

A quantum dimer model for the pseudogap metal

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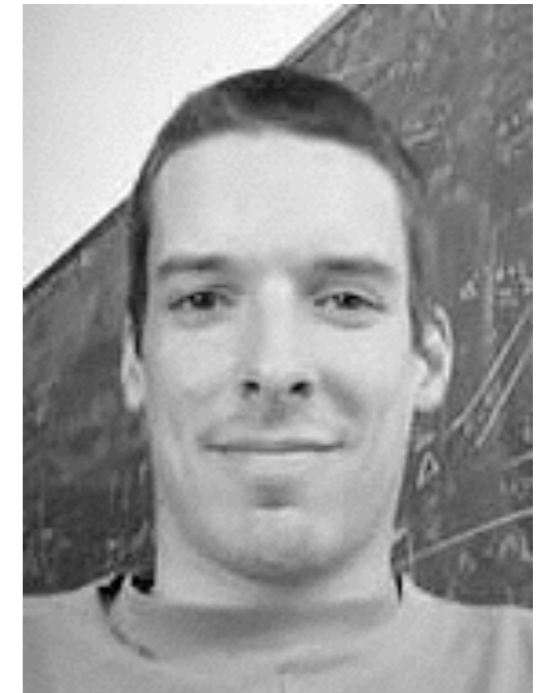
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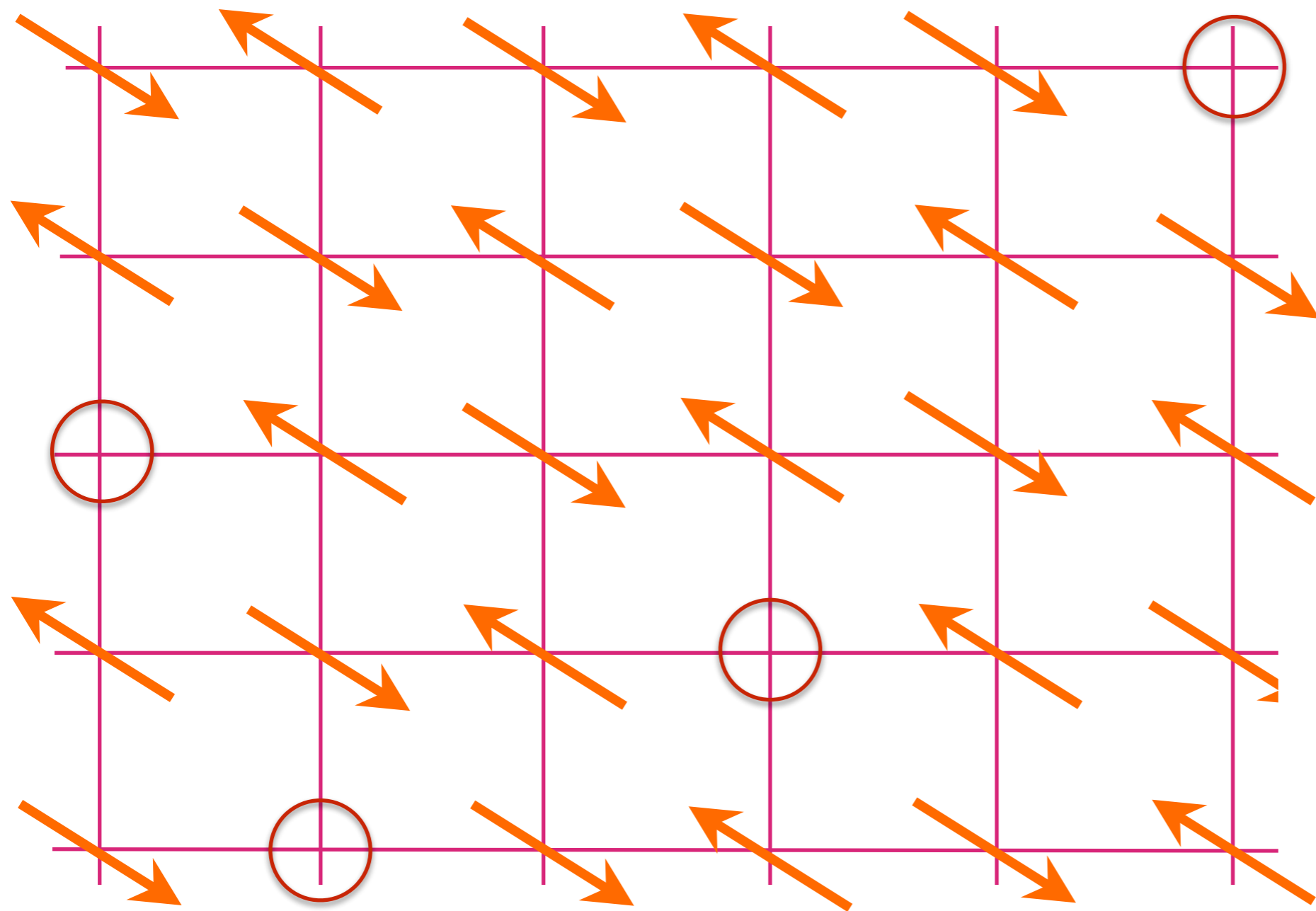
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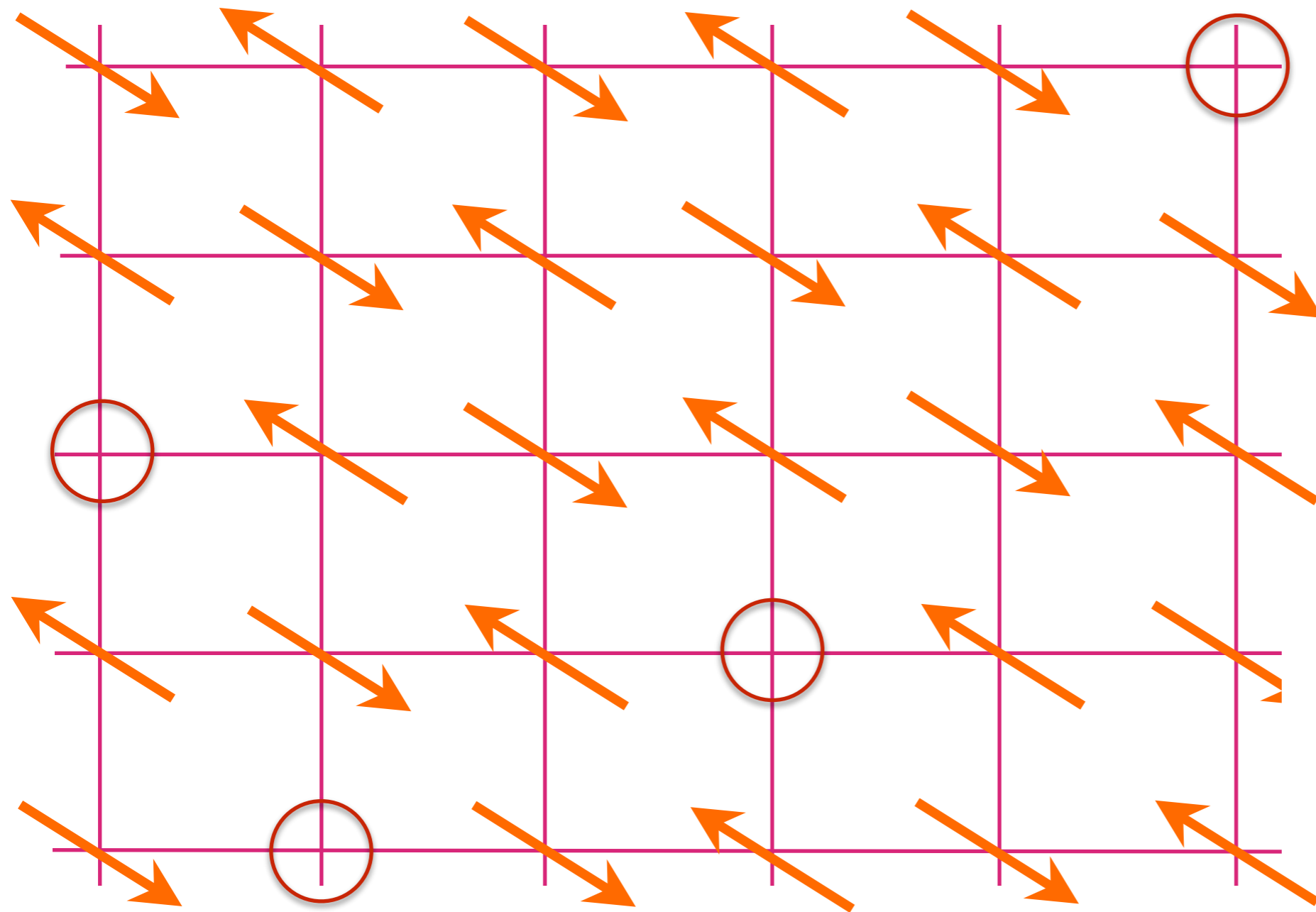
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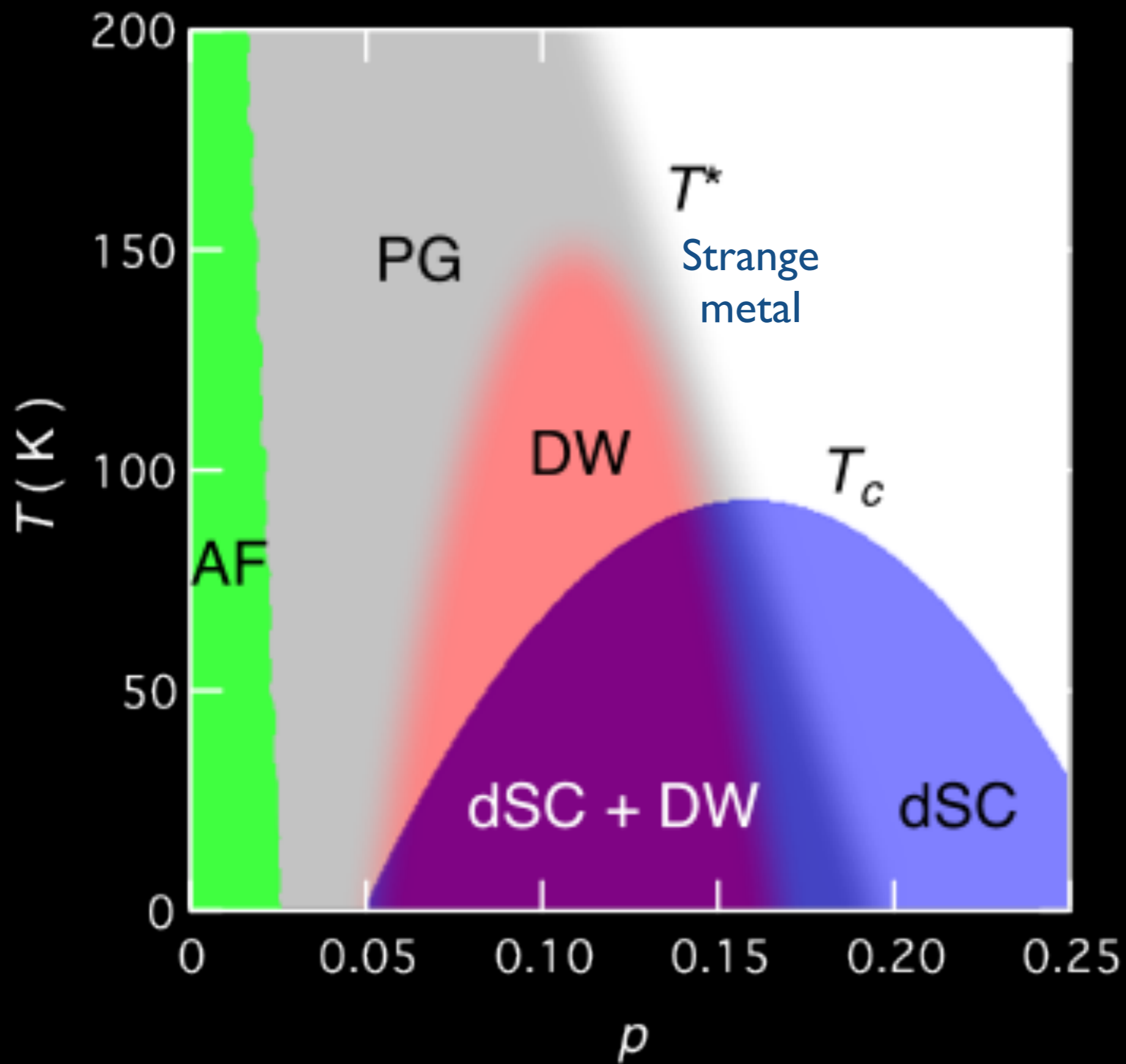


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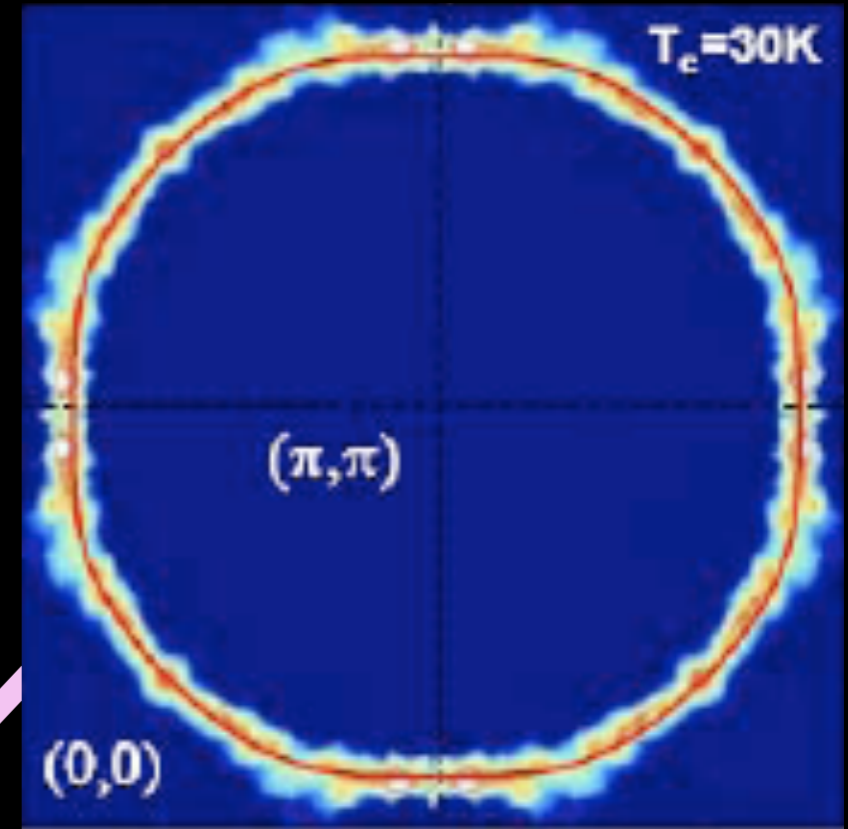
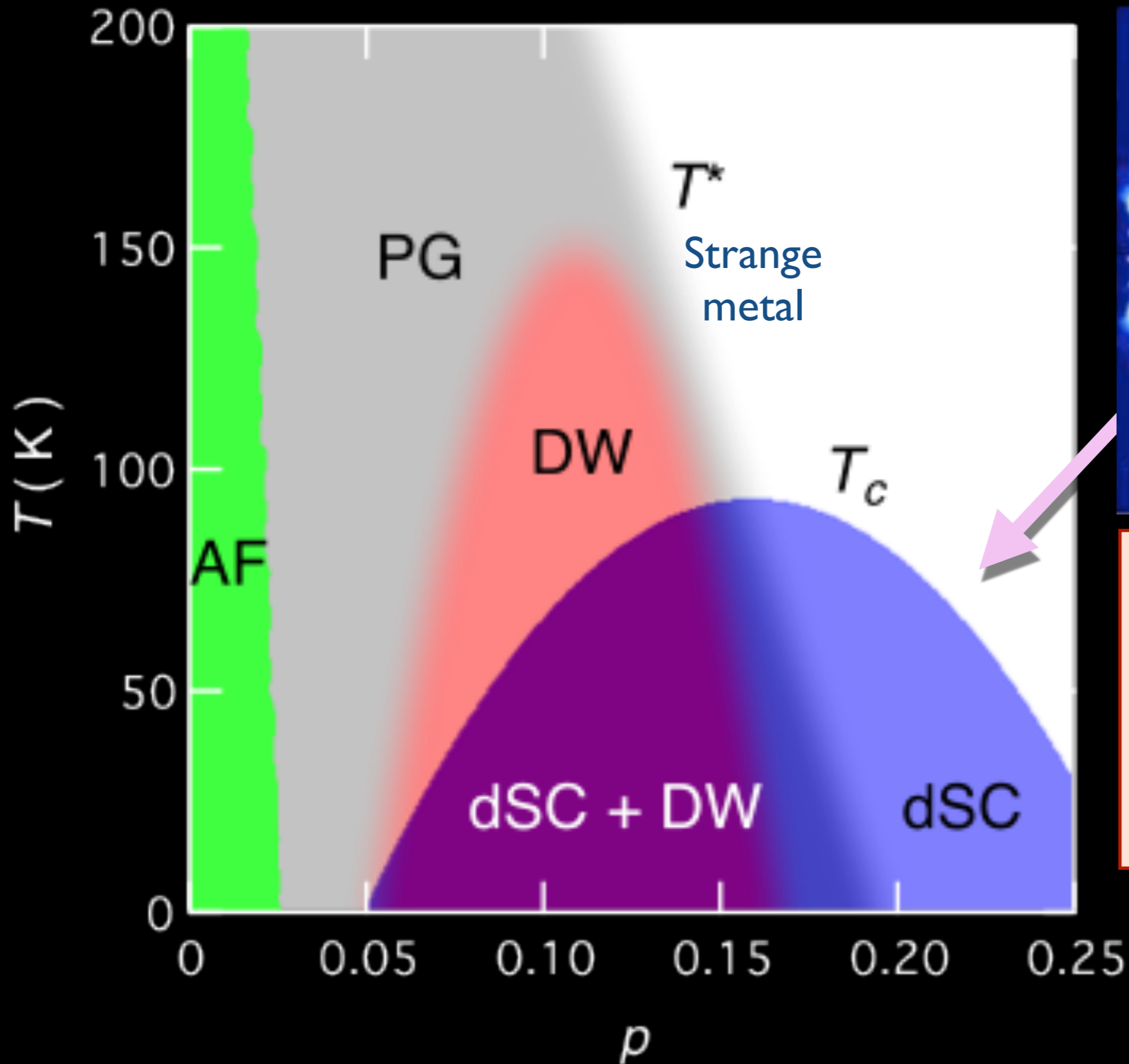


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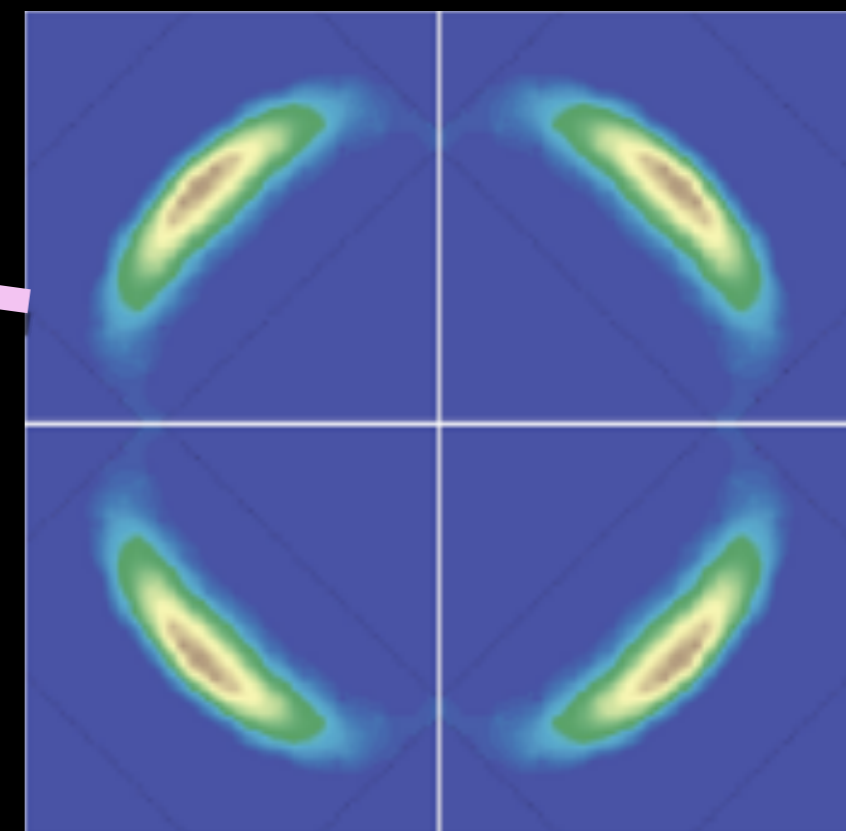
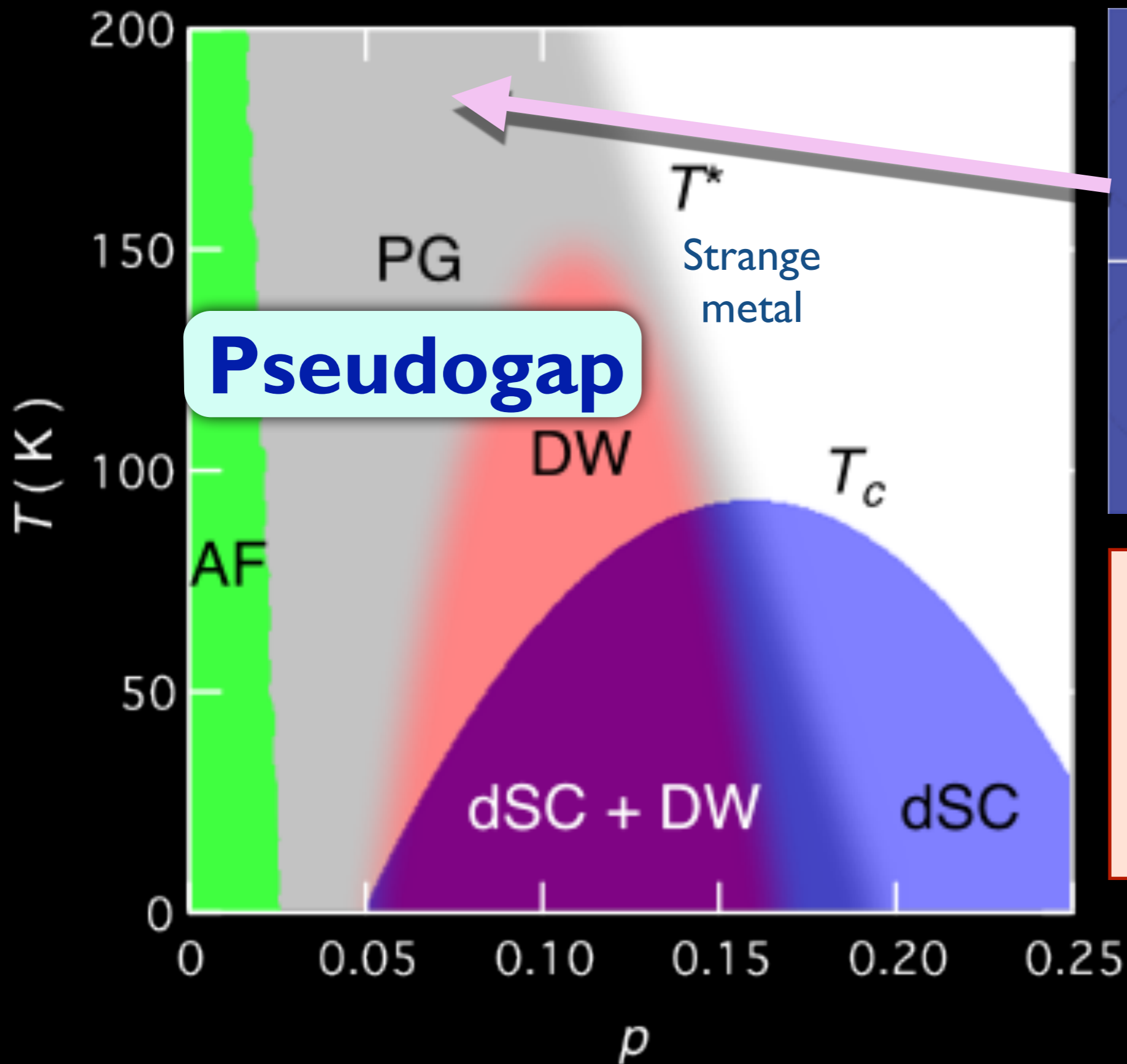


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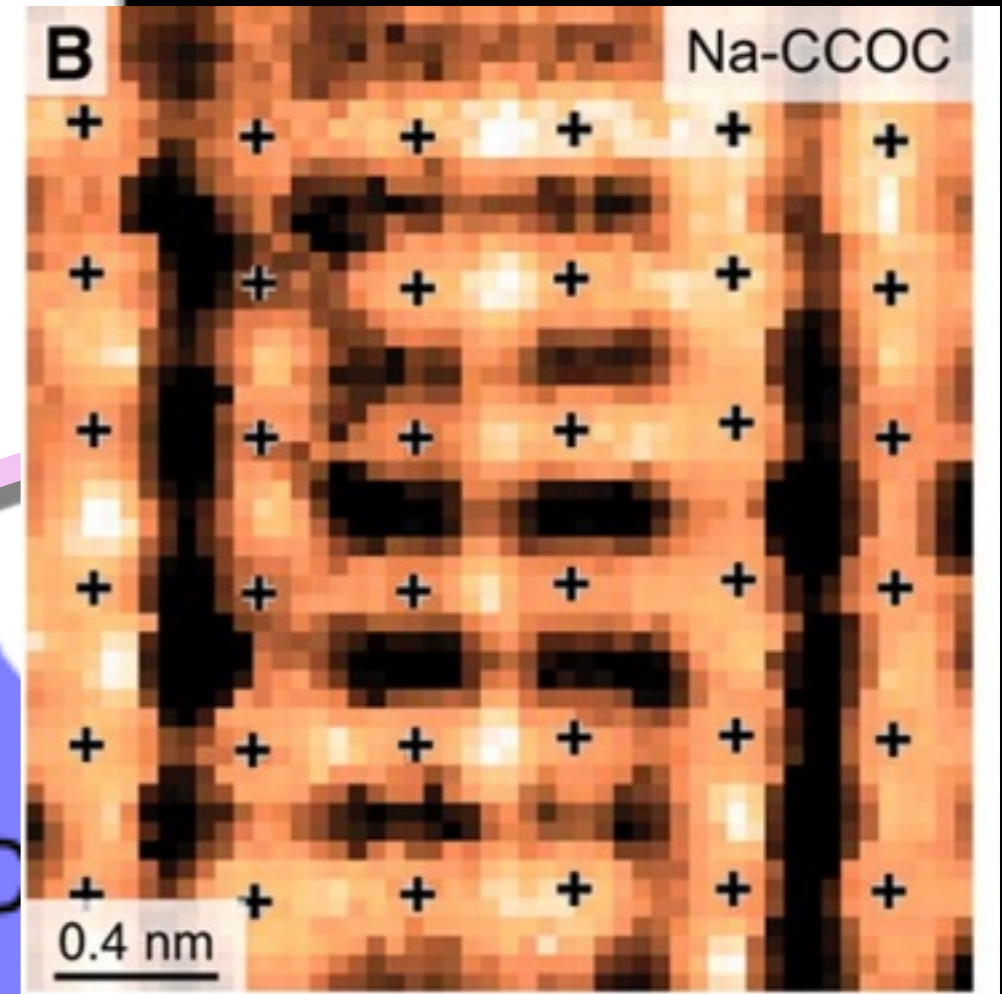
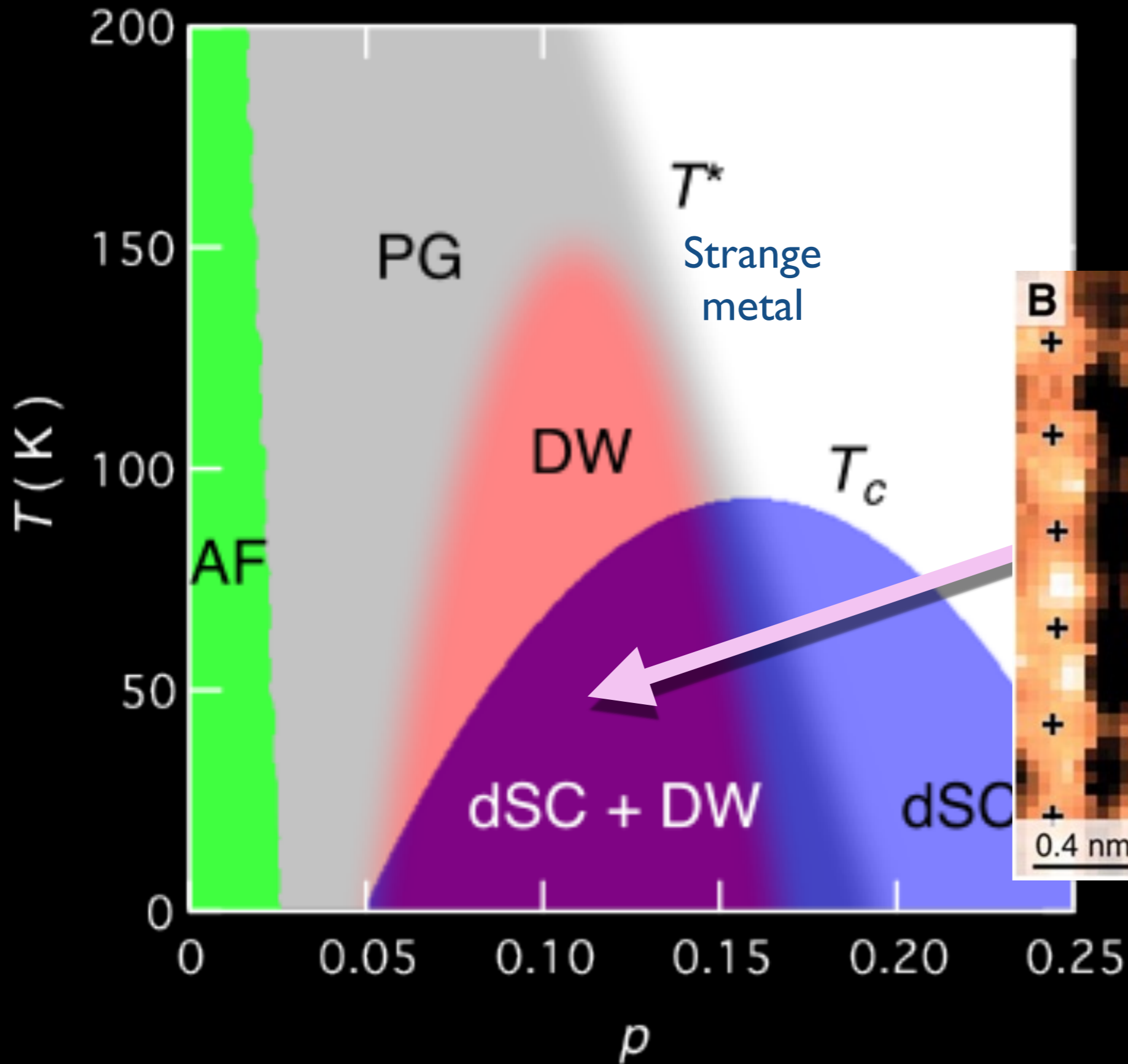


Fermi liquid:
Area enclosed
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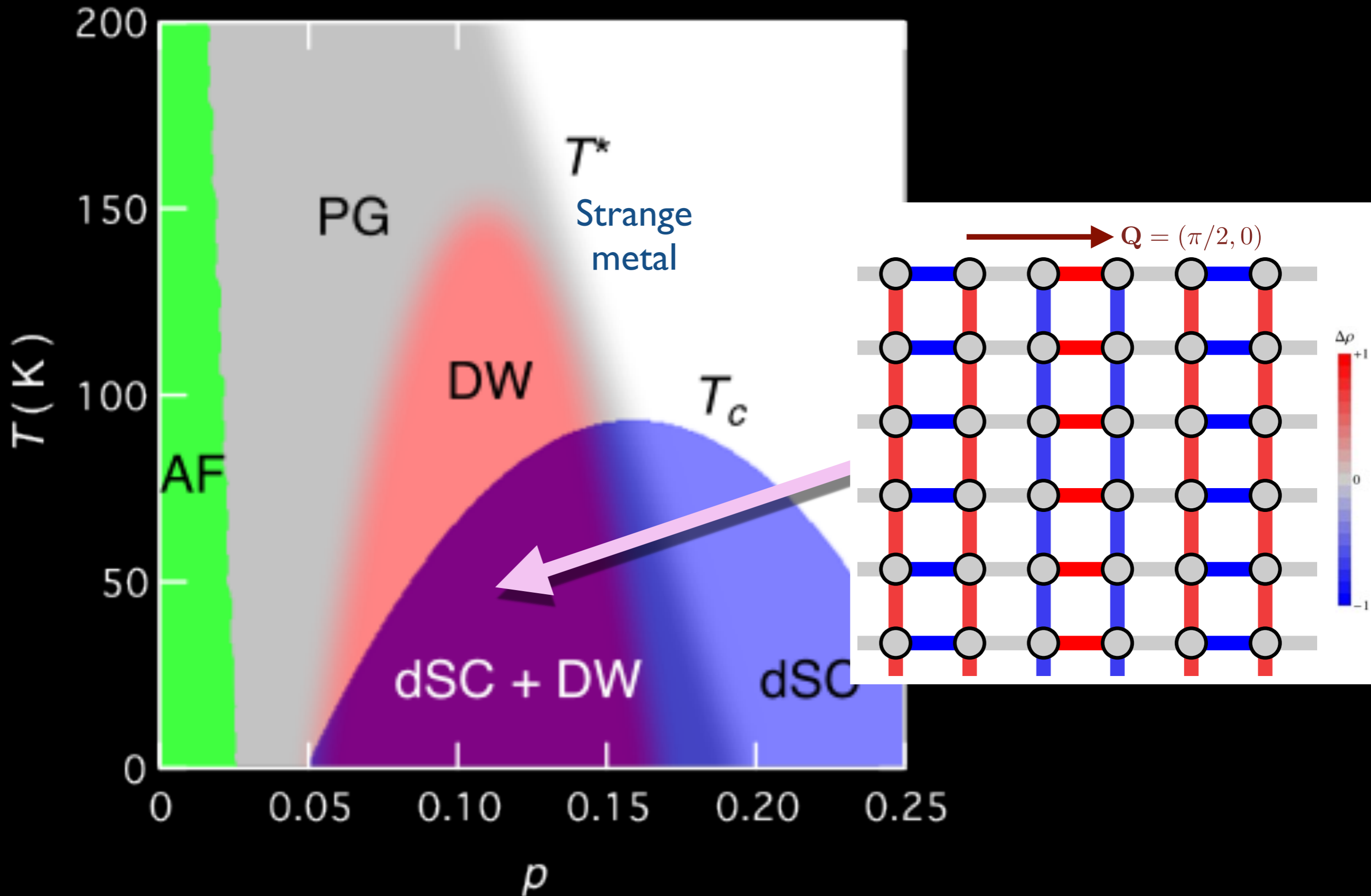


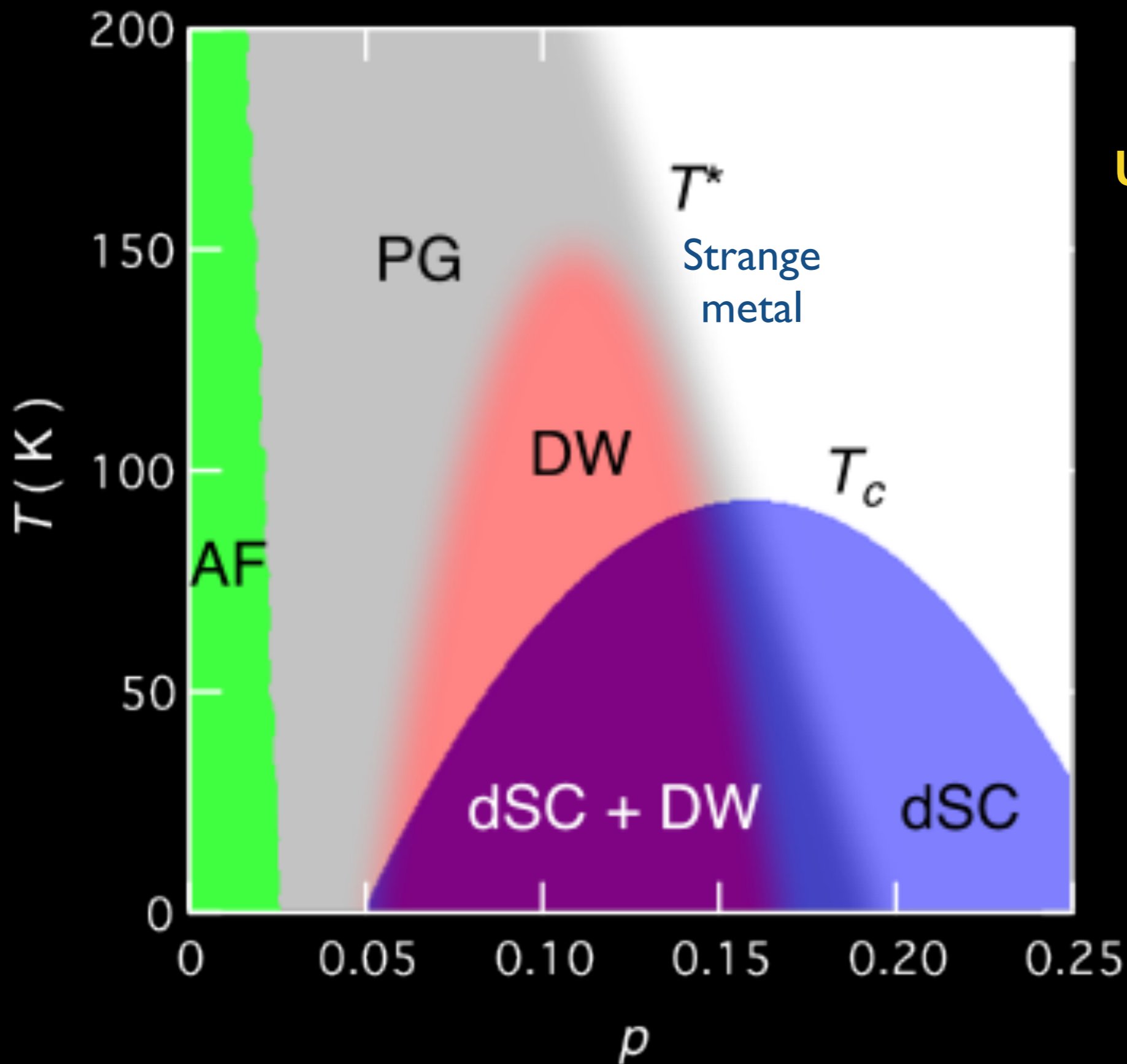
“Fermi arcs”
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How do we understand the Fermi arc spectrum, and what is its relationship to the density wave (DW) order at lower T ?

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OR

(B) A new type of metal, which can be stable
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- Suppressed paramagnetic susceptibility at high fields and low T

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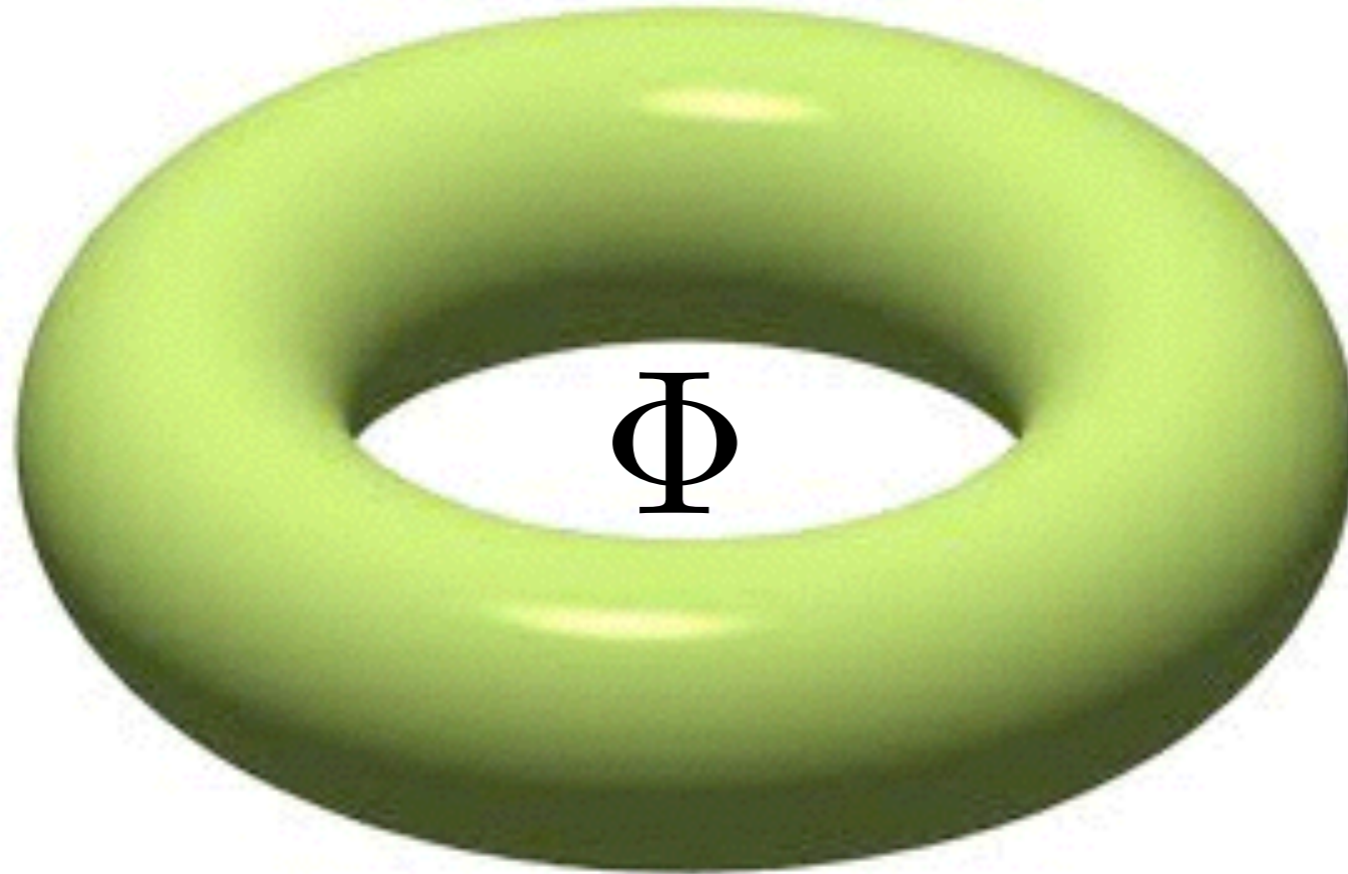
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Answer: Yes.

There can be a Fermi surface of size p , but it must be accompanied by “topological order”.

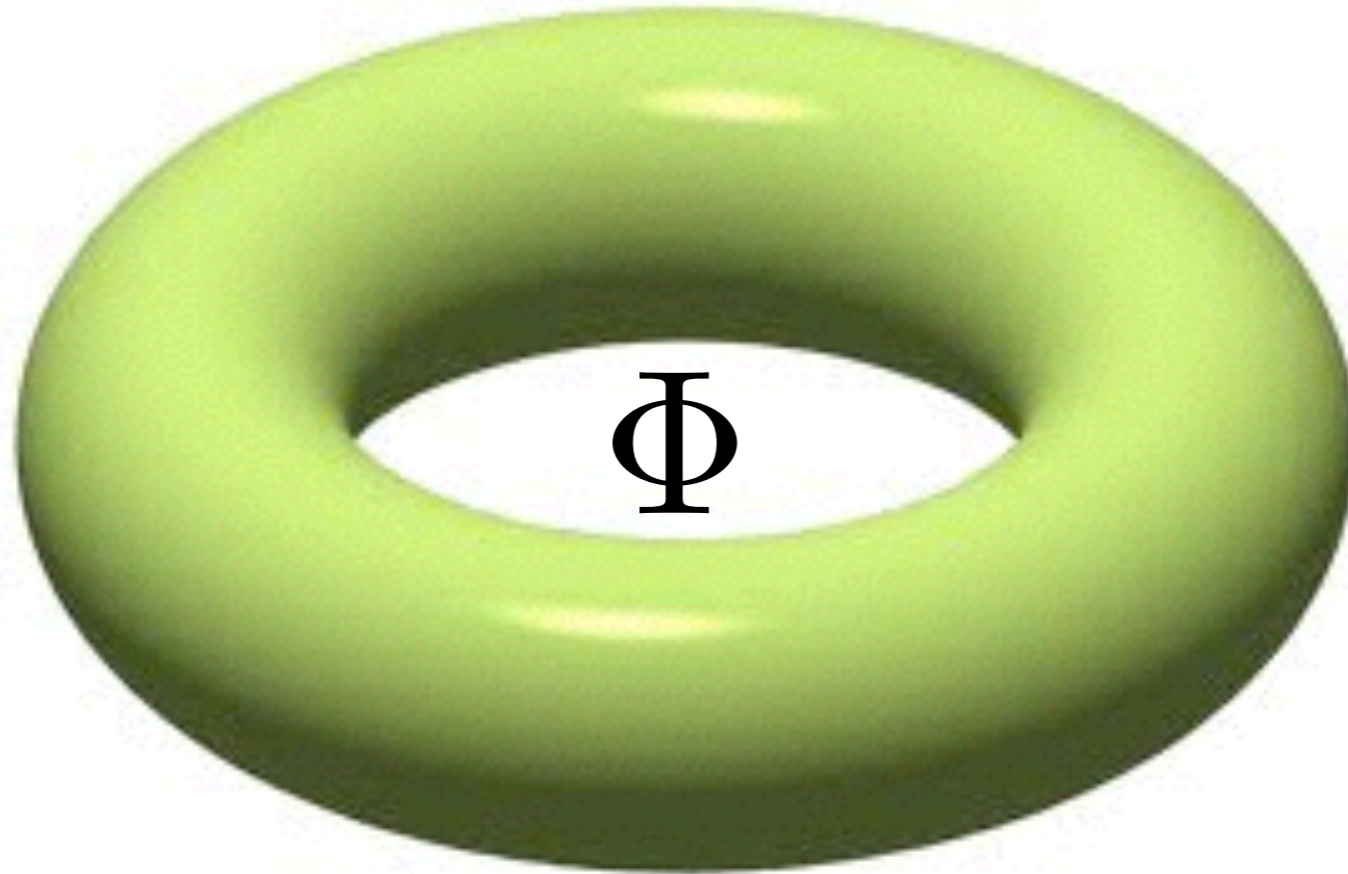
At $T=0$, such a metal must be separated from a Fermi liquid (with a Fermi surface of size $1+p$) by a quantum phase transition

Topological argument

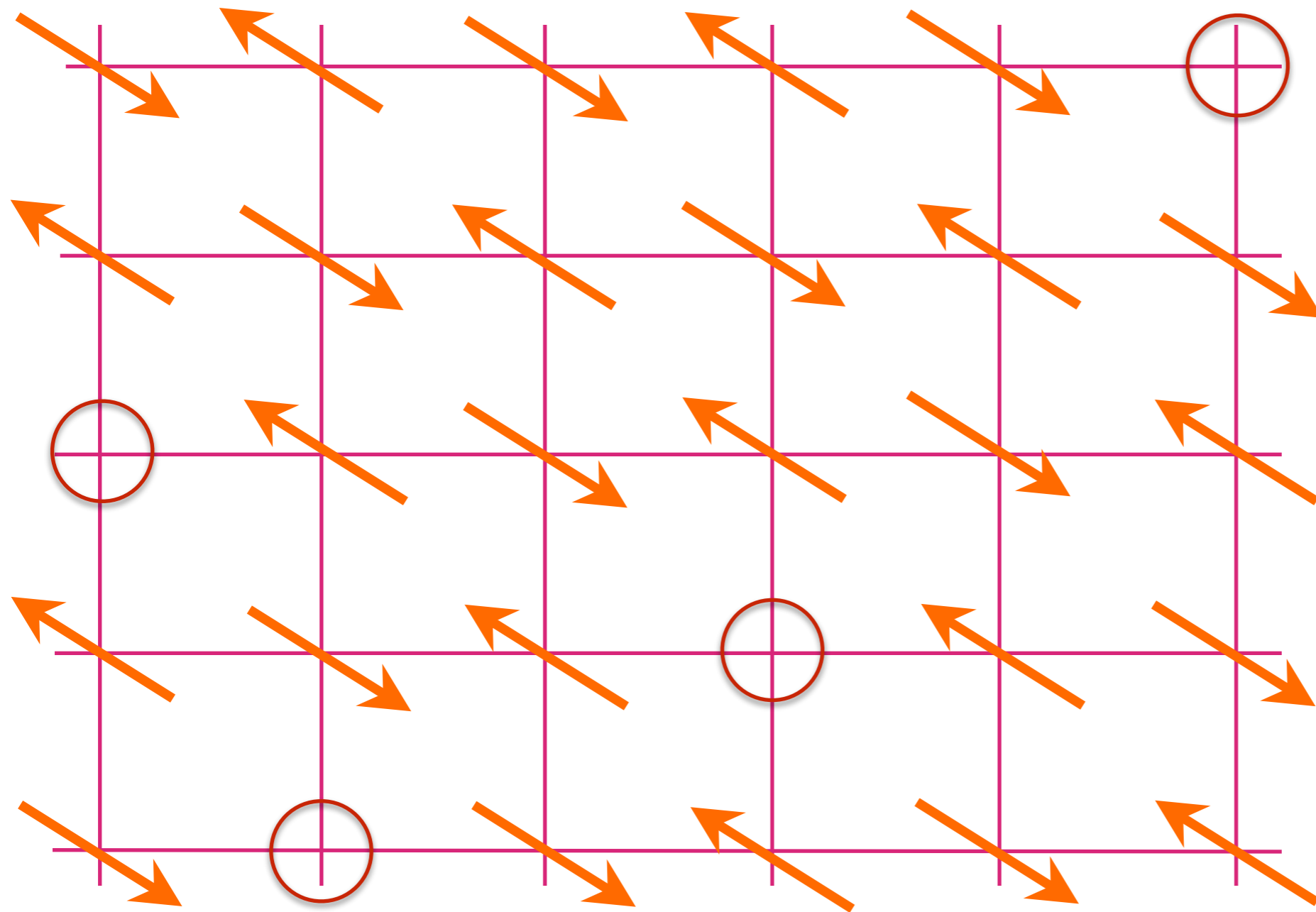


Put metal on a torus, adiabatically insert flux $\Phi = h/e$ through hole, and measure change in momentum. In a FL, we can assume the only low energy excitations are quasiparticles near the Fermi surface, and this leads to a non-perturbative proof of the Luttinger relation on the area enclosed by the Fermi surface.

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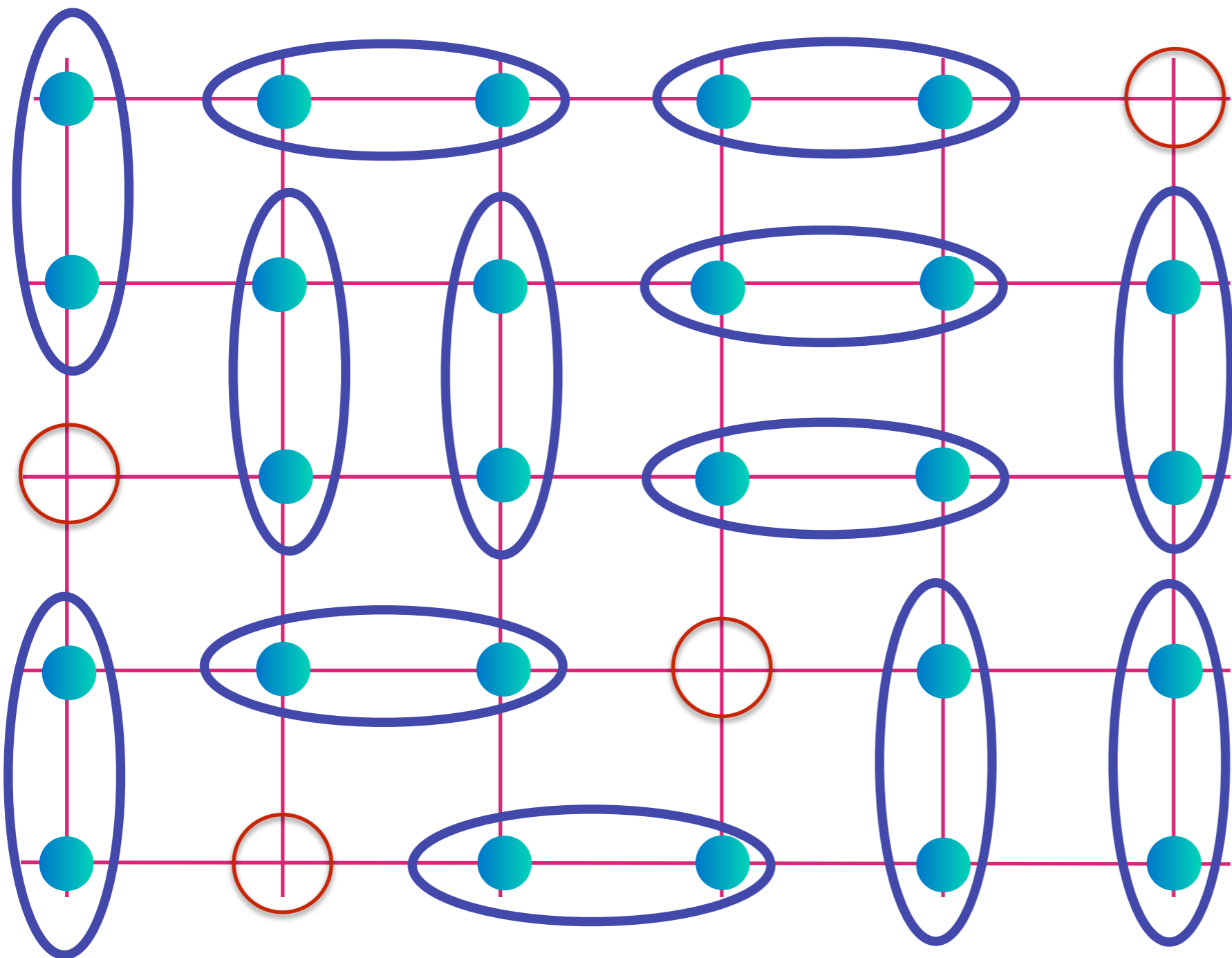


Violations of the Luttinger relation are possible in a fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL*) because there are “topological” low energy excitations associated with a flux of the emergent gauge field in the hole of the torus.



Anti-ferromagnet with p holes per square

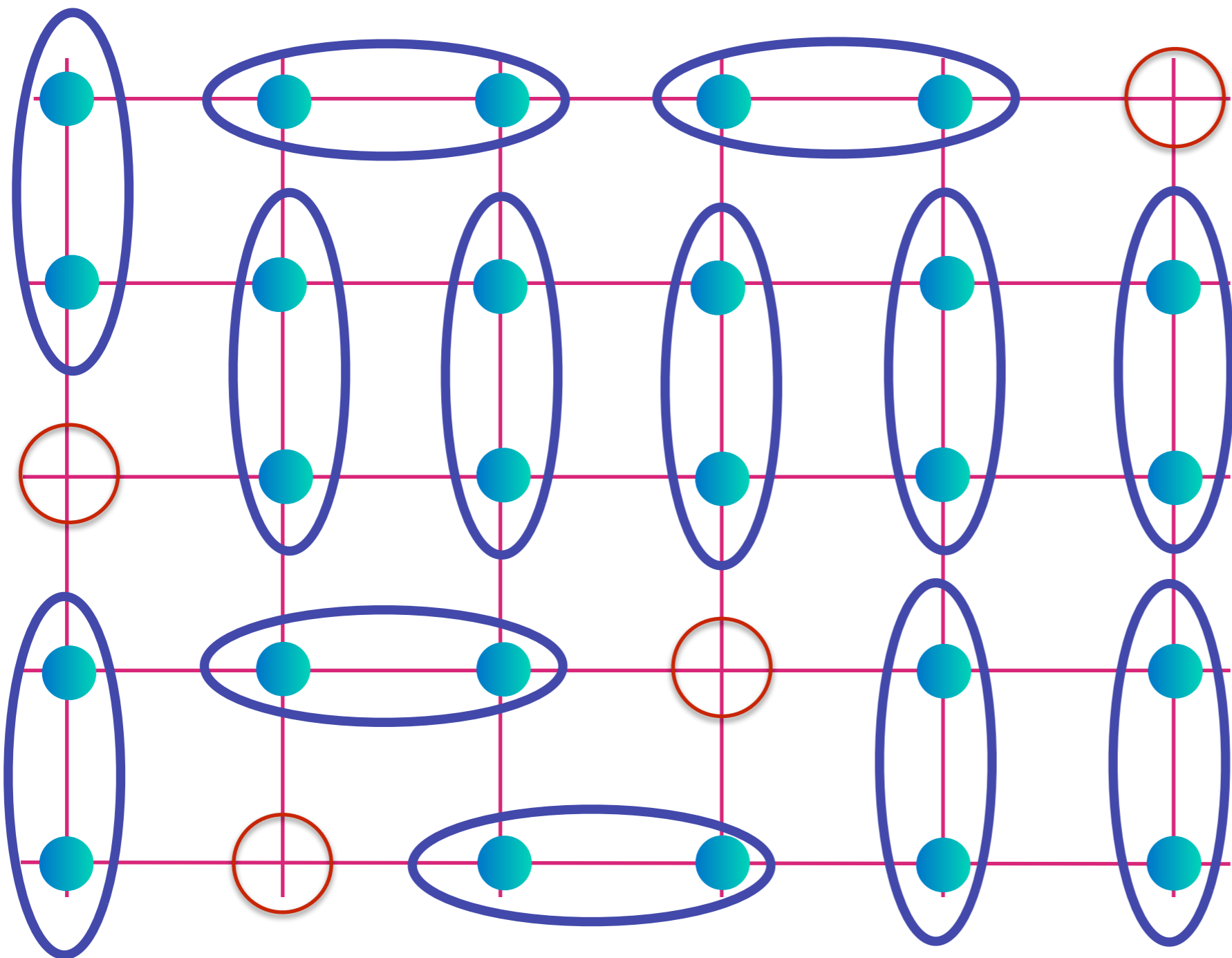
Note: relative to the fully-filled band insulator, there are $1+p$ holes per square



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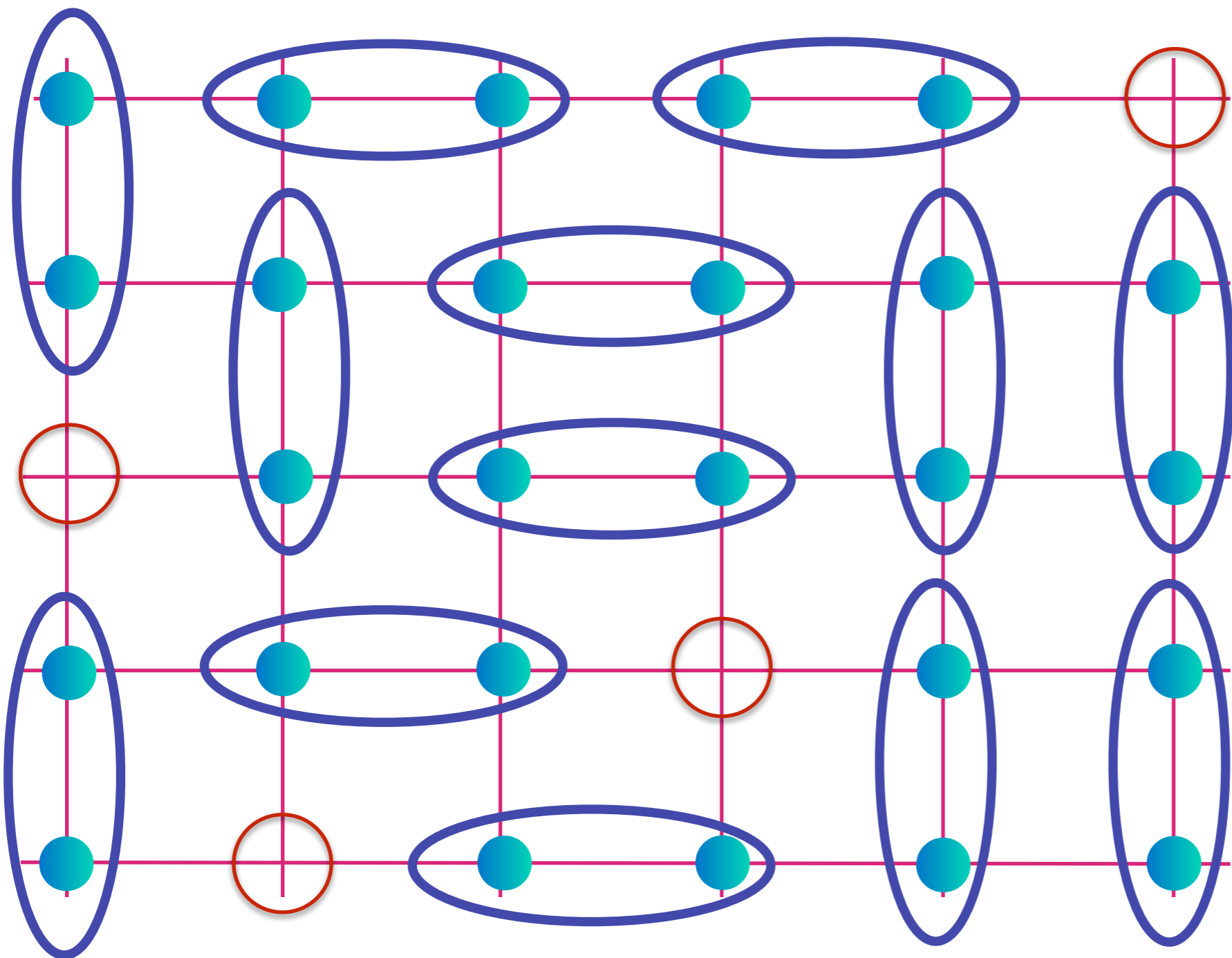
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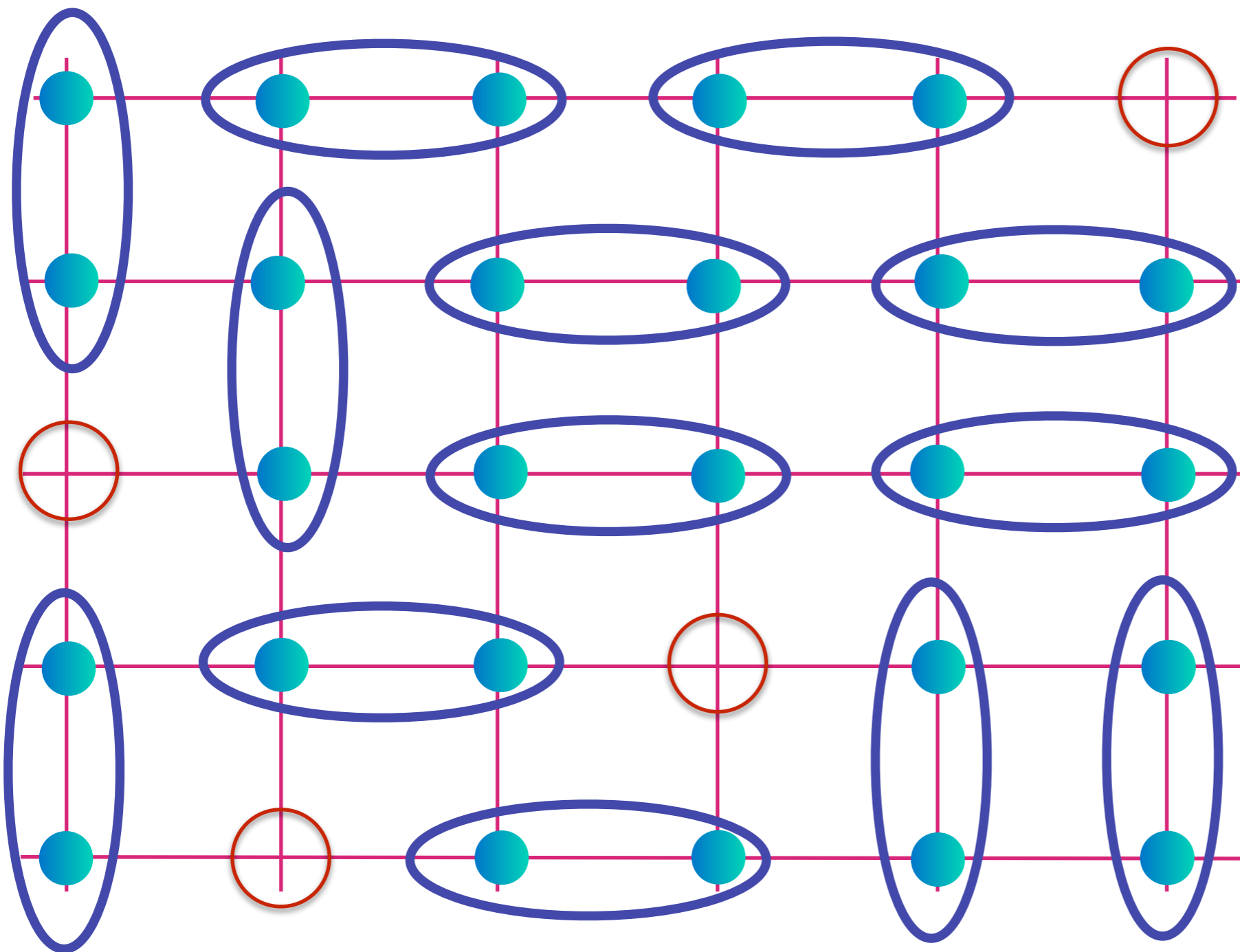
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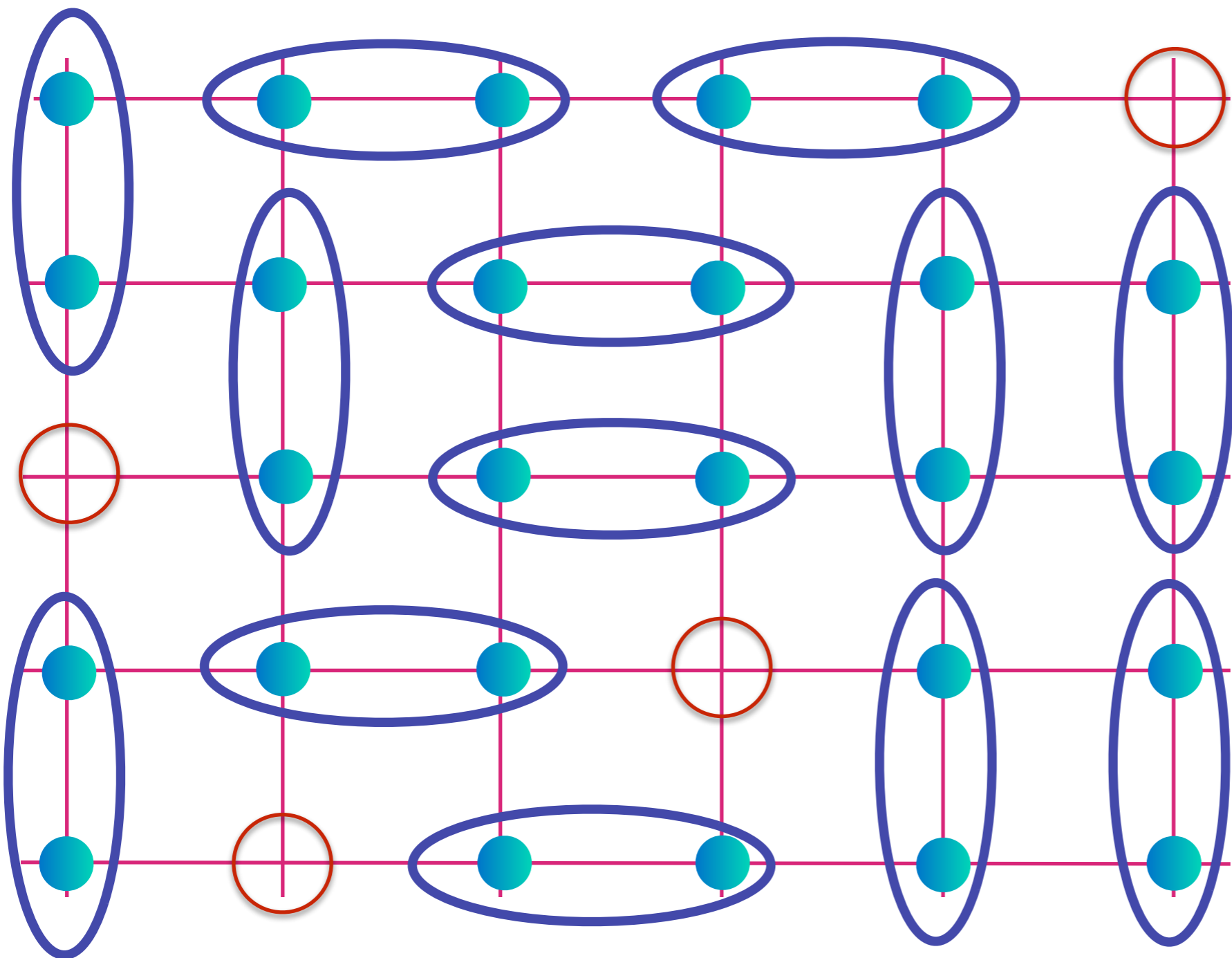
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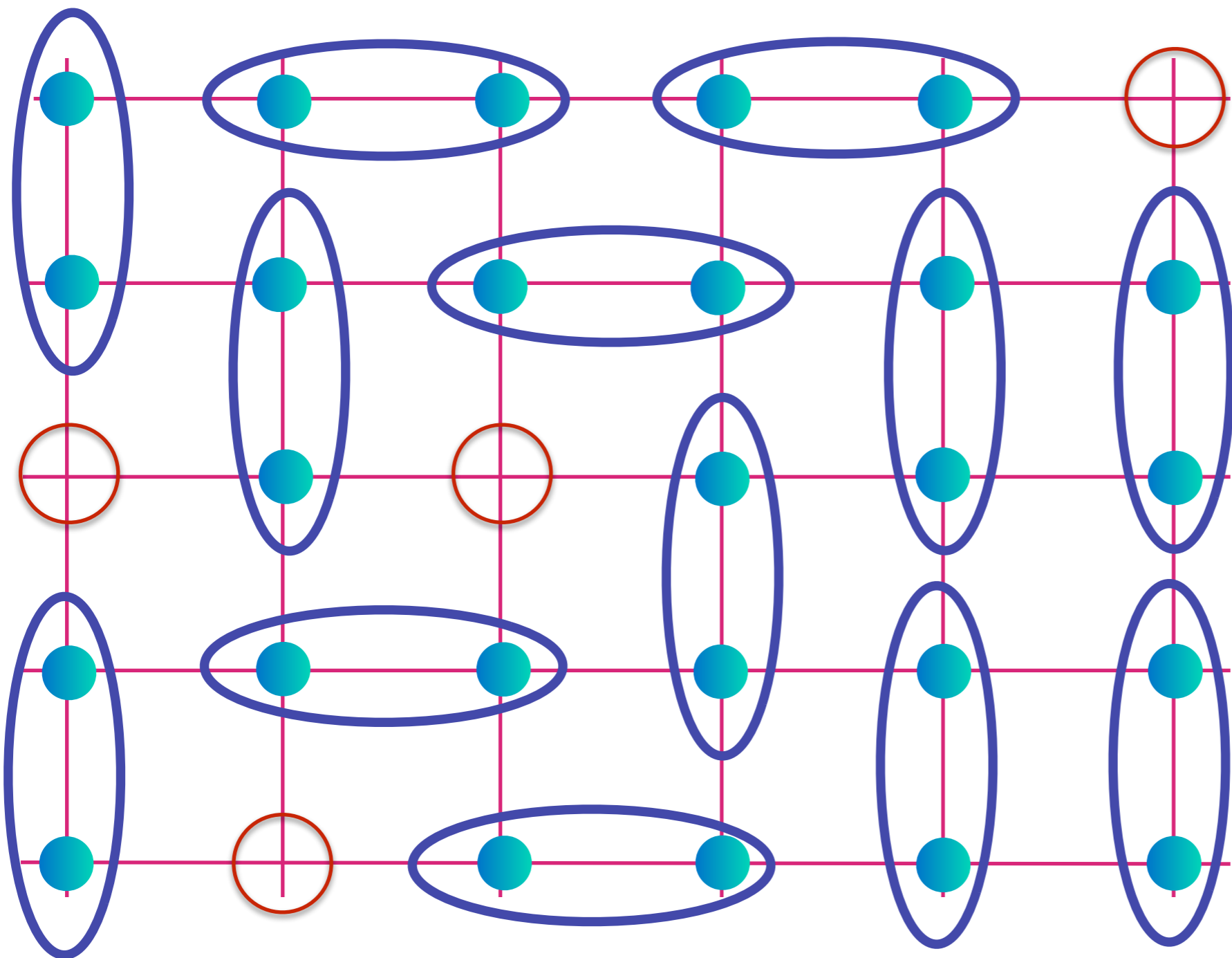
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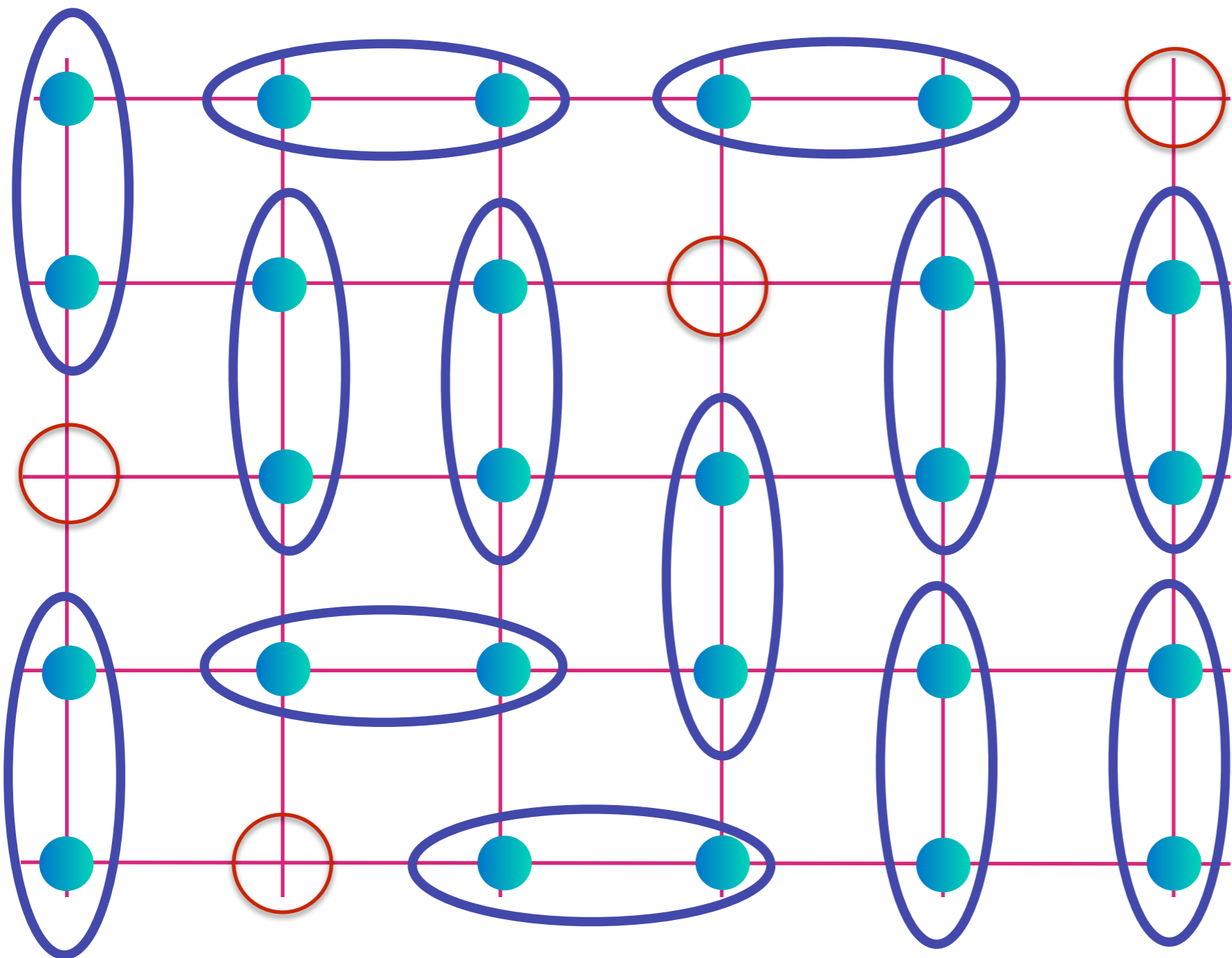
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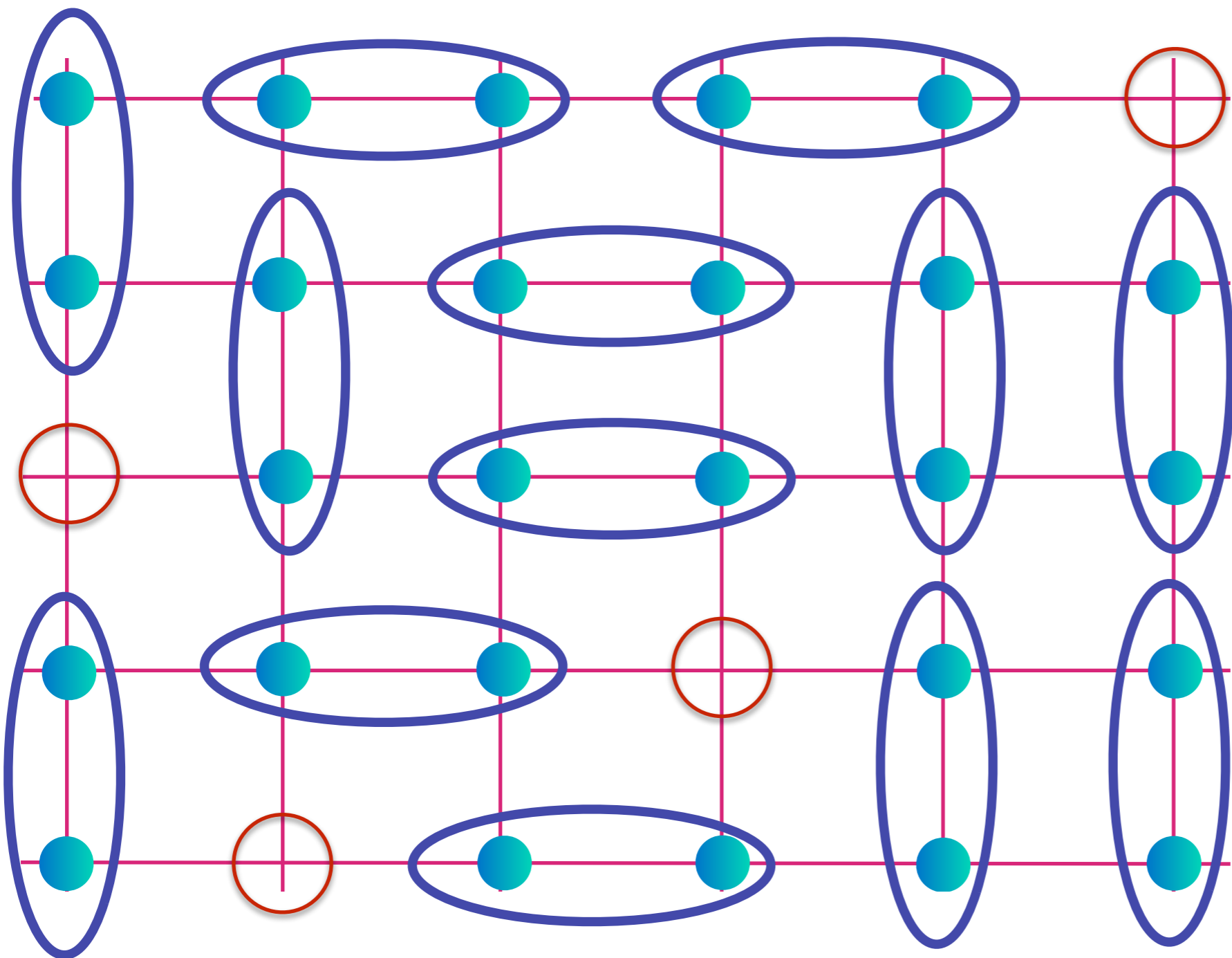
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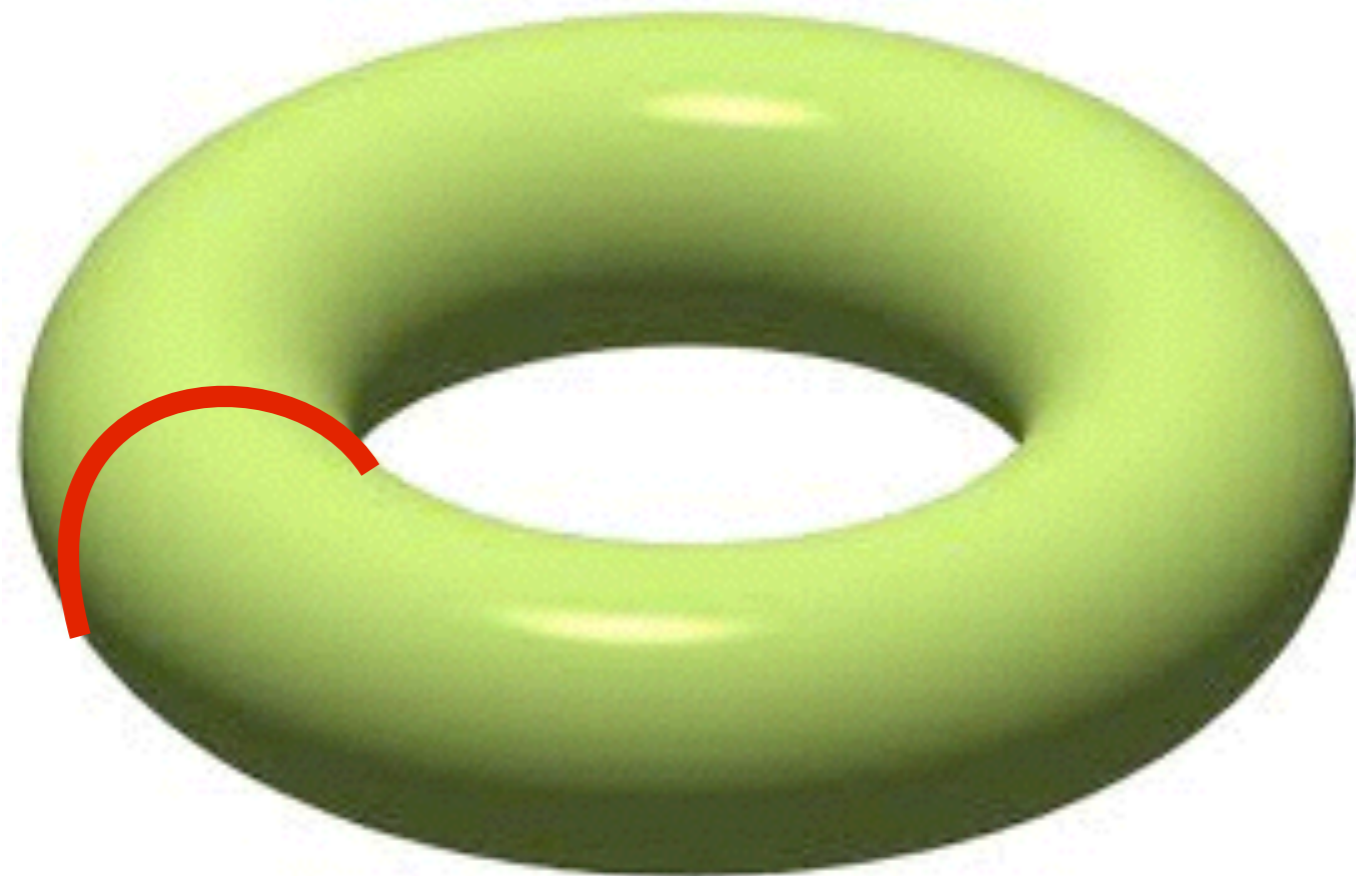
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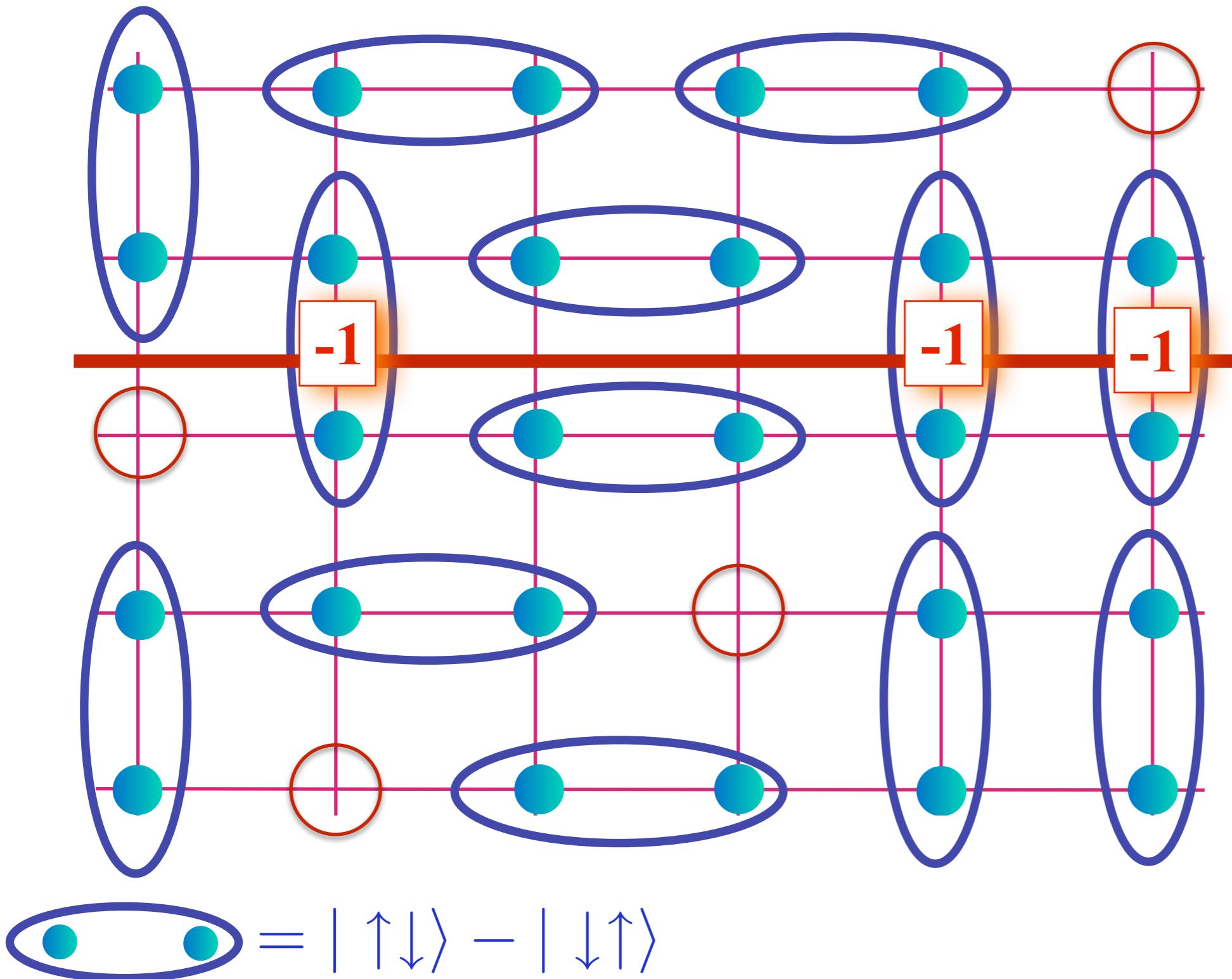


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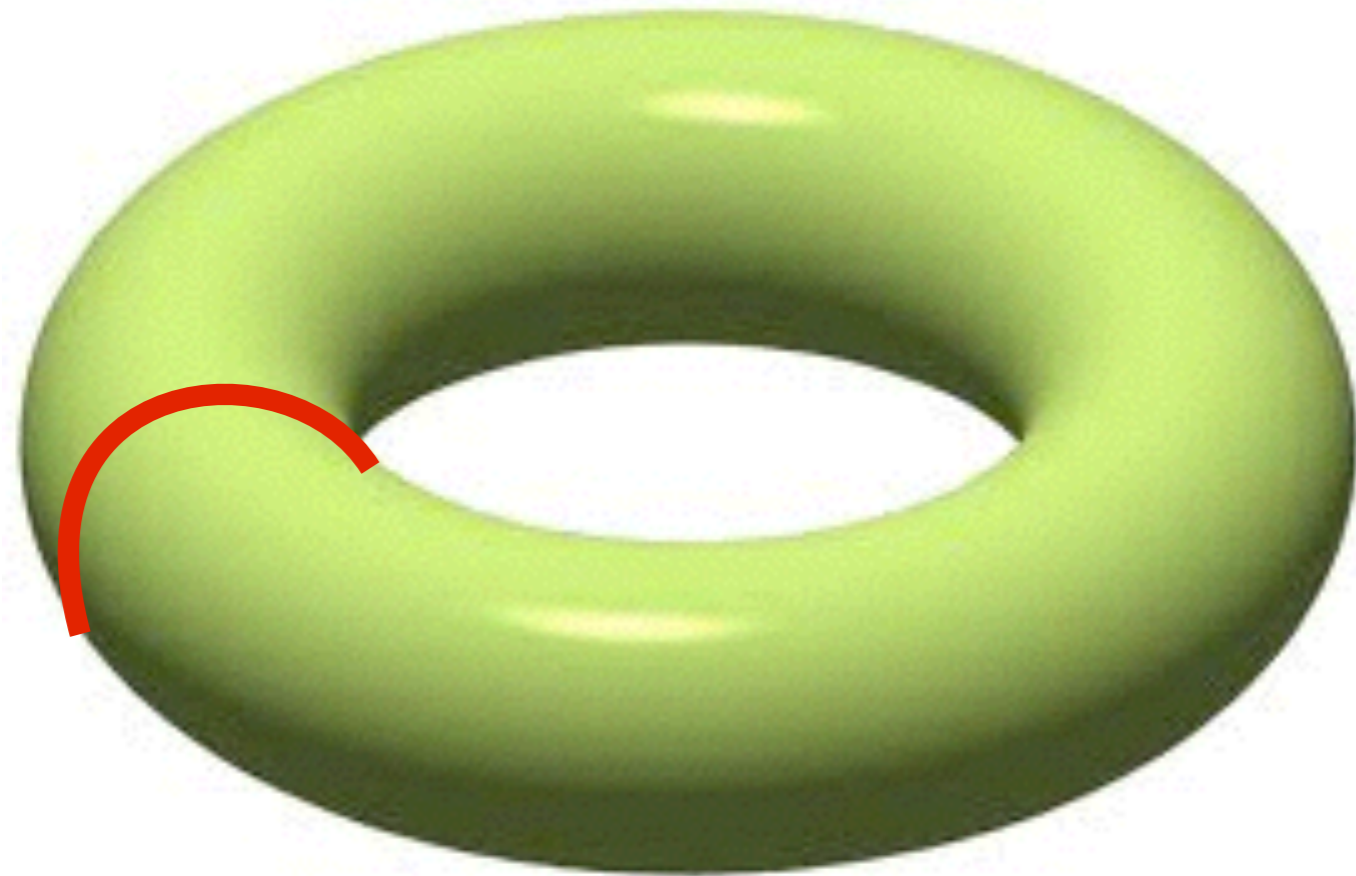


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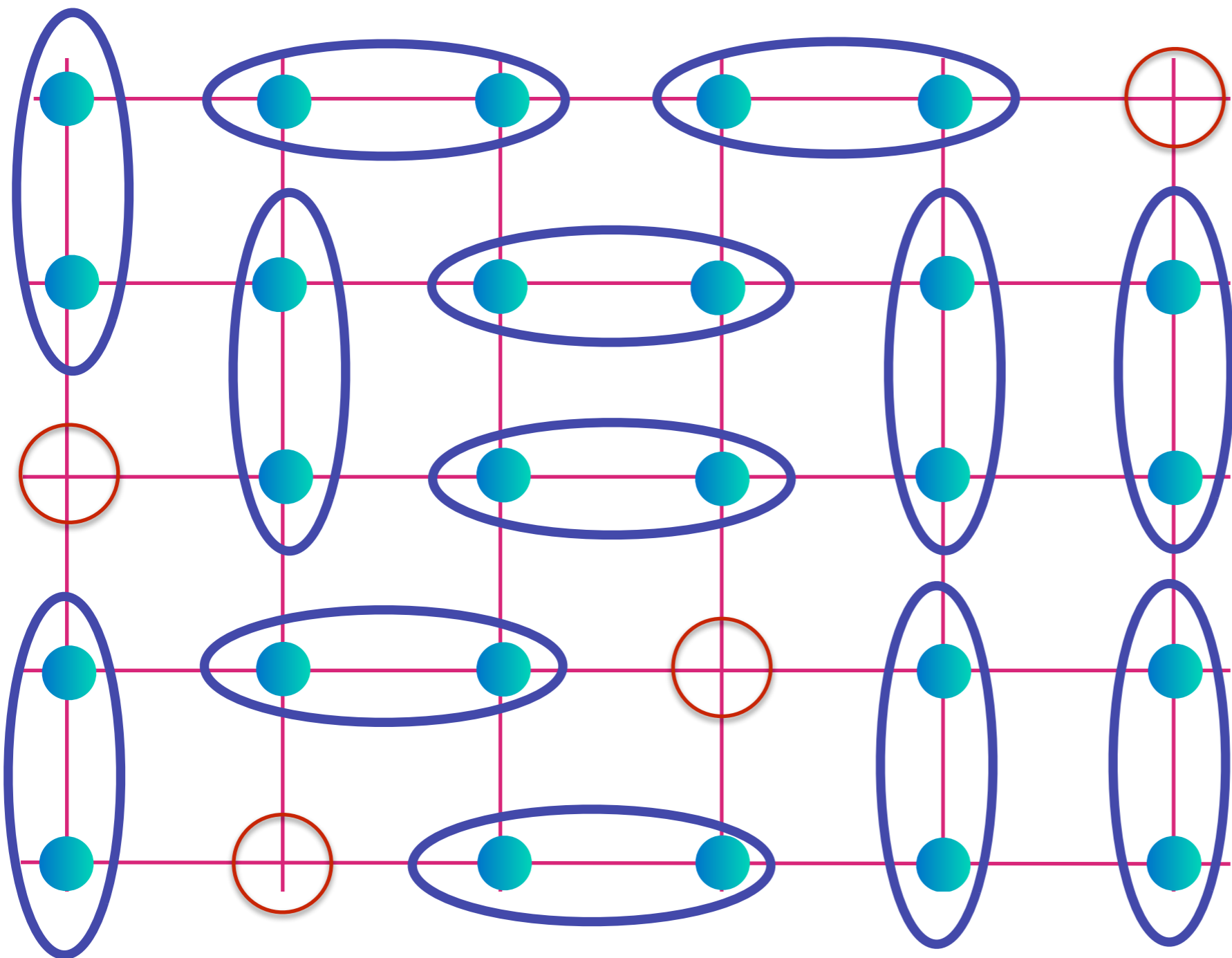


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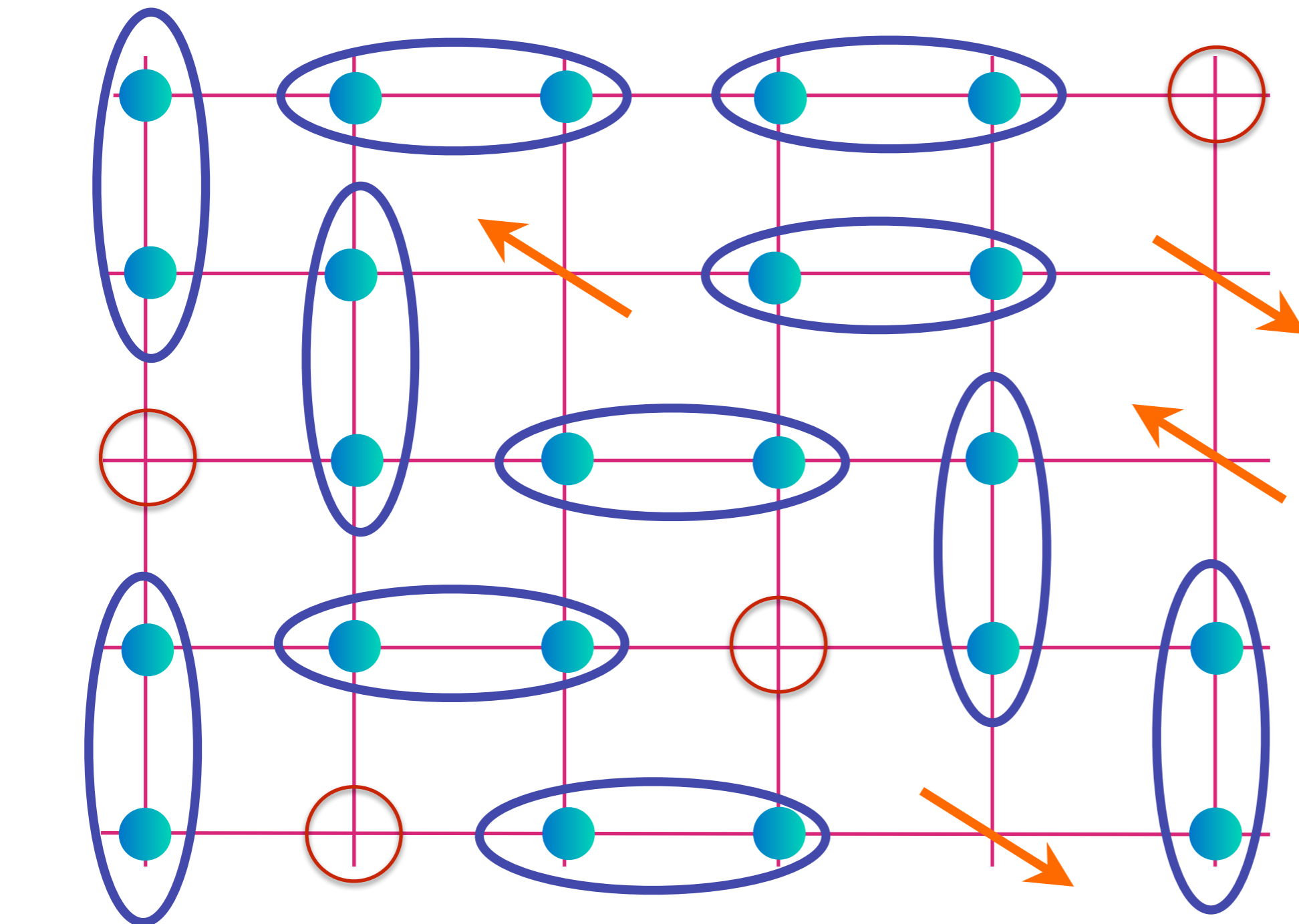


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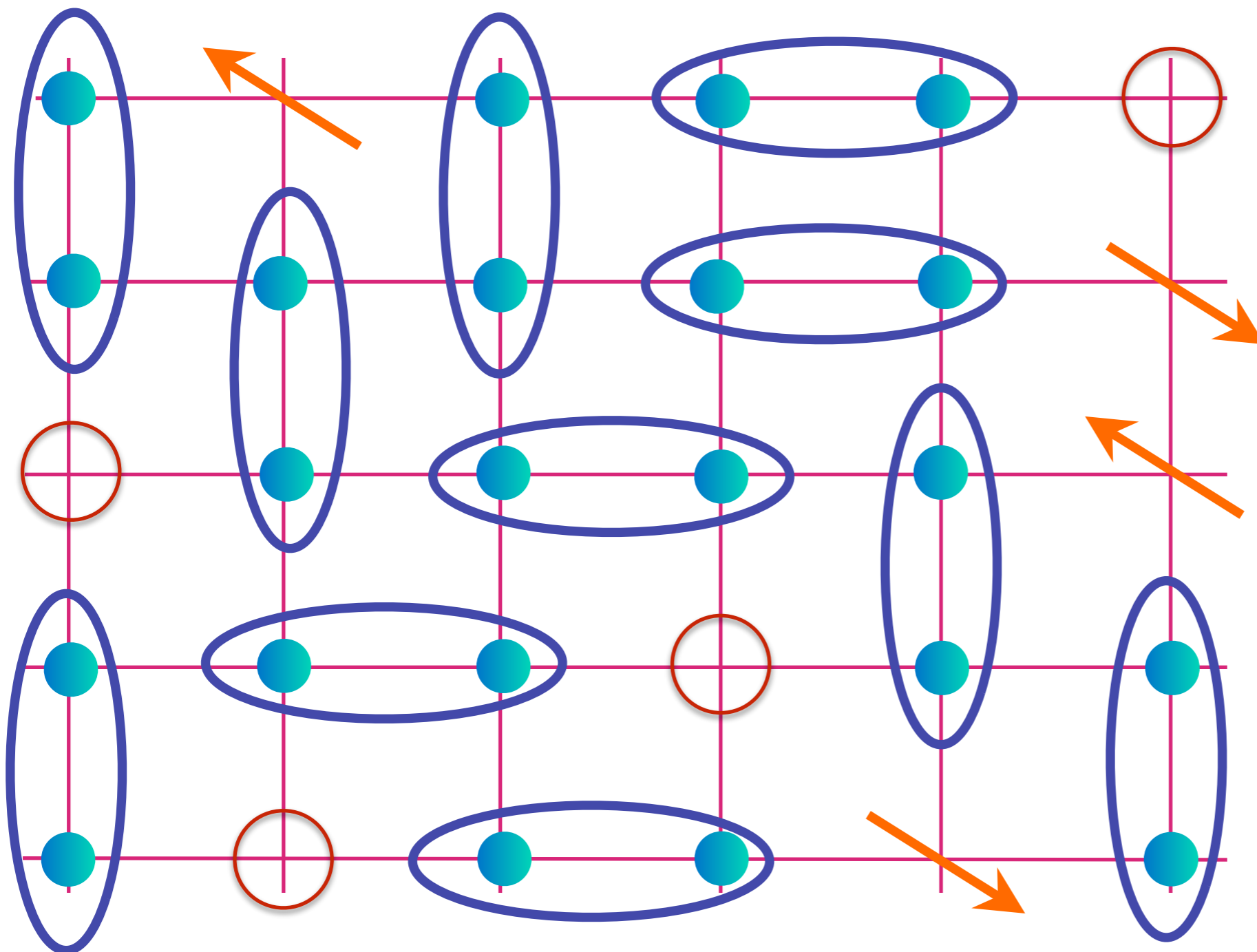


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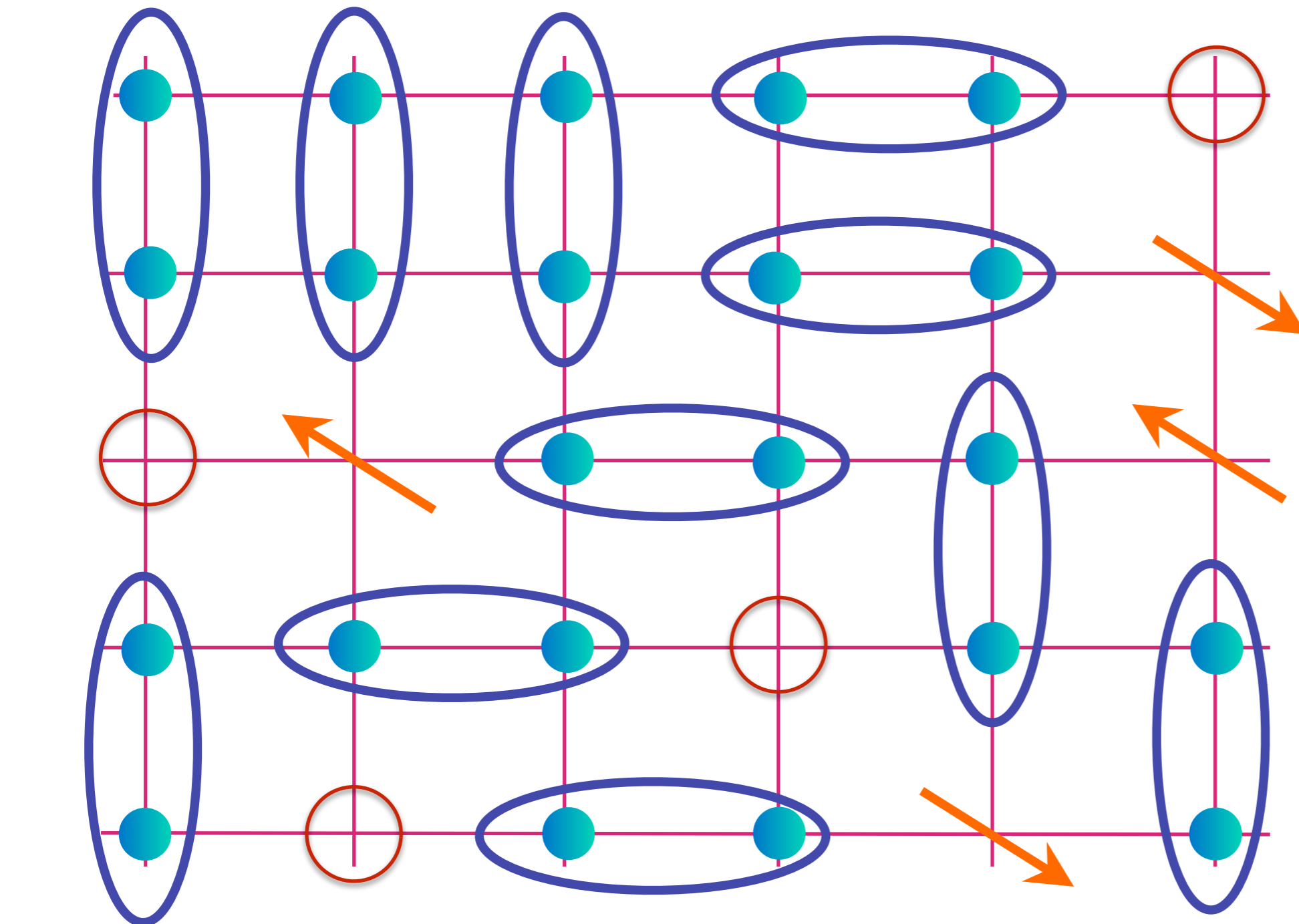


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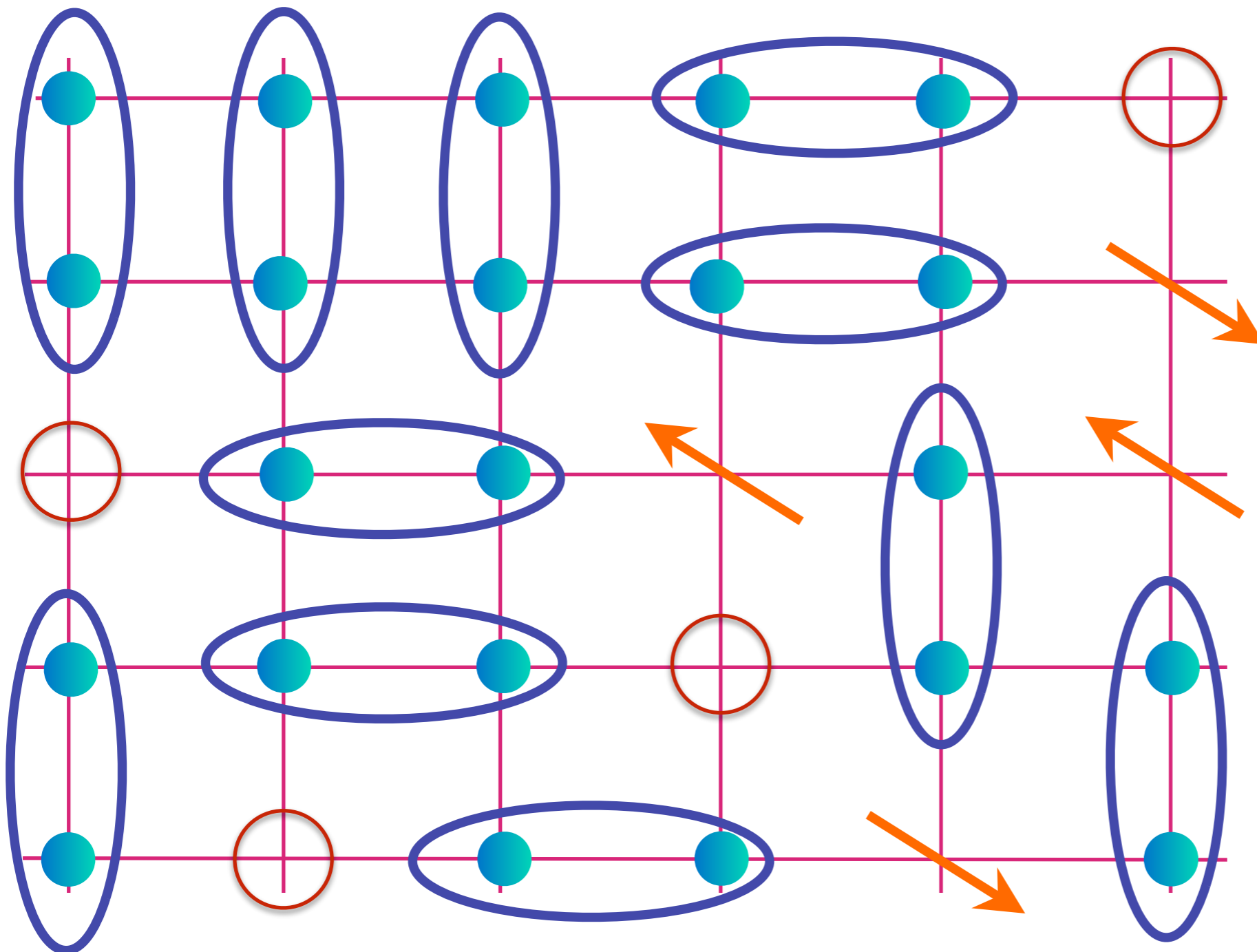


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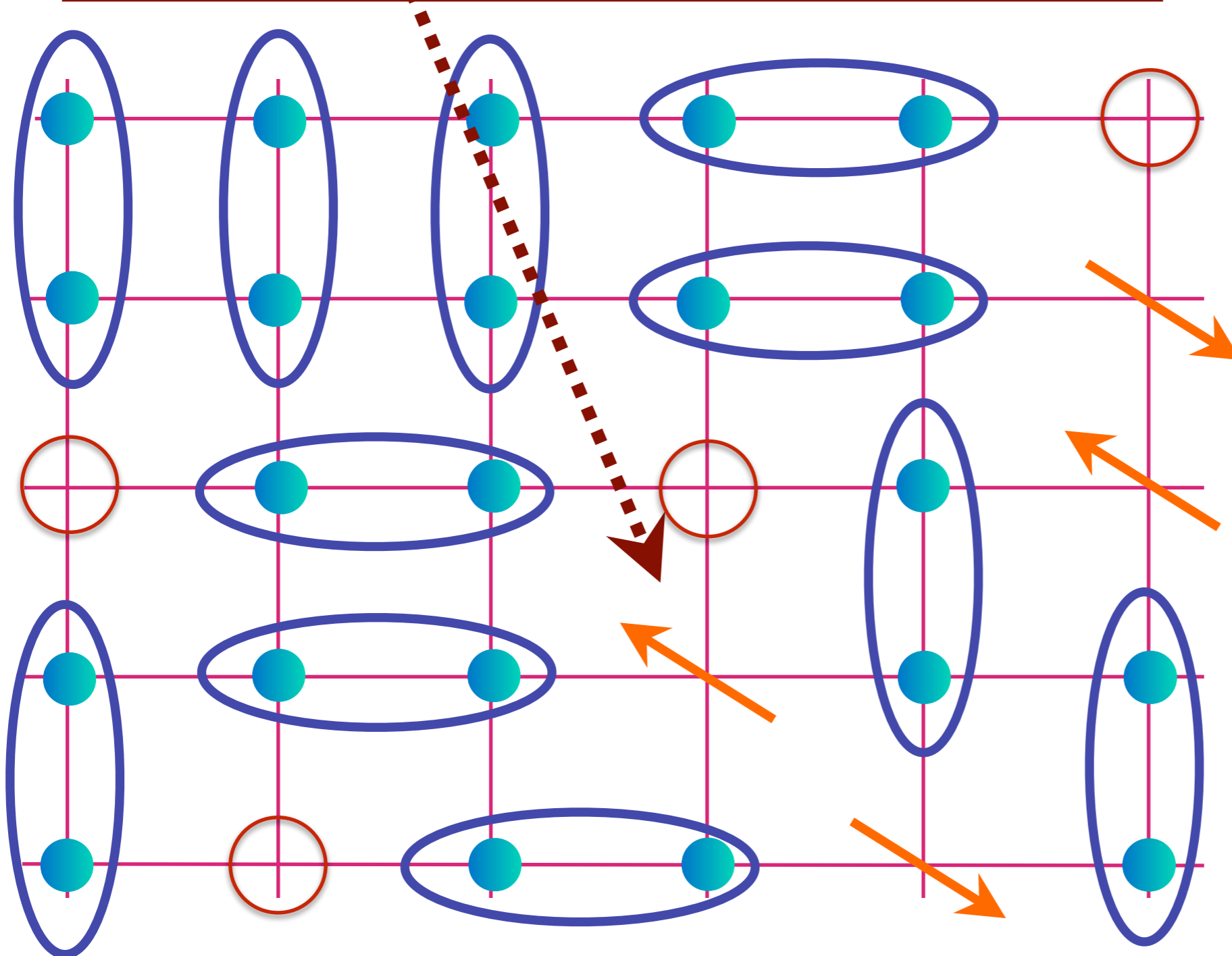


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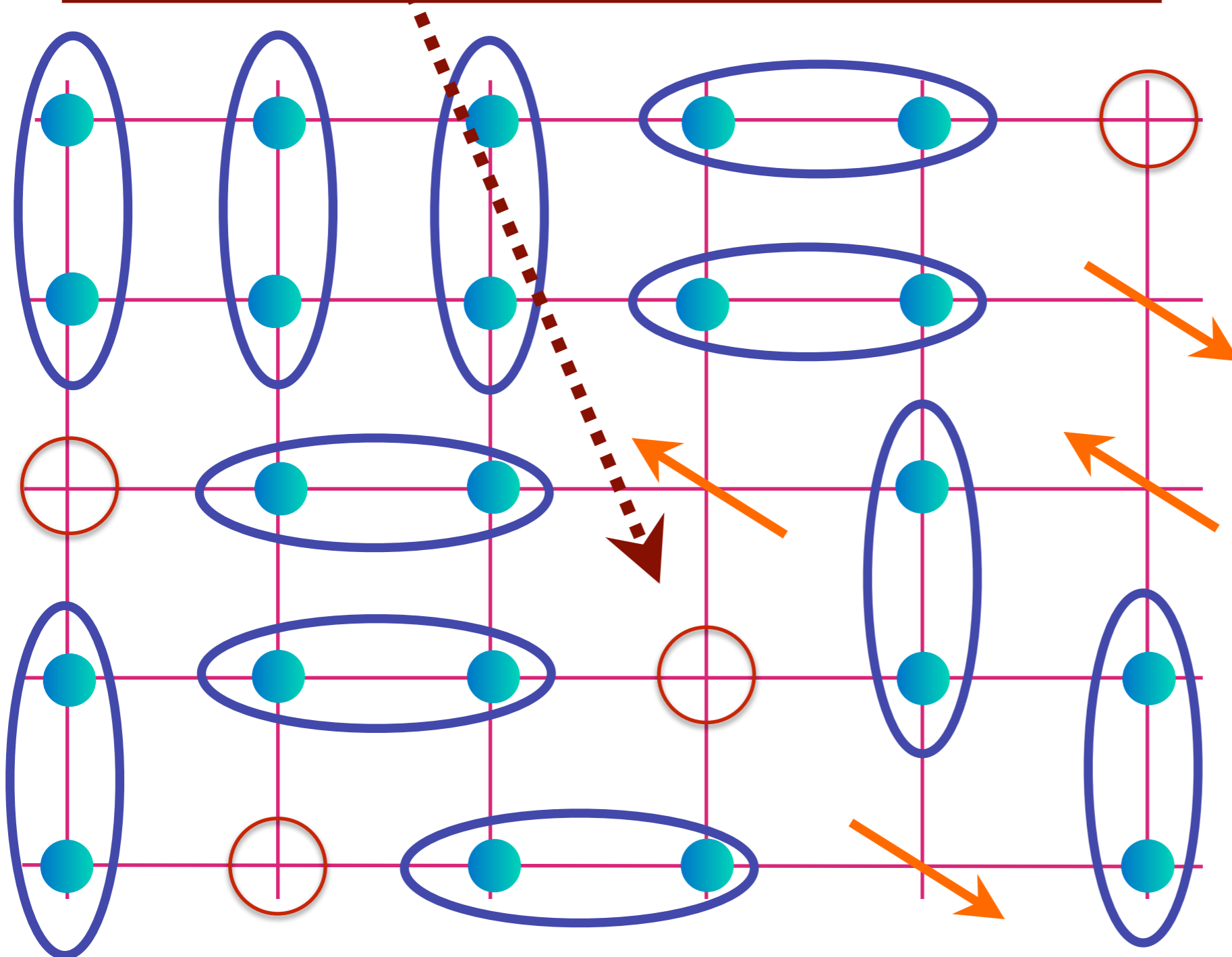
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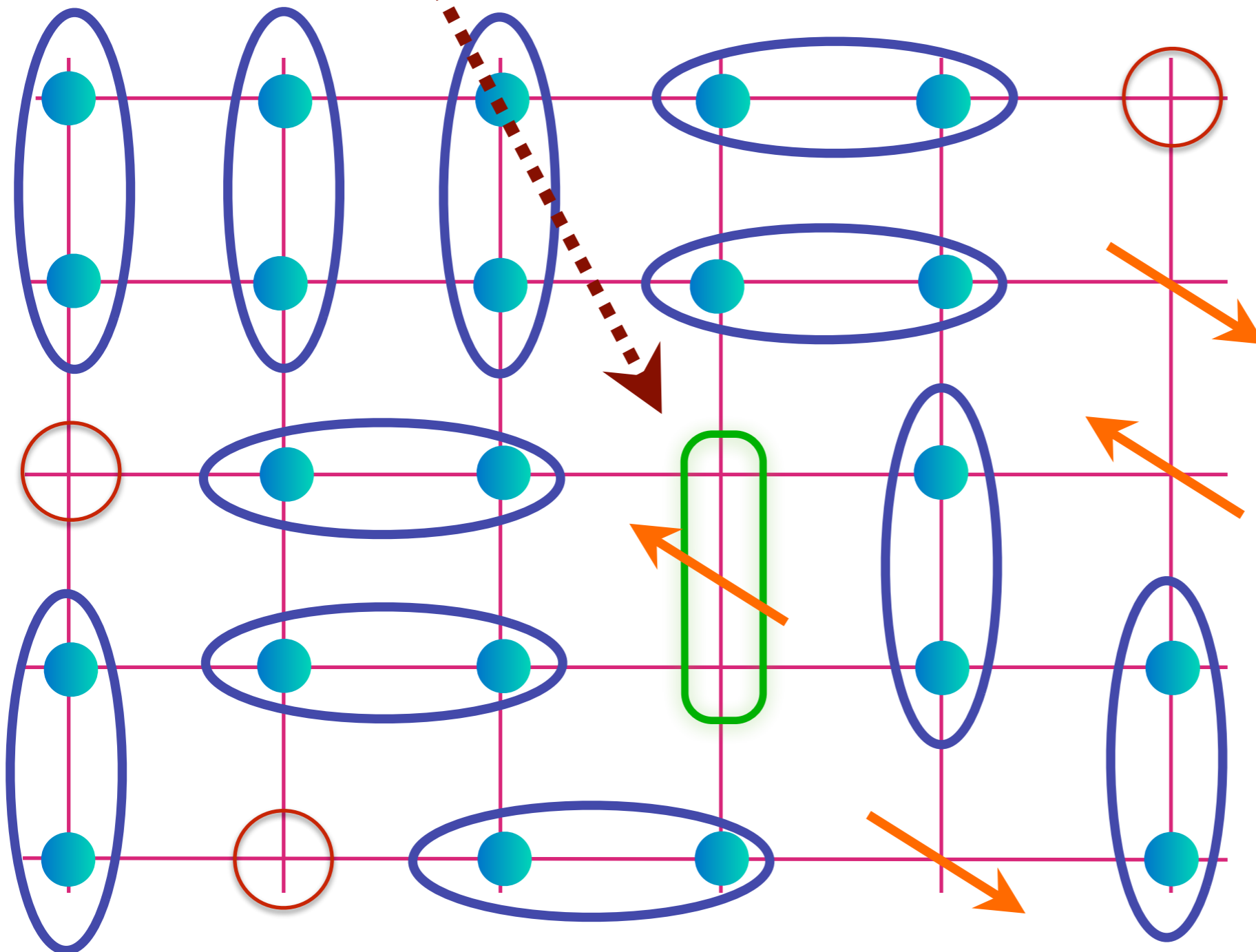
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Spinon-holon bound state resides on a “bonding” orbital between two sites

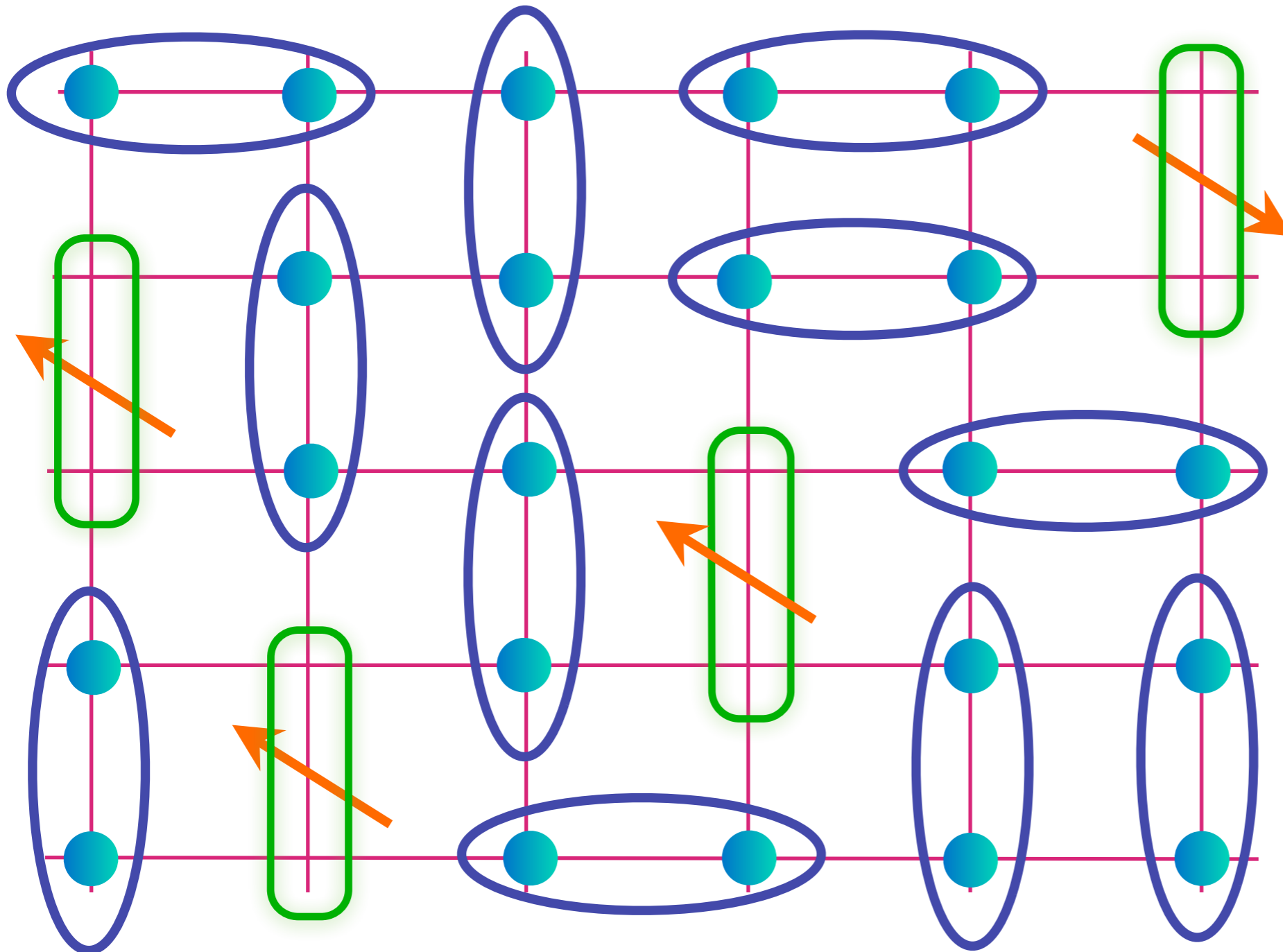


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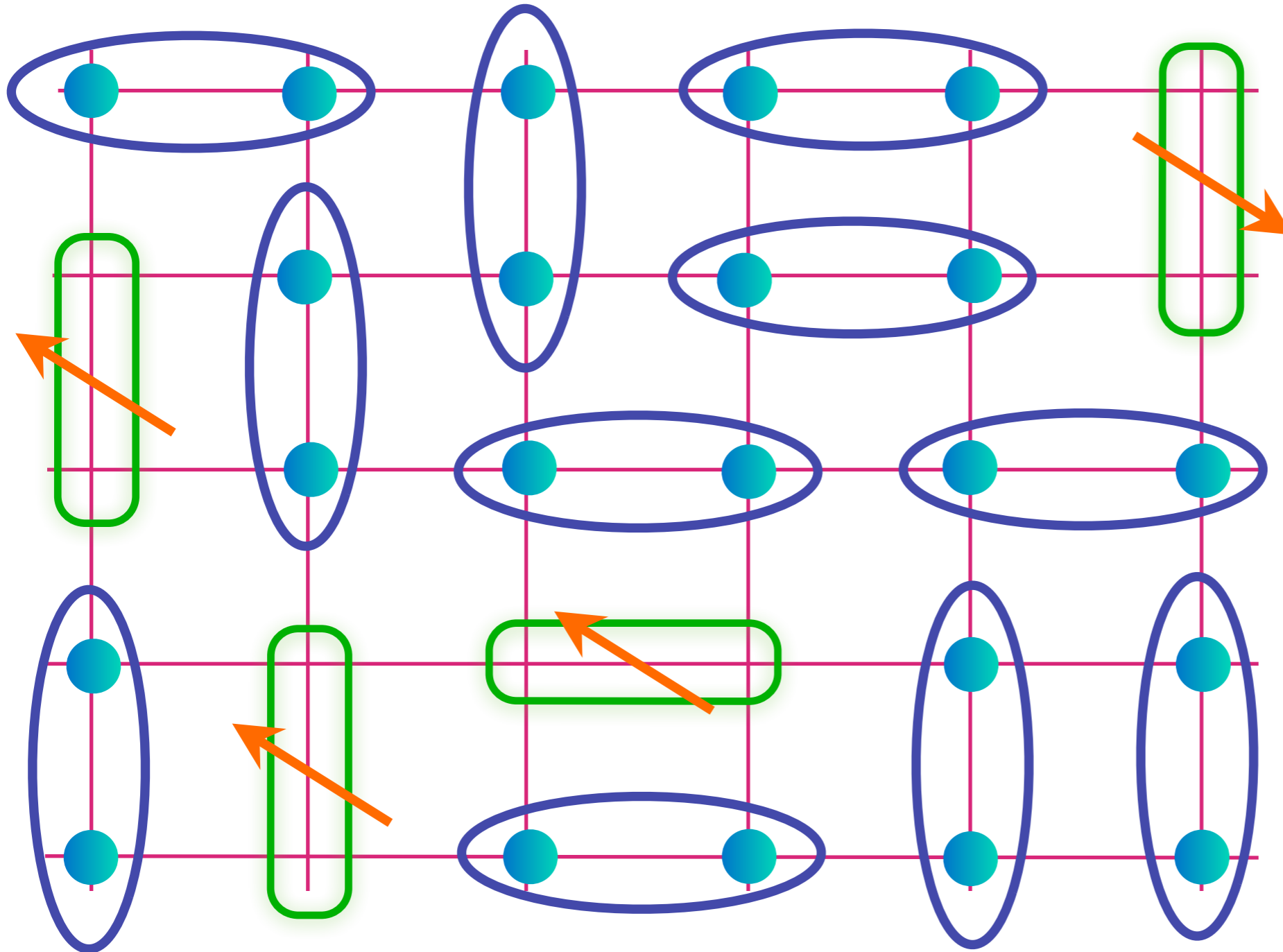
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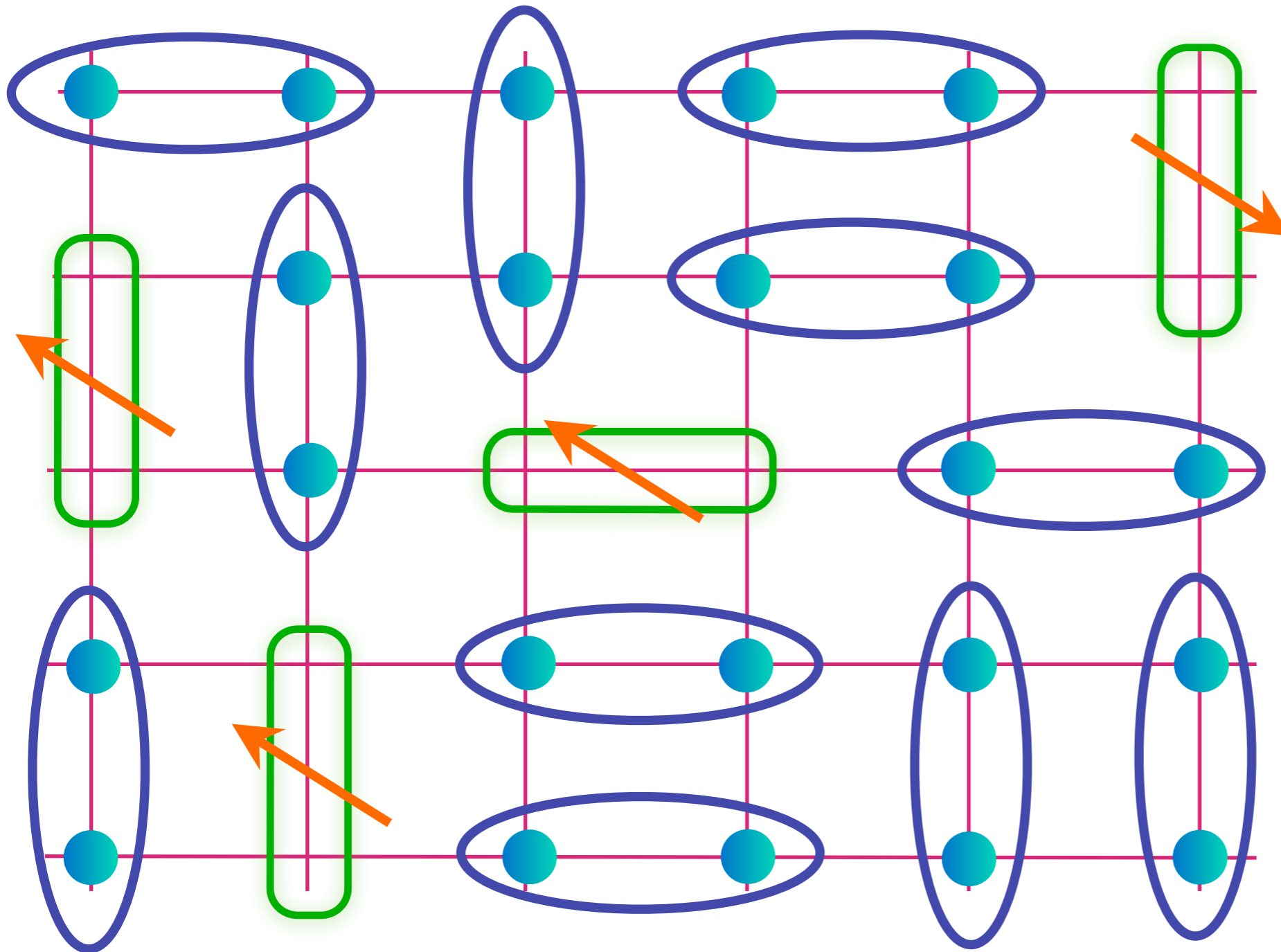
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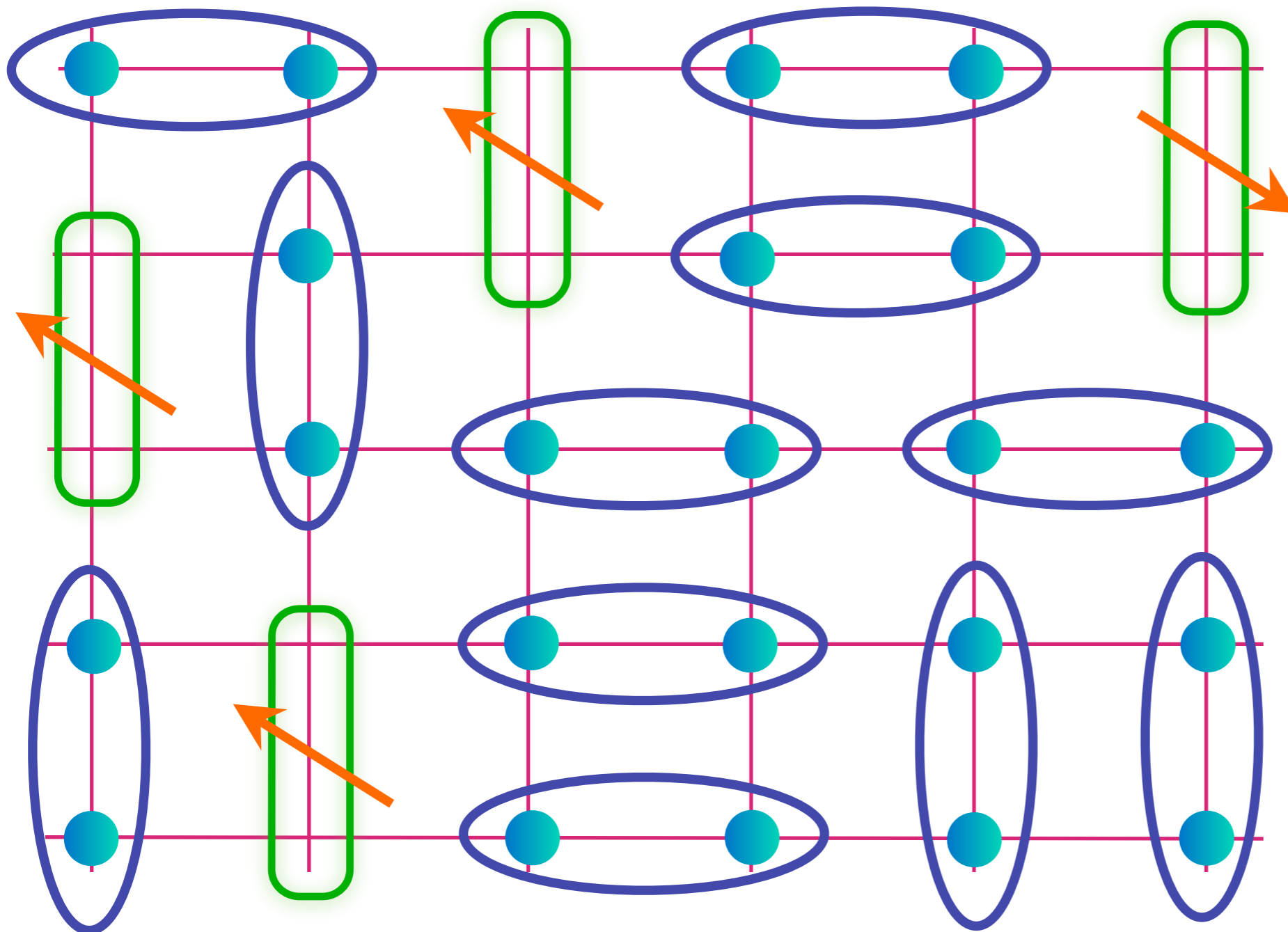
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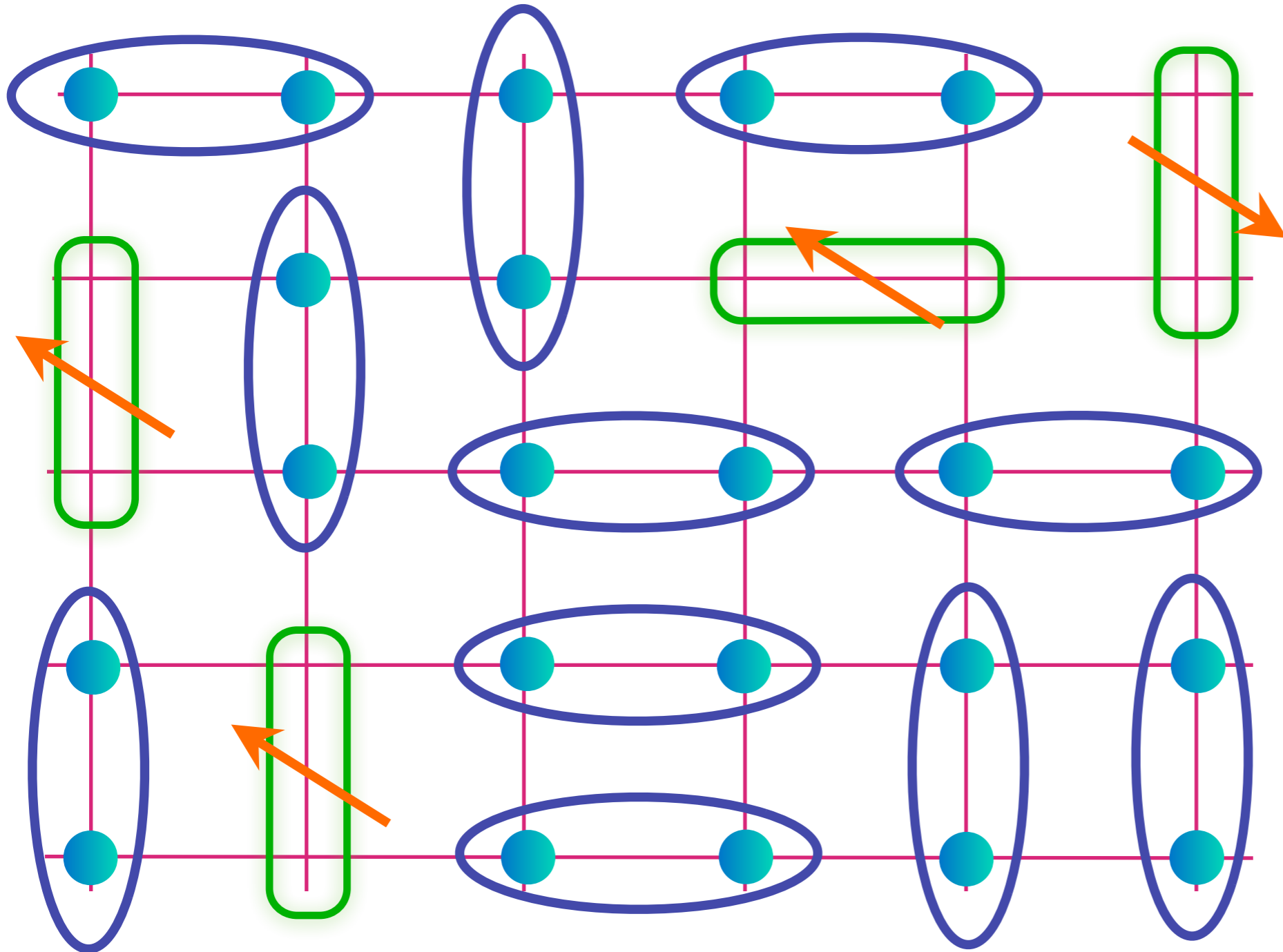
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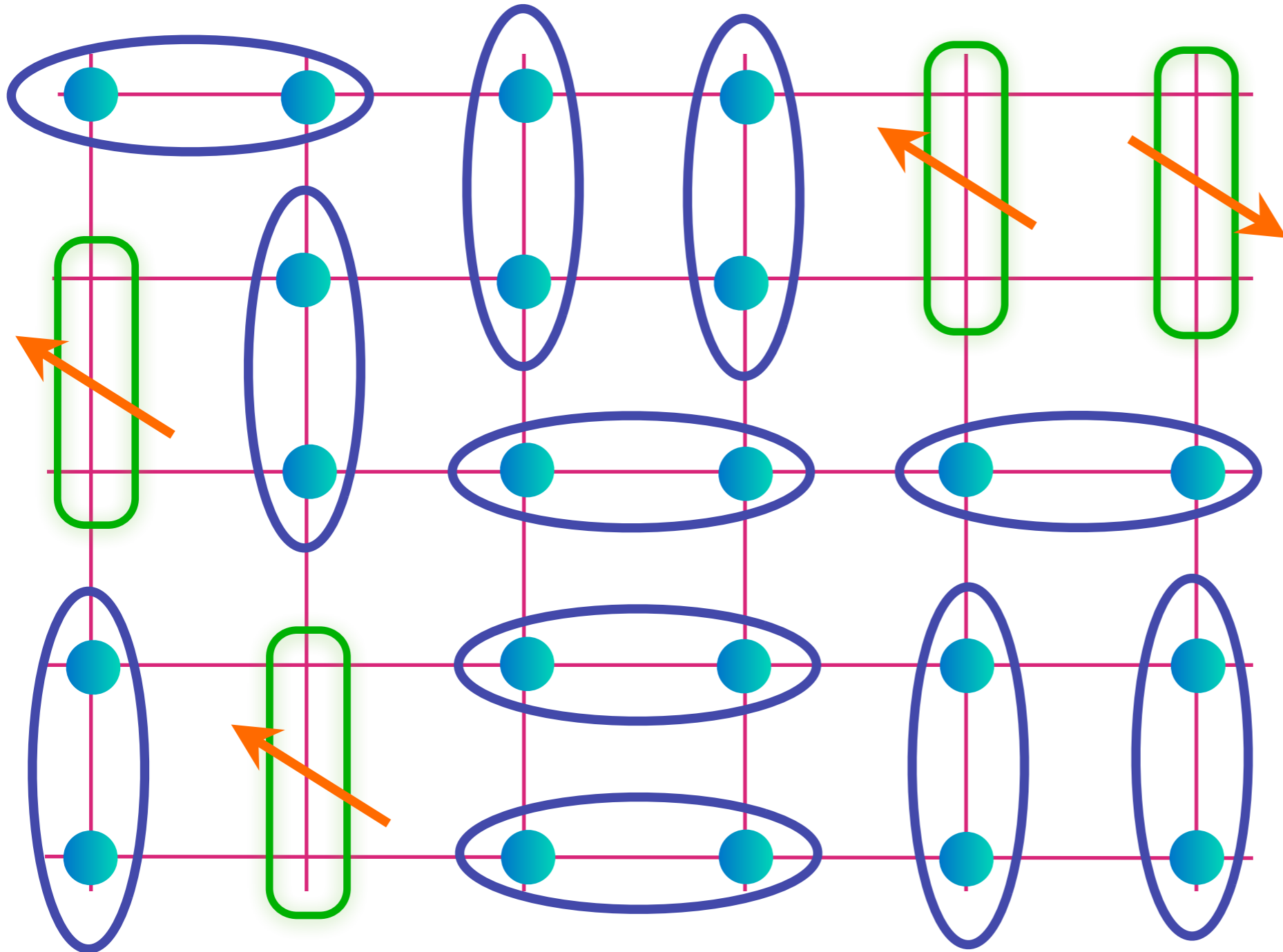
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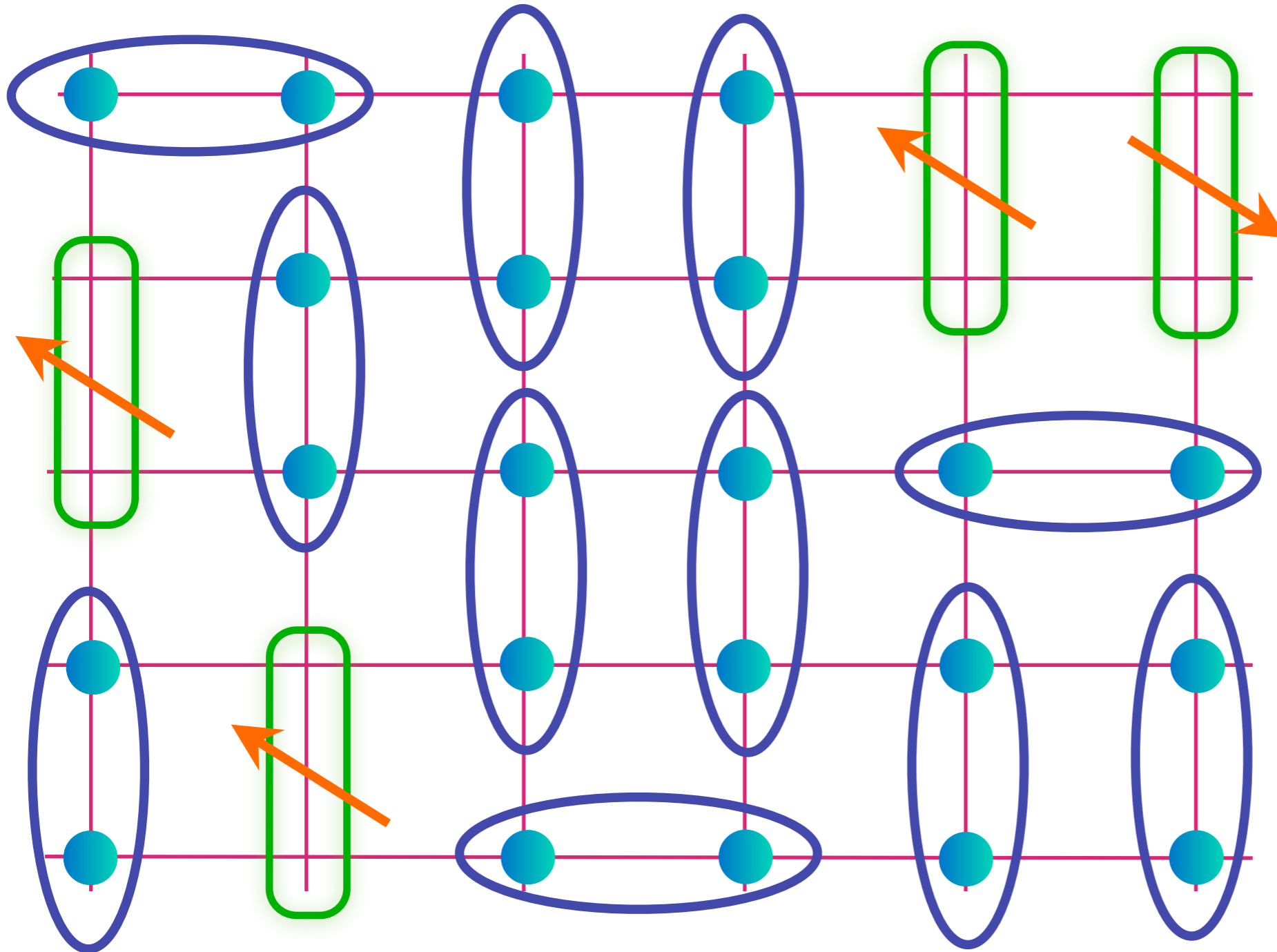
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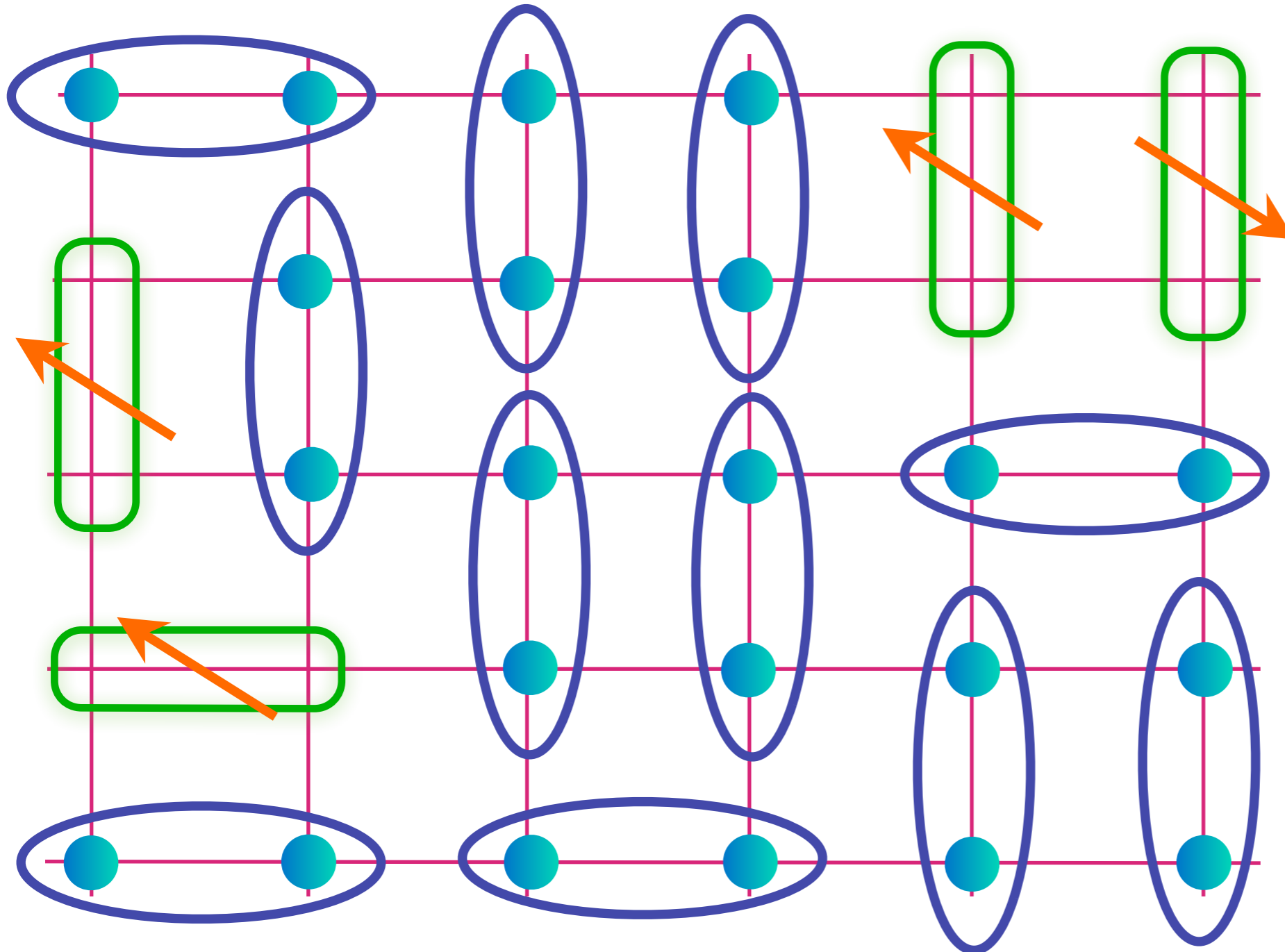
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Fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL*)


$$= |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$



Emergent
gauge field
and
gauge-neutral,
spin $S=1/2$,
charge $+e$
fermions
of density p

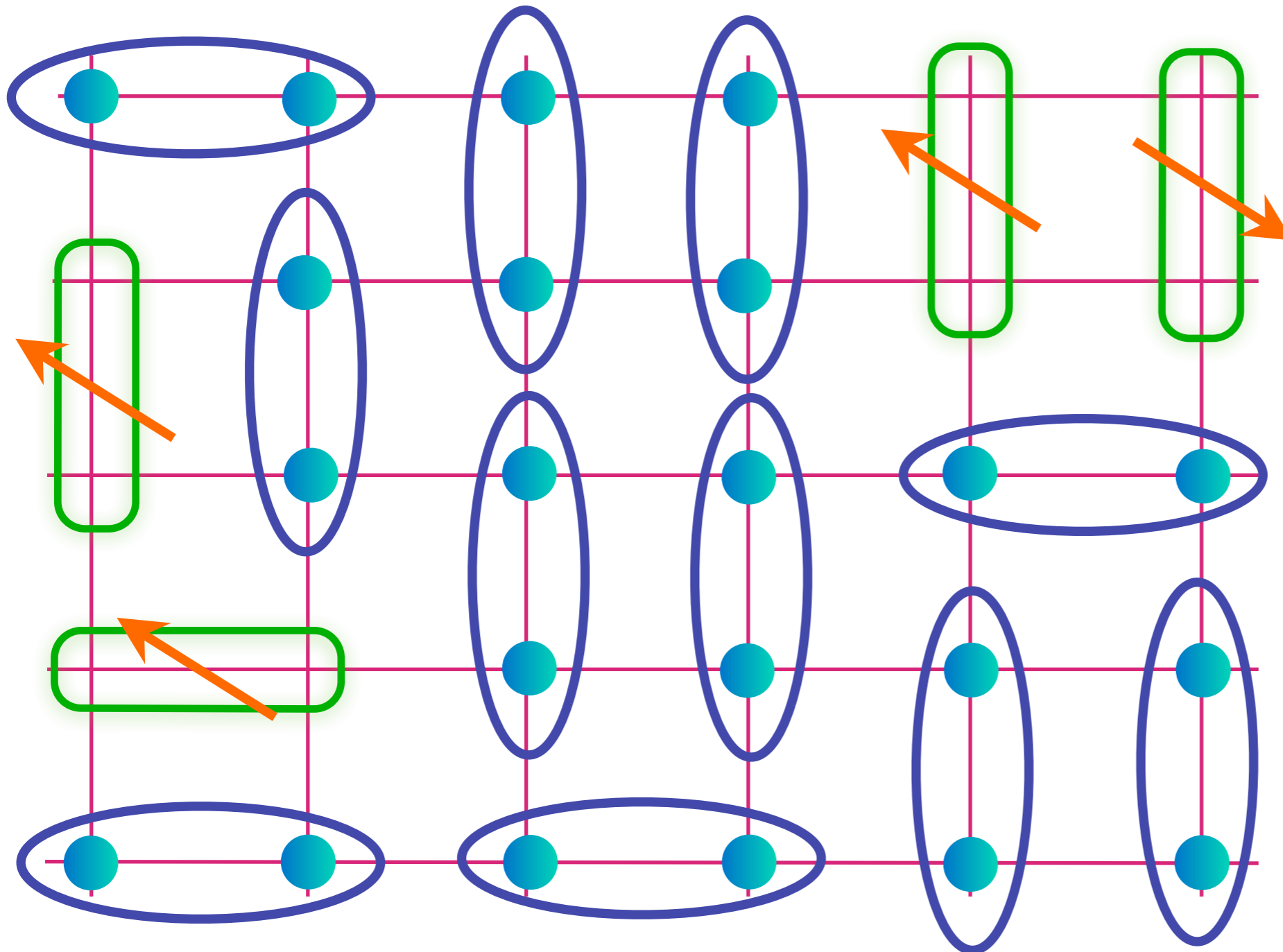
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Fractionalized Fermi liquid (FL*)

$$\text{Diagram of two electrons in a dimer} = |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$



Note:
electron-like
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can only be a
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of spin-liquid
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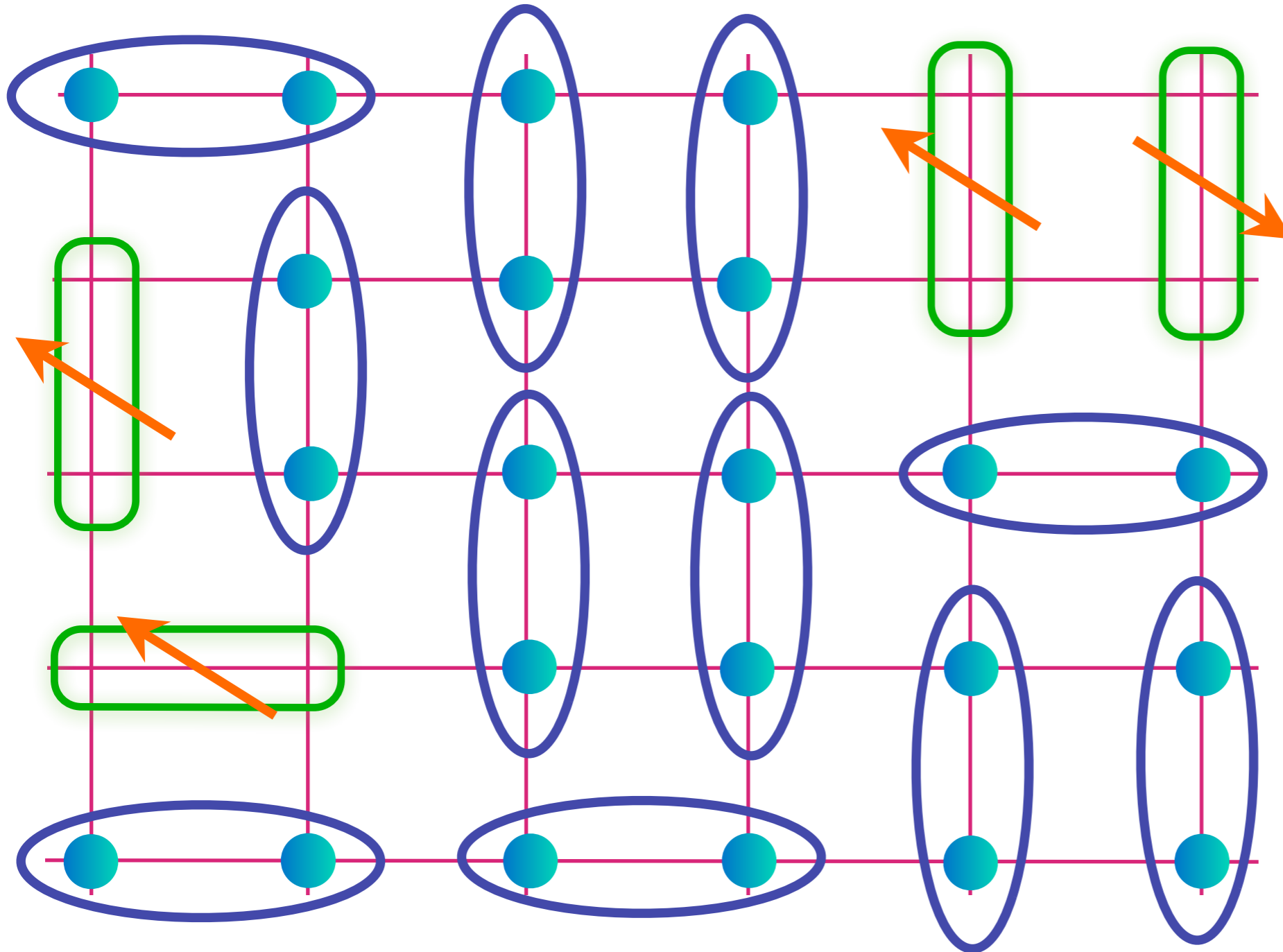
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Realizes a metal with a Fermi surface of area p and “topological order”

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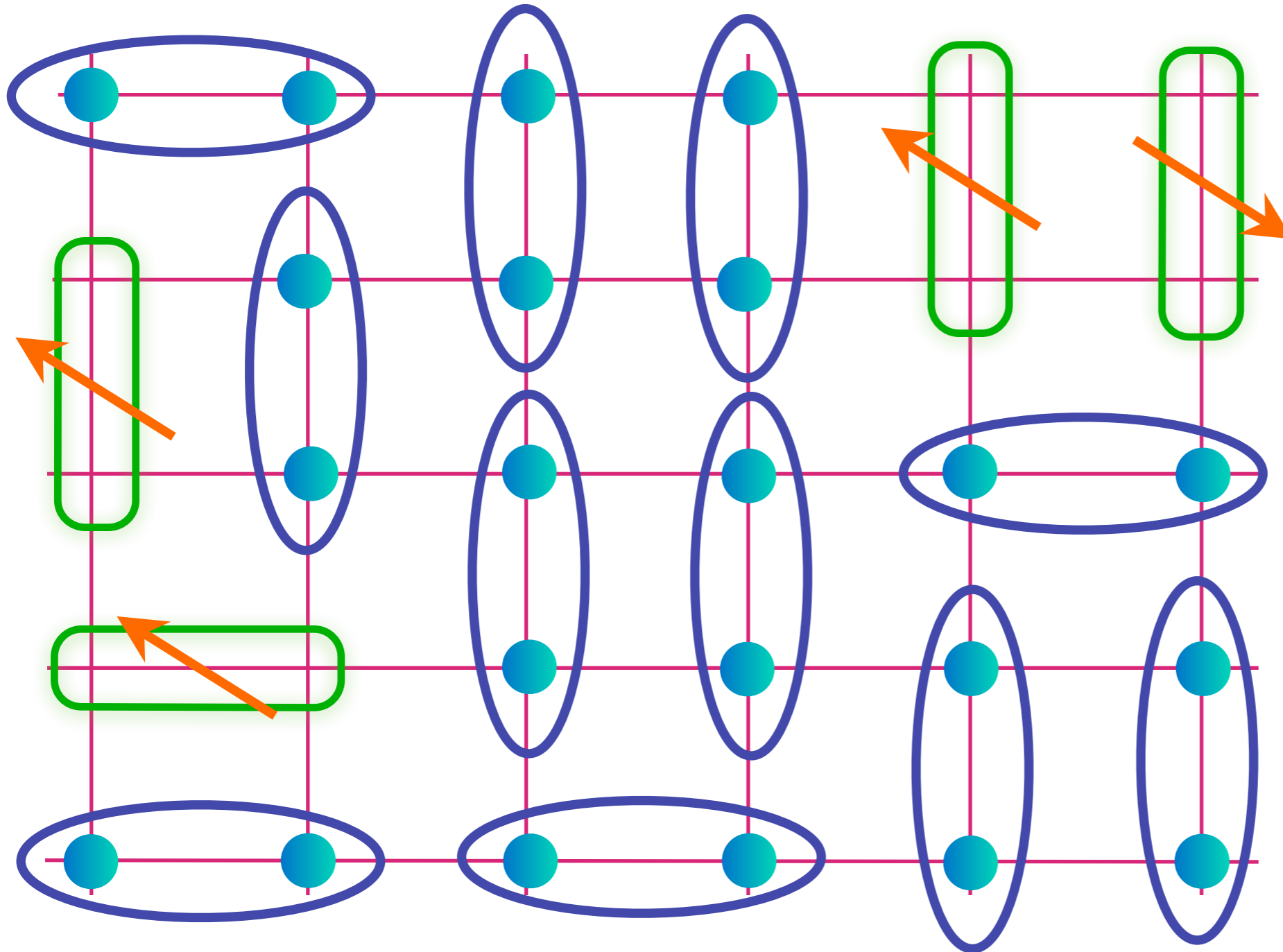
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The high T pseudogap:

*A quantum dimer model for a metal
with topological order*

Quantum dimer model with bosonic and fermionic dimers



Early discussion of a fermionic hole on a dimer

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Quasiparticles in the copper-oxygen planes of high- T_c superconductors: An exact solution for a ferromagnetic background

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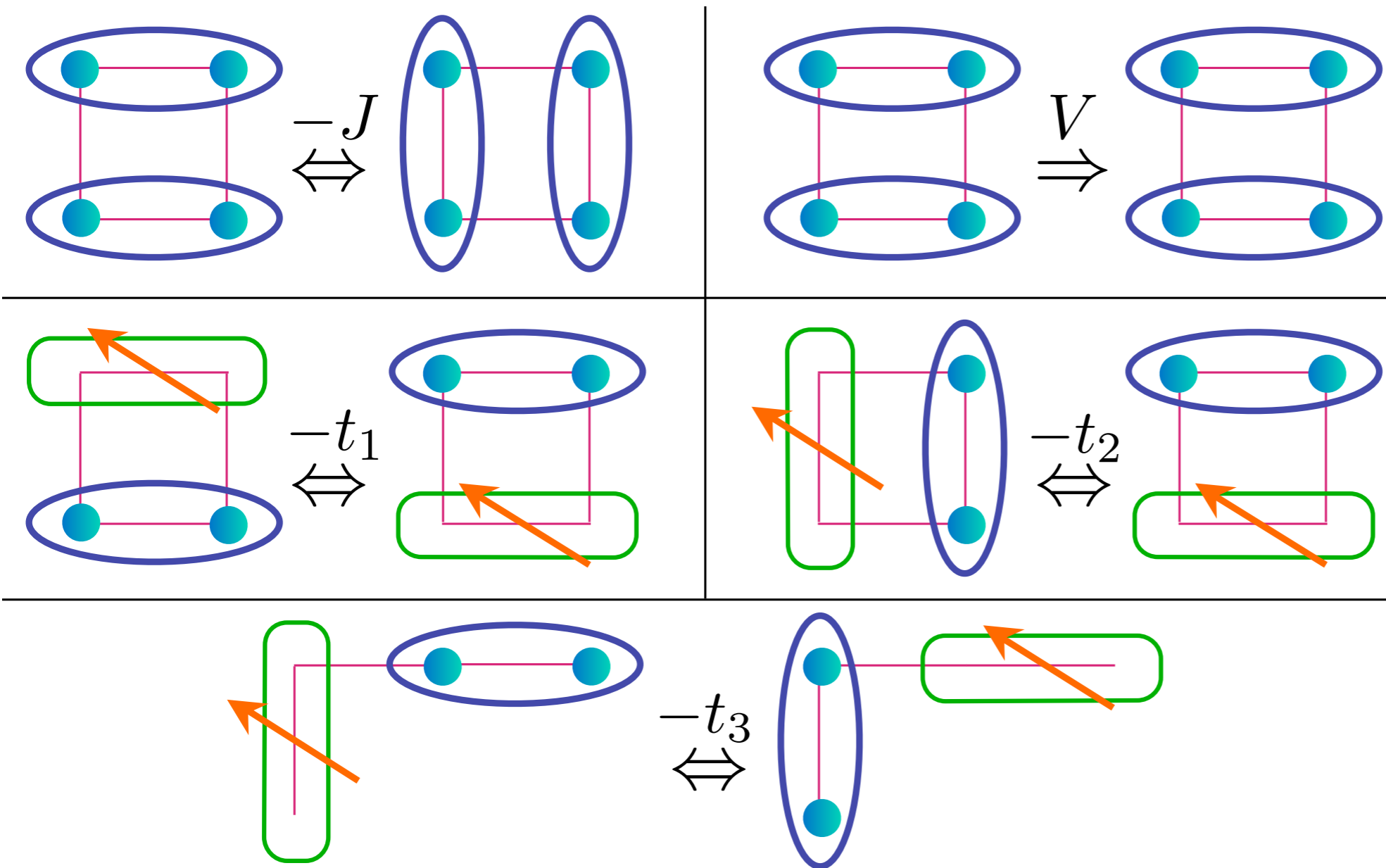
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A model for a mobile hole in the copper oxide planes of high-temperature superconductors is solved exactly. The hole moves on the oxygen atoms through a lattice of spins localized on the copper atoms. In order to obtain a solvable problem, it is assumed that the copper atoms provide a ferromagnetic background. The resulting quasiparticles have both charge and spin in contrast to the Cu-O singlets occurring in proposed effective single-band Hubbard models derived from the Cu-O network. Thus these two models of high-temperature superconductors may have different low-energy physics.

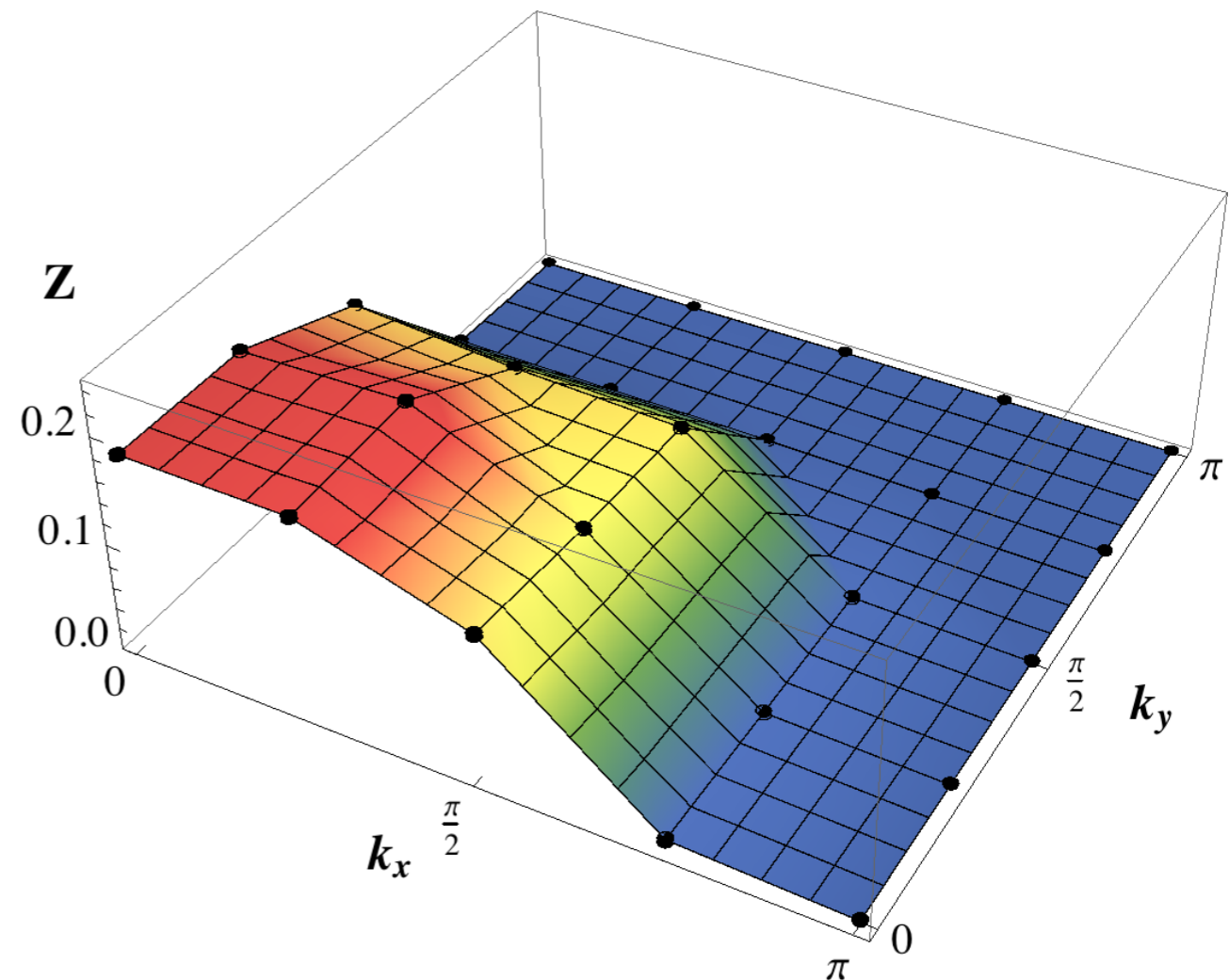
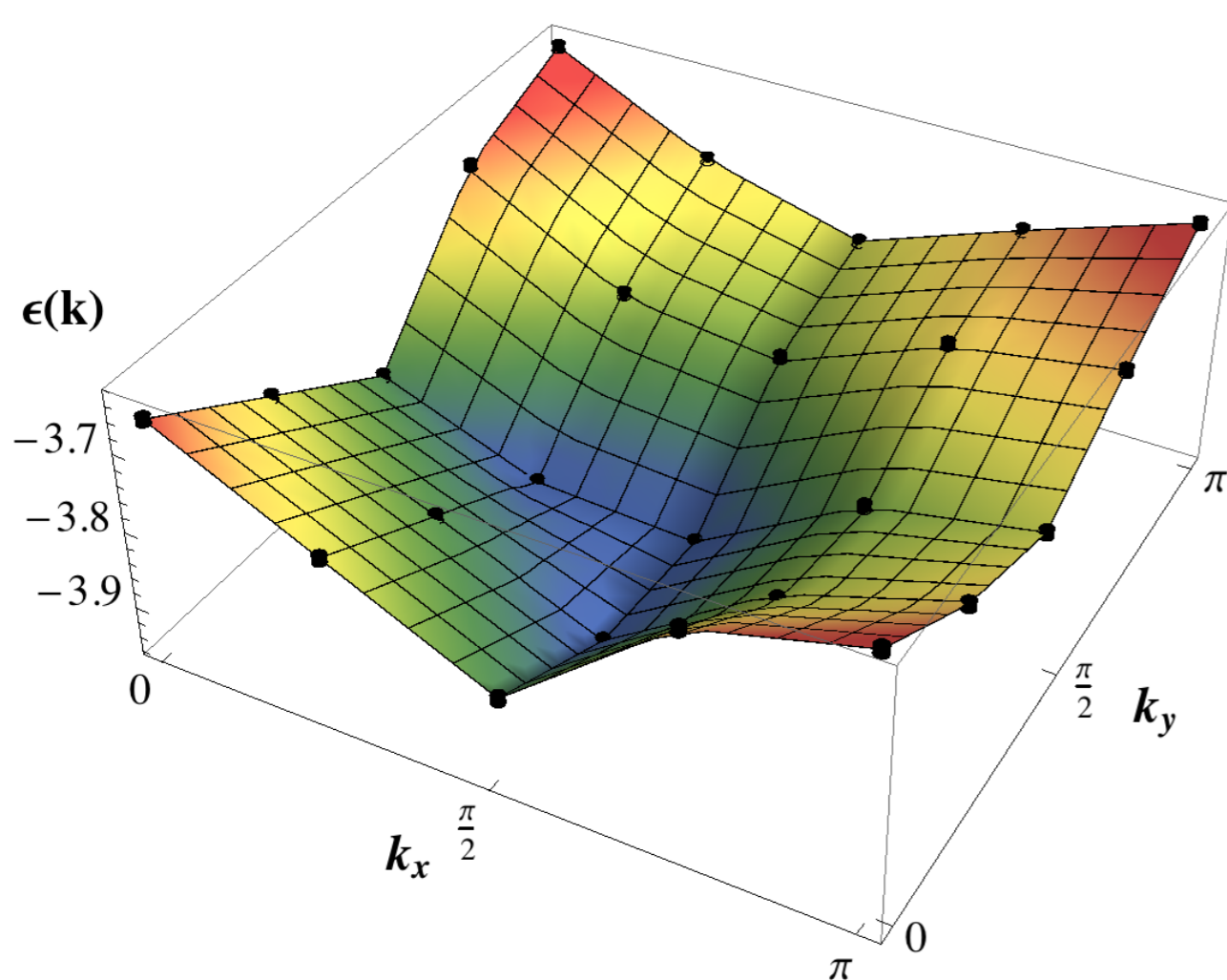
propose that the correct basis to describe the result is composed of a hole on a single O atom coupled to its two neighboring Cu atoms, i.e., basis states of the form $6^{-1/2}[2|\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle]$.

Quantum dimer model with bosonic and fermionic dimers



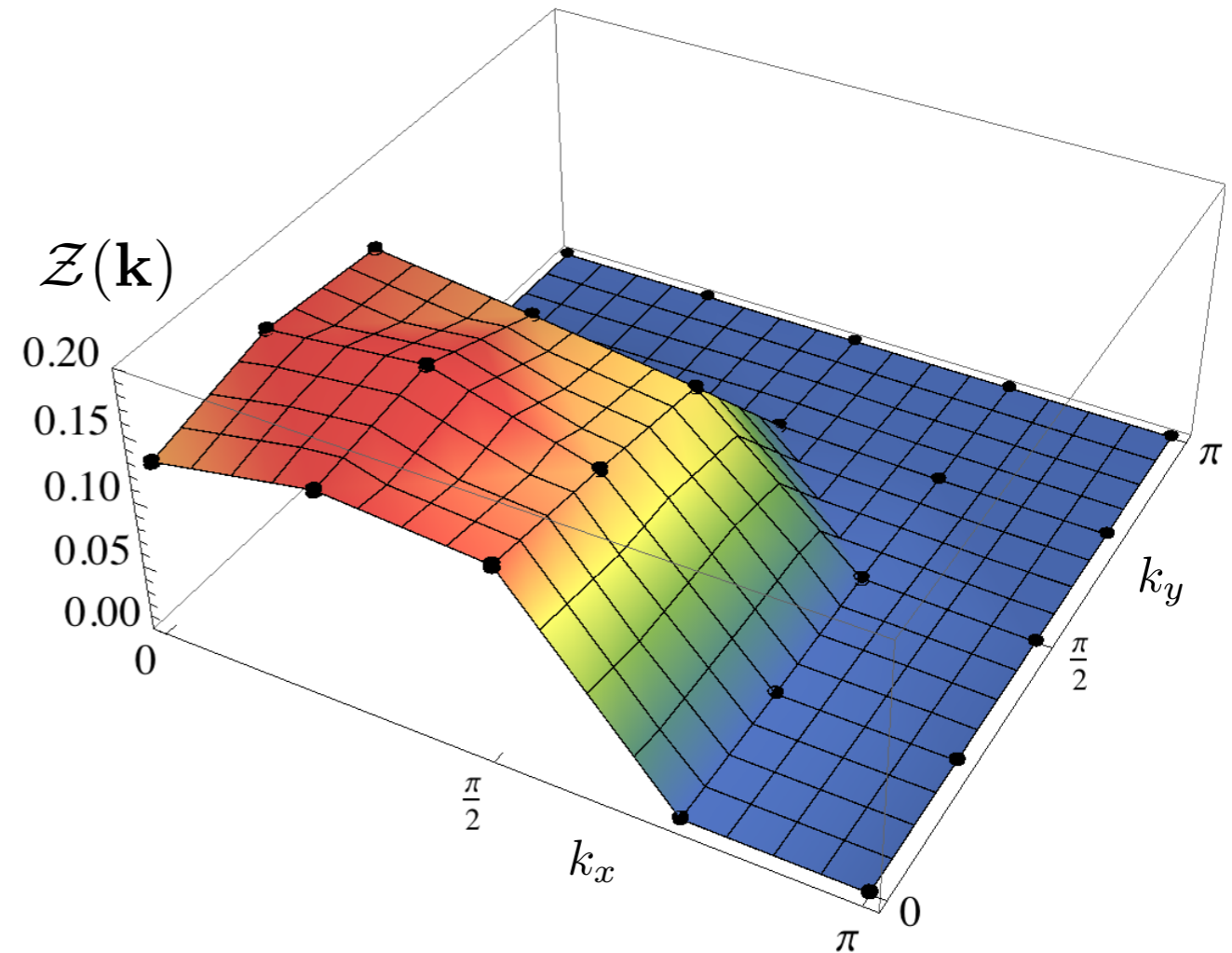
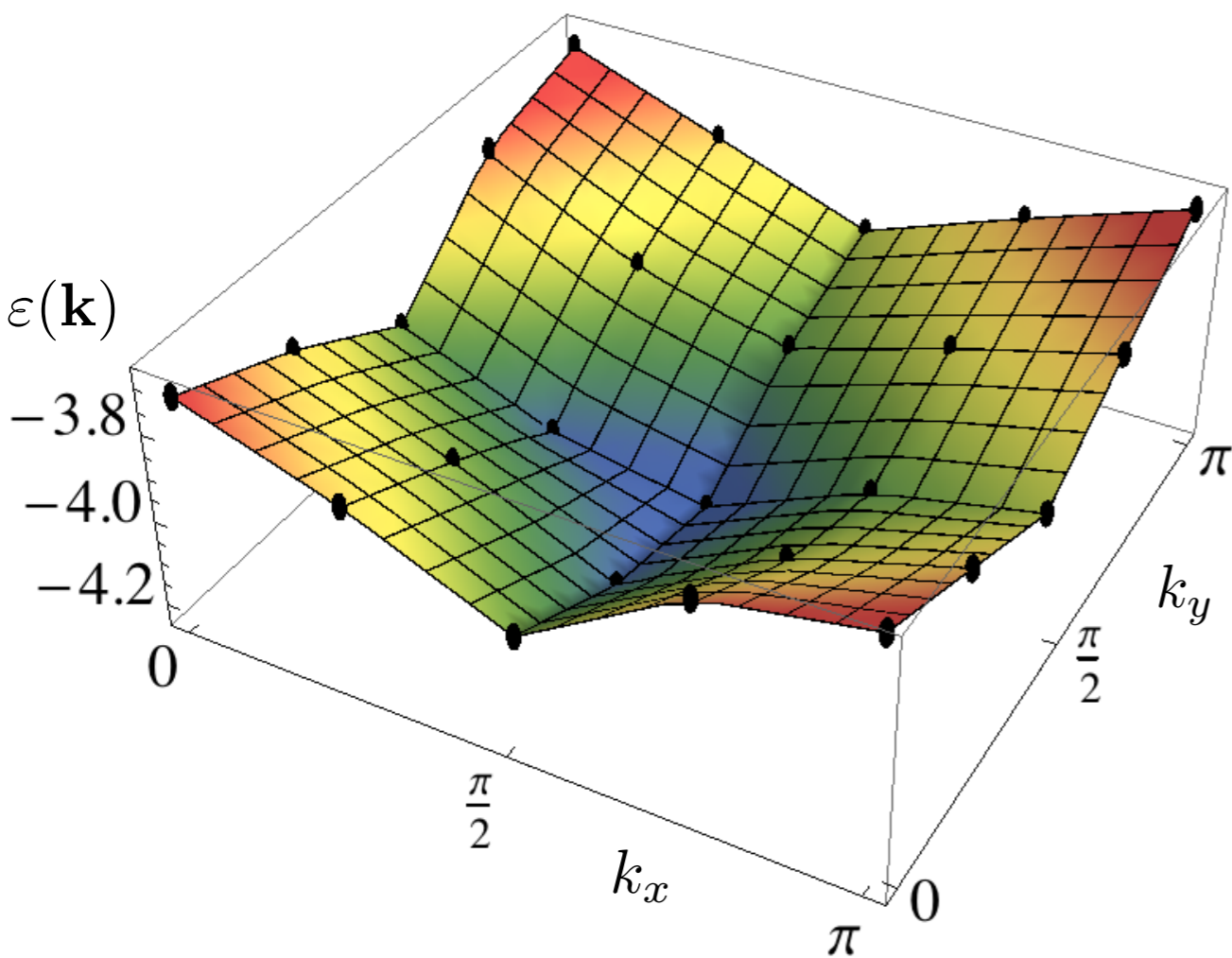
Connection to the $t-t'-t''-J$ model:
 $t_1 = -(t + t')/2$
 $t_2 = (t - t')/2$
 $t_3 = -(t + t' + t'')/4$

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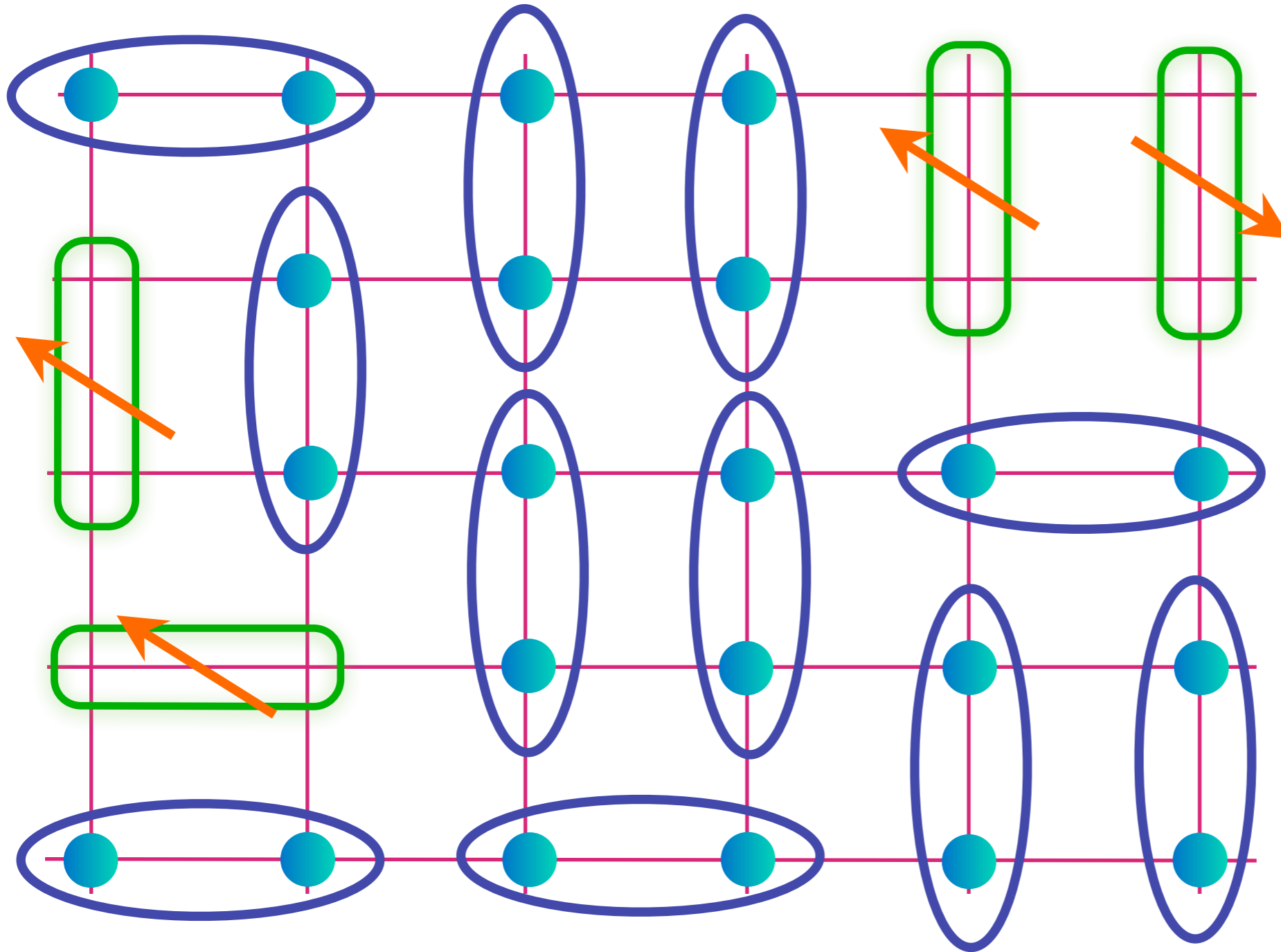
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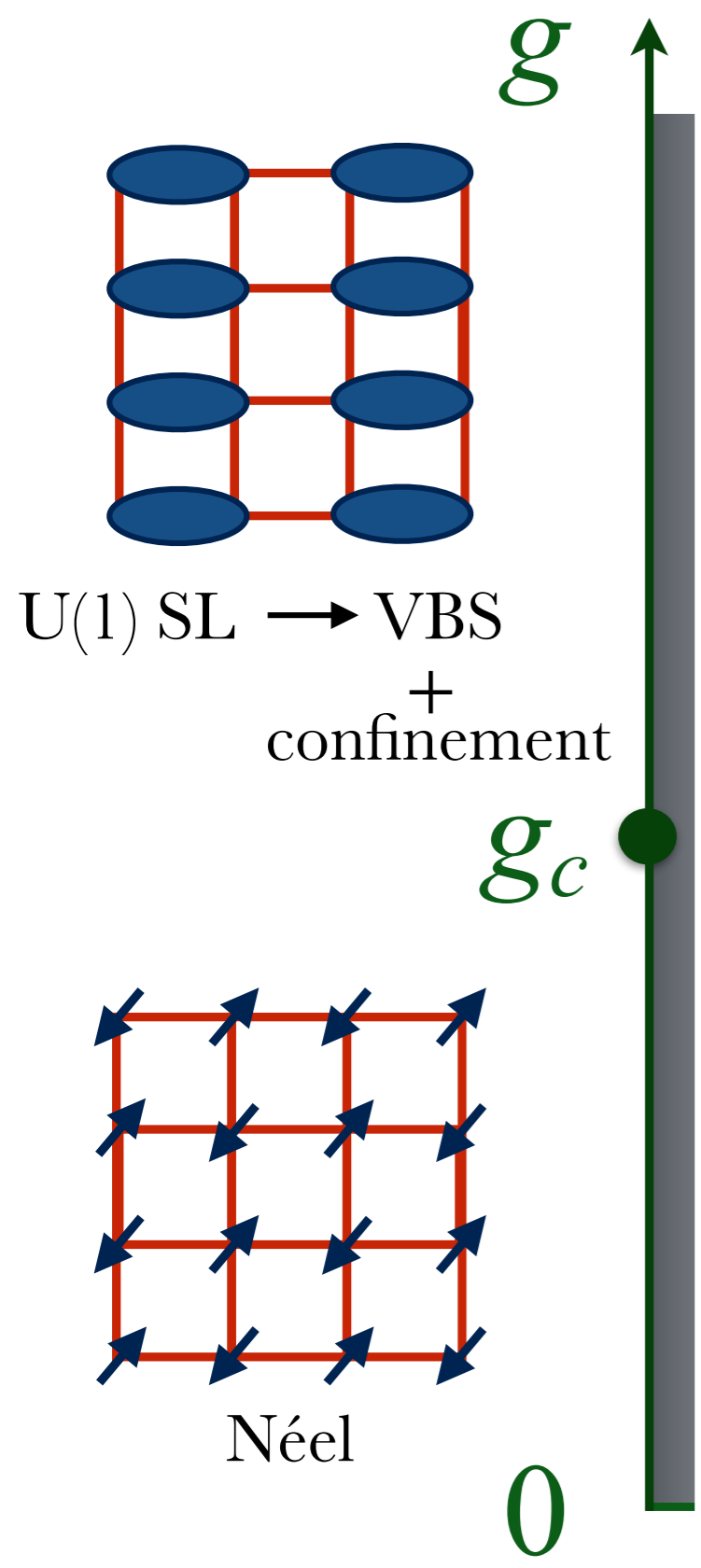


Dimer nature
of charge
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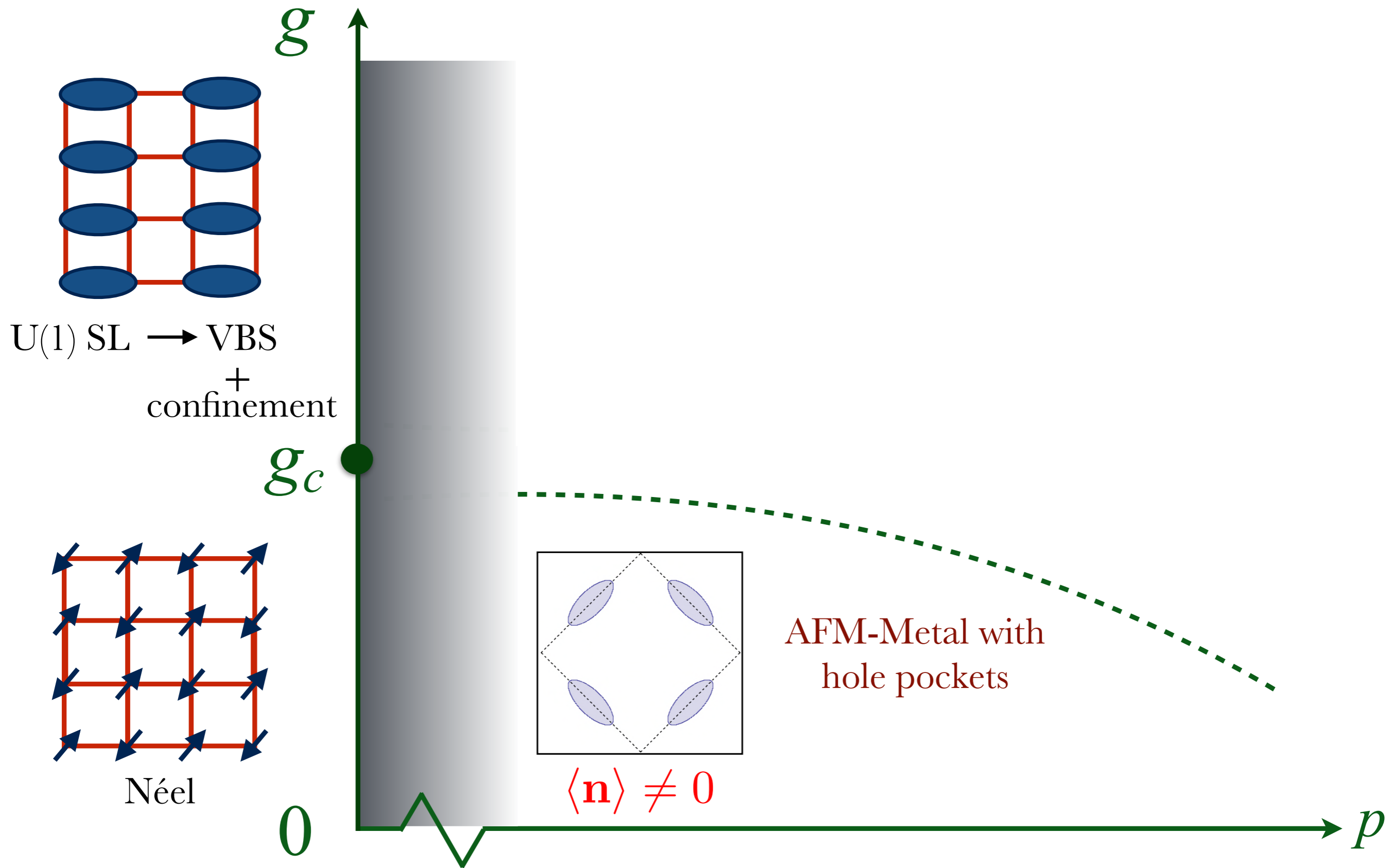
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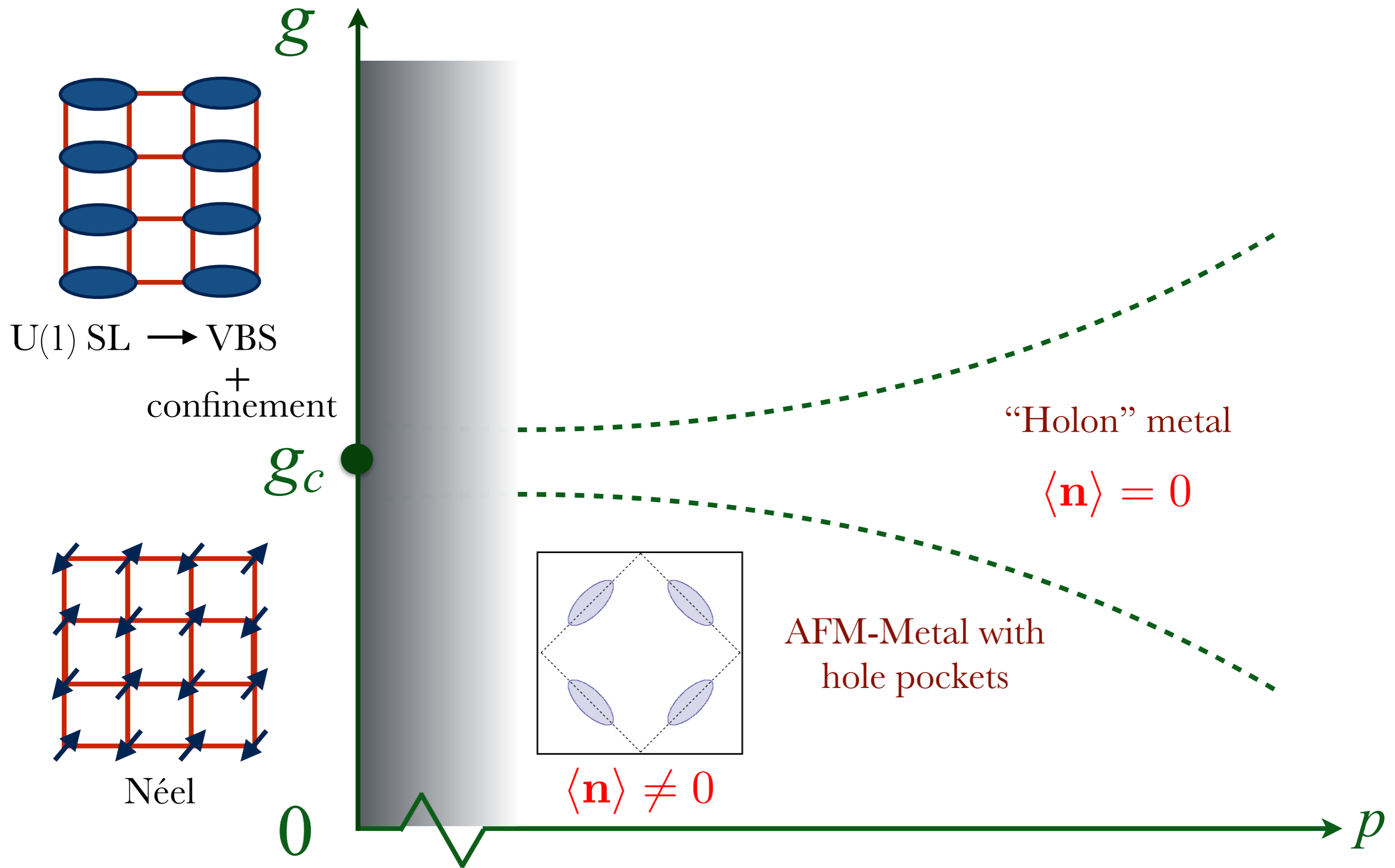
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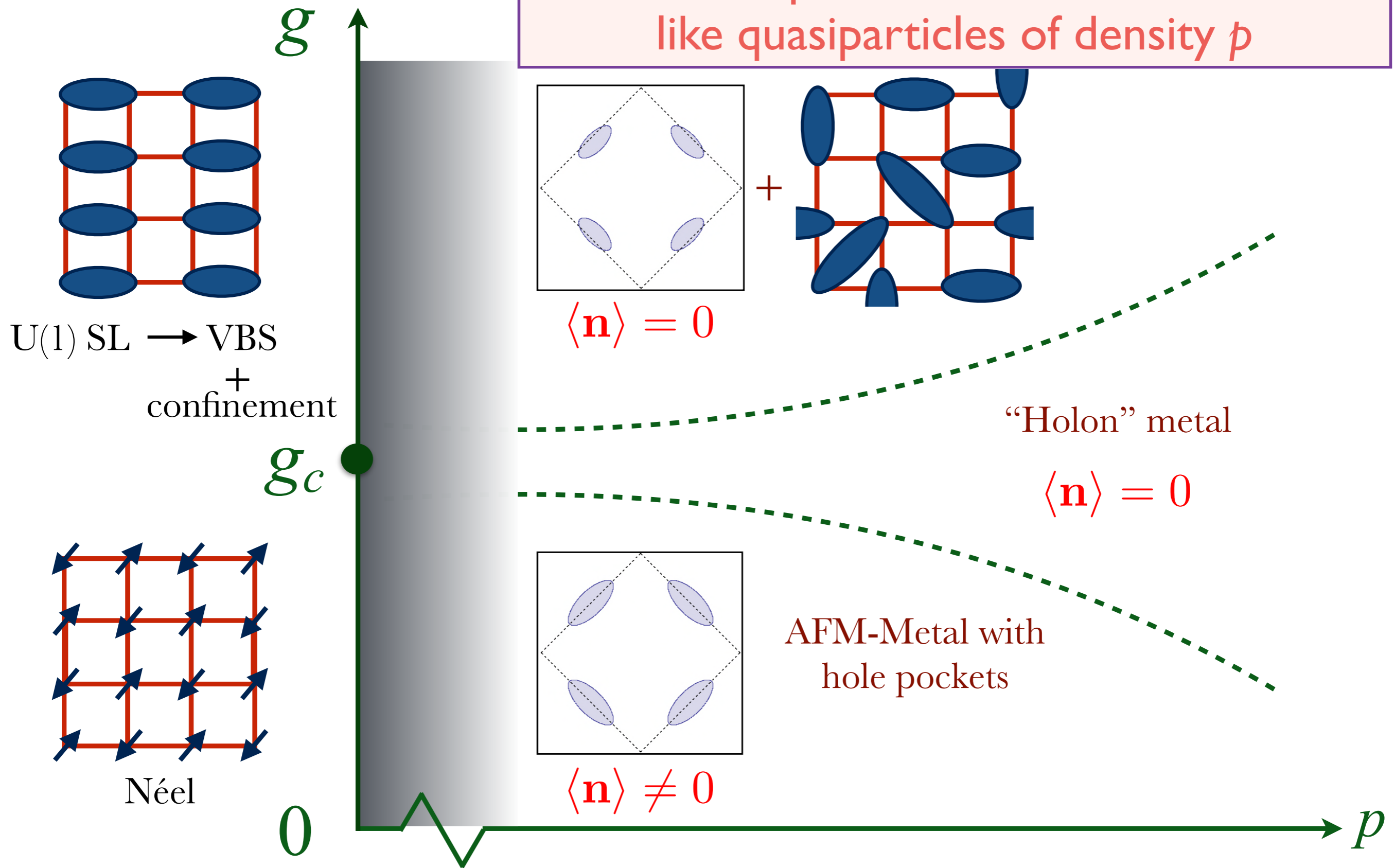
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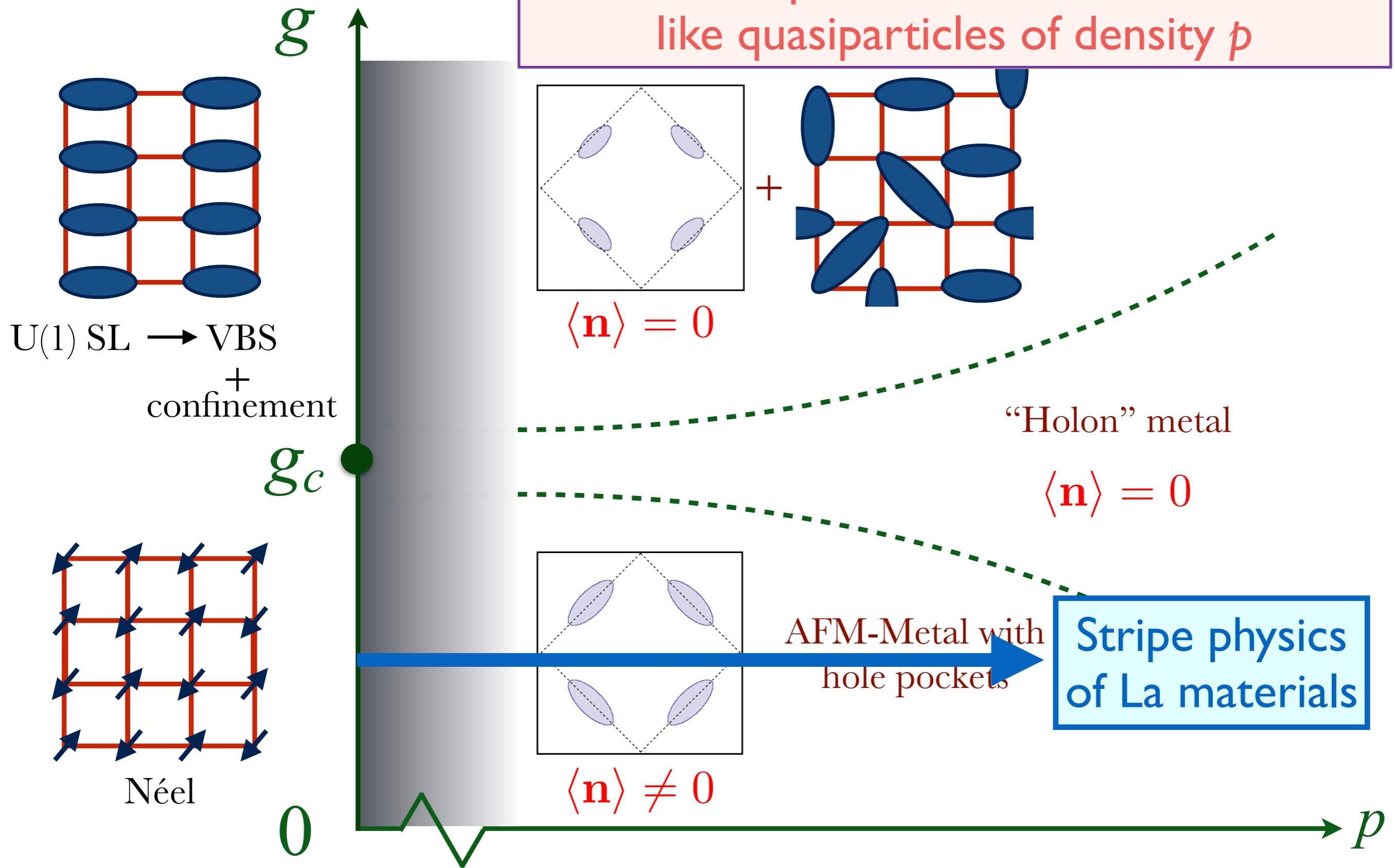


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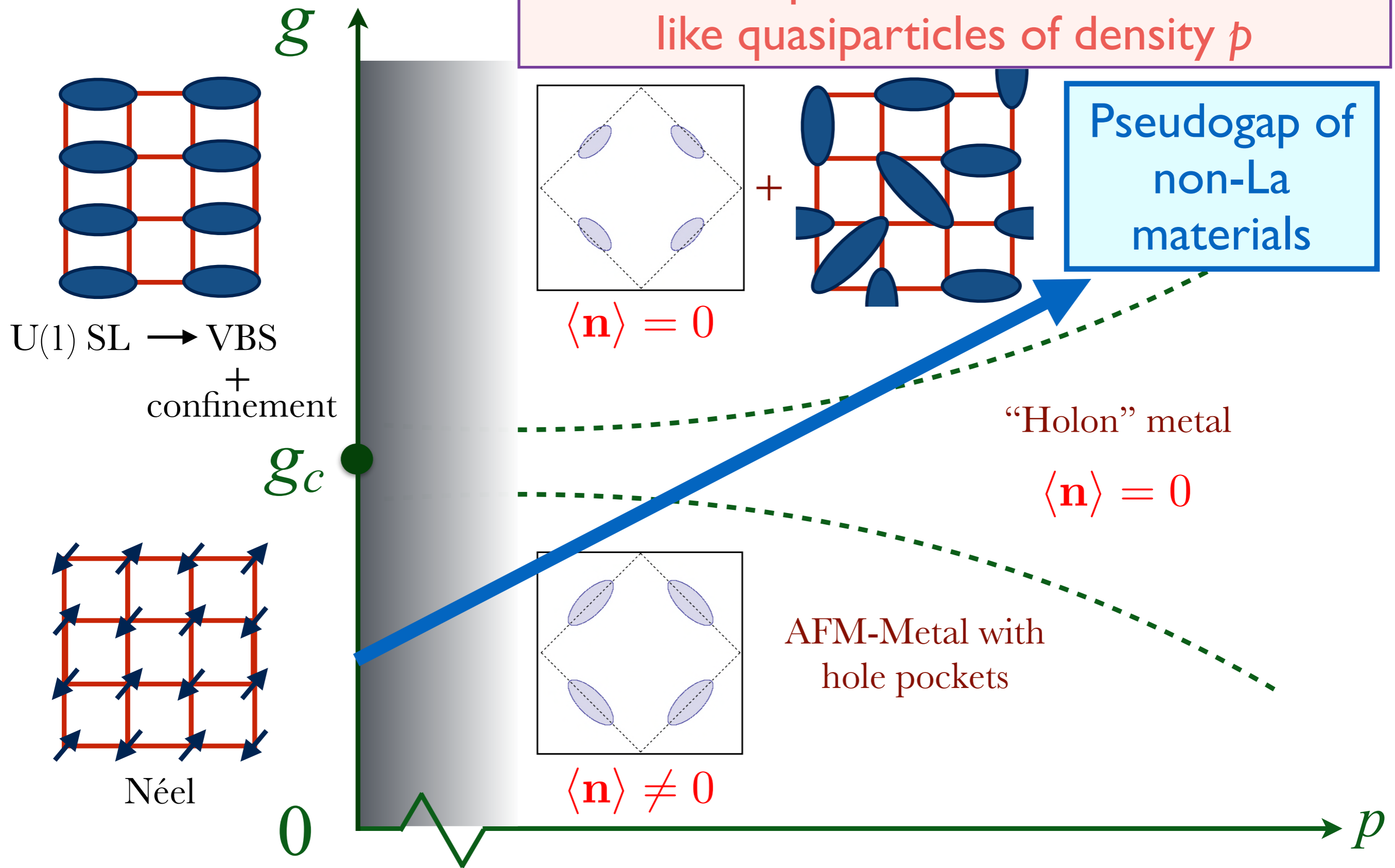
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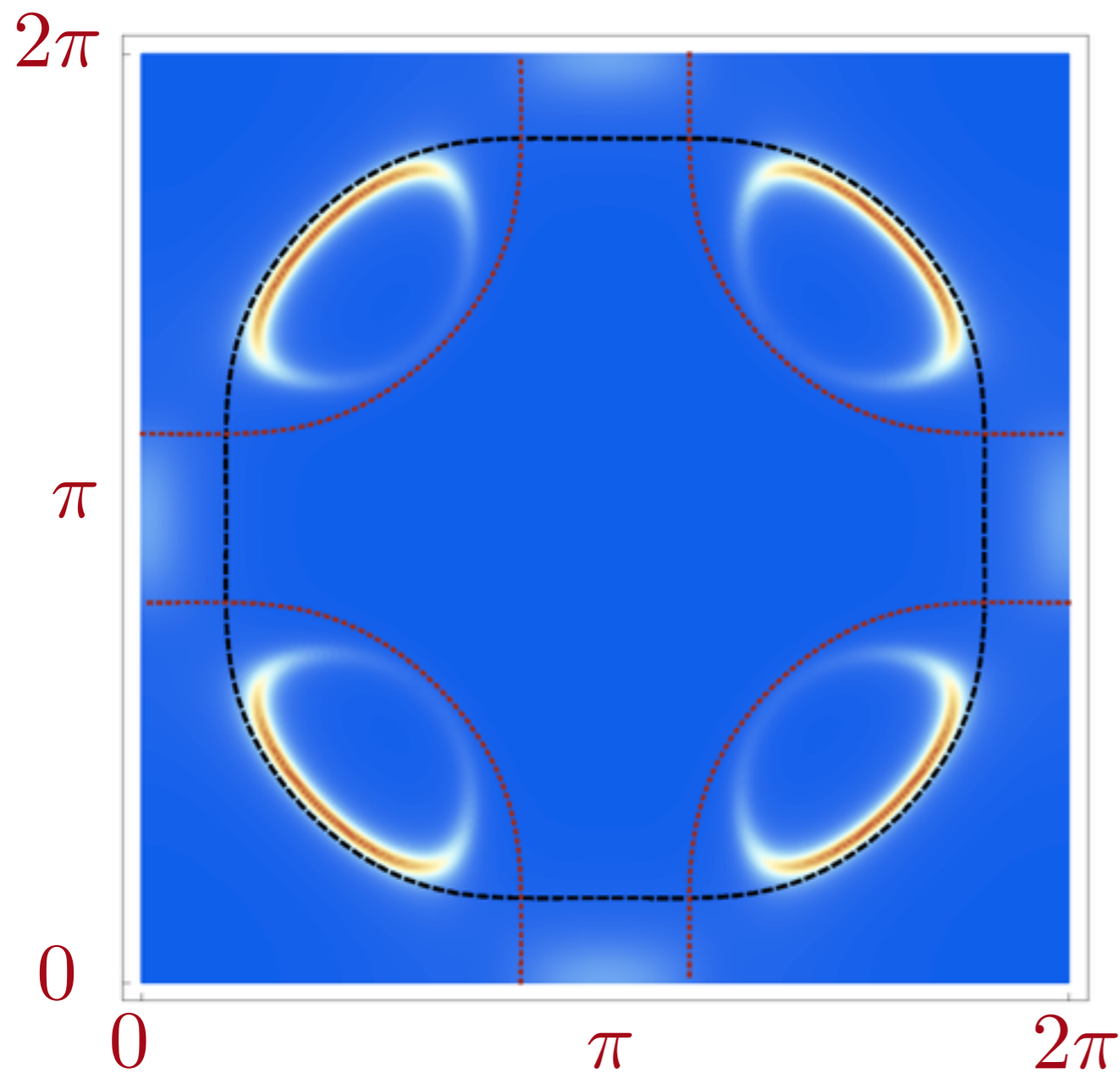


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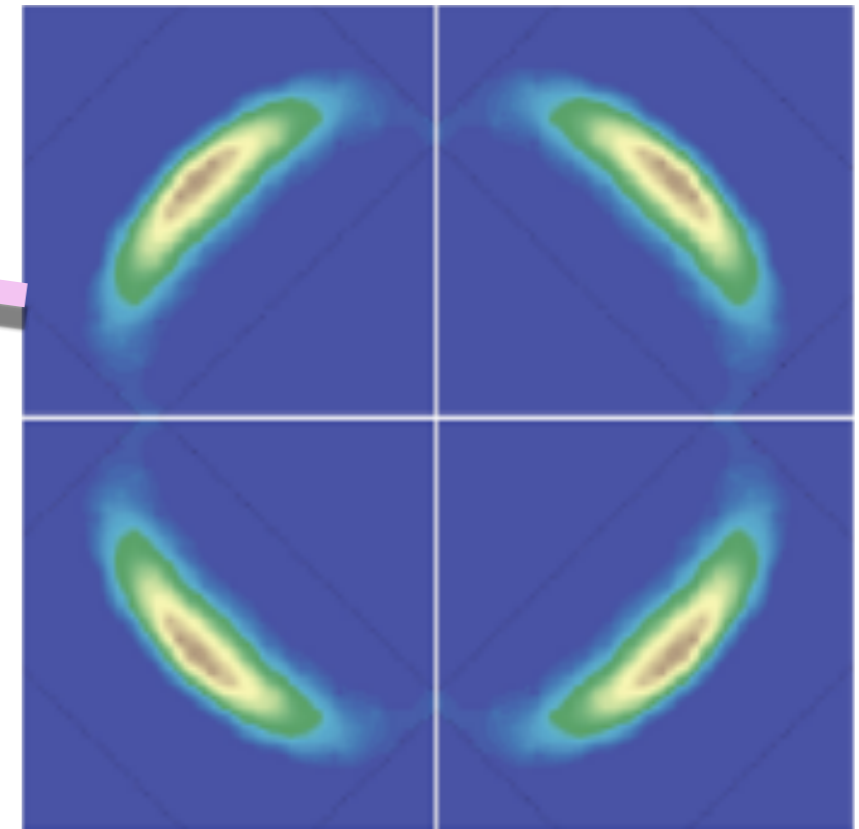
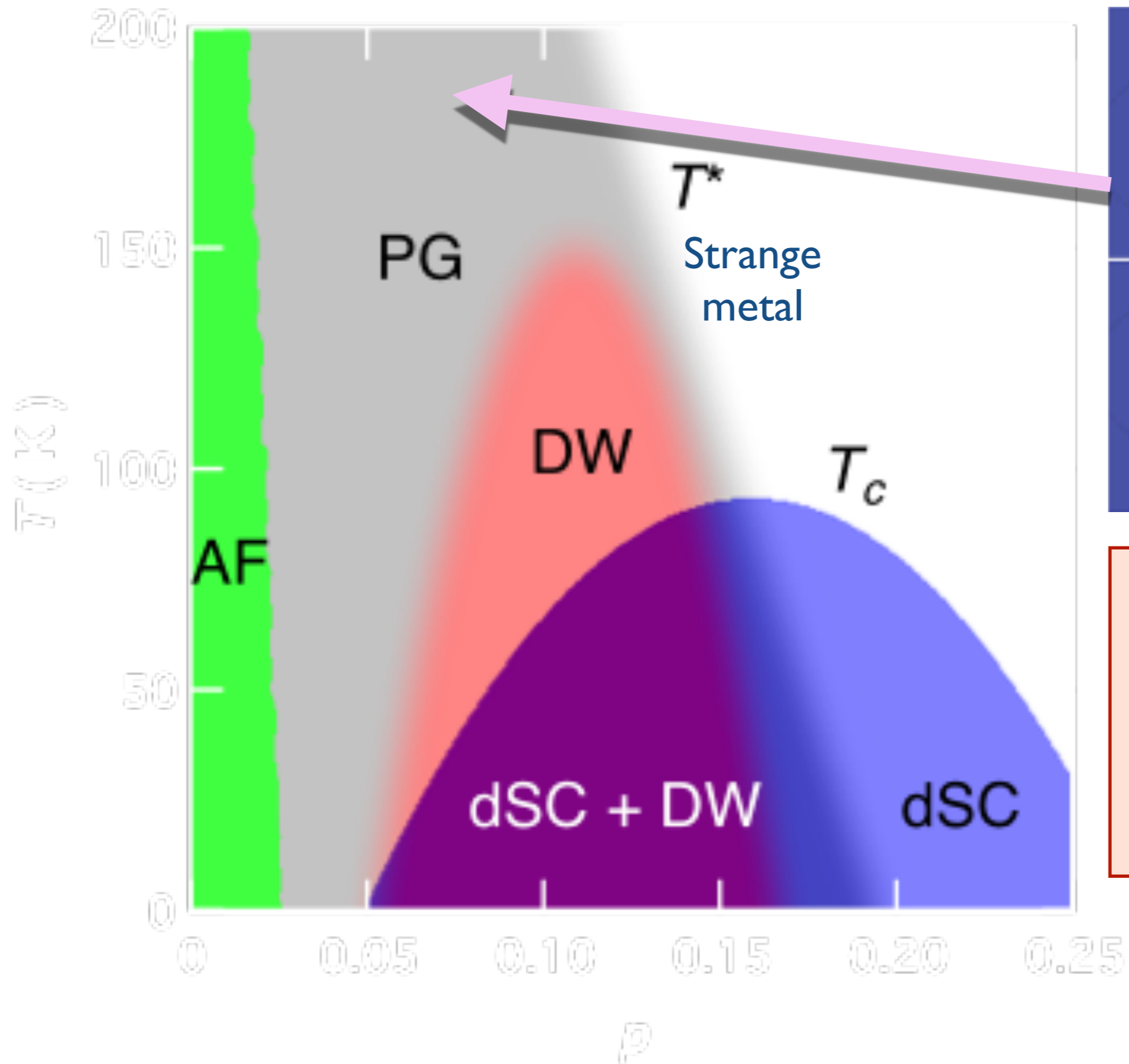


Electron spectral
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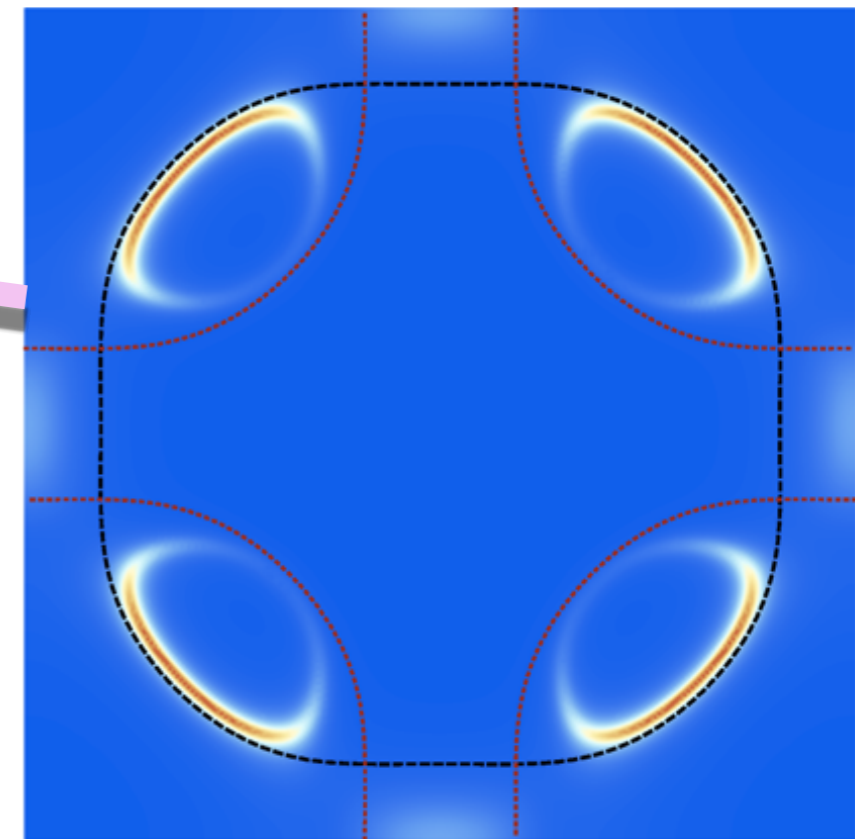
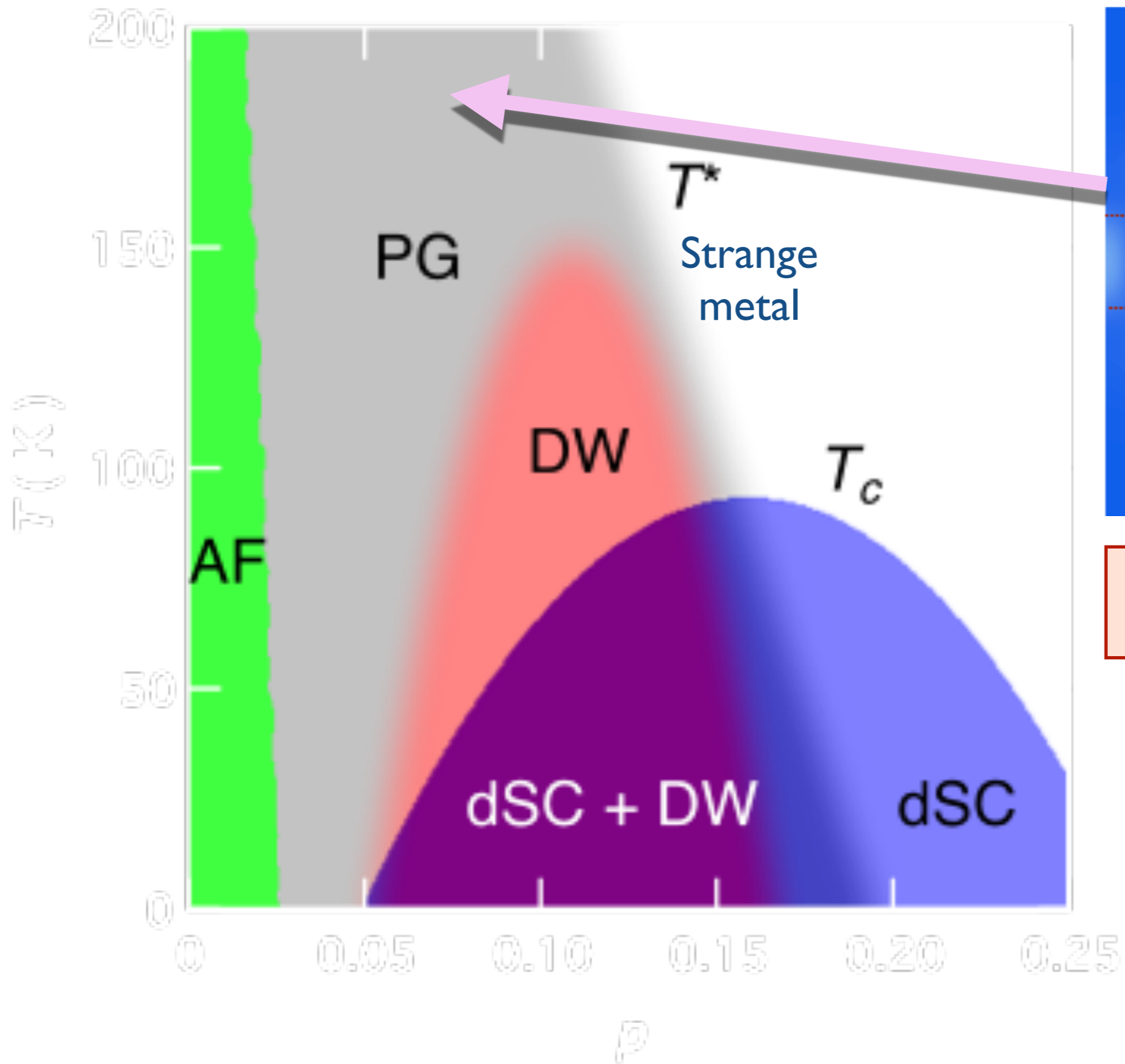
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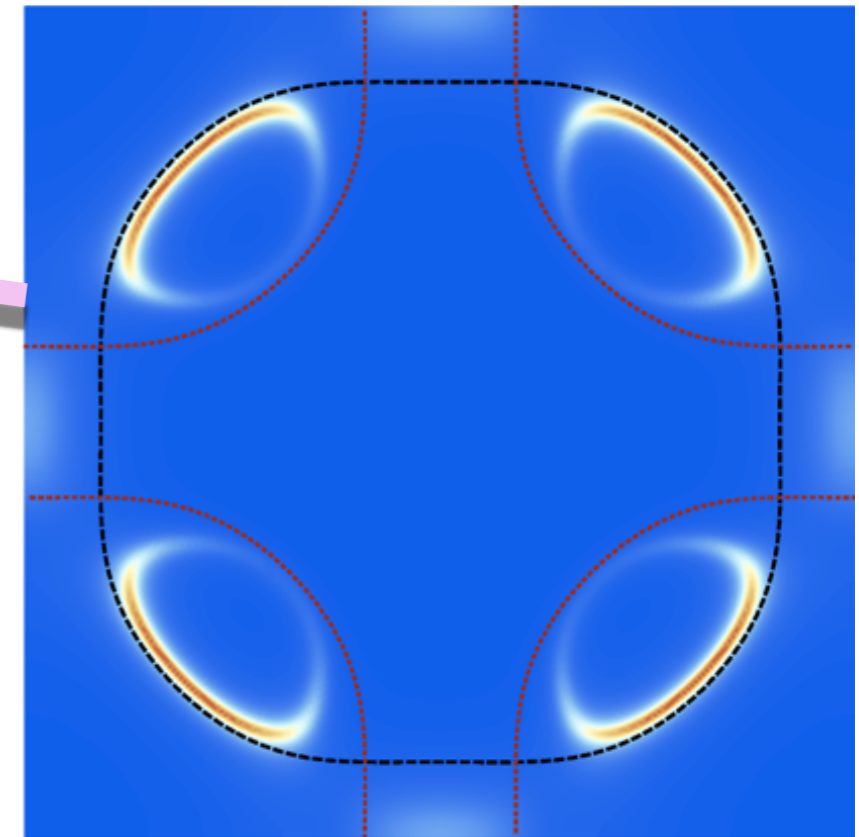
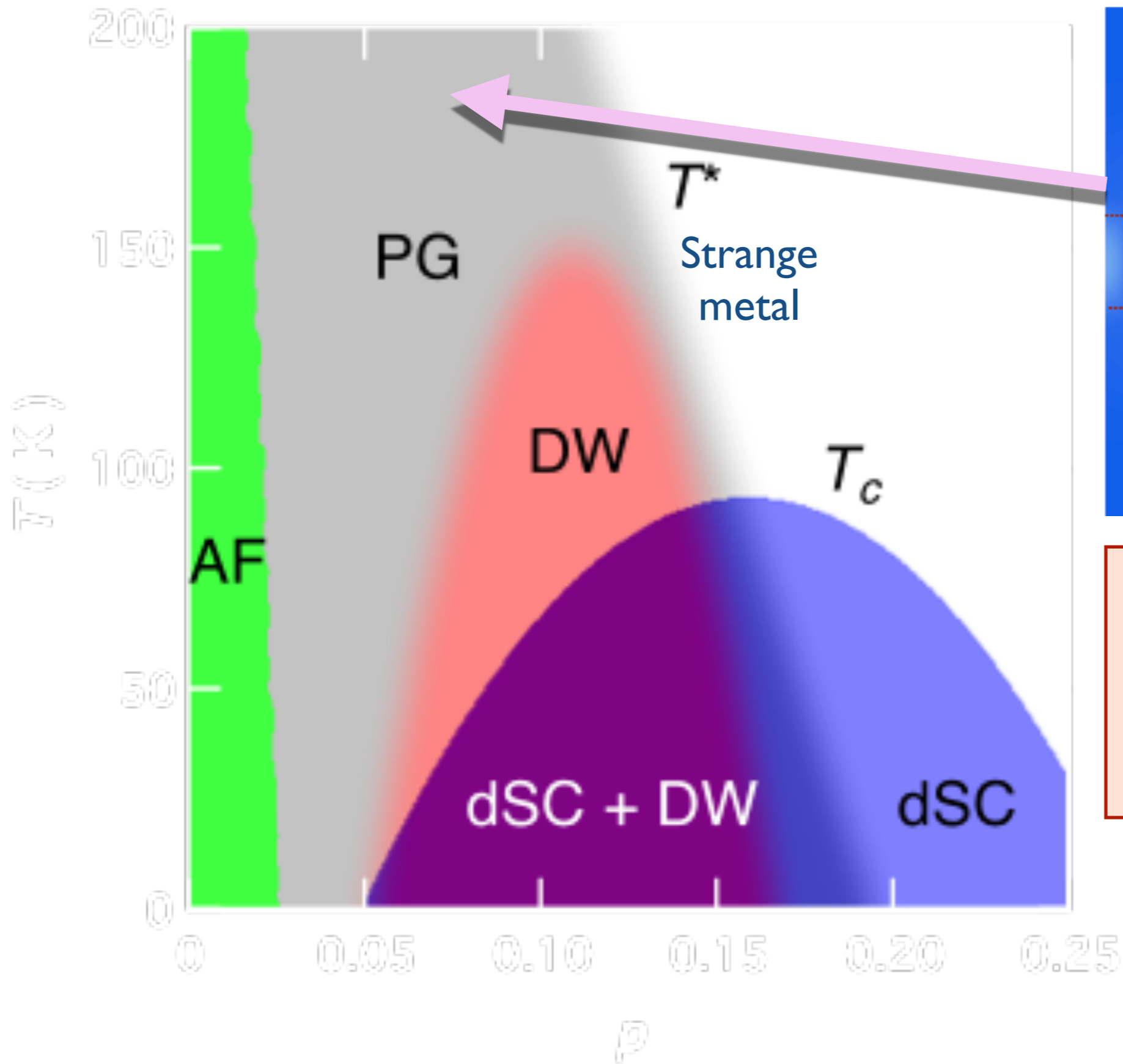
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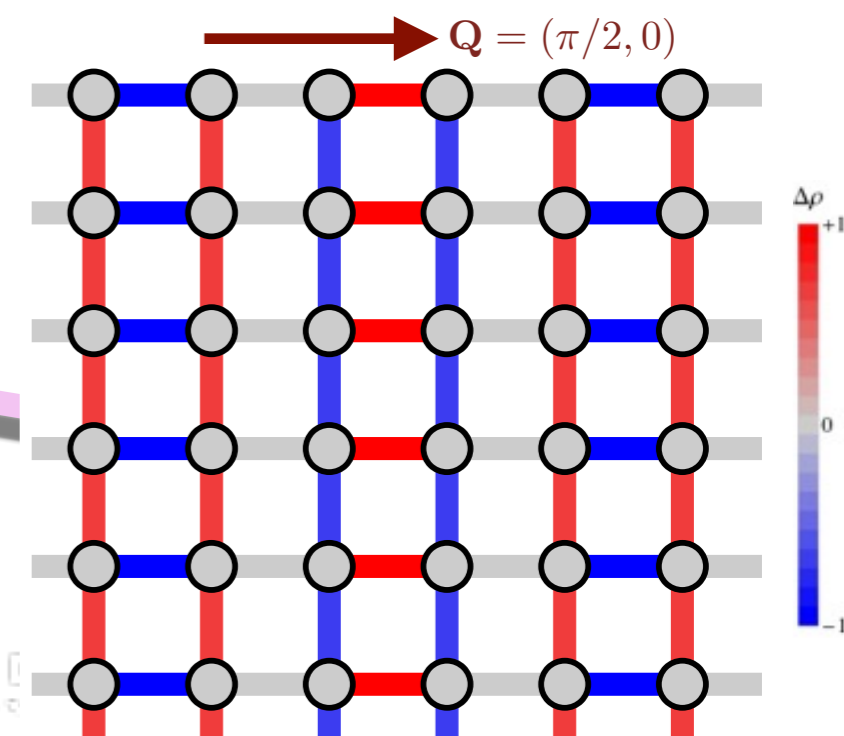
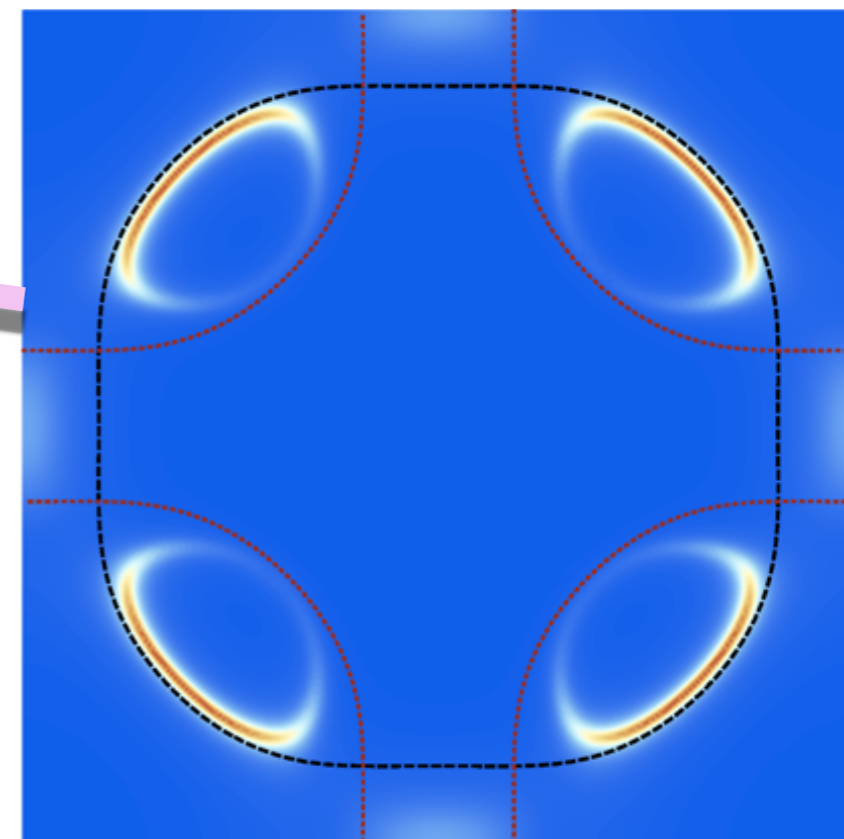
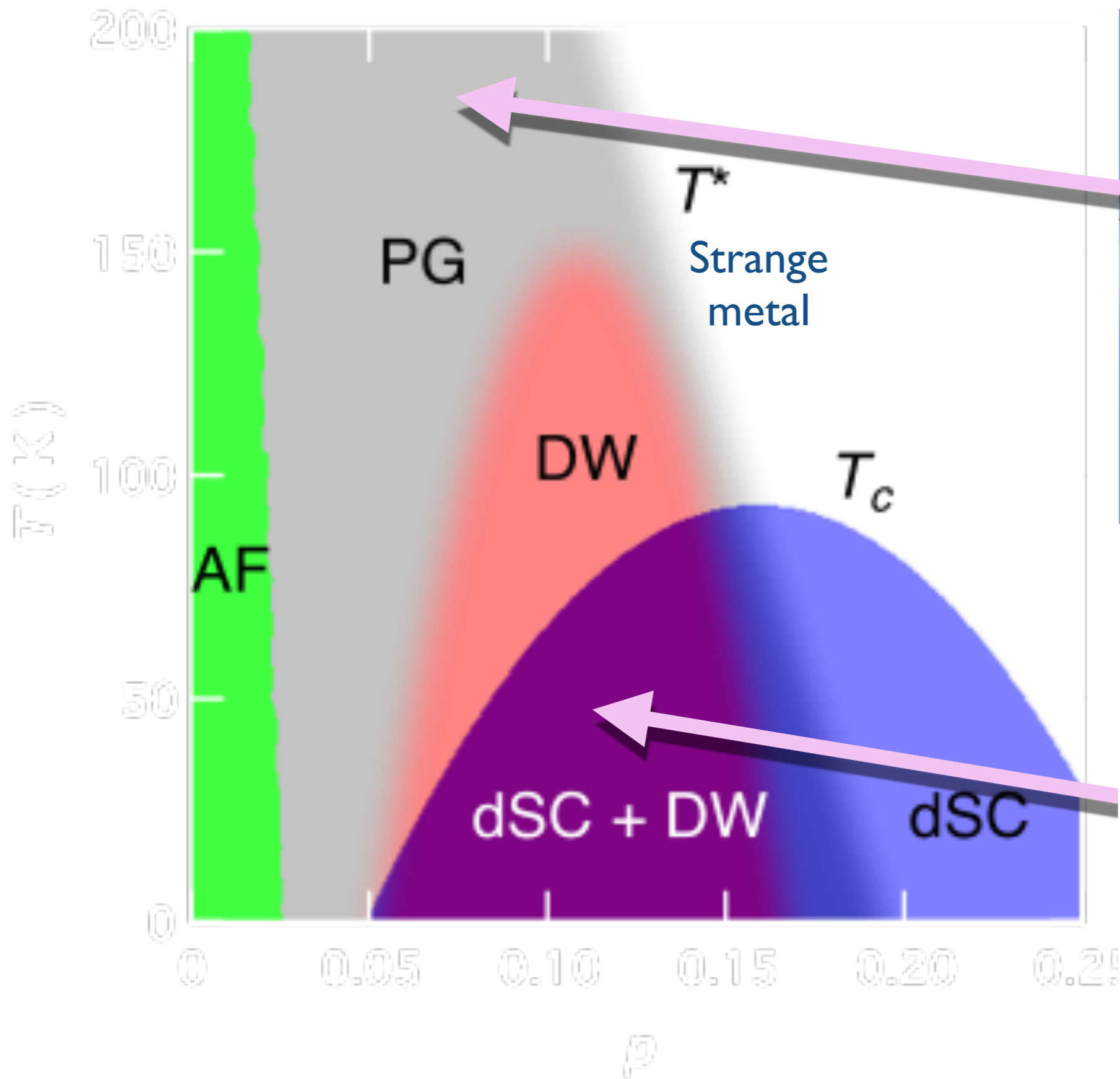
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Expts to detect
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Connecting high and low T

Density wave instabilities

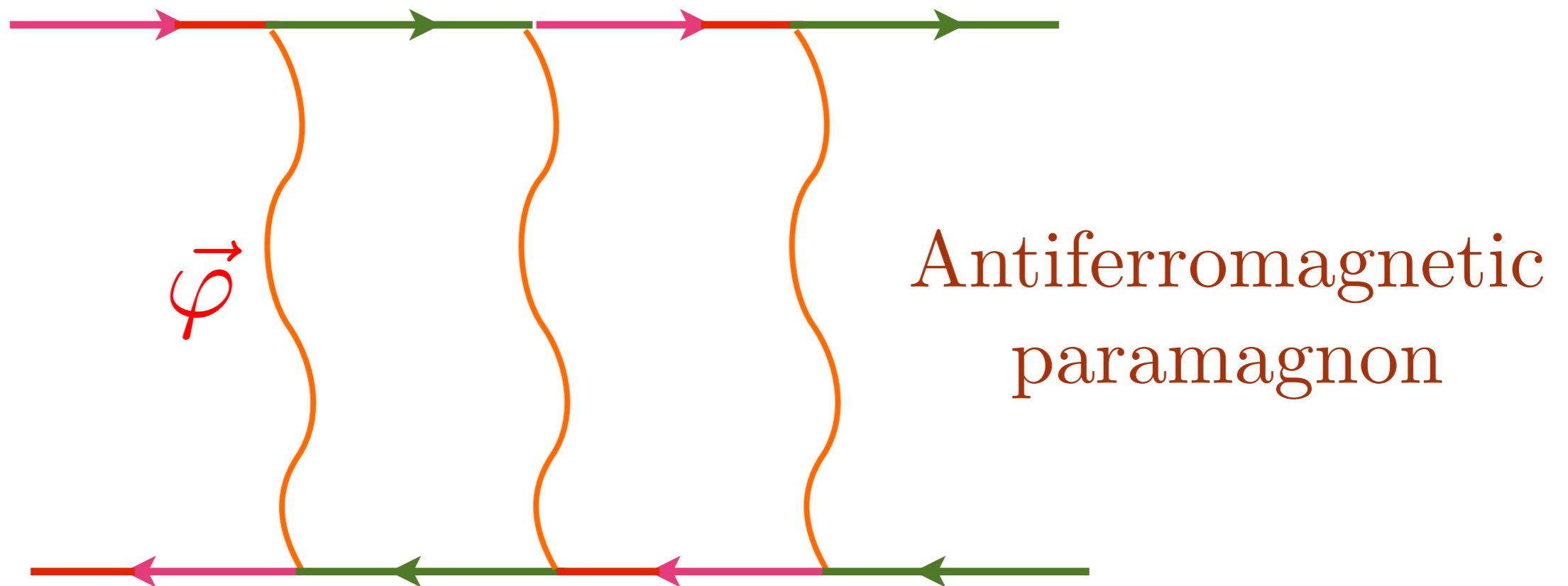
Pairing “glue” for d-wave superconductivity from antiferromagnetic fluctuations



Leads to $\langle c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}\beta}^\dagger \rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \Delta (\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$

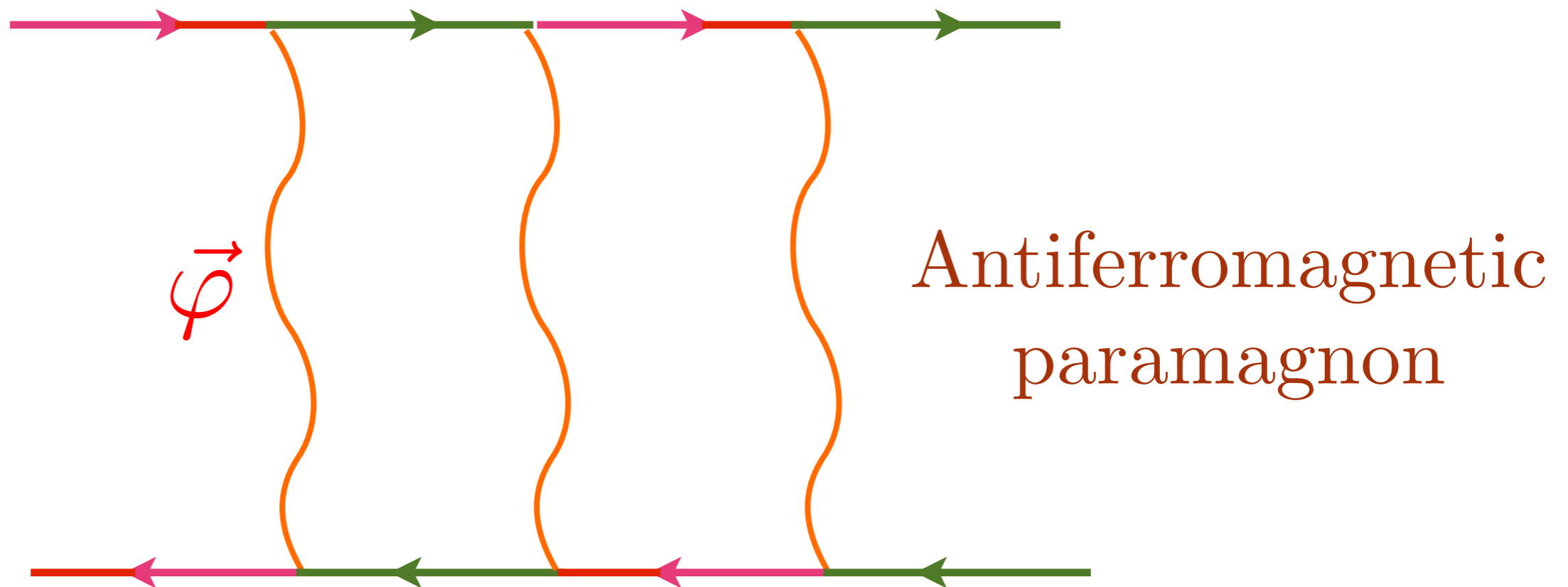
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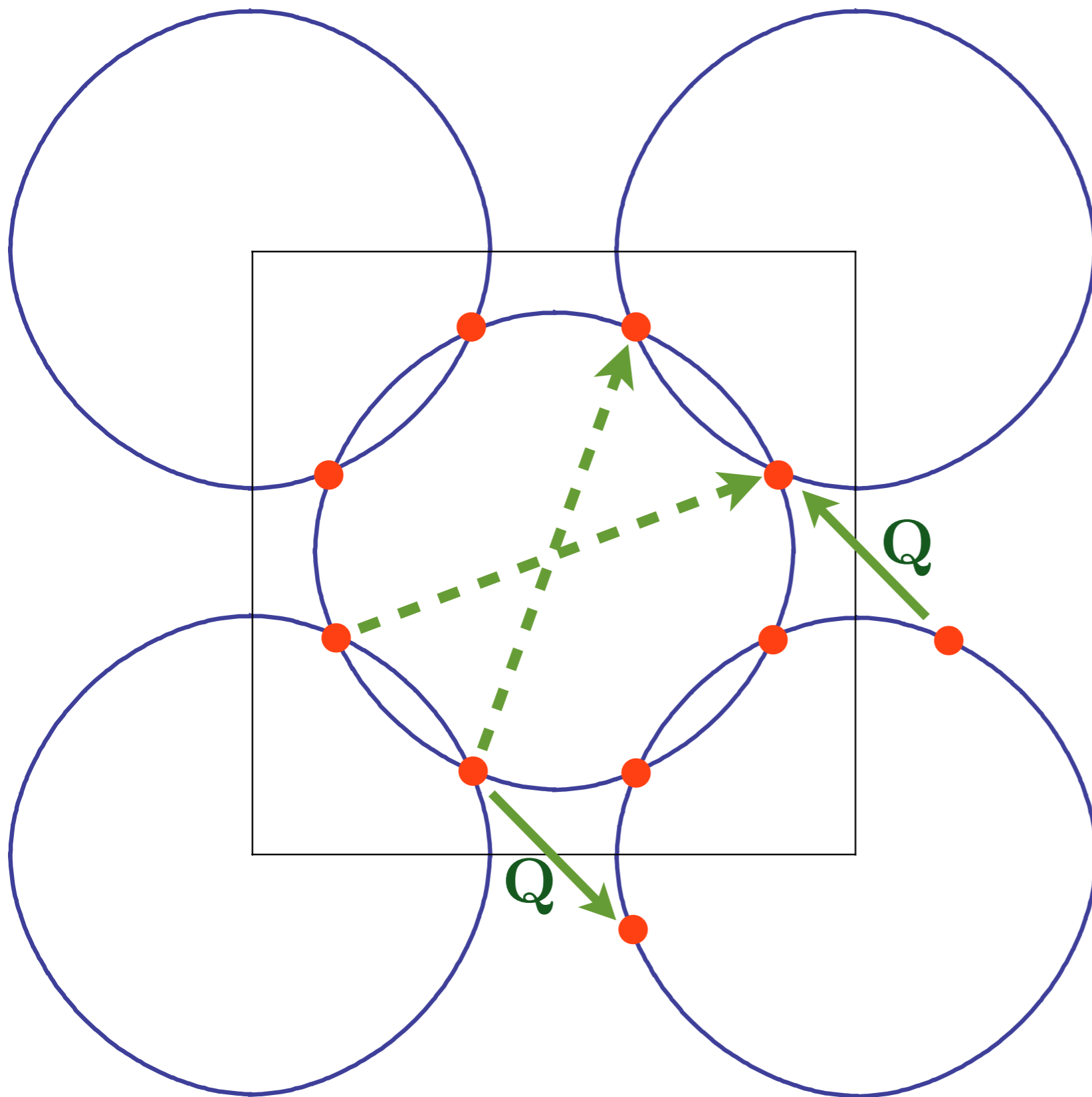


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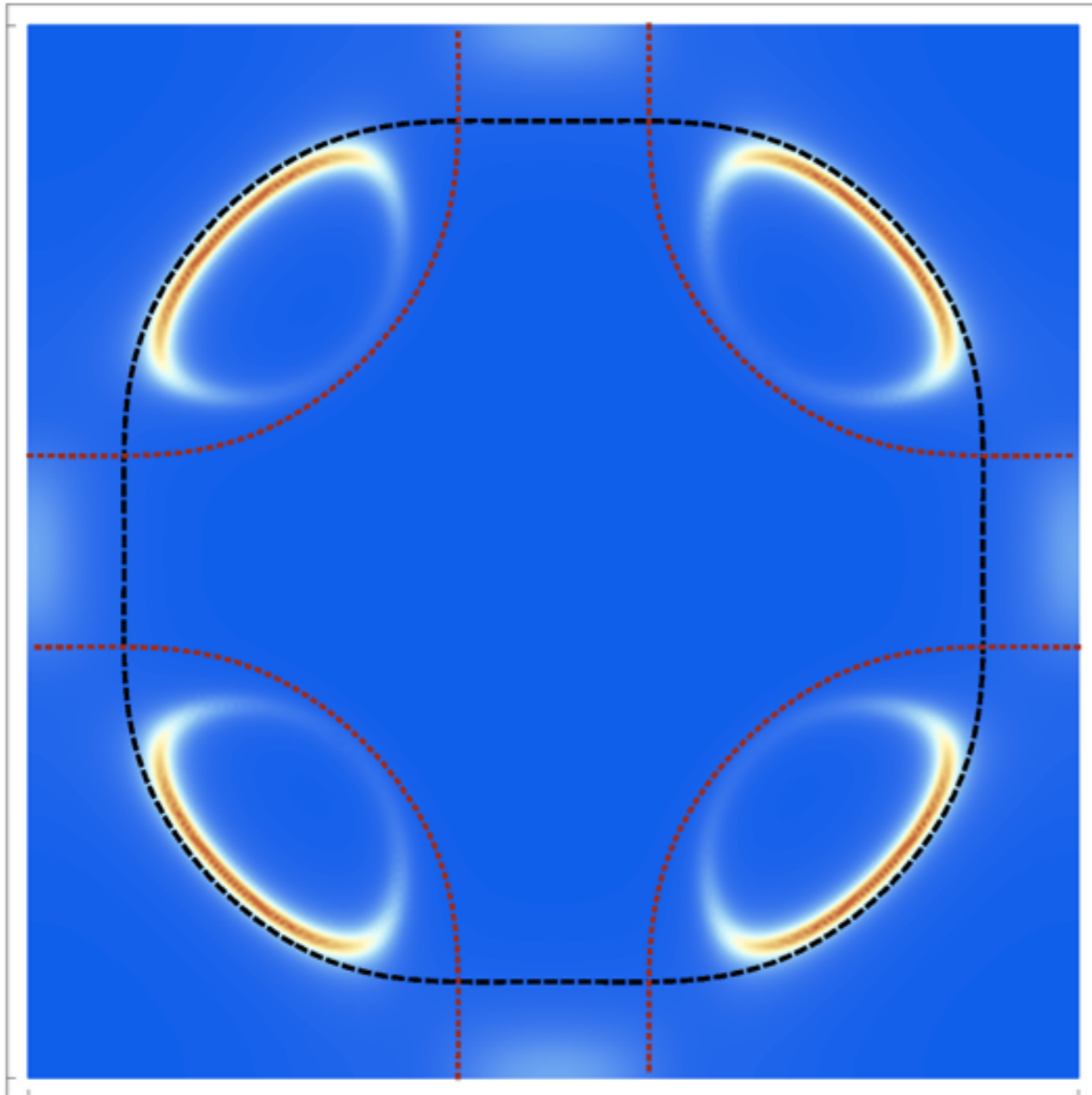


Leads to $\langle c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}/2,\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{Q}/2,\alpha} \rangle =$
 $\mathcal{P}_s + \mathcal{P}_{s'} (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) + \mathcal{P}_d (\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$
 with \mathcal{P}_d dominant.

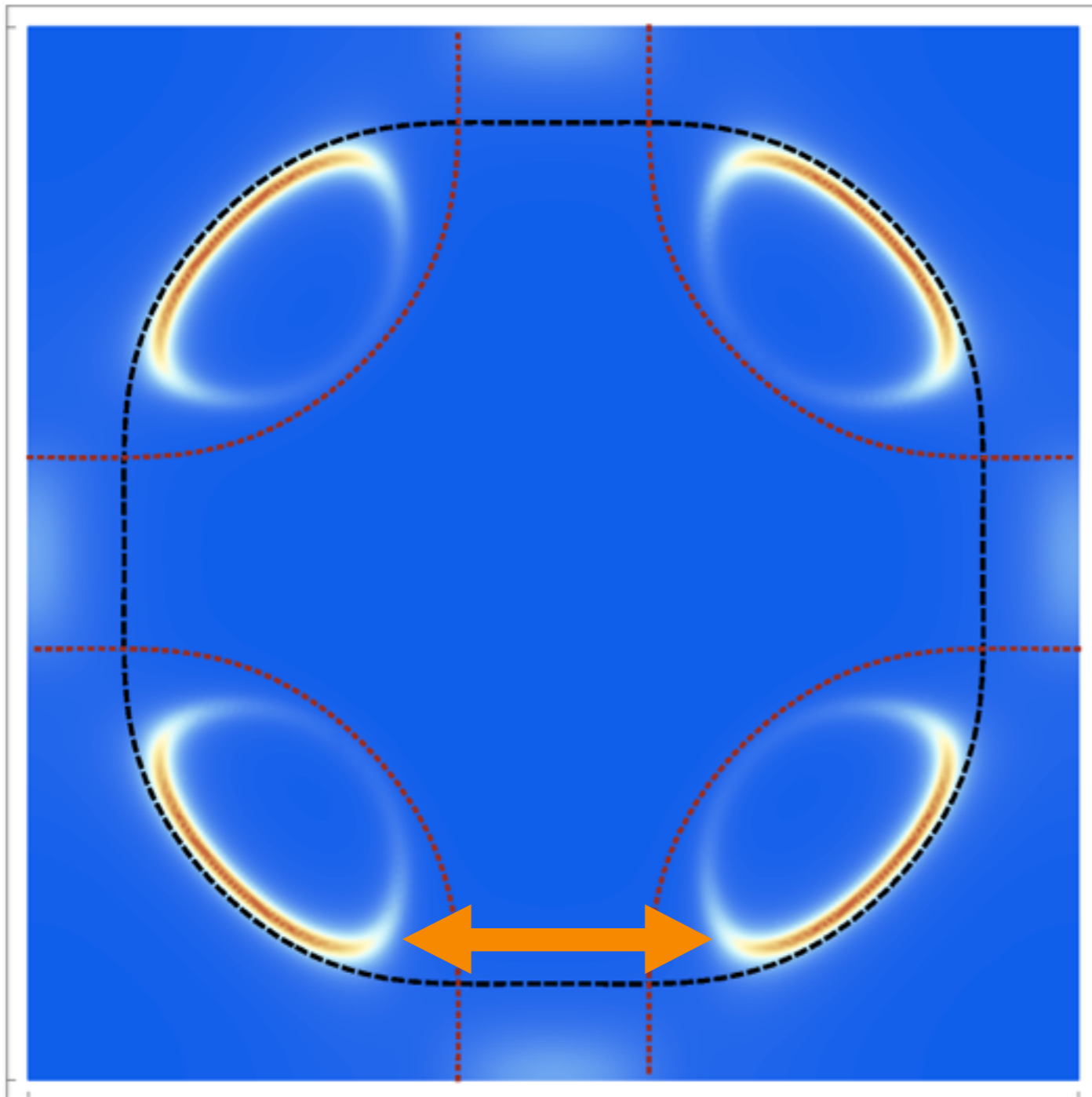


Density wave instability of large Fermi surface leads to an incorrect “diagonal” wavevector

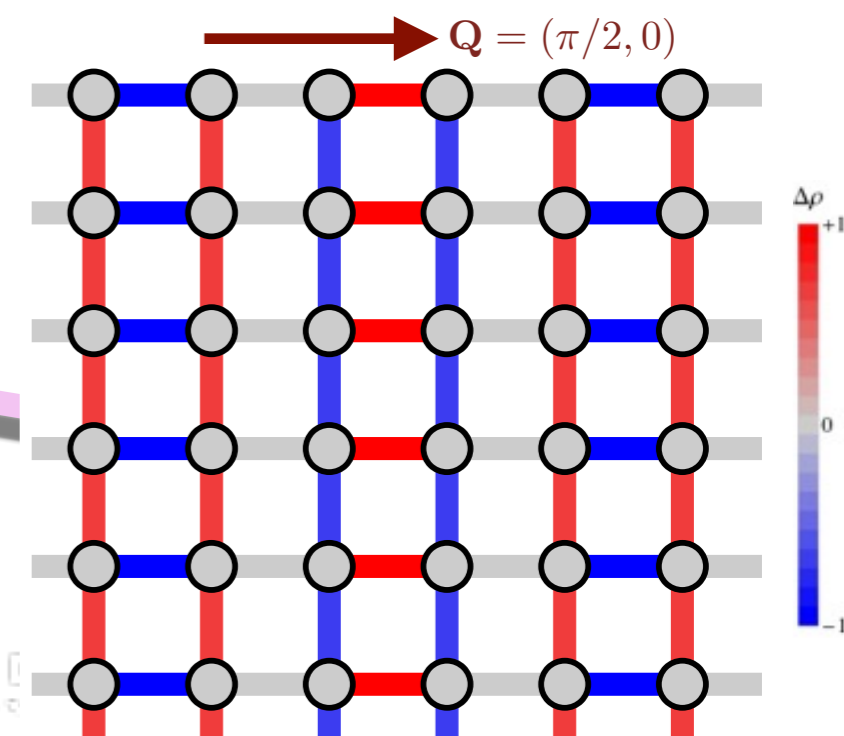
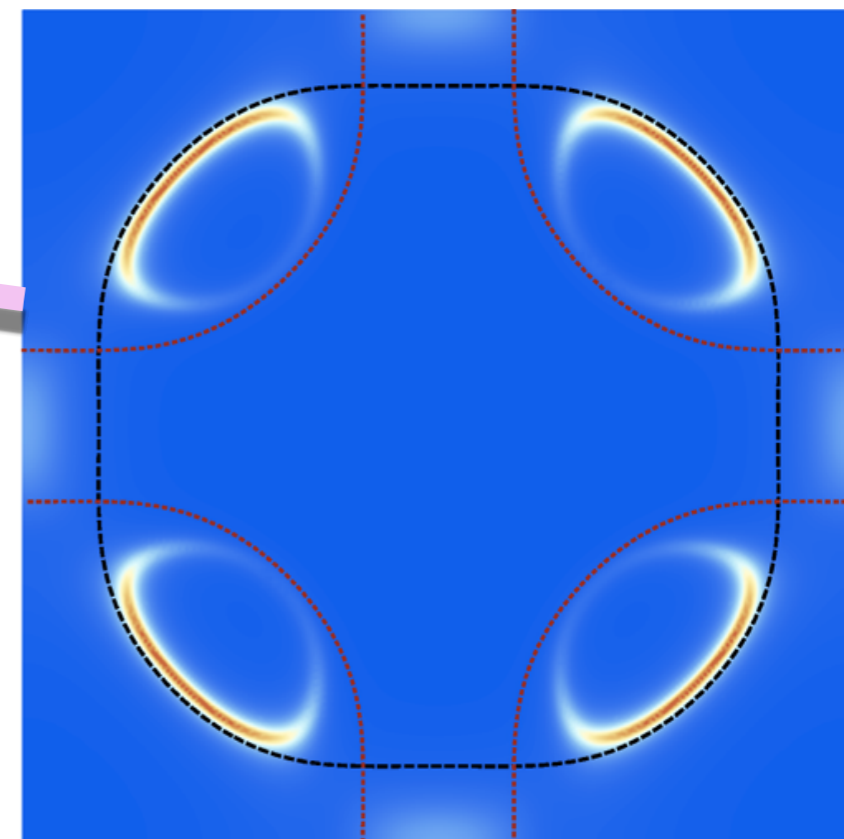
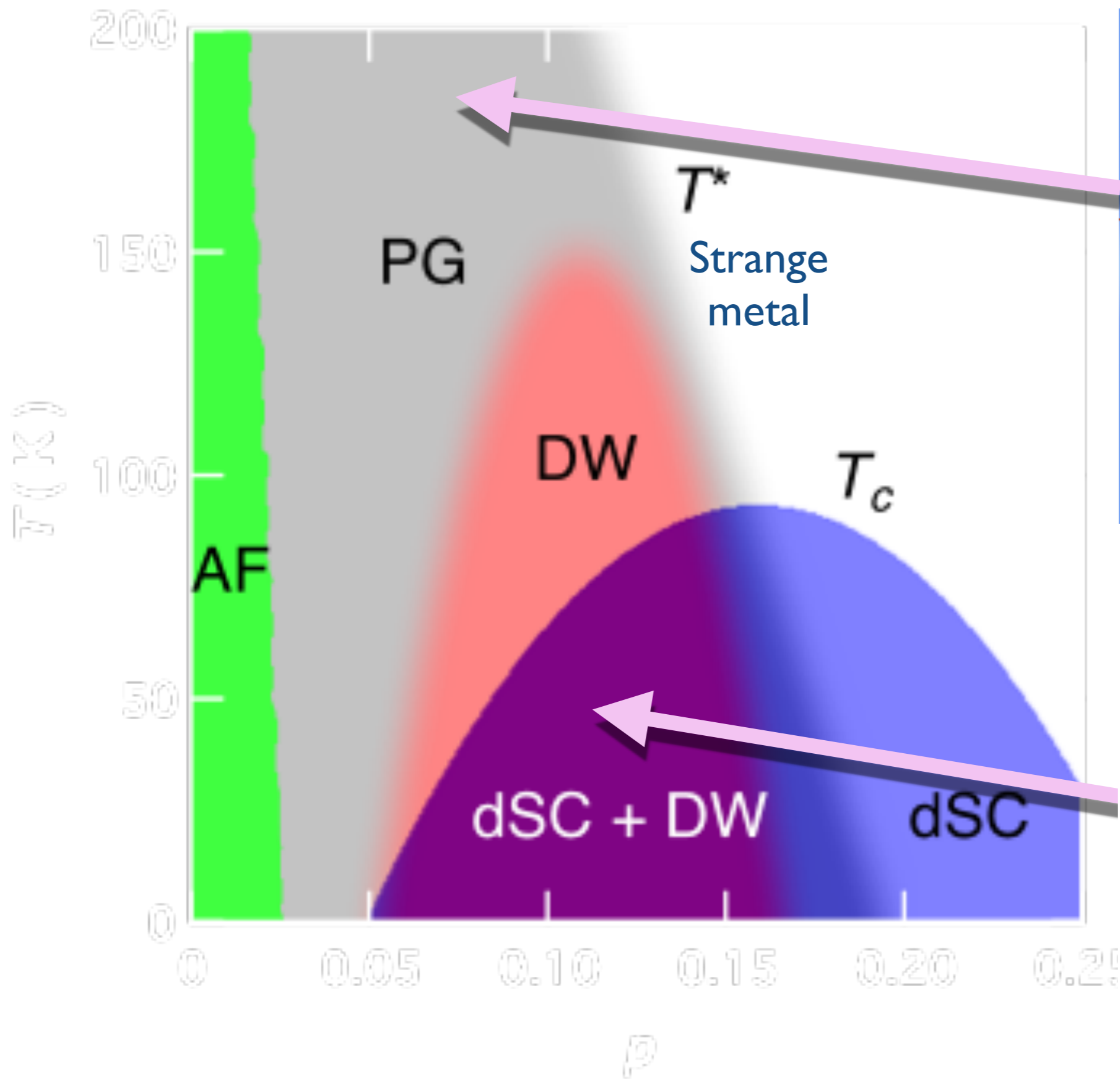
$$\langle c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{Q}/2,\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}/2,\alpha} \rangle = \mathcal{P}_d(\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$$

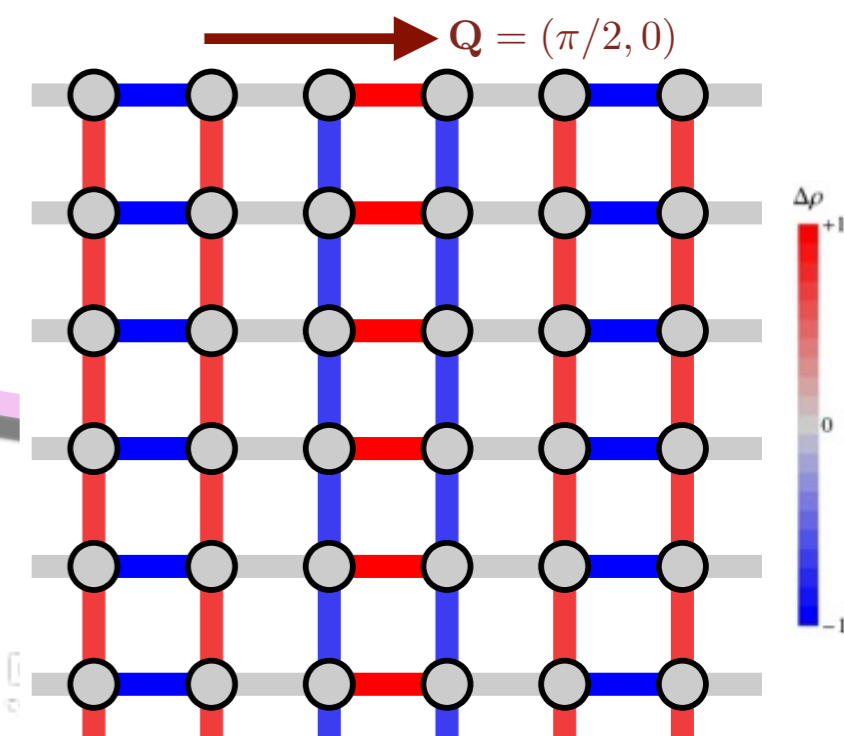
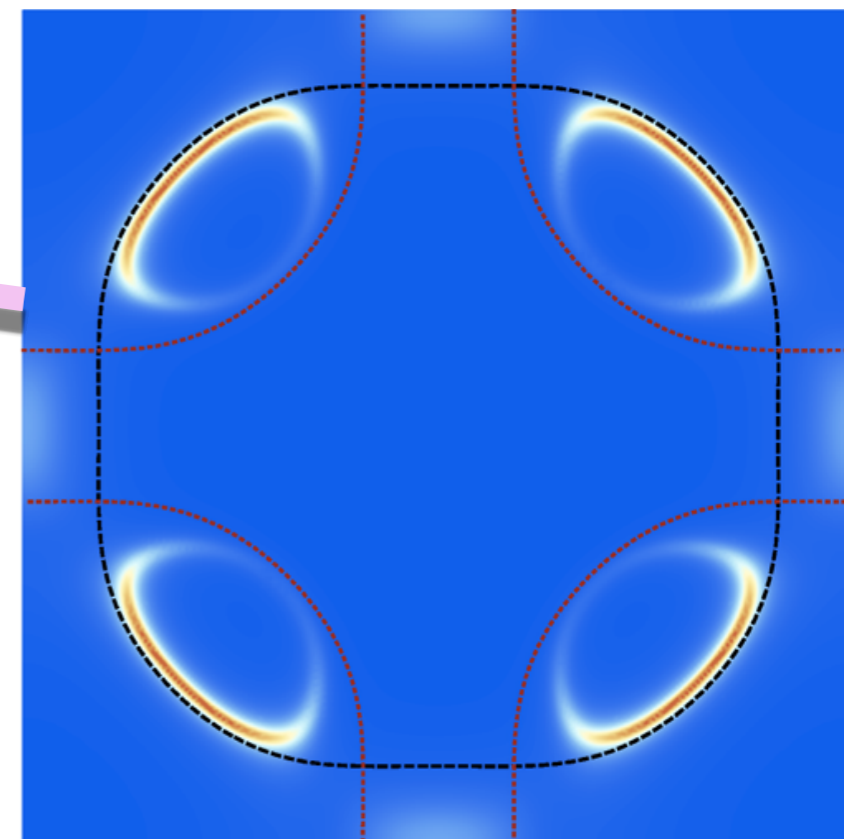
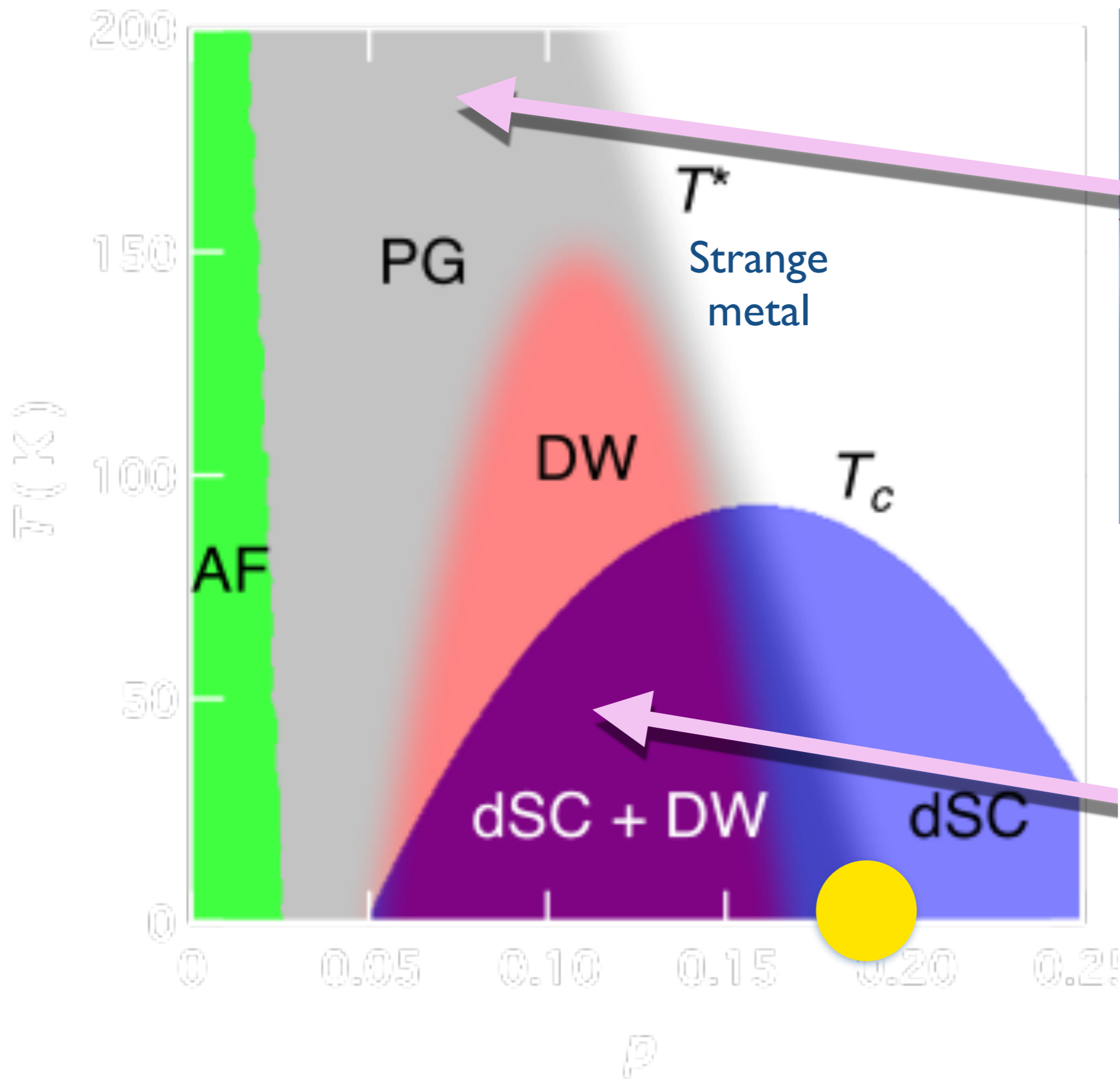


Fermi
surface
of FL*



Density wave
instability of
 FL^* leads to the
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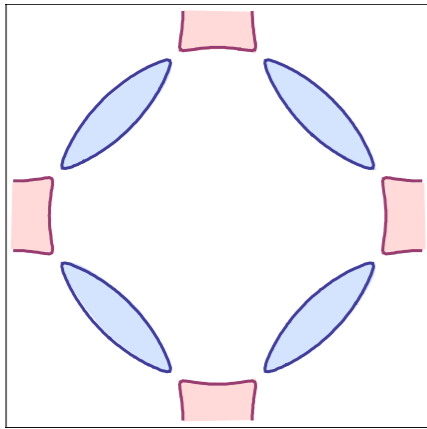
Quantum critical point near optimal p

*Higgs transition in a metal,
not directly involving any broken symmetry*

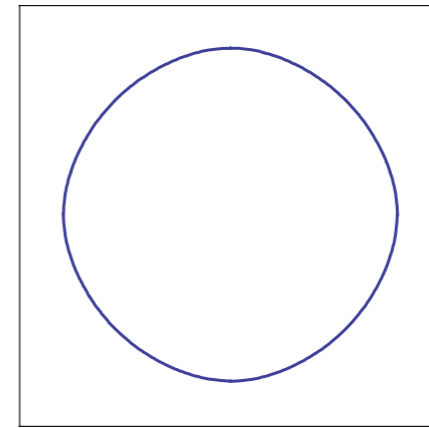
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Conventional
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(A) AFM order with
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(B) Fermi liquid with
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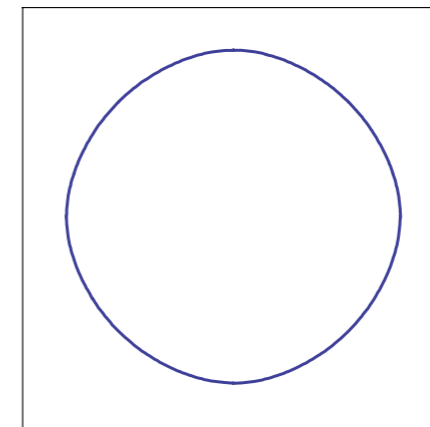
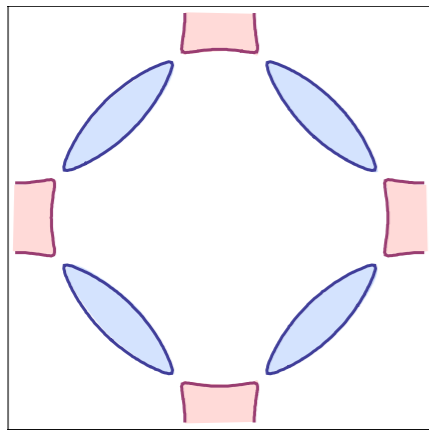
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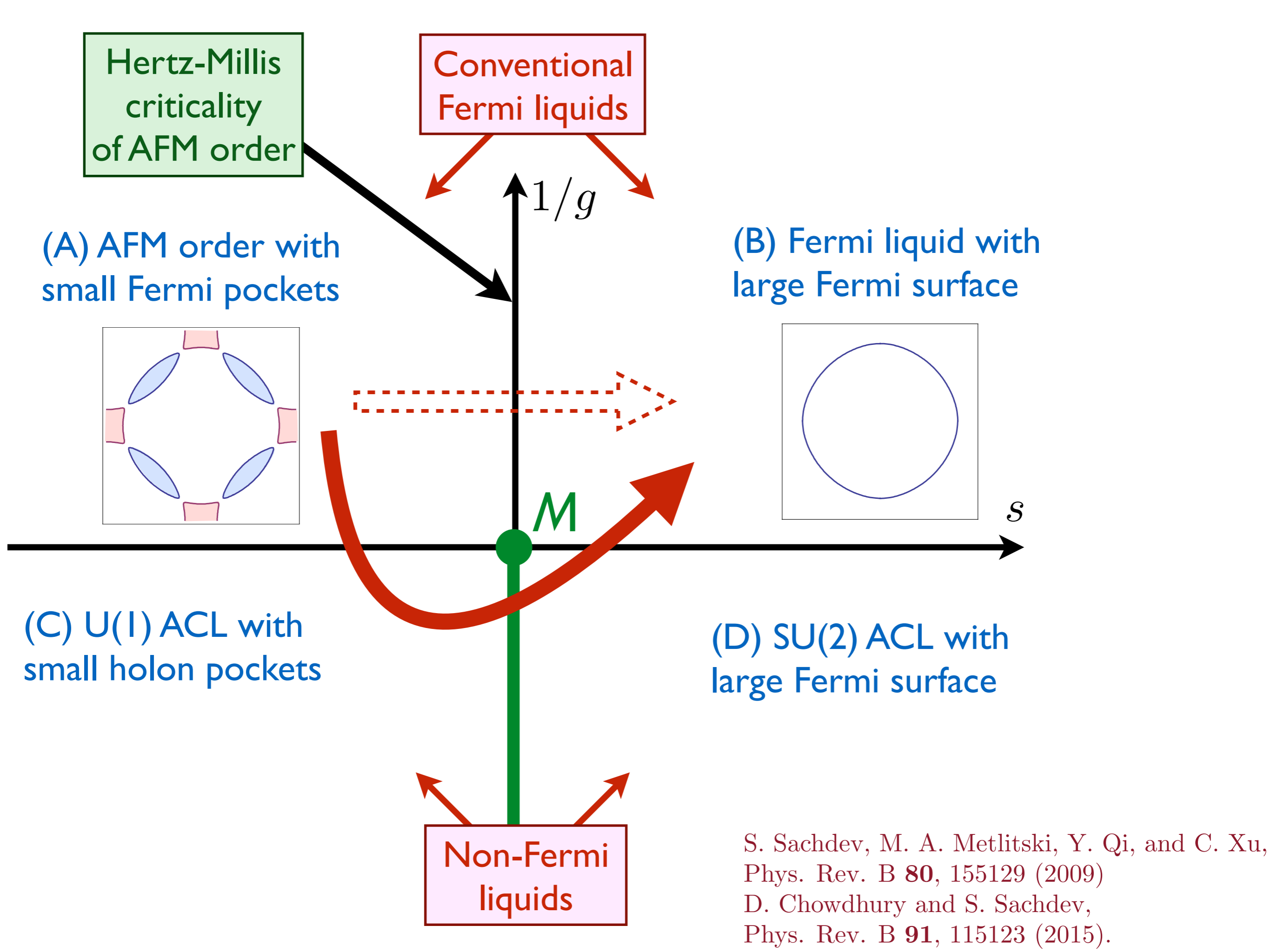


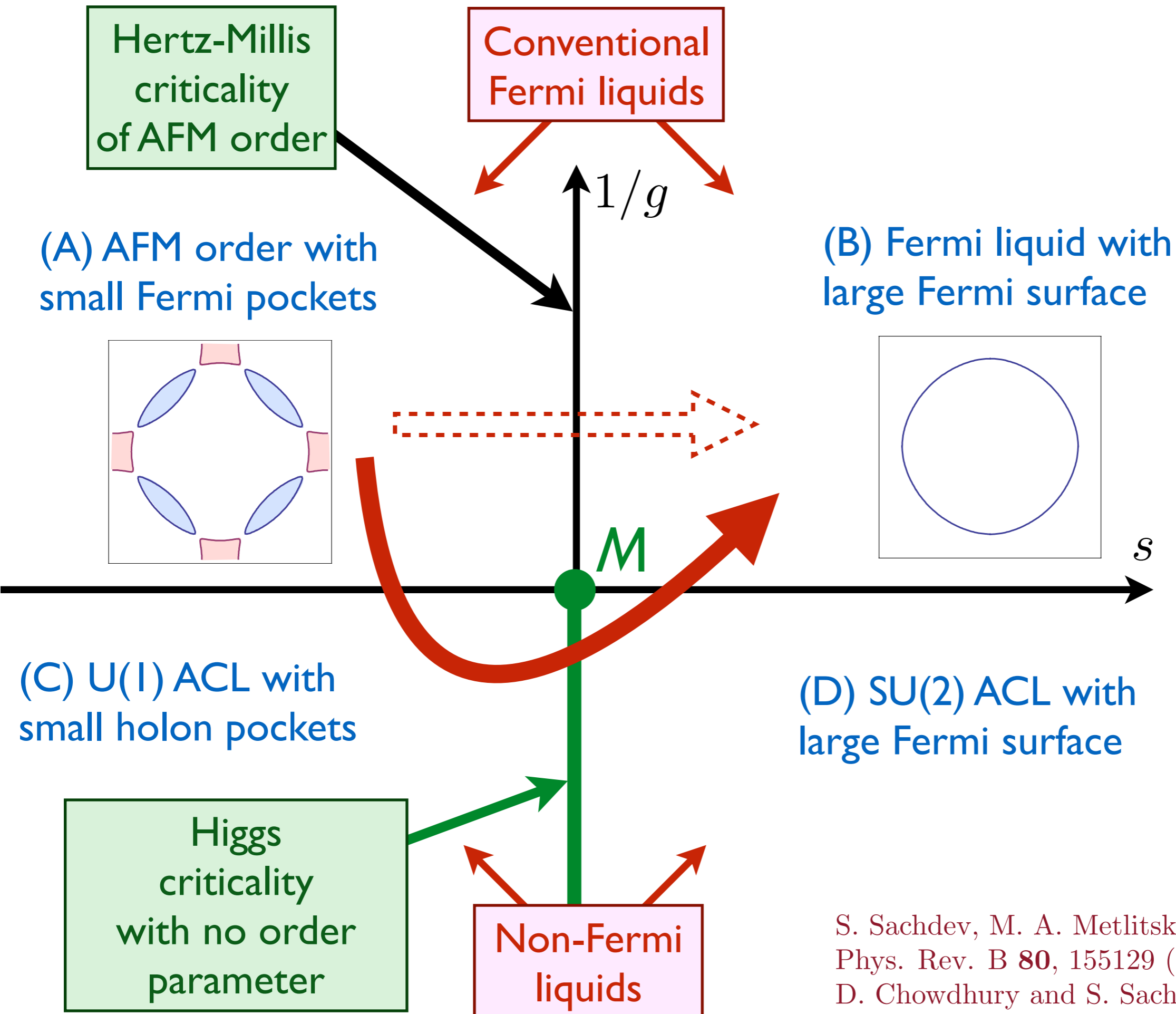
(C) U(1) ACL with
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(D) SU(2) ACL with
large Fermi surface

Non-Fermi
liquids

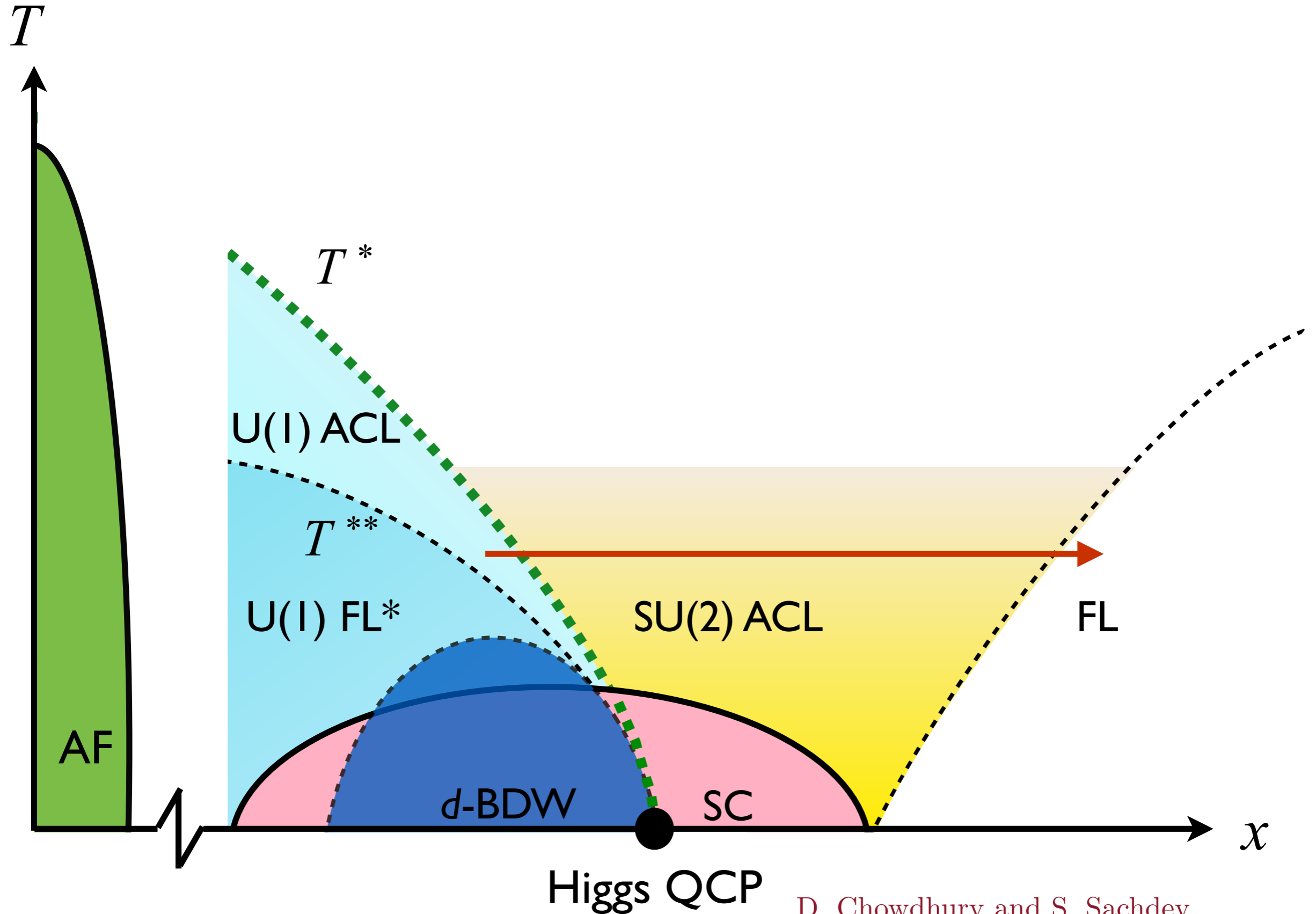
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SU(2) gauge theory for underlying quantum critical point



Conclusions

1. Predicted d -form factor density wave order observed in the non-La hole-doped cuprate superconductors.
2. The “electron becomes a dimer” in the pseudogap metal: proposed a quantum dimer model.
3. Can we experimentally detect possible “topological order” in the pseudogap metal ?
(topological order is directly linked to Fermi surface size)

