

# Quantum phase transitions: from antiferromagnets and superconductors to black holes

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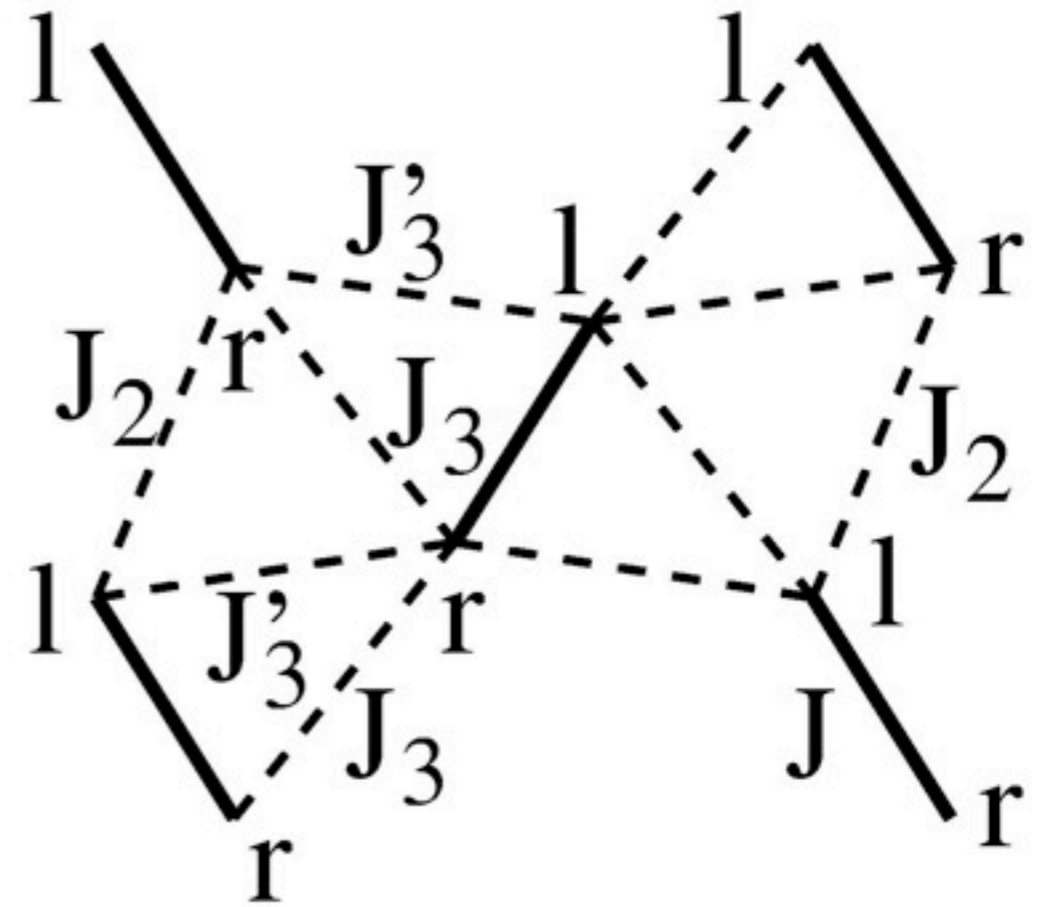
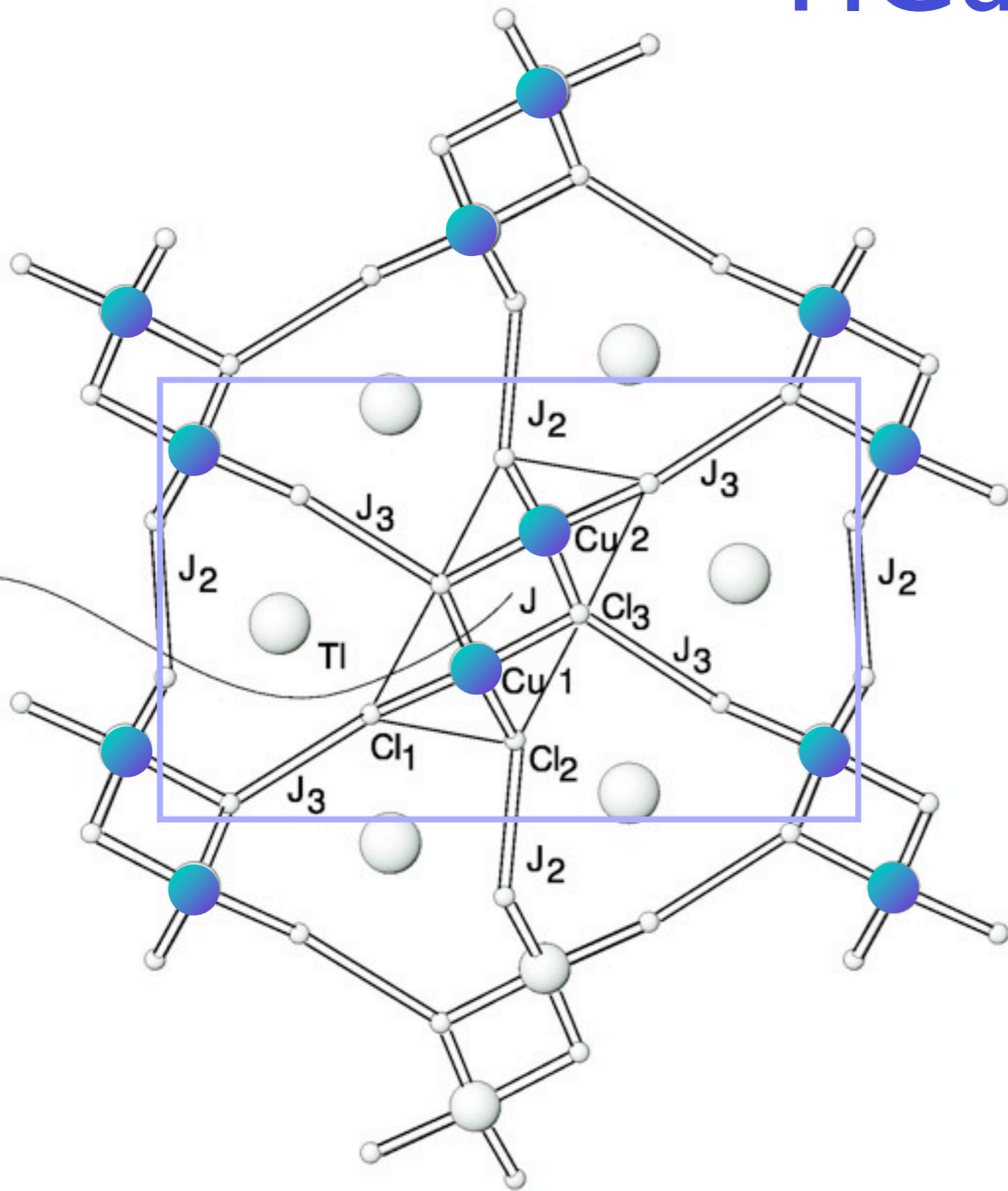
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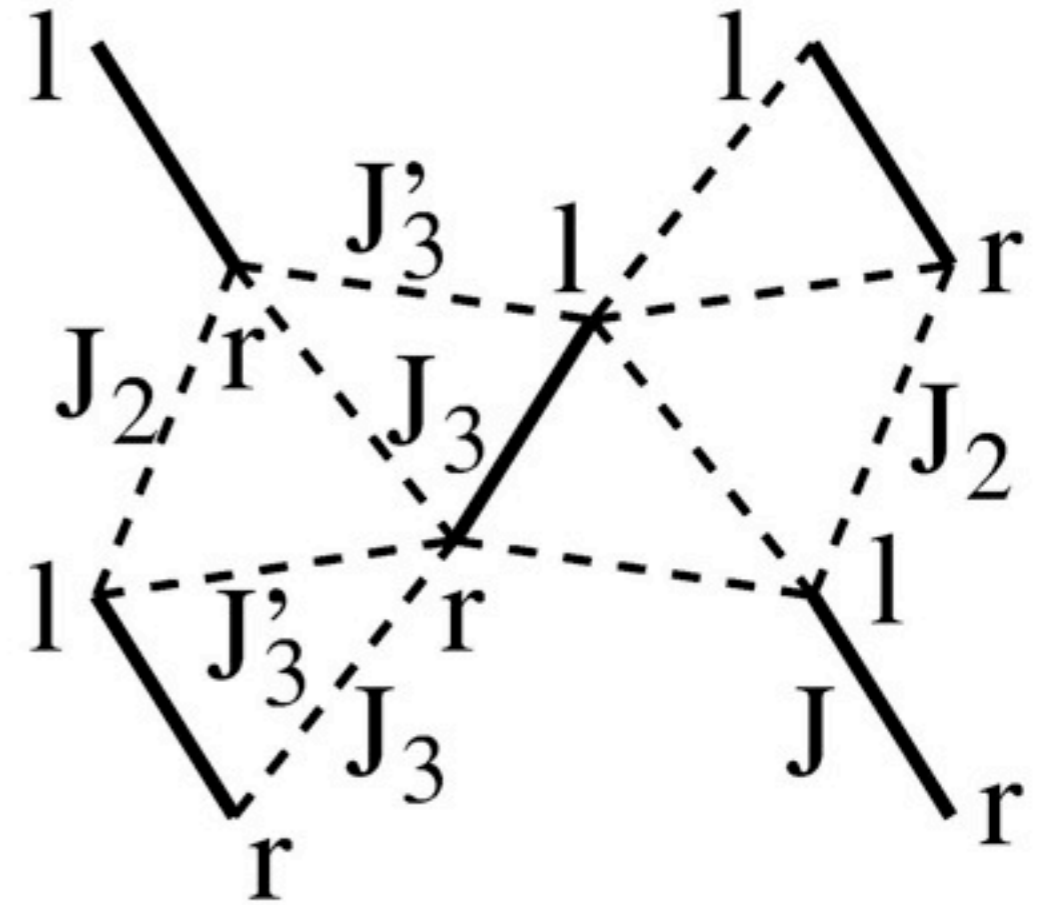
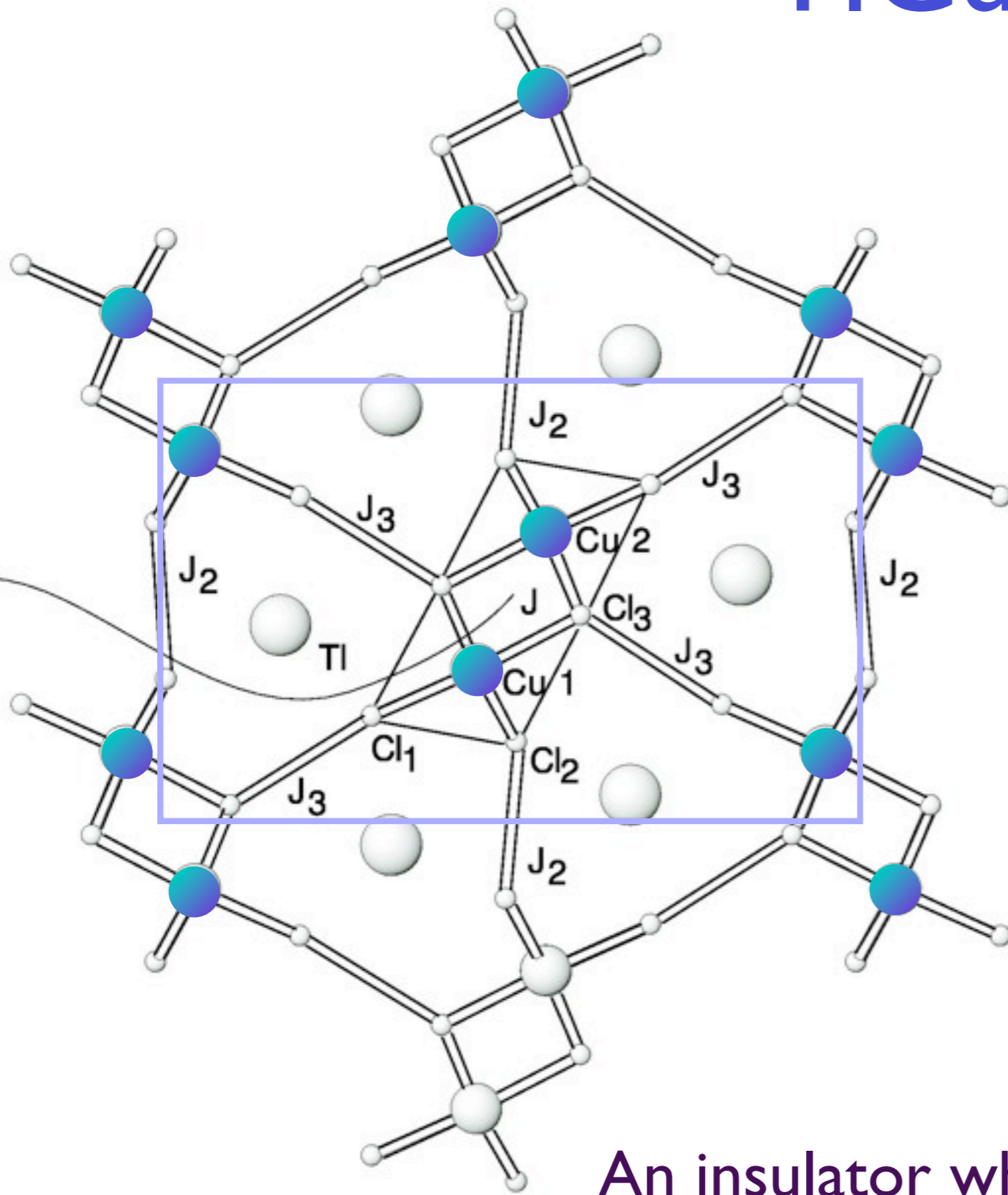
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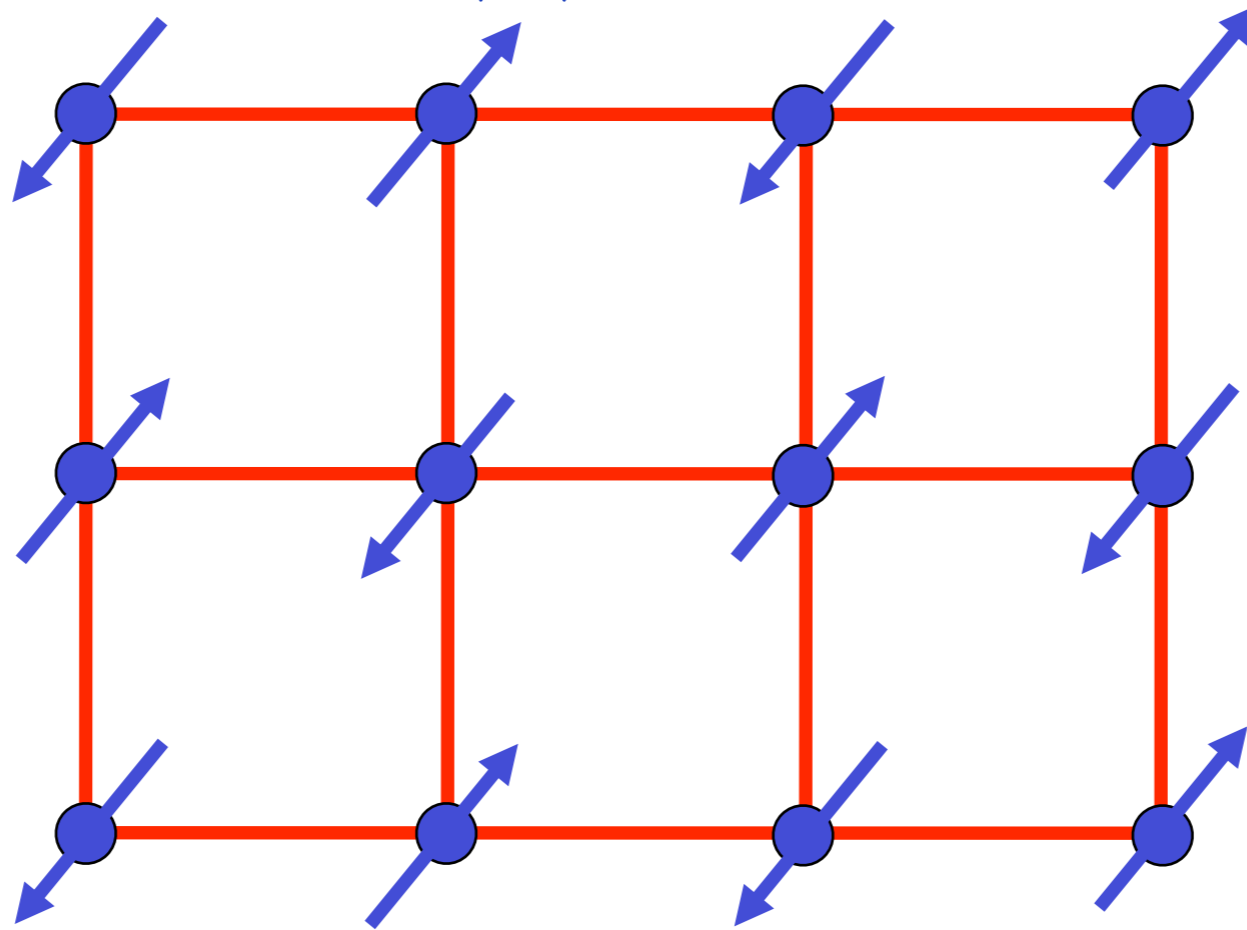
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An insulator whose spin susceptibility vanishes exponentially as the temperature  $T$  tends to zero.

# Square lattice antiferromagnet

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Ground state has long-range Néel order

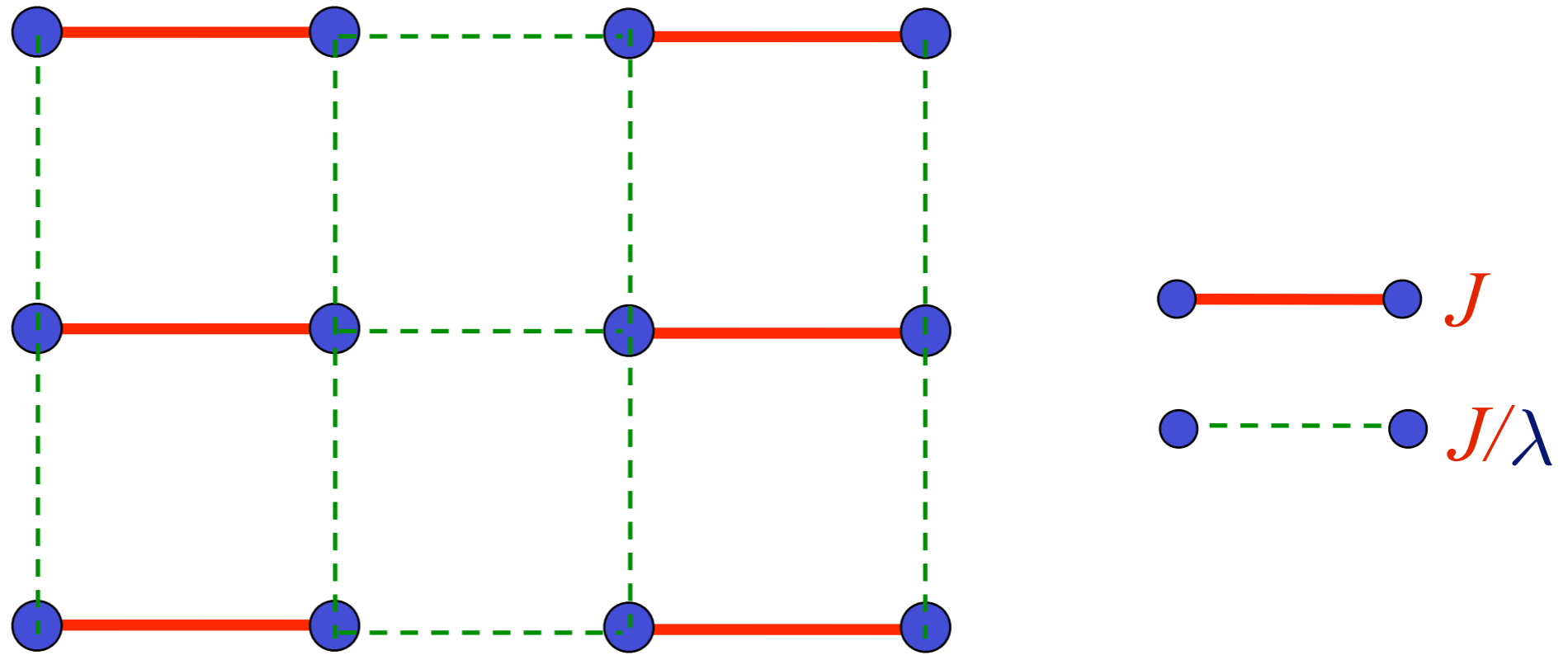
Order parameter is a single vector field  $\vec{\varphi} = \eta_i \vec{S}_i$

$\eta_i = \pm 1$  on two sublattices

$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$  in Néel state.

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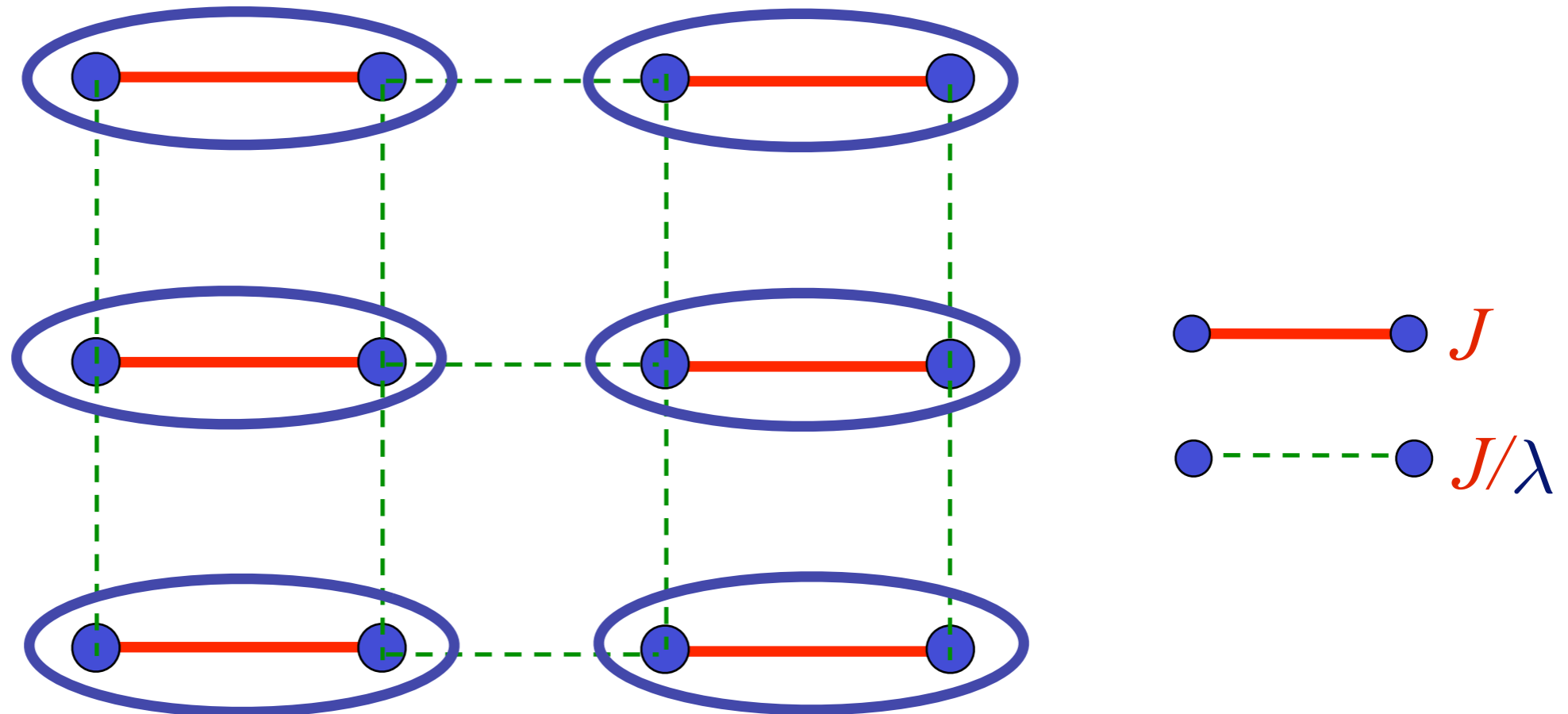
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Weaken some bonds to induce spin entanglement in a new quantum phase

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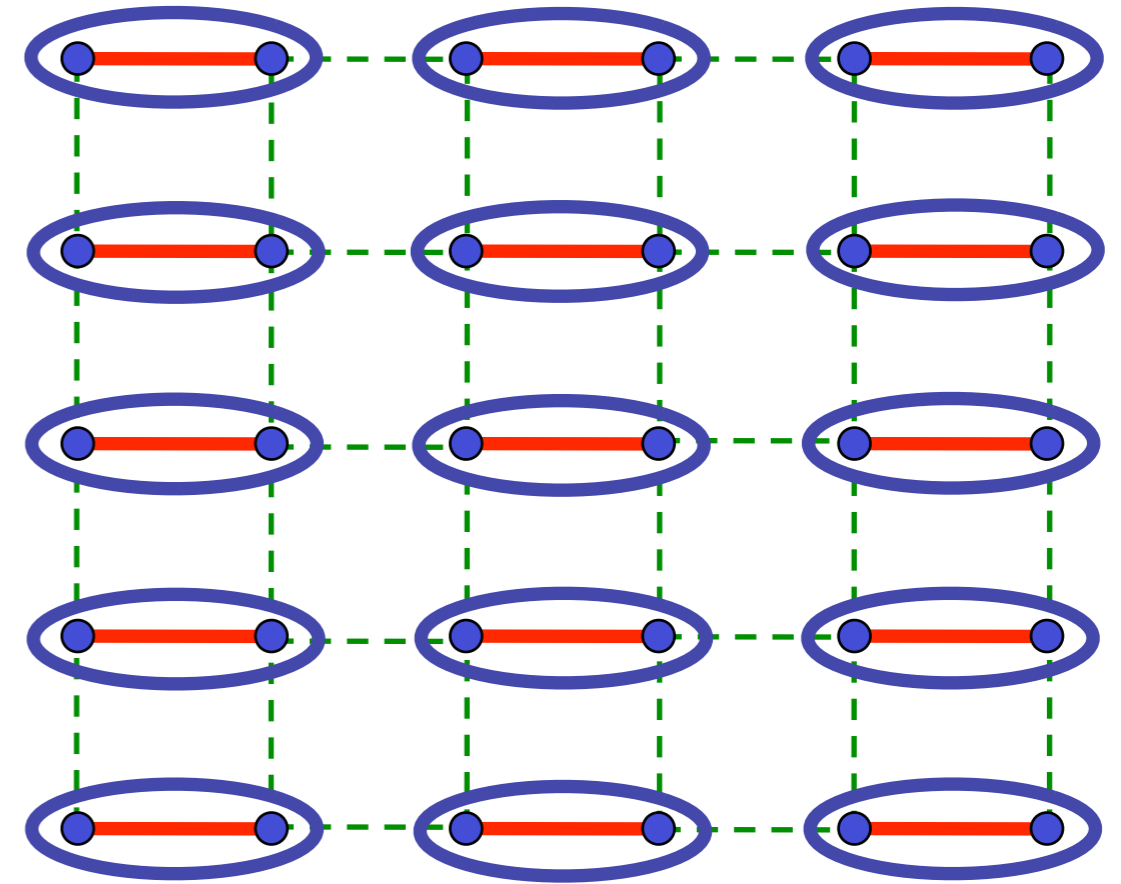
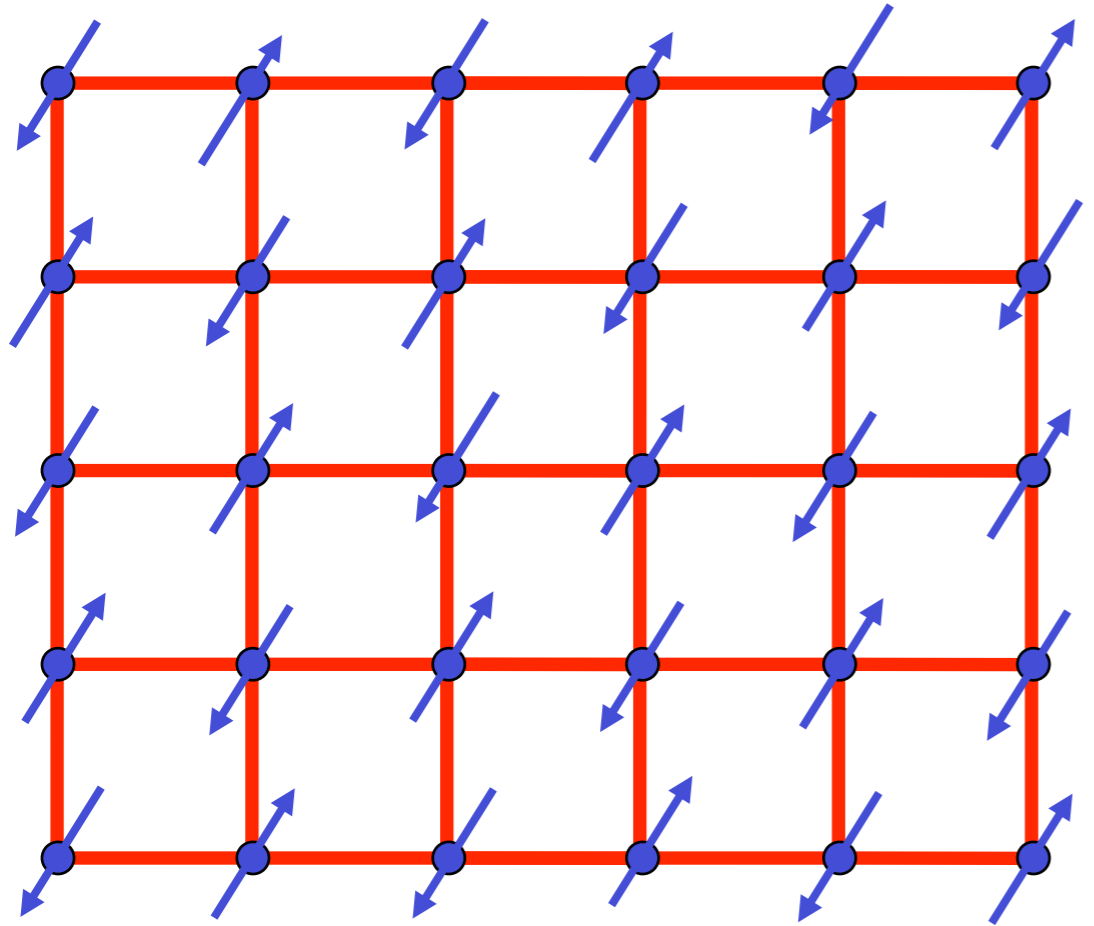


Ground state is a “quantum paramagnet”  
with spins locked in valence bond singlets

$$\text{Valence bond singlet} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$



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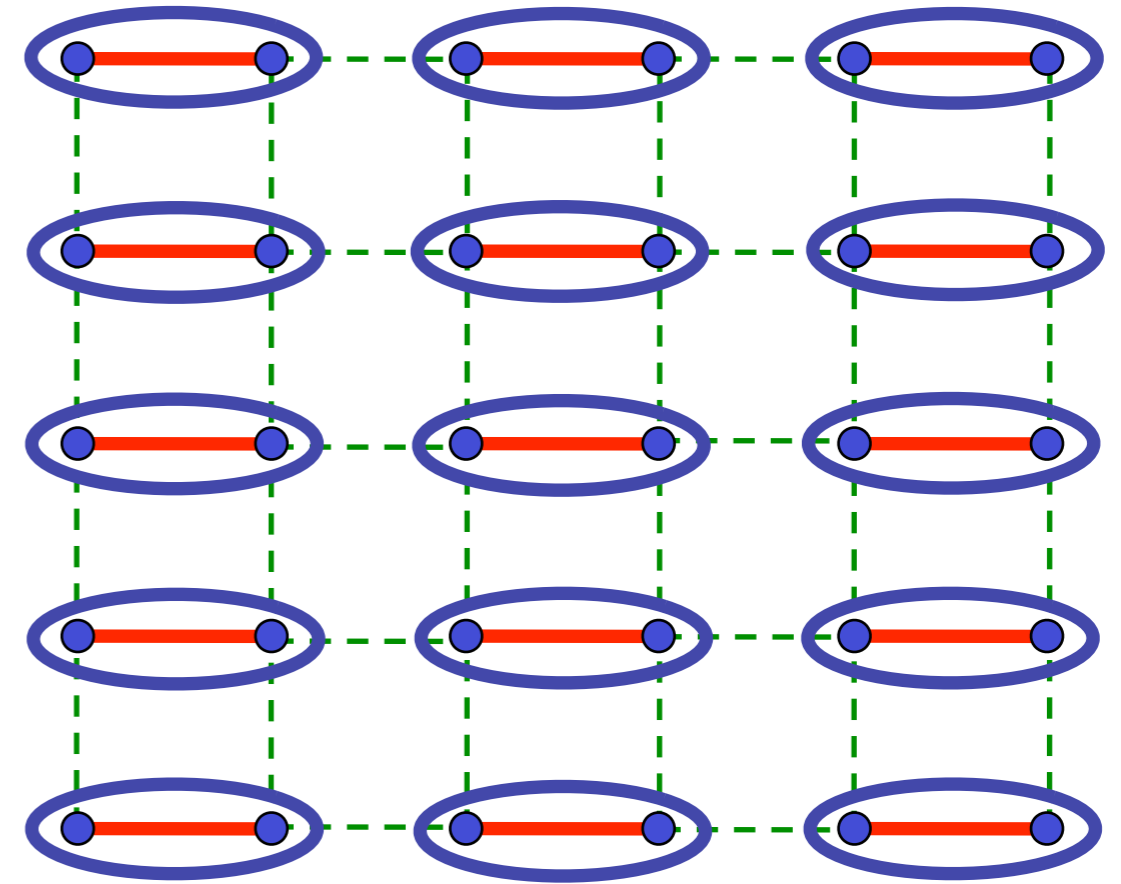
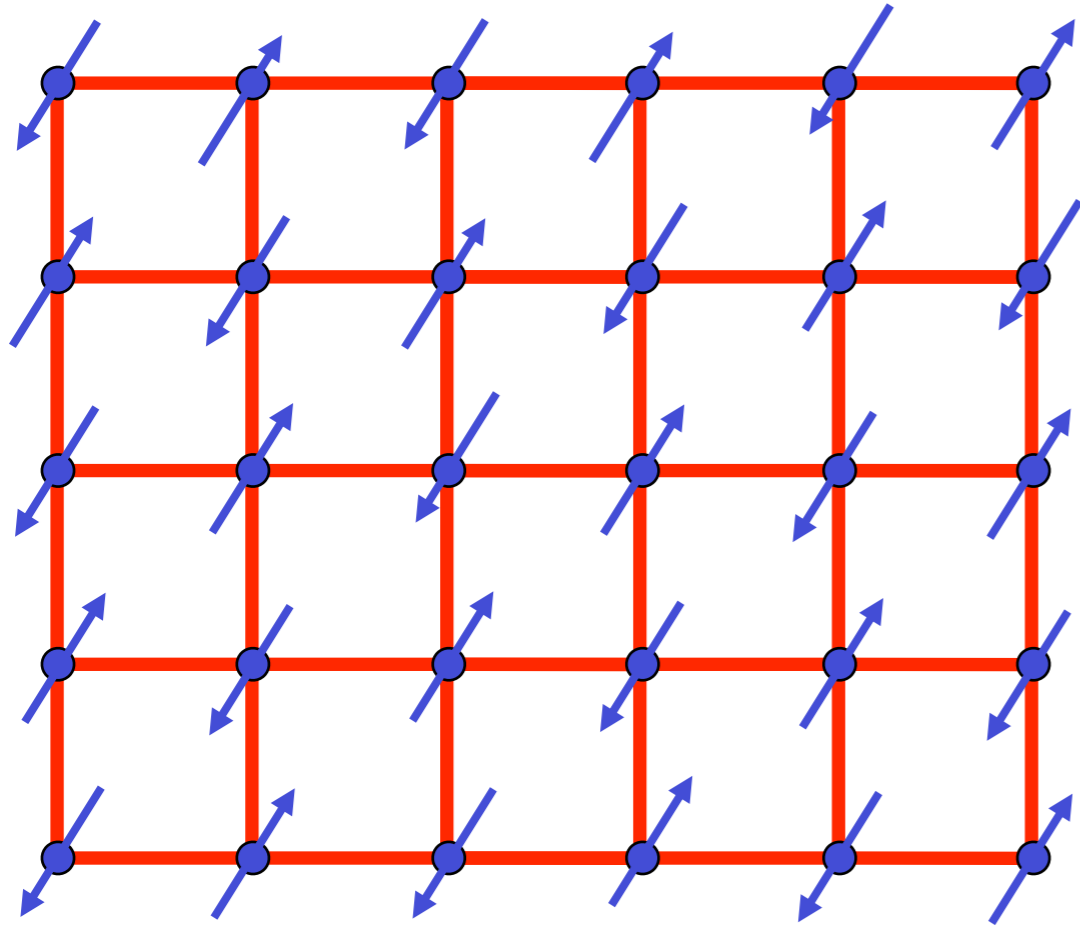


$\lambda_c$

← Pressure in  $\text{TlCuCl}_3$

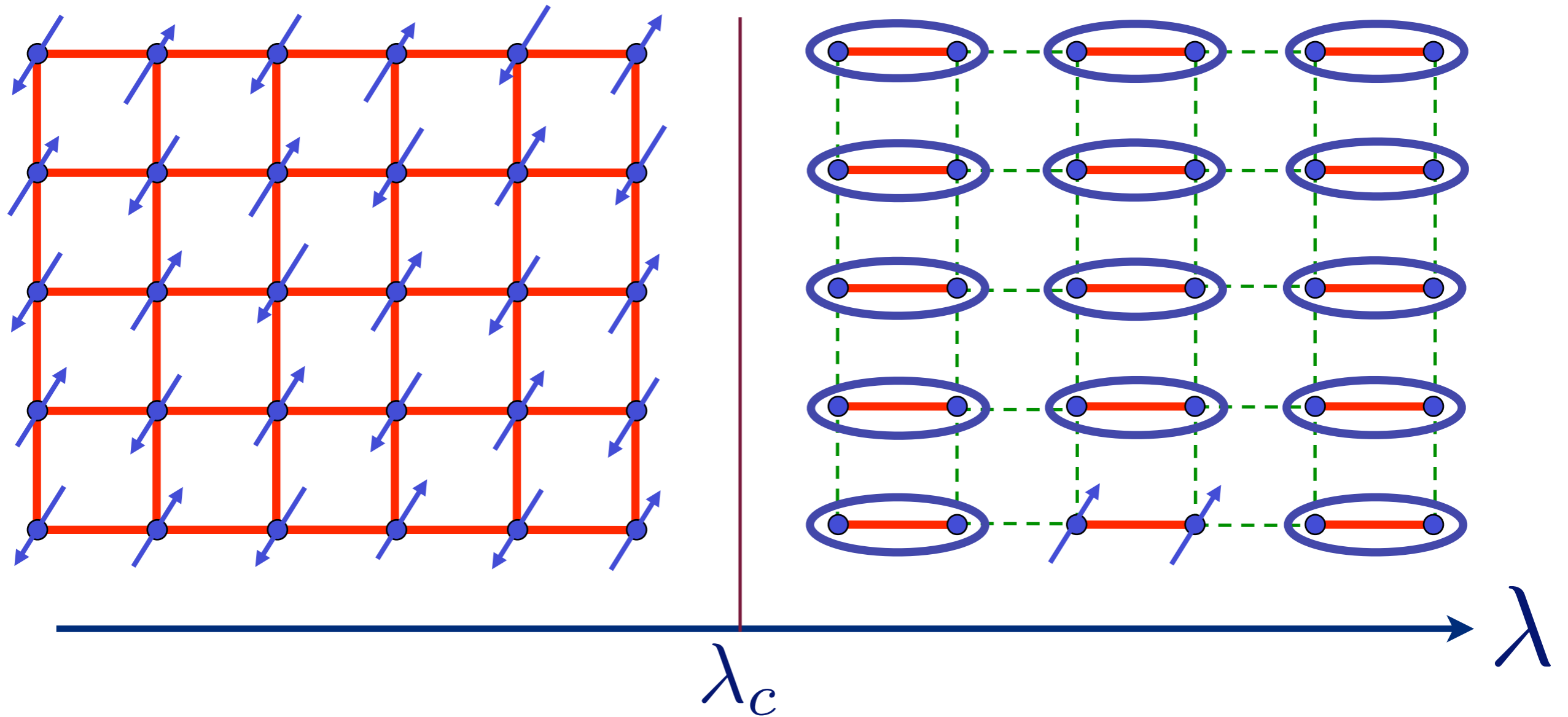


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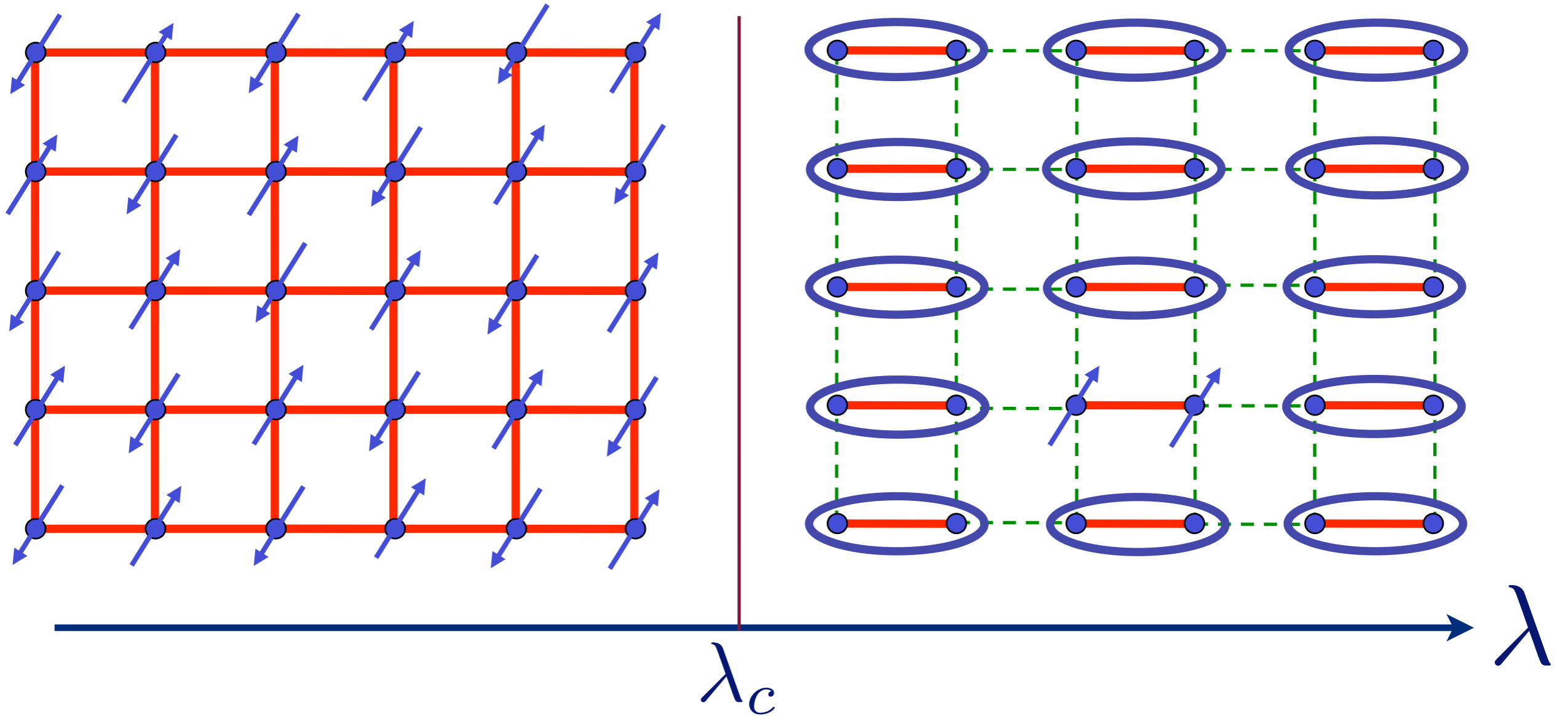


Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction

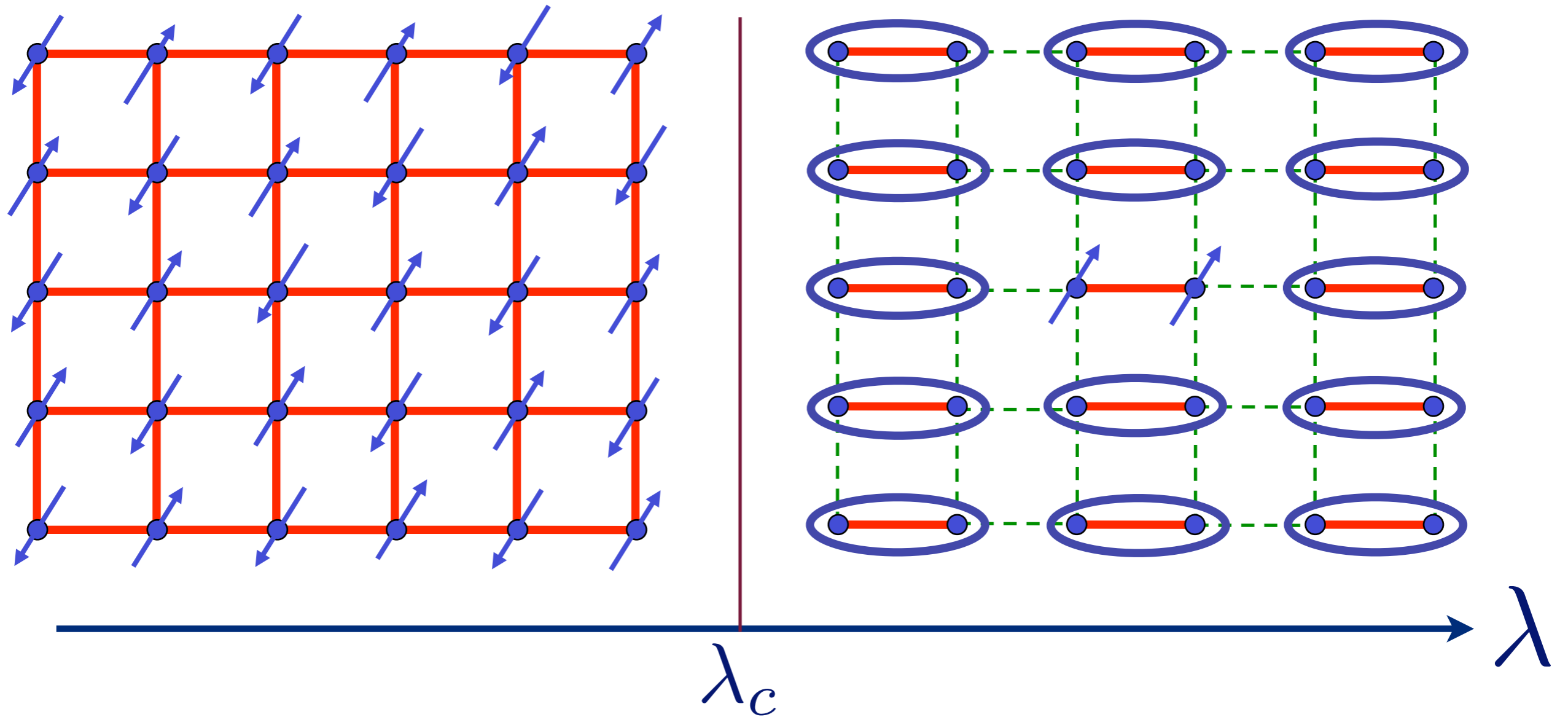
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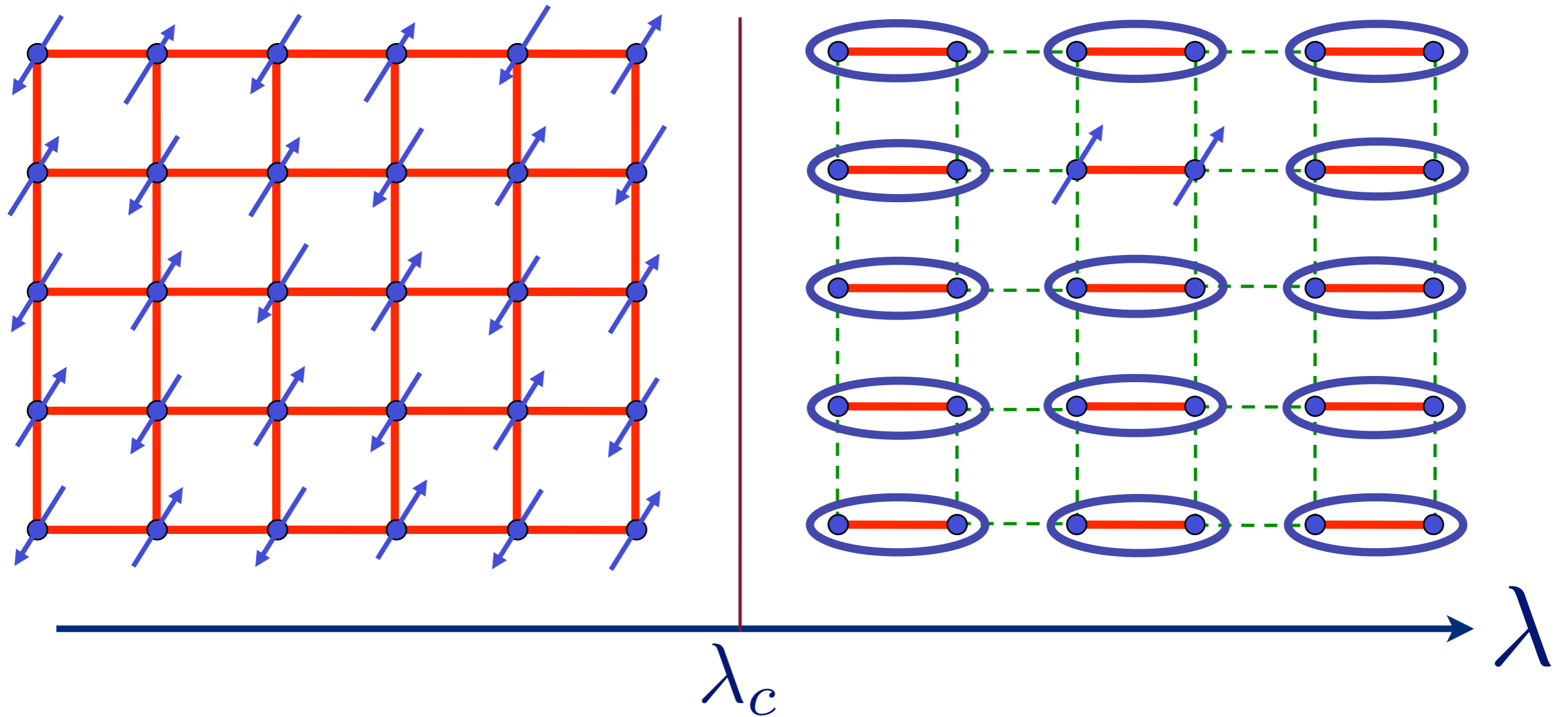
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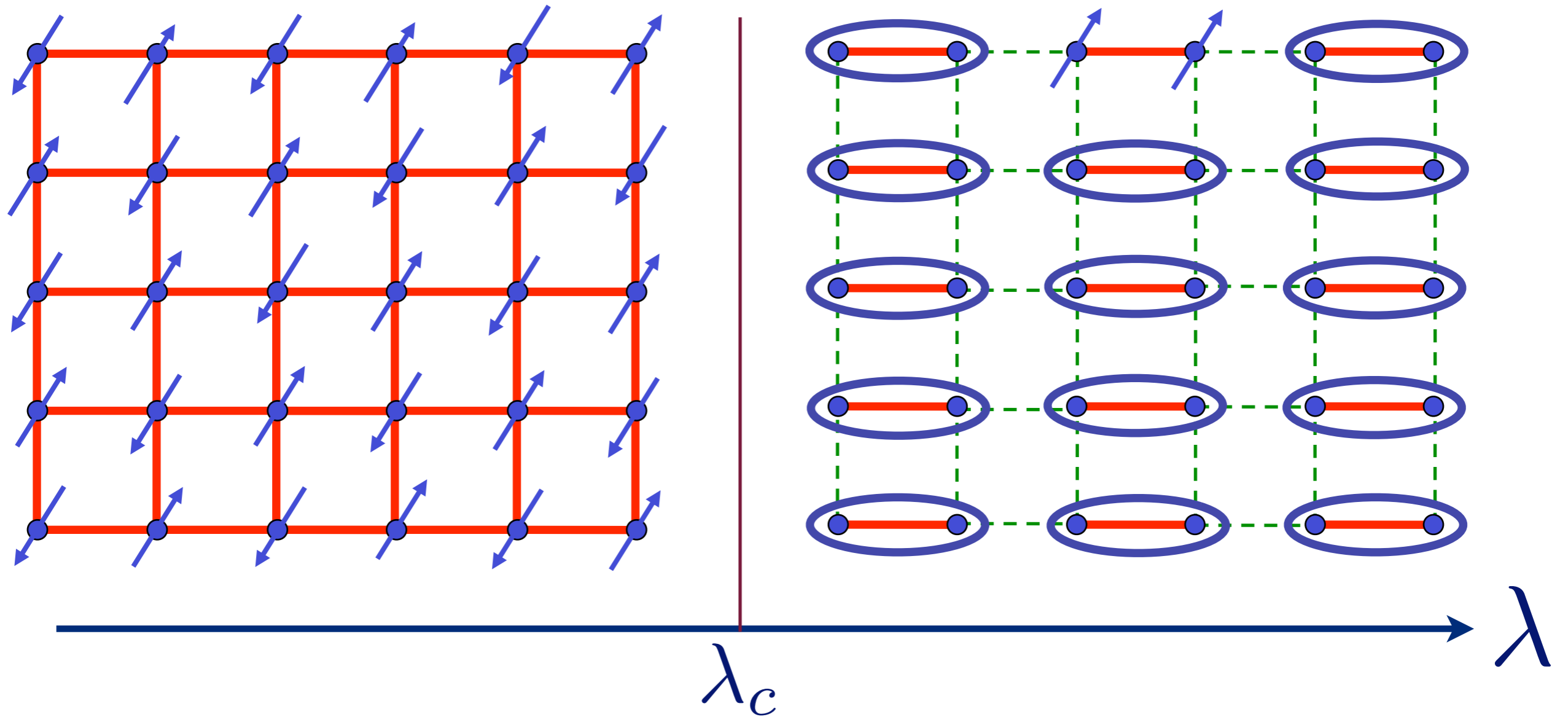
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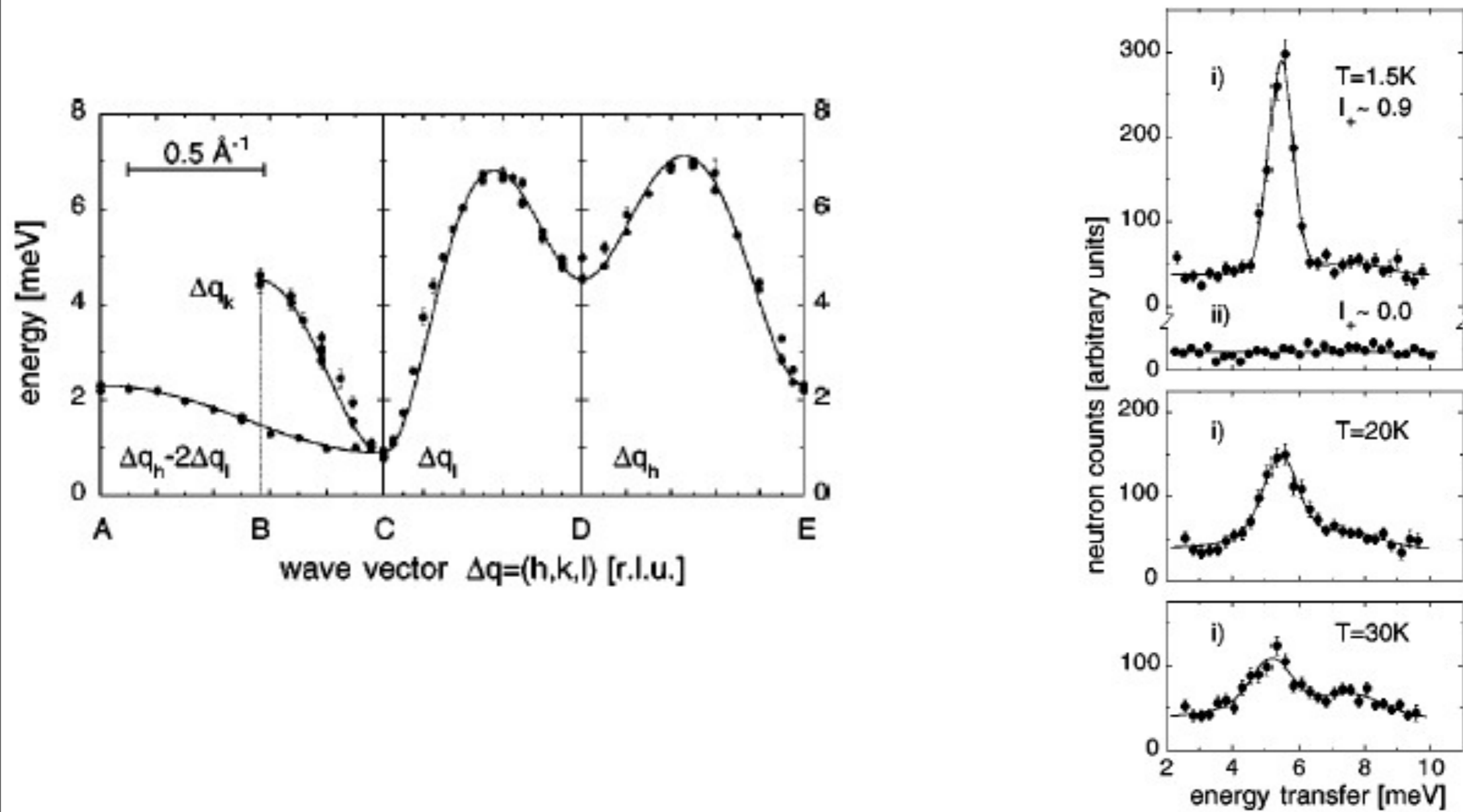
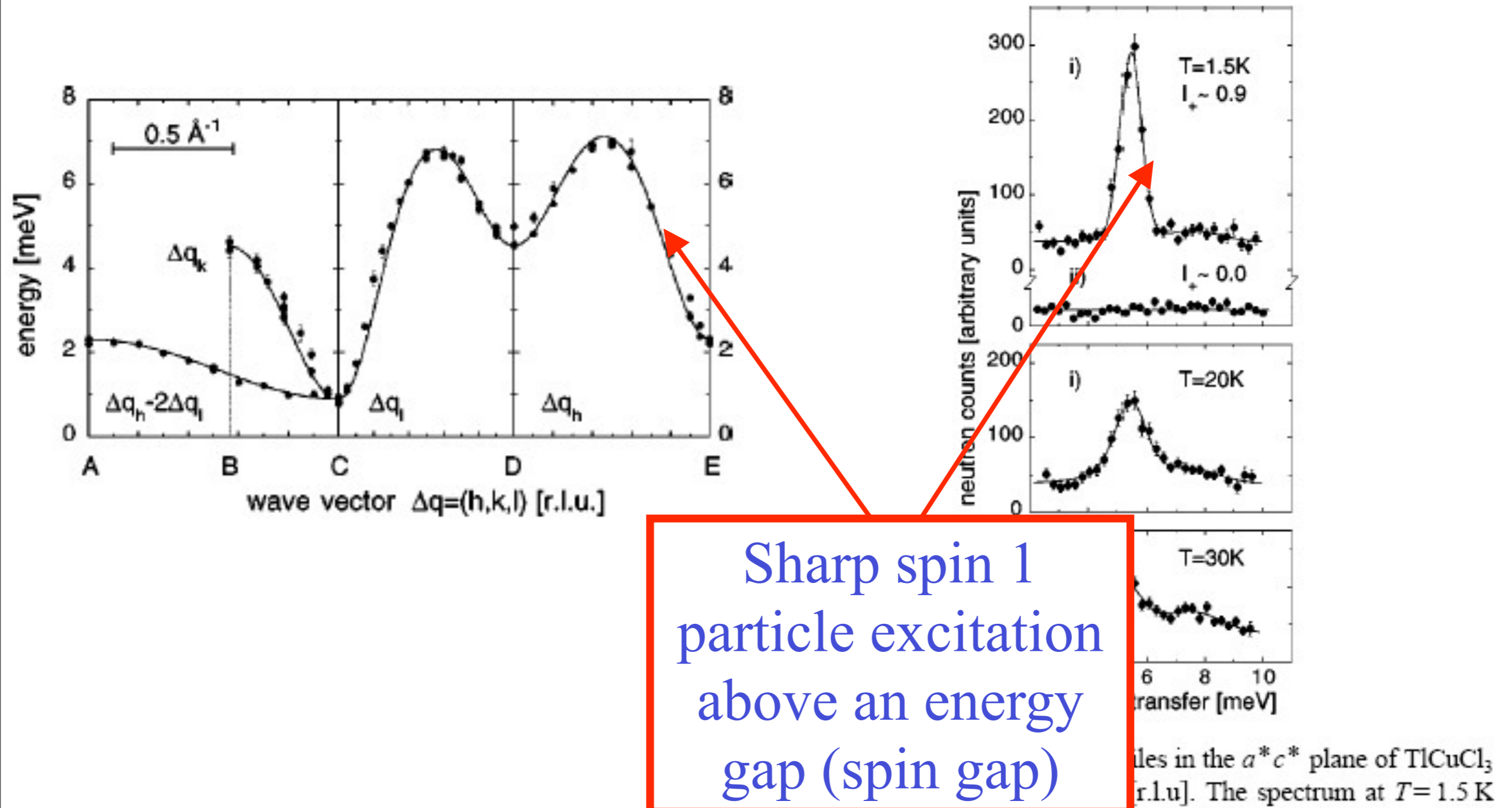


FIG. 1. Measured neutron profiles in the  $a^*c^*$  plane of TlCuCl<sub>3</sub> for  $i = (1.35, 0, 0)$ ,  $ii = (0, 0, 3.15)$  [r.l.u.]. The spectrum at  $T = 1.5 \text{ K}$

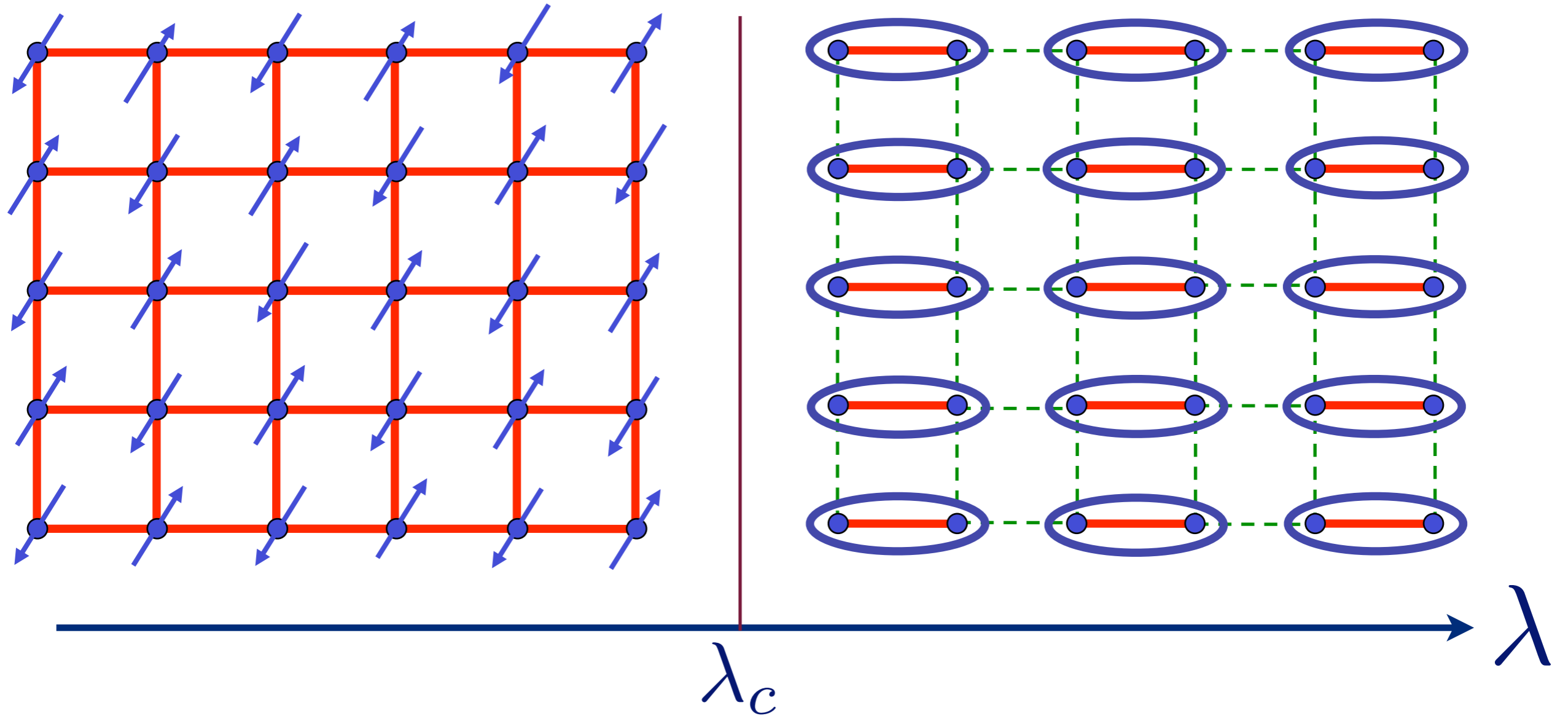
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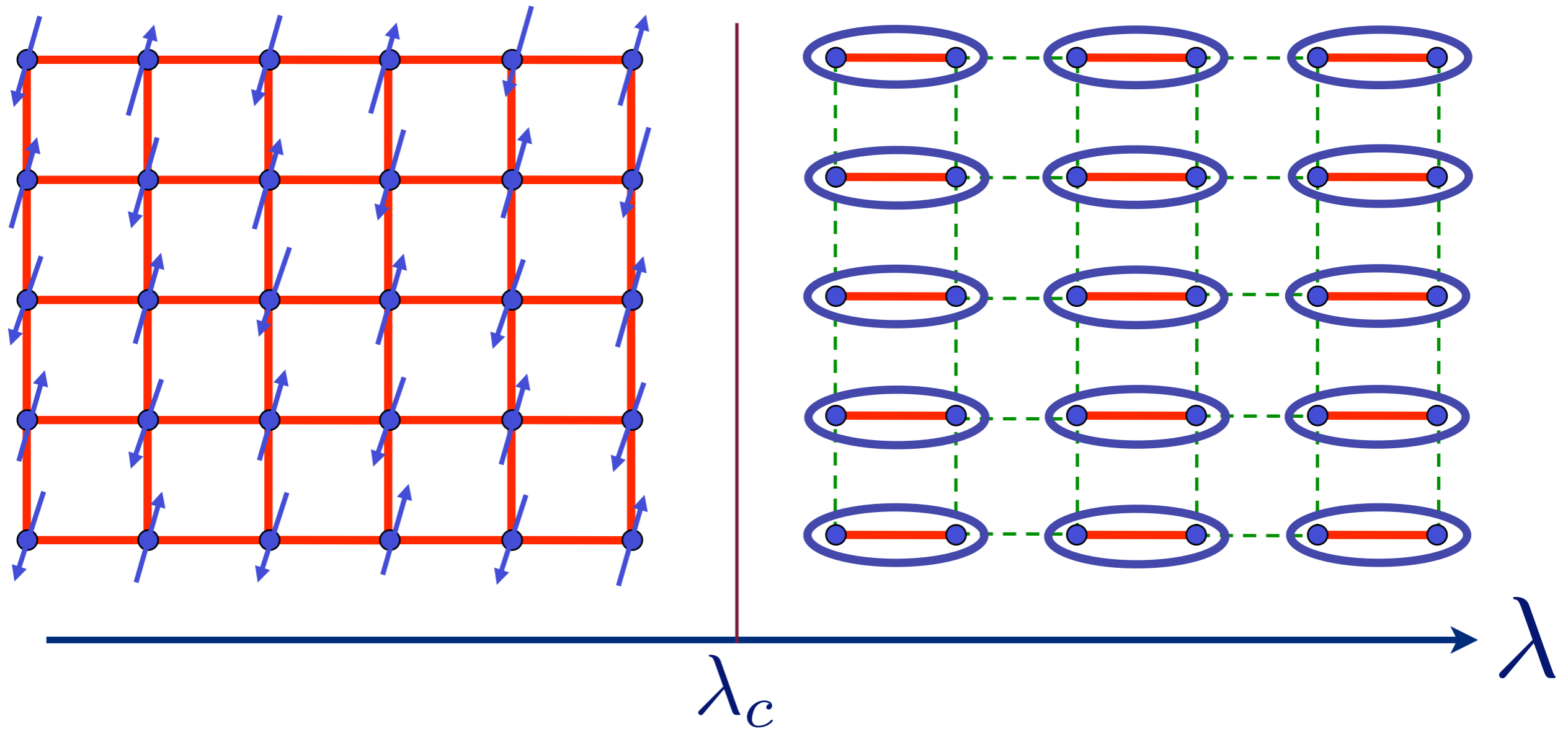


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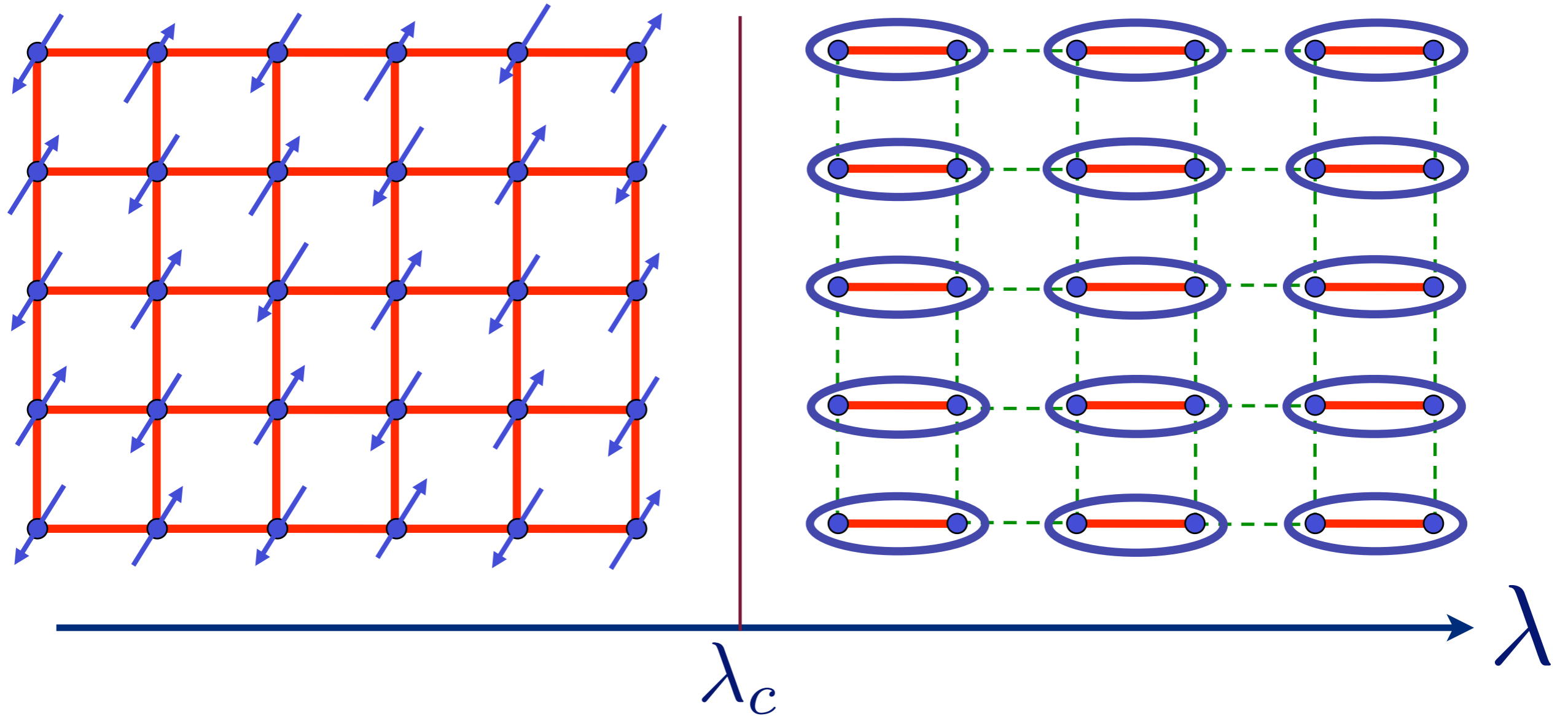


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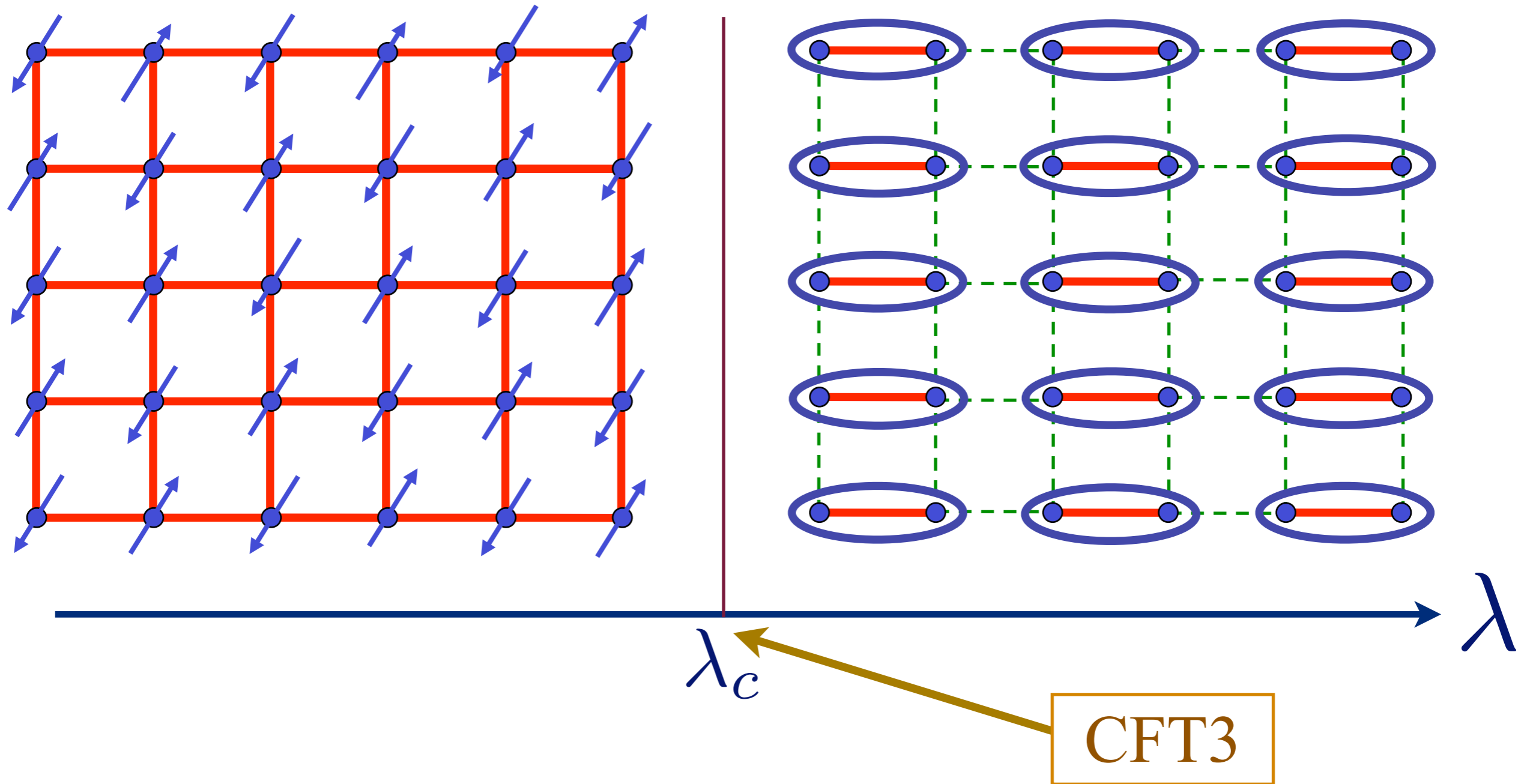
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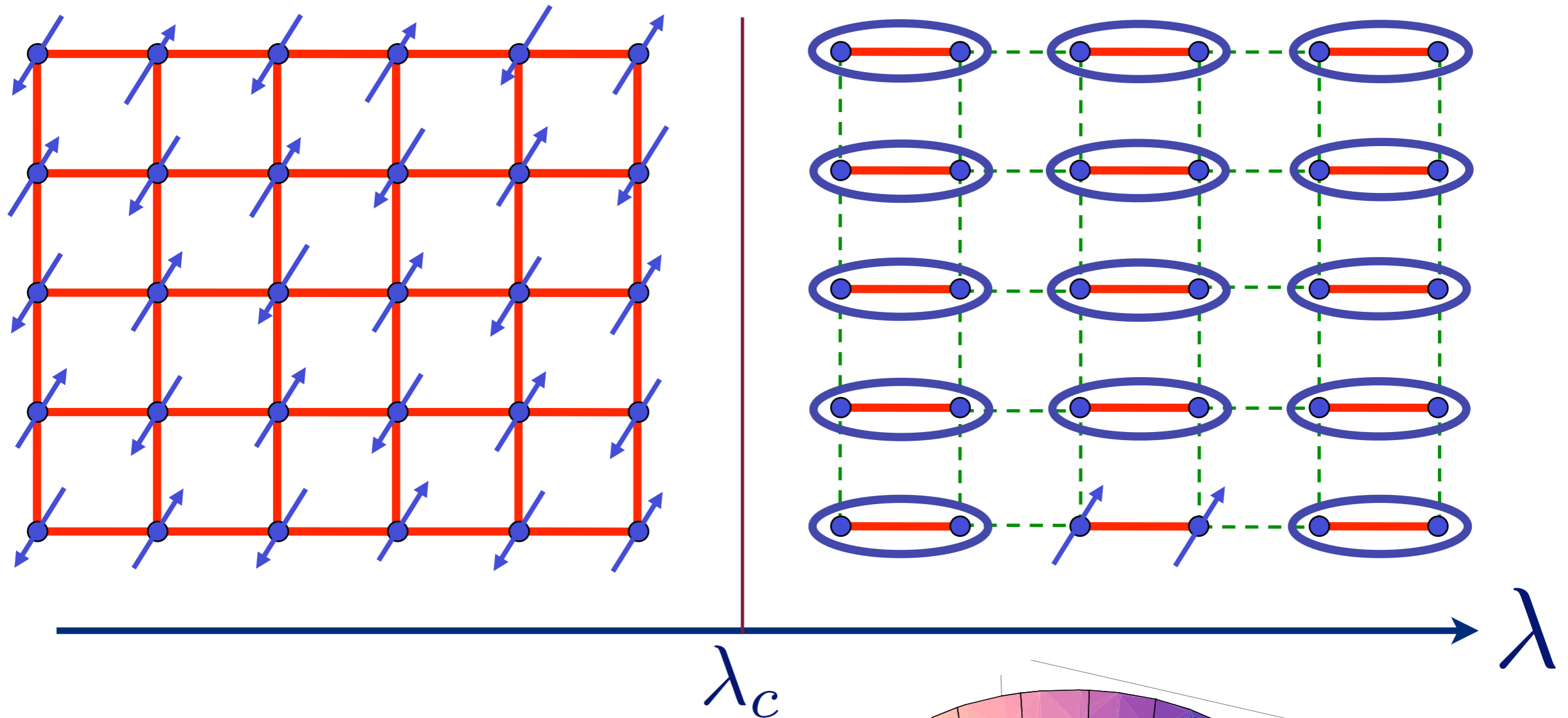
# Description using Landau-Ginzburg field theory



$O(3)$  order parameter  $\vec{\varphi}$

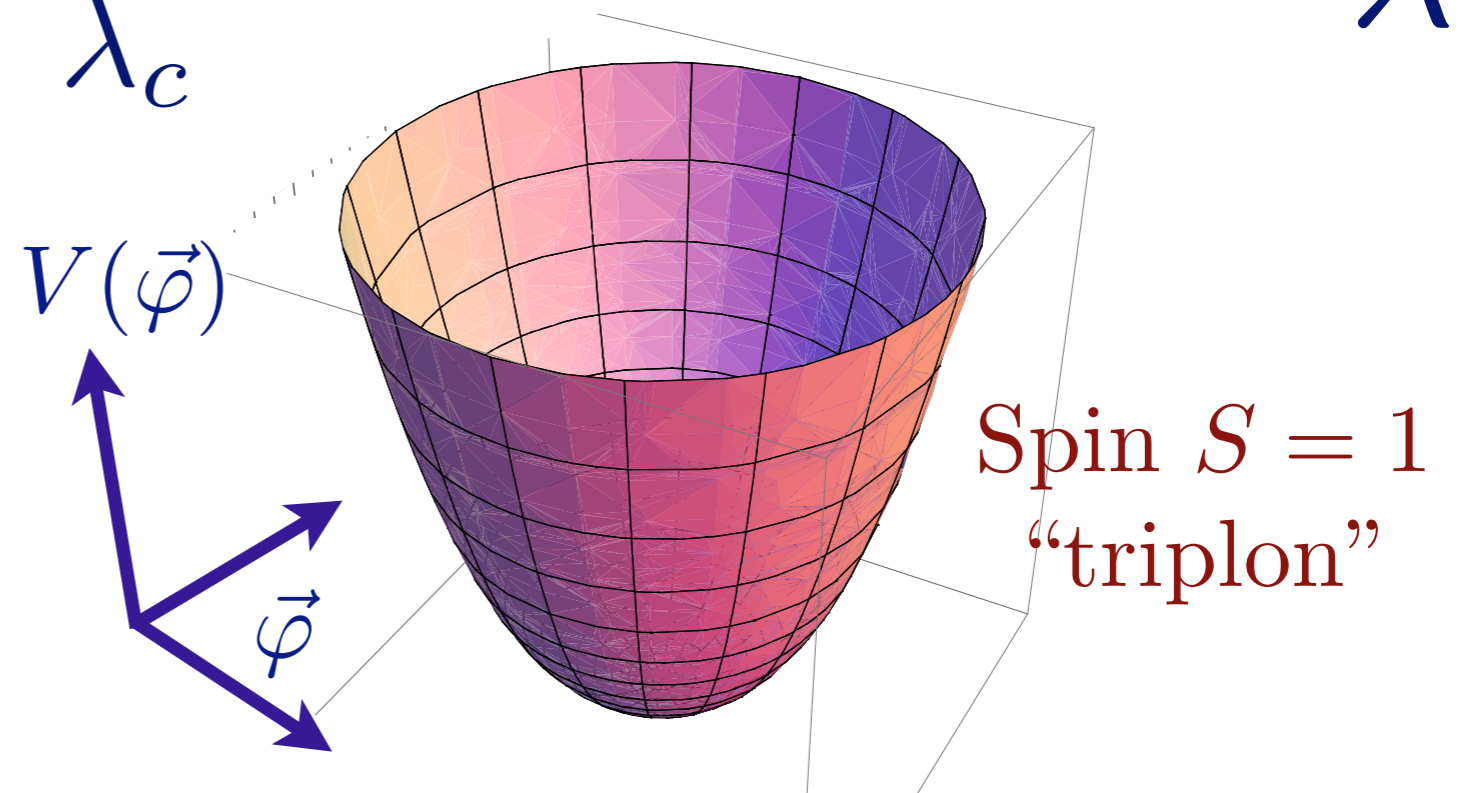
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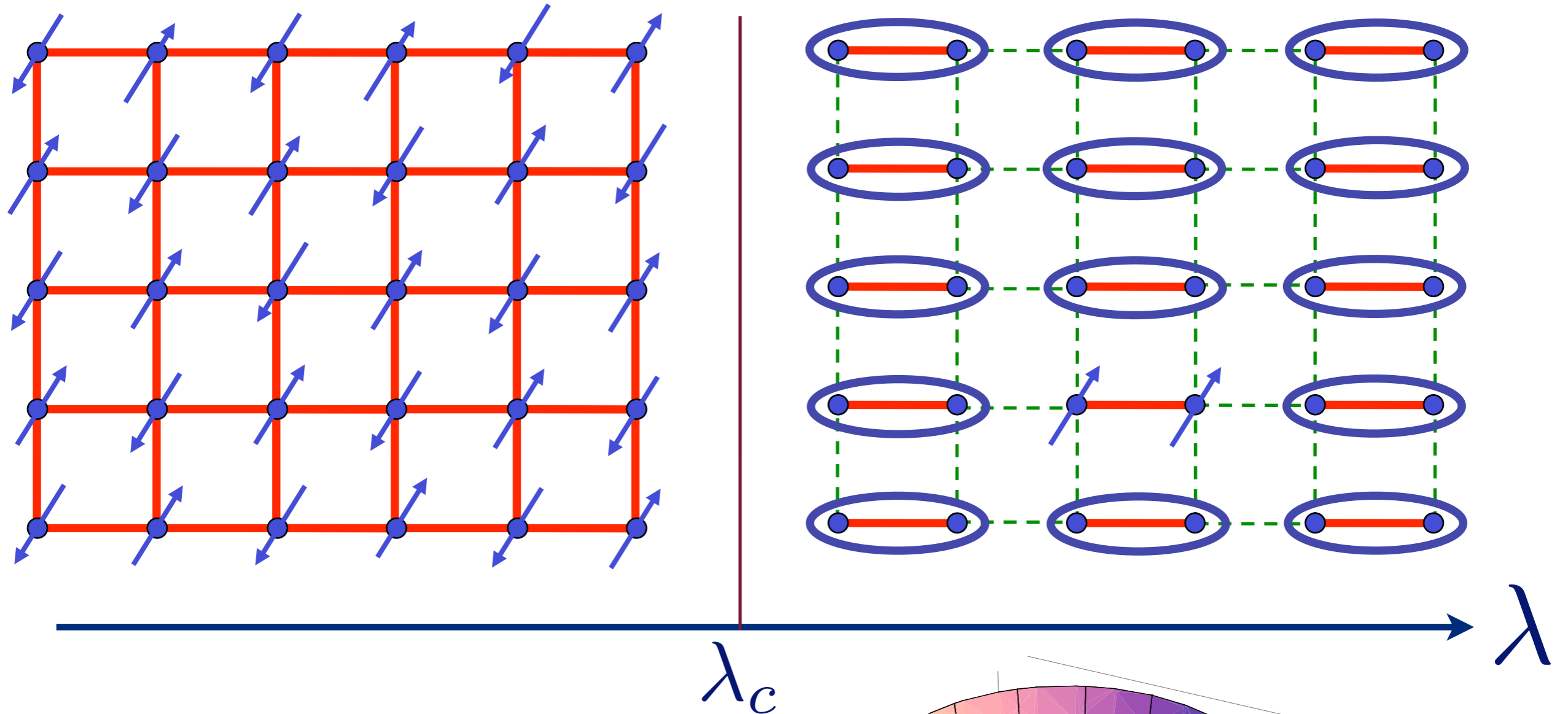


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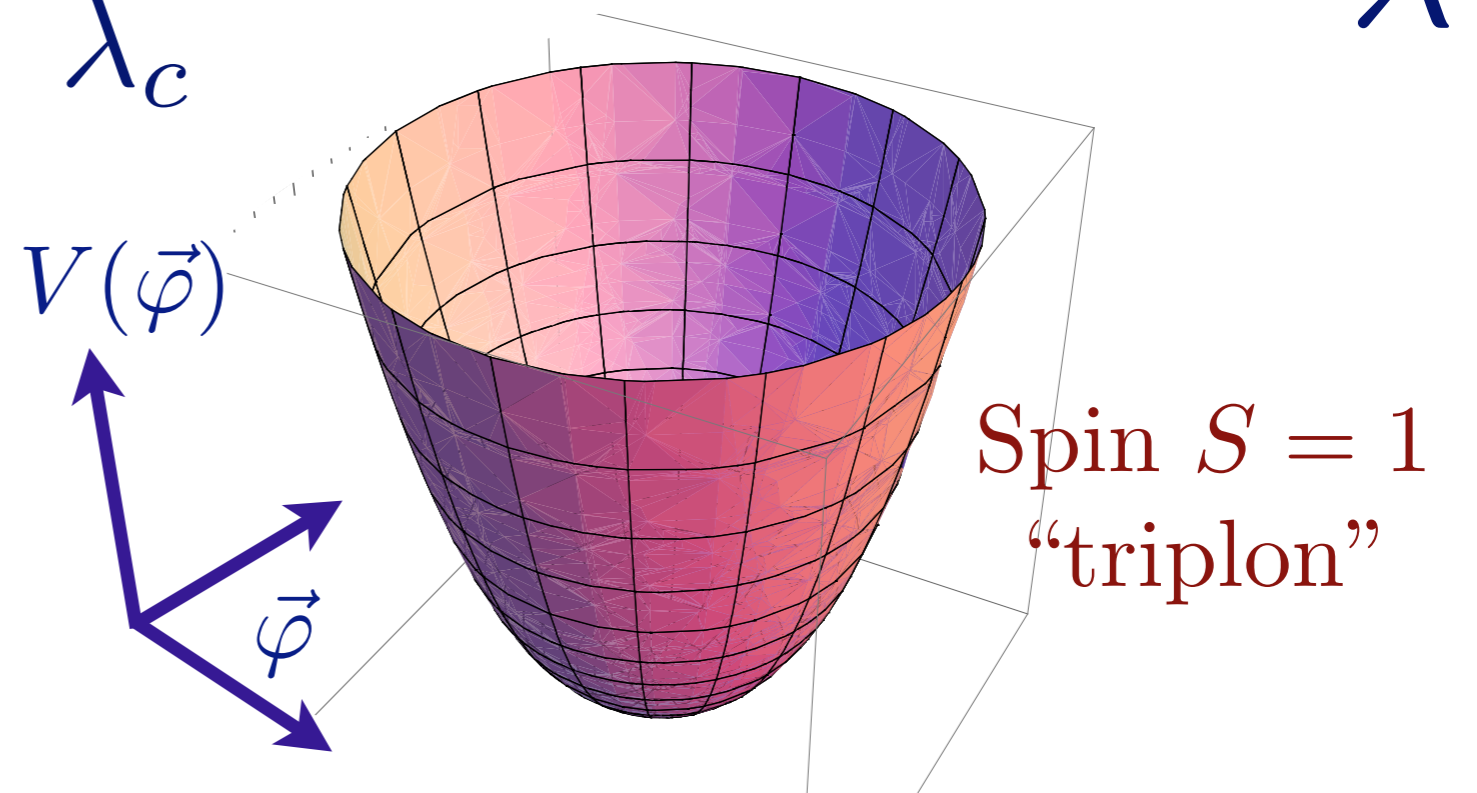


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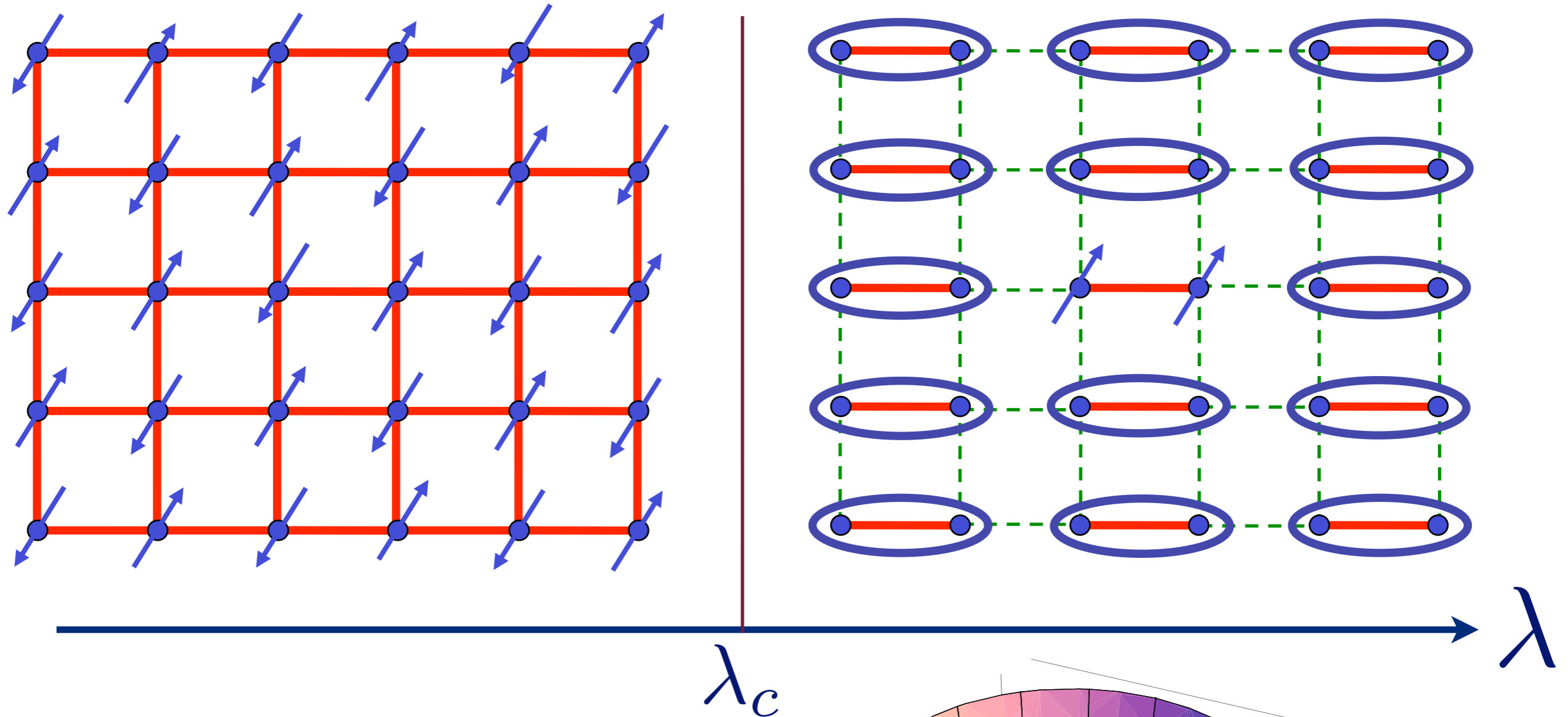


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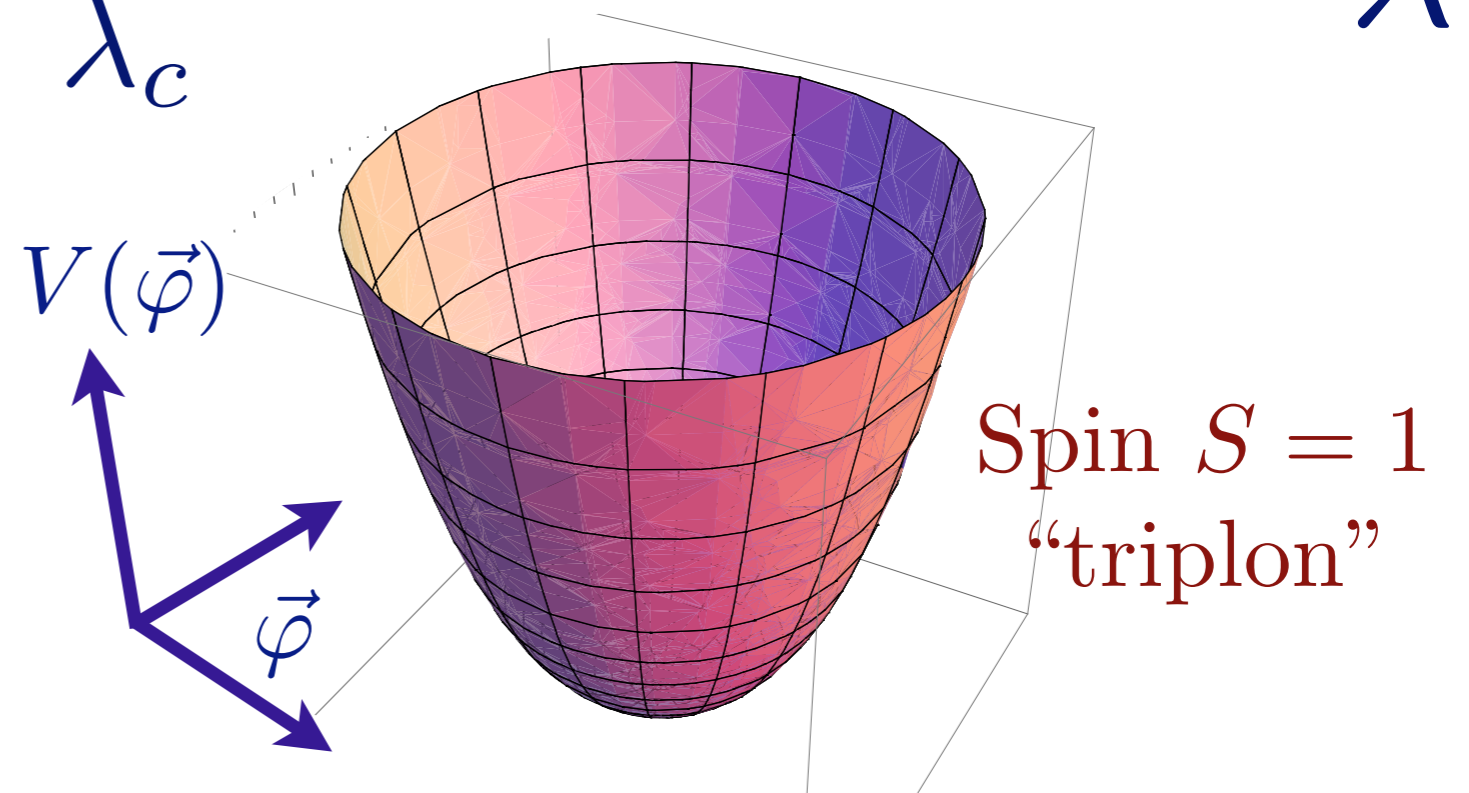


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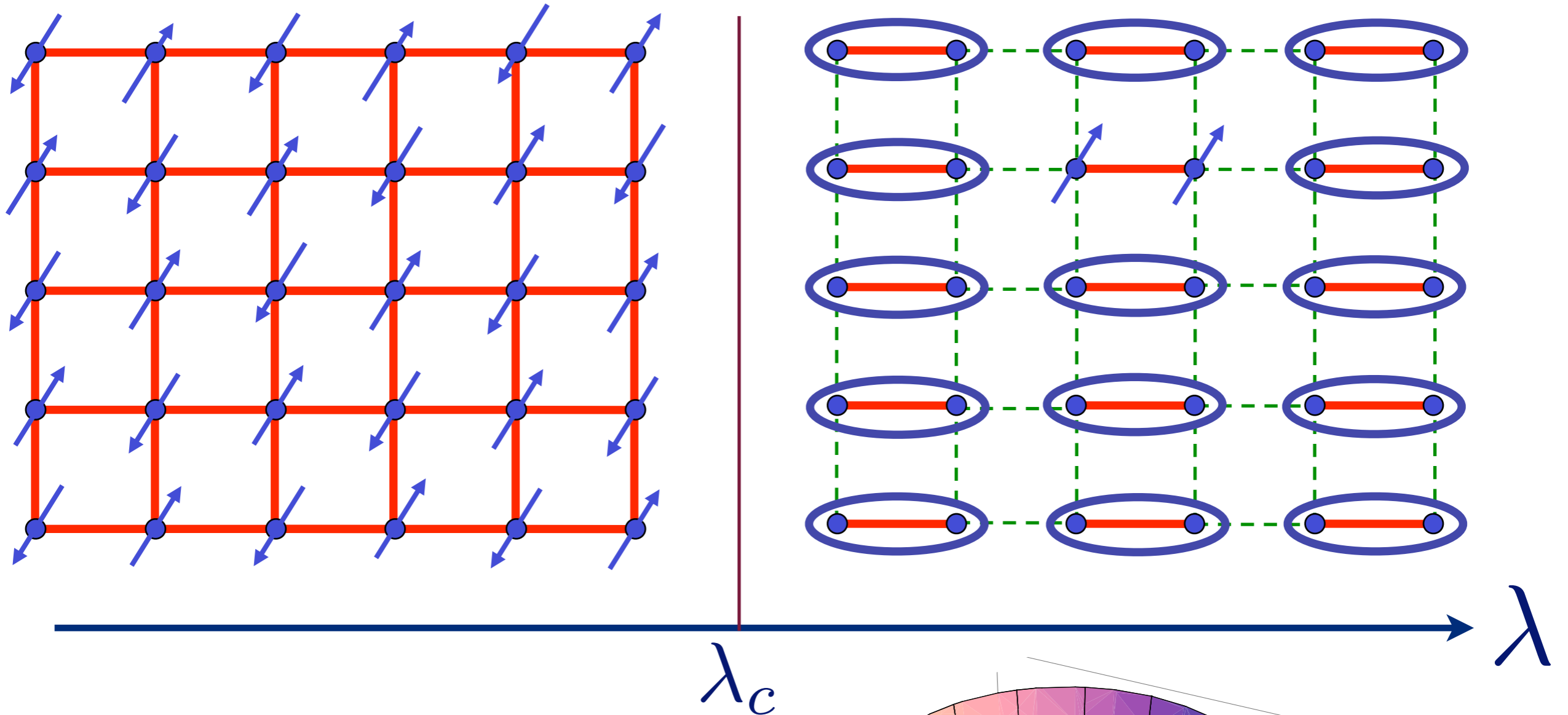


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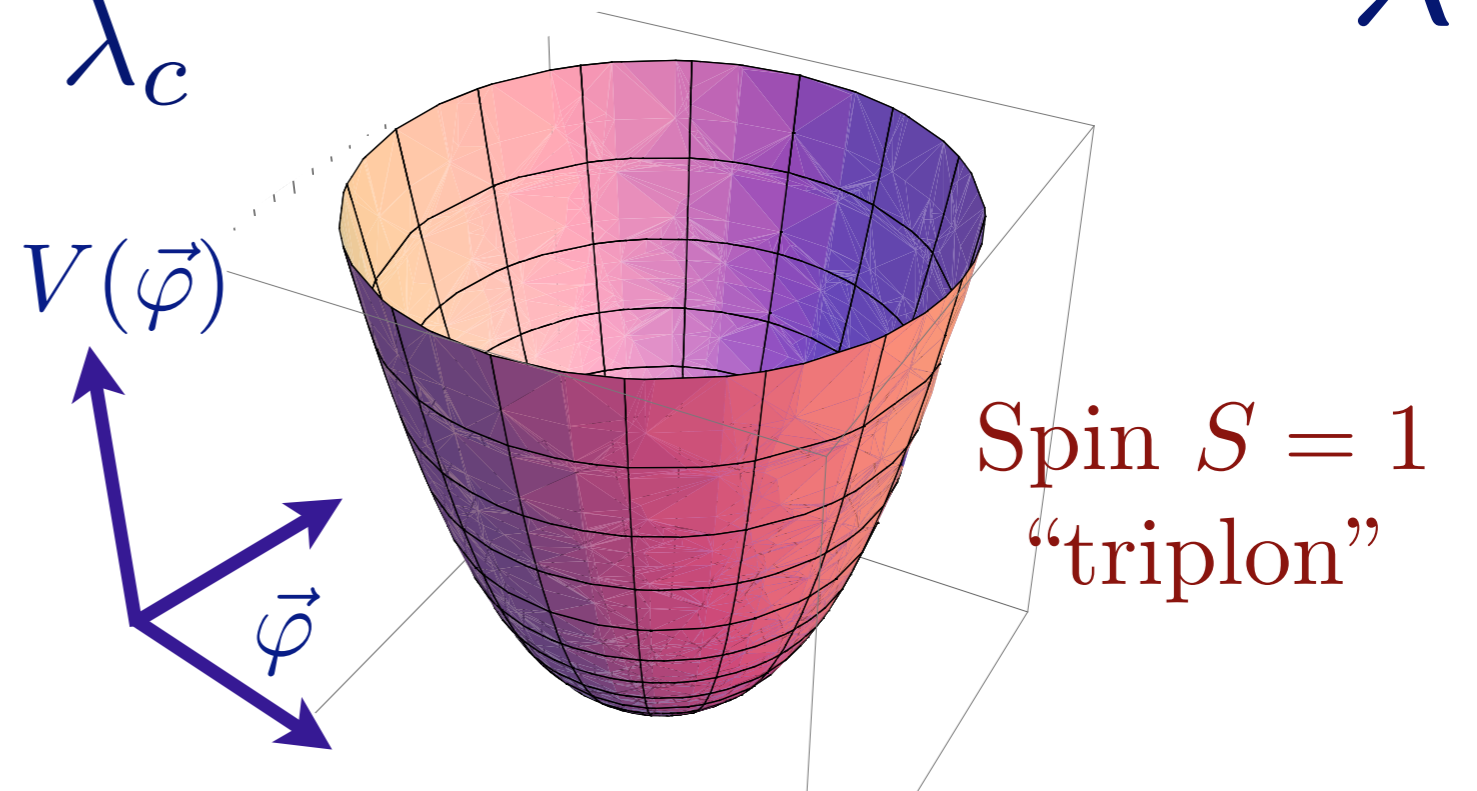


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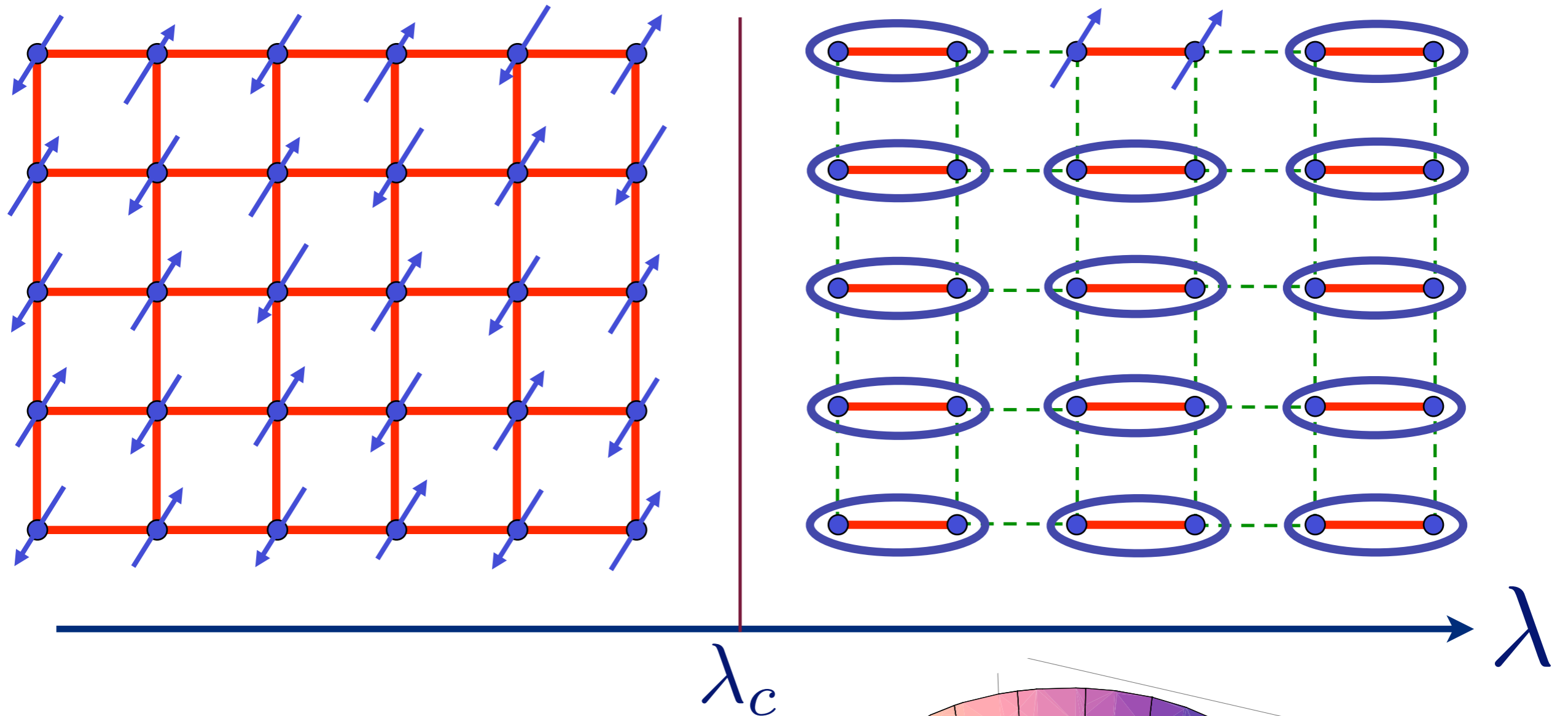


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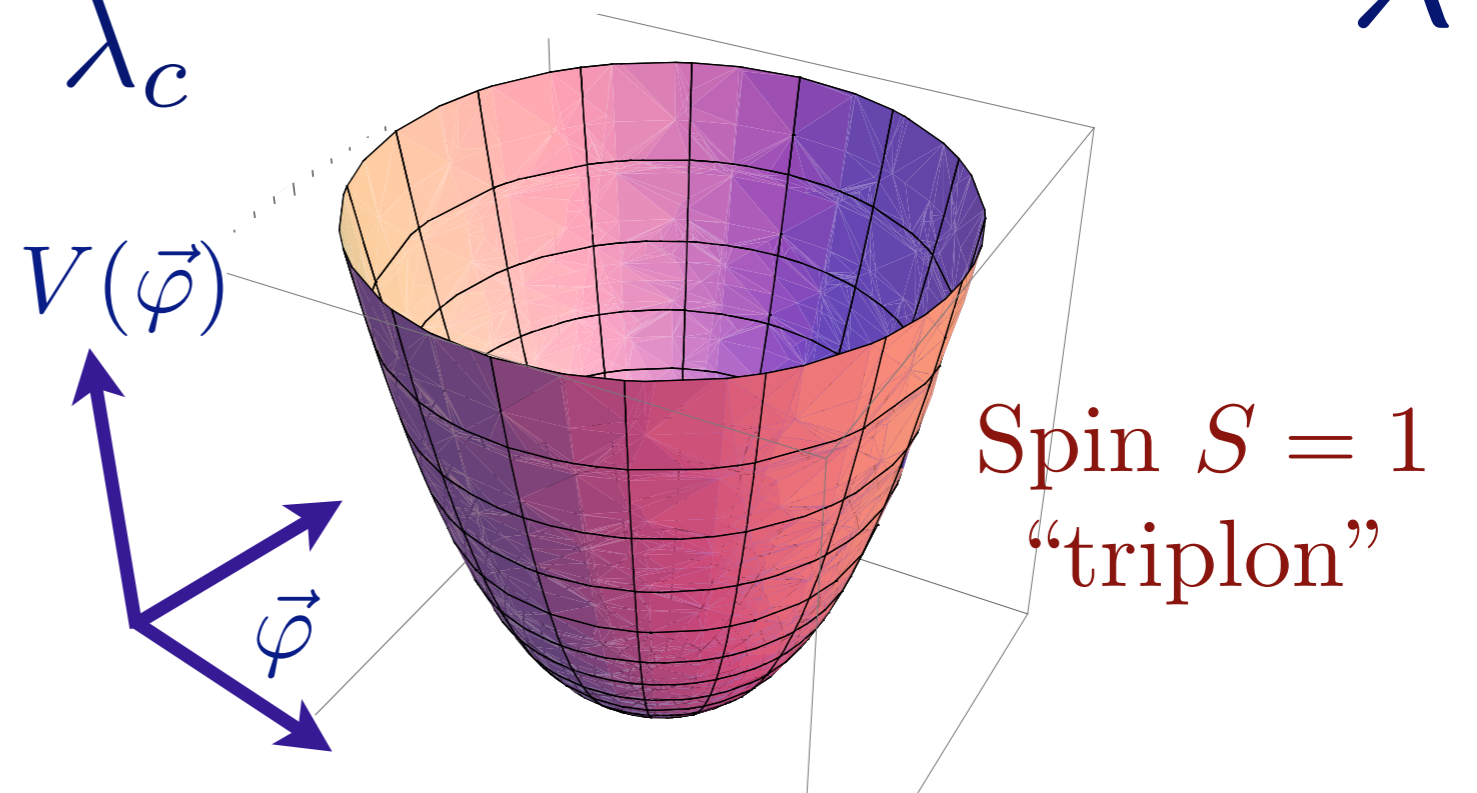


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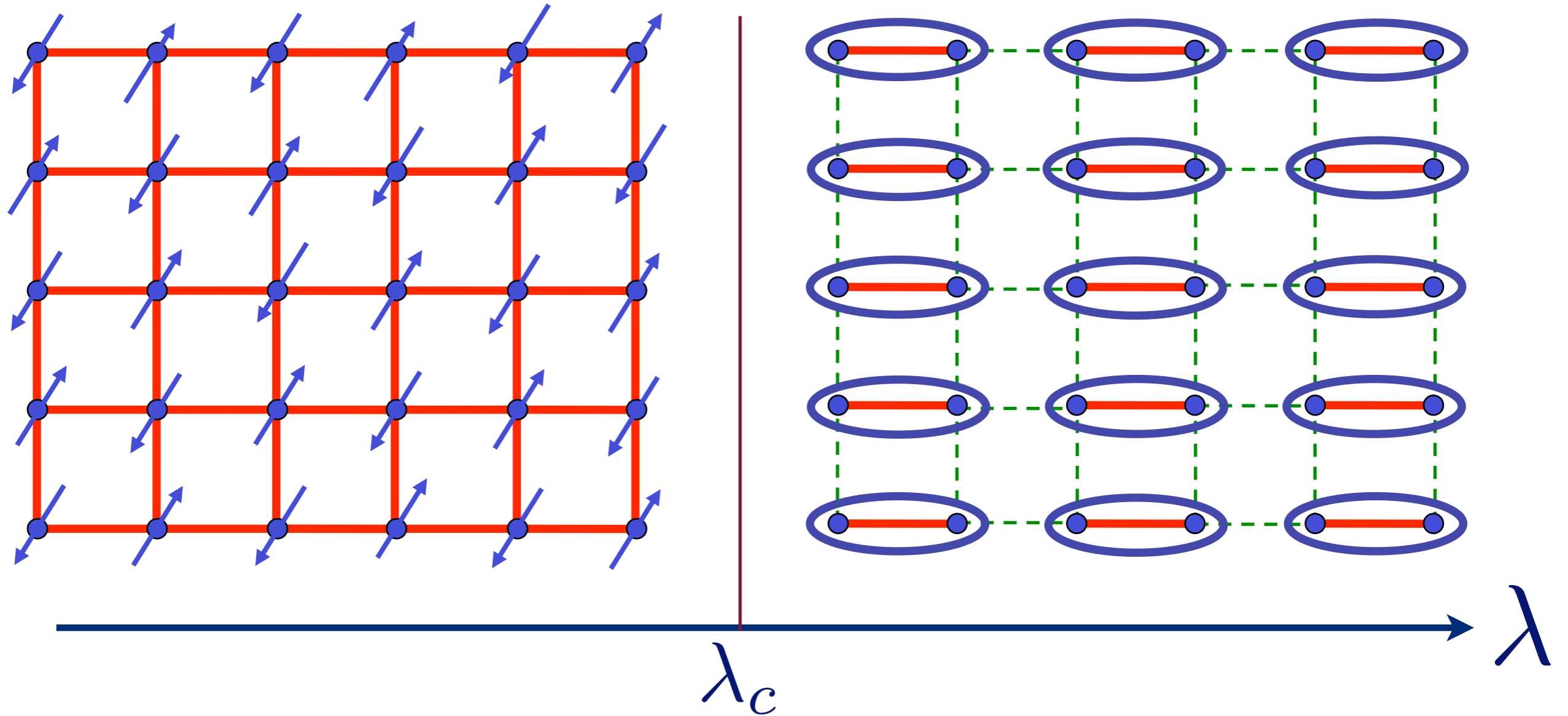


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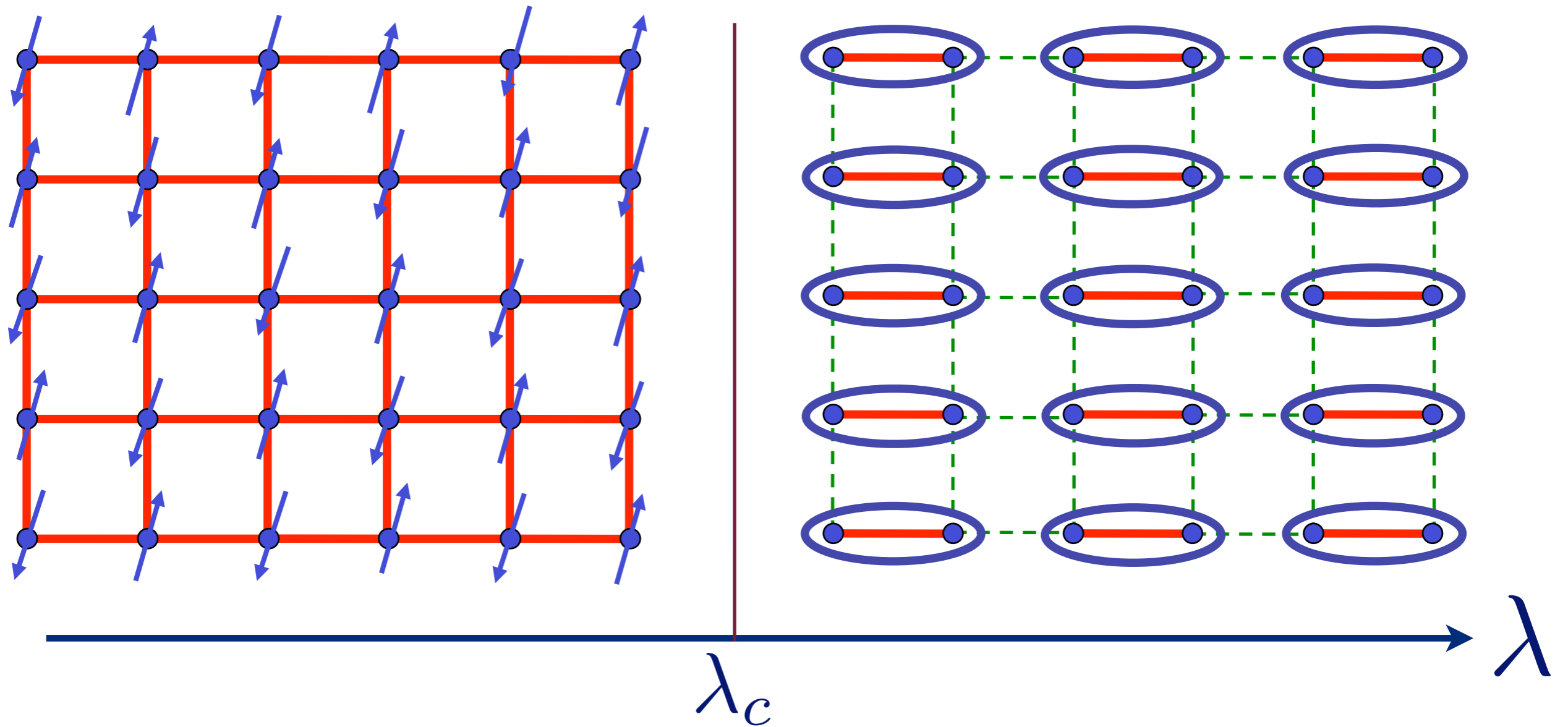
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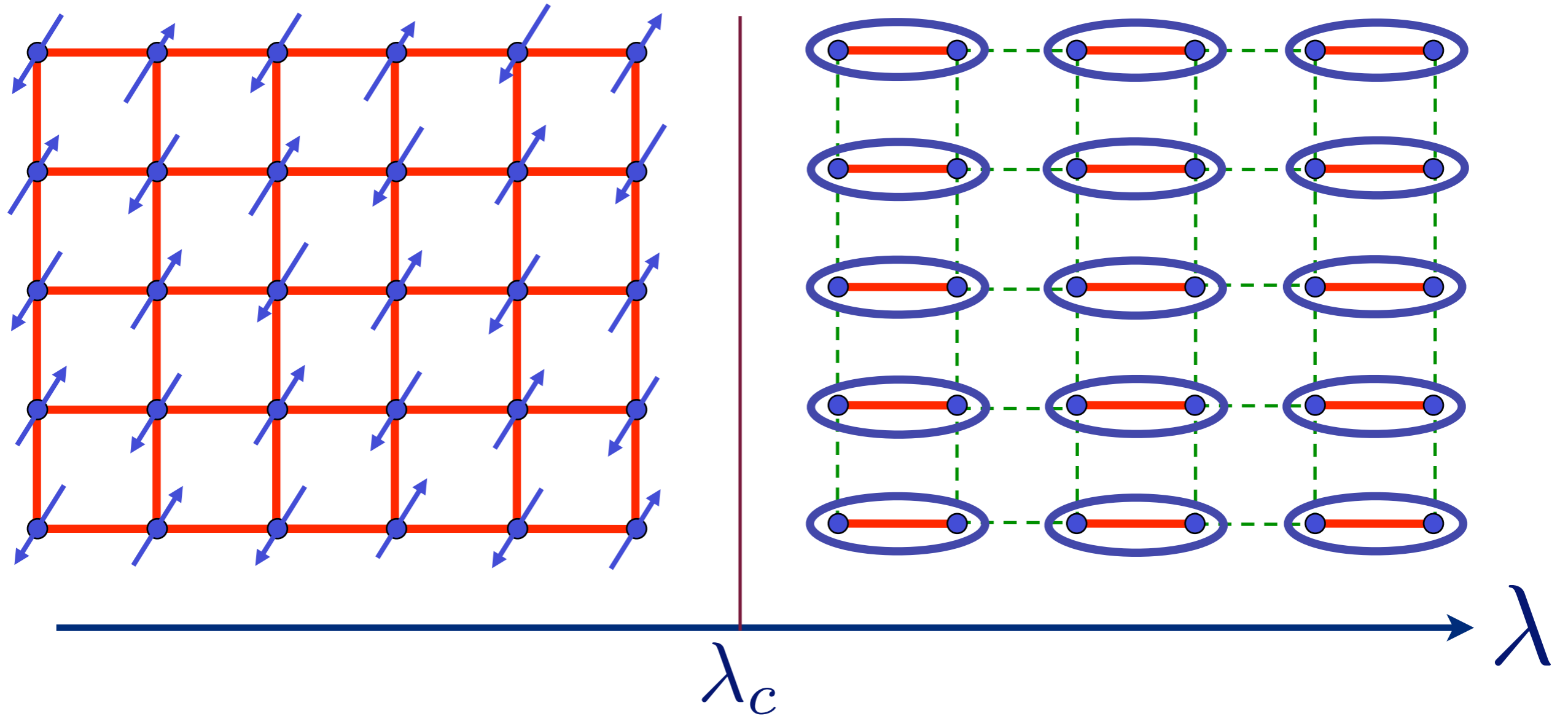


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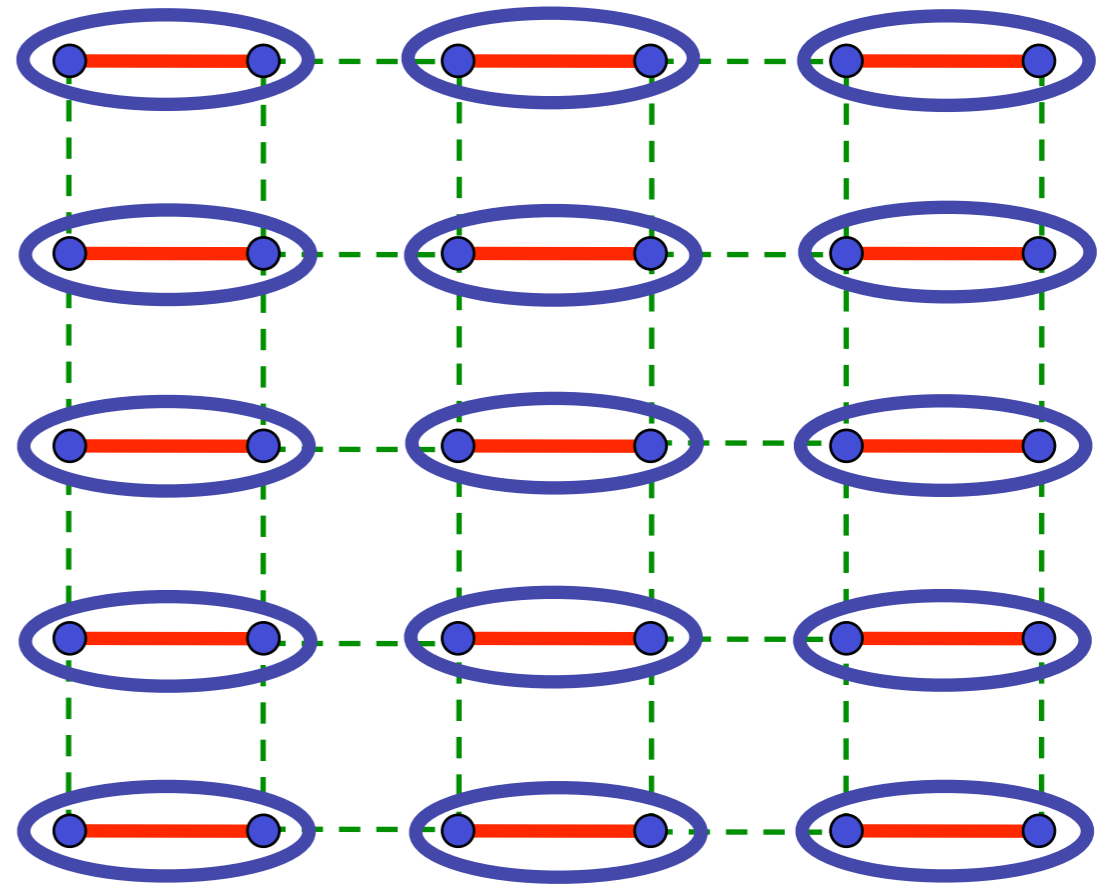
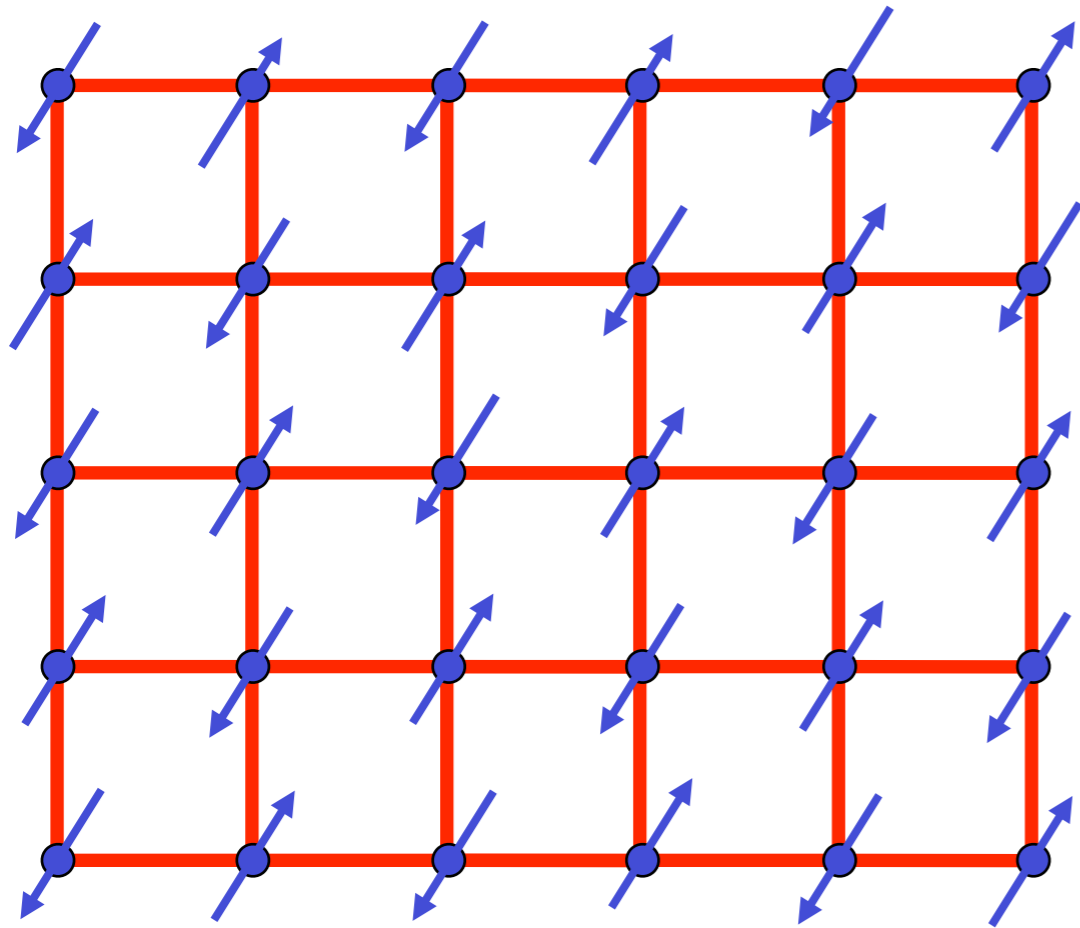
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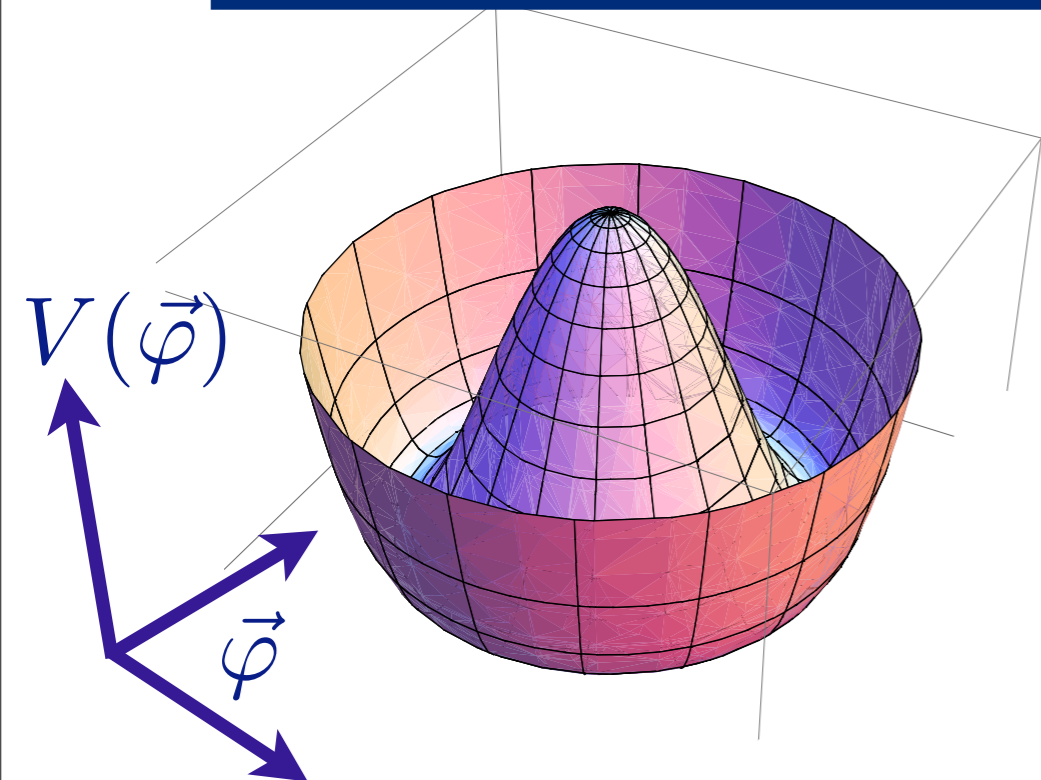


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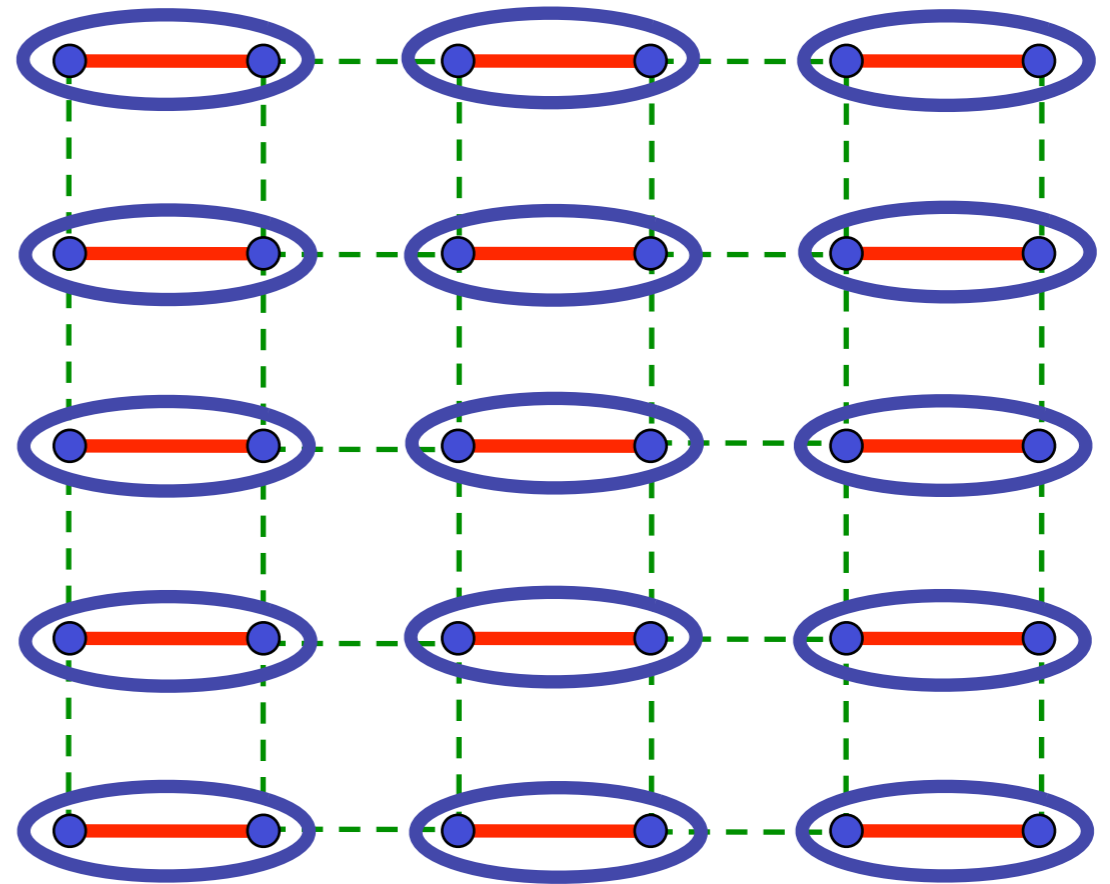
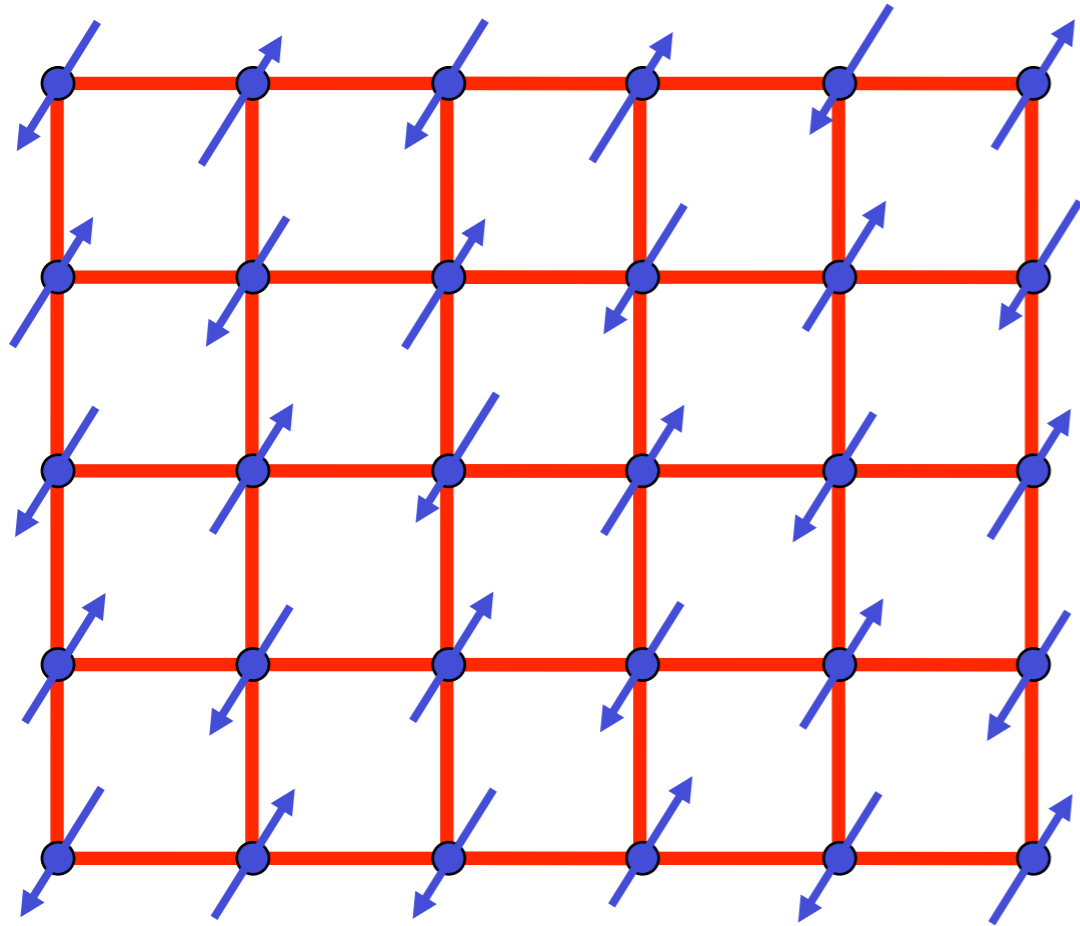
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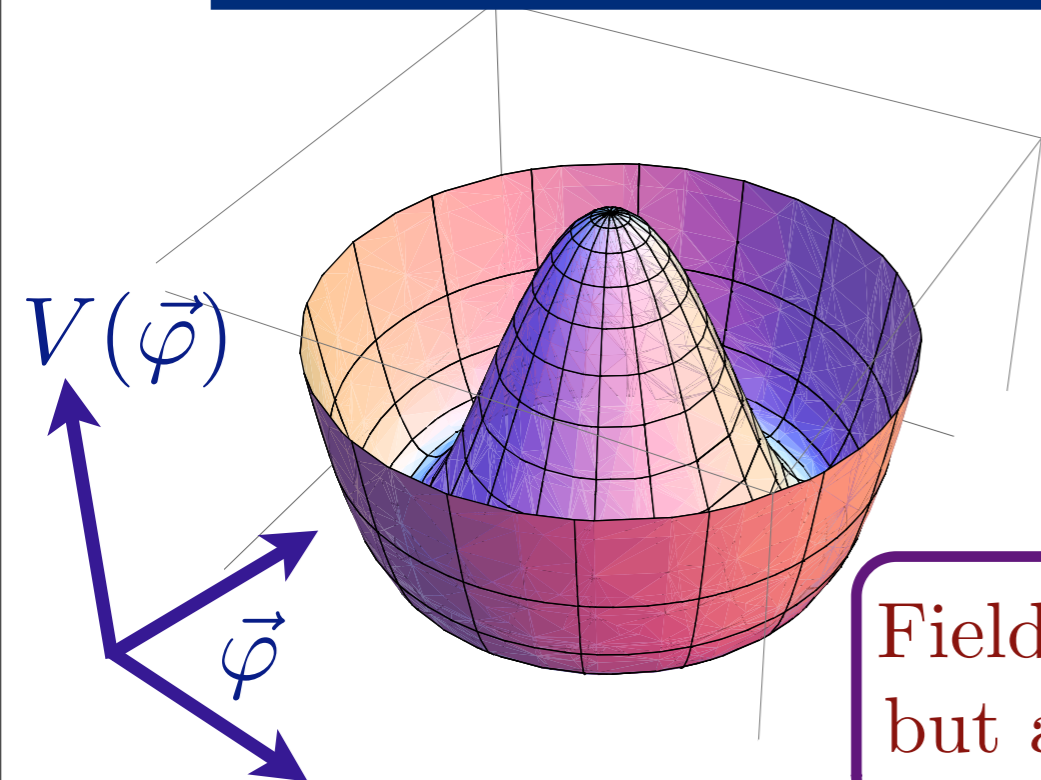


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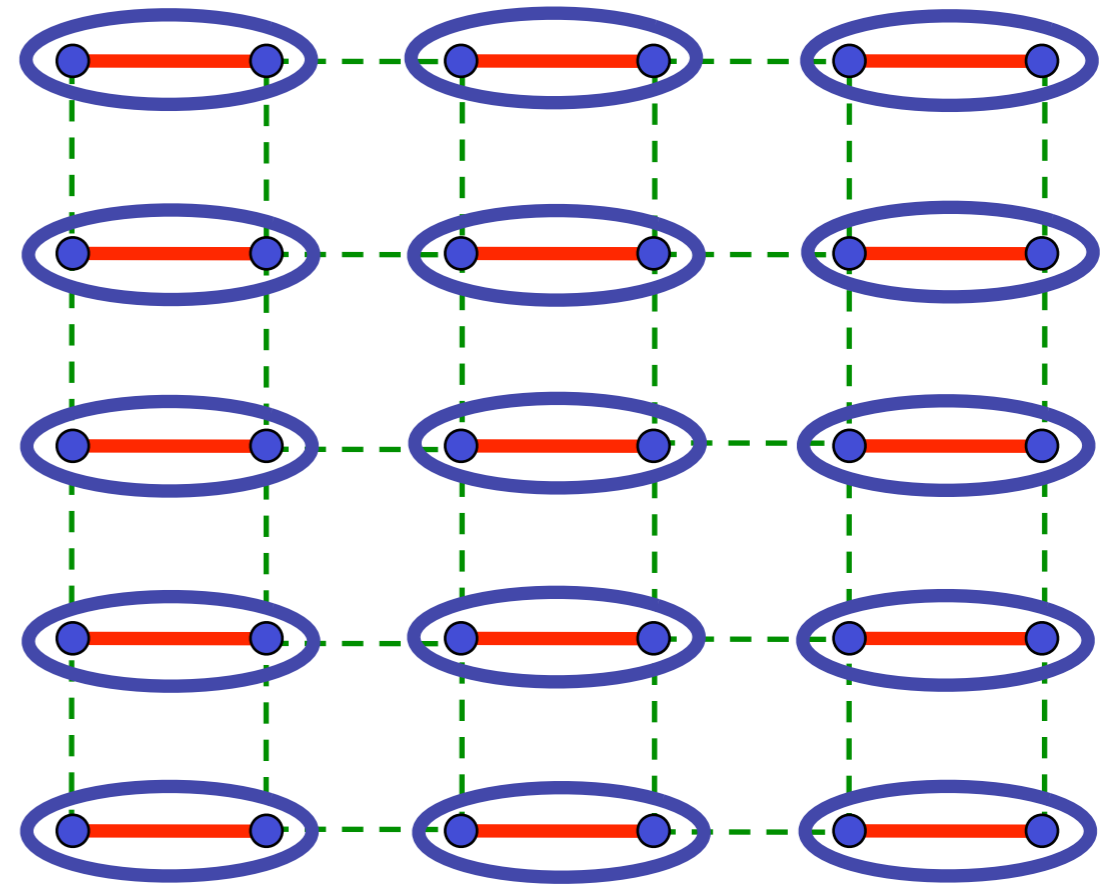
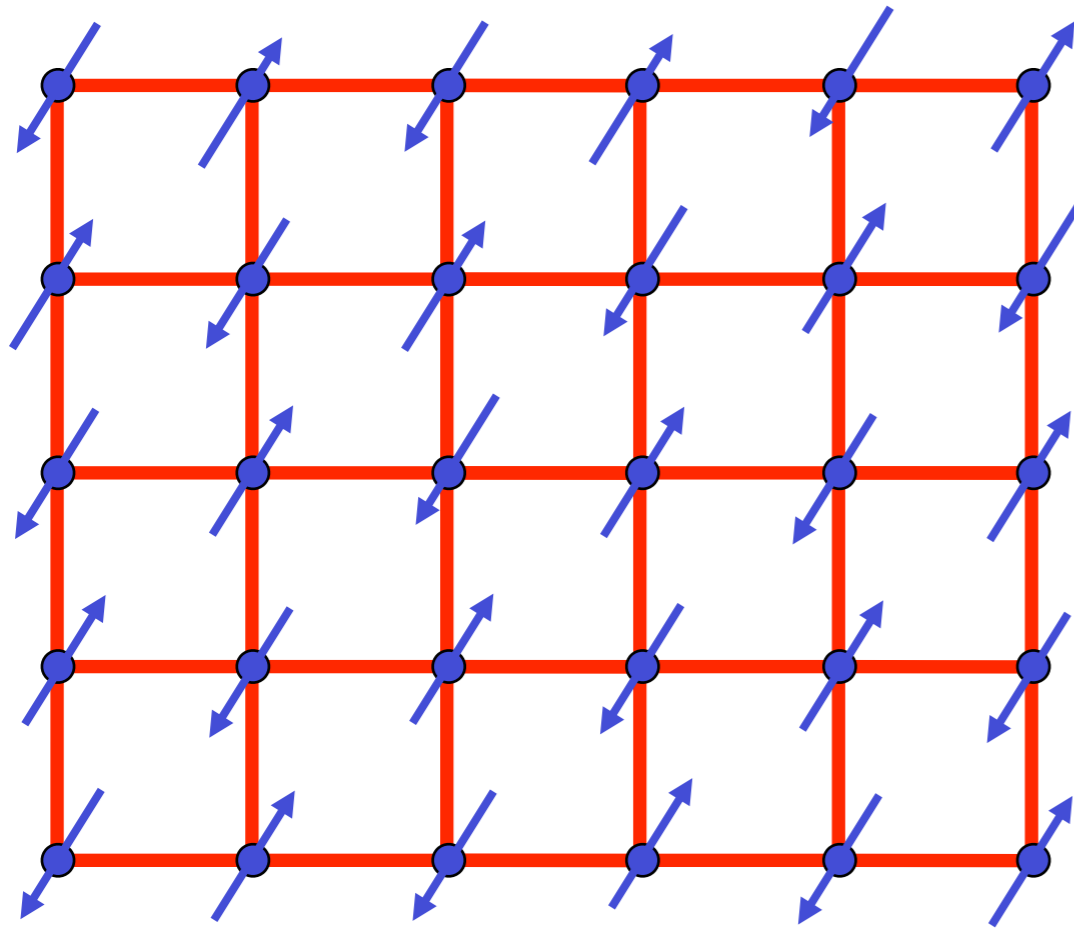
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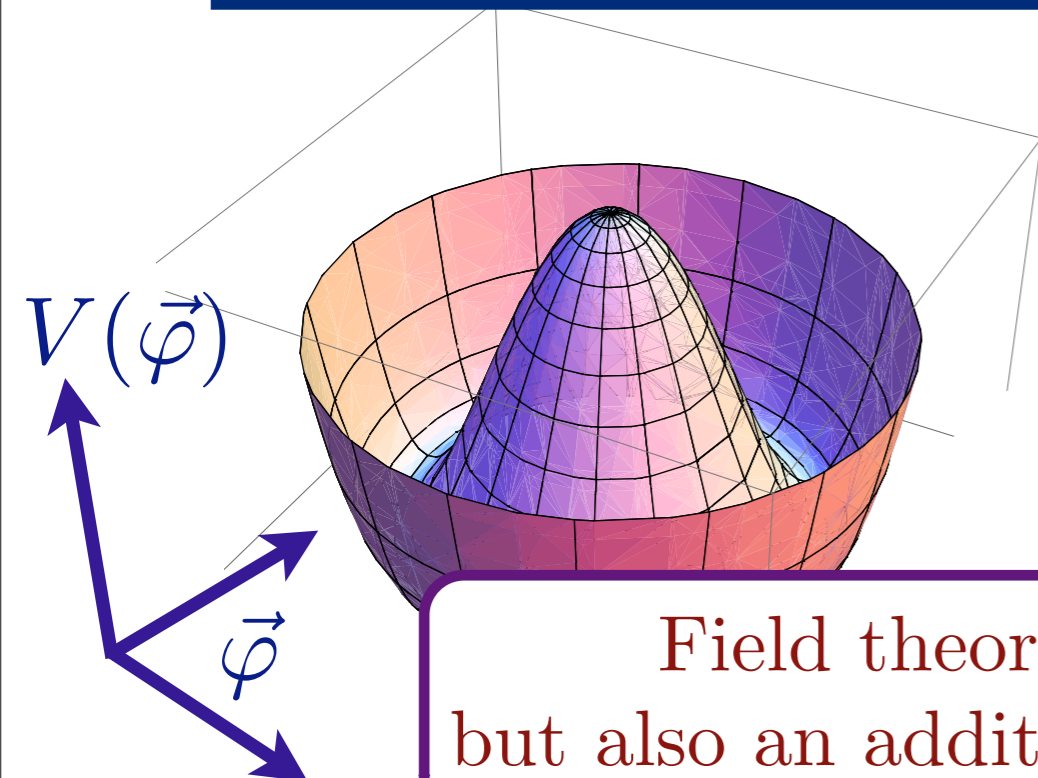


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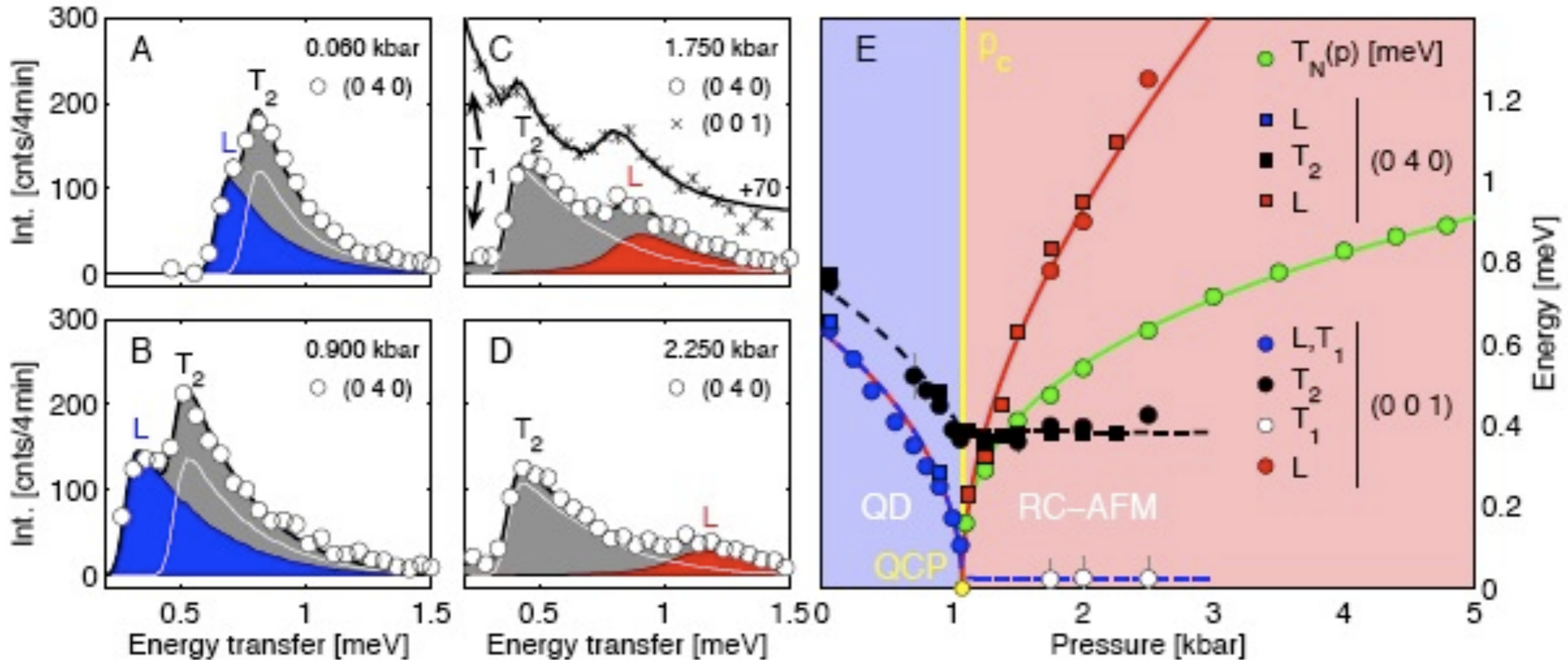
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# TiCuCl<sub>3</sub> with varying pressure



Observation of 3 → 2 low energy modes,  
emergence of new Higgs-Englert-Brout particle in the Néel phase,  
and vanishing of Néel temperature at the quantum critical point

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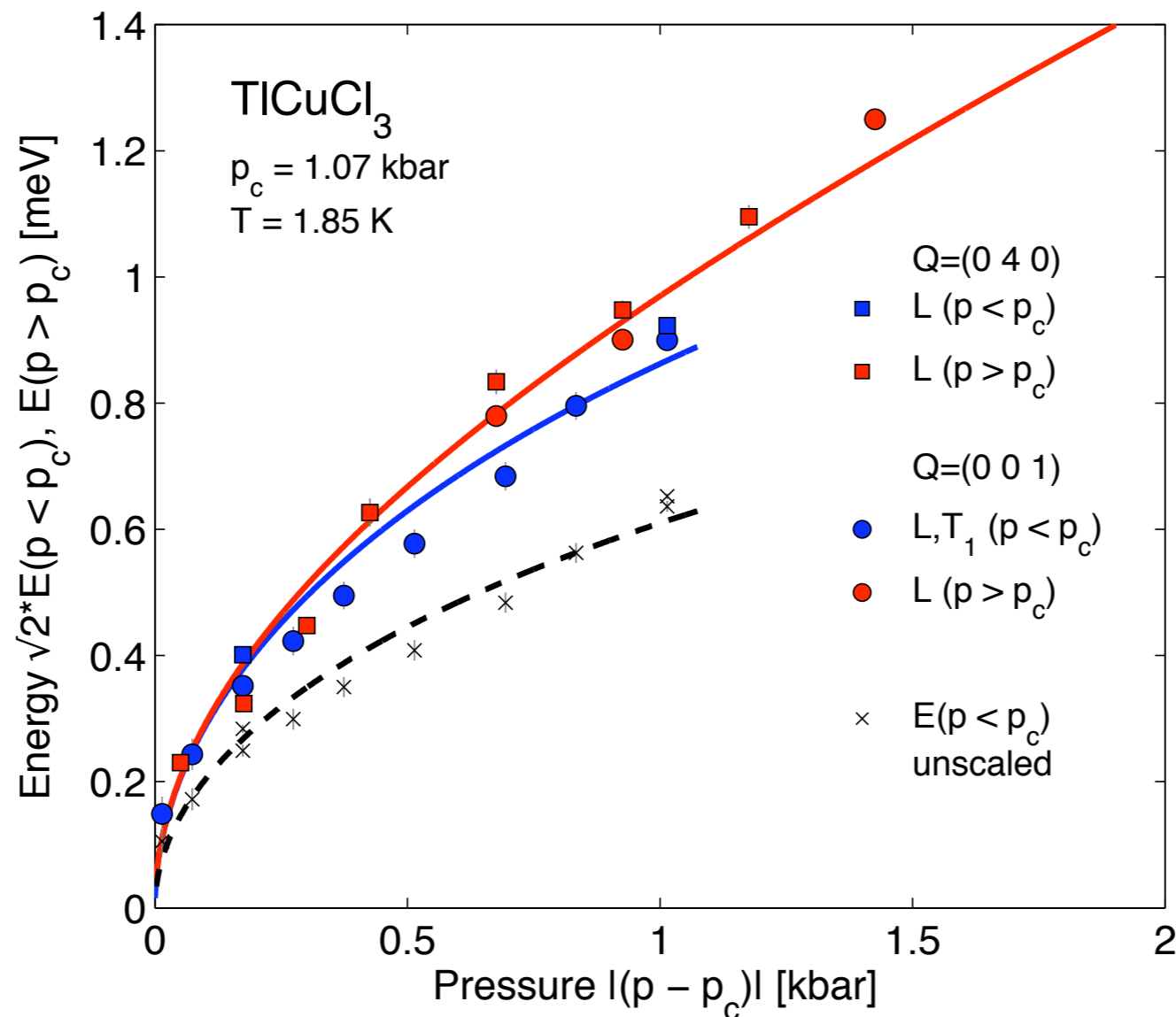
$$V(\vec{\varphi}) \approx 2(\lambda_c - \lambda)\varphi_{1z}^2$$

Yields 2 gapless spin waves and one Higgs-Englert-Brout particle with energy gap  $\sim \sqrt{2(\lambda_c - \lambda)}$

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Energy of Higgs-Englert-Brout particle =  $\sqrt{2}$   
Energy of triplon

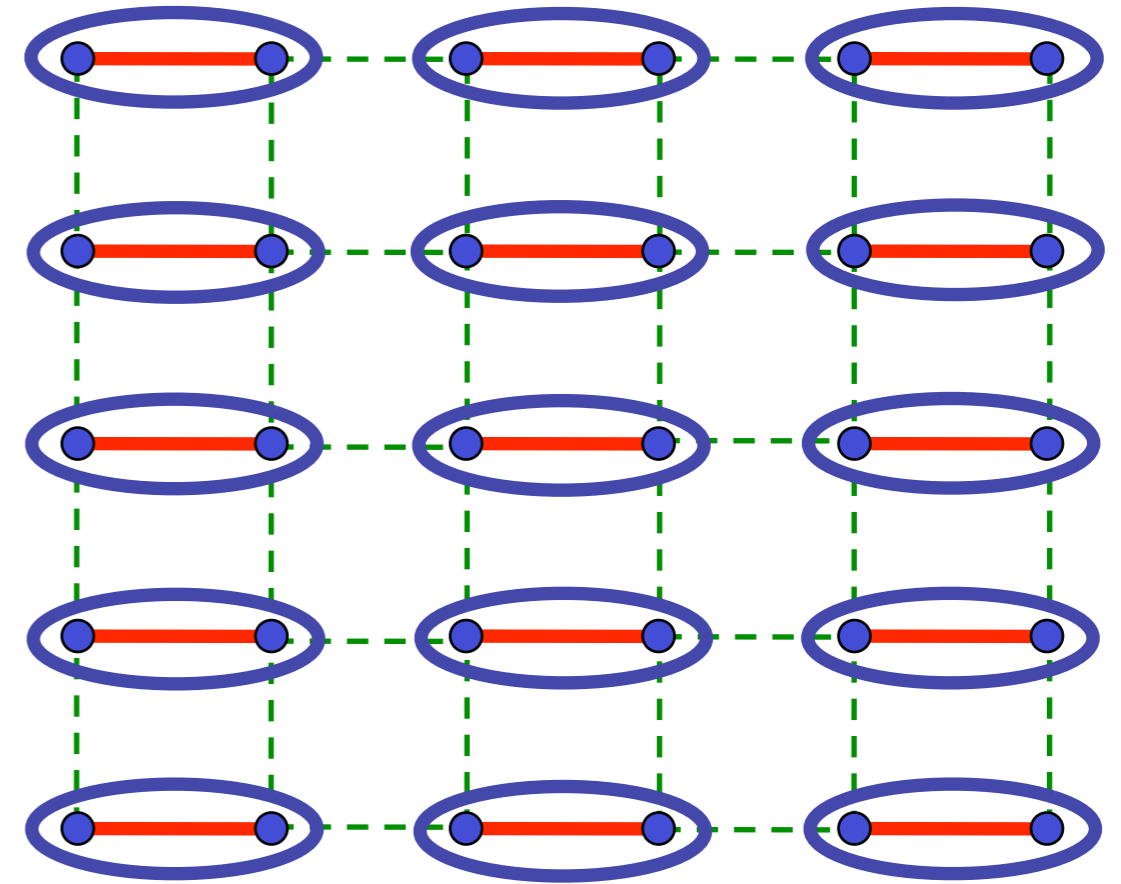
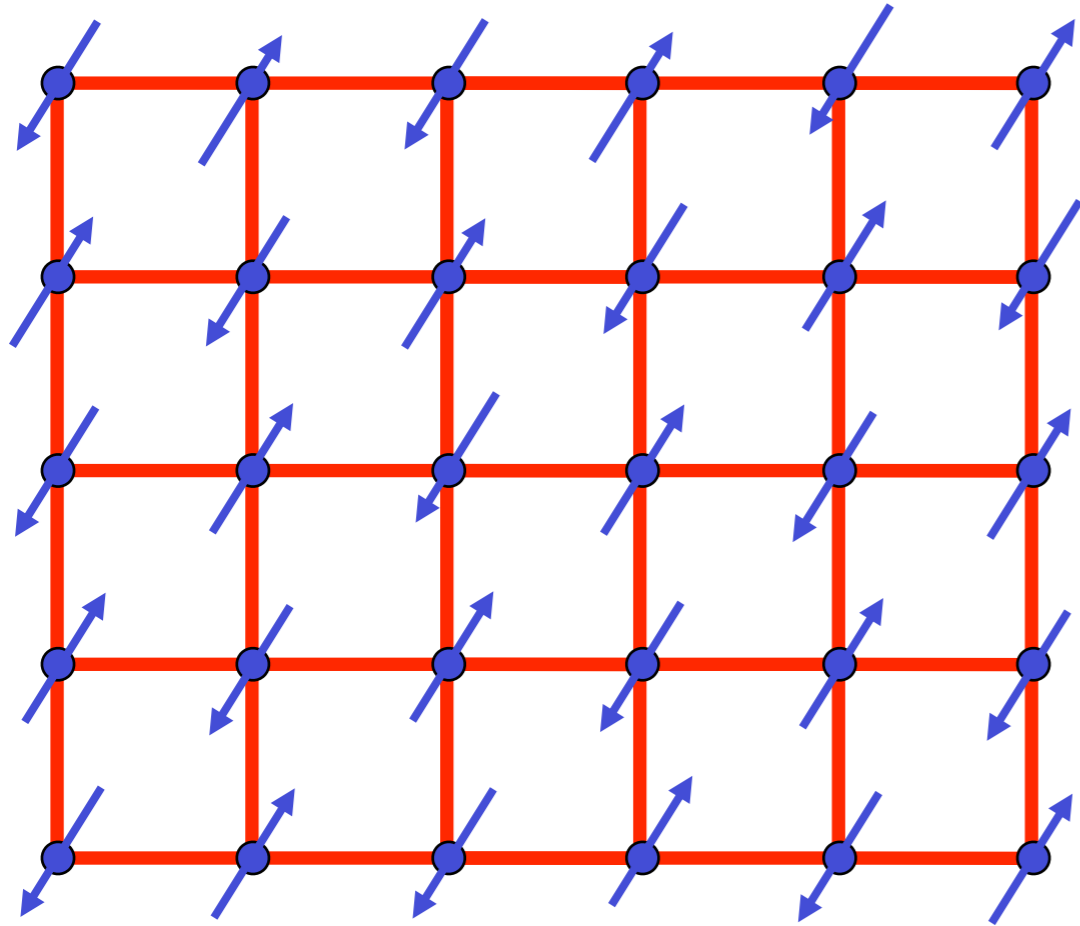
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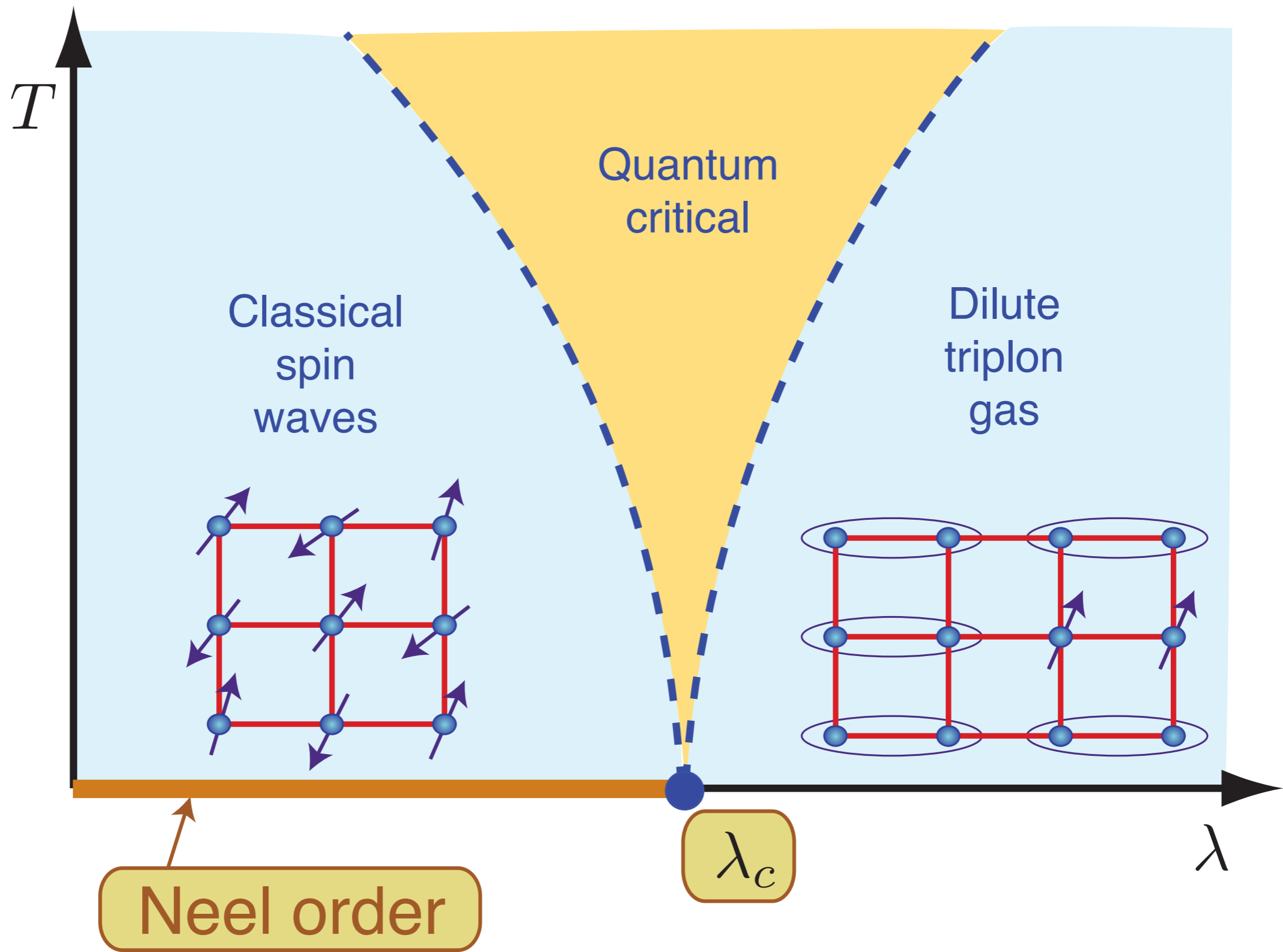
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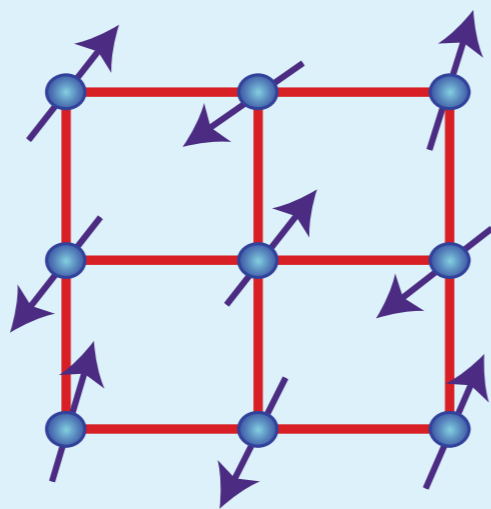
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# Classical dynamics of spin waves

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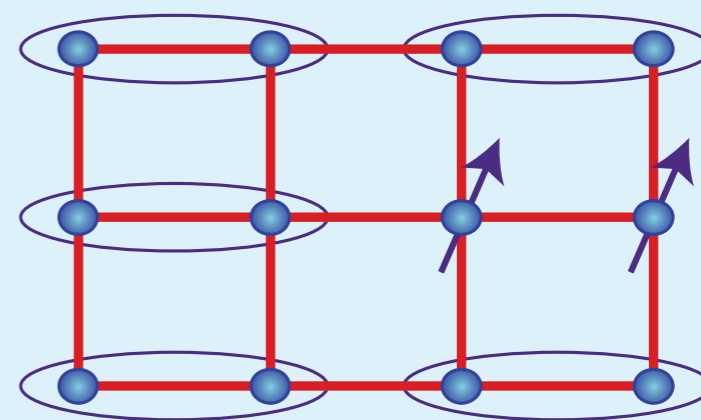
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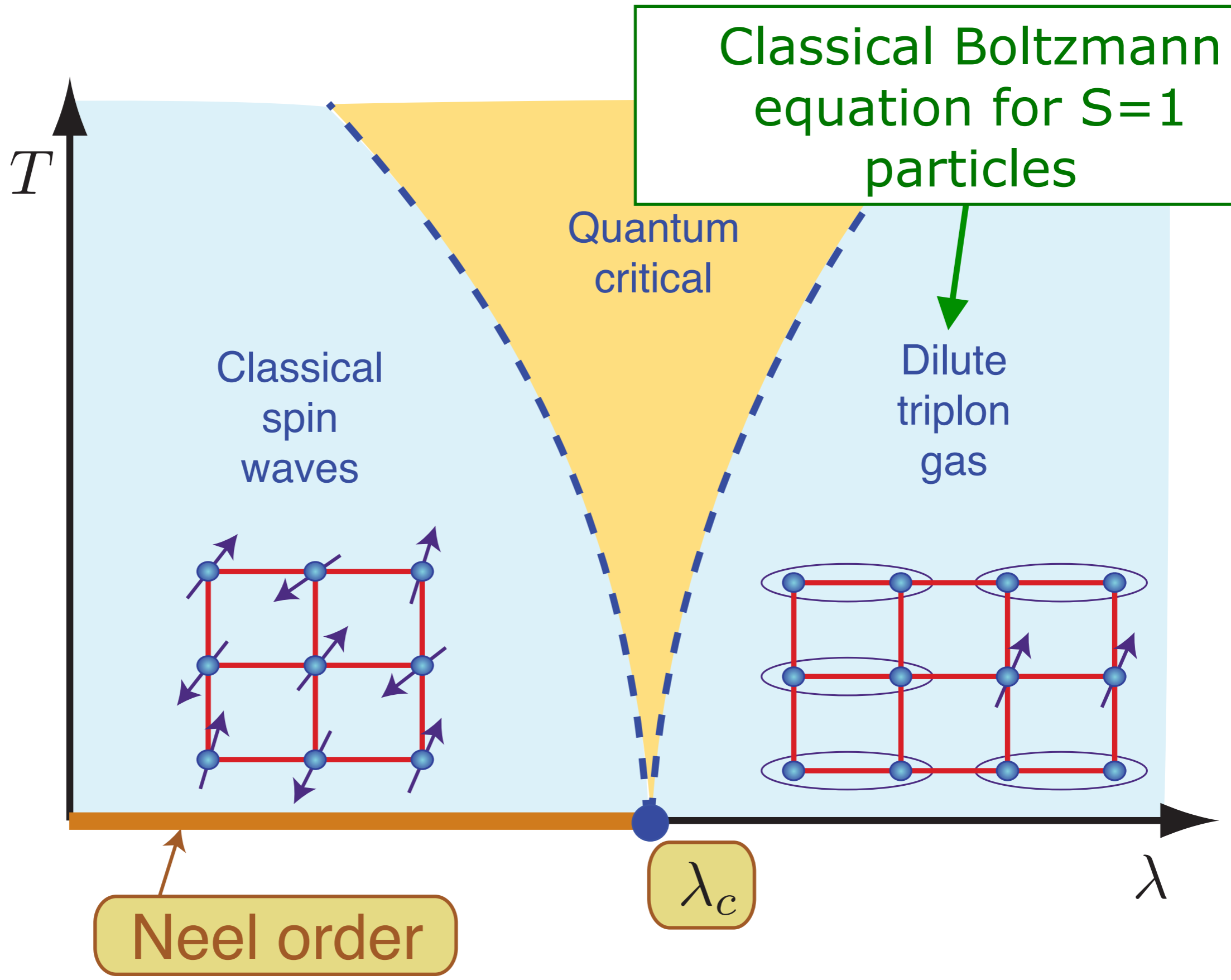
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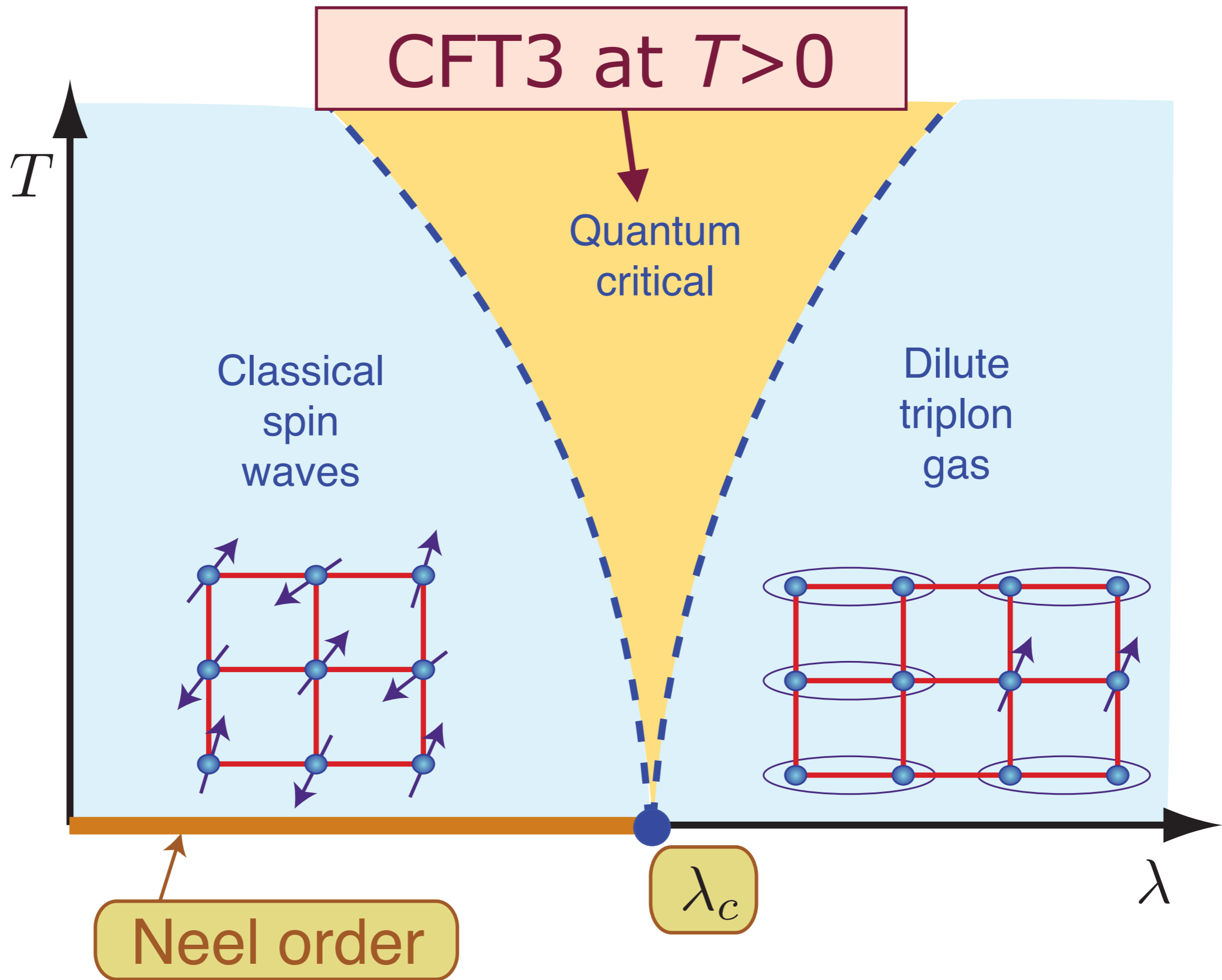
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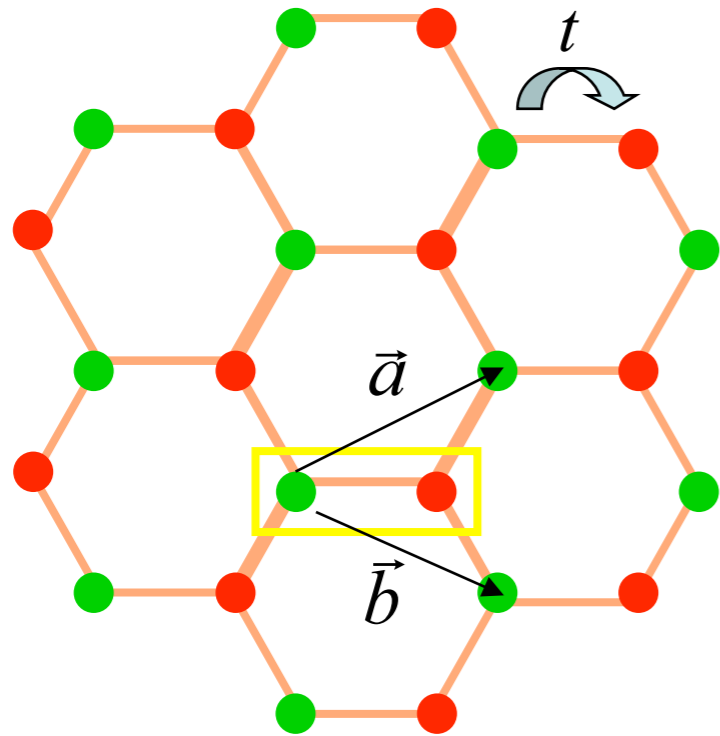
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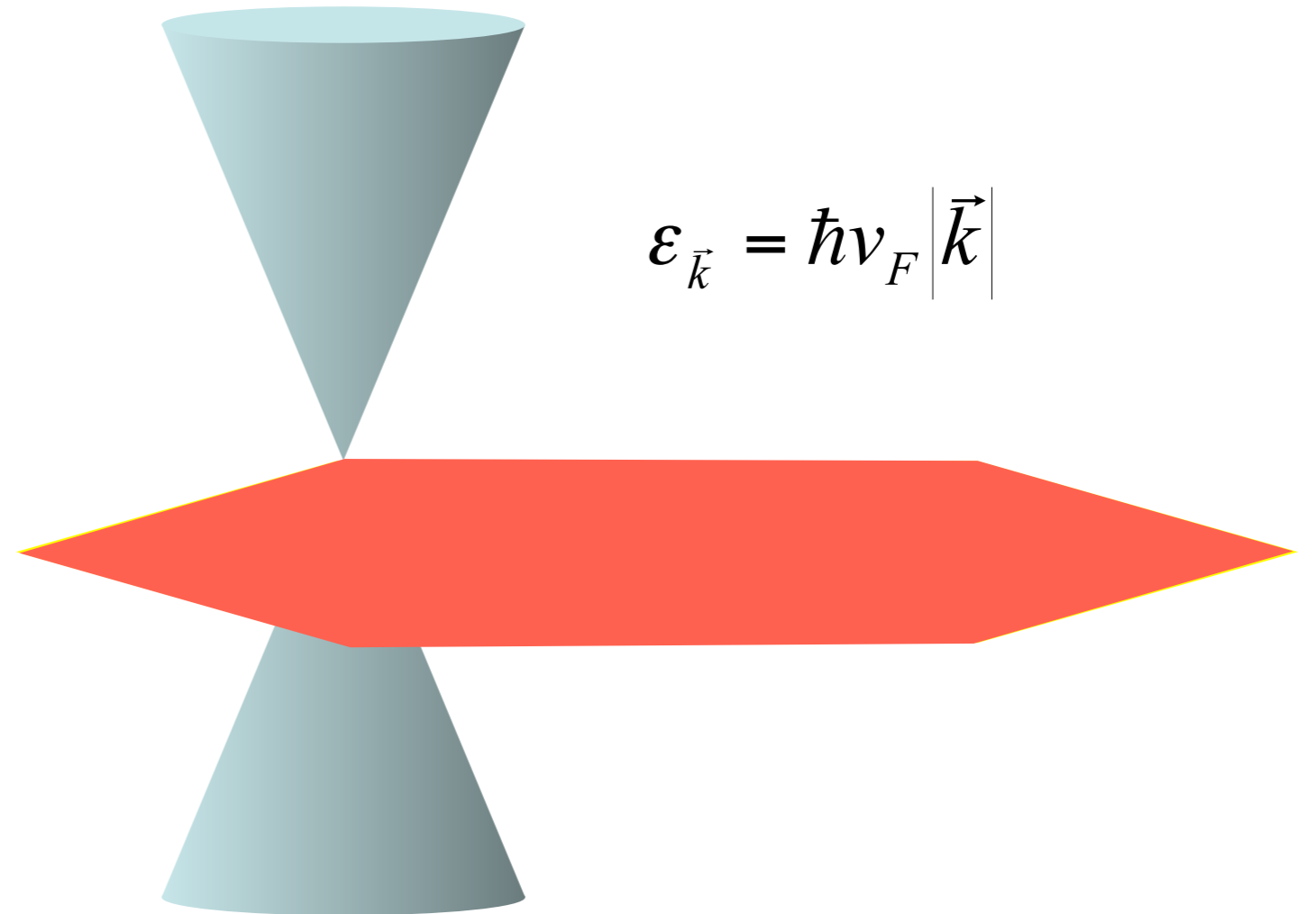
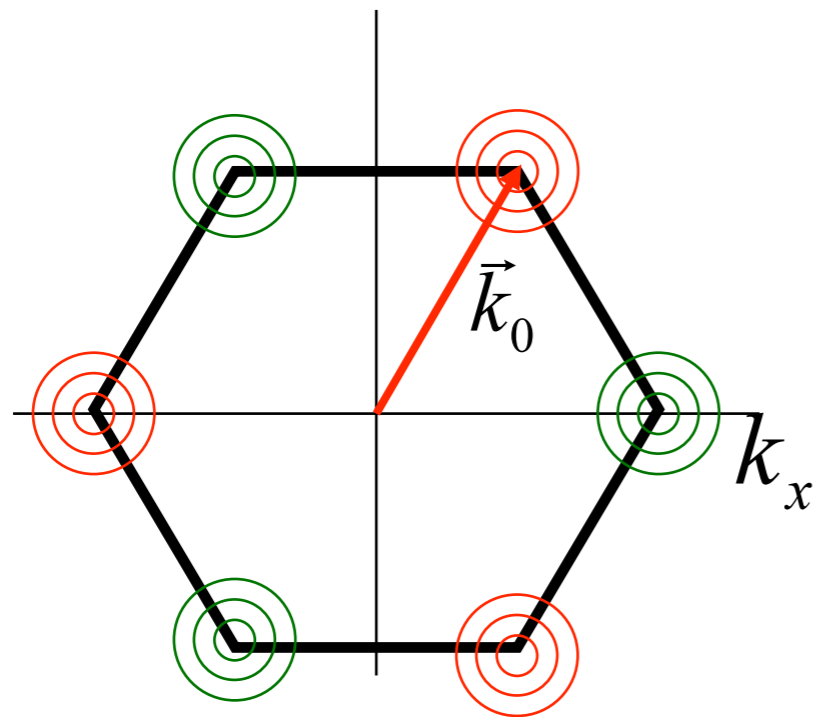
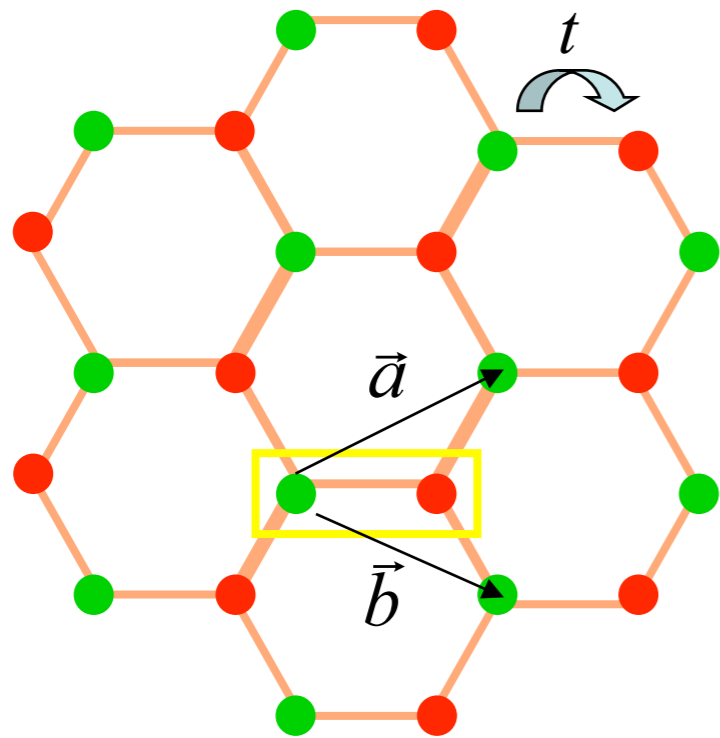
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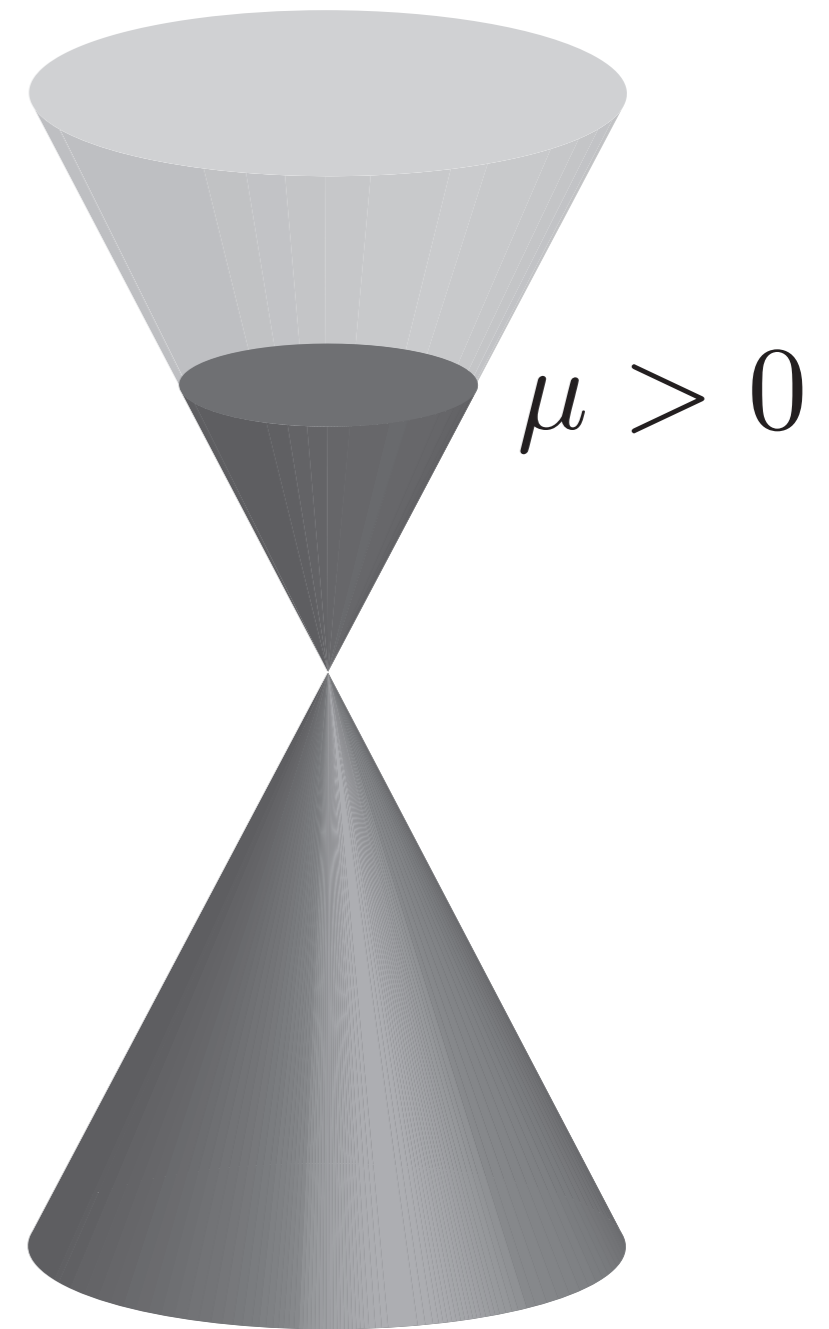


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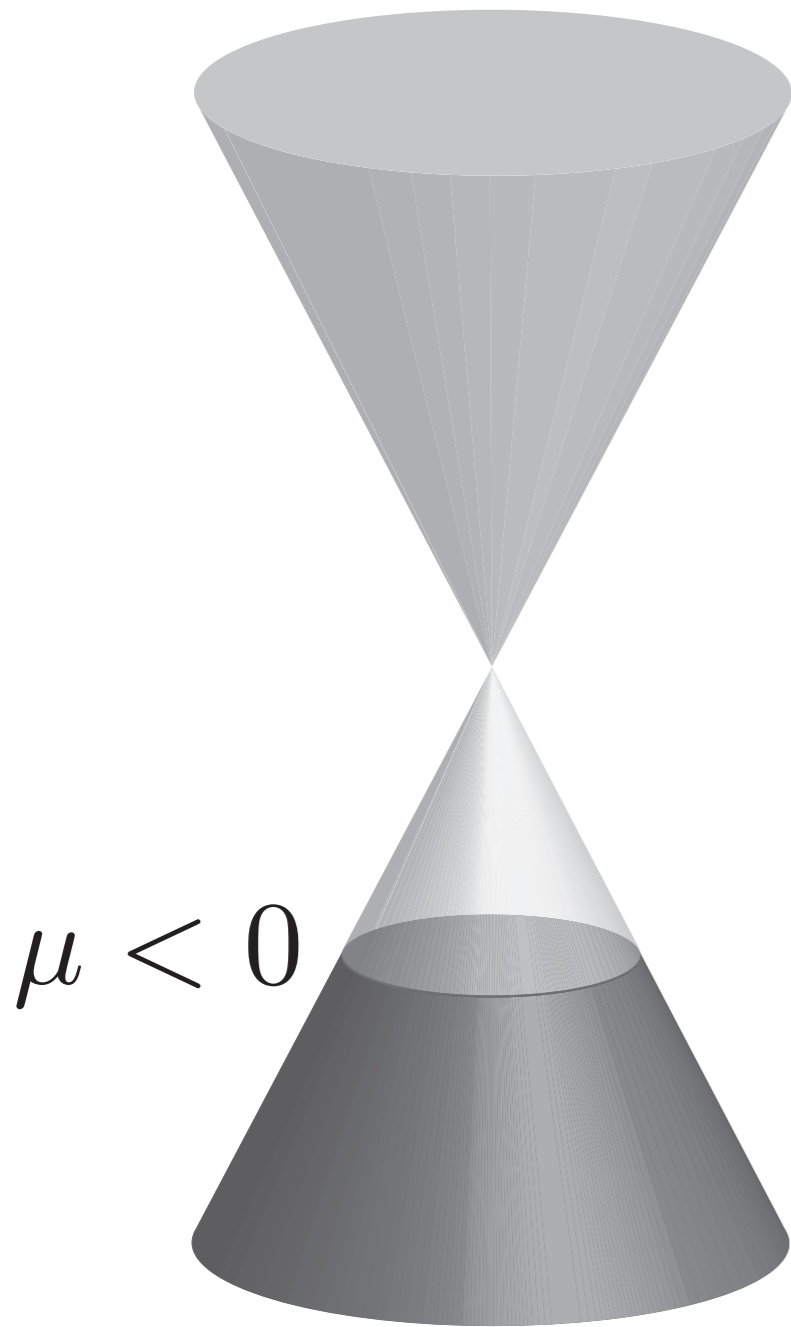
**Conical Dirac dispersion**

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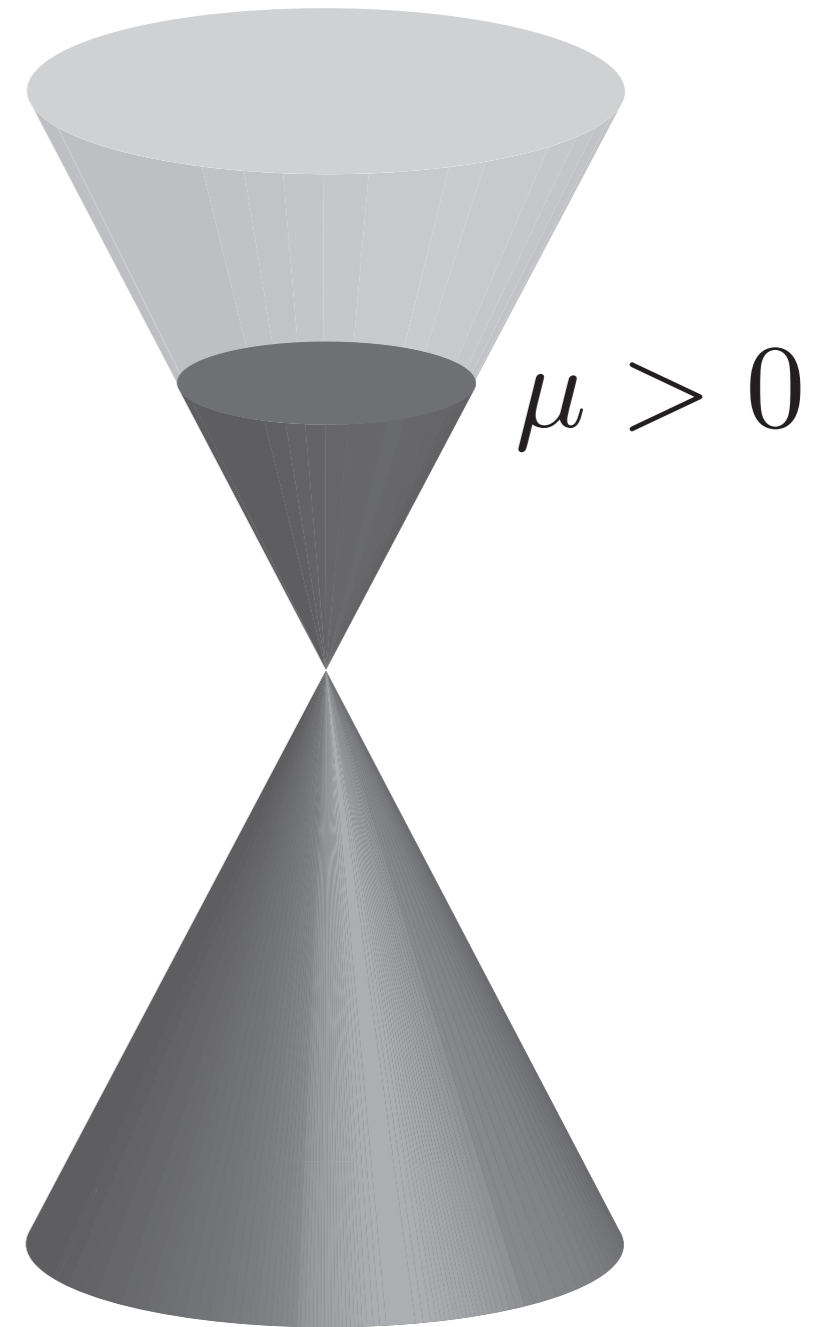
**Electron  
Fermi surface**

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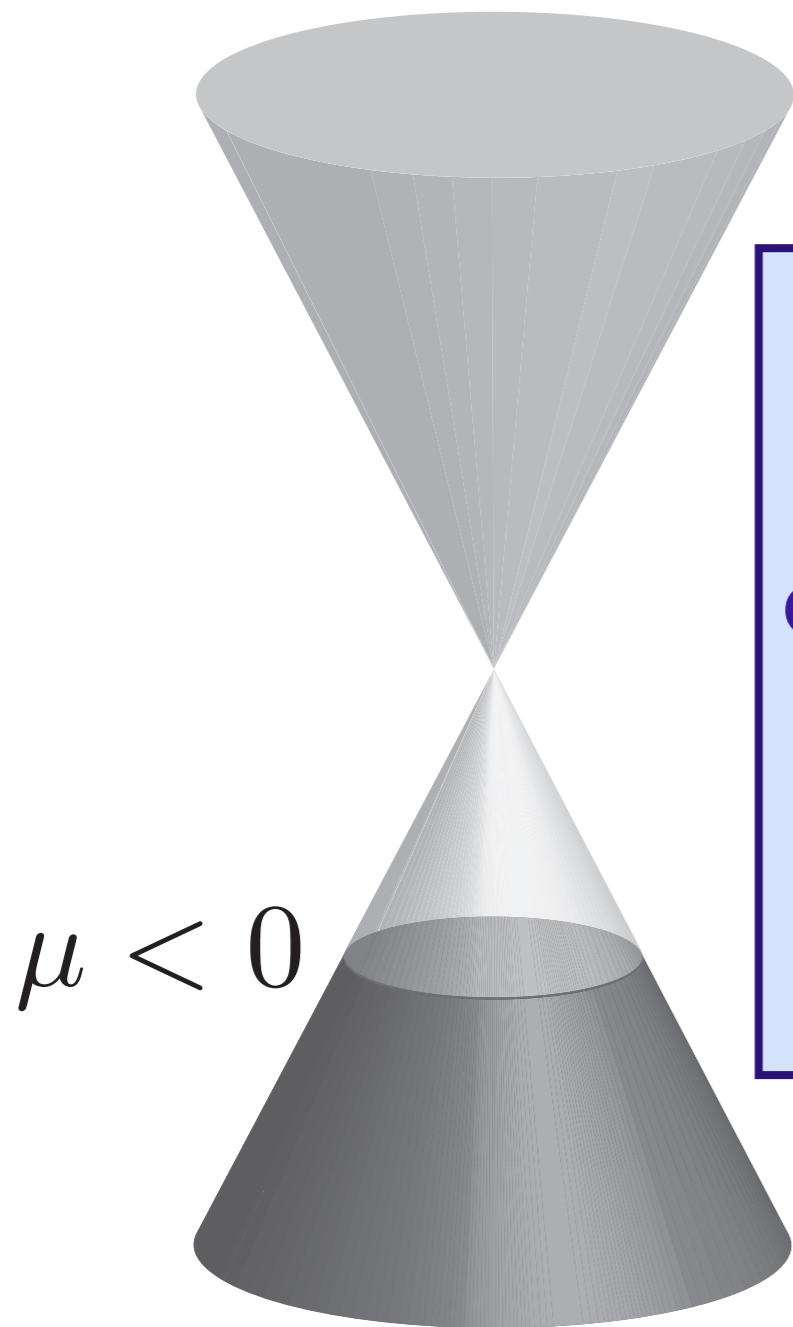
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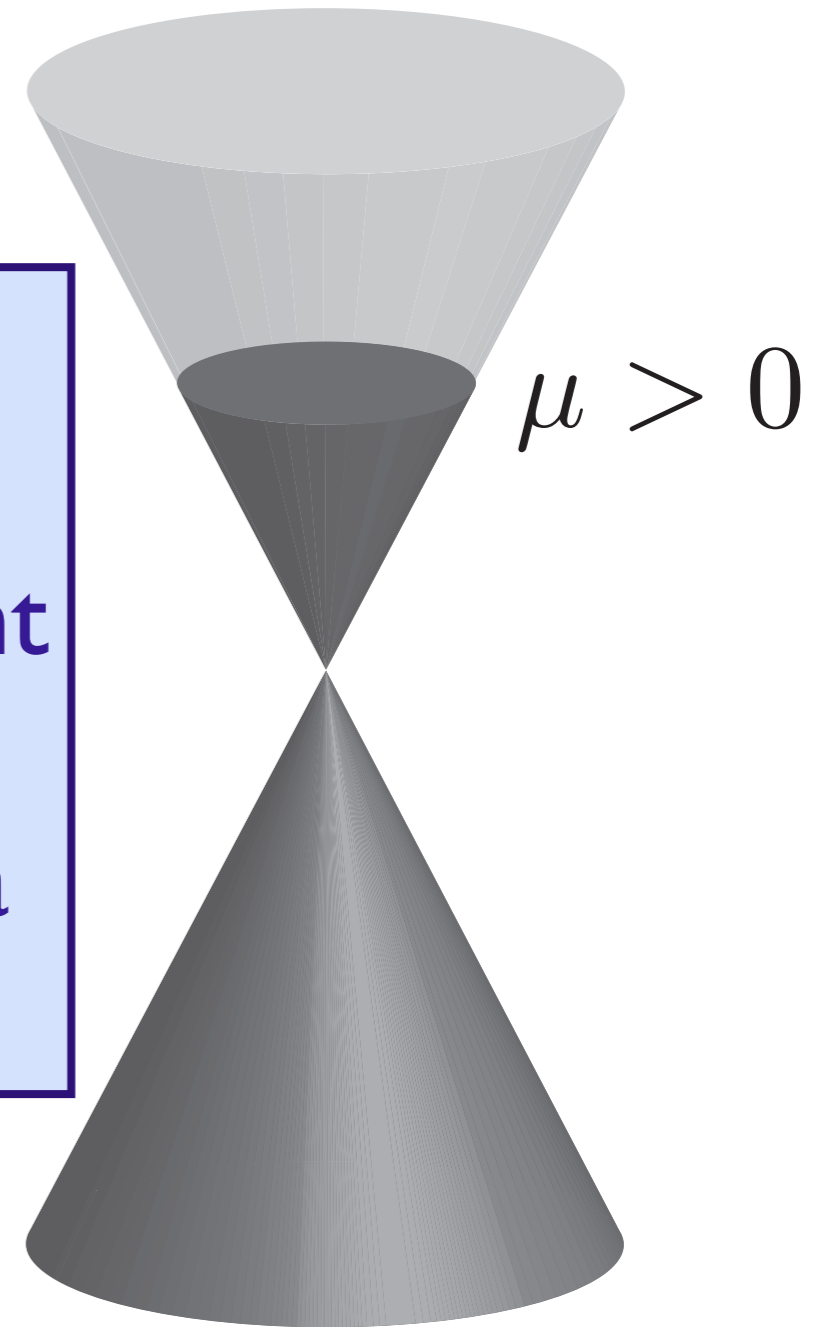
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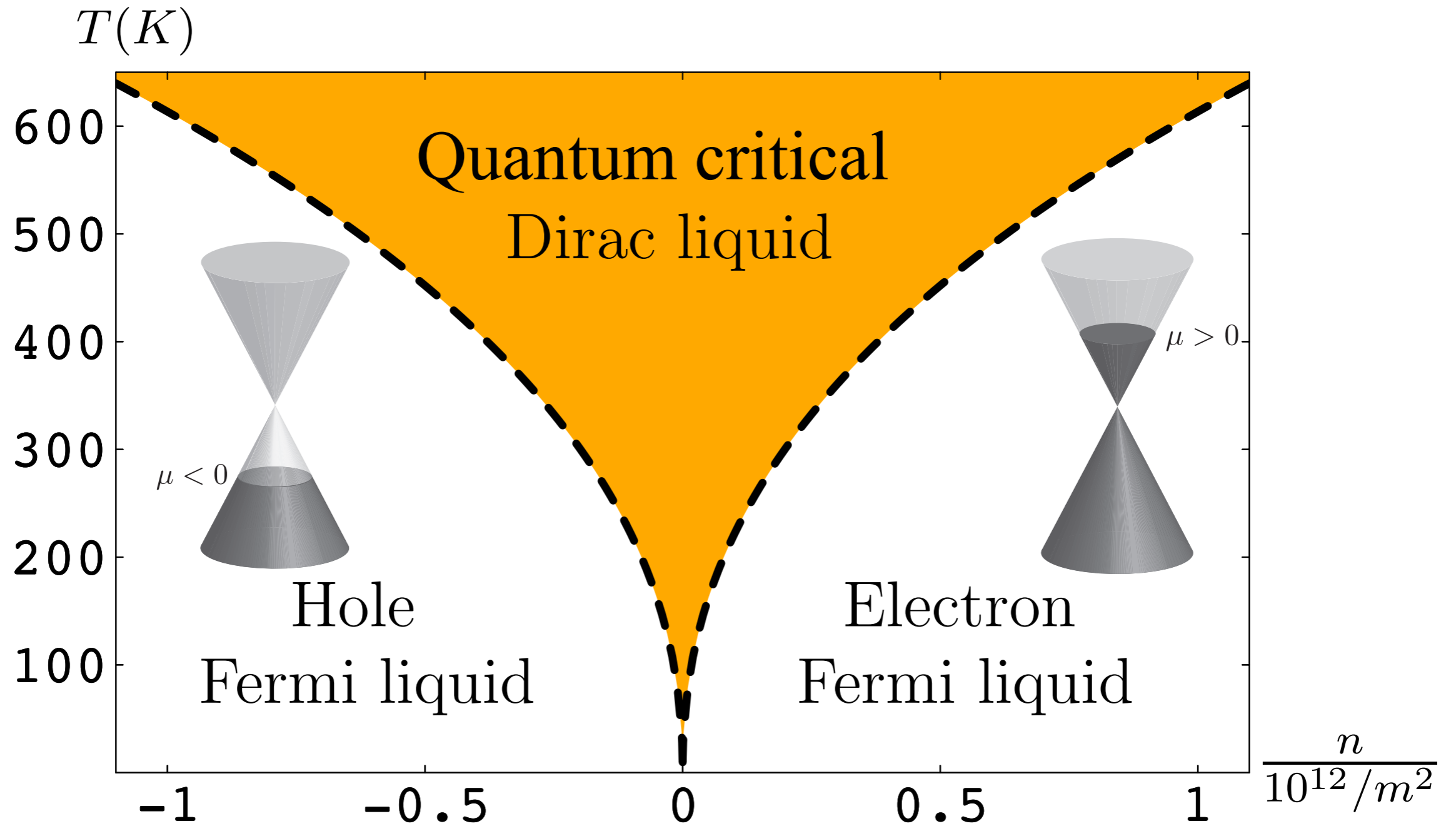
Dimensionless “fine-structure” constant  $\alpha = e^2 / (\hbar v_F)$ .

RG flow of  $\alpha$ :

$$\frac{d\alpha}{d\ell} = -\alpha^2 + \dots$$

**Behavior is similar to a conformal field theory (CFT) in 2+1 dimensions with  $\alpha \sim 1 / \ln(\text{scale})$**

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Quantum “*perfect fluid*”  
with shortest possible  
relaxation time,  $\tau_R$

$$\tau_R \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

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$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^2}{h} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(\Lambda/\omega)} \right) \right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \gg k_B T \\ \frac{e^2}{h\alpha^2(T)} \left[ 0.760 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{|\ln(\alpha(T))|} \right) \right] & , \quad \hbar\omega \ll k_B T \alpha^2(T) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\hbar}{k_B \alpha^2(T)} \times 0.130$$

where the “fine structure constant” is

$$\alpha(T) = \frac{\alpha}{1 + (\alpha/4) \ln(\Lambda/T)} \stackrel{T \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{4}{\ln(\Lambda/T)}$$

L. Fritz, J. Schmalian, M. Müller and S. Sachdev, *Physical Review B* **78**, 085416 (2008)  
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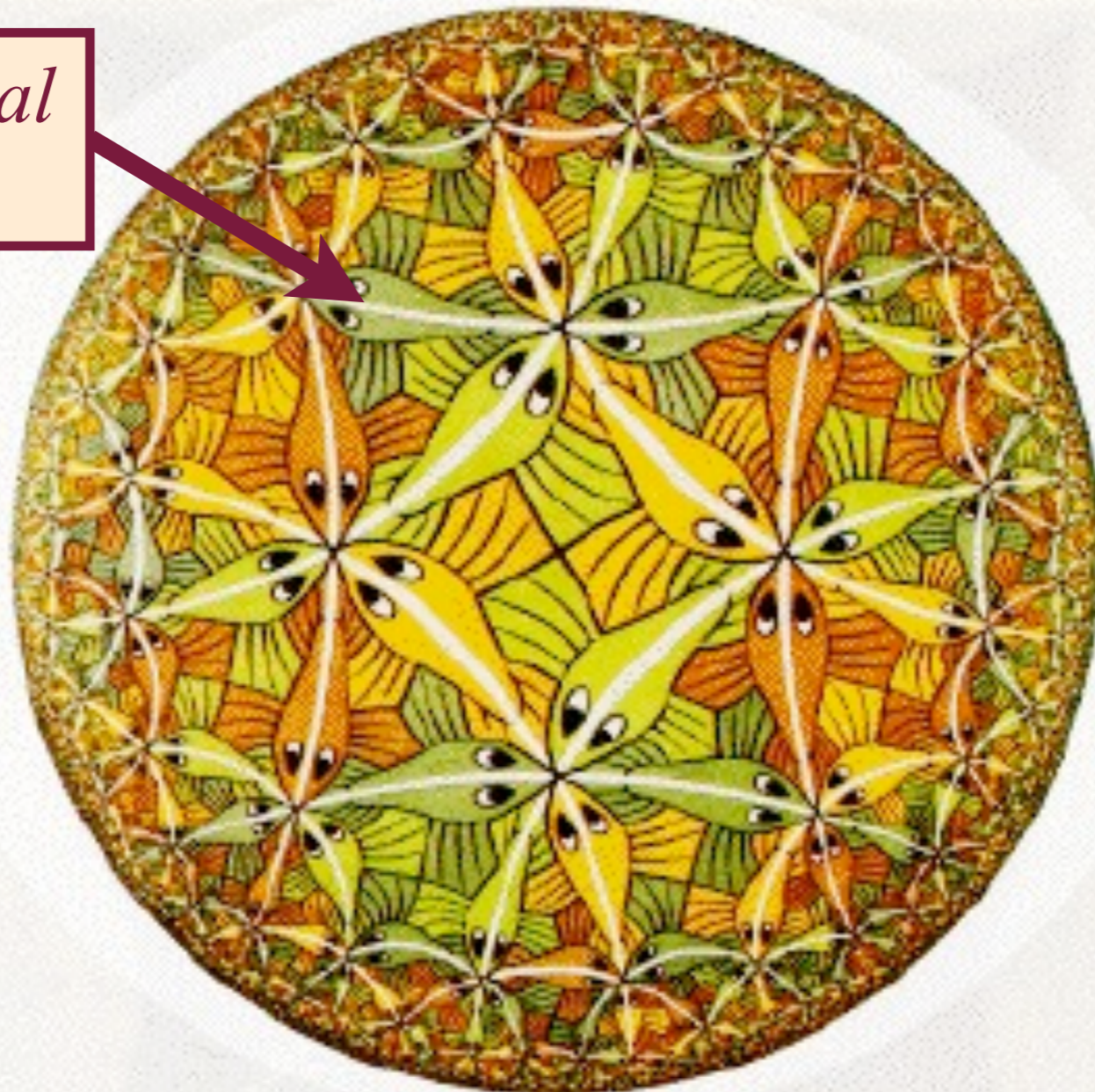
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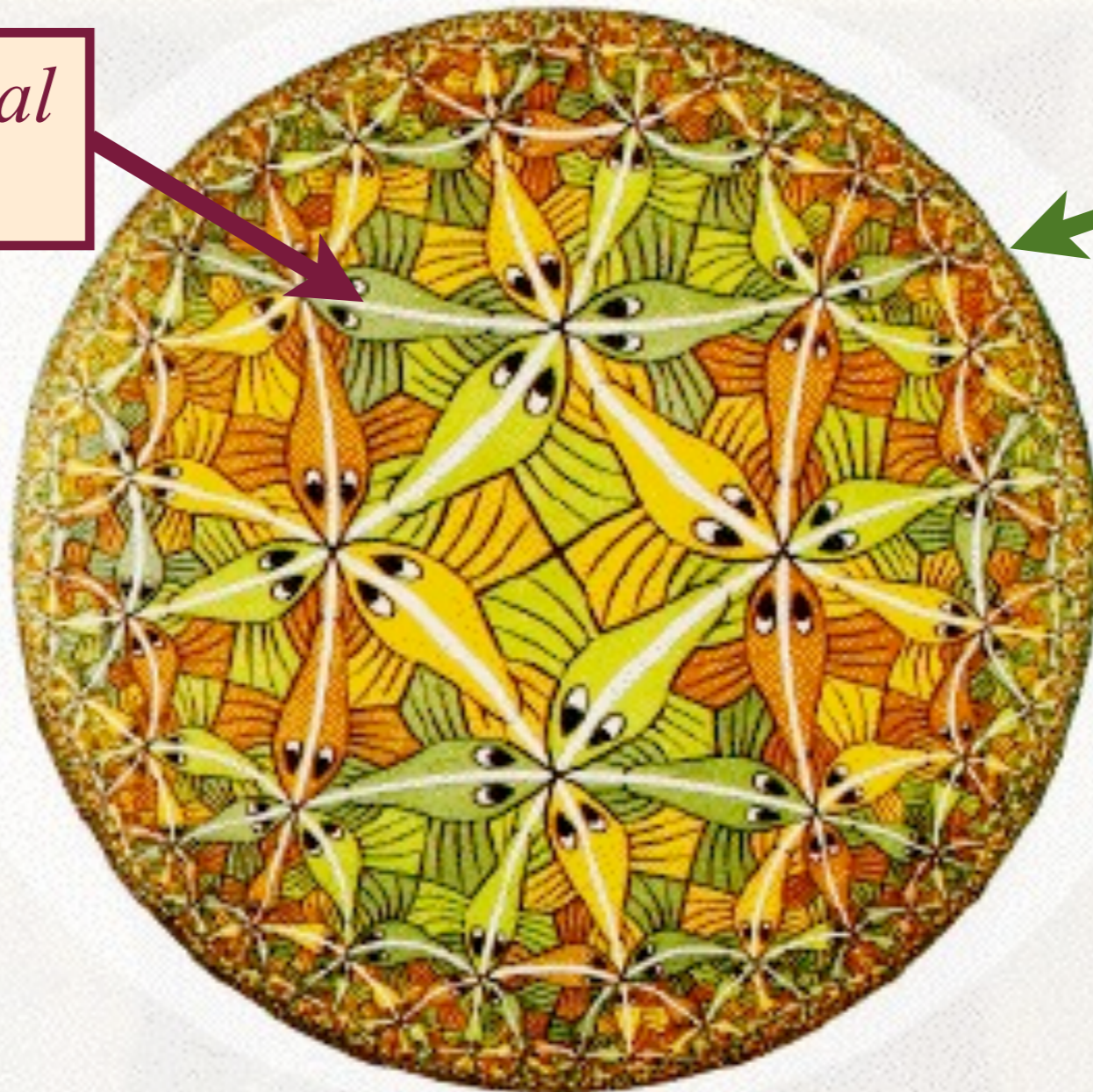


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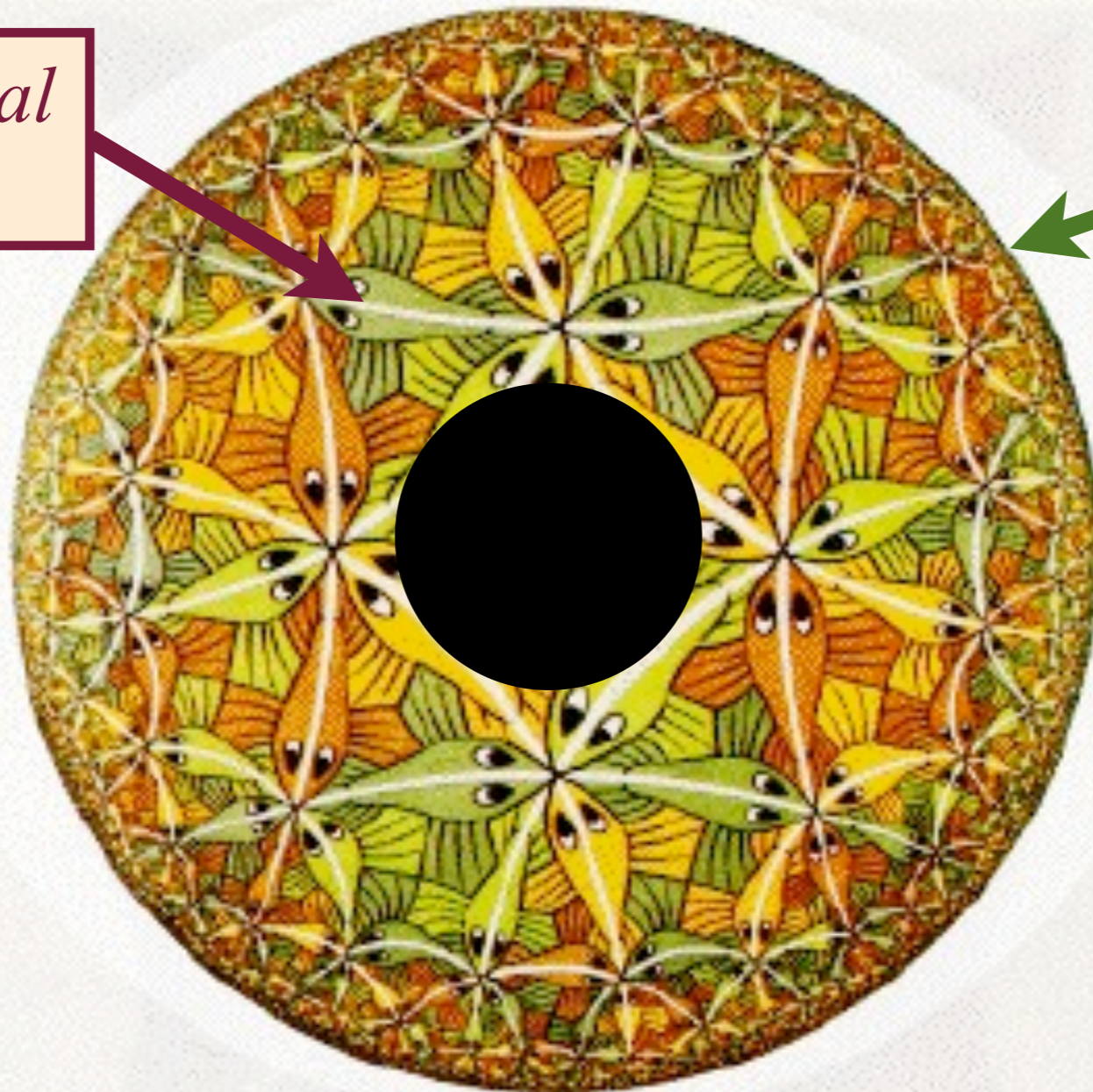
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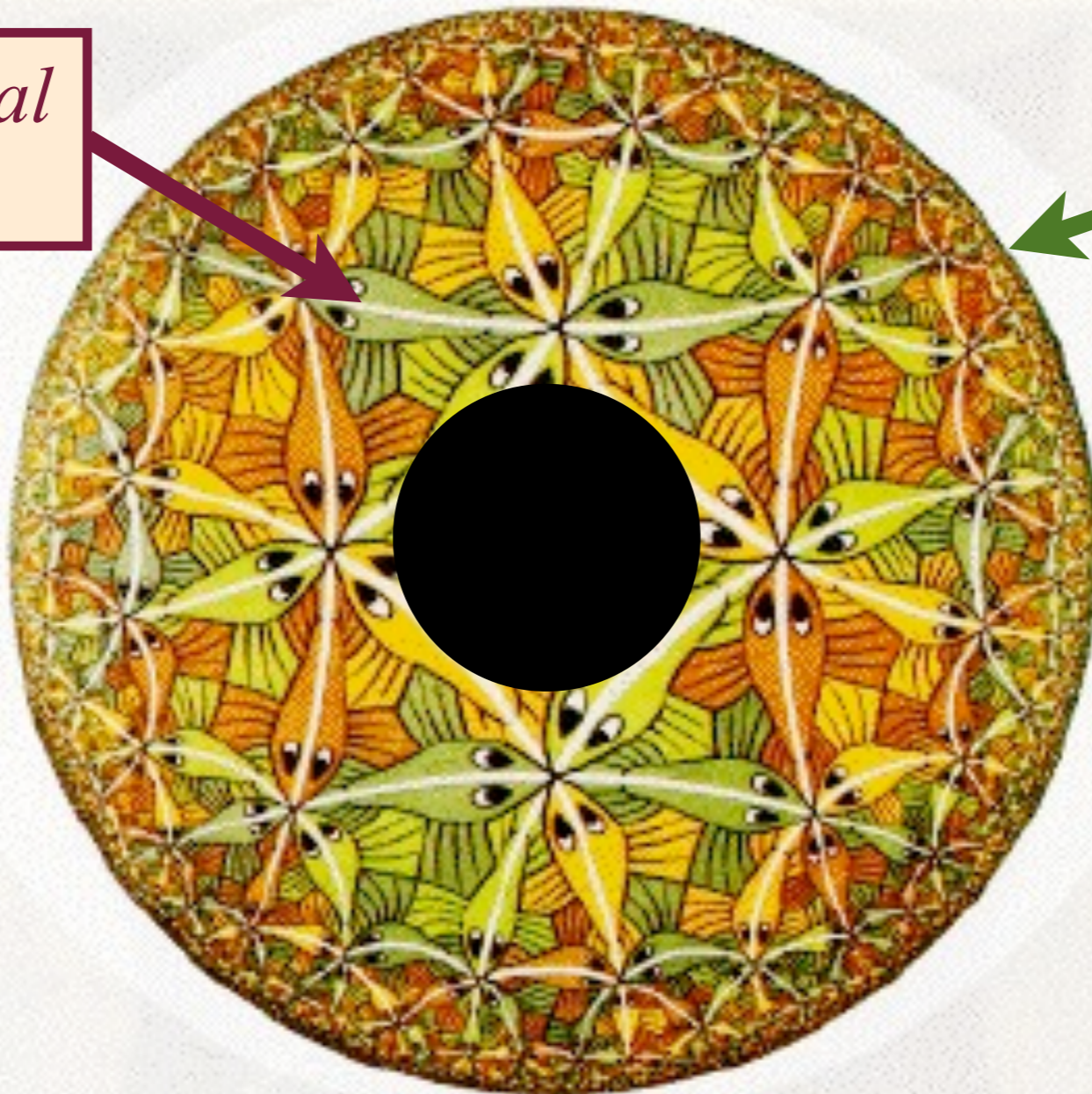
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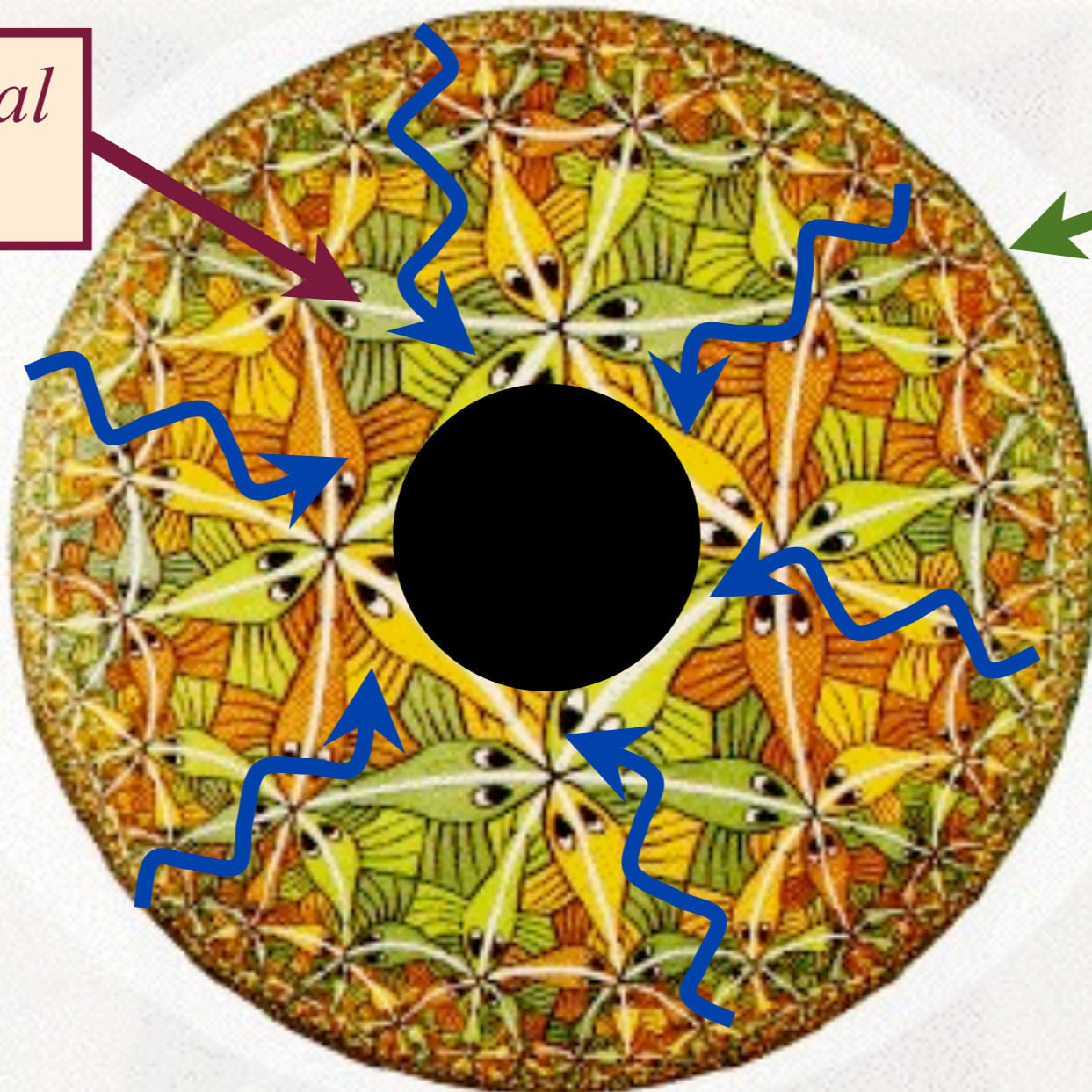
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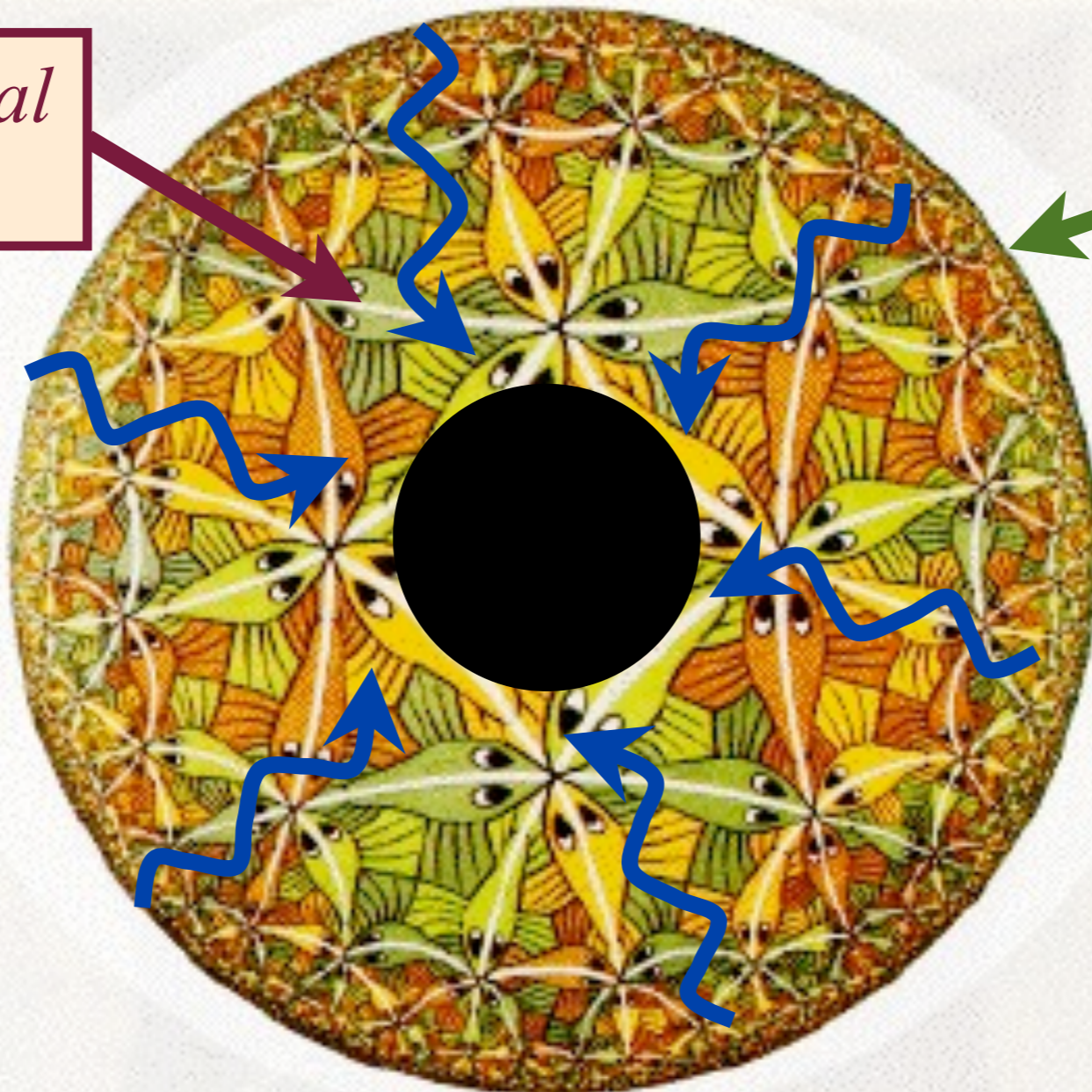


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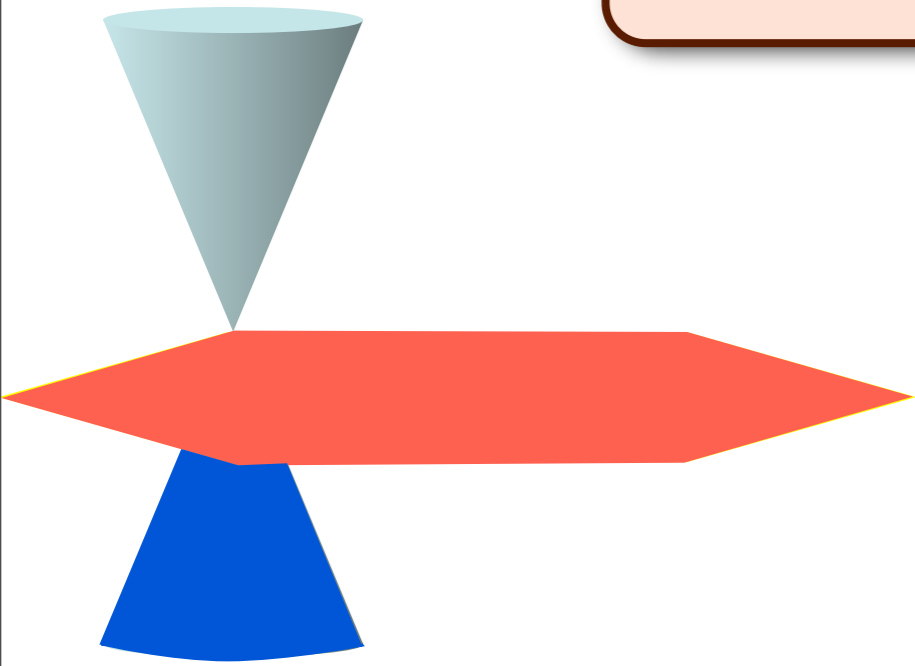


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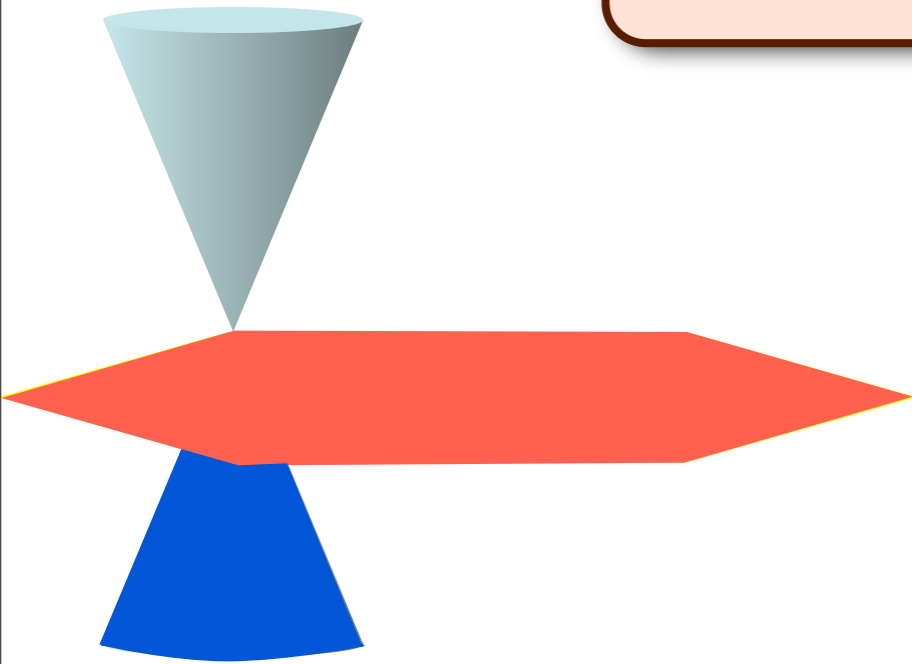
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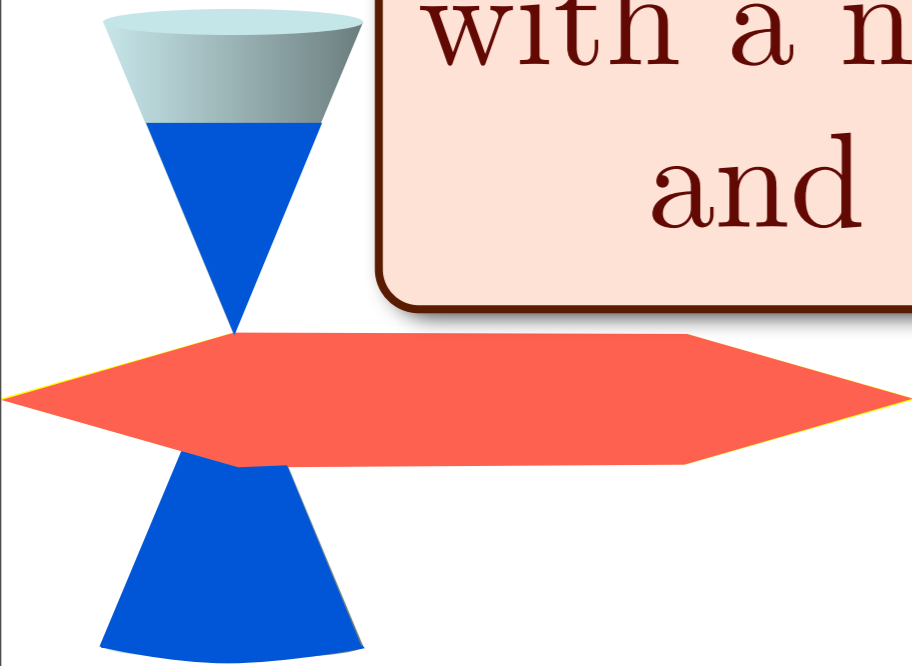
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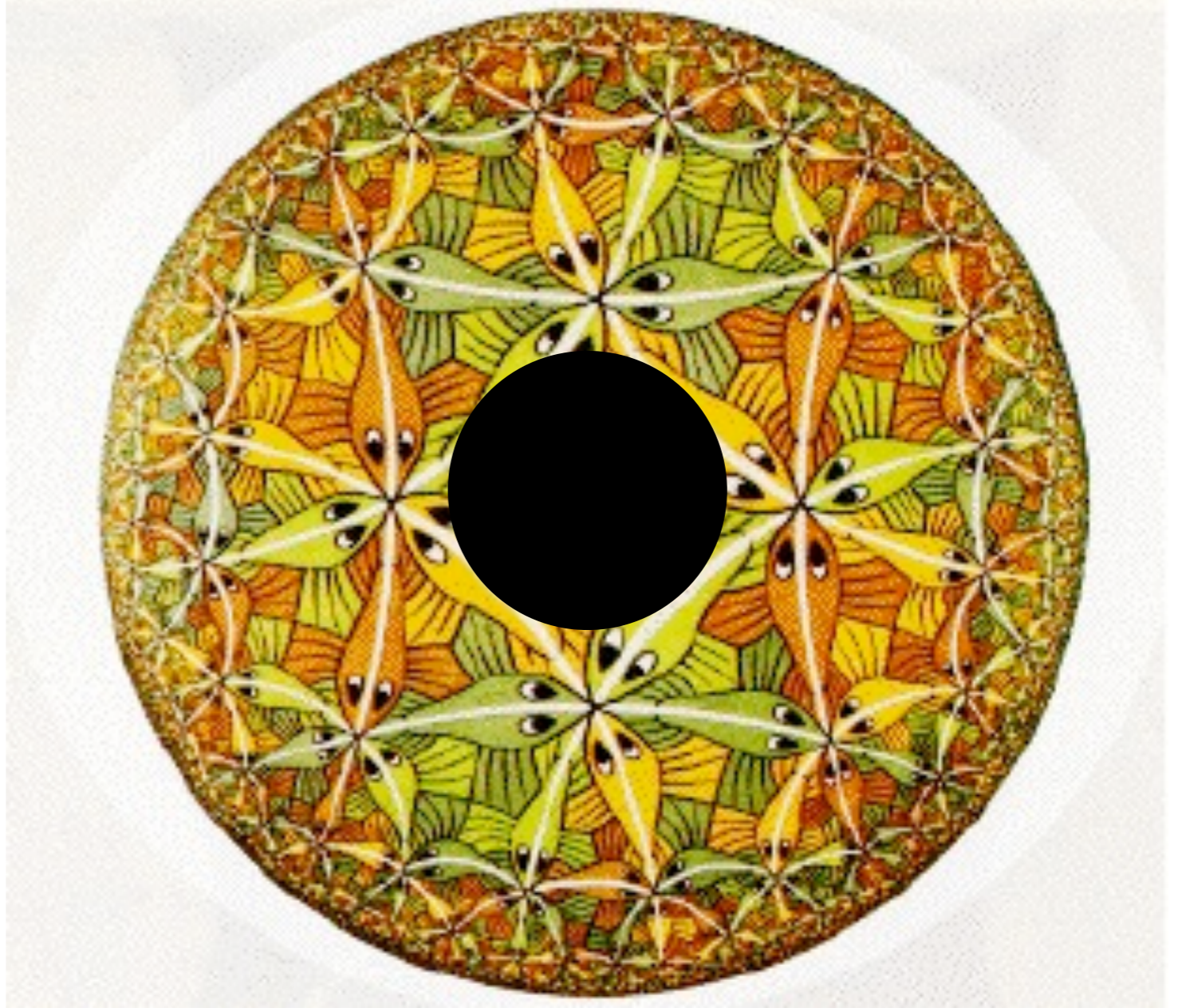
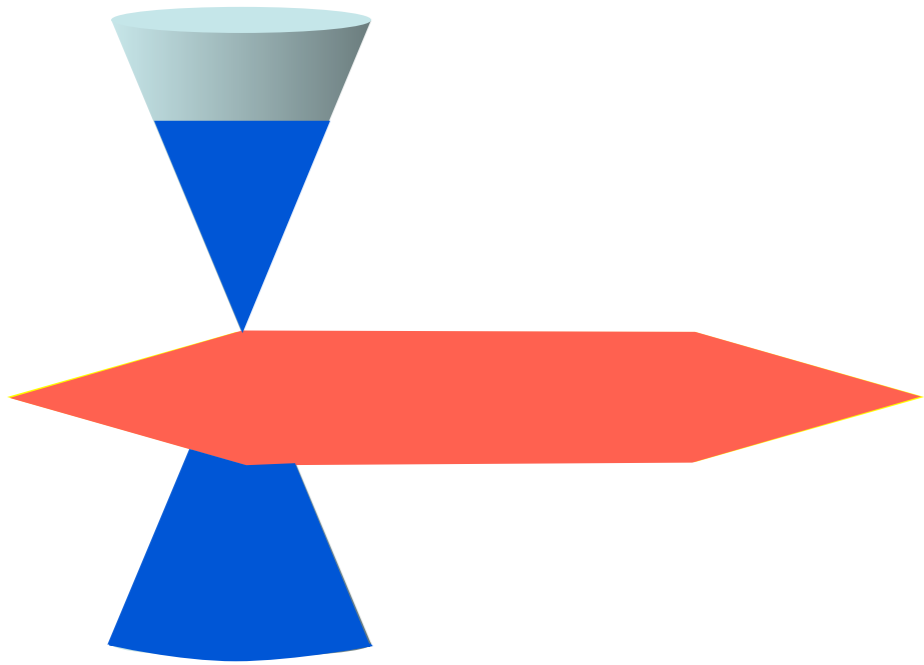


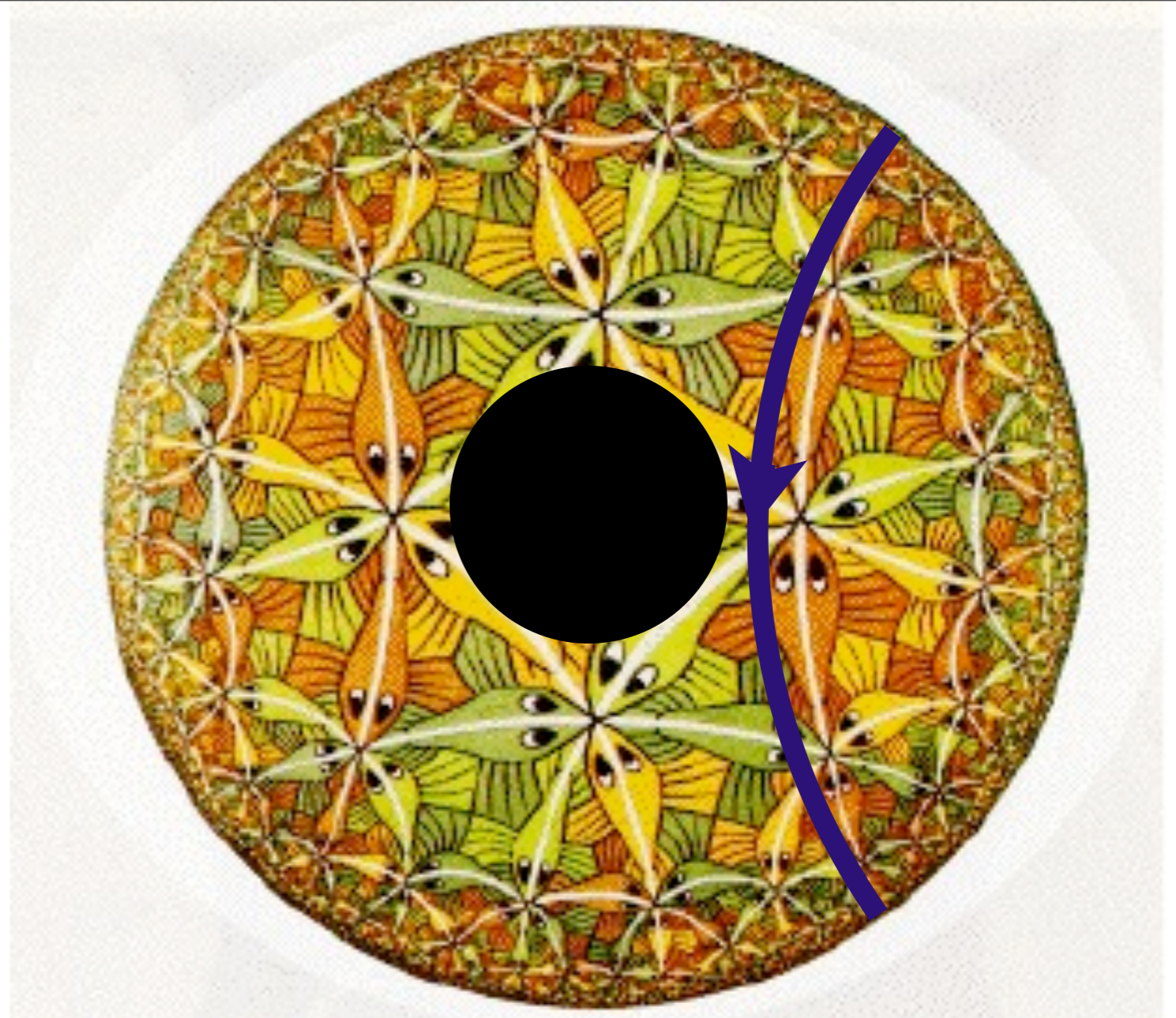
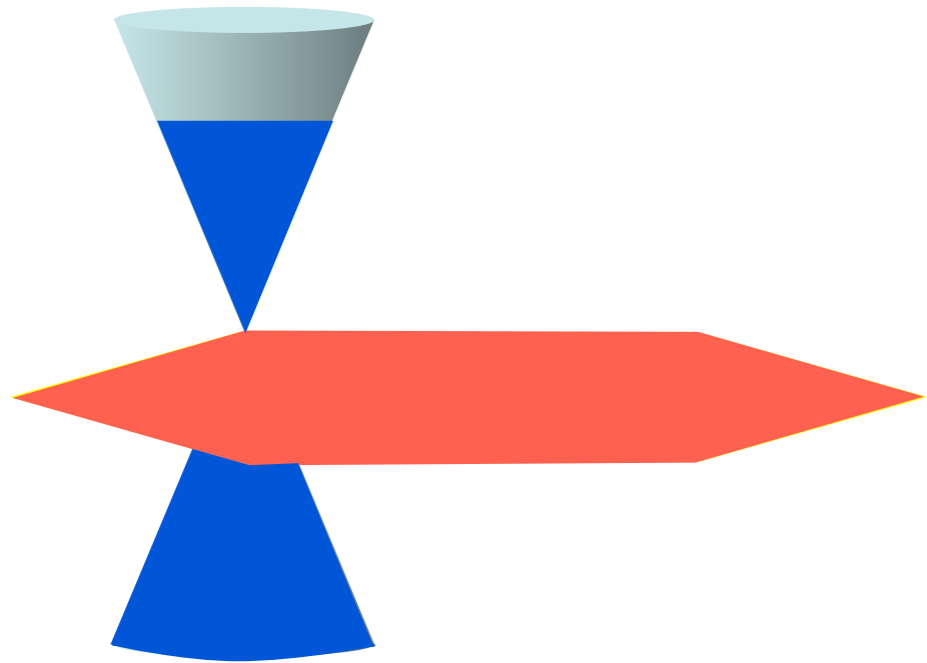
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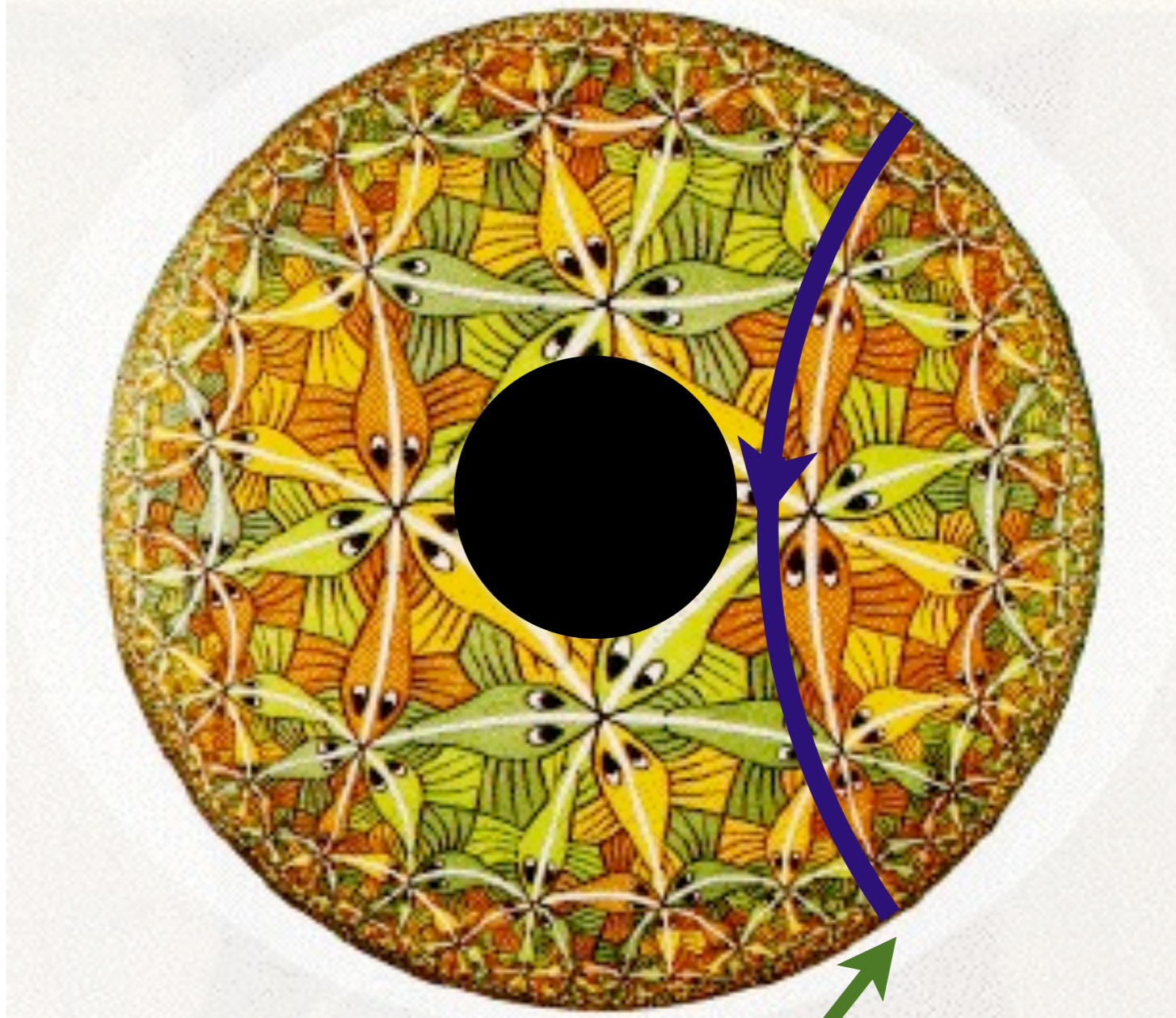
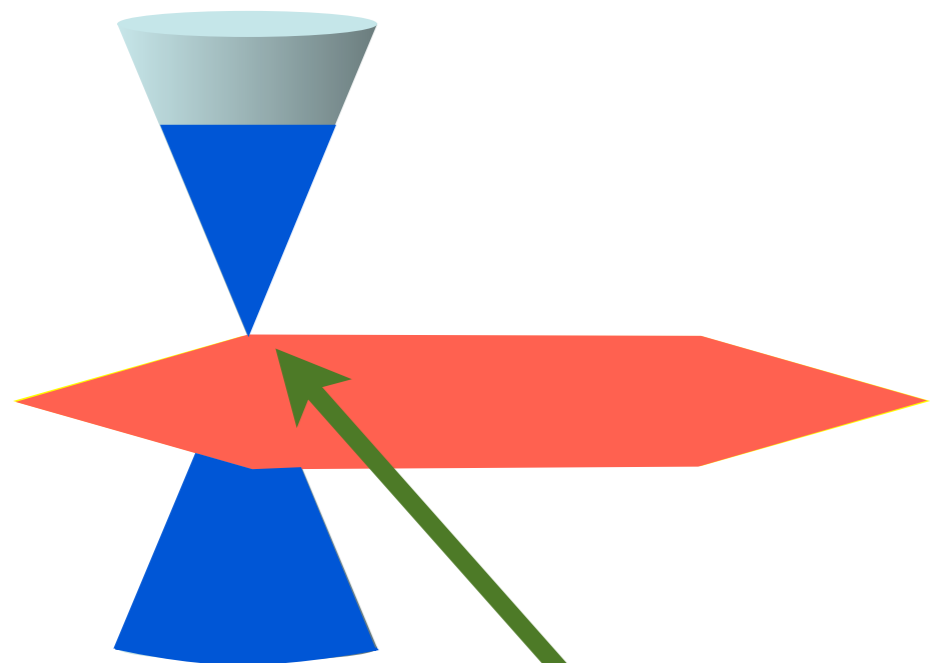
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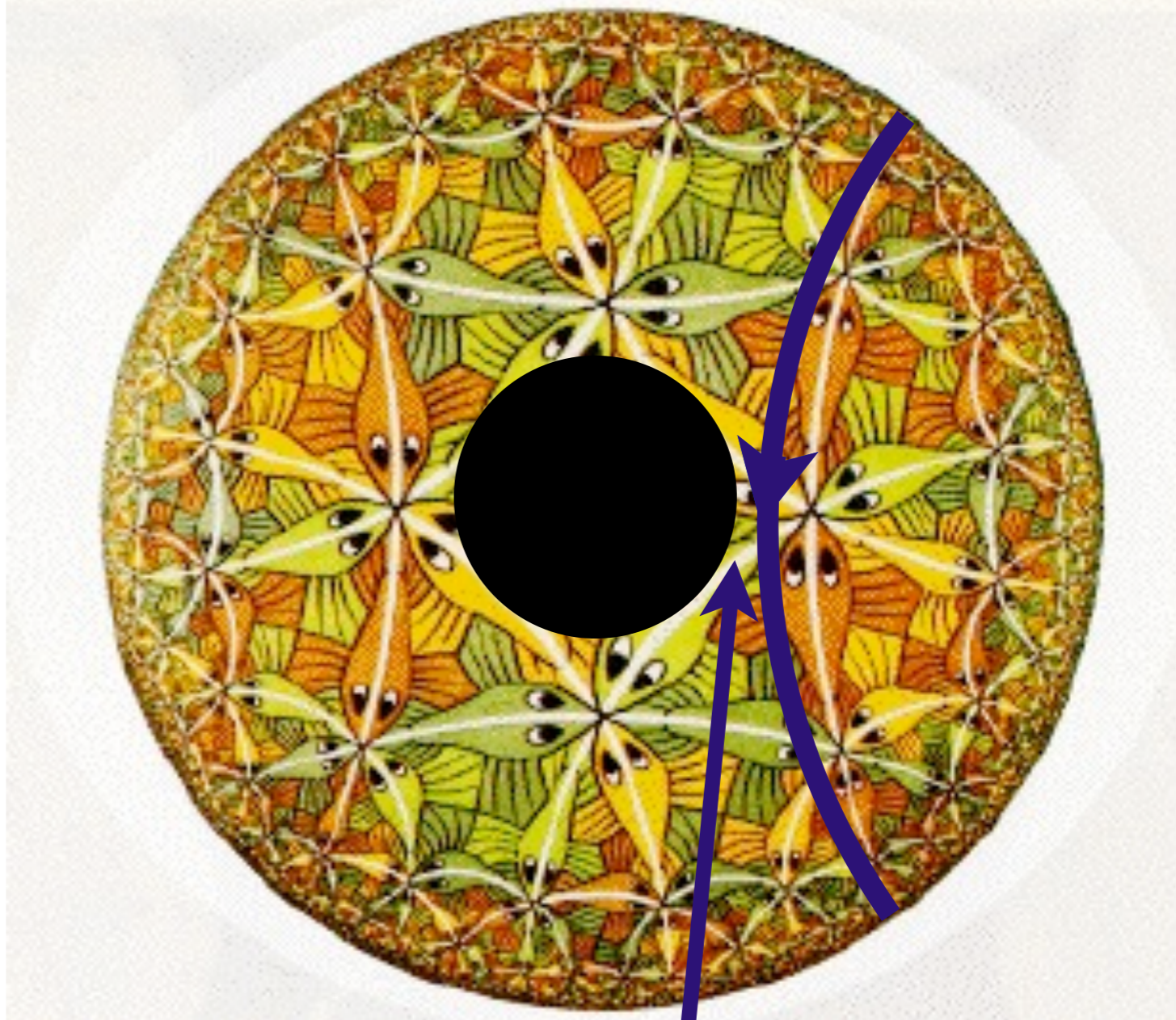
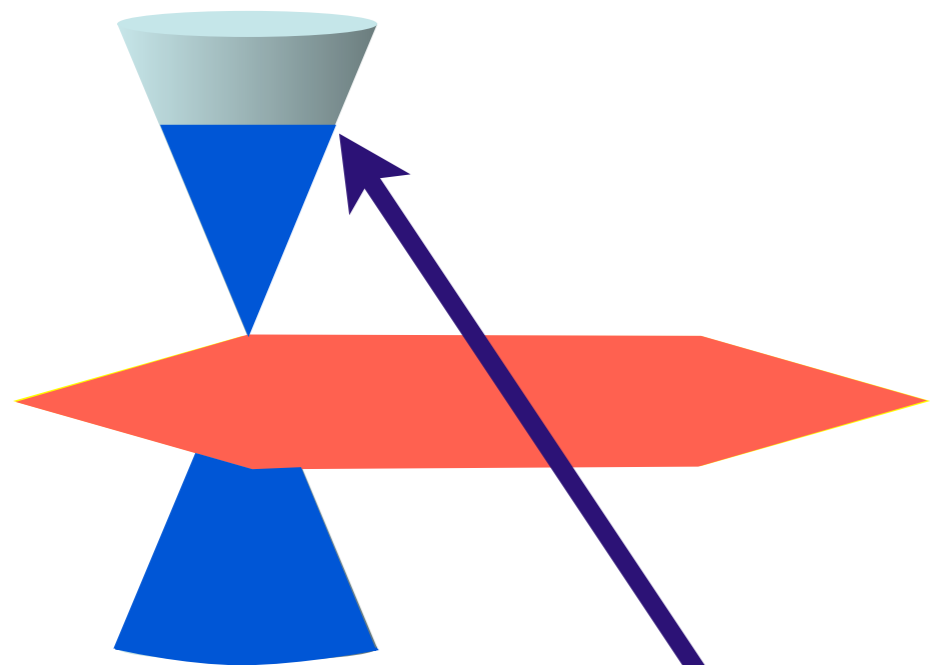
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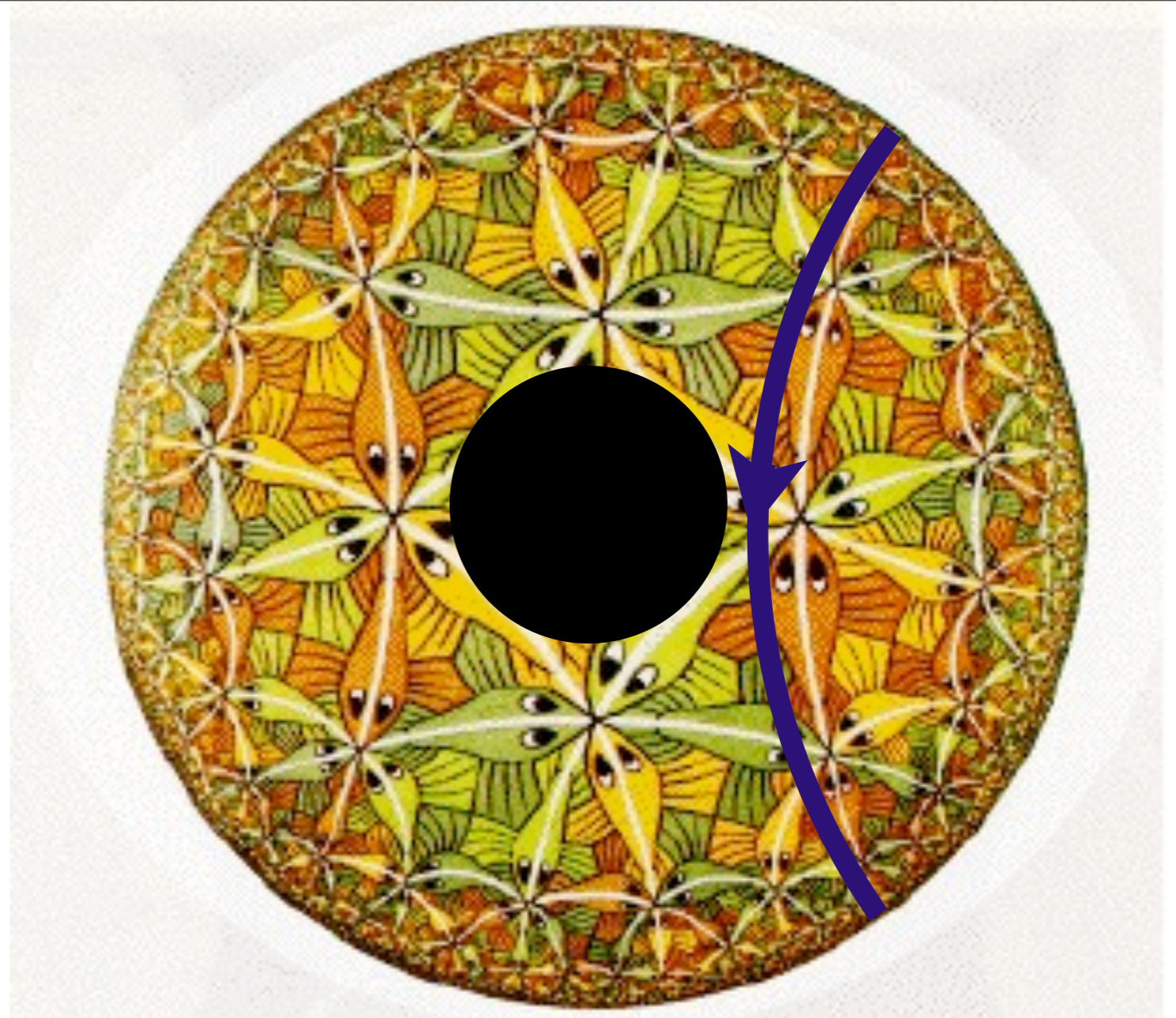
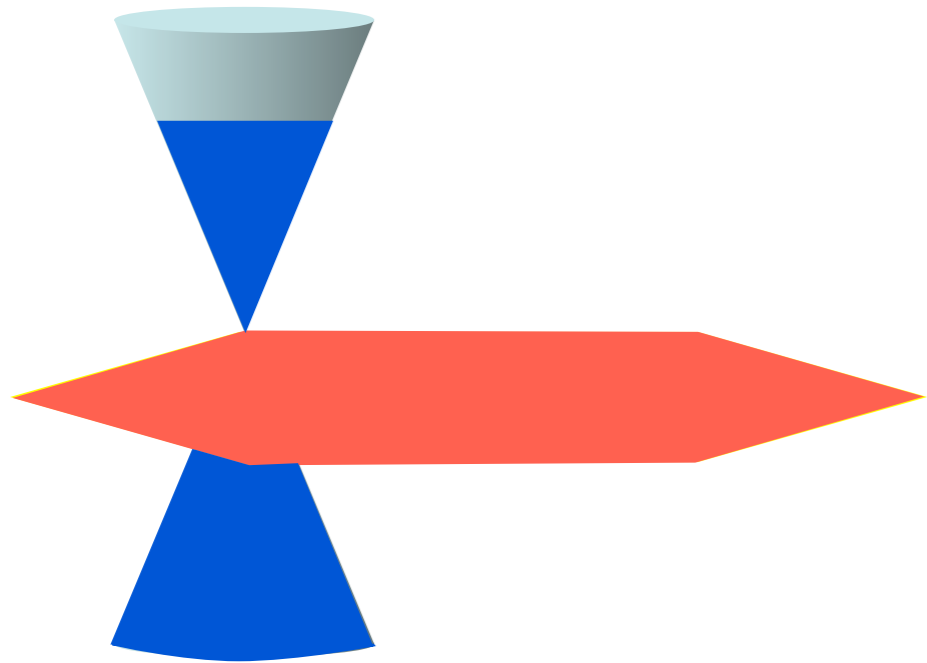
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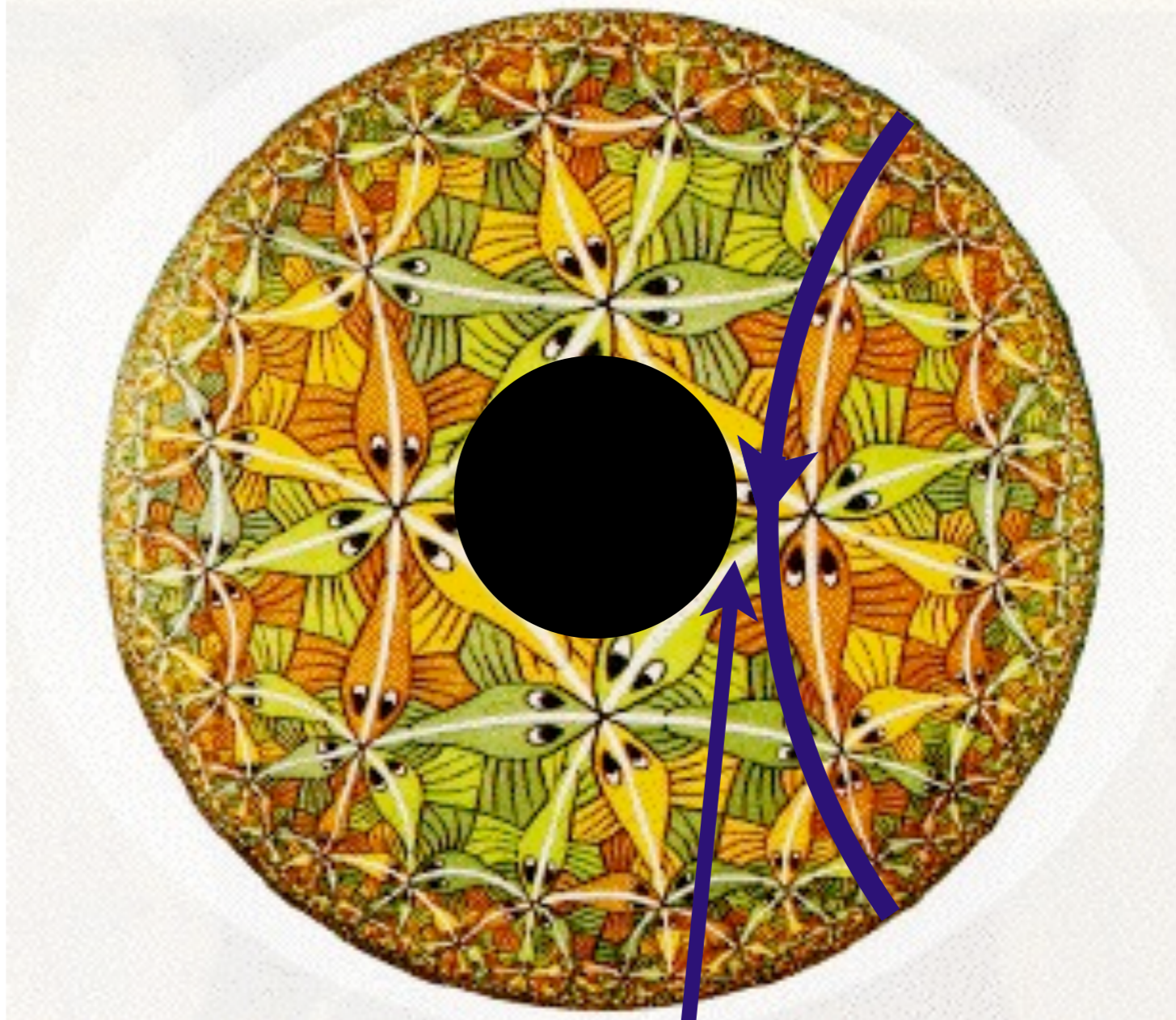
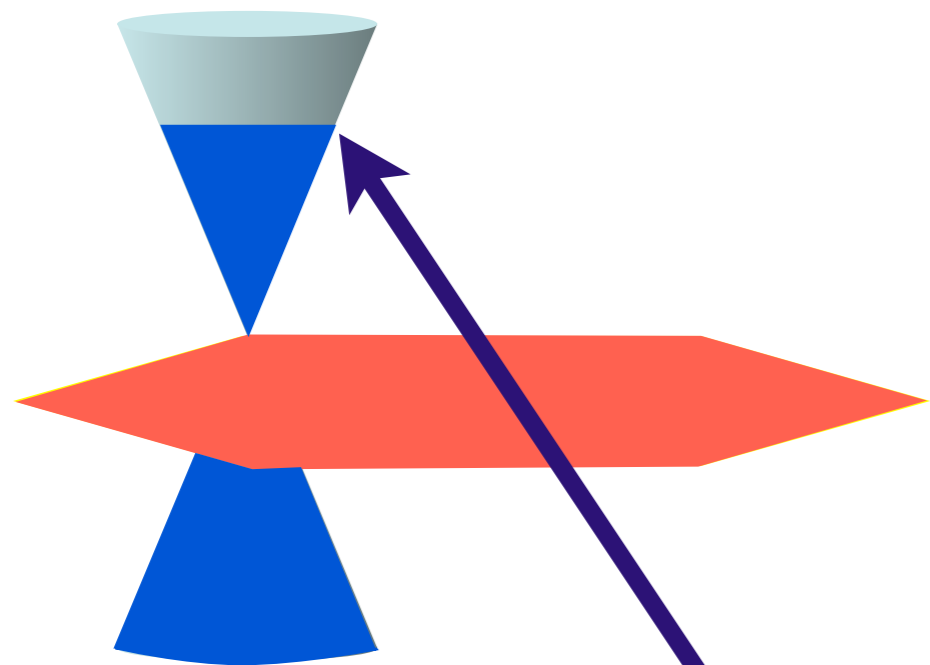
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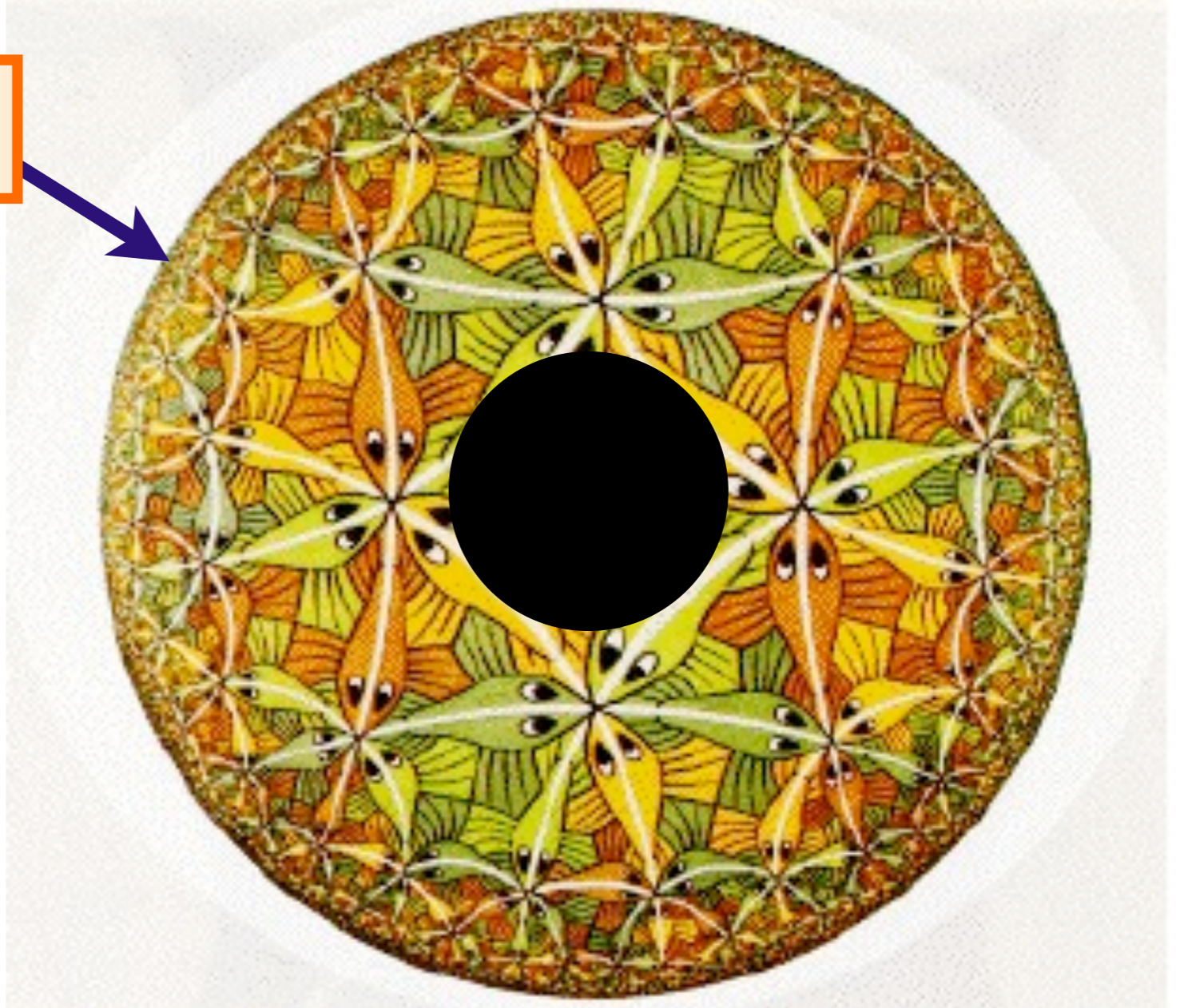
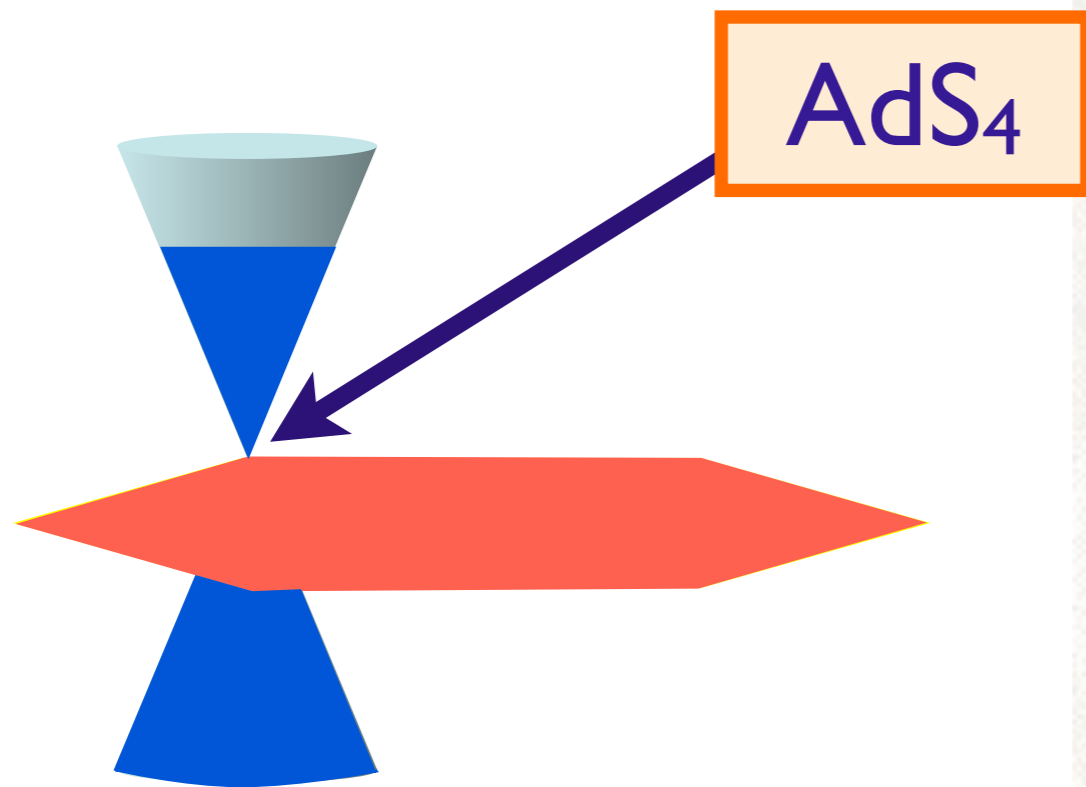
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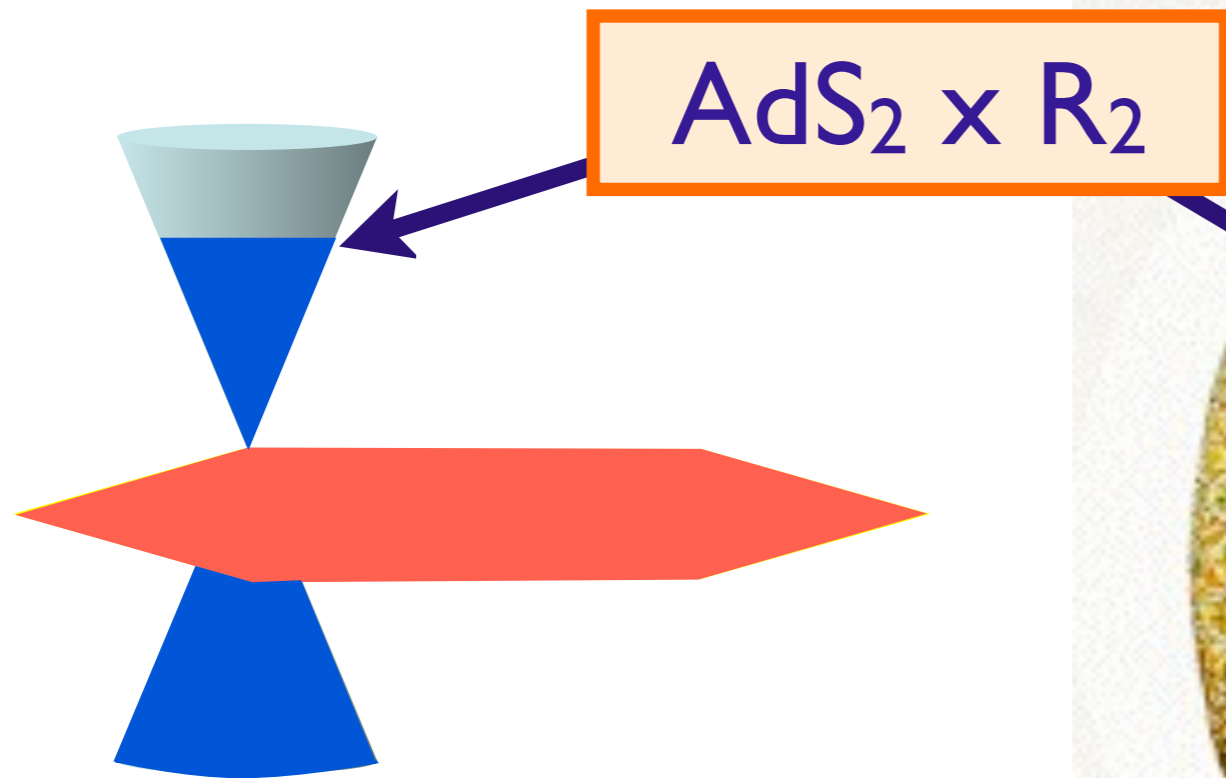
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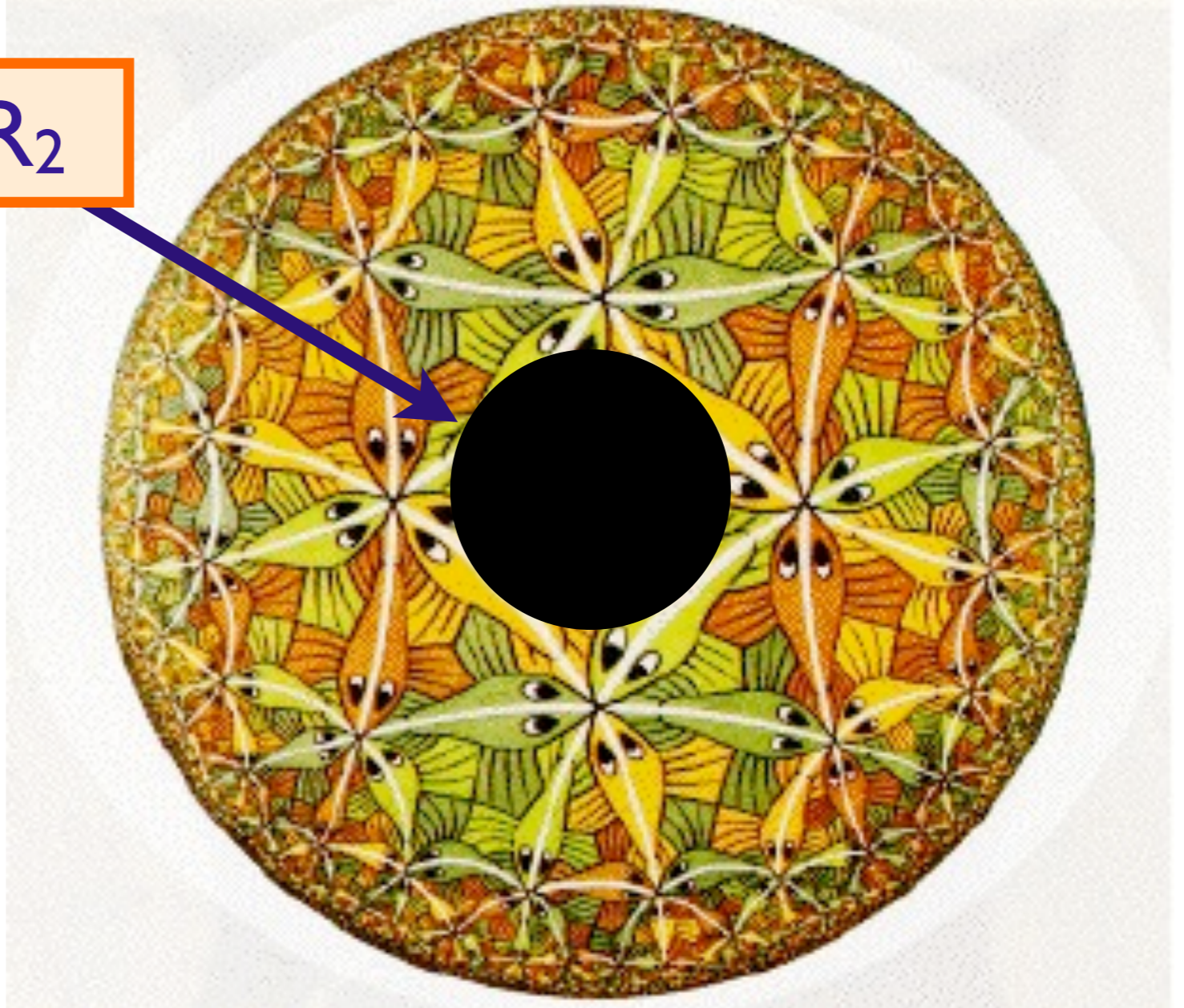


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As a simple example, in zero magnetic field, we can write the electrical conductivity as

$$\sigma = \sigma_Q + \frac{e^{*2} \rho^2 v^2}{\varepsilon + P} \pi \delta(\omega)$$

where  $\sigma_Q$  is the universal conductivity of the CFT,  $\rho$  is the charge density,  $\varepsilon$  is the energy density and  $P$  is the pressure.

The same quantities also determine the thermal conductivity,  $\kappa$ :

$$\kappa = \sigma_Q \left( \frac{k_B^2 T}{e^{*2}} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon + P}{k_B T \rho} \right)^2$$

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A second example: In an applied magnetic field  $B$ , the dynamic transport co-efficients exhibit a **hydrodynamic cyclotron resonance** at a frequency  $\omega_c$

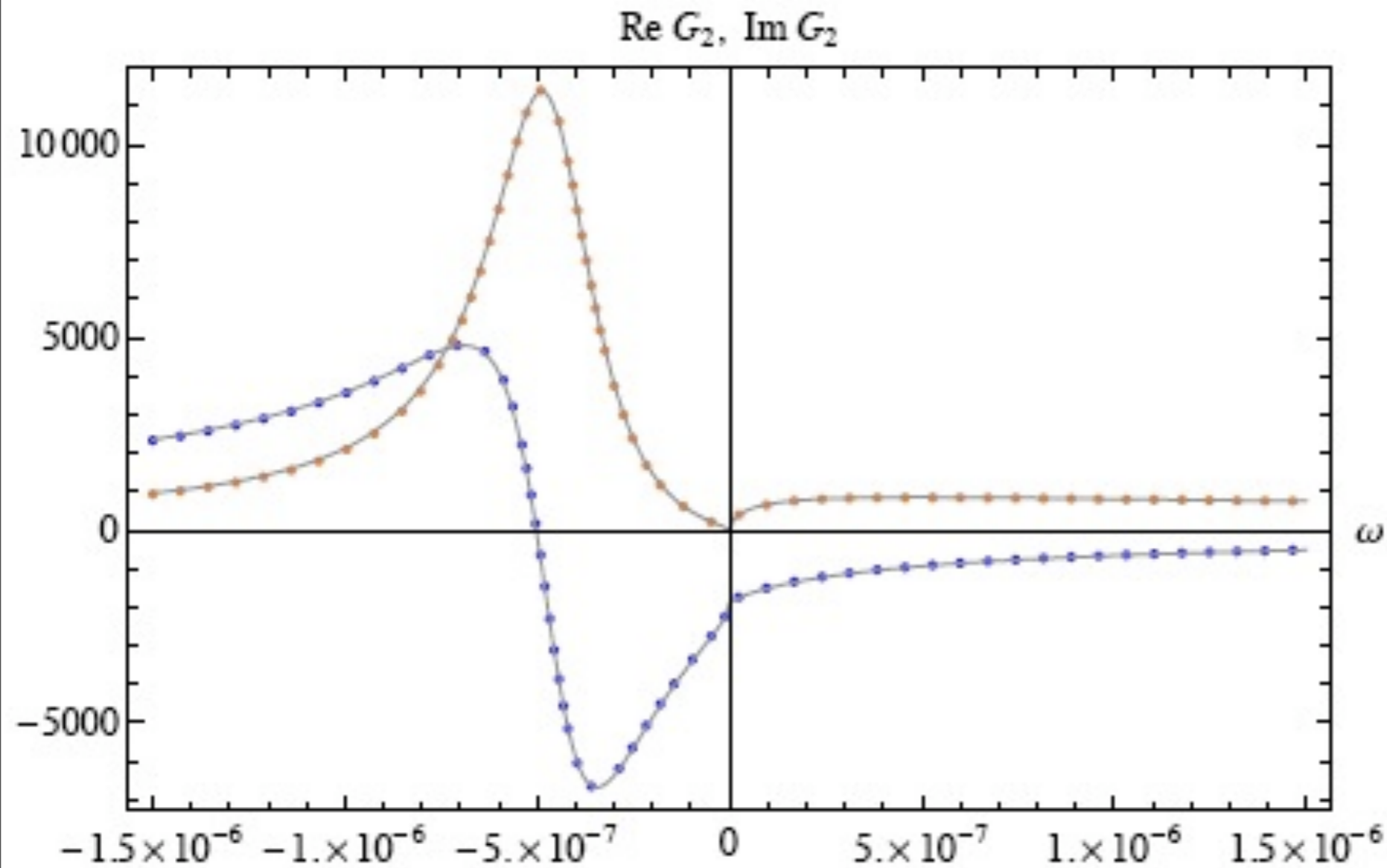
$$\omega_c = \frac{e^* B \rho v^2}{c(\varepsilon + P)}$$

and damping constant  $\gamma$

$$\gamma = \sigma_Q \frac{B^2 v^2}{c^2(\varepsilon + P)}.$$

The same constants determine the **quasinormal frequency** of the Reissner-Nordstrom black hole.

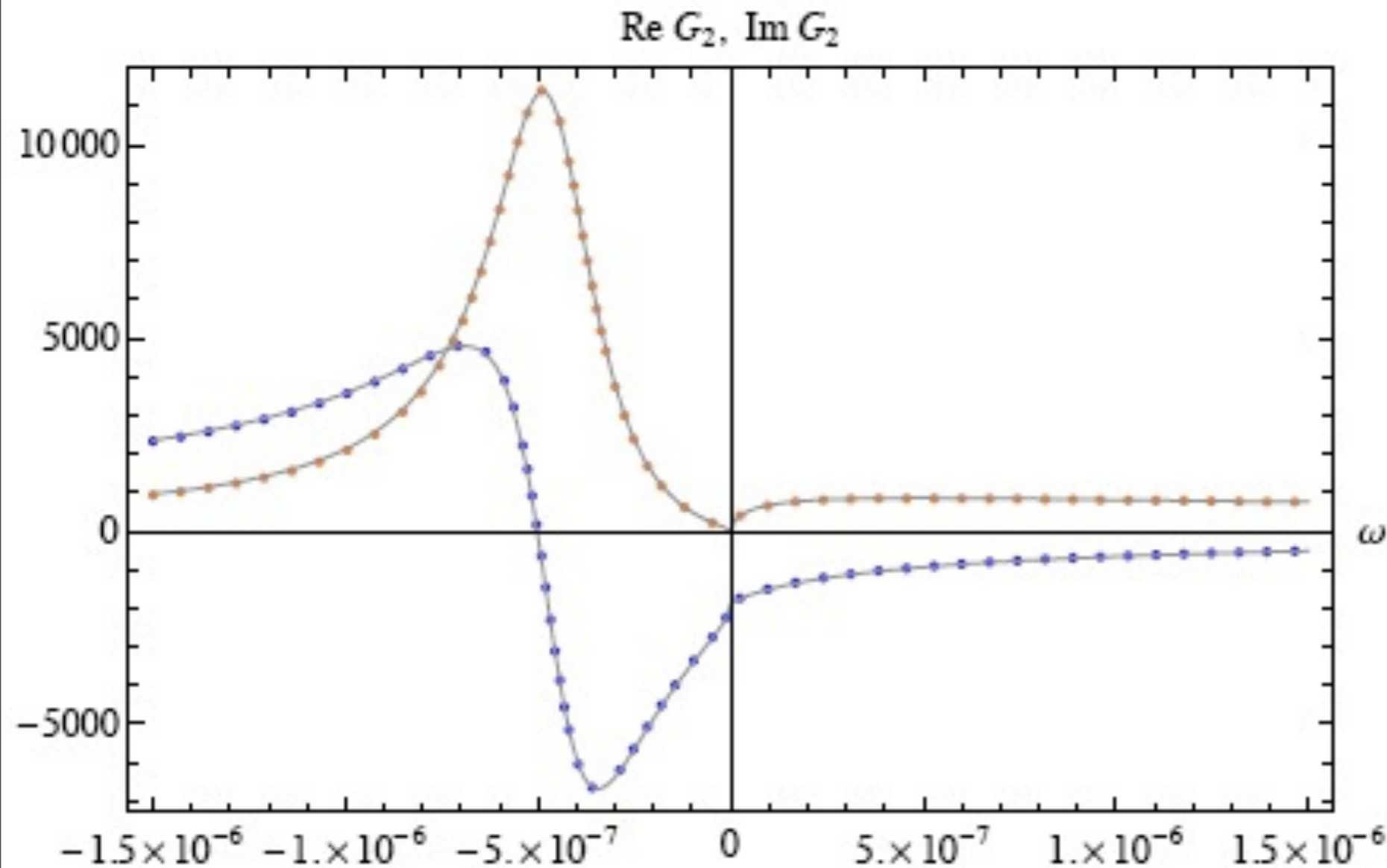
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Similar to non-Fermi liquid theories of Fermi surfaces coupled to gauge fields, and at quantum critical points

# Free energy from gravity theory

The free energy is expressed as a sum over the “quasinormal frequencies”,  $z_\ell$ , of the black hole. Here  $\ell$  represents any set of quantum numbers:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{boson}} = -T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left( \frac{|z_\ell|}{2\pi T} \left| \Gamma \left( \frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{fermion}} = T \sum_{\ell} \ln \left( \left| \Gamma \left( \frac{iz_\ell}{2\pi T} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right|^2 \right)$$

Application of this formula shows that the fermions exhibit the dHvA quantum oscillations with expected period ( $2\pi/(\text{Fermi surface area})$ ) in  $1/B$ , but with an amplitude corrected from the Fermi liquid formula of Lifshitz-Kosevich.

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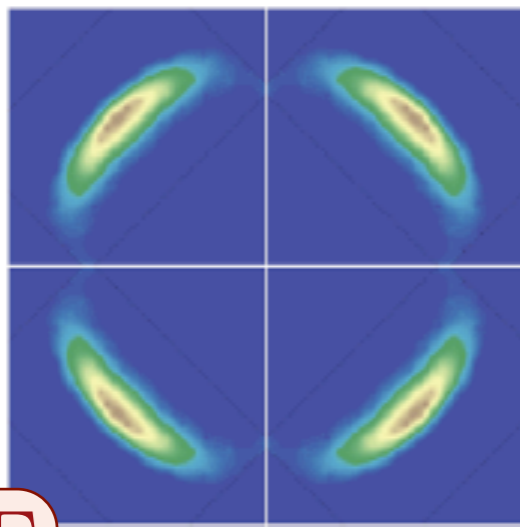
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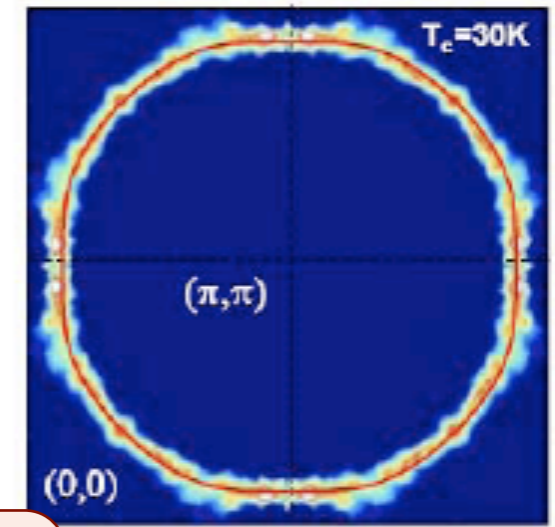
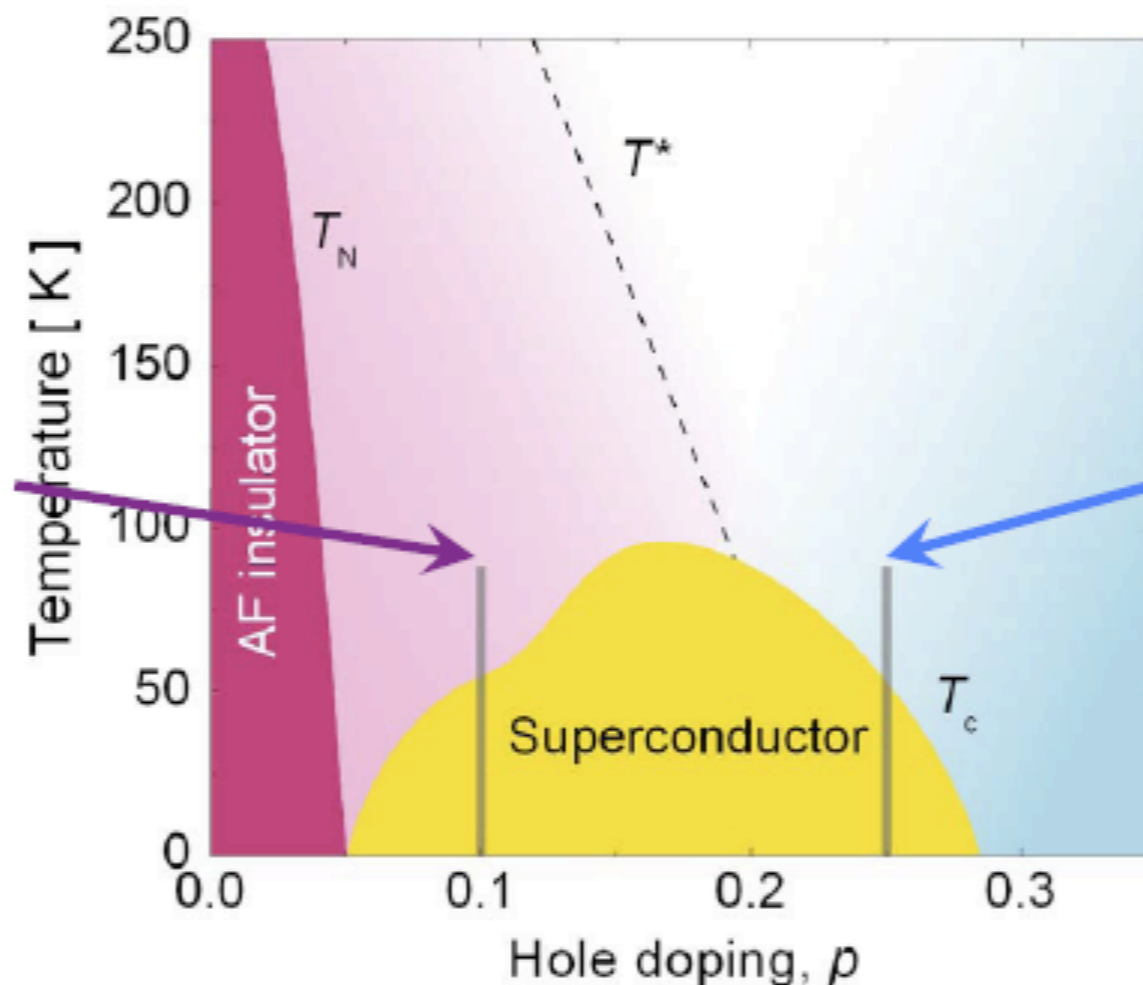
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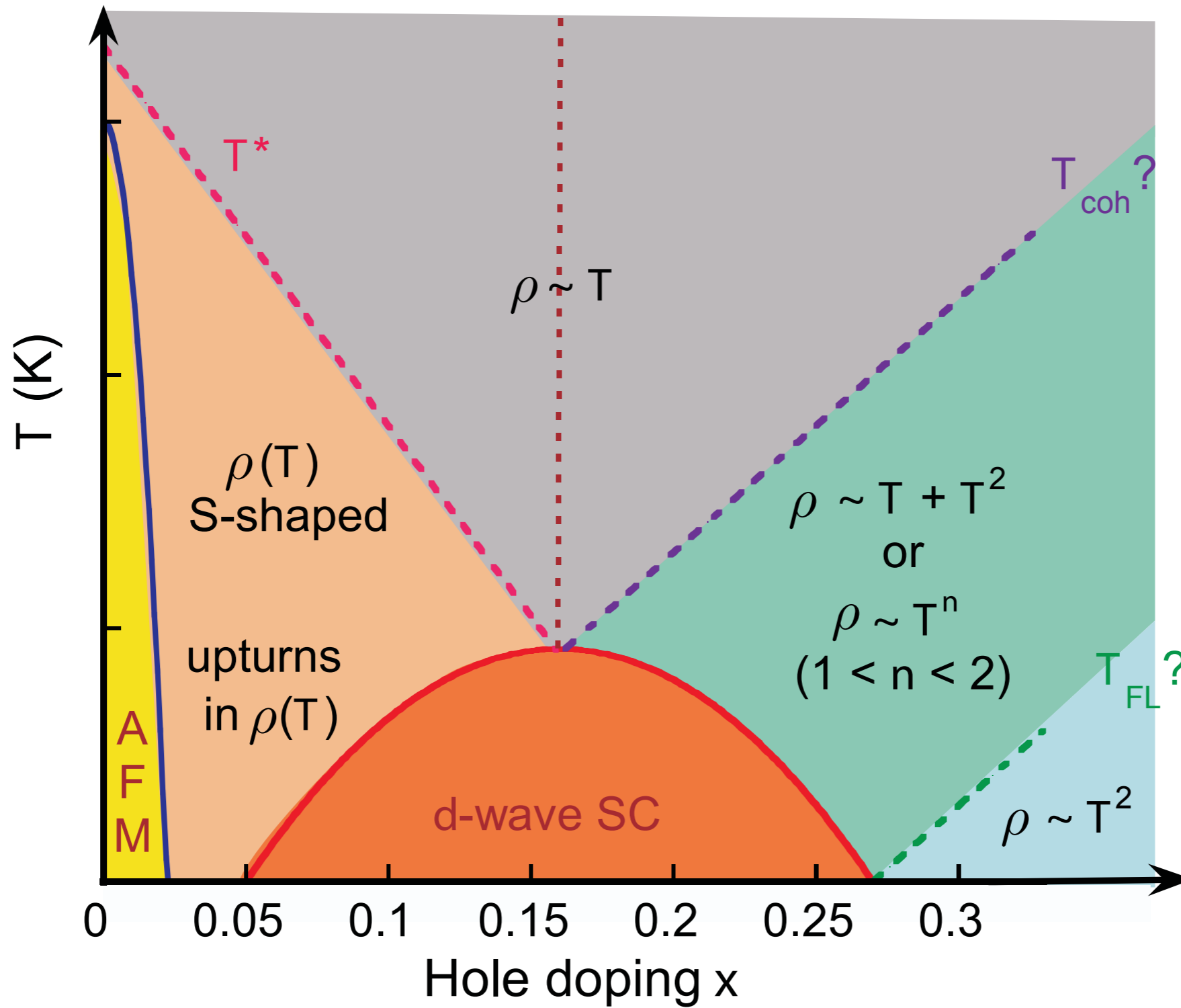
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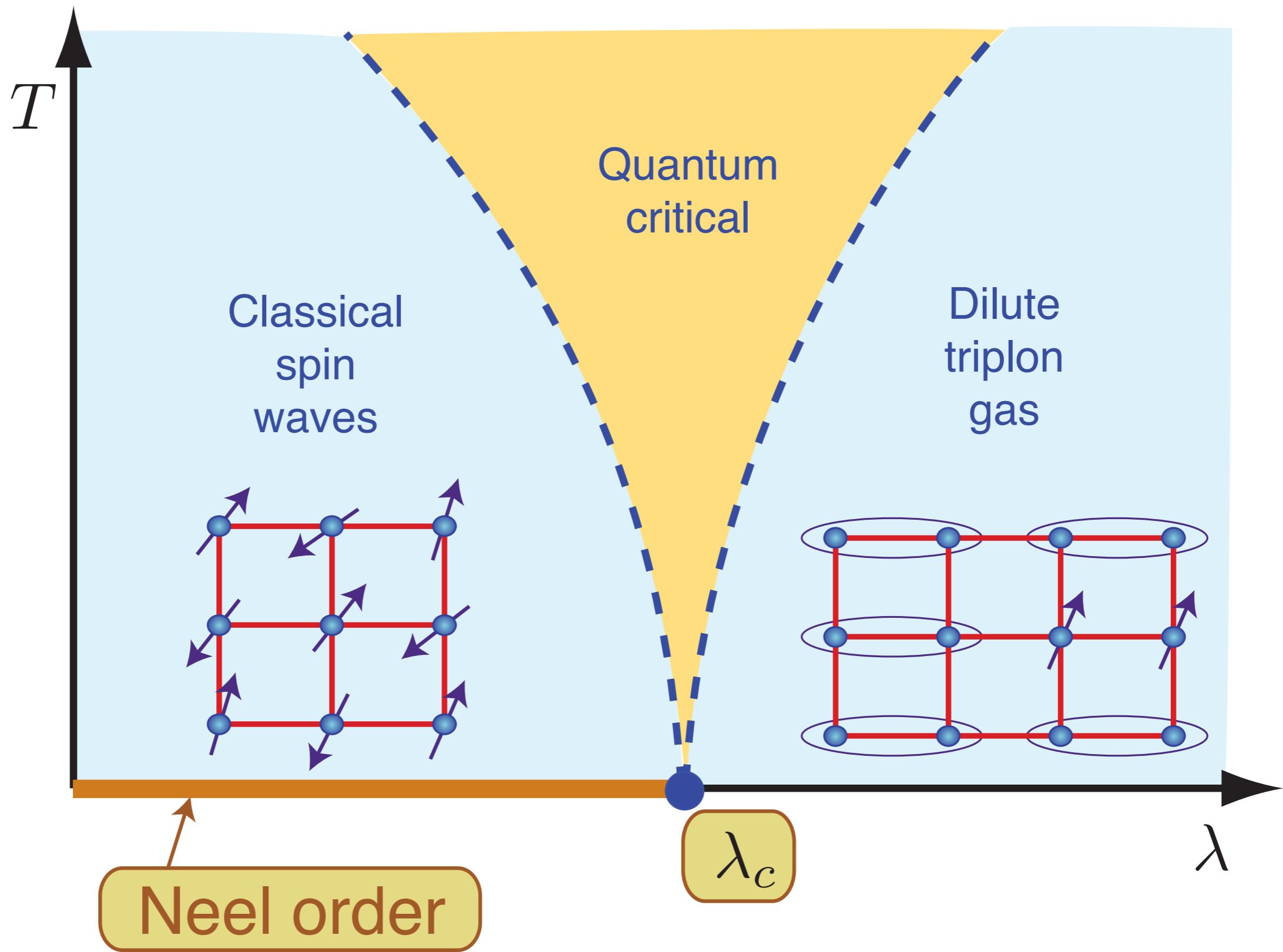
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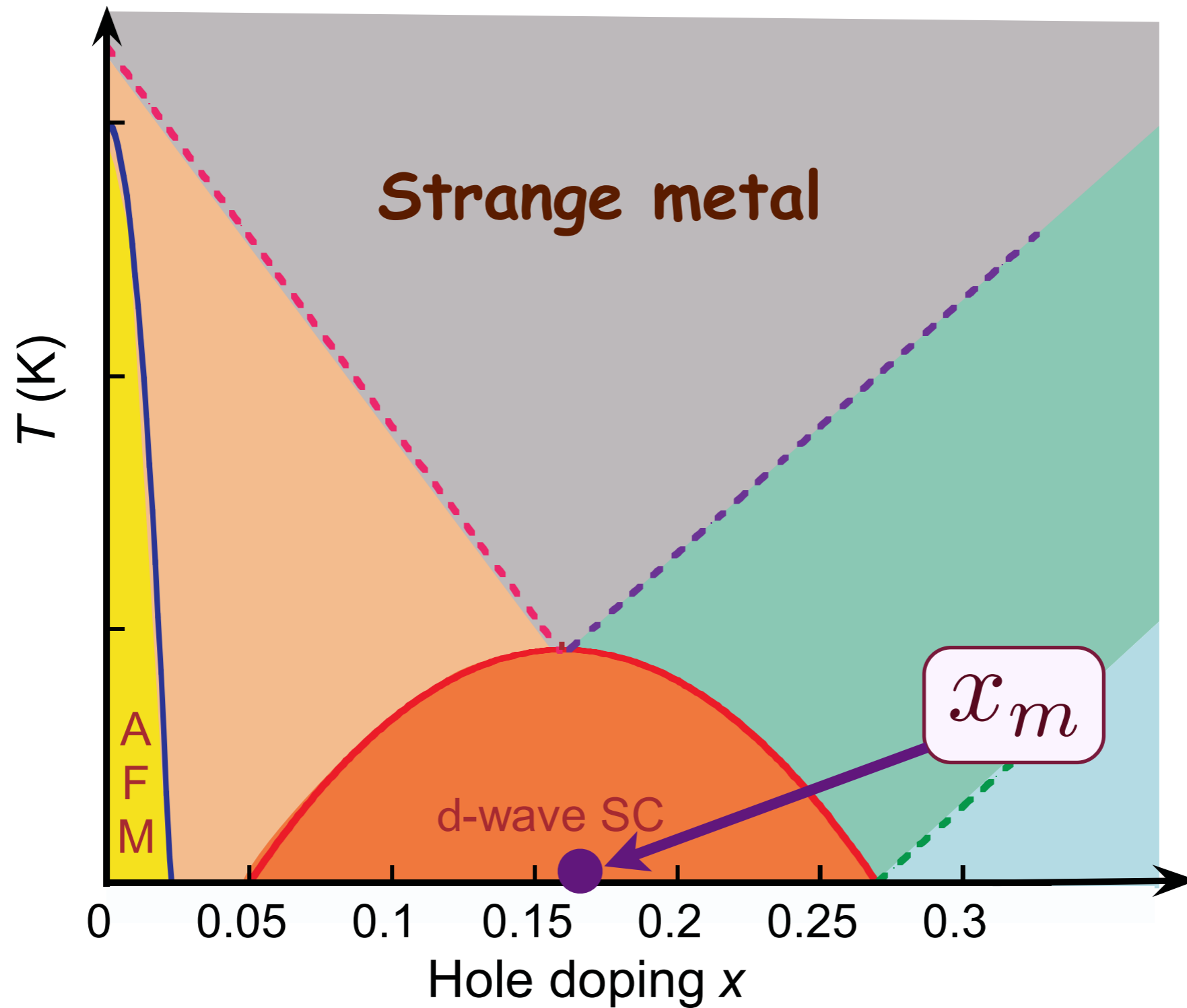
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N. E. Hussey, *J. Phys: Condens. Matter* **20**, 123201 (2008)

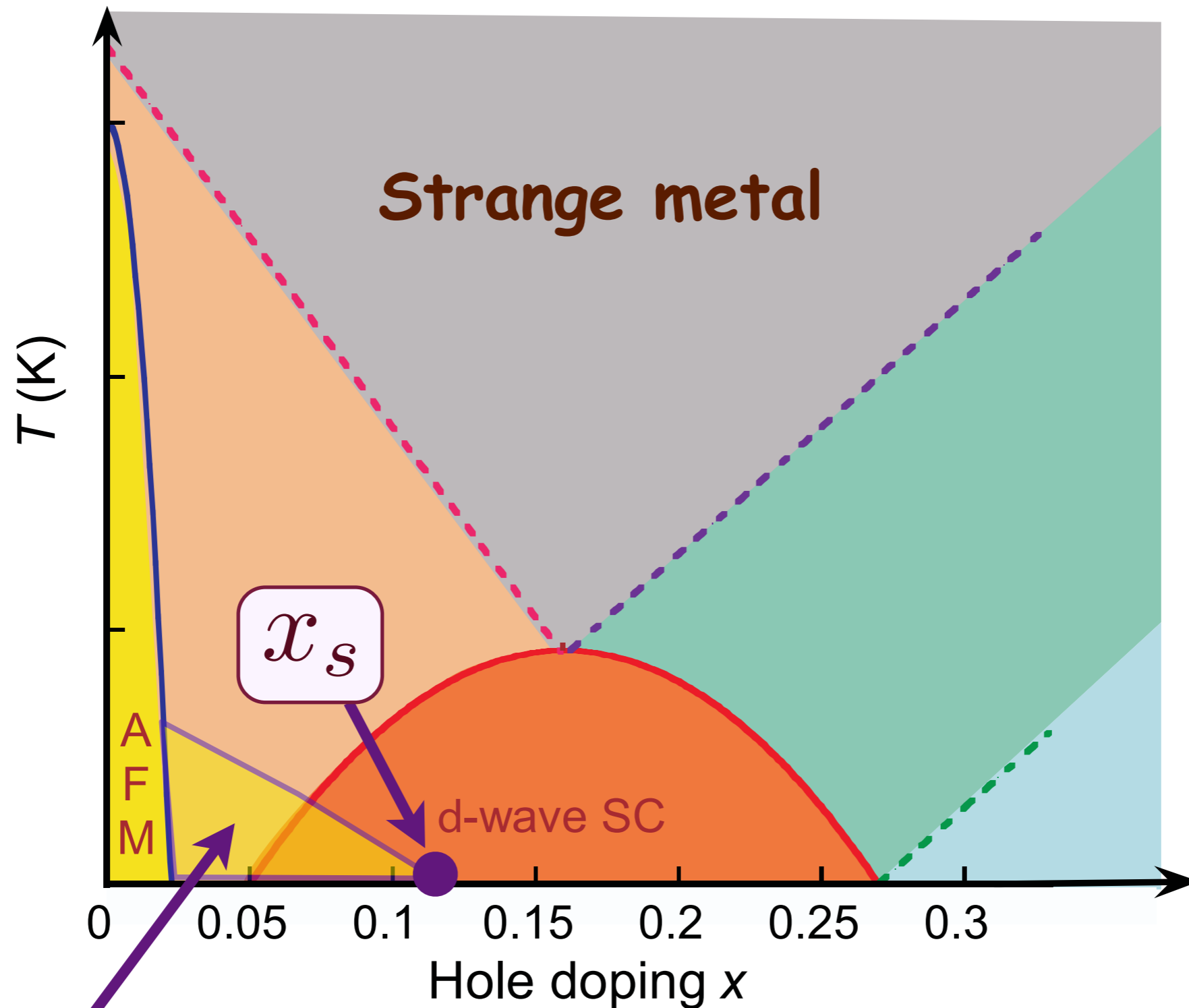


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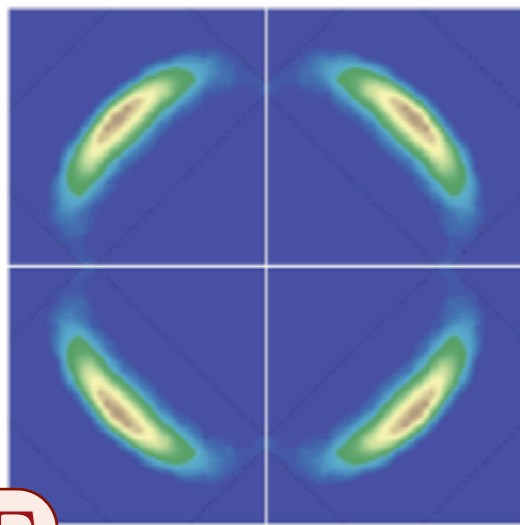
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# Only candidate quantum critical point observed at low $T$



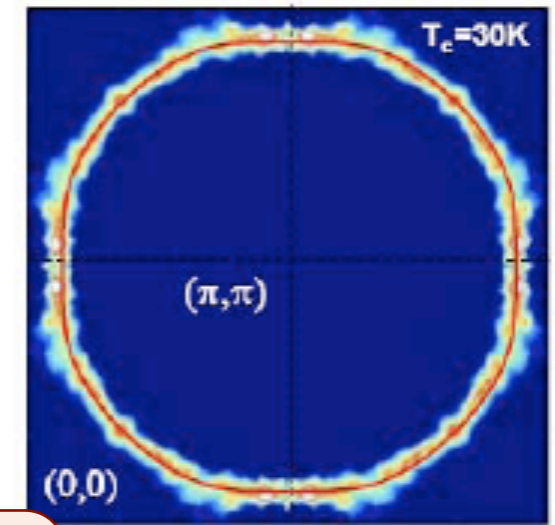
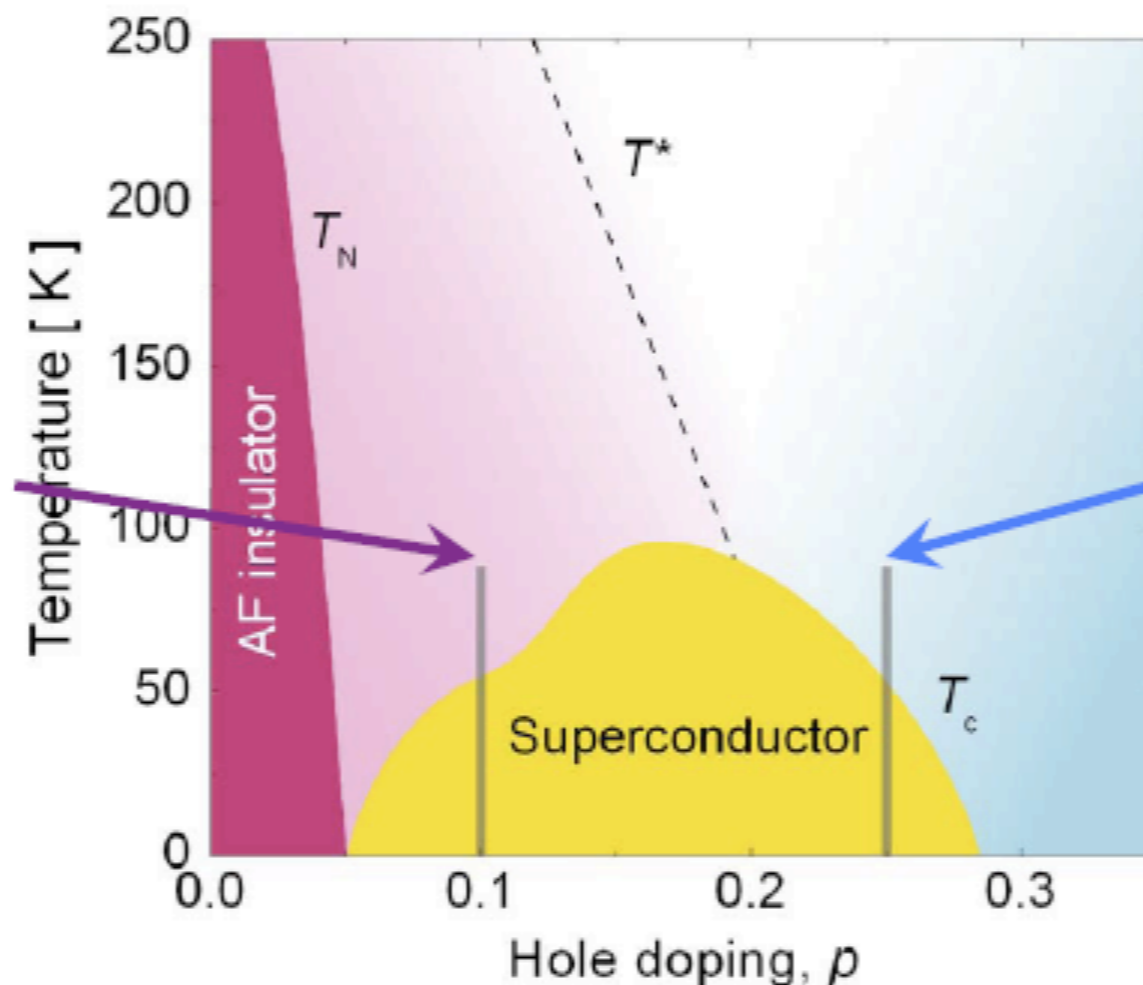
Spin density wave order present below a quantum critical point at  $x = x_s$  with  $x_s \approx 0.12$  in the La series of cuprates

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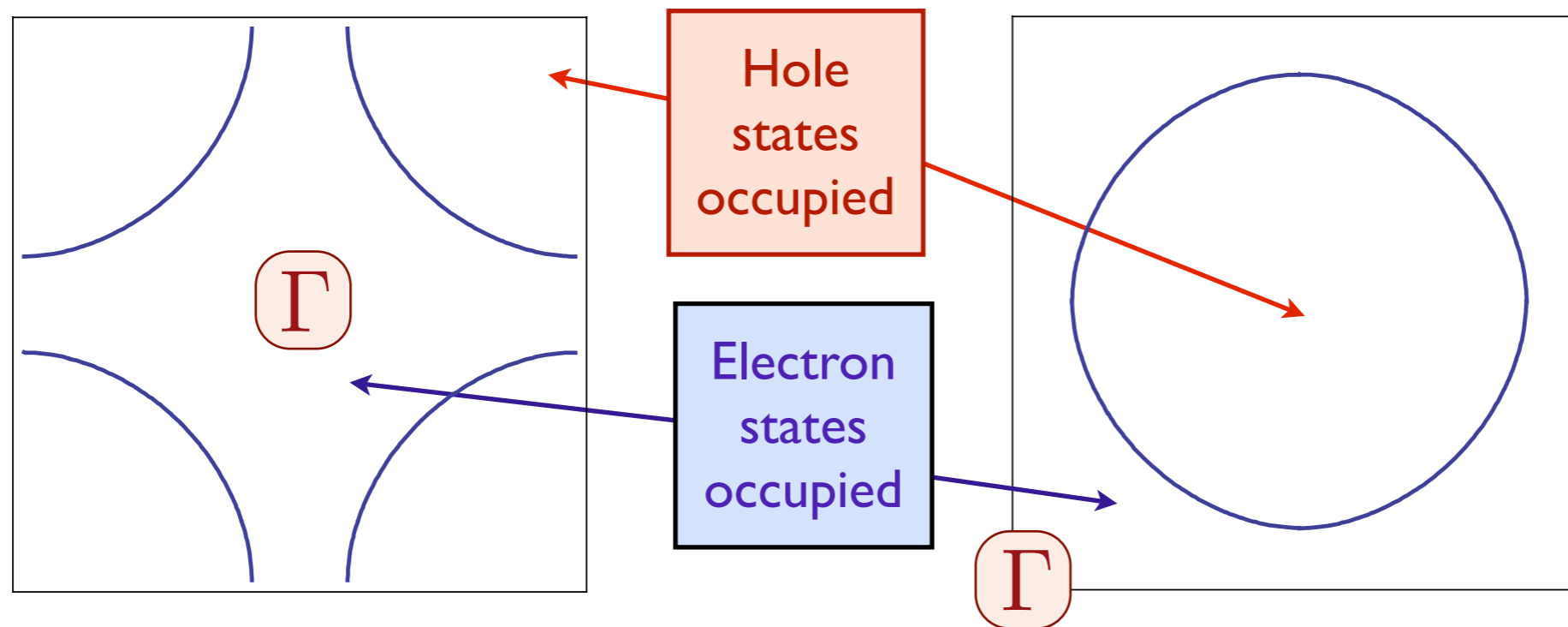
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# “Large” Fermi surfaces in cuprates



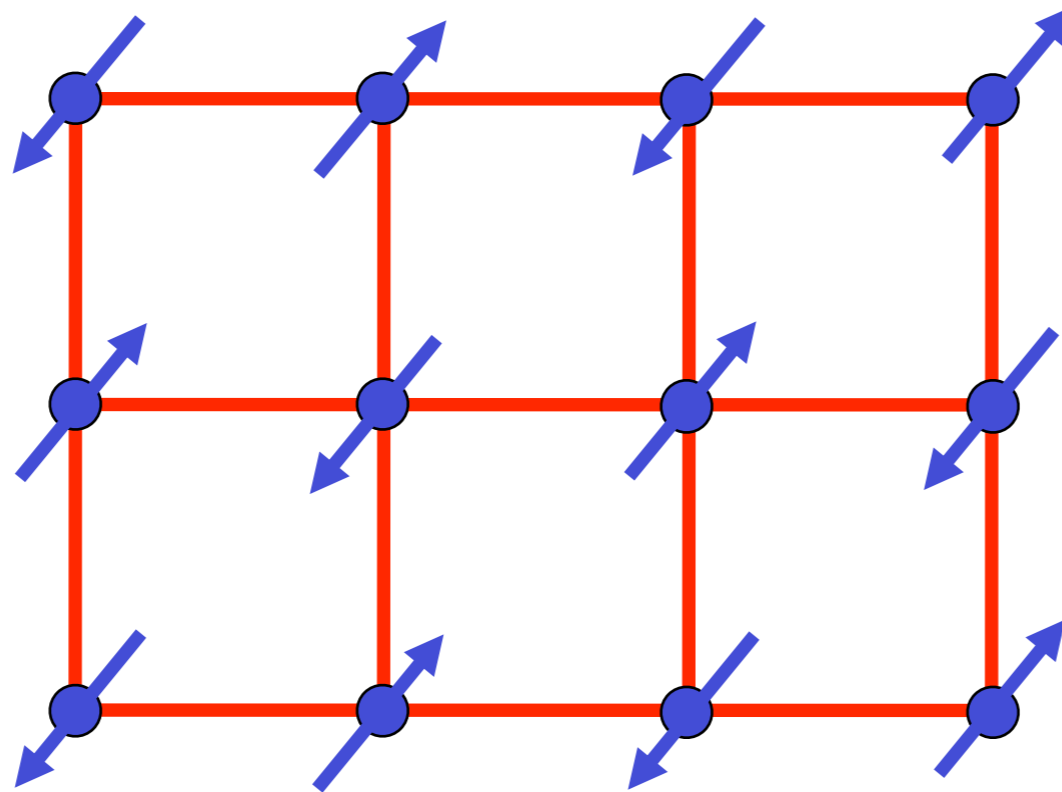
$$H_0 = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

The area of the occupied electron/hole states:

$$A_e = \begin{cases} 2\pi^2(1-x) & \text{for hole-doping } x \\ 2\pi^2(1+p) & \text{for electron-doping } p \end{cases}$$

$$A_h = 4\pi^2 - A_e$$

# Spin density wave theory

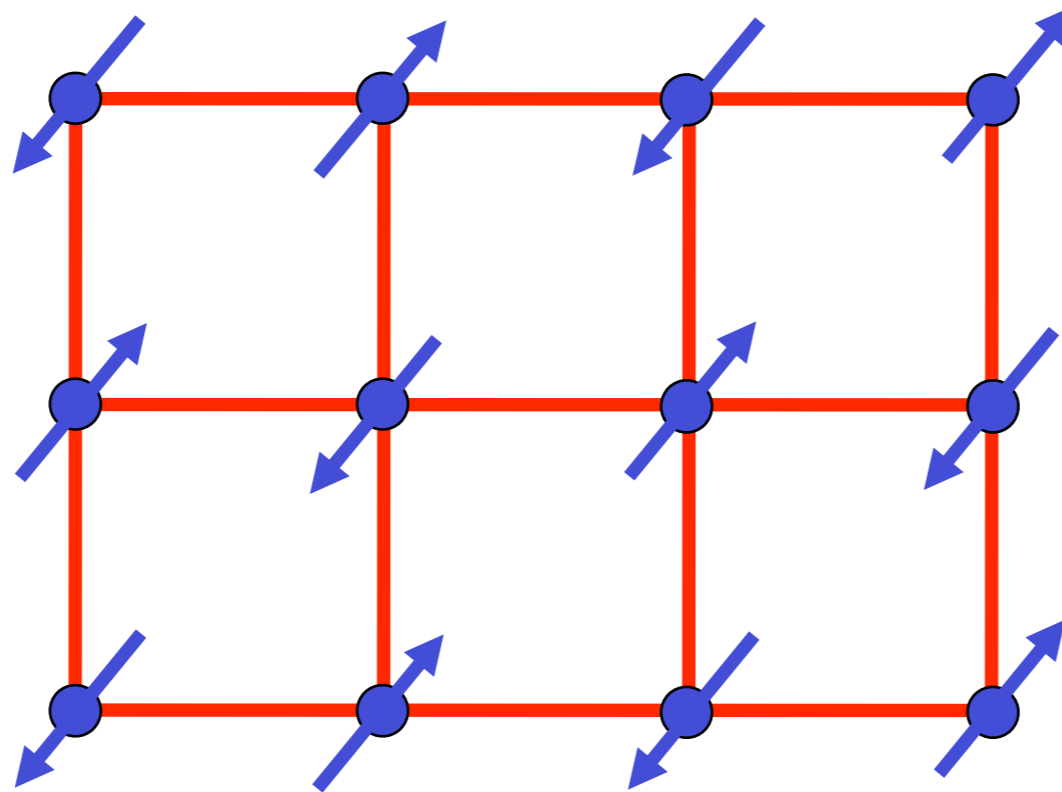


The electron spin polarization obeys

$$\langle \vec{S}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \rangle = \vec{\varphi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

where  $\vec{\varphi}$  is the spin density wave (SDW) order parameter, and  $\mathbf{K}$  is the ordering wavevector. For simplicity, we consider  $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$ .

# Spin density wave theory



Spin density wave Hamiltonian

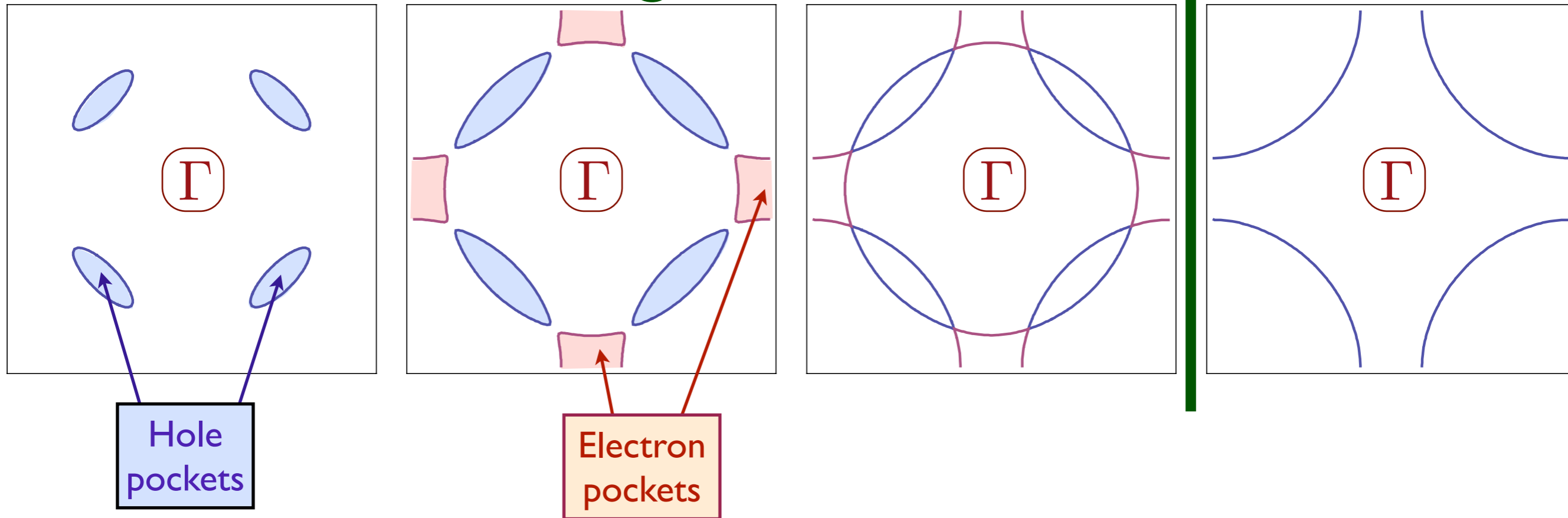
$$H_{\text{sdw}} = \vec{\varphi} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^{\dagger} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}, \beta}$$

Diagonalize  $H_0 + H_{\text{sdw}}$  for  $\vec{\varphi} = (0, 0, \varphi)$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}\pm} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}}}{2}\right)^2 + \varphi^2}$$

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← Increasing SDW order →



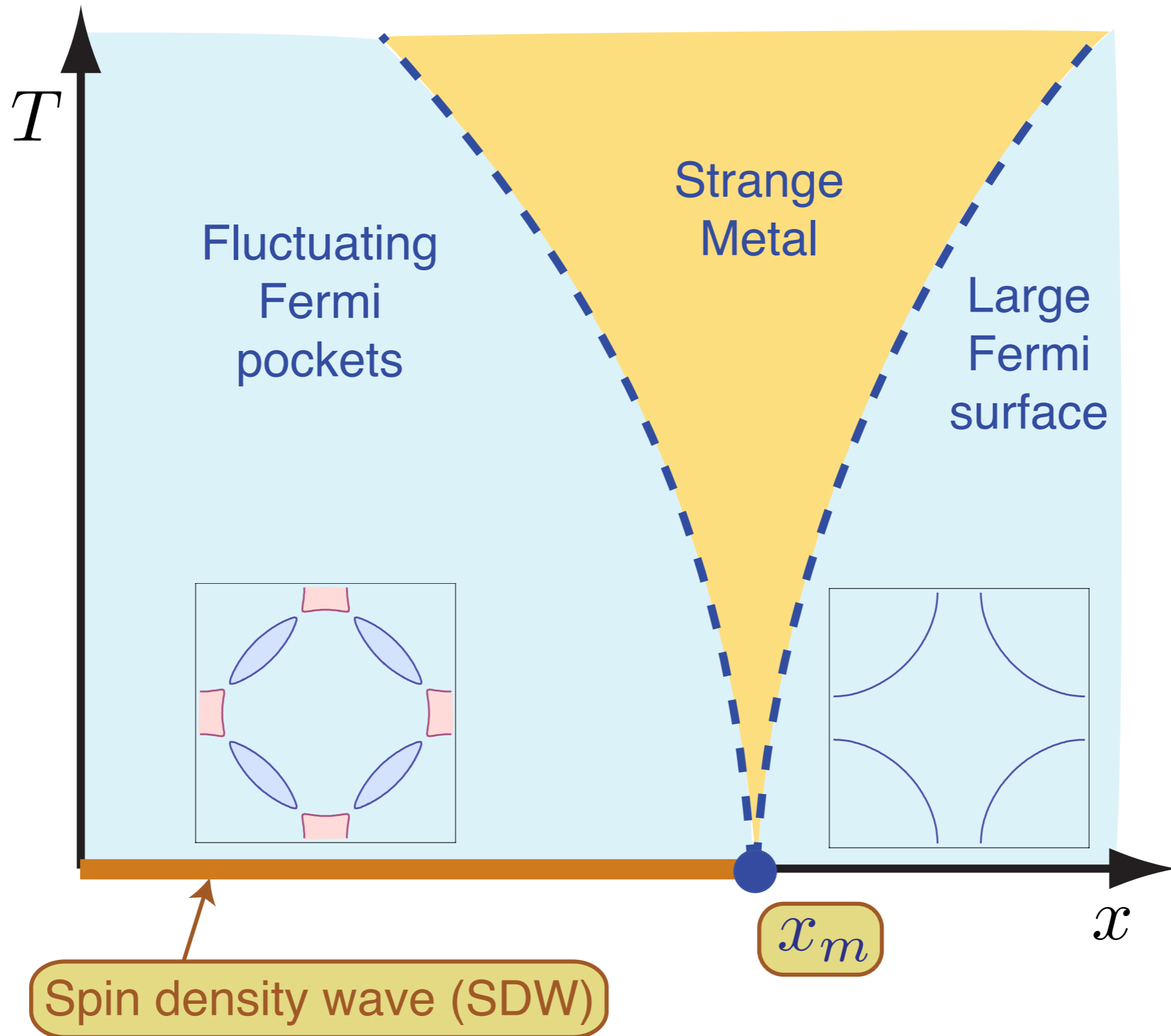
Large Fermi surface breaks up into  
electron and hole pockets

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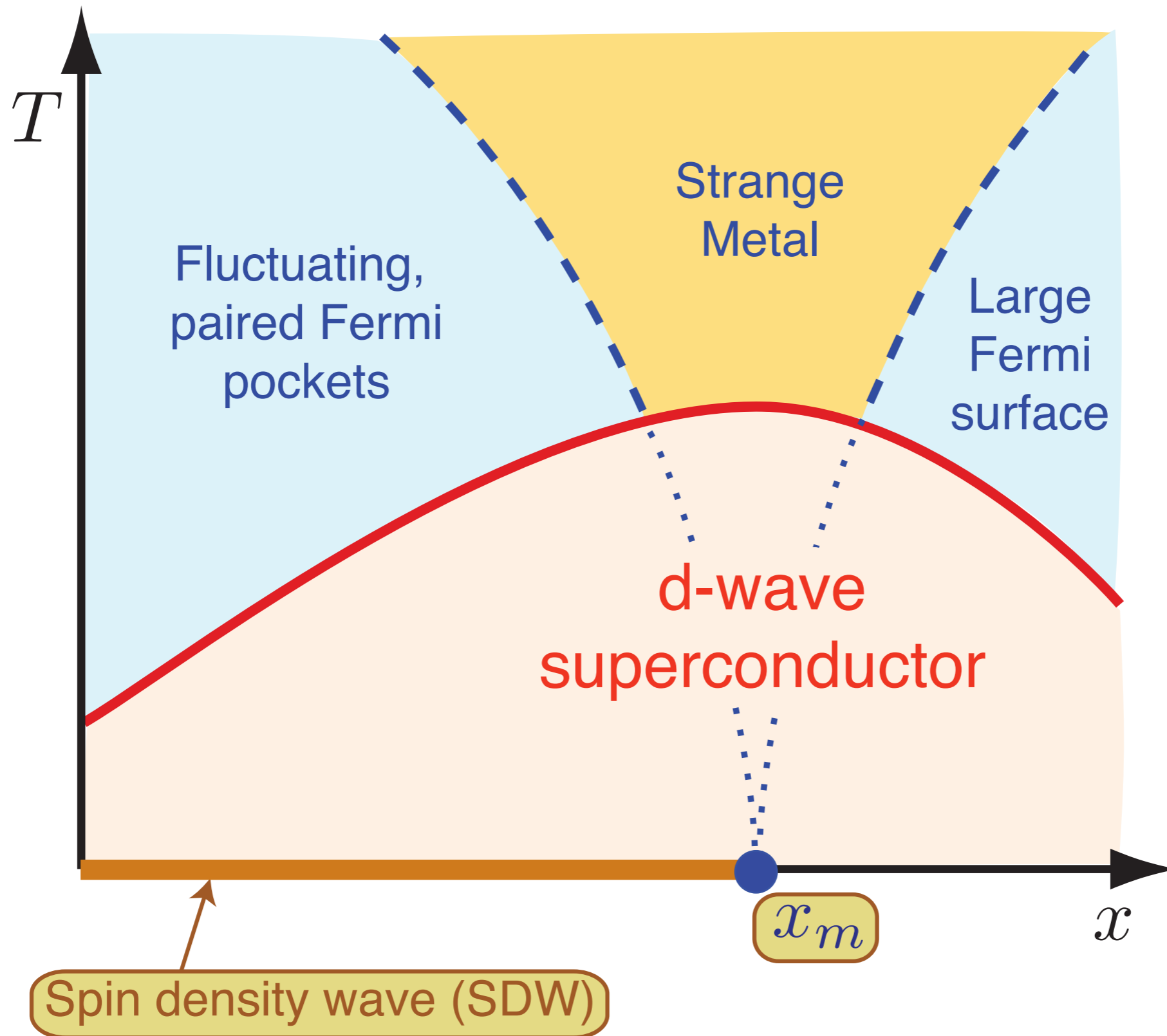
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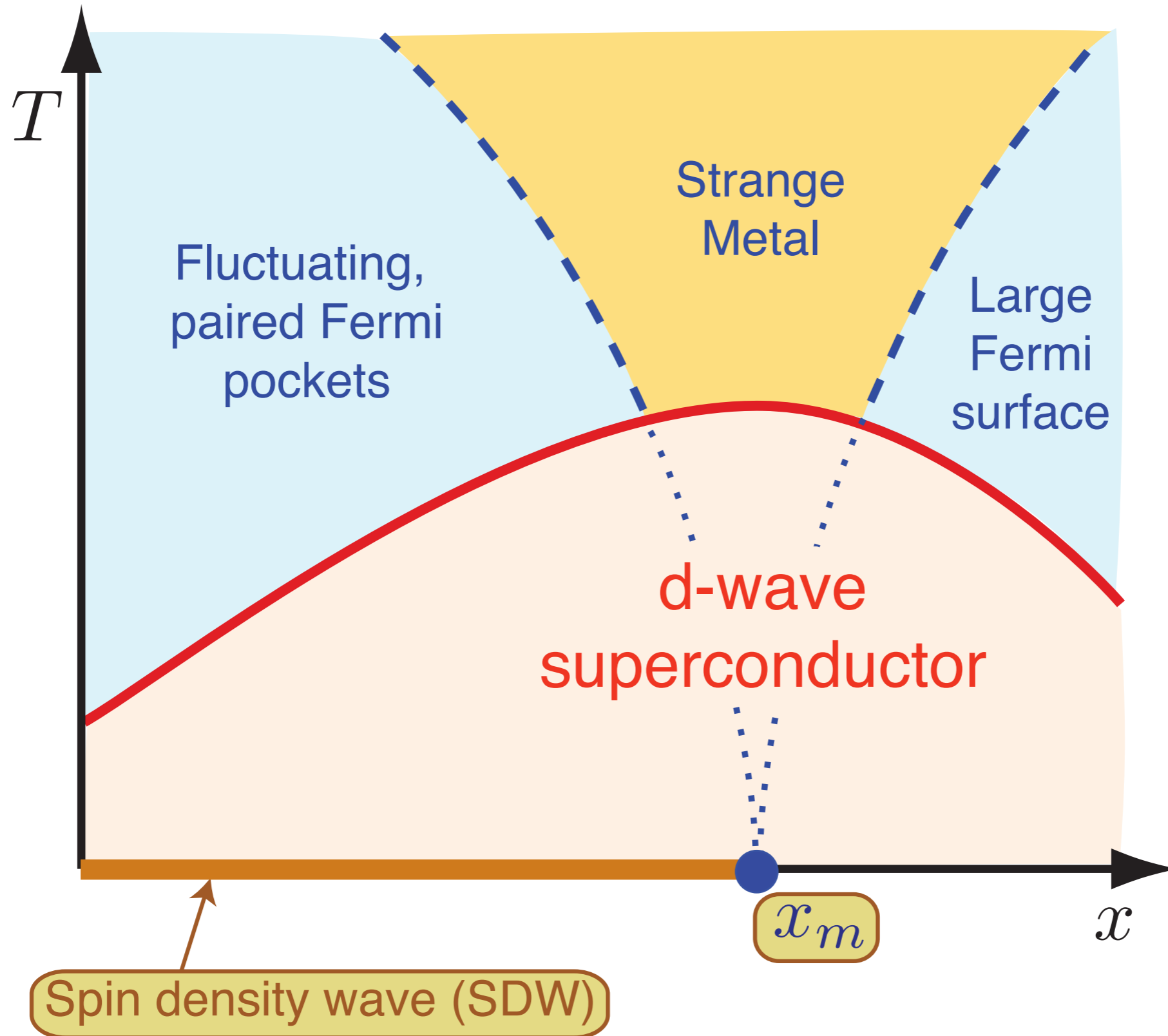
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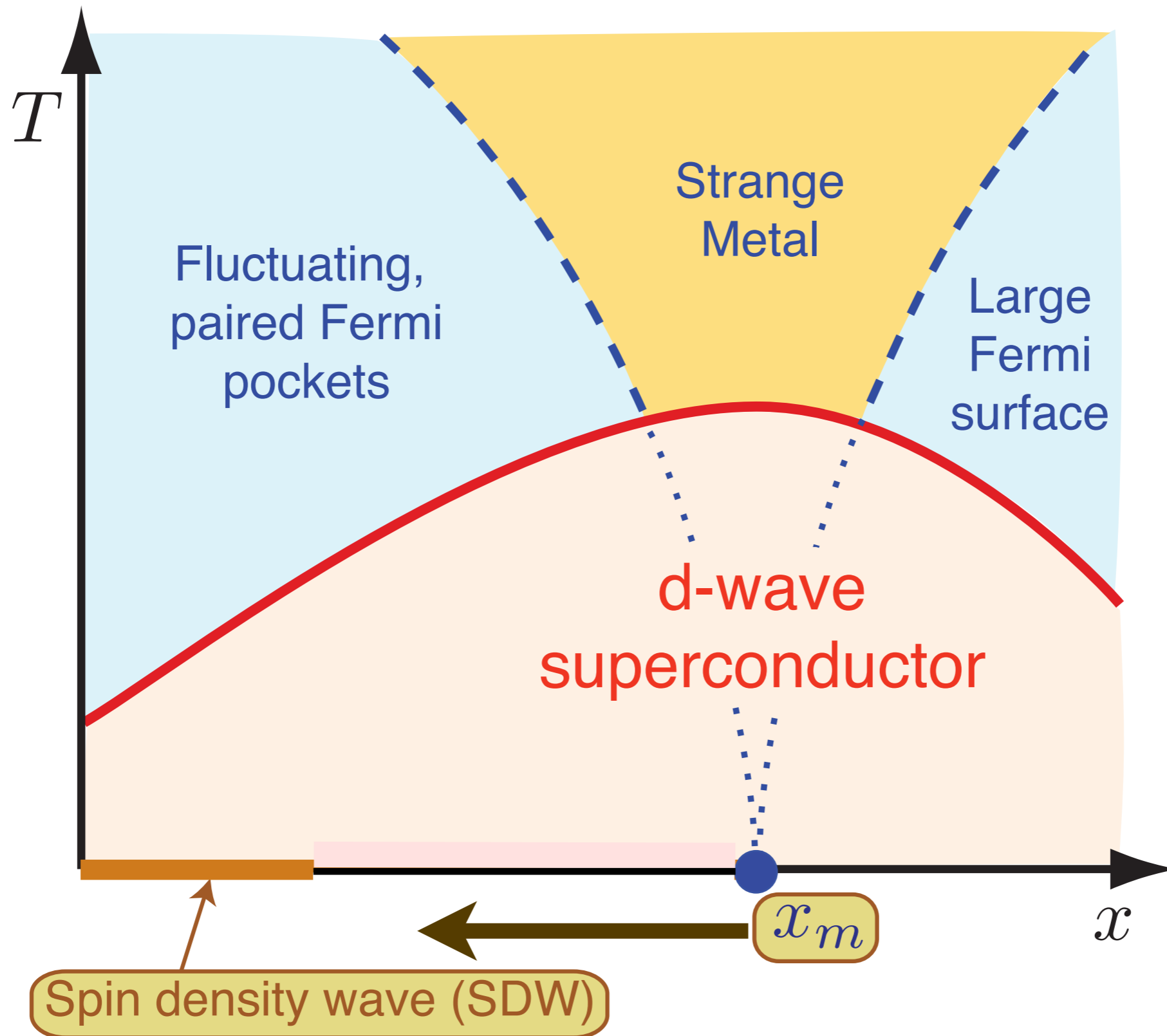
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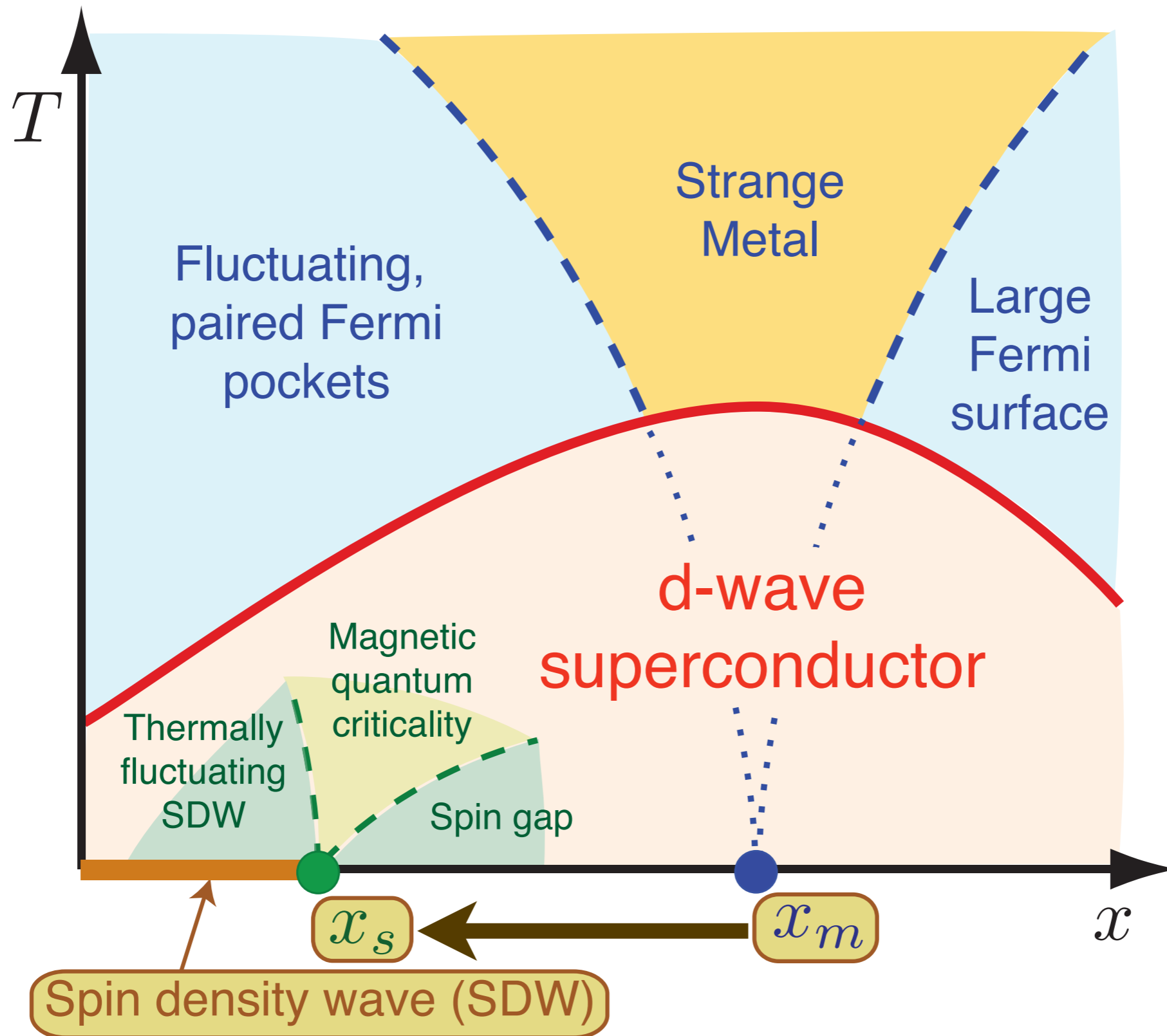
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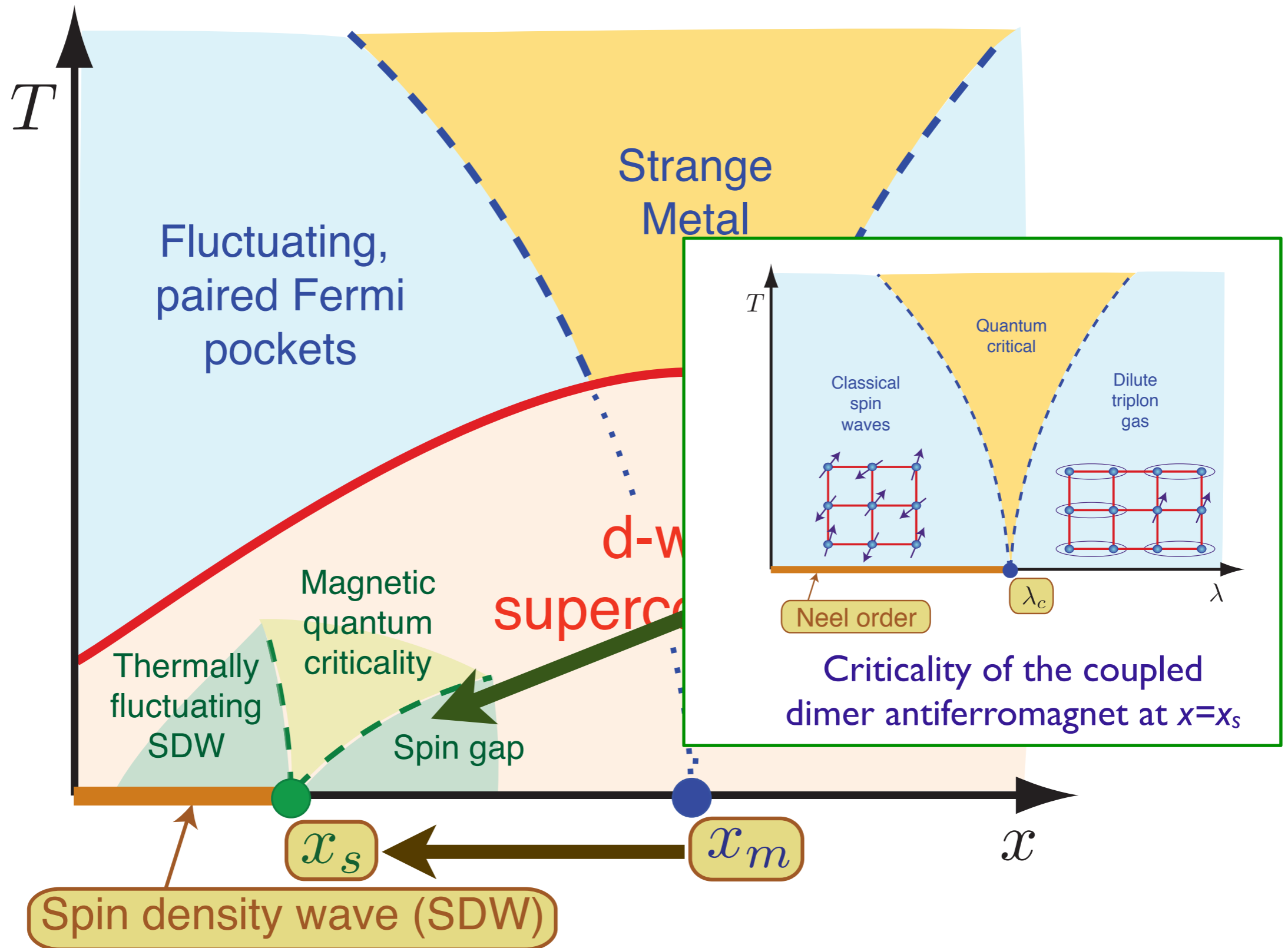
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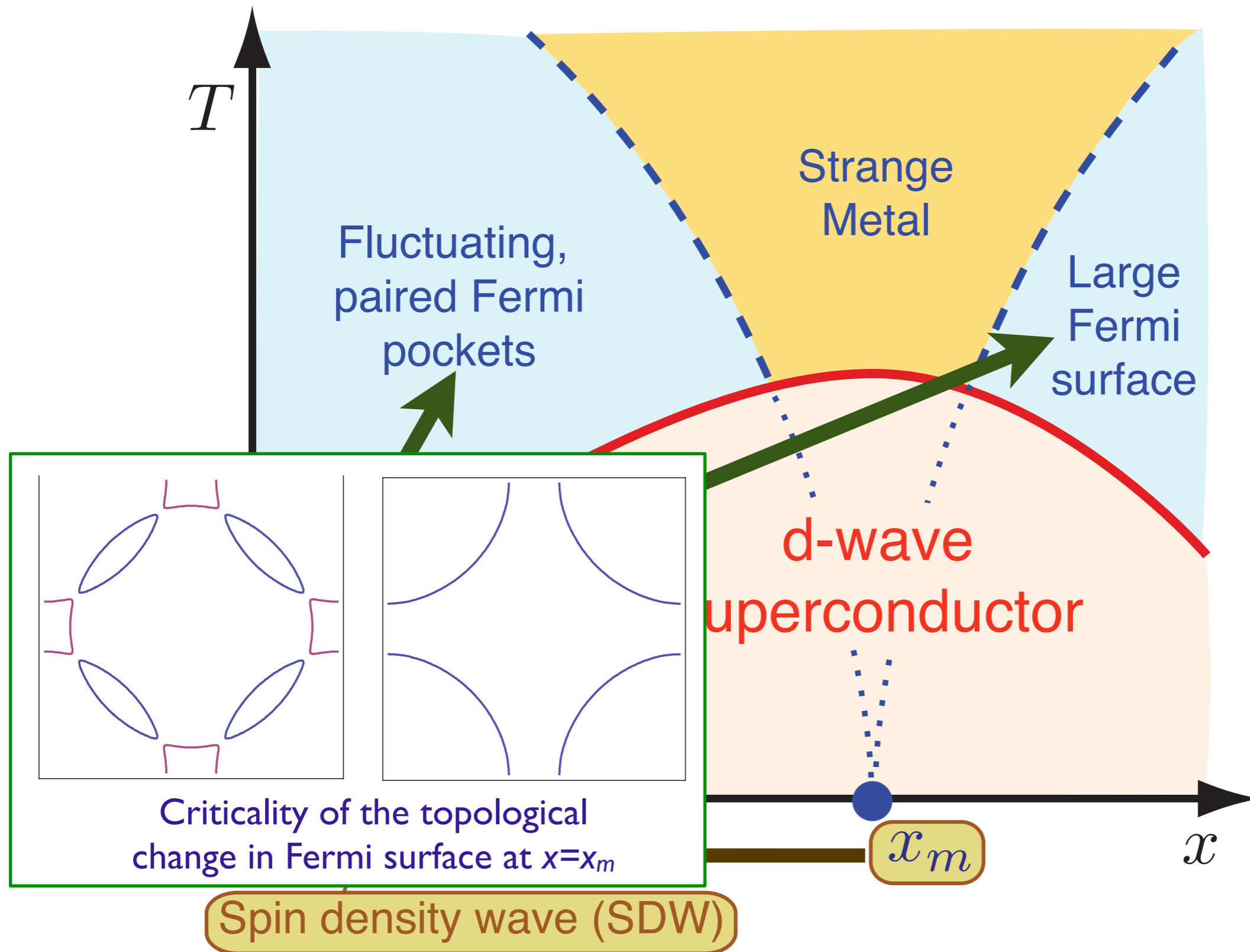
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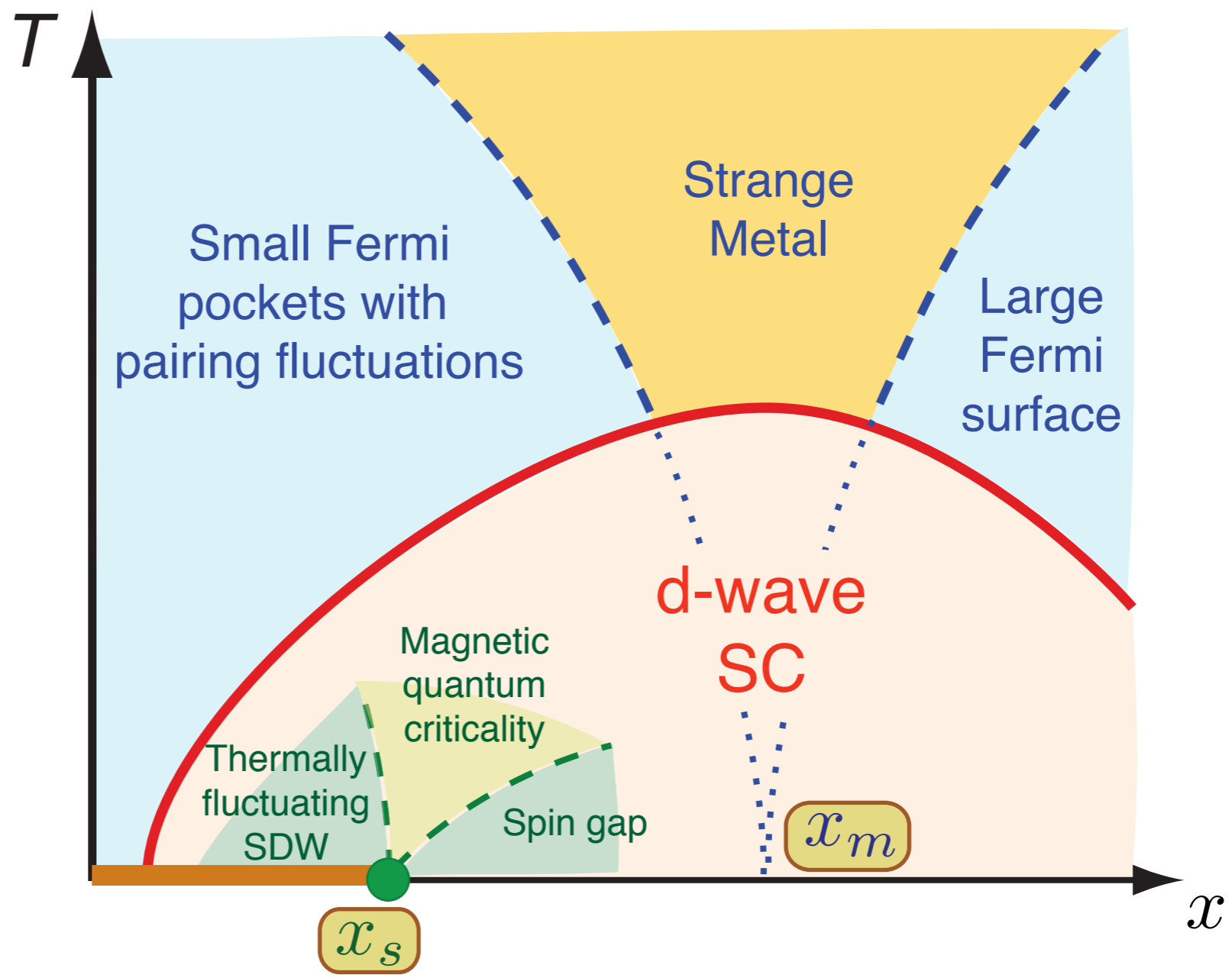


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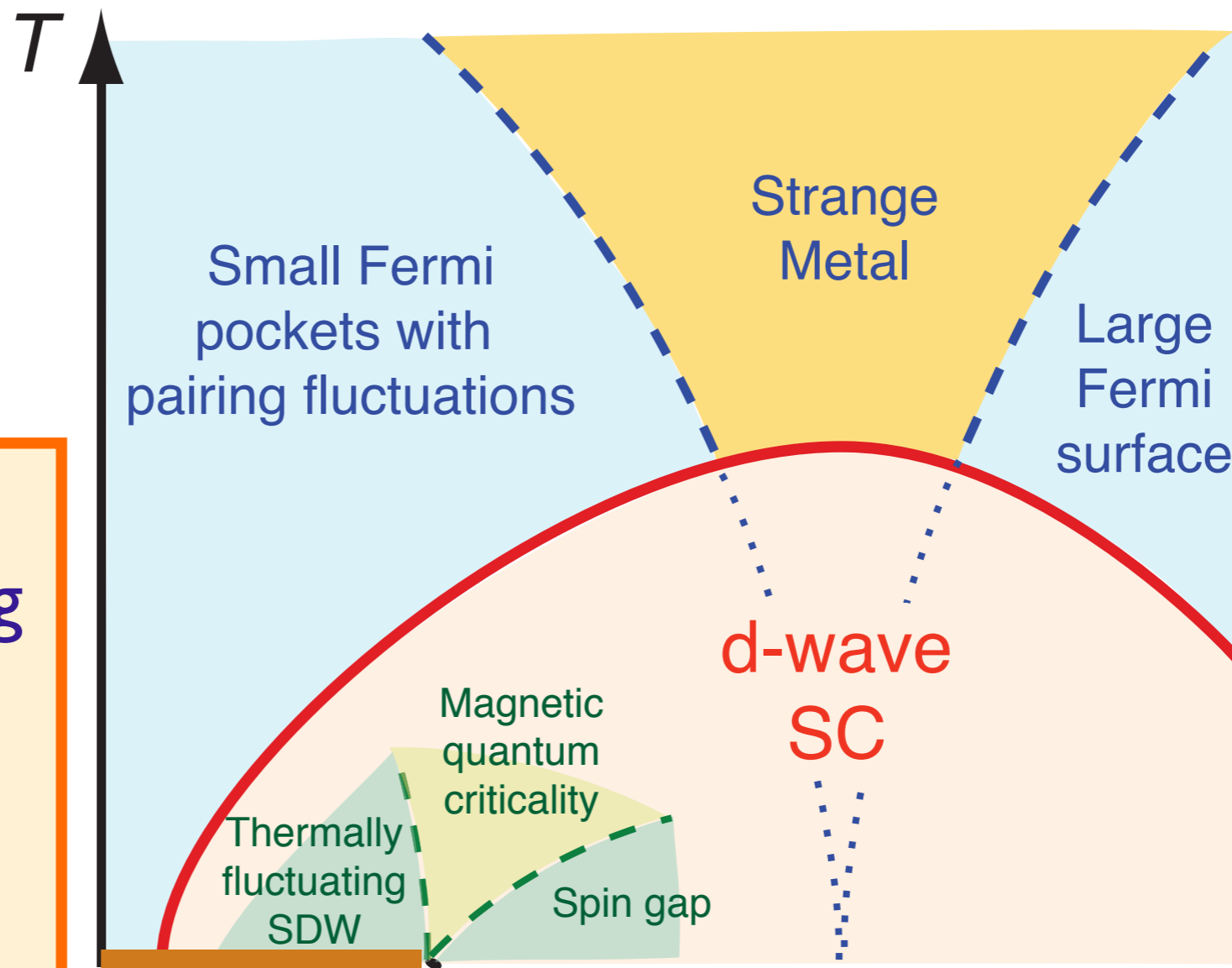
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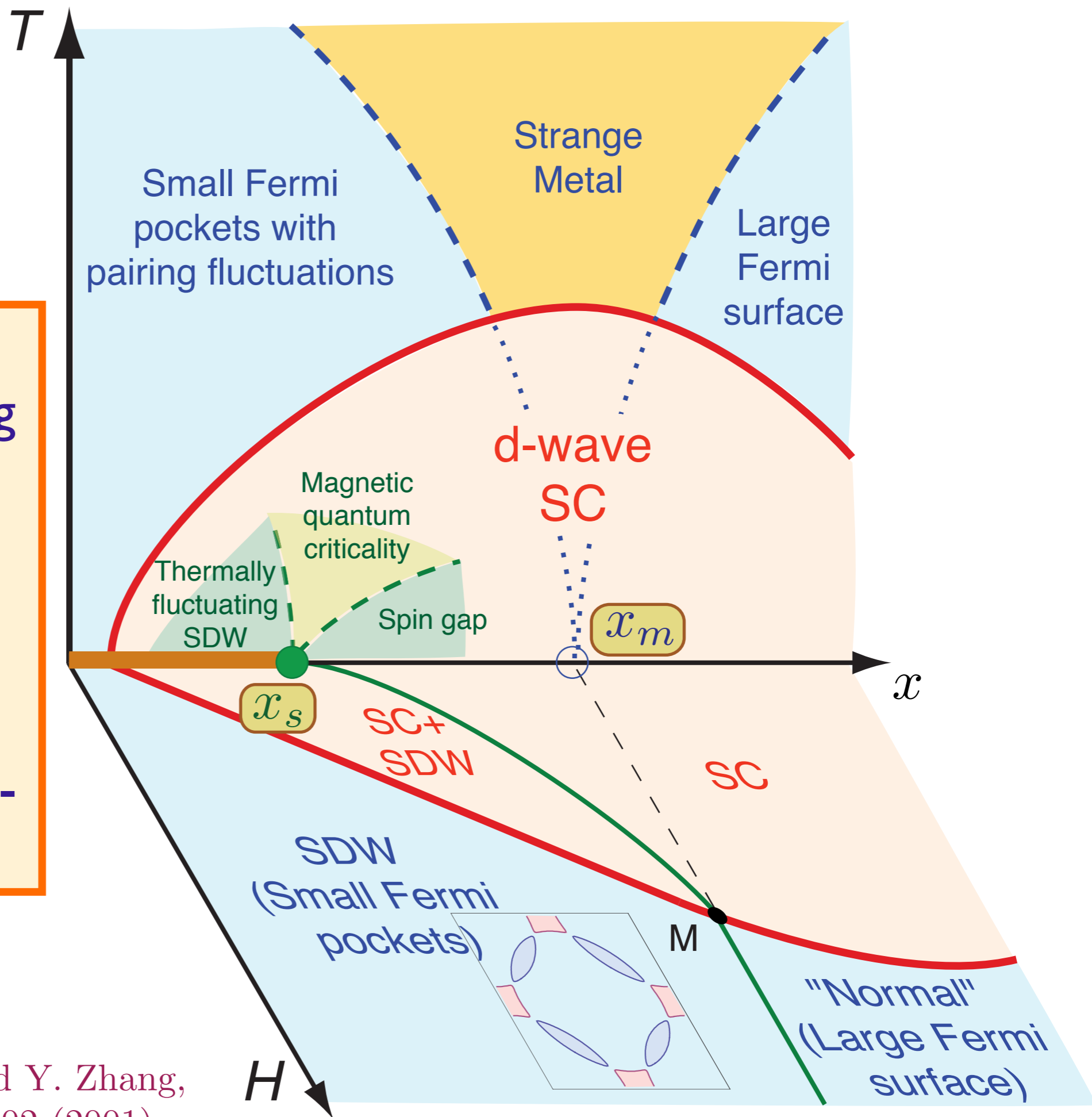


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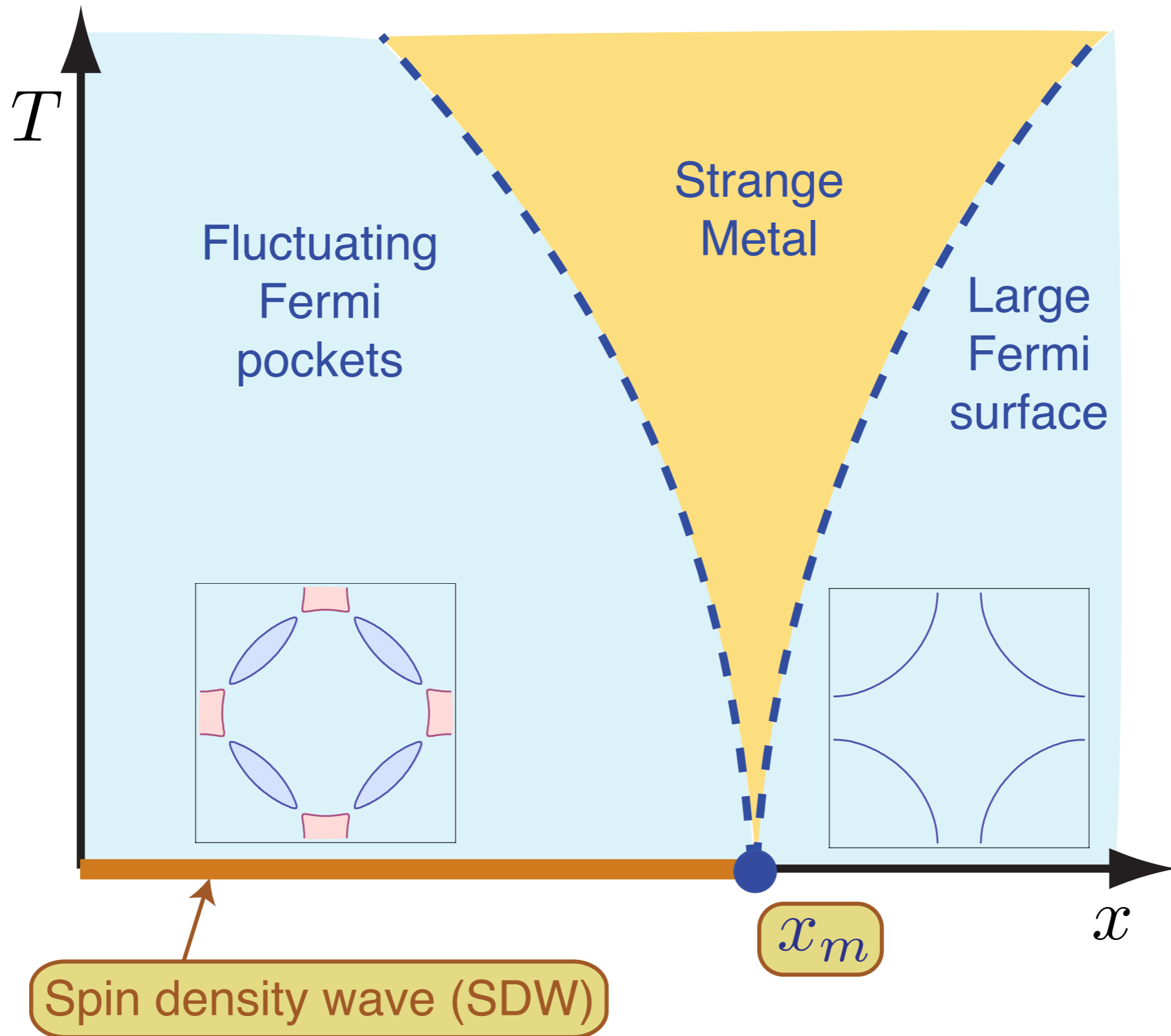
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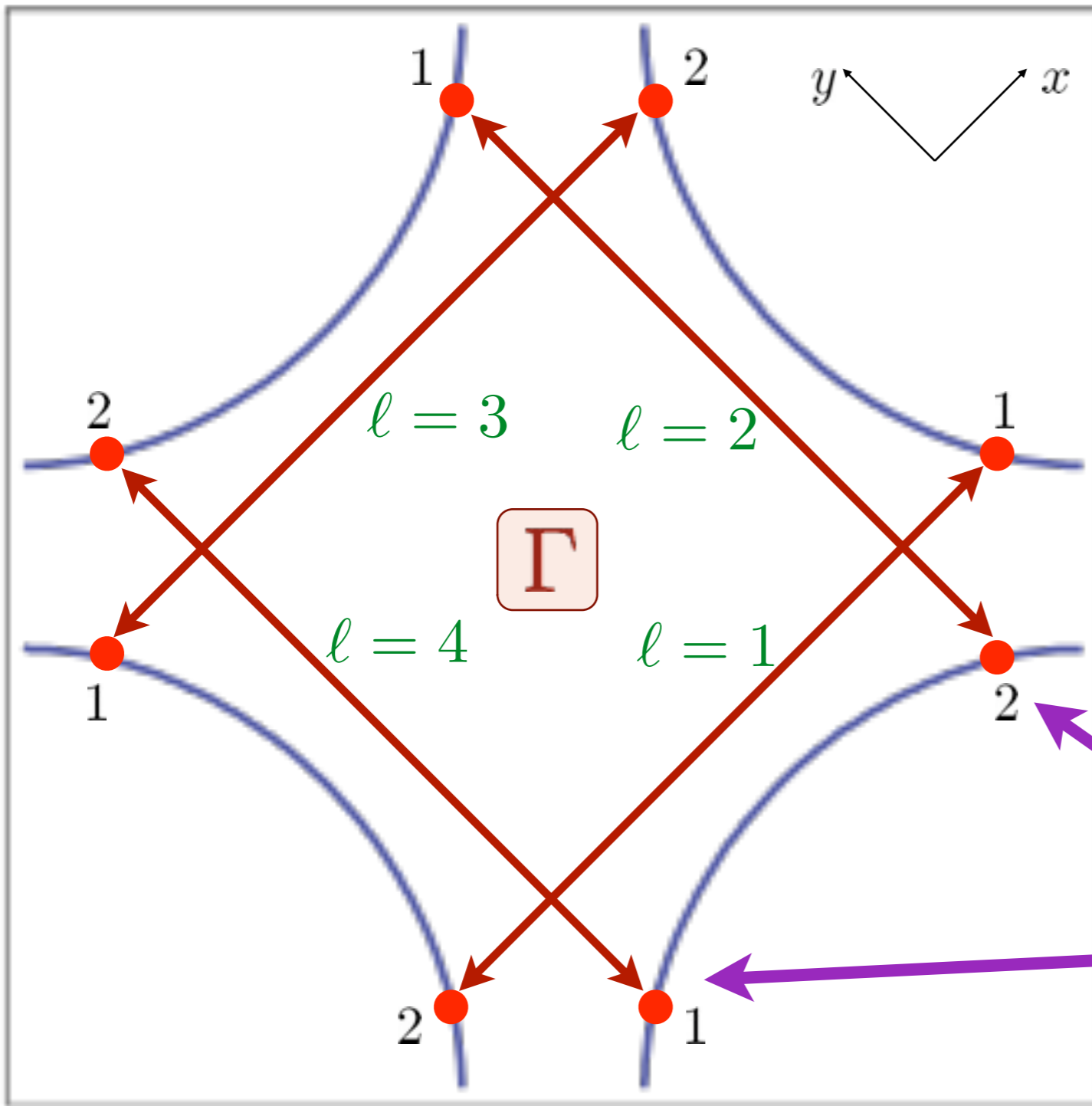


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Low energy fermions

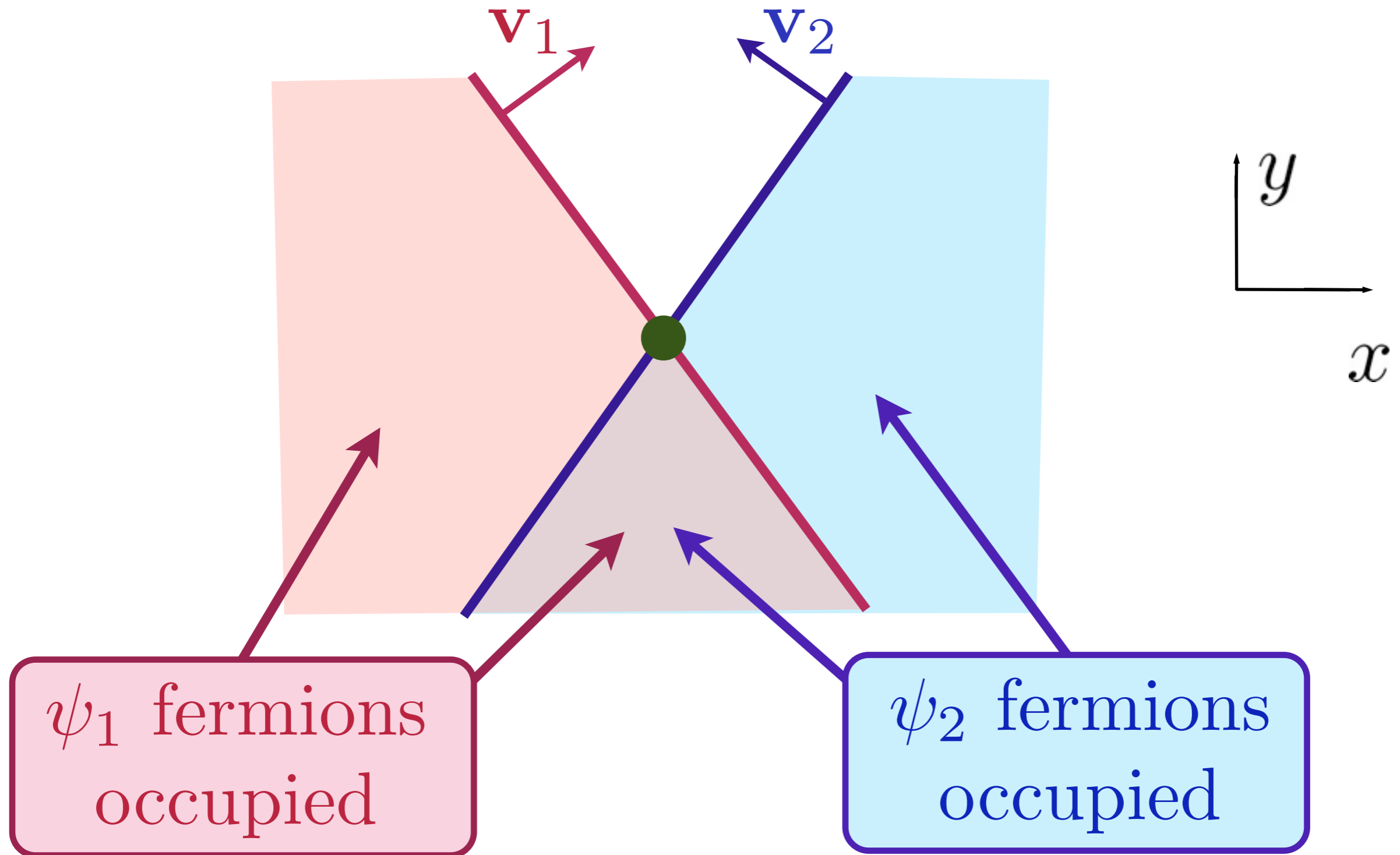
$$\psi_{1\alpha}^l, \psi_{2\alpha}^l$$

$$l = 1, \dots, 4$$

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## Large $N$ expansion



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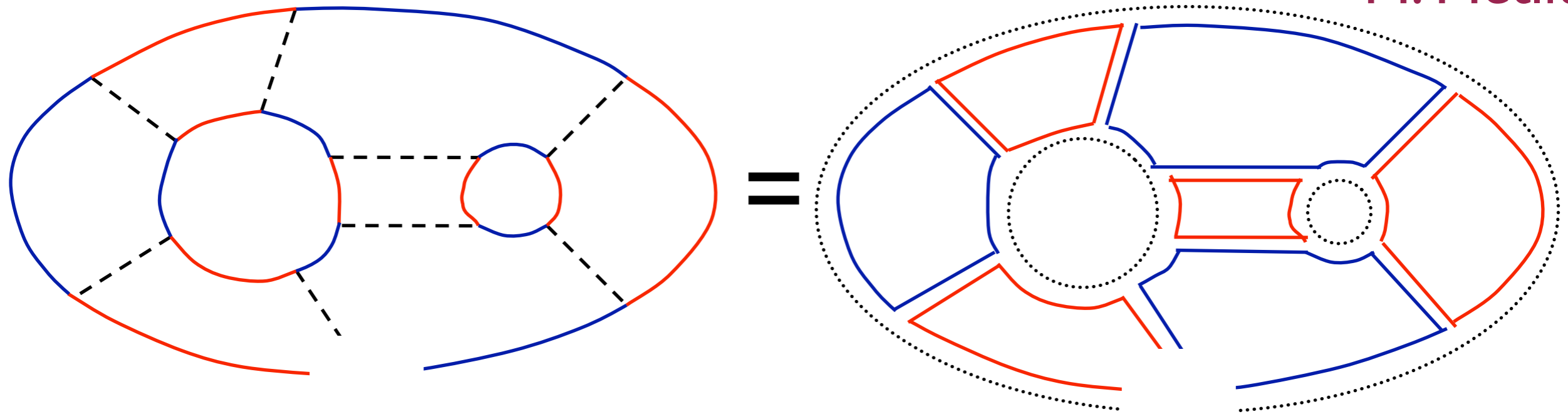


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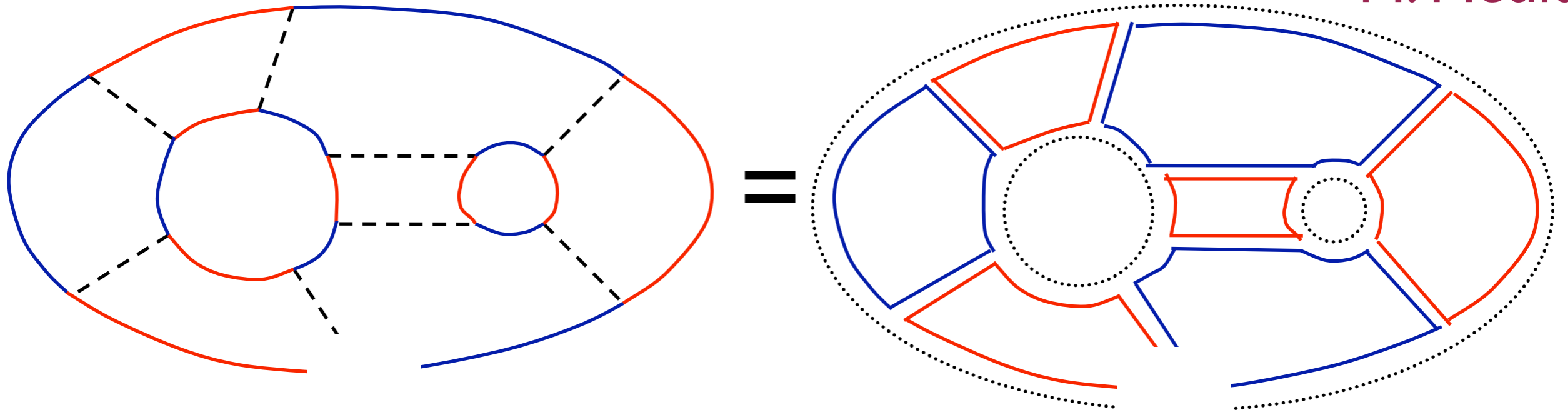
Graph is **planar** after turning fermion propagators also into double lines by drawing additional dotted single line loops for each fermion loop

Sung-Sik Lee, *Phys. Rev. B* **80**, 165102 (2009); M. Metlitski and S. Sachdev, to appear

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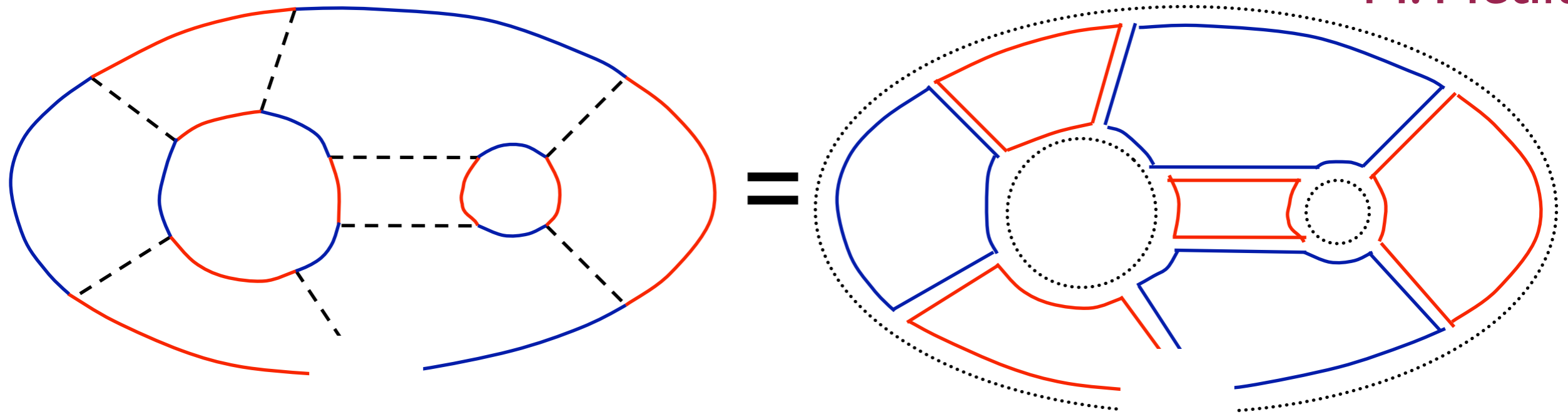
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