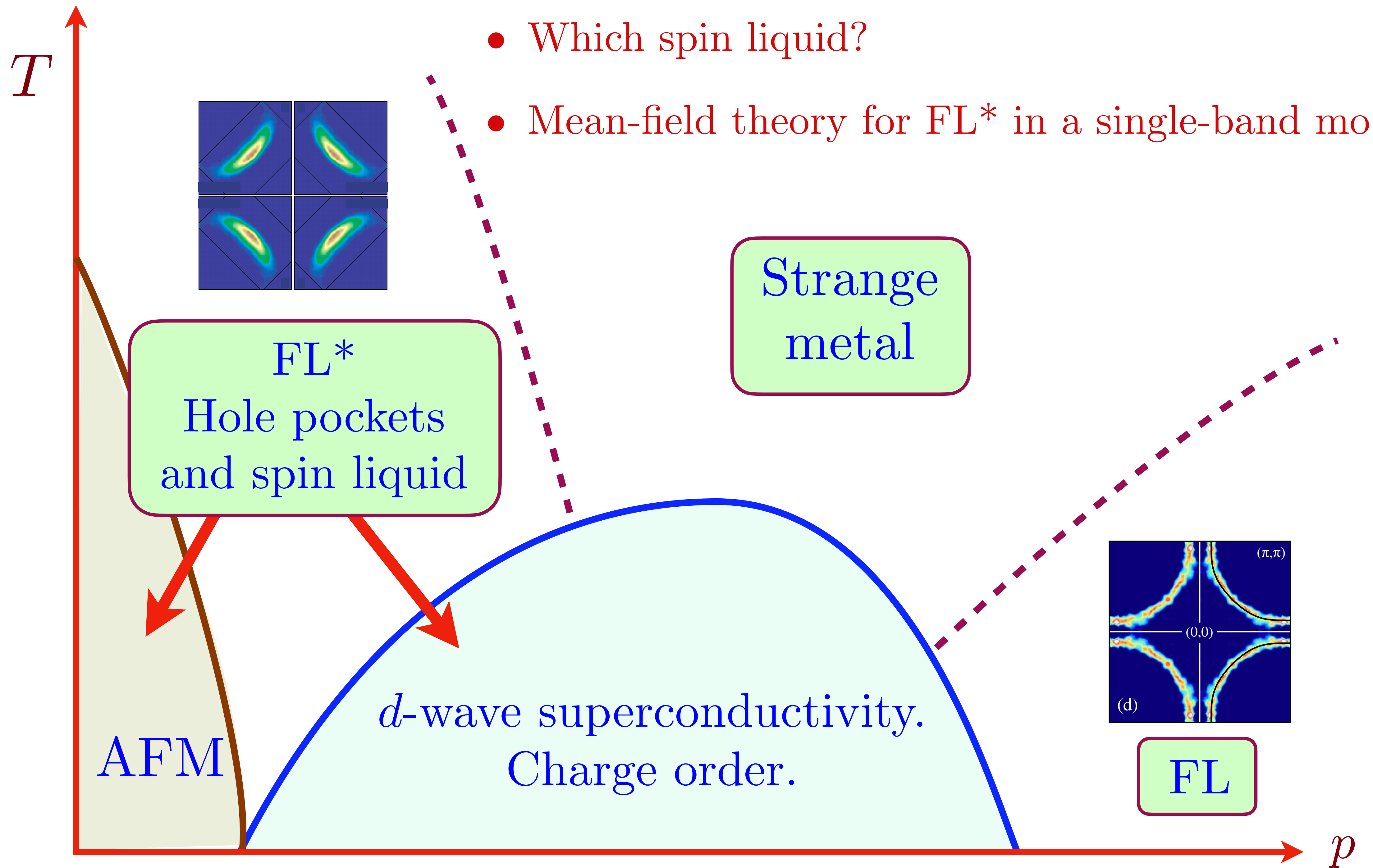
FL

AFM

$d$ -wave superconductivity.  
Charge order.



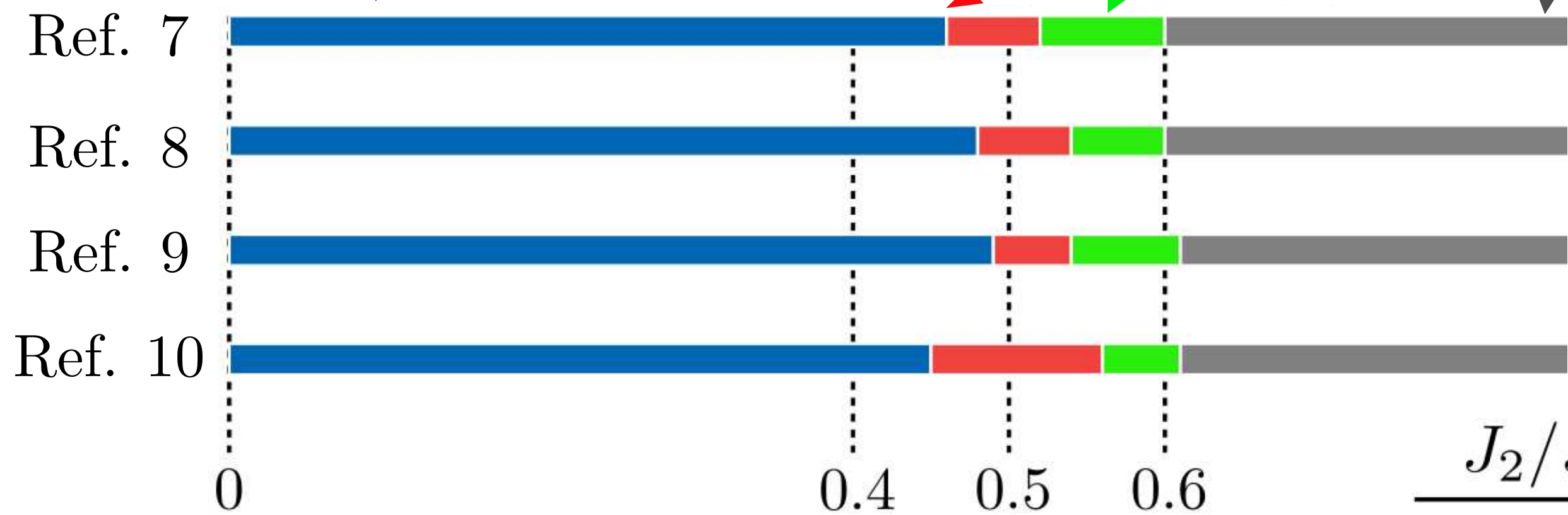
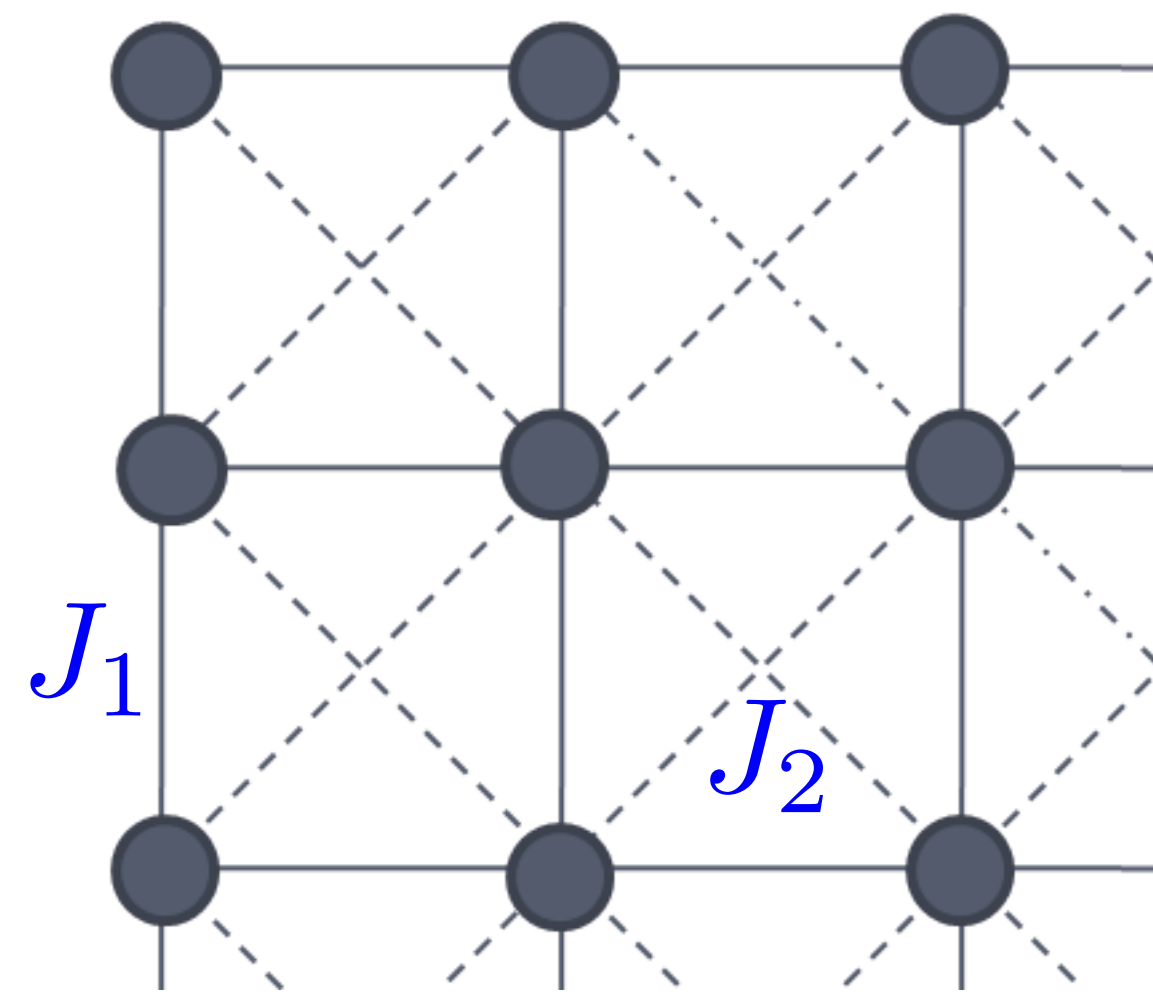
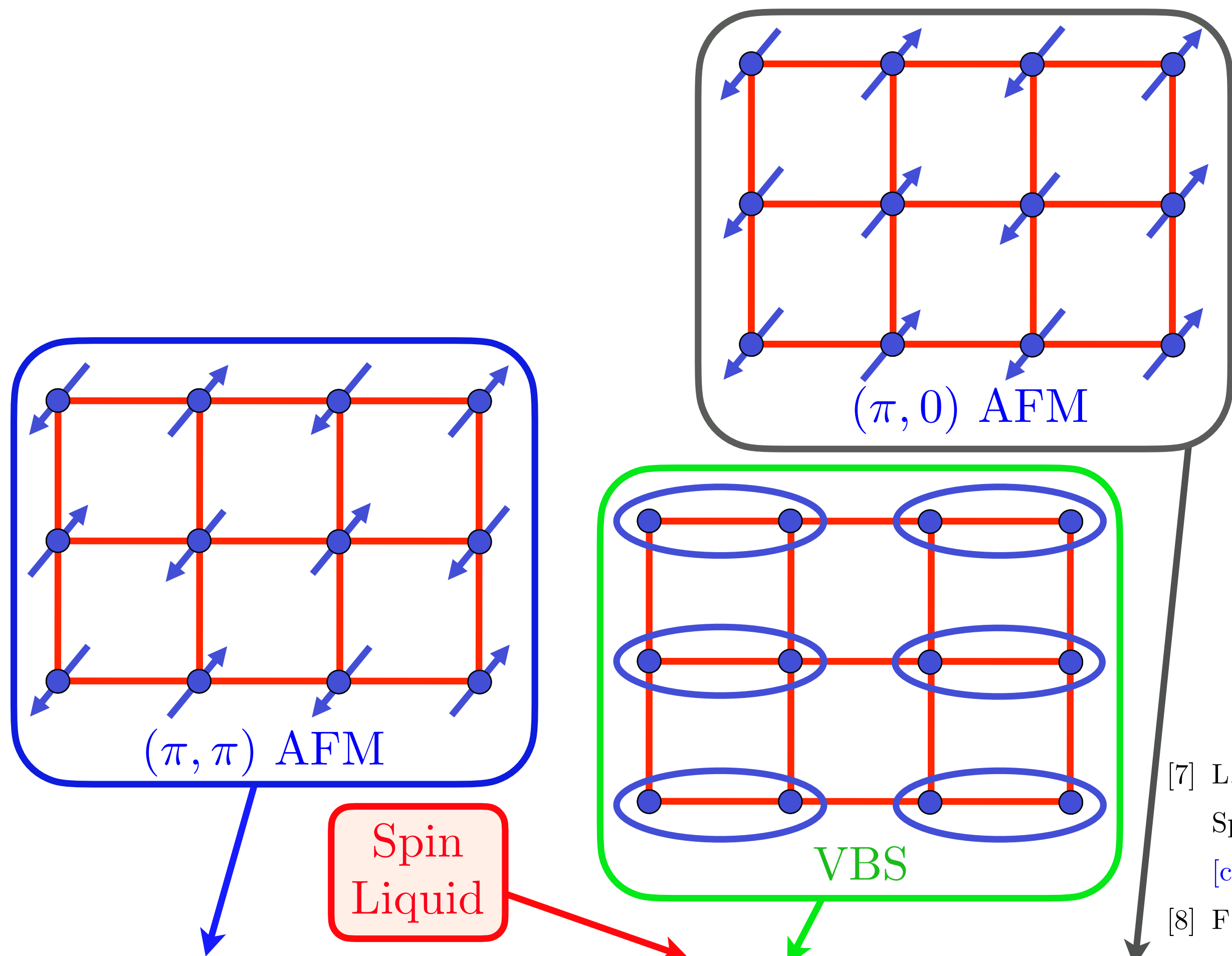




- Which spin liquid?
- Mean-field theory for FL\* in a single-band model?

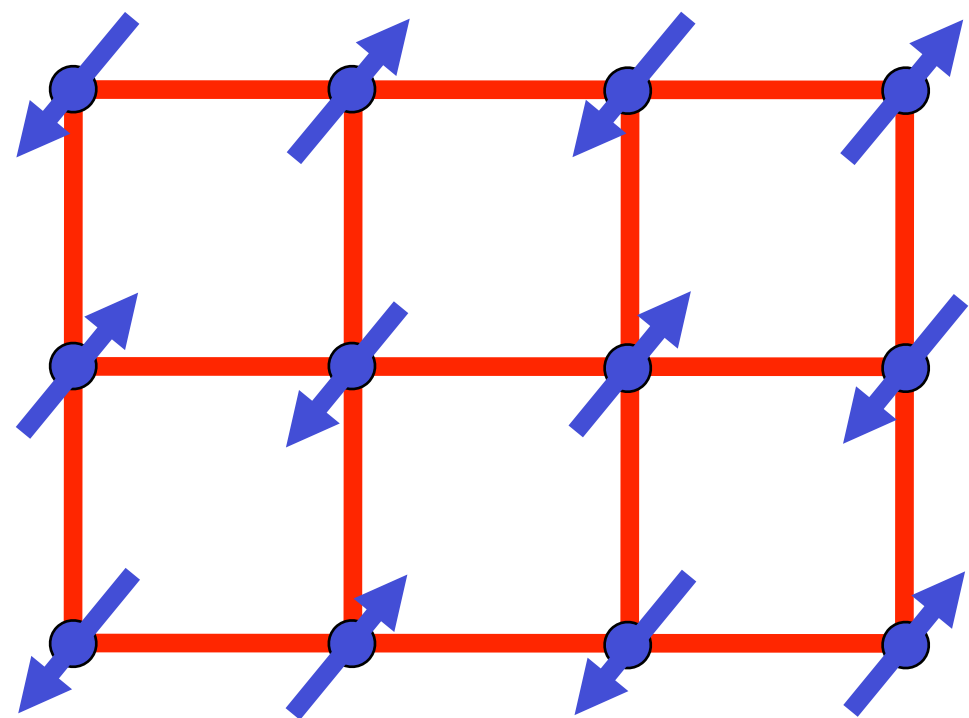
The  $CP^1/\pi$ -flux spin liquid

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle i,j \rangle\rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

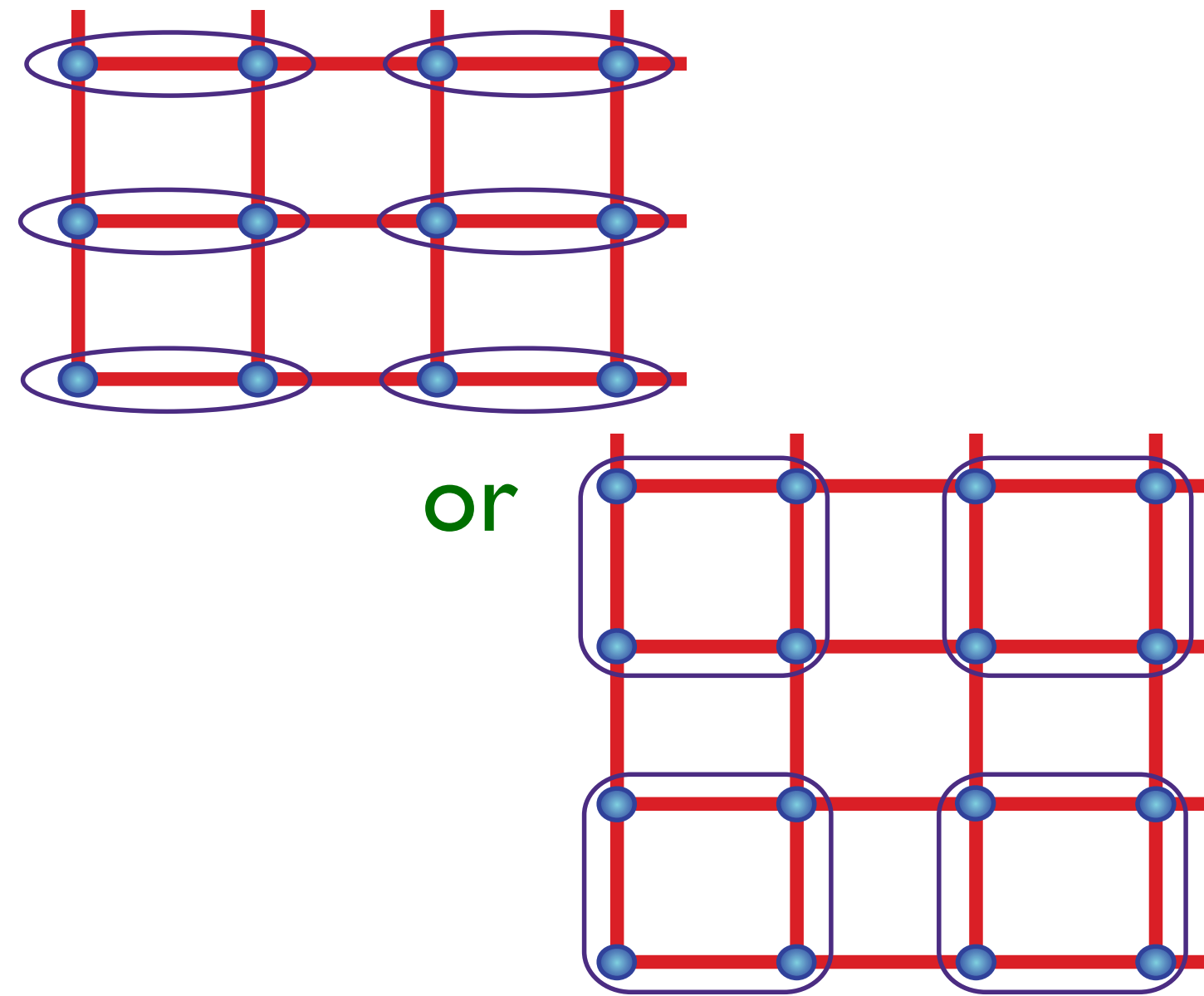


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# Insulating $S=1/2$ antiferromagnet



Higgs phase,  $\langle z_\alpha \rangle \neq 0$ :  
Néel order



Confining phase,  $\langle z_\alpha \rangle = 0$ :  
VBS order

$s$

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Schwinger bosons

$$\mathbf{S}_i = \frac{1}{2} b_{i\alpha}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} b_{i\beta}, \quad \sum_{\alpha=\uparrow,\downarrow} b_{i\alpha}^\dagger b_{i\alpha} = 1$$

Mean-field spin liquid  
with gapped bosonic spinons.

D.P. Arovas and A. Auerbach, PRB **38**, 316 (1988)

Low energy  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$  U(1) gauge theory

$$z_\alpha \sim b_{A\alpha} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} b_{B\beta}$$

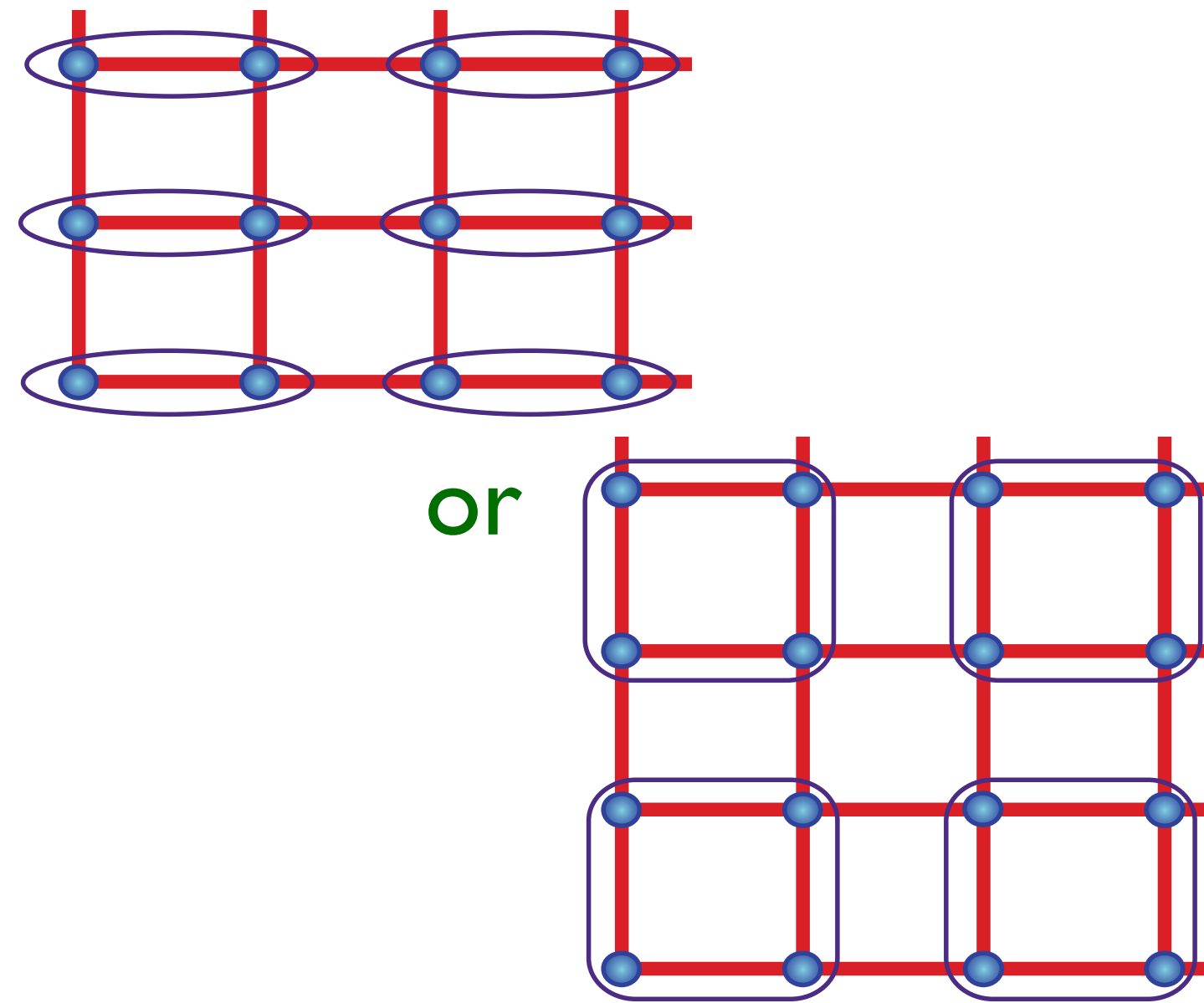
$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu - ia_\mu)z_\alpha|^2 + s|z_\alpha|^2 + u|z_\alpha|^4 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{monopole}}$$

N. Read and S. S., PRL **62**, 1694 (1989)

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I. Affleck and J.B. Marston, PRB **37**, 3774 (1988)

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$\pi$ -flux mean-field theory

with gapless spinons at 2 Dirac points.

Low energy theory of  $N_f = 2$

Dirac fermions  $\Psi_s$  coupled to  
an emergent  $SU(2)_N$  gauge field.

Confining order parameters  
are Néel and VBS states,  
with a global  $SO(5)_f$  symmetry!

$$\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\Psi}_s \gamma_\mu D_\mu \Psi_s + \dots$$

Dual to  $\mathbb{C}P^1$  U(1) gauge theory.

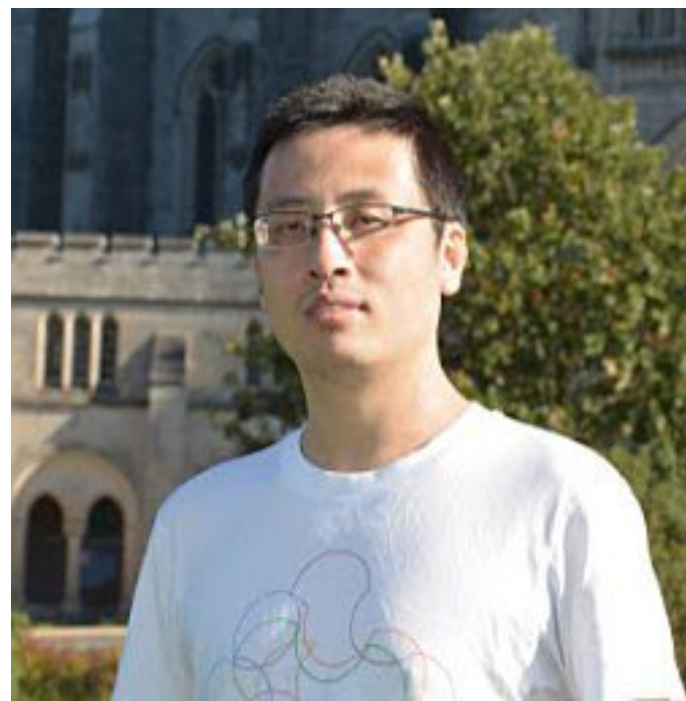
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# The $SO(5)$ Deconfined Phase Transition under the Fuzzy Sphere Microscope: Approximate Conformal Symmetry, Pseudo-Criticality, and Operator Spectrum

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The deconfined quantum critical point (DQCP) is an example of phase transitions beyond the Landau symmetry breaking paradigm that attracts wide interest. However, its nature has not been settled after decades of study. In this paper, we apply the recently proposed fuzzy sphere regularization to study the  $SO(5)$  non-linear sigma model (NL $\sigma$ M) with a topological Wess-Zumino-Witten term, which serves as a dual description of the DQCP with an exact  $SO(5)$  symmetry. We demonstrate that the fuzzy sphere functions as a powerful microscope, magnifying and revealing a wealth of crucial information about the DQCP, ultimately paving the way towards its final answer. In particular, through exact diagonalization, we provide clear evidence that the DQCP exhibits approximate conformal symmetry. The evidence includes the existence of a conserved  $SO(5)$  symmetry

# Ancilla theory of $FL^*$ in a single-band model



Ya-Hui Zhang

# 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  $i$ ):

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

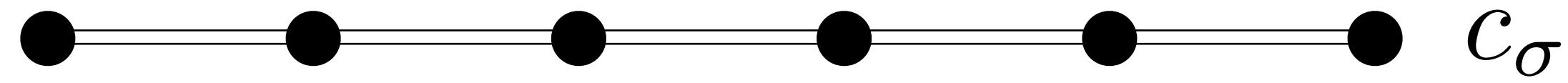
Then we decouple the interaction via

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

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

$\Phi_i$  is the creation/annihilation operator for charge 0, spin  $S = 1$  particle.

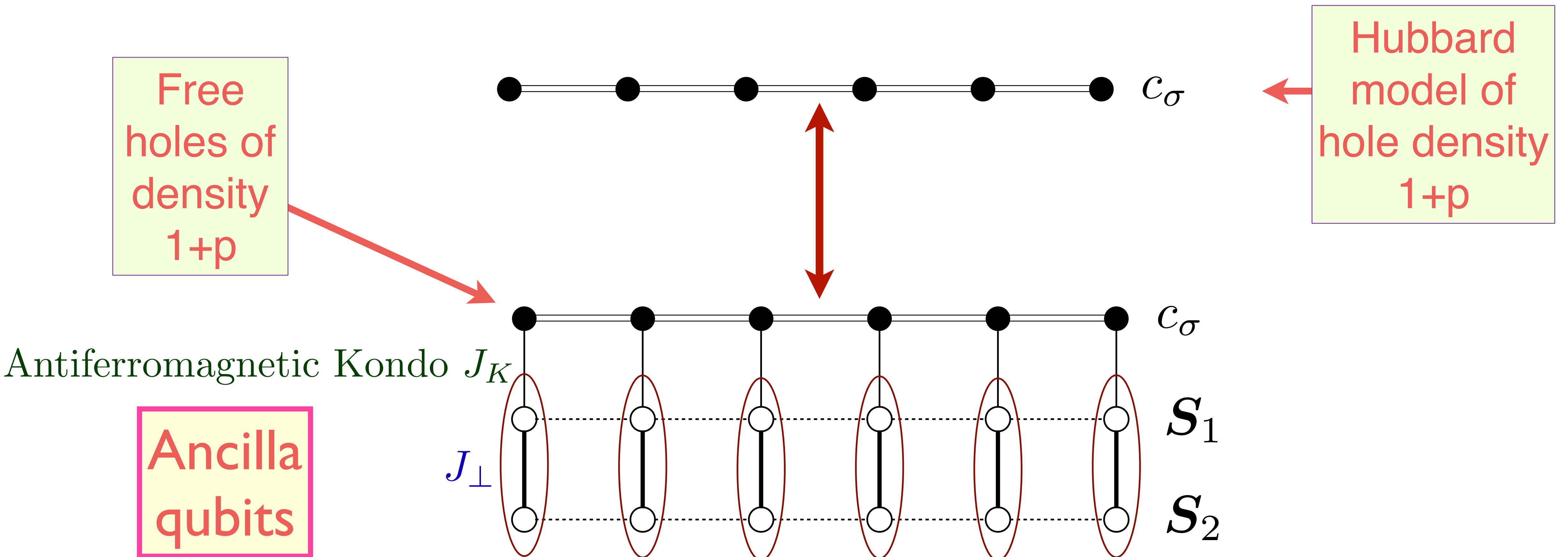
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Hubbard  
model of  
hole density  
 $1+p$

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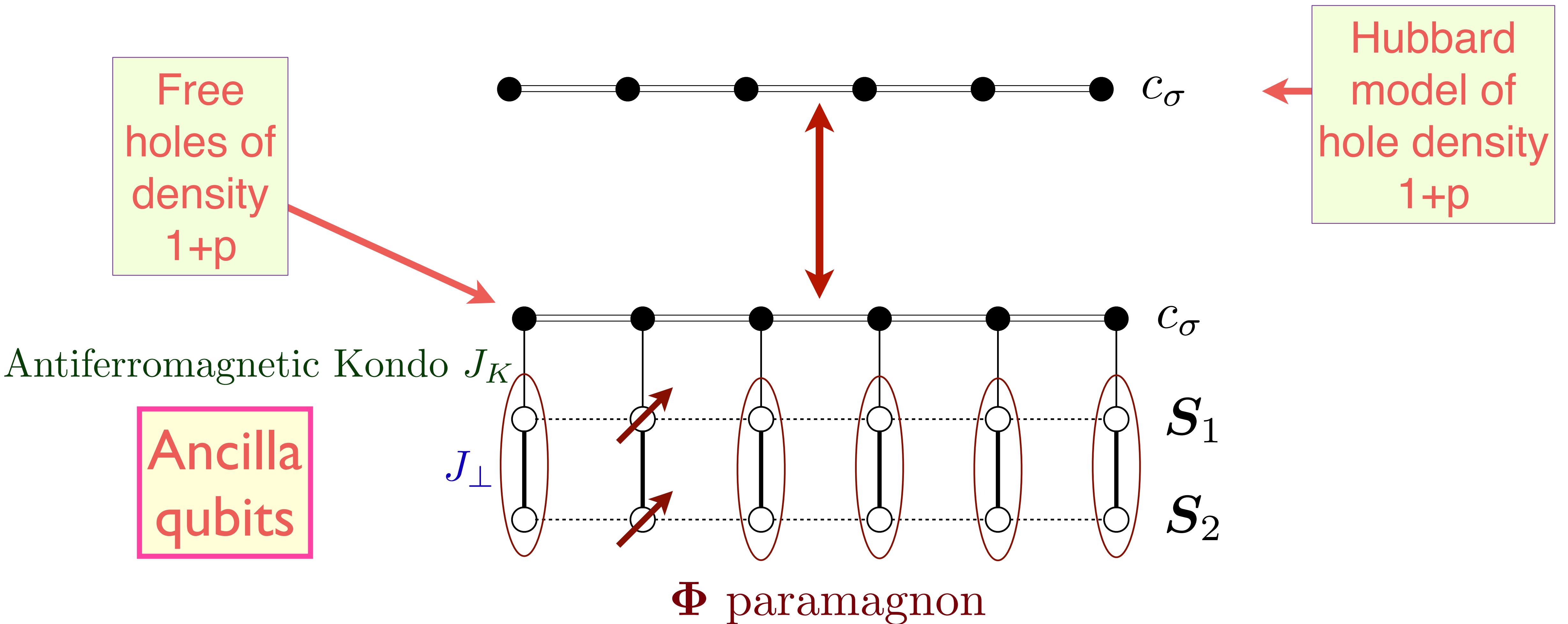
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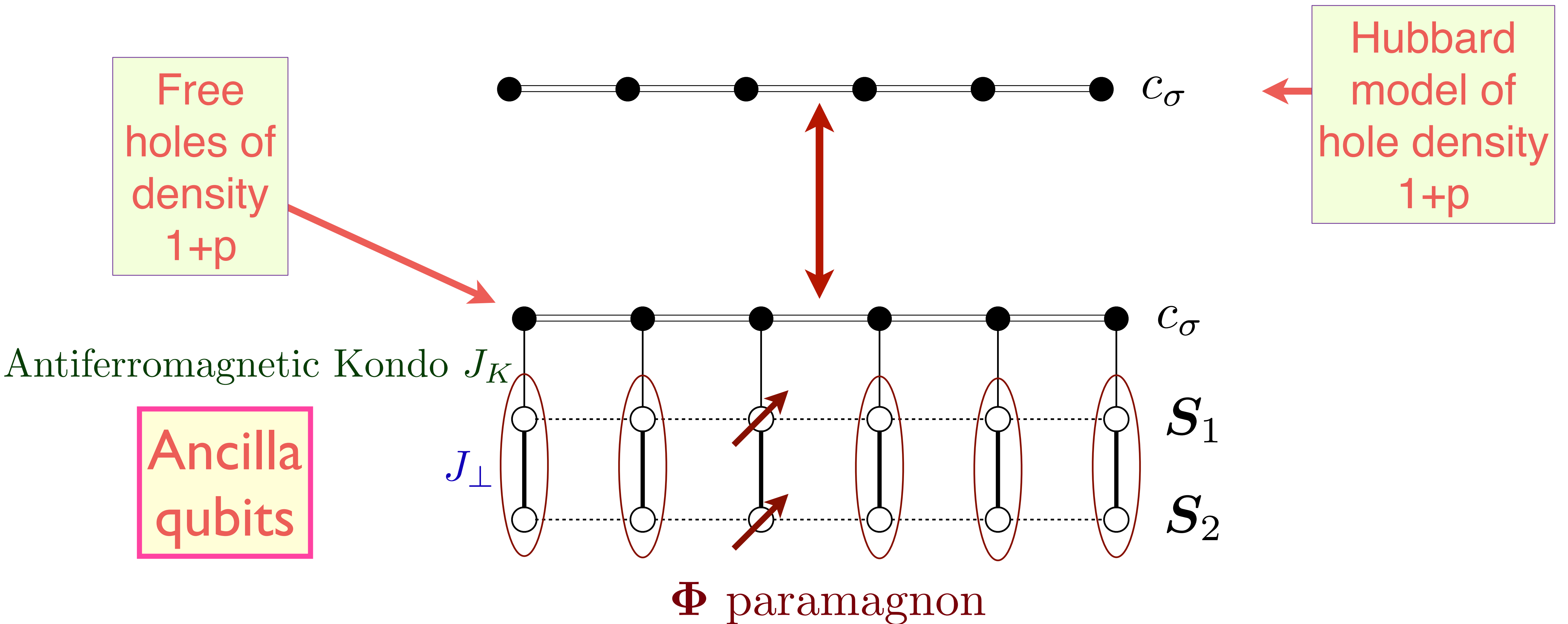
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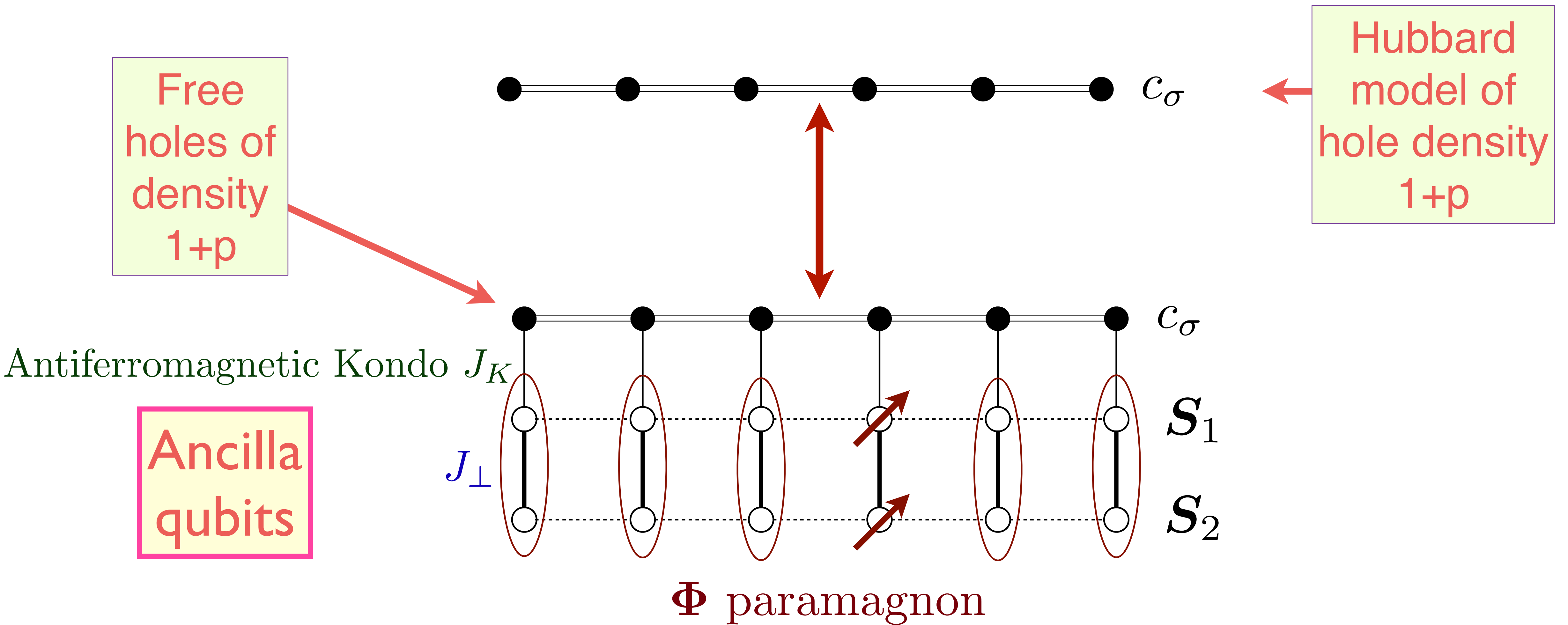
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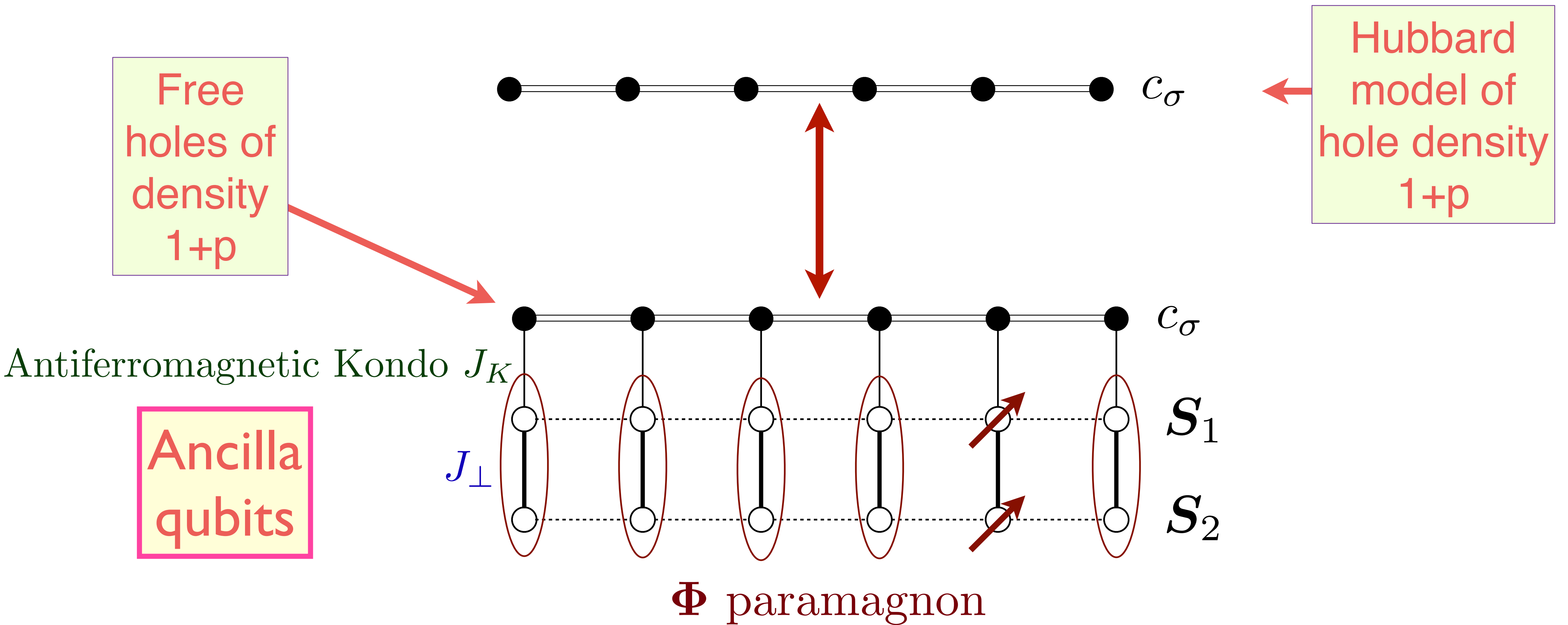
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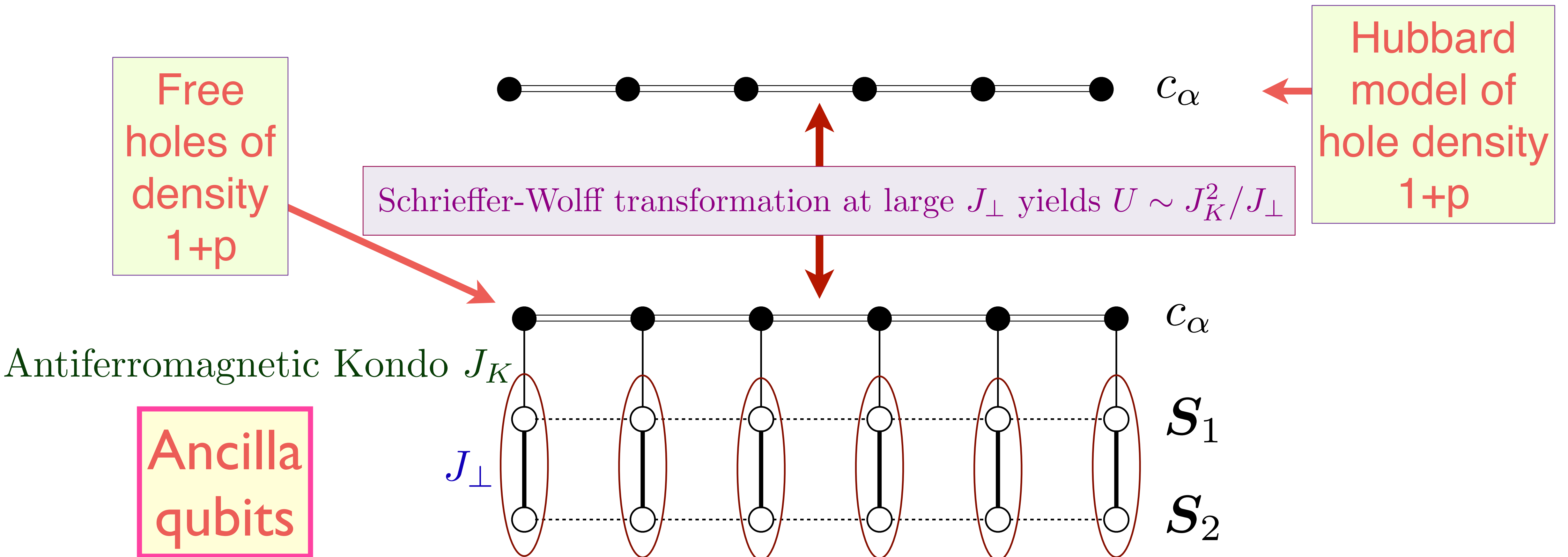
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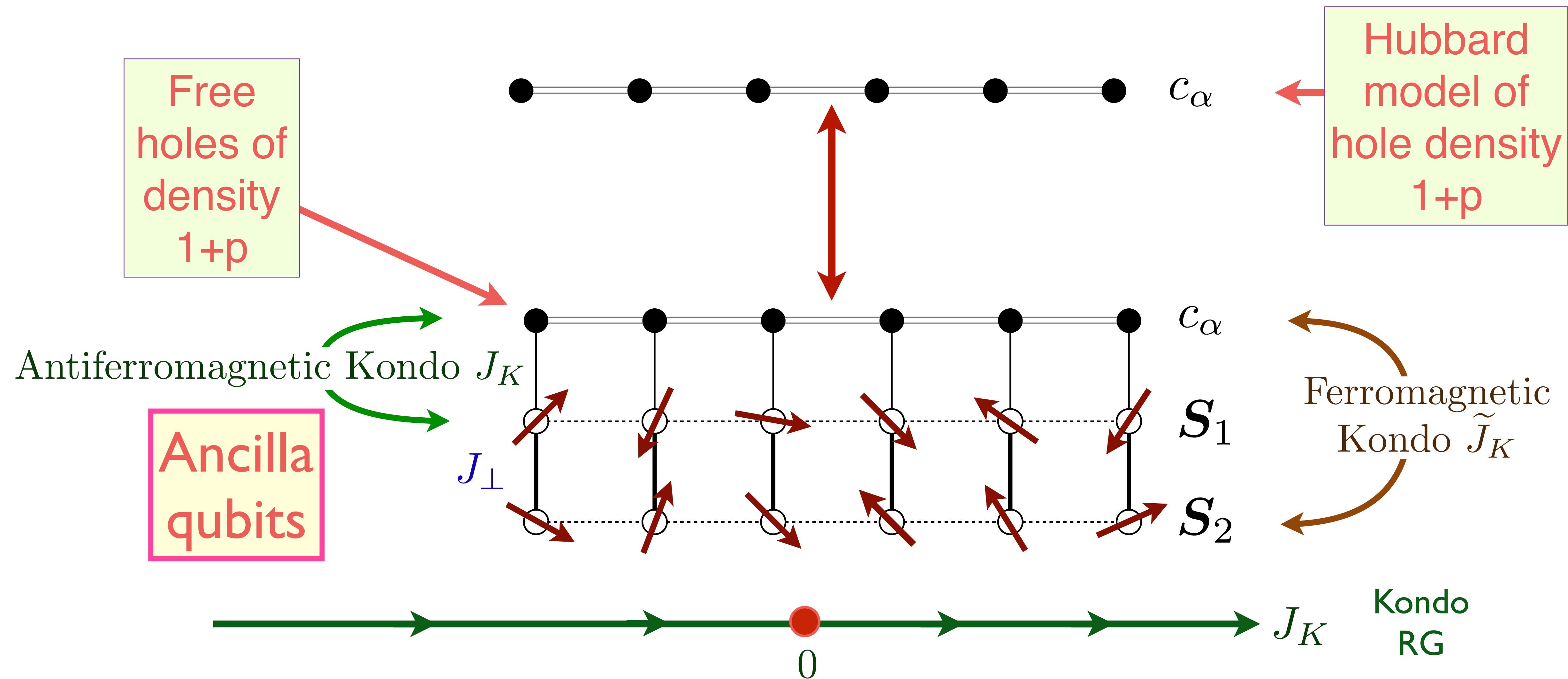
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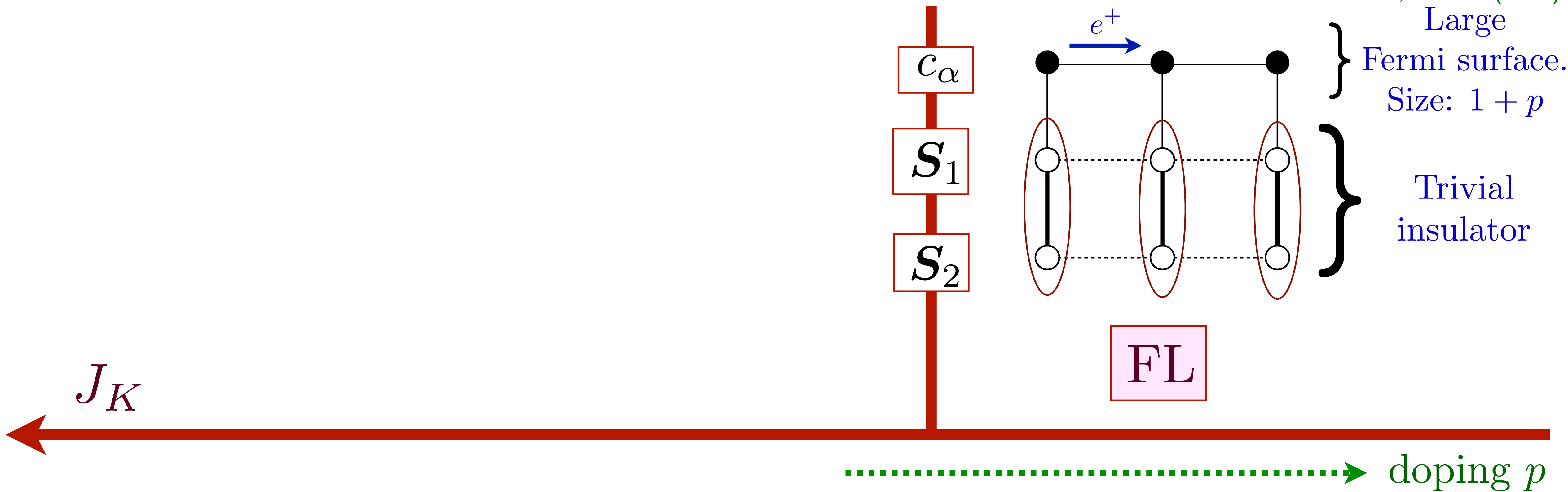
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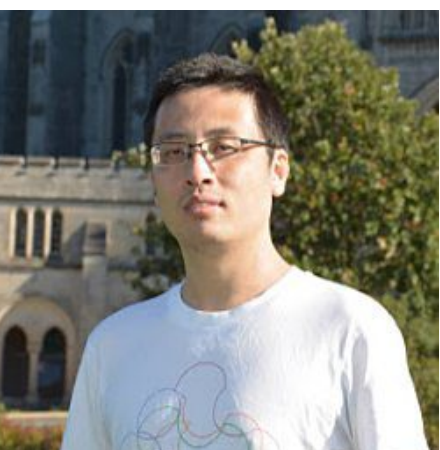
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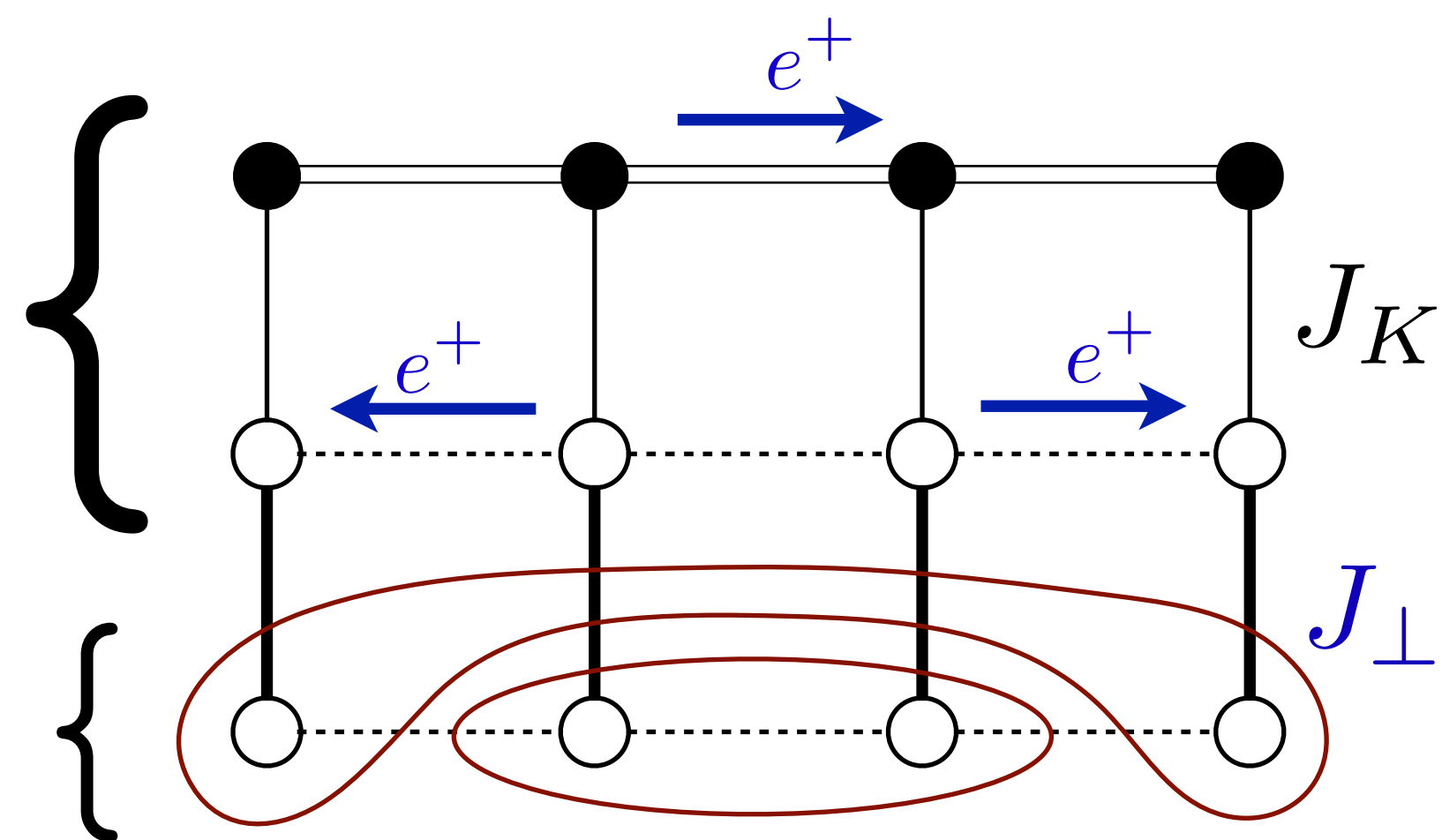


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Kondo lattice  
heavy Fermi liquid.  
Size  $1 + p + 1$   
 $= p \pmod{2}$ .  
*Small* Fermi surface!

Spin liquid

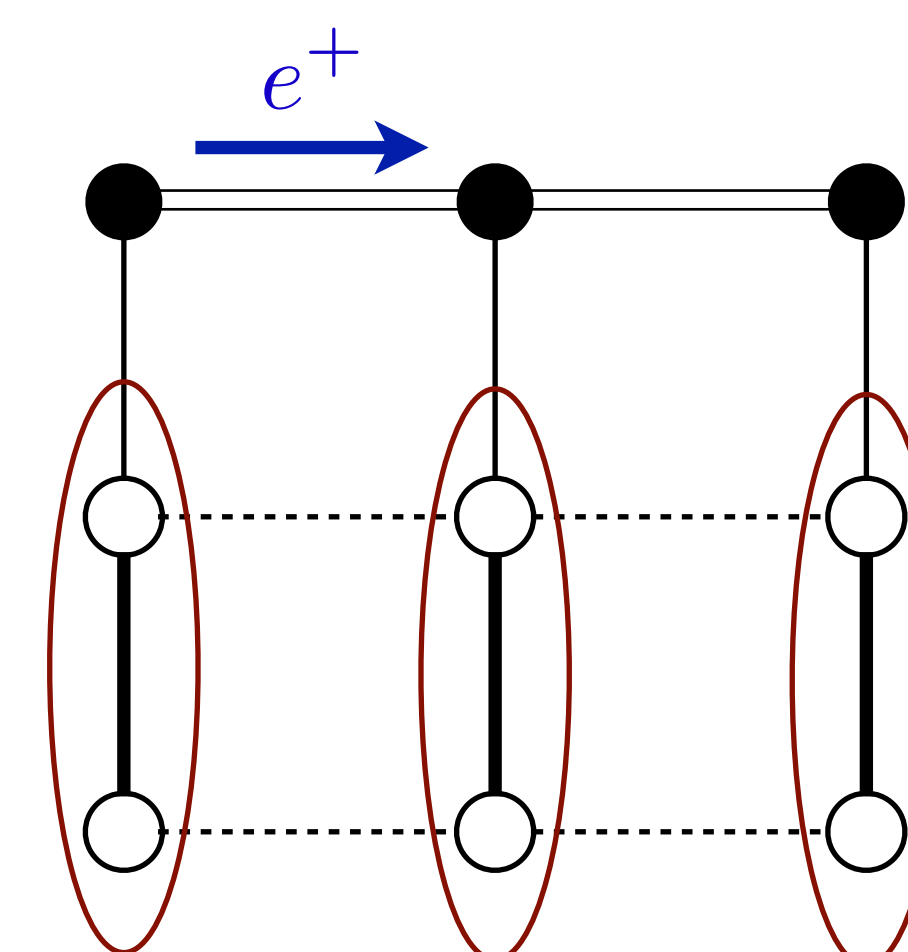


FL\*

$C_\alpha$

$S_1$

$S_2$



FL

Large  
Fermi surface.  
Size:  $1 + p$

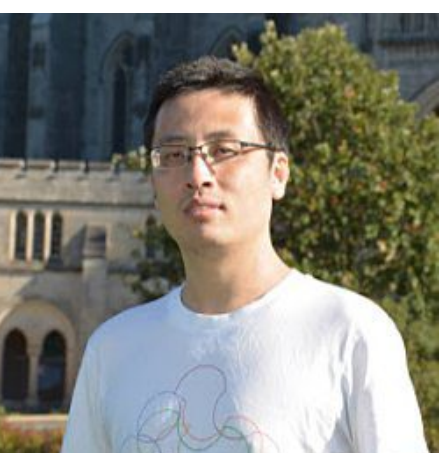
Trivial  
insulator

$J_K$

doping  $p$

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

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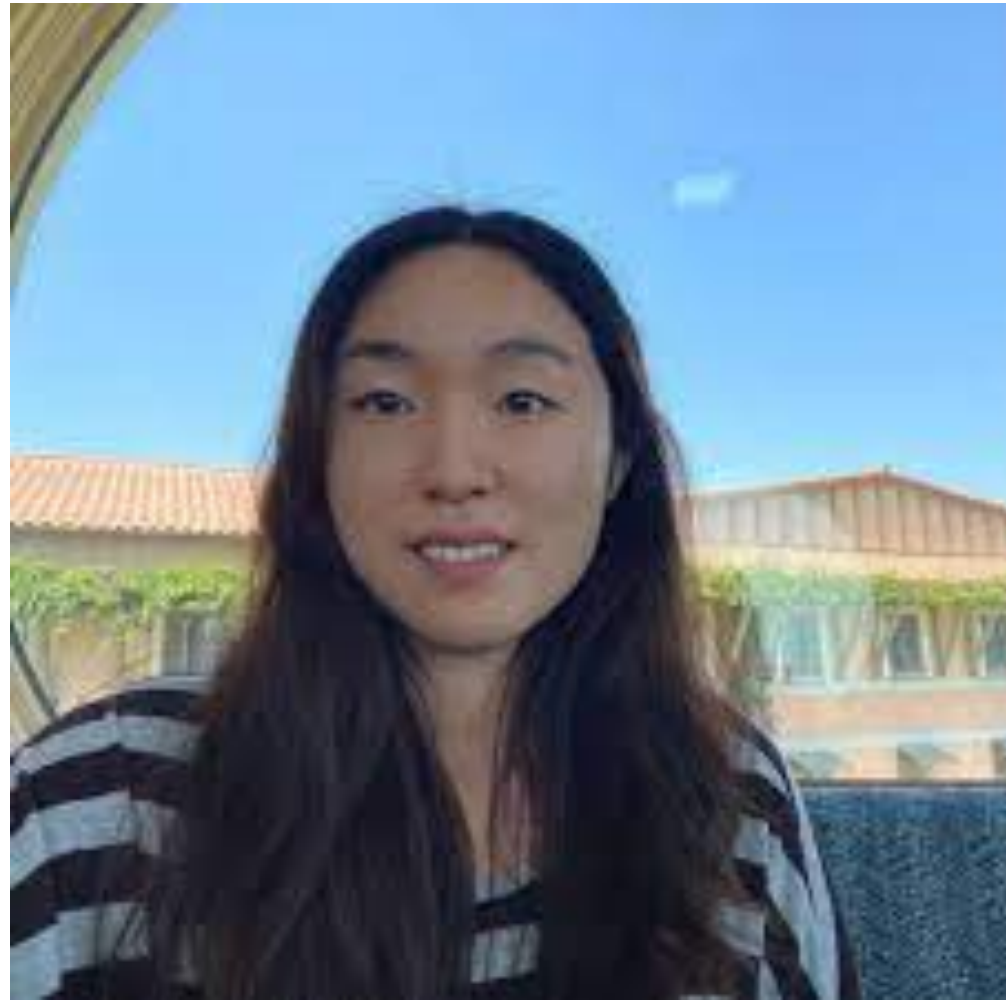
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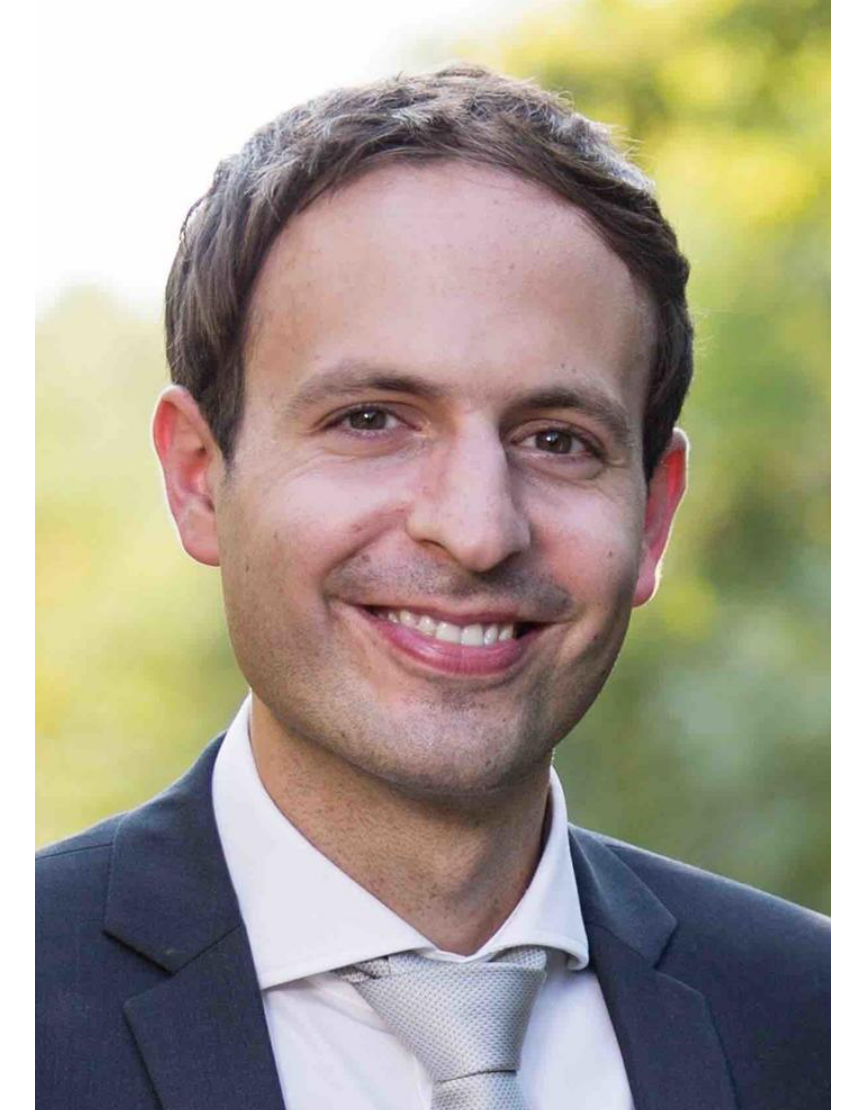
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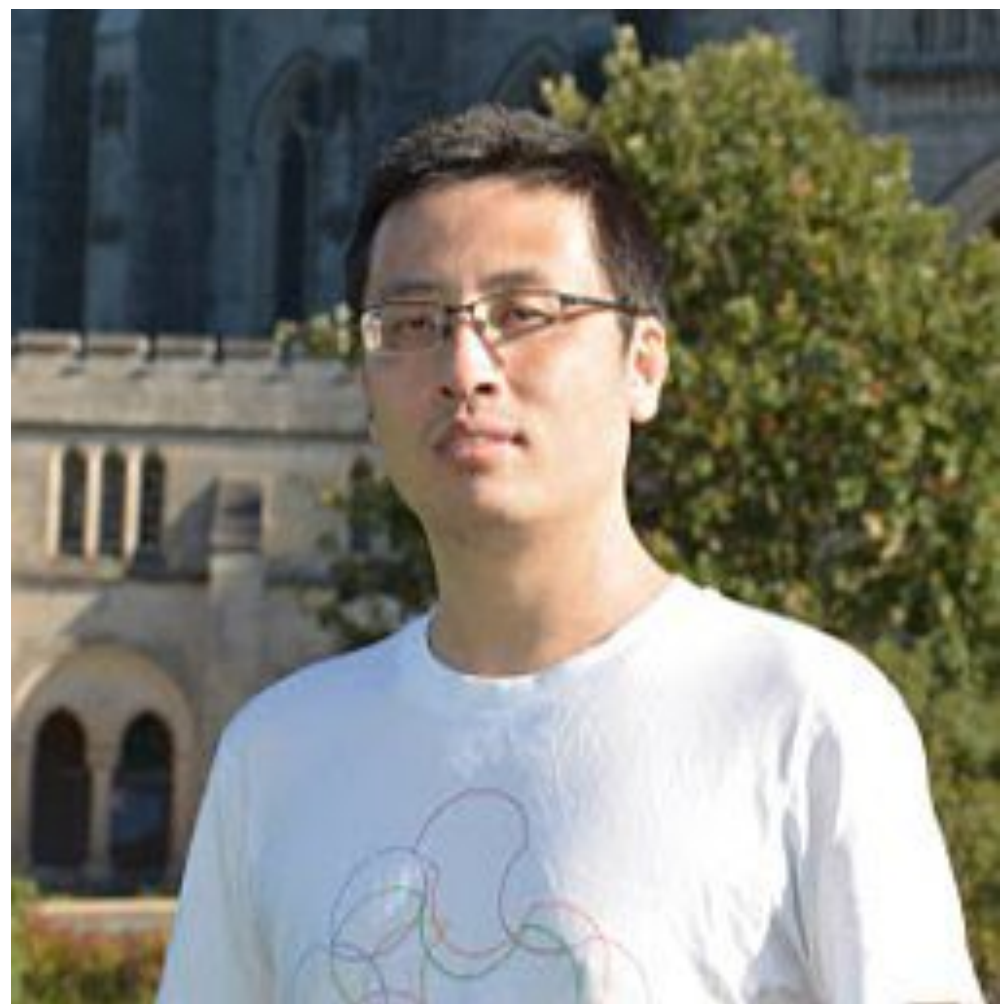
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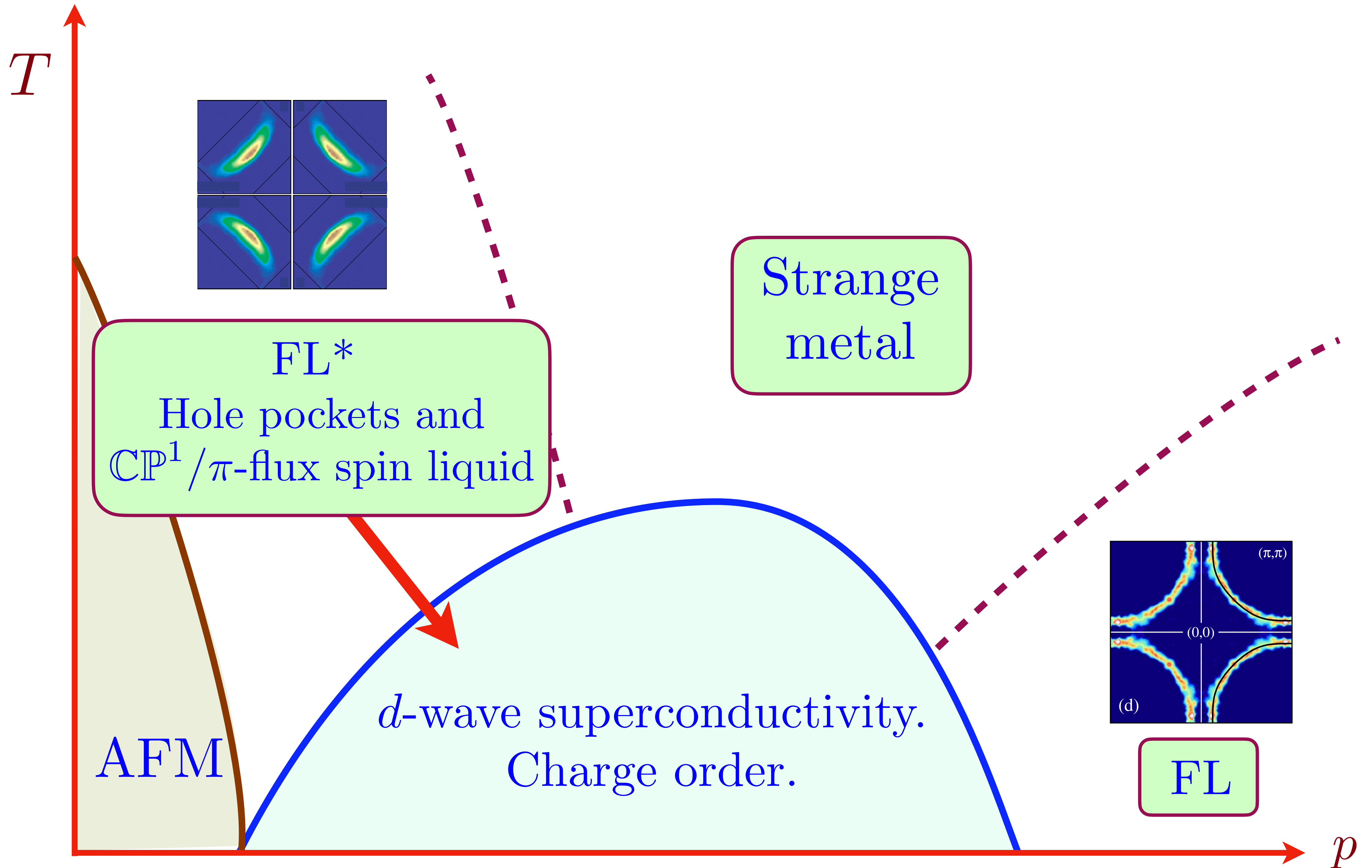
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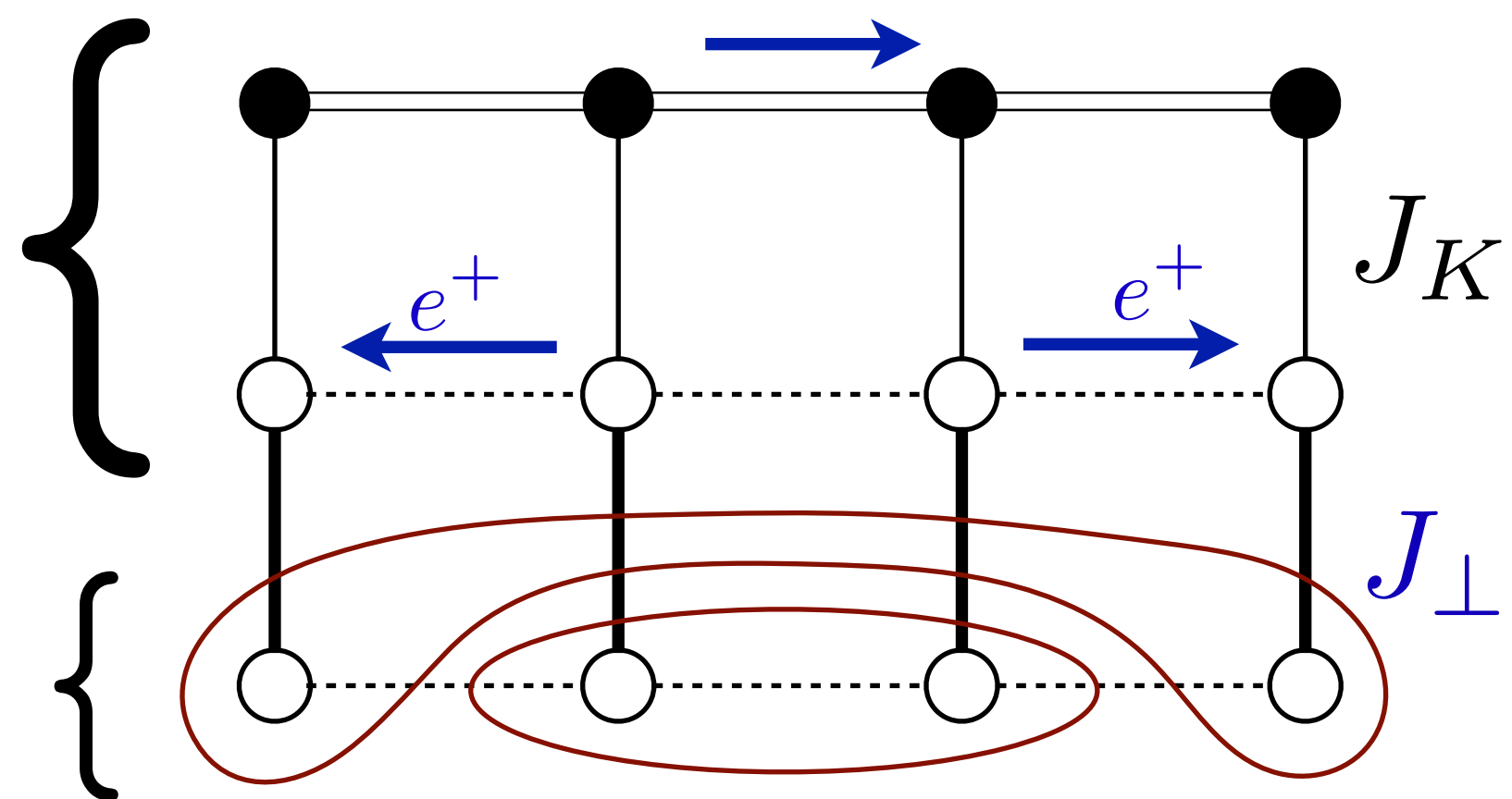
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Higgs field 1

$$\Phi \sim c_\alpha^\dagger f_{1\alpha}$$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$$

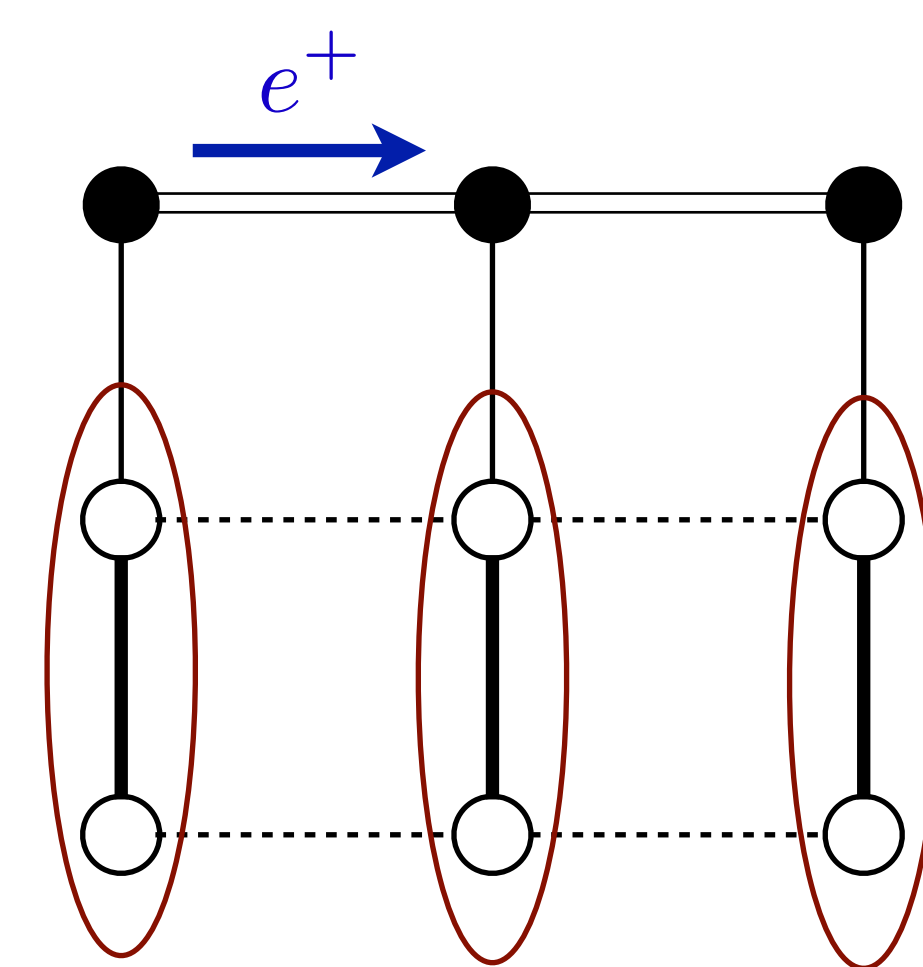
$\pi$ -flux spin liquid  
of  $f_\alpha$  with  $SU(2)_N$   
gauge field



$c_\alpha$

$S_1, f_1$

$S_2, f$



FL\*

FL

Higgs field 2  
Charge  $e$ ,  $SU(2)_N$  fundamental

$$B \sim \begin{pmatrix} f_{1\alpha}^\dagger f_\alpha \\ \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} f_{1\alpha}^\dagger f_\beta^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

$J_K$

doping  $p$

$B$  has same quantum numbers as boson in X.-G. Wen and P.A. Lee, PRL **76**, 503 (1996)

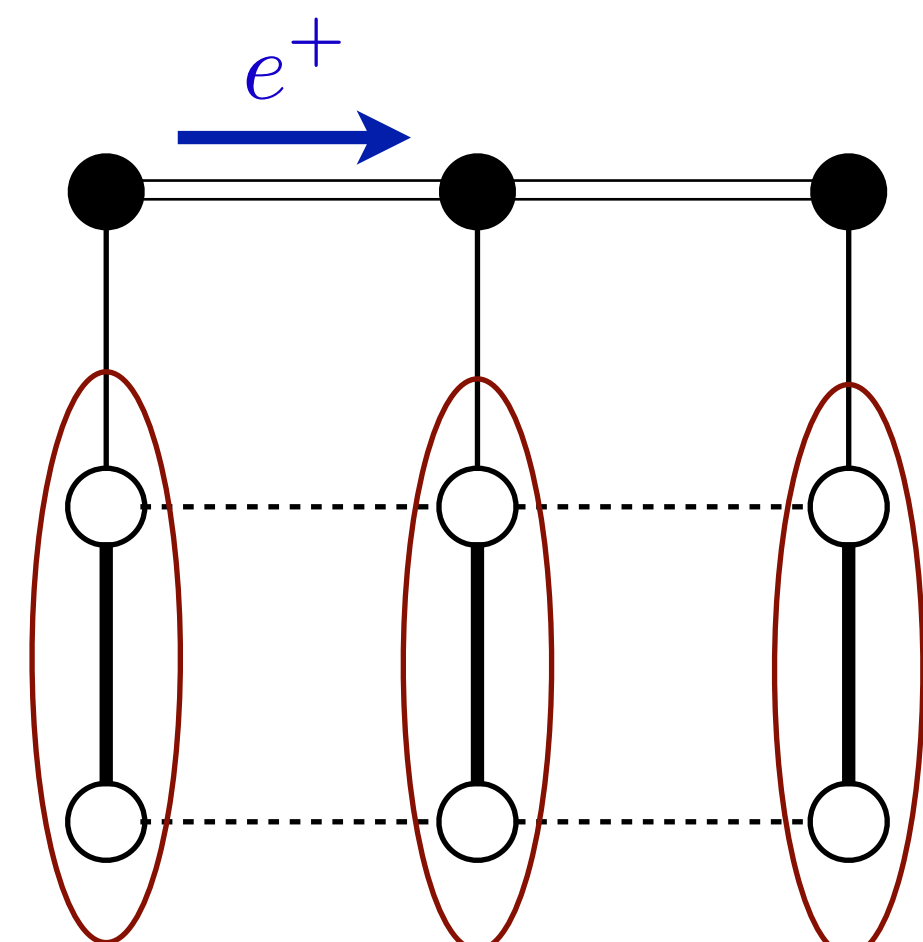
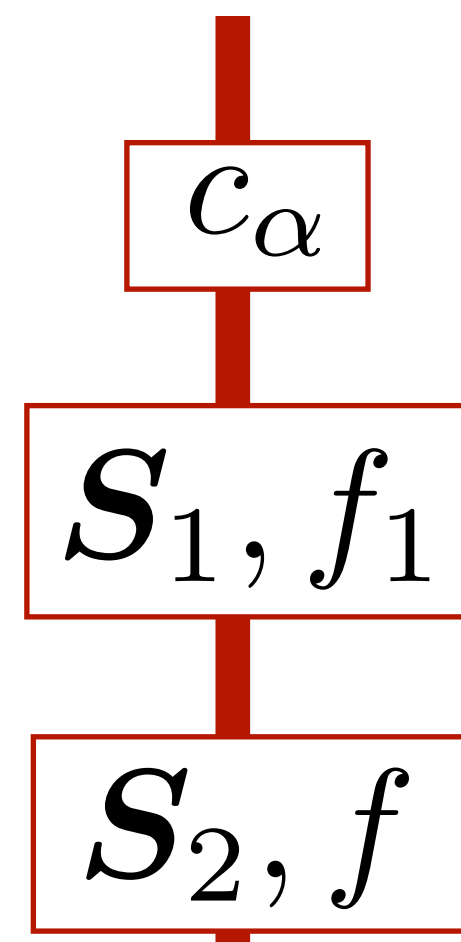
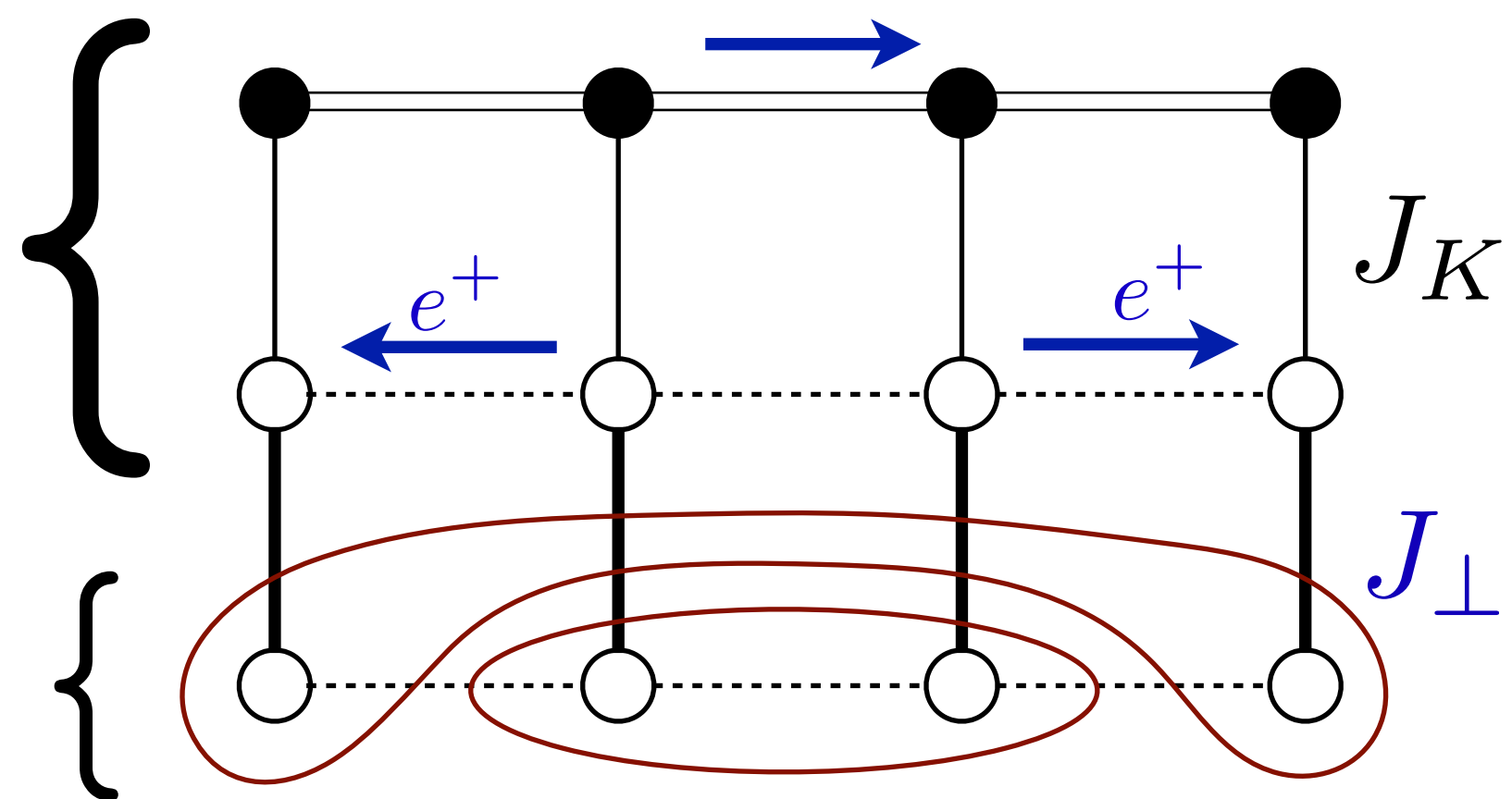
# Ancilla theory of the Hubbard model

Higgs field 1

$$\Phi \sim c_\alpha^\dagger f_{1\alpha}$$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$$

$\pi$ -flux spin liquid  
of  $f_\alpha$  with  $SU(2)_N$   
gauge field



FL\*

FL

Higgs field 2

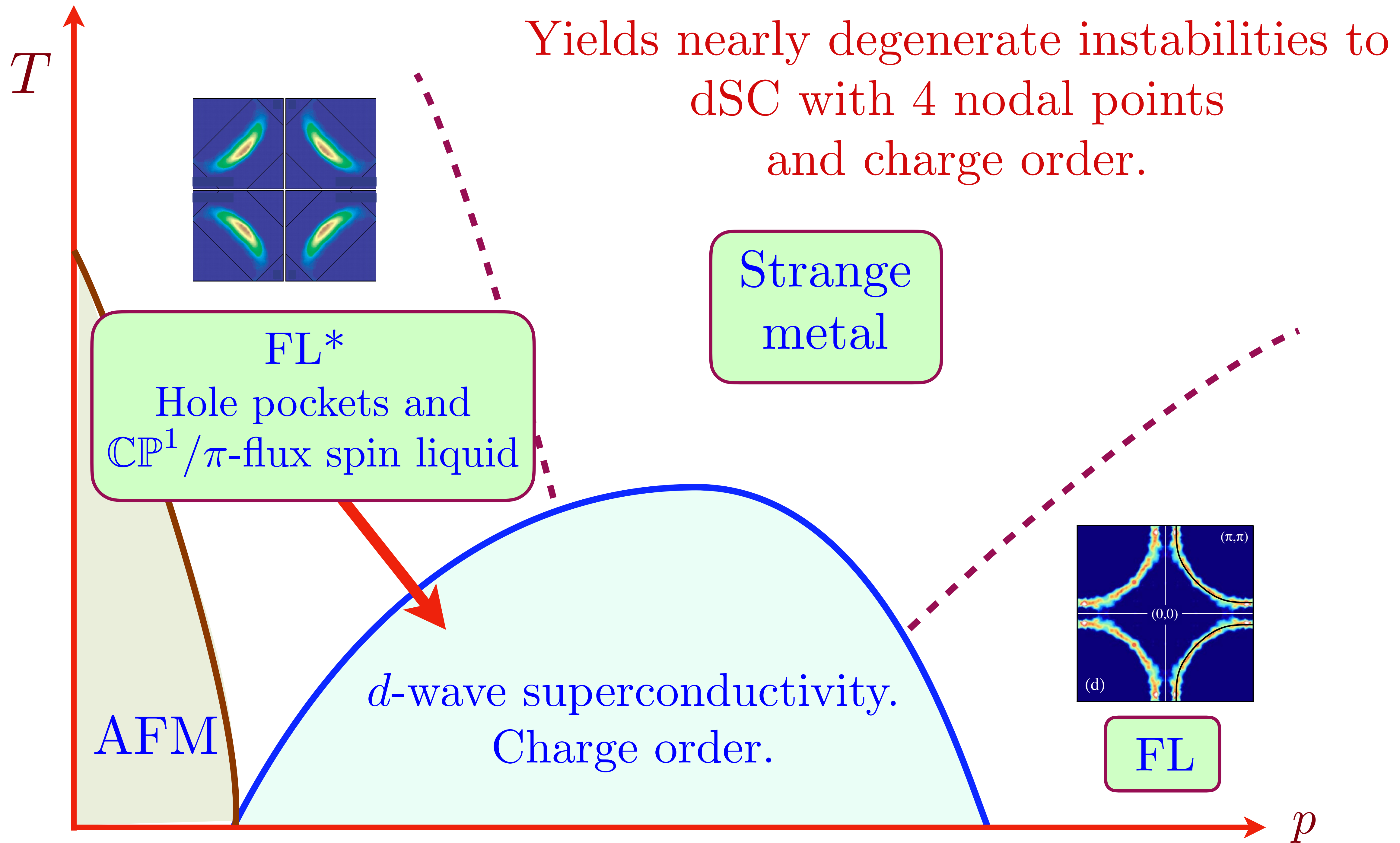
Charge  $e$ ,  $SU(2)_N$  fundamental

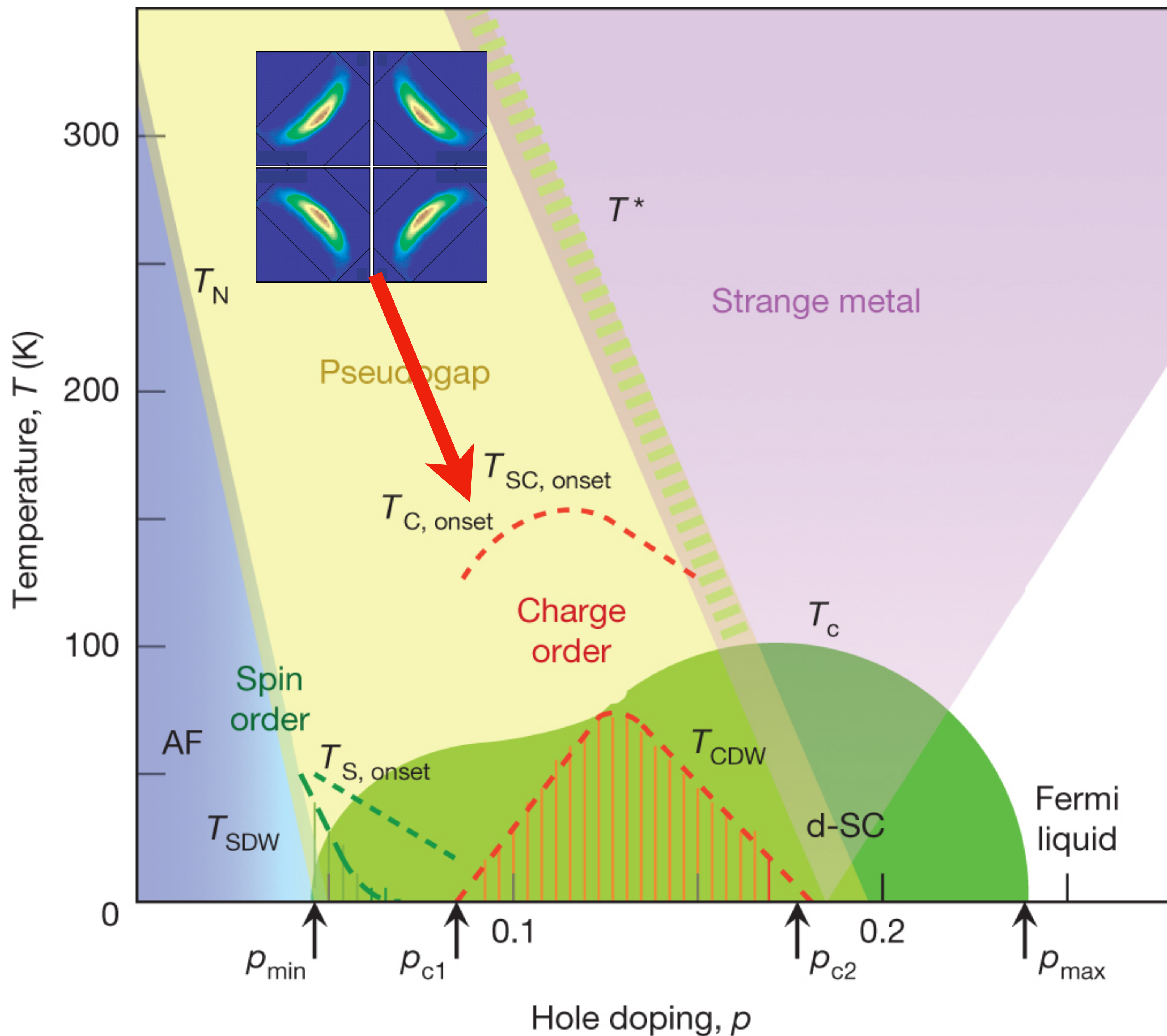
$$B \sim \begin{pmatrix} f_{1\alpha}^\dagger f_\alpha \\ \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} f_{1\alpha}^\dagger f_\beta^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

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.....  $\rightarrow$  doping  $p$

Higgs field  $\Phi$  drives FL\*-strange metal-FL, Higgs field  $B$  drives FL\*-dSC-CDW



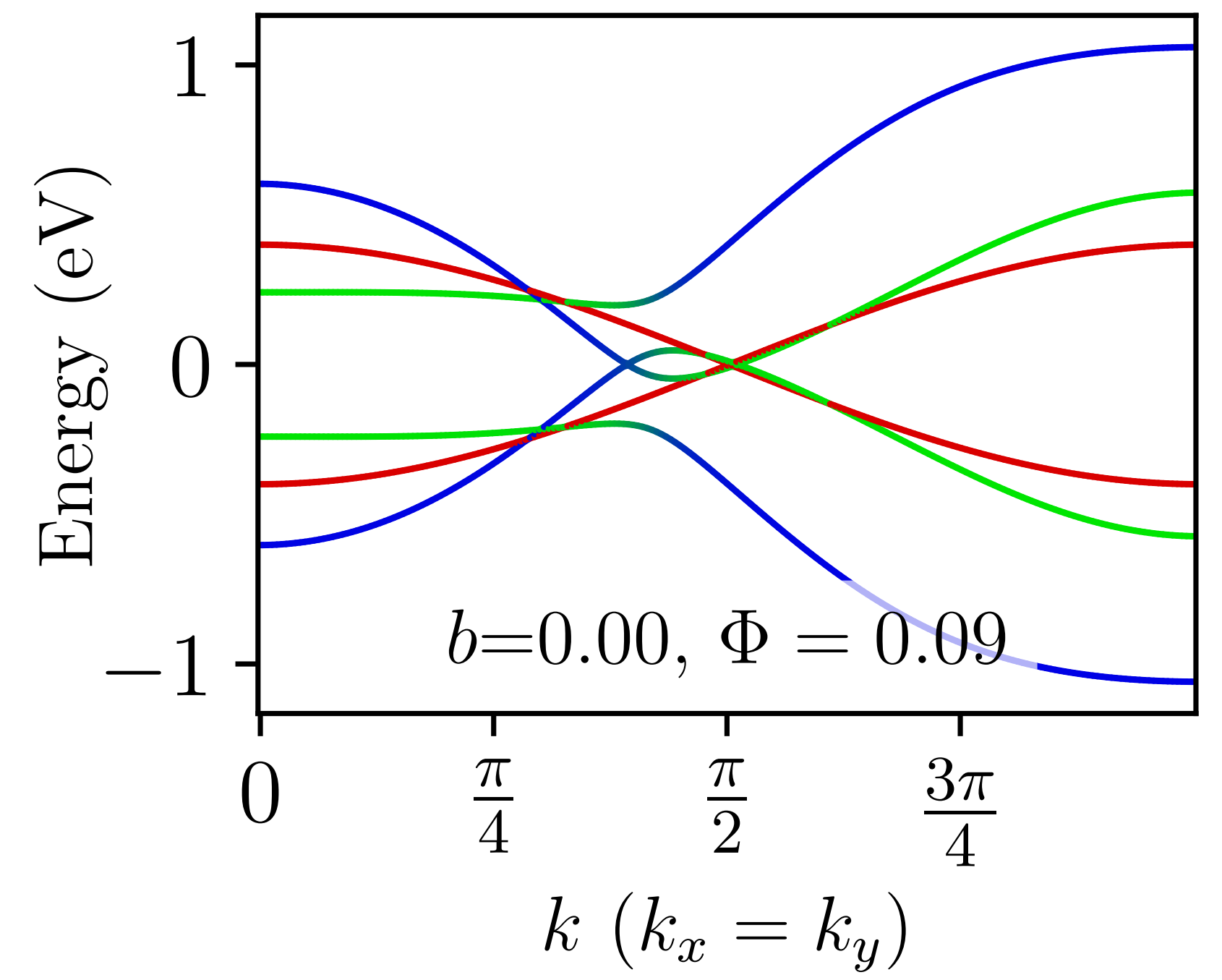
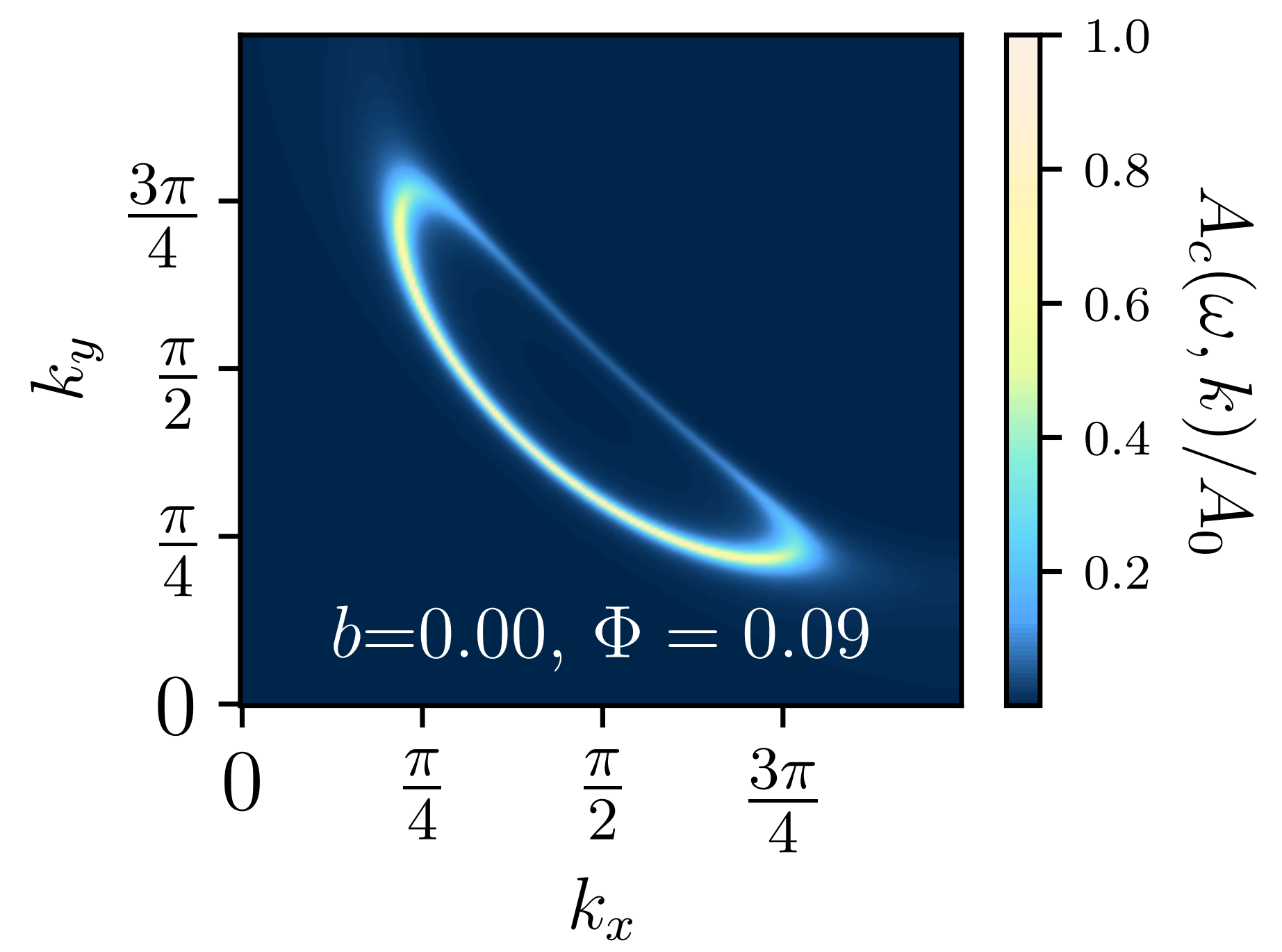


The onset of conventional order is a *confinement transition* for the emergent gauge theory describing the fractionalized excitations of the spin liquid in the FL\* state.

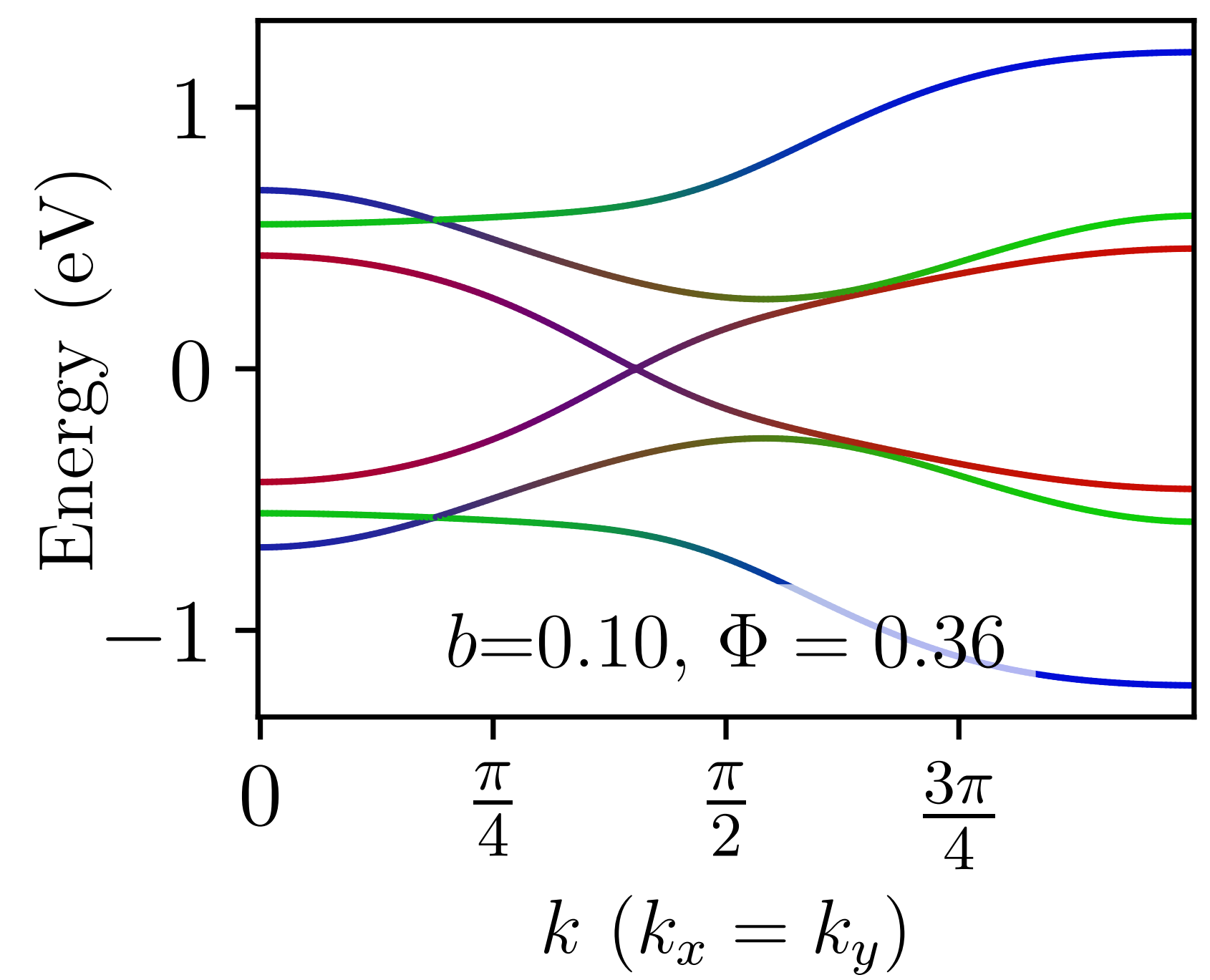
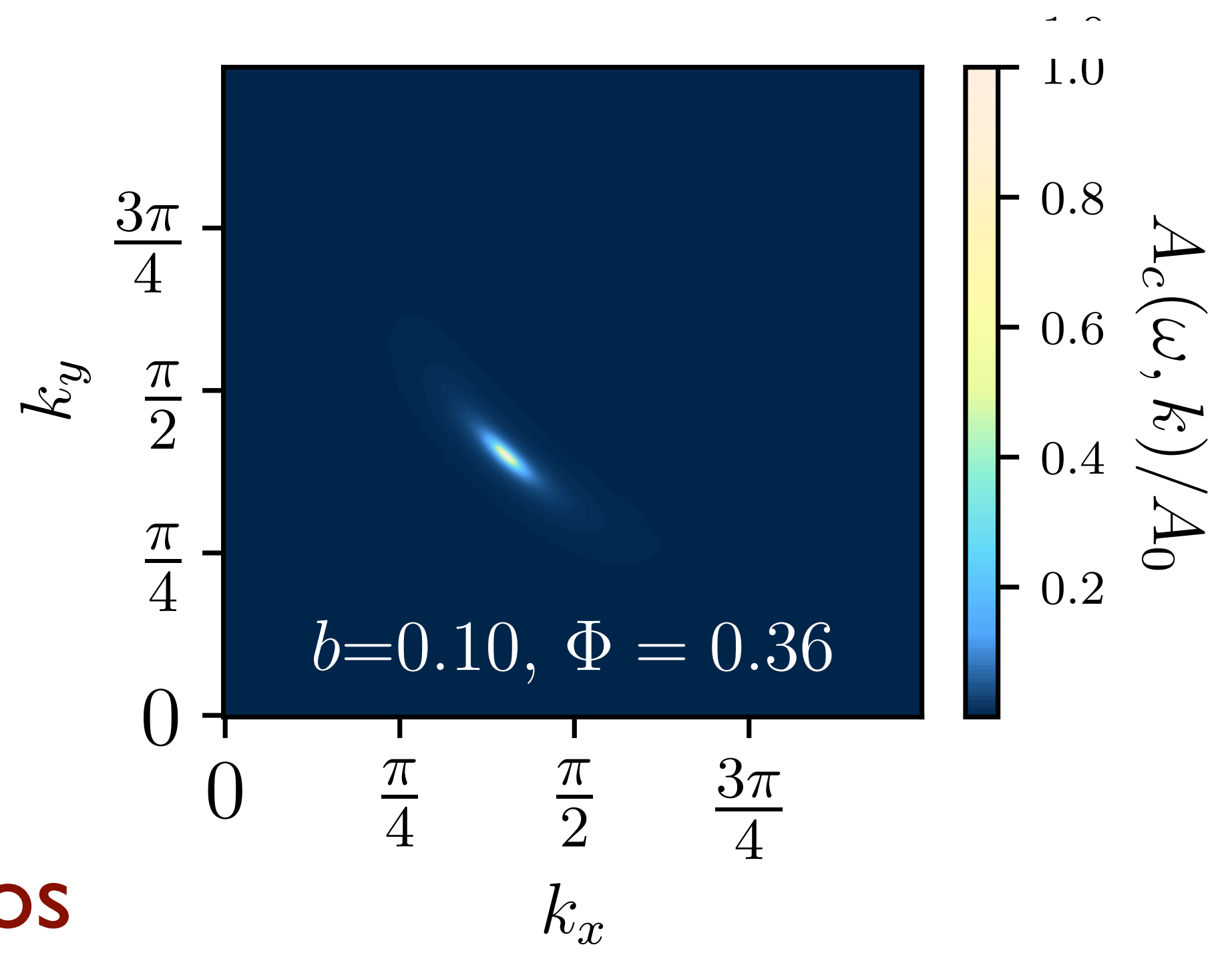
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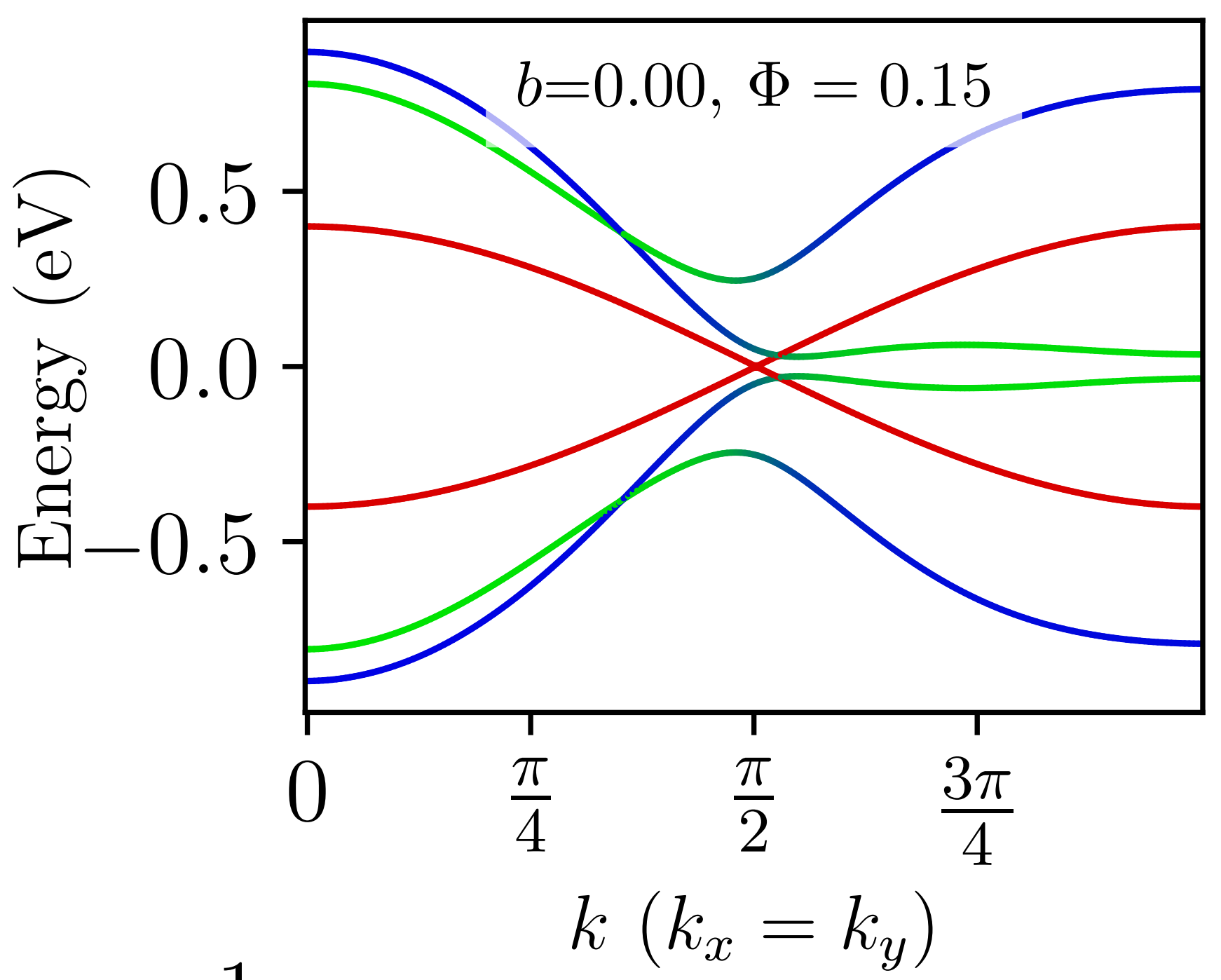
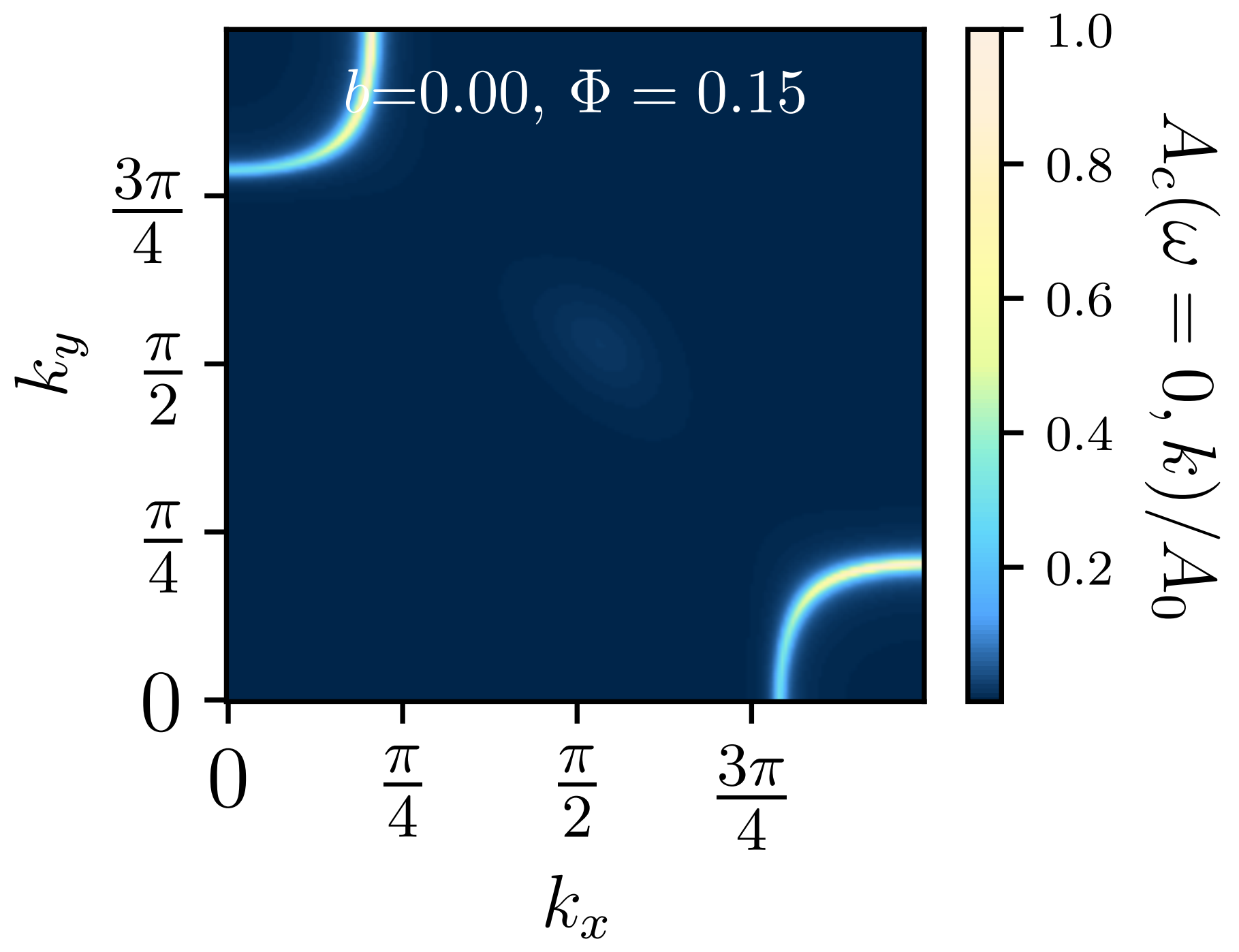


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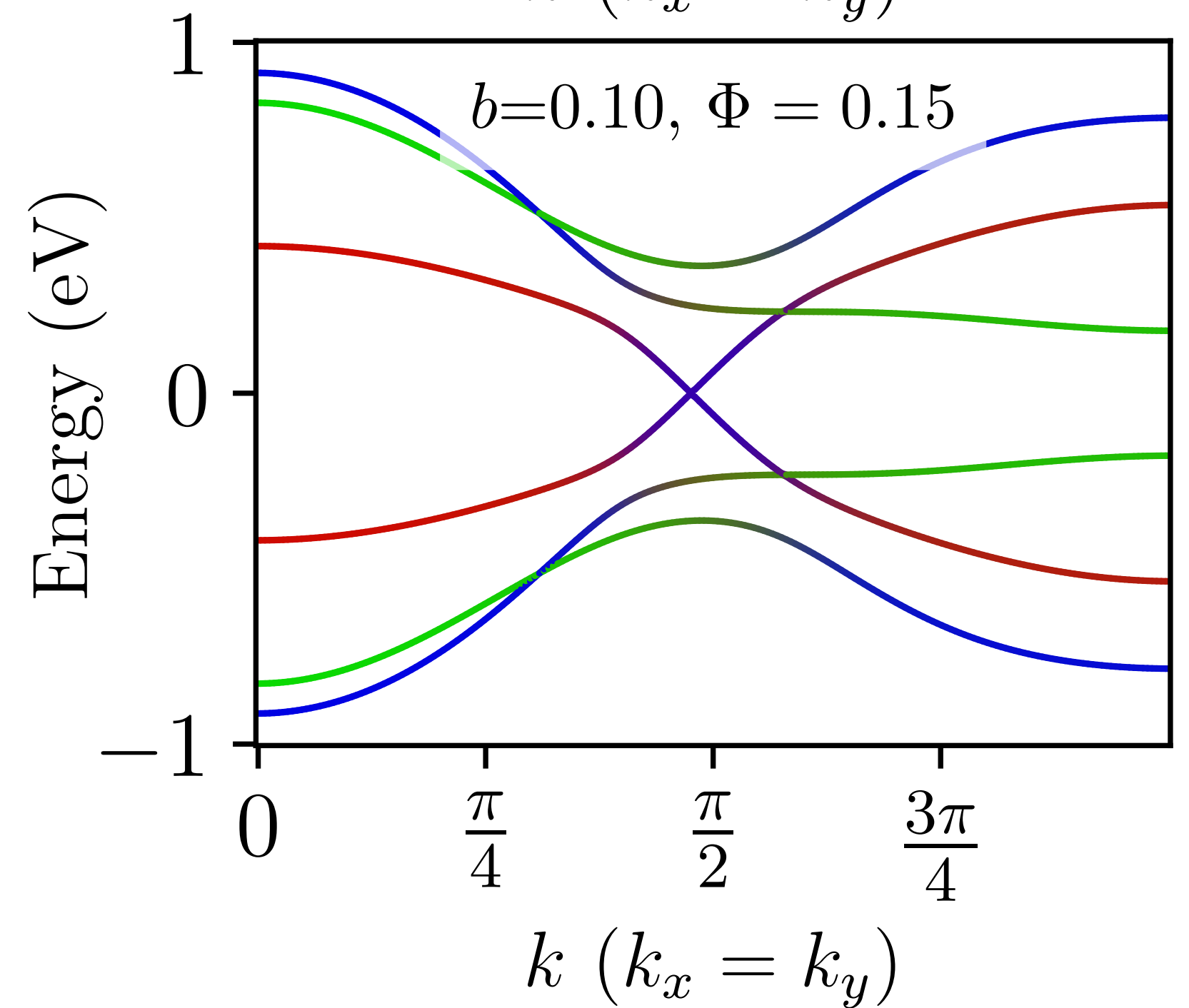
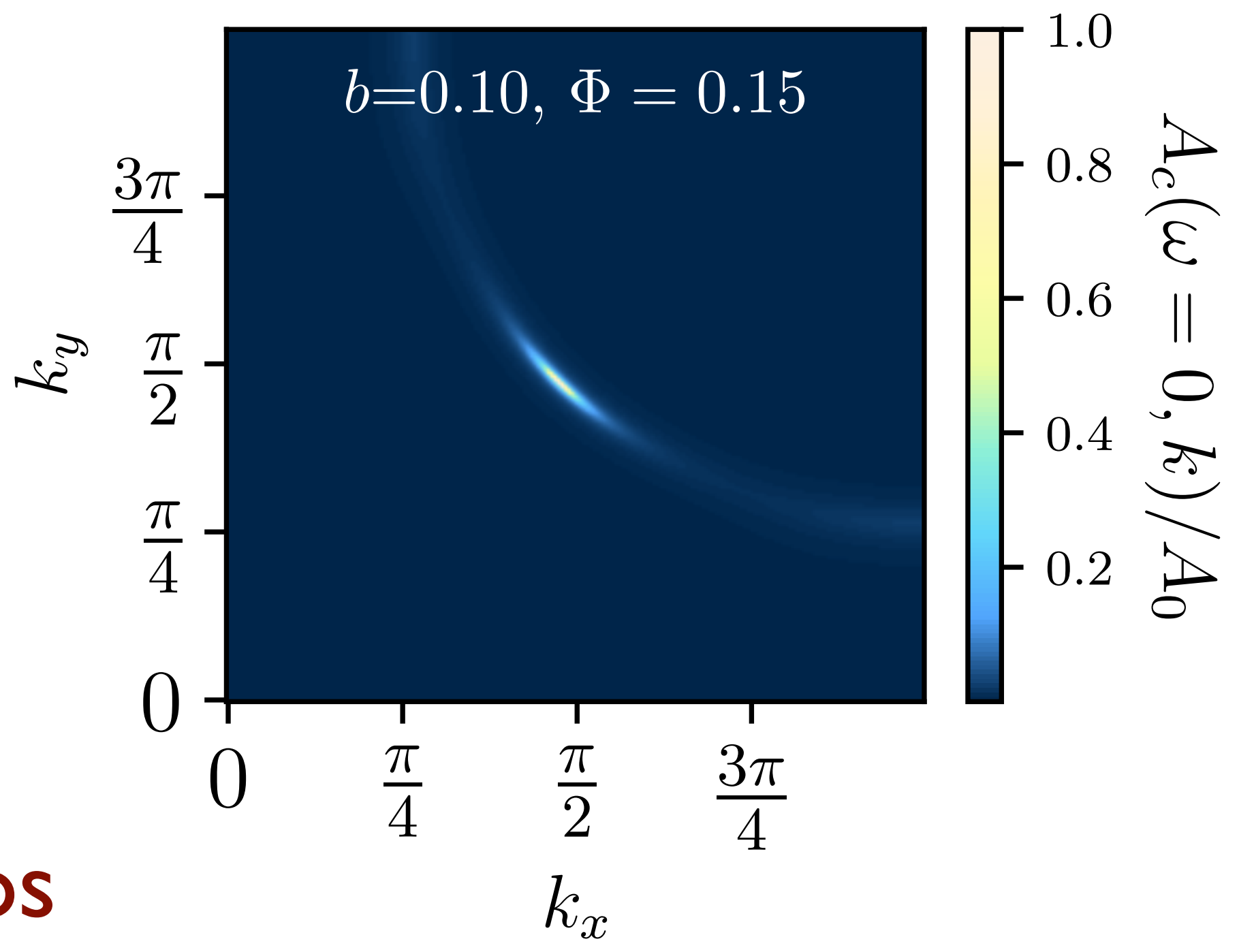
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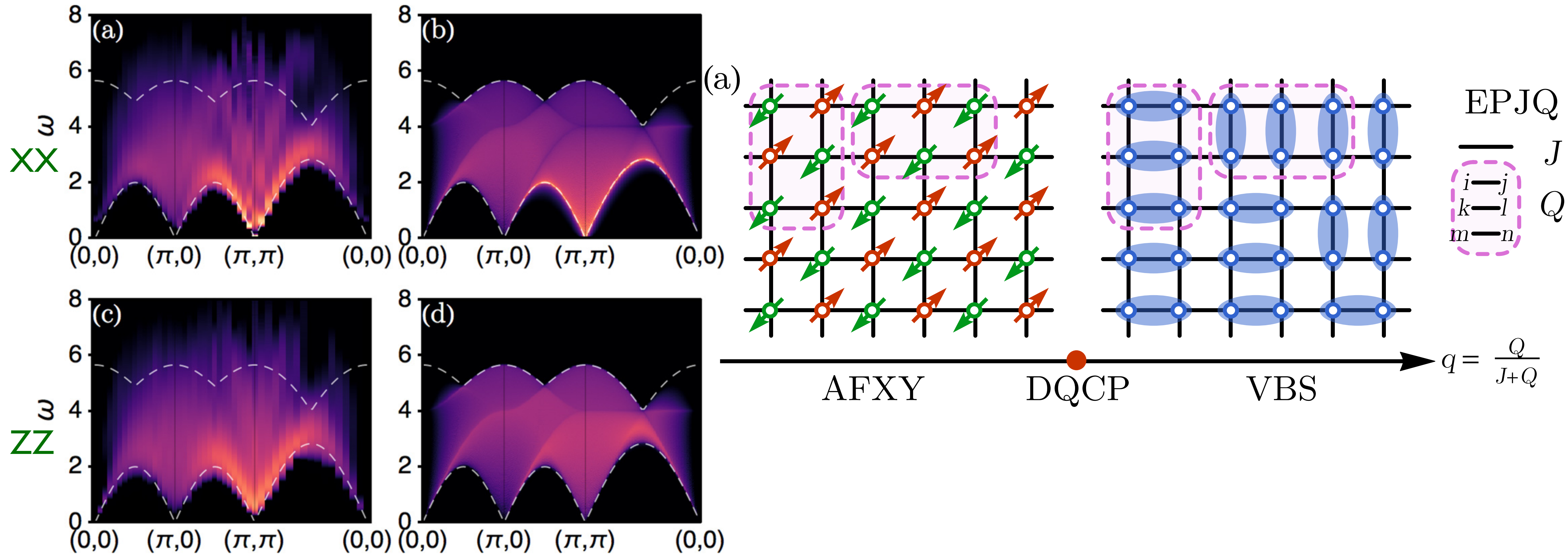


dSC

# Observable by neutron scattering in pseudogap ?

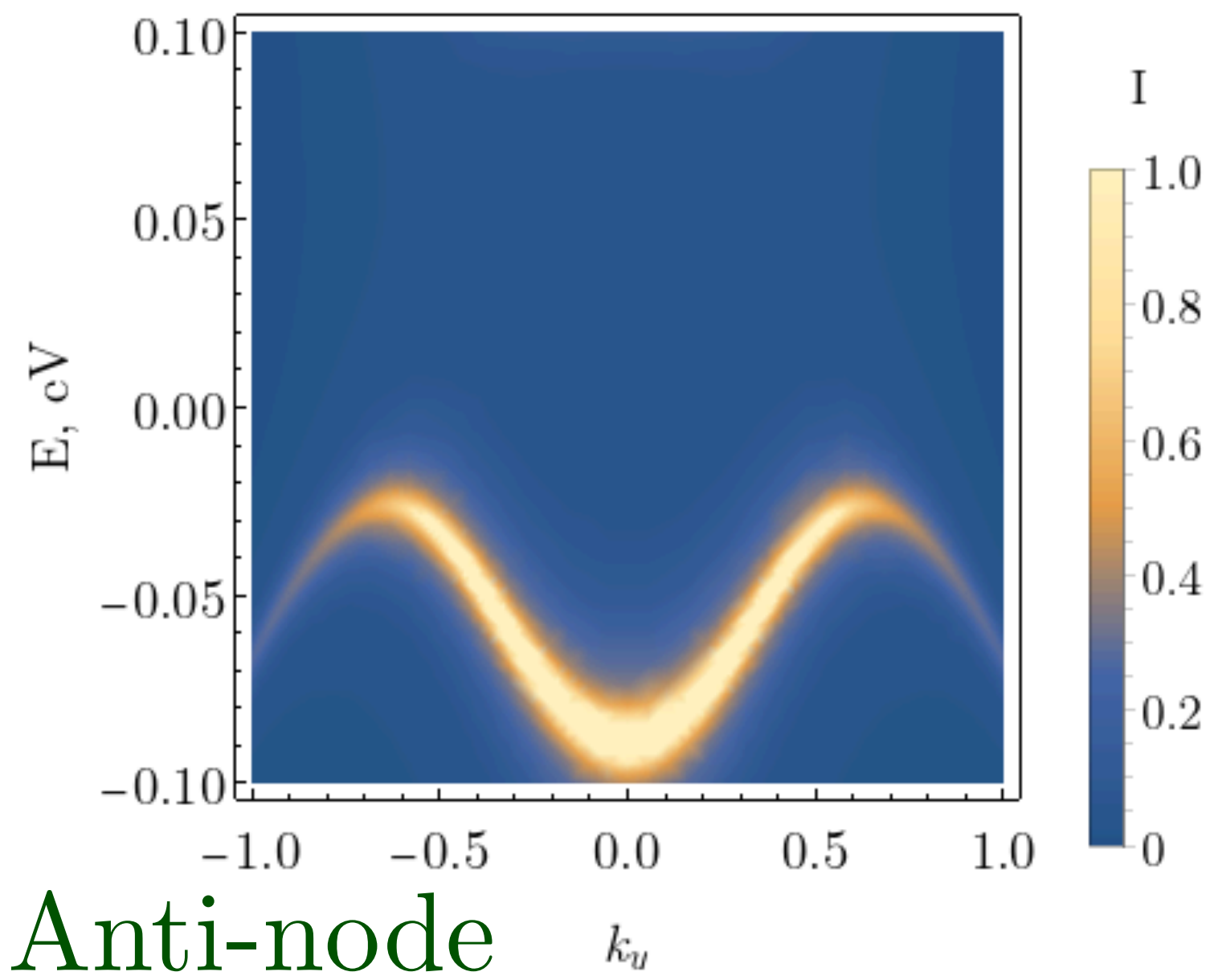
QMC

Free fermion  
spinons in  $\pi$ -flux

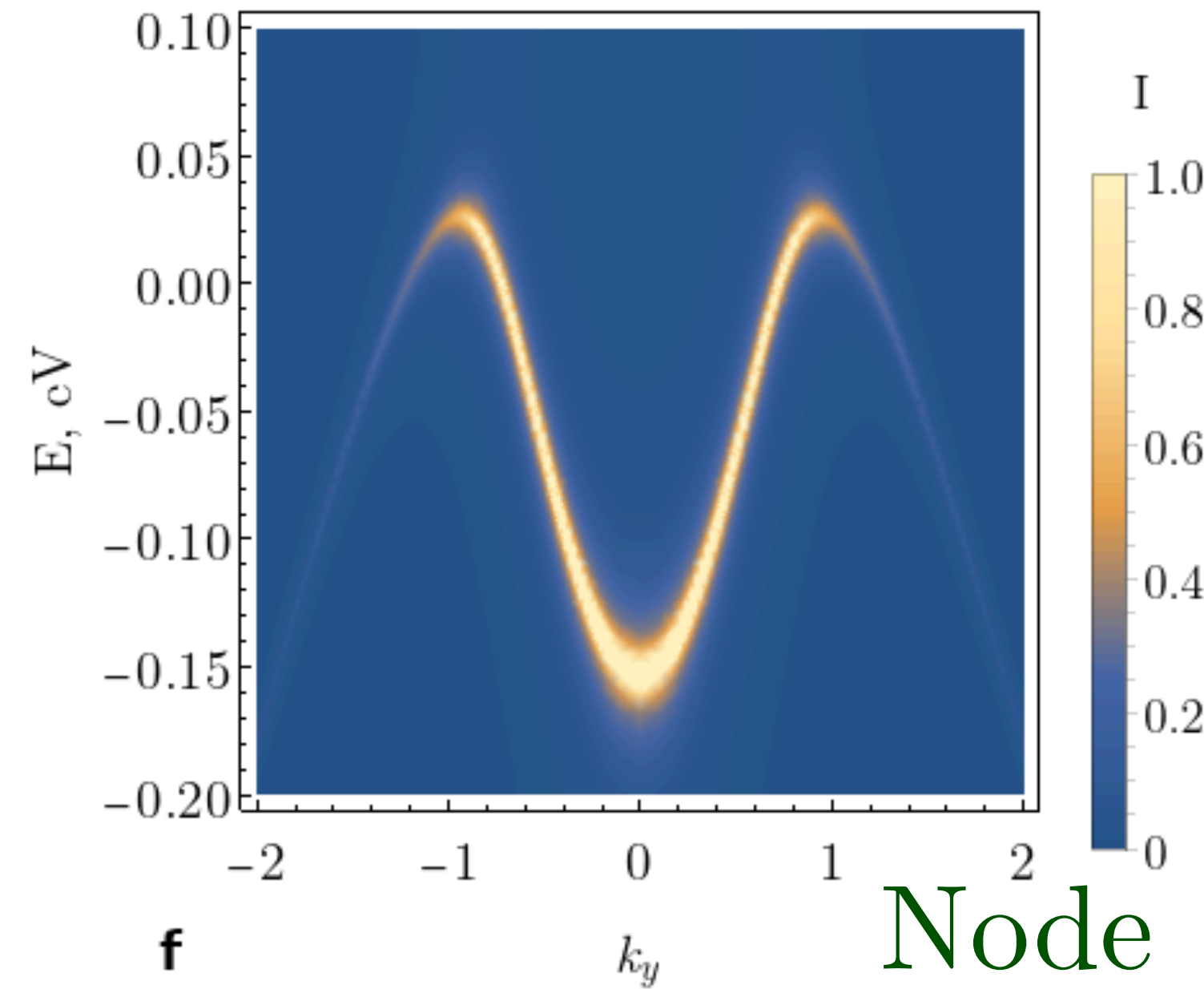


FL\* in a  
**one-band** model

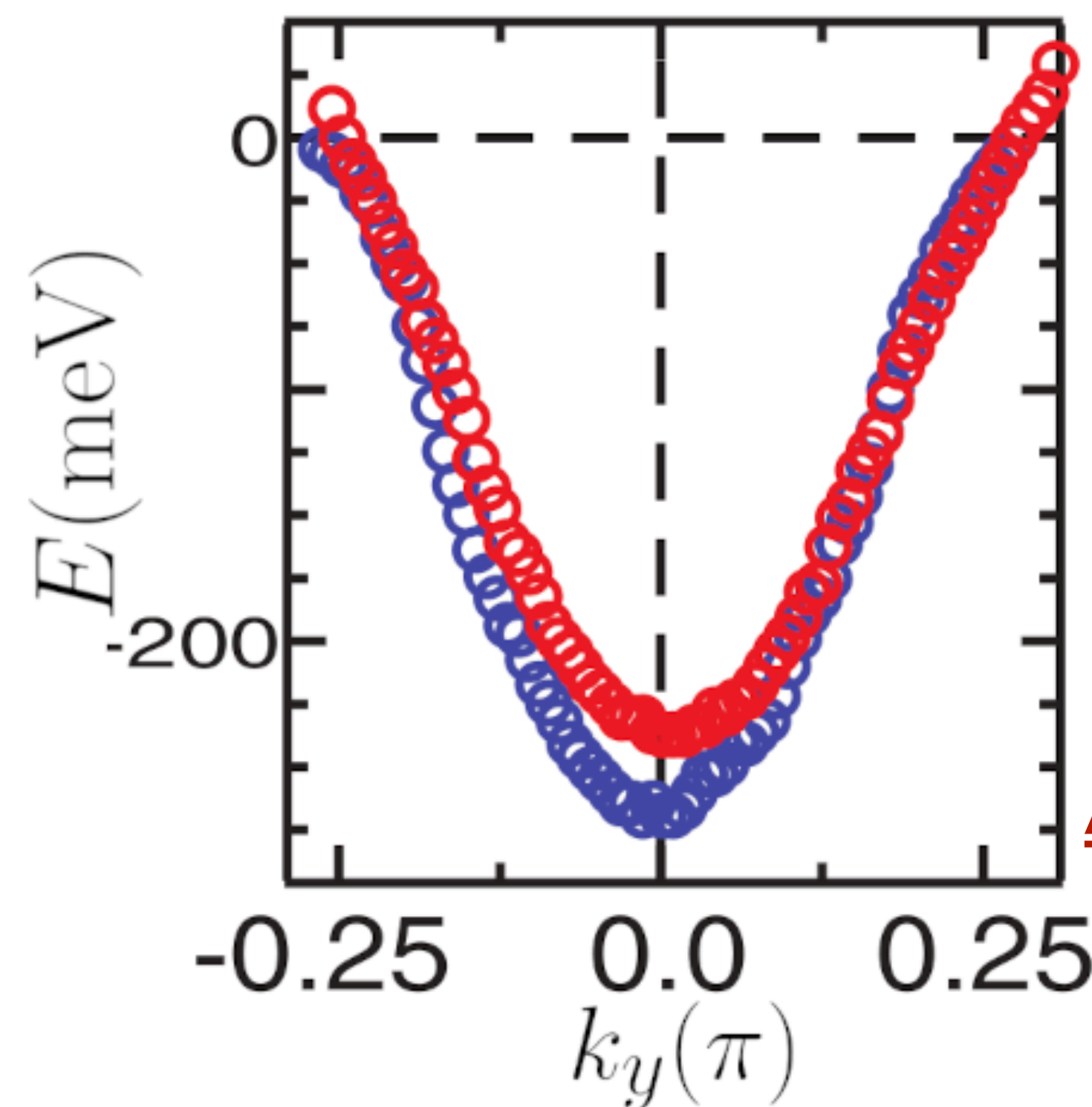
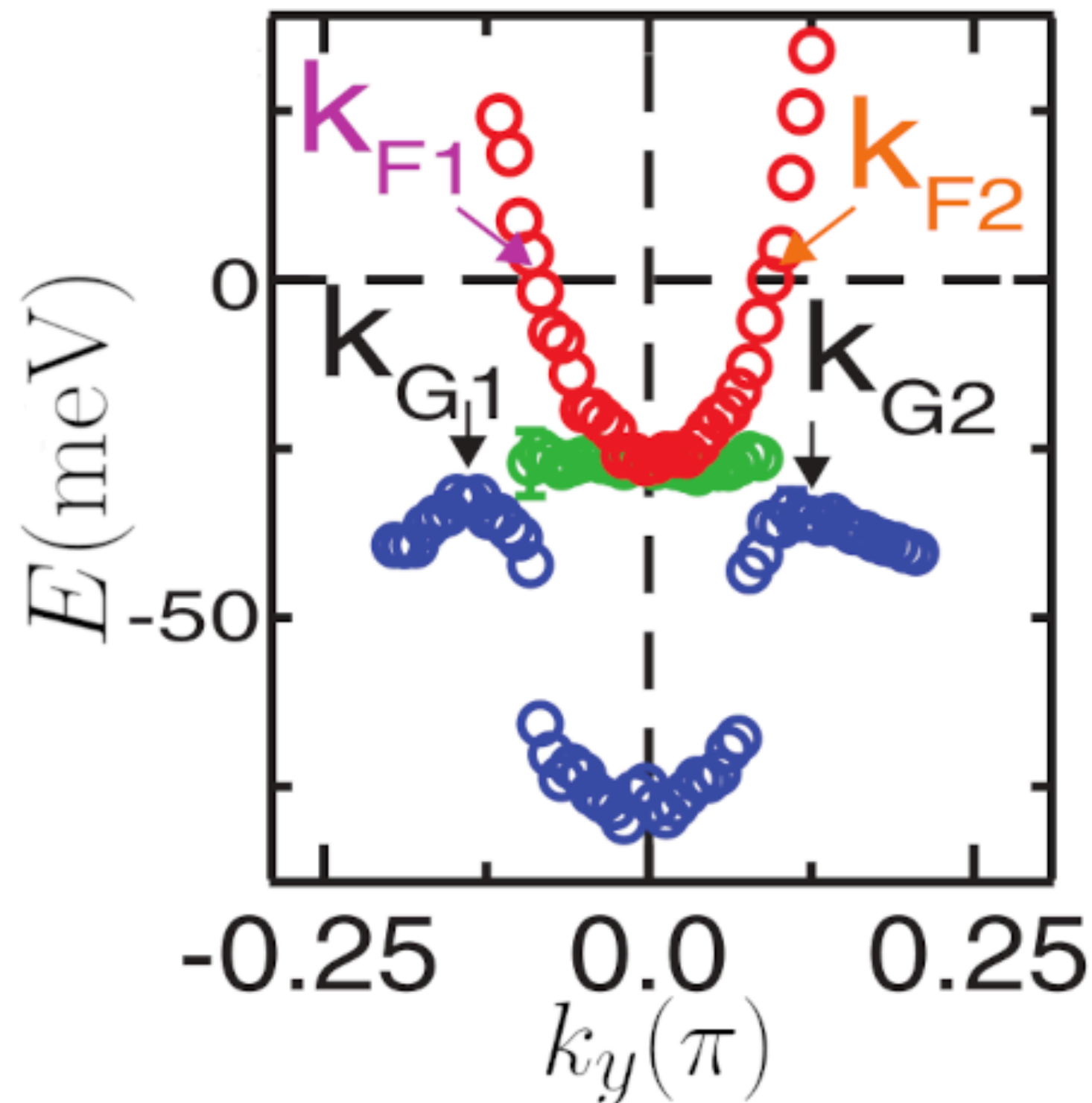
Second ancilla layer is needed  
to describe MDC and EDC



Anti-node



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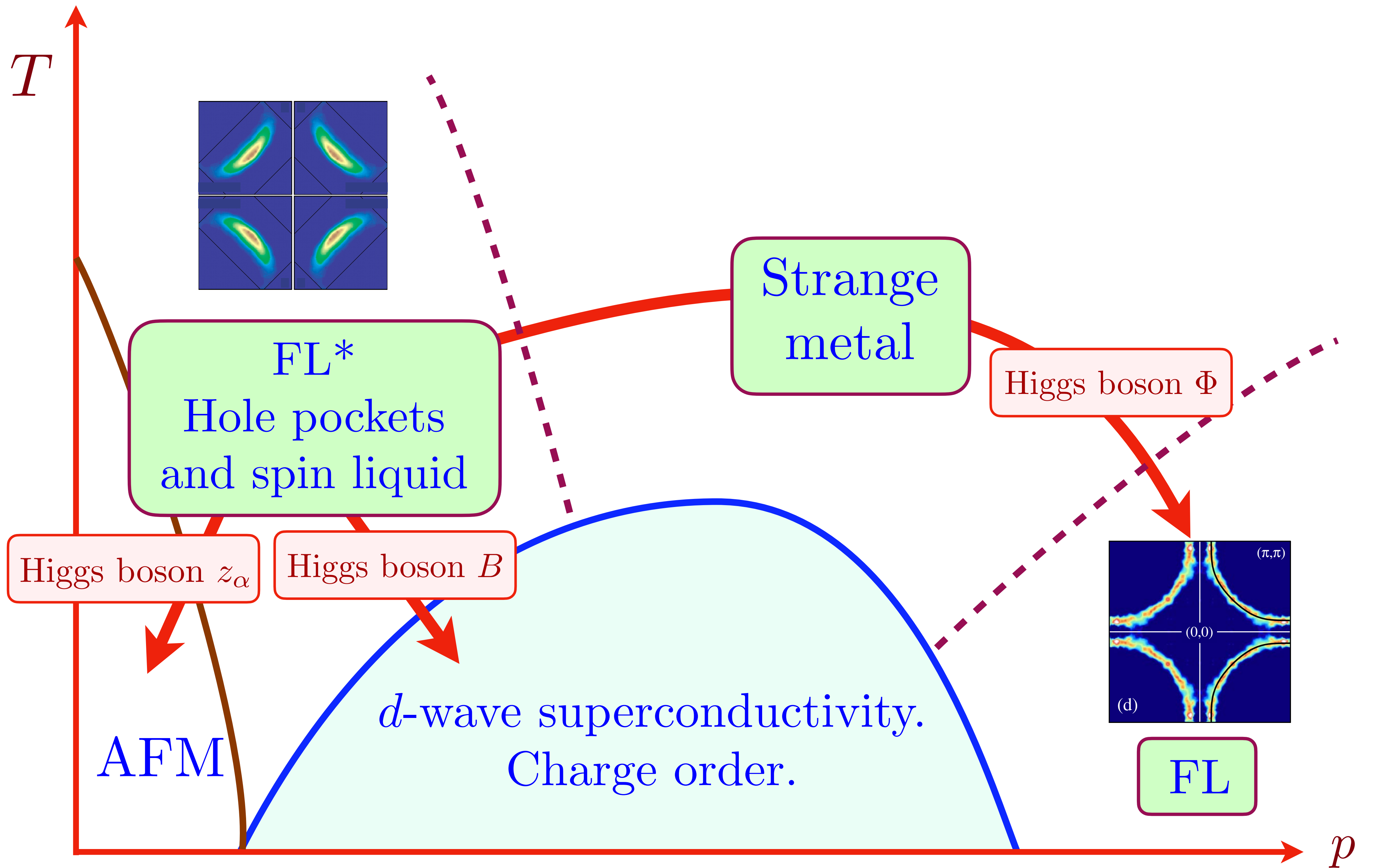


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Similarities to theories,  
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Kai-Yu Yang, T. M. Rice, Fu-Chun Zhang,  
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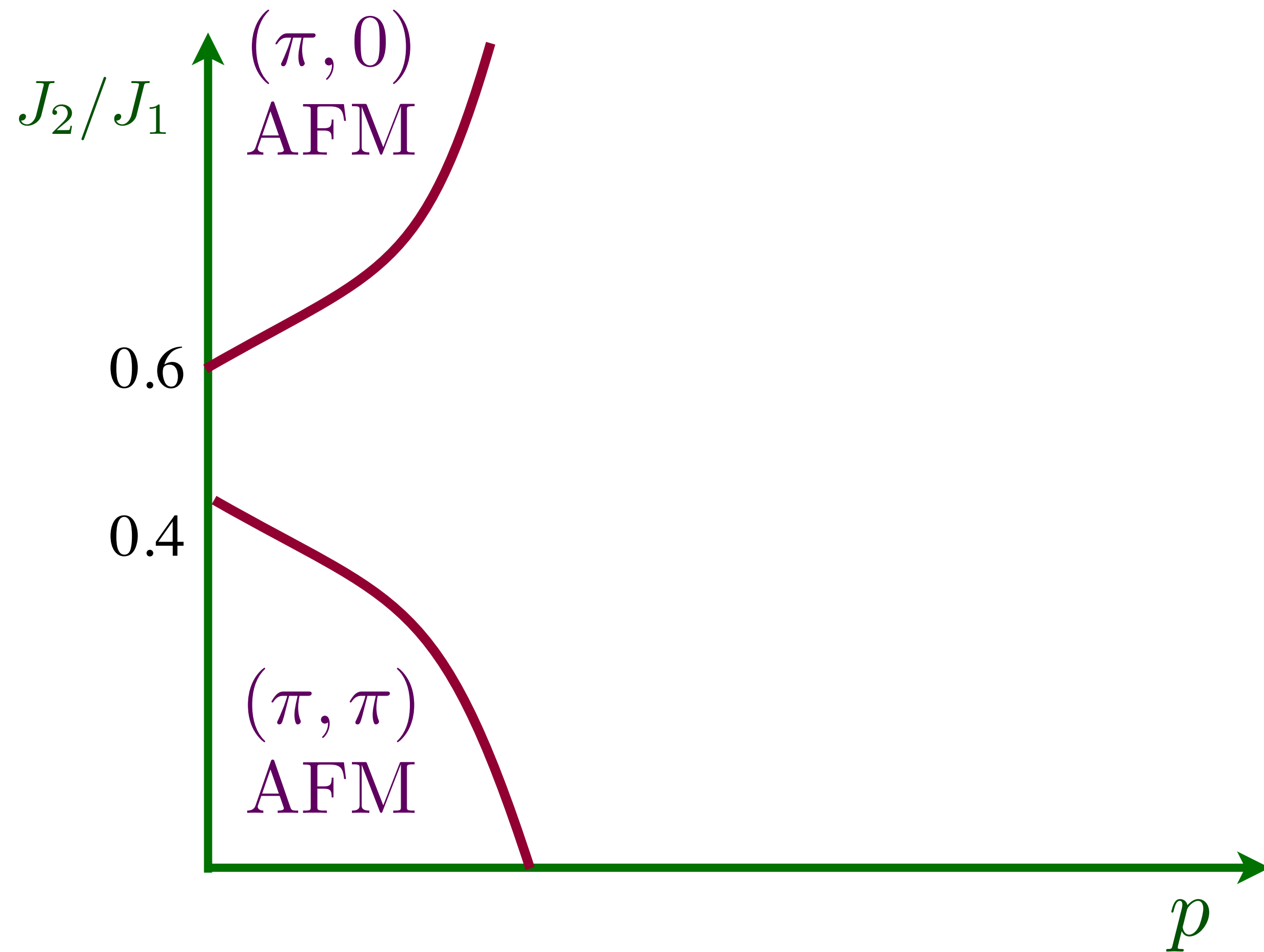


**Extra slides**

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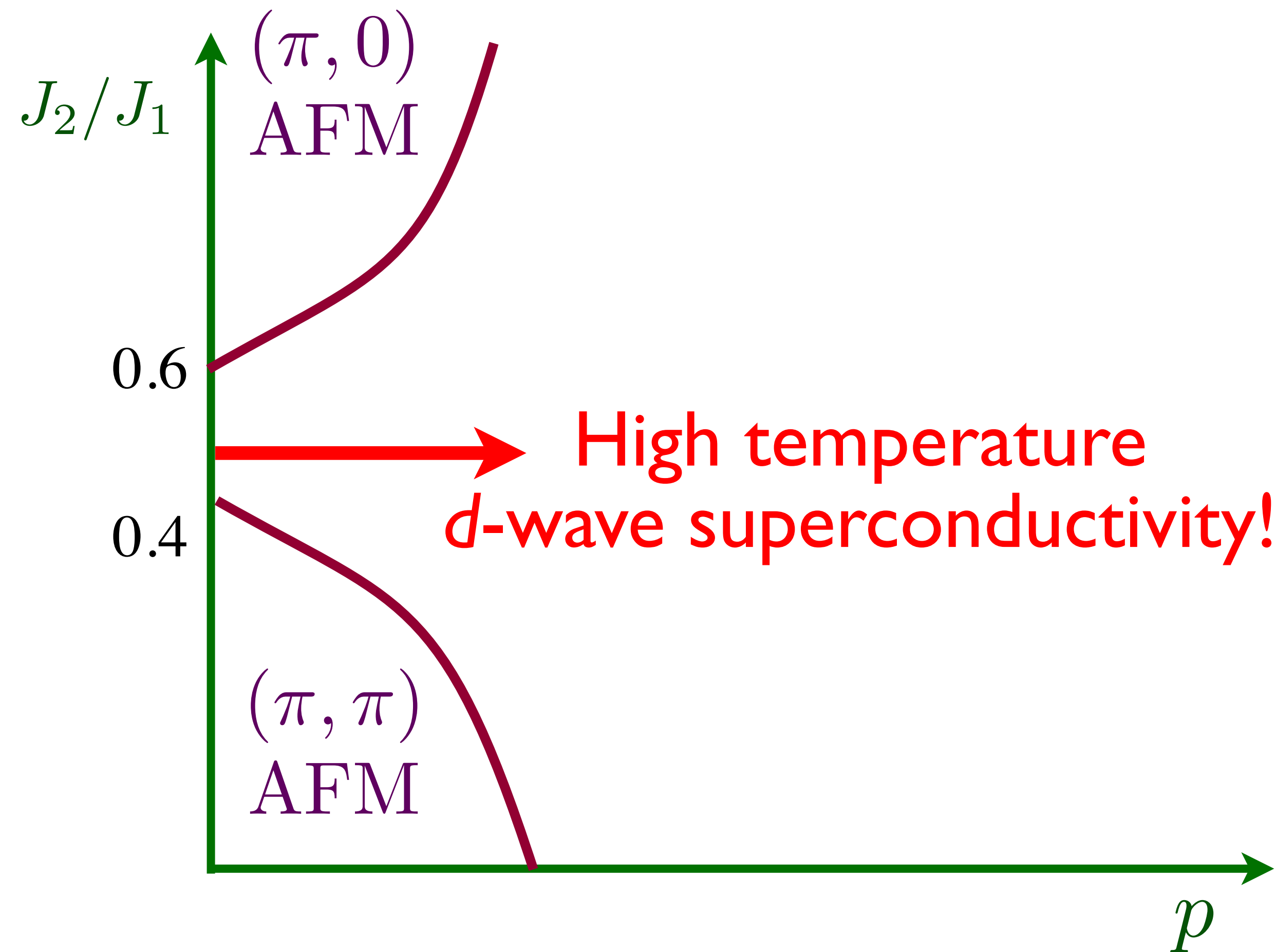
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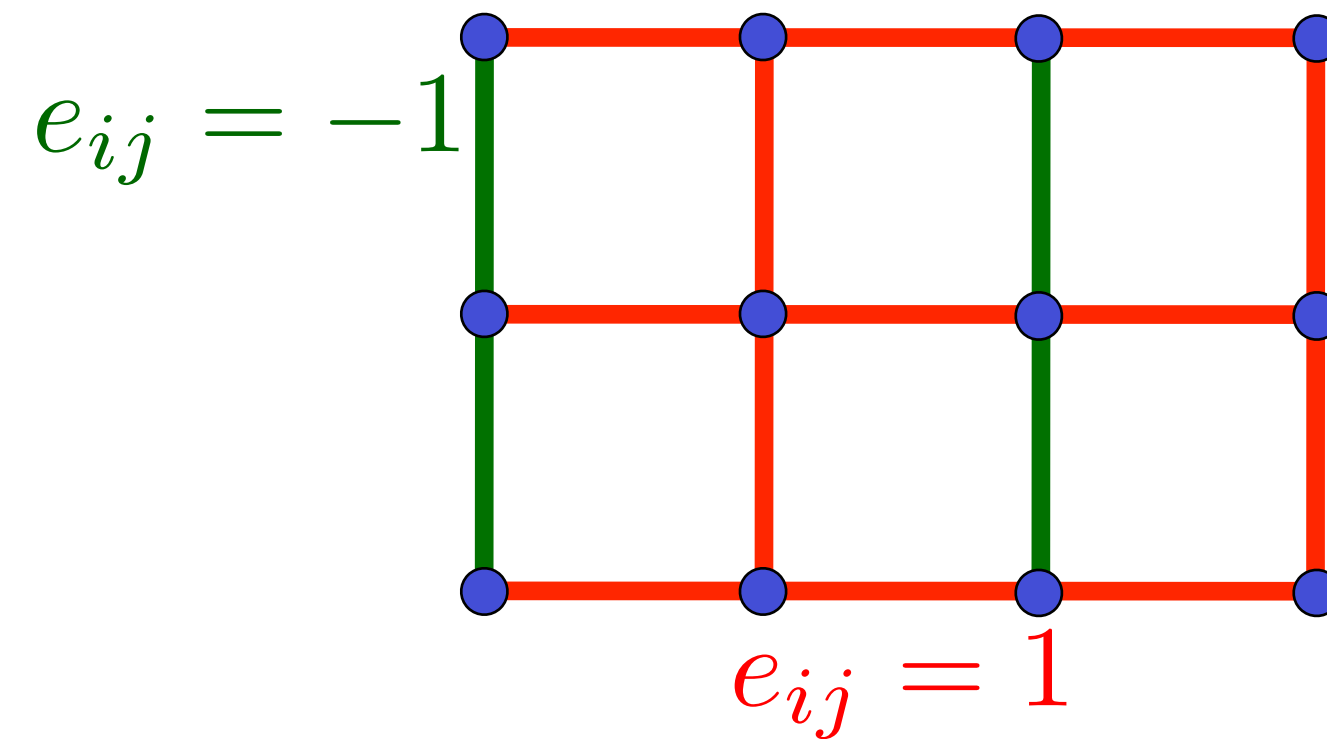
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# Confinement of $SU(2)_N$ gauge theory by charge fluctuations

- Begin with the  $\pi$ -flux spin liquid in the fermionic spinon description.

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

$H_f$  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  $\Psi_i$  is an electron:

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

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$$\mathcal{L}(B) = H_B + \frac{u}{2} \sum_i \rho_i^2 + V_1 \sum_i \rho_i (\rho_{i+\hat{x}} + \rho_{i+\hat{y}}) + g \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\Delta_{ij}|^2$$

$$+ J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} Q_{ij}^2 + K_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij}^2.$$

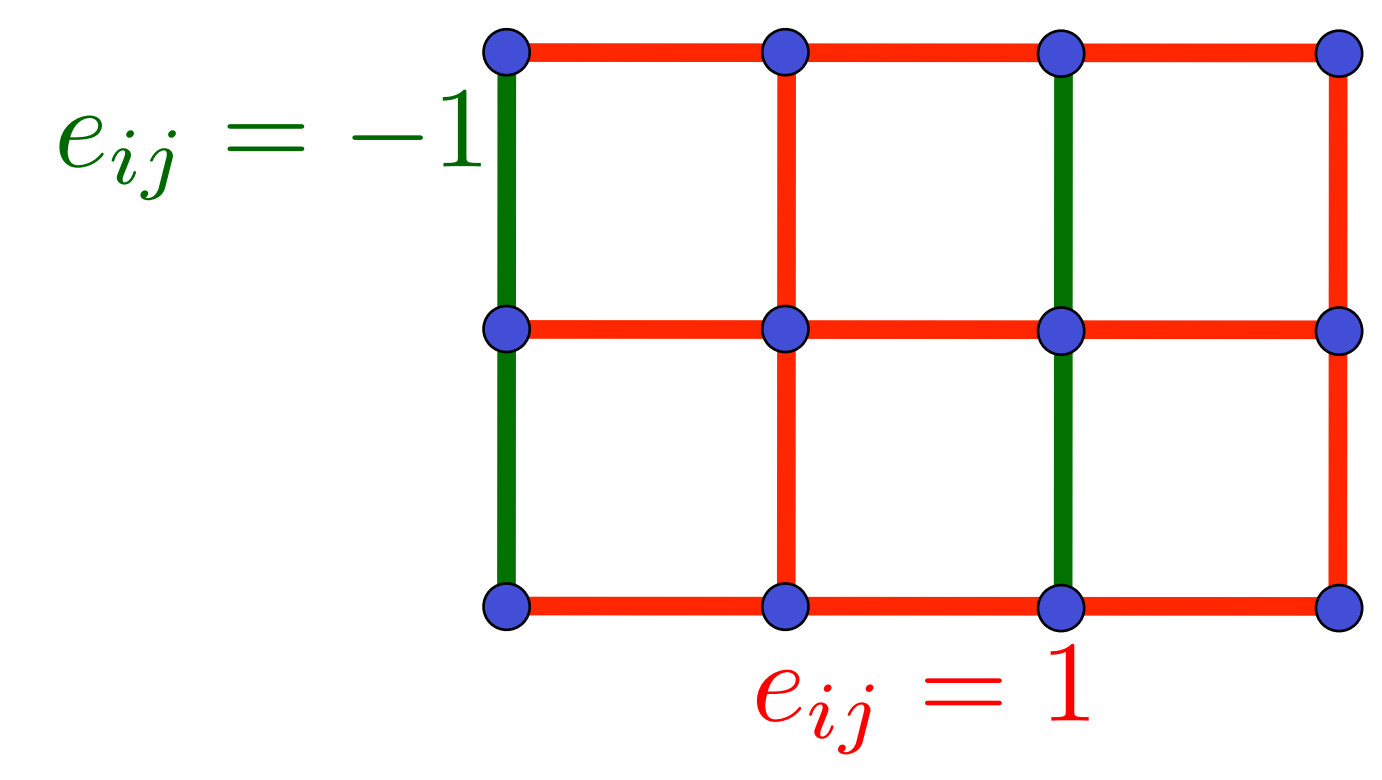
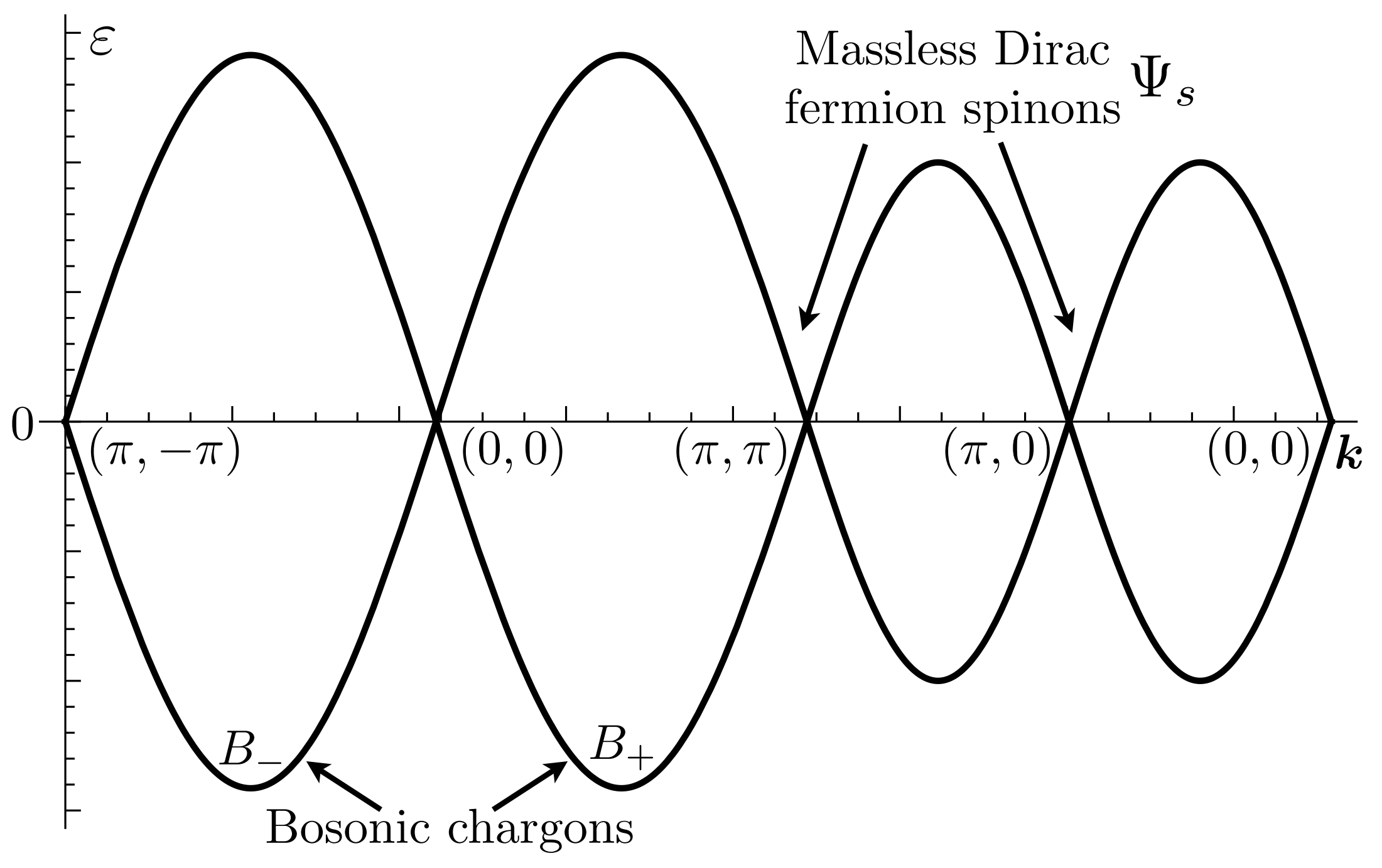
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bond density:  $\langle c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + c_{j\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} \rangle \sim Q_{ij} = Q_{ji} = \text{Im} \left( B_i^\dagger e_{ij} U_{ij} B_j \right)$

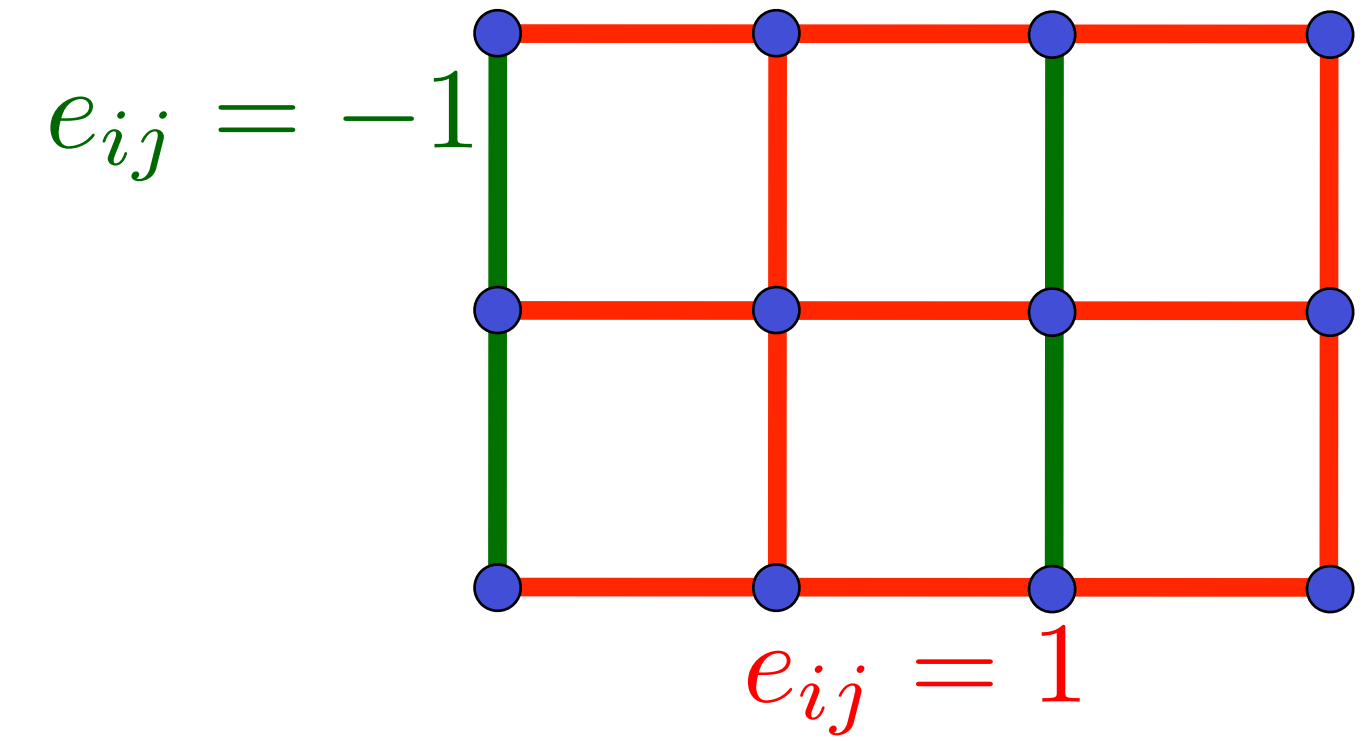
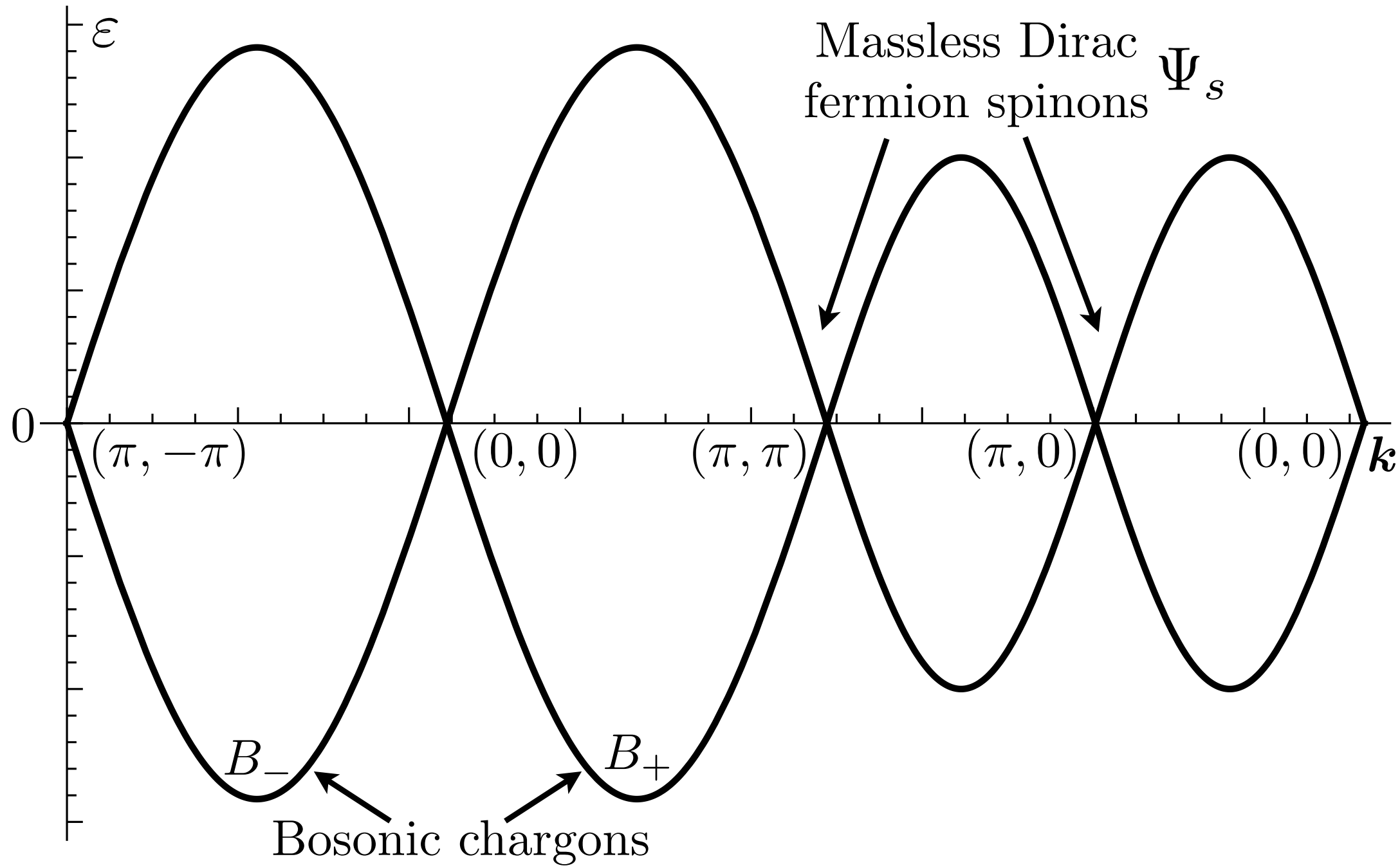
bond current:  $i \langle c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} - c_{j\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} \rangle \sim J_{ij} = -J_{ji} = \text{Re} \left( B_i^\dagger e_{ij} U_{ij} B_j \right)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

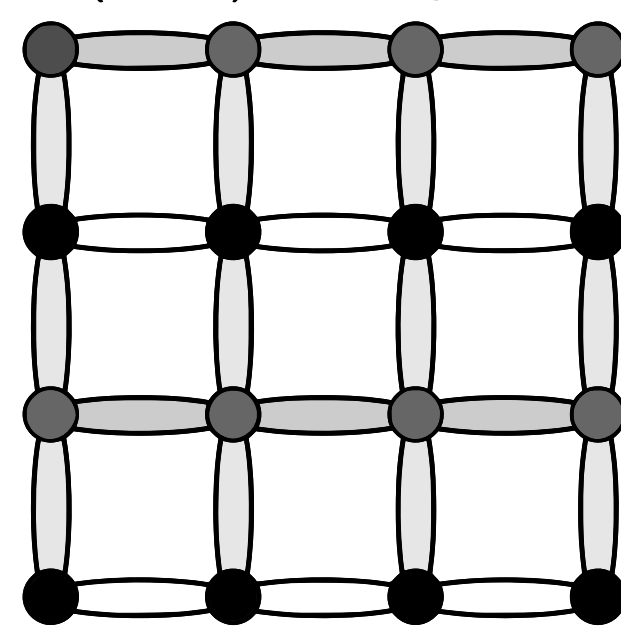
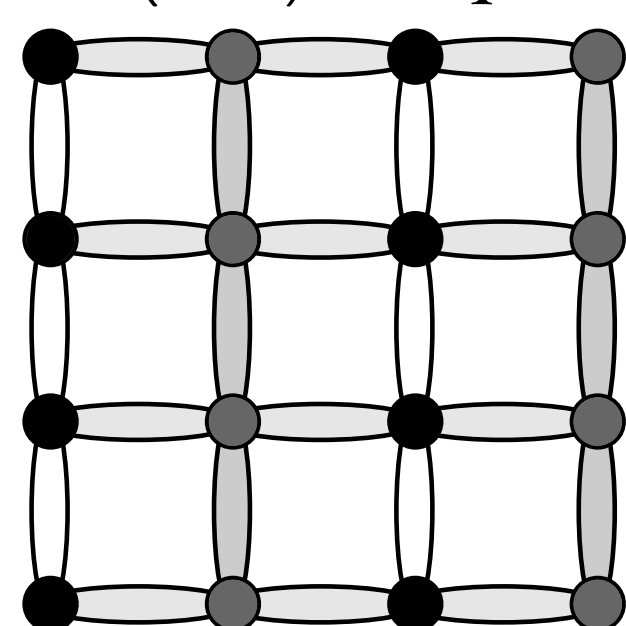
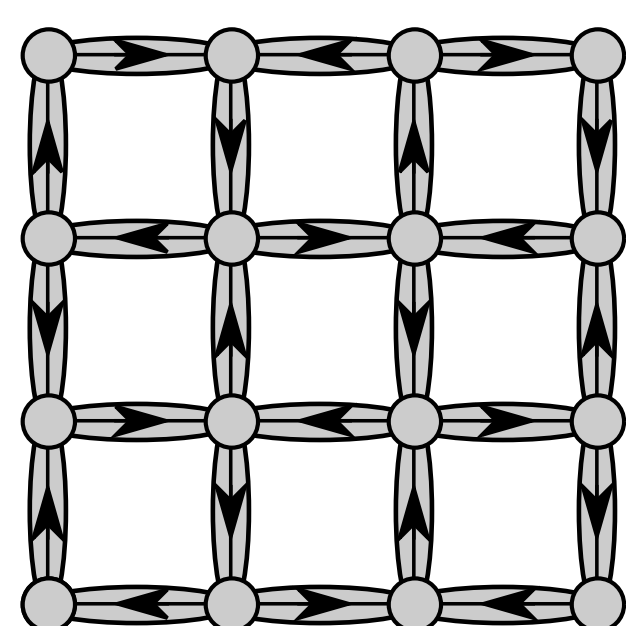
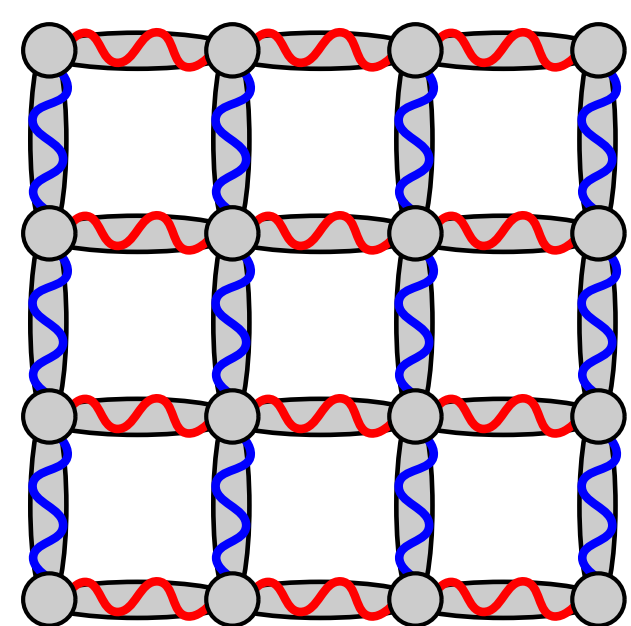
The  $\mathcal{O}(B_{a\pm}^2)$  terms in the energy have a  $SO(5)_b$  rotation symmetry between these orders.

$d$ -wave SC

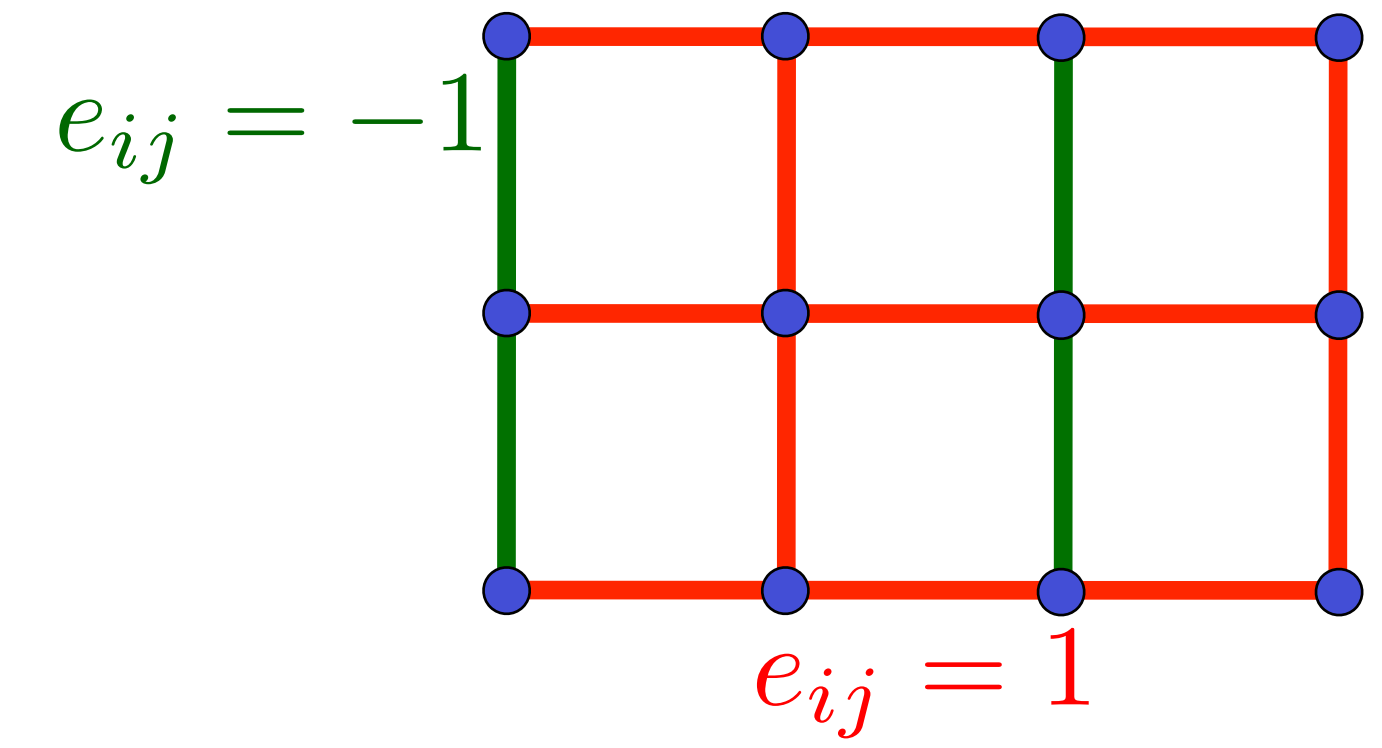
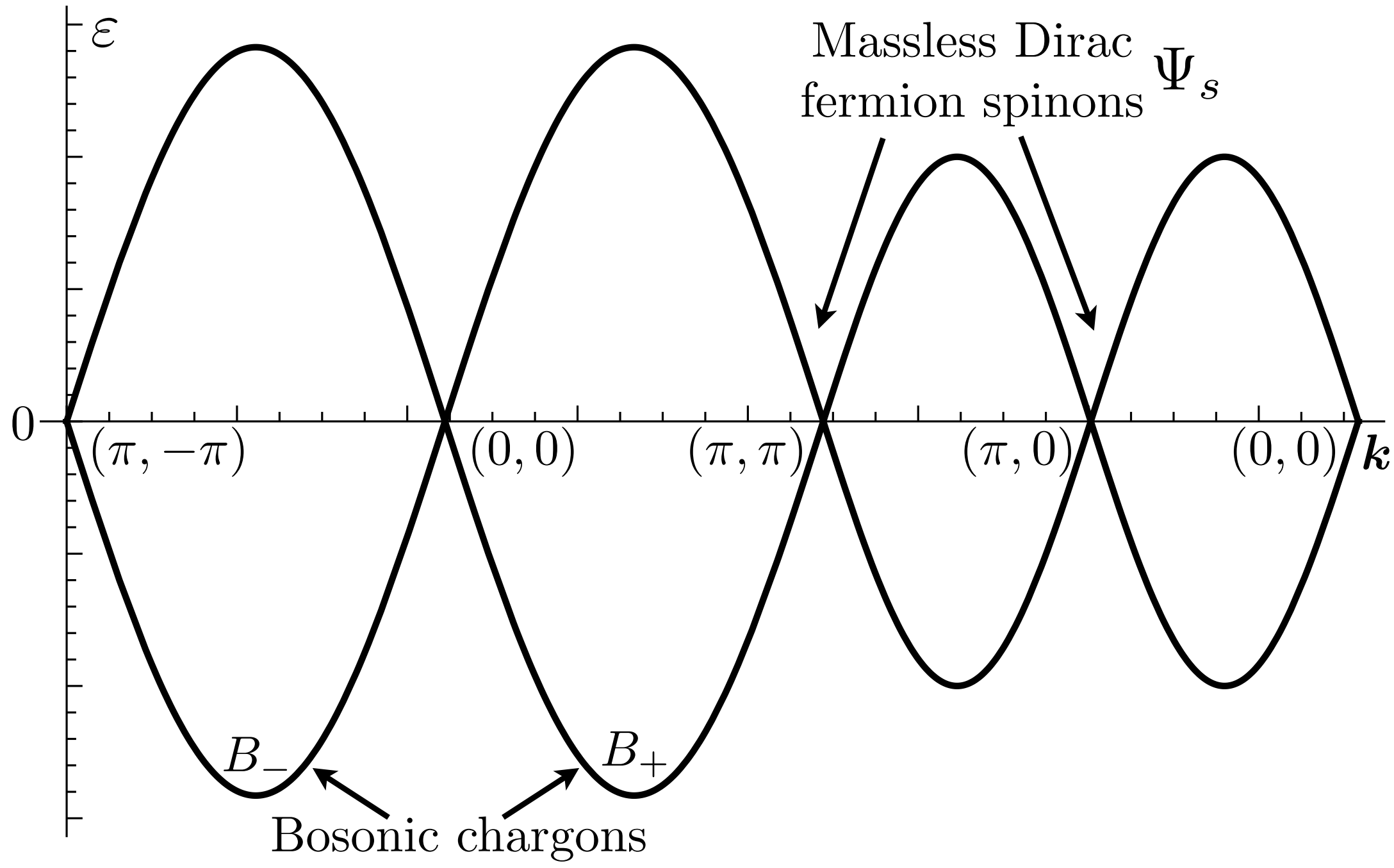
$d$ -density

$(\pi,0)$  stripe

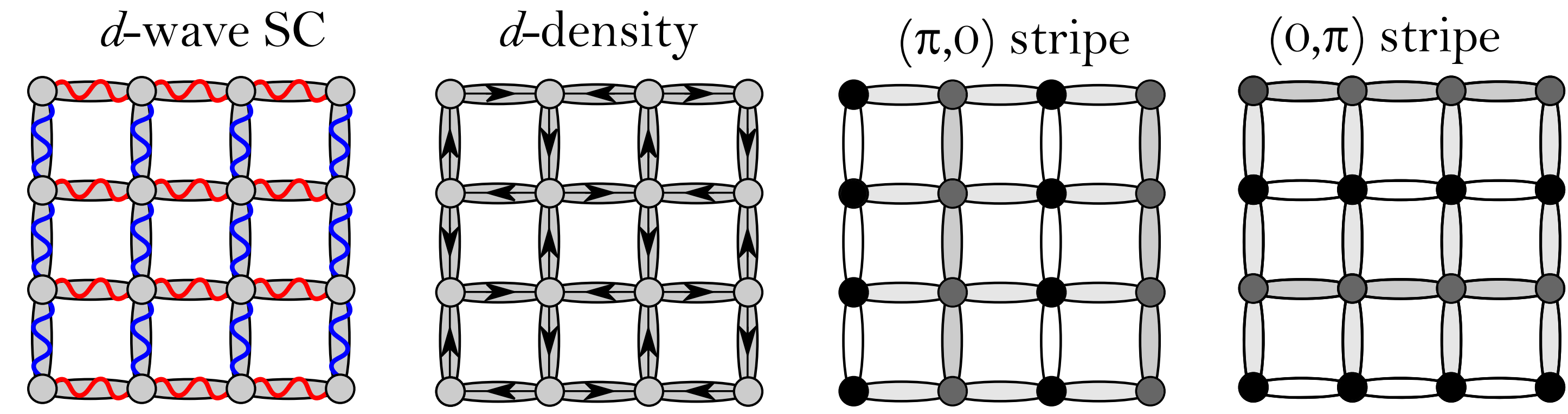
$(0,\pi)$  stripe



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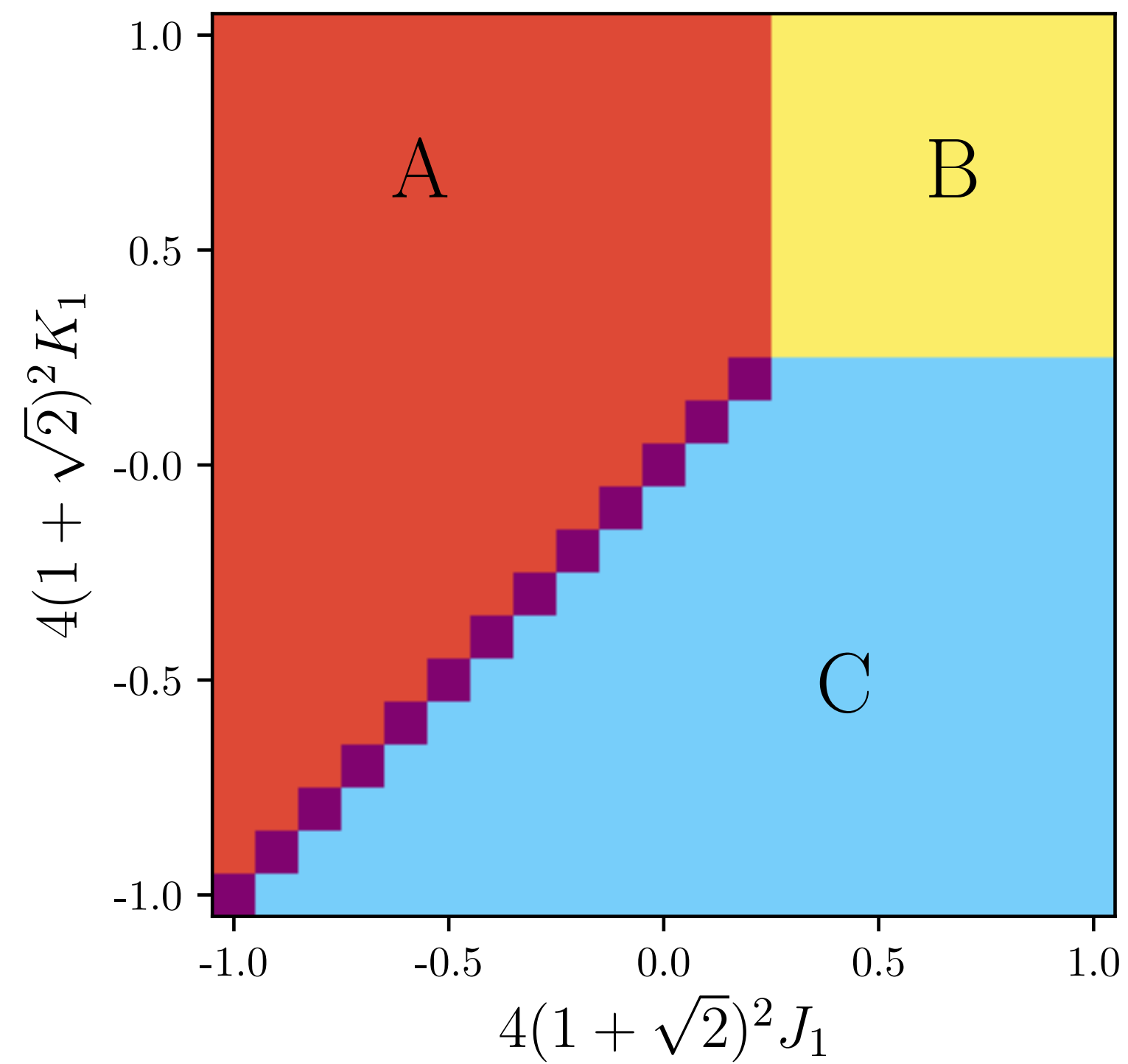


The  $B_{av}$  ( $a \rightarrow SU(2)_N$  gauge,  $v \rightarrow$  valley) are the “square roots” of conventional *d*-wave superconductor, charge density wave, pair density wave  
...



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$$\langle B \rangle \neq 0$$

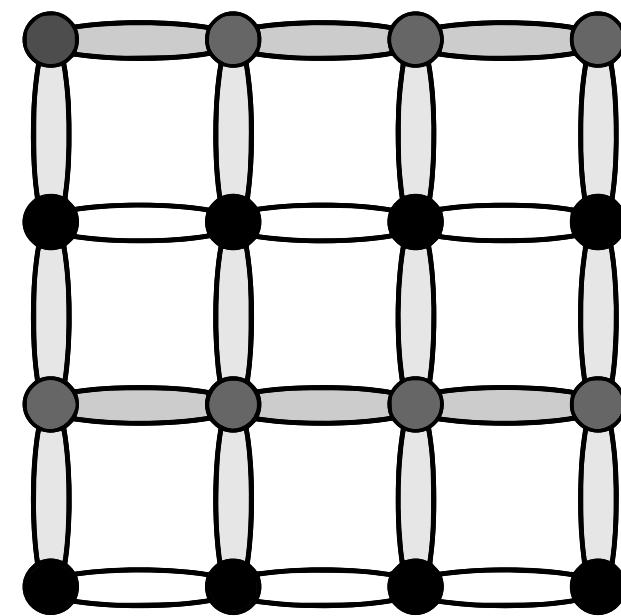
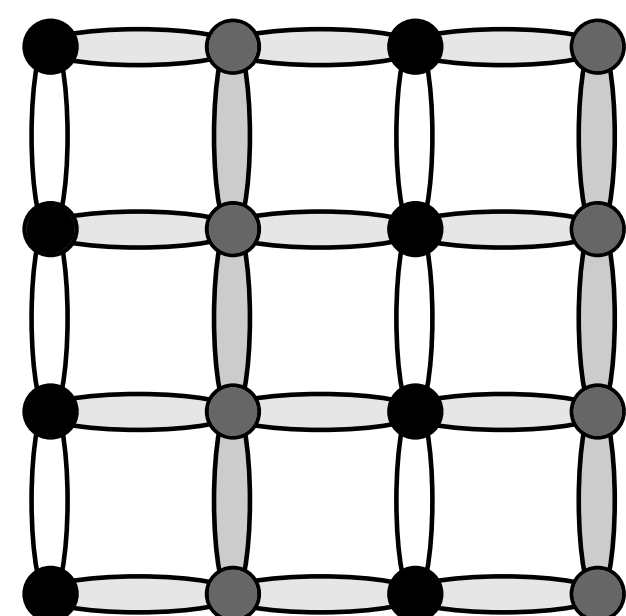
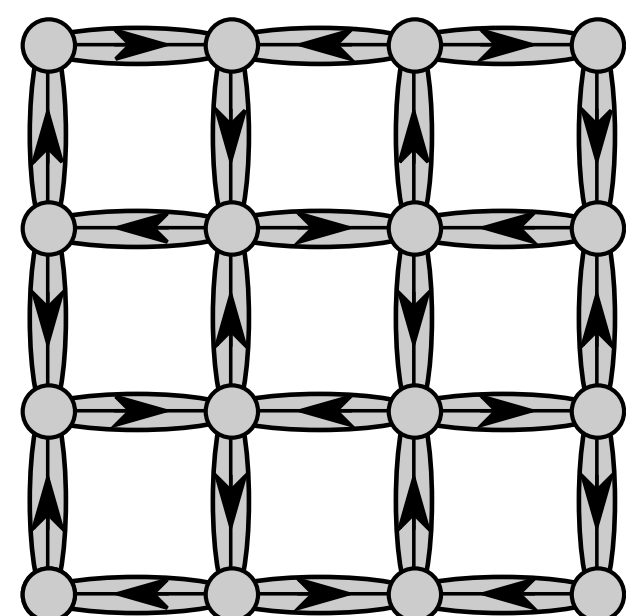
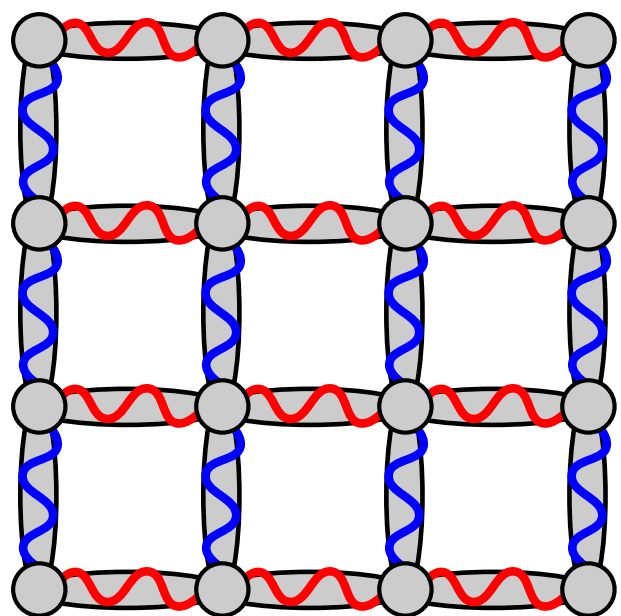


**Phase B**  
*d*-wave SC

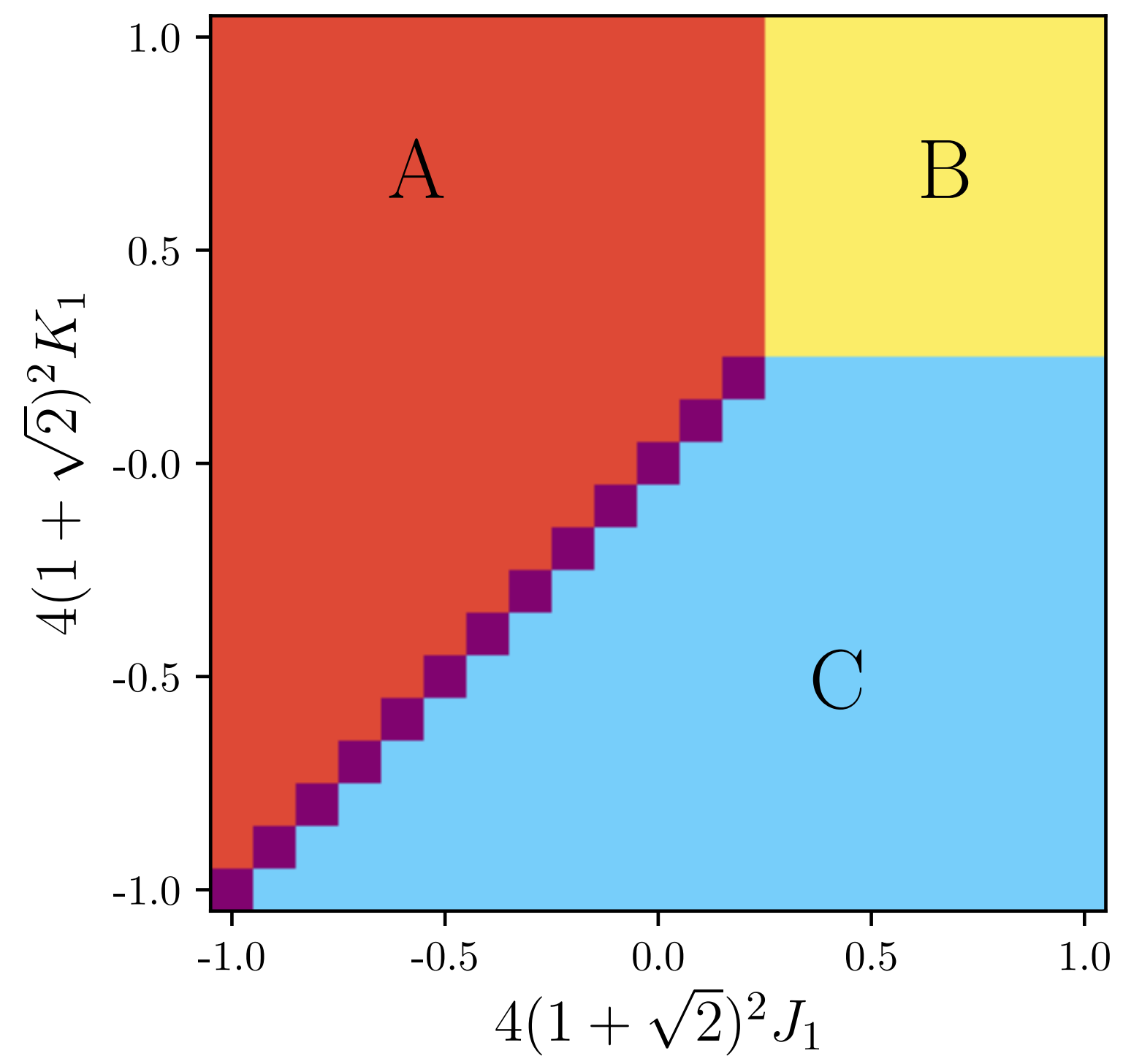
**Phase C**  
*d*-density

**Phase A**  
 $(\pi, 0)$  stripe

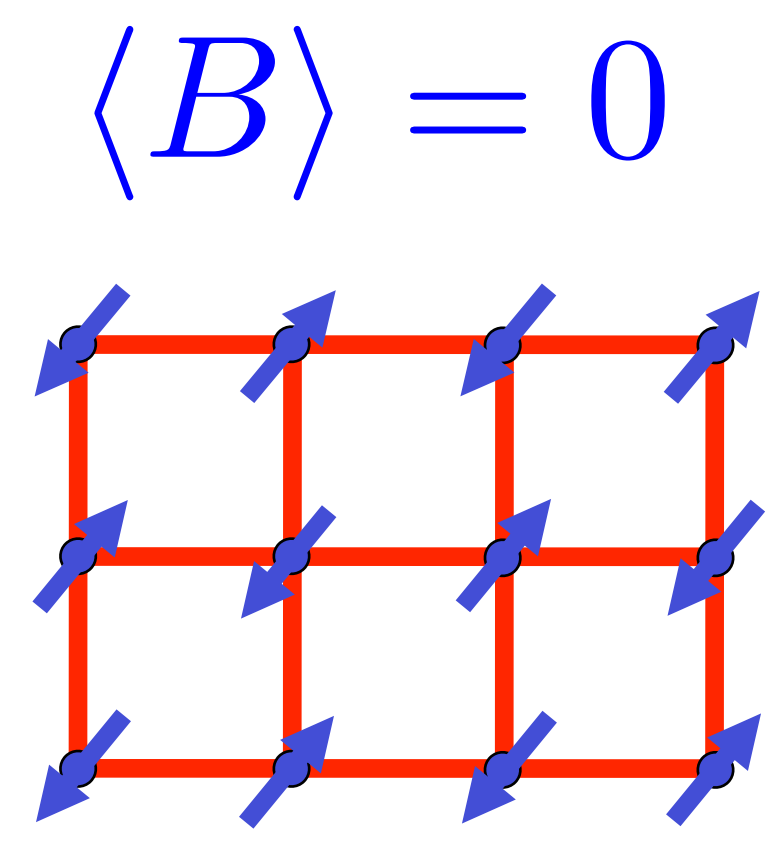
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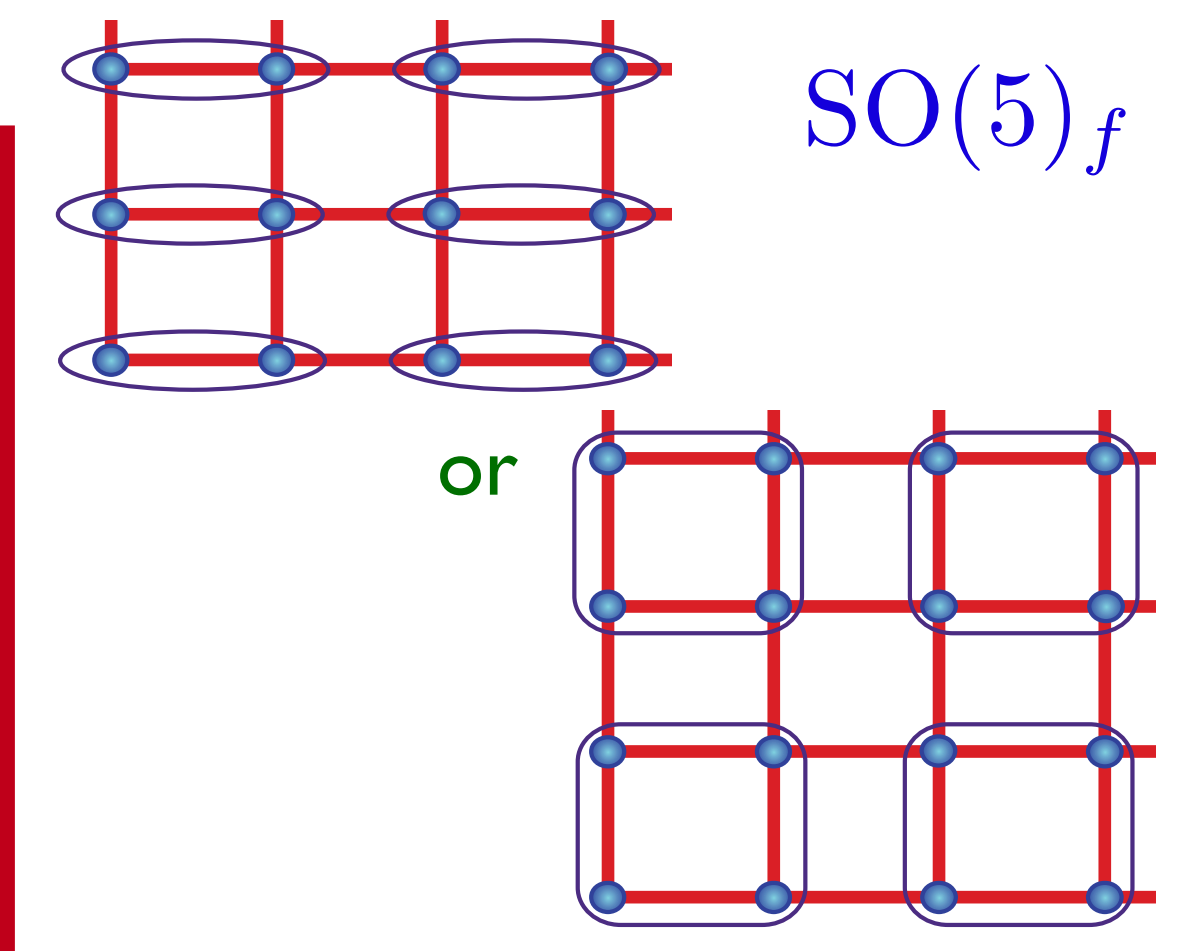
# Global phase diagram of $SU(2)_N$ gauge theory



$\langle B \rangle \neq 0$   
 $SO(5)_b$



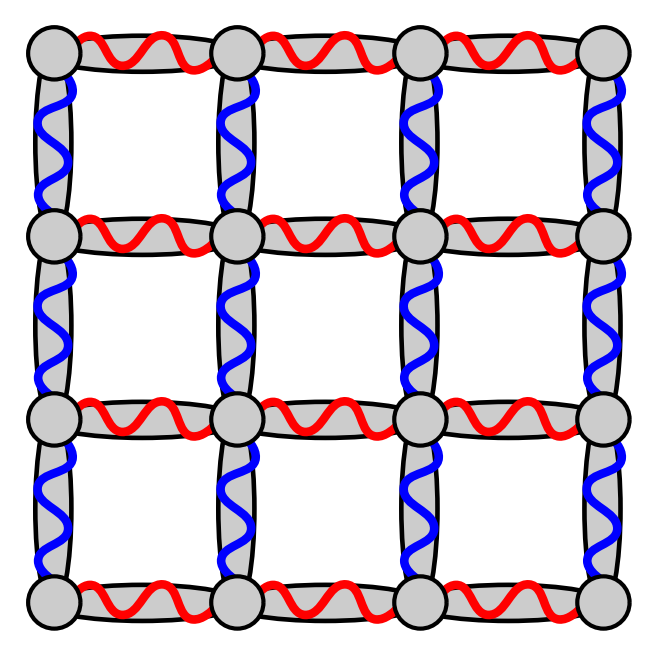
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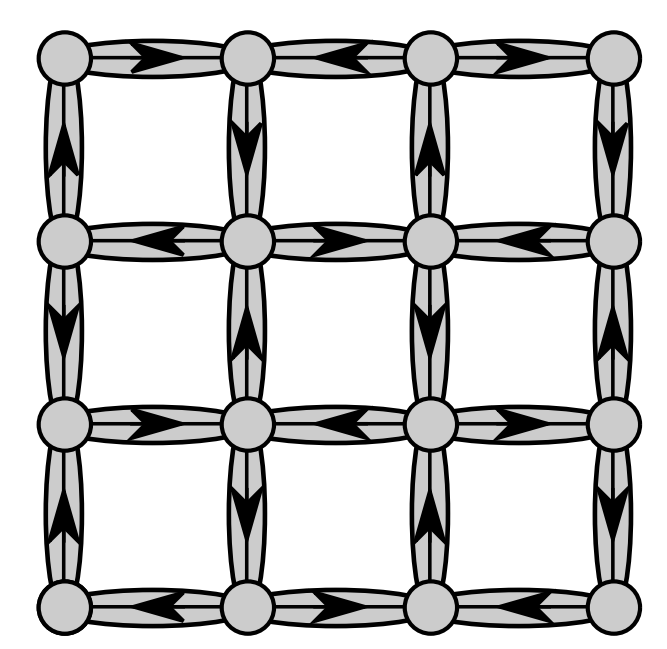
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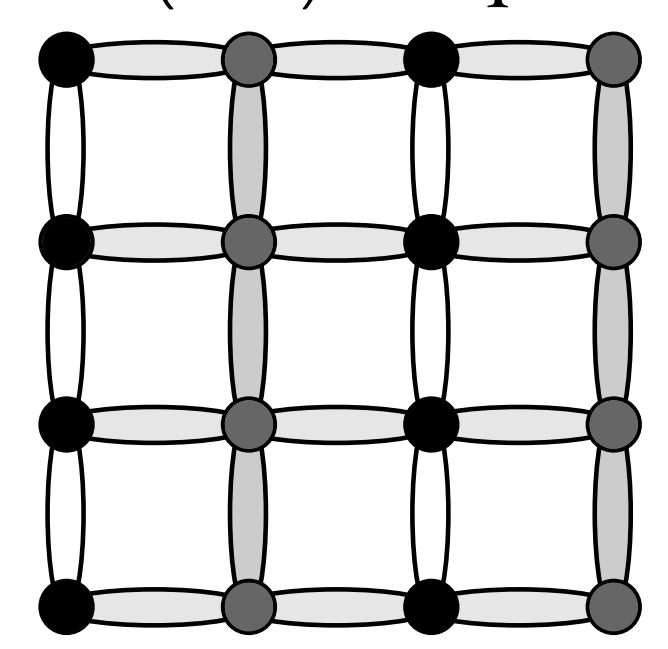
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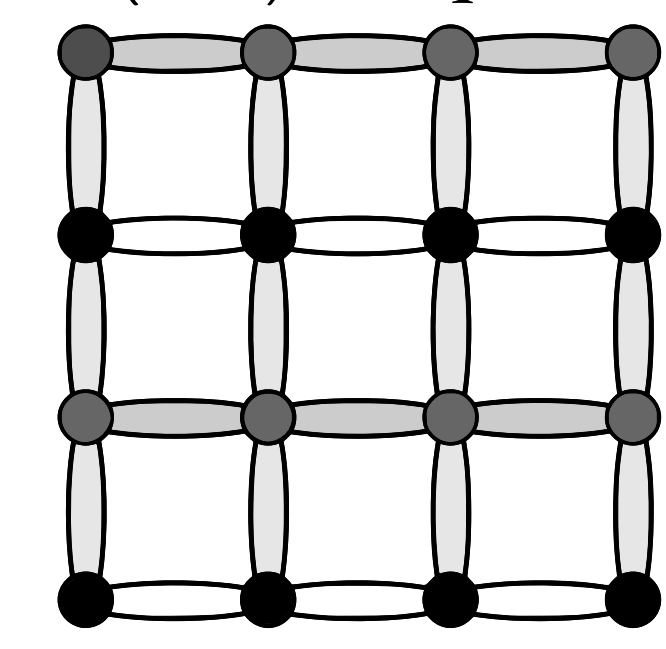
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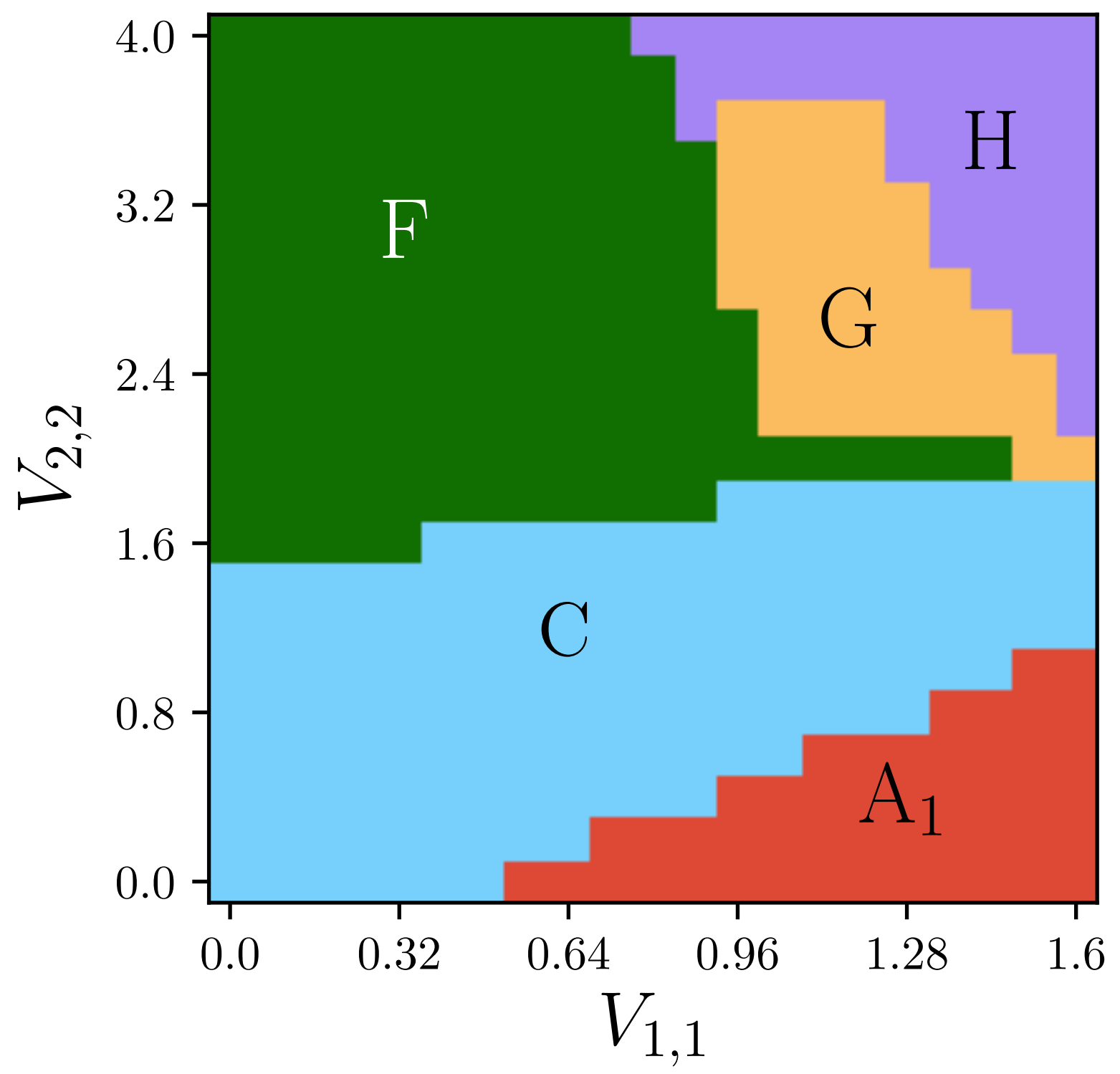
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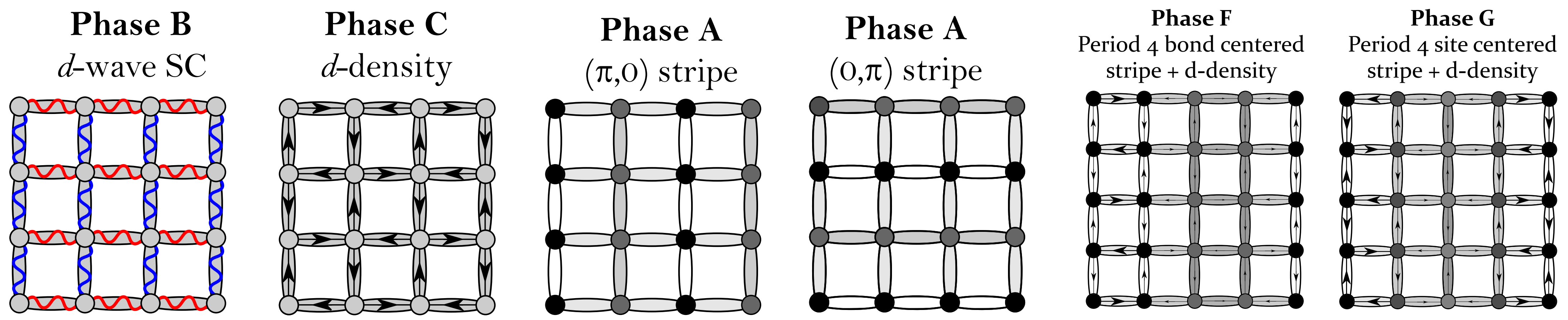
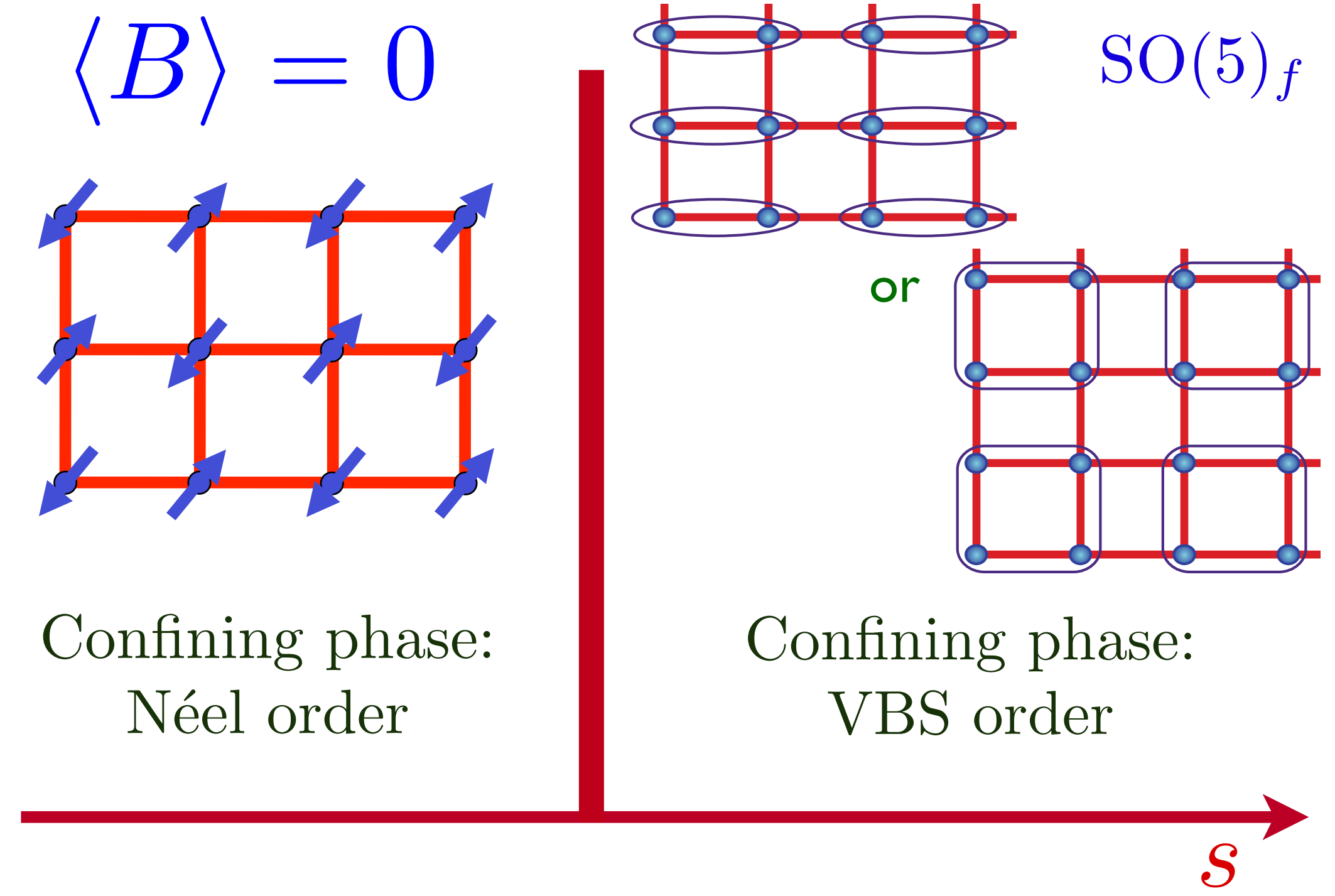


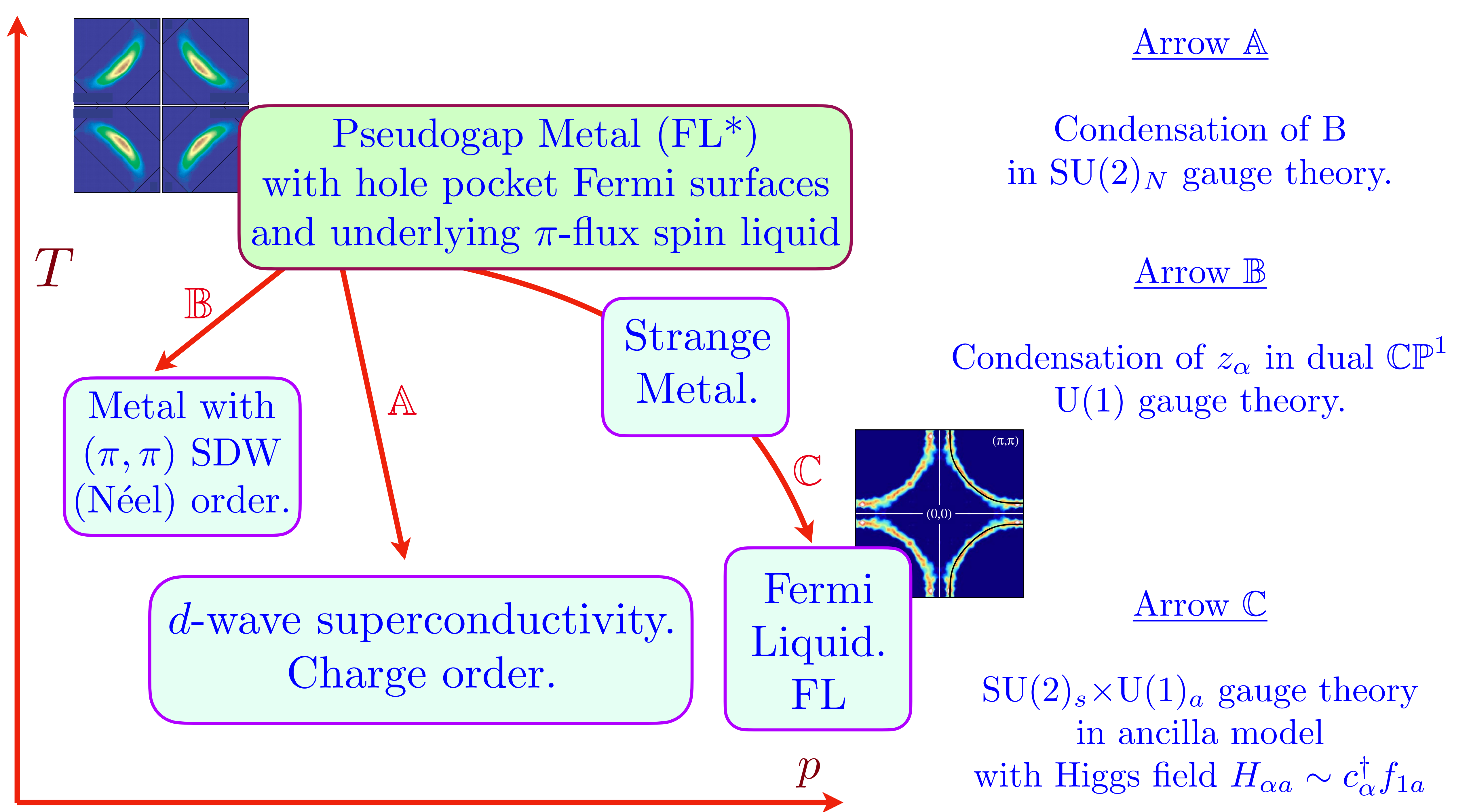
# Global phase diagram of $SU(2)_N$ gauge theory



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Including further-neighbor couplings in  $B$





# Unified $SU(2) \times U(1)$ 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  $B_i = (B_{1i}, B_{2i})$ :

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