

# The pseudogap metal and FL\* (a “topological” Fermi liquid)

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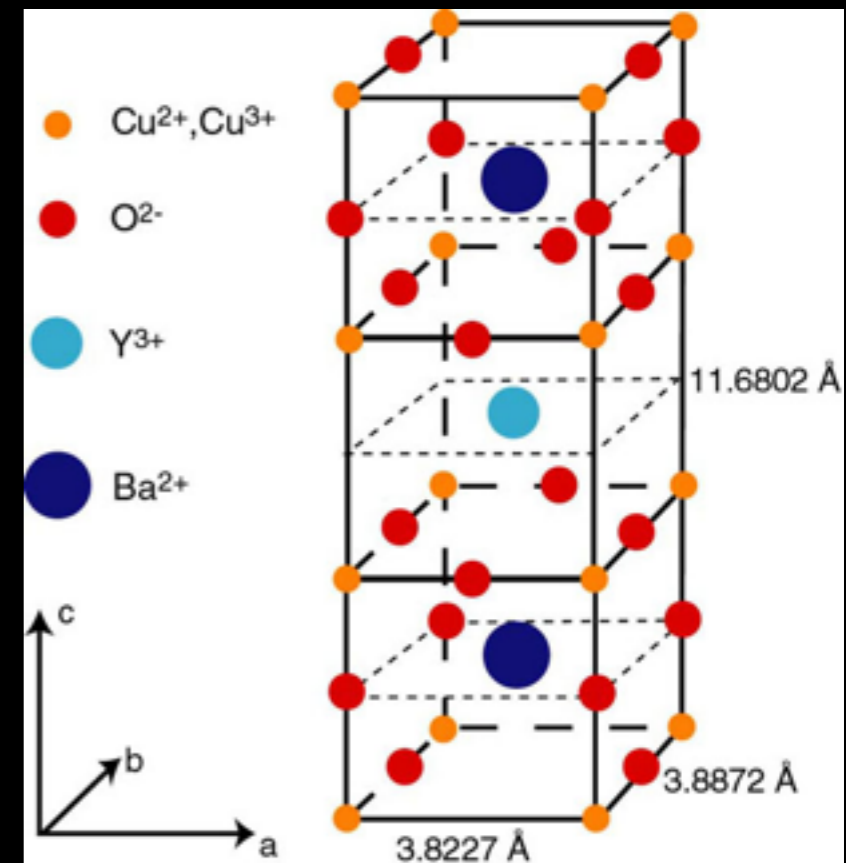
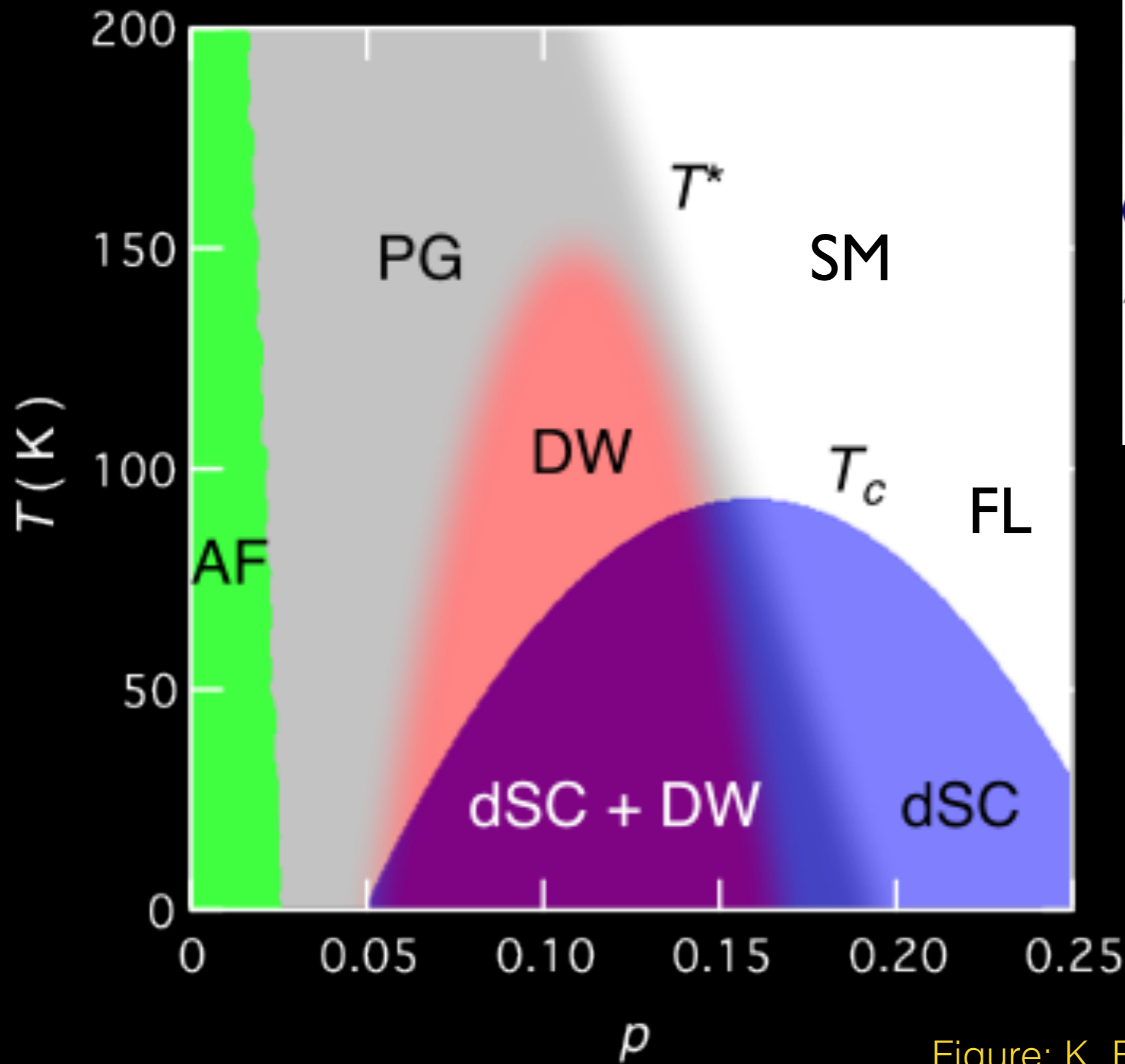
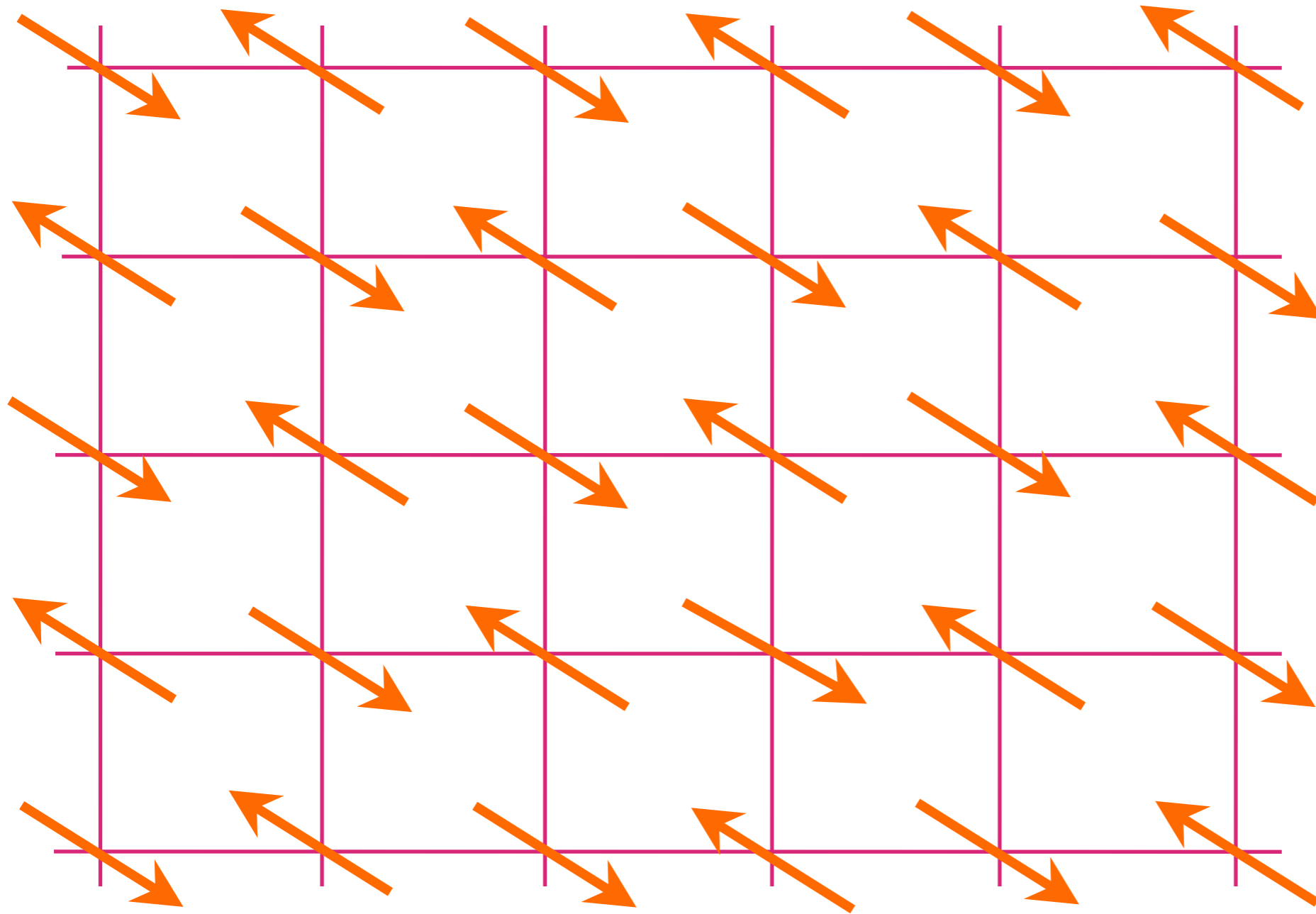
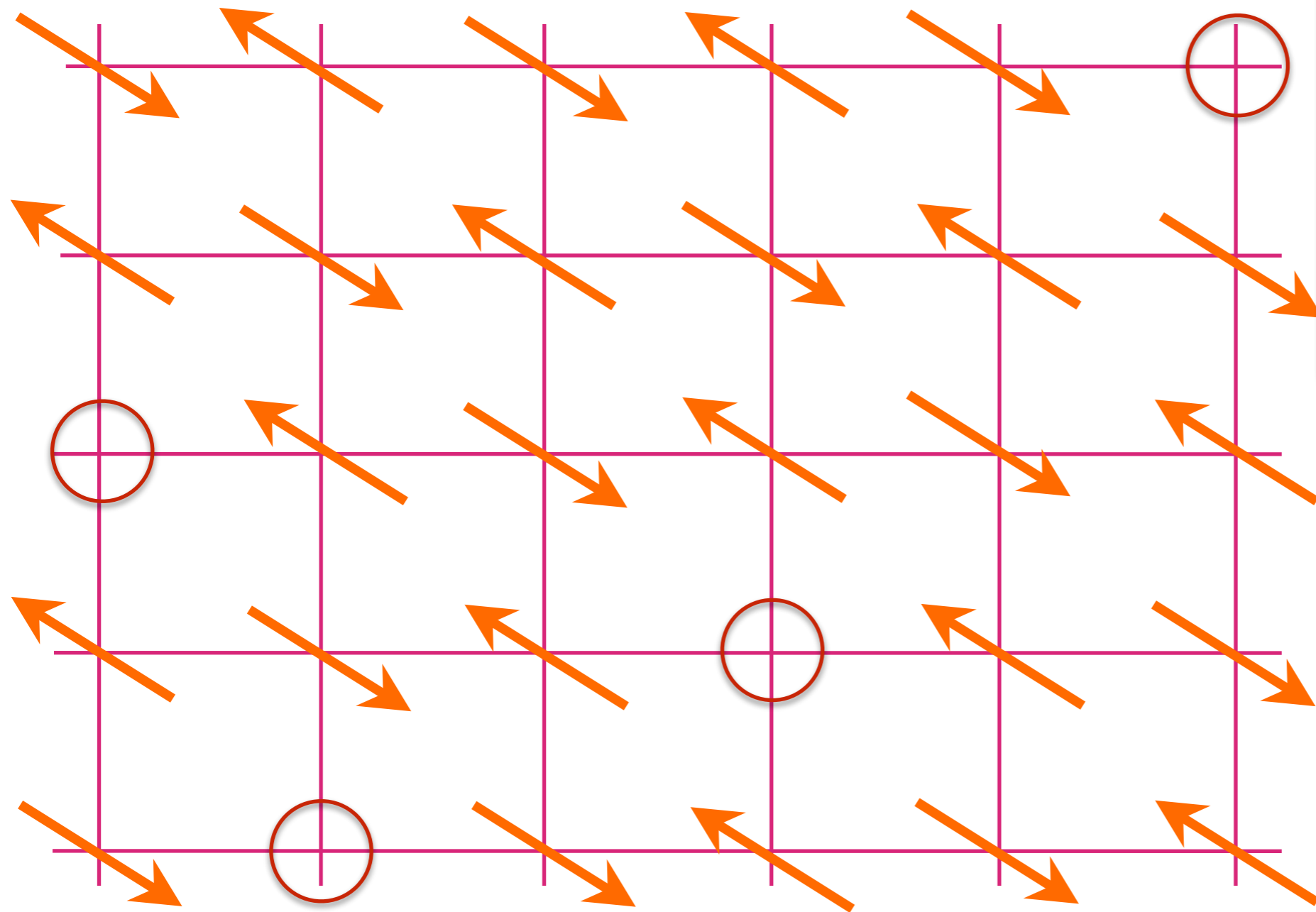


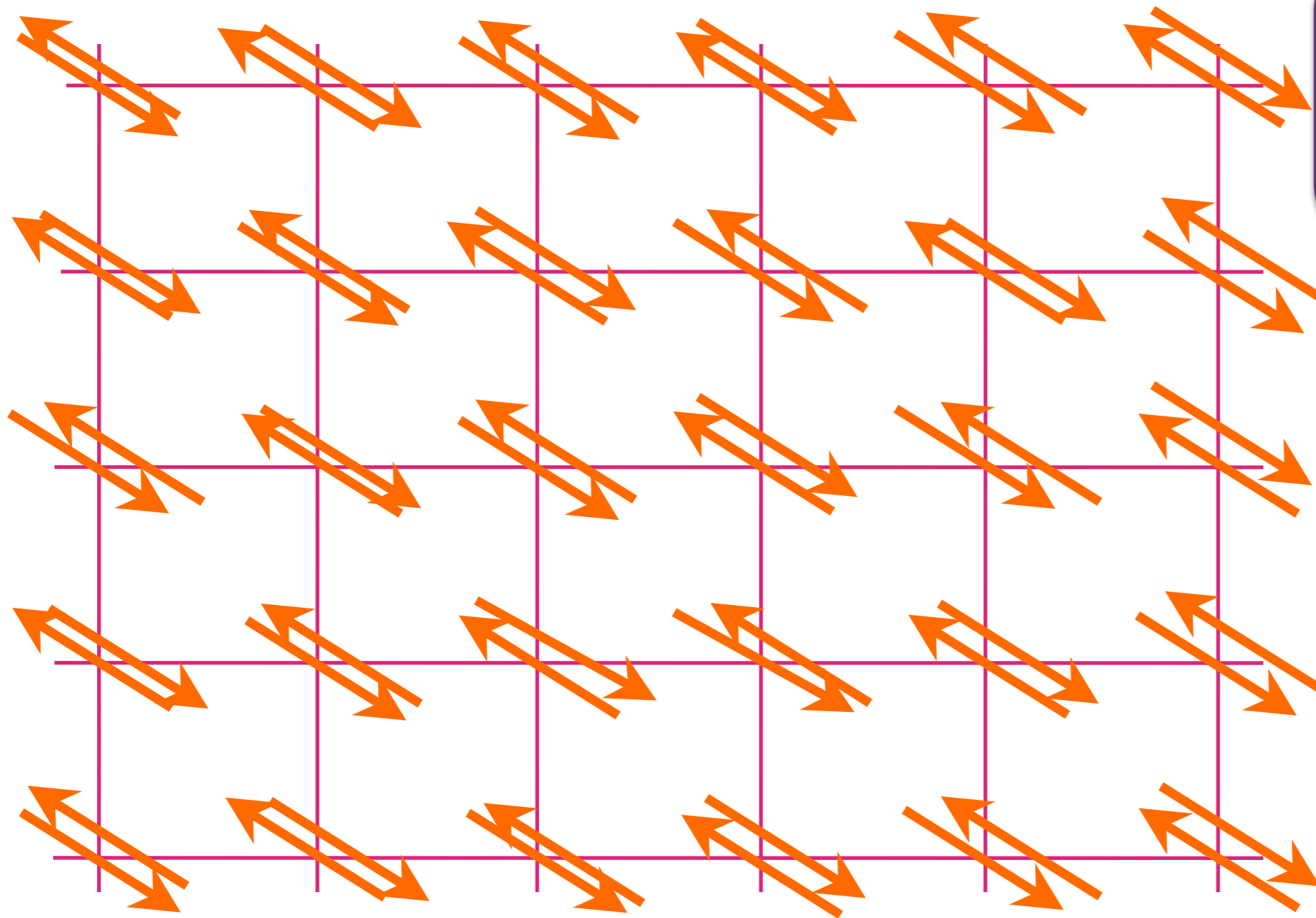
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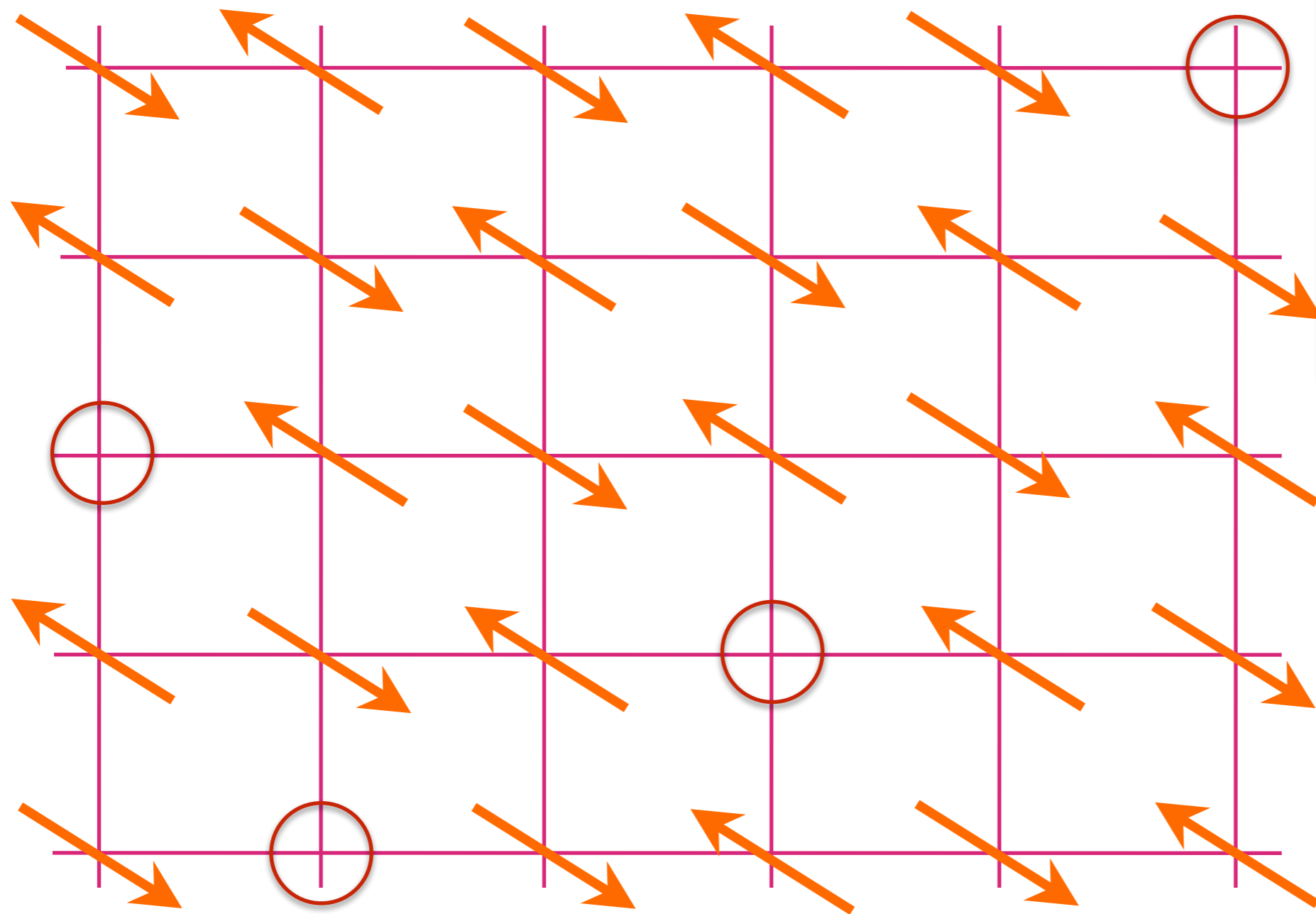
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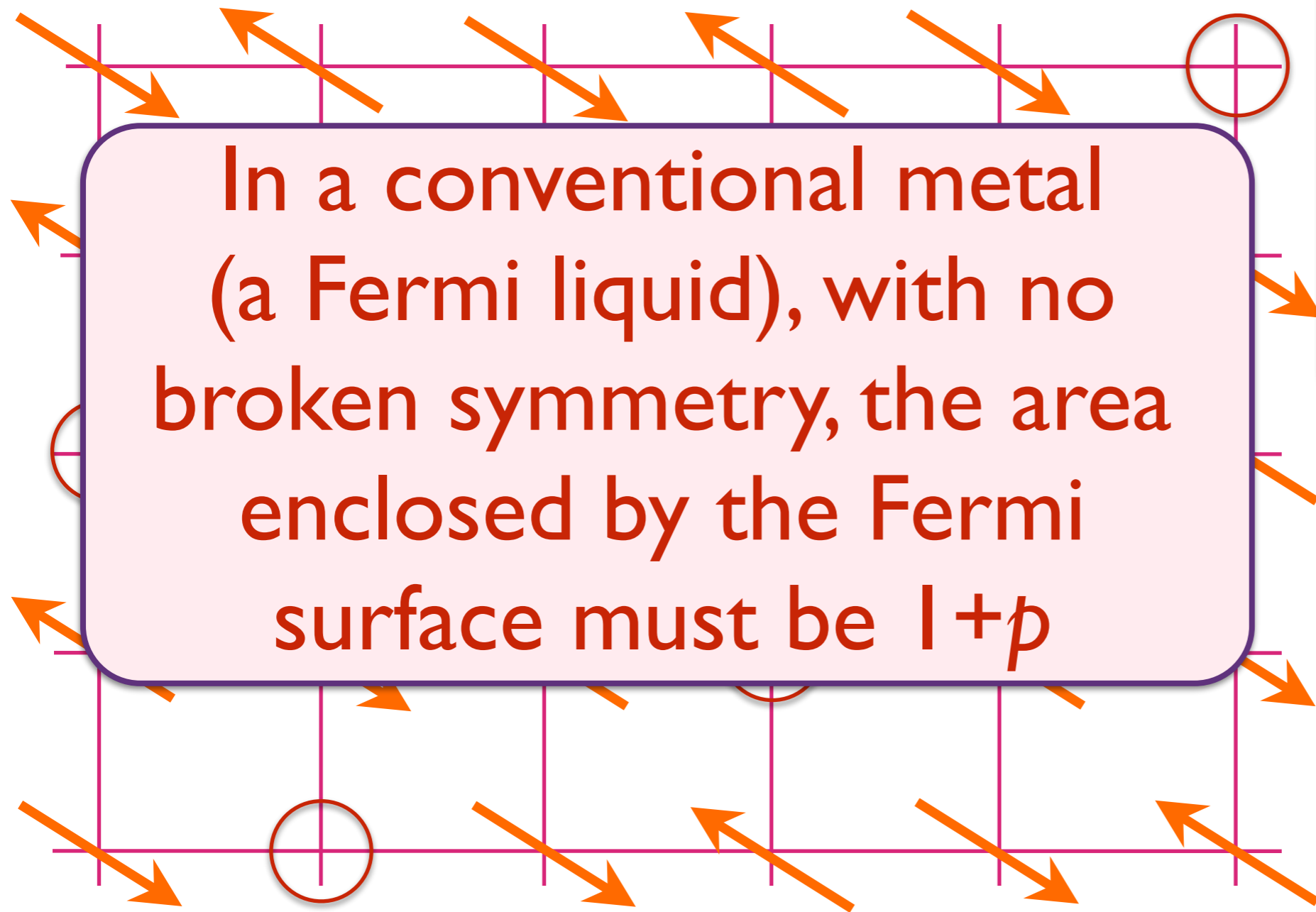


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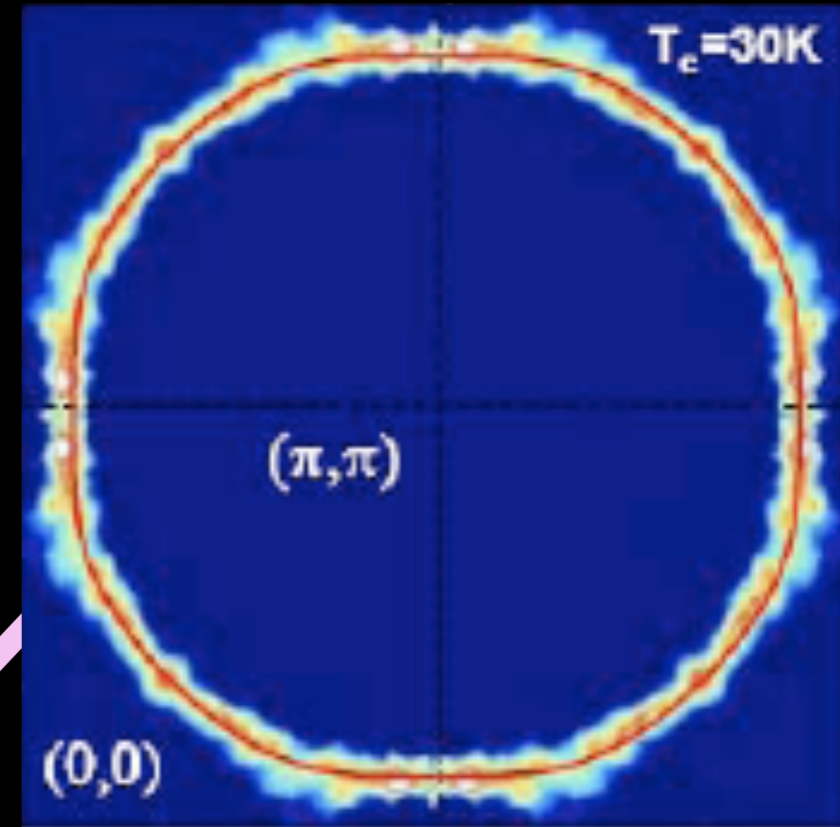
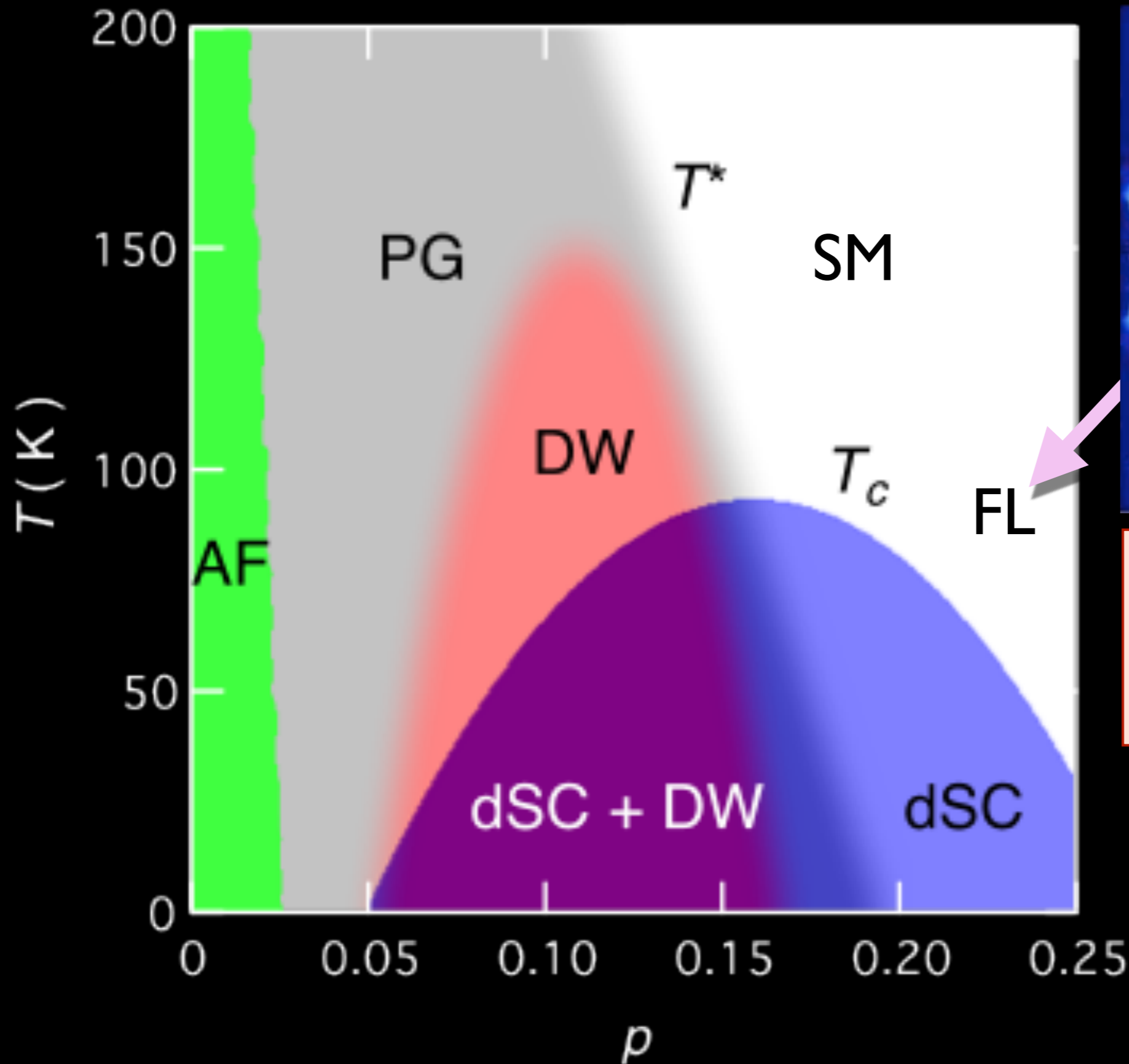


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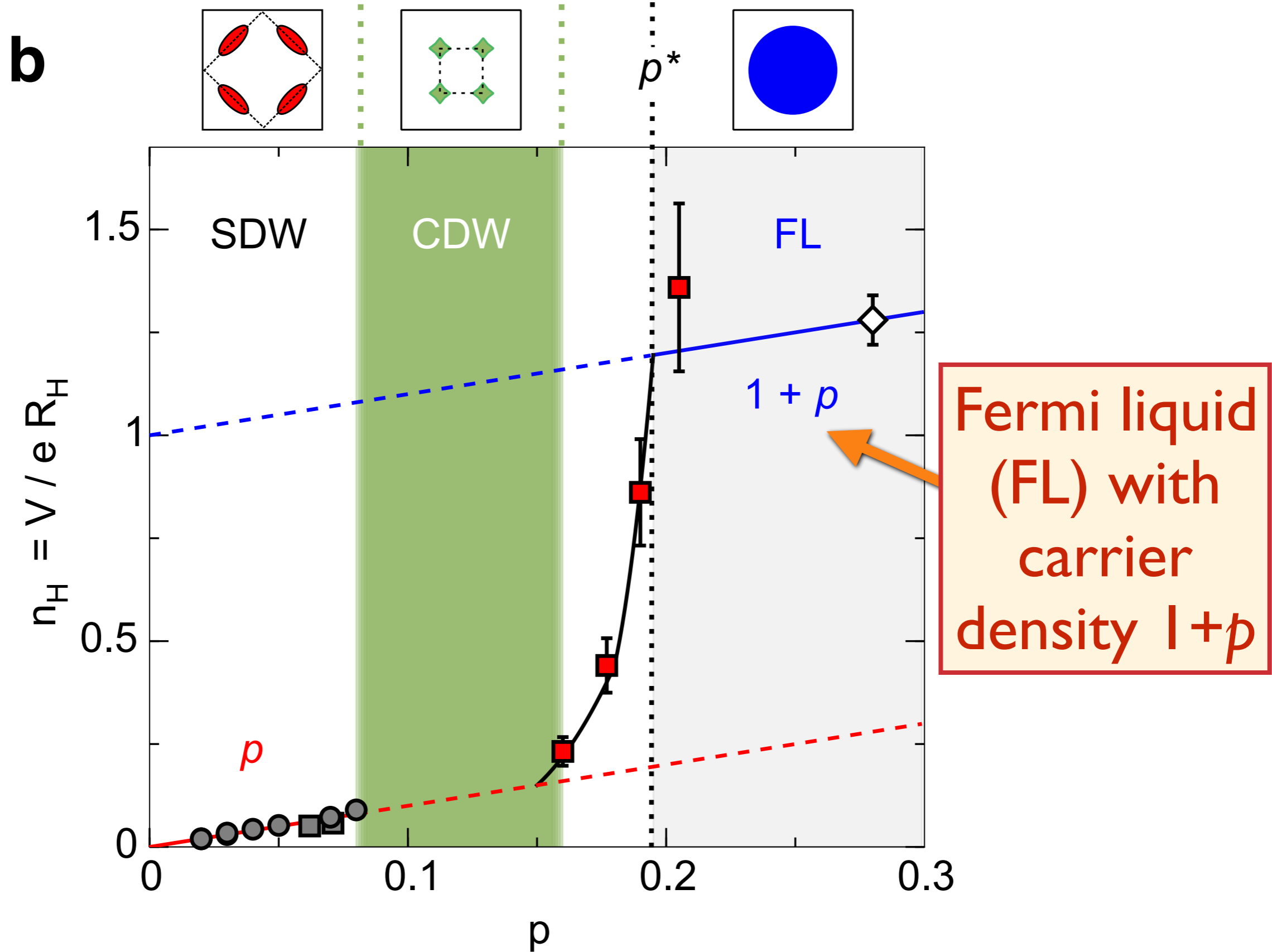
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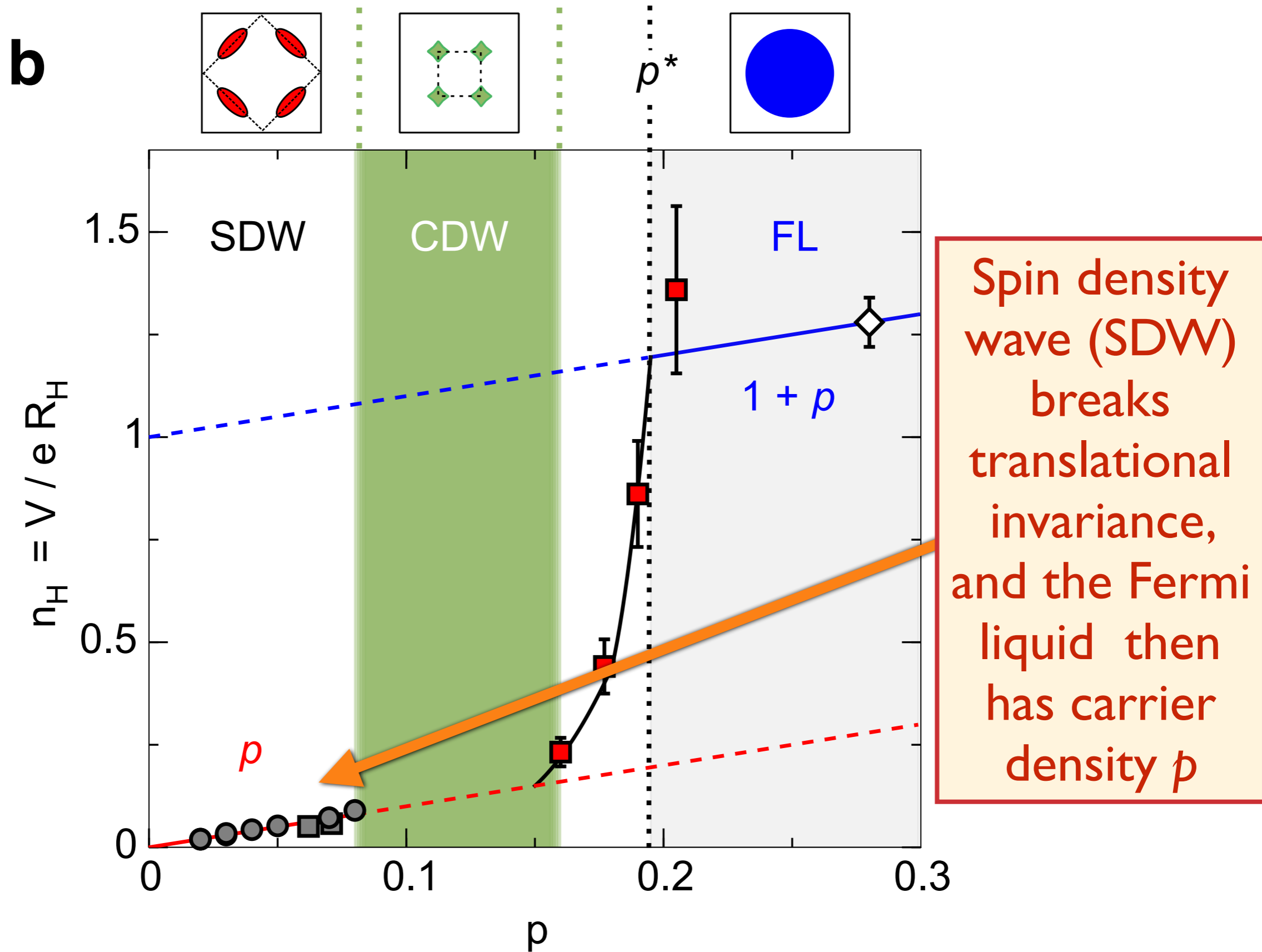
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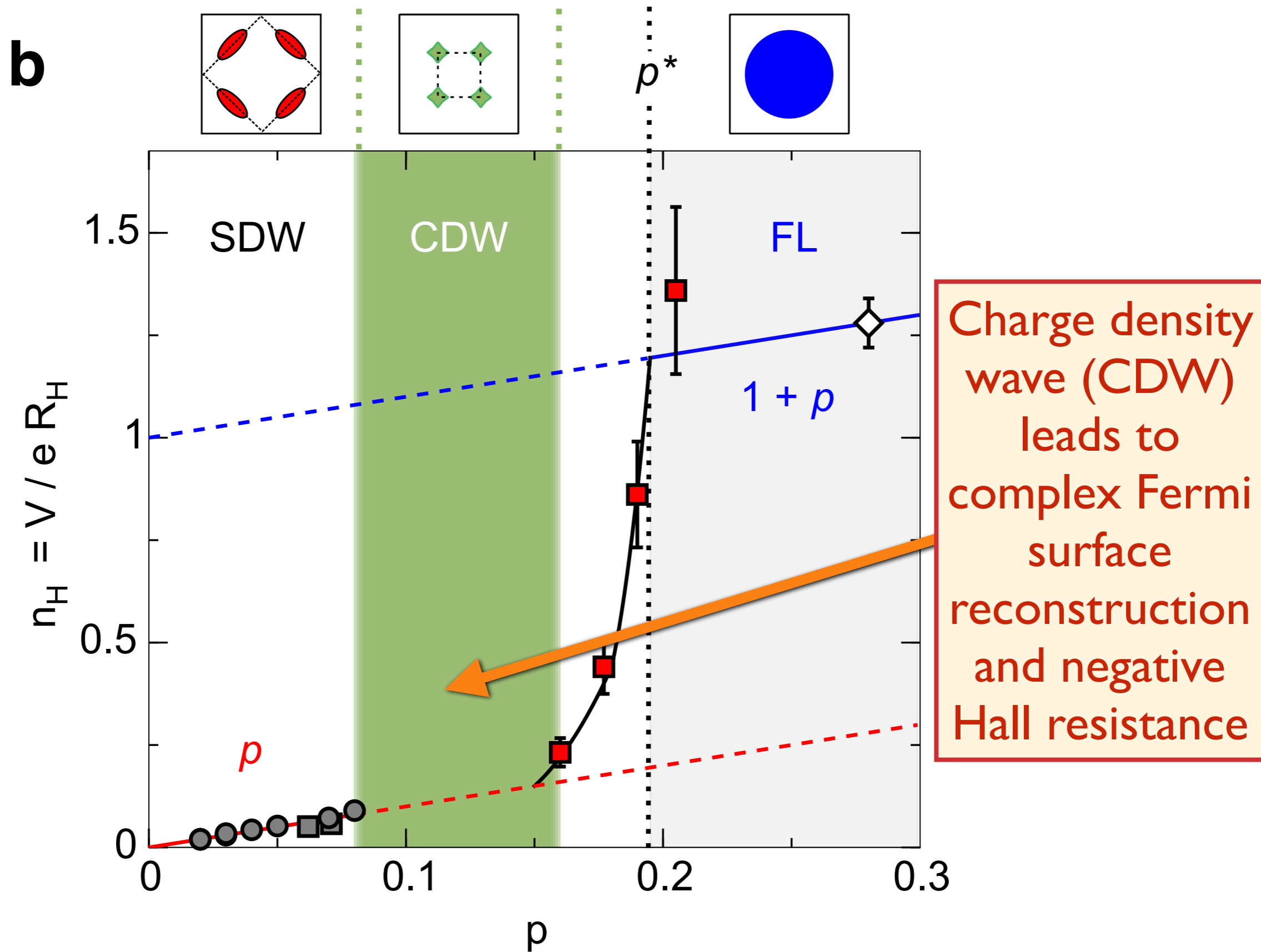
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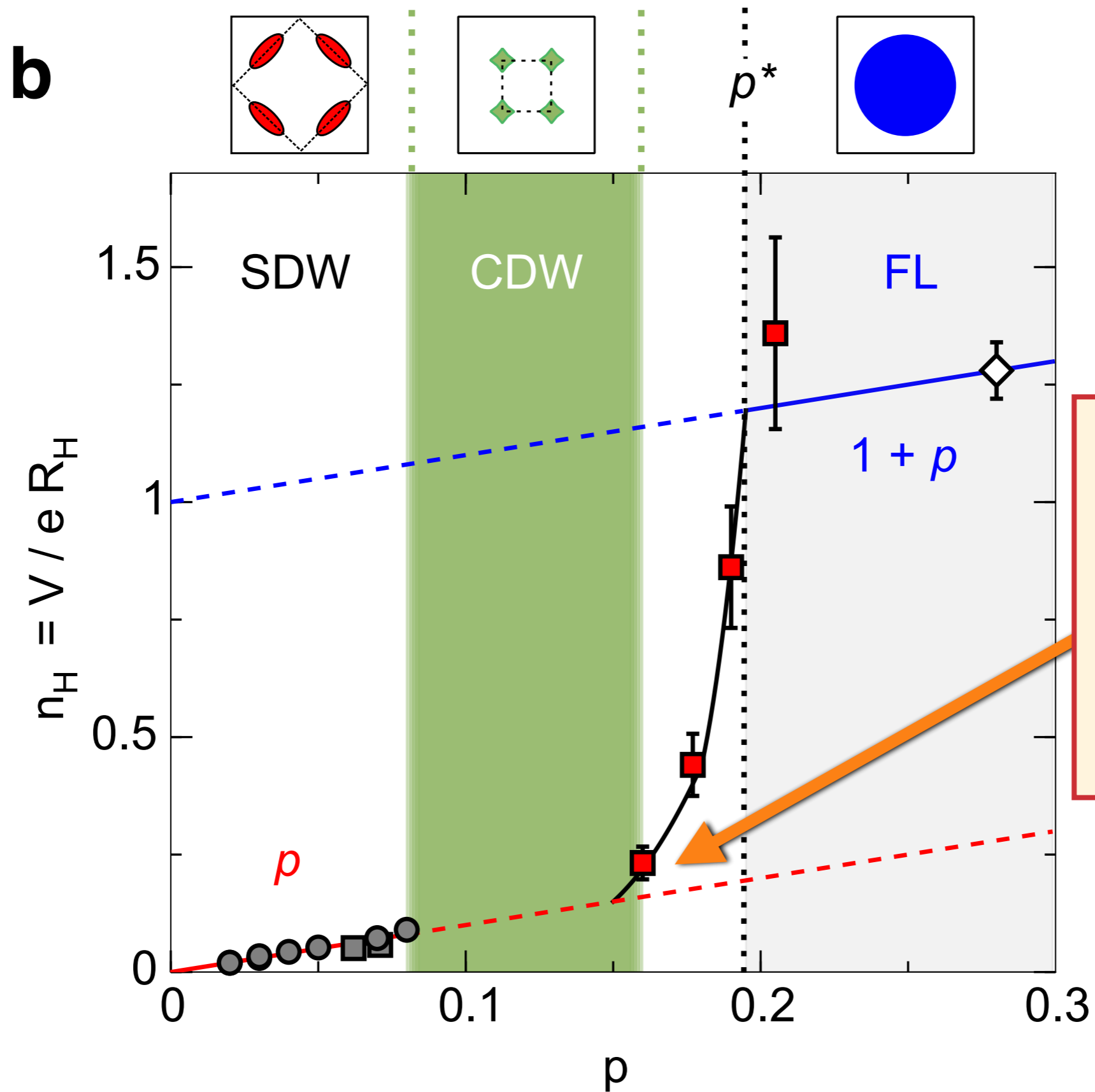
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Evidence for FL\* metal with Fermi surface of size  $p$  ?!

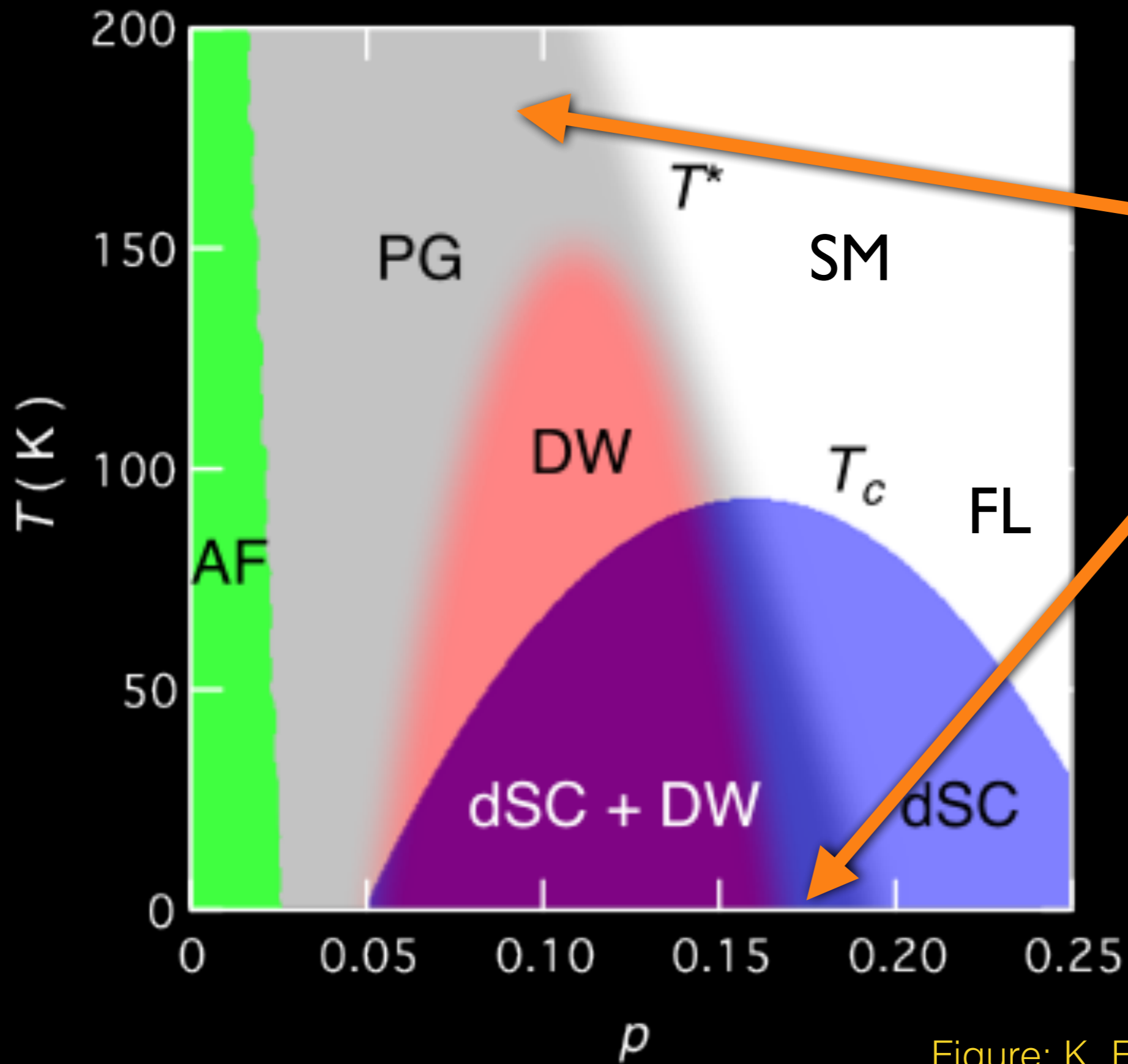


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# FL\*

A metal with:

- A Fermi surface of electrons enclosing volume  $p$ , and not the Luttinger volume of  $l+p$
- Topological character described by emergent gauge fields

There is a general and fundamental relationship between these two features.

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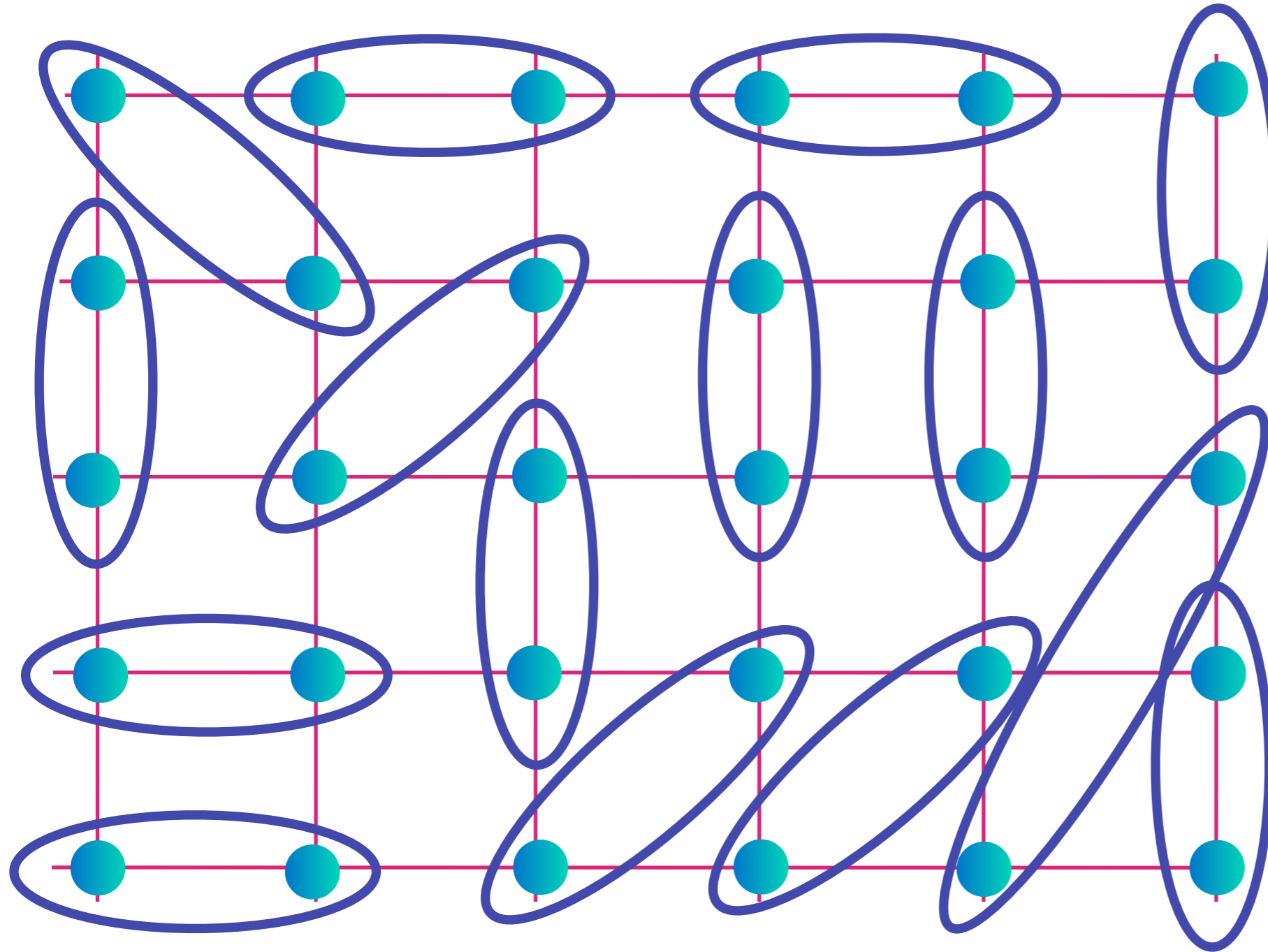
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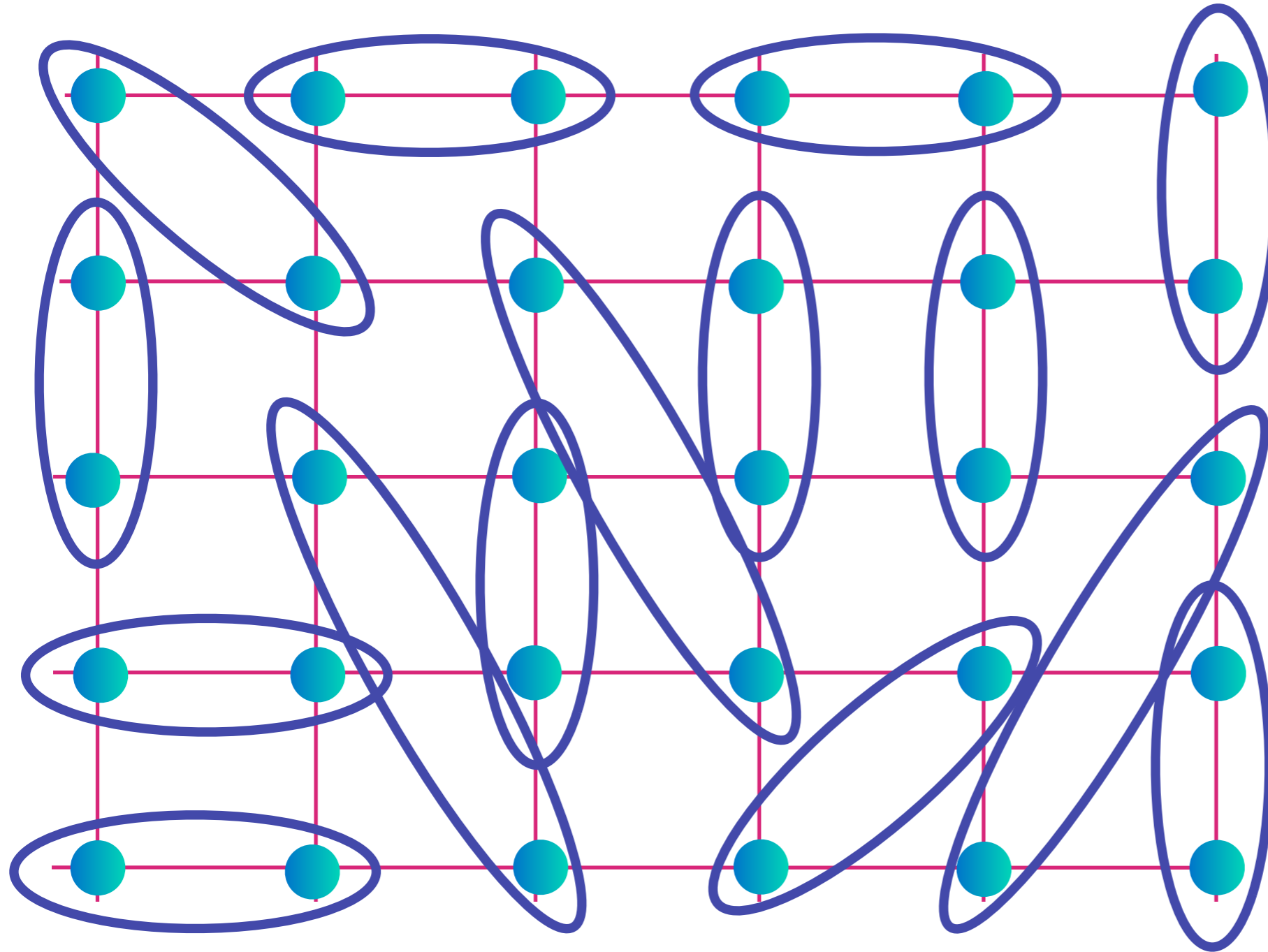
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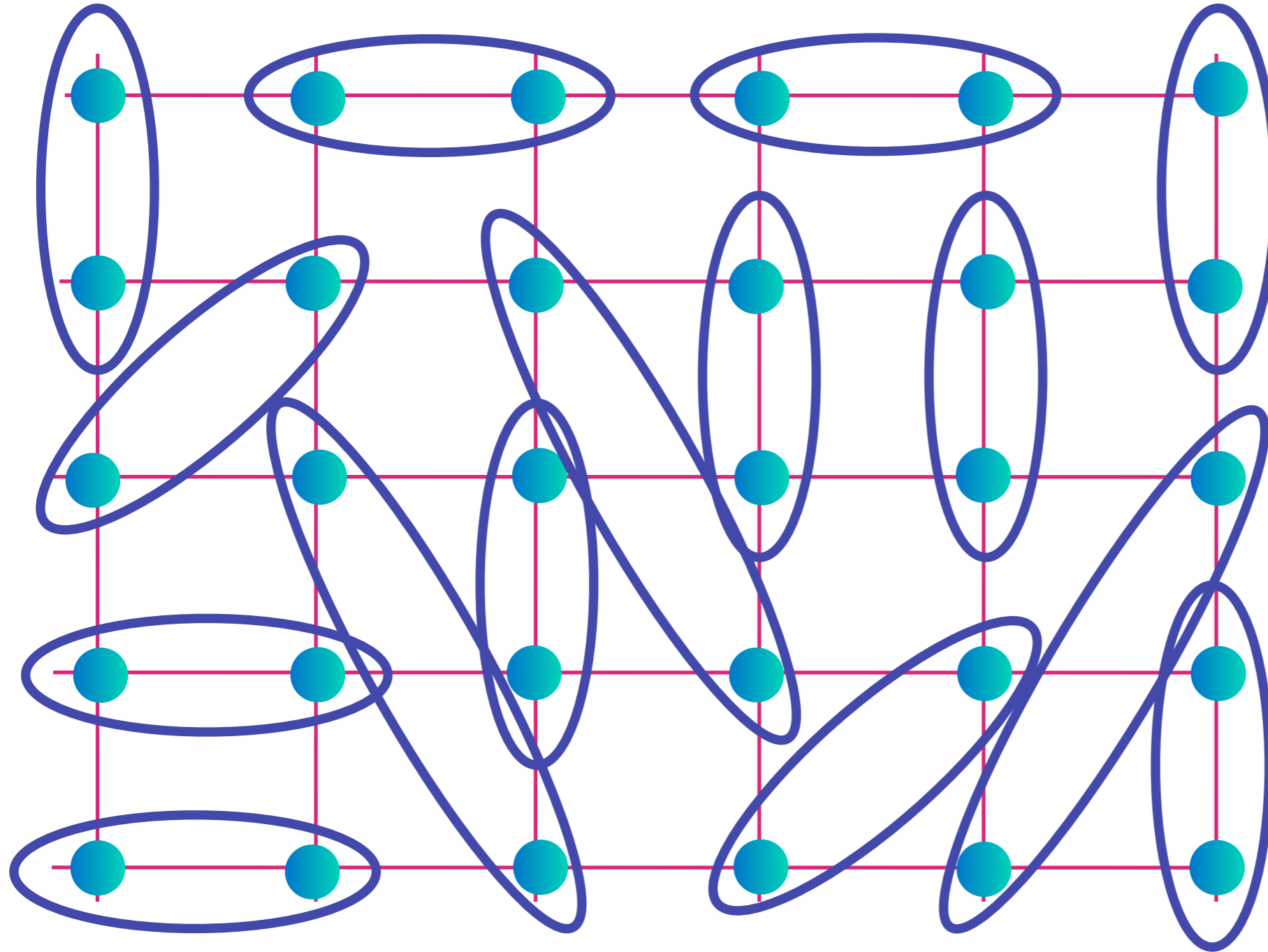
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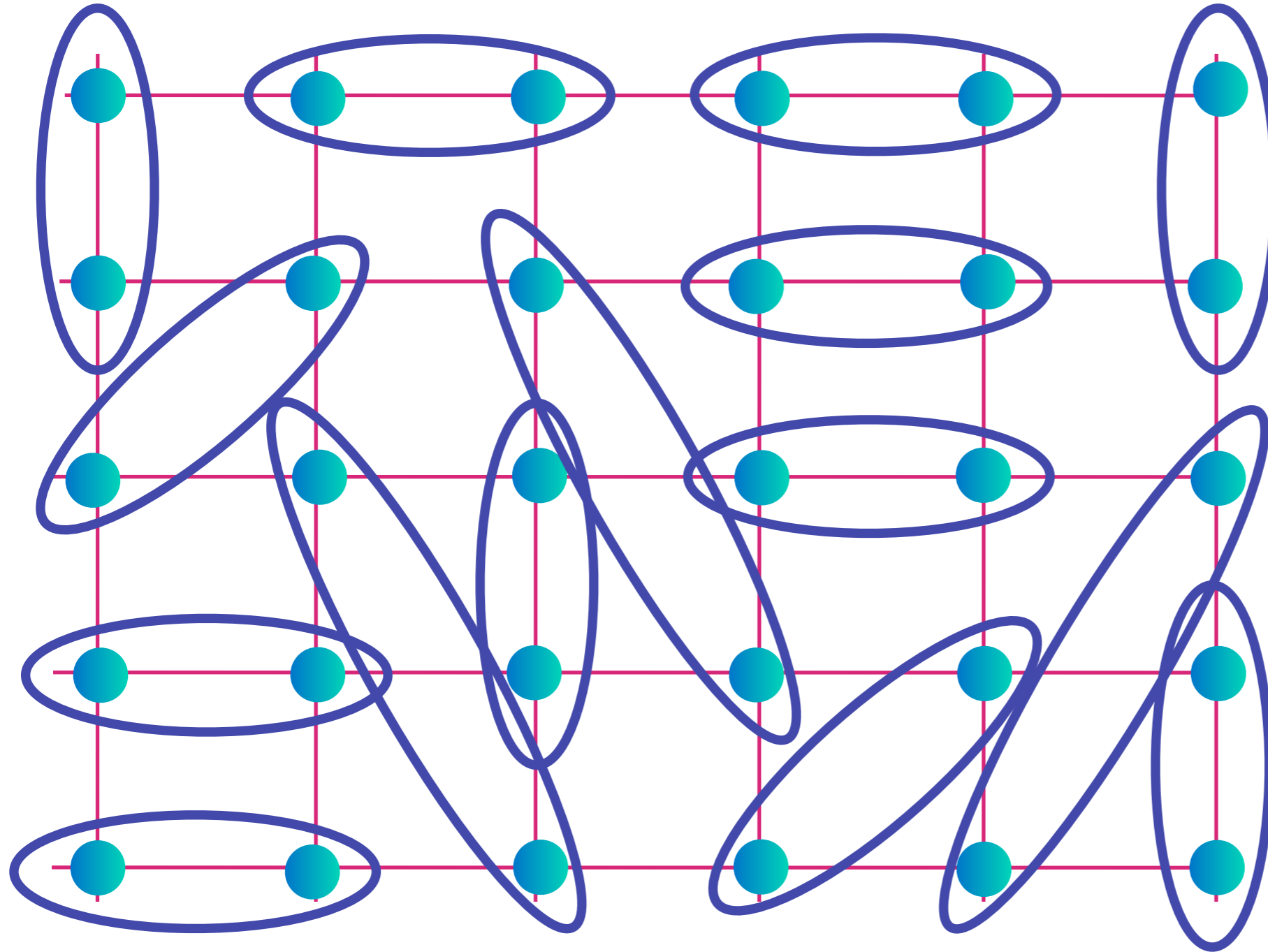
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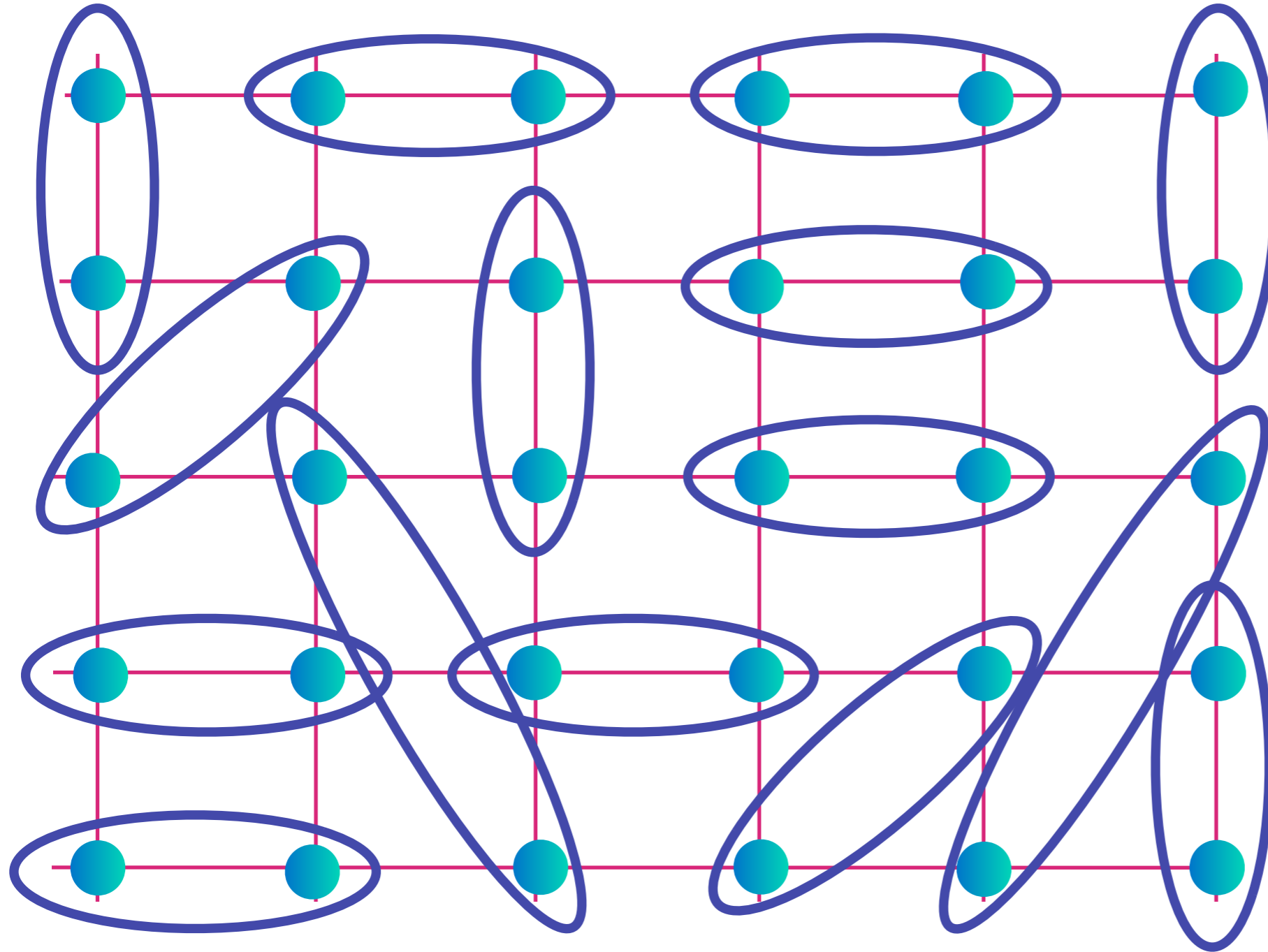
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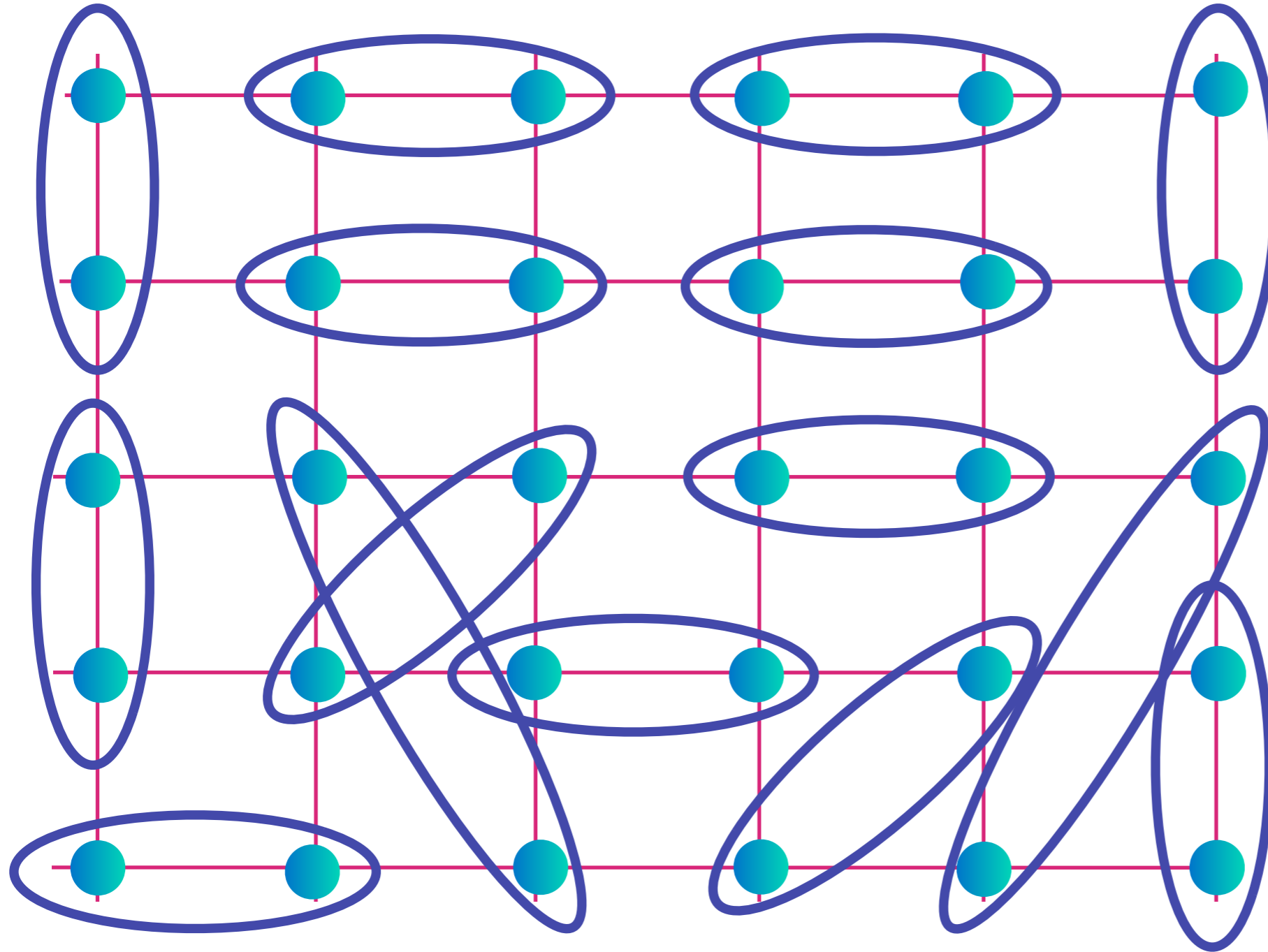
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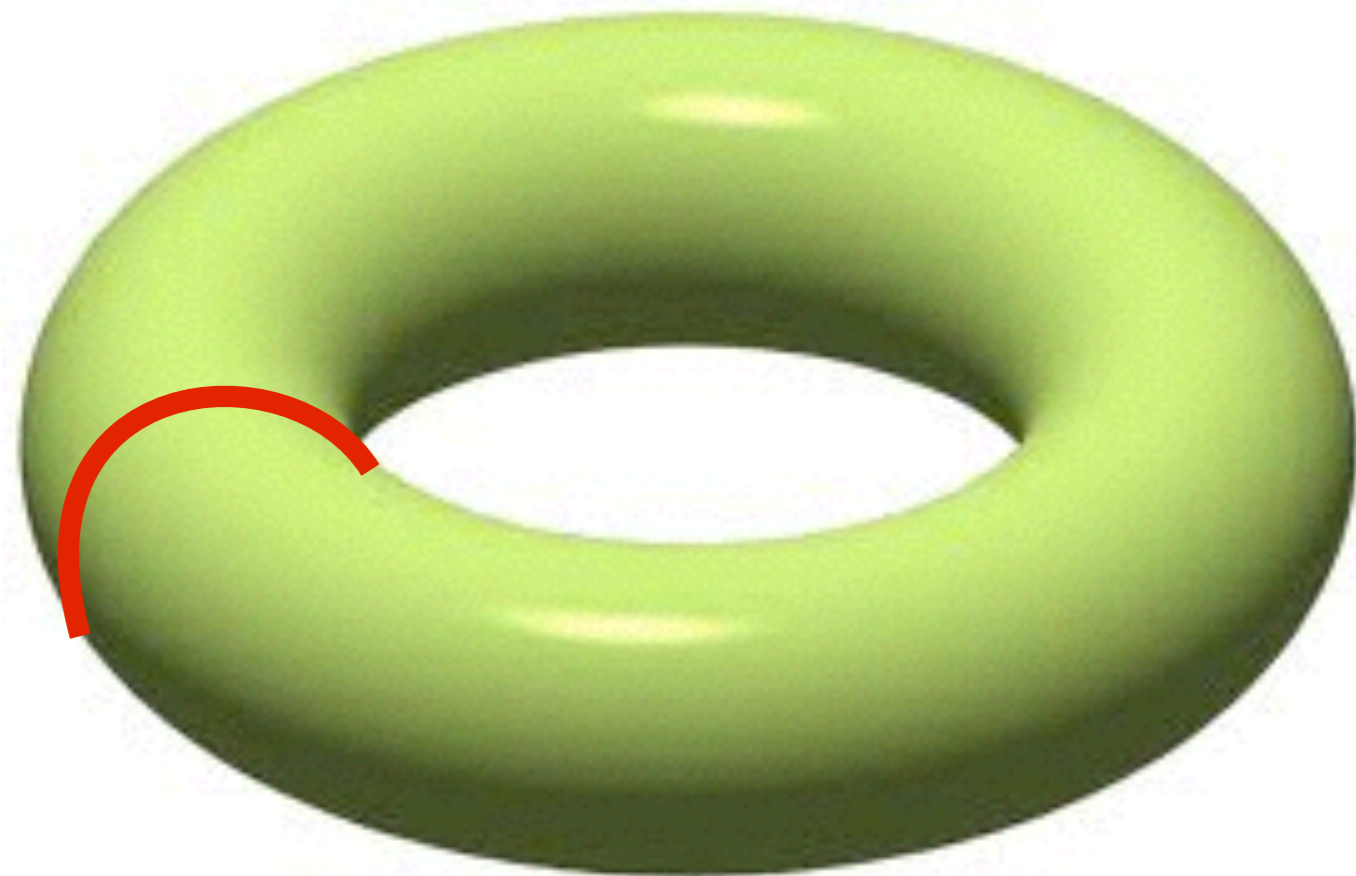
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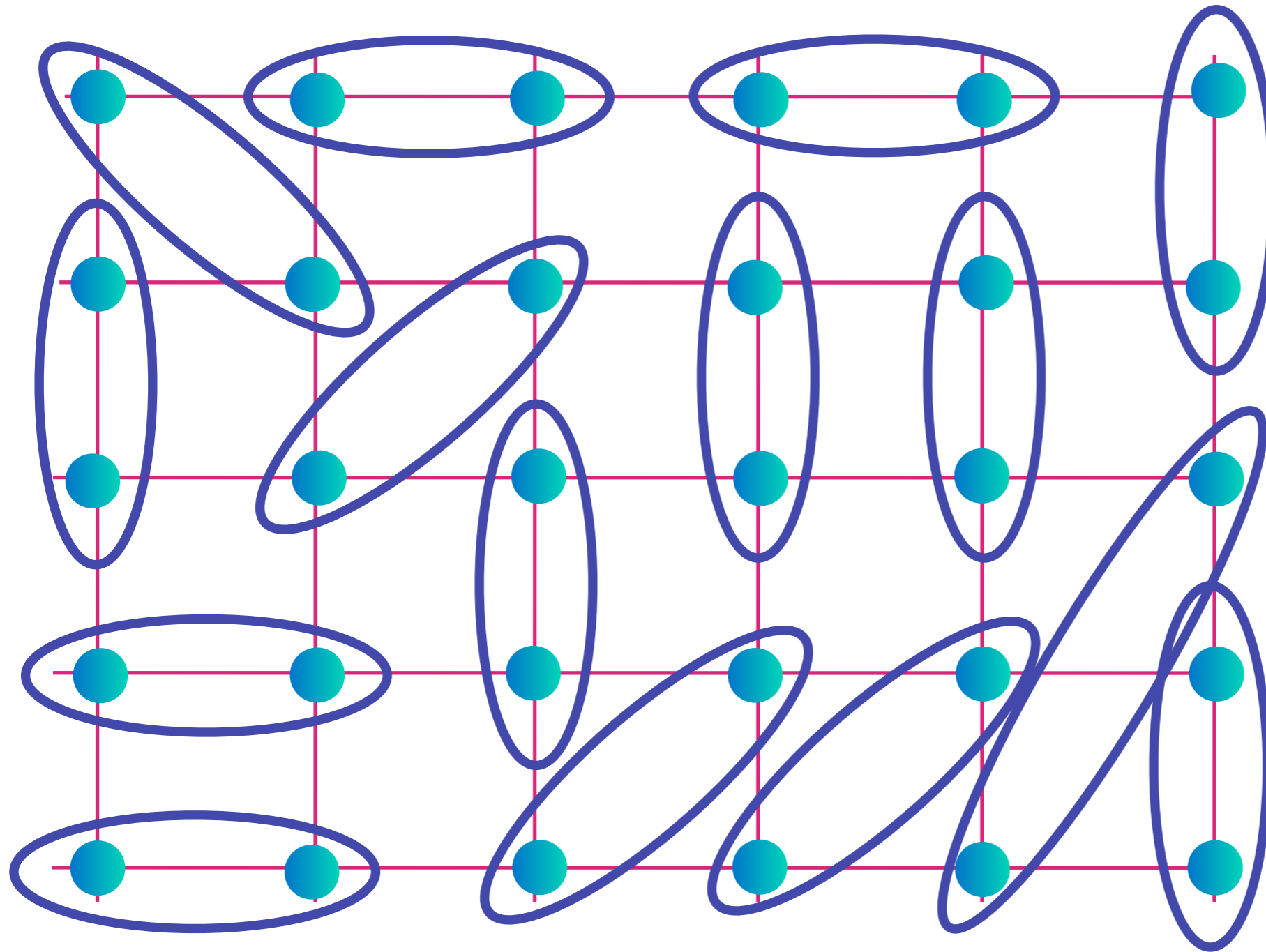


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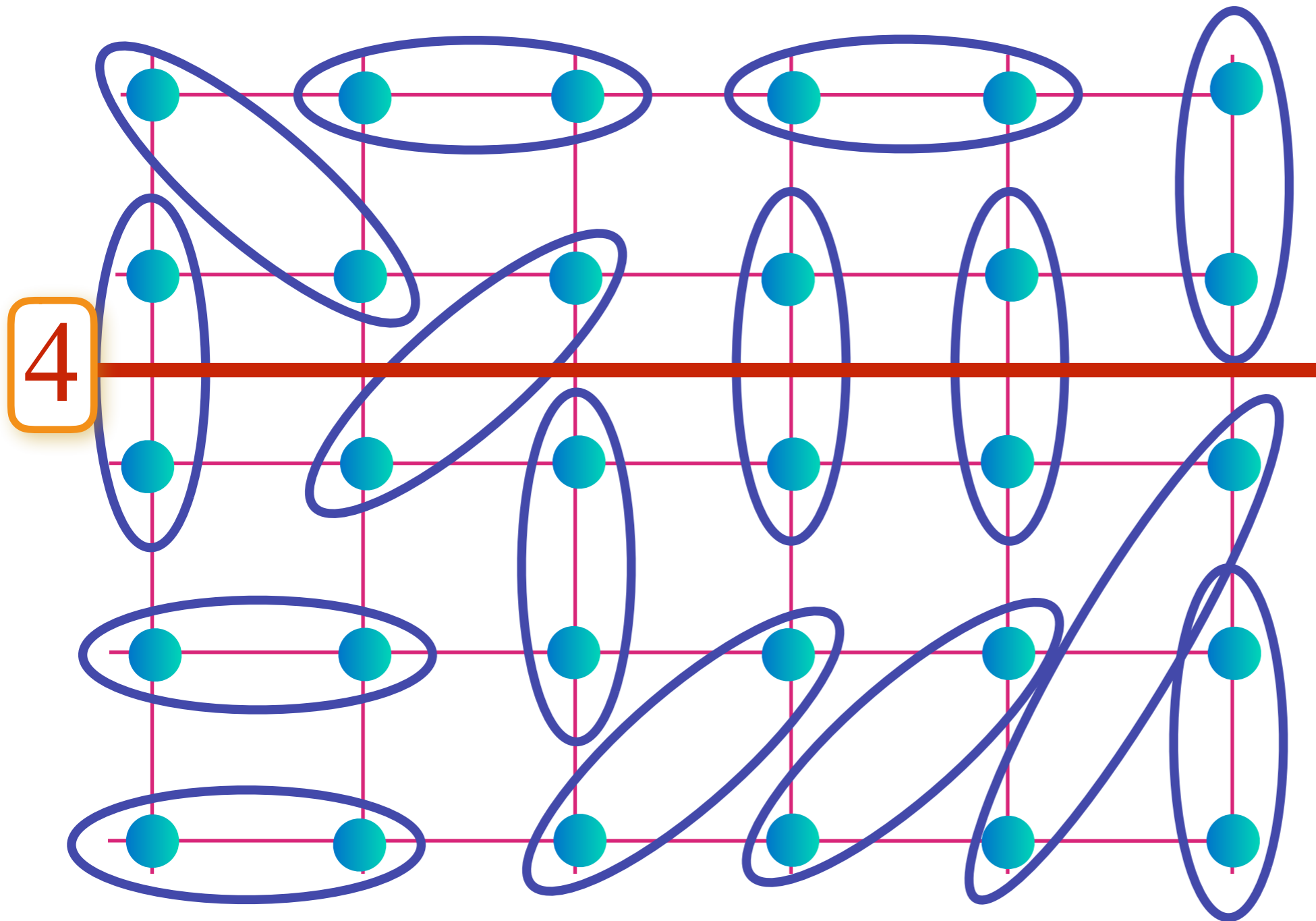
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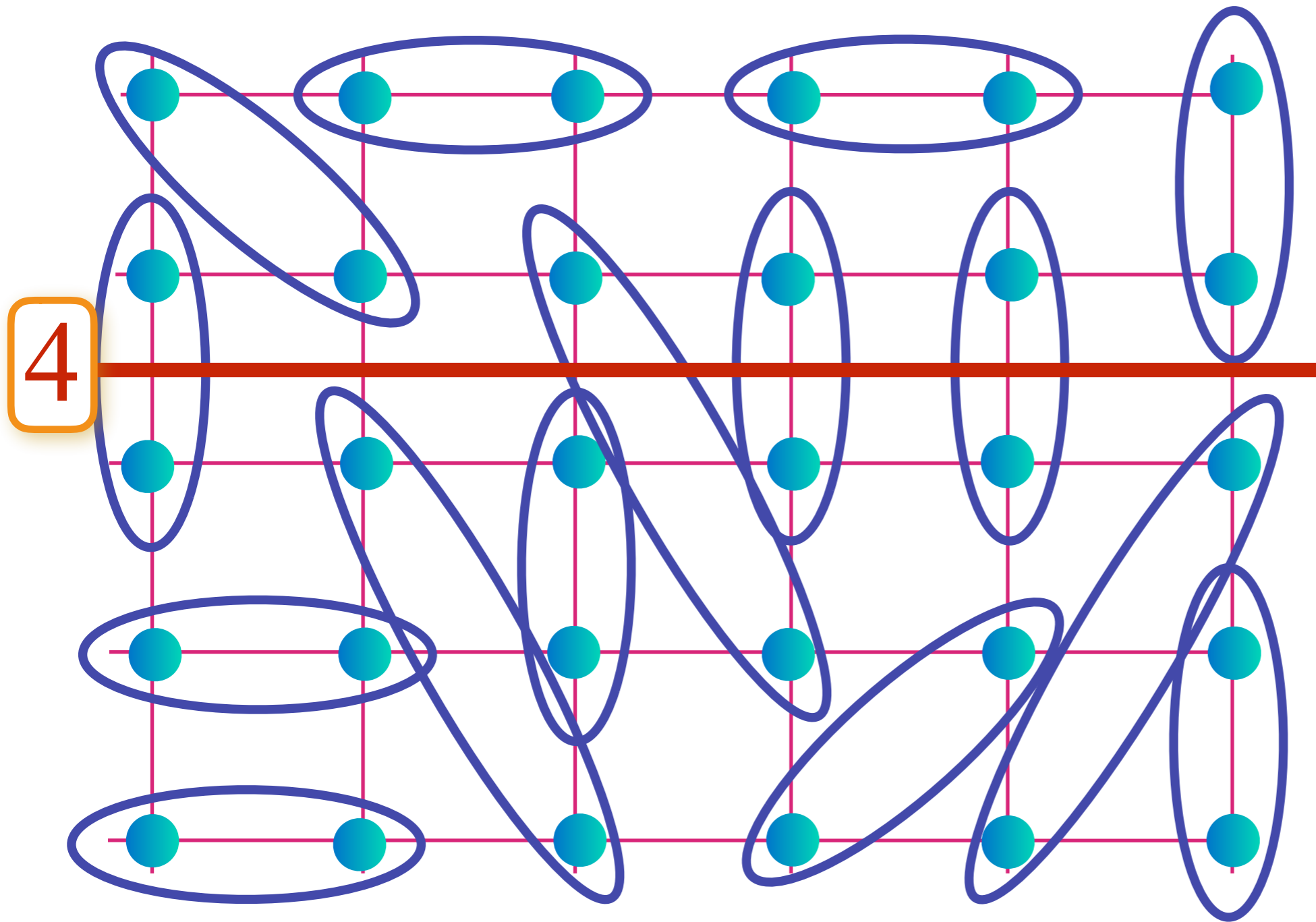
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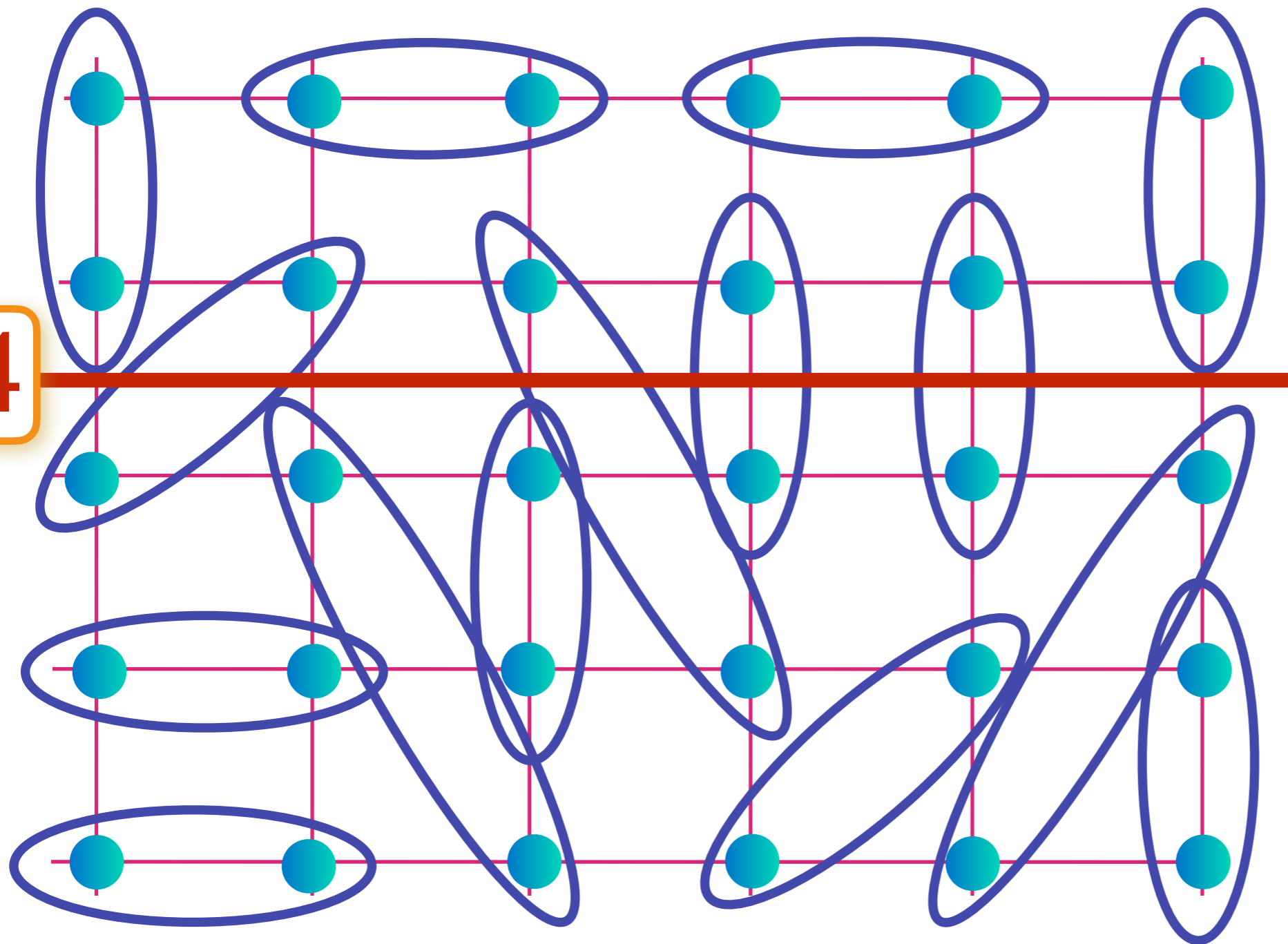
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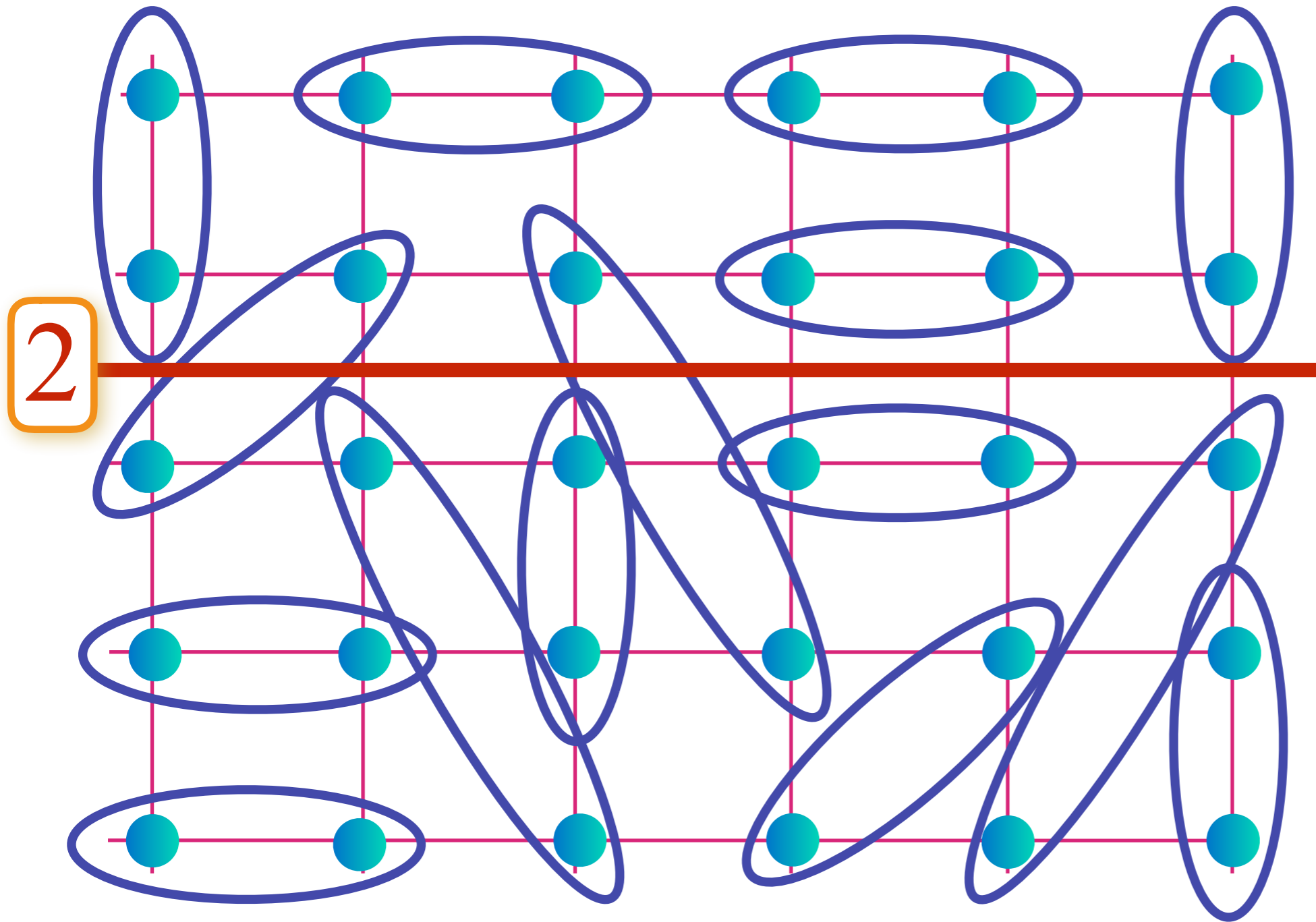
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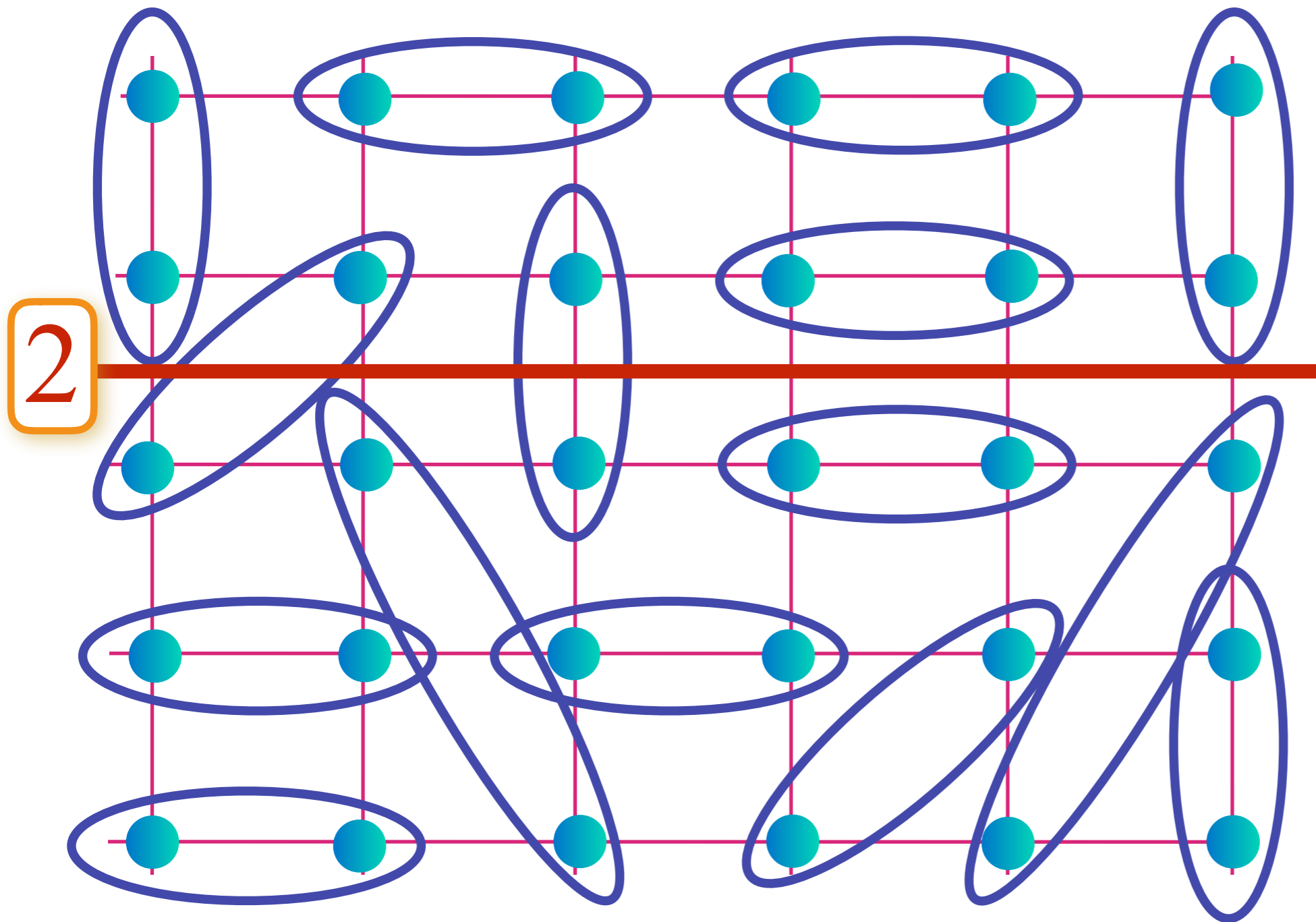
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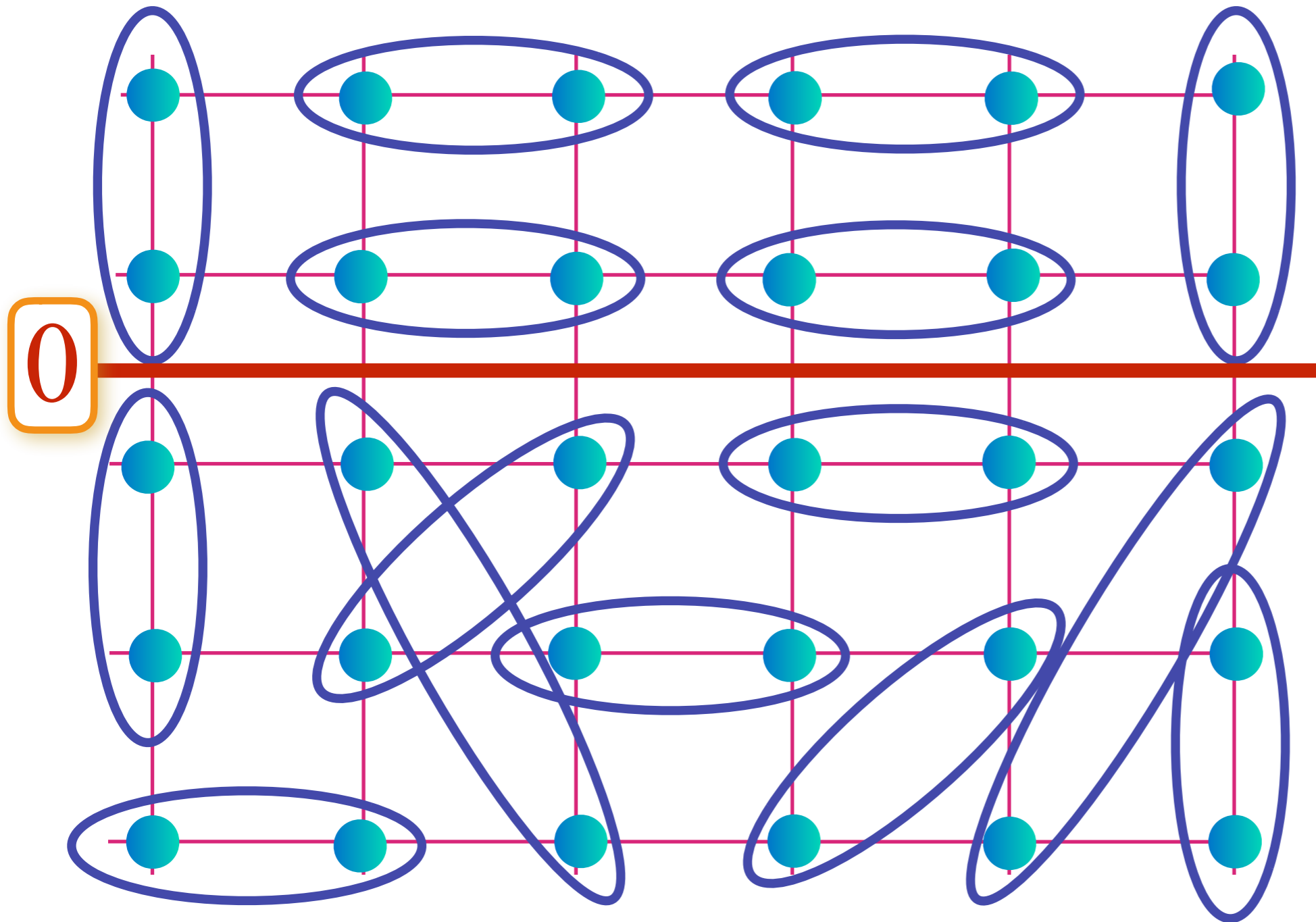
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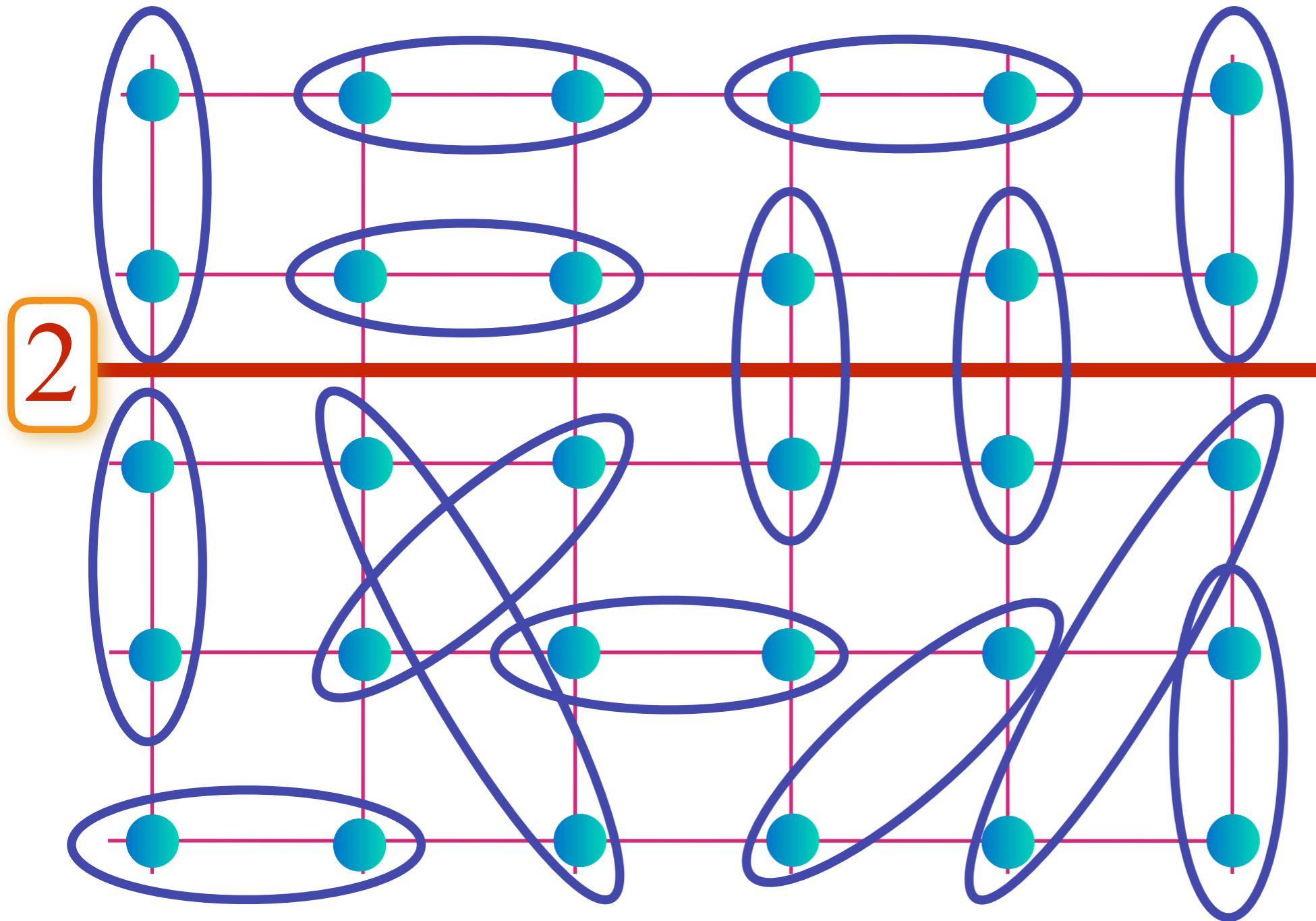
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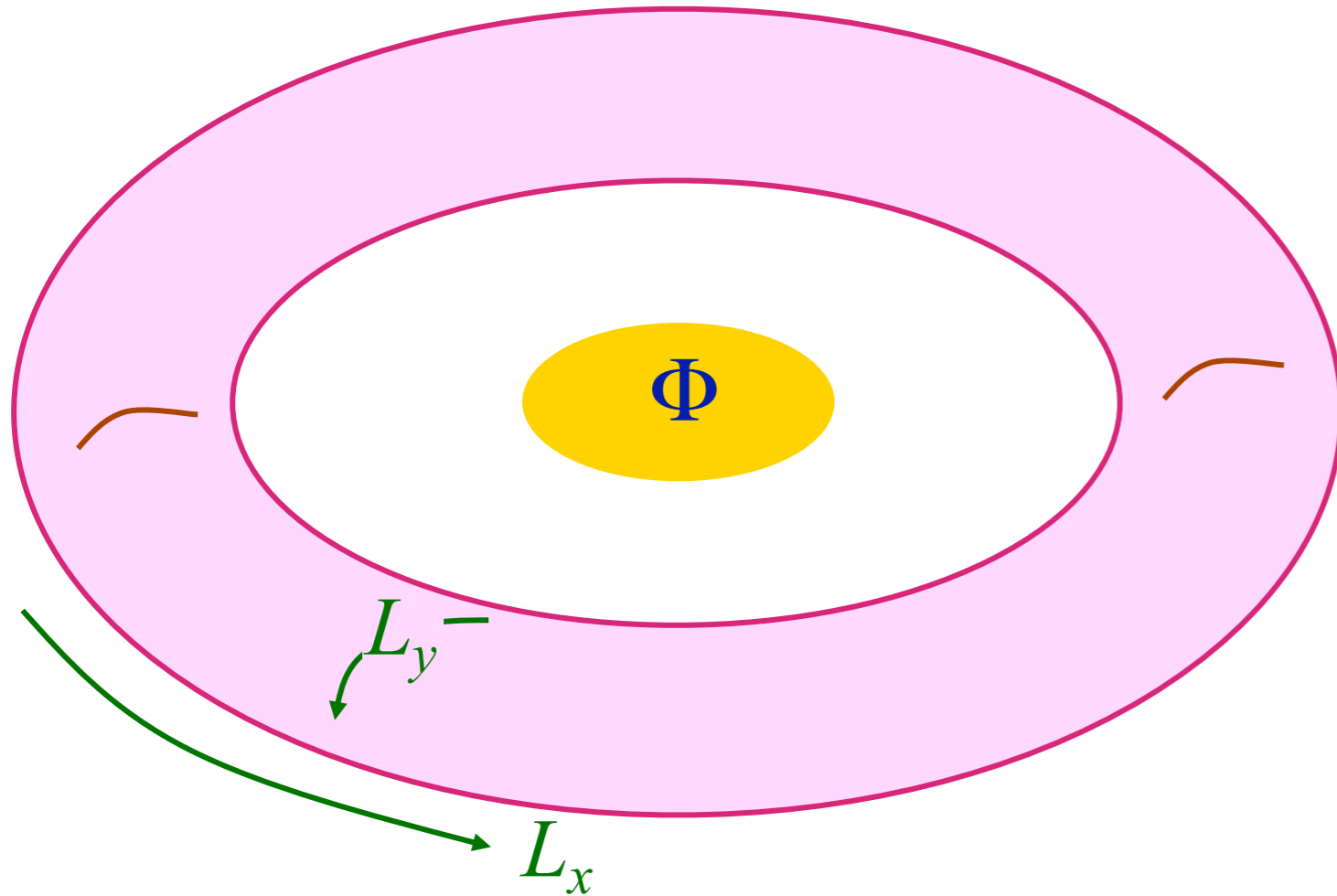
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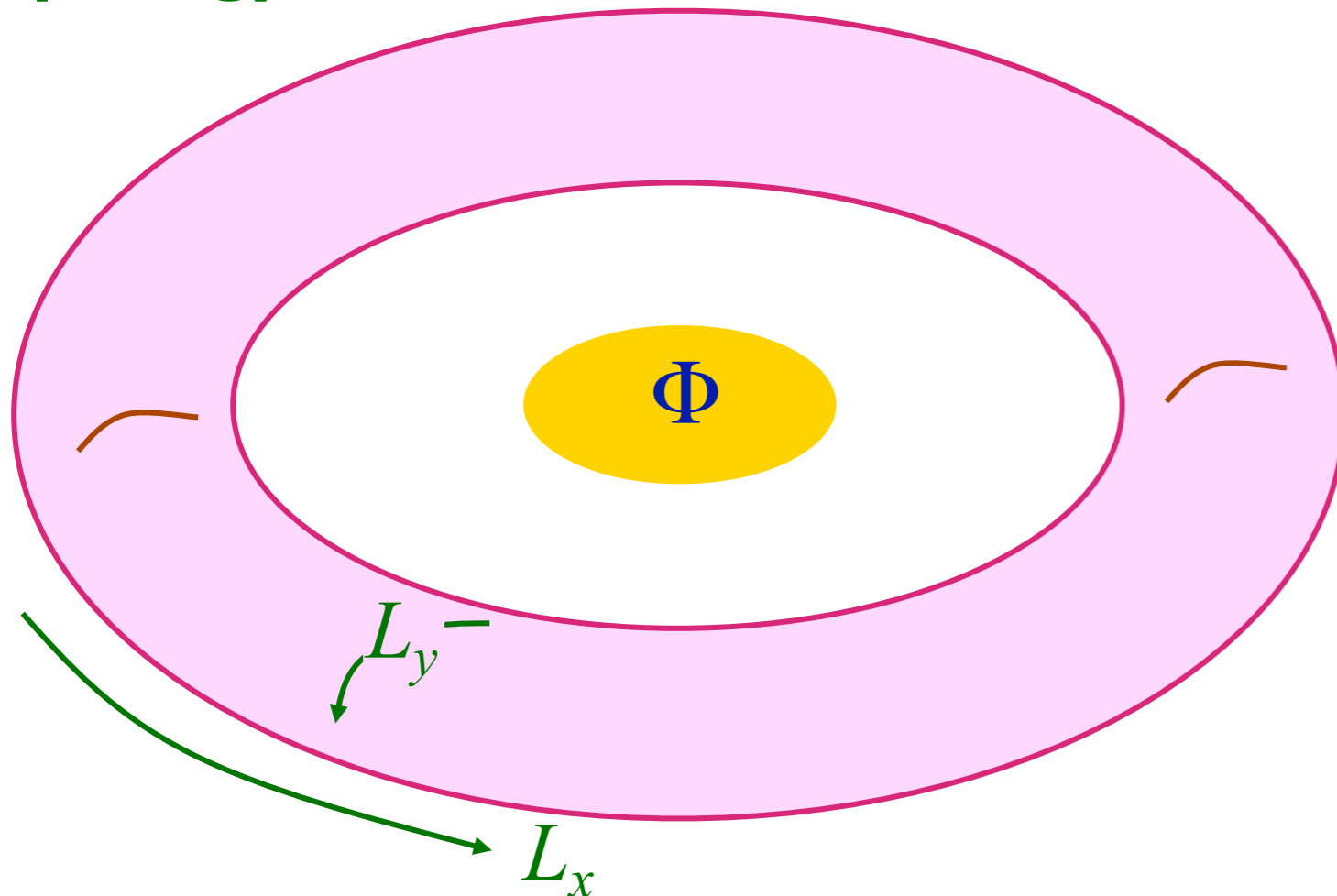
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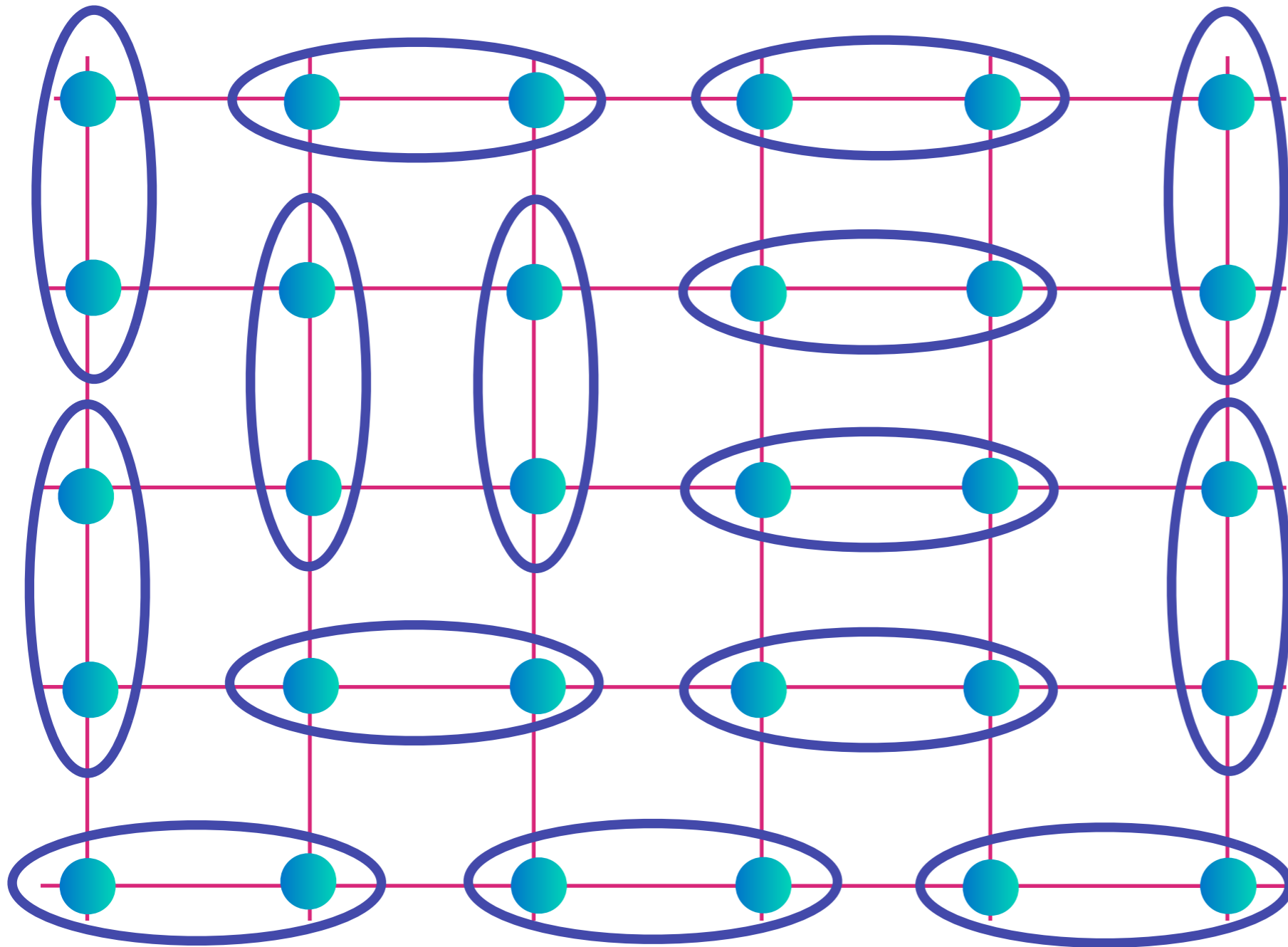
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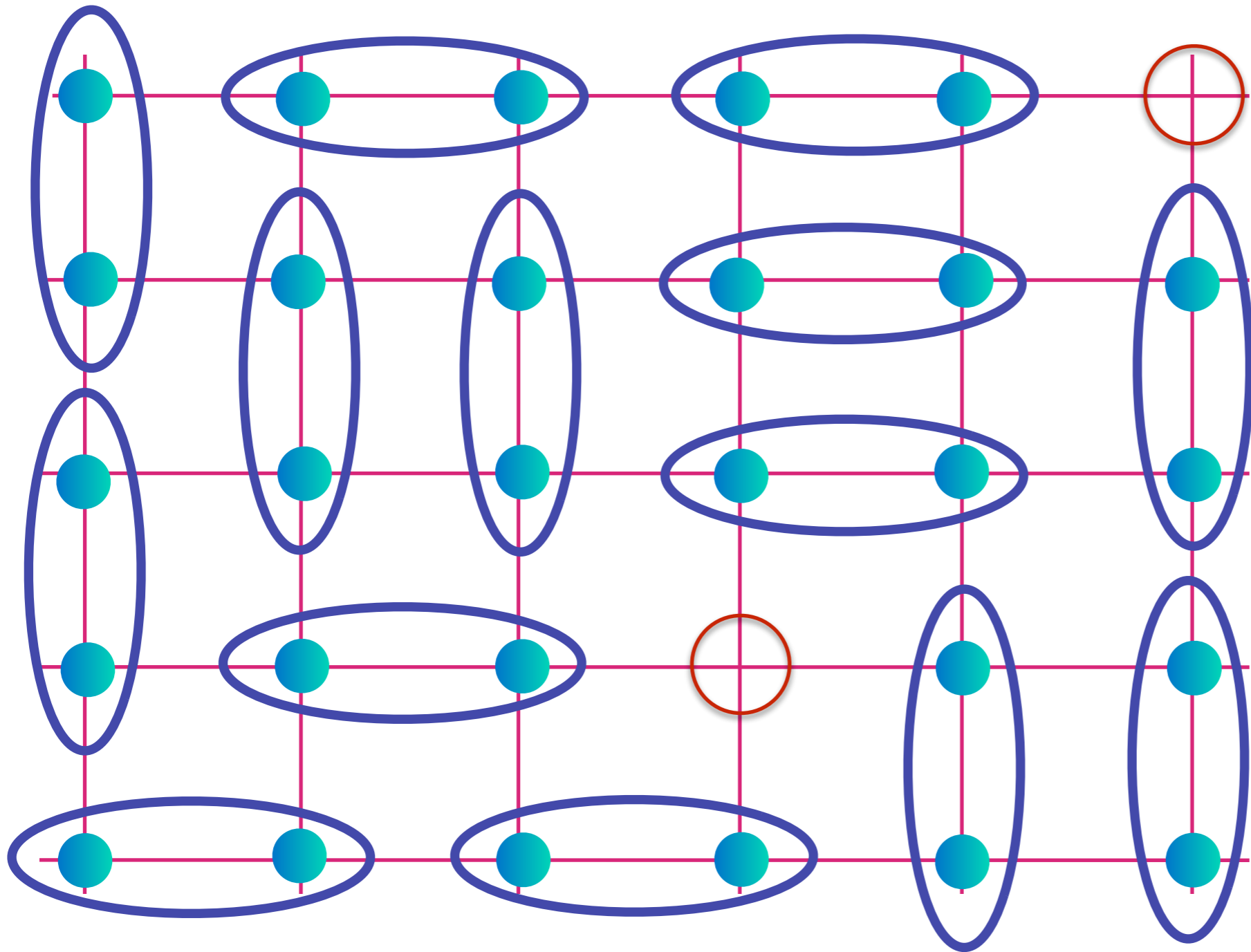
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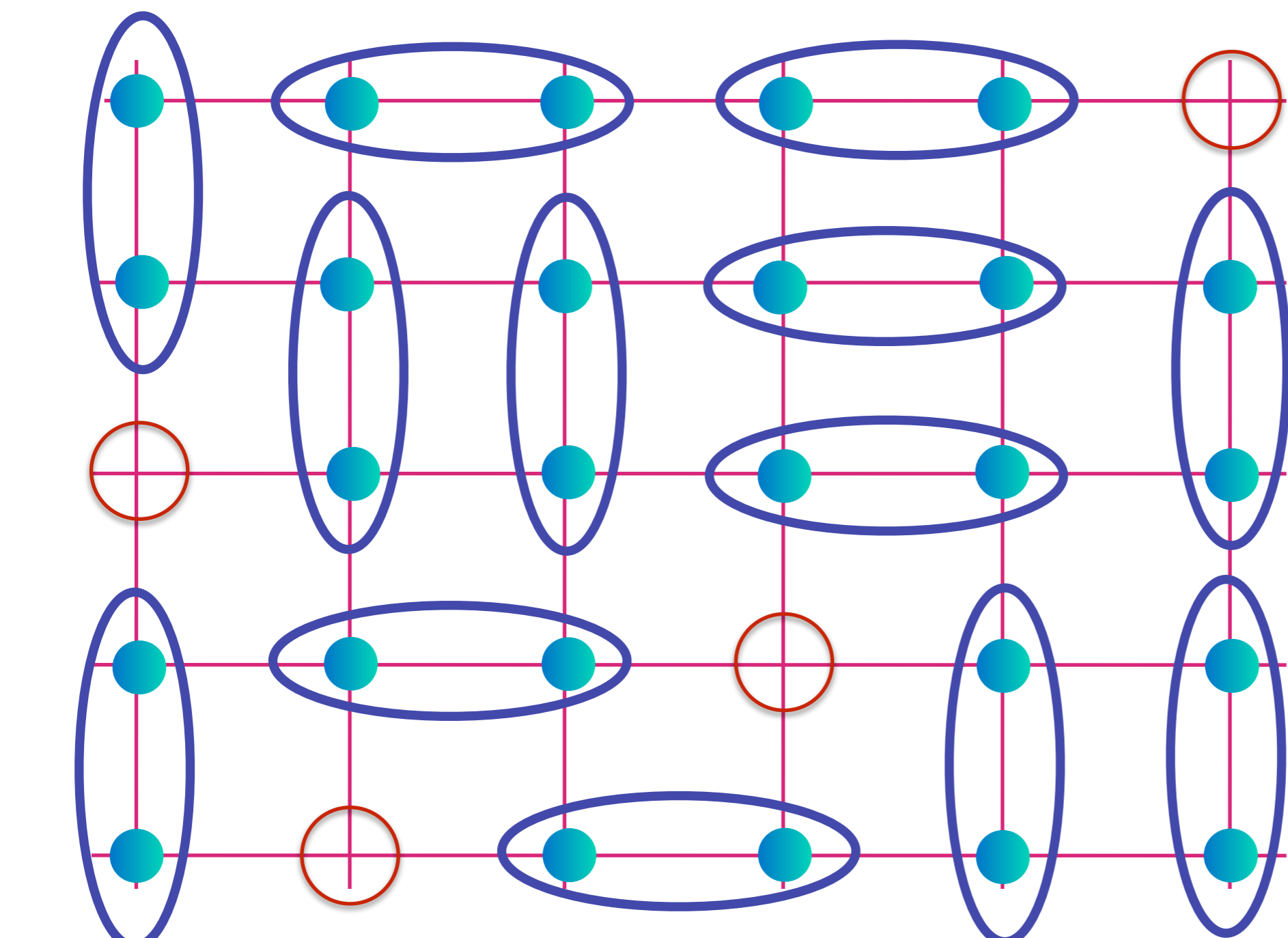
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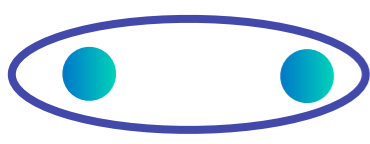


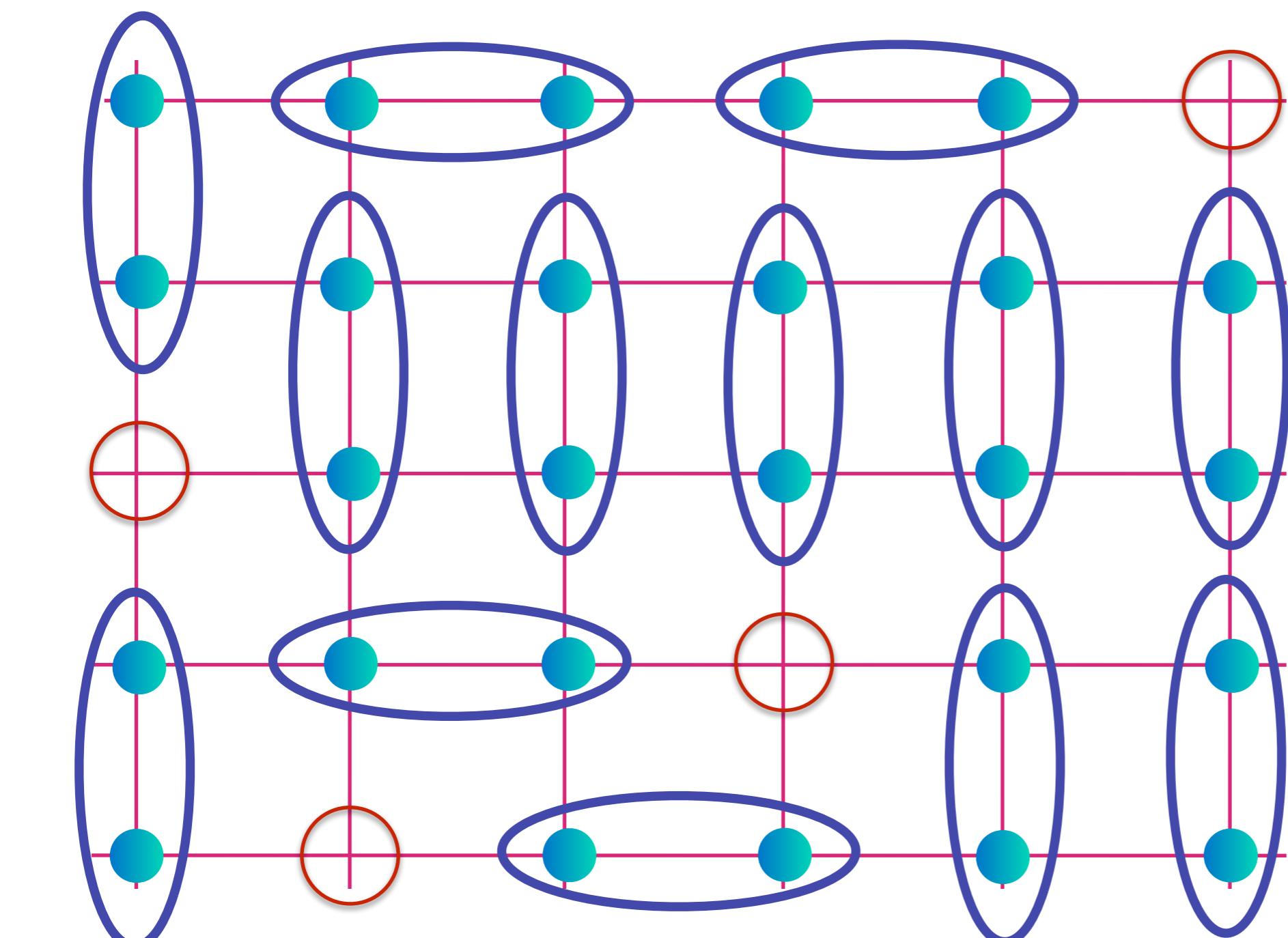
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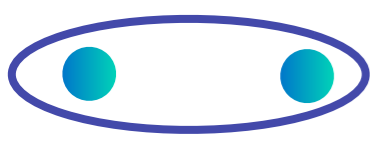


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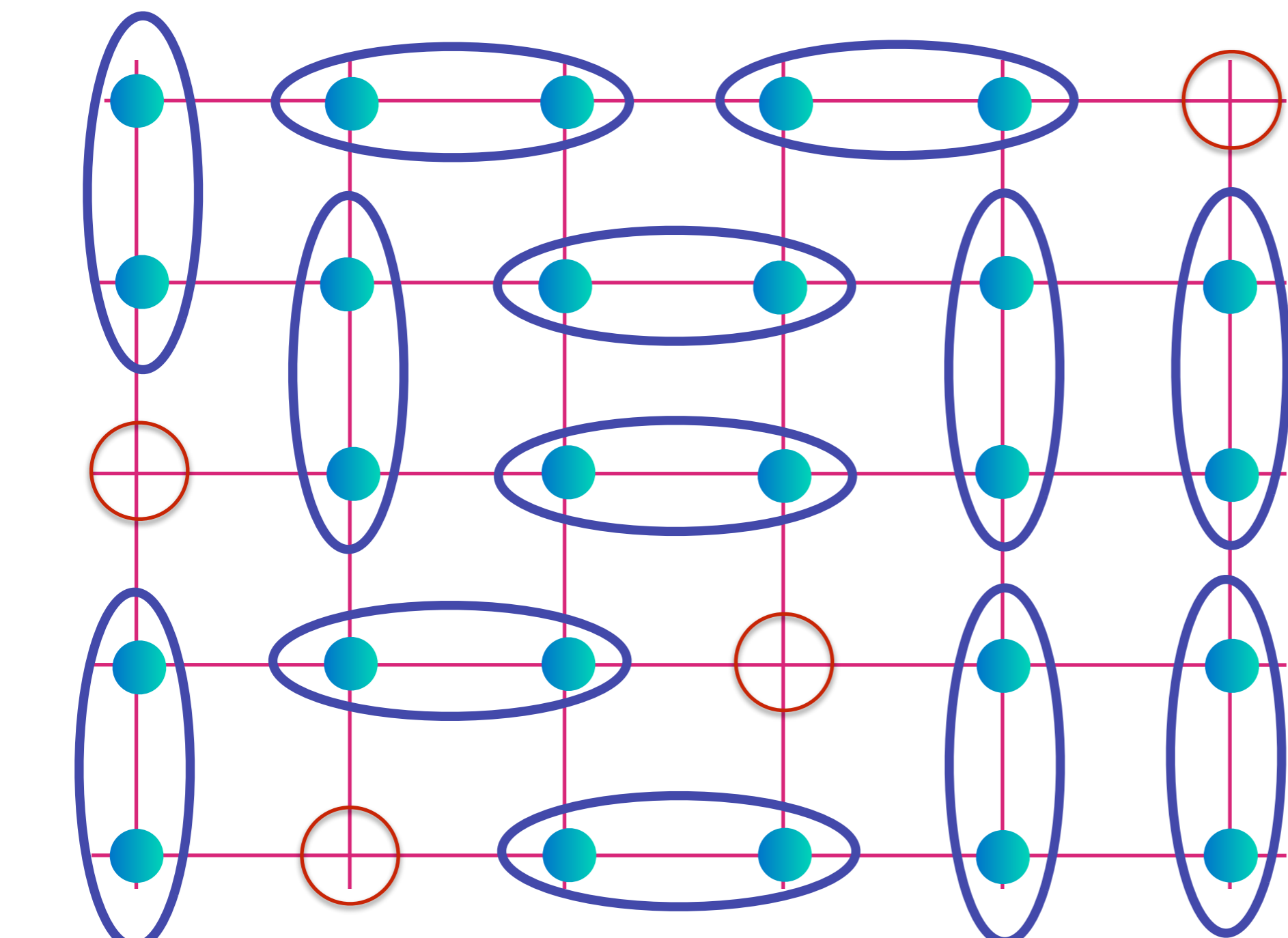

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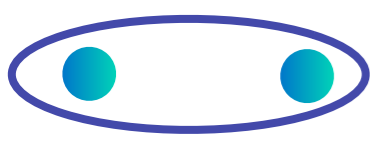
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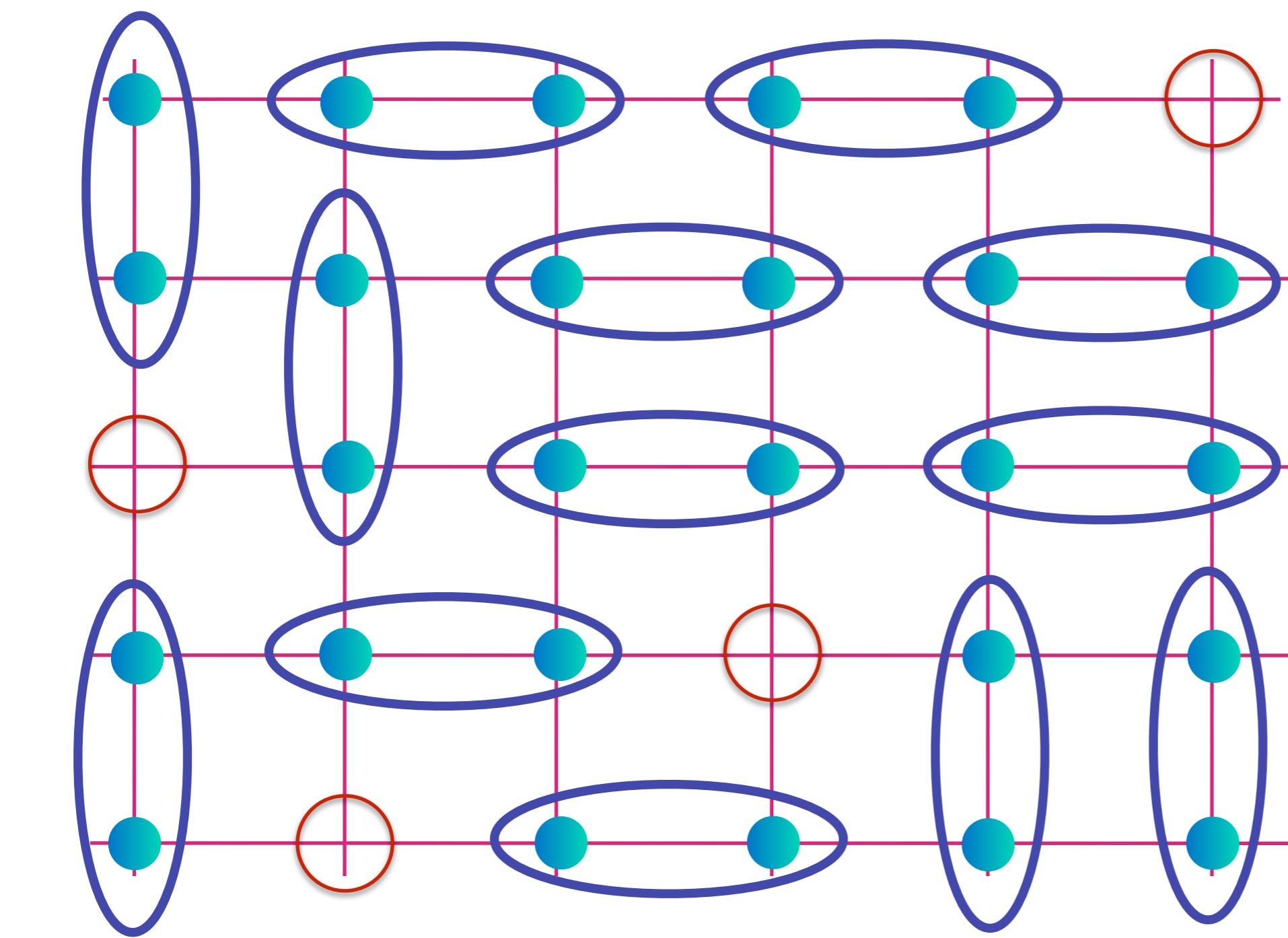

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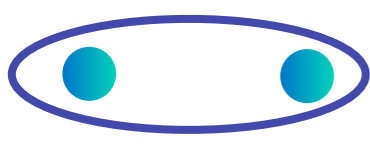


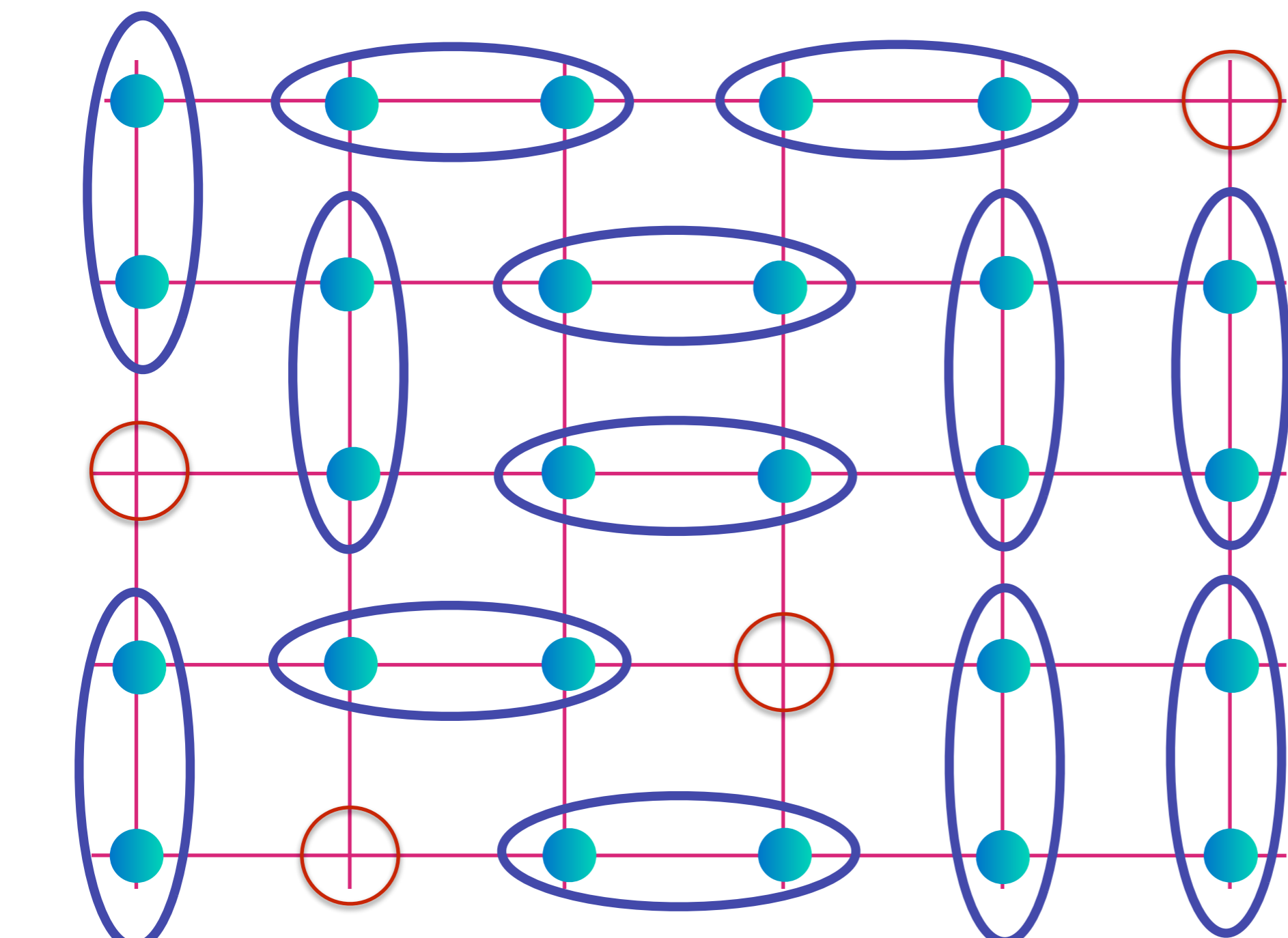
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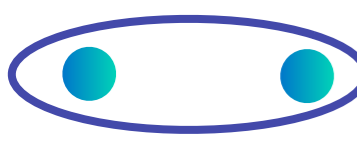

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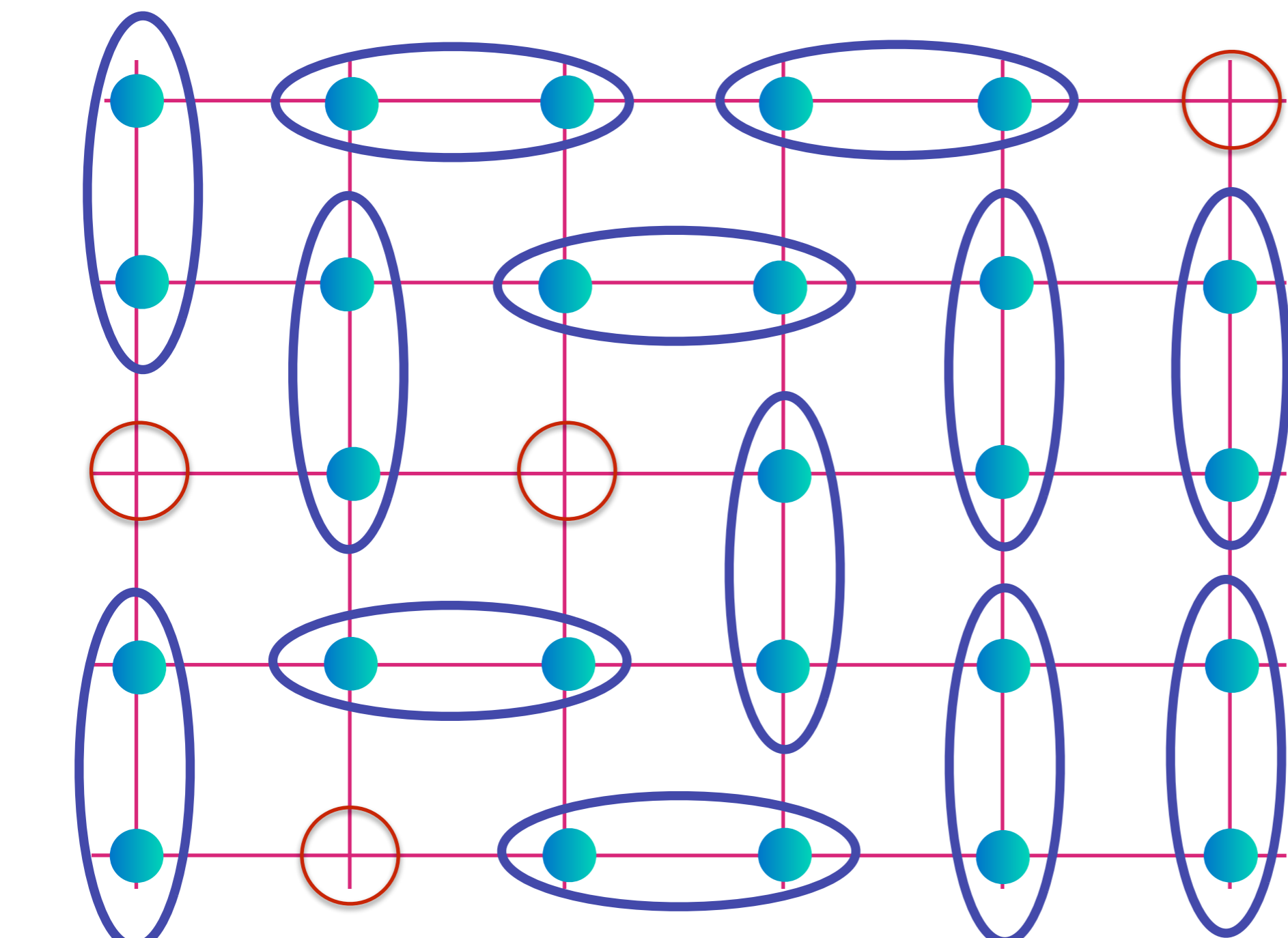
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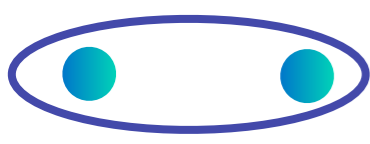


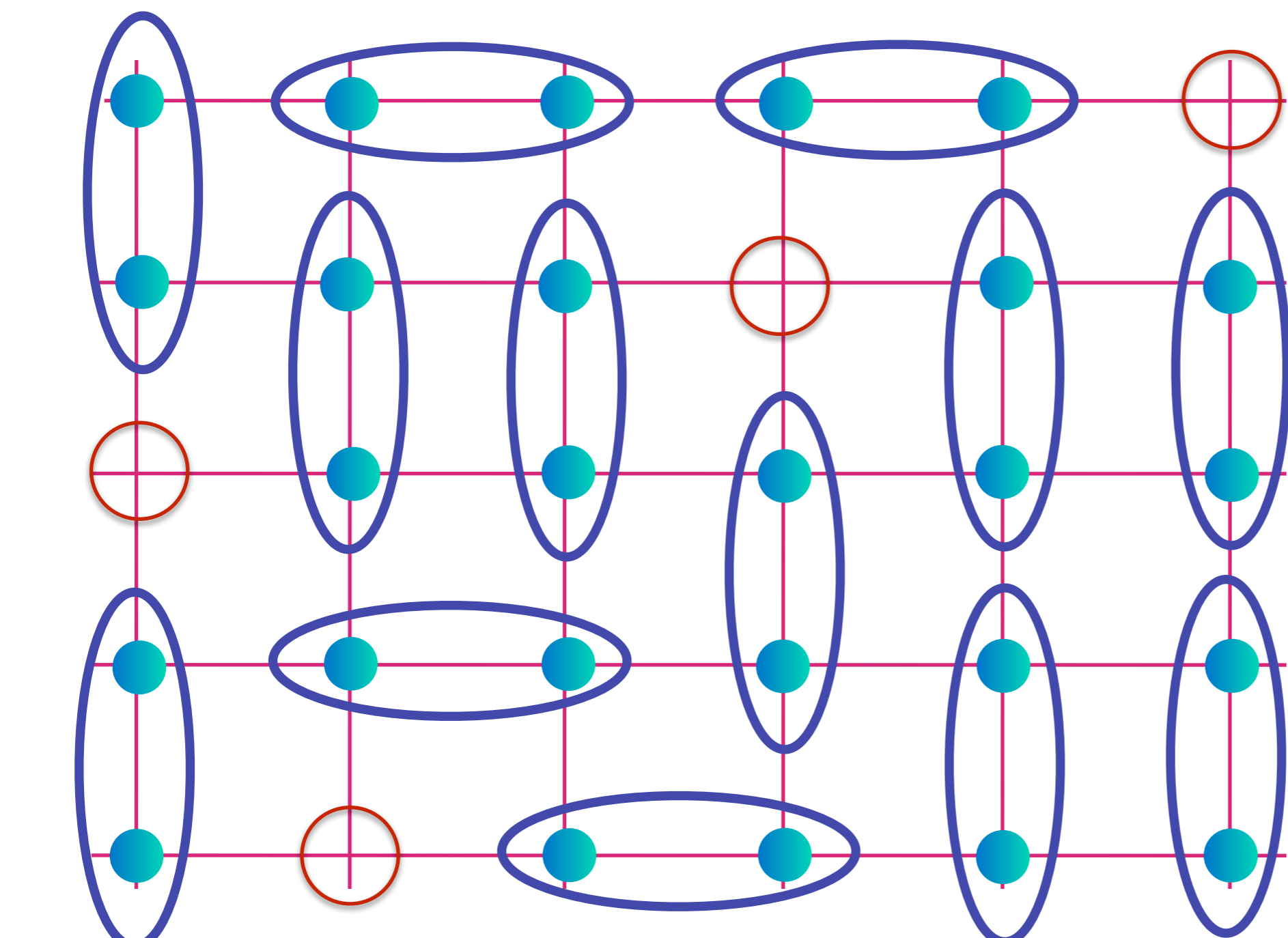

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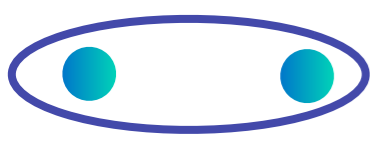


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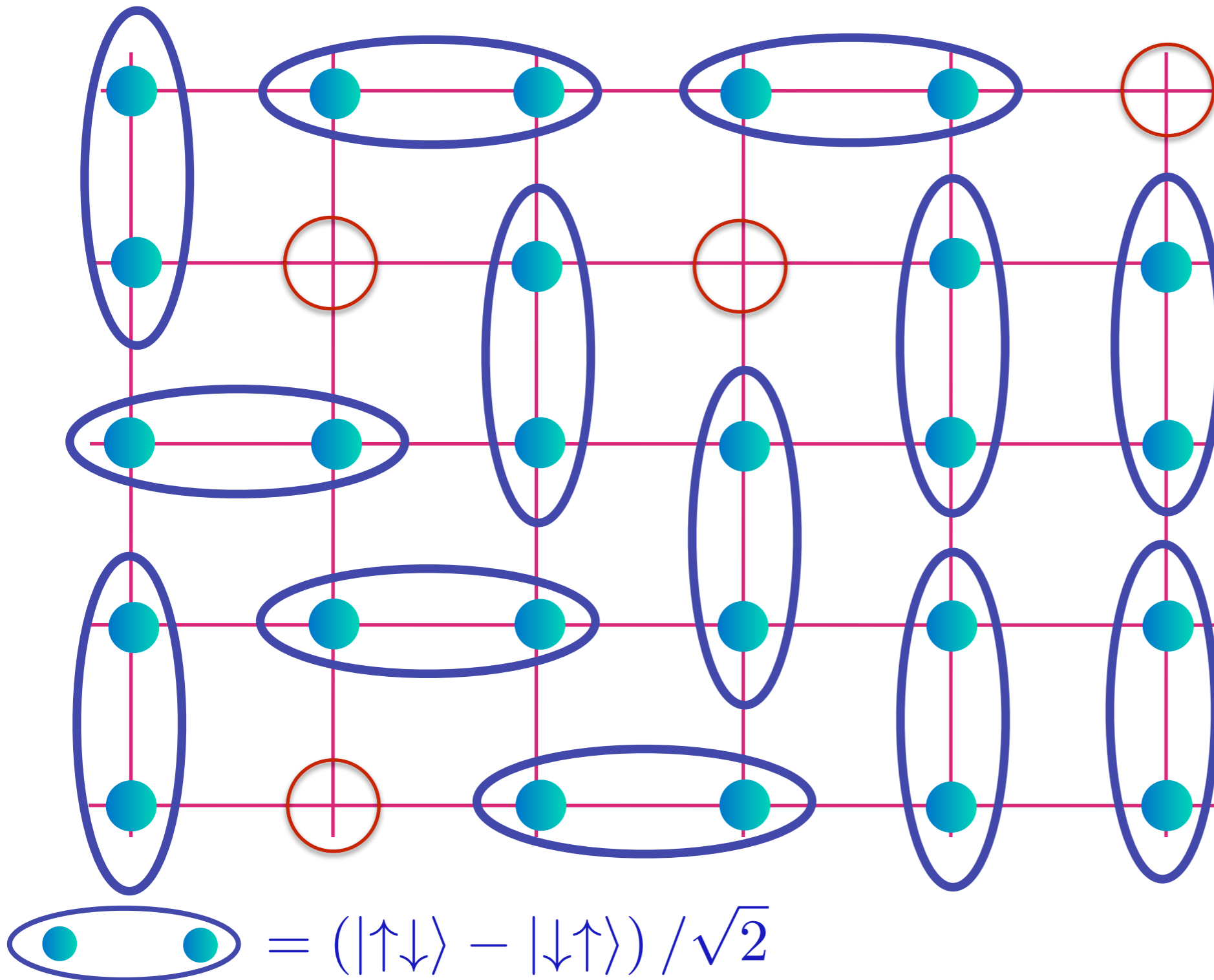


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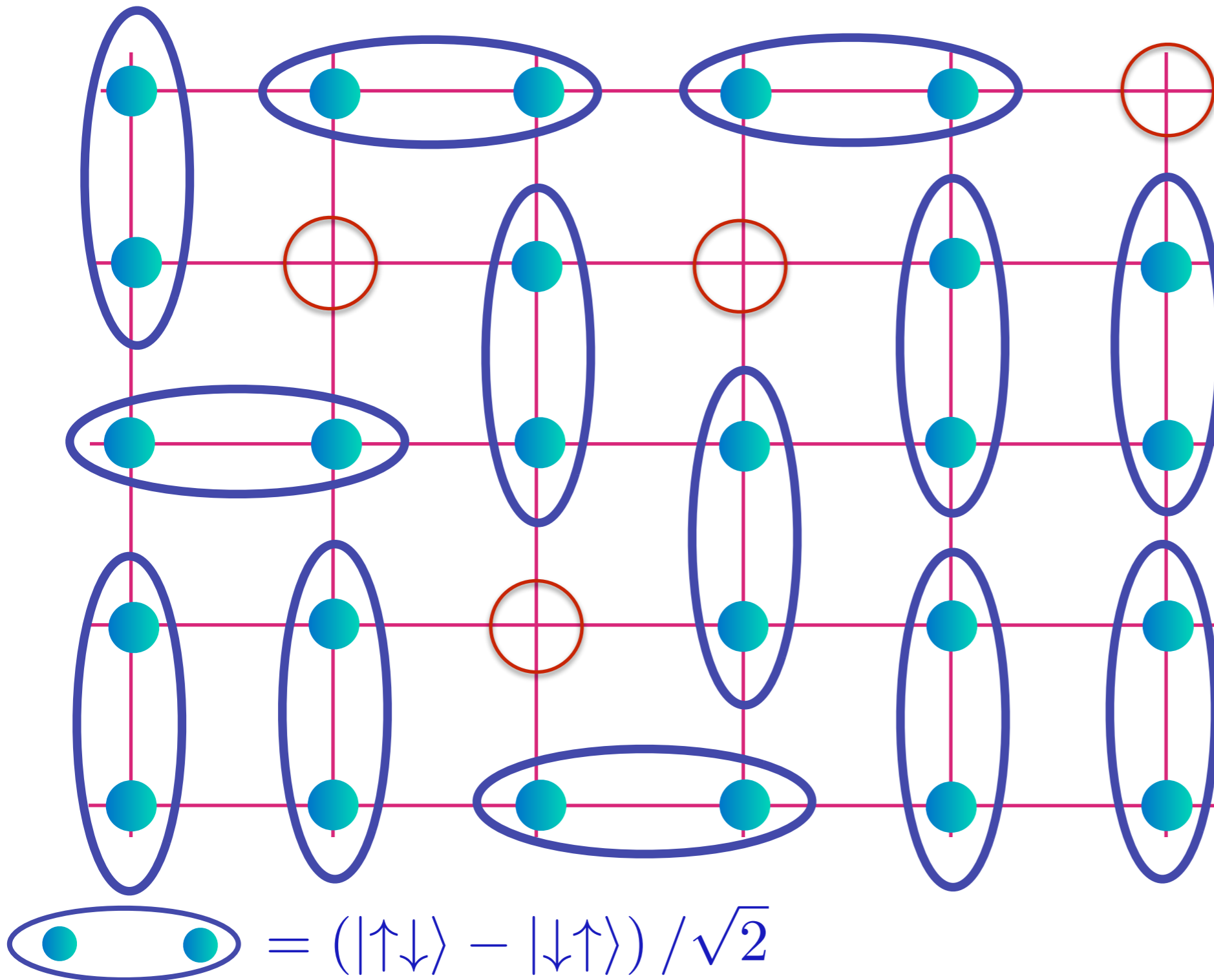
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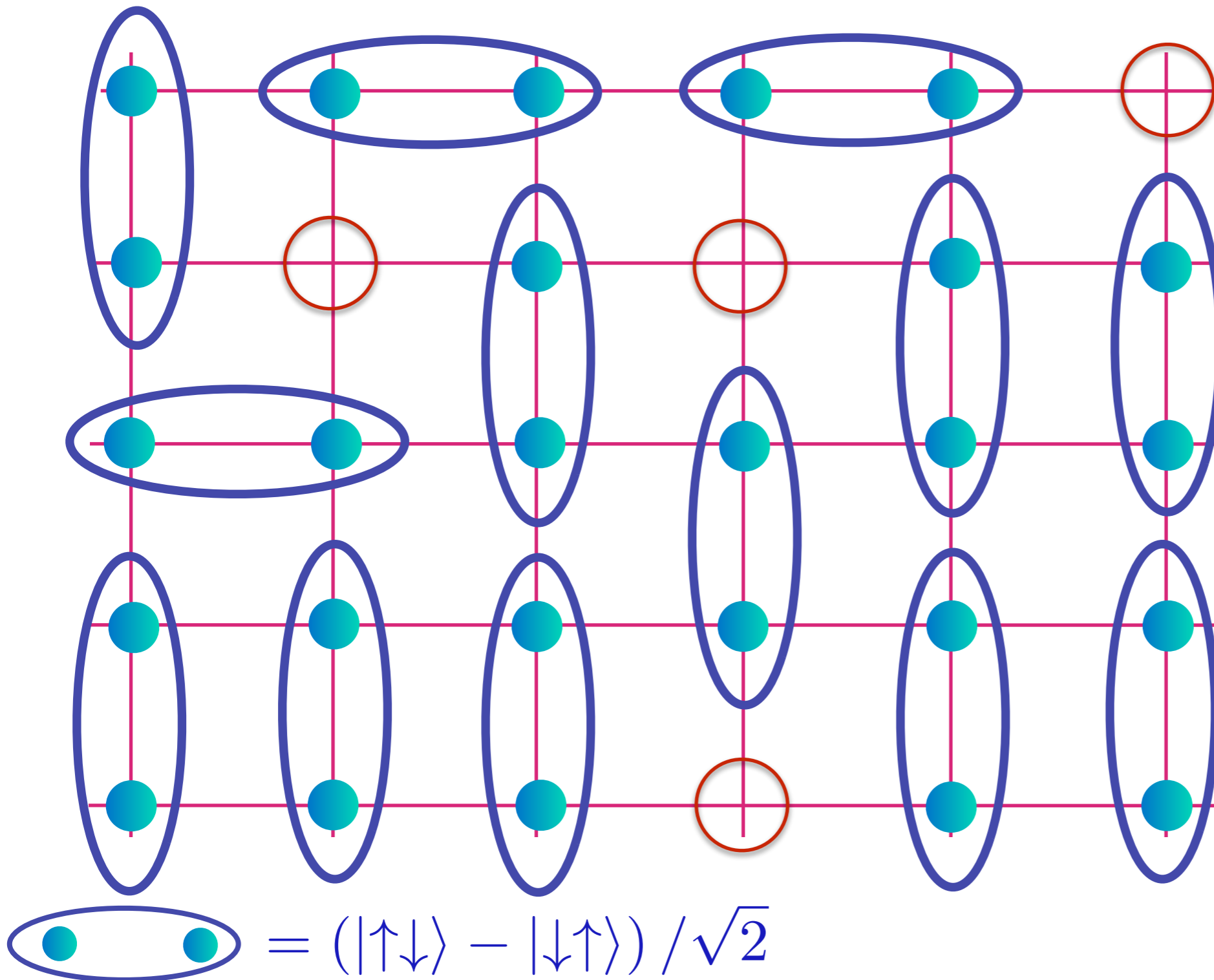
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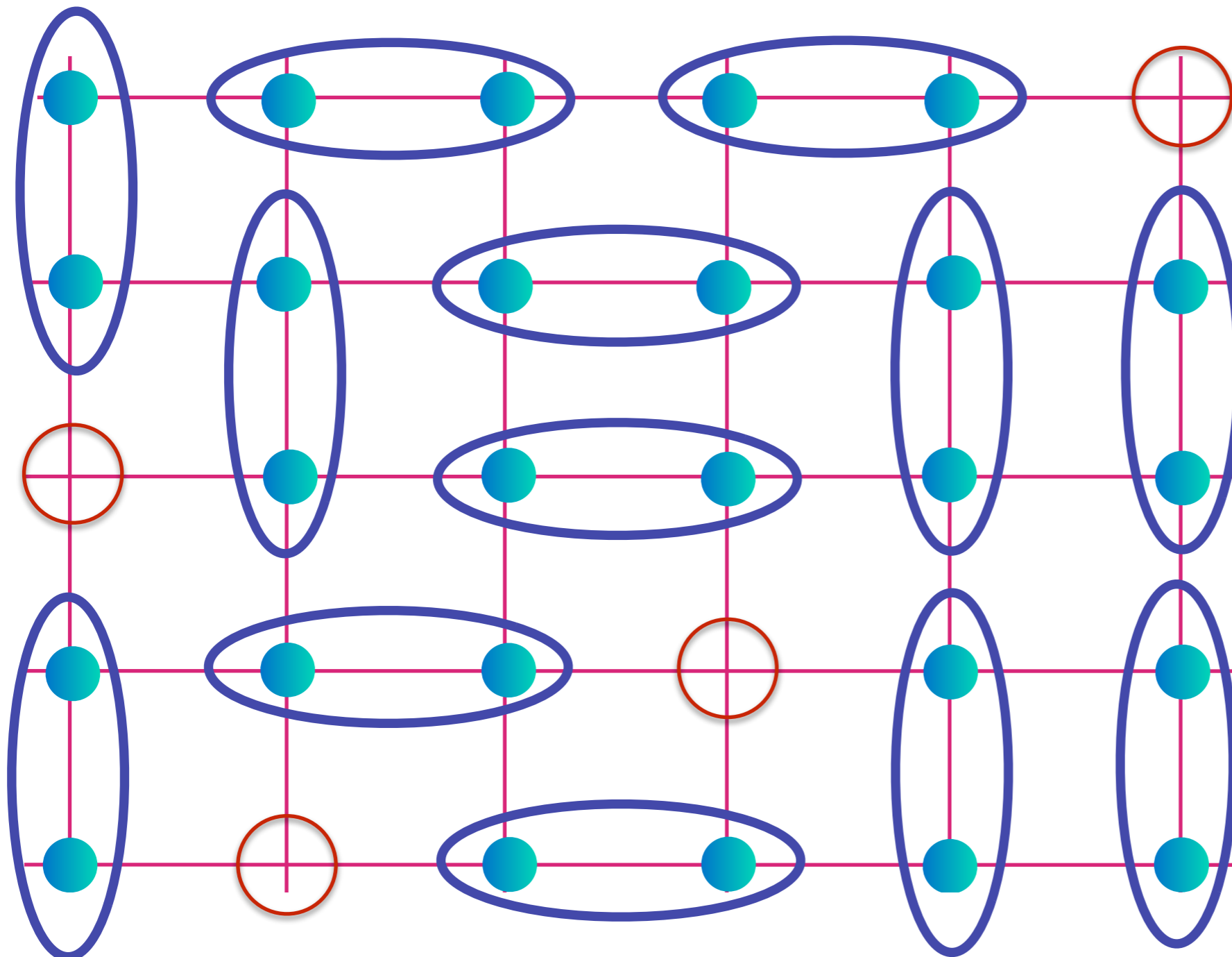


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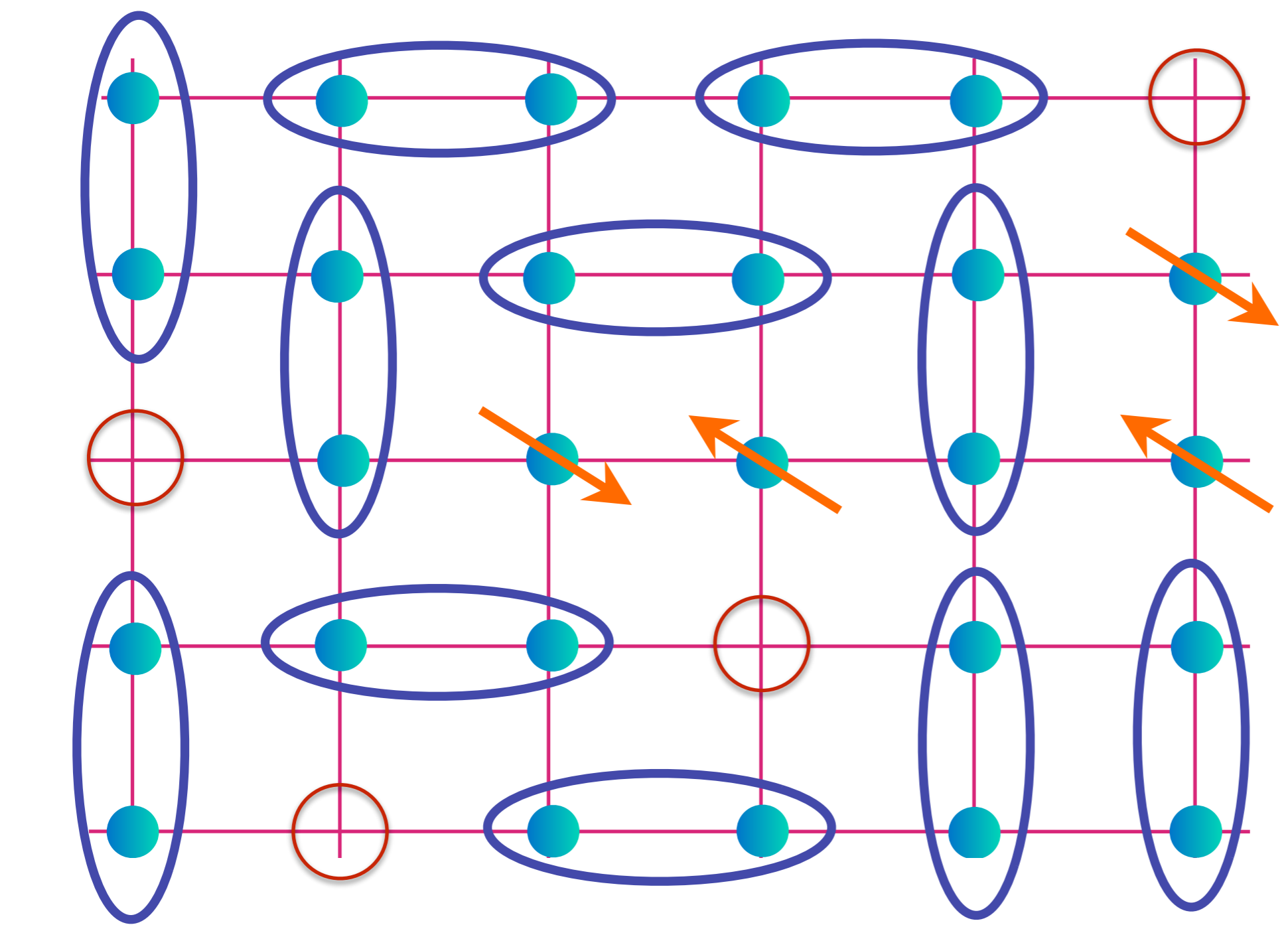
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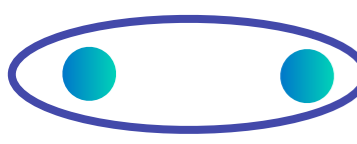
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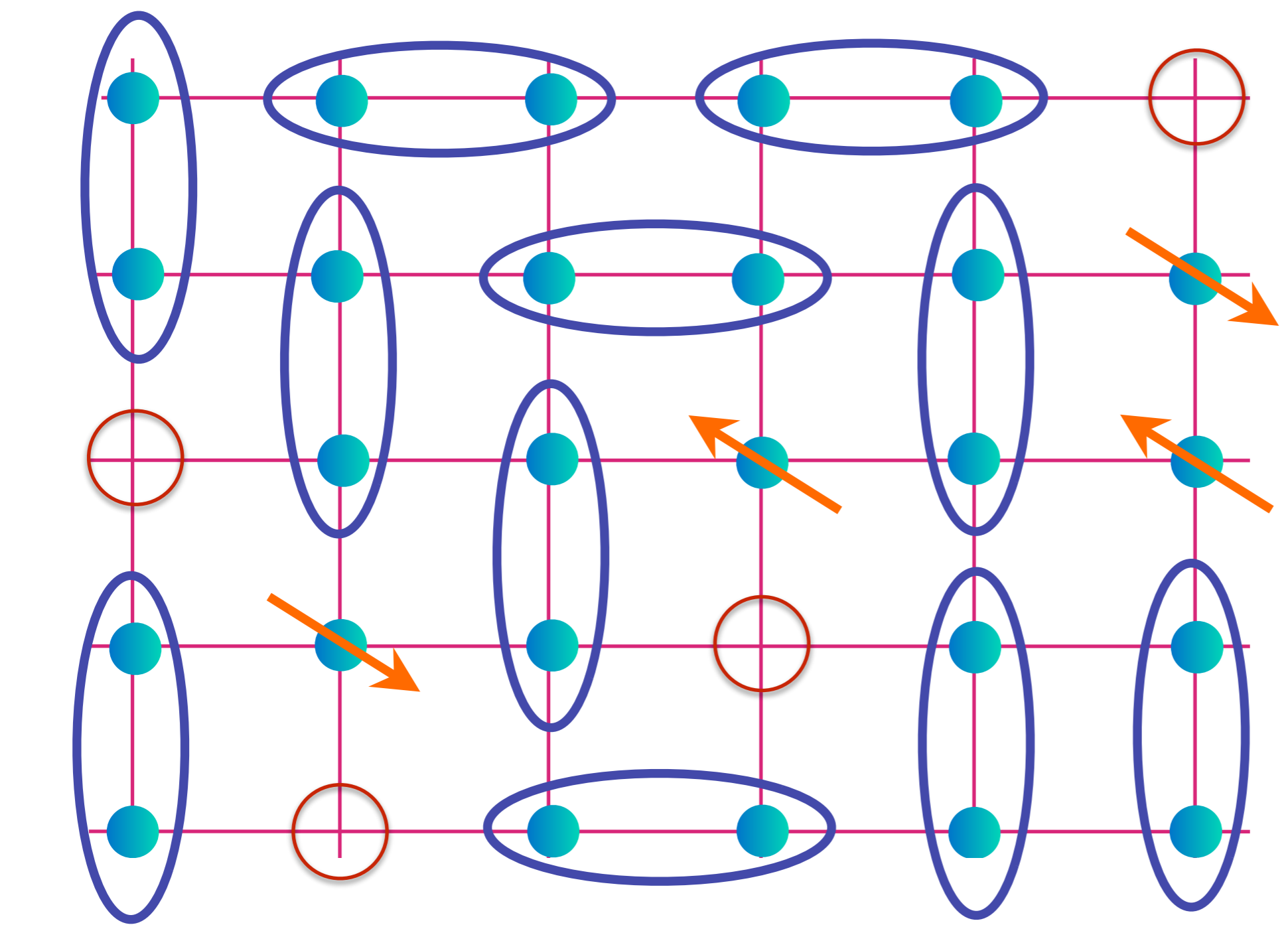


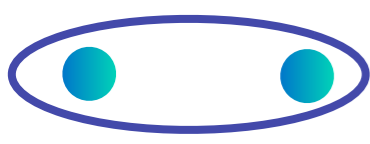
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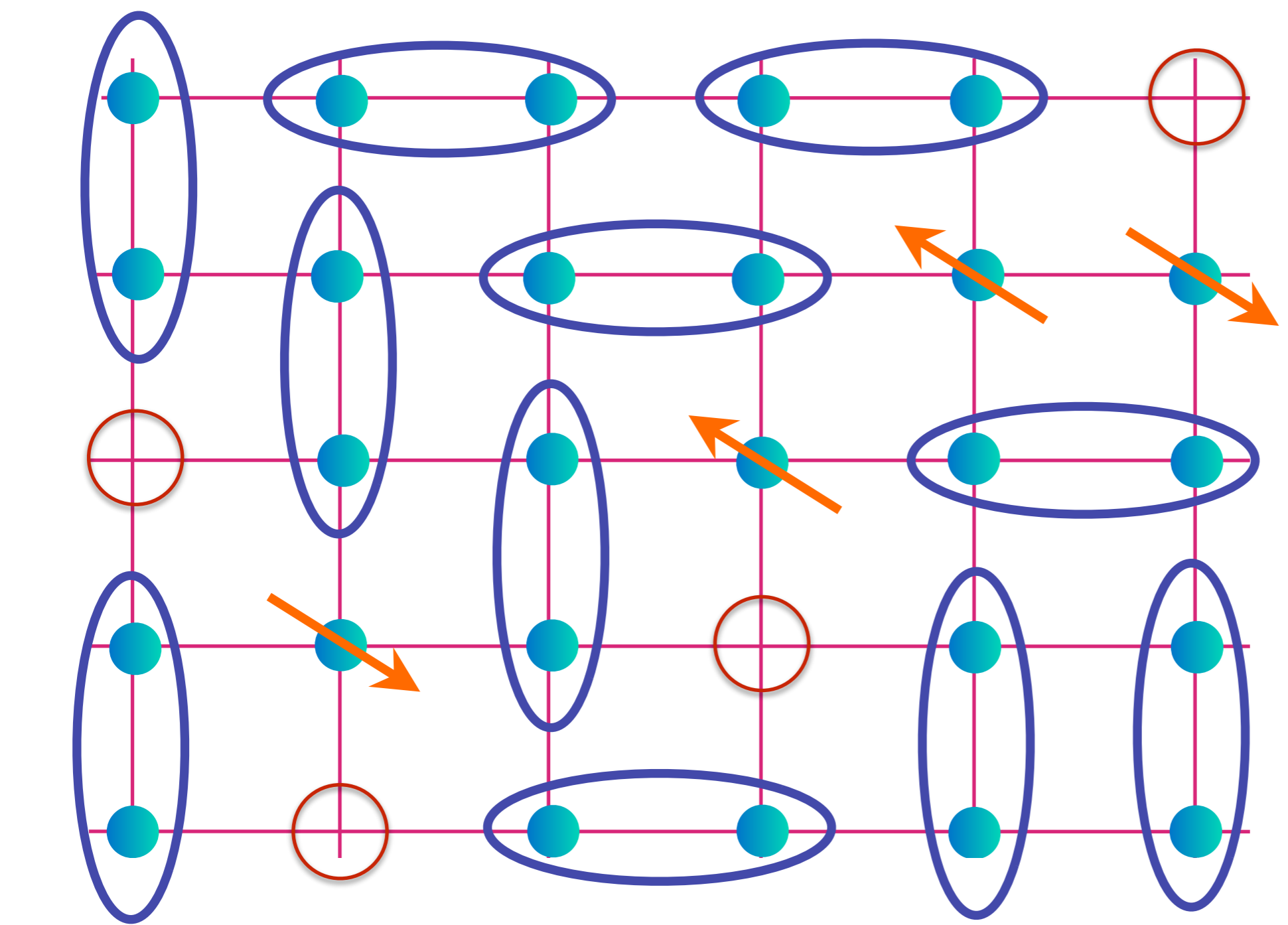
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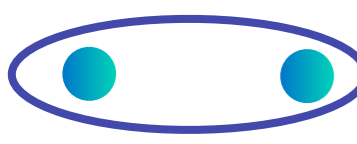


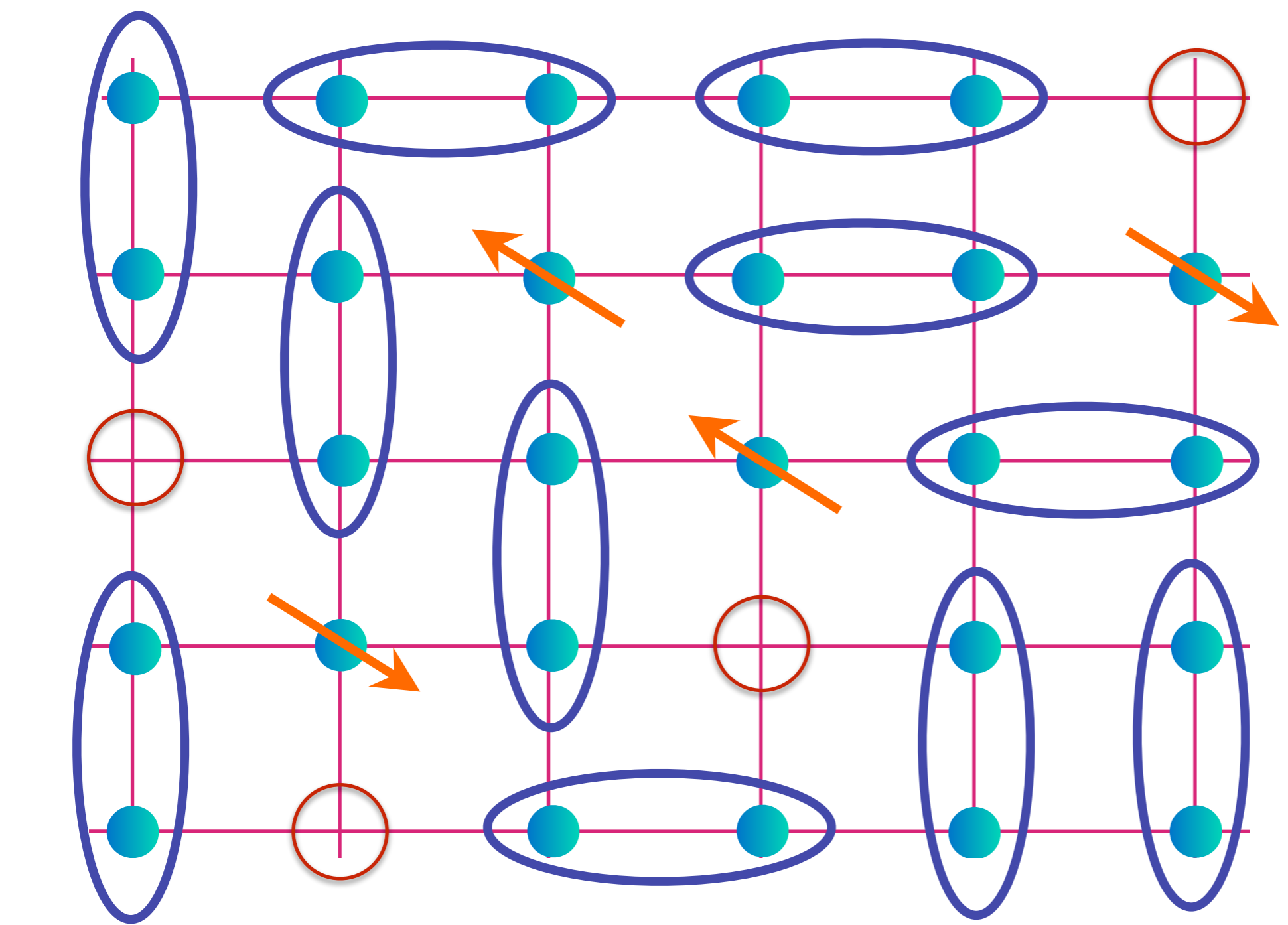

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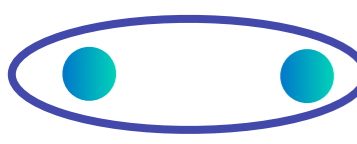


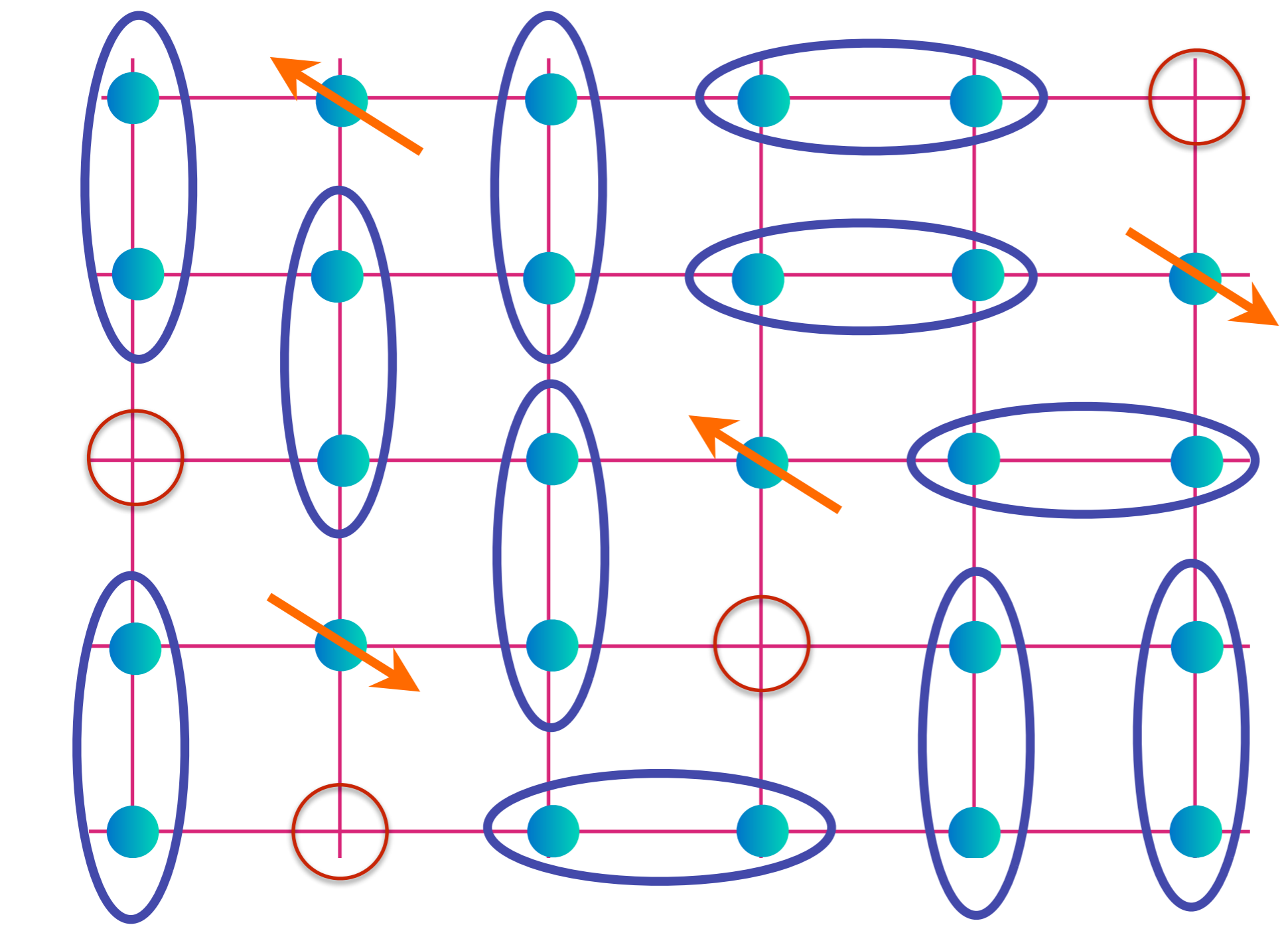

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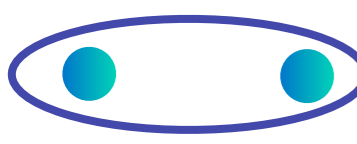


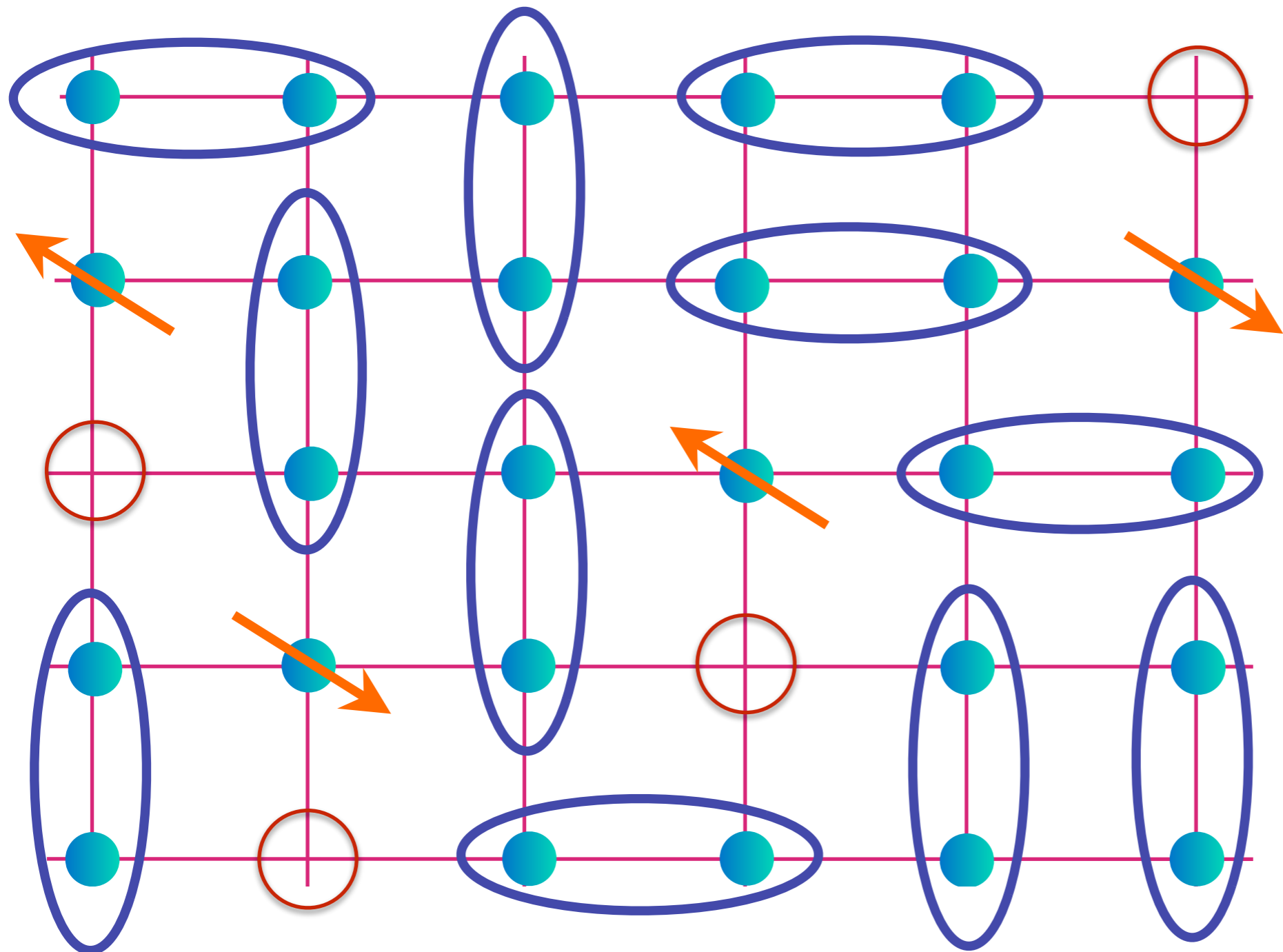

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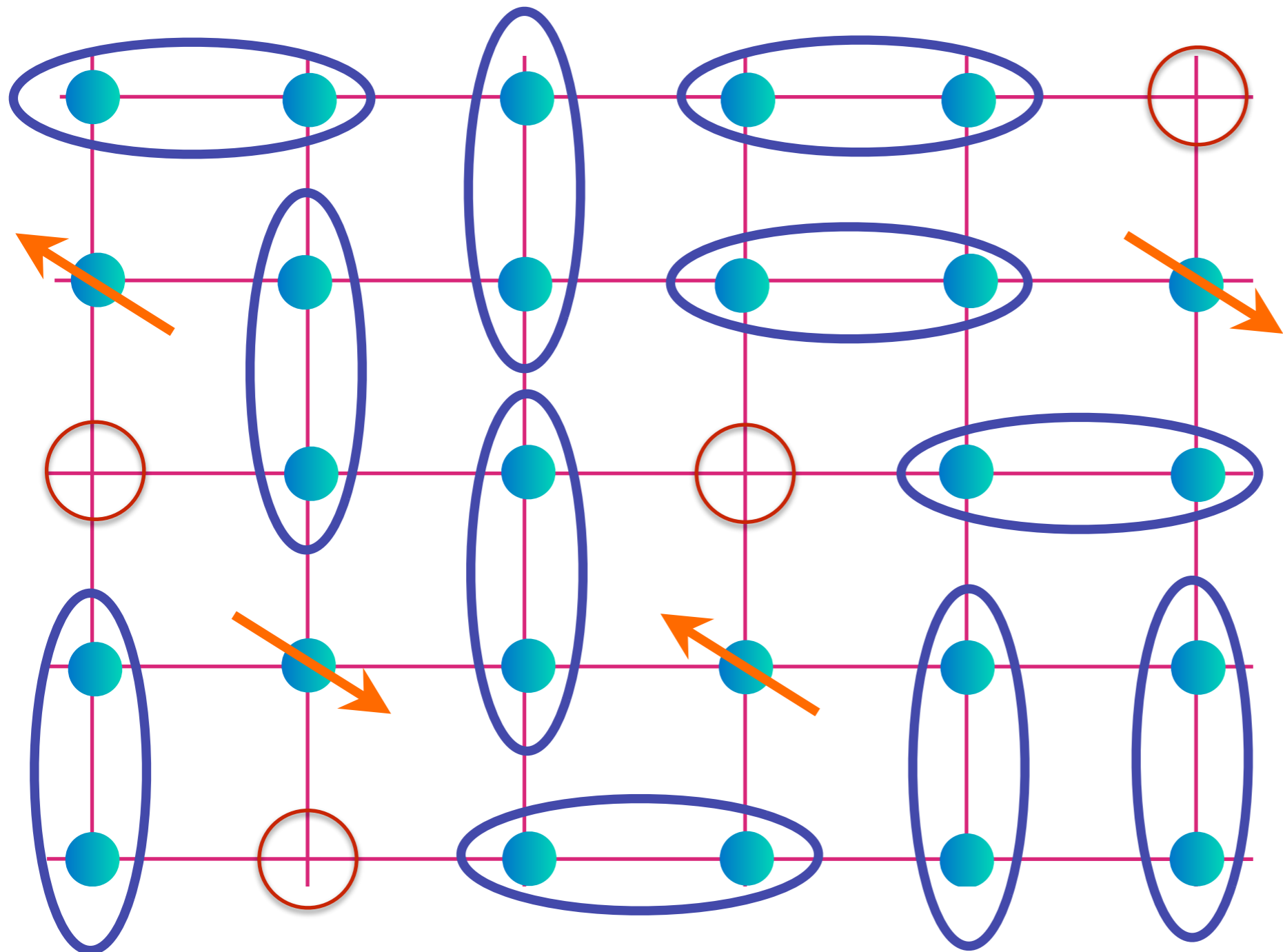

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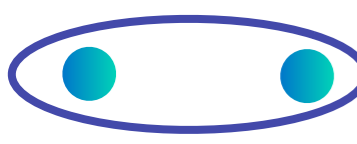



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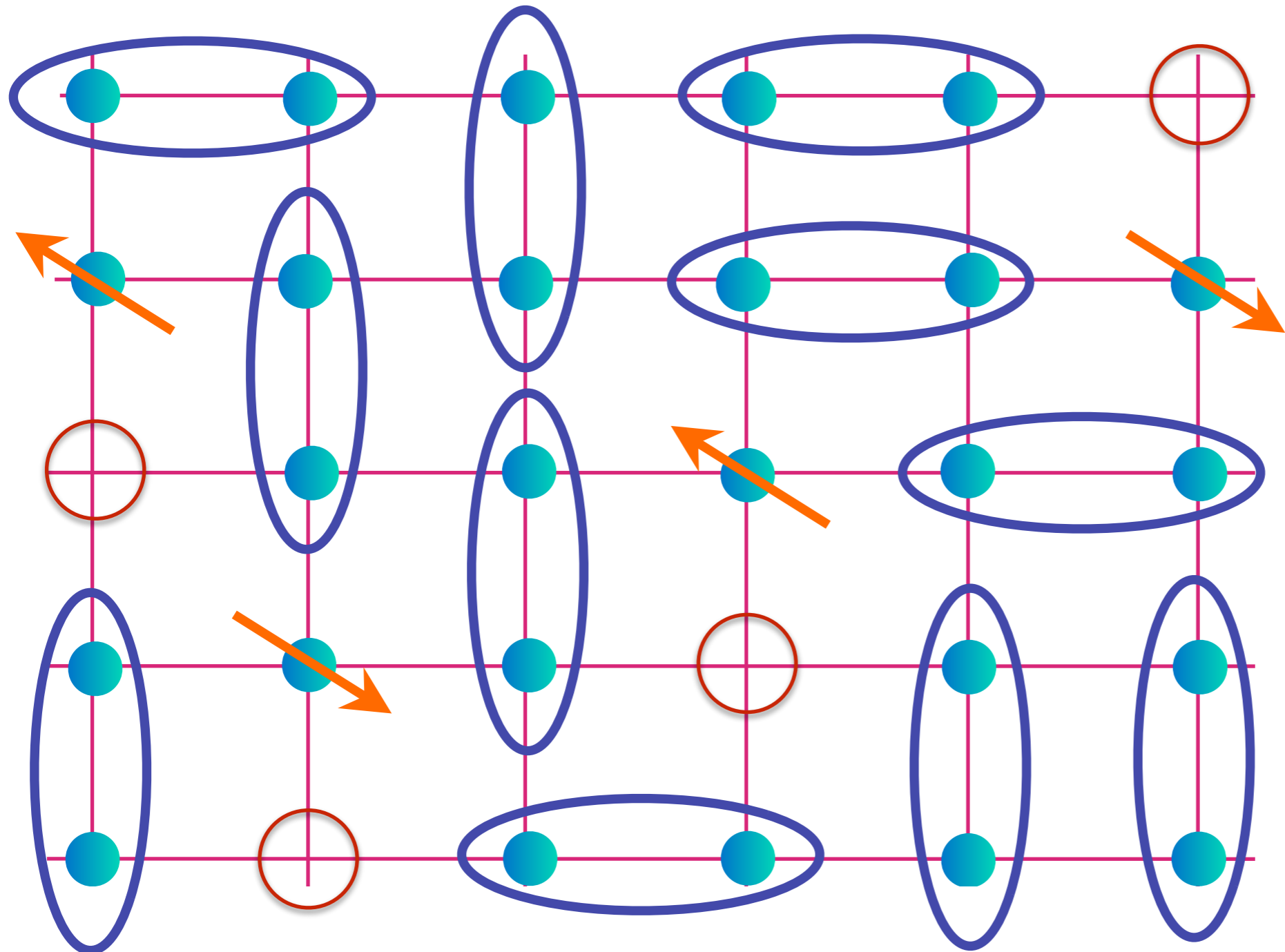



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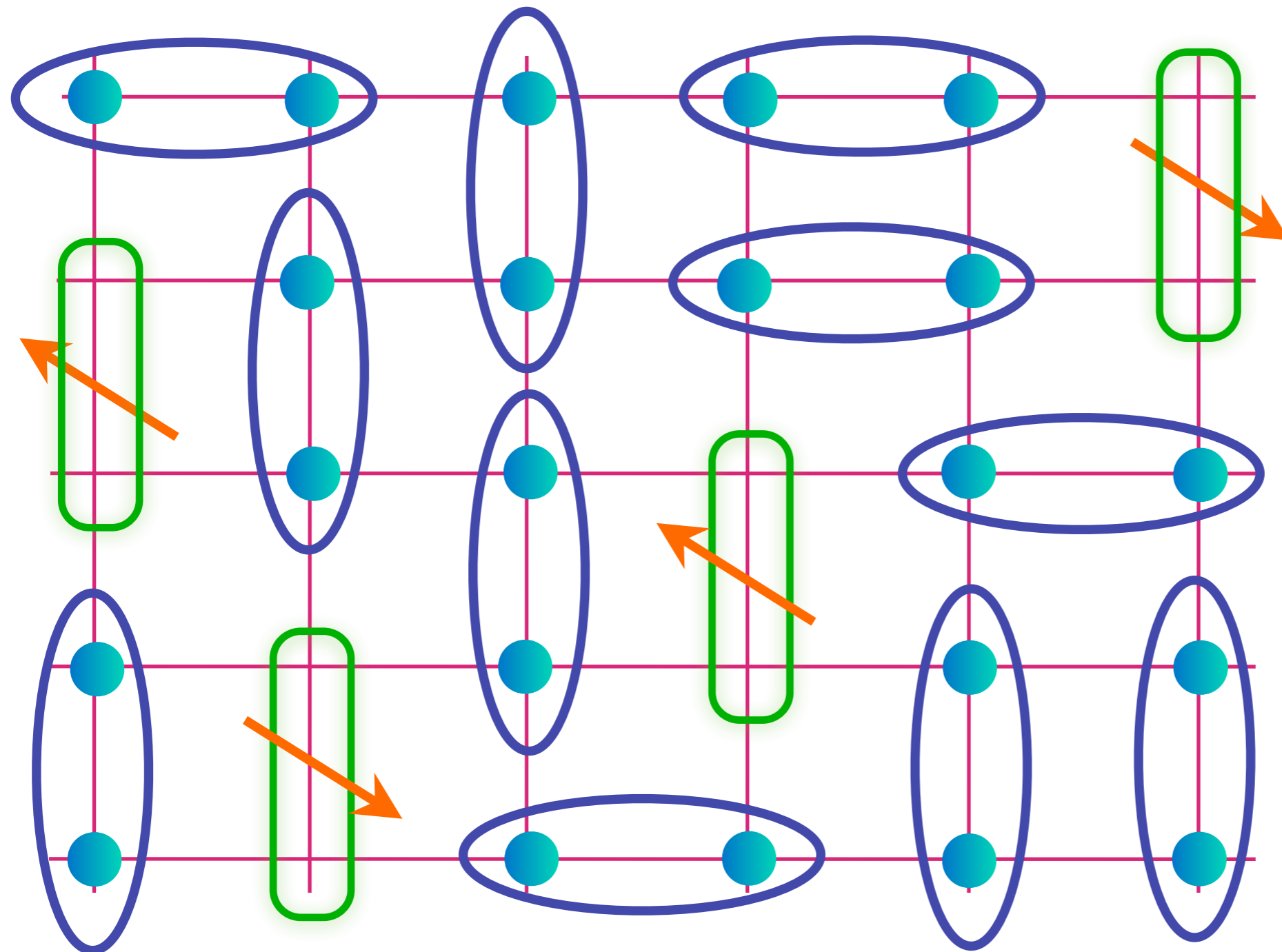



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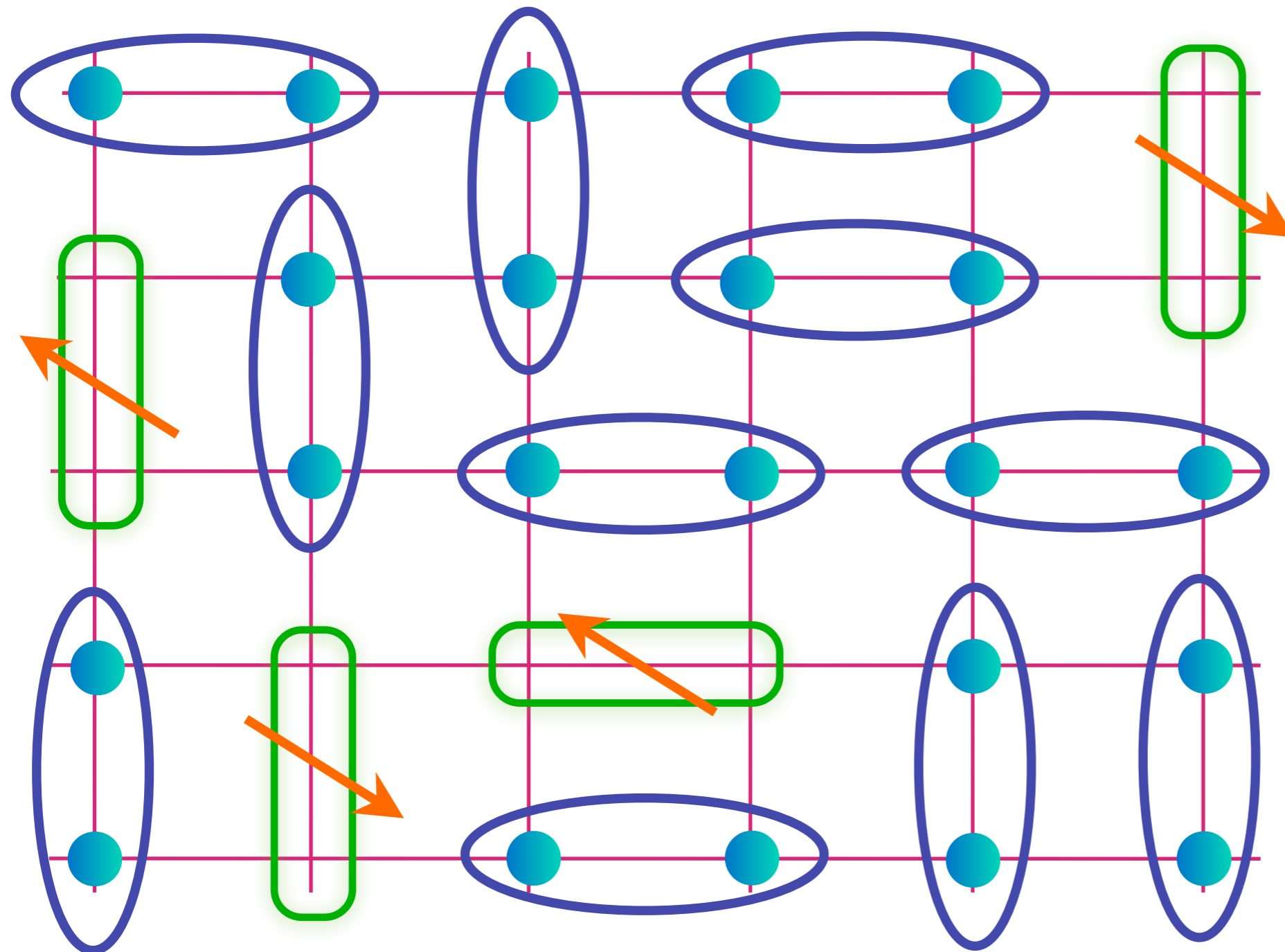
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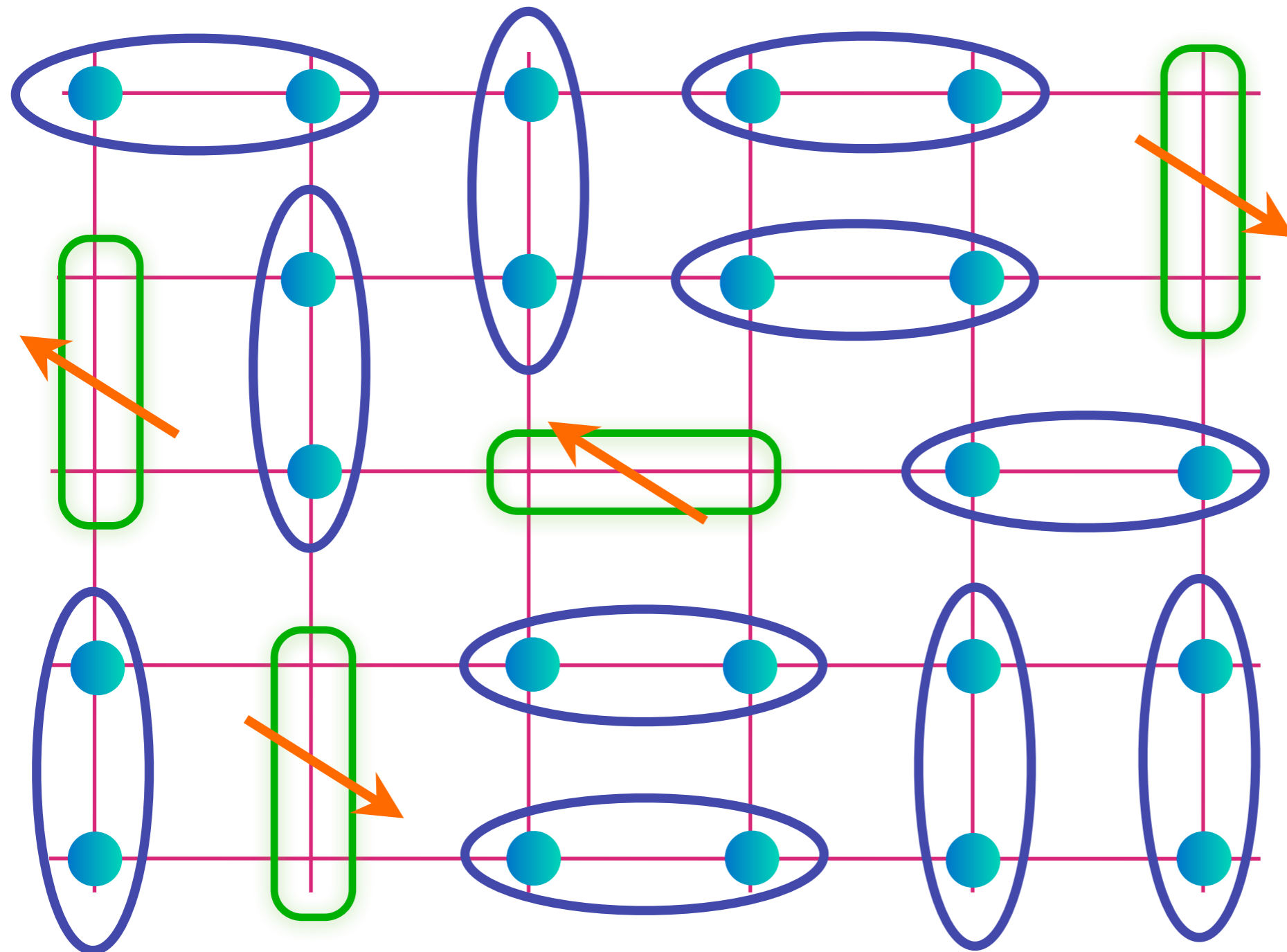
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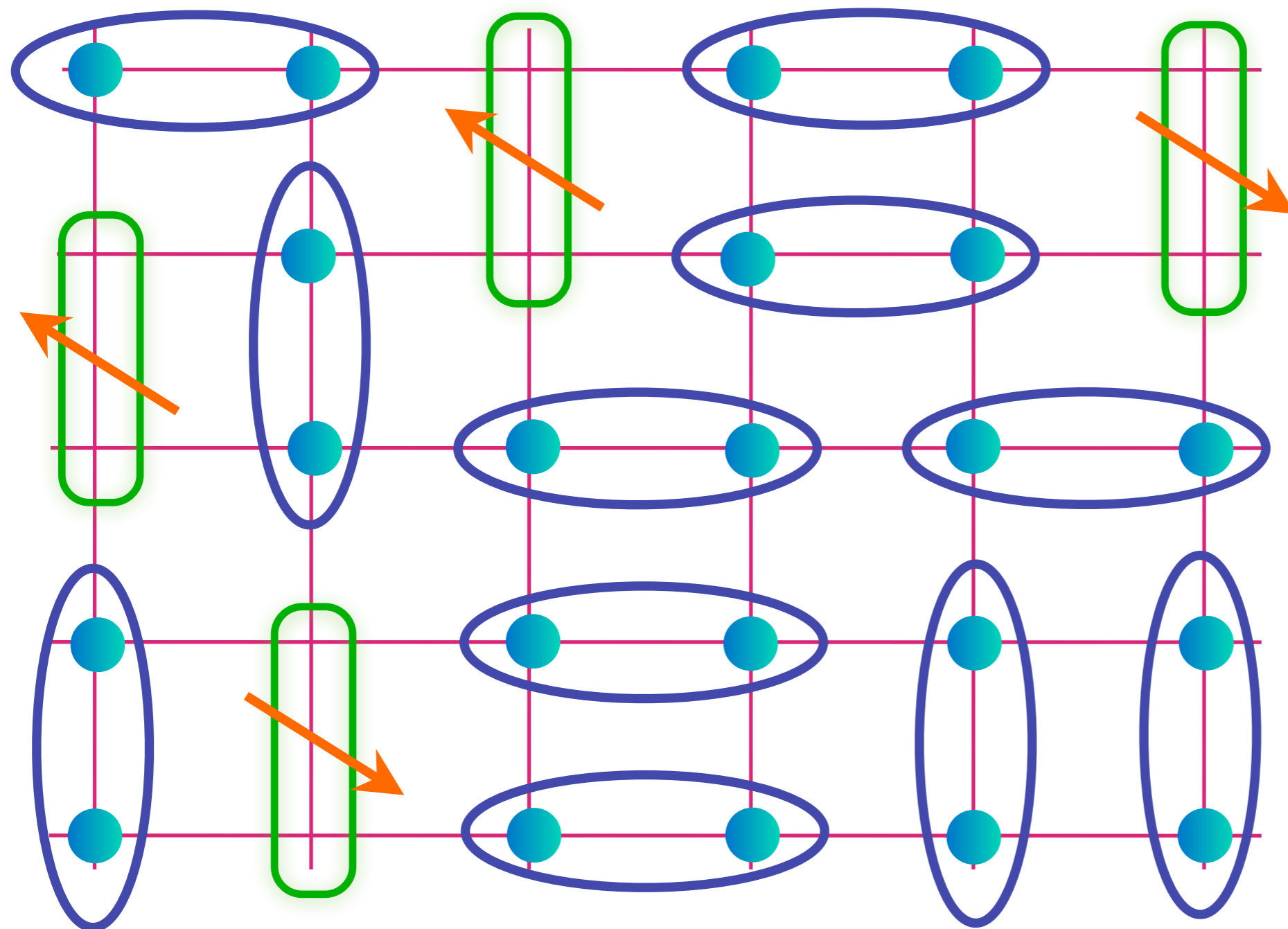
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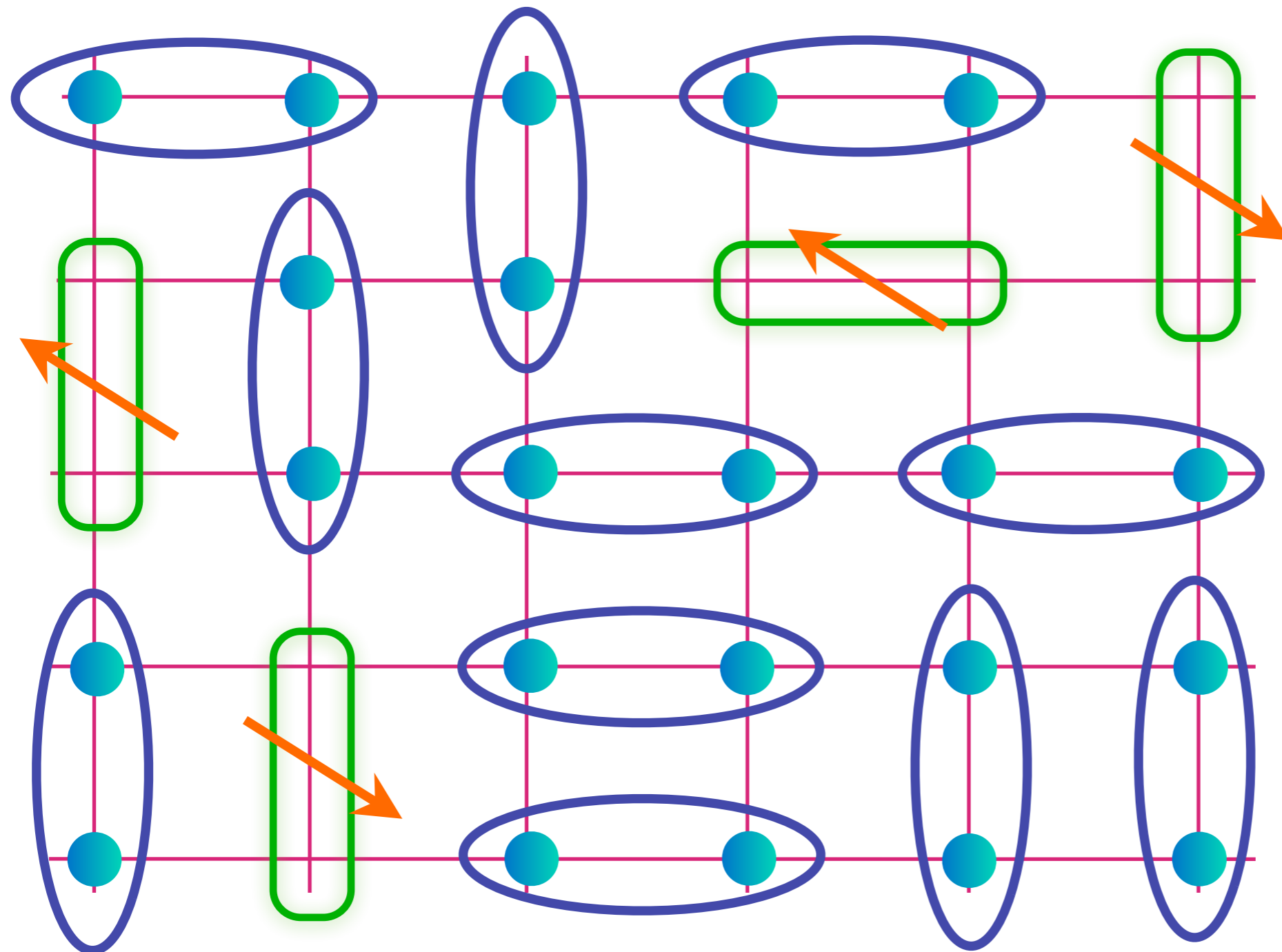
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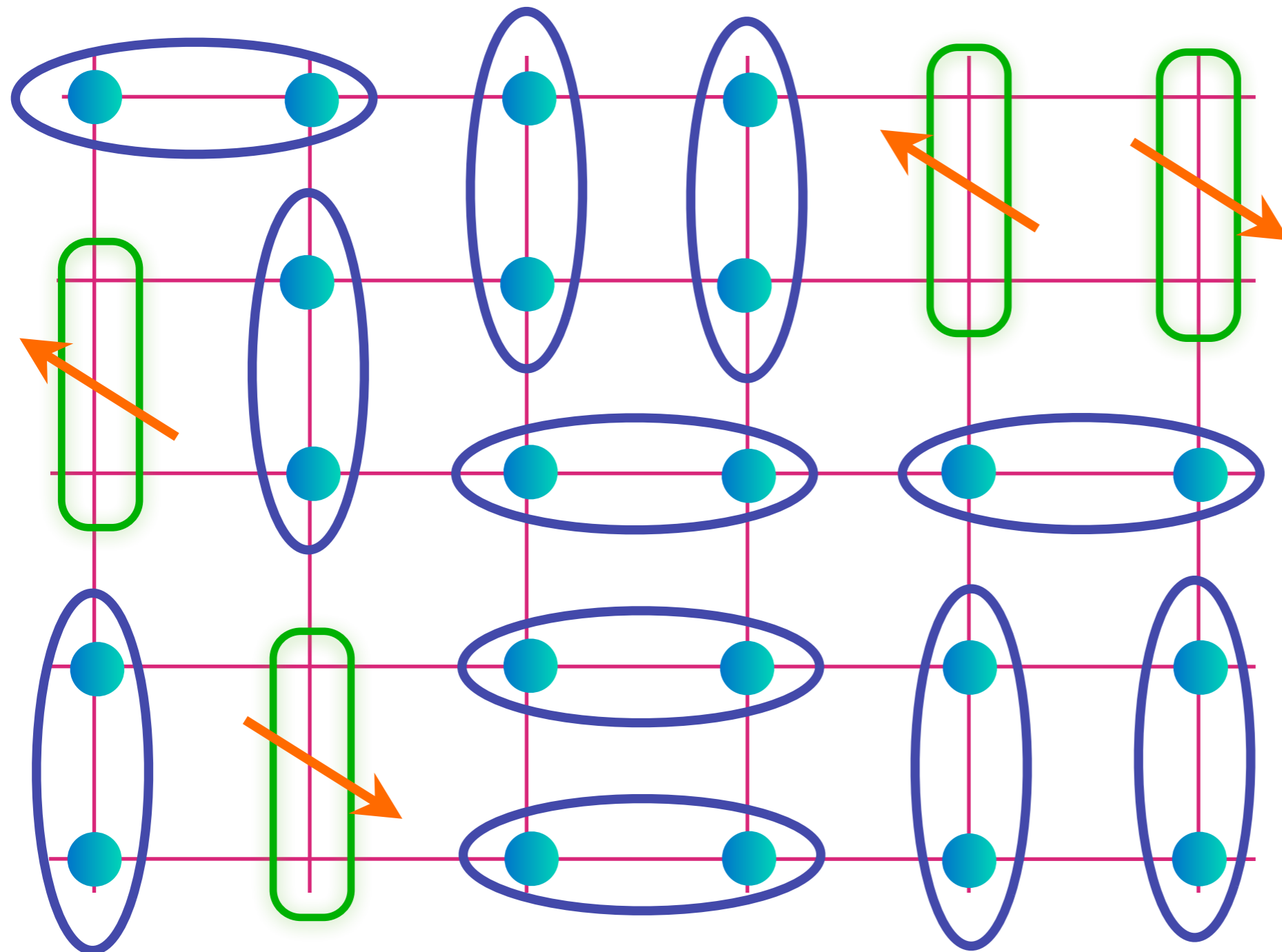
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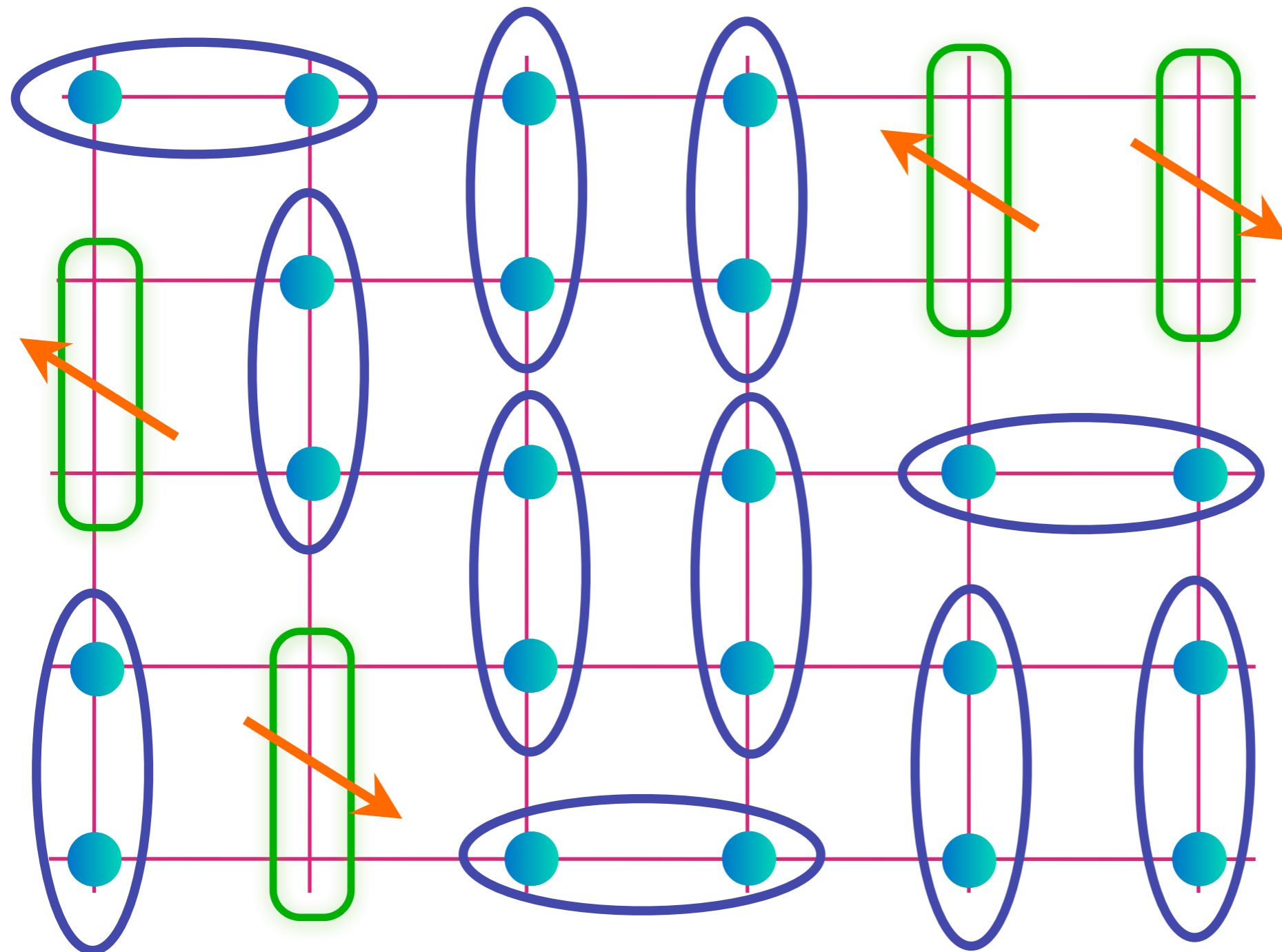
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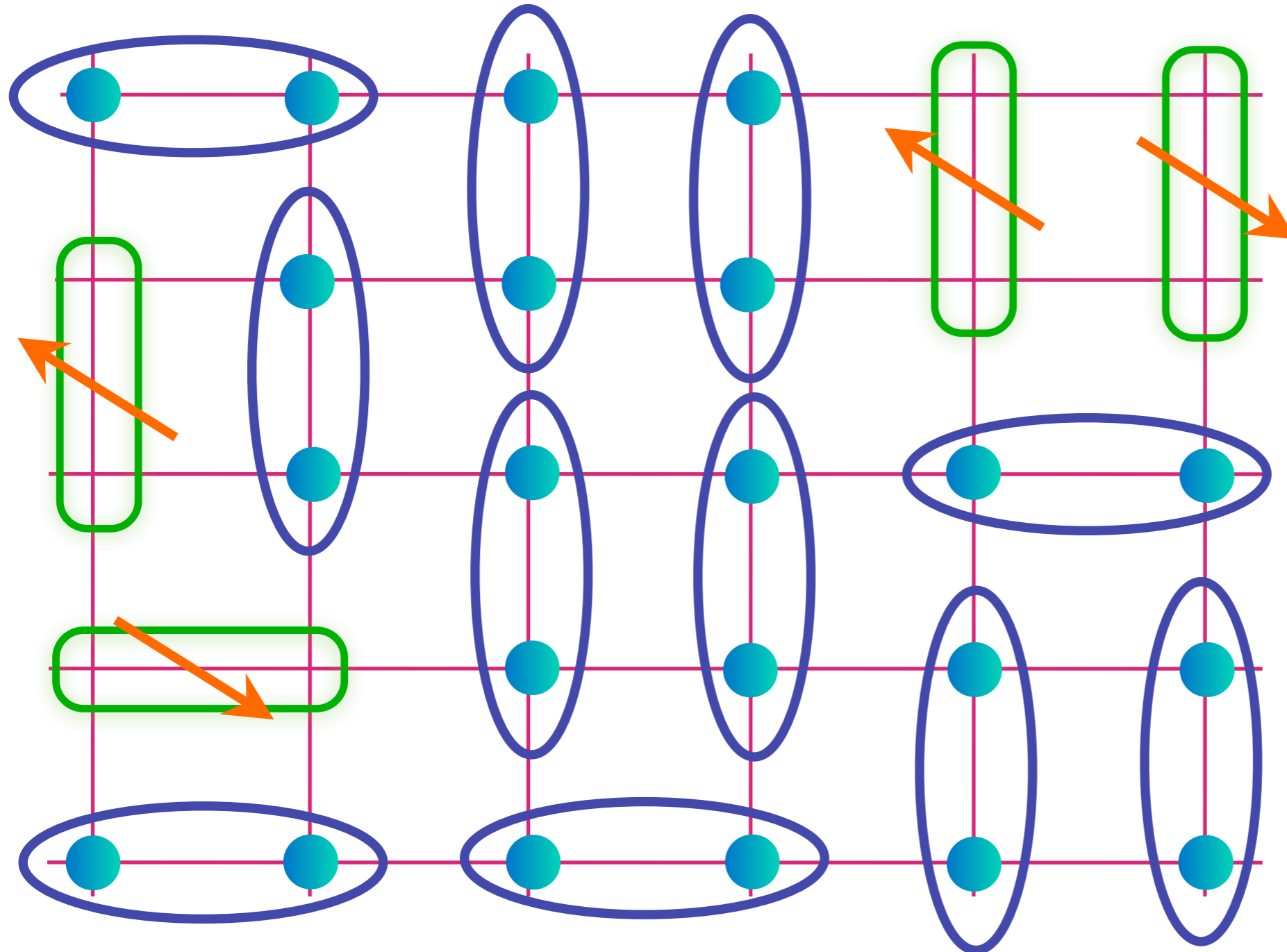
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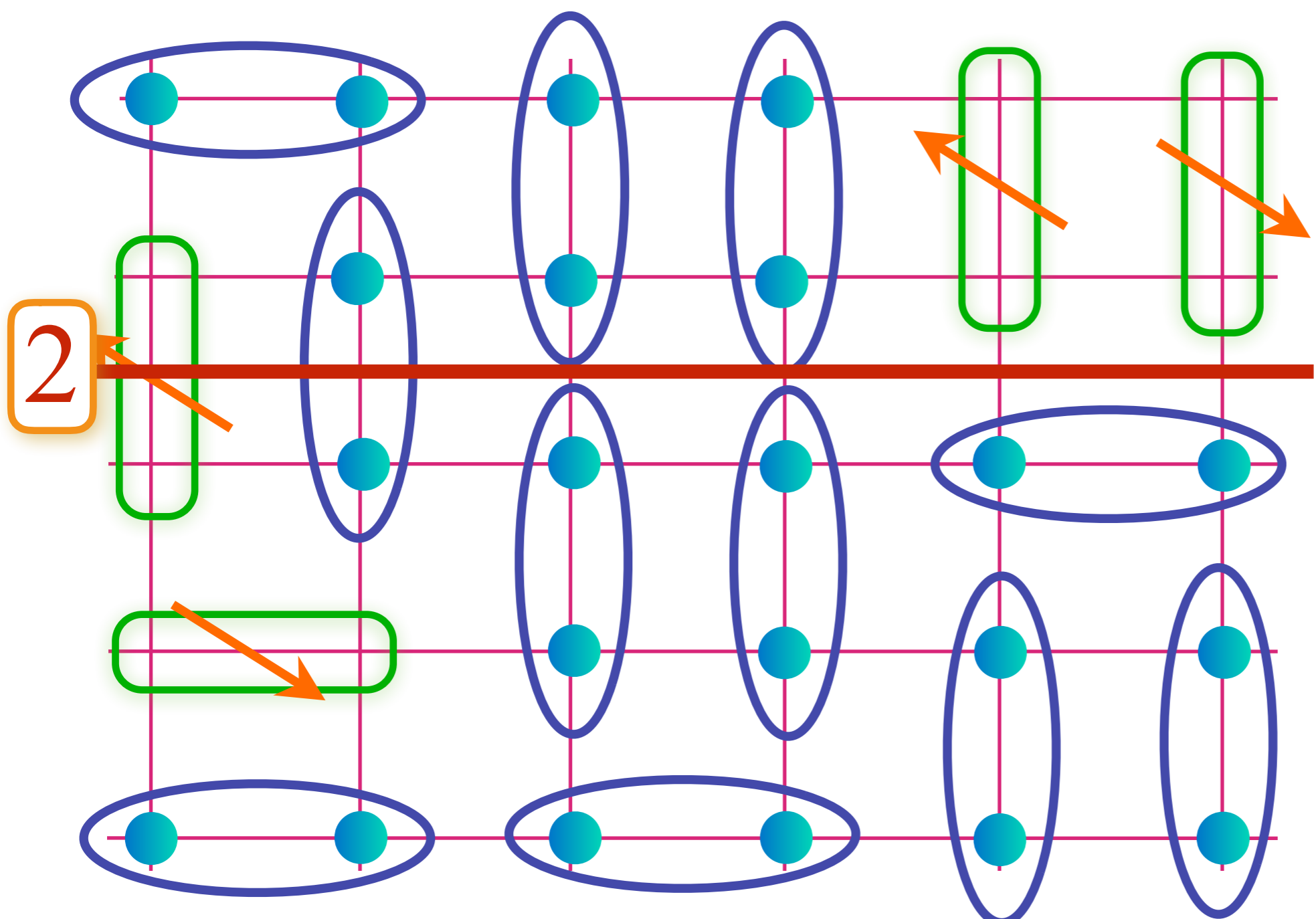


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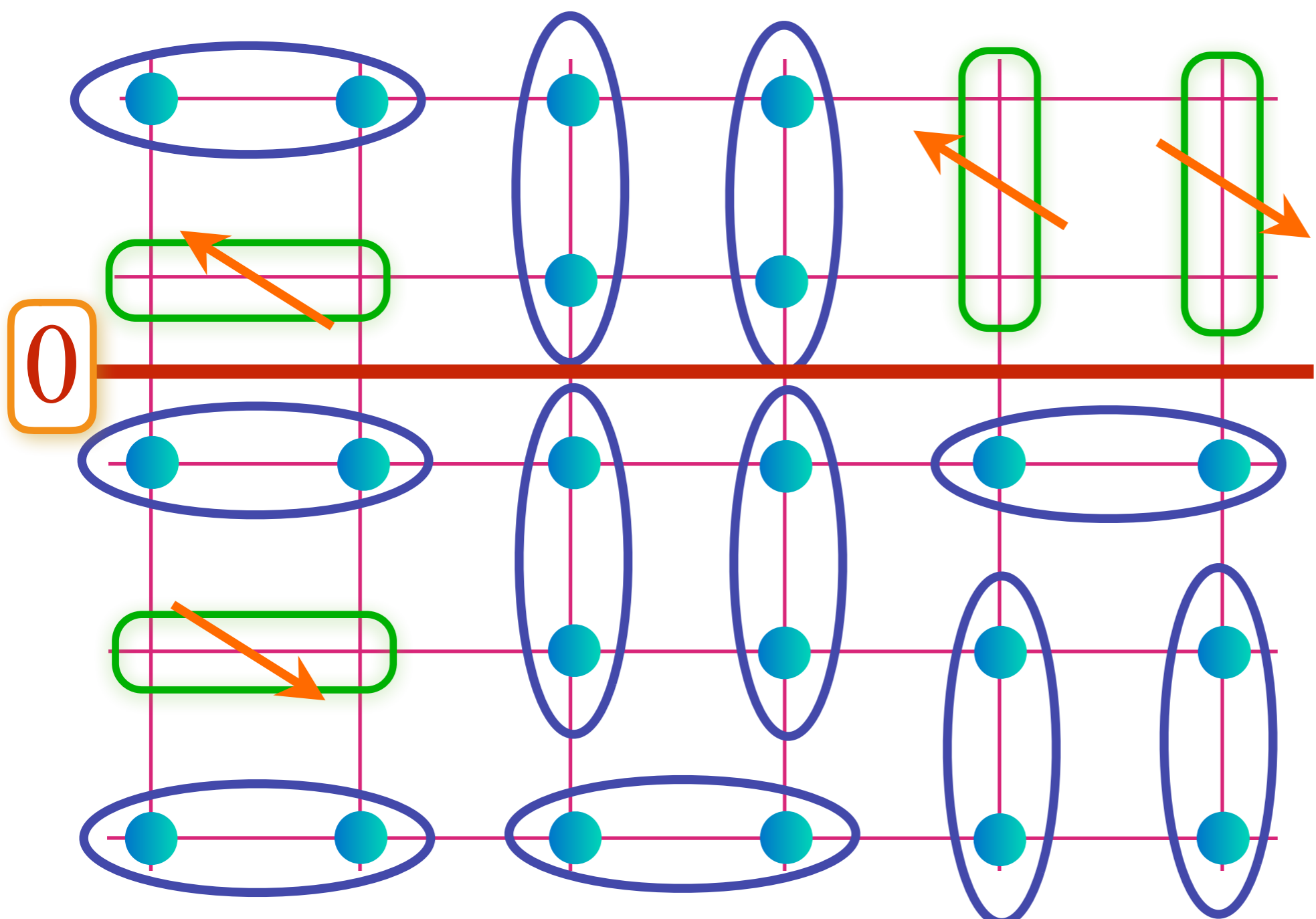


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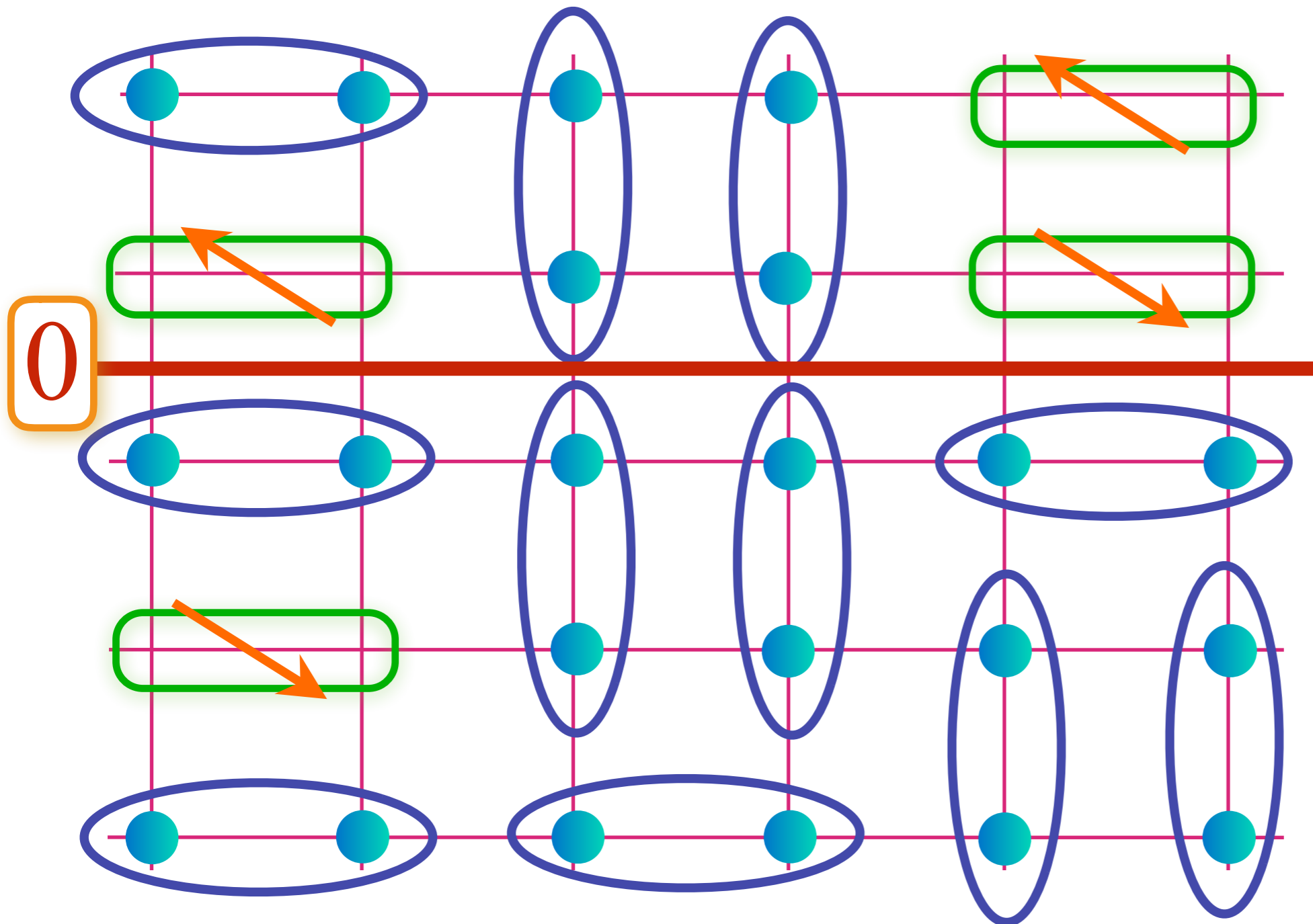


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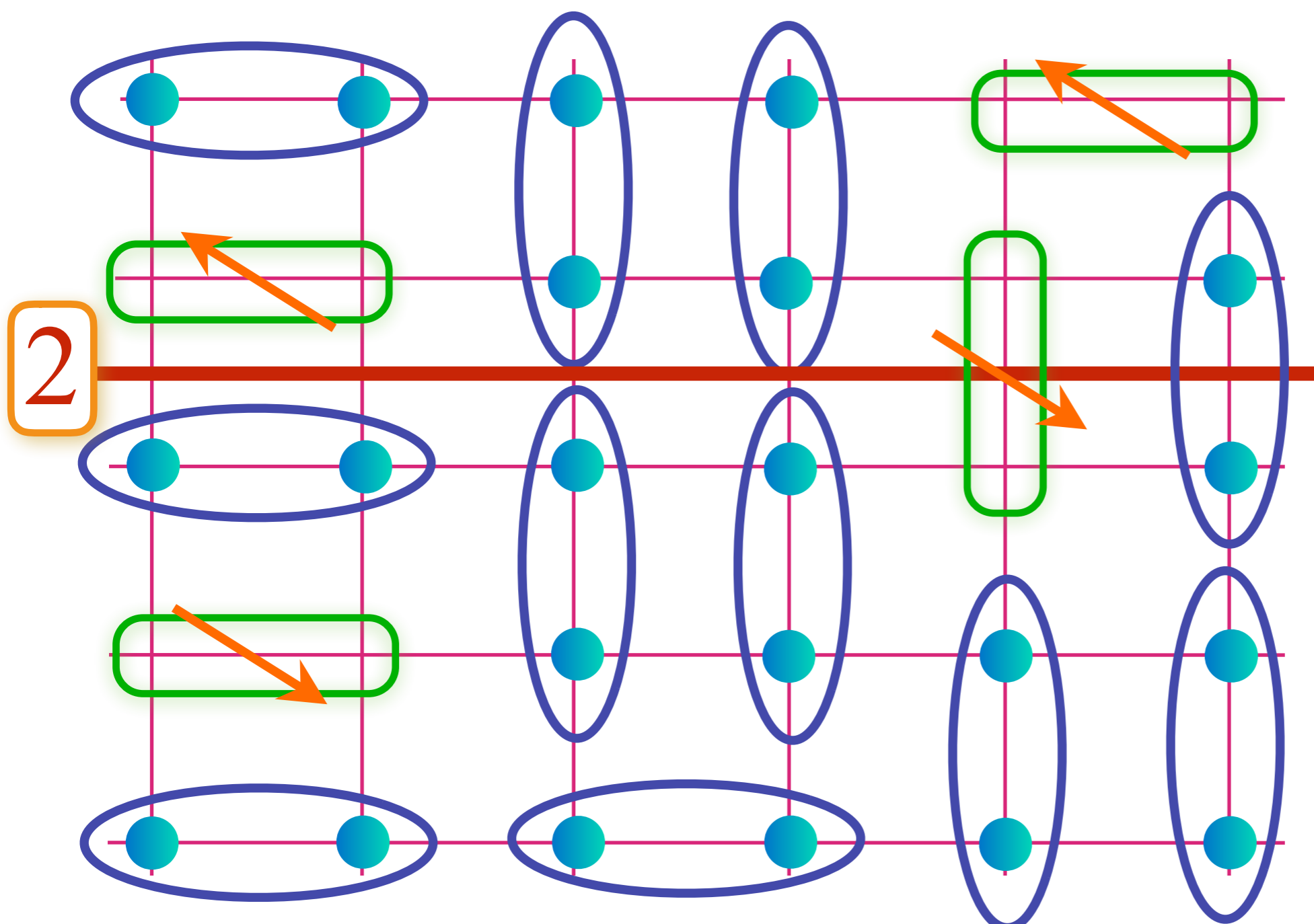
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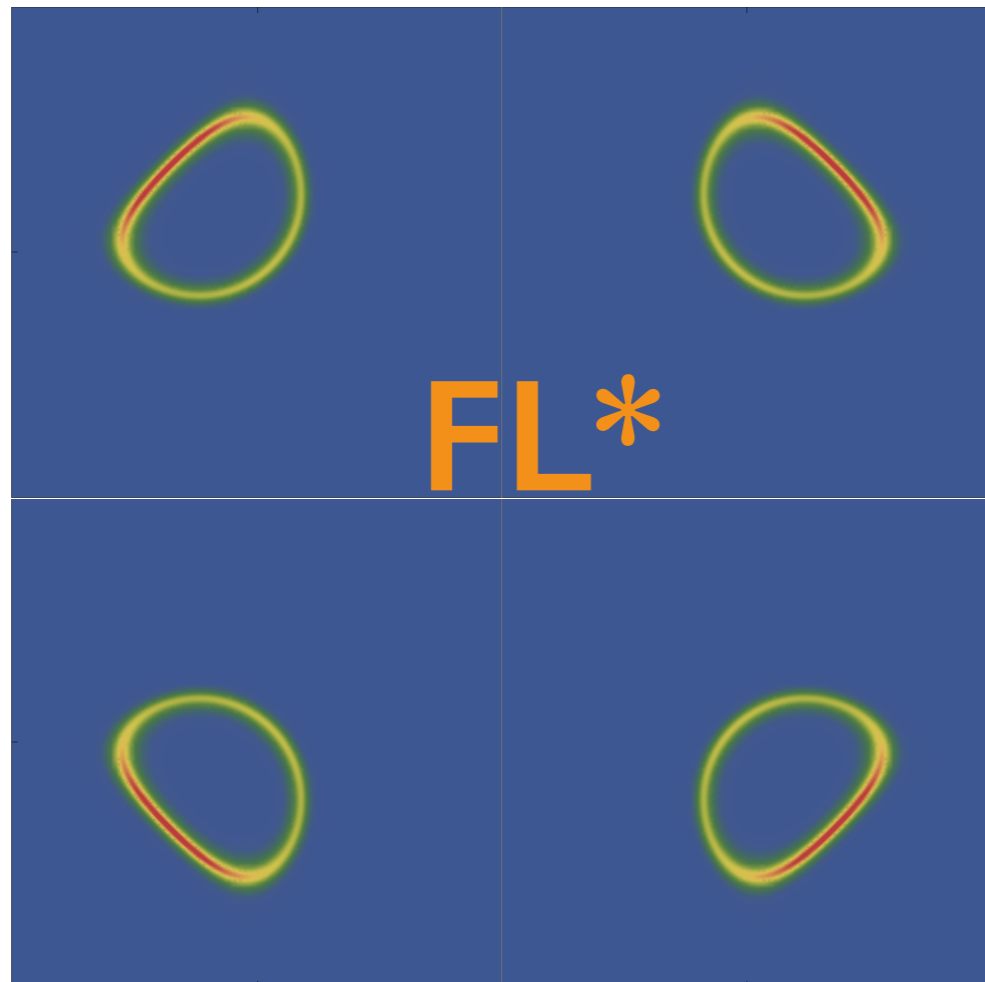
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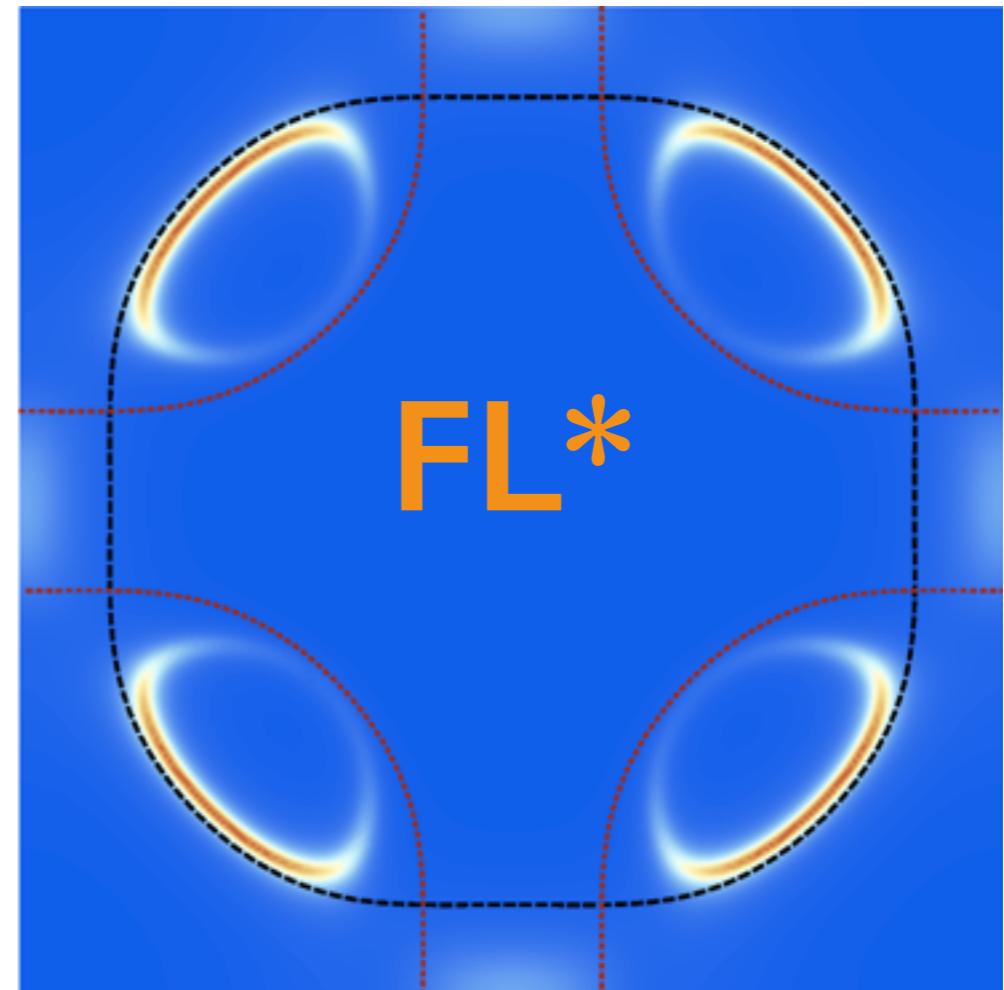
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# Fermi surfaces in models of FL\*



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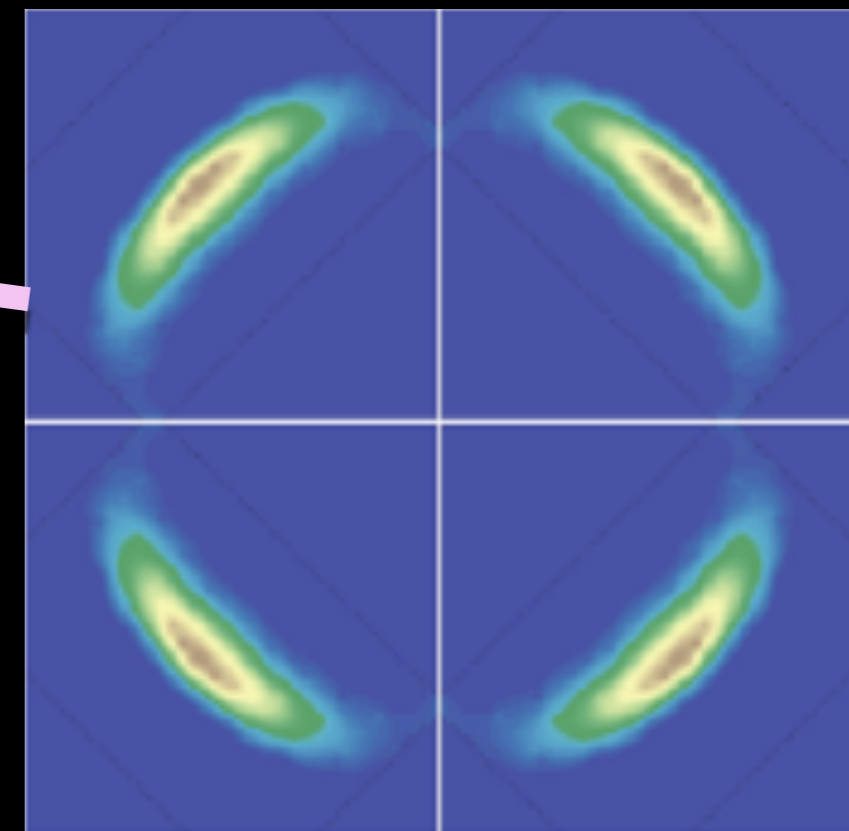
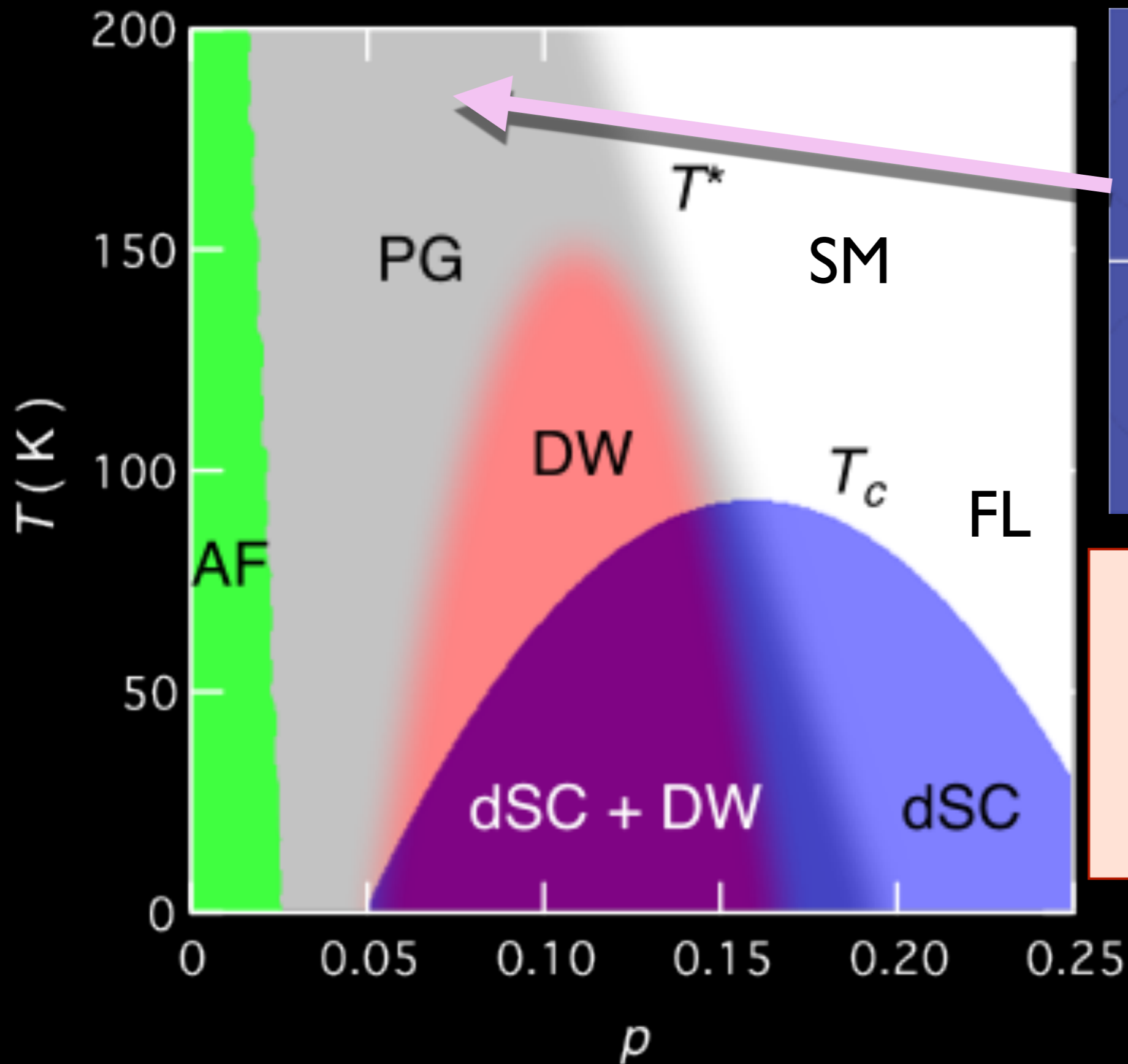


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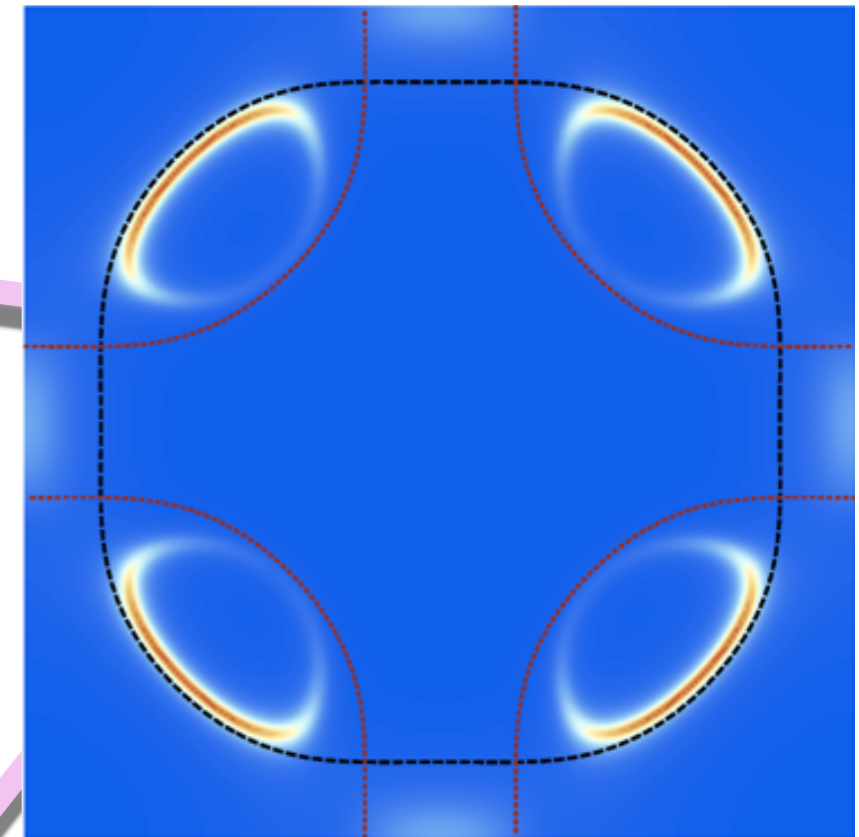
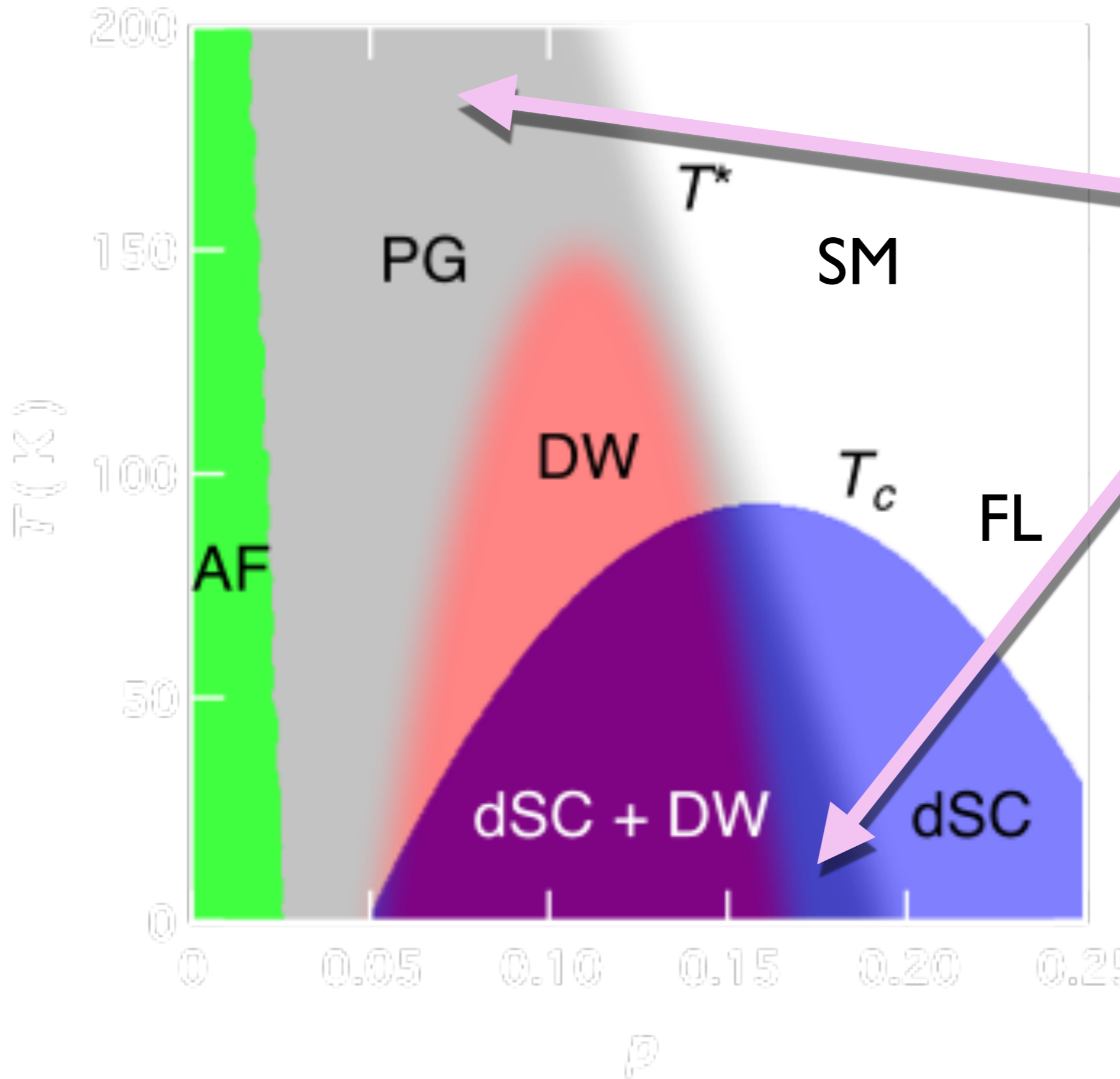


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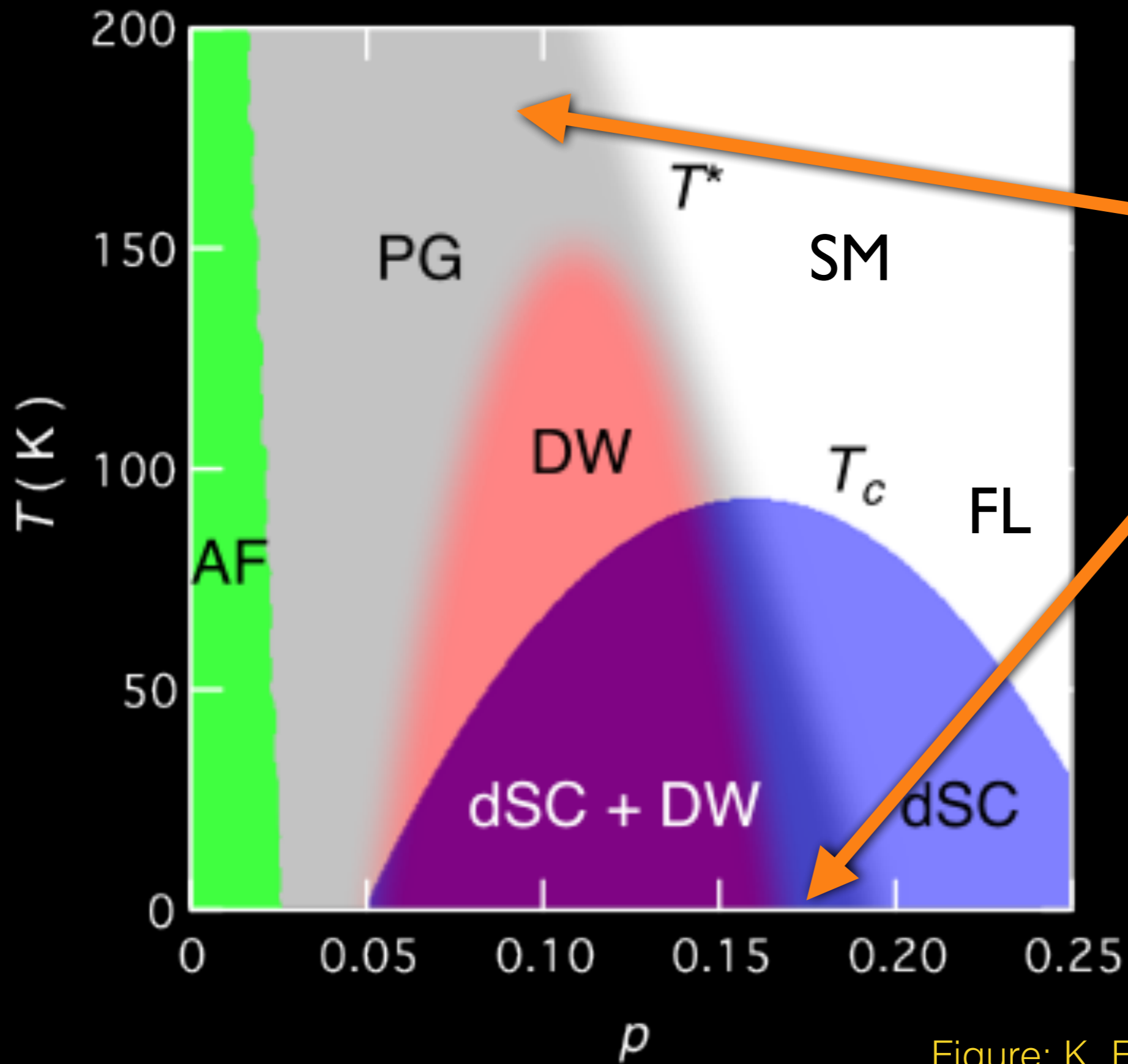
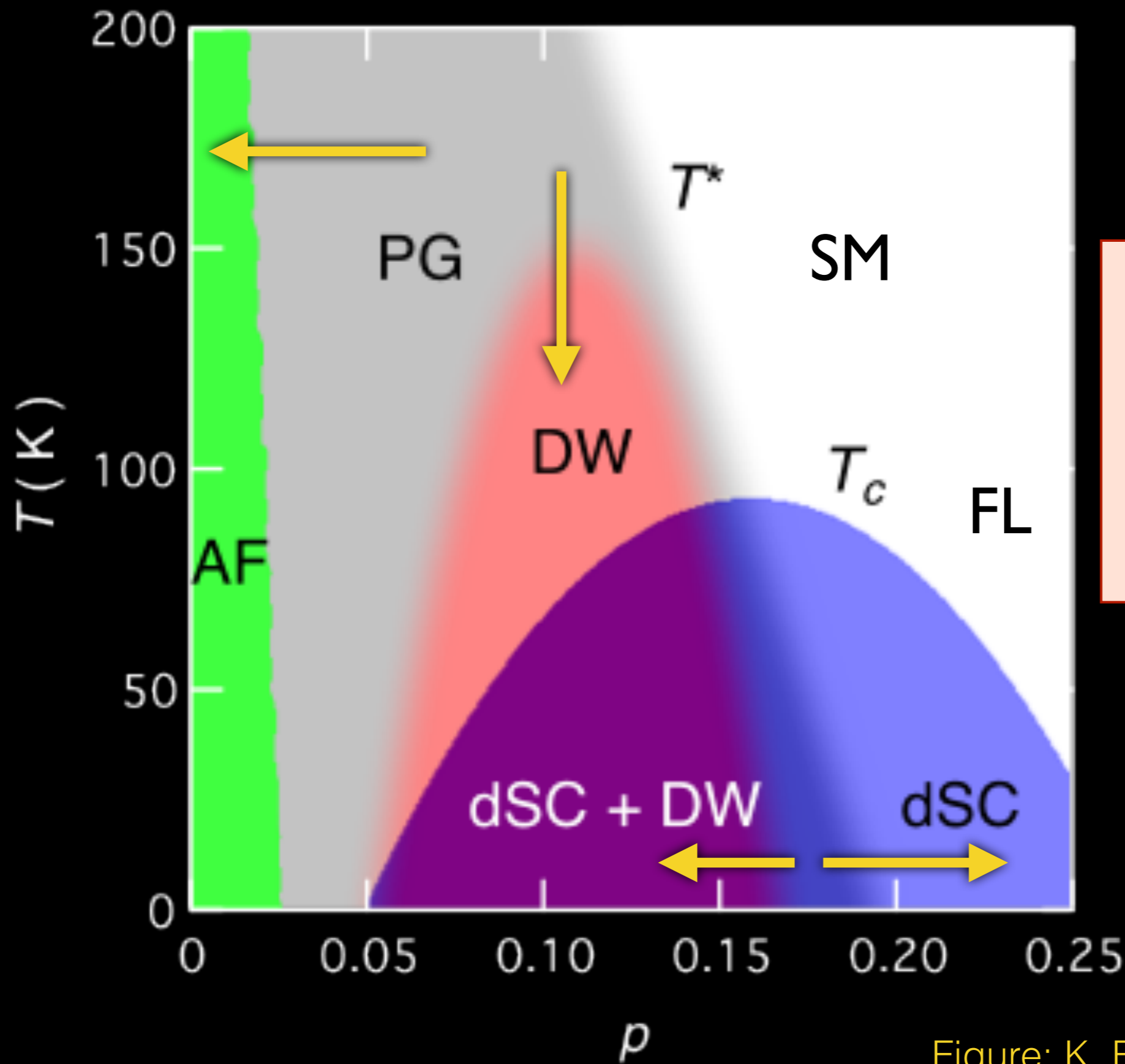


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Possible  
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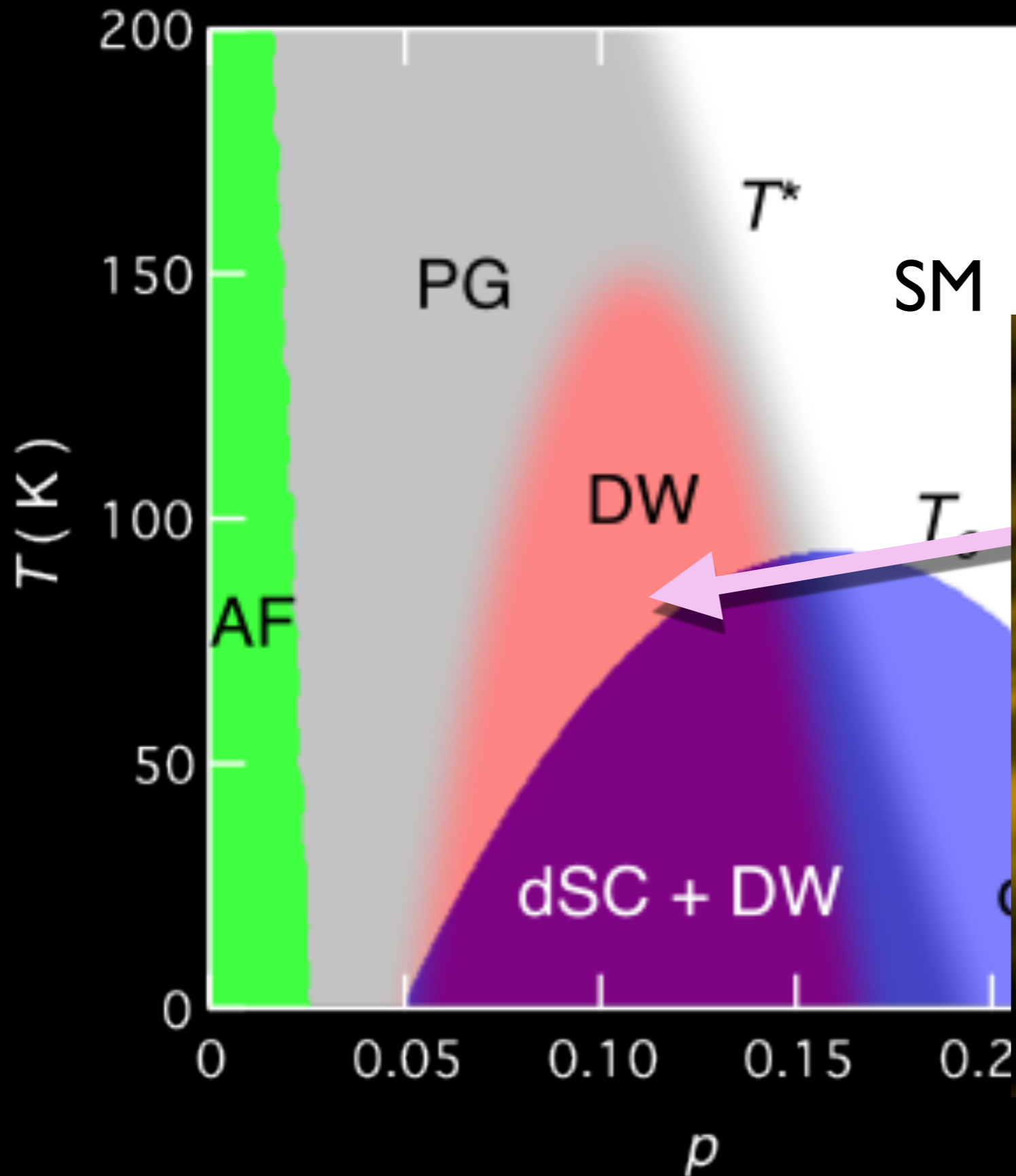
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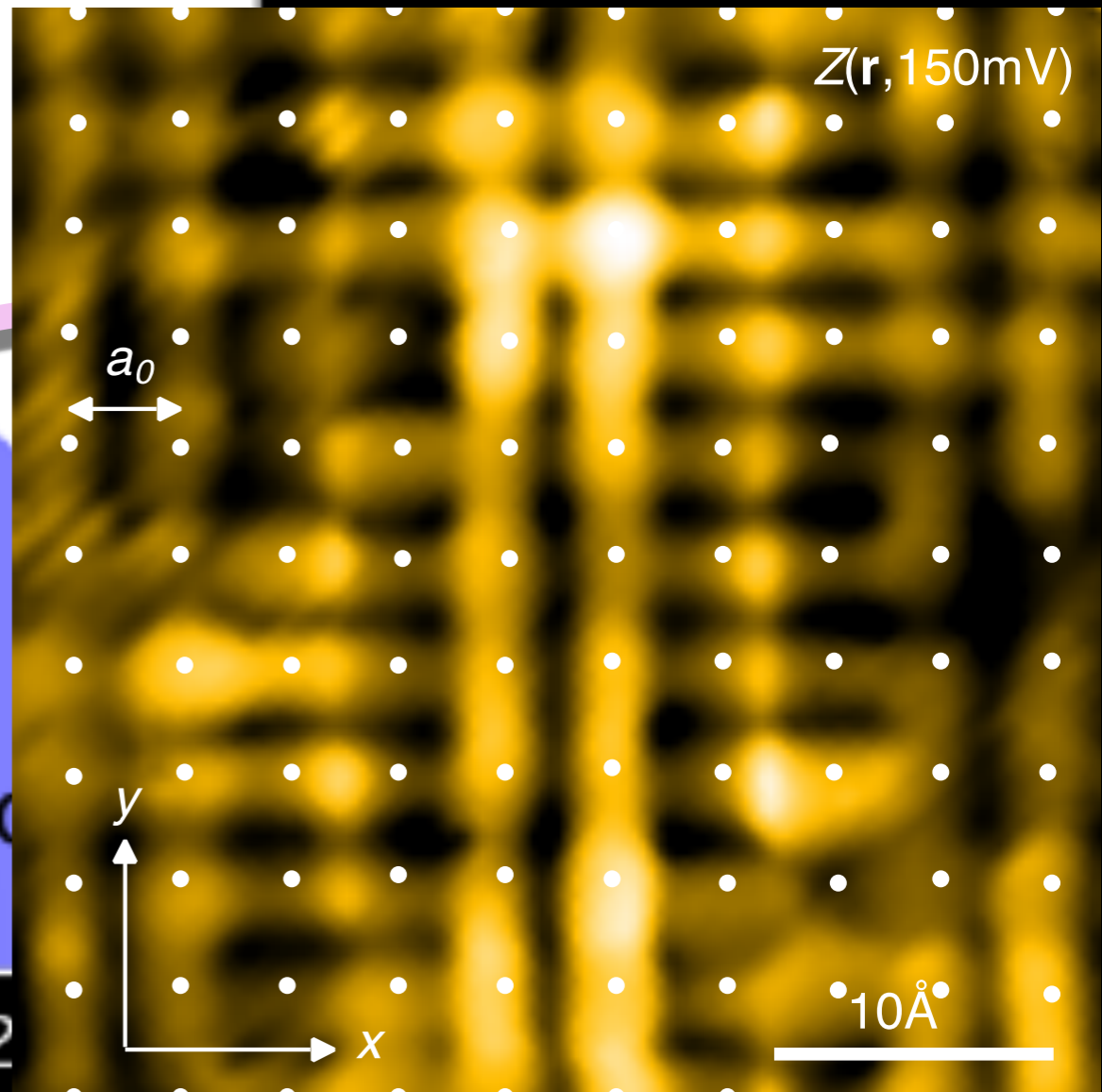
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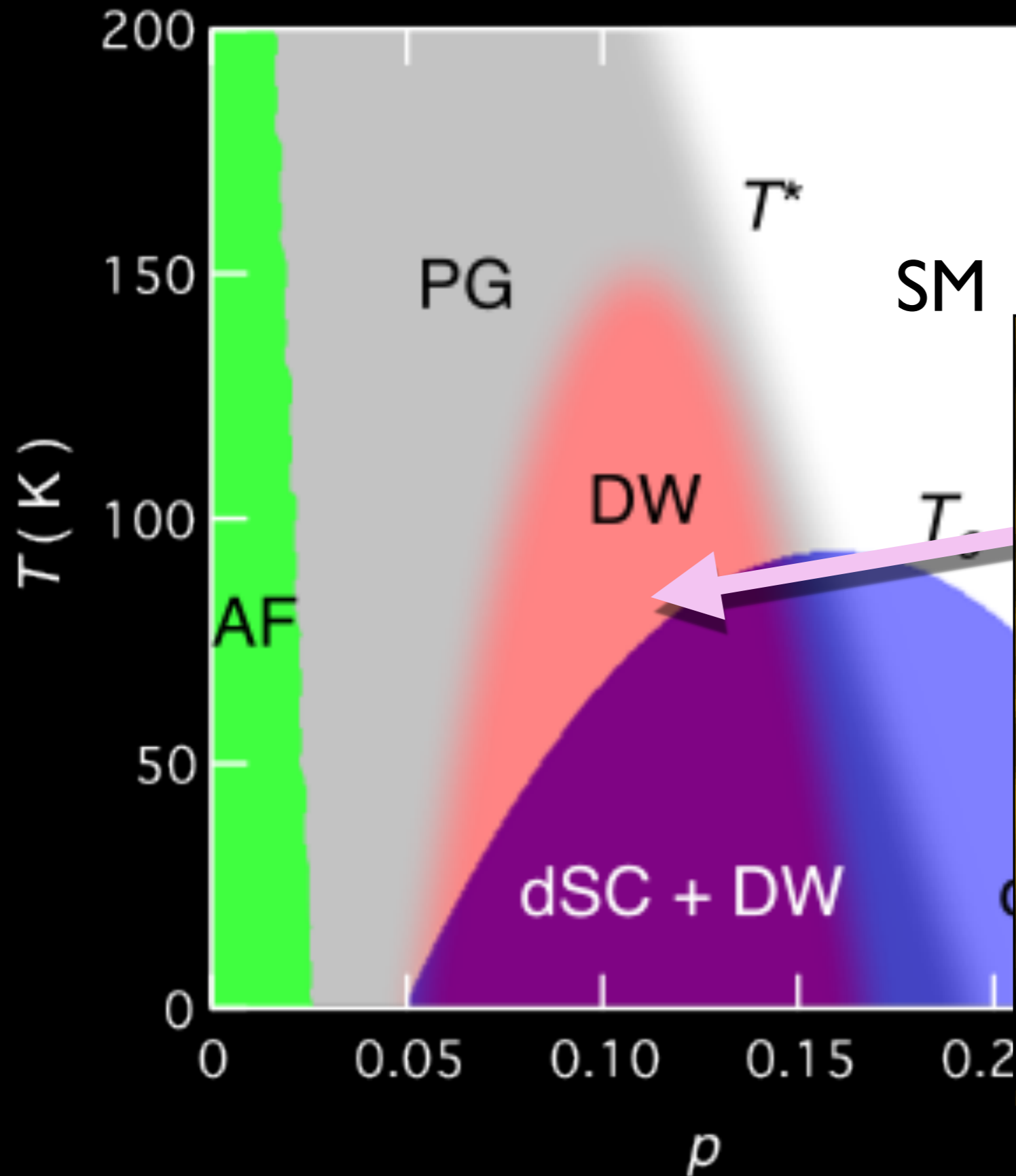


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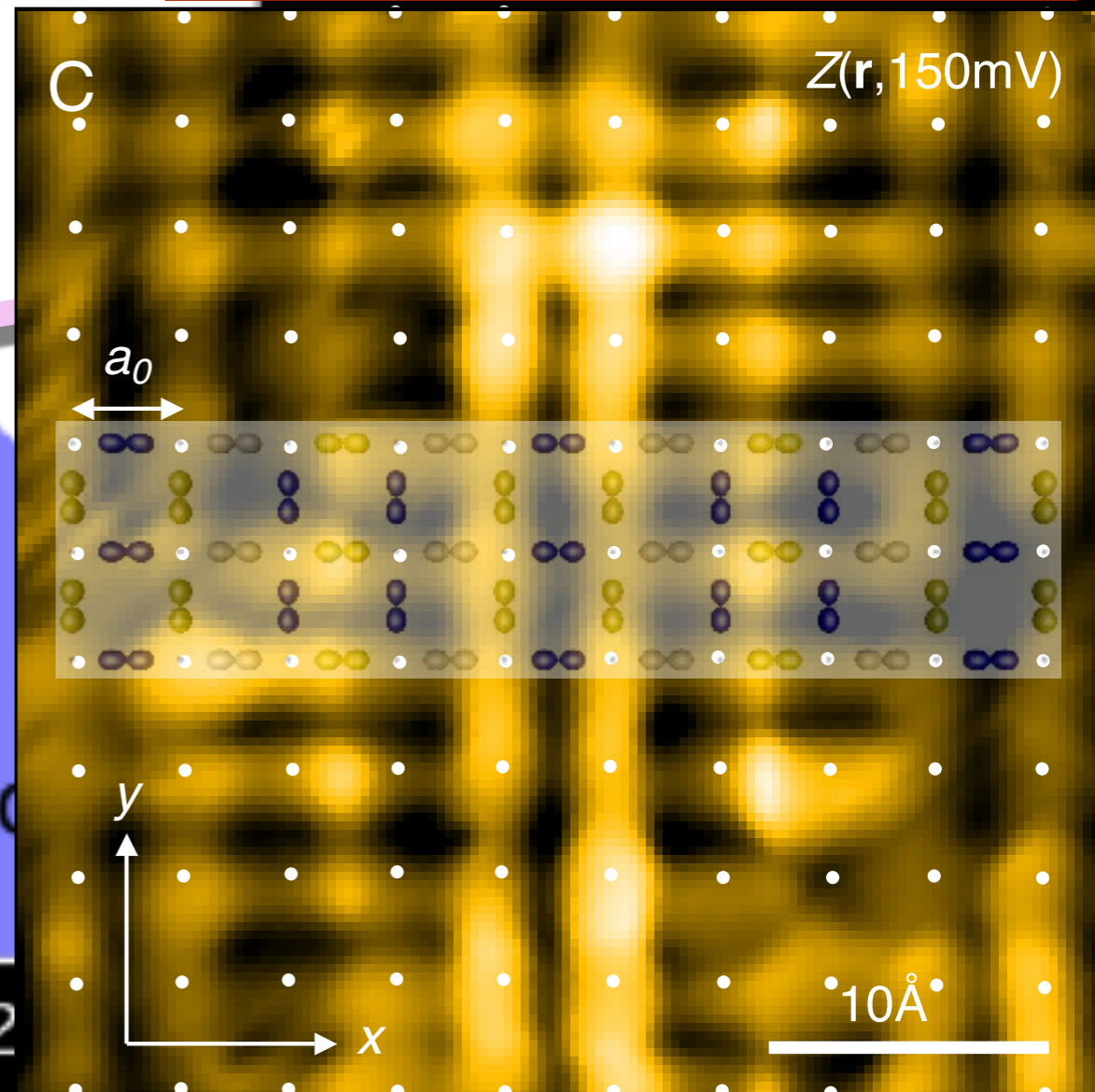


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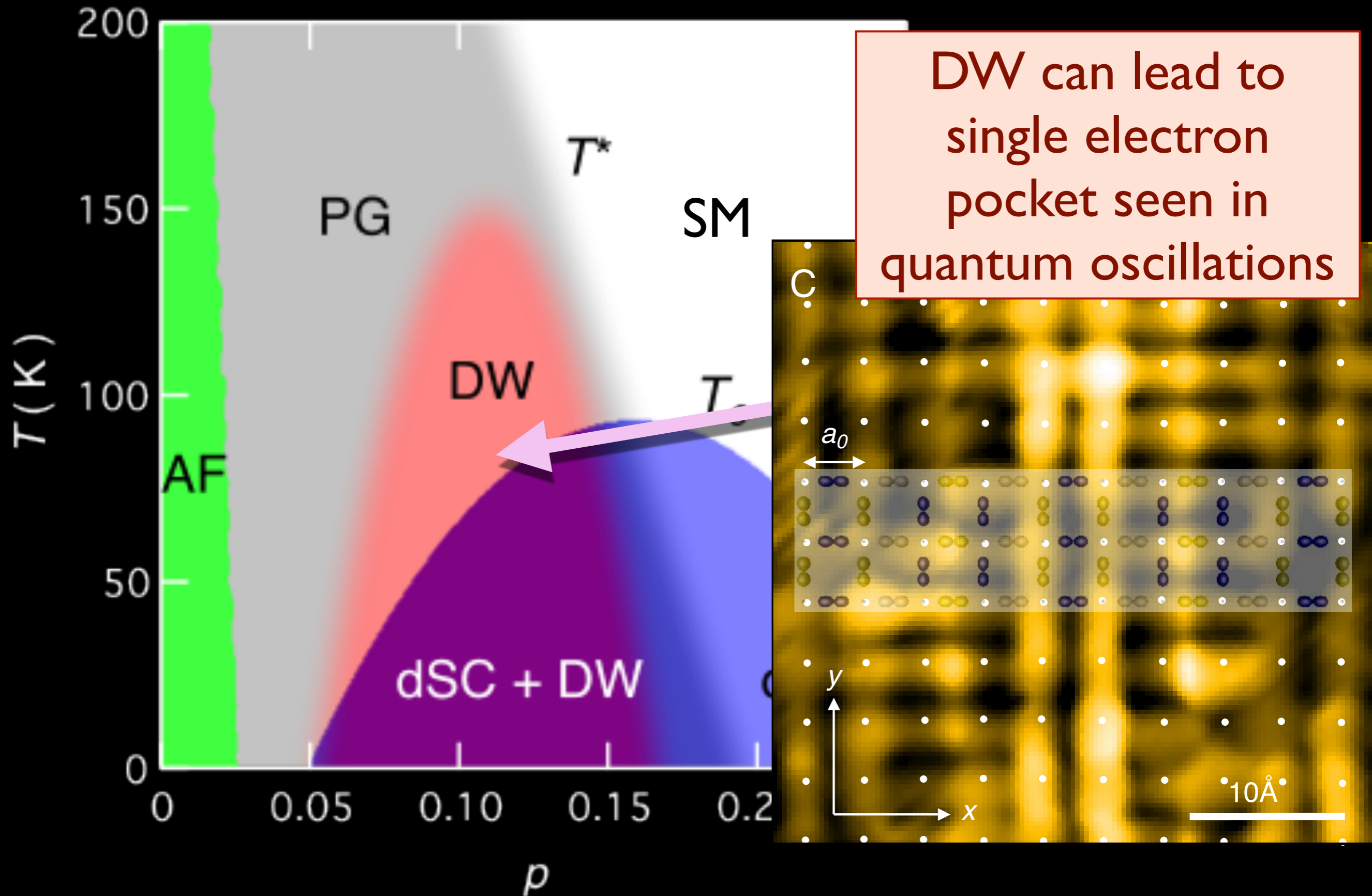
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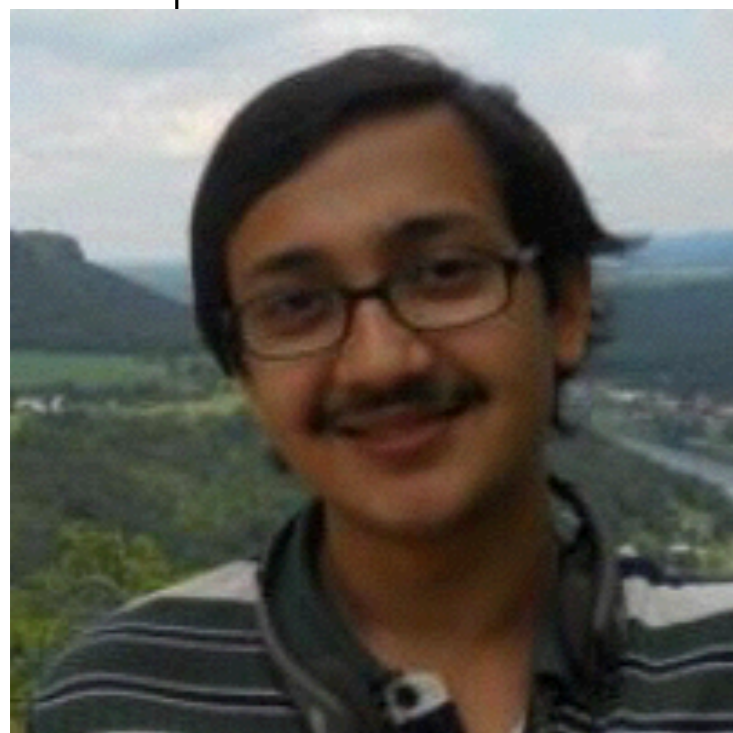
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# Additional sectors of $Z_2$ -FL\*

	$1_c$	$e_c$	$m_c$	$\epsilon_c$
$S$	1/2	0	1/2	0
Statistics	fermion	fermion	fermion	boson
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$Q$	1	1	1	1
$c$	—	—	—	$B$



**bosonic chargon:  
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Talk H5.00004, Tuesday, 3:06 PM

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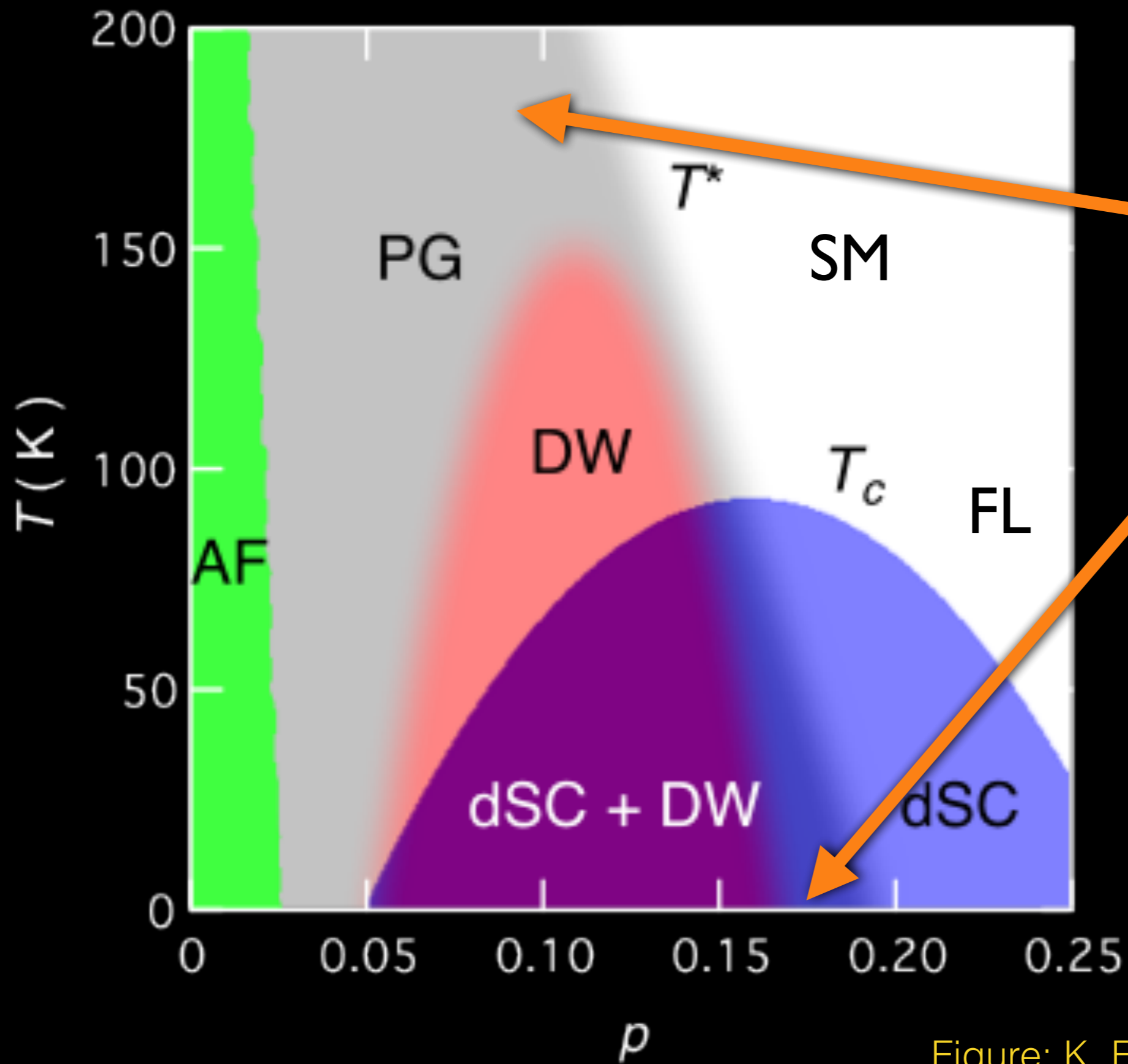
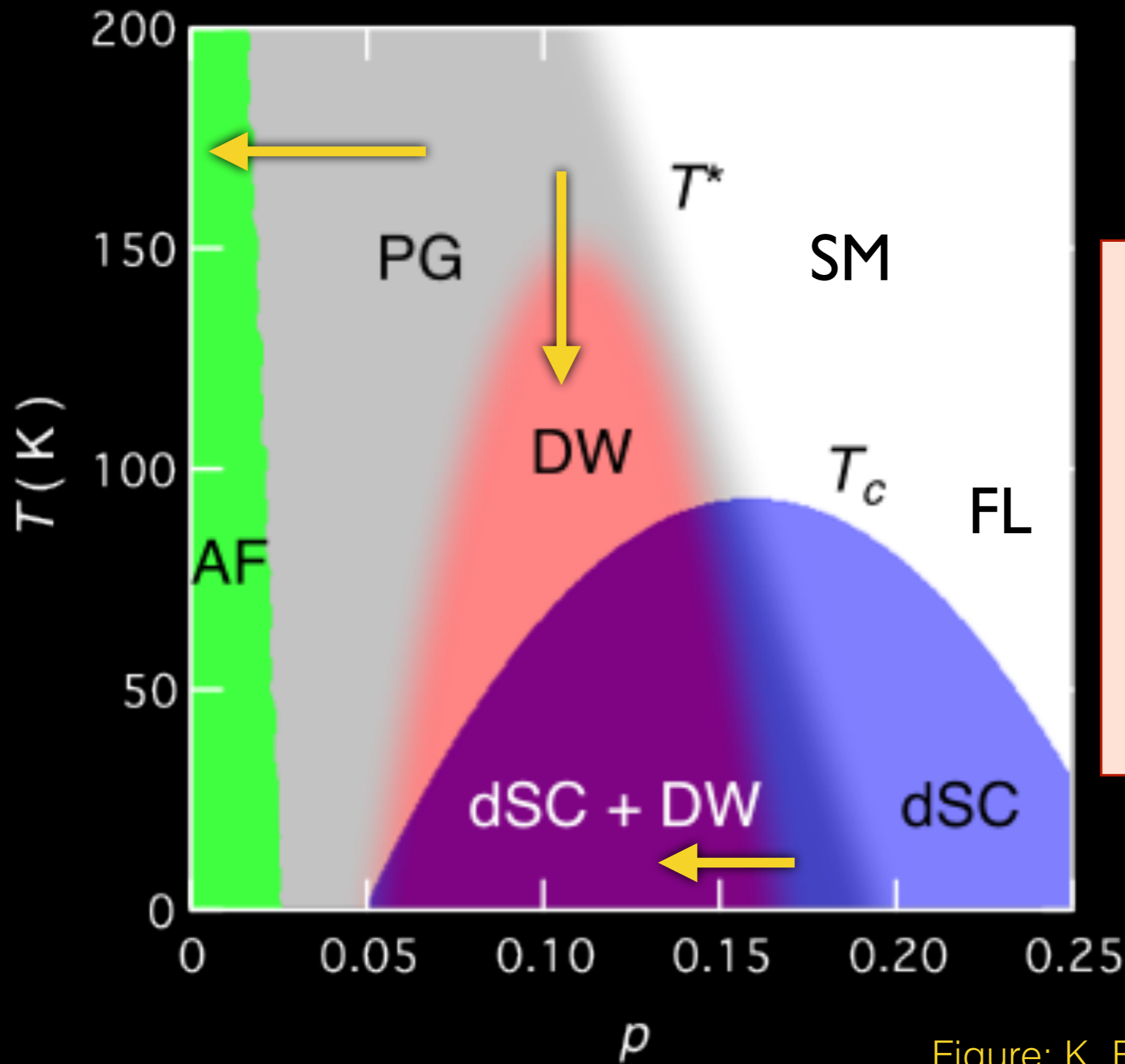
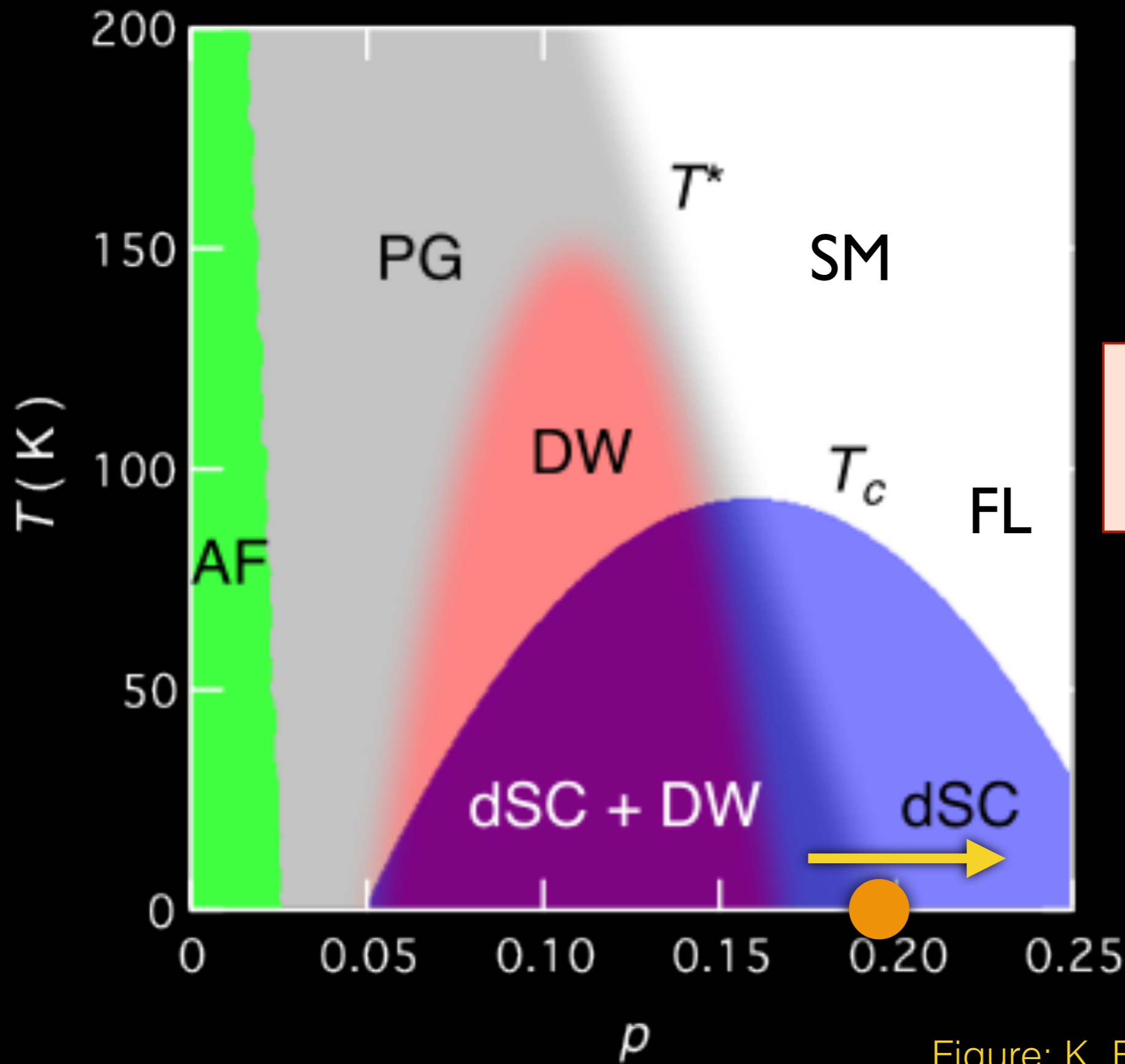


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3 confinement transitions from condensation of bosons in  $Z_2$ -FL\*

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Transition from  $Z_2$ -FL\* to FL ?

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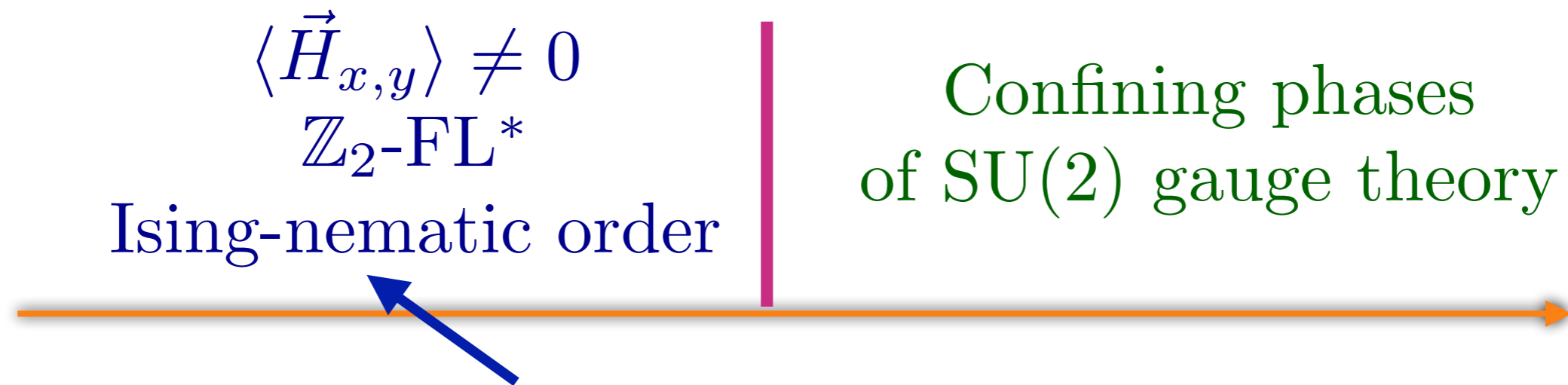
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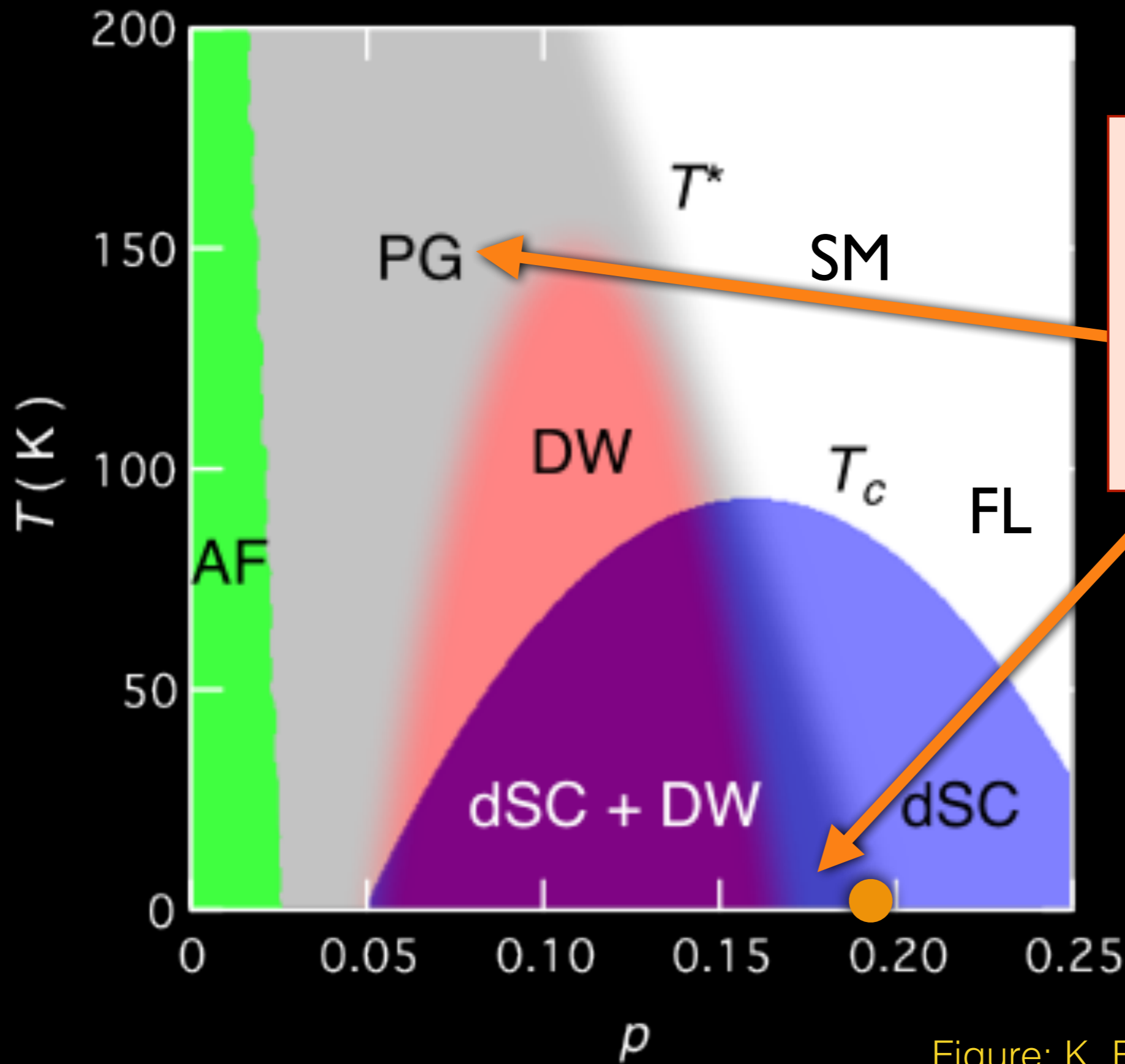
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We have described a metal with:

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