

A model of the cuprates: from the pseudogap metal, to d-wave superconductivity, and charge order

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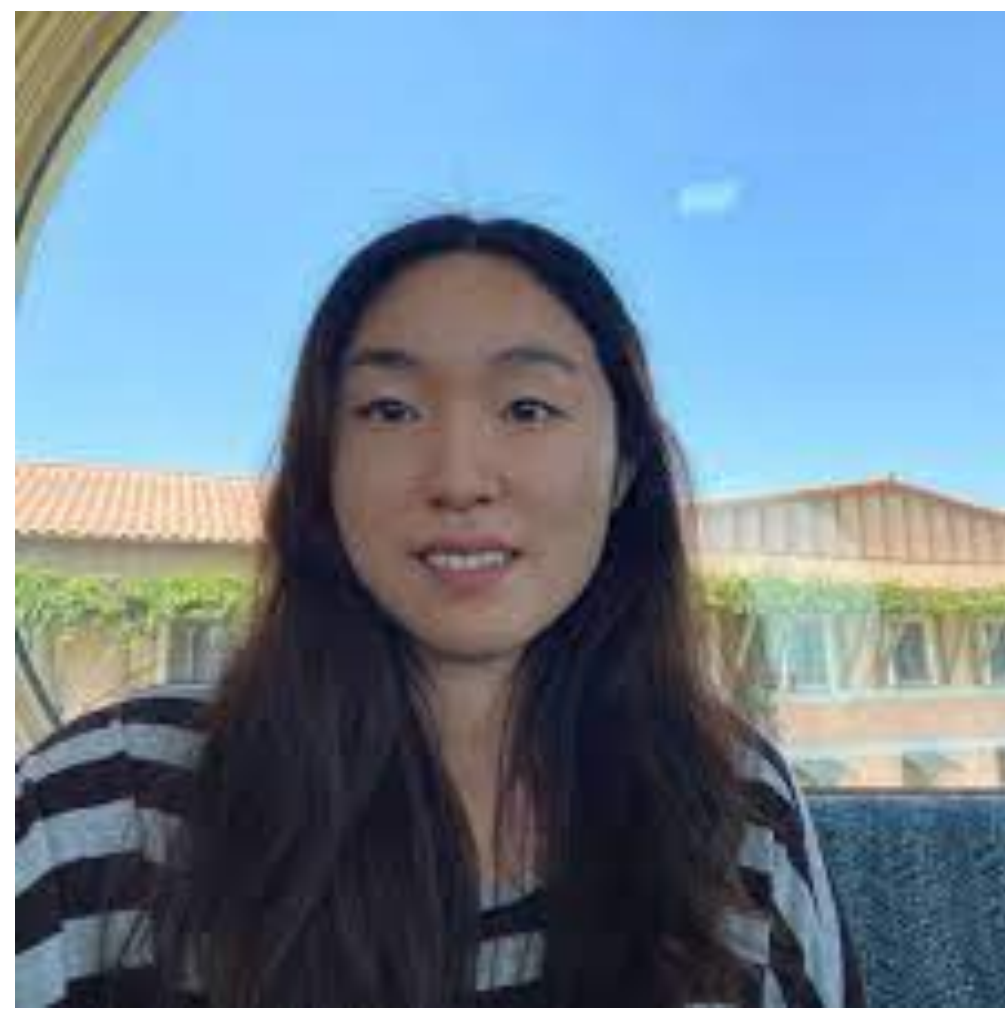
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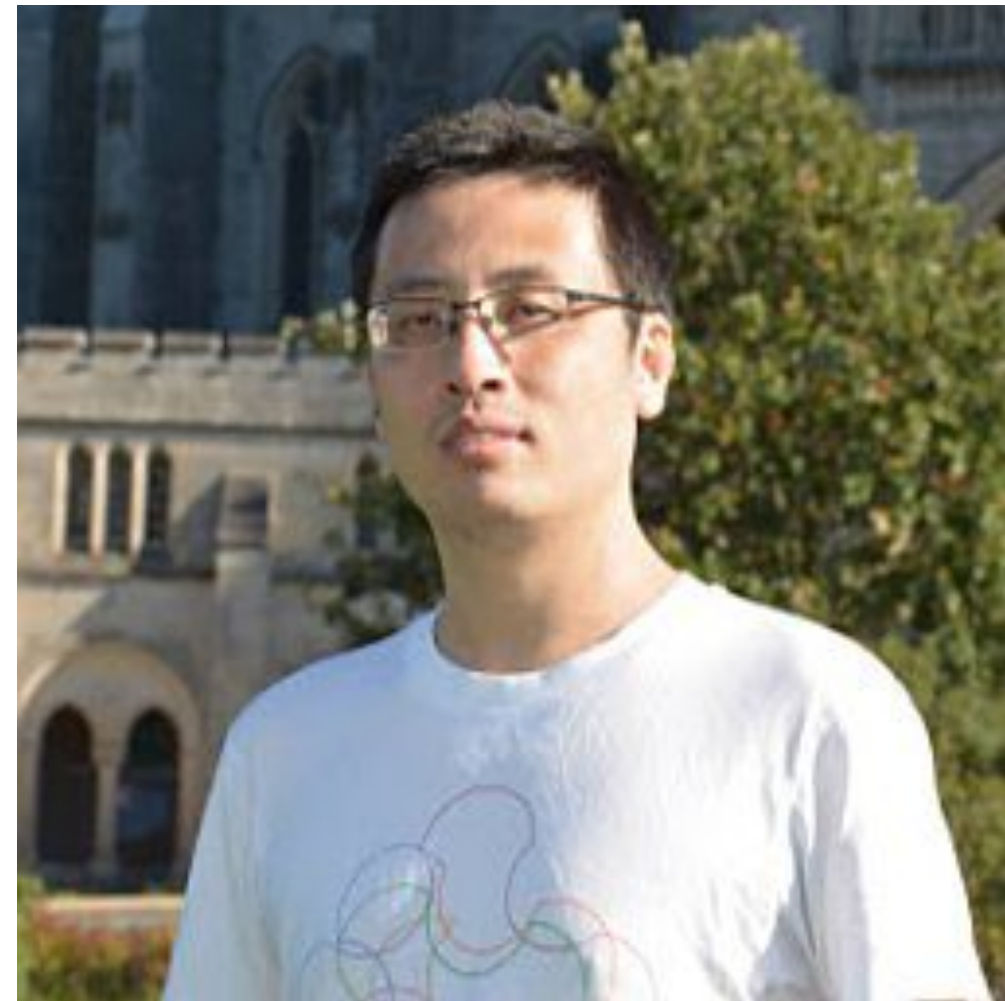
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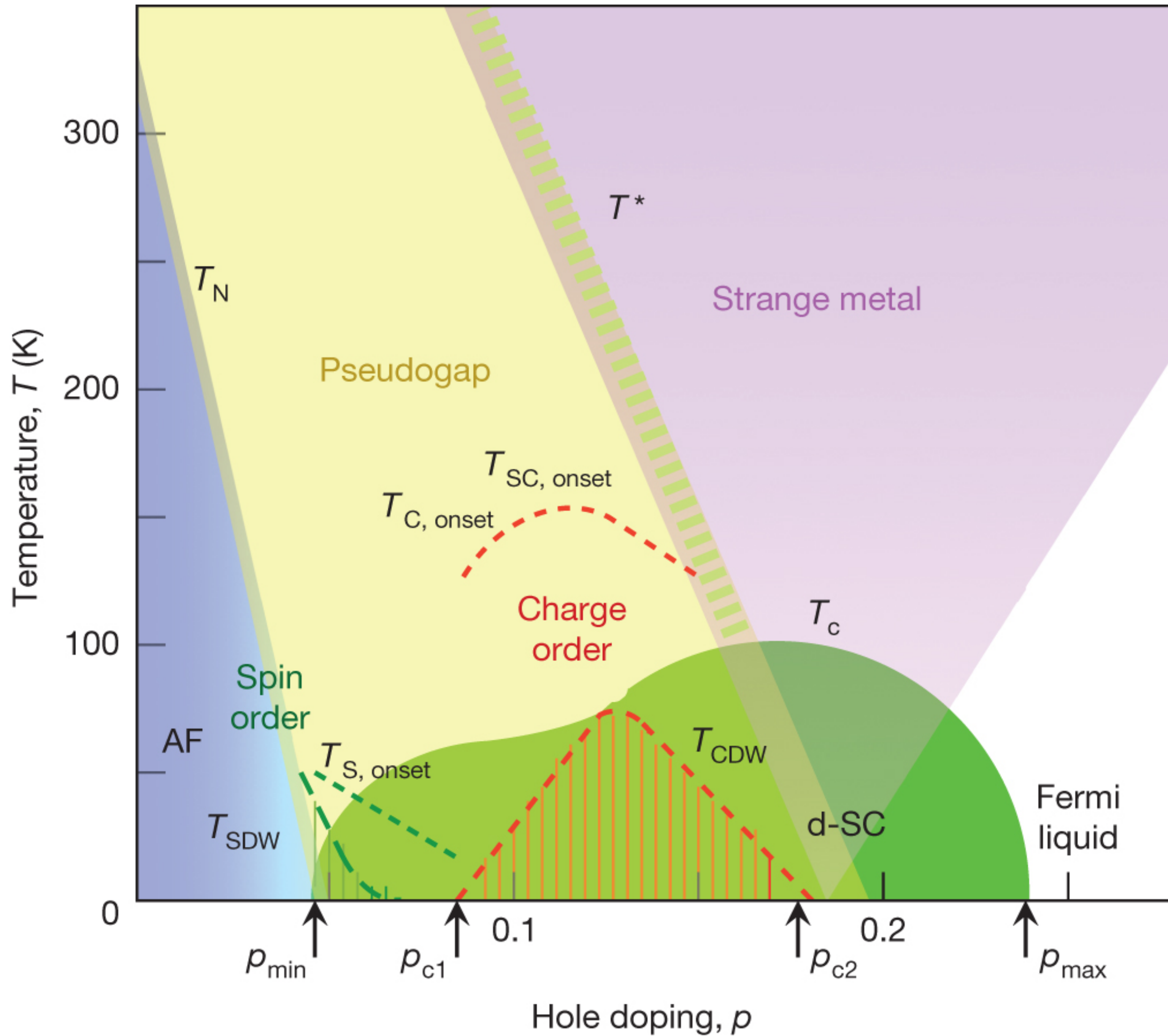
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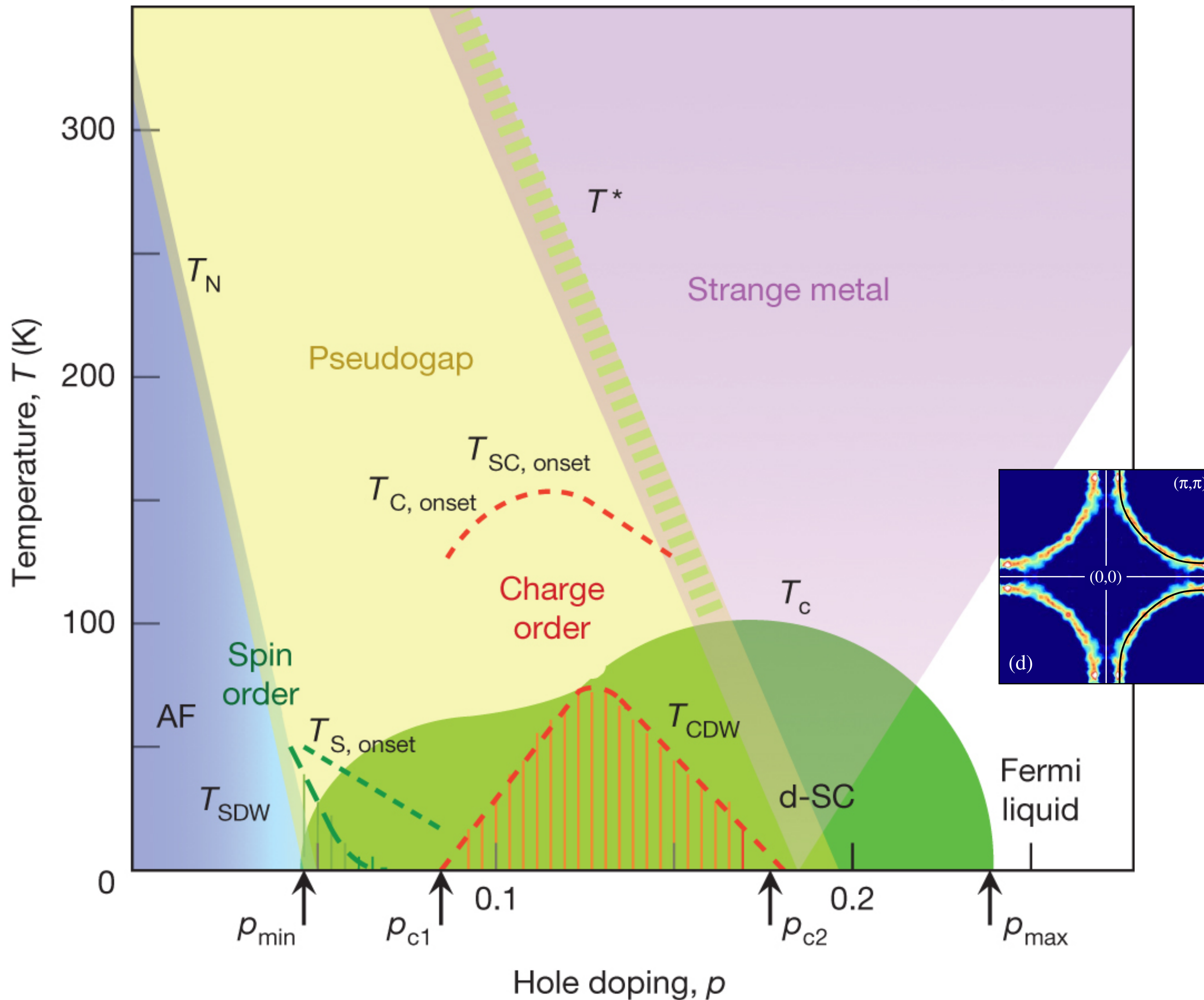


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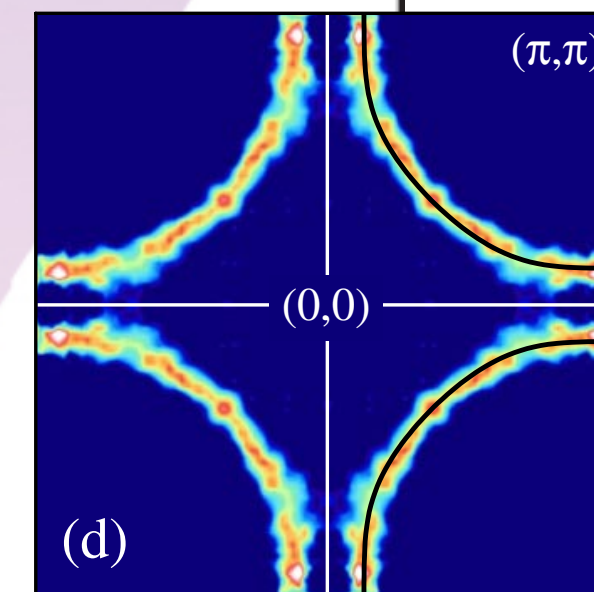


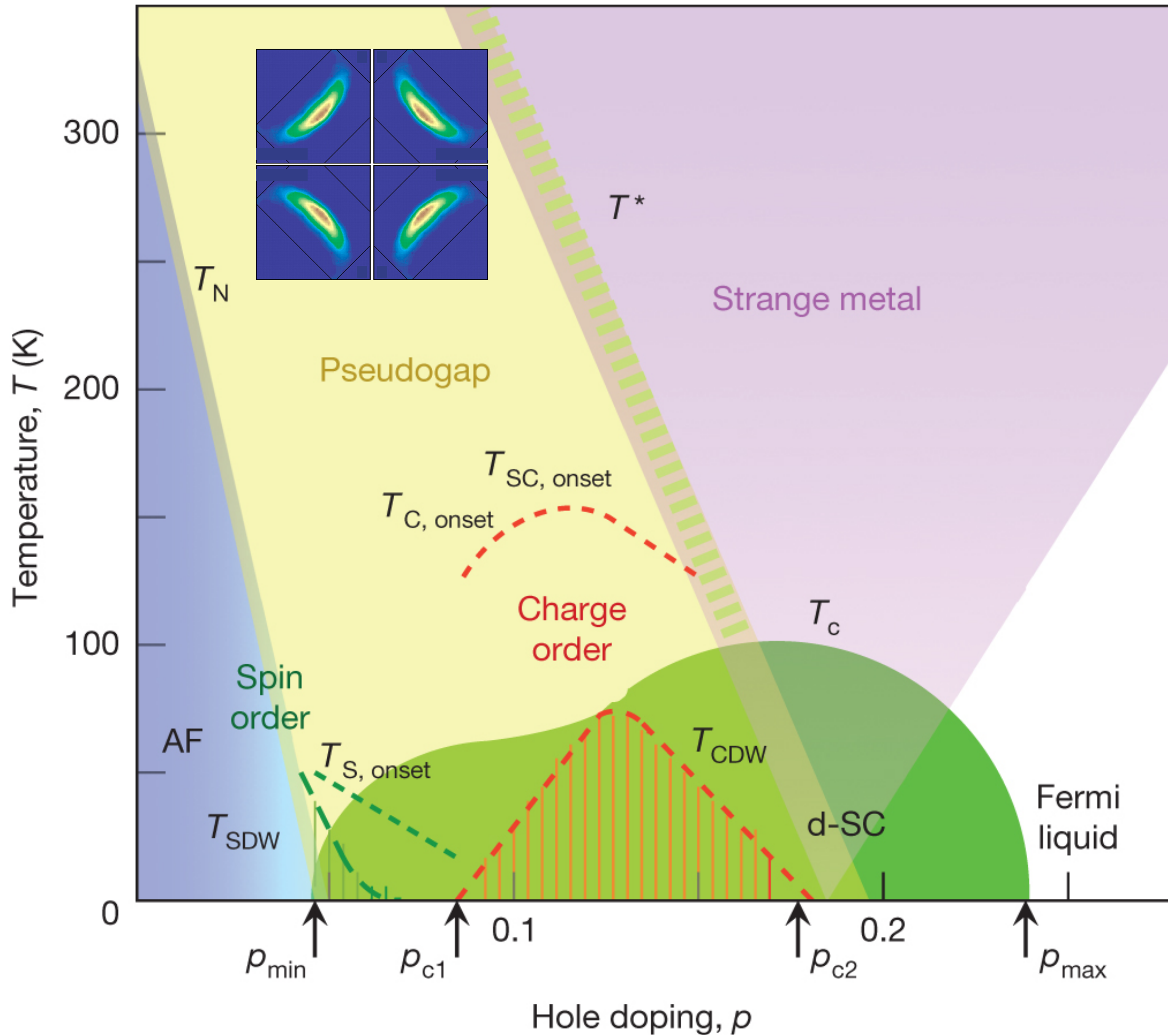
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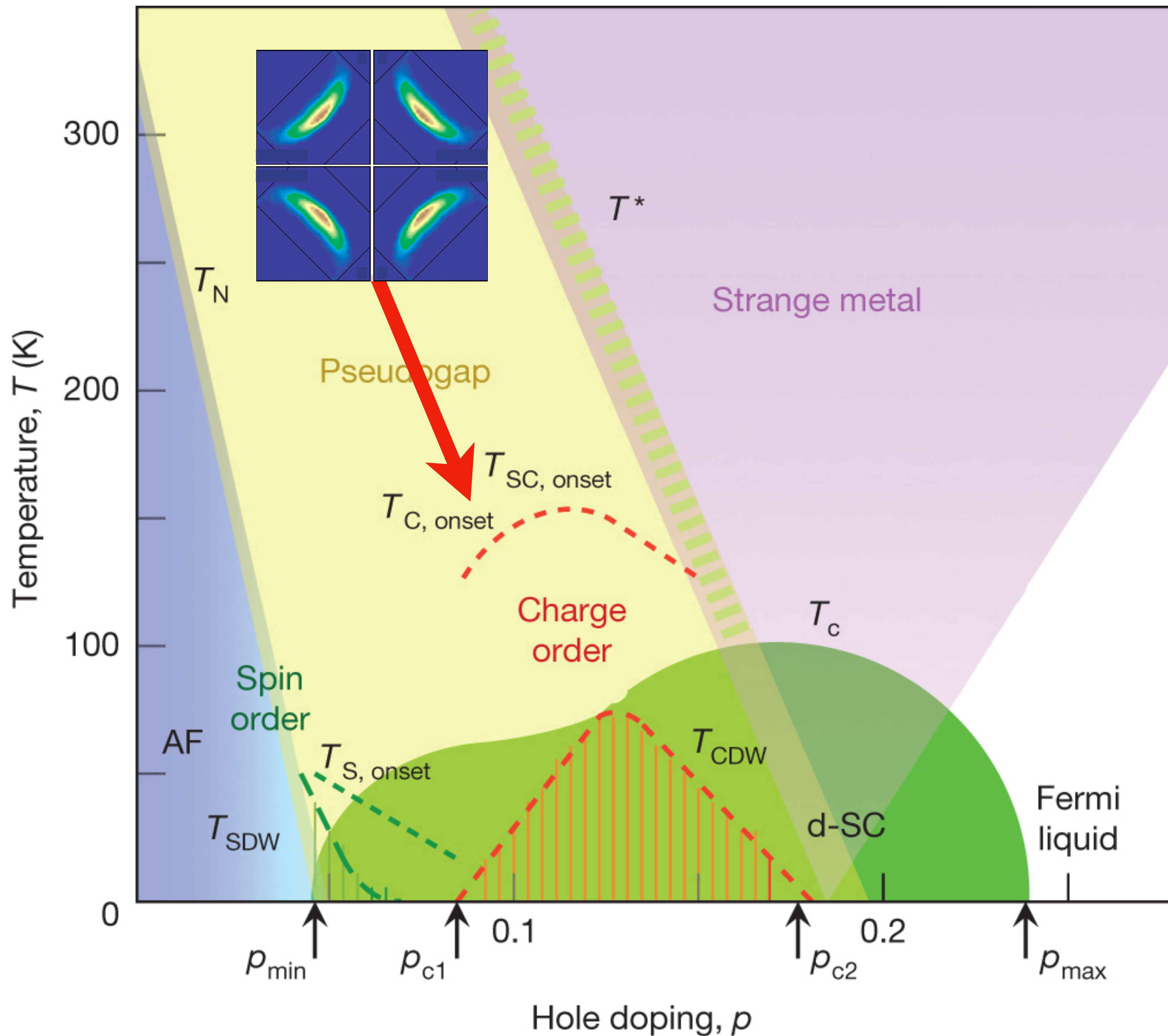


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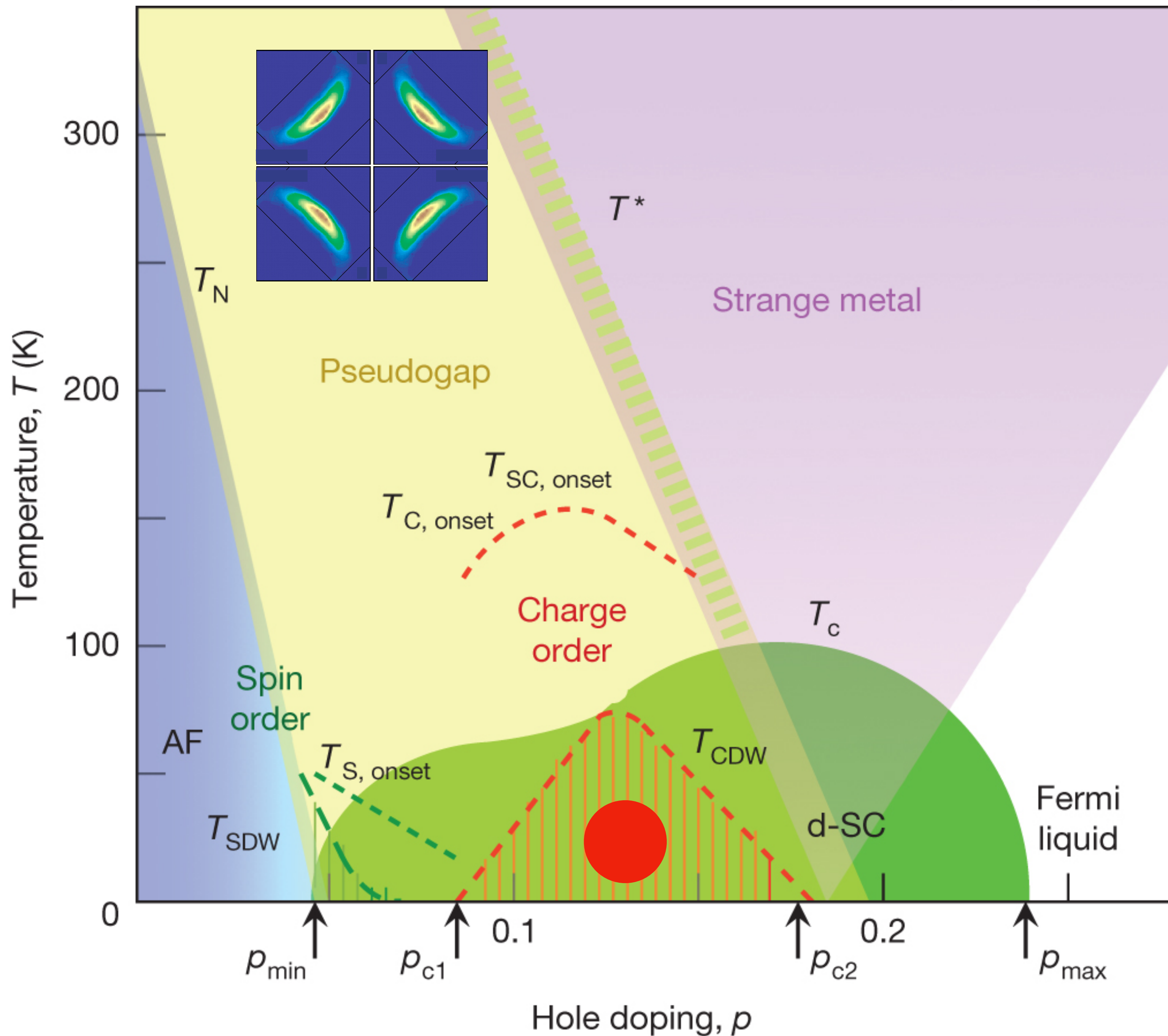


“Pseudogap metal”
with “Fermi arcs”



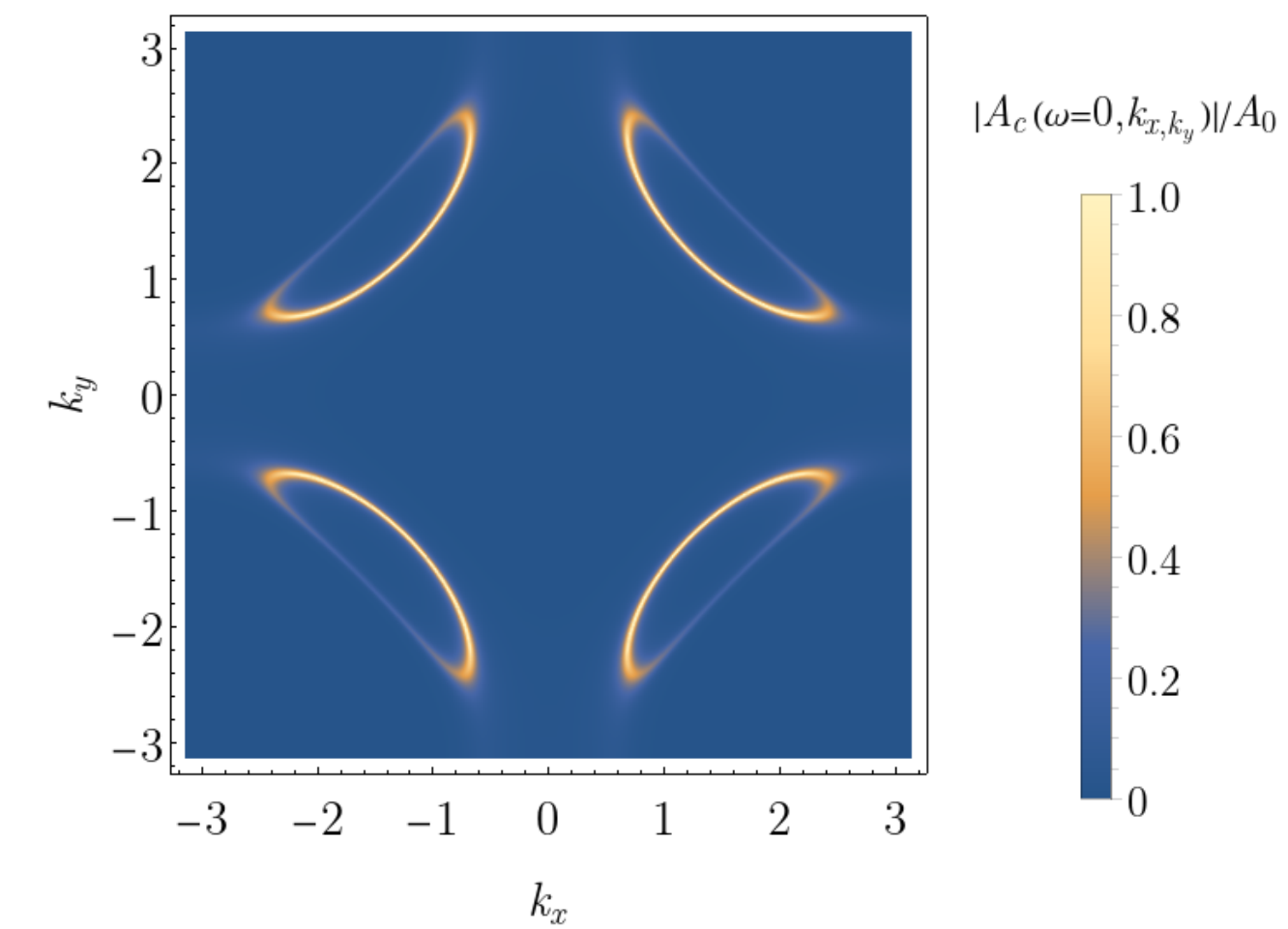
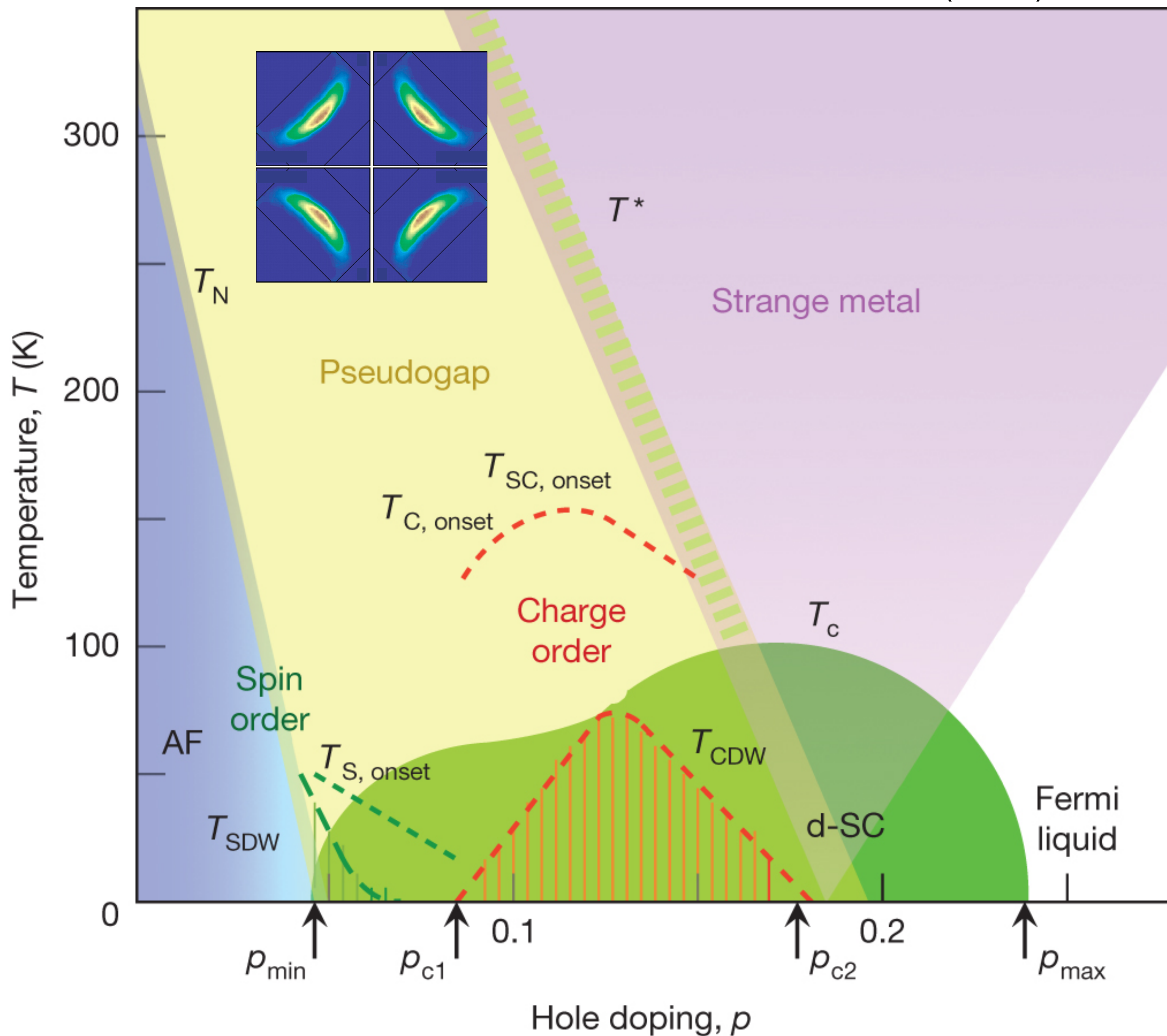
Needed: a theory for the onset of charge order and d -wave superconductivity from the pseudogap metal.

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 in the theory of CDWs in a Fermi liquid.



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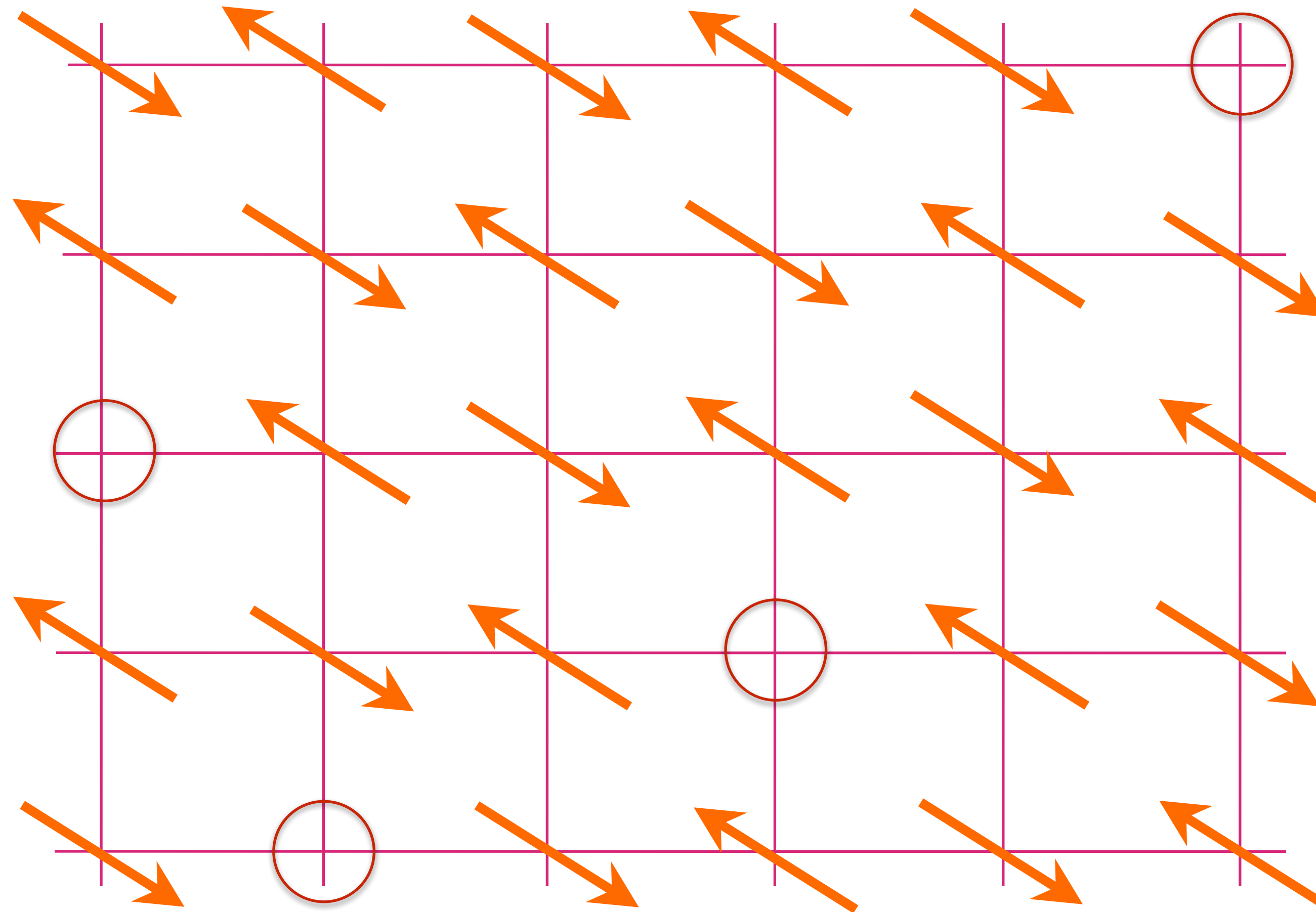
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Hole pocket Fermi surfaces
of size p with
charge e , spin-1/2 quasiparticles
+
square lattice spin liquid.

FL*: Spin liquid is *required* because
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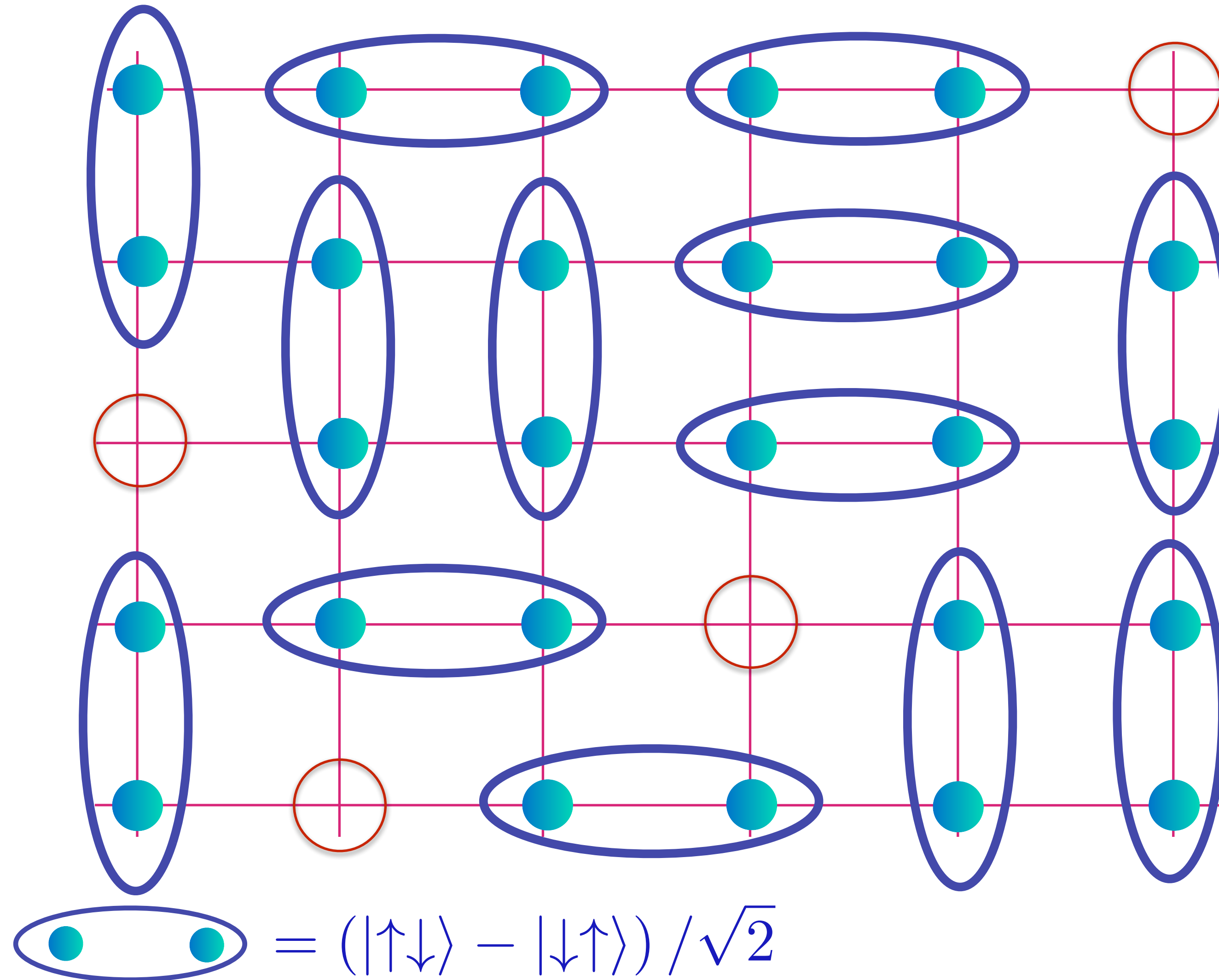


Anti-ferromagnet
with p holes
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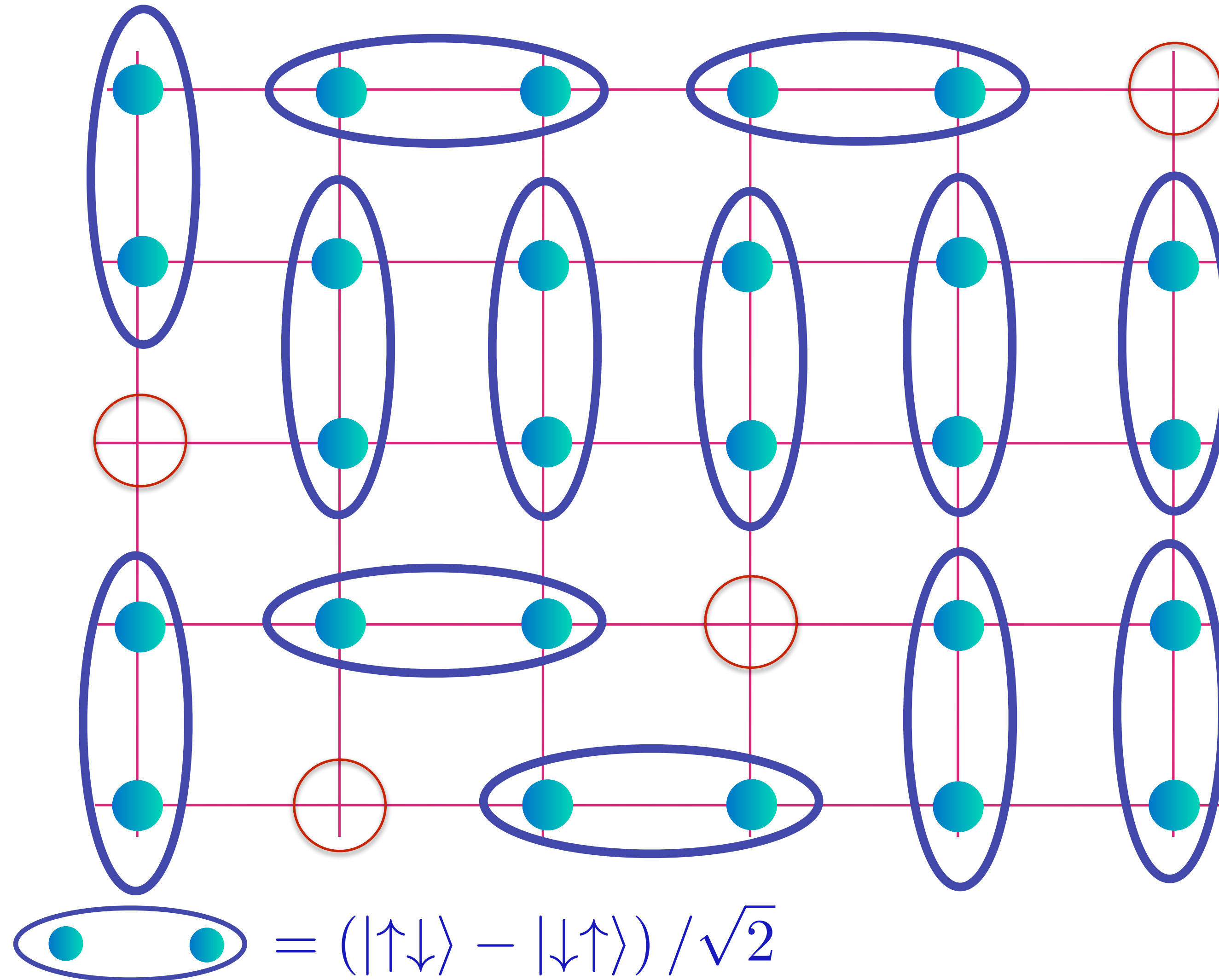


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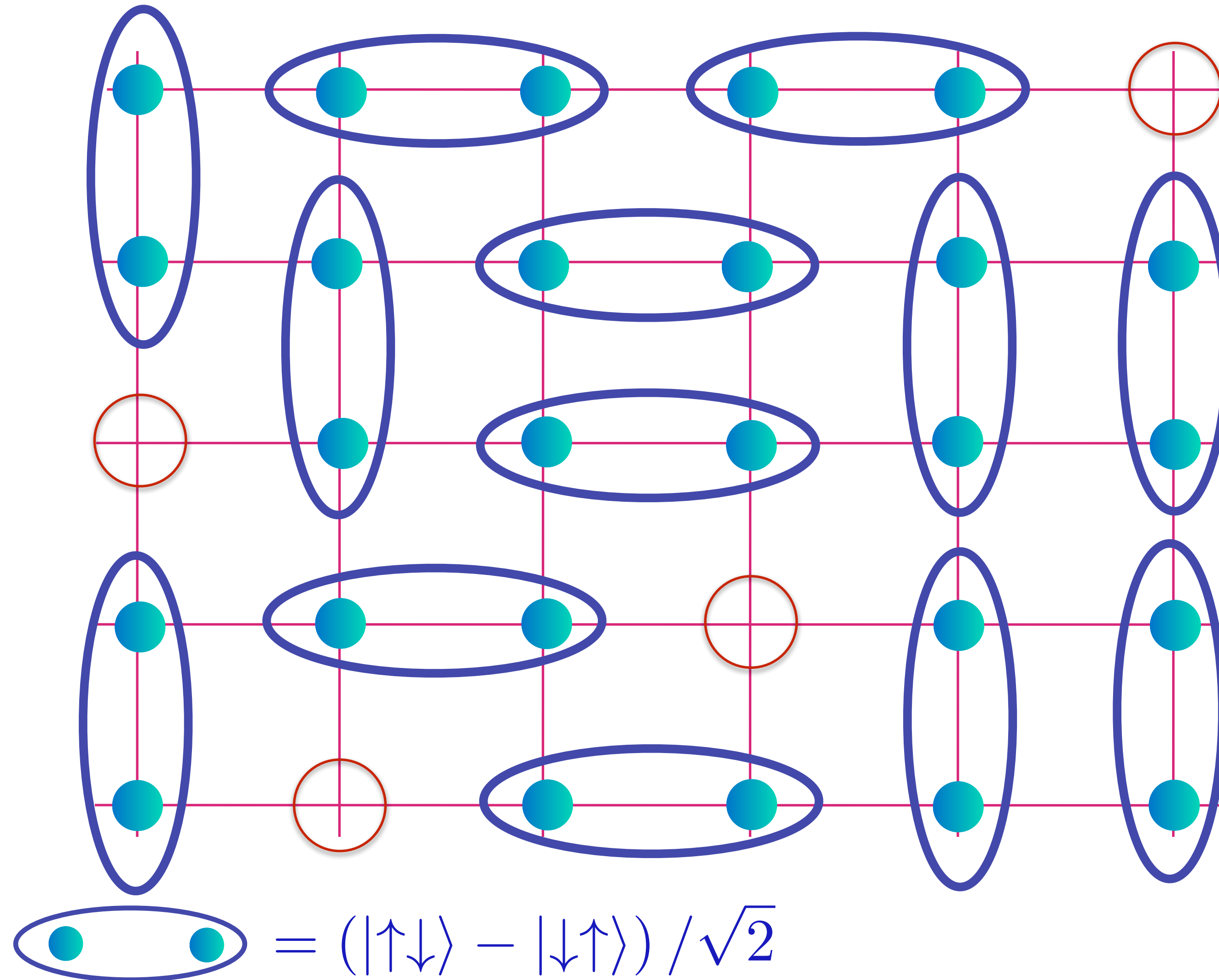


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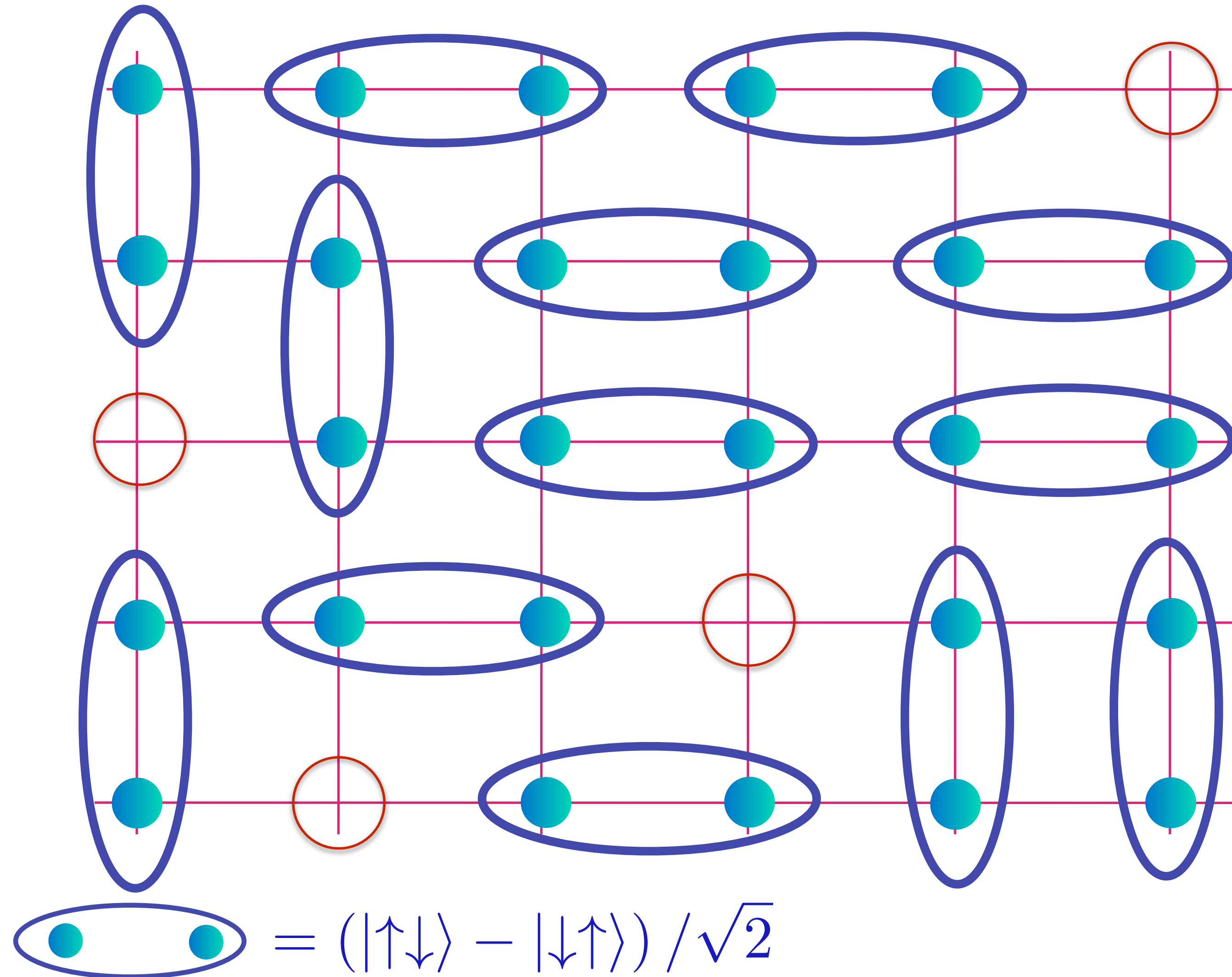


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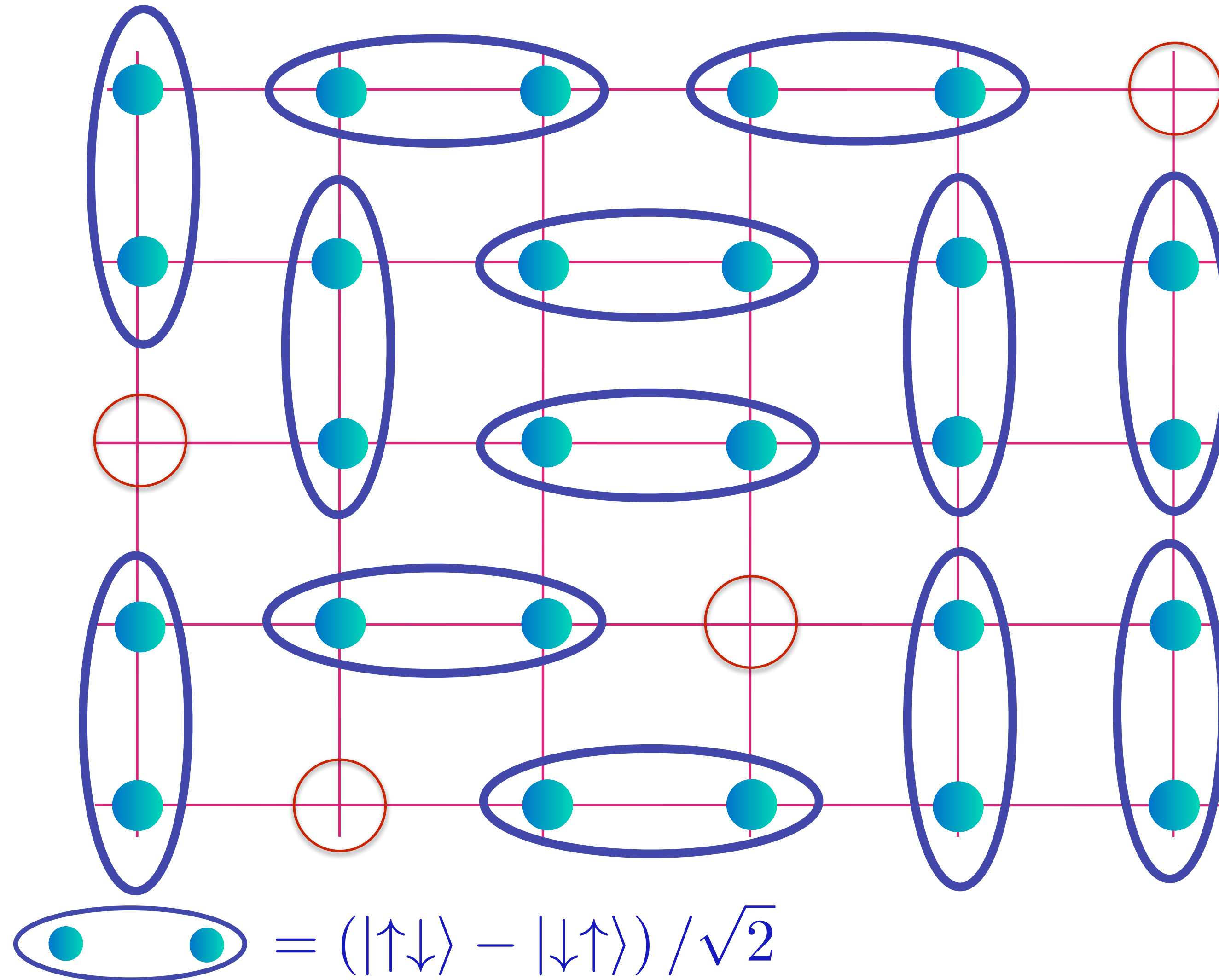


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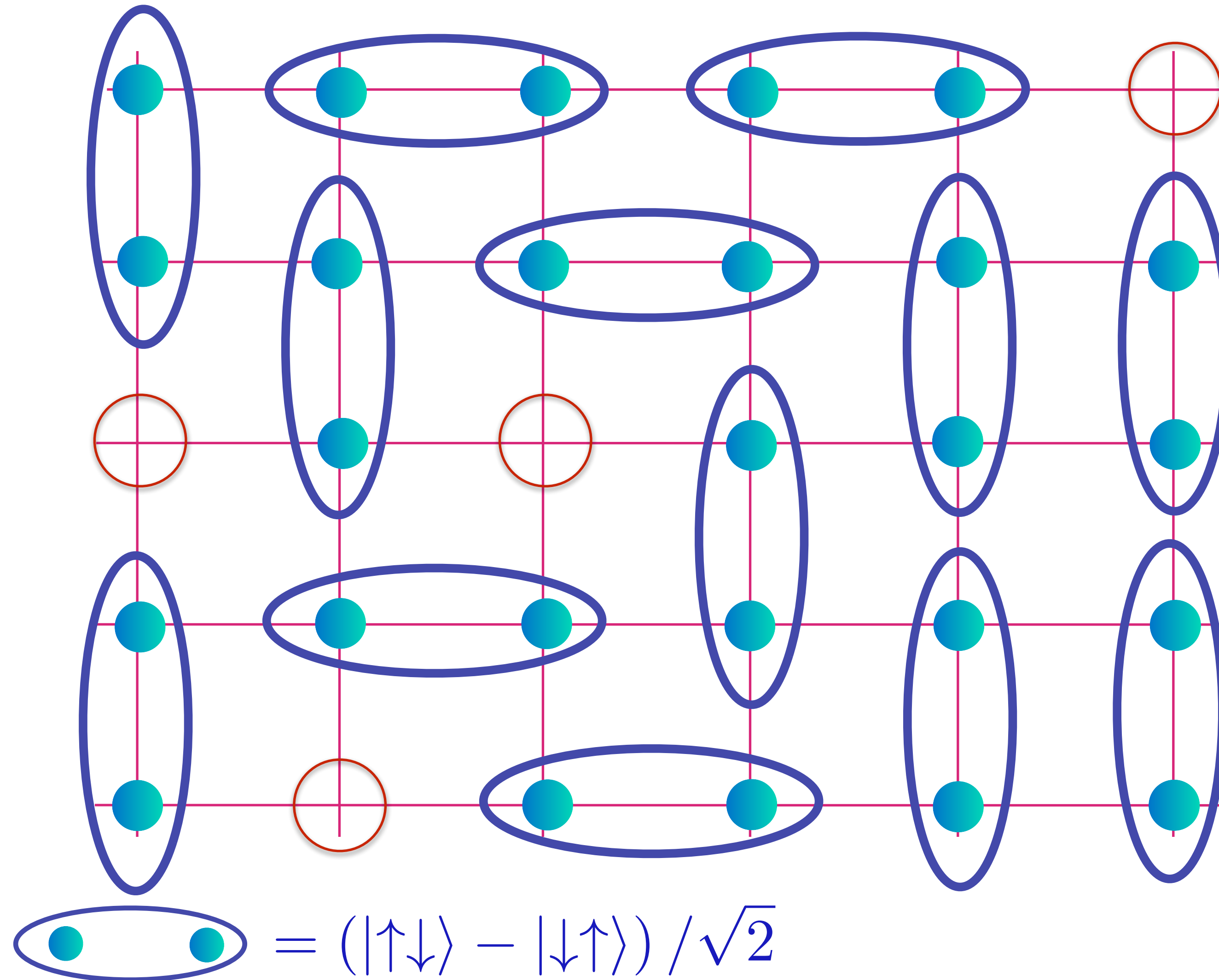


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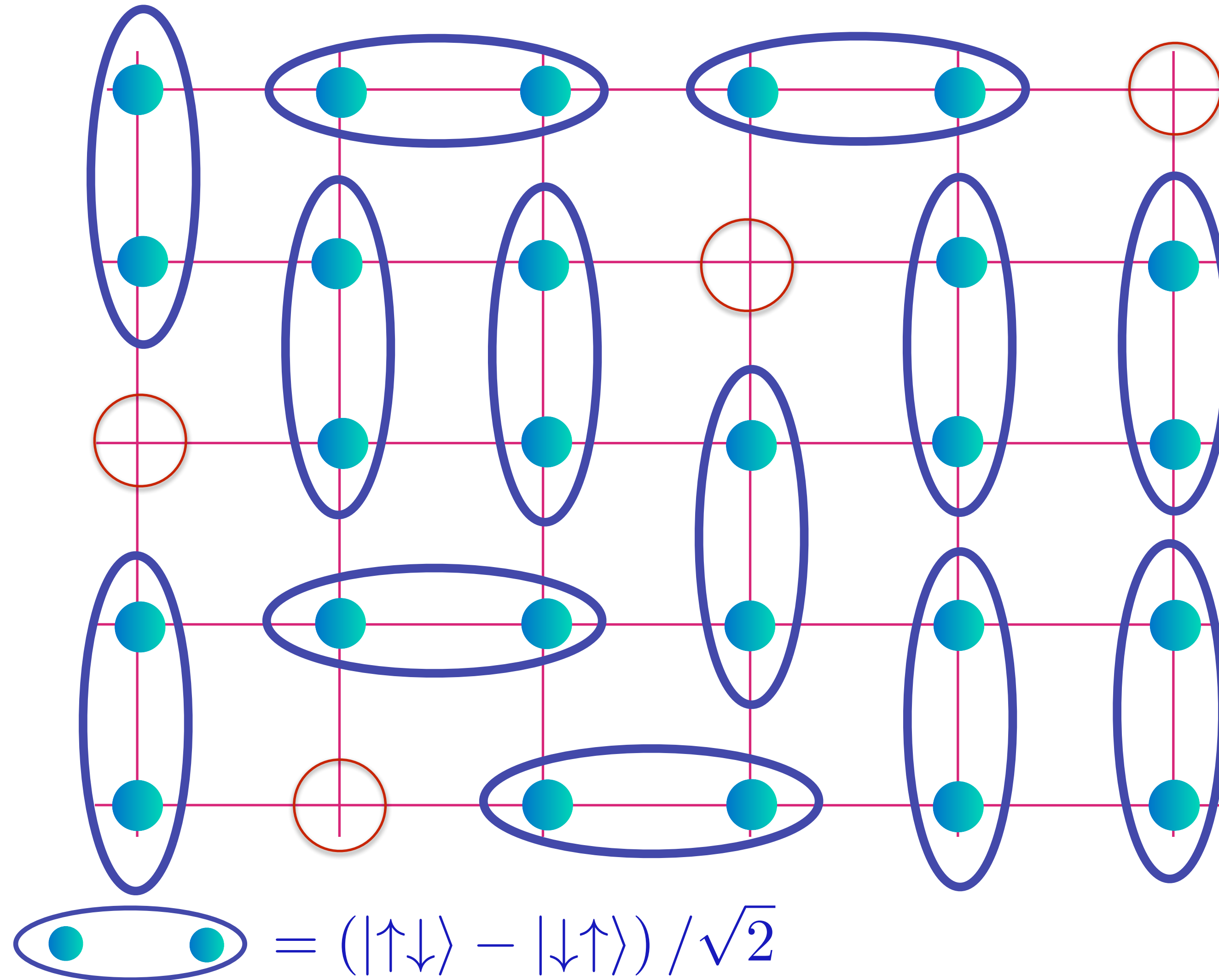


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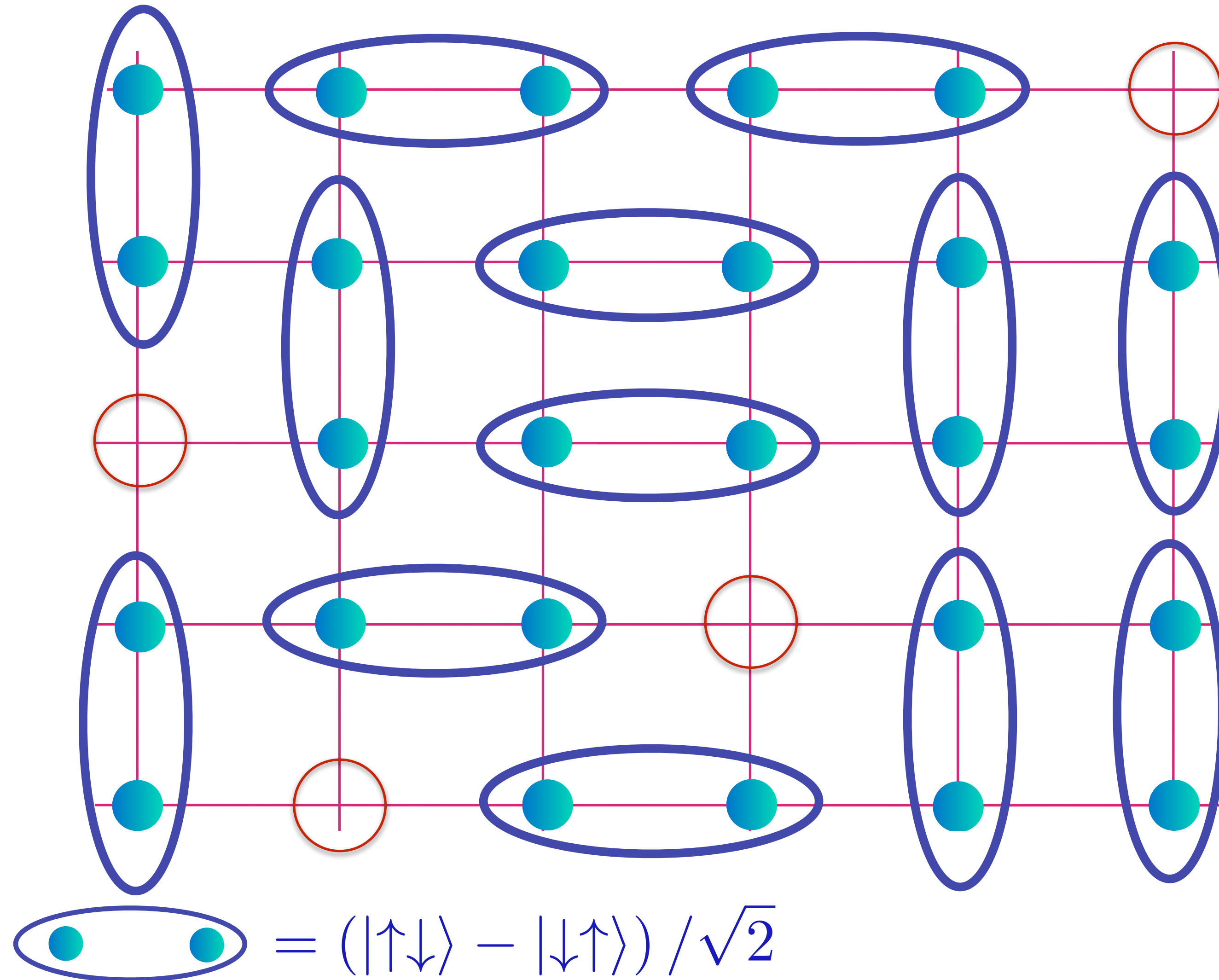


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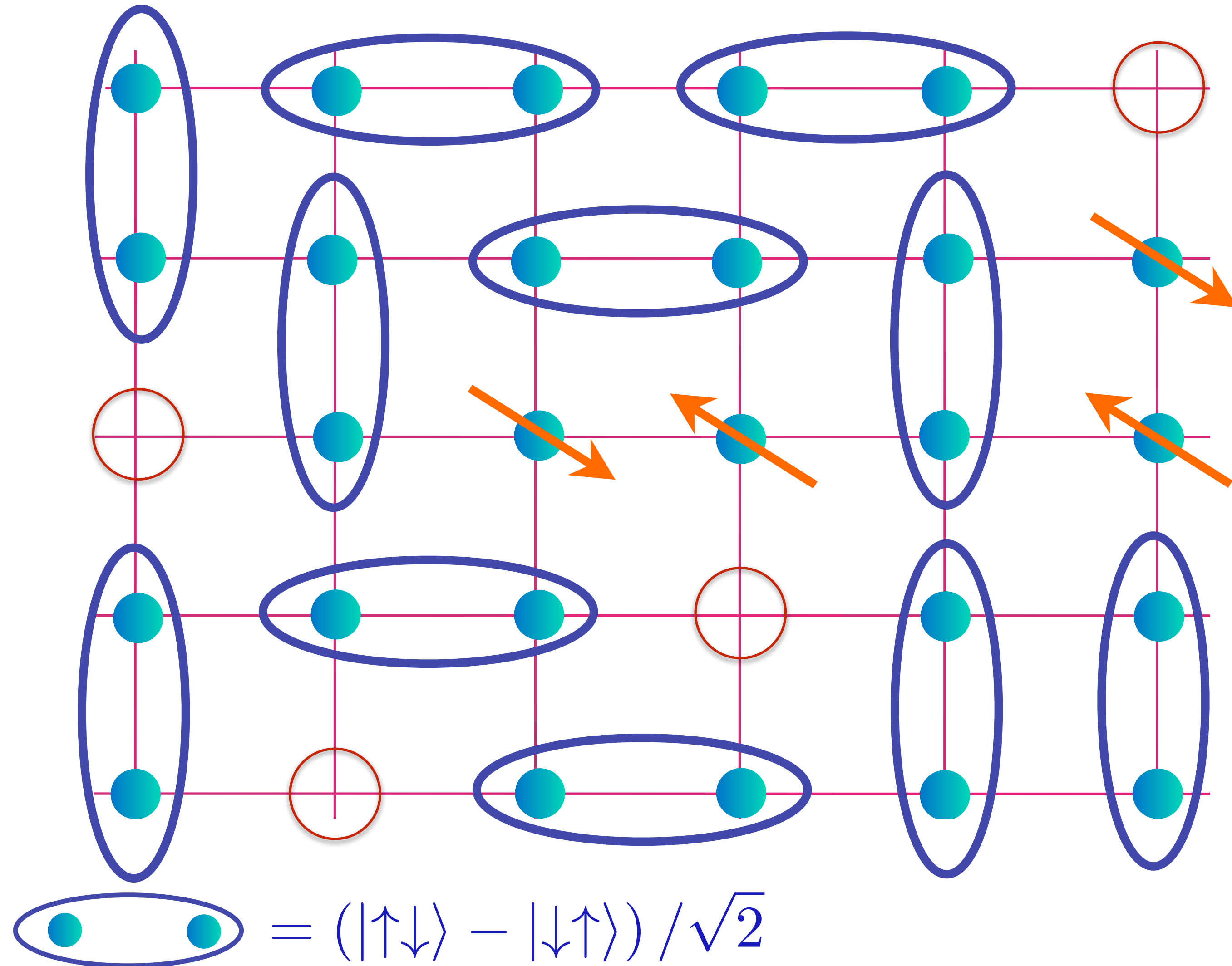


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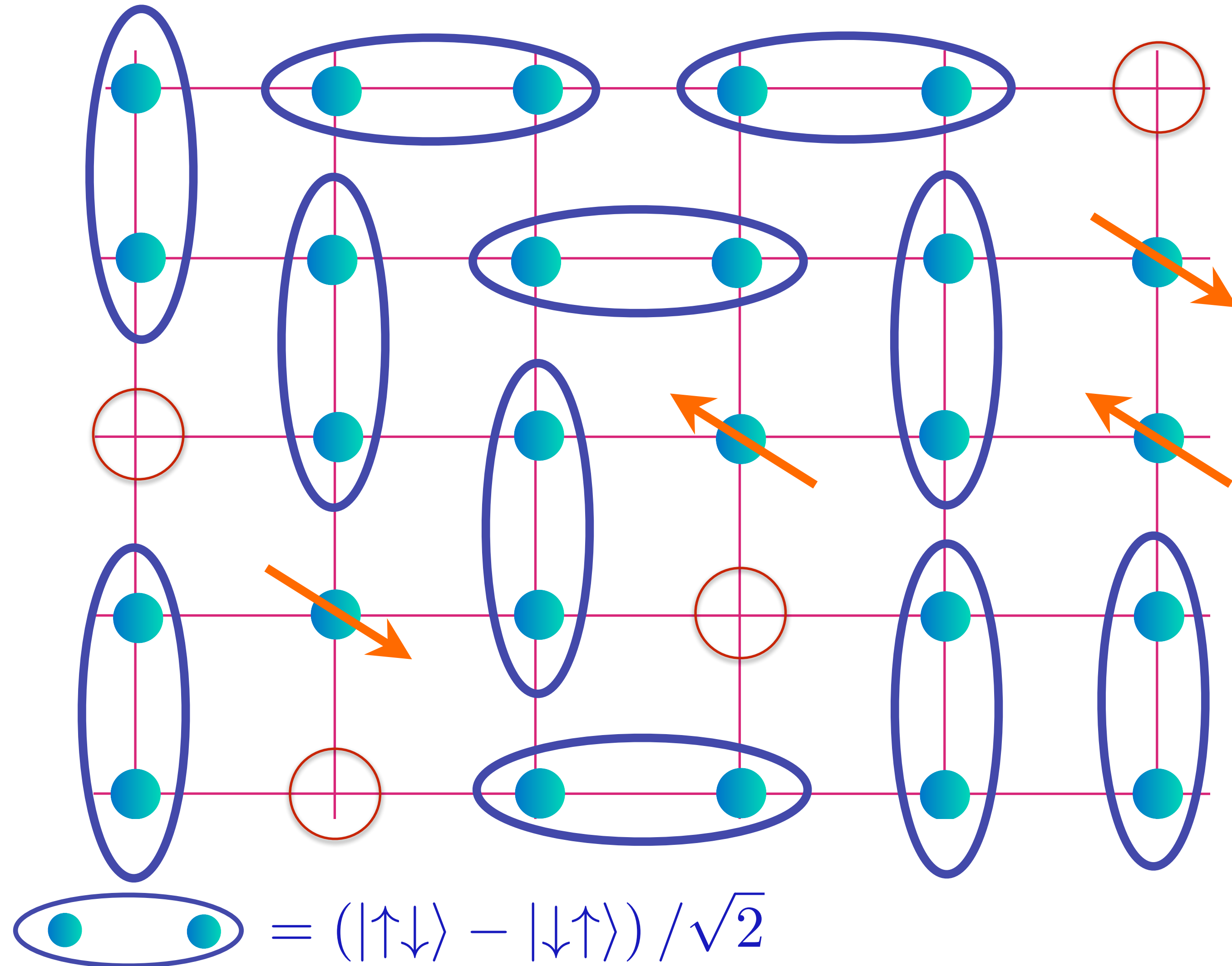


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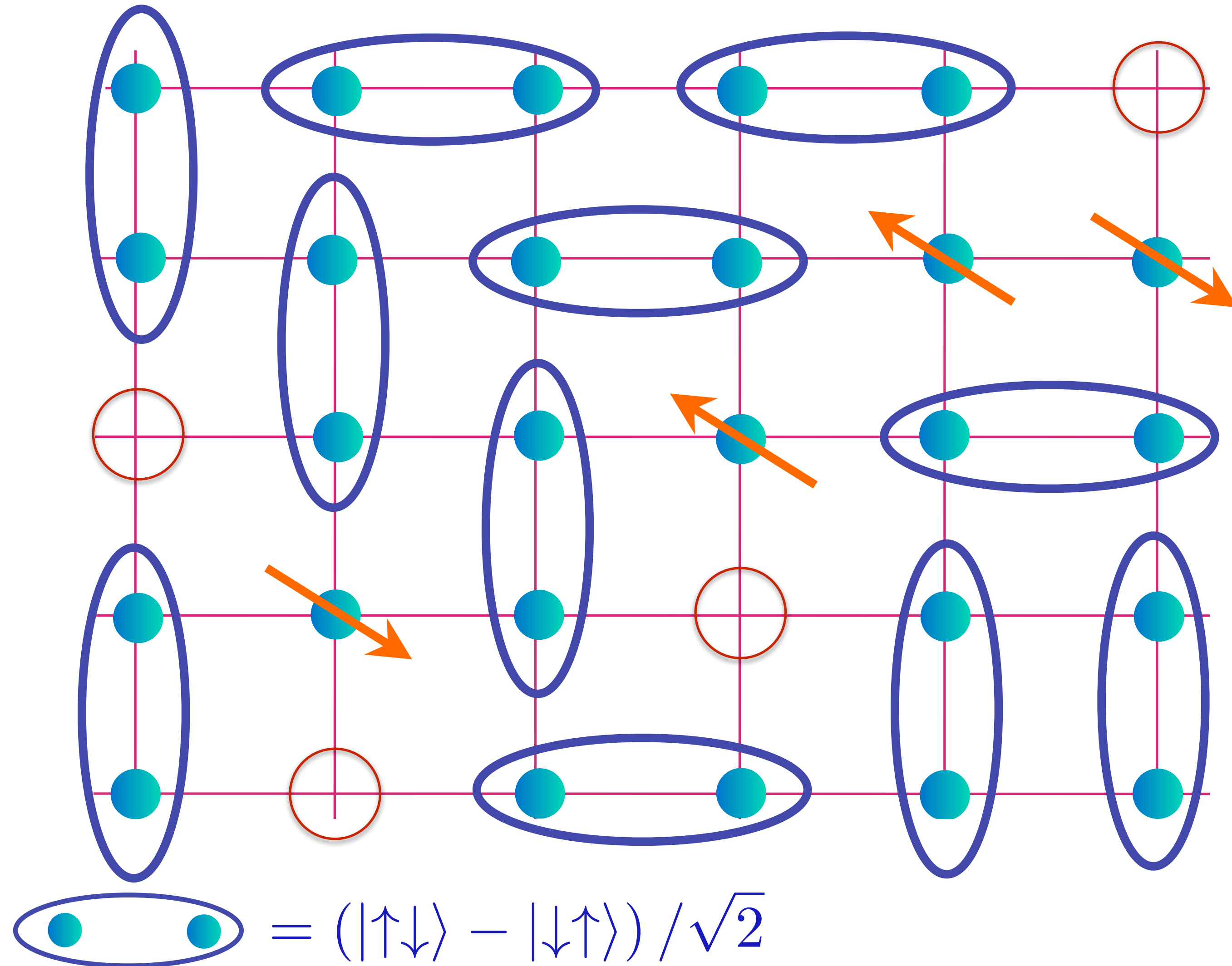


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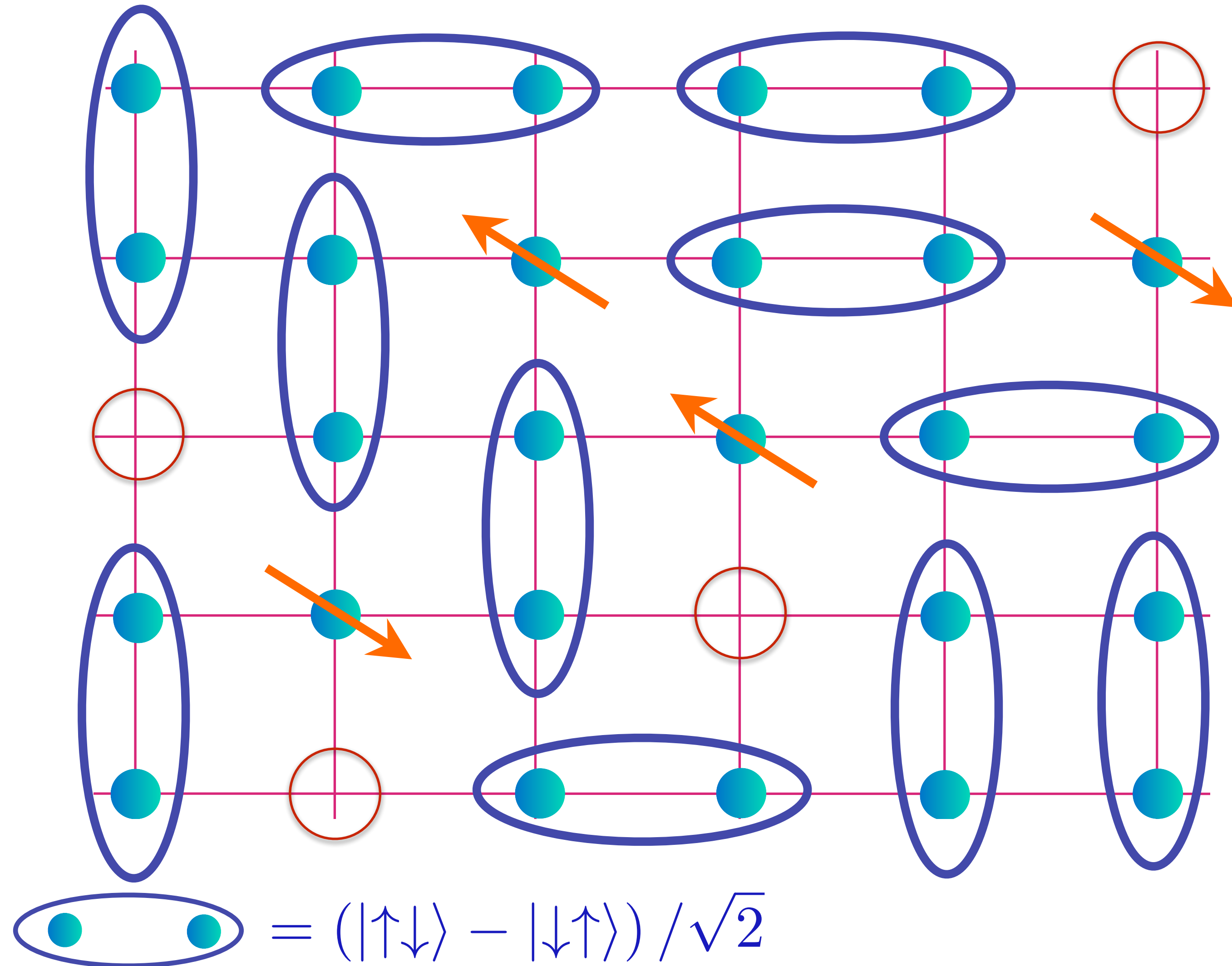


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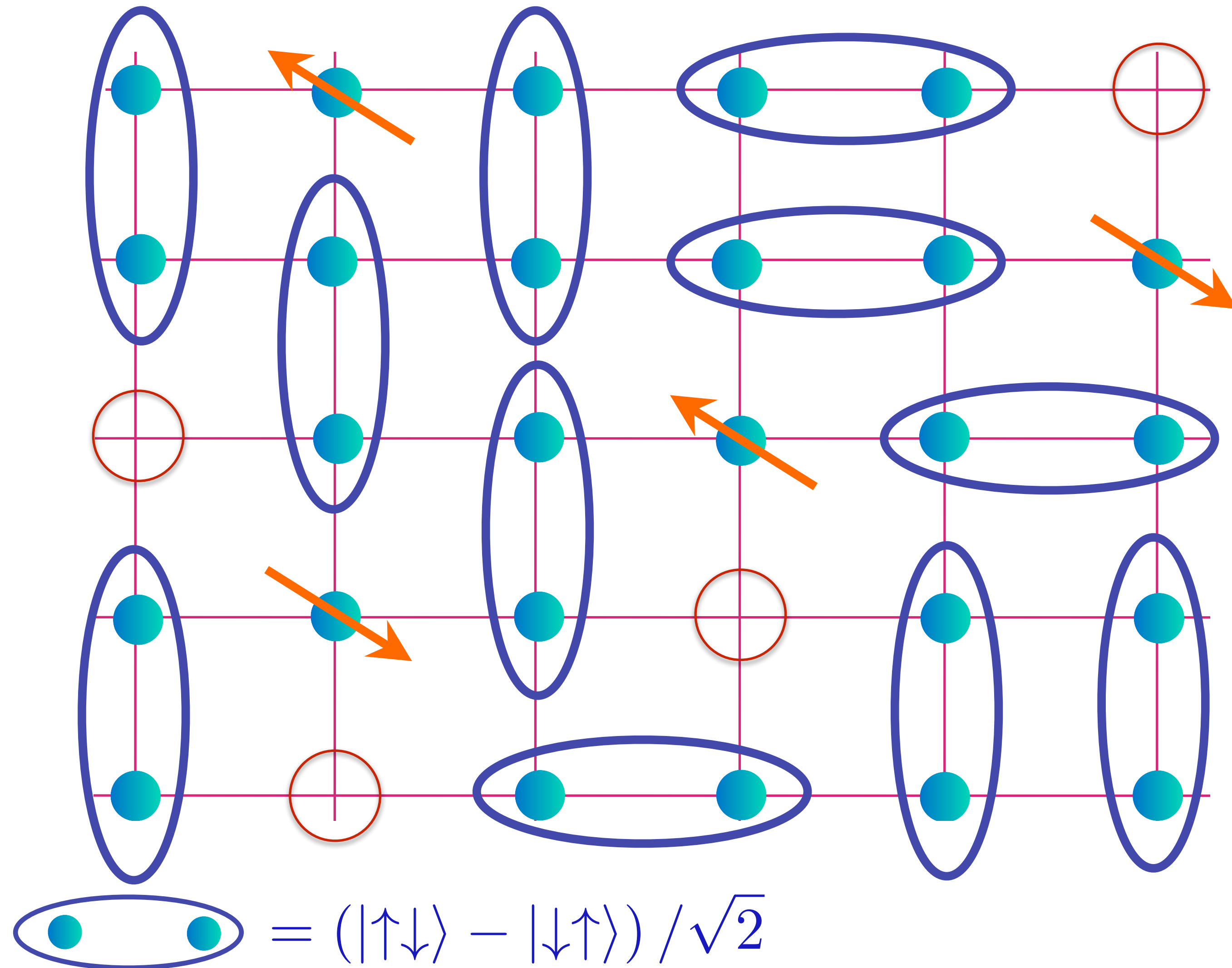


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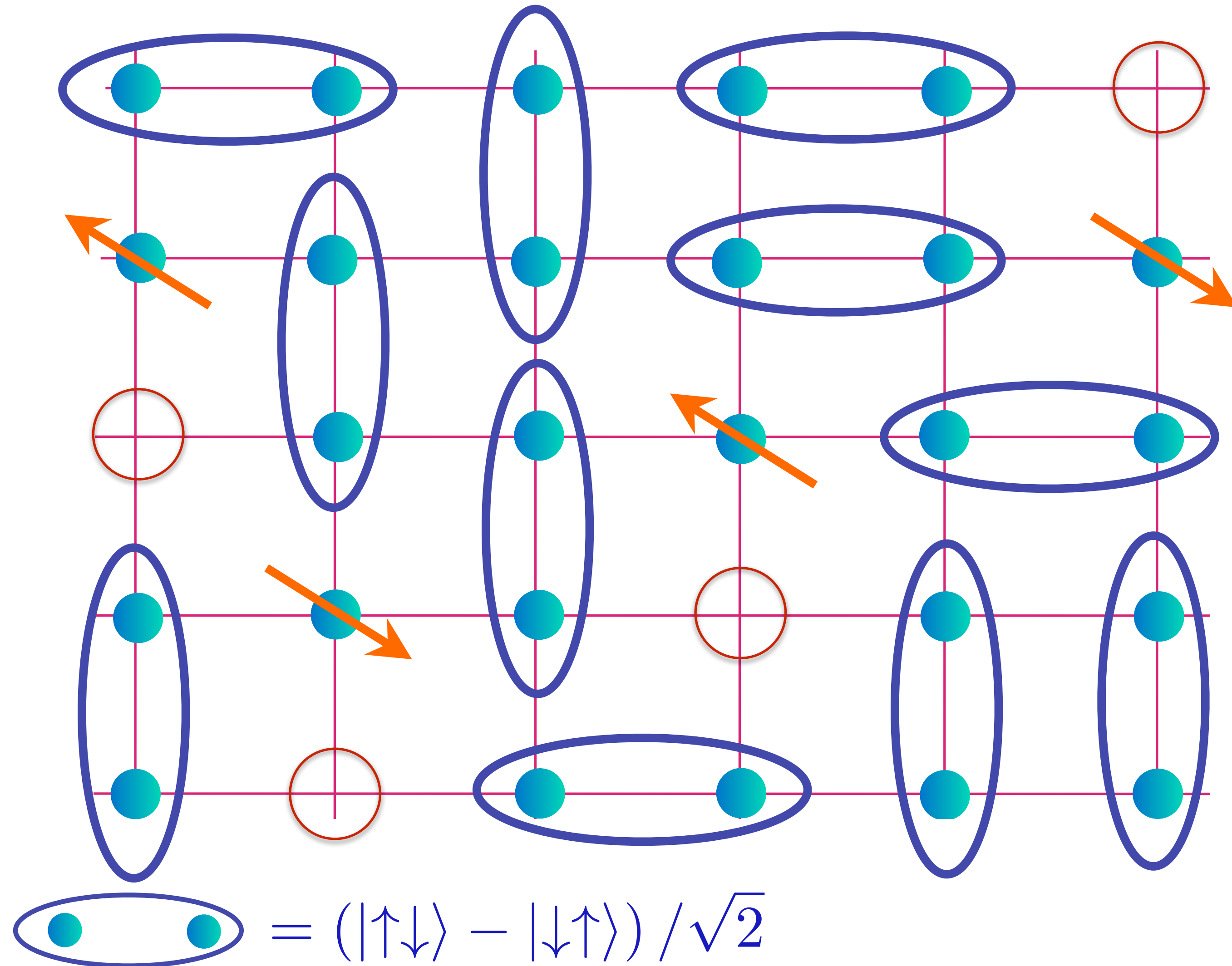


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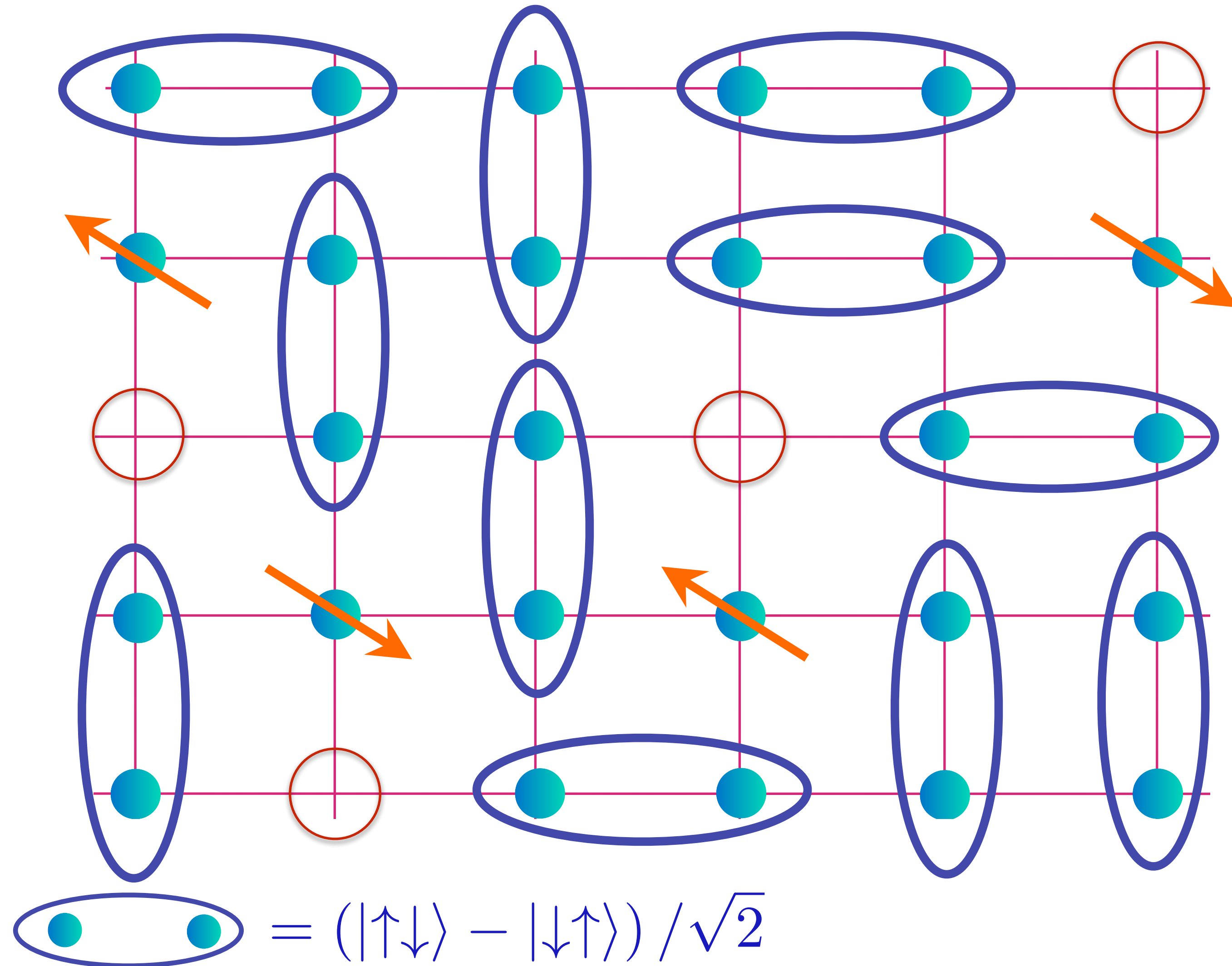


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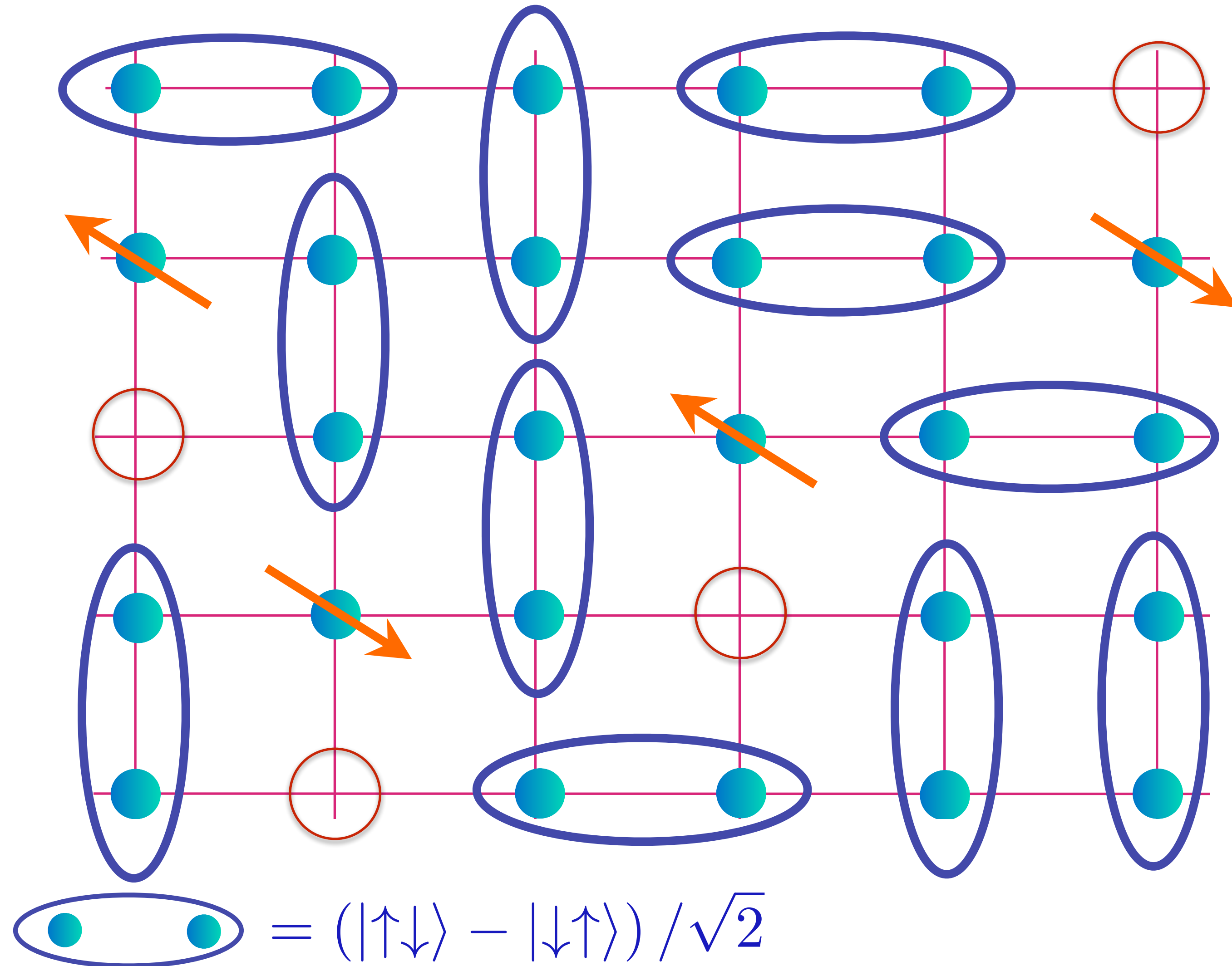


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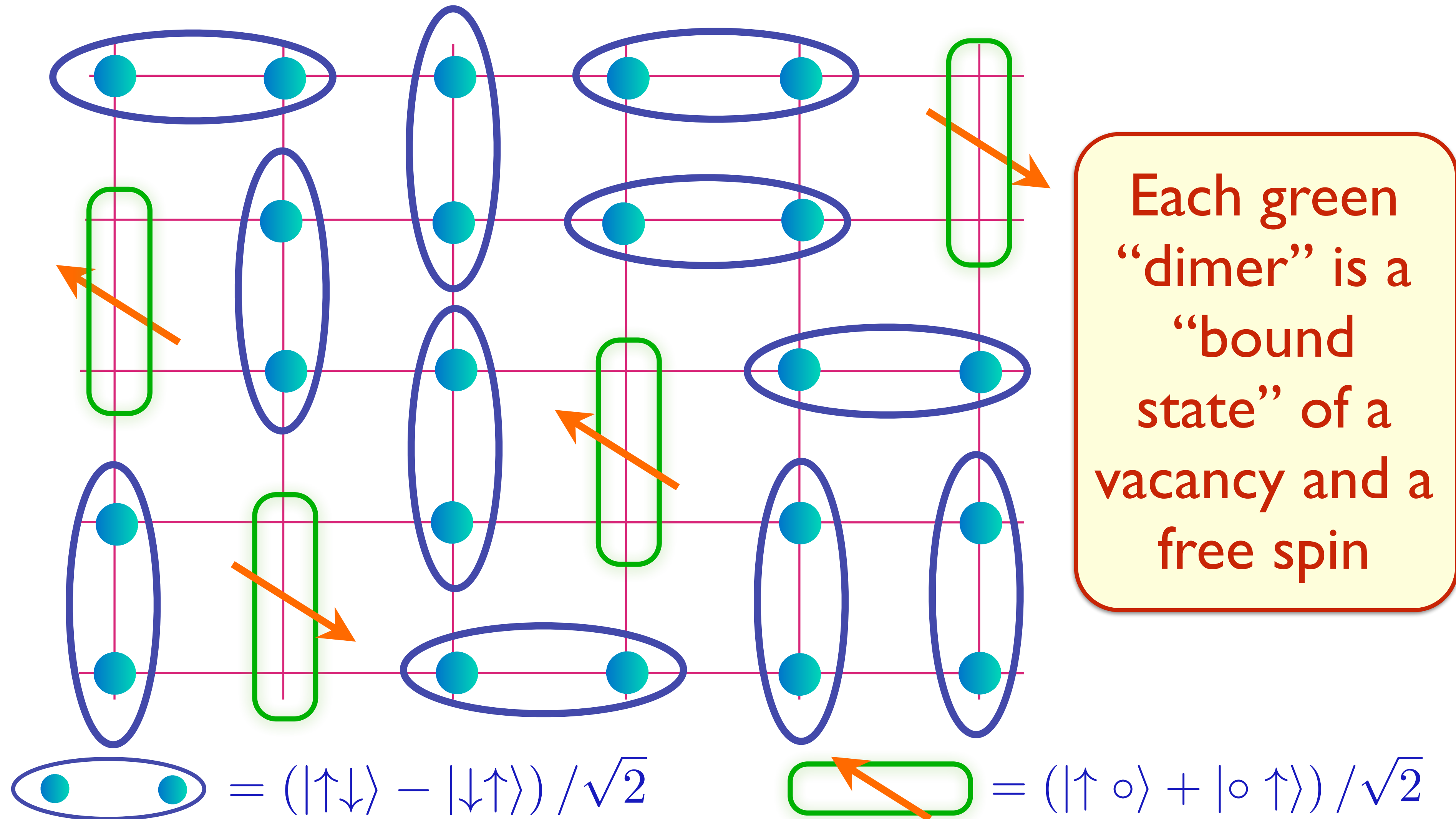


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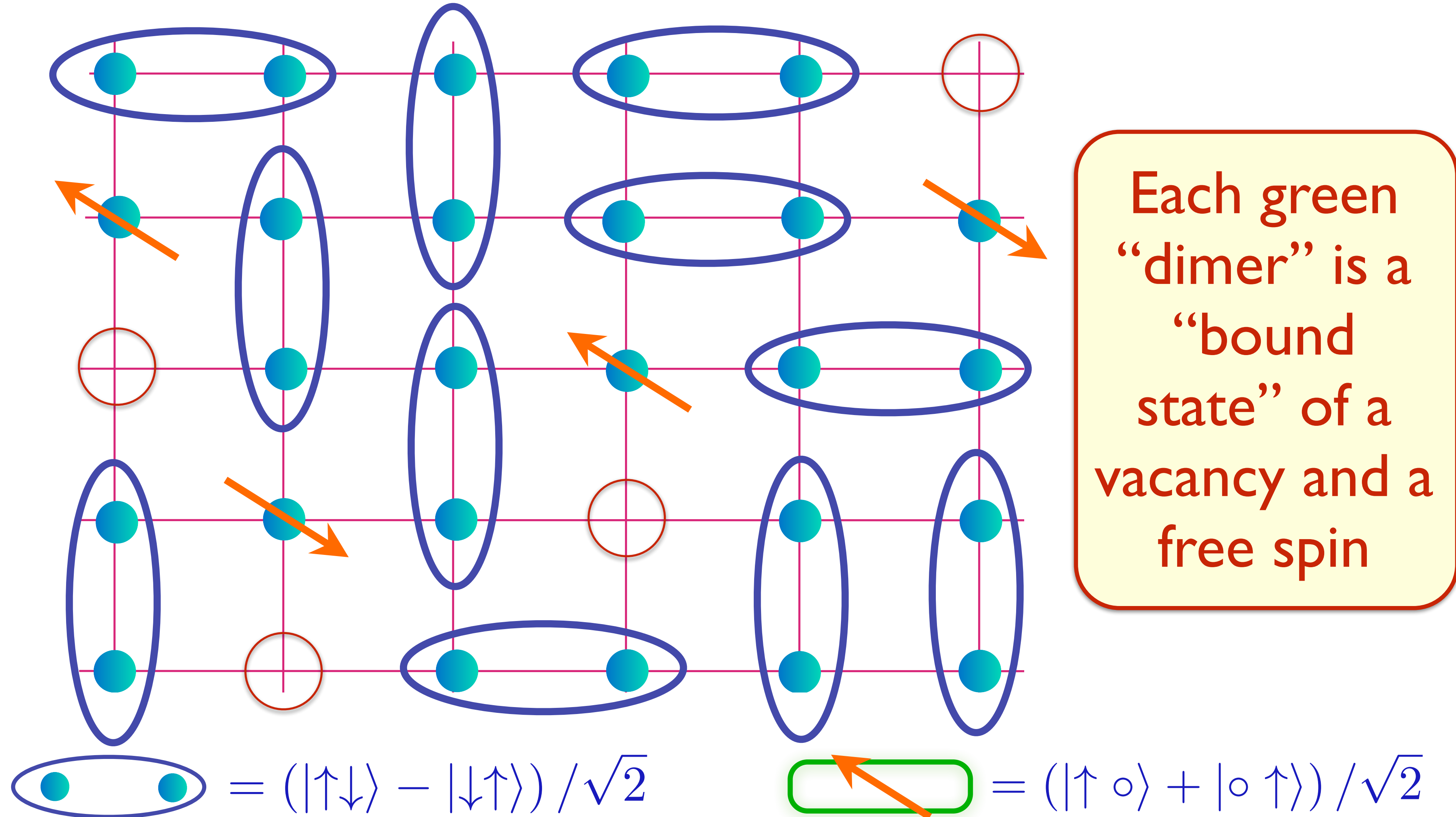


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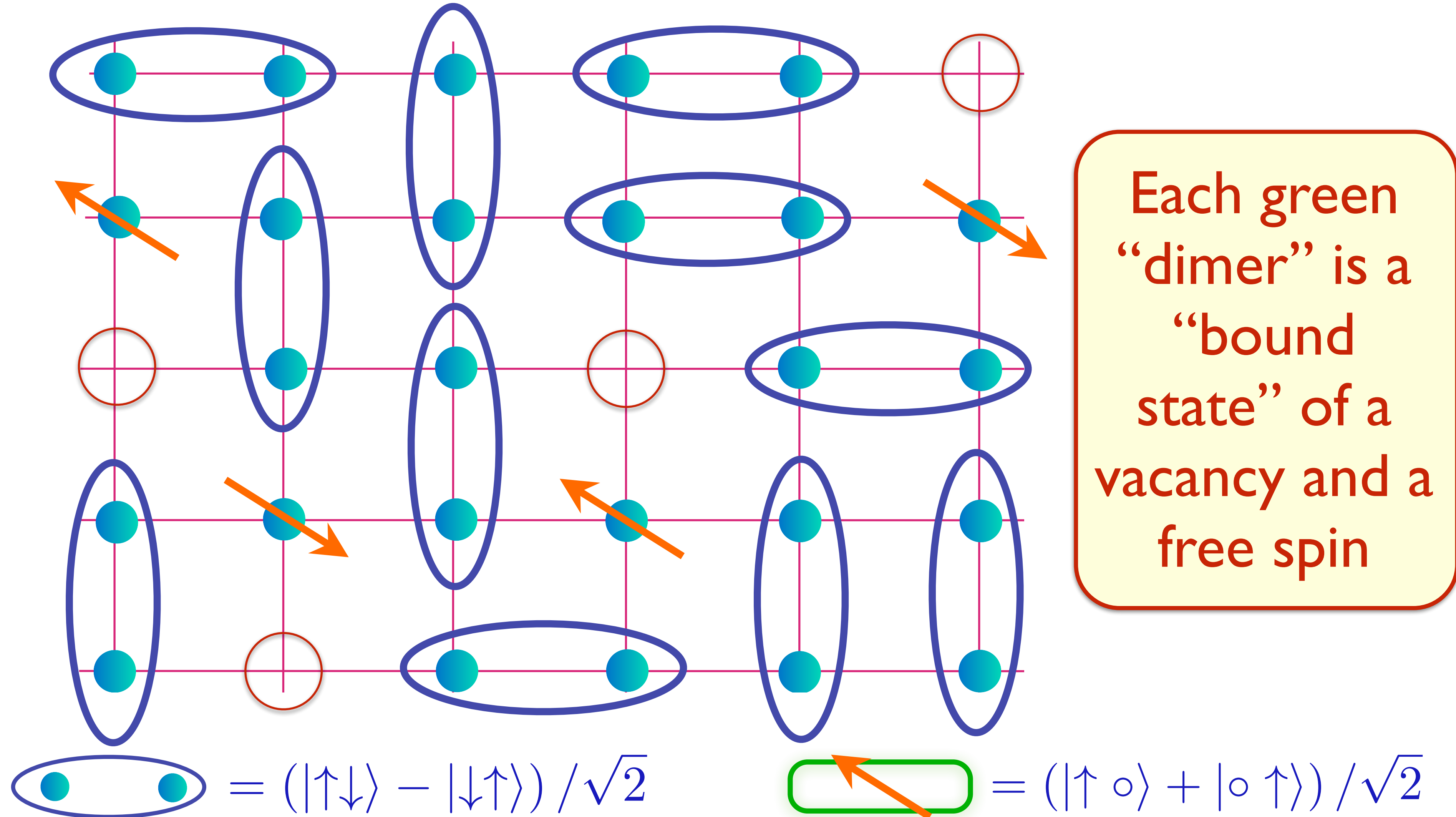


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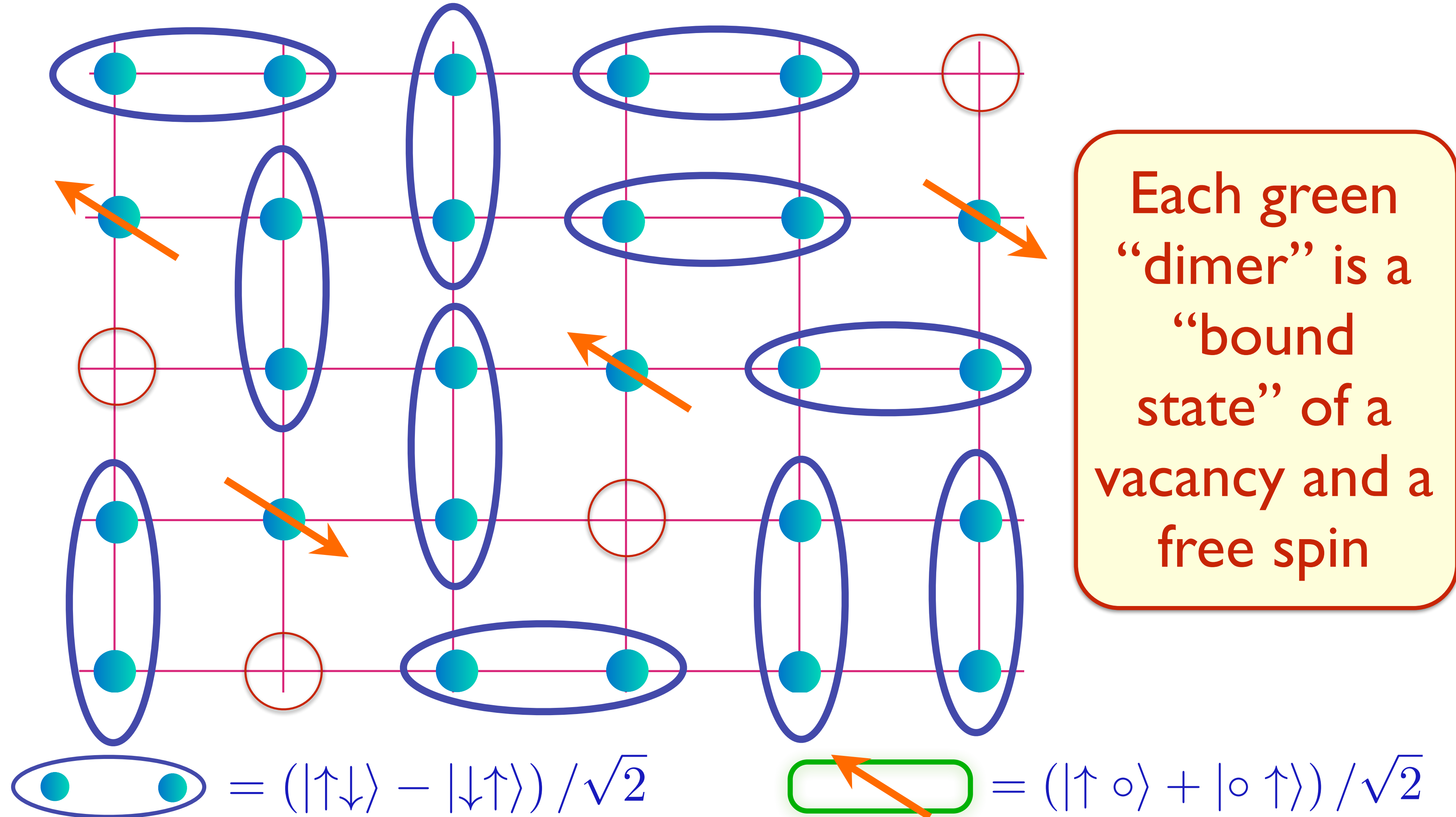


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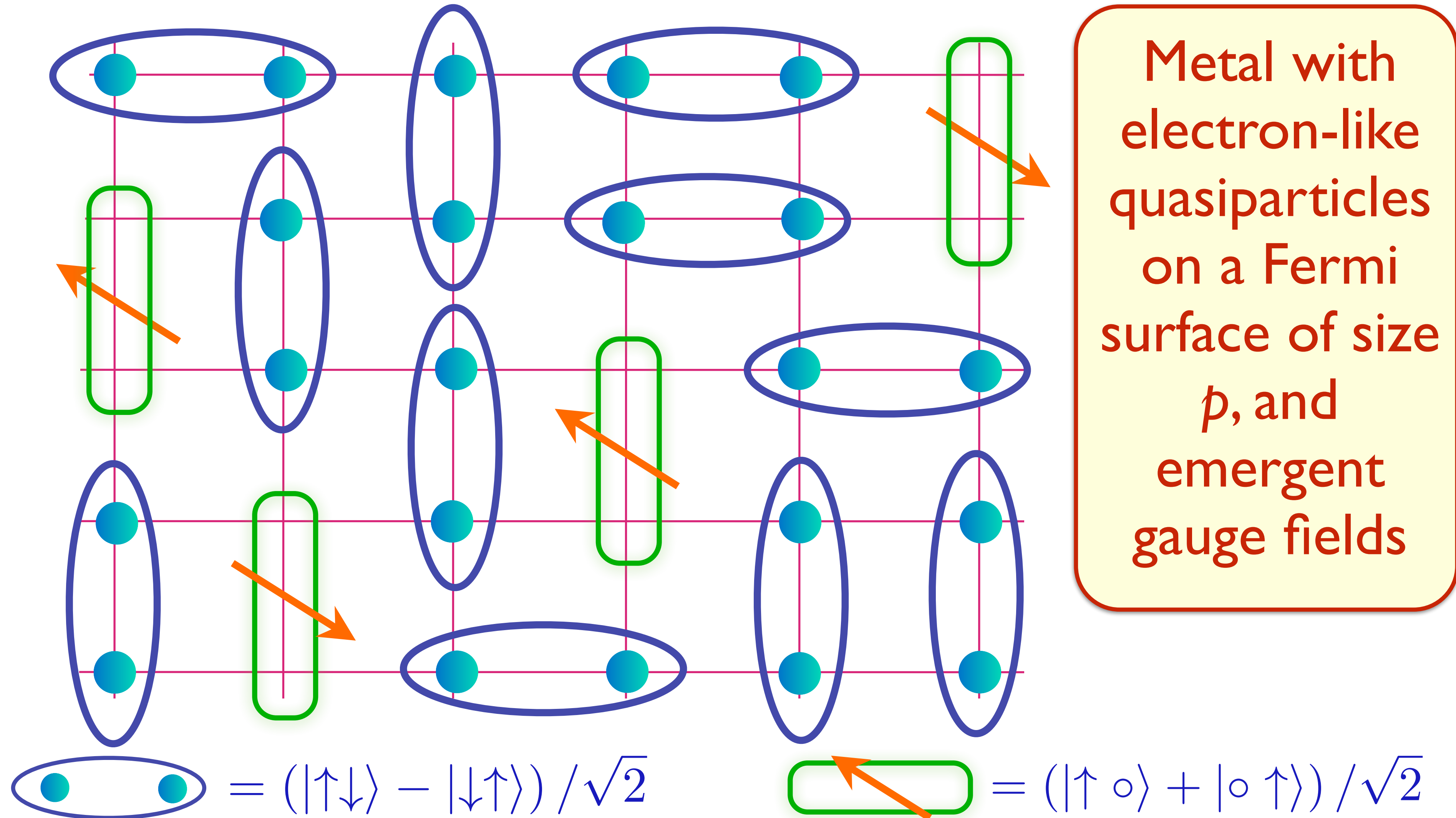


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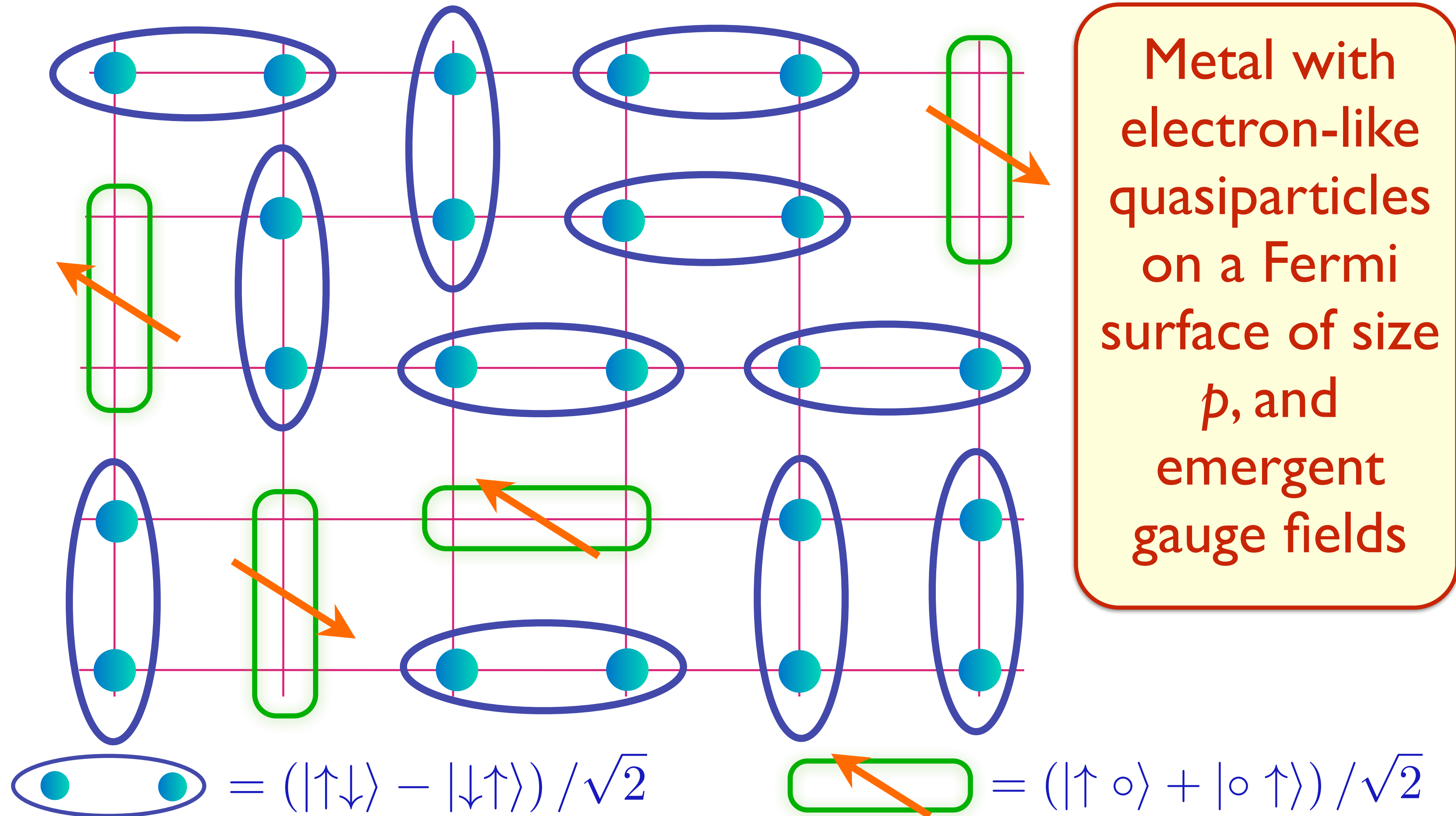


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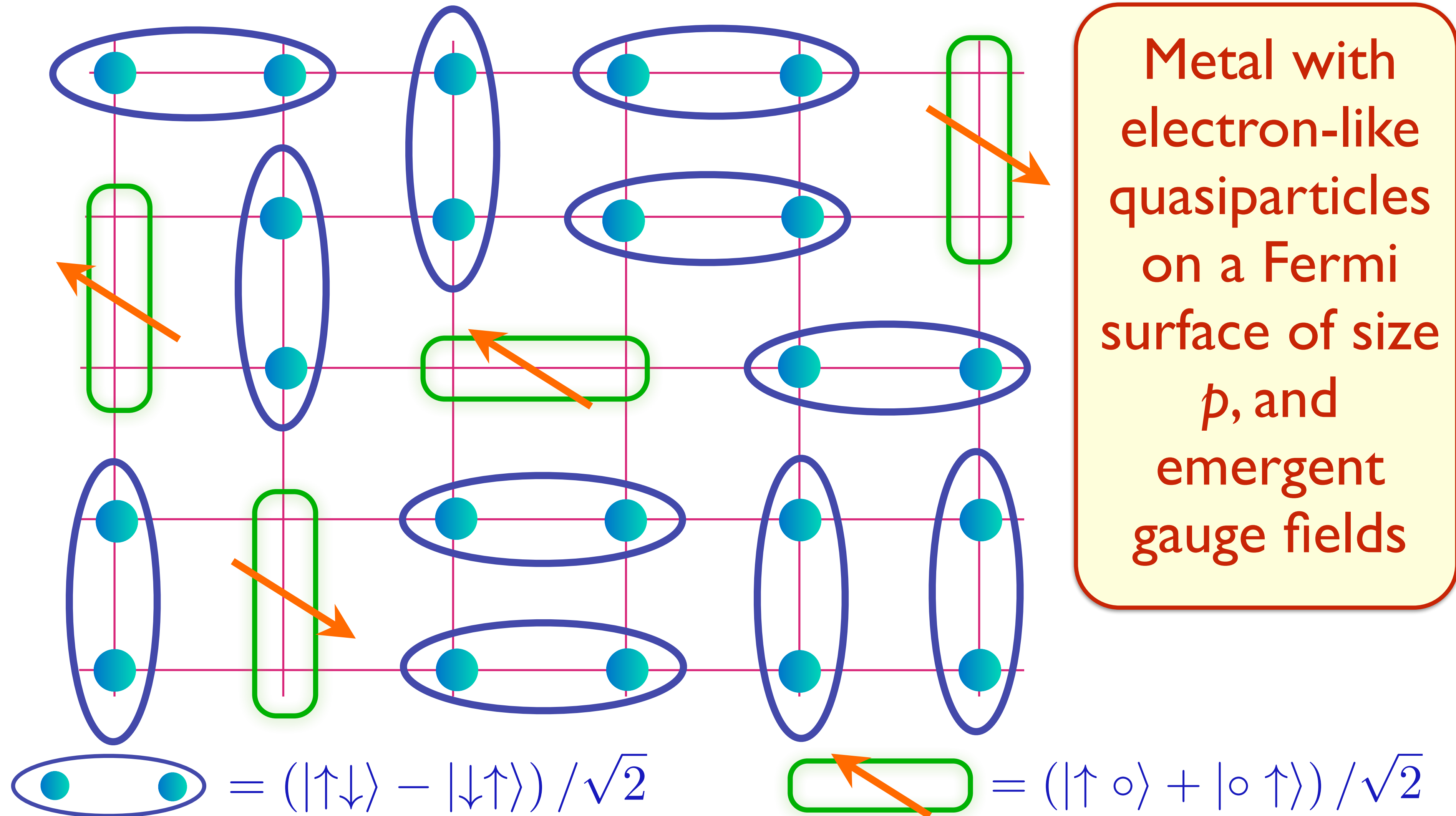


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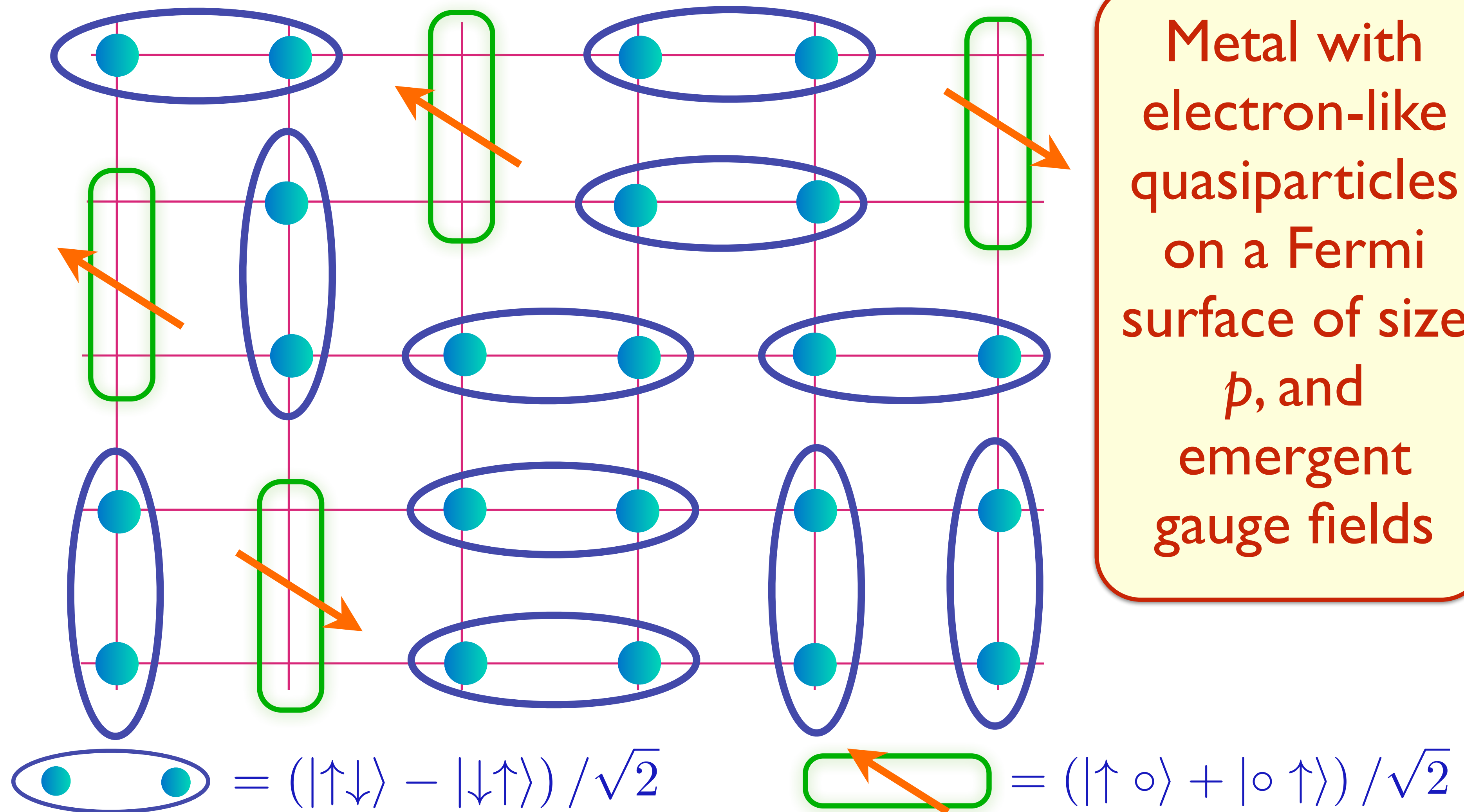


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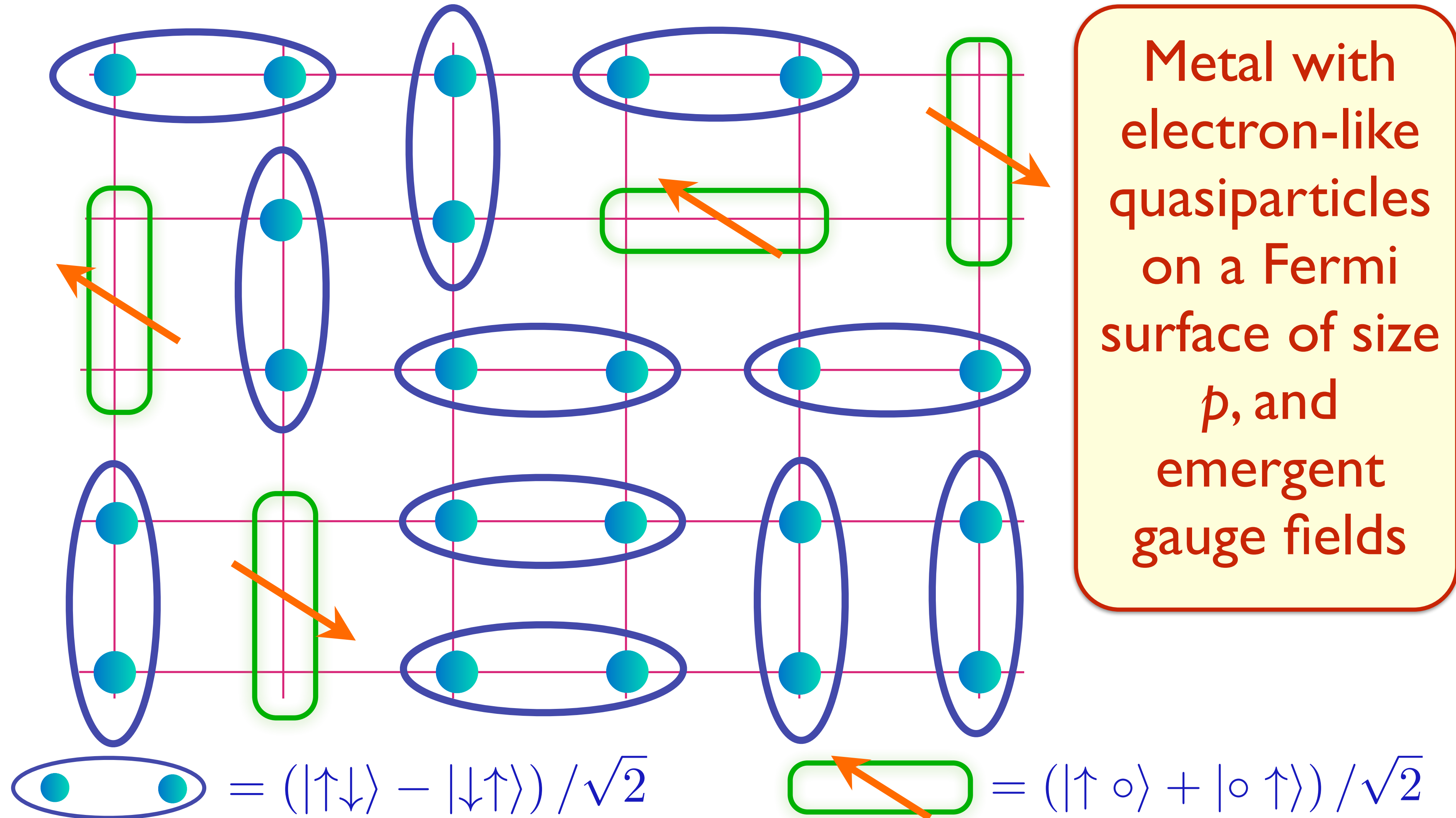


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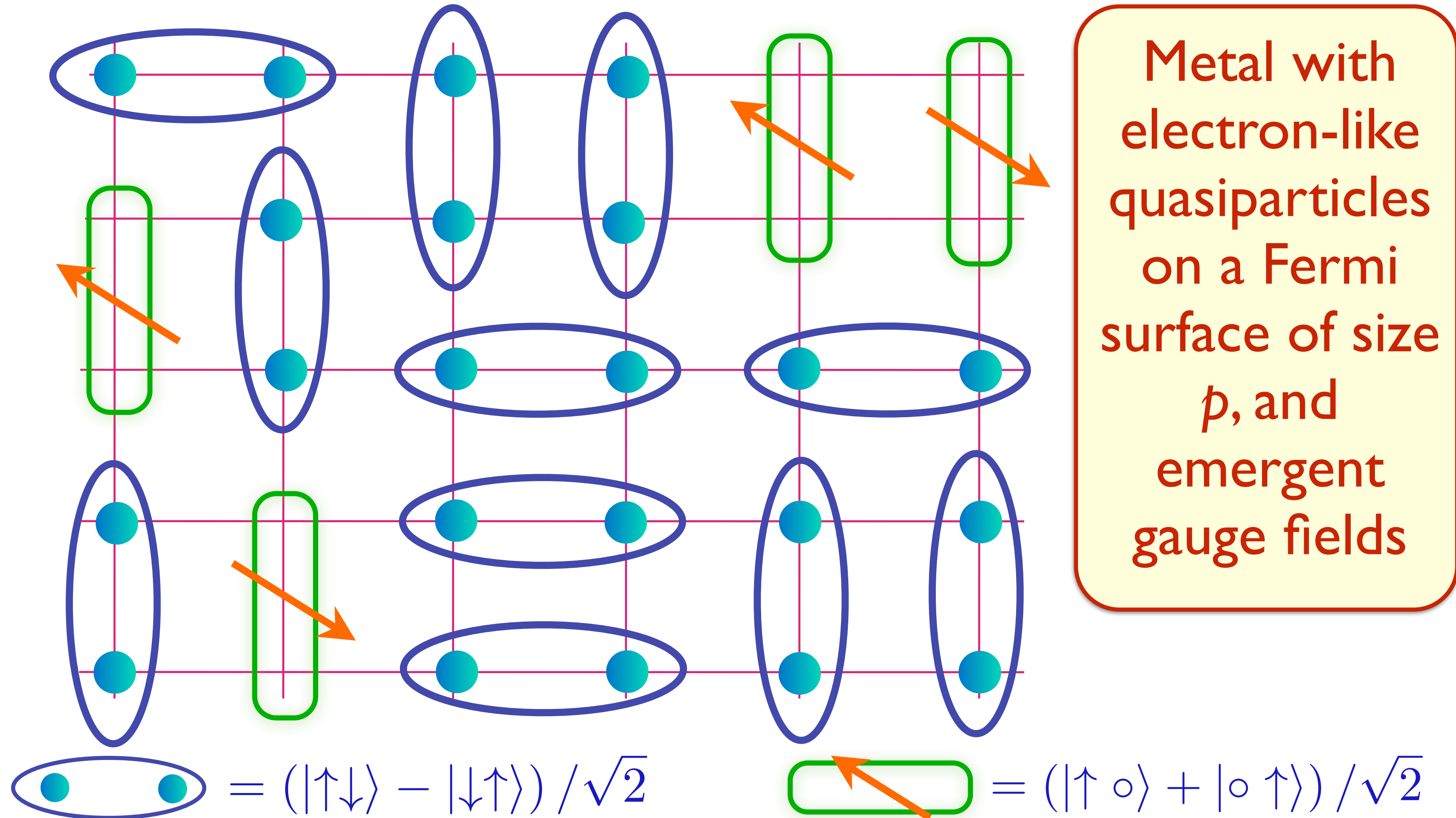


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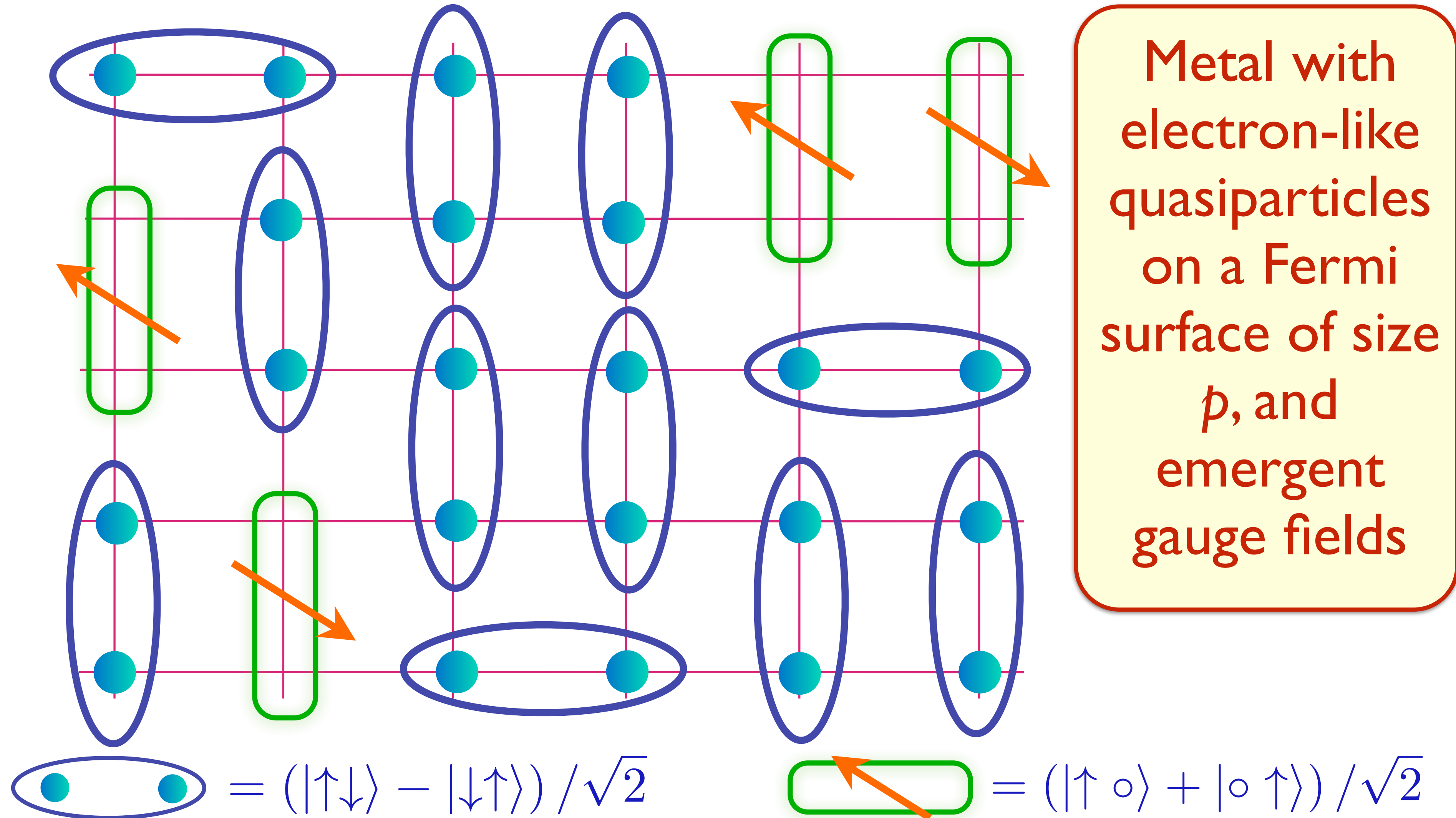


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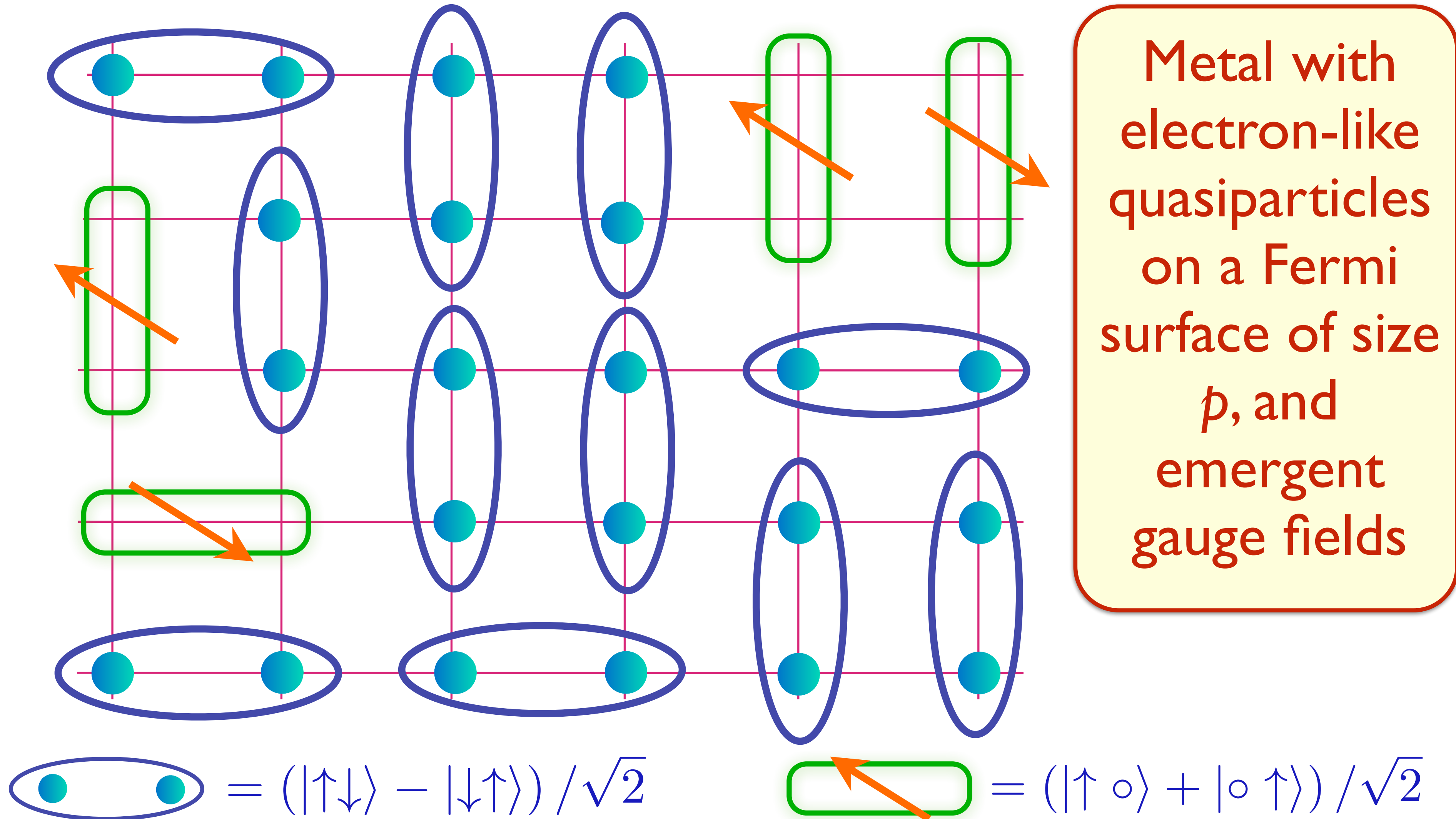


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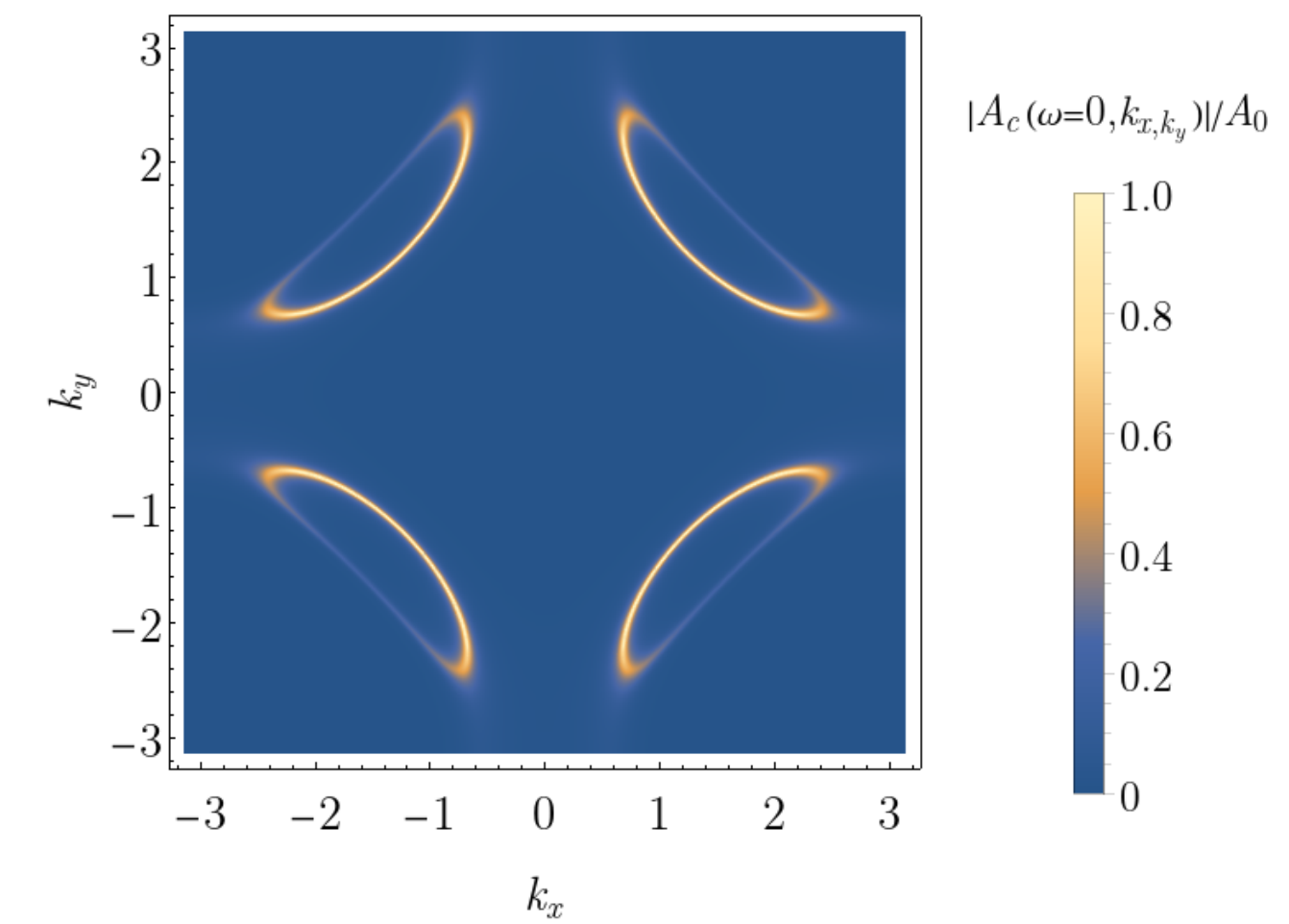
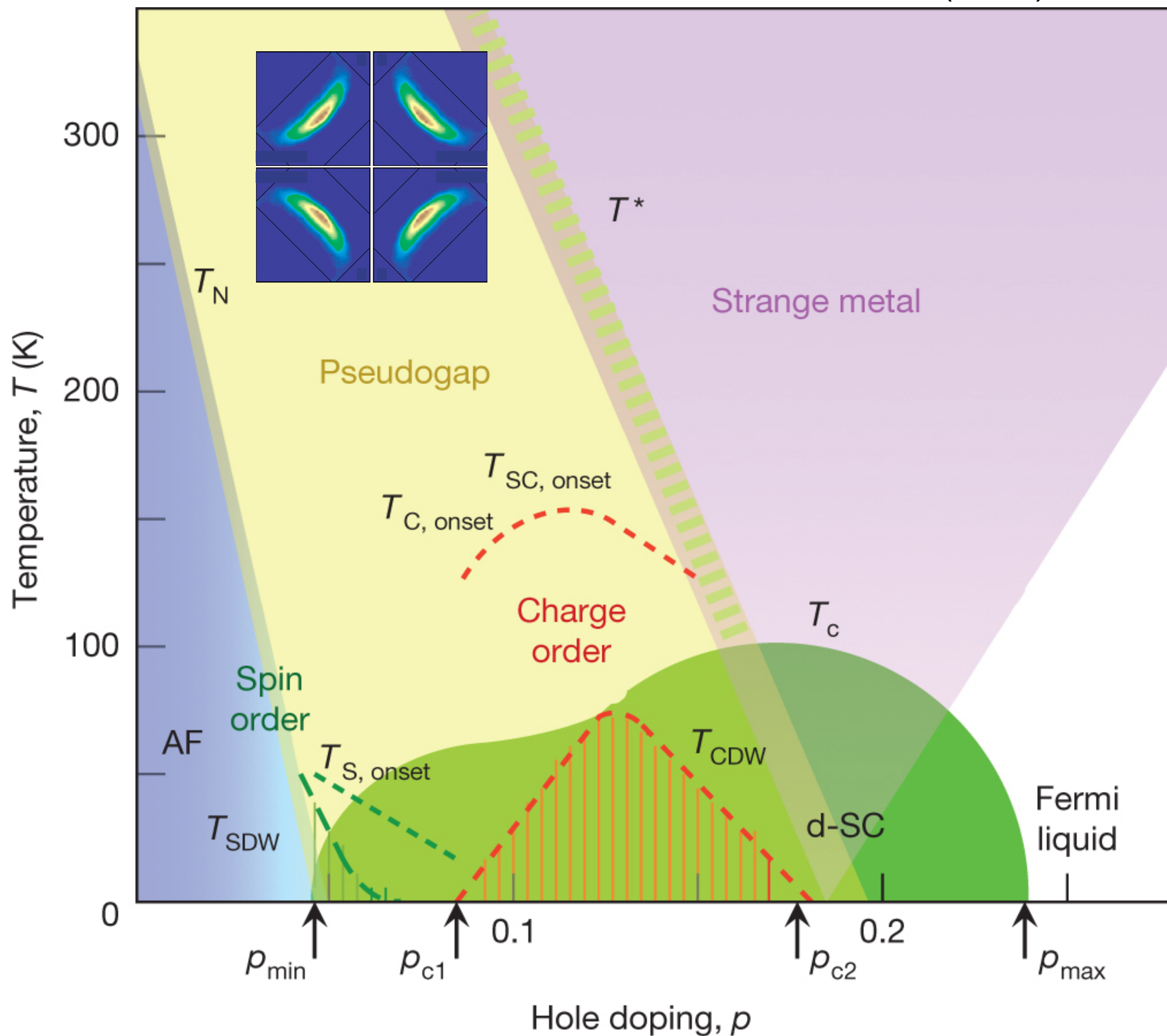
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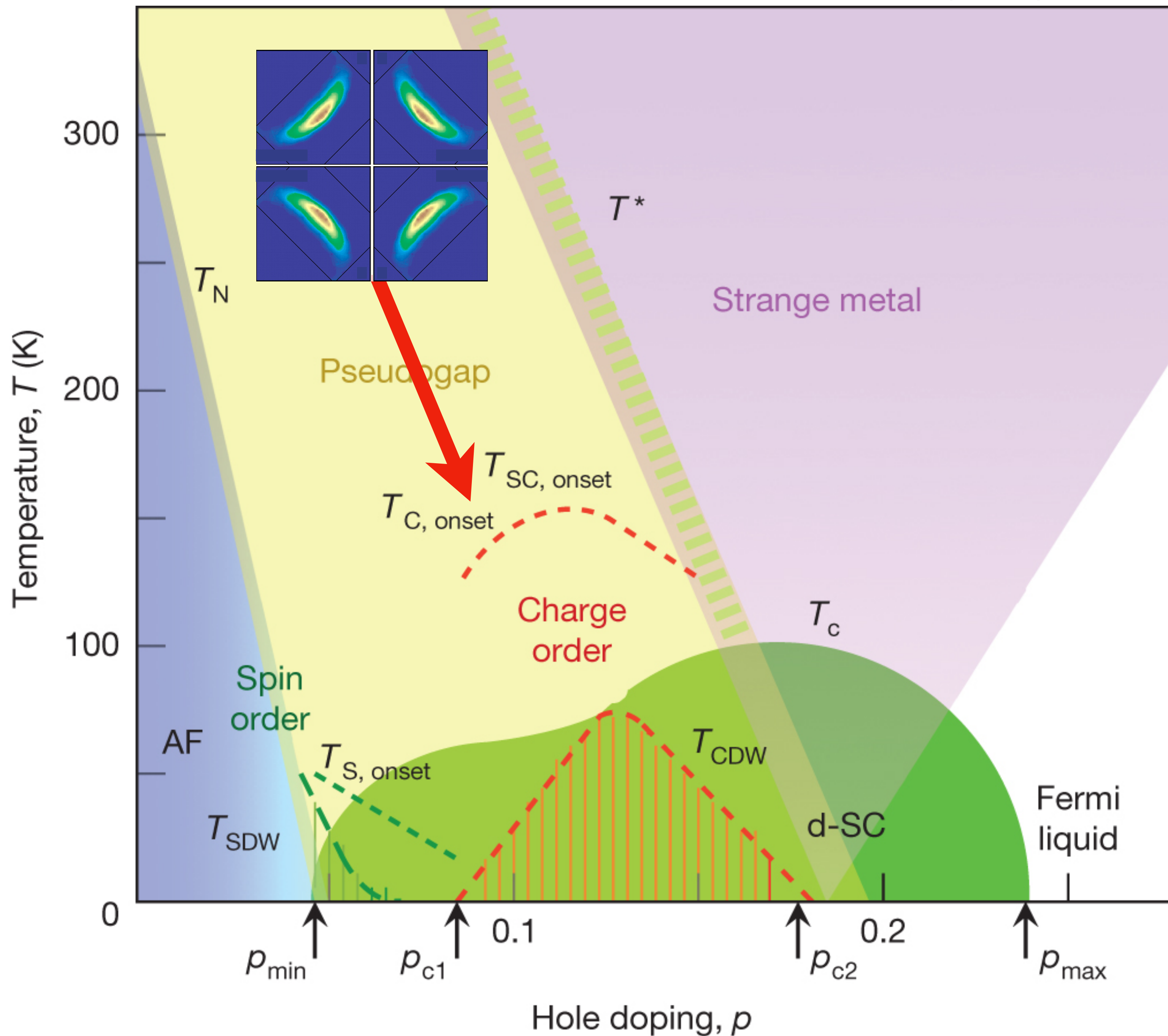
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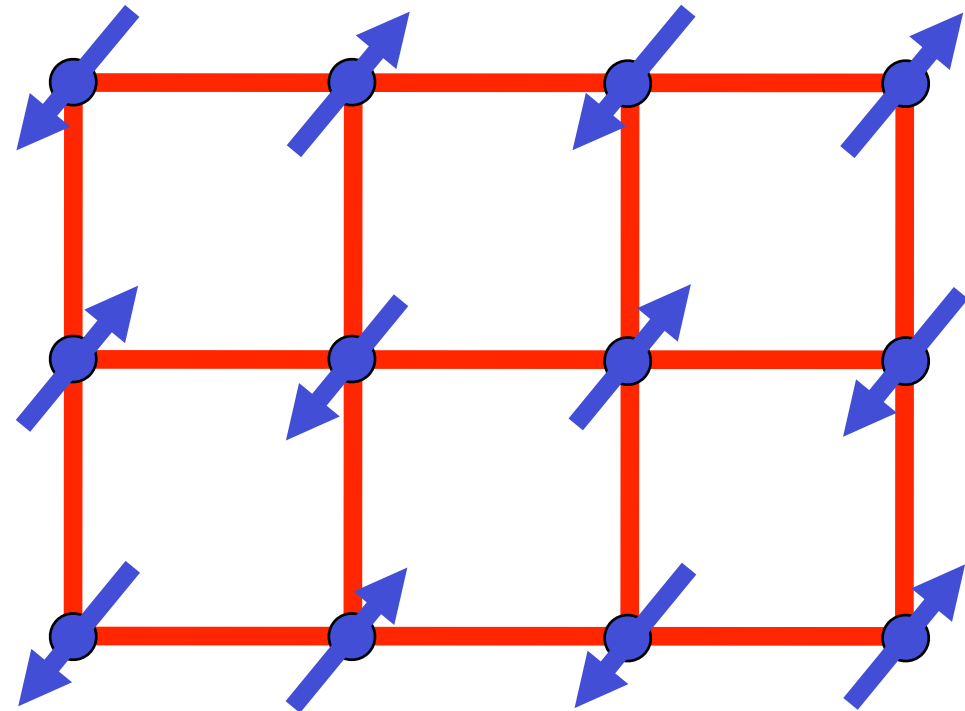
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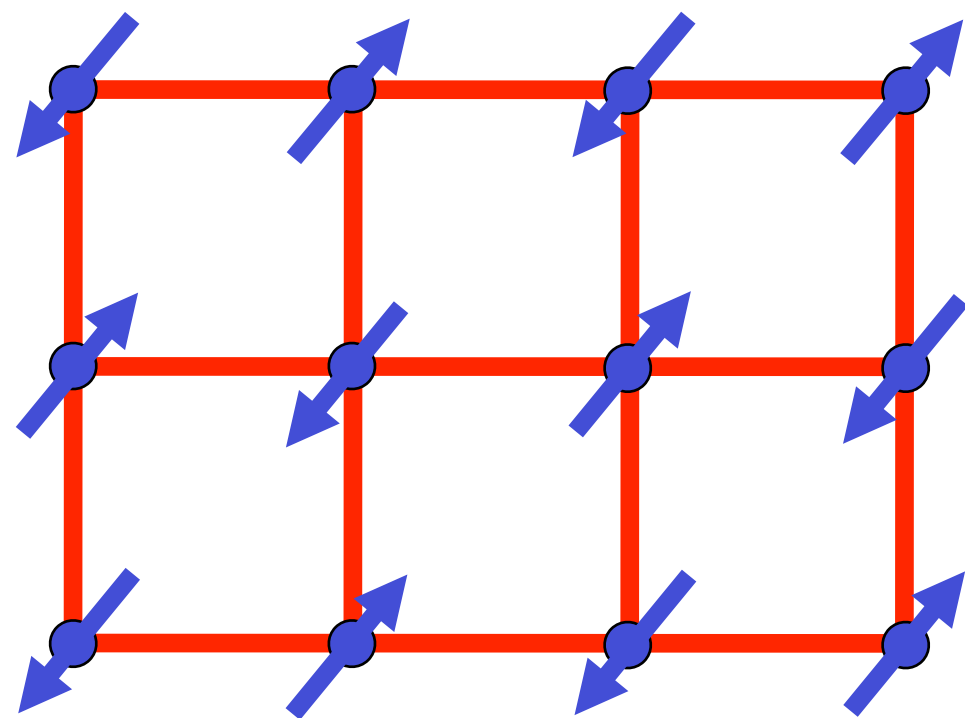


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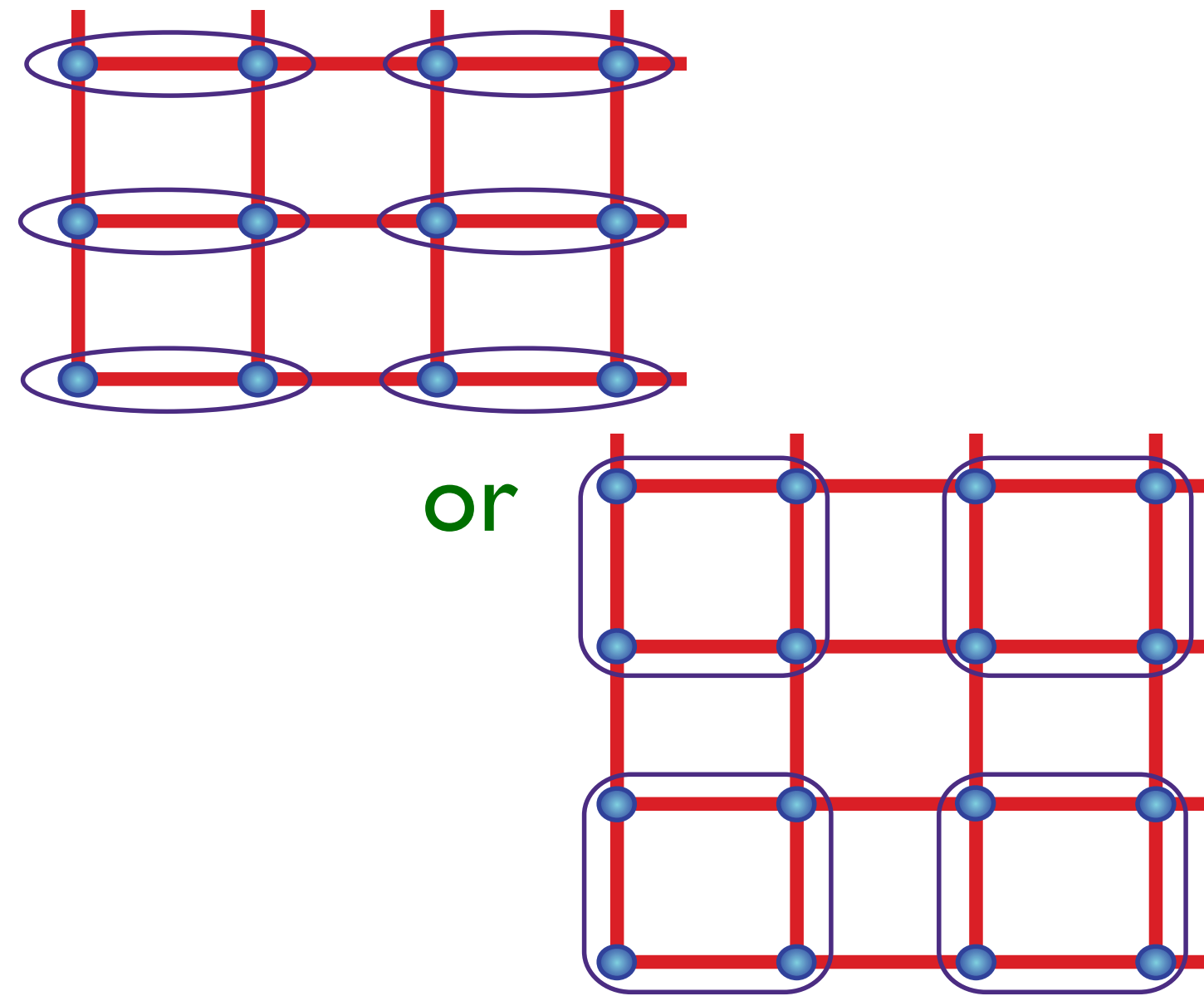
Schwinger bosons

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

Insulating $S=1/2$ antiferromagnet



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



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

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Schwinger bosons

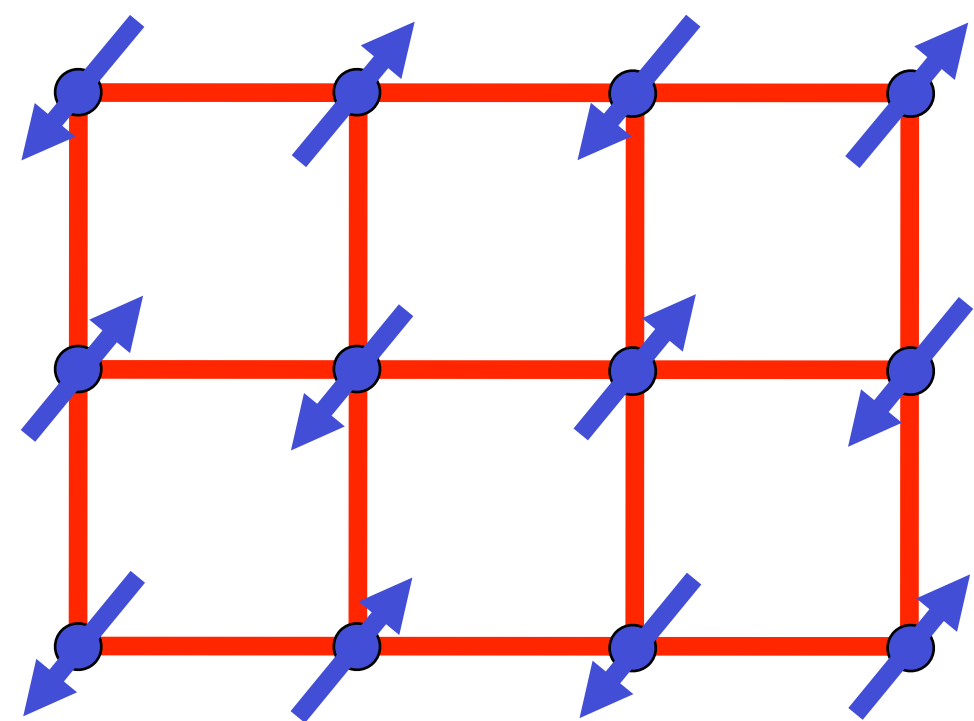
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Low energy $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ U(1) gauge theory

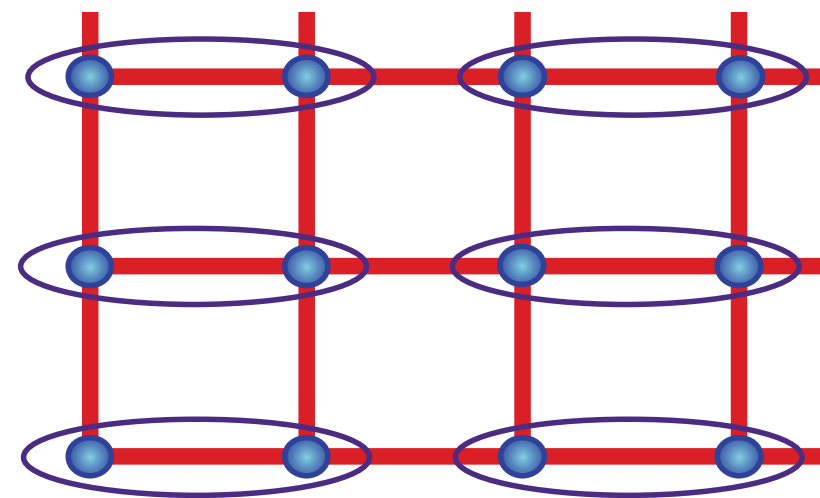
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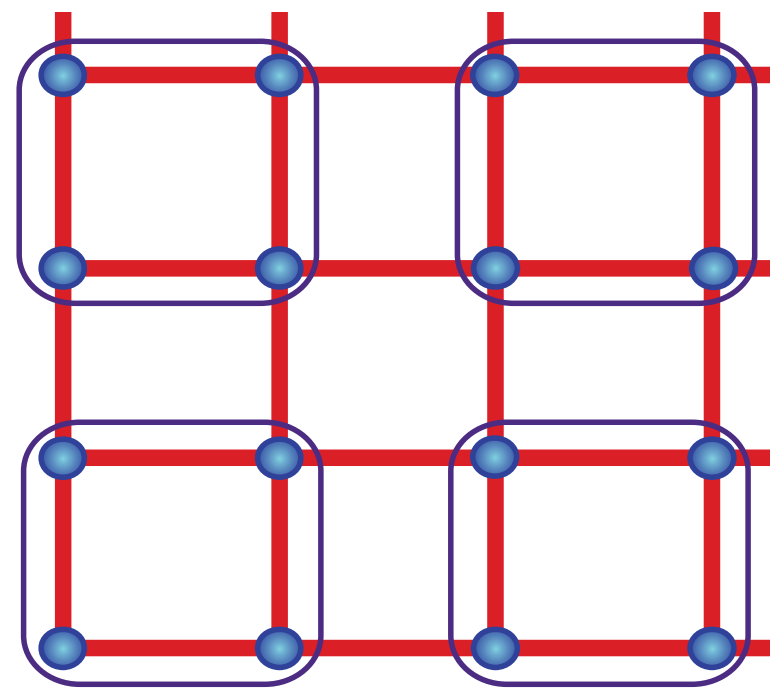
Insulating $S=1/2$ antiferromagnet



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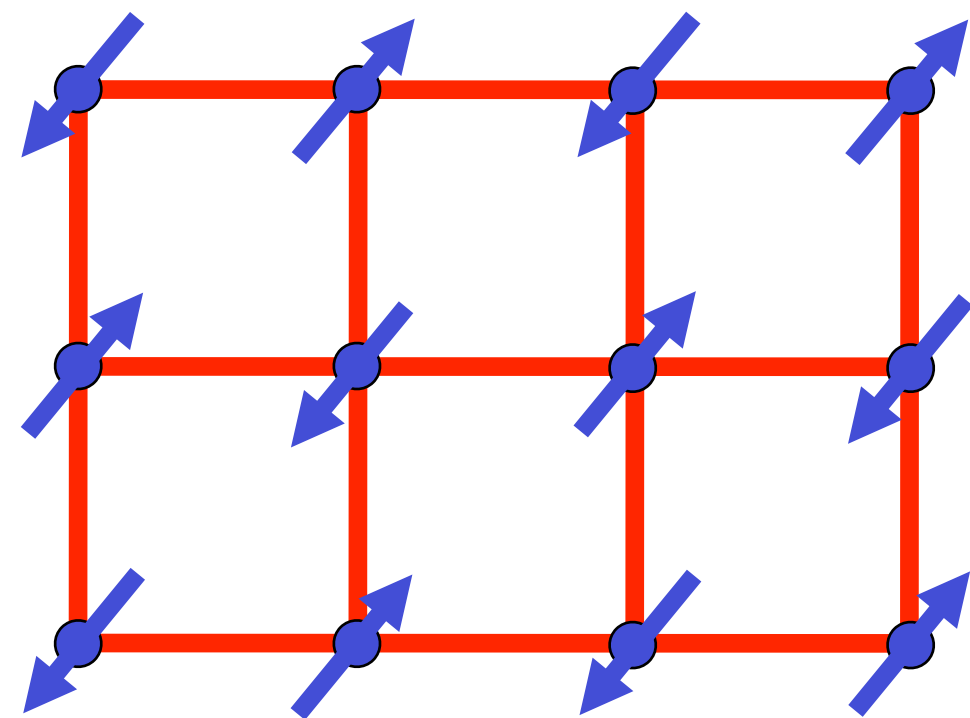
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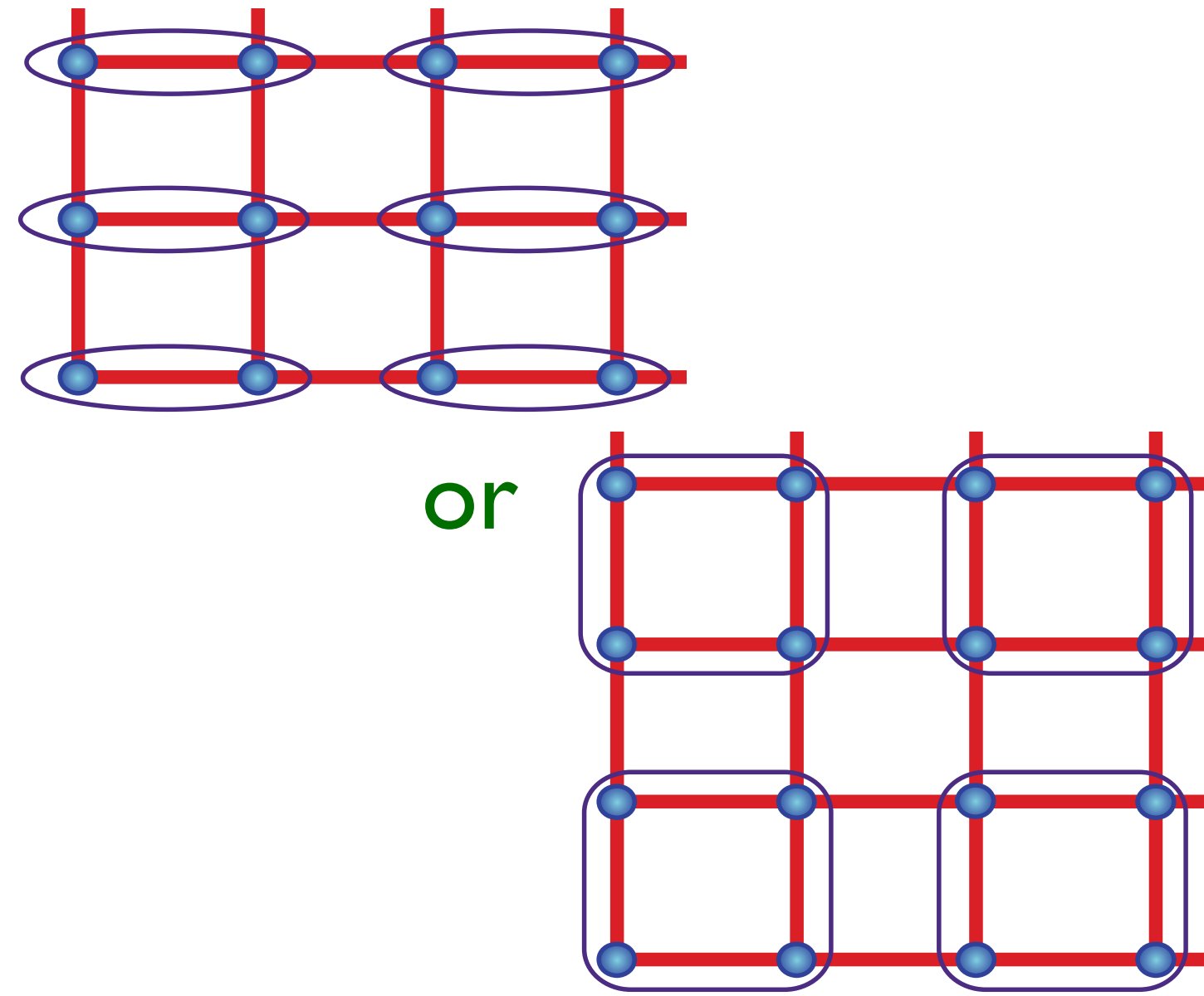
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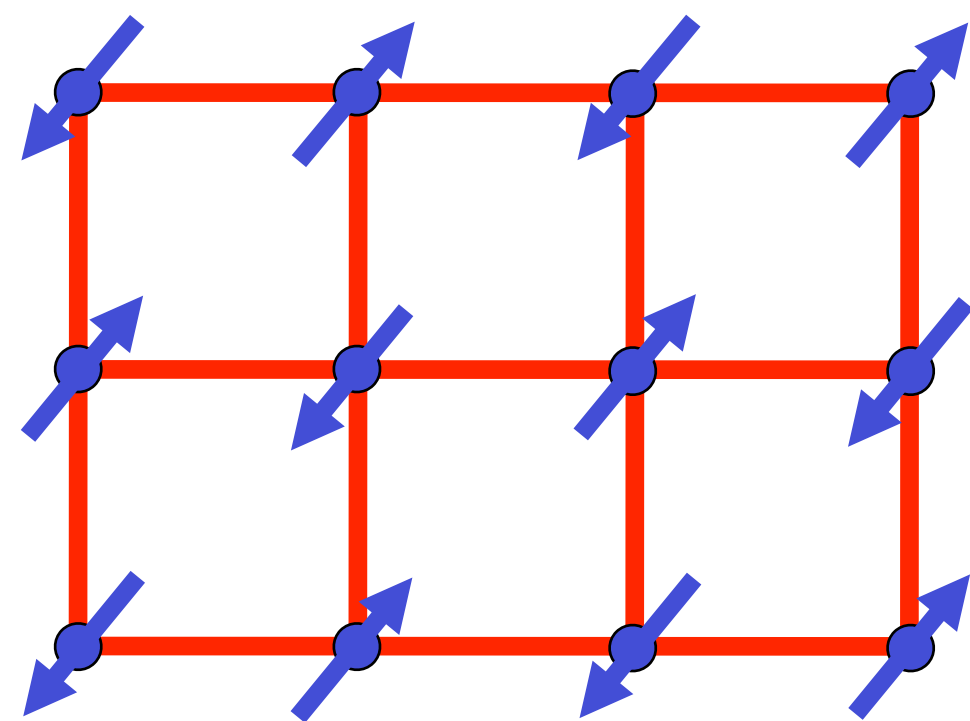
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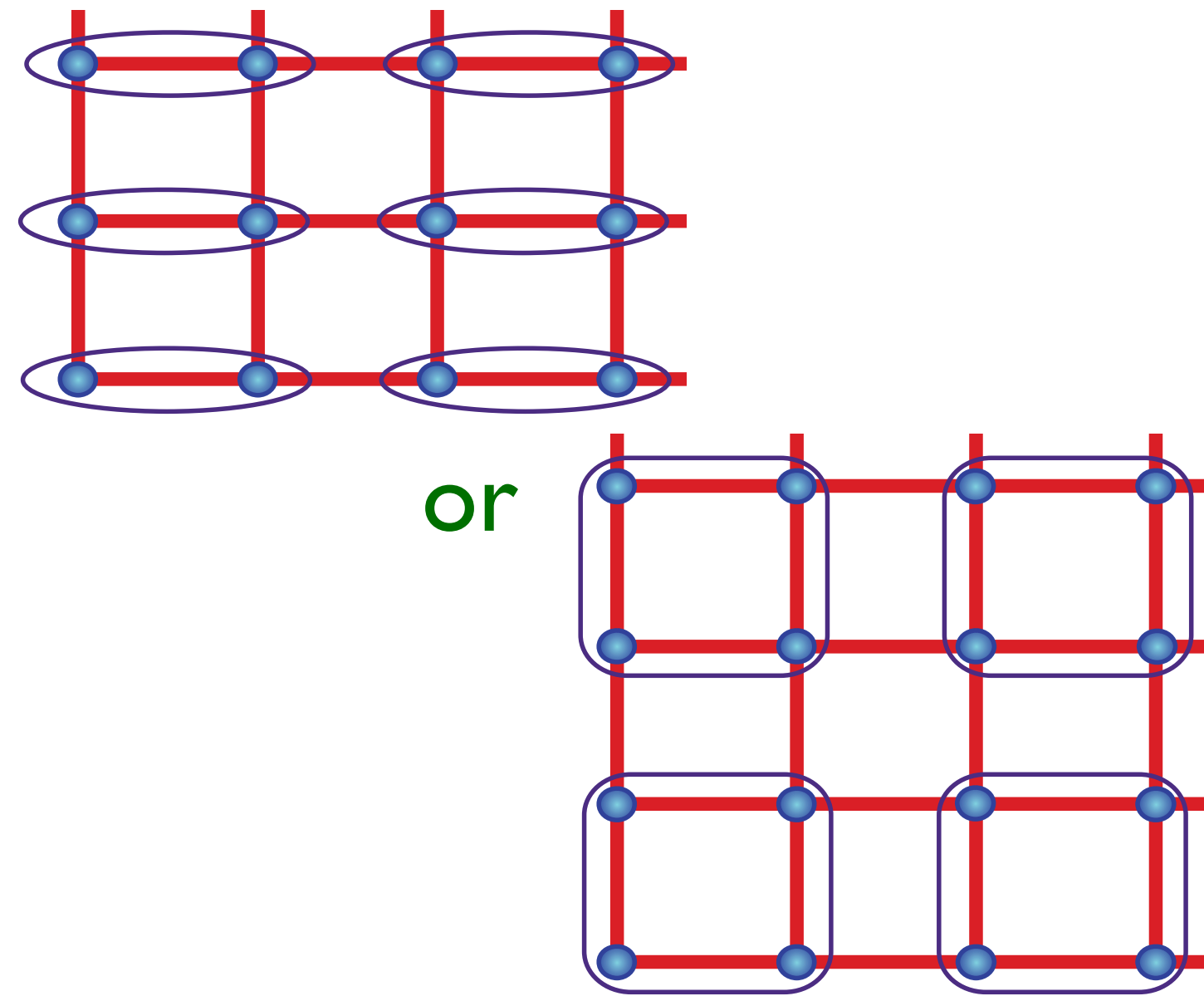
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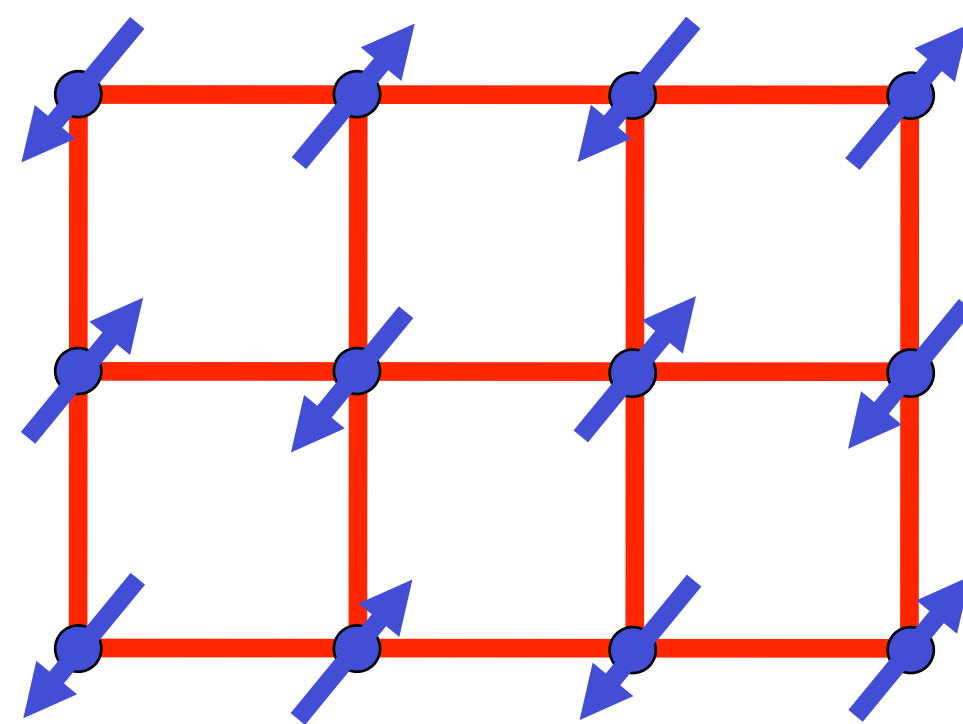
Dual to $\mathbb{C}P^1$ U(1) gauge theory.

Include charge fluctuations at half-filling: repulsive Hubbard model with pair-hopping

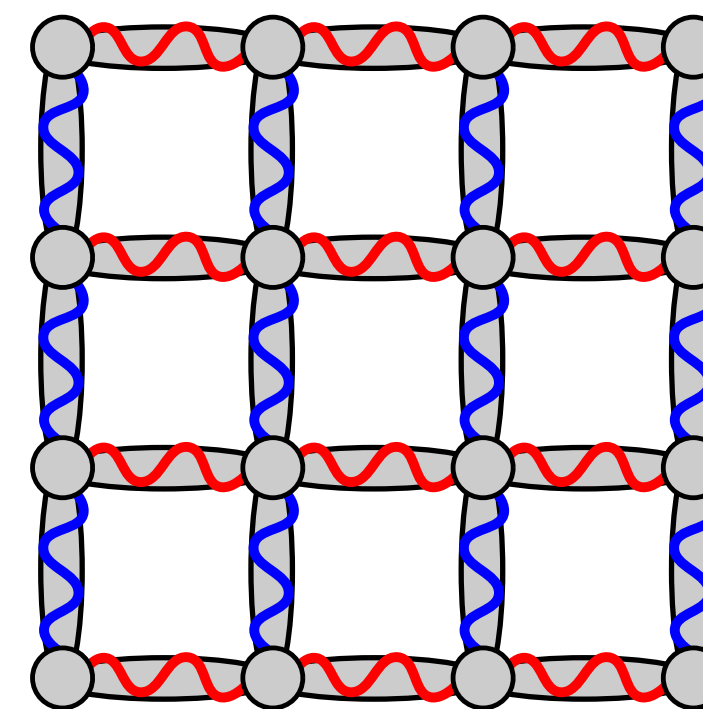
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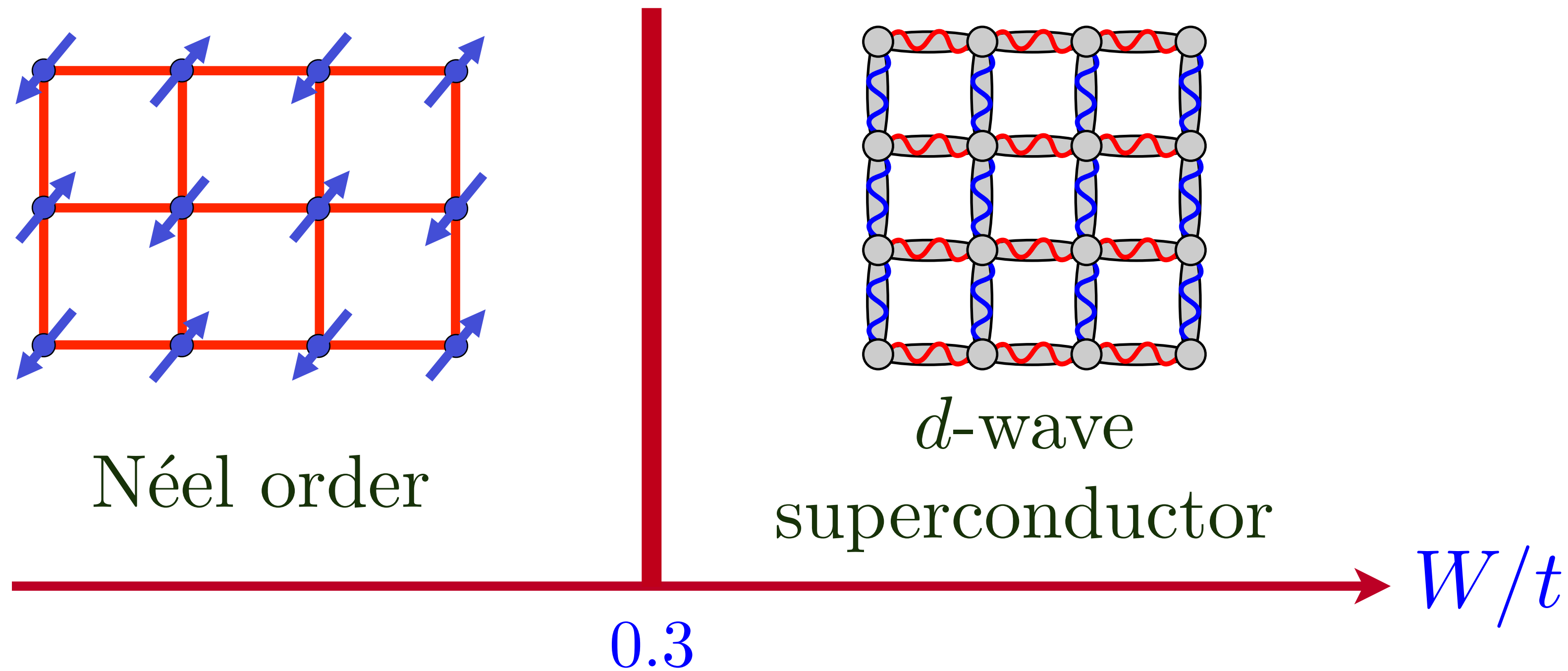
$$U/t = 4$$



Néel order



d-wave
superconductor

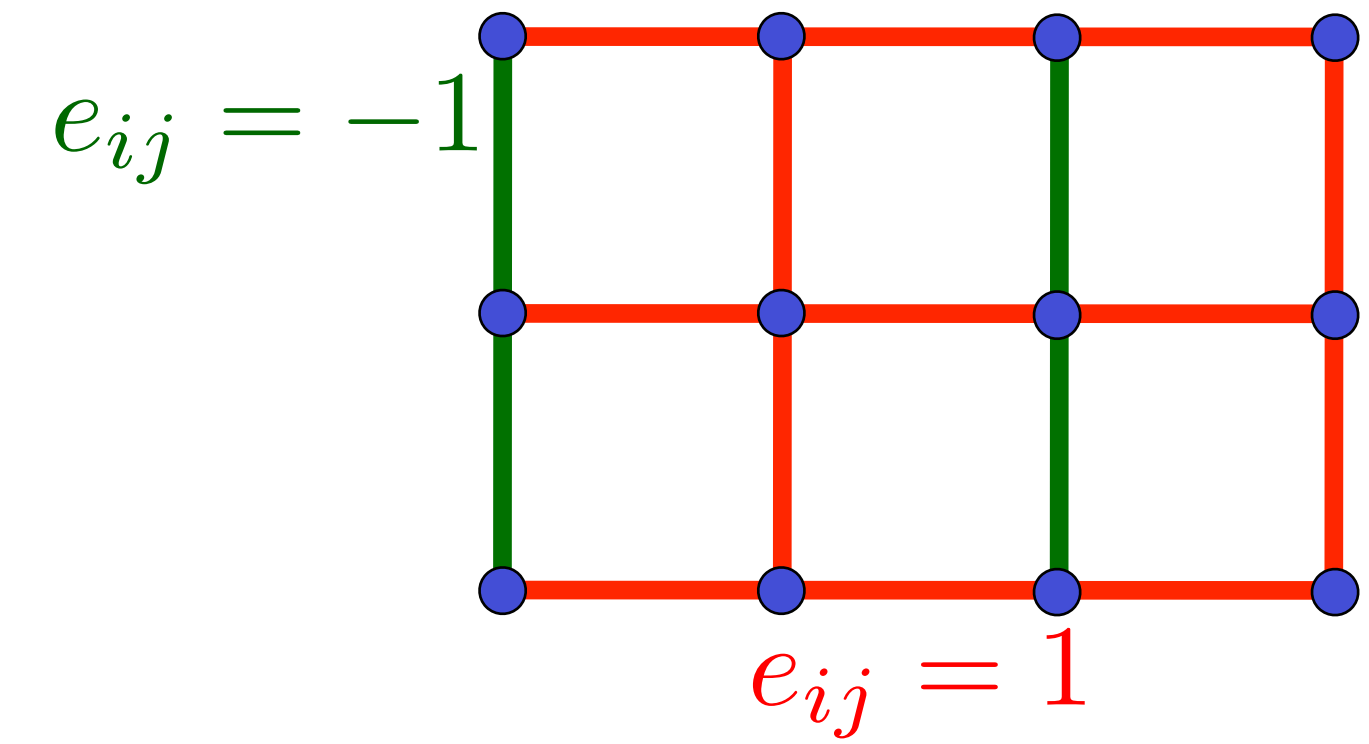


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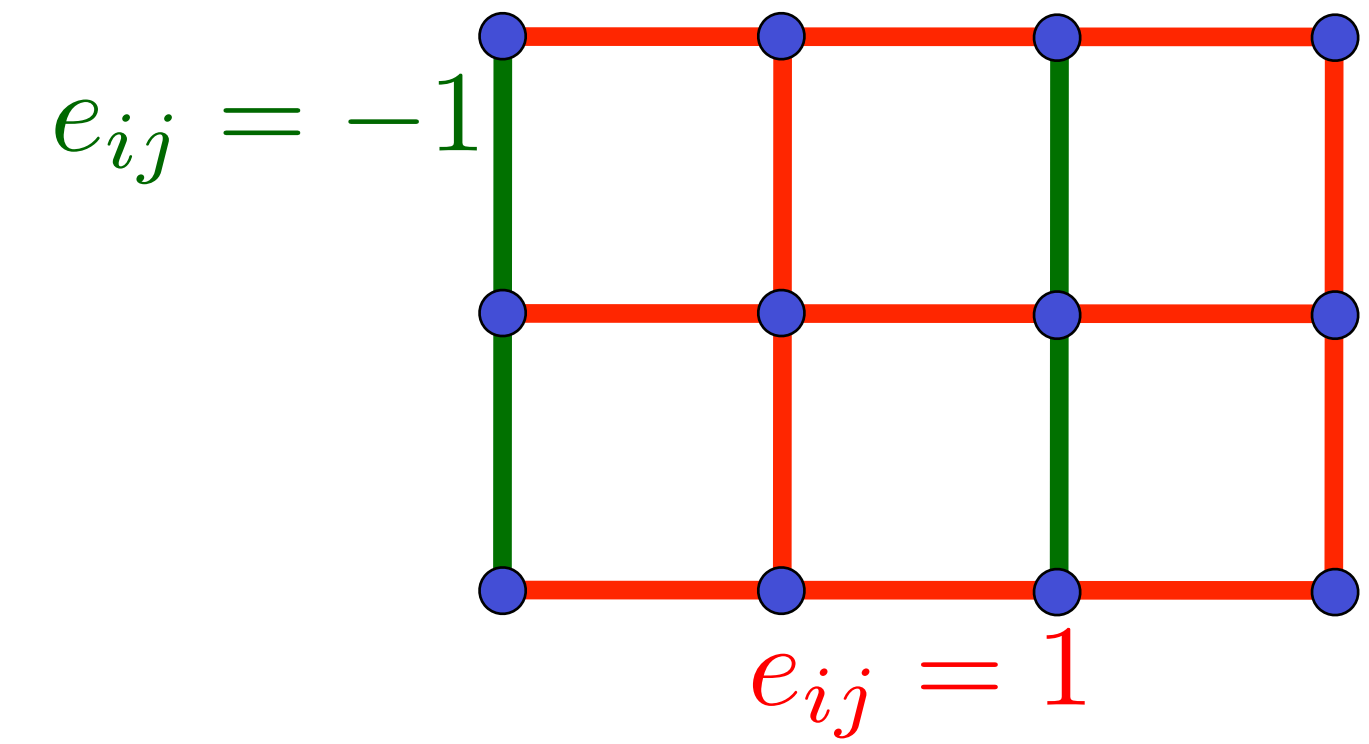


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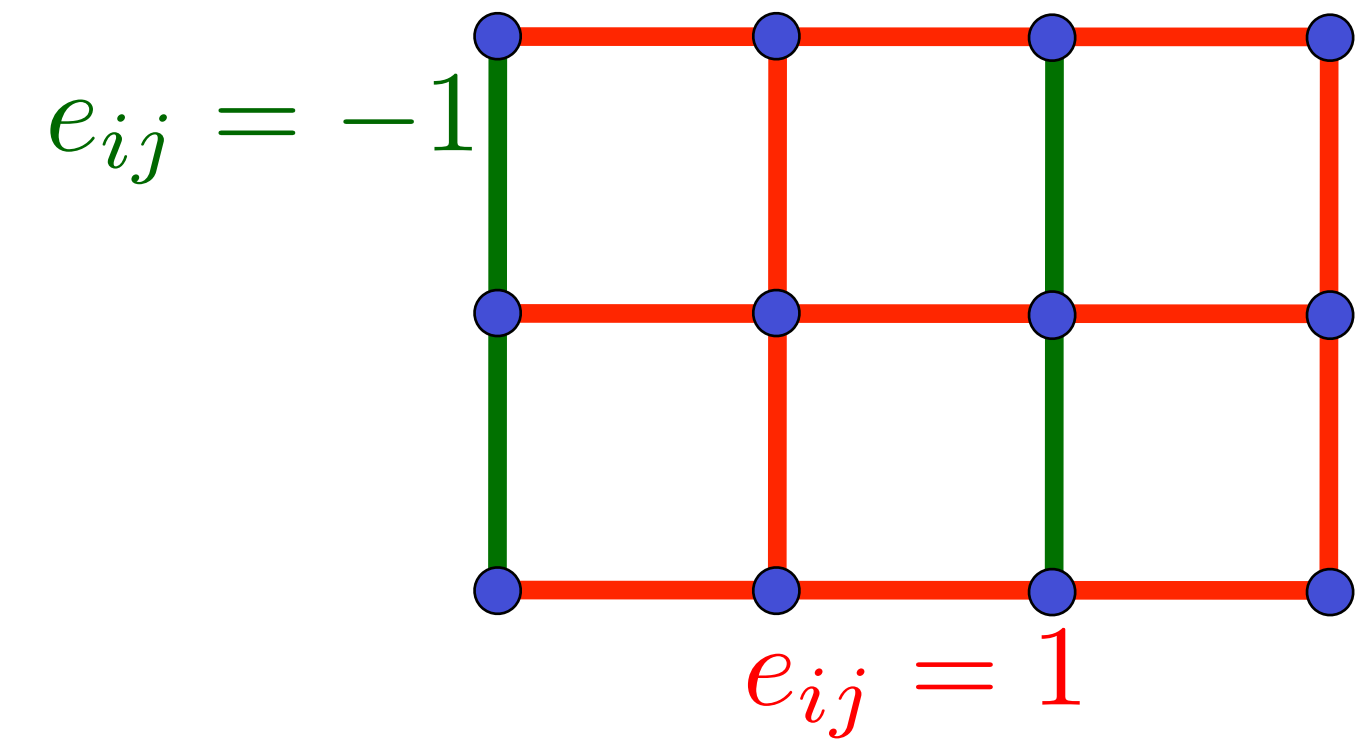


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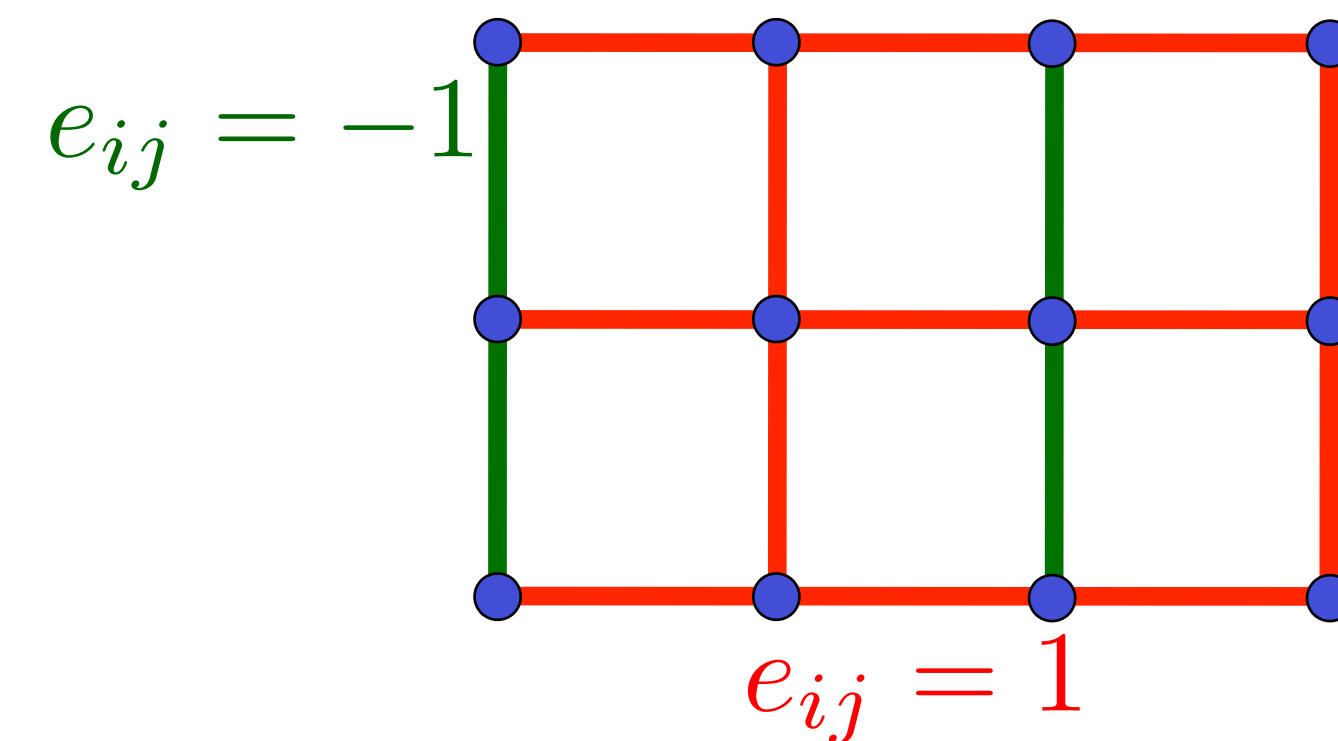


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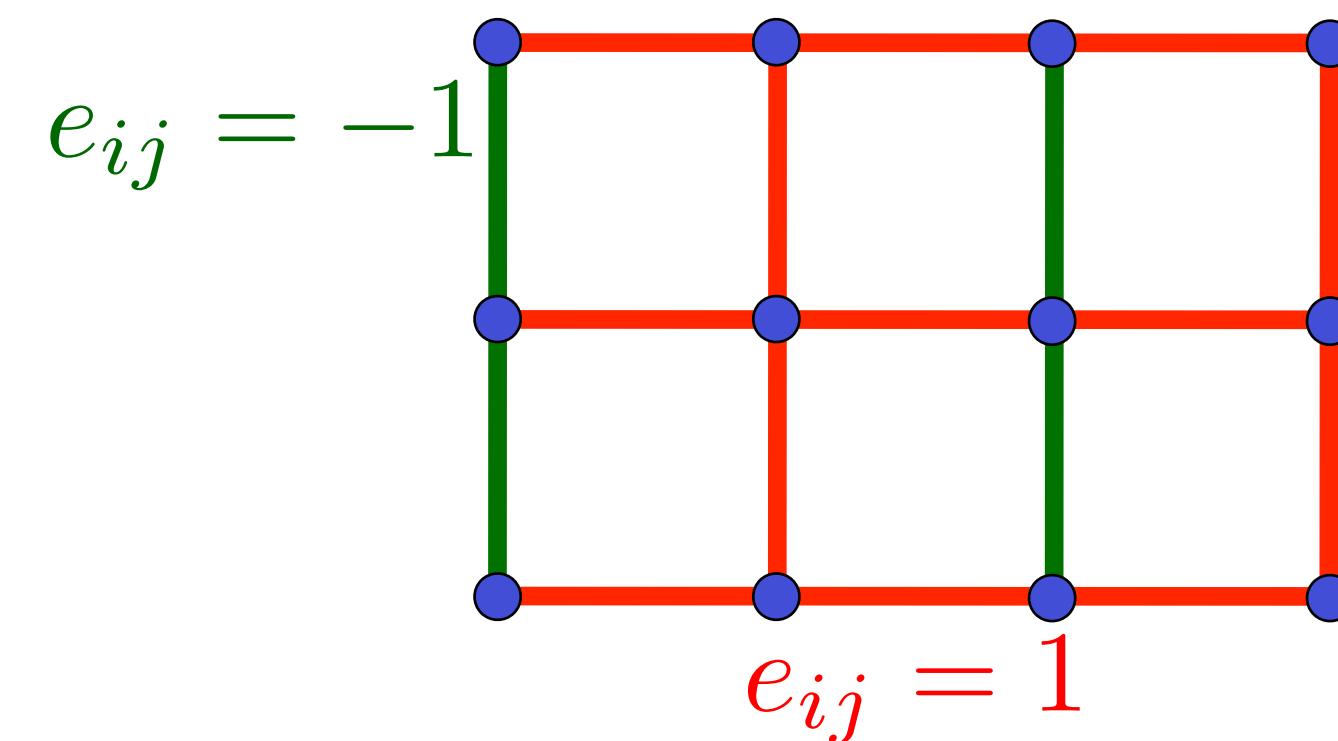
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$$\mathcal{L}(B) = H_B + \frac{u}{2} \sum_i \rho_i^2 + V_1 \sum_i \rho_i (\rho_{i+\hat{x}} + \rho_{i+\hat{y}}) + g \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |\Delta_{ij}|^2$$

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

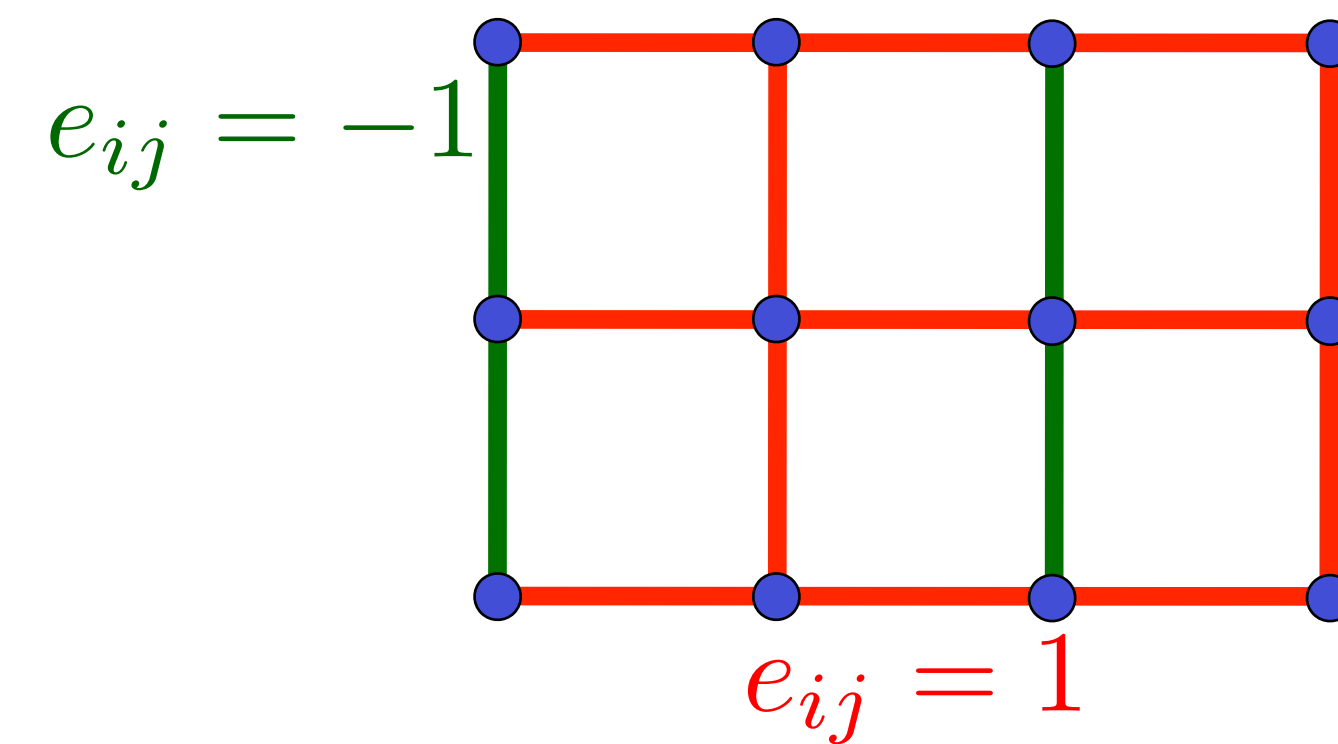
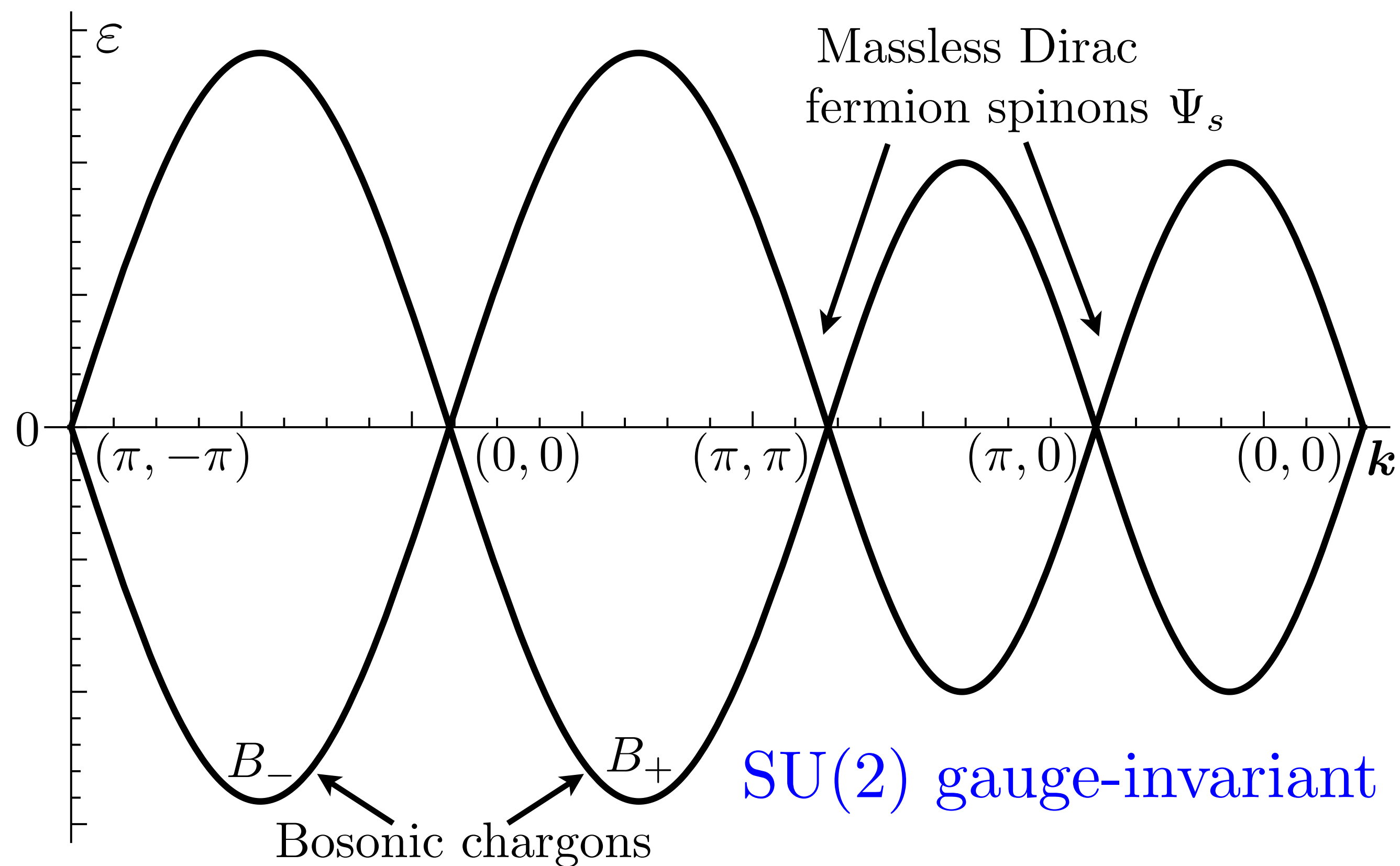
site charge density: $\langle c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha} \rangle \sim \rho_i = B_i^\dagger B_i$

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SU(2) gauge-invariant order parameters of Higgs phases:

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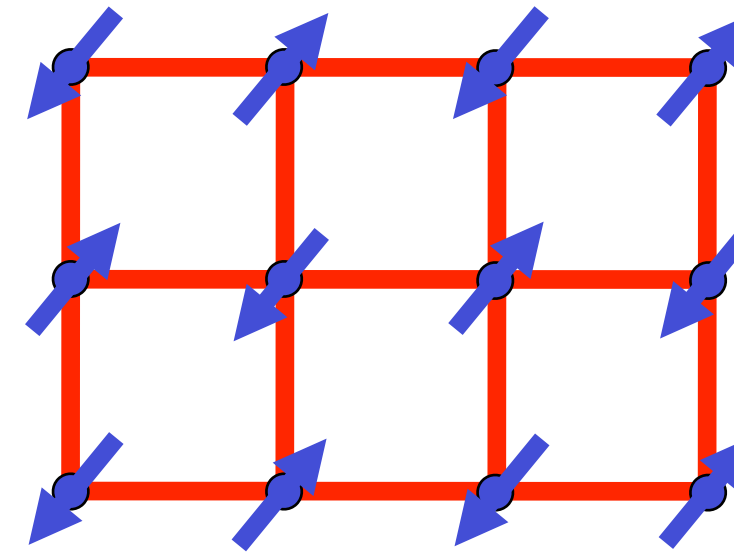
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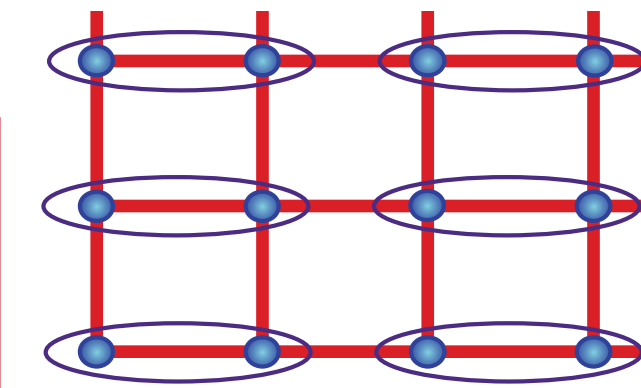
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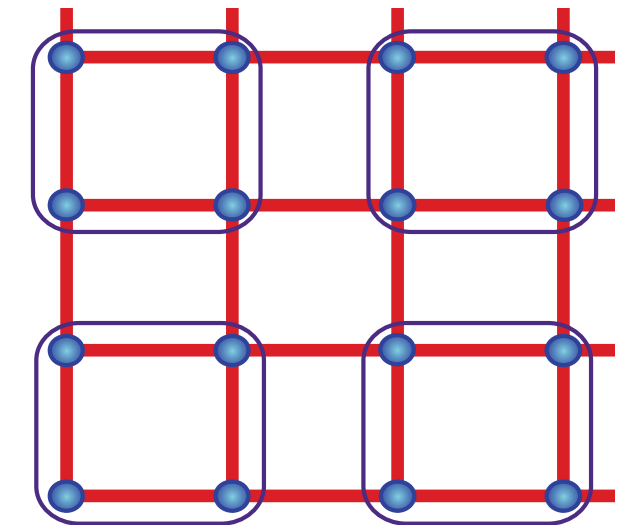
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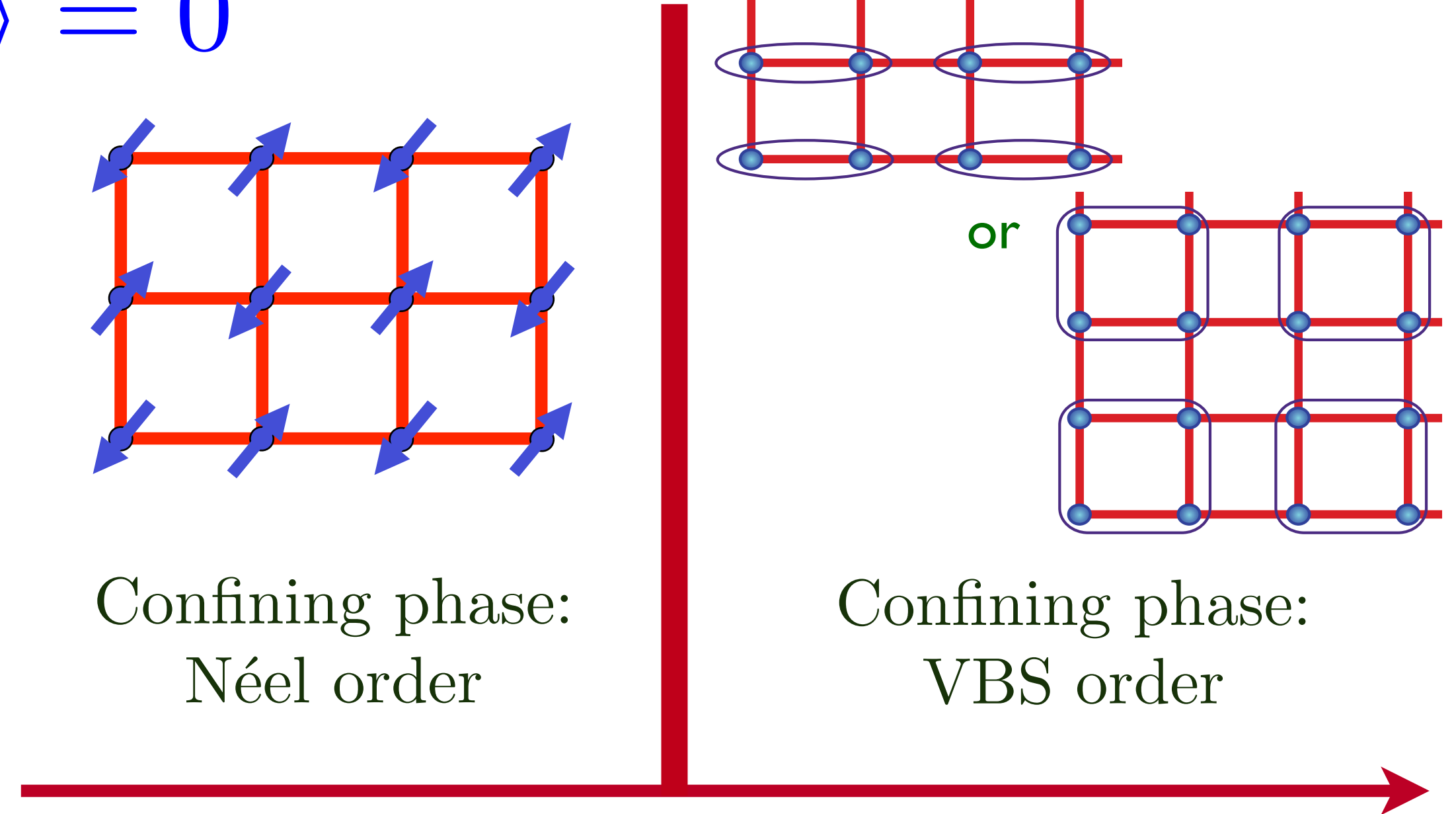
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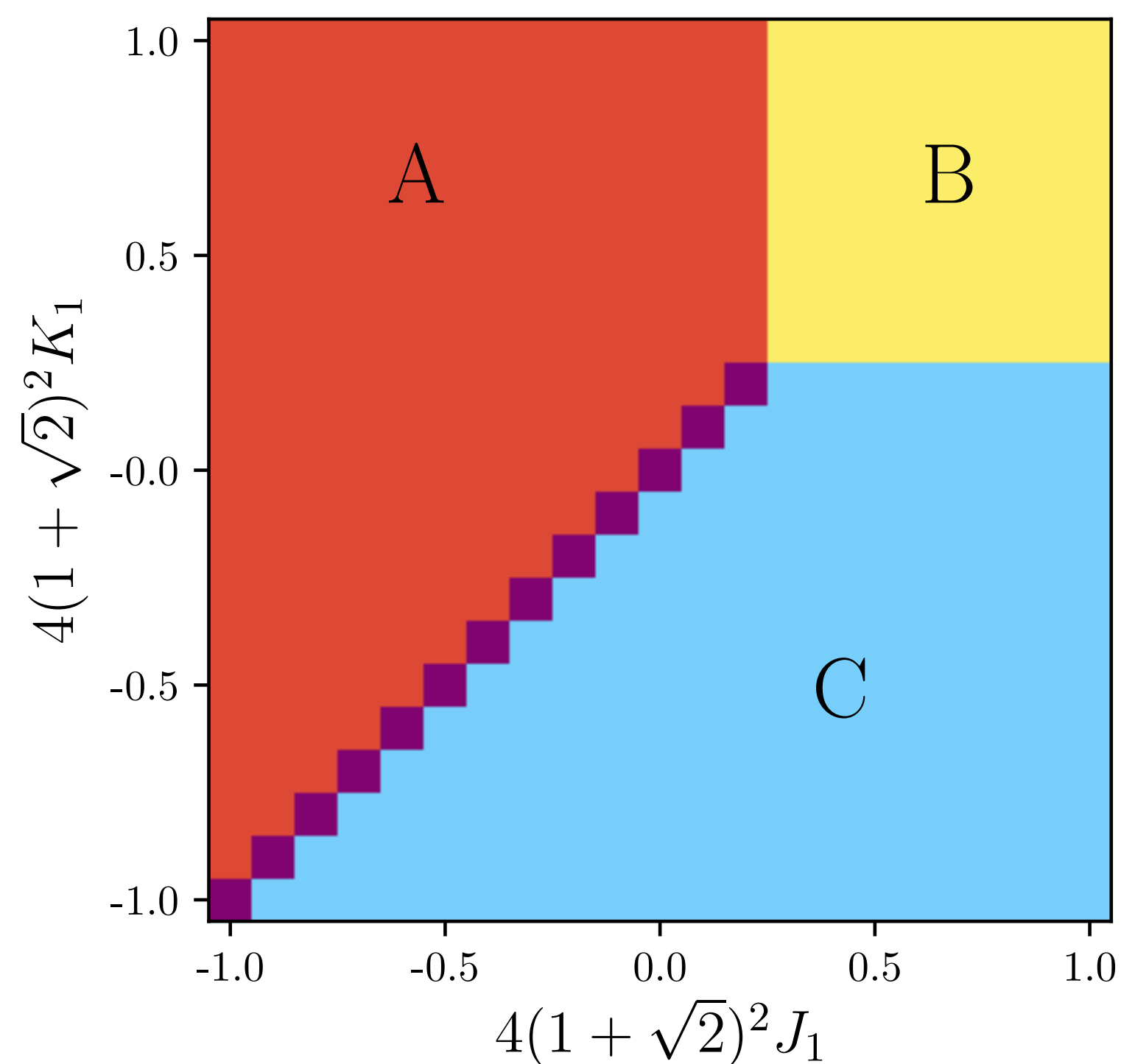
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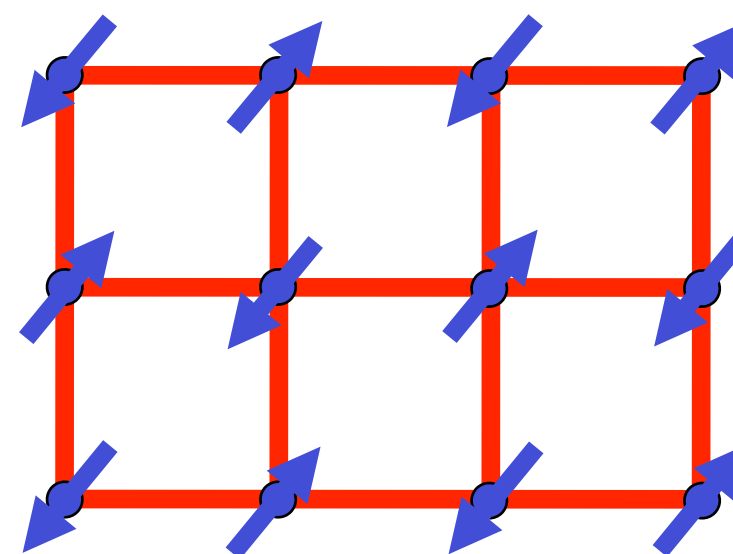


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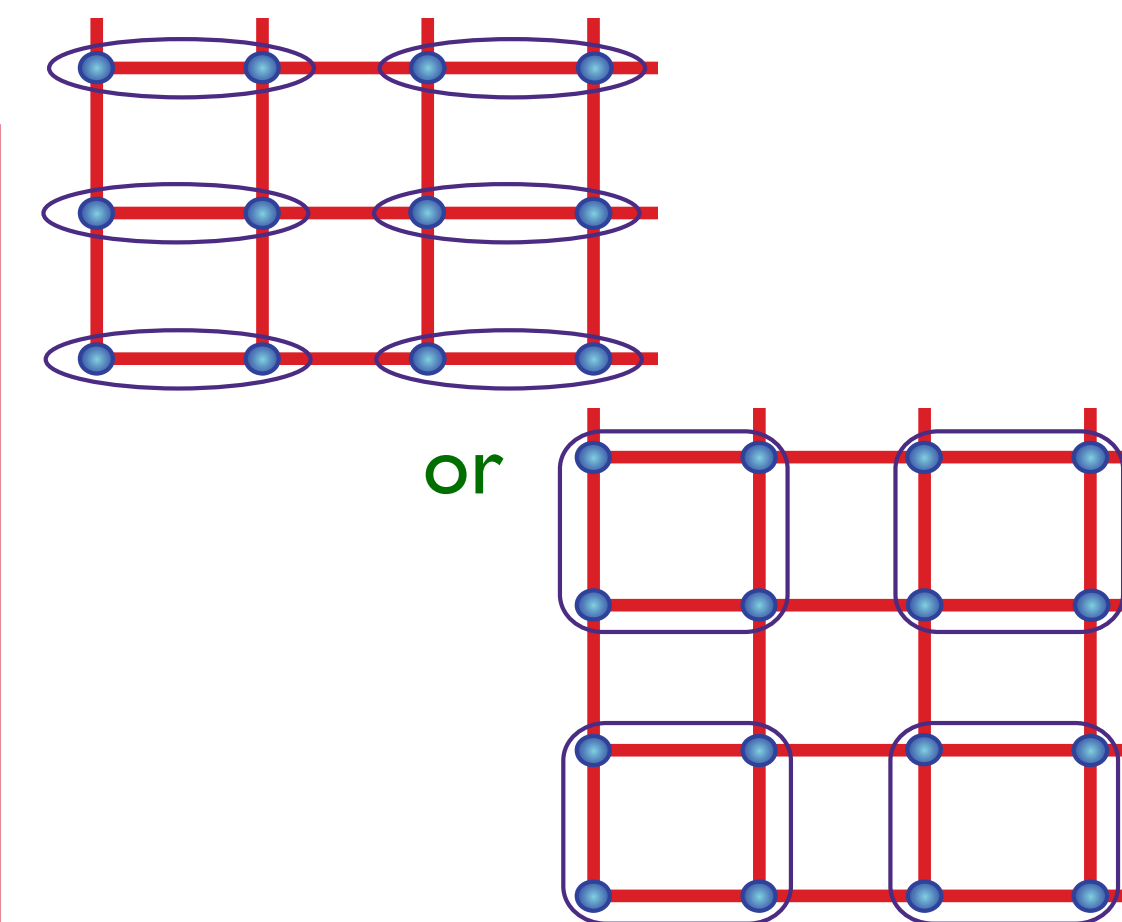


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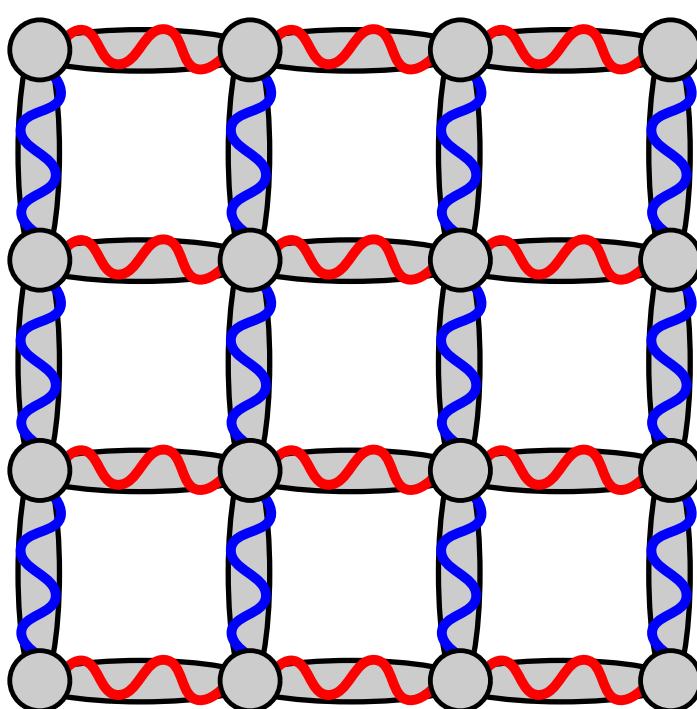


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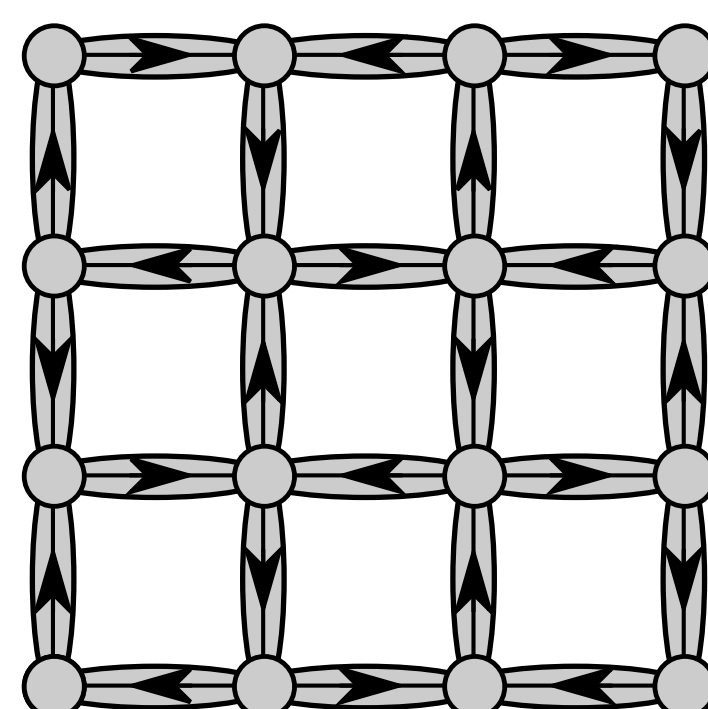


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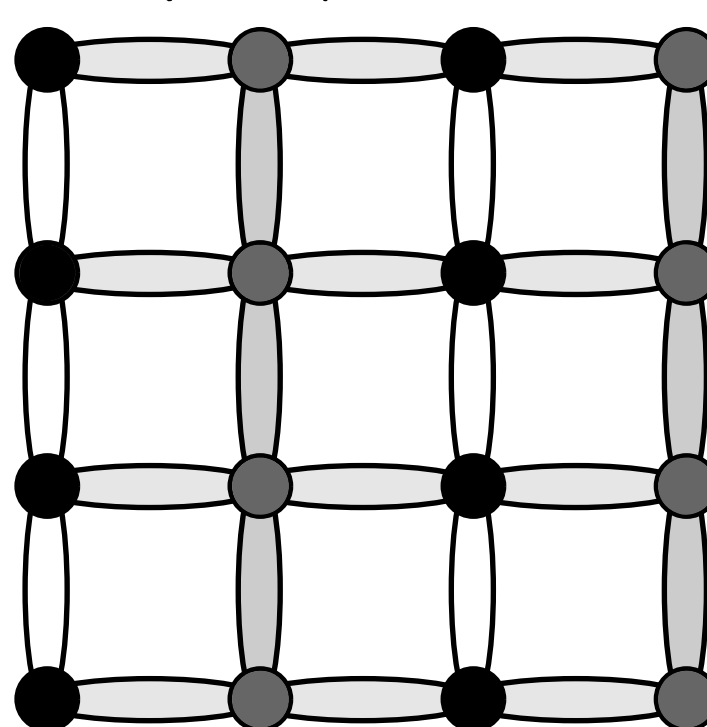
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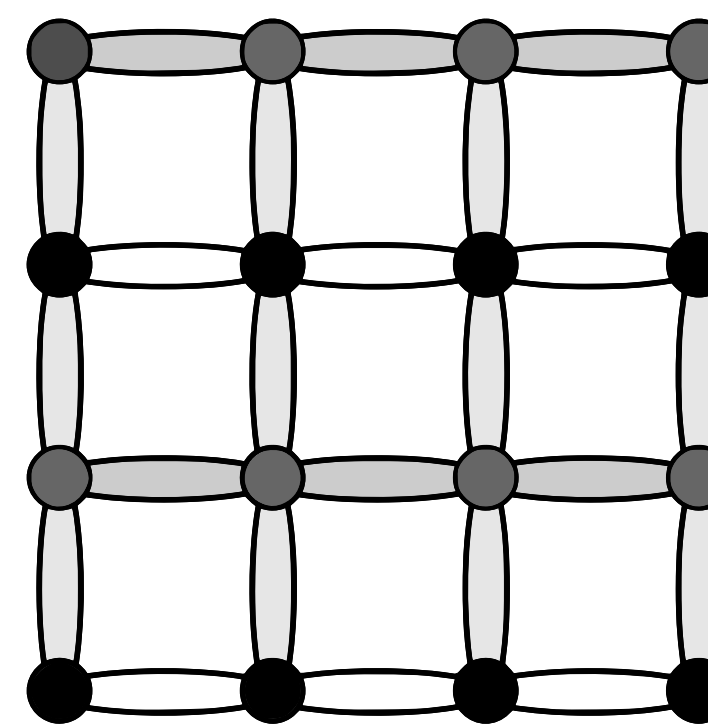
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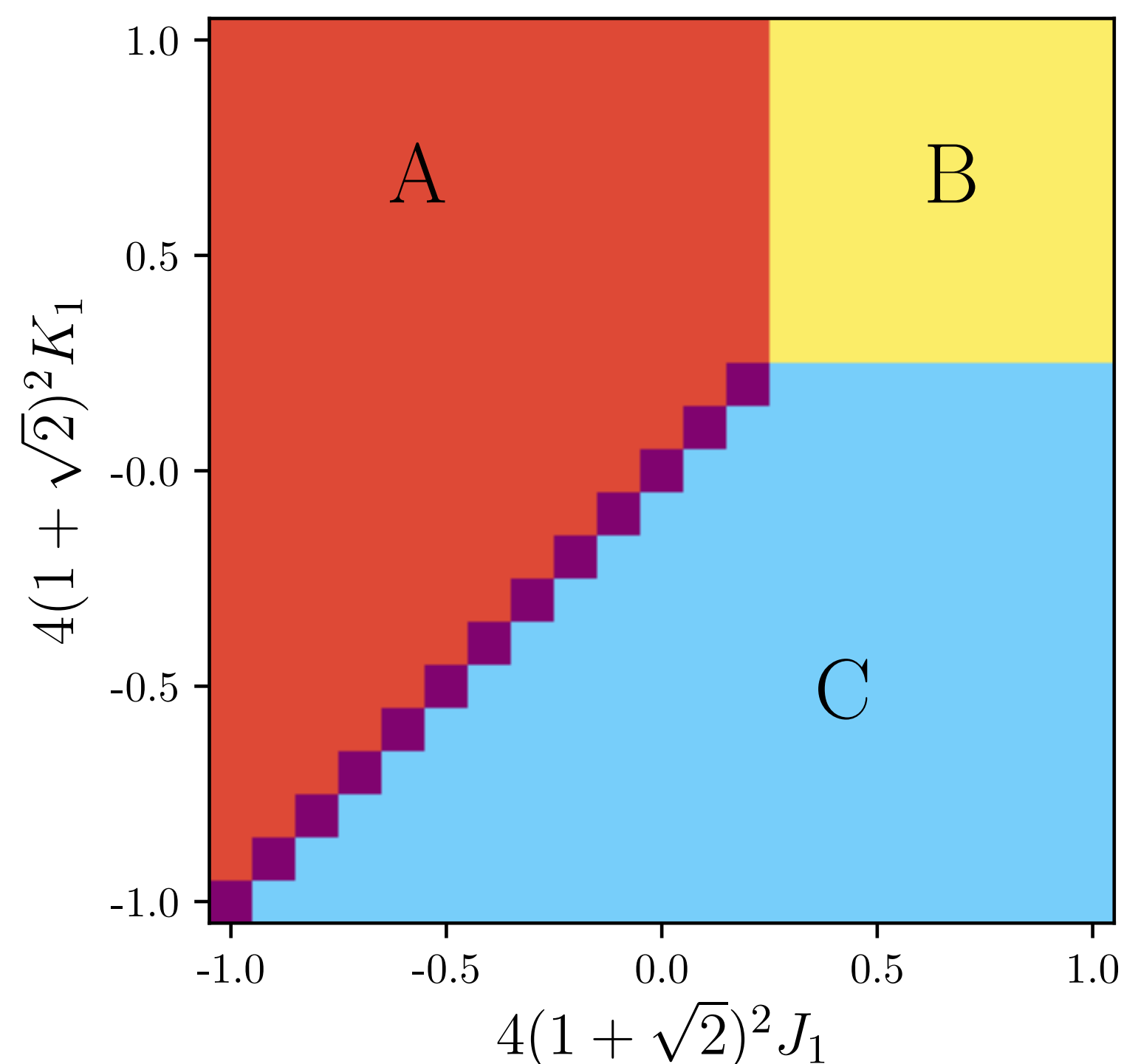
Phase A
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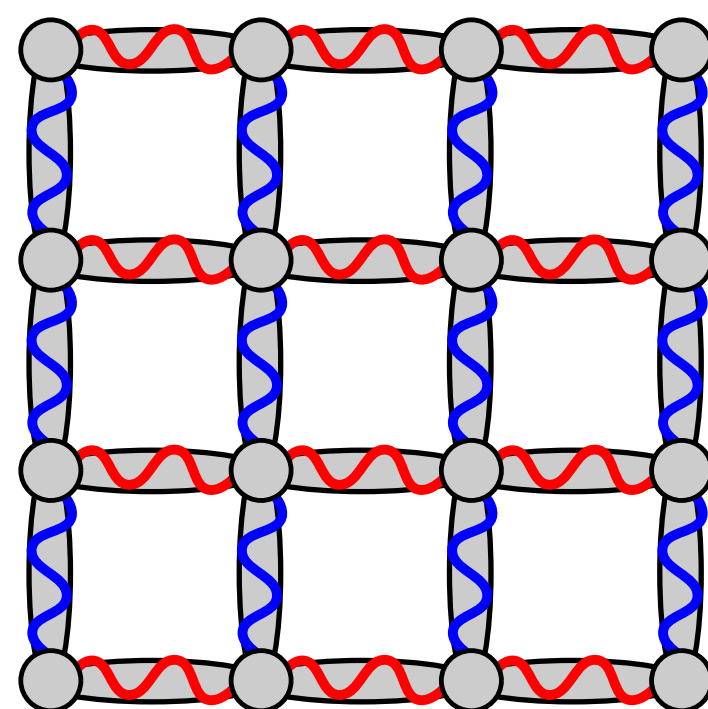
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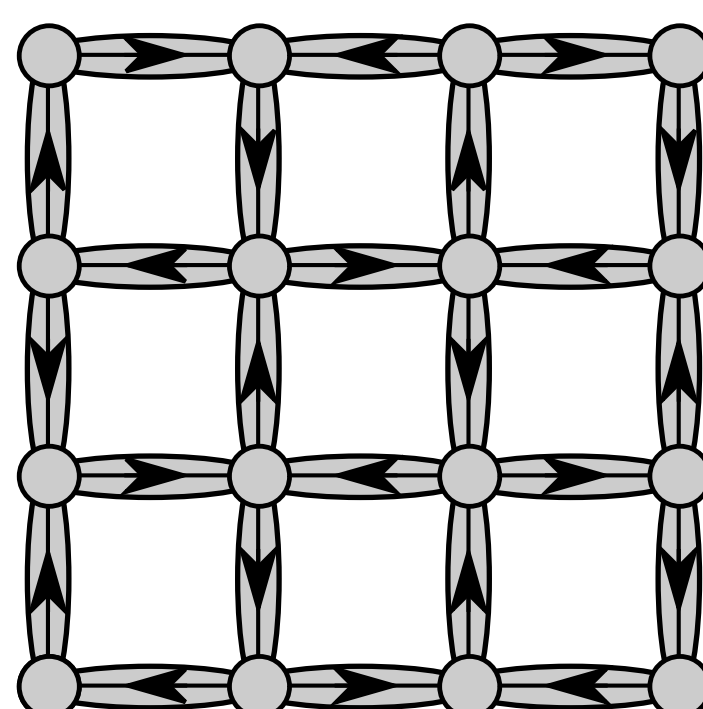
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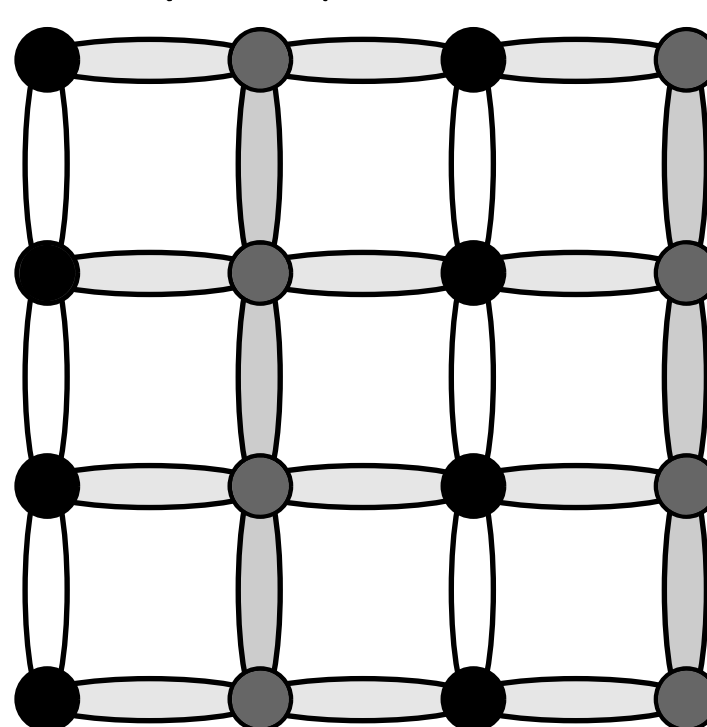
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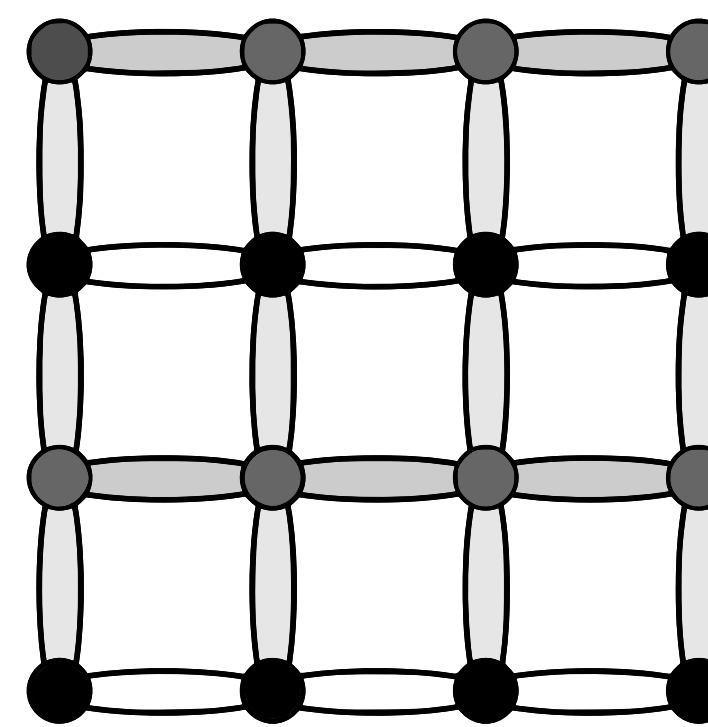
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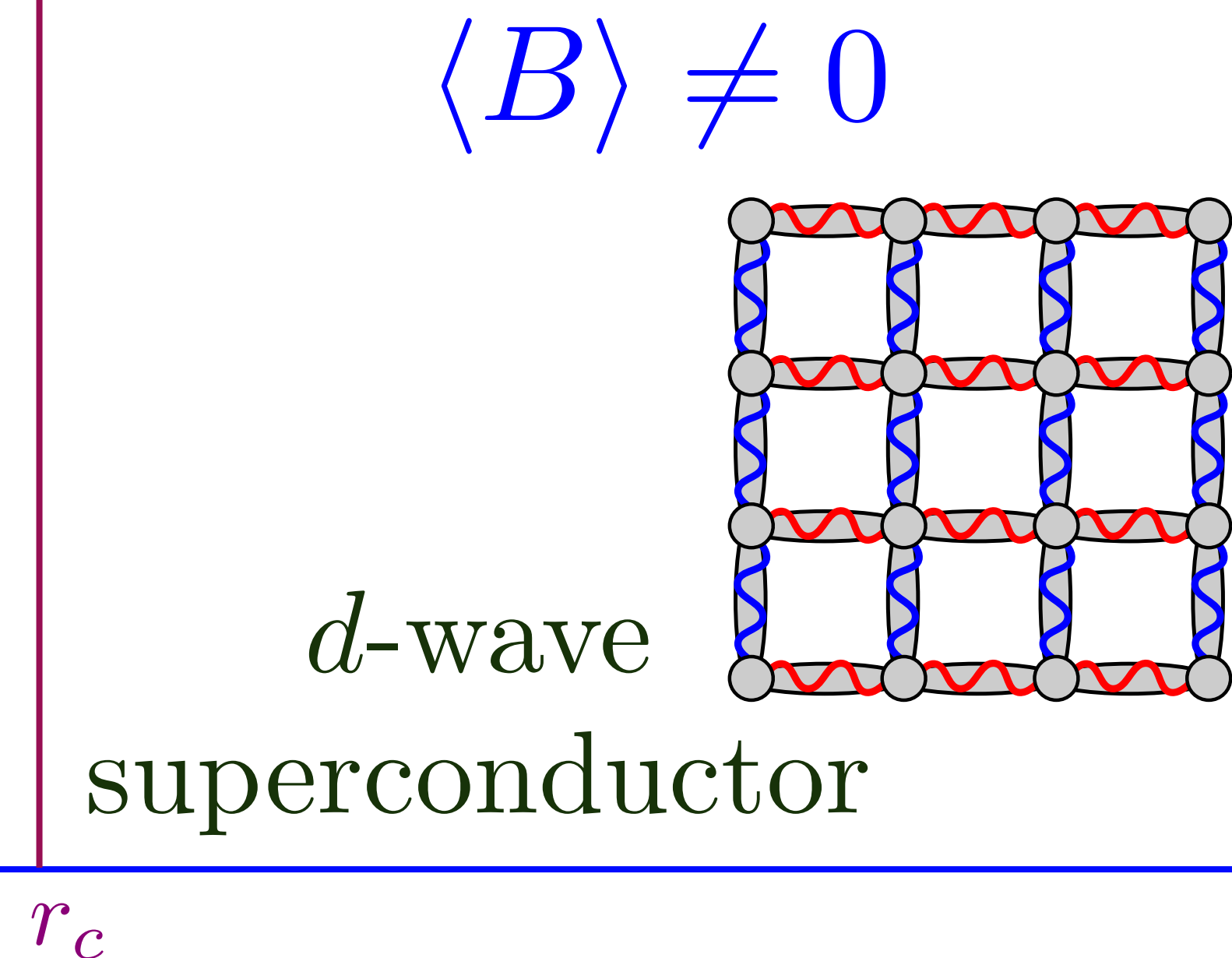
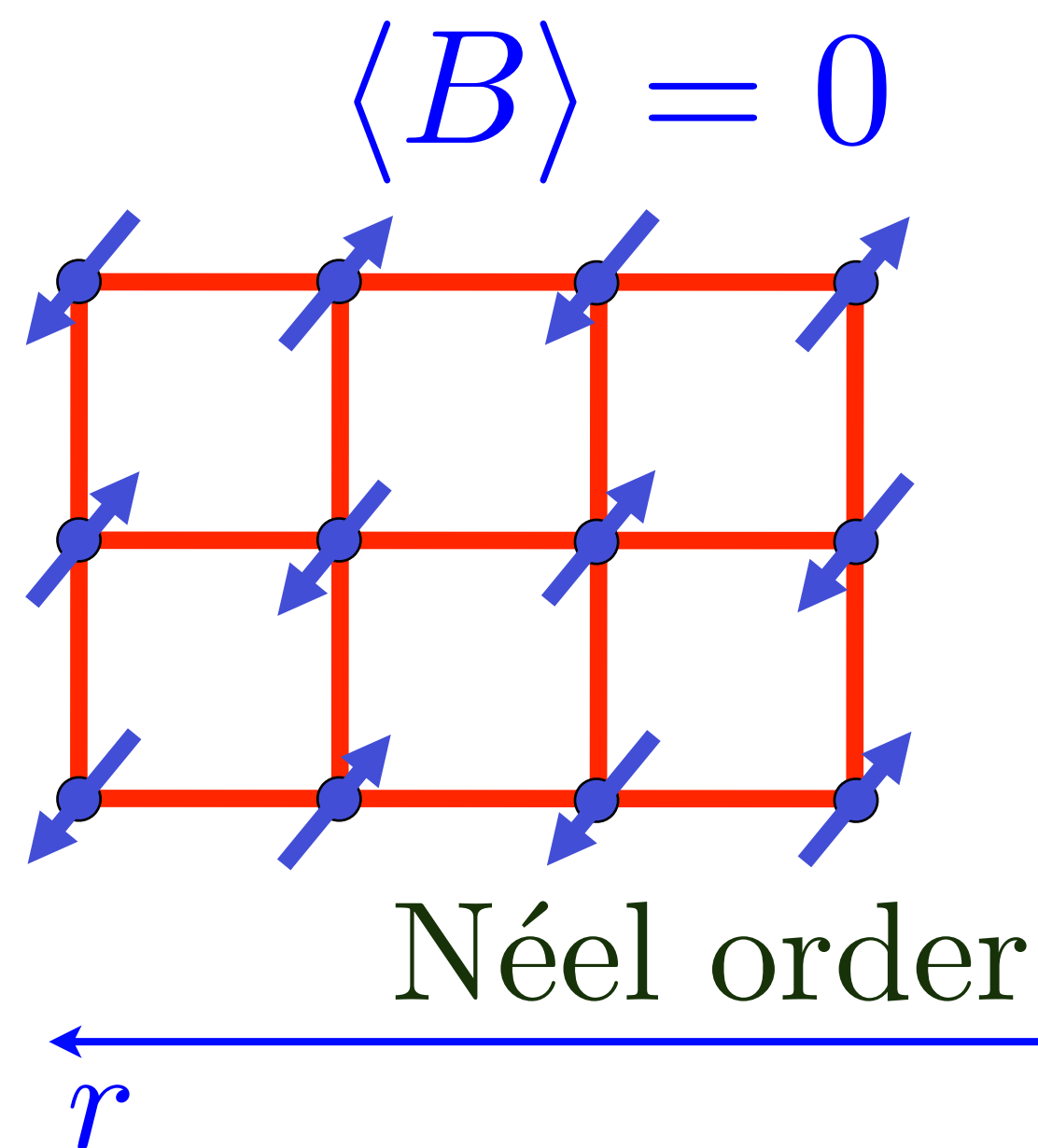
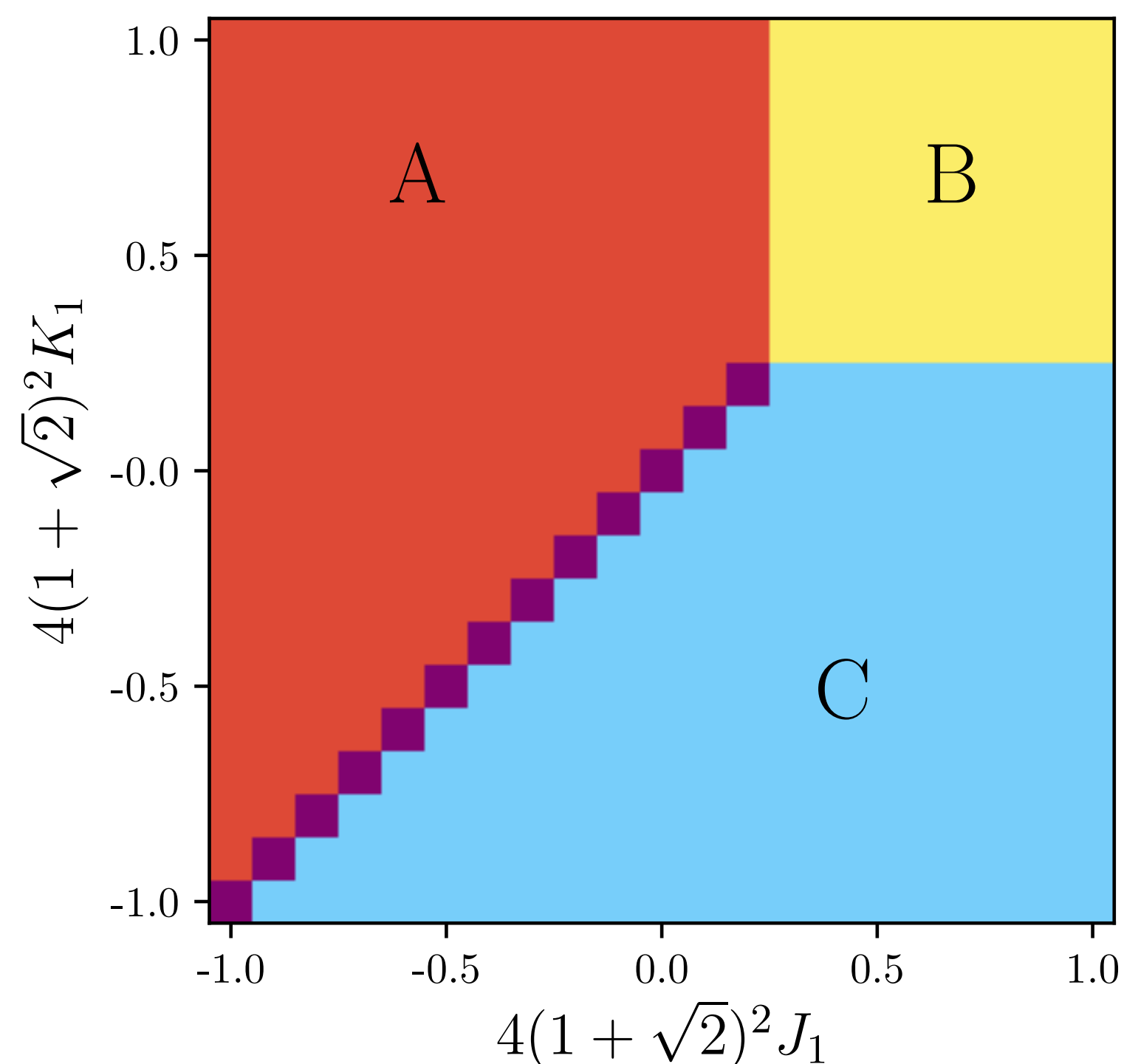
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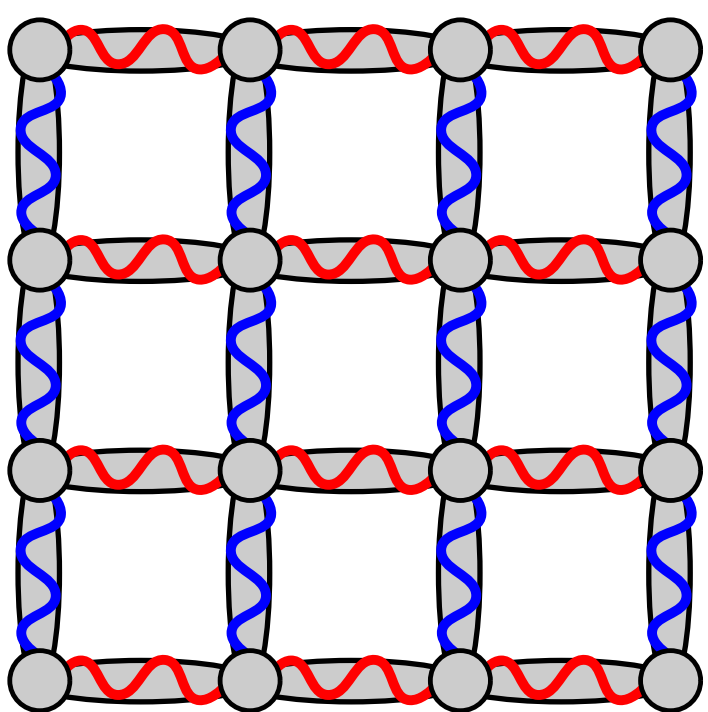


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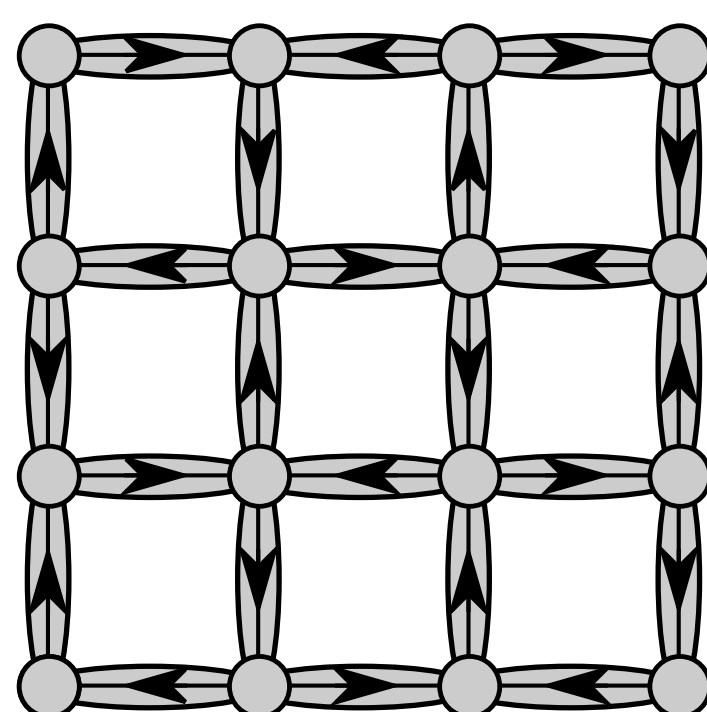
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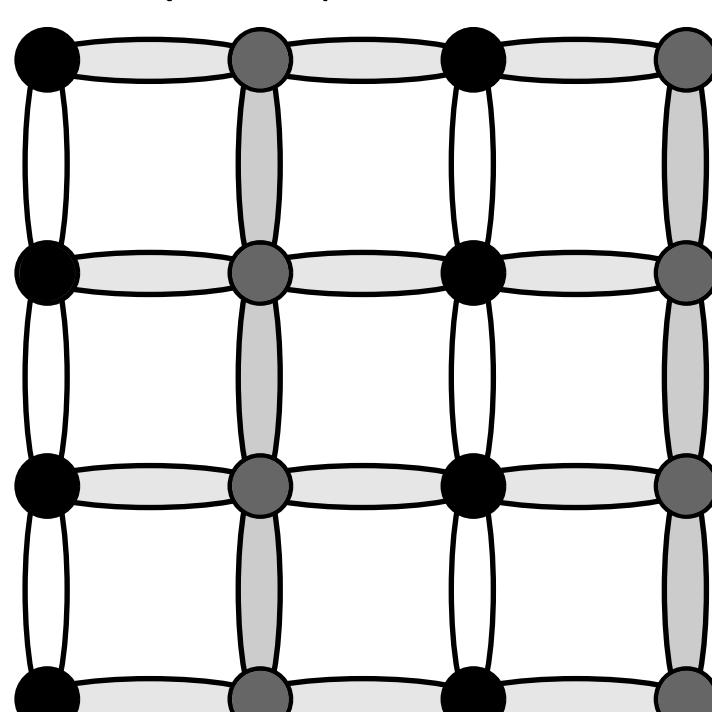
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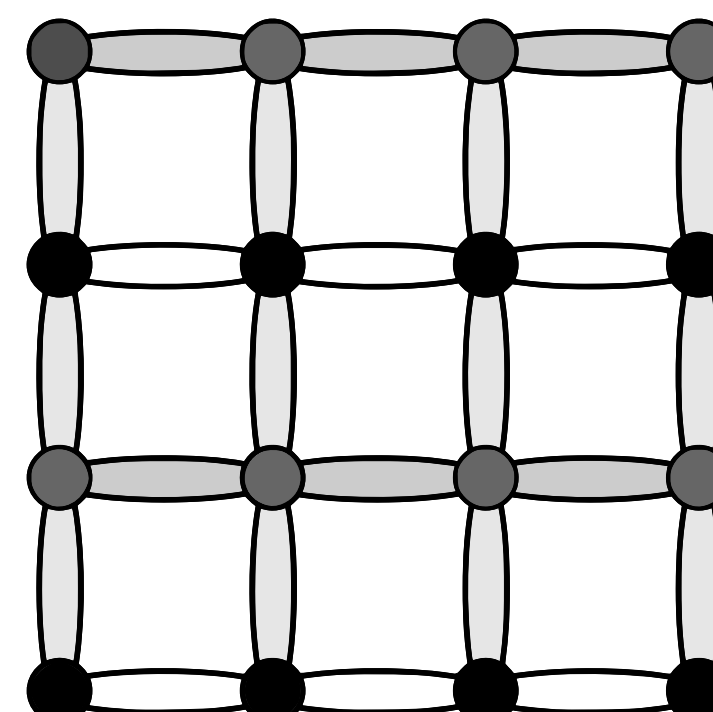
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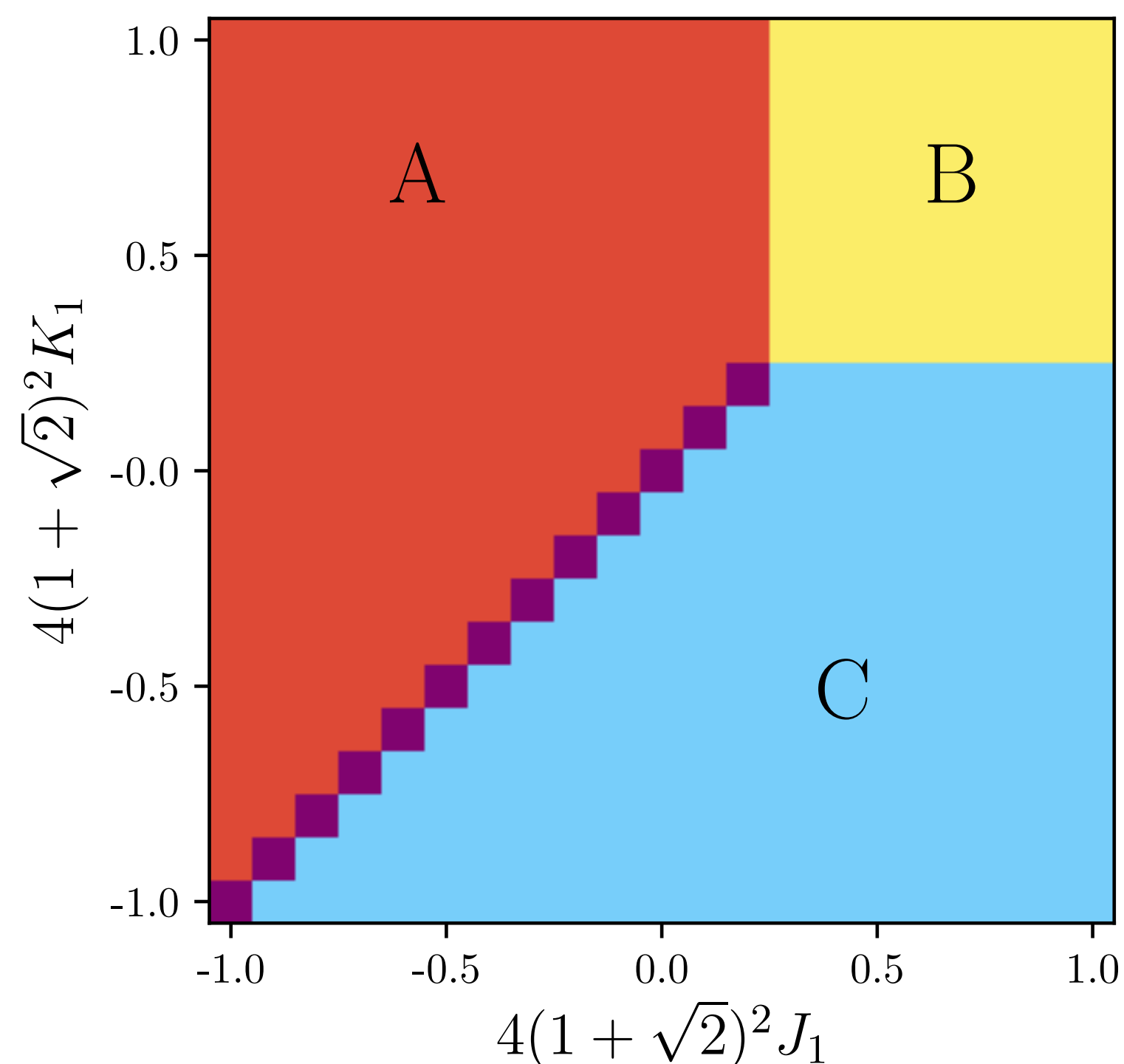


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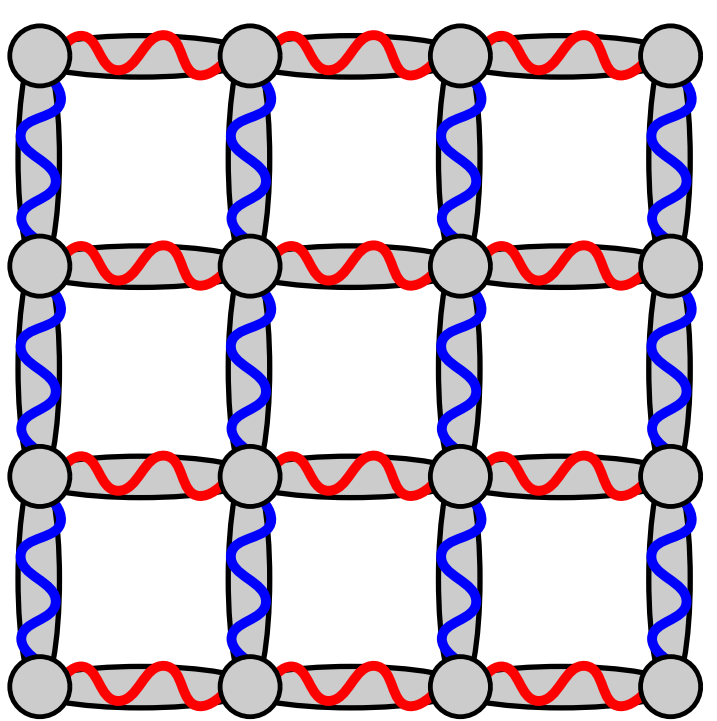
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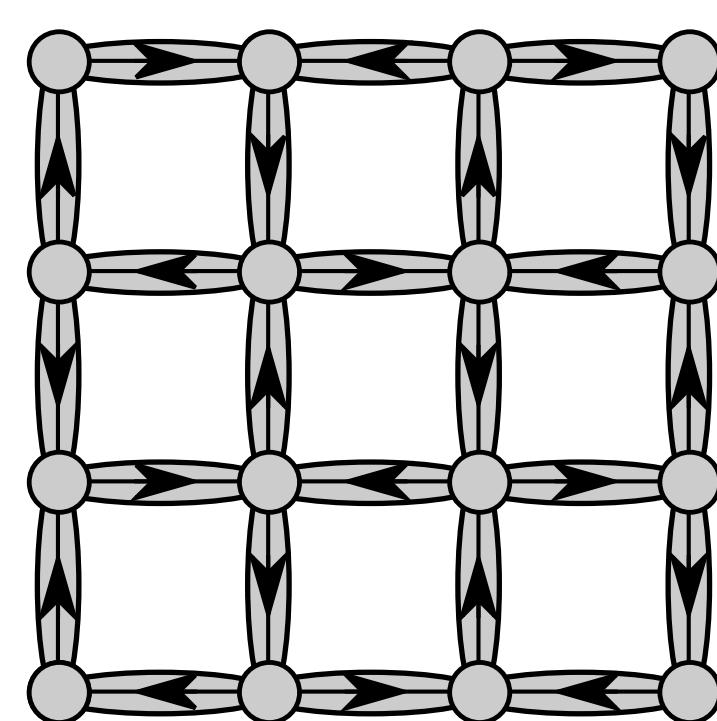
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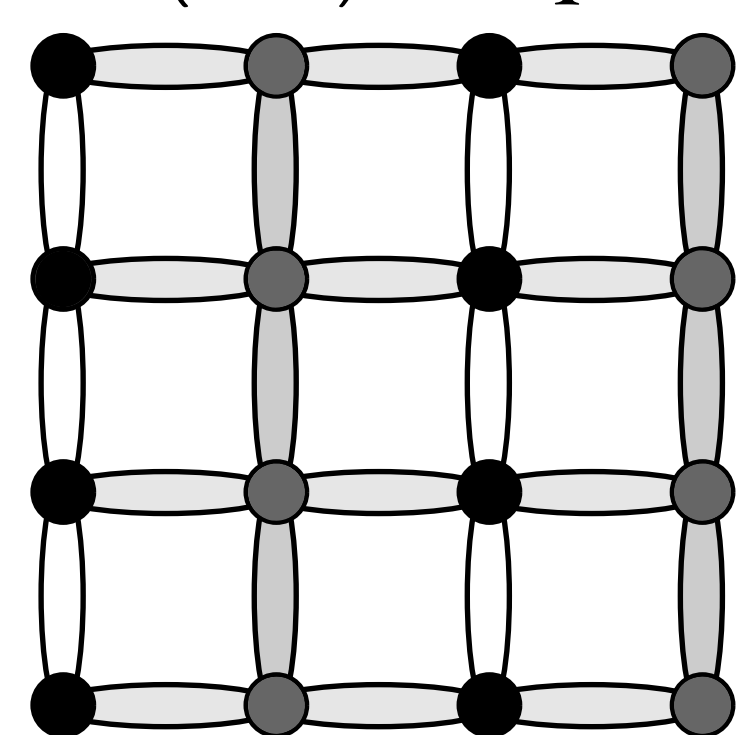
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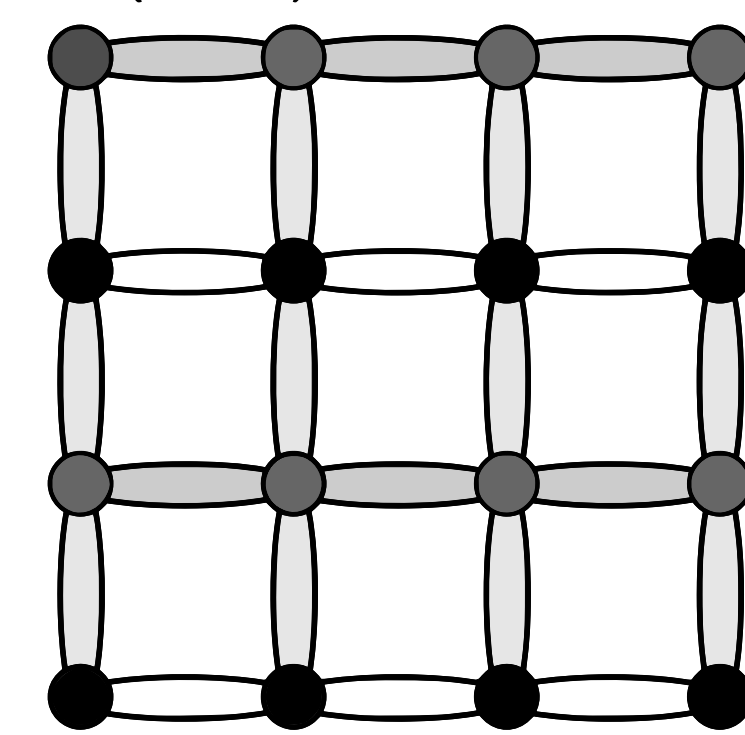
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3. Confinement of the pseudogap metal
at non-zero doping

Paramagnon theory of the Hubbard model

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

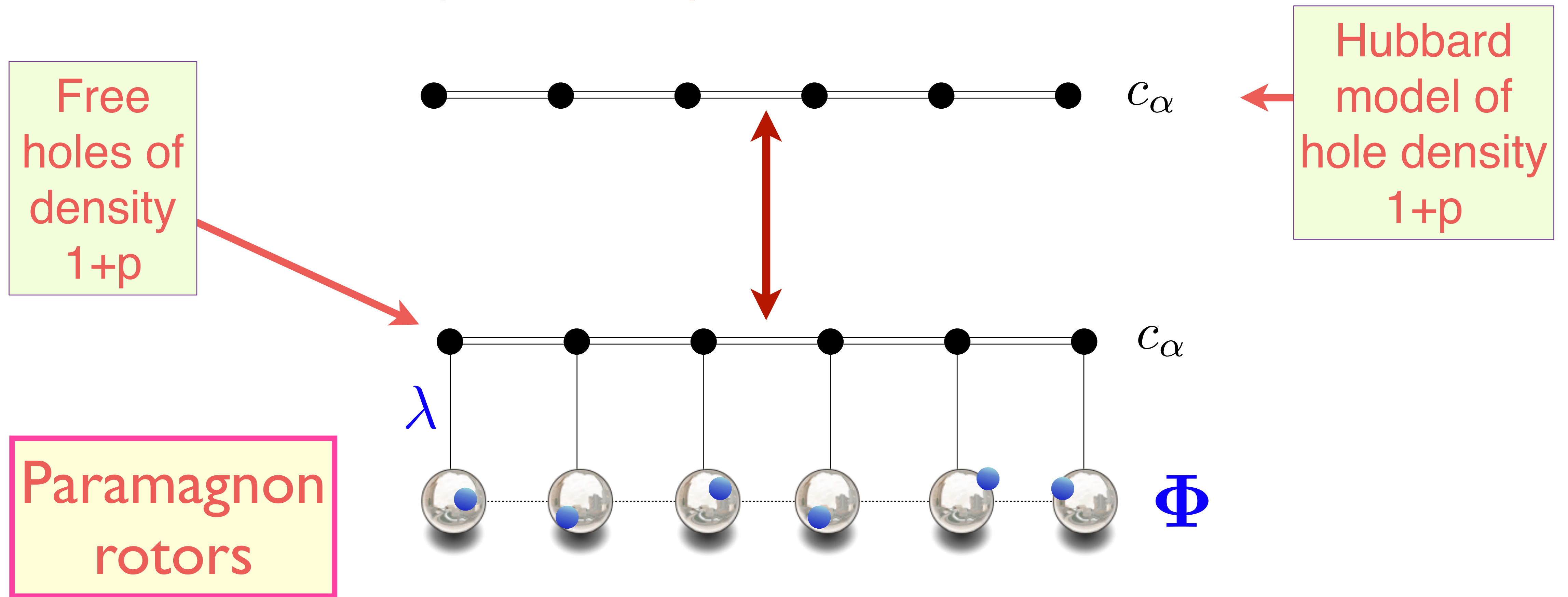
$$U \left(n_\uparrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_\downarrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{2U}{3} \mathbf{S}^2 + \frac{U}{4}$$

Then we decouple the interaction via

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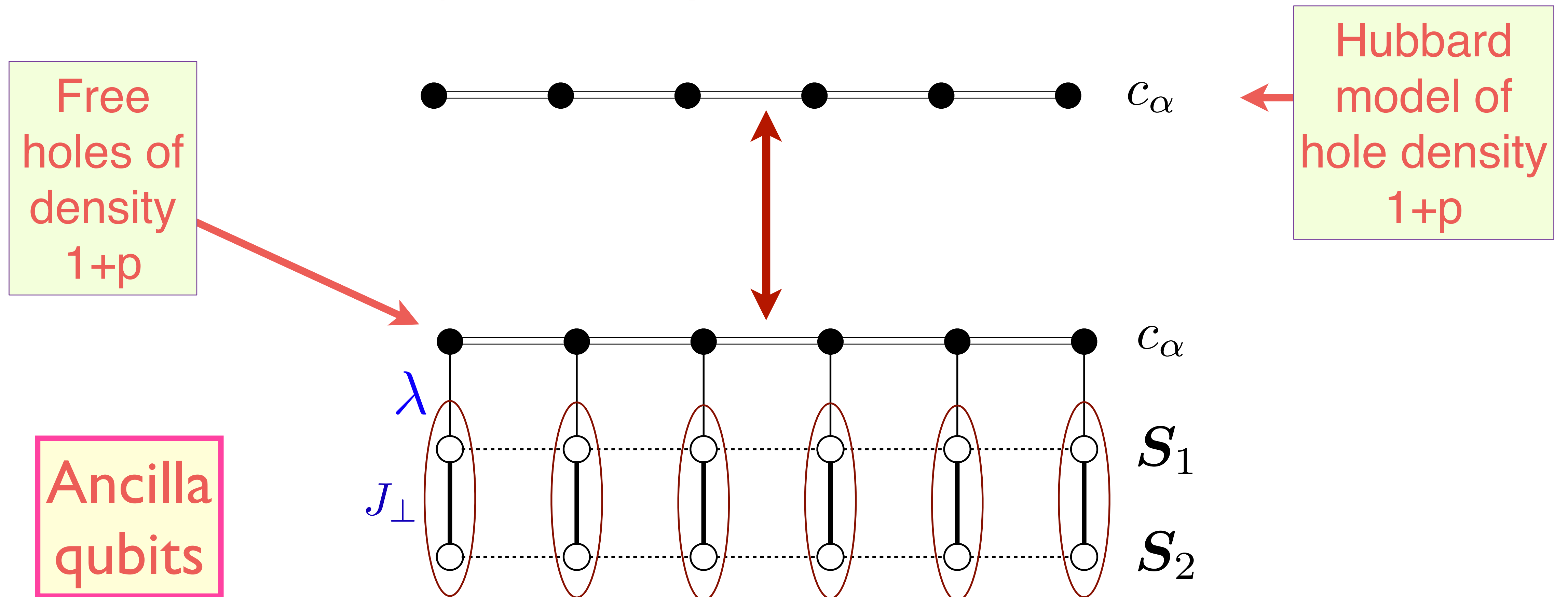
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Paramagnon theory of the Hubbard model



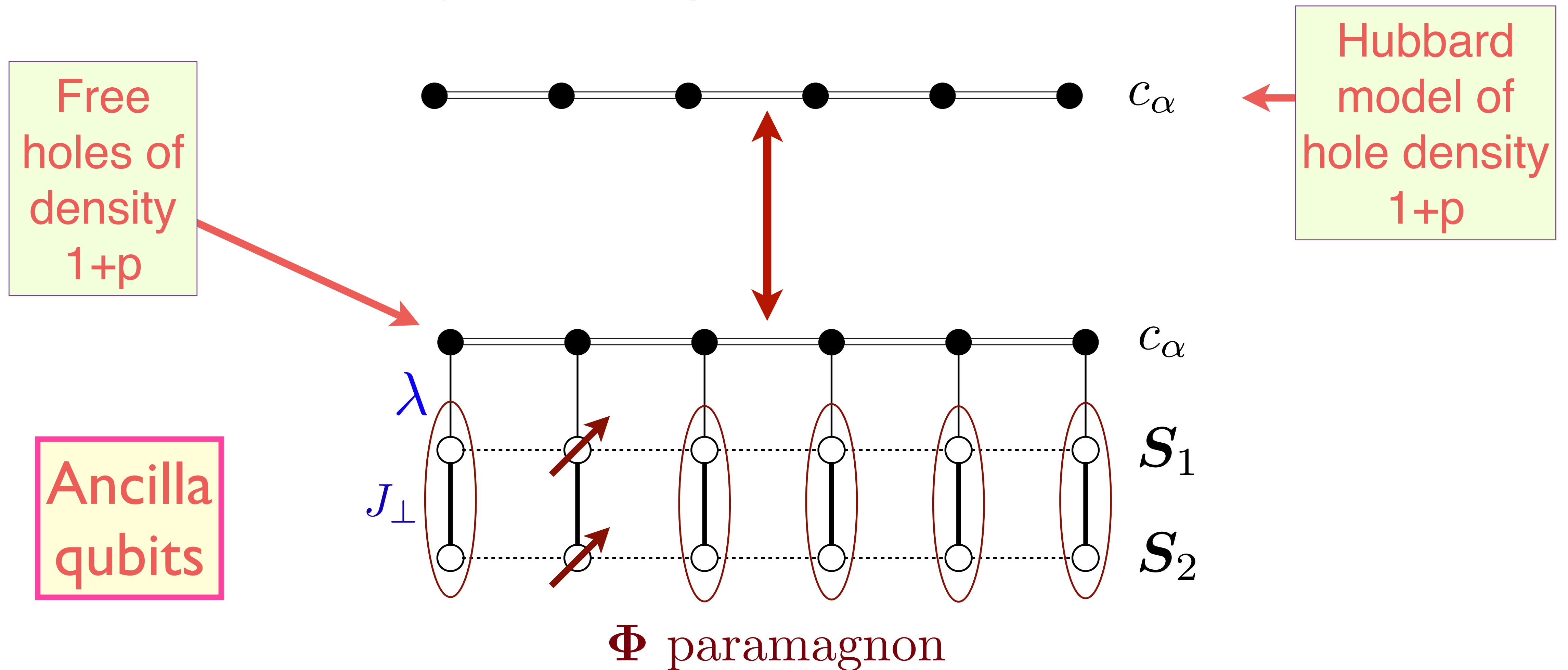
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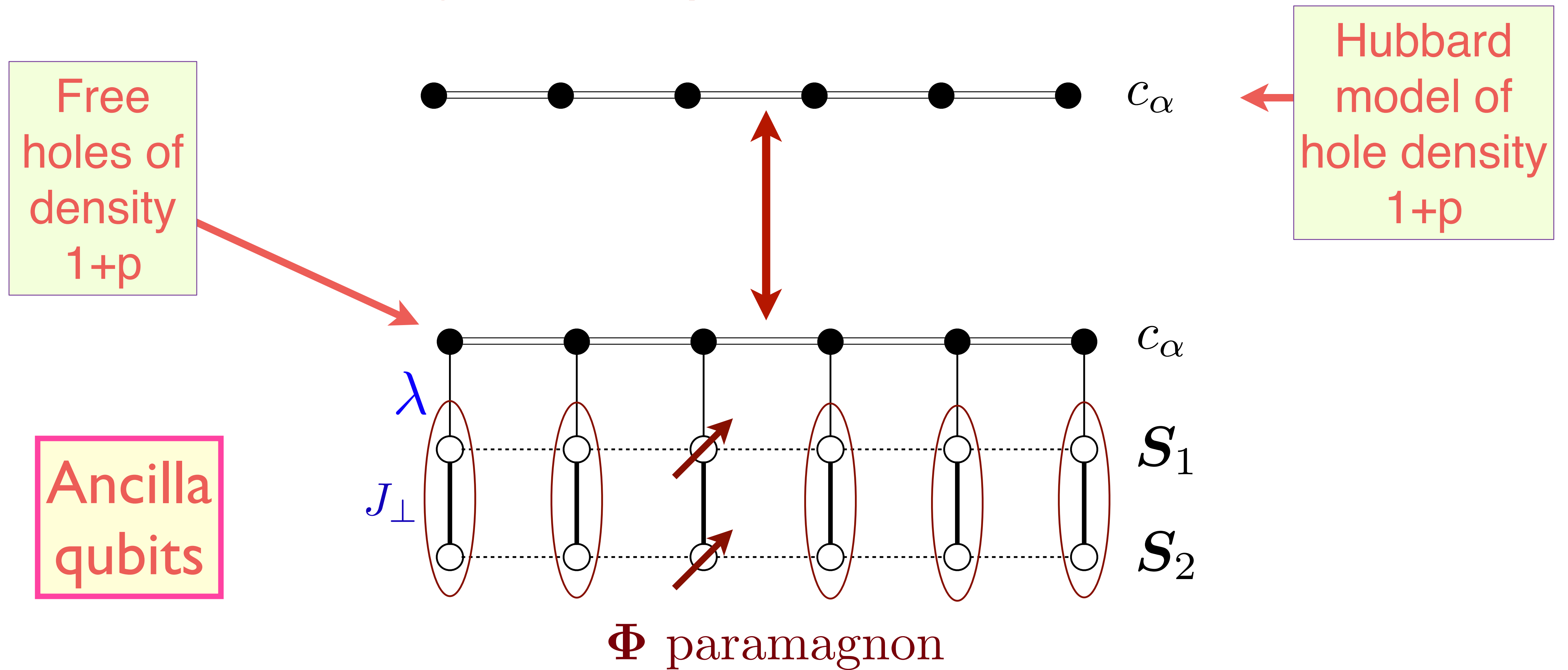
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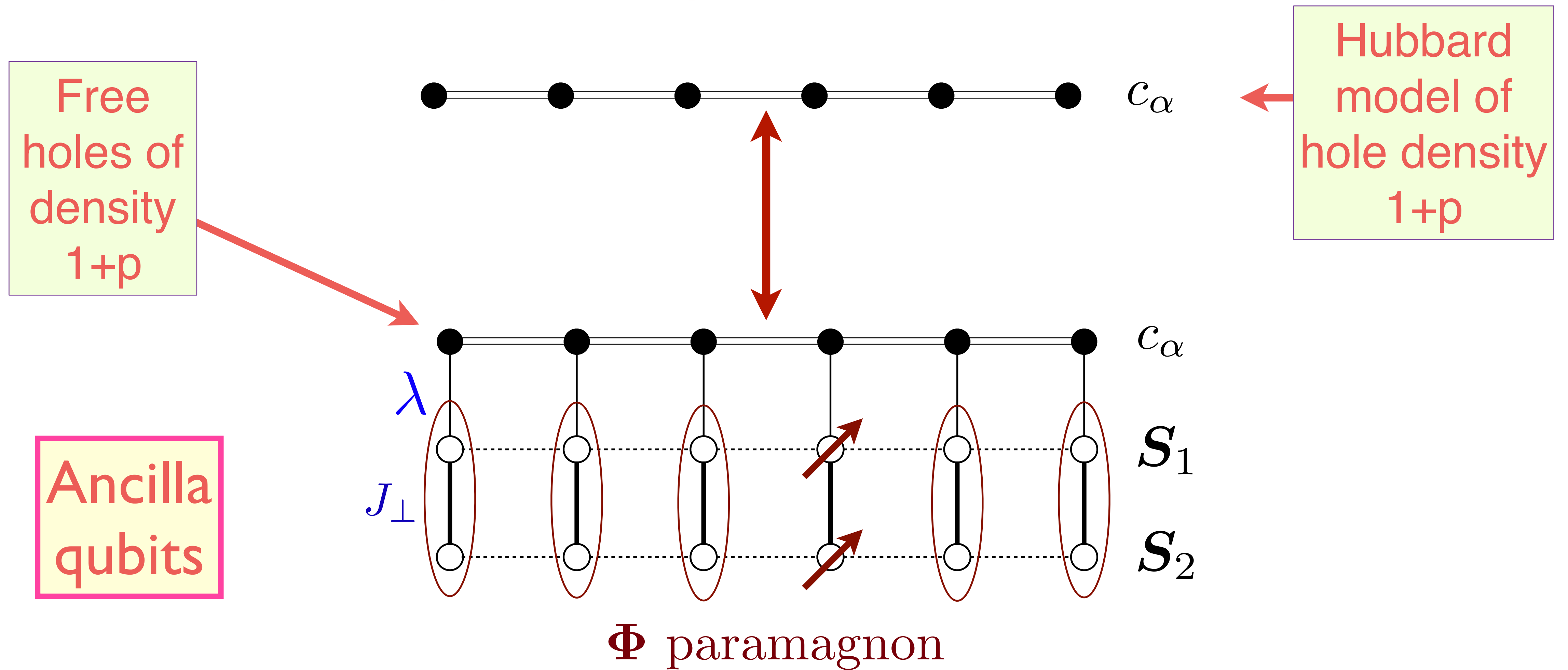
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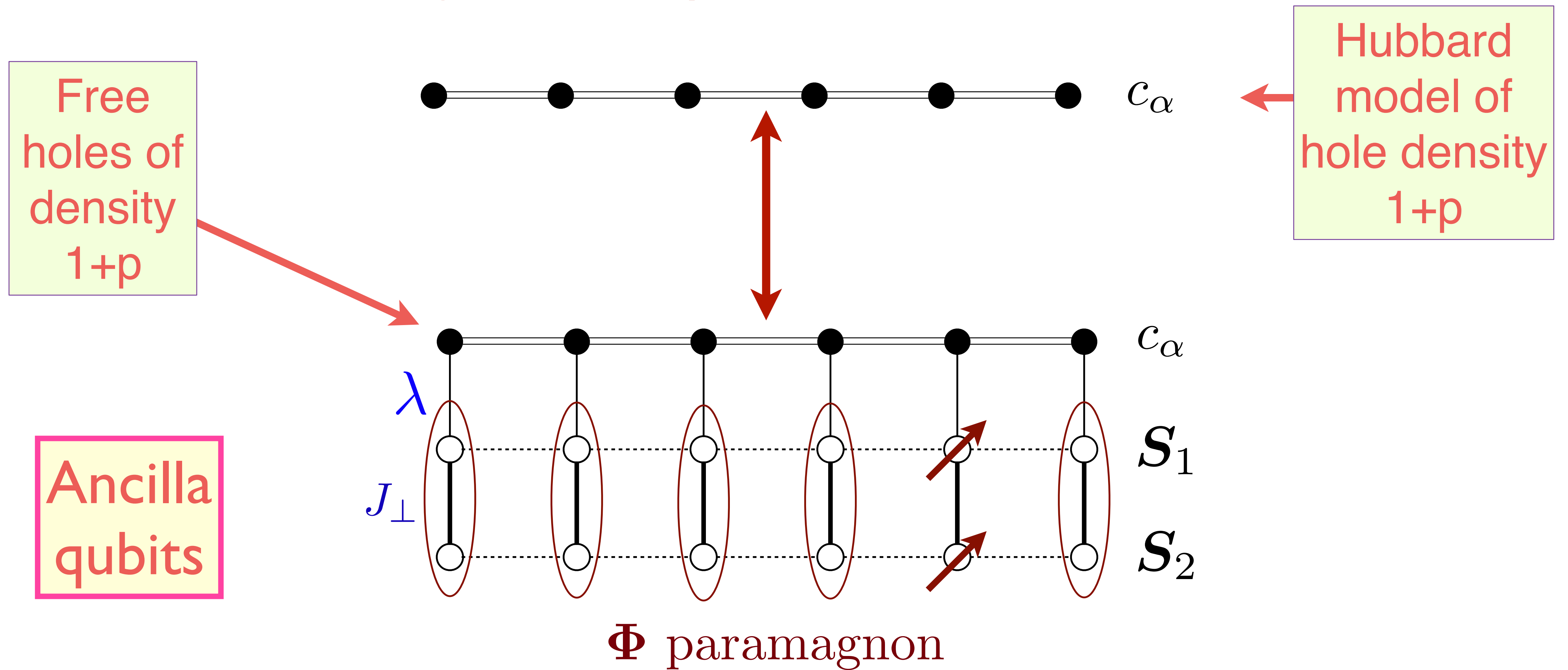
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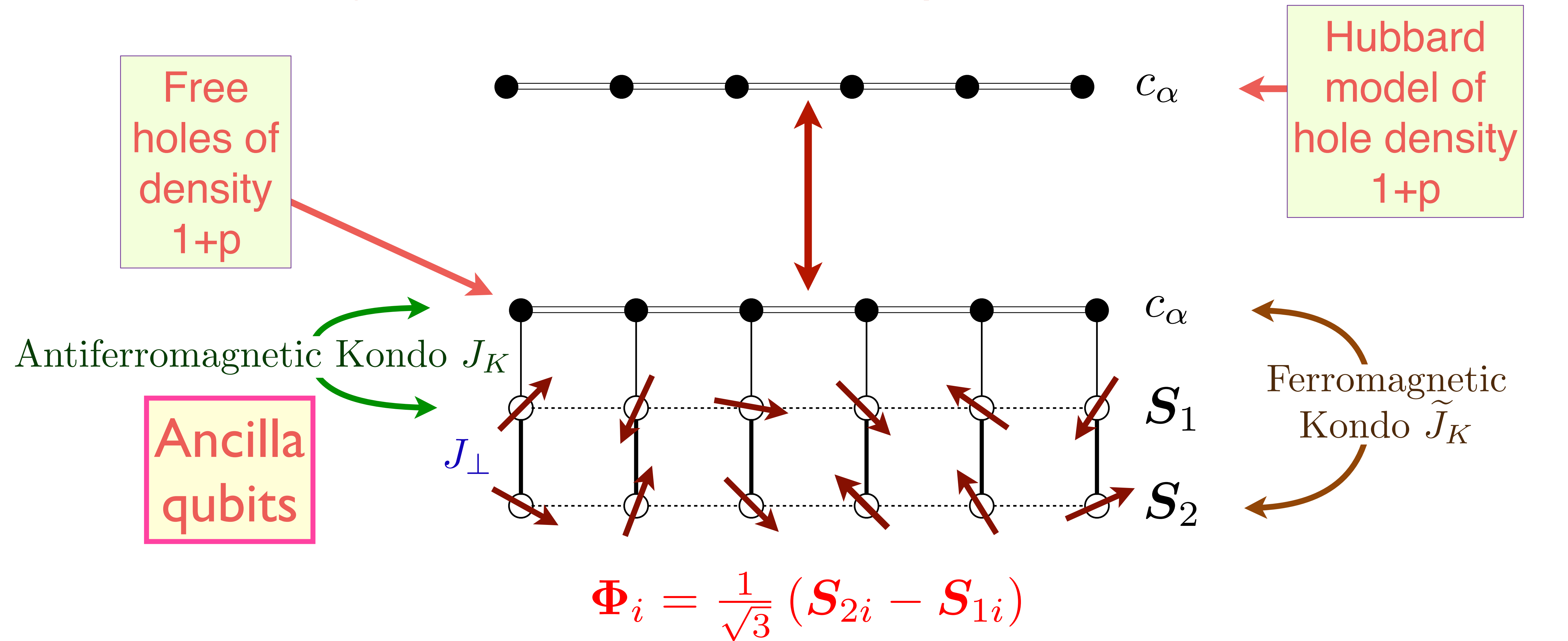
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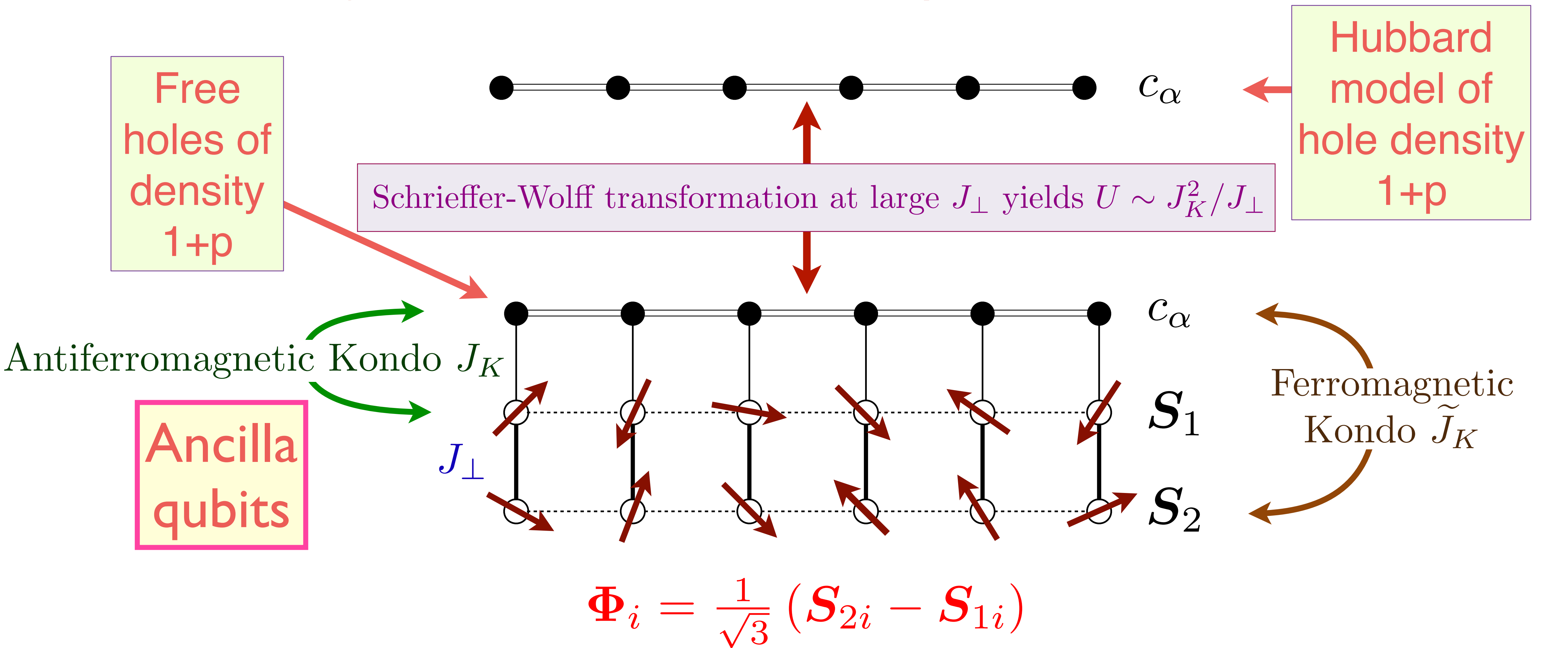
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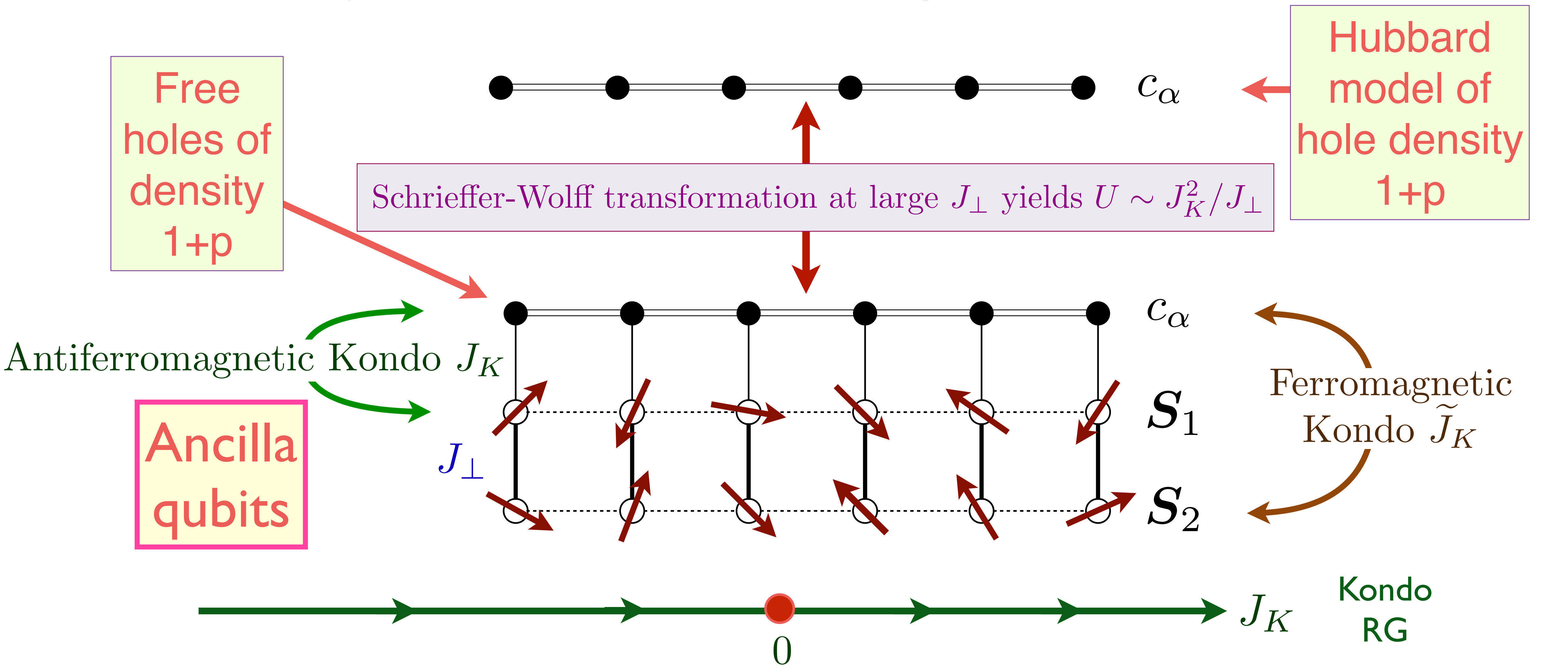
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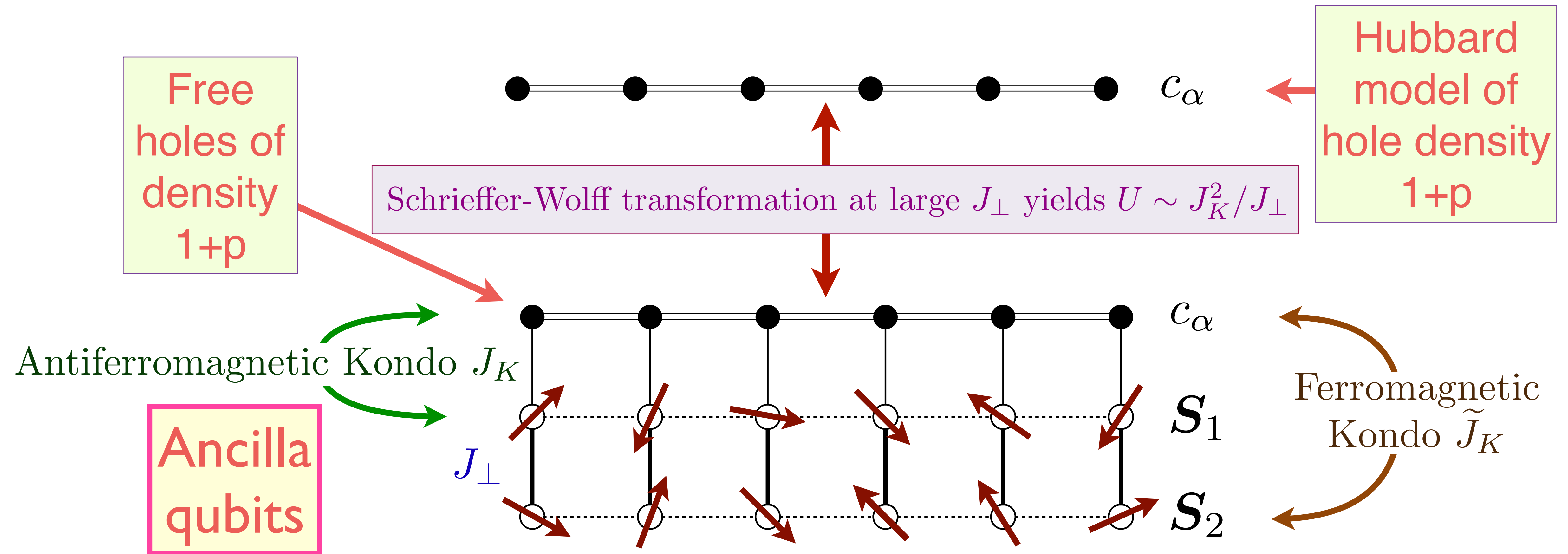
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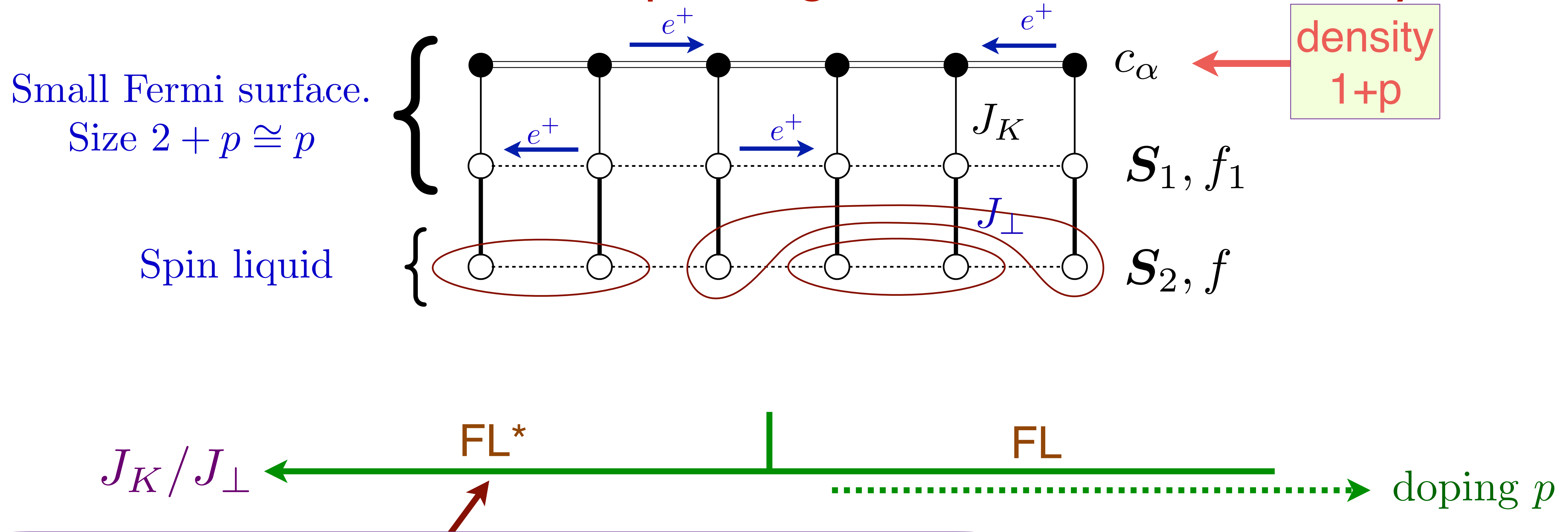
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A FL* state is realized when the antiferromagnetic Kondo coupling dominates over J_{\perp} , and the c_{σ} and S_1 form a heavy Fermi liquid state (as found in the heavy fermion compounds) of hole density $(1+p) + 1 = 2+p = p \pmod{2}$!

The S_2 must form an 'odd' spin liquid which does not break translational symmetry, to obtain a metal with a non-Luttinger volume Fermi surface.

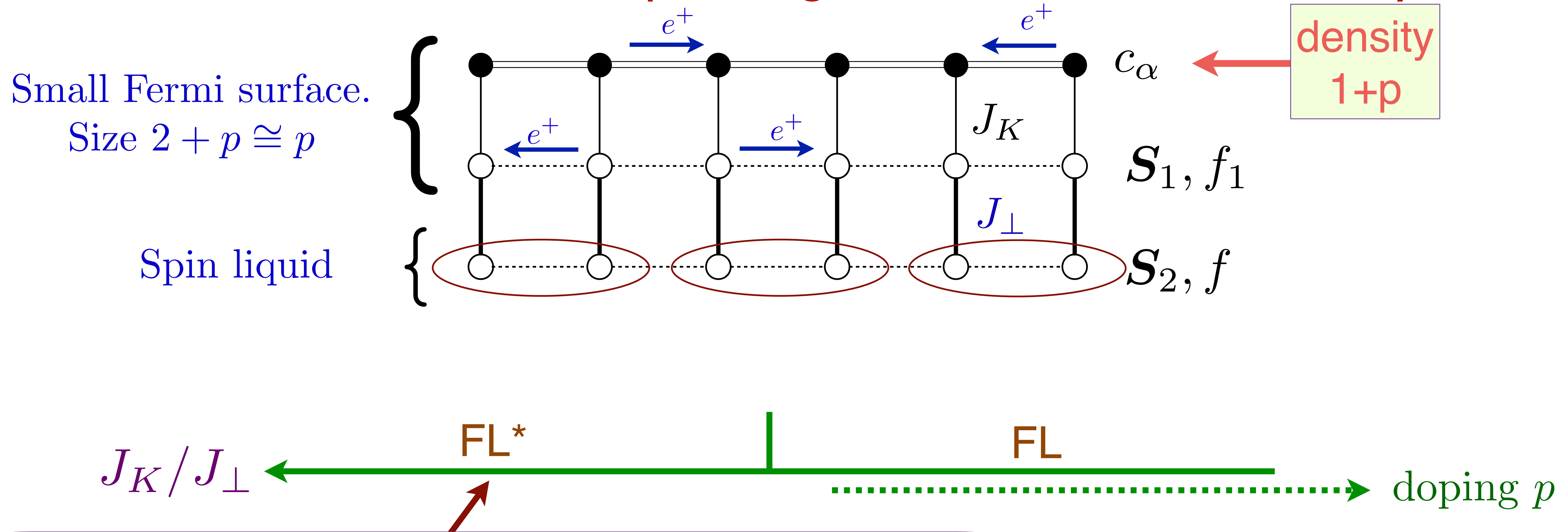
Trial wavefunctions in the paramagnon fractionalization theory



Small Fermi surface of size p

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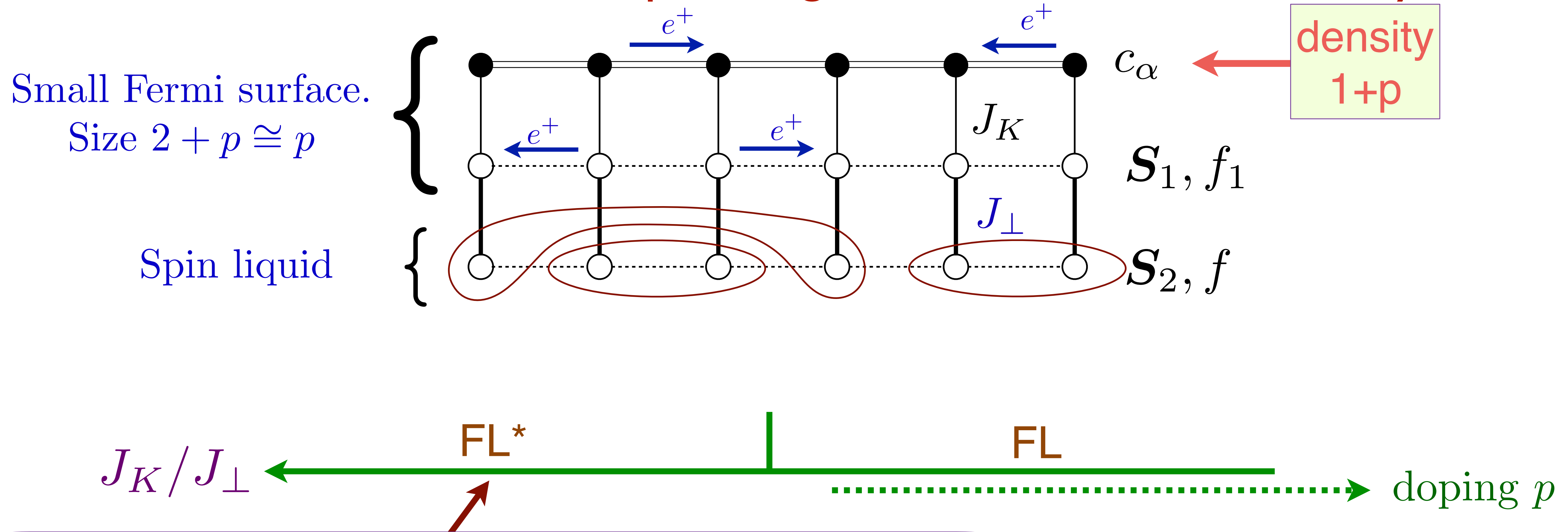
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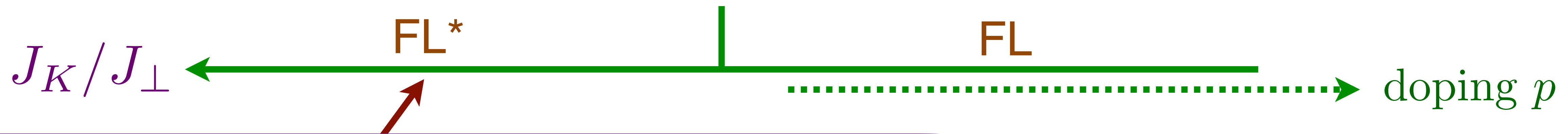
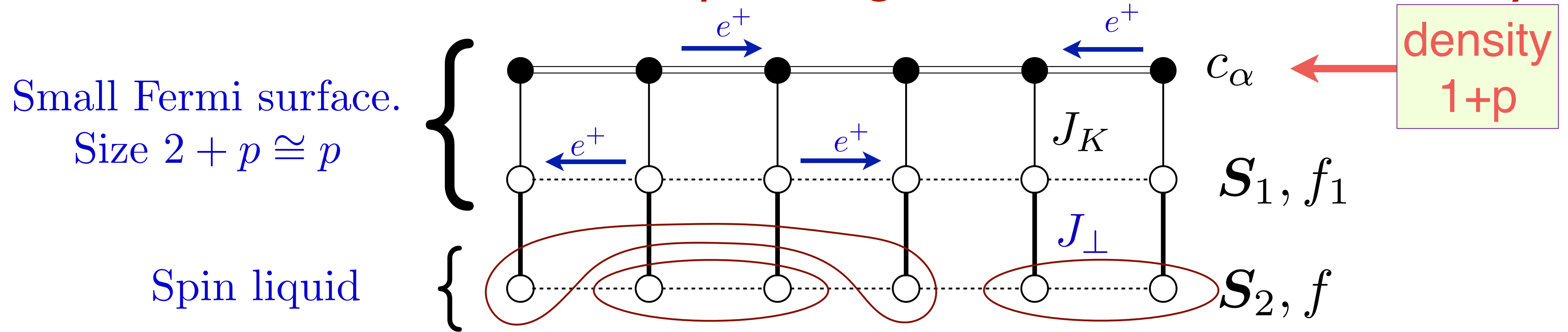
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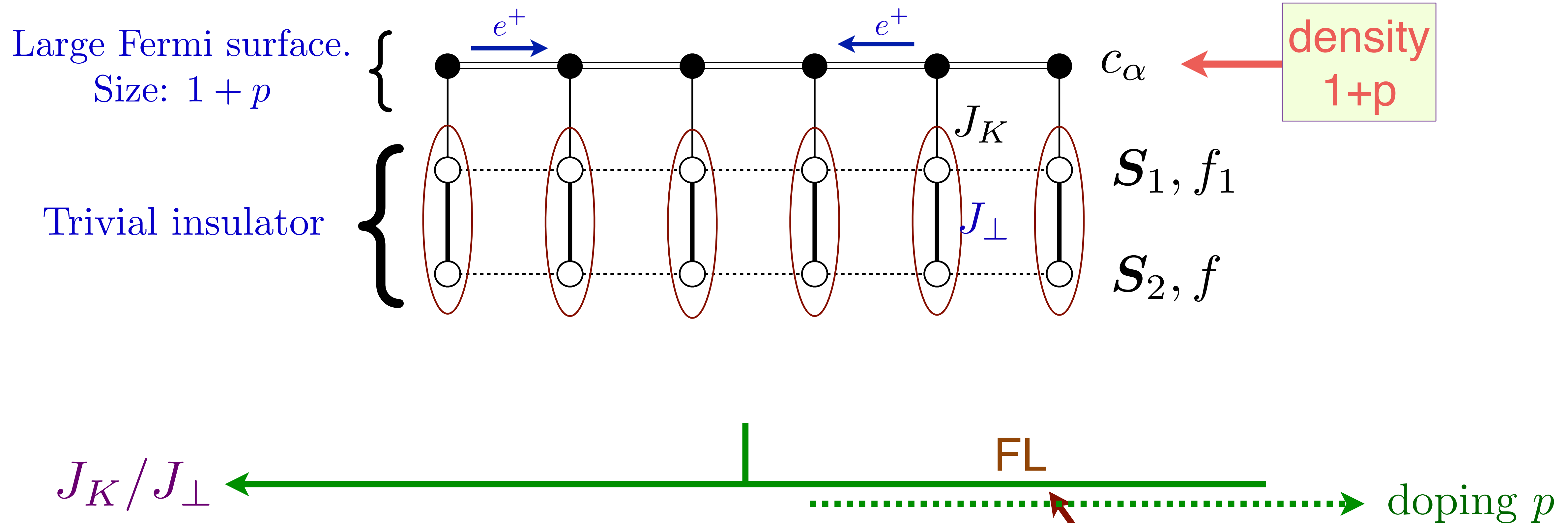


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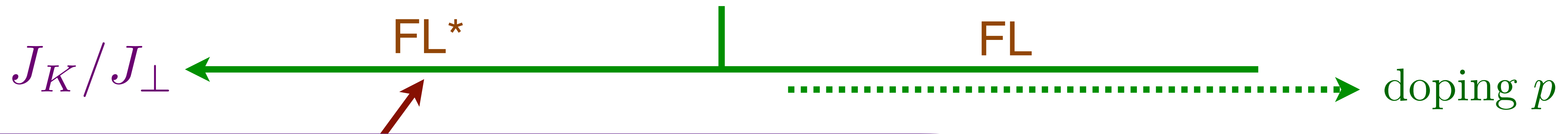
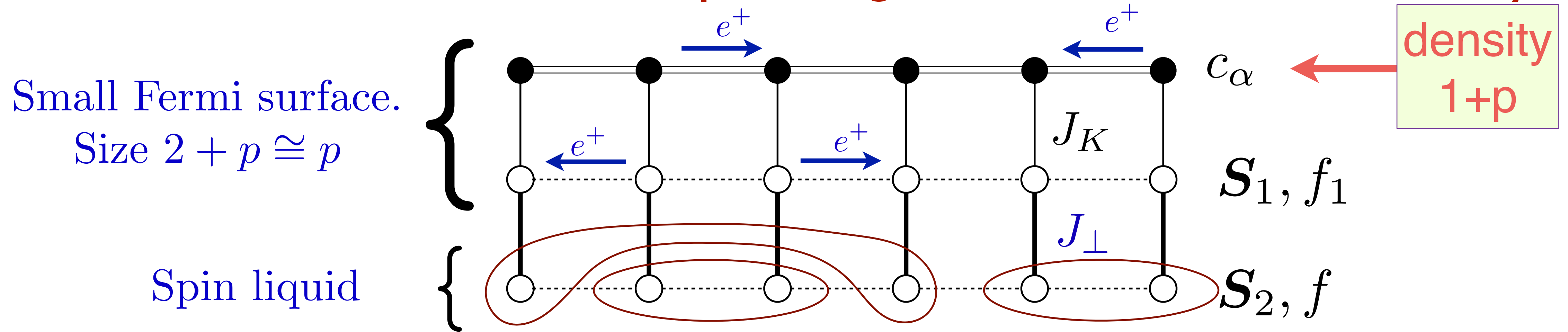


Large Fermi surface of size $1 + p$

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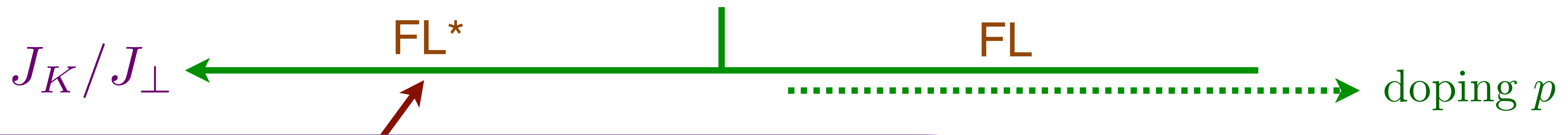
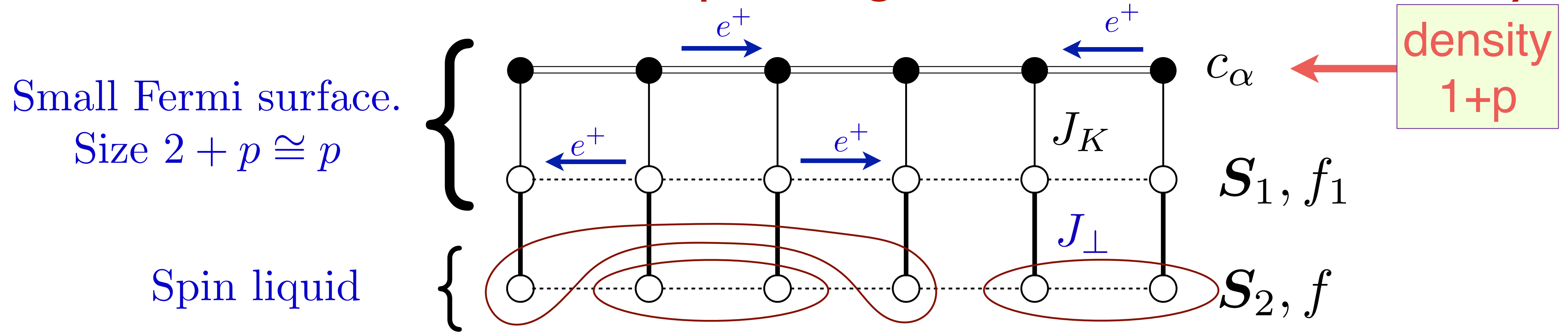


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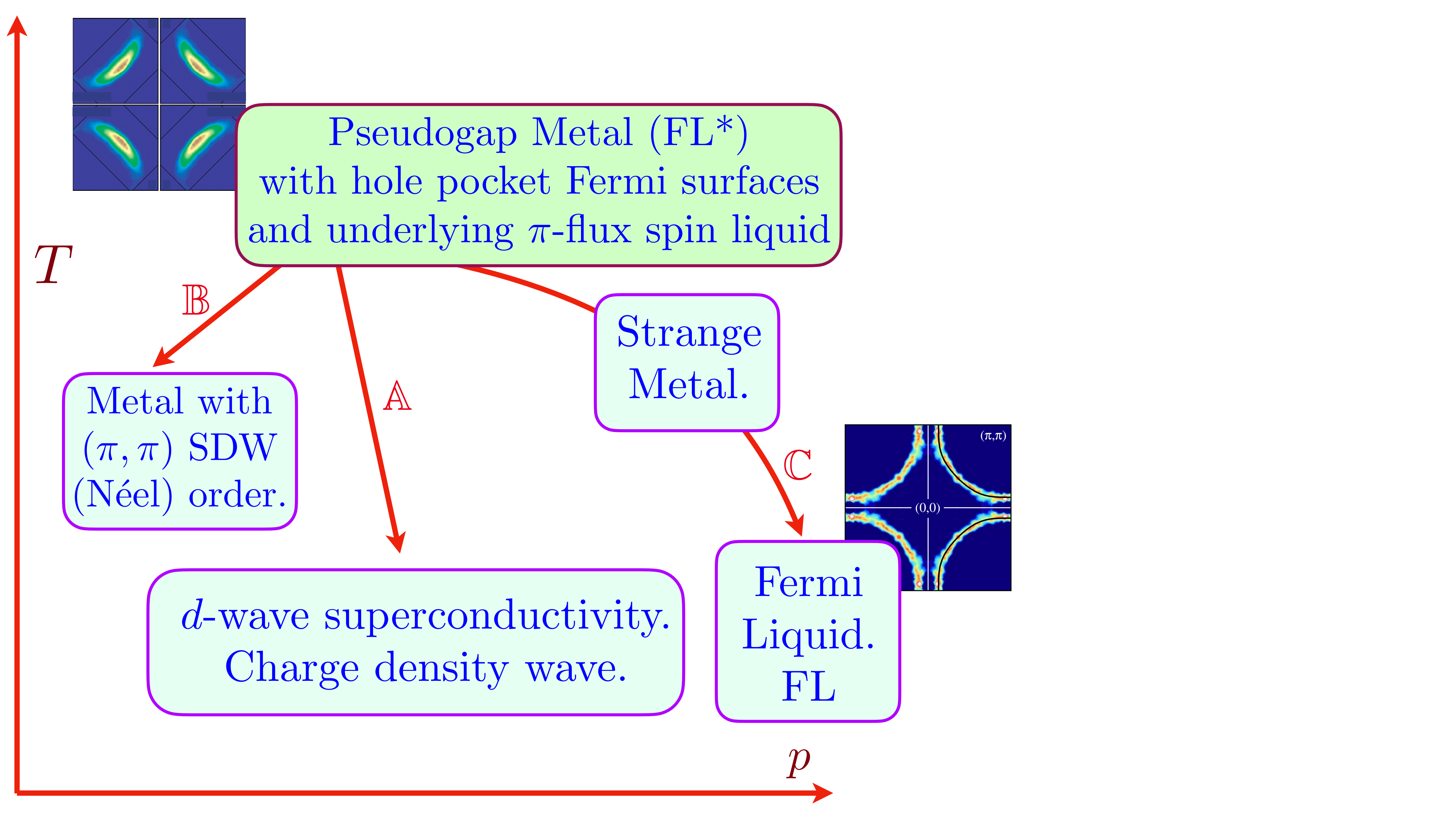
Pseudogap metal

f_α form π -flux spin liquid: $\langle c_\alpha^\dagger f_{1\alpha} \rangle \neq 0$

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

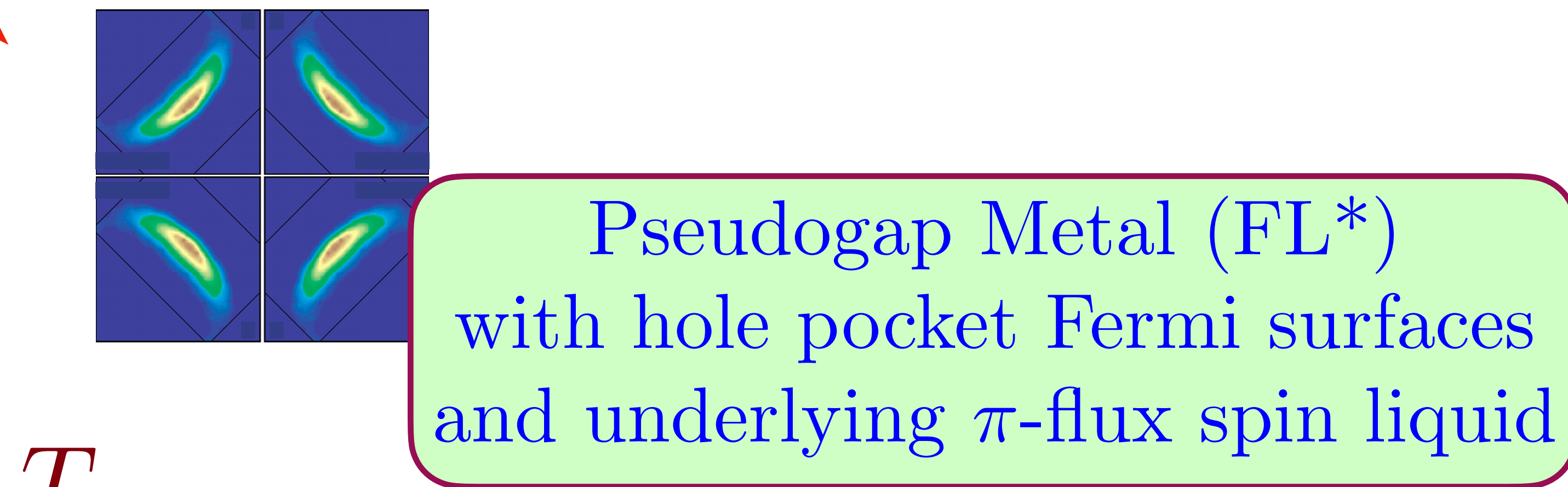
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1. Confinement of the π -flux spin liquid at half-filling
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Arrow B

Condensation of z_α in dual $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$
U(1) gauge theory.



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B

Metal with
 (π, π) SDW
(Néel) order.

A

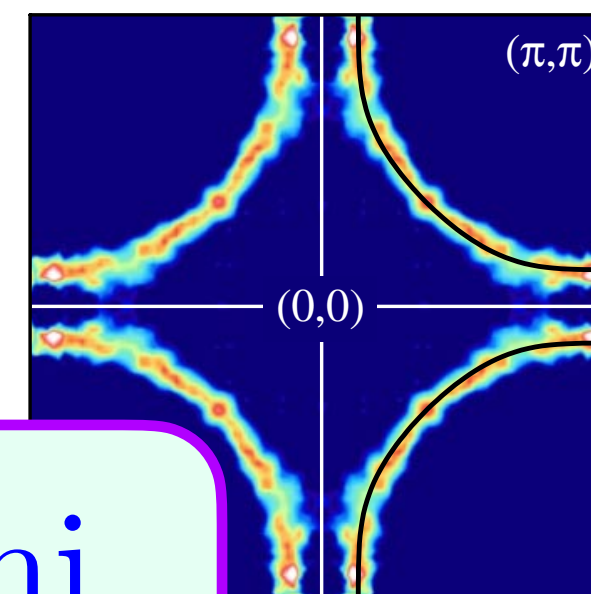
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C

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FL

p



Arrow A

Condensation of B in SU(2) gauge theory.

Longer-range couplings in H_B can lead to charge order with other periods

Pseudogap Metal (FL*)
with hole pocket Fermi surfaces
and underlying π -flux spin liquid

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