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Quantum phase transitions: from antiferromagnets and superconductors to black holes

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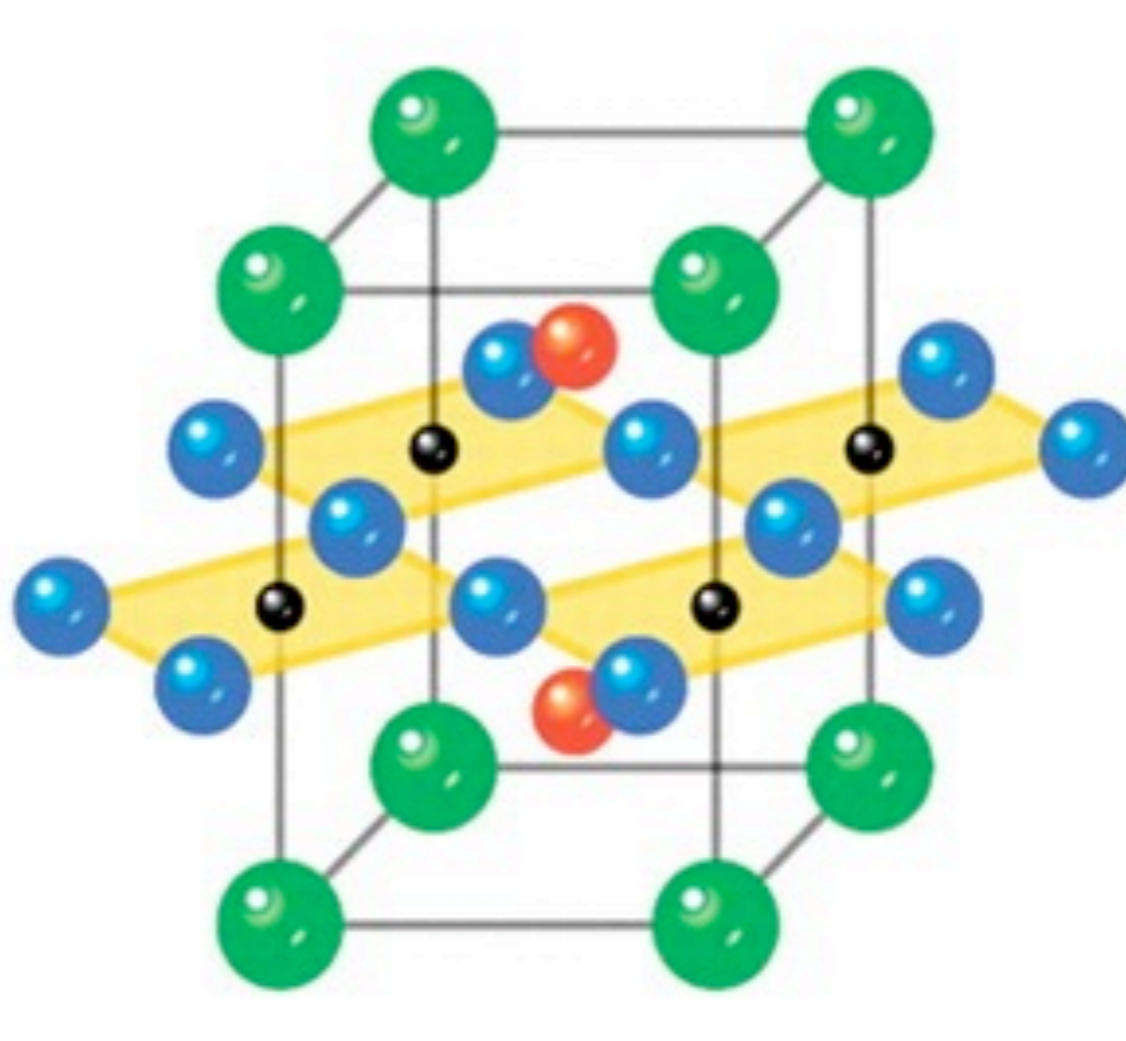
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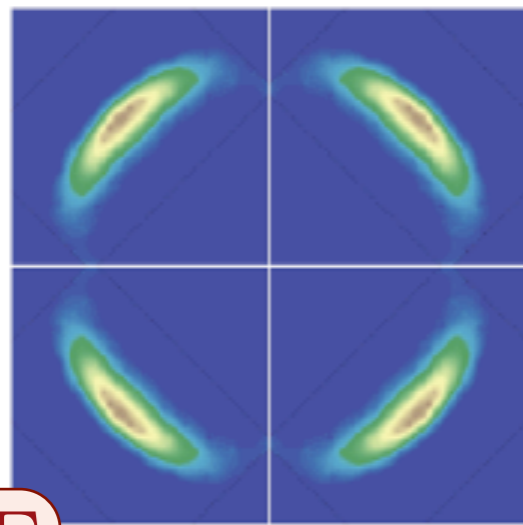
The cuprate superconductors

Na-CCOC

- Cu
- Ca/Na
- O
- Cl

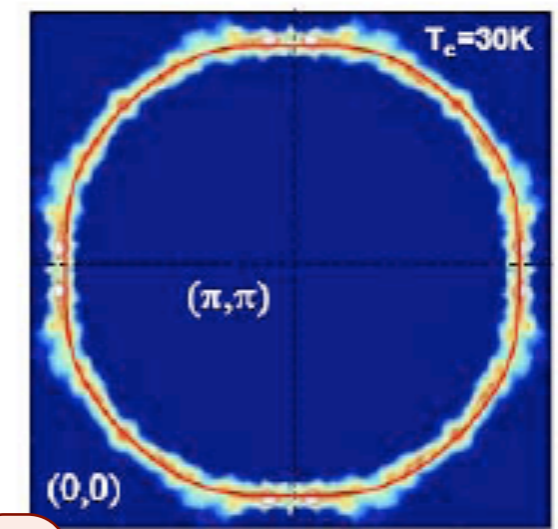
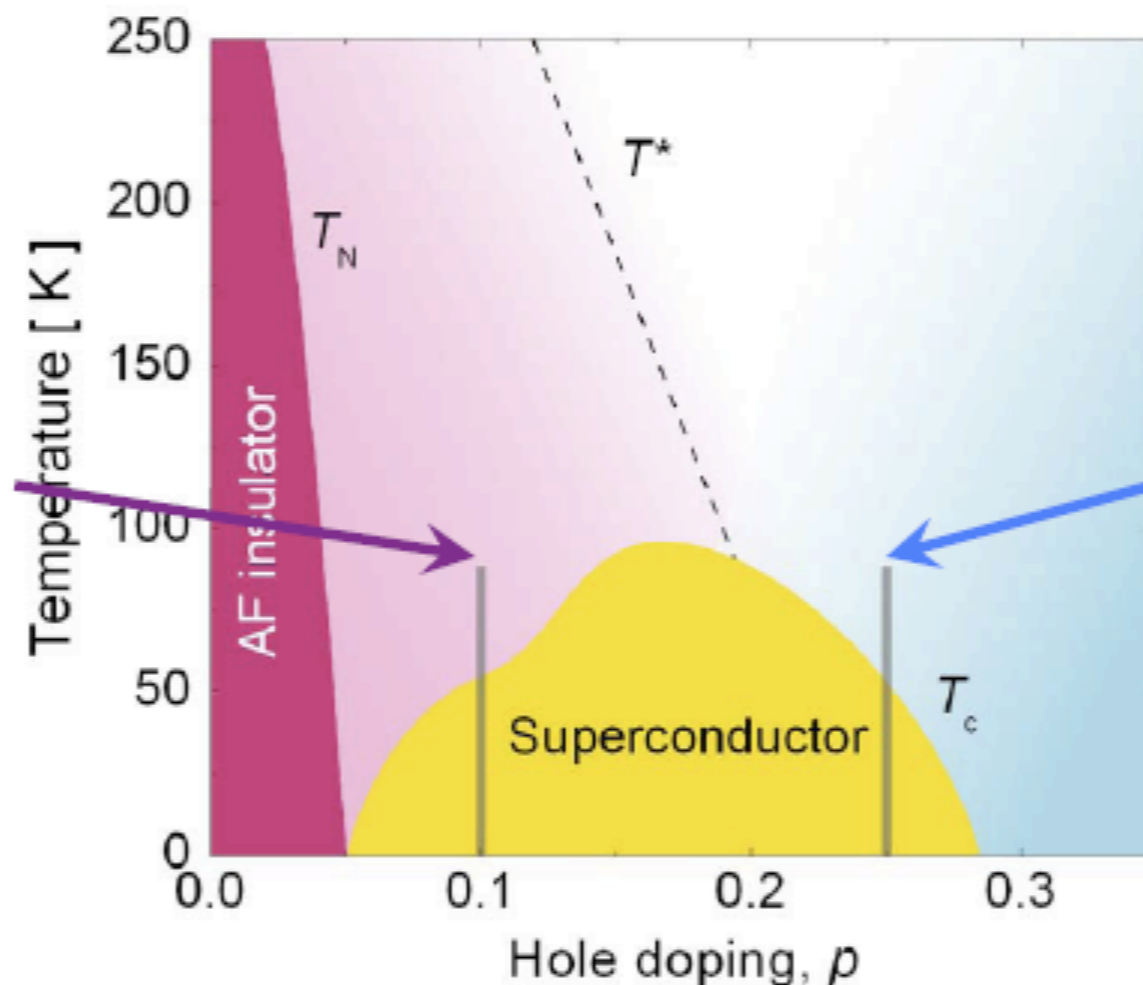


Central ingredients in cuprate phase diagram: antiferromagnetism, superconductivity, and change in Fermi surface



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K.M. Shen et al., Science 2005



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M. Platé et al., PRL 2005

Smaller hole
Fermi-pockets

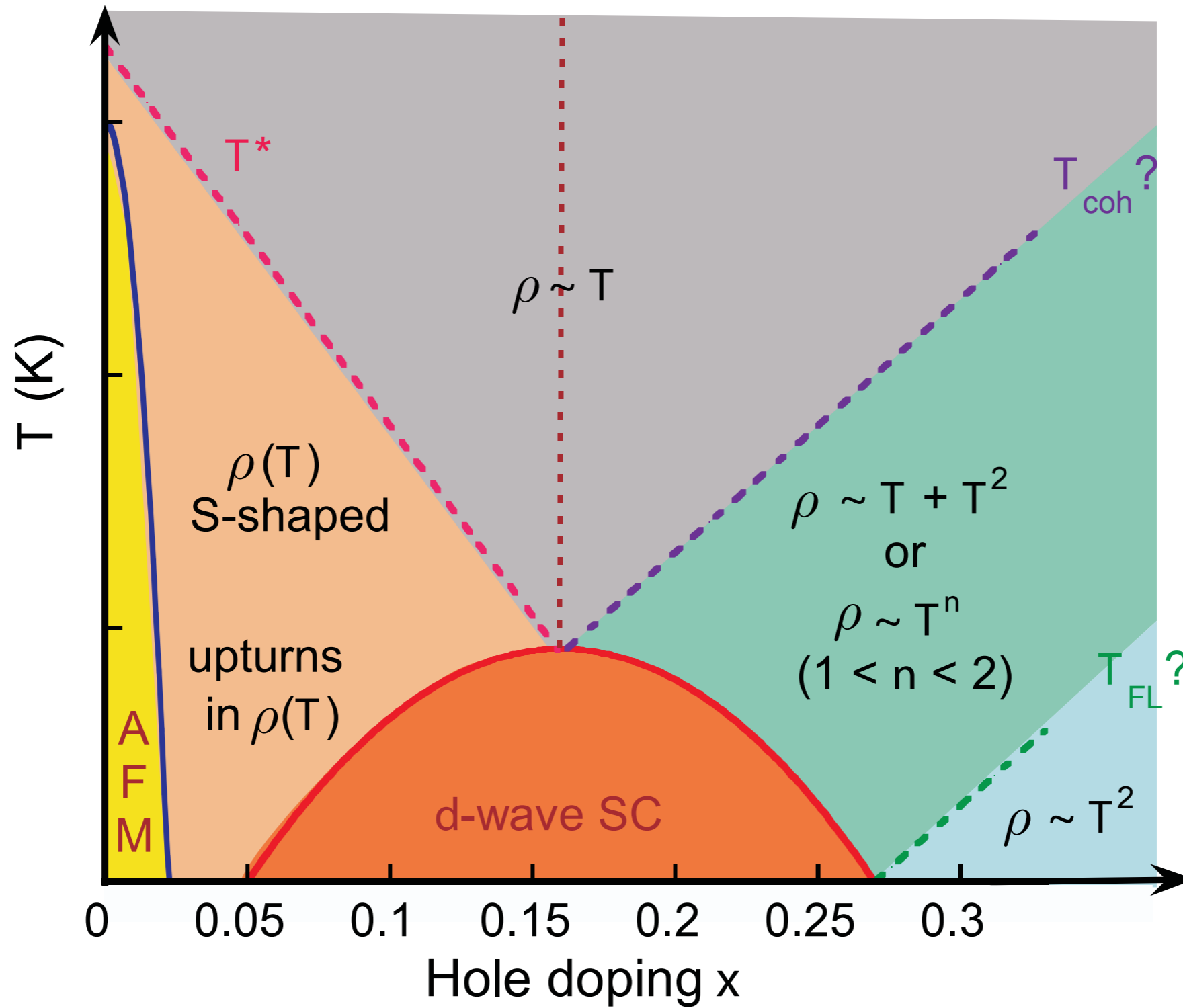
Large hole
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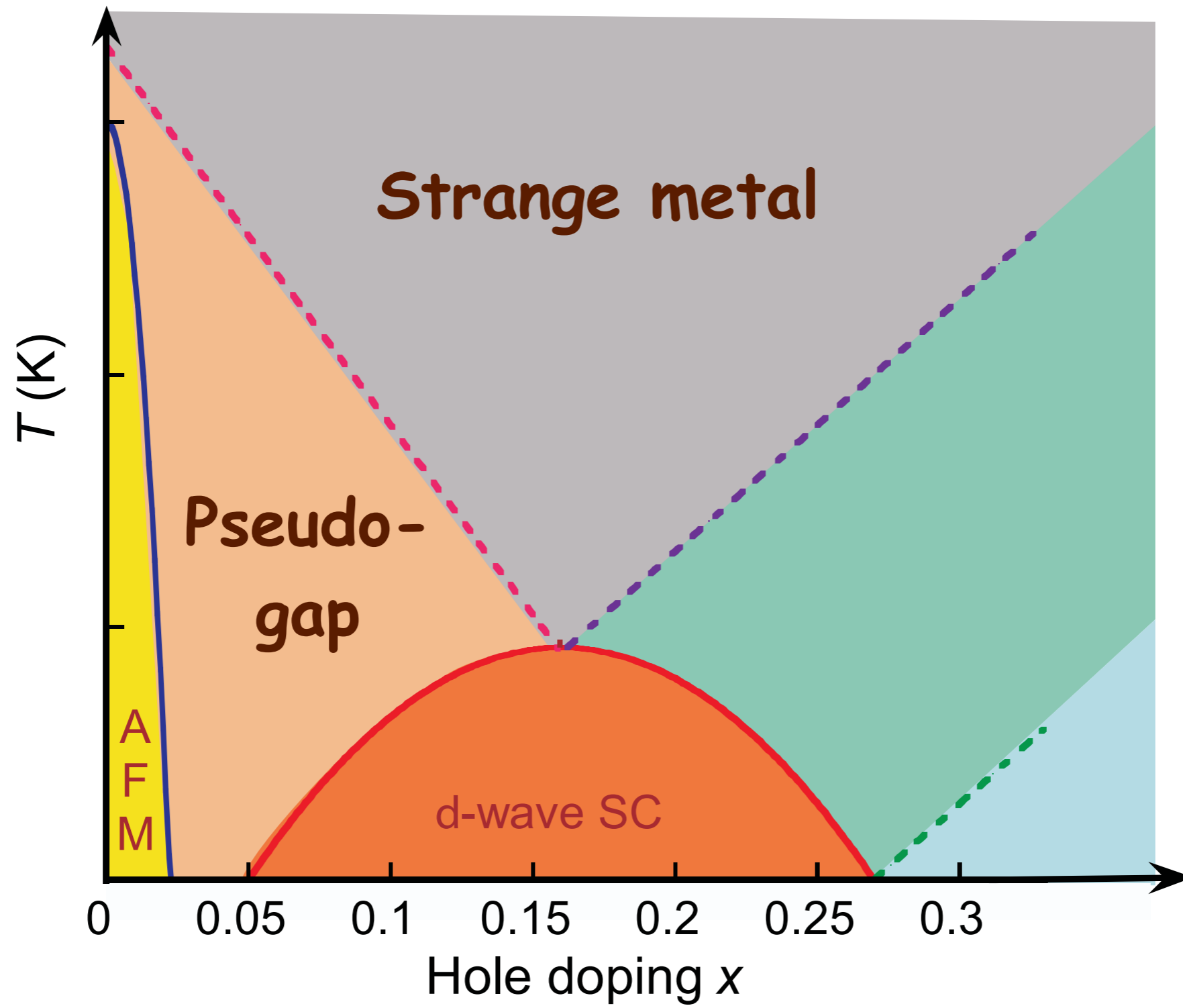
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Crossovers in transport properties of hole-doped cuprates



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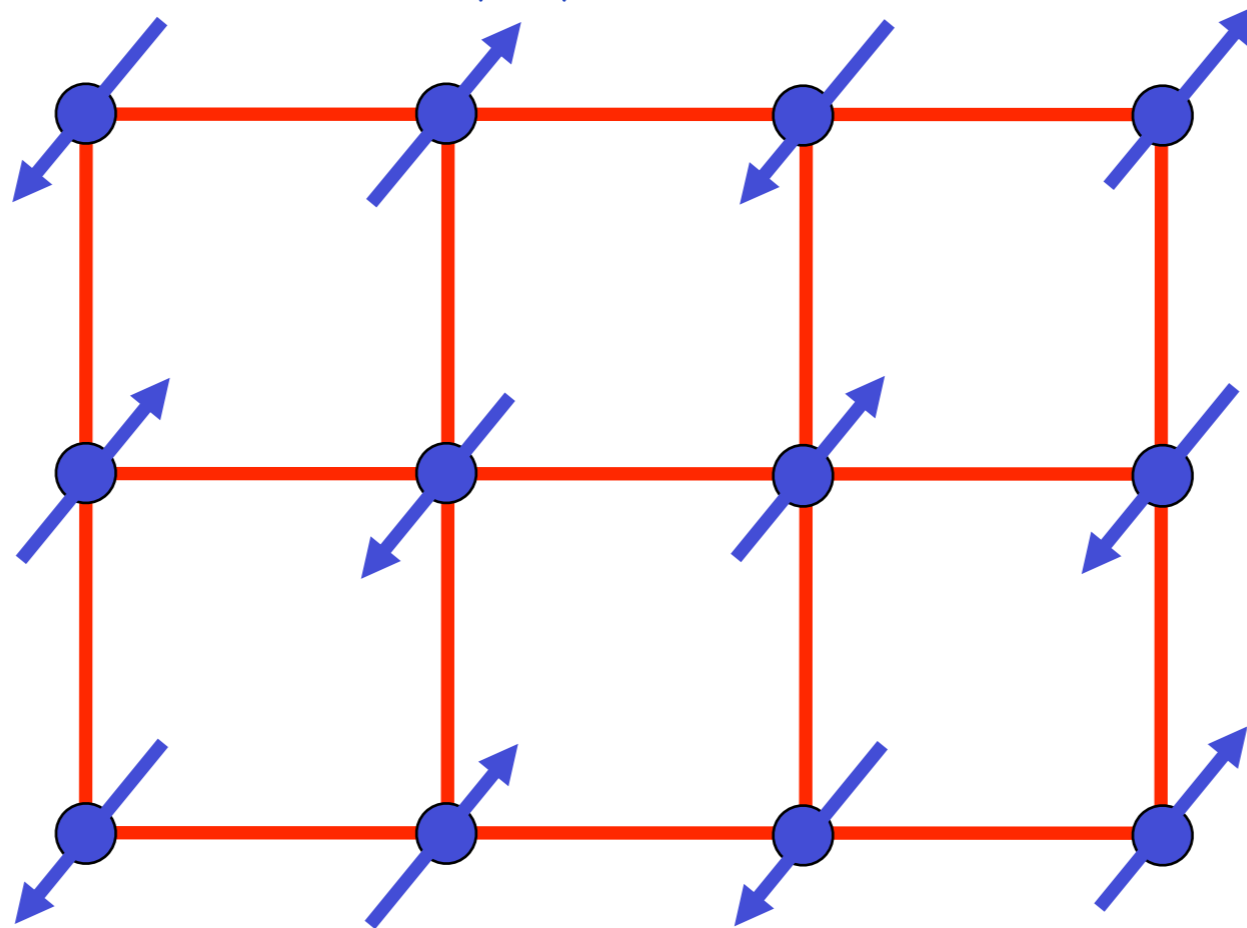
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Square lattice antiferromagnet

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$



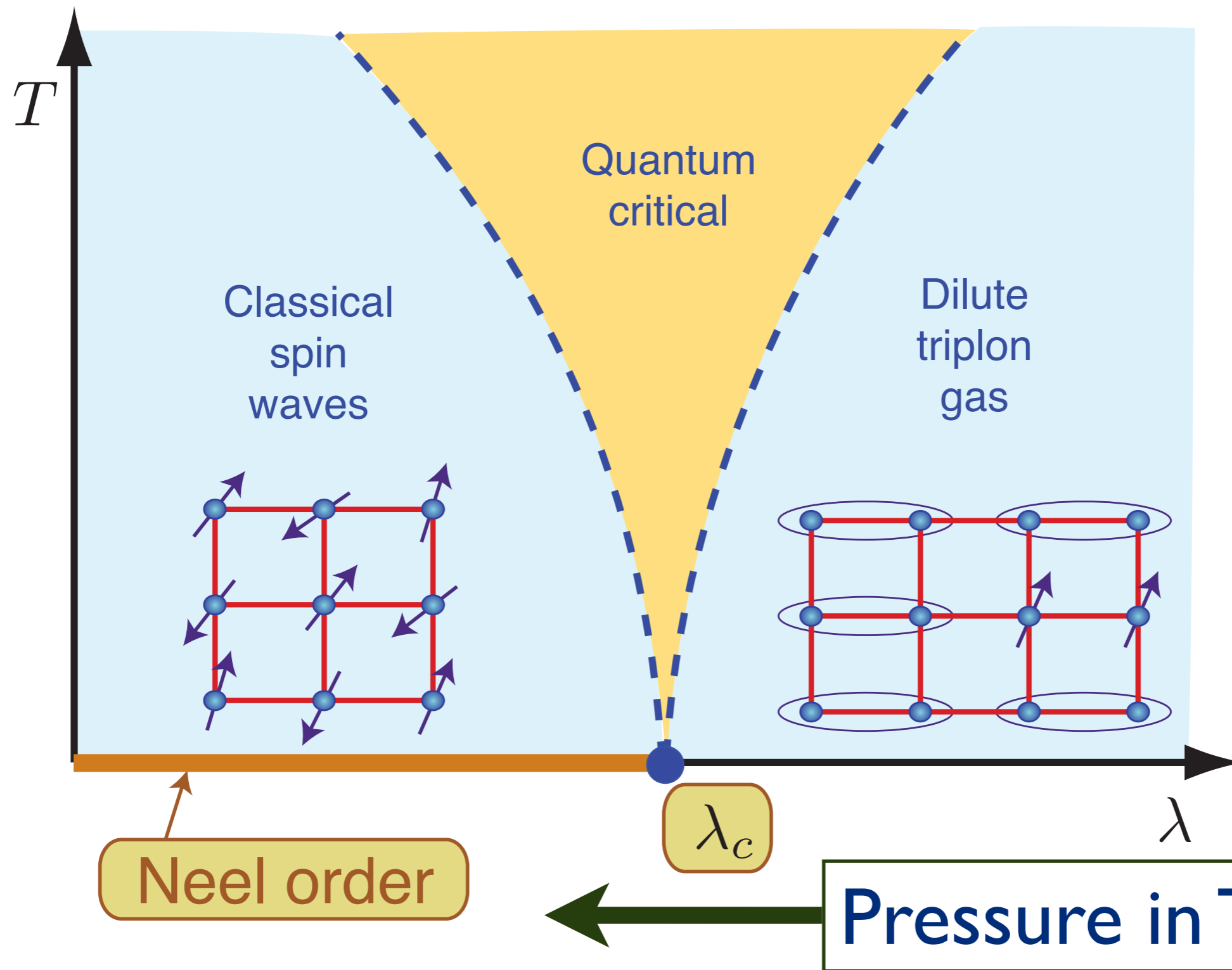
Ground state has long-range Néel order

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

$\eta_i = \pm 1$ on two sublattices

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

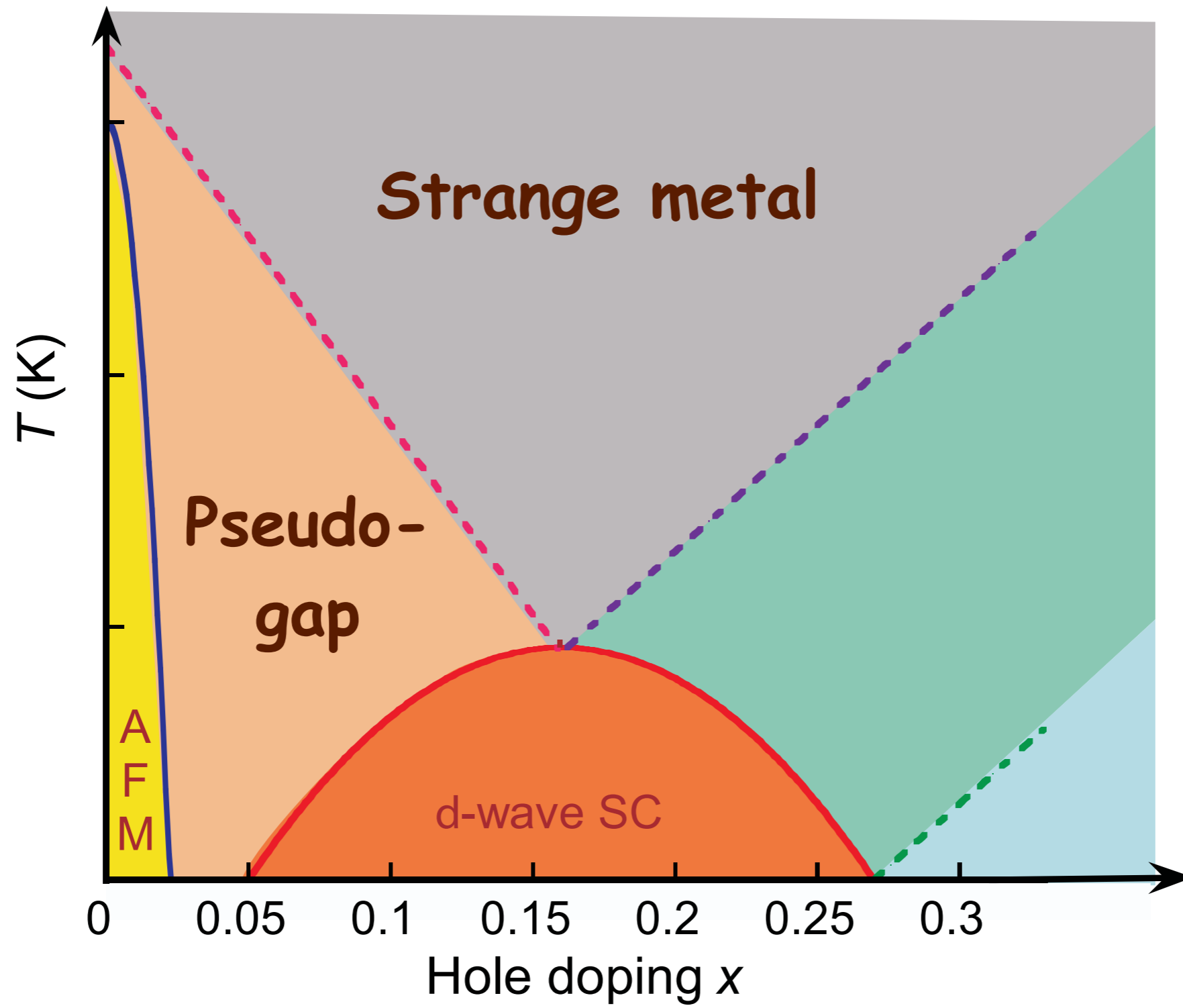
Canonical quantum critical phase diagram of coupled-dimer antiferromagnet



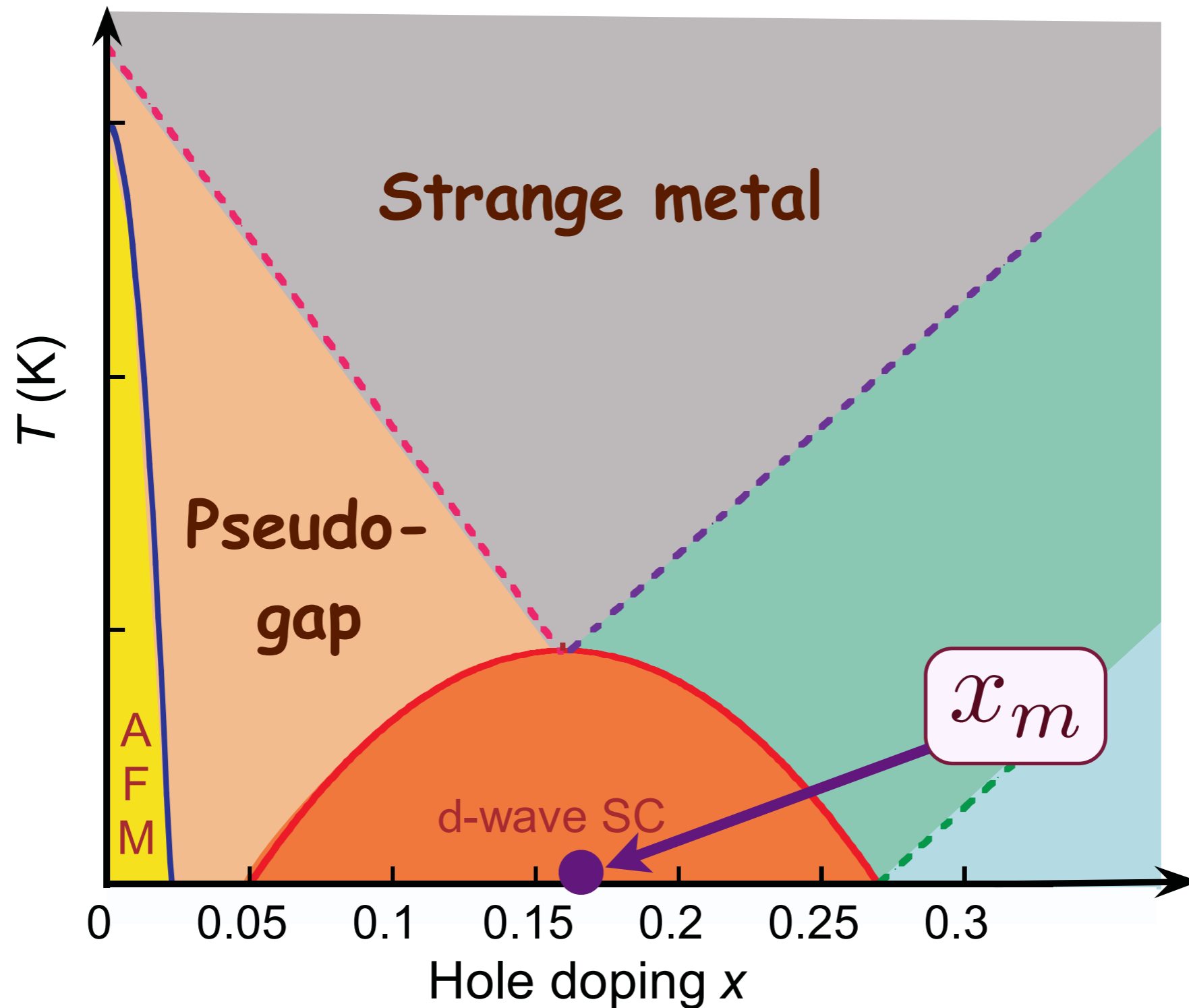
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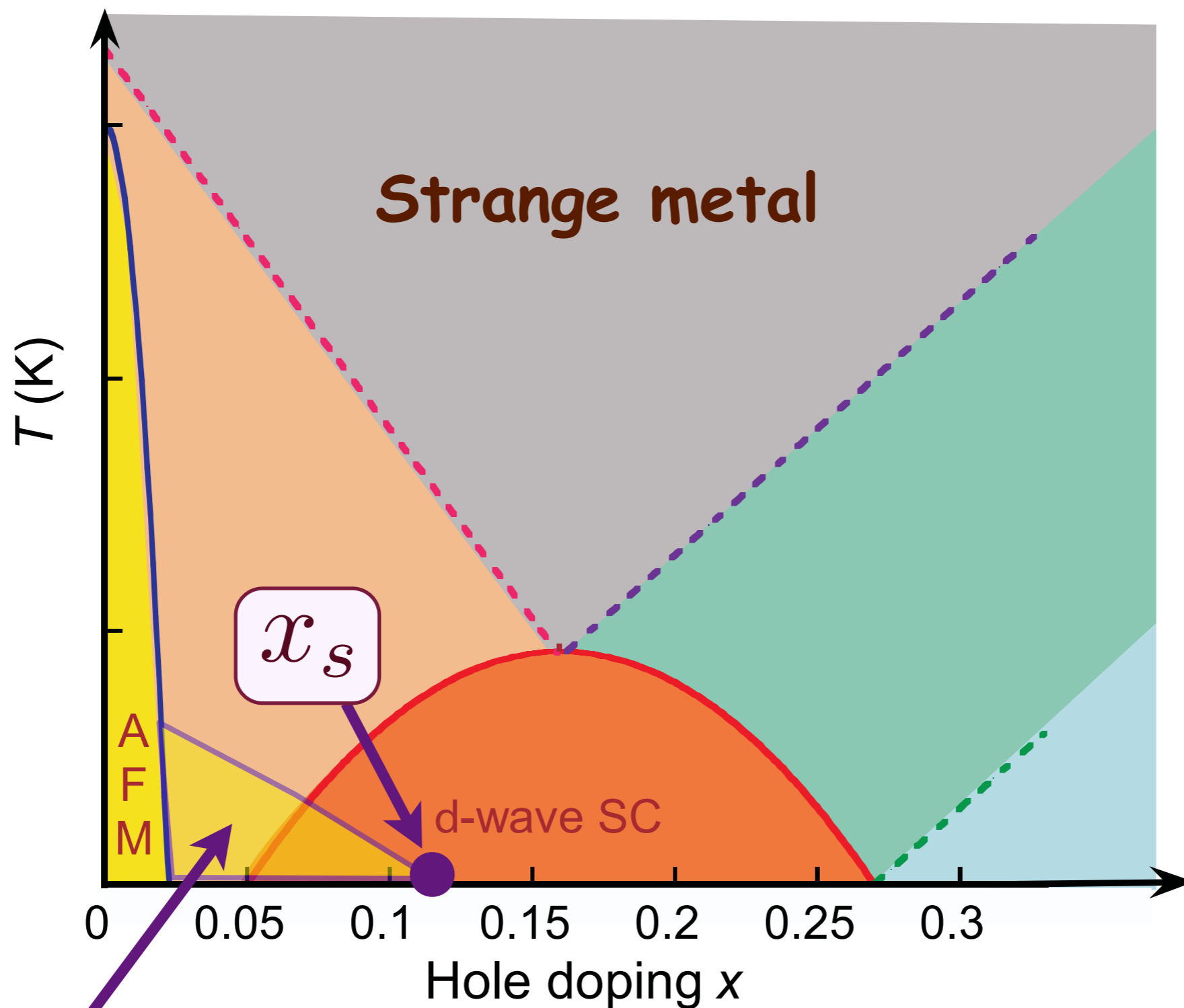
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Strange metal: quantum criticality of optimal doping critical point at $x = x_m$?

Only candidate quantum critical point observed at low T



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

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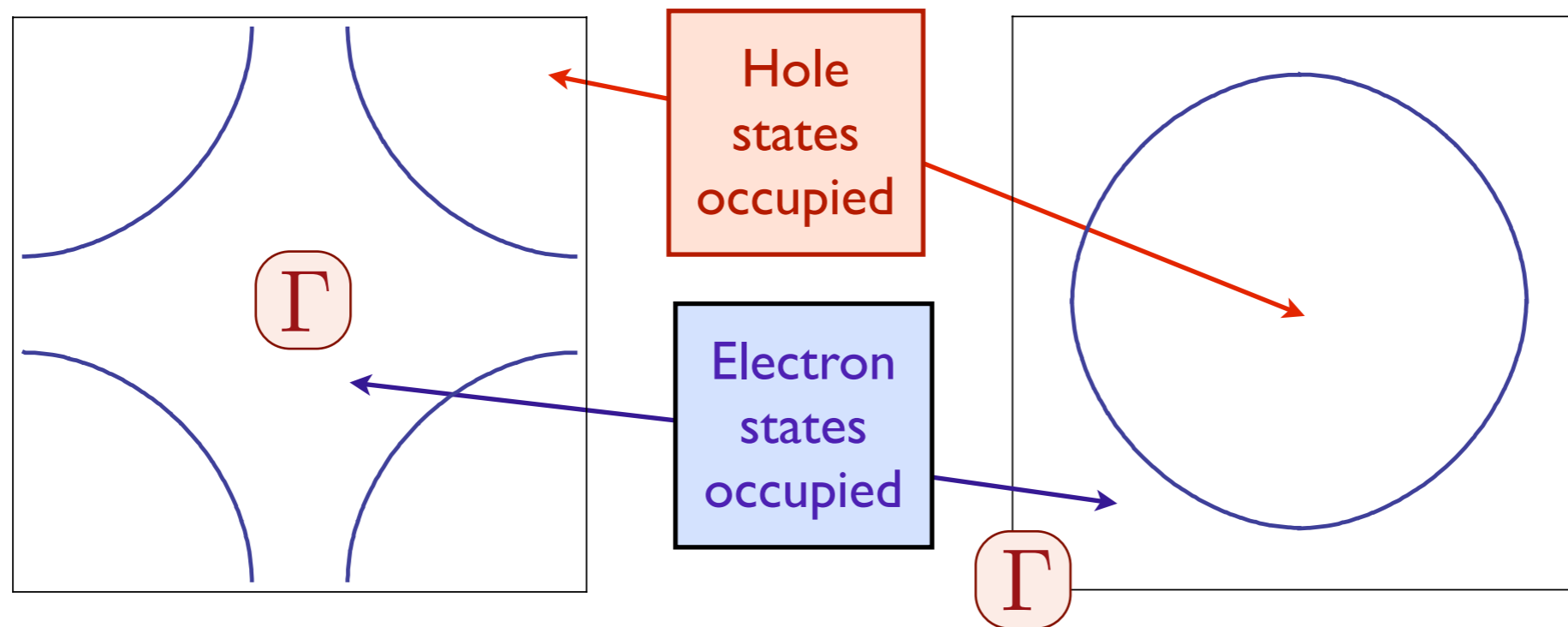
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“Large” Fermi surfaces in cuprates



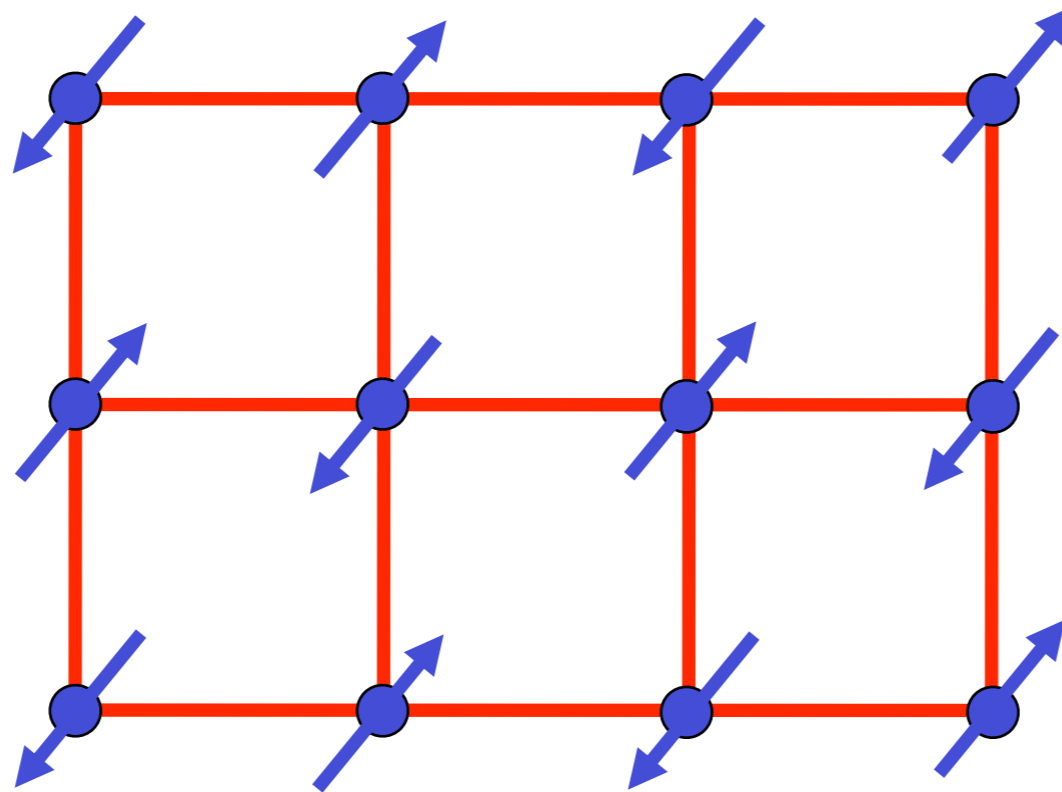
$$H_0 = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

The area of the occupied electron/hole states:

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

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

Spin density wave theory

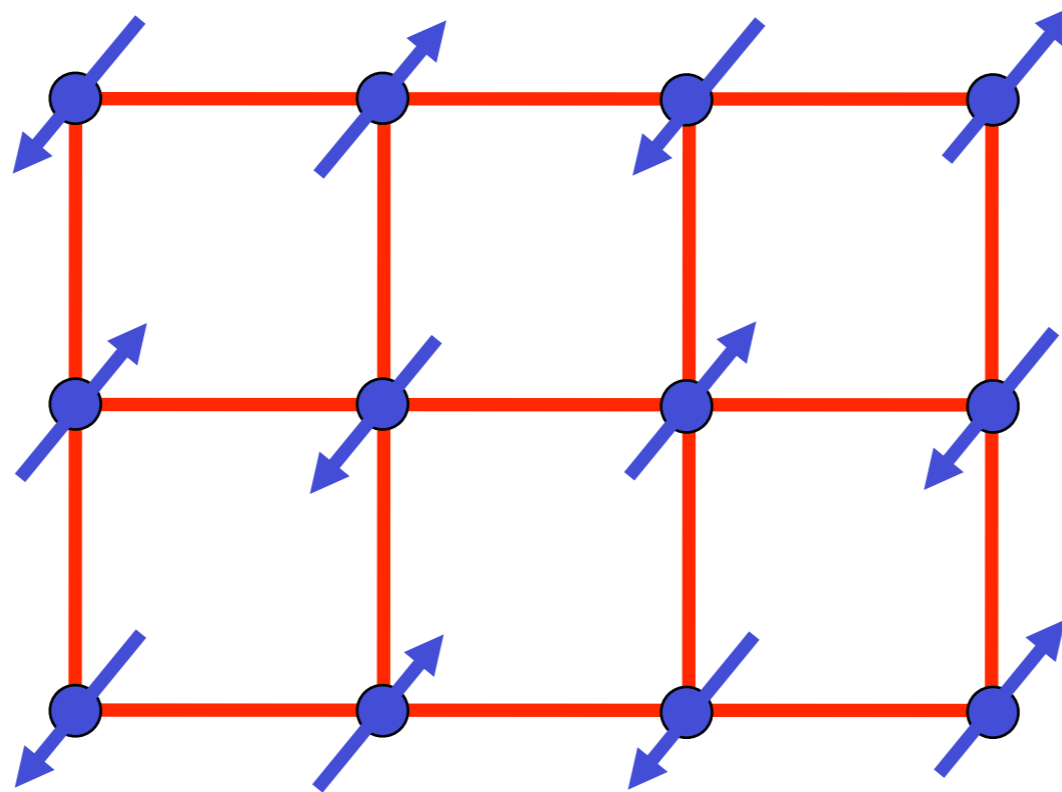


The electron spin polarization obeys

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

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

Spin density wave theory



Spin density wave Hamiltonian

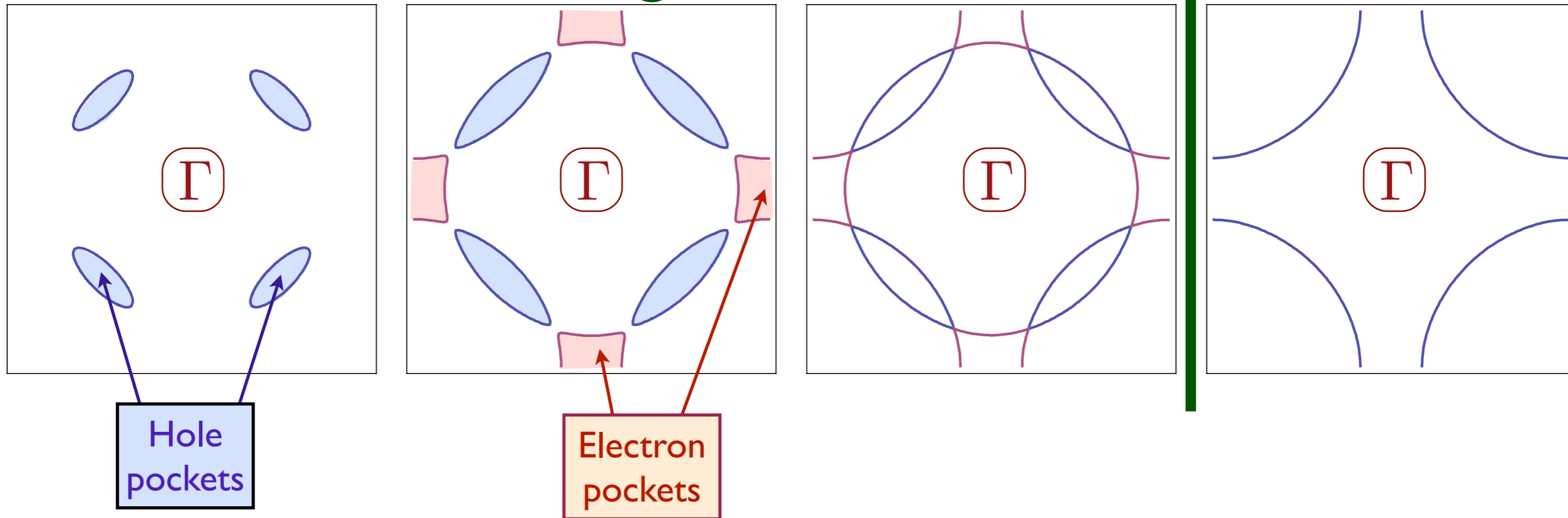
$$H_{\text{sdw}} = \vec{\varphi} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^{\dagger} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{K}, \beta}$$

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

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

Hole-doped cuprates

← Increasing SDW order →

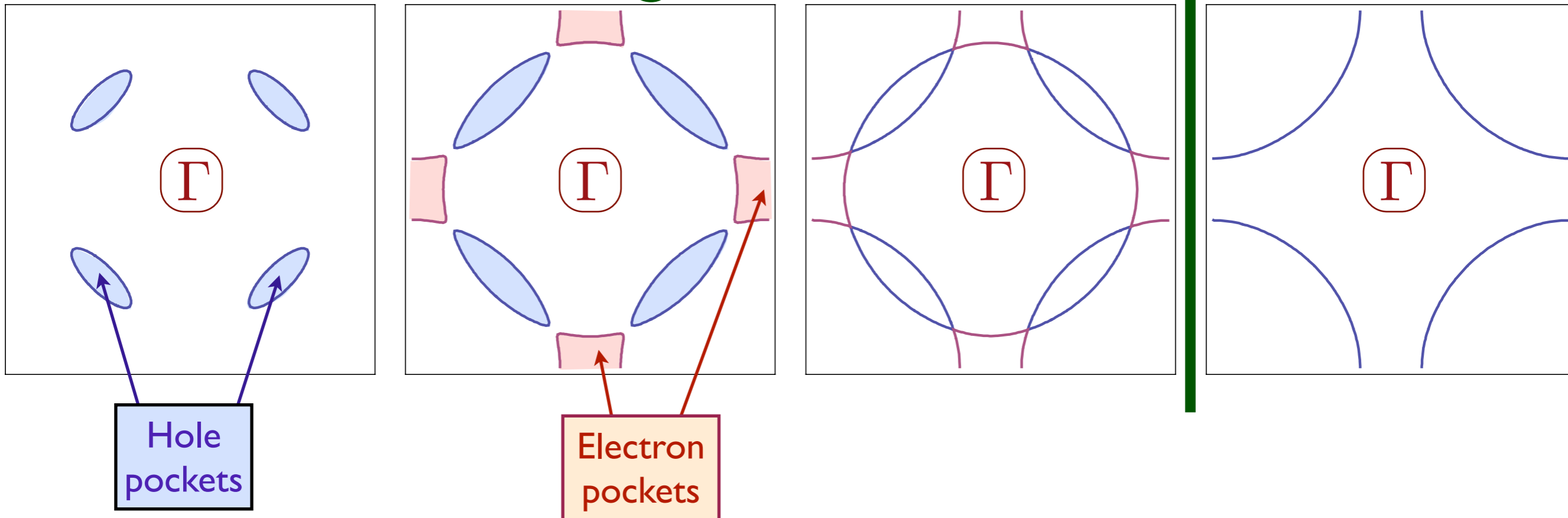


Large Fermi surface breaks up into
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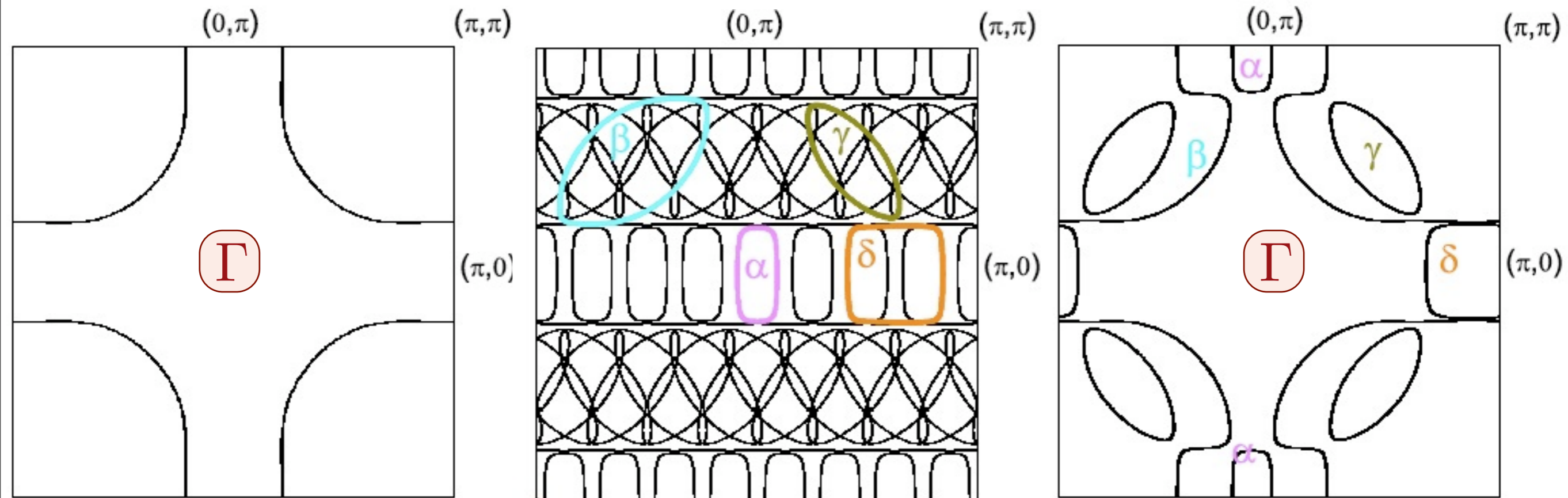
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Spin density wave theory in hole-doped cuprates



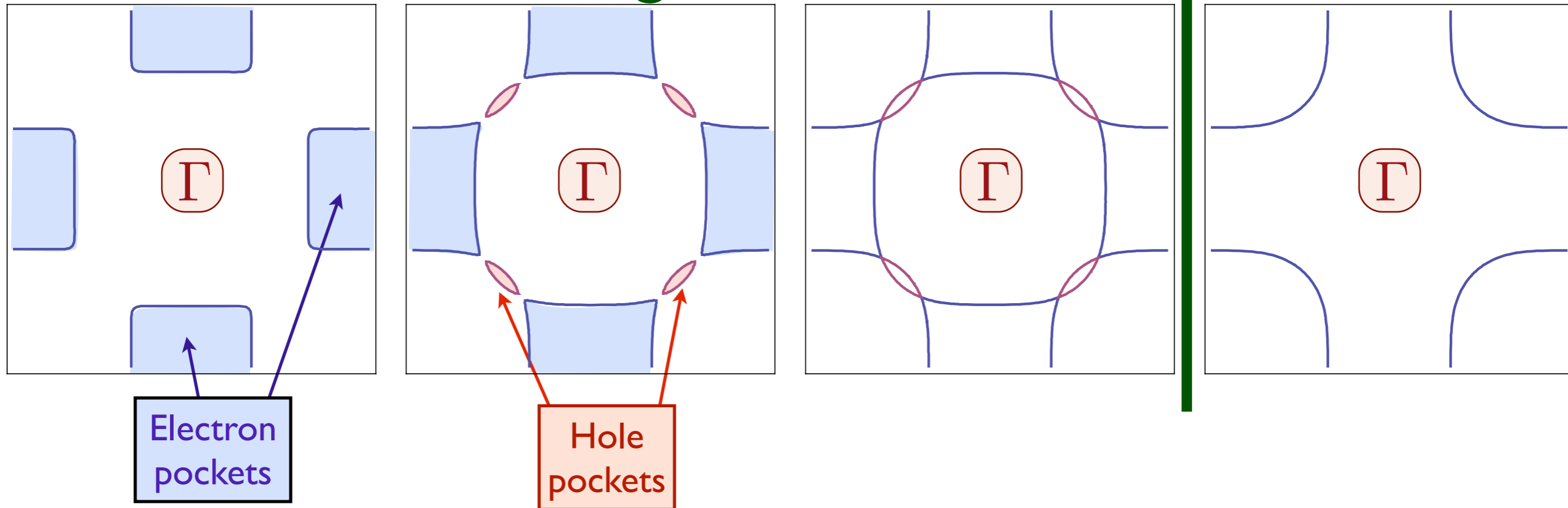
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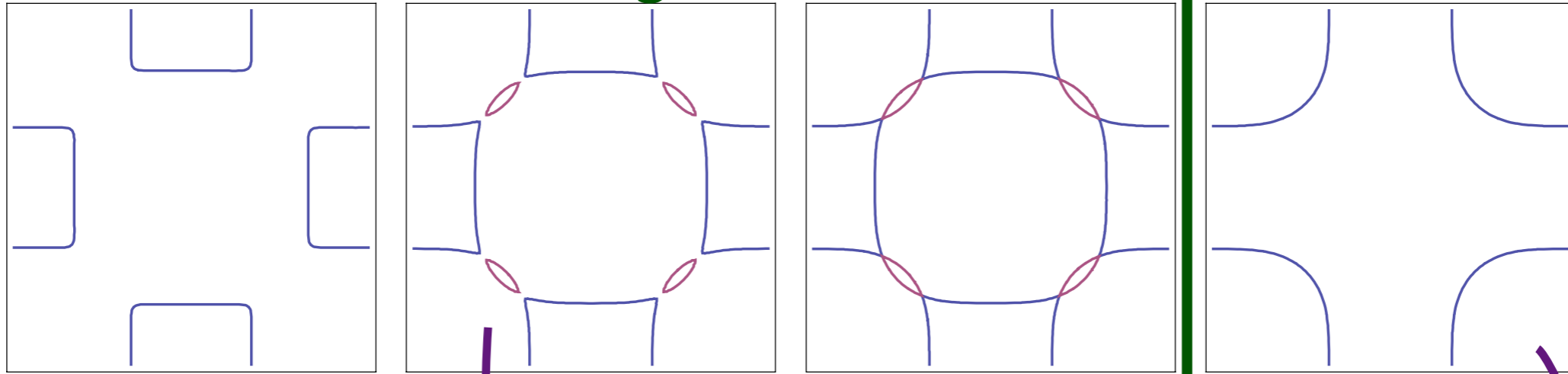
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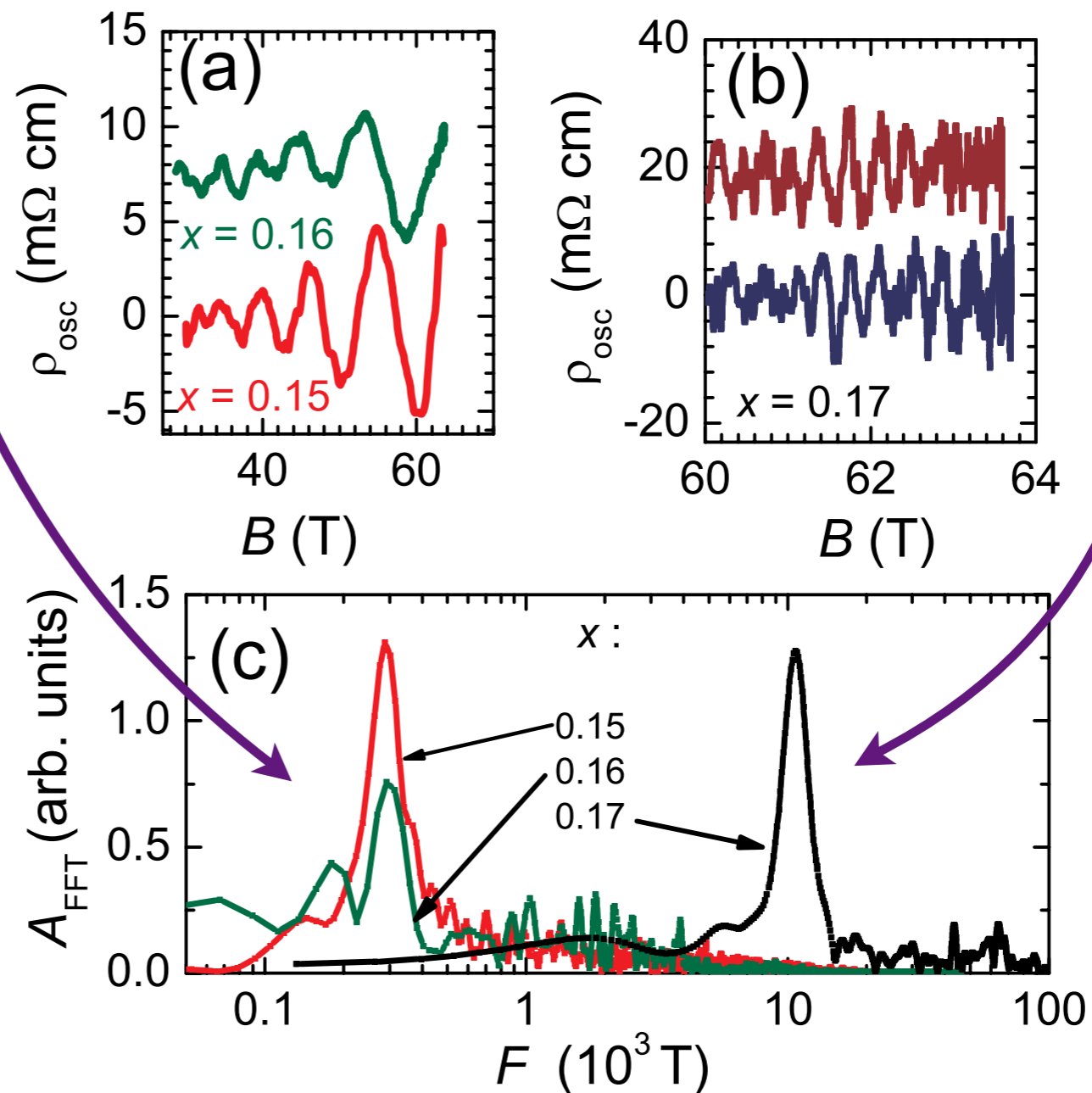
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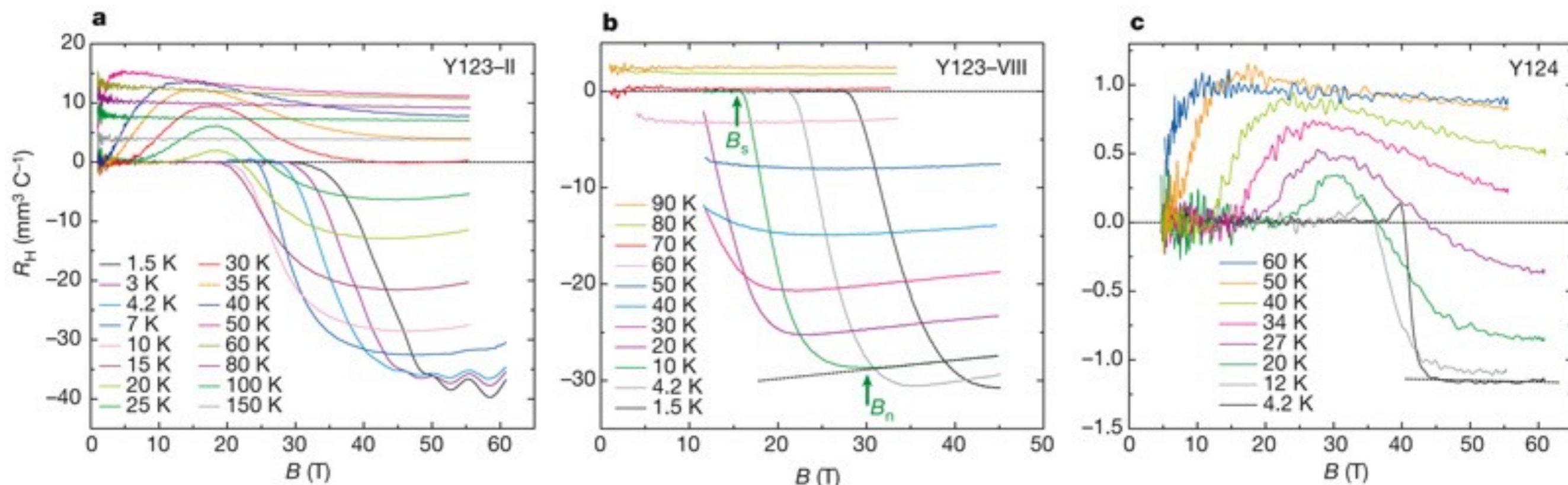


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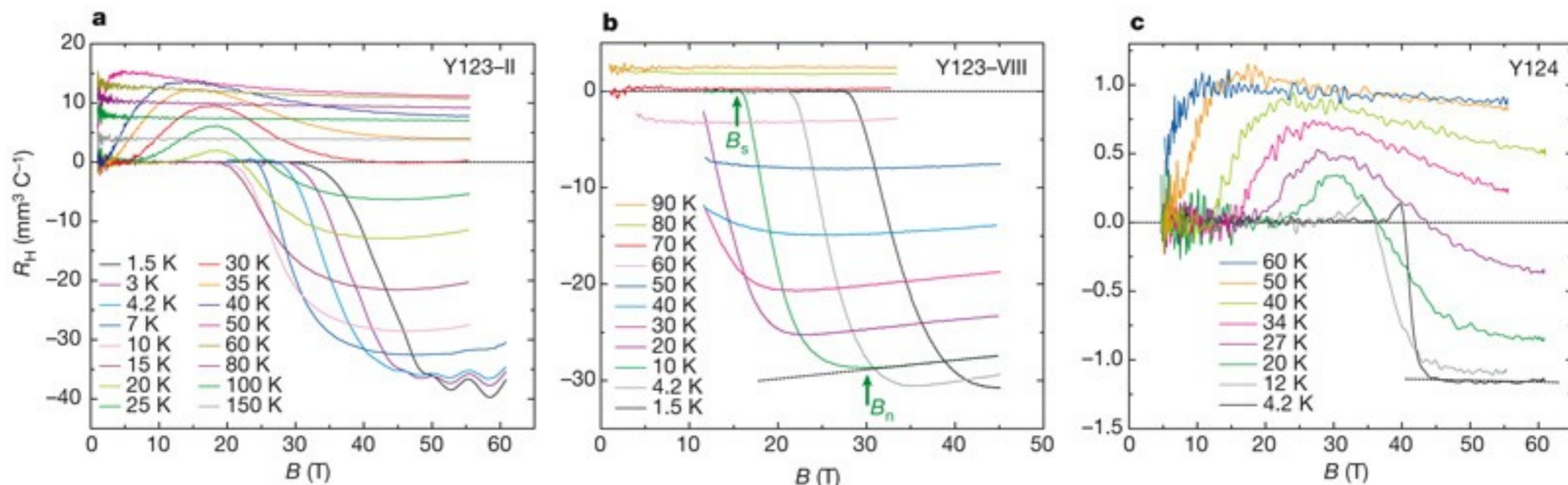


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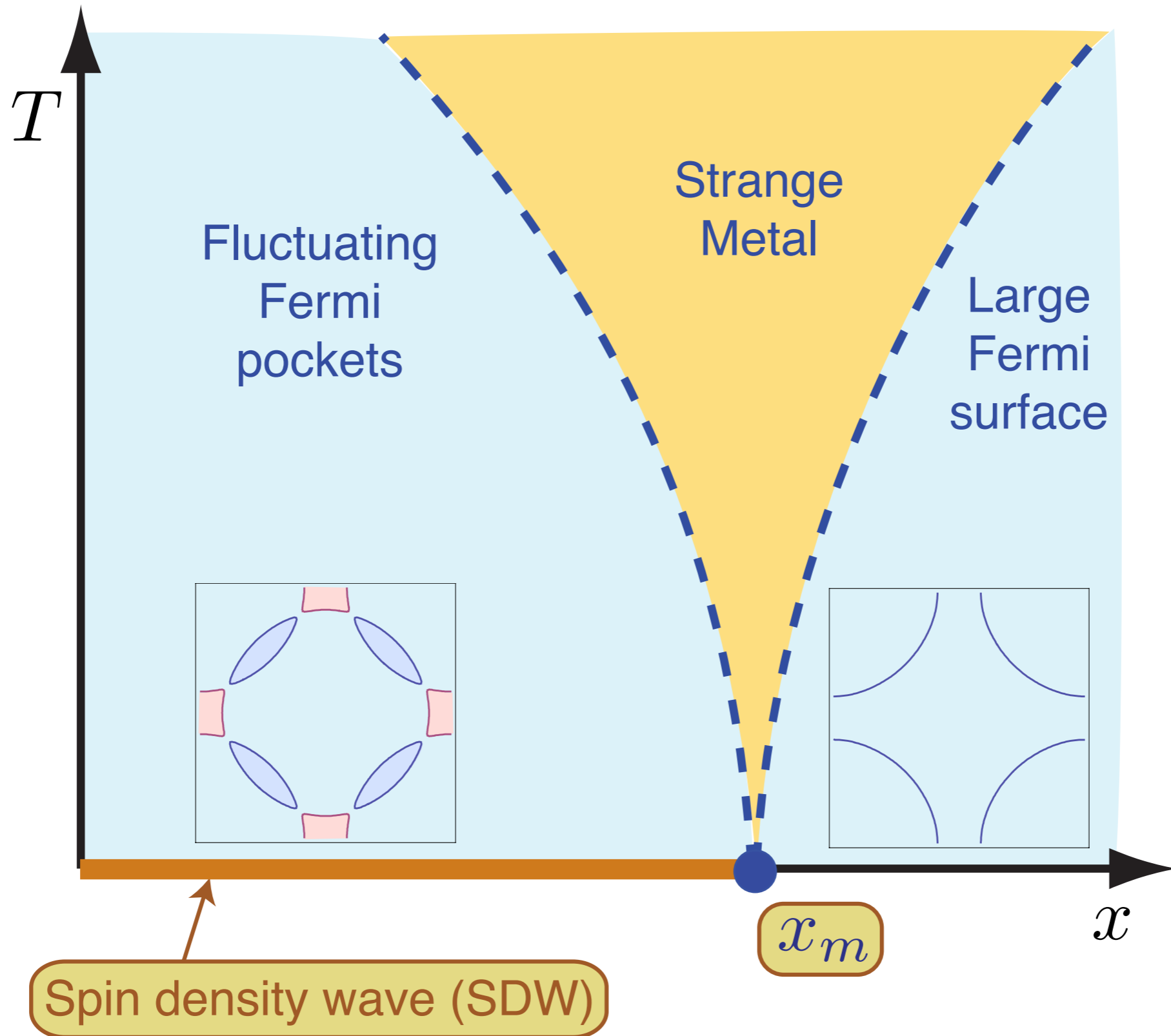
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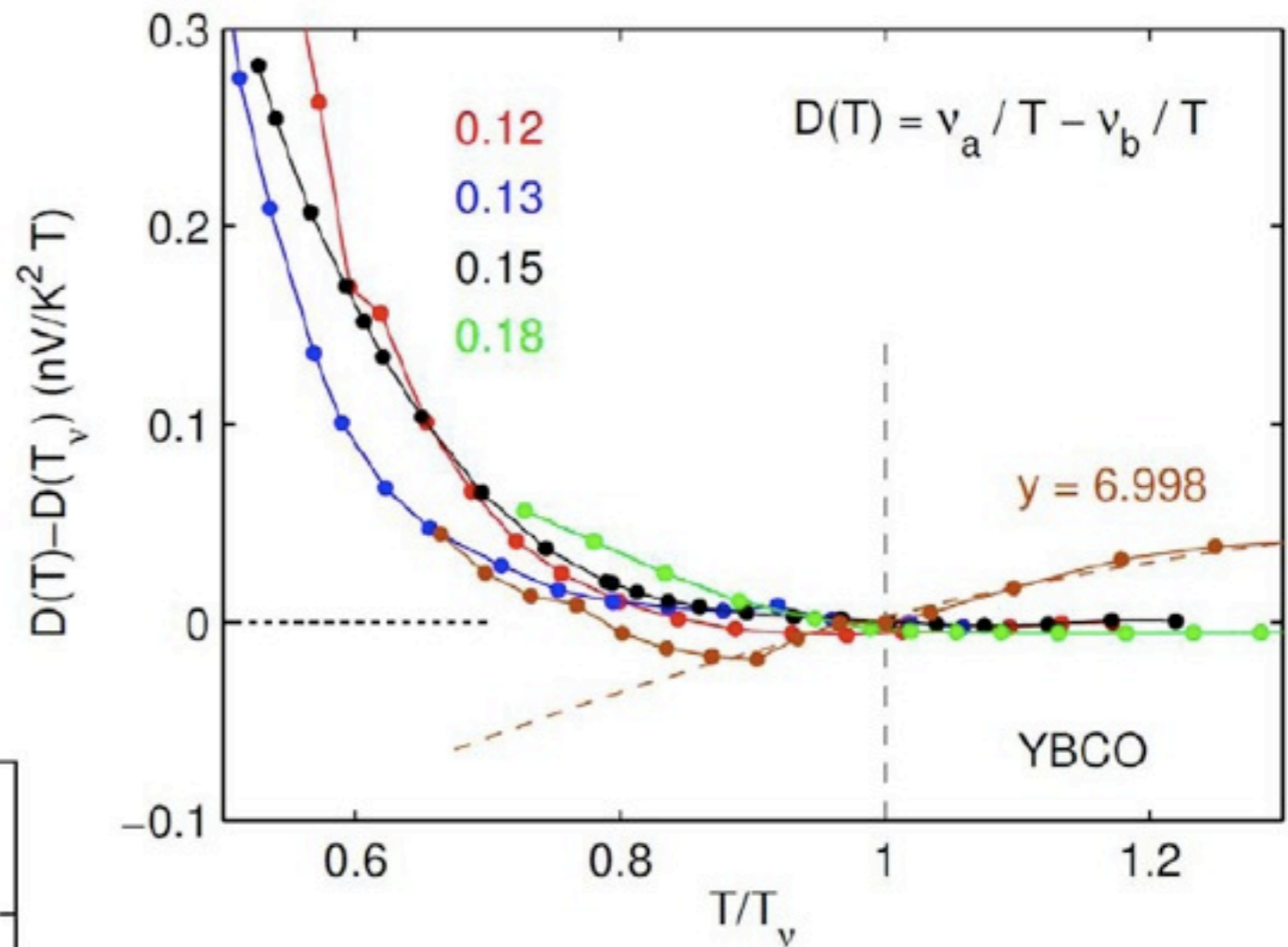
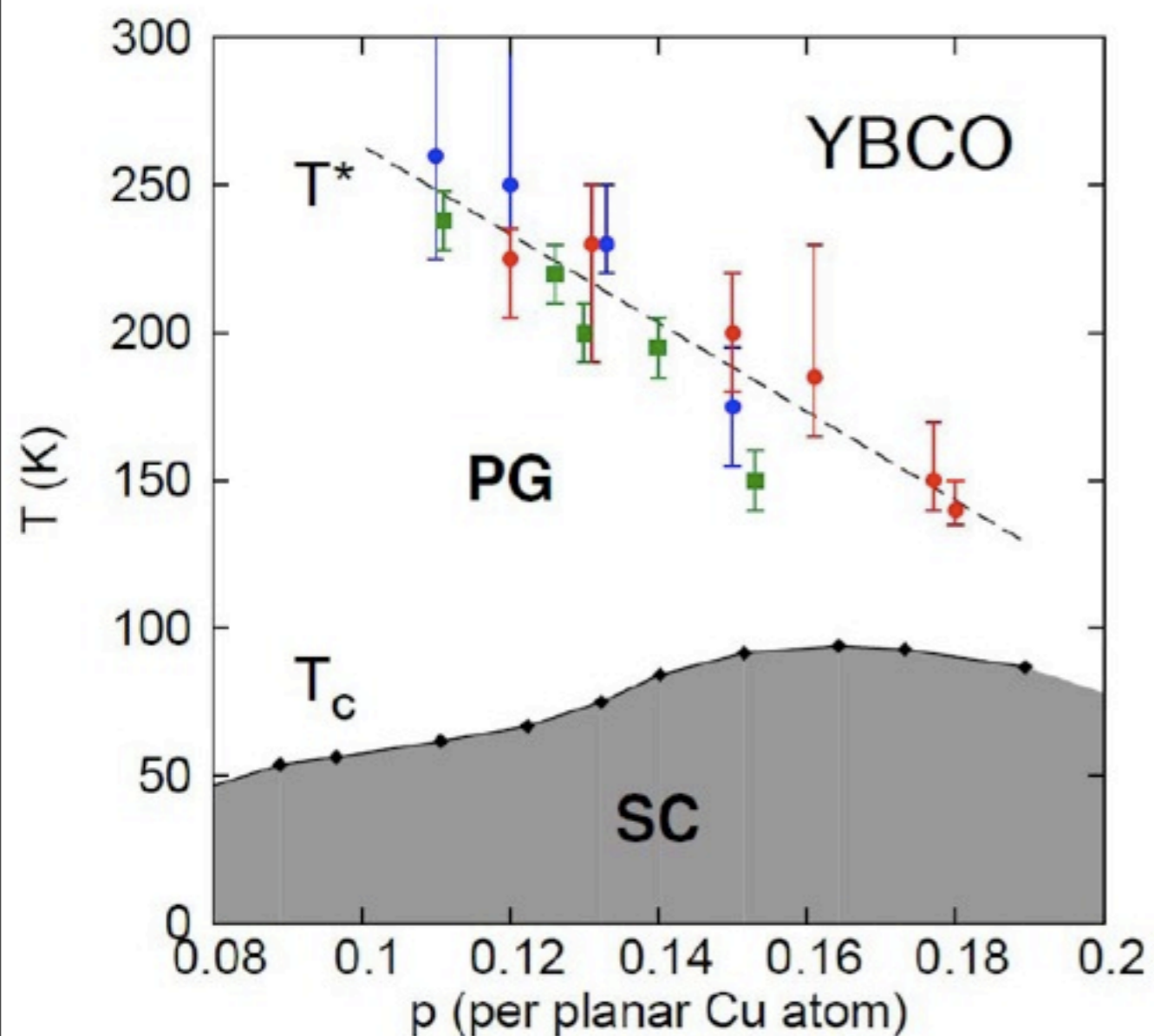
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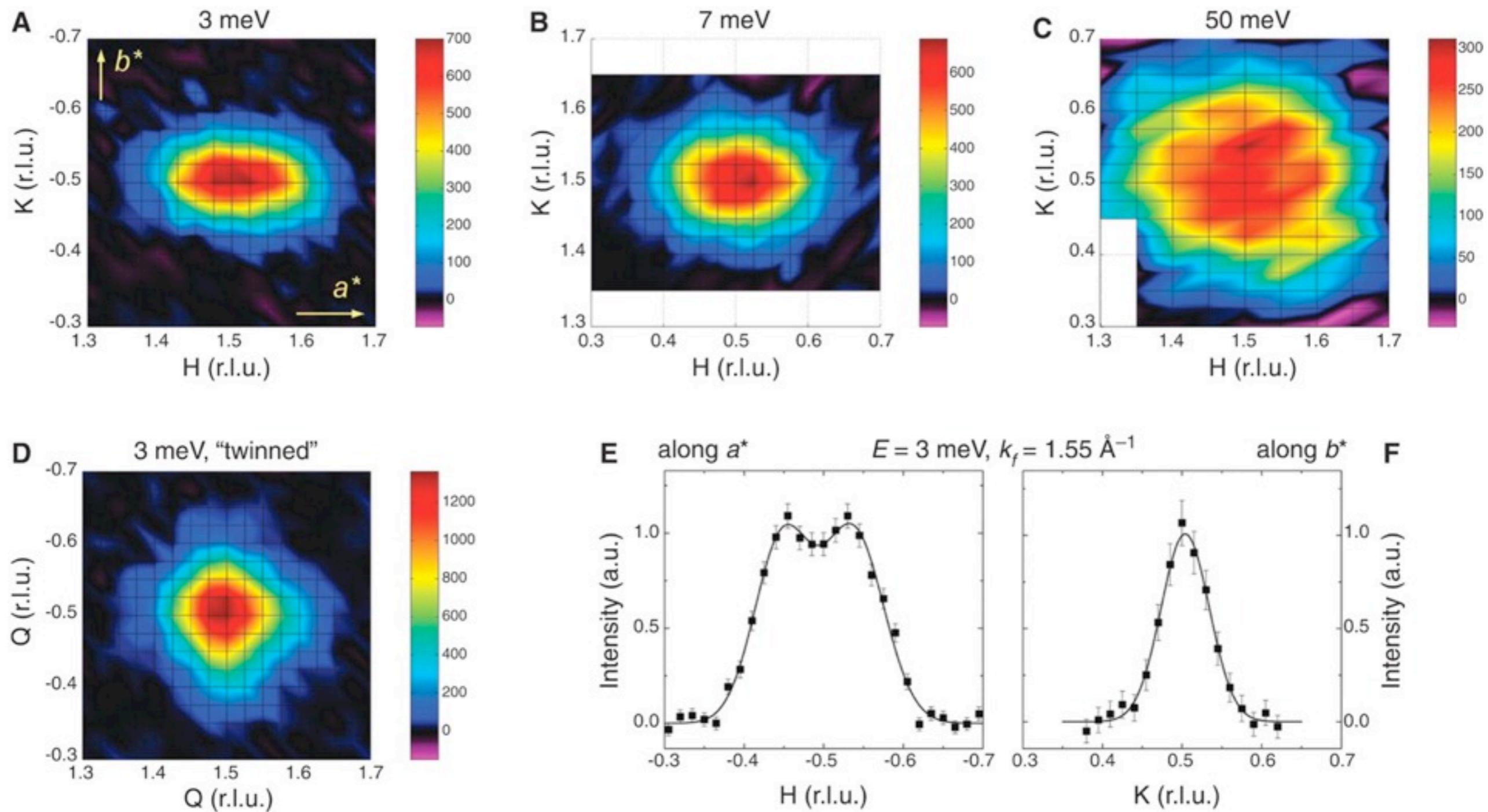
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Broken rotational symmetry in the pseudogap phase of a high- T_c superconductor

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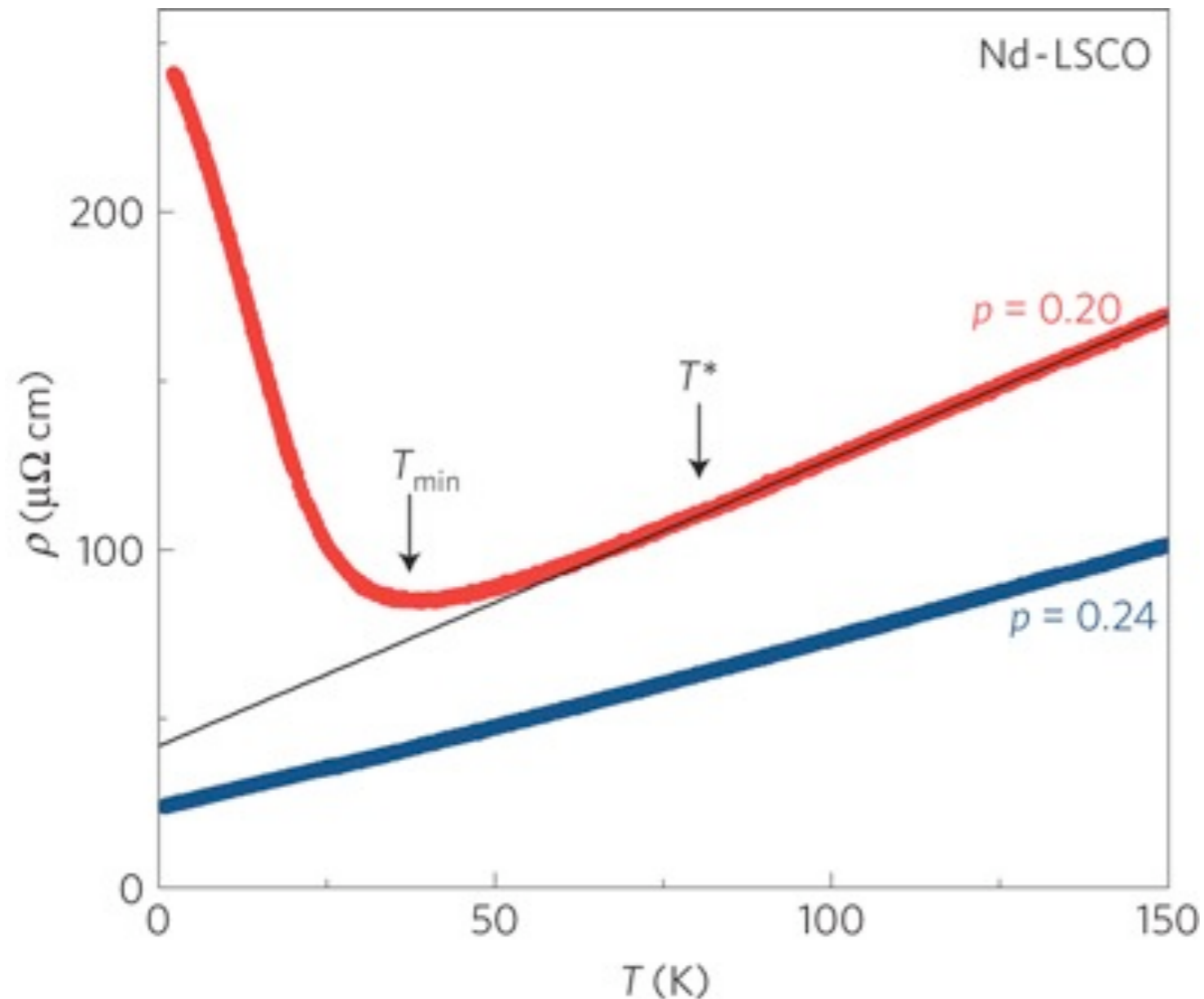
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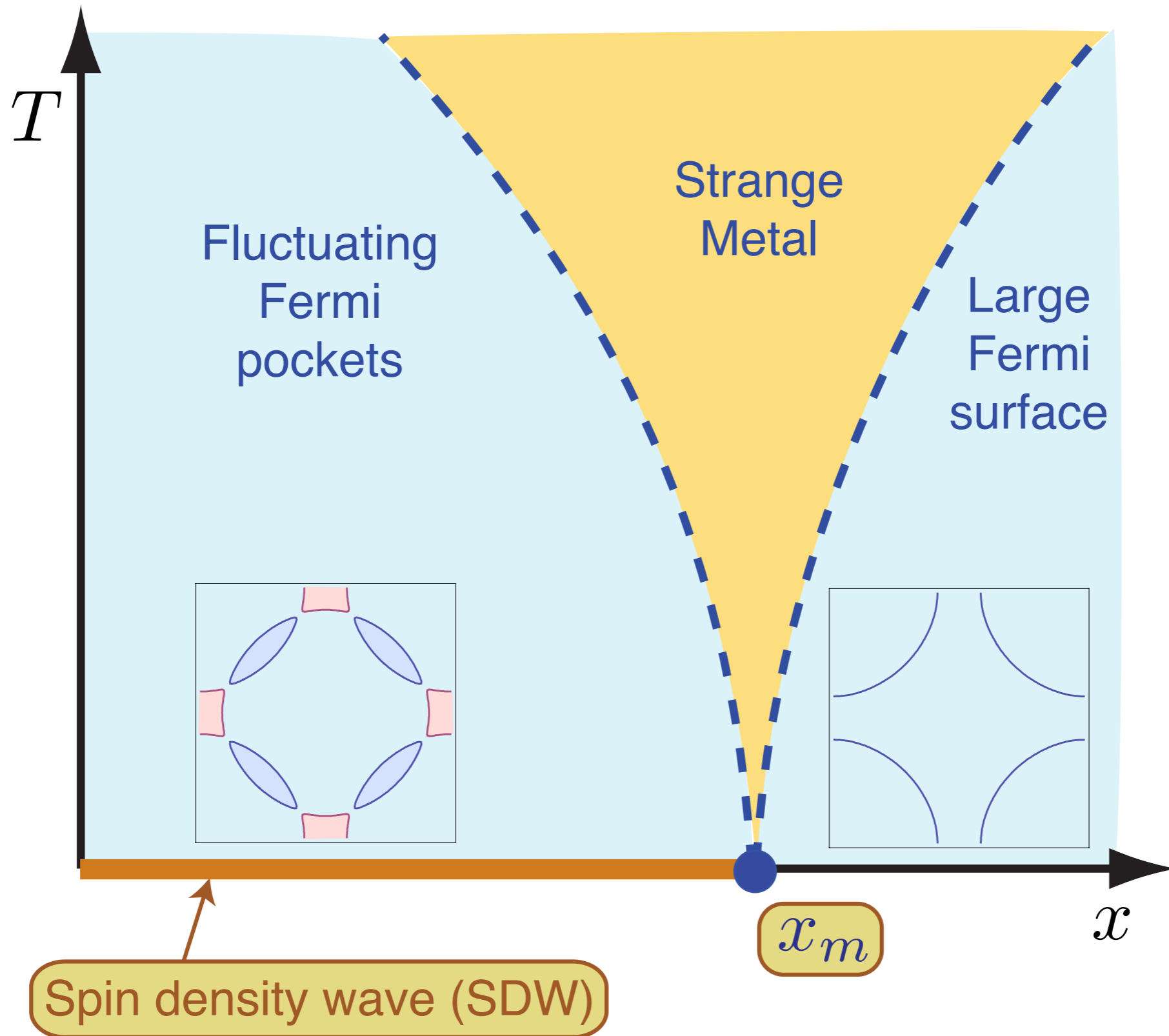


Magnetic field of
upto 35 T
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Linear temperature dependence of resistivity and change in the Fermi surface at the pseudogap critical point of a high- T_c superconductor

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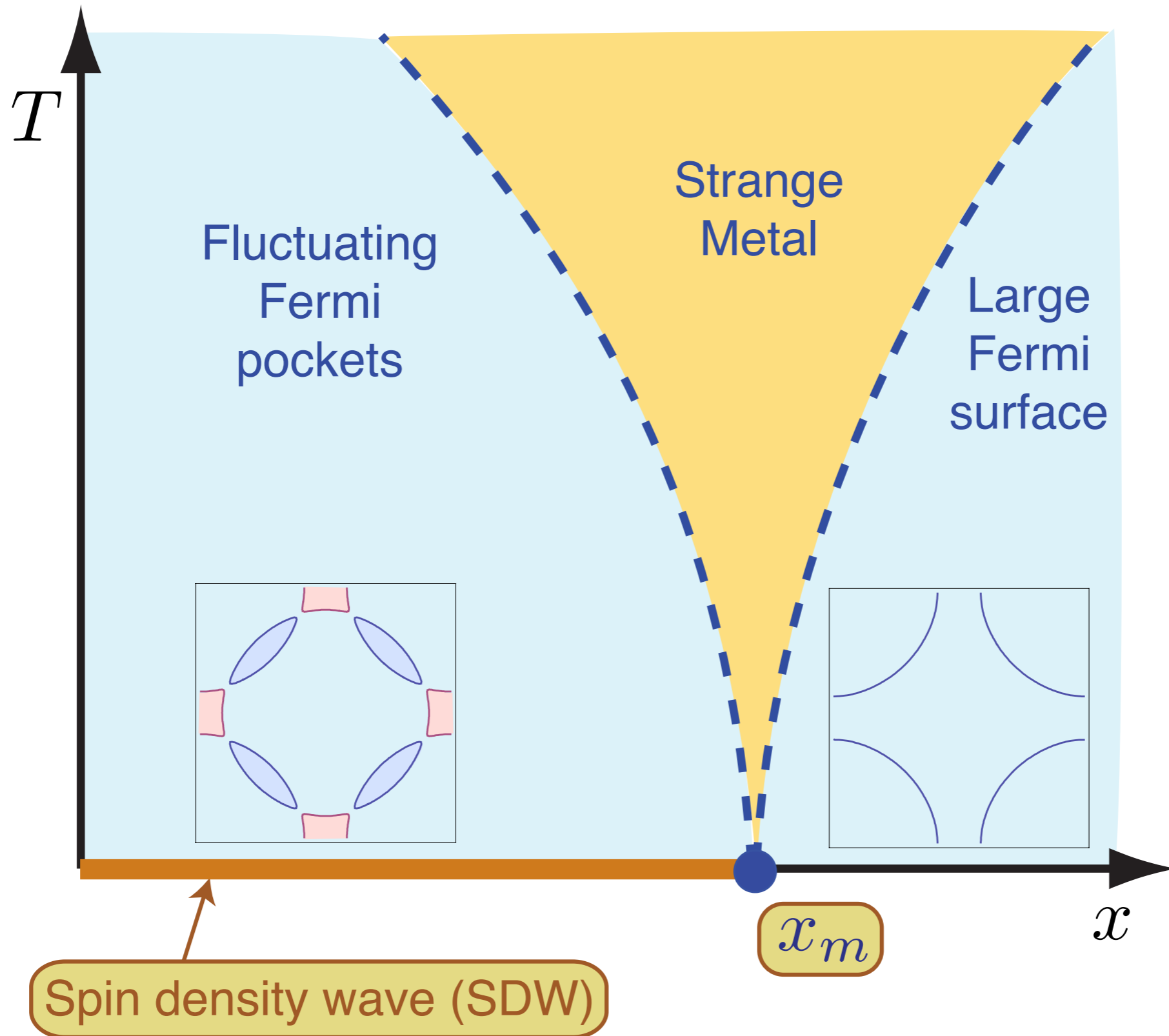
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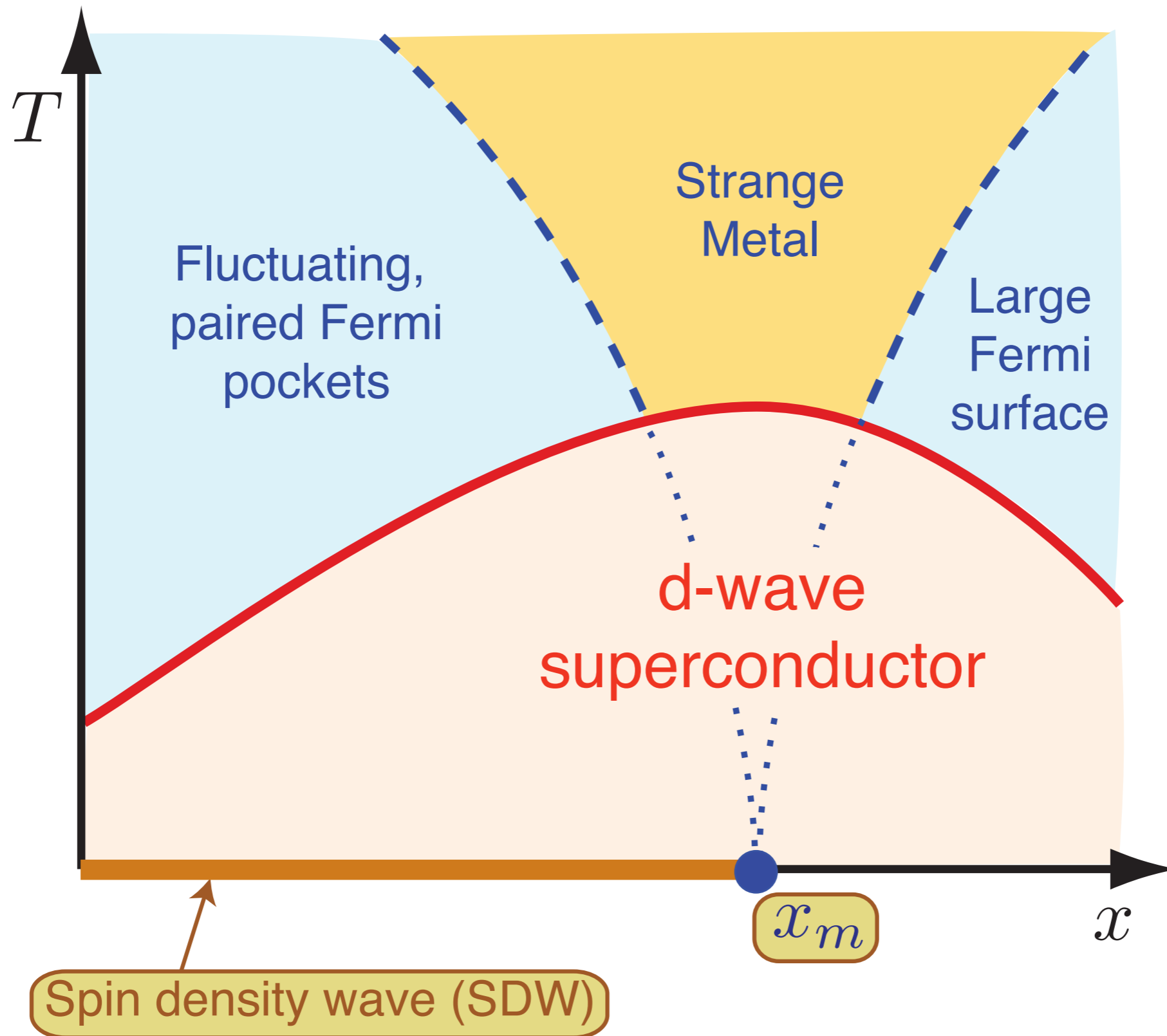
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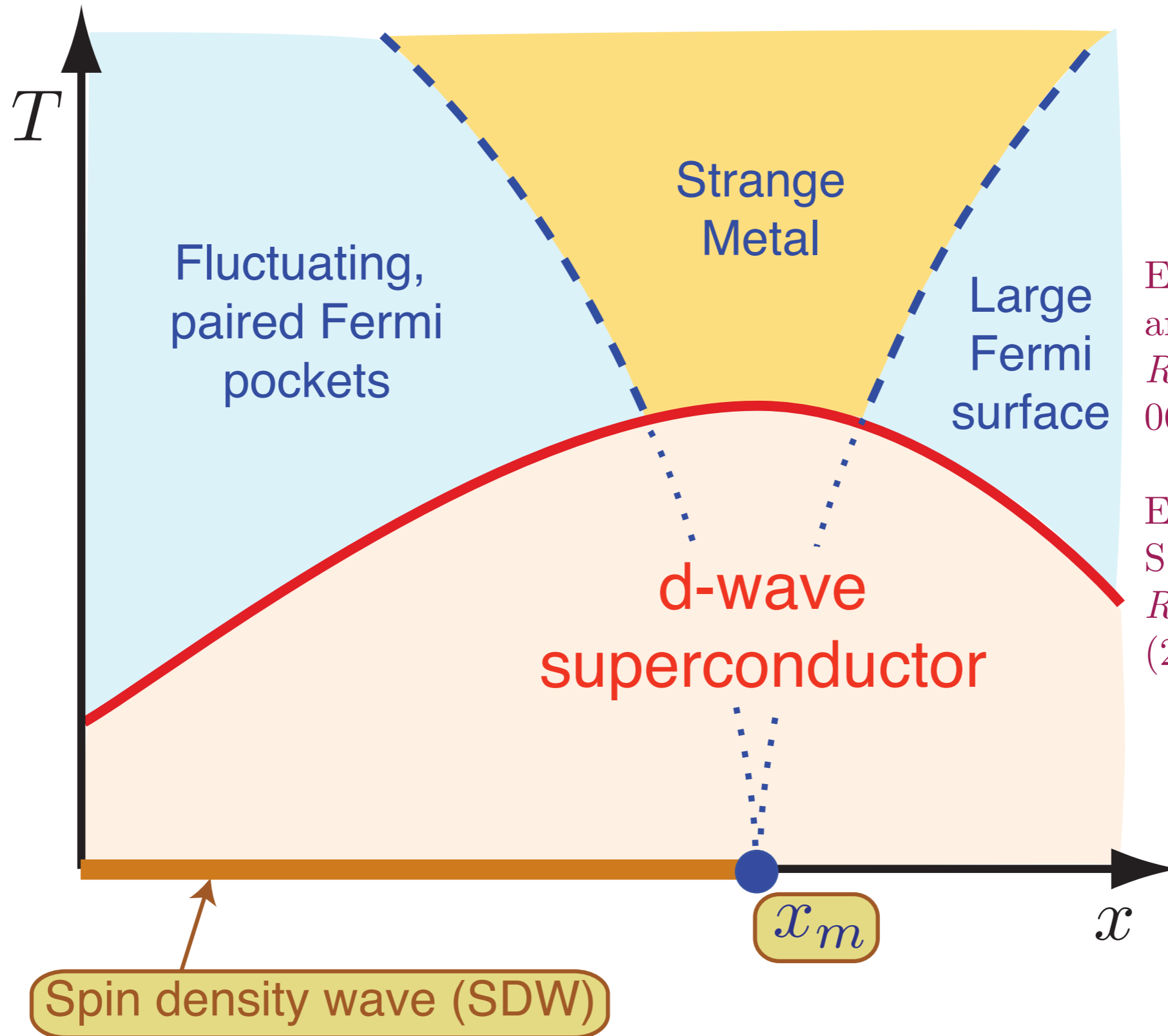
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Onset of d -wave superconductivity
hides the critical point $x = x_m$

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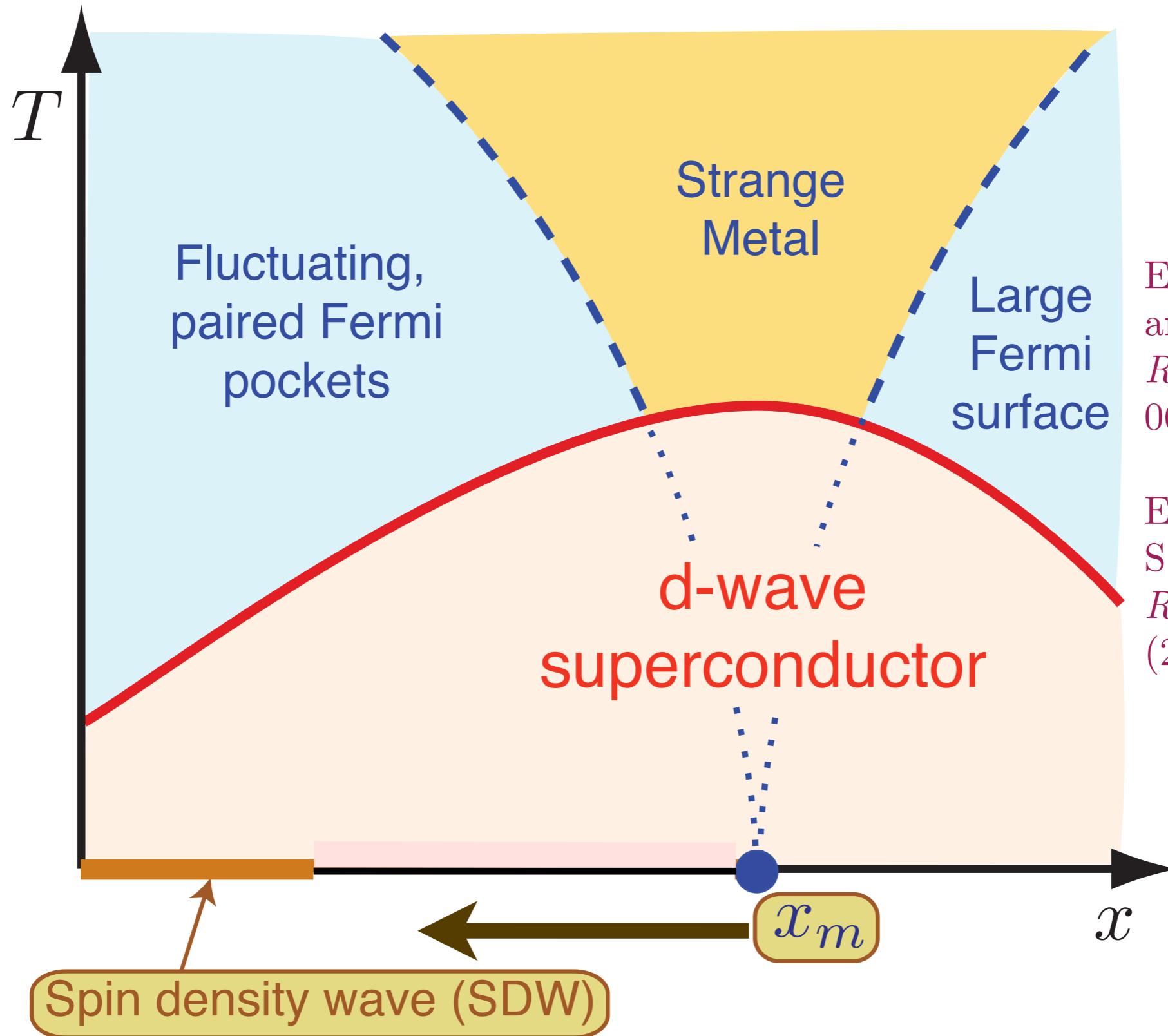


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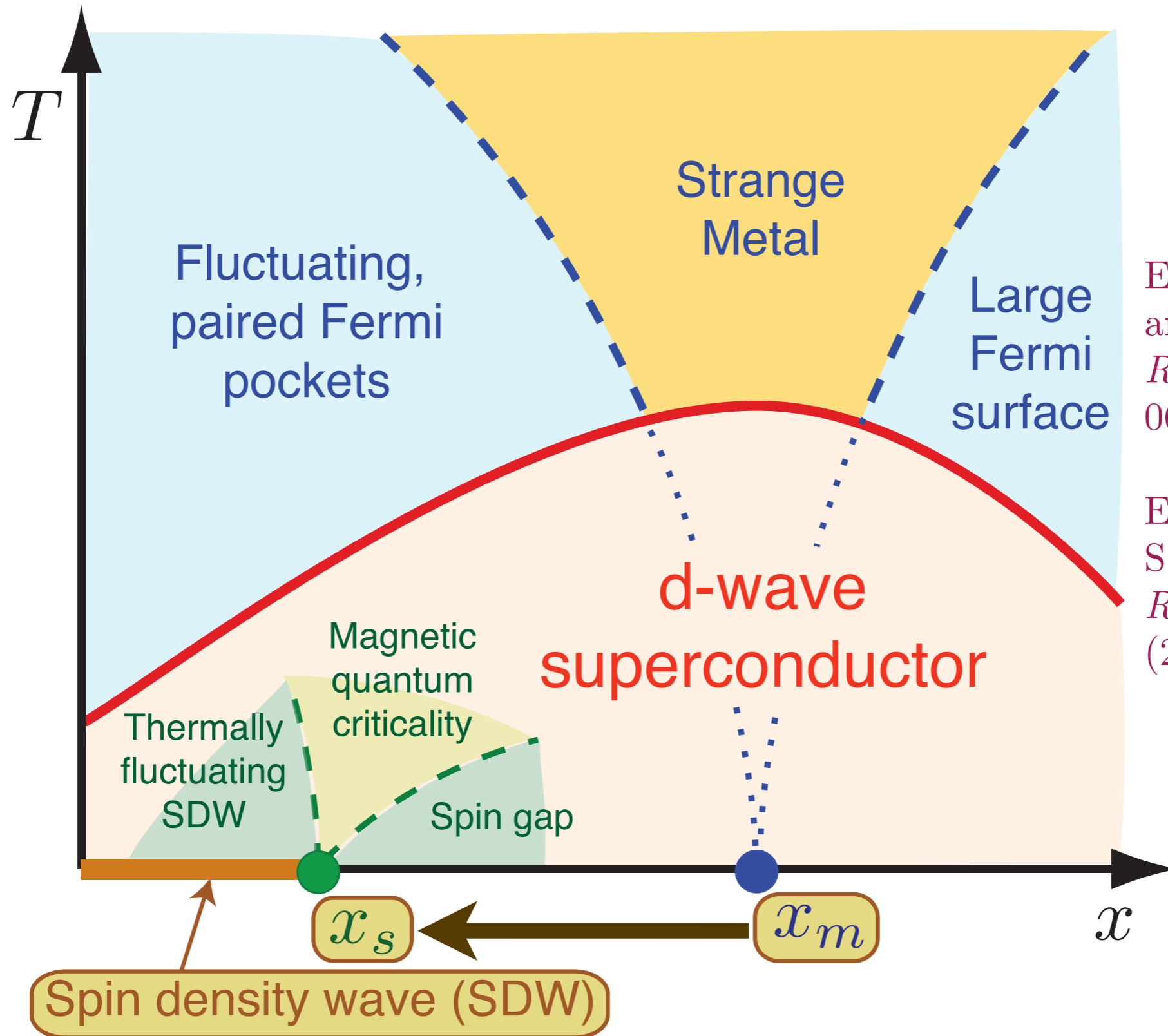


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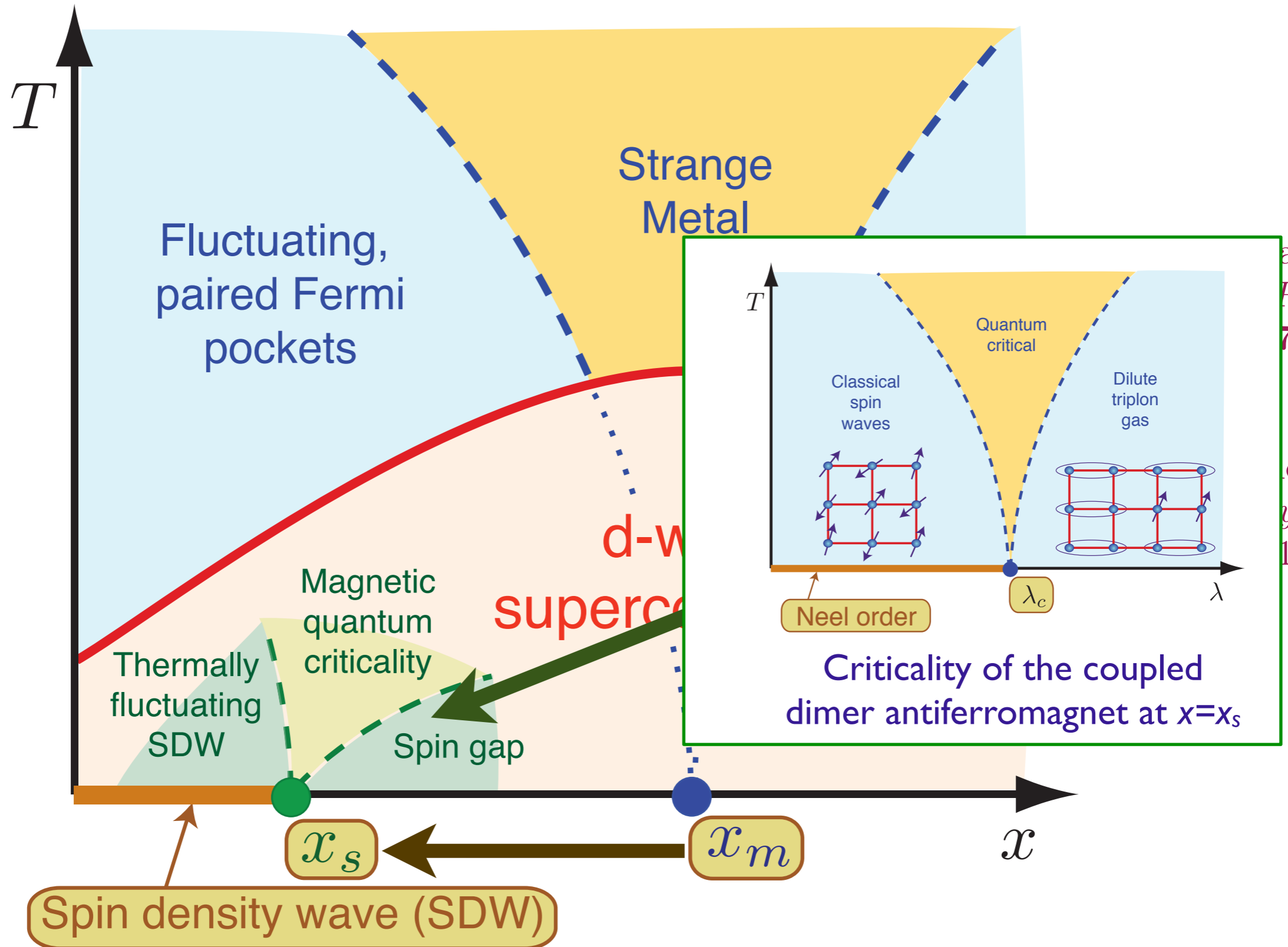


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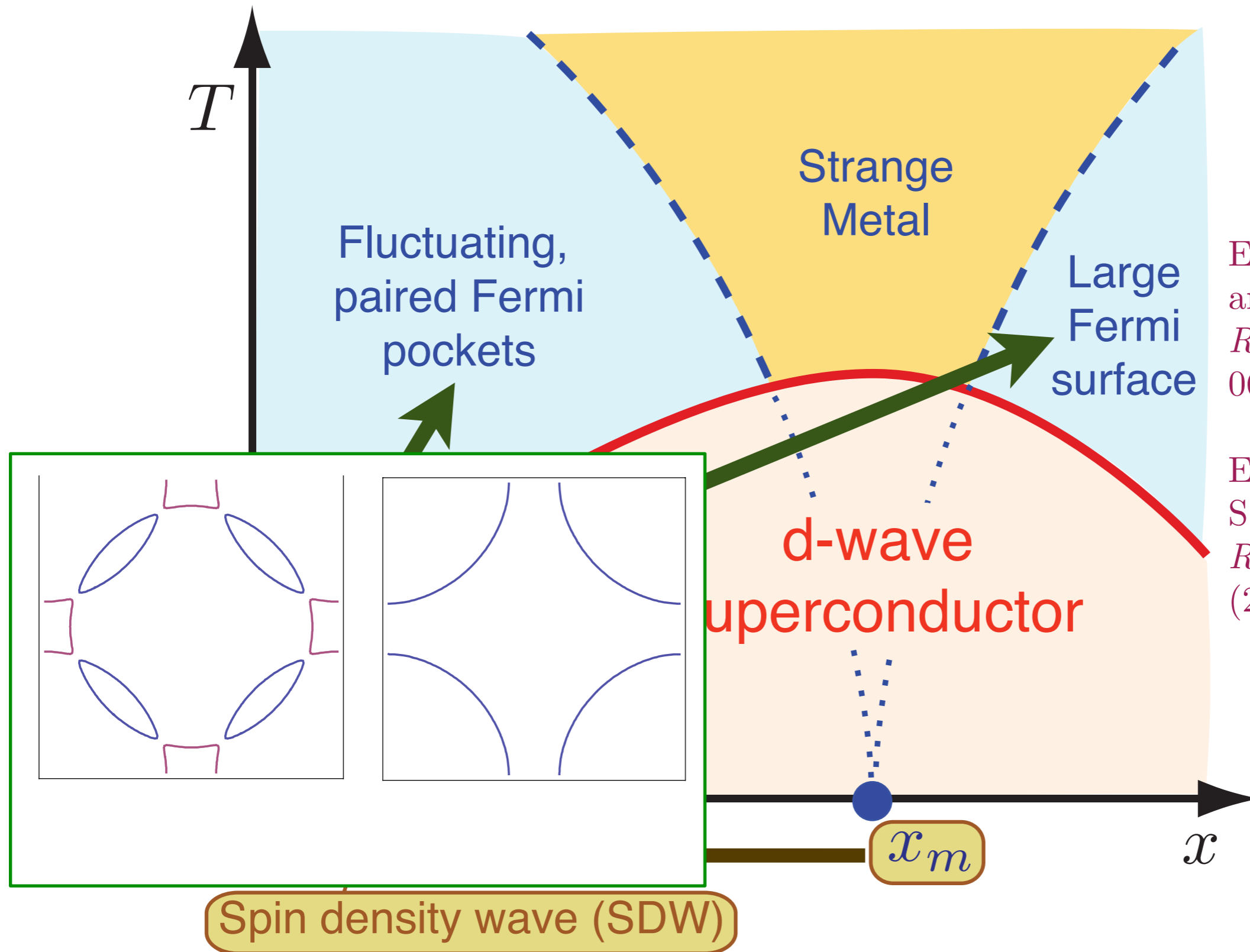
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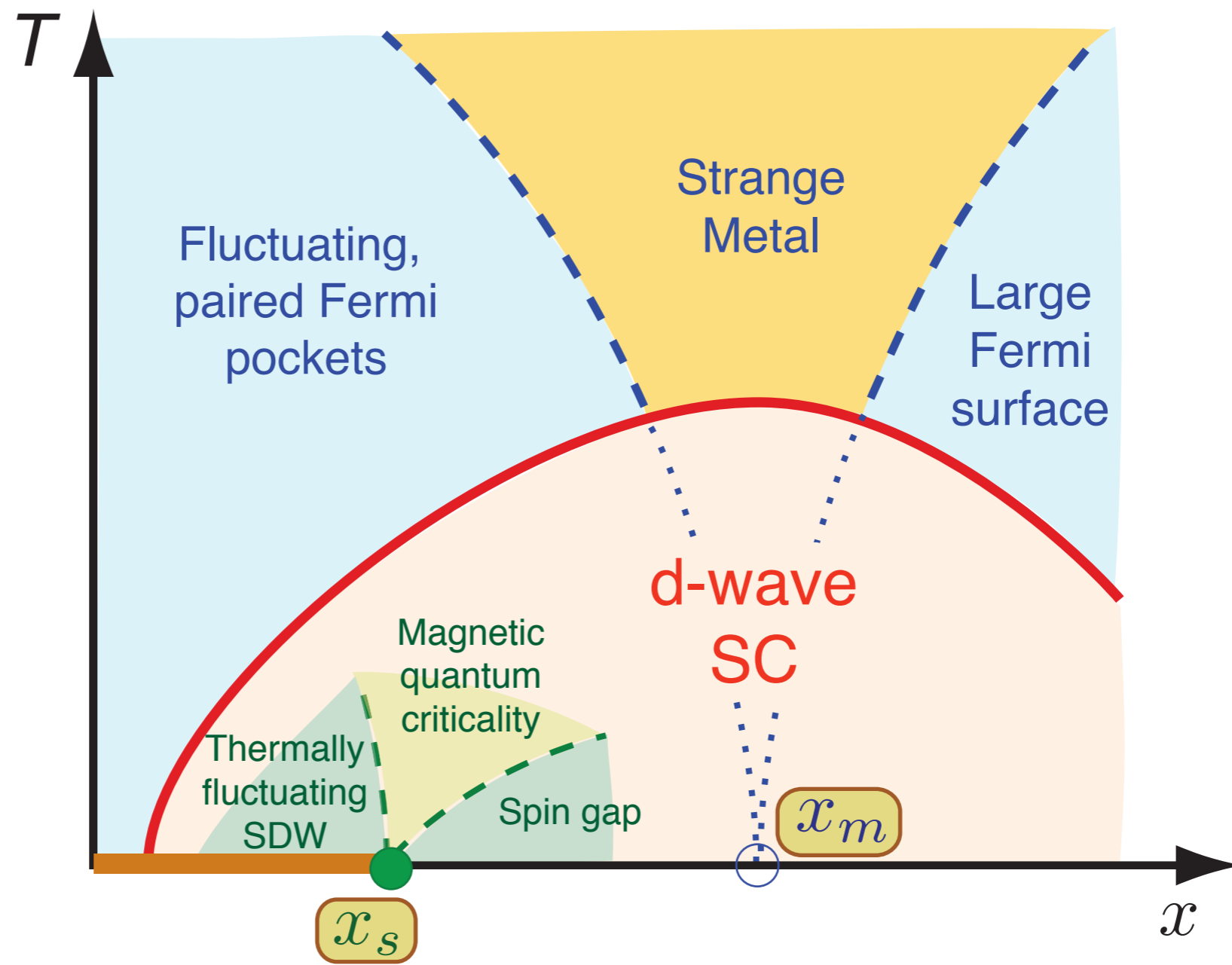
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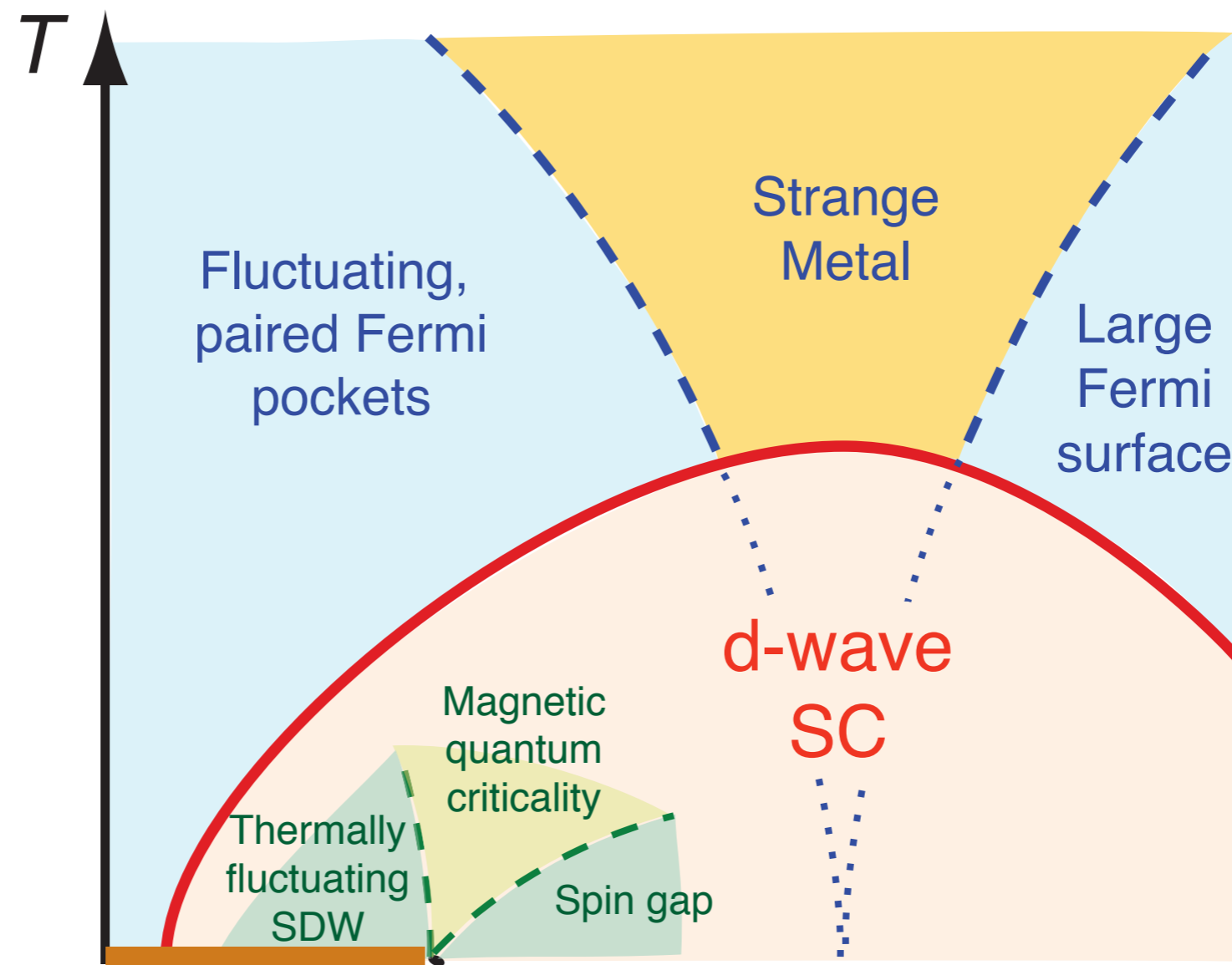


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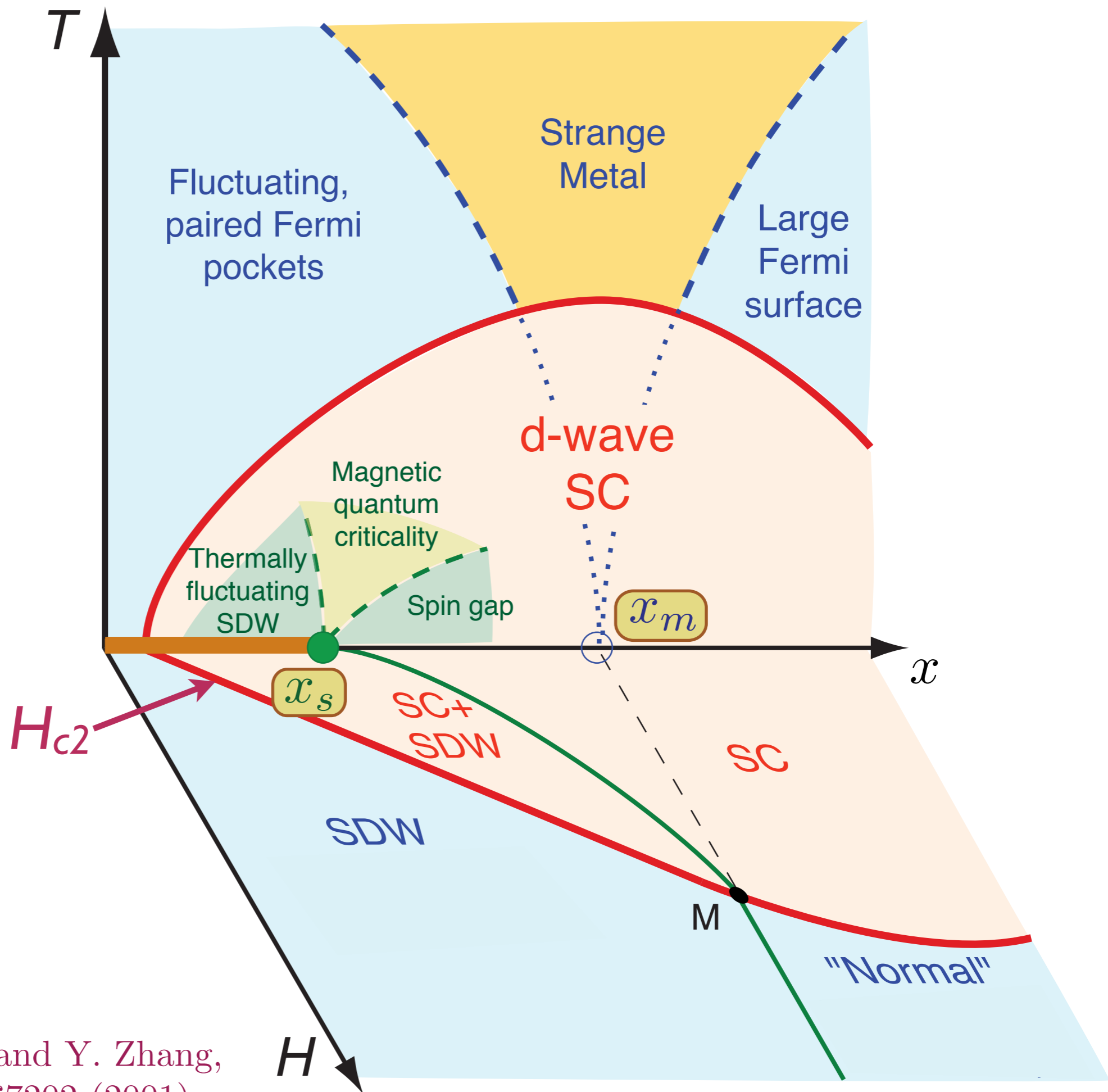
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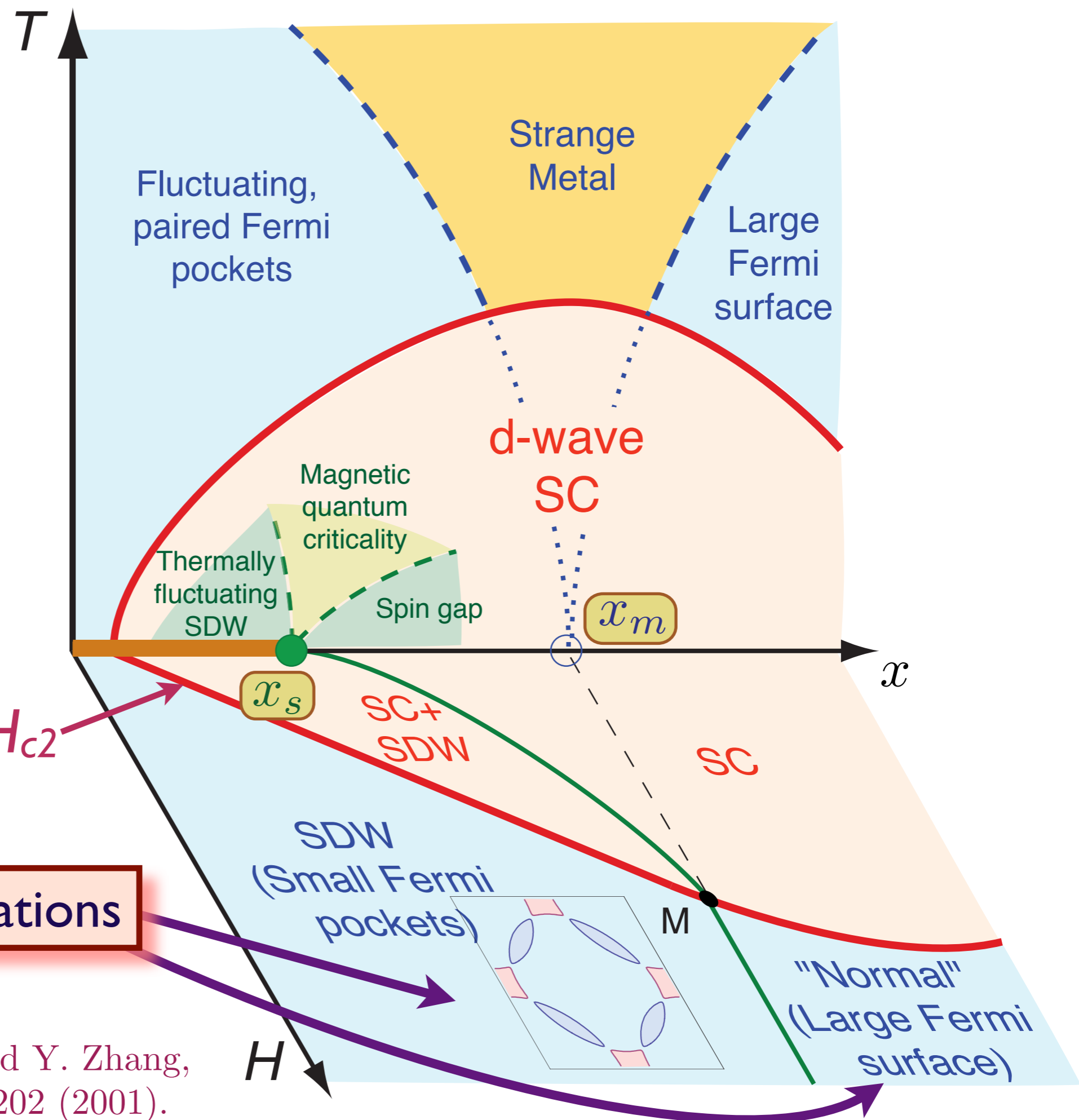




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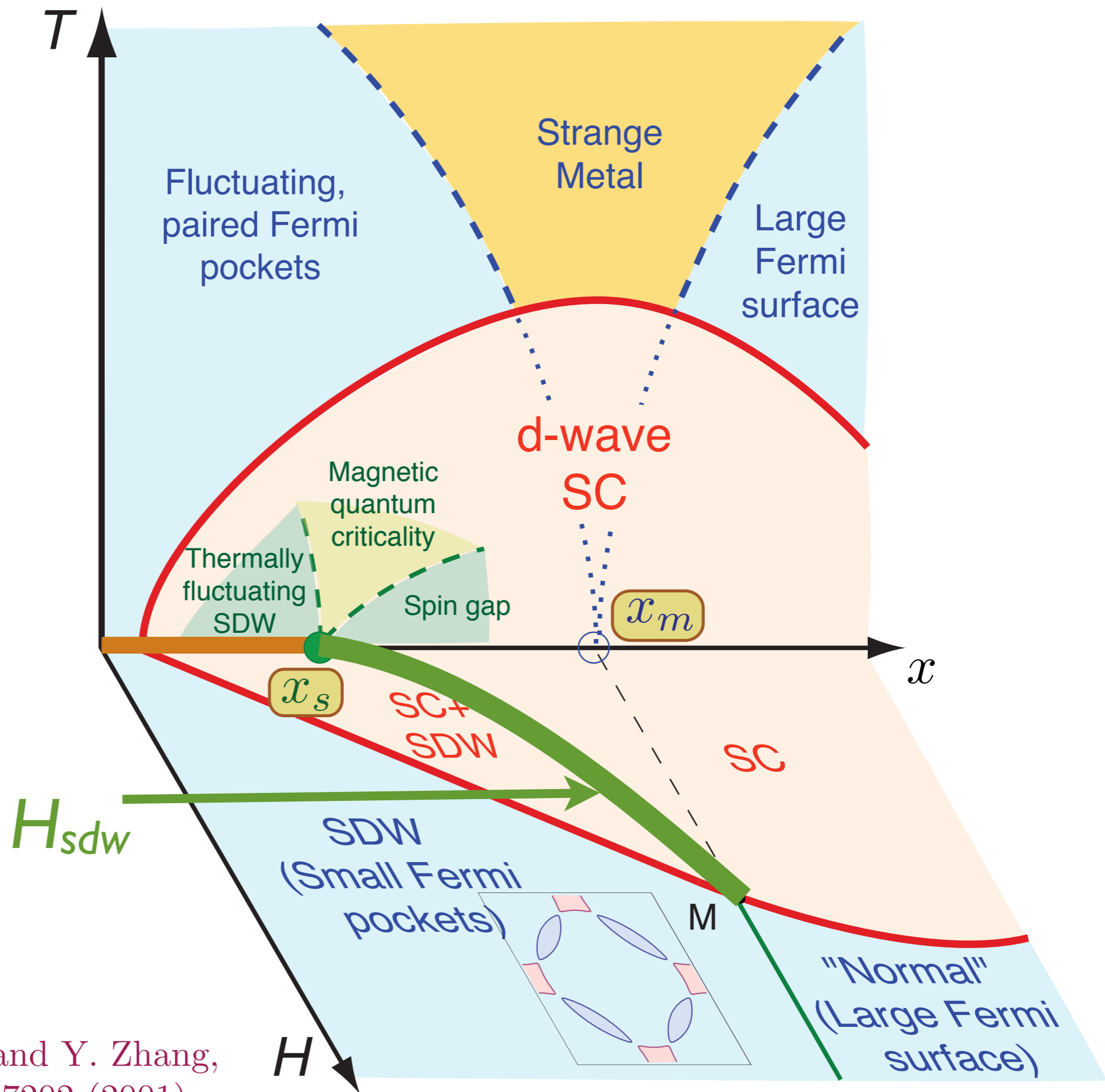


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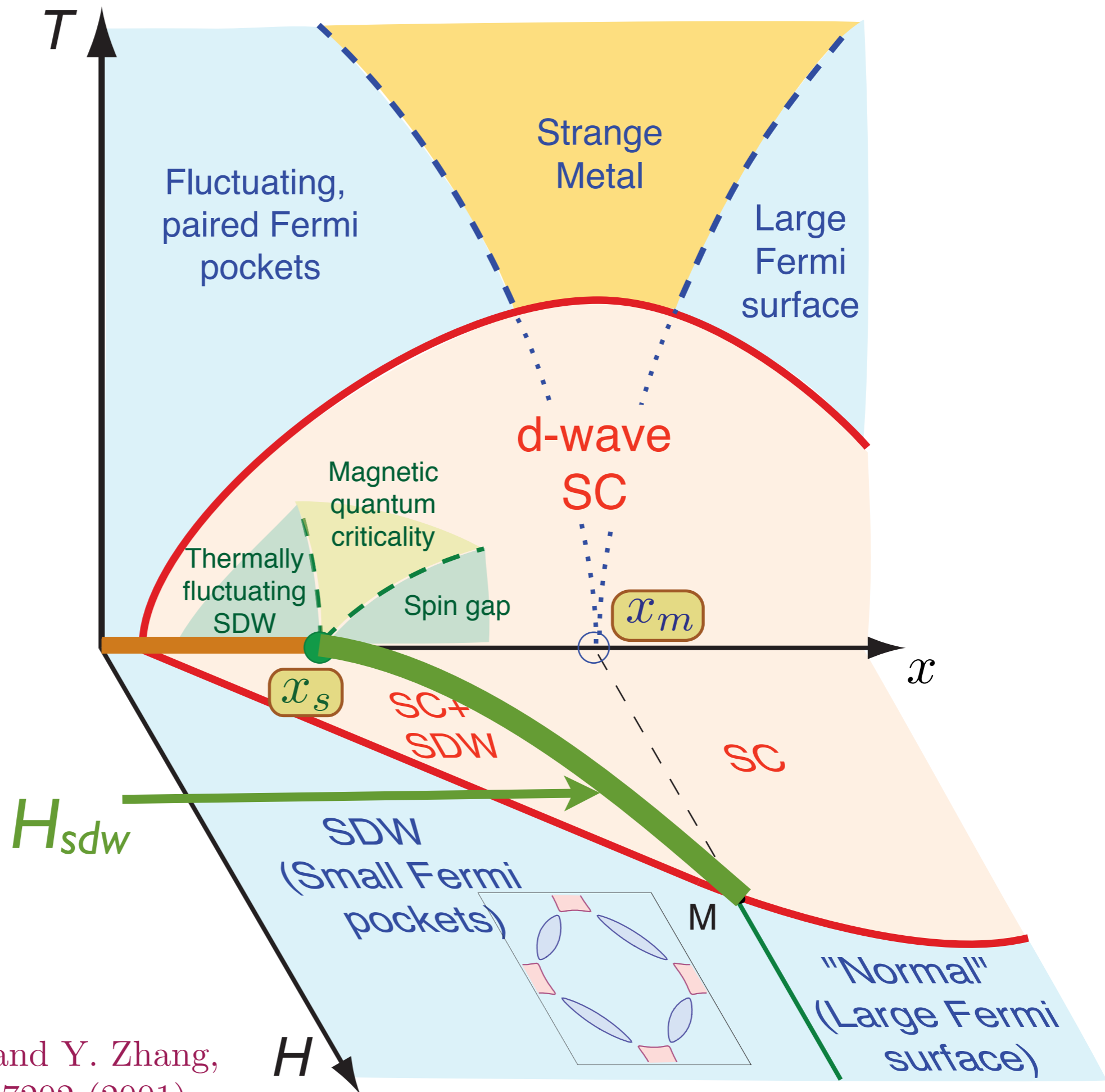


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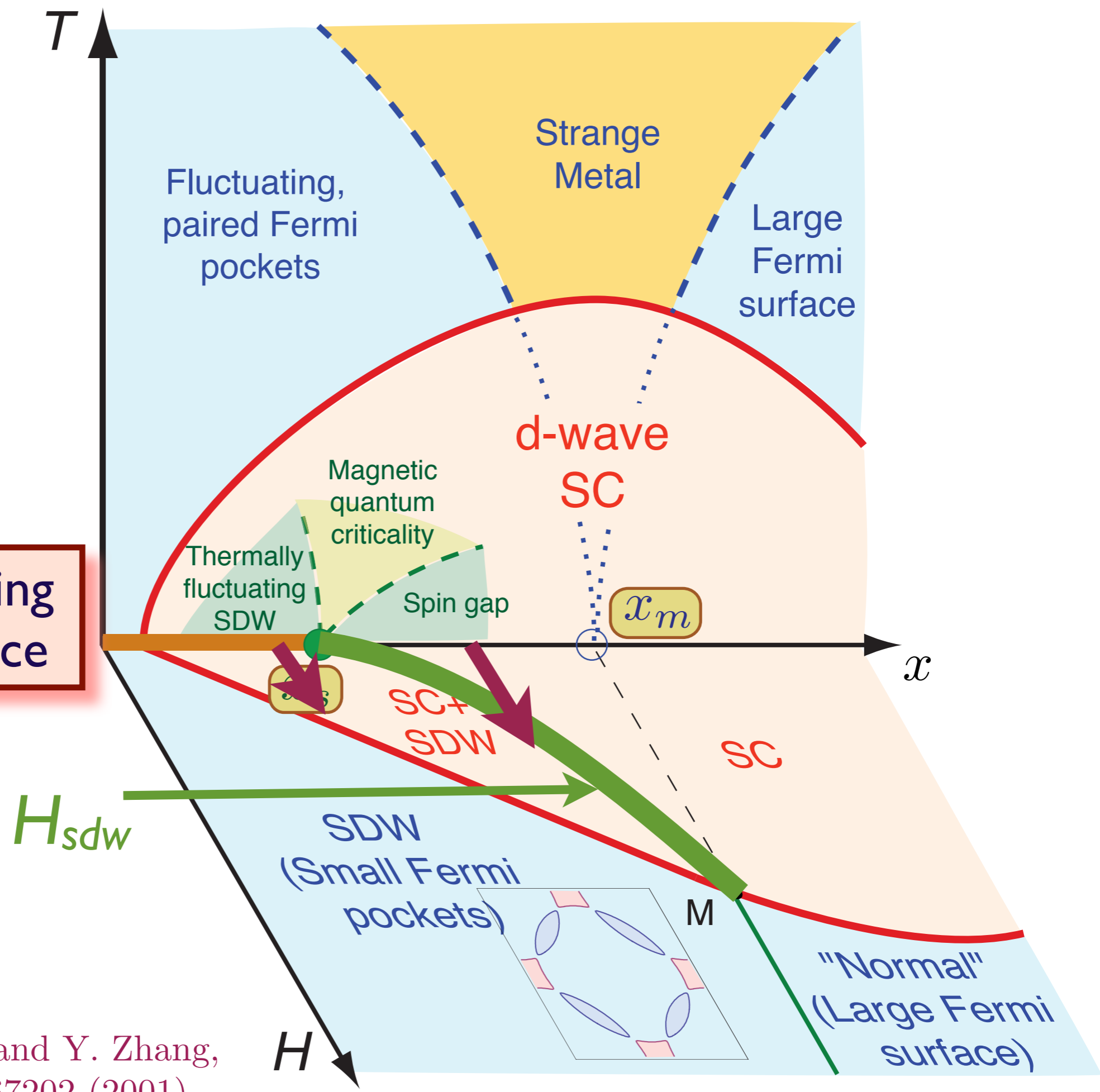


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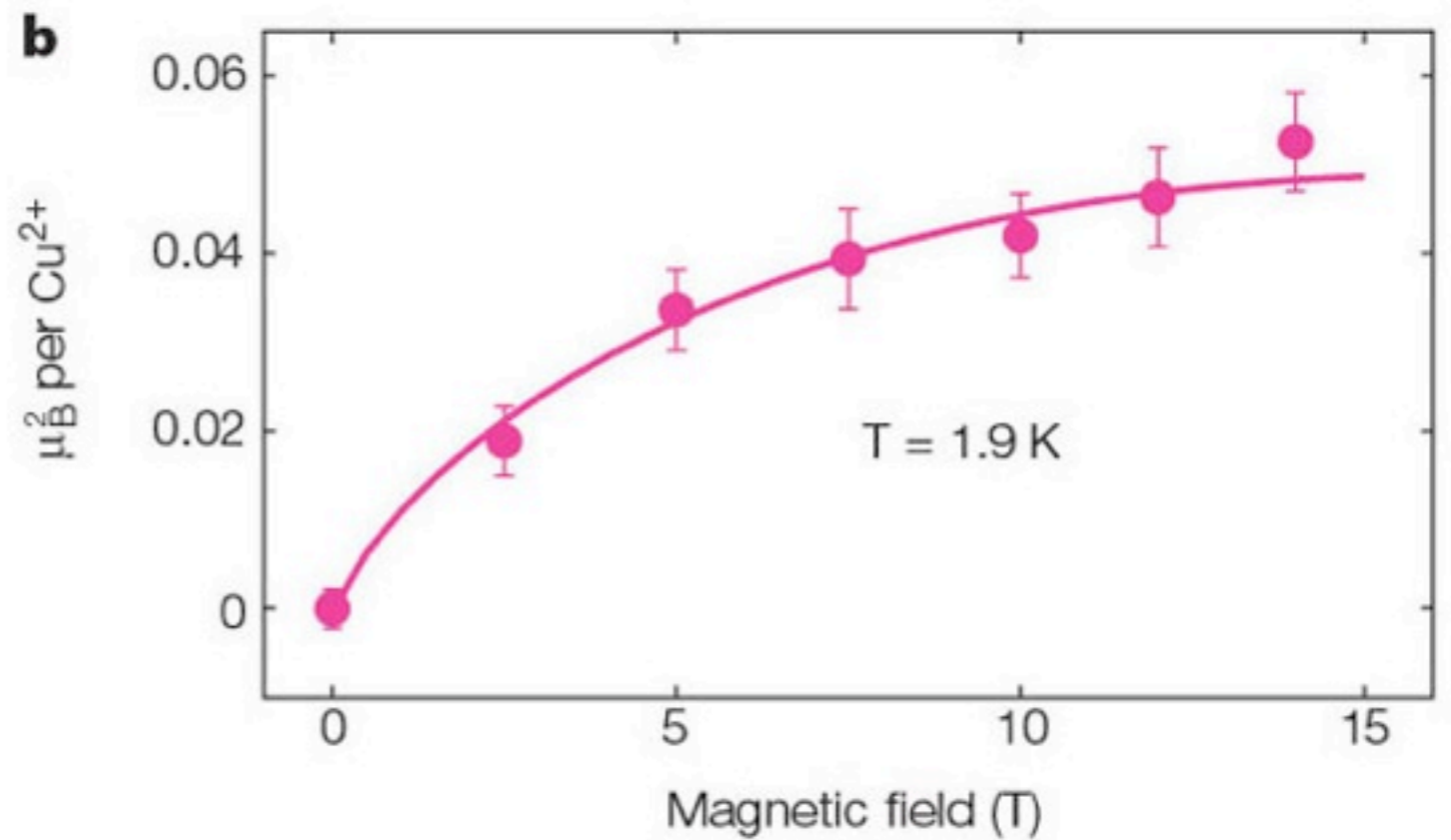
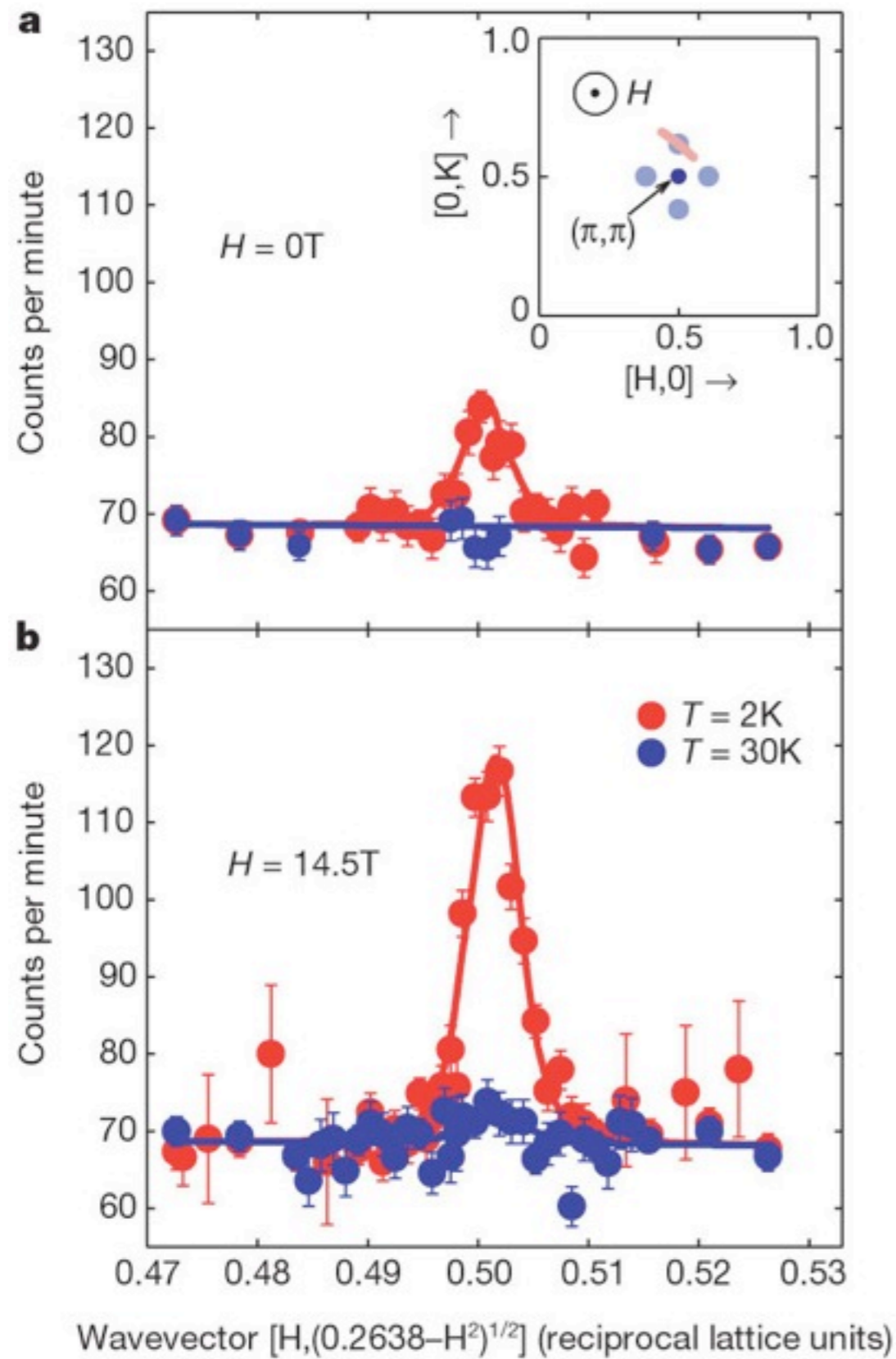


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**Neutron scattering
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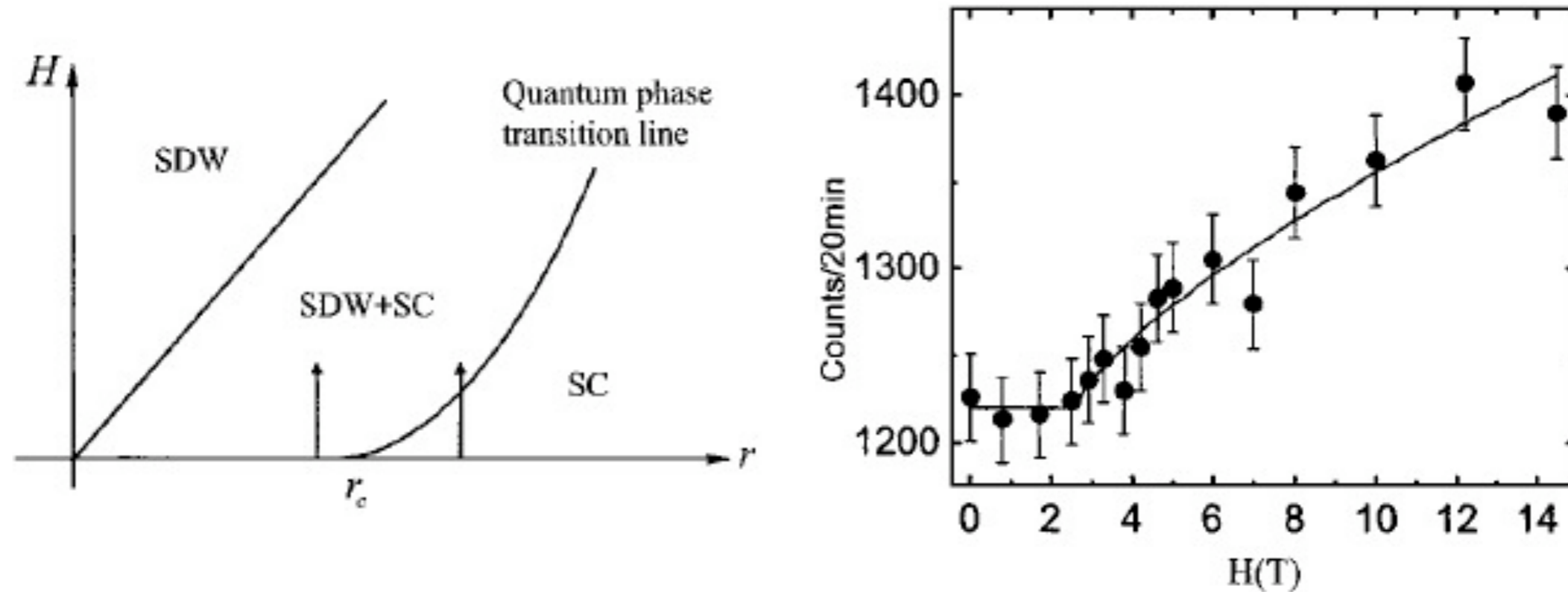
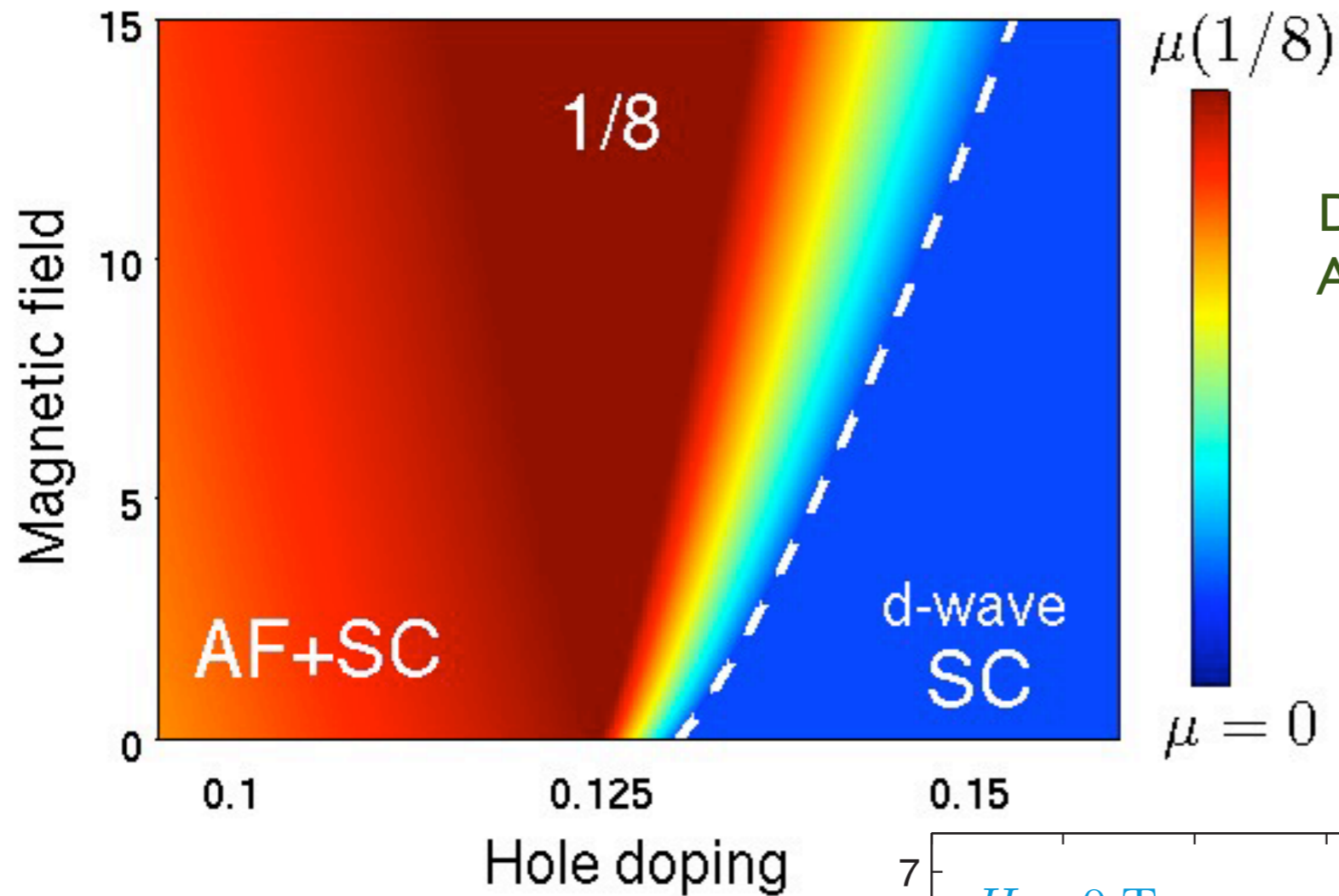
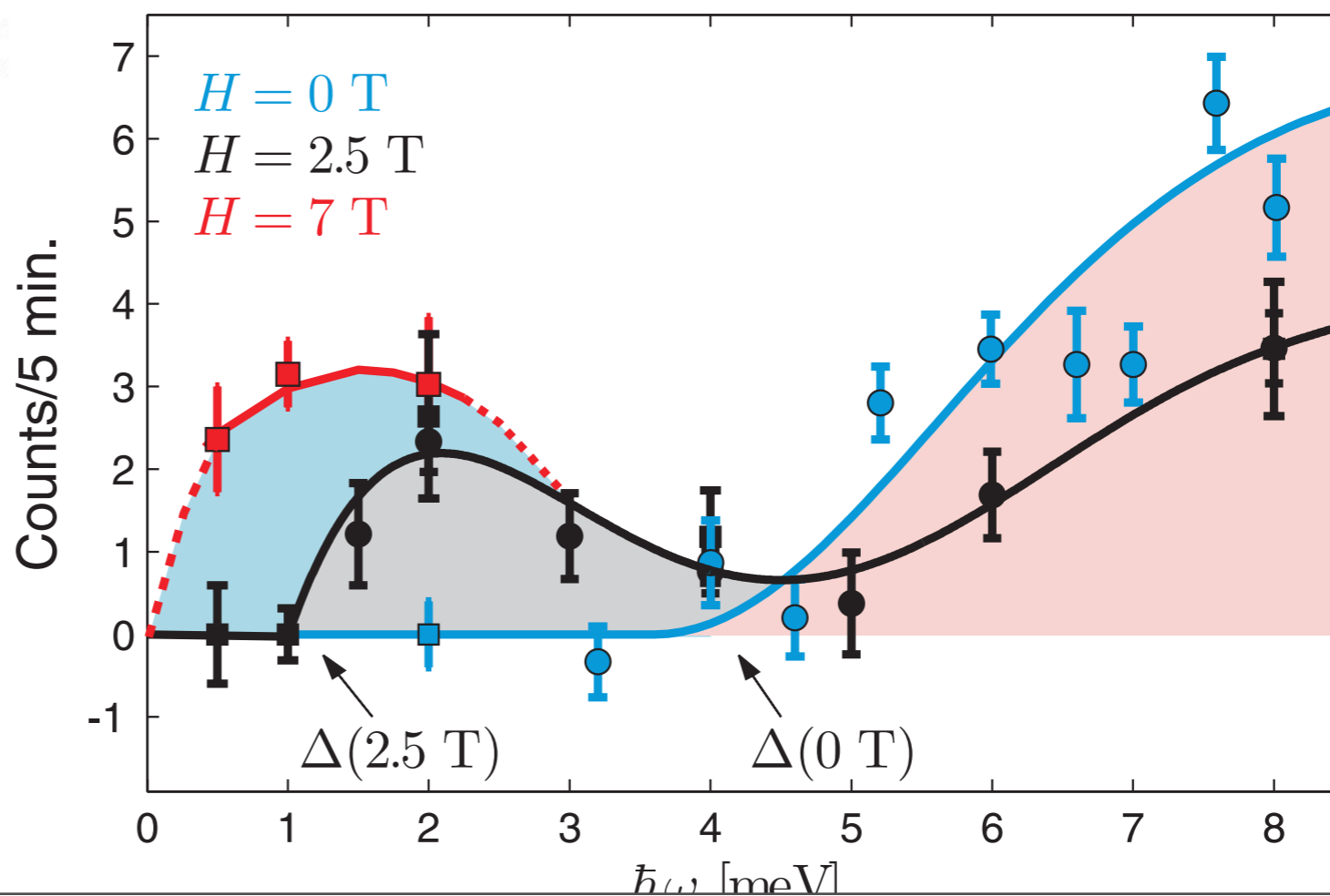


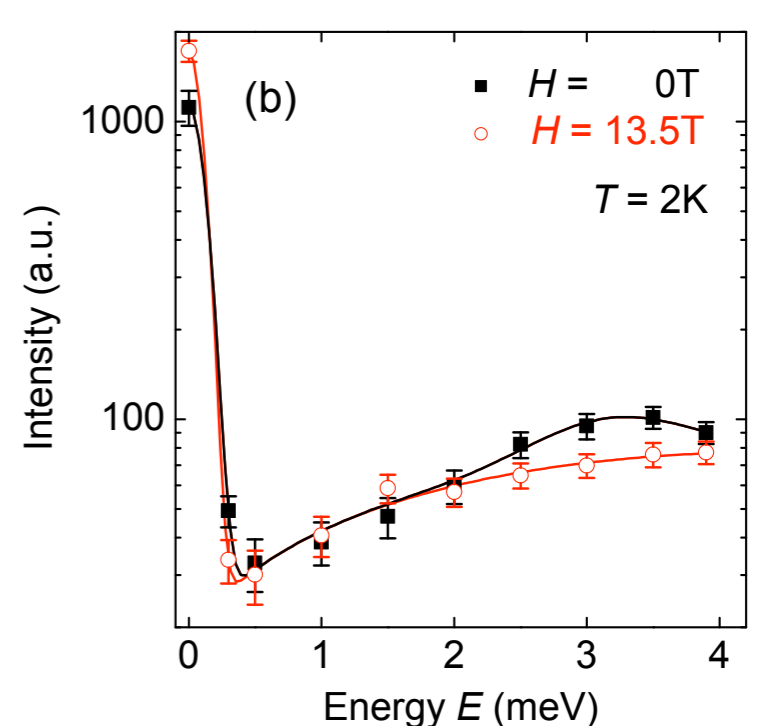
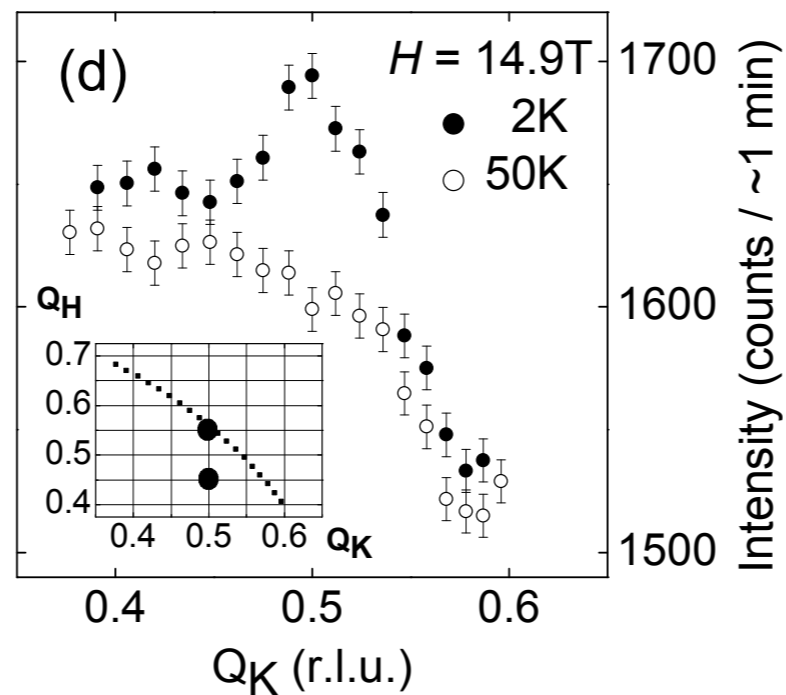
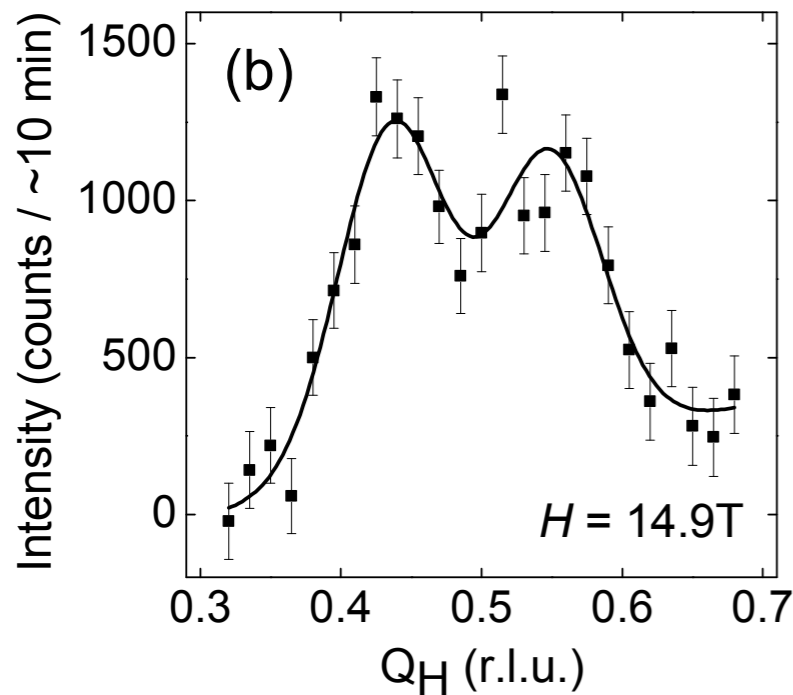
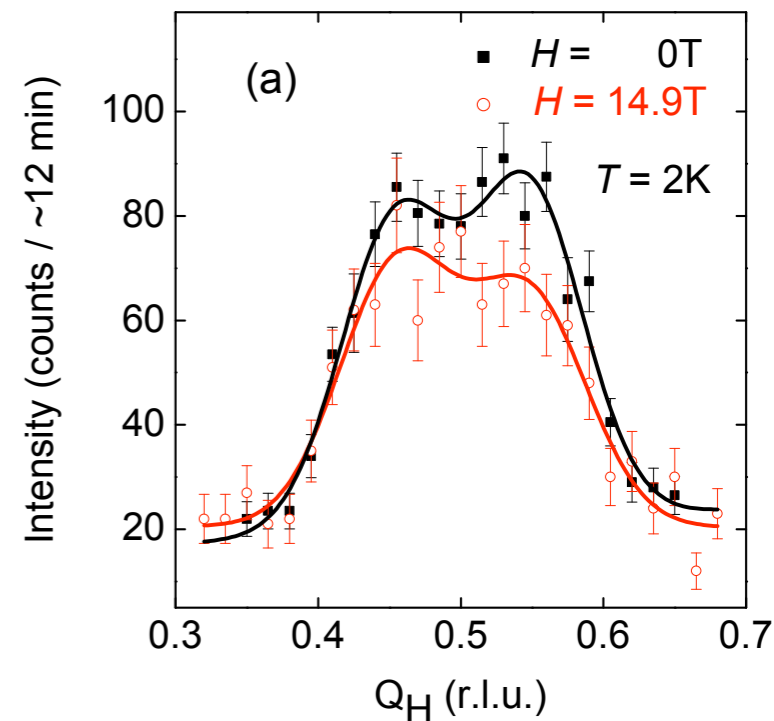
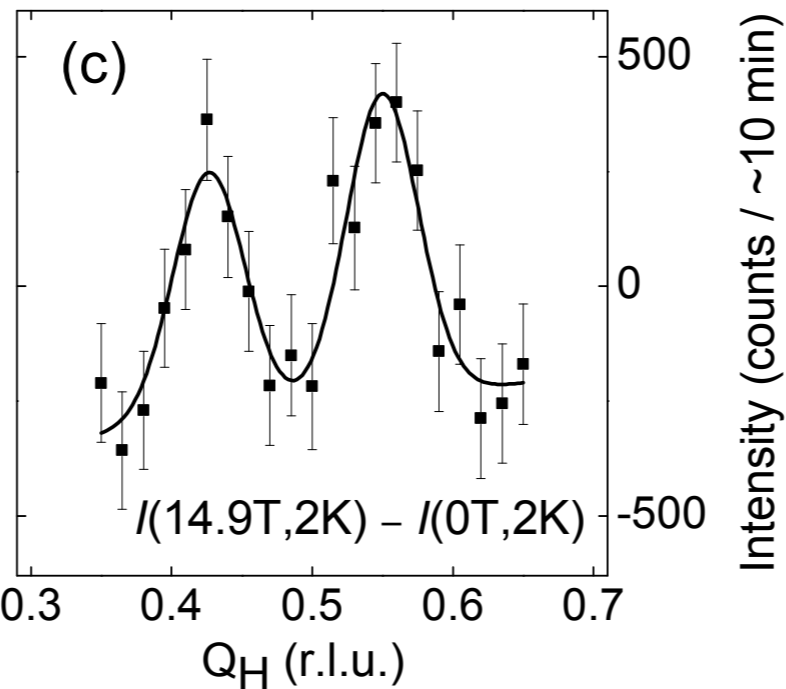
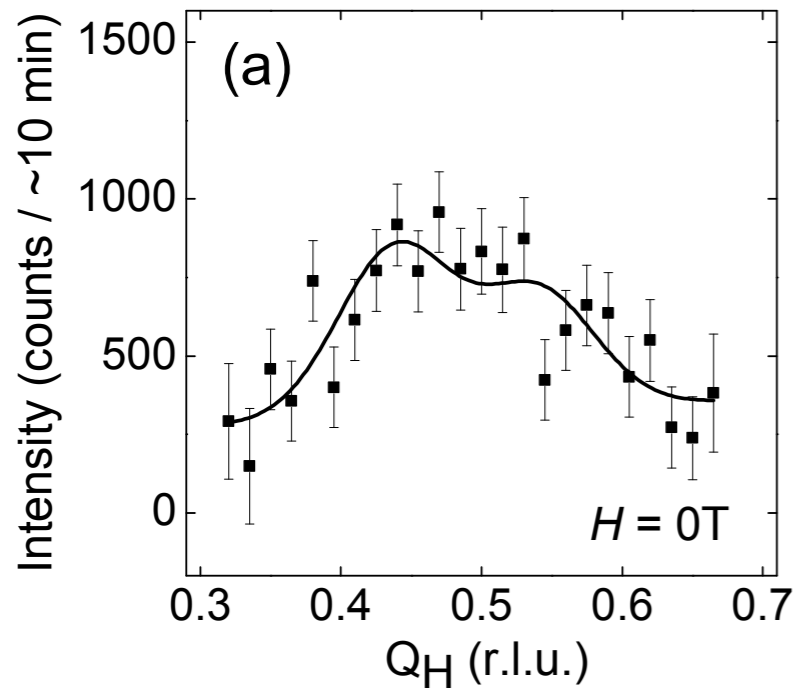
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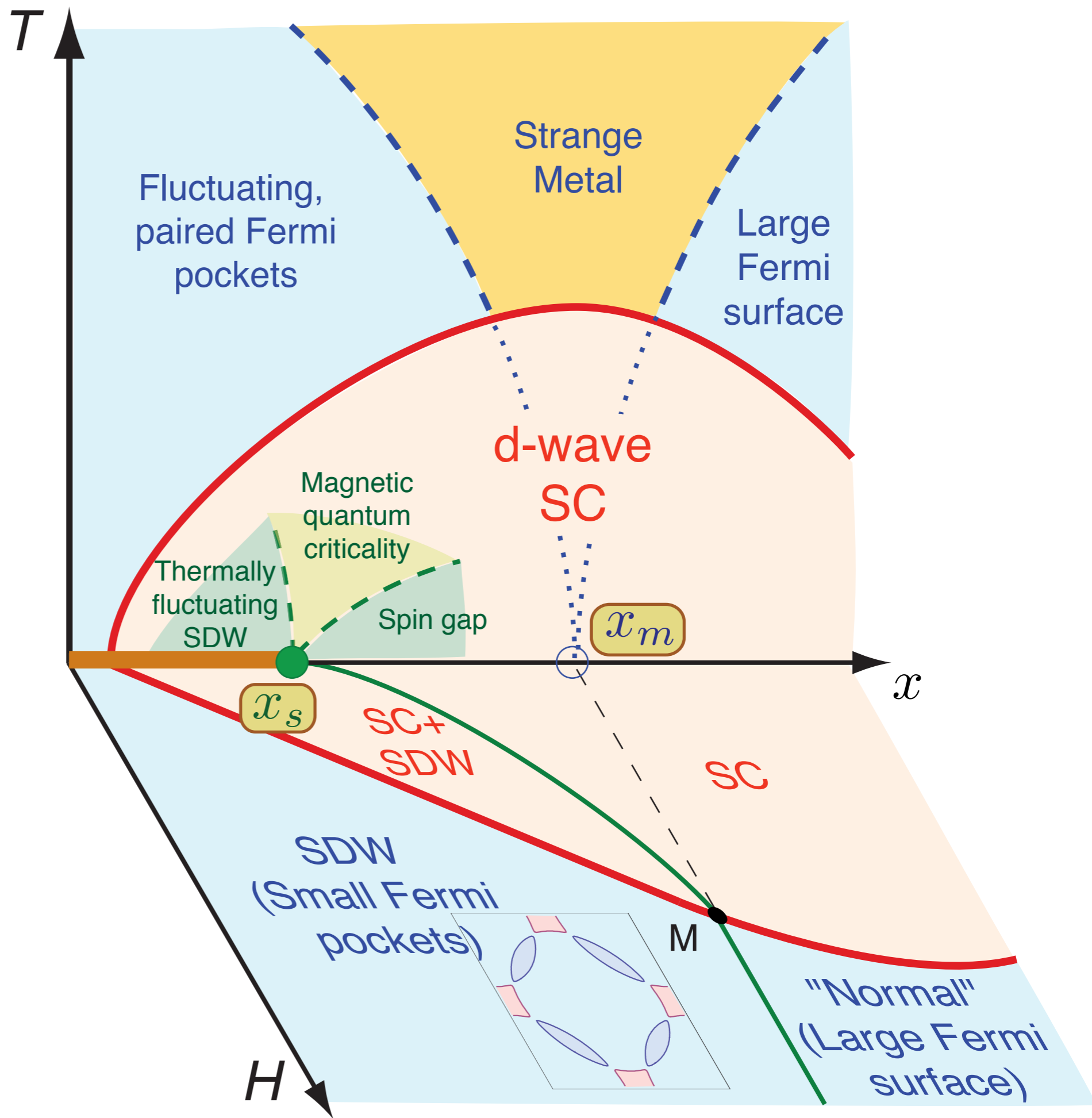
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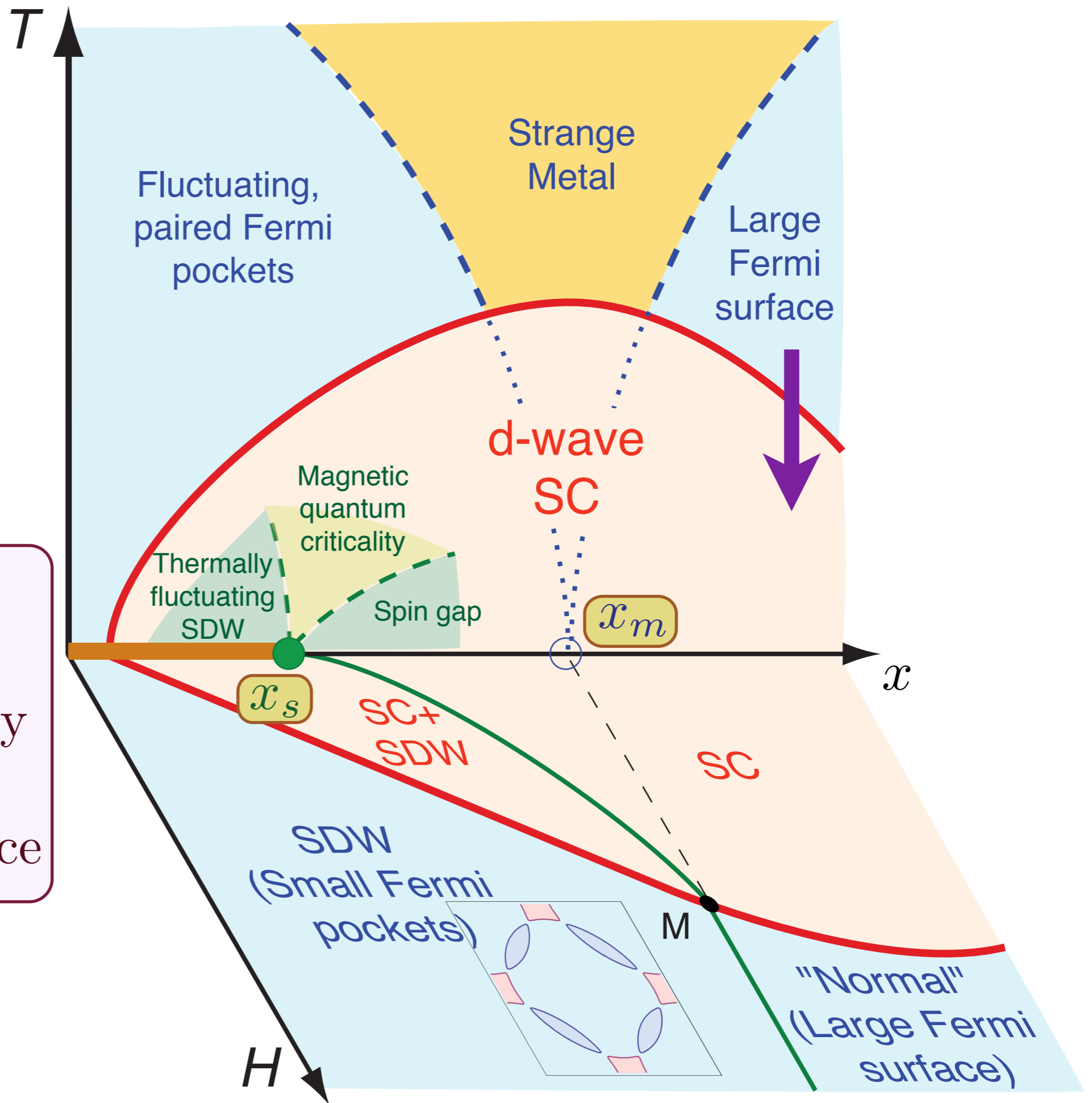




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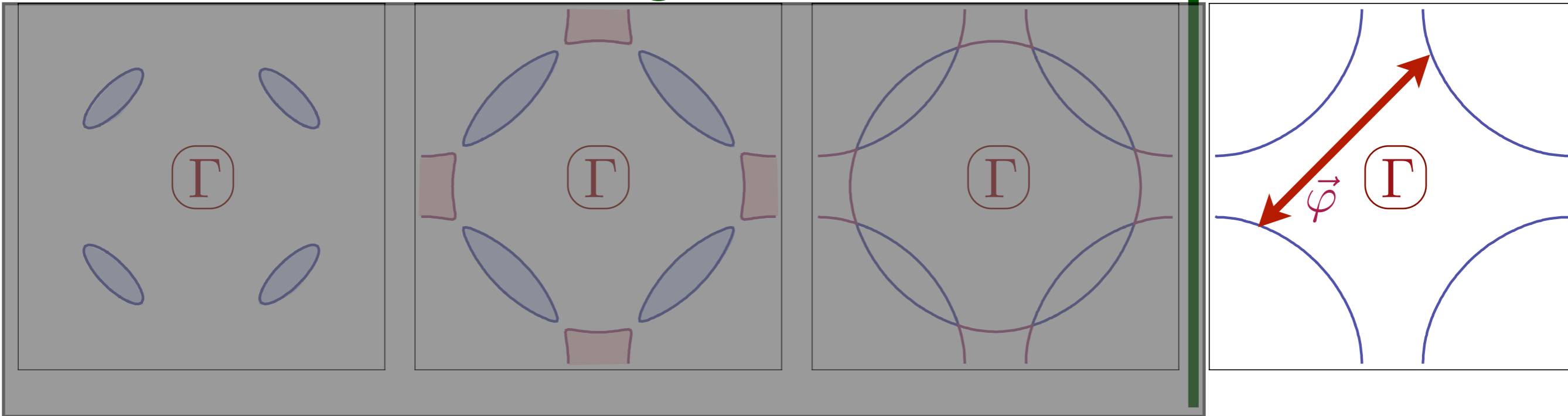


Theory of the onset of *d*-wave superconductivity from a large Fermi surface



Spin-fluctuation exchange theory of d-wave superconductivity in the cuprates

← Increasing SDW order →

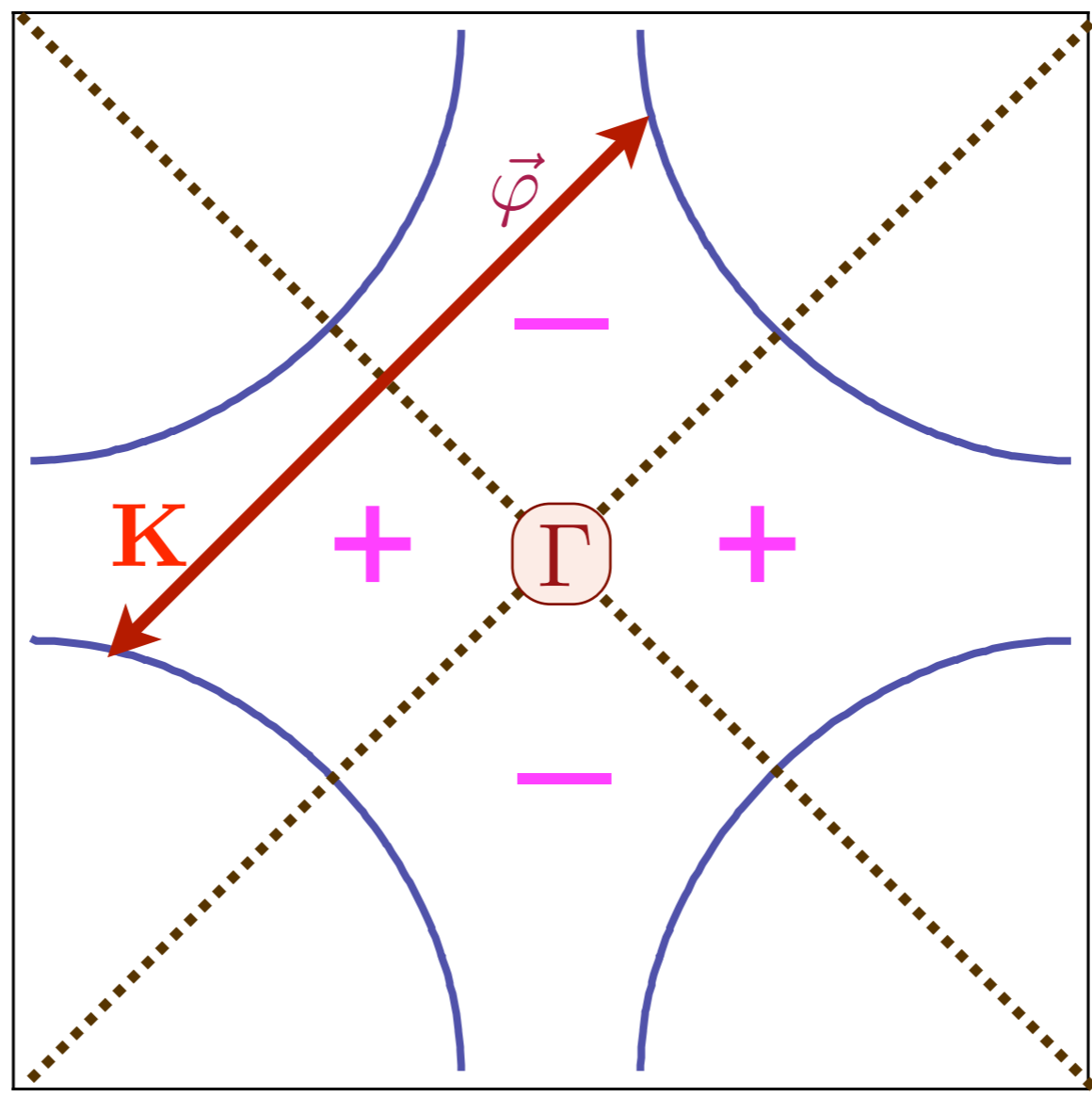


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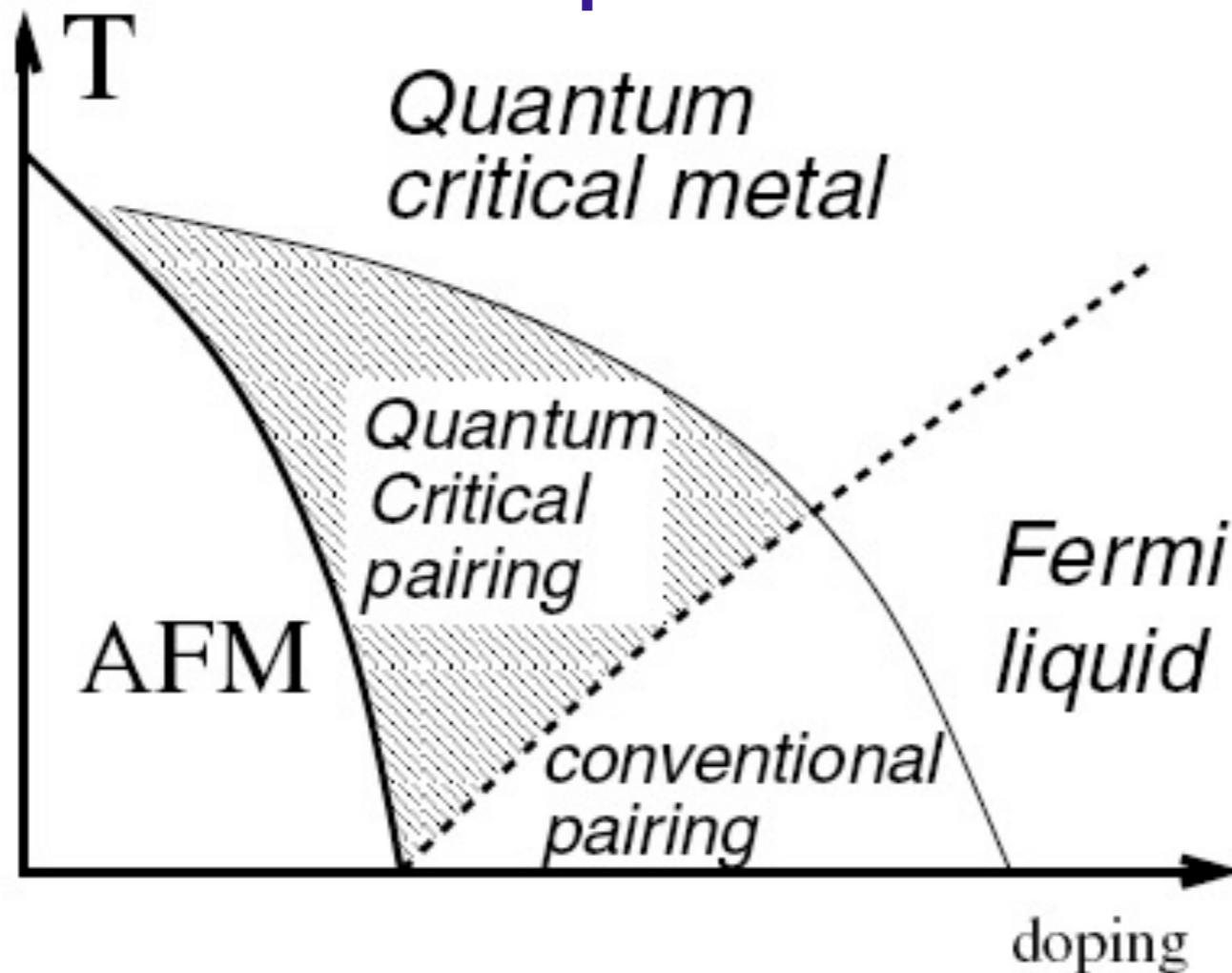


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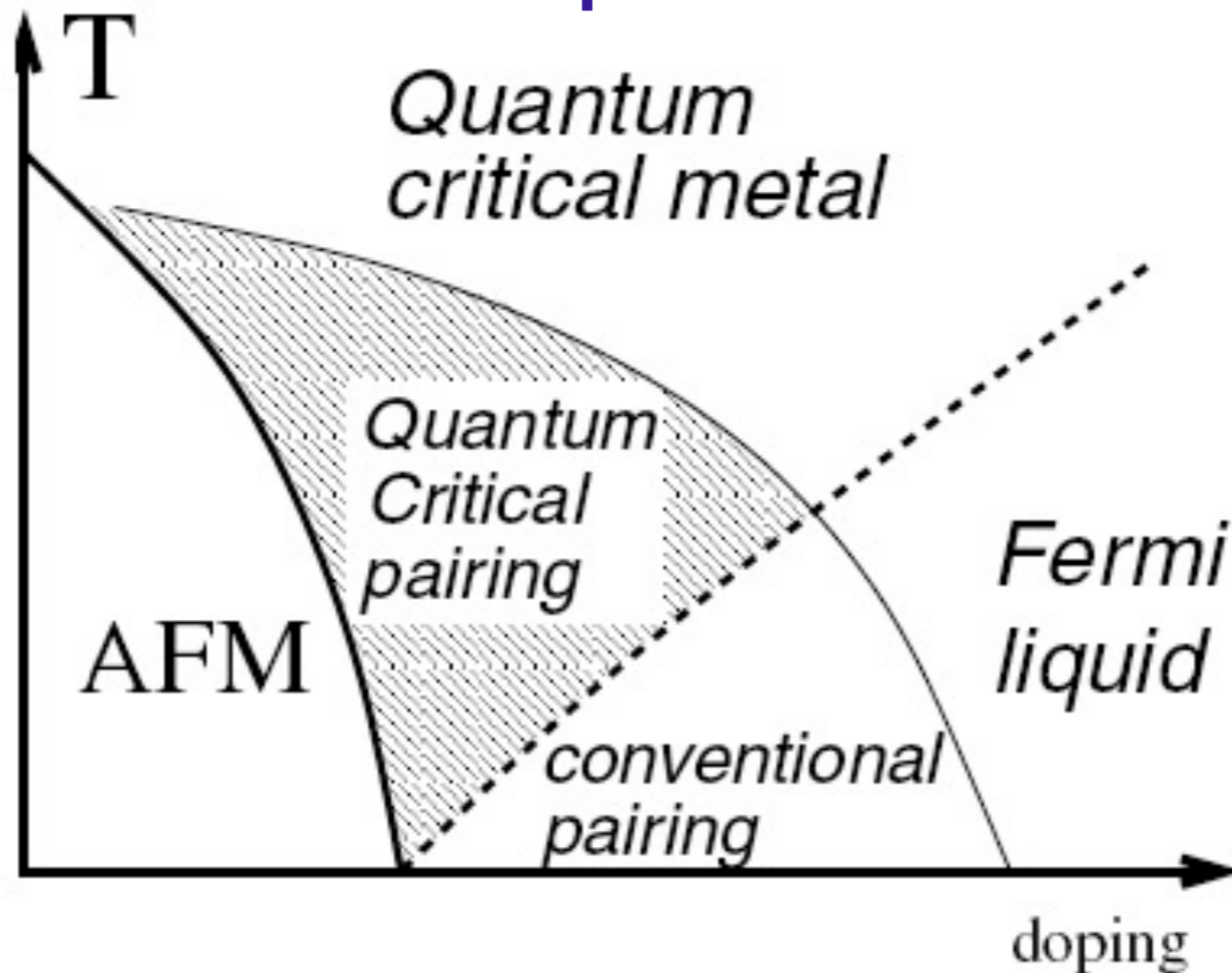
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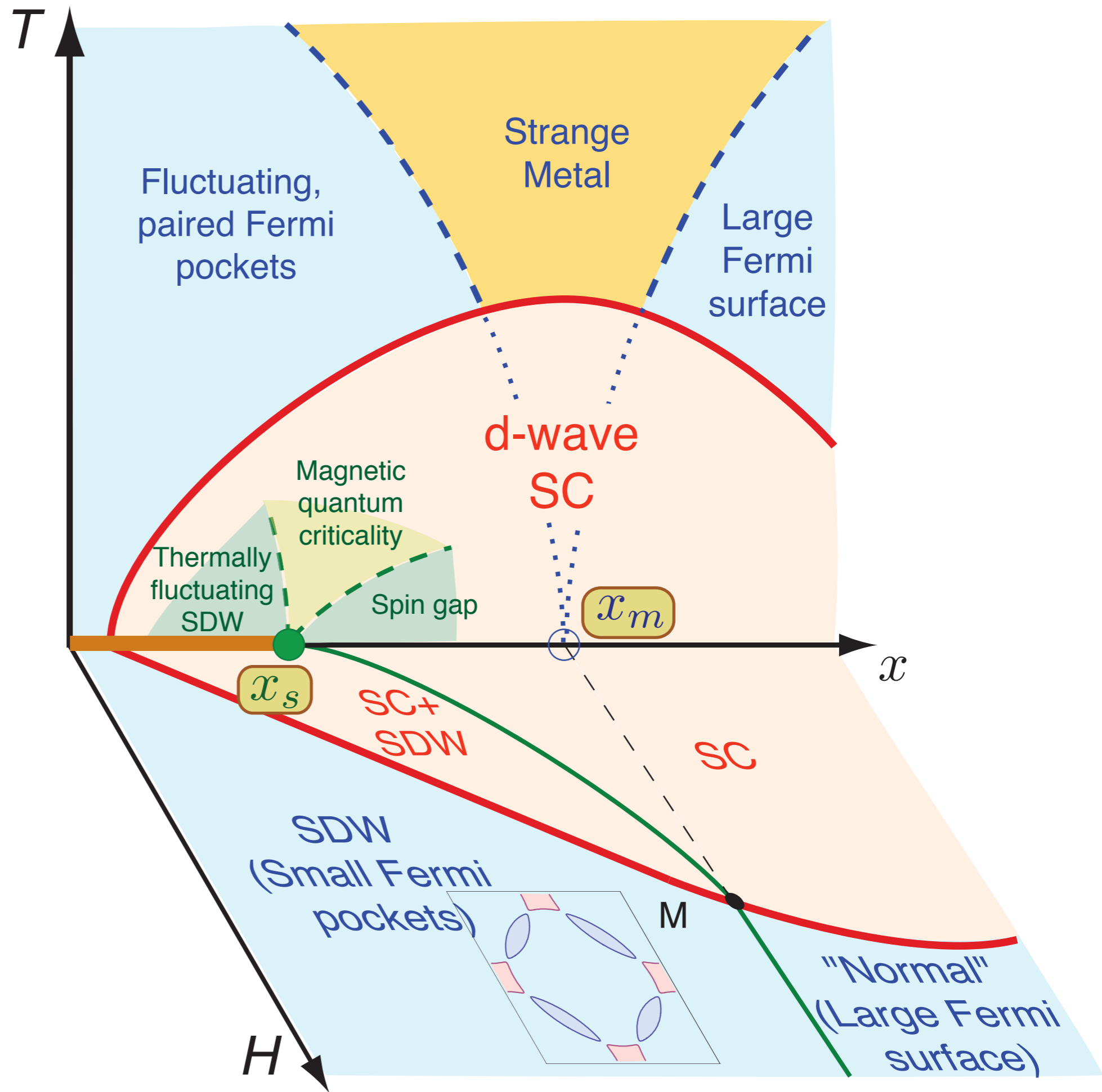
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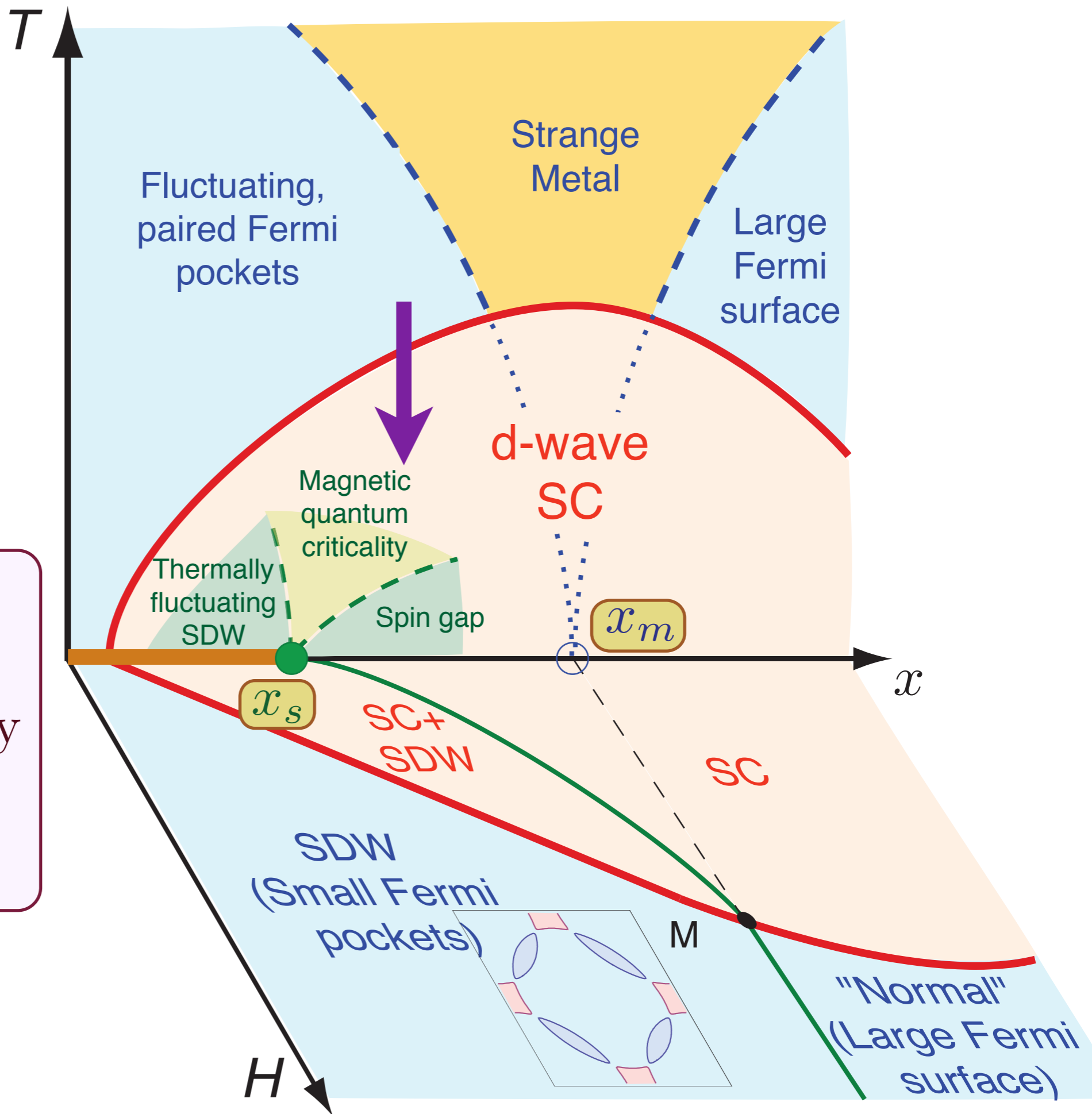


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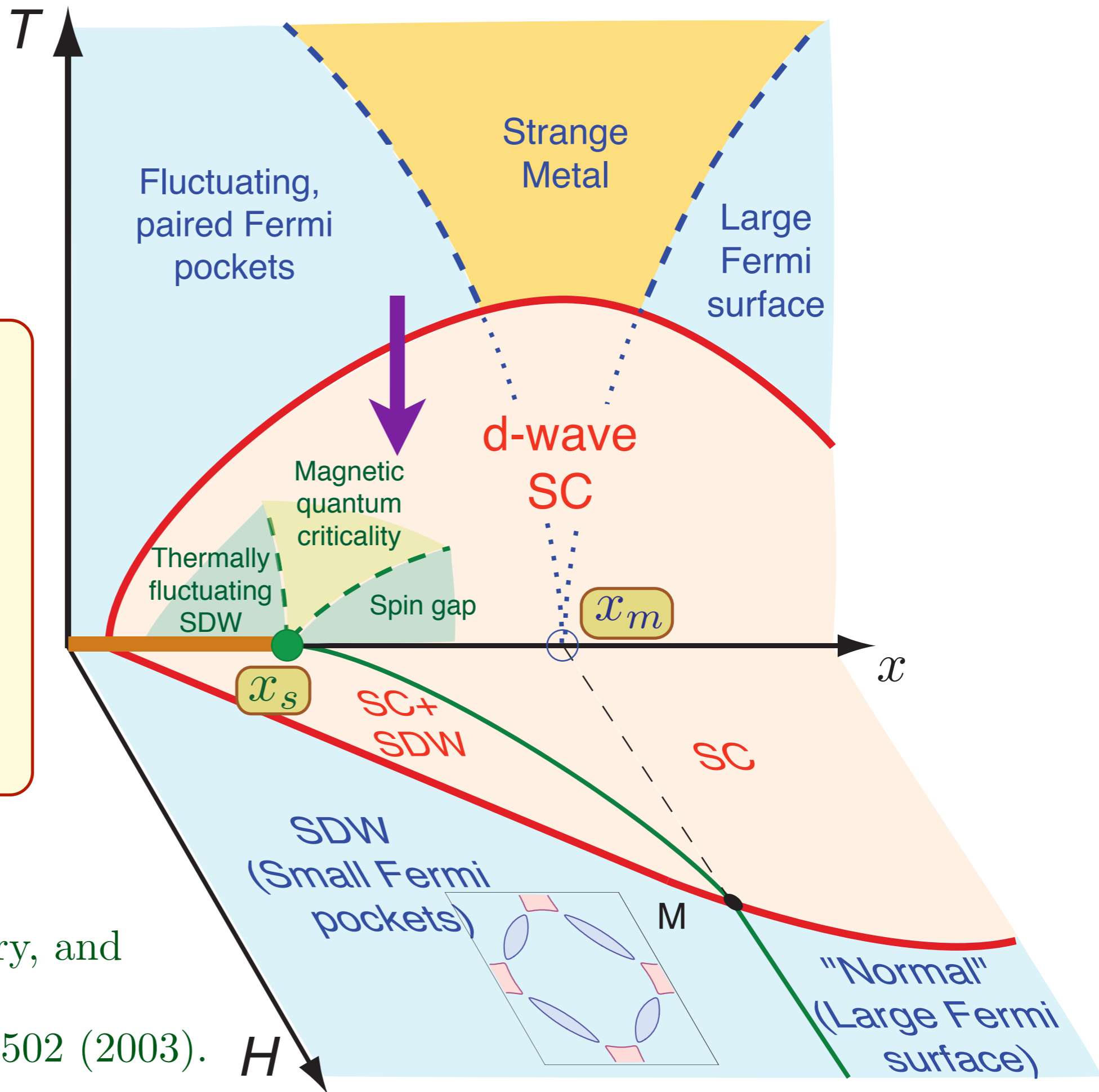
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Physics of competition:
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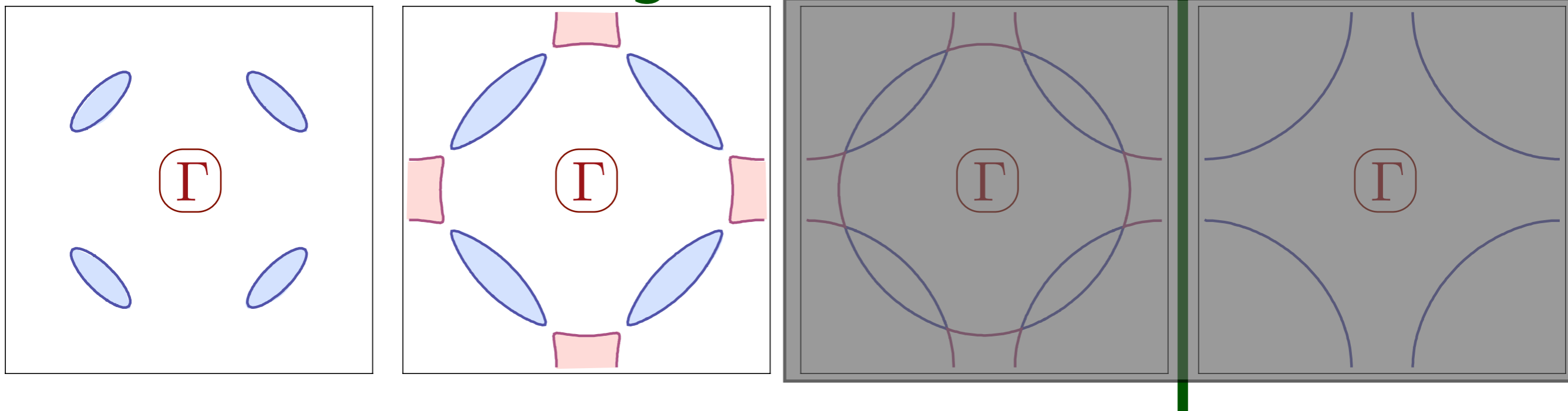


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Theory of underdoped cuprates

← Increasing SDW order →



Begin with SDW ordered state, and rotate to a frame polarized along the local orientation of the SDW order $\hat{\varphi}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{\uparrow} \\ c_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{+} \\ \psi_{-} \end{pmatrix} ; \quad R^{\dagger} \hat{\varphi} \cdot \vec{\sigma} R = \sigma^z ; \quad R^{\dagger} R = 1$$

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$$\text{With } R = \begin{pmatrix} z_{\uparrow} & -z_{\downarrow}^* \\ z_{\downarrow} & z_{\uparrow}^* \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \hat{\vec{\varphi}} = z_{\alpha}^* \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} z_{\beta}$$

the theory is invariant under

$$z_{\alpha} \rightarrow e^{i\theta} z_{\alpha} ; \psi_{+} \rightarrow e^{-i\theta} \psi_{+} ; \psi_{-} \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \psi_{-}$$

We obtain a U(1) gauge theory of

- bosonic neutral spinons z_{α} ;
- spinless, charged fermions ψ_{\pm} ;
- an emergent U(1) gauge field A_{μ} .

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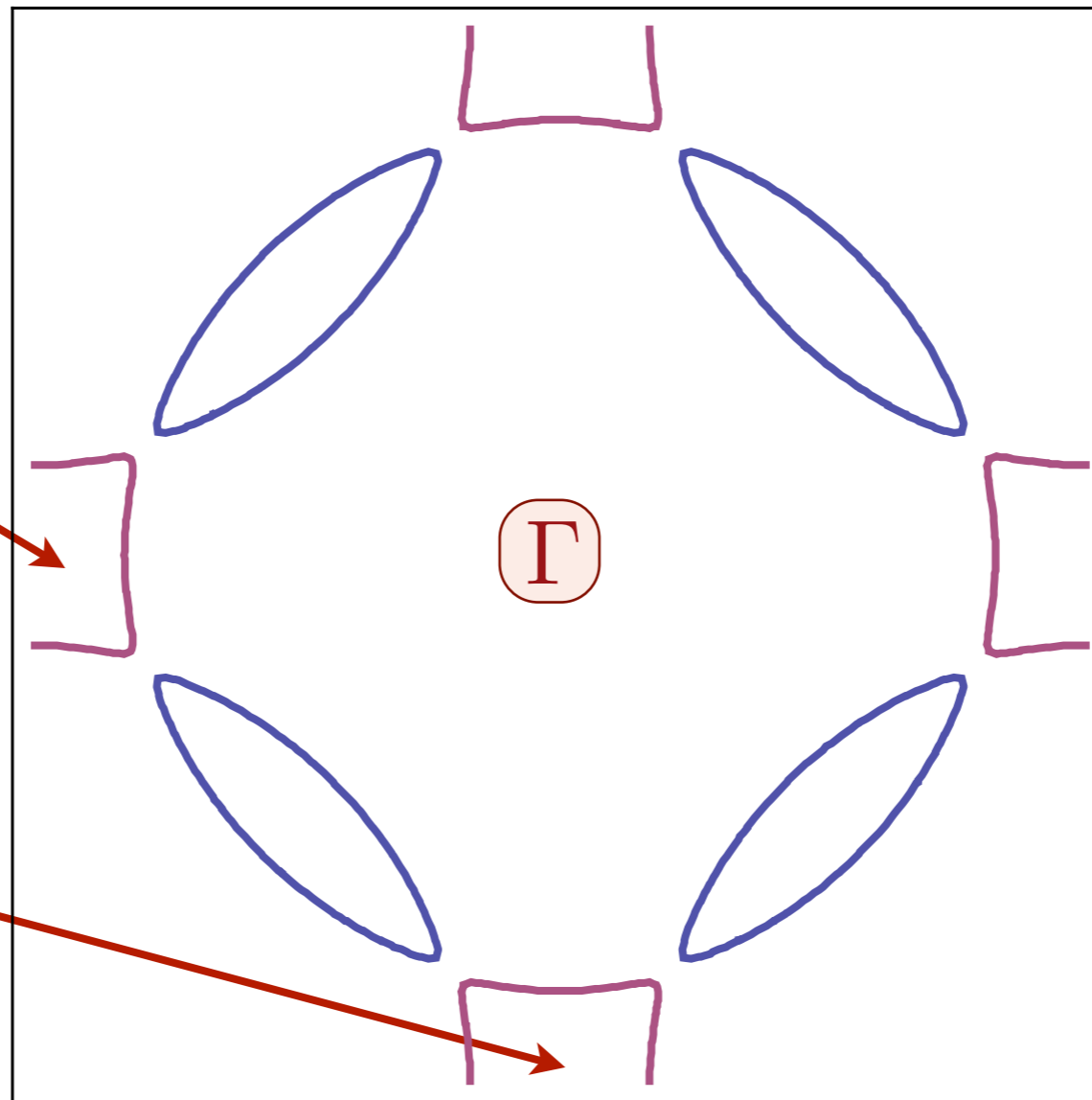
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Pairing across T_c

Electron $c_{2\alpha}$,
spinless fermion g_{\pm}

Electron $c_{1\alpha}$,
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Focus on pairing near $(\pi, 0)$, $(0, \pi)$, where $\psi_{\pm} \equiv g_{\pm}$,
and the electron operators are

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{1\uparrow} \\ c_{1\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R}_z \begin{pmatrix} g_+ \\ g_- \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \begin{pmatrix} c_{2\uparrow} \\ c_{2\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R}_z \begin{pmatrix} g_+ \\ -g_- \end{pmatrix}$$

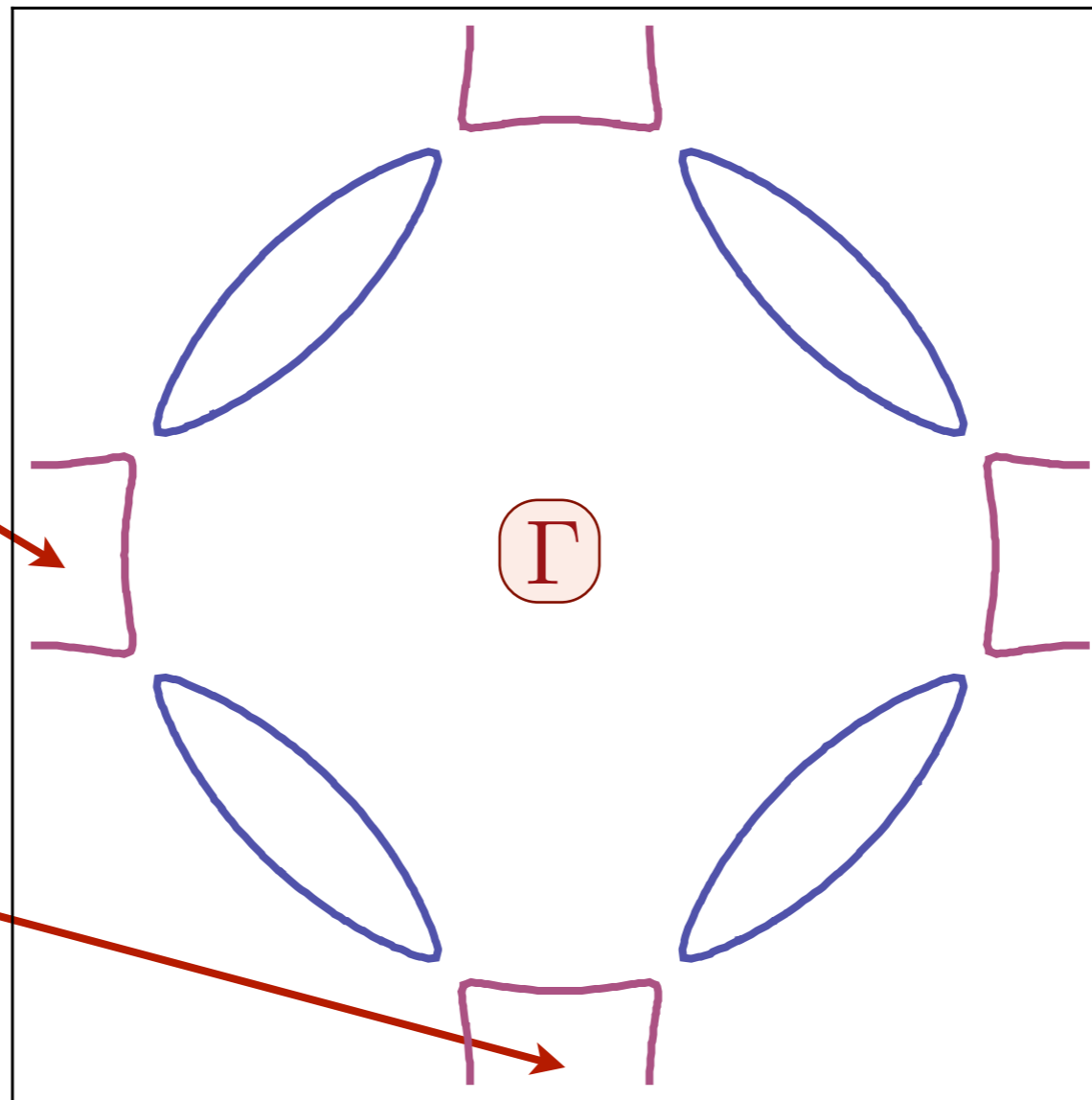
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Fluctuating pocket theory for electrons near $(0, \pi)$ and $(\pi, 0)$

Attractive gauge forces lead to simple s -wave pairing of the g_{\pm}

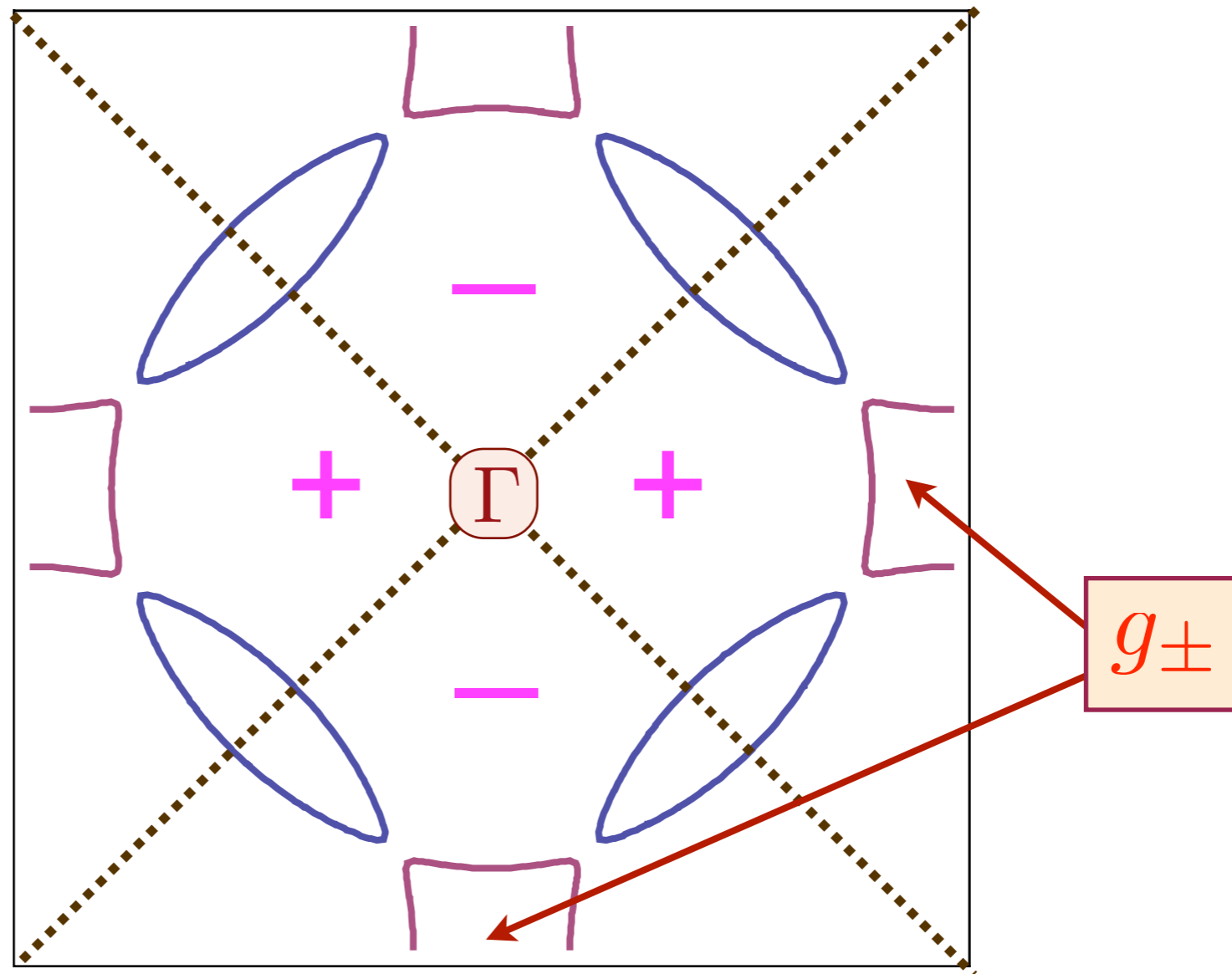
$$\langle g_+ g_- \rangle = \Delta$$

For the physical electron operators, this pairing implies

$$\begin{aligned}\langle c_{1\uparrow} c_{1\downarrow} \rangle &= \Delta \langle |z_{\alpha}|^2 \rangle \\ \langle c_{2\uparrow} c_{2\downarrow} \rangle &= -\Delta \langle |z_{\alpha}|^2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

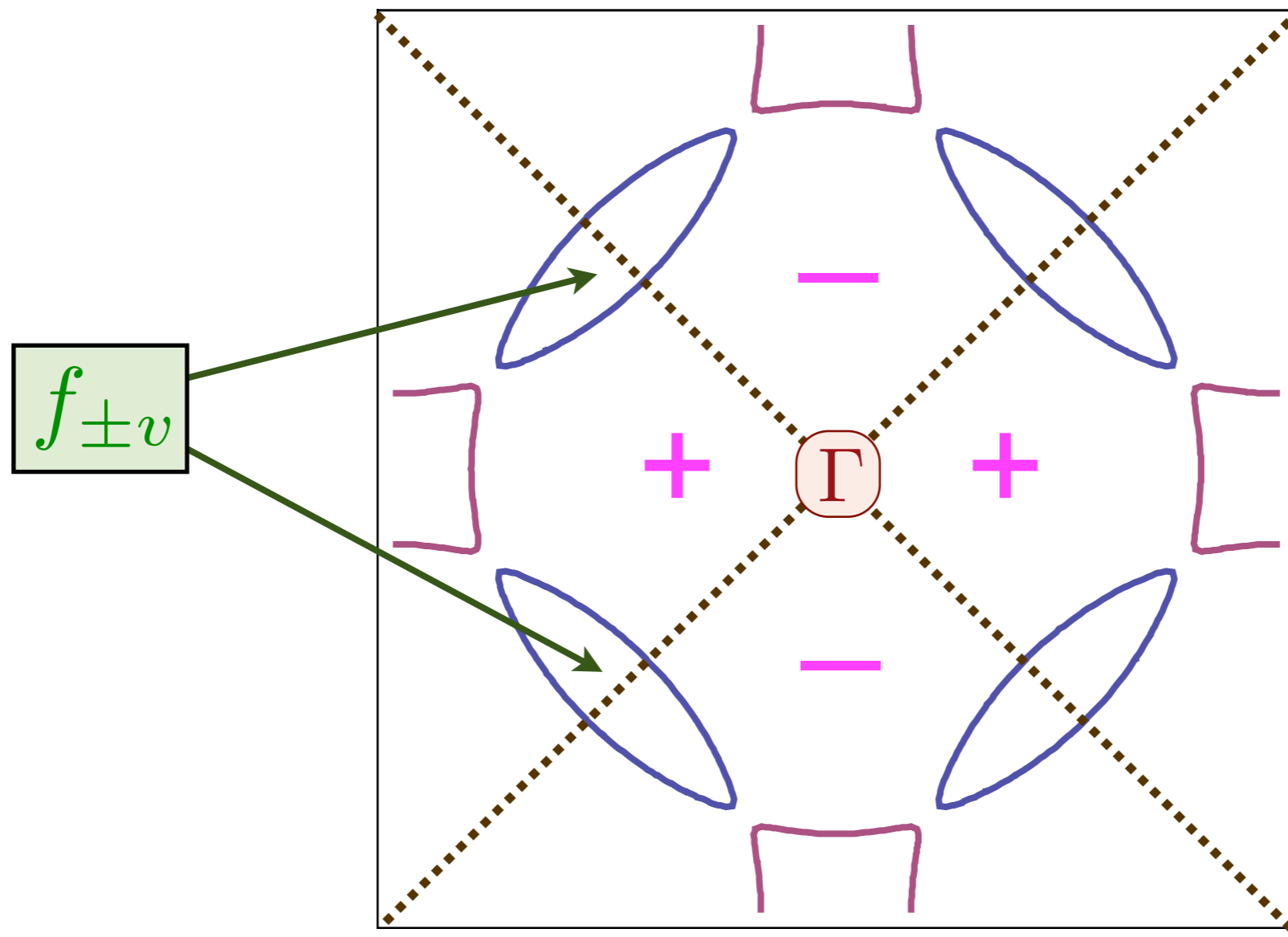
i.e. d -wave pairing !

Strong pairing of the g_{\pm} electron pockets



$$\langle g_+ g_- \rangle = \Delta$$

Weak pairing of the f_{\pm} hole pockets



$$\langle f_{+1}(\mathbf{k}) f_{-1}(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle \sim (k_x - k_y) J \langle g_+ g_- \rangle;$$

$$\langle f_{+2}(\mathbf{k}) f_{-2}(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle \sim (k_x + k_y) J \langle g_+ g_- \rangle;$$

$$\langle f_{+1}(\mathbf{k}) f_{-2}(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle = 0,$$

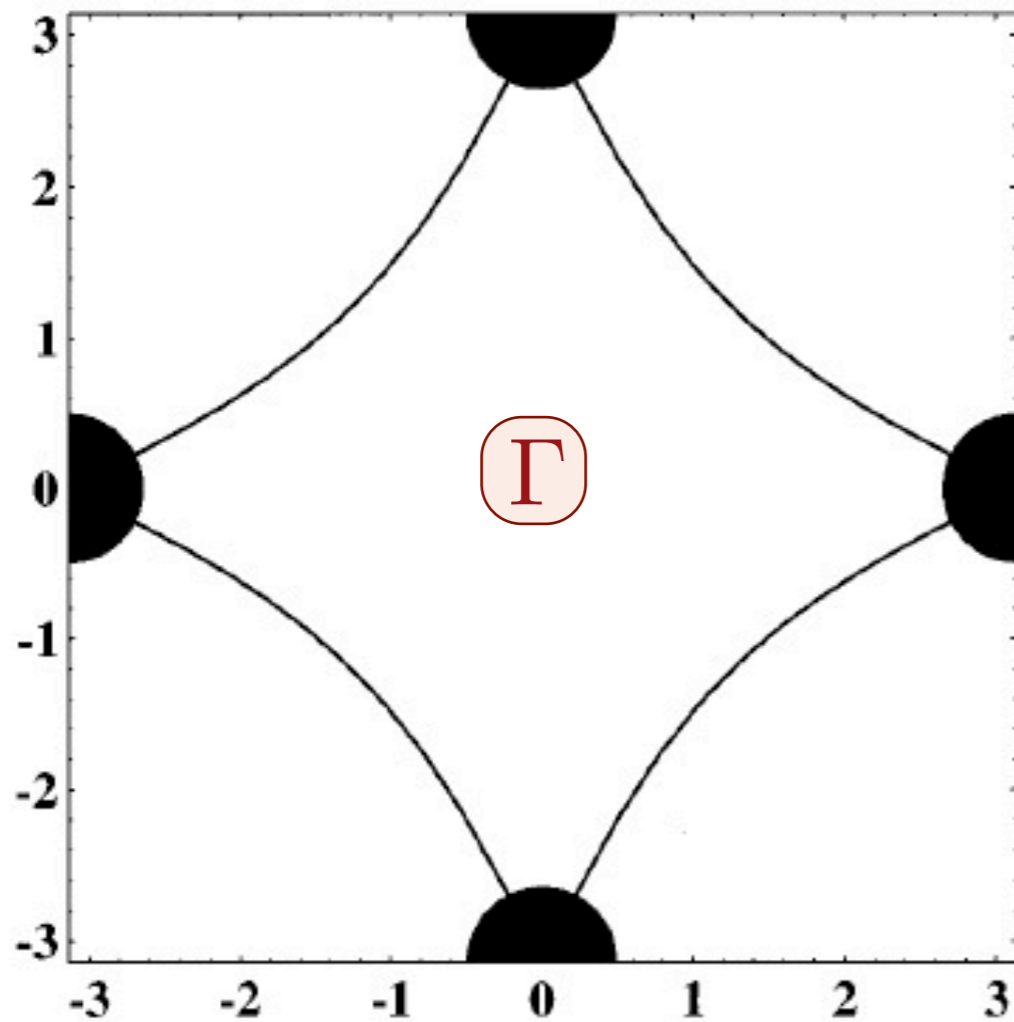


FIG. 1. Sketch of the Fermi line and region of the momentum space where pseudogap pairs is formed. The Fermi line shown here was obtained in the tight binding model with diagonal hopping $t' = -0.3t$; it is similar to the Fermi line observed in the underdoped $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ (Ref. 5). The shaded disks denote the part of the momentum space where a pseudogap was observed in the experiment. We shall assume that the fermions in these regions are paired into the bosons.

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Similar features in our theory

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$$H = \sum_q \varepsilon b_q^\dagger b_q + \sum_{p,q}' V_{p,q} (b_q^\dagger c_{p\uparrow} c_{q-p\downarrow} + \text{H.c.})$$

$$+ \sum_p \xi_p c_{p,\sigma}^\dagger c_{p,\sigma};$$

$$V_{p,q} = Va^2(p_x^2 - p_y^2)$$

-2e bosons at antinodes,
+e fermion “arcs” at nodes,
and proximity “Josephson”
coupling

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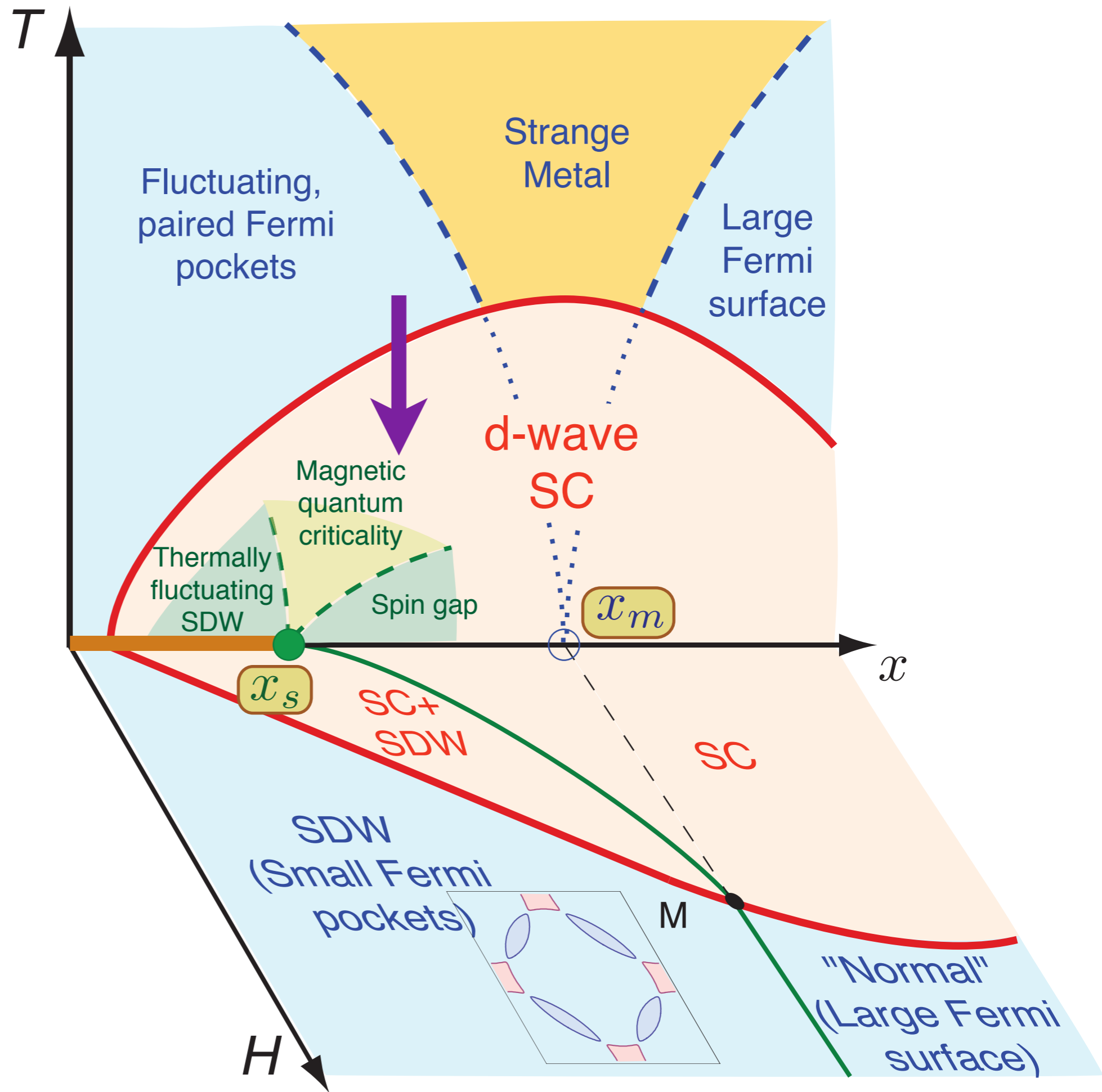
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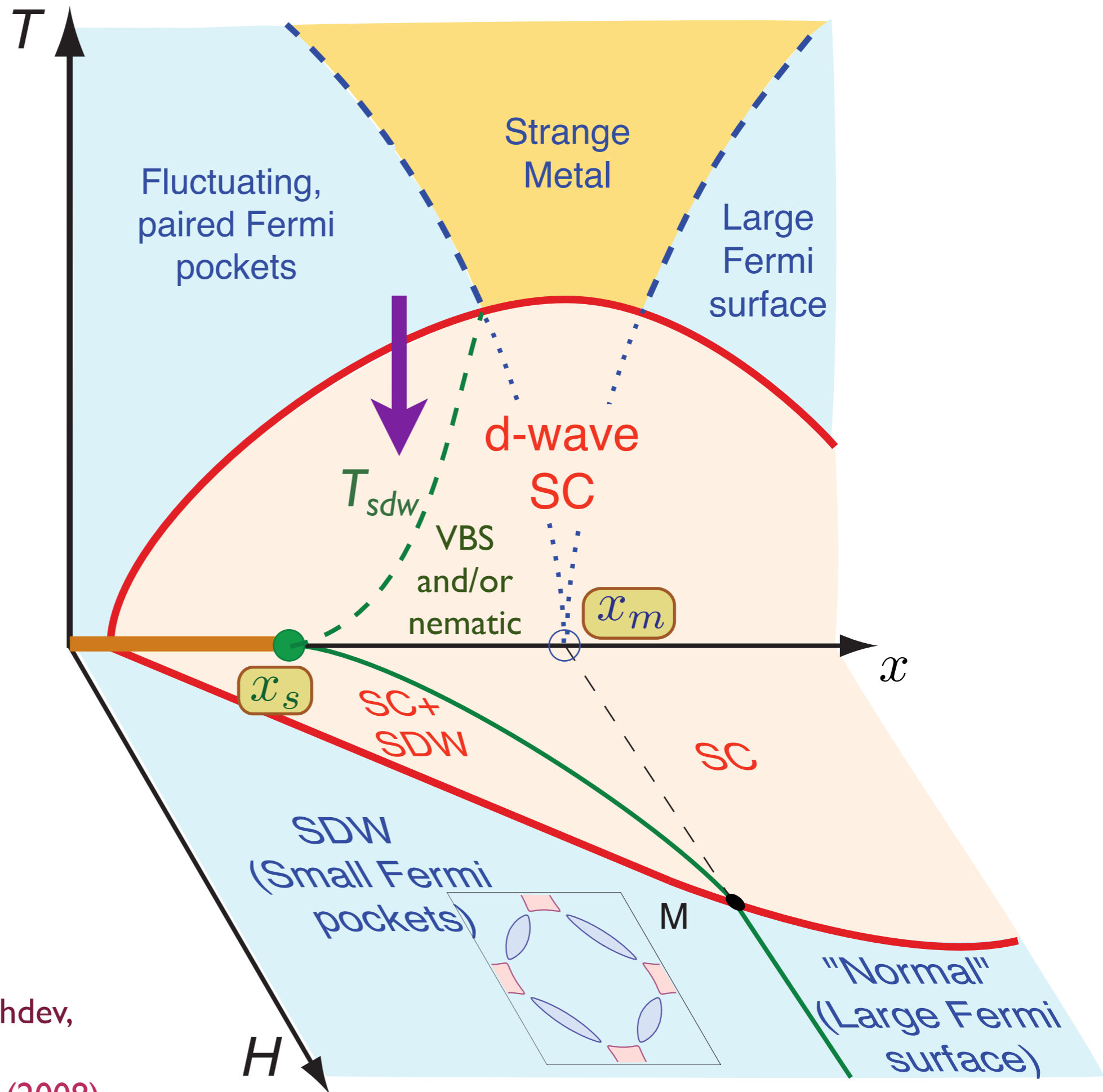
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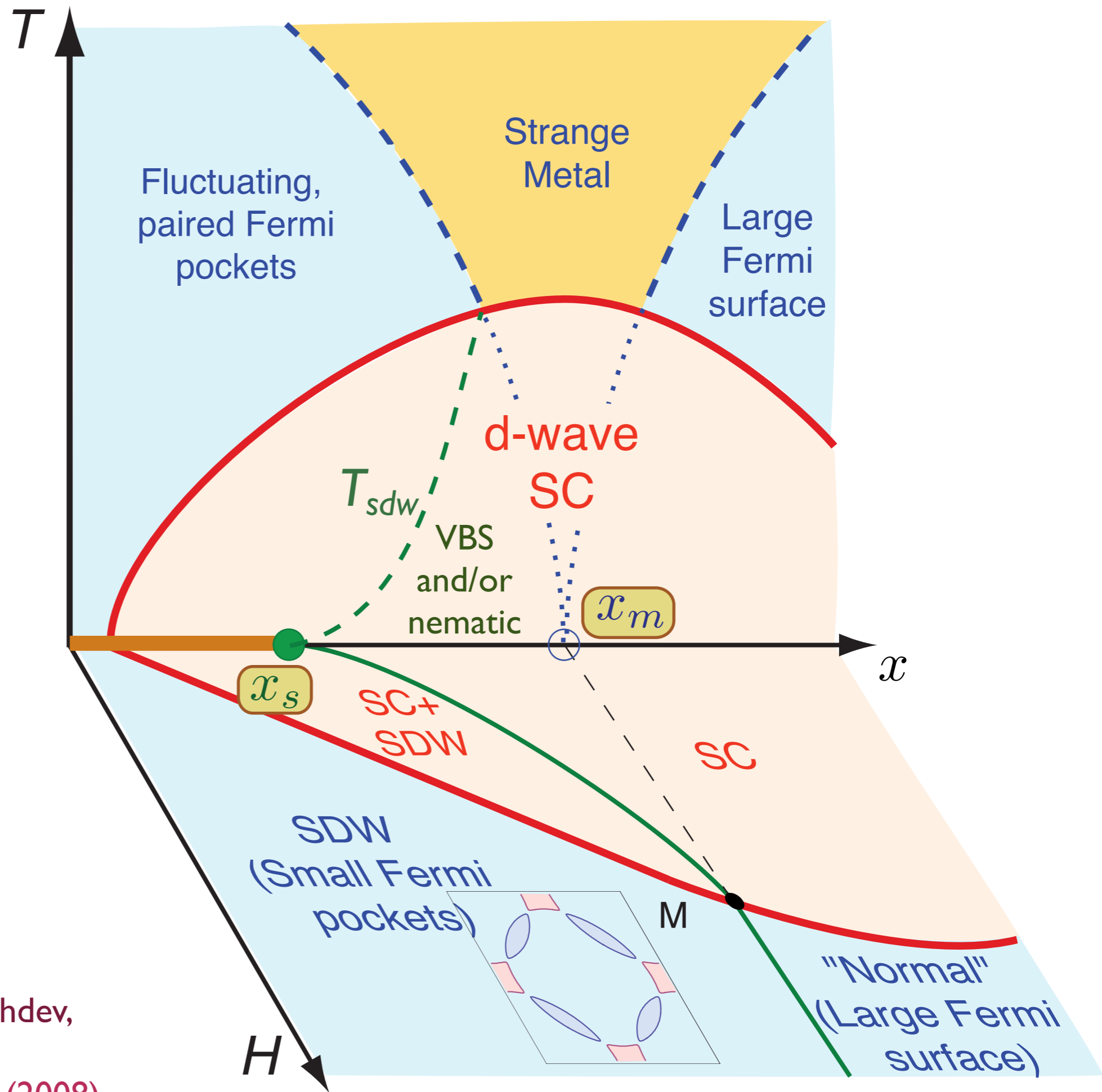
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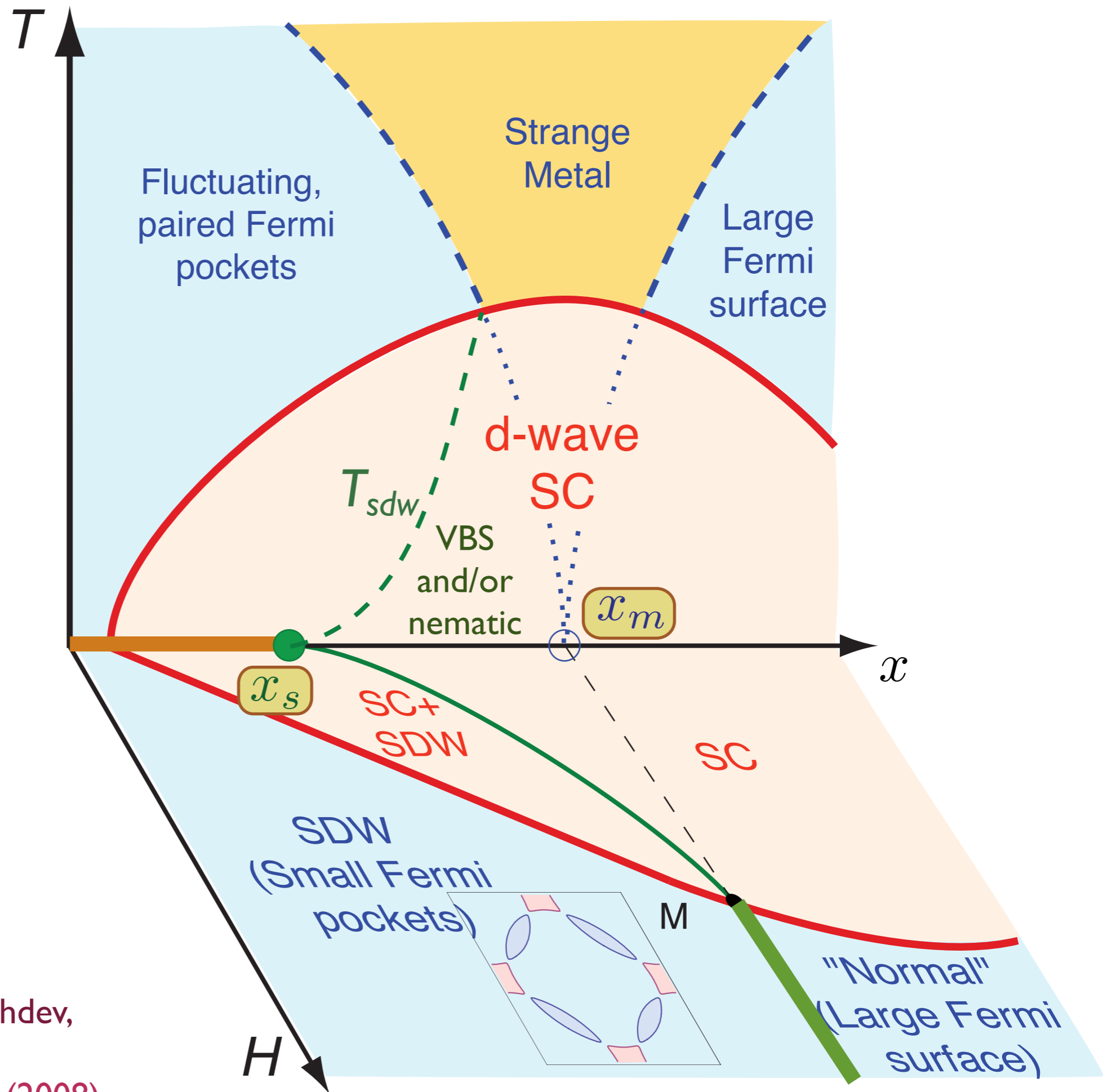




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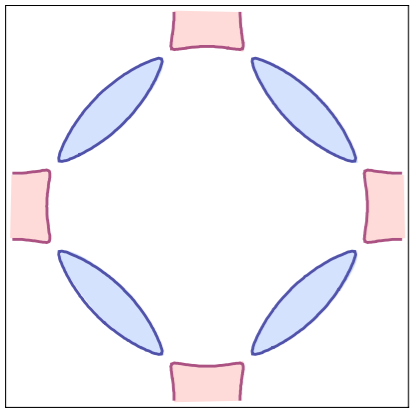
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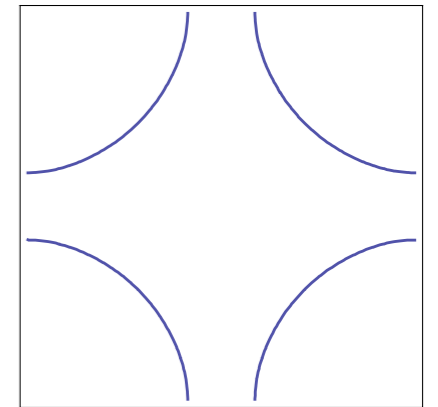
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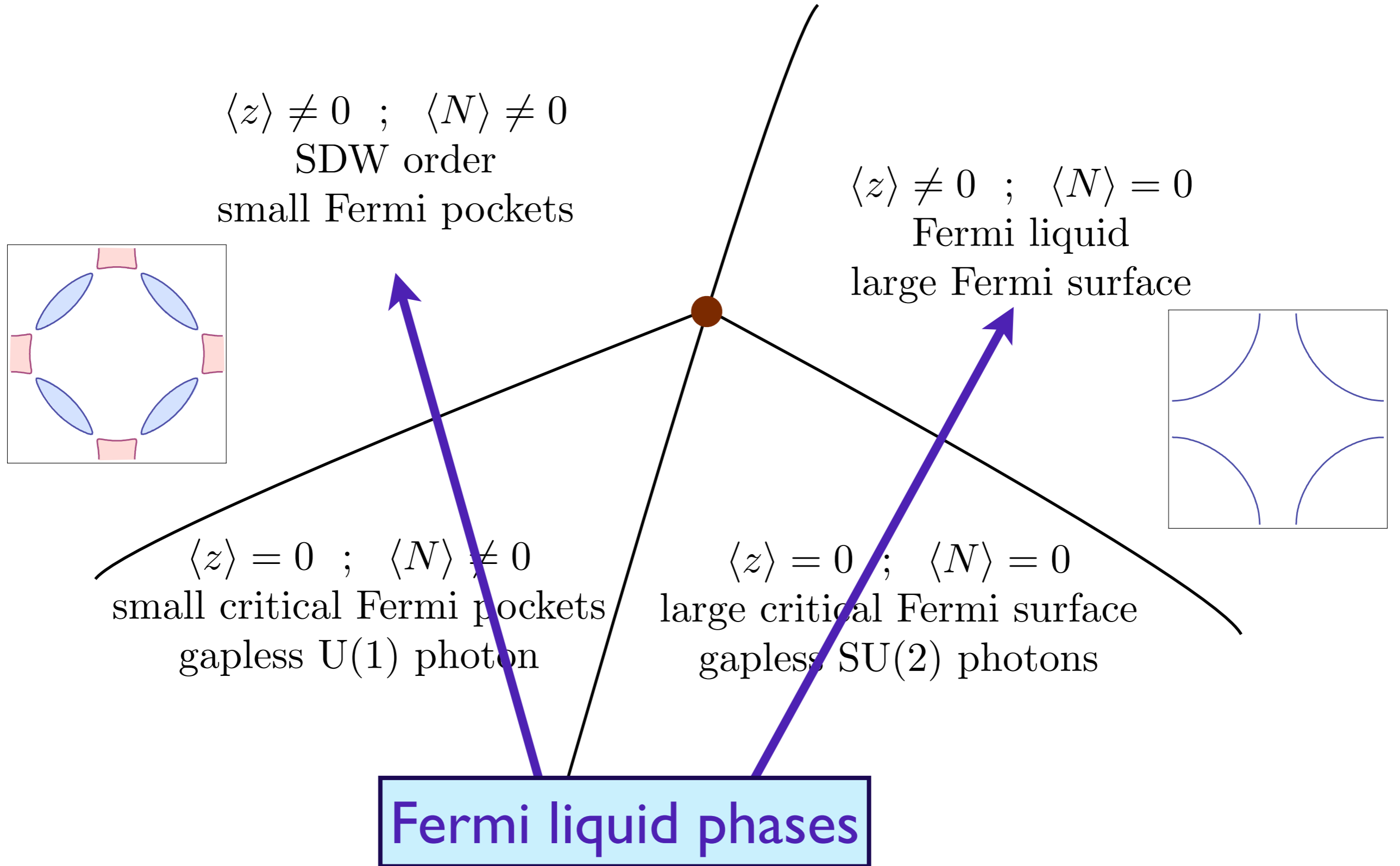
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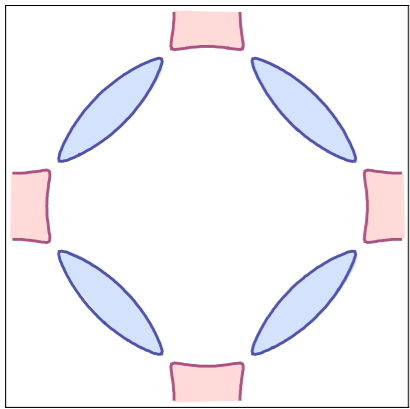
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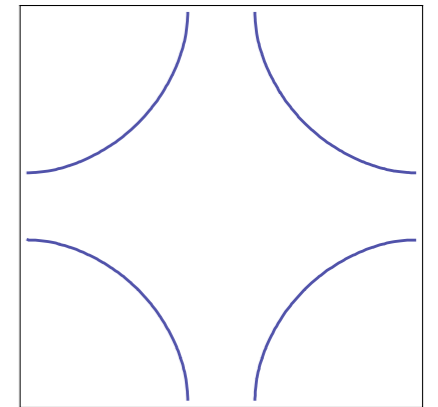
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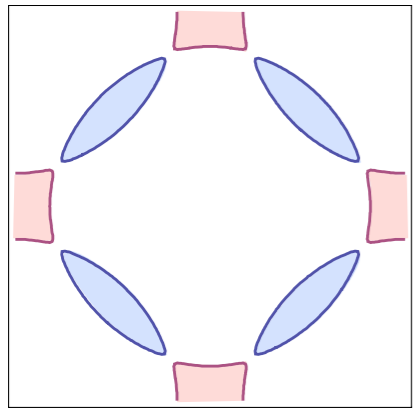
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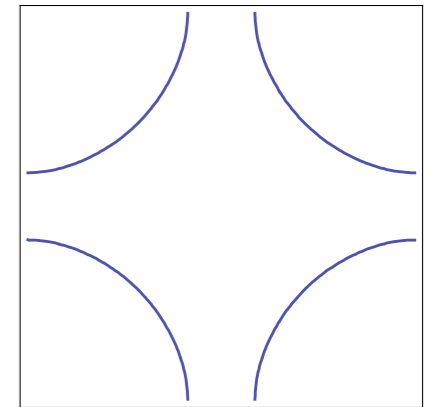
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Hertz-Millis-Moriya (HMM) theory:
mean field theory

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Gaussian fluctuations of overdamped paramagnons.

Theory for the onset
of spin density wave
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strongly coupled in
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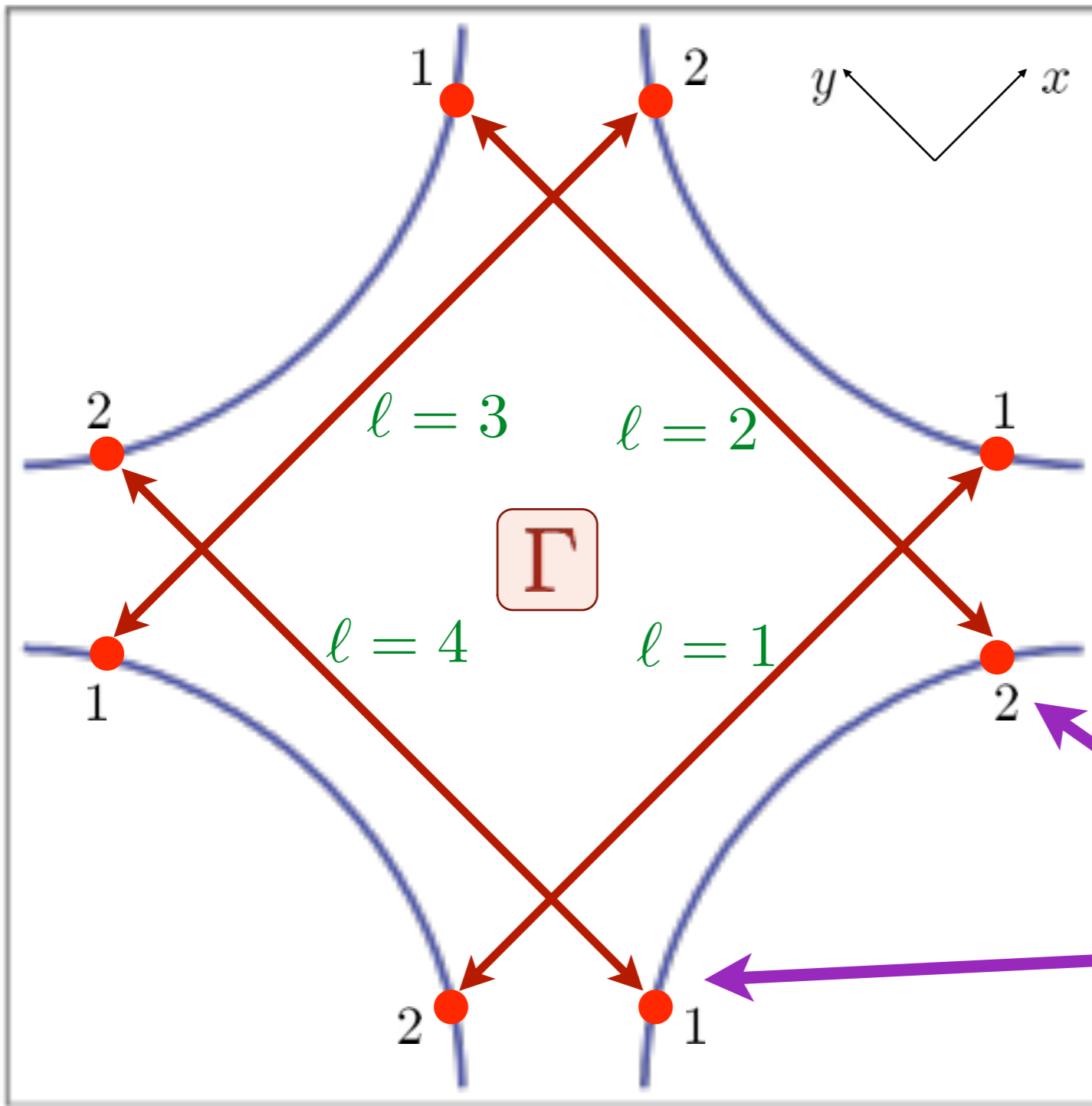
Start from the “spin-fermion” model

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}c_\alpha \mathcal{D}\vec{\varphi} \exp(-\mathcal{S})$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d\tau \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \right) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$$

$$- \lambda \int d\tau \sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\varphi}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{i\beta} e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i}$$

$$+ \int d\tau d^2r \left[(\partial_r \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} (\partial_\tau \vec{\varphi})^2 \right]$$



Low energy fermions

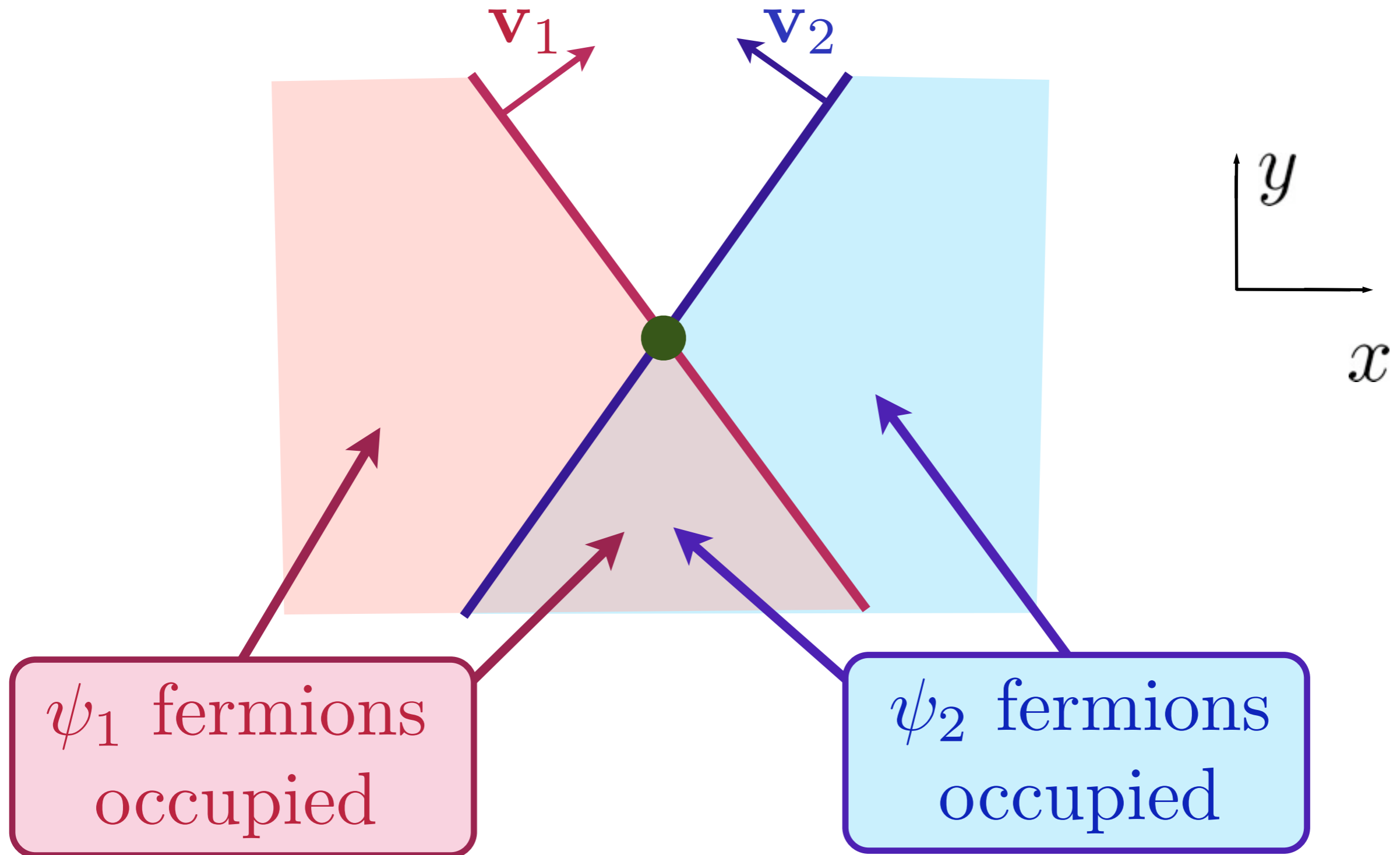
$$\psi_{1\alpha}^l, \psi_{2\alpha}^l$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \psi_{1\alpha}^{l\dagger} (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \mathbf{v}_1^l \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{1\alpha}^l + \psi_{2\alpha}^{l\dagger} (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \mathbf{v}_2^l \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{2\alpha}^l$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1^{l=1} = (v_x, v_y), \quad \mathbf{v}_2^{l=1} = (-v_x, v_y)$$

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HMM theory

Integrate out fermions and obtain non-local corrections to \mathcal{L}_φ

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Exponent $z = 2$ and mean-field criticality (upto logarithms)

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But, higher order terms contain an infinite number of marginal couplings

Ar.Abanov and A.V. Chubukov, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **93**, 255702 (2004).

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \psi_{1\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \mathbf{v}_1^\ell \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{1\alpha}^\ell + \psi_{2\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} (\zeta \partial_\tau - i \mathbf{v}_2^\ell \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{2\alpha}^\ell$$

Order parameter:
$$\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_r \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{s}{2} \vec{\varphi}^2 + \frac{u}{4} \vec{\varphi}^4$$

“Yukawa” coupling:
$$\mathcal{L}_c = -\vec{\varphi} \cdot \left(\psi_{1\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{2\beta}^\ell + \psi_{2\alpha}^{\ell\dagger} \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{1\beta}^\ell \right)$$

Perform RG on both fermions and $\vec{\varphi}$,
using a *local* field theory.

New infra-red singularities as $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ at higher loops (Breakdown of Migdal-Eliashberg)

$\vec{\varphi}$ propagator

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{(q^2 + \gamma|\omega|)}$$

fermion propagator

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q} + i\zeta\omega + i \frac{1}{N\sqrt{\gamma}v} \sqrt{\omega} F \left(\frac{v^2 q^2}{\omega} \right)}$$

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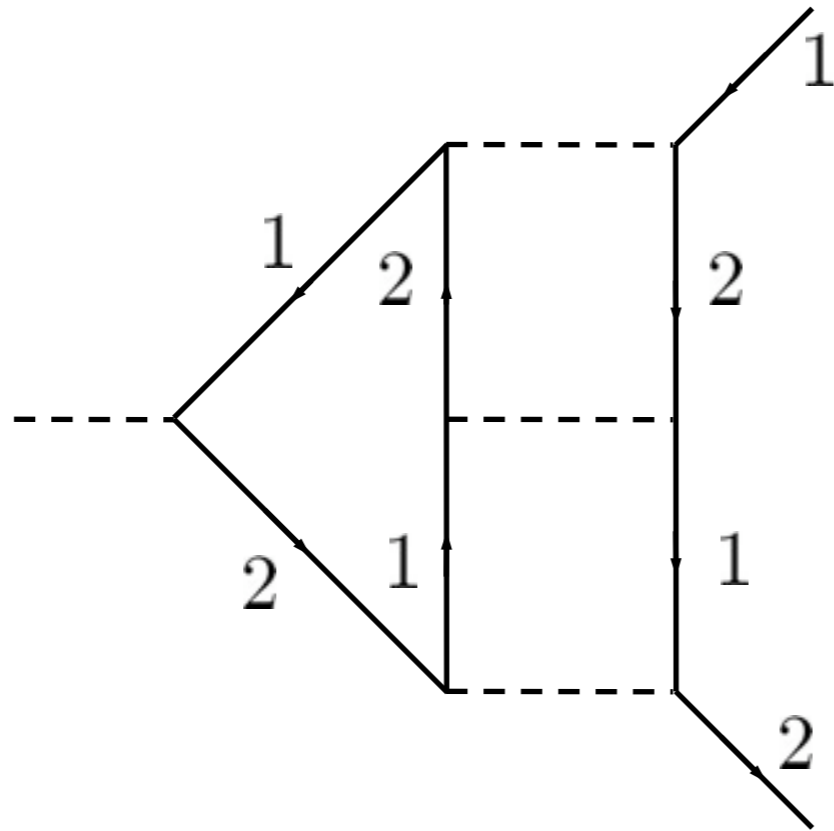
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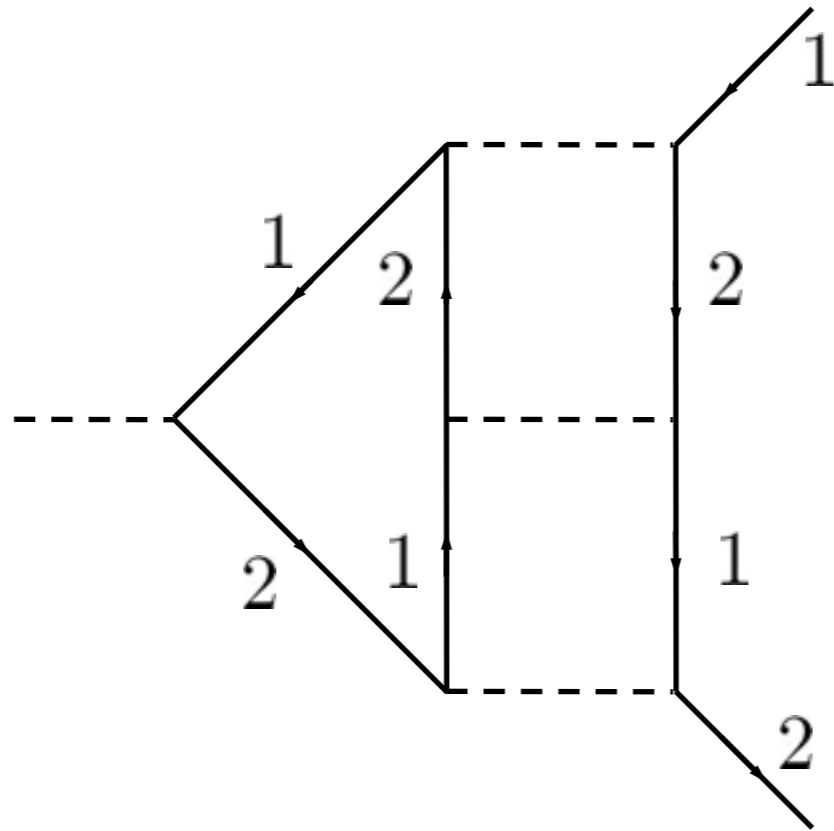
 **Dangerous**

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Actual order $\sim \frac{1}{N^0}$

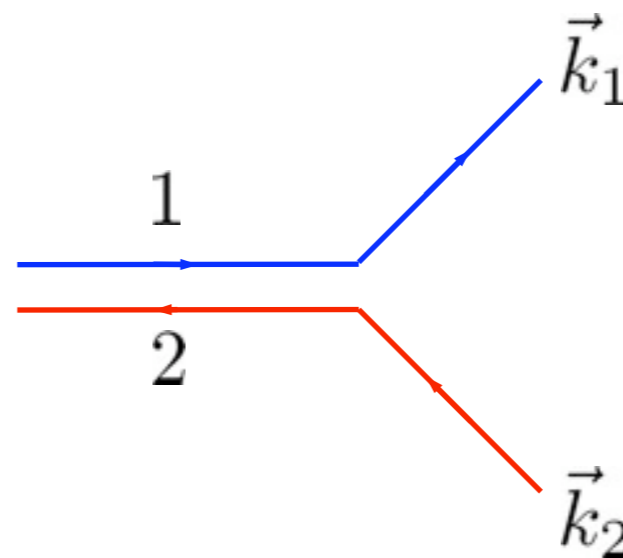
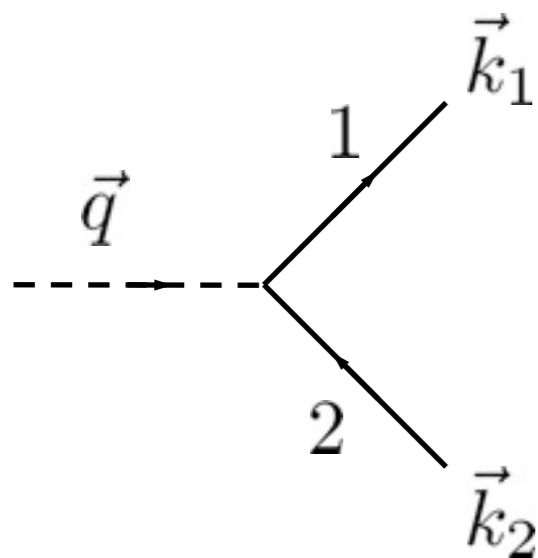
Double line representation

- A way to compute the order of a diagram.
- Extra powers of N come from the Fermi-surface

$$G(\omega, \vec{k}) = \frac{1}{-\Sigma_1(\omega, \vec{k}) - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{k}} \quad \Sigma_1 \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

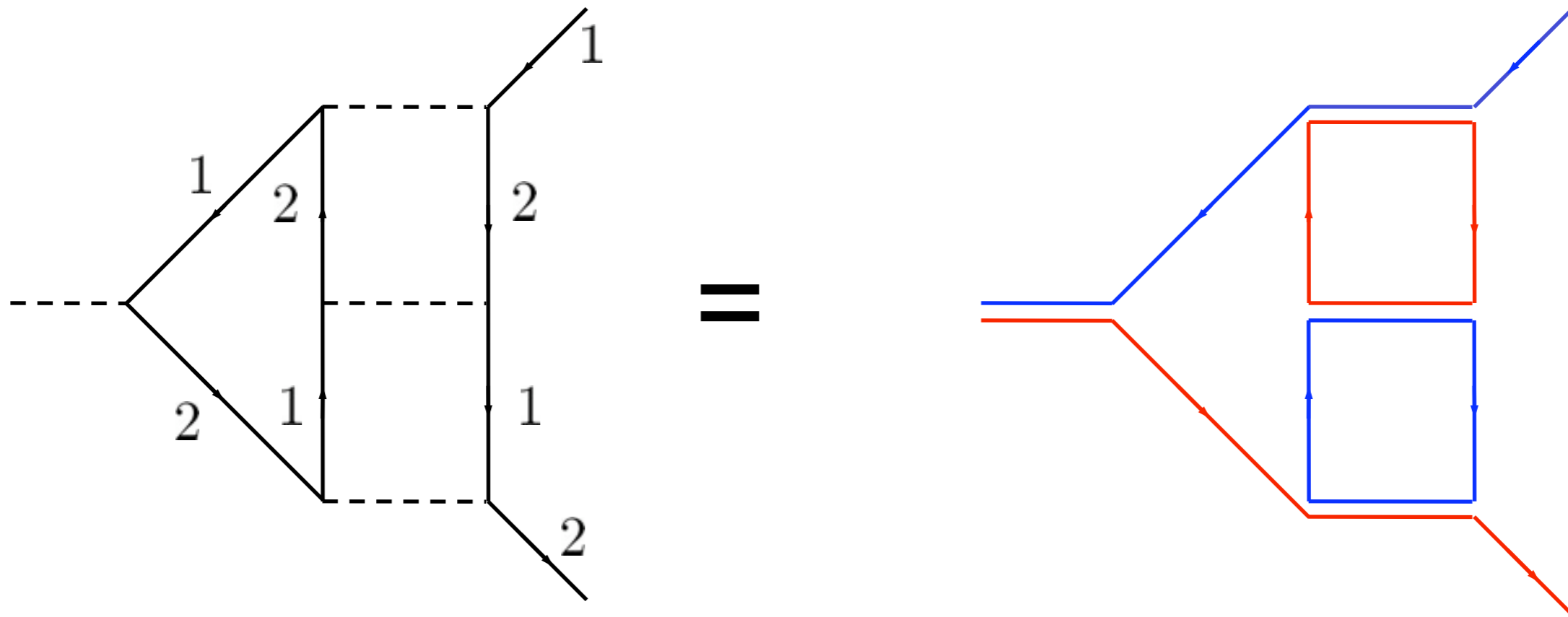
- What are the conditions for all propagators to be on the Fermi surface?
- Concentrate on diagrams involving a single pair of hot-spots
- Any bosonic momentum may be (uniquely) written as

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2 \quad \vec{k}_1 \in \text{FS of } \psi_1 \quad \vec{k}_2 \in \text{FS of } \psi_2$$



R. Shankar, Rev. Mod. Phys. **66**, 129 (1994).
 S.W.Tsai, A. H. Castro Neto, R. Shankar, and D. K. Campbell, Phys. Rev. B **72**, 054531 (2005).

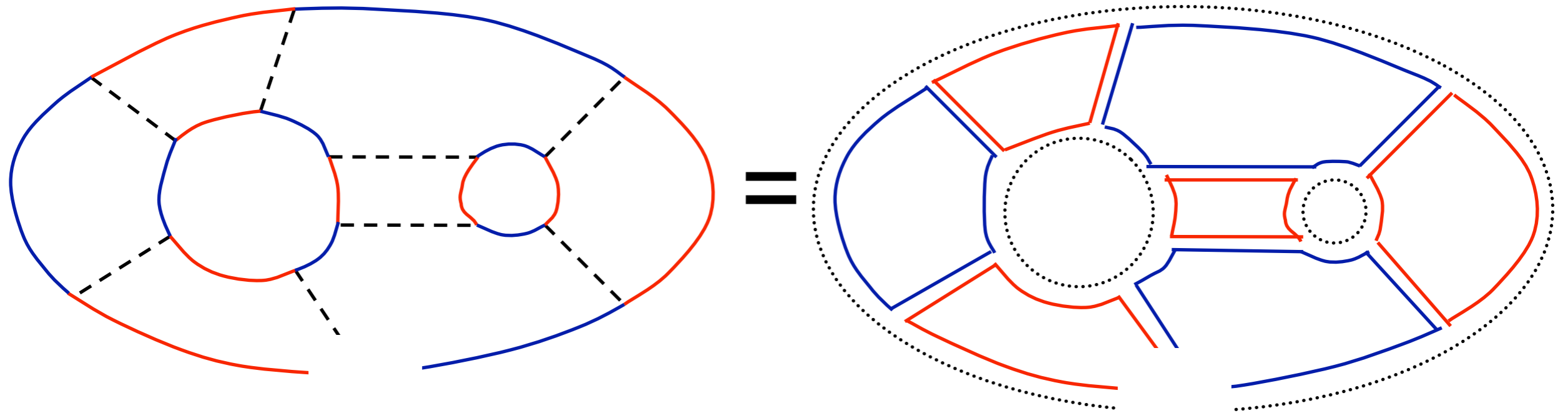
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Singularities as $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ appear when fermions in closed blue and red line loops are exactly on the Fermi surface

$$\text{Actual order} \sim \frac{1}{N^0}$$

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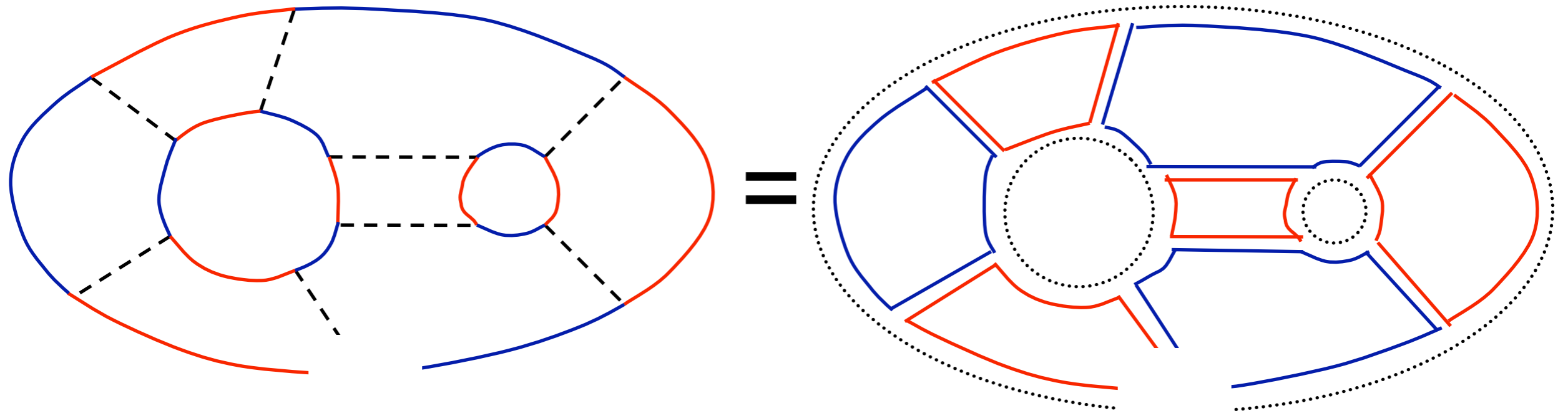


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Graph is **planar** after turning fermion propagators also into double lines
by drawing additional dotted single line loops for each fermion loop

Sung-Sik Lee, arXiv:0905.4532

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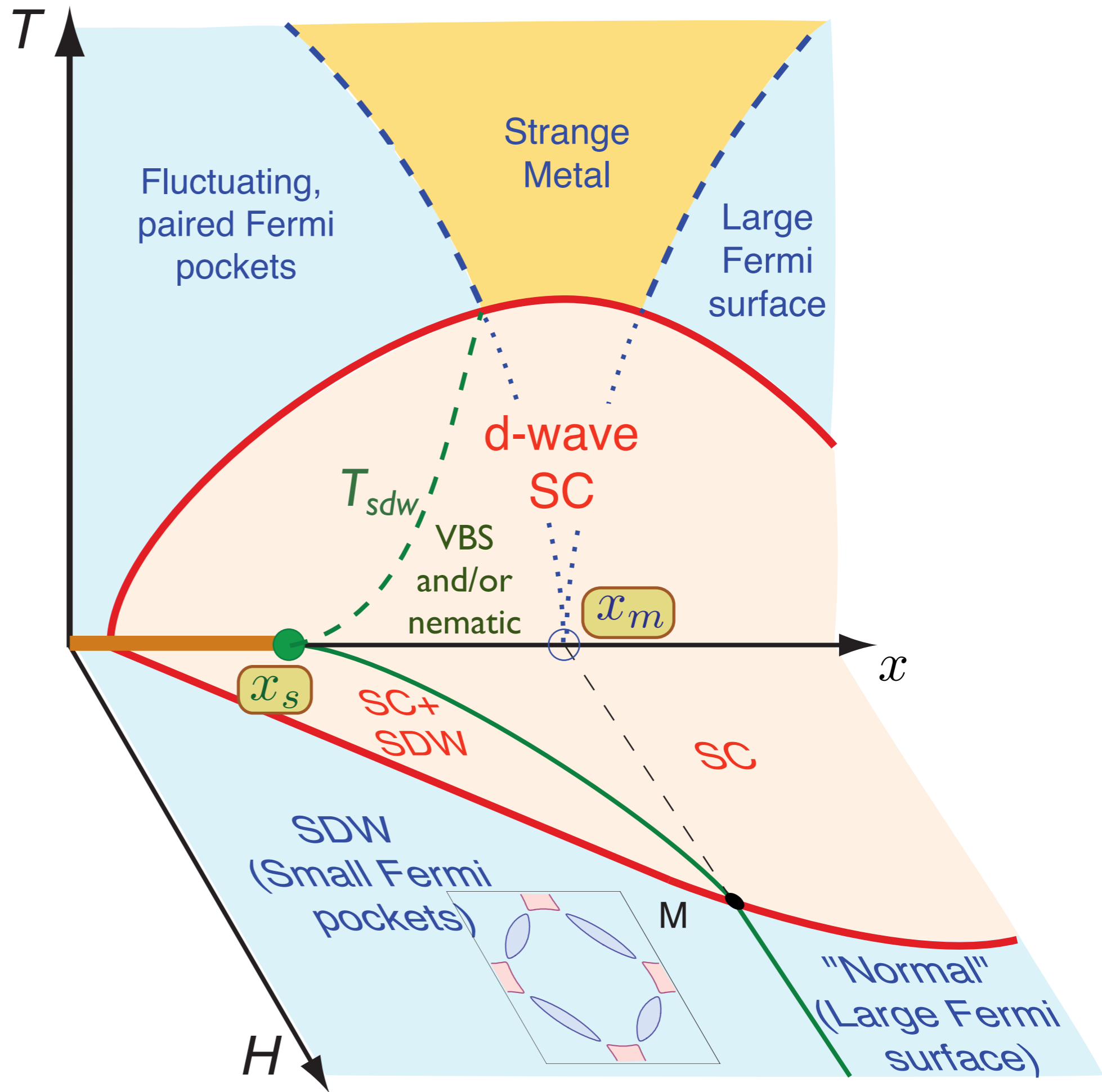


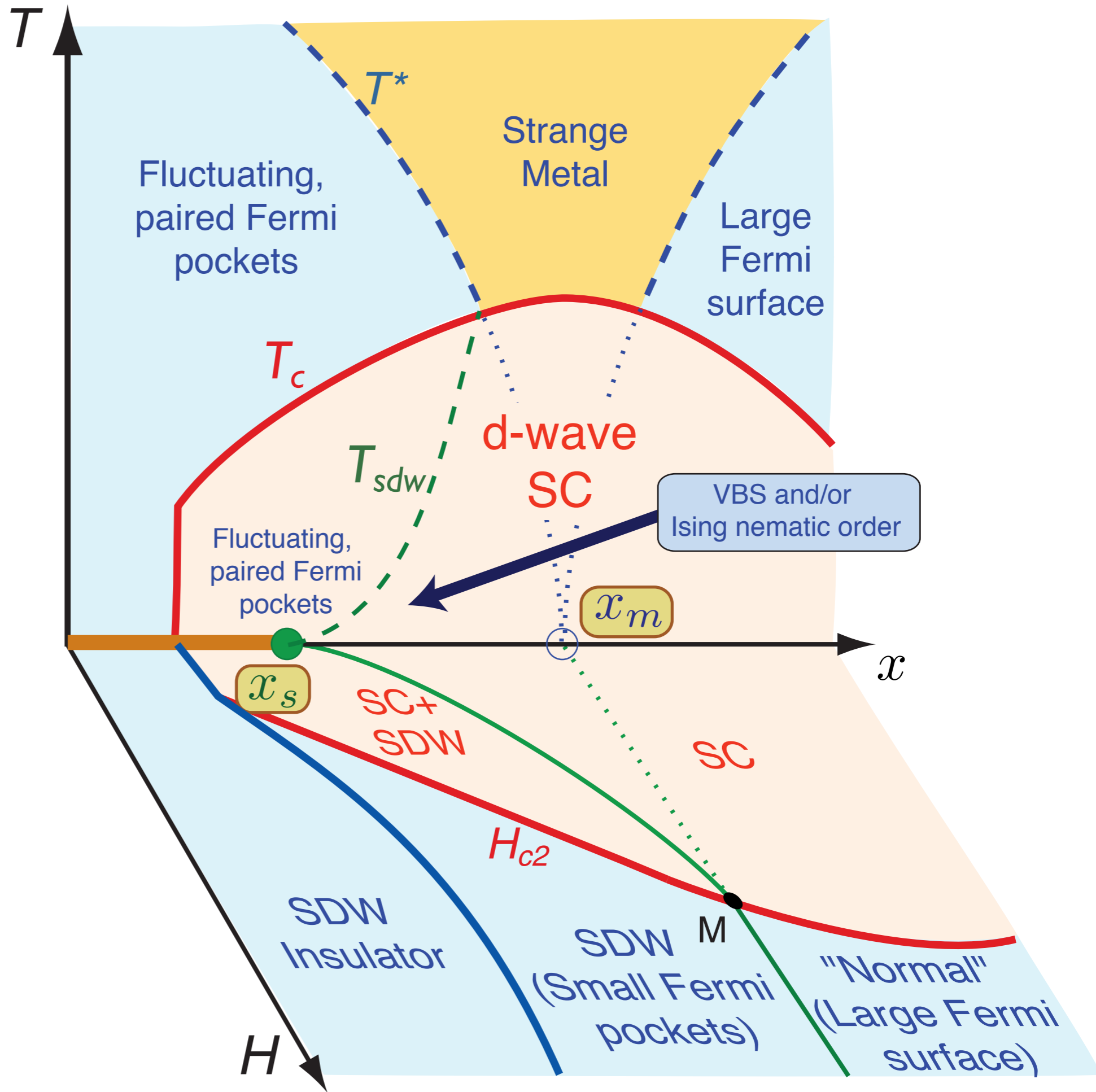
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A consistent analysis requires
resummation of all planar graphs







Conclusions

Identified quantum criticality in cuprate superconductors with a critical point at optimal doping associated with onset of spin density wave order in a metal

Elusive optimal doping quantum critical point has been “hiding in plain sight”.

It is shifted to lower doping by the onset of superconductivity

Conclusions

Theory for the onset
of spin density wave
order in metals is
strongly coupled in
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