

Strange metals and gauge-gravity duality

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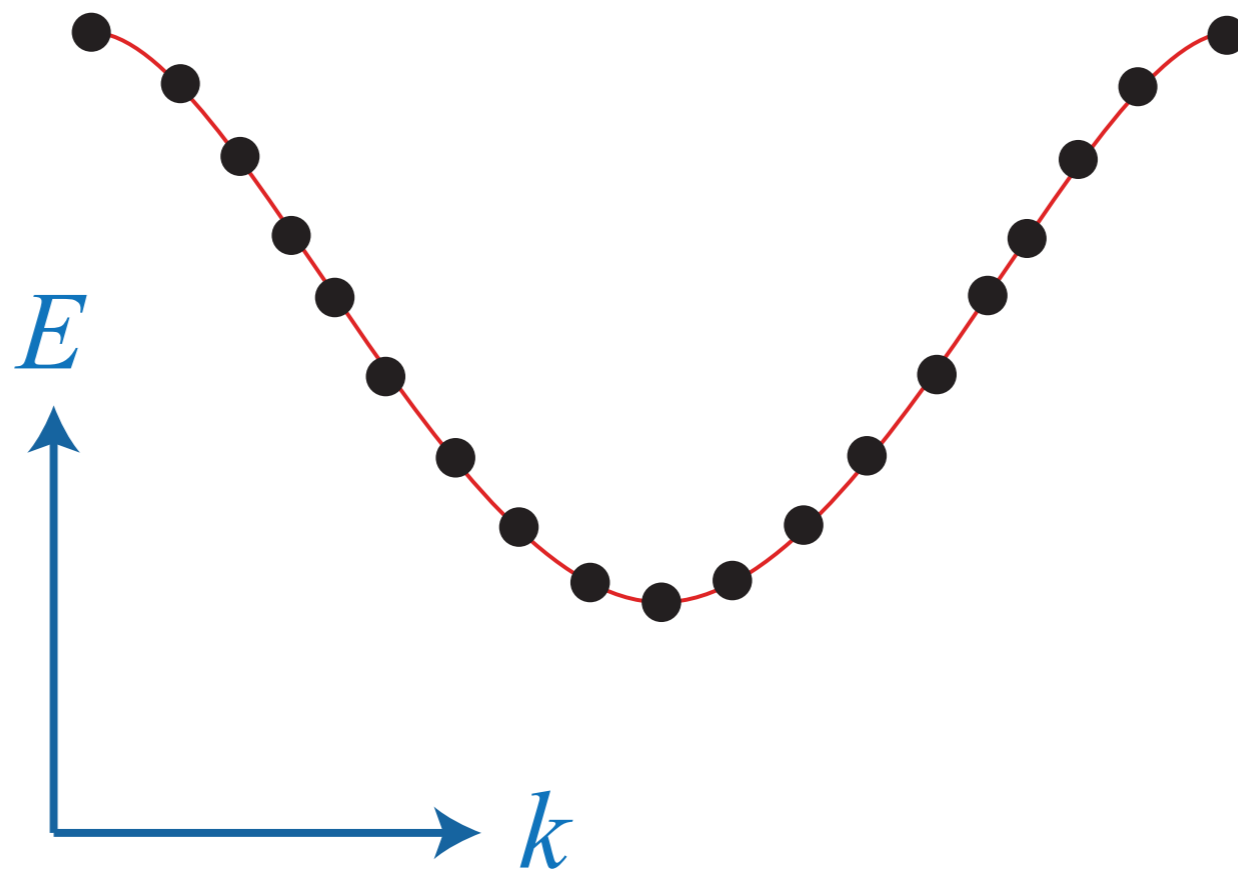


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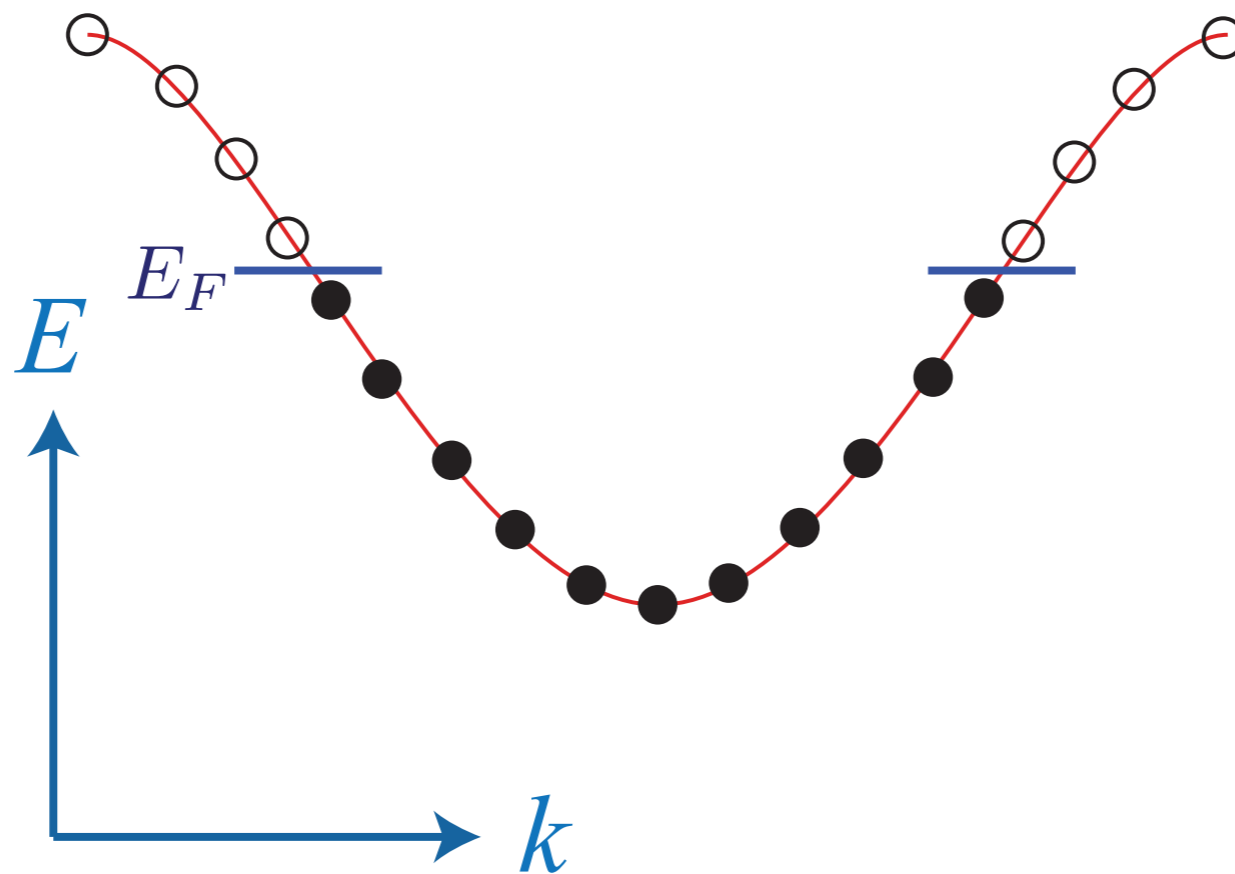
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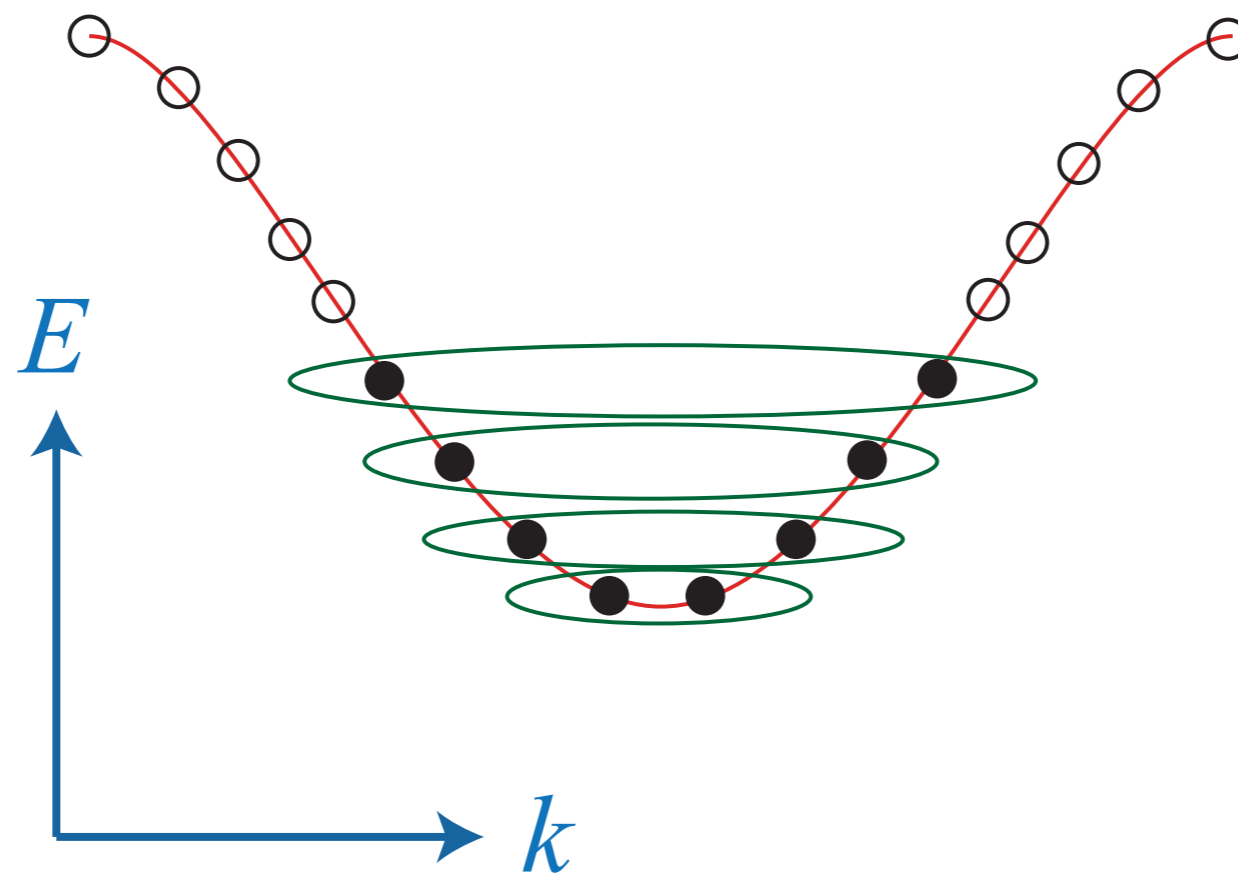
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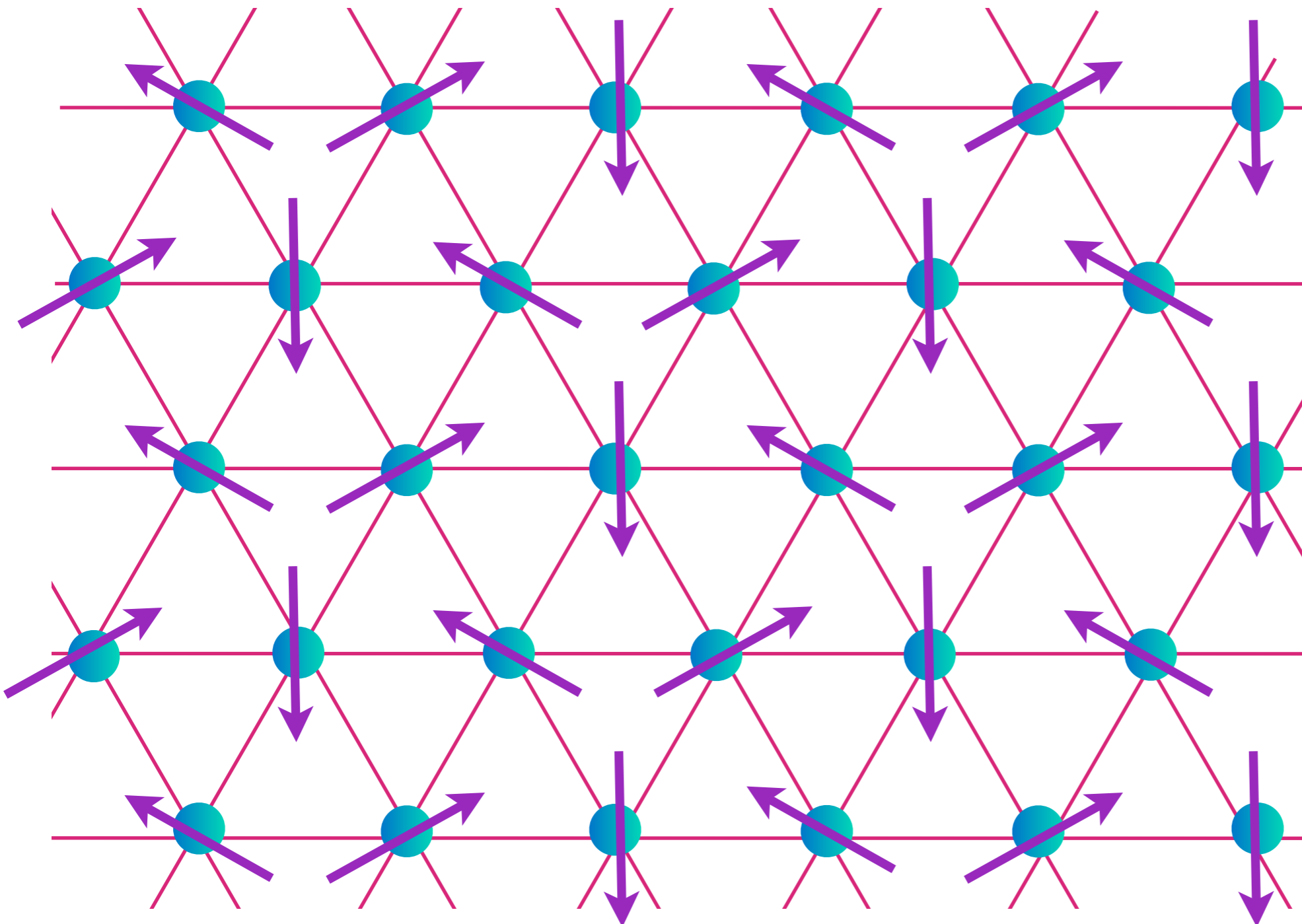
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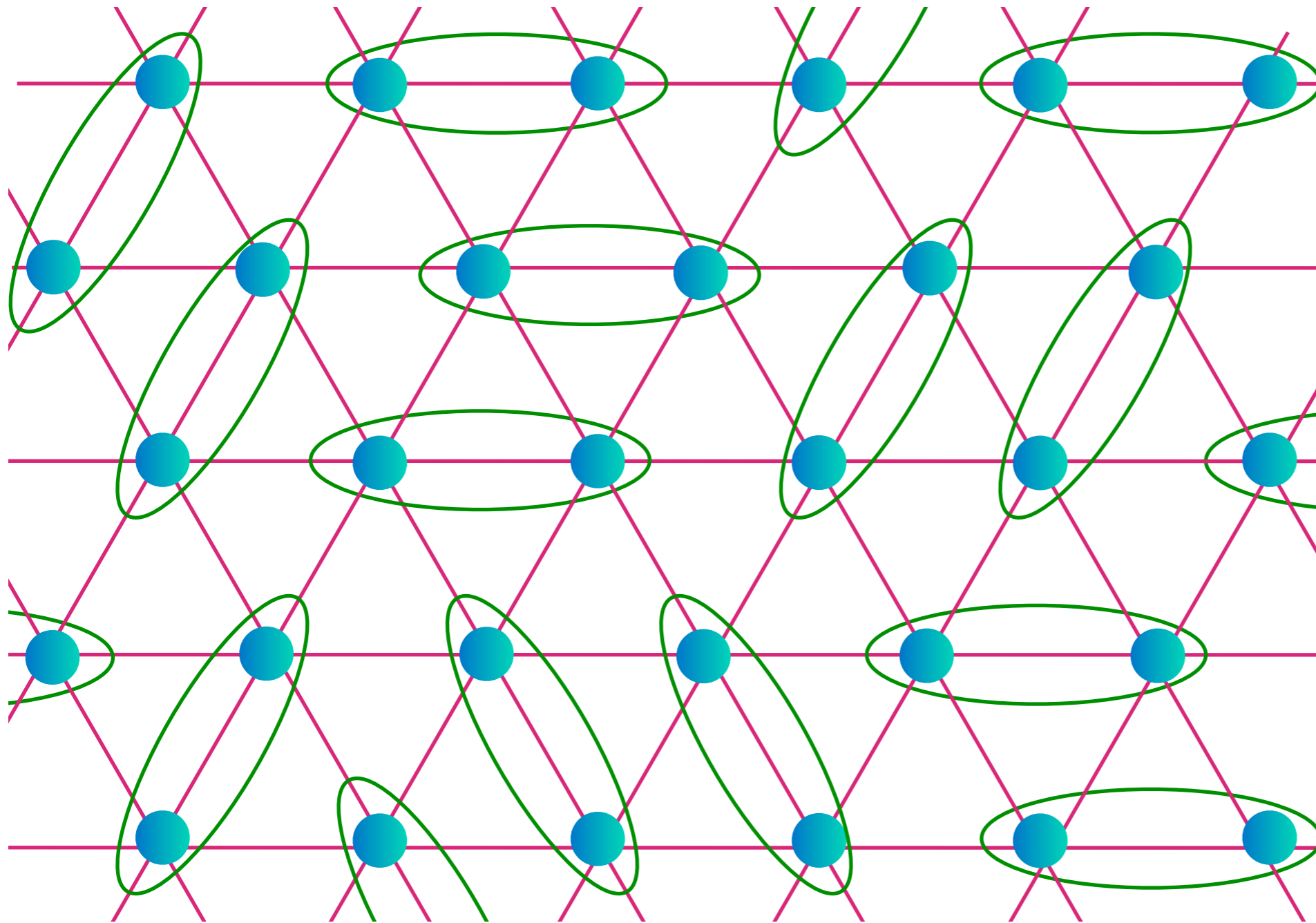


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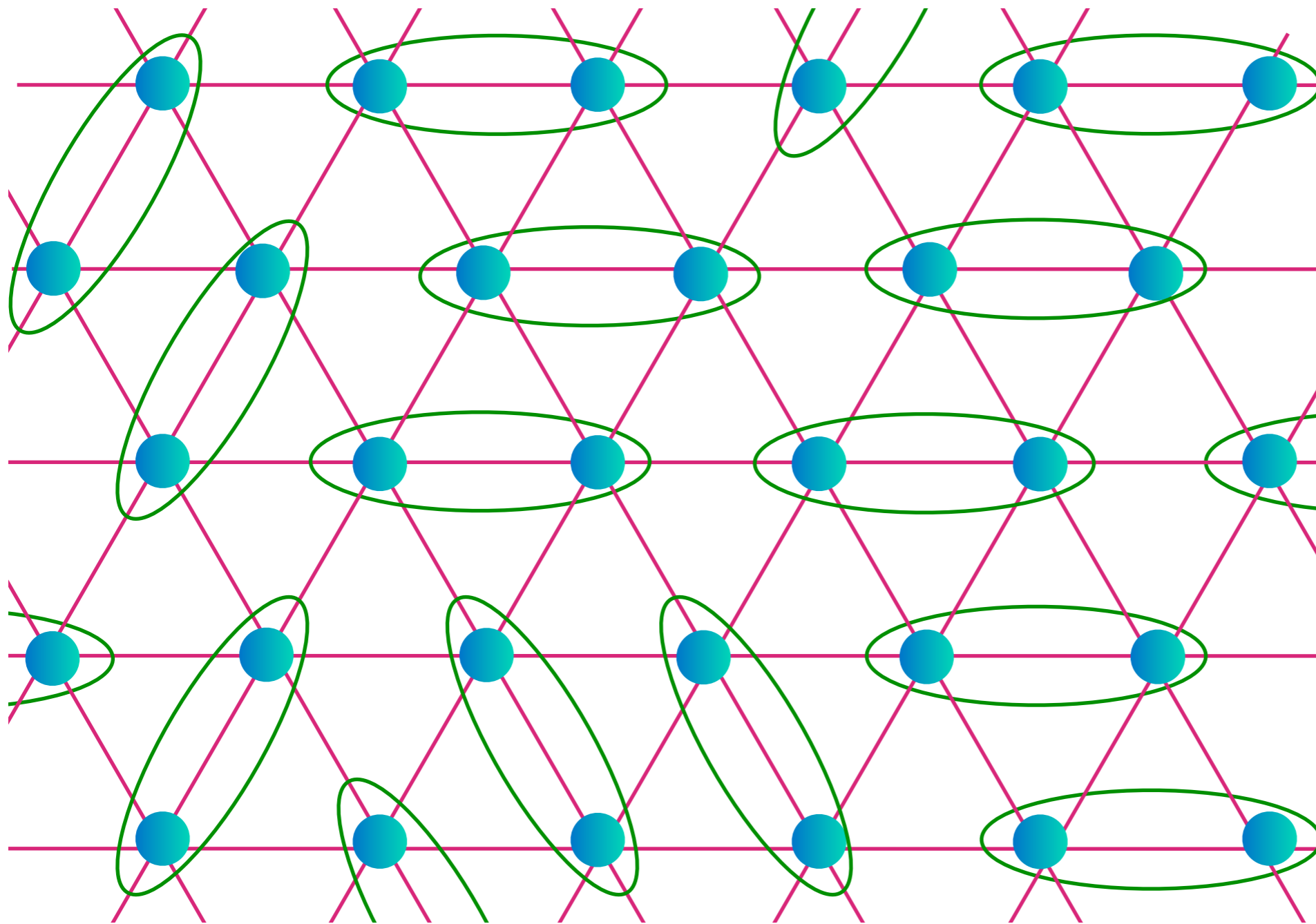


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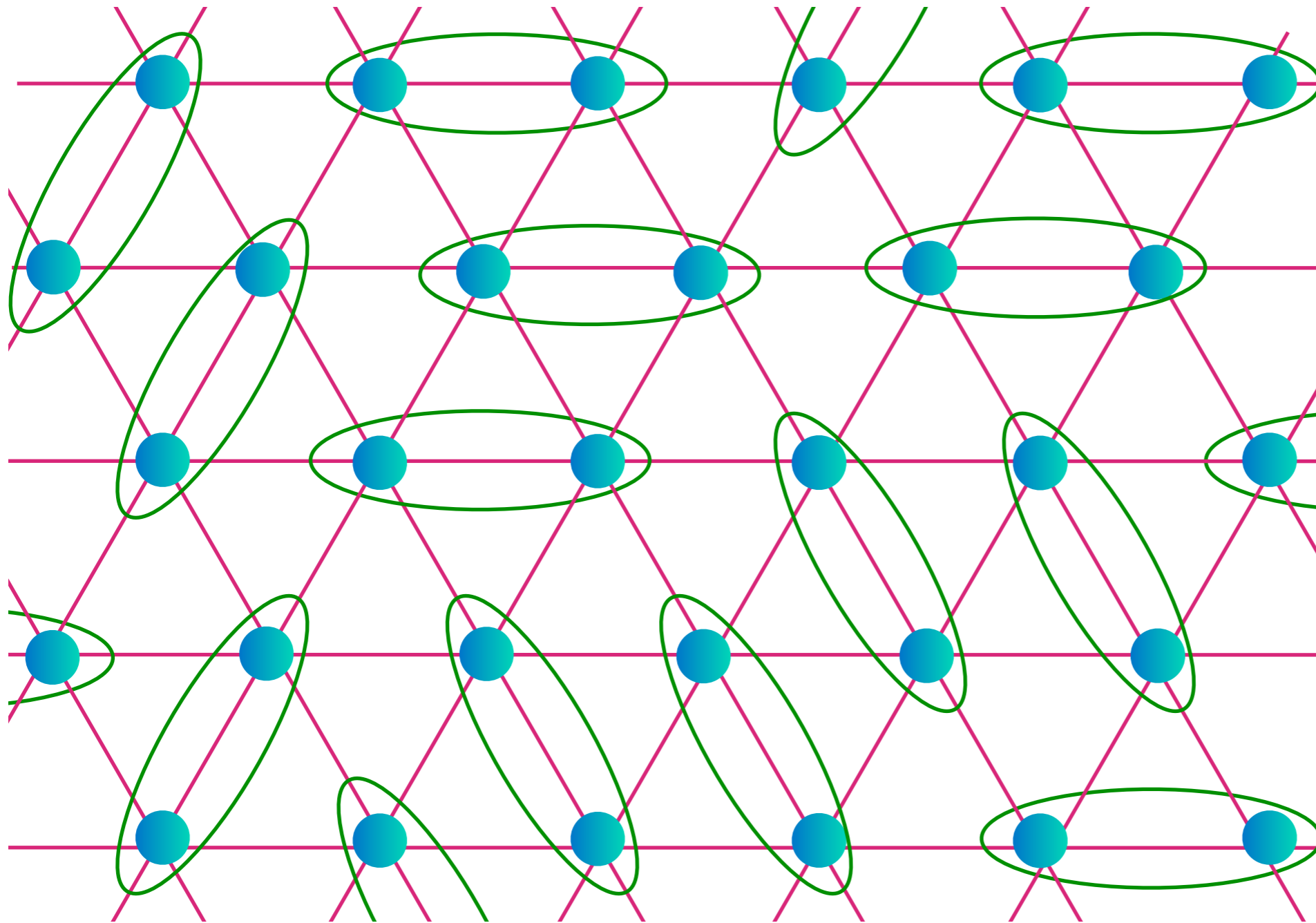


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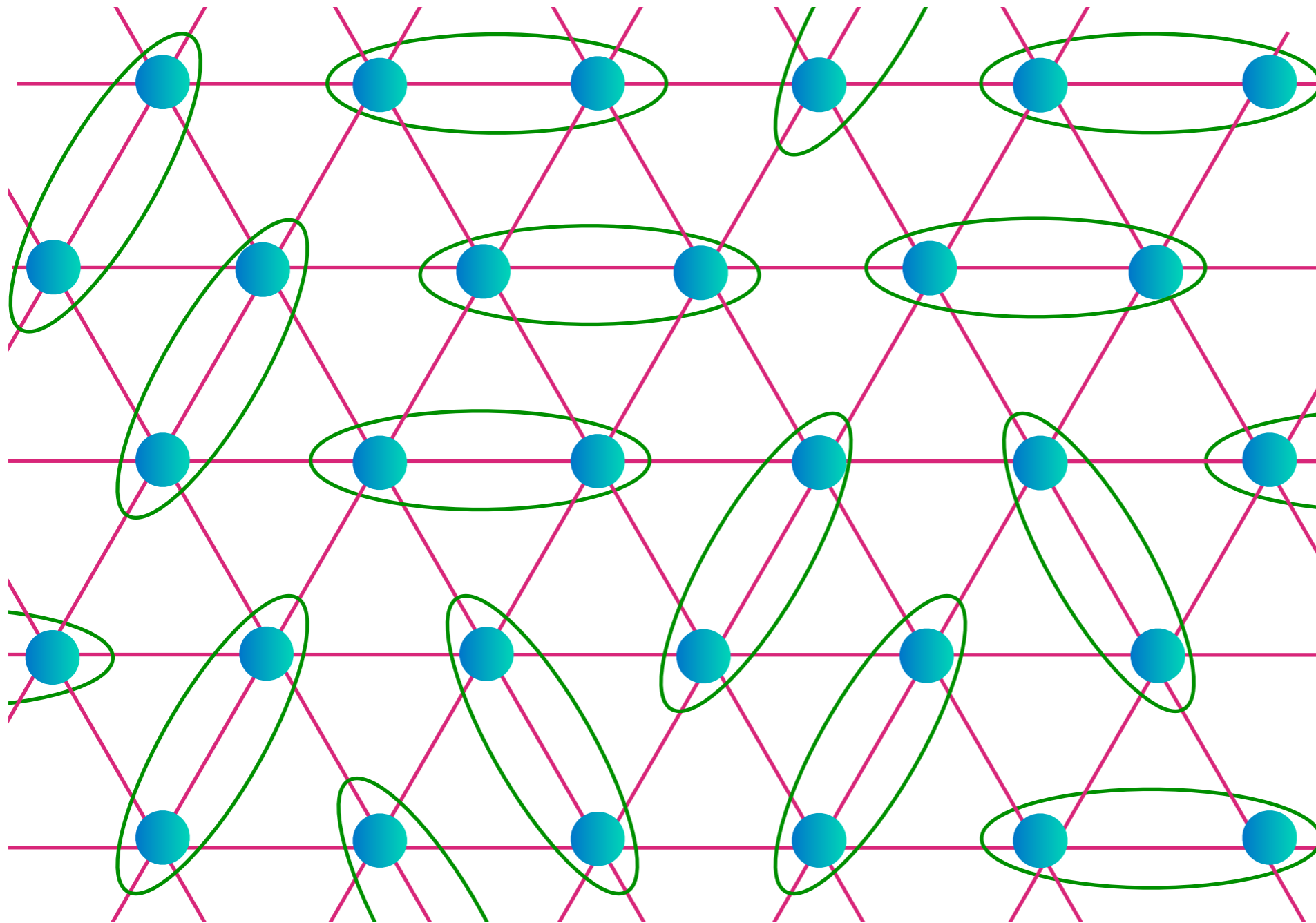


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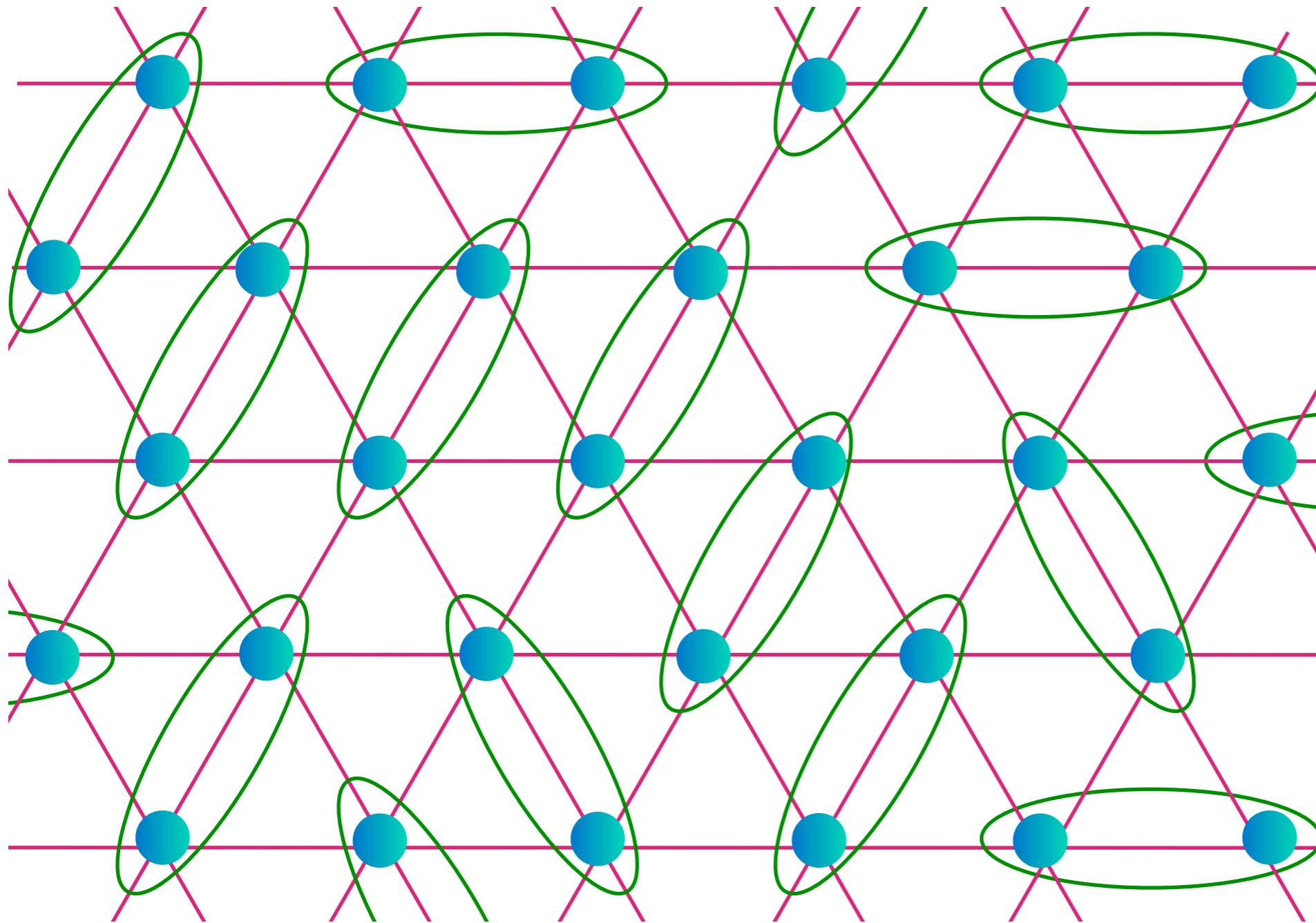


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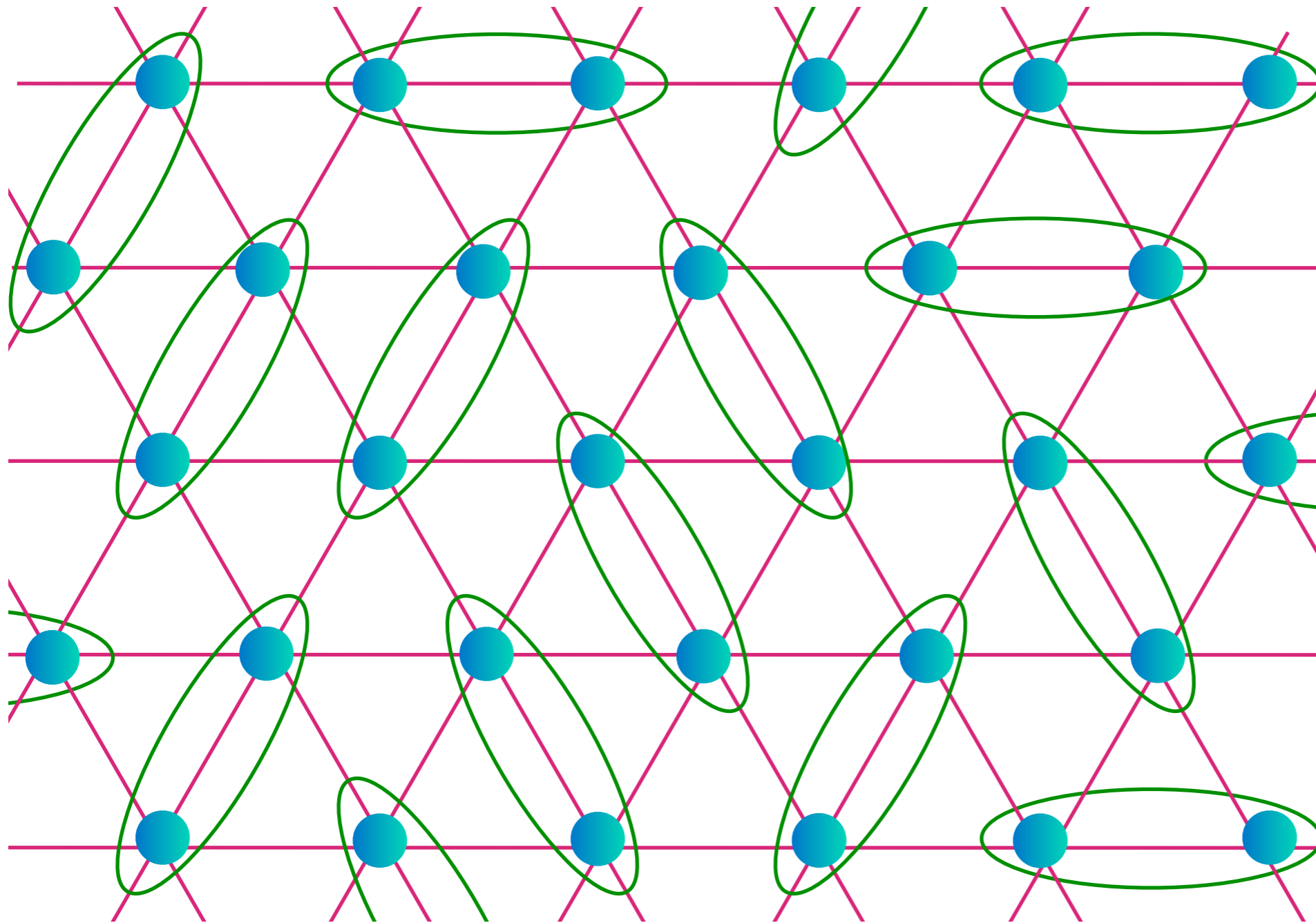


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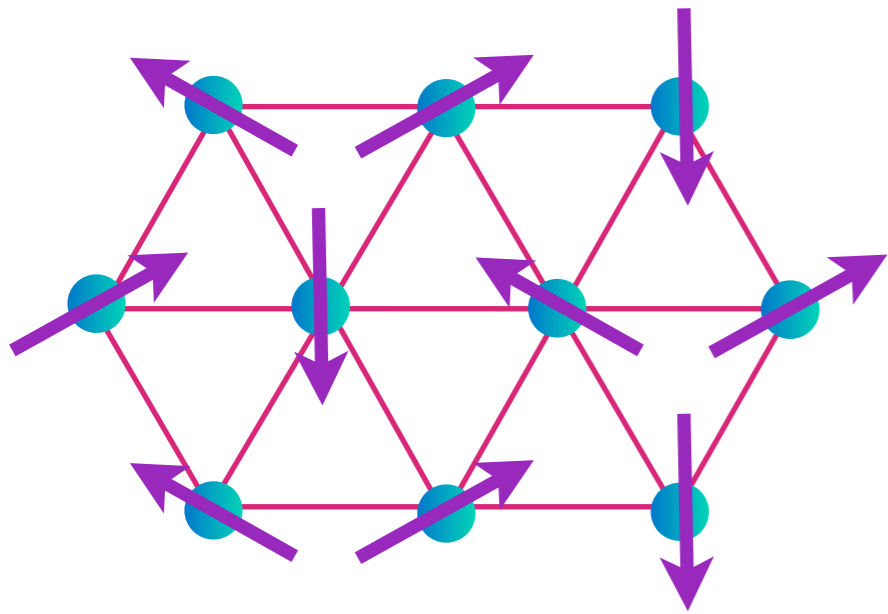
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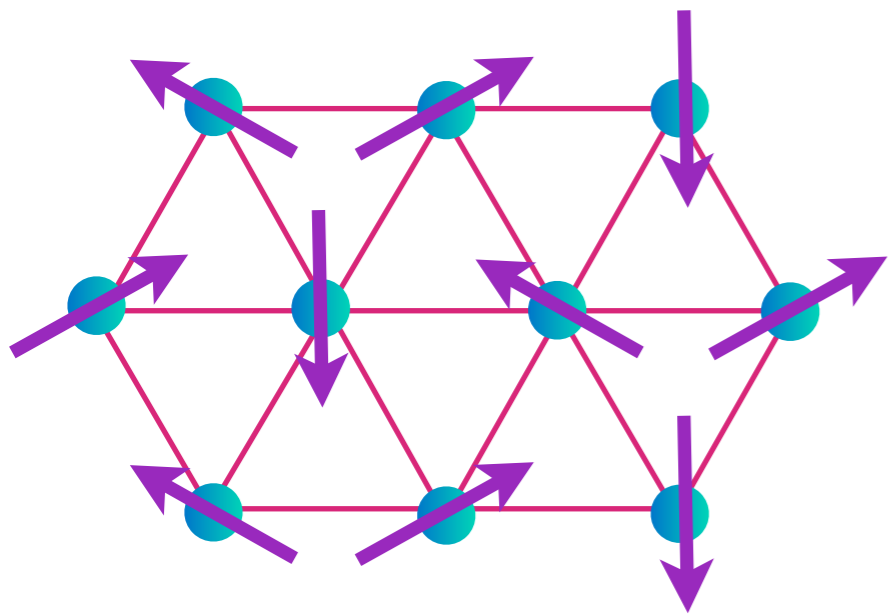
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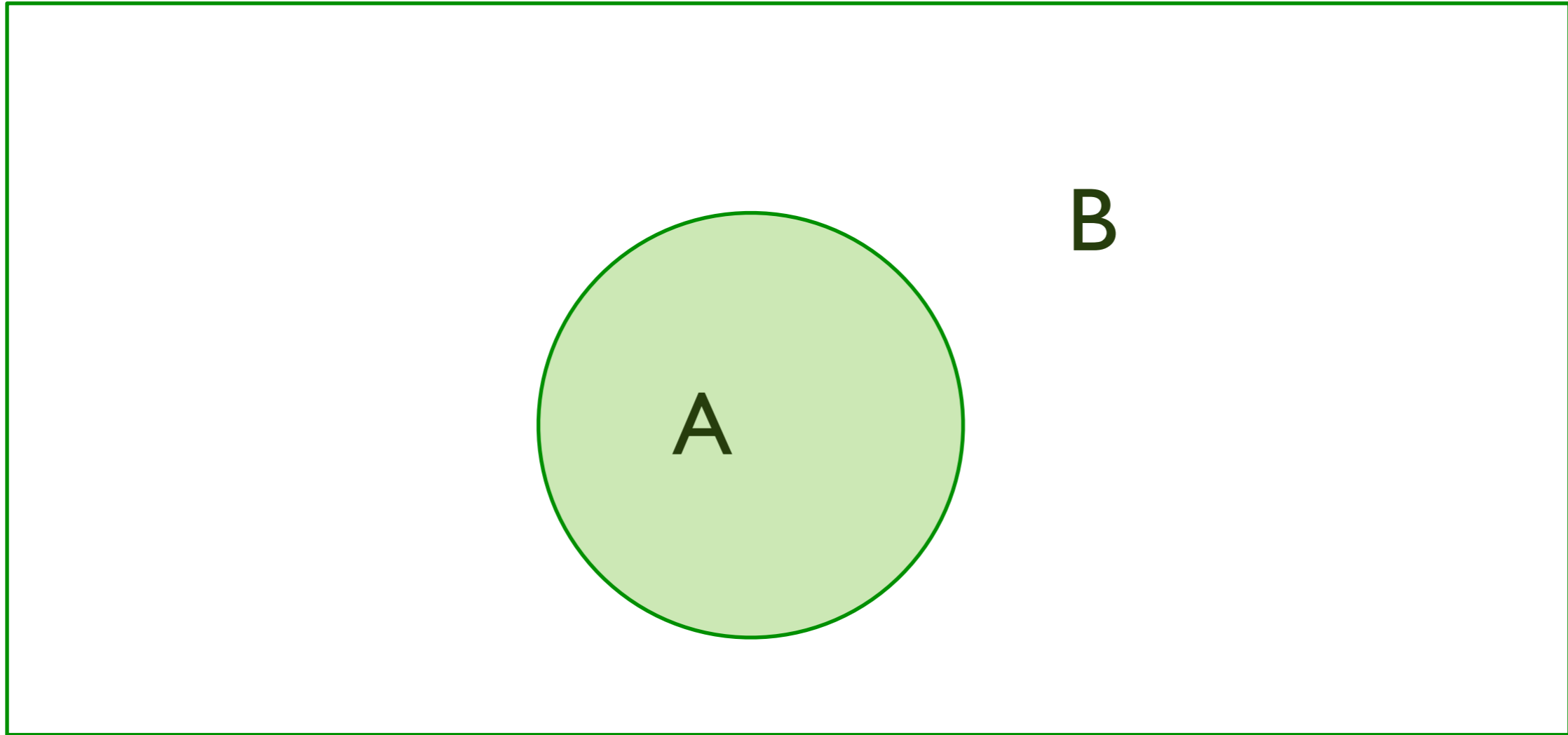
Z_2 spin liquid with long-range entanglement.

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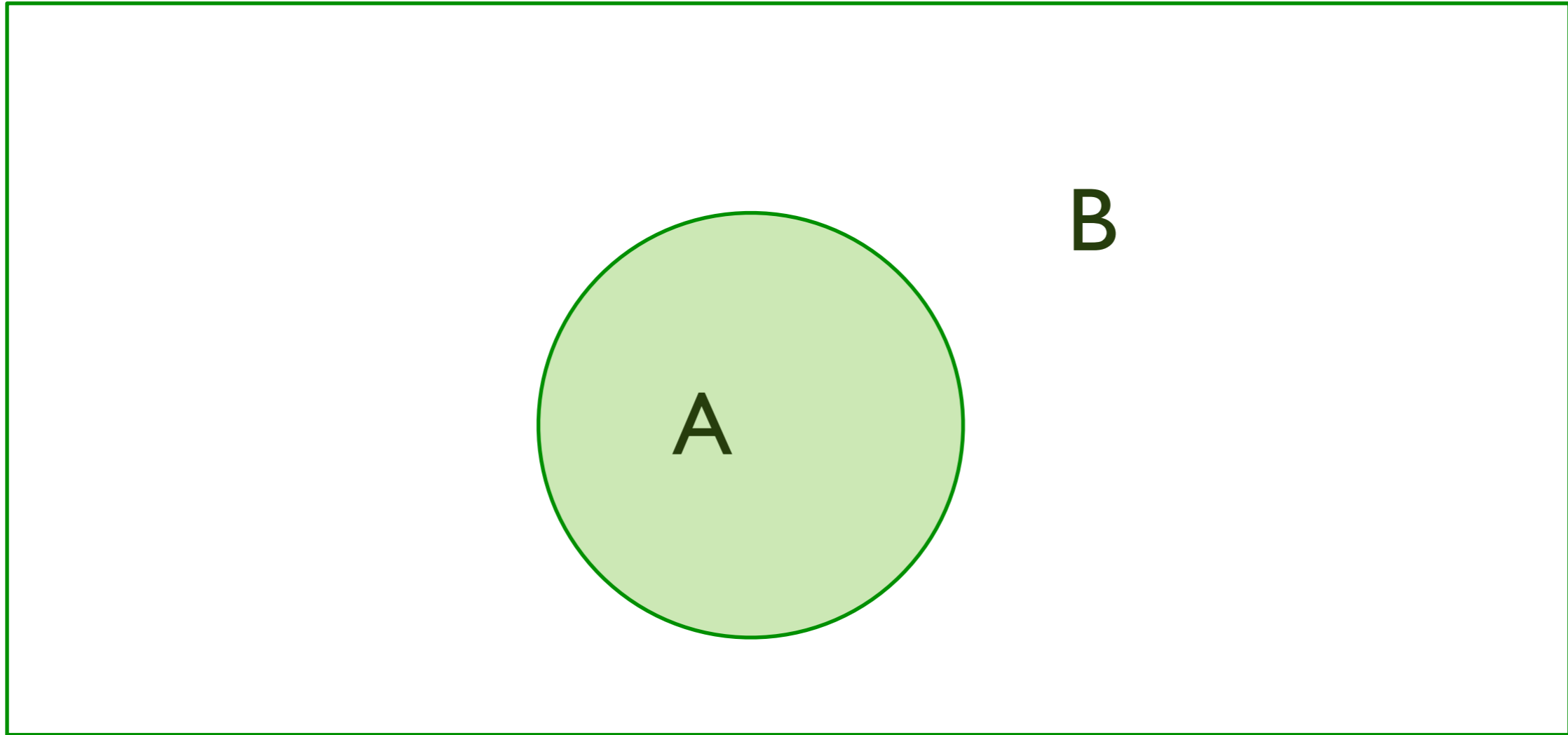


$|\Psi\rangle \Rightarrow$ Ground state of entire system,
 $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$

$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho =$ density matrix of region A

Entanglement entropy $S_{EE} = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A)$

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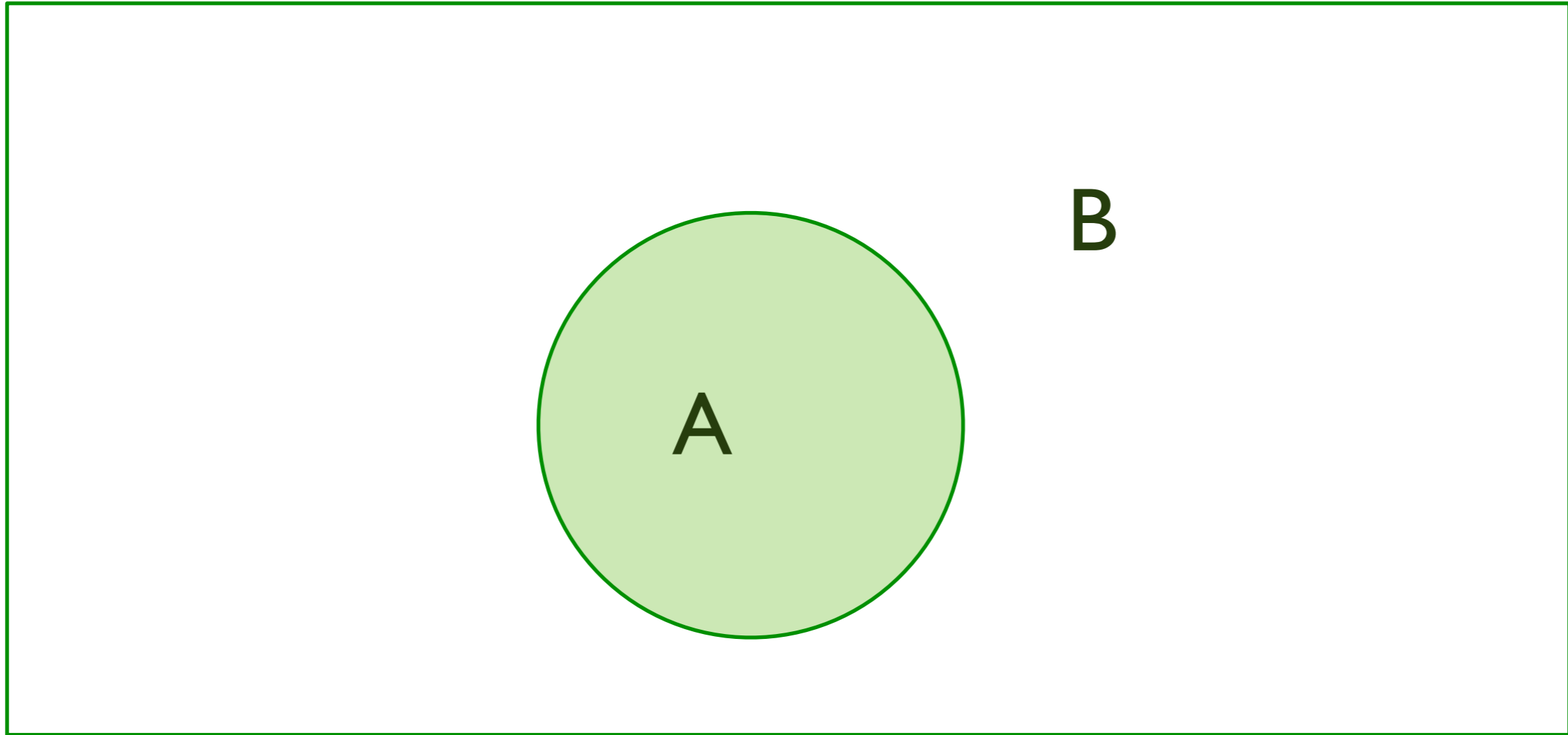


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The $\ln(2)$ is a universal characteristic of the Z_2 spin liquid,
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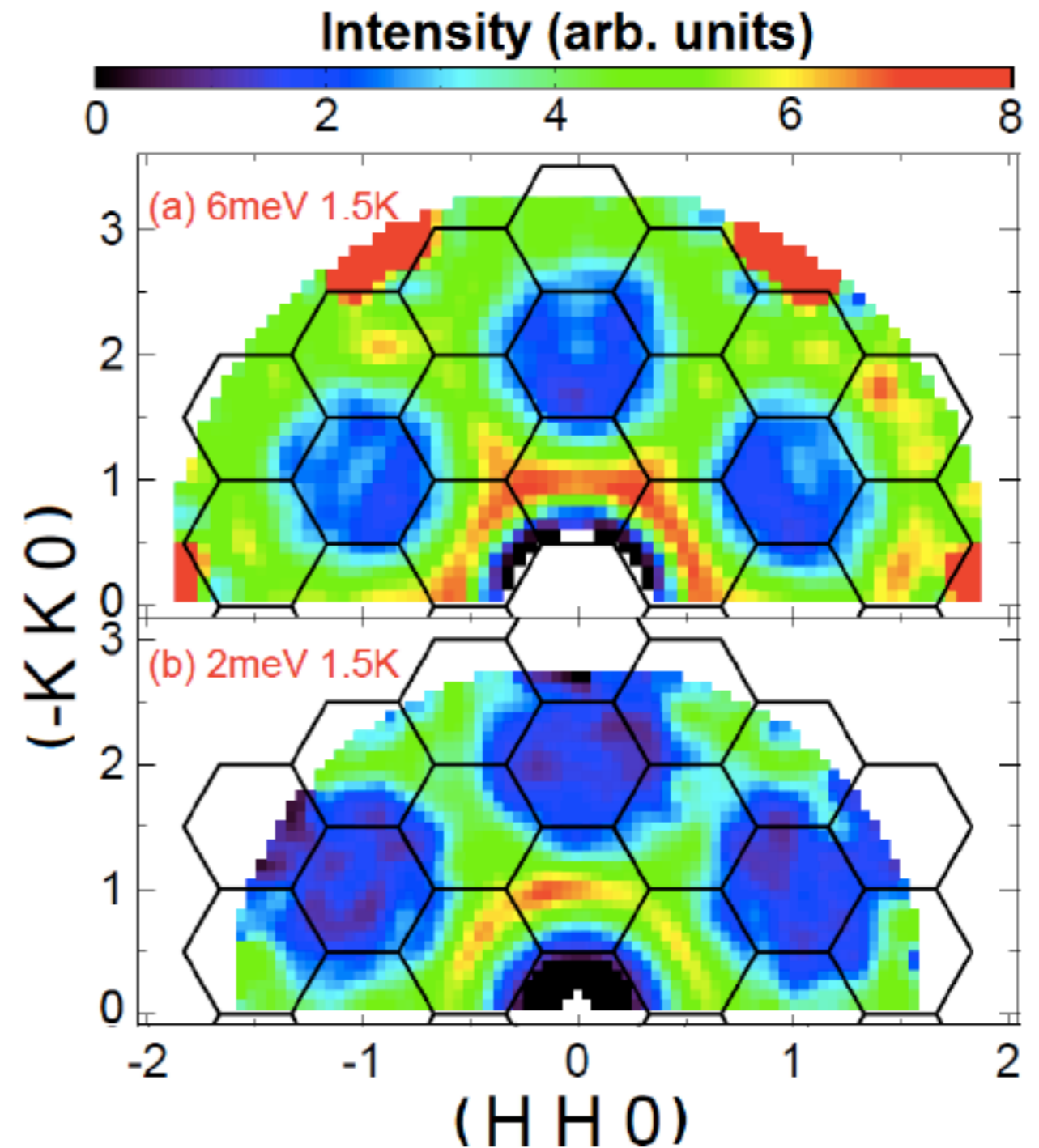
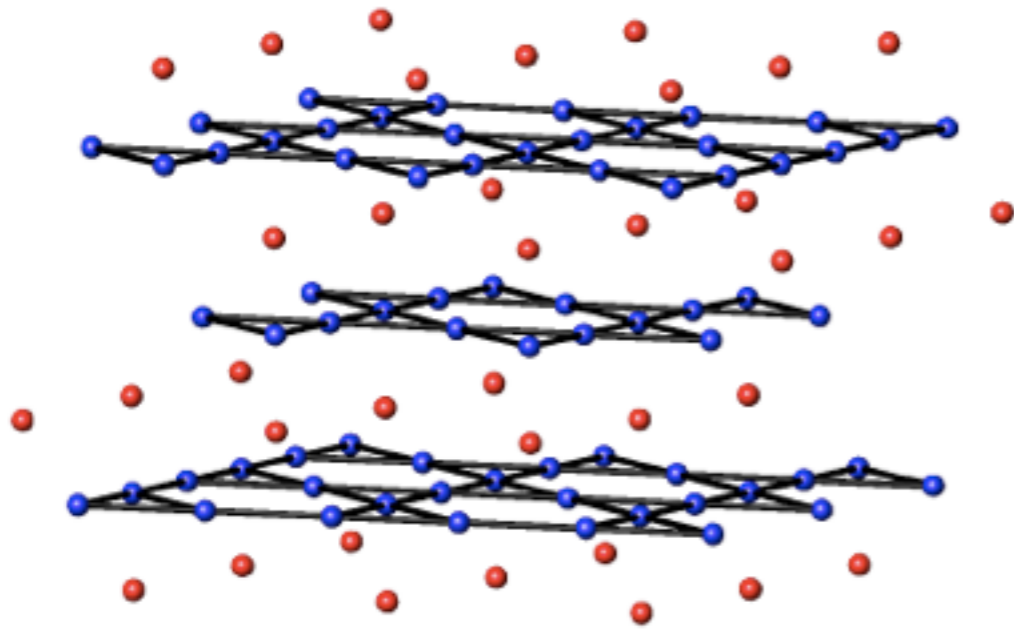
● Promising candidate: the kagome antiferromagnet

Numerical evidence for a gapped spin liquid:

Simeng Yan, D.A. Huse, and S. R. White, *Science* **332**, 1173 (2011).

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$\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$ (also called Herbertsmithite)



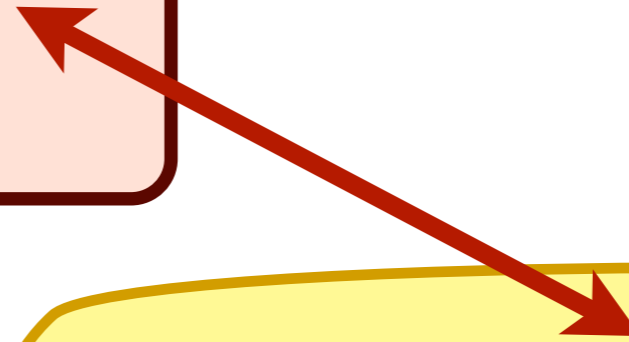
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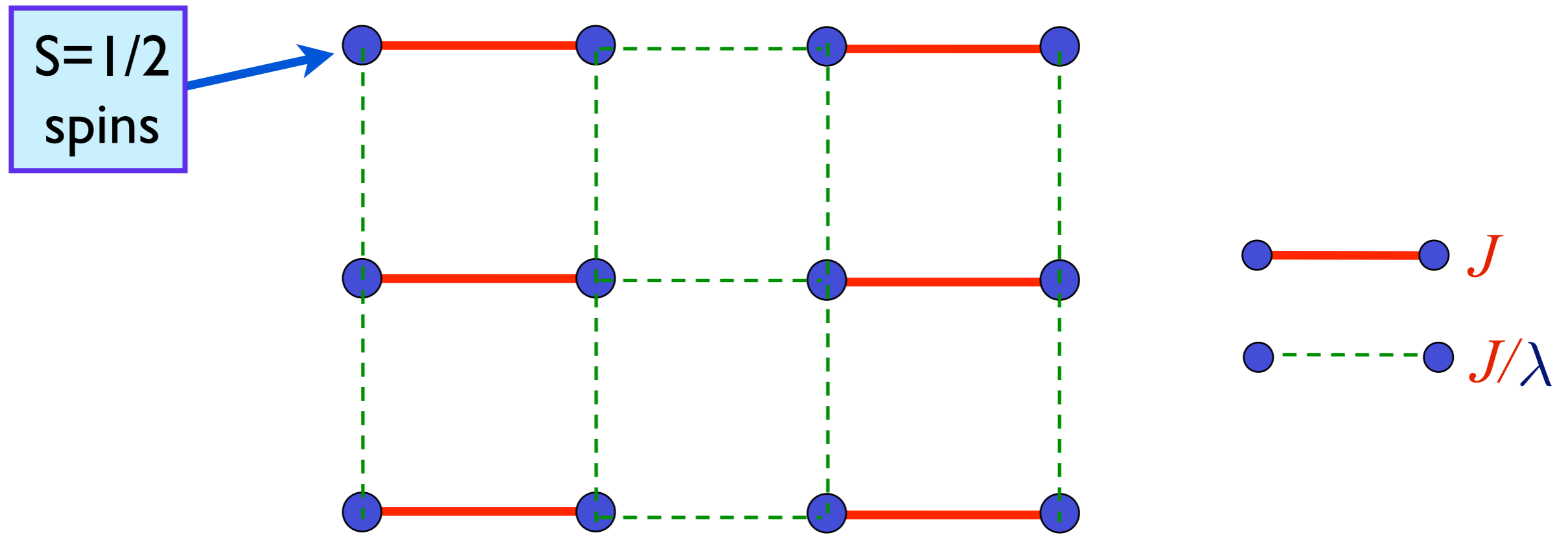


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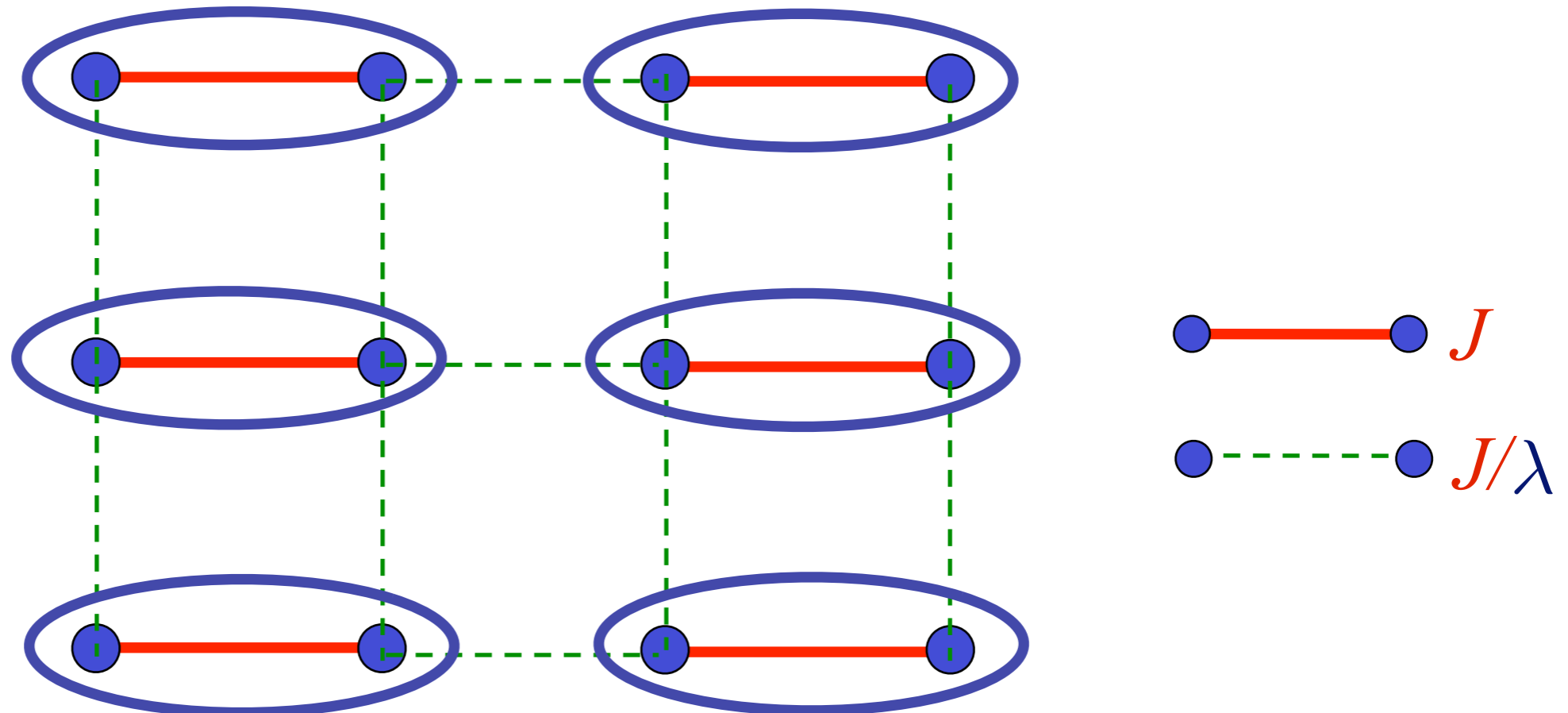
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Examine ground state as a function of λ

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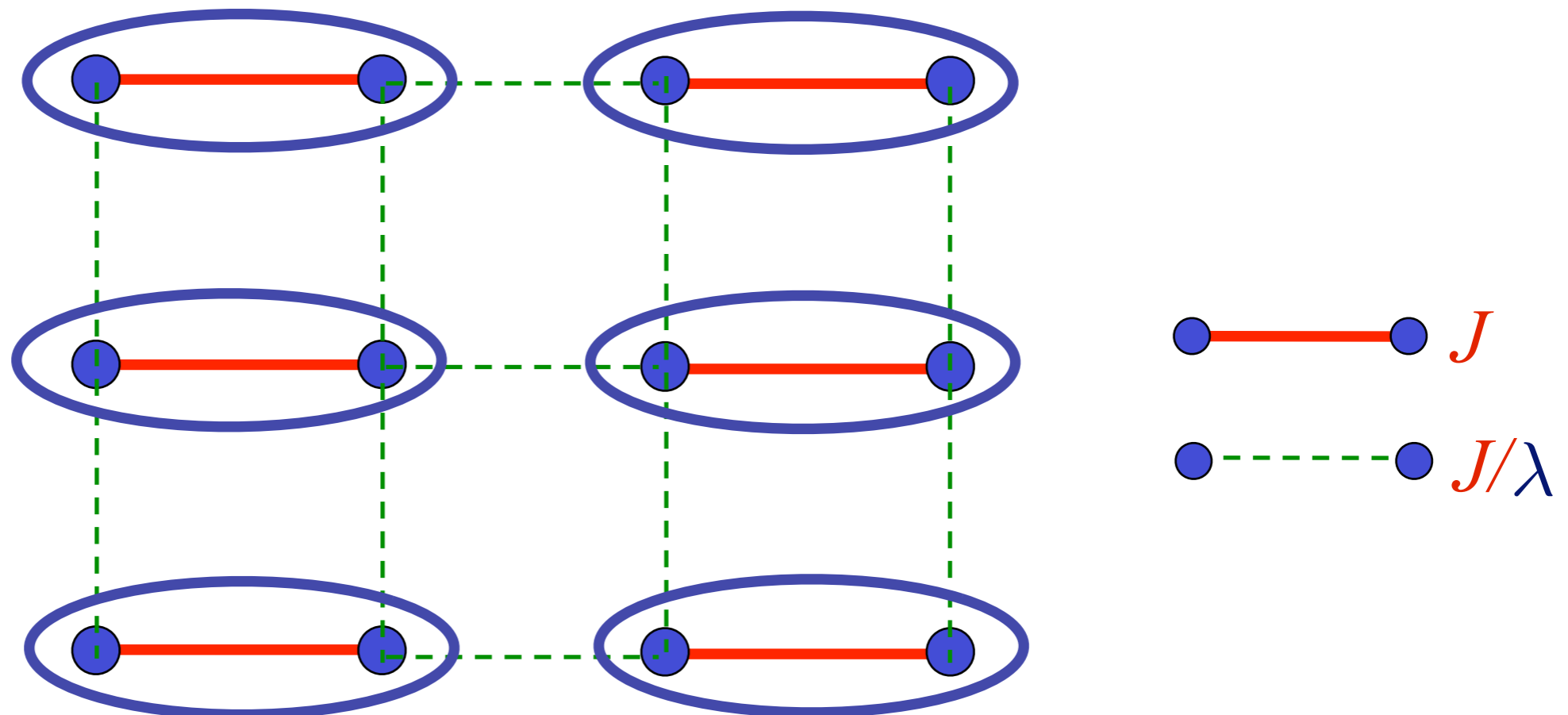


$$\text{Valence bond singlet} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$

At large λ ground state is a “quantum paramagnet” with spins locked in valence bond singlets

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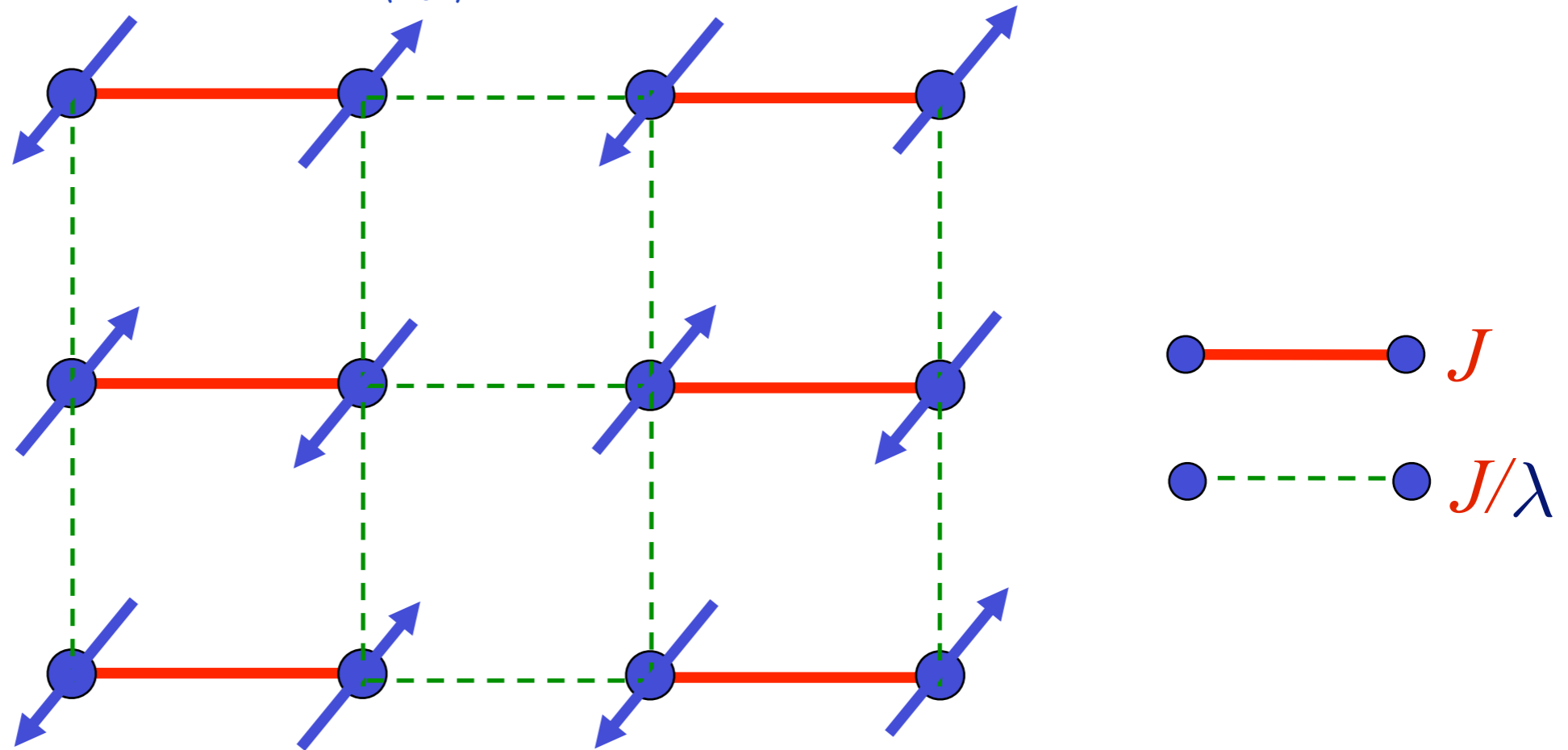


$$\text{[Pair of sites in a blue oval]} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right)$$

Nearest-neighbor spins are “entangled” with each other.
Can be separated into an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) pair.

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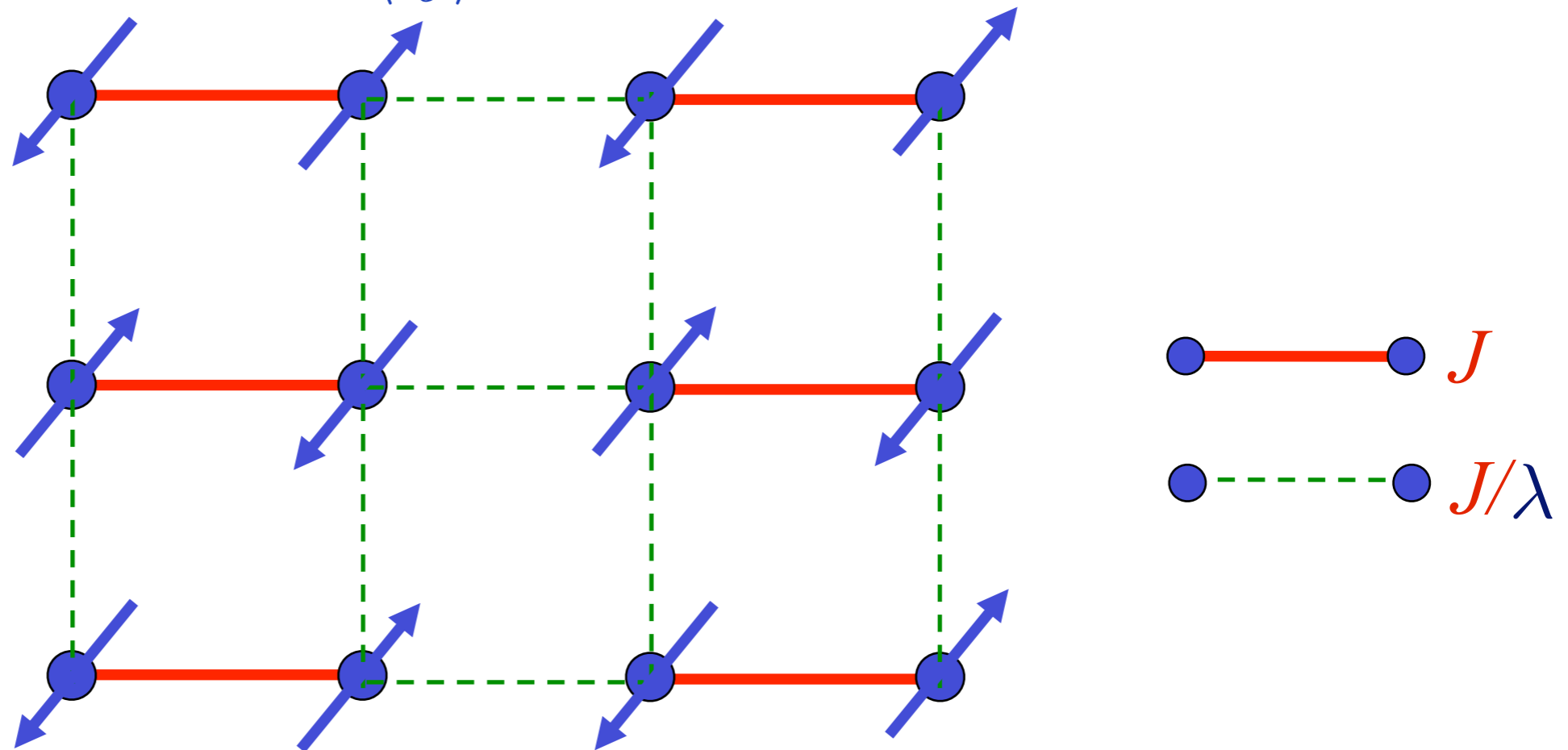
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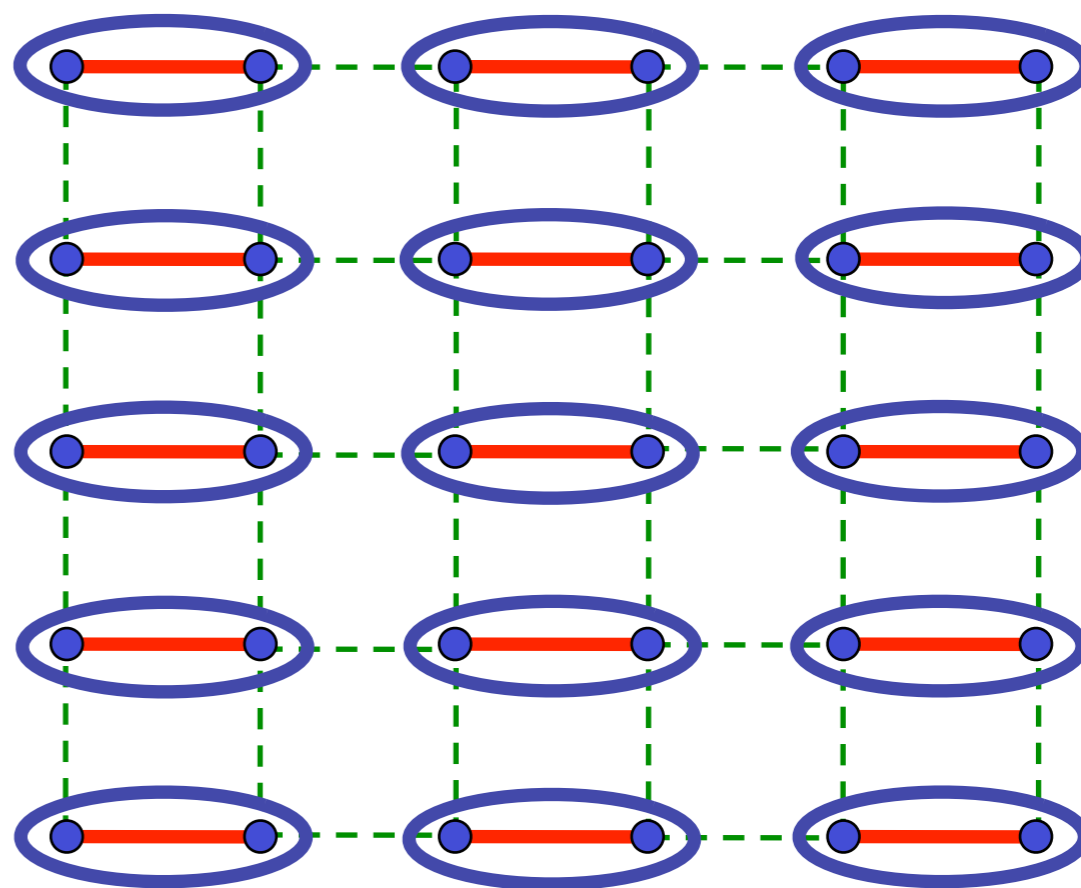
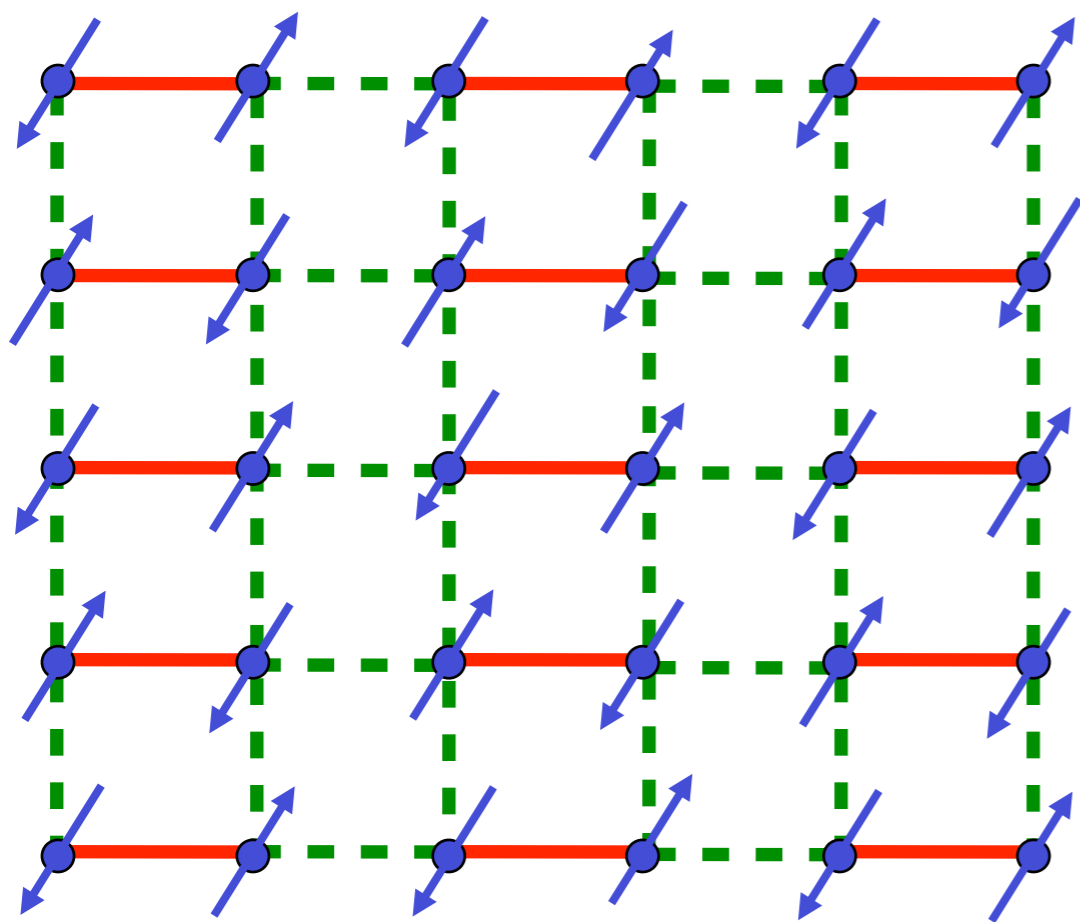
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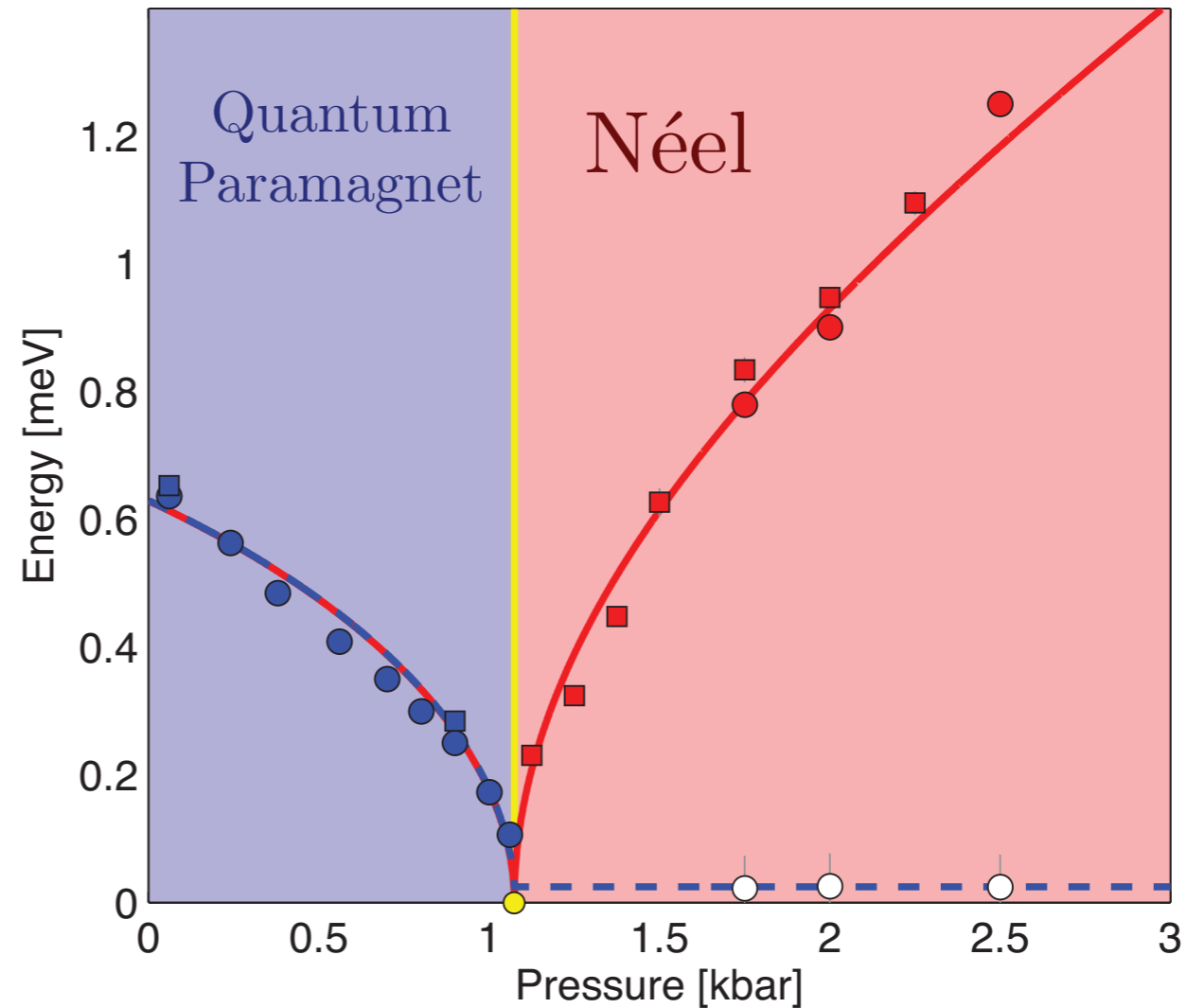
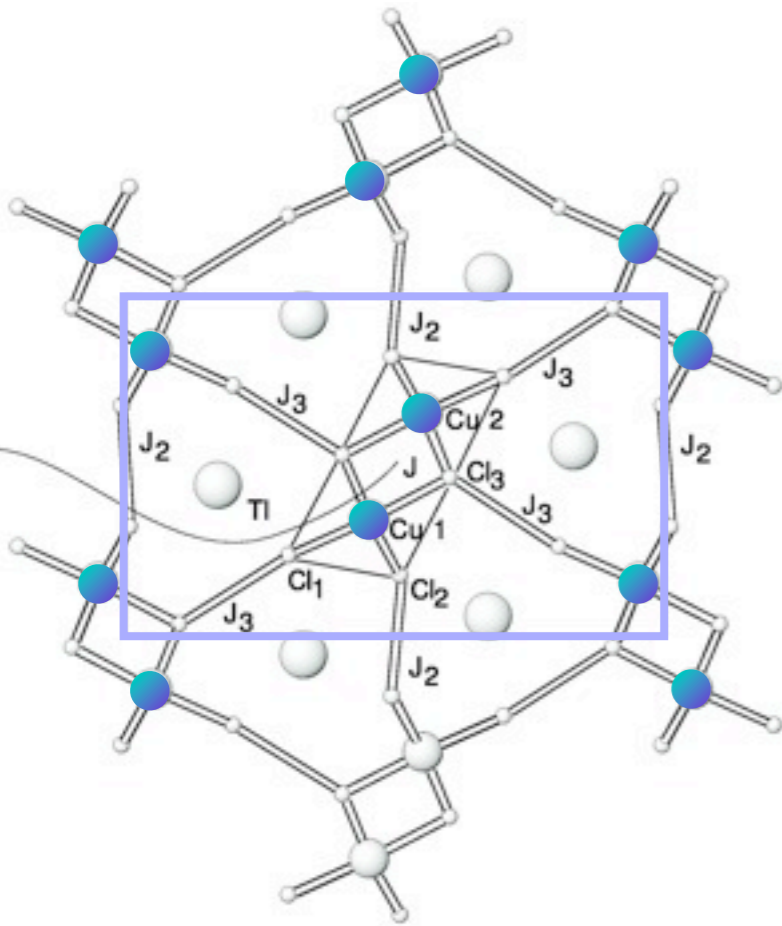
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No EPR pairs

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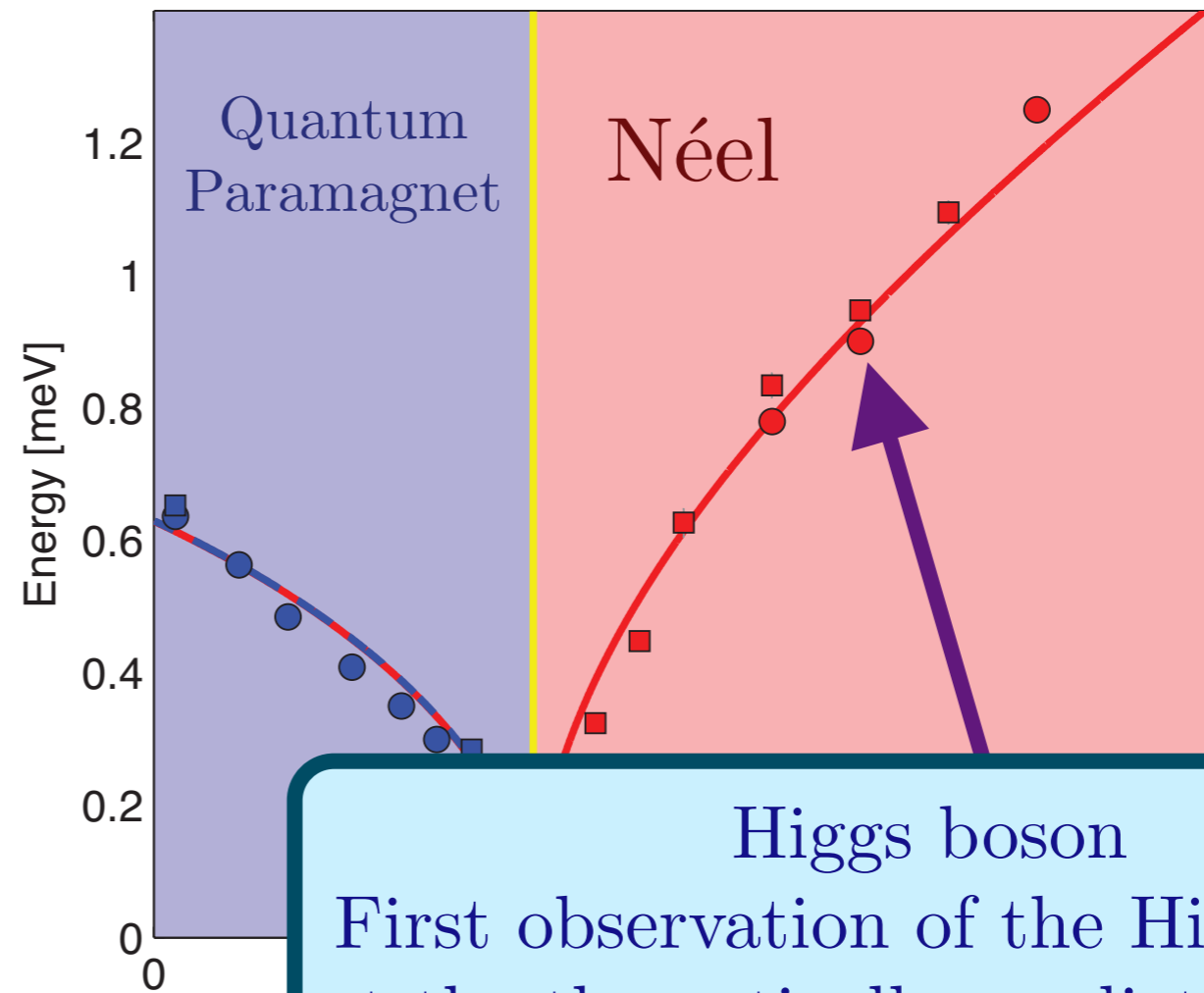
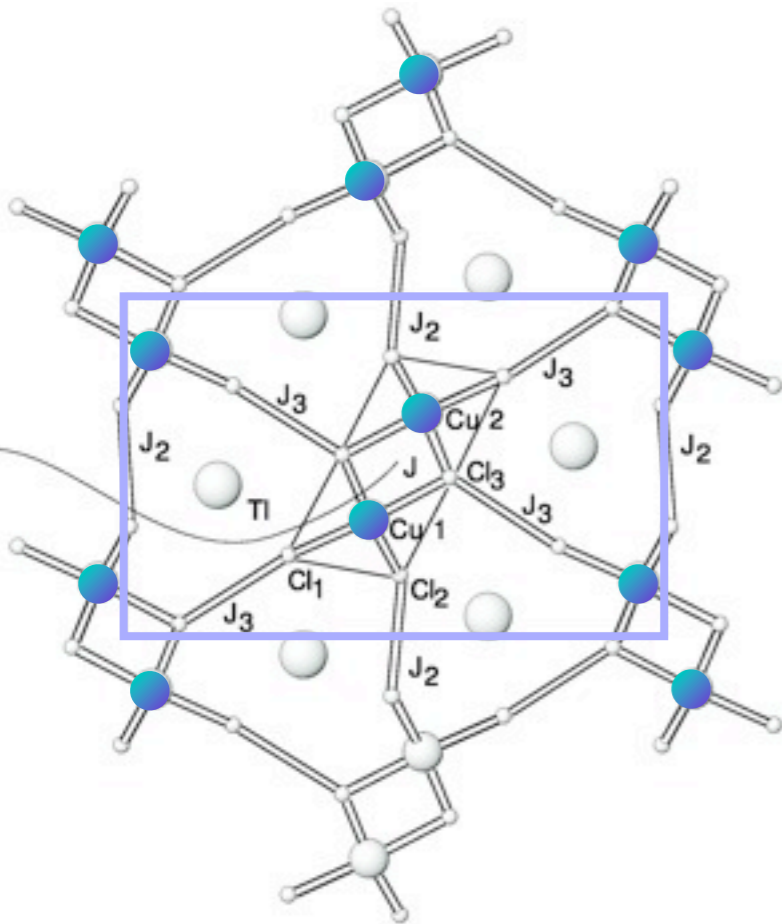


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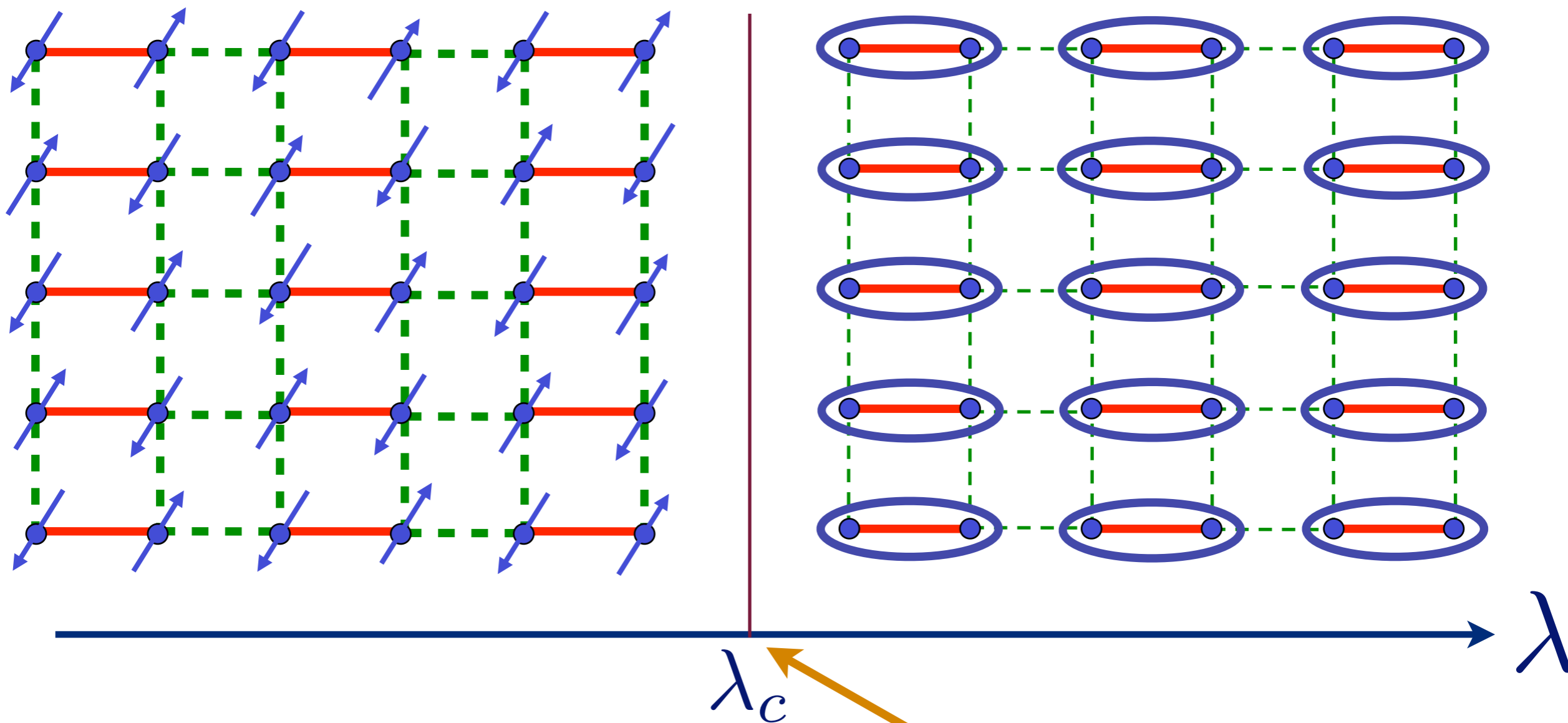


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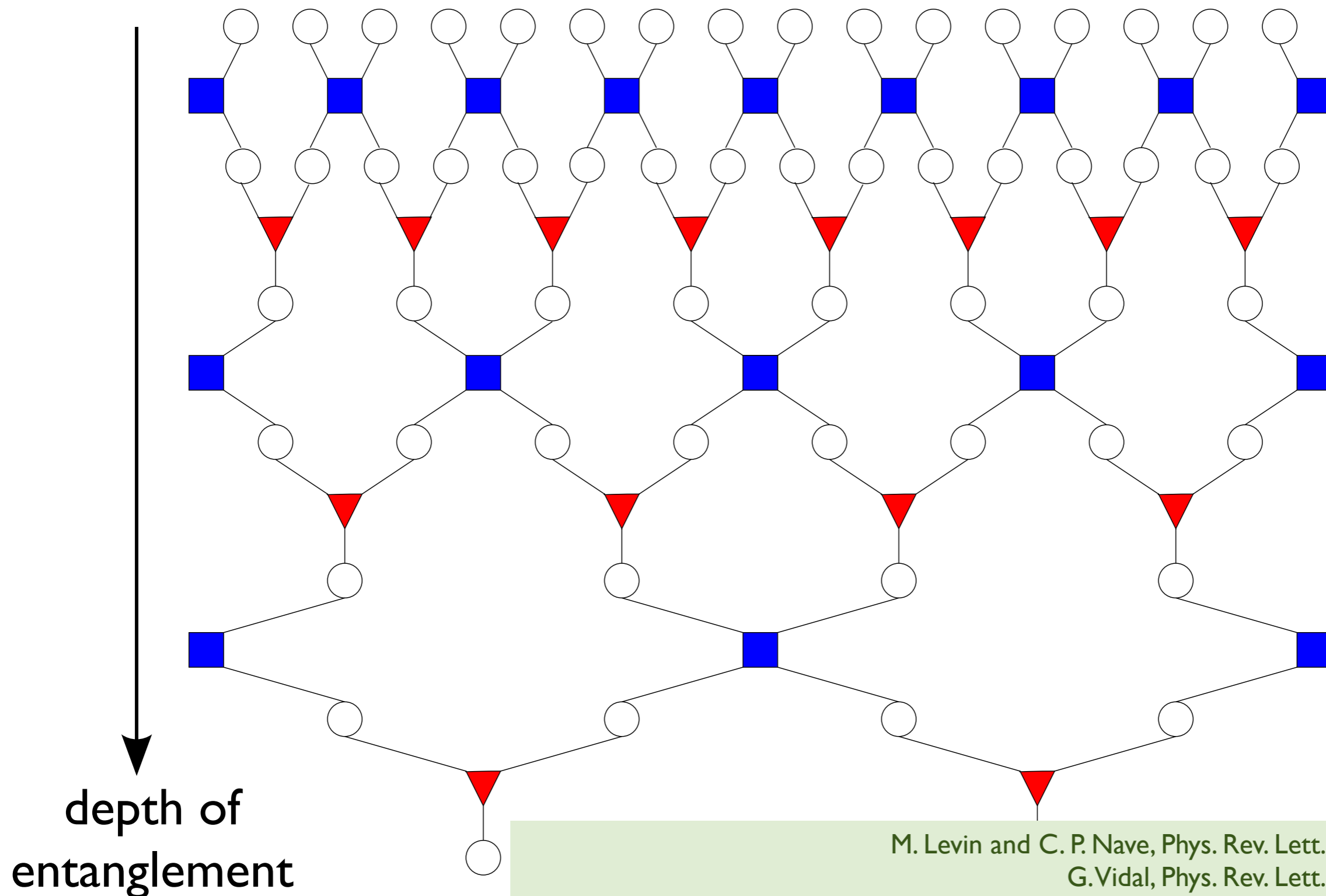
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Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction

Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point

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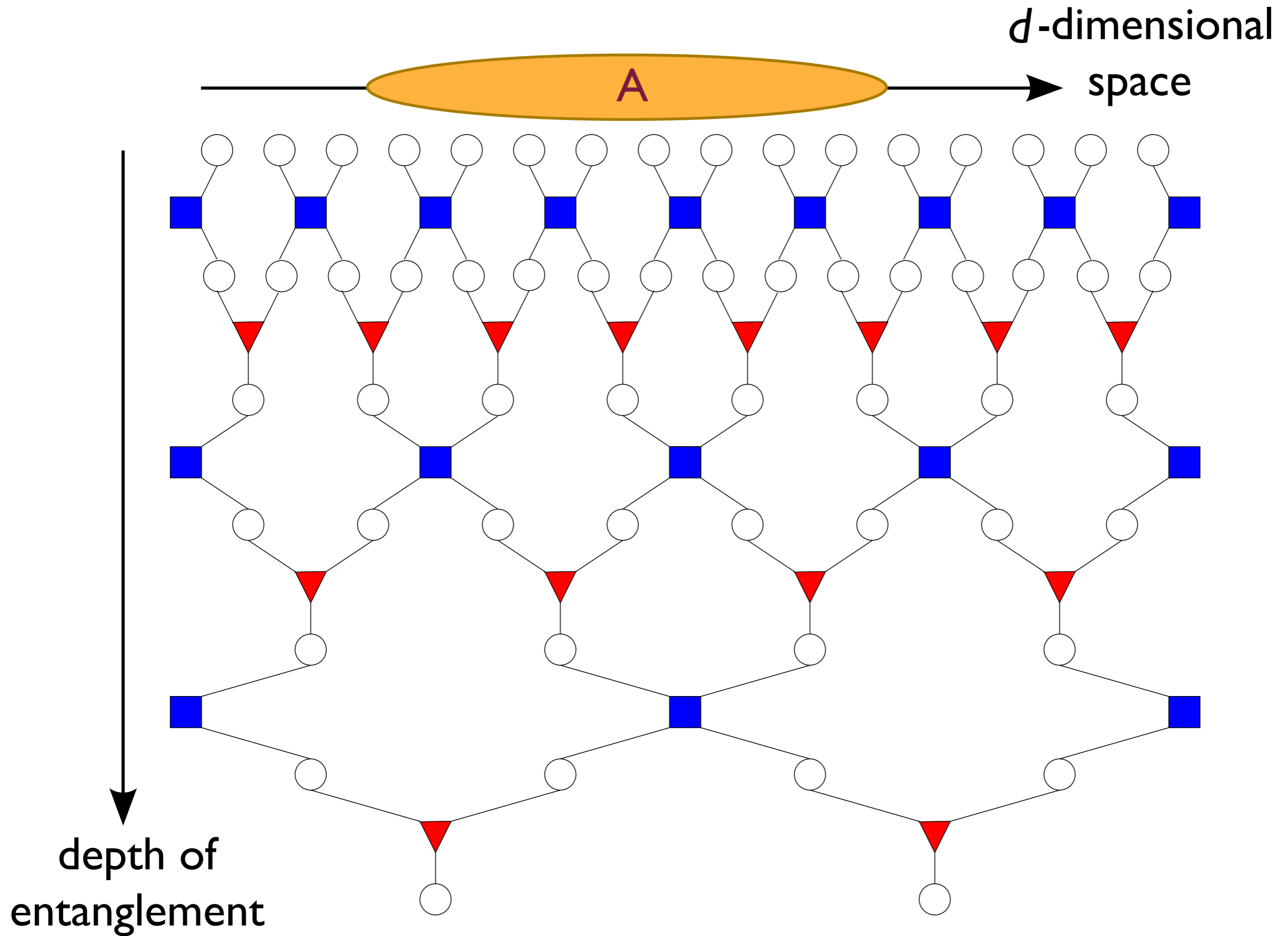


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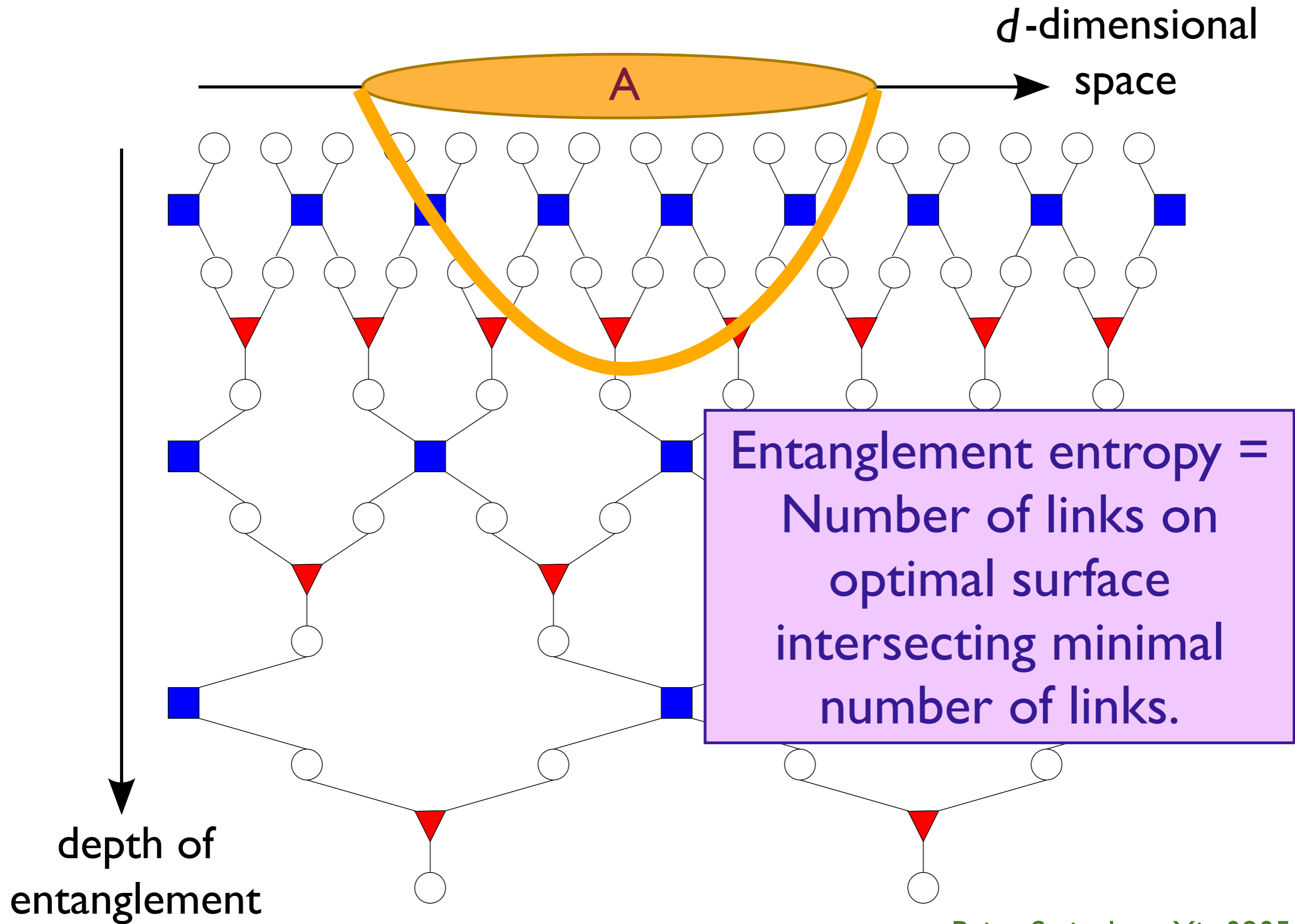
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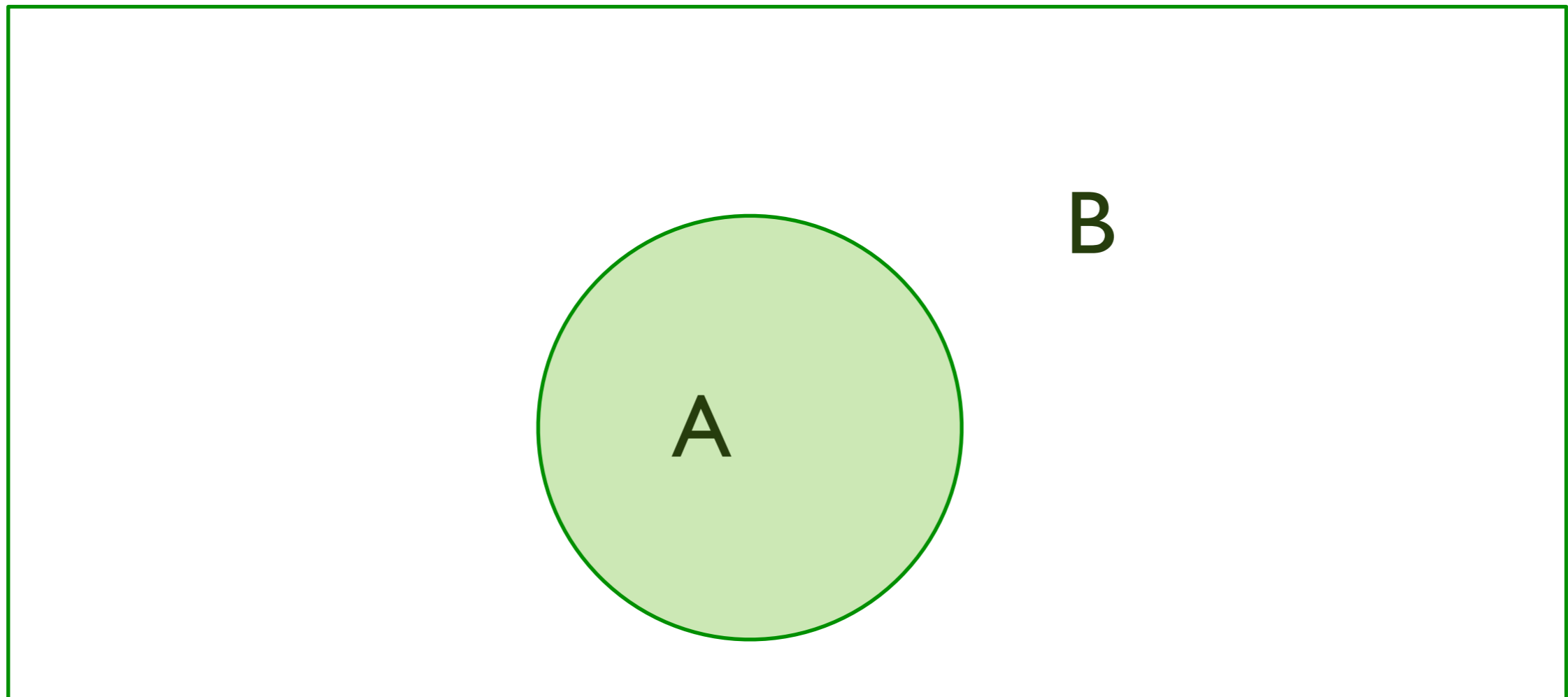


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Long-range entanglement at the quantum critical point

- Long-range entanglement: entanglement entropy obeys $S_{EE} = aL - \gamma$, where γ is a universal number associated with the quantum critical point.



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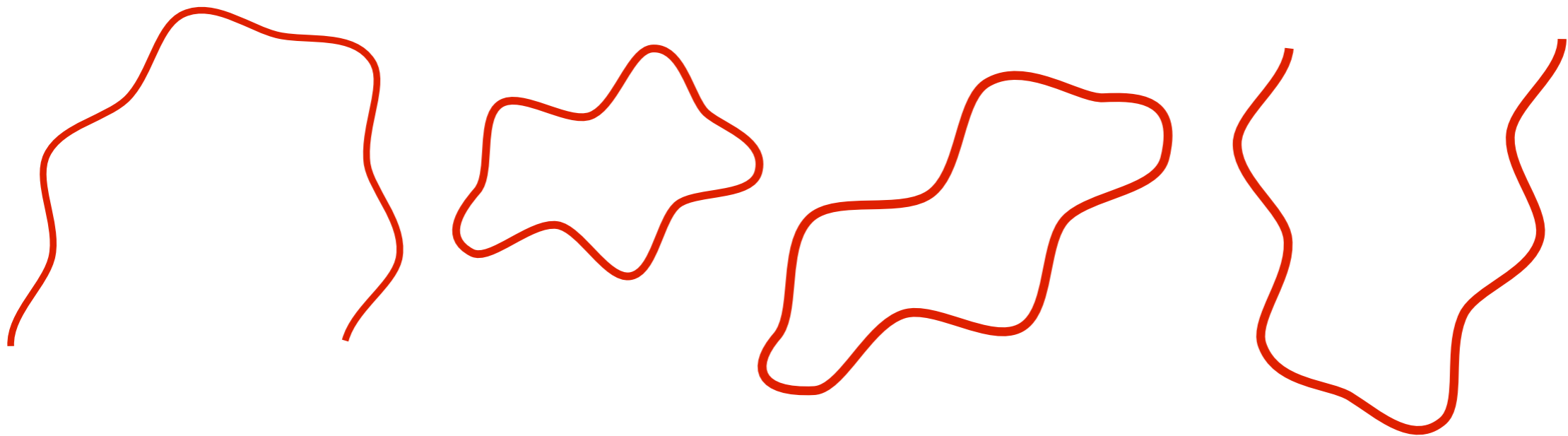
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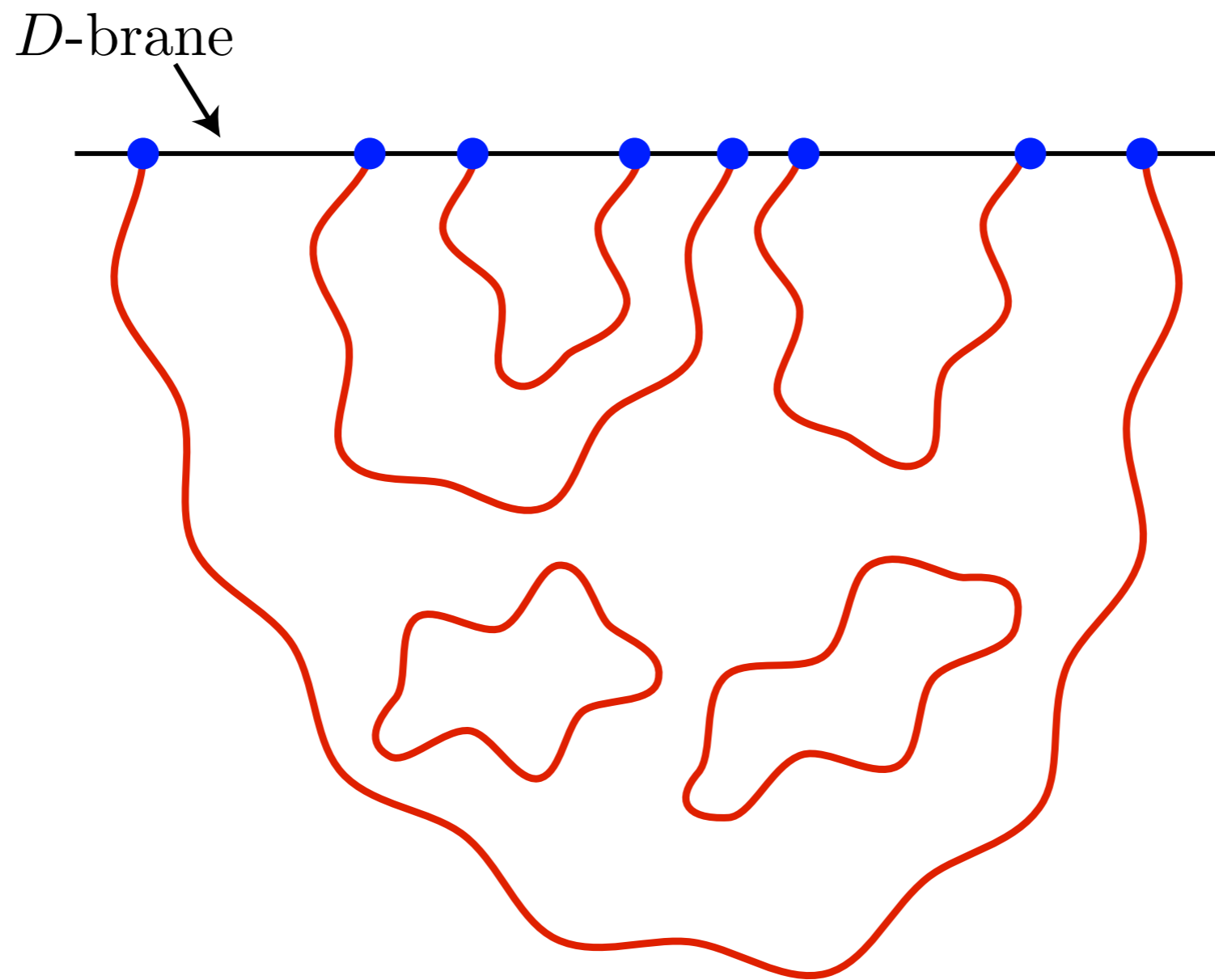
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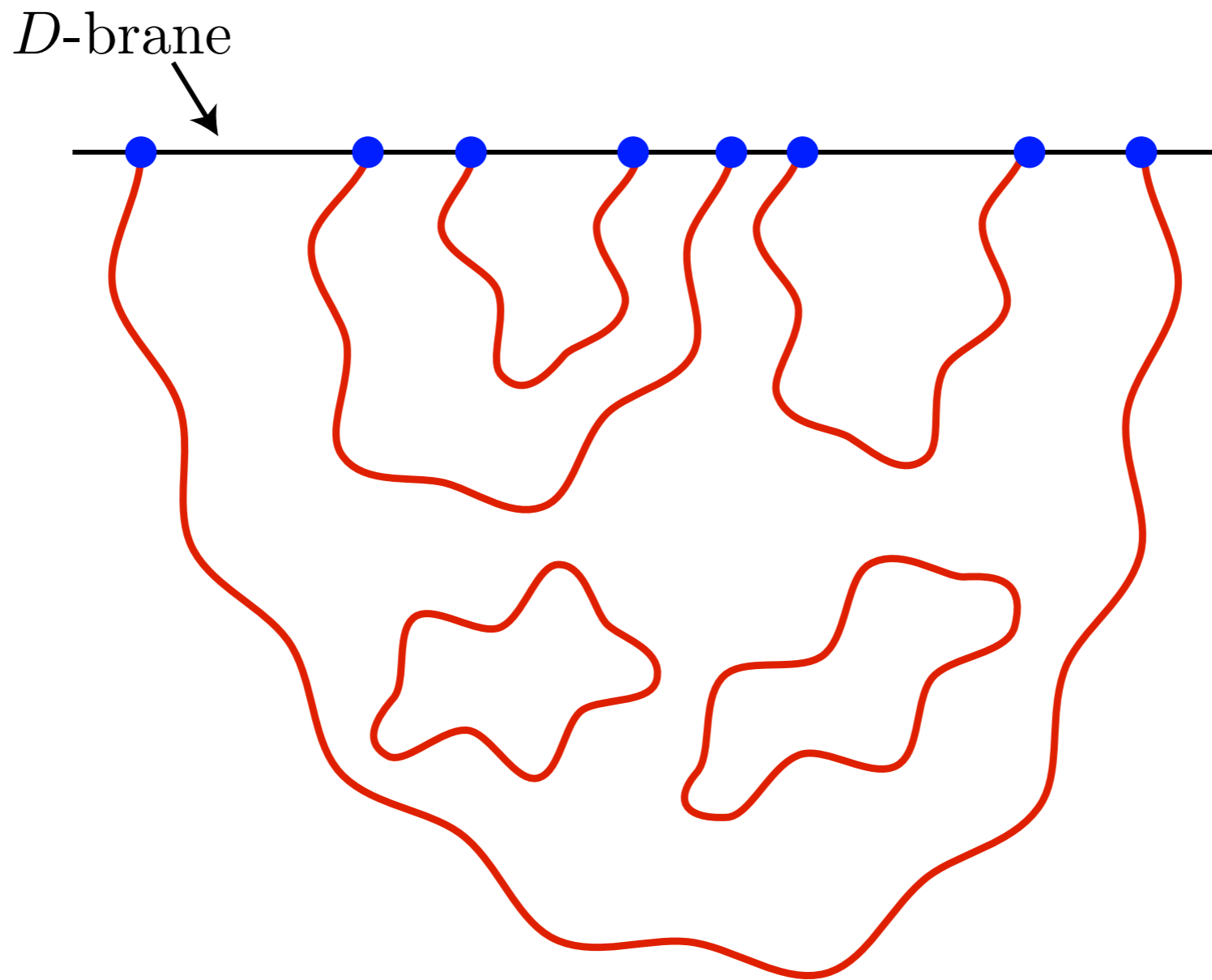
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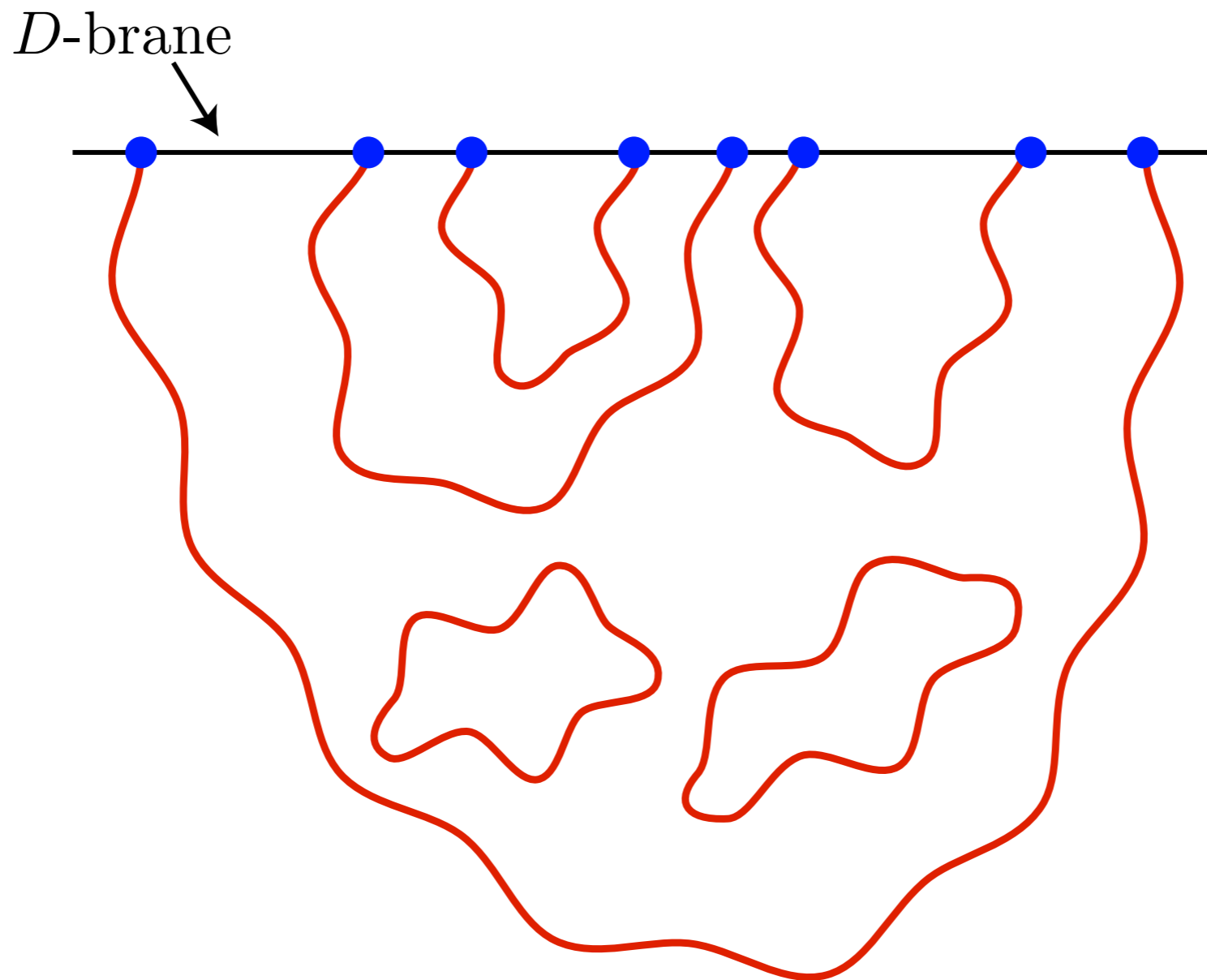
- Allows unification of the standard model of particle physics with gravity.
- Low-lying string modes correspond to gauge fields, gravitons, quarks ...



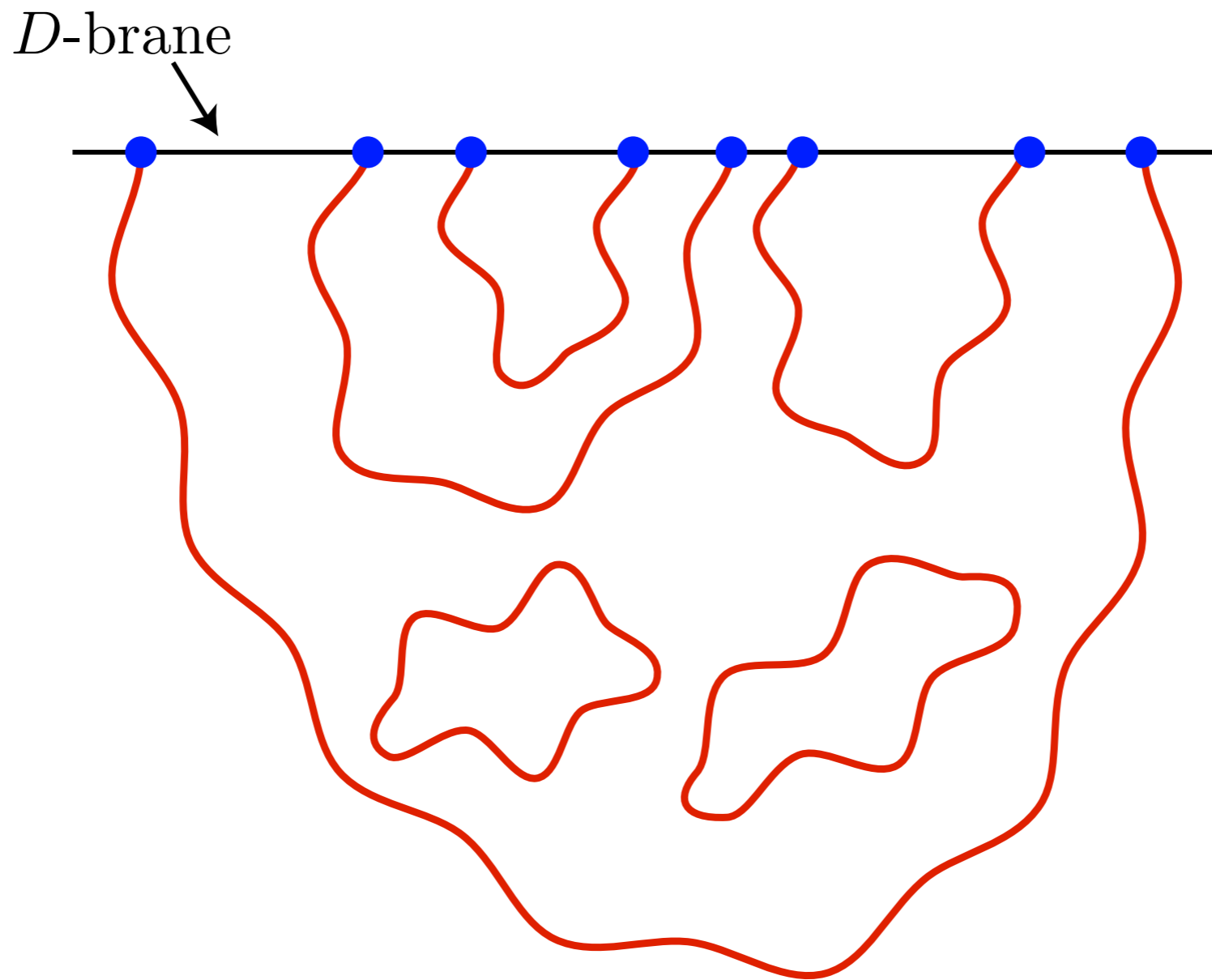
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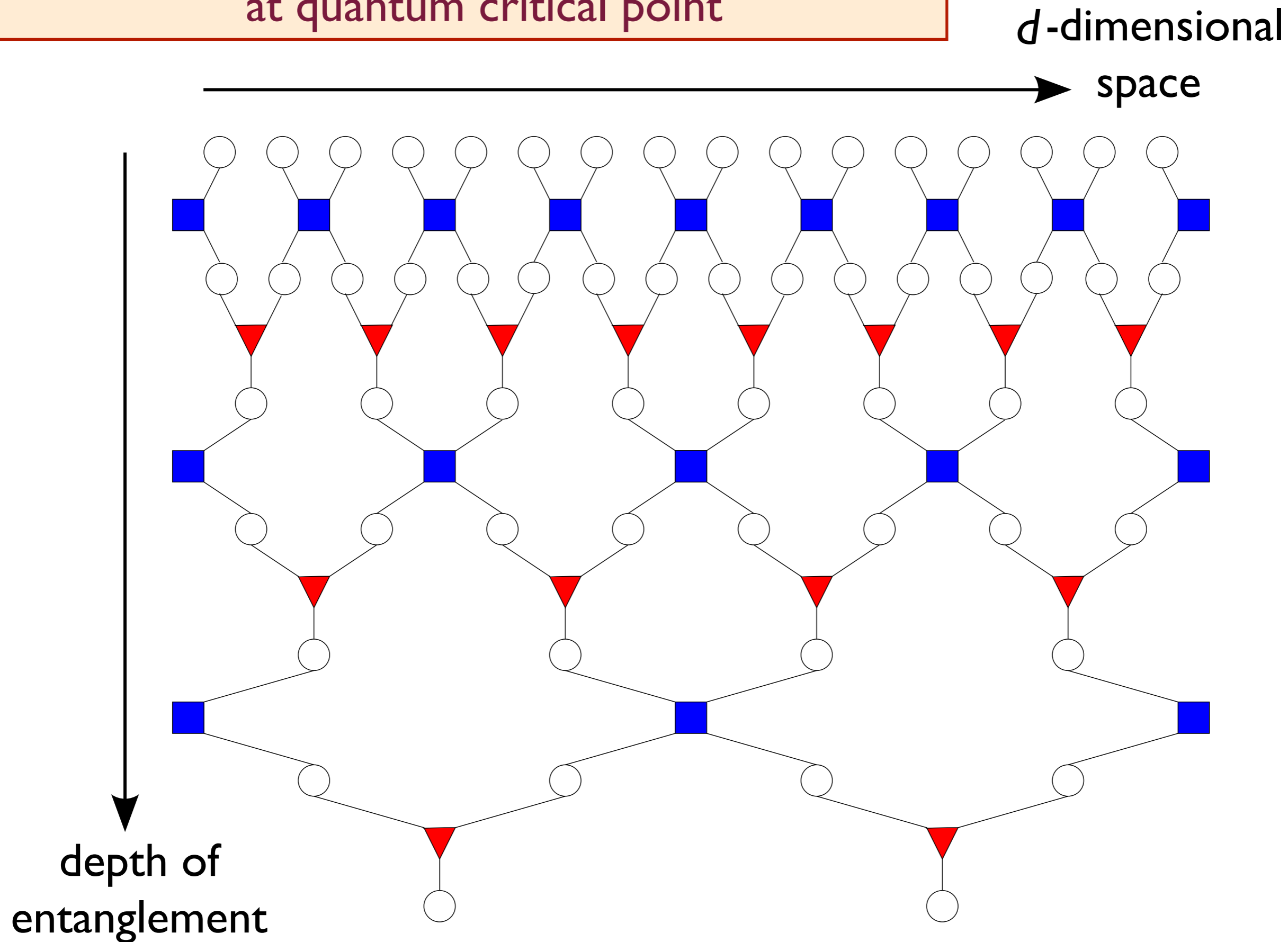


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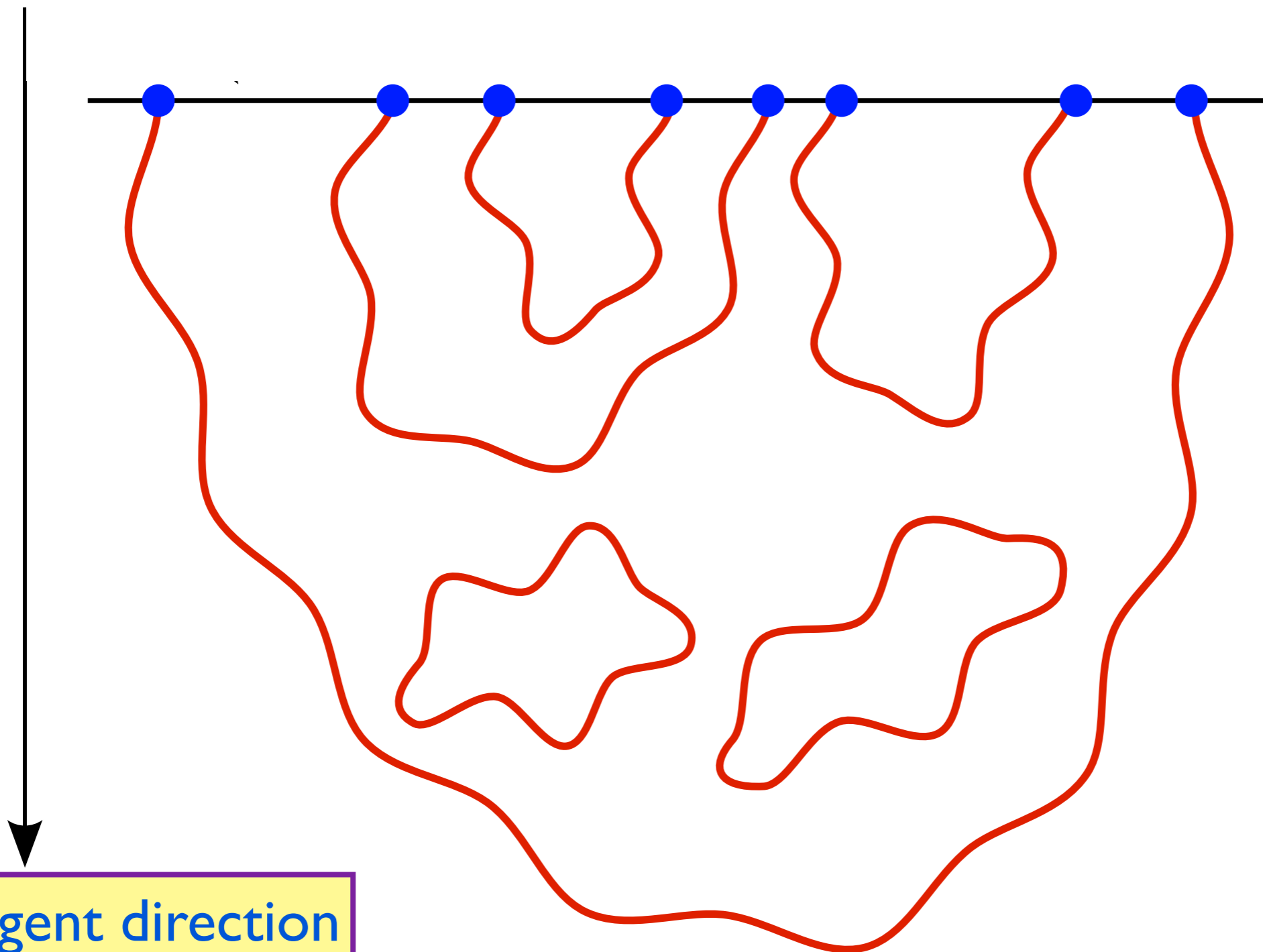
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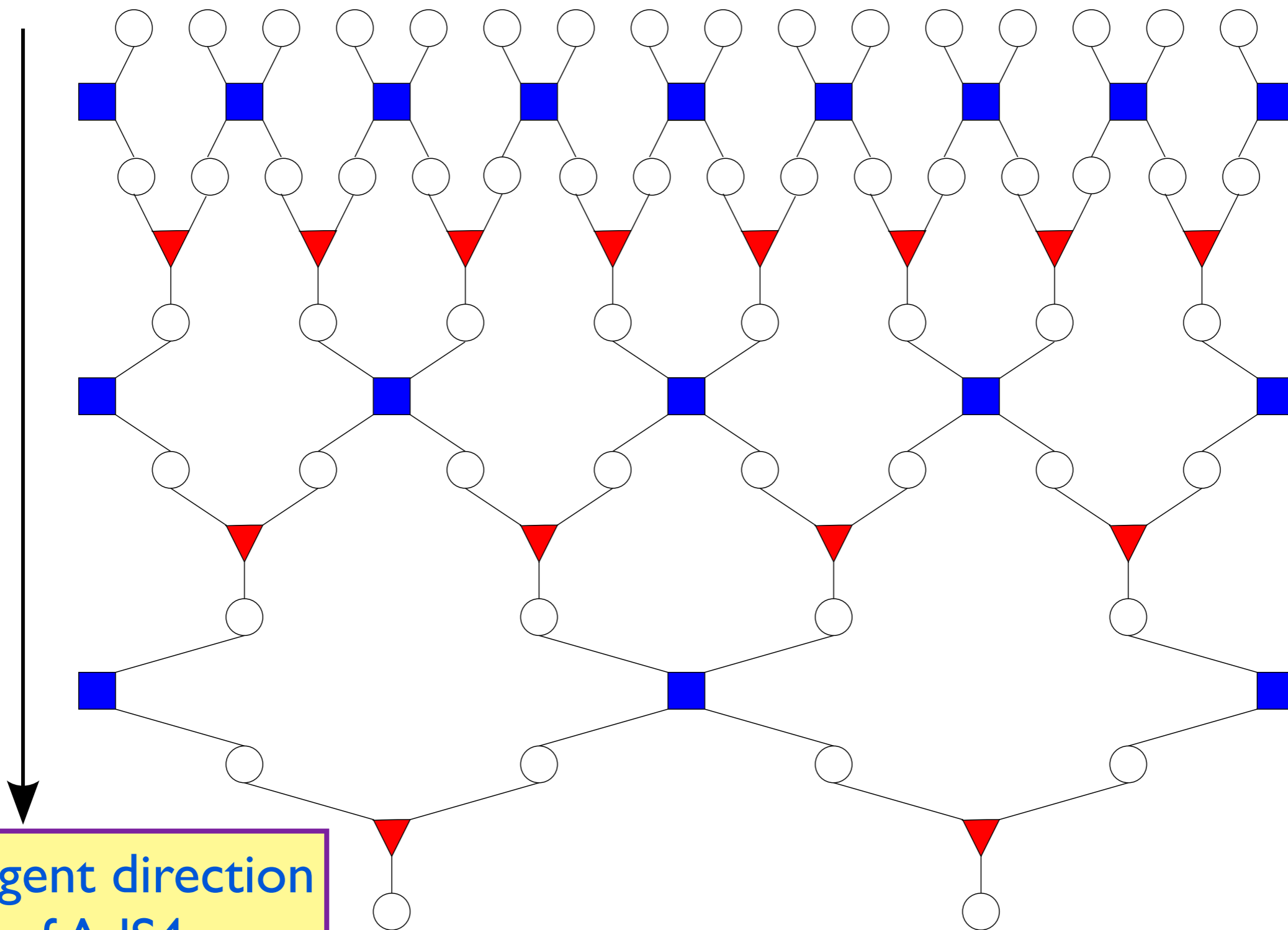
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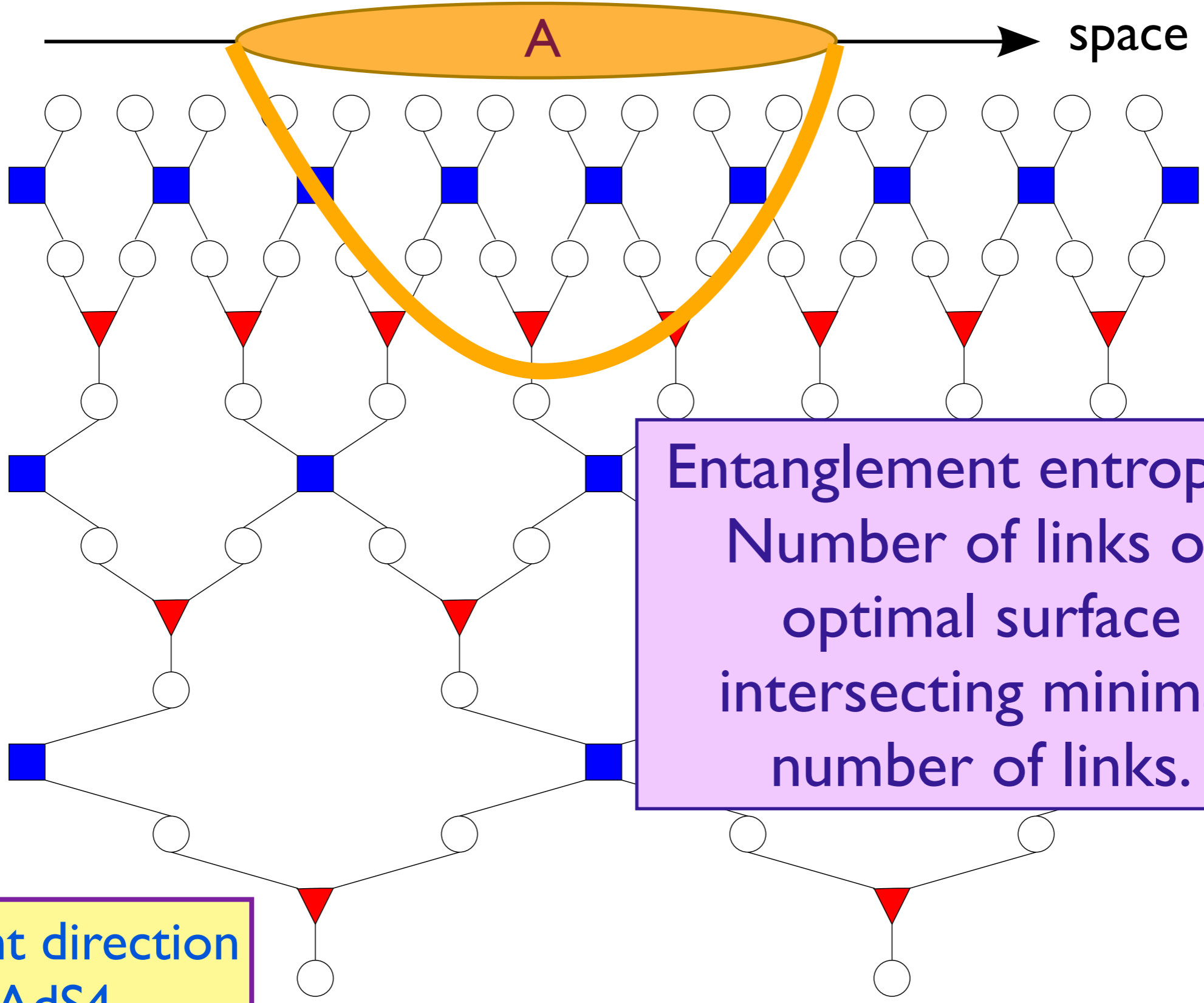


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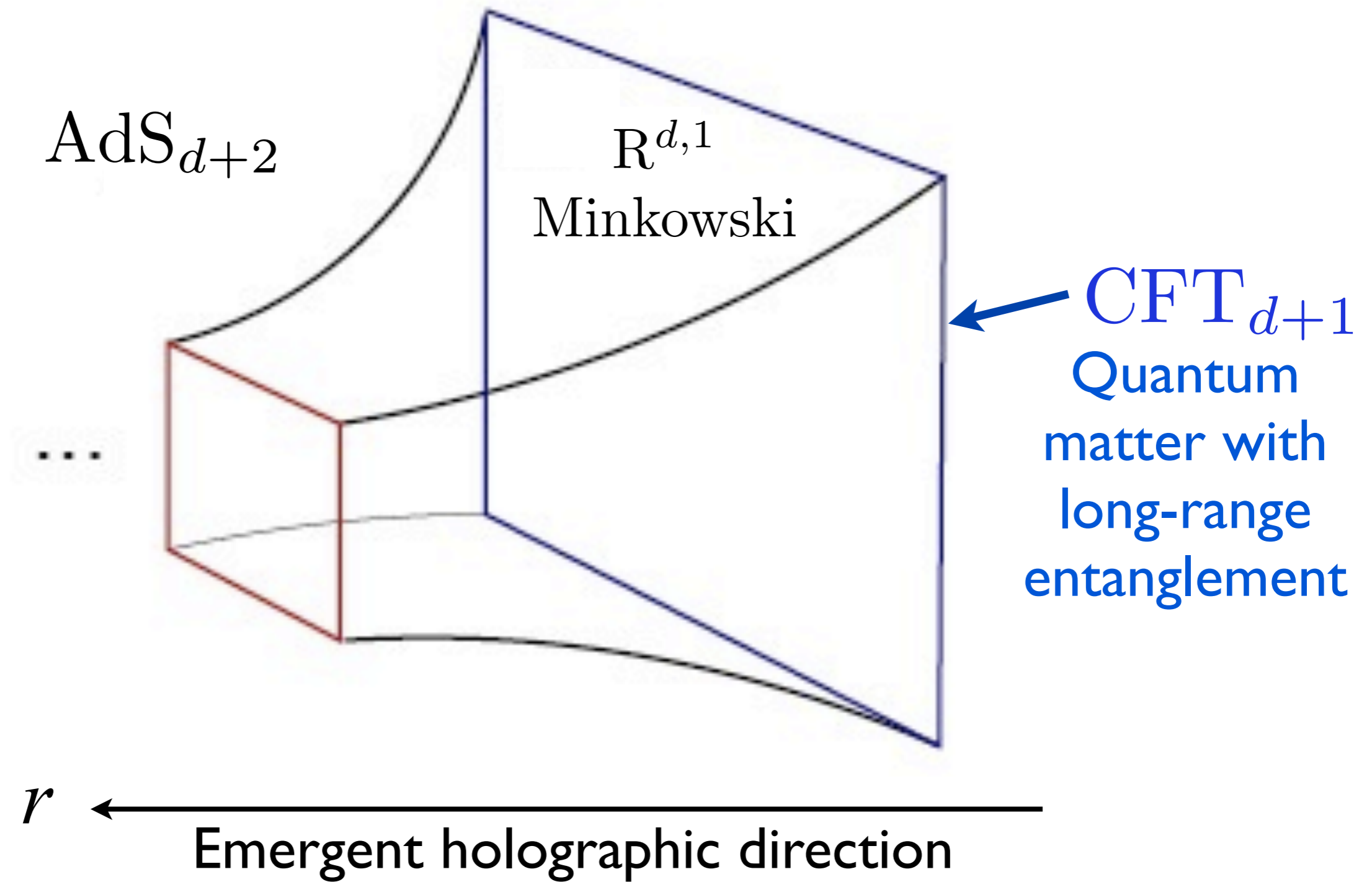
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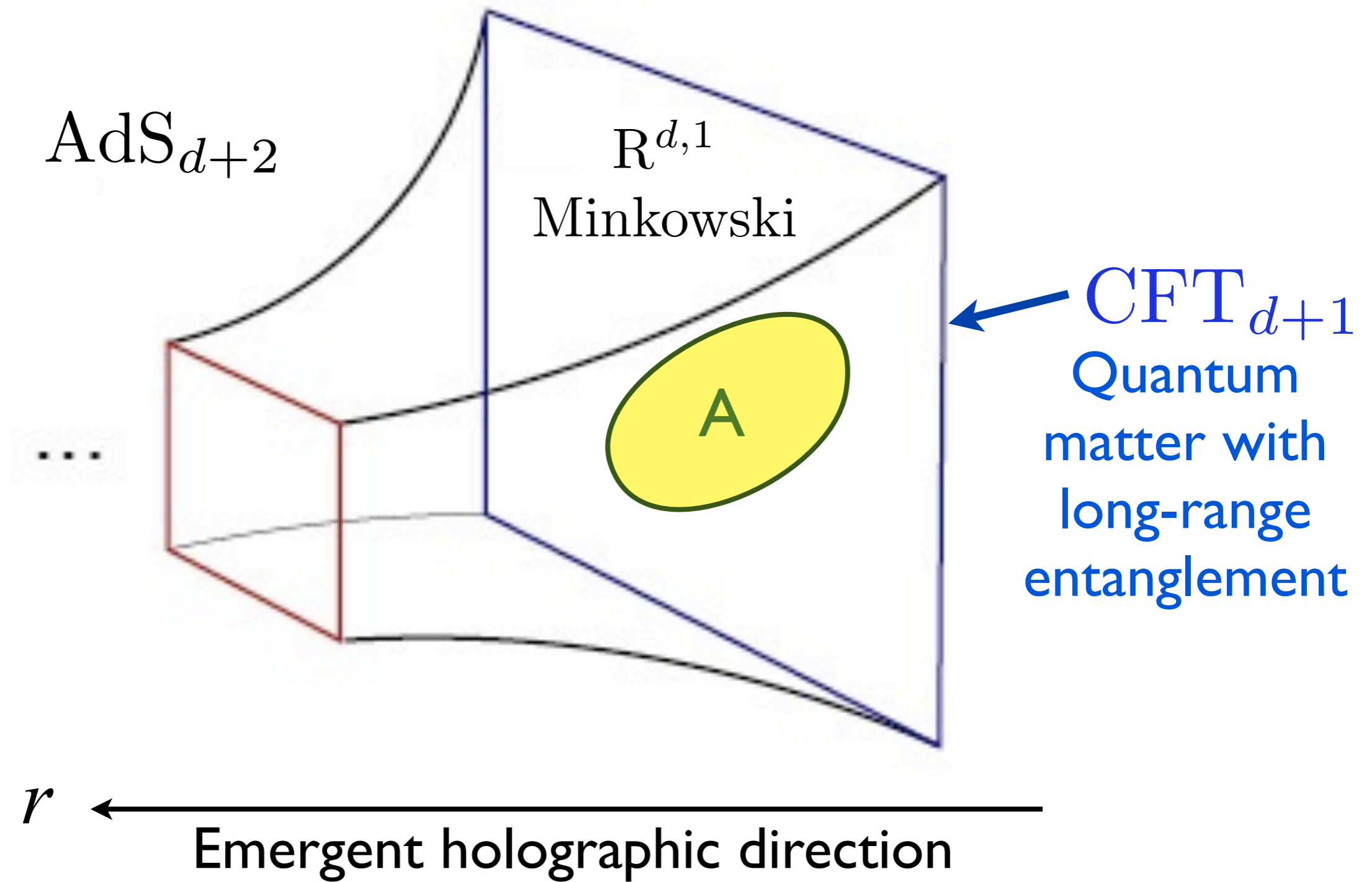
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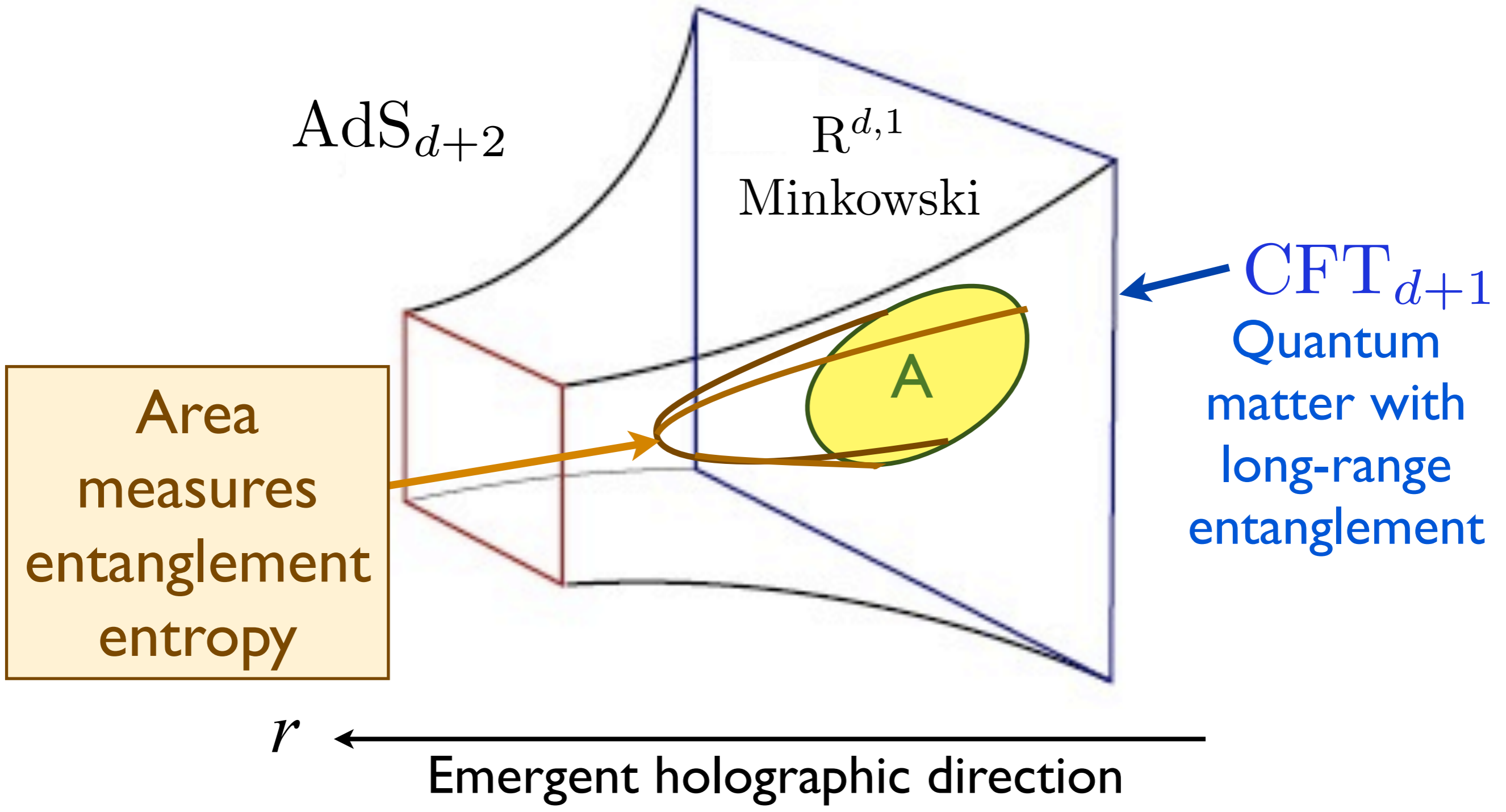


Entanglement entropy =
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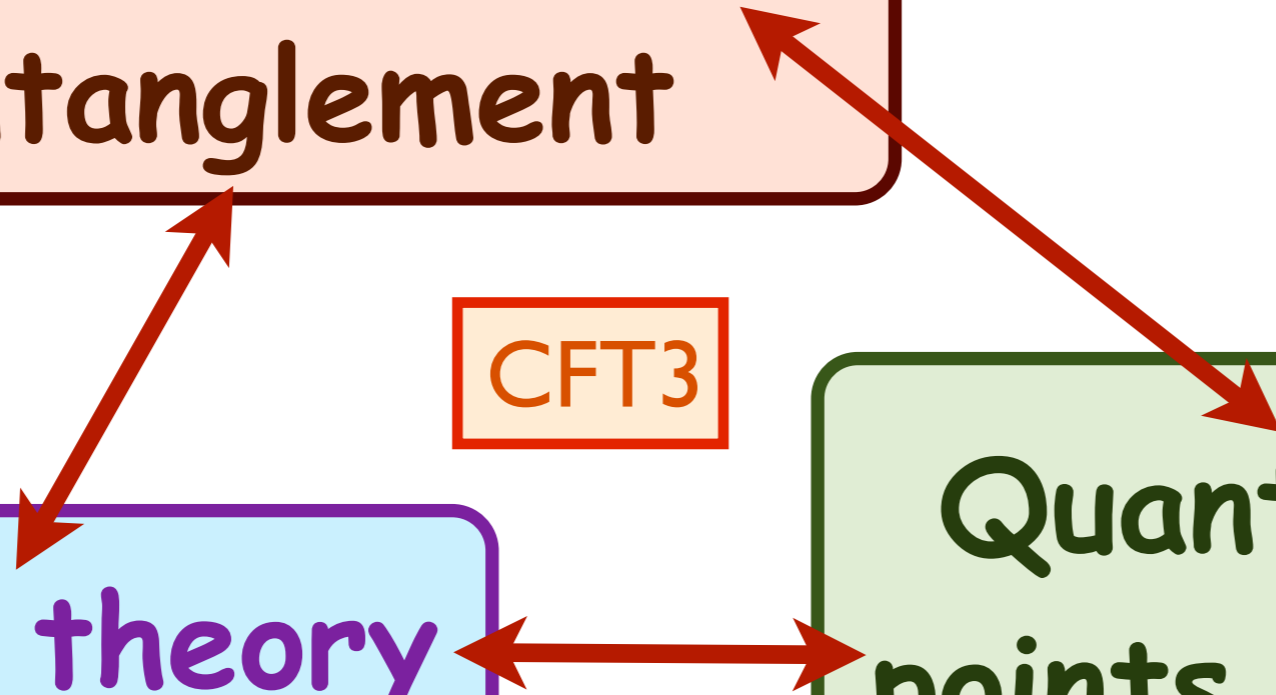
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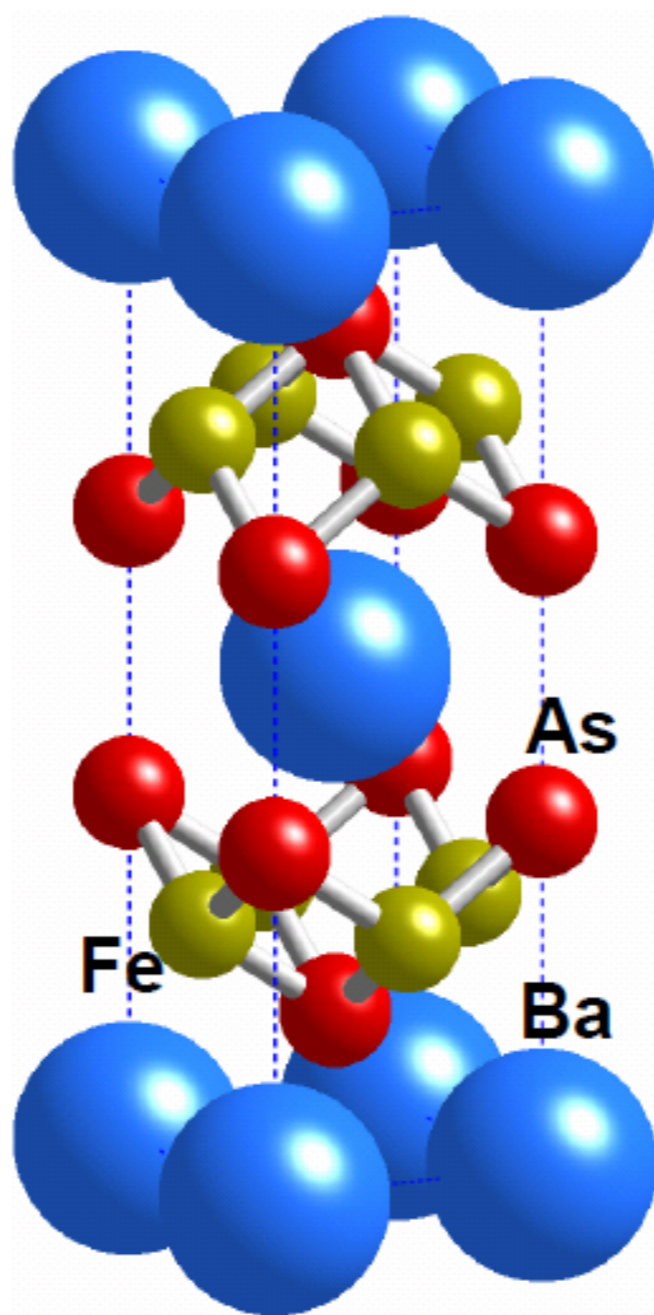


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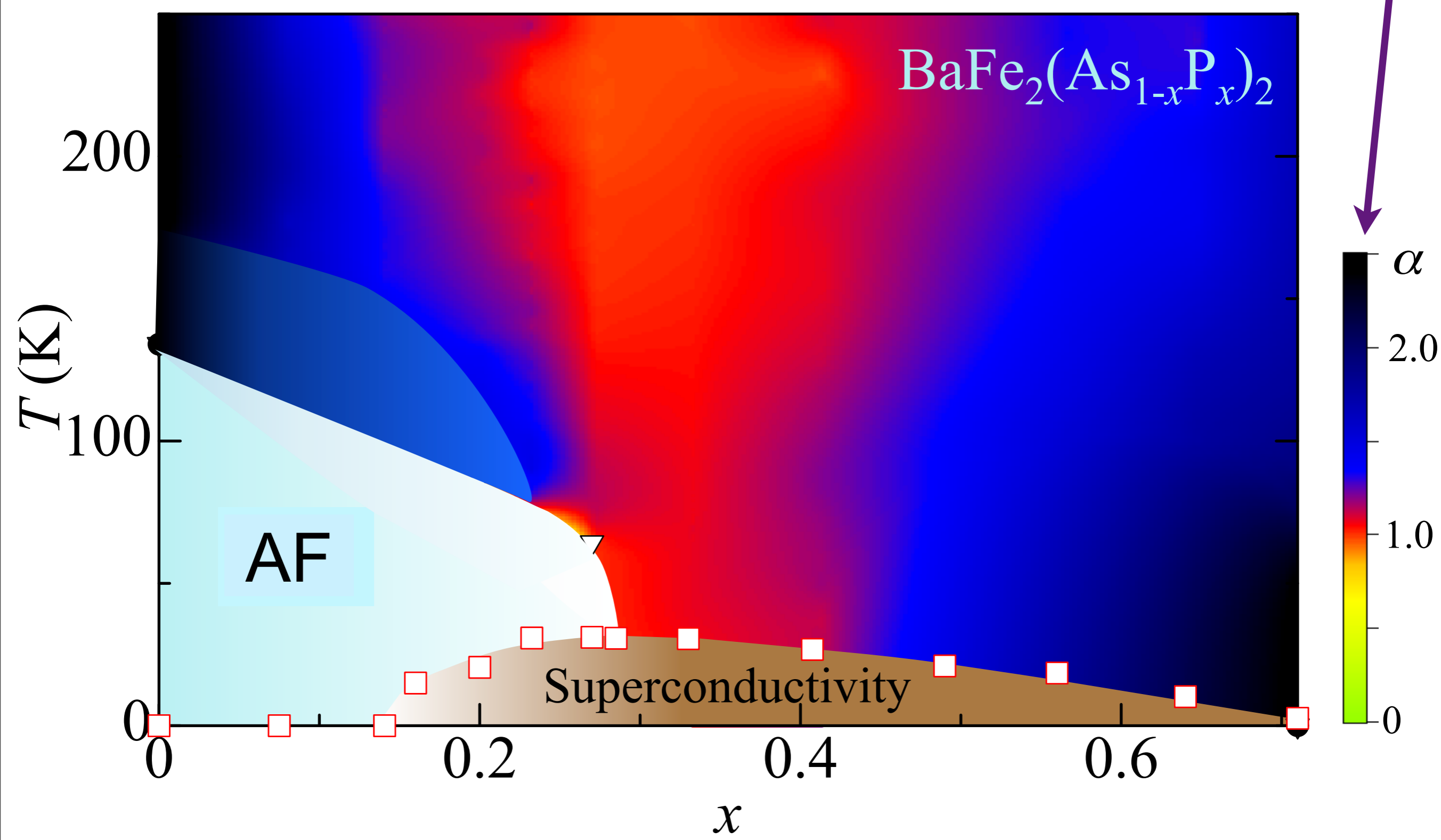
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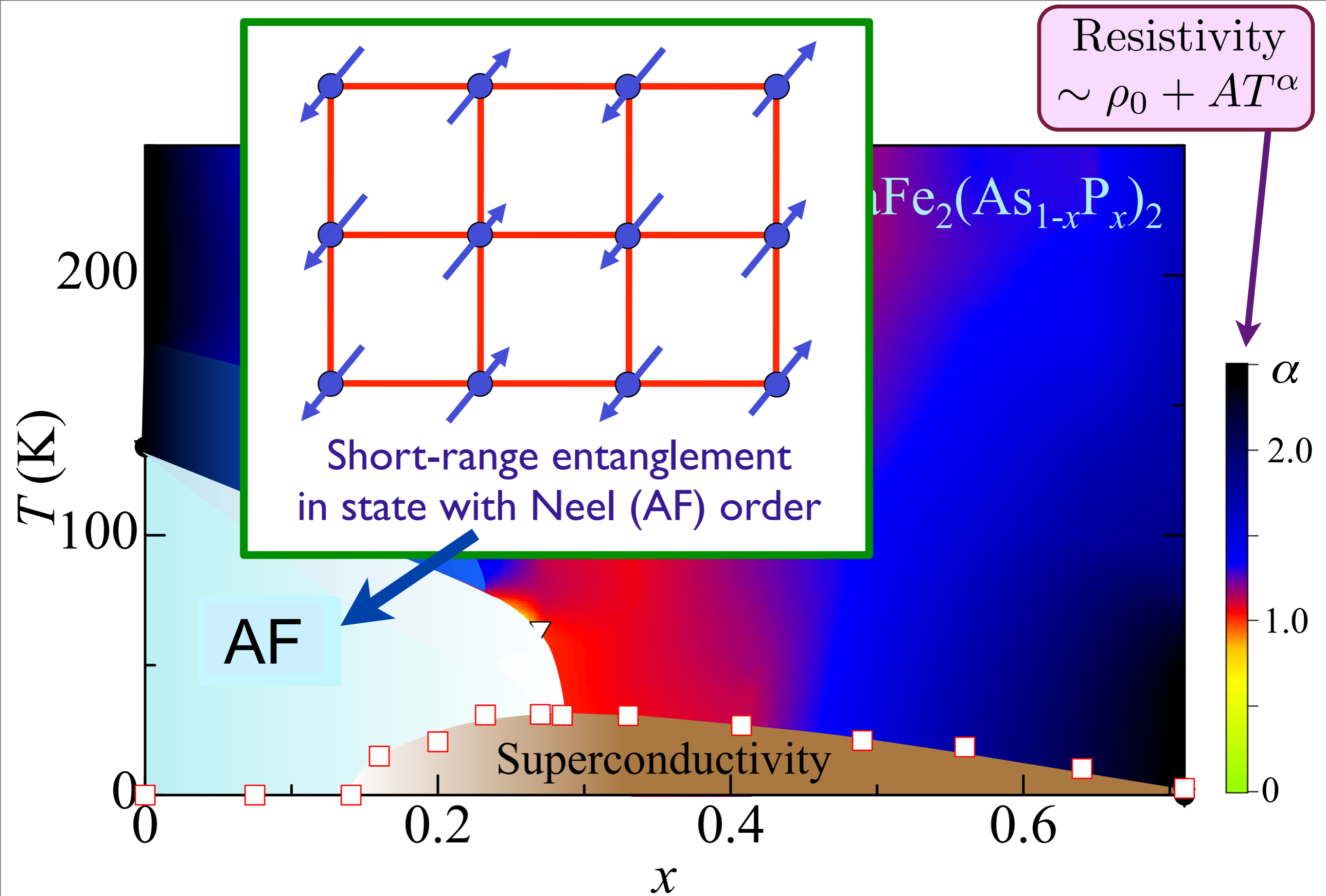
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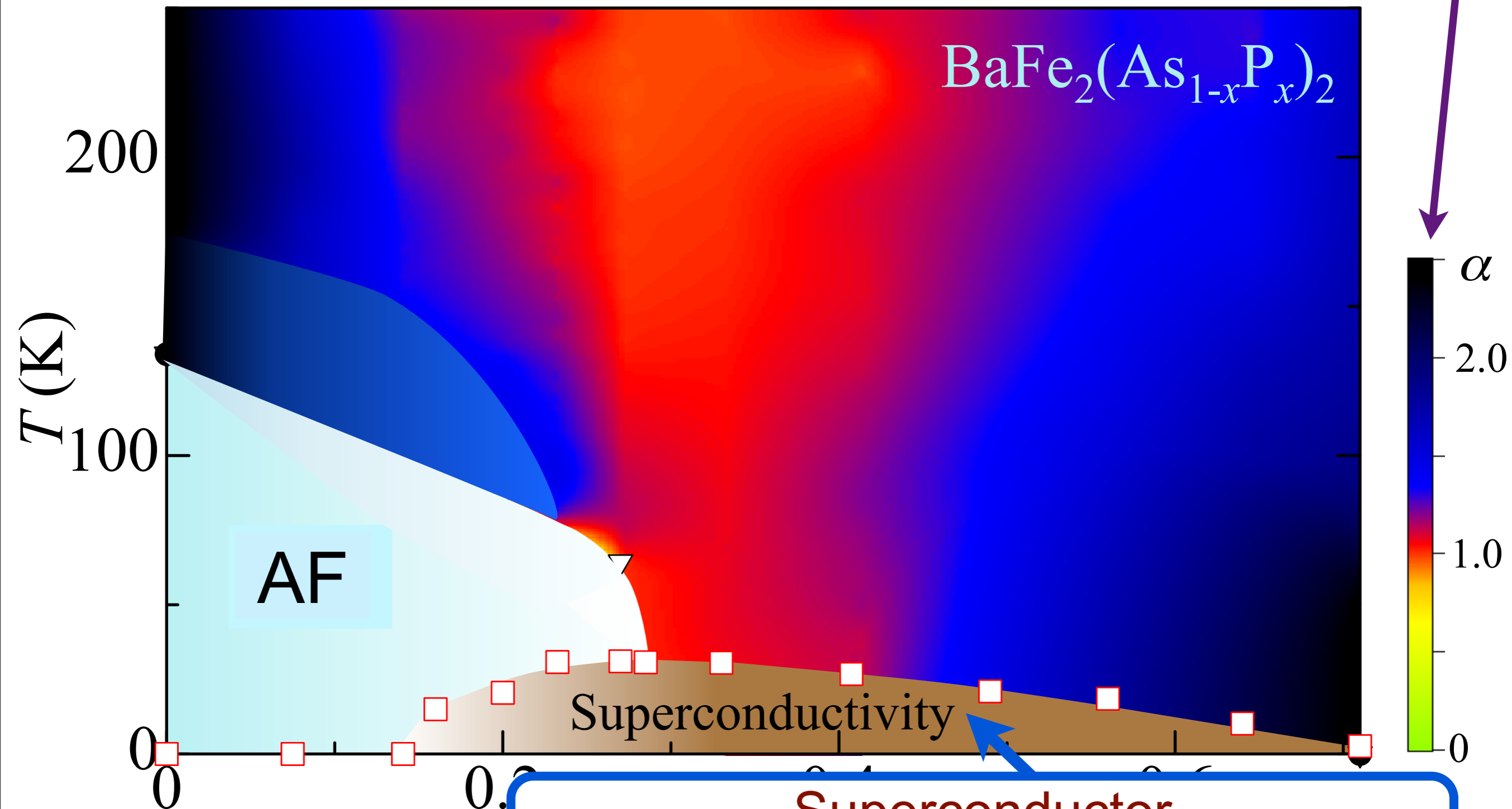


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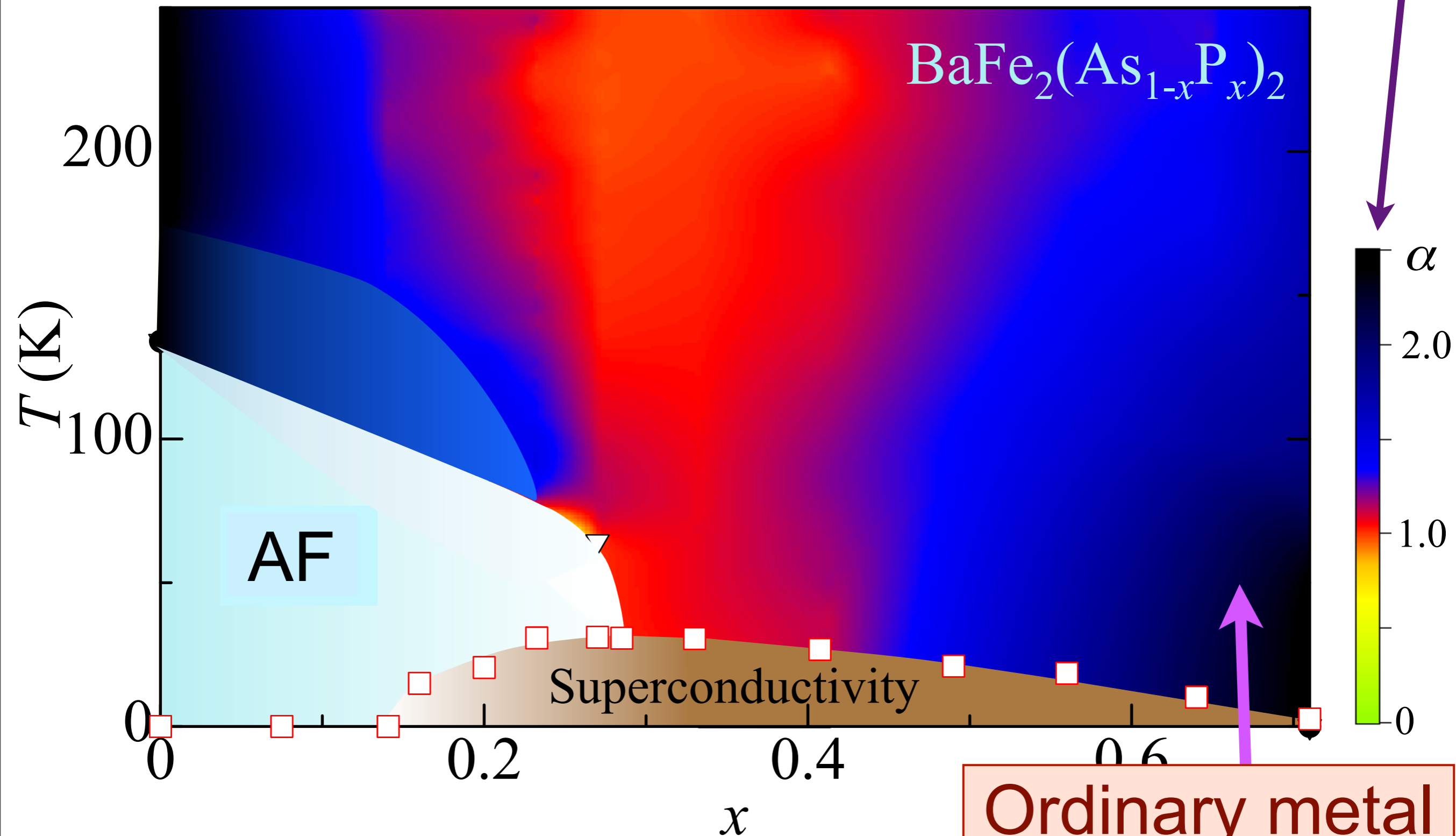
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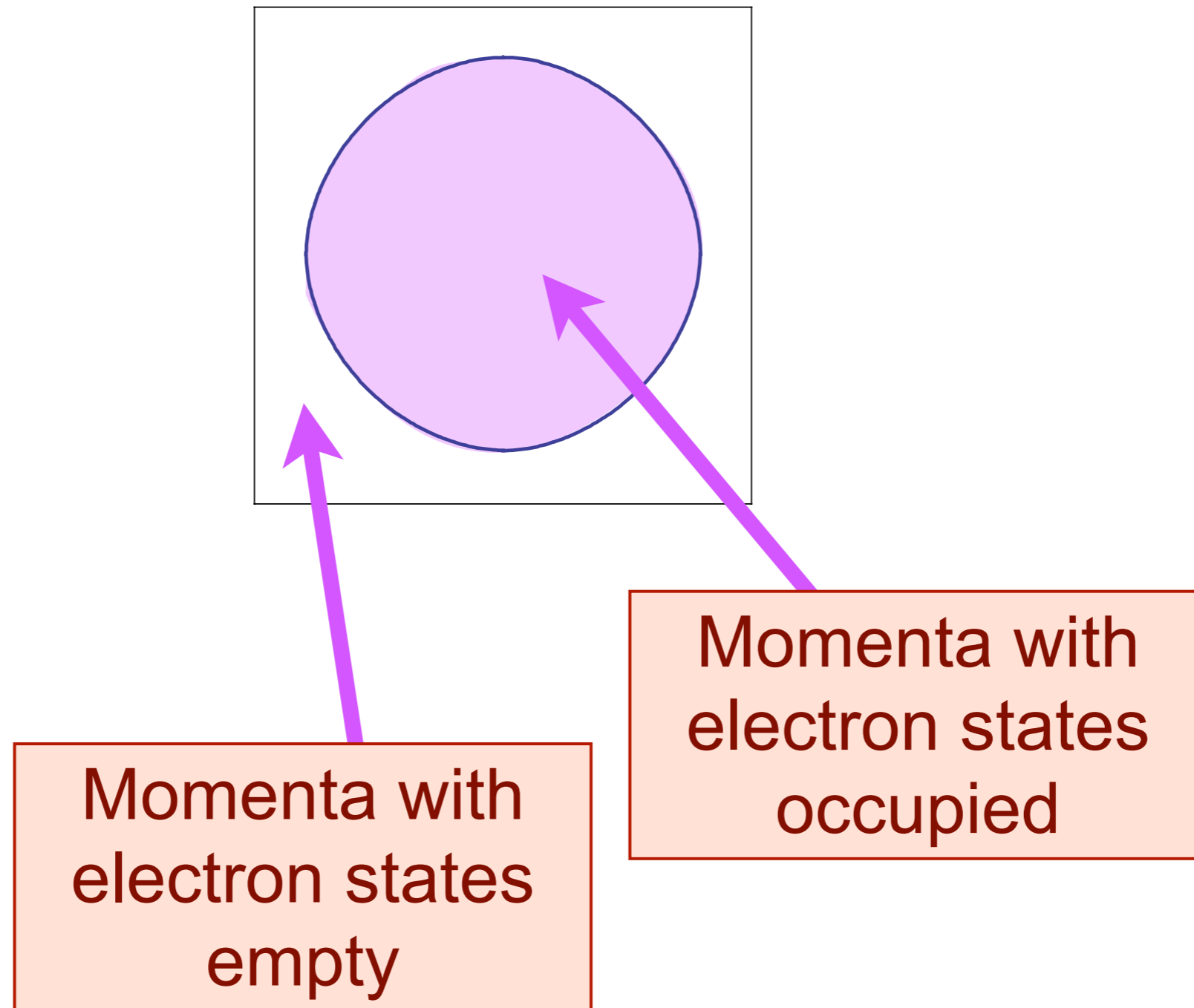
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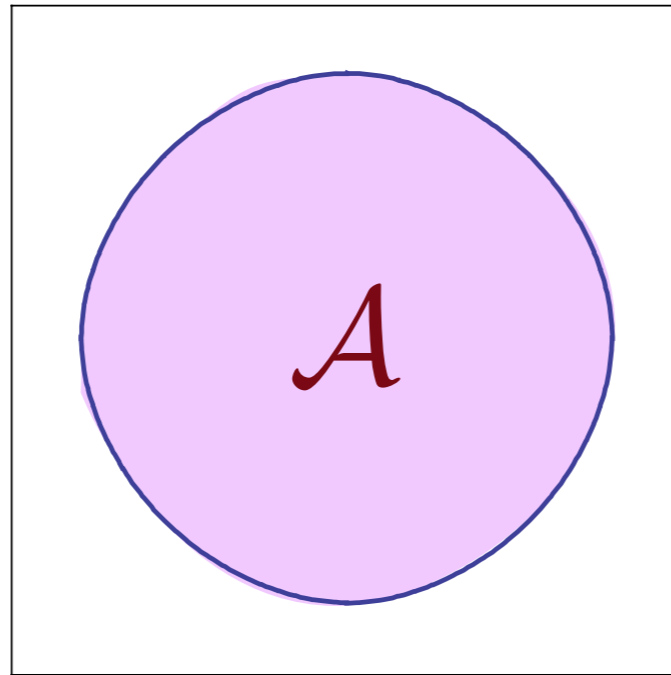
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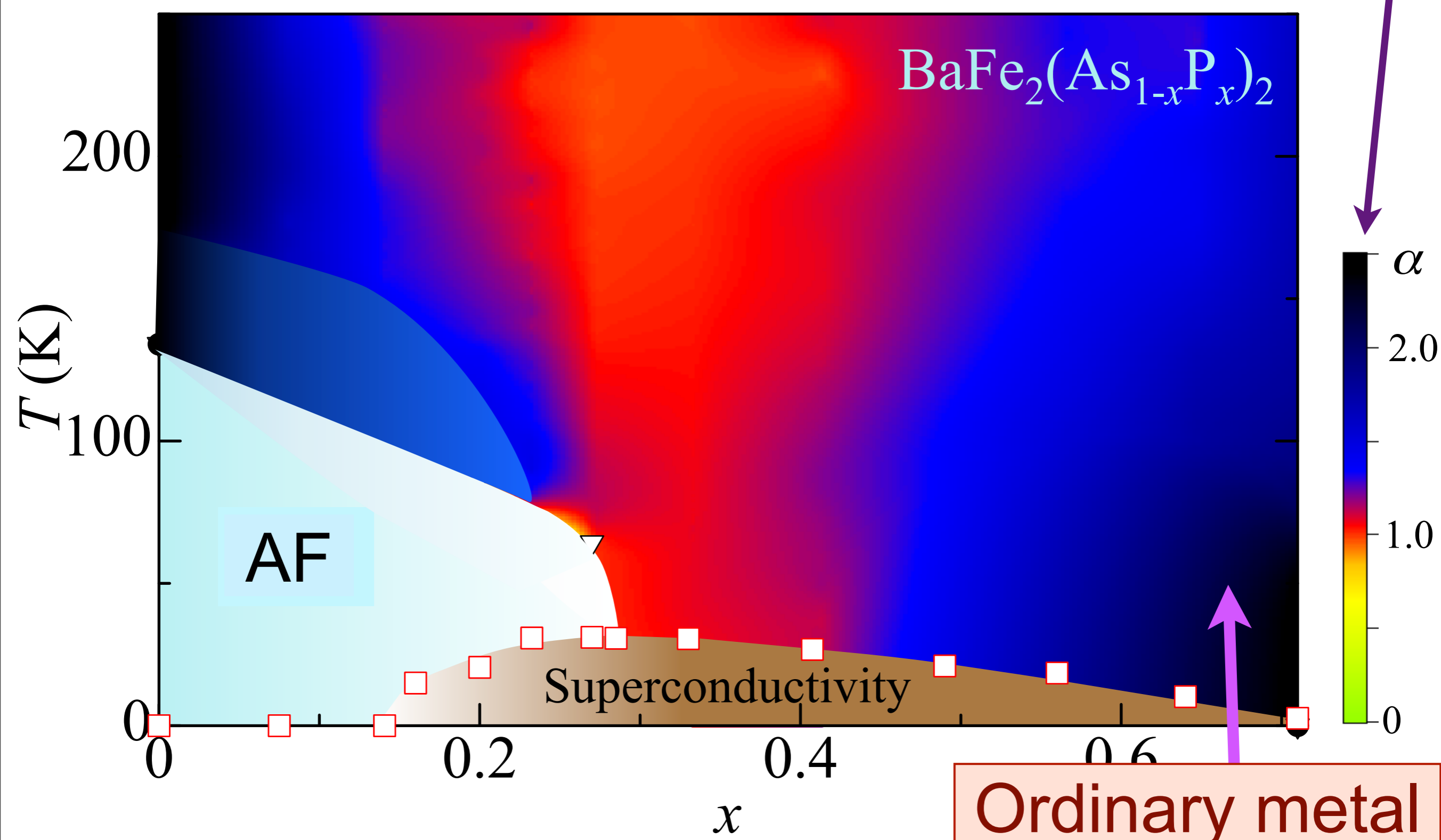
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**Key feature of the theory:
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- Excitations near the Fermi surface are responsible for the familiar properties of ordinary metals, such as resistivity $\sim T^2$.

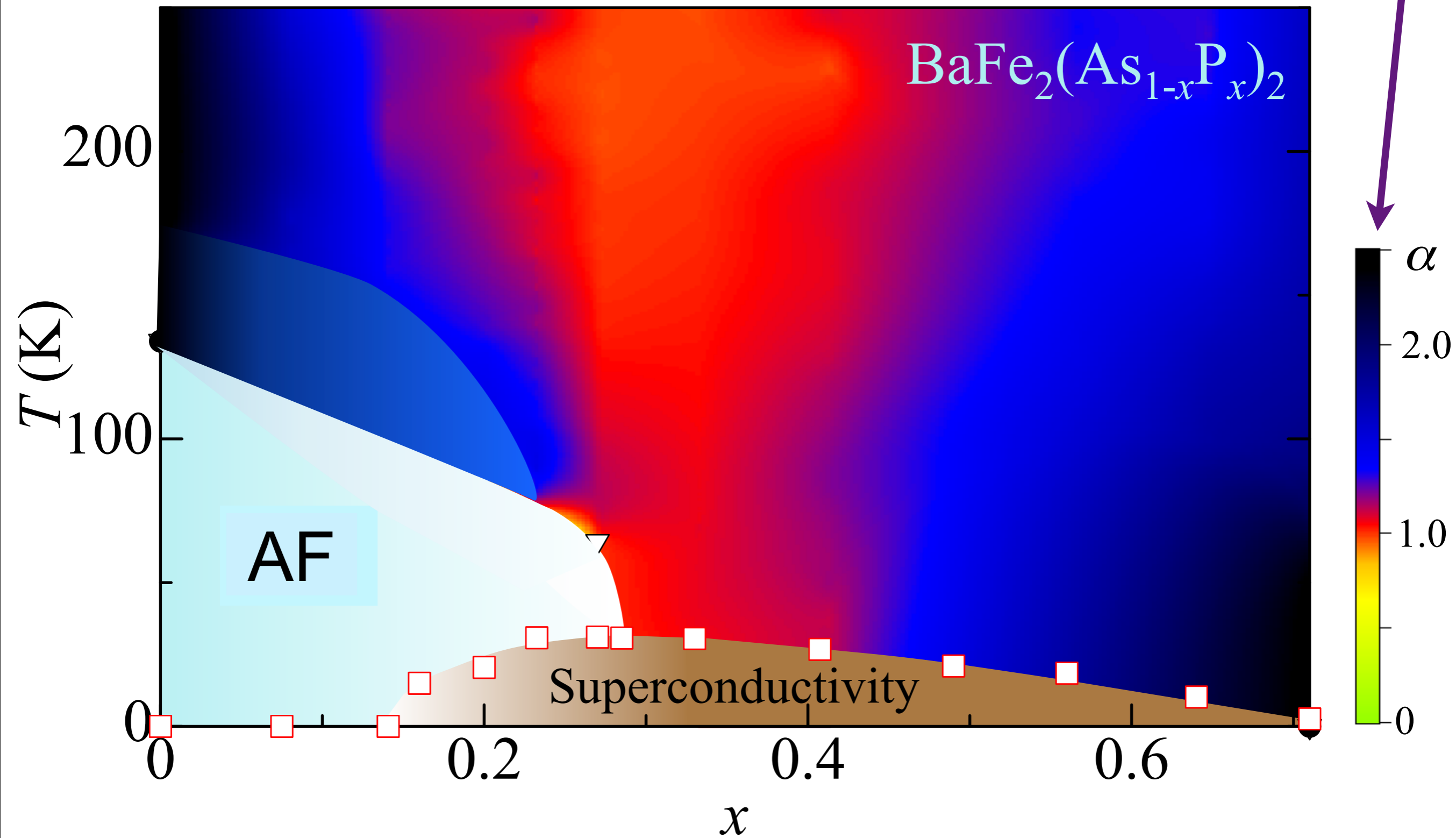
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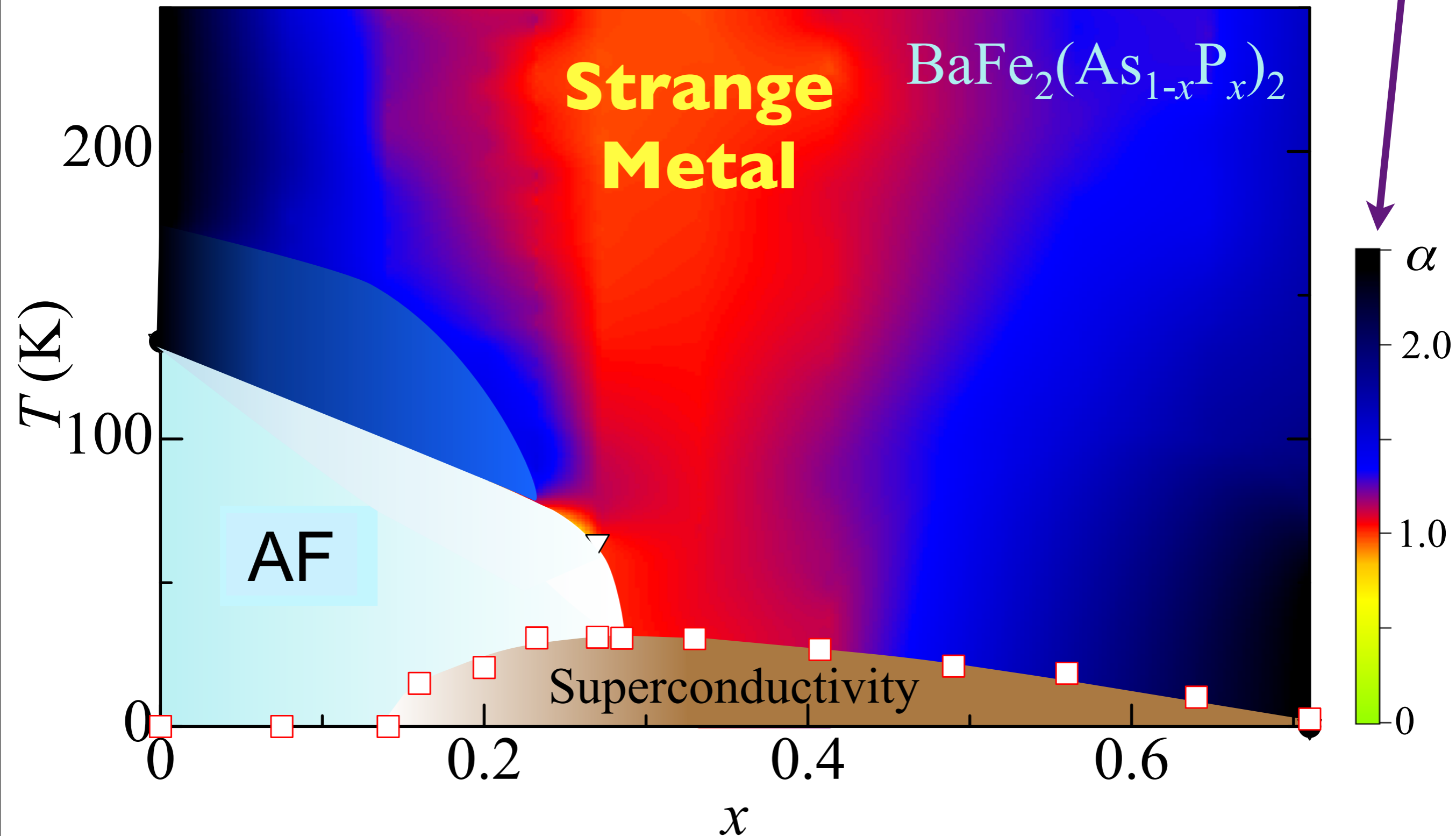
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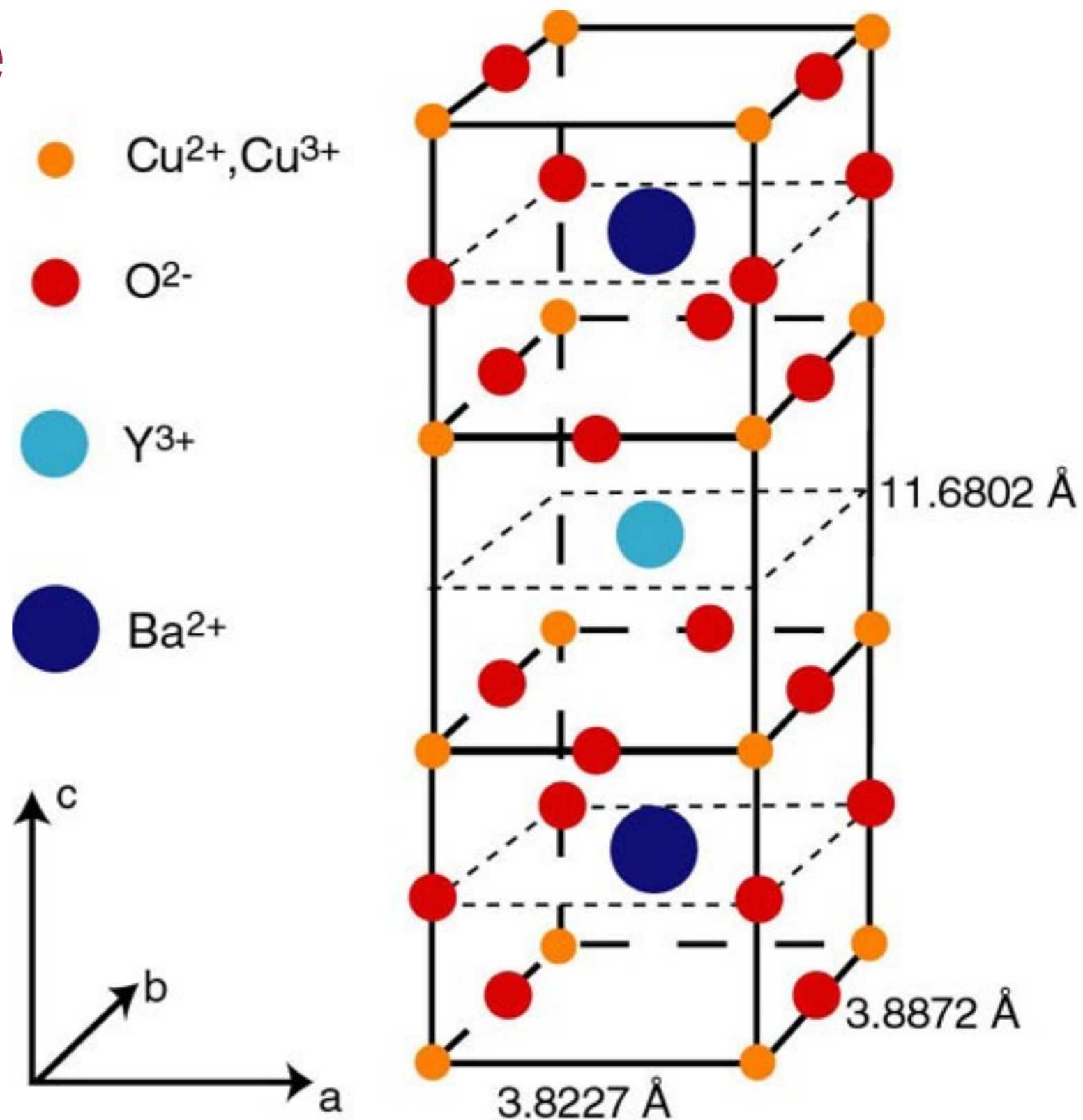
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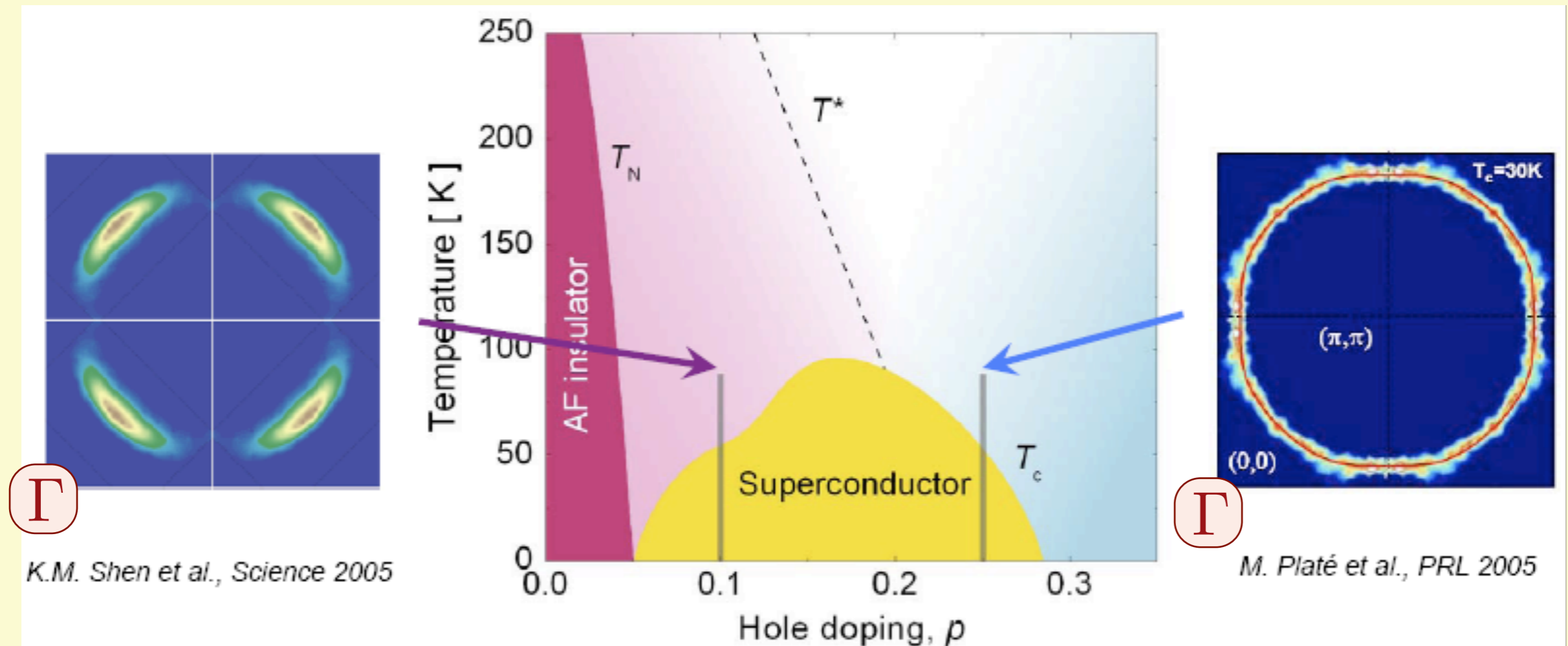


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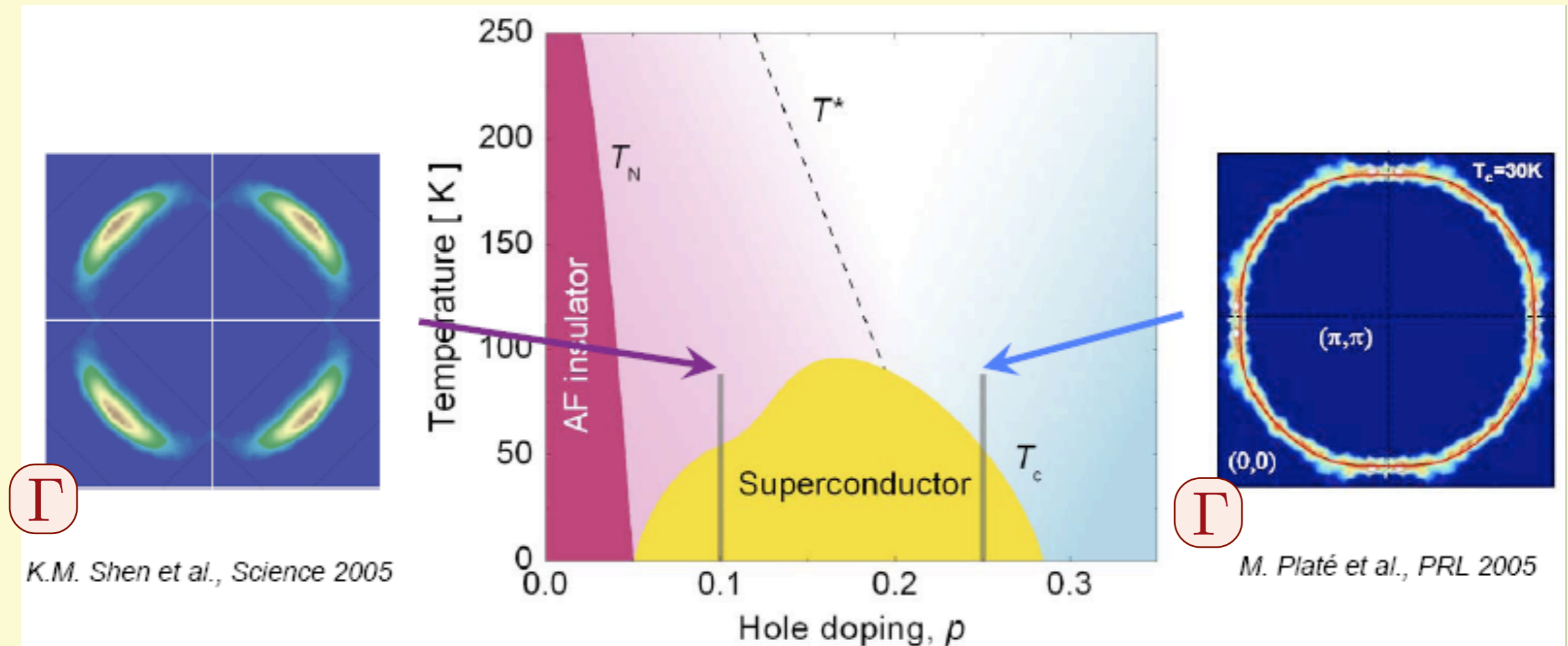
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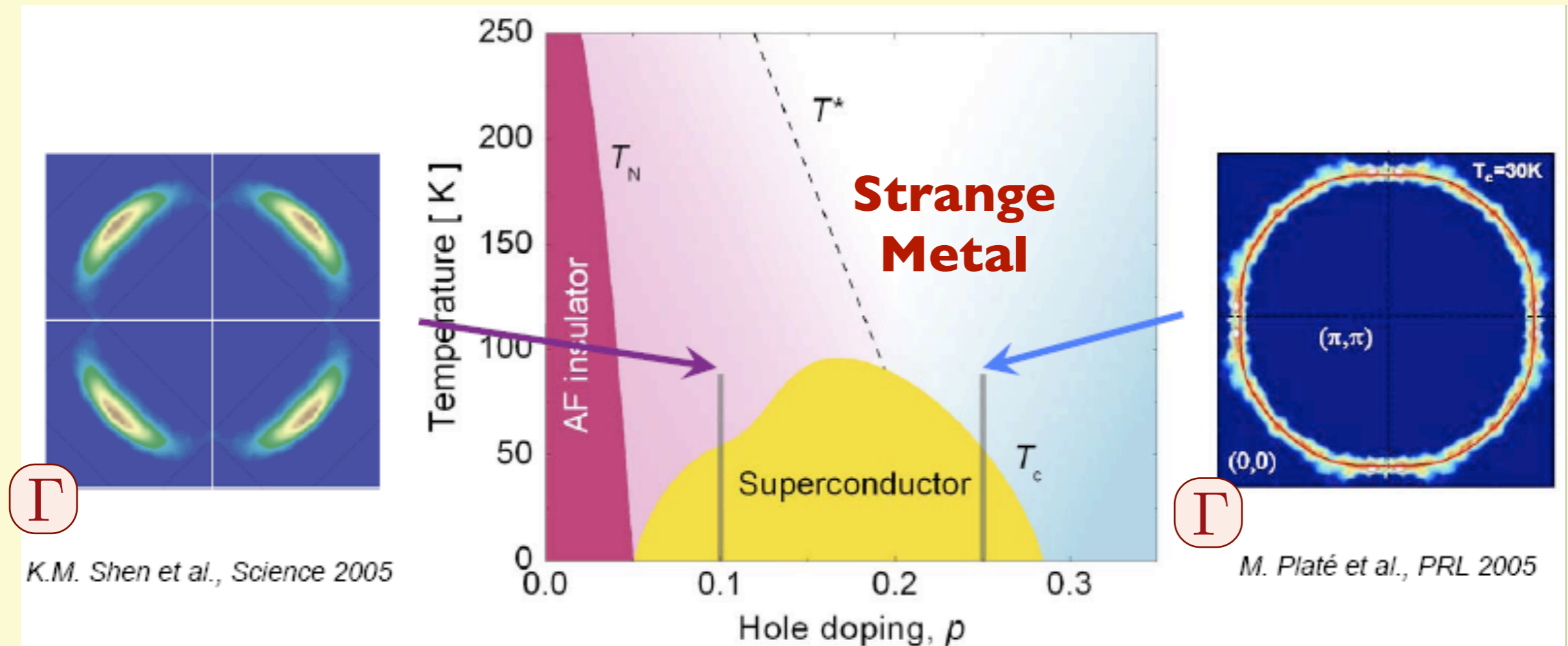
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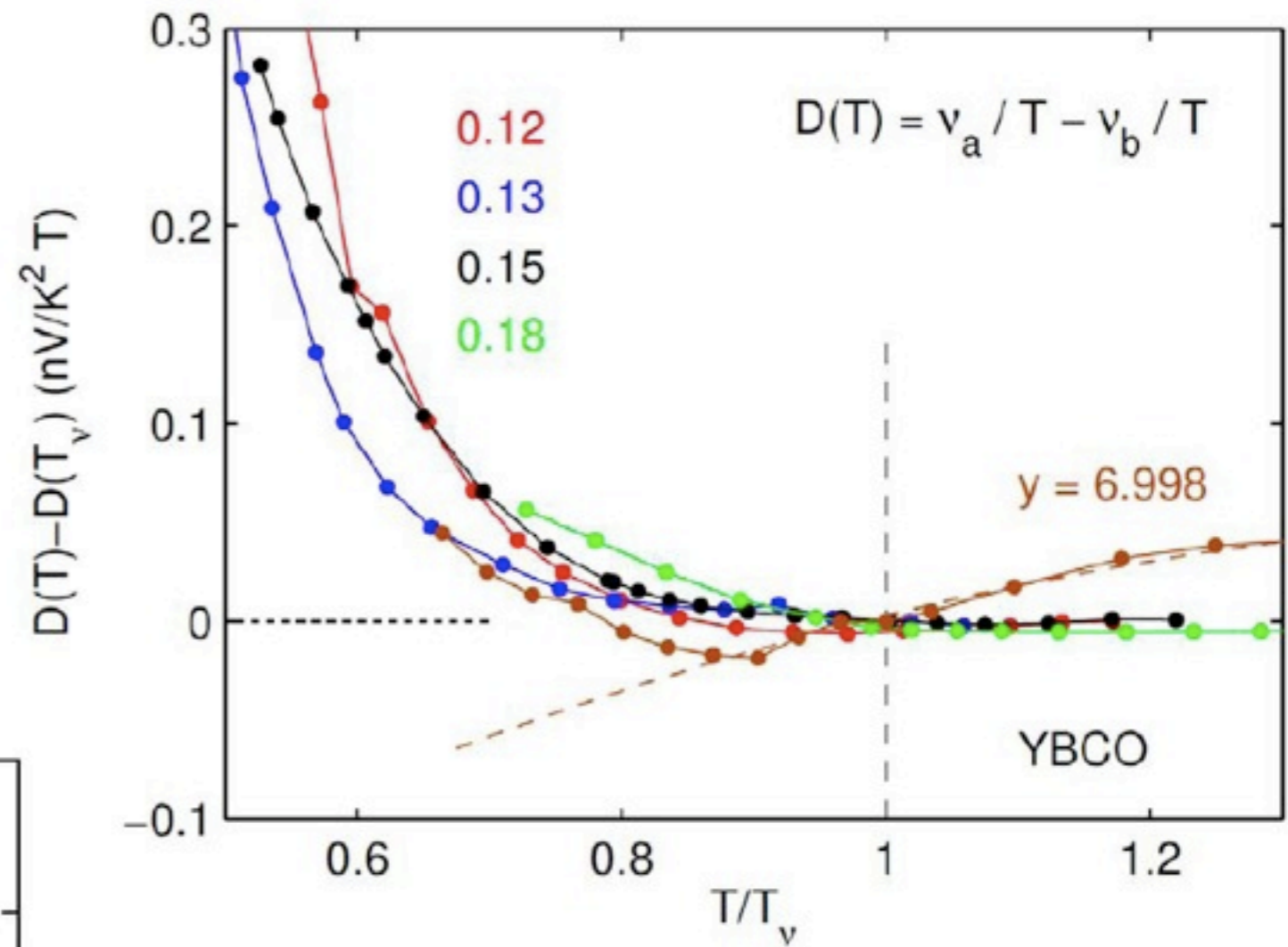
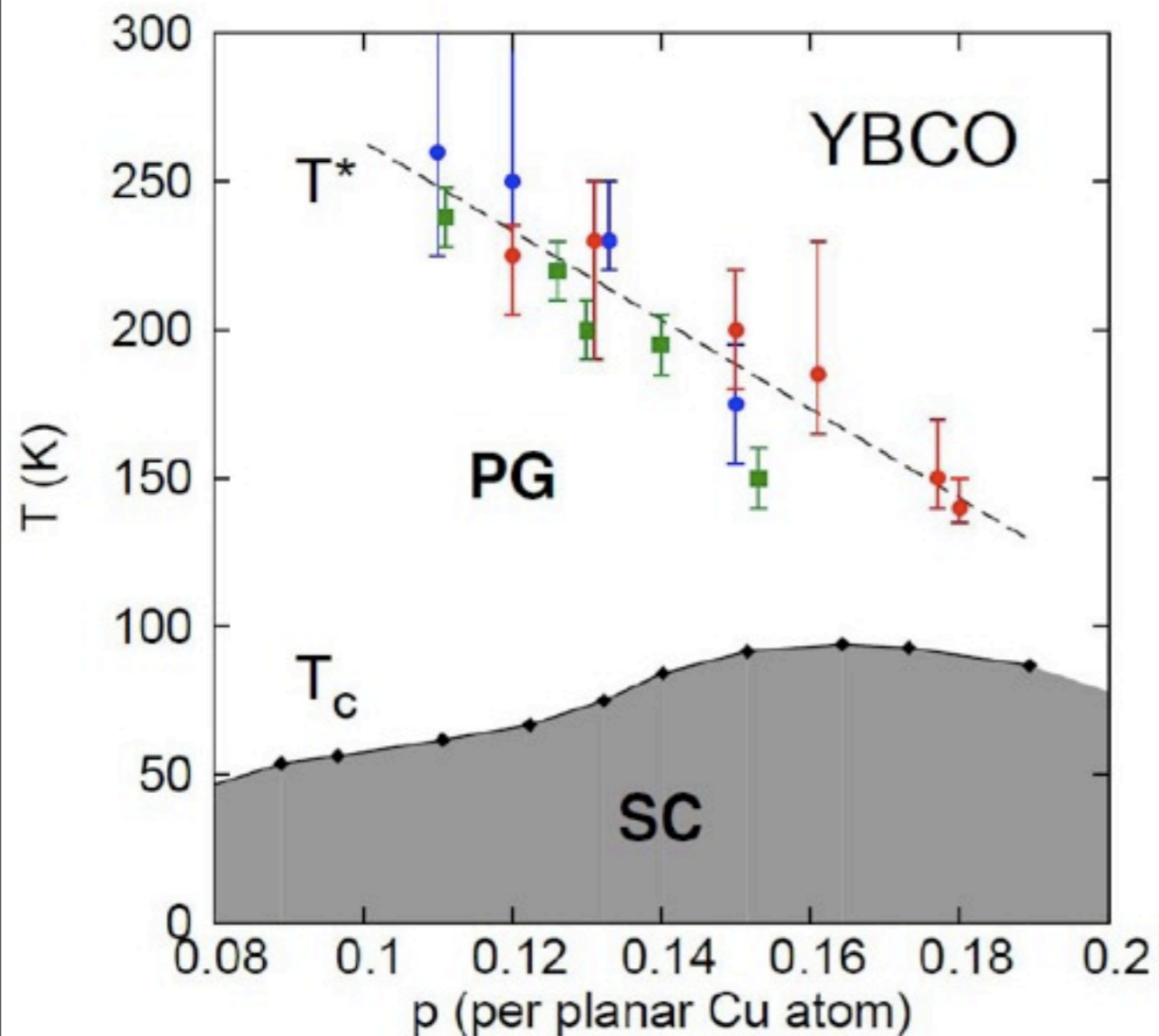


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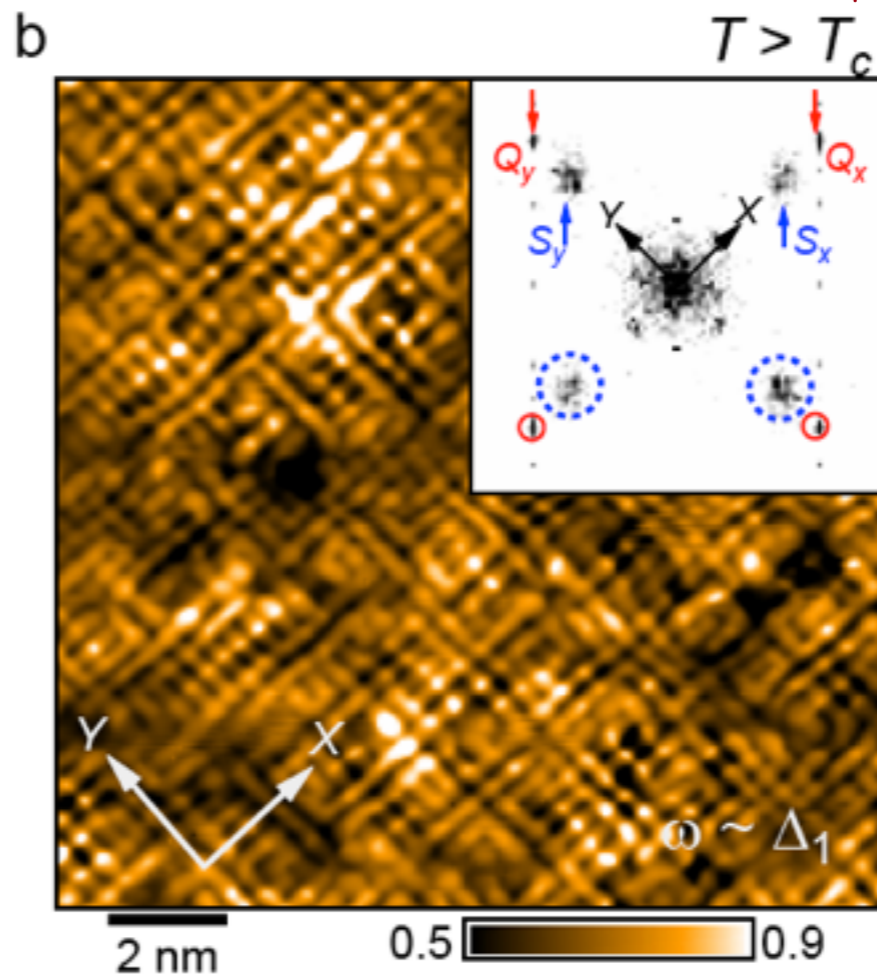
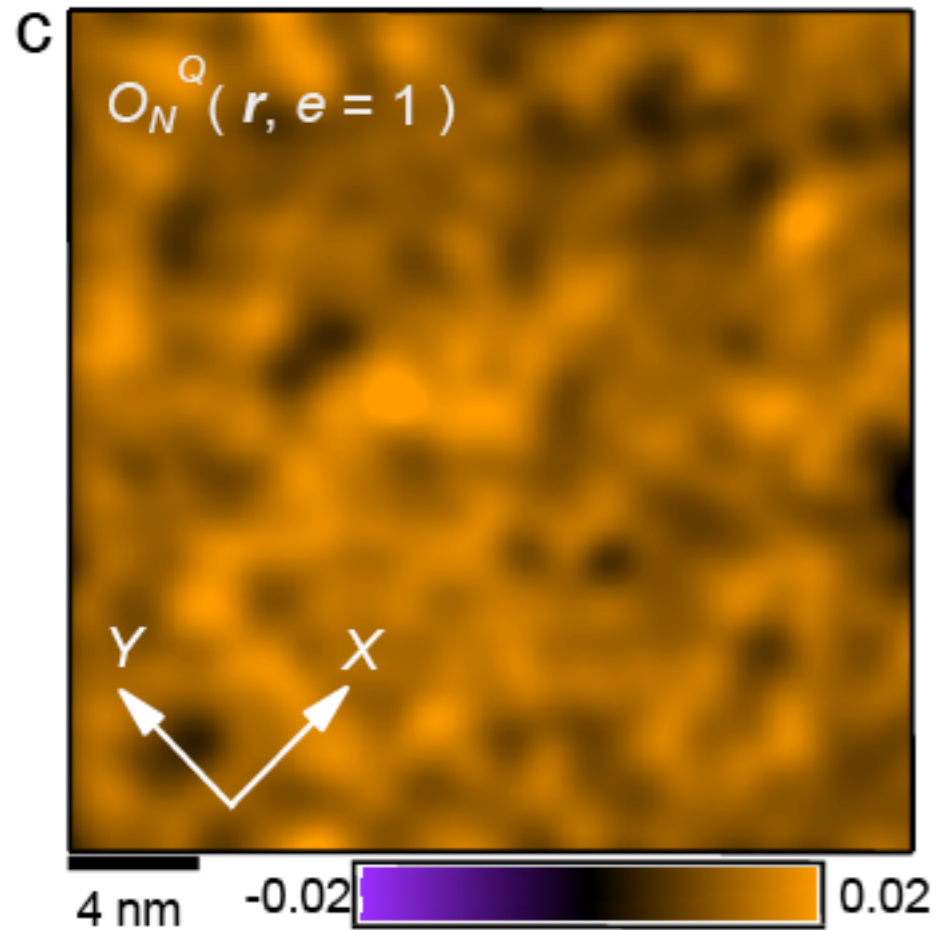
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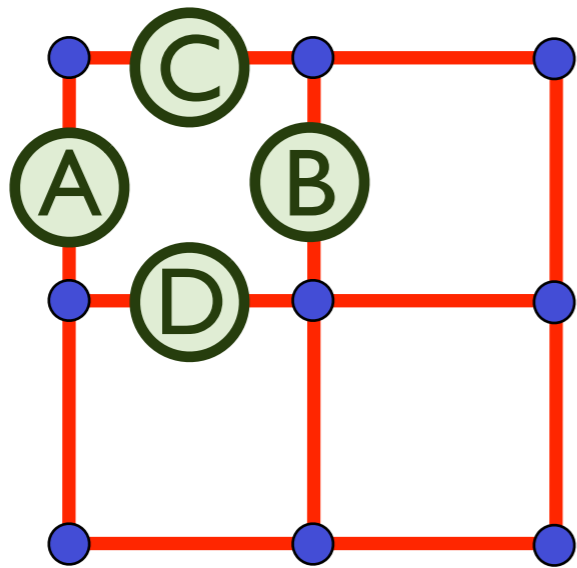
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Strong anisotropy of electronic states between x and y directions:
Electronic “Ising-nematic” order

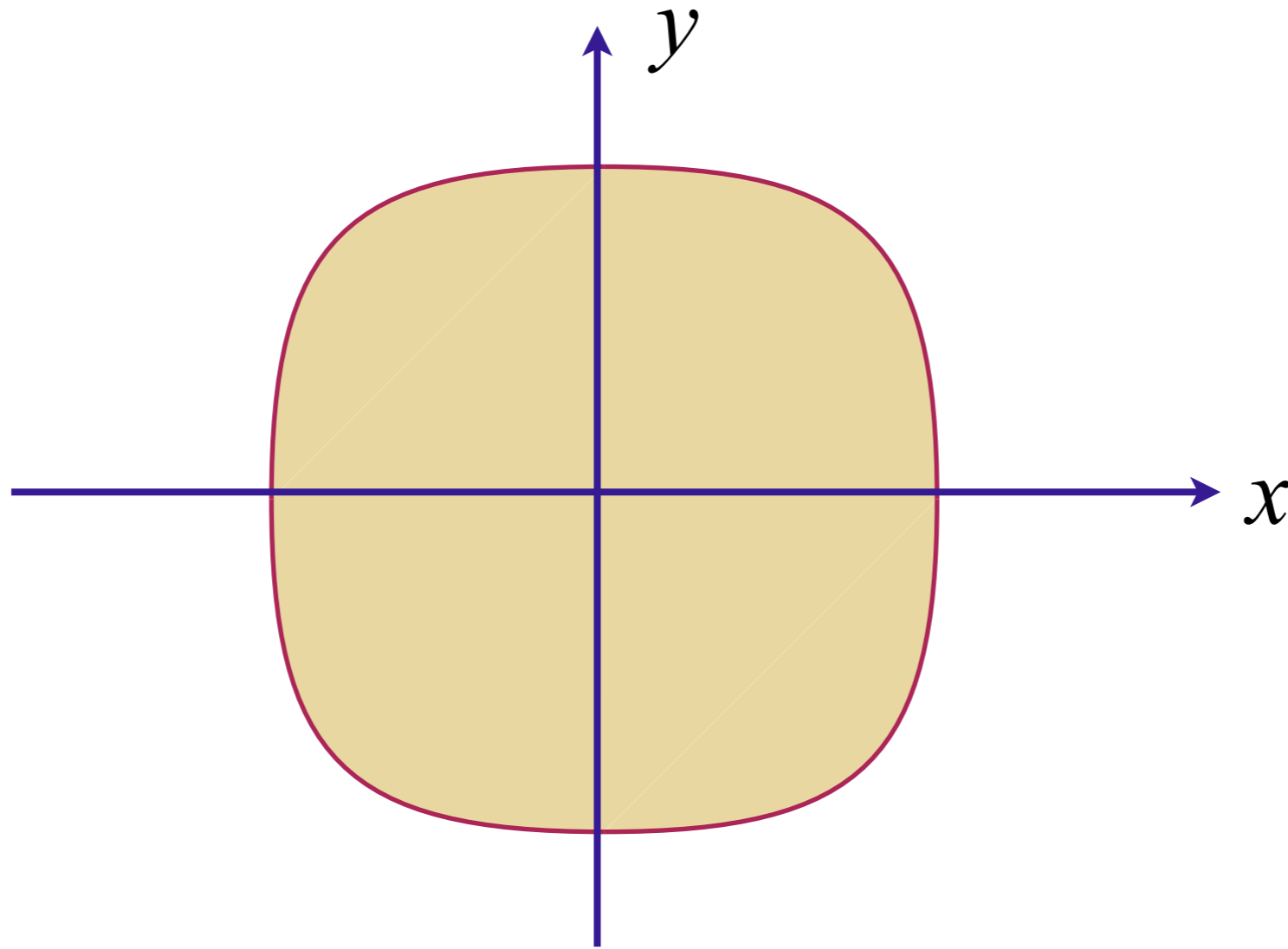
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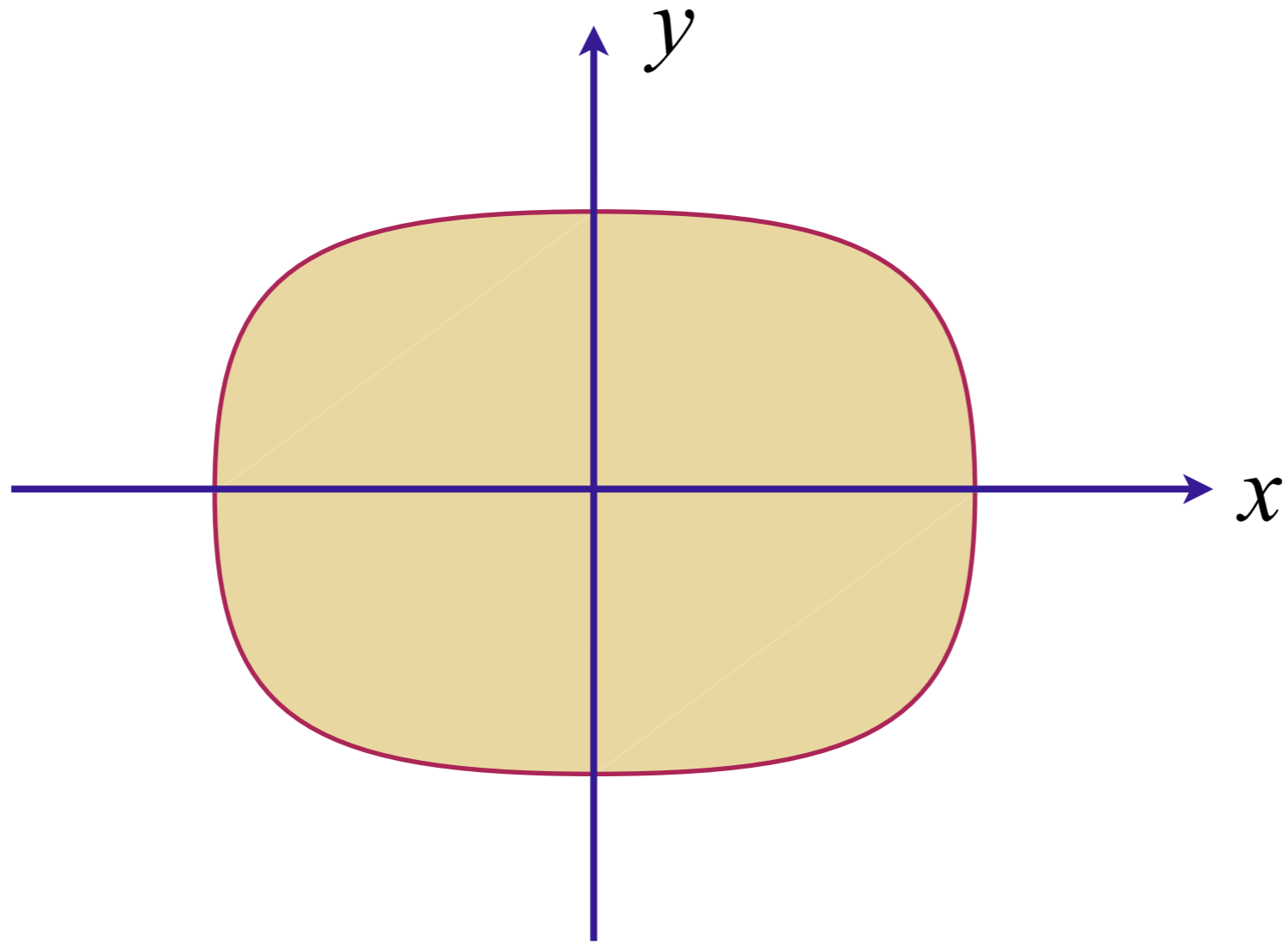
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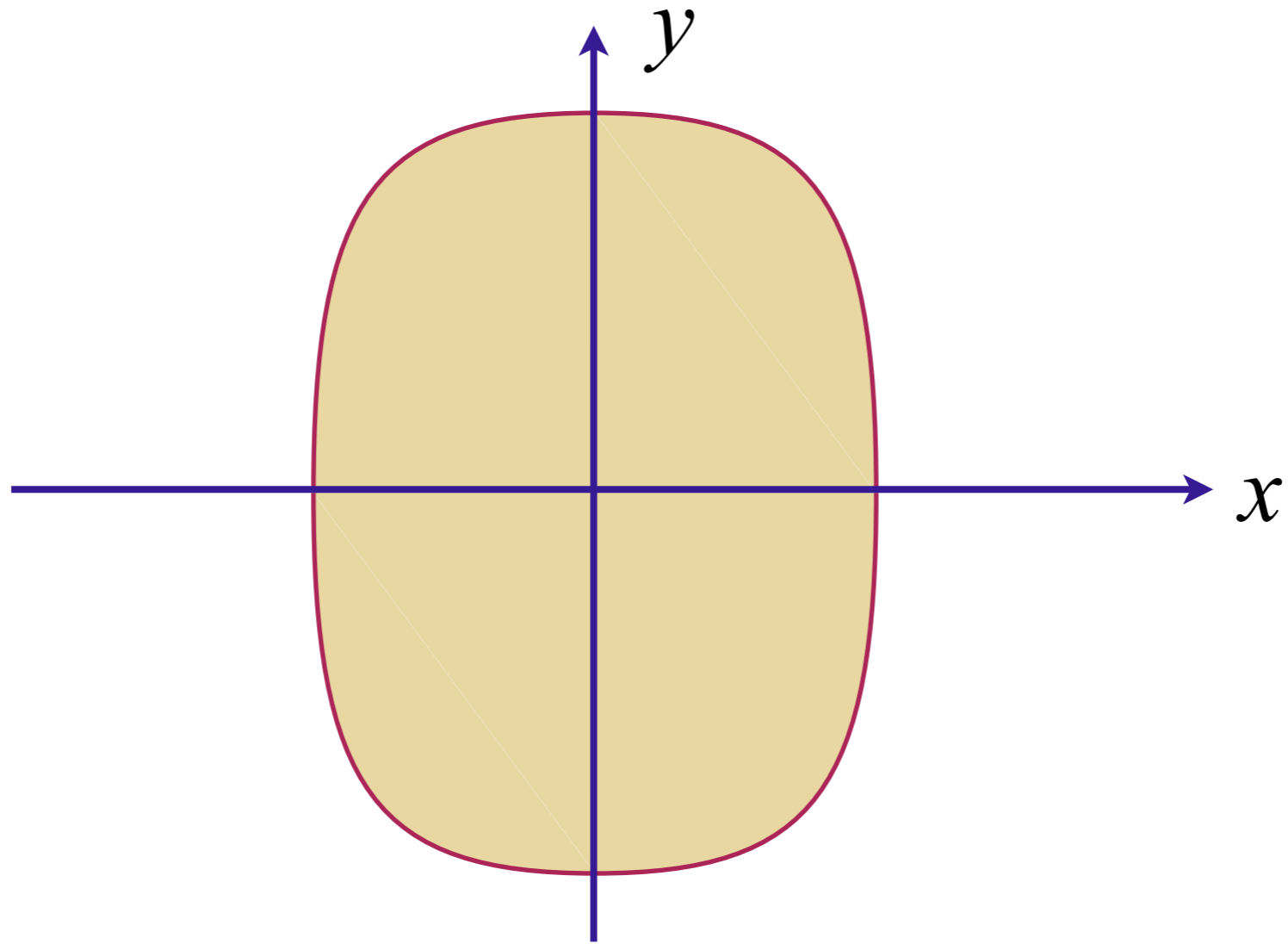
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Spontaneous elongation along x direction:

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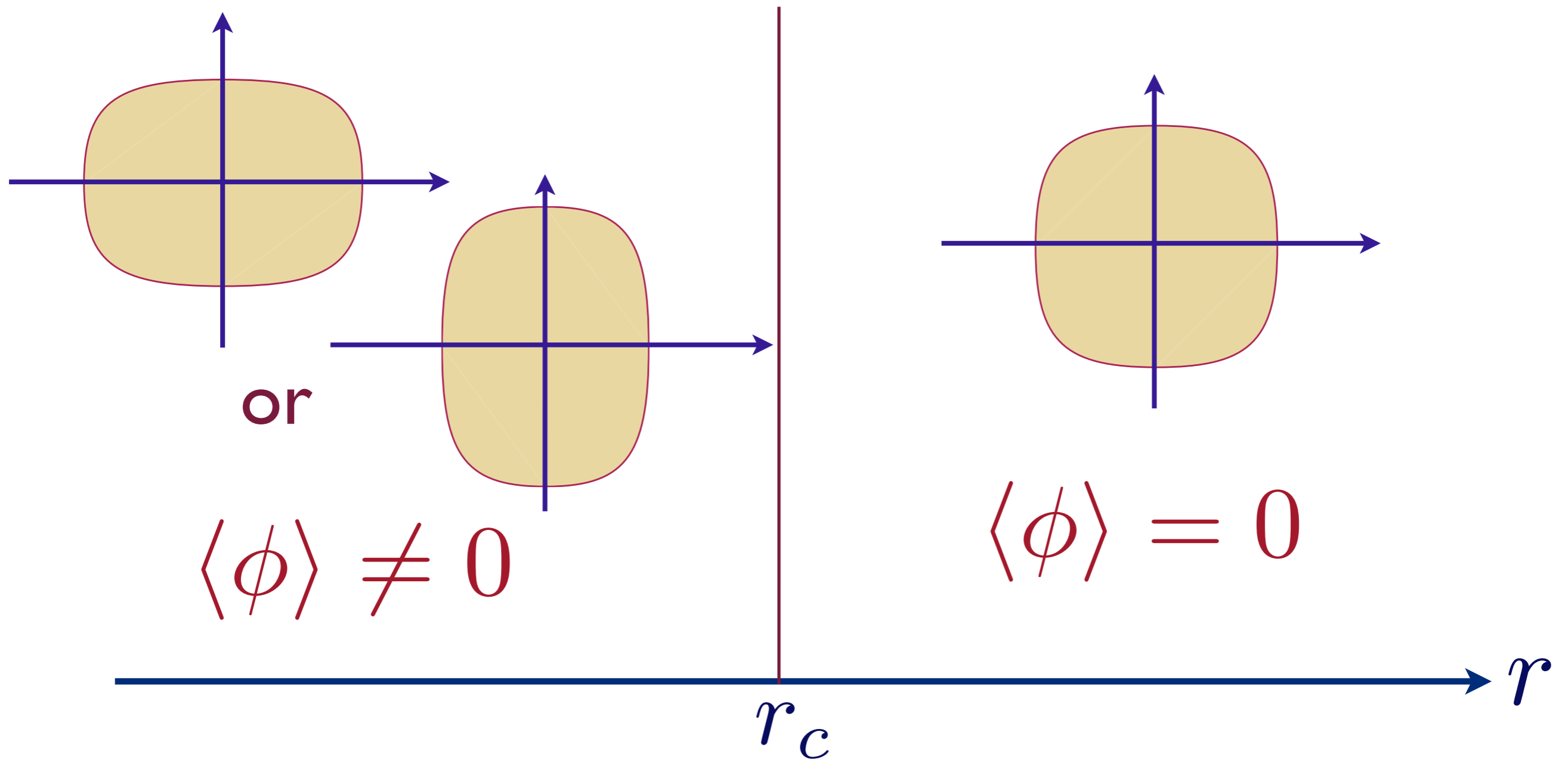
Spontaneous elongation along y direction:

Ising-nematic order parameter

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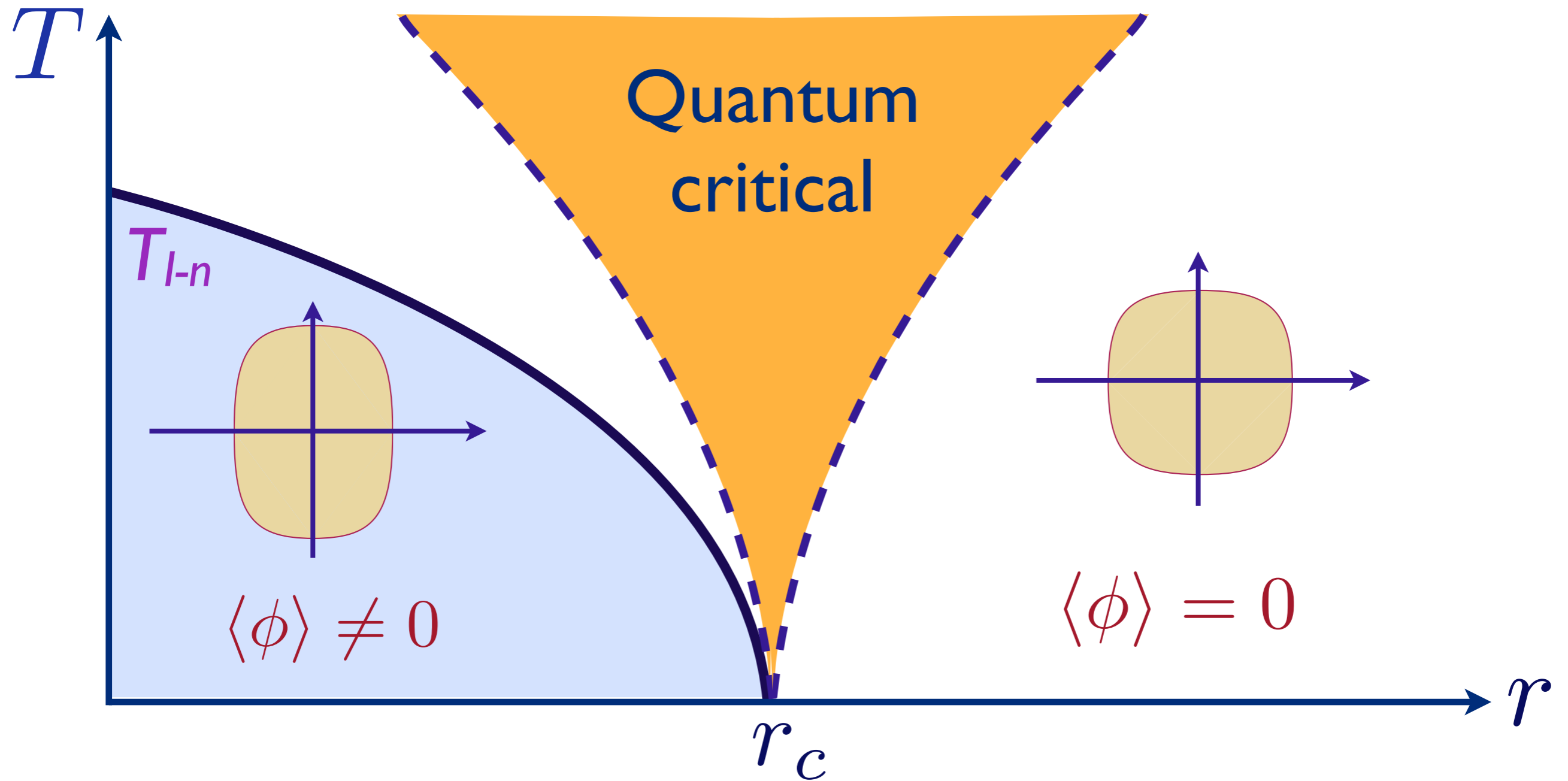
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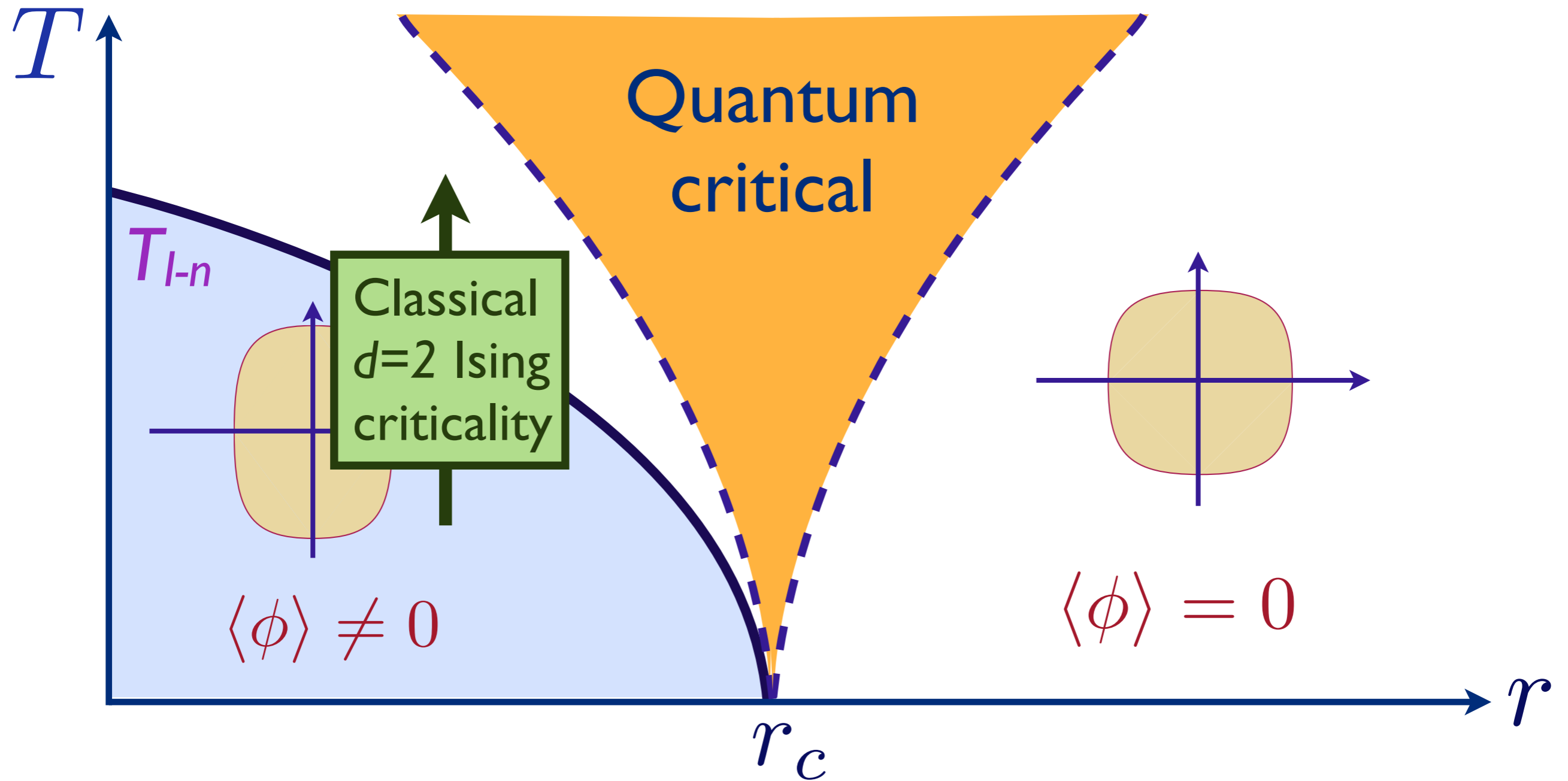
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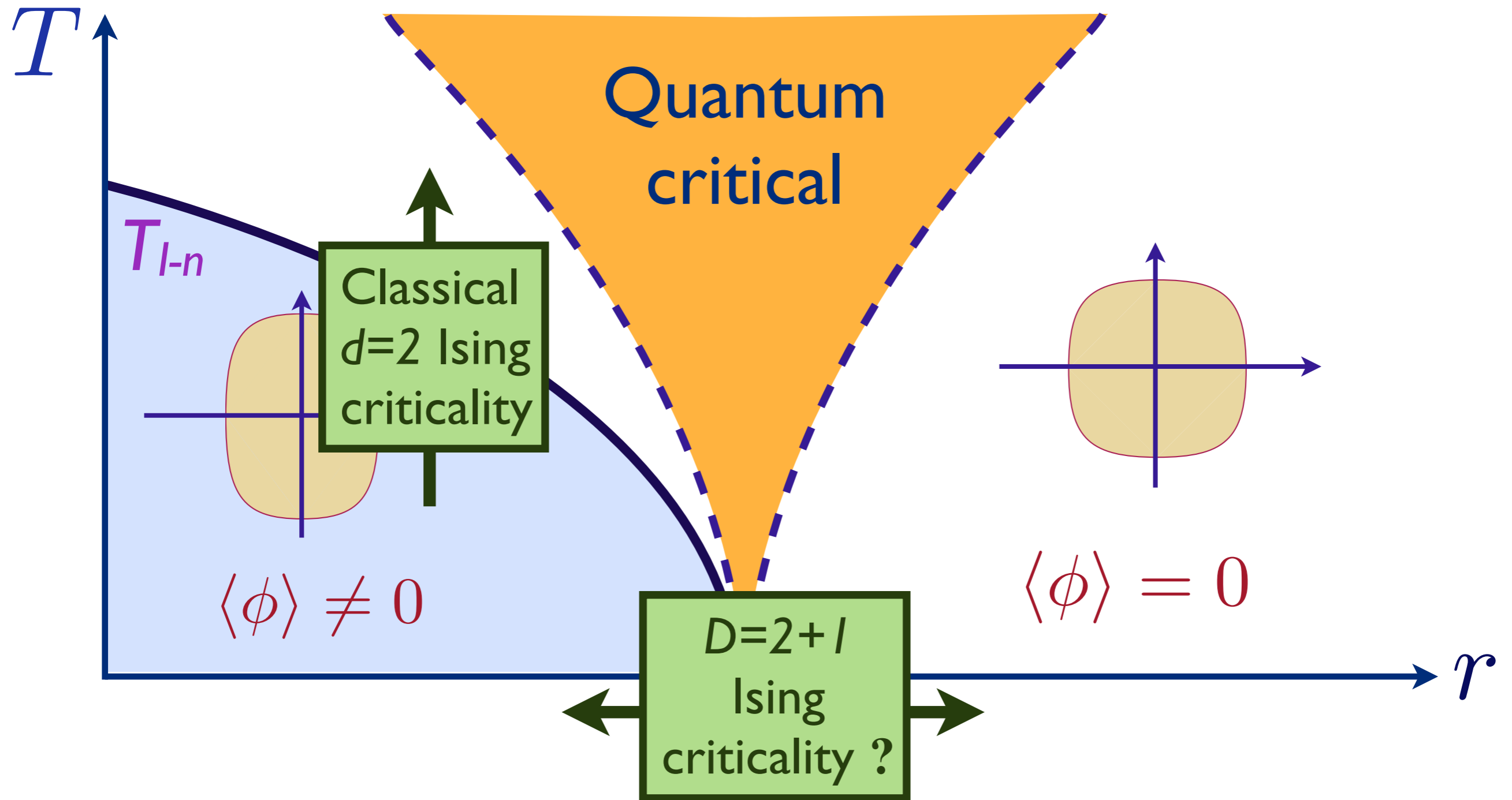
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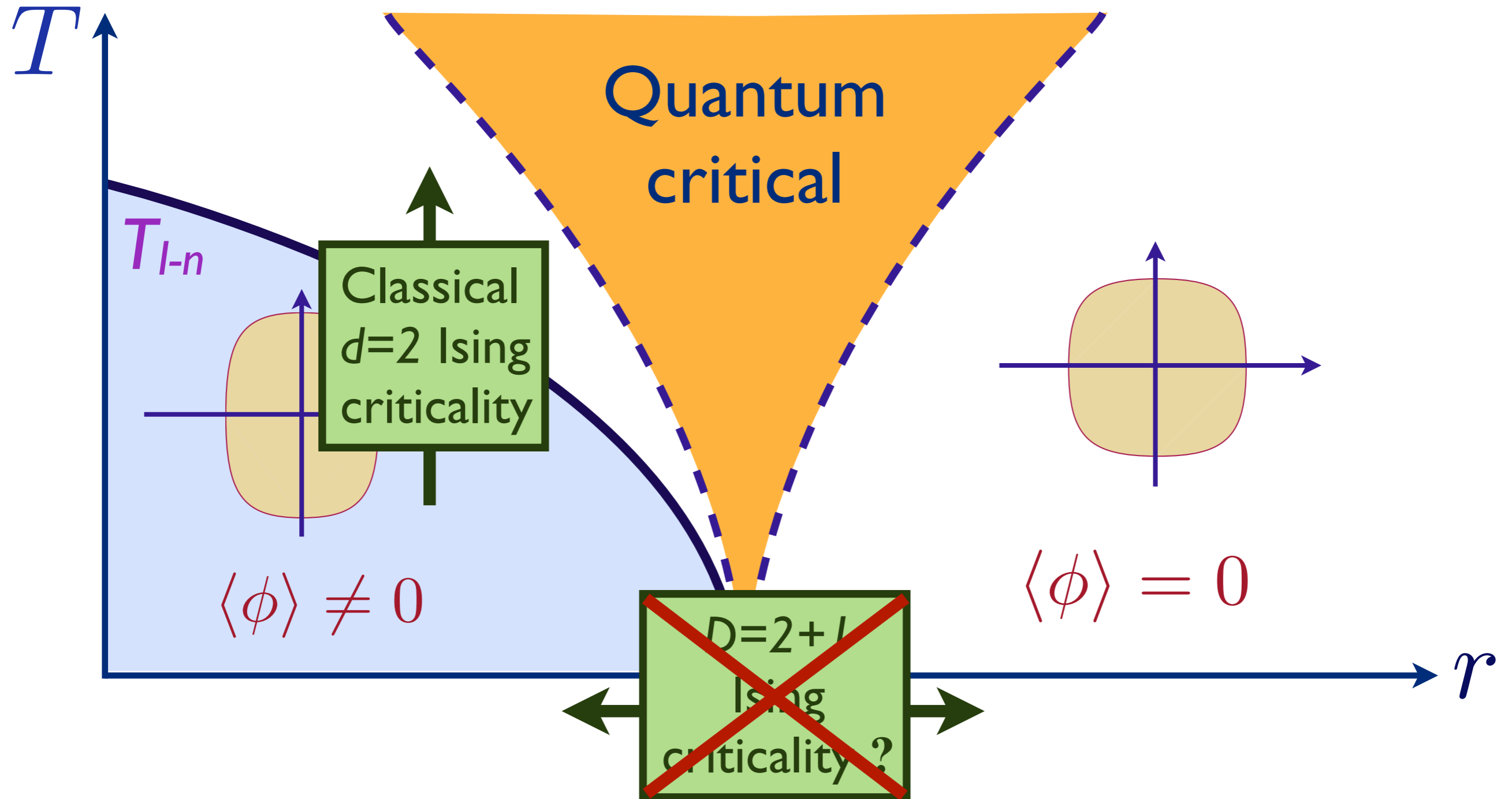
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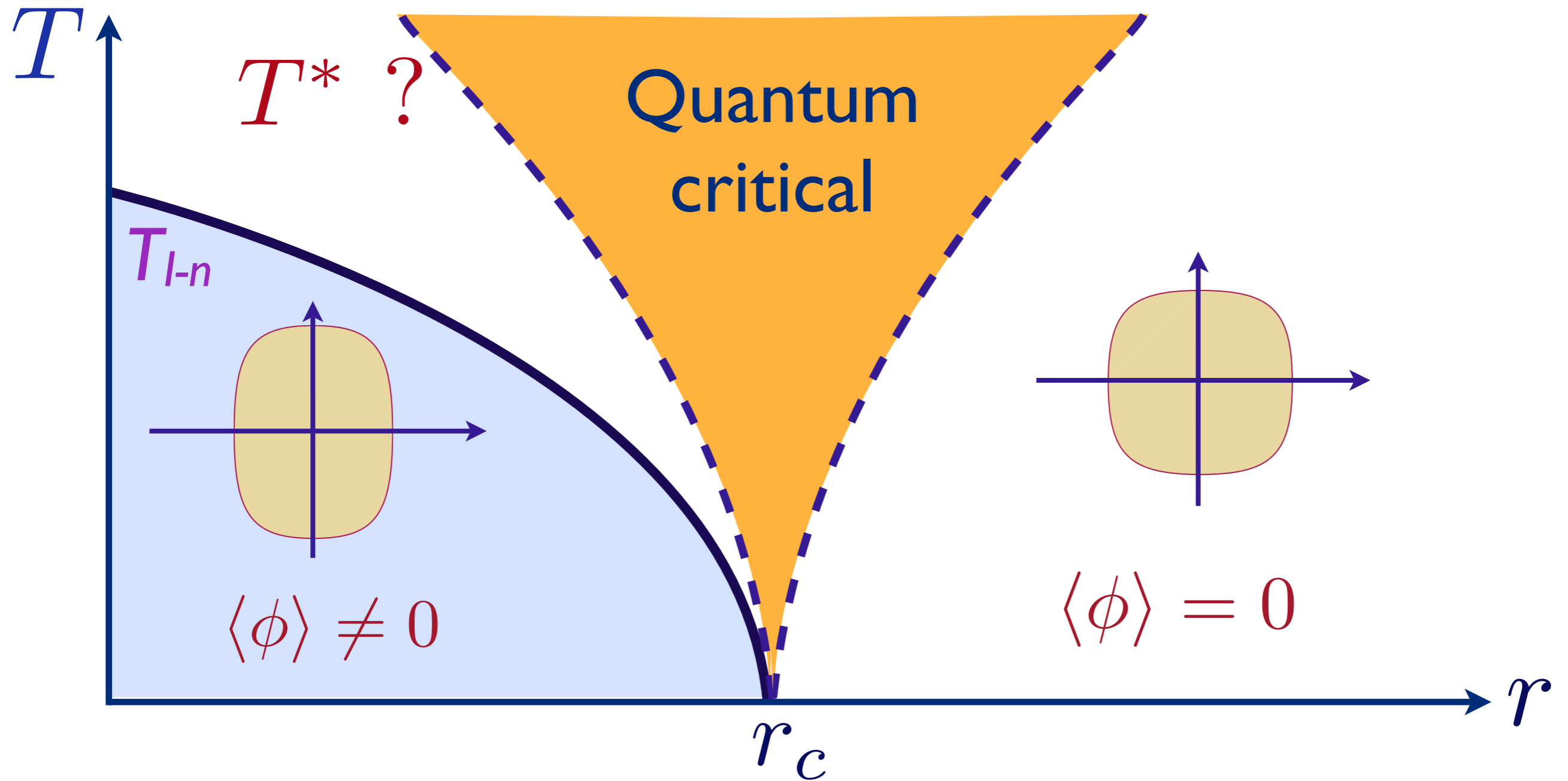
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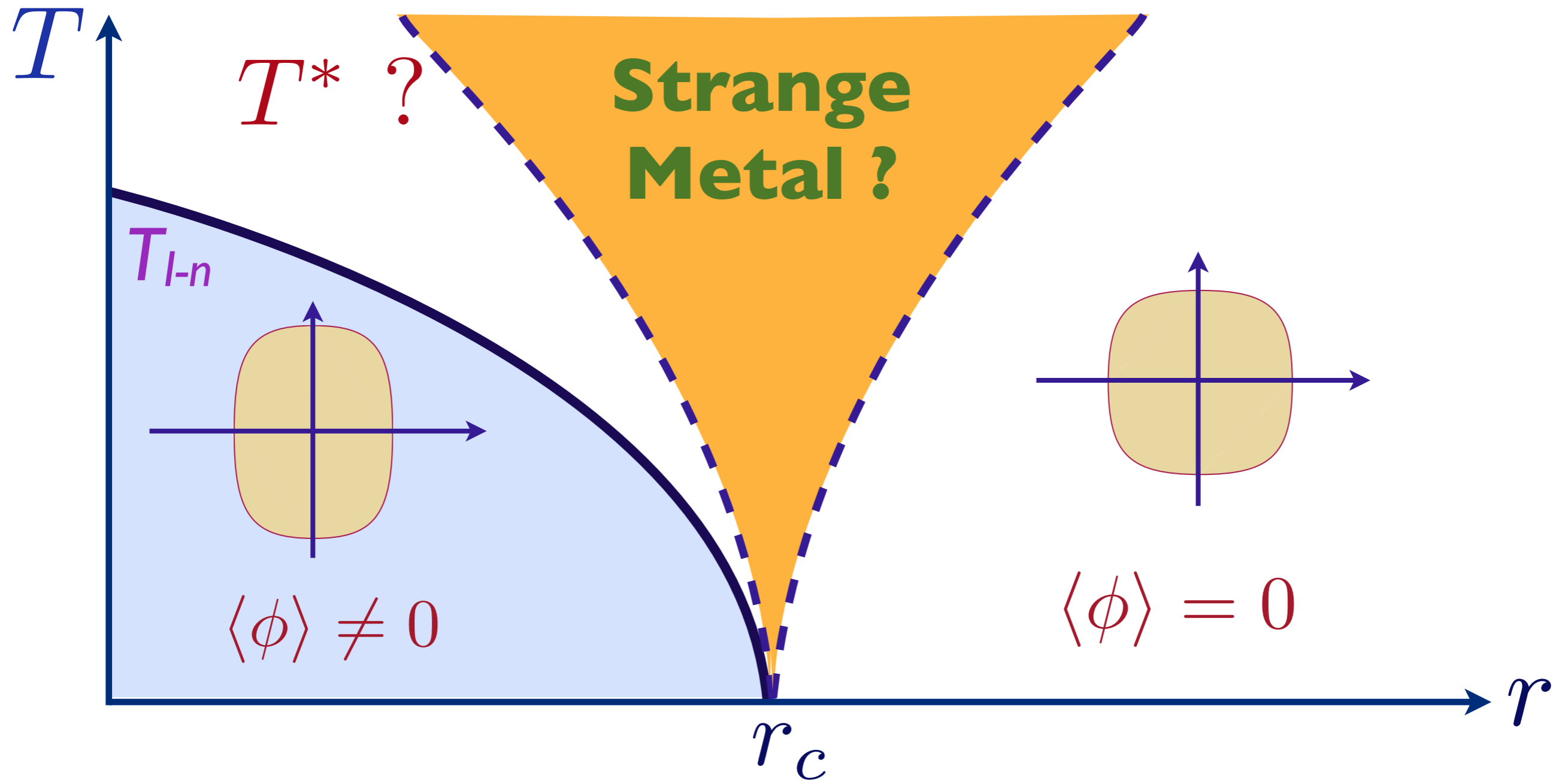
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Effective action for Ising order parameter

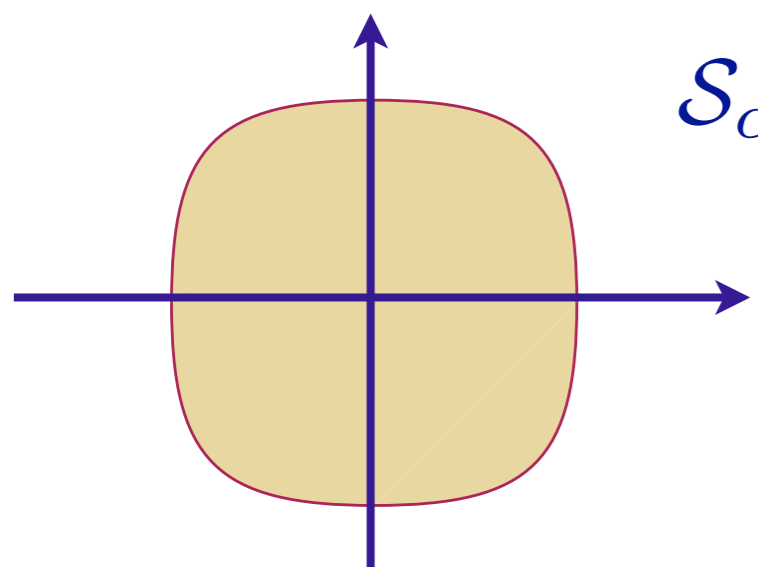
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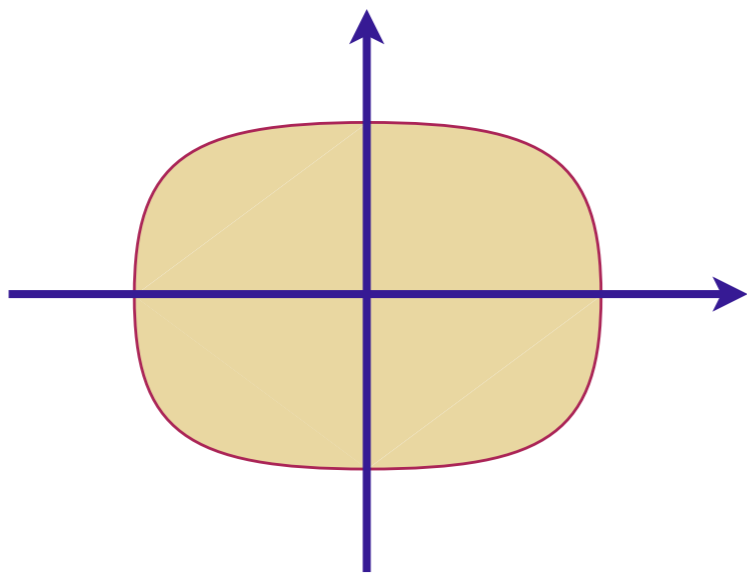

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_c &= \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \left[\sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger \partial_\tau c_{i\alpha} - \sum_{i<j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} \right] \\ &\equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\tau c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}) c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

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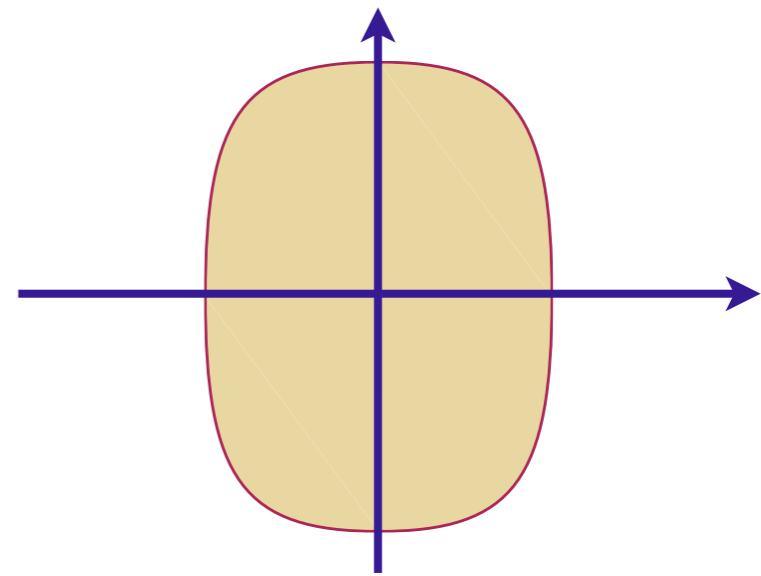
Coupling between Ising order and electrons

$$\mathcal{S}_{\phi c} = -\gamma \int d\tau \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} \phi_{\mathbf{q}} (\cos k_x - \cos k_y) c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2, \alpha}$$

for spatially dependent ϕ



$$\langle \phi \rangle > 0$$



$$\langle \phi \rangle < 0$$

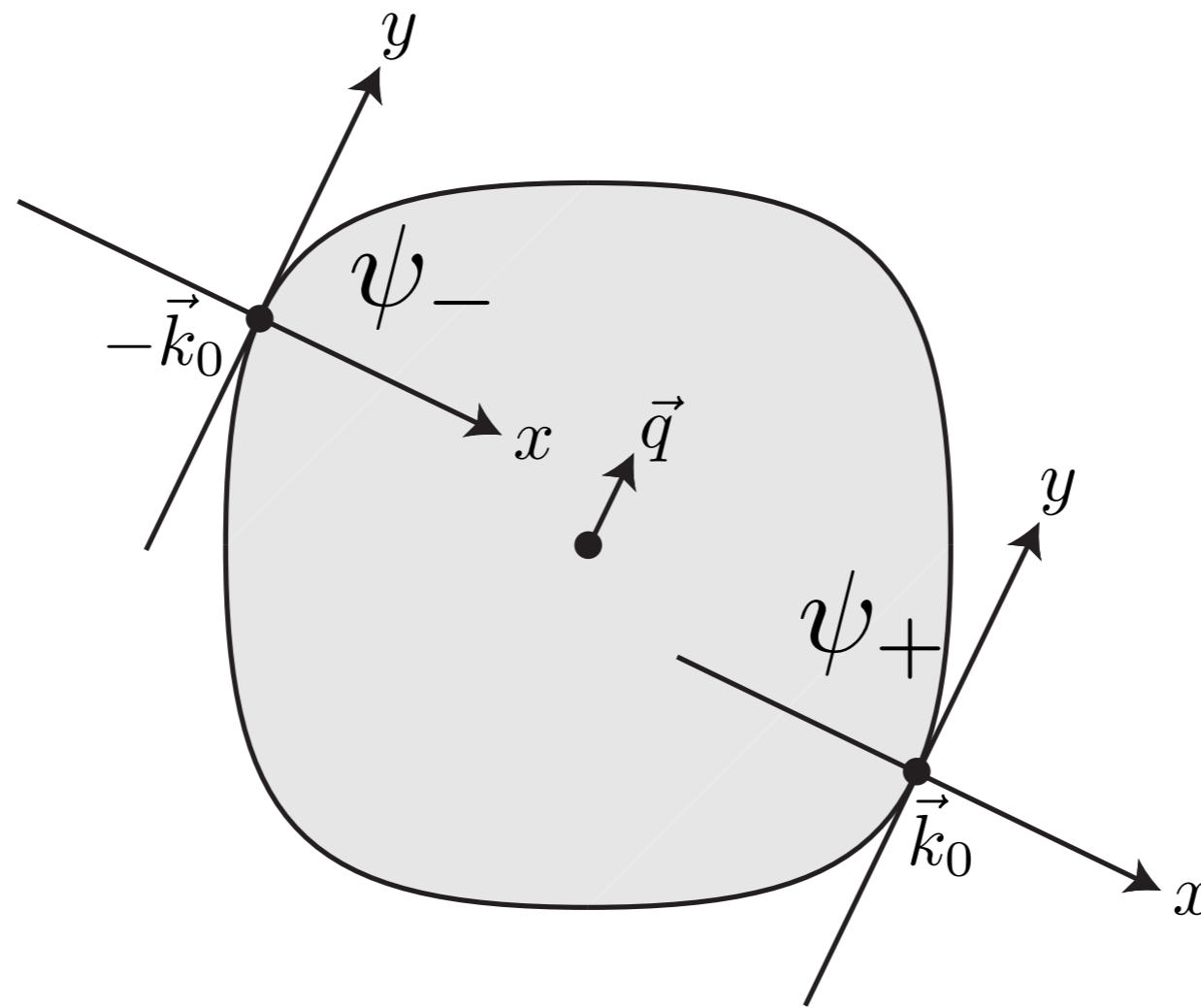
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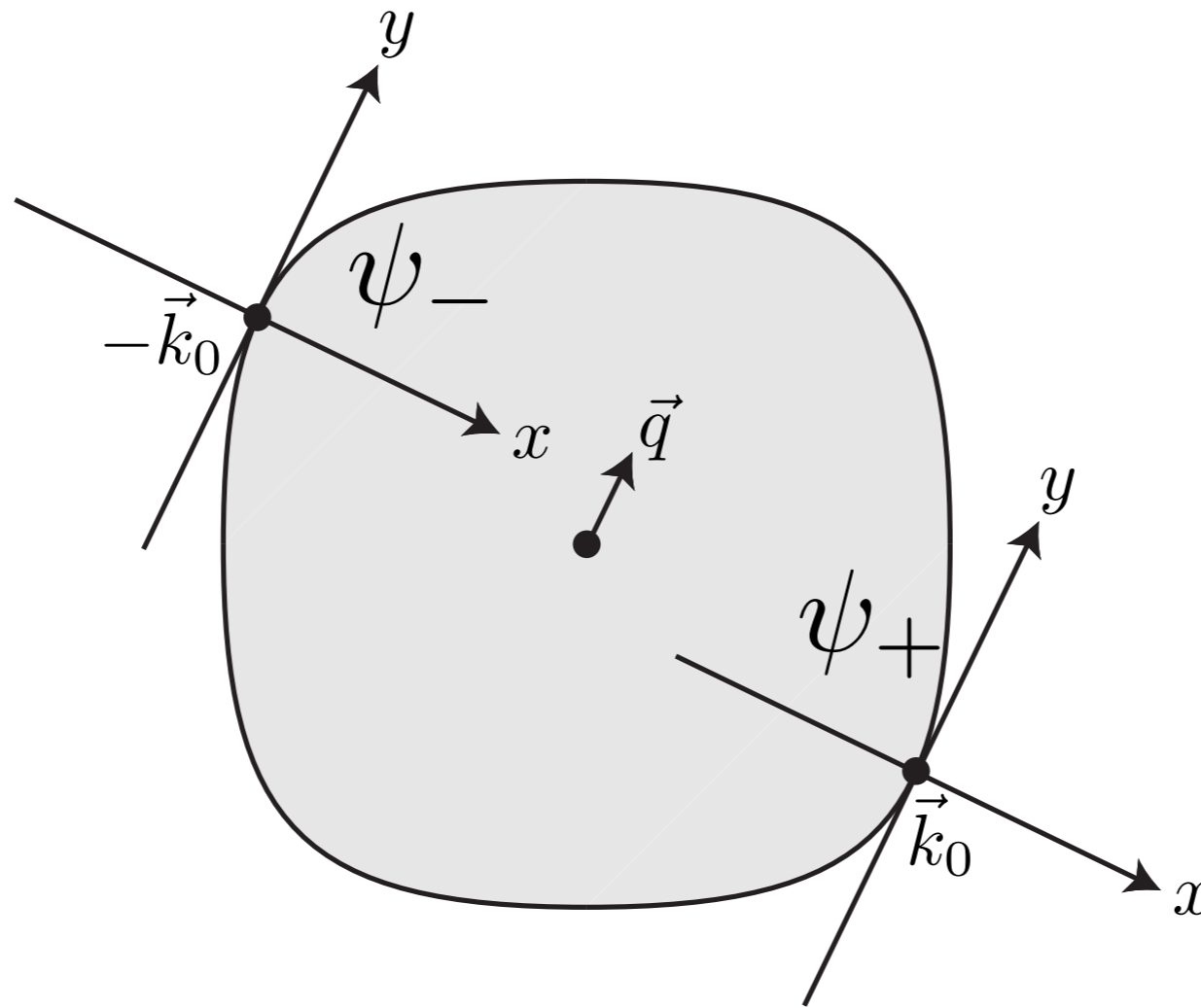
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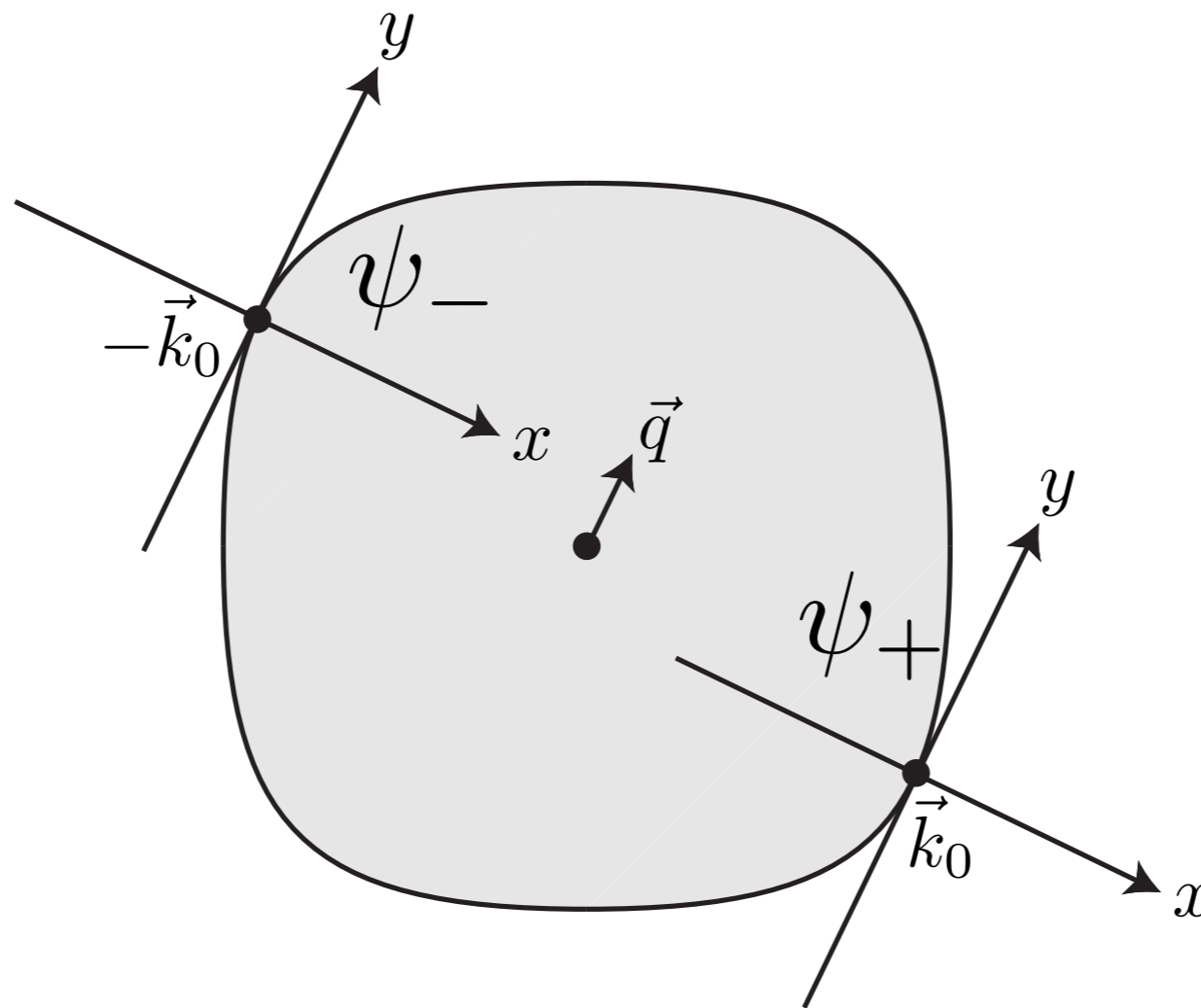
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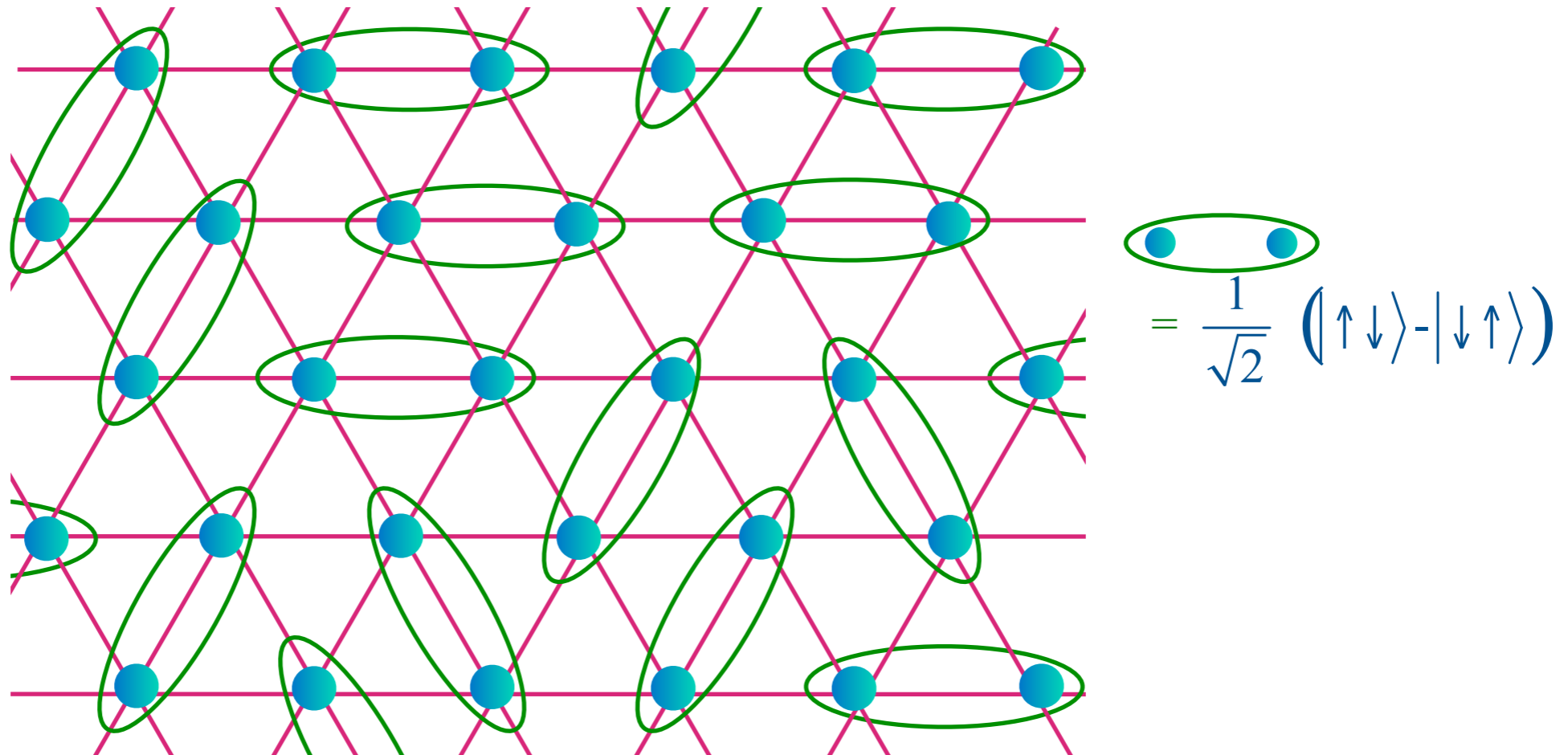
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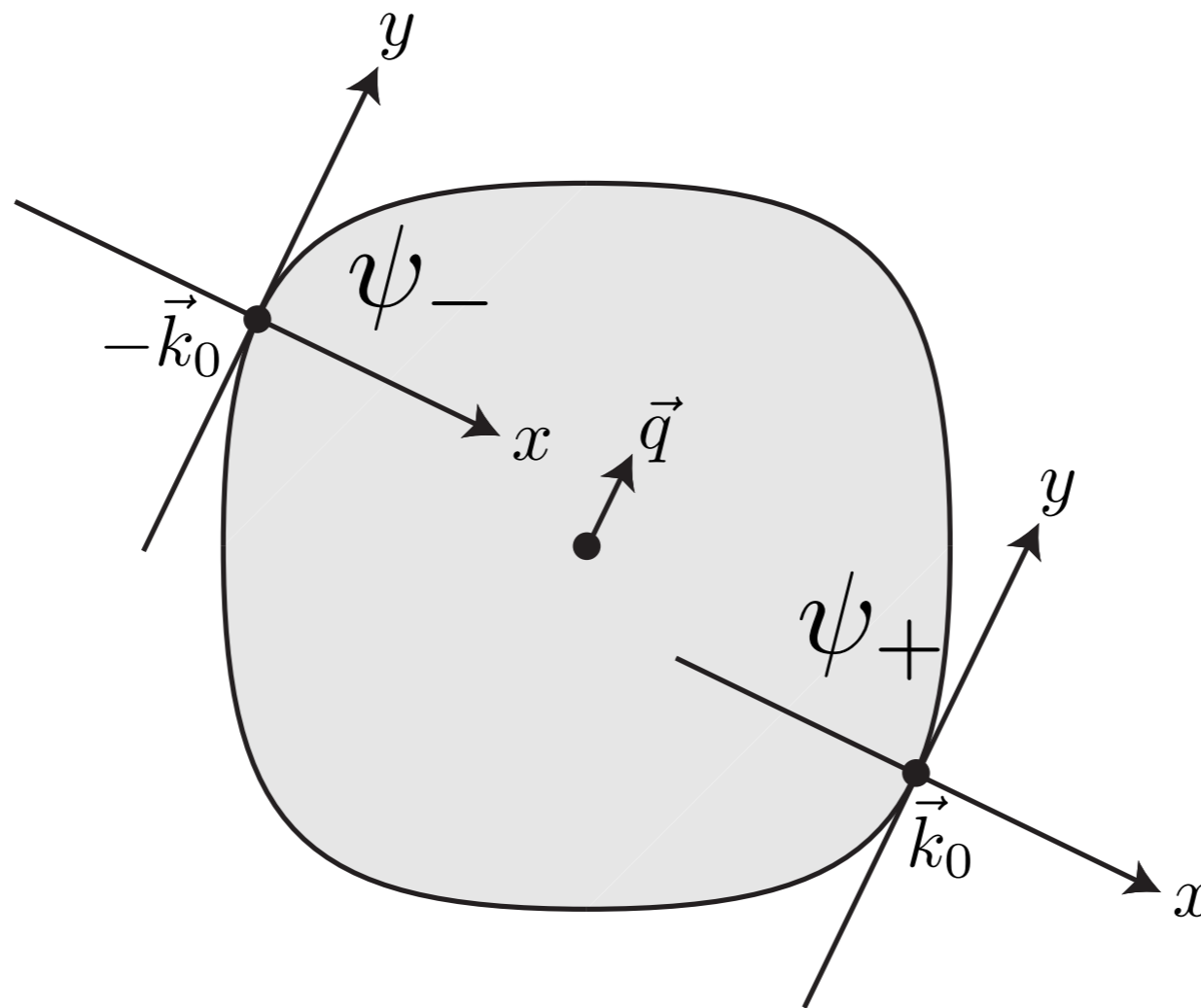
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- Model of a spin liquid (“Bose metal”): couple fermions to a dynamical gauge field A_μ .



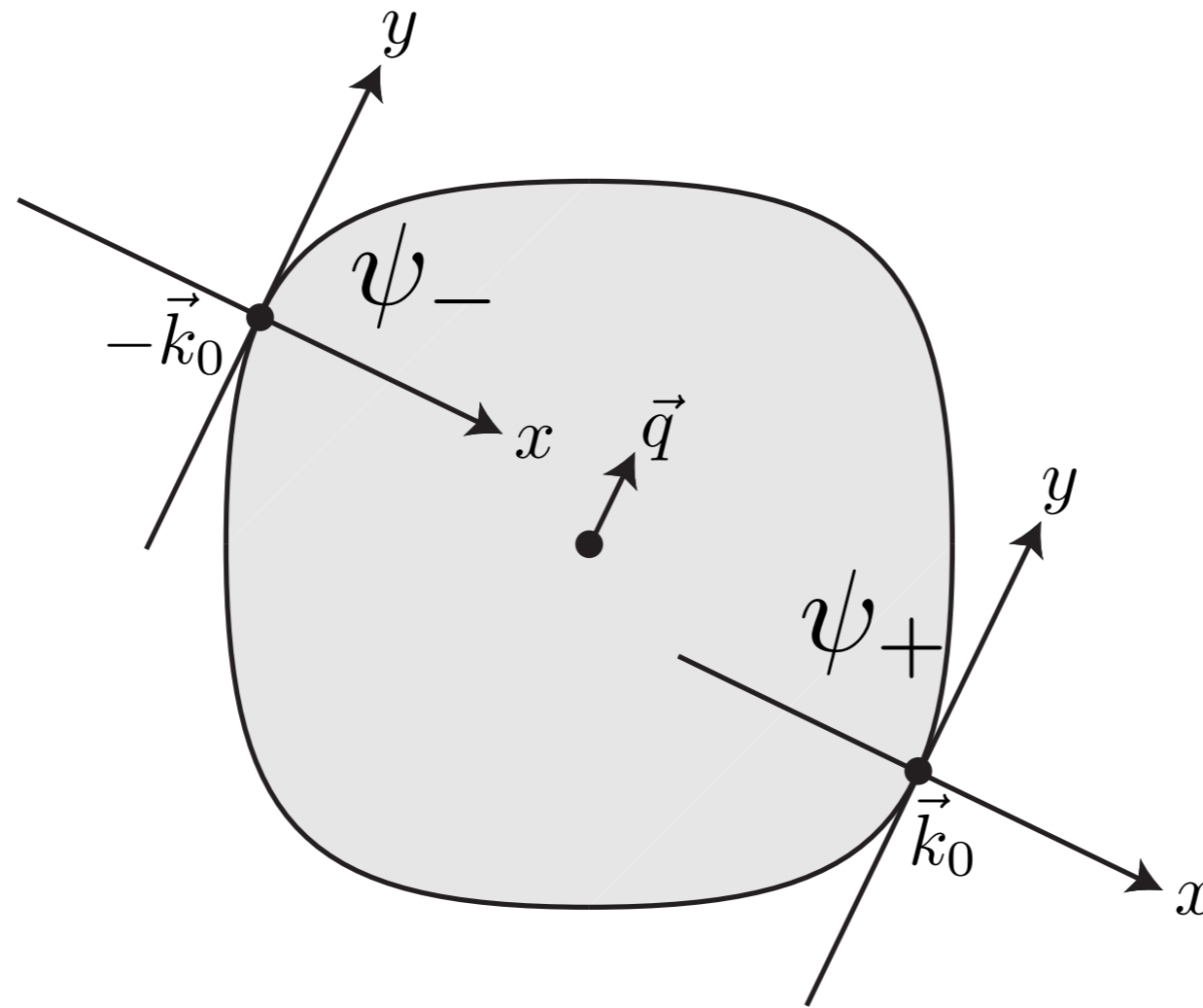
$$\mathcal{L} = f_\sigma^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - iA_\tau - \frac{(\nabla - i\mathbf{A})^2}{2m} - \mu \right) f_\sigma$$

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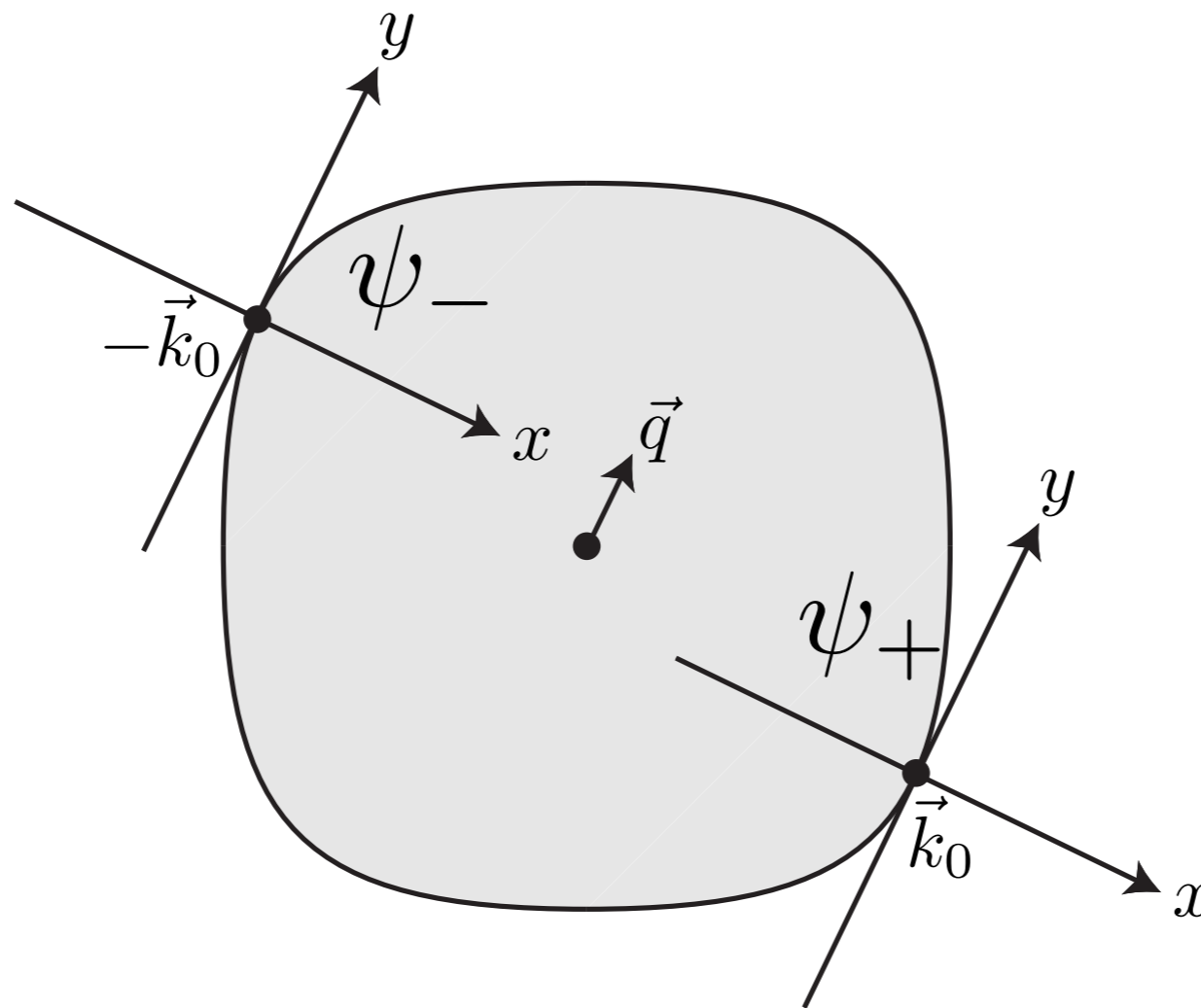
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Field theory of U(1) spin liquid



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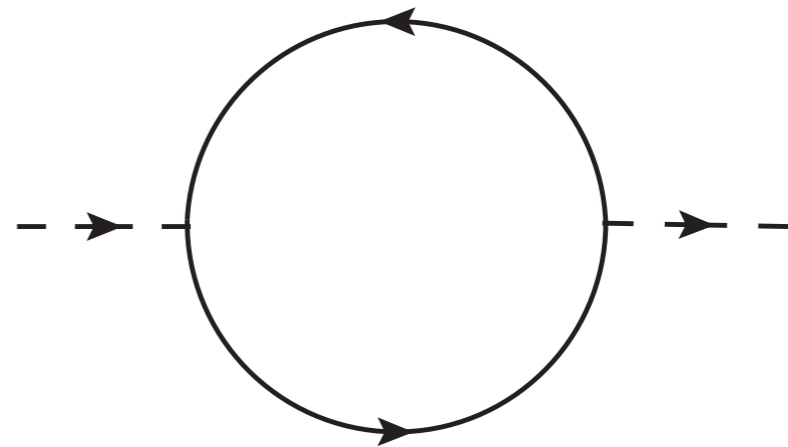
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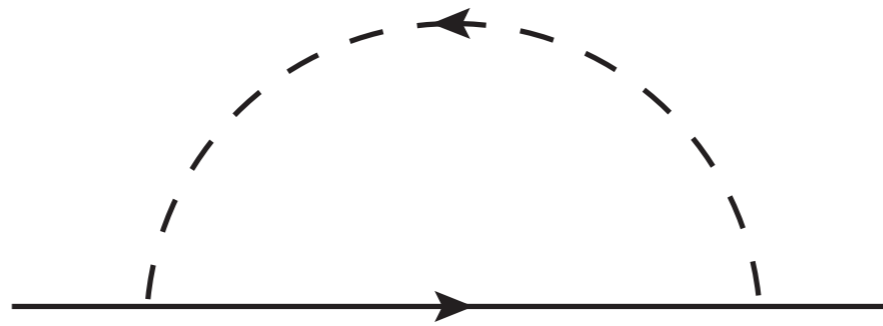
One loop ϕ self-energy with N_f fermion flavors:

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$$= \frac{N_f}{4\pi} \frac{|\omega|}{|q_y|}$$

Landau-damping

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Electron self-energy at order $1/N_f$:

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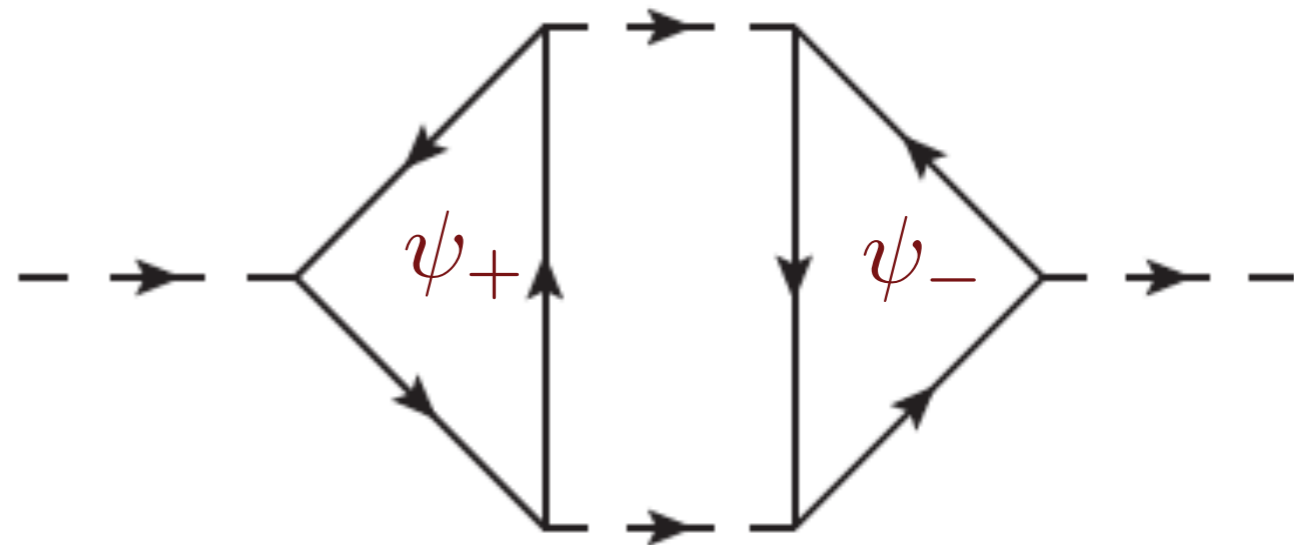
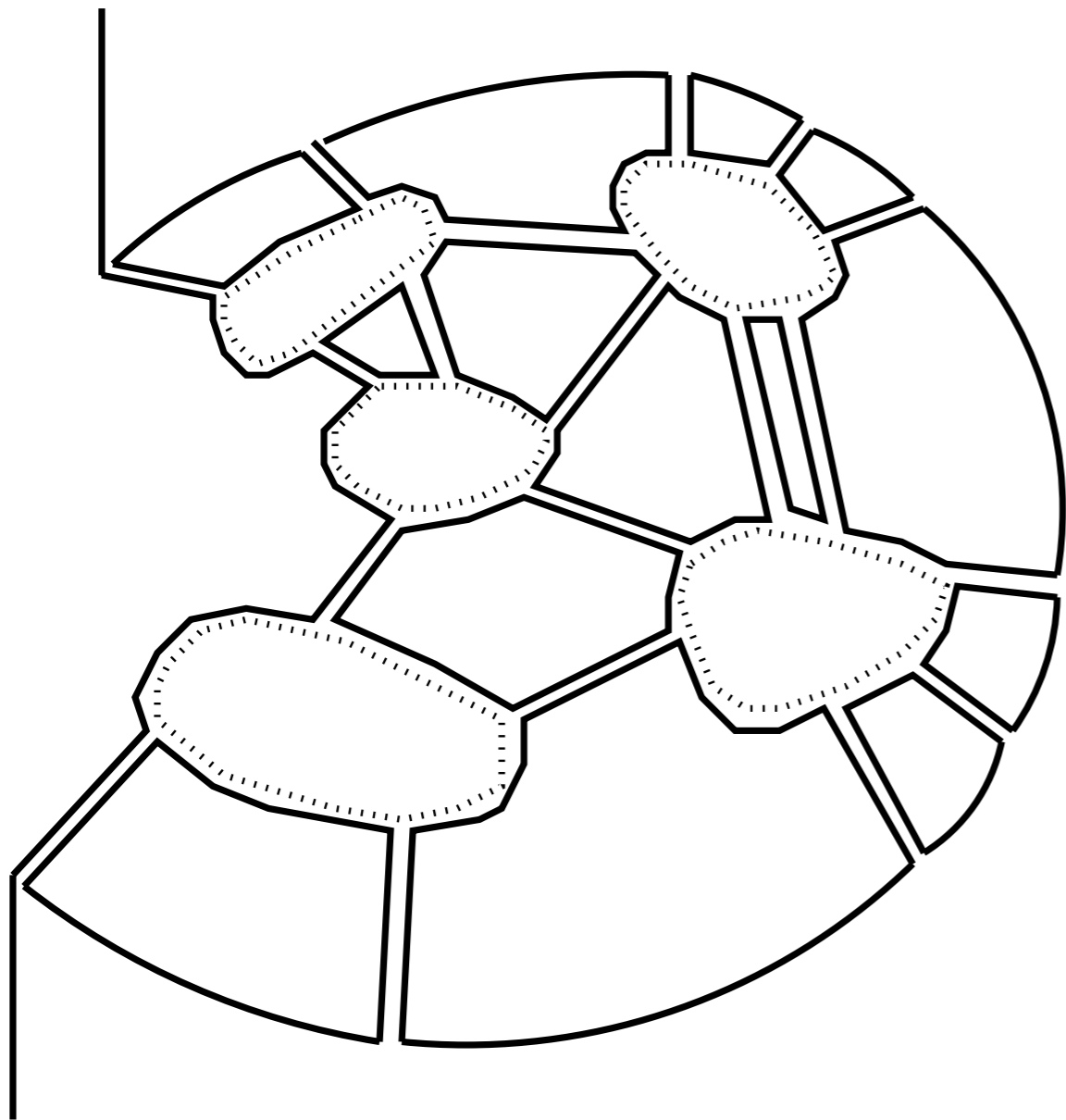
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The $1/N_f$ expansion is *not* determined by counting fermion loops, because of infrared singularities created by the Fermi surface. The $|\omega|^{2/3}/N_f$ fermion self-energy leads to additional powers of N_f , and a breakdown in the loop expansion.

Computations in the $1/N$ expansion



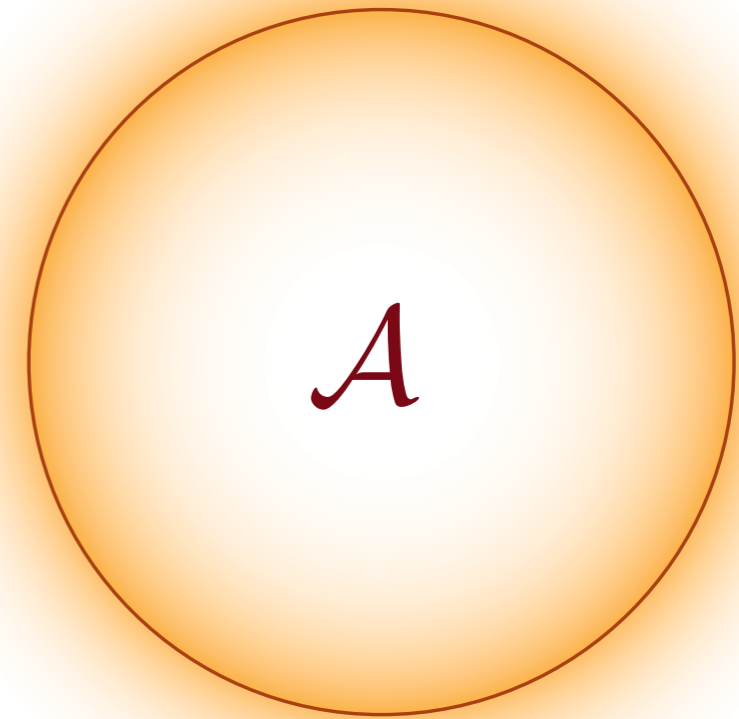
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All planar graphs of ψ_+ alone are as important as the leading term

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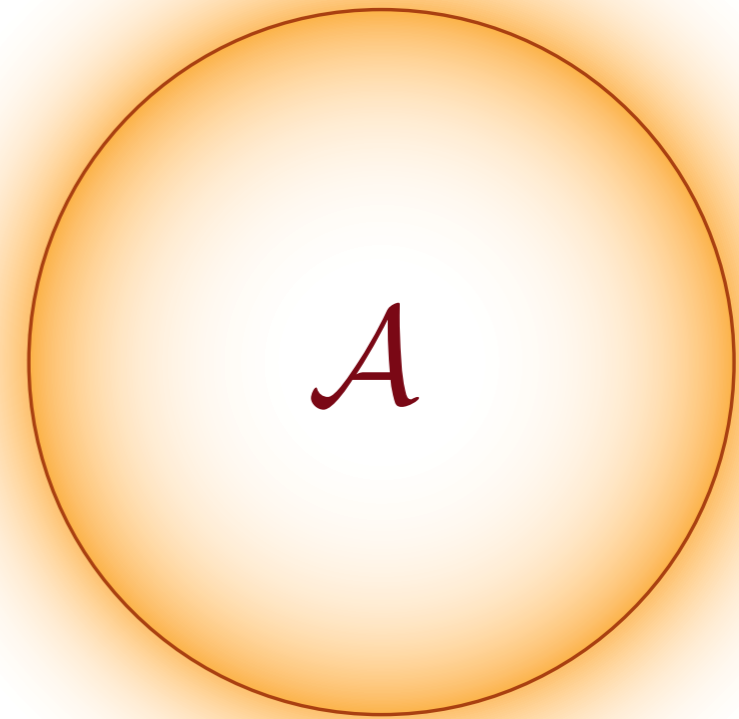
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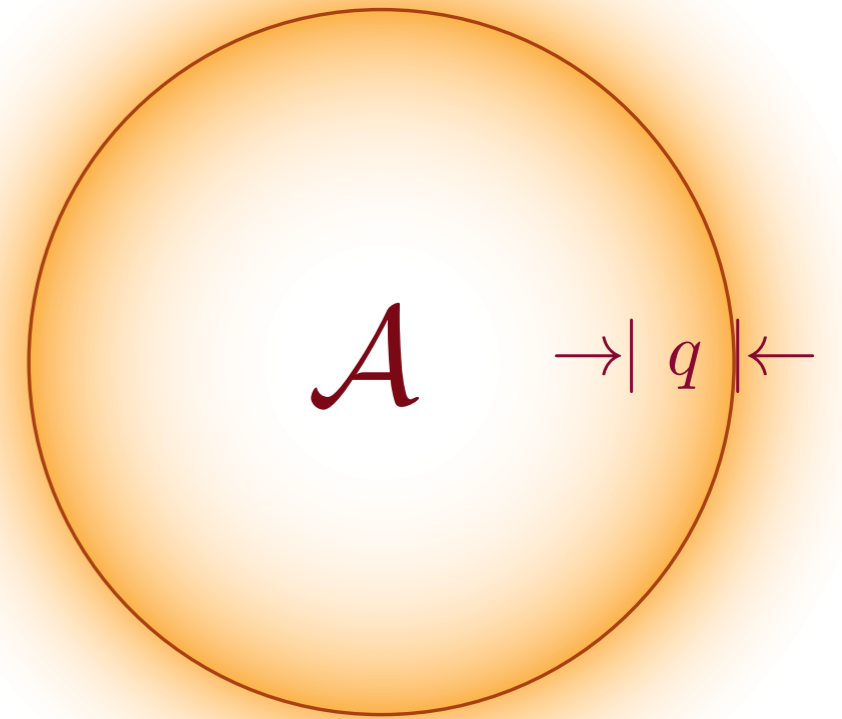
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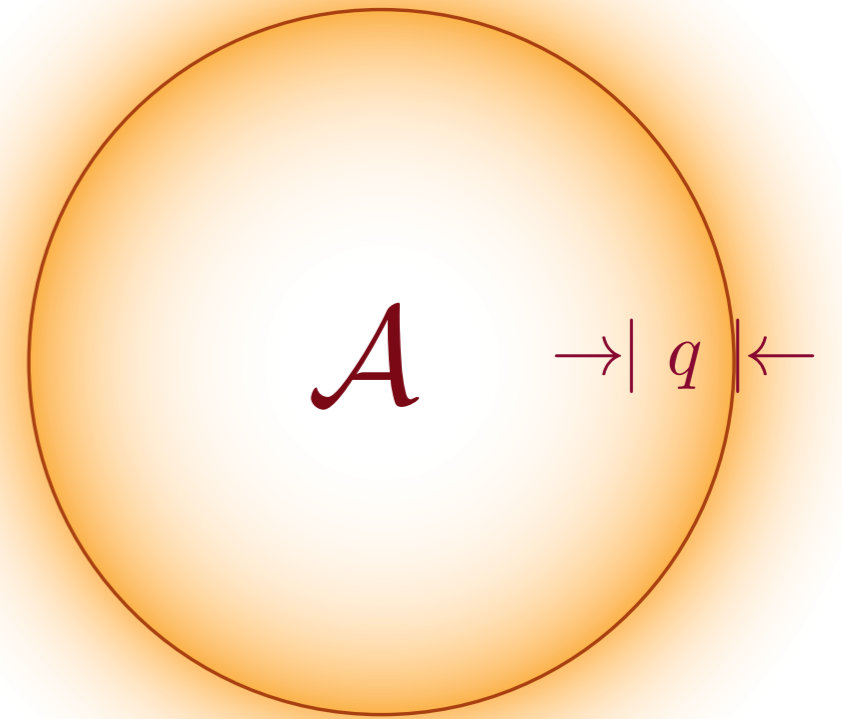
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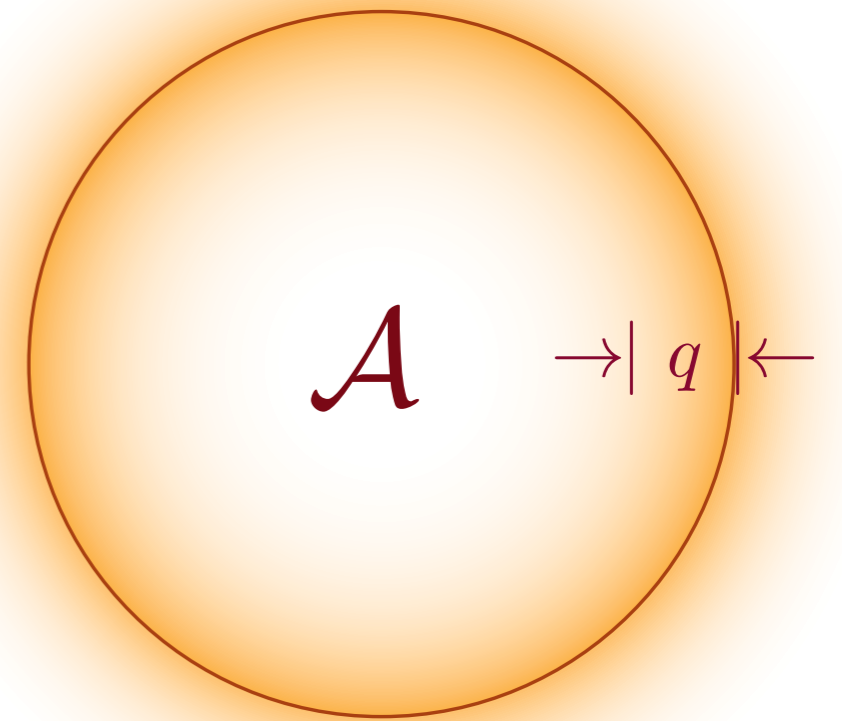
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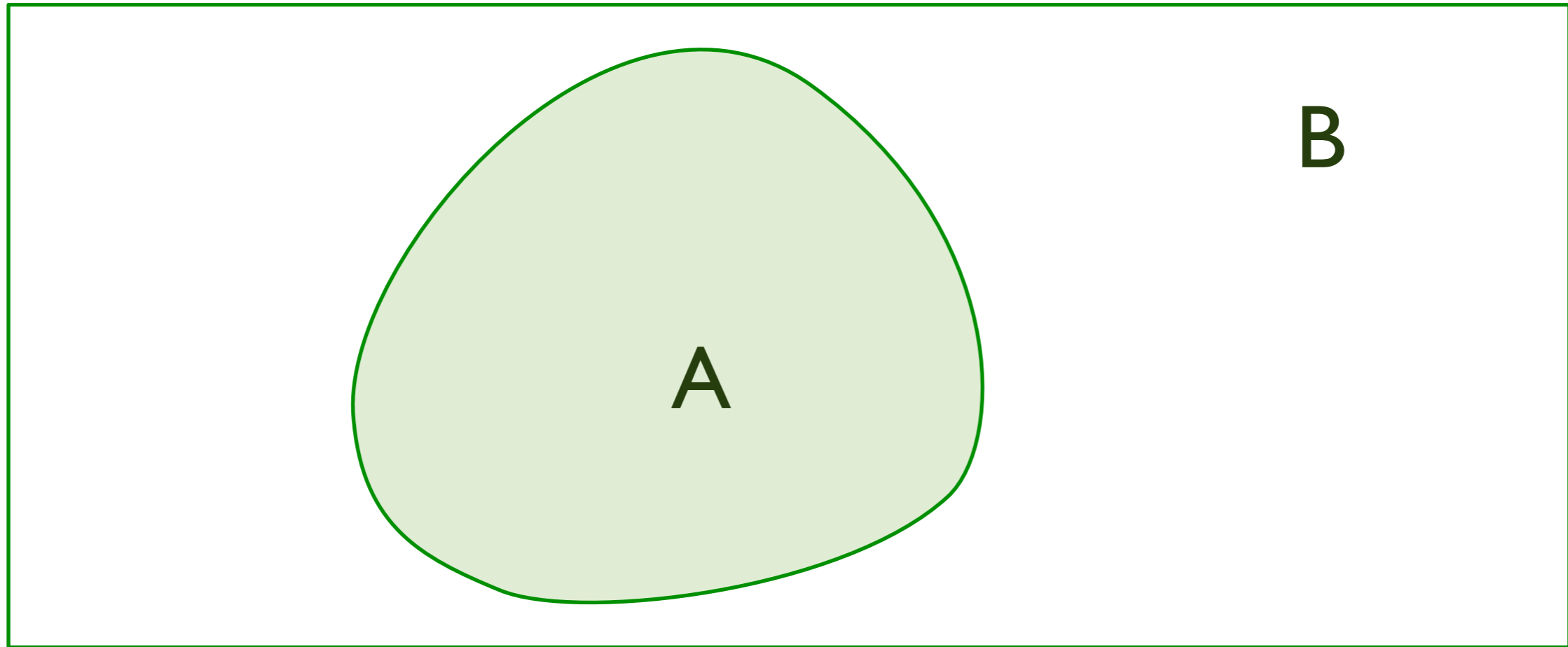
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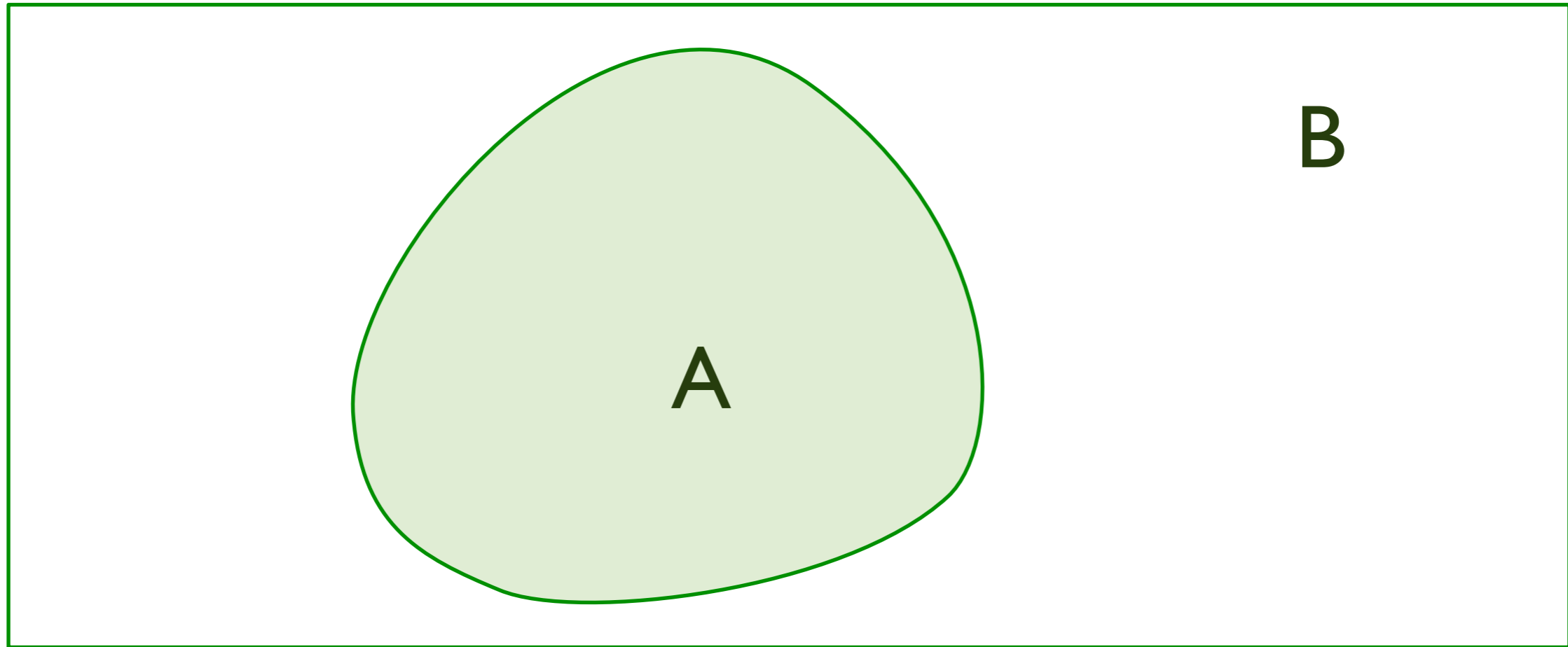
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Measure strength of quantum entanglement of region A with region B .

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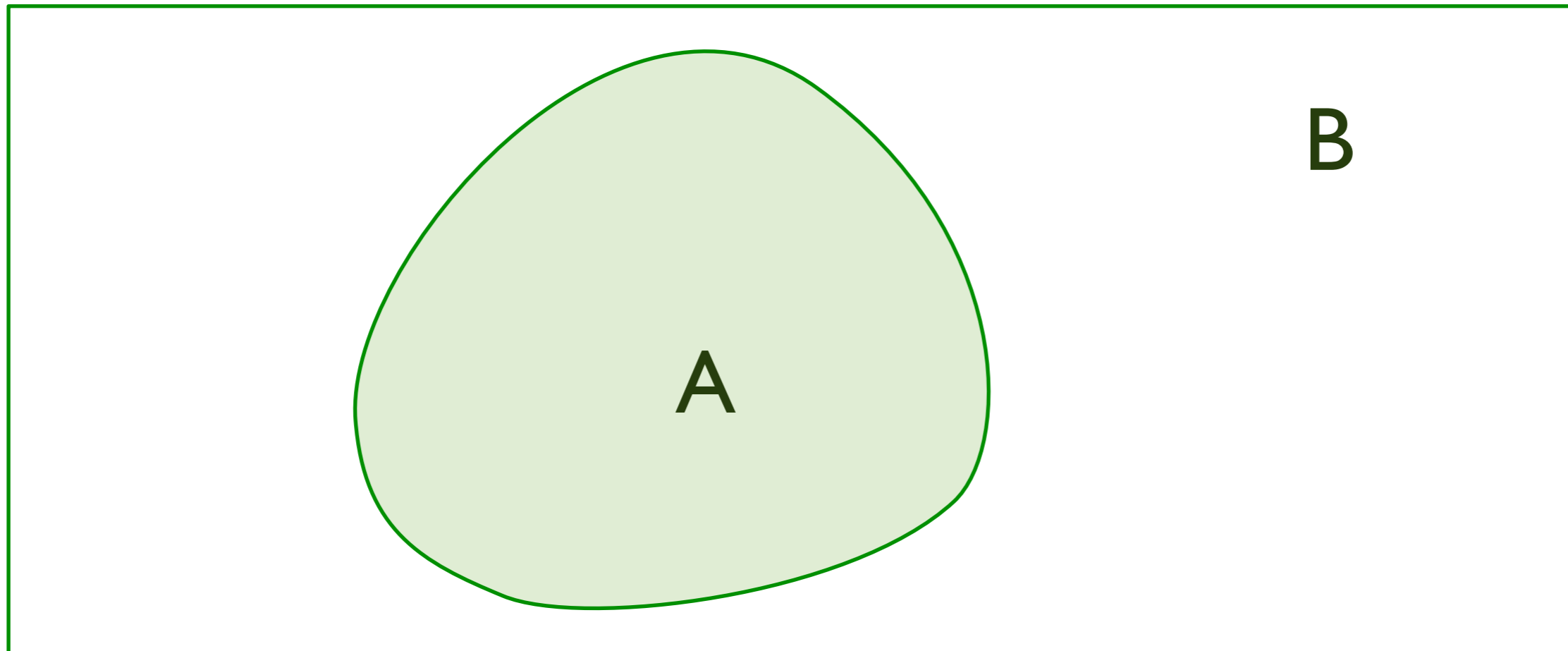
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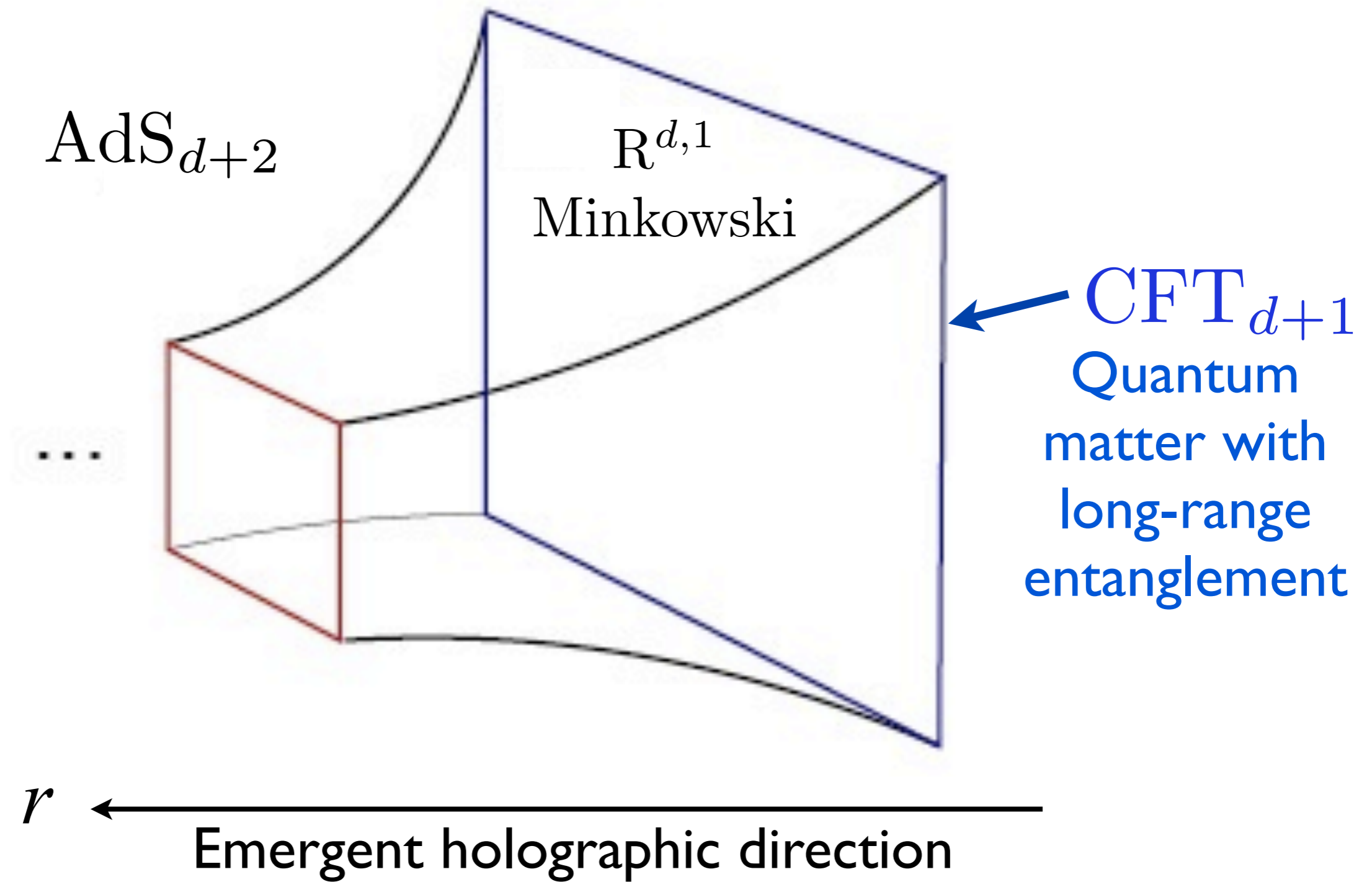
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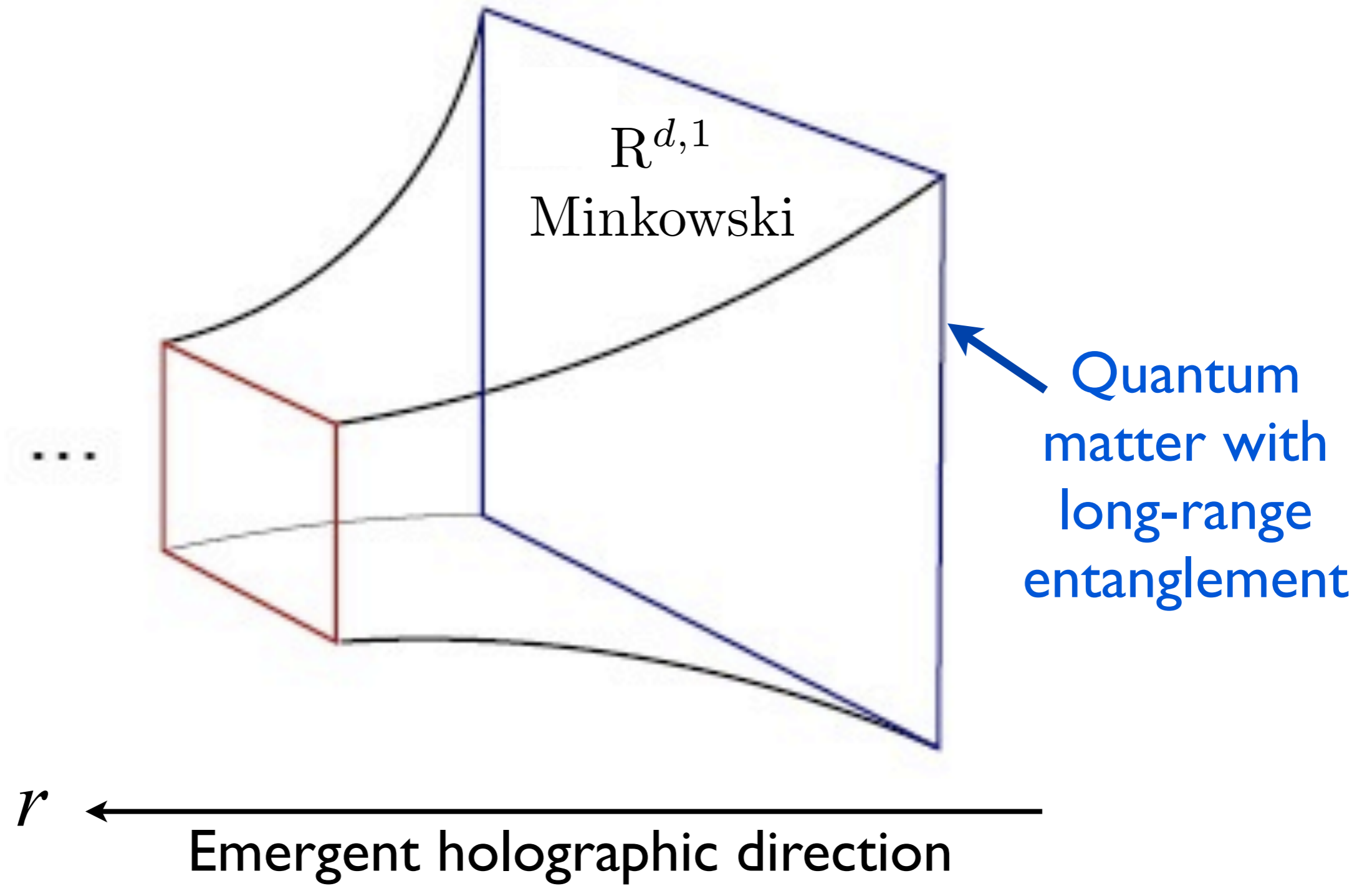
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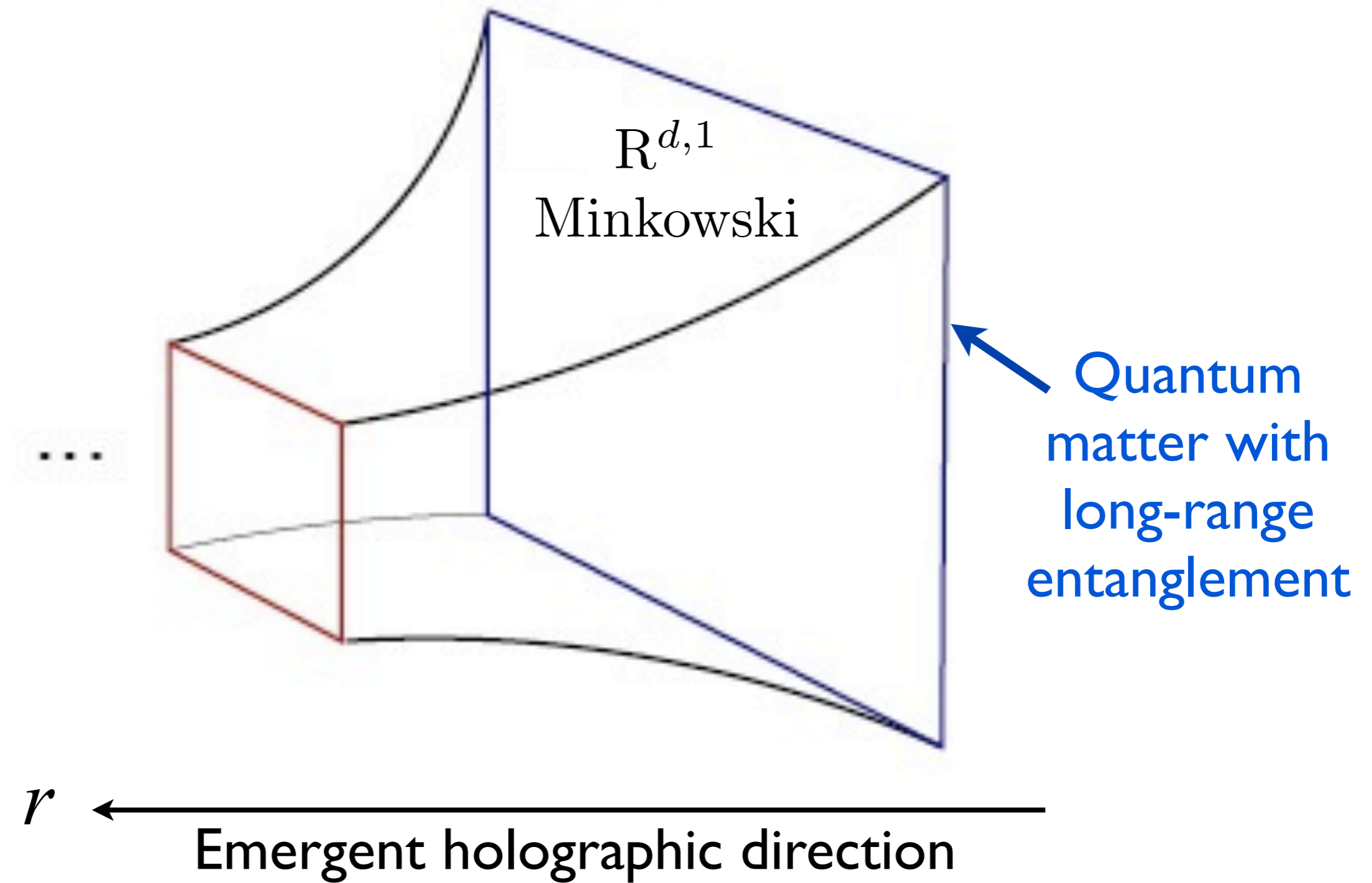
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