

Quantum spin liquids: from Rydberg atoms to the high temperature superconductors

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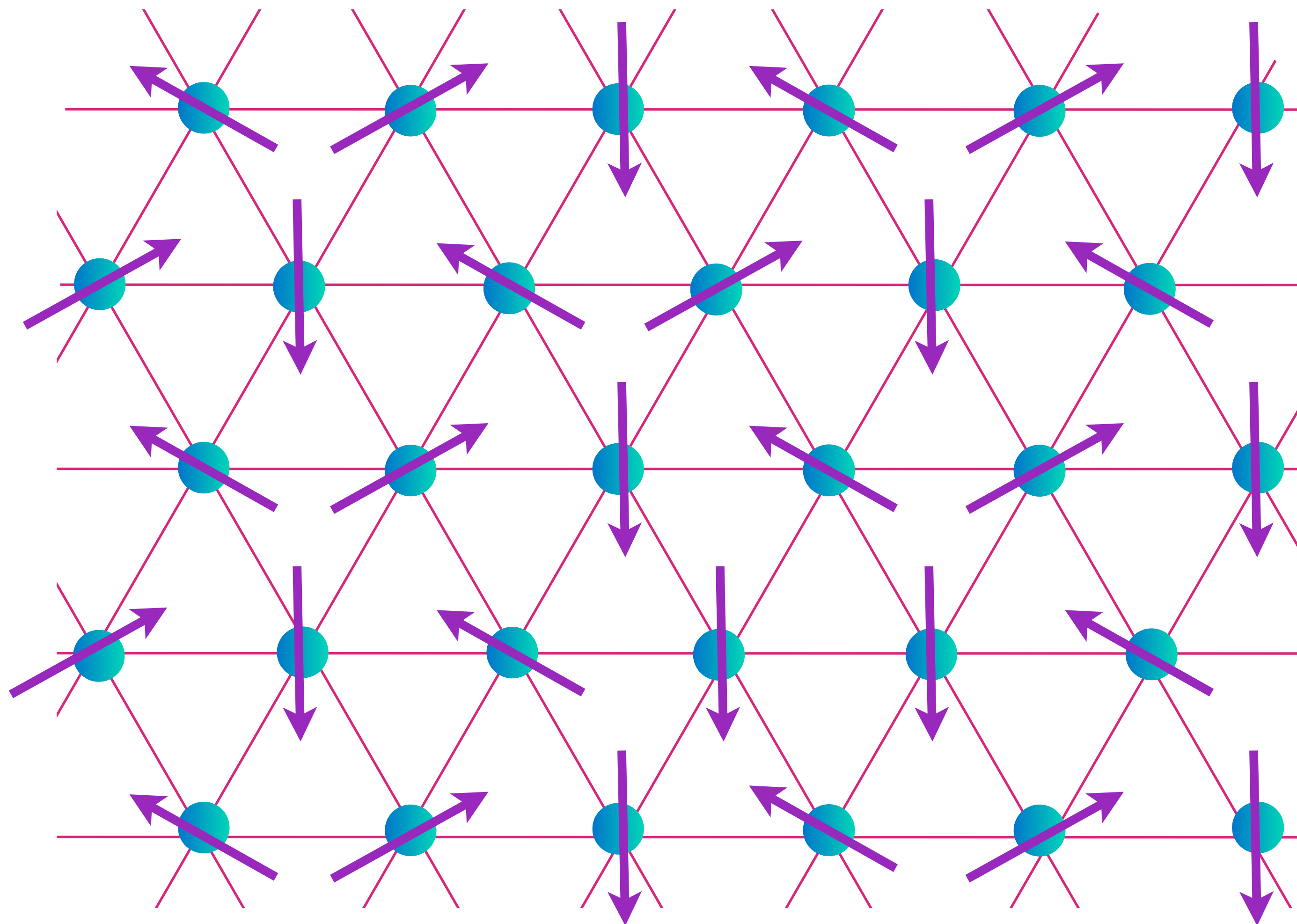
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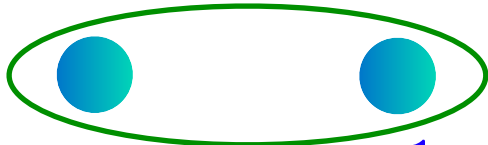
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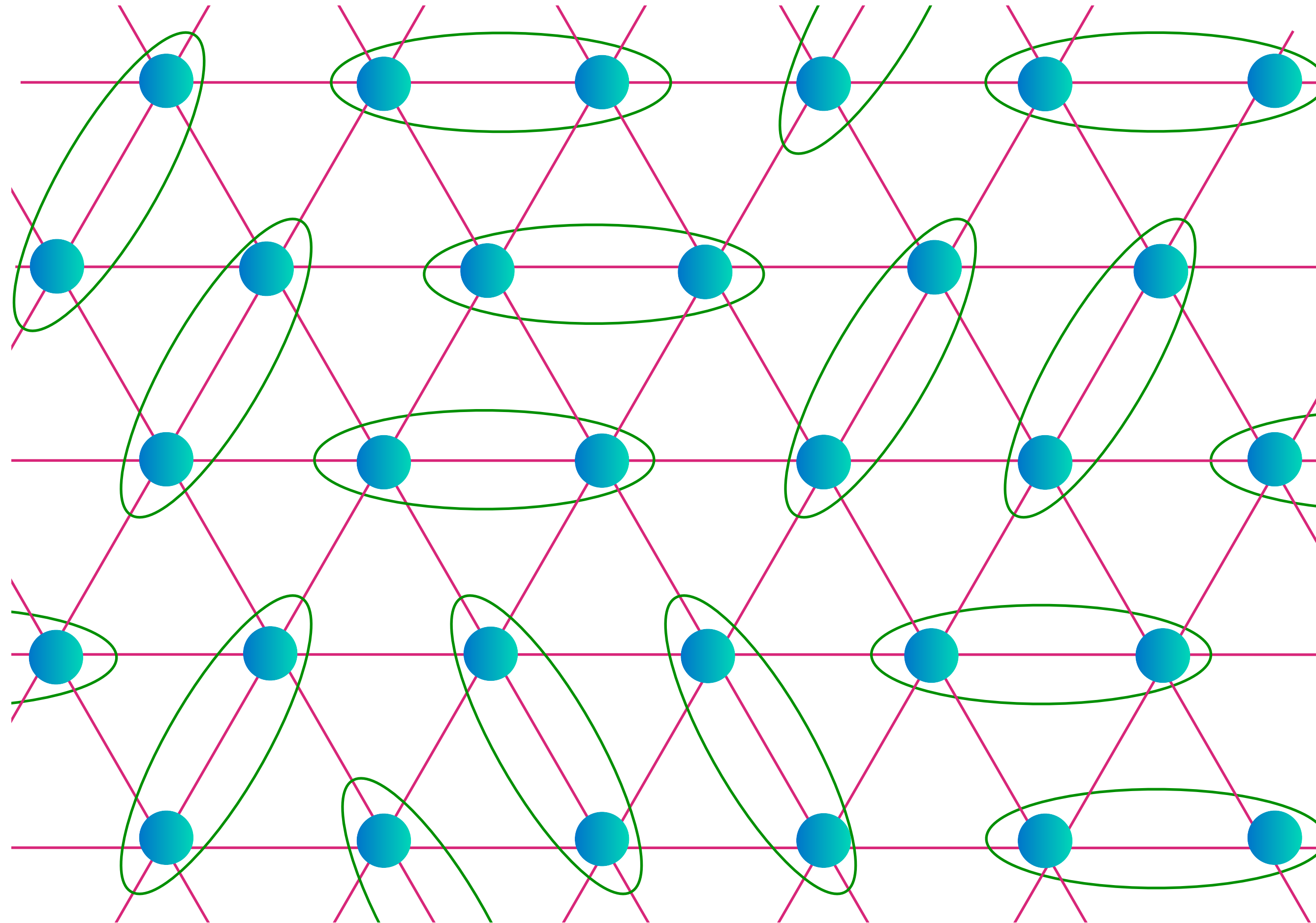


Nearest-neighbor model has non-collinear Neel order

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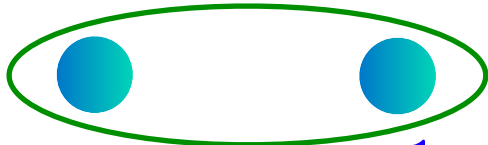


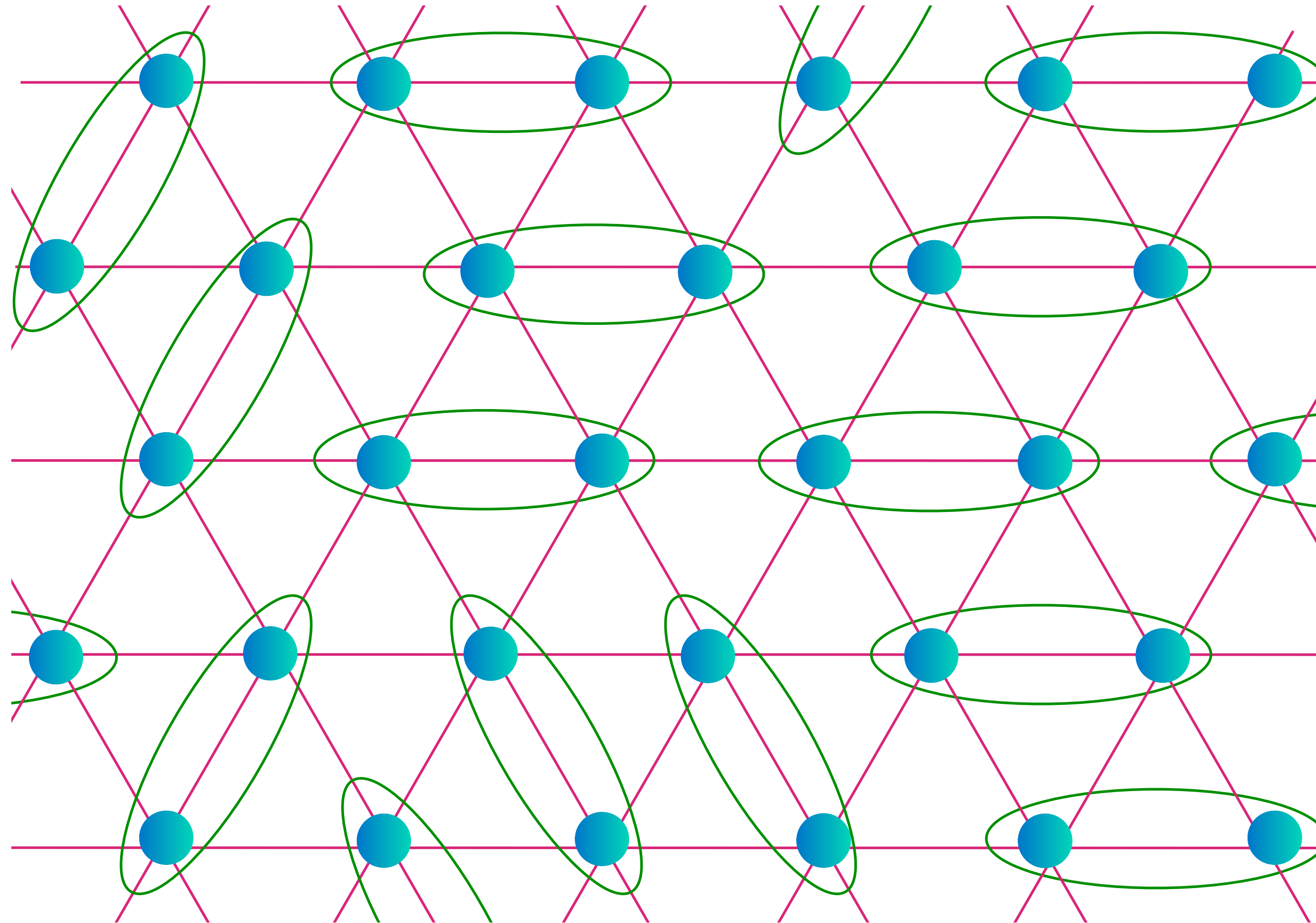
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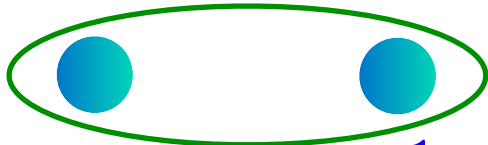


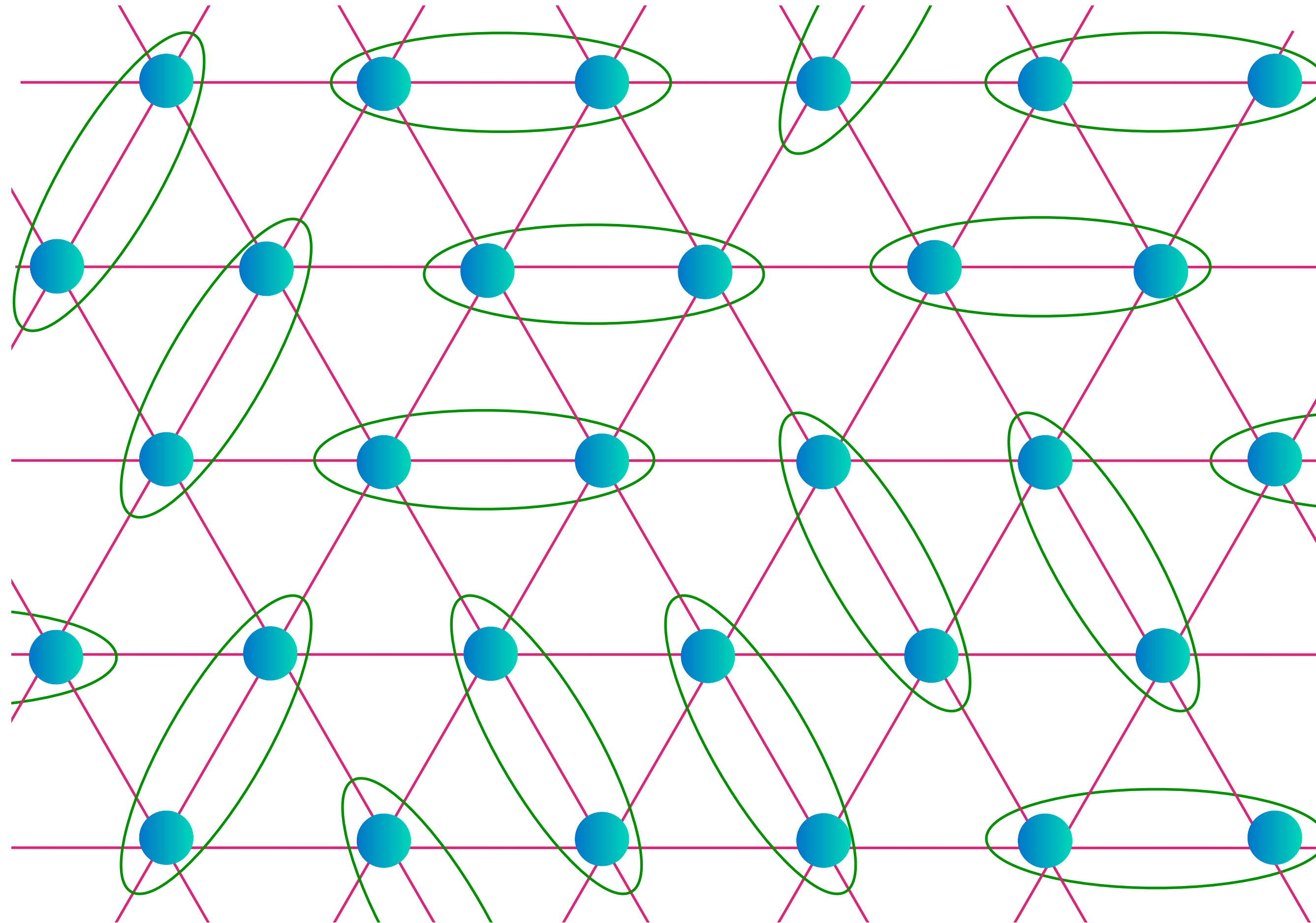
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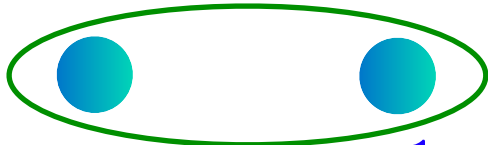


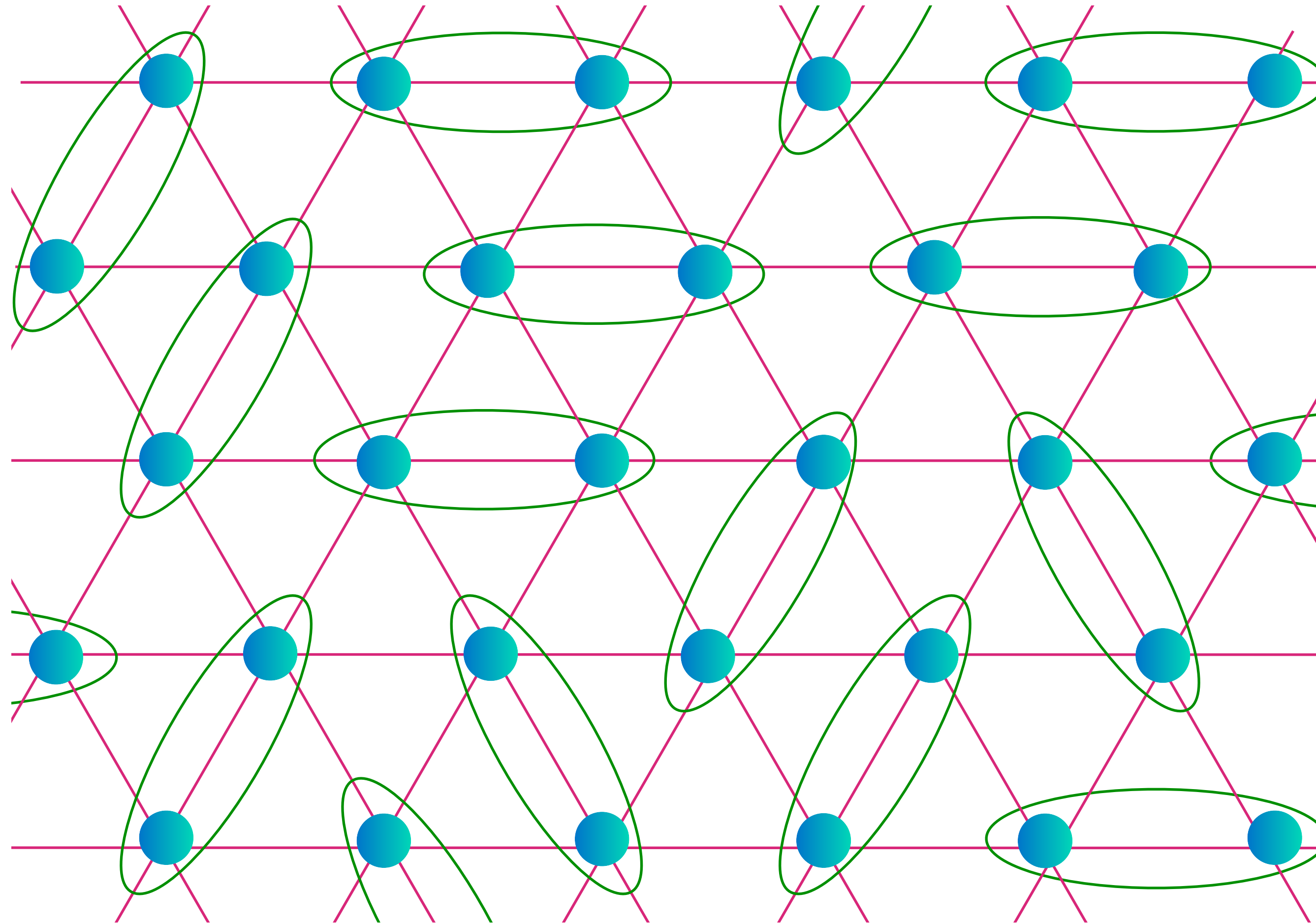
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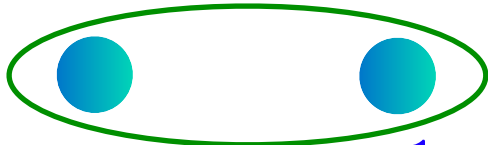


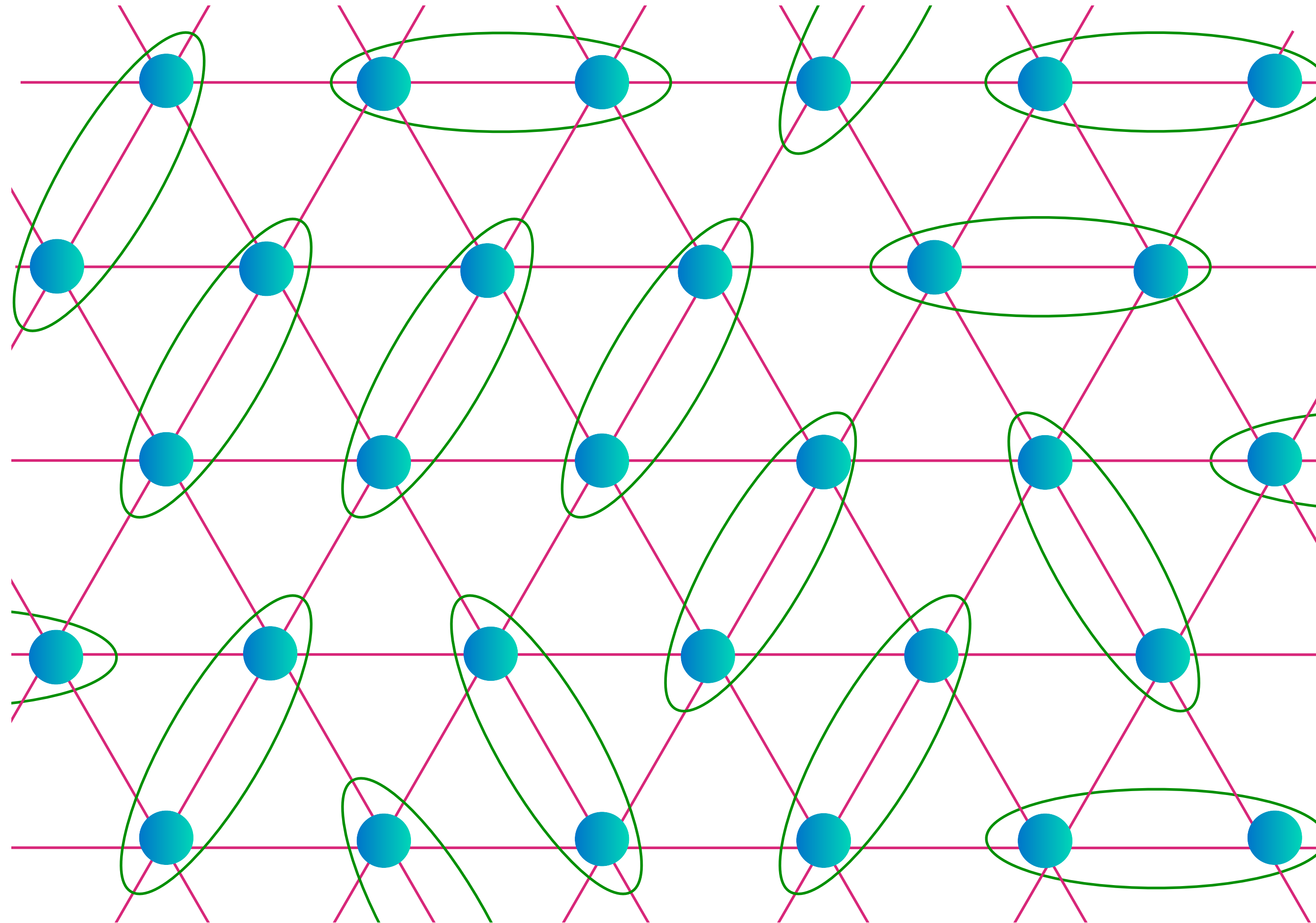
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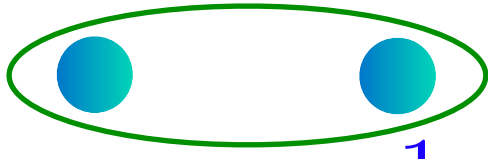


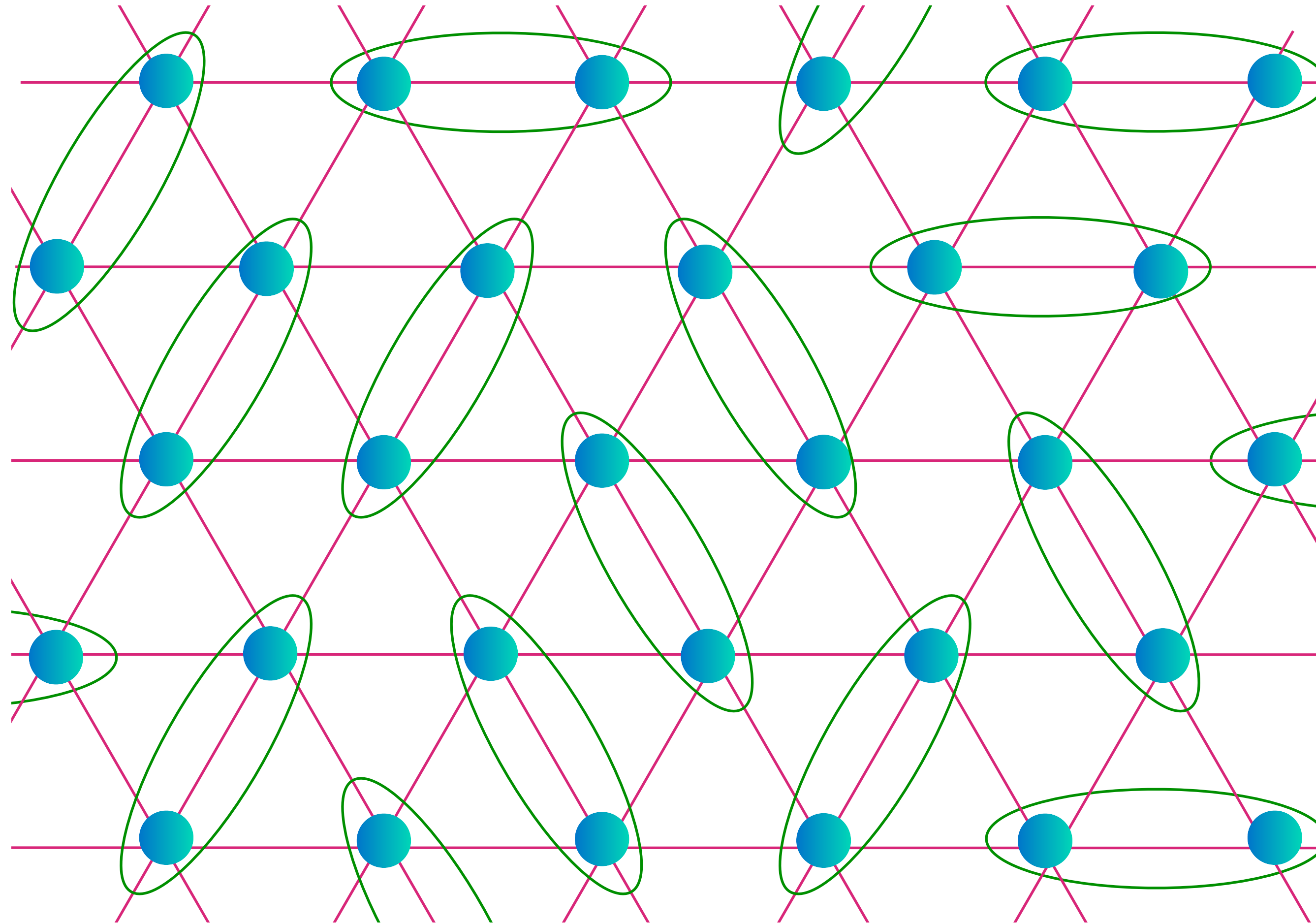
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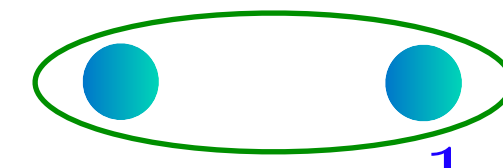


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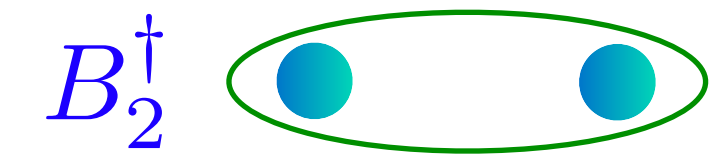
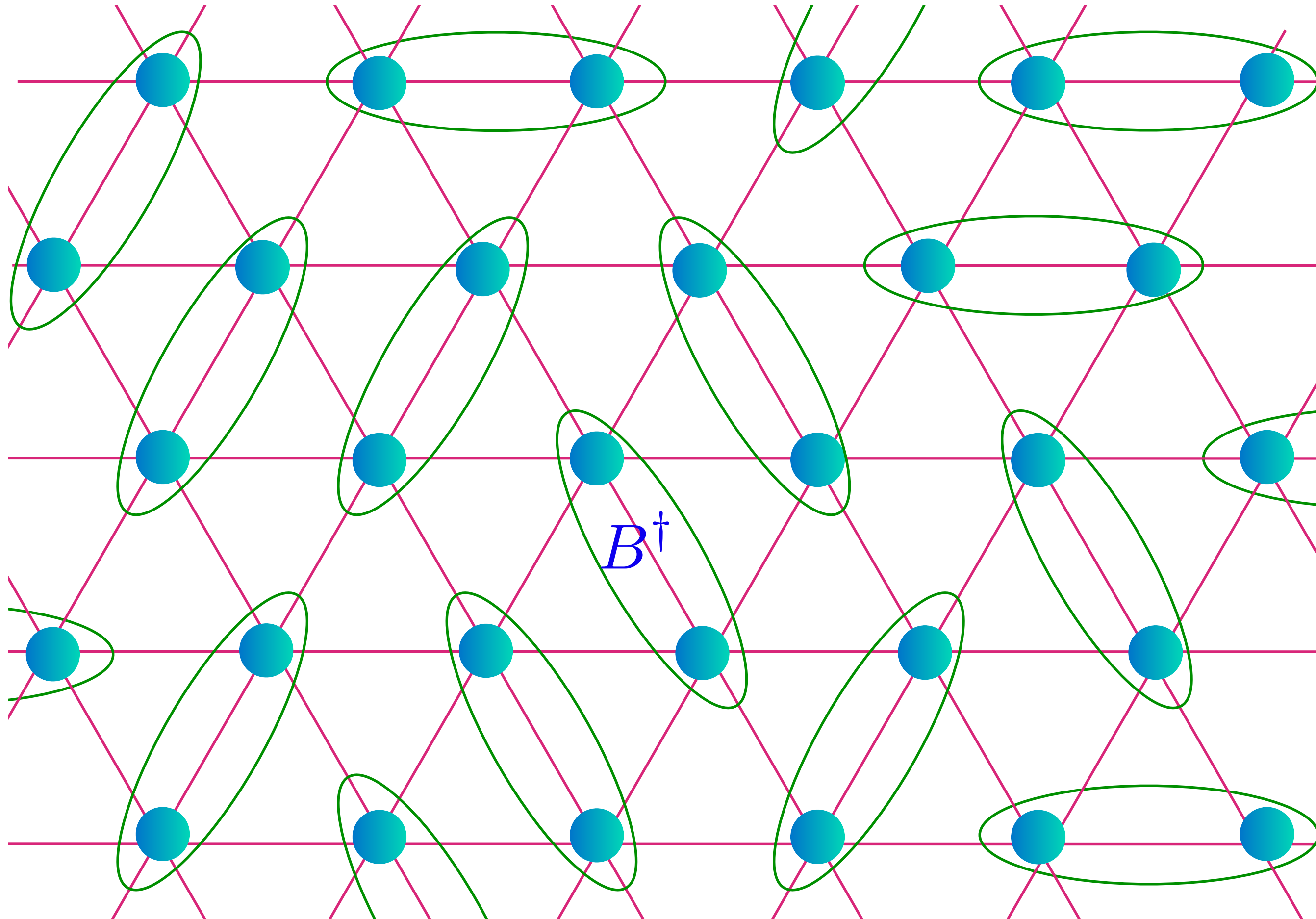
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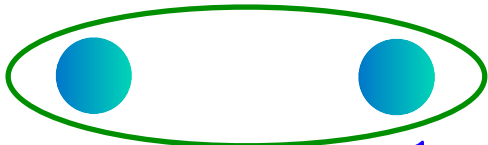
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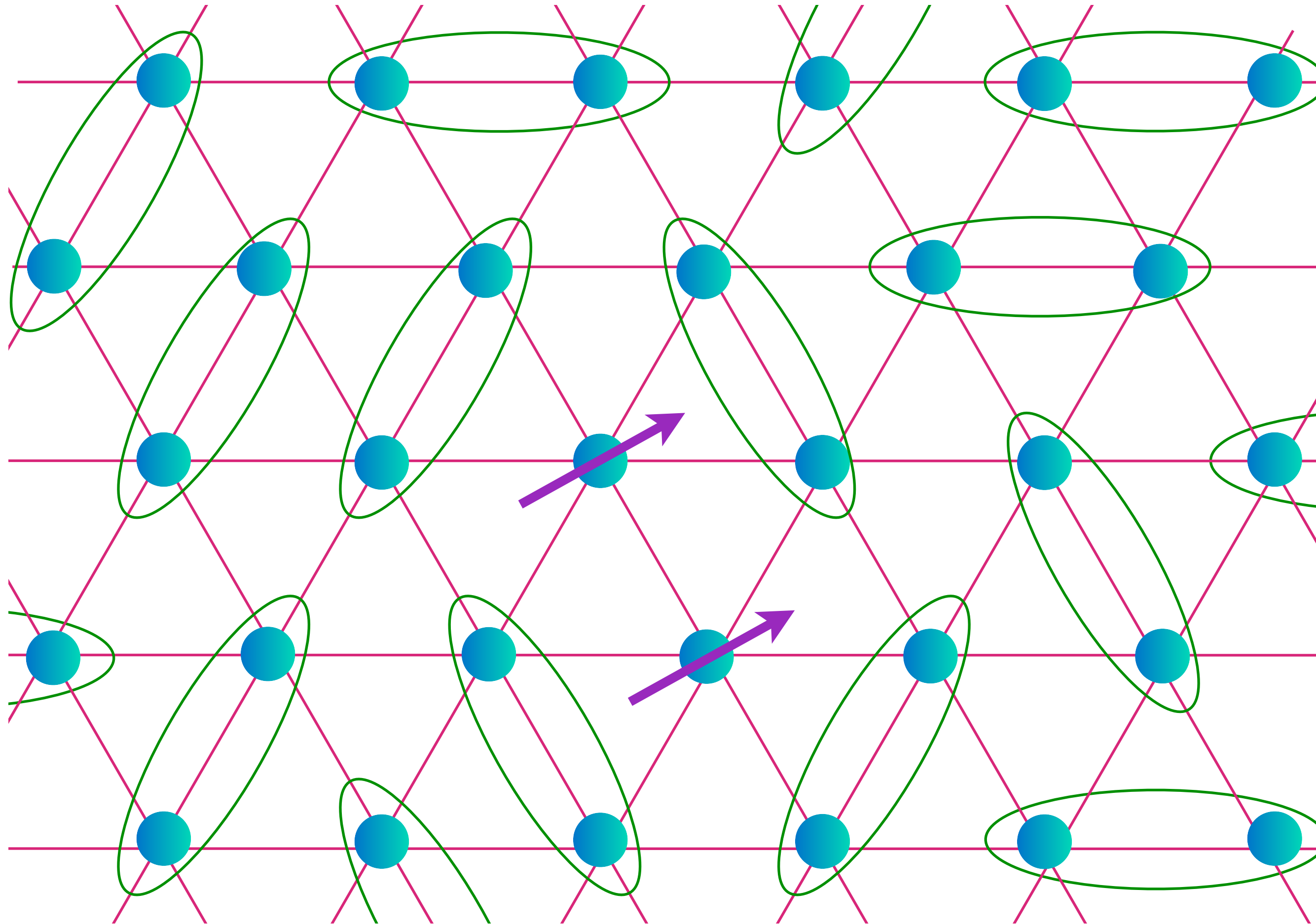


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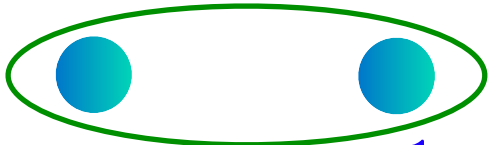

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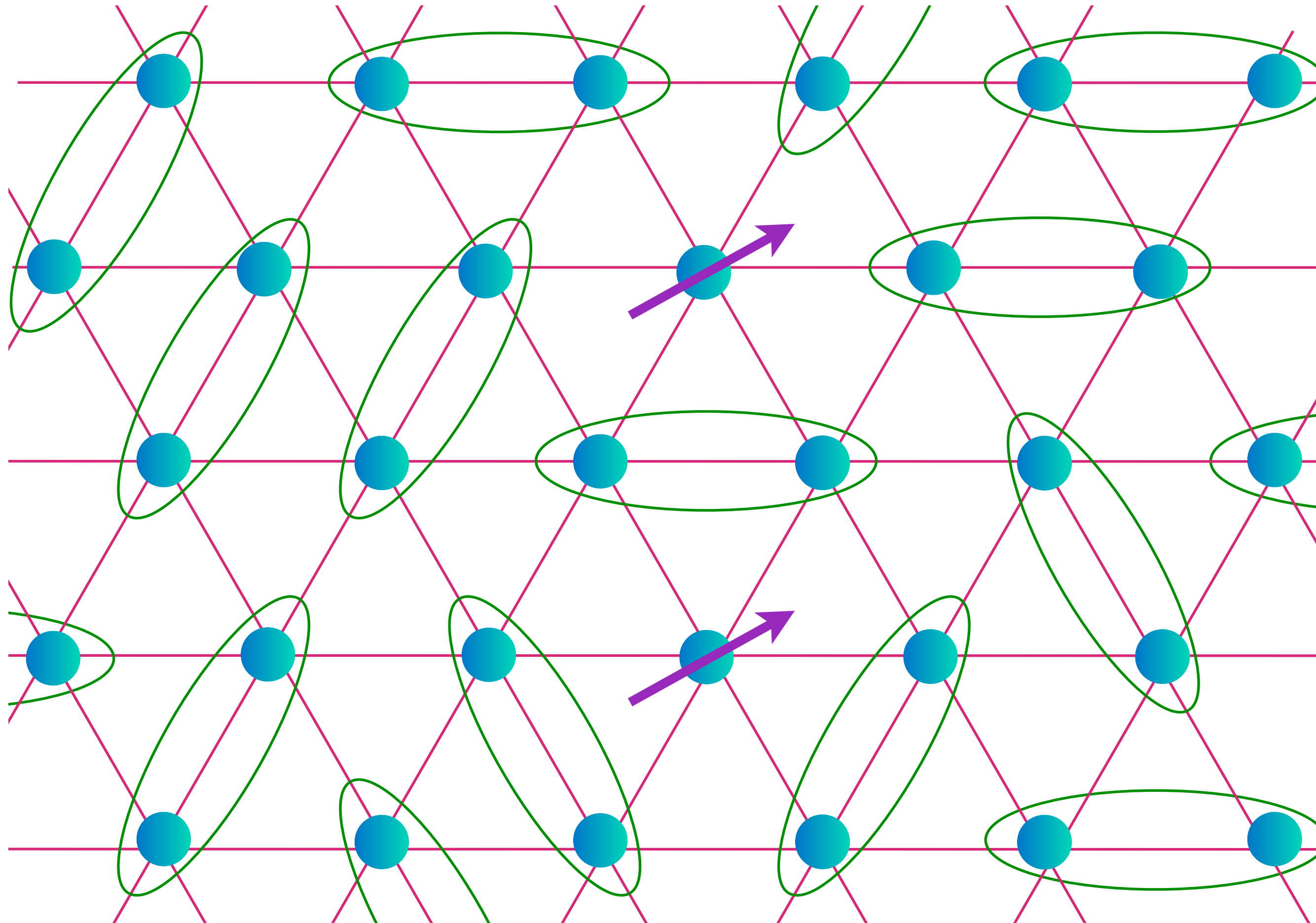


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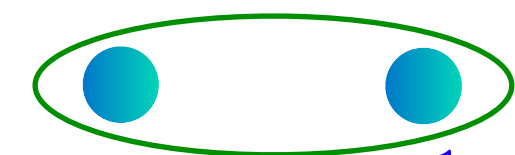

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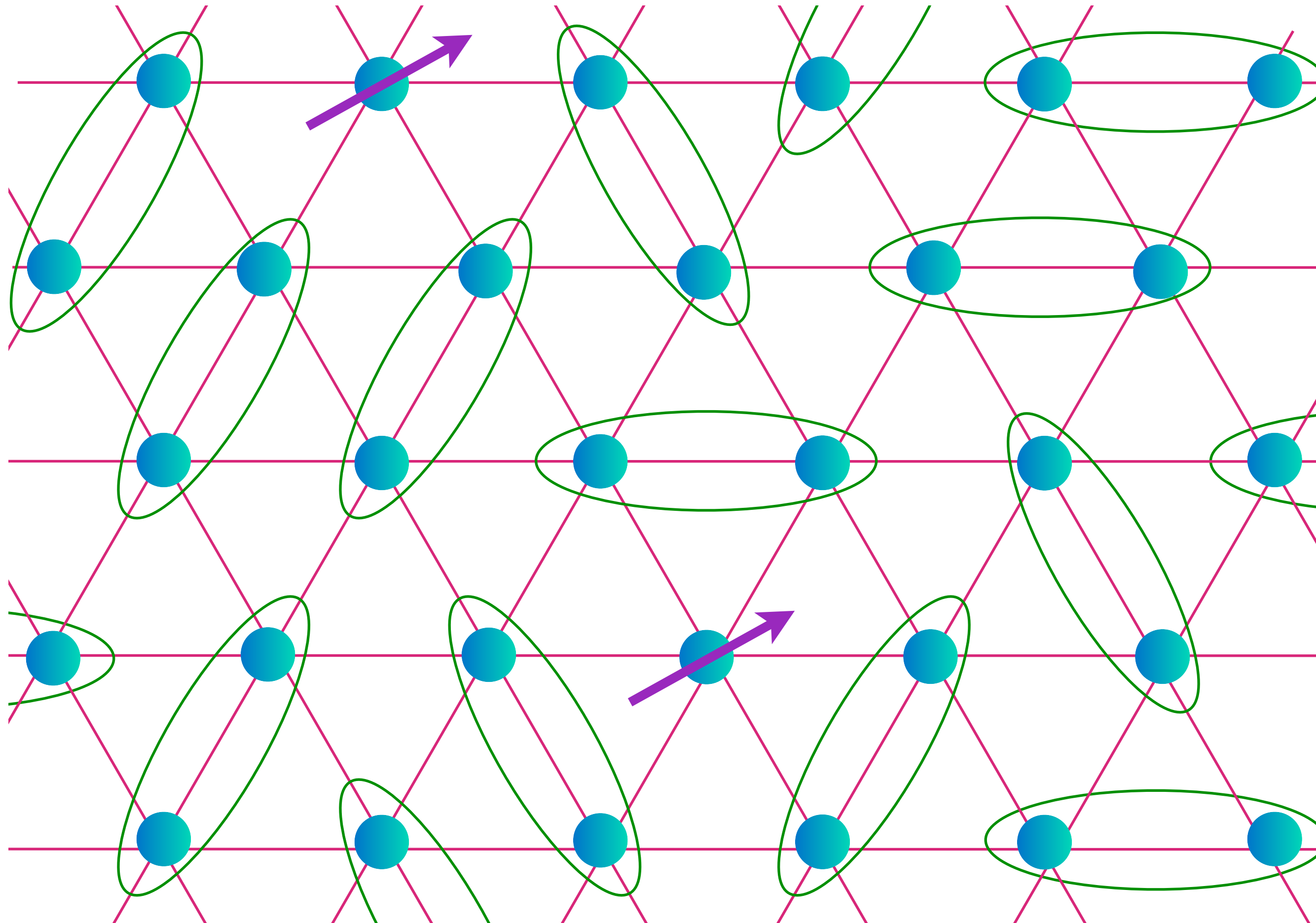


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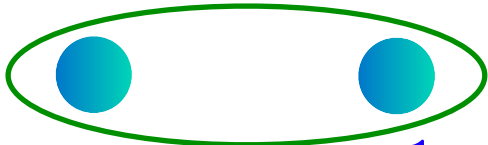

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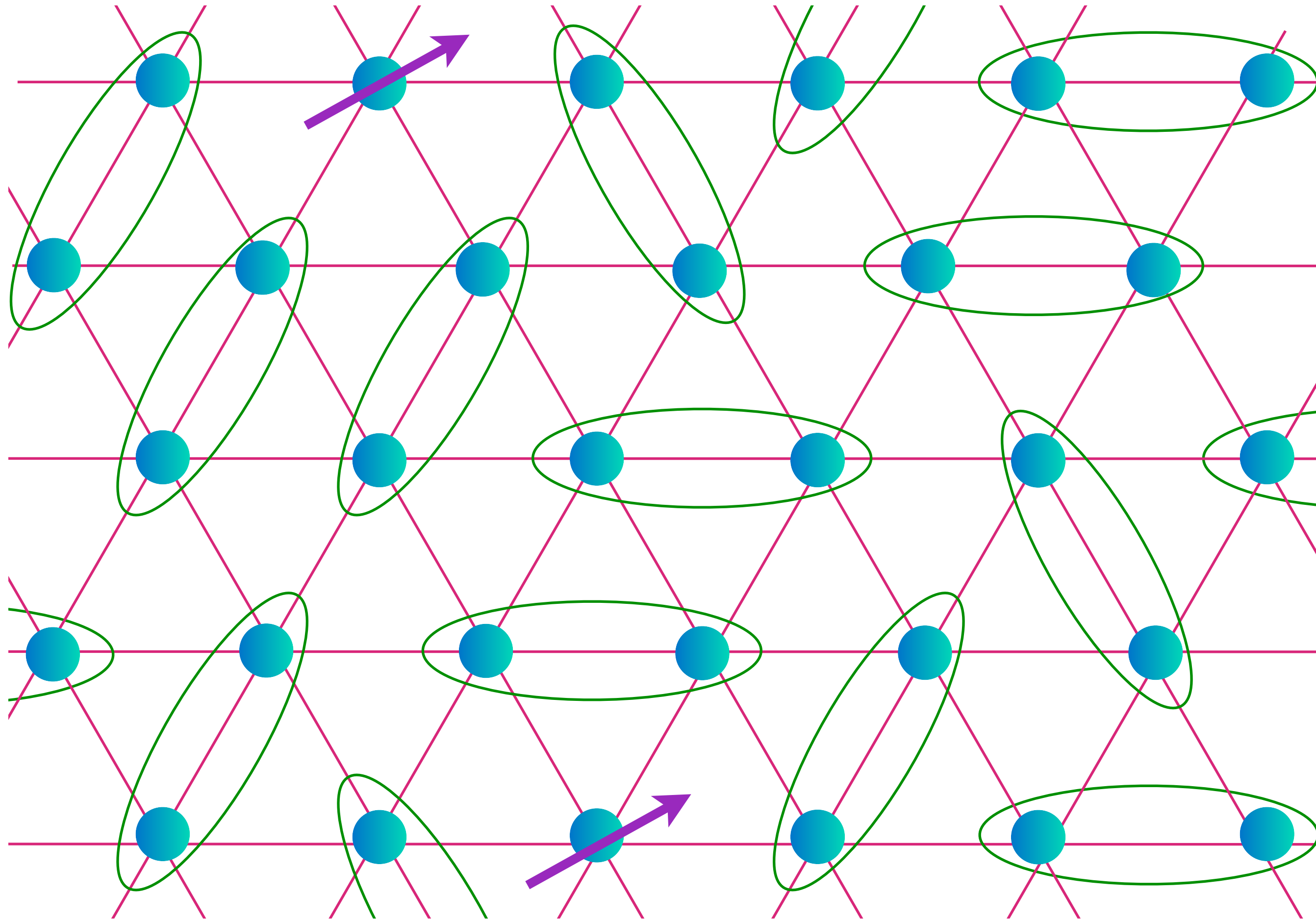


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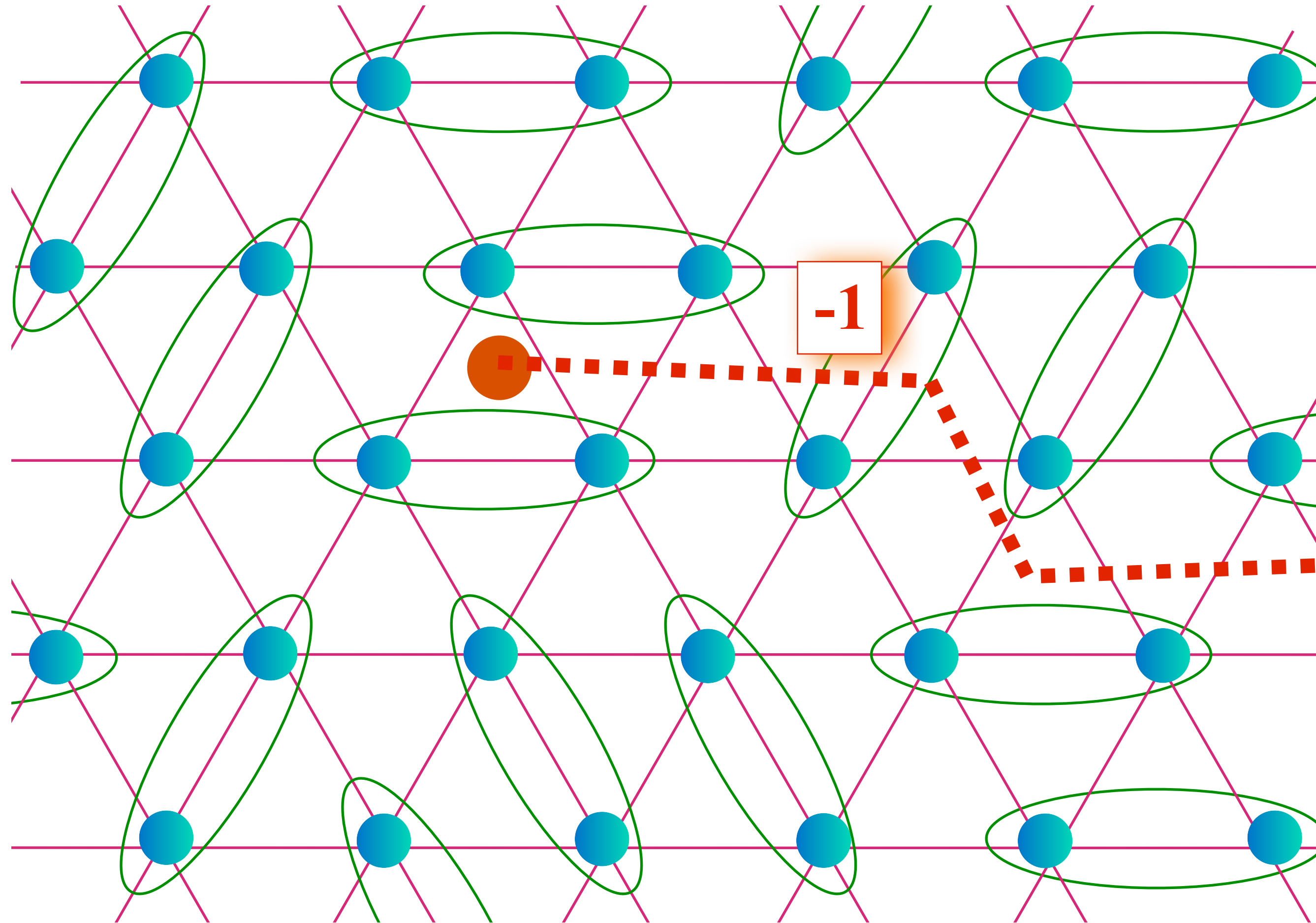


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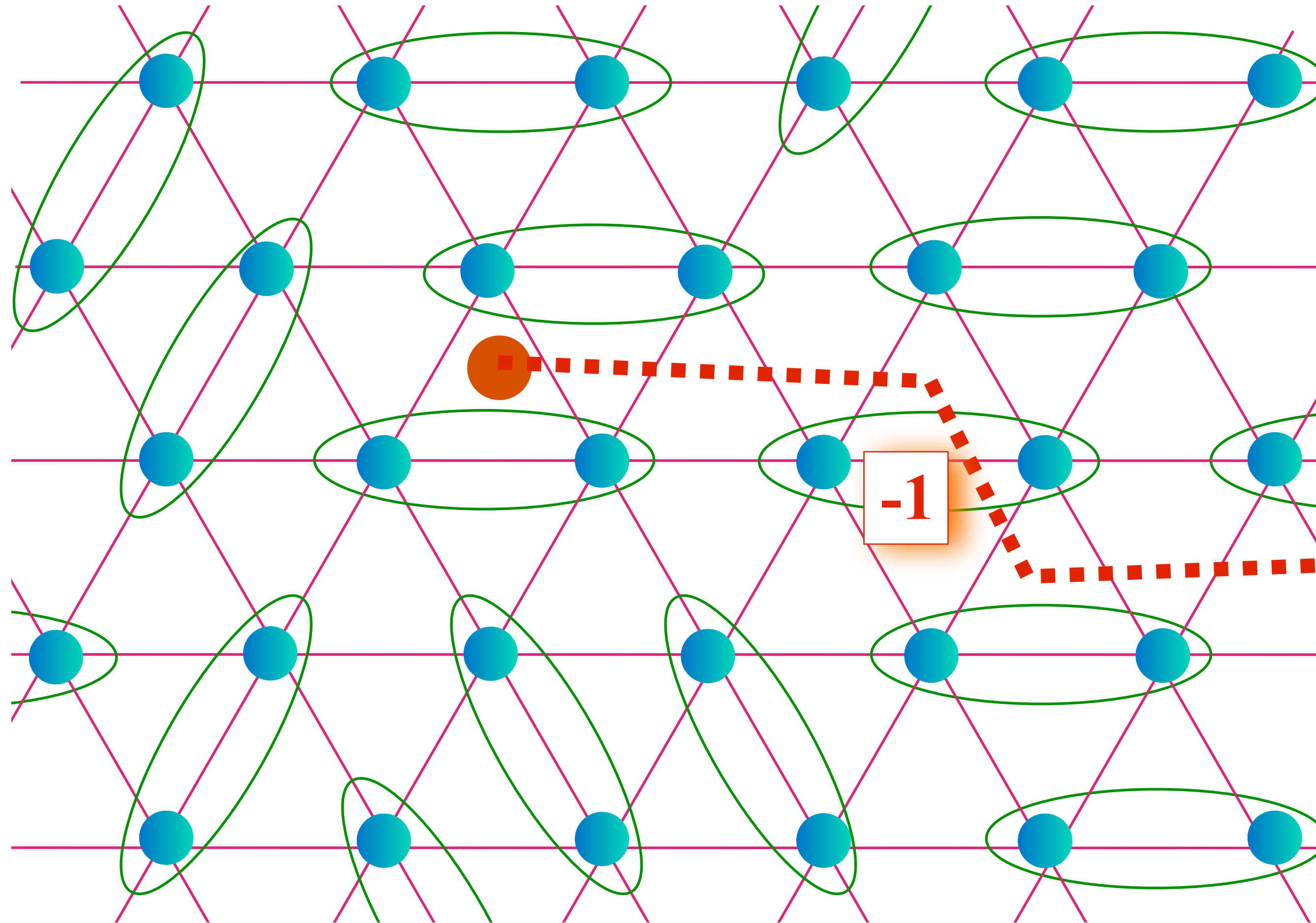
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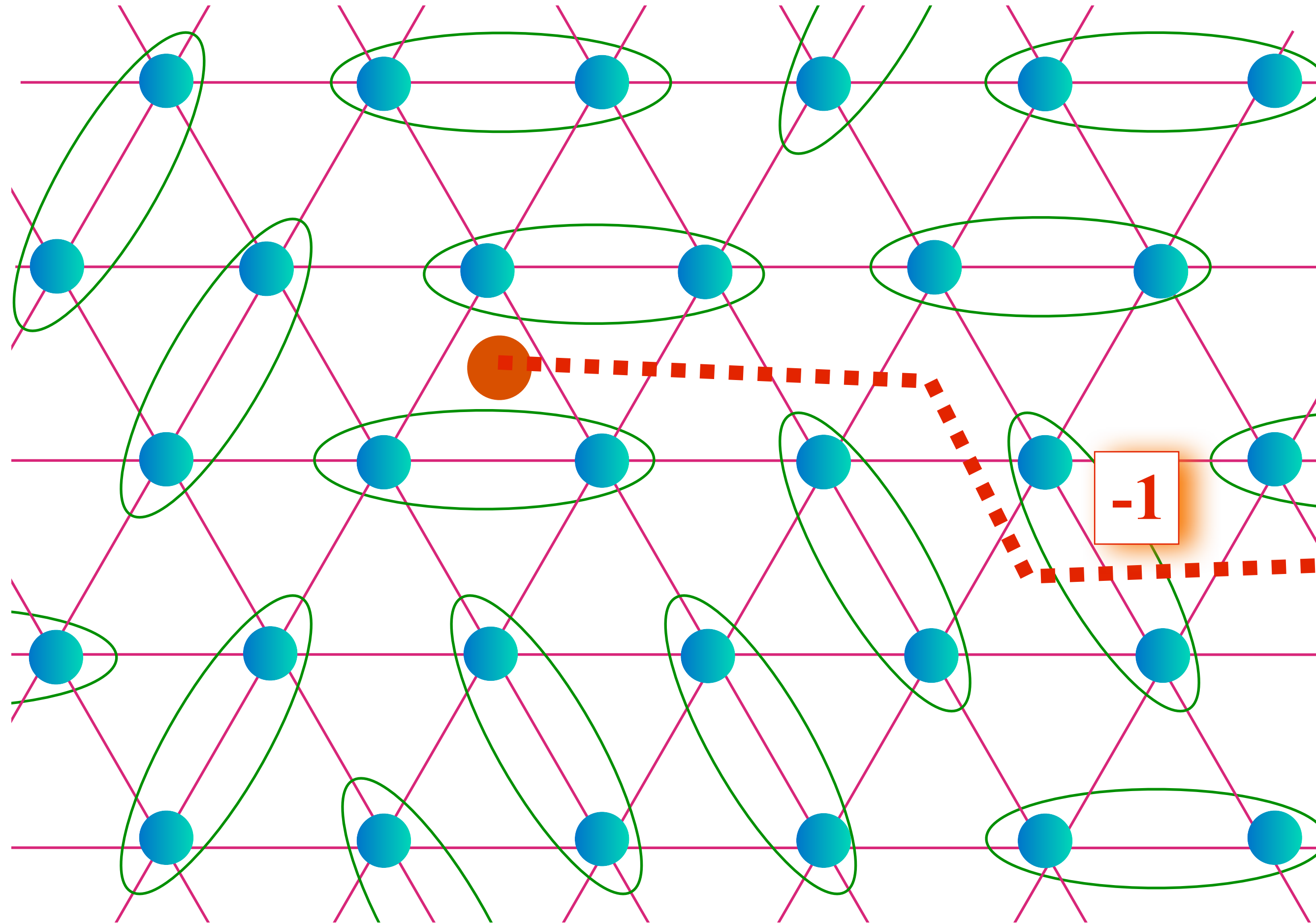
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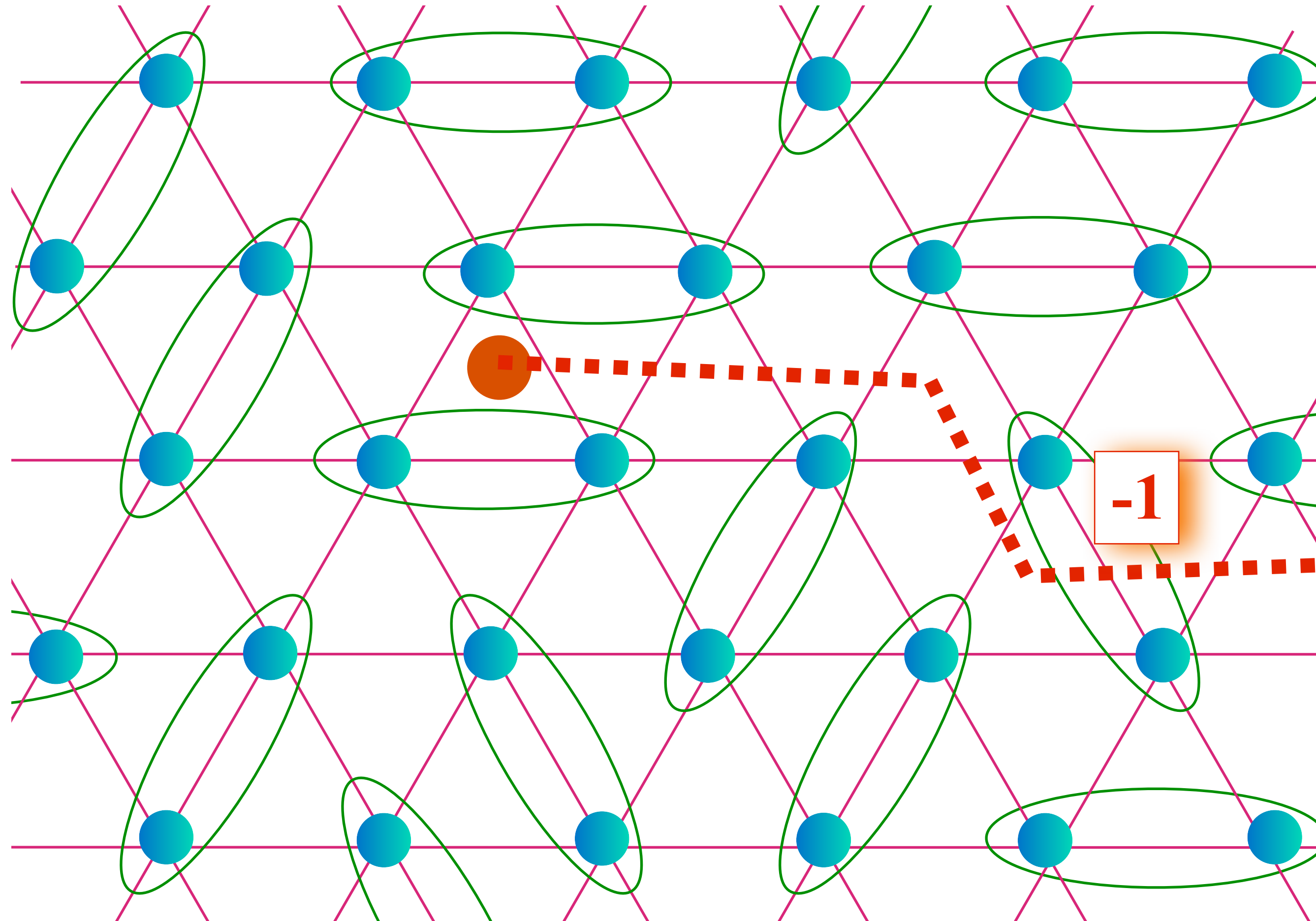
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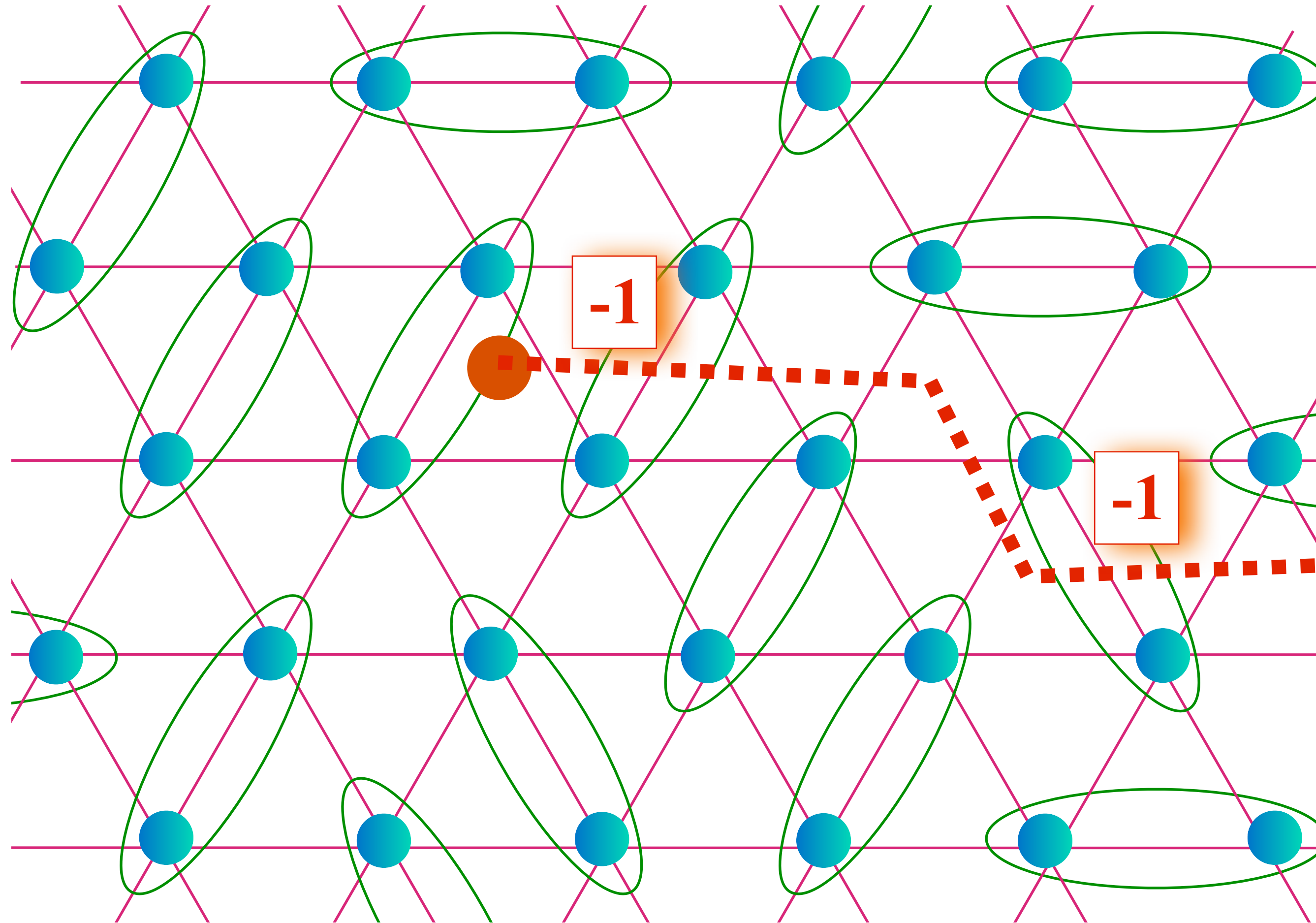
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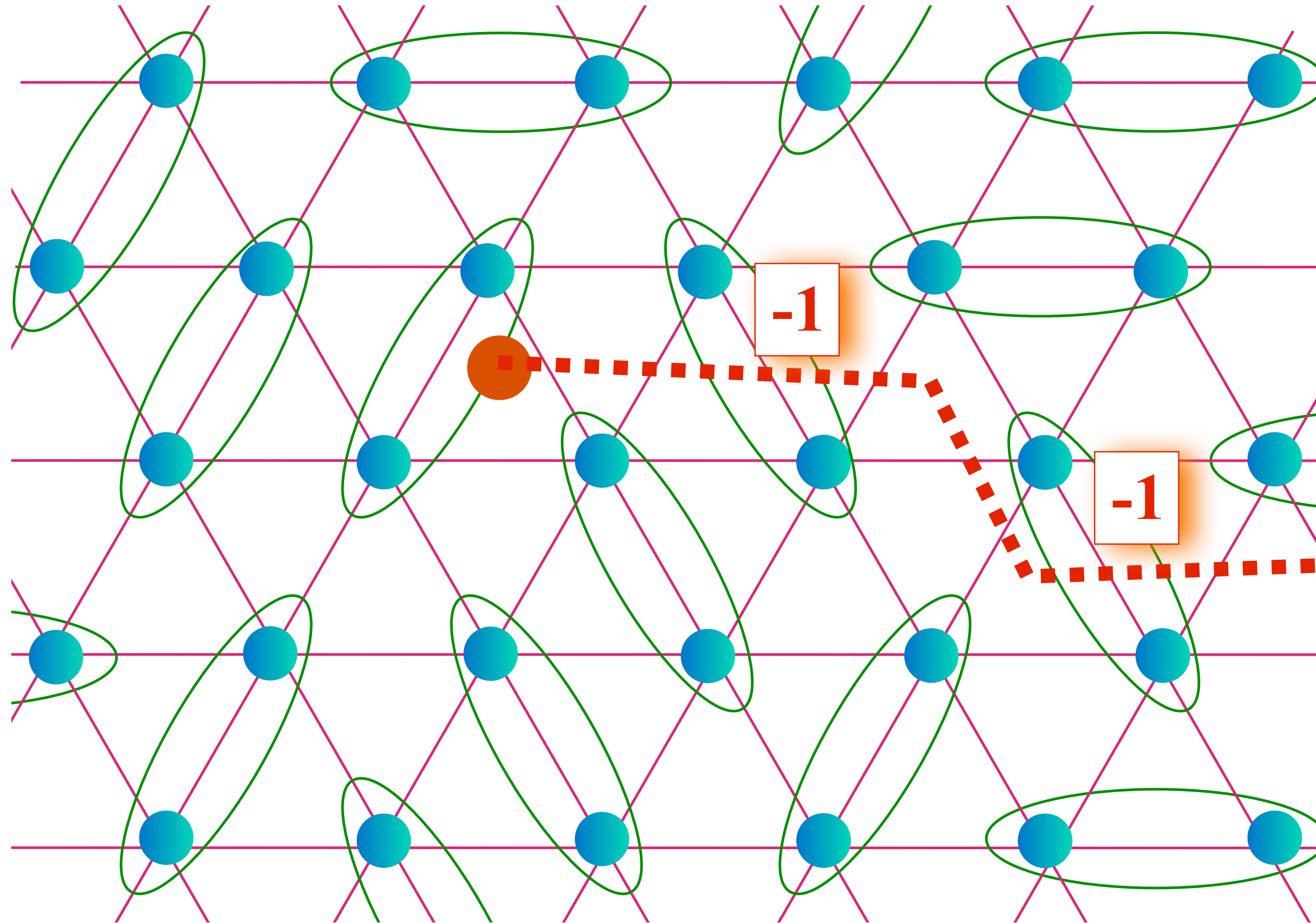
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Read and Sachdev (1990); Wen (1991)

The simplest stable spin liquid (which need not break time-reversal) is the deconfined phase of a \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge theory. There are ‘spinon’ excitations which carry unit \mathbb{Z}_2 electric charges, and ‘vison’ excitations which carry π \mathbb{Z}_2 magnetic flux.

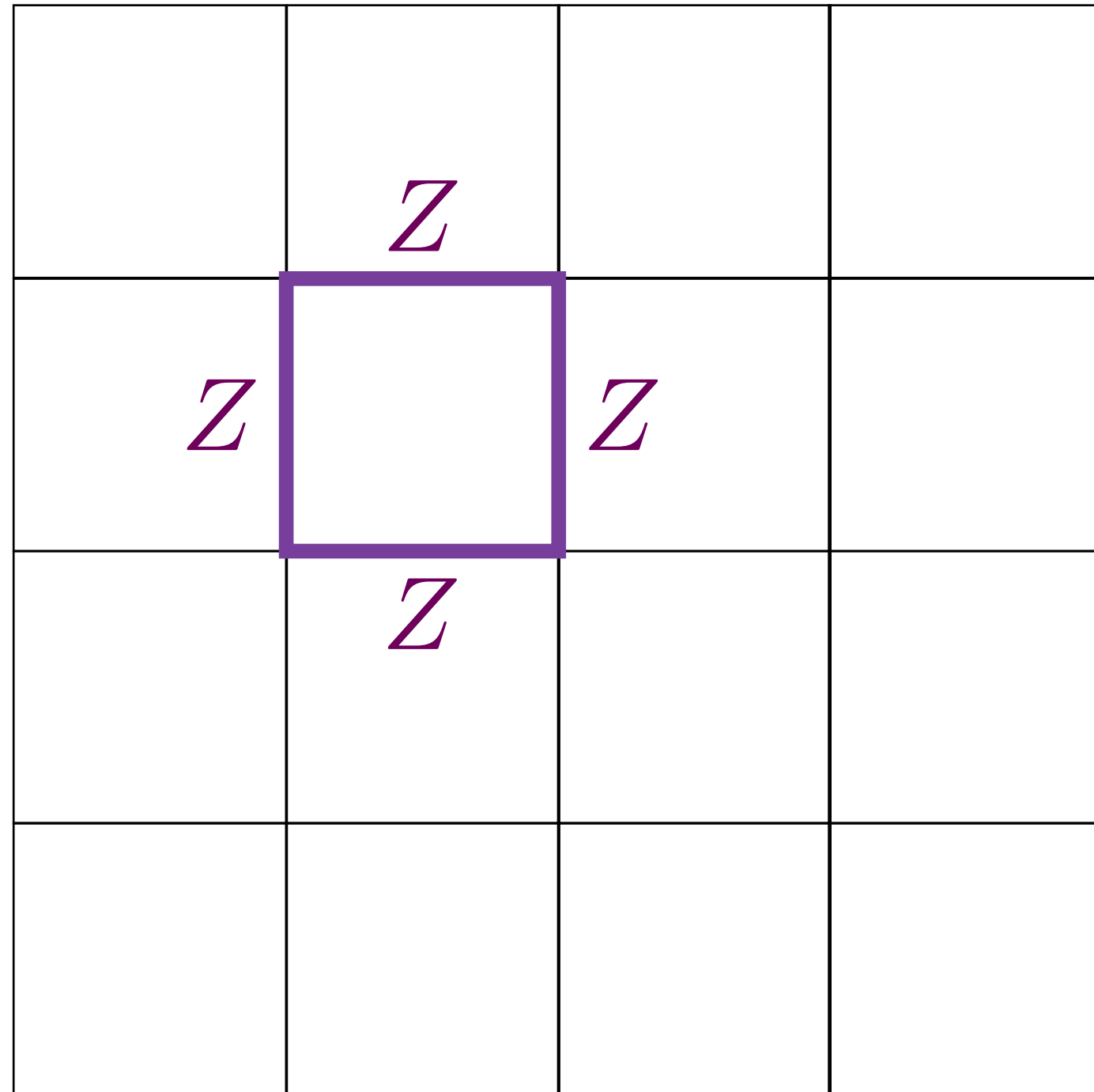
Anyon	e (spinon)	ϵ (spinon)	m (vison)
Boson number	1/2	1/2	0
Self-statistics	boson	fermion	boson

Any pair of e , ϵ , m are mutual semions.

These anyons are ‘topological’: they cannot be created individually by any local operator, and their existence implies a four-fold ground state degeneracy on a large torus.

Pure \mathbb{Z}_2 gauge theory: only describes vison sector

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} = -K \sum_{\square} \prod_{\ell \in \square} Z_{\ell} - g \sum_{\ell} X_{\ell}$$



$$G_i = \begin{array}{c|cc} & X & X \\ \hline X & & X \\ & & X \end{array}$$

$$[\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, G_i] = 0$$

$G_i = (-1)^{2S}$ for spin S antiferromagnets
For $S = 1/2$ we have an ‘odd’ spin liquid.

R. Jalabert and S. Sachdev, Physical Review B **44**, 686 (1991)

S. Sachdev and M. Vojta, Journal of the Physical Society of Japan **69**, Suppl. B, 1 (2000); cond-mat/9910231

\mathbb{Z}_2 gauge theory with matter: describes vasons and spinons

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Now we choose $G_i = 1$ and $\text{sgn}(h) = (-1)^{2S}$.

The τ_i^x operator creates a \mathbb{Z}_2 electric charge – a ‘spinon’ which has mutual semionic statistics with a vason.

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Quantum phases of Rydberg atoms on a kagome lattice,

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Emergent Z_2 gauge theories and topological excitations in Rydberg atom arrays,

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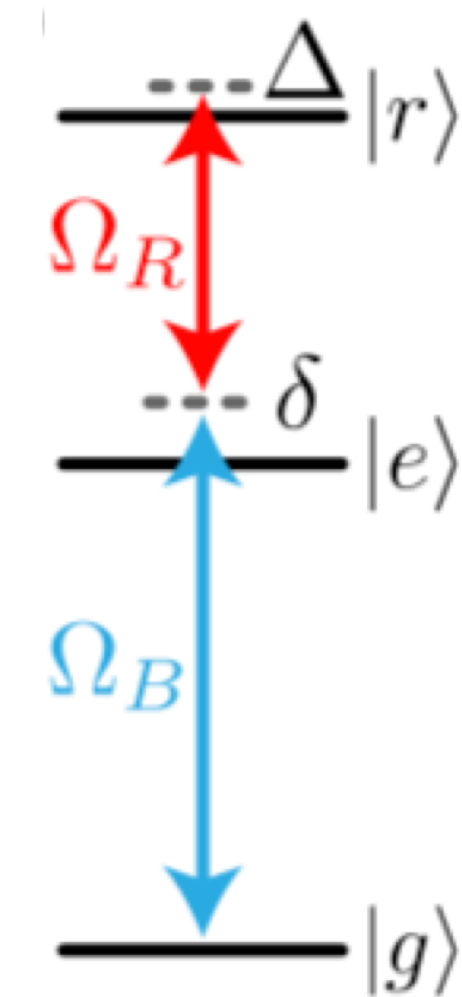
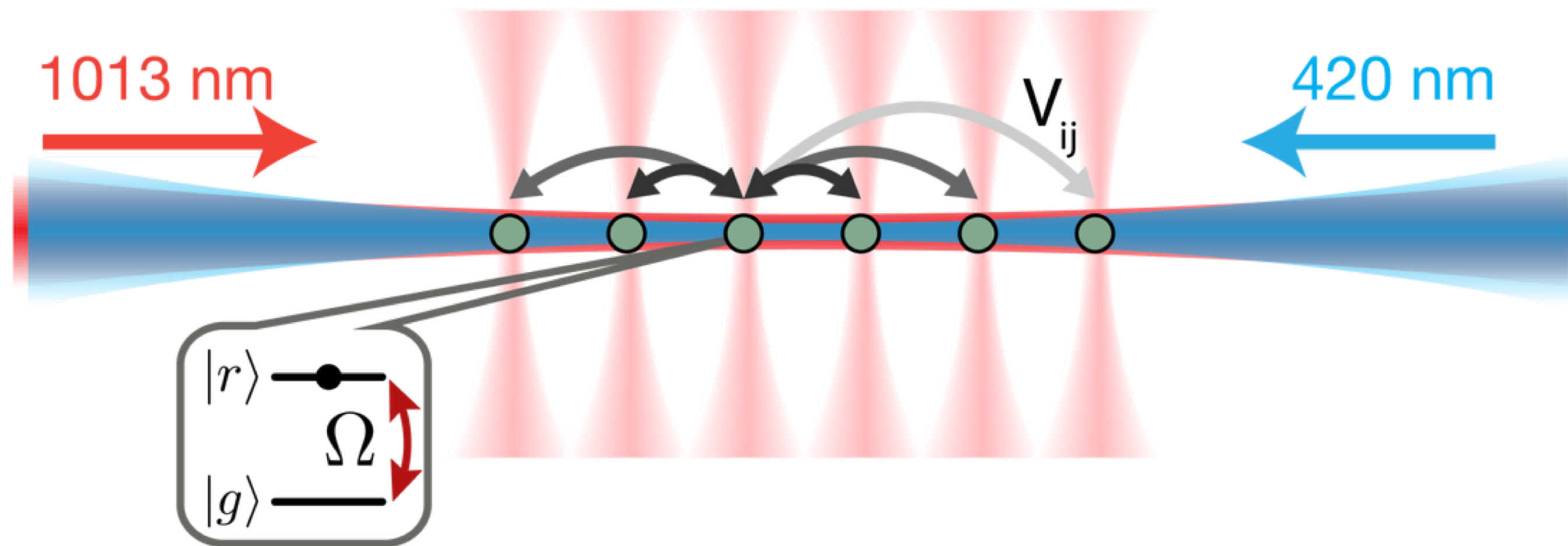
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QPTs in a Rydberg quantum simulator



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$n_{\ell} = 0, 1$ 'hard core' bosons

$$V_{|\ell - \ell'|} \sim \frac{1}{|\ell - \ell'|^6}$$

FSS model

S. Sachdev, K. Sengupta, and S.M. Girvin, PRB **66**, 075128 (2002)

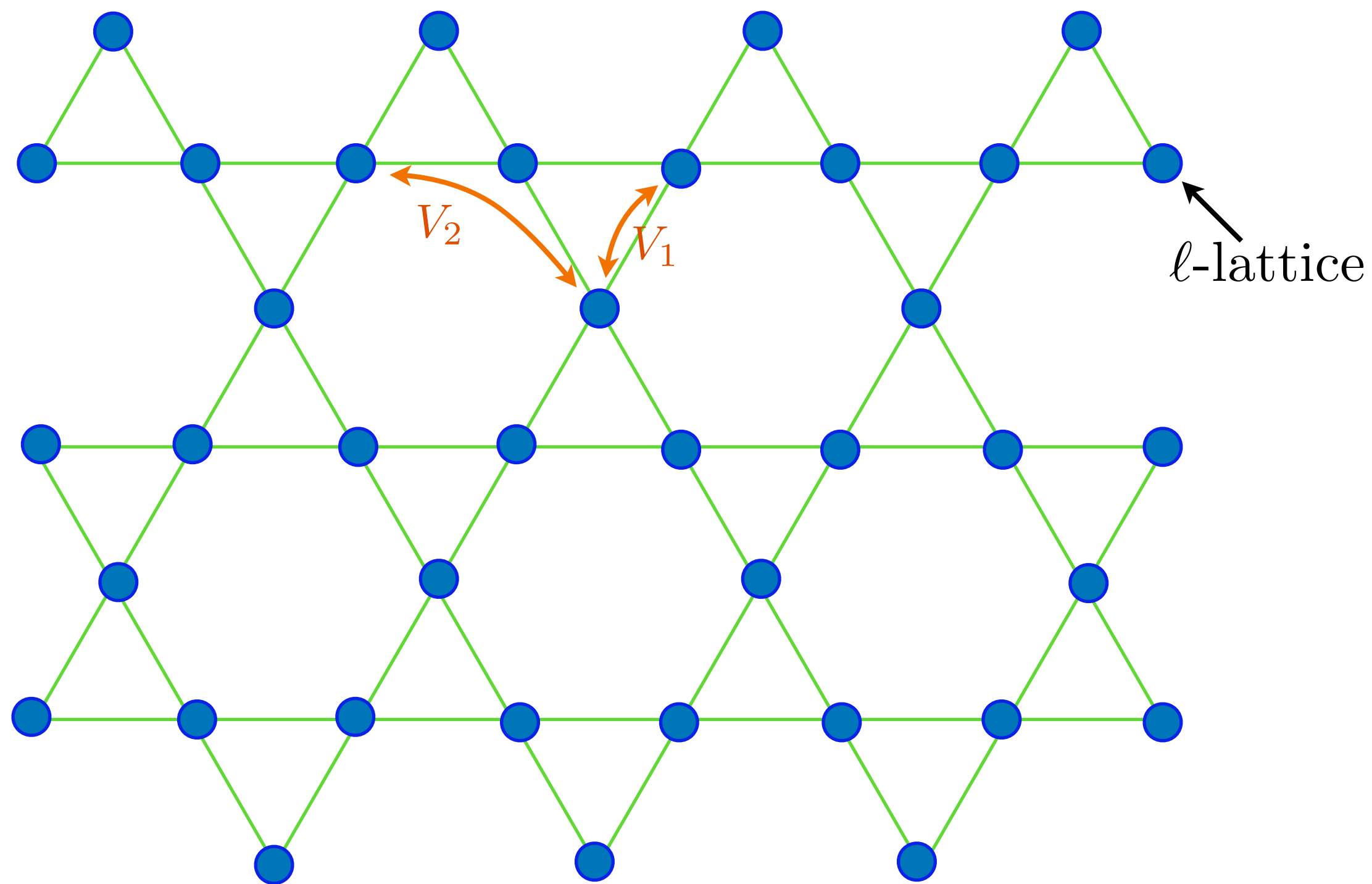
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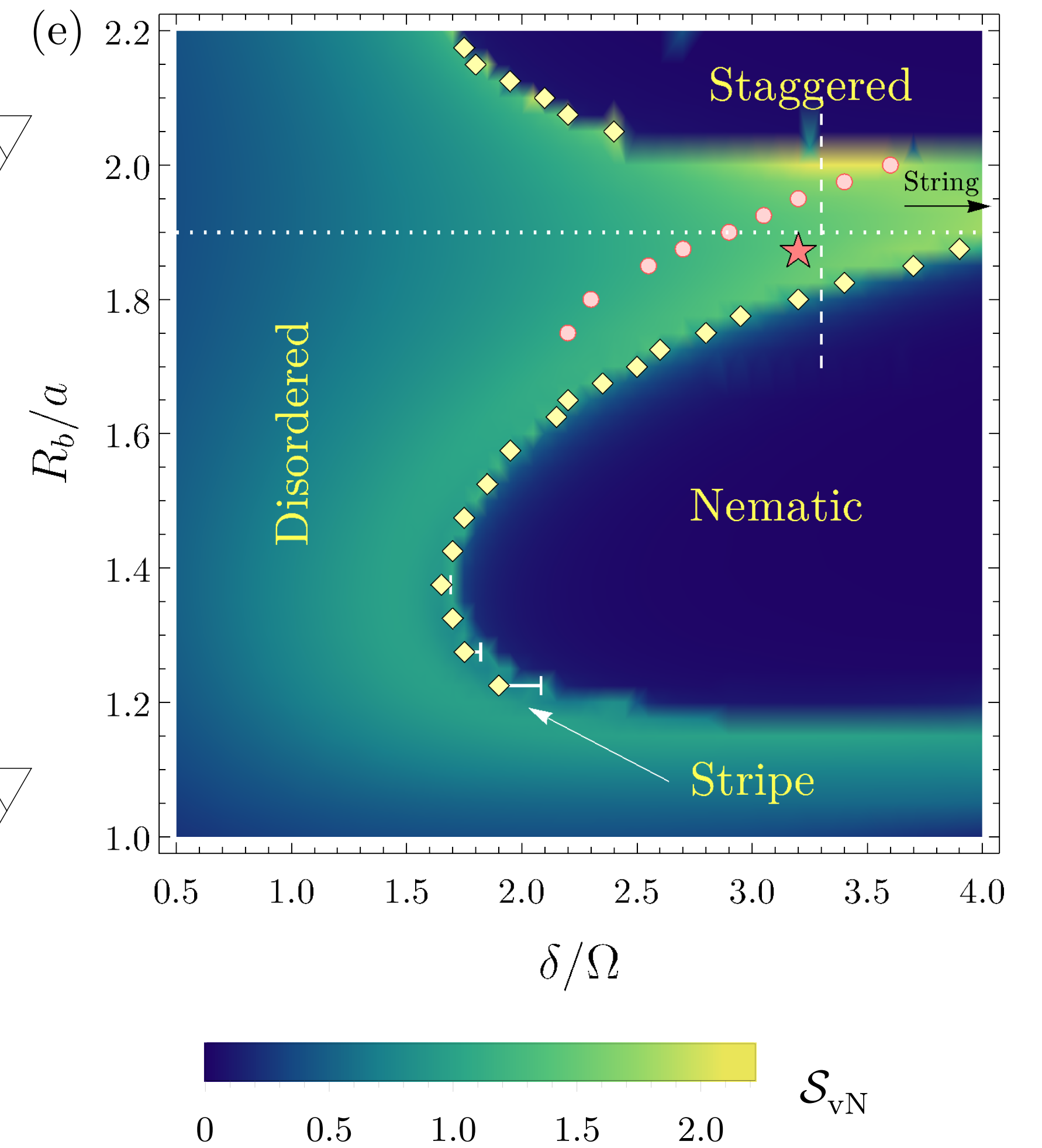
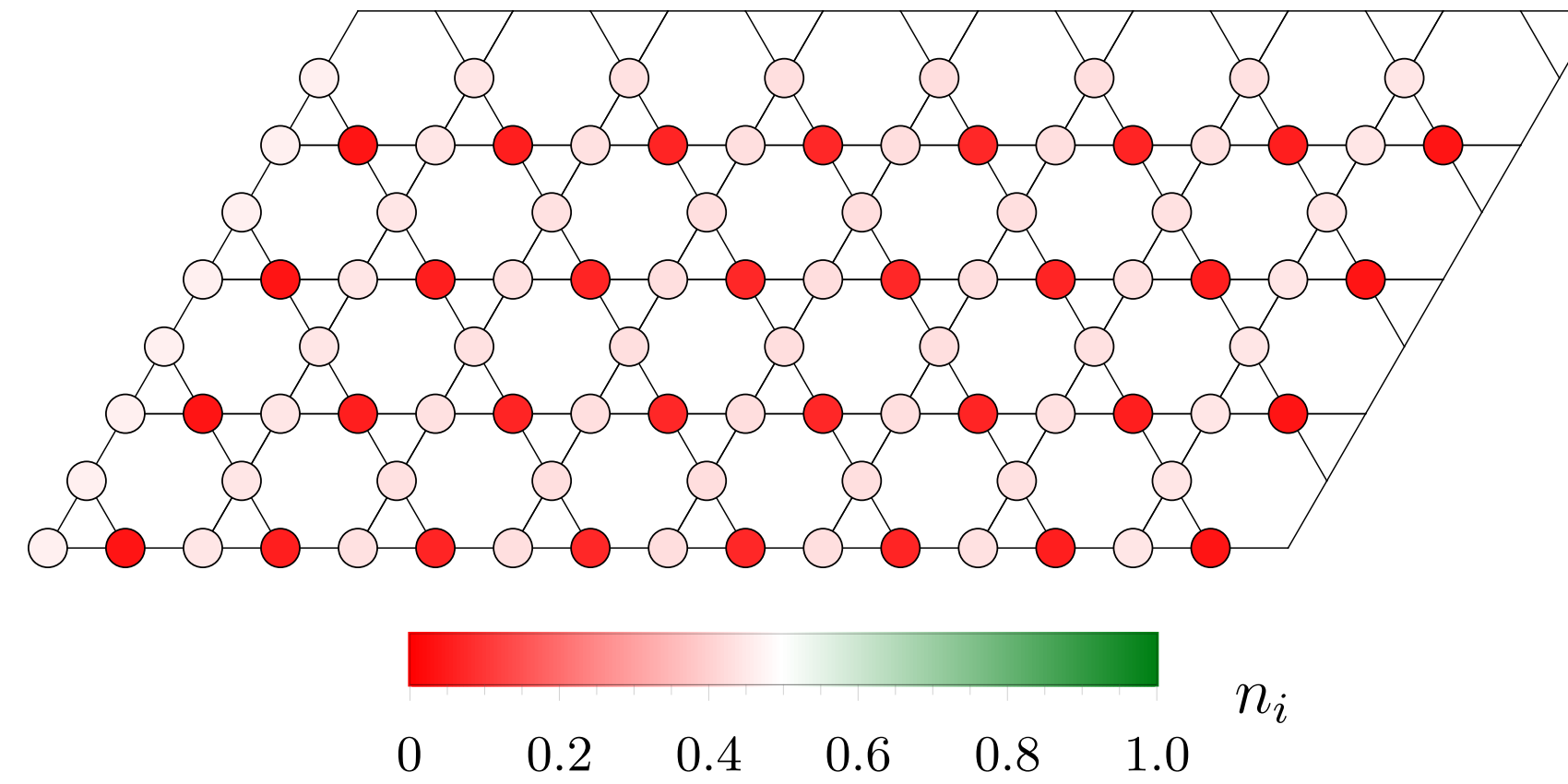
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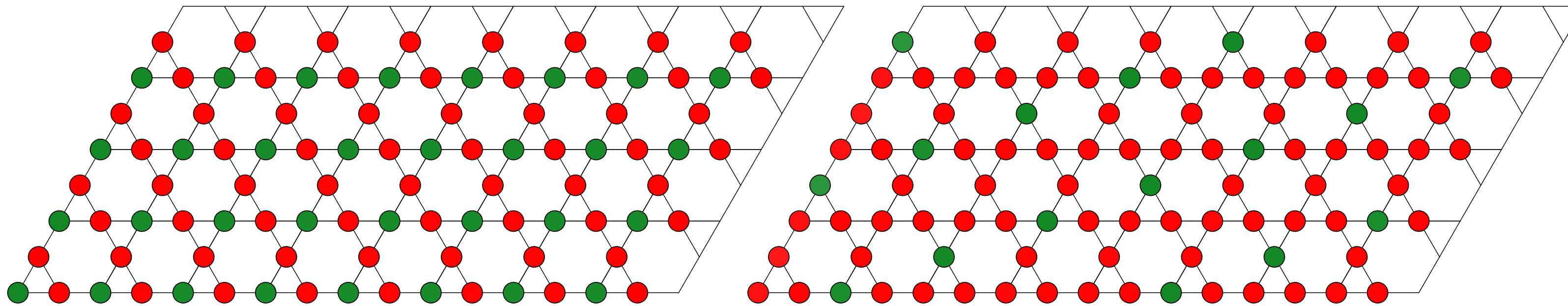


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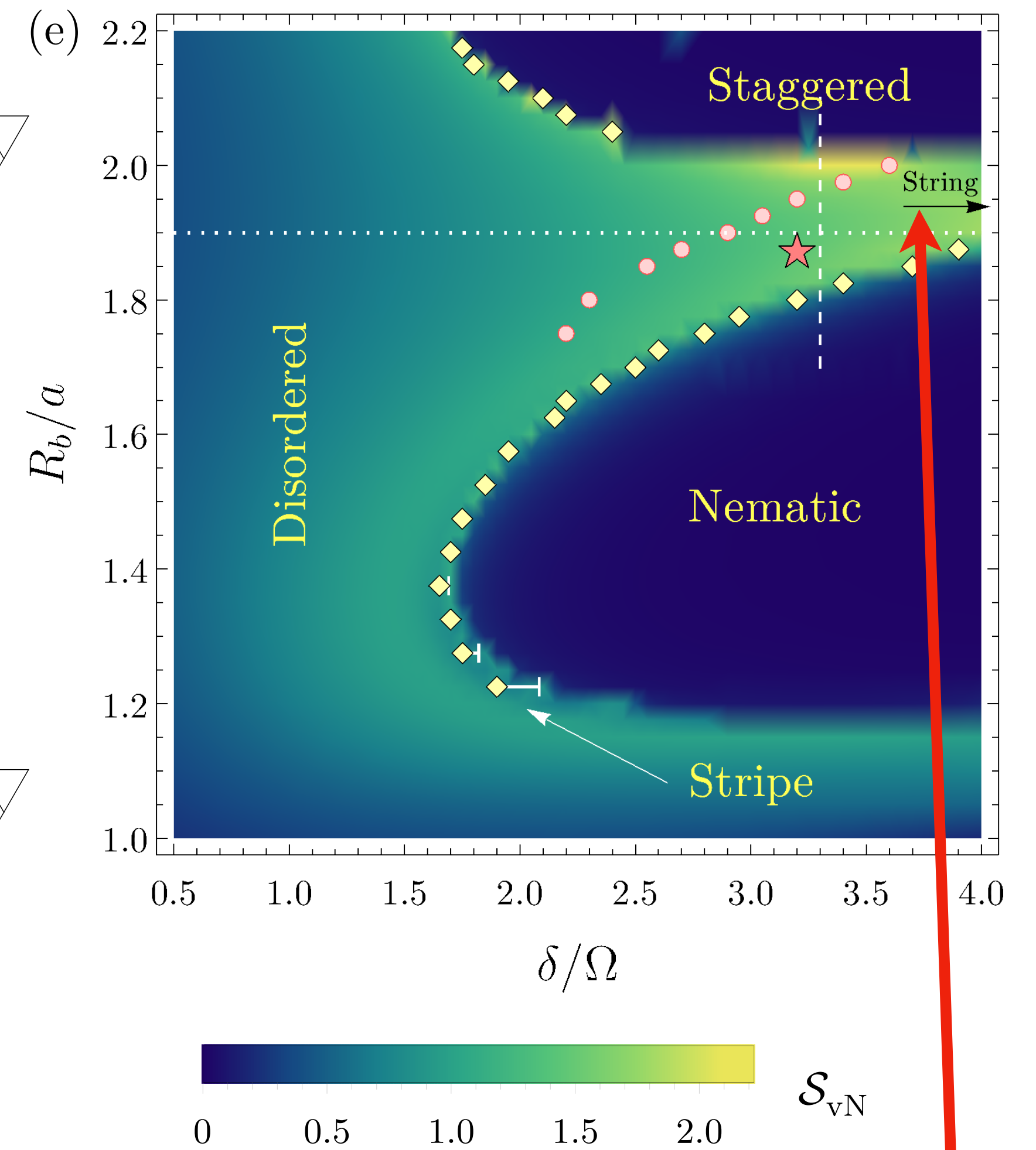
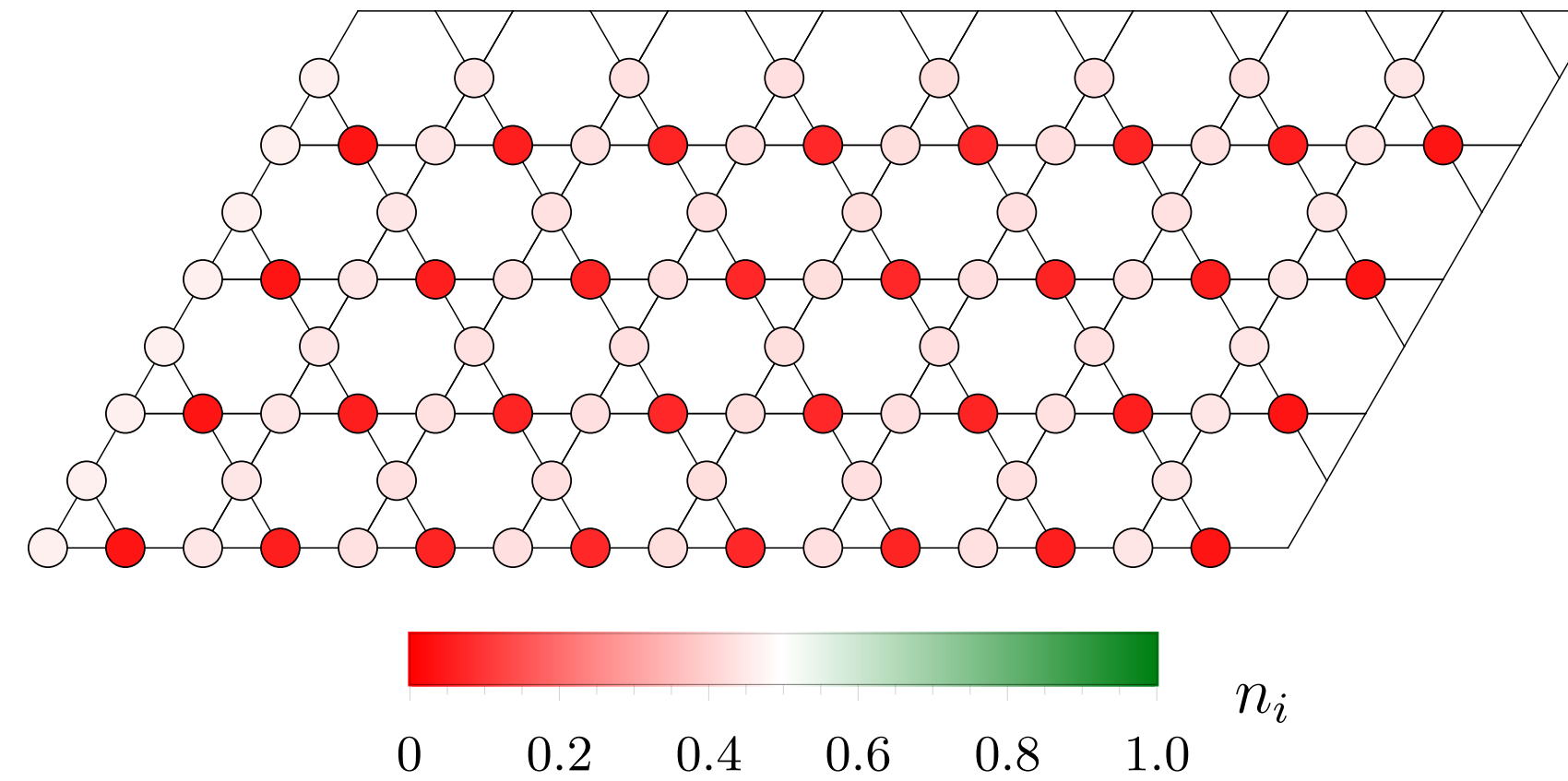


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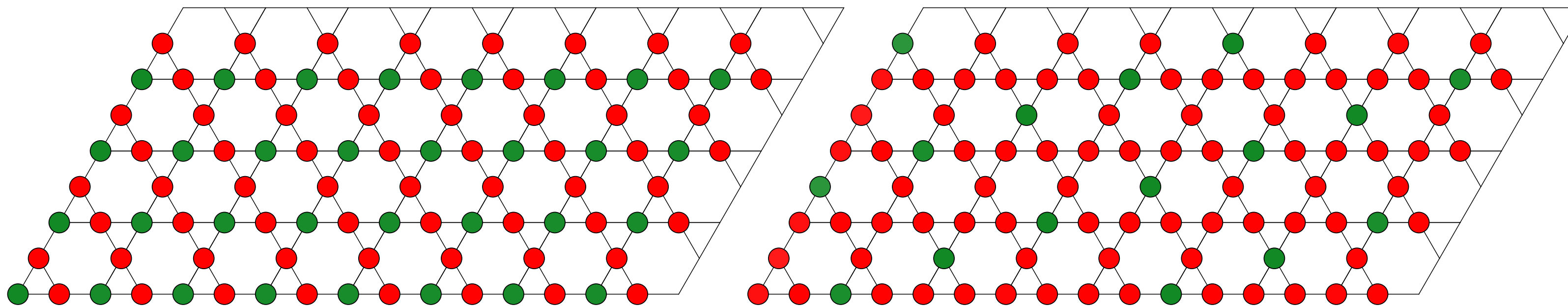


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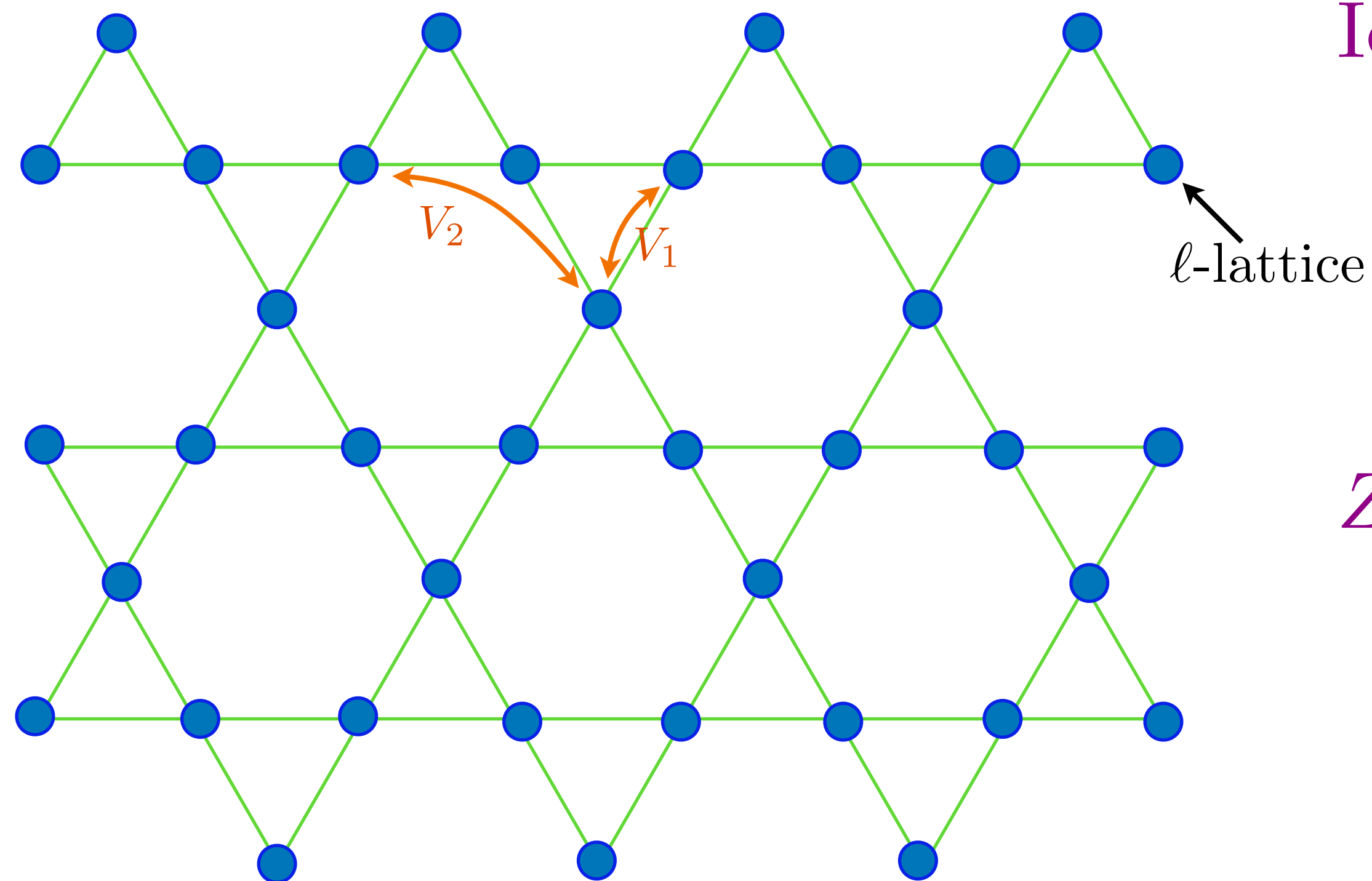
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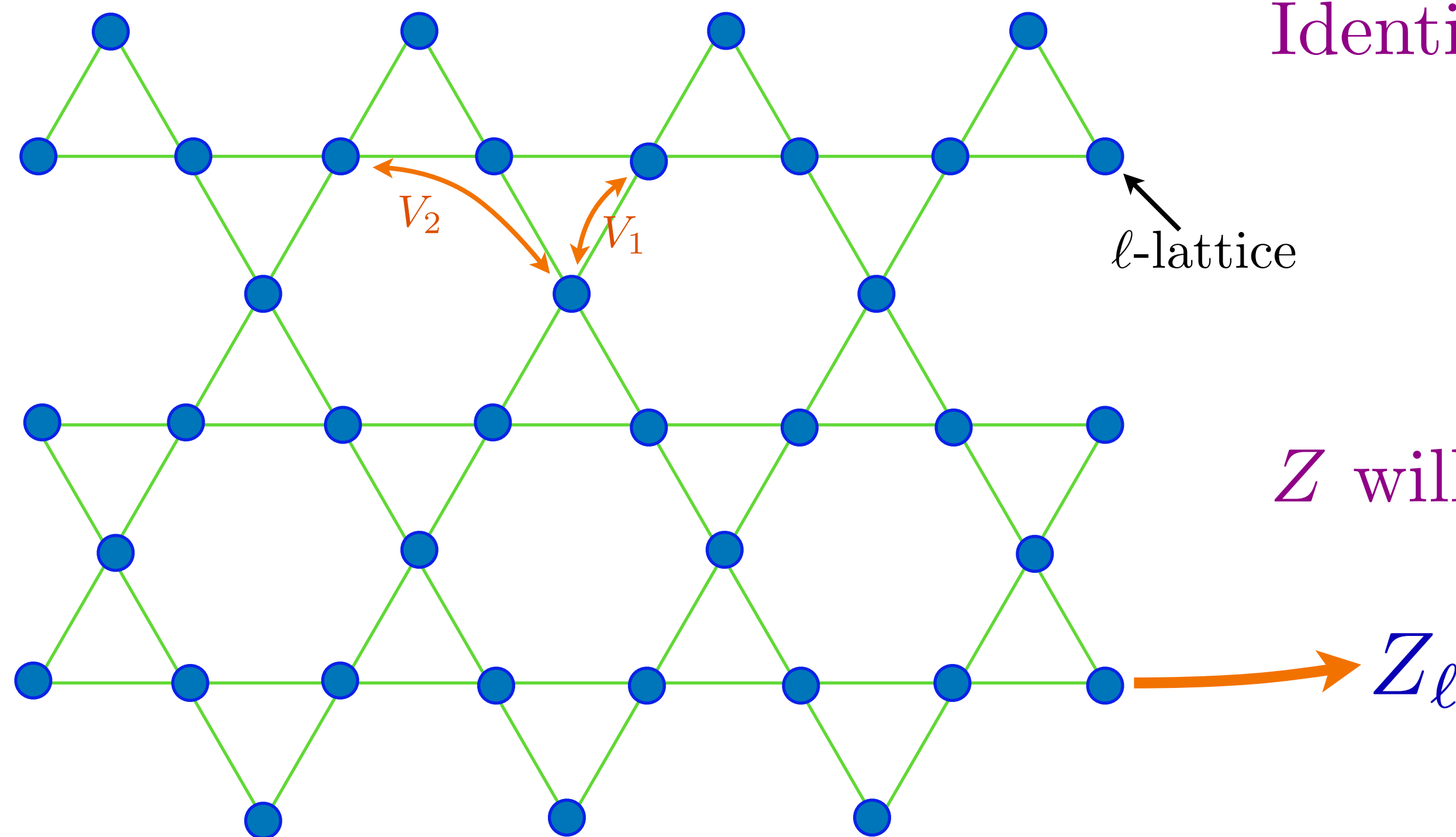
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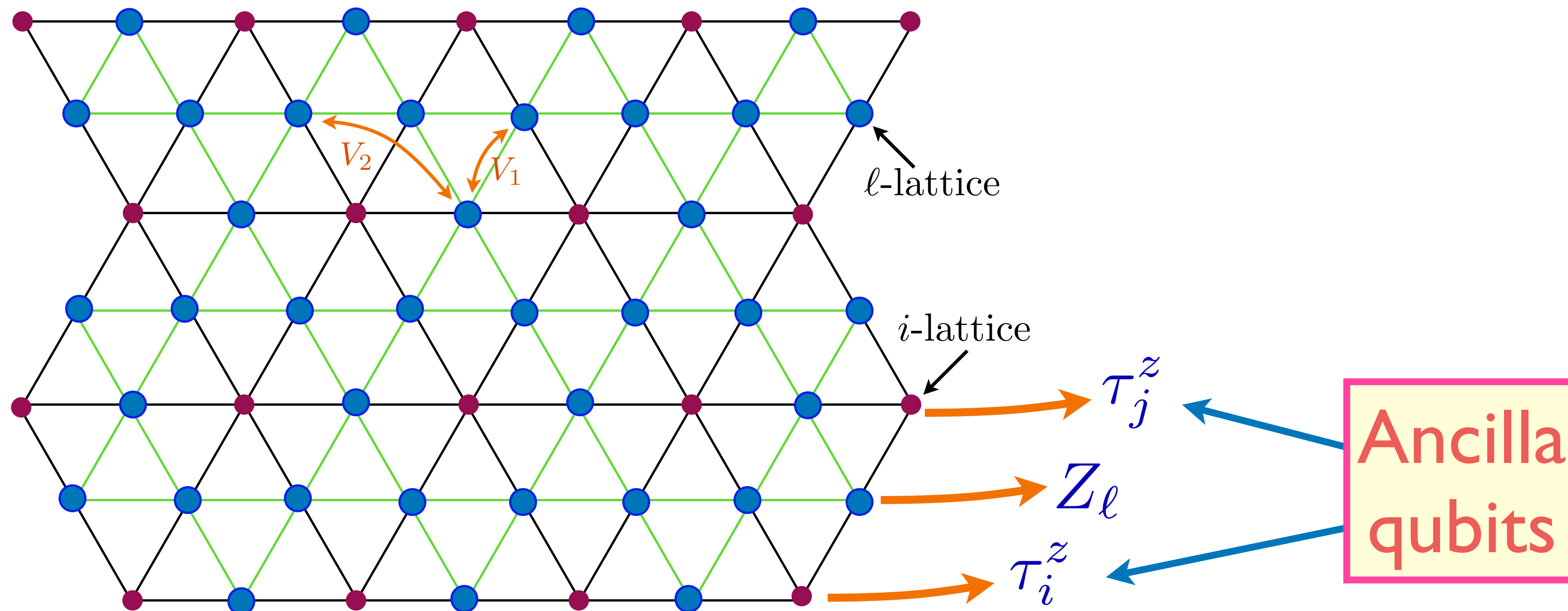
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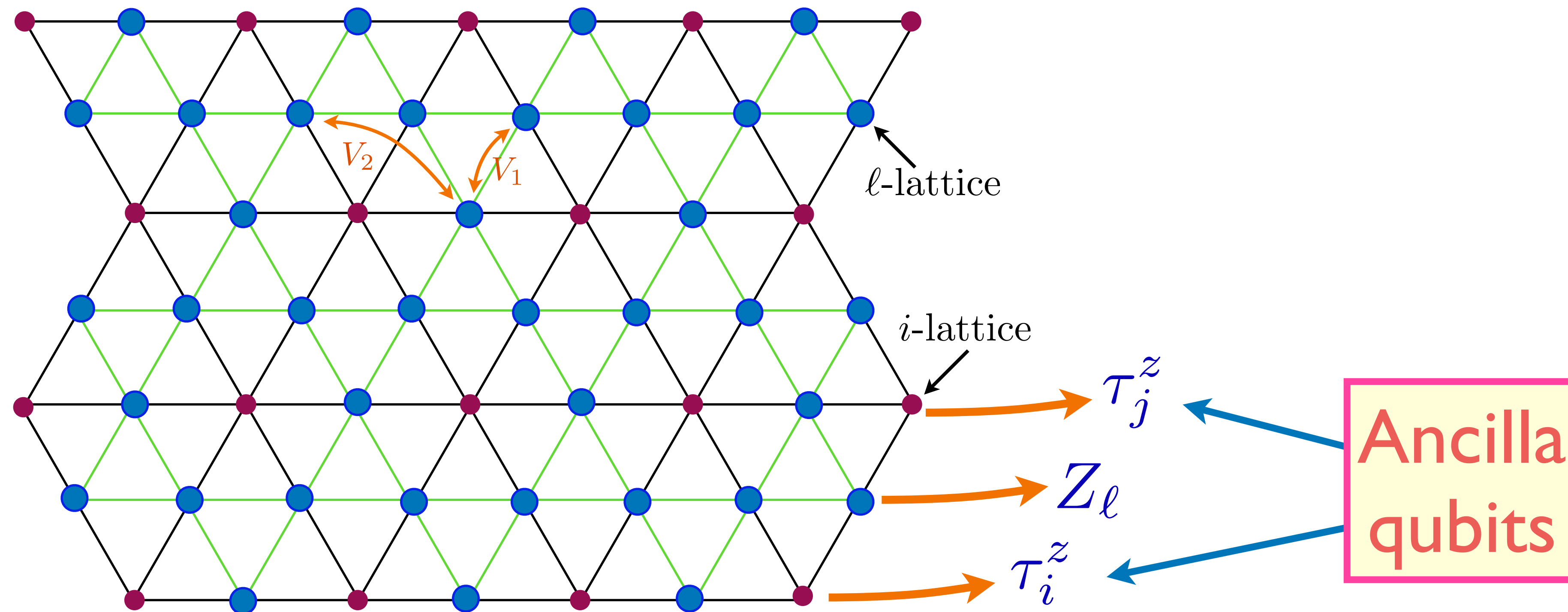
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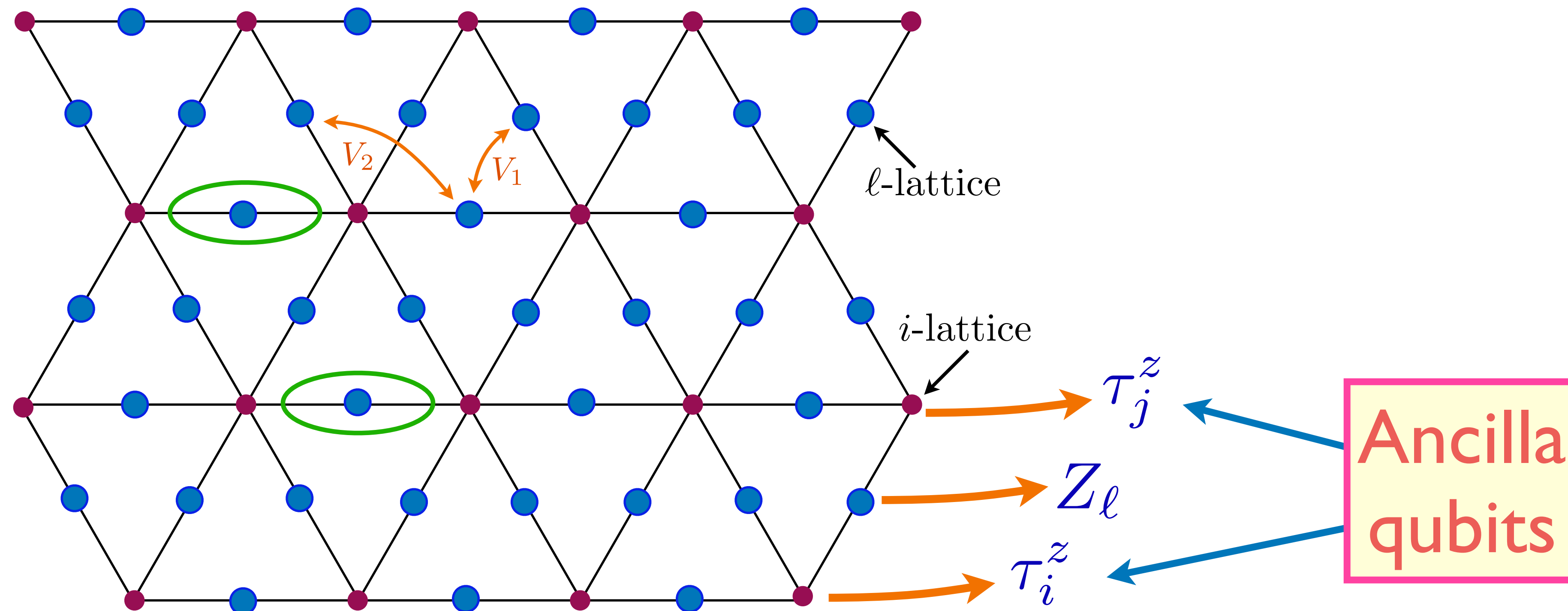
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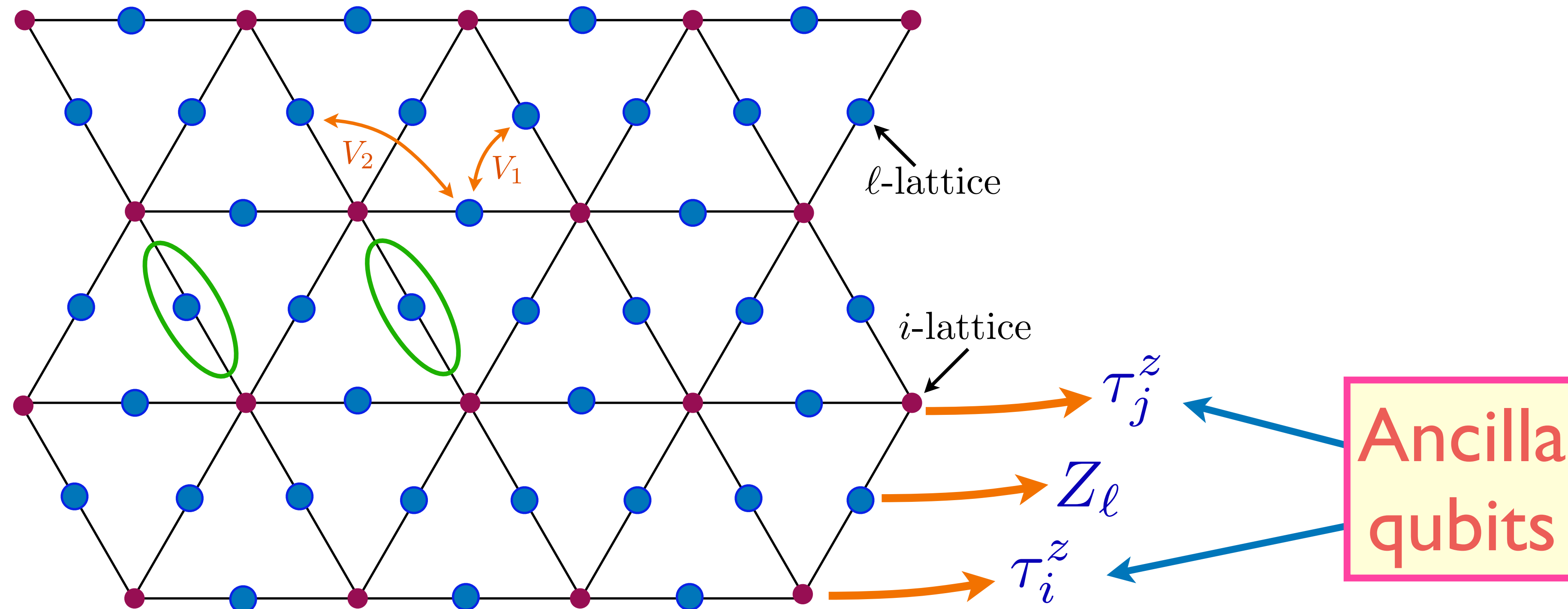
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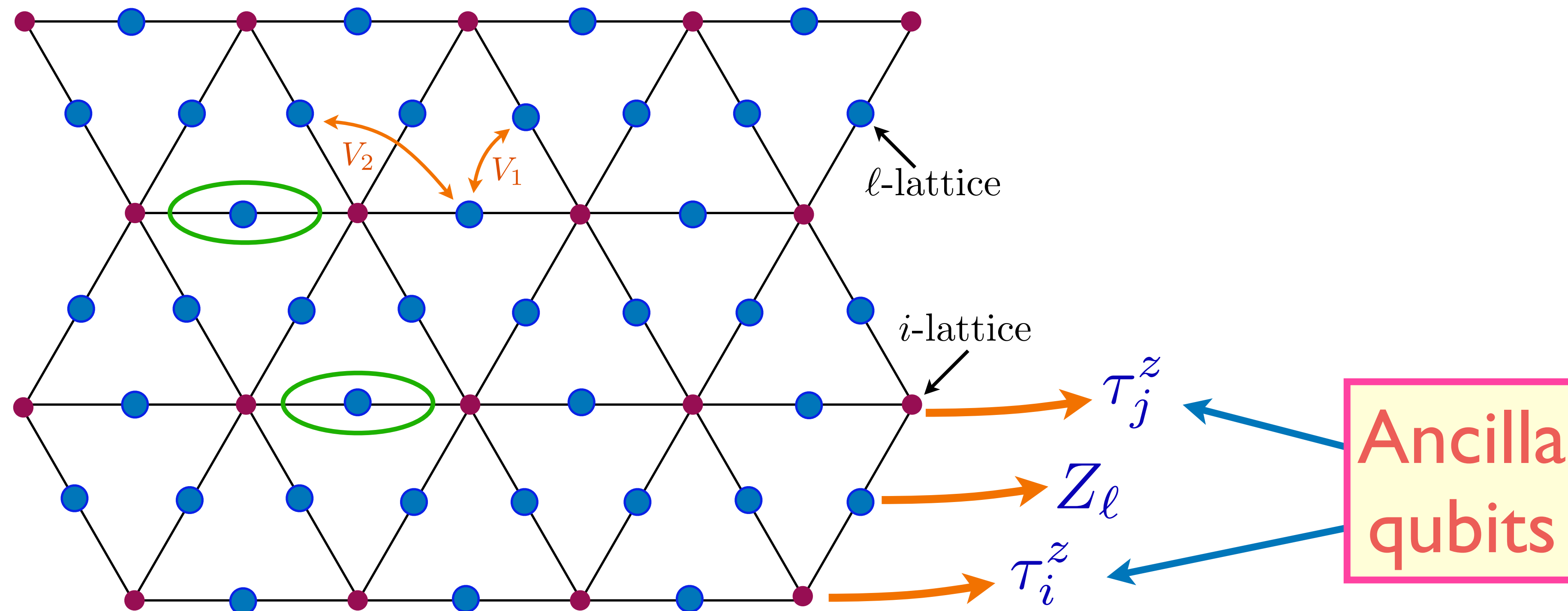
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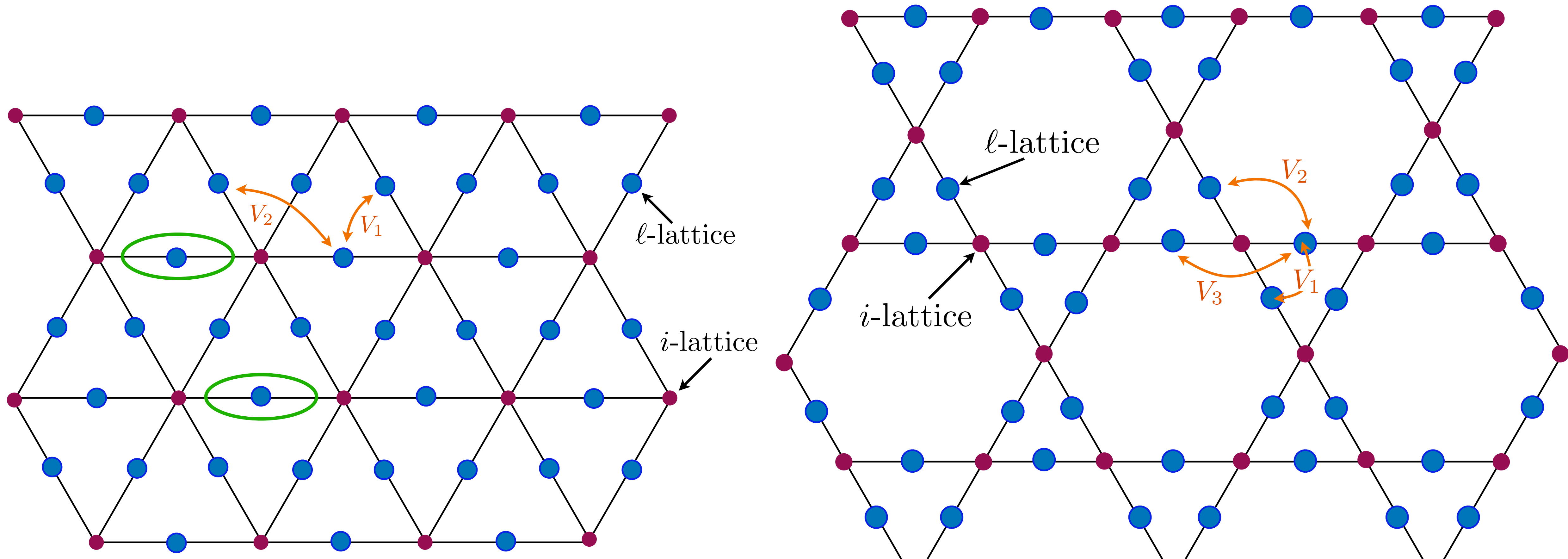
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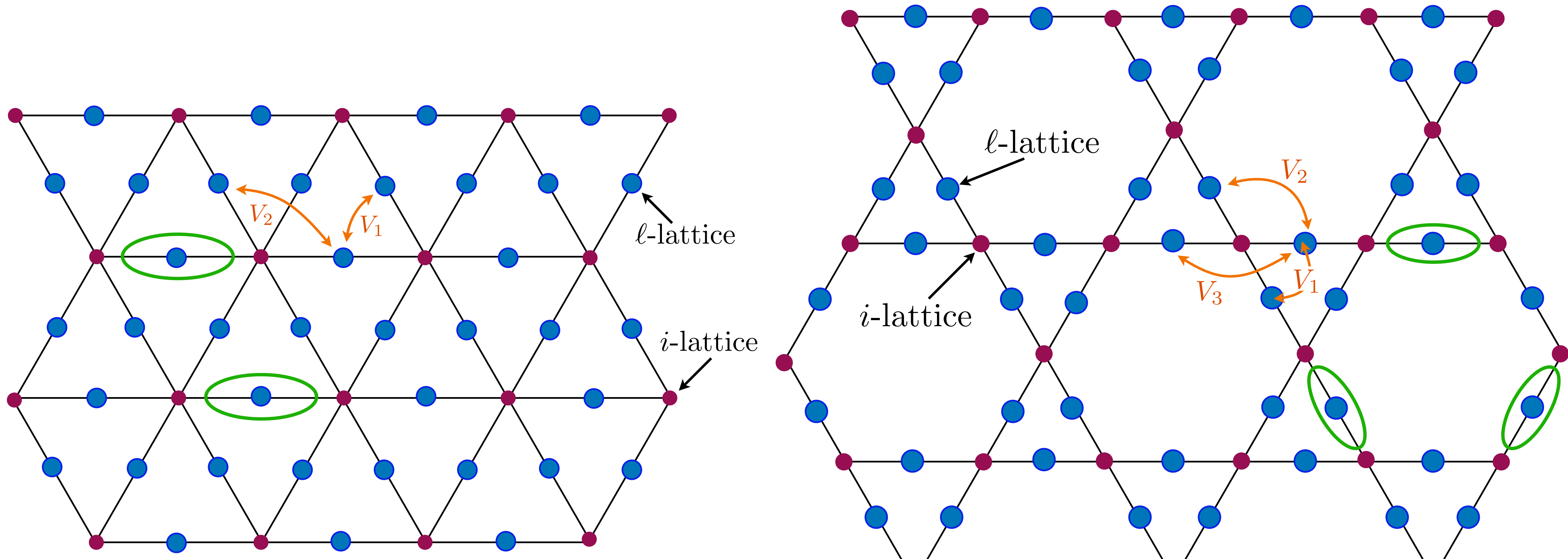
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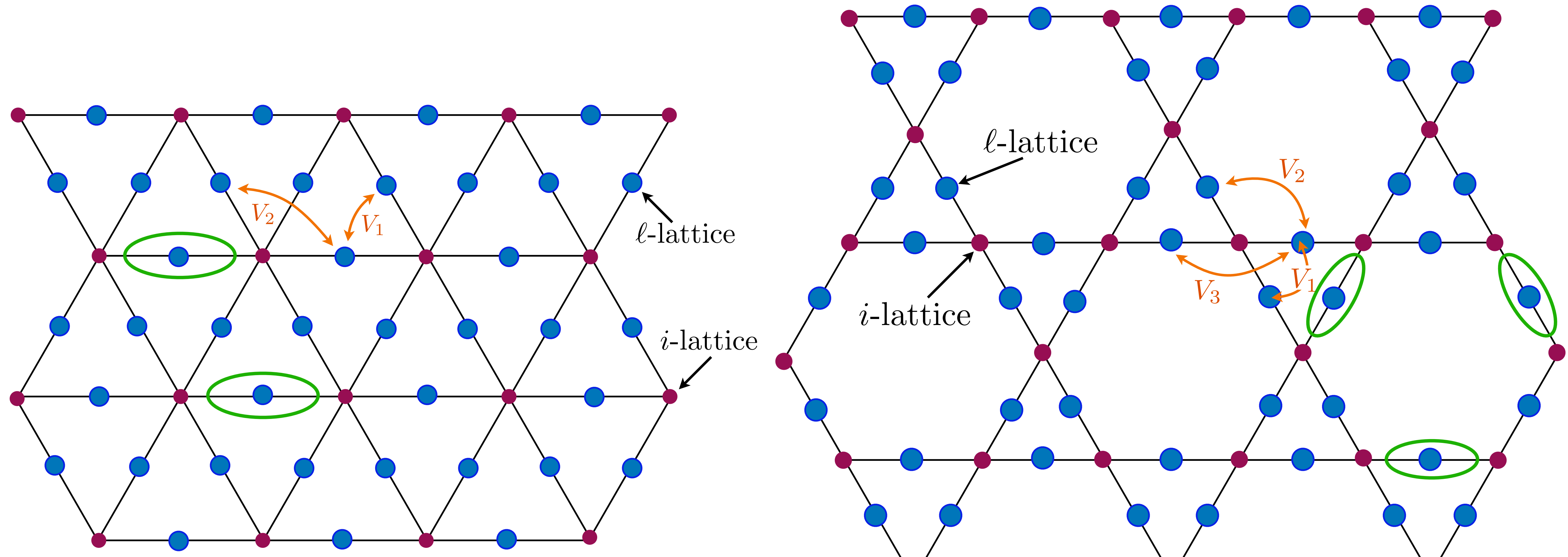
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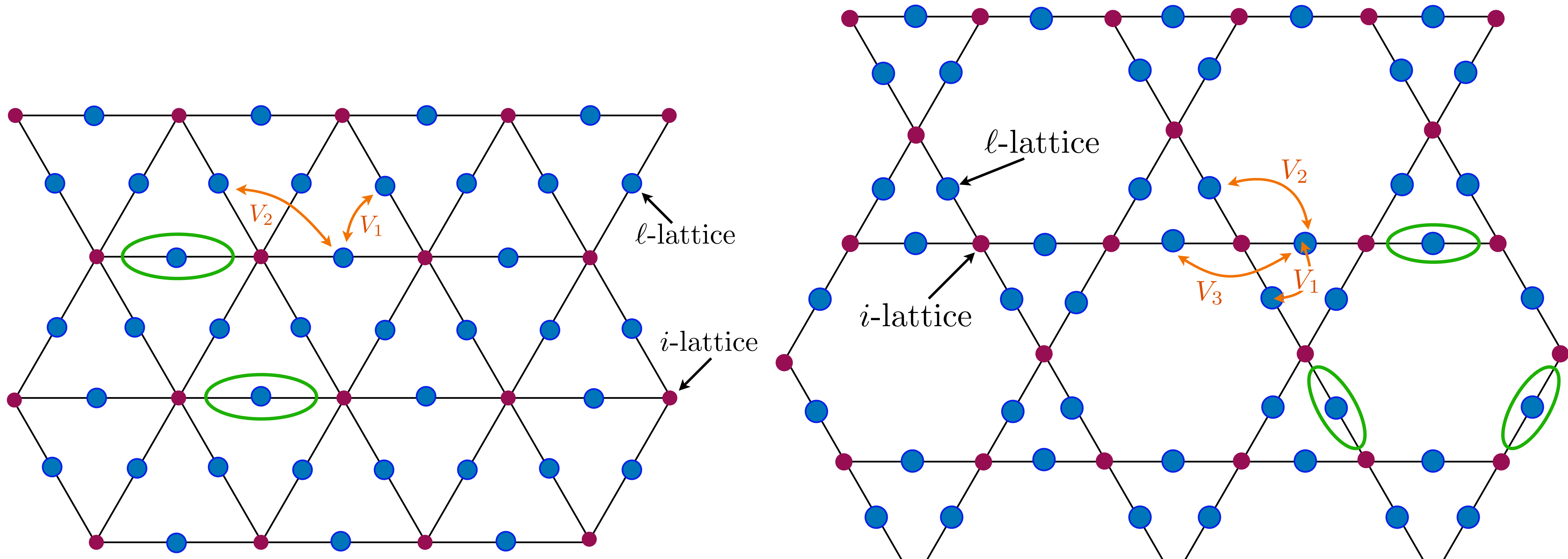
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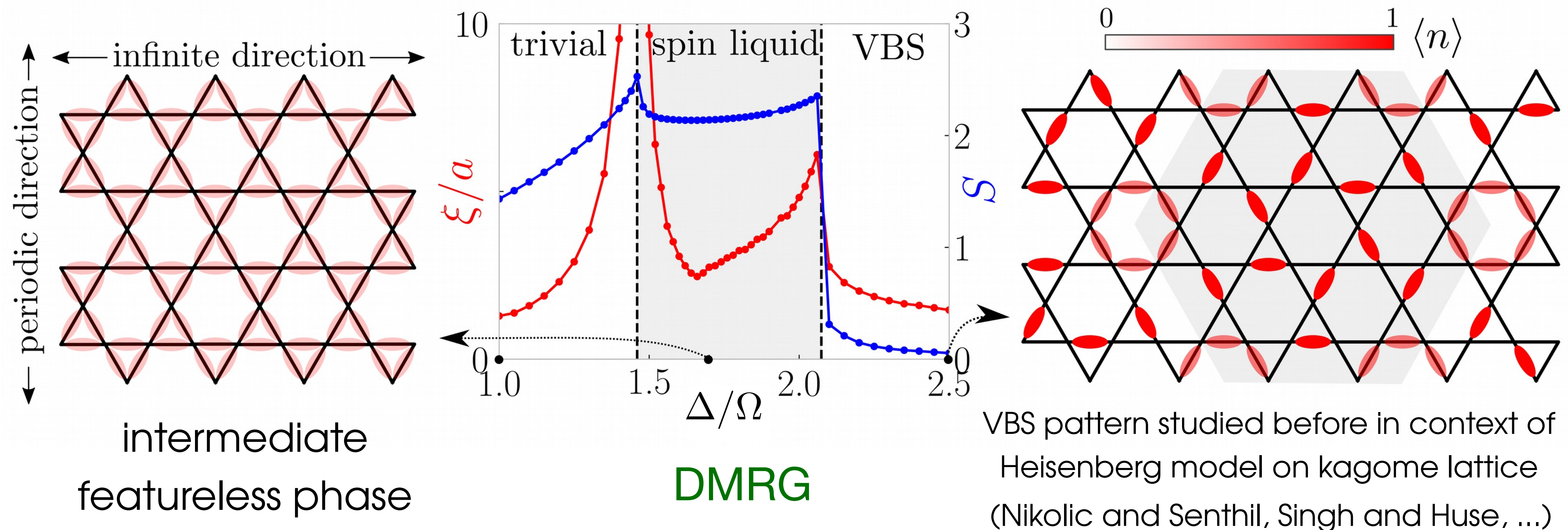


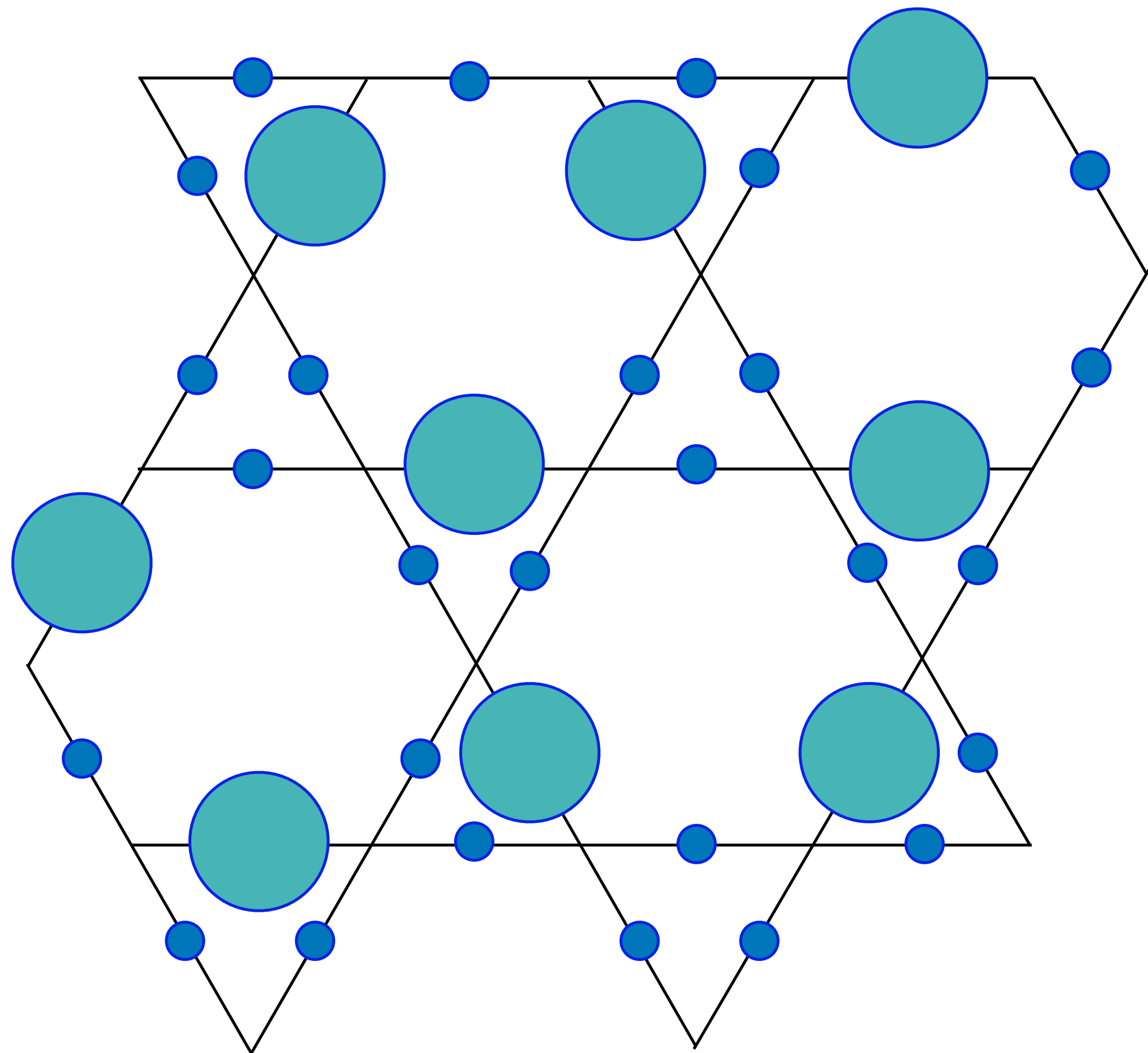
Rydberg atoms on link-kagome lattice: theory

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_j \left[\frac{\Omega}{2} (b_j + b_j^\dagger) - \Delta n_j \right] + \sum_{i < j} V_{|i-j|} n_i n_j, \quad n_j \equiv b_j^\dagger b_j = 0, 1.$$

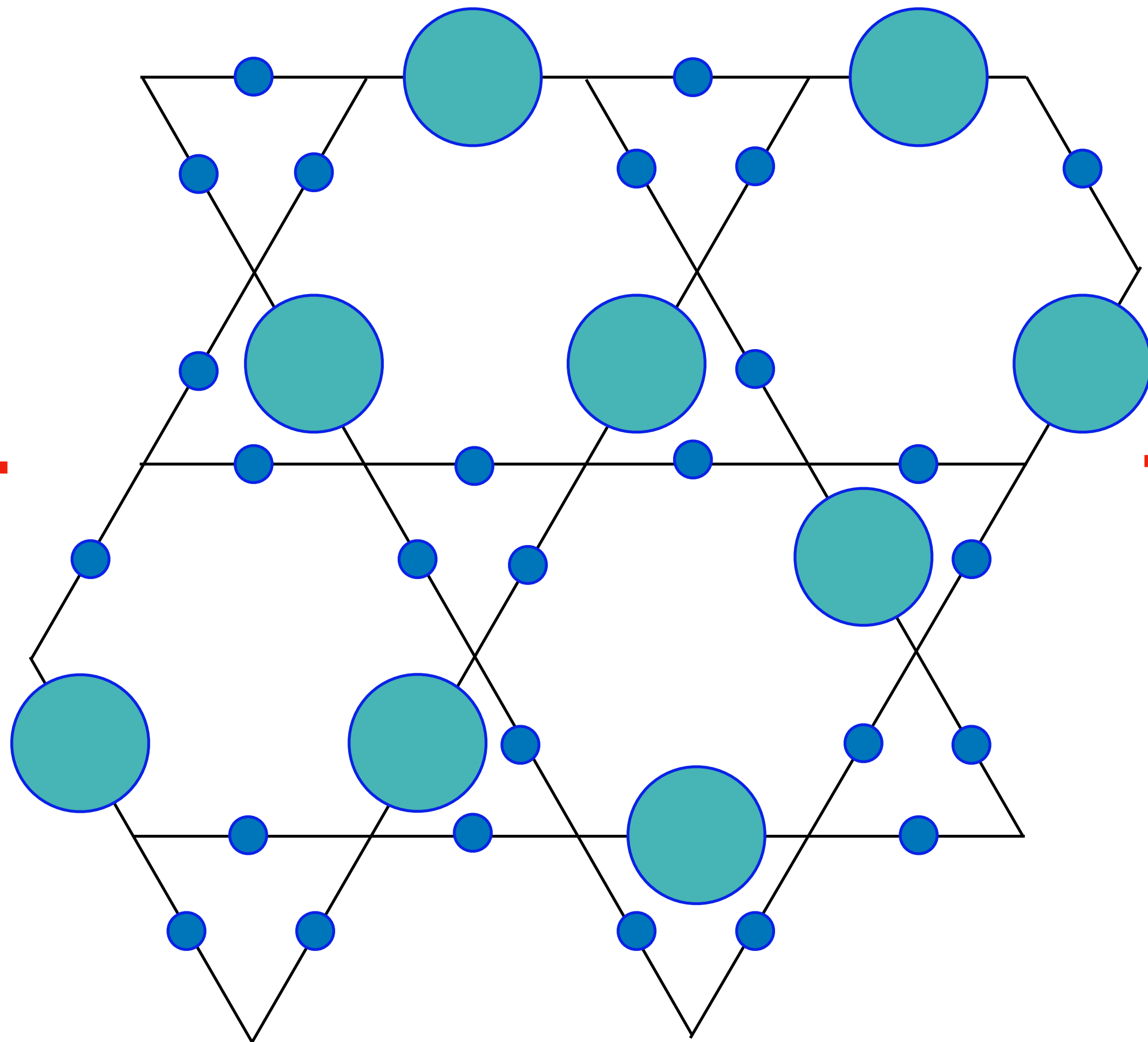
The sites j are on the links of the kagome lattice.

Examine the PXP model, $V_{\text{nearest neighbor}} = \infty$, other $V_k = 0$.





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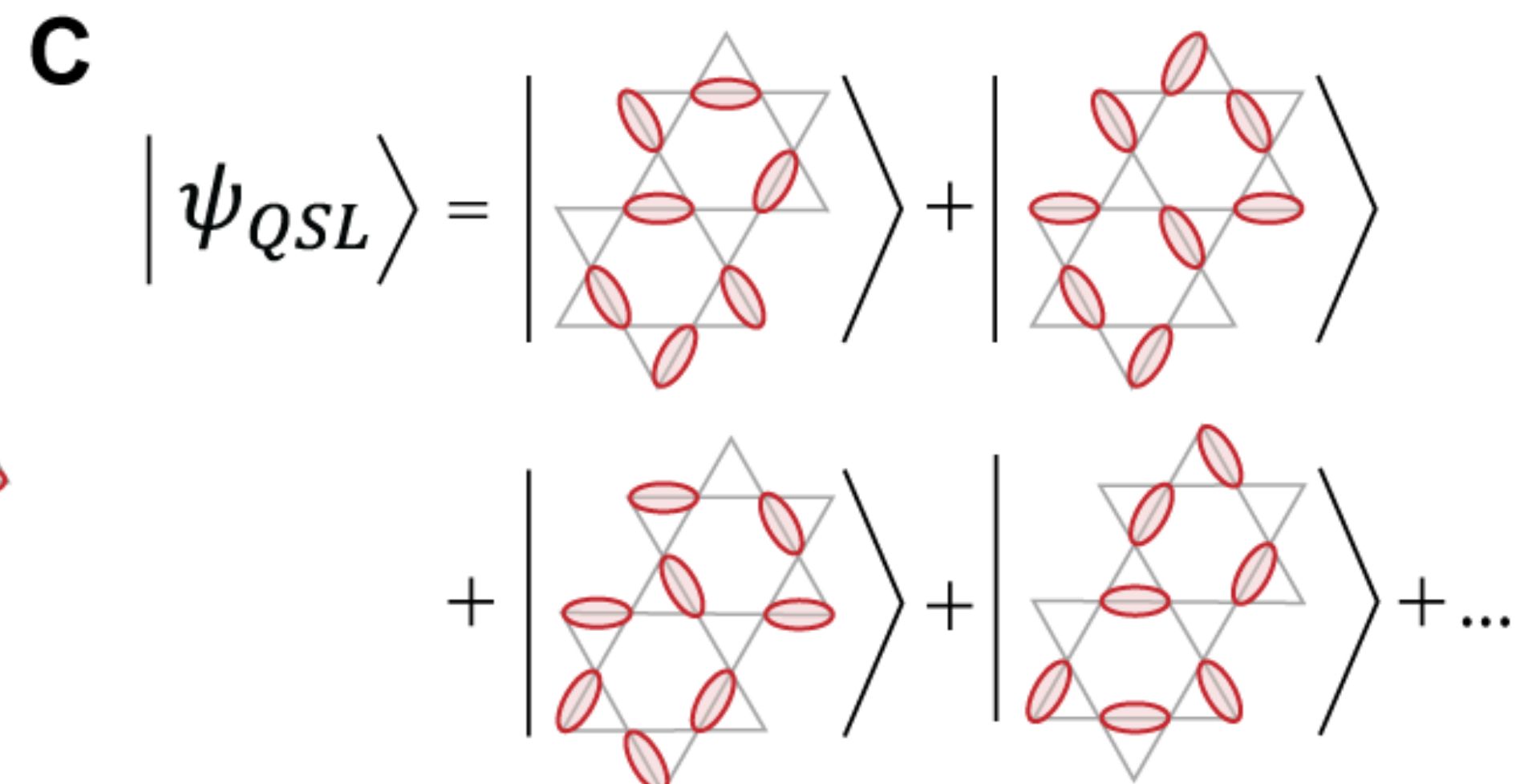
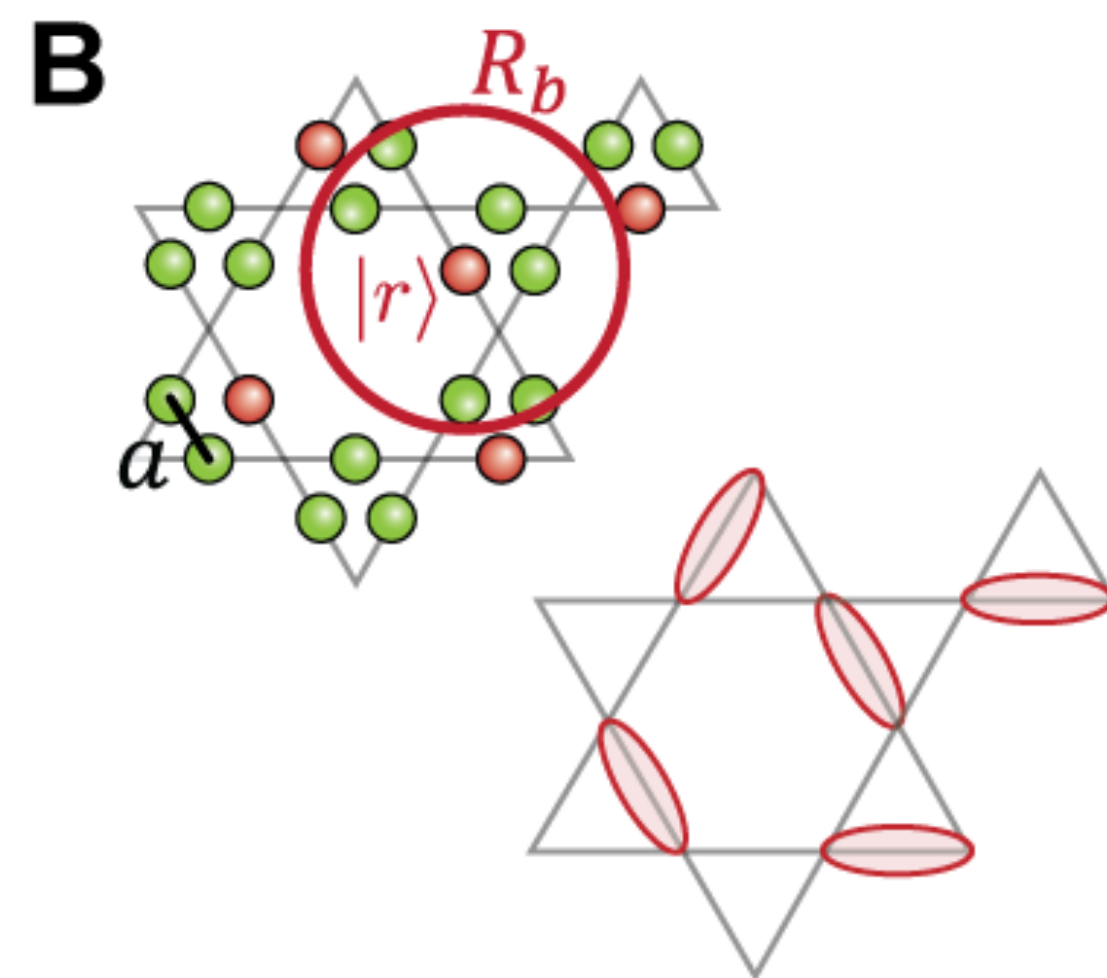
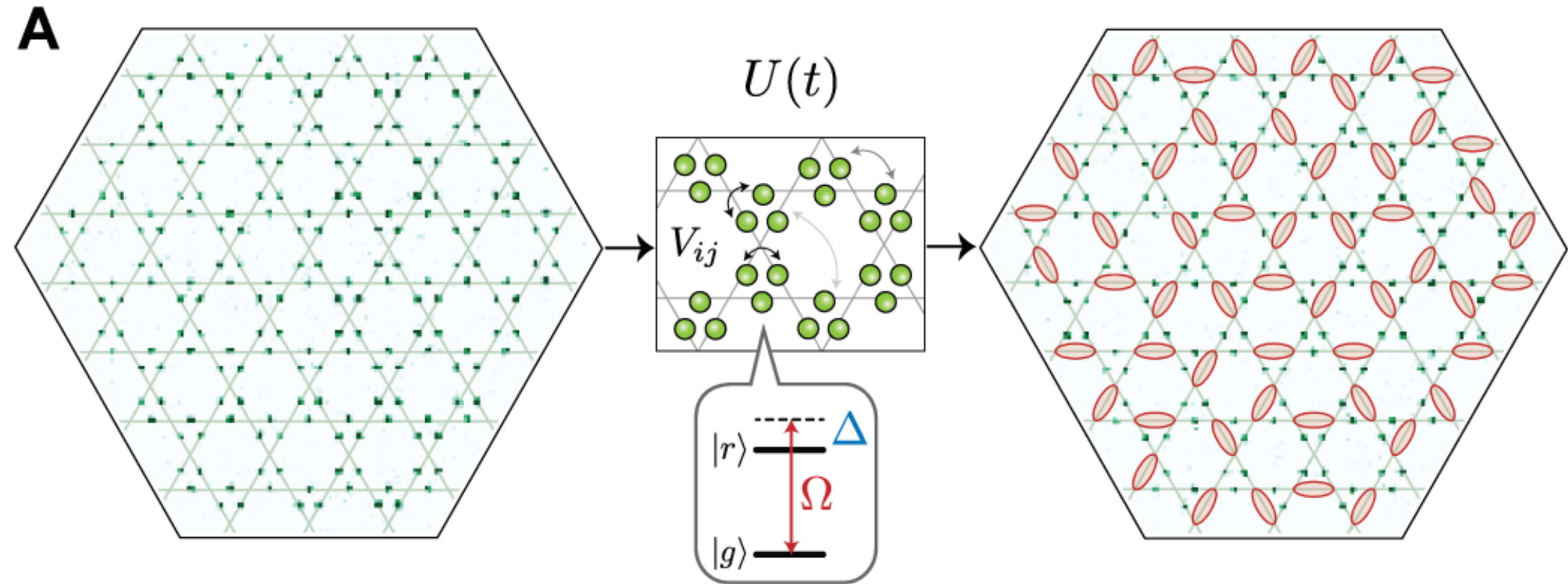
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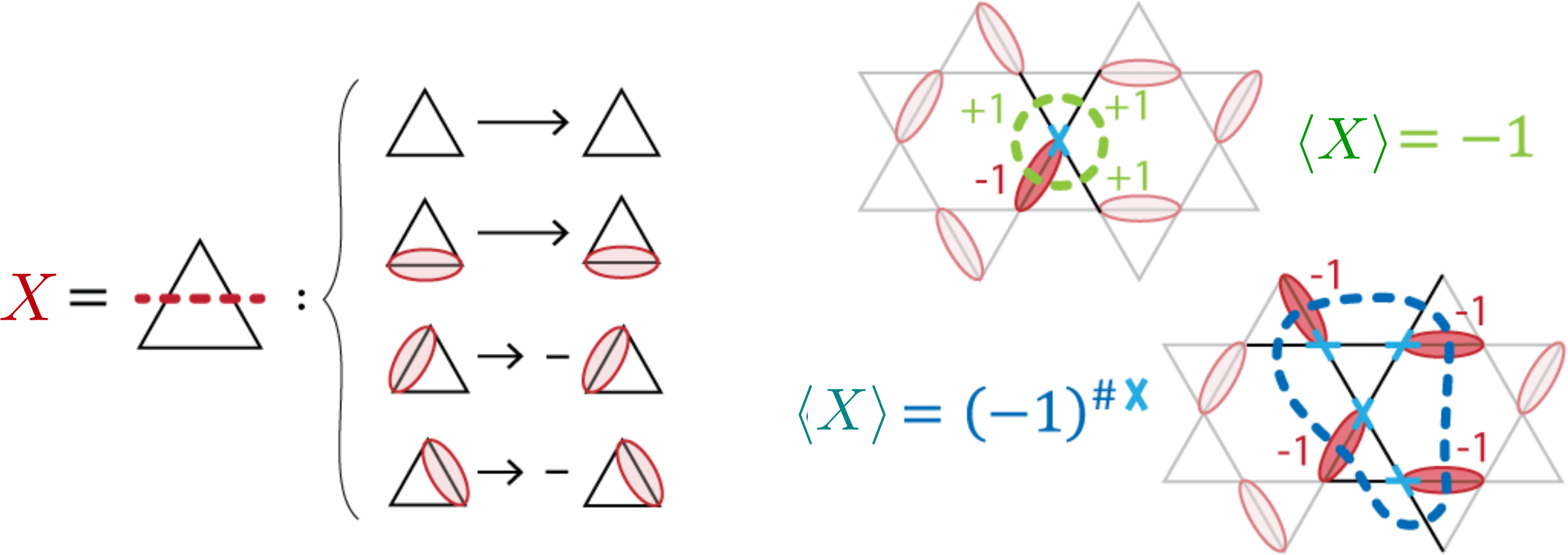
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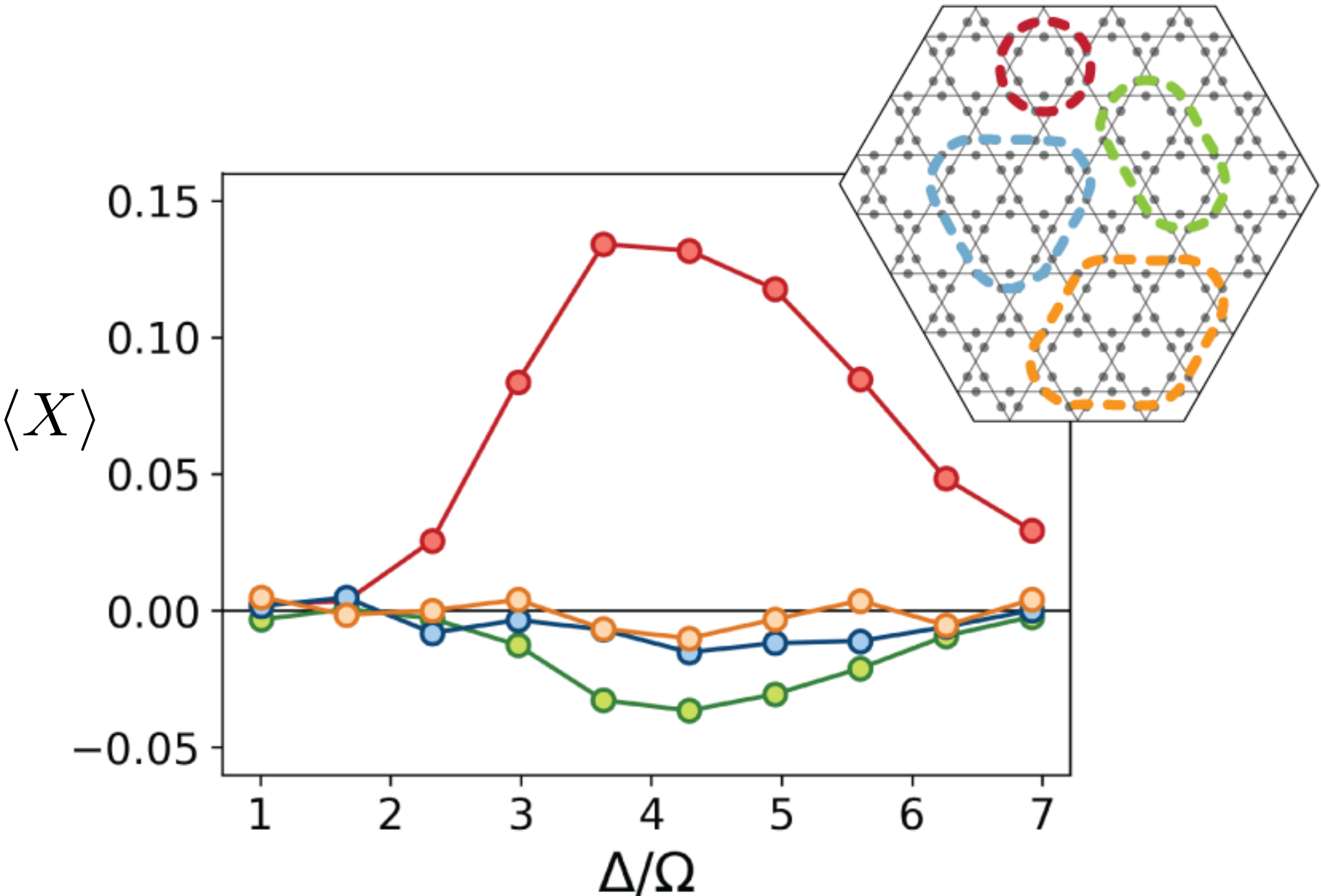
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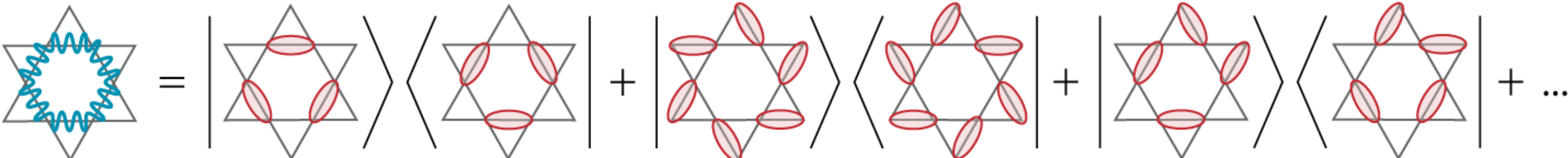


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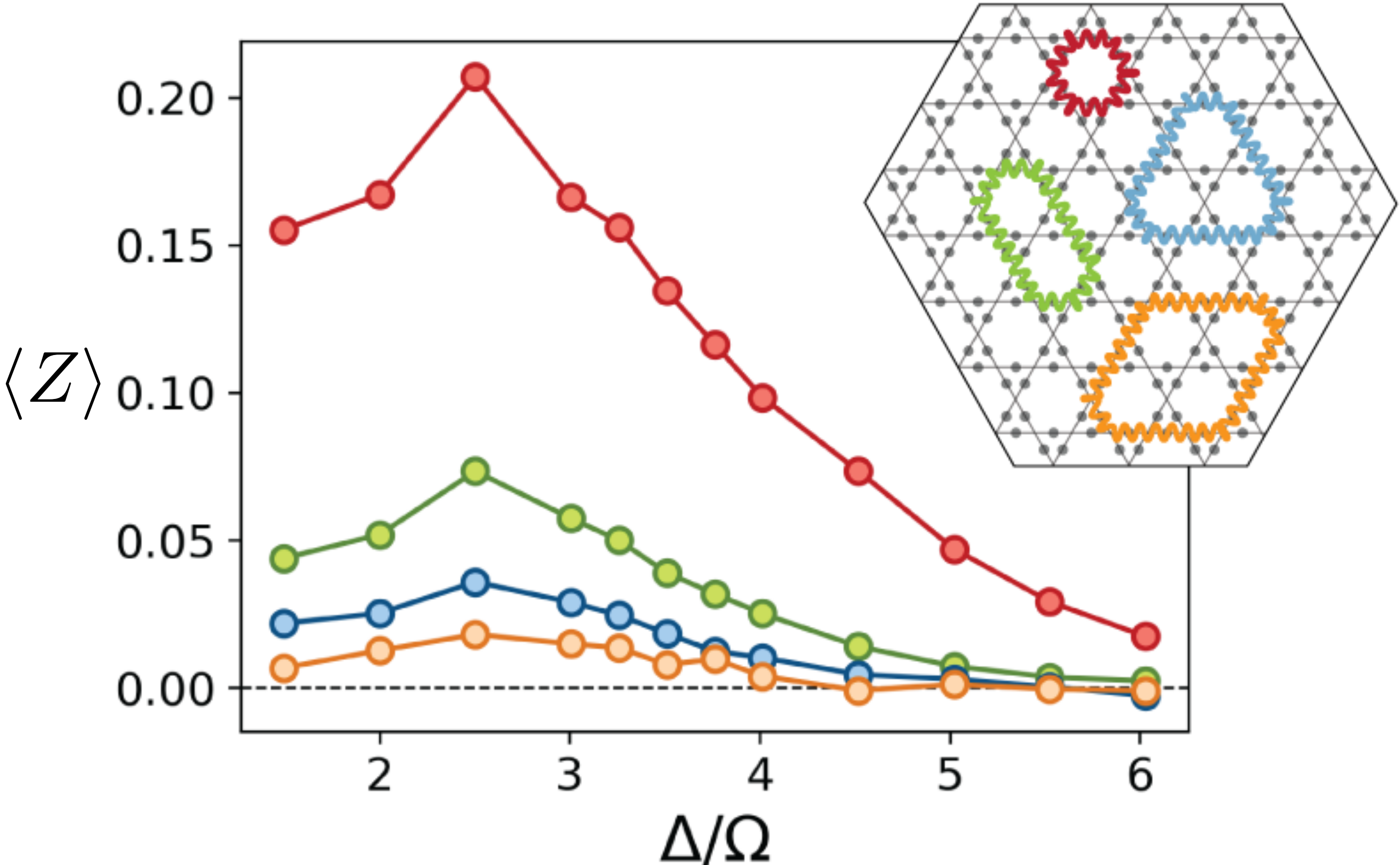
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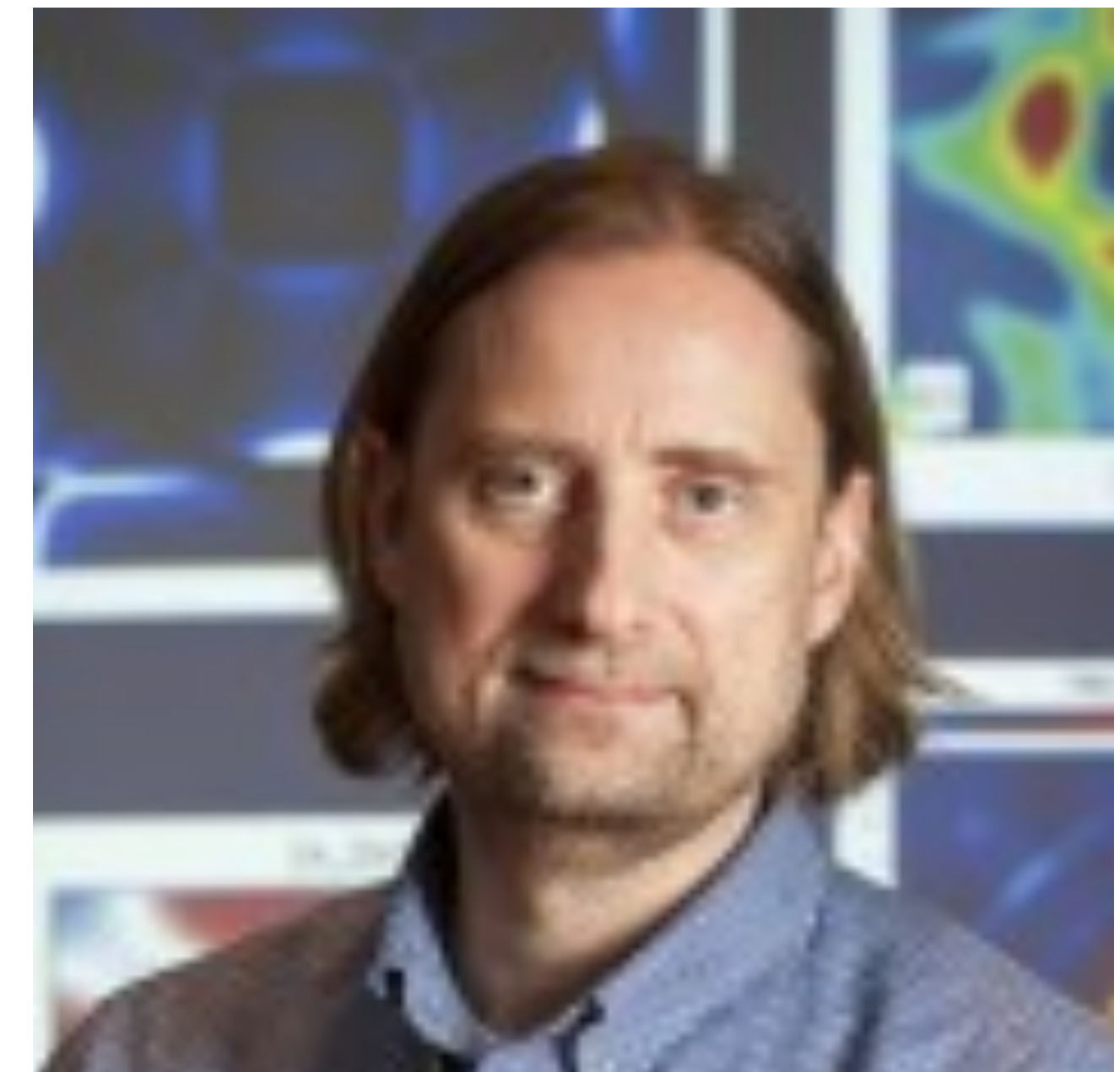
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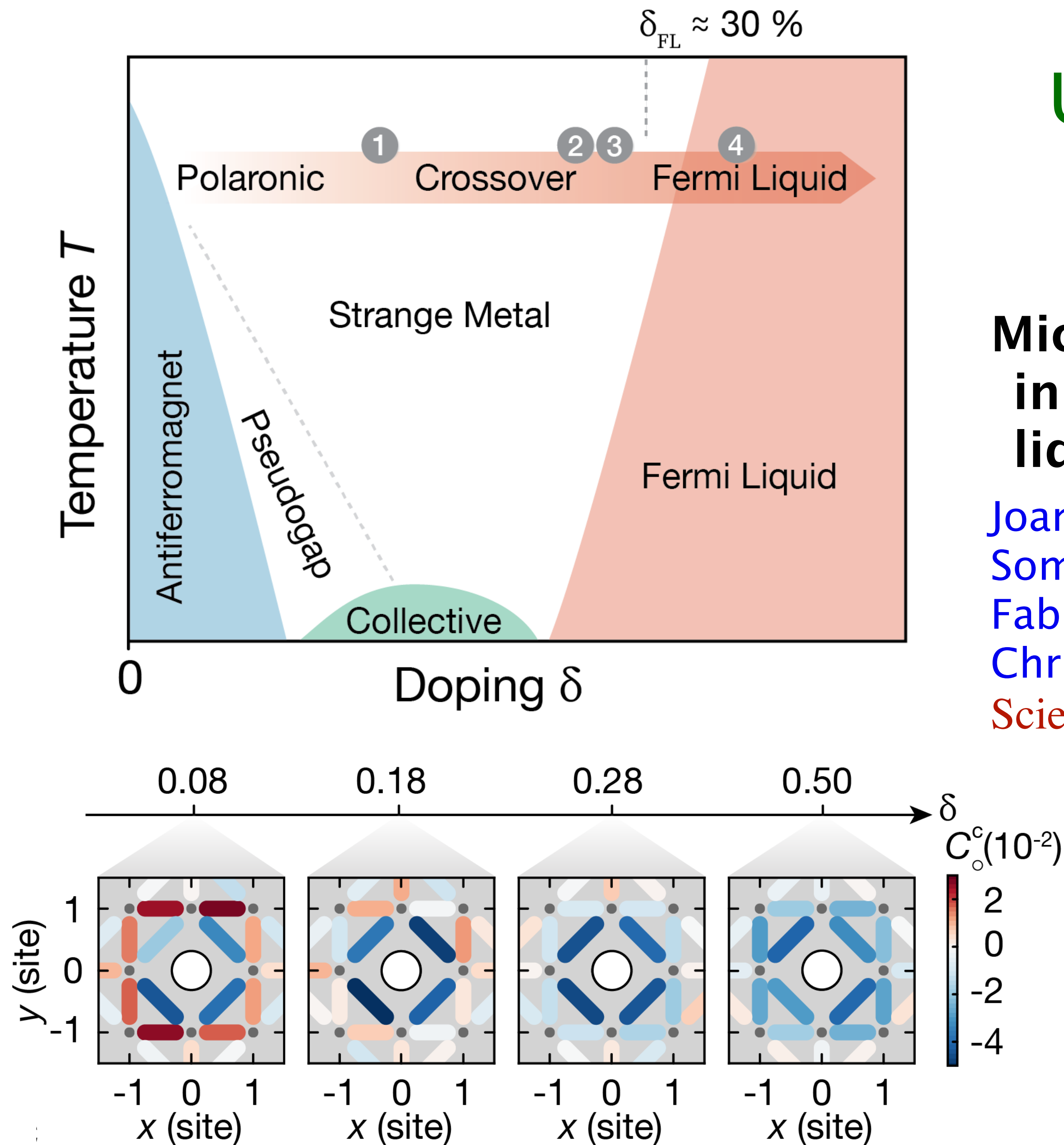
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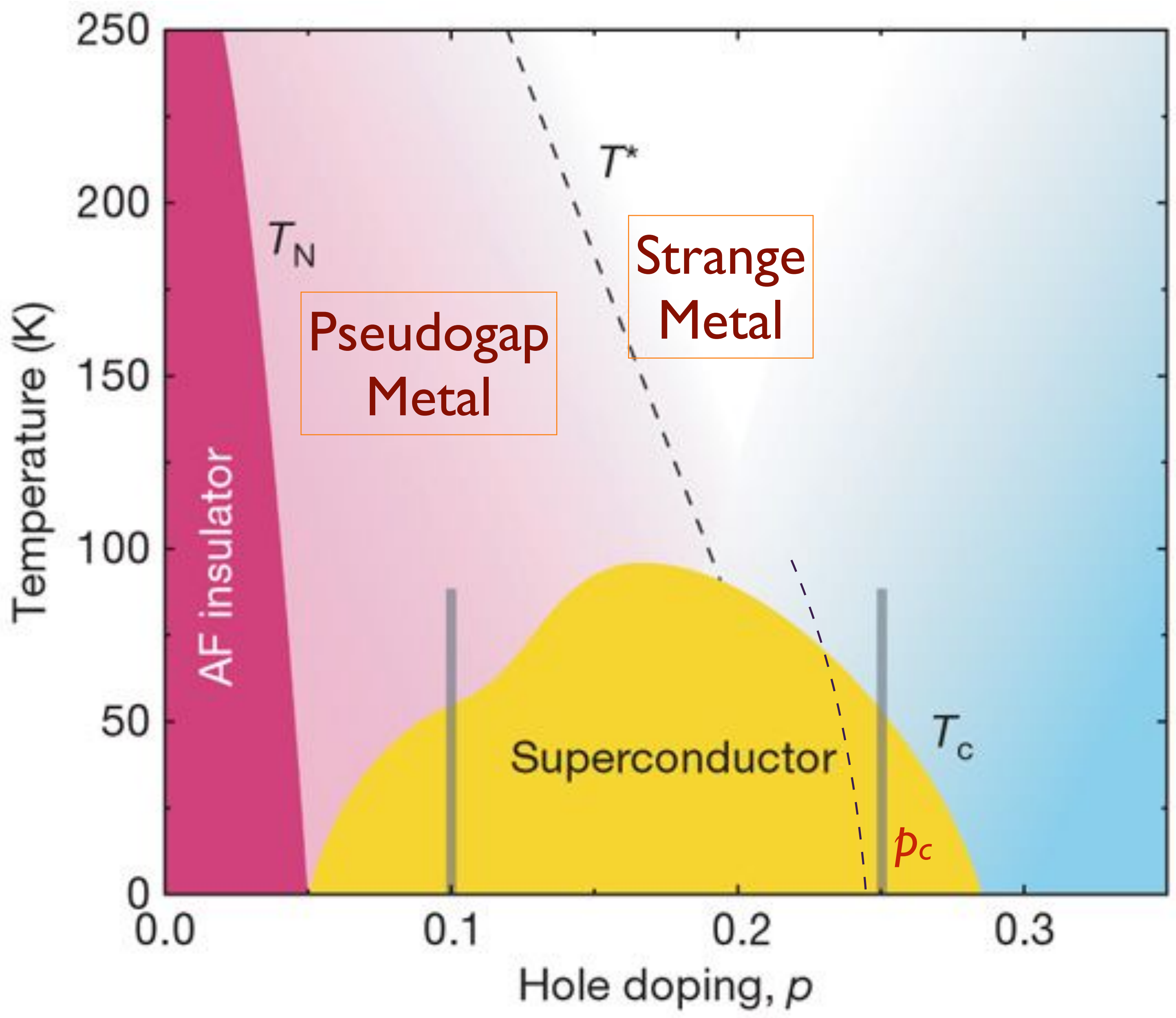
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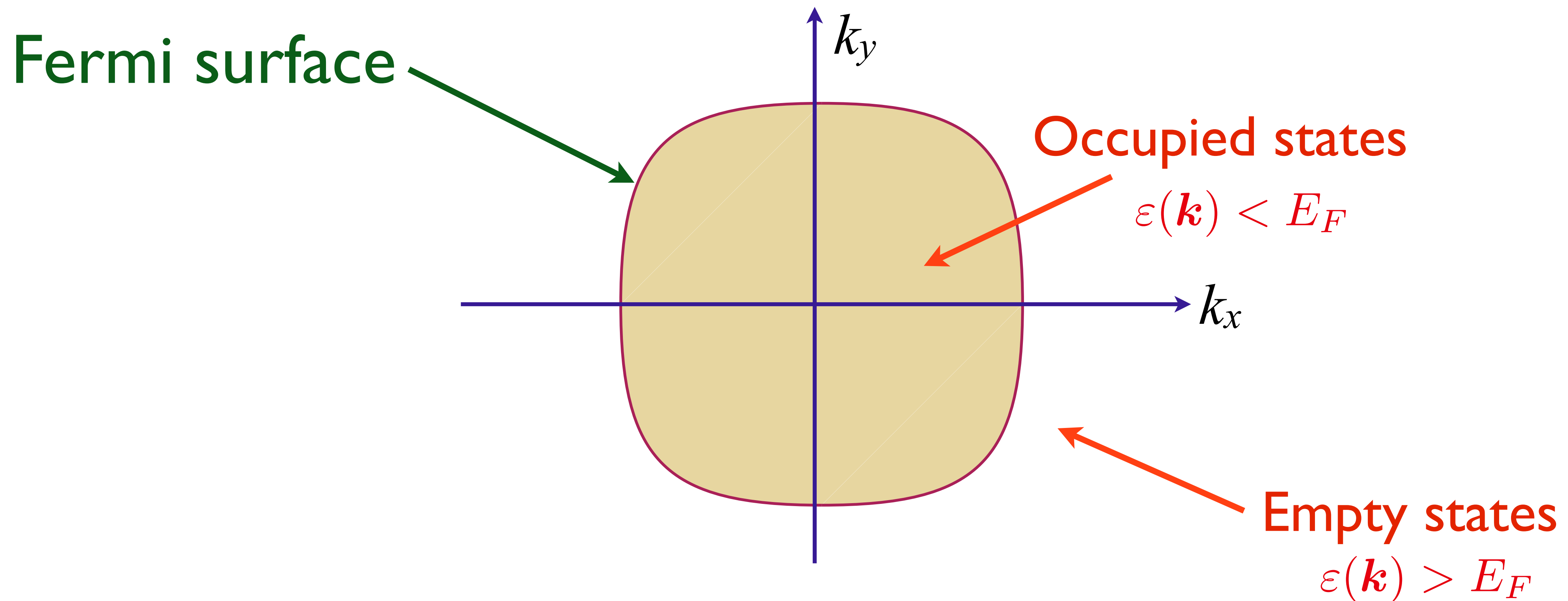
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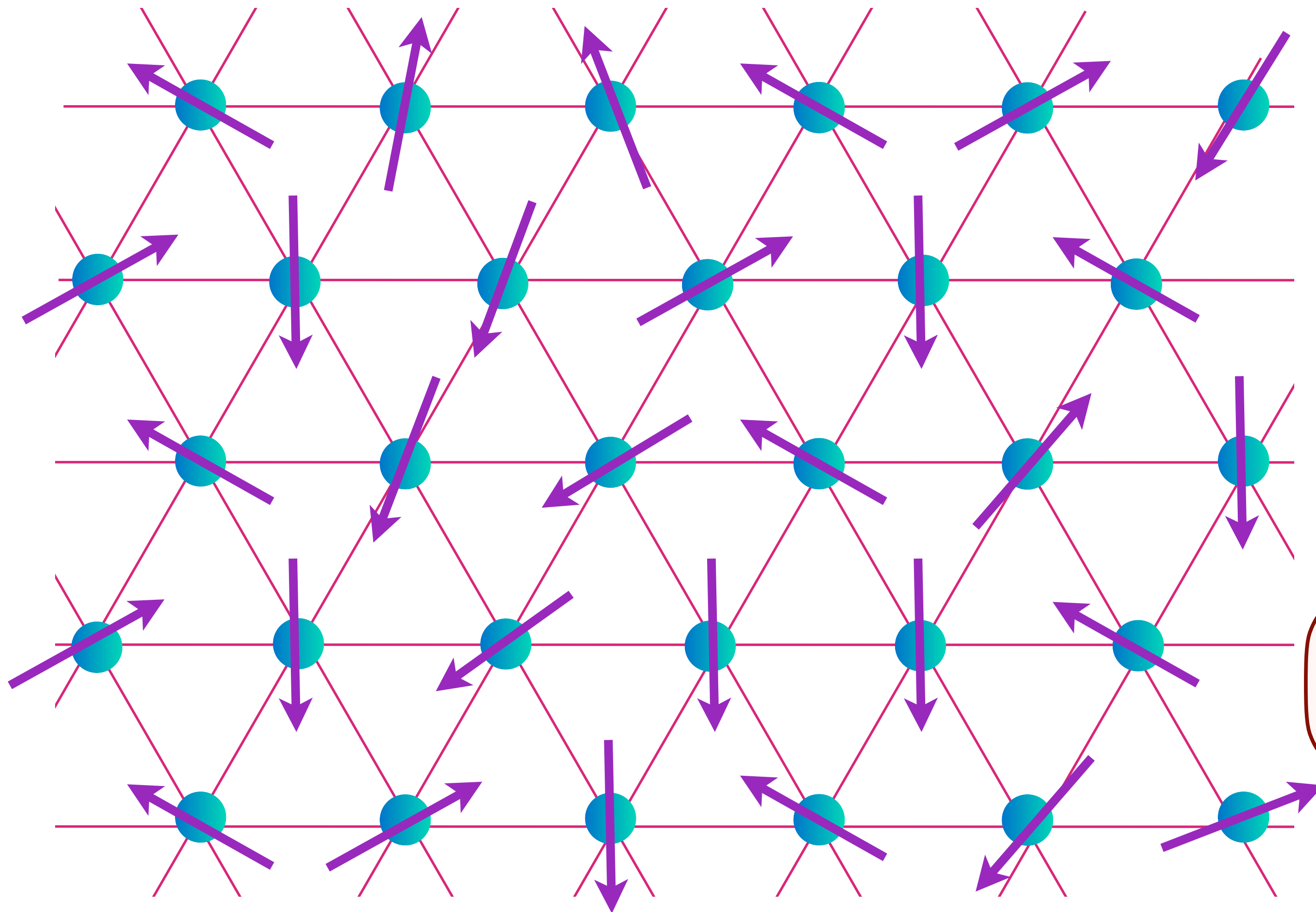
Luttinger relation

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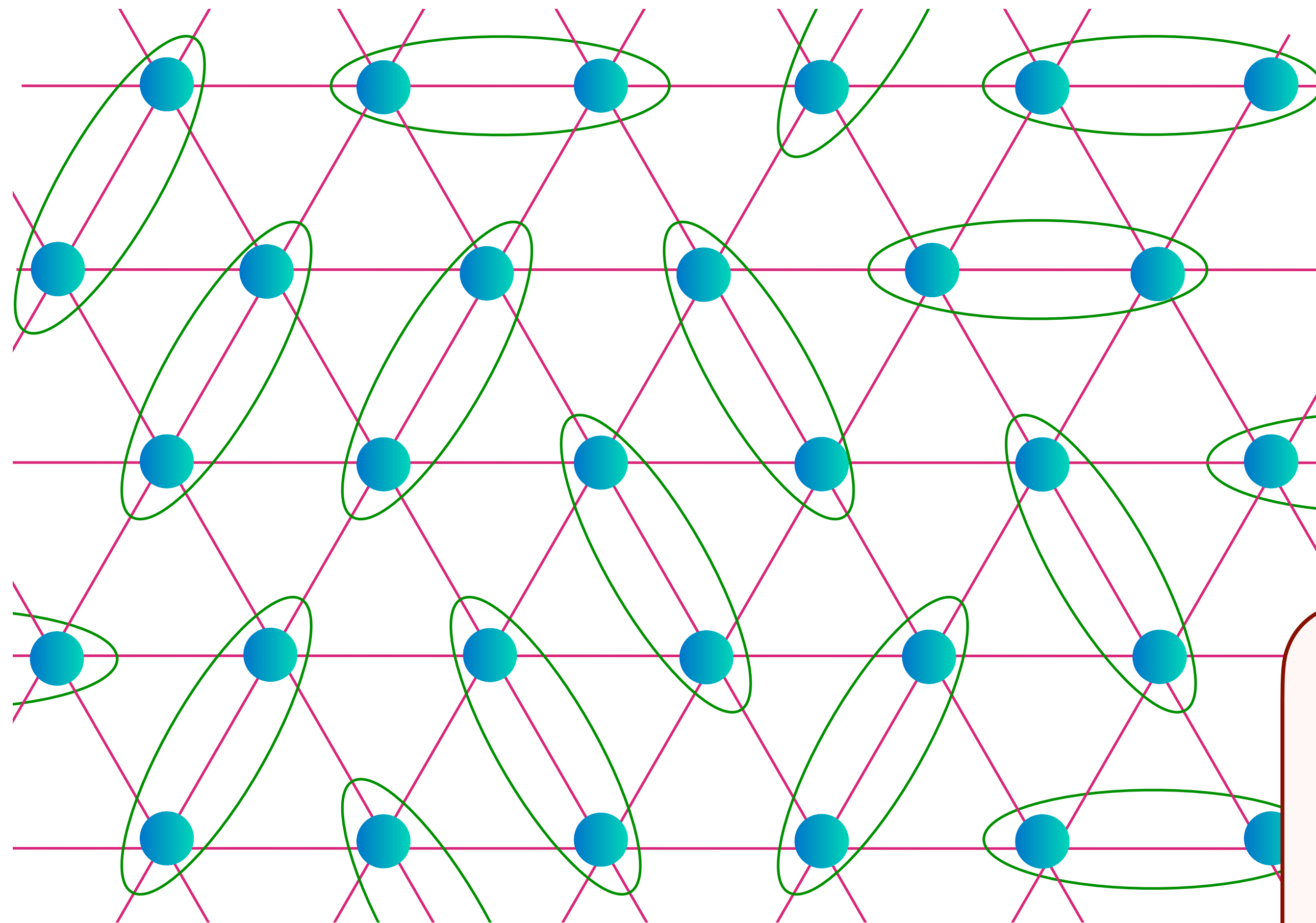
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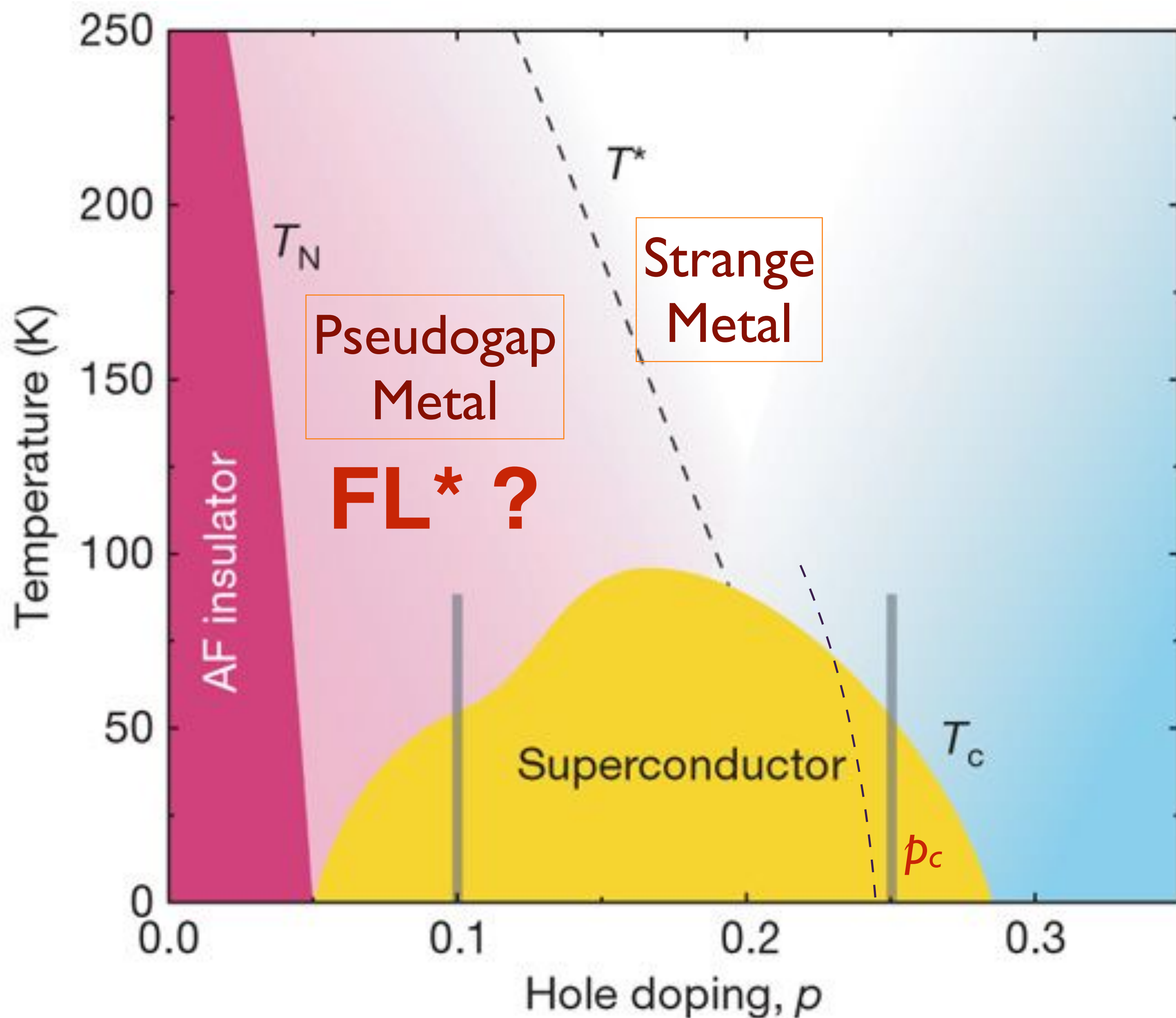
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Can a FL* state in a *single-band* Hubbard model describe the pseudogap metal over an intermediate temperature range, along with a crossover/transition to confinement at lower temperatures?

Paramagnon theory of the Hubbard model

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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

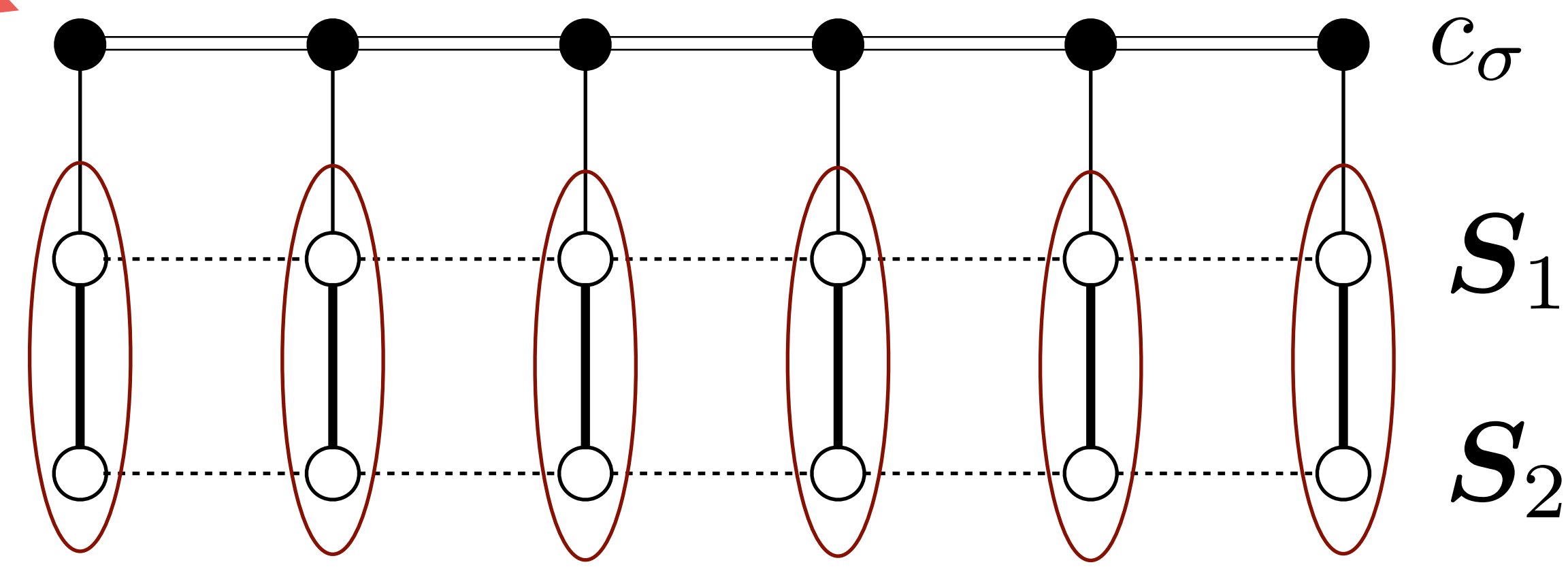
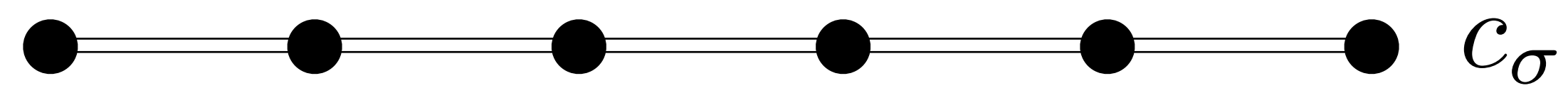
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This yields the ‘Scalapino-Pines-Chubukov-Schmalian...’ theory for a ‘paramagnon quantum rotor’ Φ_i coupled to otherwise free fermions $c_{i\sigma}$.

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Hubbard model of density $1-p$



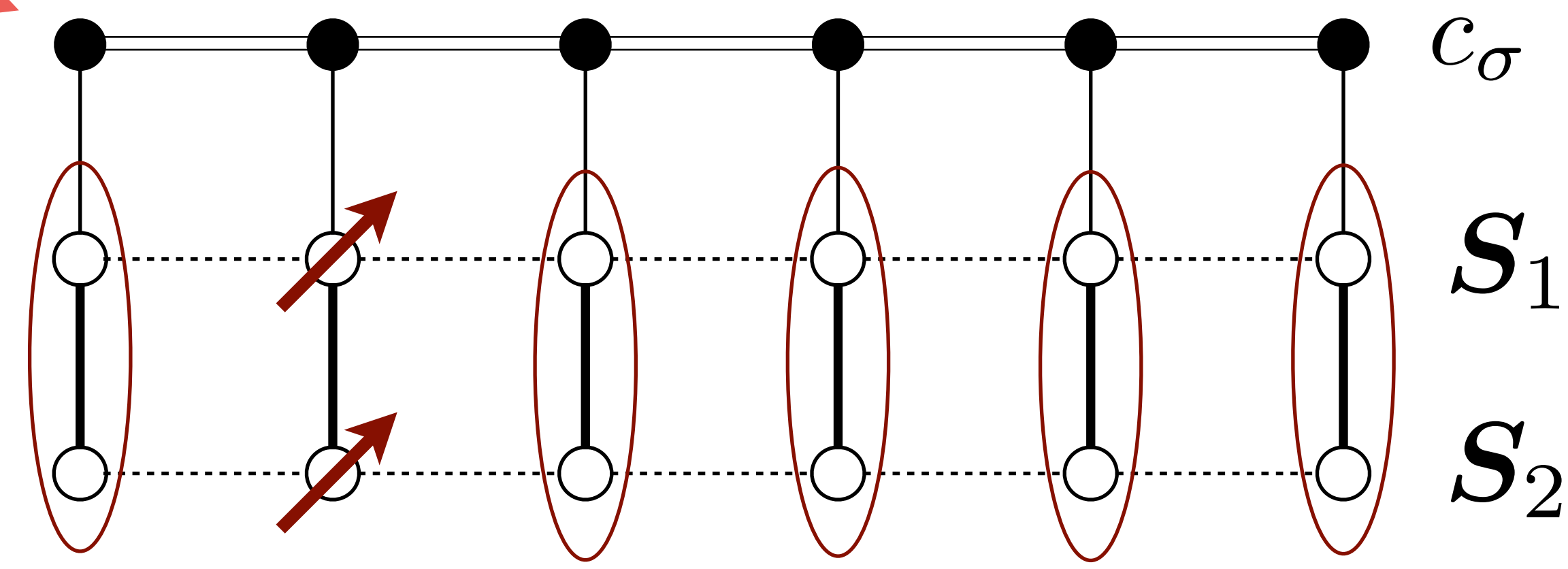
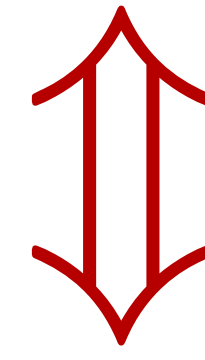
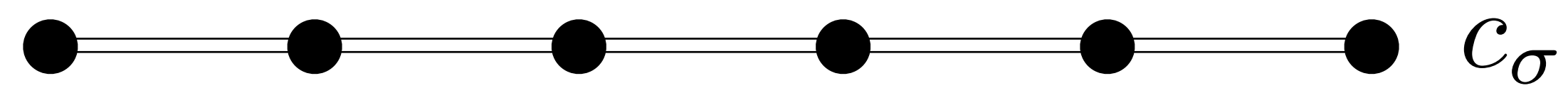
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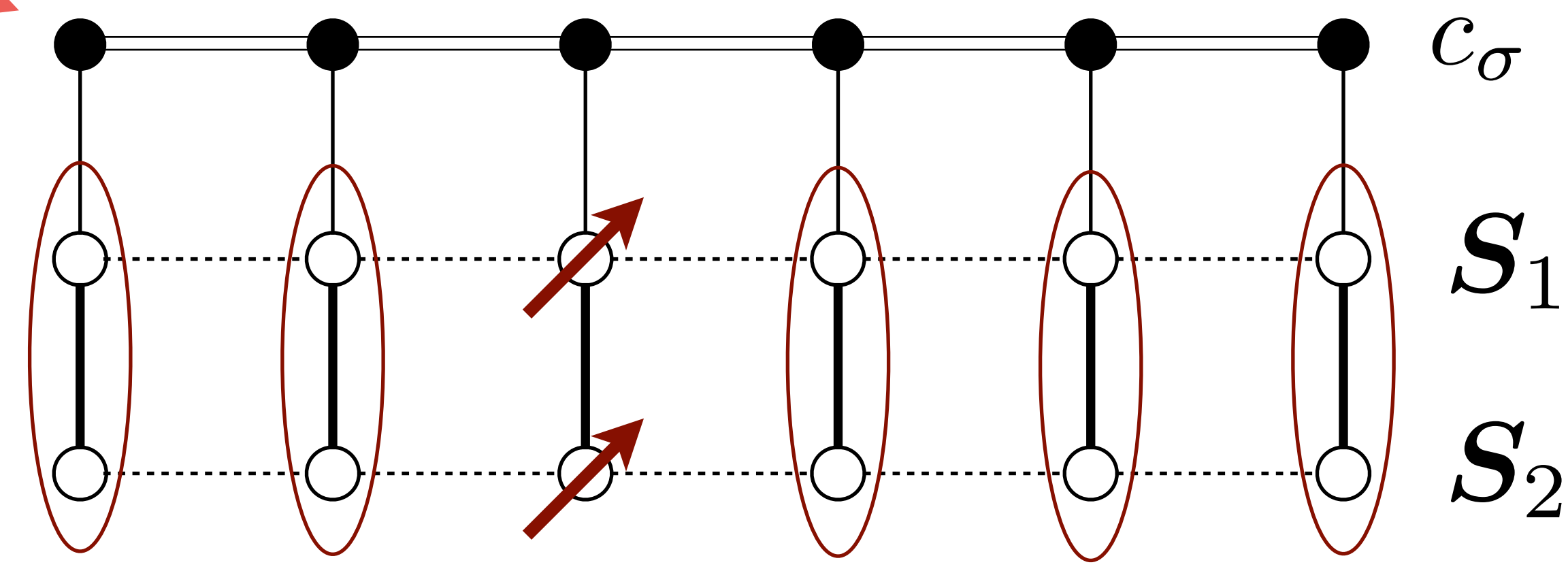
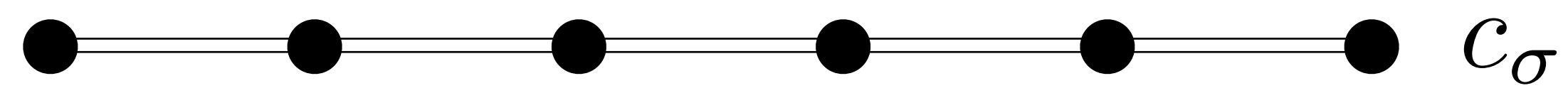
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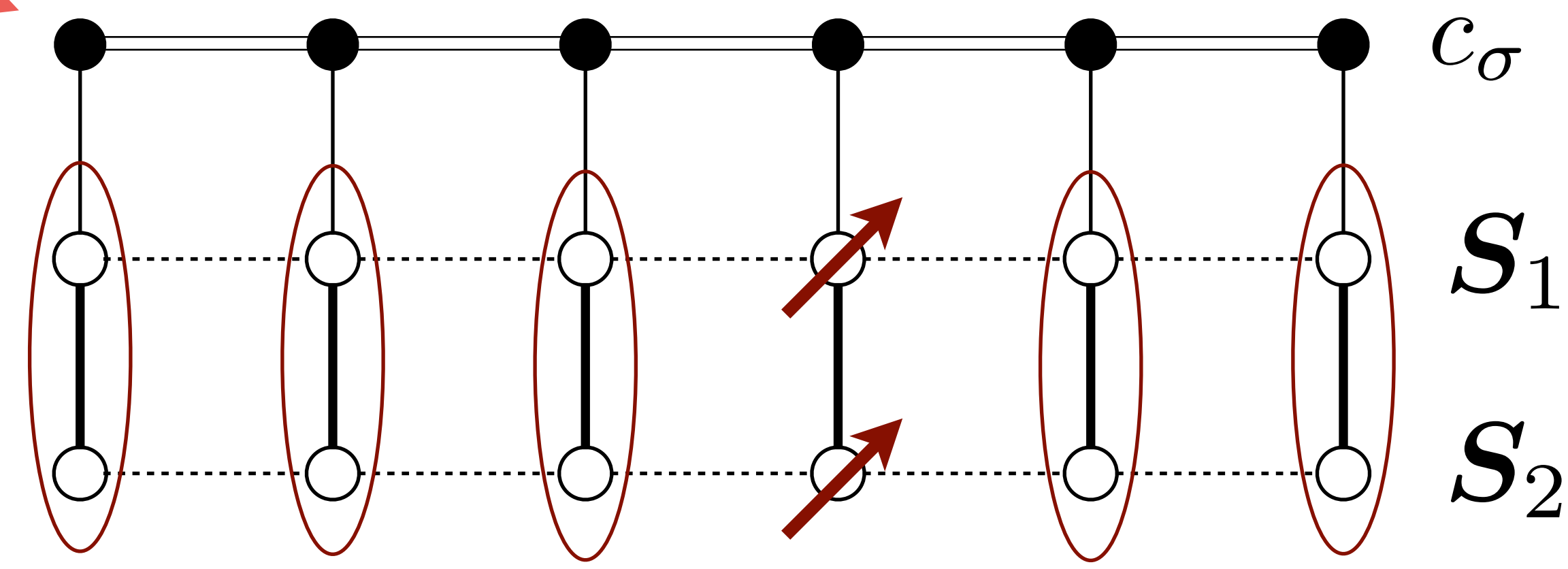
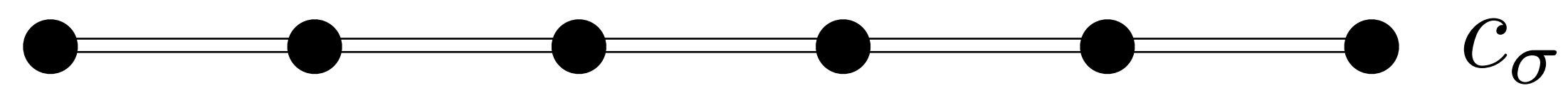
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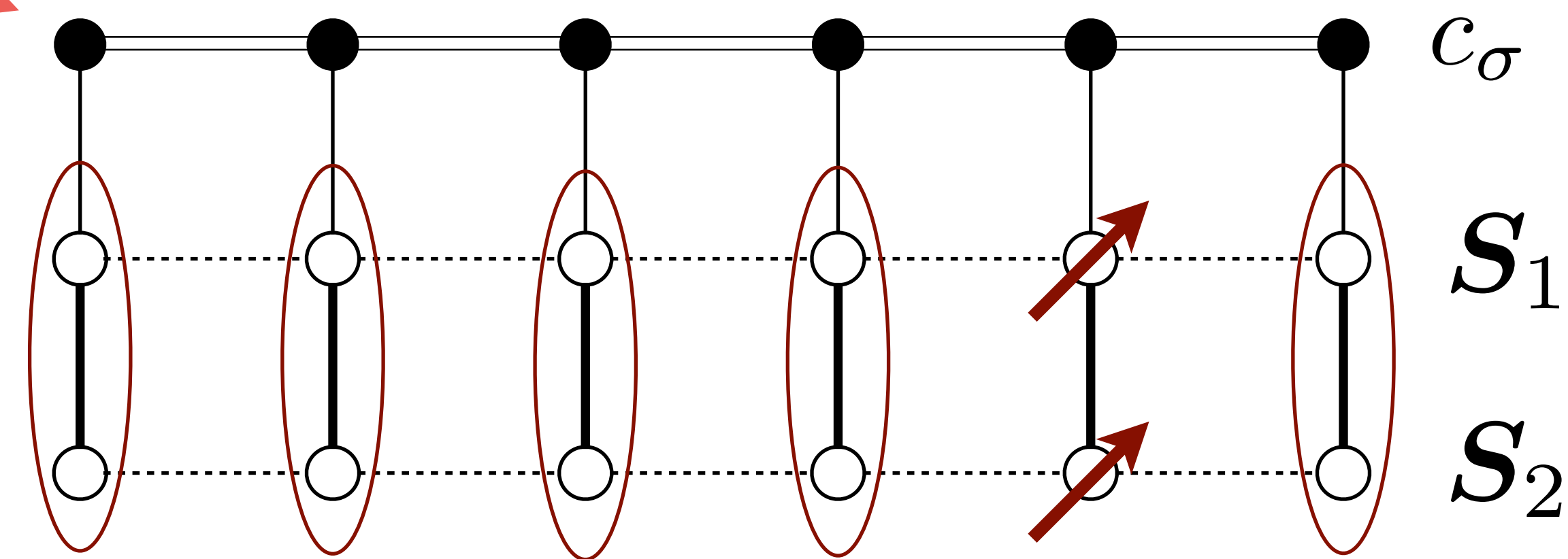
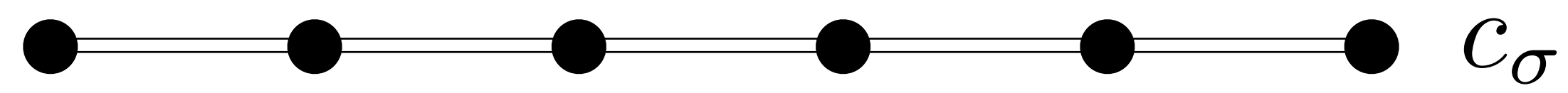
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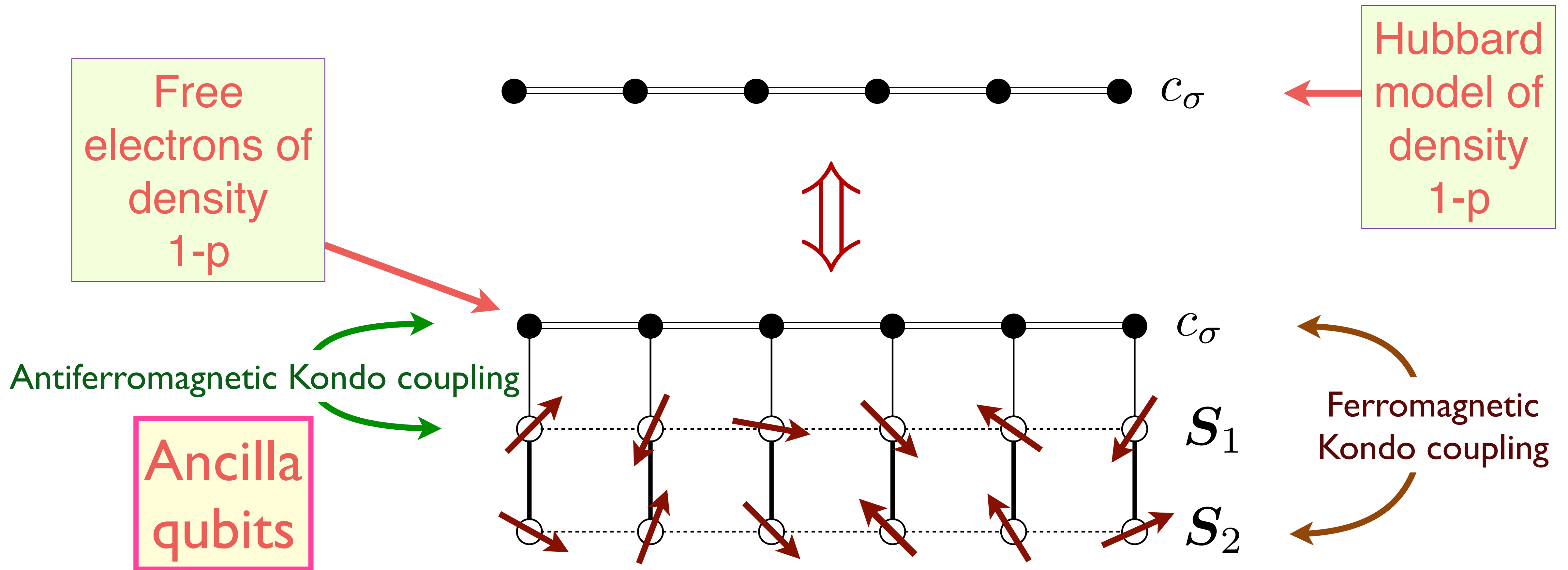


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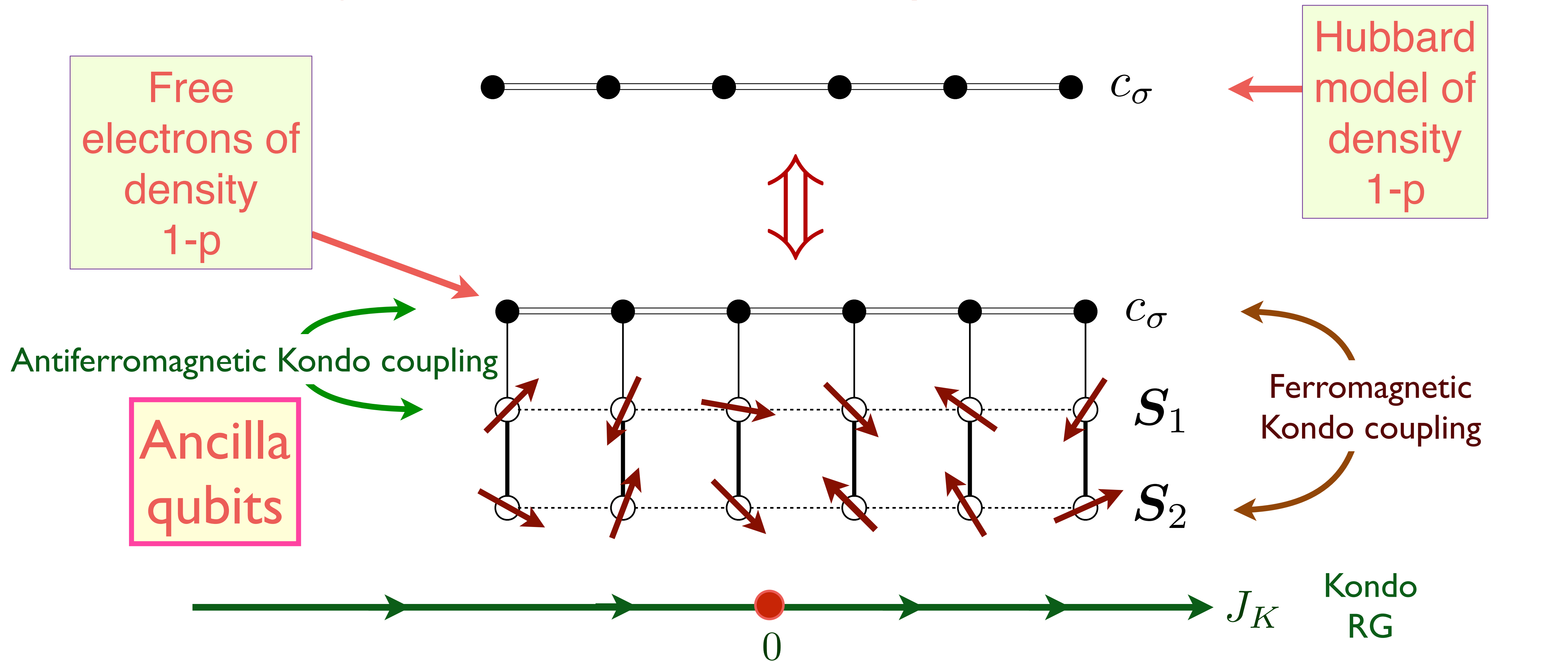
Paramagnon fractionalization theory of the Hubbard model



$$\Phi_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (S_{2i} - S_{1i})$$

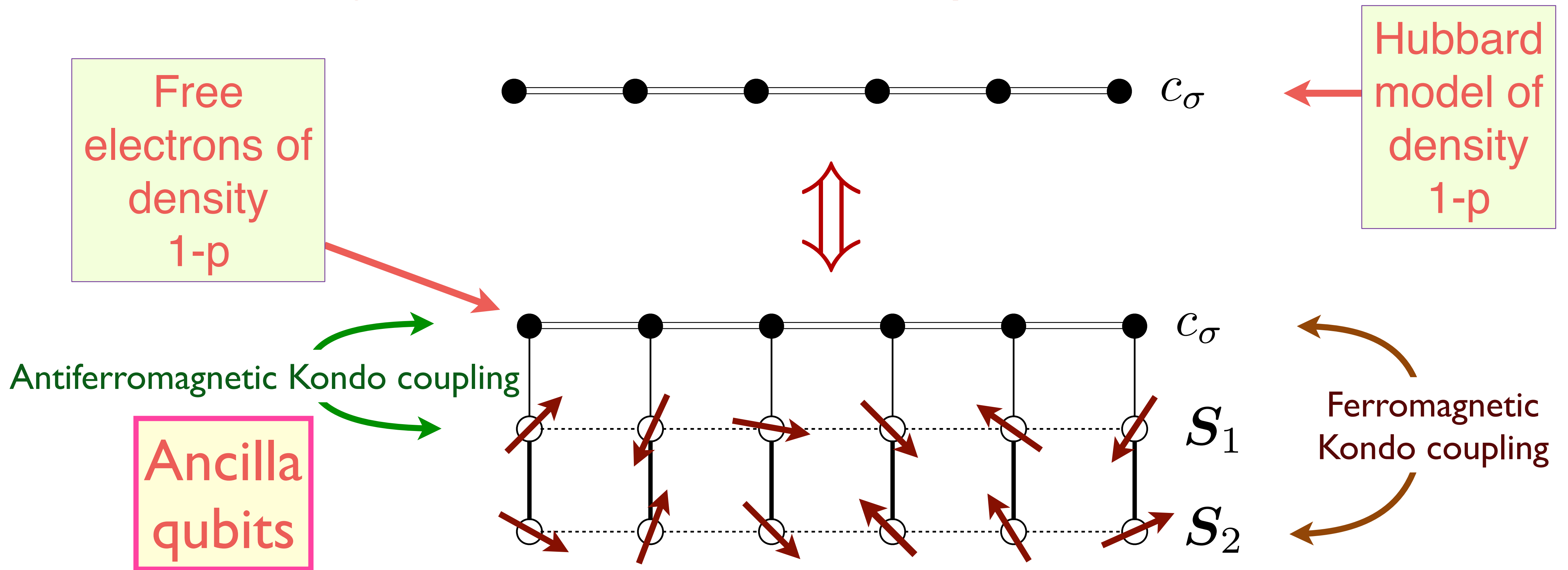
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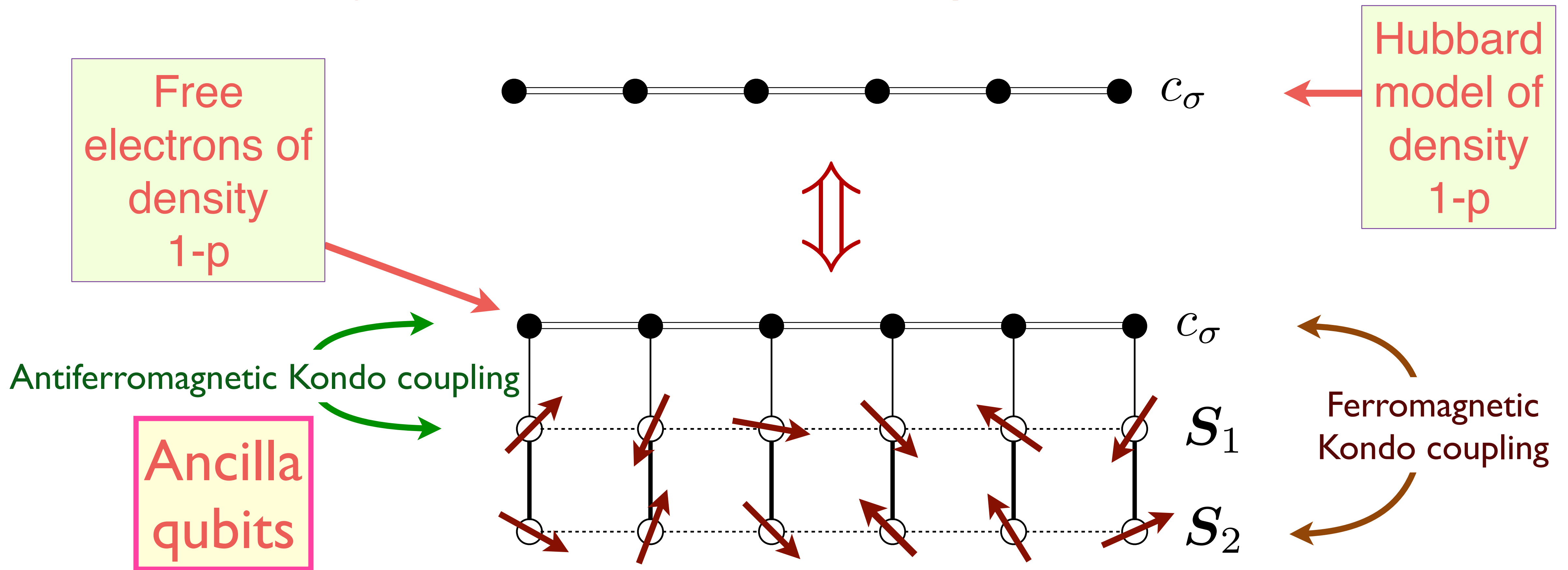
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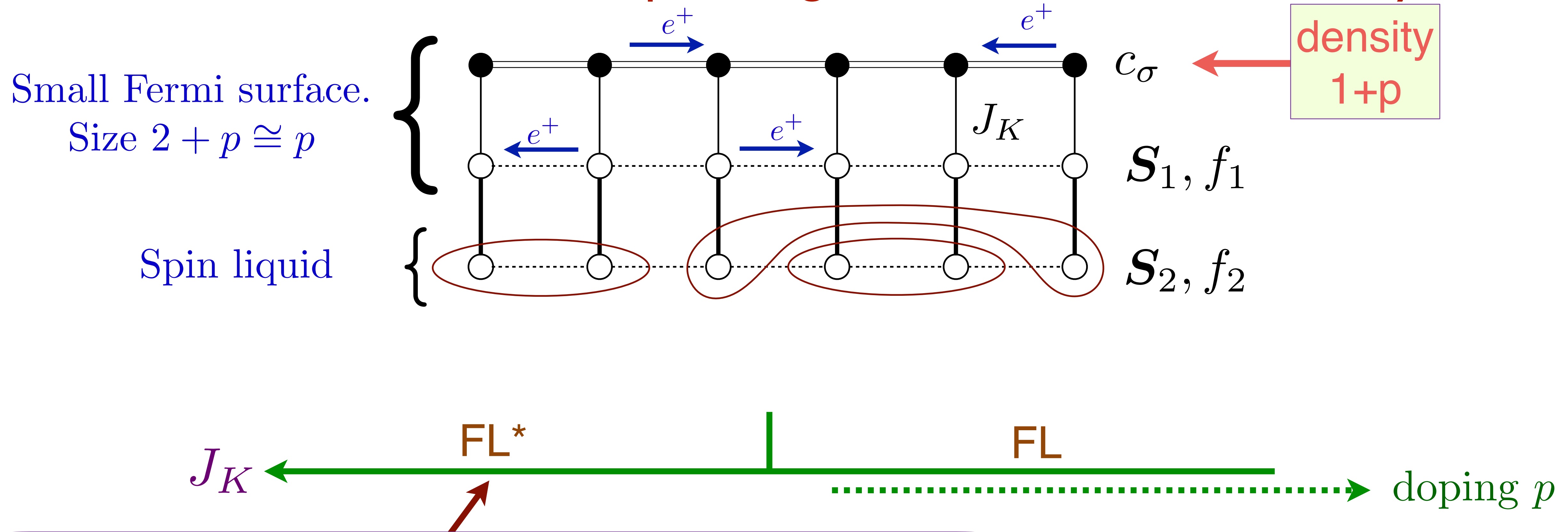


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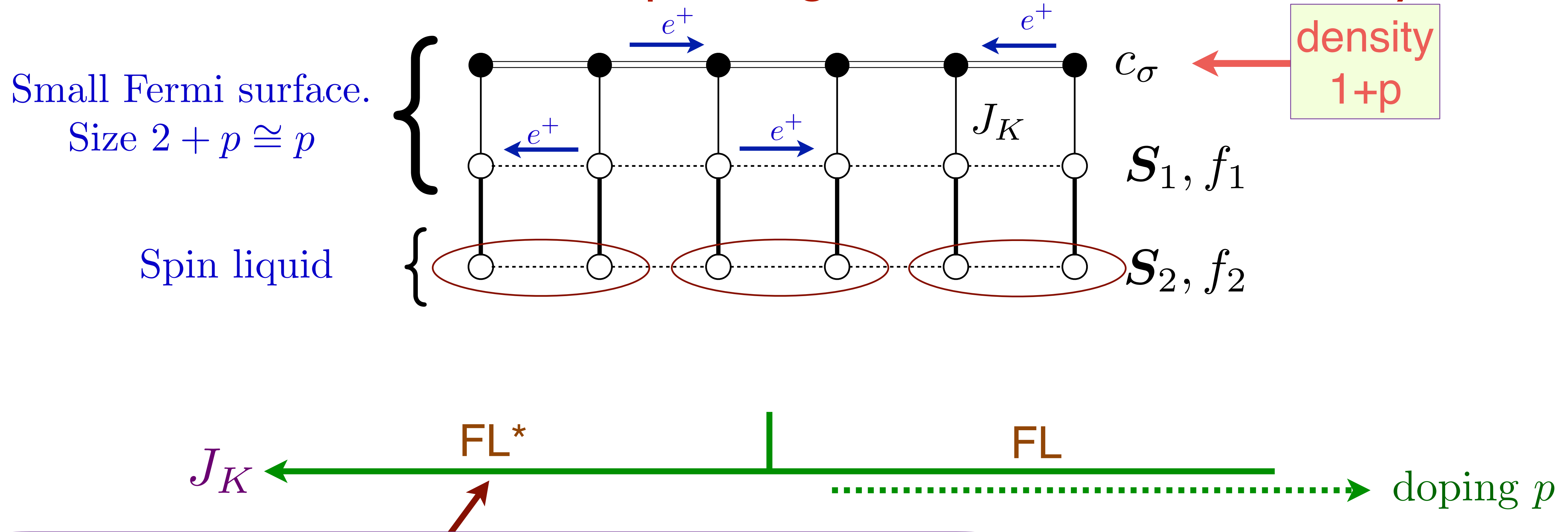
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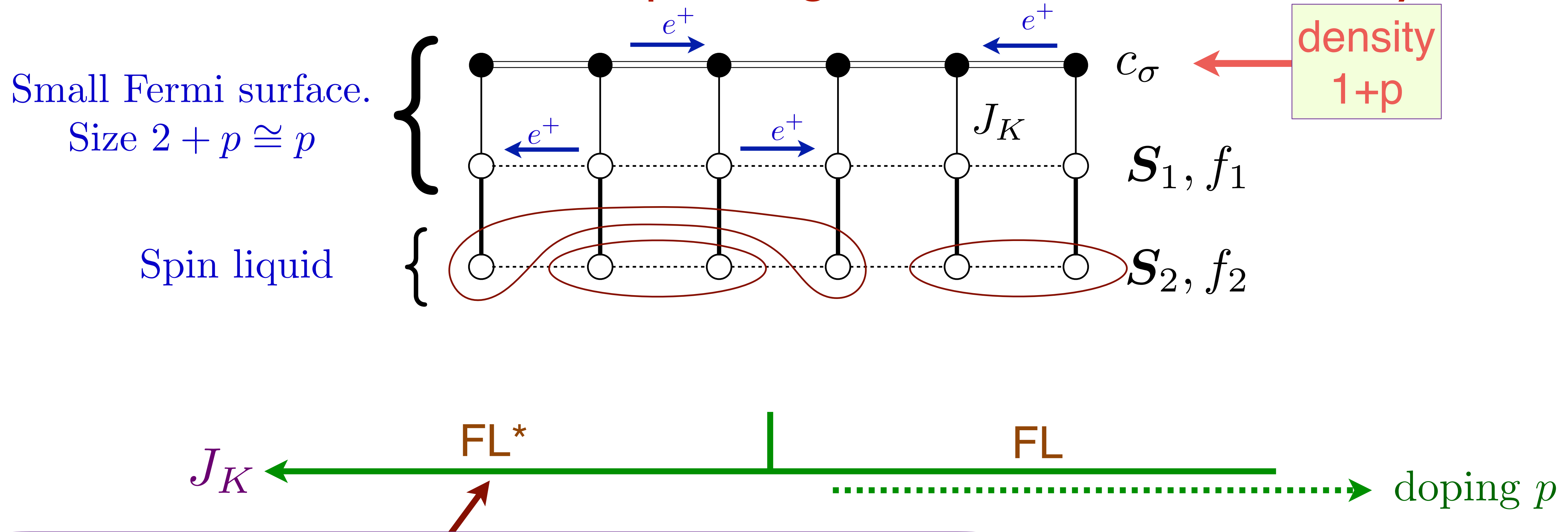
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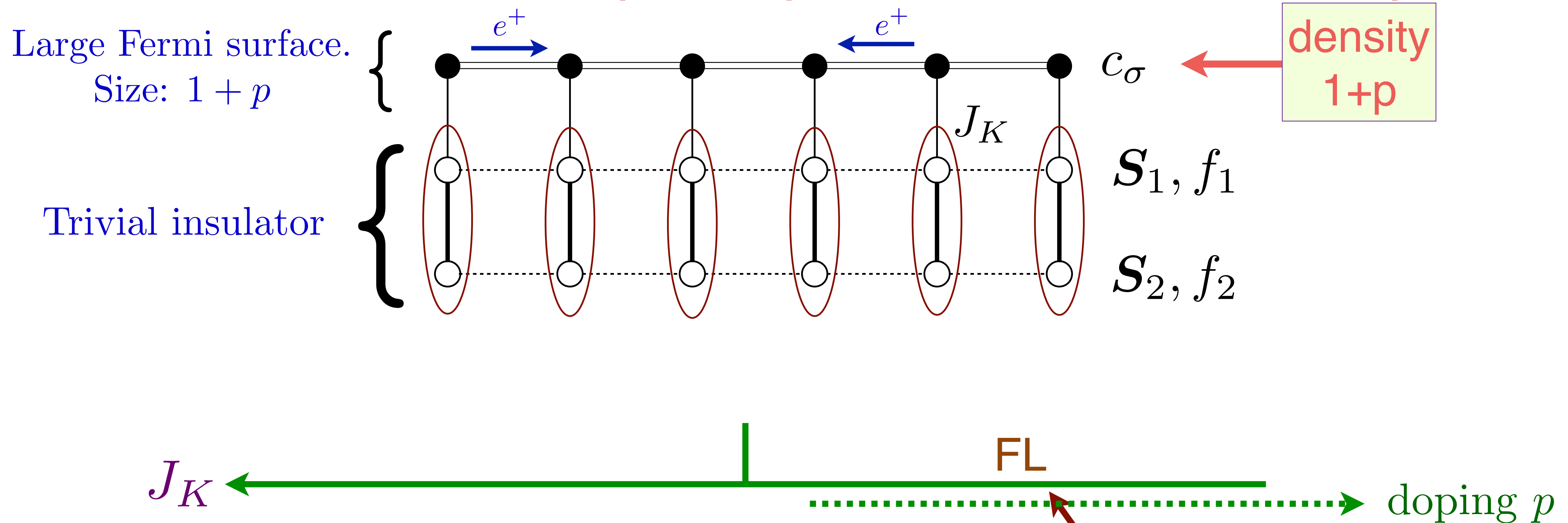
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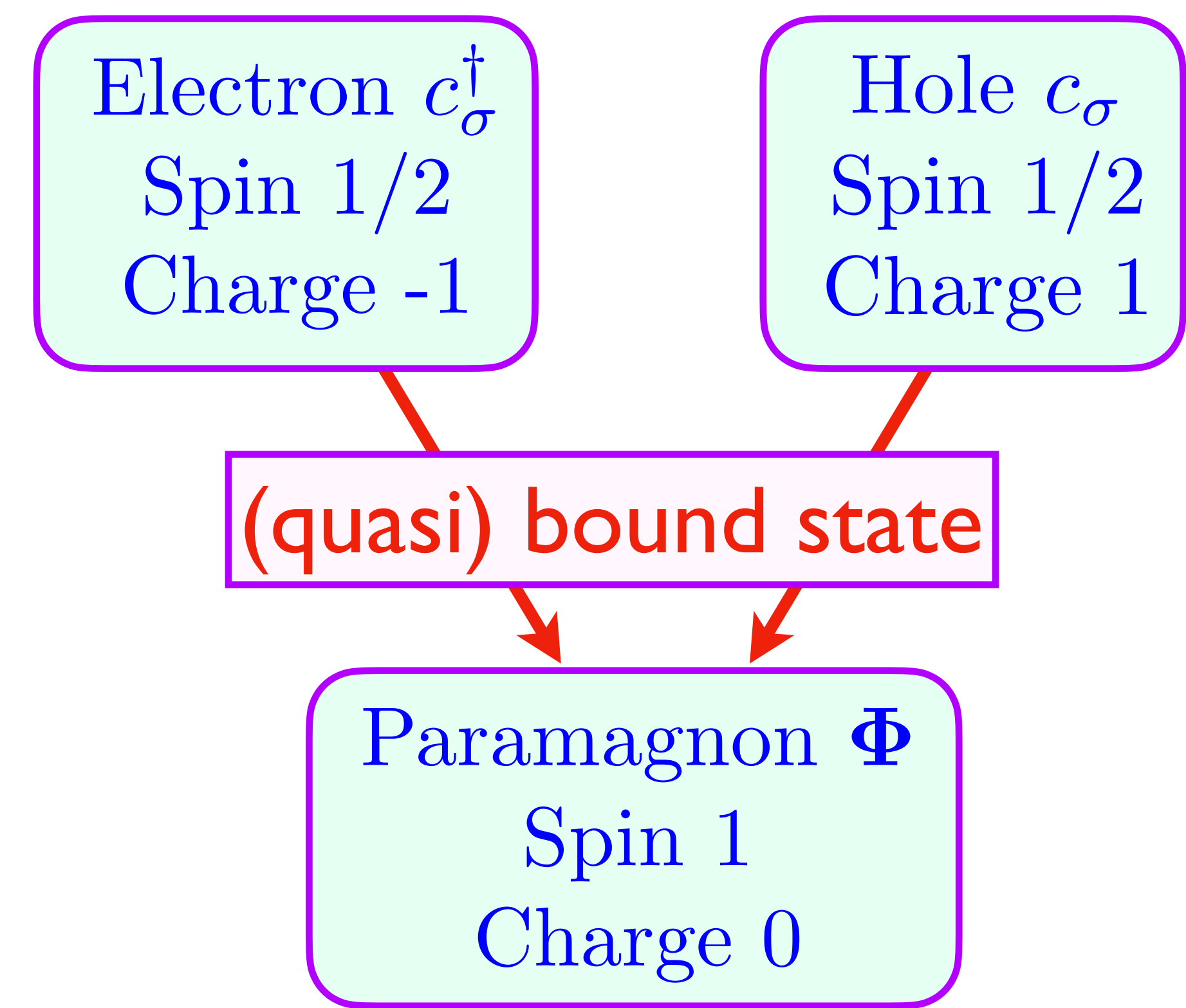
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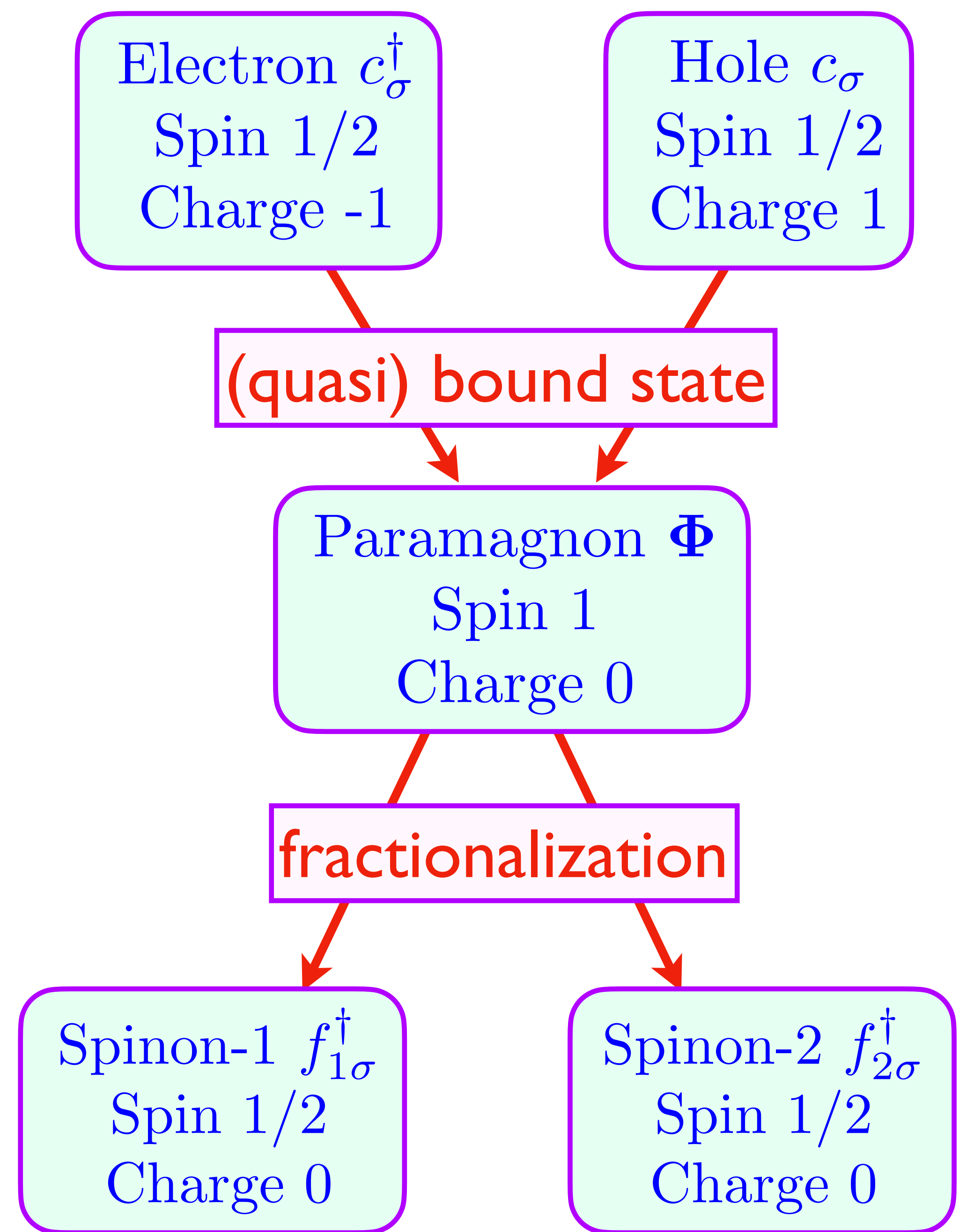
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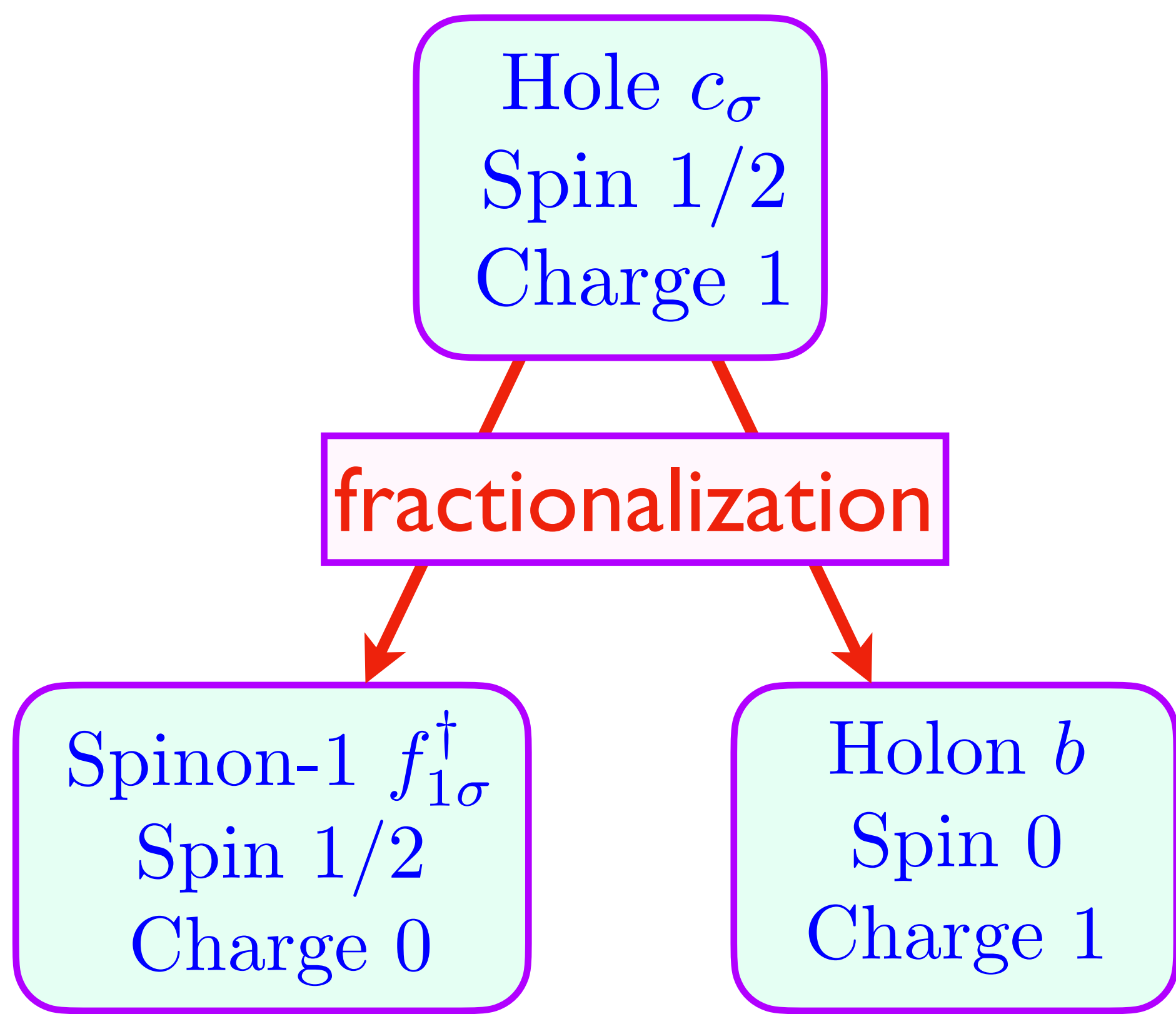
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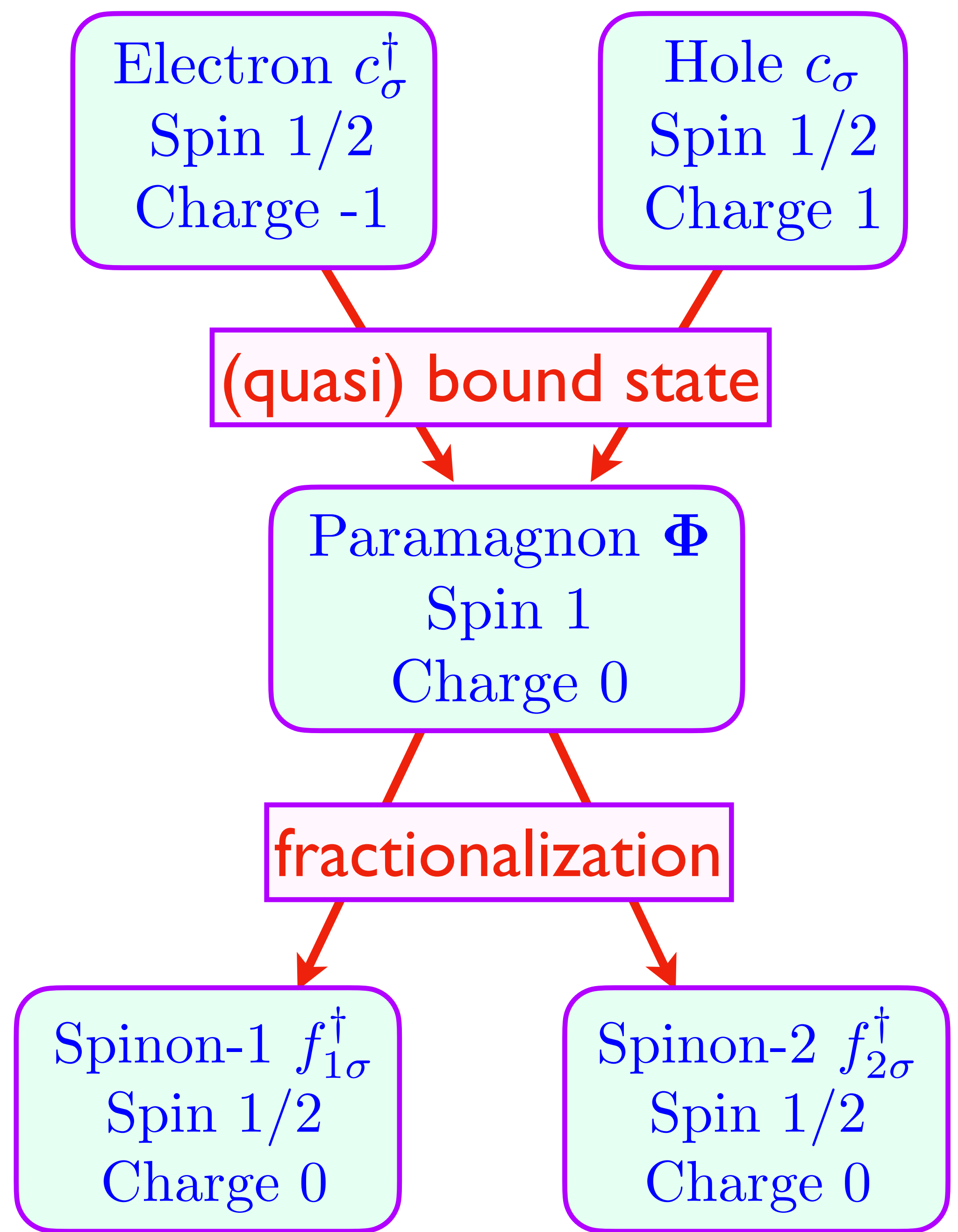
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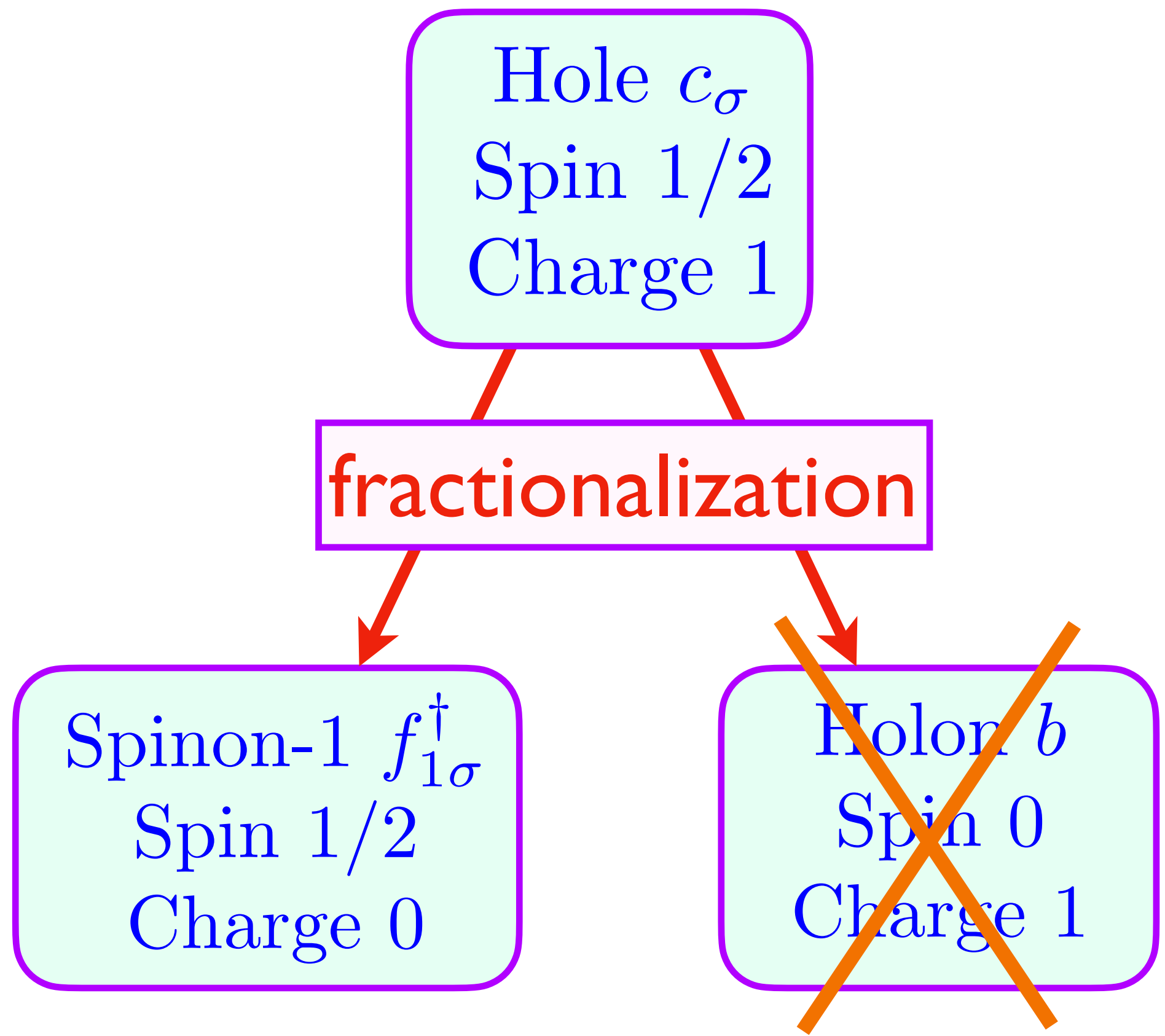
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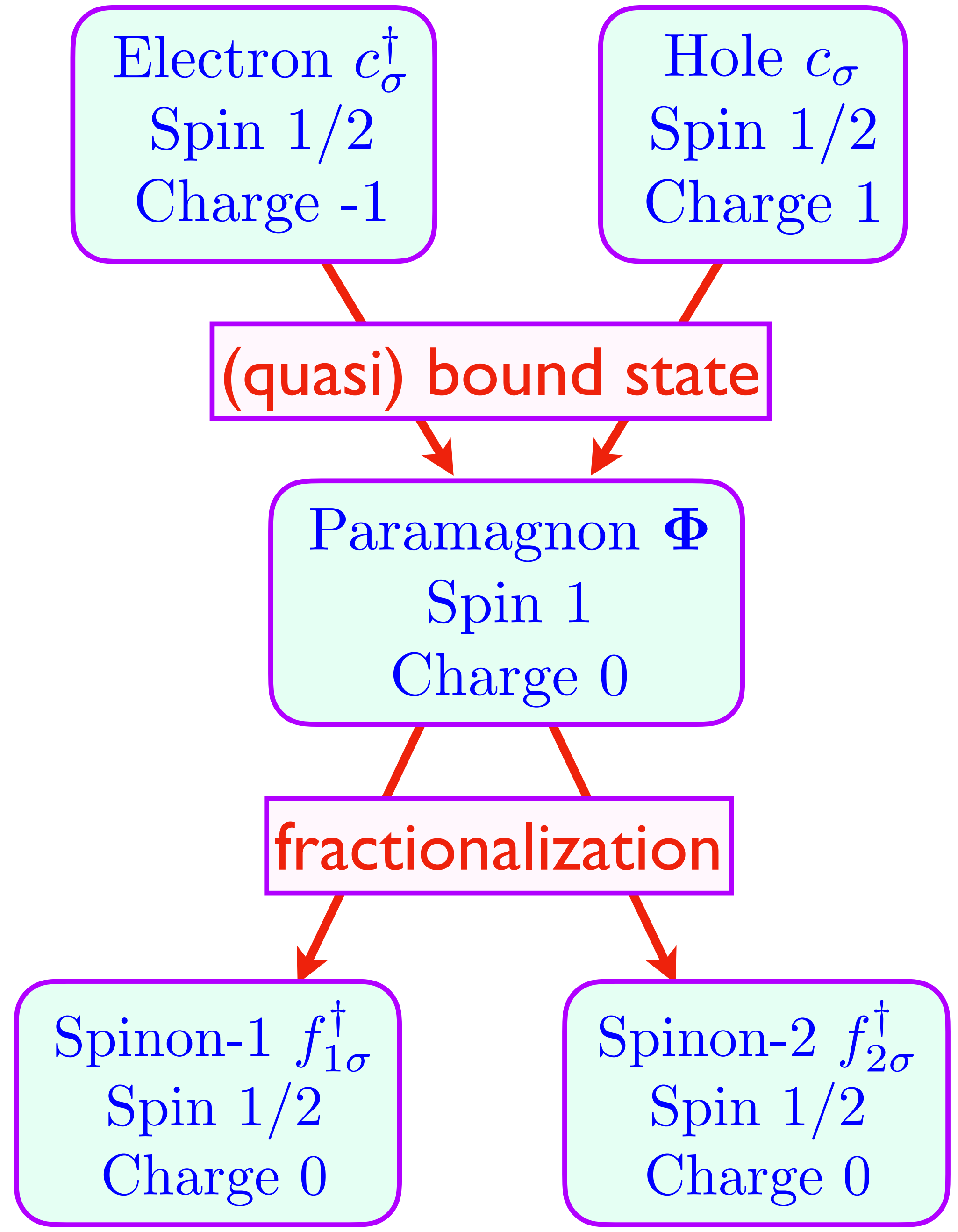


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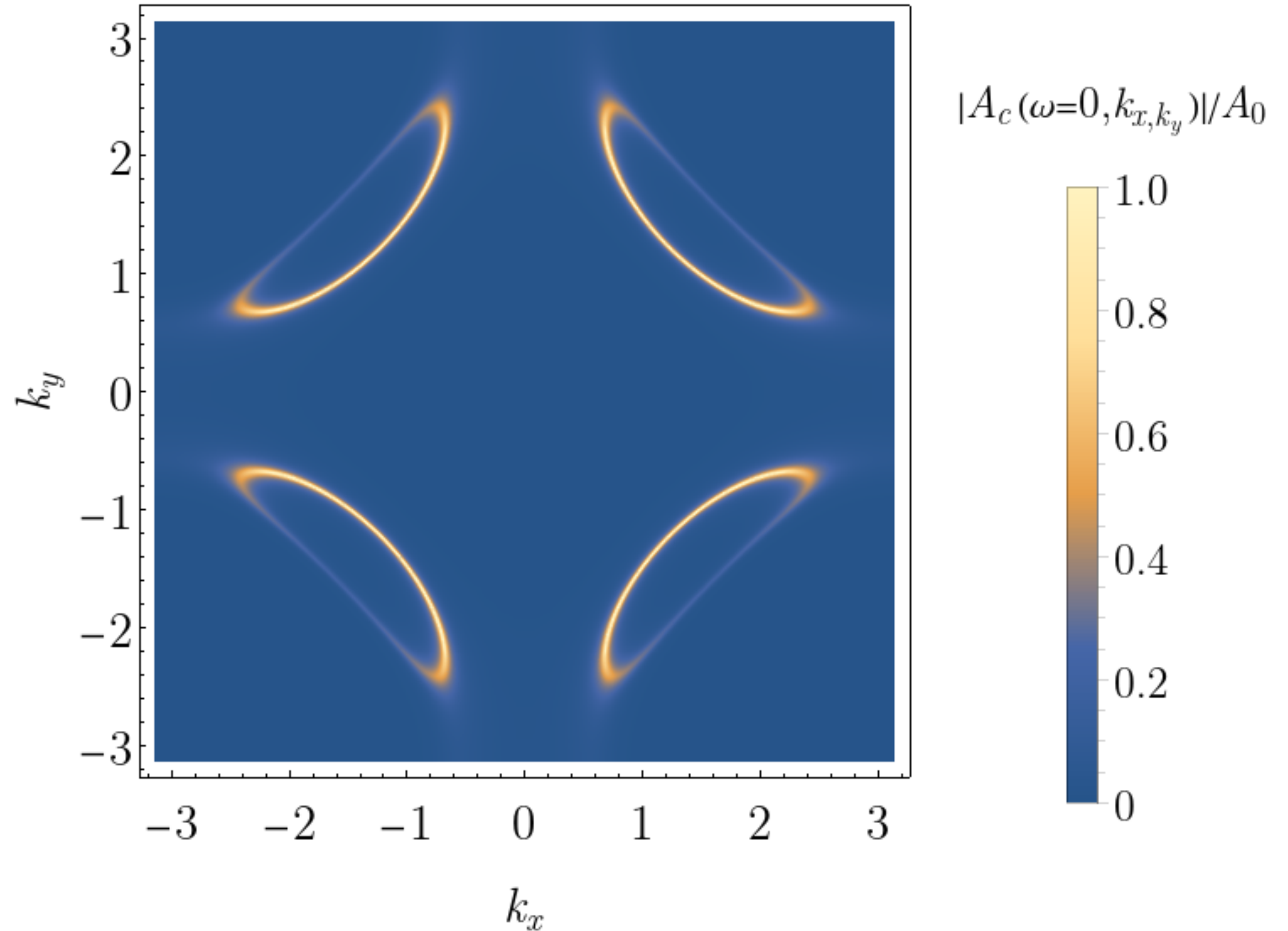
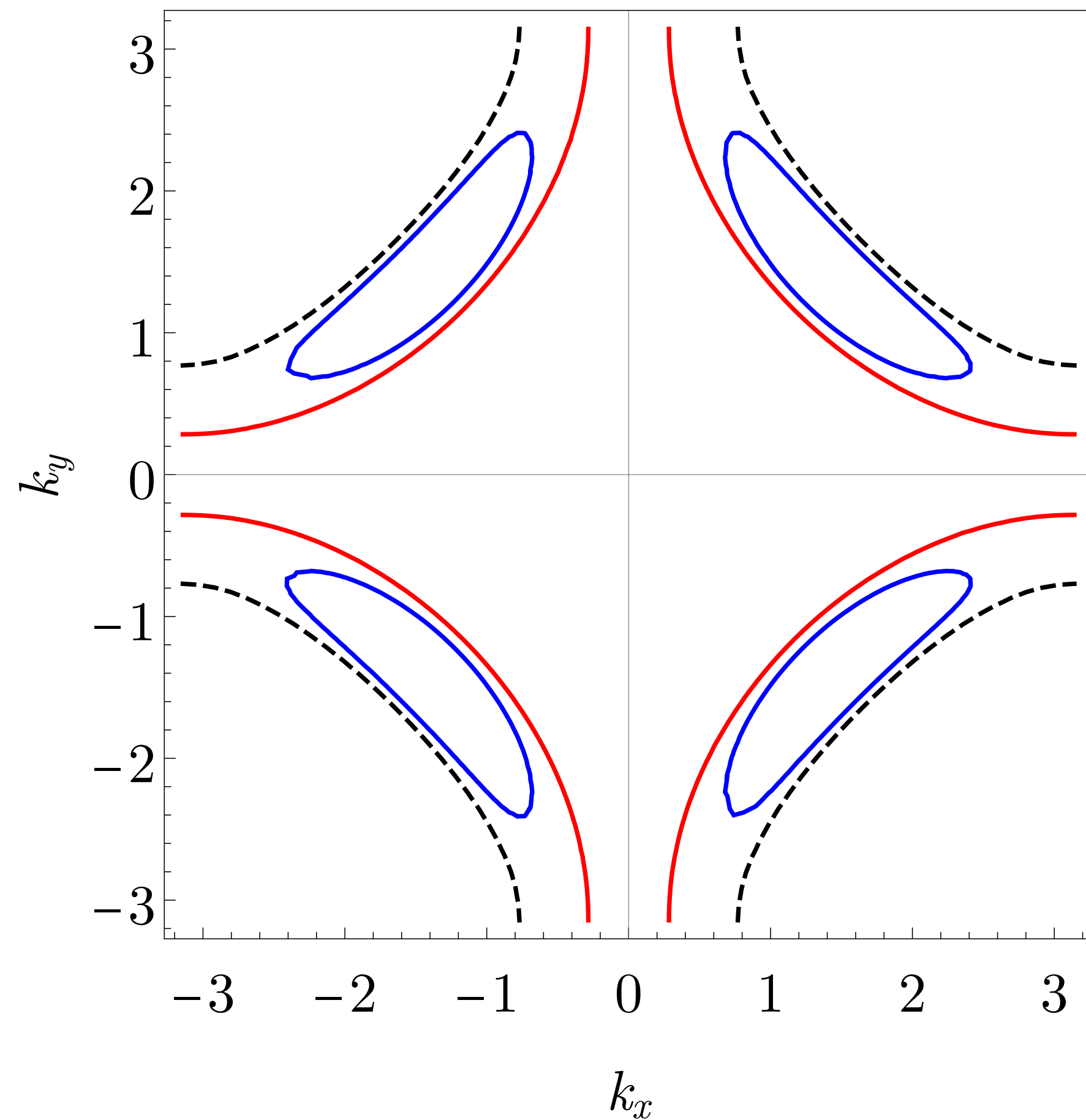
Don't fractionalize the electron;
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Paramagnon fractionalization

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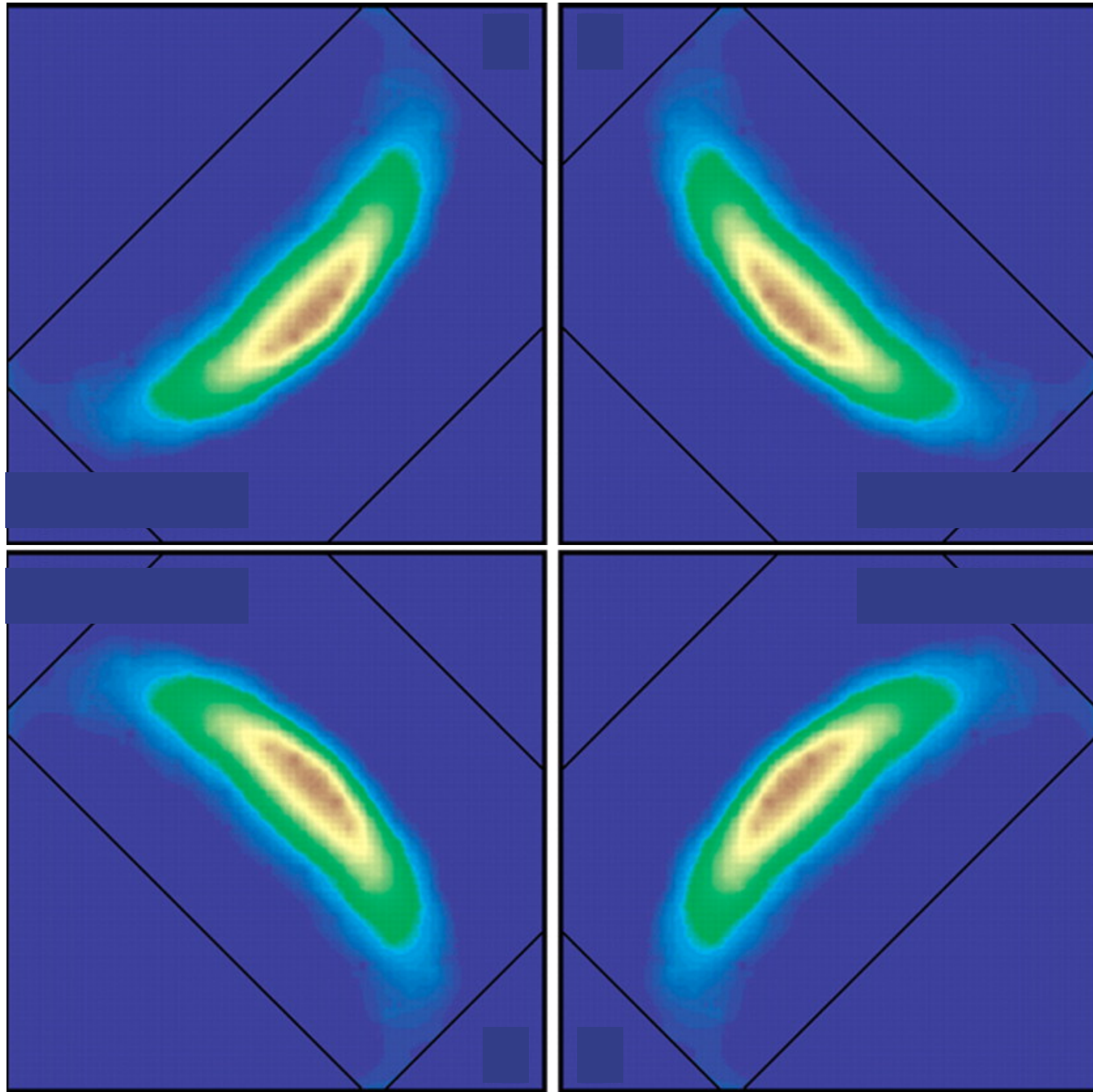
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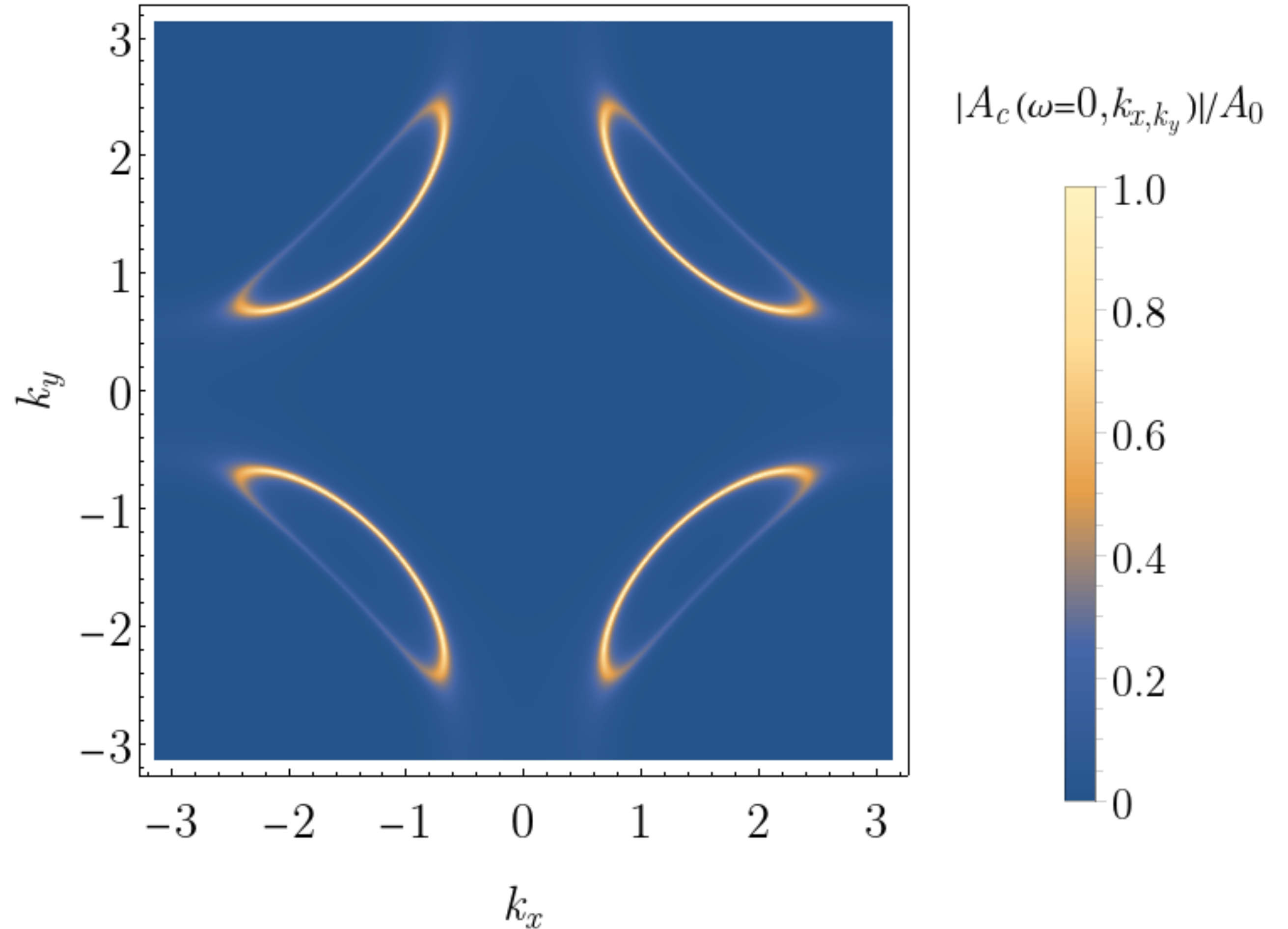
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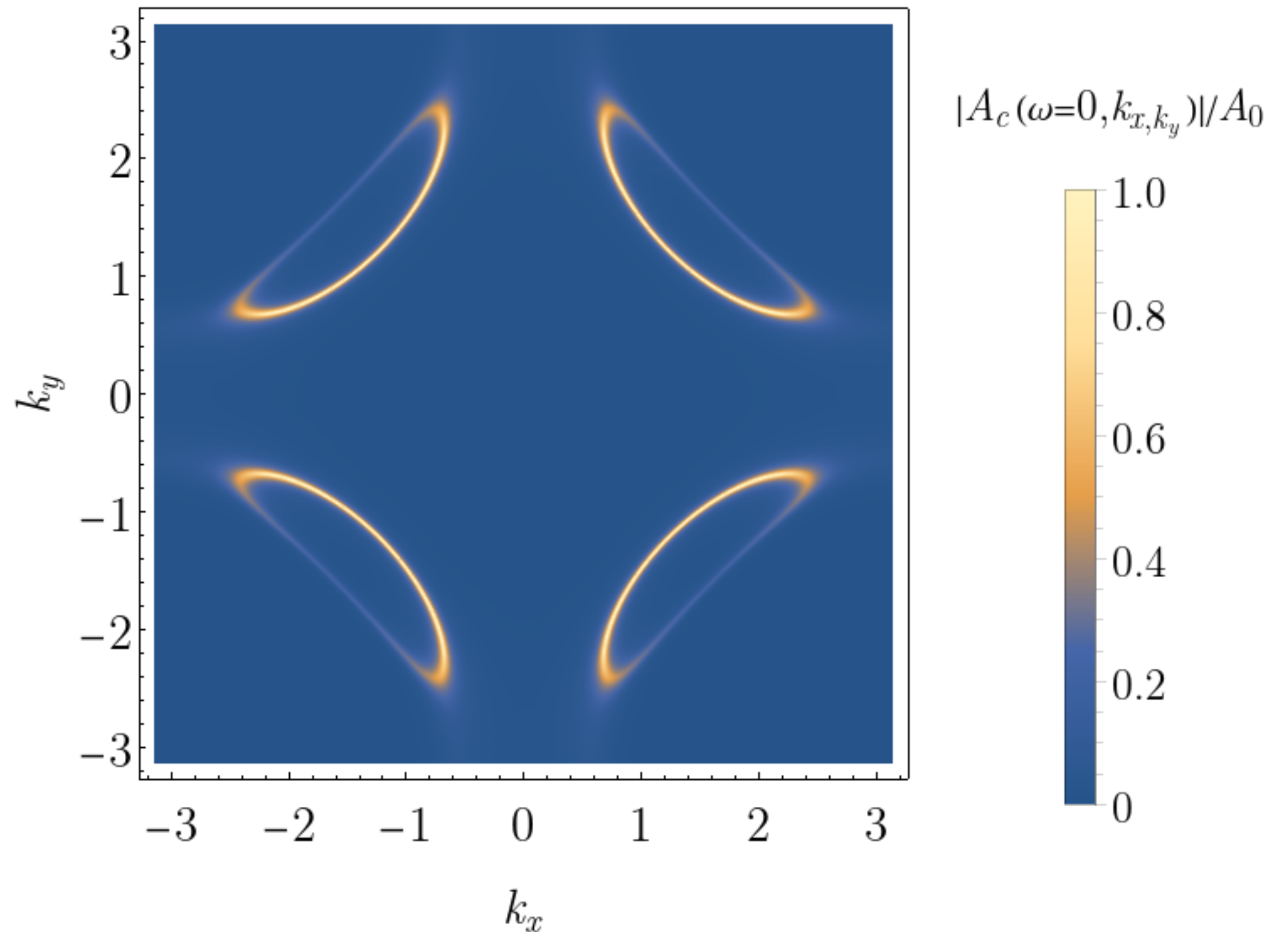
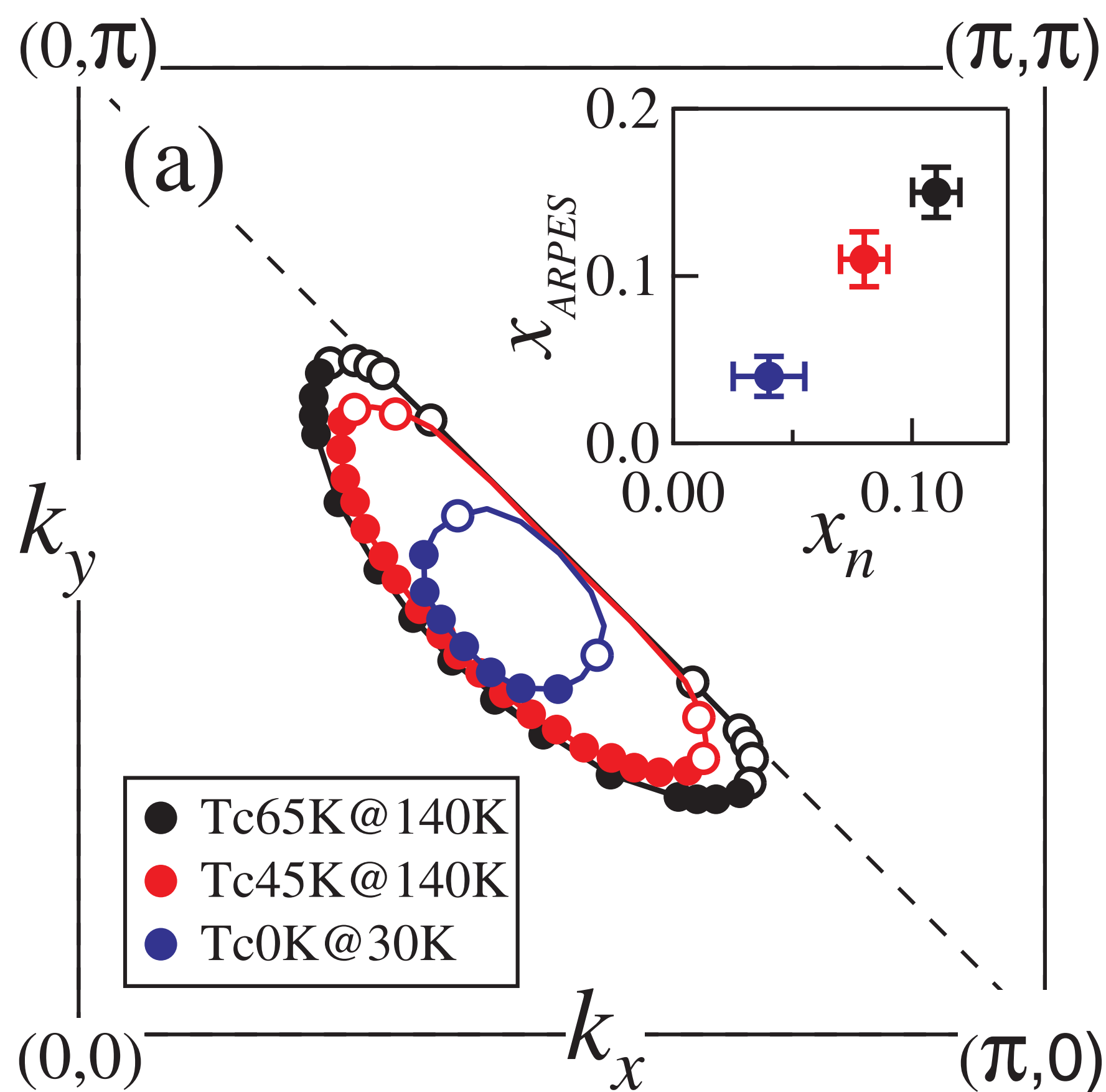
$\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$
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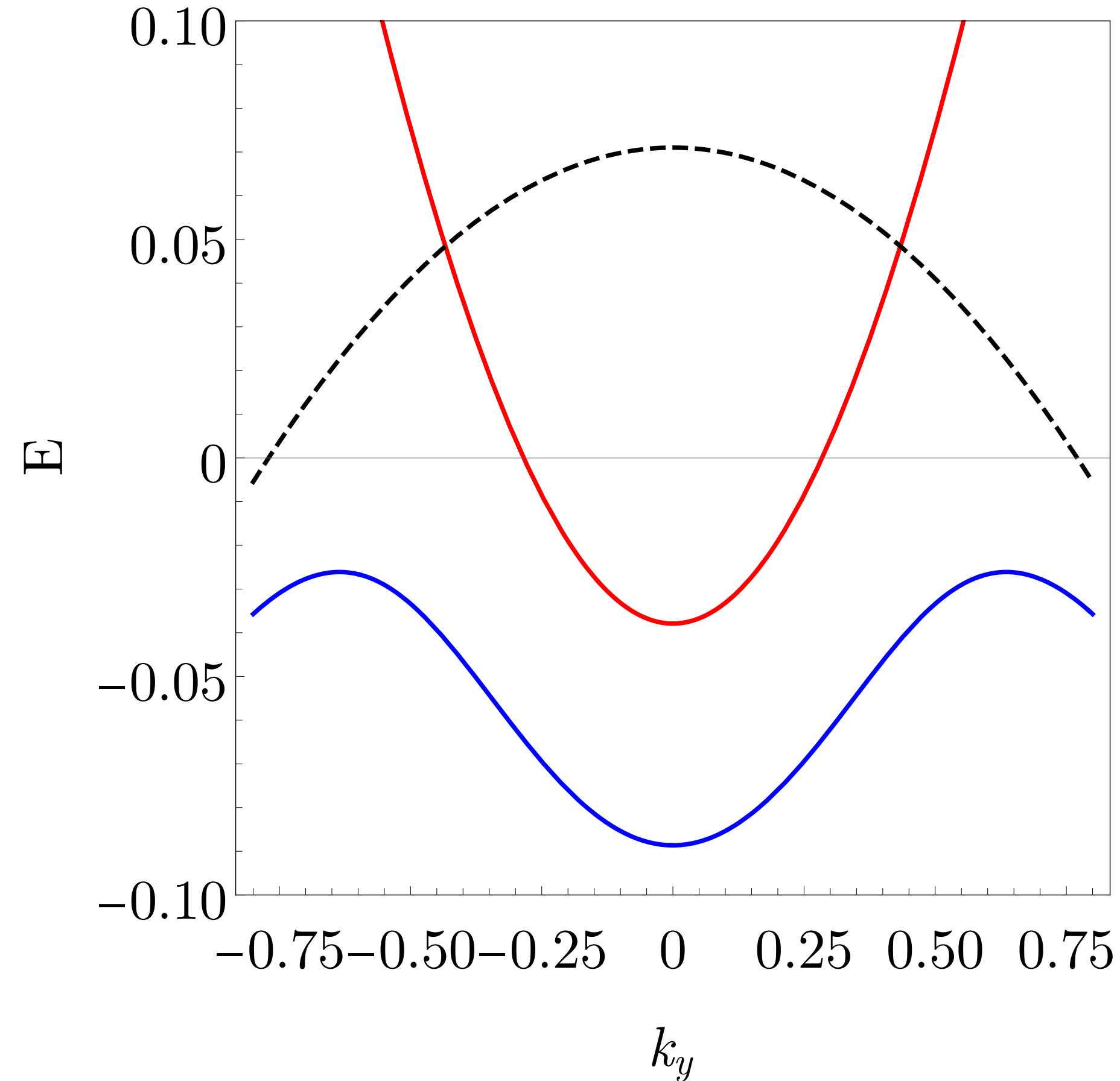


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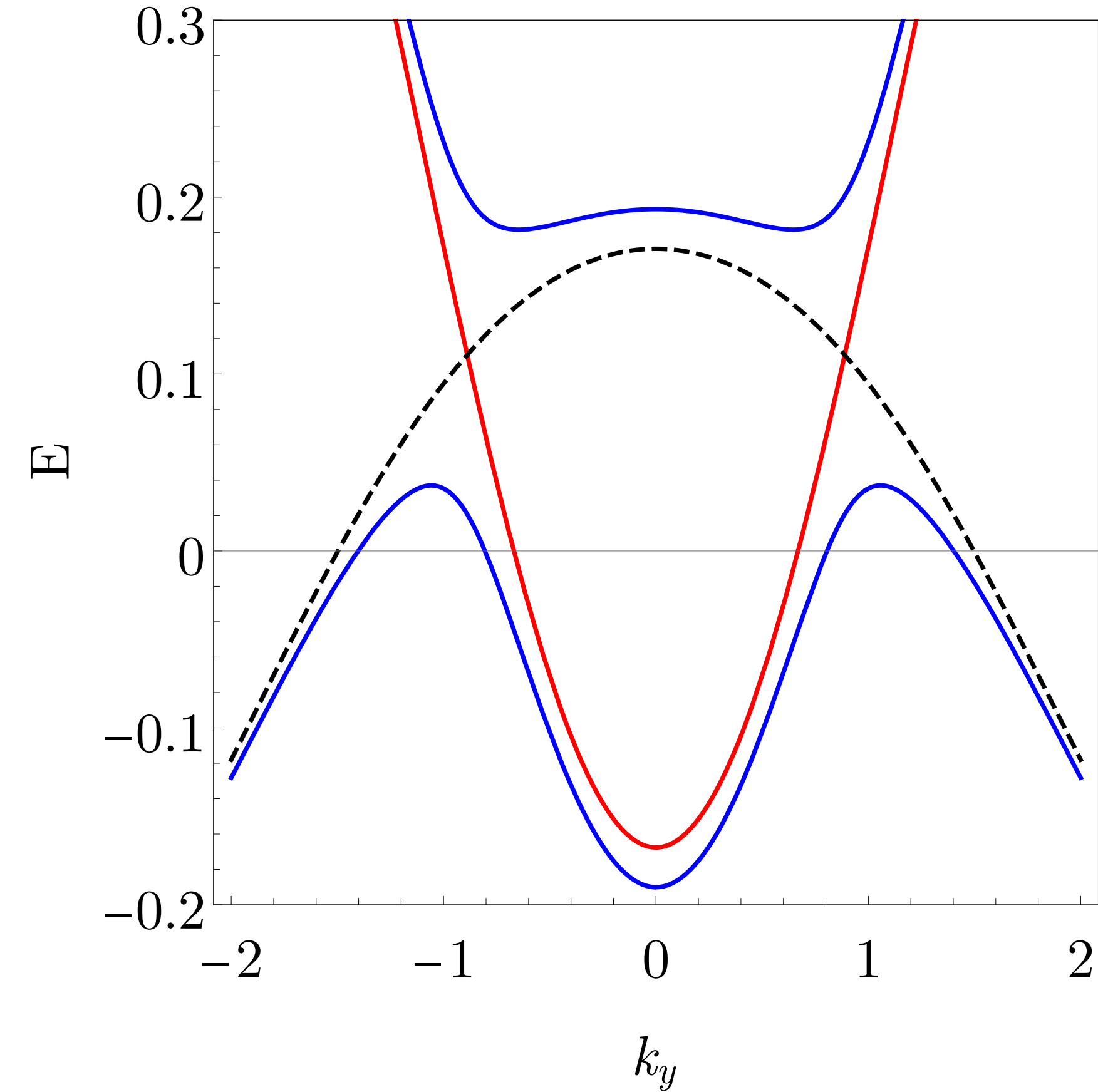
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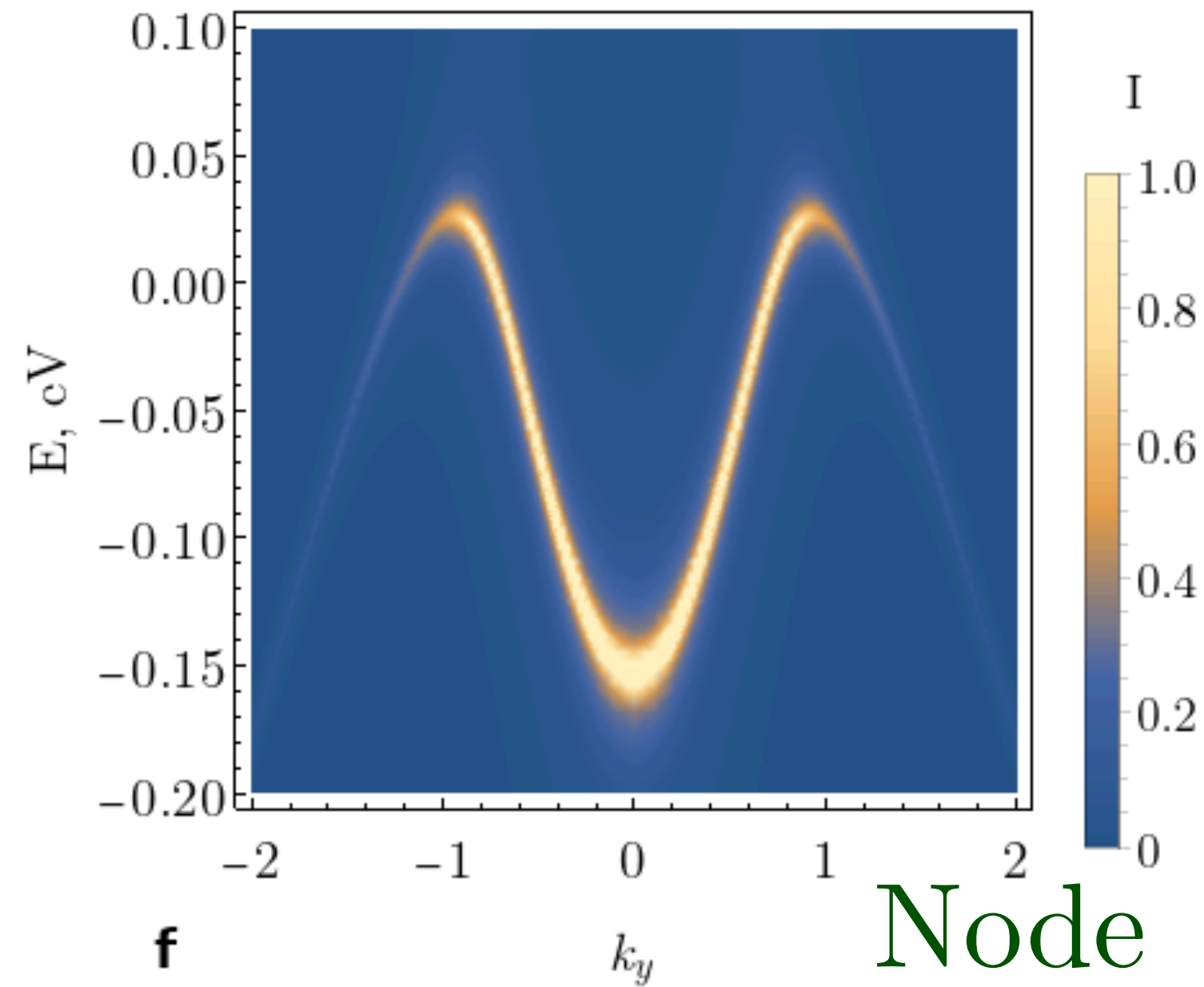
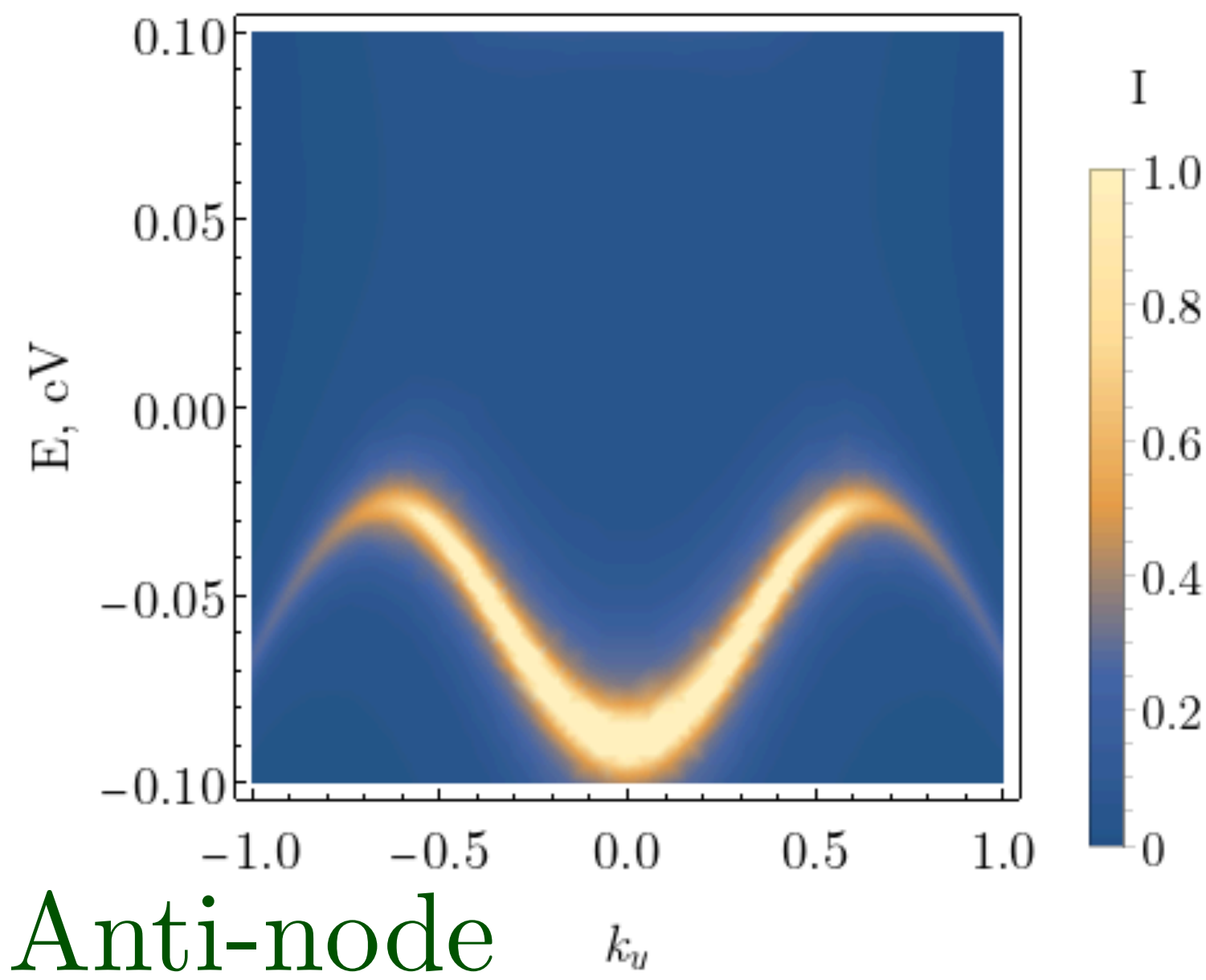
Electronic dispersion

Node: $k_x = 2$

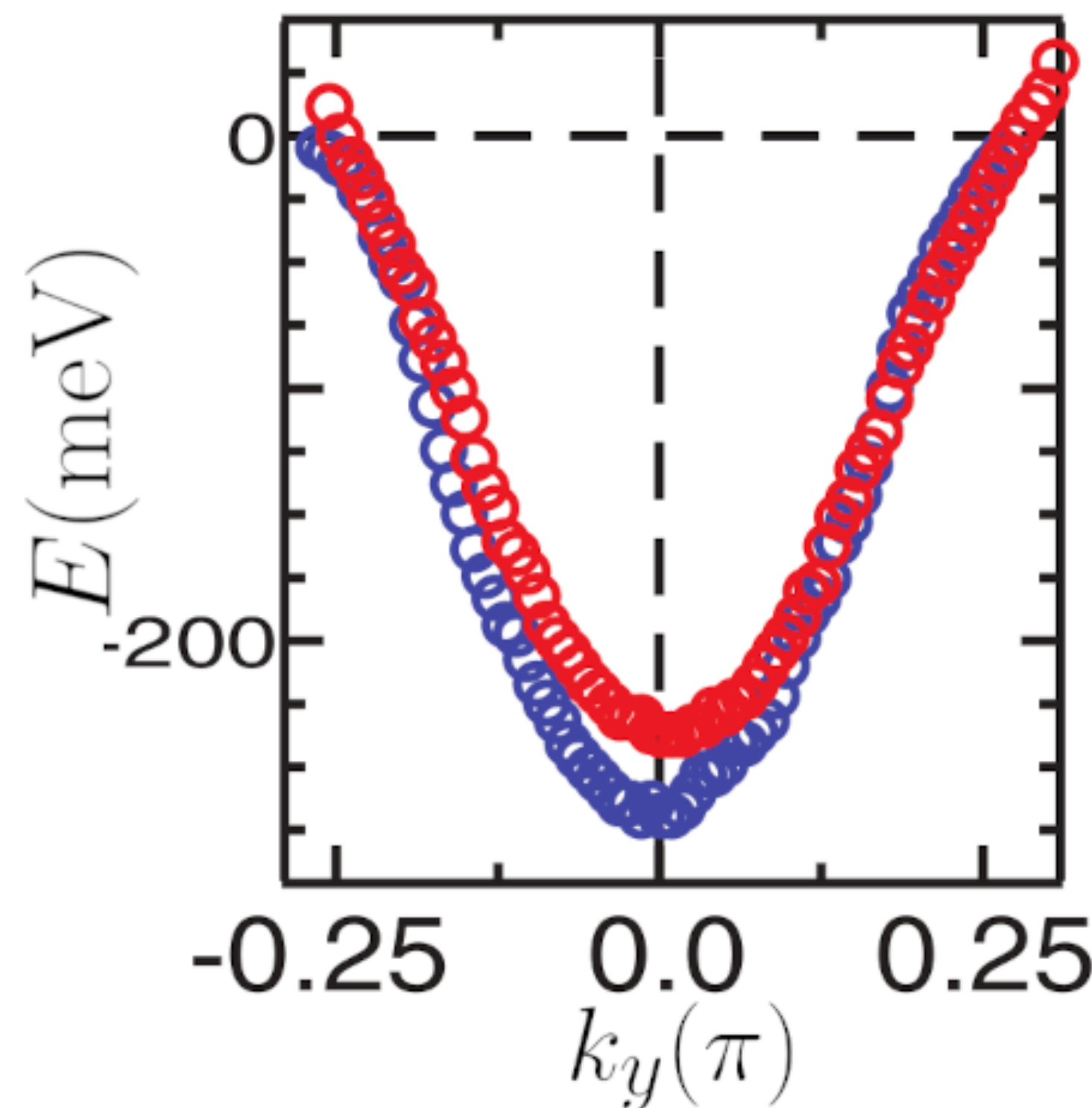
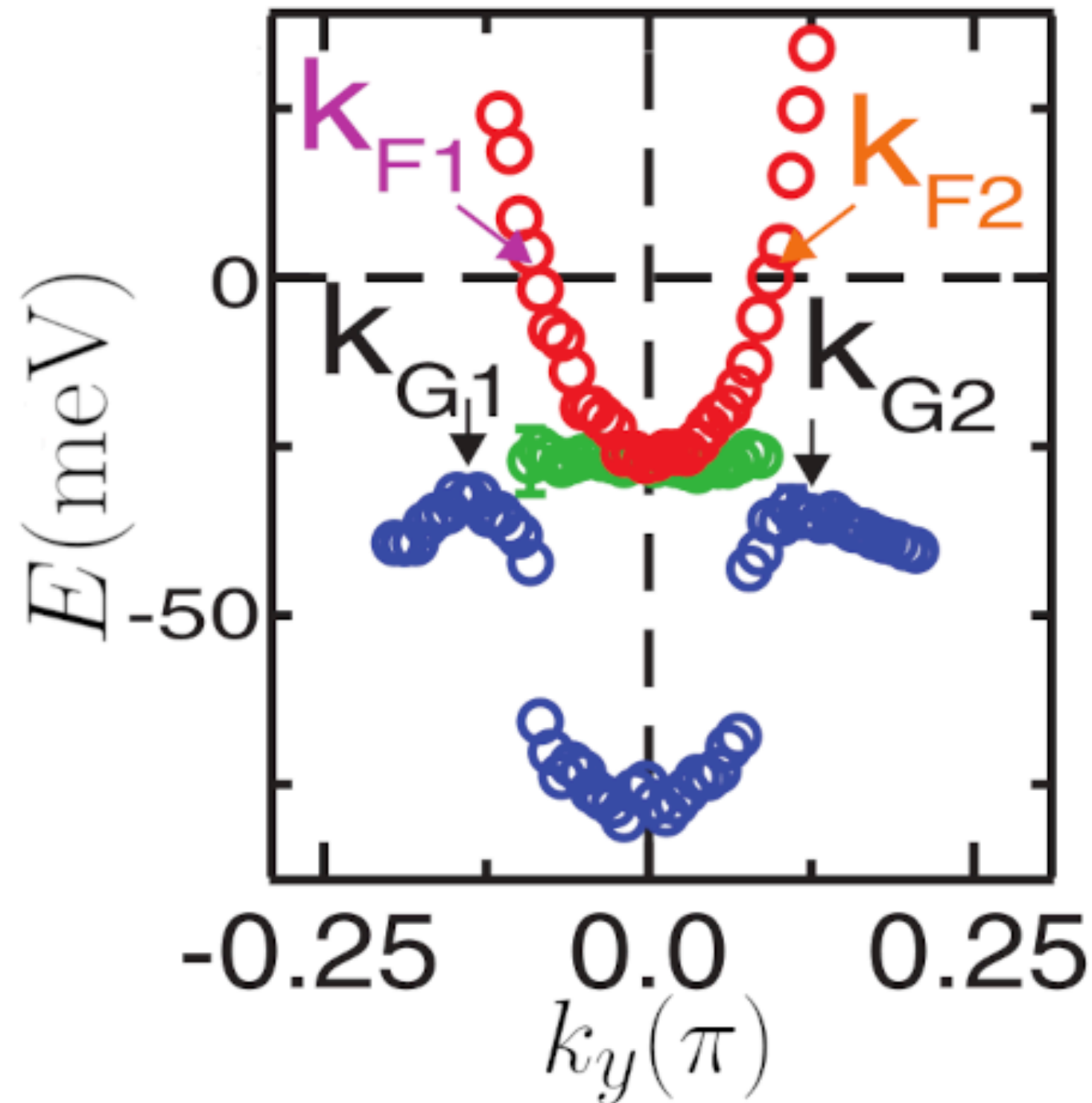


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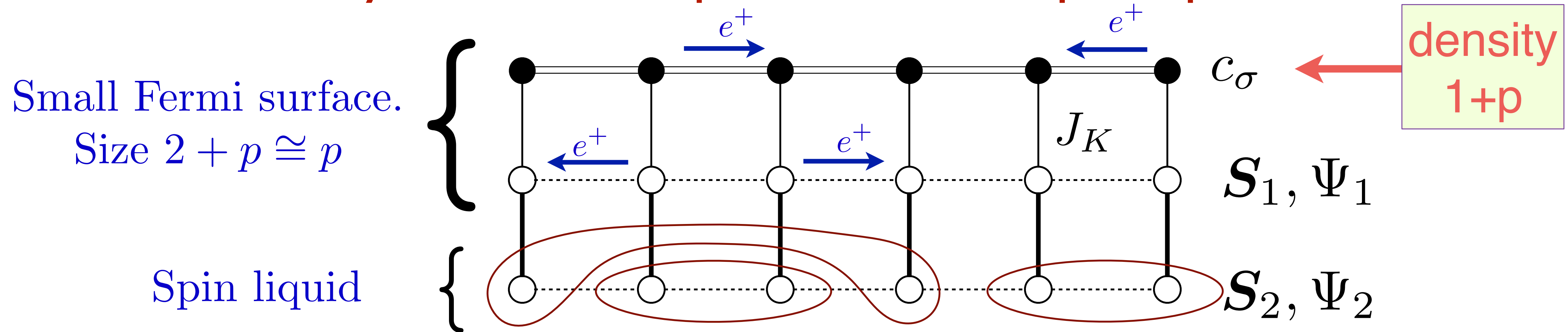
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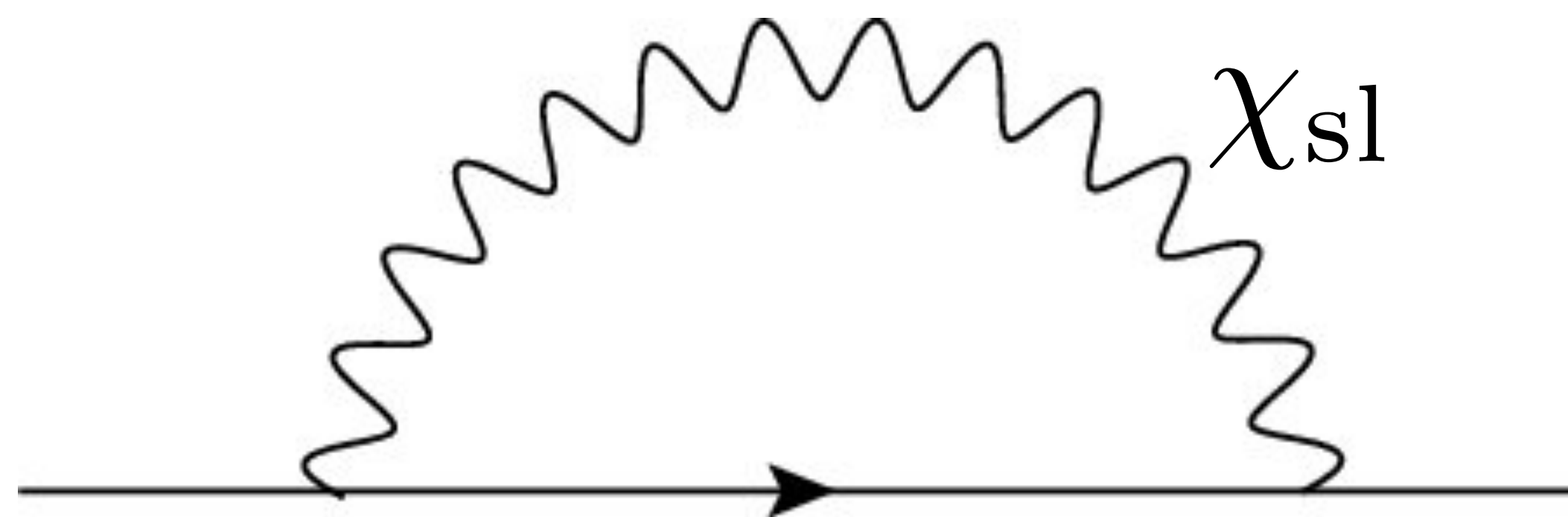
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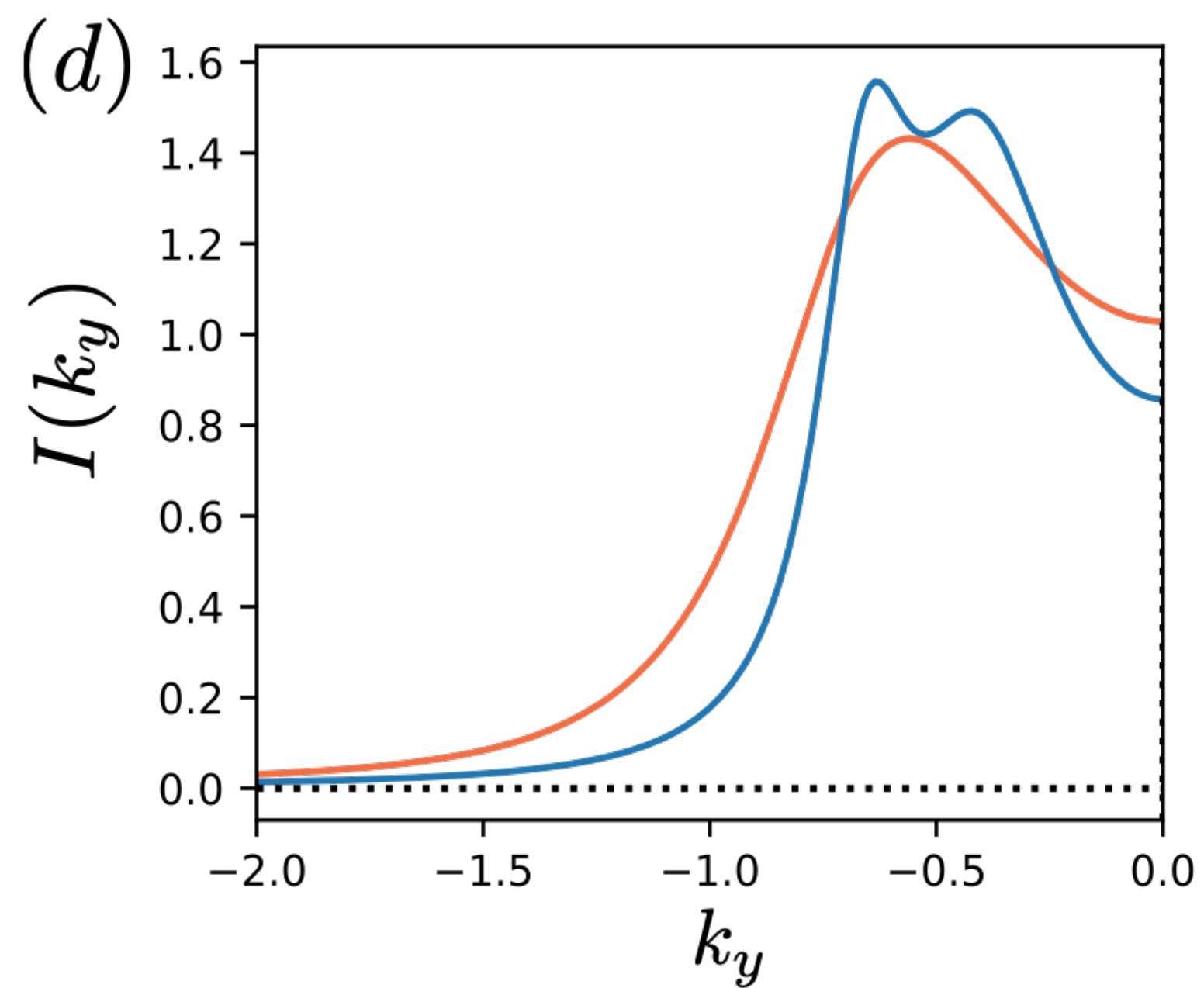
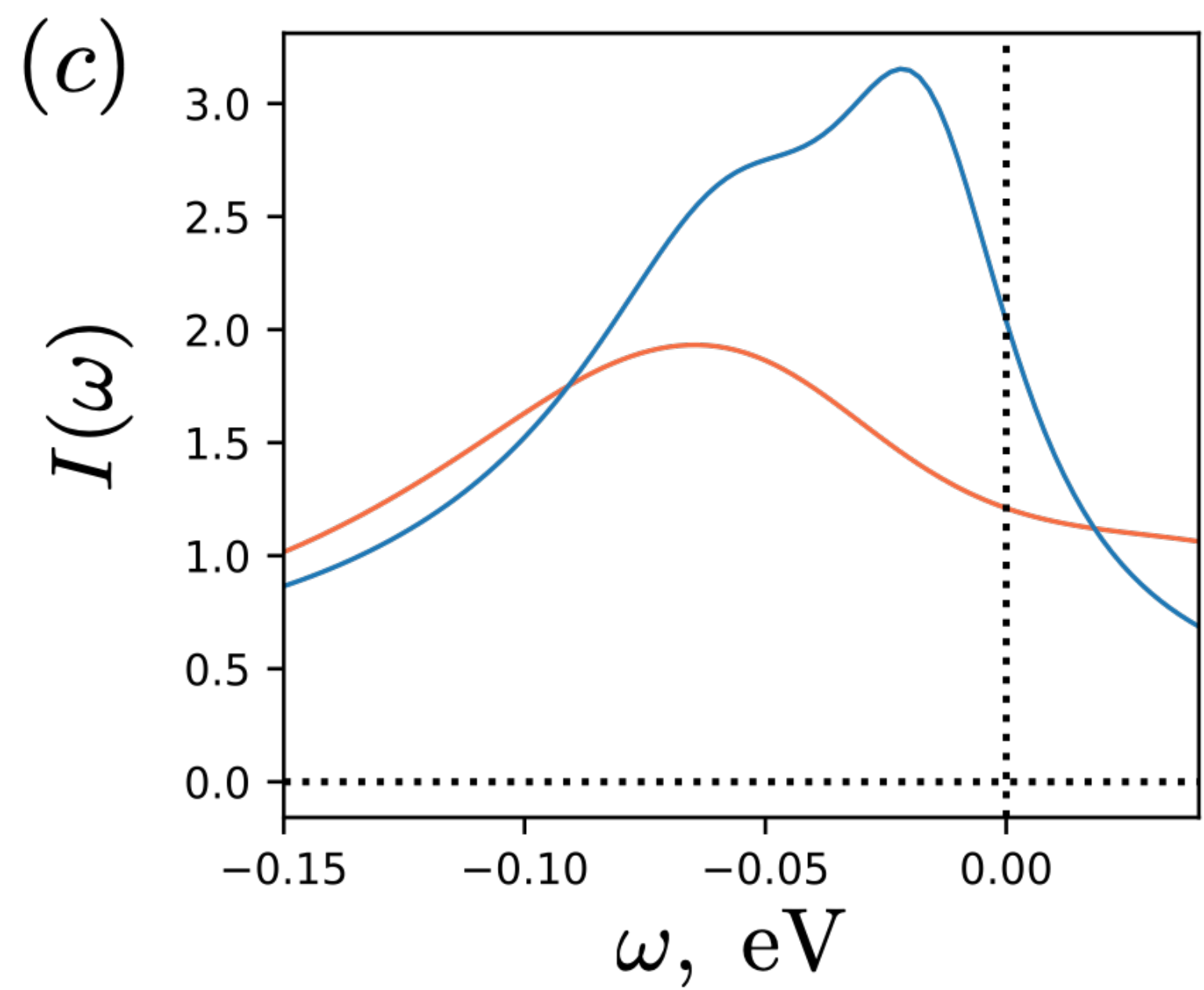
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Dynamic consequences of the spin liquid



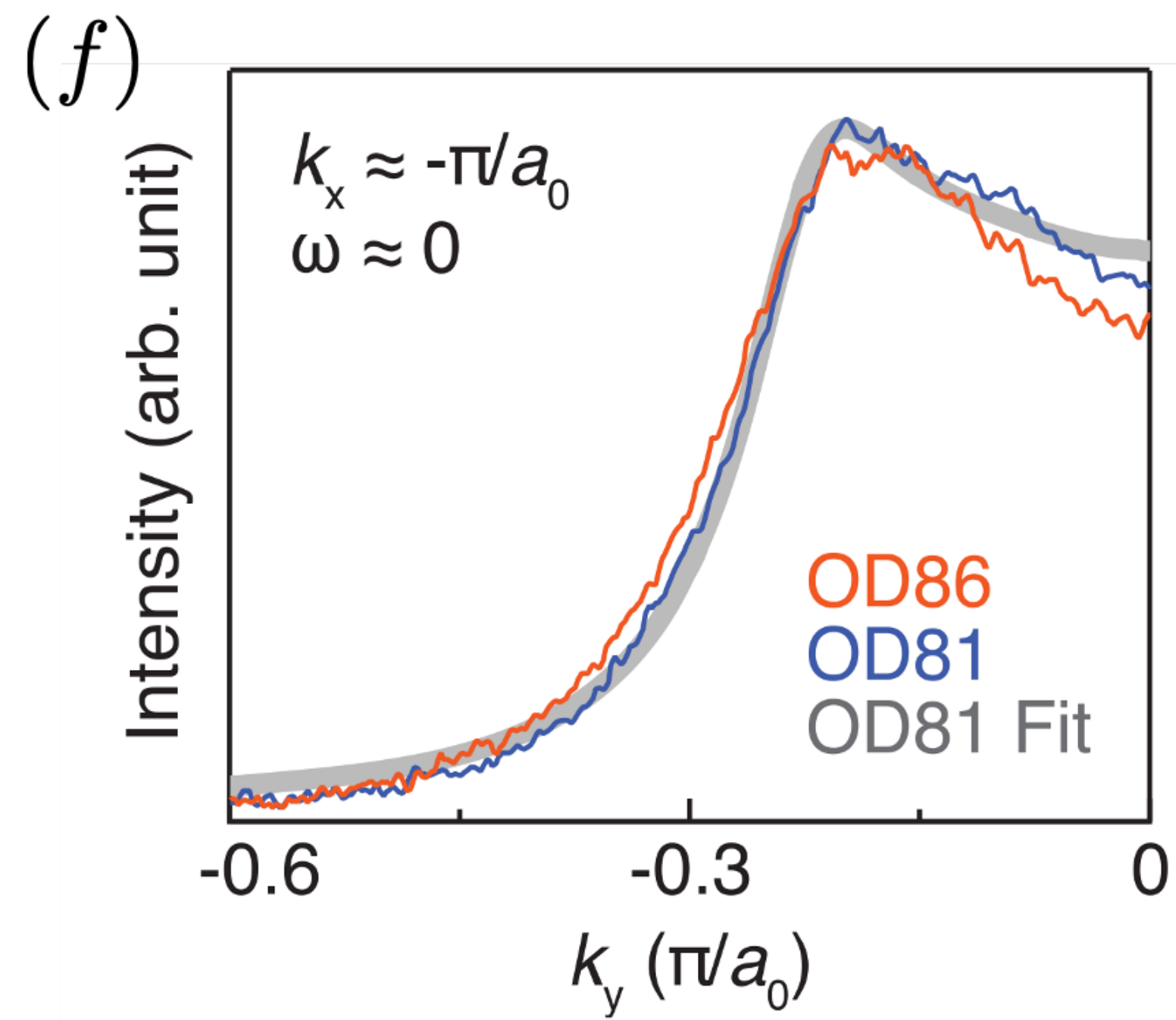
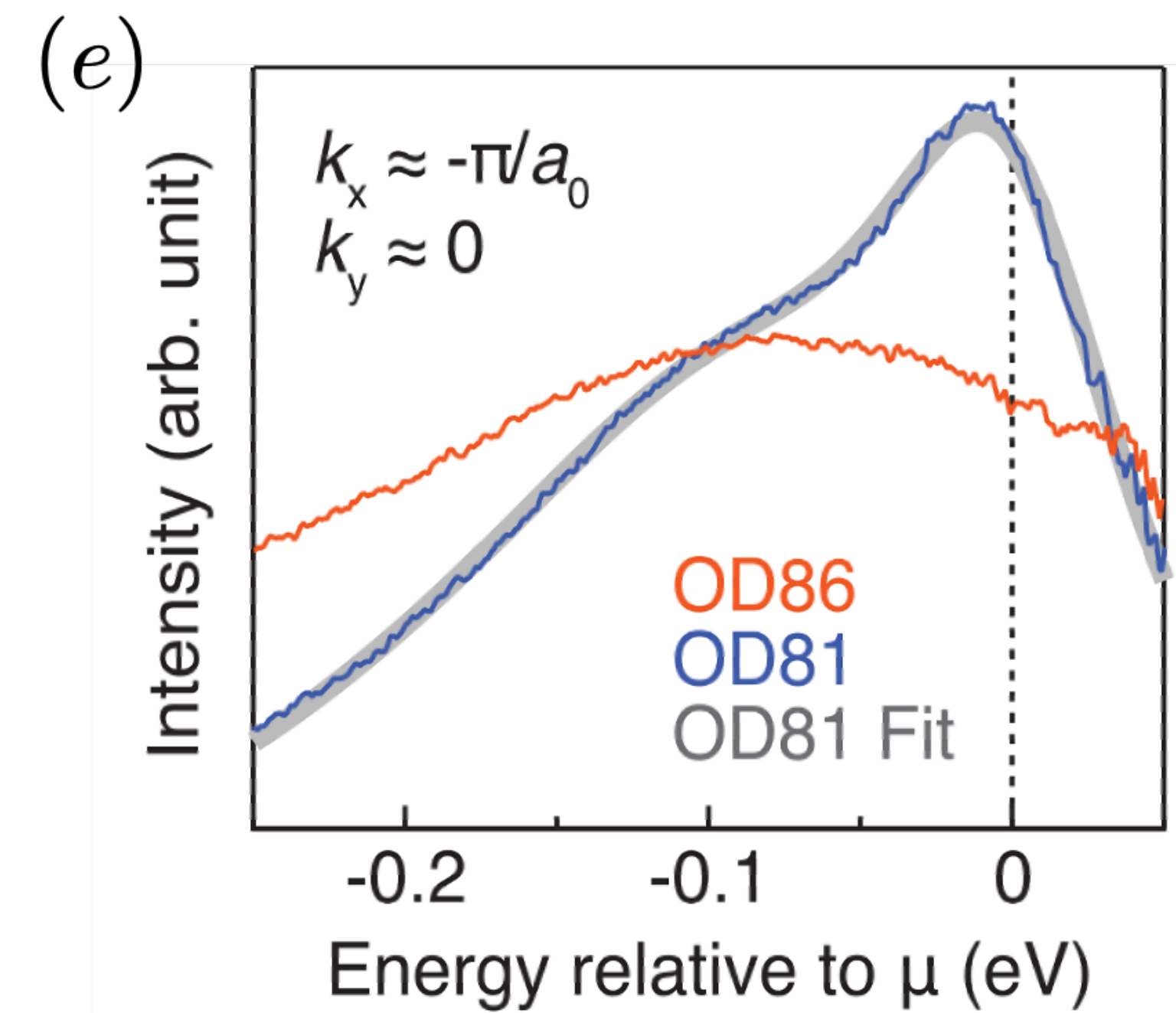
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Antinodal EDC and MDC

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(e,f) Experiments on Bi2212 by S.-D. Chen, M. Hashimoto, Y. He, D. Song, K.-J. Xu, J.-F. He, T. P. Devereaux, H. Eisaki, D.-H. Lu, J. Zaanen, and Z.-X. Shen, Science **366**, 1099 (2019).

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