

Quantum criticality and the cuprate superconductors

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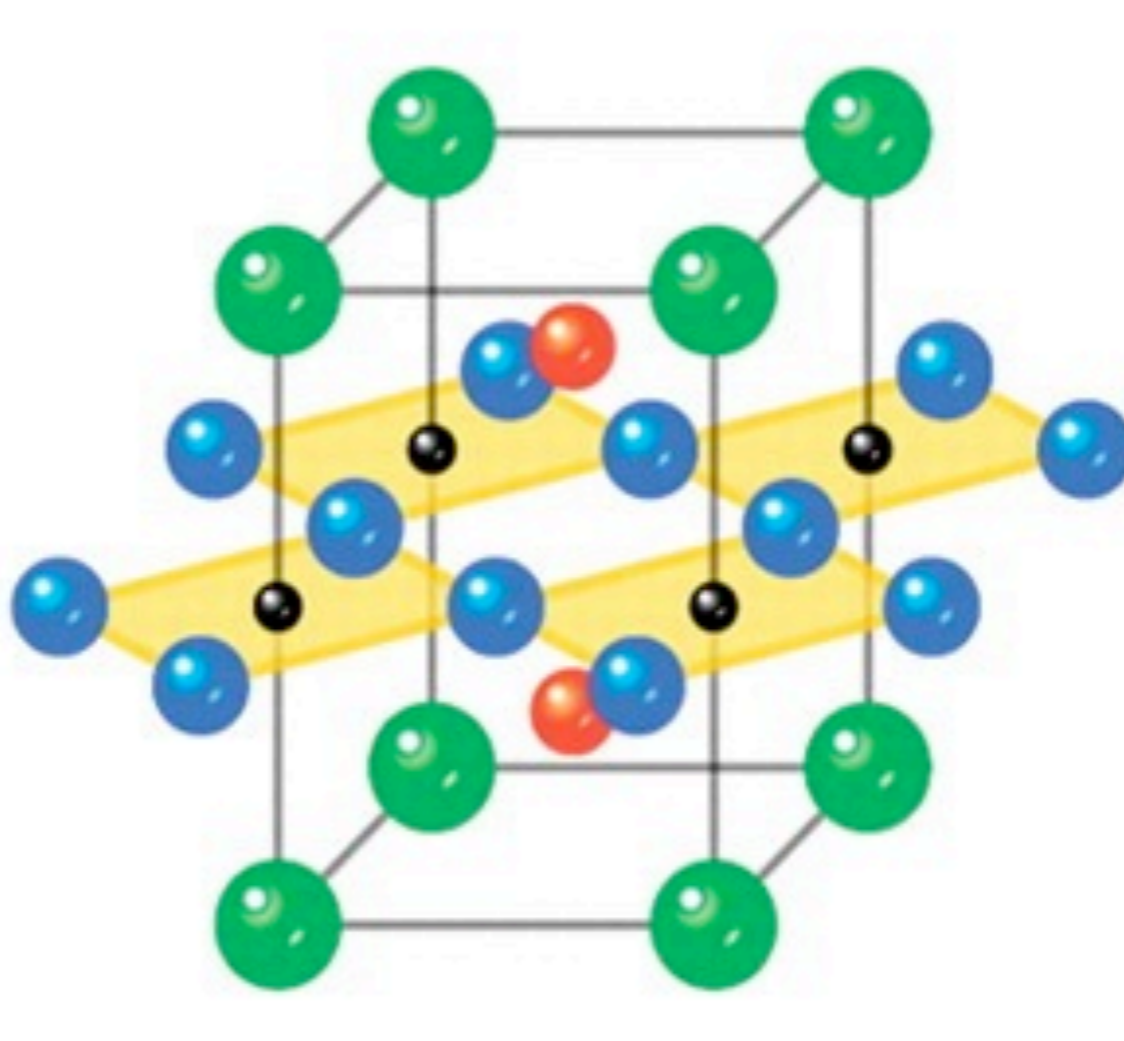
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The cuprate superconductors

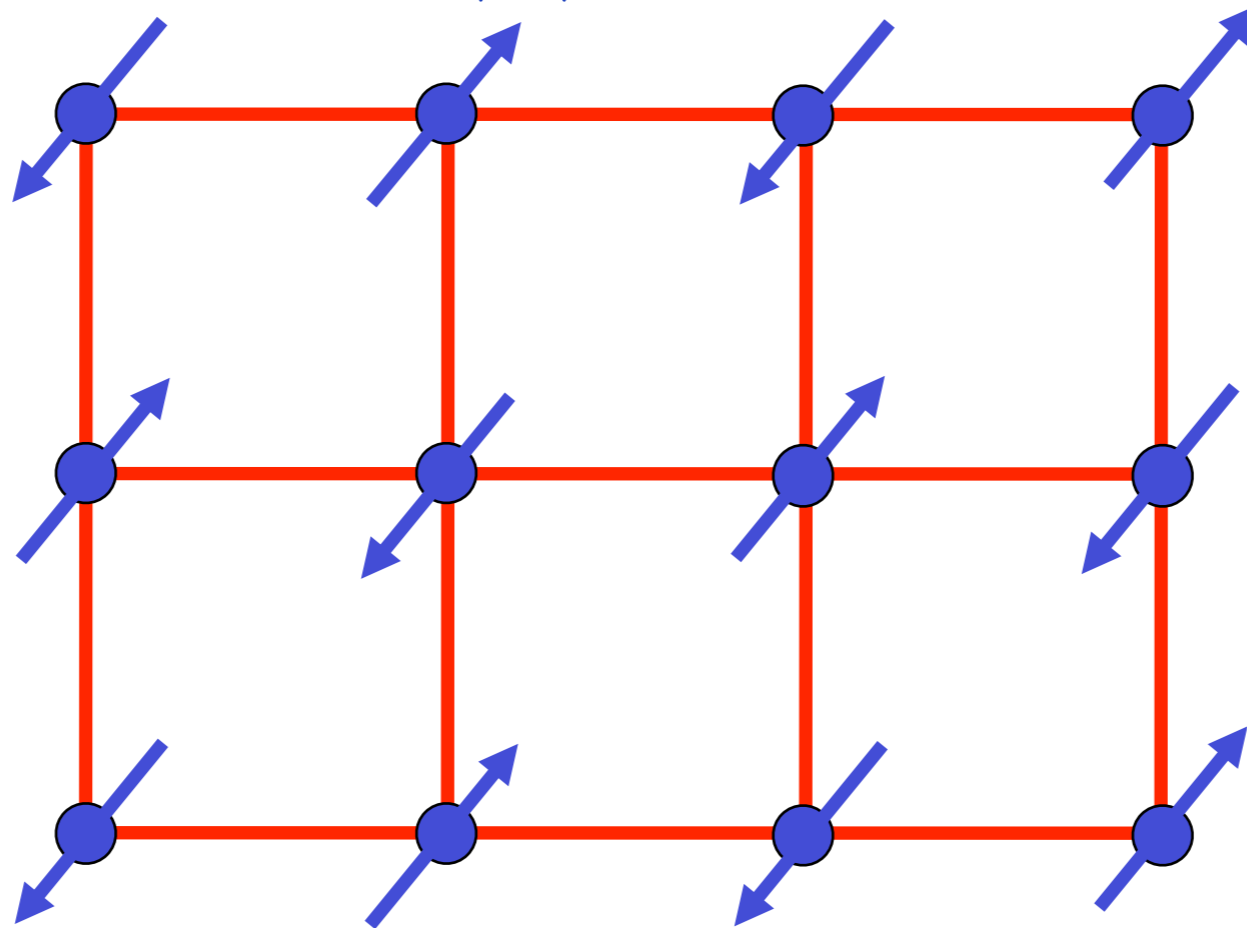
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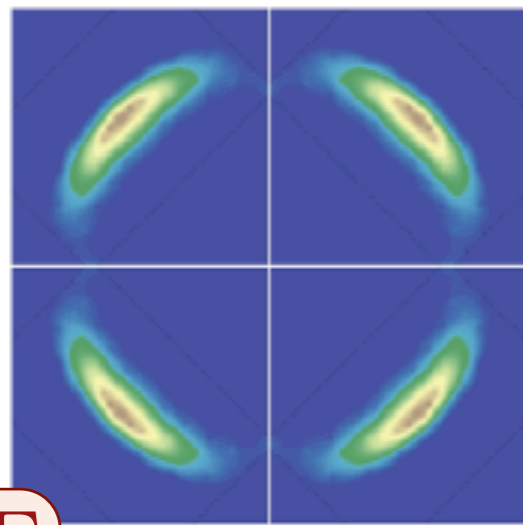
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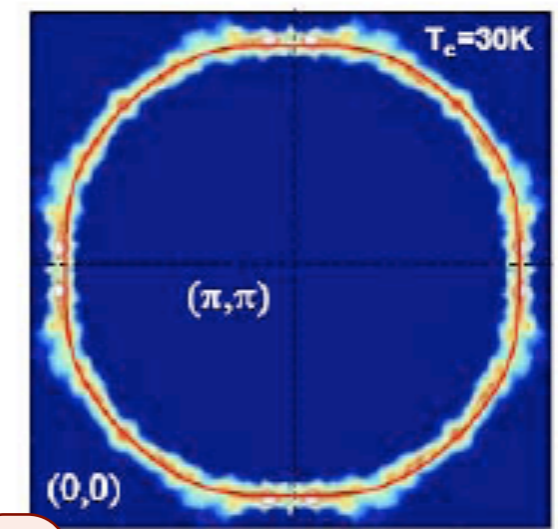
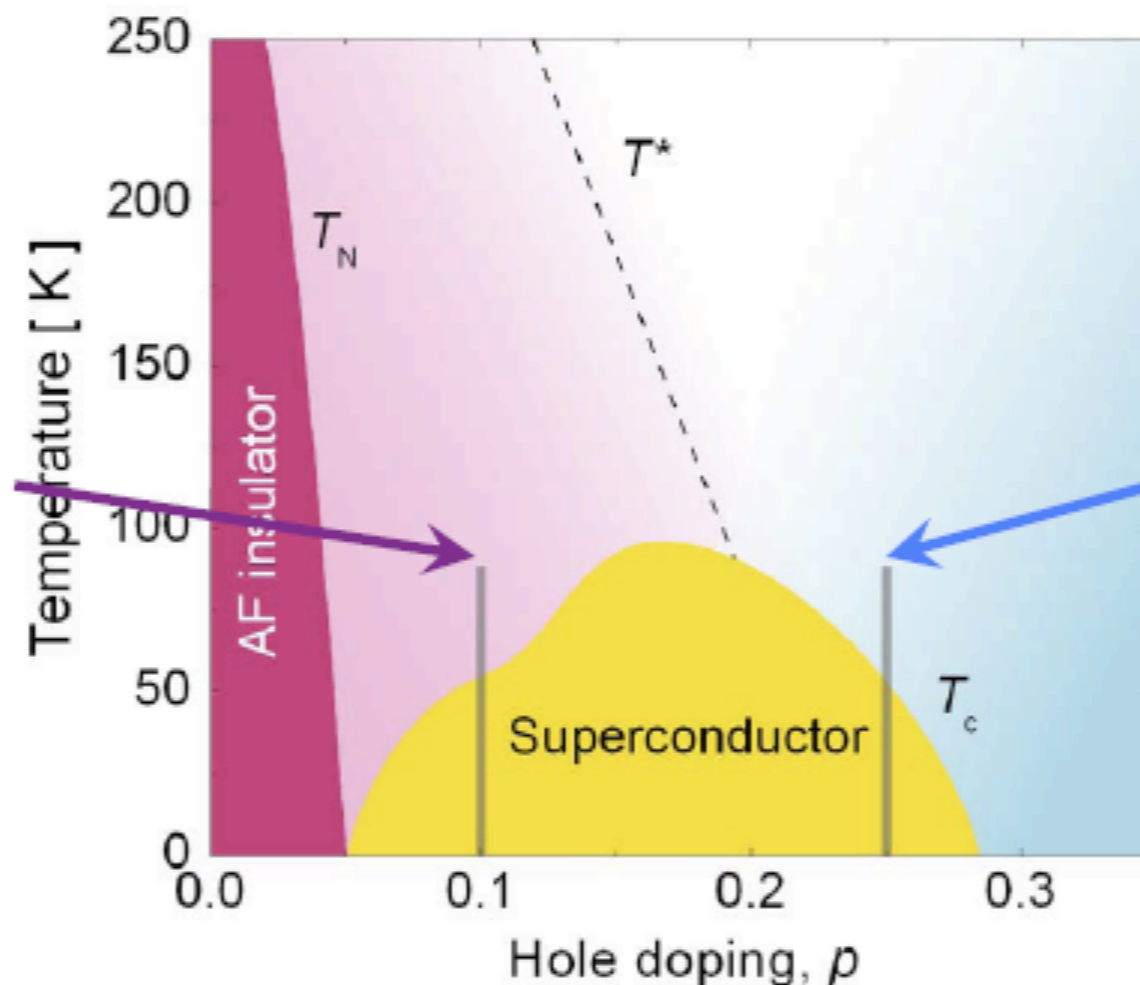
$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$ in Néel state.

Central ingredients in cuprate phase diagram: antiferromagnetism, superconductivity, and change in Fermi surface



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Smaller hole
Fermi-pockets

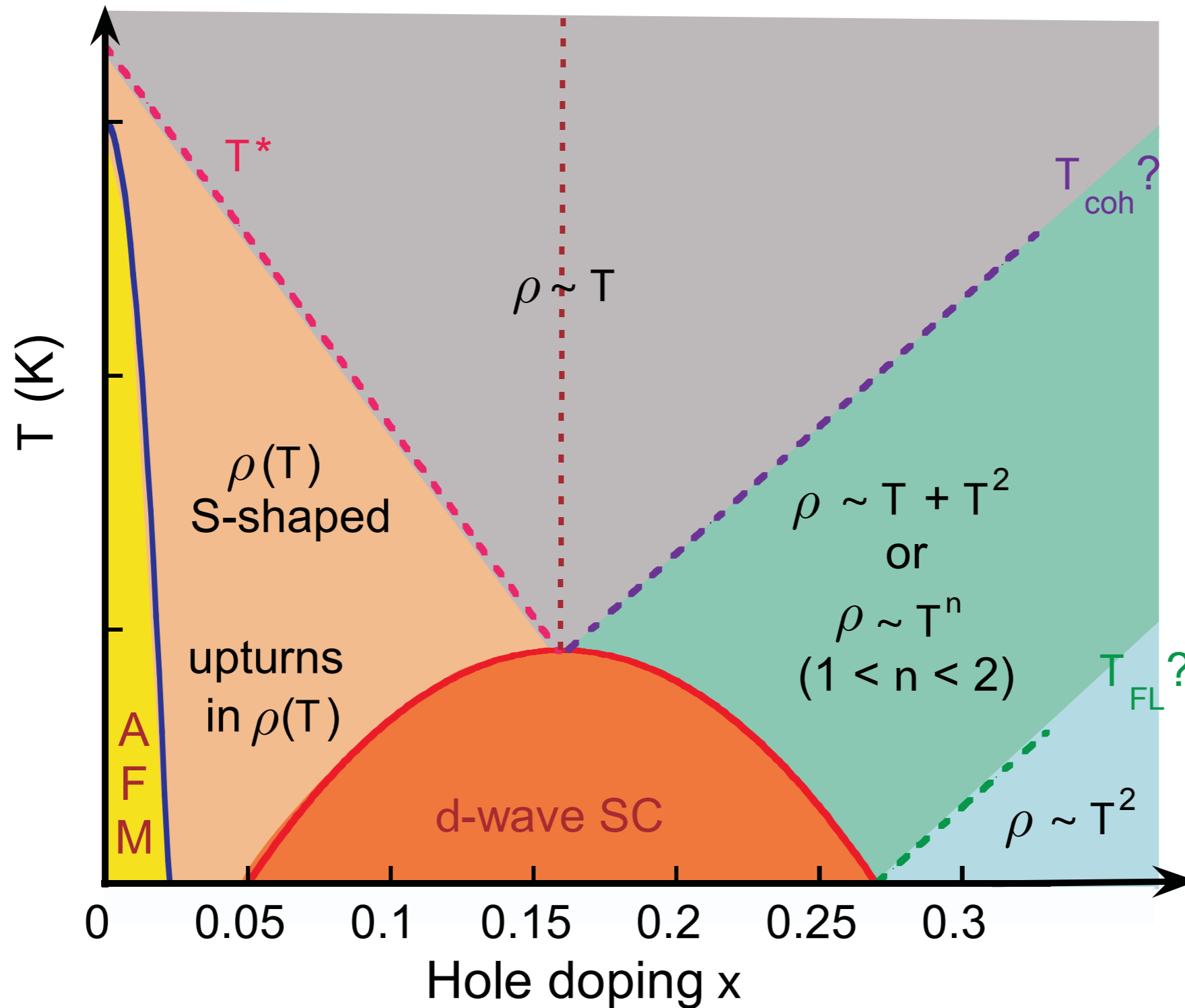
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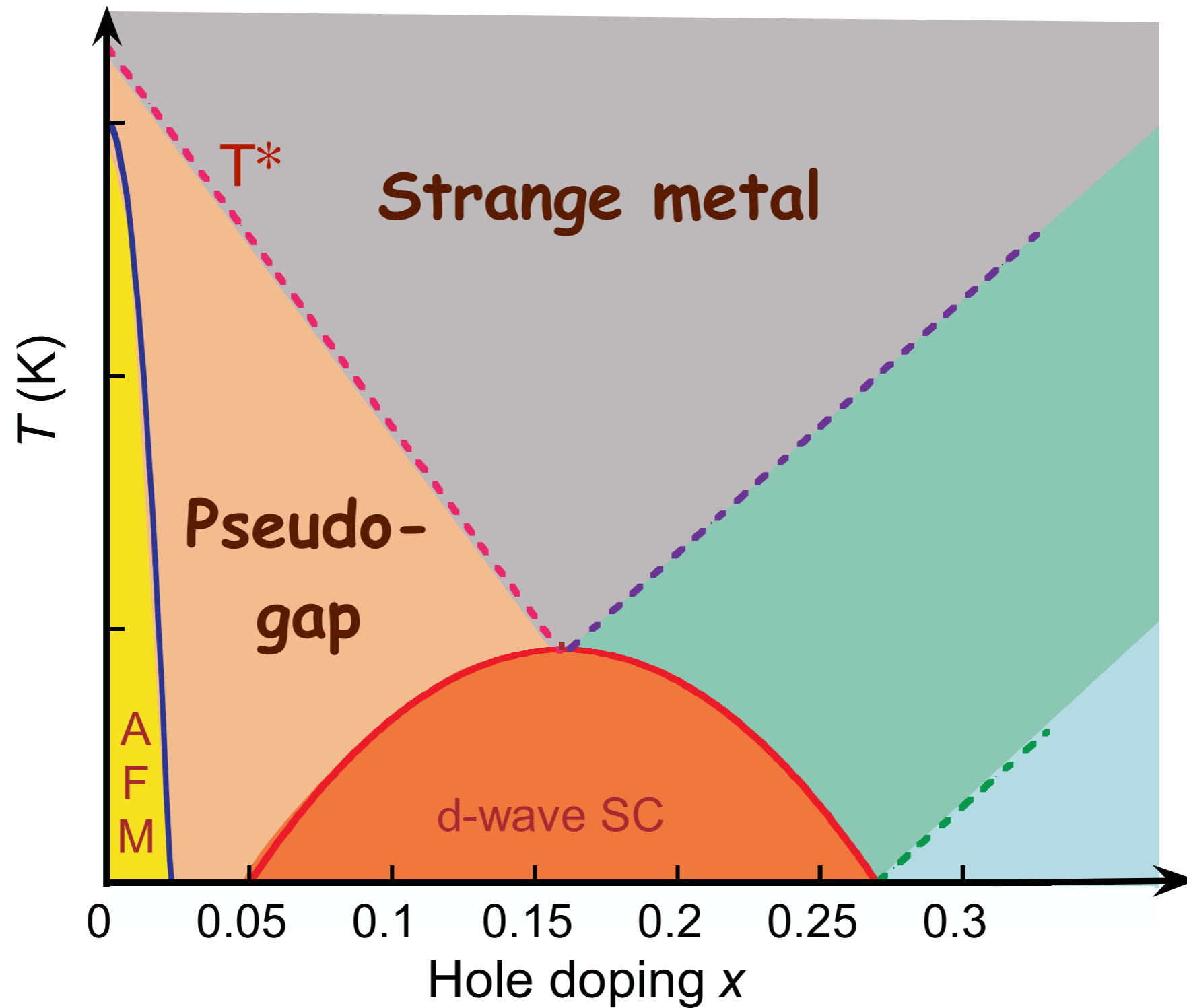
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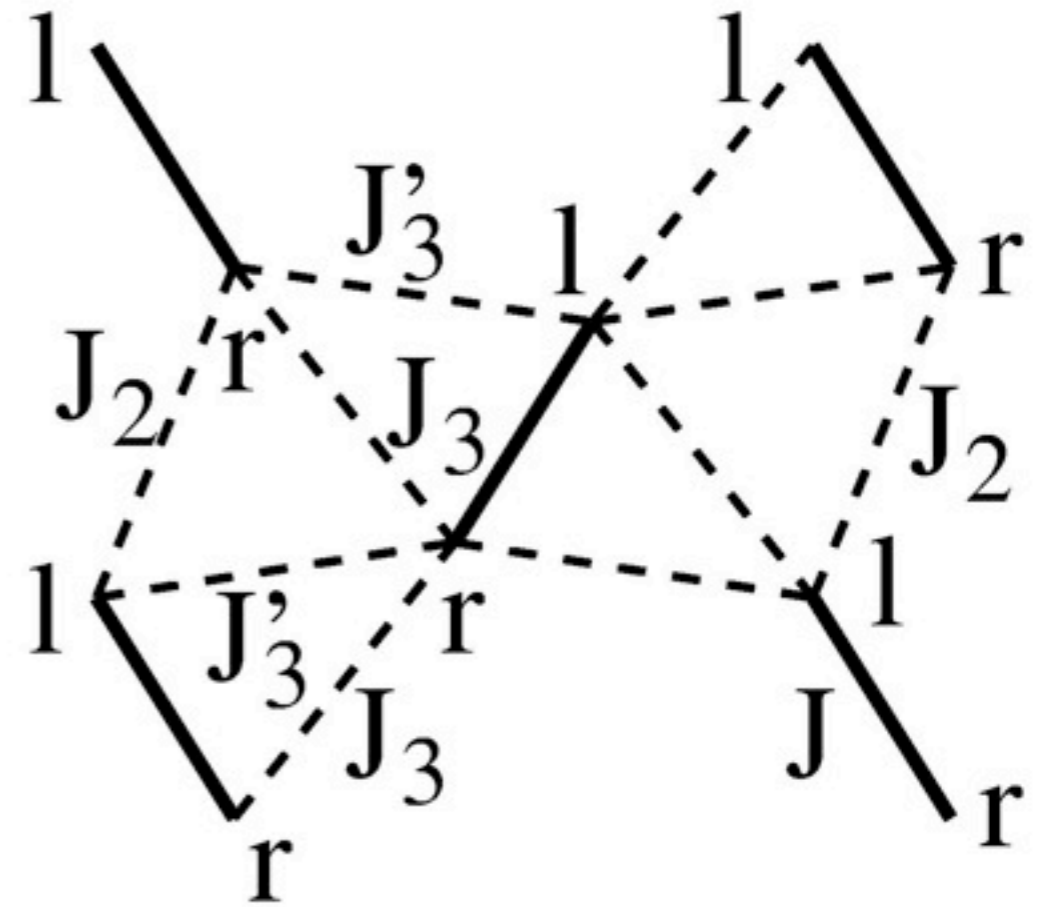
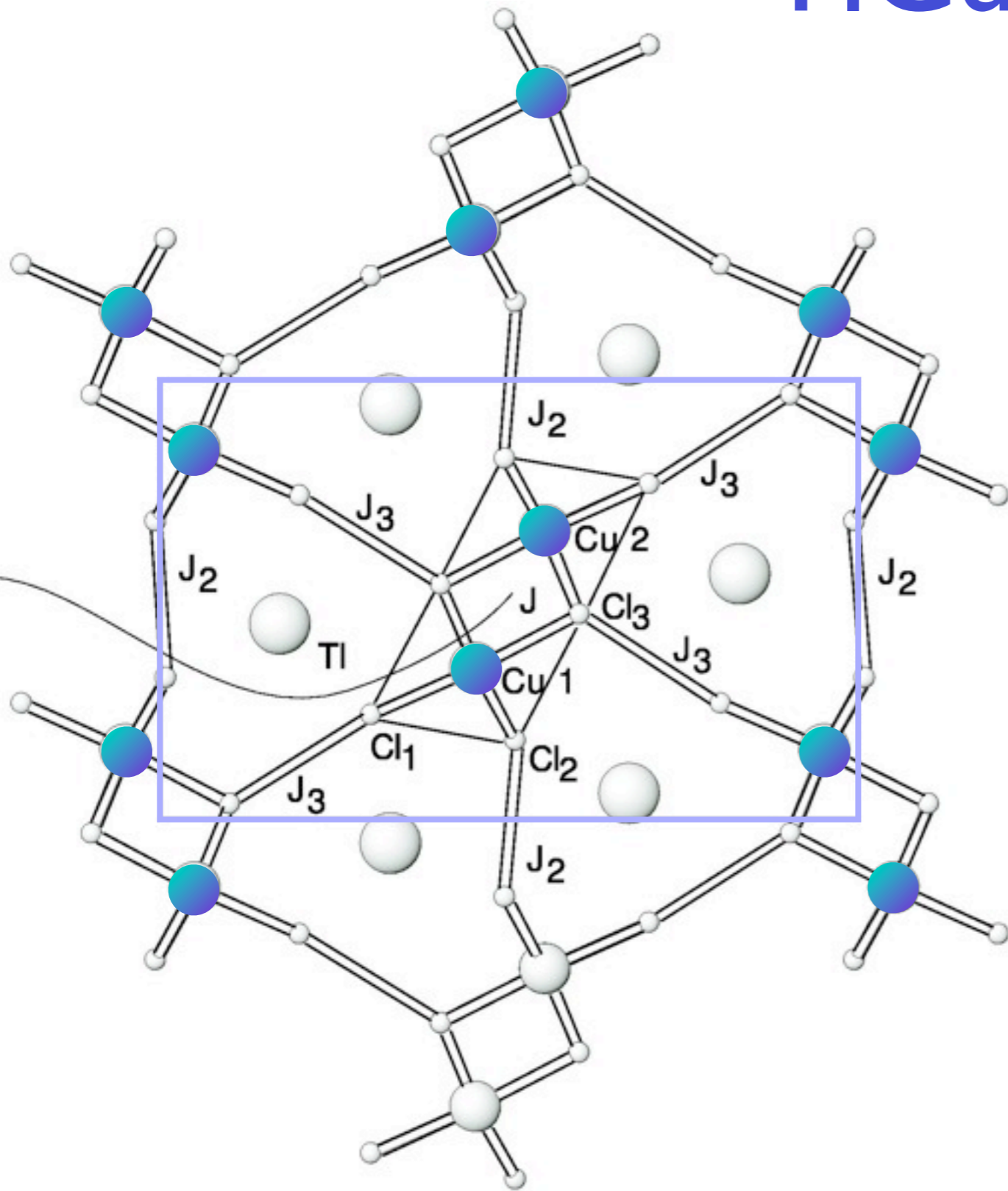
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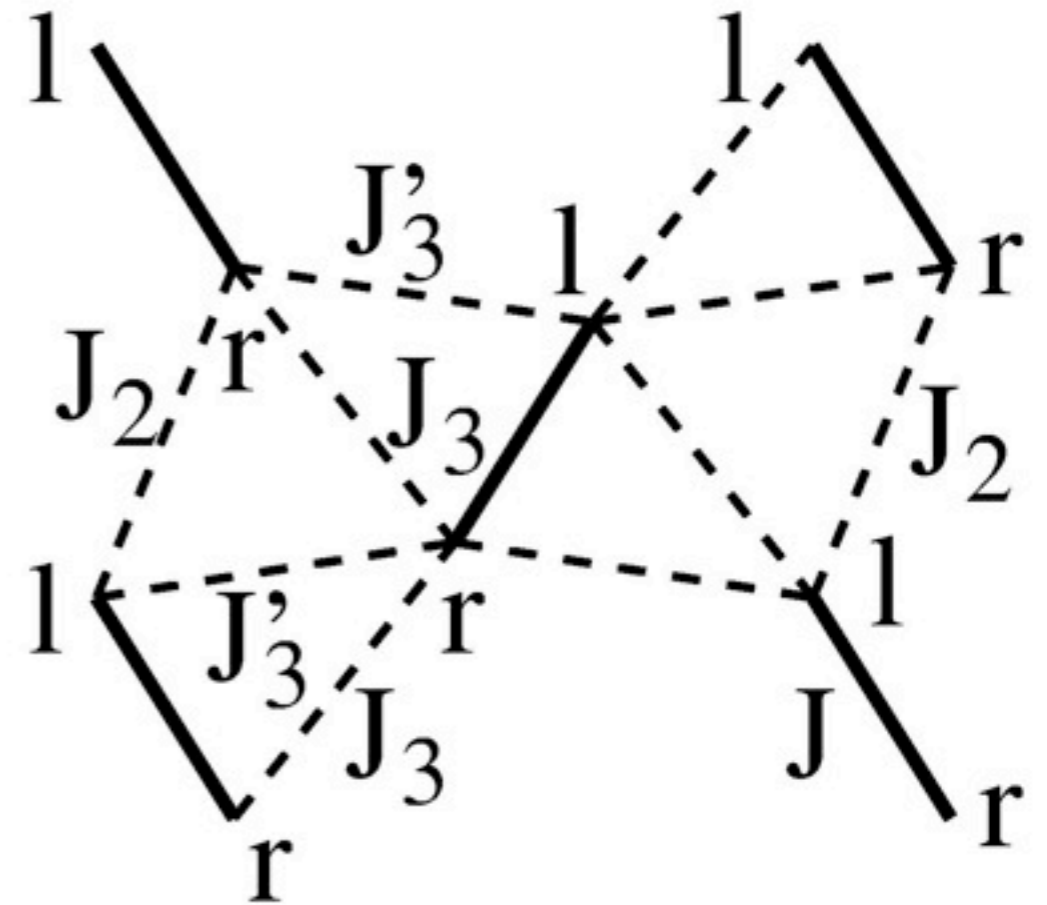
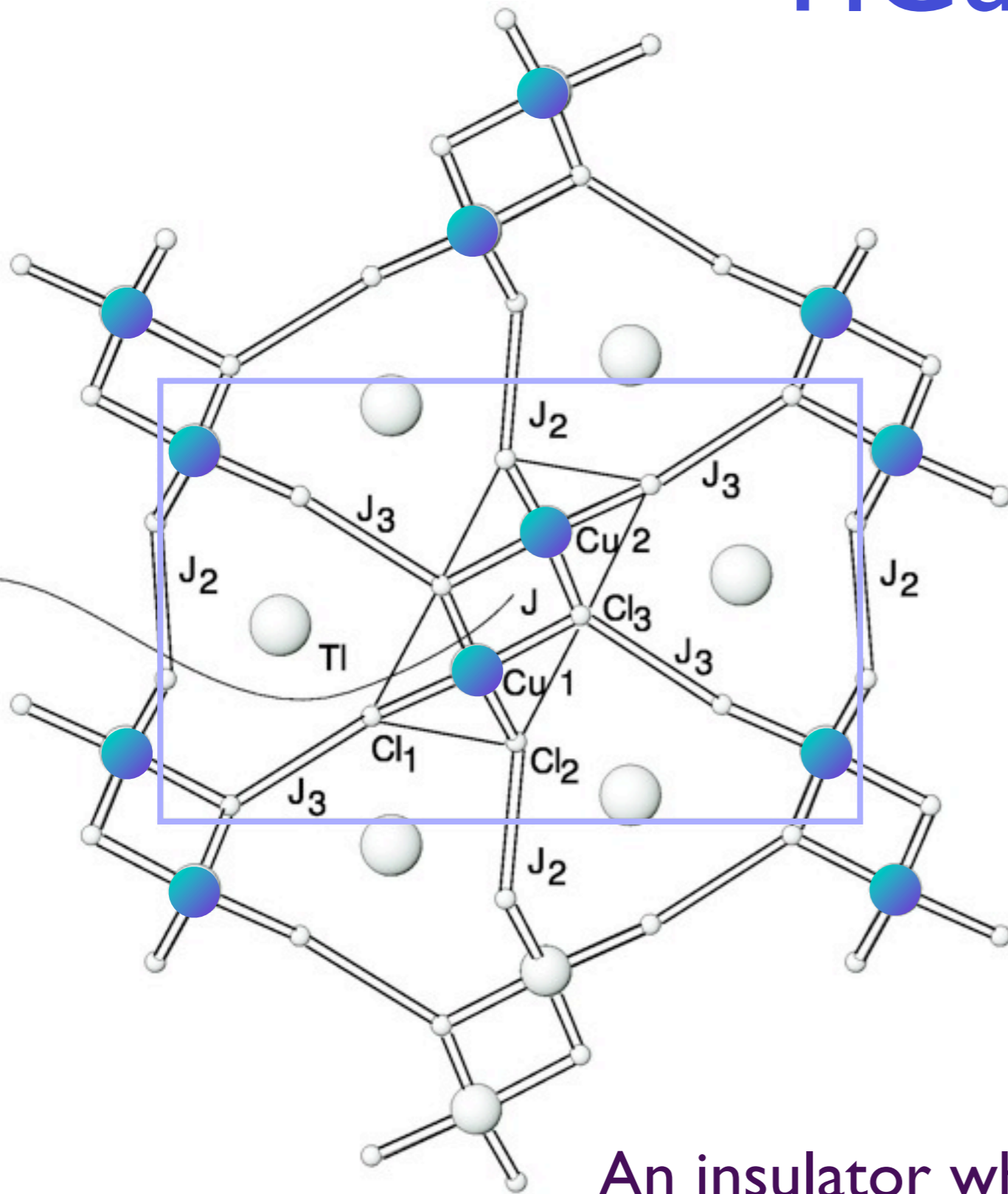
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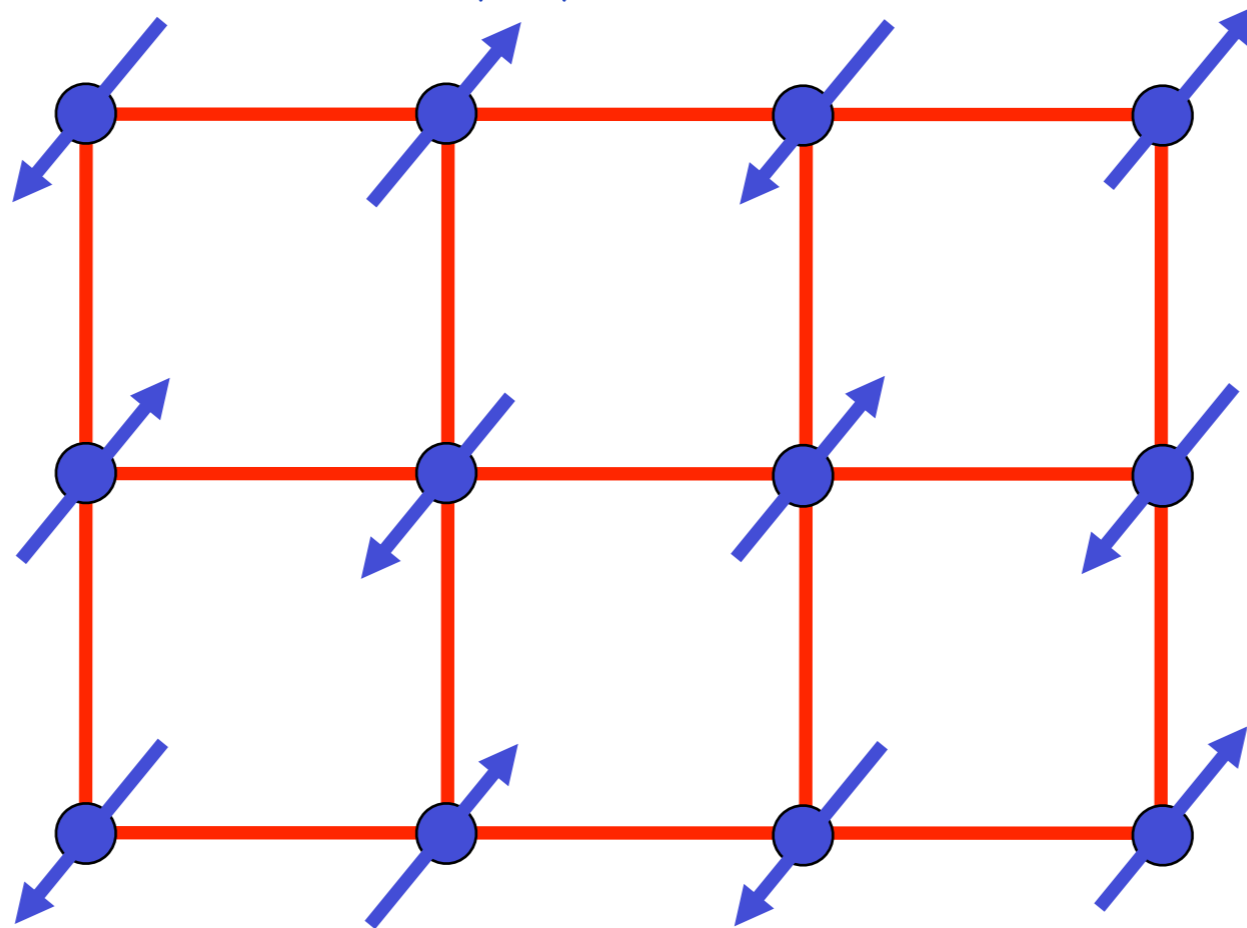
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An insulator whose spin susceptibility vanishes exponentially as the temperature T tends to zero.

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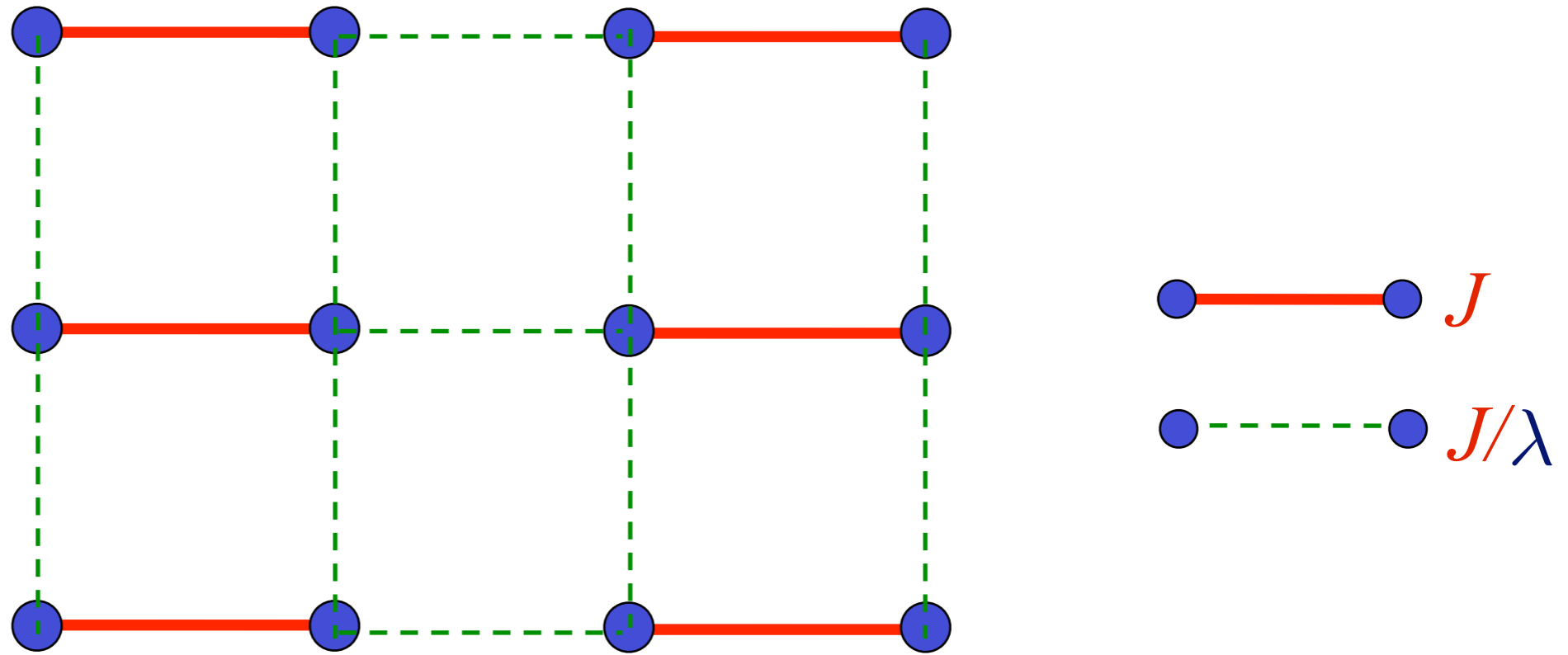
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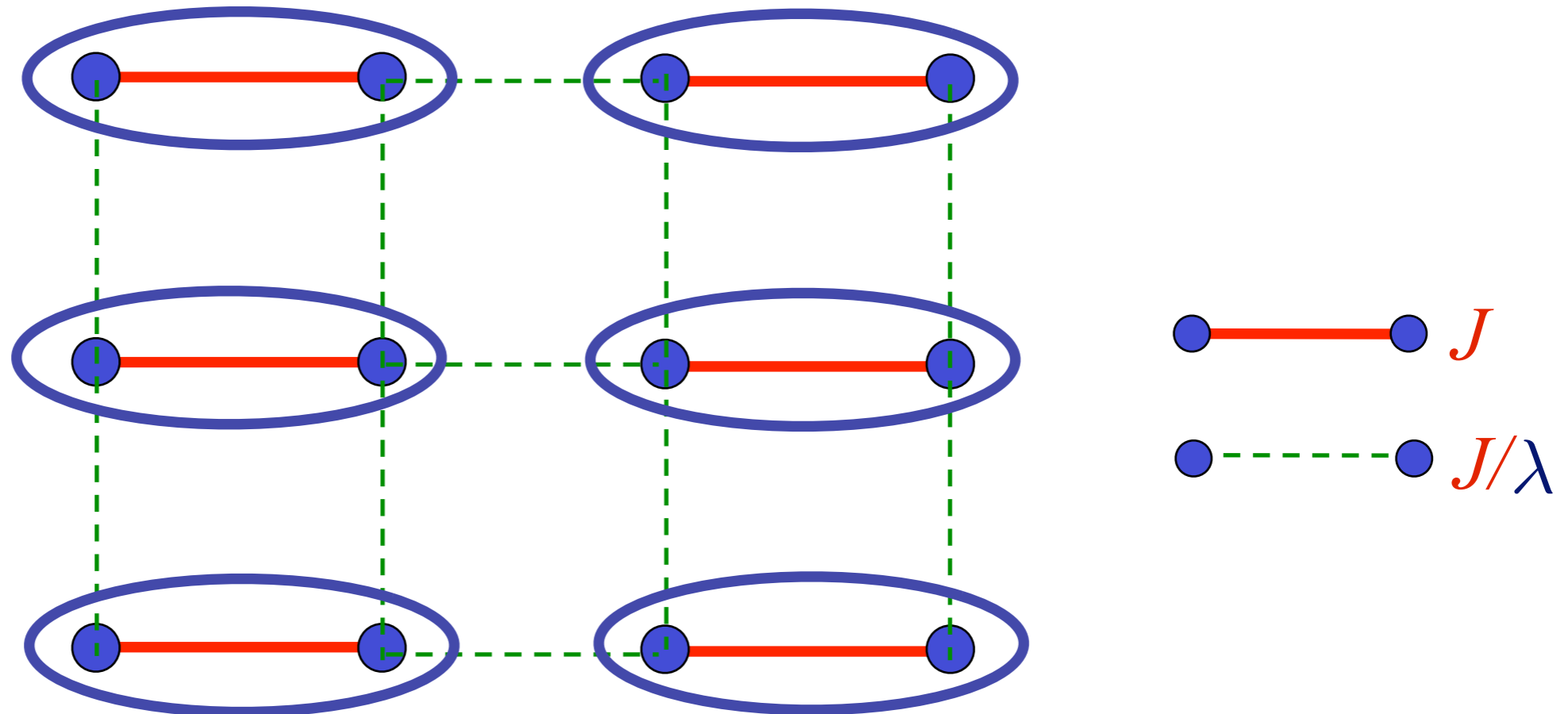
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Weaken some bonds to induce spin entanglement in a new quantum phase

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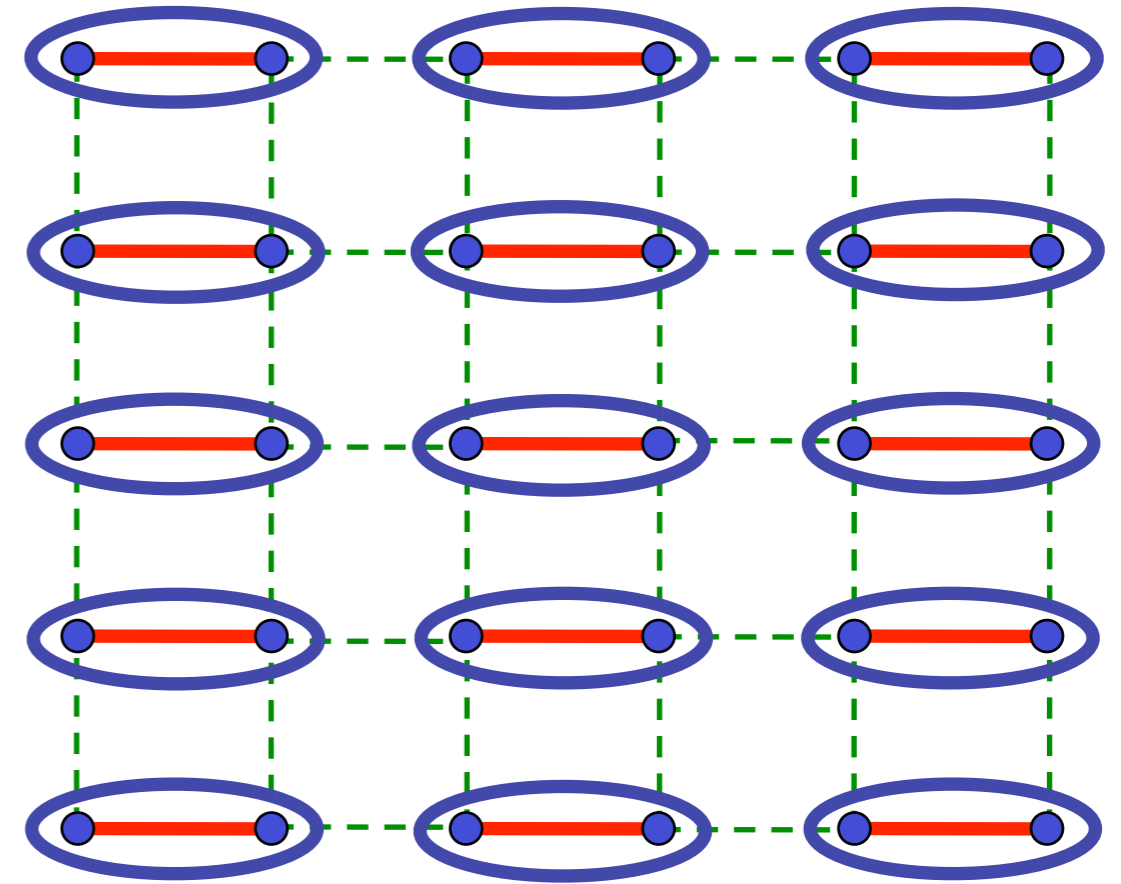
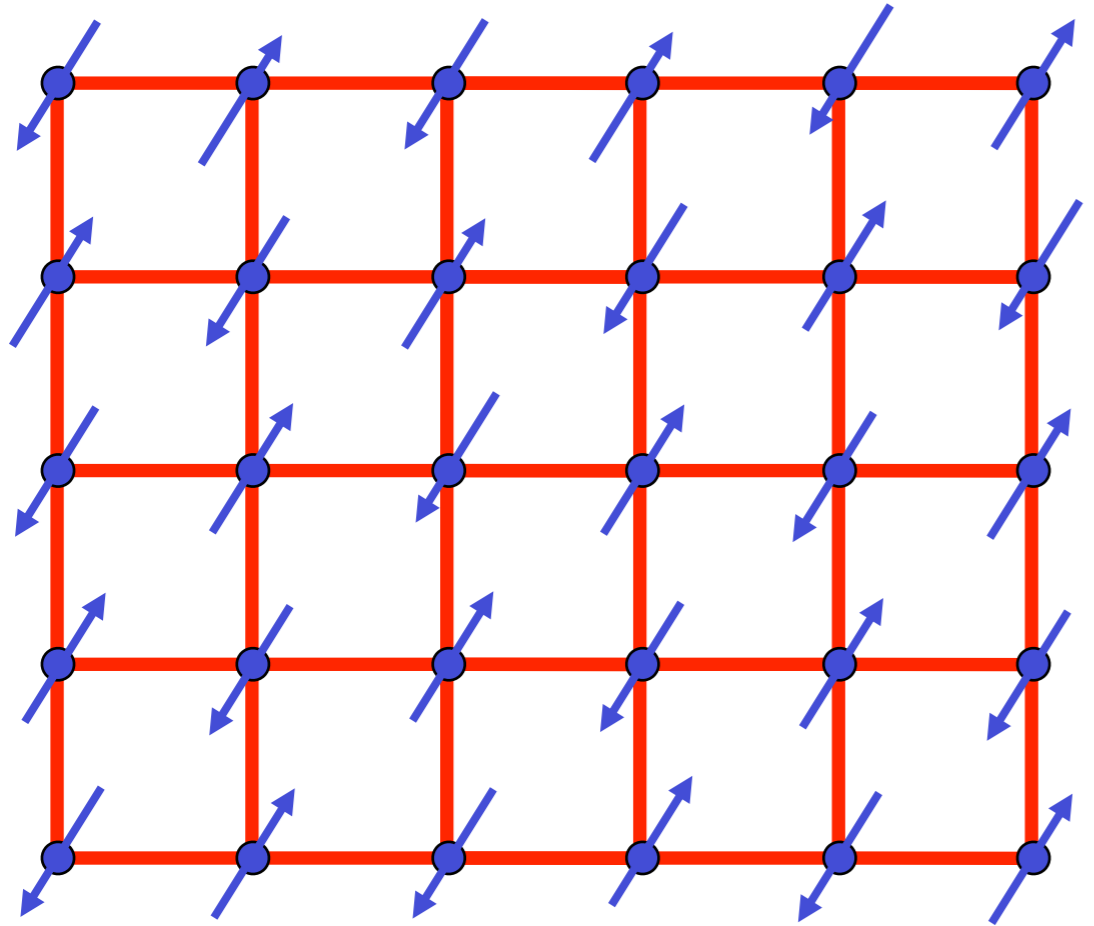


Ground state is a “quantum paramagnet”
with spins locked in valence bond singlets

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



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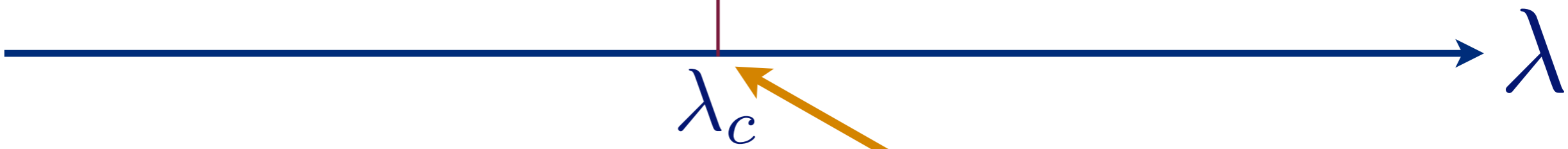
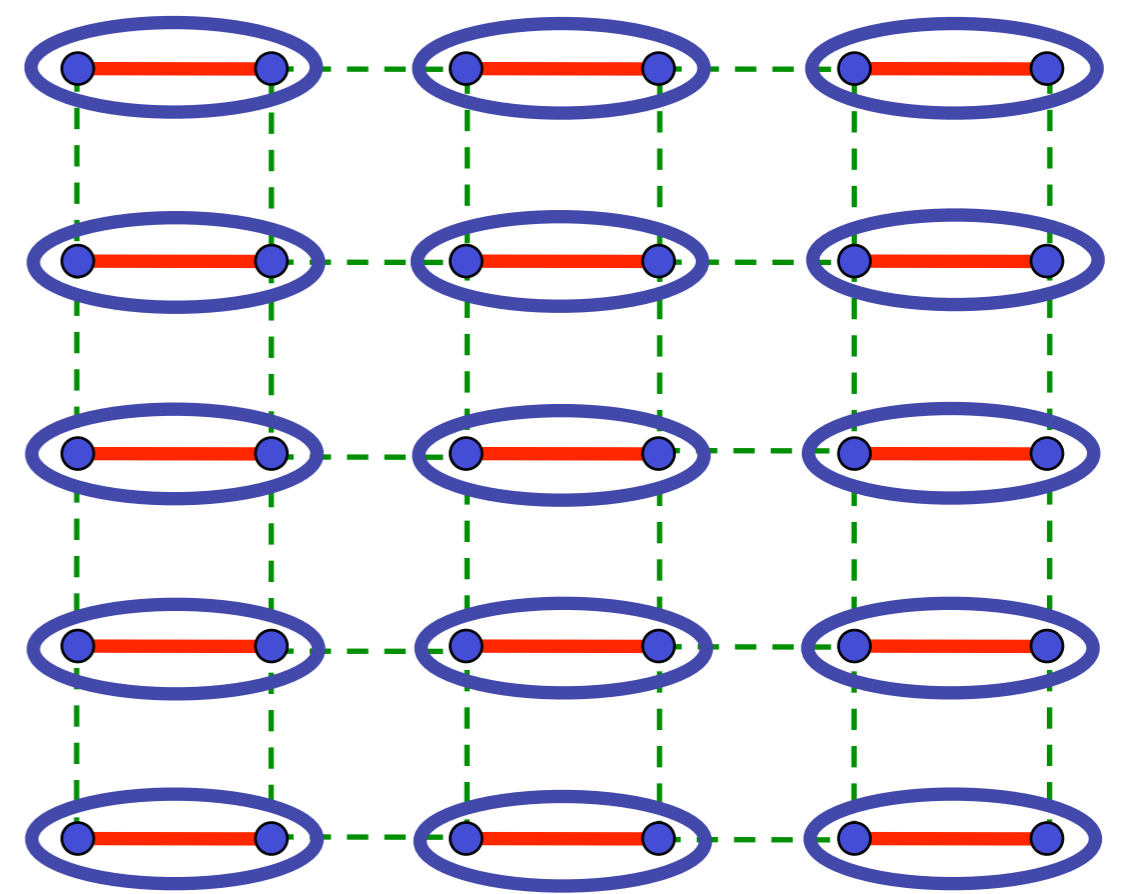
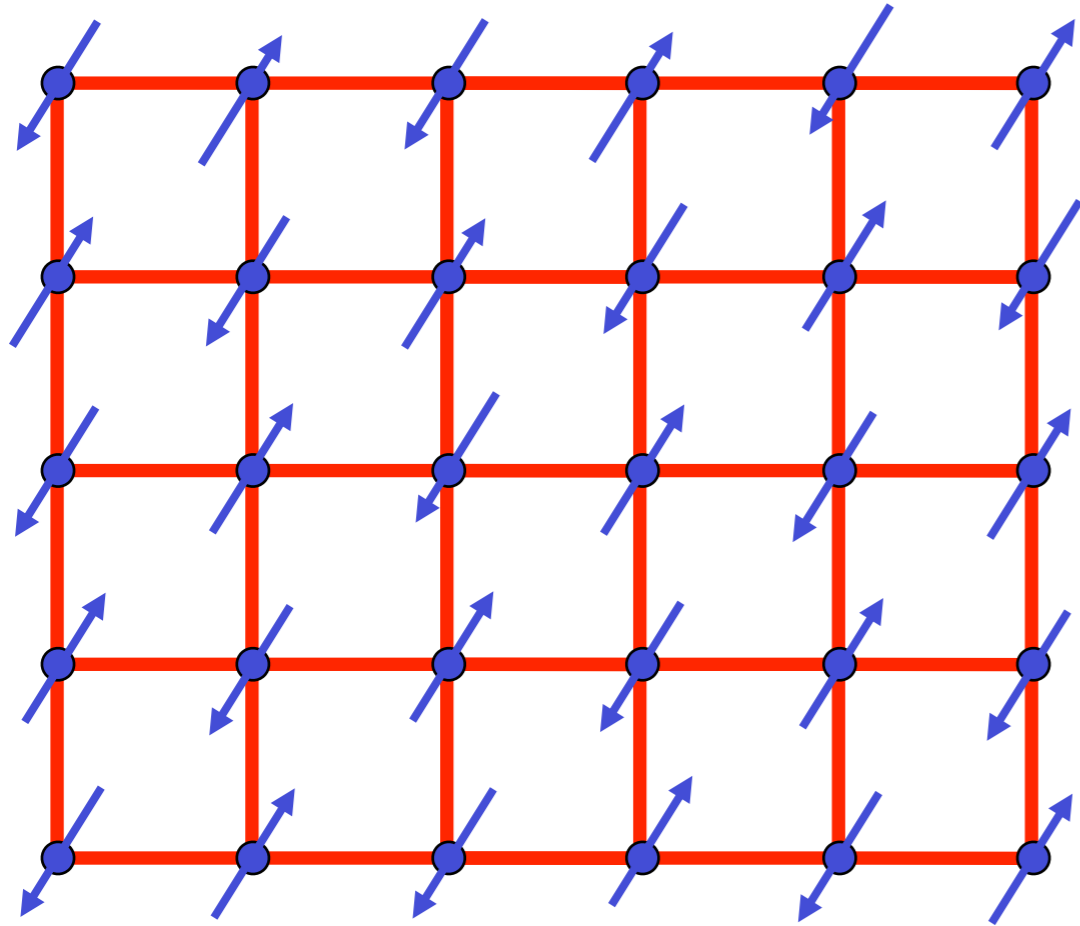


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← Pressure in TlCuCl3

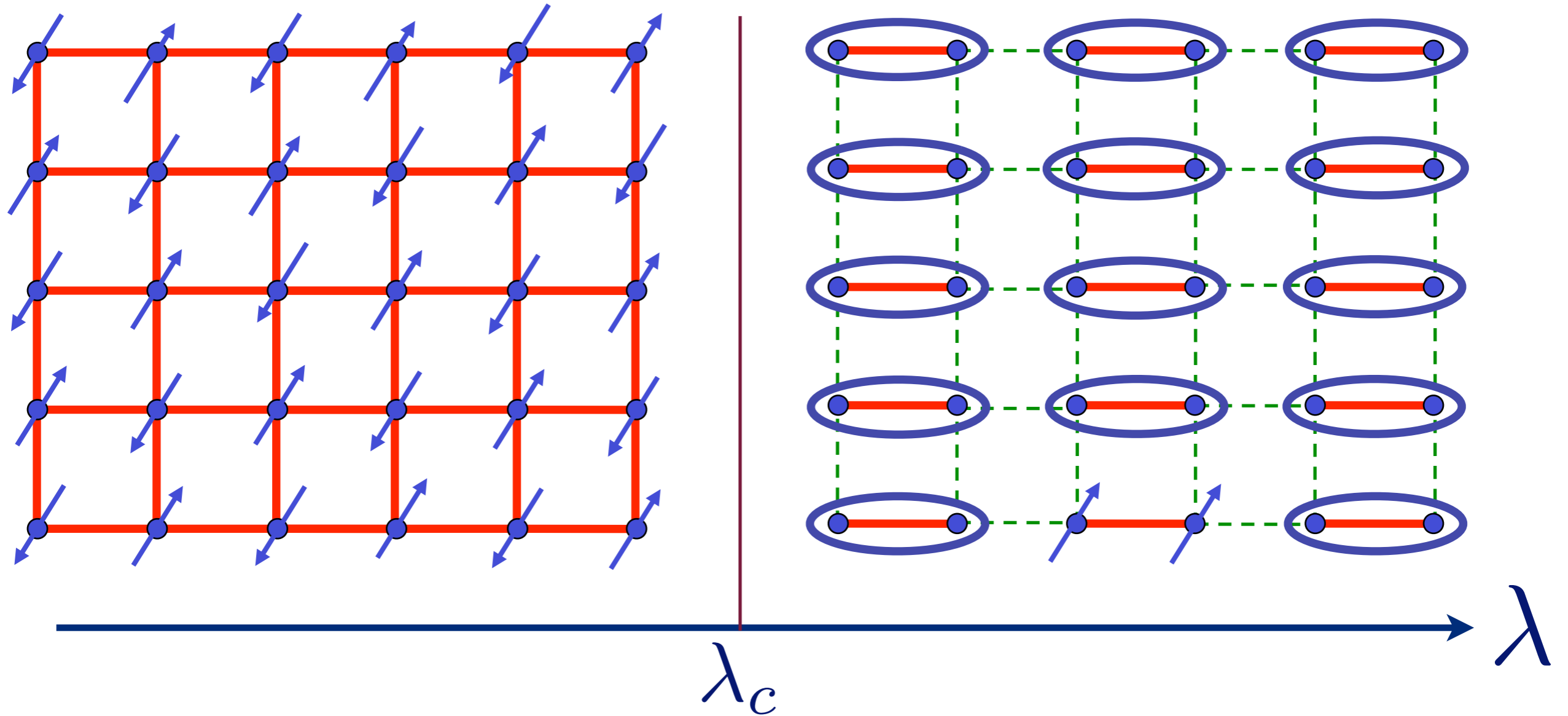


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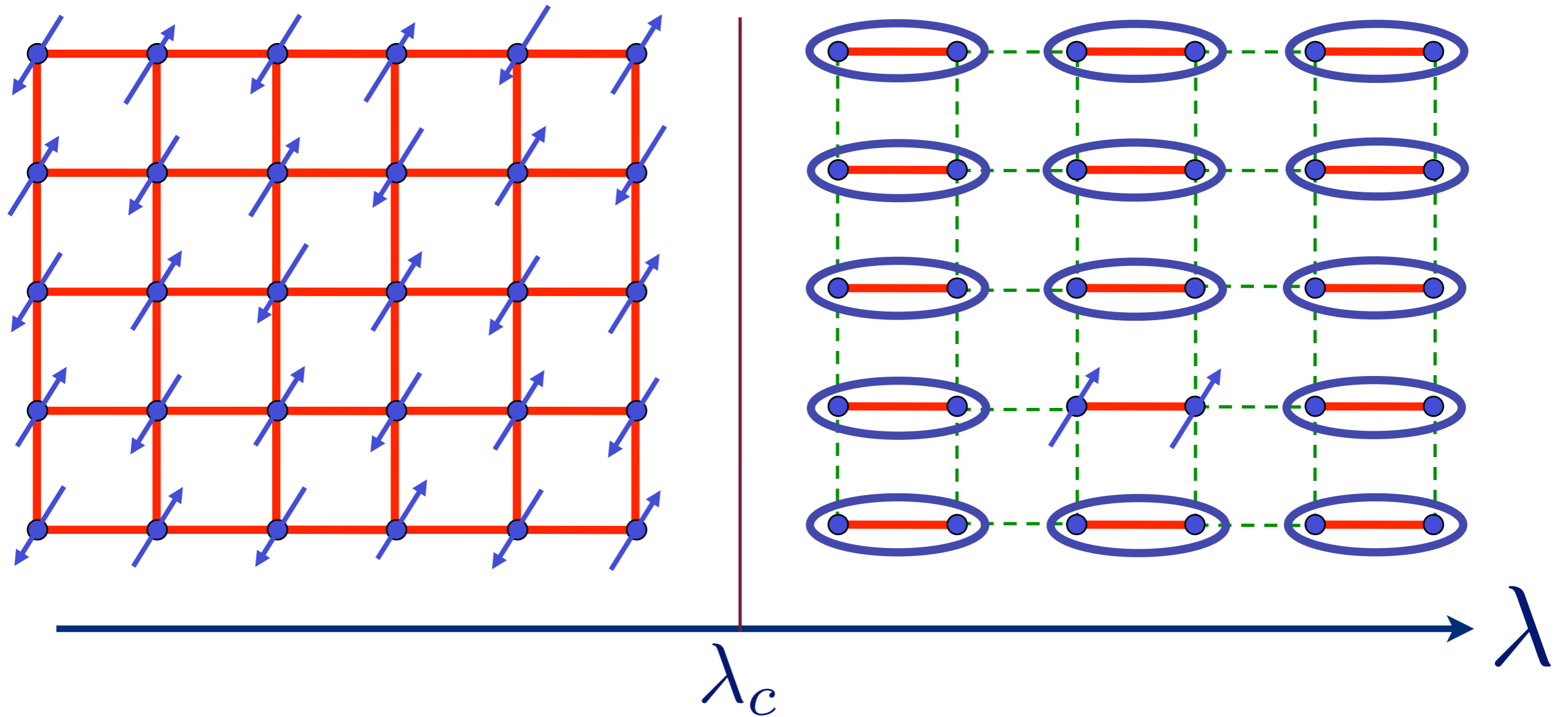


Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction

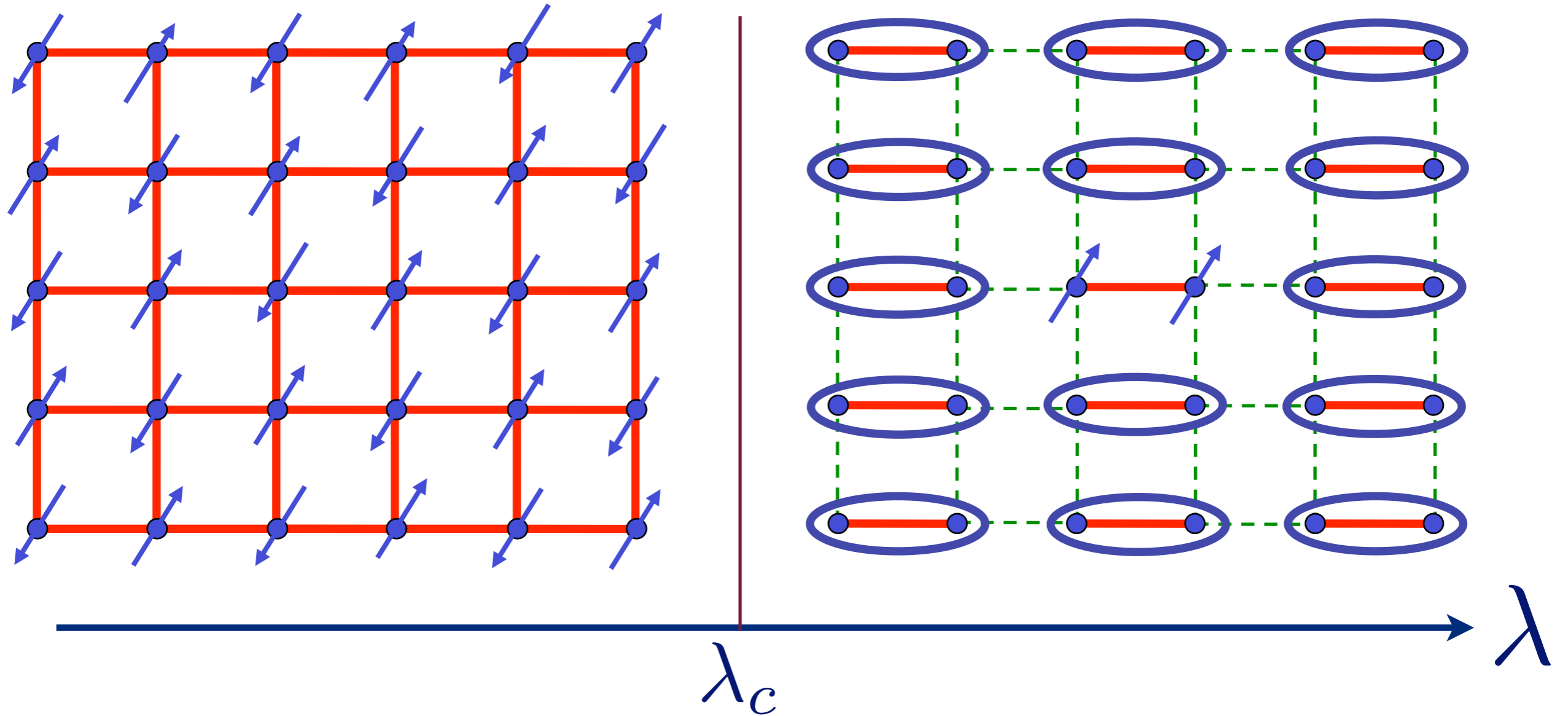
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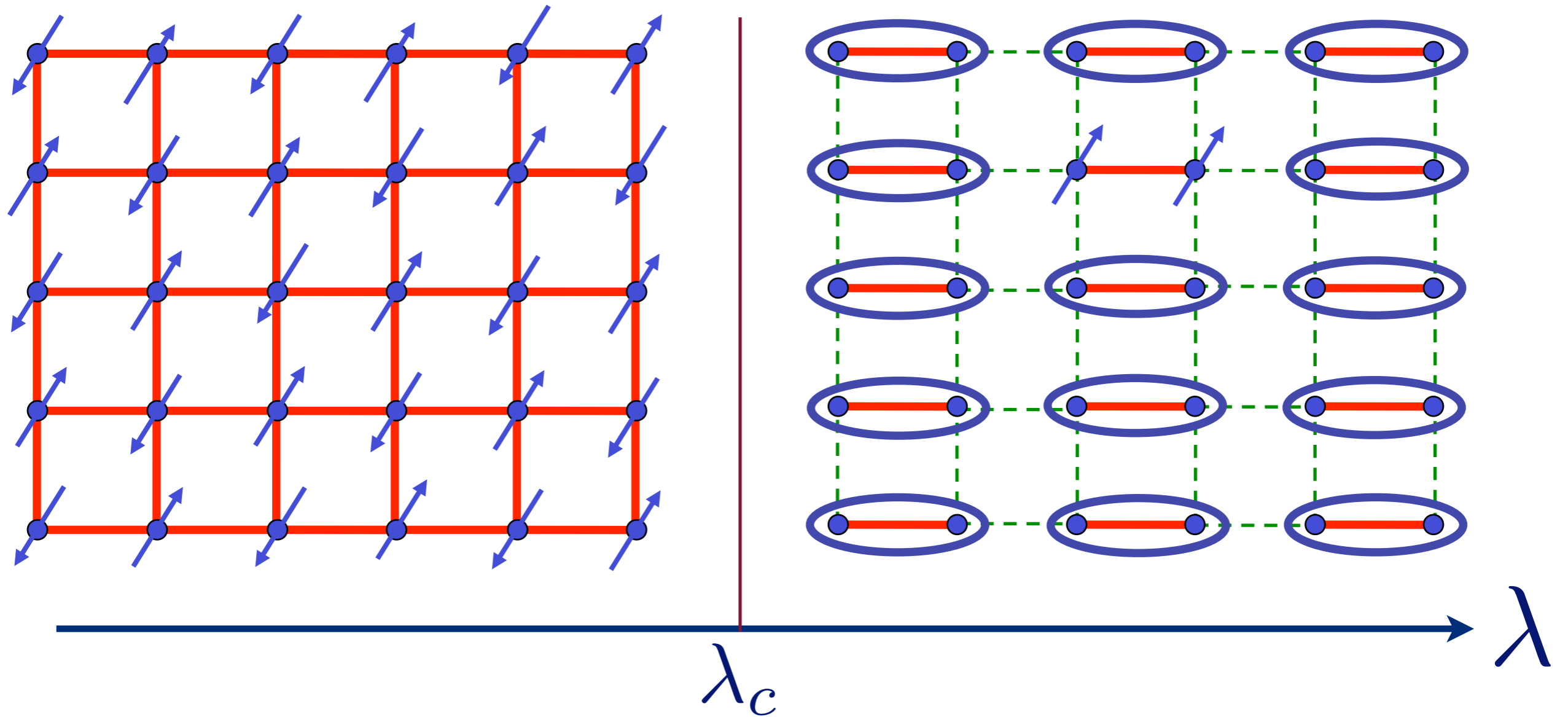
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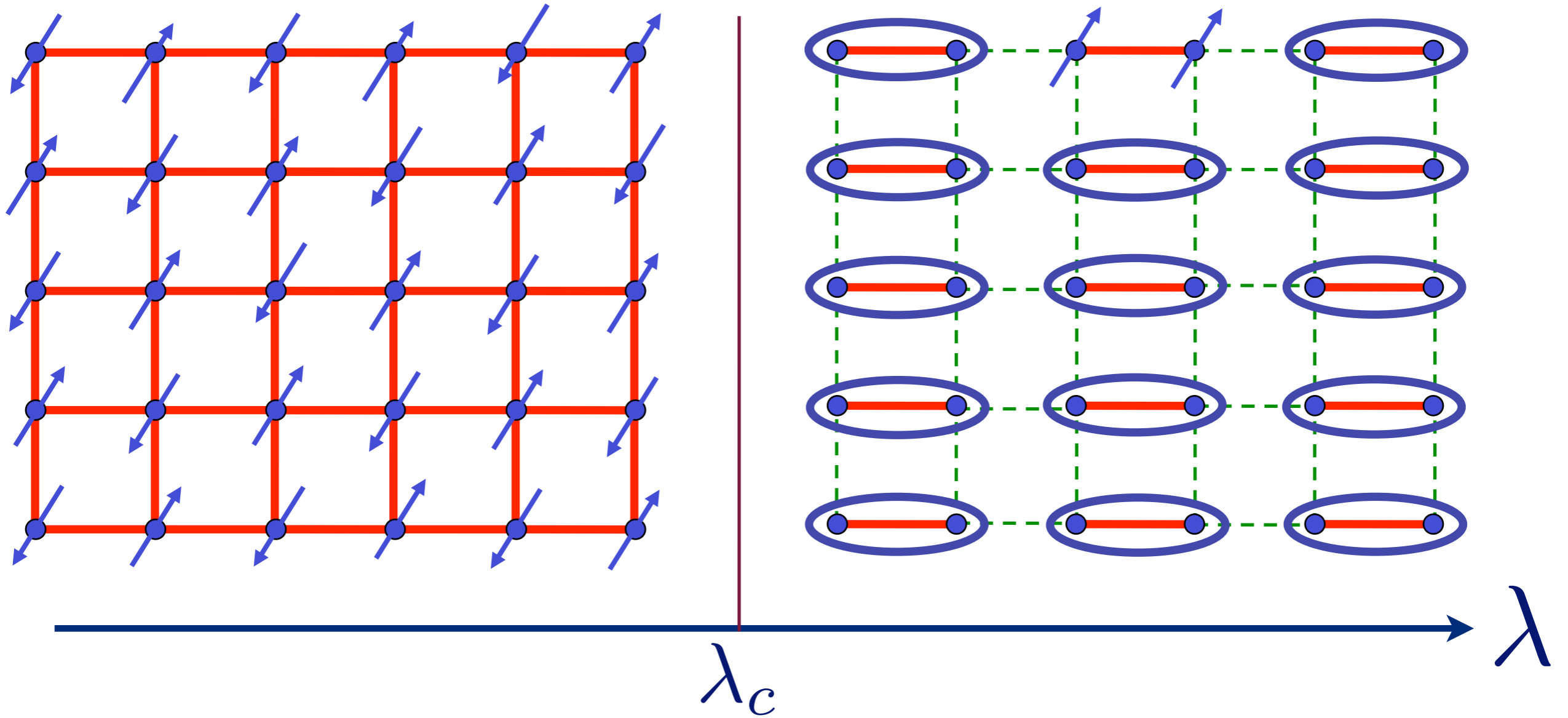
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TlCuCl₃ at ambient pressure

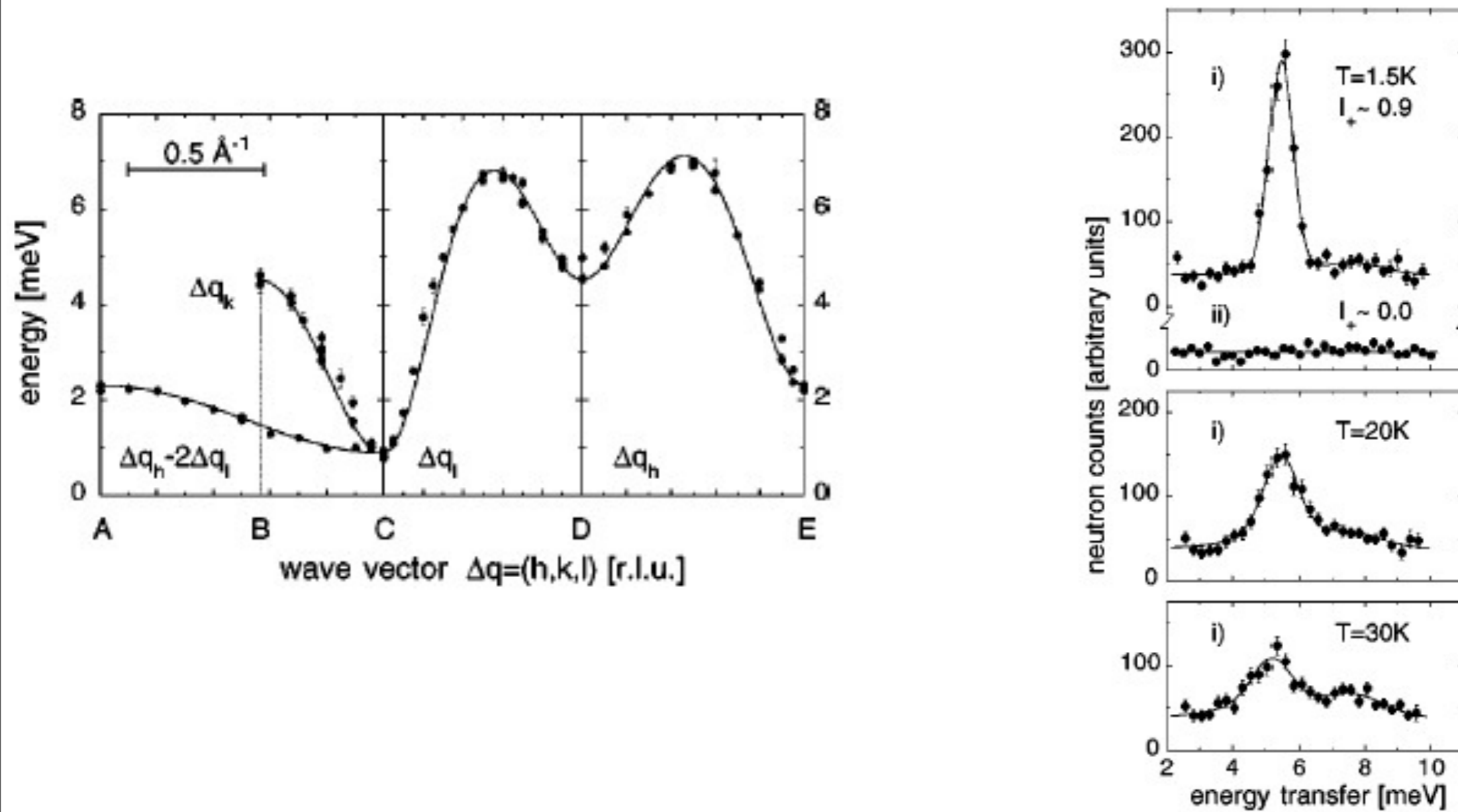
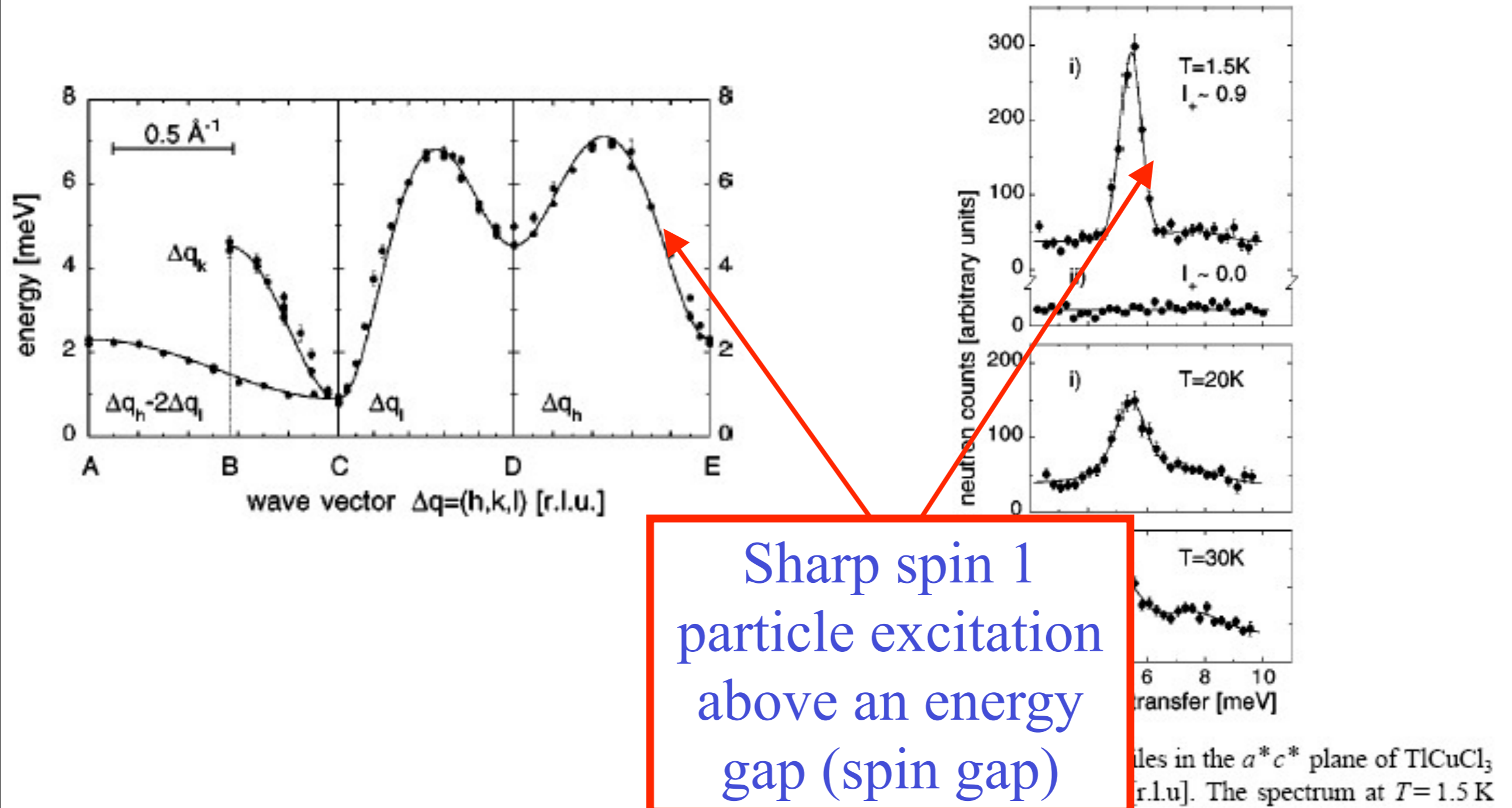


FIG. 1. Measured neutron profiles in the a^*c^* plane of TlCuCl₃ for $i = (1.35, 0, 0)$, $ii = (0, 0, 3.15)$ [r.l.u.]. The spectrum at $T = 1.5 \text{ K}$

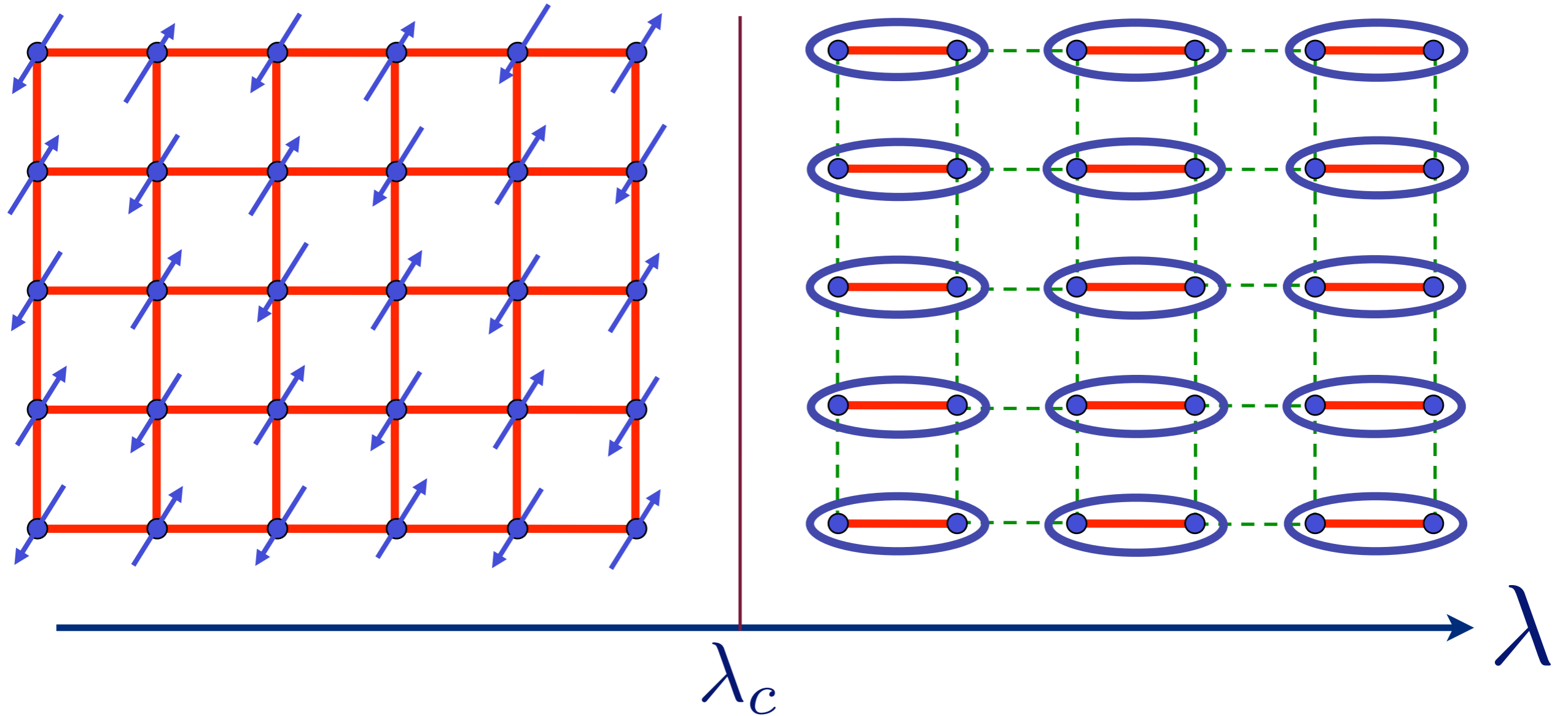
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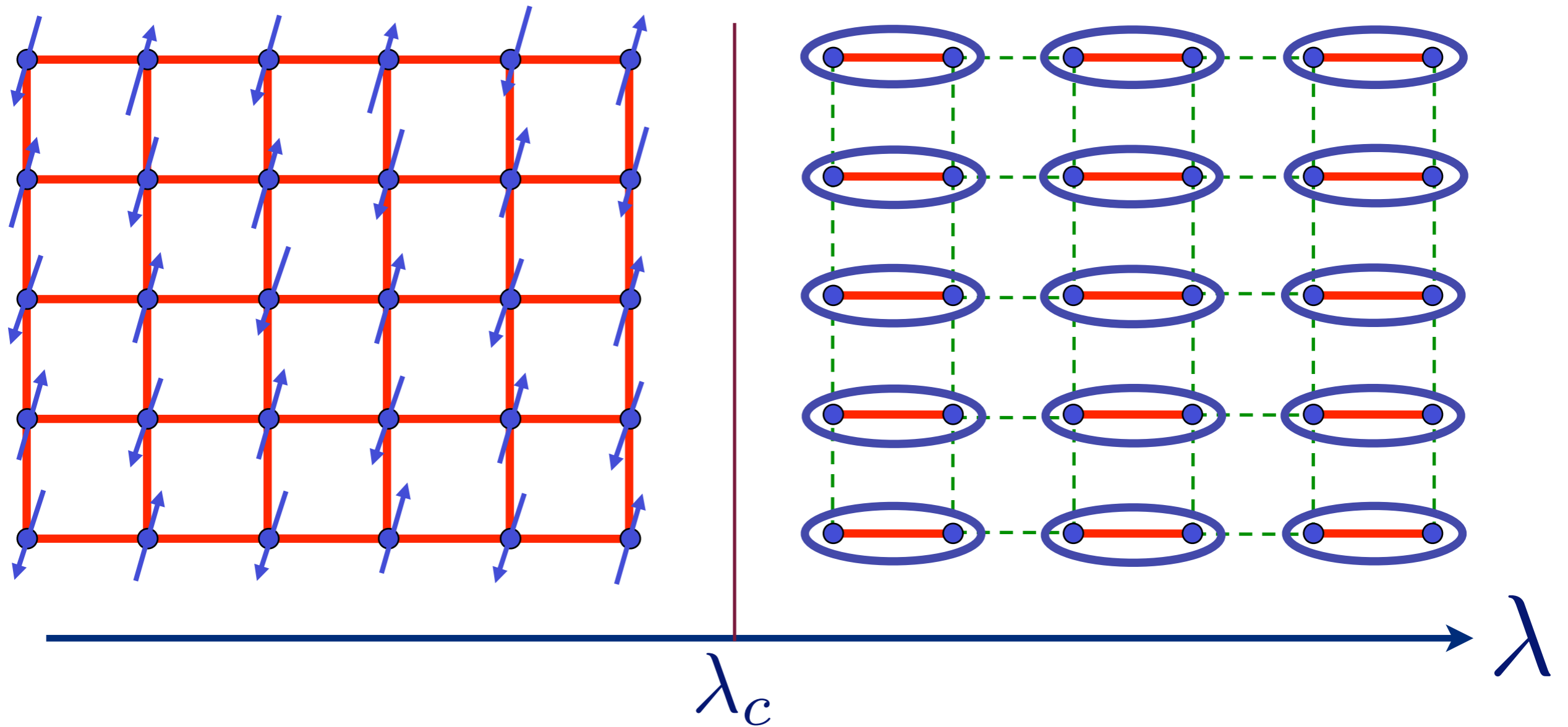


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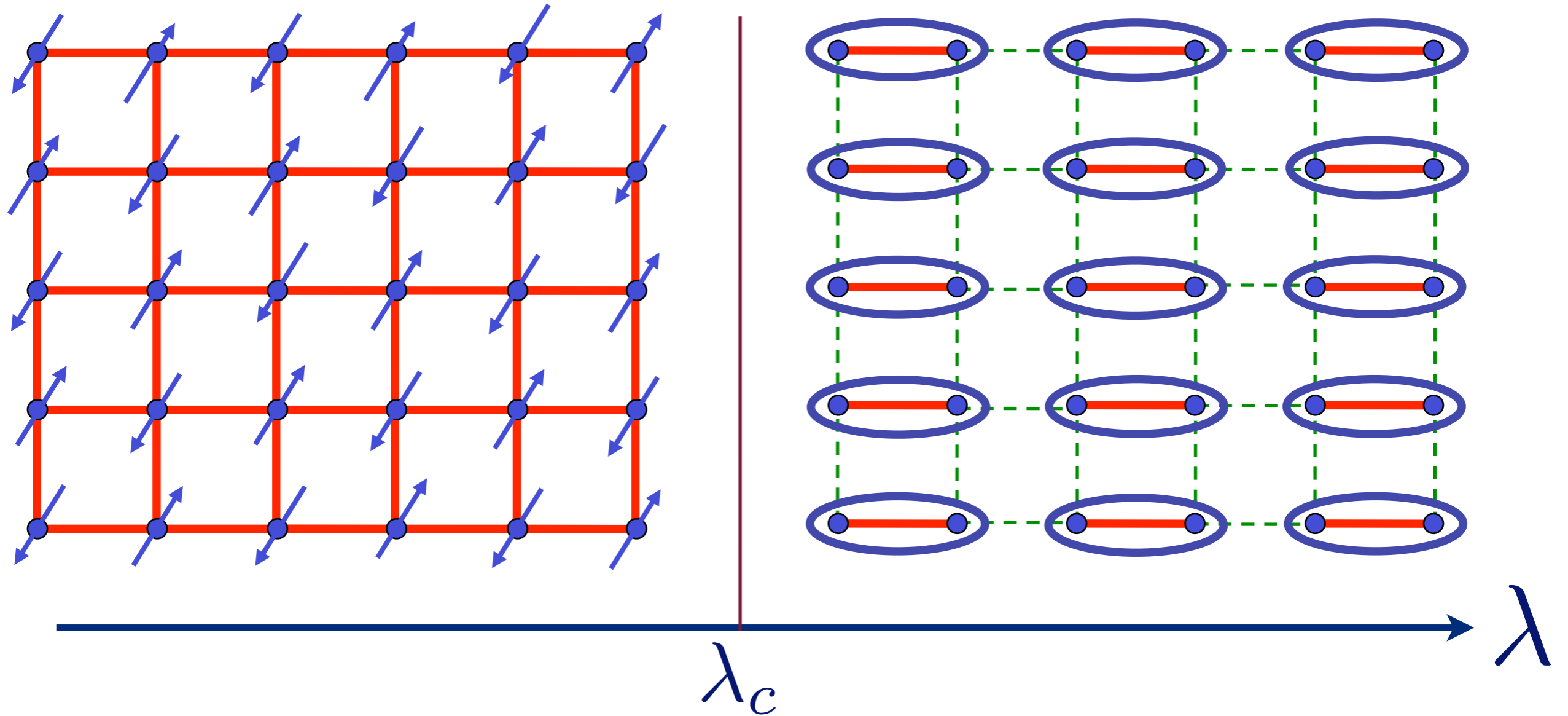


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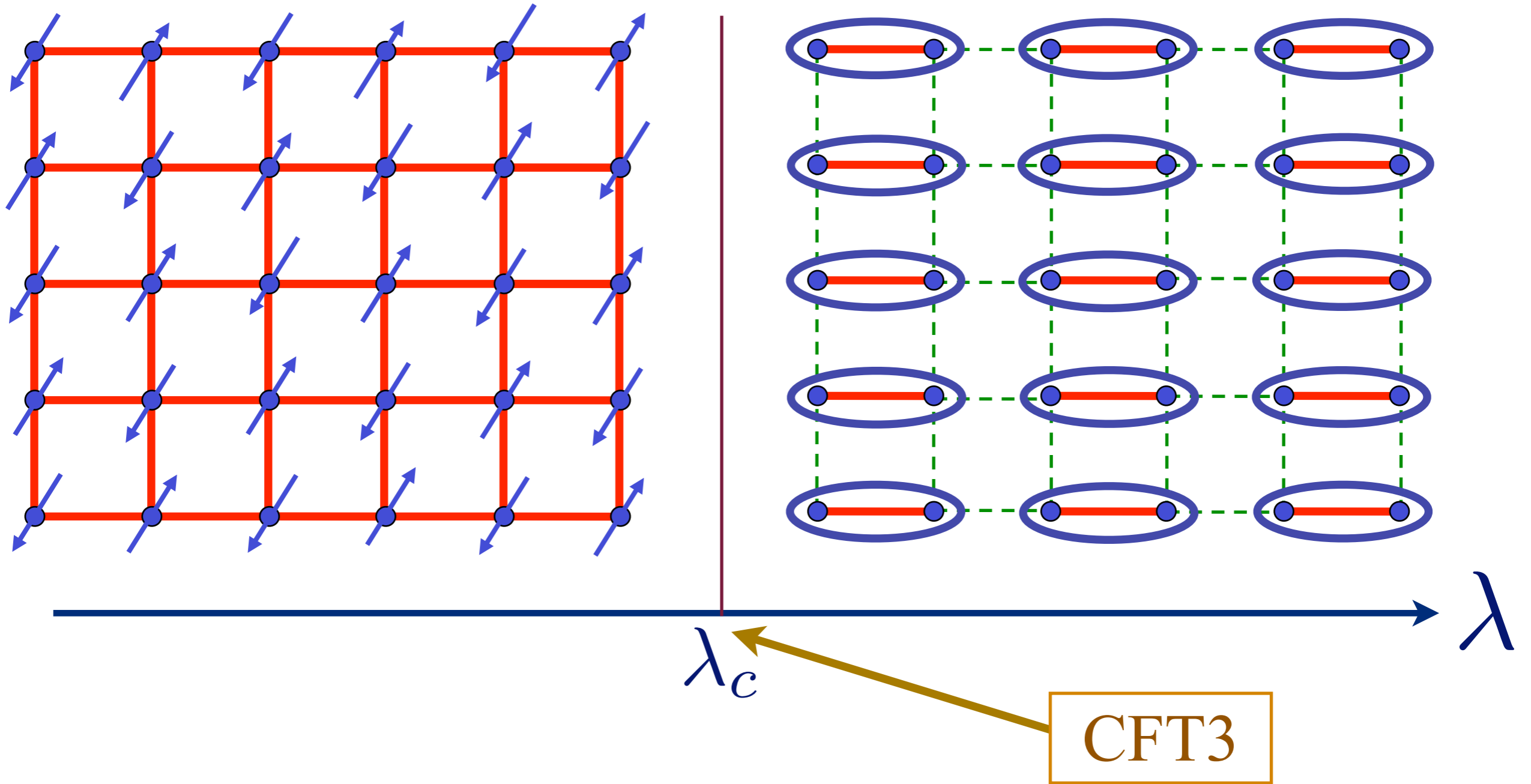
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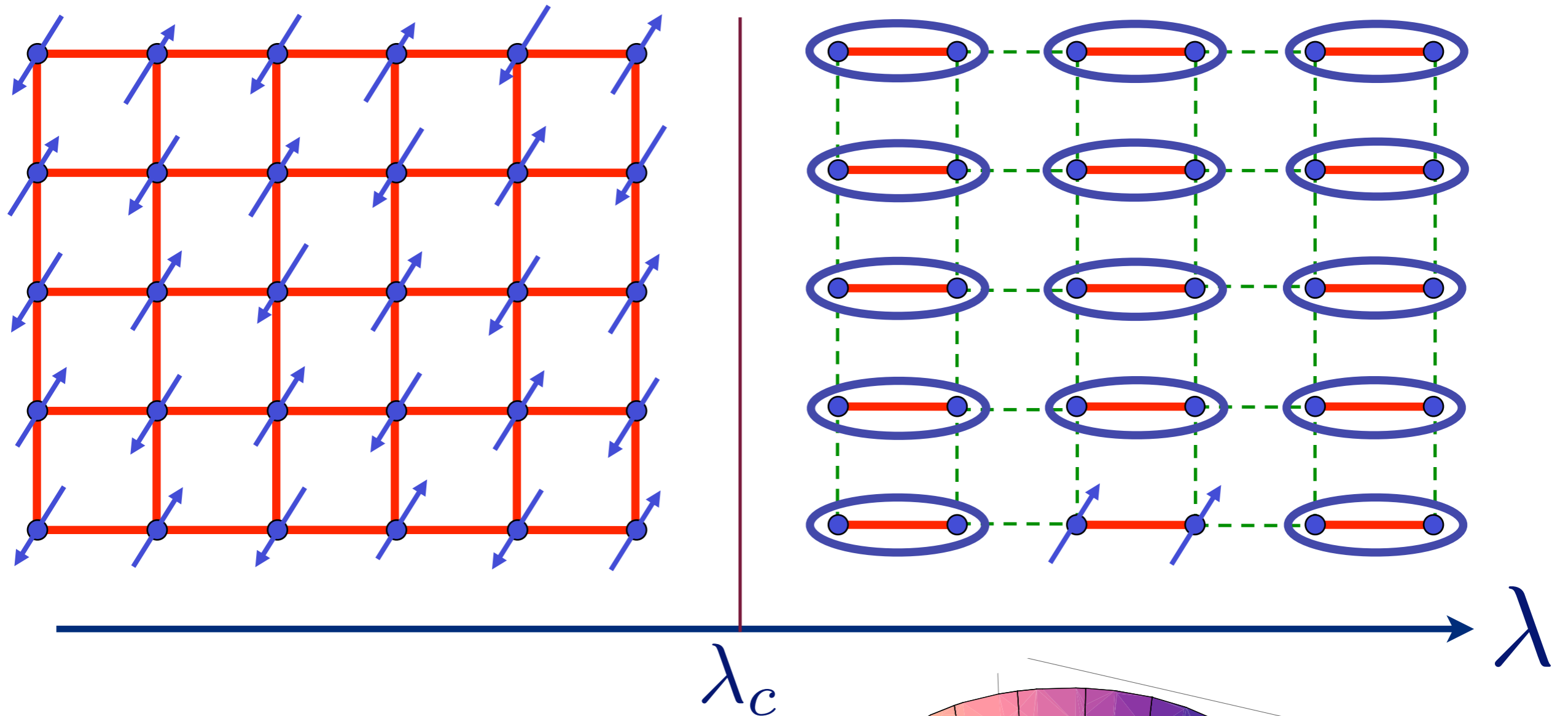
Description using Landau-Ginzburg field theory



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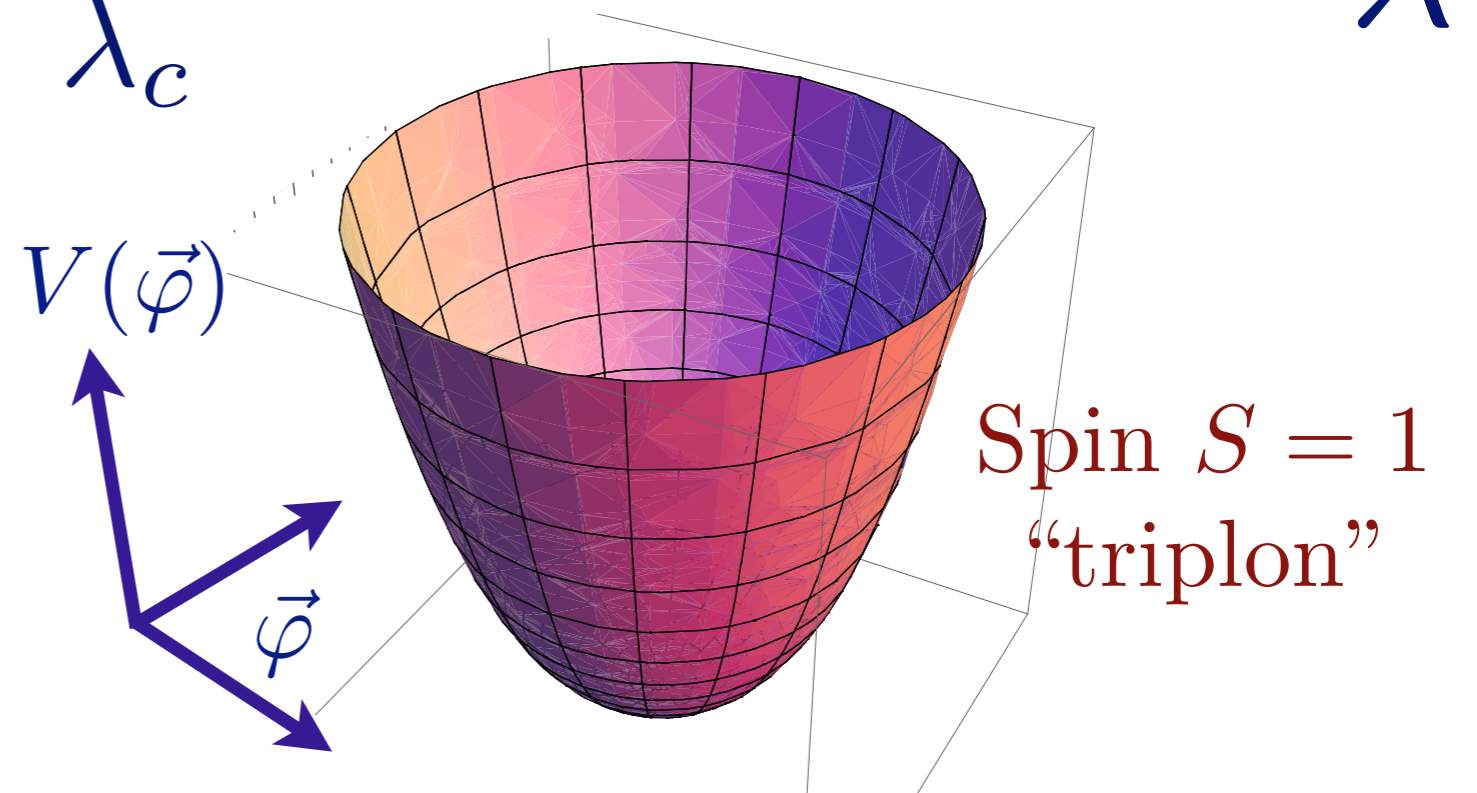
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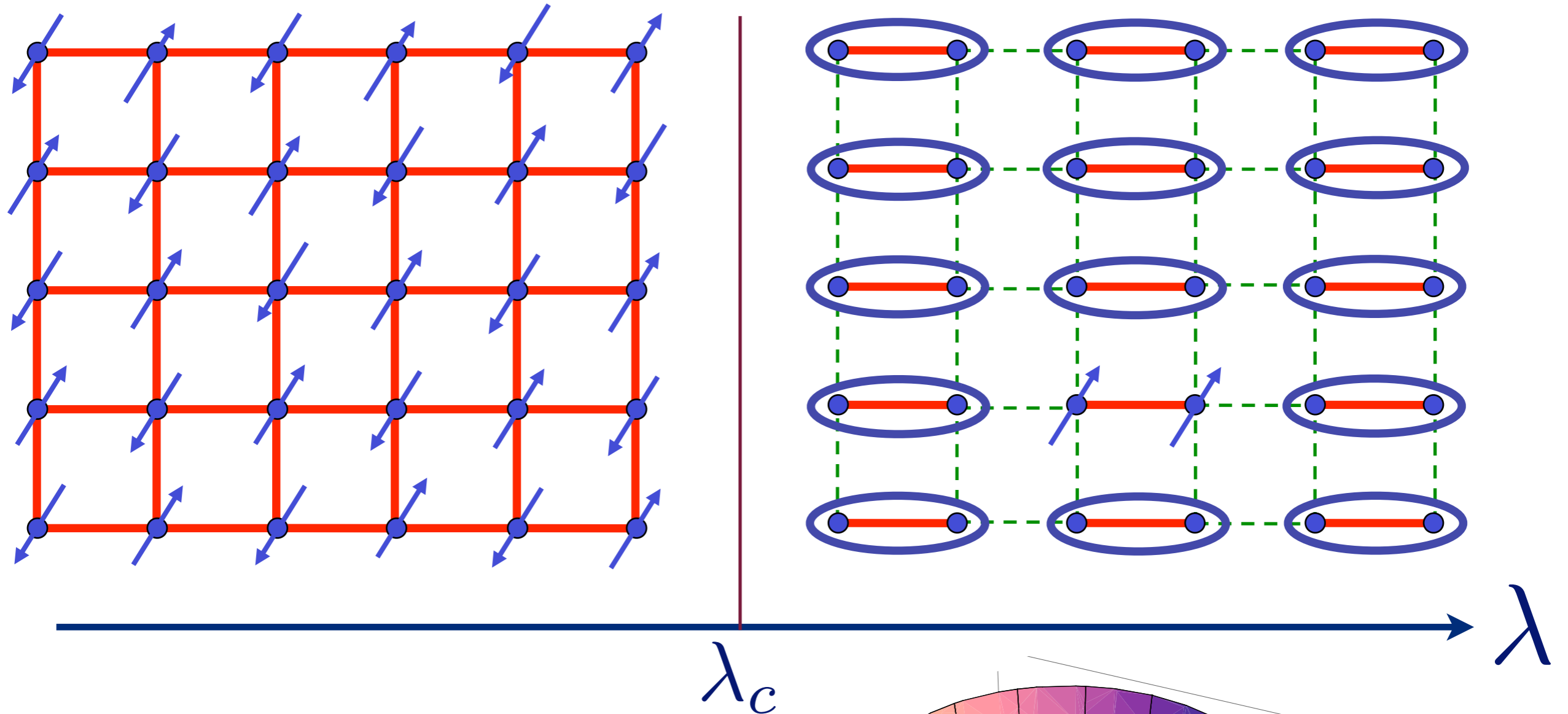


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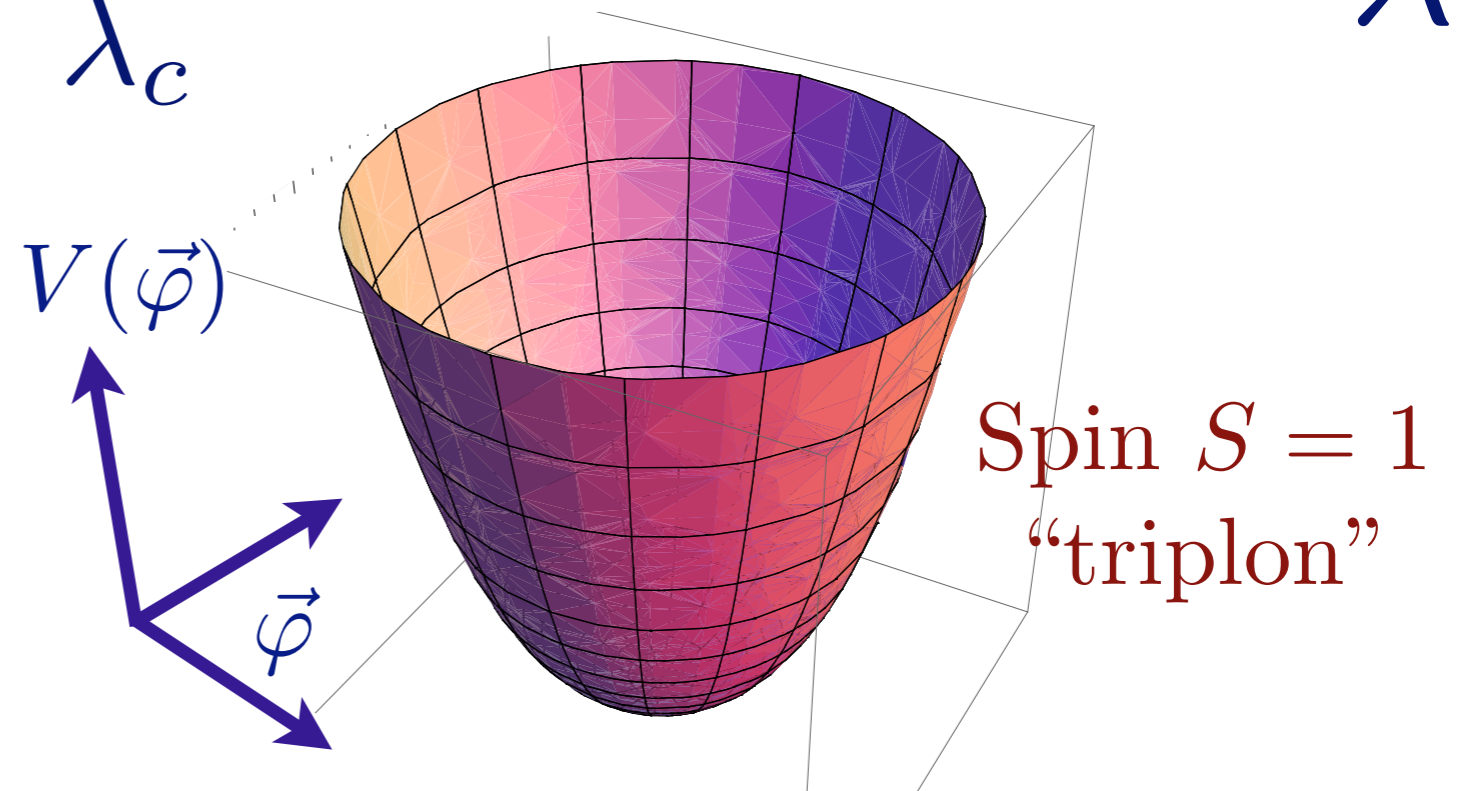


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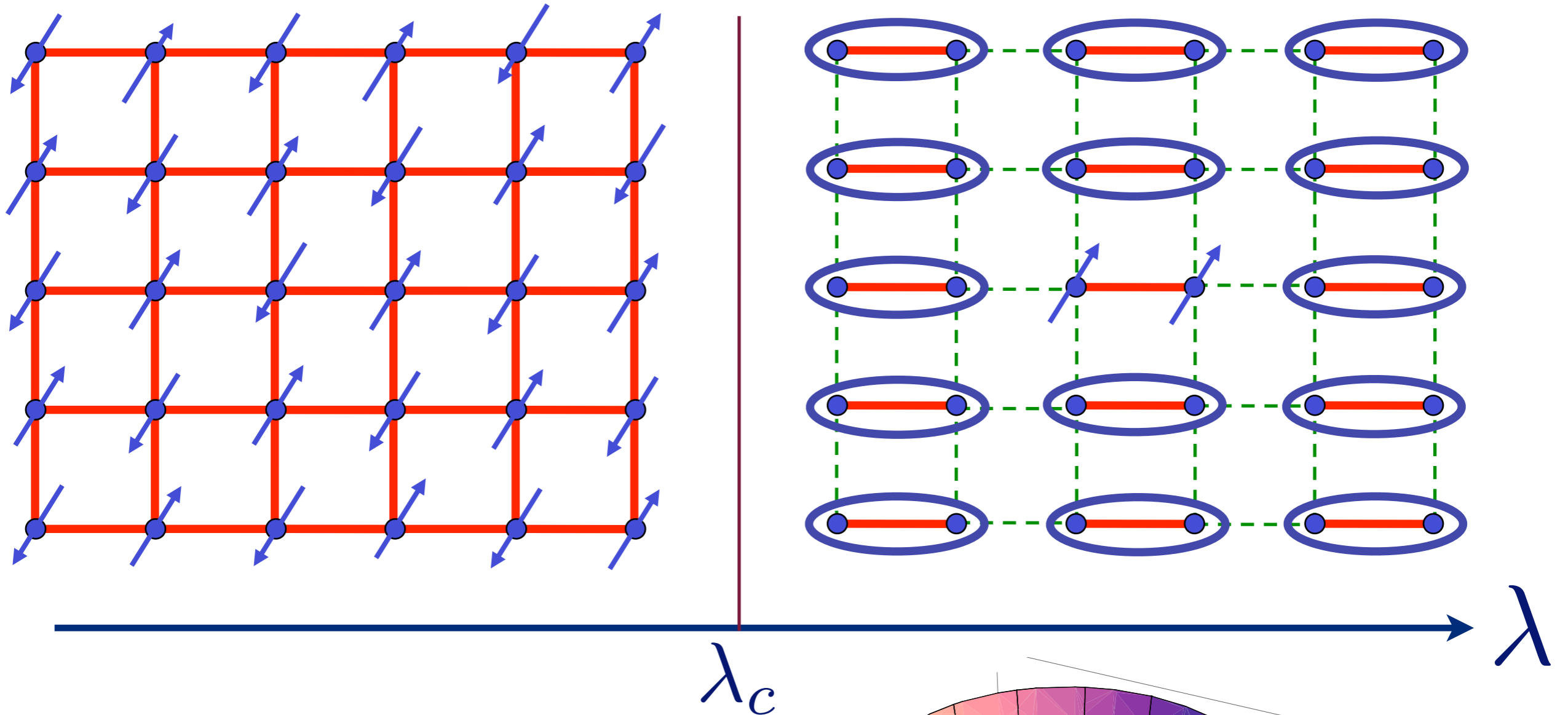


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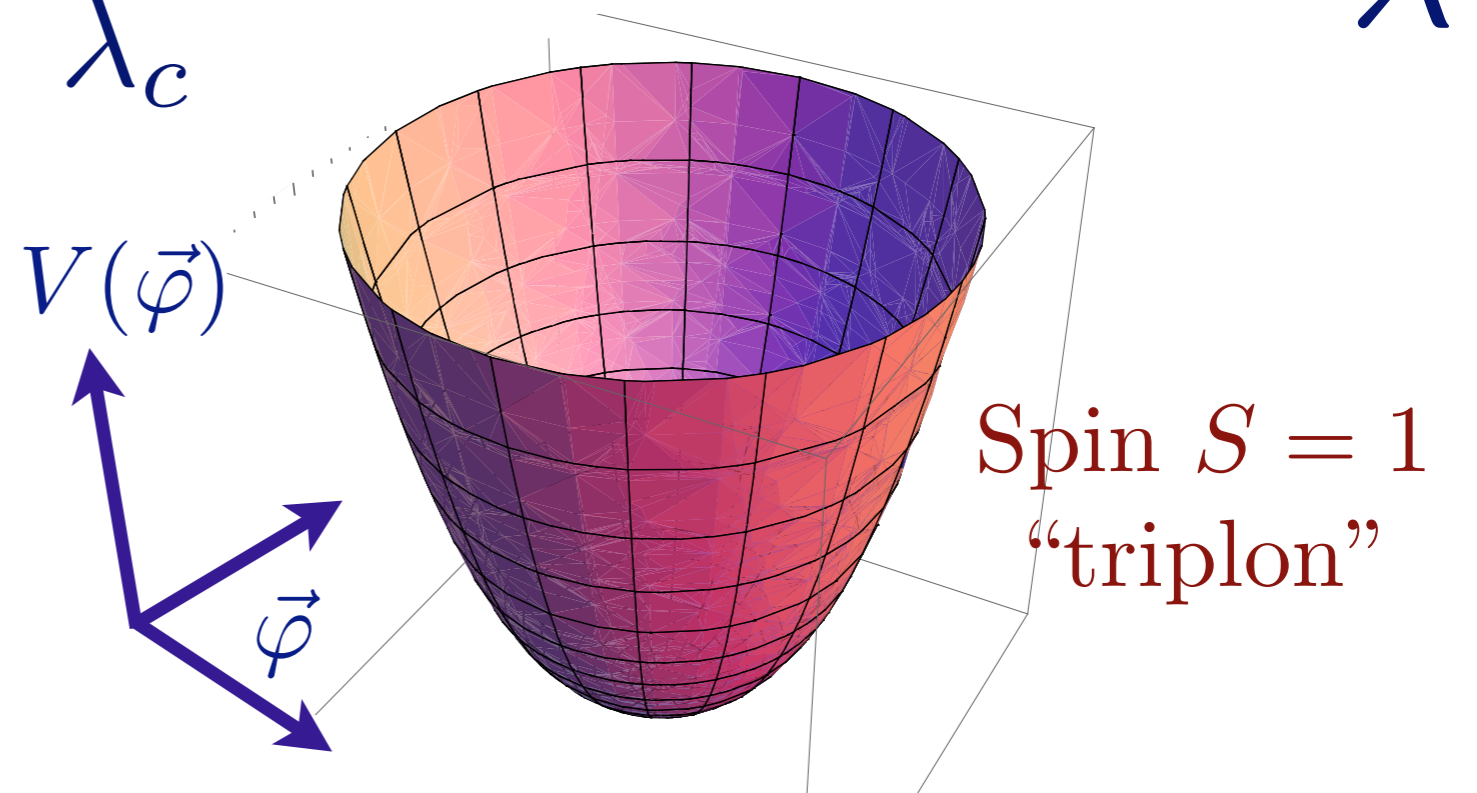


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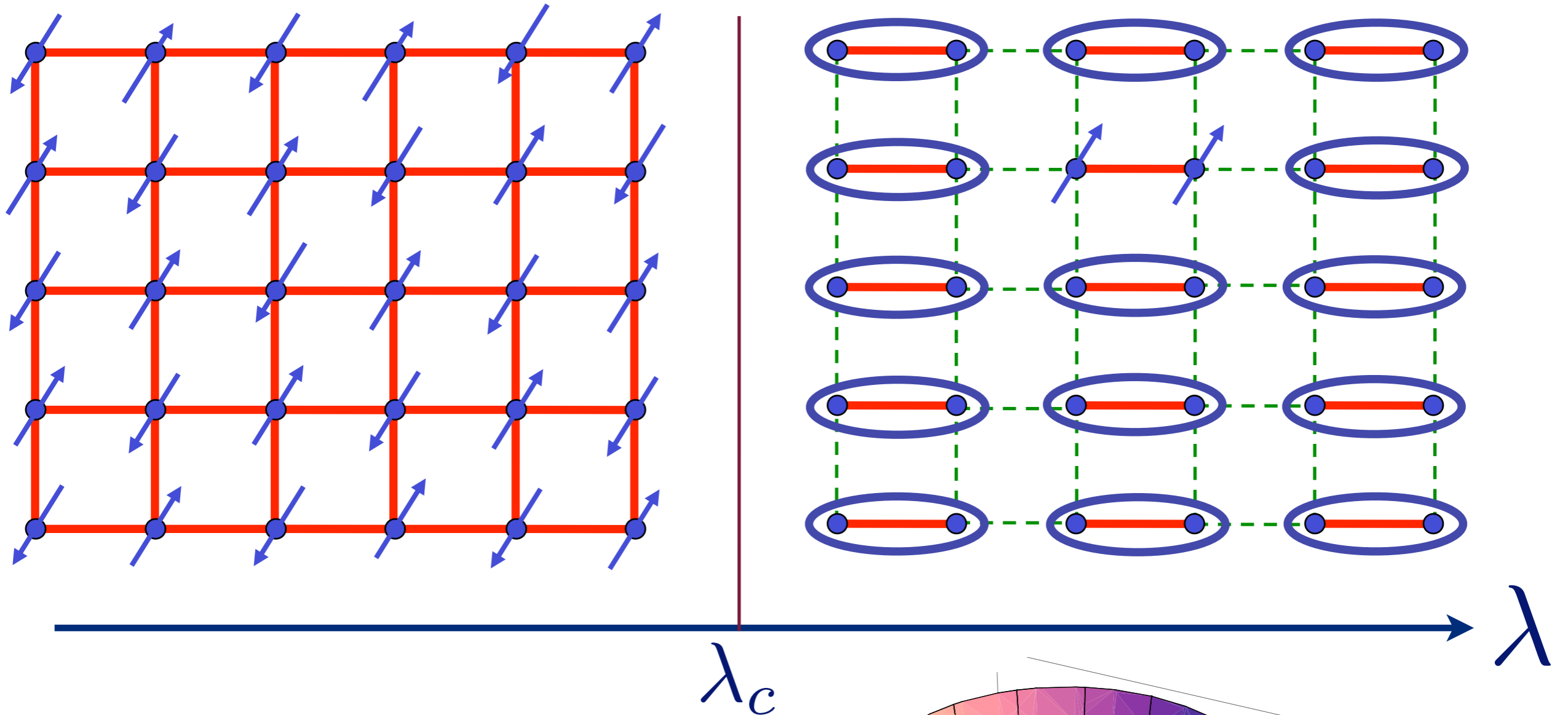


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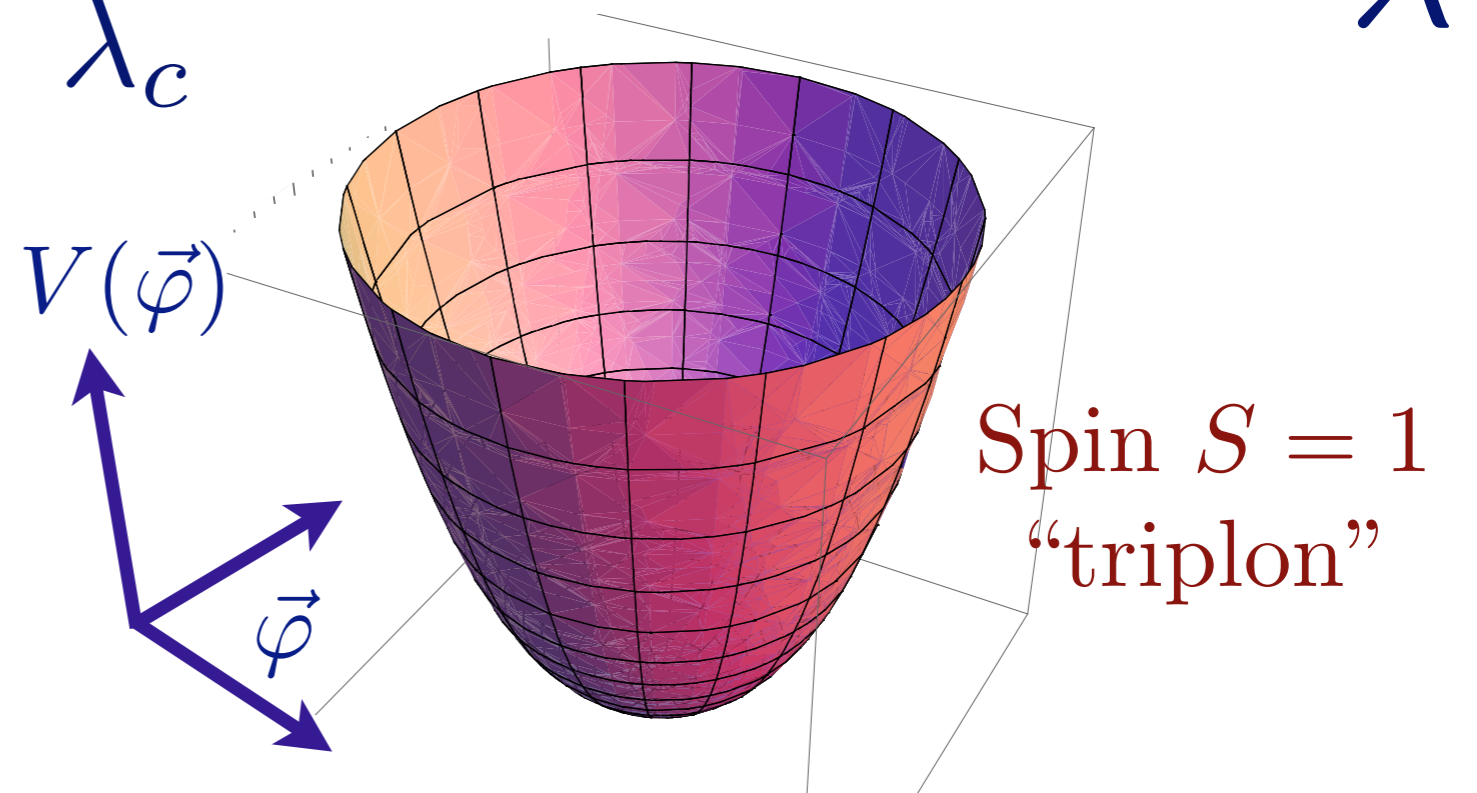


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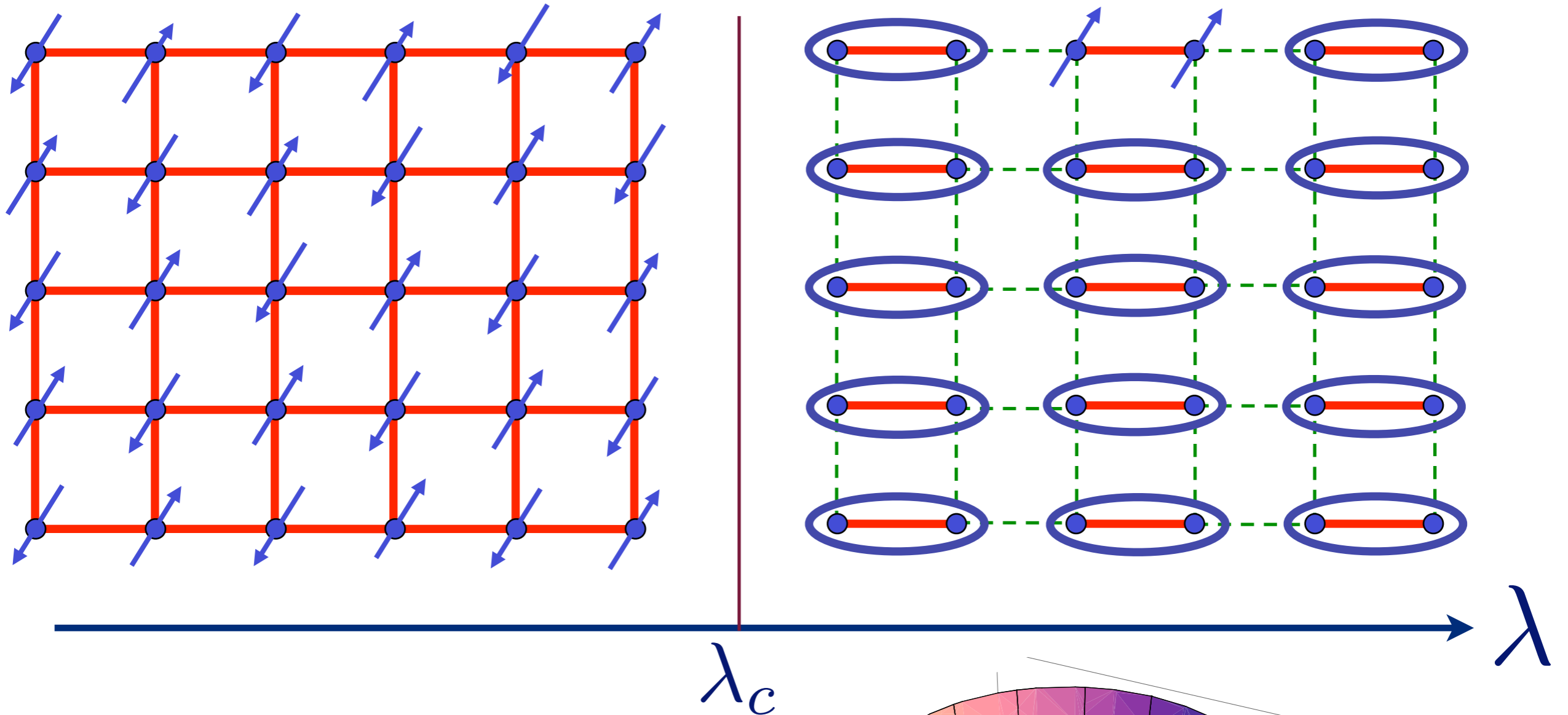


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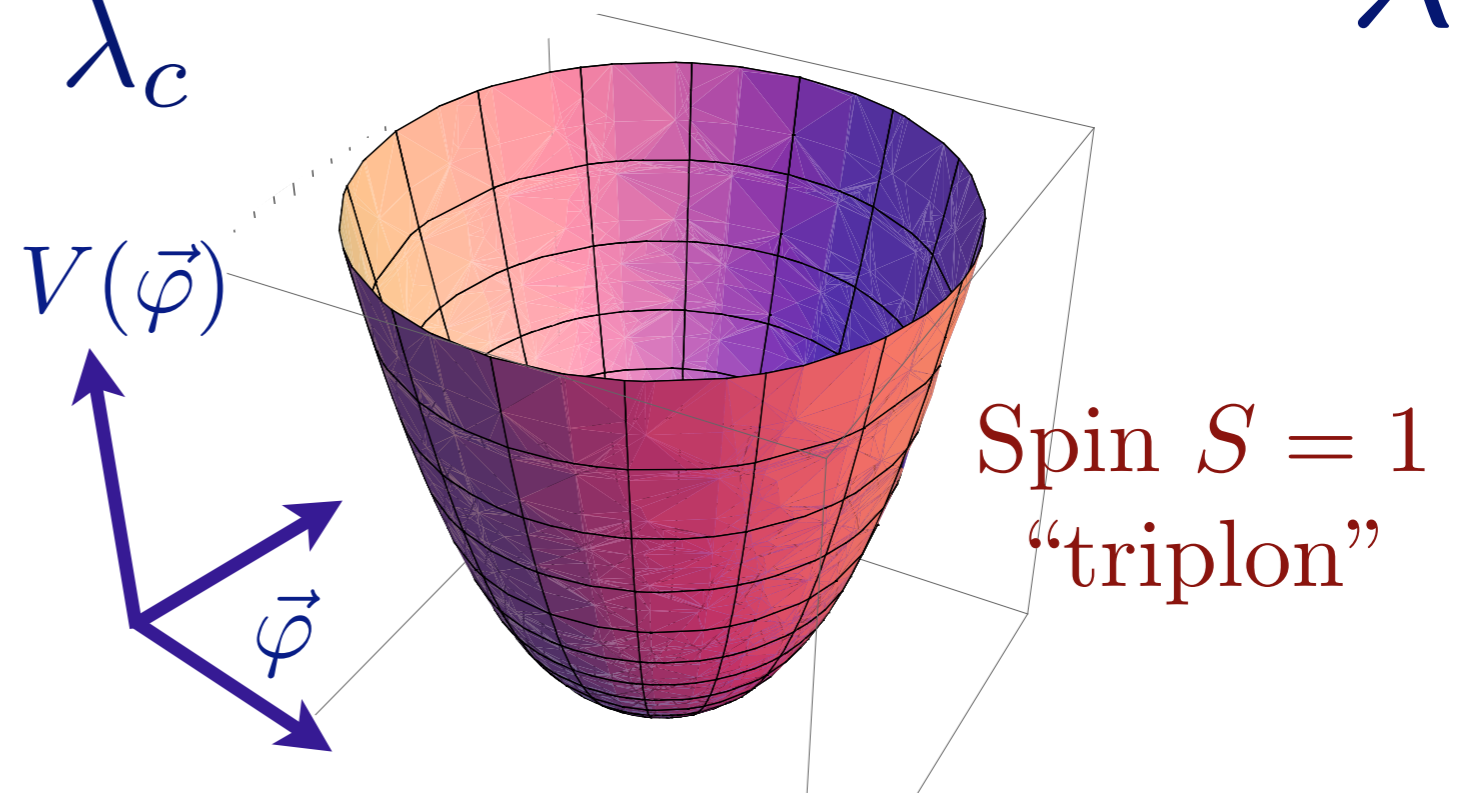


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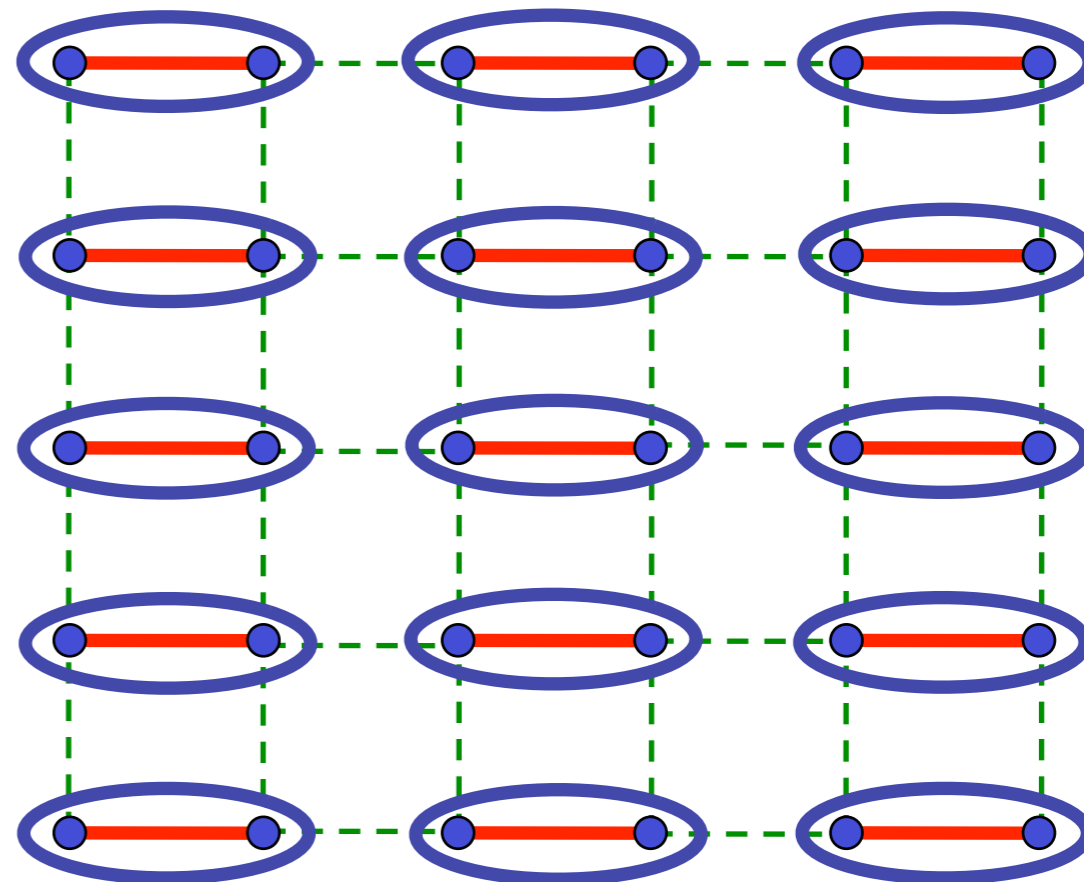
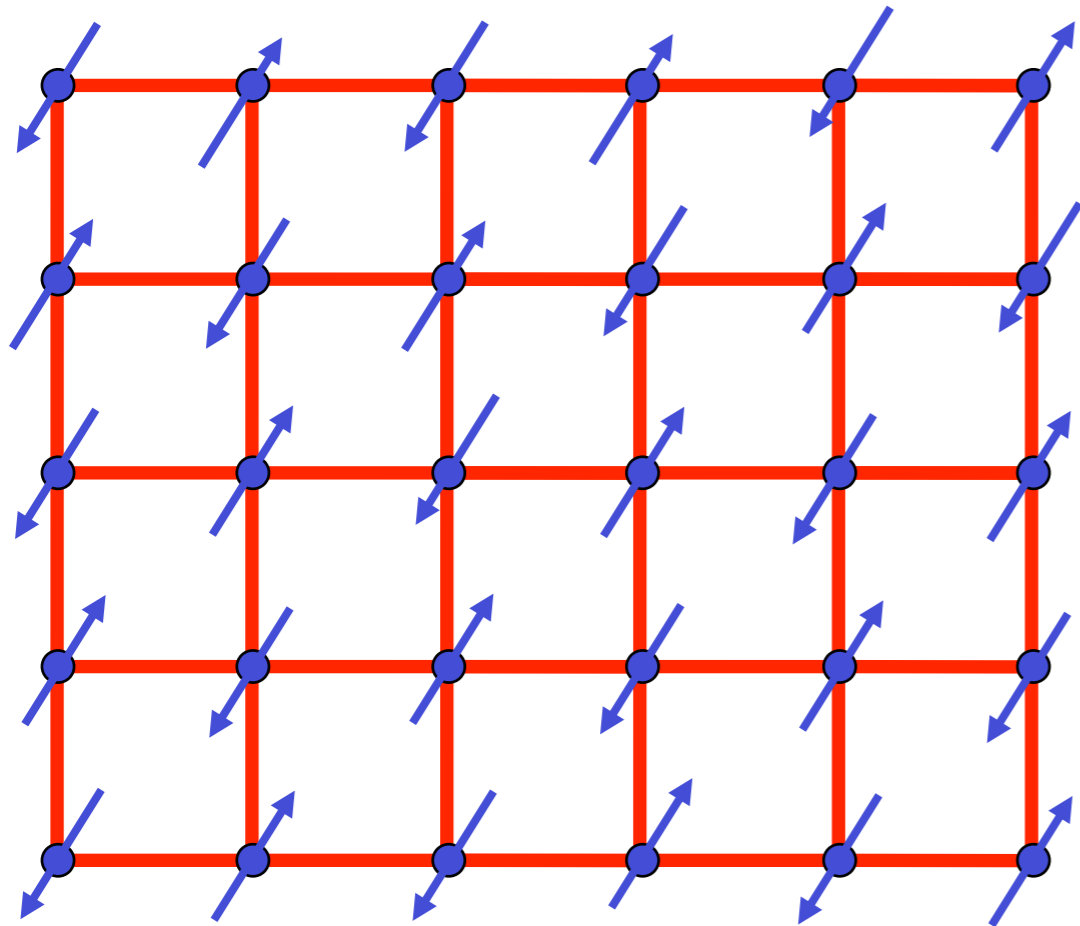


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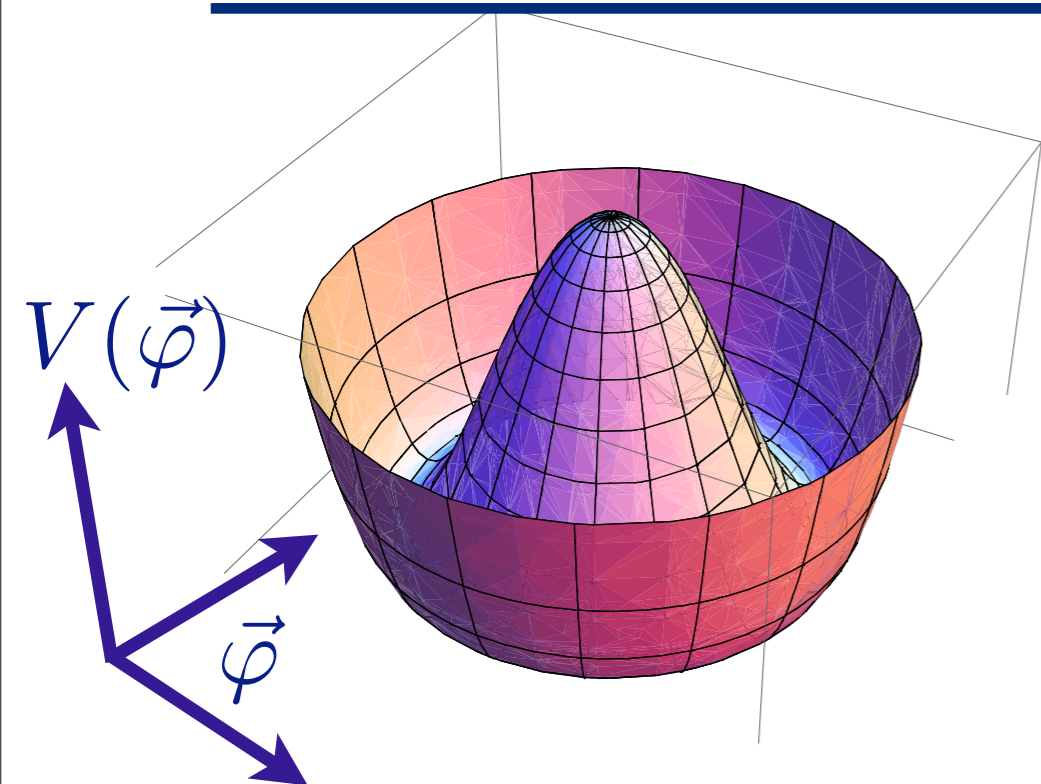


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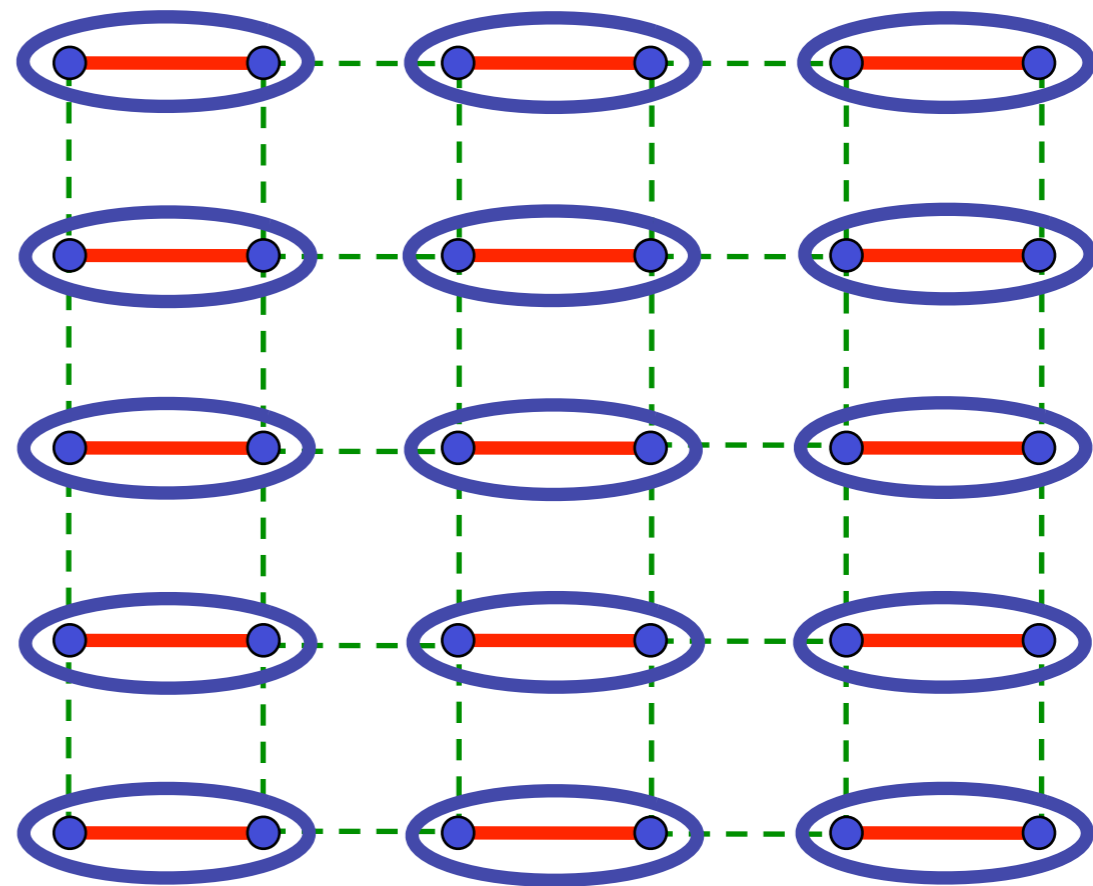
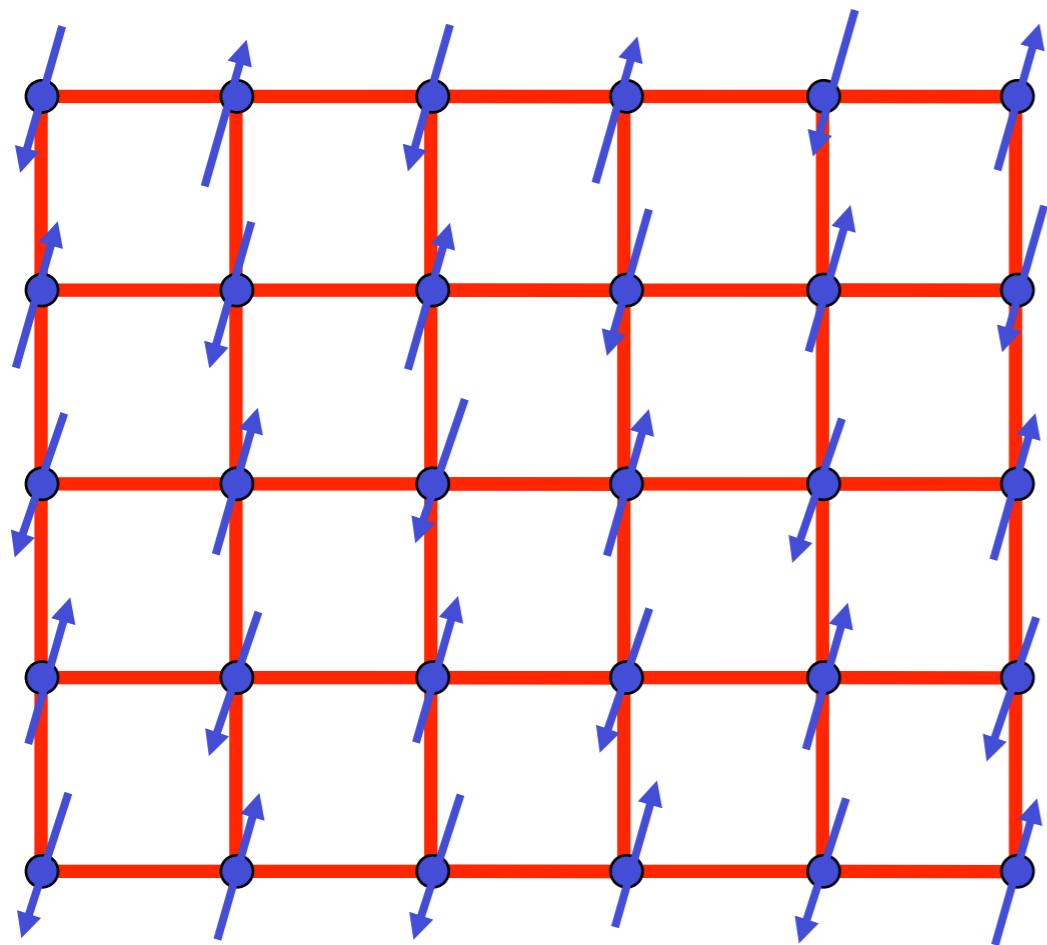


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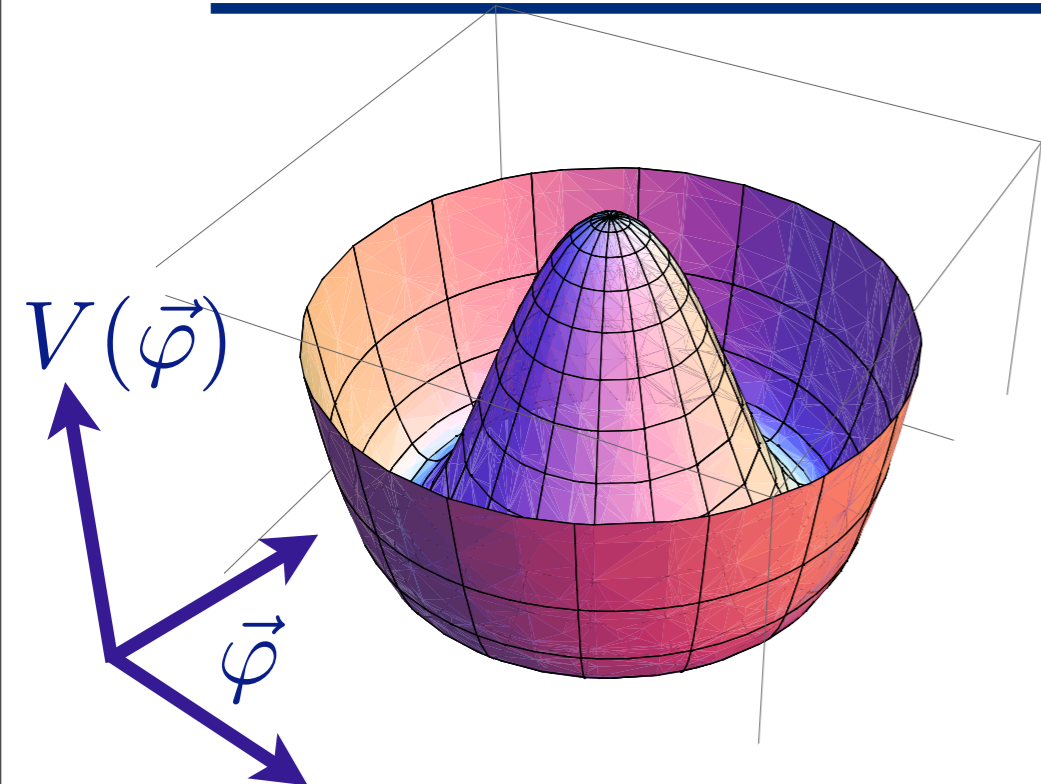
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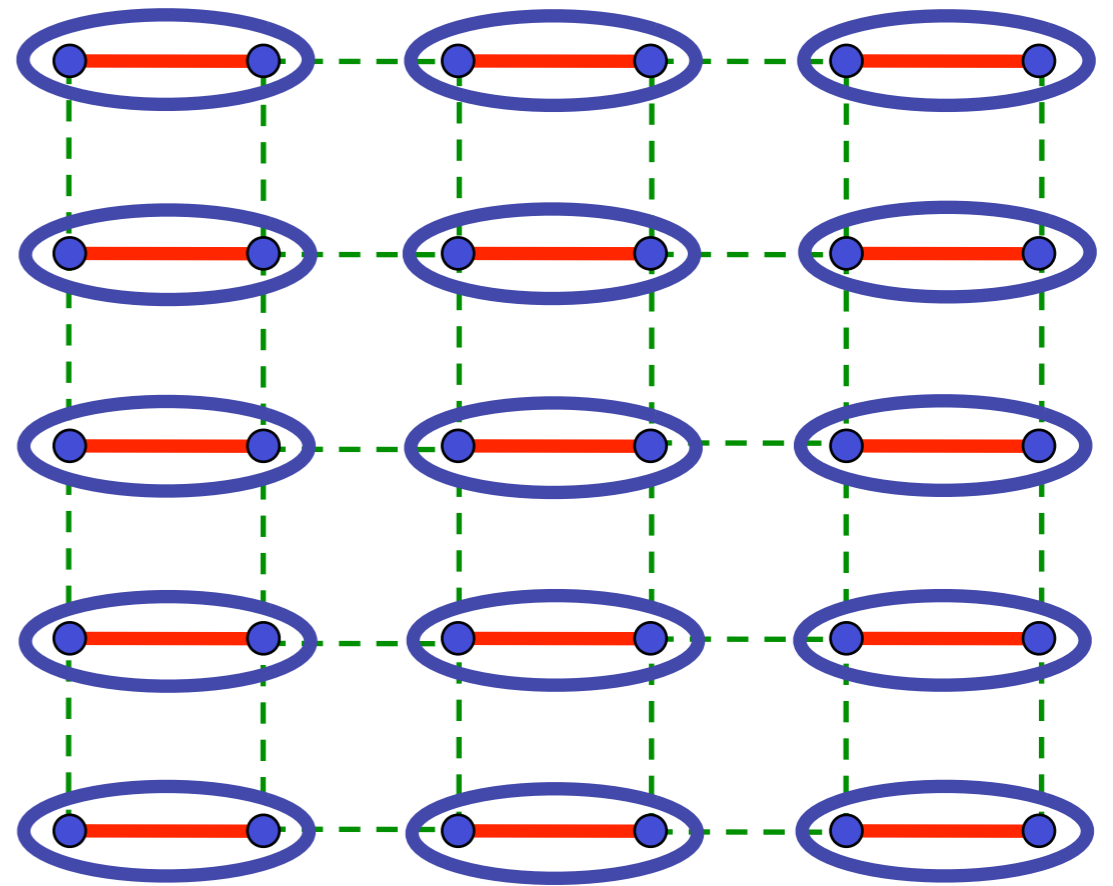
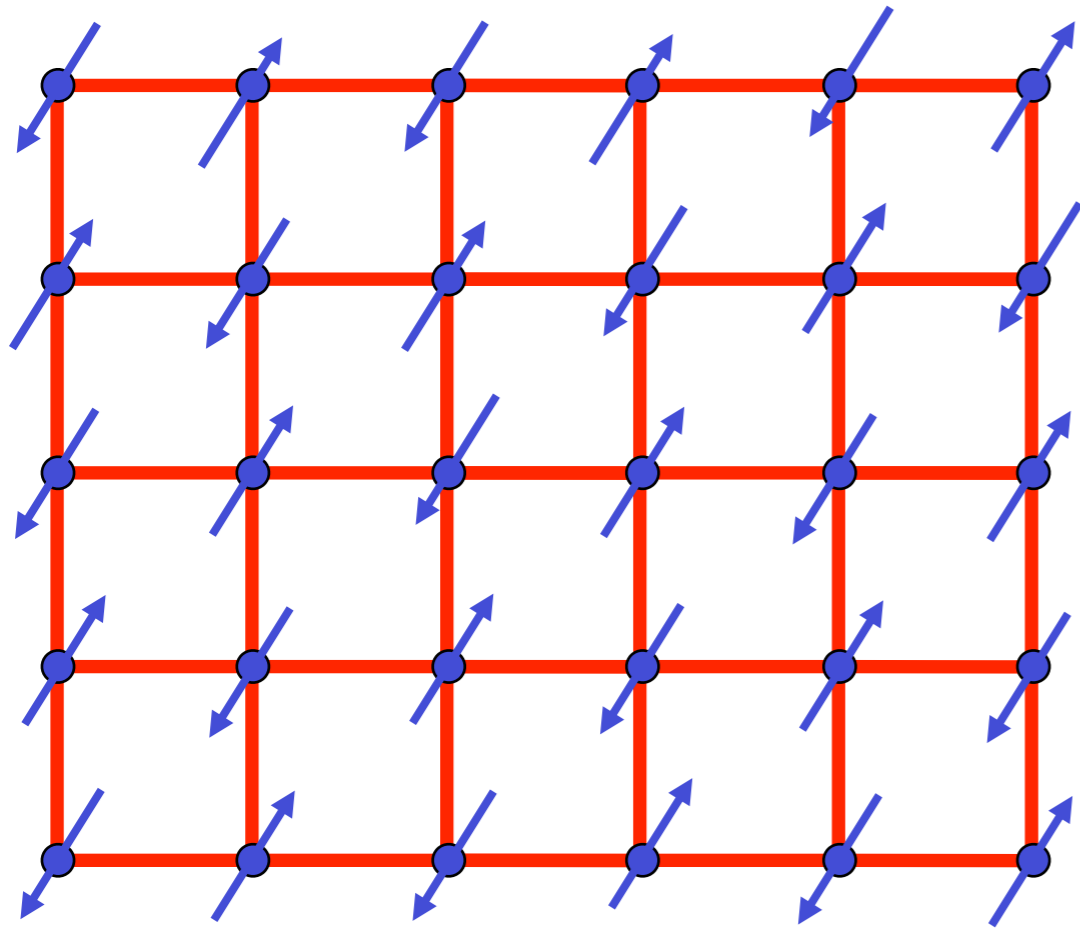
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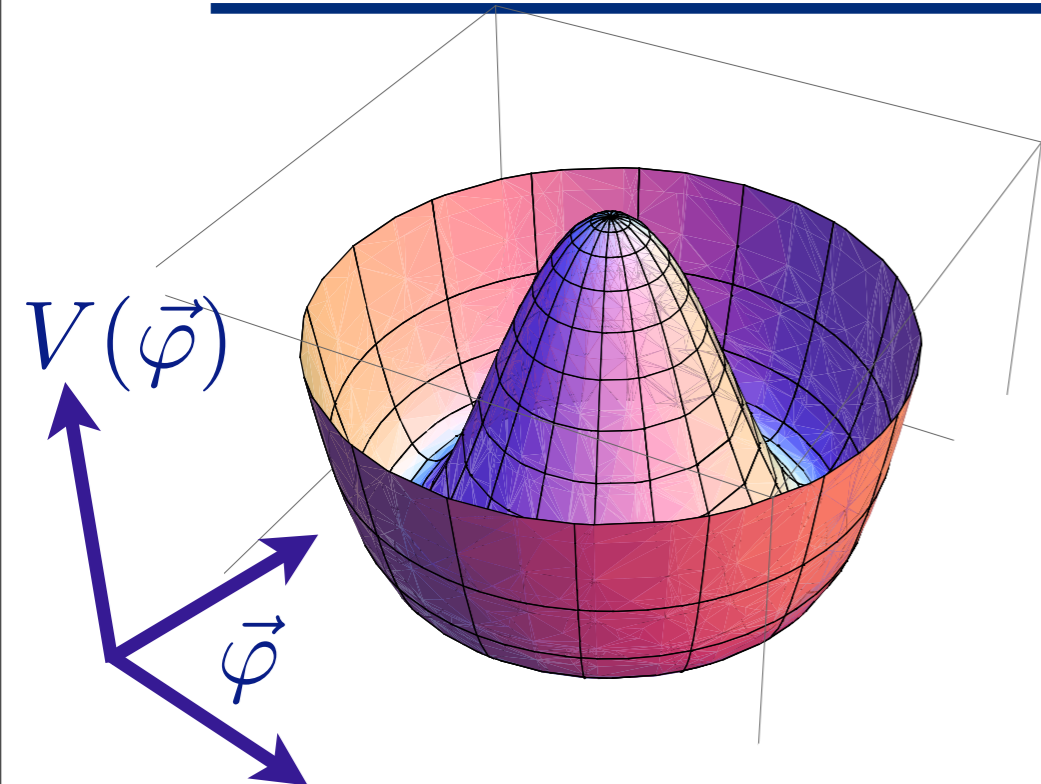
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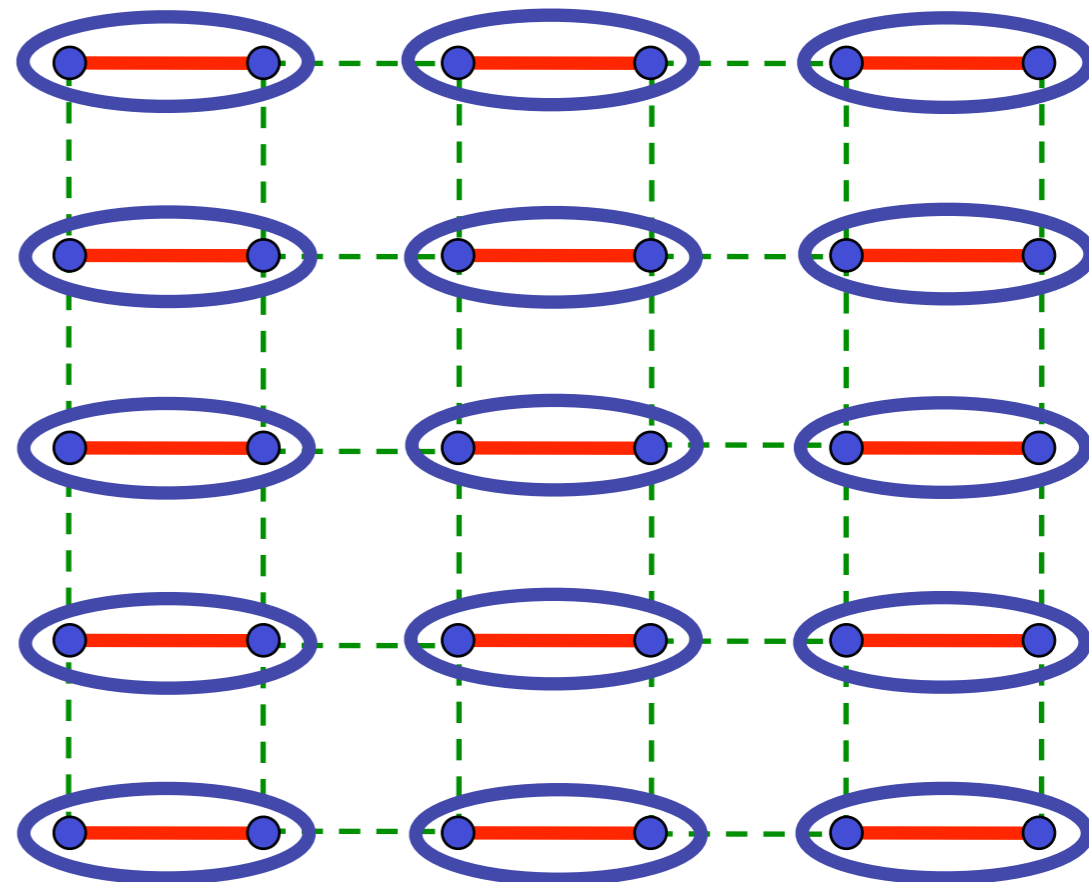
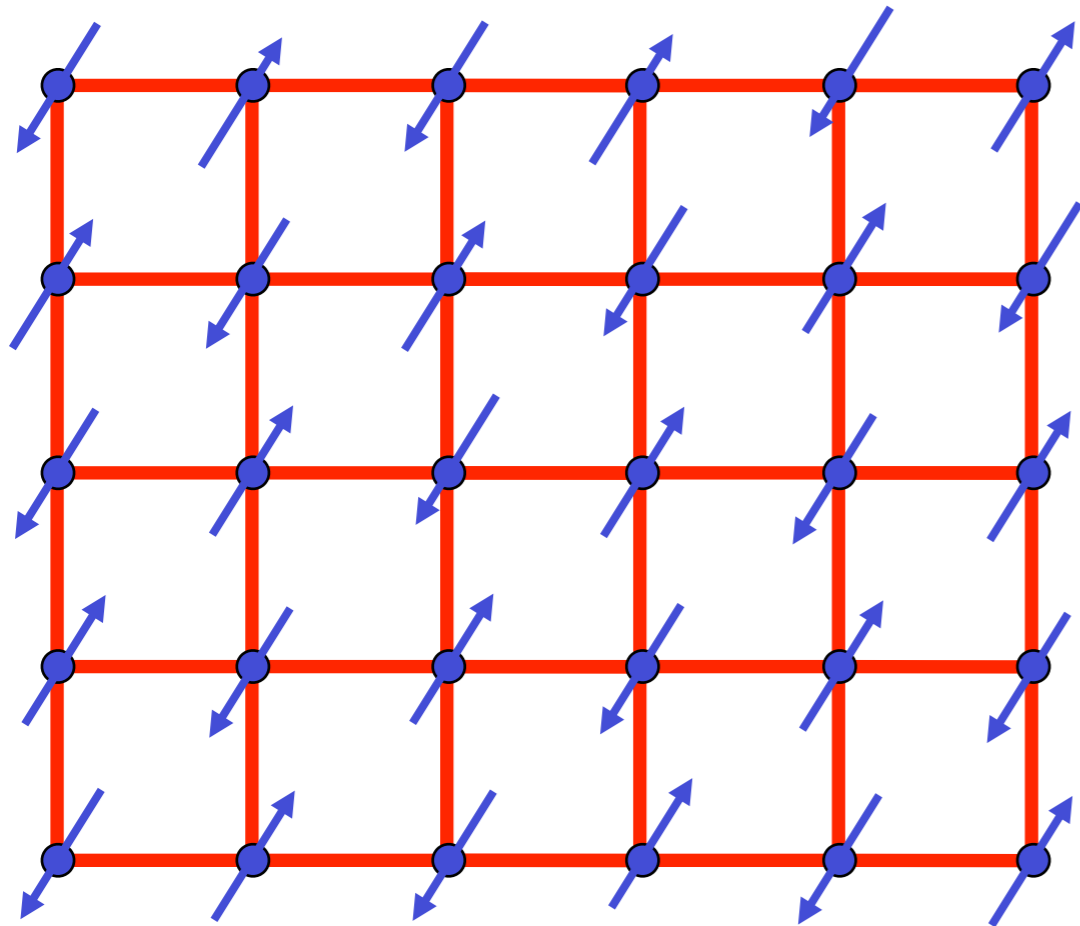
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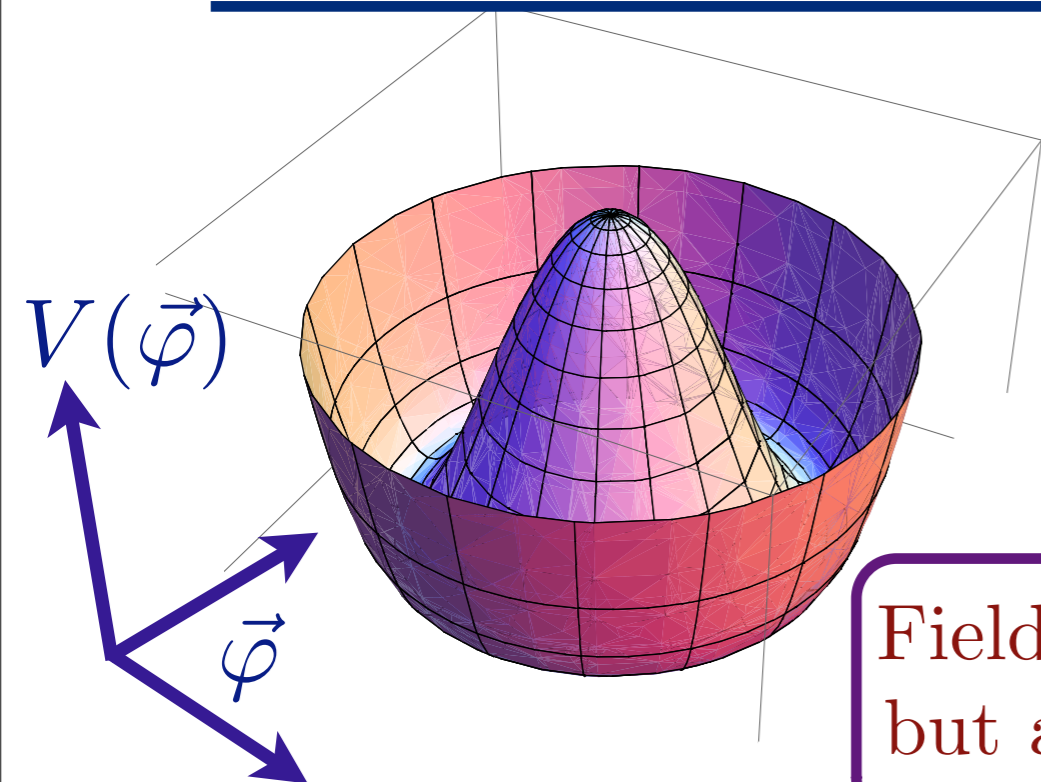


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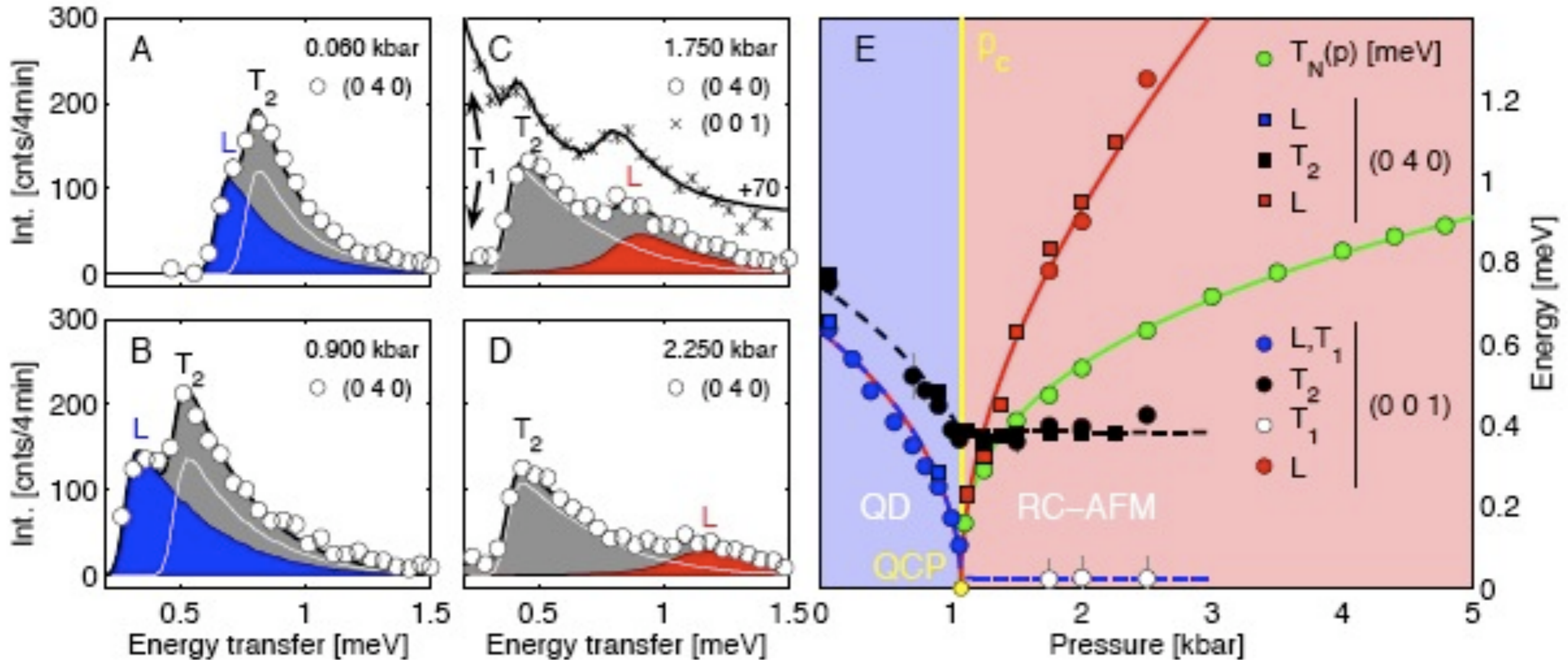
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Field theory yields spin waves (“Goldstone” modes) but also an additional longitudinal “Higgs” particle

TiCuCl₃ with varying pressure



Observation of $3 \rightarrow 2$ low energy modes,
 emergence of new Higgs particle in the Néel phase,
 and vanishing of Néel temperature at the quantum critical point

Christian Ruegg, Bruce Normand, Masashige Matsumoto, Albert Furrer,
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Prediction of quantum field theory

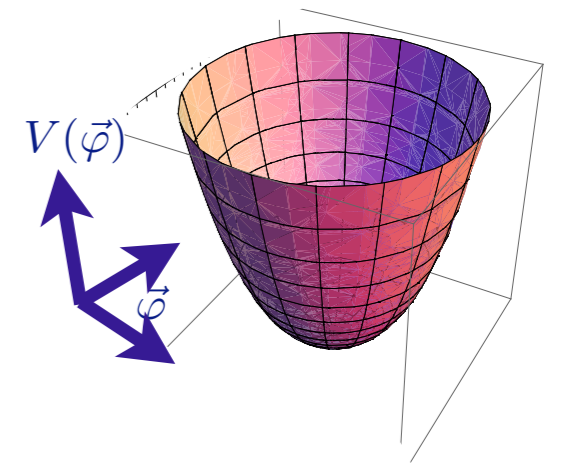
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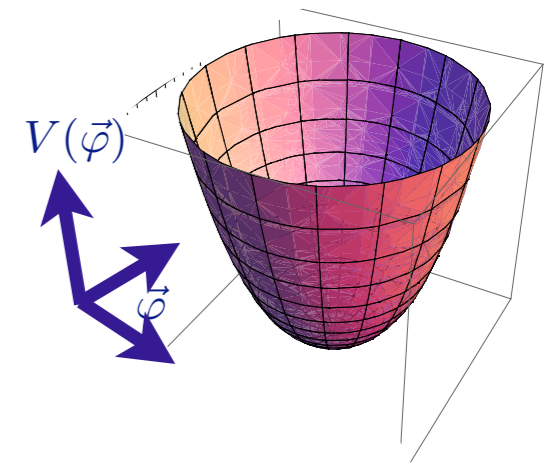
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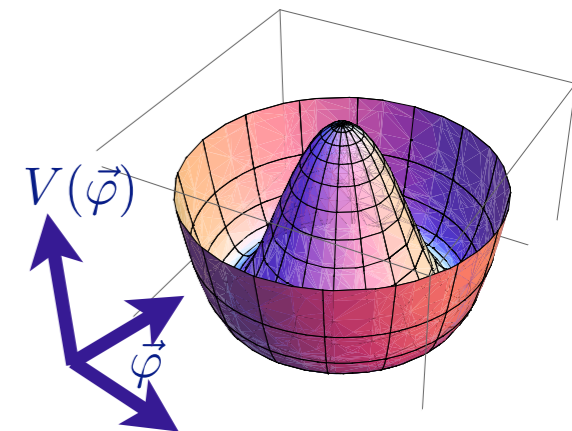


Néel phase, $\lambda < \lambda_c$

Expand $\vec{\varphi} = (0, 0, \sqrt{(\lambda_c - \lambda)/(2u)}) + \vec{\varphi}_1$:

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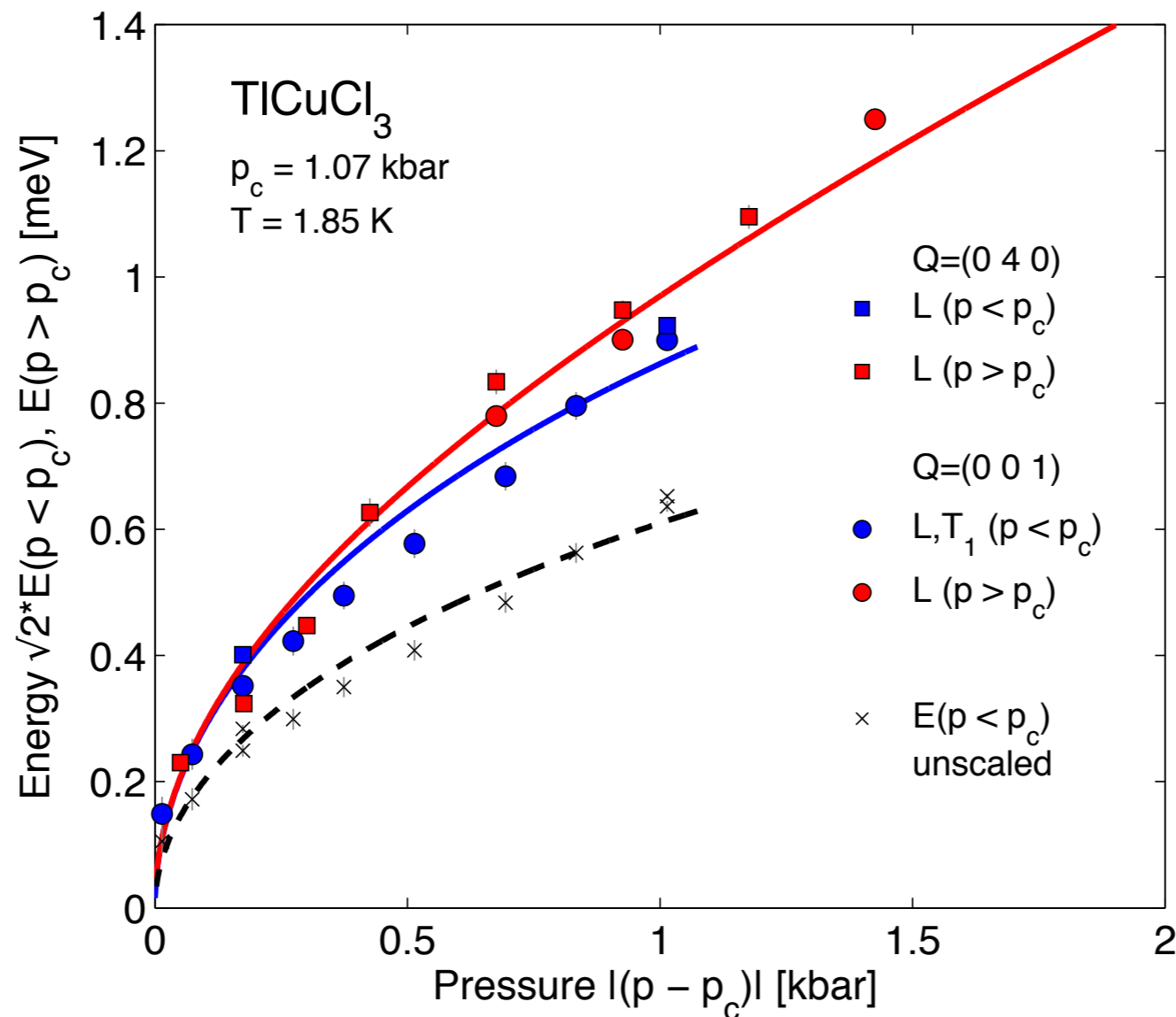
Yields 2 gapless spin waves and one Higgs particle with energy gap $\sim \sqrt{2(\lambda_c - \lambda)}$



Prediction of quantum field theory

$$\frac{\text{Energy of Higgs particle}}{\text{Energy of triplon}} = \sqrt{2}$$

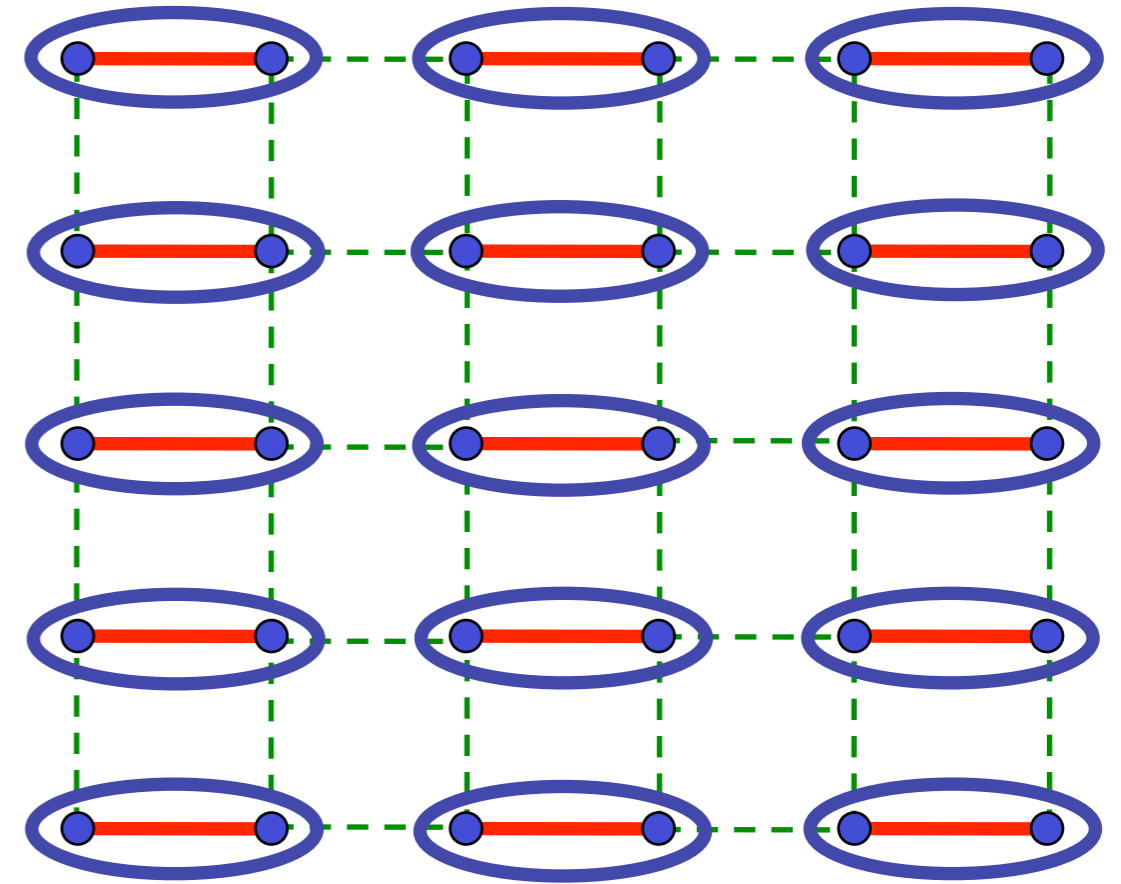
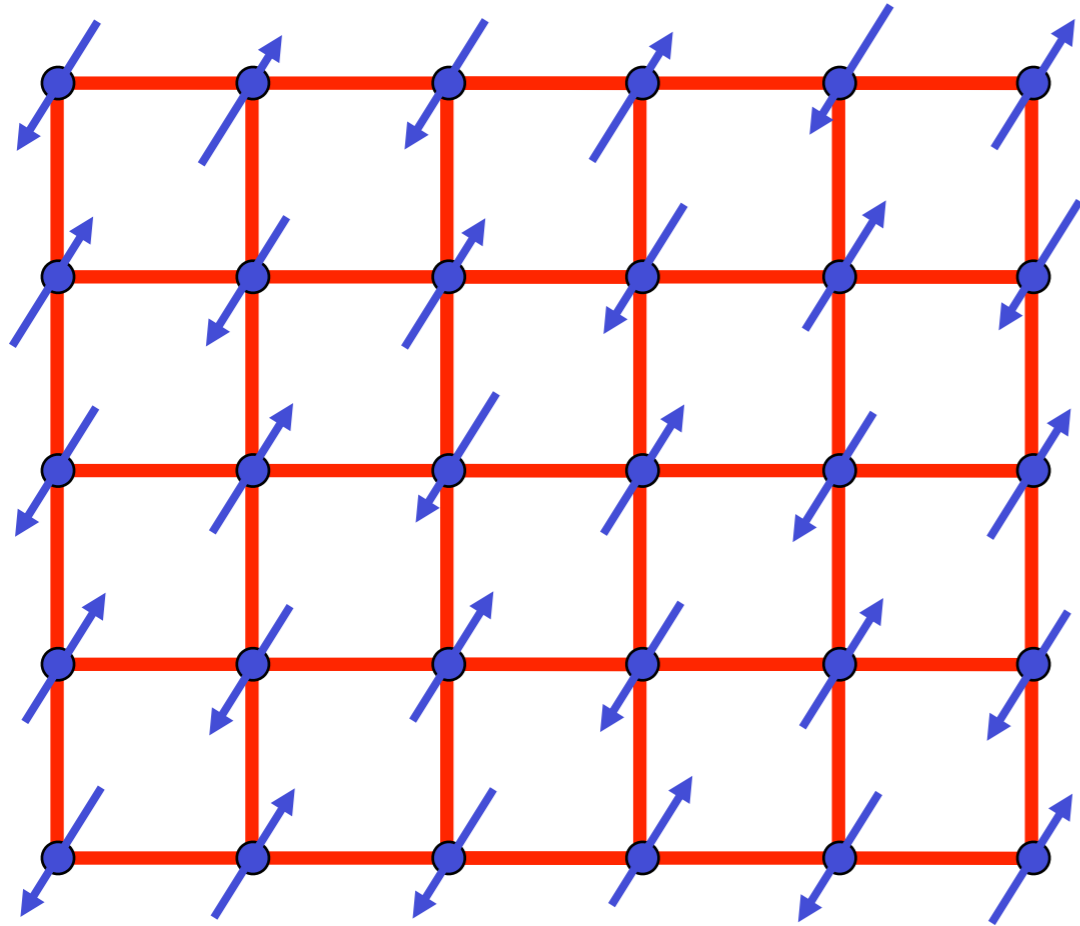
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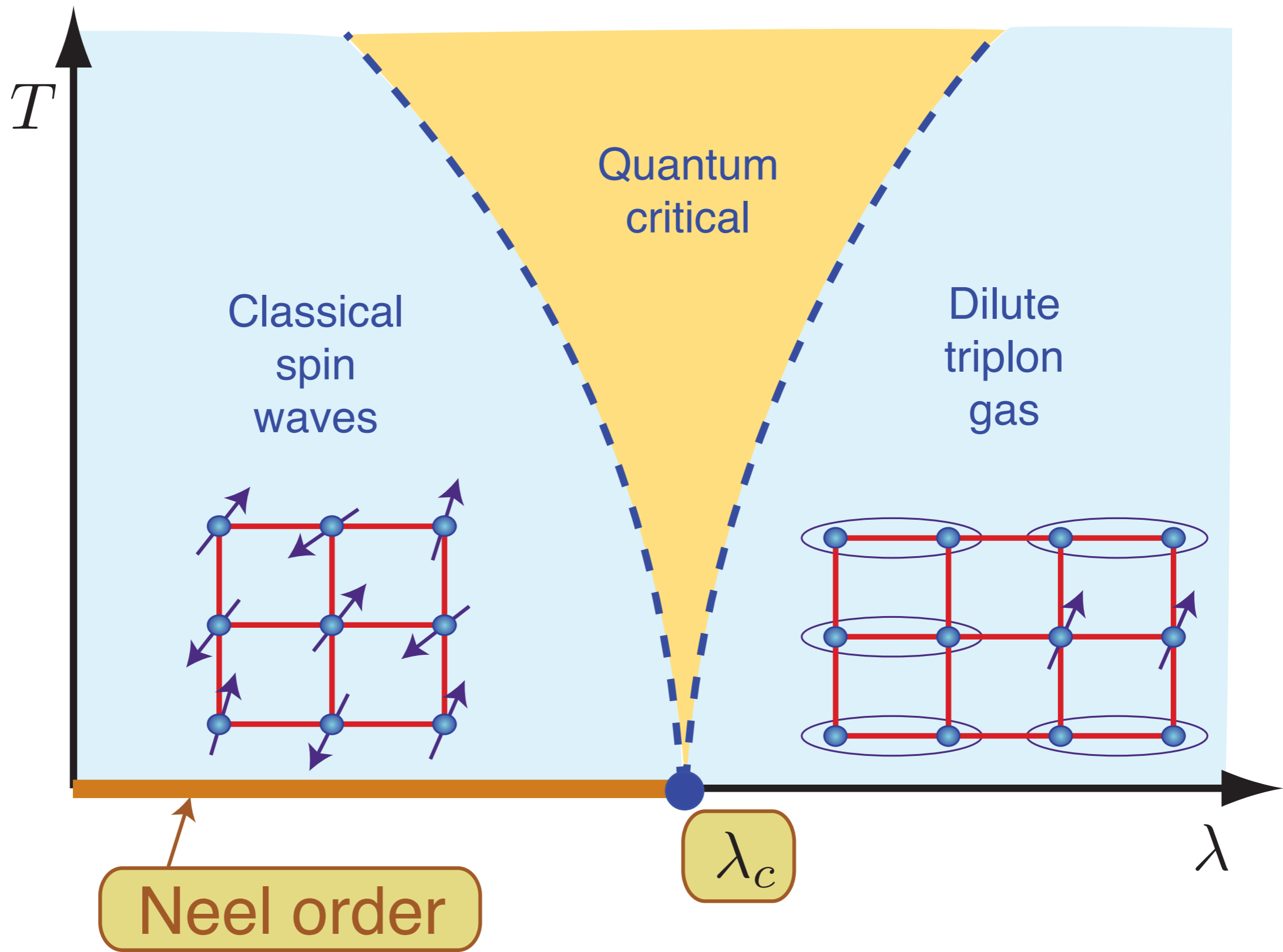
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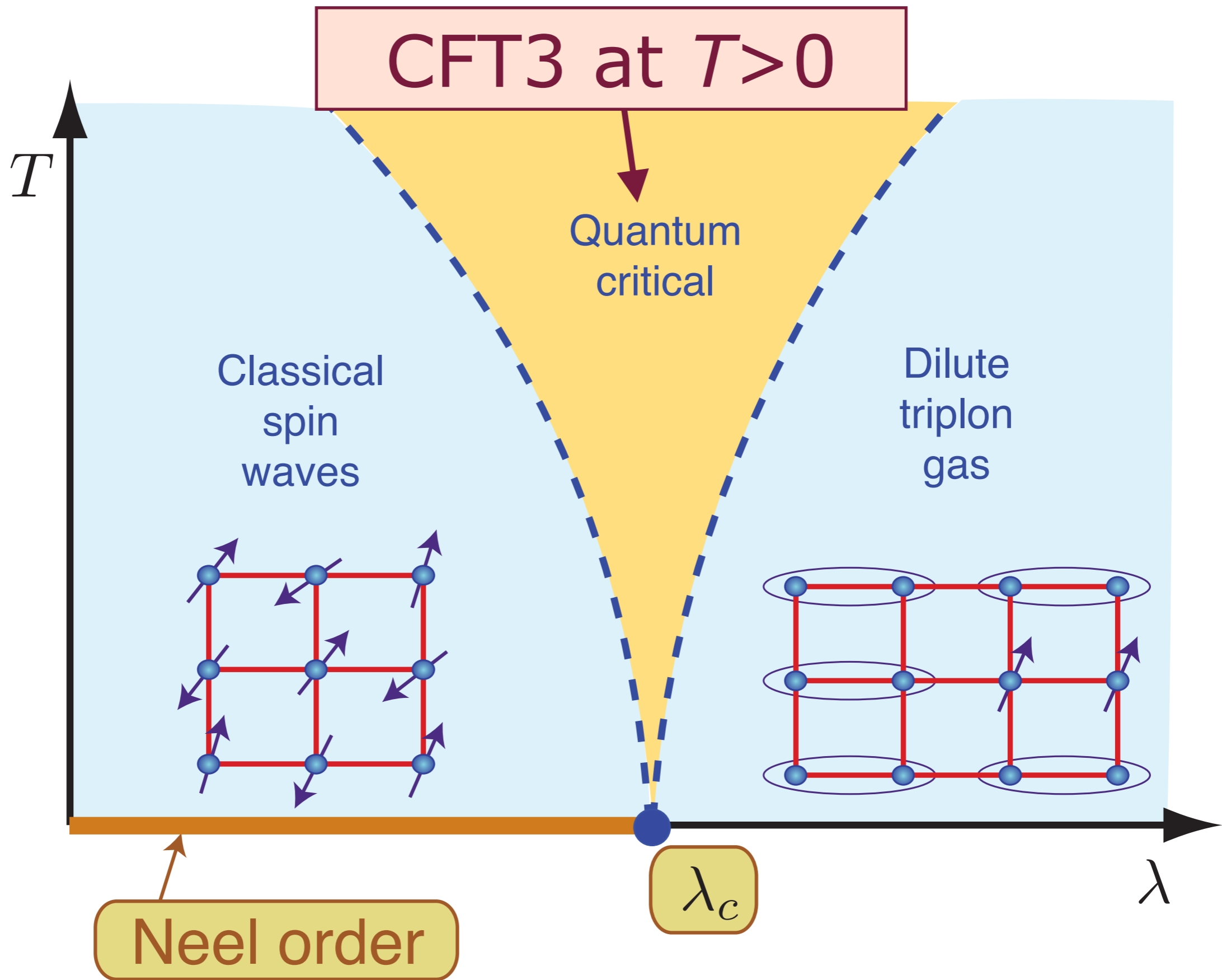
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CFT3

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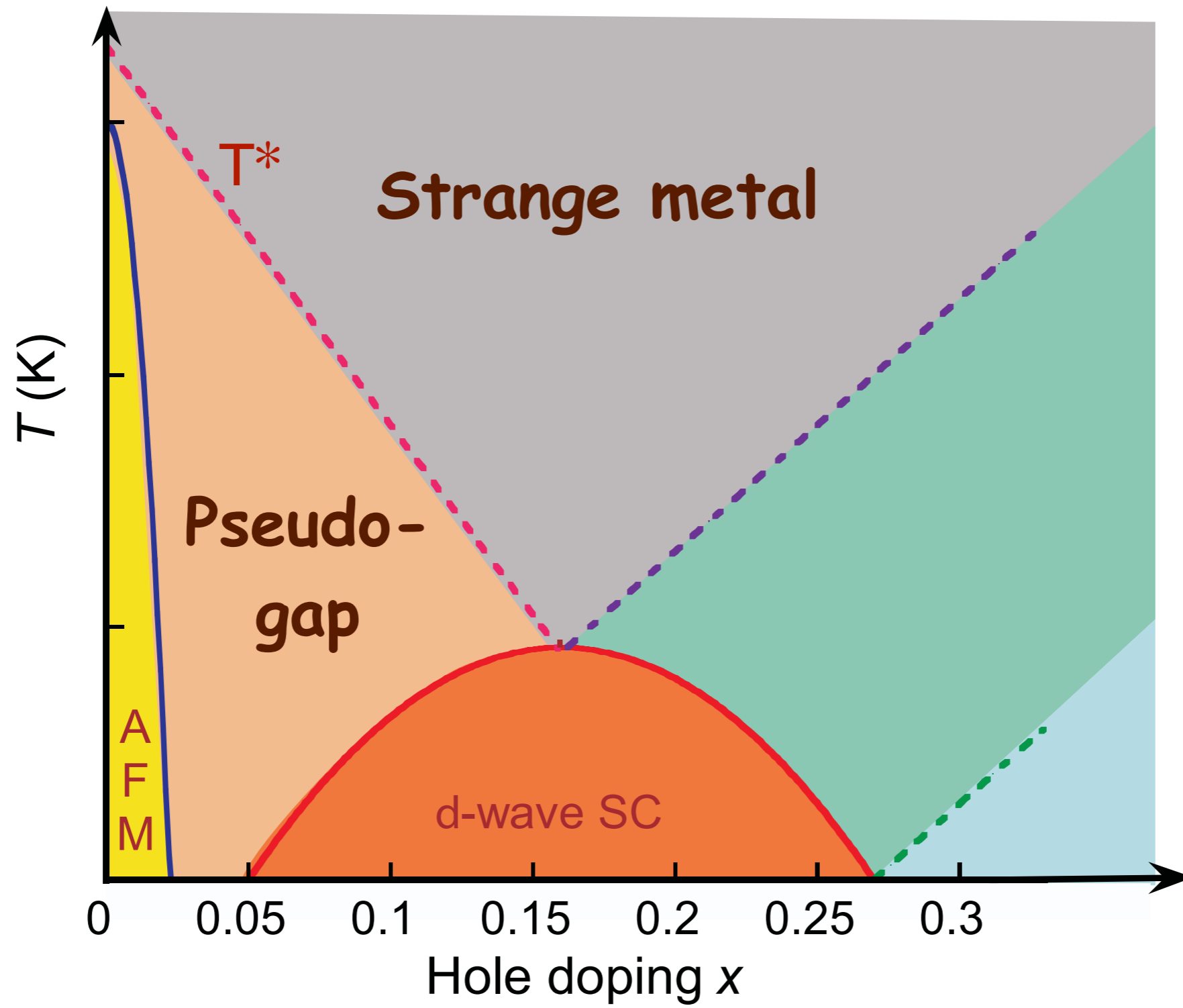


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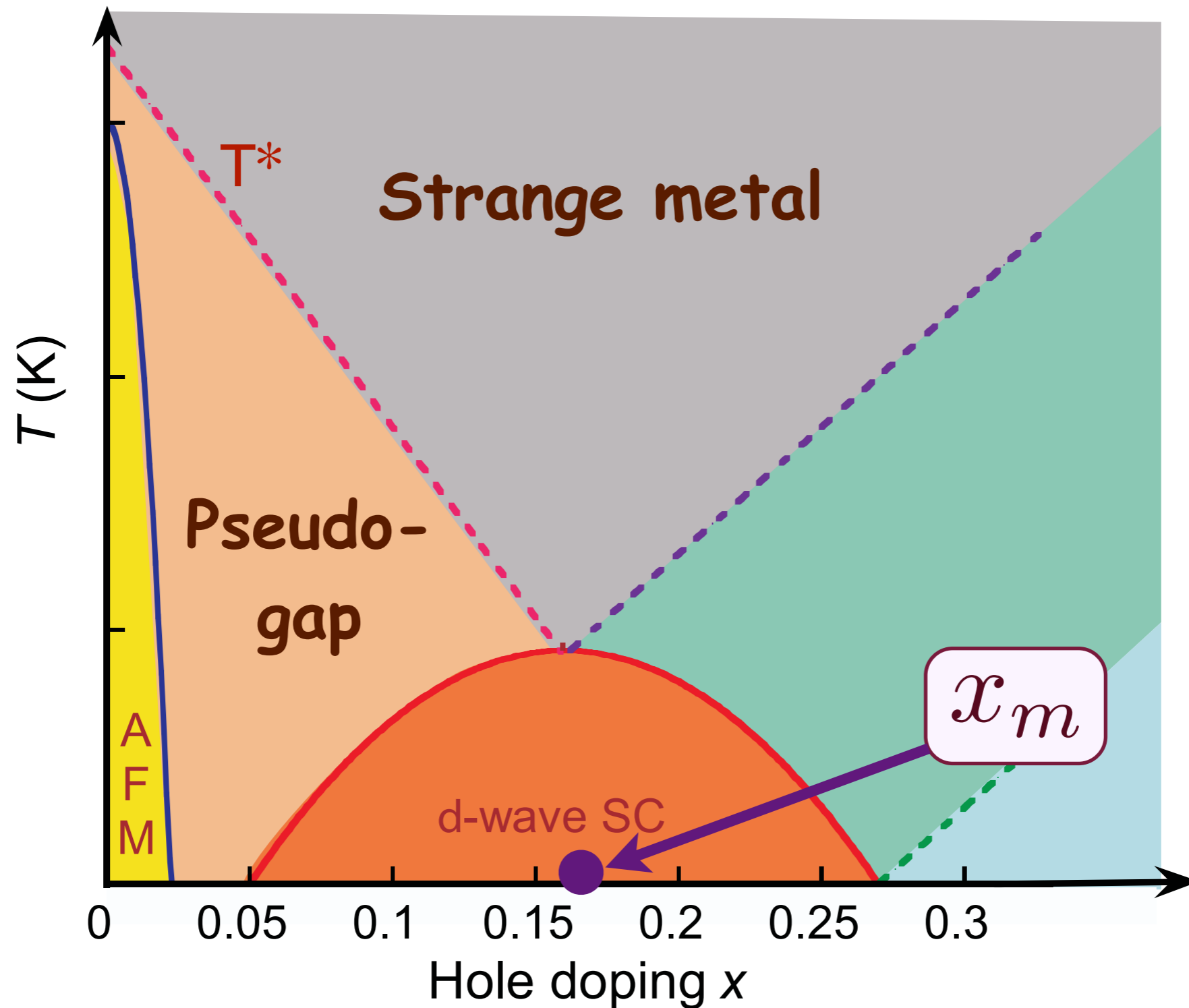
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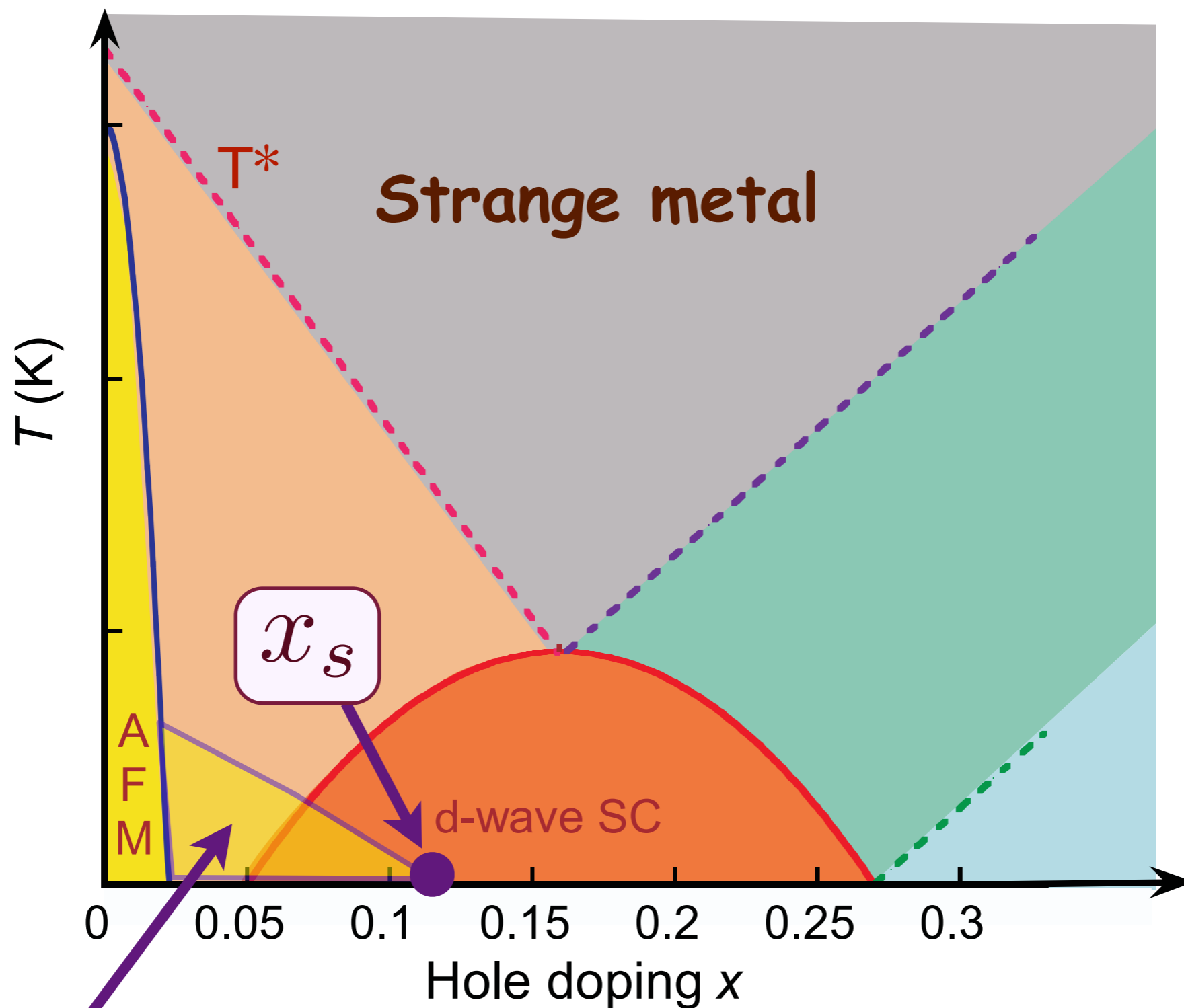
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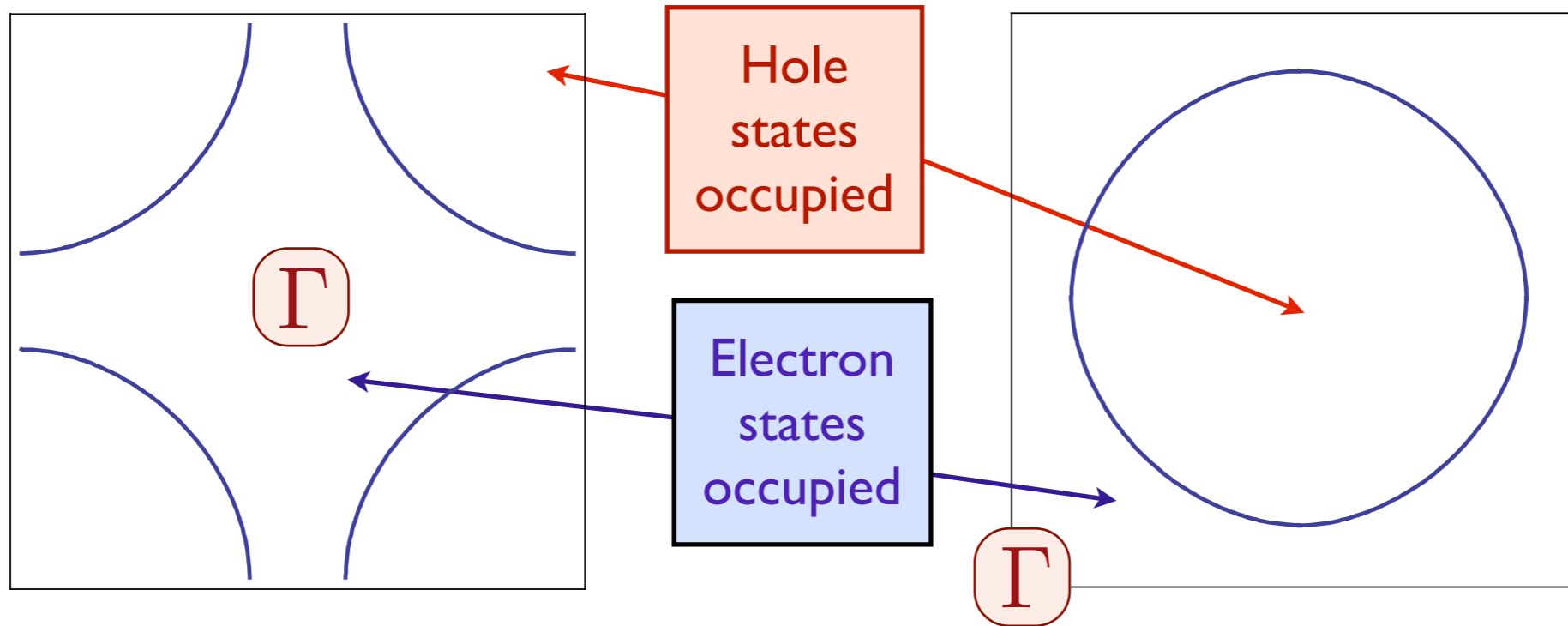
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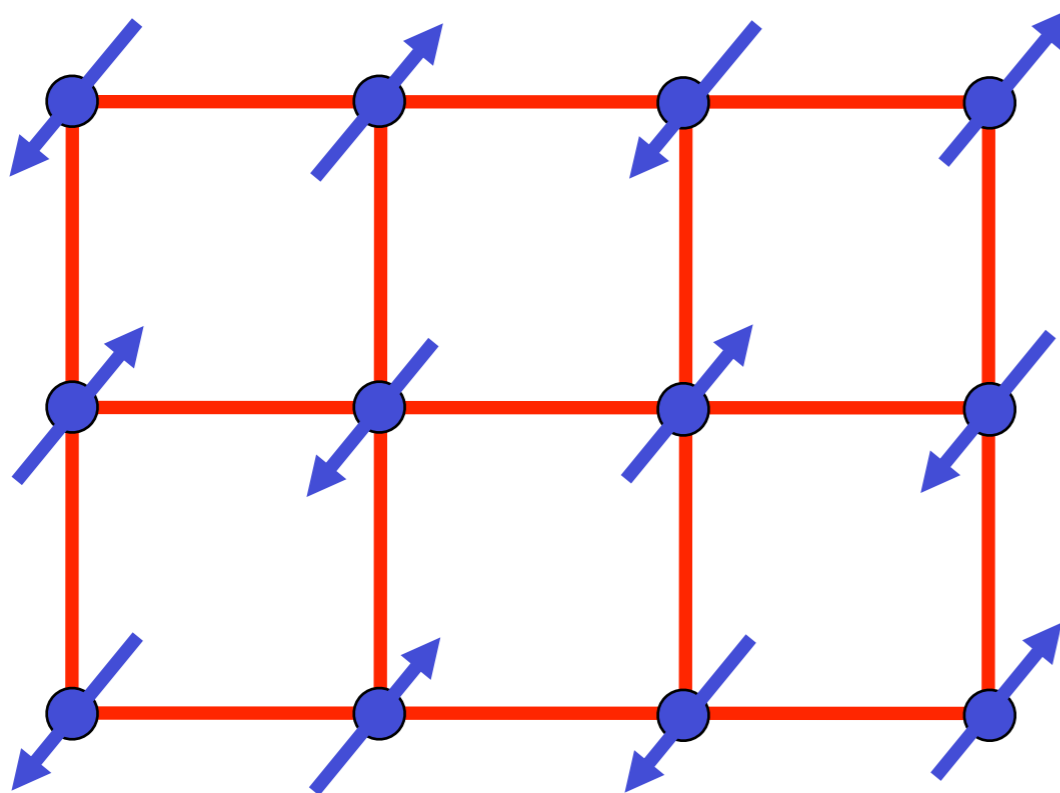
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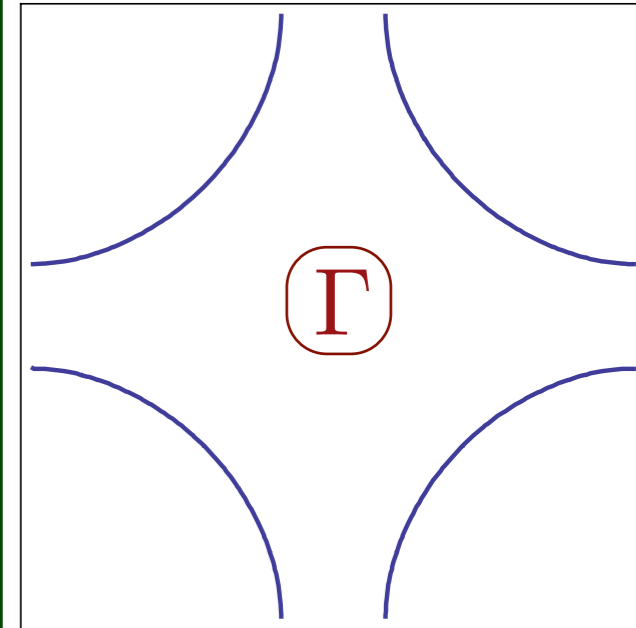
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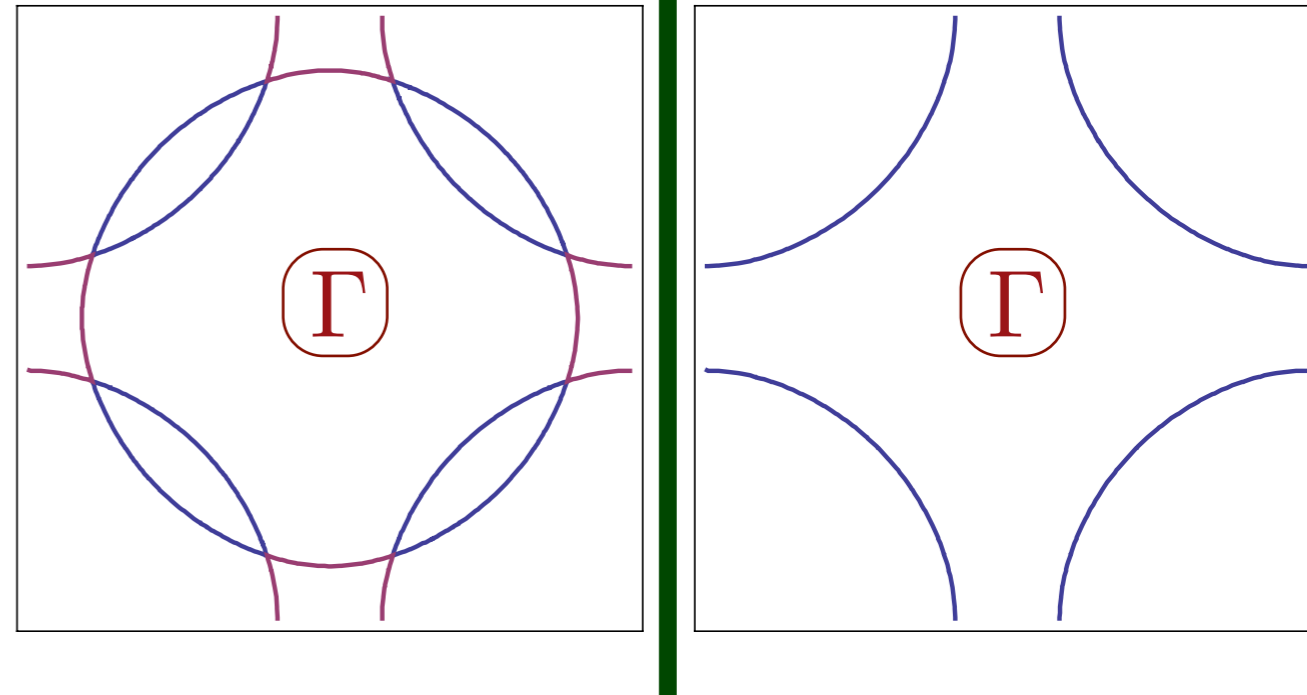
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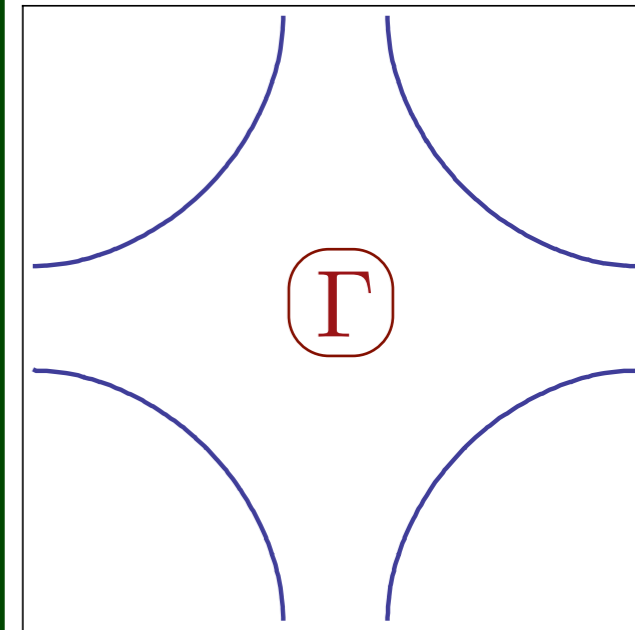
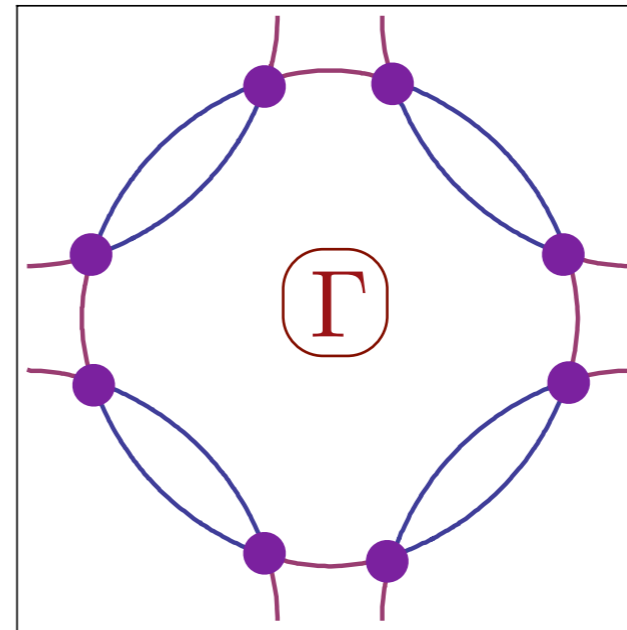
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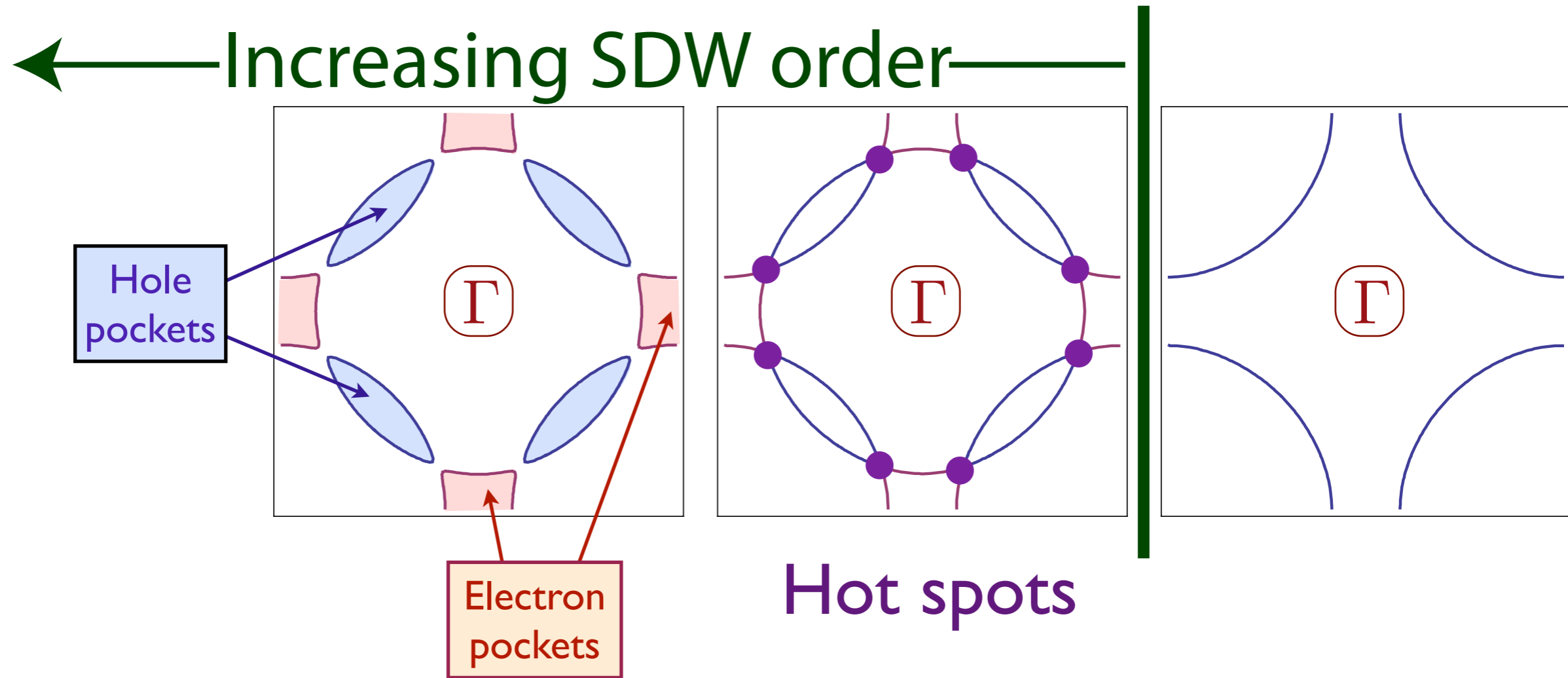
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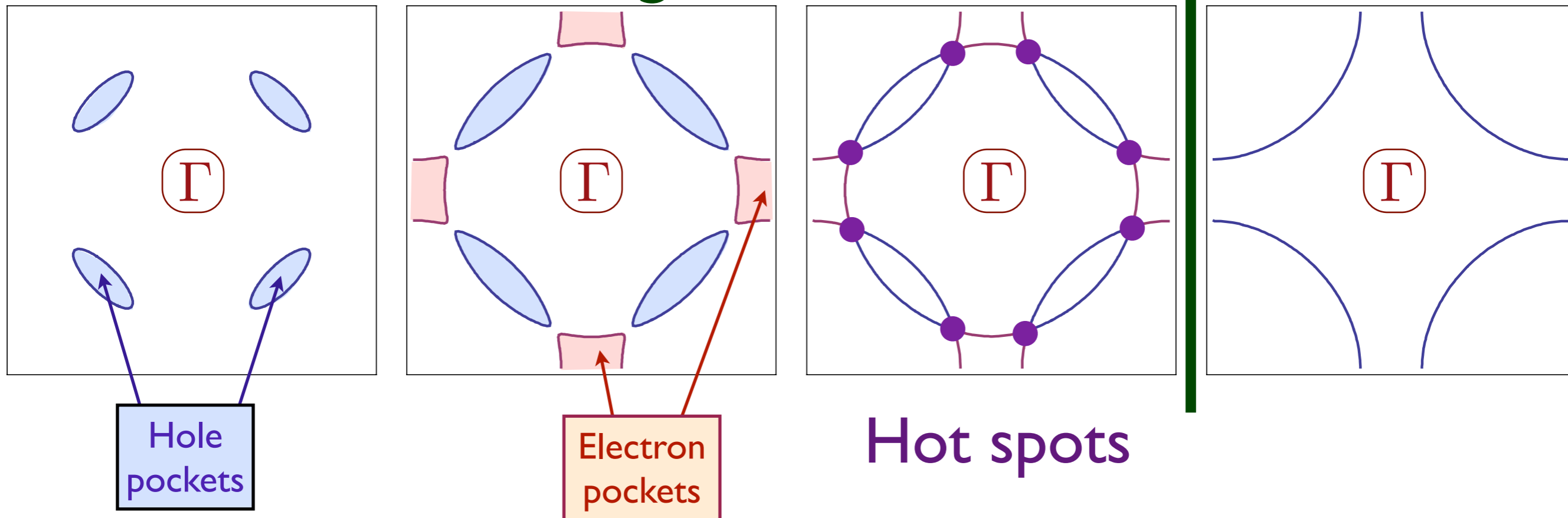


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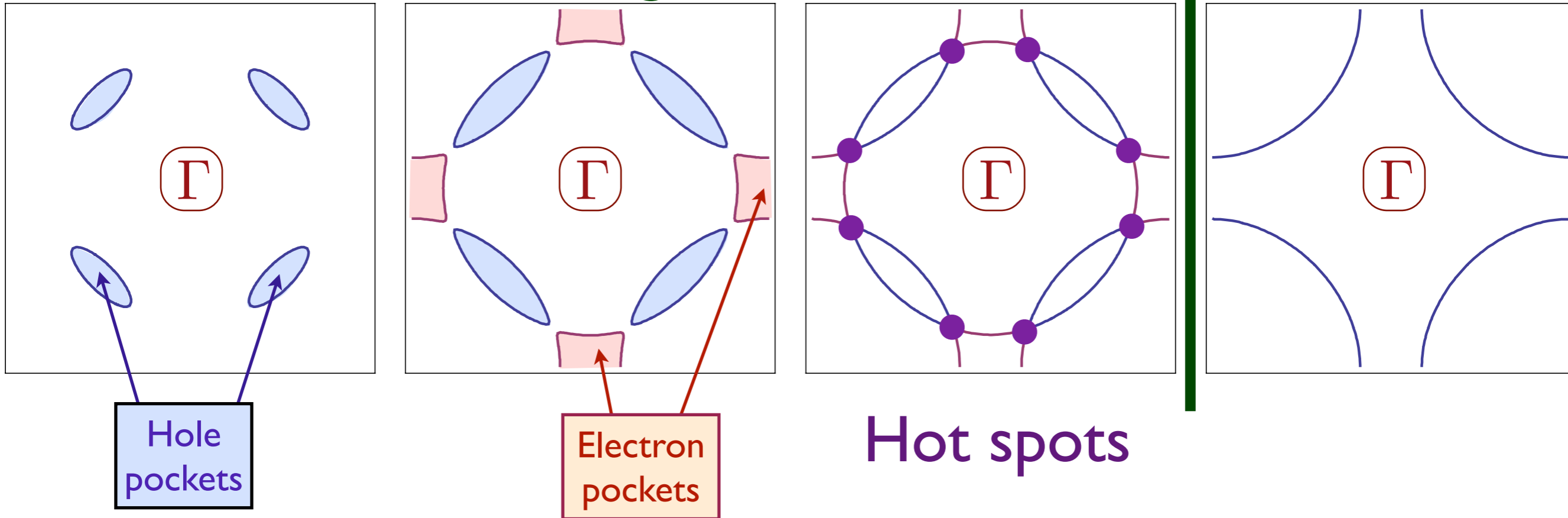


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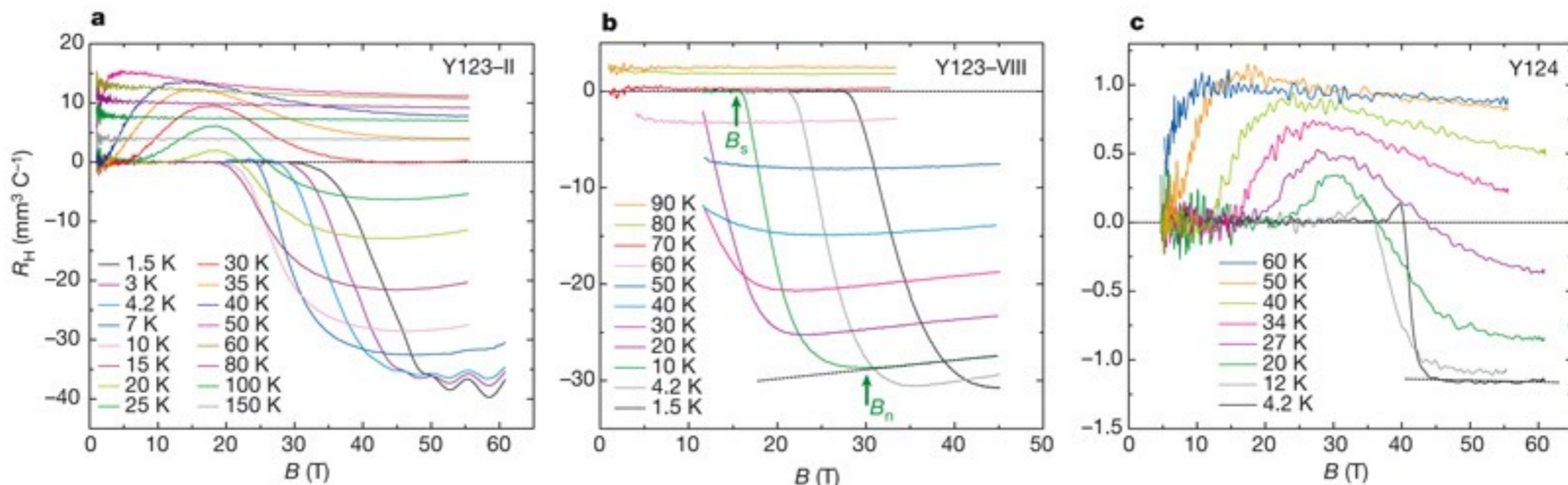
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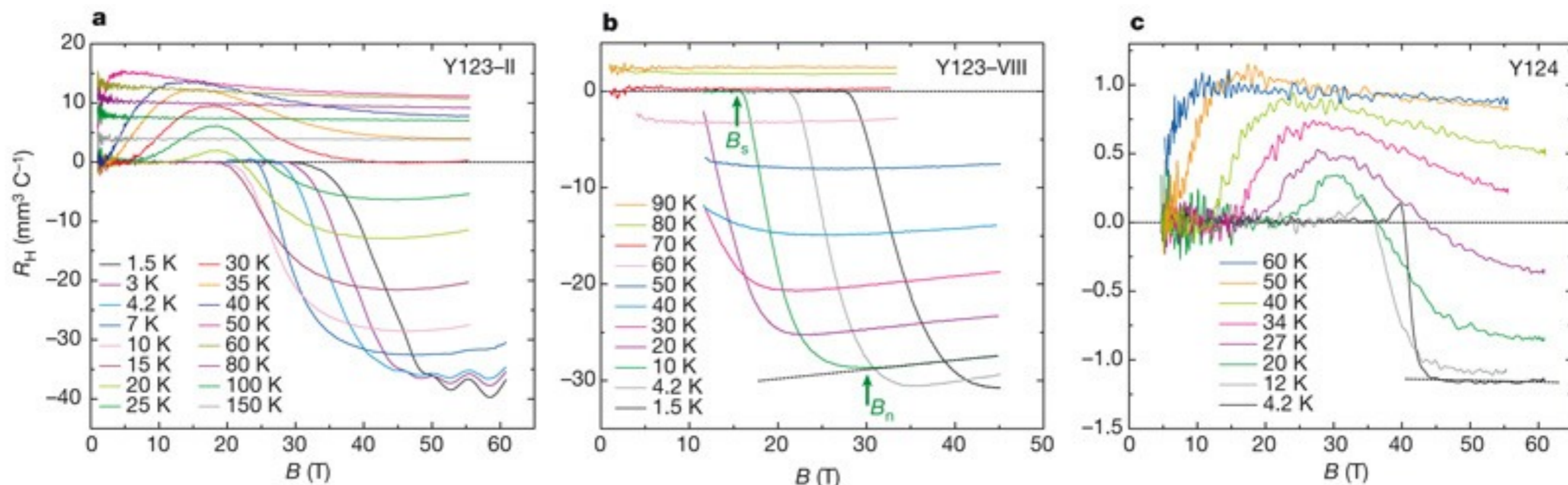


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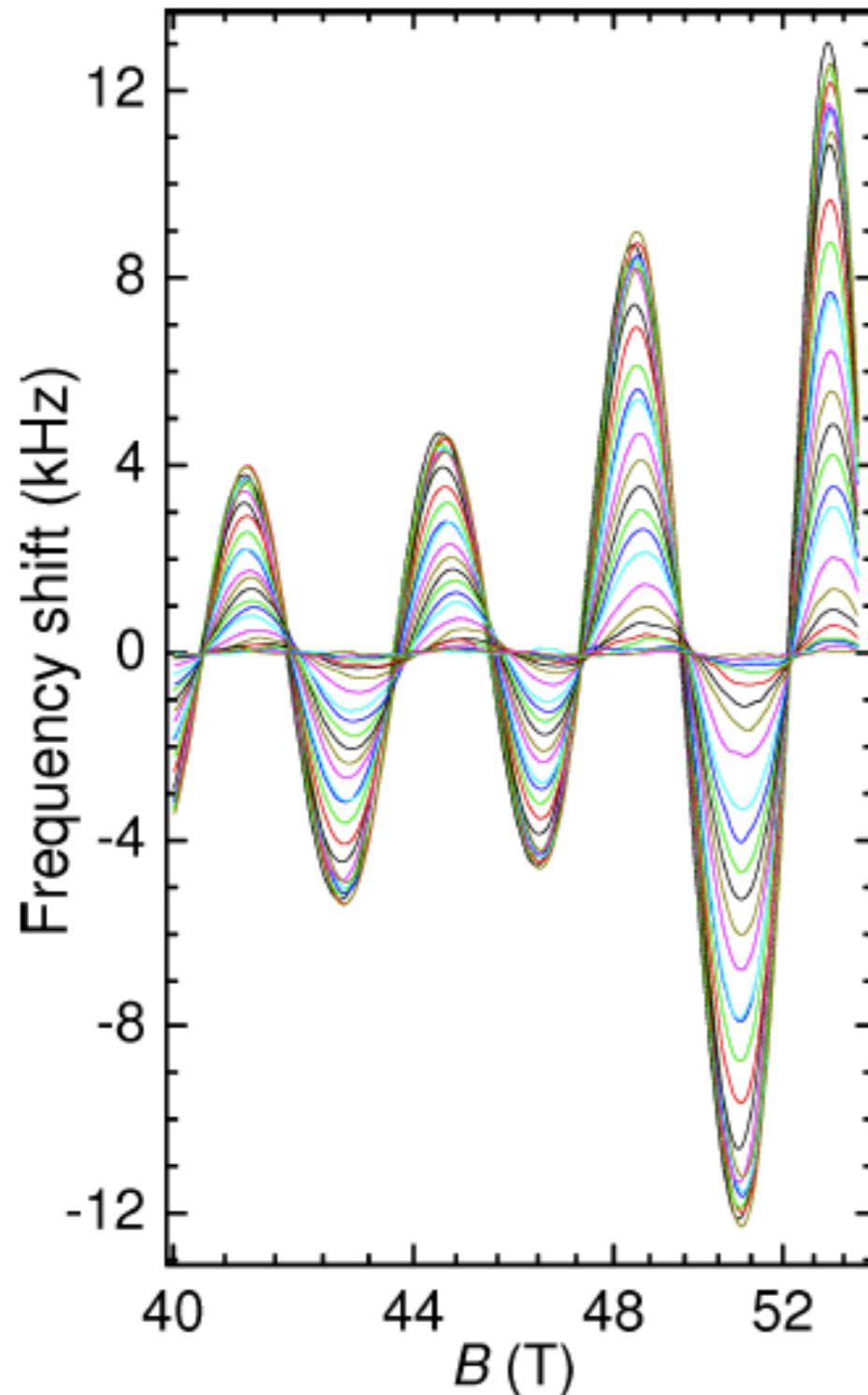
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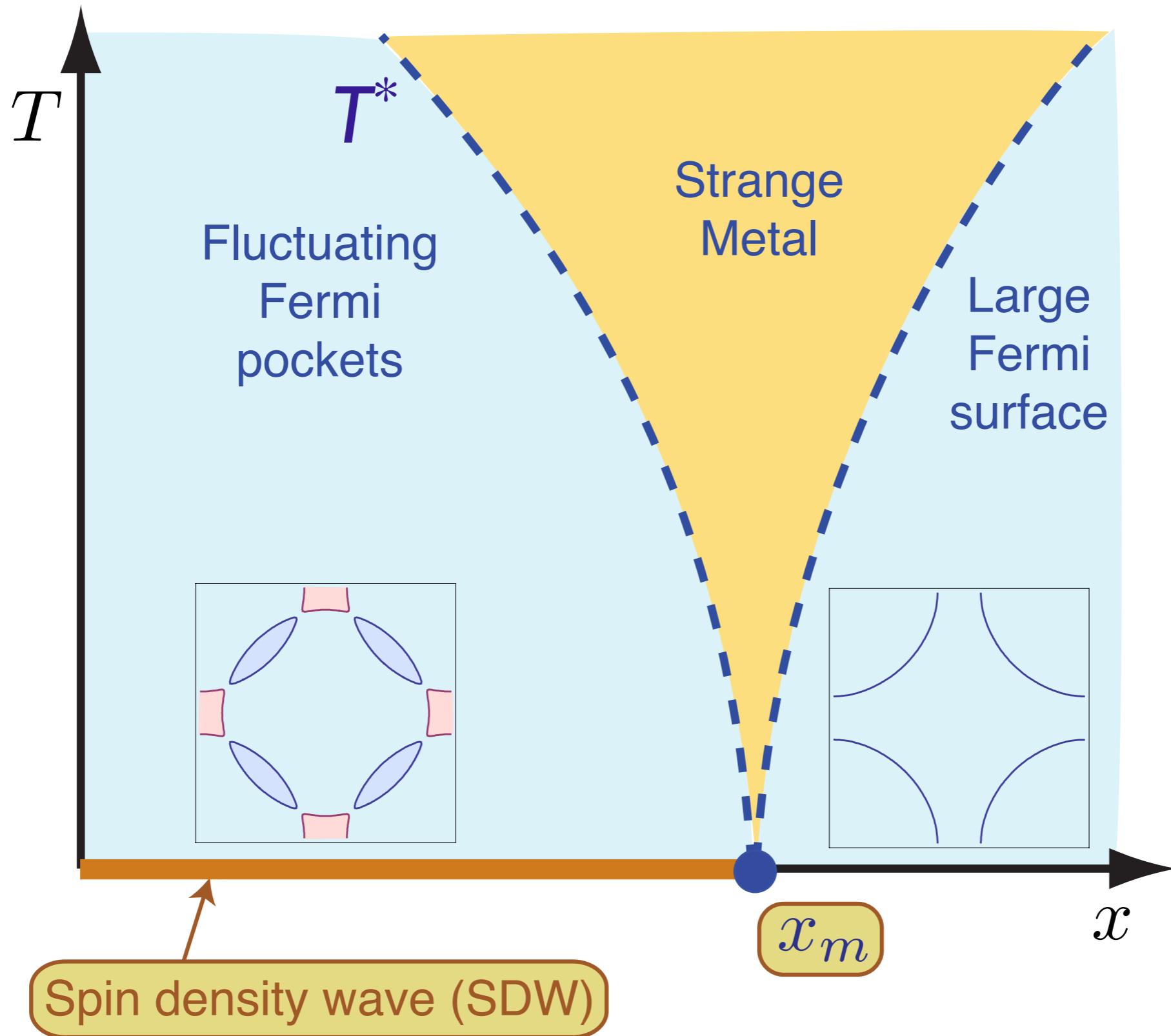
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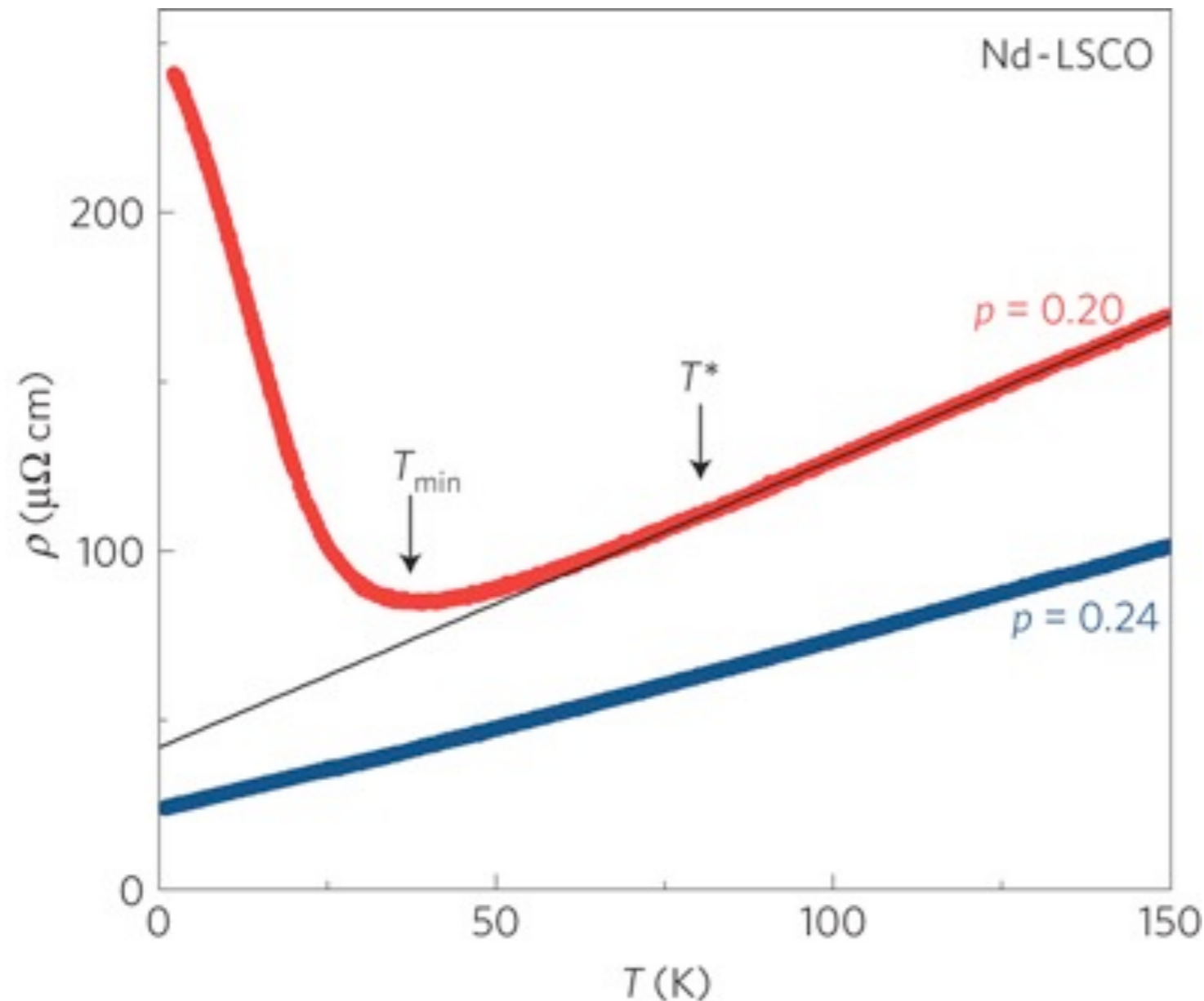
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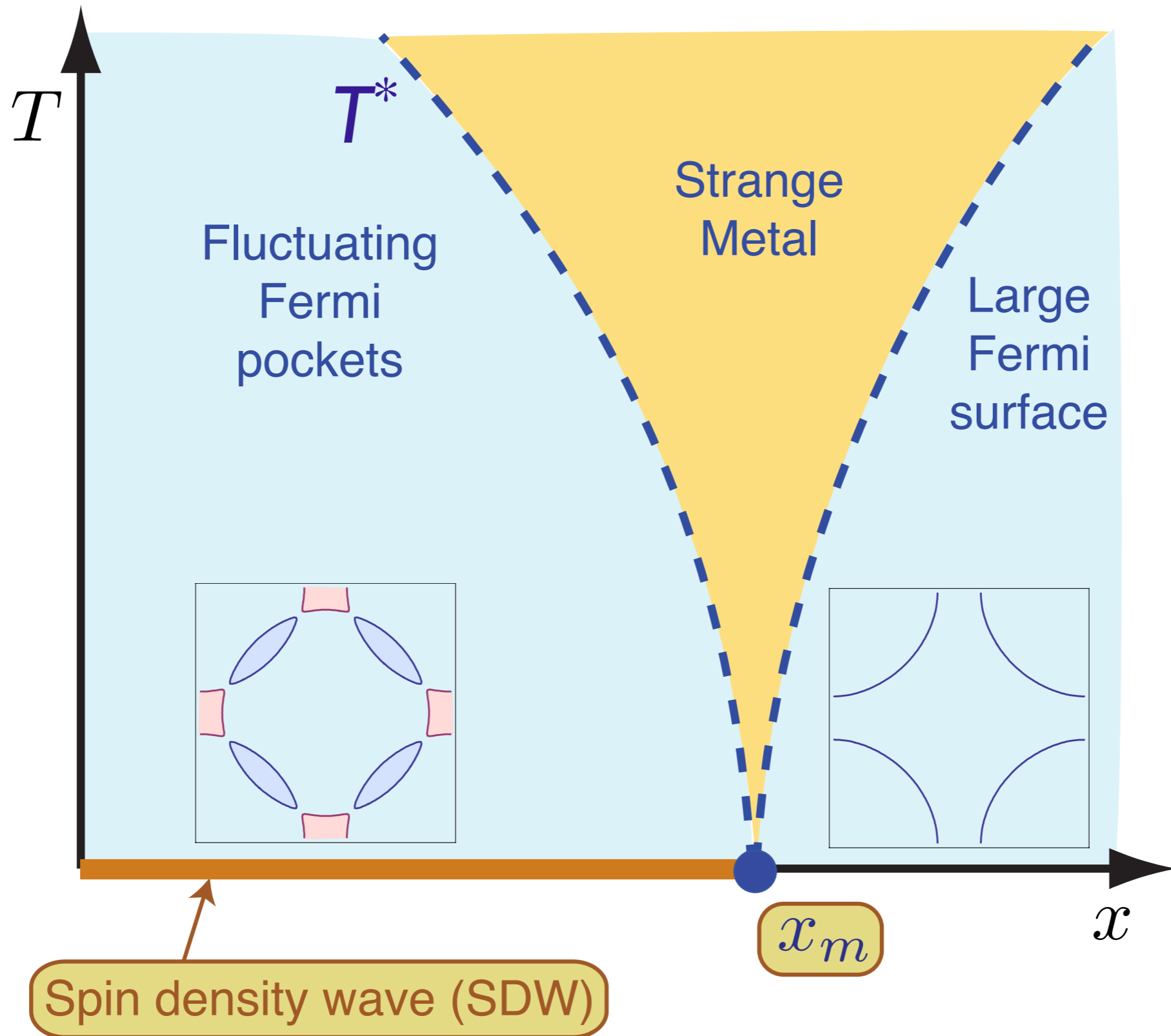
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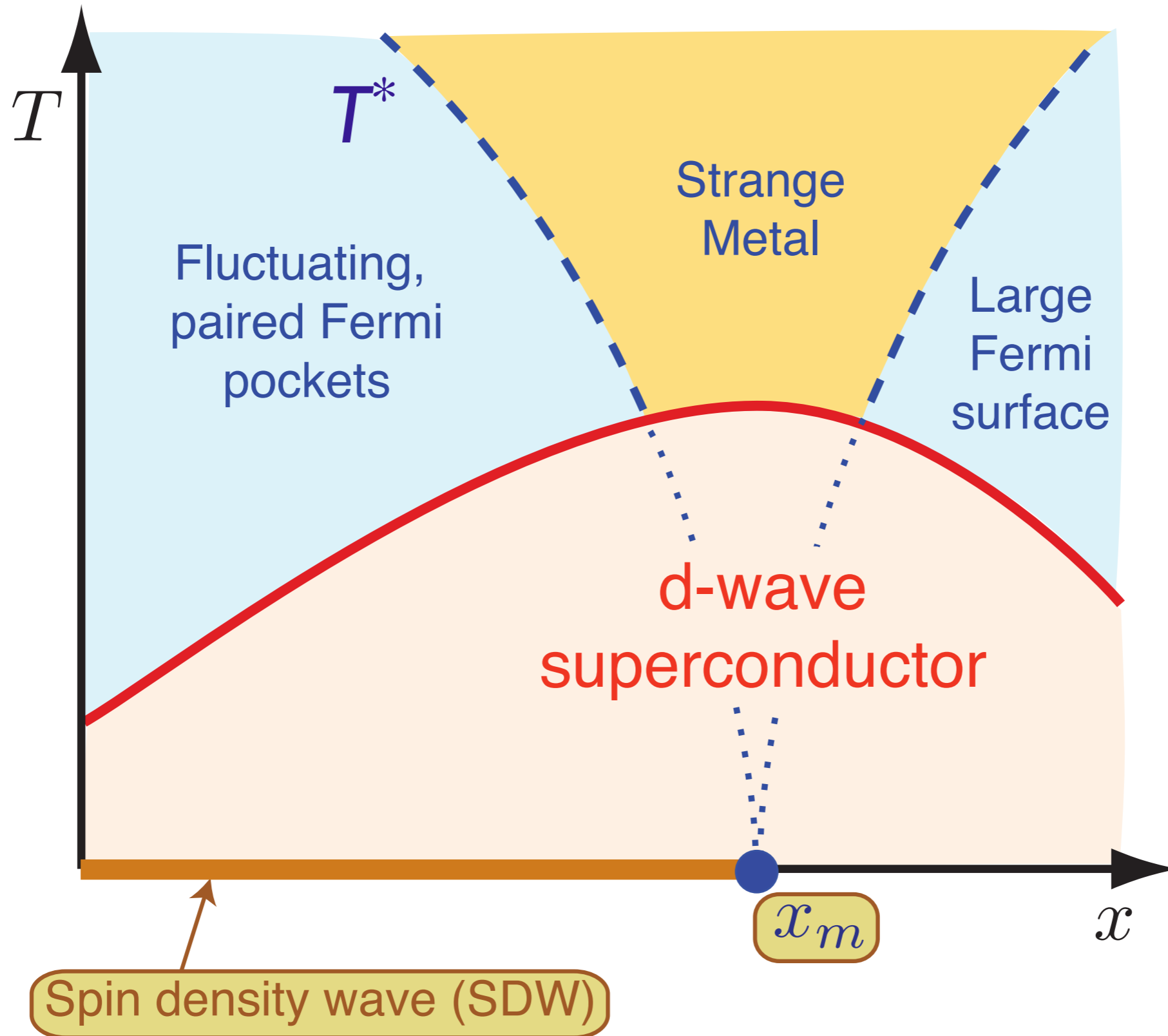
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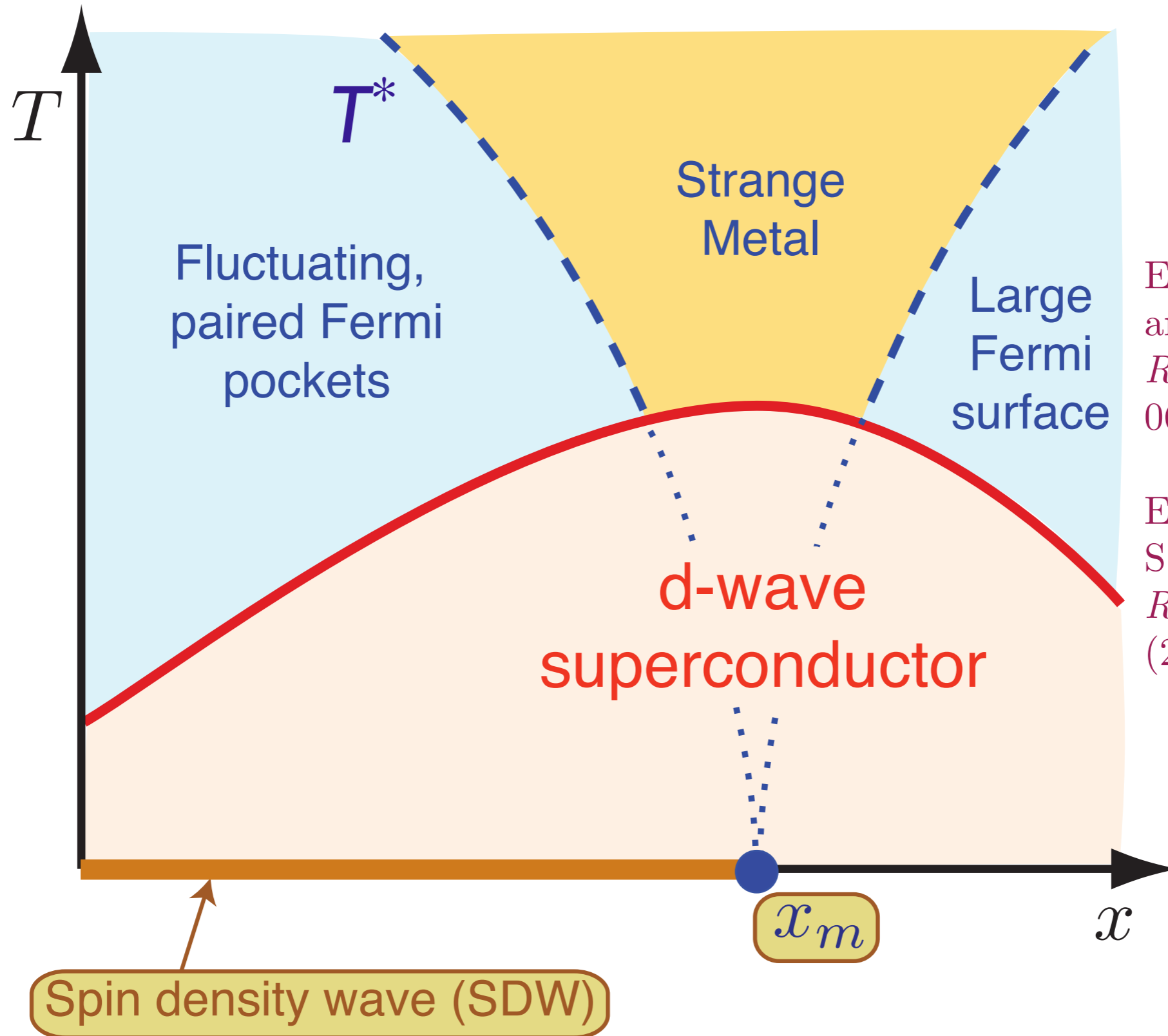
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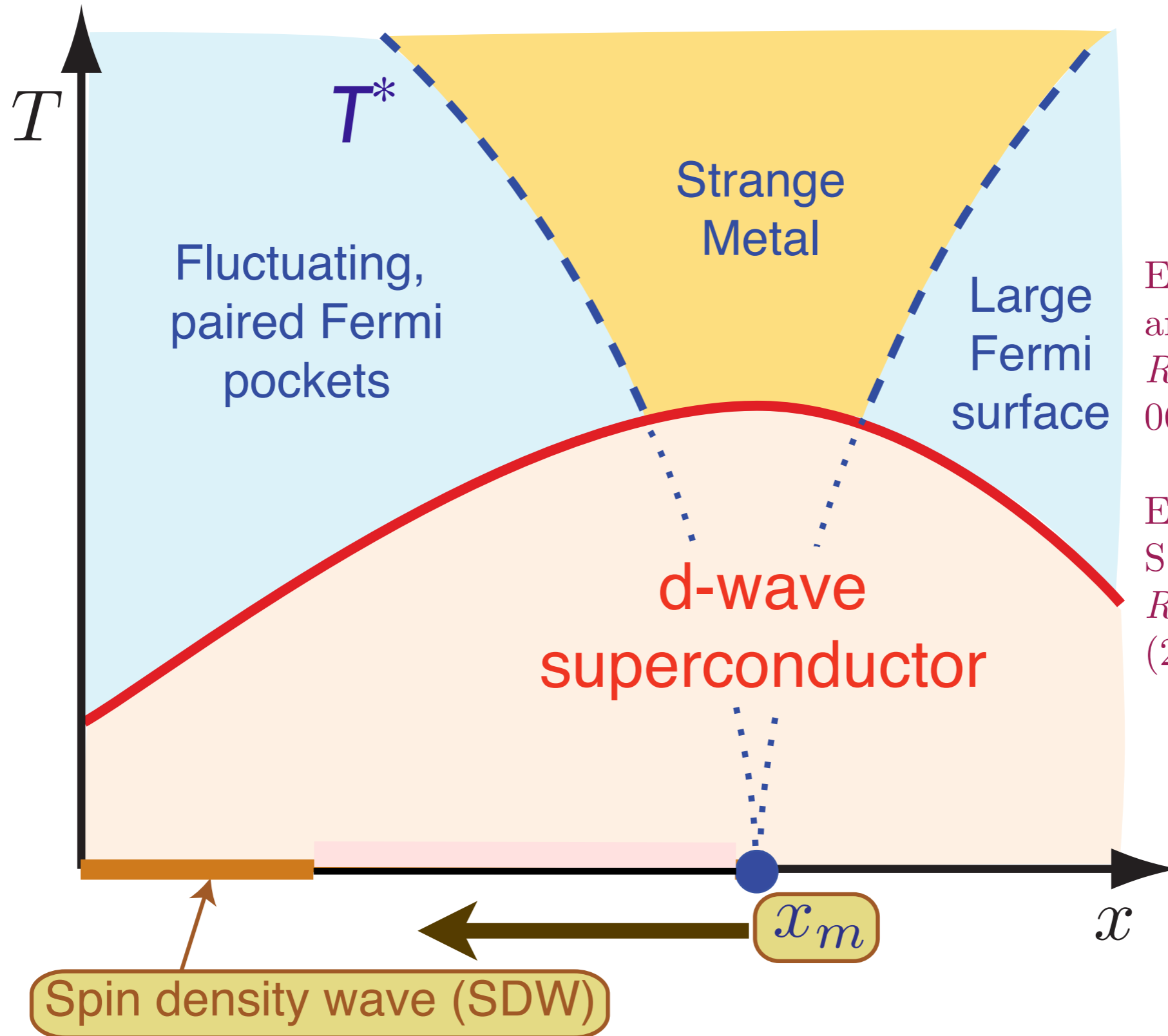


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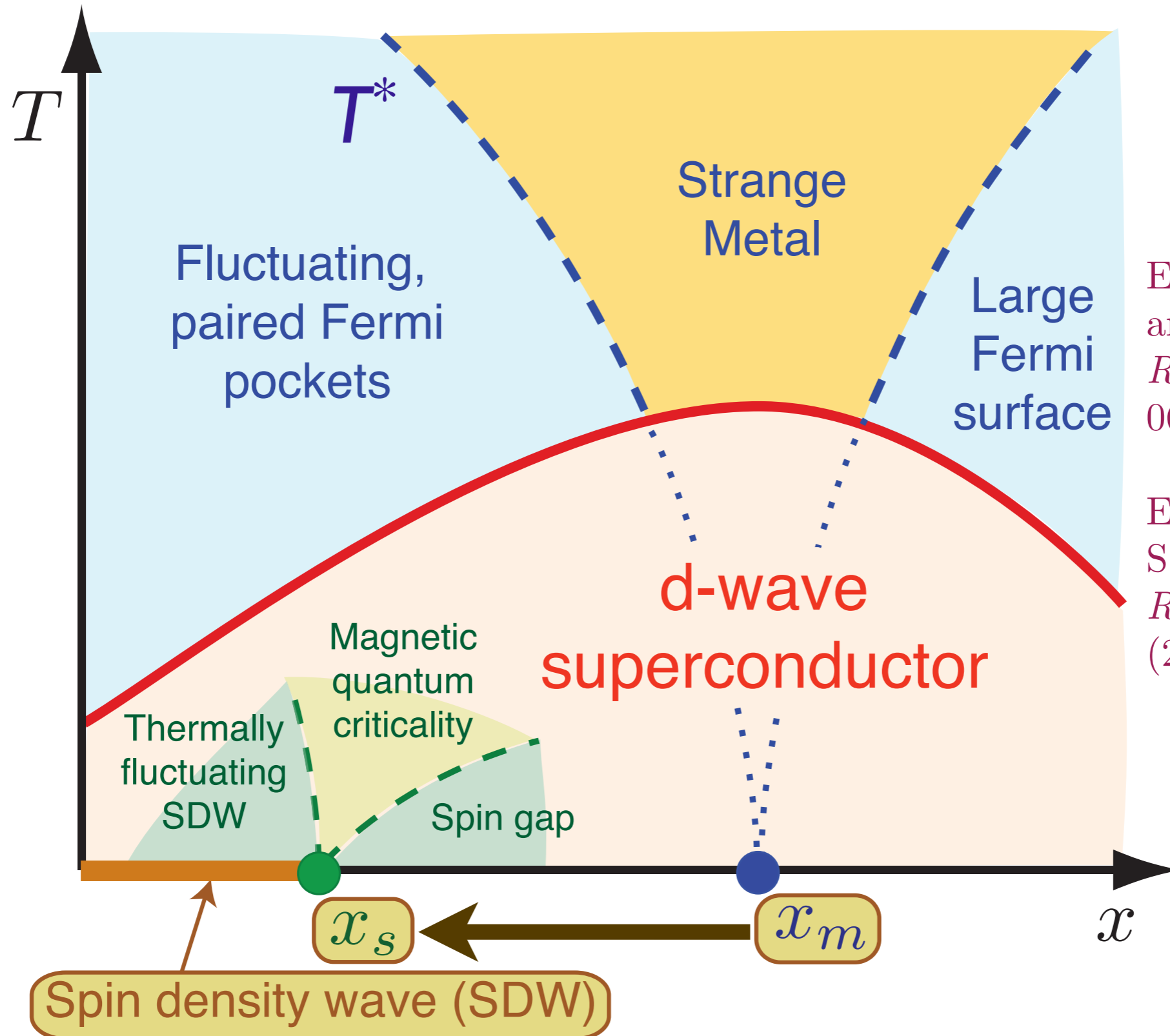


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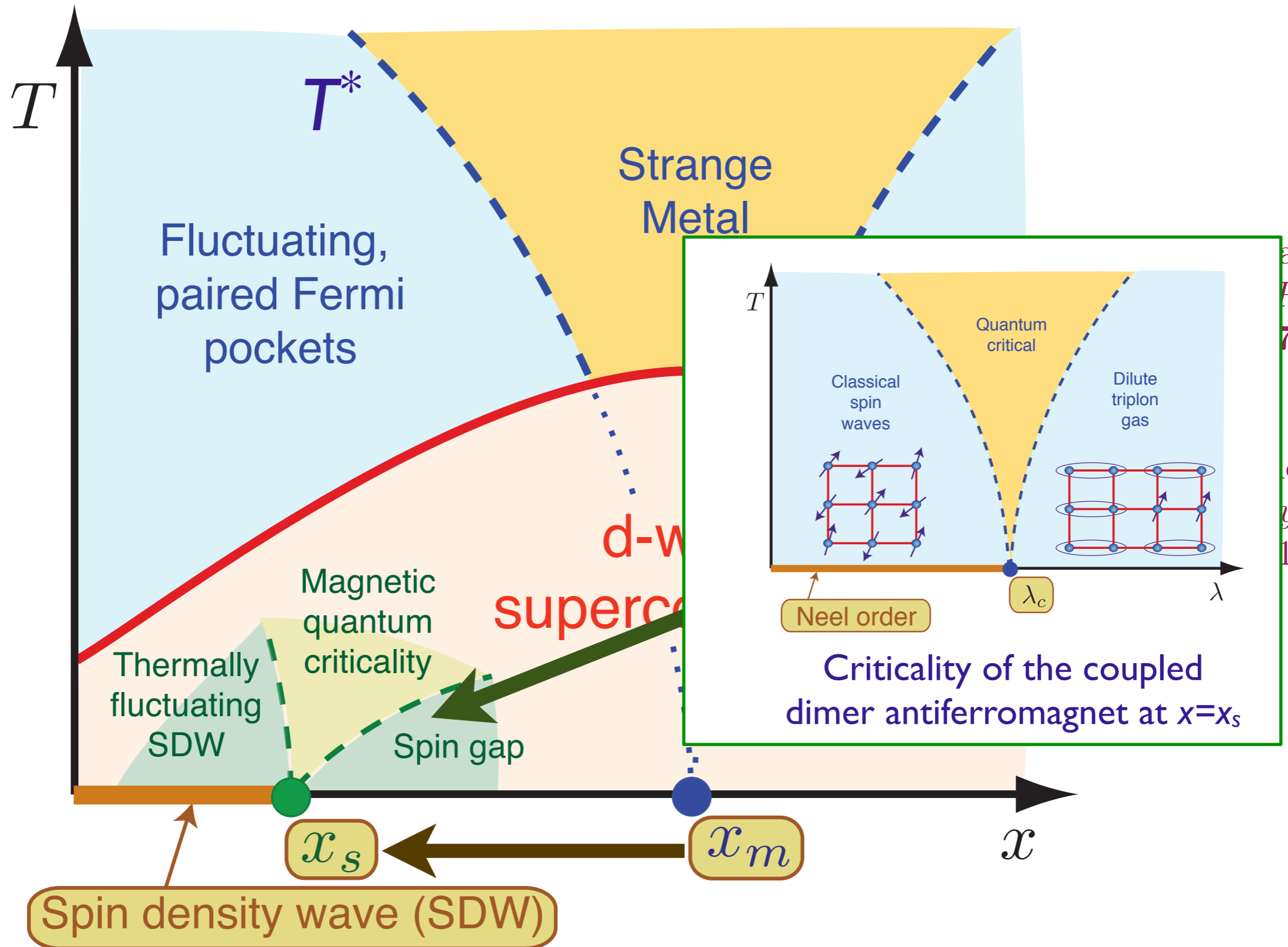


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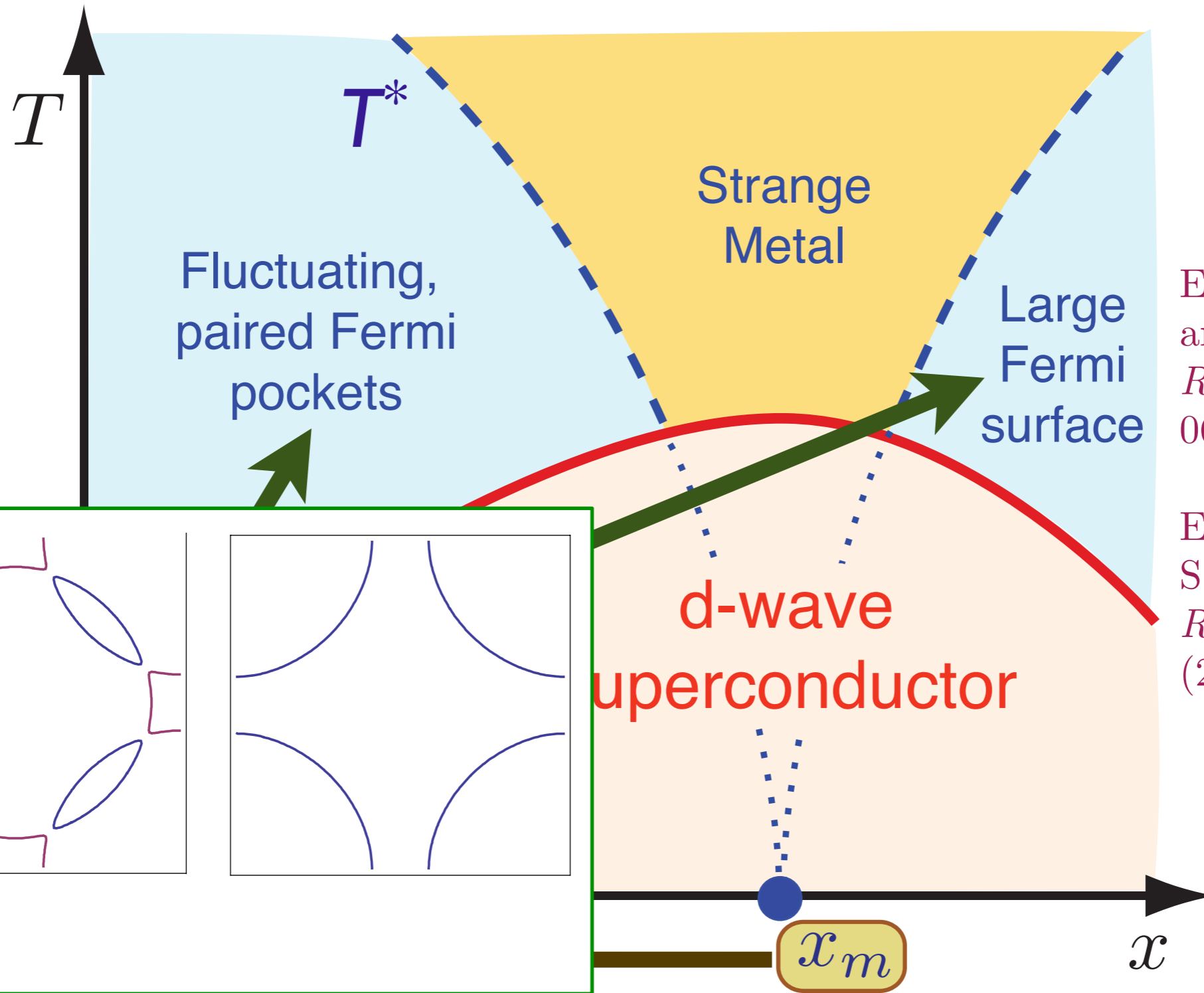
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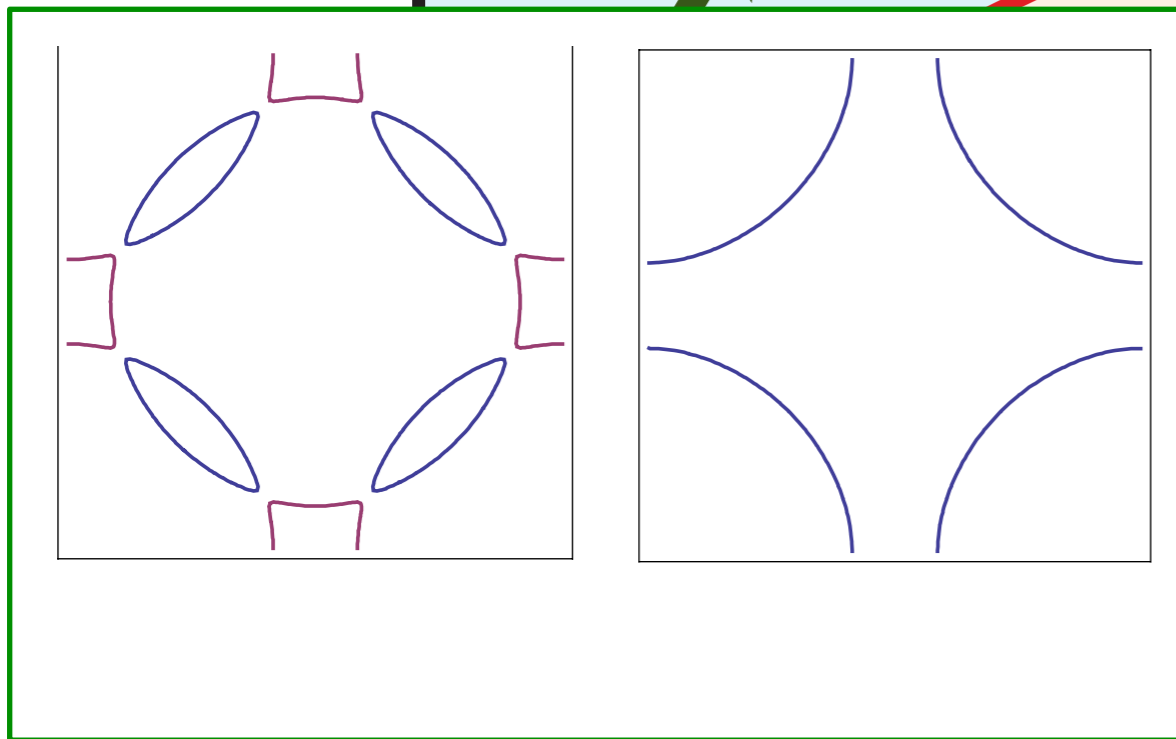
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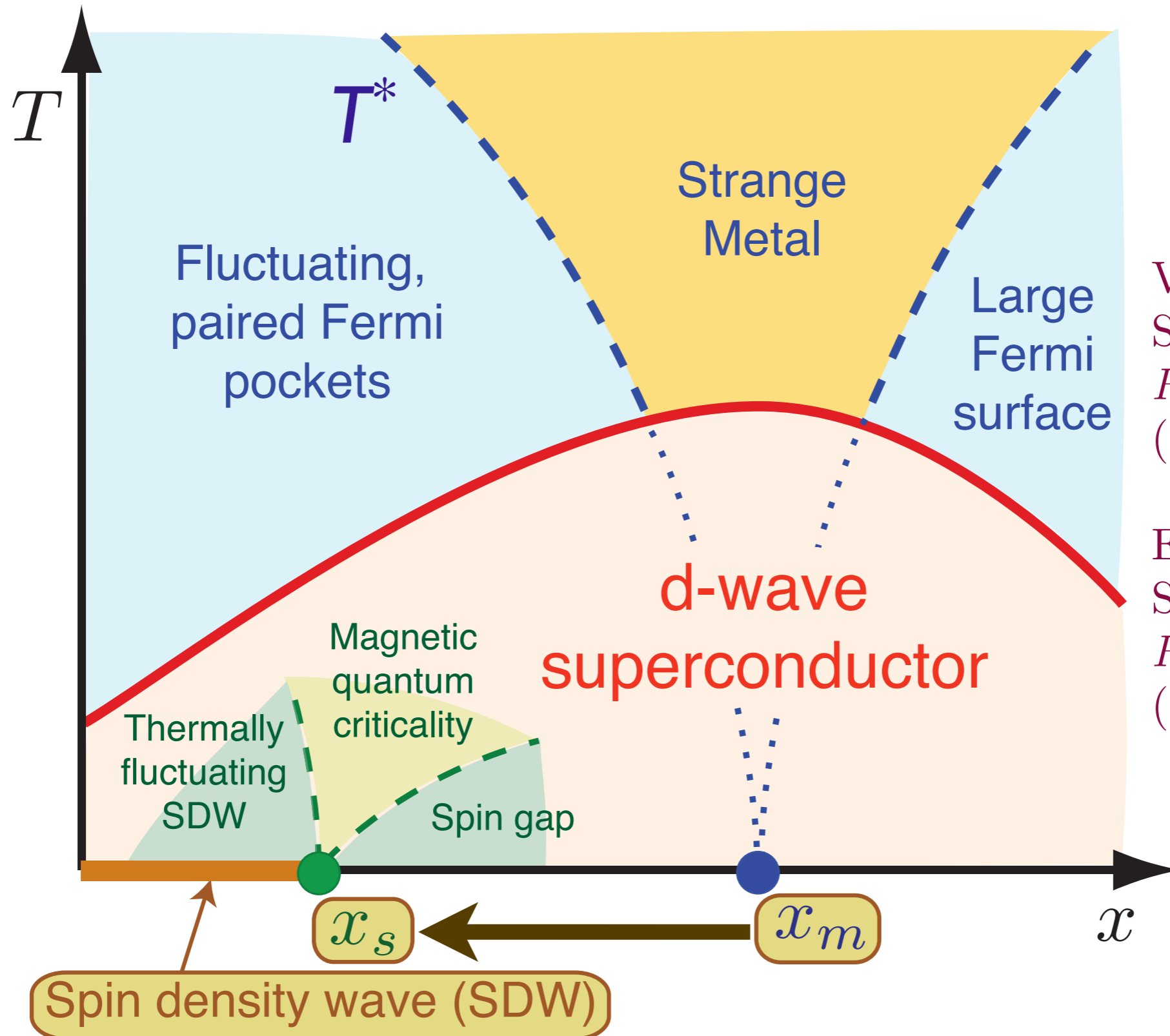
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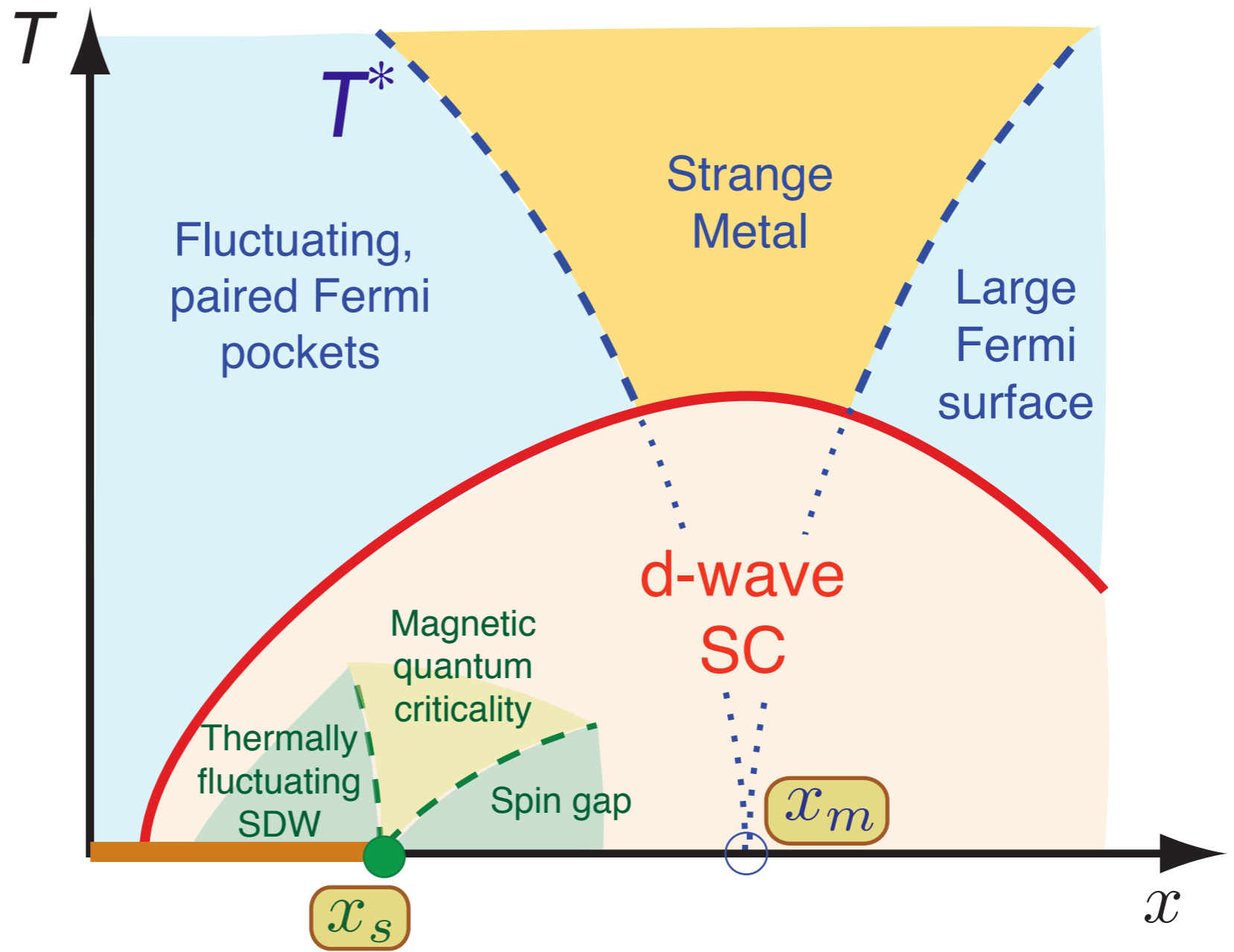
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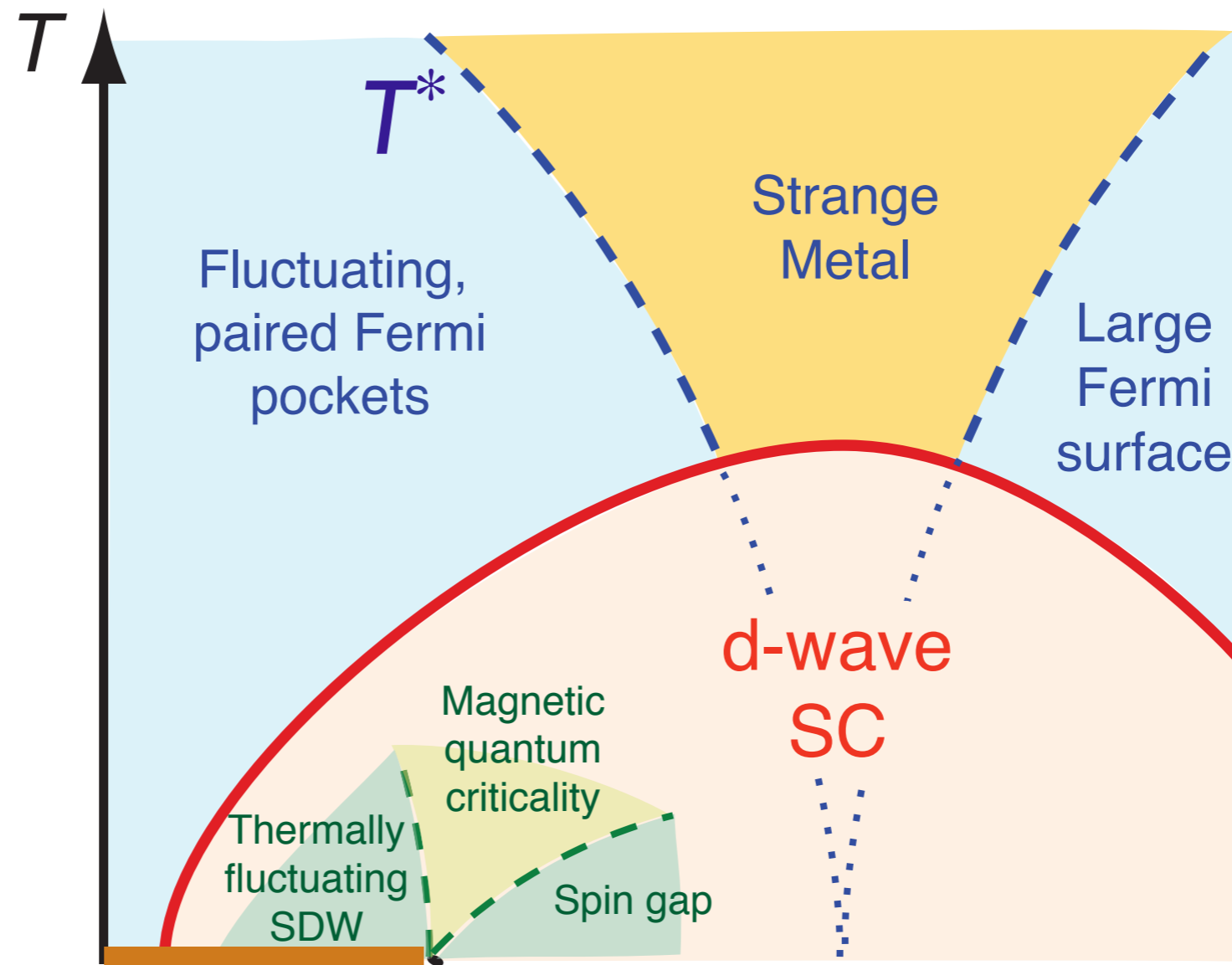
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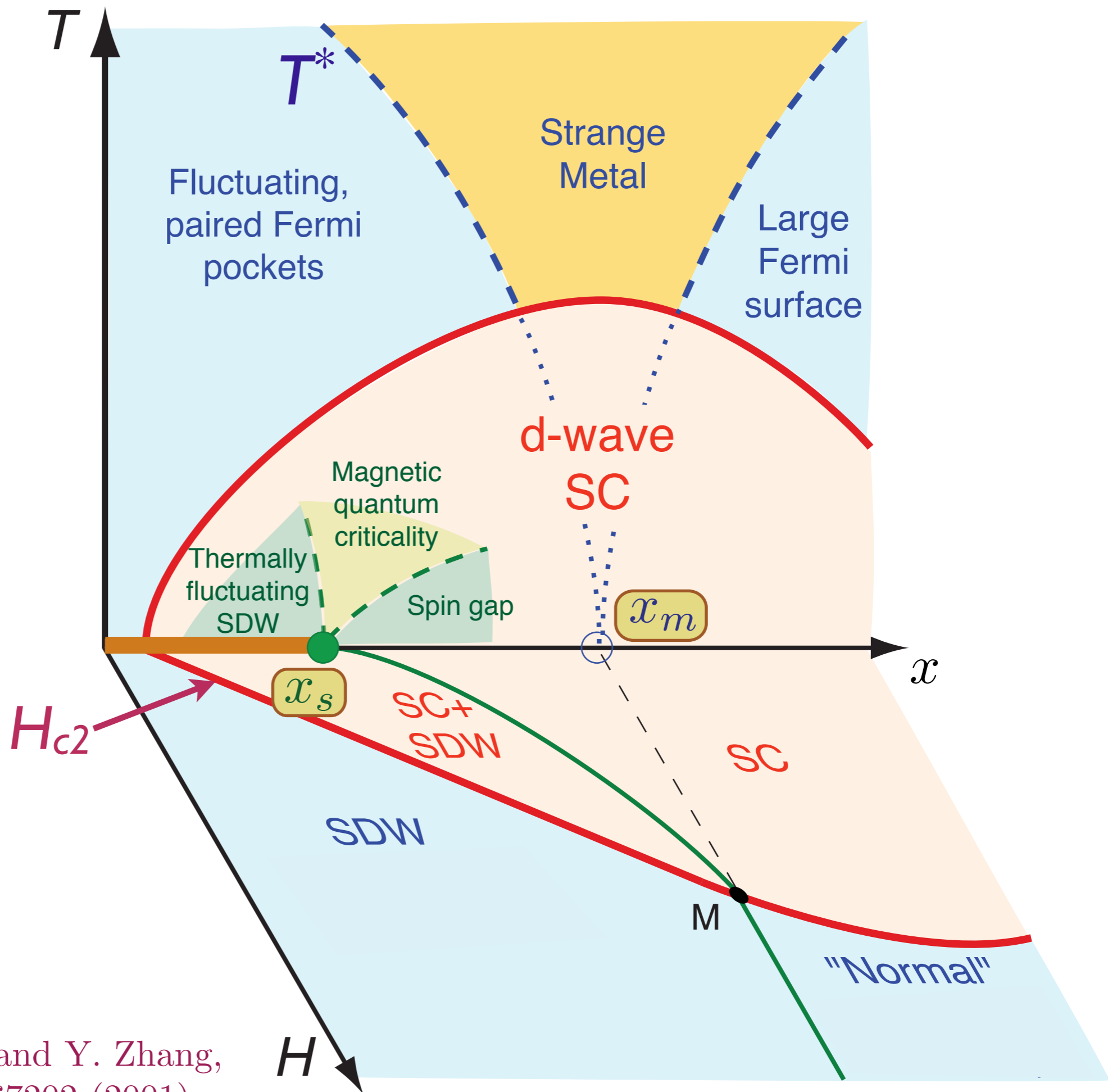
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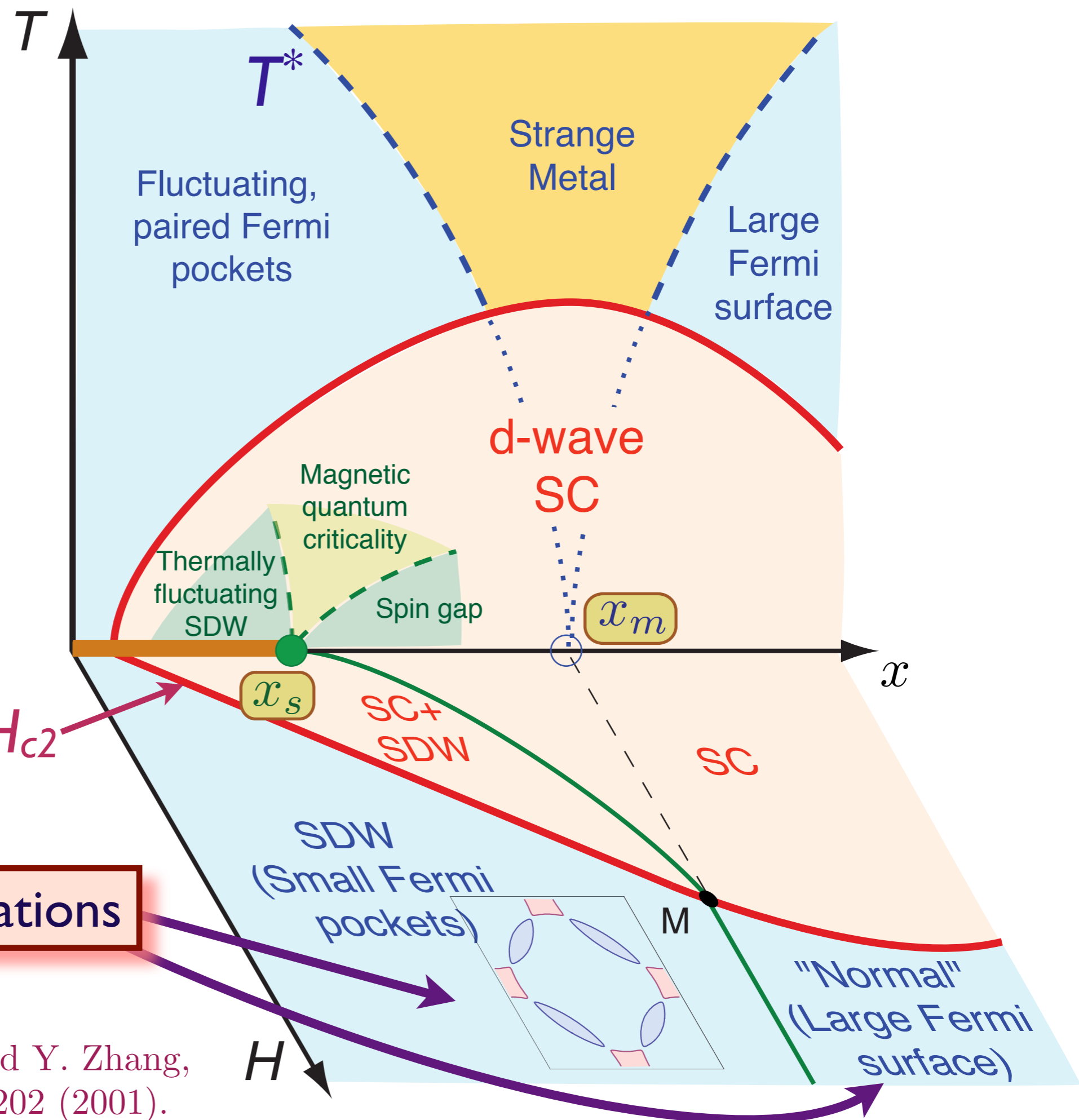




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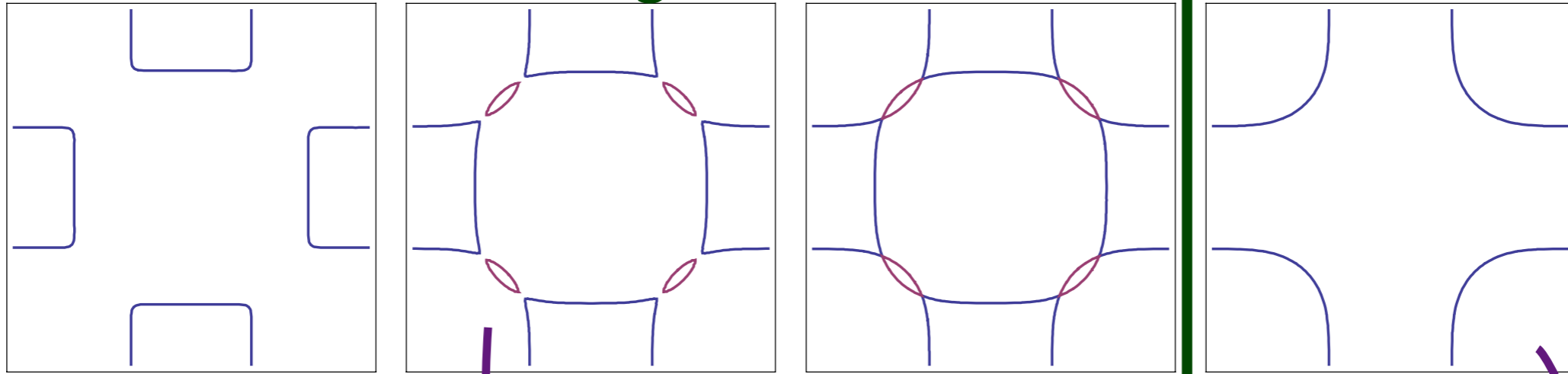
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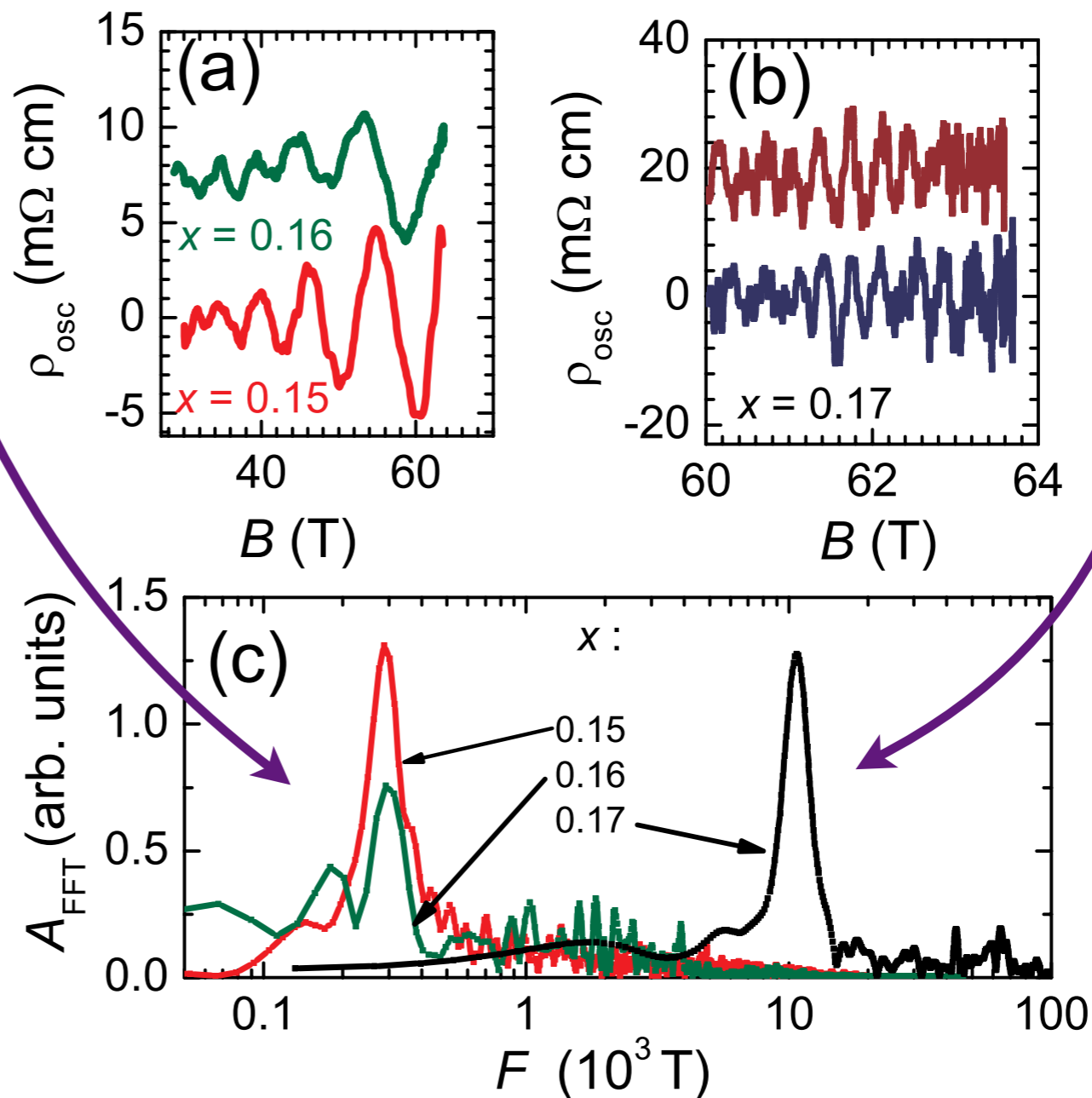
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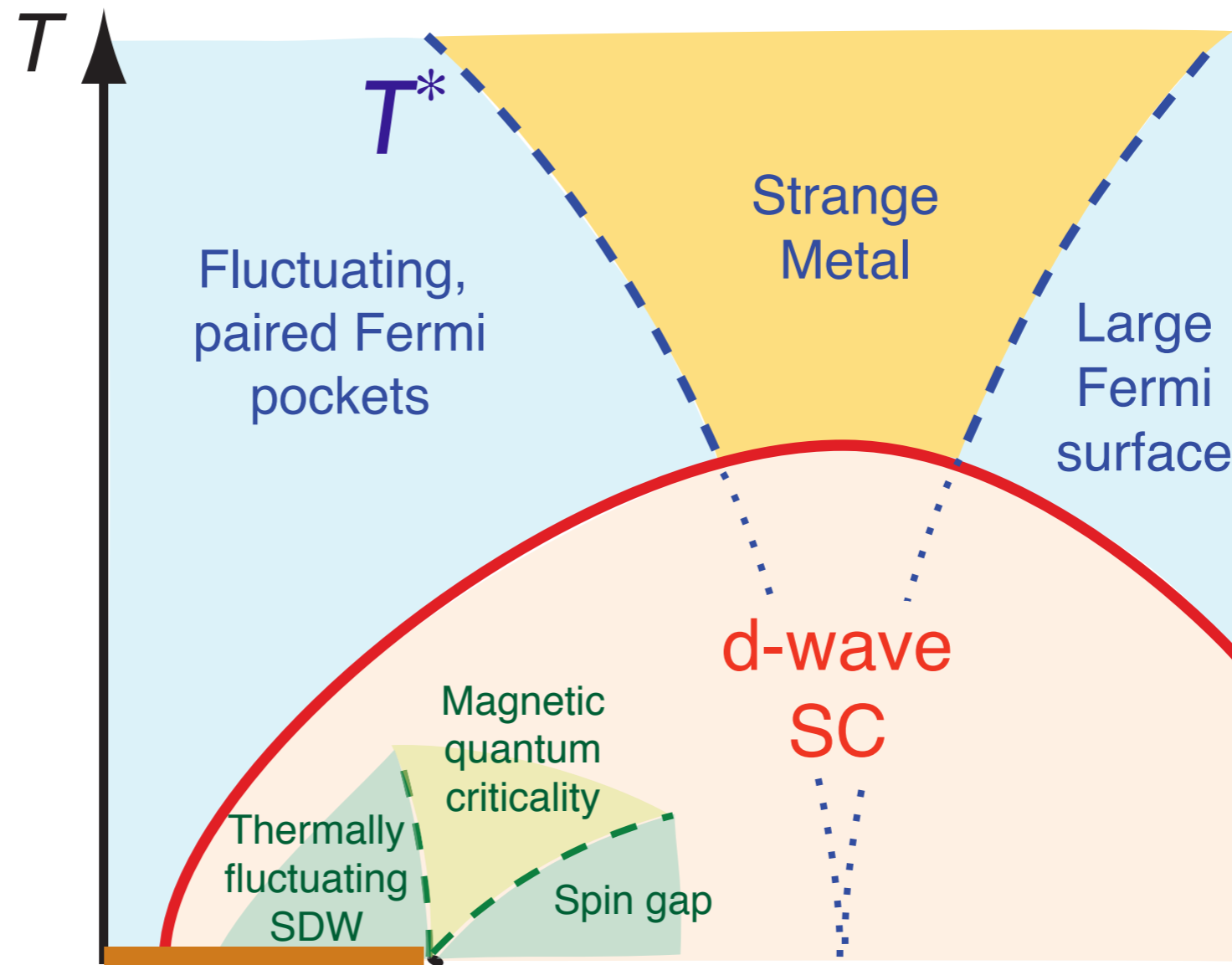


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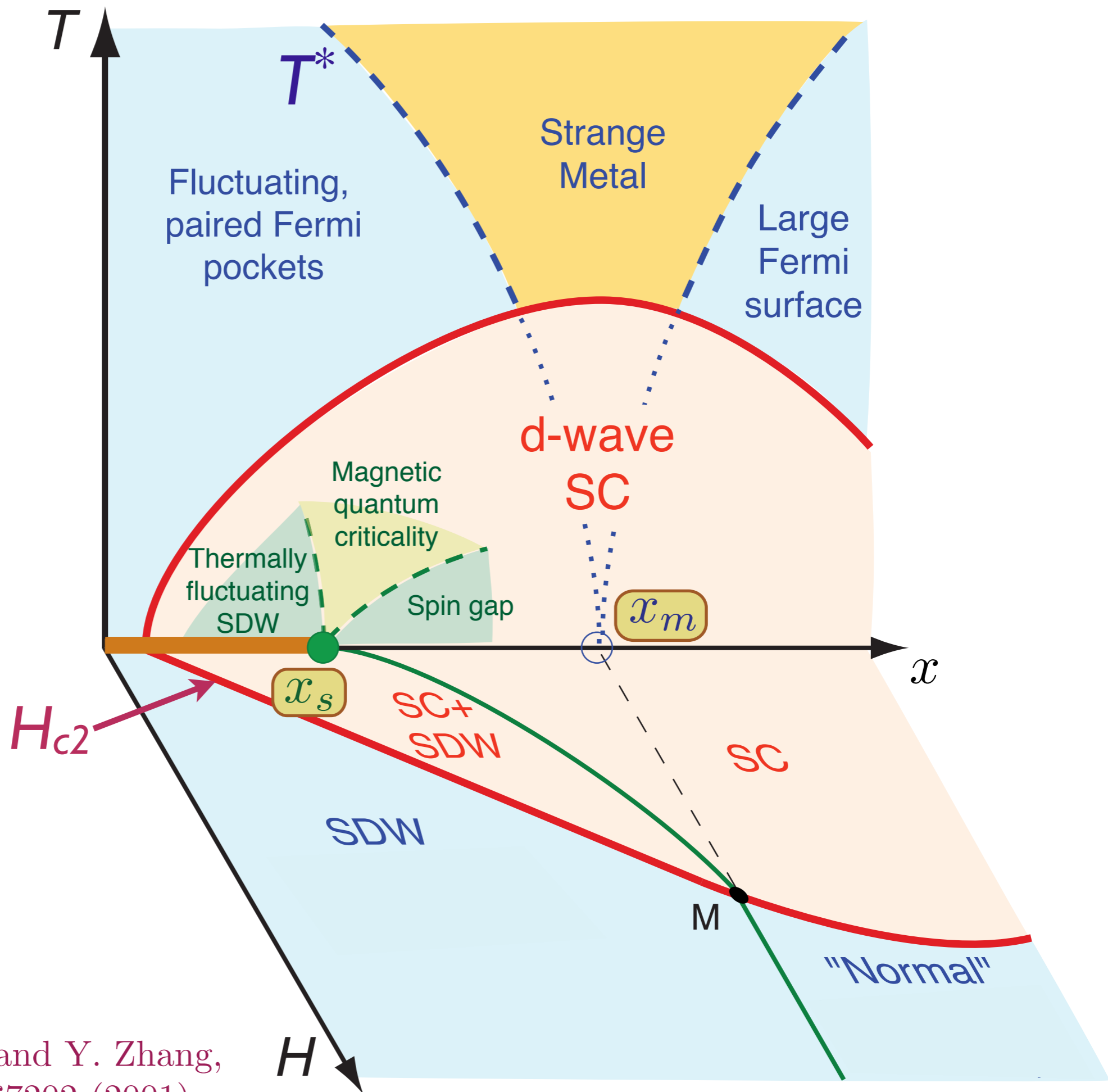


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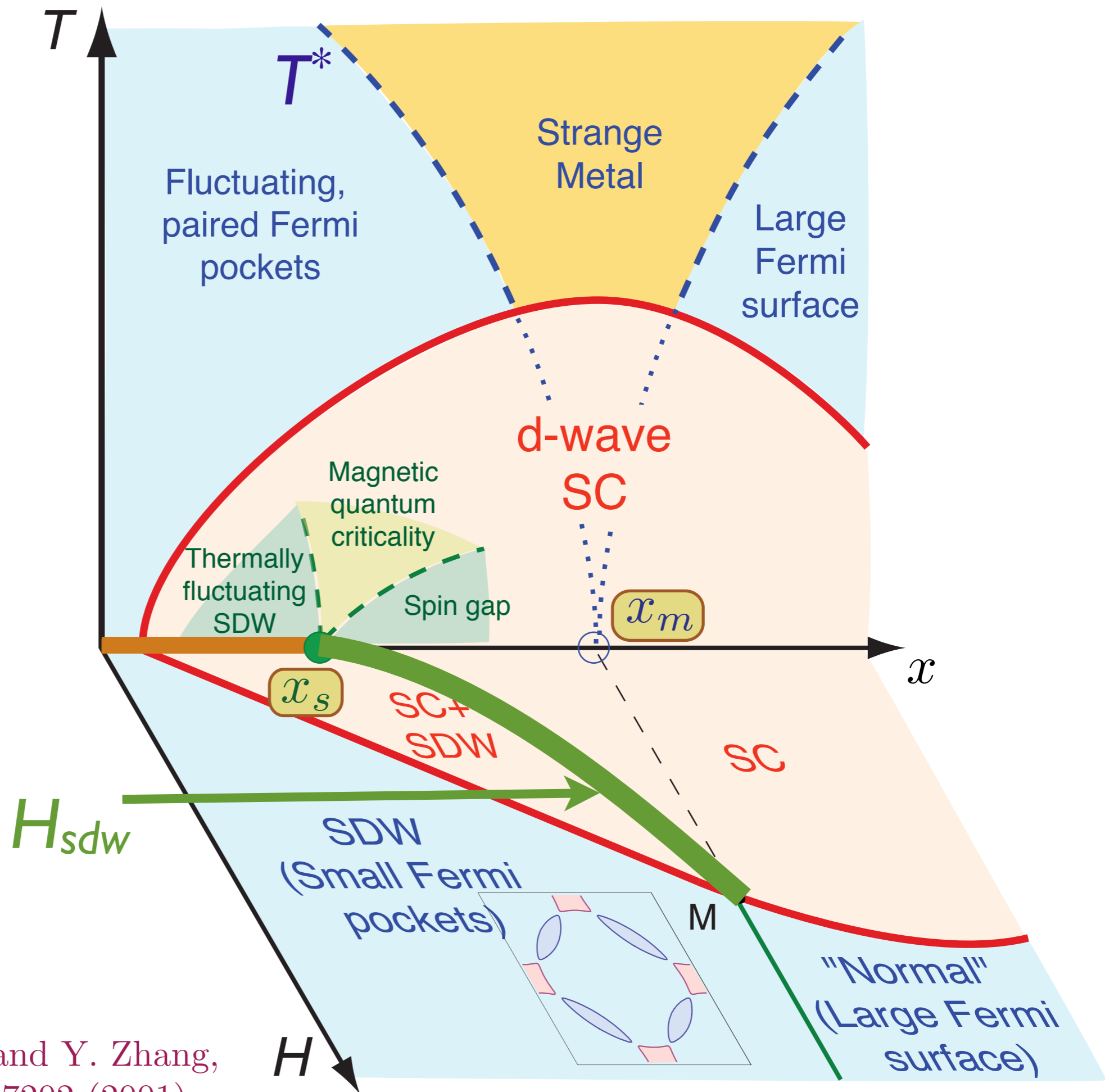




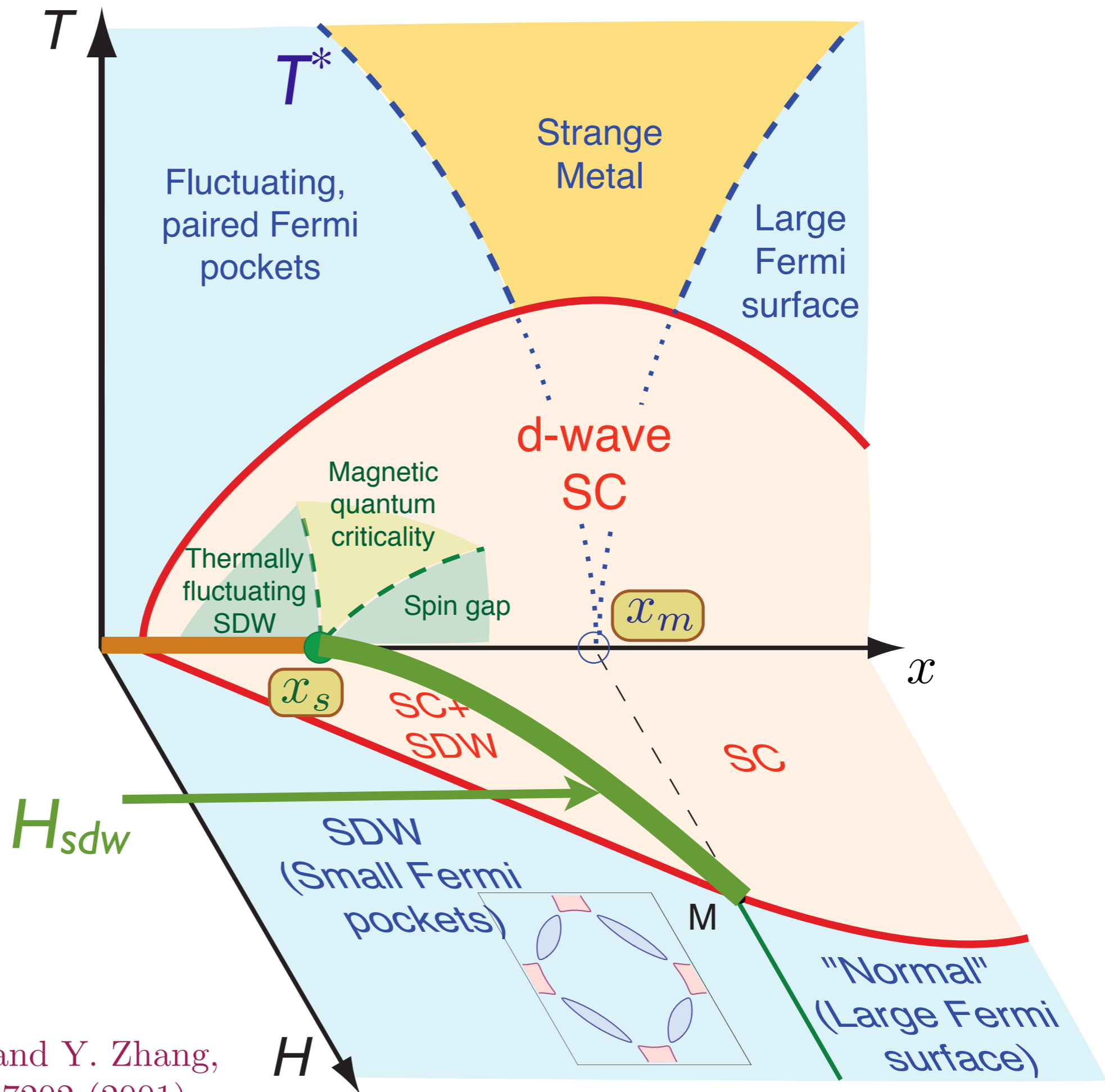
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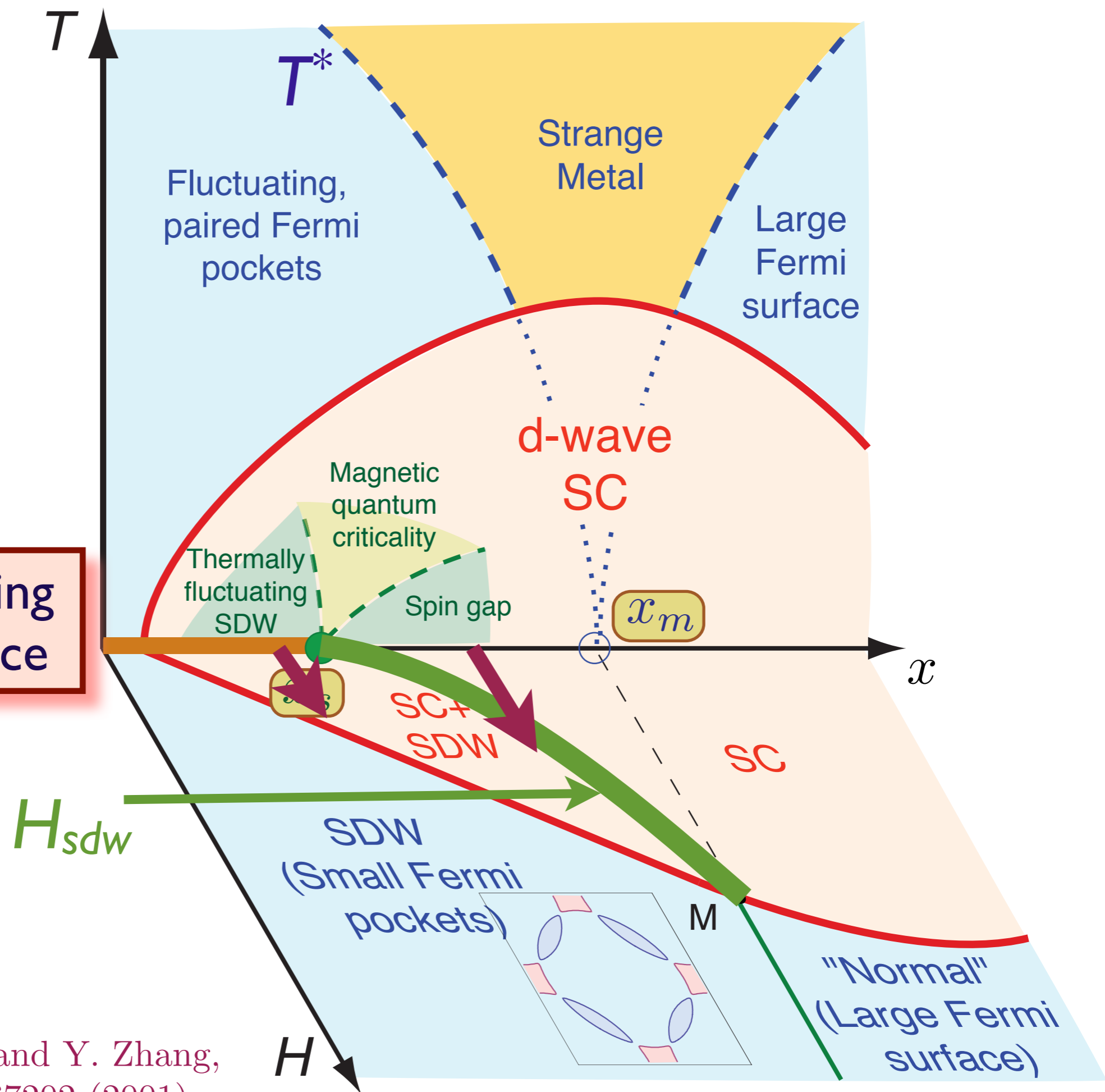


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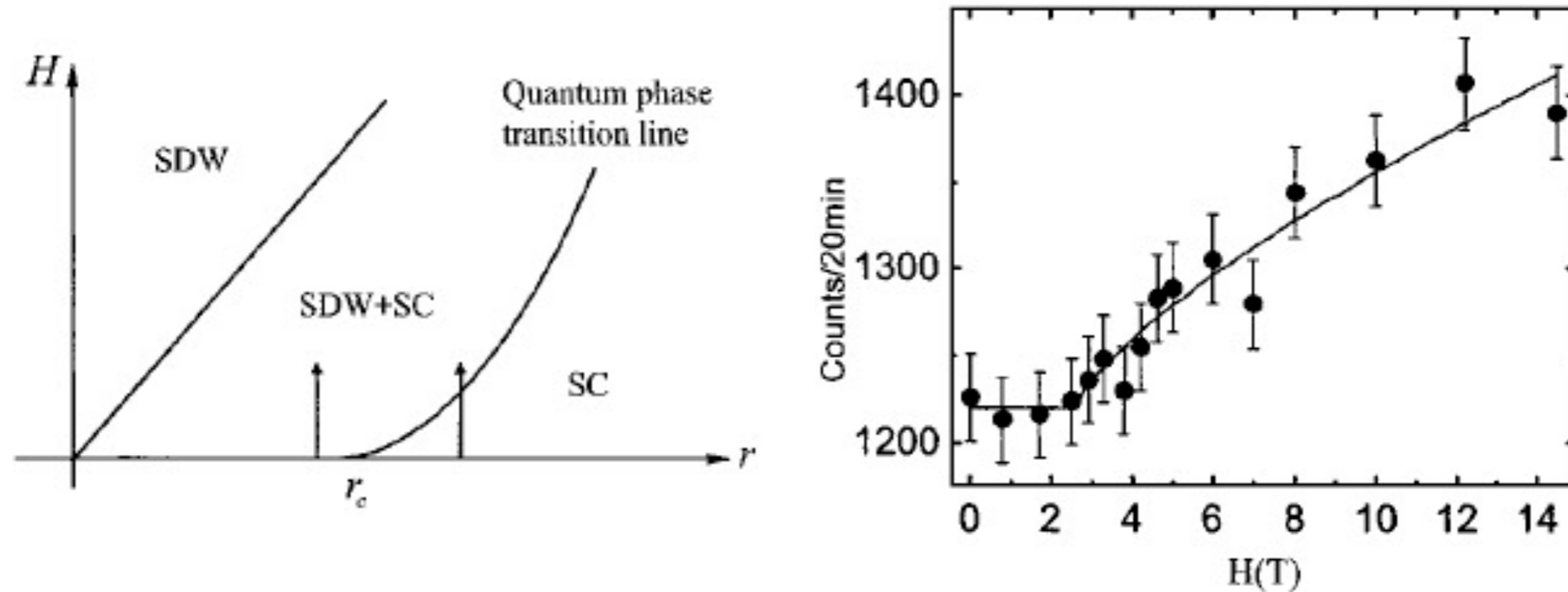
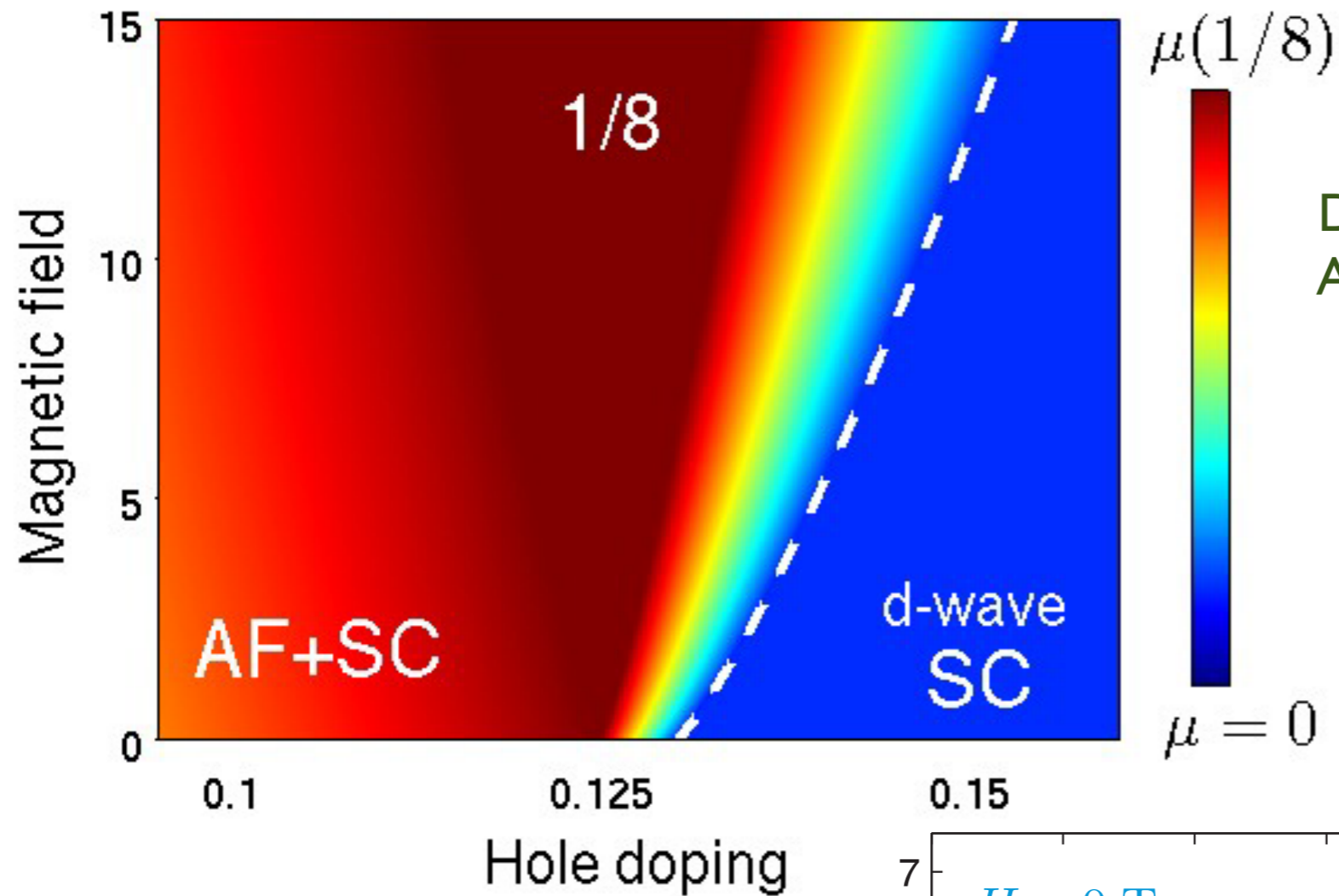
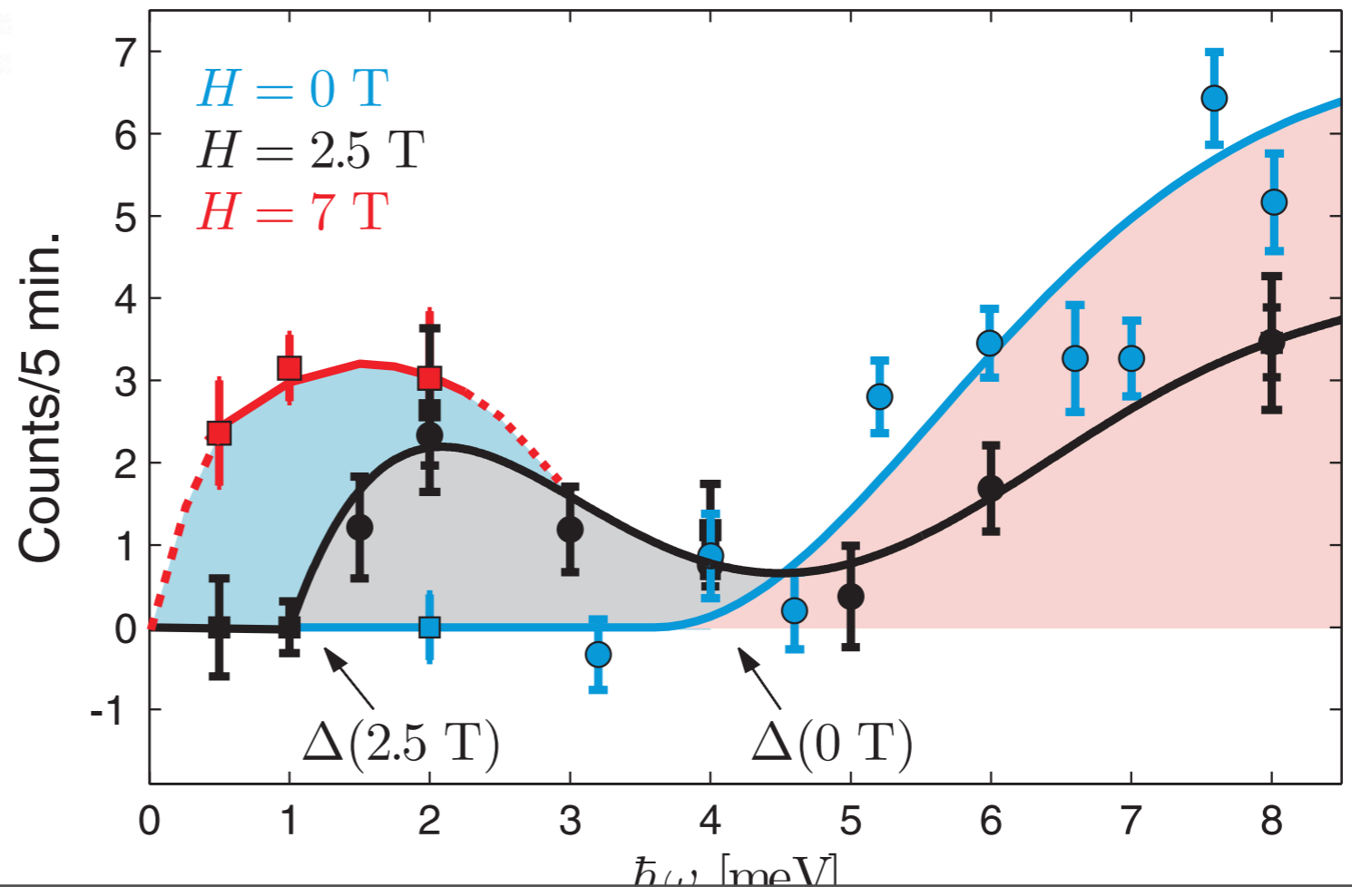


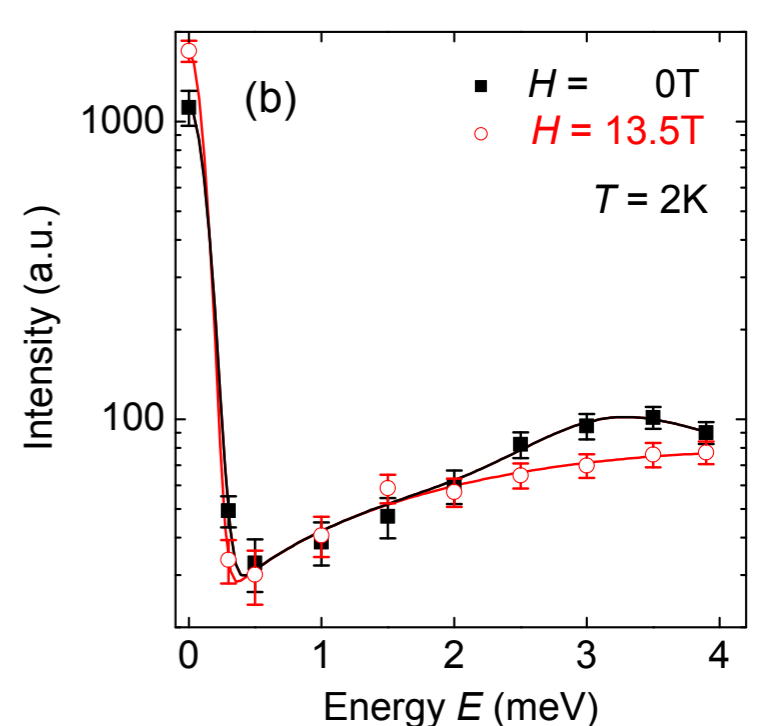
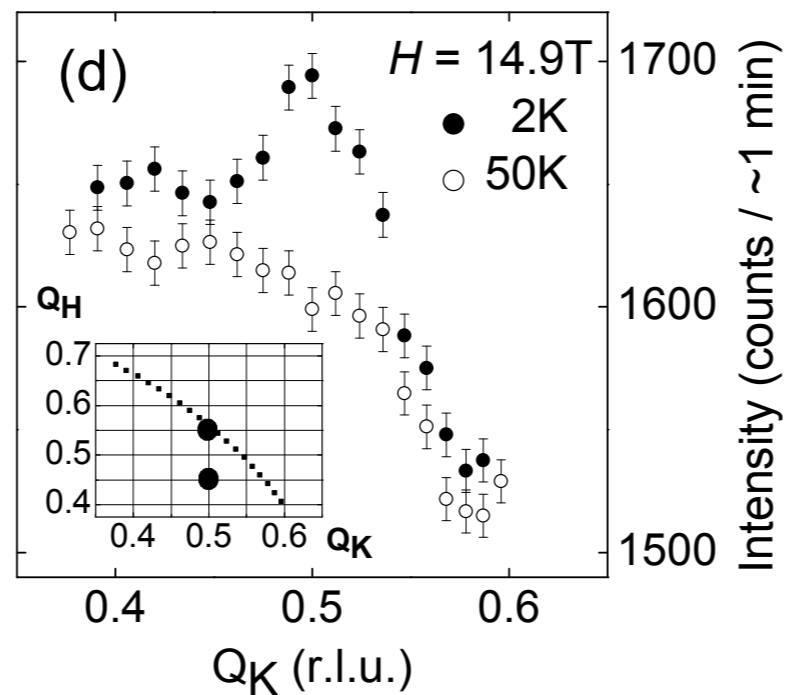
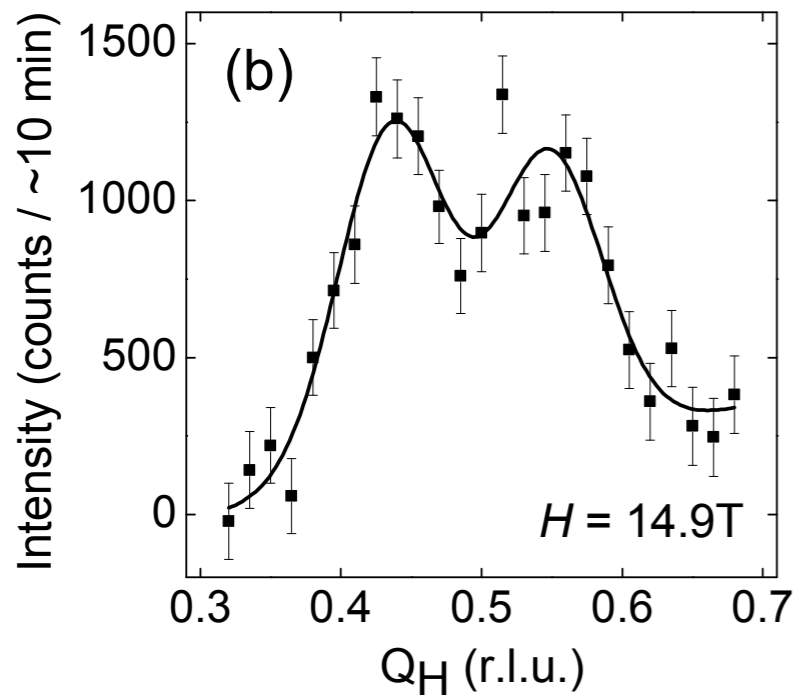
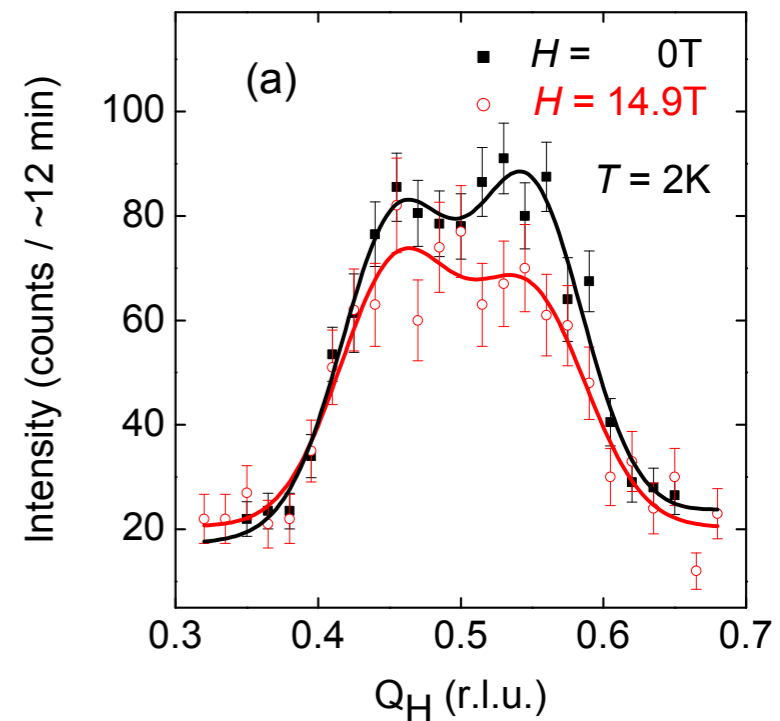
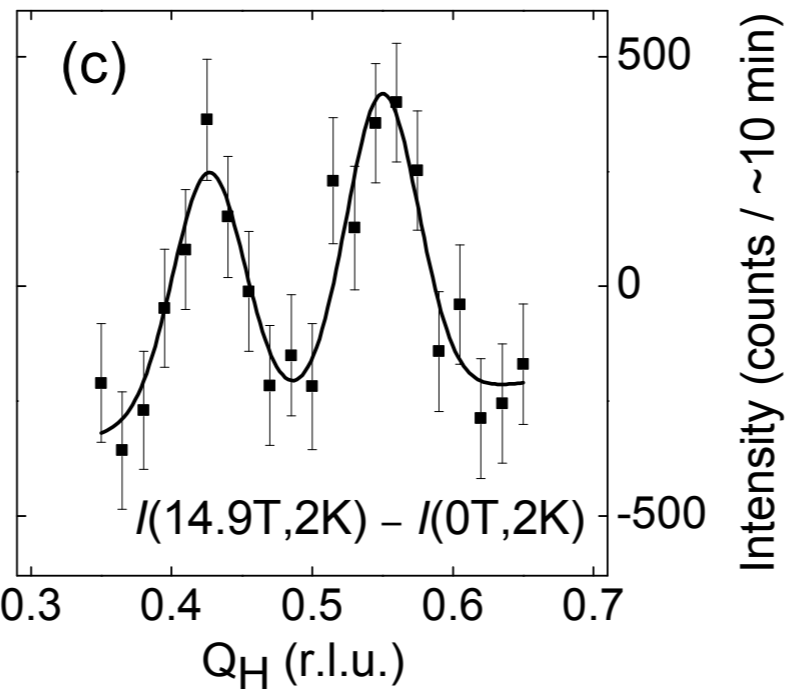
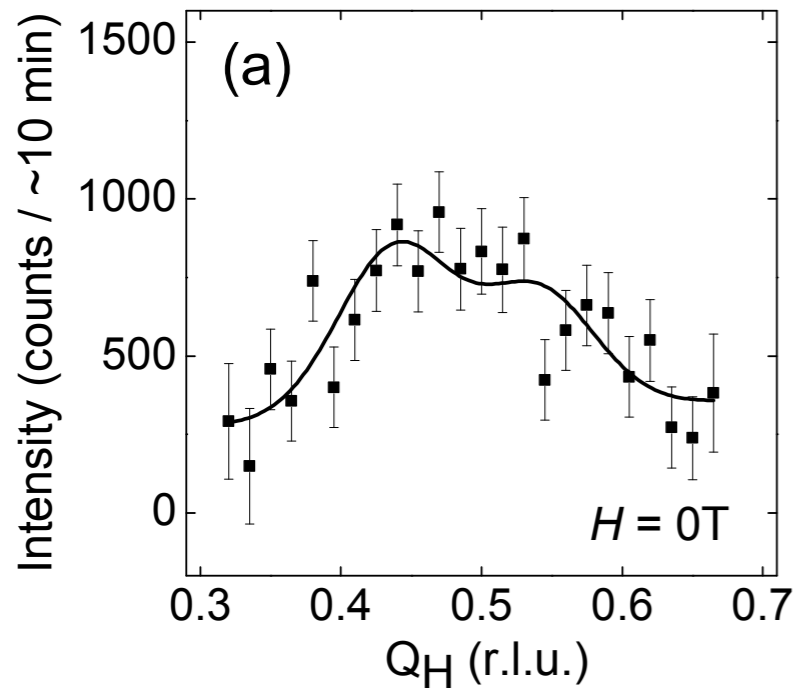
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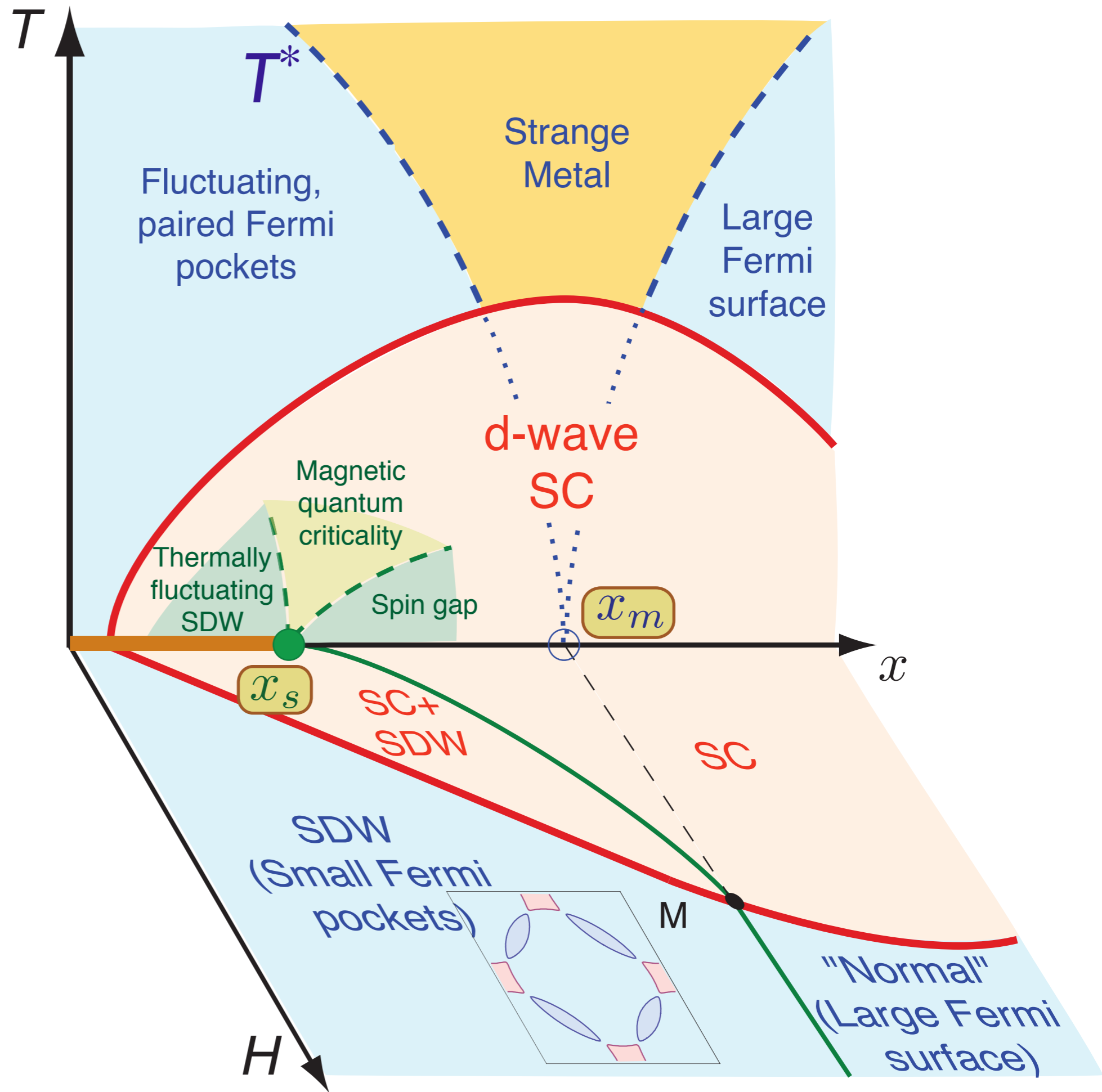
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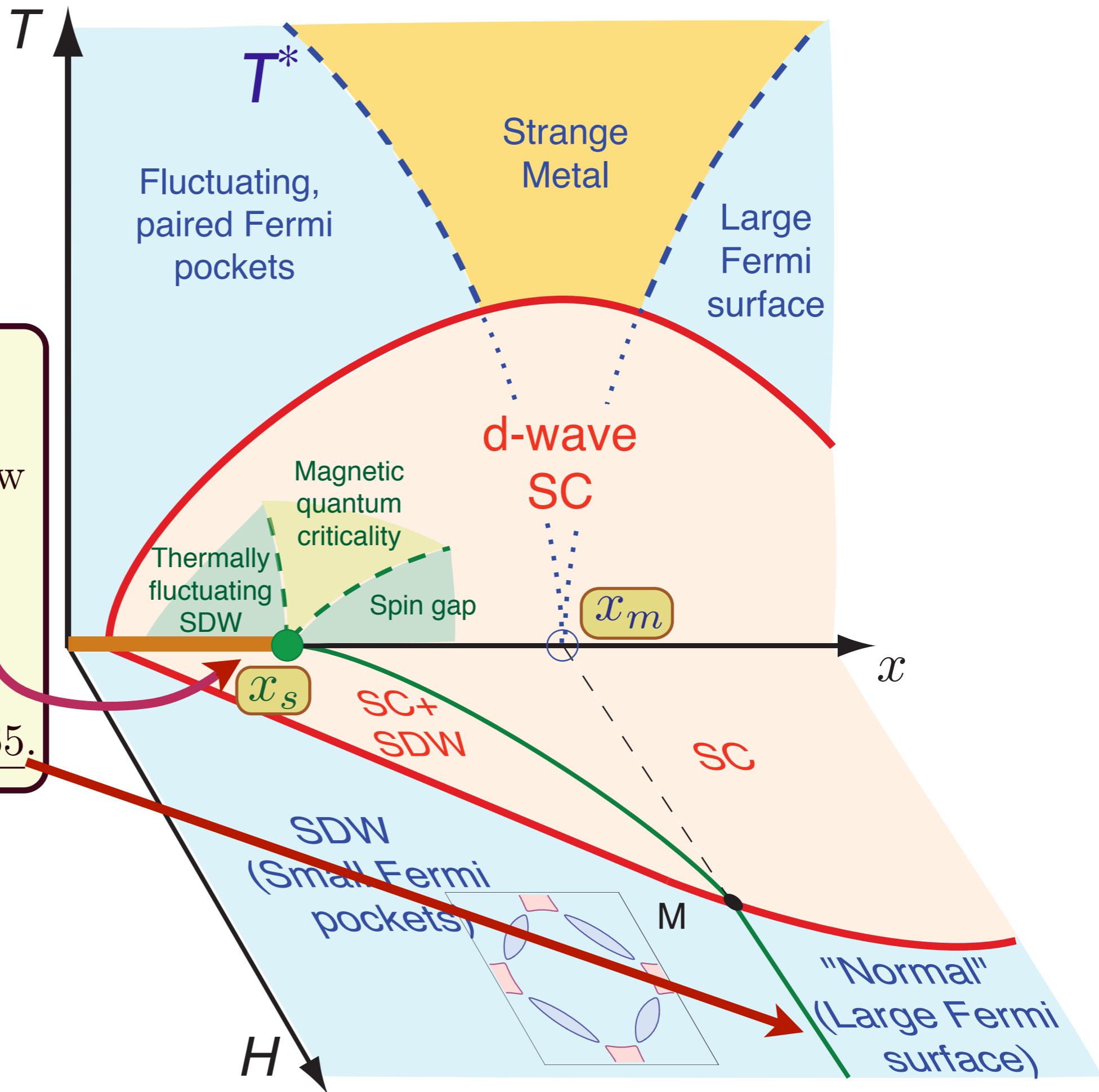


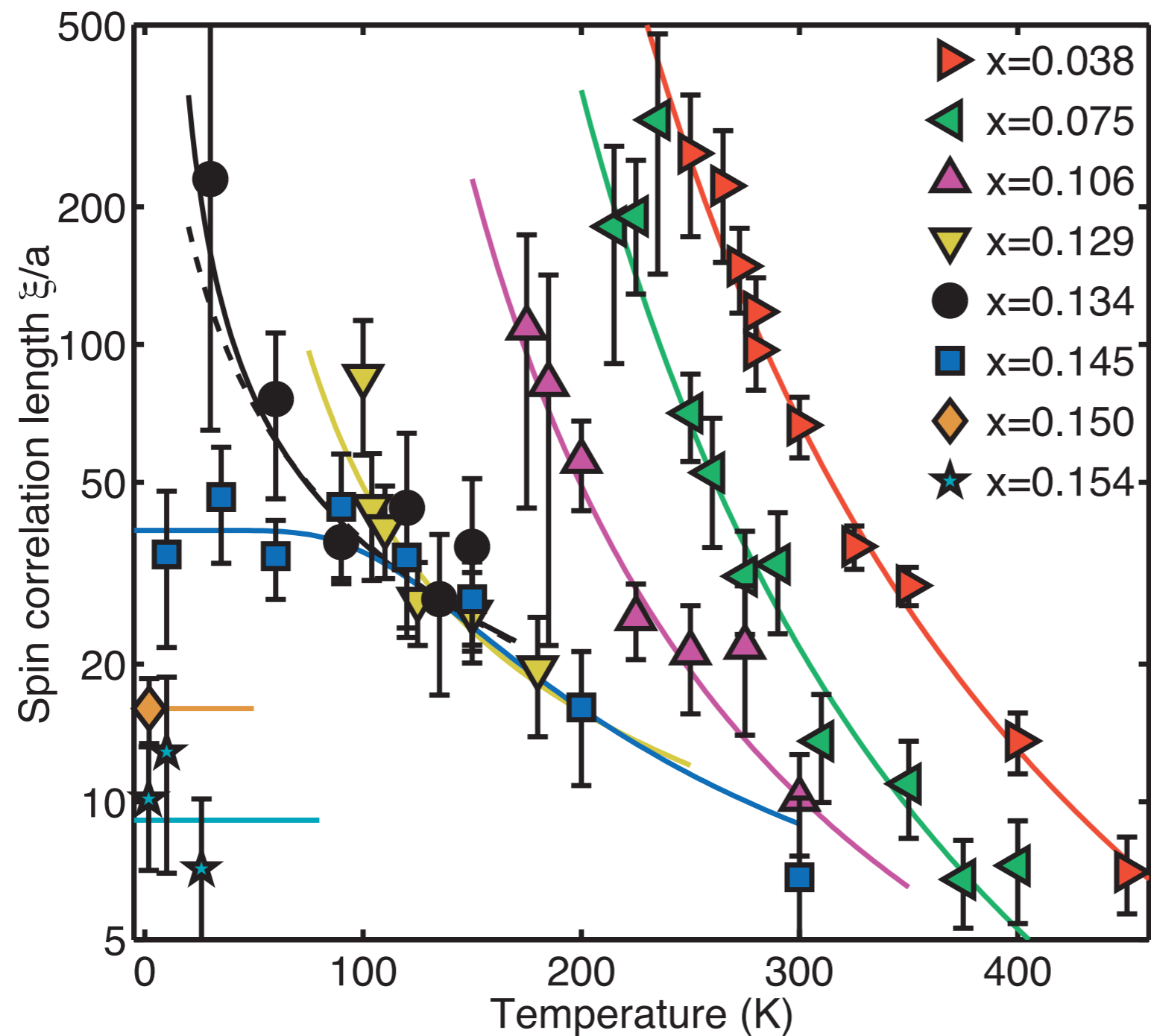


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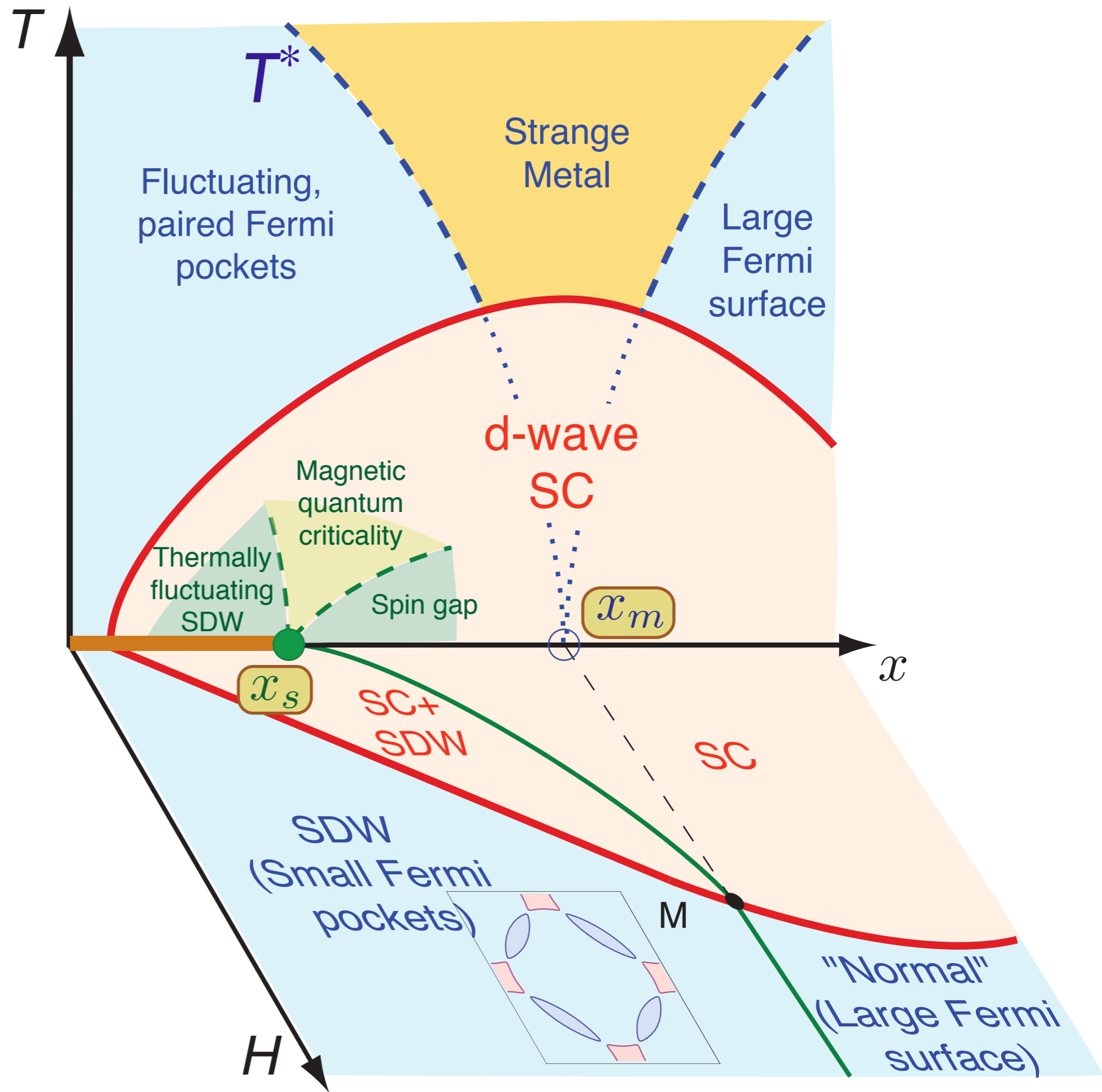


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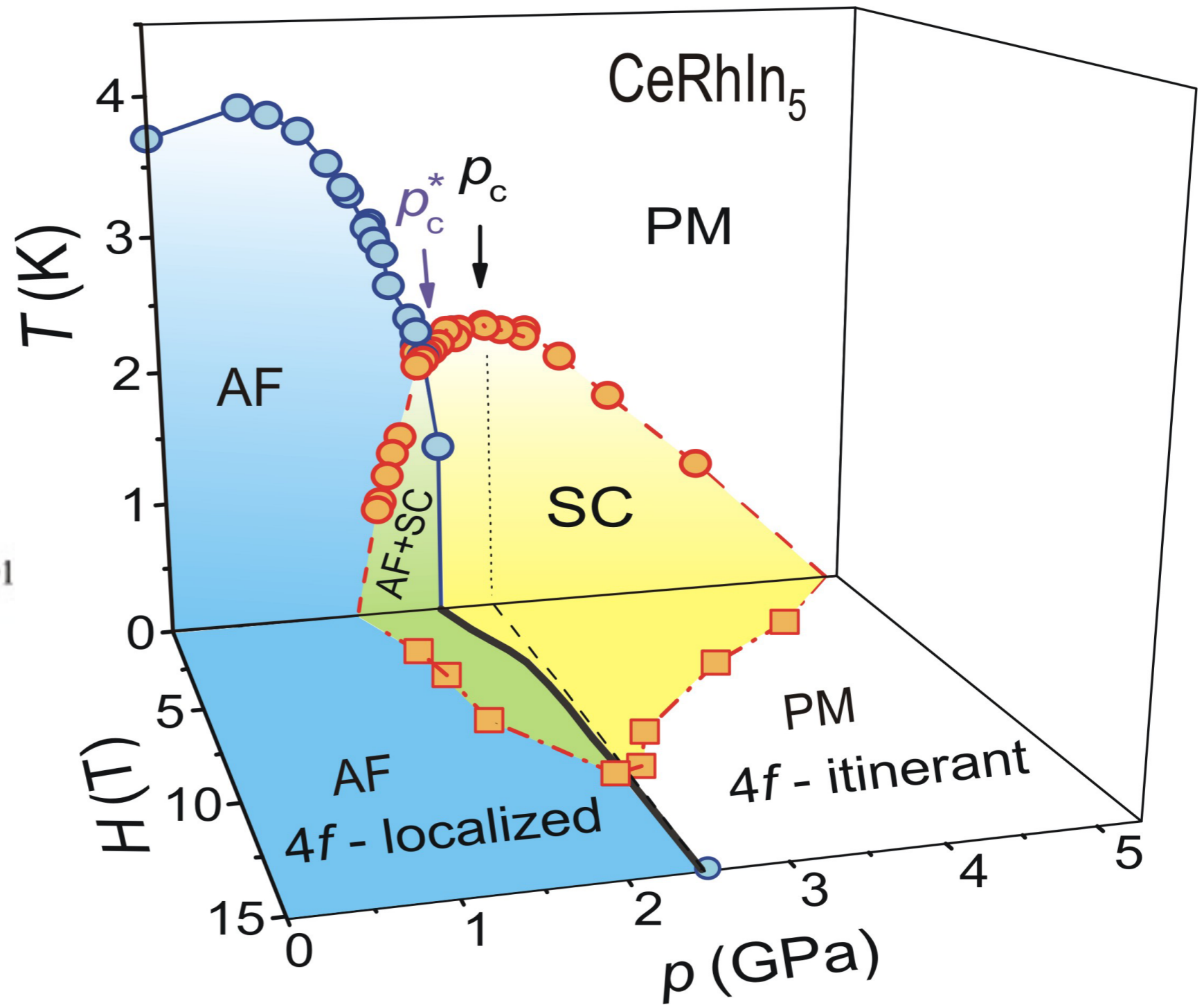
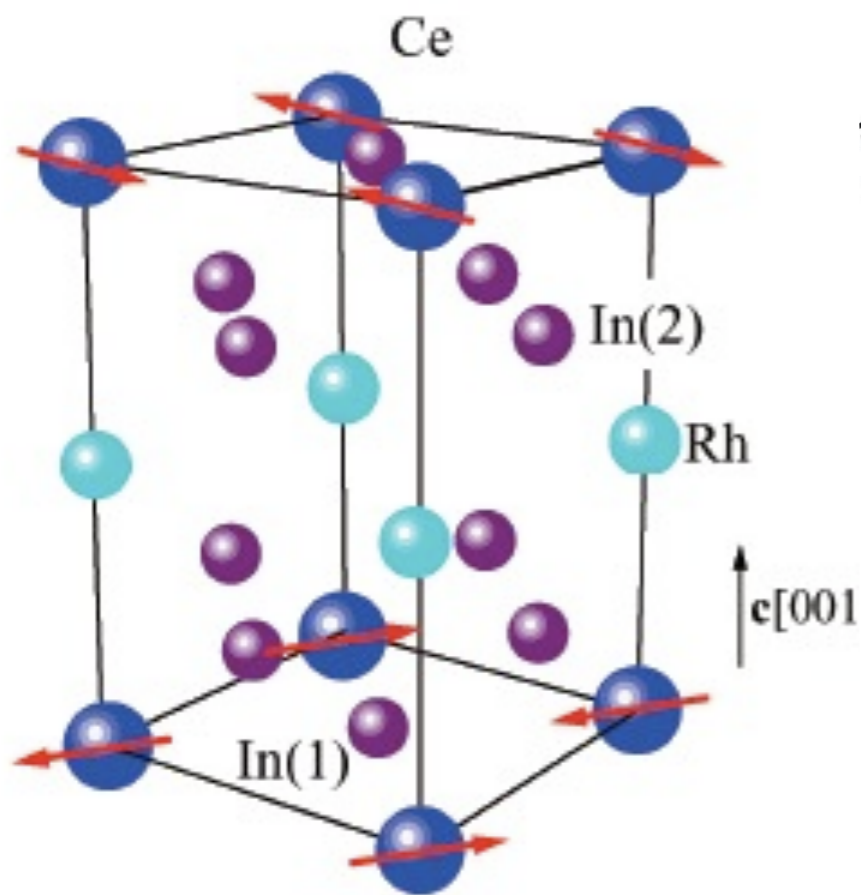




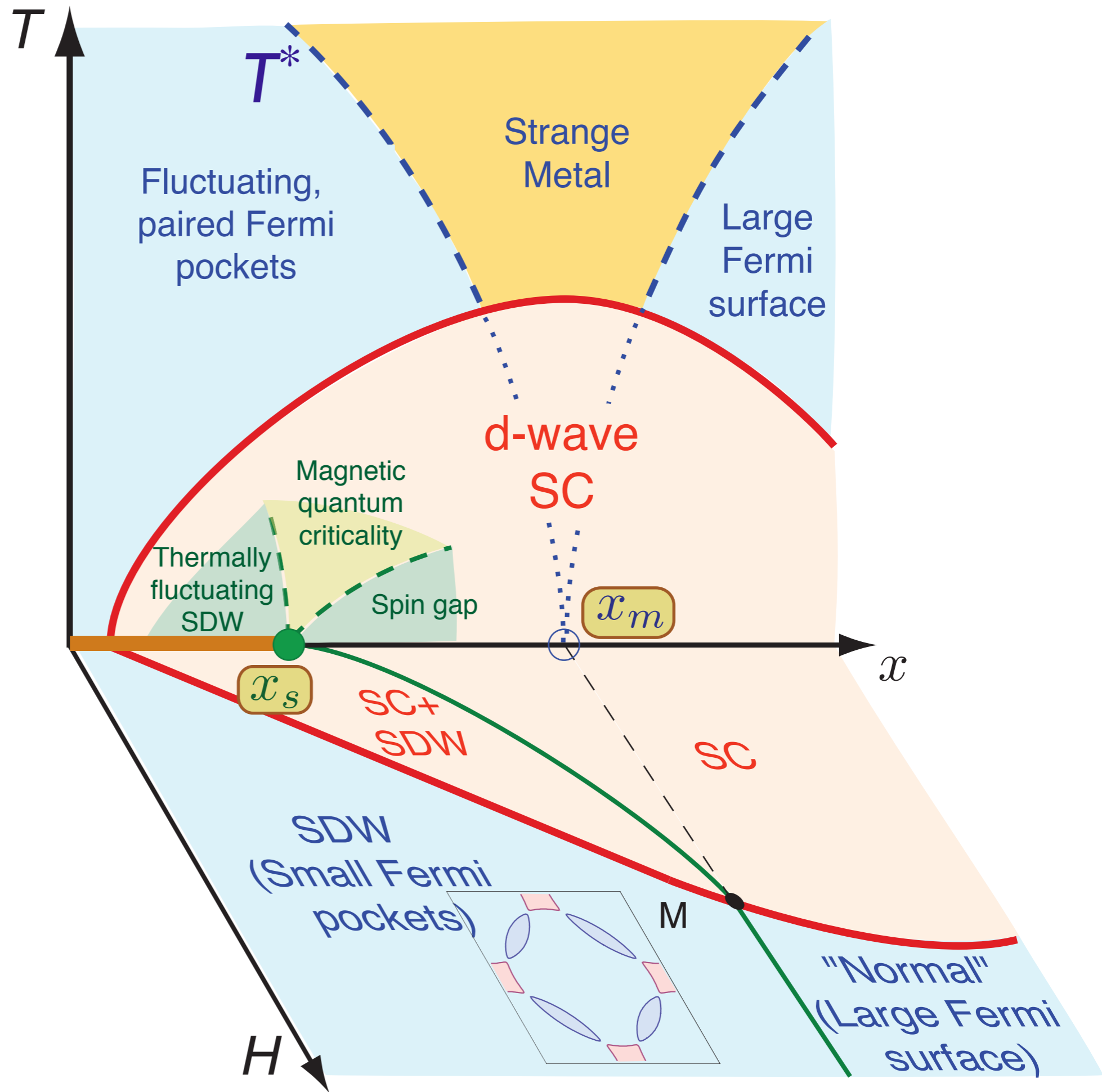
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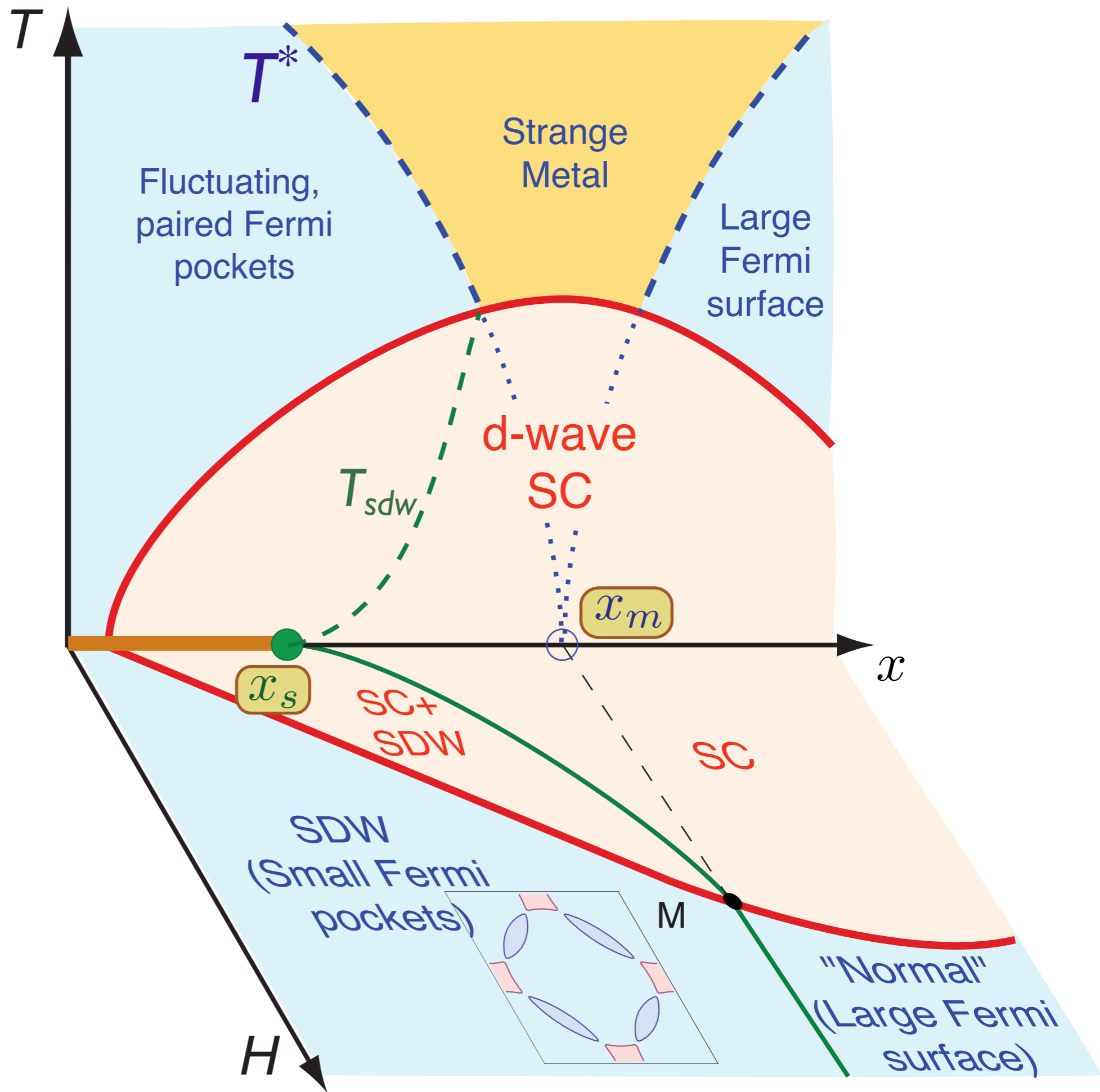


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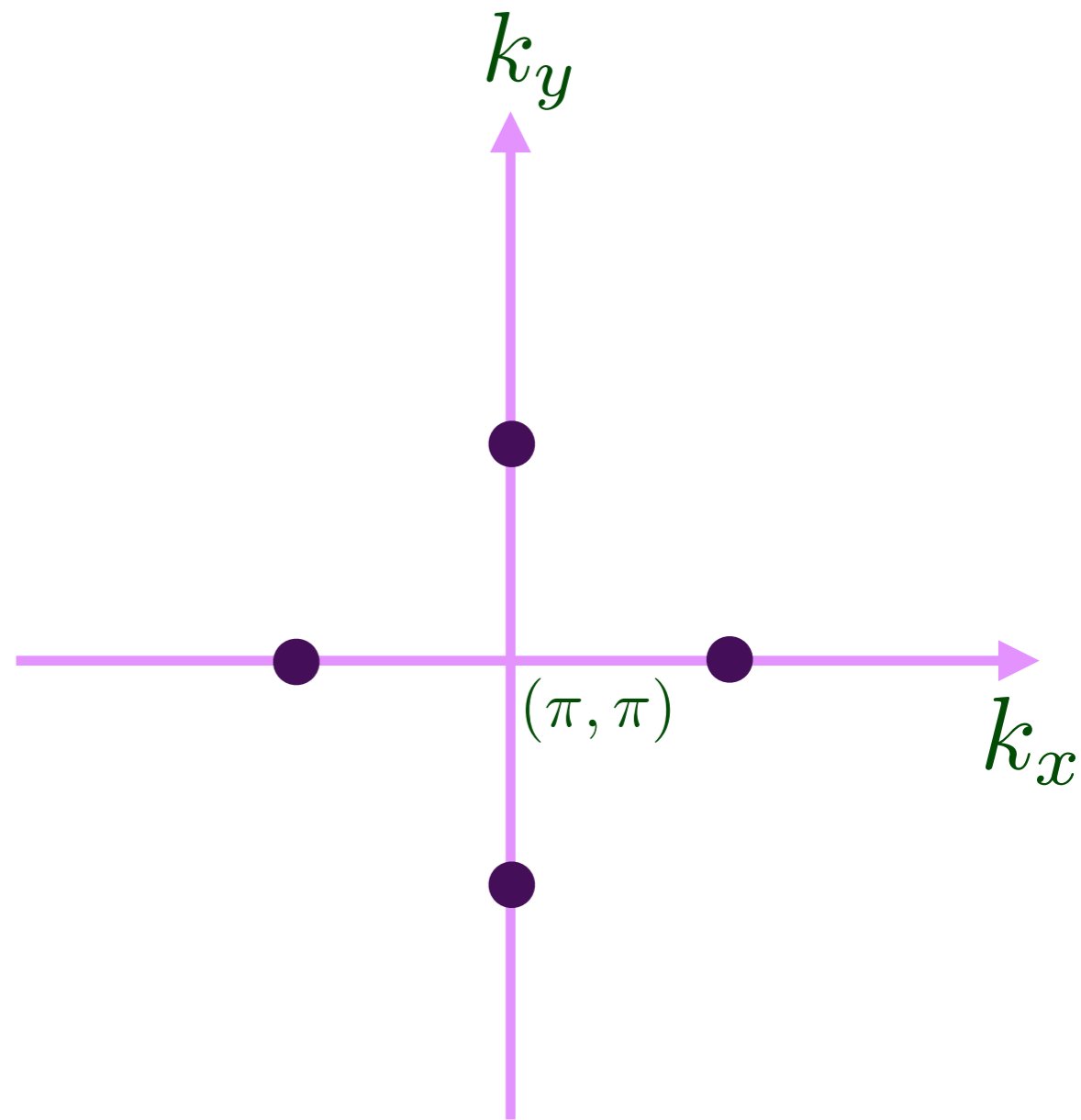


Remnants of SDW order for $x_s < x < x_m$

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{S}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \rangle &= \vec{\Phi}_x(\mathbf{r}, \tau) e^{i\mathbf{K}_x \cdot \mathbf{r}} \\ &+ \vec{\Phi}_y(\mathbf{r}, \tau) e^{i\mathbf{K}_y \cdot \mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.} \end{aligned}$$

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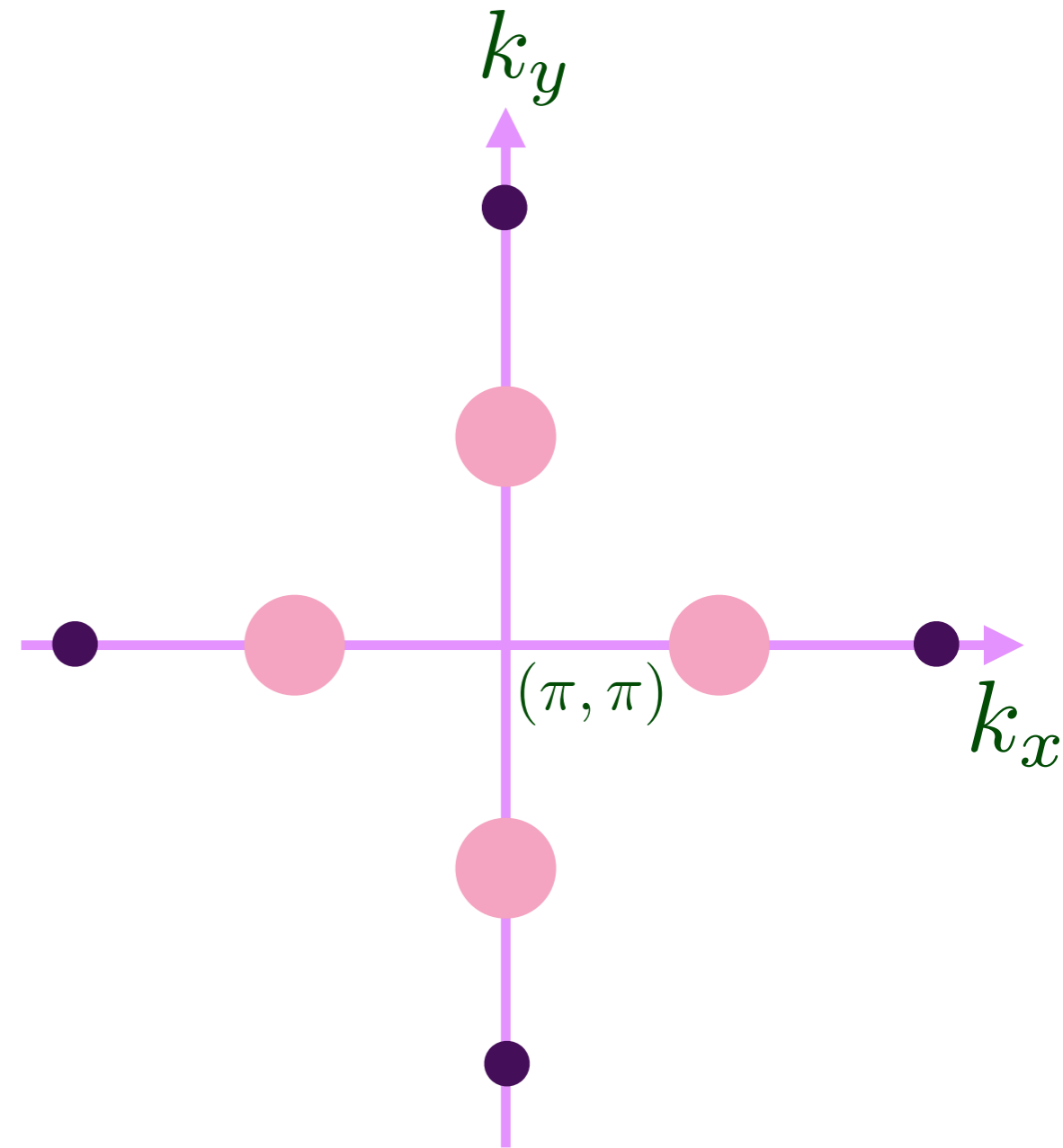


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SDW correlations induce
valence bond solid/charge den-
sity wave (VBS/CDW) order
 $\propto \bar{\Phi}_x^2, \bar{\Phi}_y^2$

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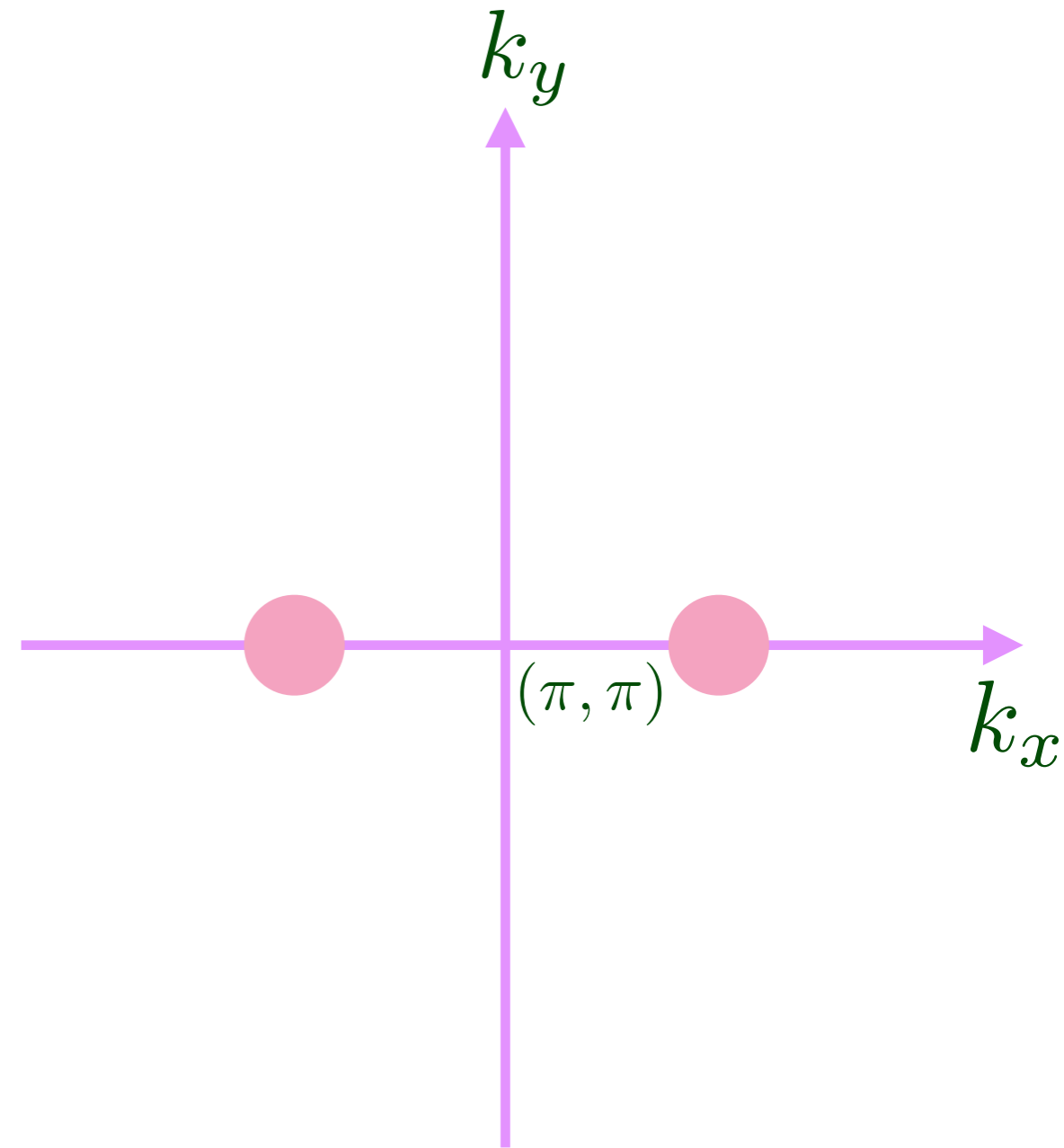


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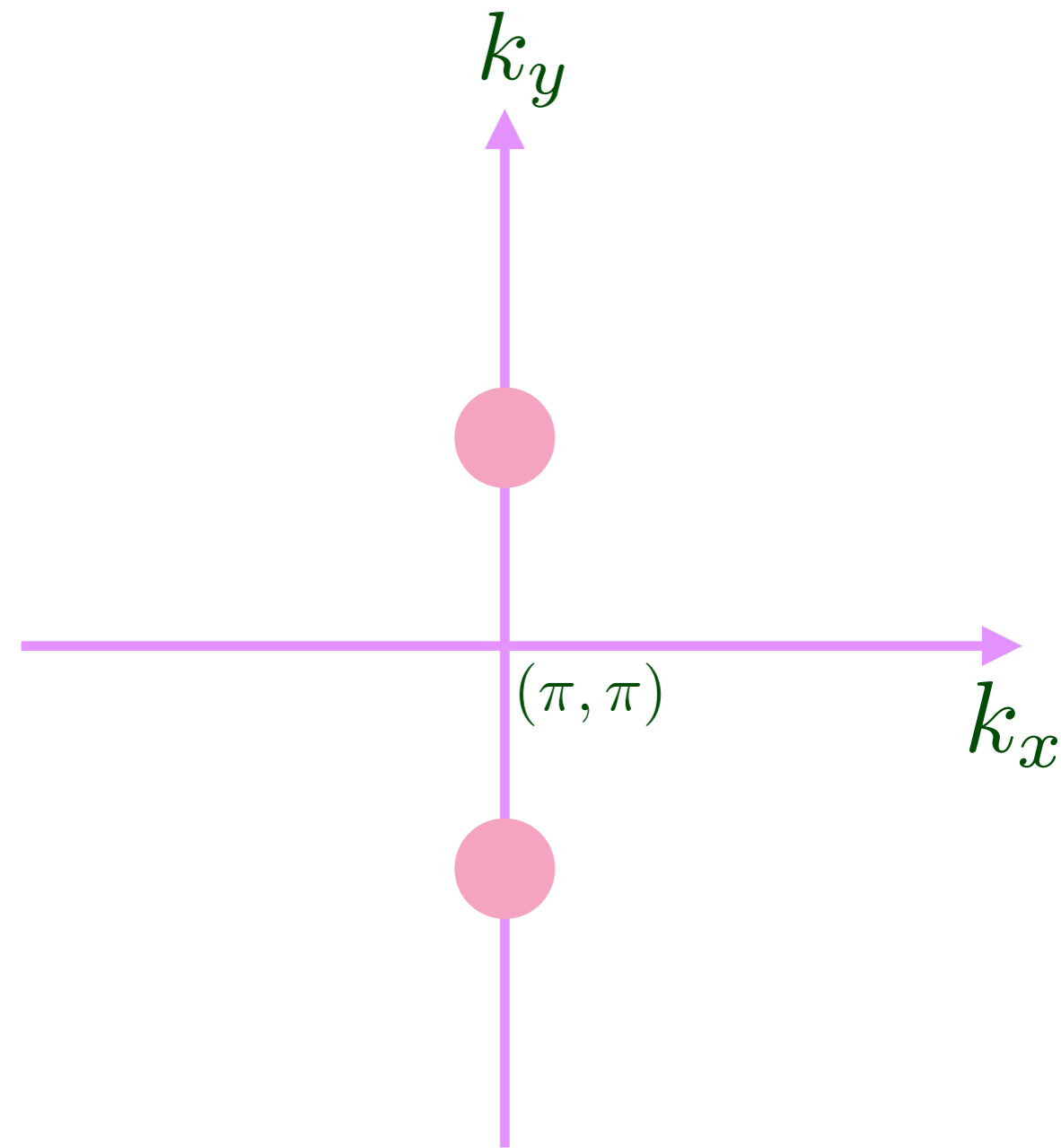


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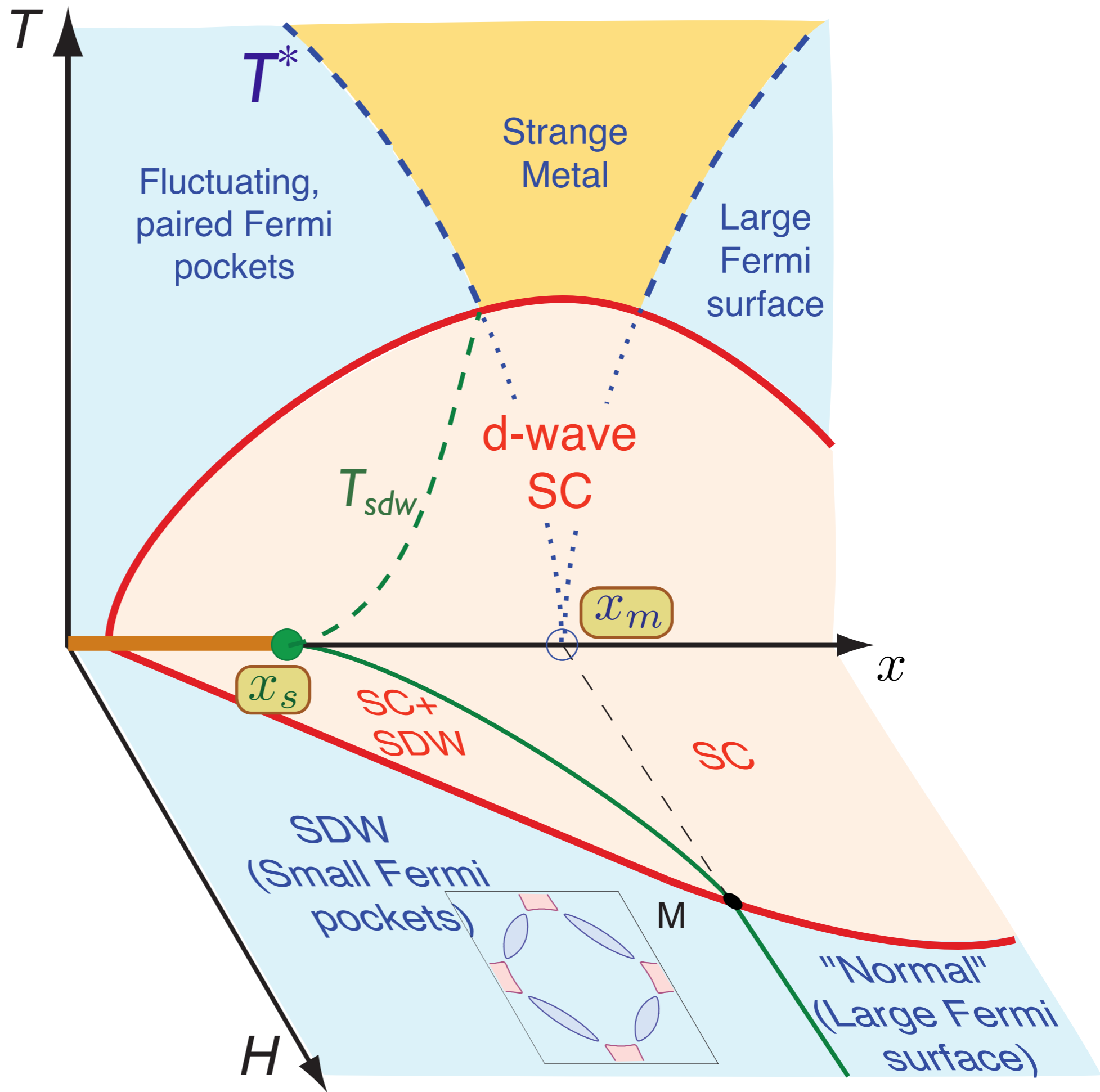
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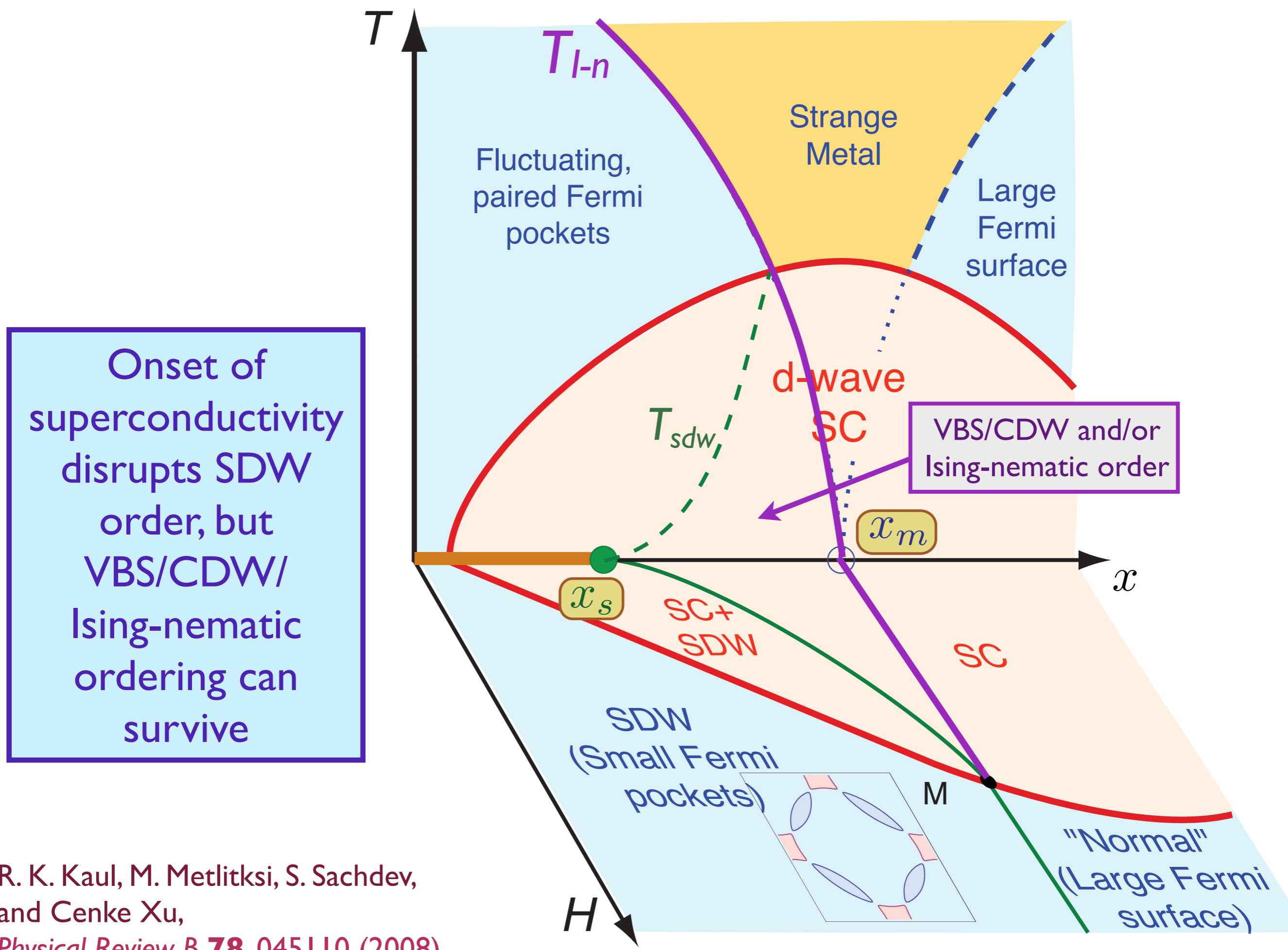
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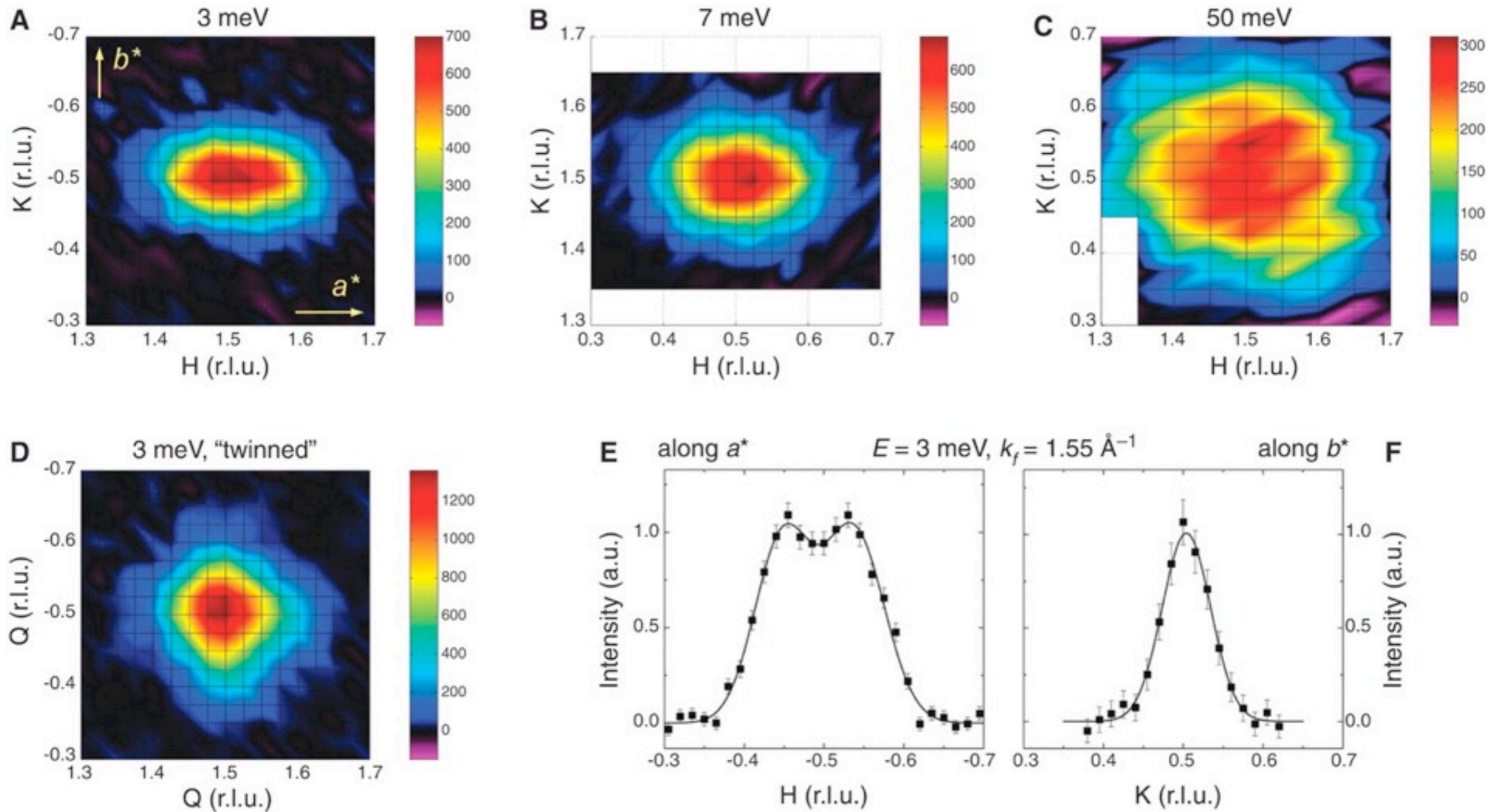
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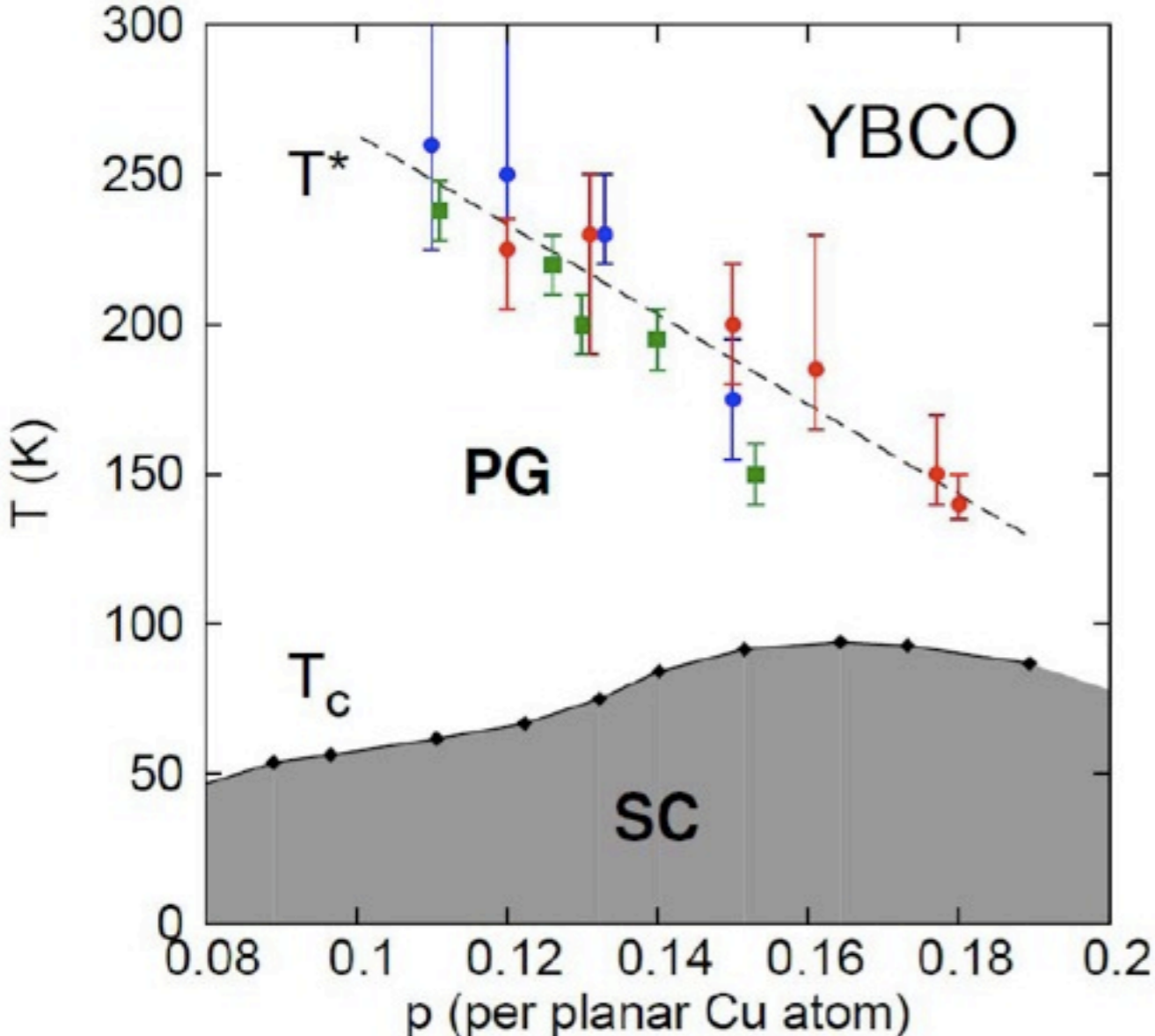
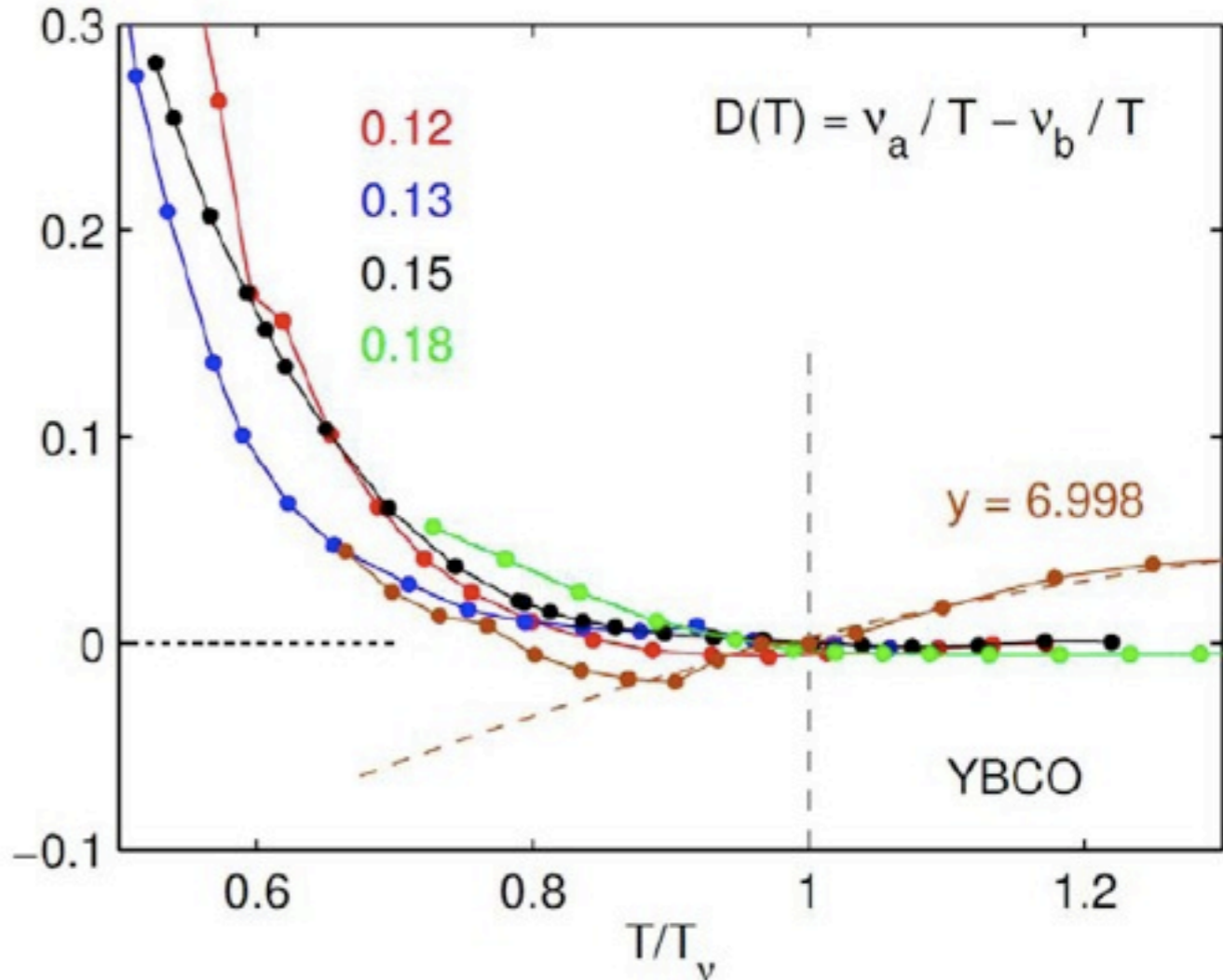


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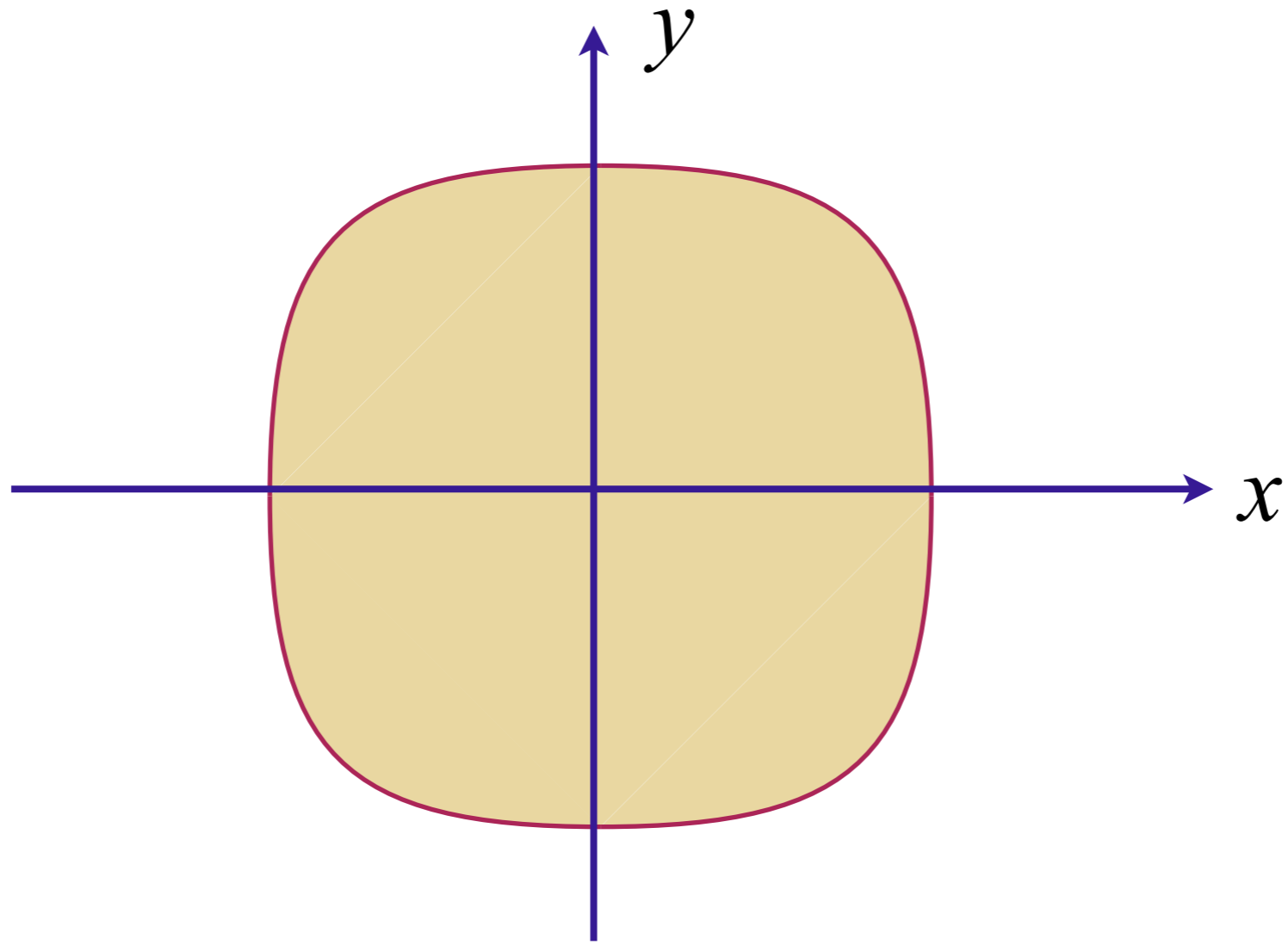
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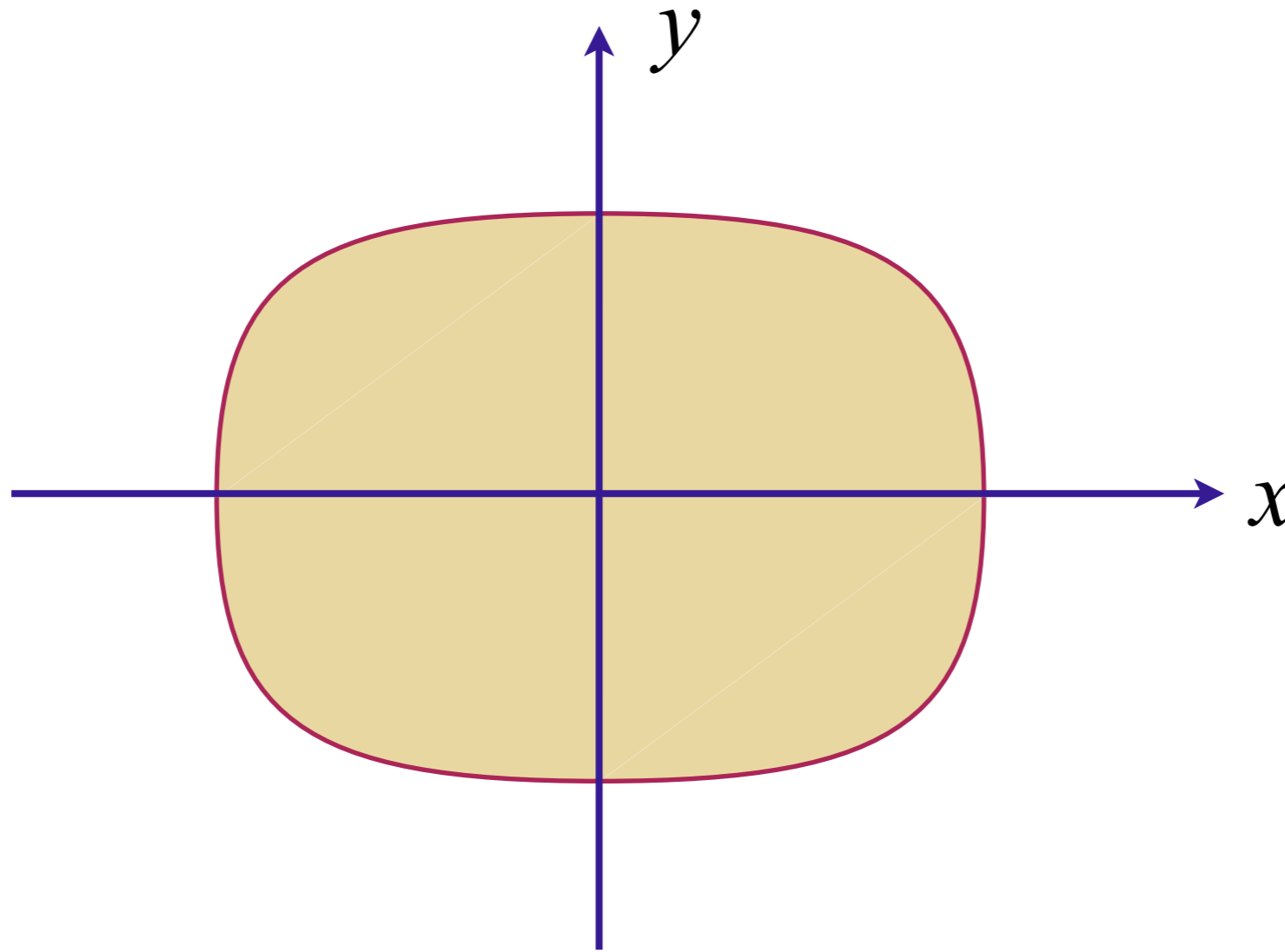


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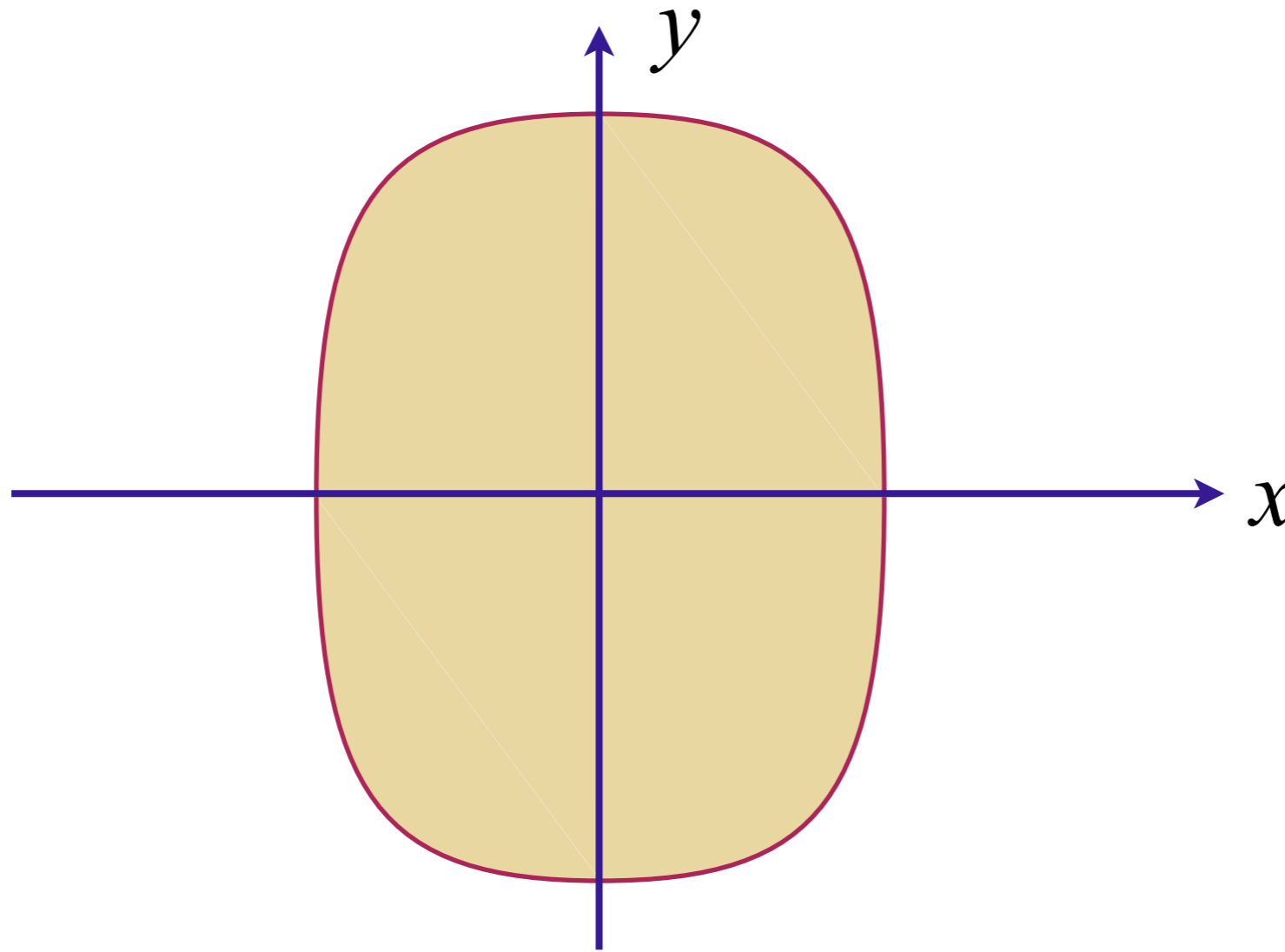
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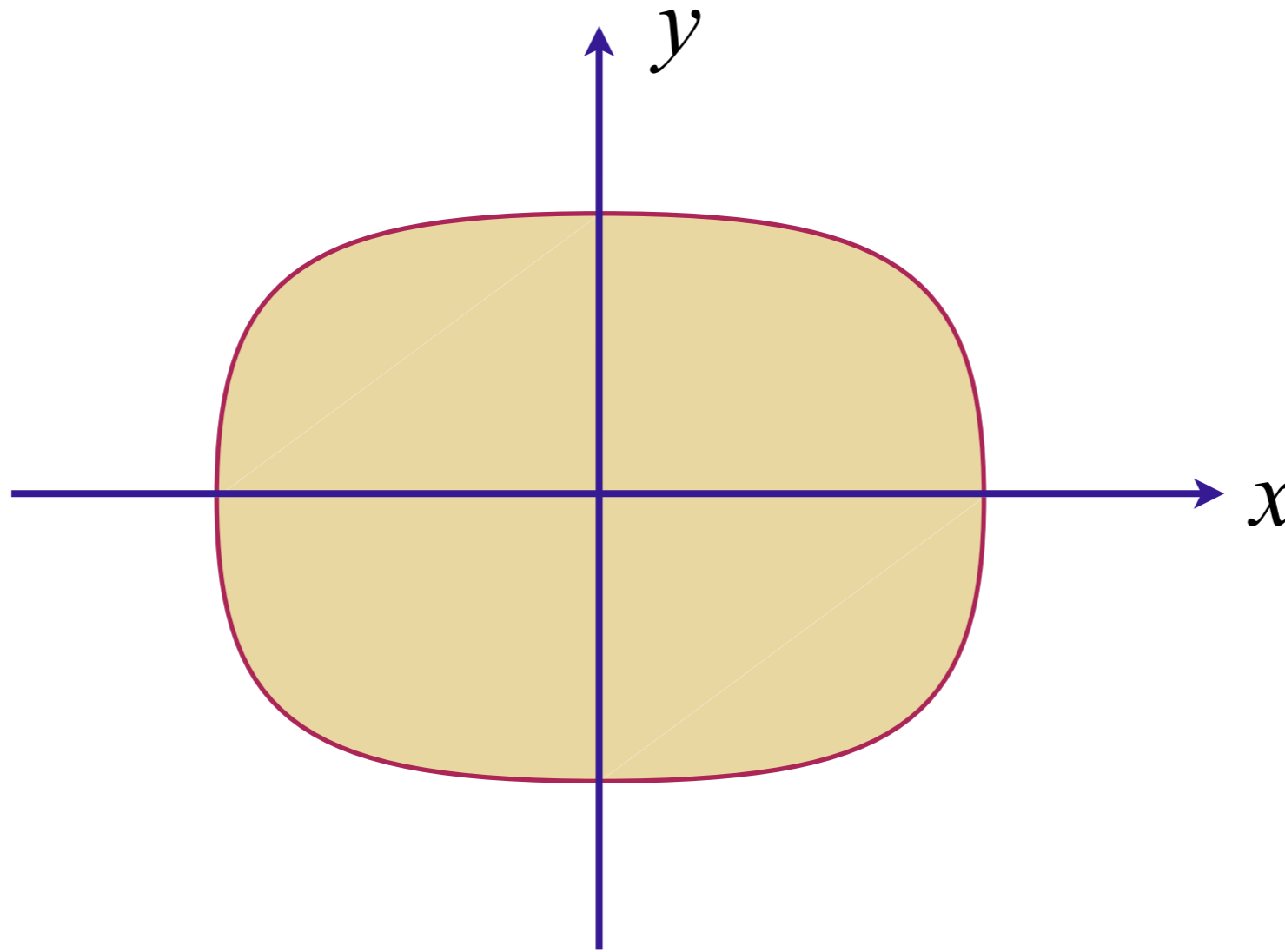
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Measures spontaneous breaking of square lattice point-group symmetry of underlying Hamiltonian

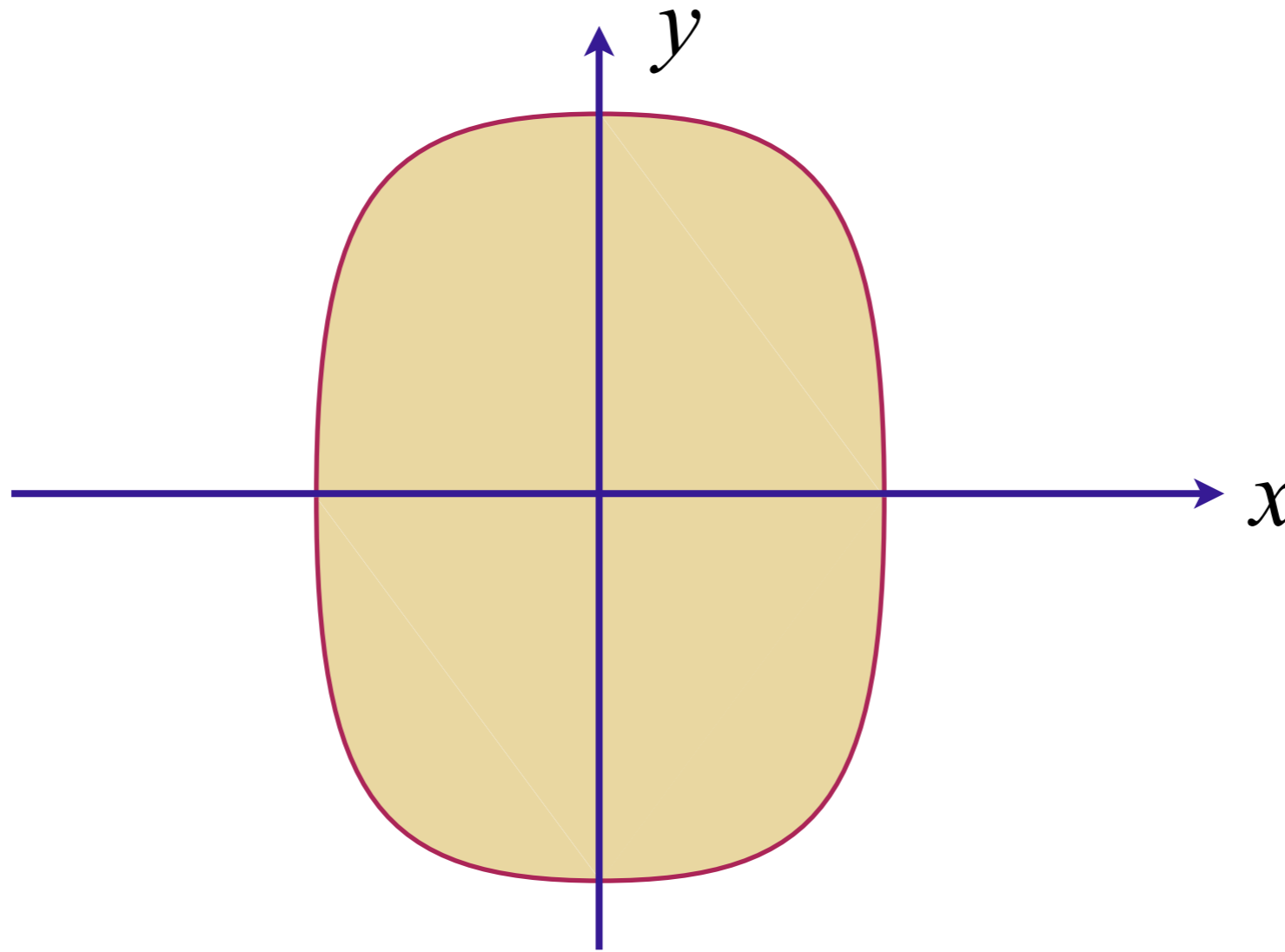
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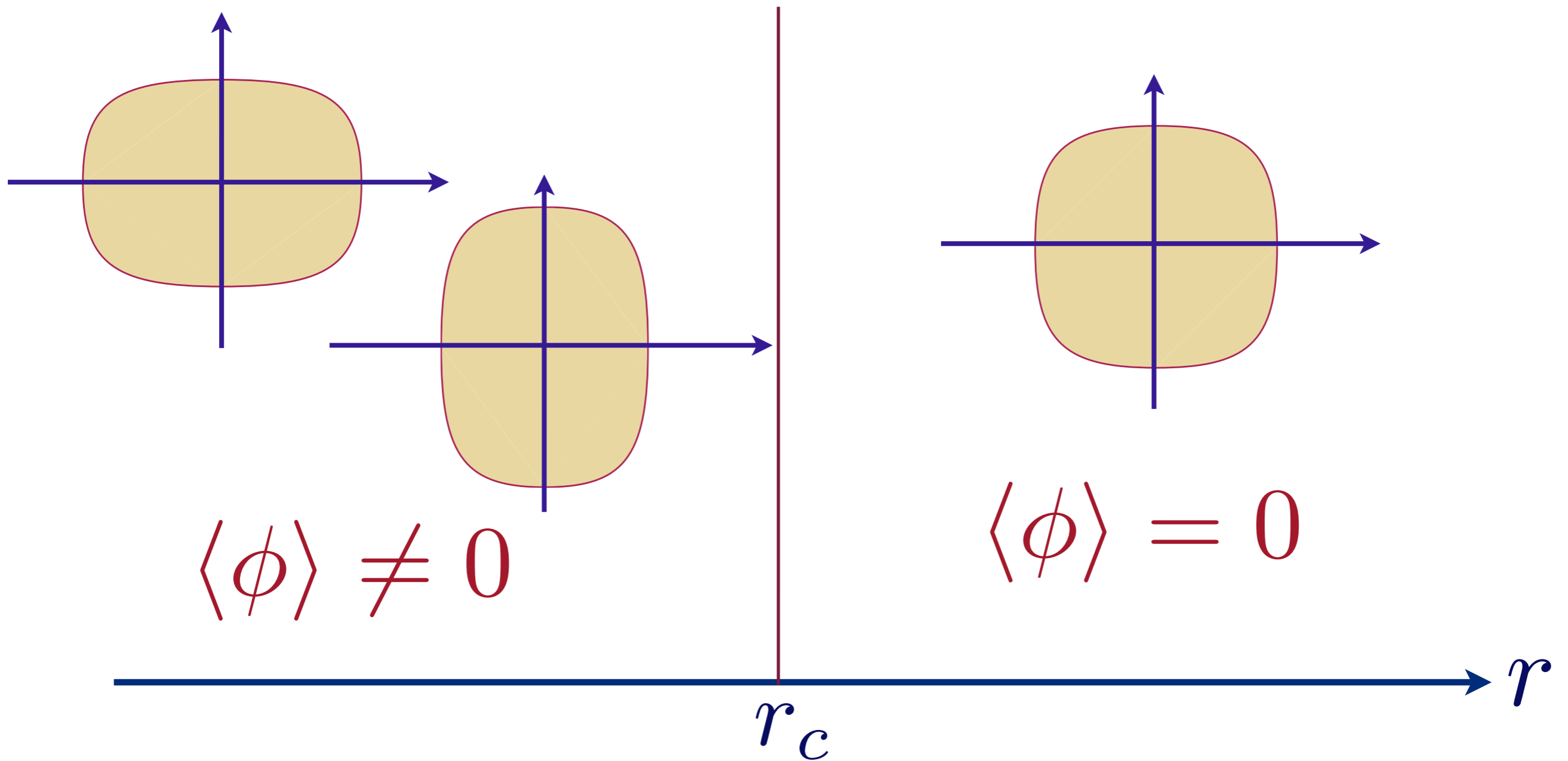
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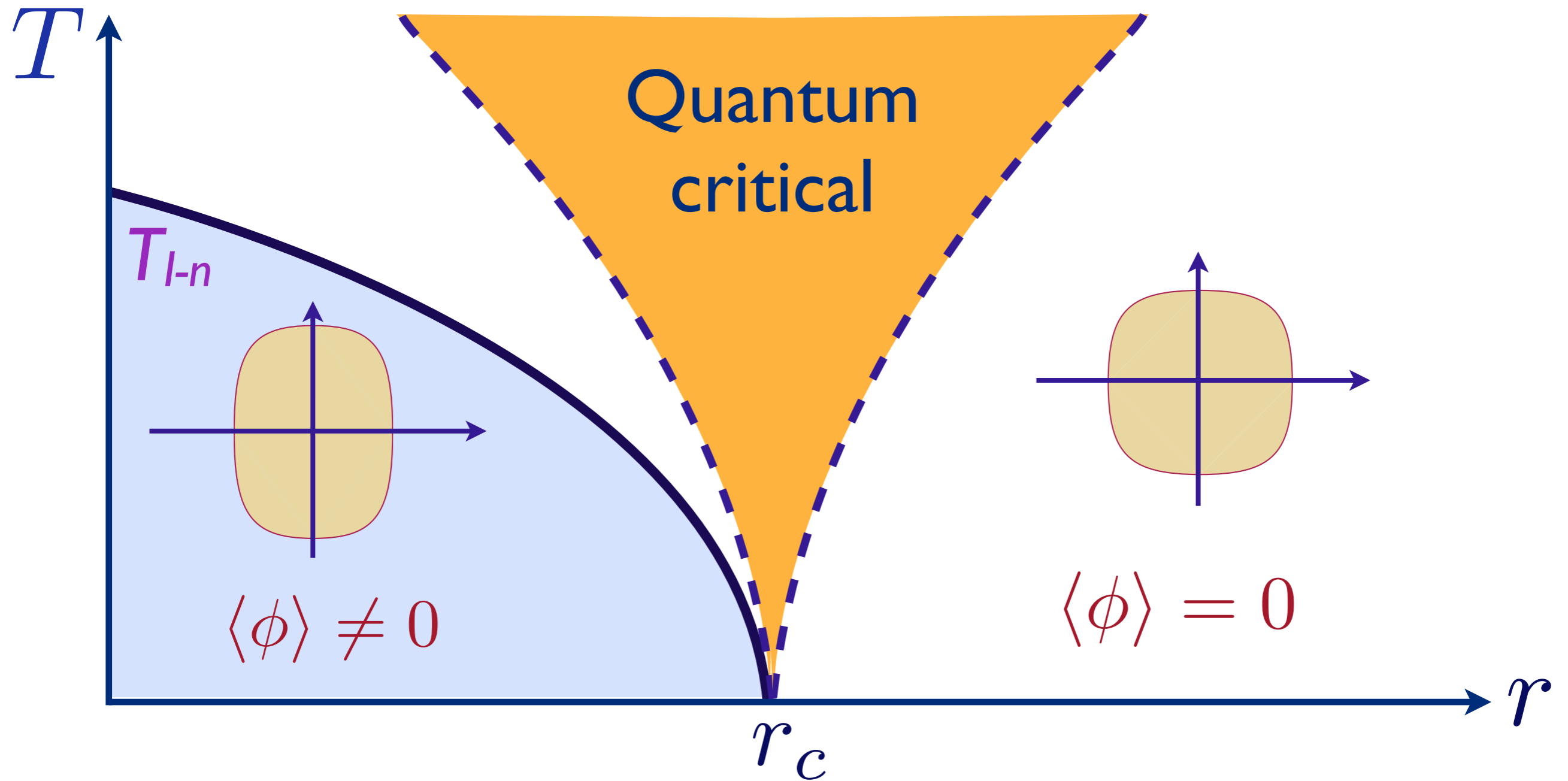
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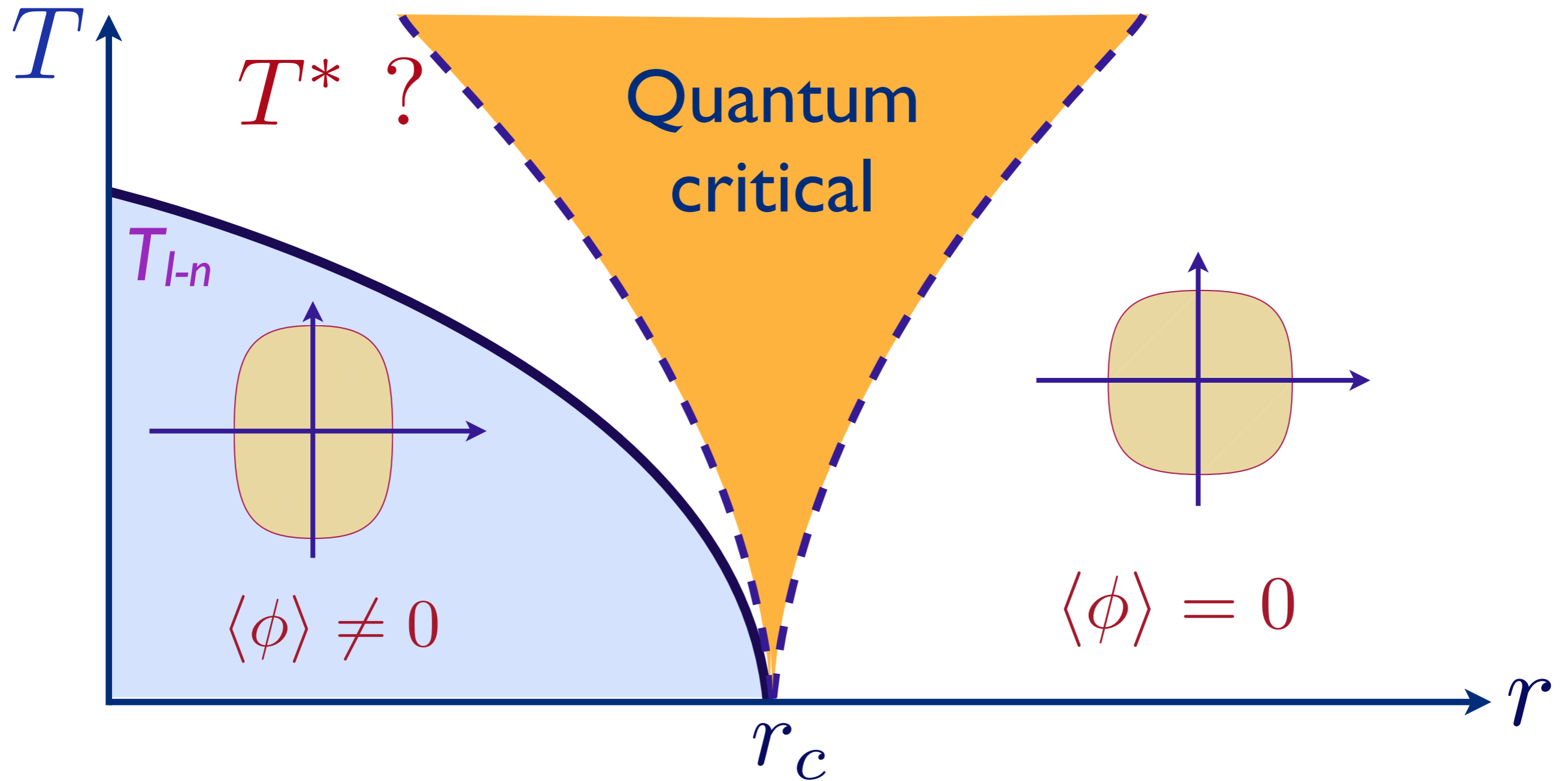
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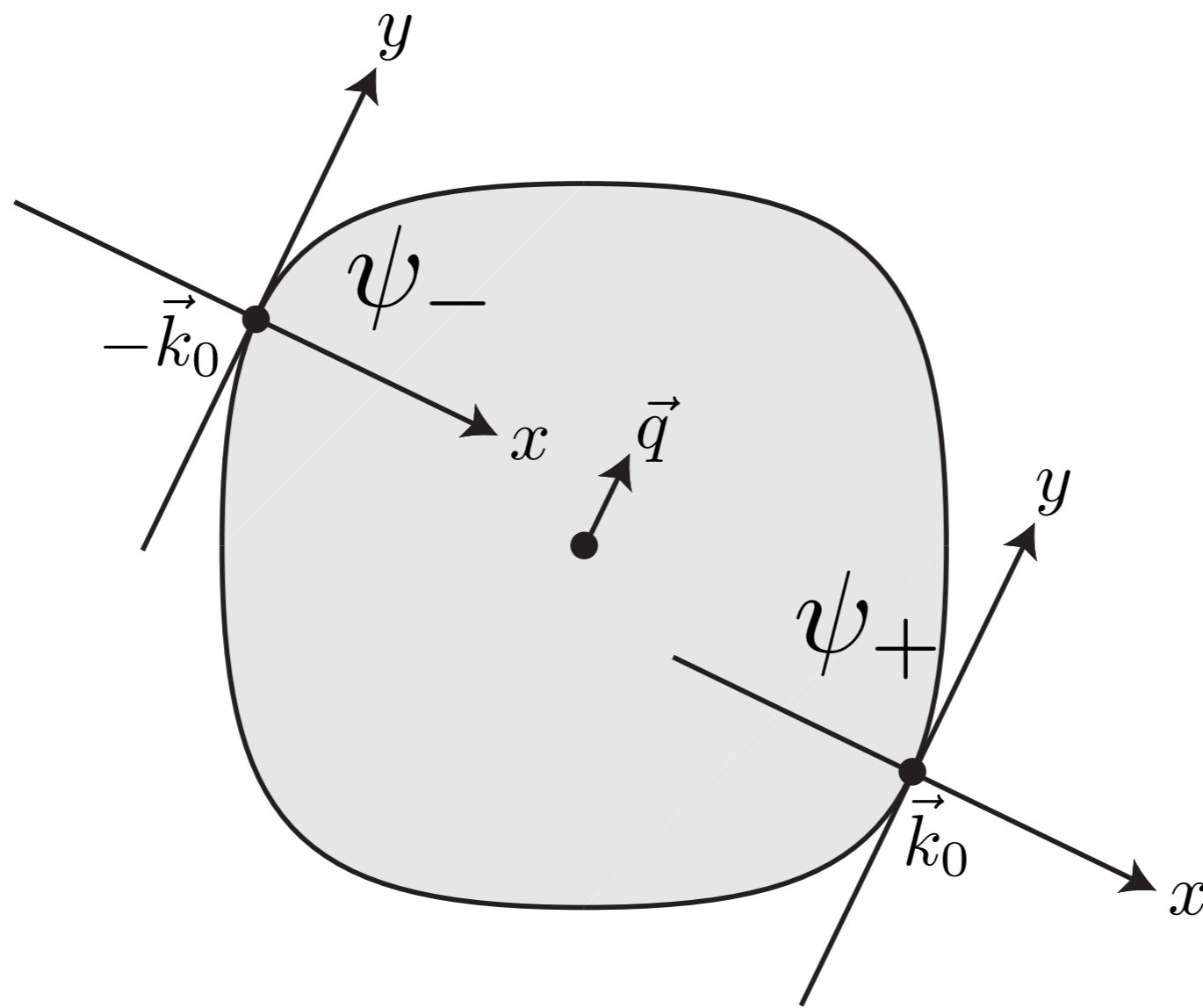


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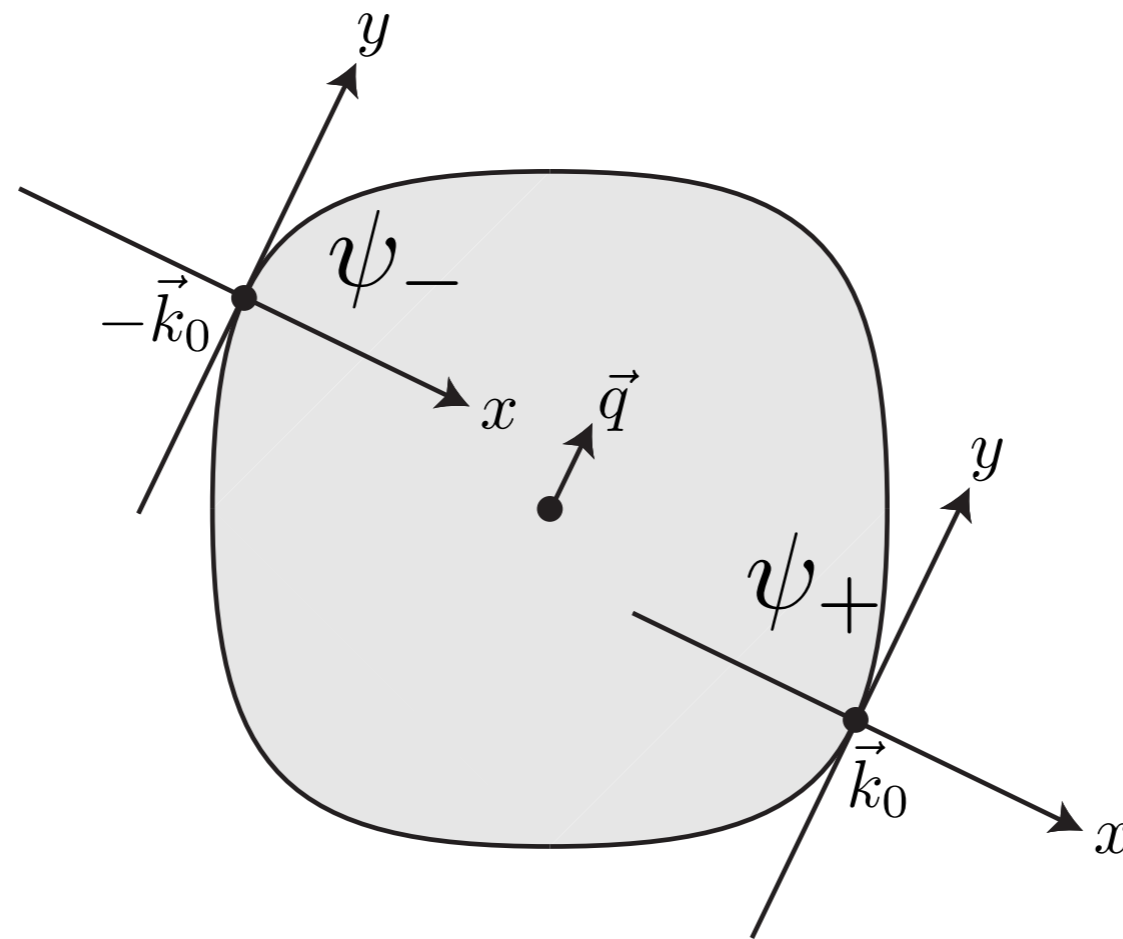
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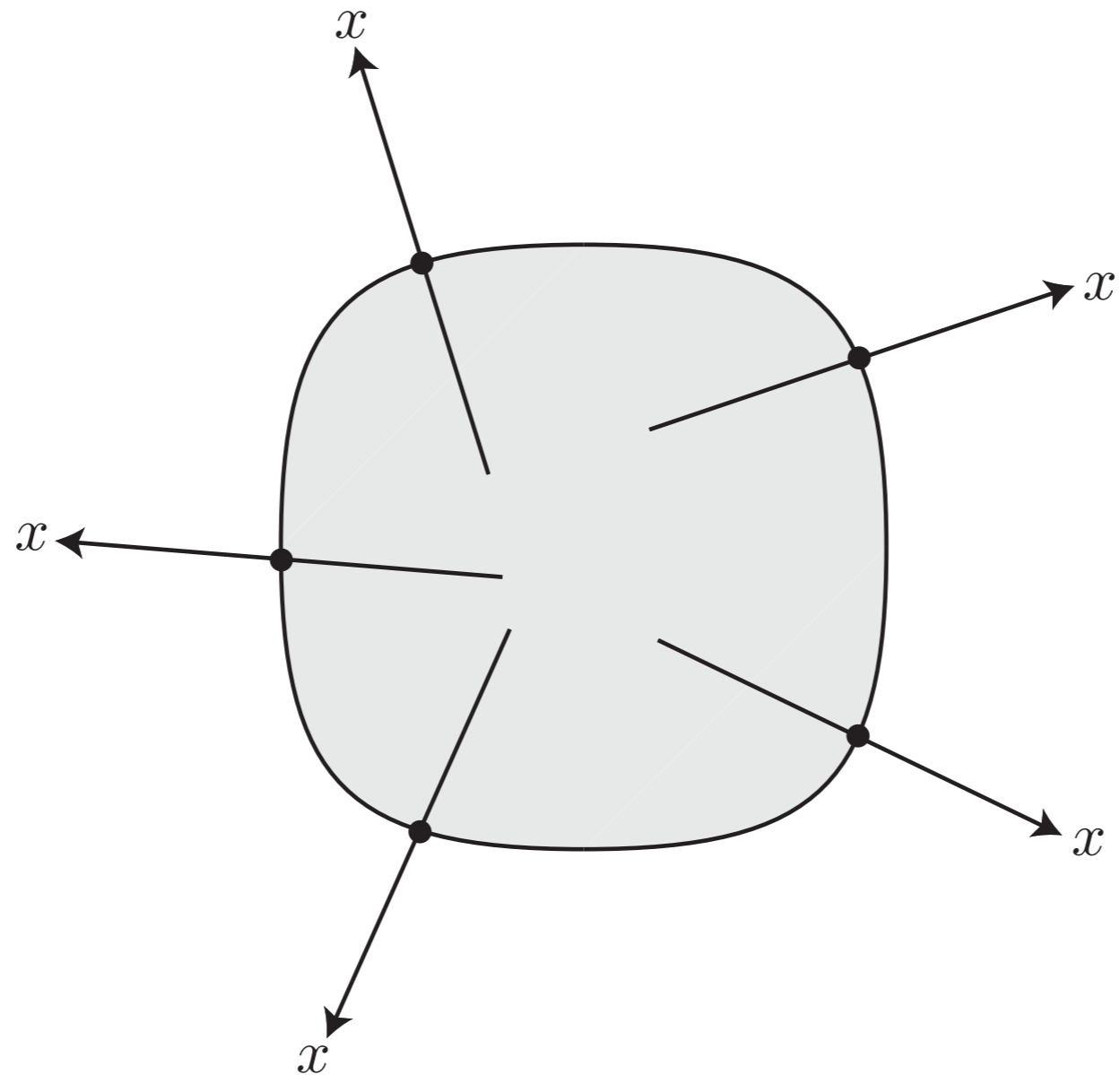
A ϕ fluctuation at wavevector \vec{q} couples most efficiently to fermions near $\pm\vec{k}_0$.

Expand fermion kinetic energy at wavevectors about \vec{k}_0

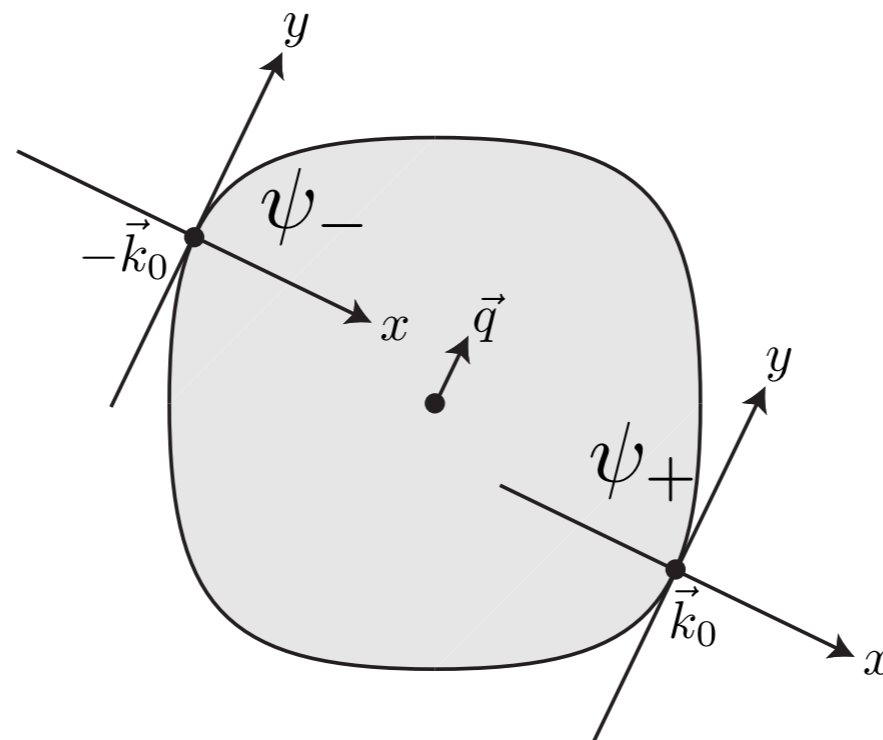
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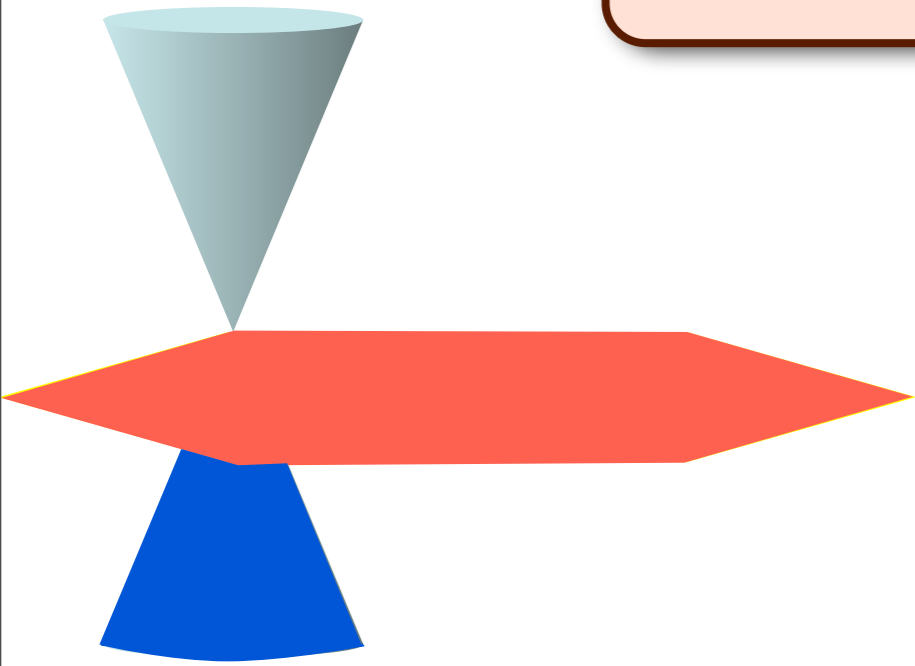


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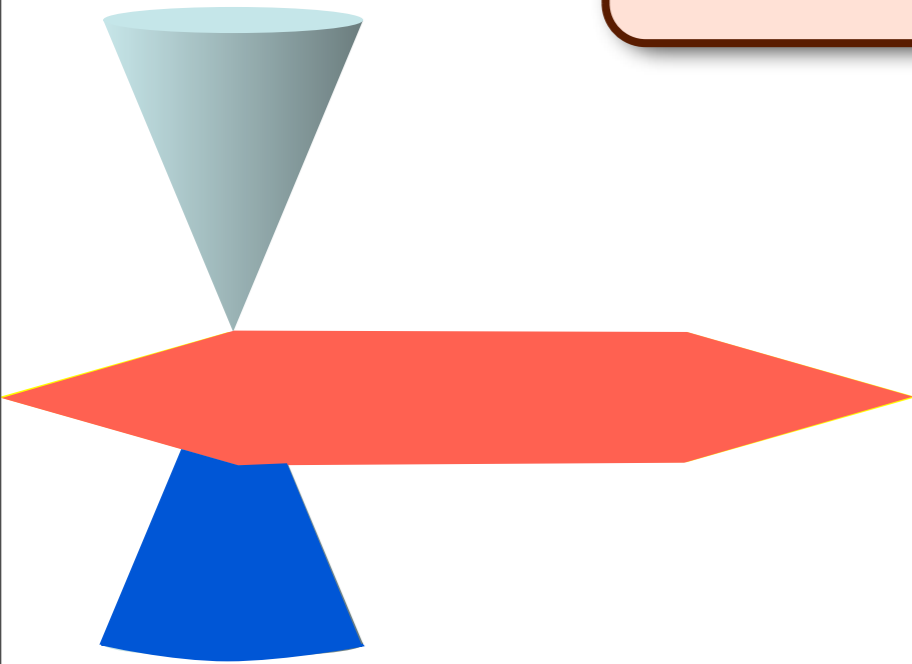
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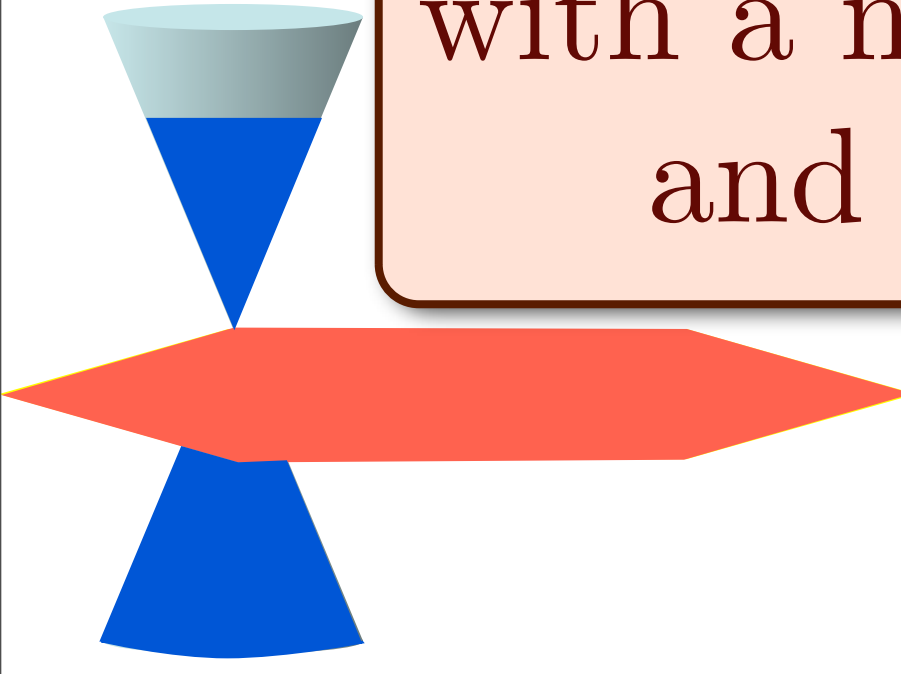


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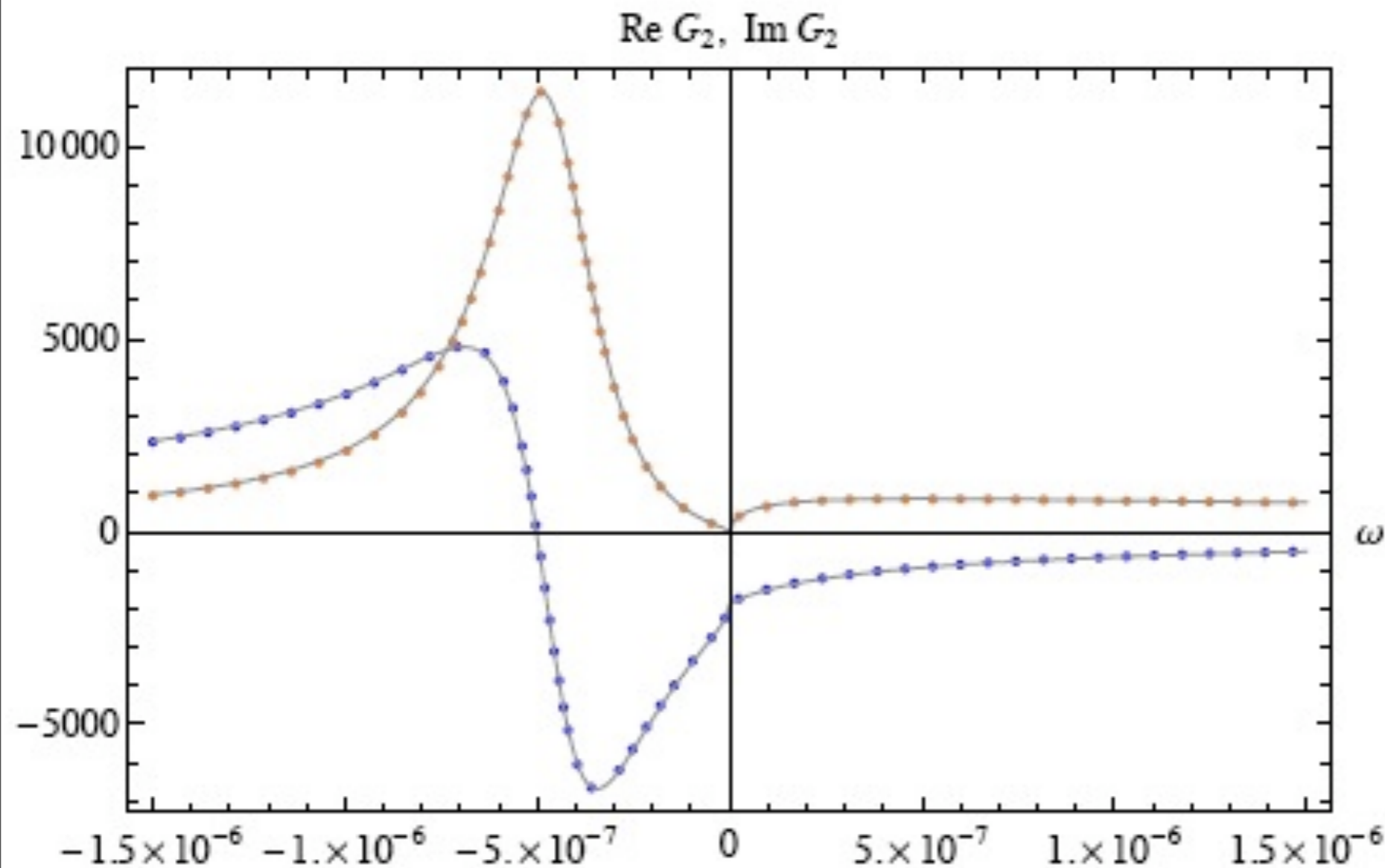
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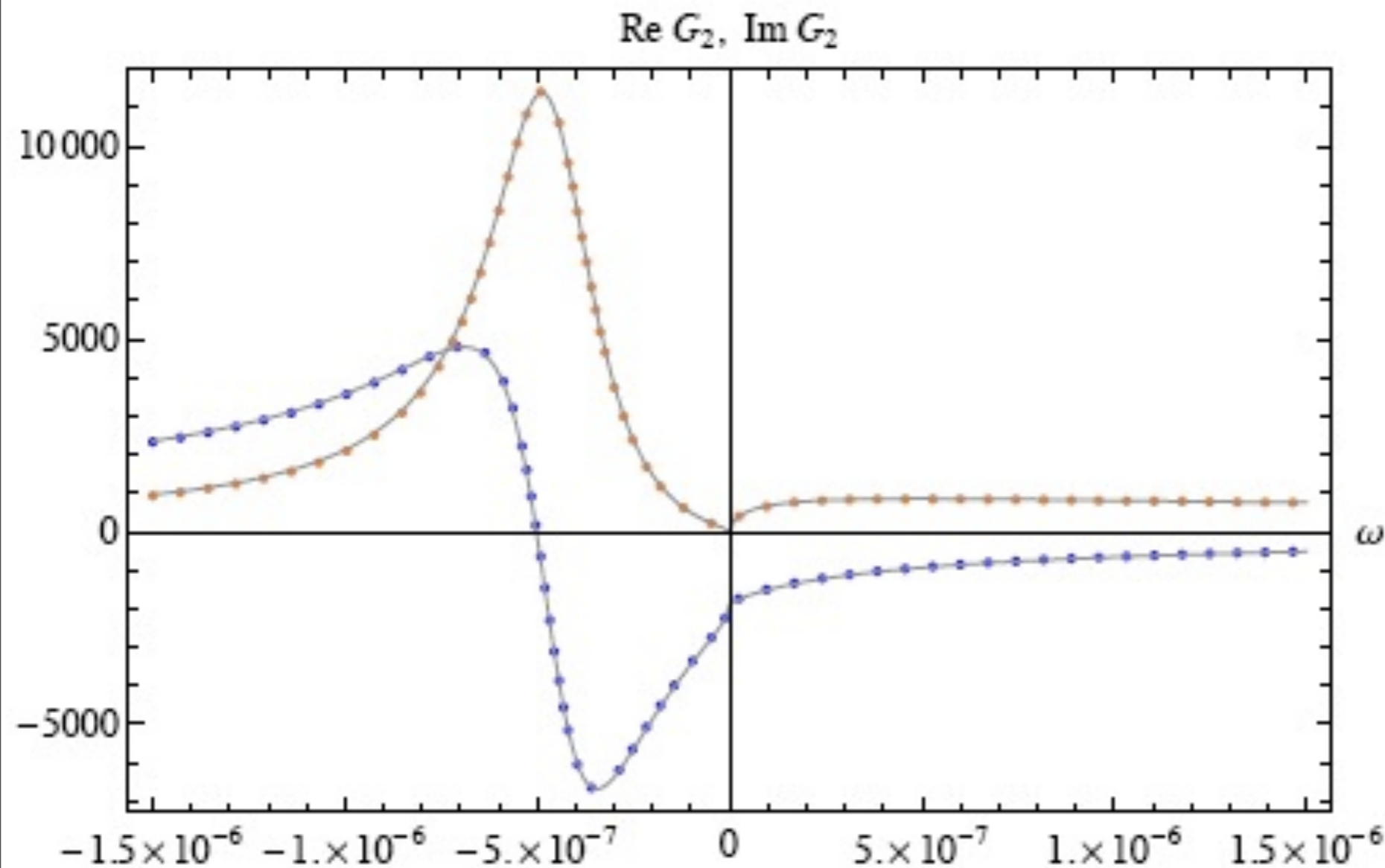
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