

Quantum condensed matter physics: organic insulators and ultracold atoms

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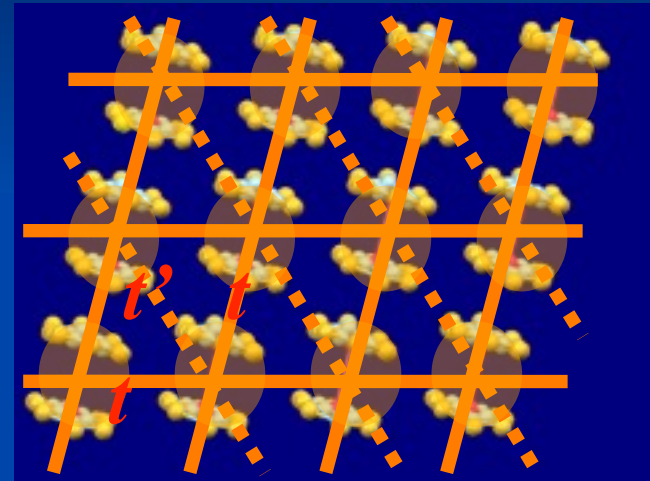
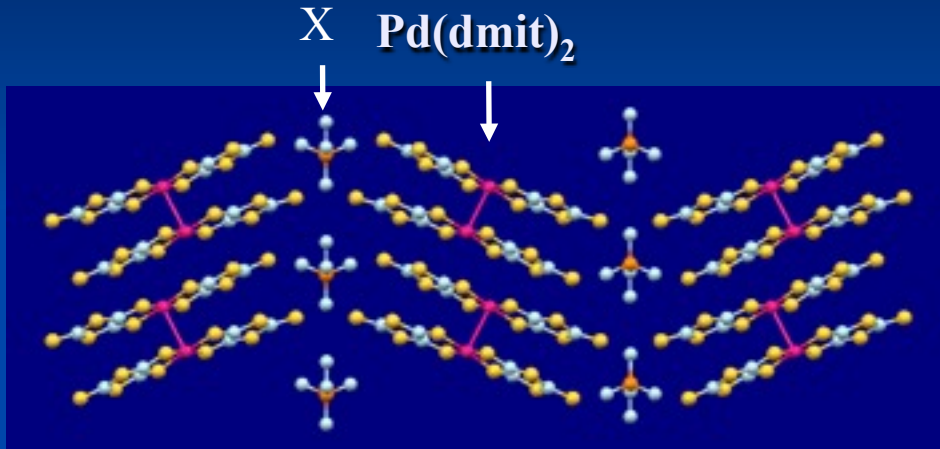
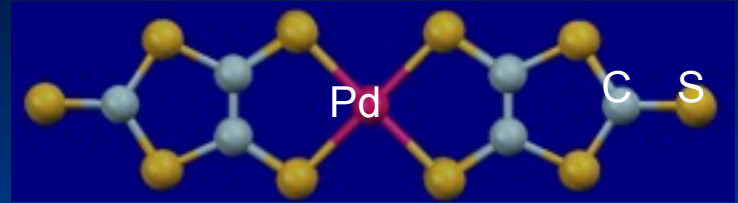
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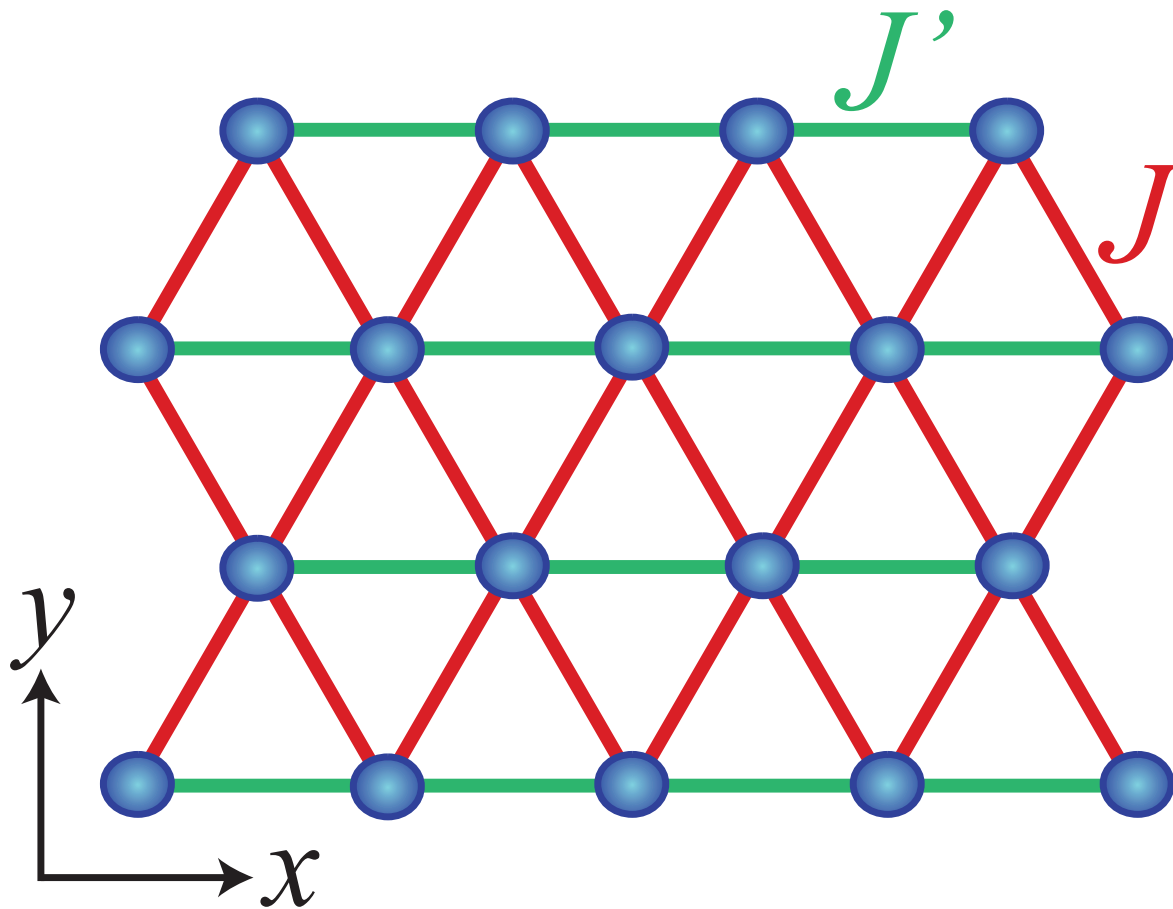
Half-filled band \rightarrow Mott insulator with spin $S = 1/2$

Triangular lattice of $[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

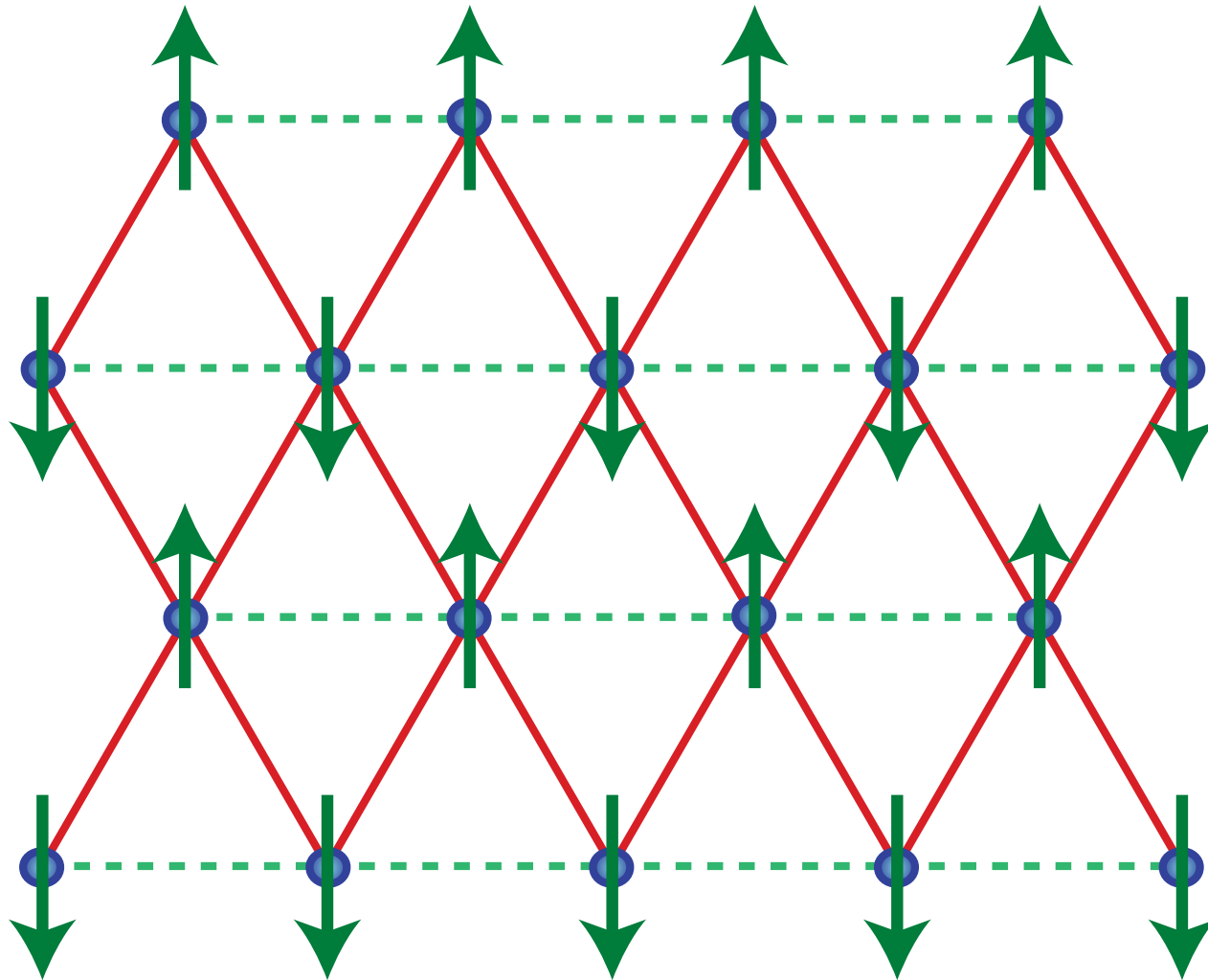
\rightarrow frustrated quantum spin system

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

$\vec{S}_i \Rightarrow$ spin operator with $S = 1/2$



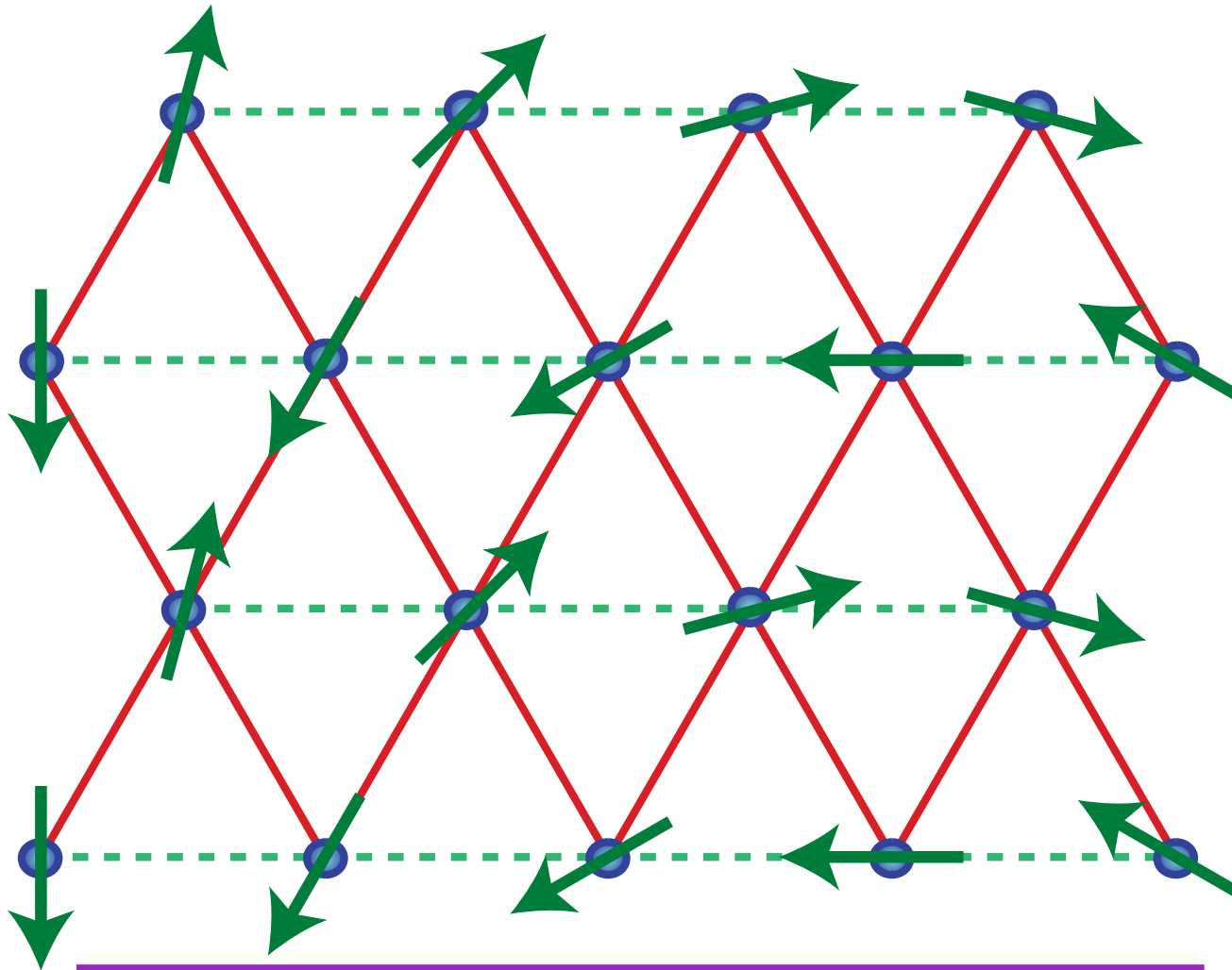
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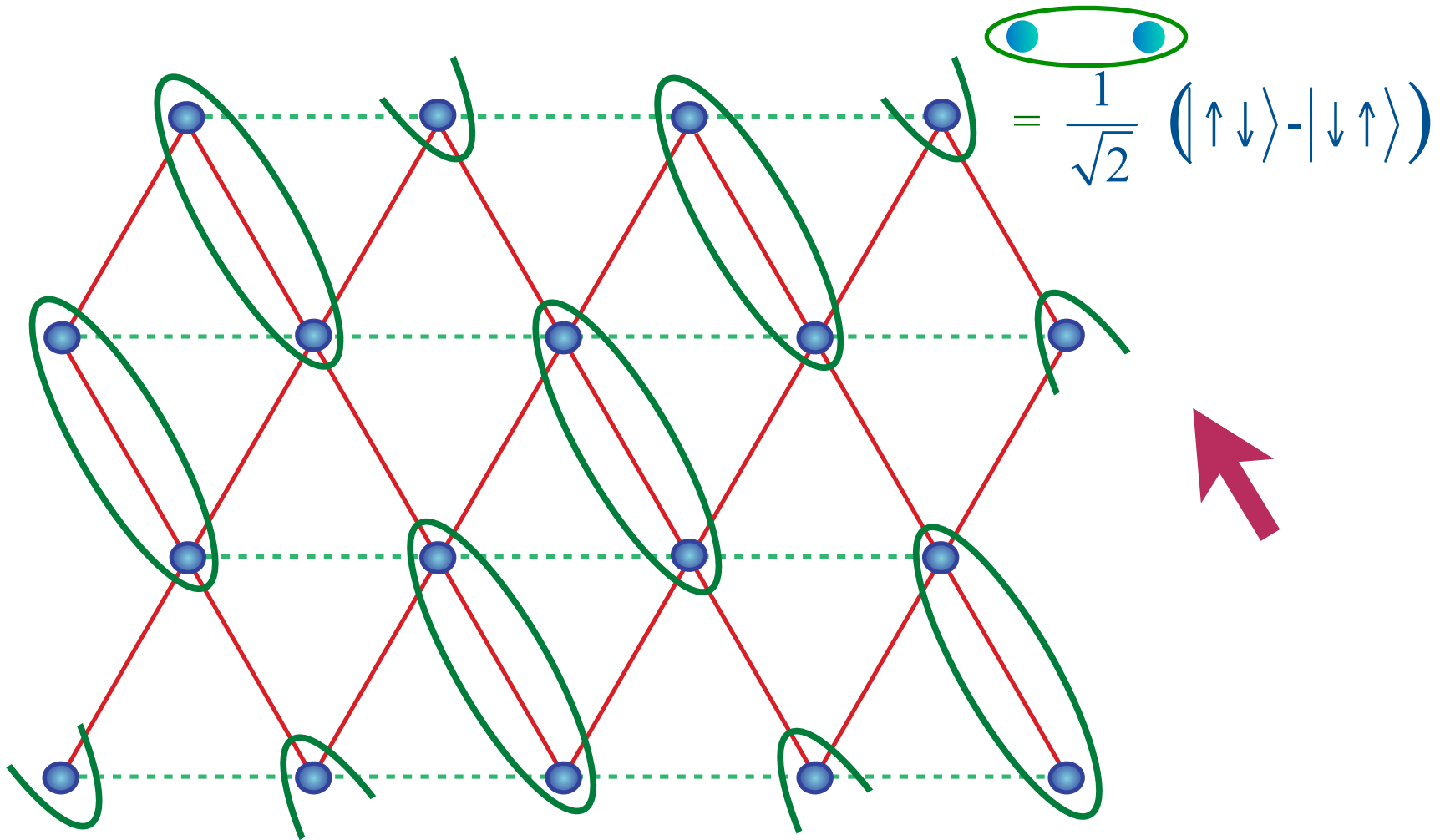
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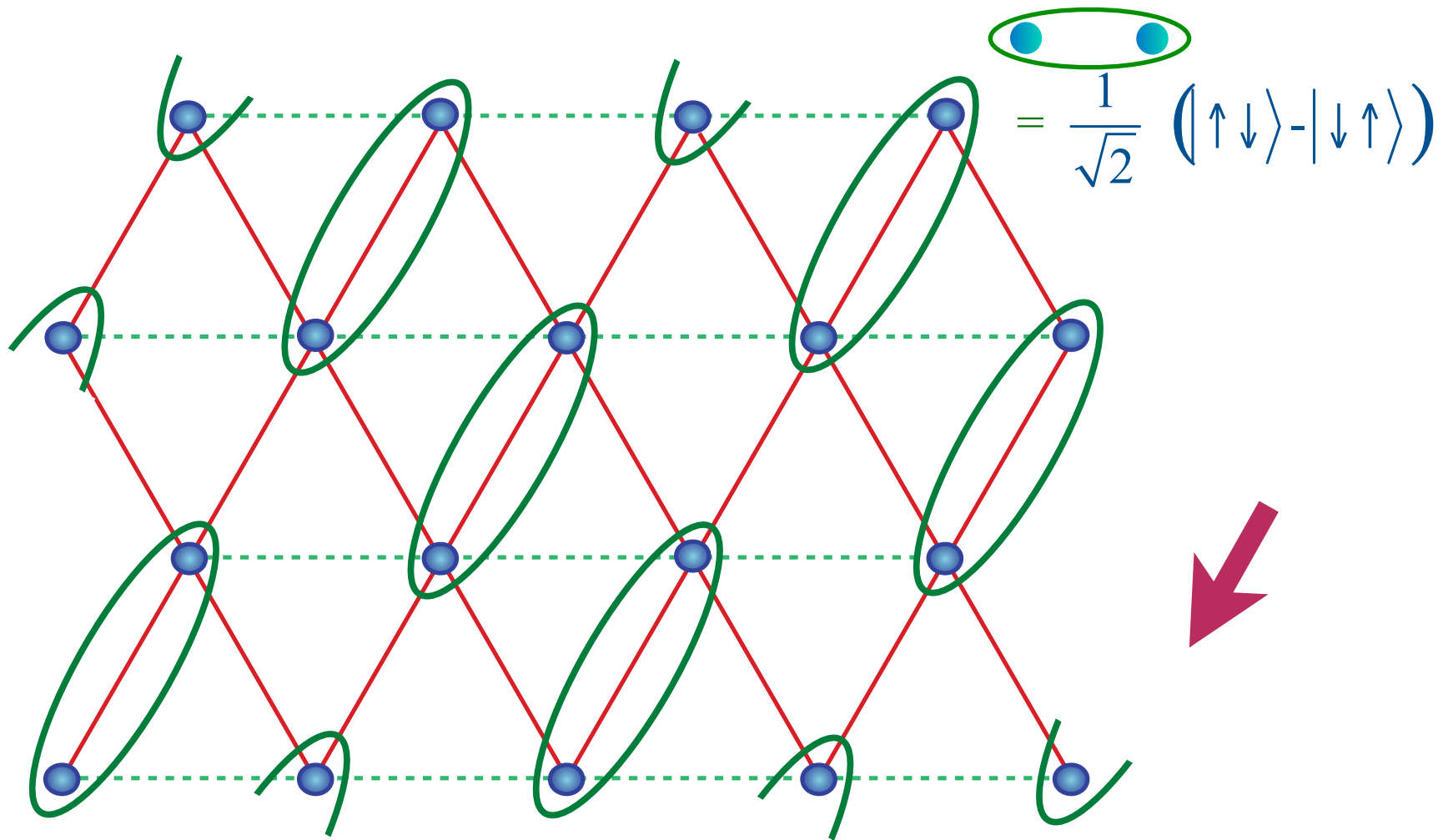
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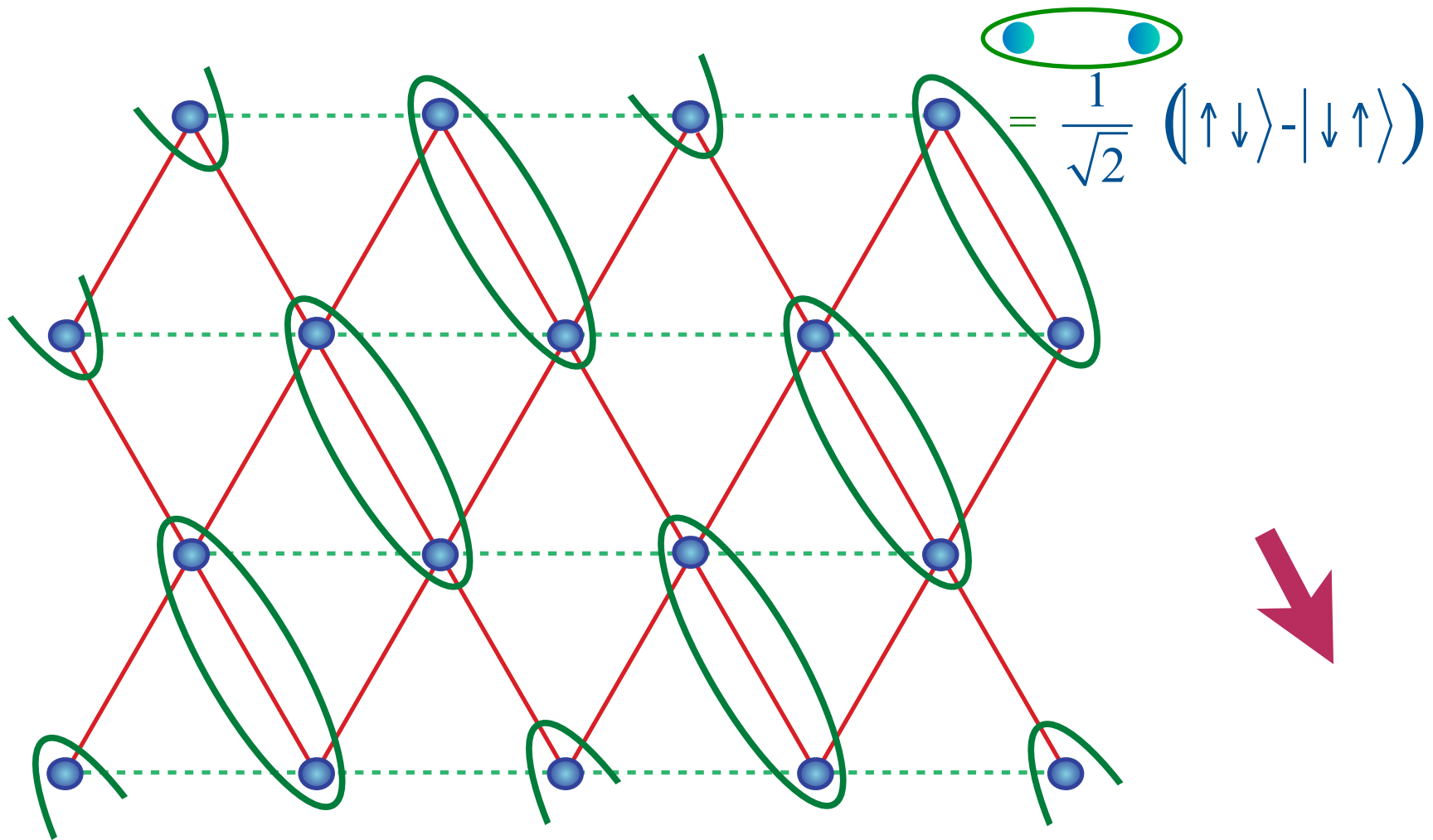
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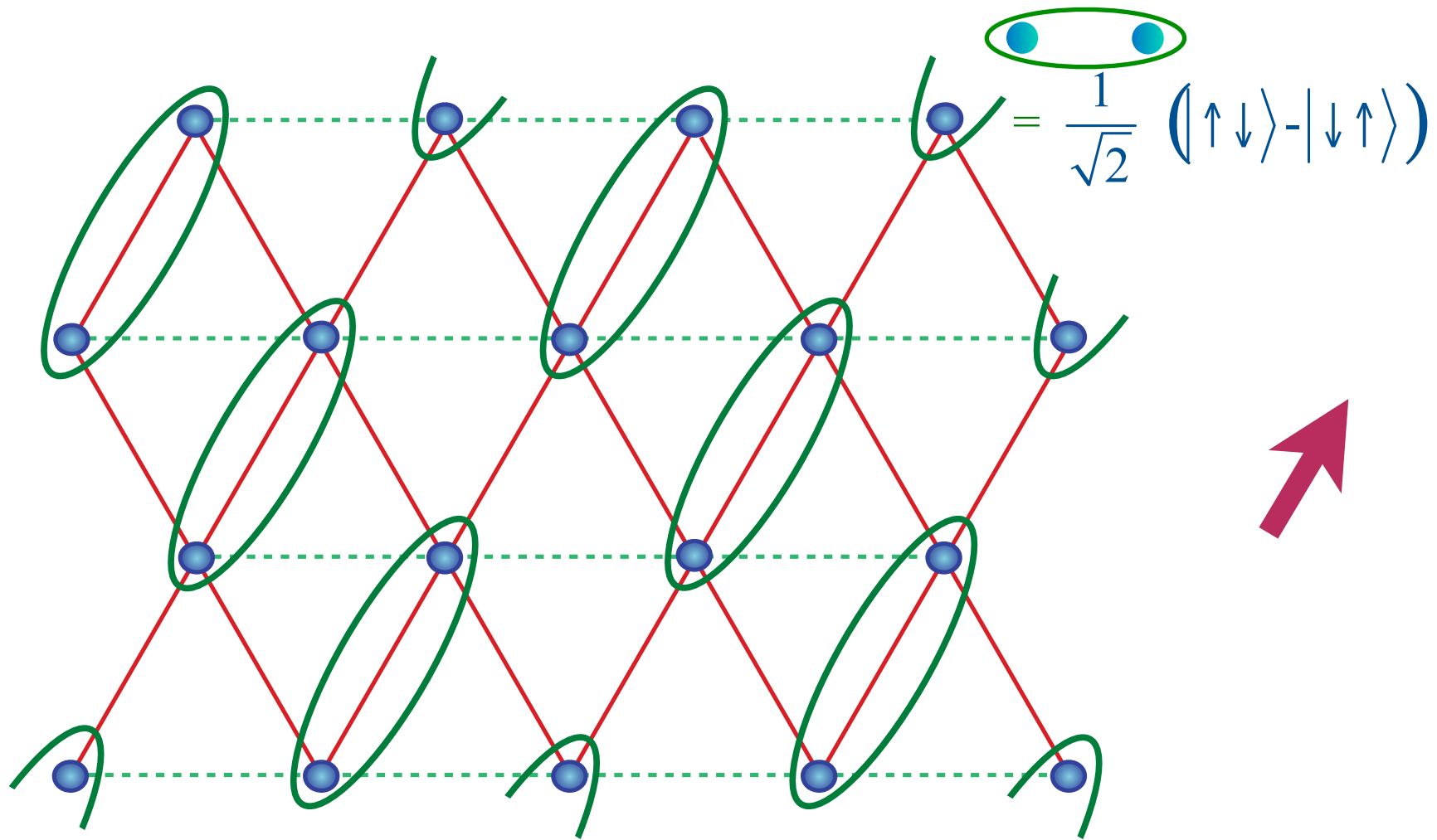
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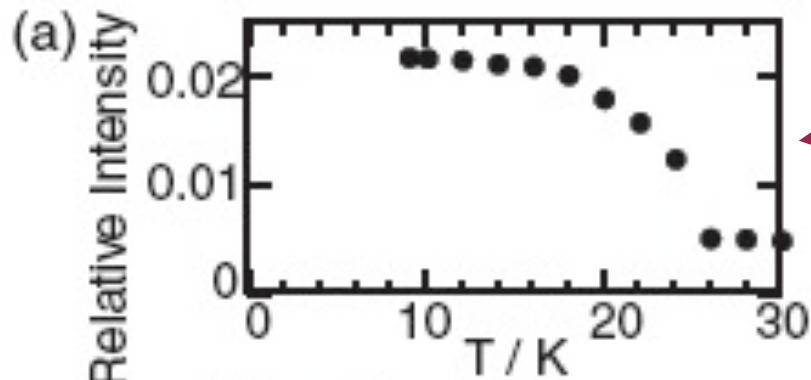
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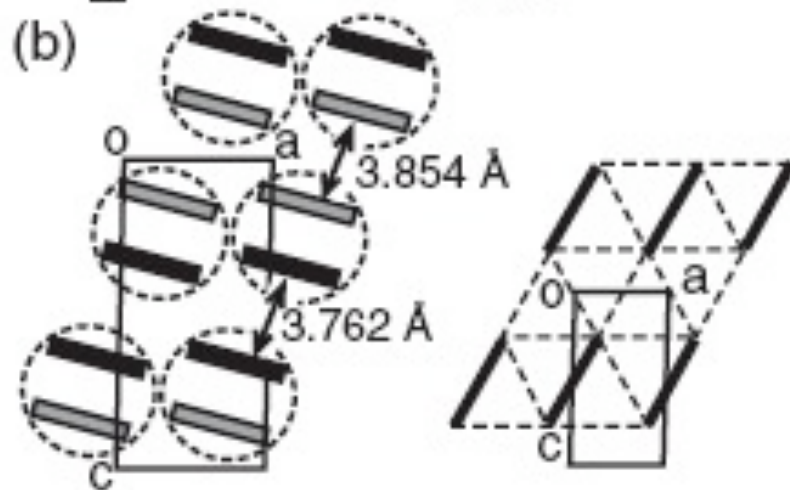
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Observation of a valence bond solid (VBS) in ETMe₃P[Pd(dmit)₂]₂



X-ray scattering

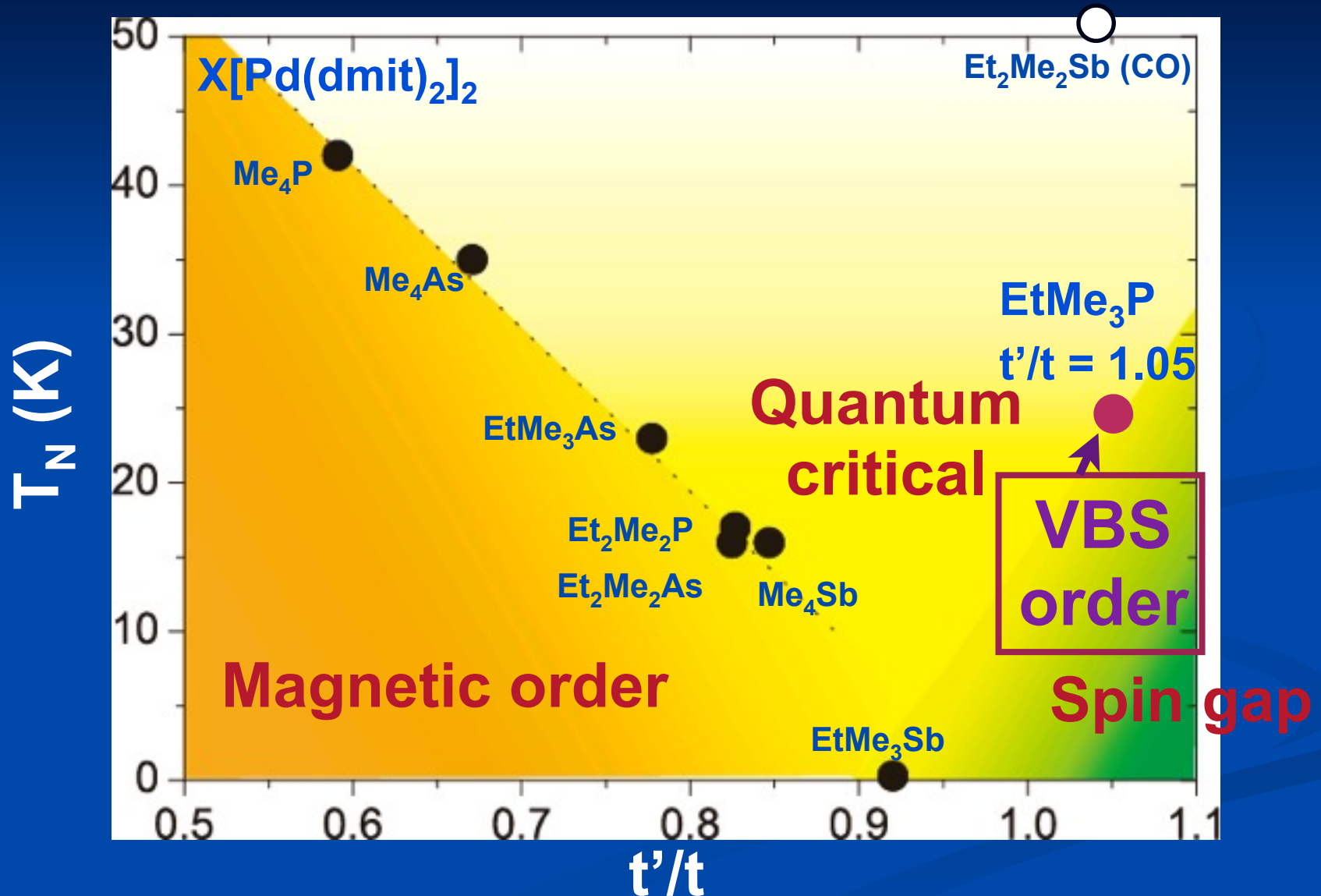


Spin gap ~ 40 K
 $J \sim 250$ K

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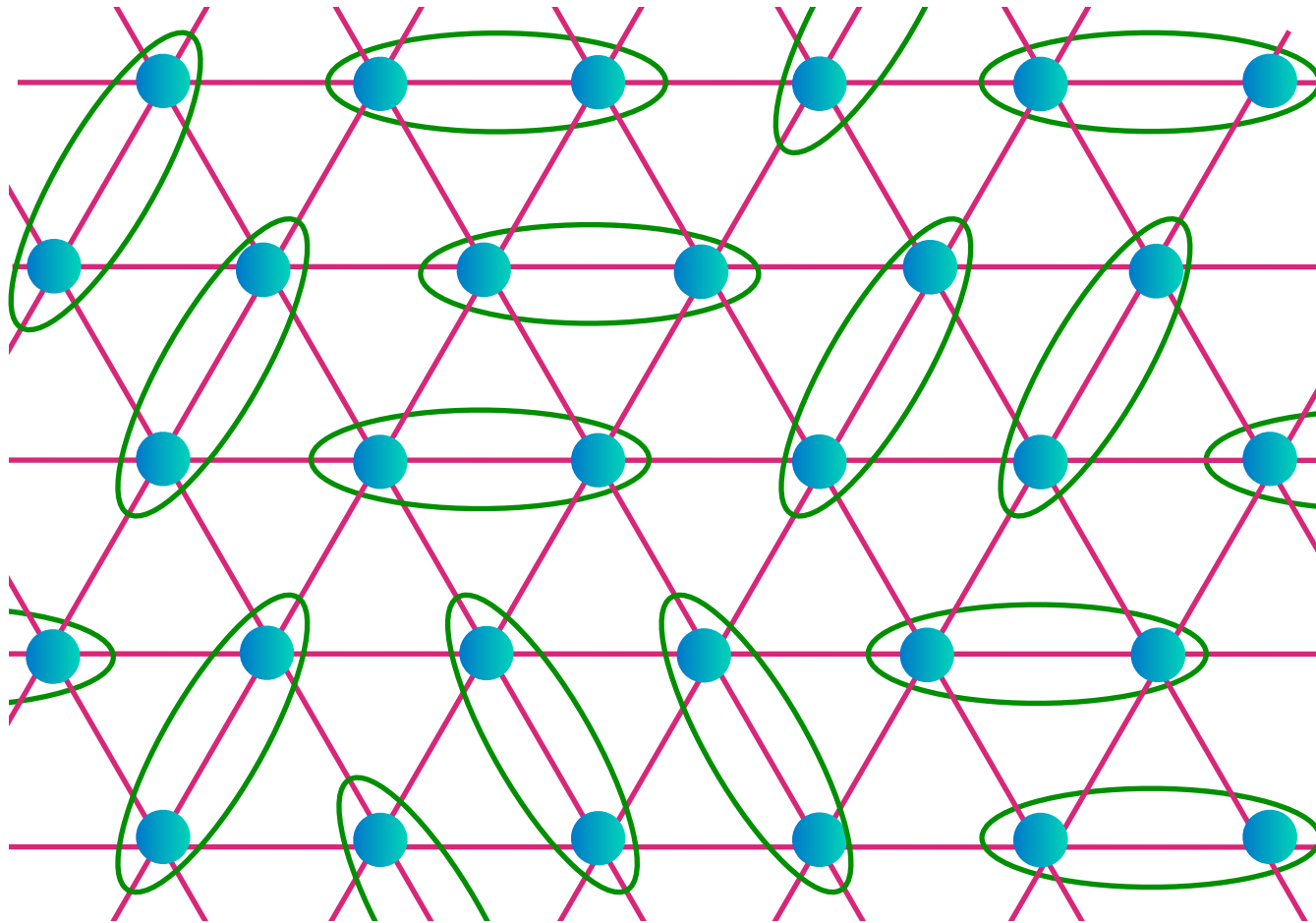
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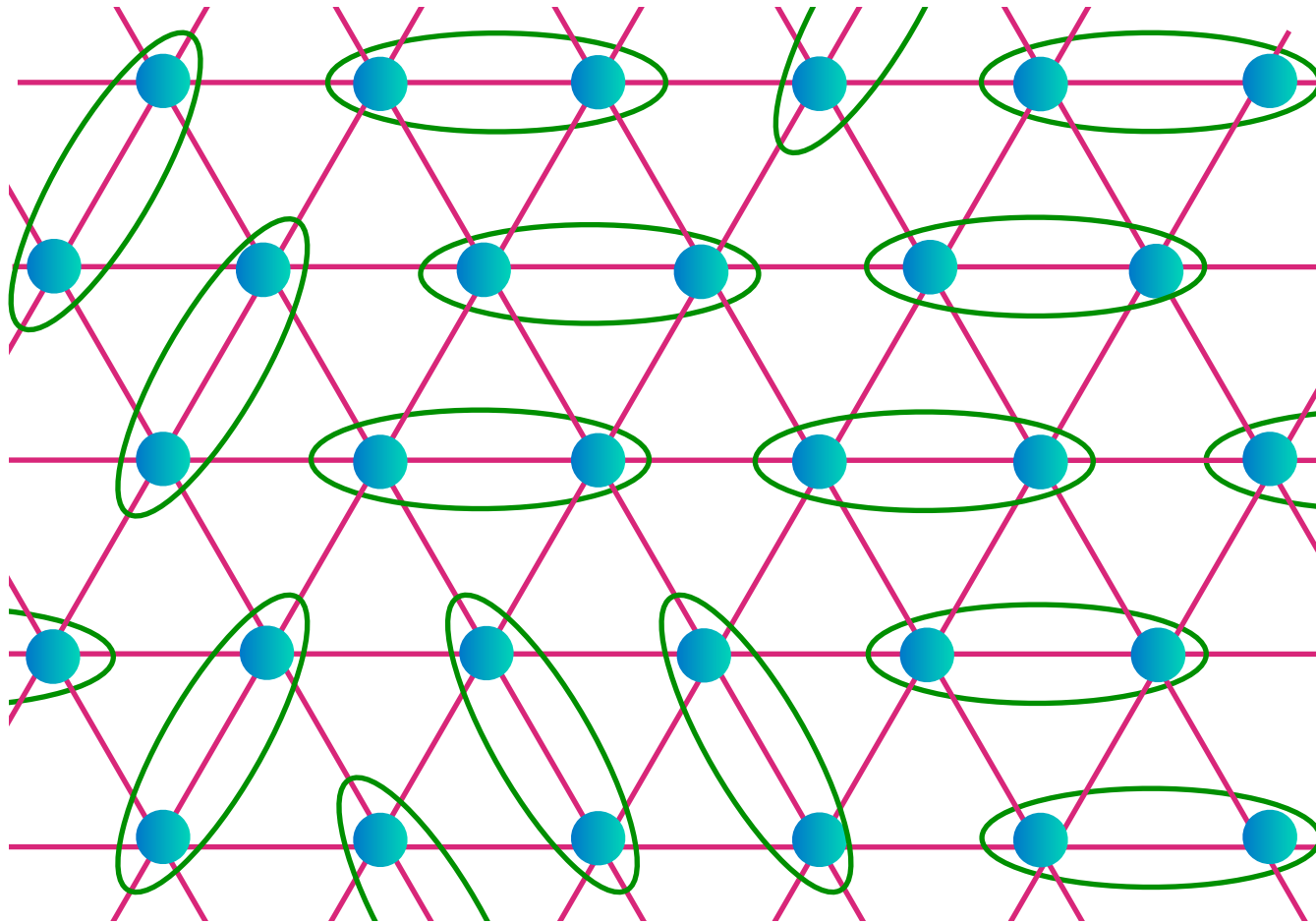


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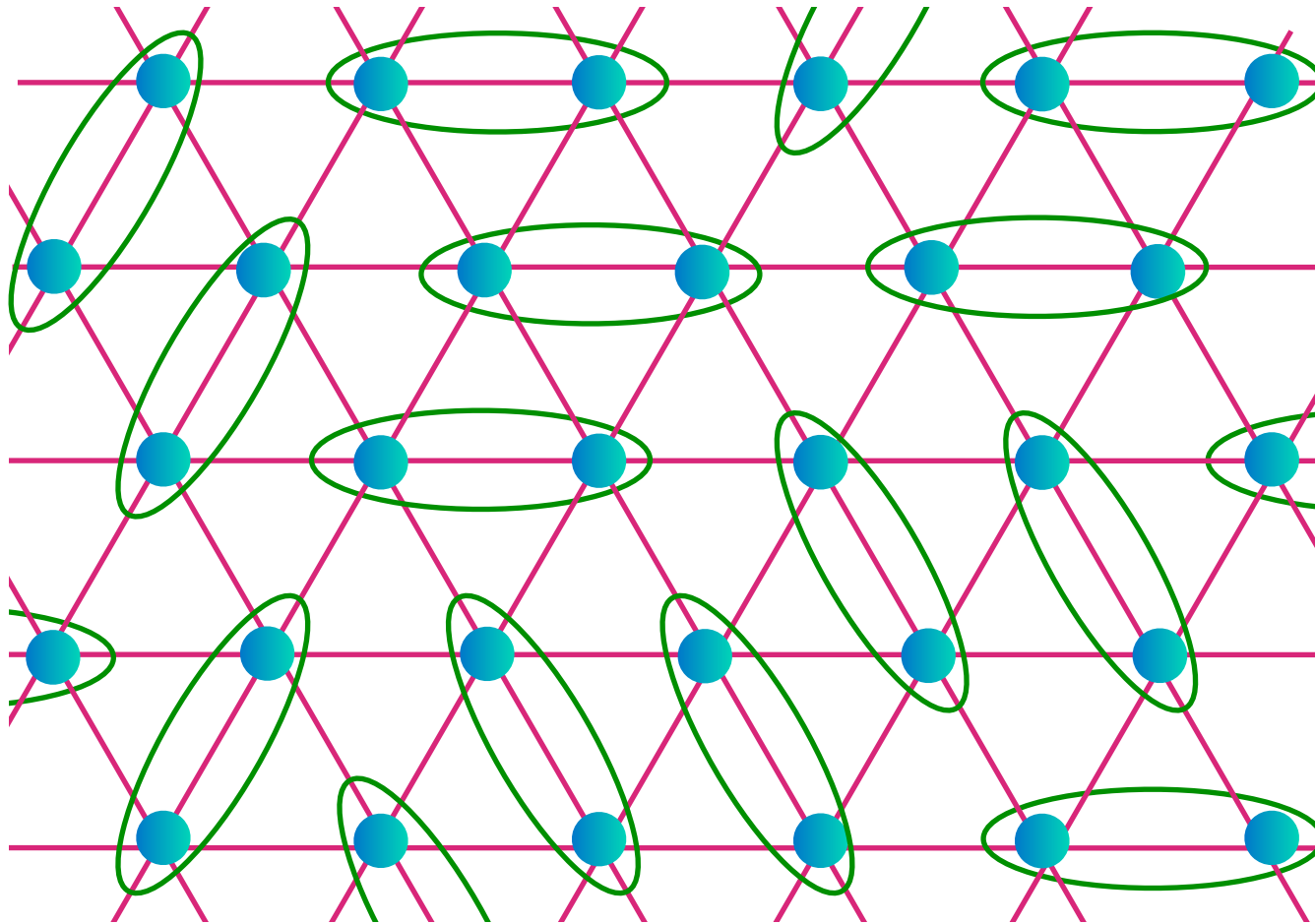


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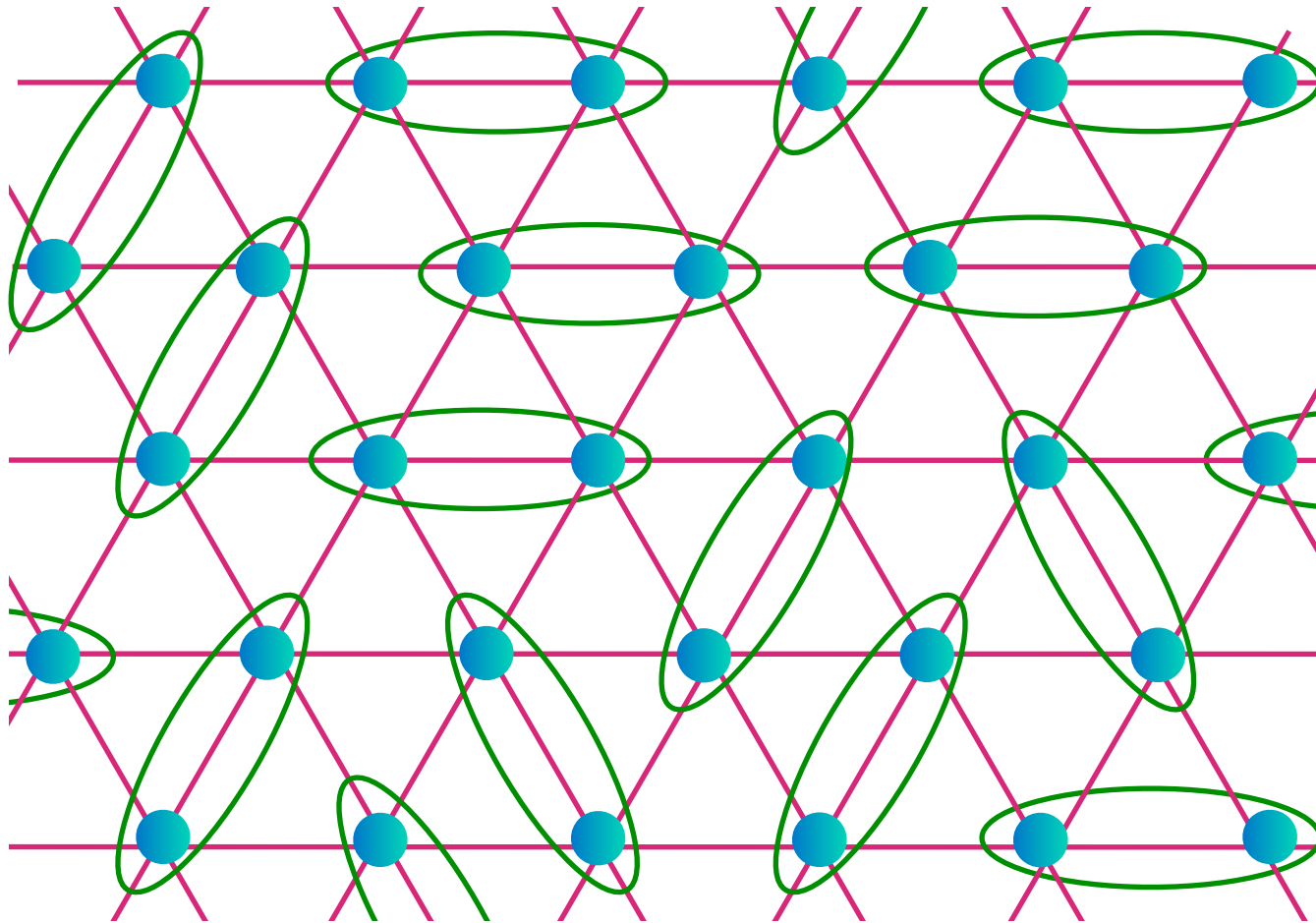


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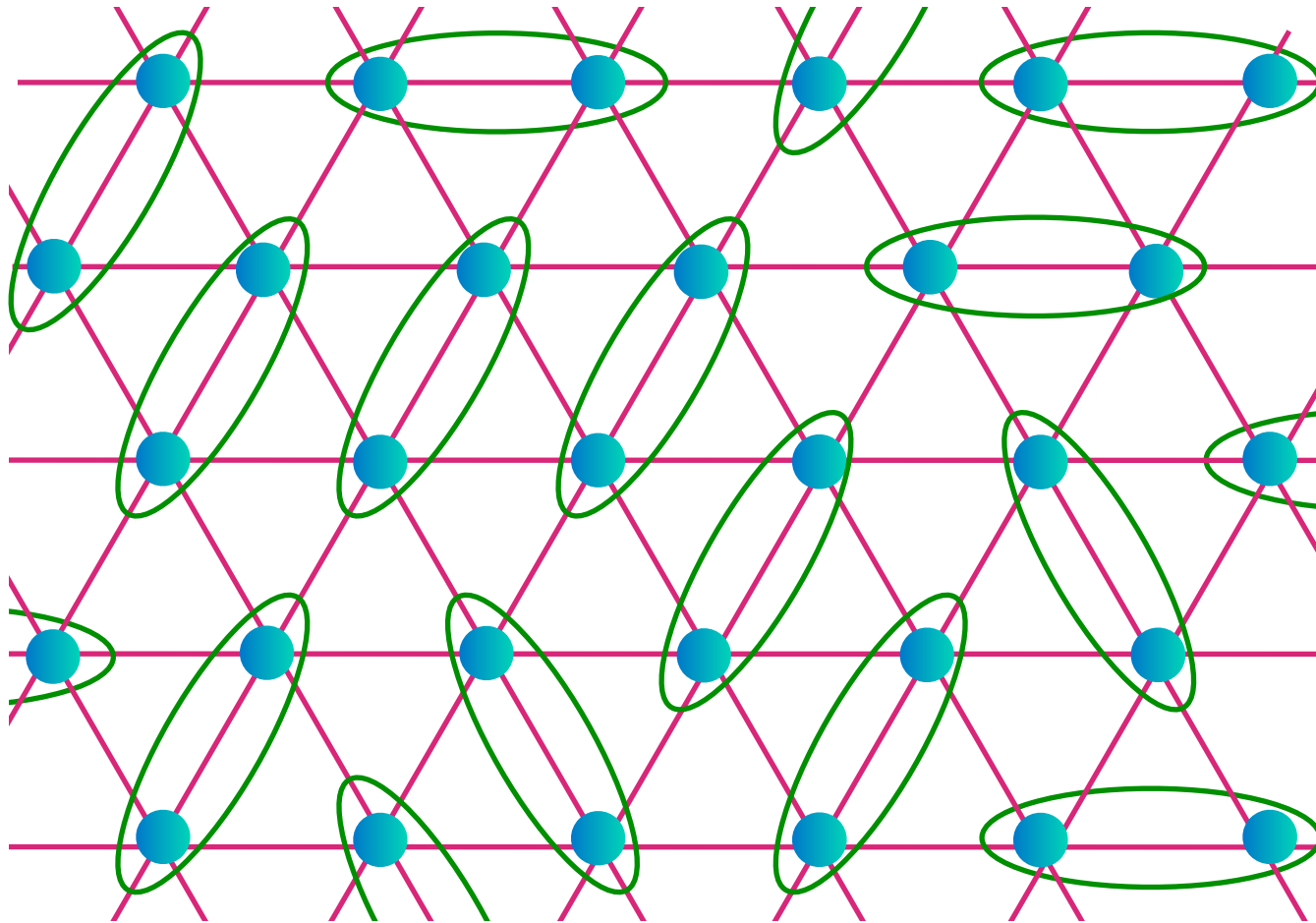


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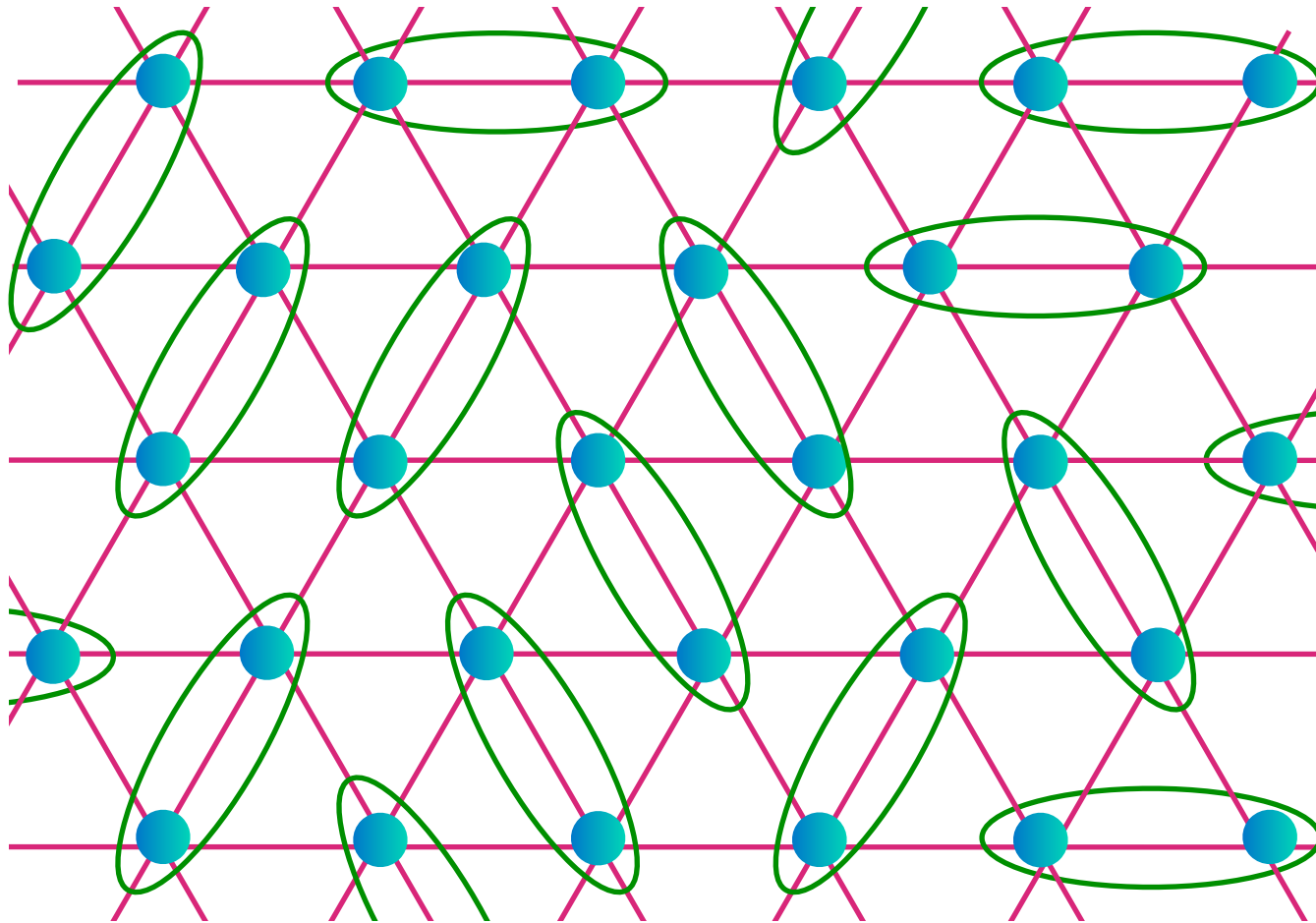


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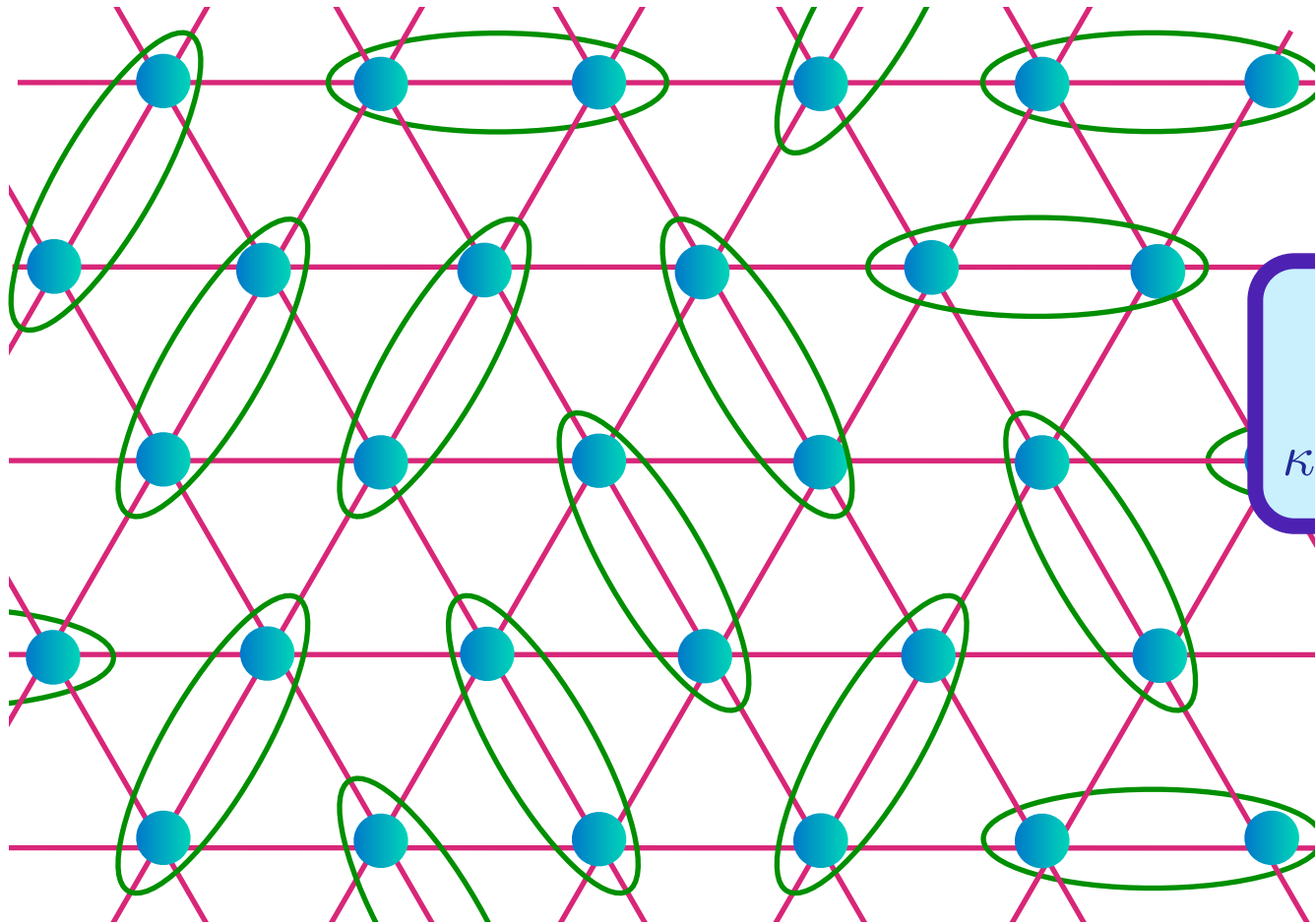


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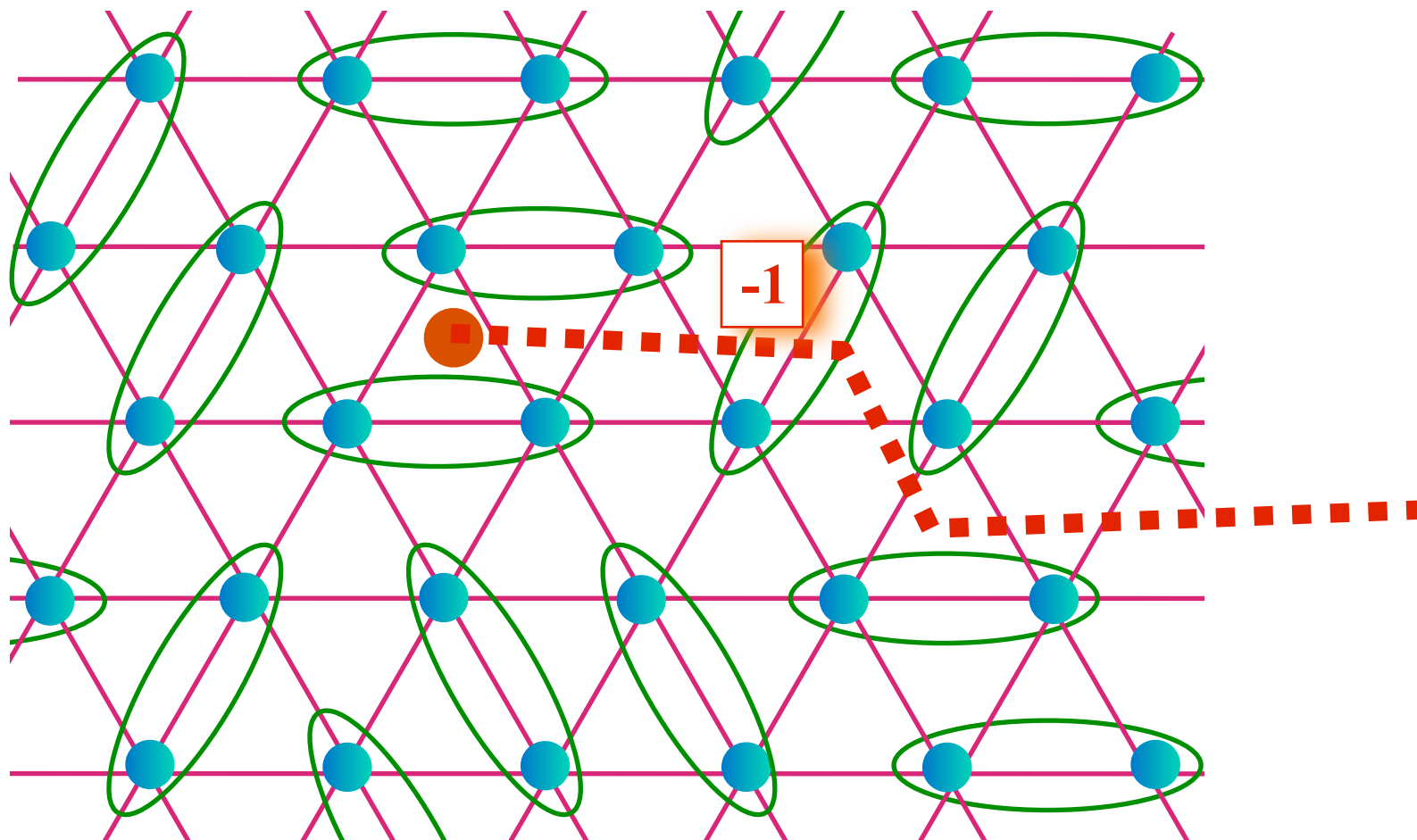
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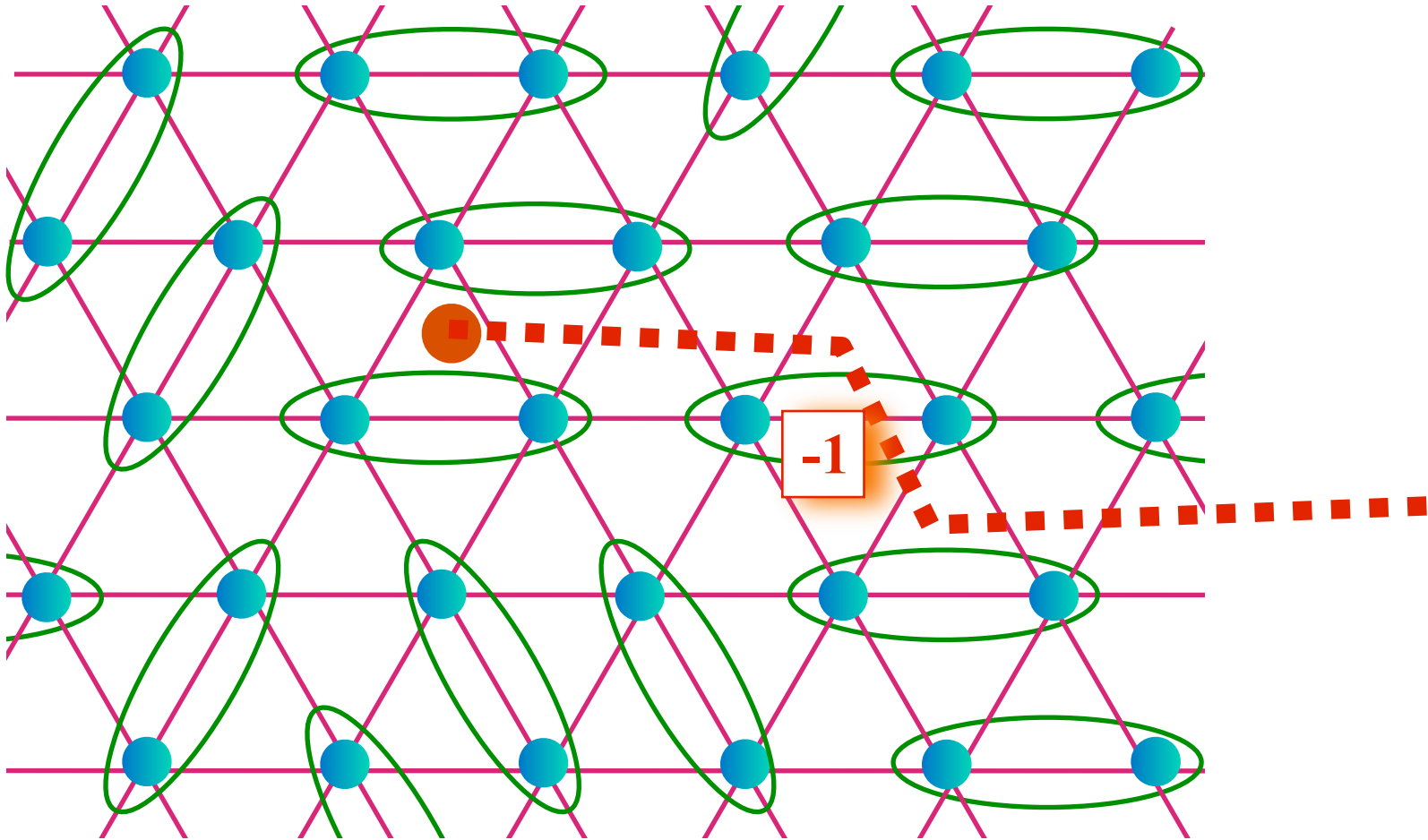


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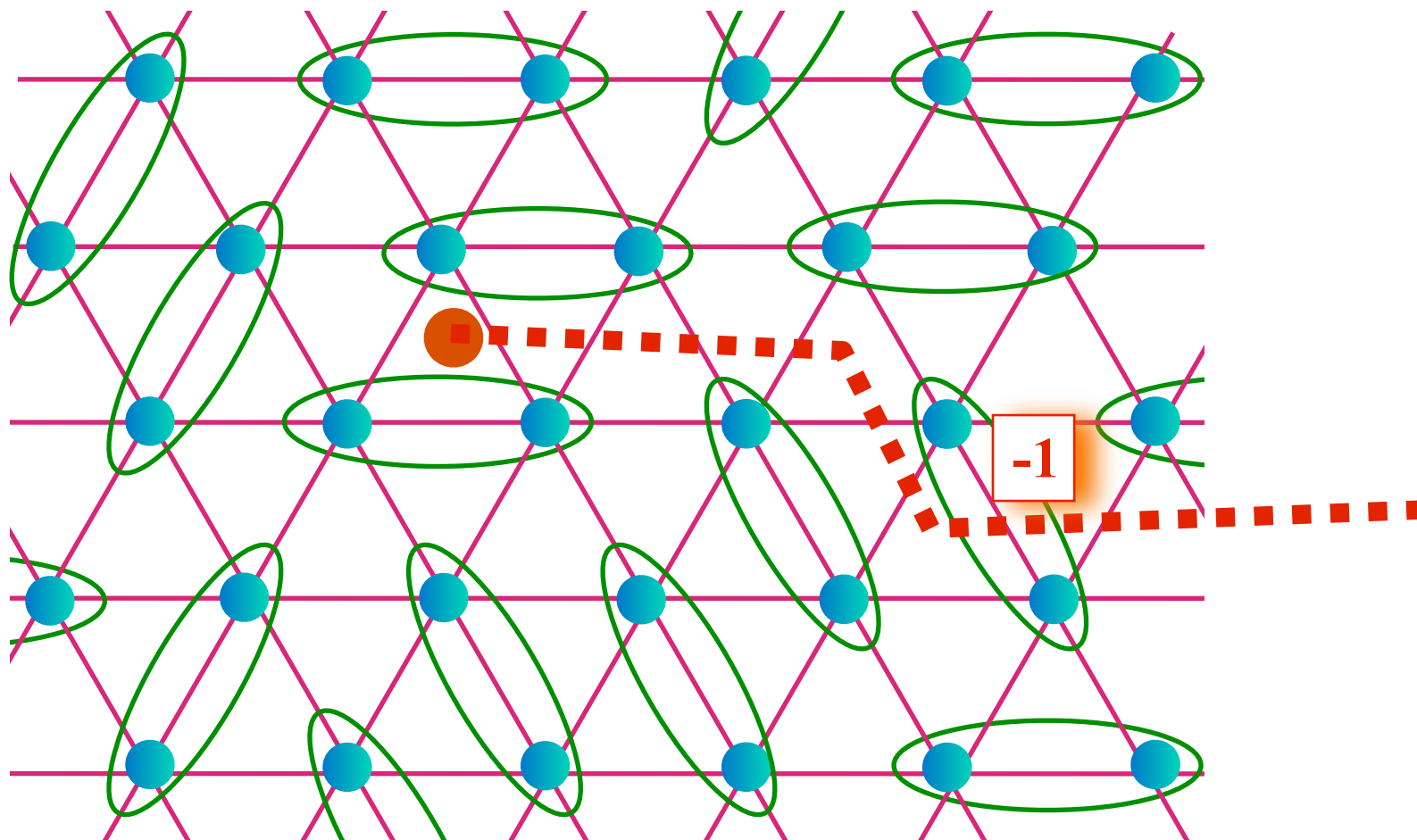


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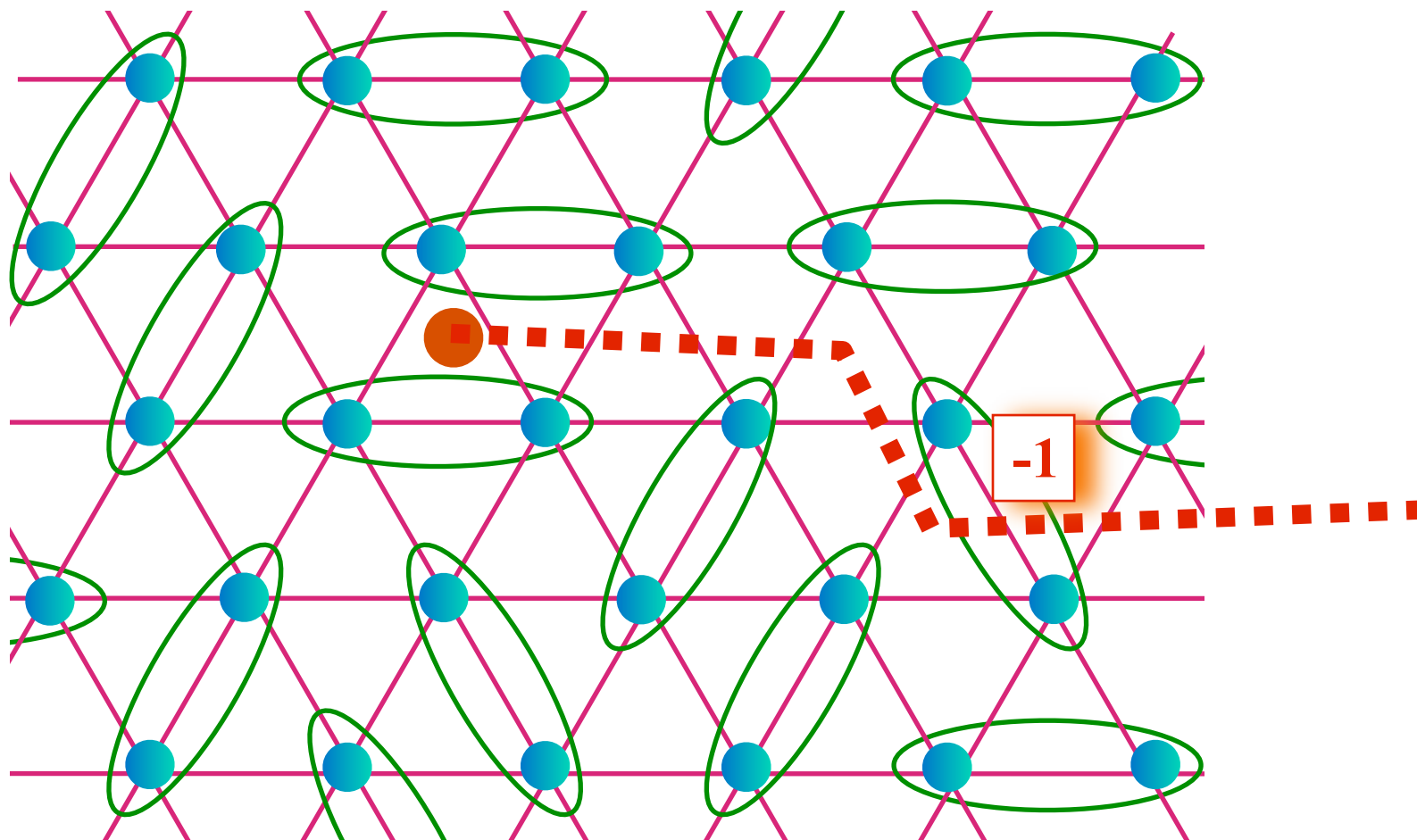


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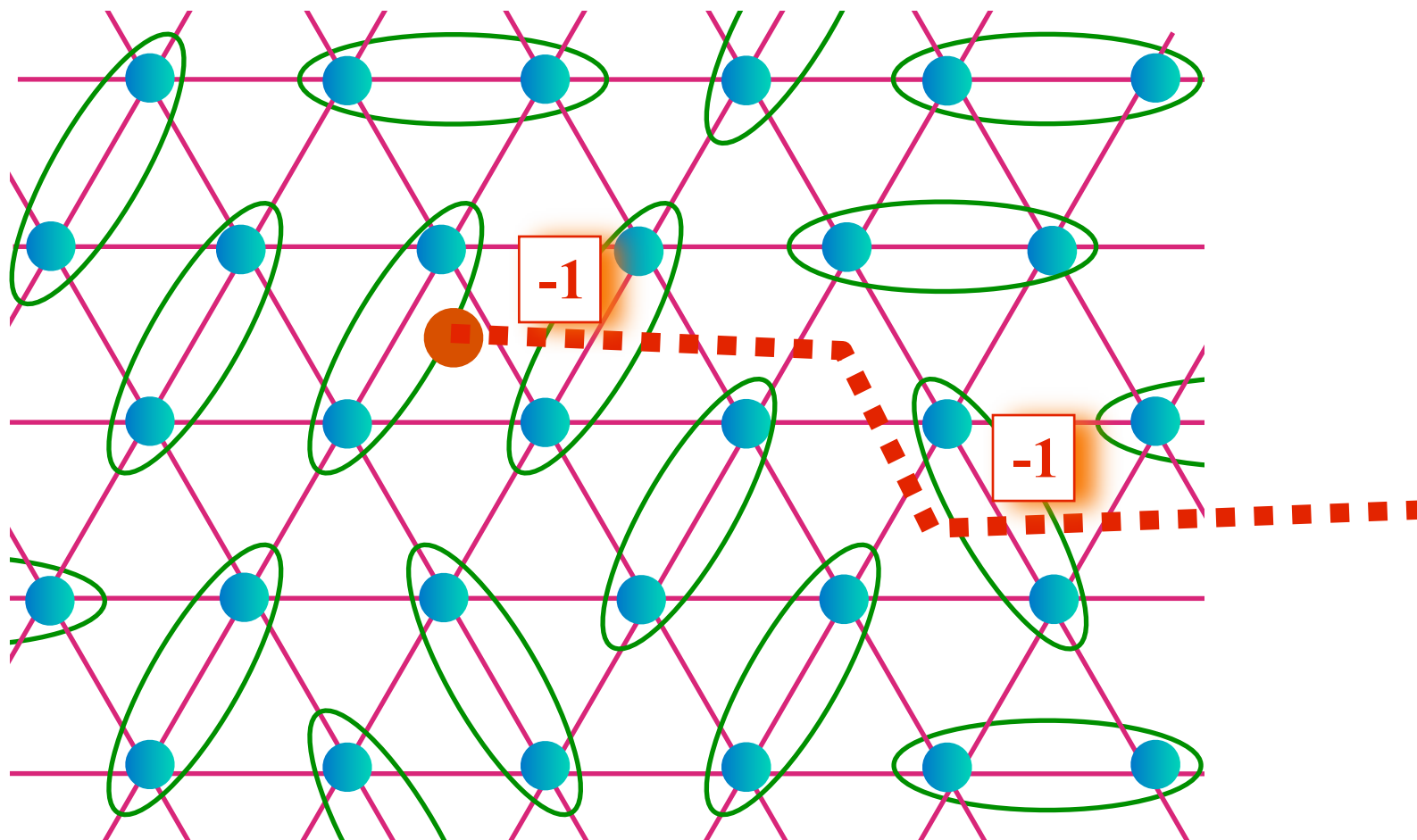


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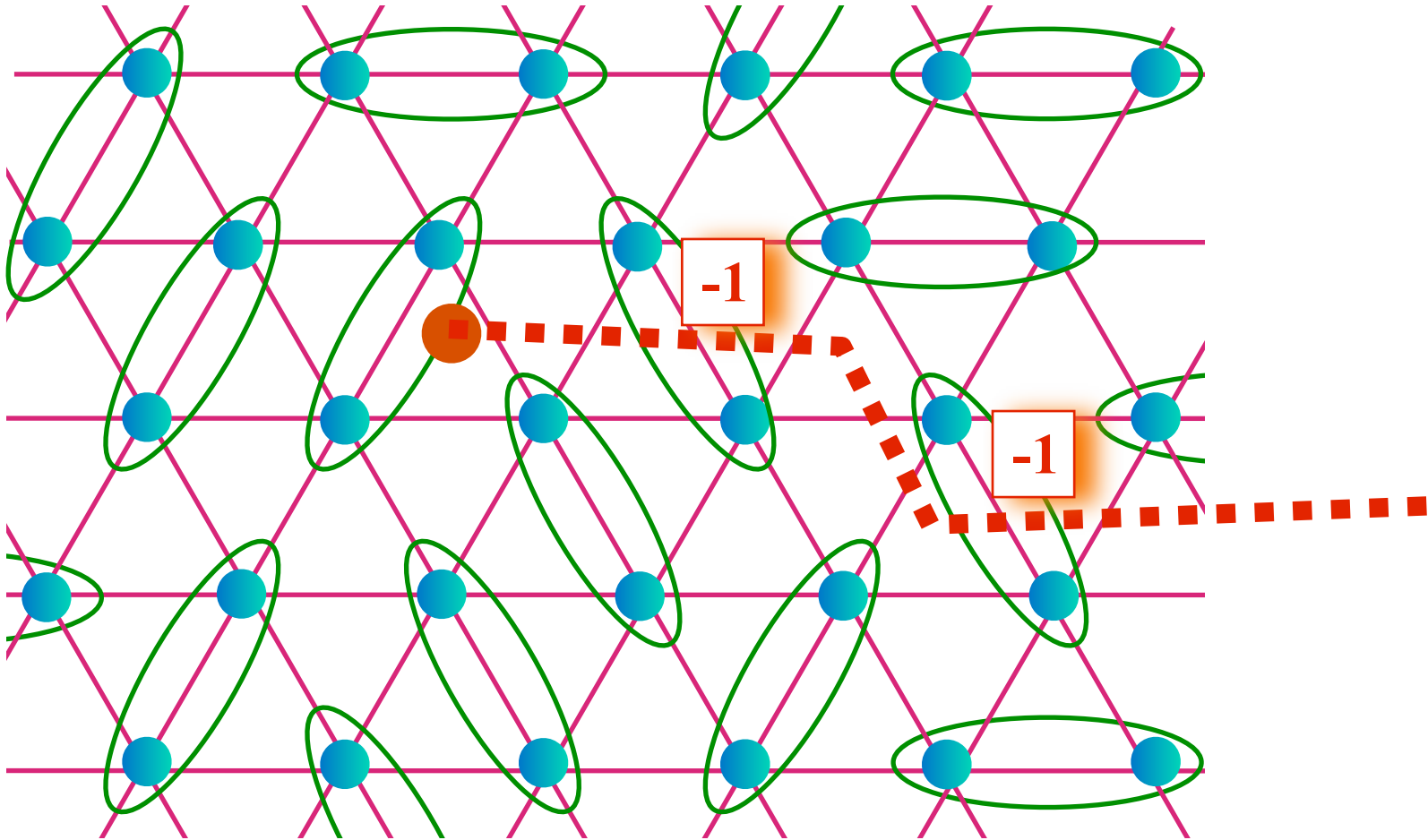


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- A characteristic property of a Z_2 spin liquid is the presence of a spinon pair condensate
- A vison is an Abrikosov vortex in the pair condensate of spinons
- Visions are the dark matter of spin liquids: they likely carry most of the energy, but are very hard to detect because they do not carry charge or spin.

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Effective description of Z_2 spin liquids, their visons and valence bond solids

Quantum dimer model:

Hilbert space - set of dimer coverings of triangular/square lattice

$$H = V \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right| + V \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right| \\ - J \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right| - J \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right|$$

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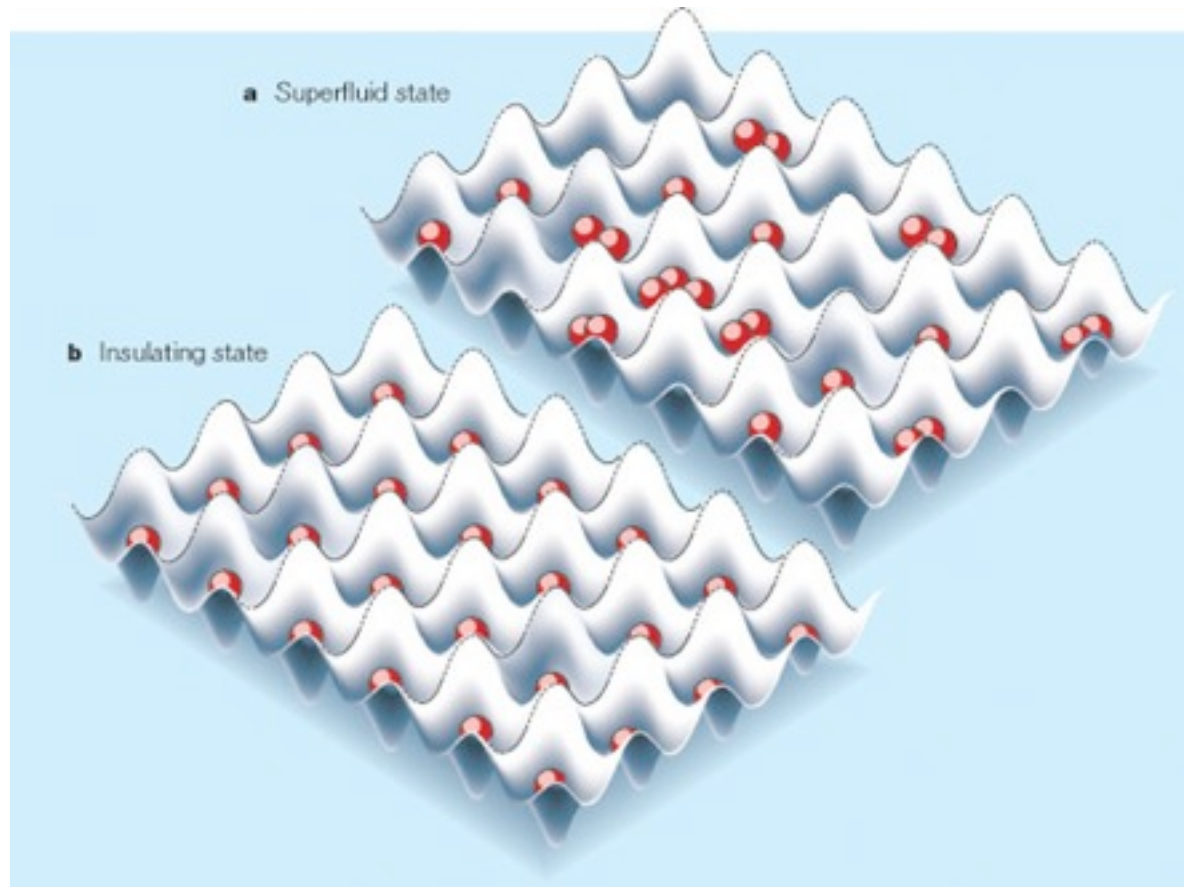
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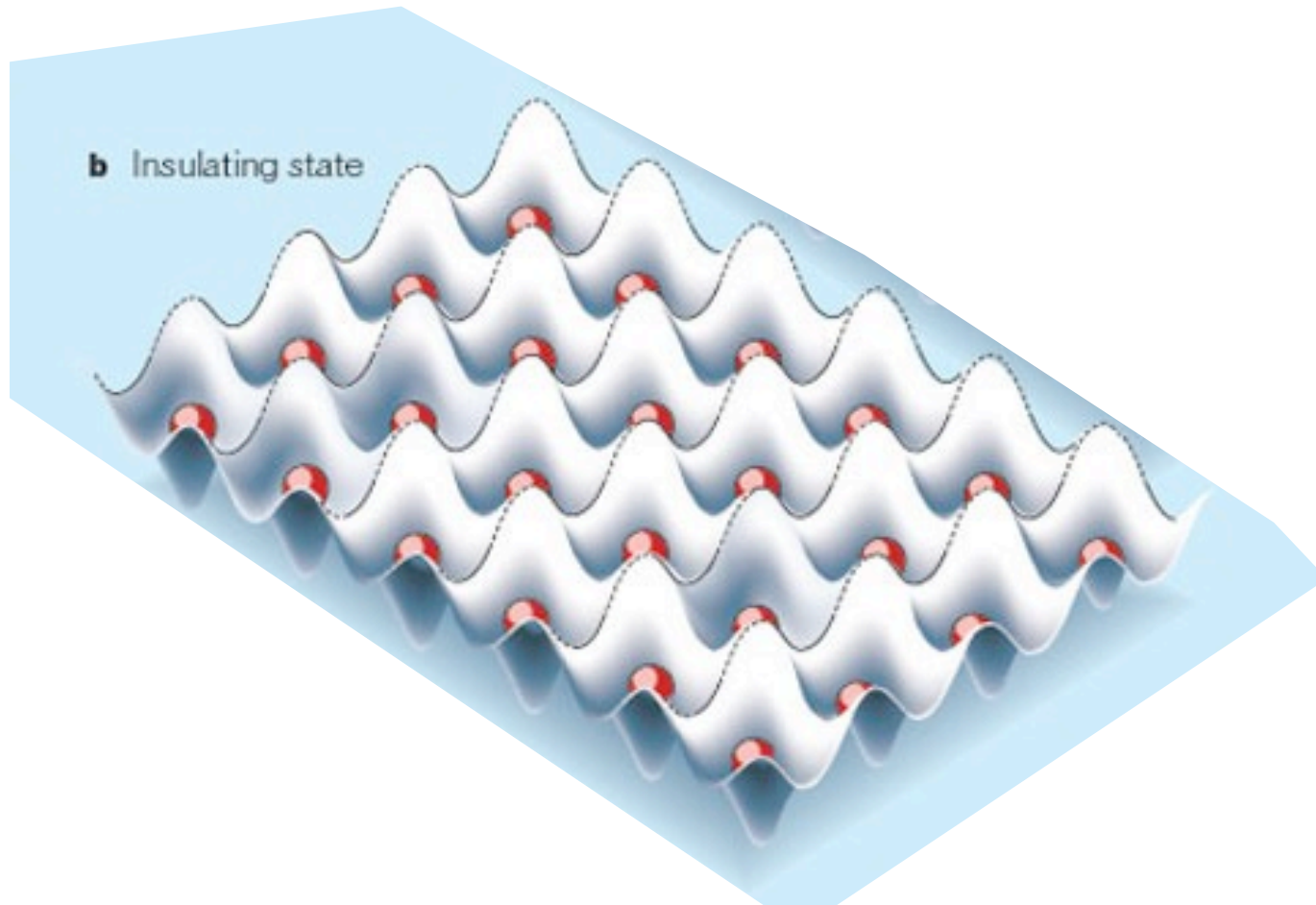
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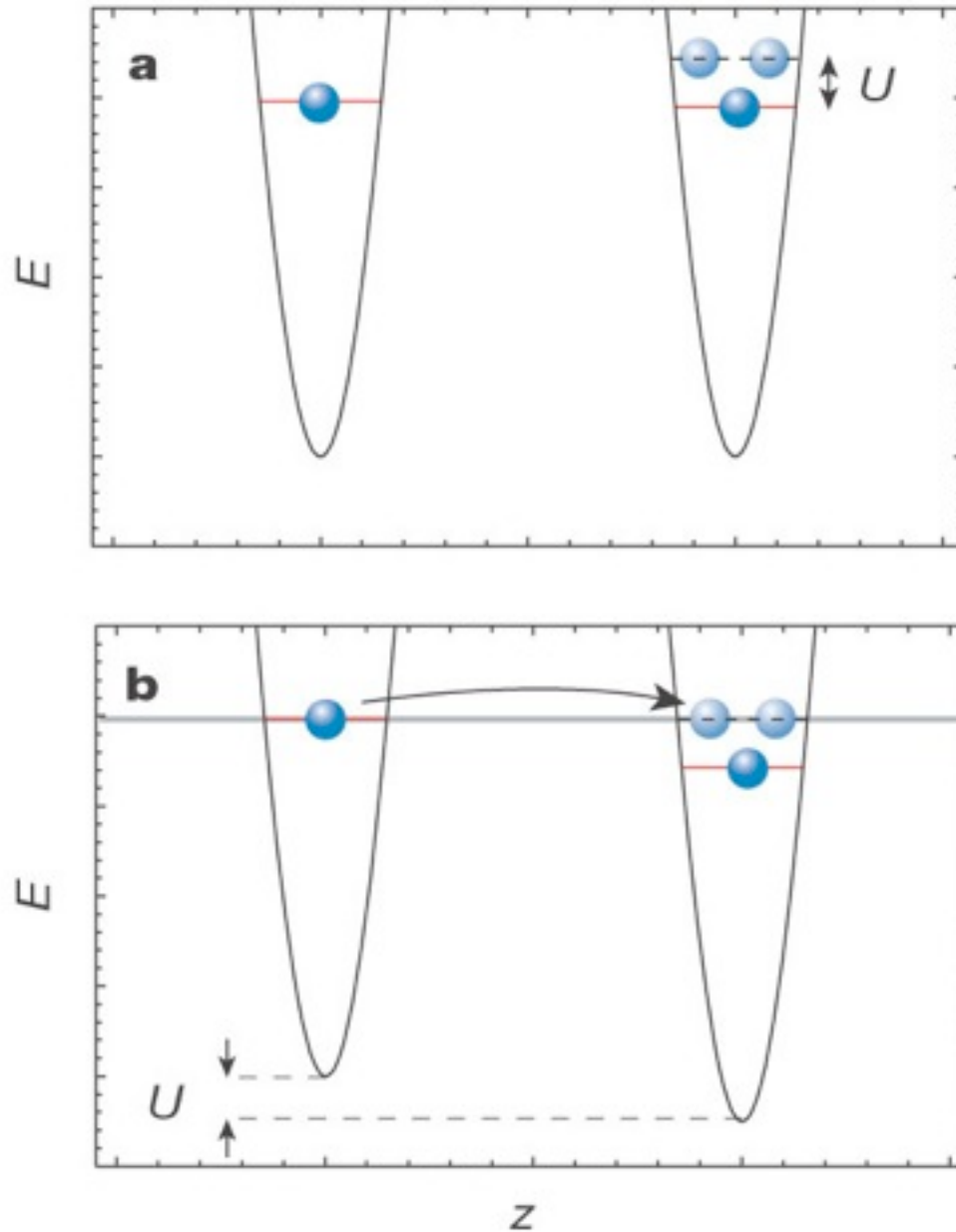
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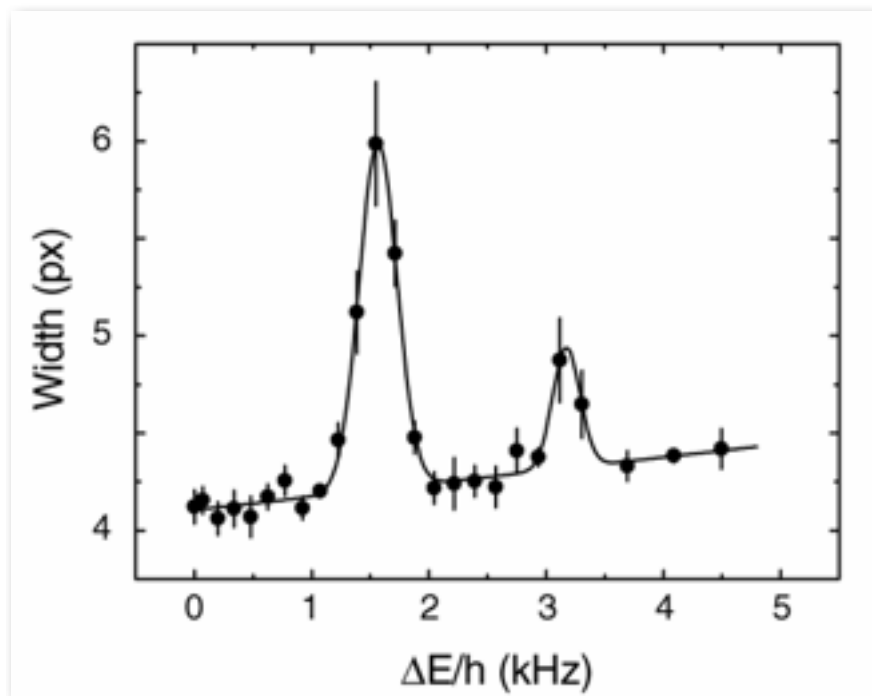
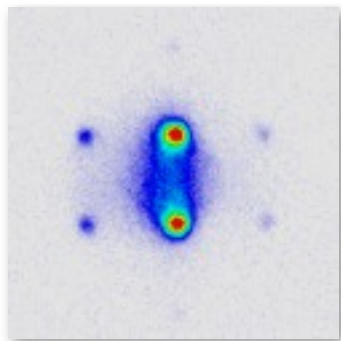
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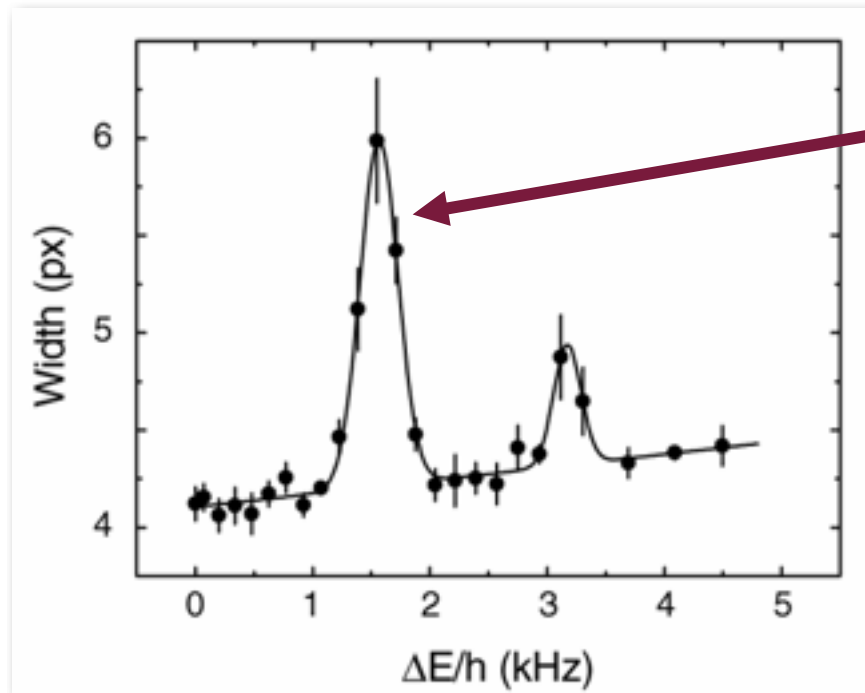
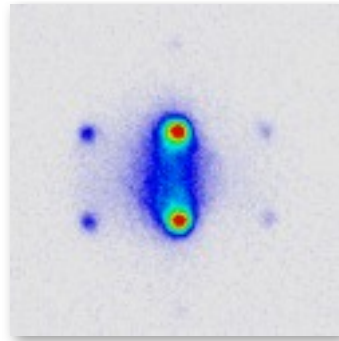


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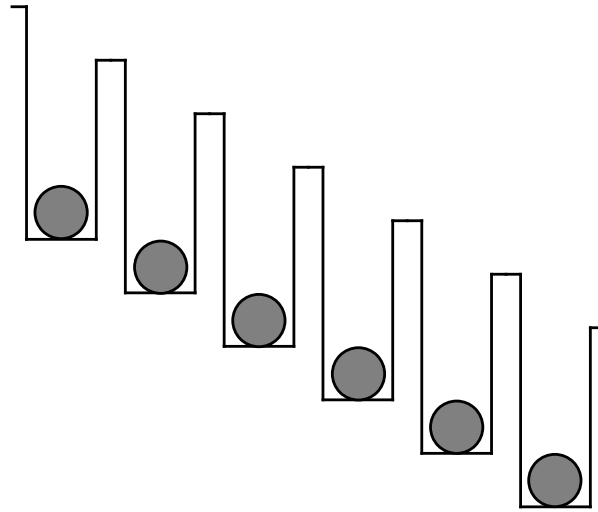
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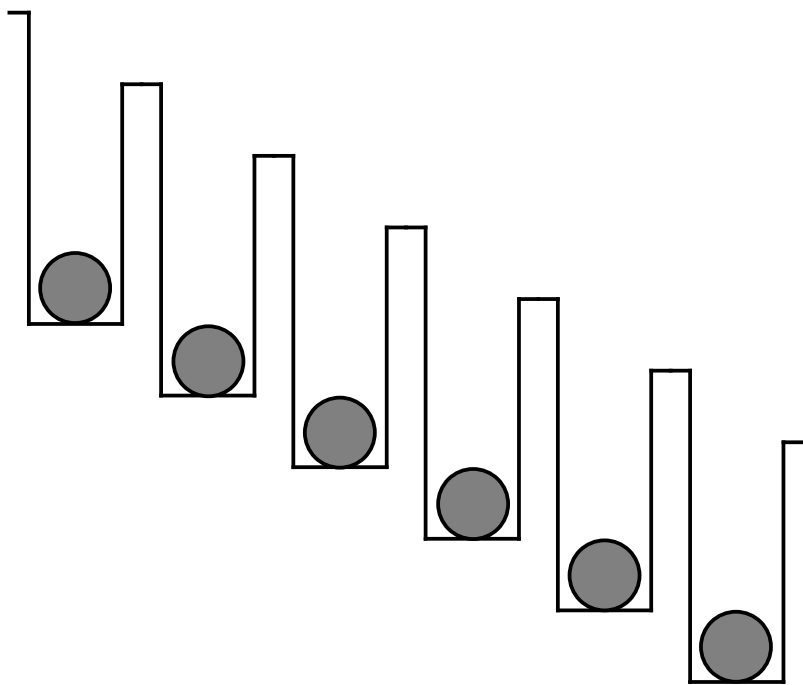
Why is there a peak (and not a threshold) when $E = U$?

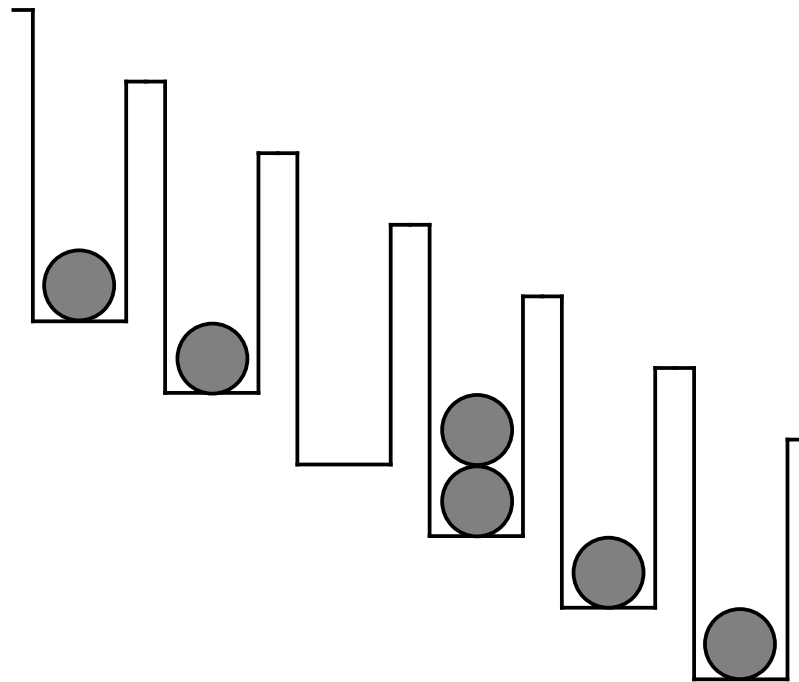


$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (b_i^\dagger b_j + b_j^\dagger b_i) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i (n_i - 1) - \sum_i E \cdot r_i n_i$$

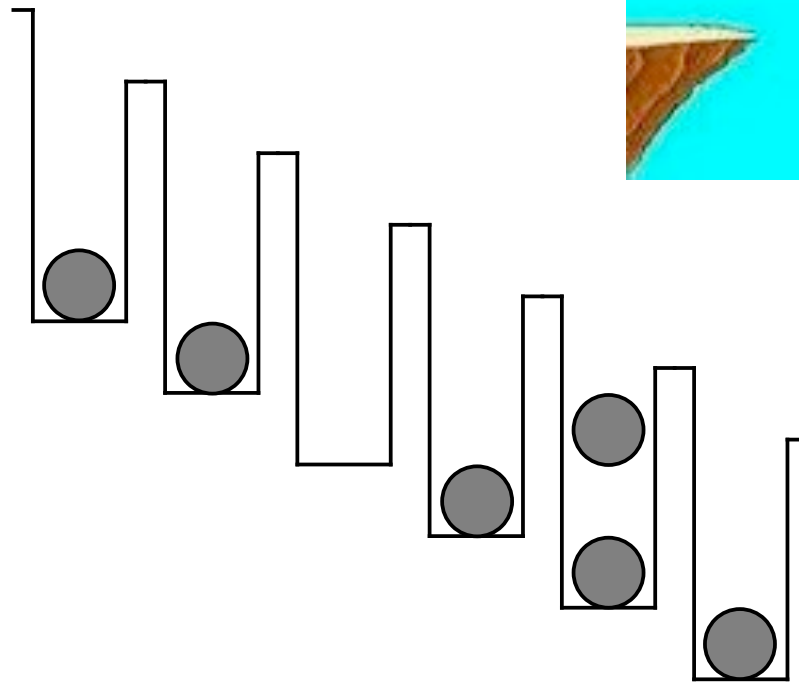
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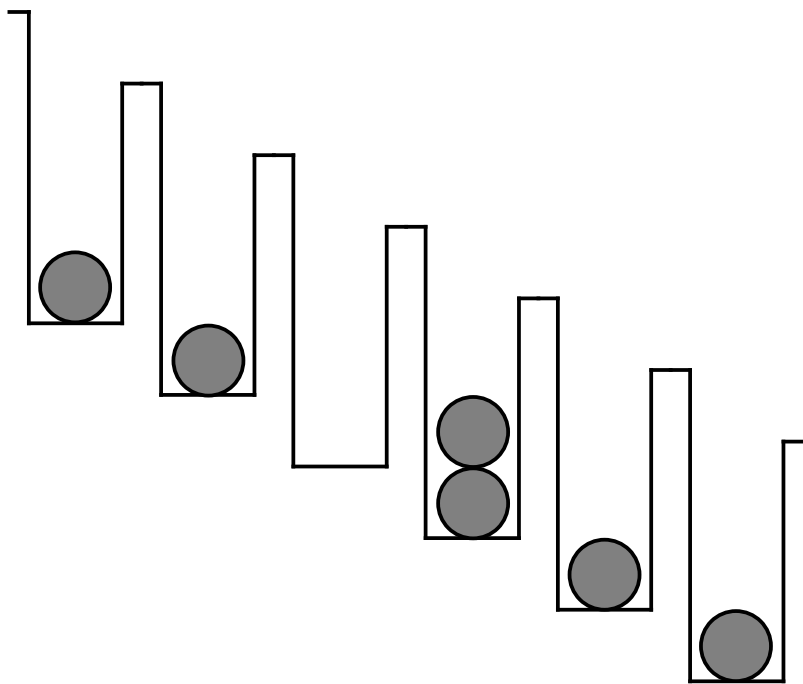


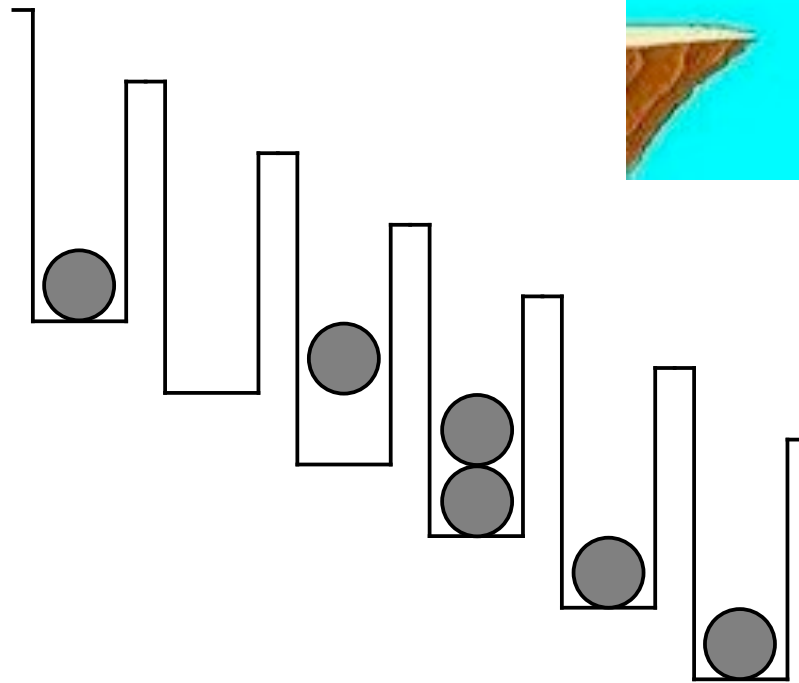


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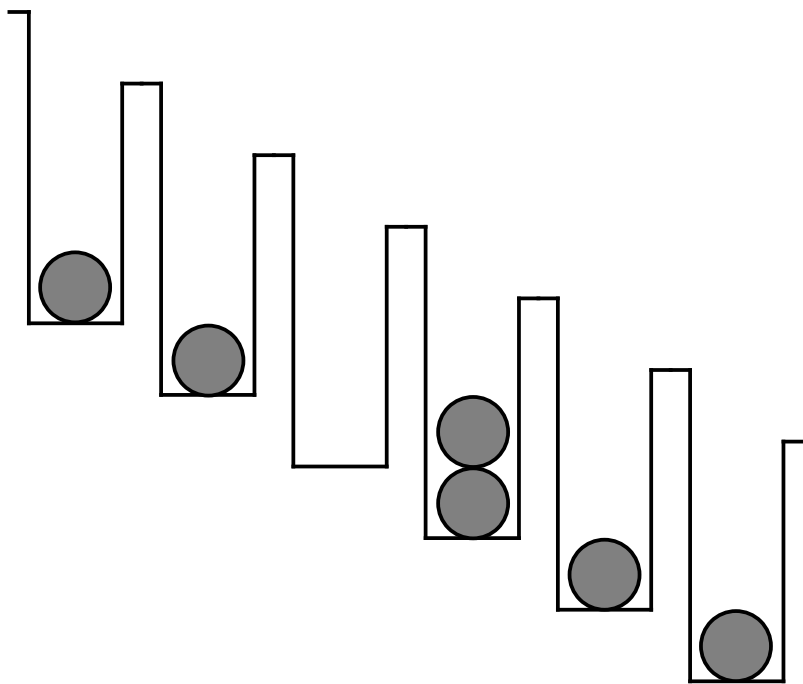


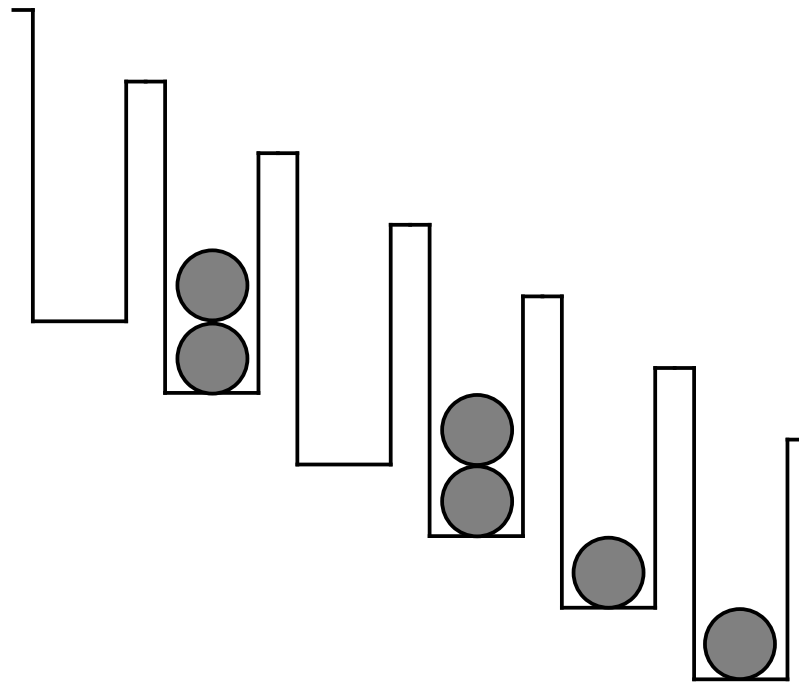
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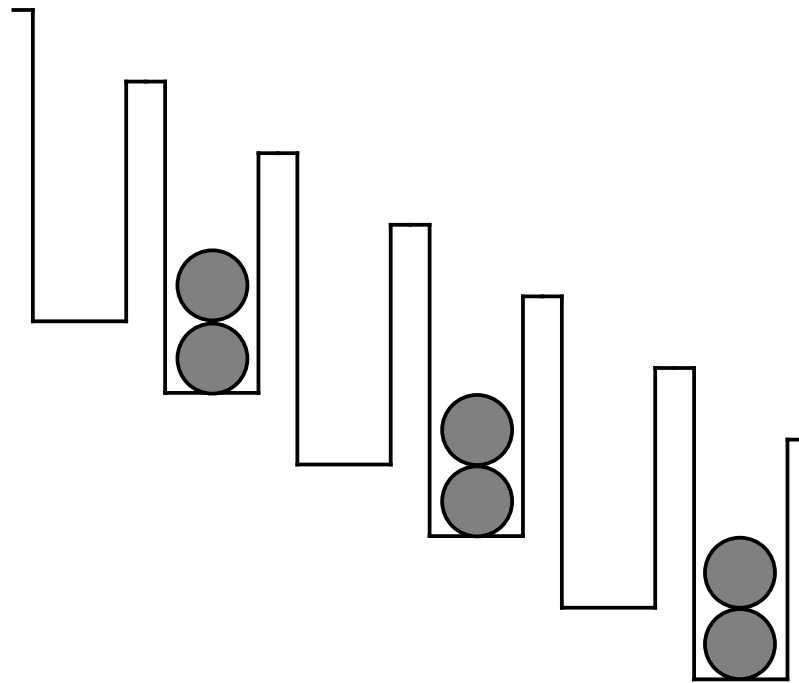


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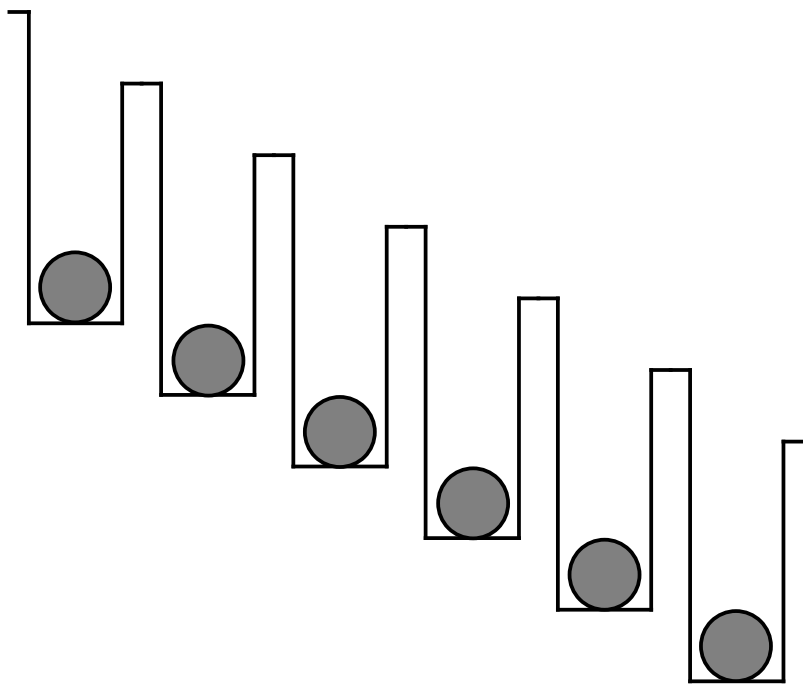


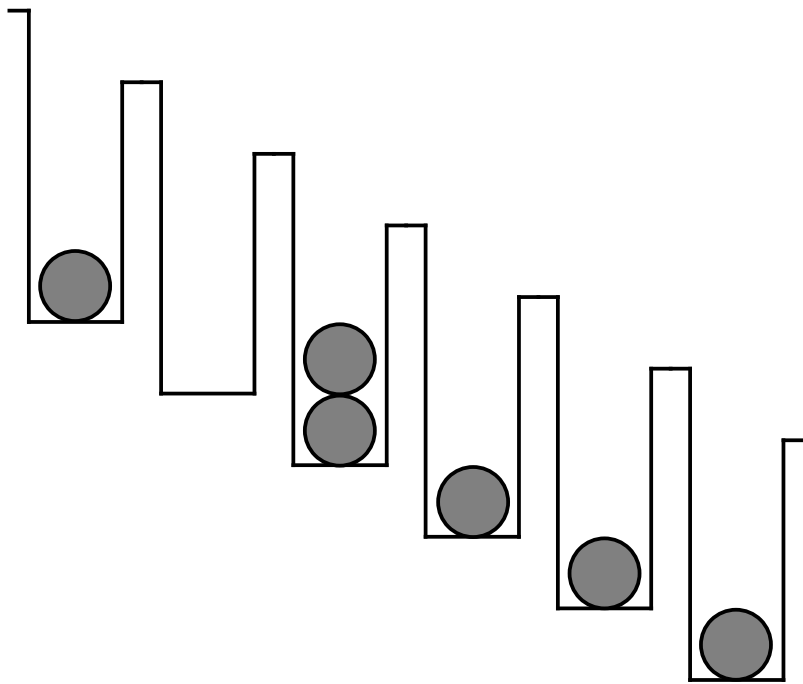


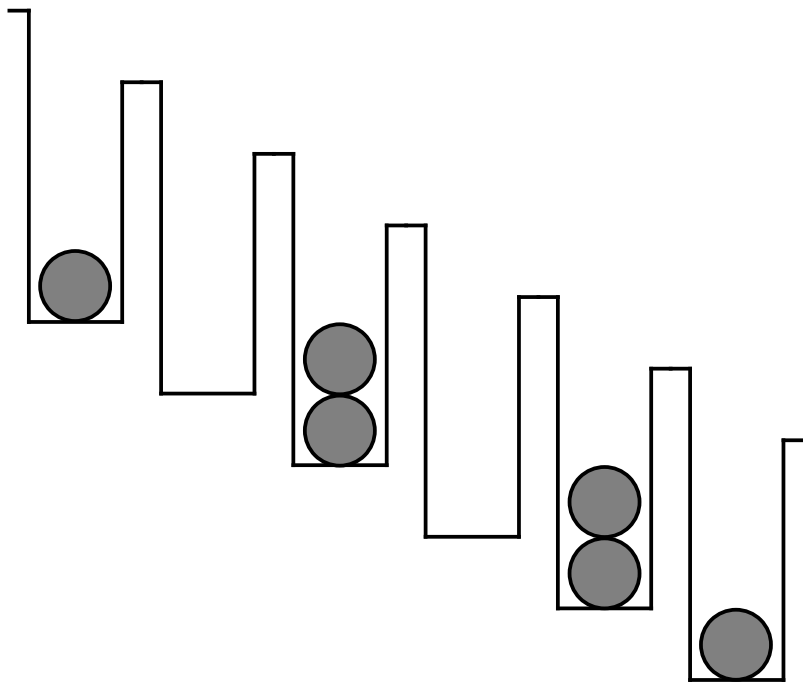
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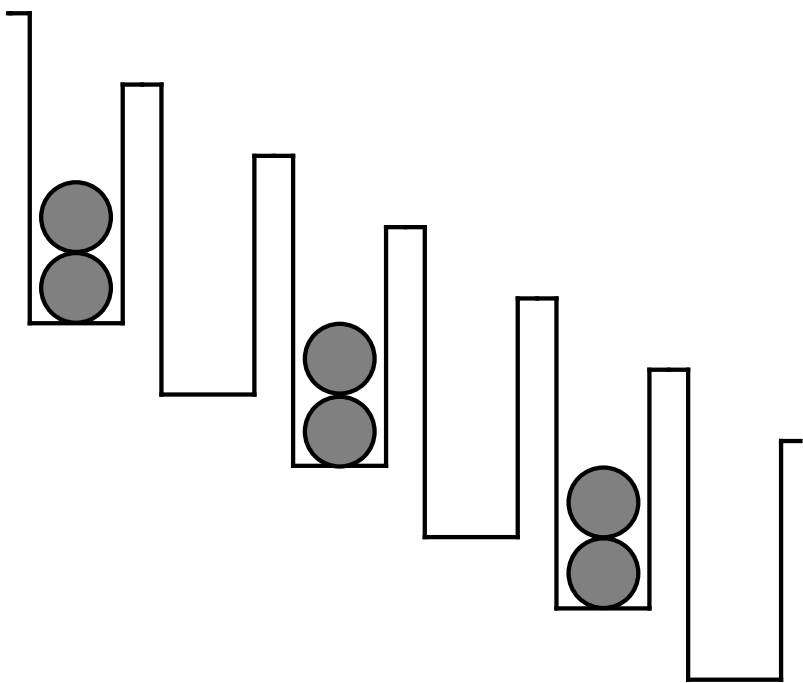


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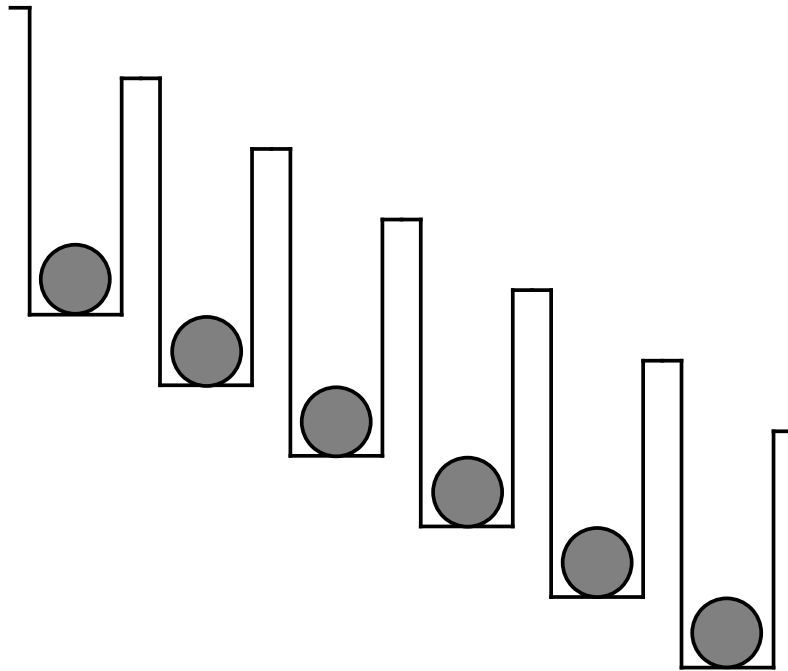








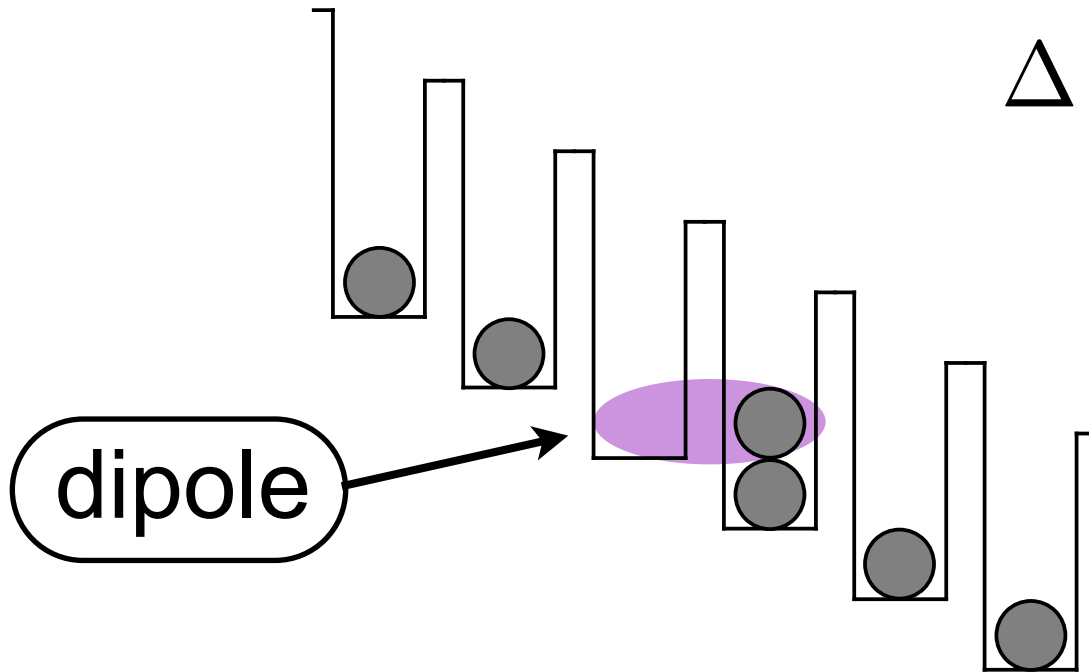
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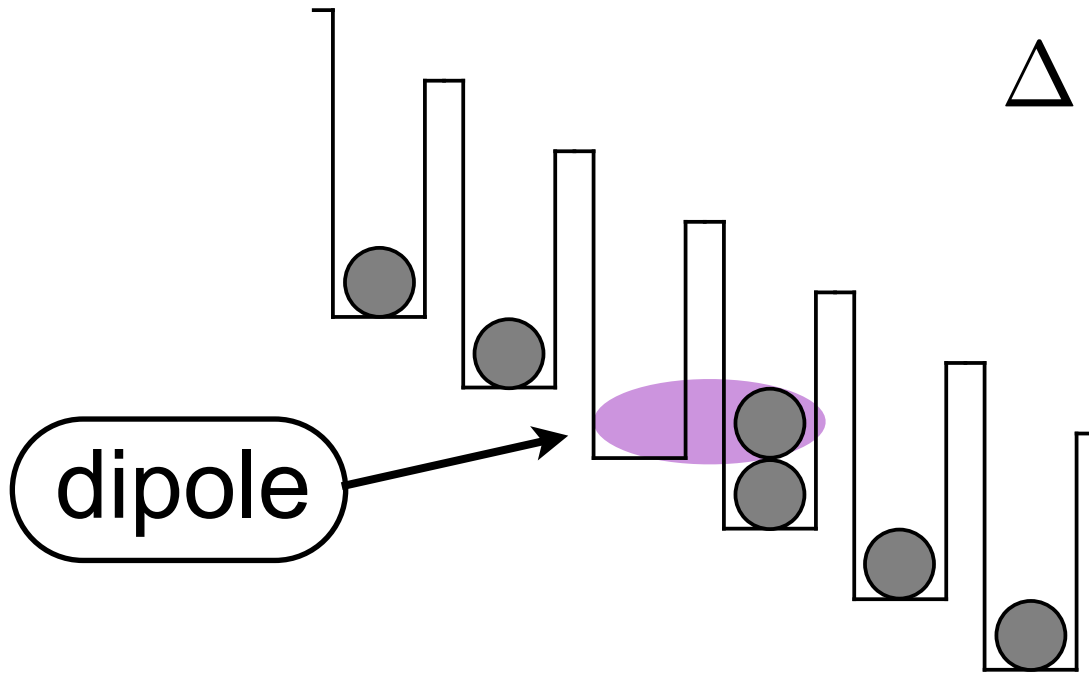
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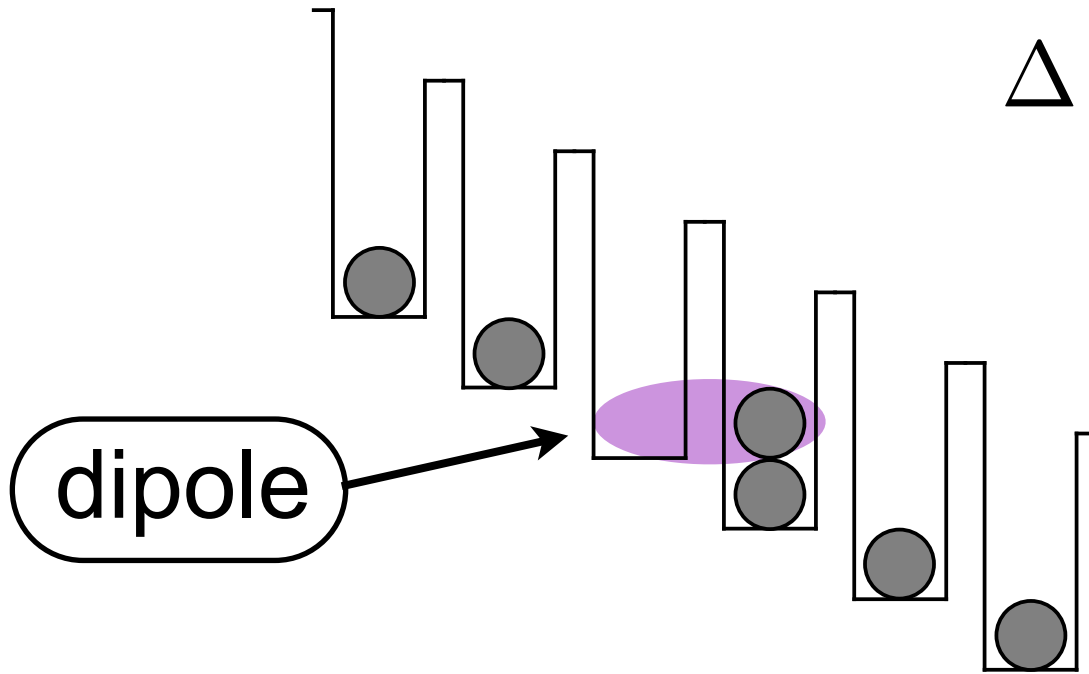
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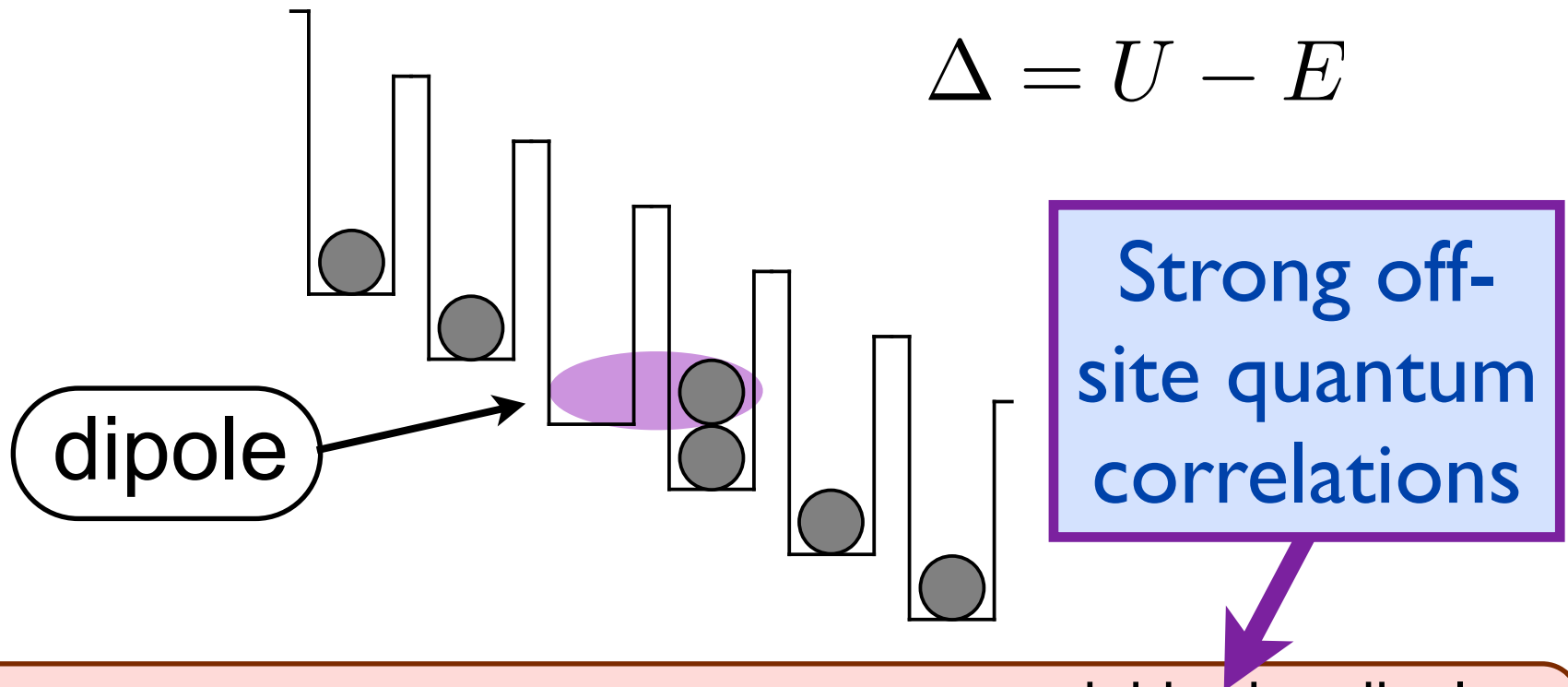
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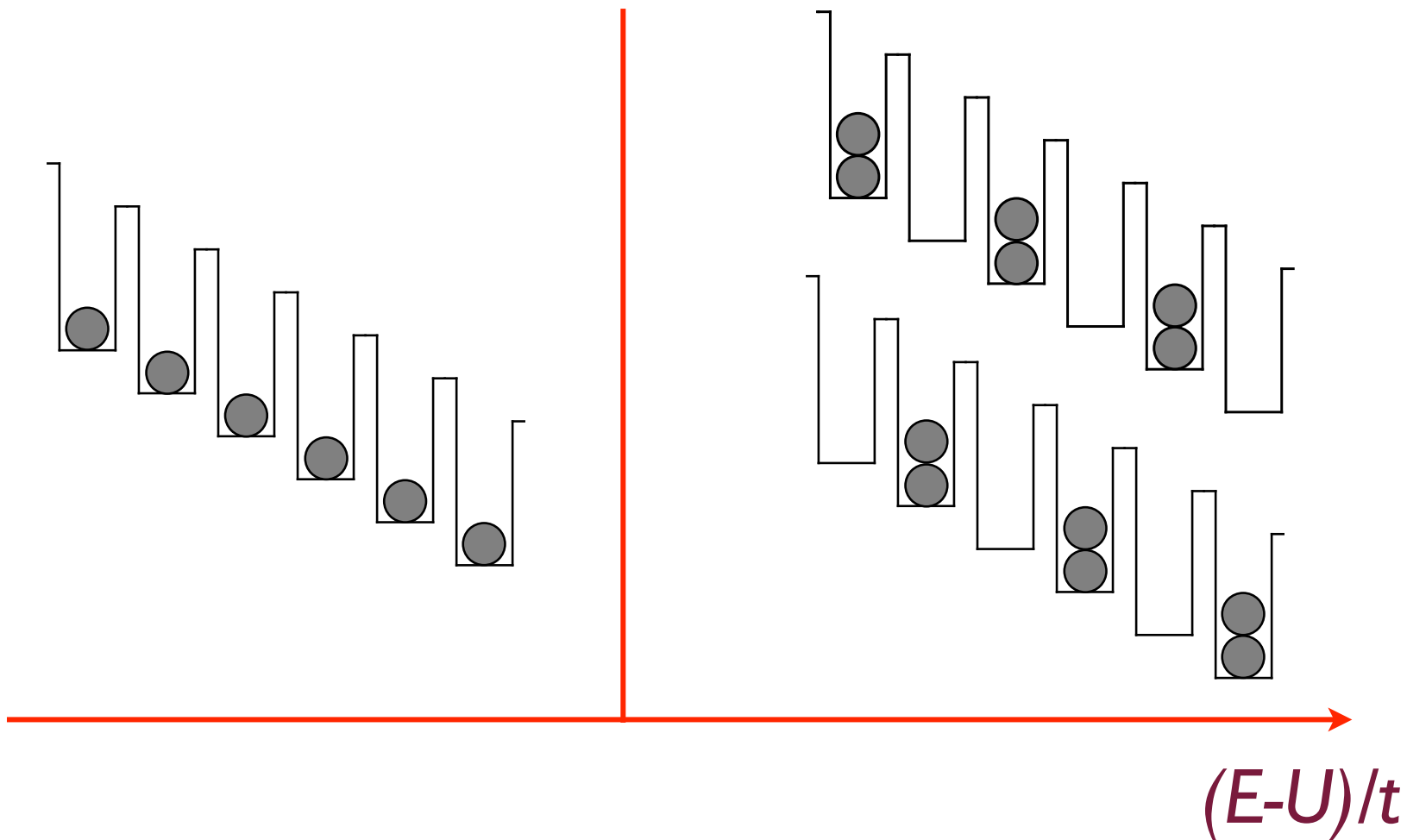
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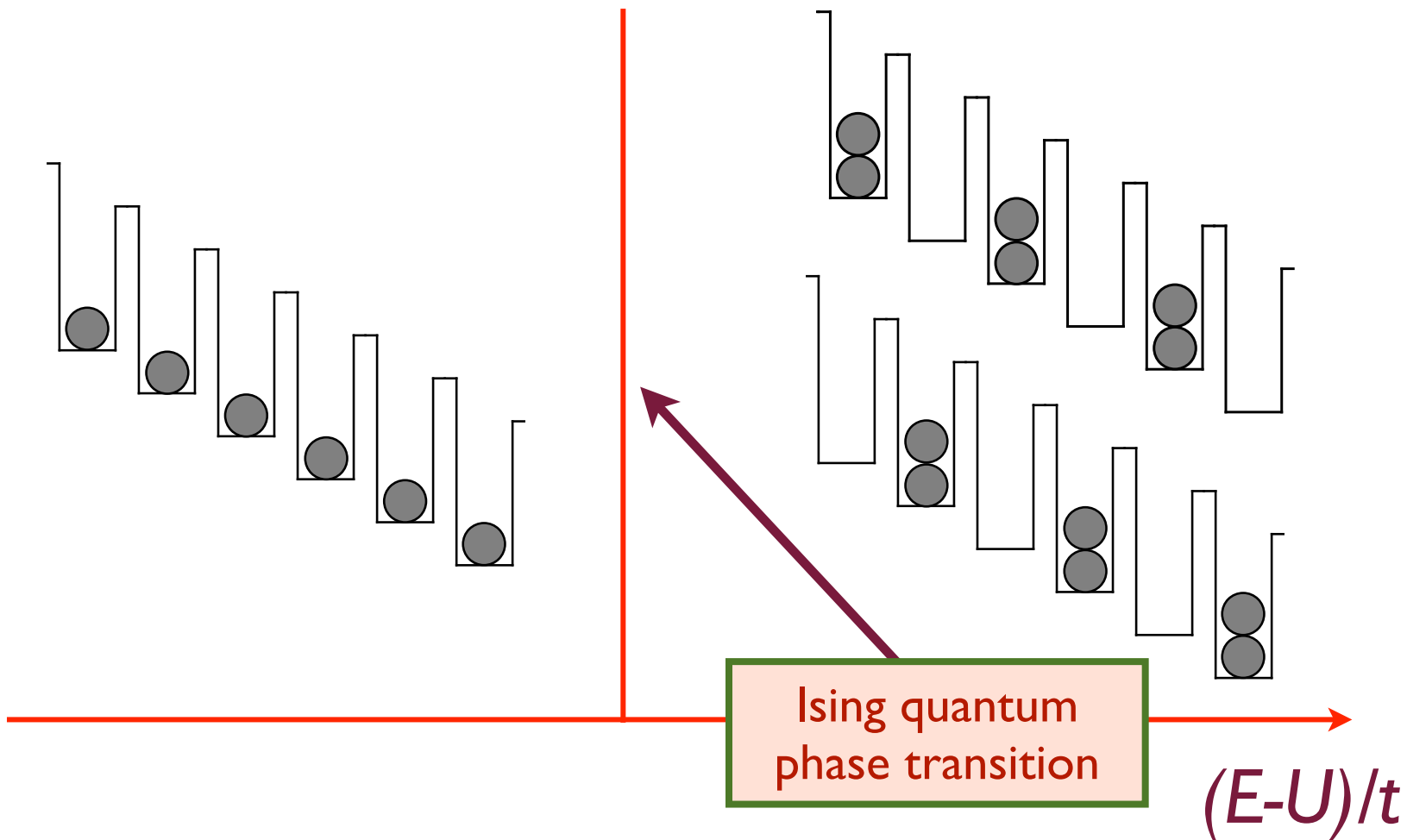
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Phase diagram of dipole model



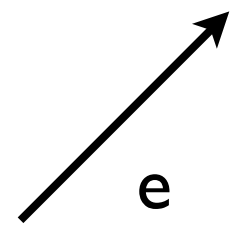
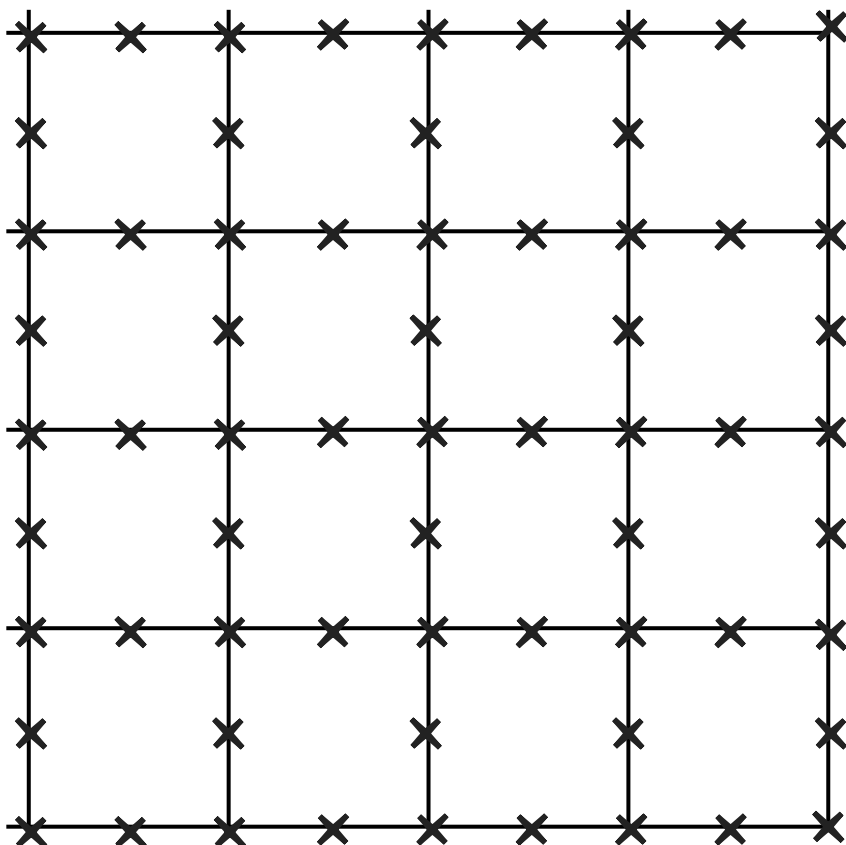
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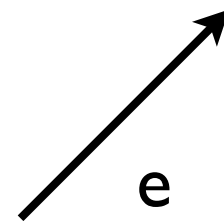
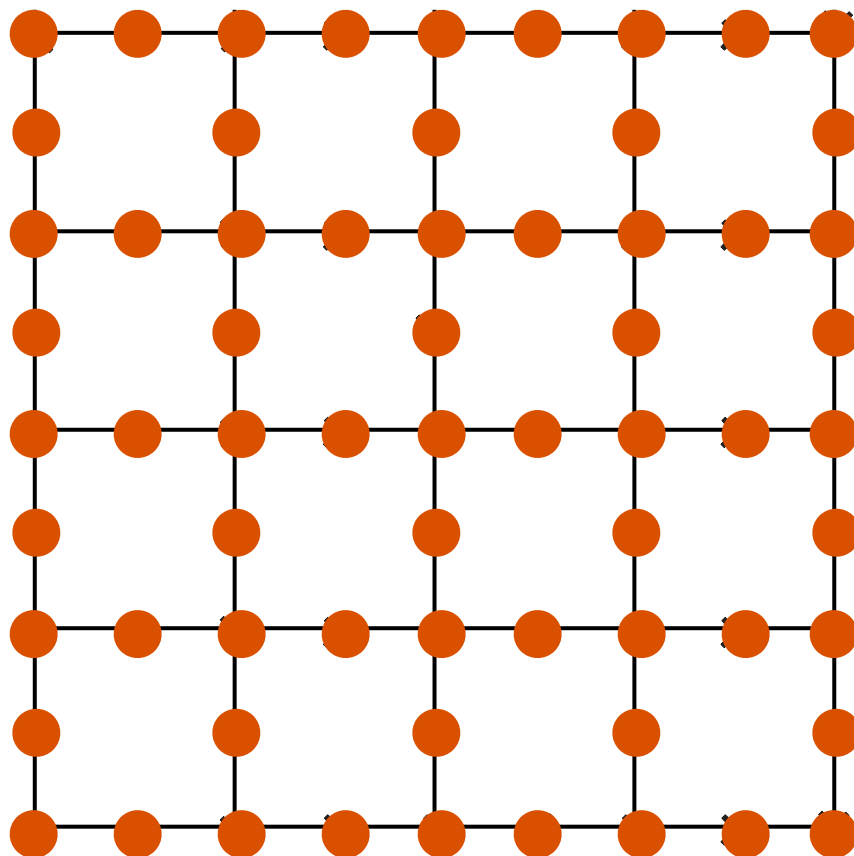
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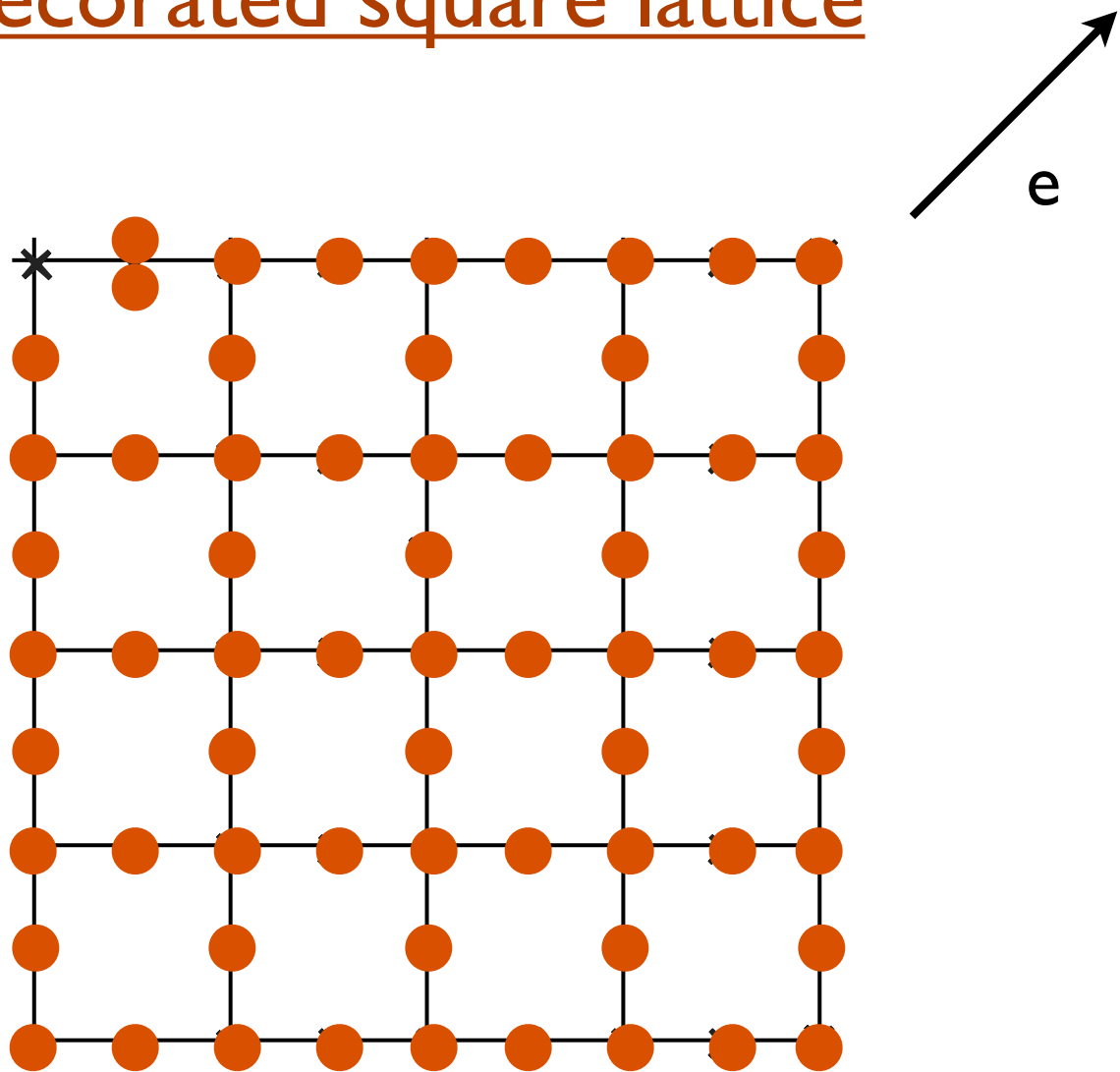
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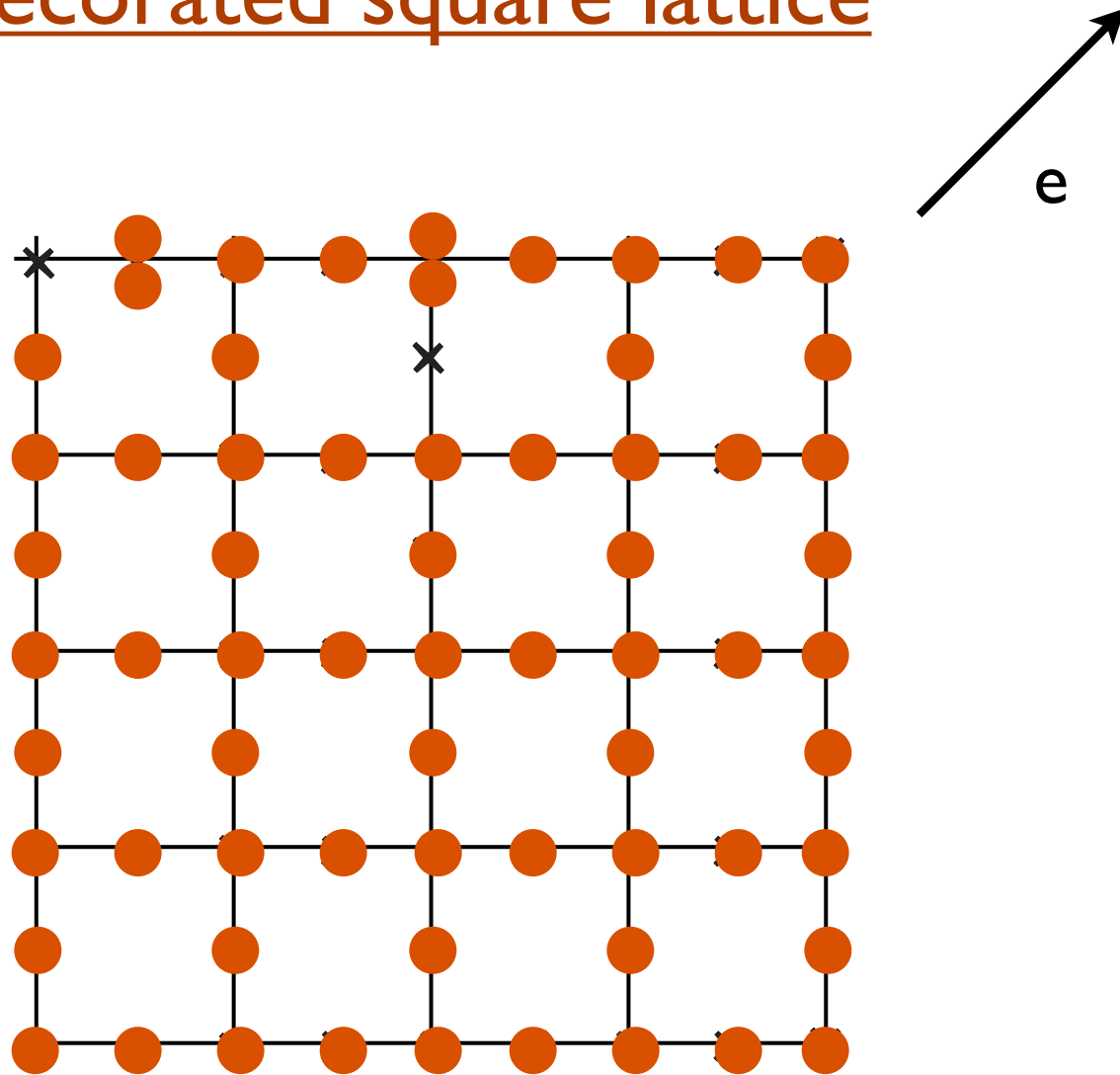


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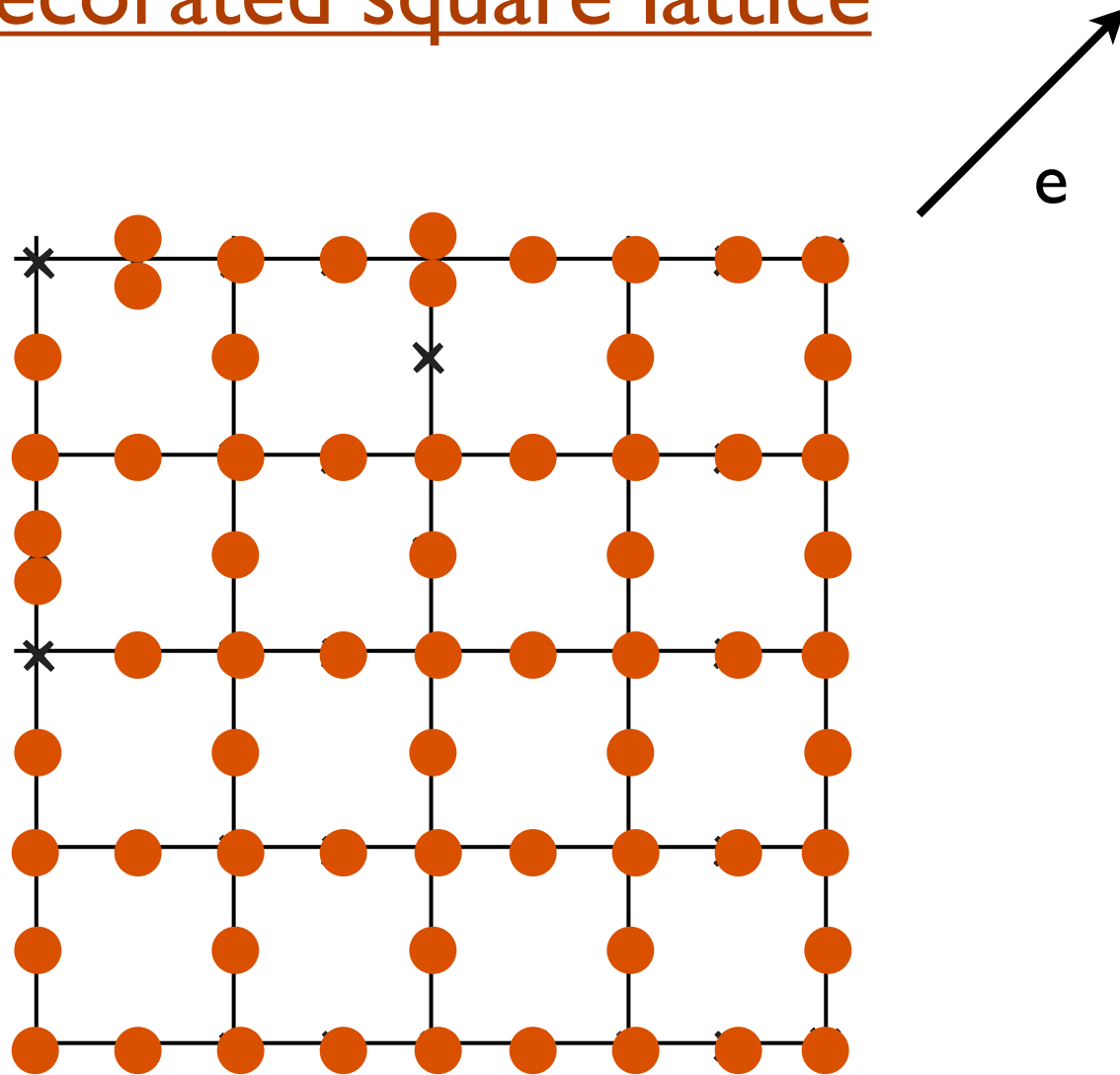


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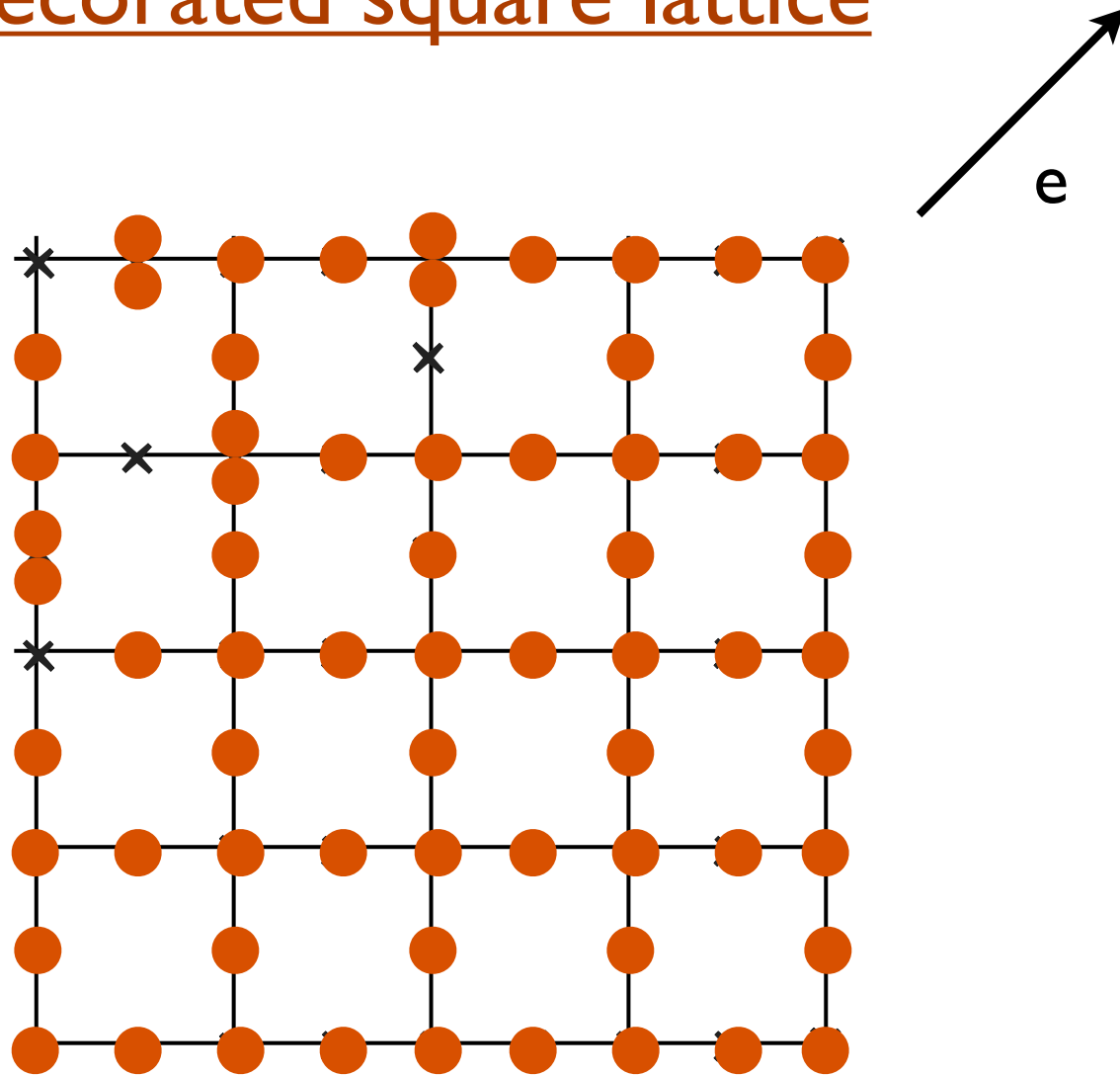
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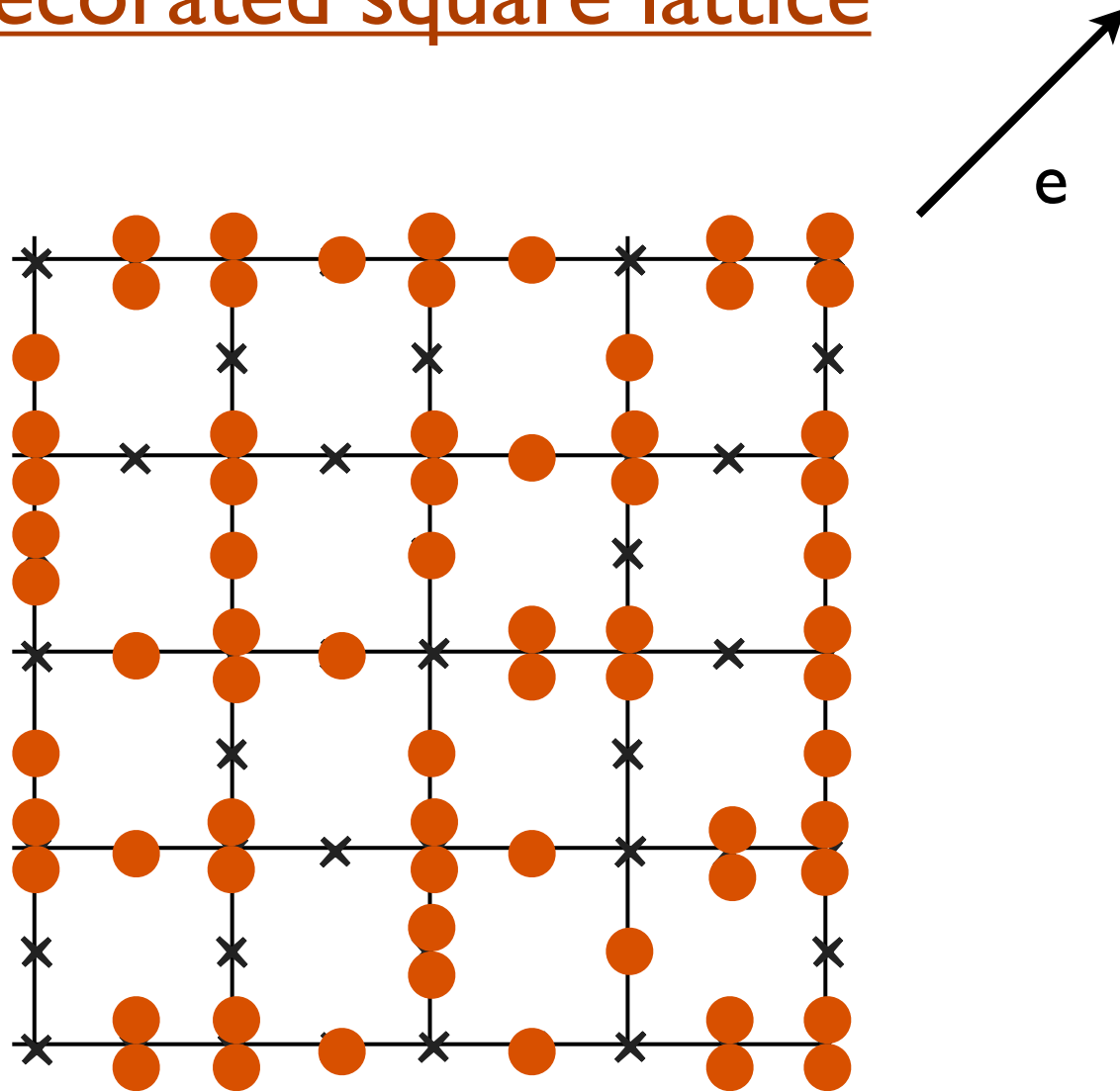
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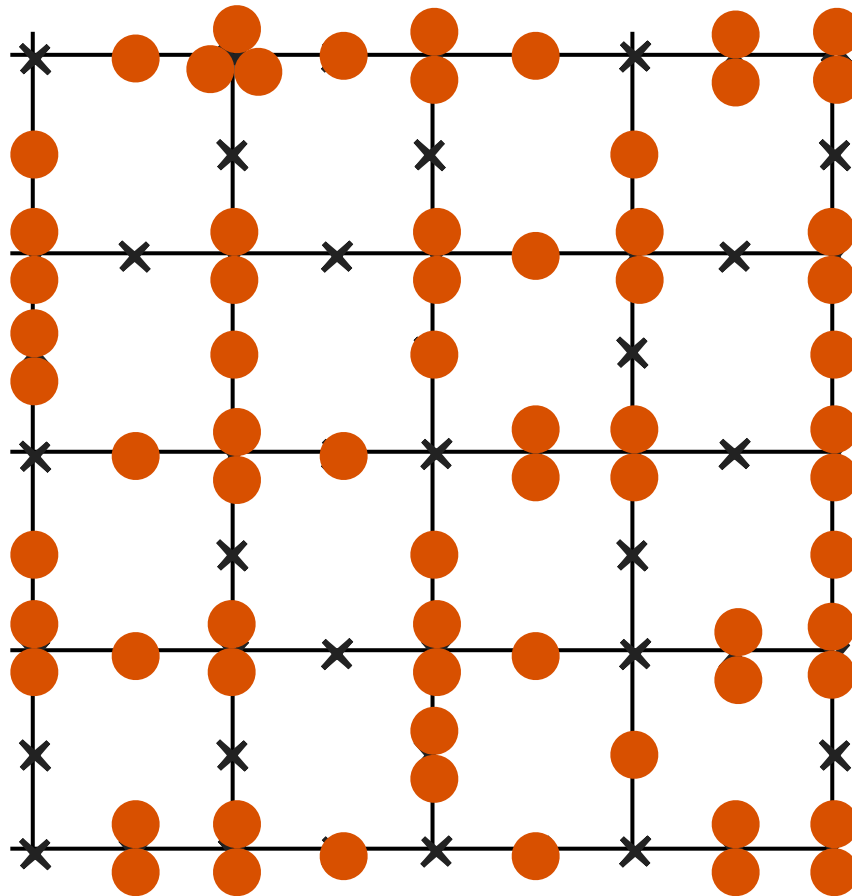
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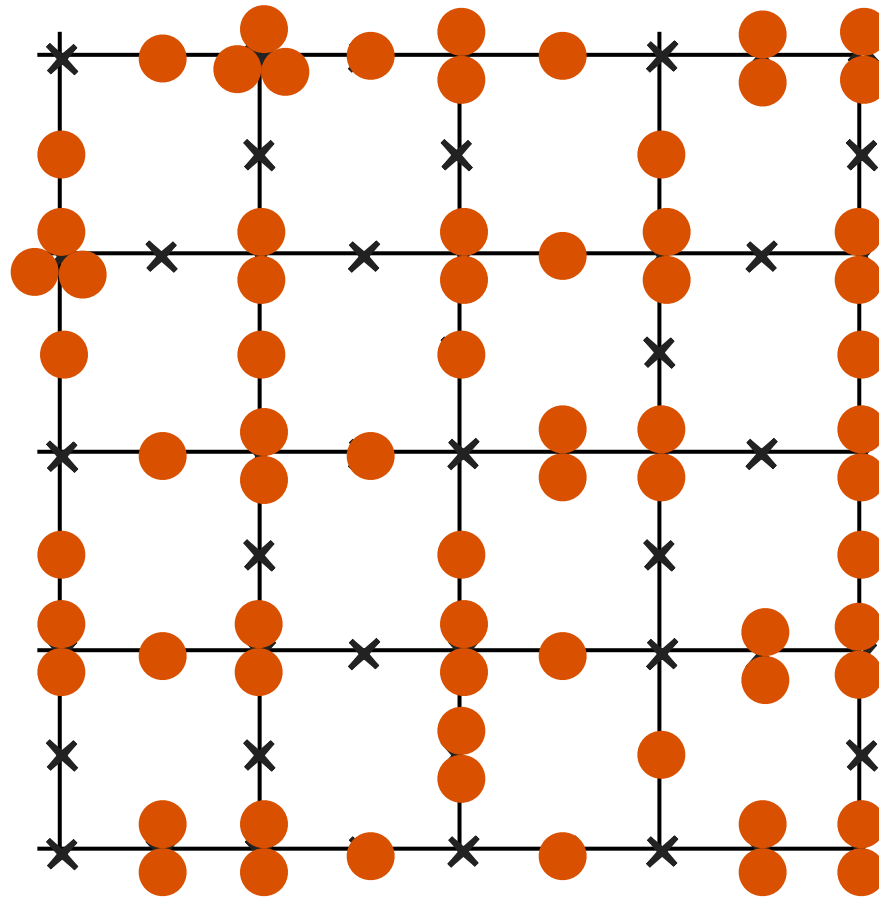
Maximum number of 2's

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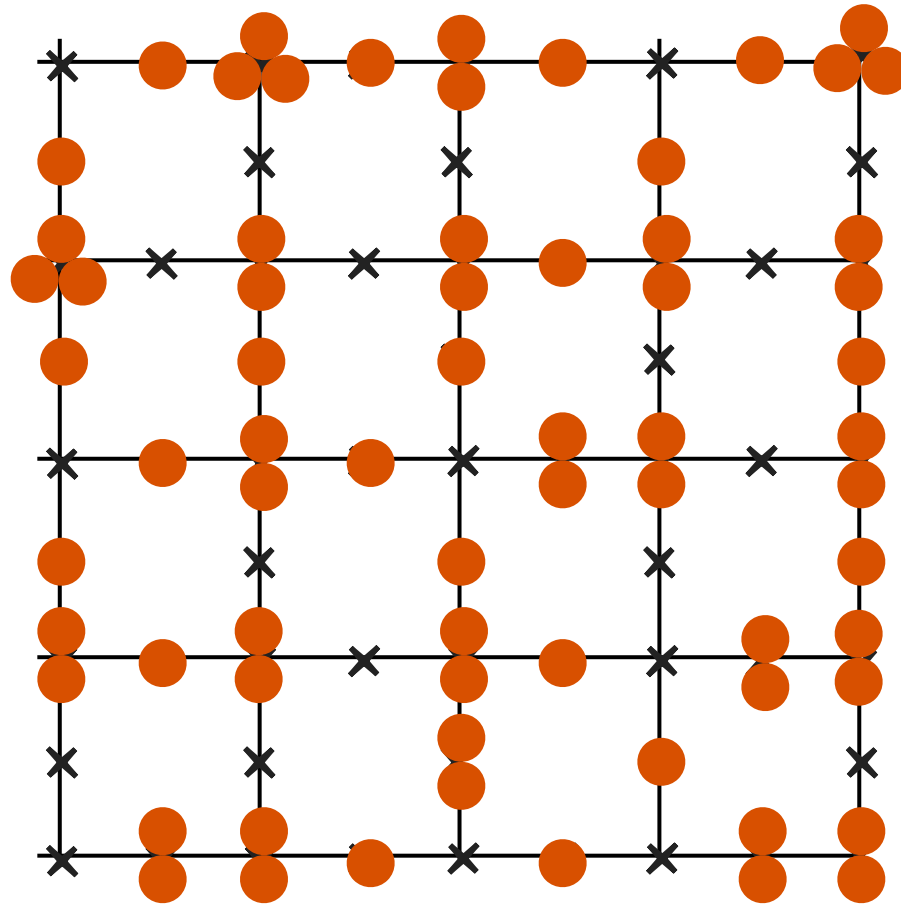
Can also get some 3's from neighboring 2's.

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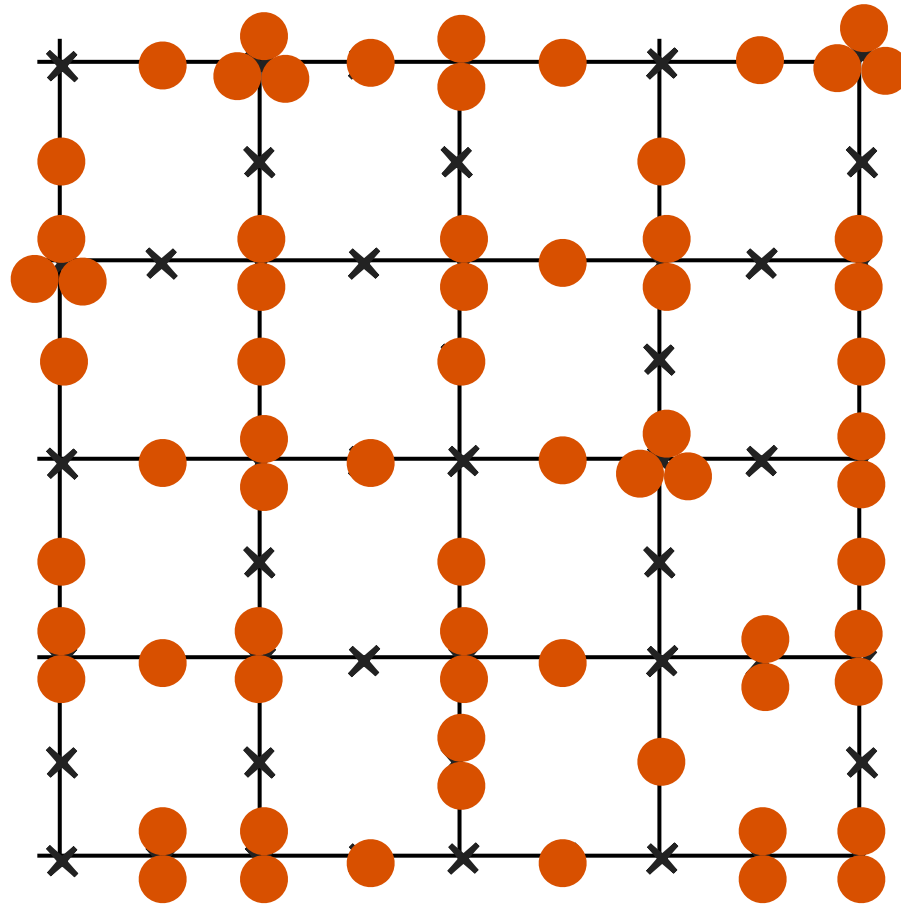
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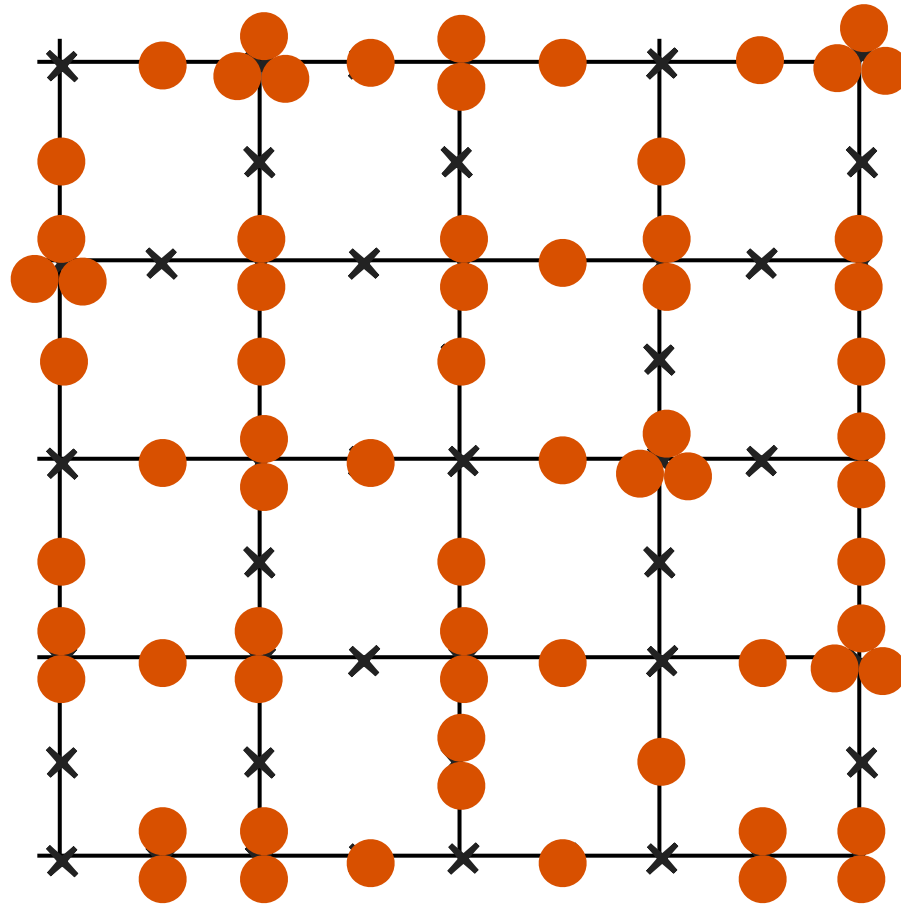
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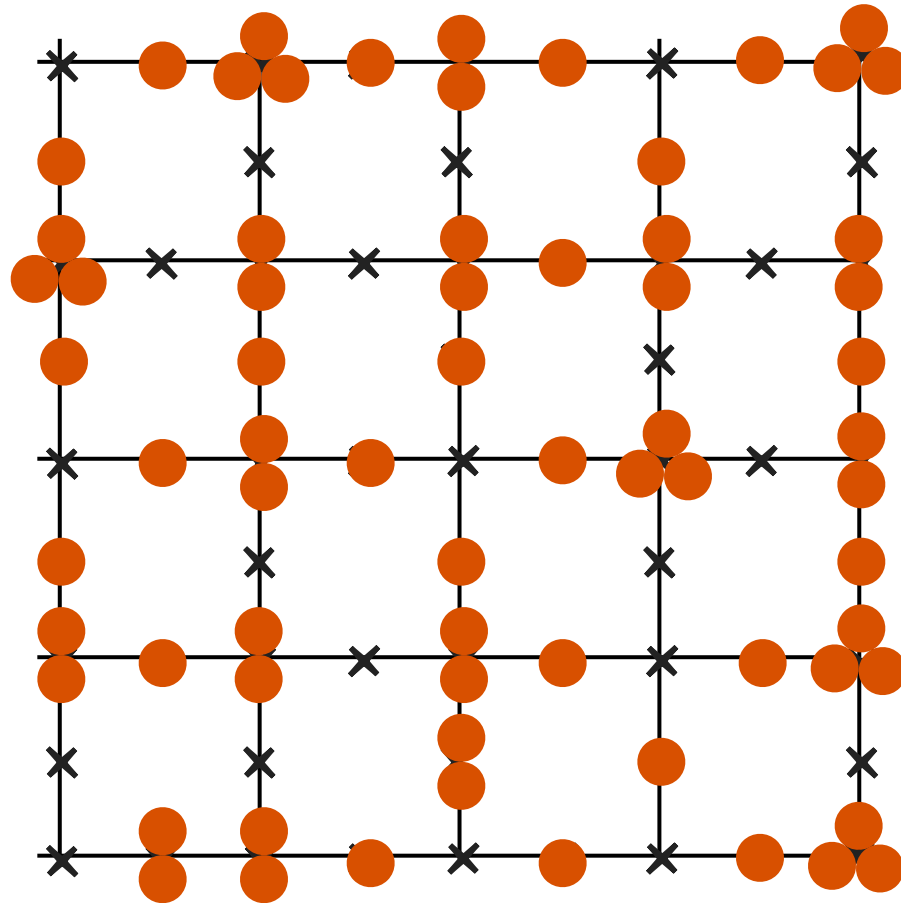
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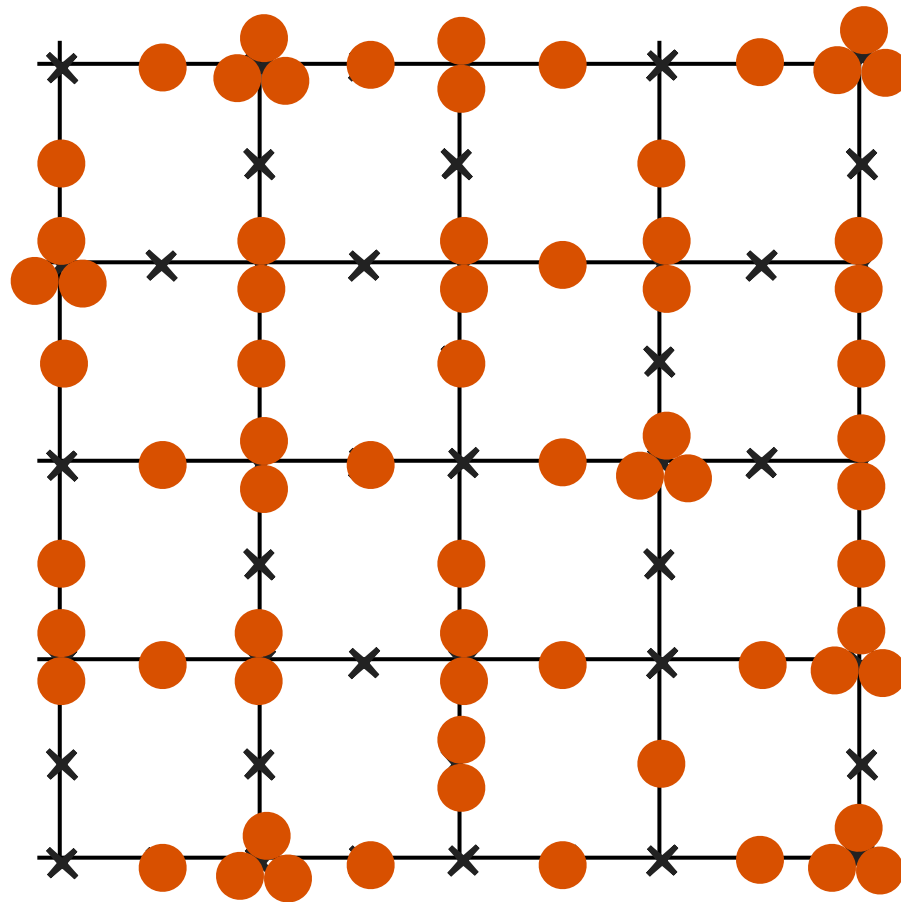
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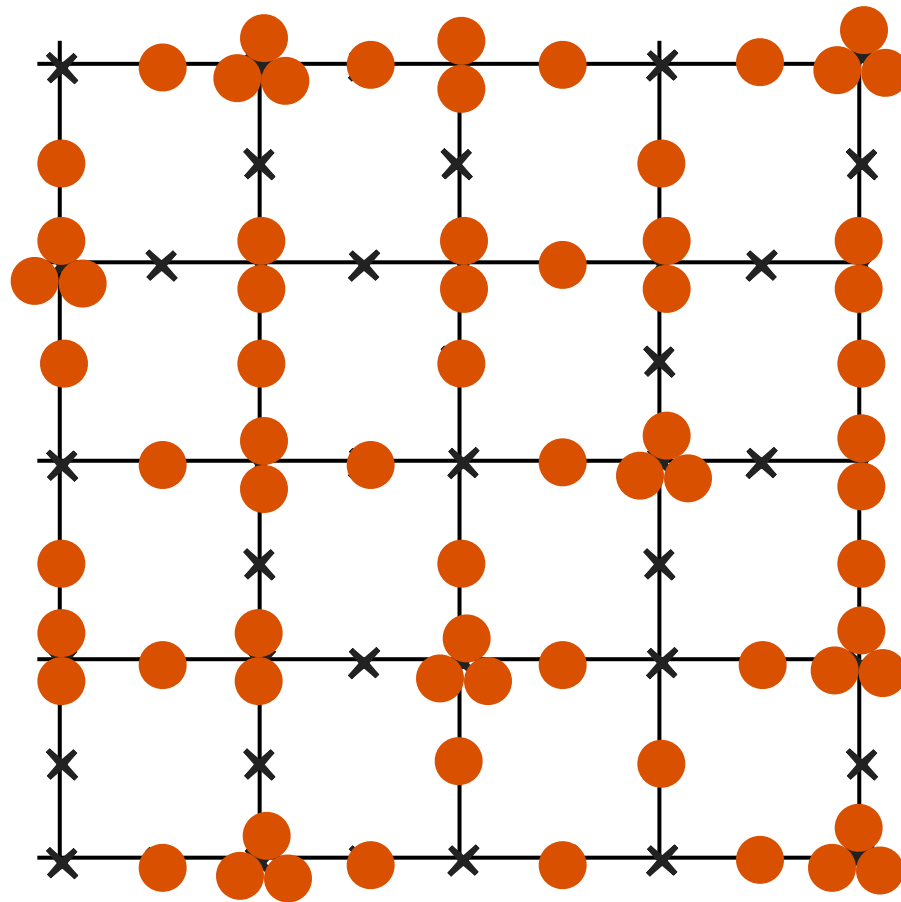
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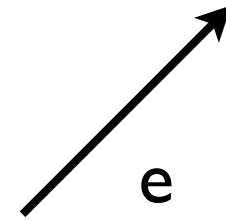
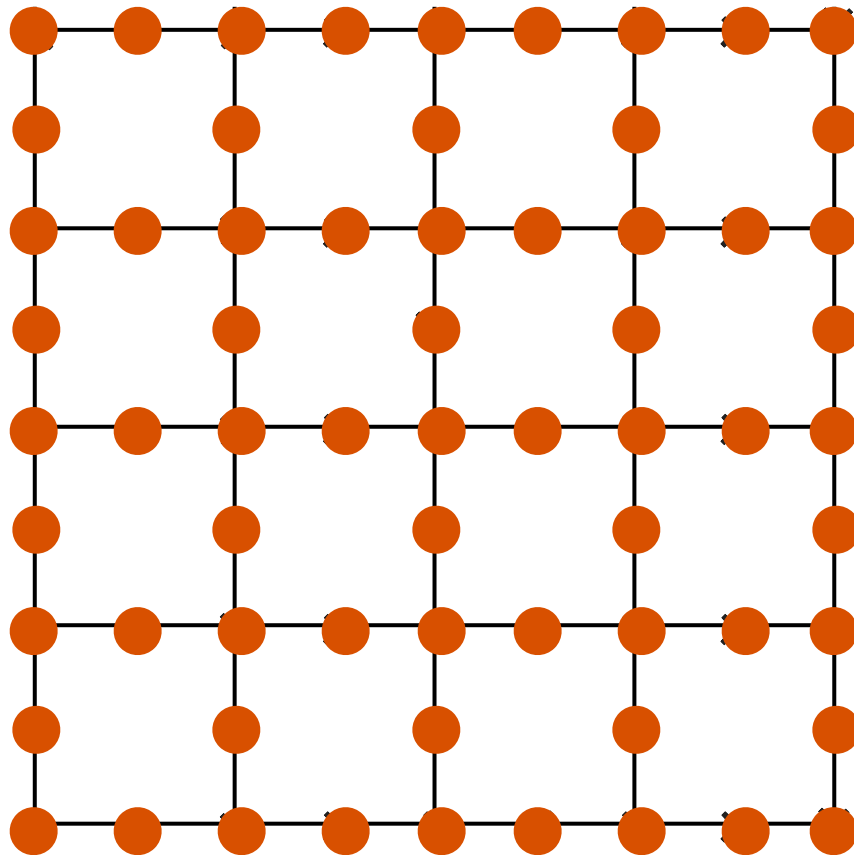
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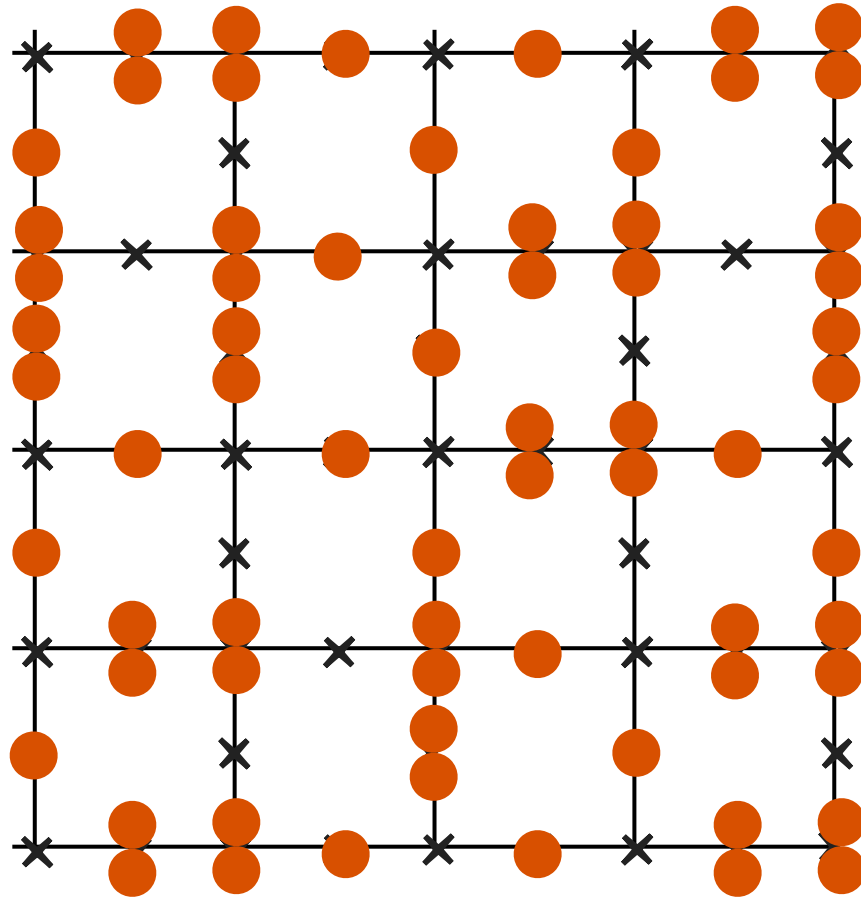
No more 3's are possible, but
some 2's are left over

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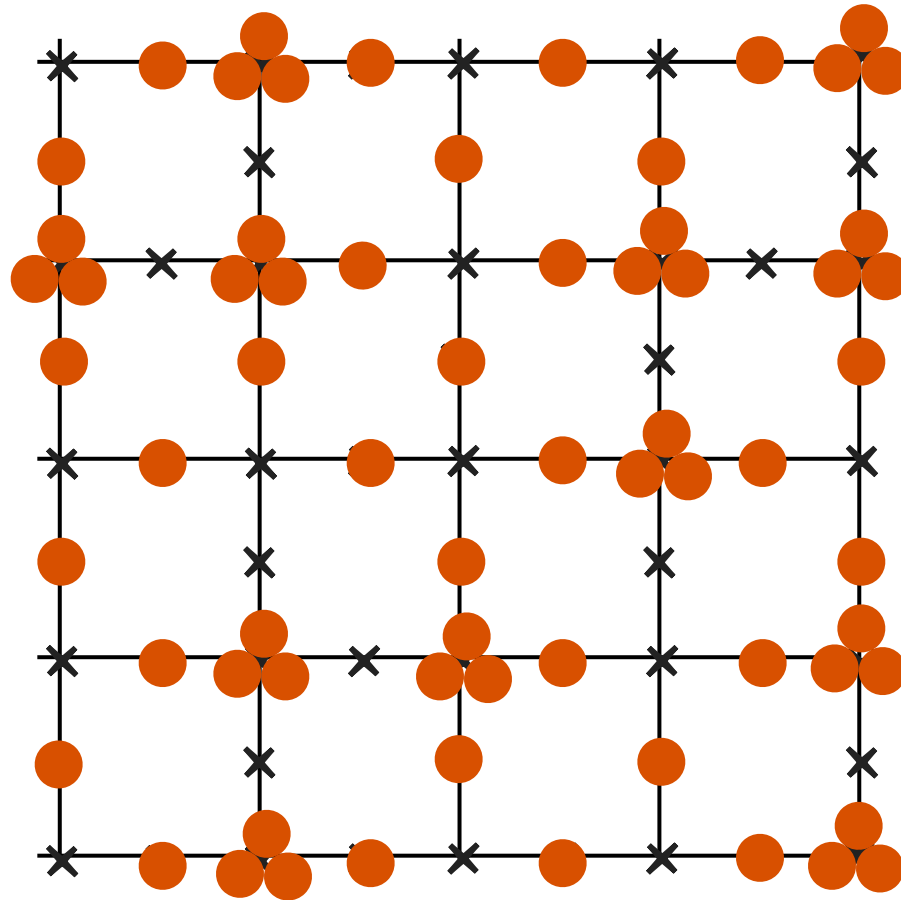
Start again

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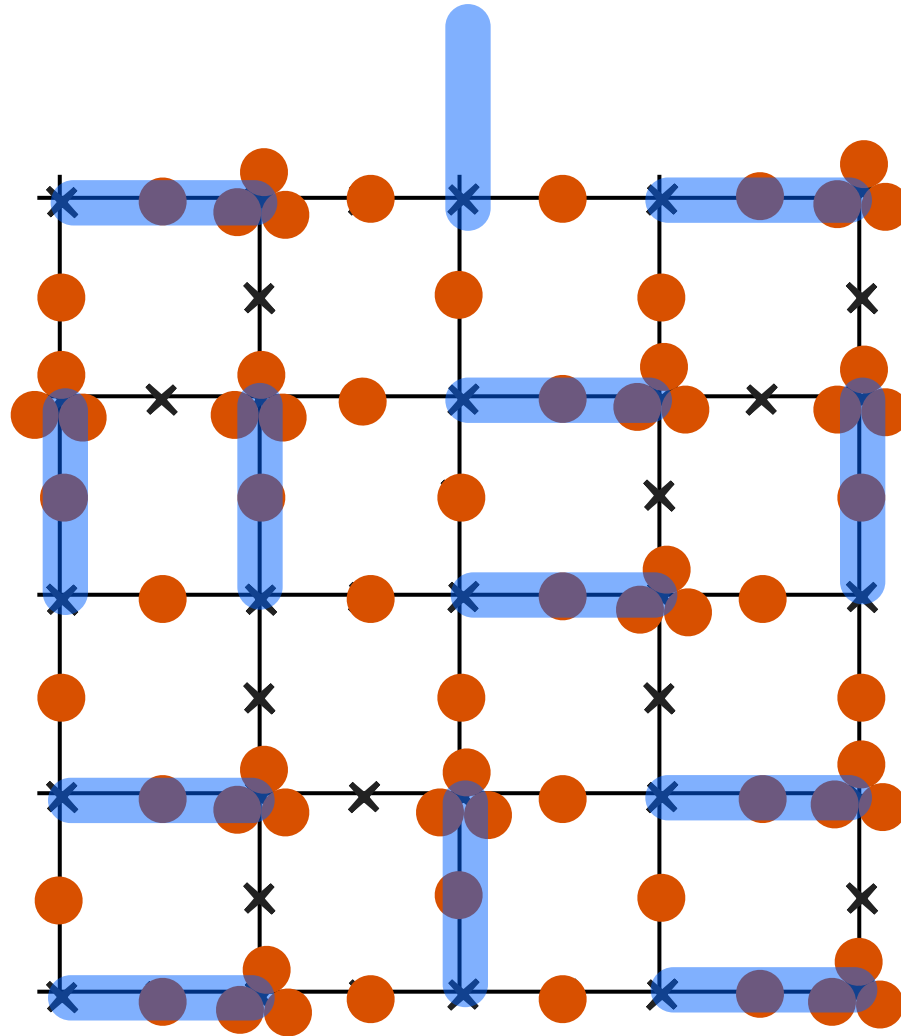
Another maximal set of 2's

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Maximum number of 3's with
no 2's left over

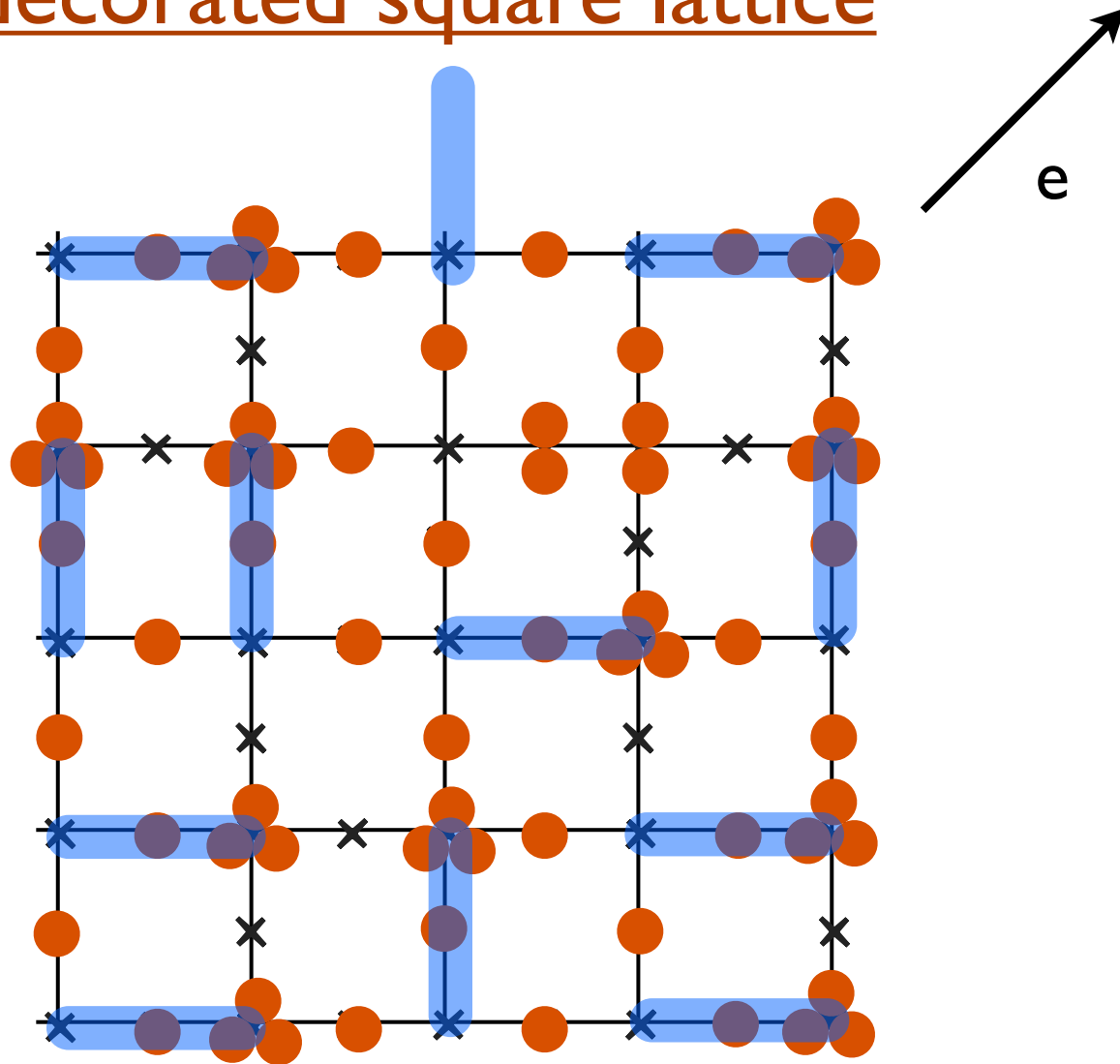
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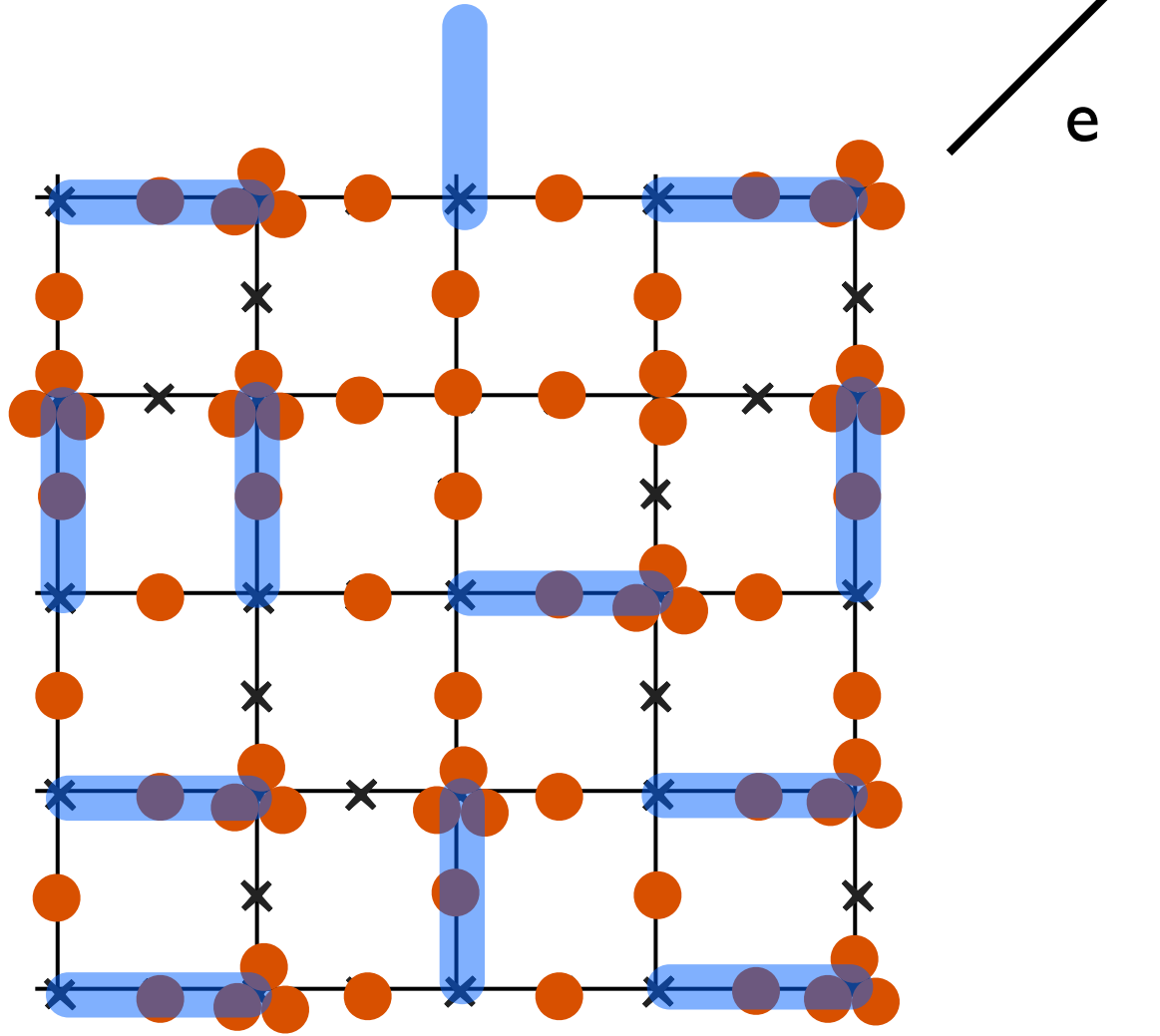
Configurations map onto dimer coverings of the square lattice !

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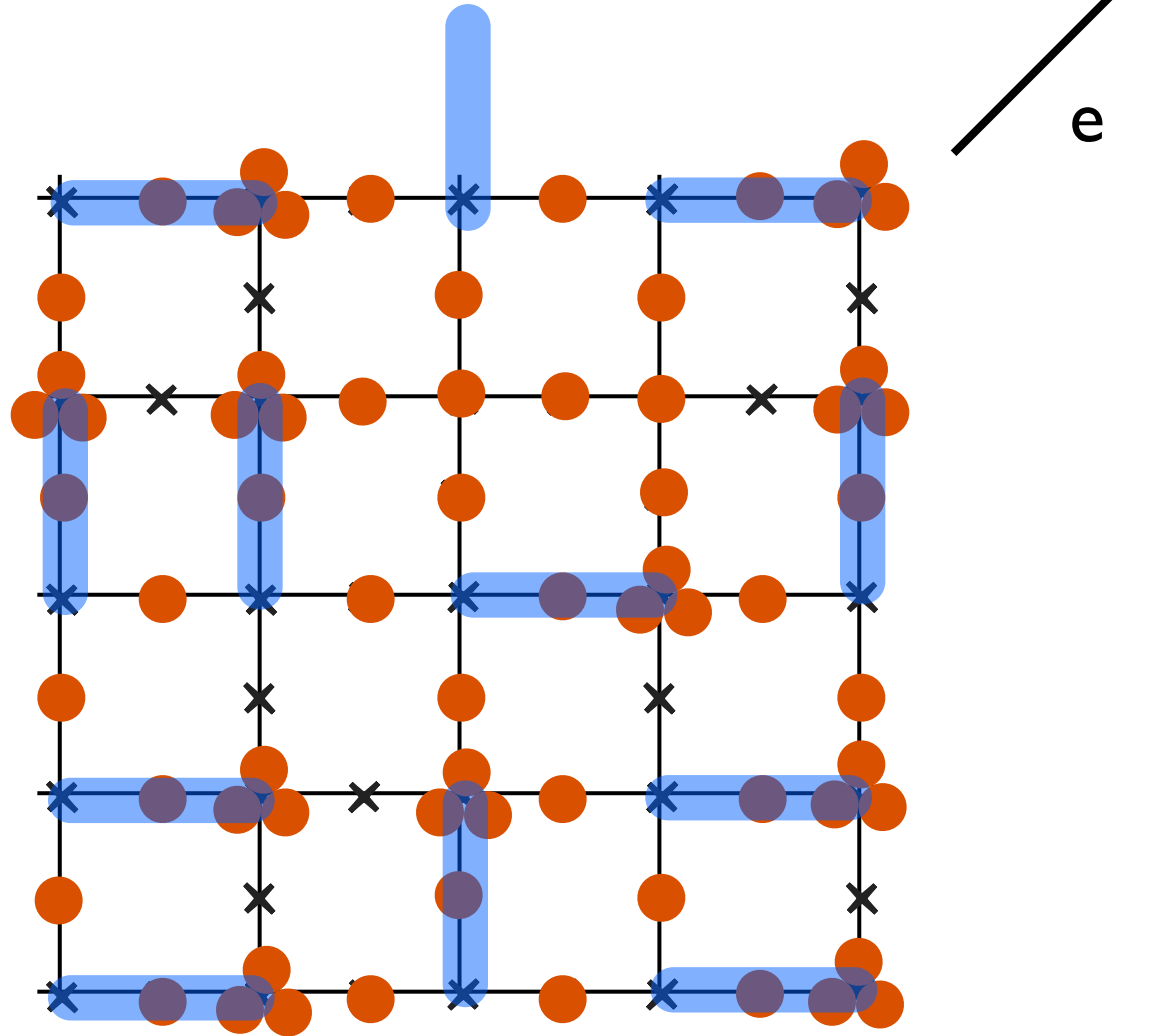
Go backwards around a plaquette

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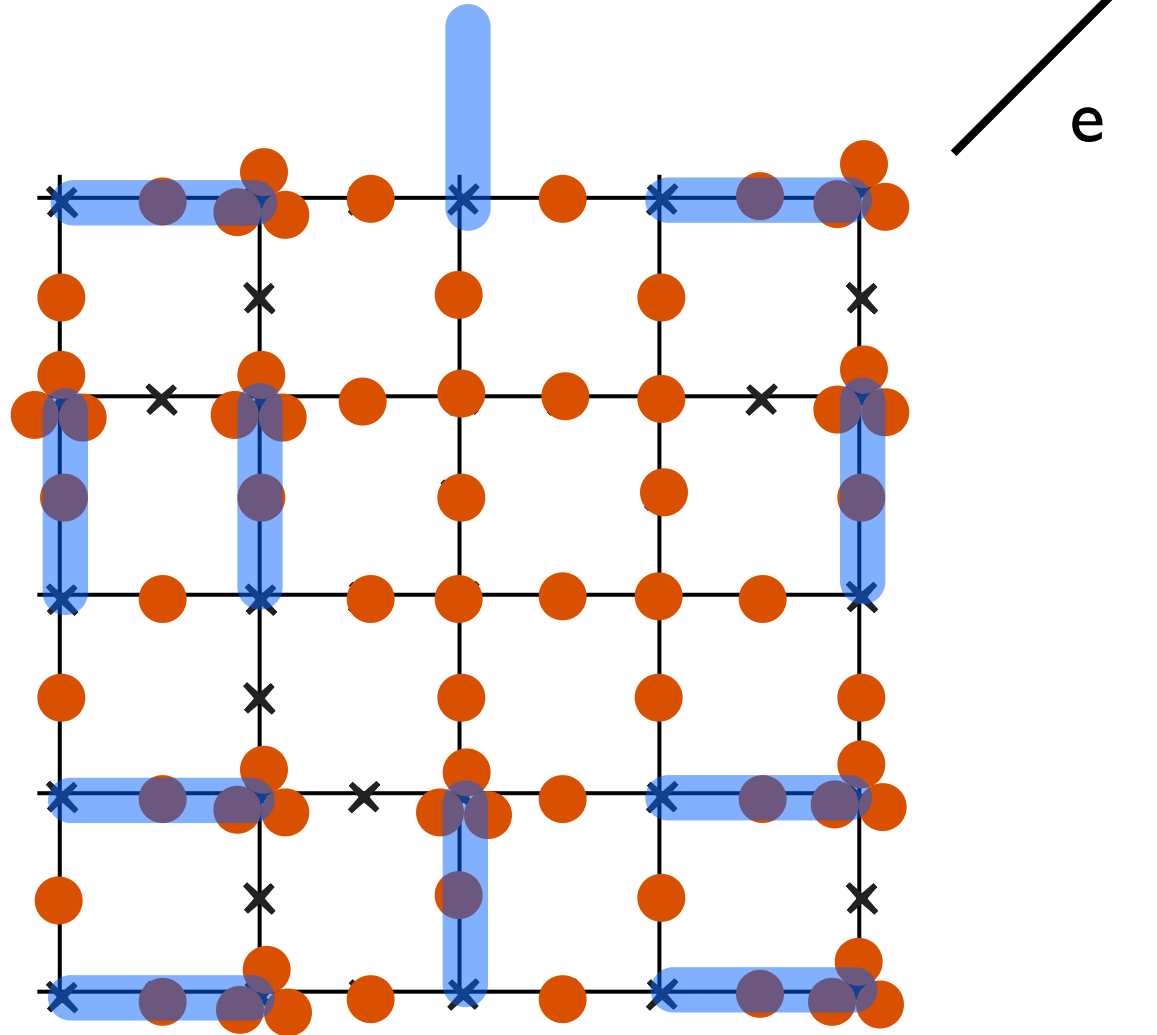
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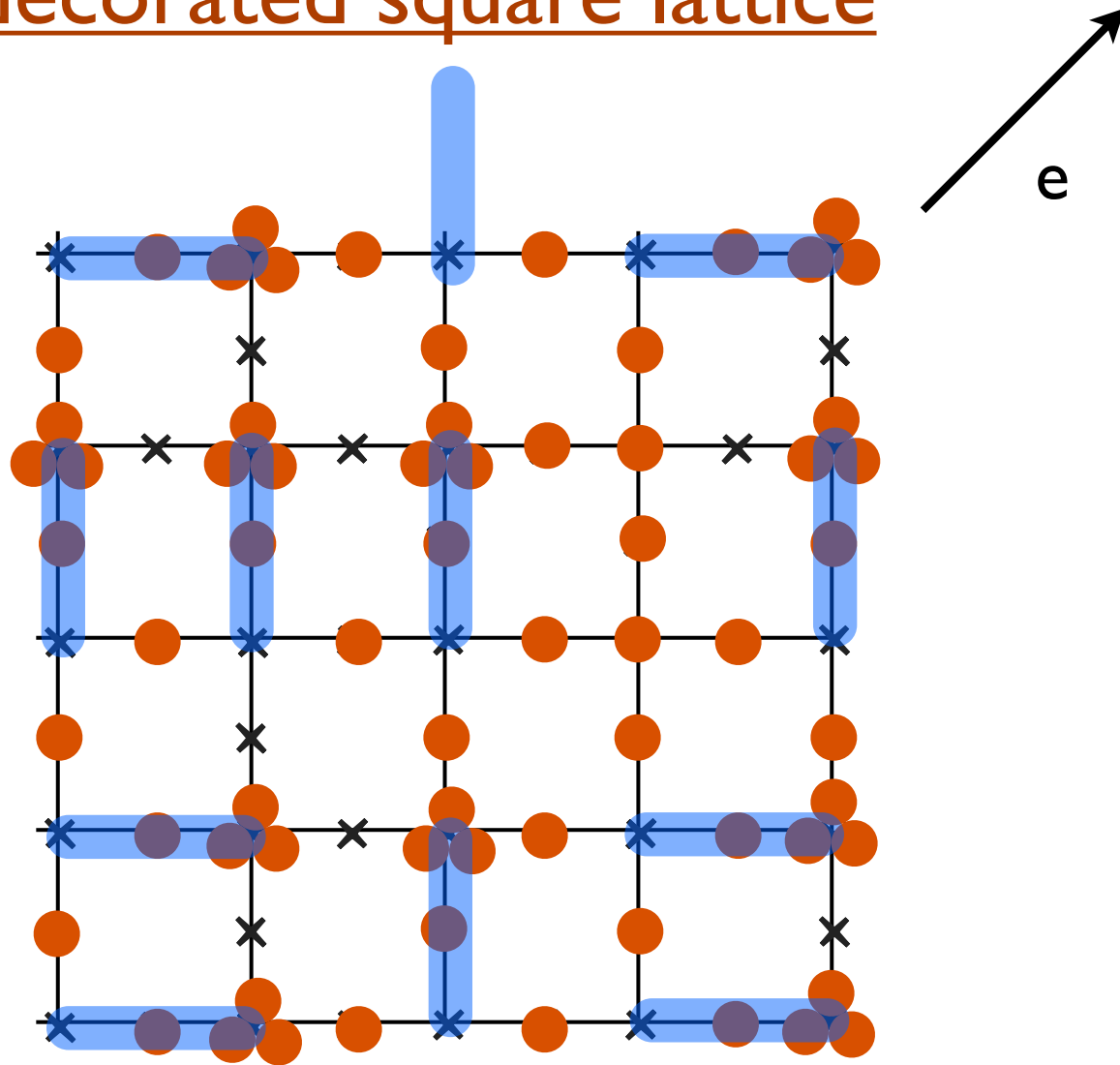
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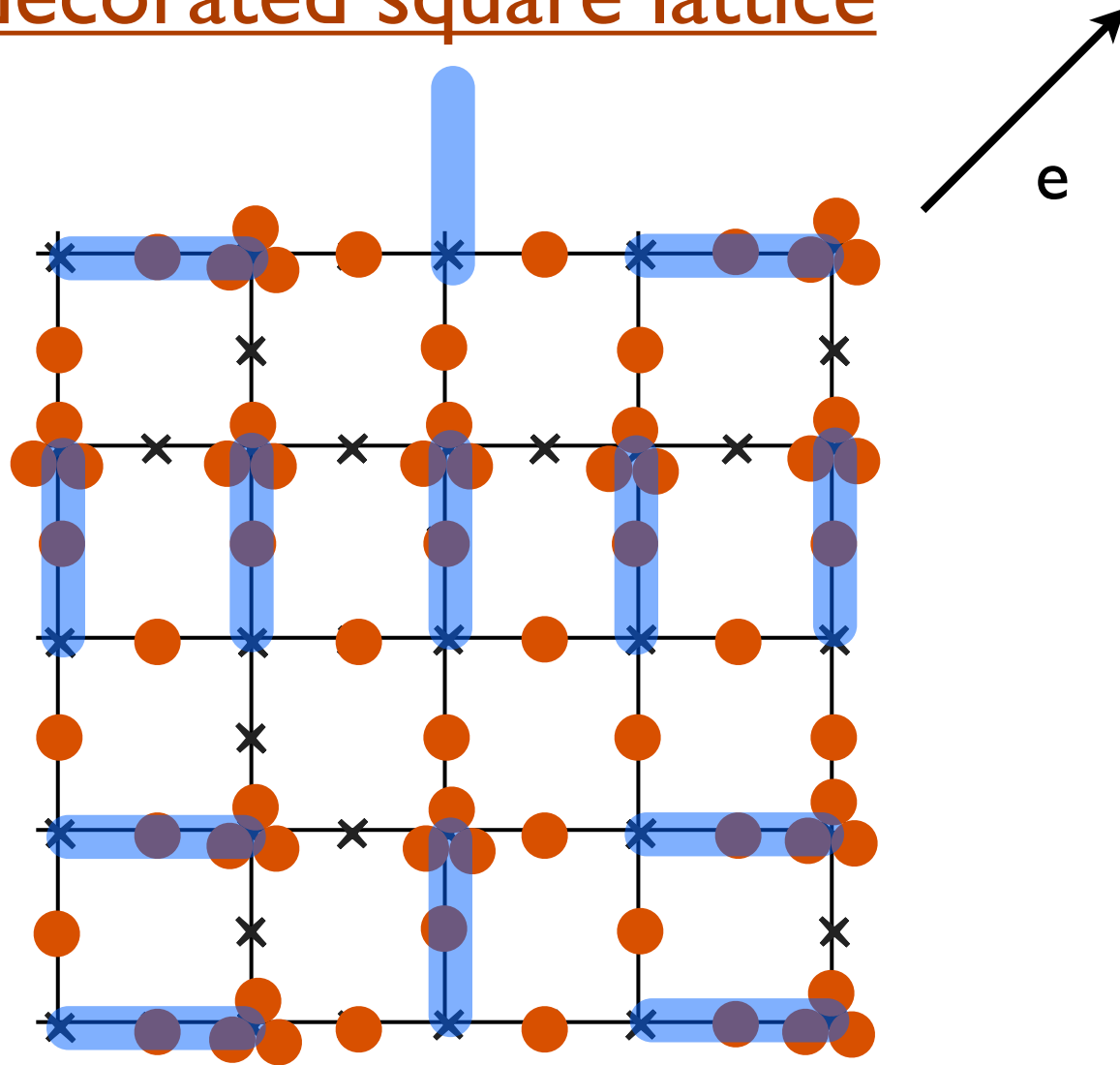
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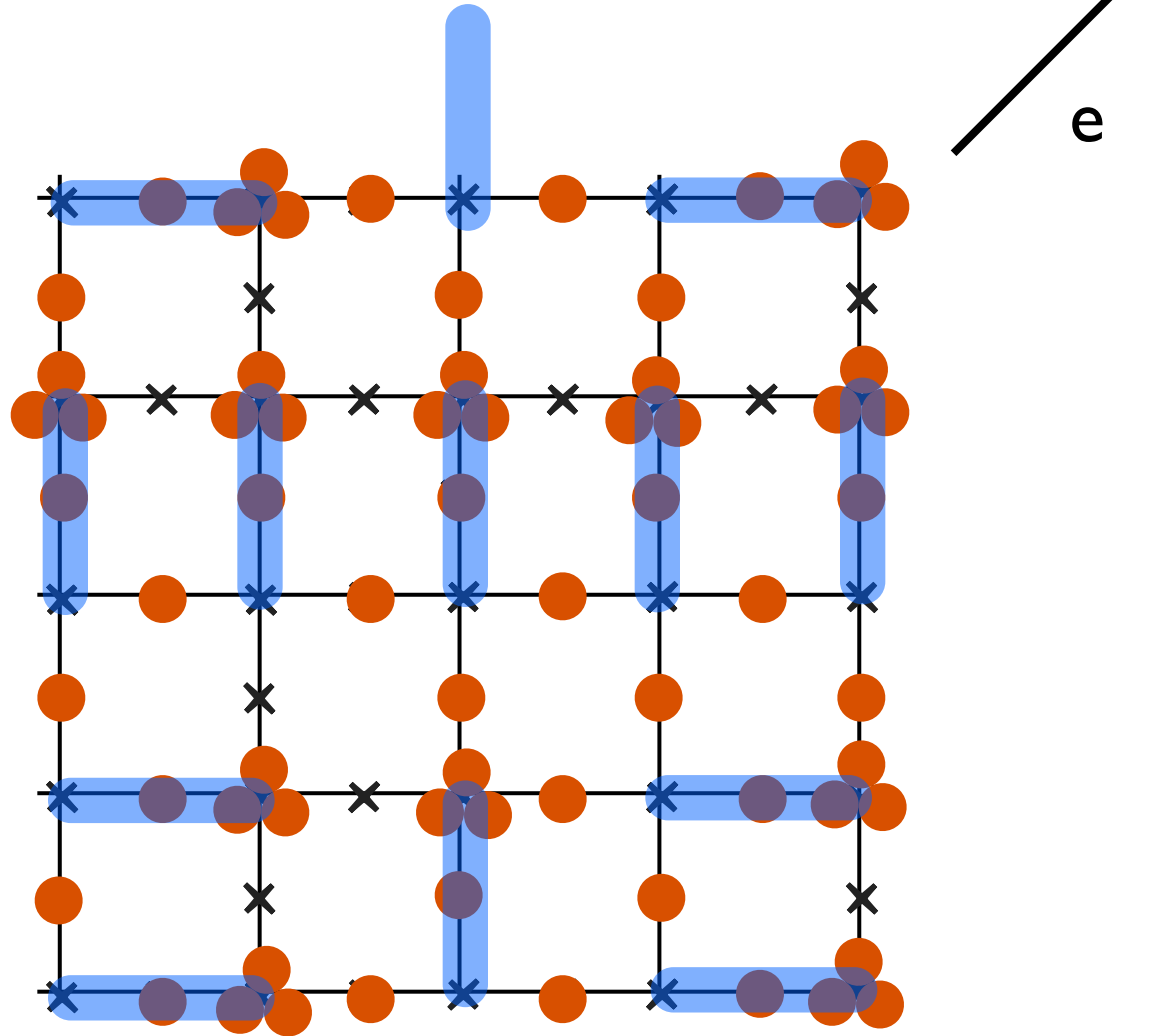
Then create a different set of 3's

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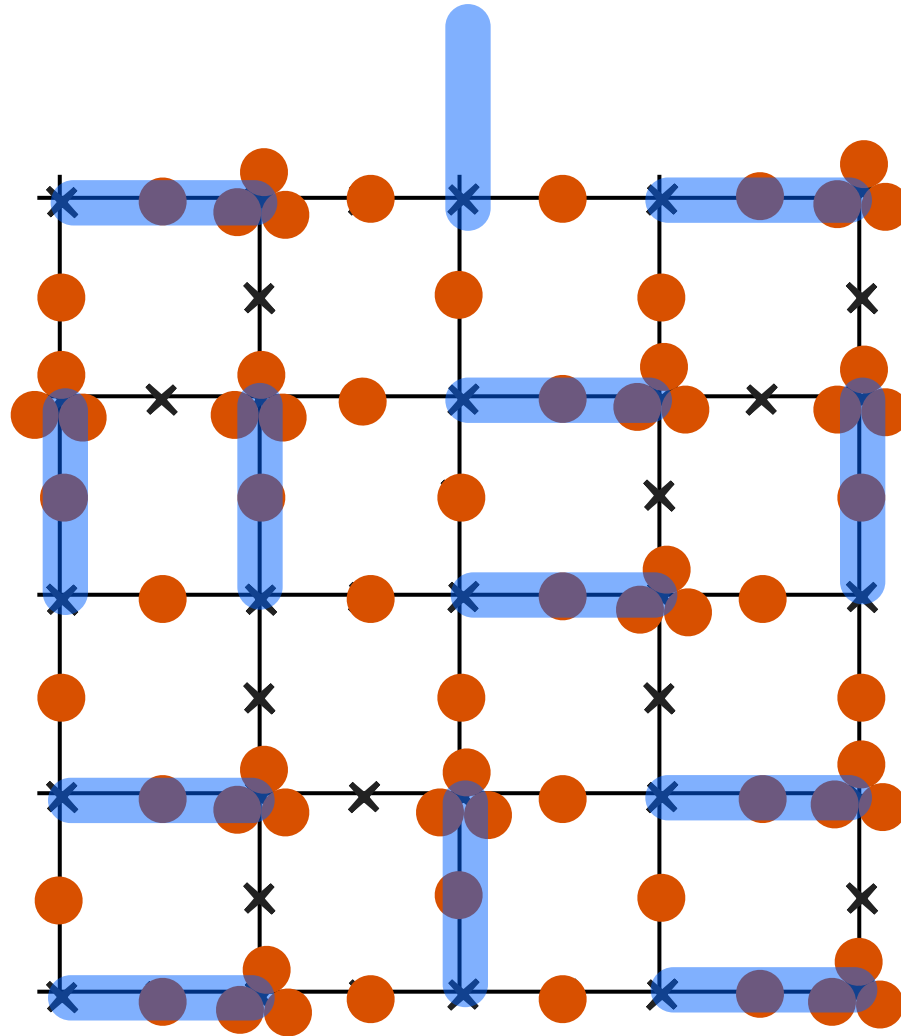
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A different dimer covering

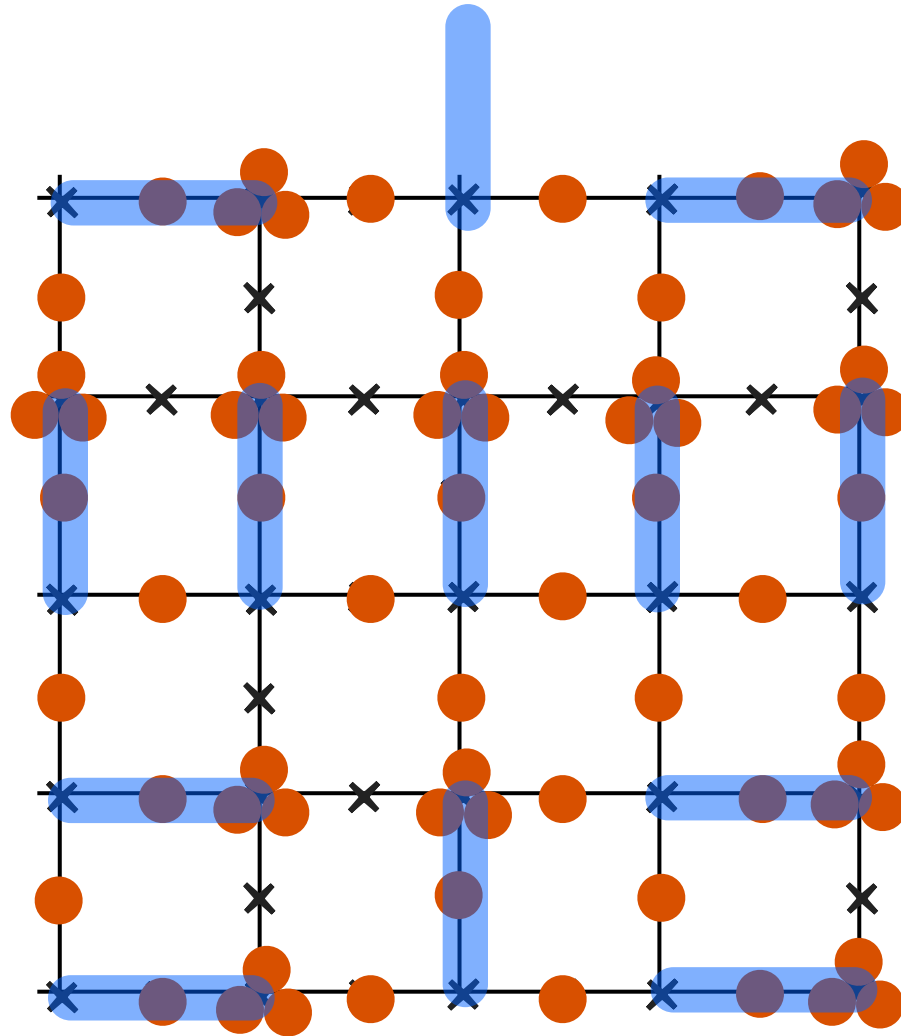
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Dimers can resonate around a plaquette

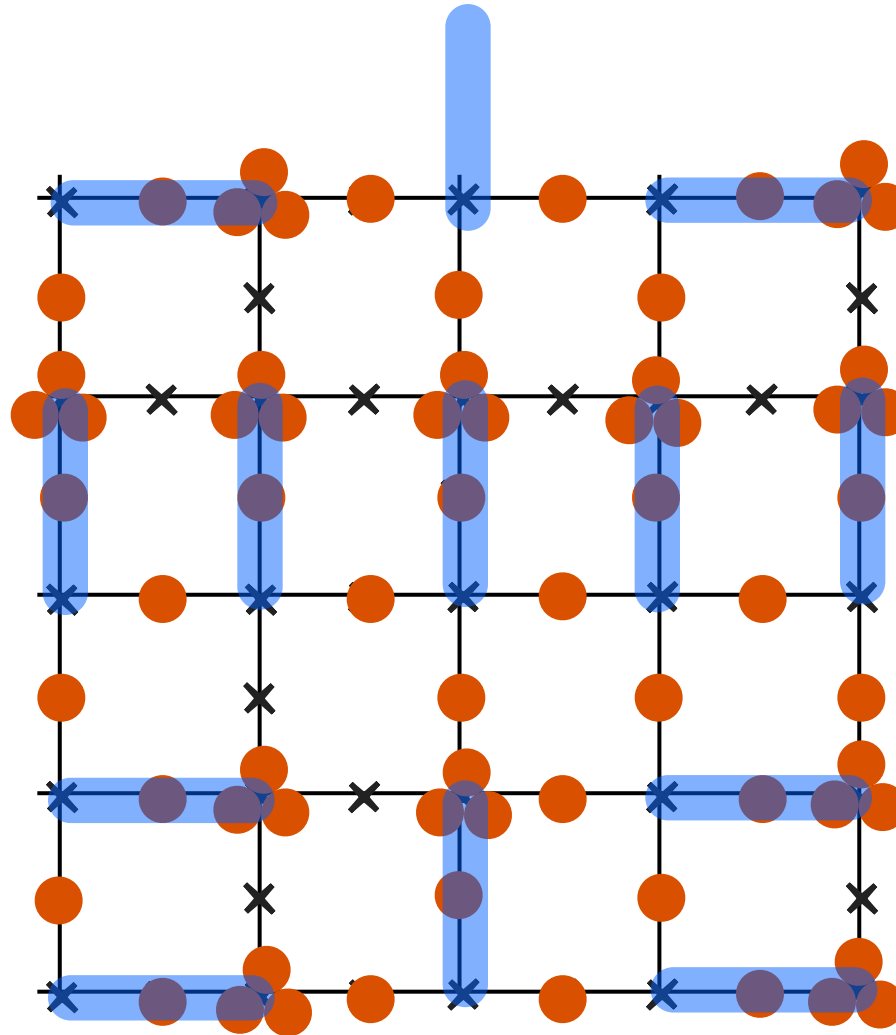
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Strong tilt:
effective quantum dimer model

Conclusions

- Many common issues on many body quantum correlations in condensed matter and ultracold atoms
- Tilting Mott insulators can generate many interesting states with non-trivial quantum entanglement