

# Quantum spin liquids, and a theory of the cuprate pseudogap metal

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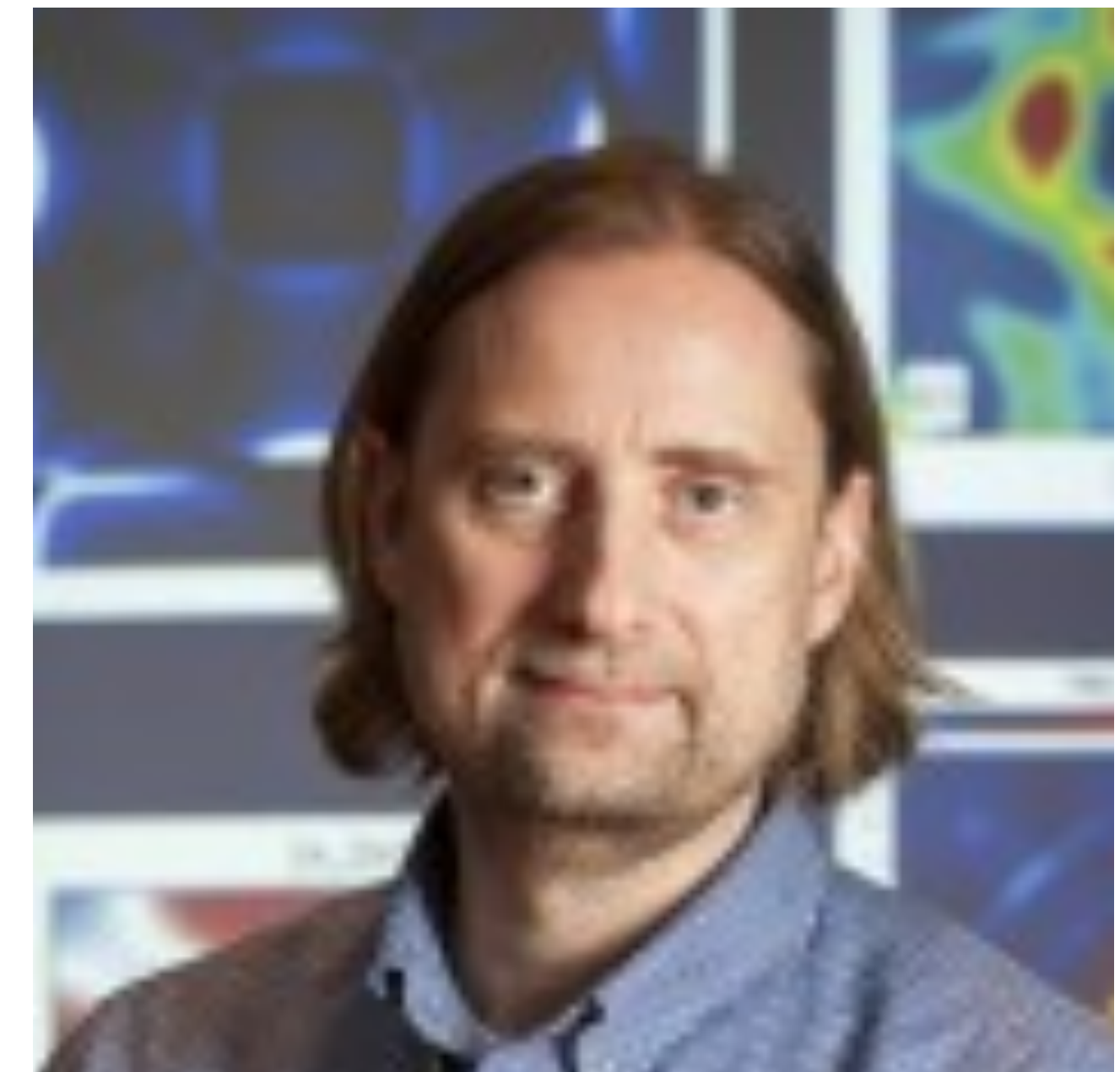
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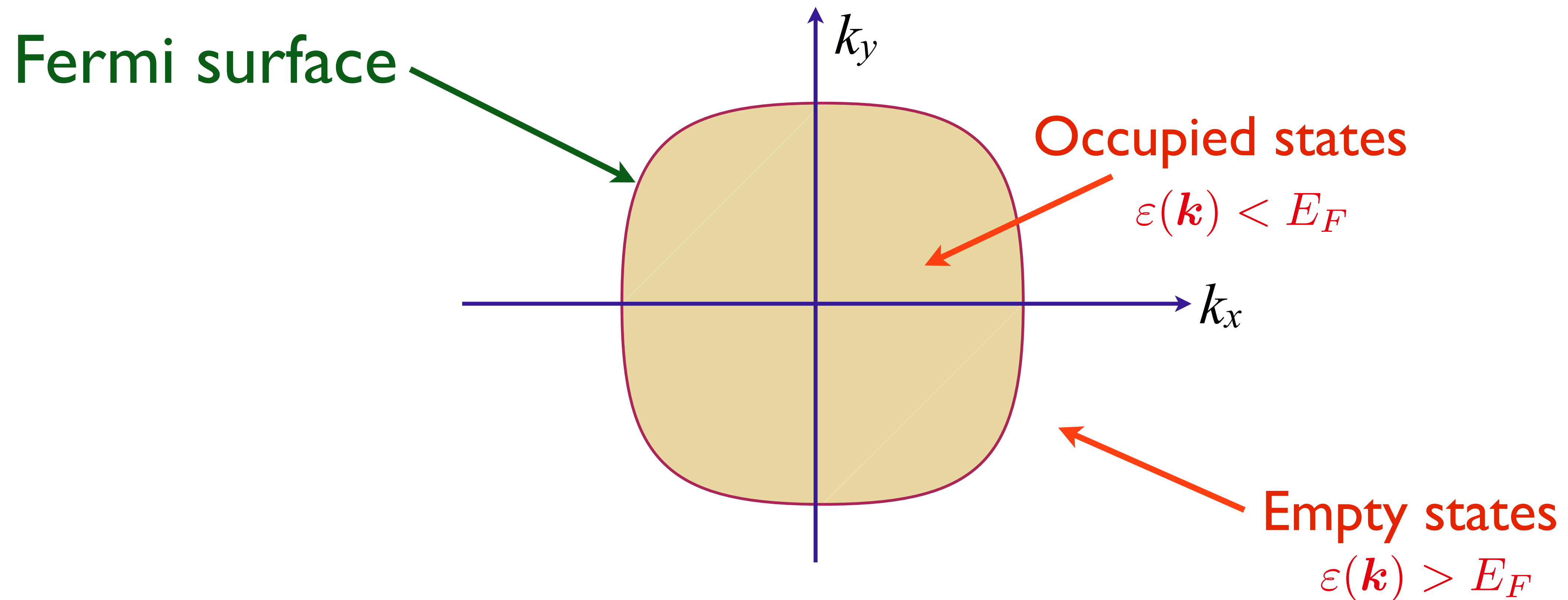
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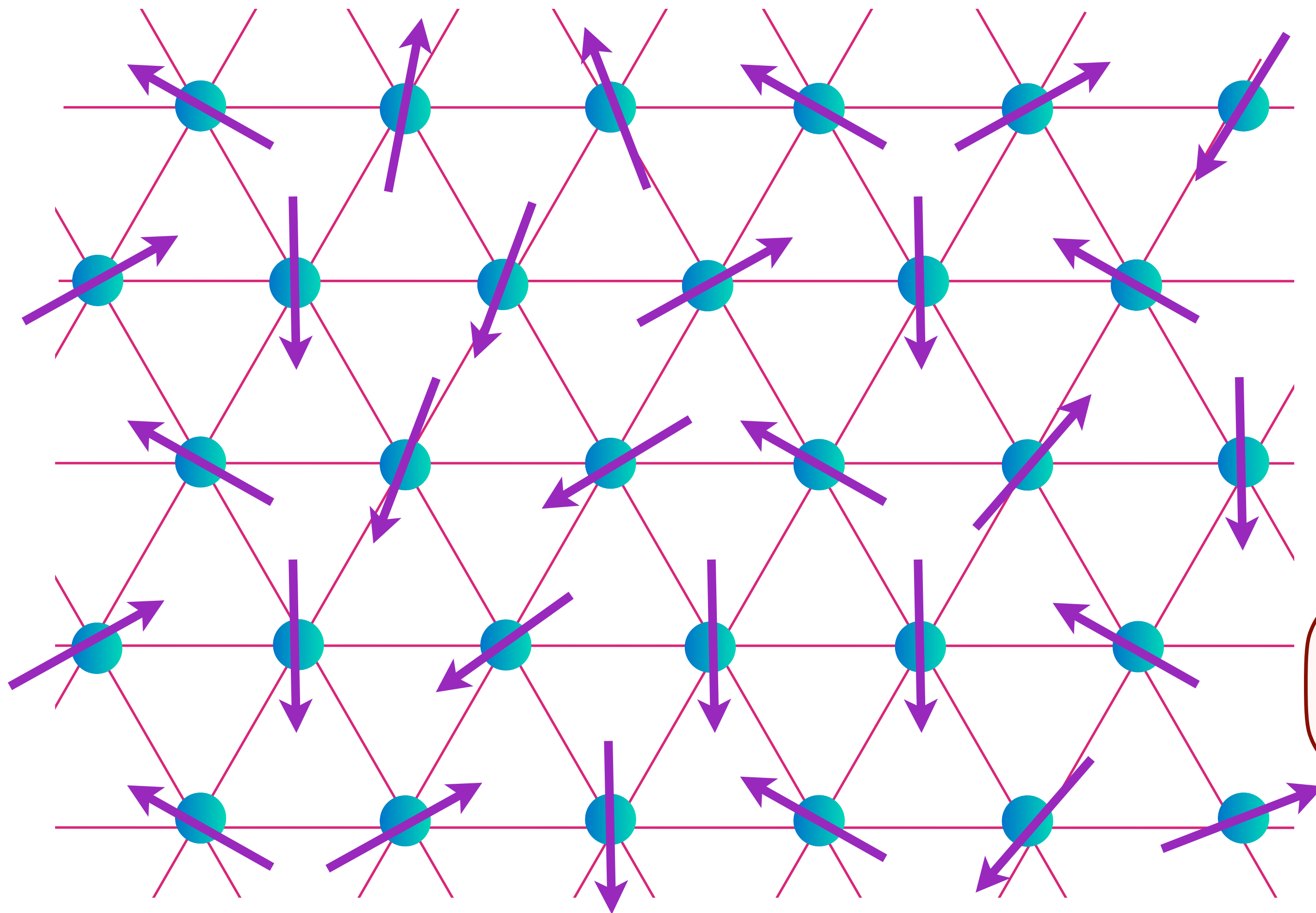
# Luttinger relation

Electrons move with momentum  $\mathbf{k}$  through the lattice with dispersion  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})$



$$2 \times \frac{\text{Volume inside Fermi surface}}{(2\pi)^d} = \text{density of electrons (mod 2)}$$

# Kondo lattice



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 $J_K$

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Luttinger volume “large” Fermi surface.

$$|\text{HFL}\rangle = [\text{Projection onto one } f \text{ per site}] \otimes |\text{Slater determinant of } (c, f)\rangle$$

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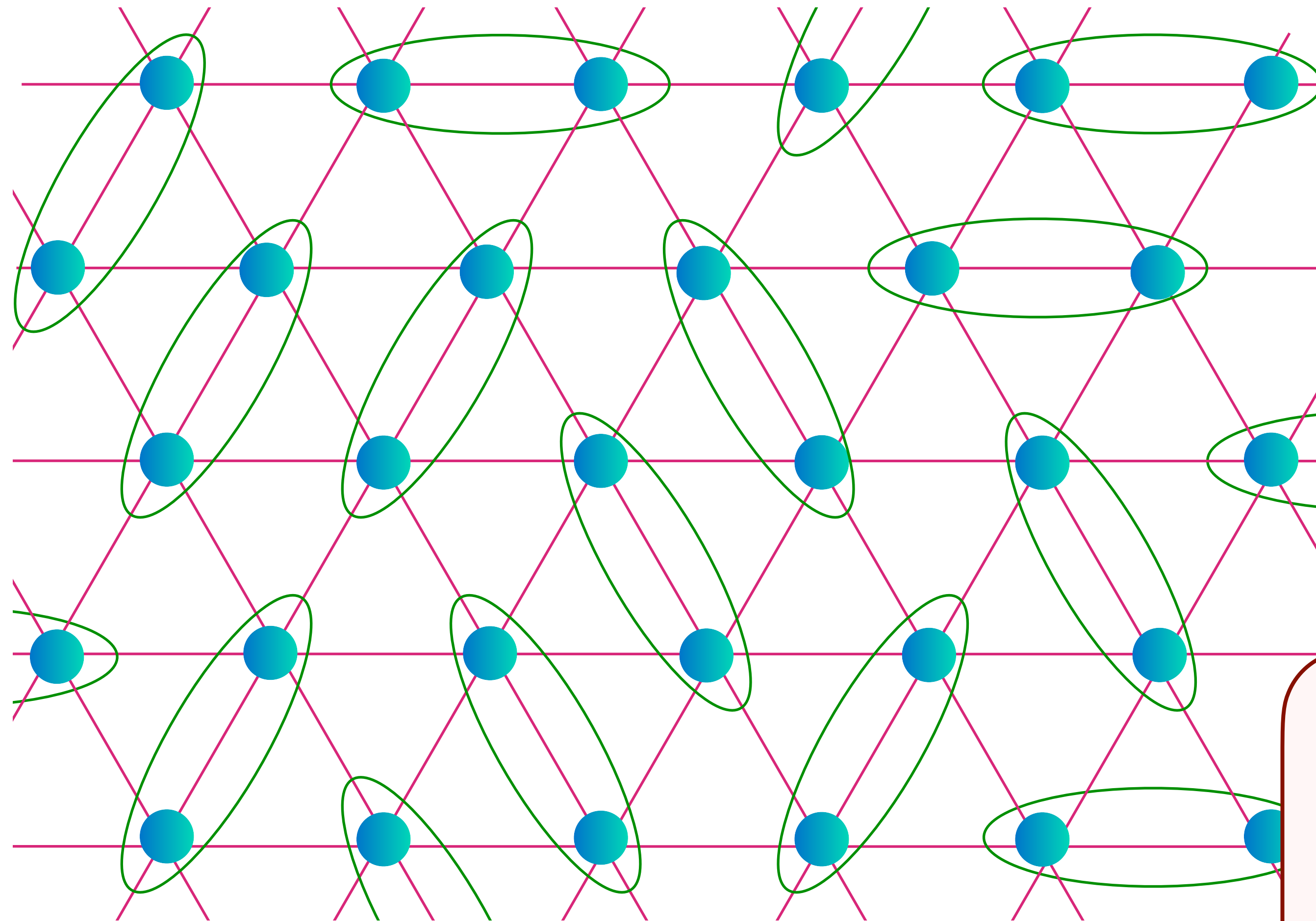
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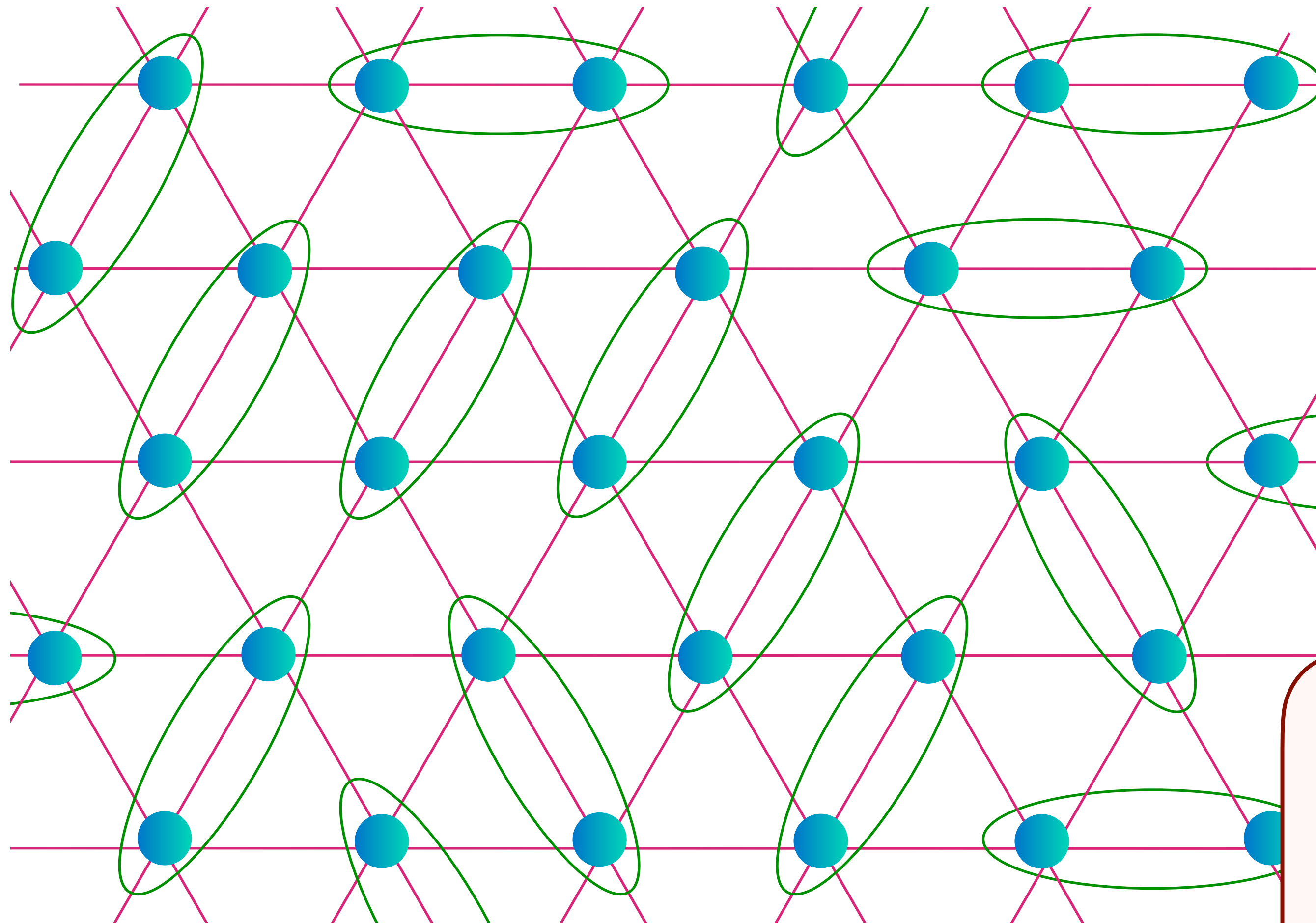
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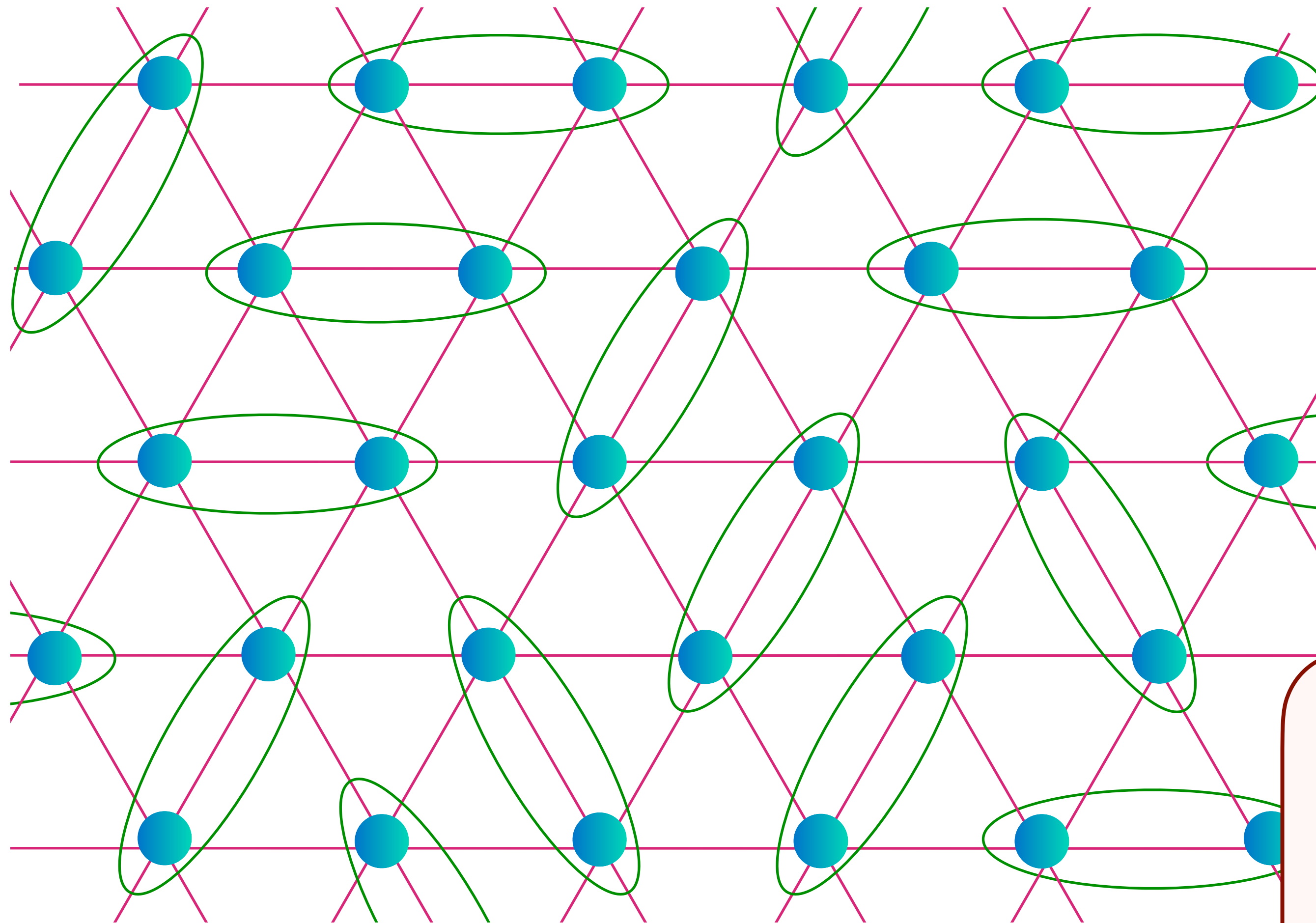


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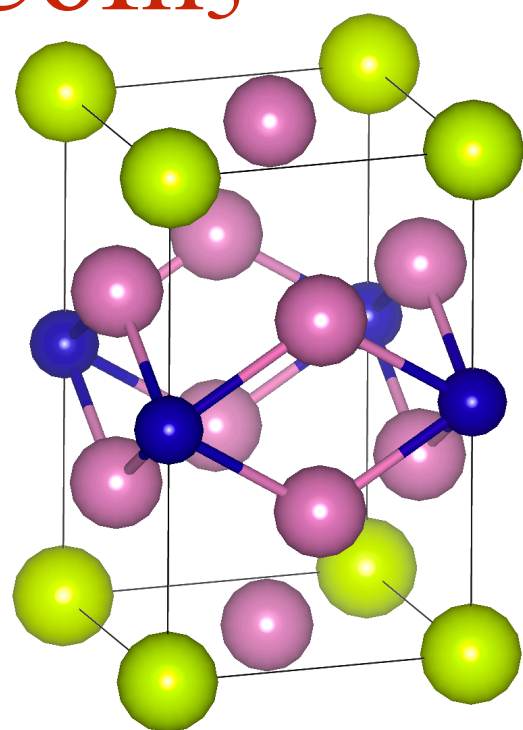
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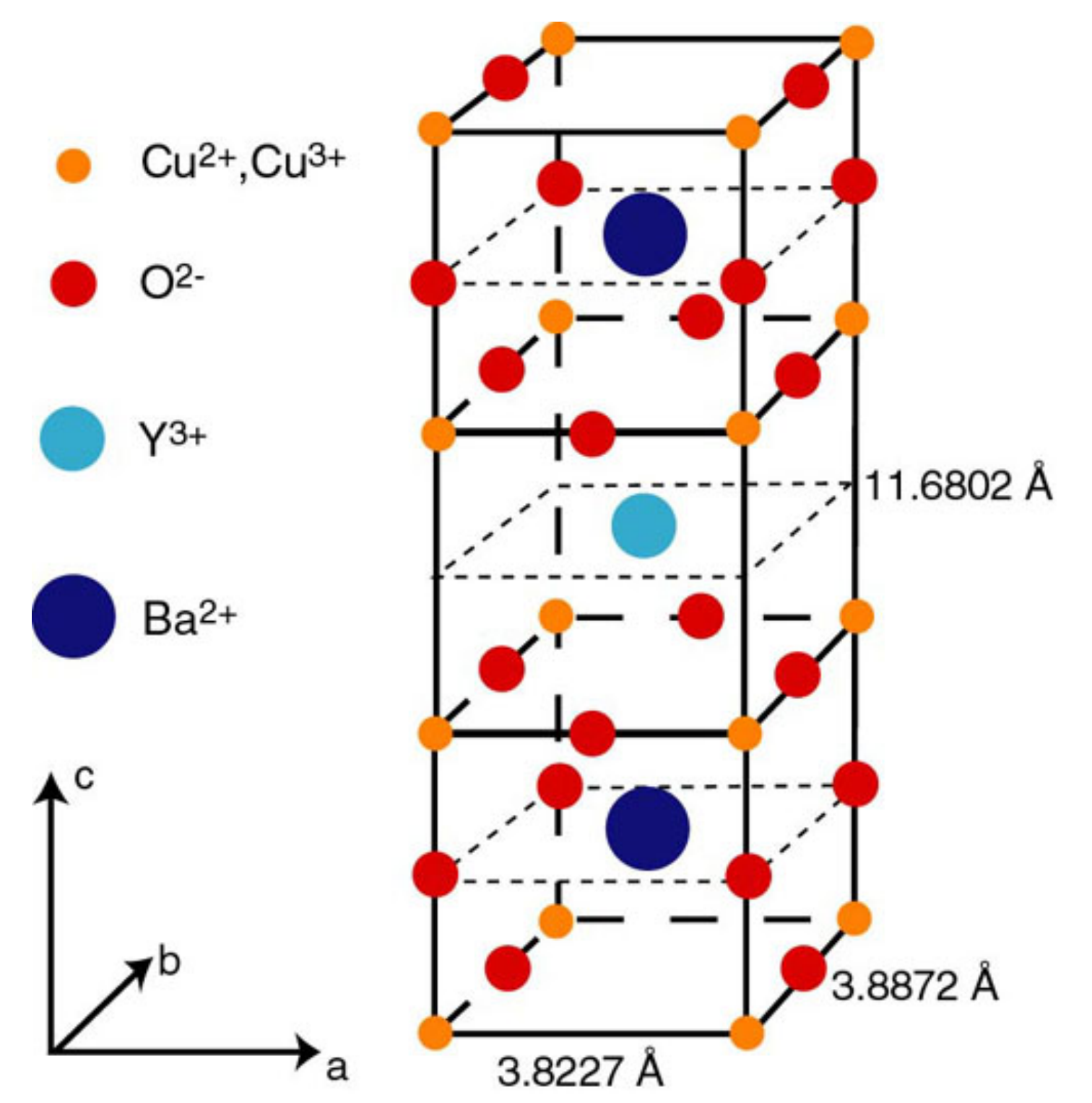
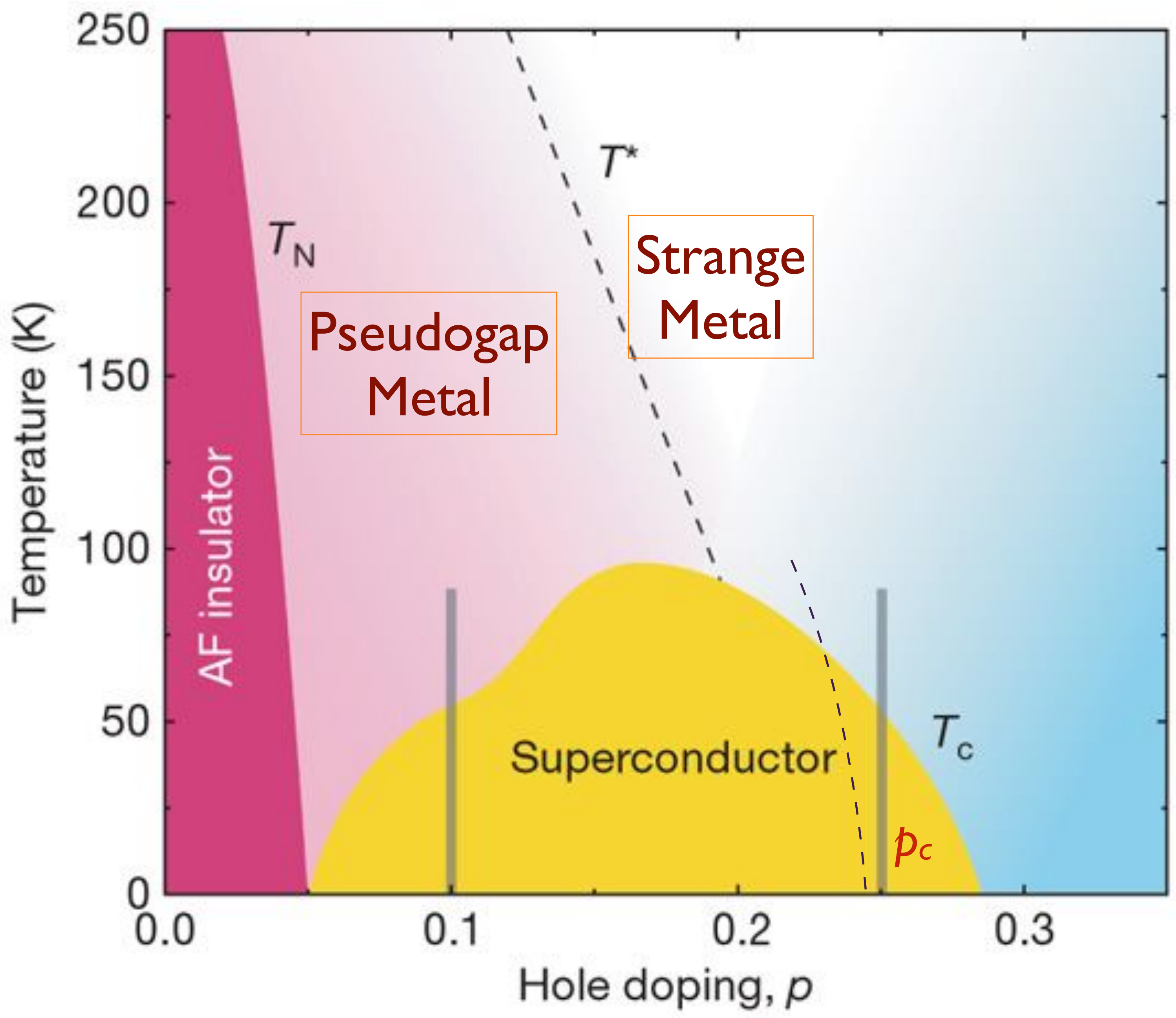
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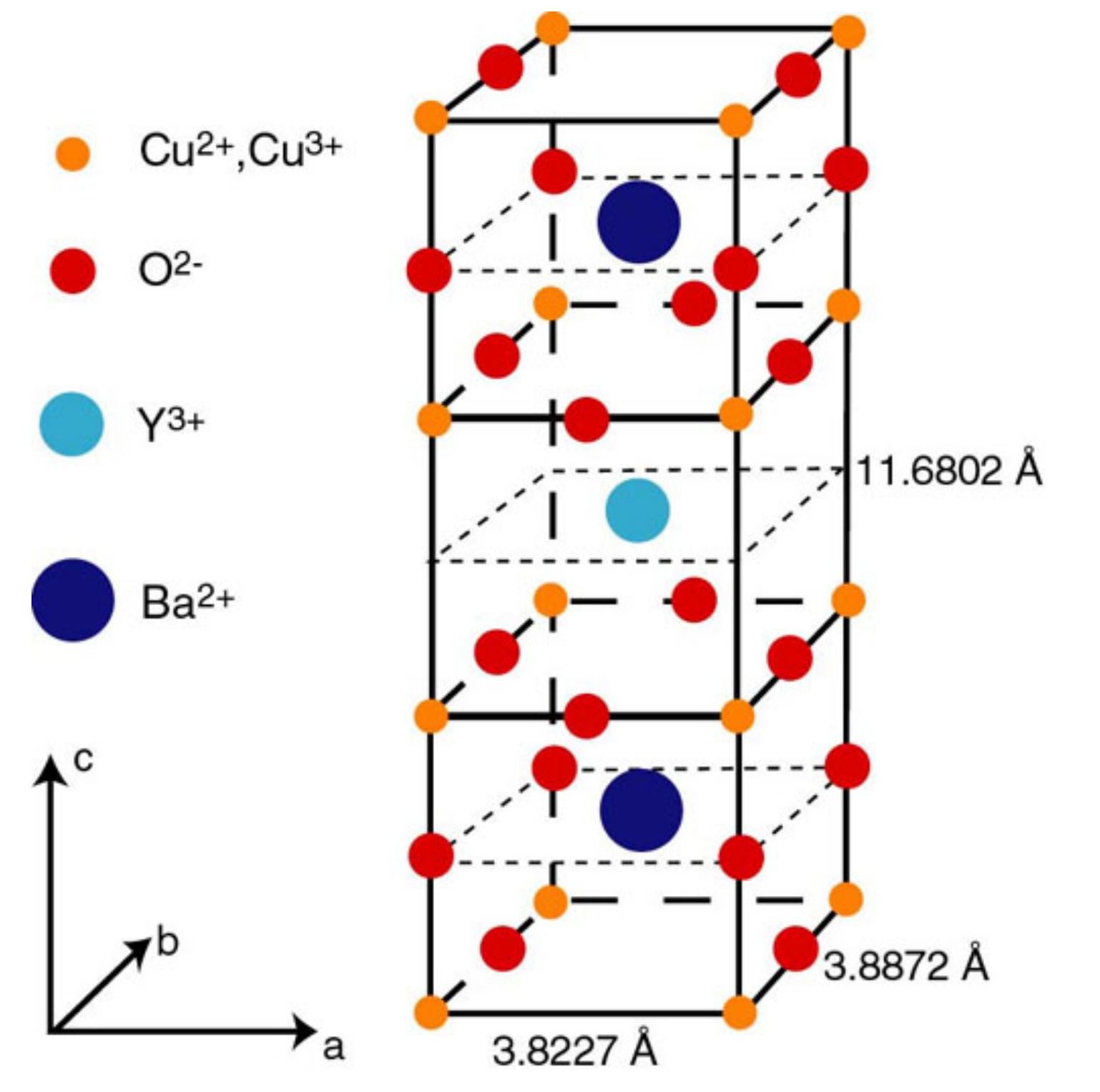
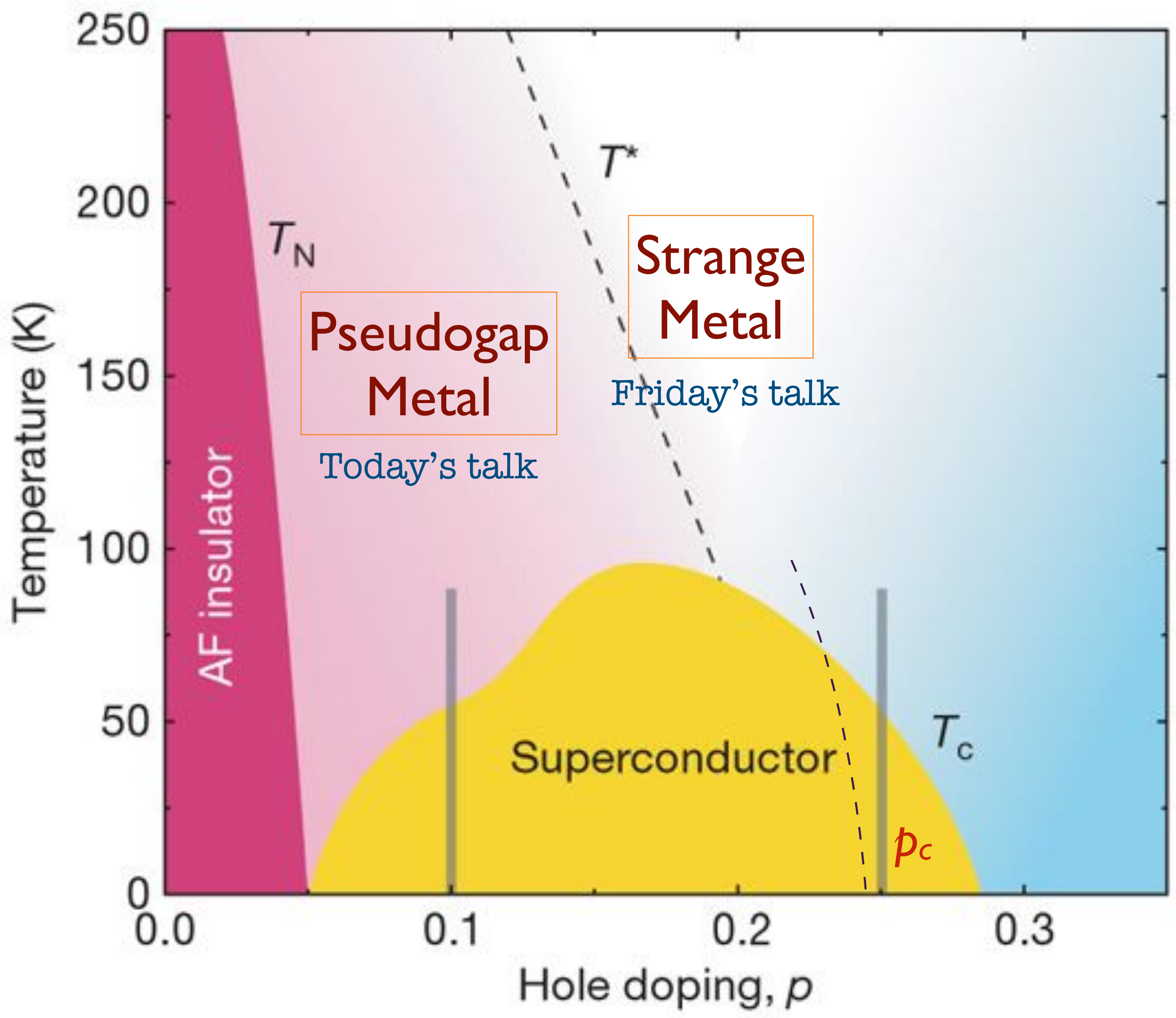
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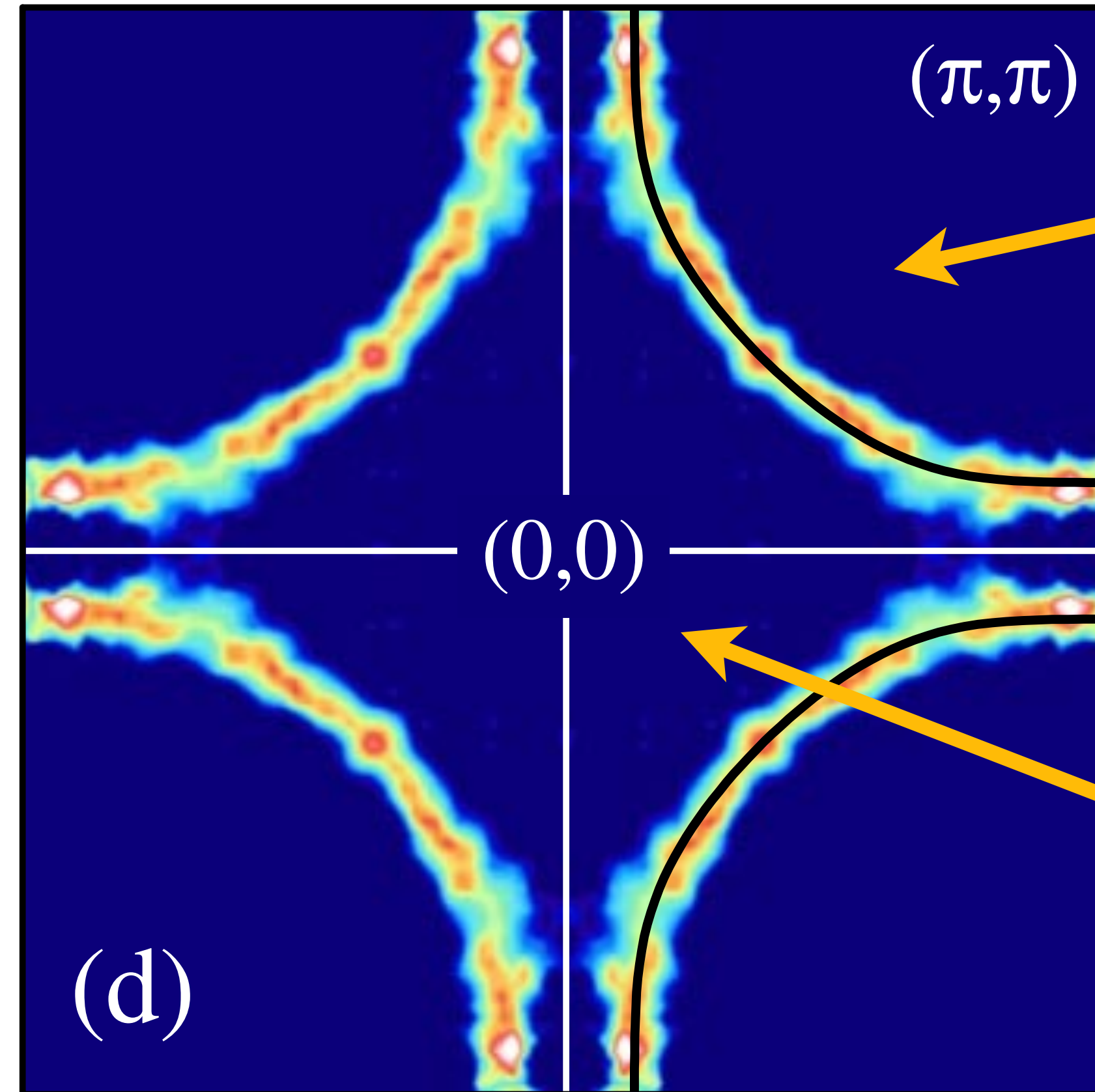
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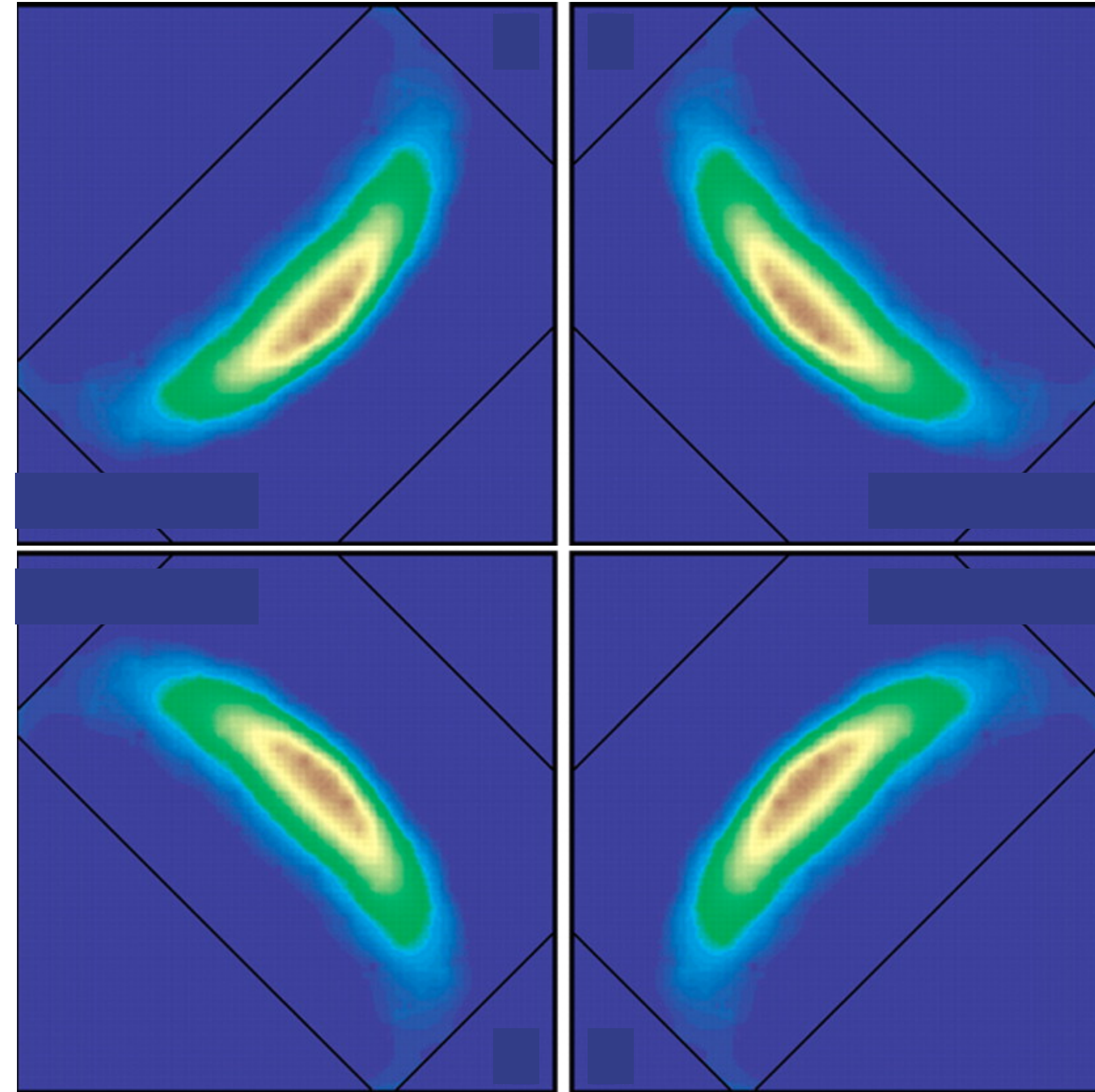
$l+p$  holes

Overdoped  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$   
 $T_c = 30\text{K}$

$l-p$  electrons

$l+p$  mobile holes in a filled band

# Photoemission at small $p$

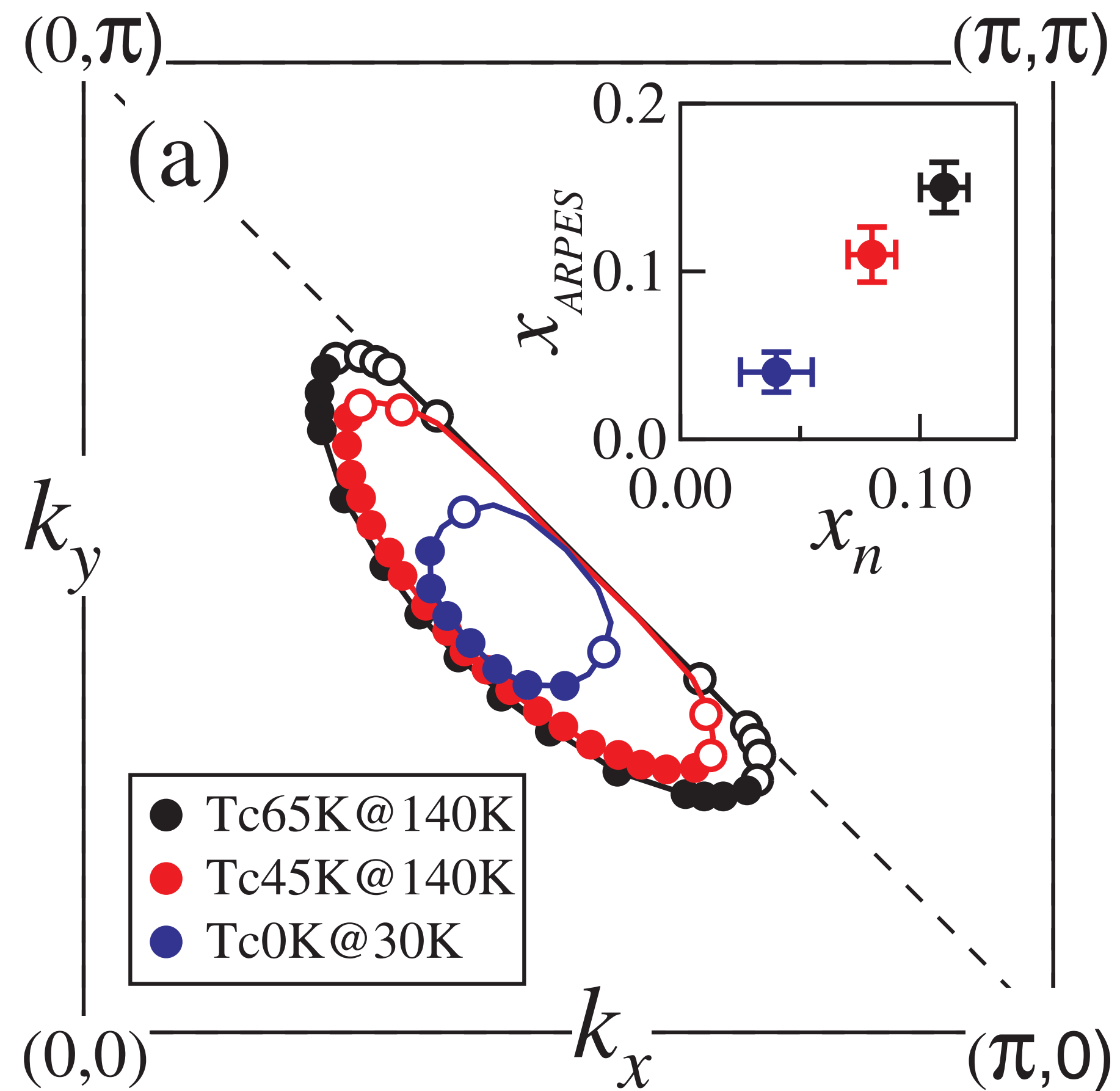


$\text{Ca}_{2-x}\text{Na}_x\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$   
at  $x = 0.10$

*“Fermi arcs”*

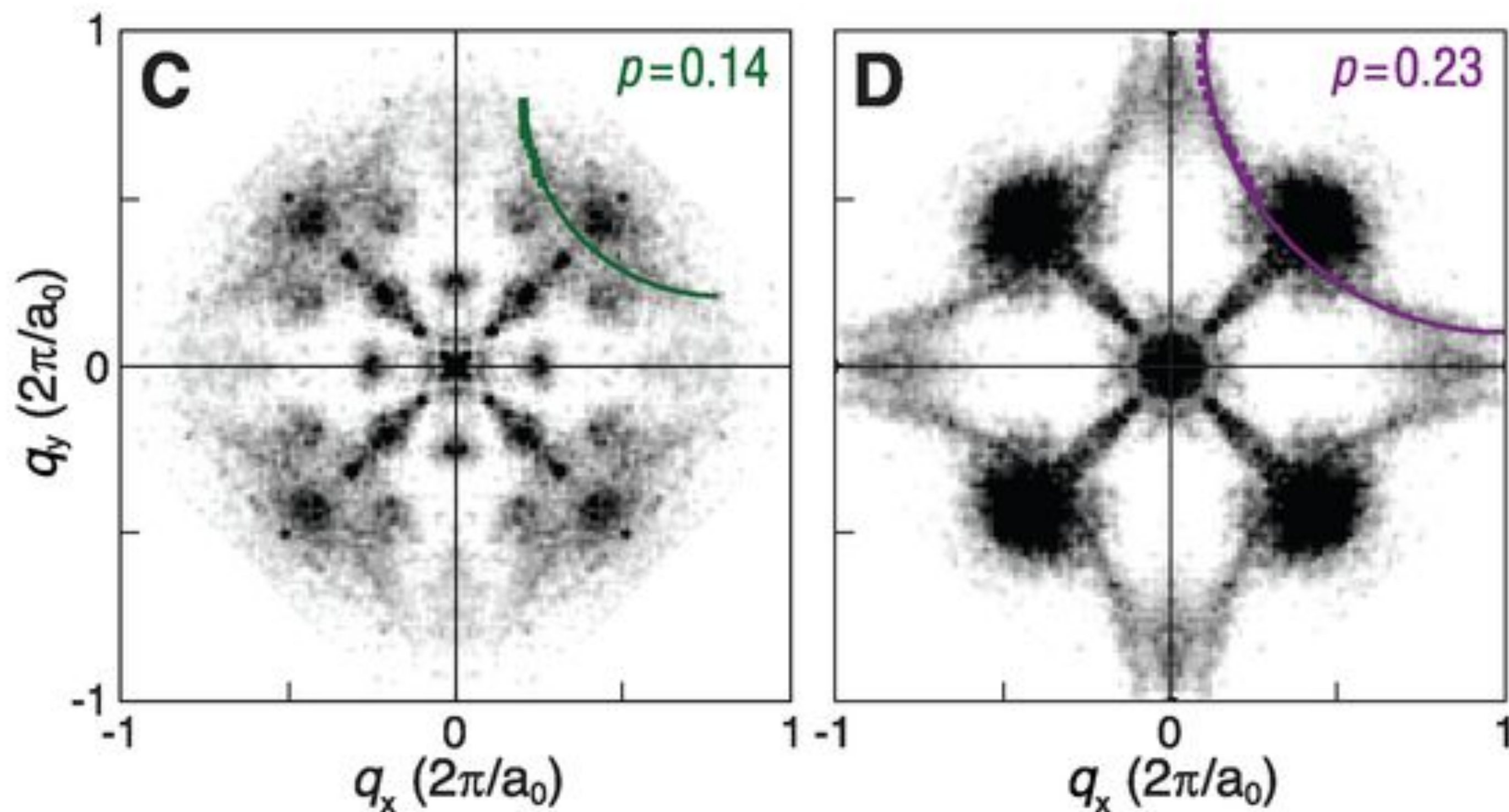
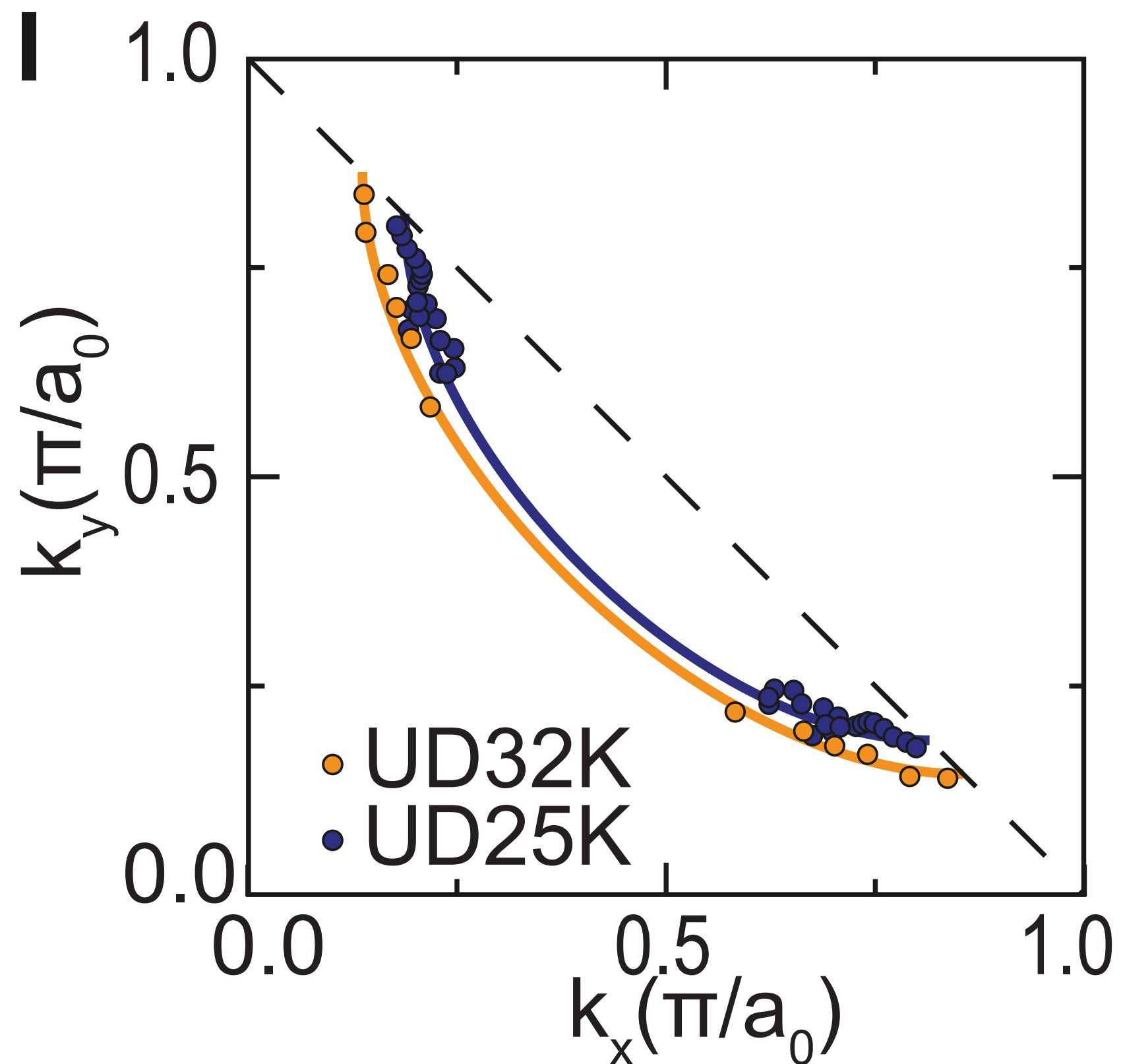
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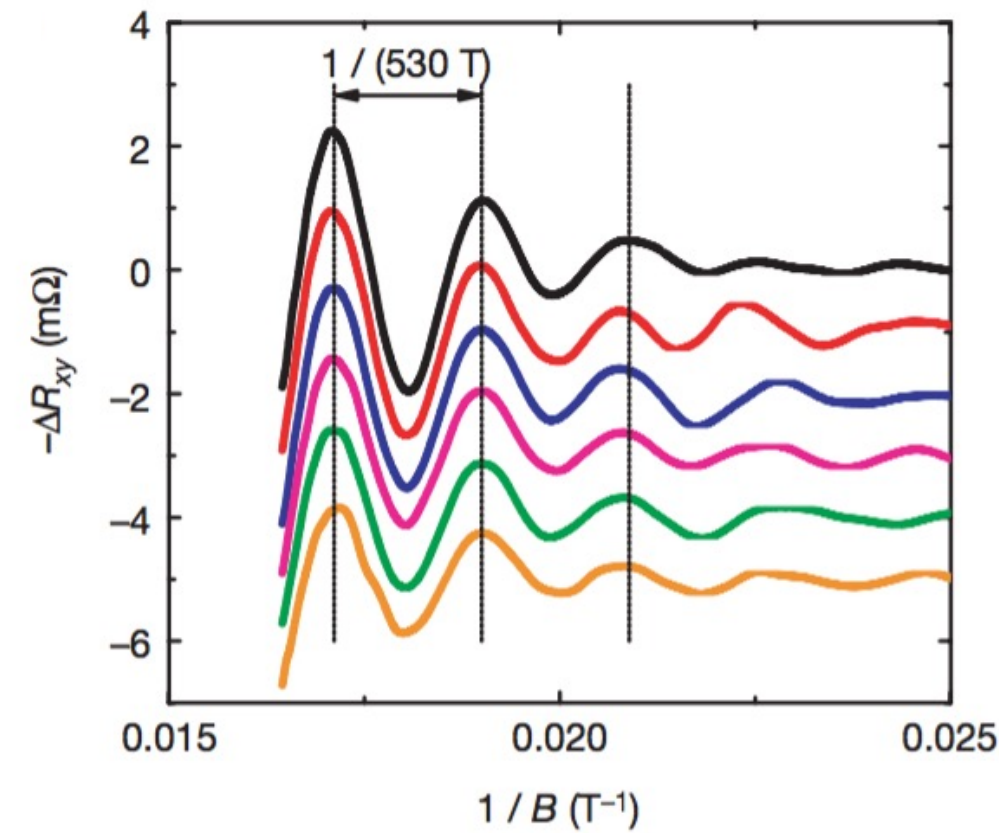
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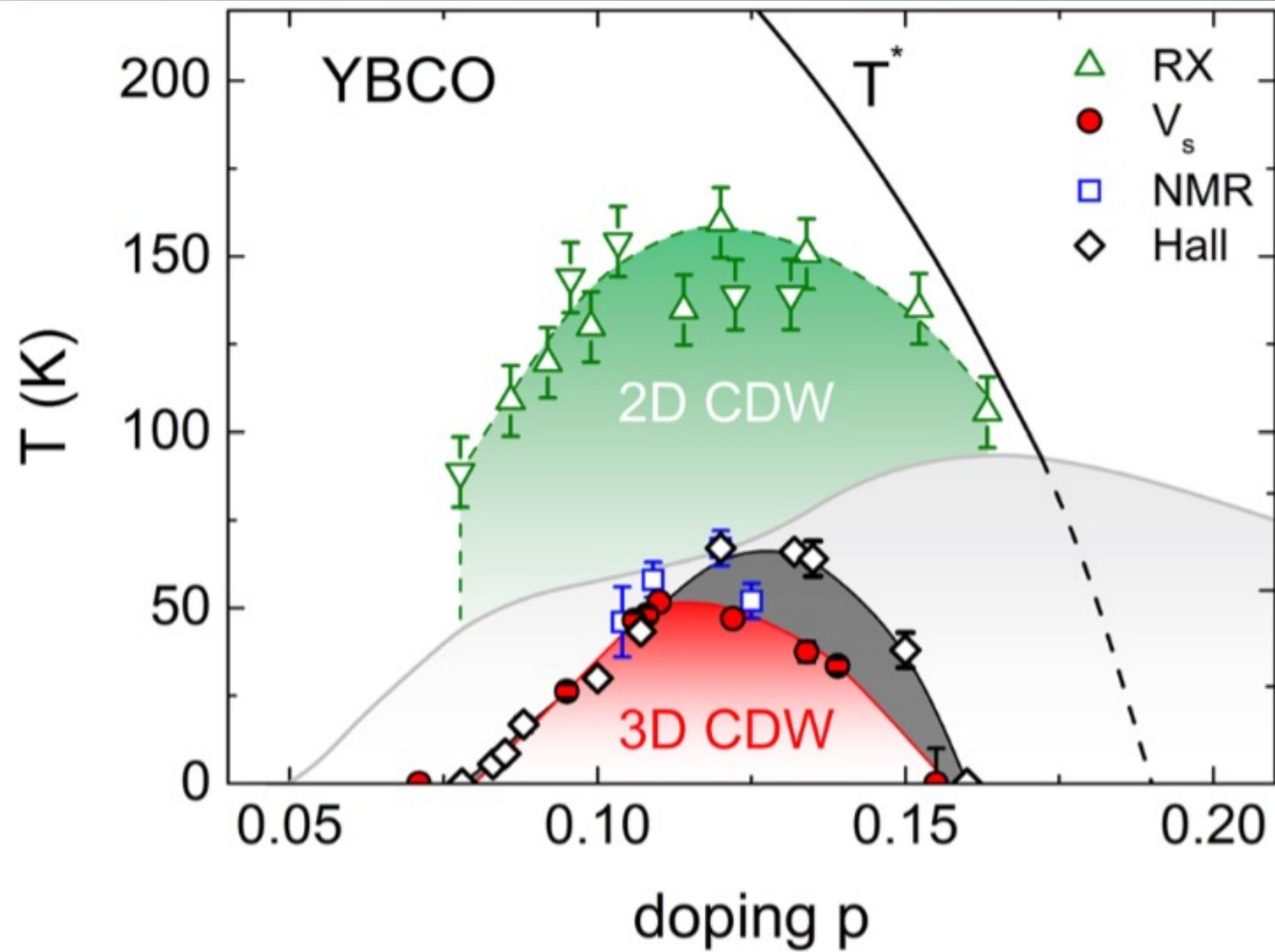
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# Quantum oscillation in $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6+\delta}$ (YBCO)

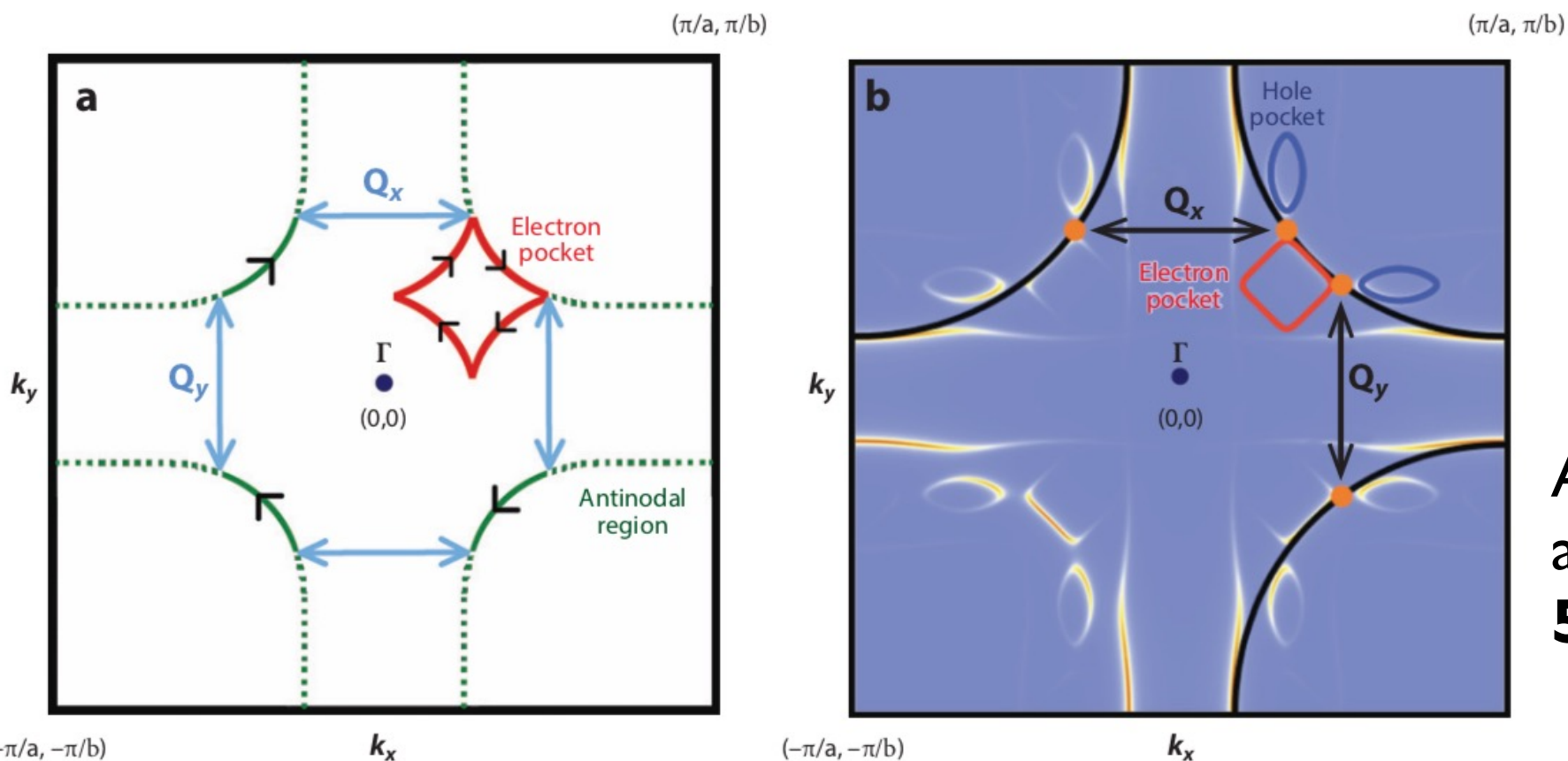


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*Nature*. **447**, 565-568 (2007)



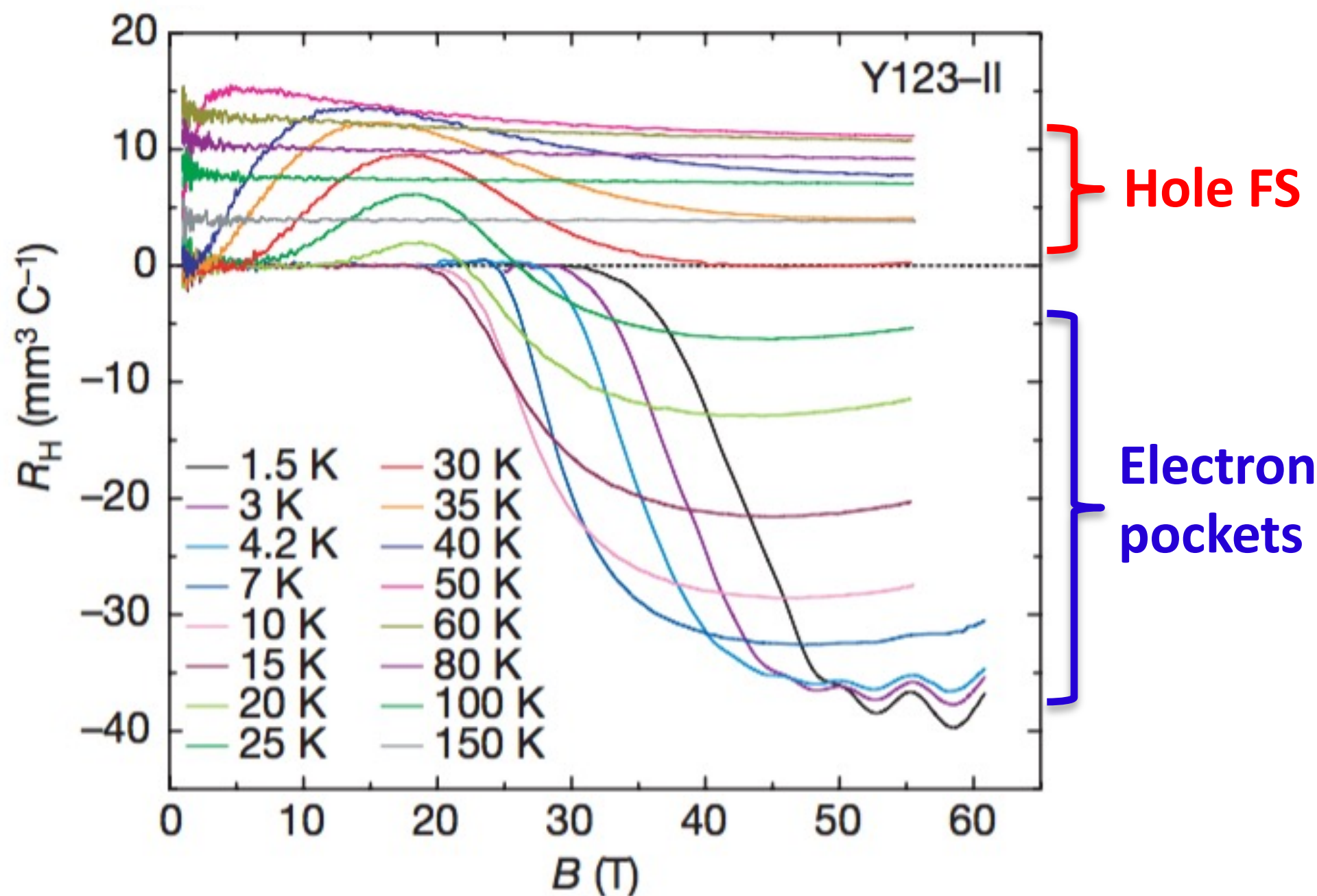
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Electron pockets are formed due to the emergence of CDW phase.



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- Quantum oscillations imply a single electron pocket.
- But computations on a CDW applied to a large Fermi surface FL state lead to additional Fermi surfaces in the anti-nodal region.



Hall coefficient in YBCO

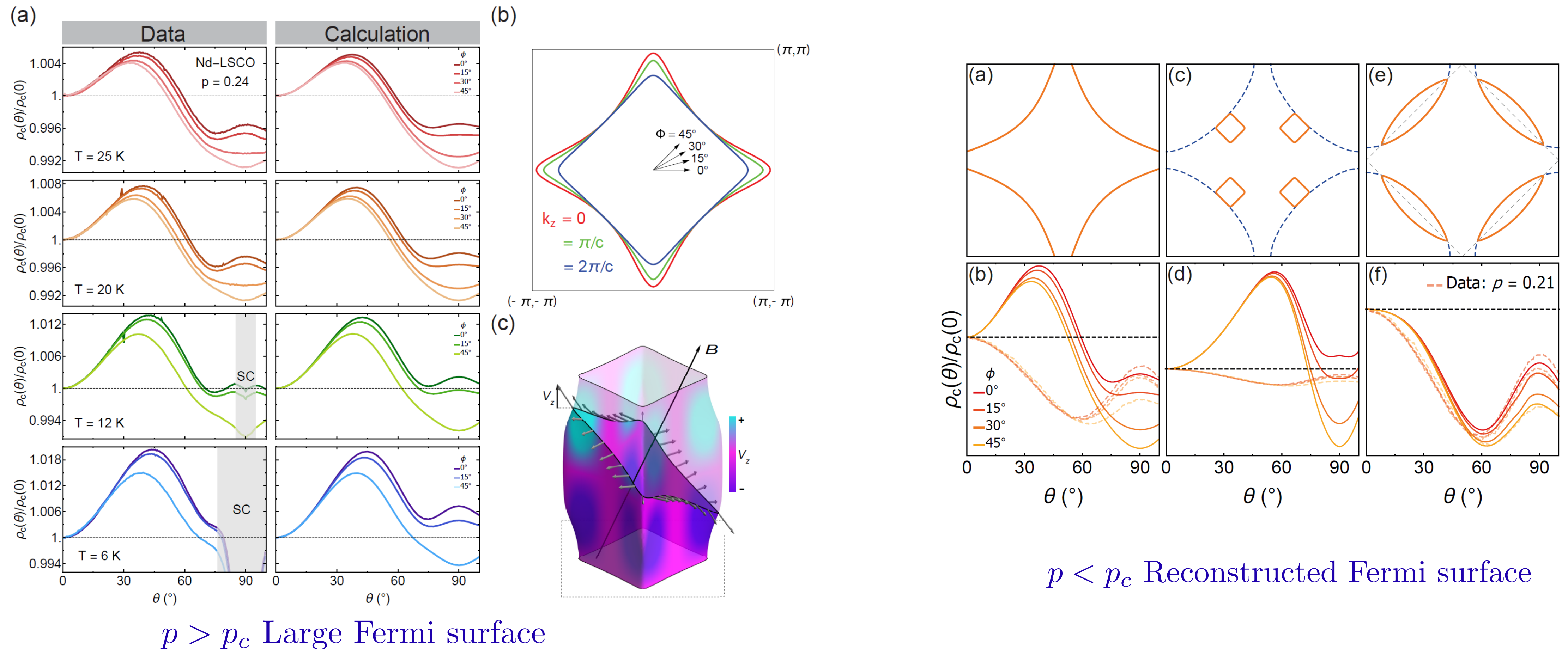
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# Fermi surface transformation at the pseudogap critical point of a cuprate superconductor

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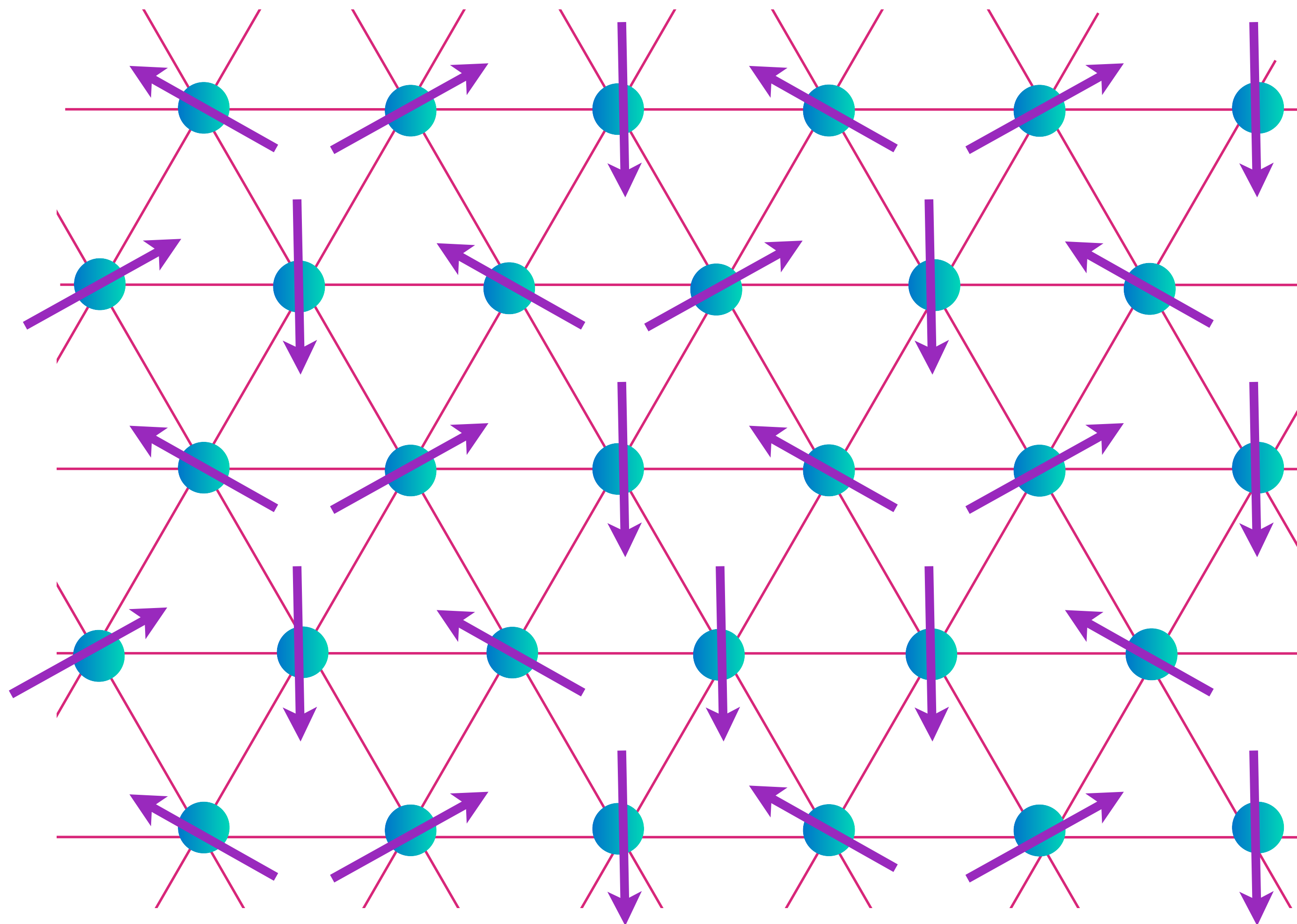
2. Spin liquids and emergent gauge fields

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4. Paramagnon fractionalization theory of the pseudogap metal in a single band model

# Triangular lattice antiferromagnet

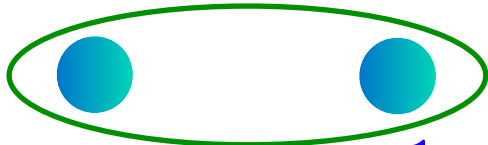
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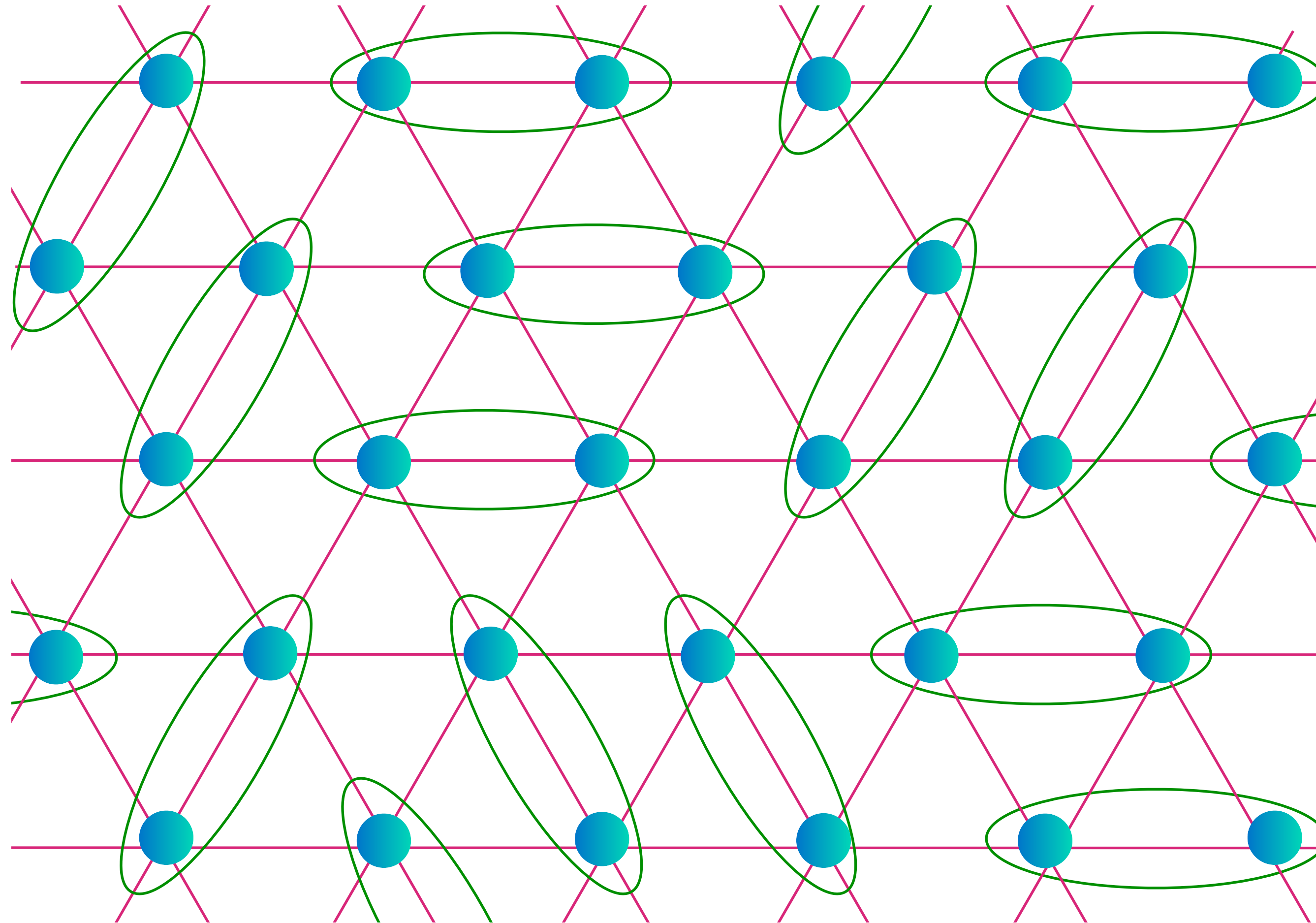


Nearest-neighbor model has non-collinear Neel order

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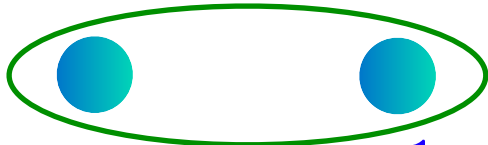


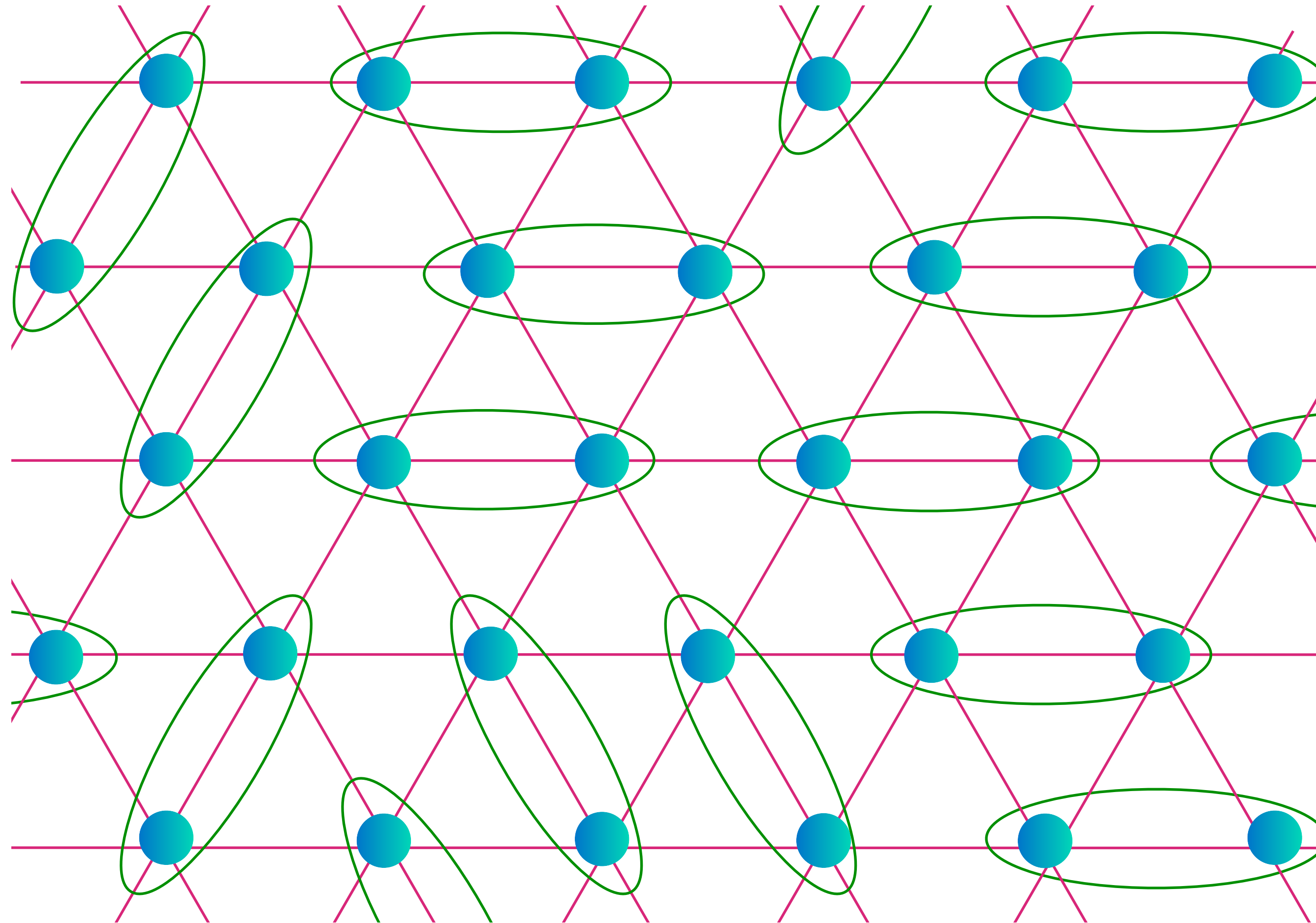
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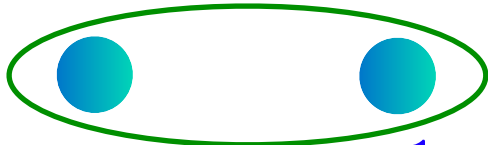


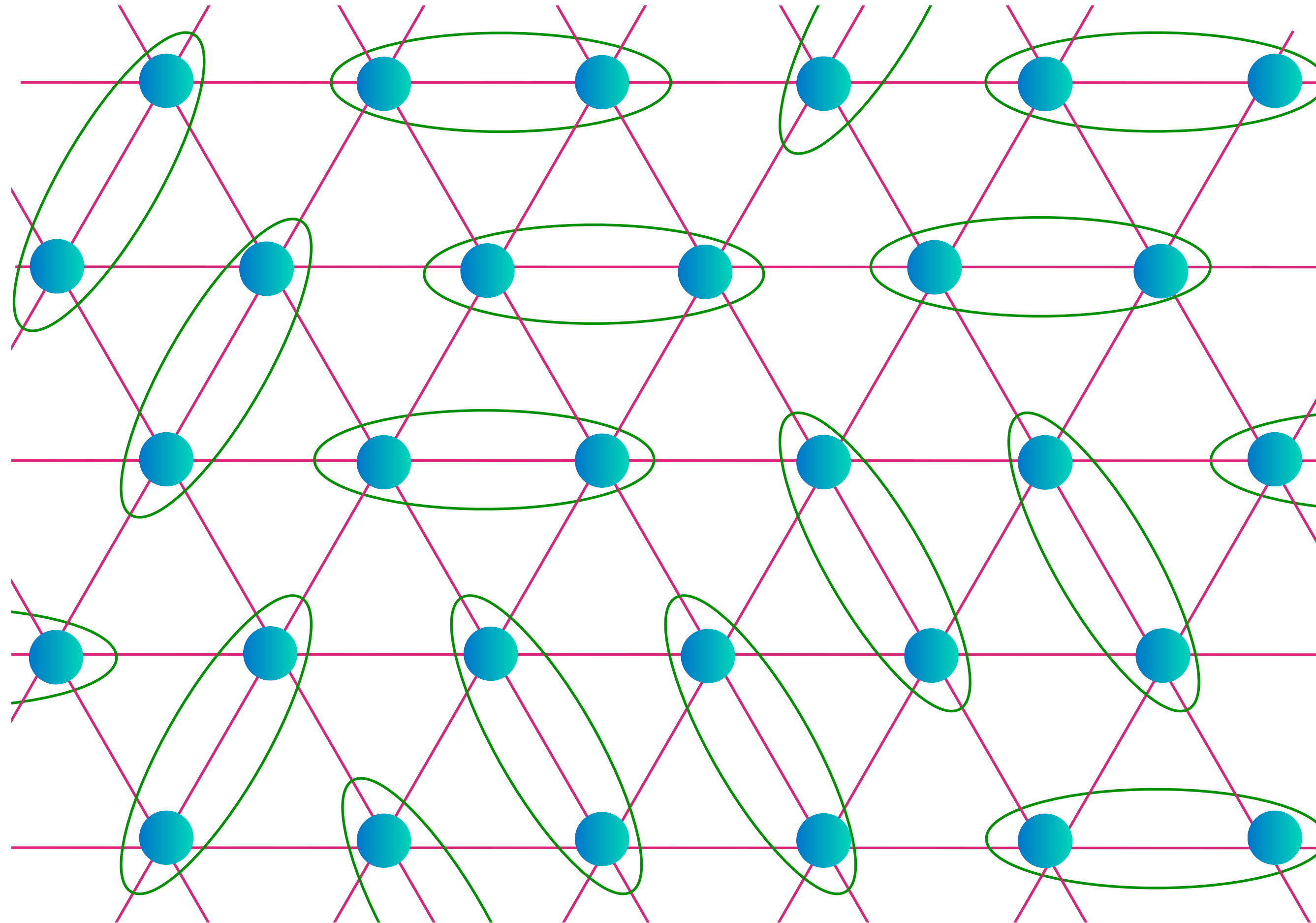
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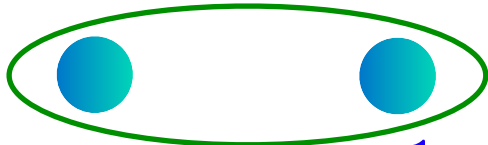


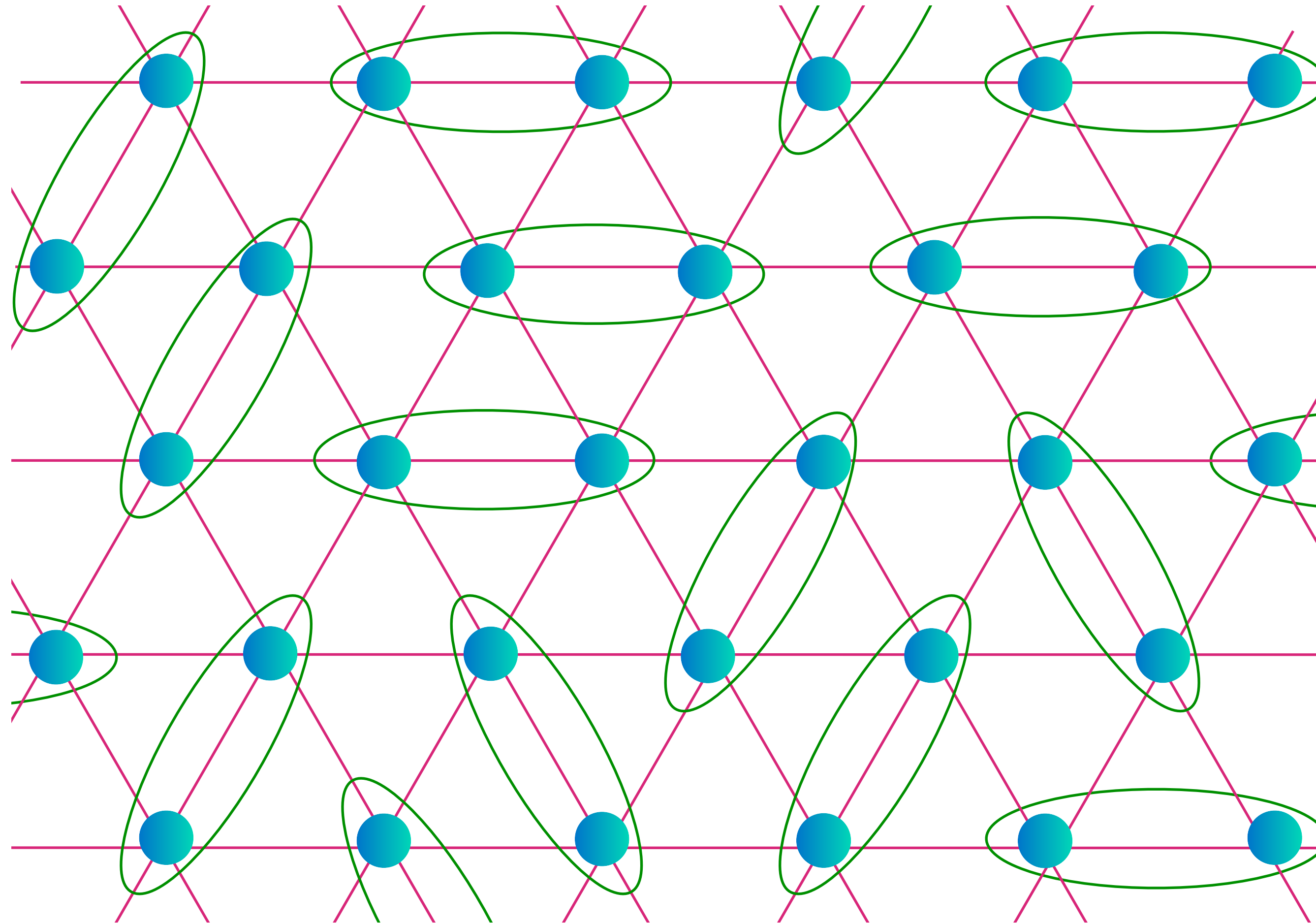
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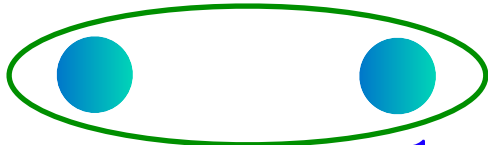


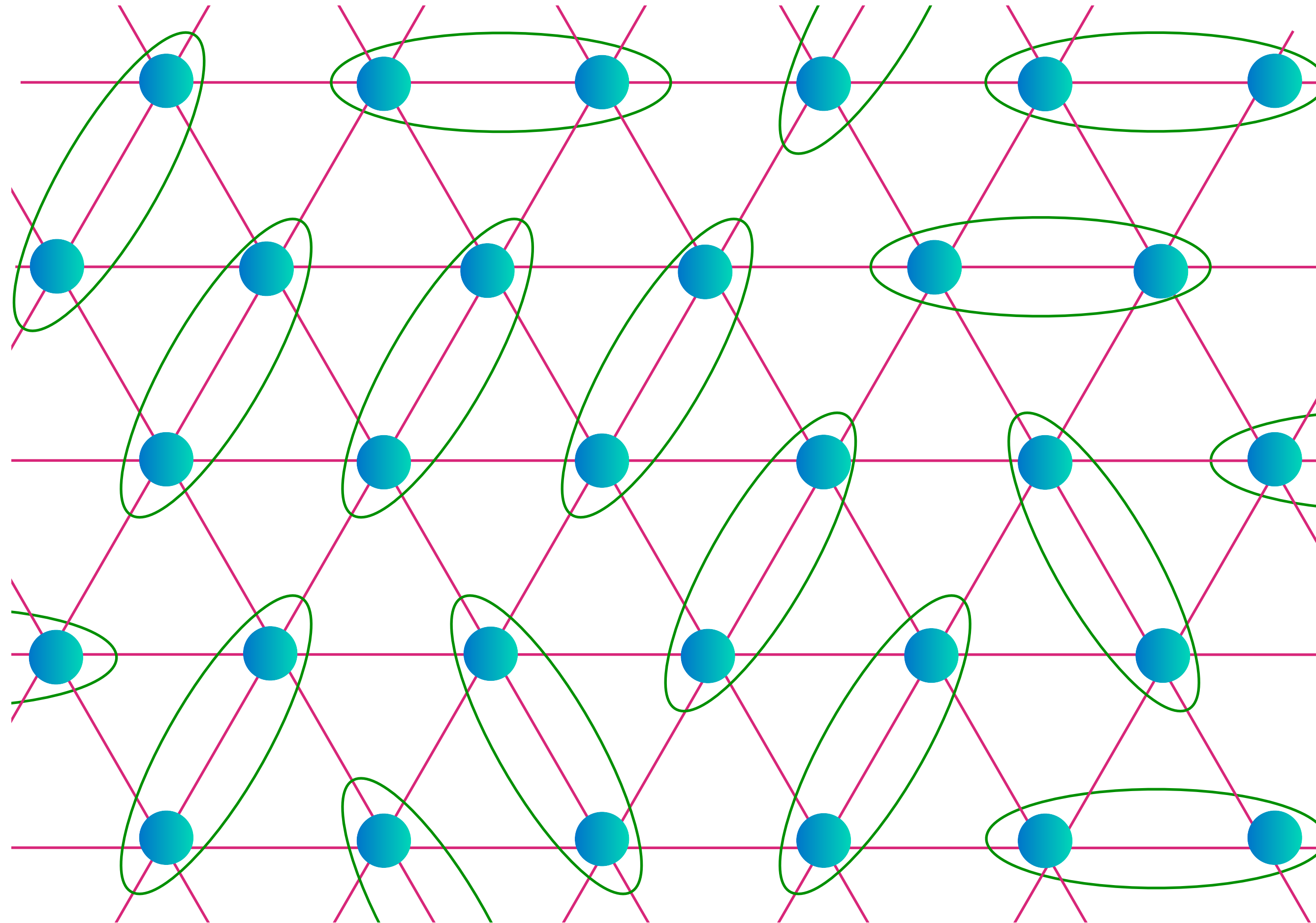
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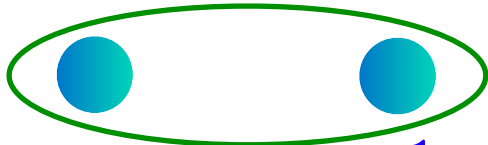


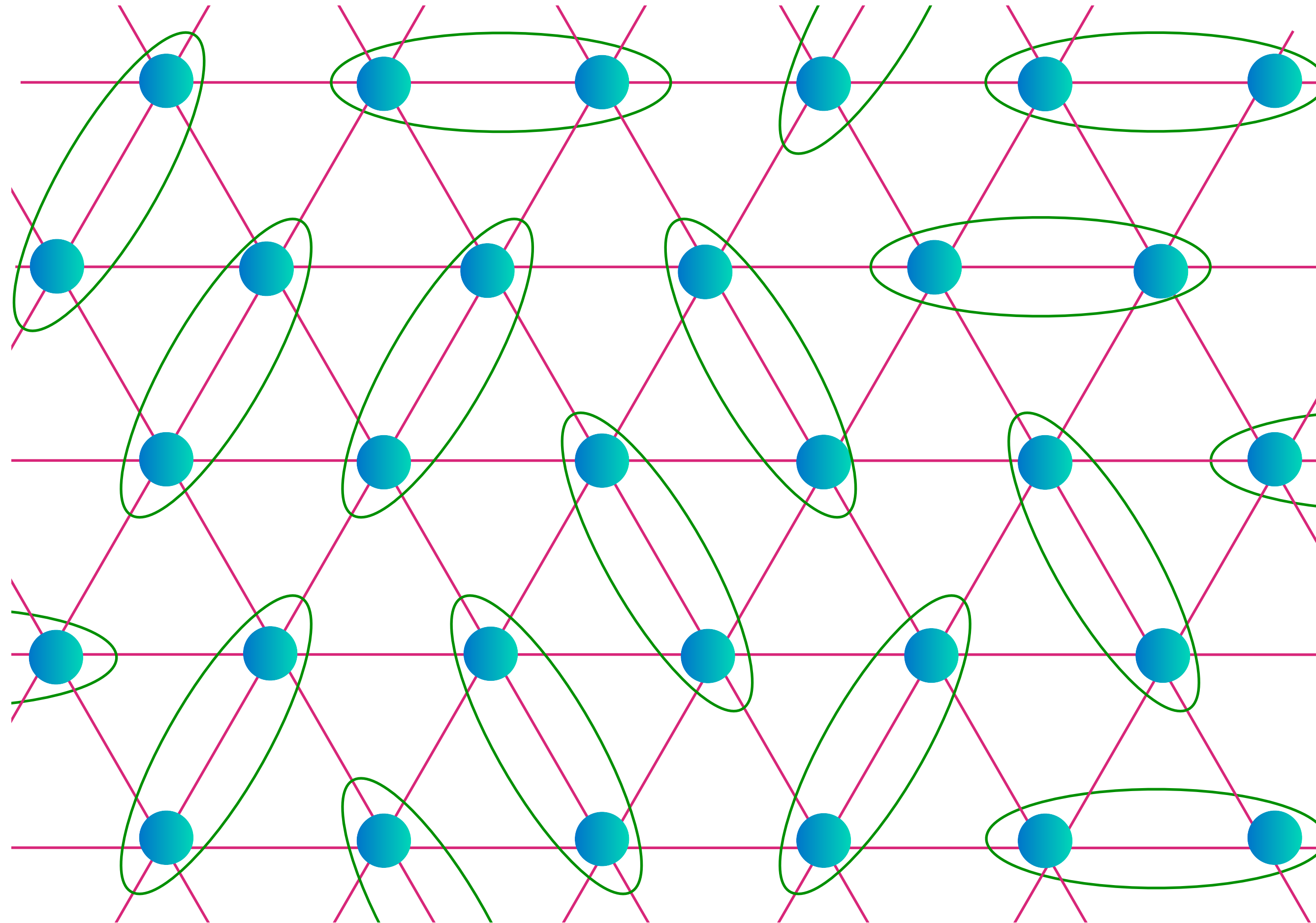
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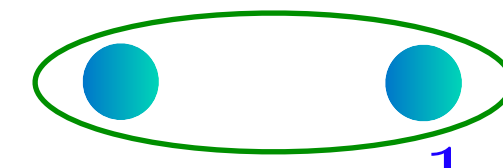


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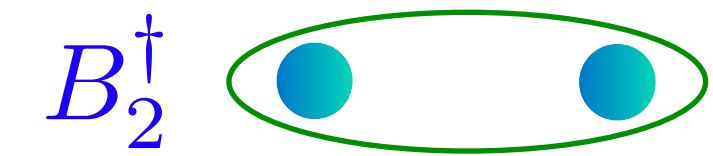
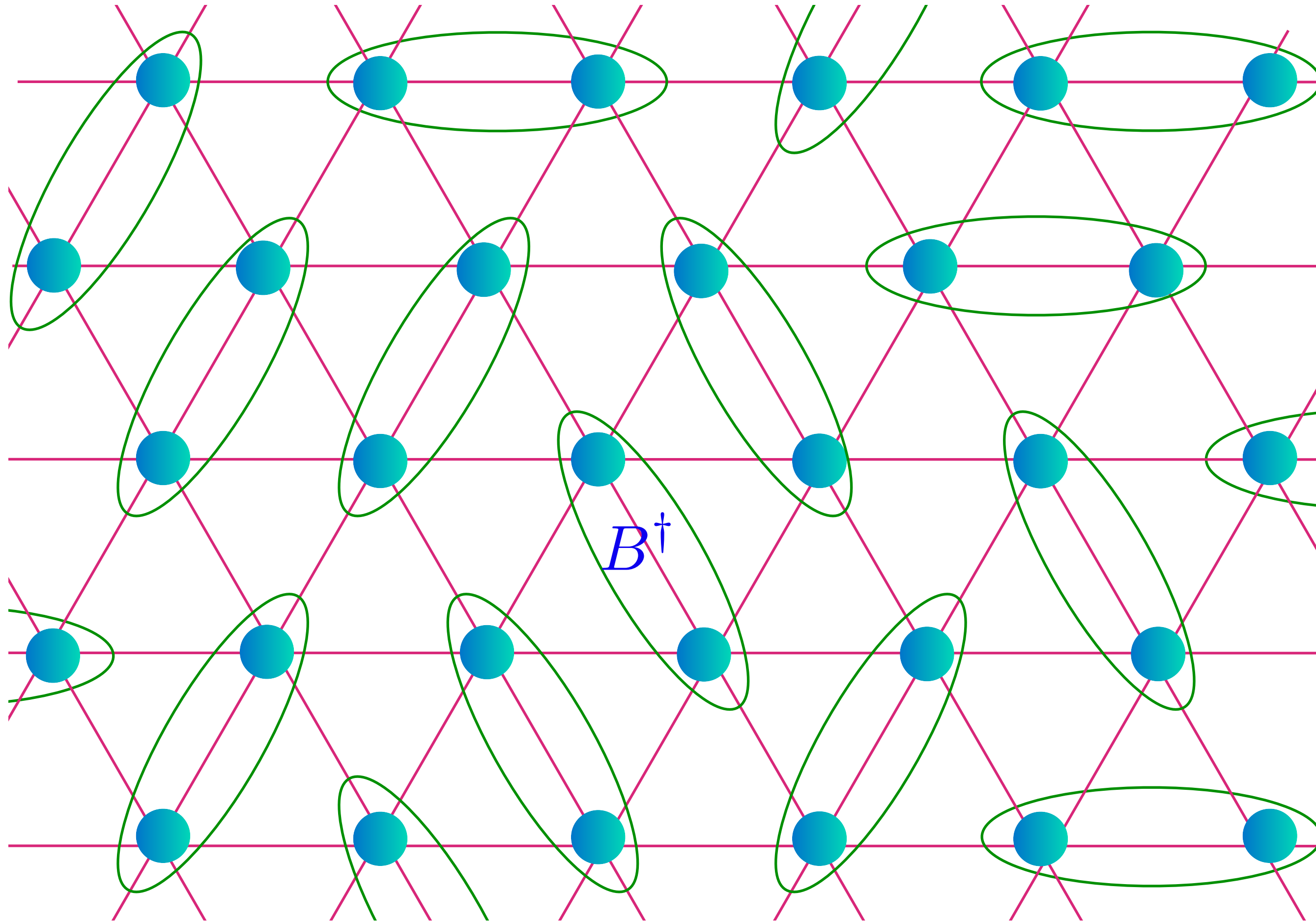
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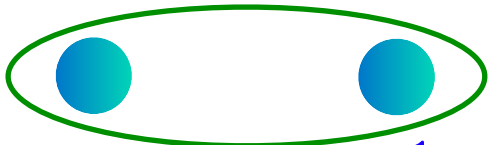
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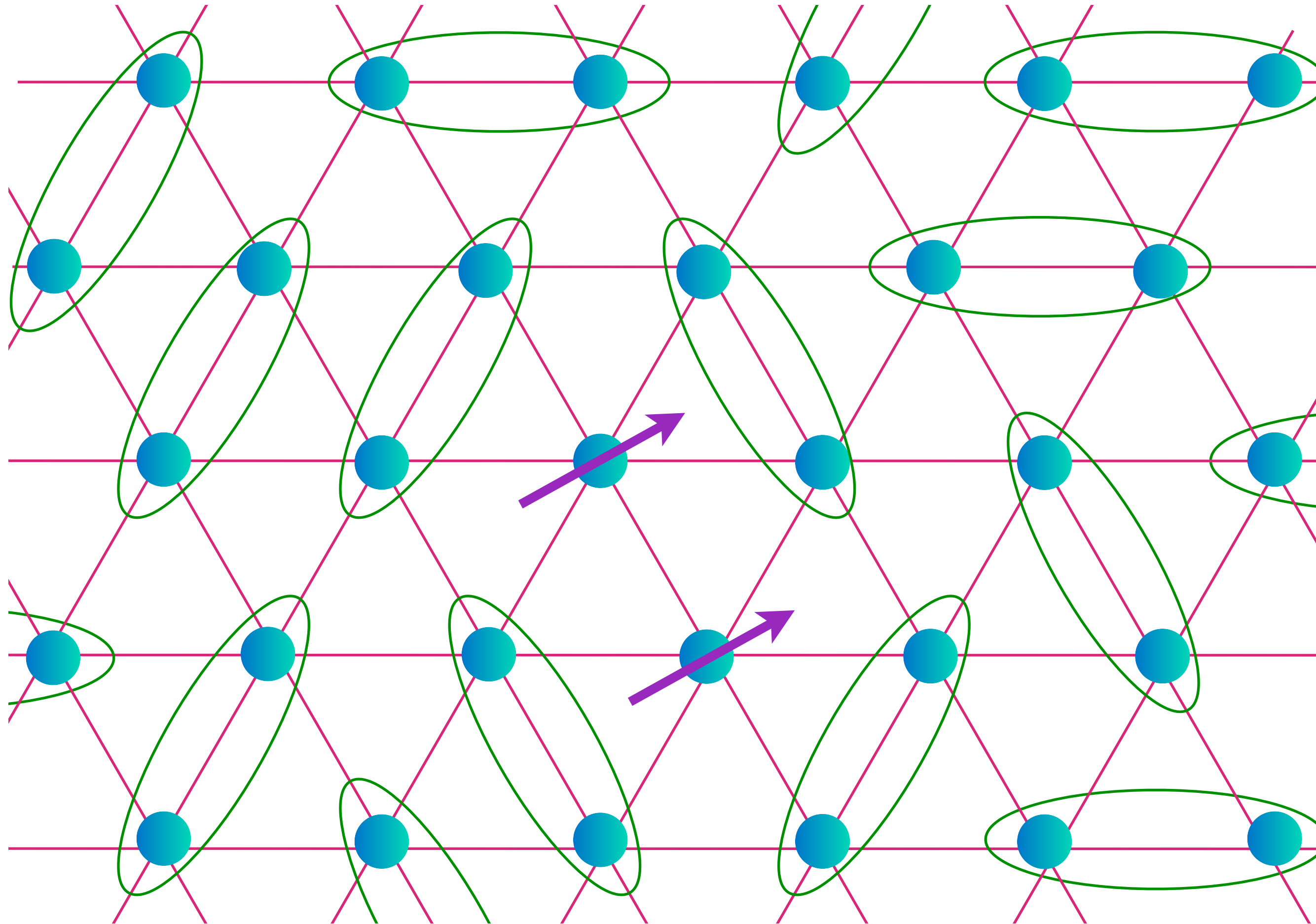


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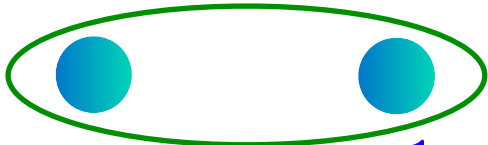

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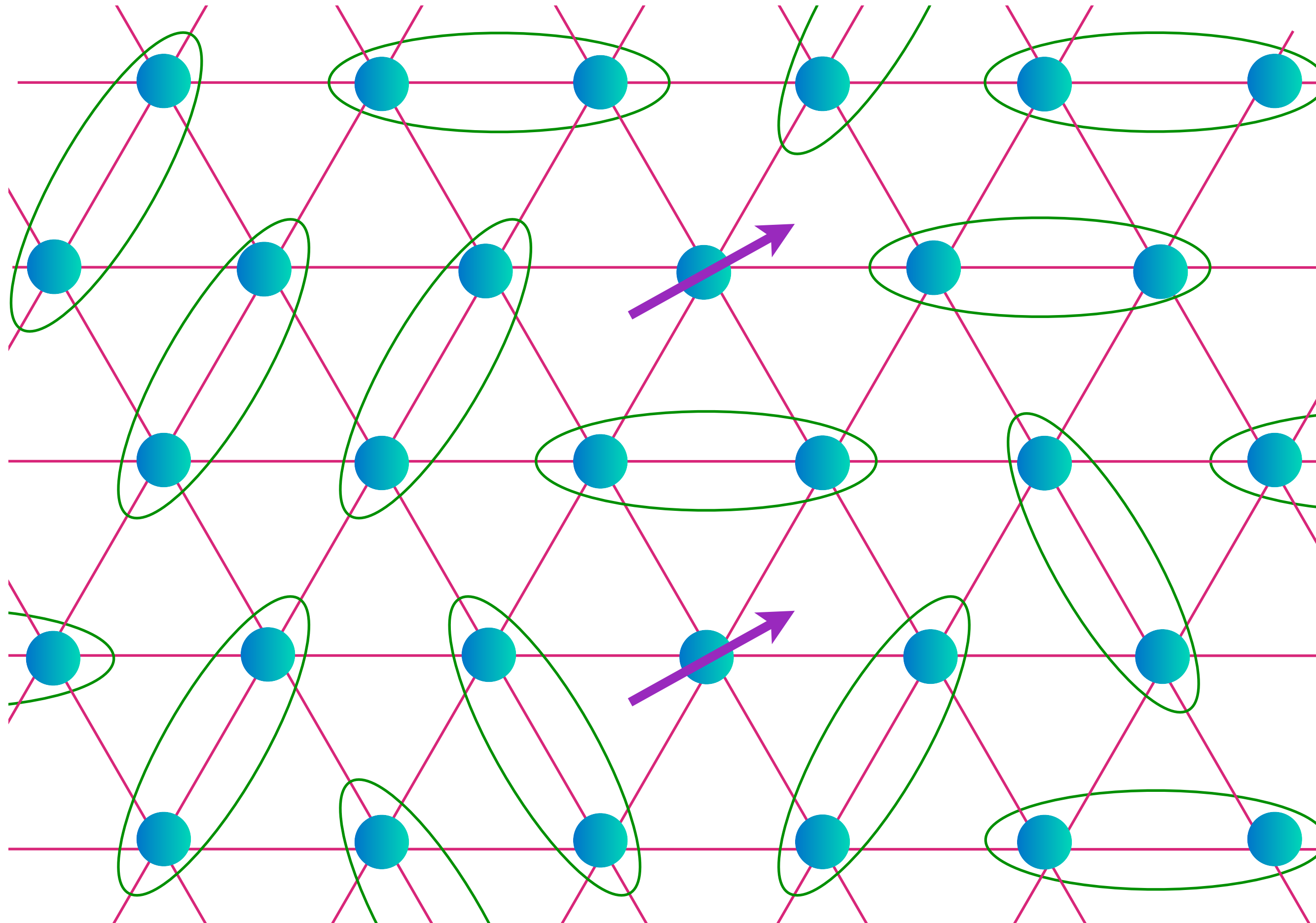


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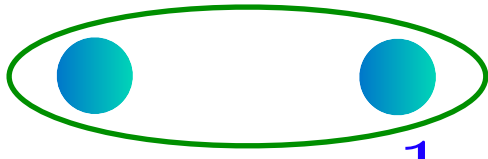

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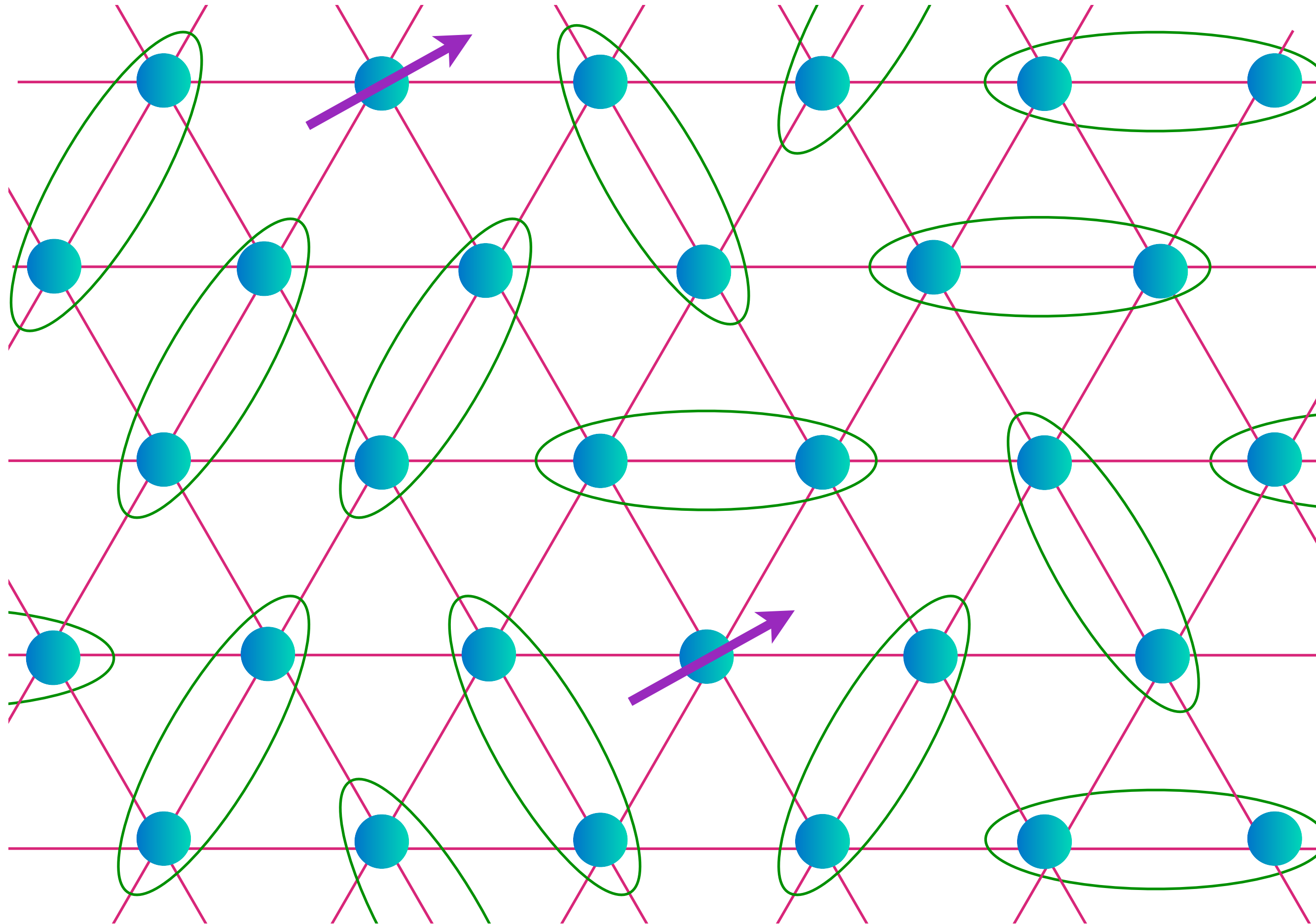


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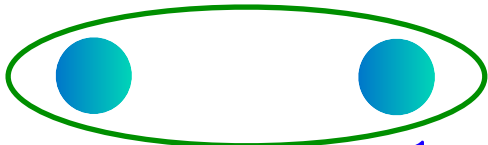

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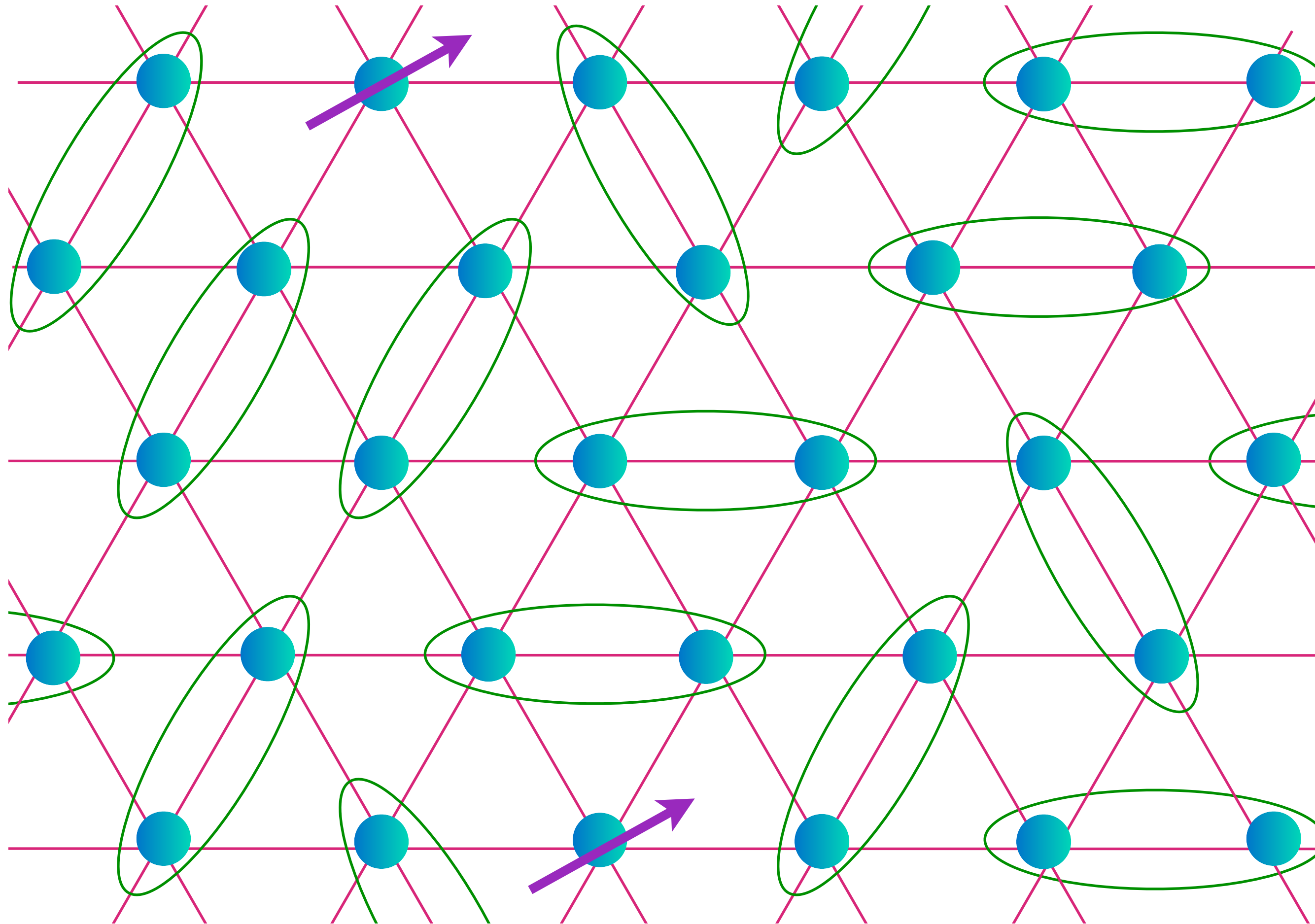


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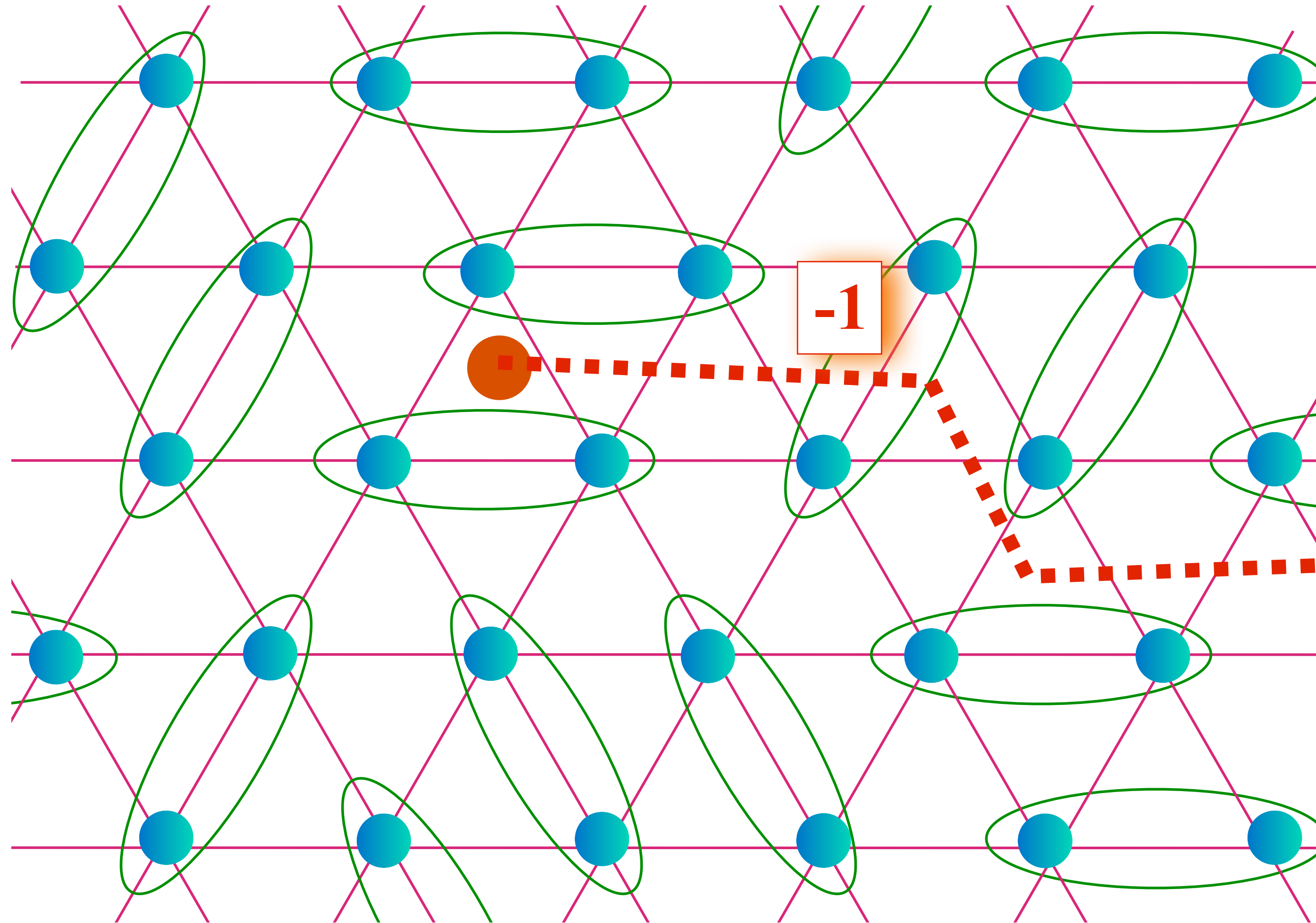


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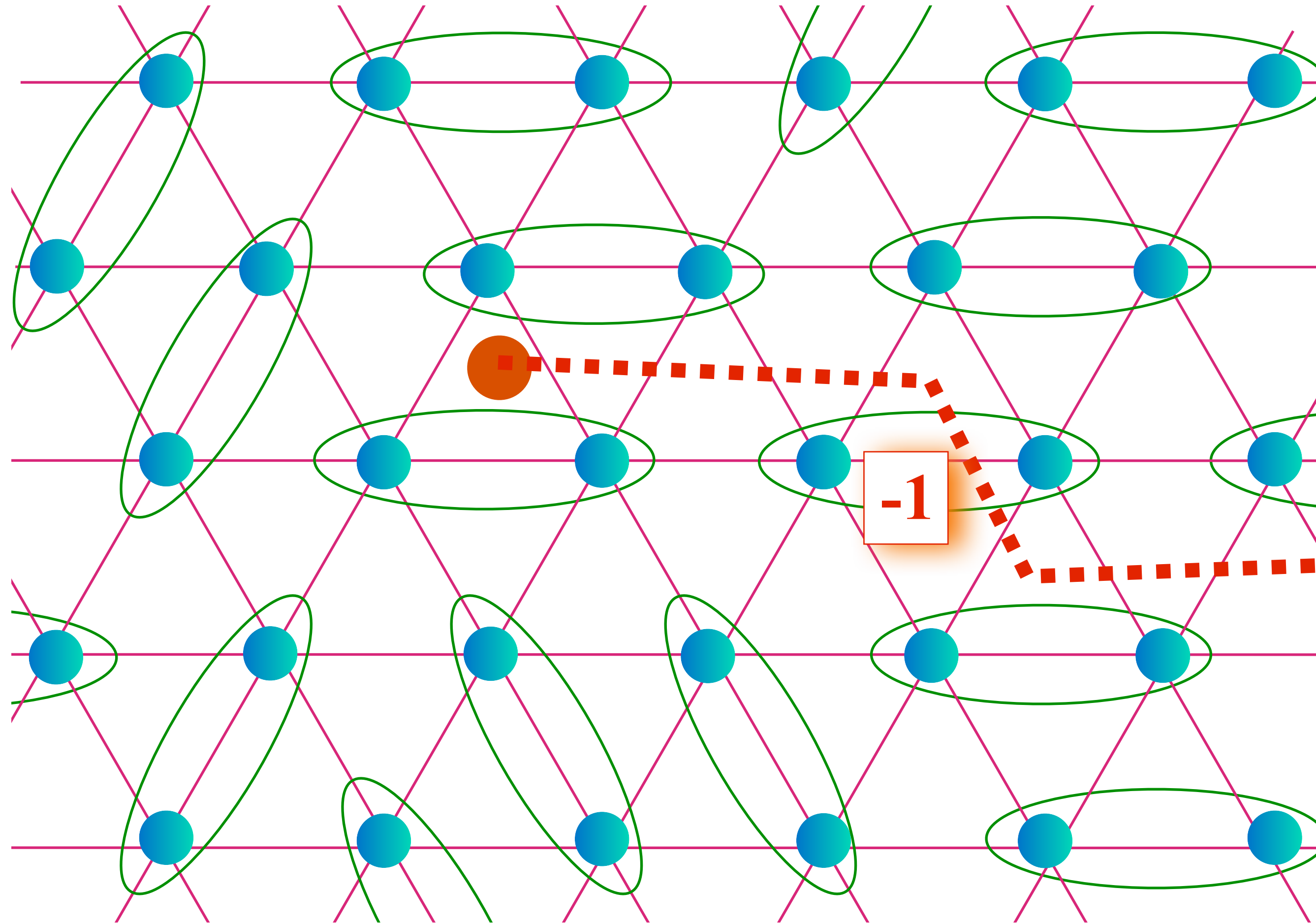
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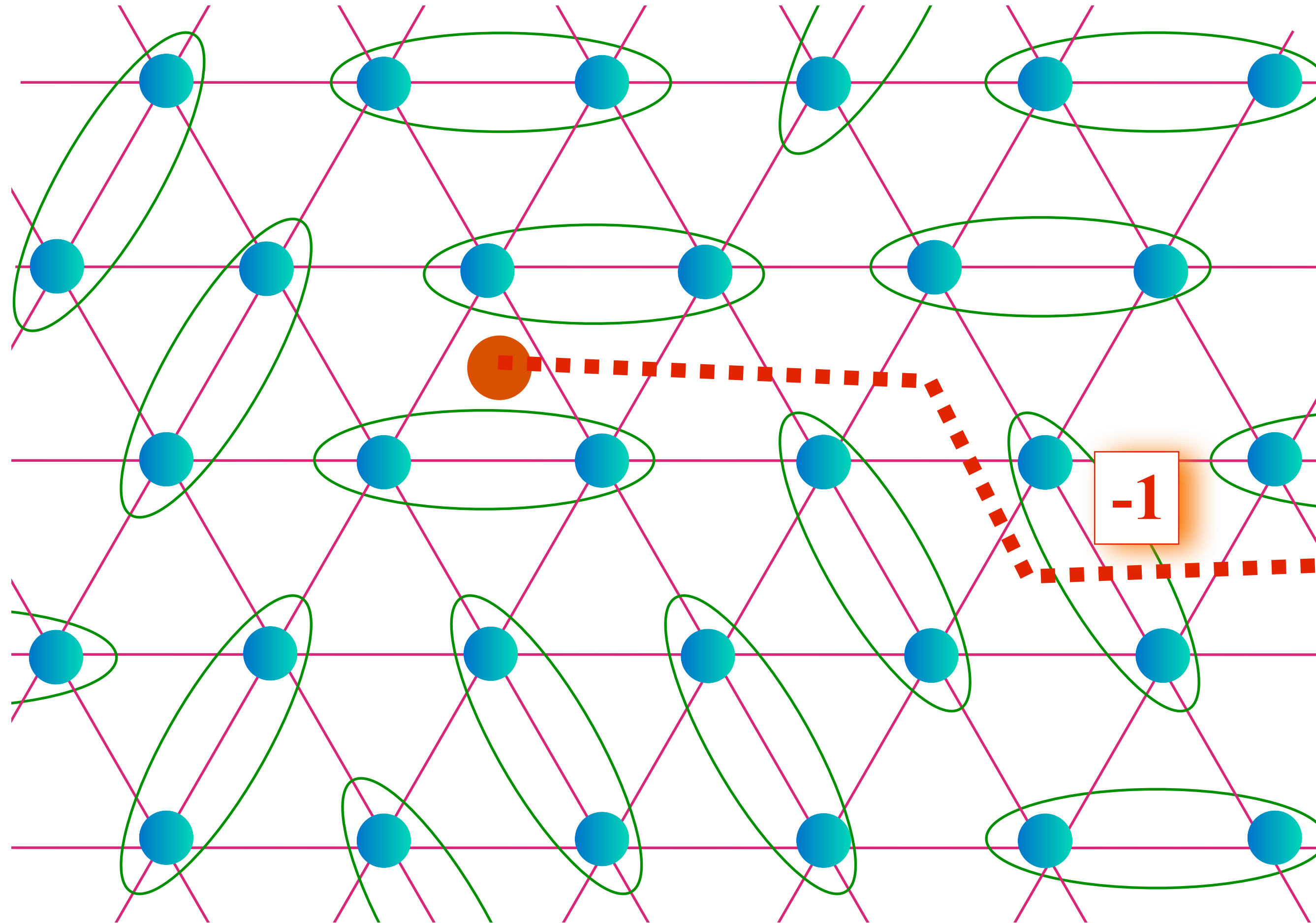
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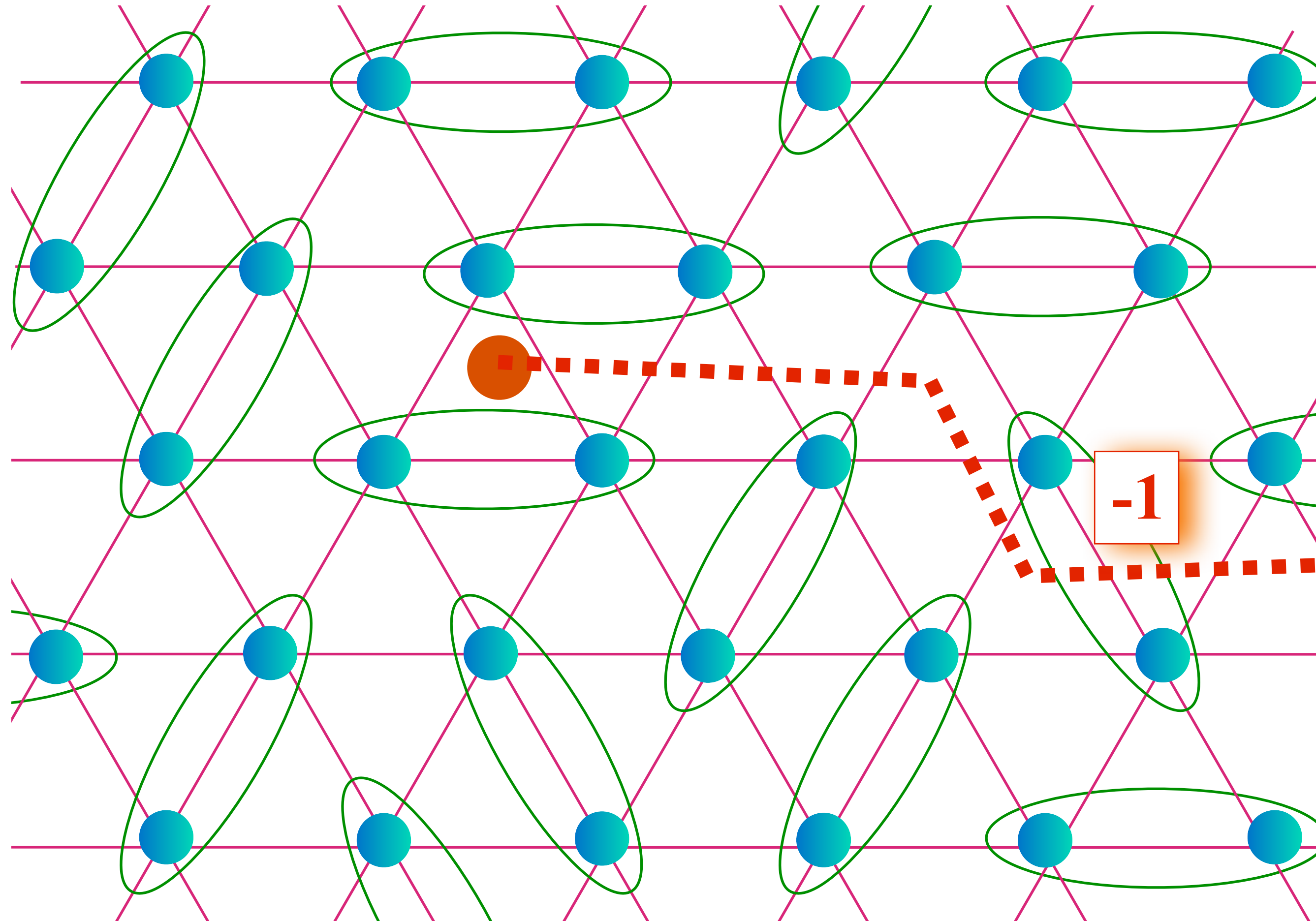
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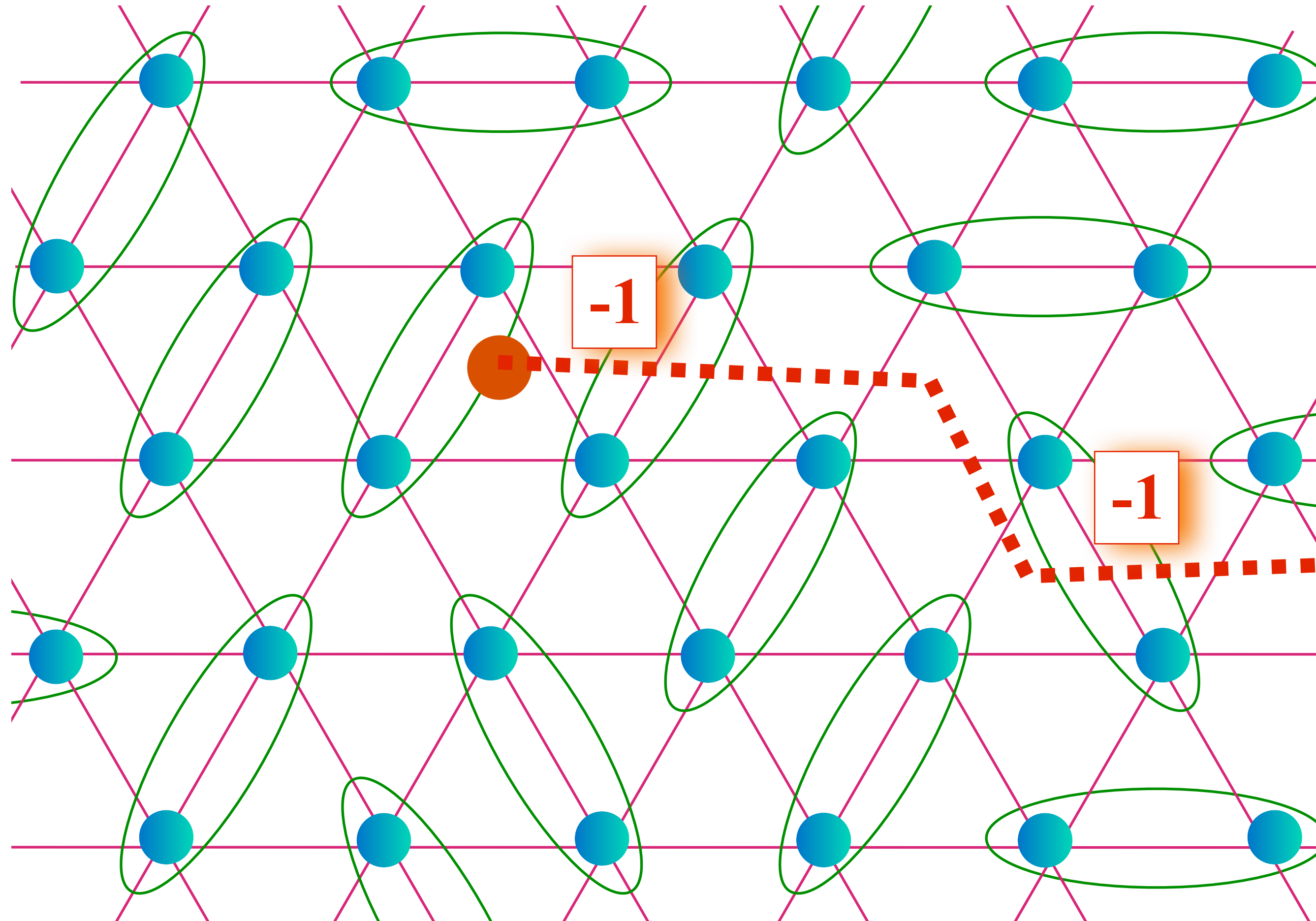
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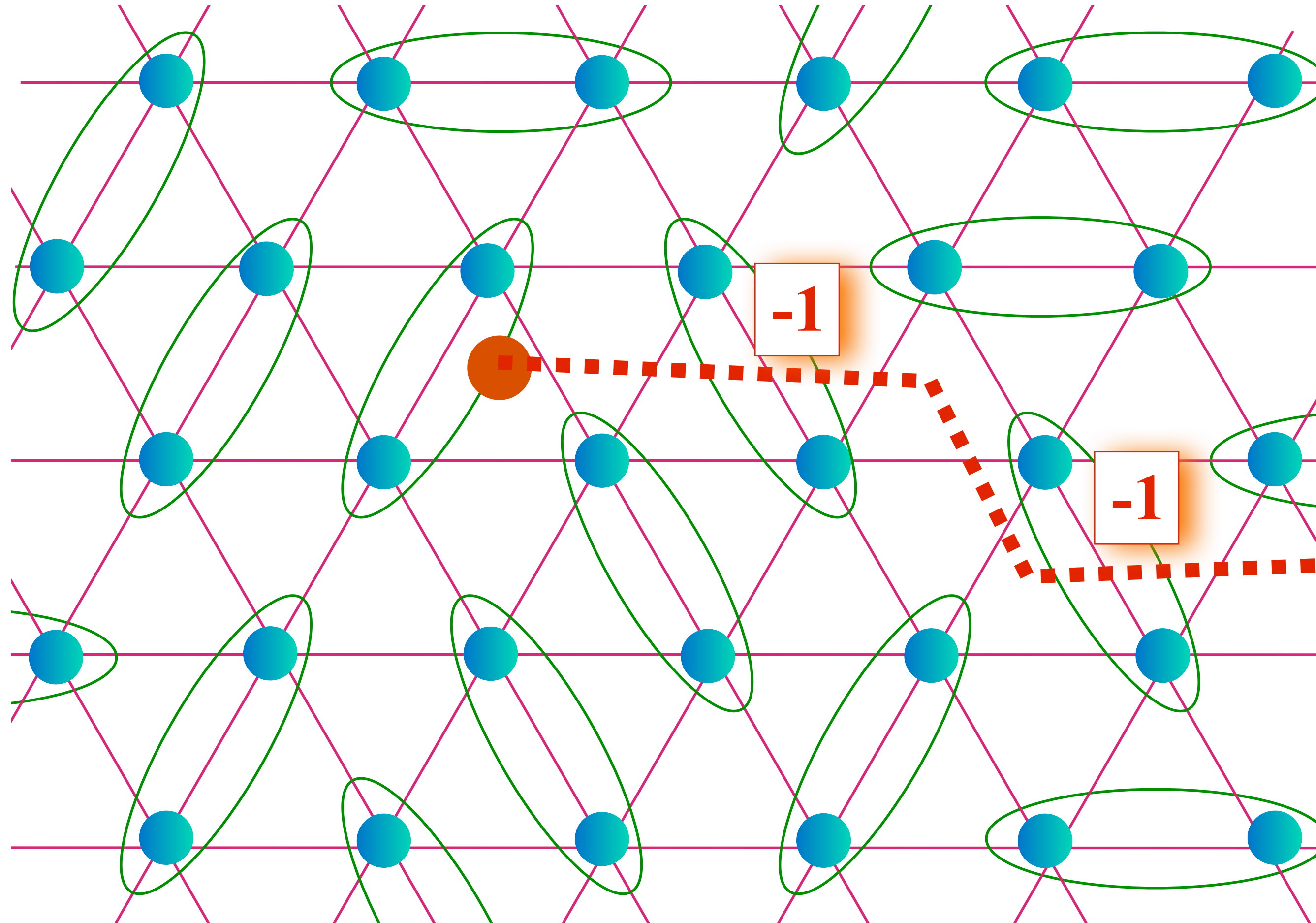
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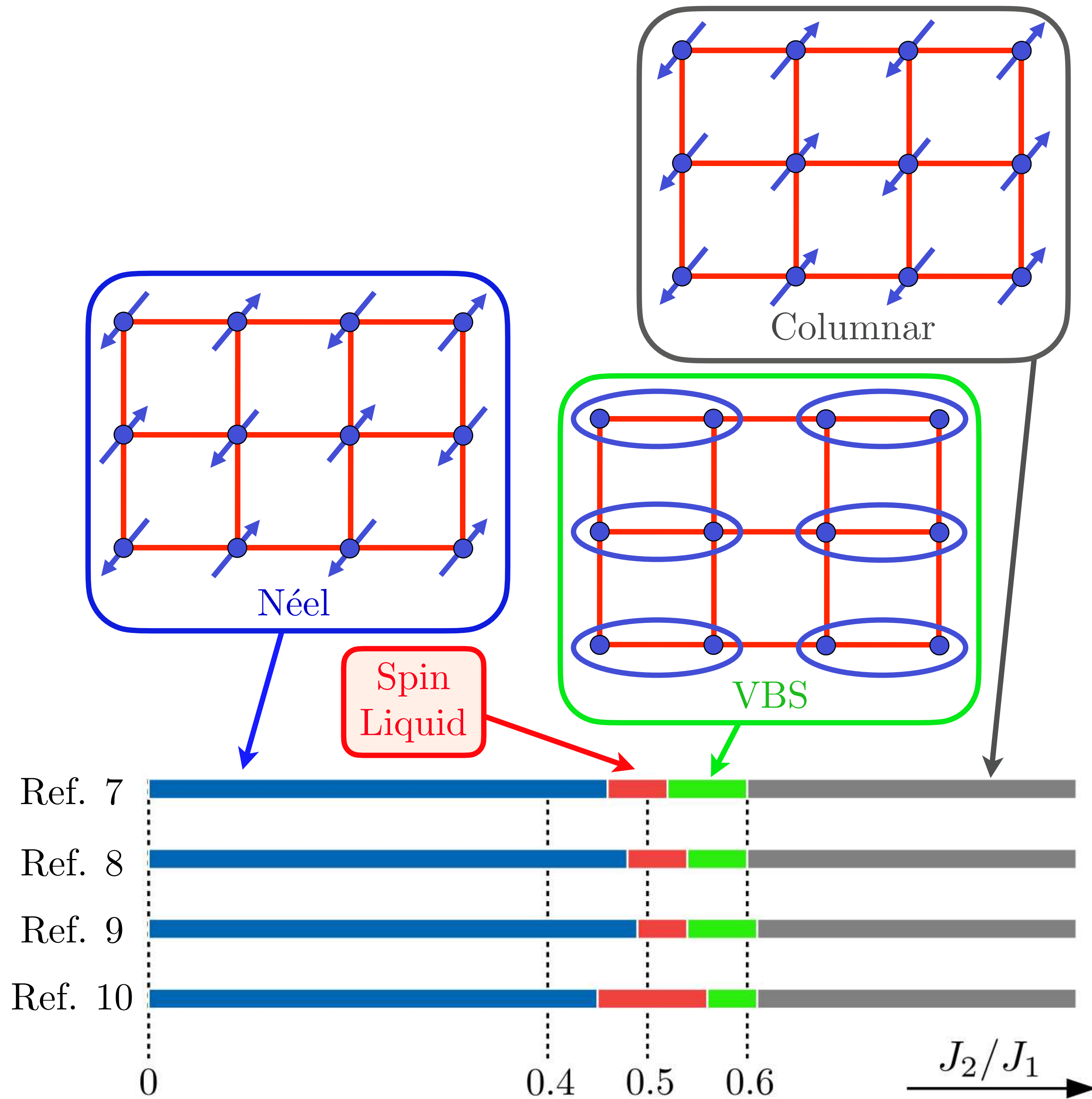
## RVB: $\mathbb{Z}_2$ spin liquid

Read and Sachdev (1990); Wen (1991)

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

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

Any pair of  $e$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $m$  are mutual semions.

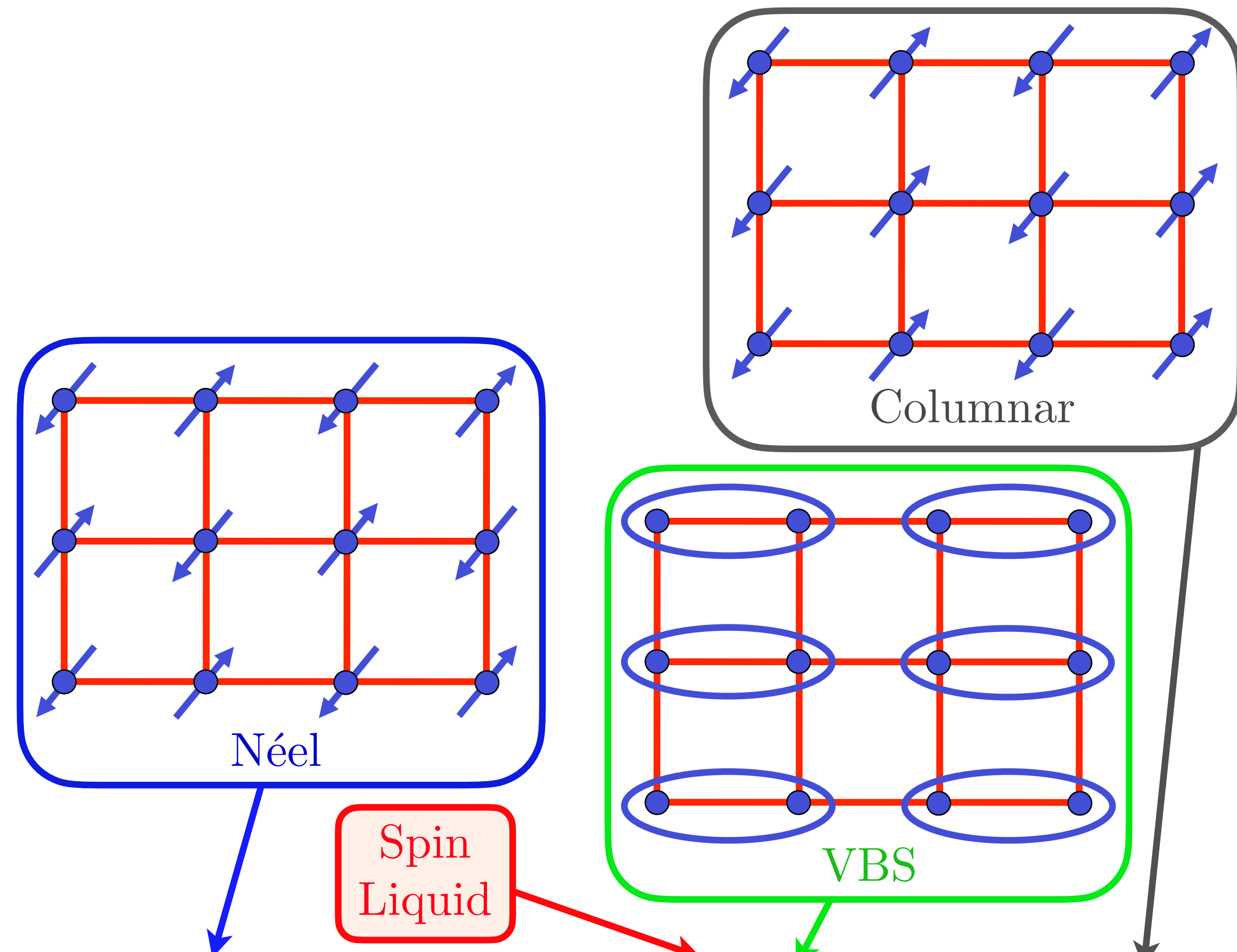


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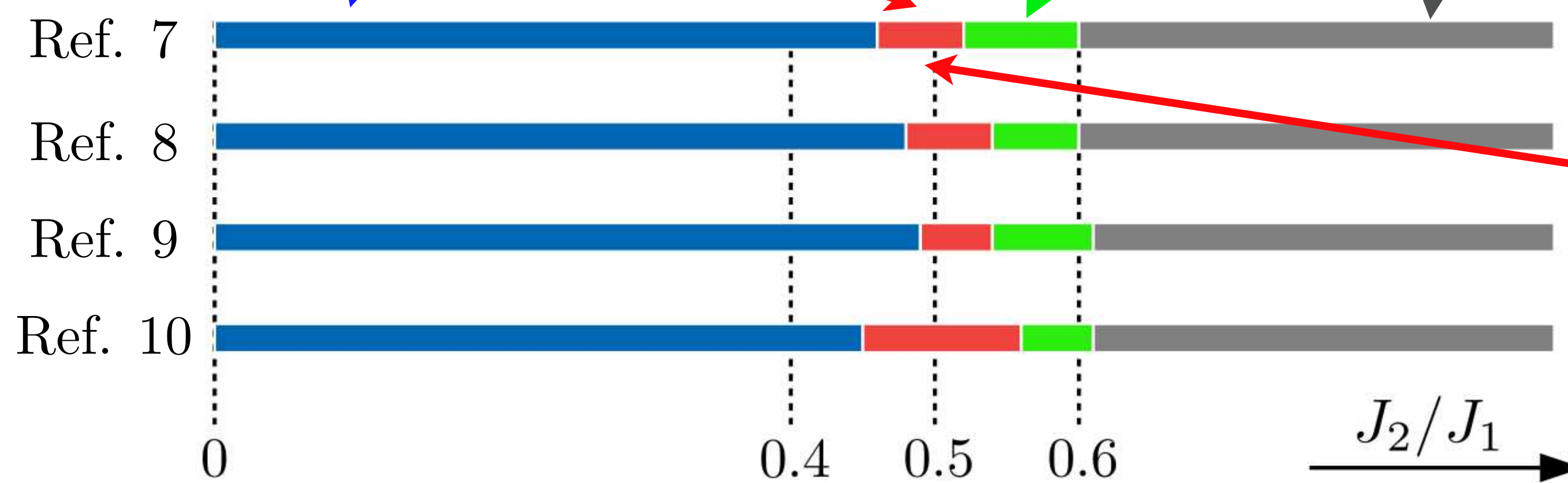
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**Gapless  $Z_2$  spin liquid phase !**

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For the  $J_1$ - $J_2$  model

$$H = J_1 \sum_{ij \in n.n.} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_2 \sum_{ij \in n.n.n.} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j ,$$

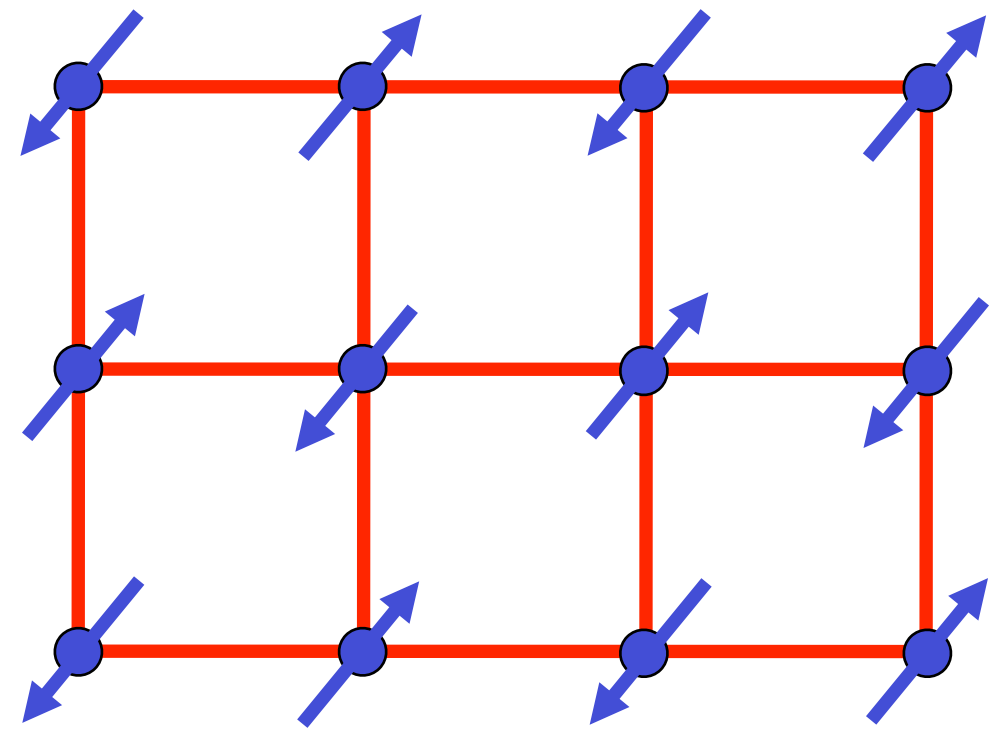
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$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} f_\sigma^\dagger \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\sigma\sigma'} f_{\sigma'} \quad , \quad f_\sigma^\dagger f_\sigma = 1 ,$$

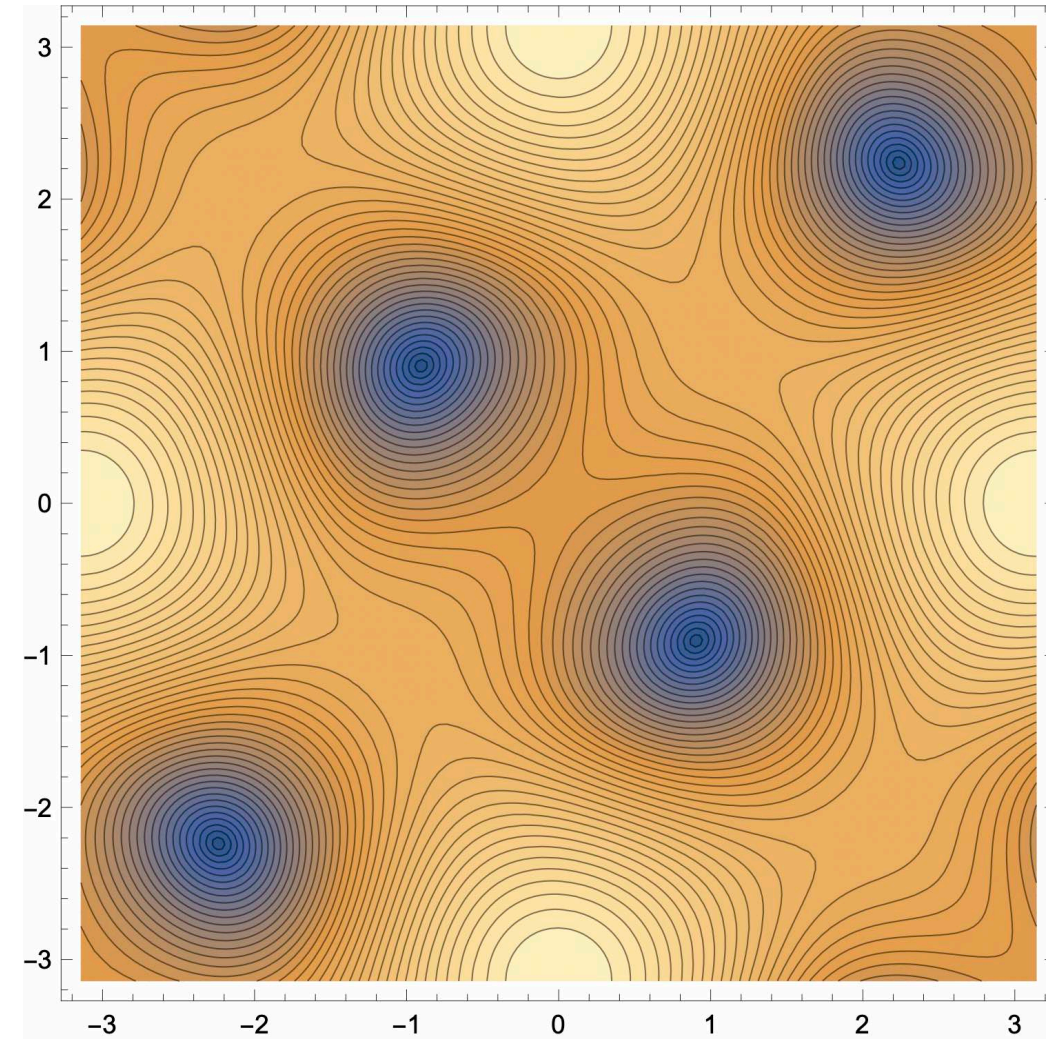
and Hubbard-Stratonovich transformations to obtain the quadratic fermion Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_f = \sum_{i < j} \left[ P_{ij} f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma} + \text{H.c.} + Q_{ij} \varepsilon_{\sigma\sigma'} f_{i\sigma} f_{j\sigma'} + \text{H.c.} \right] + \sum_i \lambda_i f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{i\sigma} ,$$

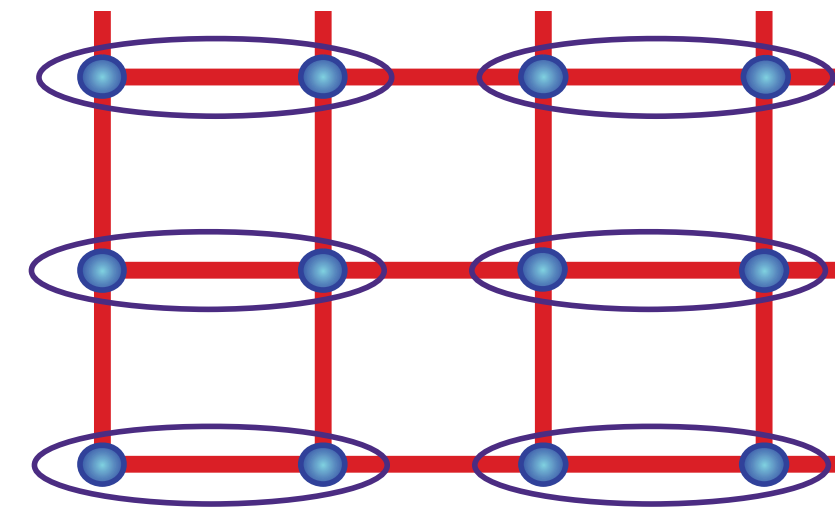
with decoupling fields  $P_{ij}$ ,  $Q_{ij}$ ,  $\lambda_i$ . The gapless  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  spin liquid state is obtained as a saddle point with  $Q_{ij} = \overline{Q}_{ij}$ ,  $P_{ij} = \overline{P}_{ij}$ ,  $\lambda_i = \overline{\lambda}_i$  so that  $H_f$  describes a ‘superconductor’ with nearest-neighbor hopping, nearest-neighbor  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  pairing, and second-neighbor  $d_{xy}$  pairing.



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VBS

$J_2/J_1$

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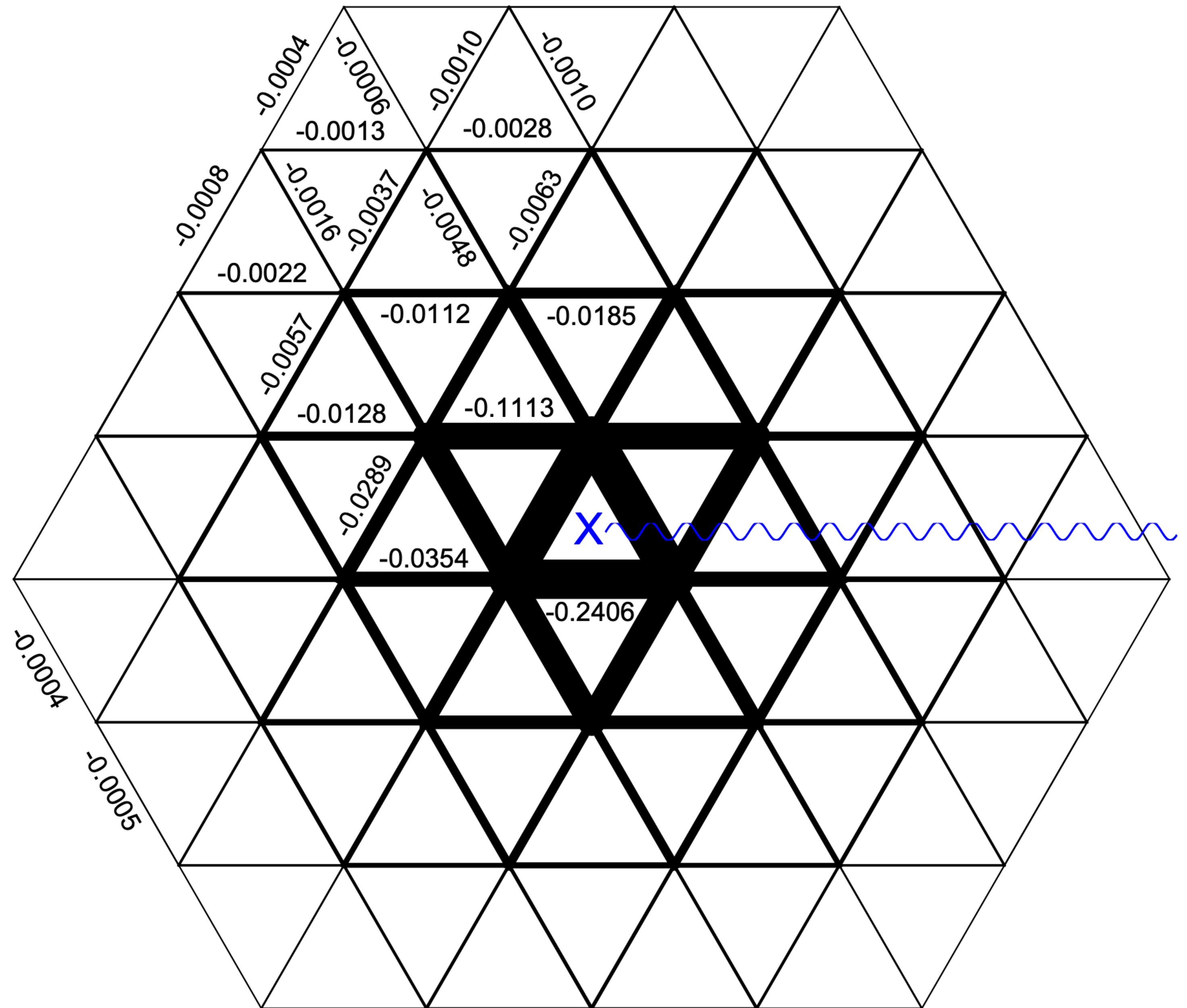


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There are also vison saddle points  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^v, \bar{P}_{ij}^v$  so that  $\text{sgn}(\bar{Q}_{ij}^v/\bar{Q}_{ij})$  and  $\text{sgn}(\bar{P}_{ij}^v/\bar{P}_{ij})$  flip across the branch cut.



## $\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge theory with matter: describes visons and spinons

To include the visons, we restrict fluctuations of  $Q_{ij}$  and  $P_{ij}$  to

$$Q_{ij} = \bar{Q}_{ij} Z_{ij} \quad , \quad P_{ij} = \bar{P}_{ij} Z_{ij} \quad , \quad Z_{ij} = \pm 1 .$$

Then the system is described by the effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_f + \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

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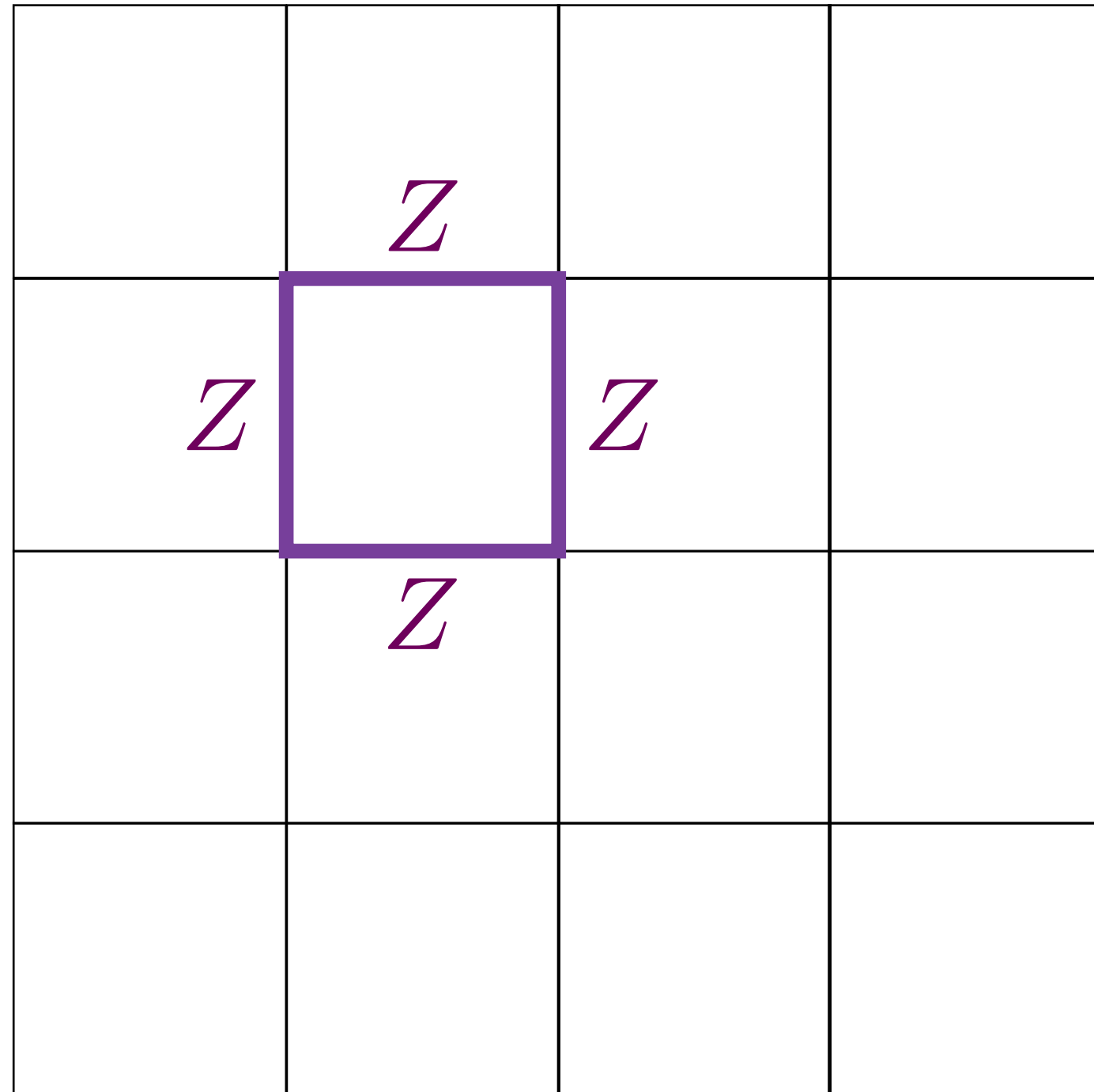
$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} = -K \sum_{\square} \prod_{\ell \in \square} Z_\ell - g \sum_\ell X_\ell$$

All terms are invariant under the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  gauge transformation

$$f_{i\sigma} \rightarrow \varrho_i f_{i\sigma} \quad , \quad Z_{ij} \rightarrow \varrho_i Z_{ij} \varrho_j \quad , \quad X_{ij} \rightarrow X_{ij} \quad , \quad \varrho_i = \pm 1 .$$

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

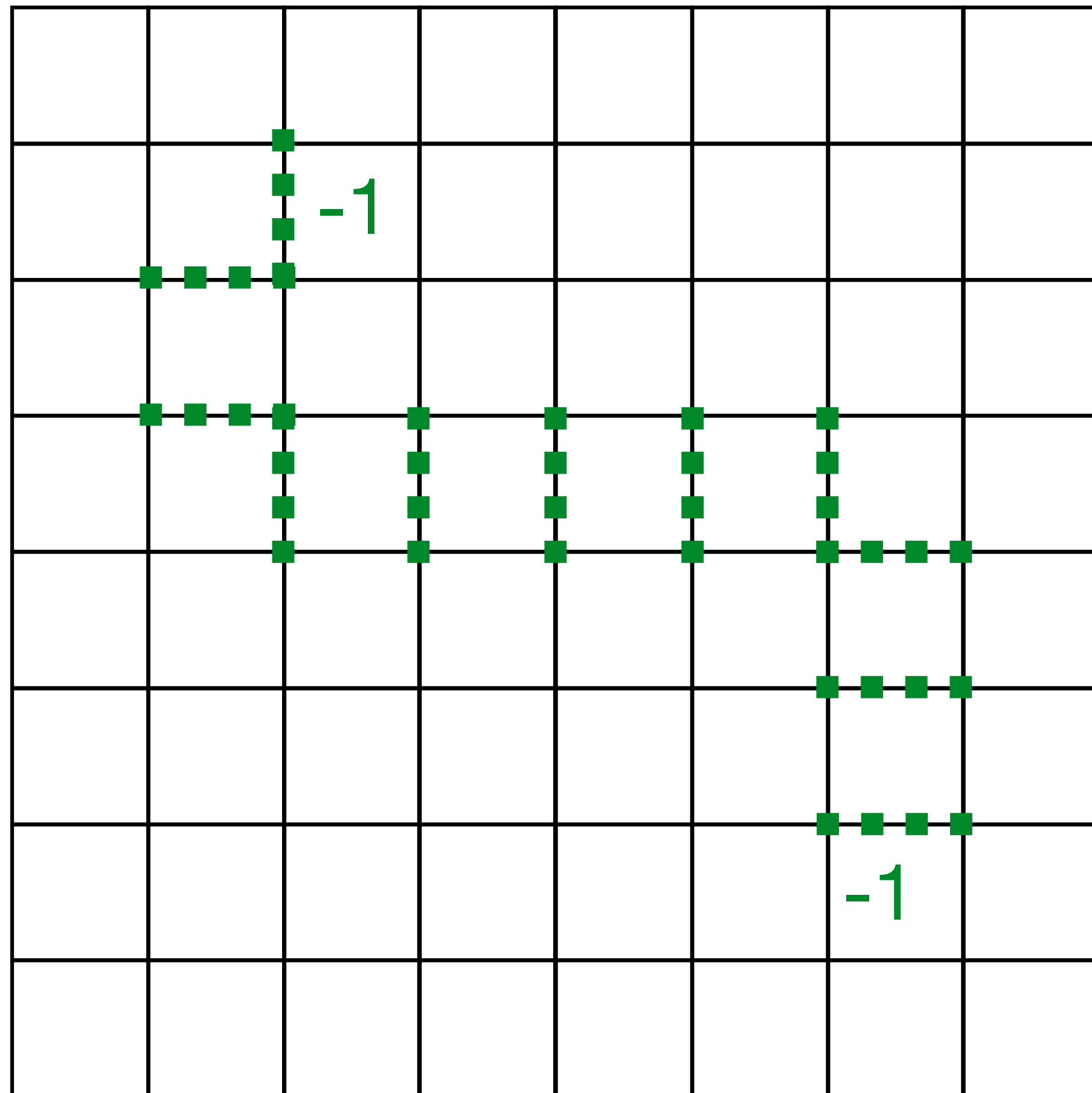
$G_i = (-1)^{2S}$  for spin  $S$  antiferromagnets  
For  $S = 1/2$  we have an ‘odd’ spin liquid.

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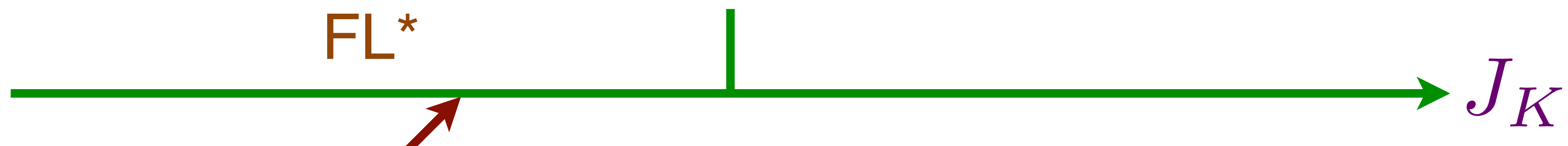
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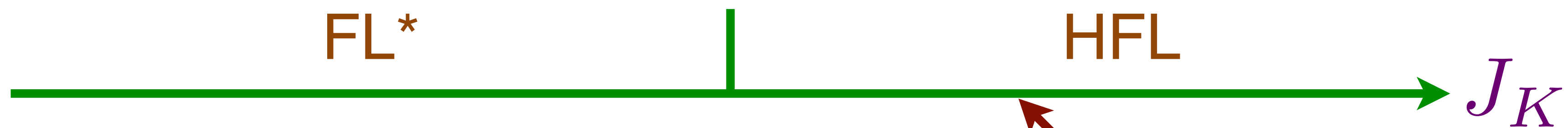
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$$H = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i \left( n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \mu \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$$

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

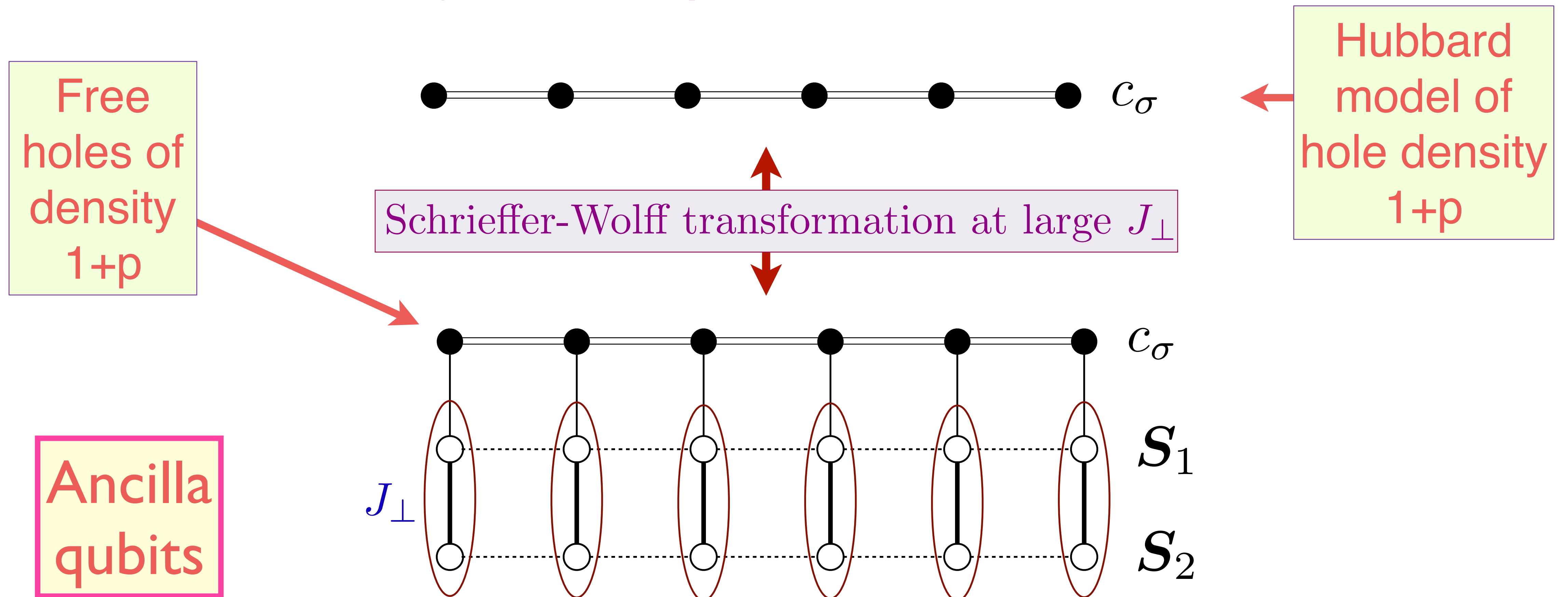
$$U \left( n_\uparrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_\downarrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{2U}{3} \mathbf{S}^2 + \frac{U}{4}$$

Then we decouple the interaction via

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

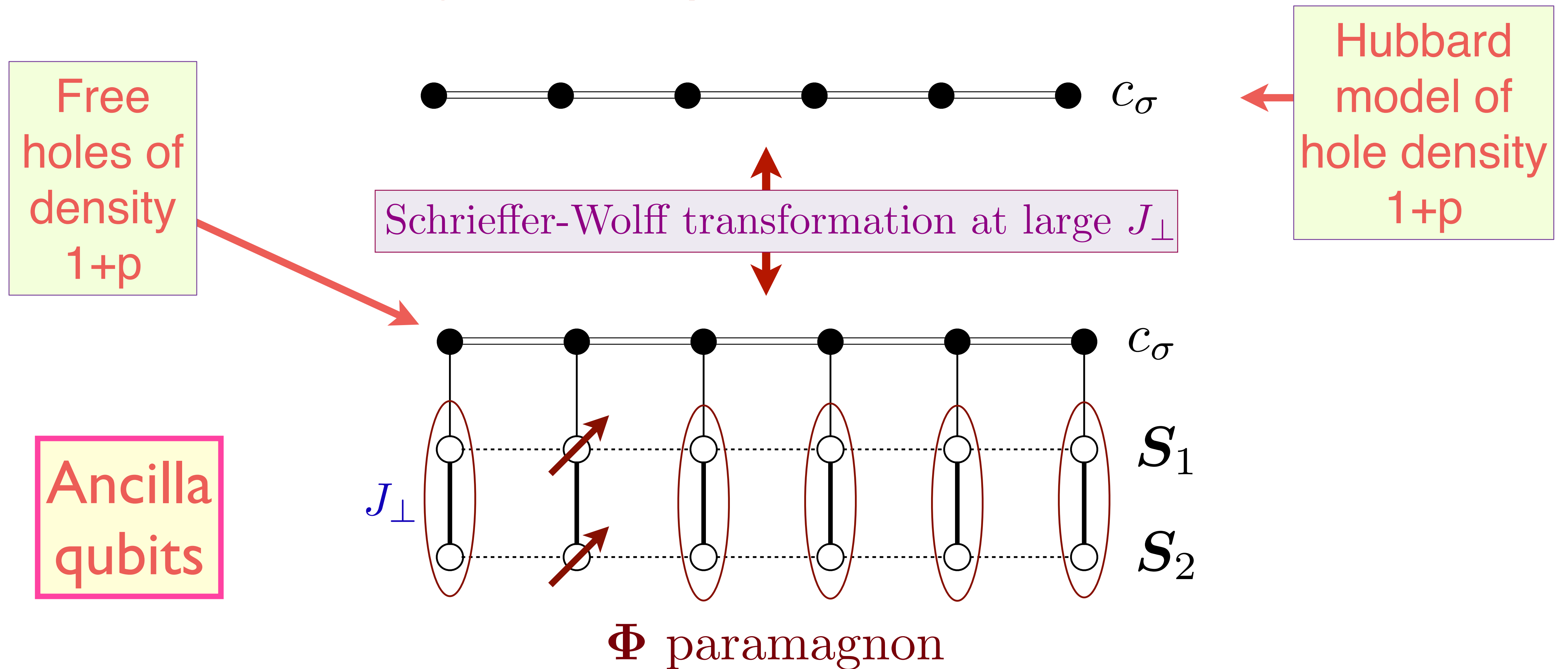
This yields the ‘Scalapino-Pines-Chubukov-Schmalian...’ theory for a ‘paramagnon quantum rotor’  $\Phi_i$  coupled to otherwise free fermions  $c_{i\sigma}$ .

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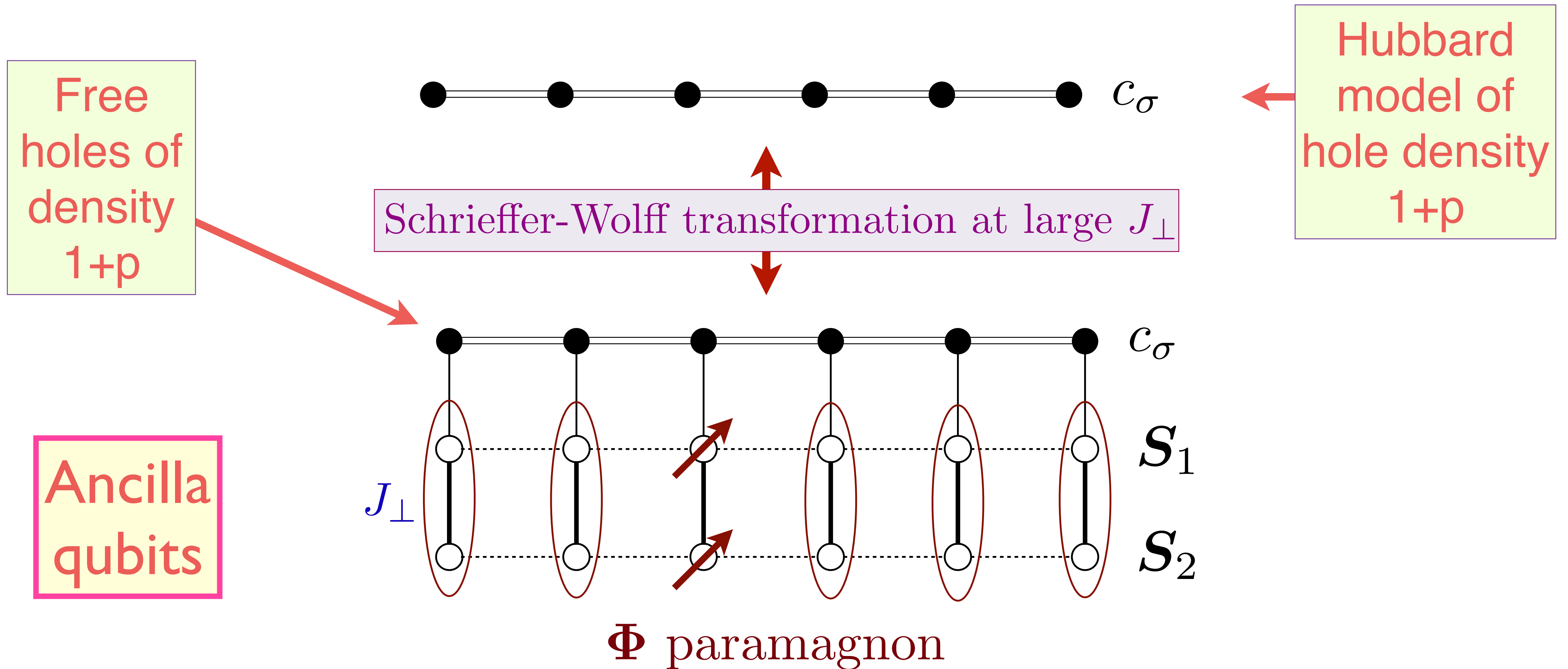
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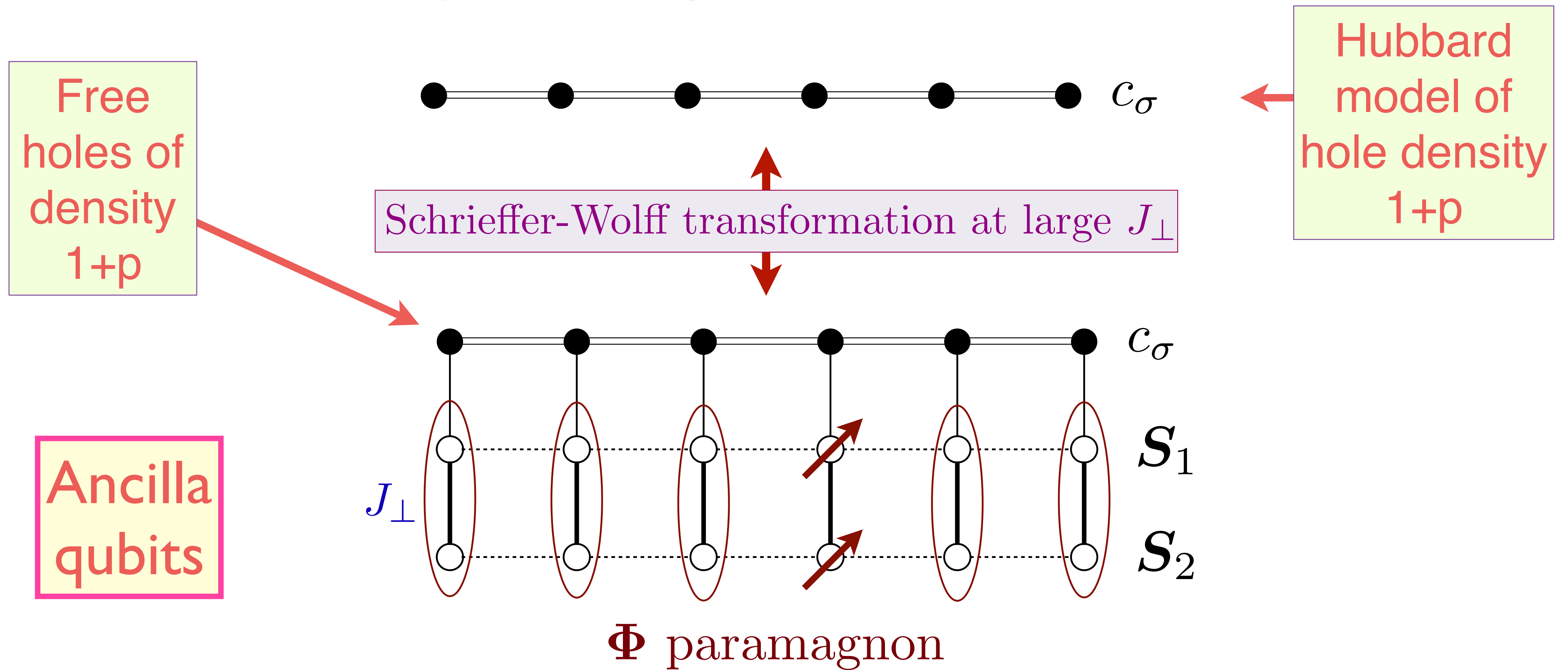
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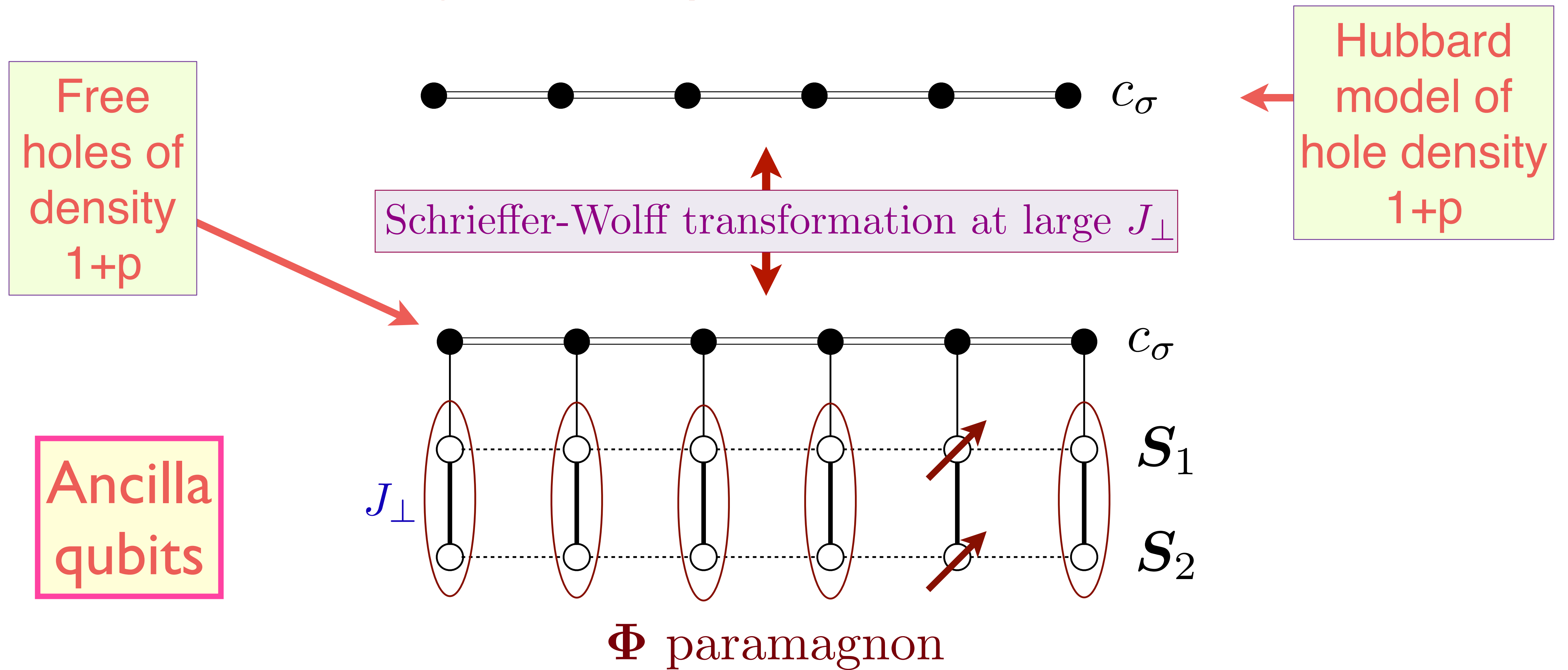
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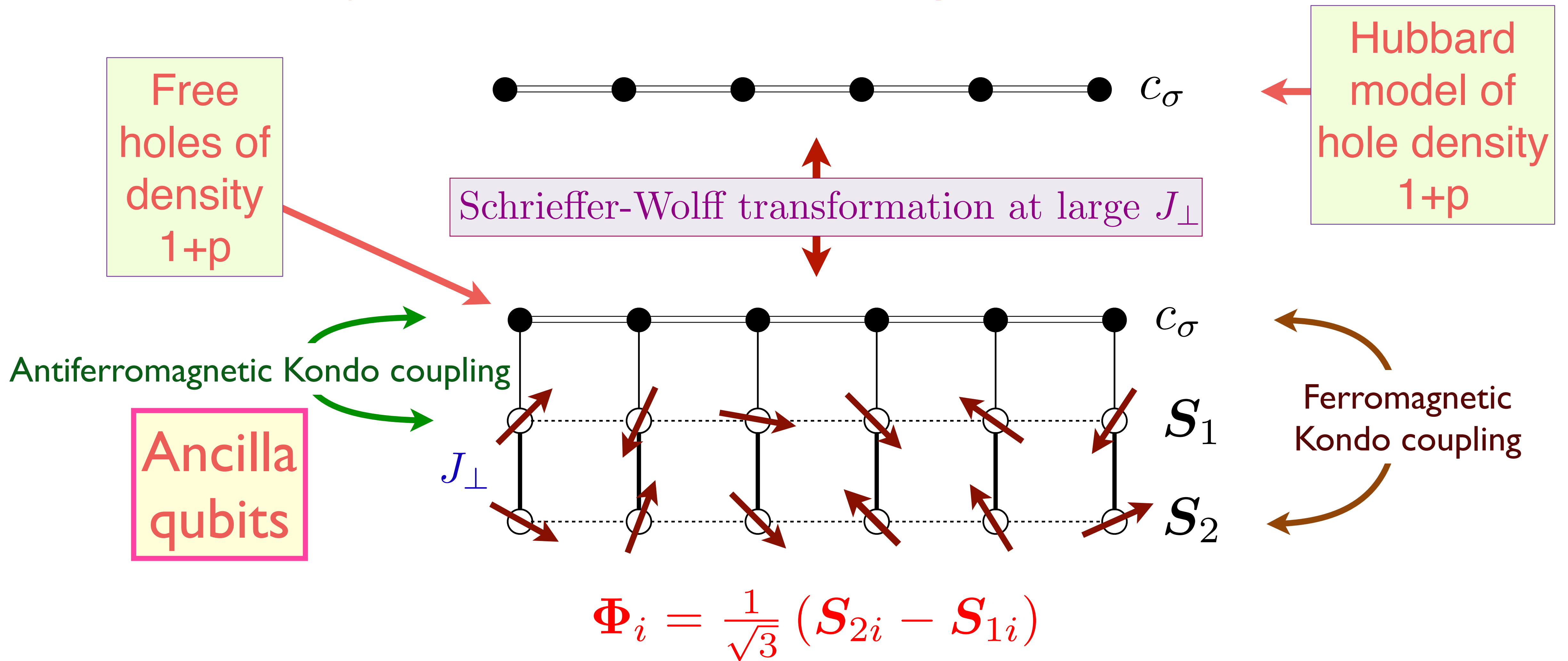
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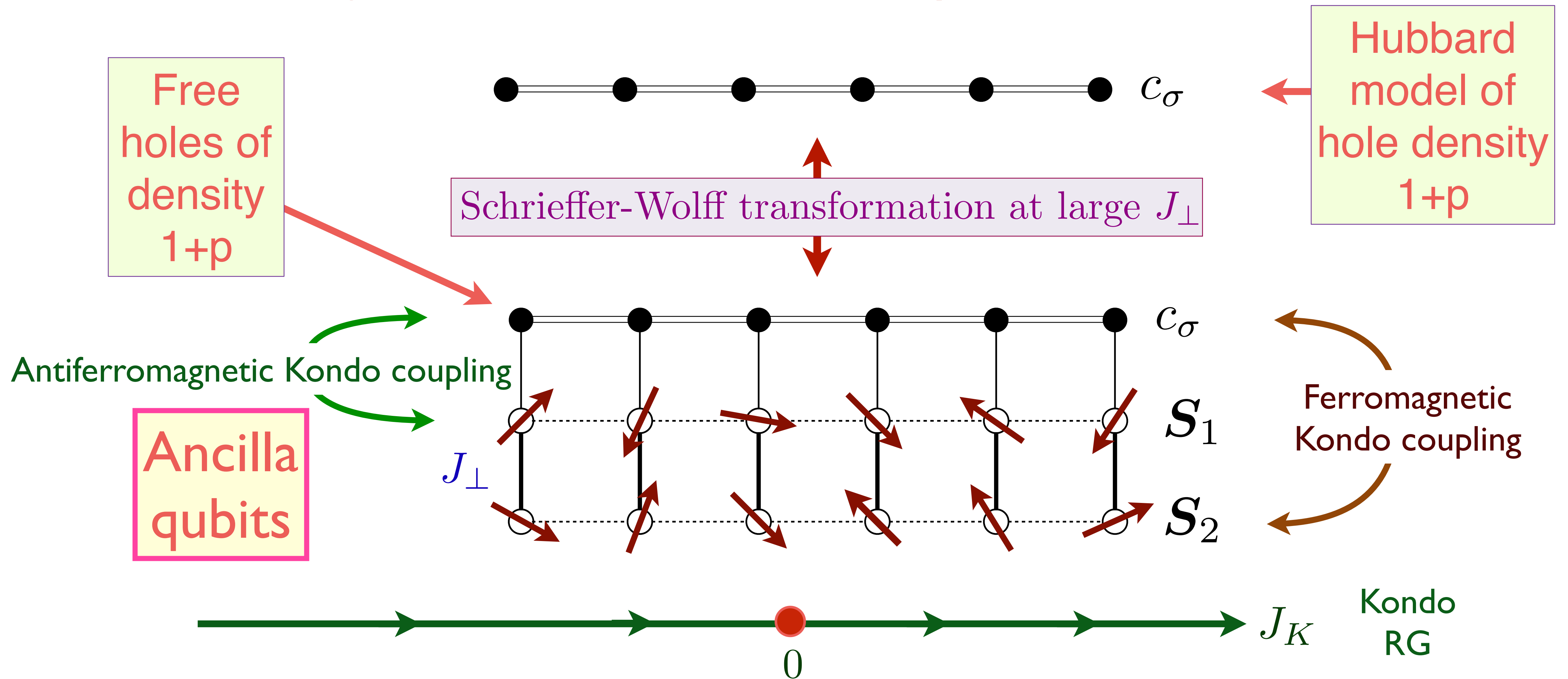
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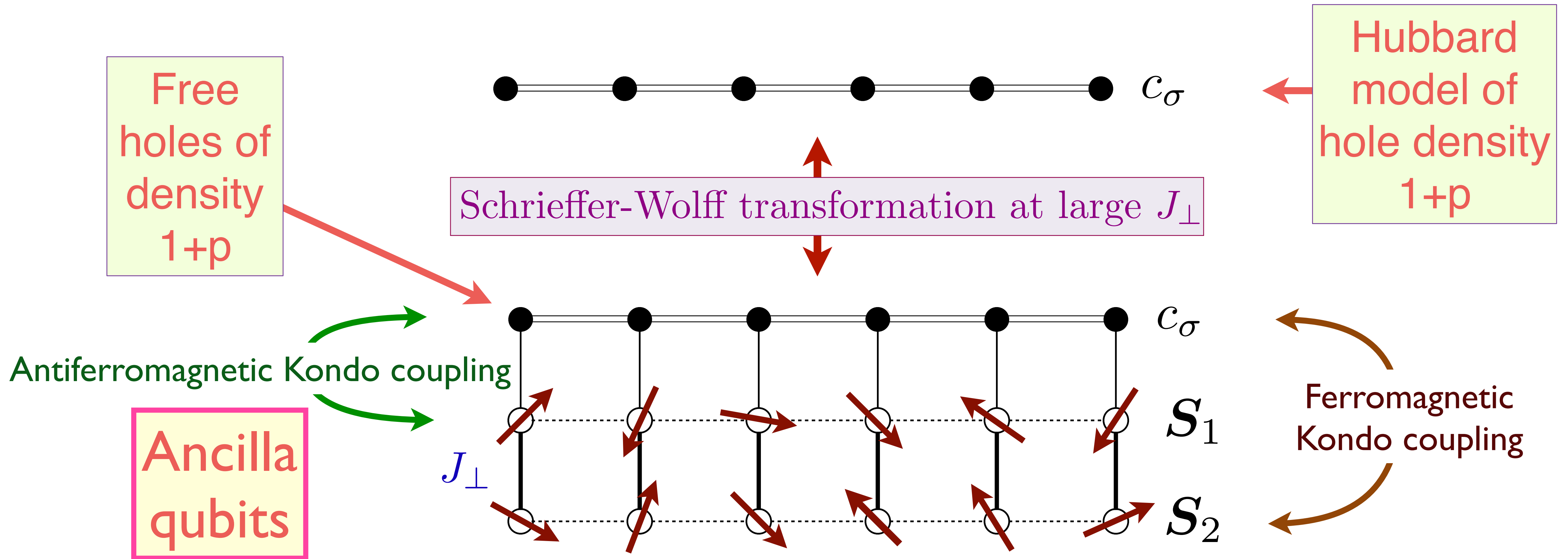
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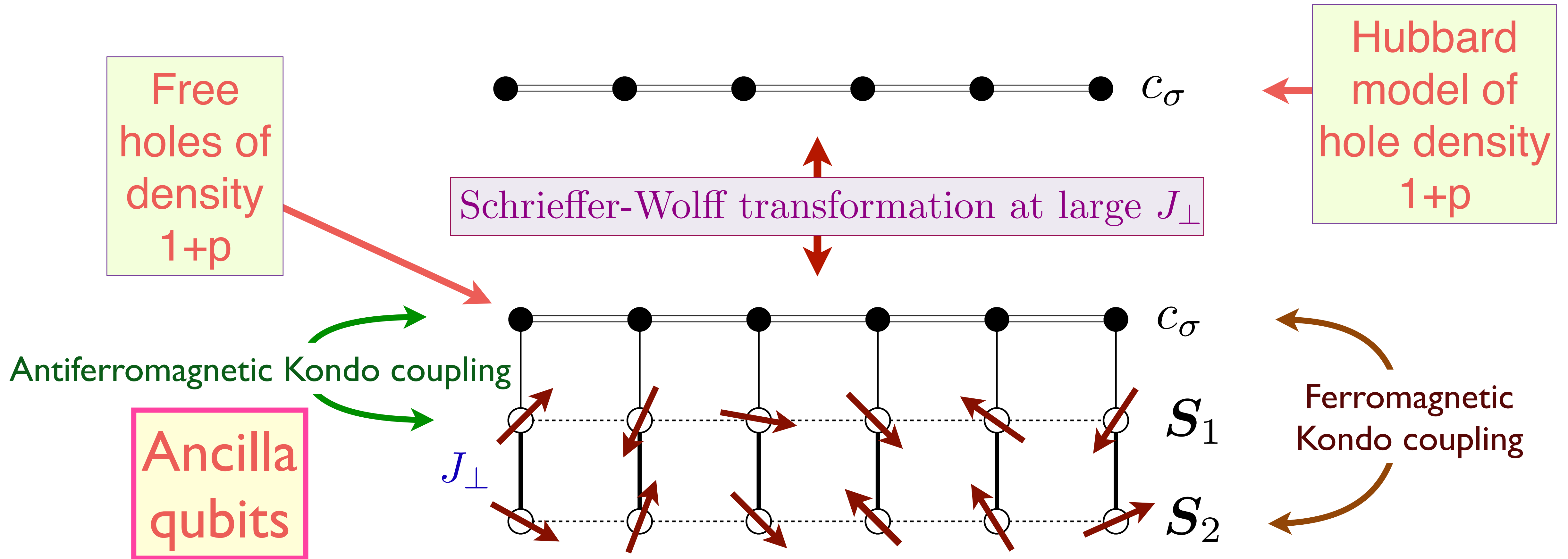
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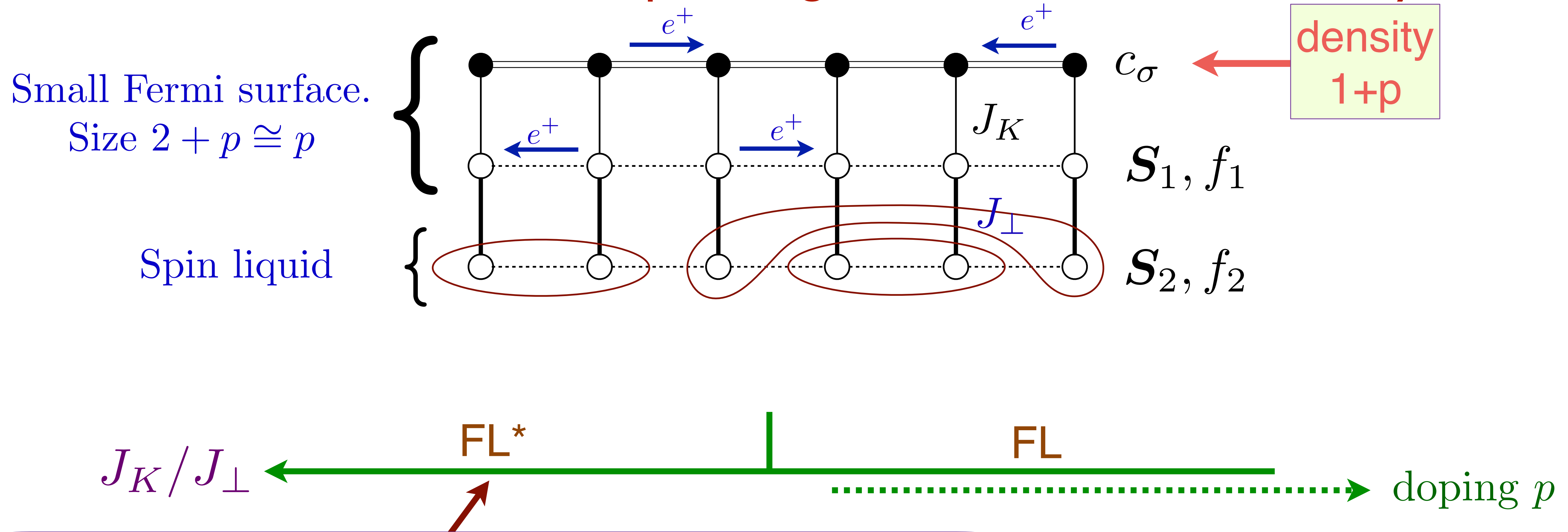
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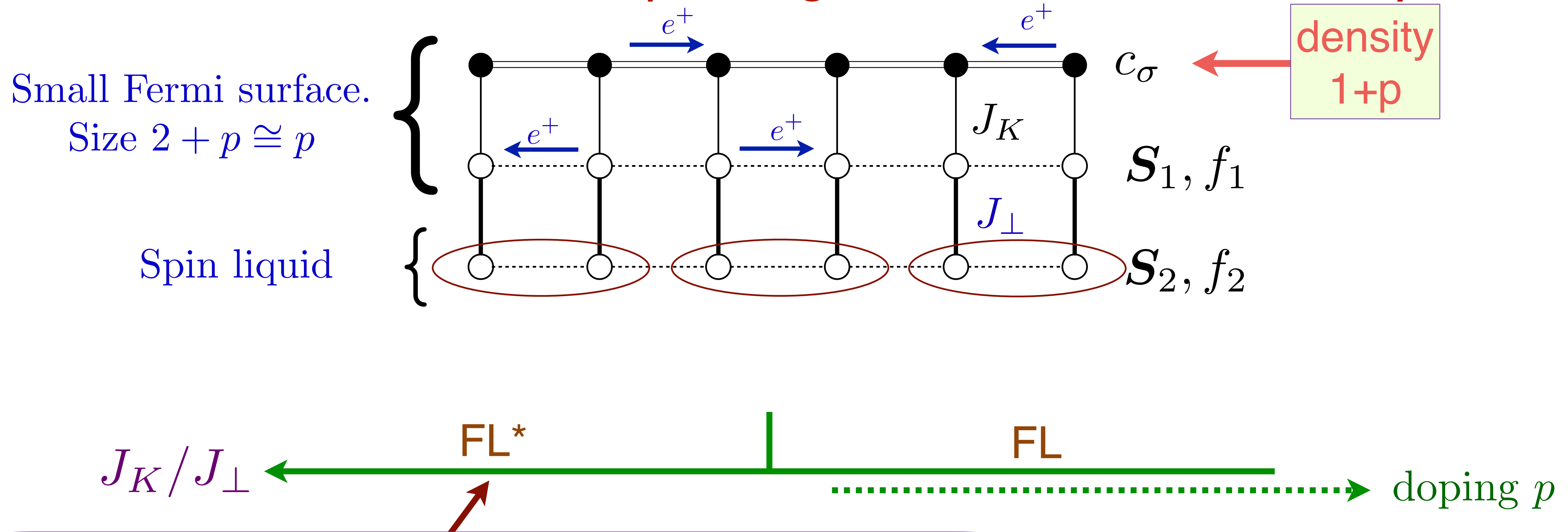
# Trial wavefunctions in the paramagnon fractionalization theory



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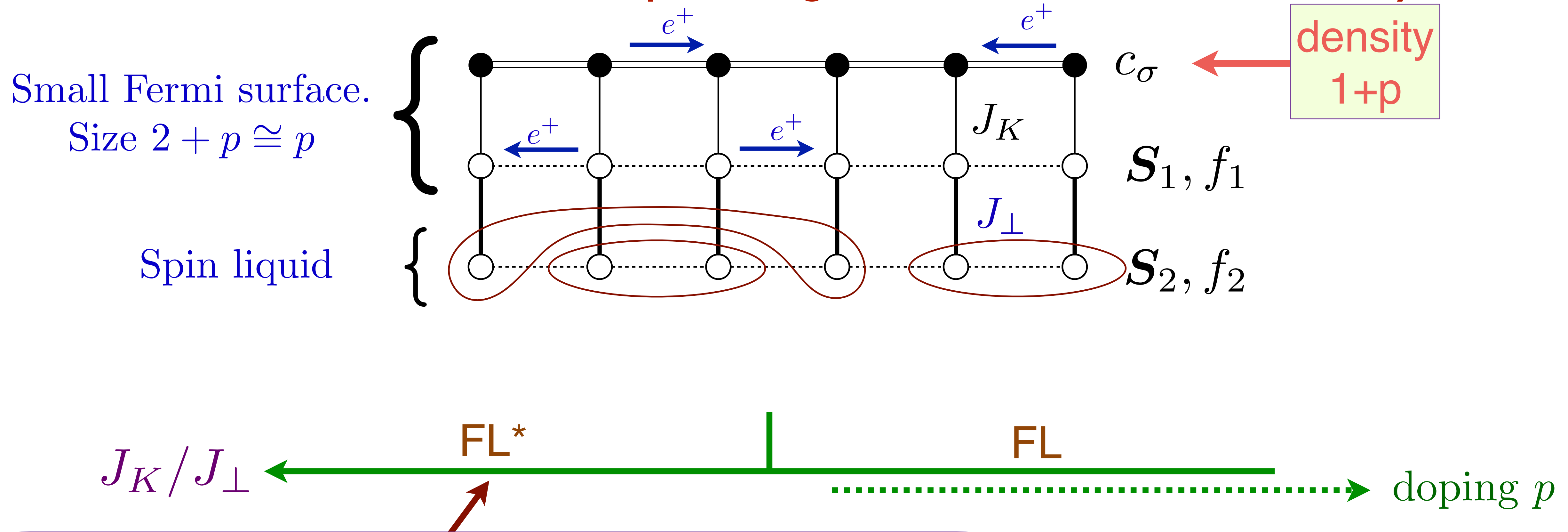
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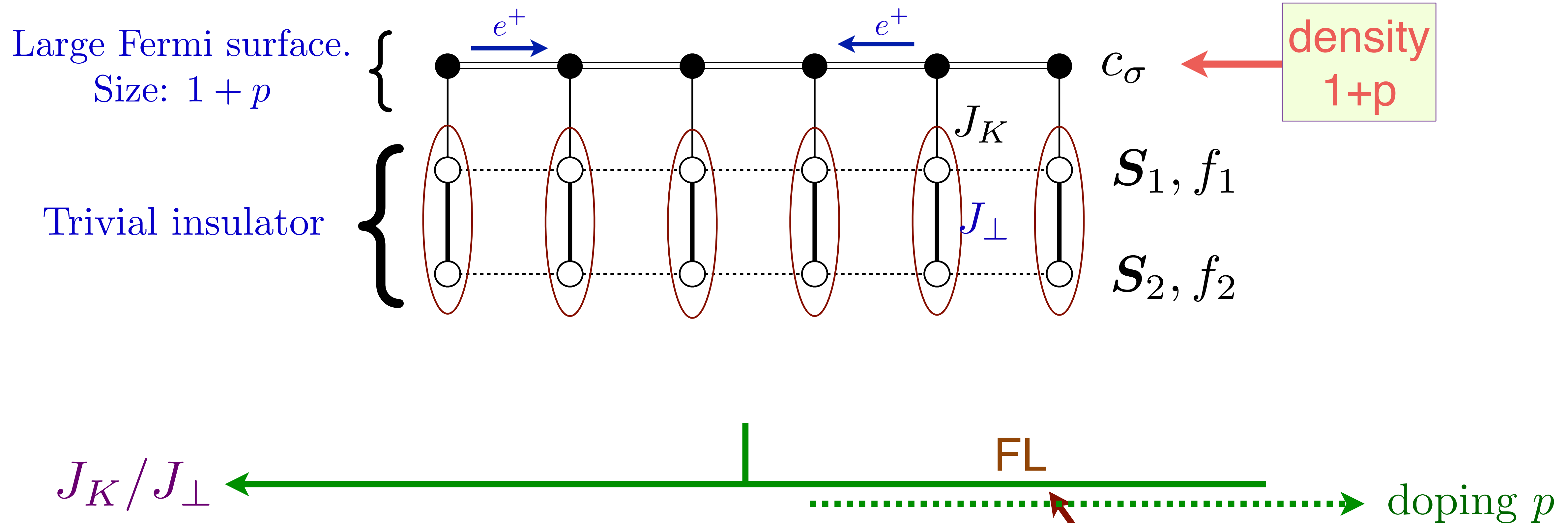
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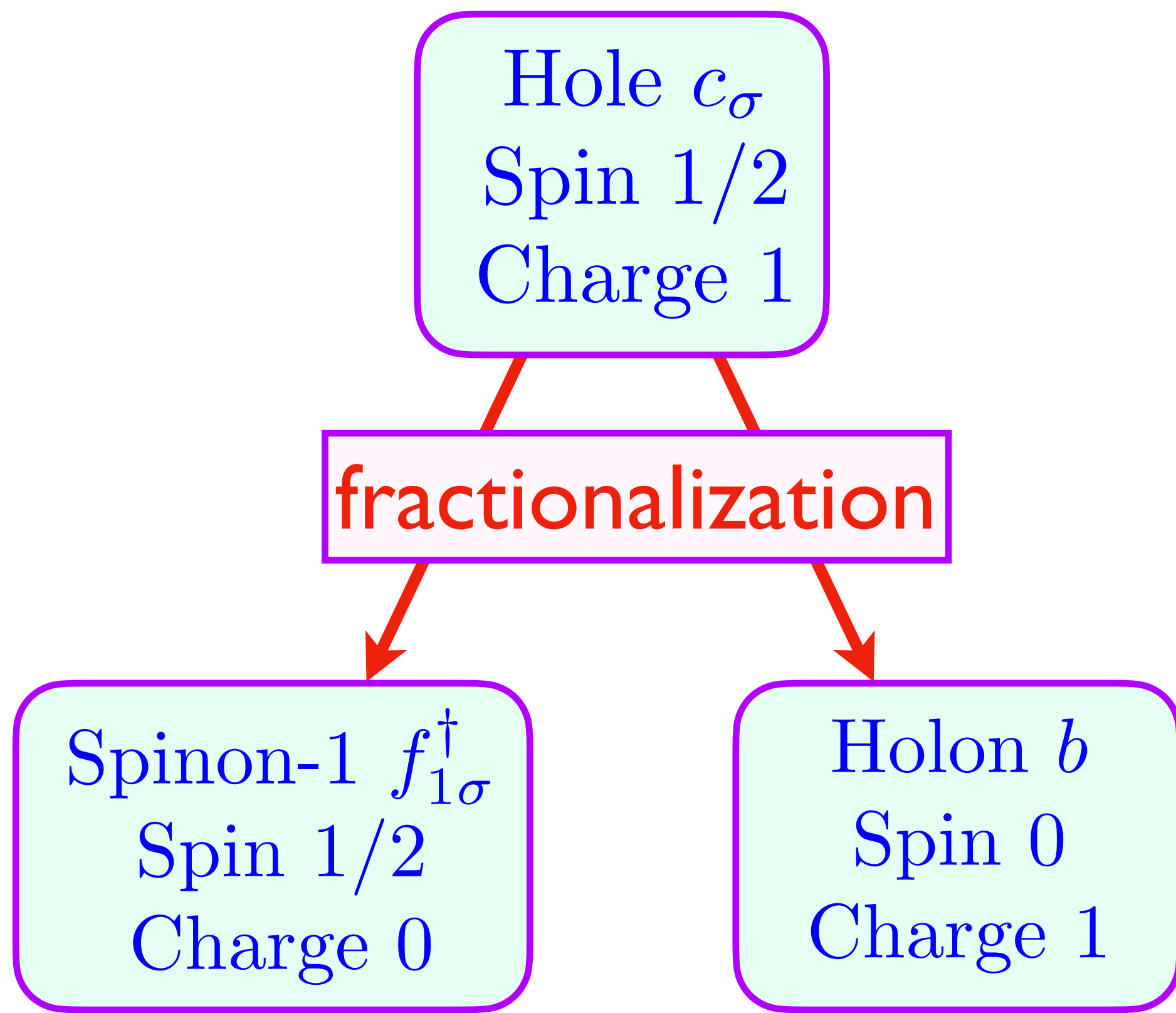
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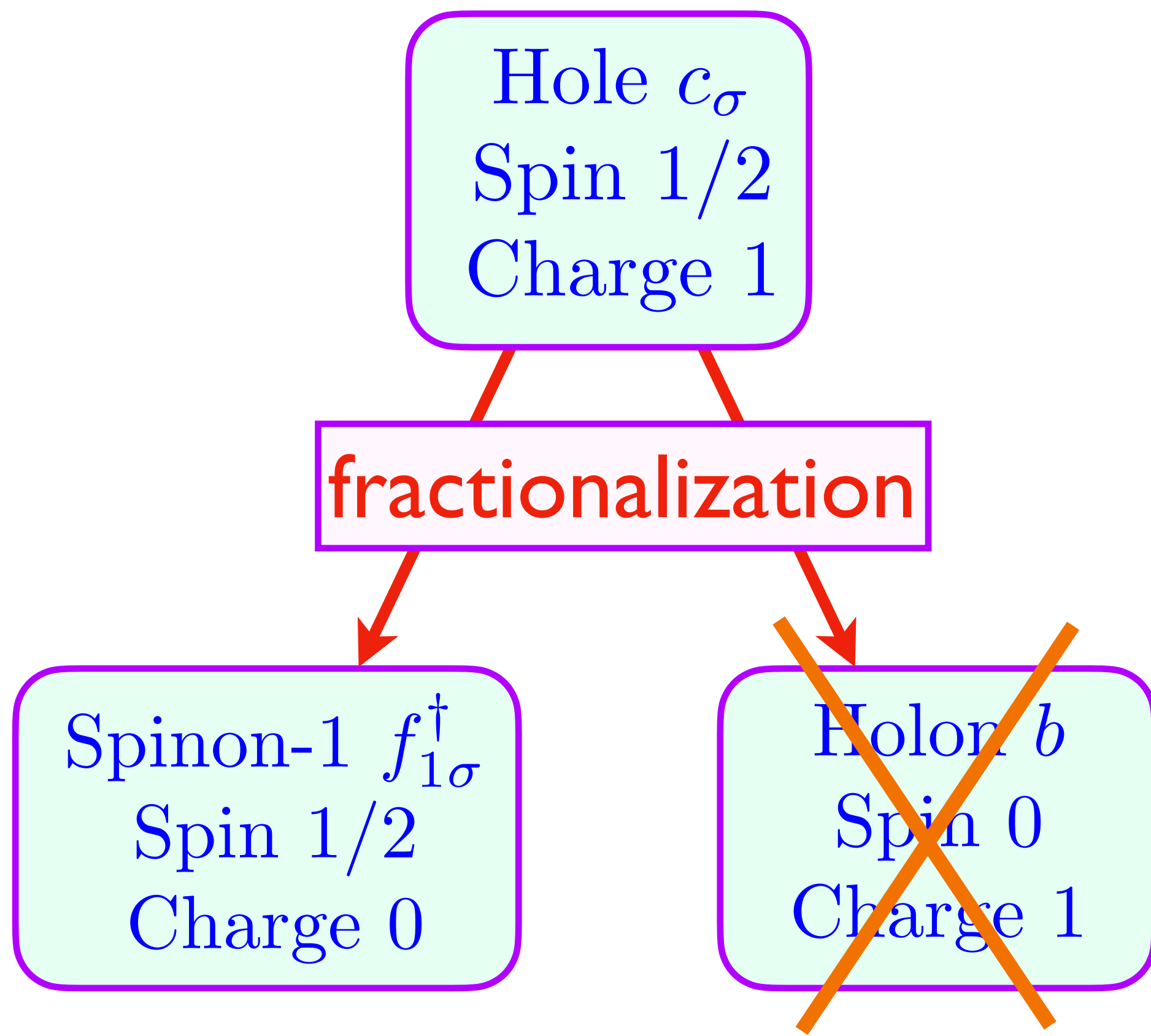
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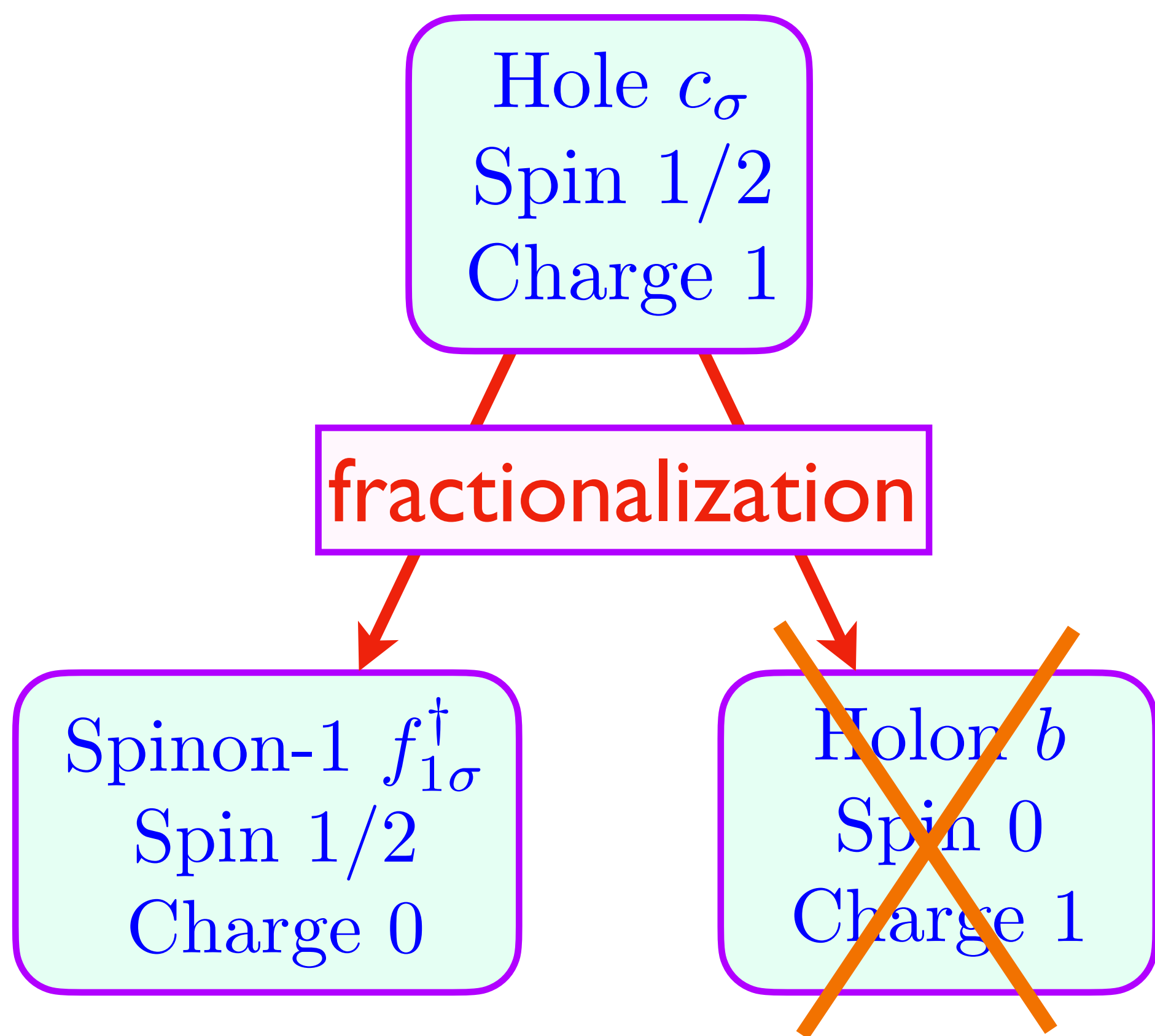


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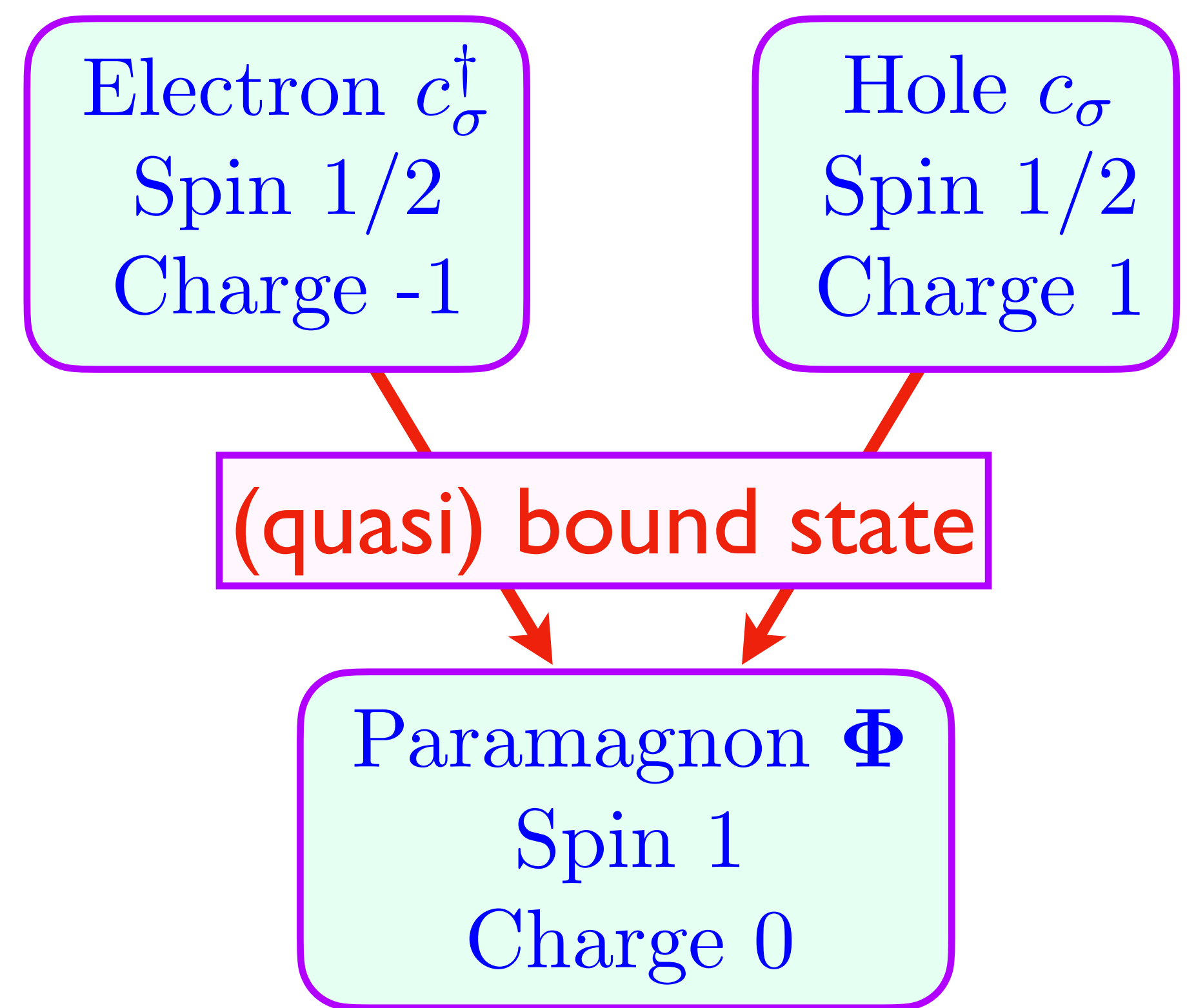


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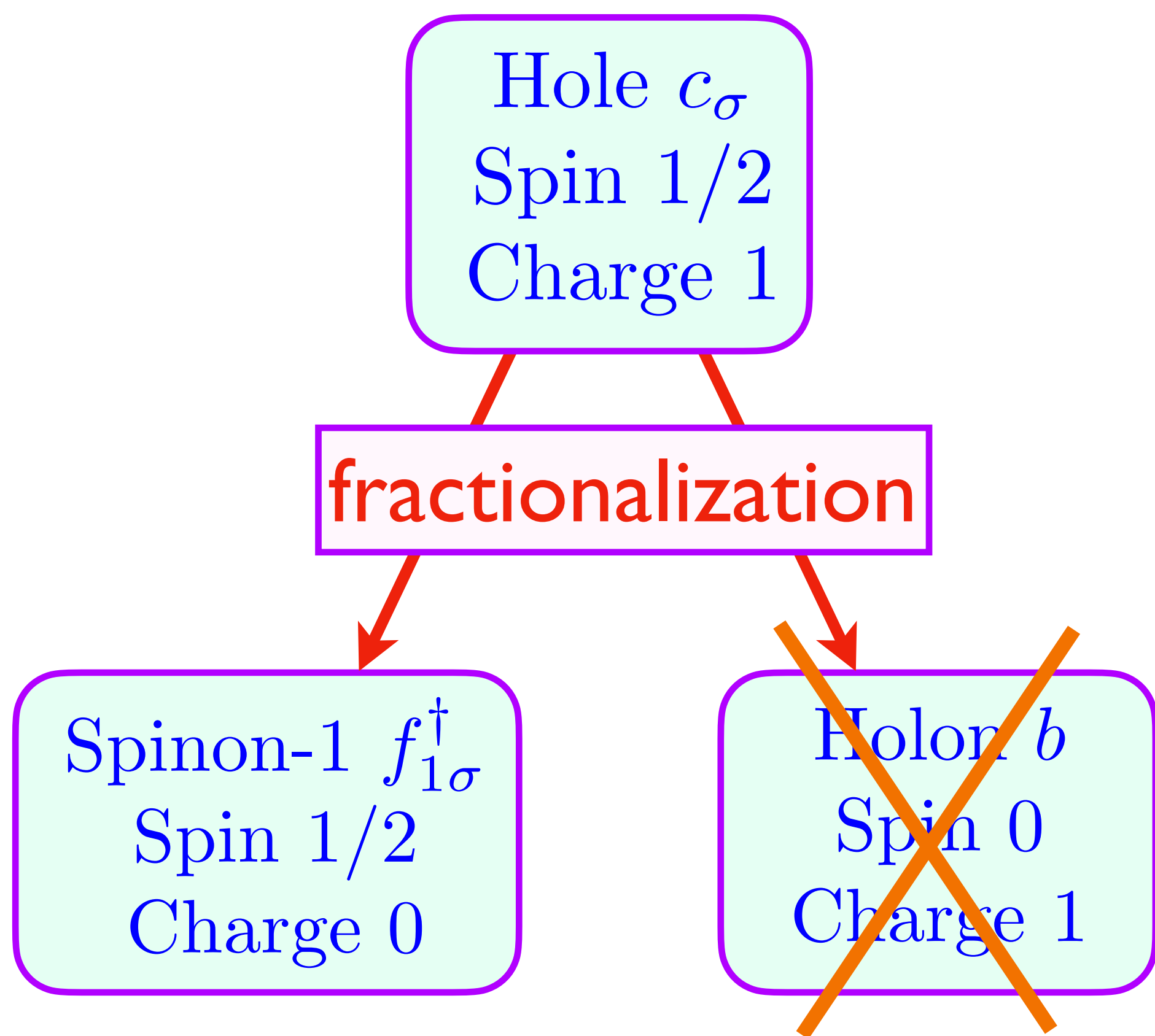
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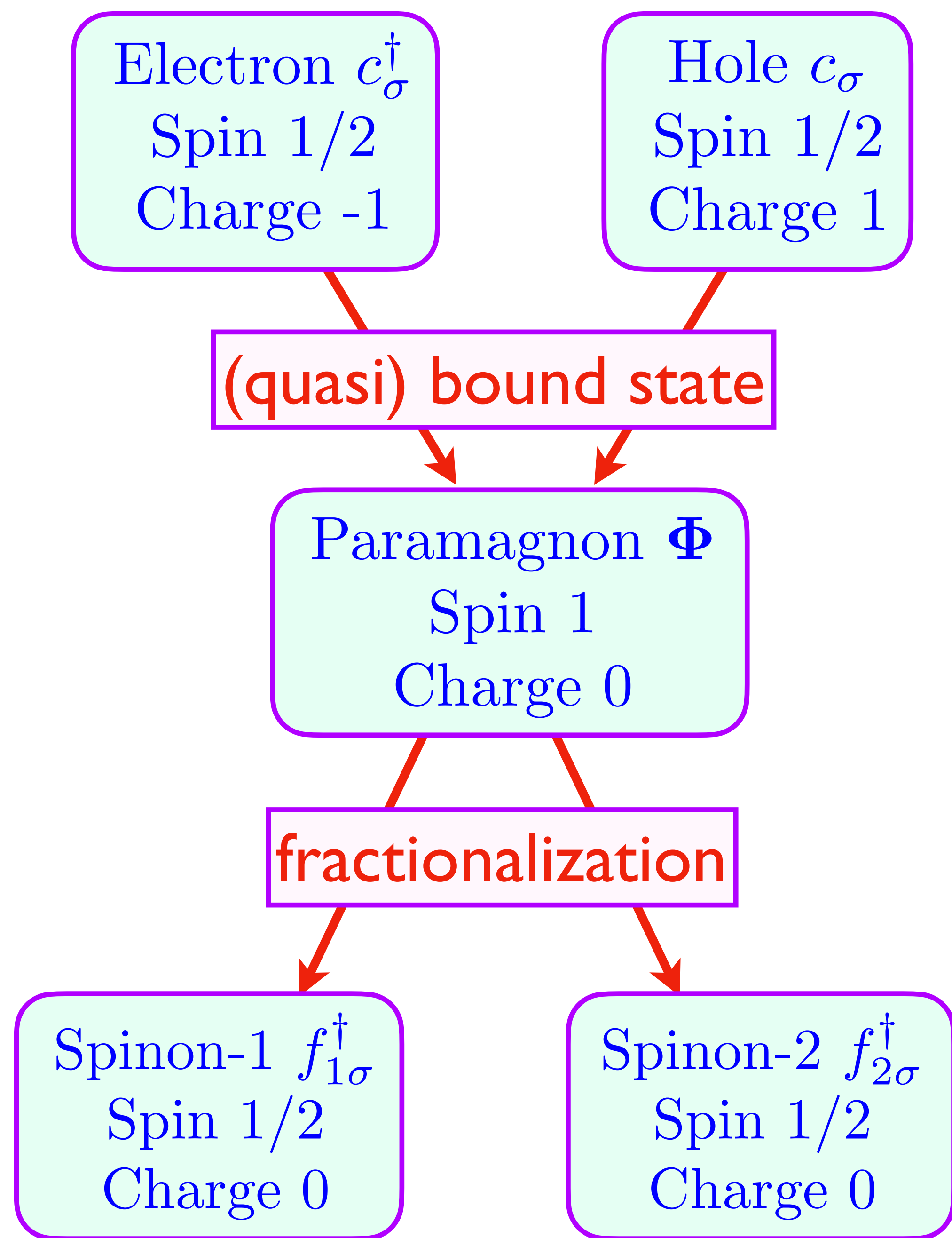


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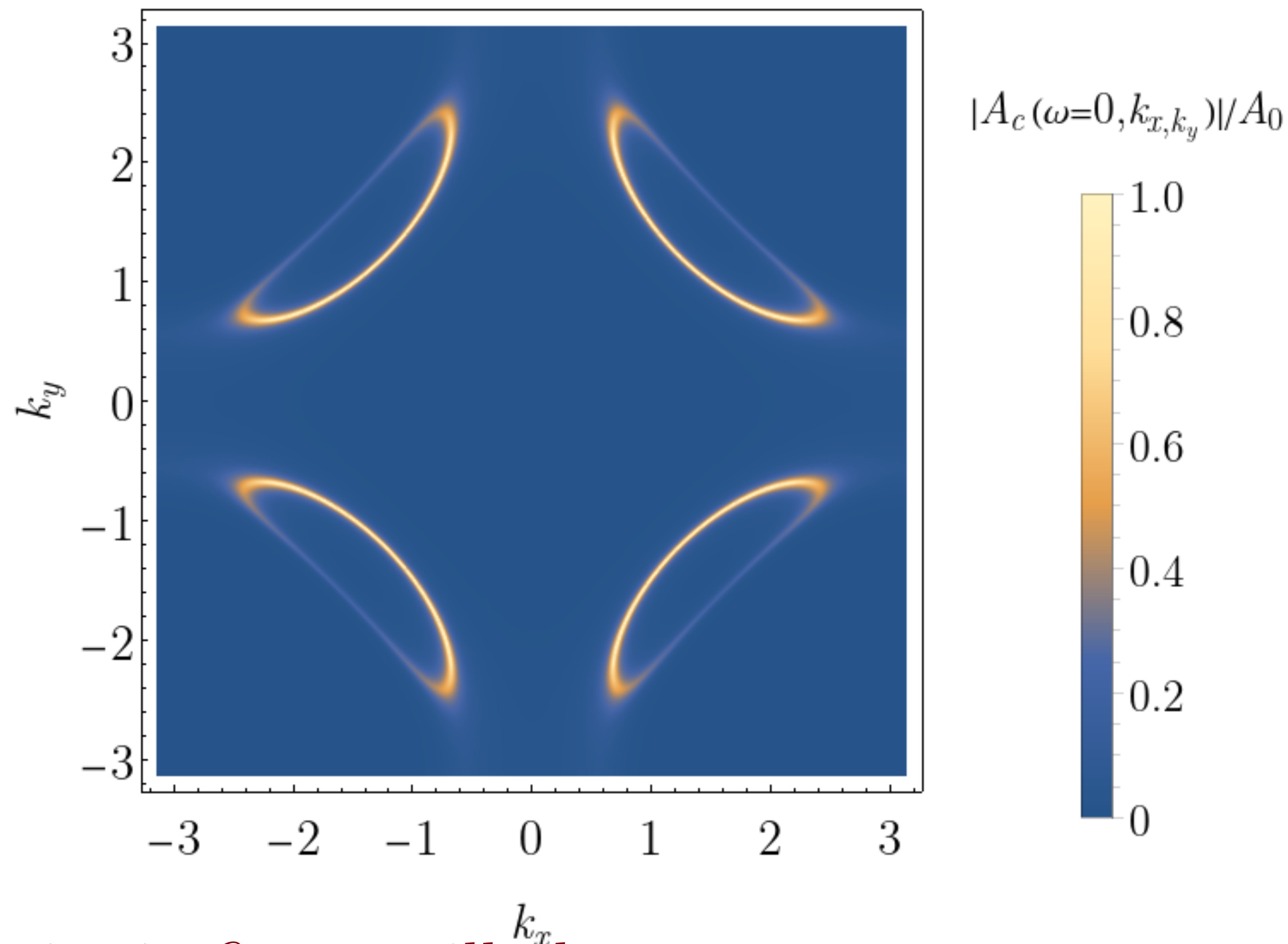
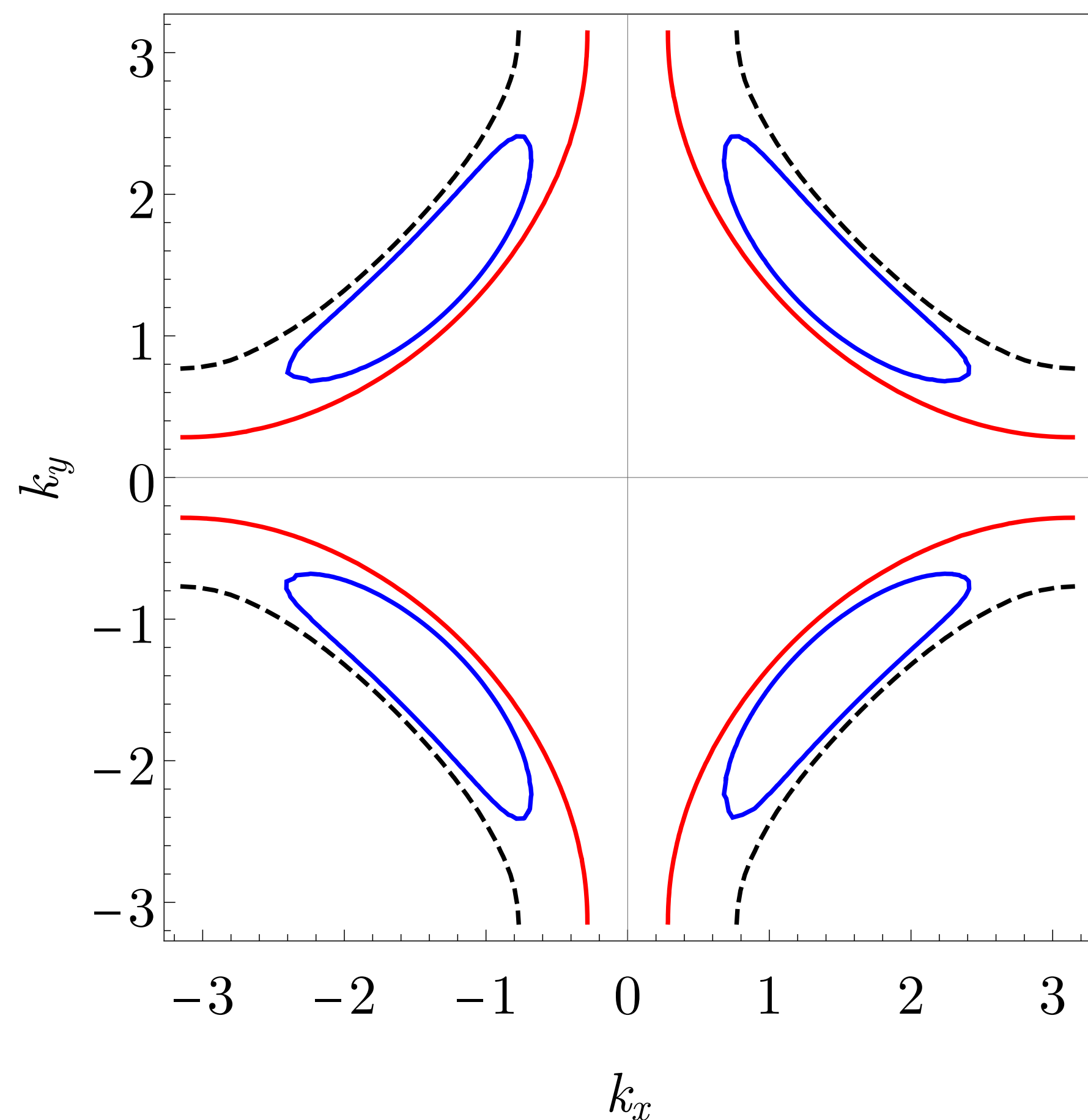
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Paramagnon fractionalization

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

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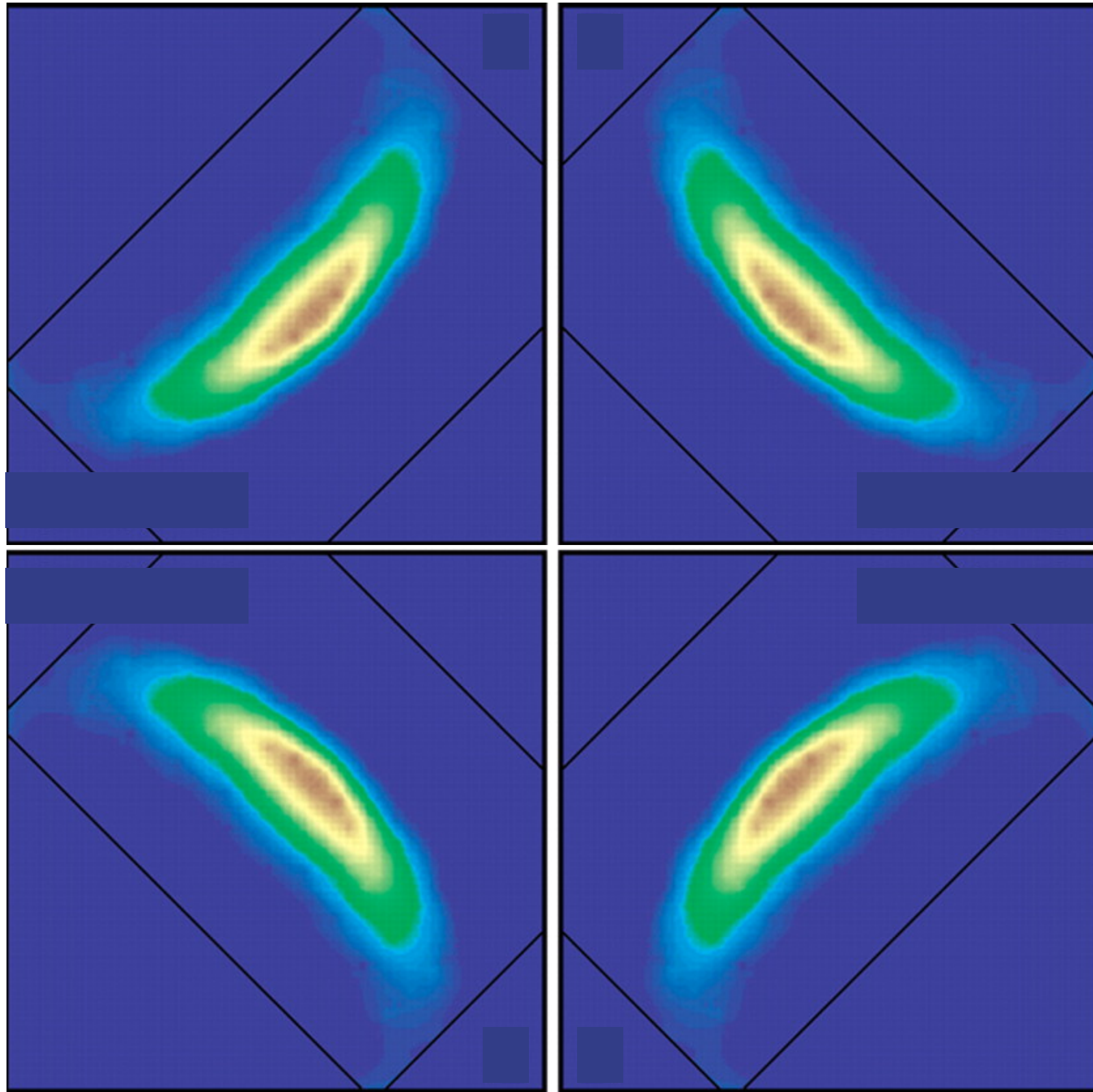


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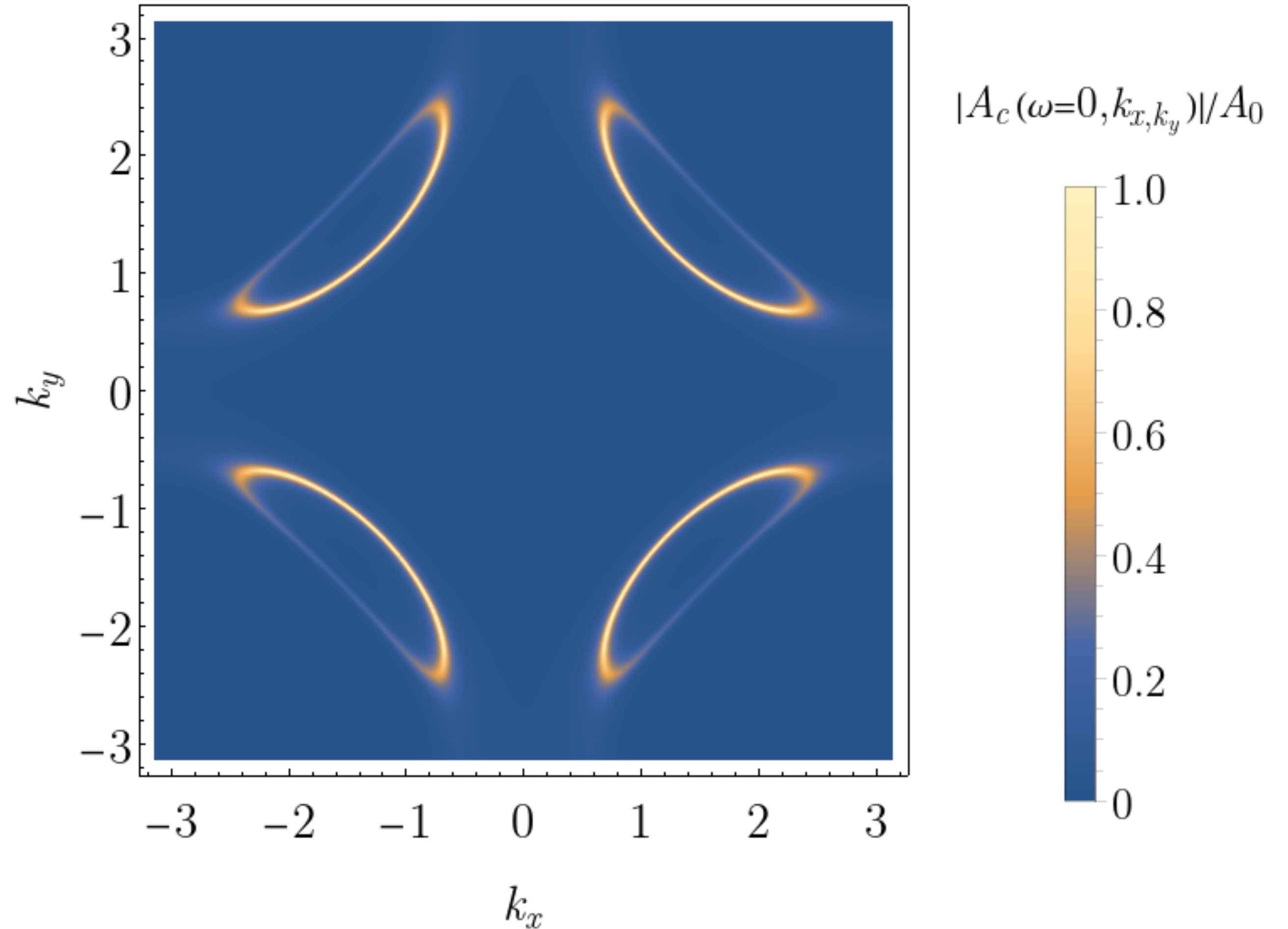
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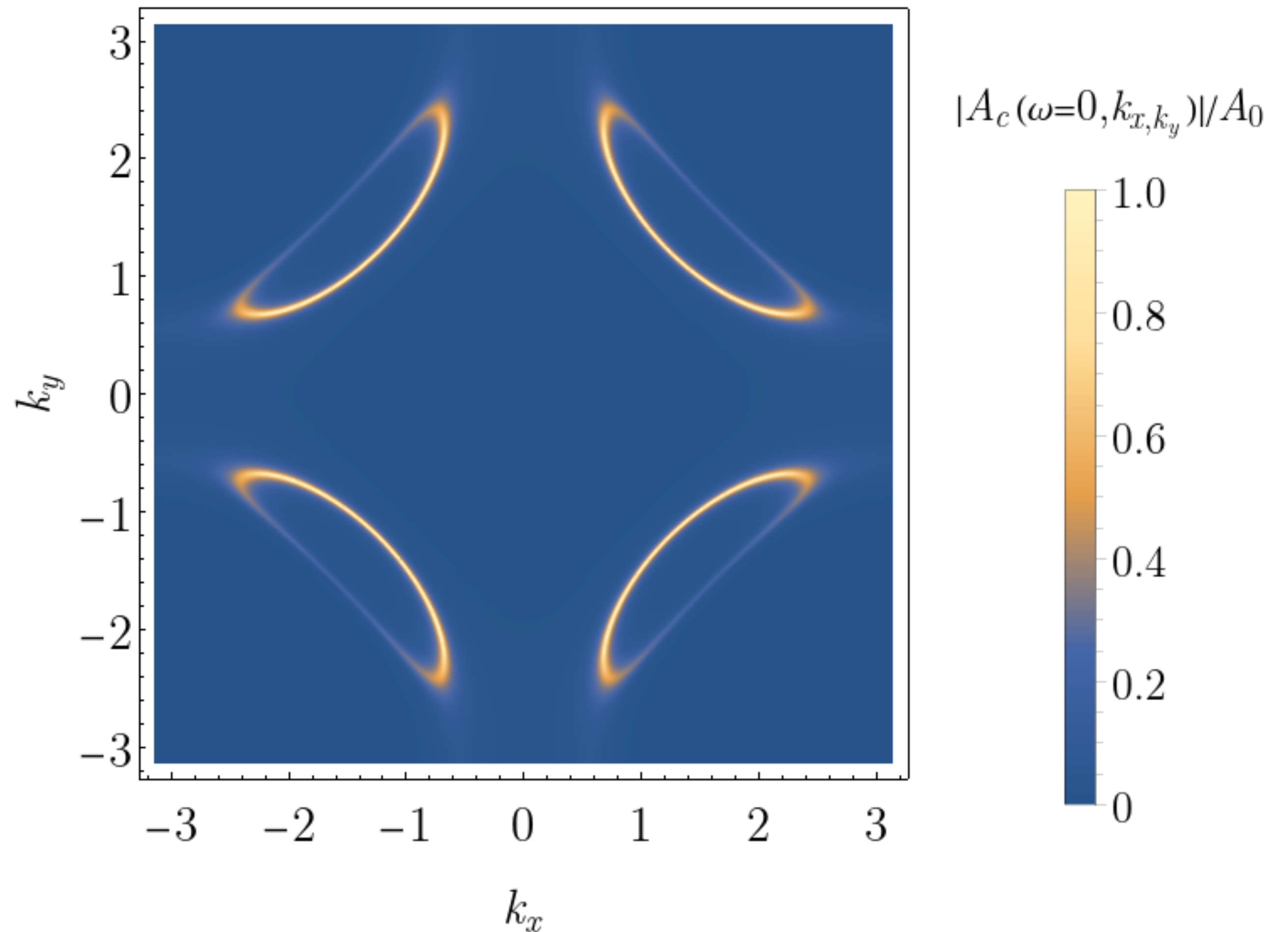
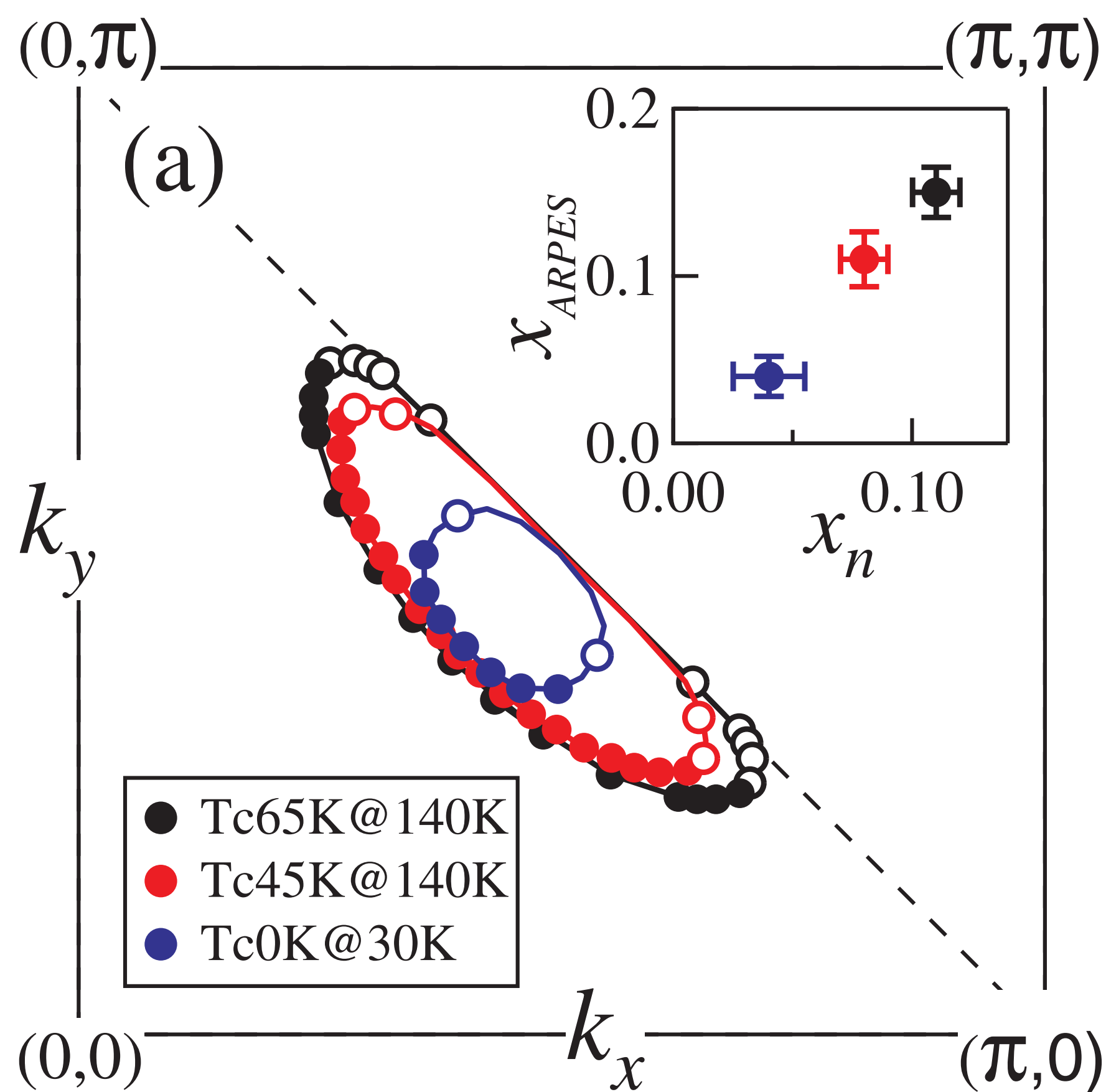
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*“Fermi arcs”*

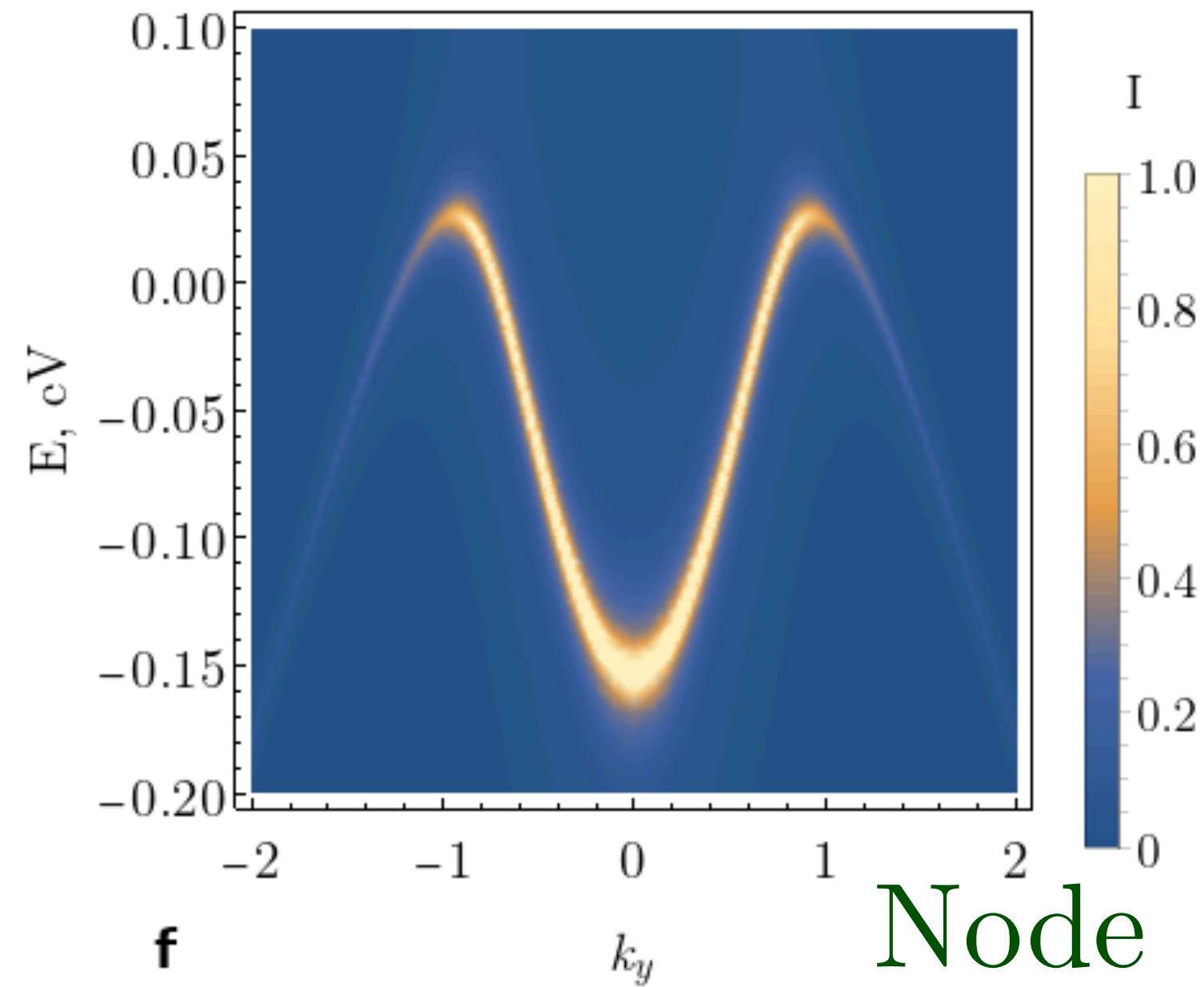
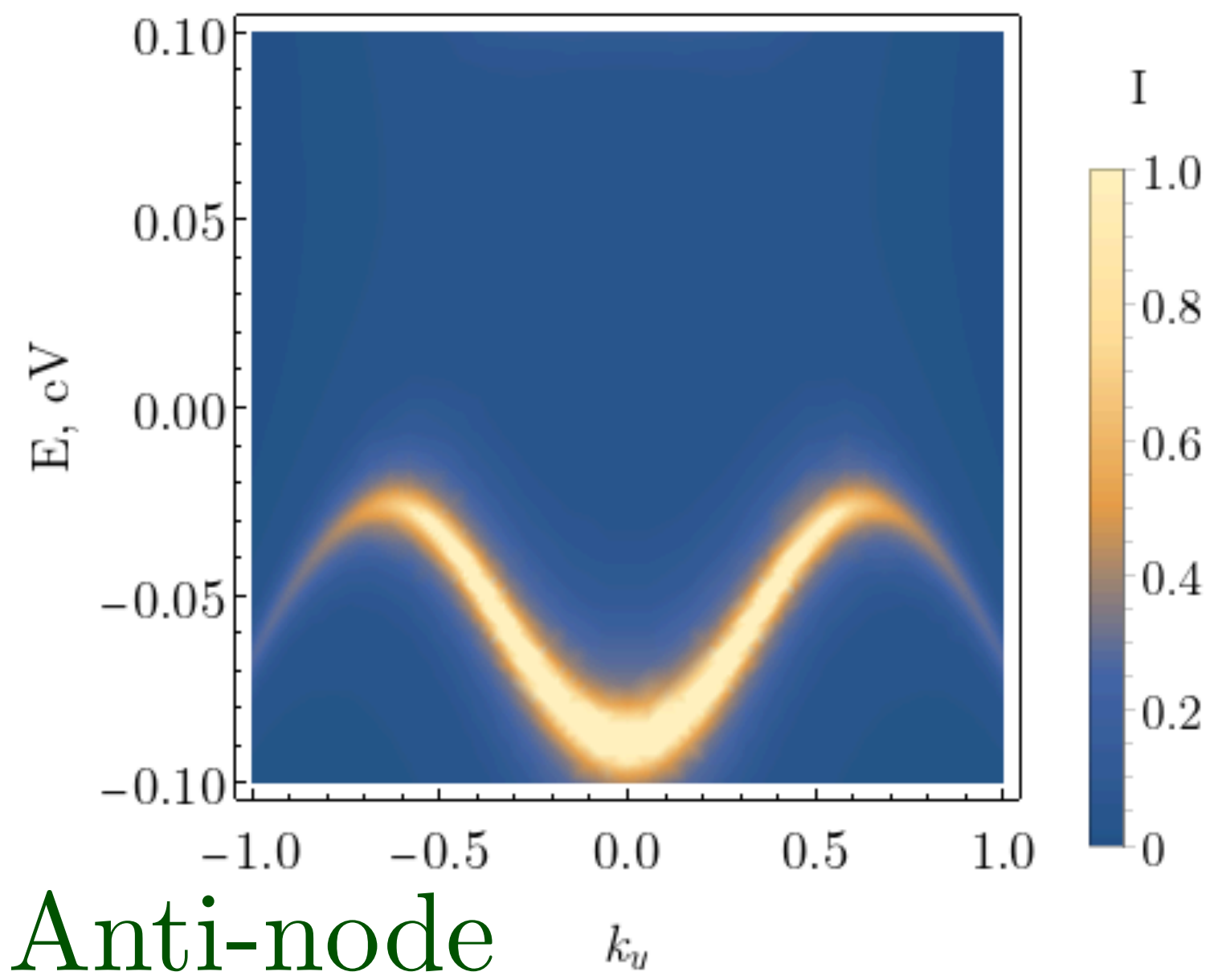
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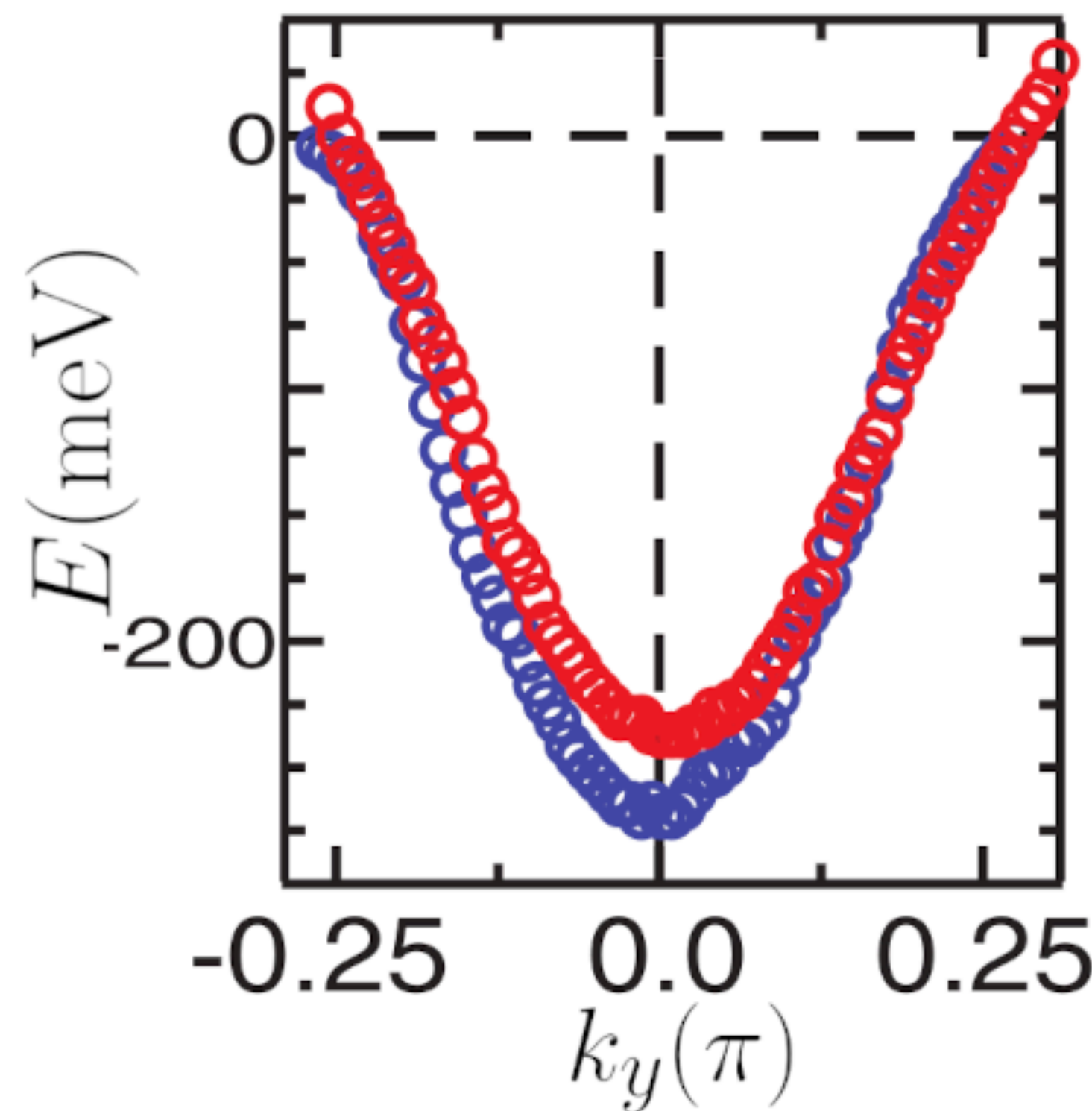
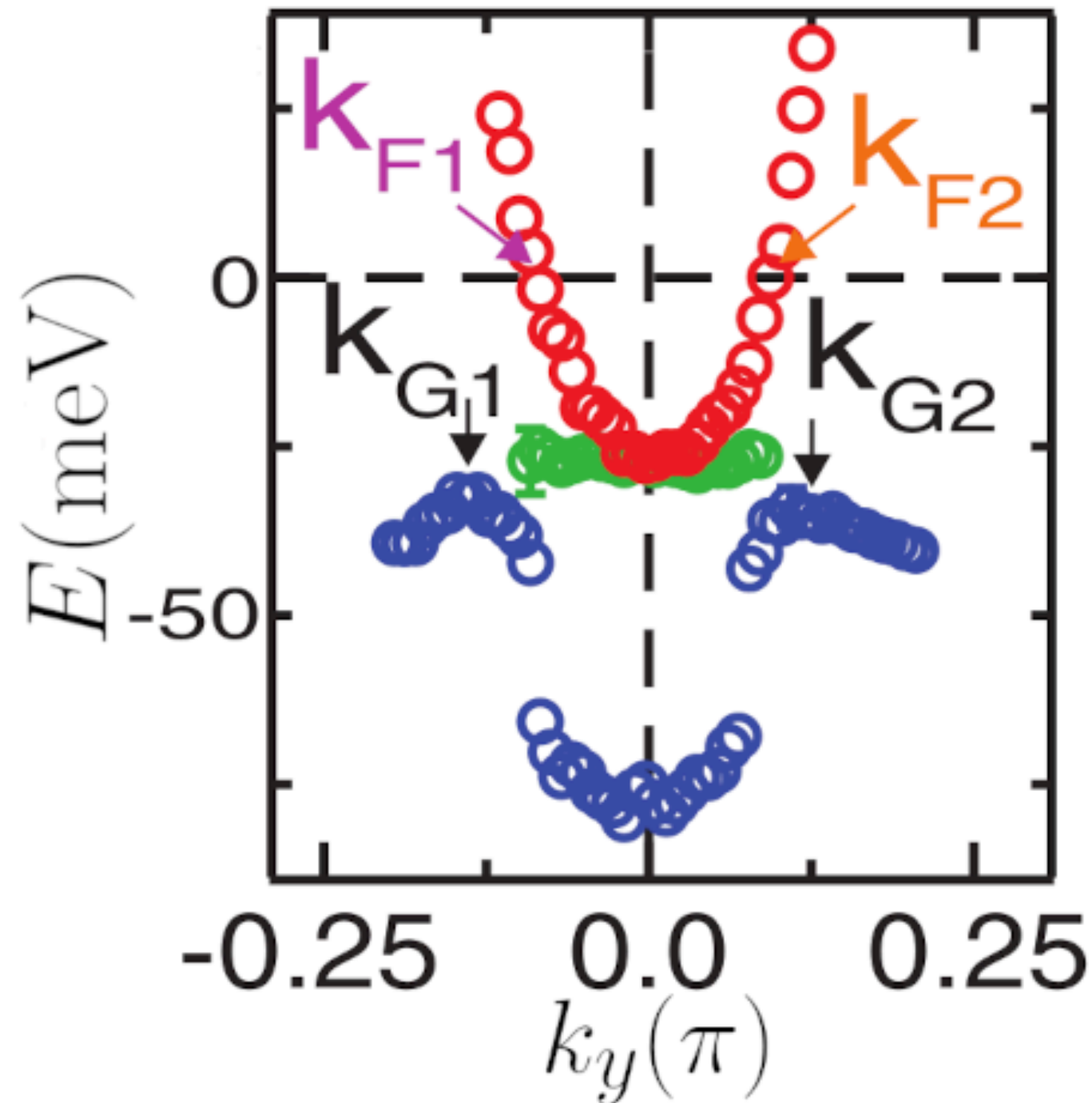


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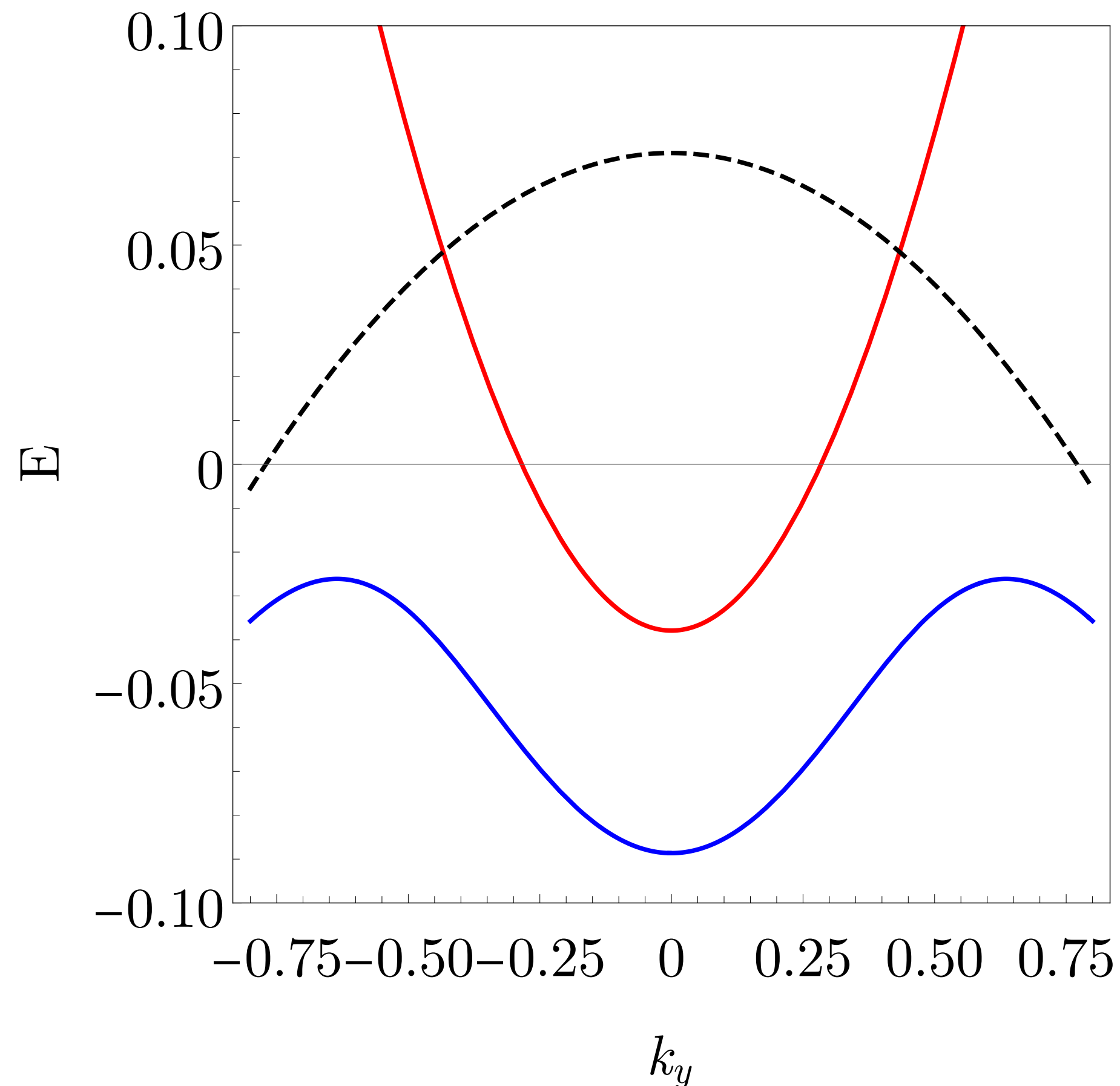


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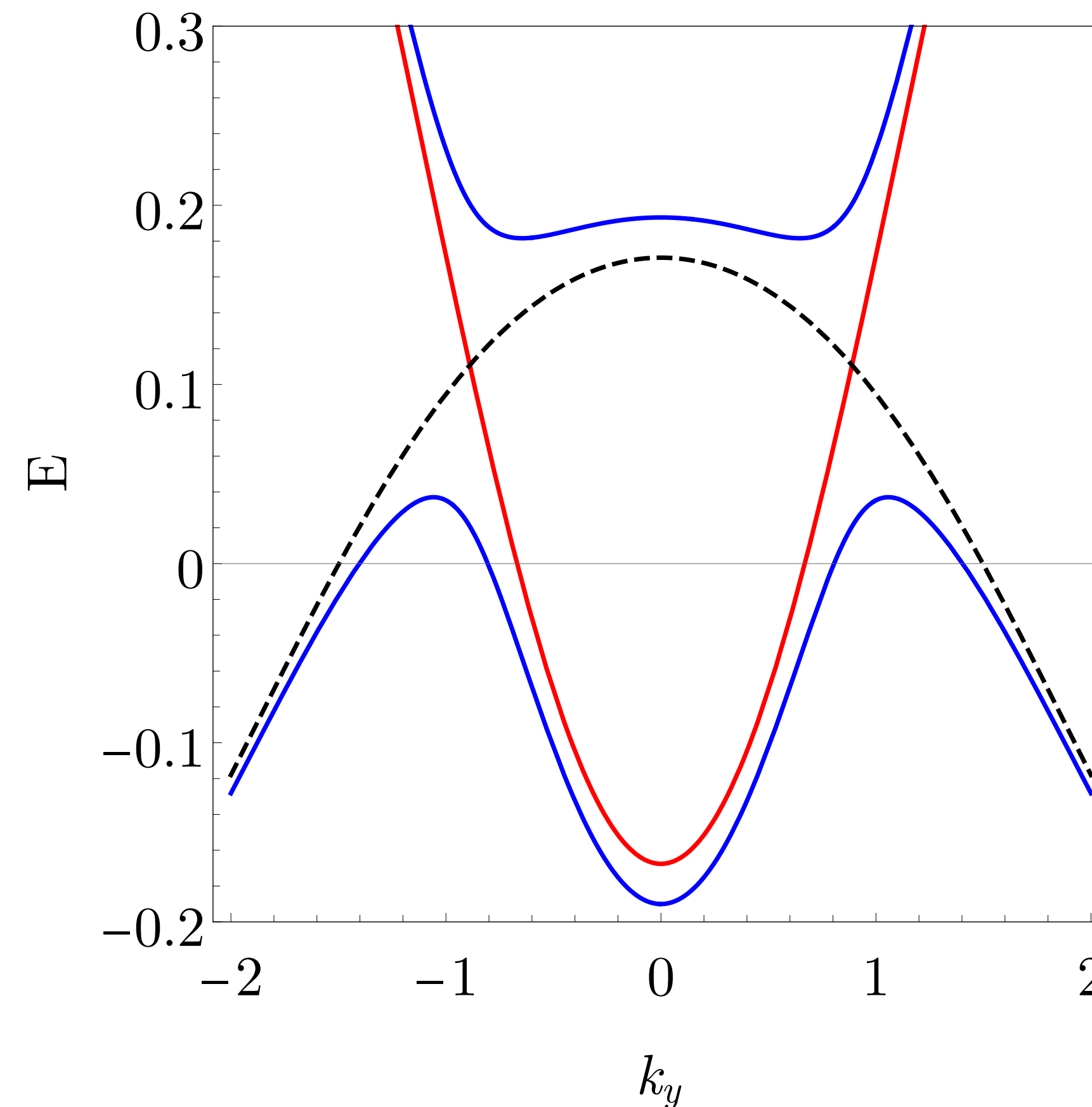
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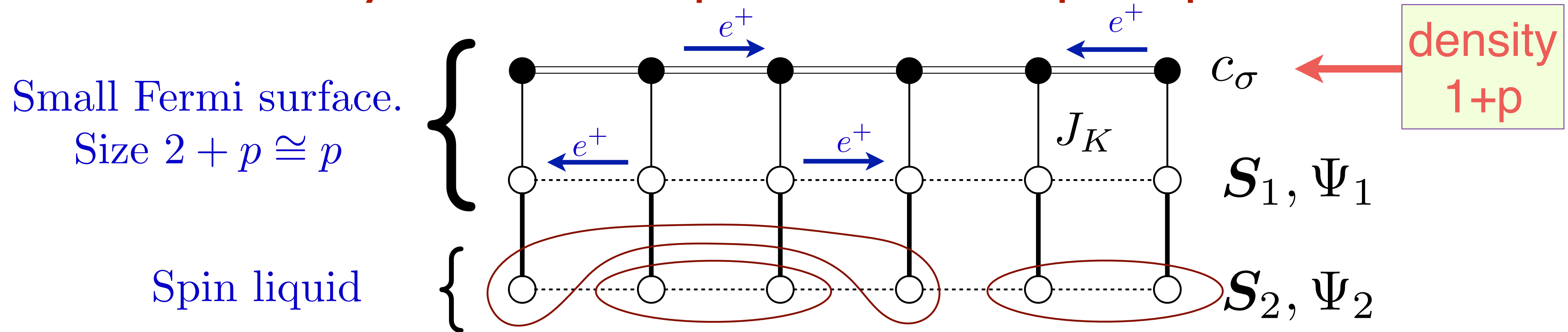


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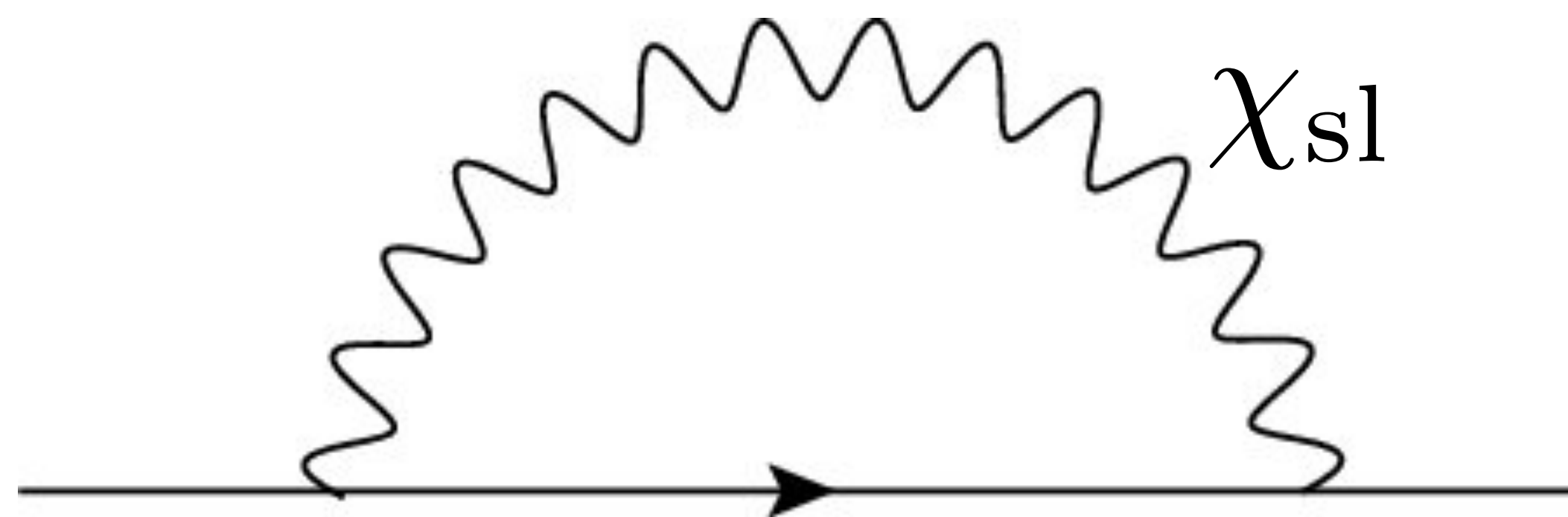
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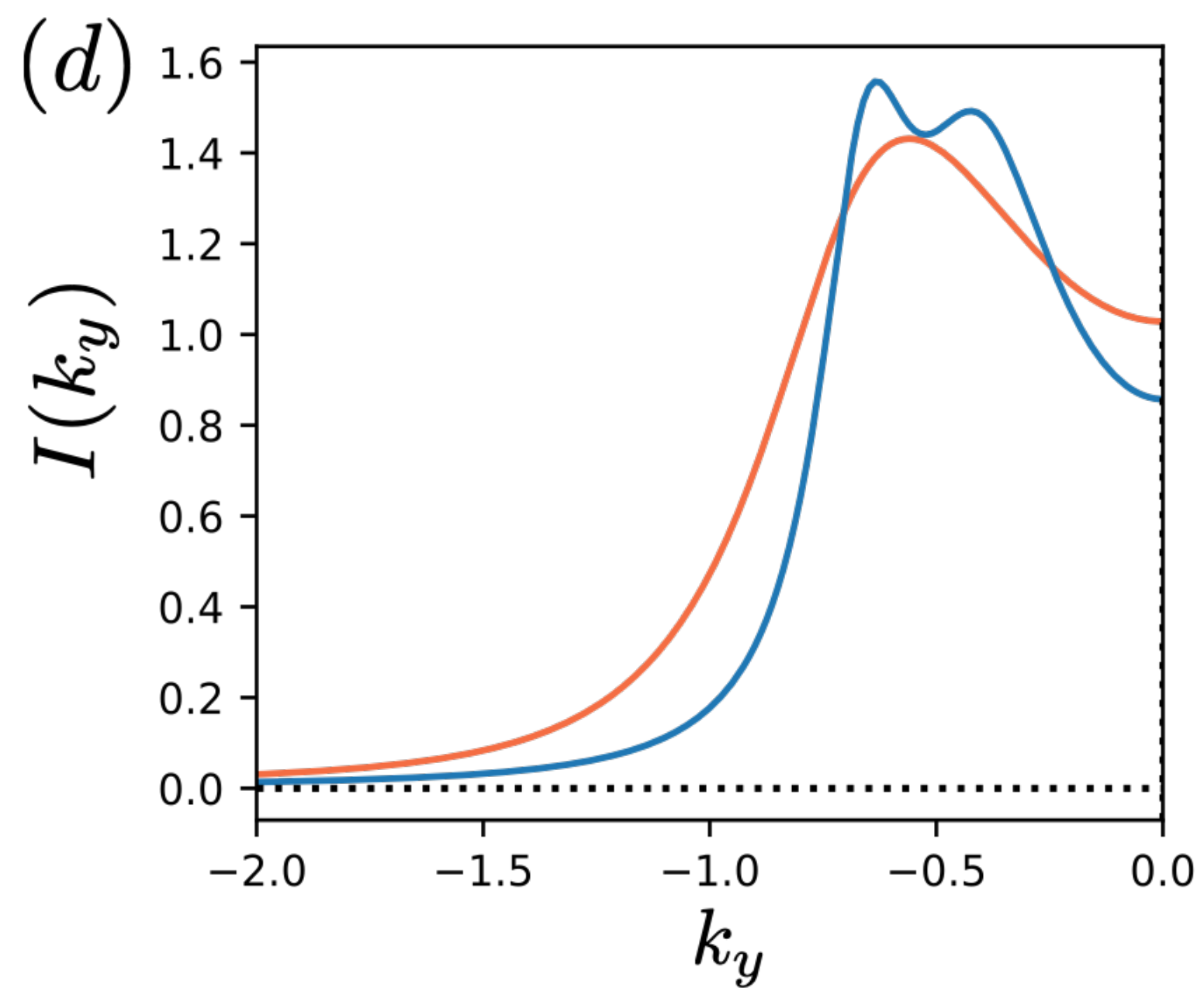
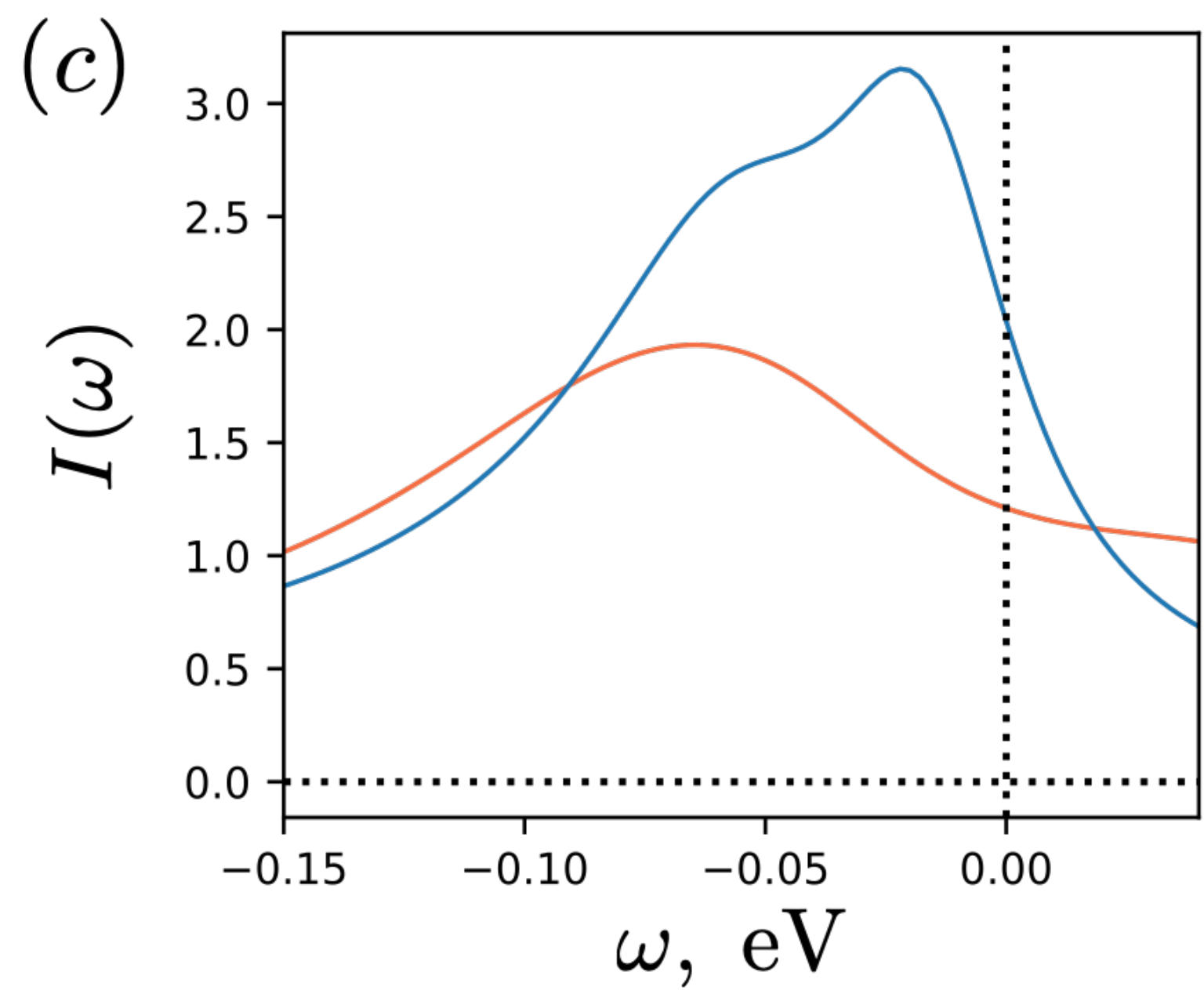
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# Dynamic consequences of the spin liquid



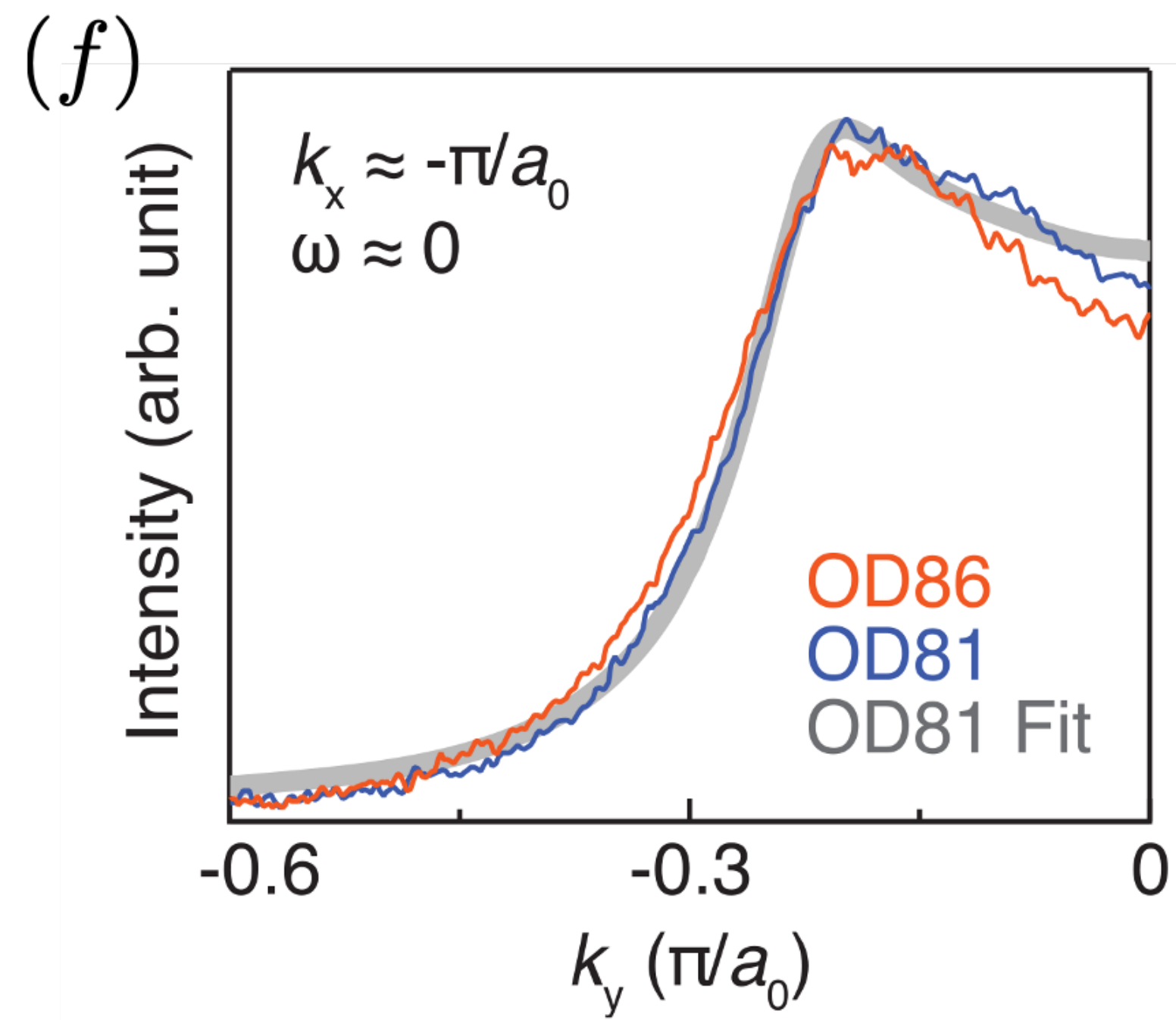
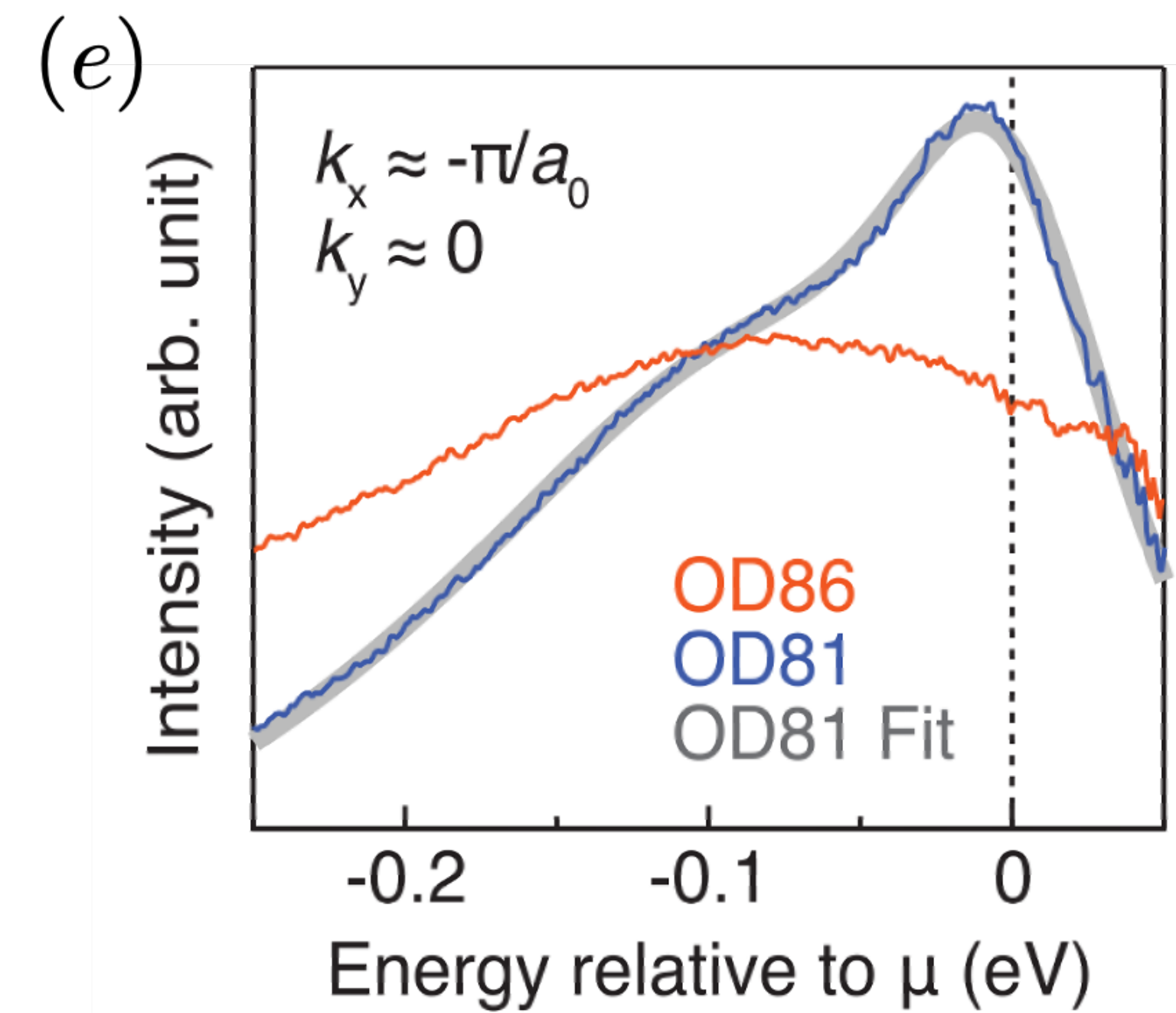
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Antinodal EDC and MDC

(c,d) Theory with SYK spin liquid in  $\Psi_2$  layer. Similar EDC obtained by gapless  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  spin liquid



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

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