




Quantum antiferromagnetism and superconductivity

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 **Objective:** Study dynamics of entangled many body quantum states similar to those found in correlated electron materials.

 **Approach:** Test theoretical understanding of quantum phases and quantum phase transitions of model Hamiltonians by using tunable realizations in optical lattices of cold atoms

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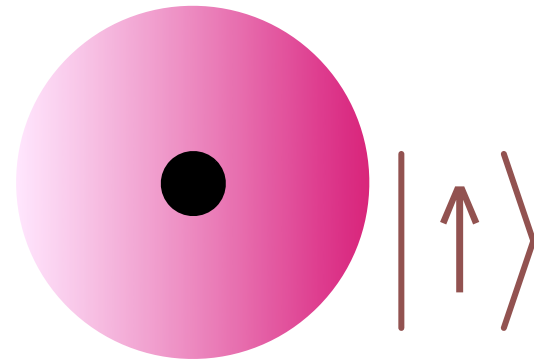
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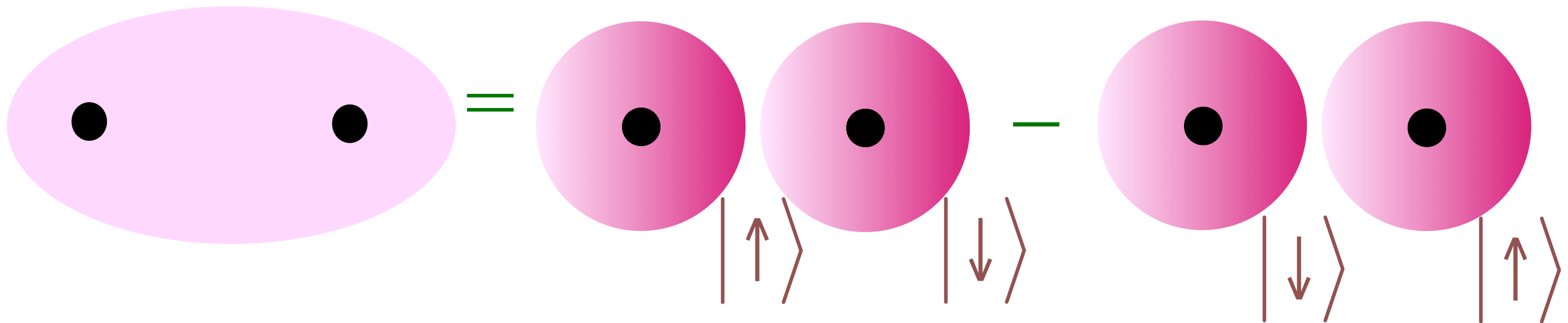
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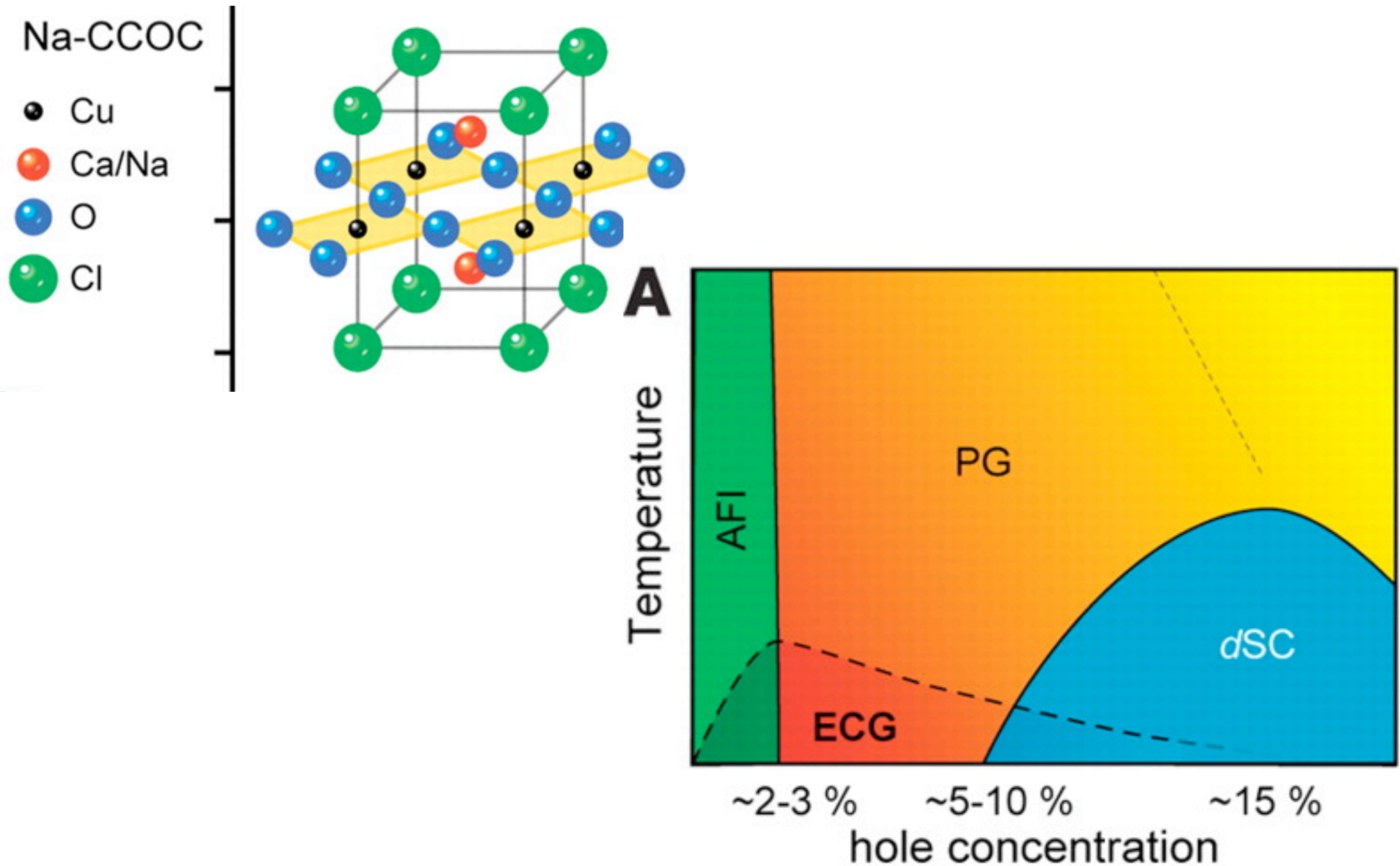
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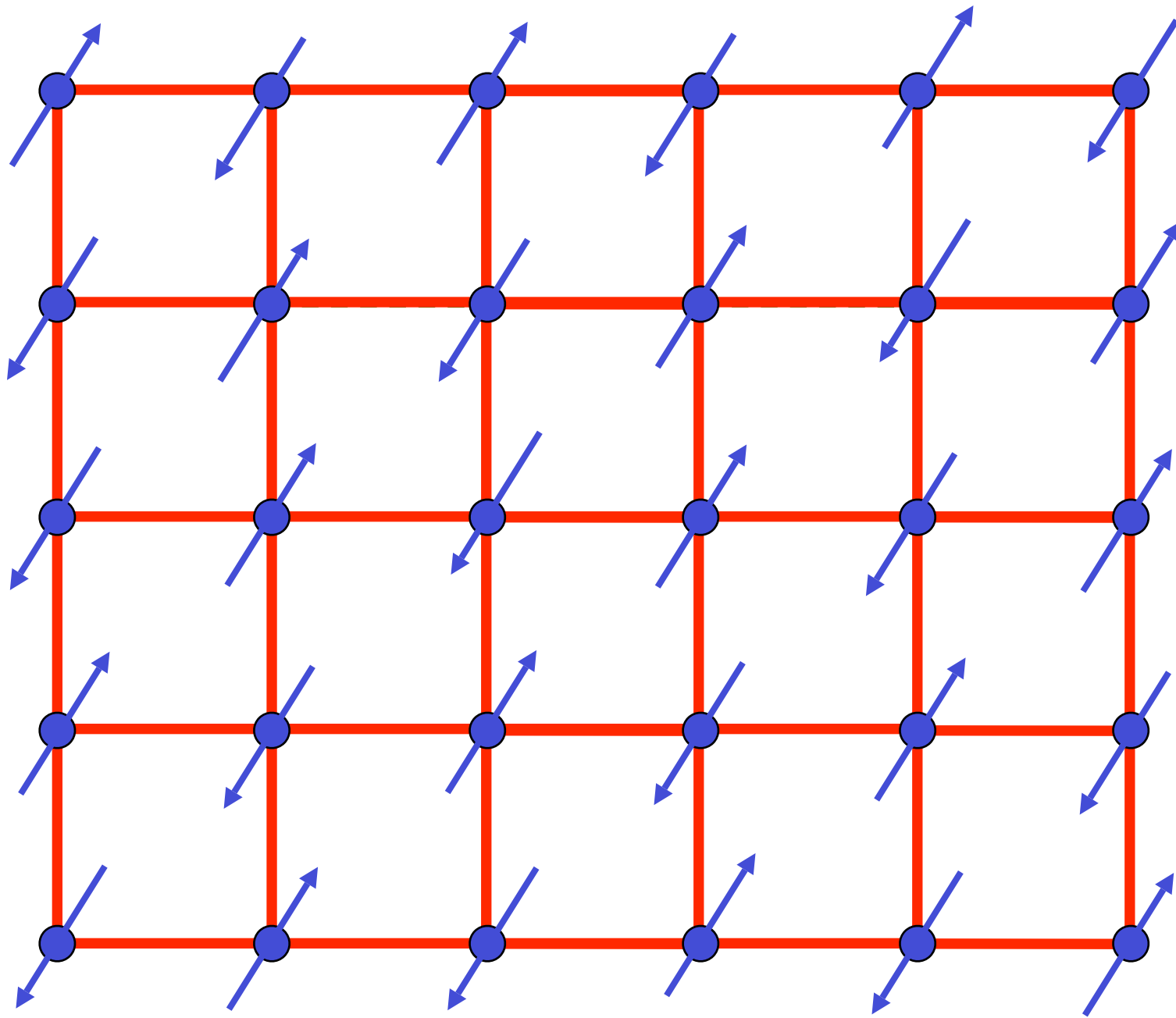
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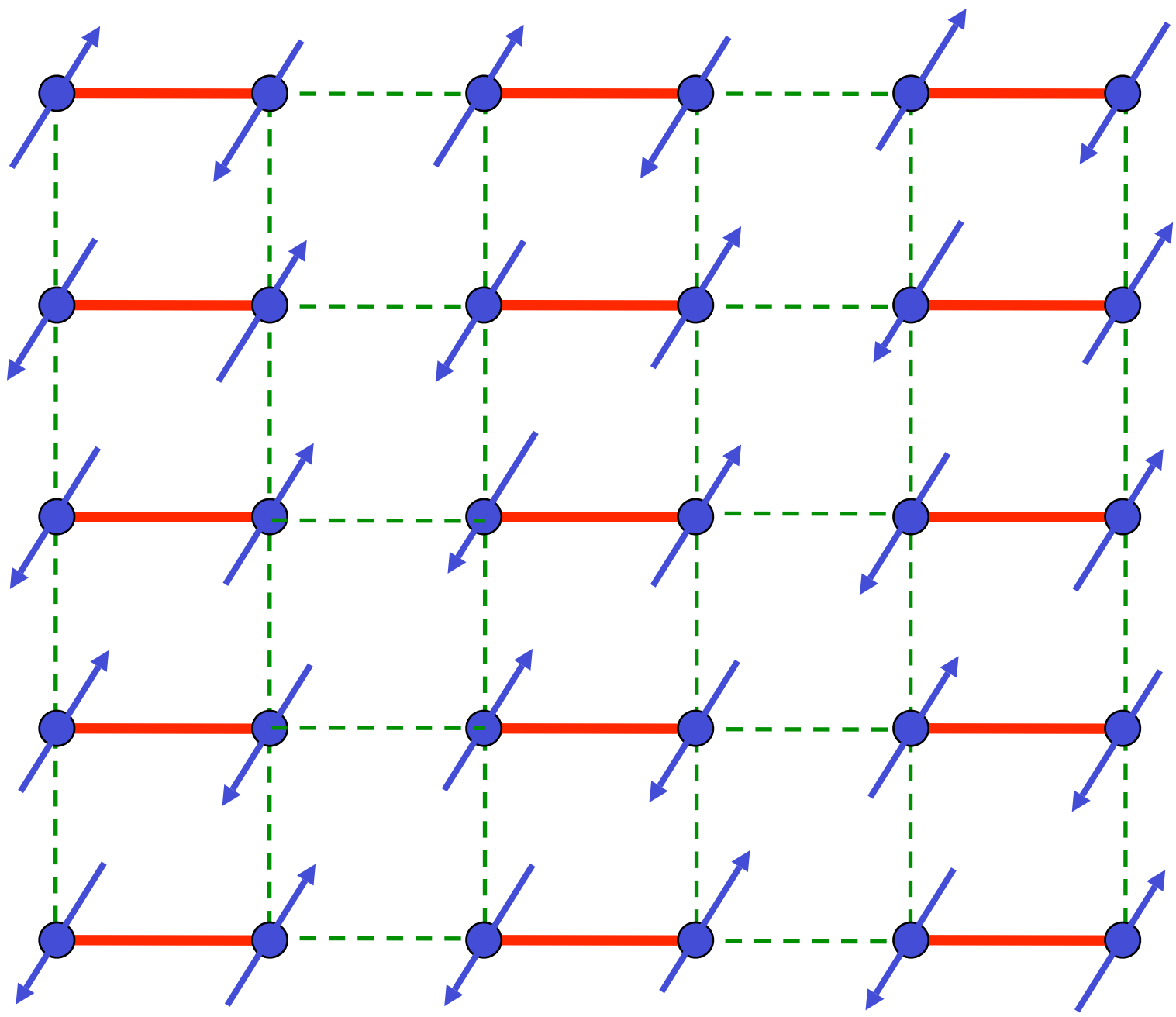
Superposition of two electron states leads to non-local correlations between spins

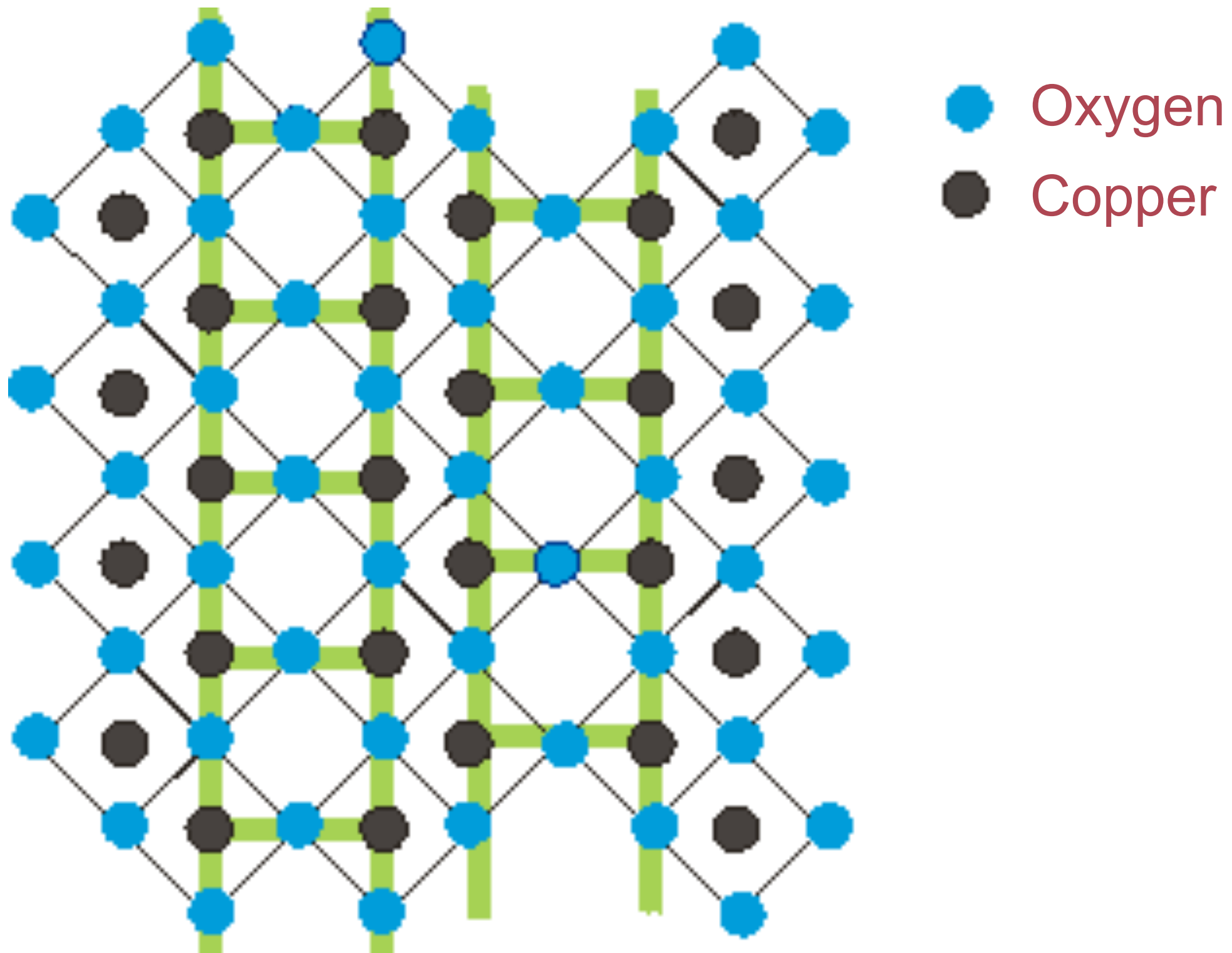
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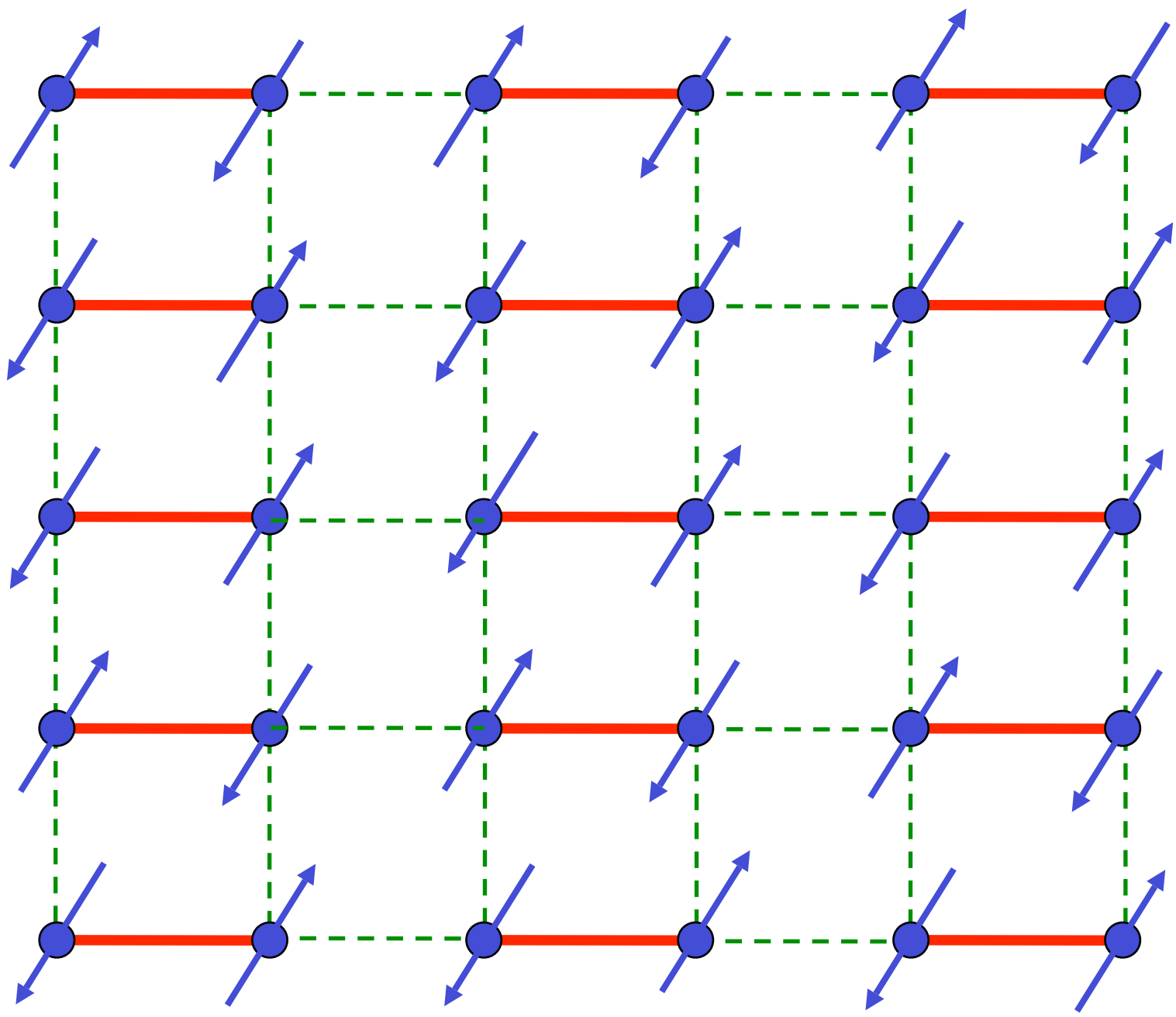


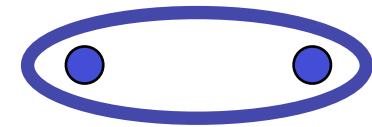
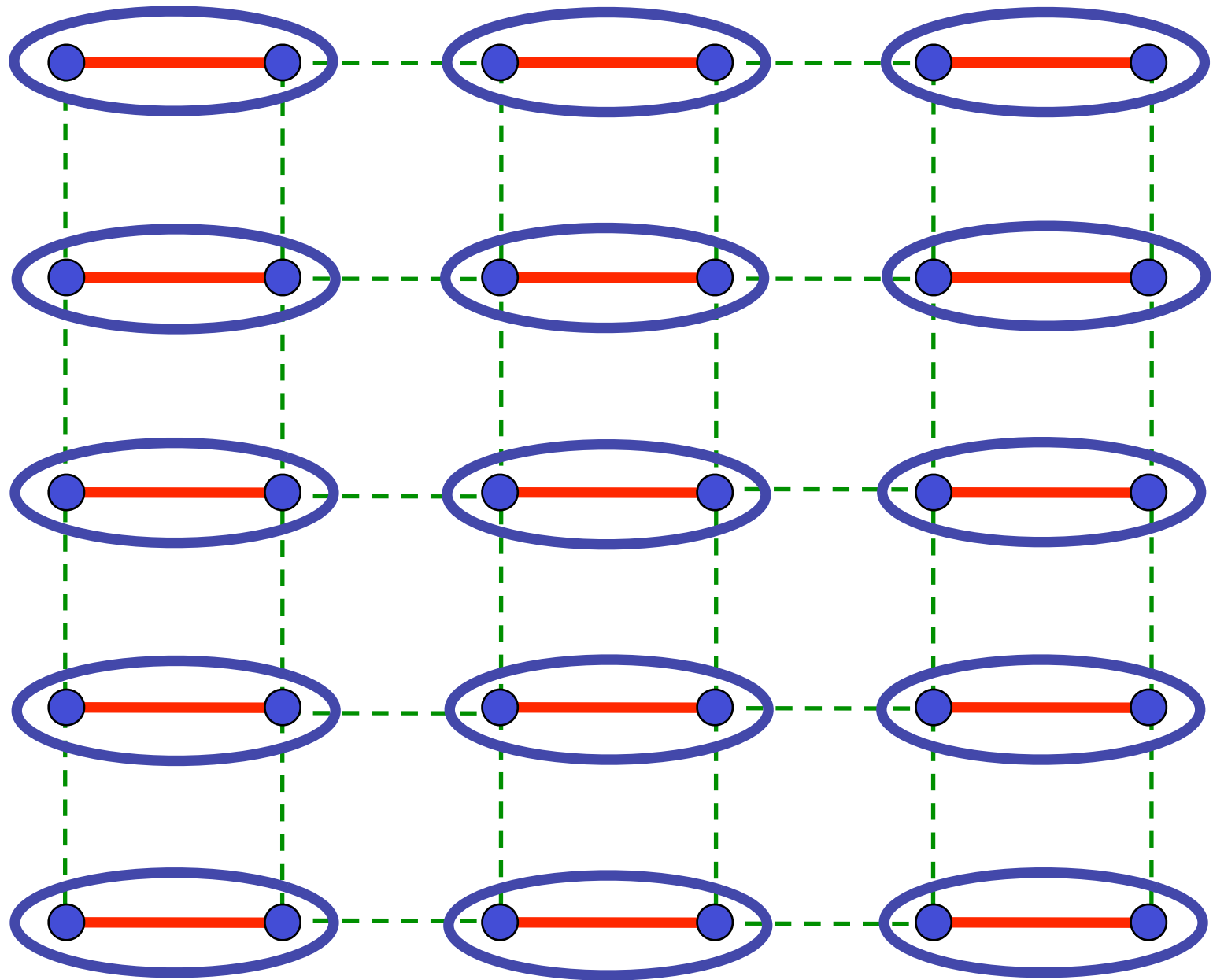
Antiferromagnetic (Neel) order in the insulator



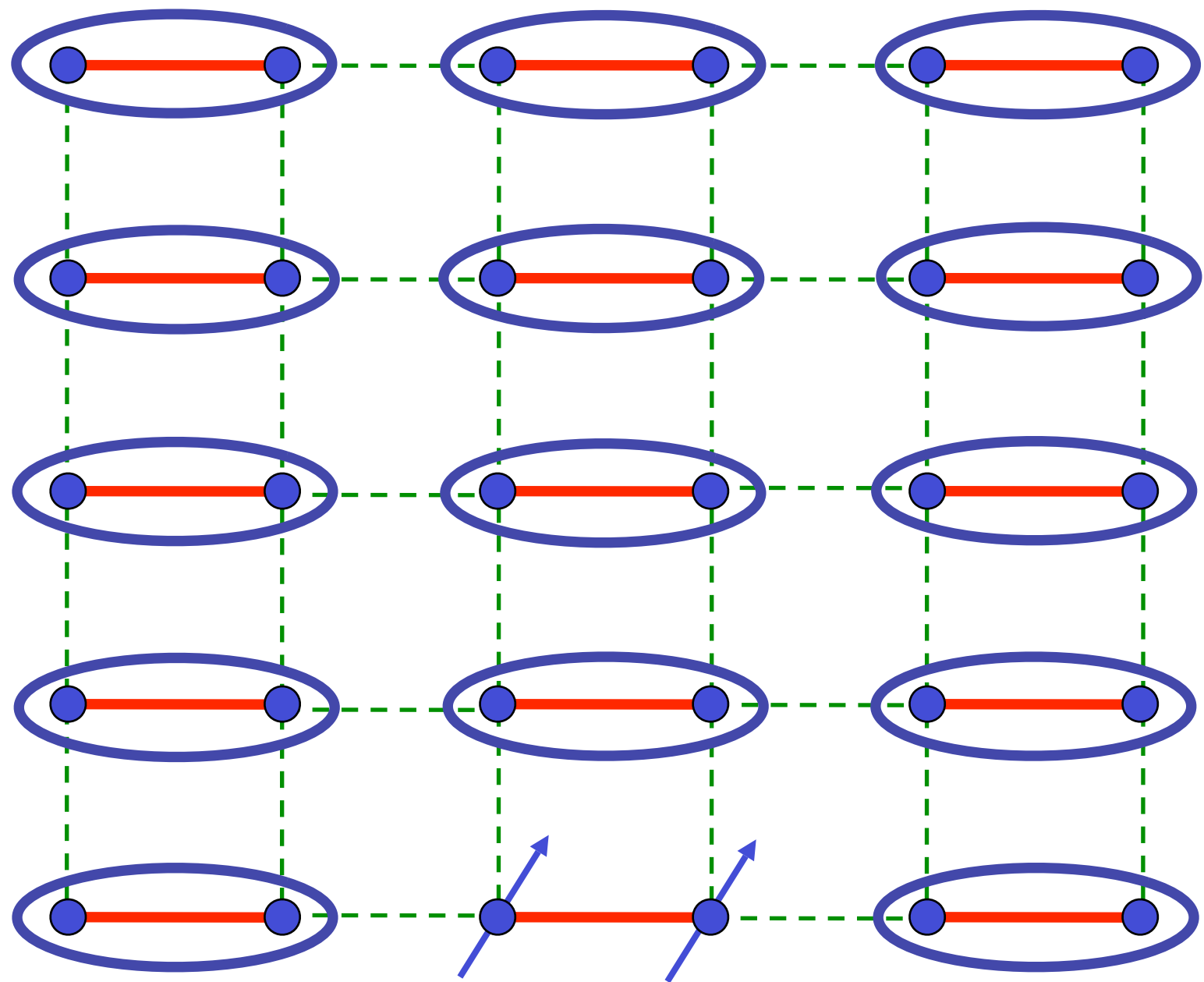






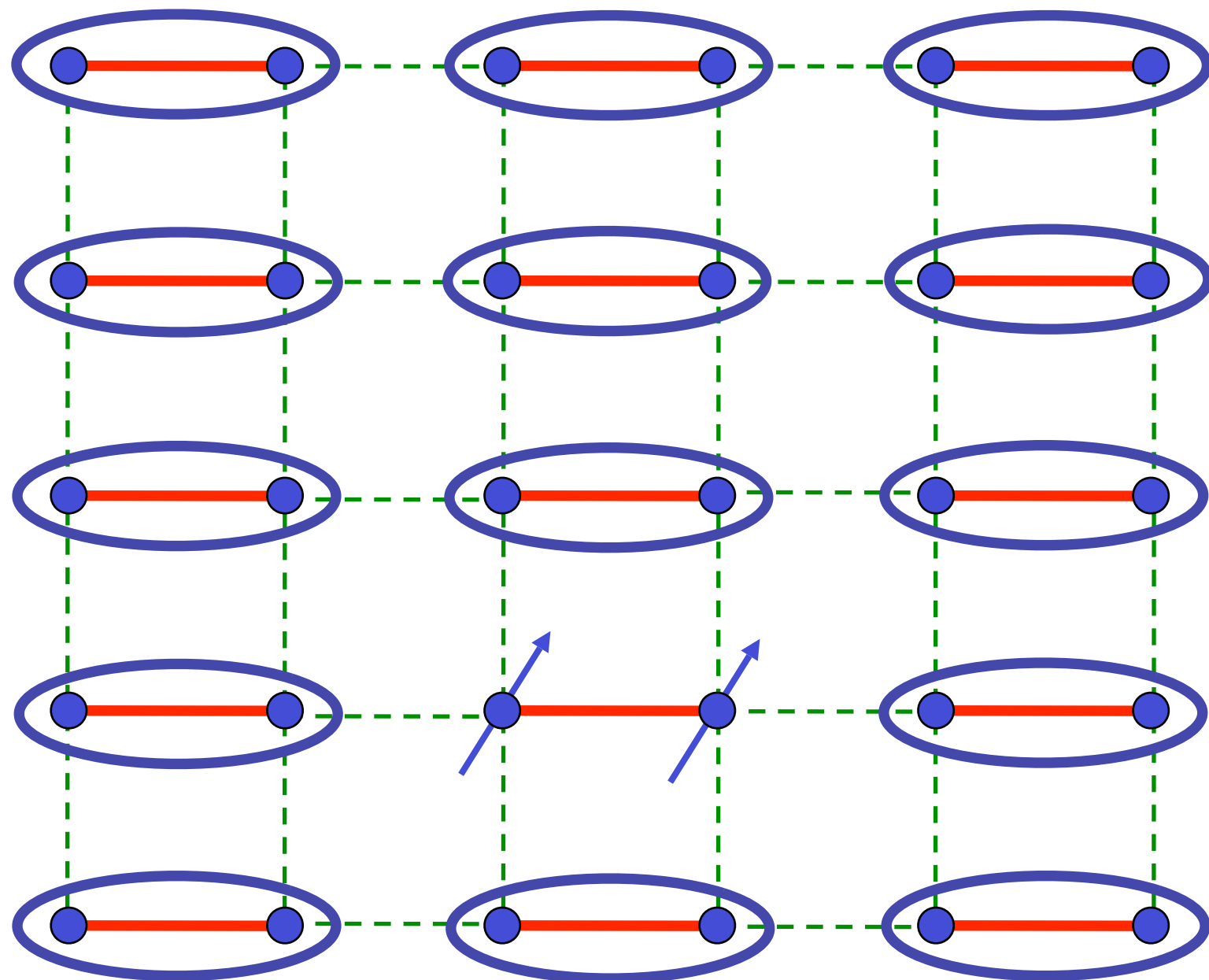


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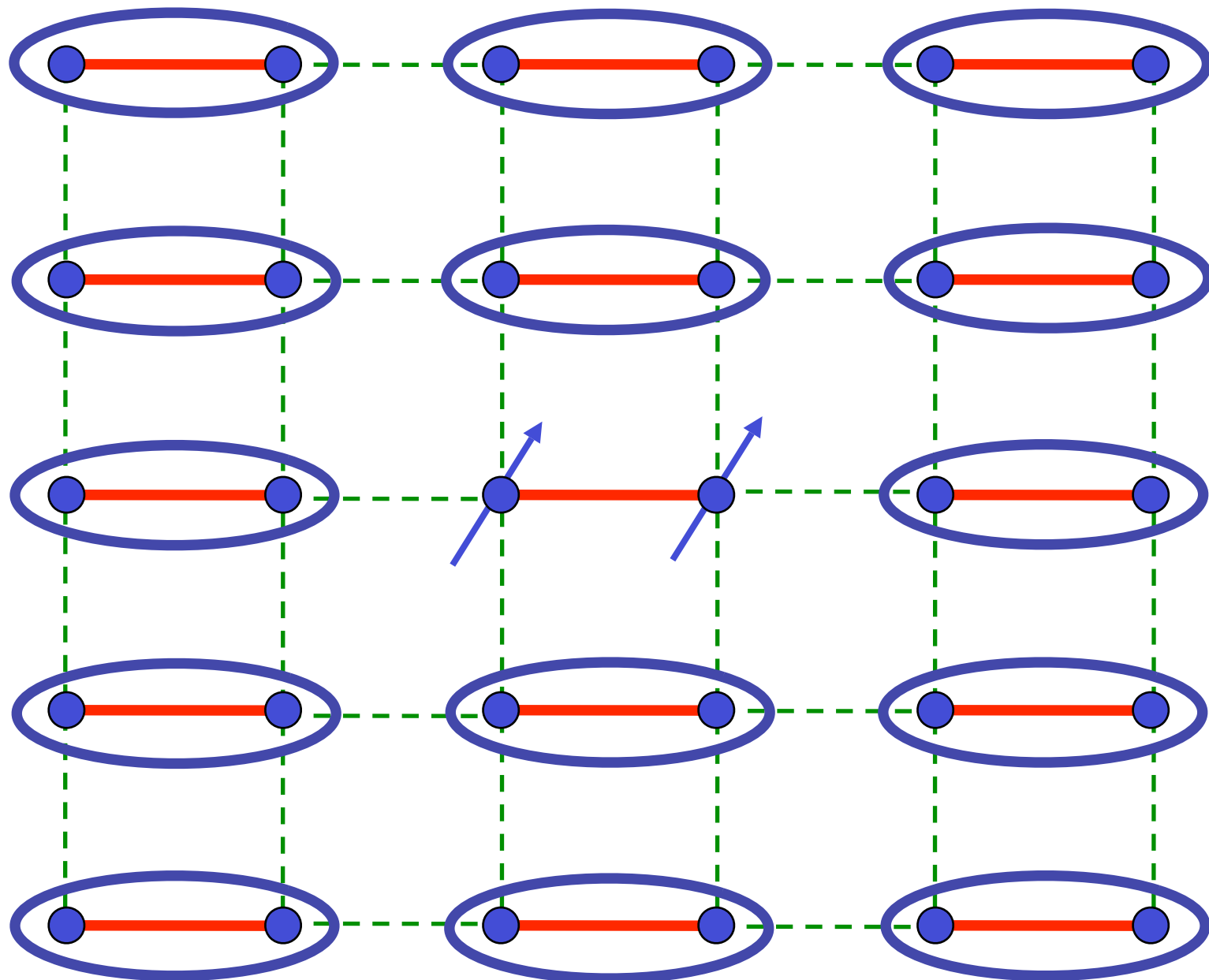
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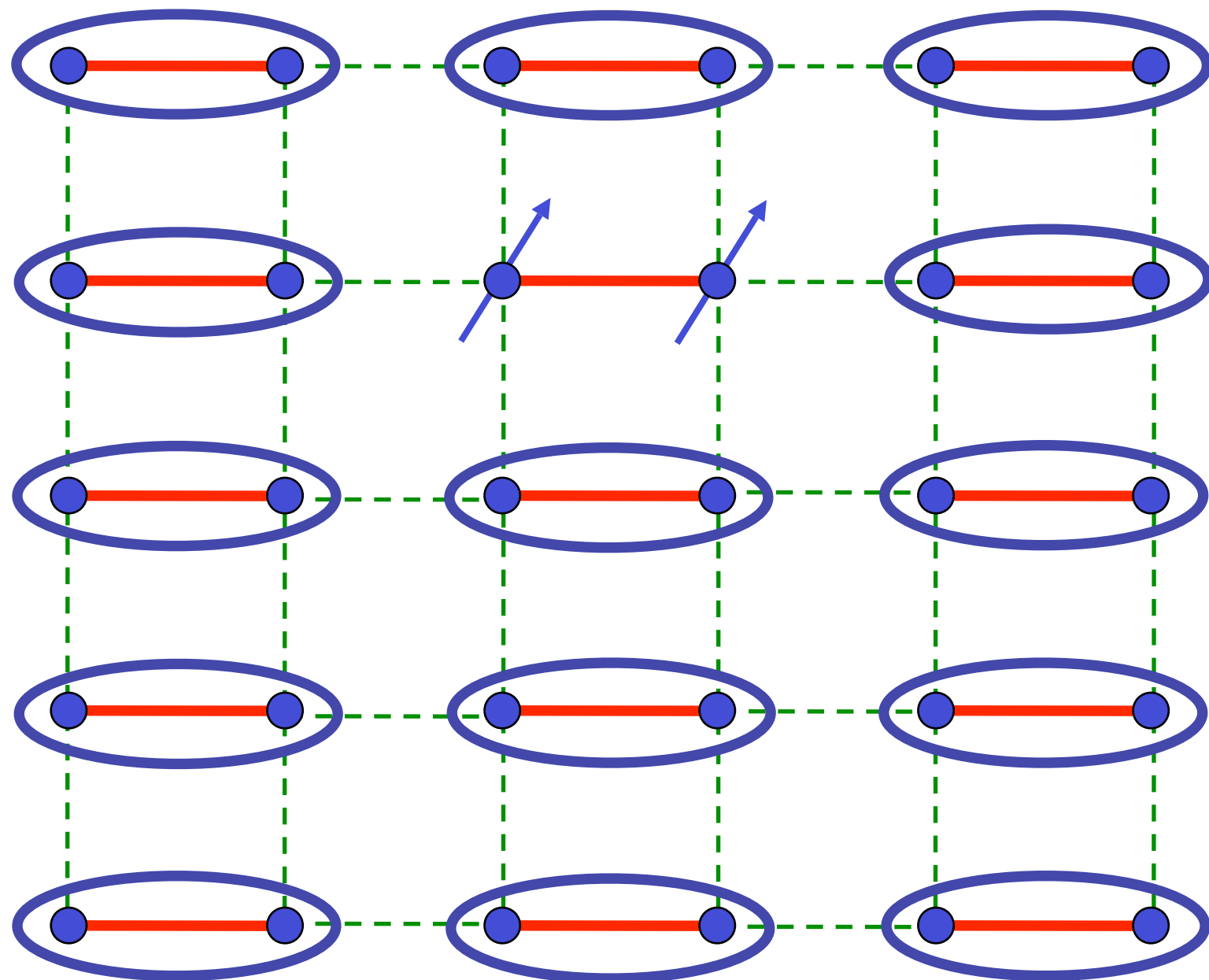
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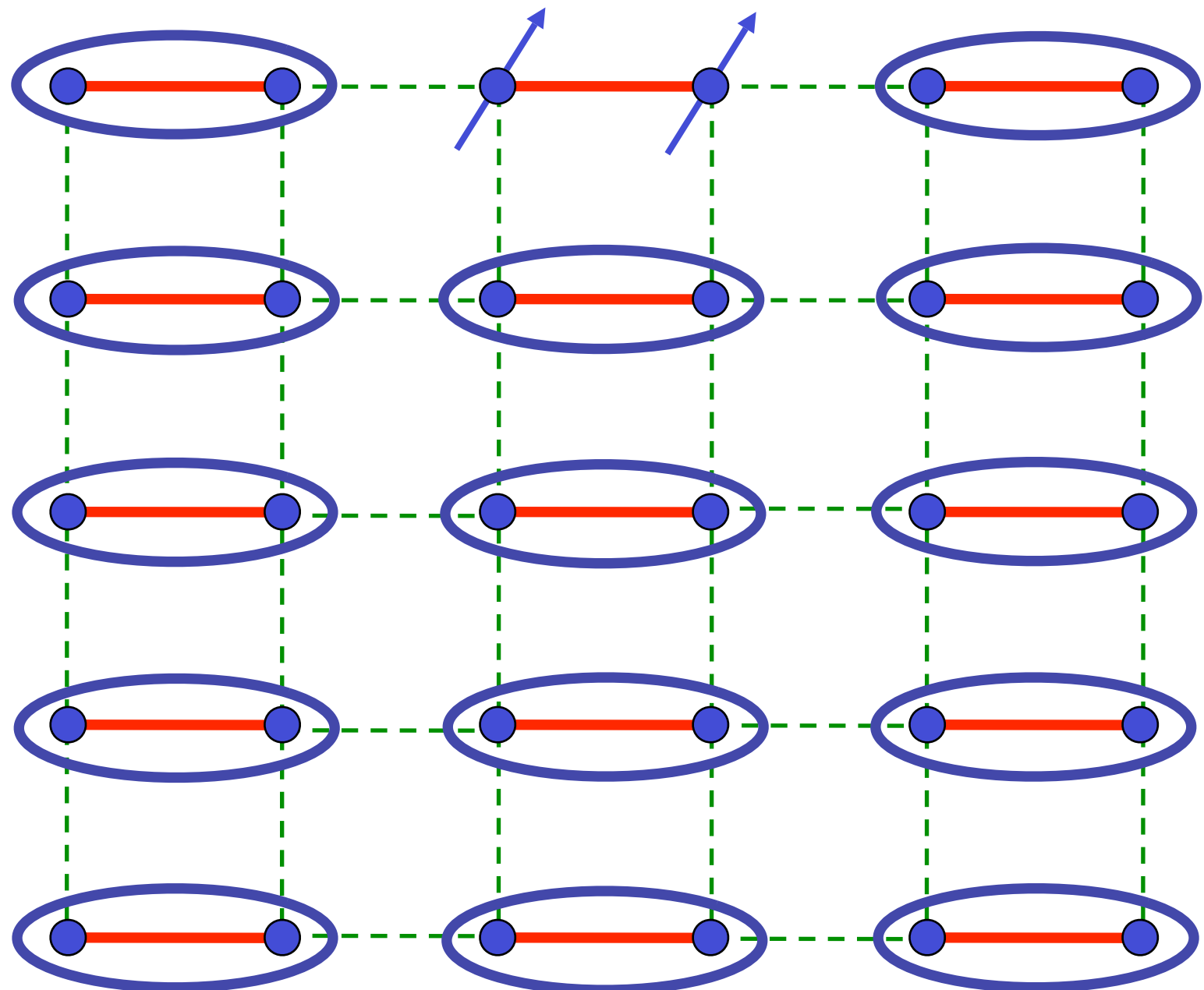
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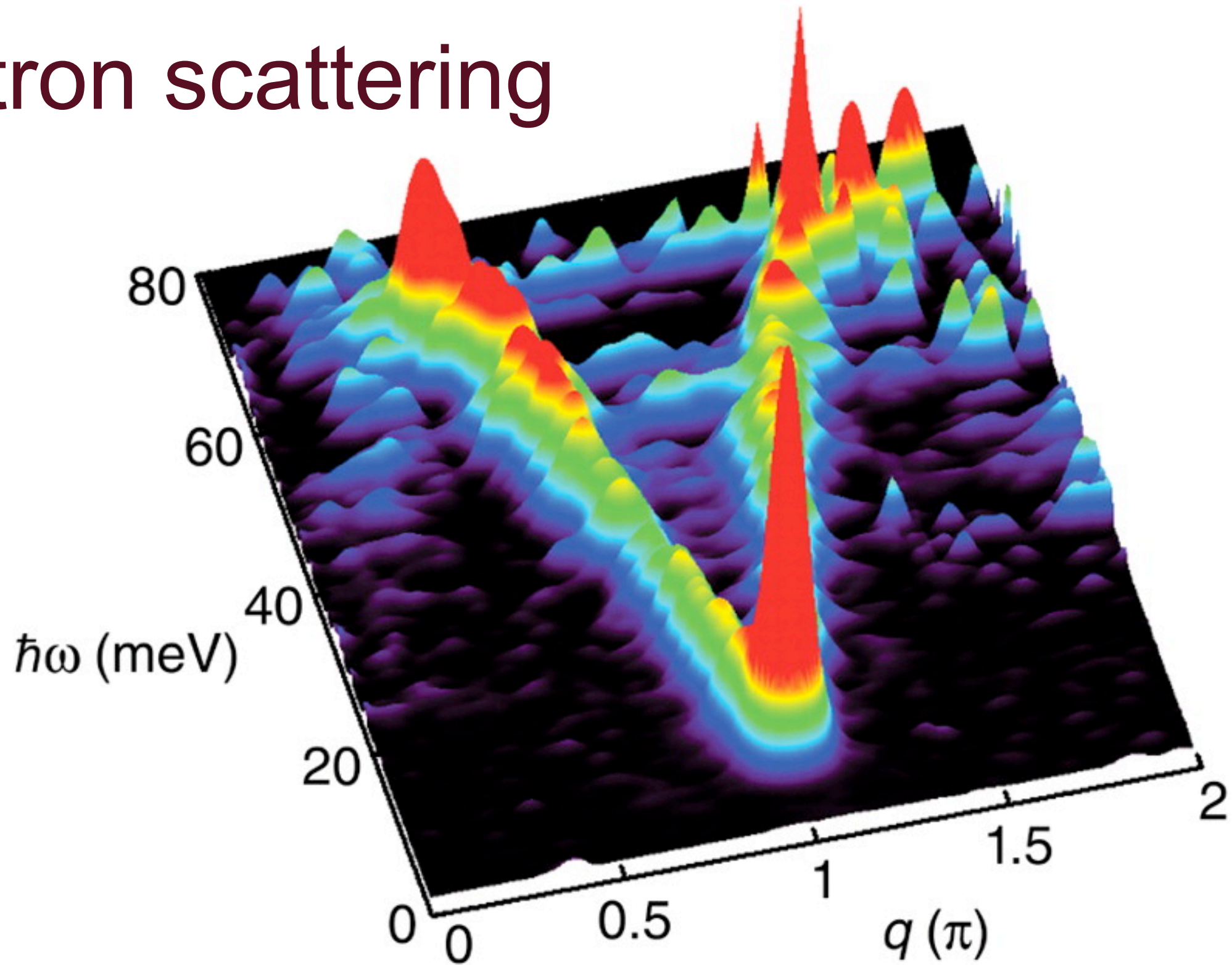
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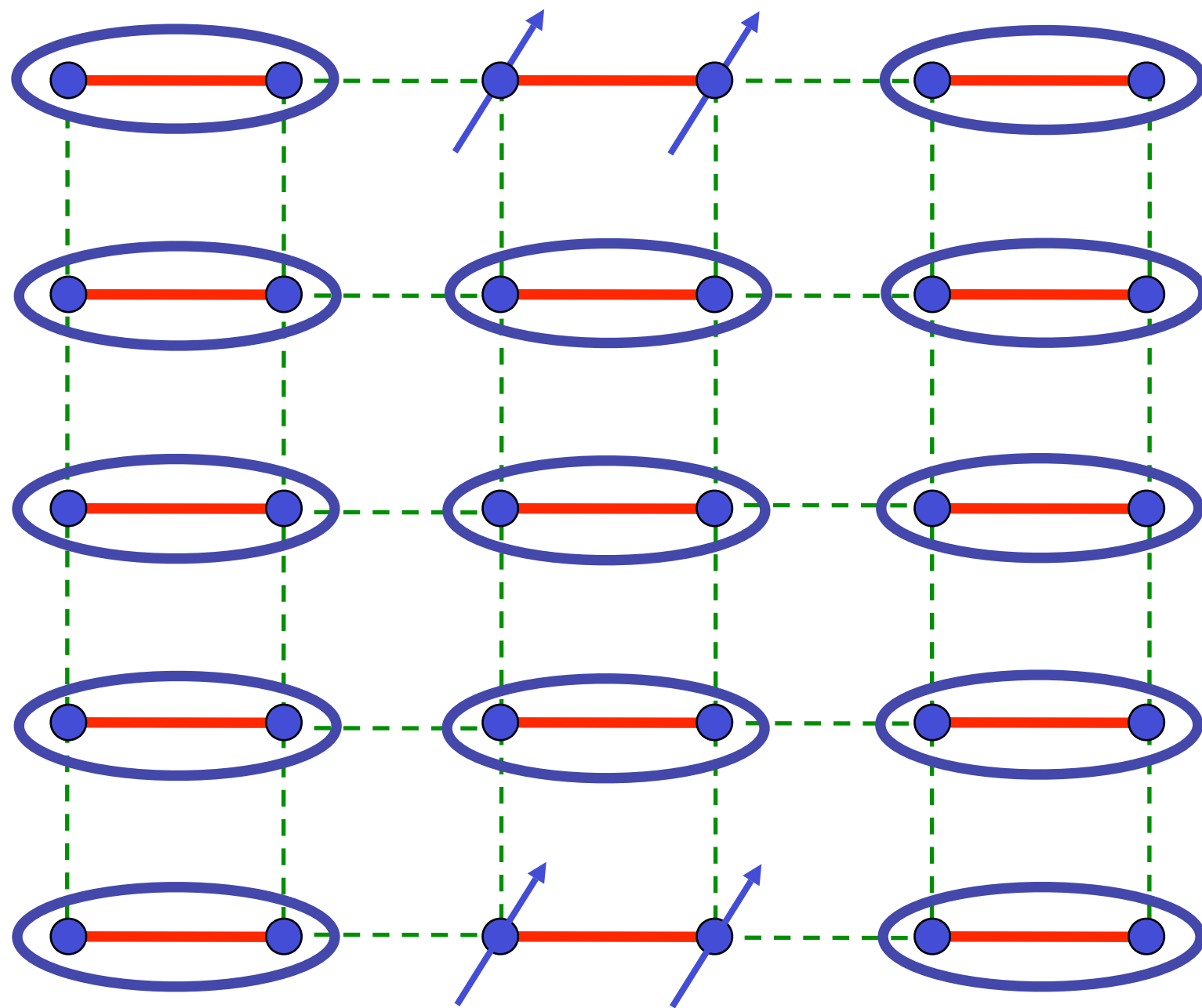
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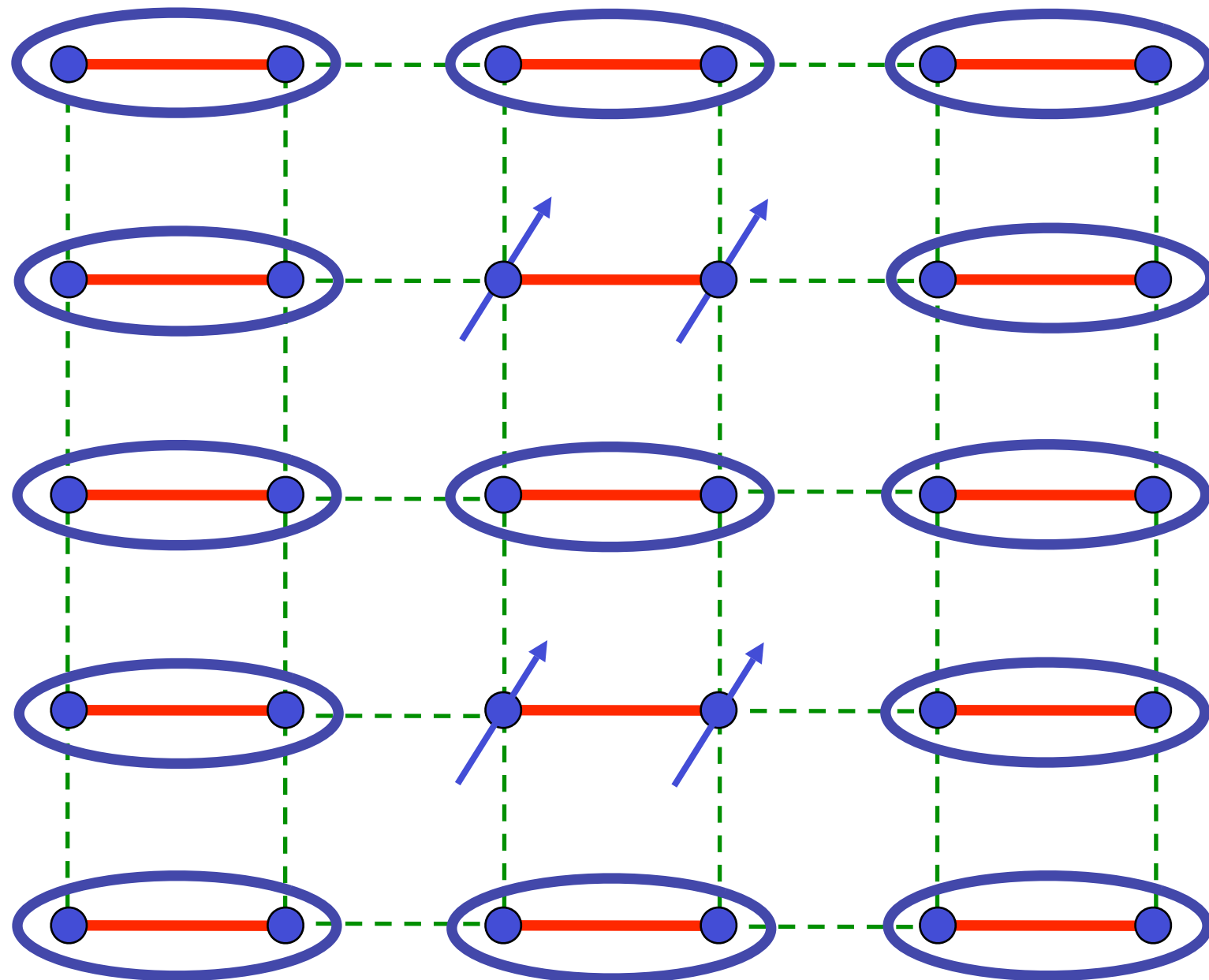
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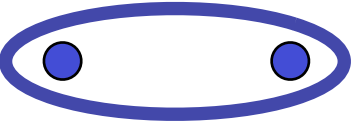
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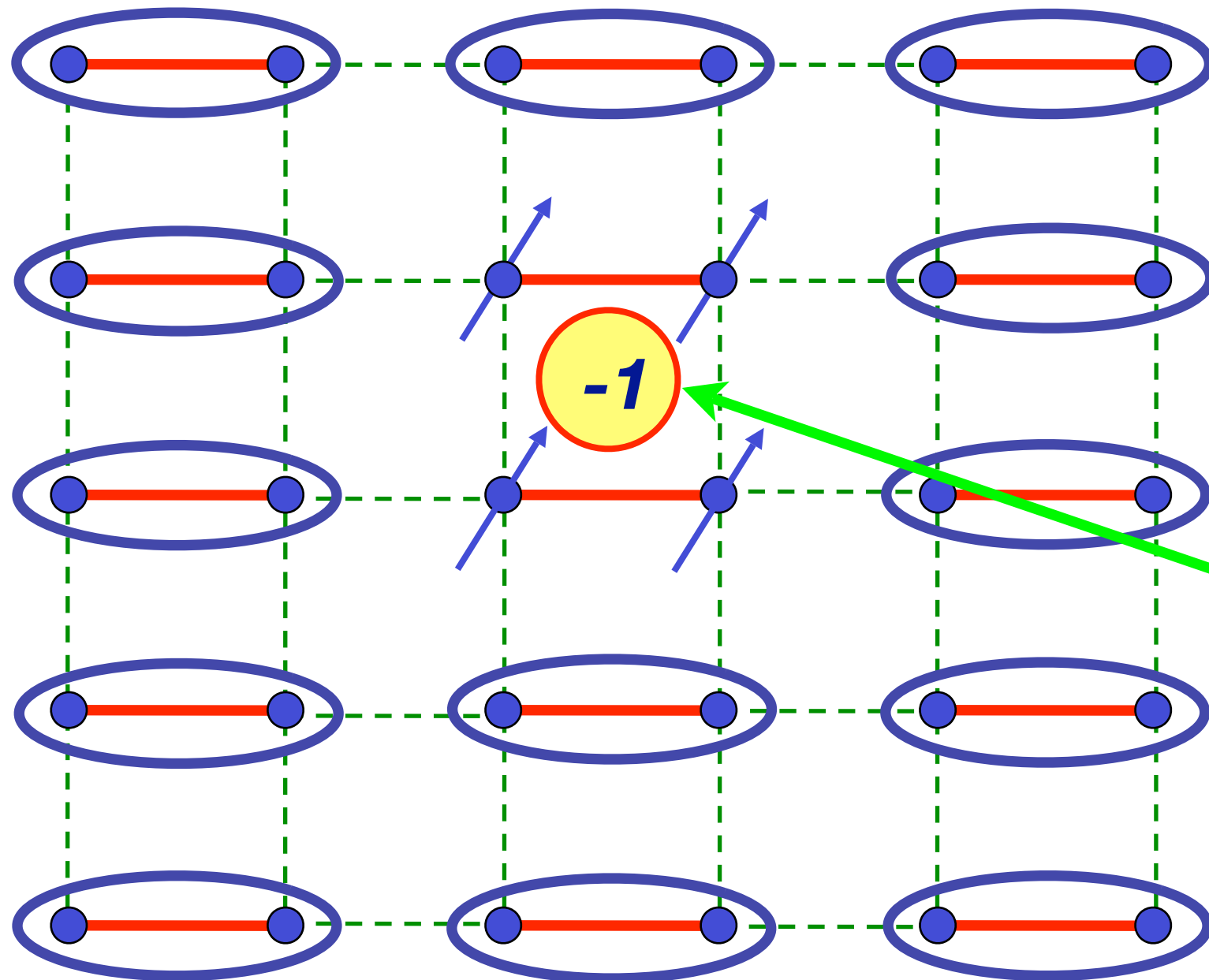
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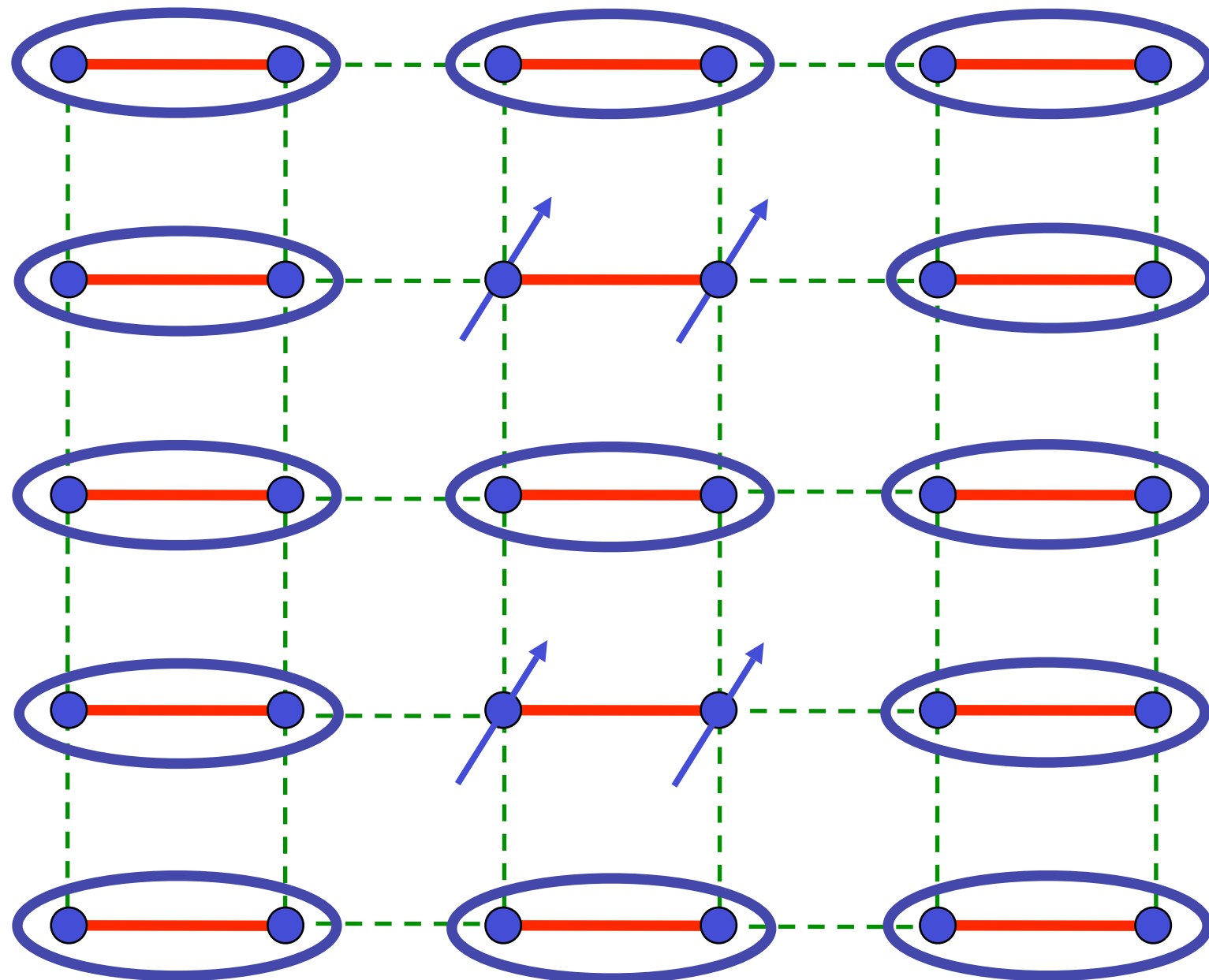
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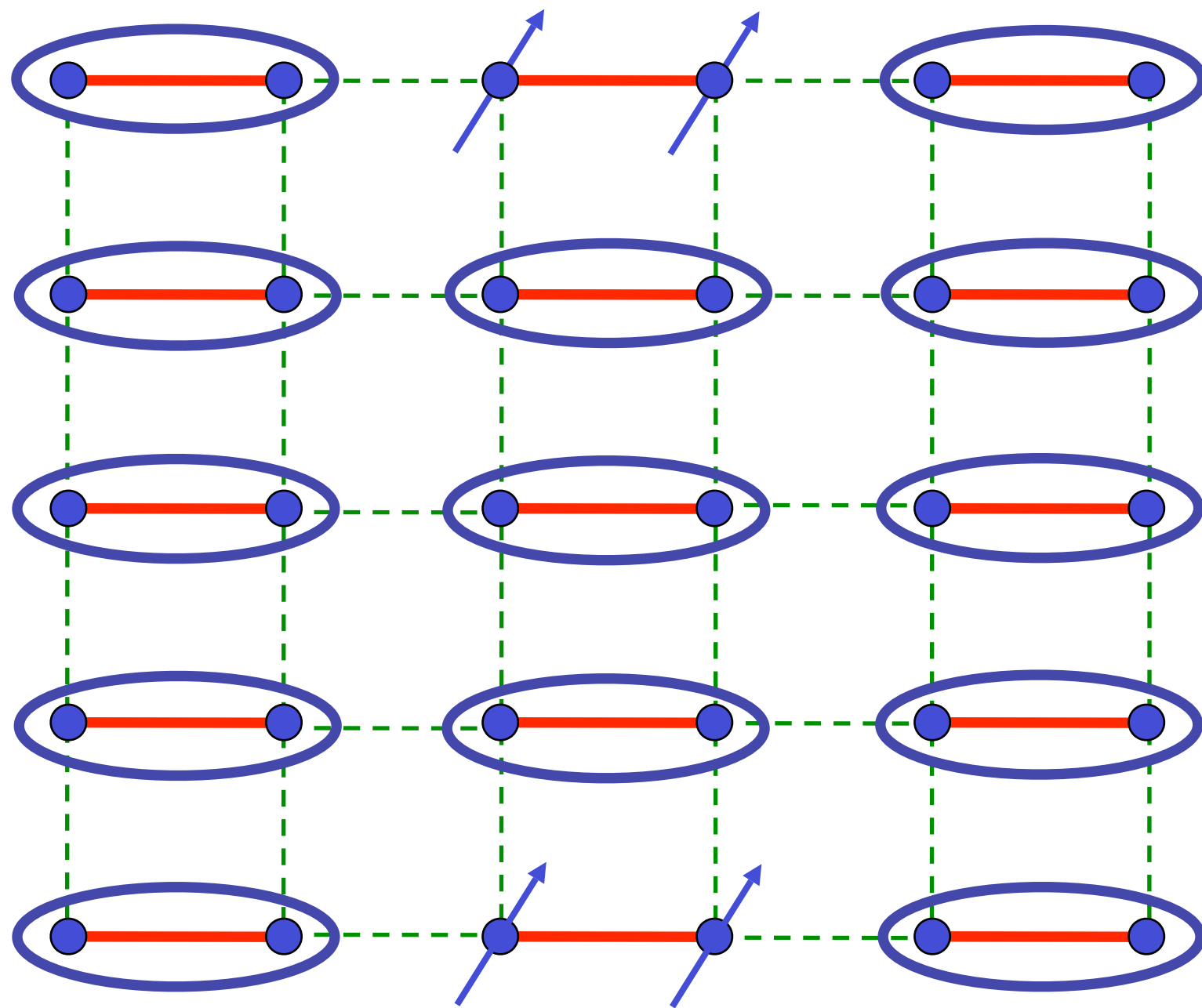
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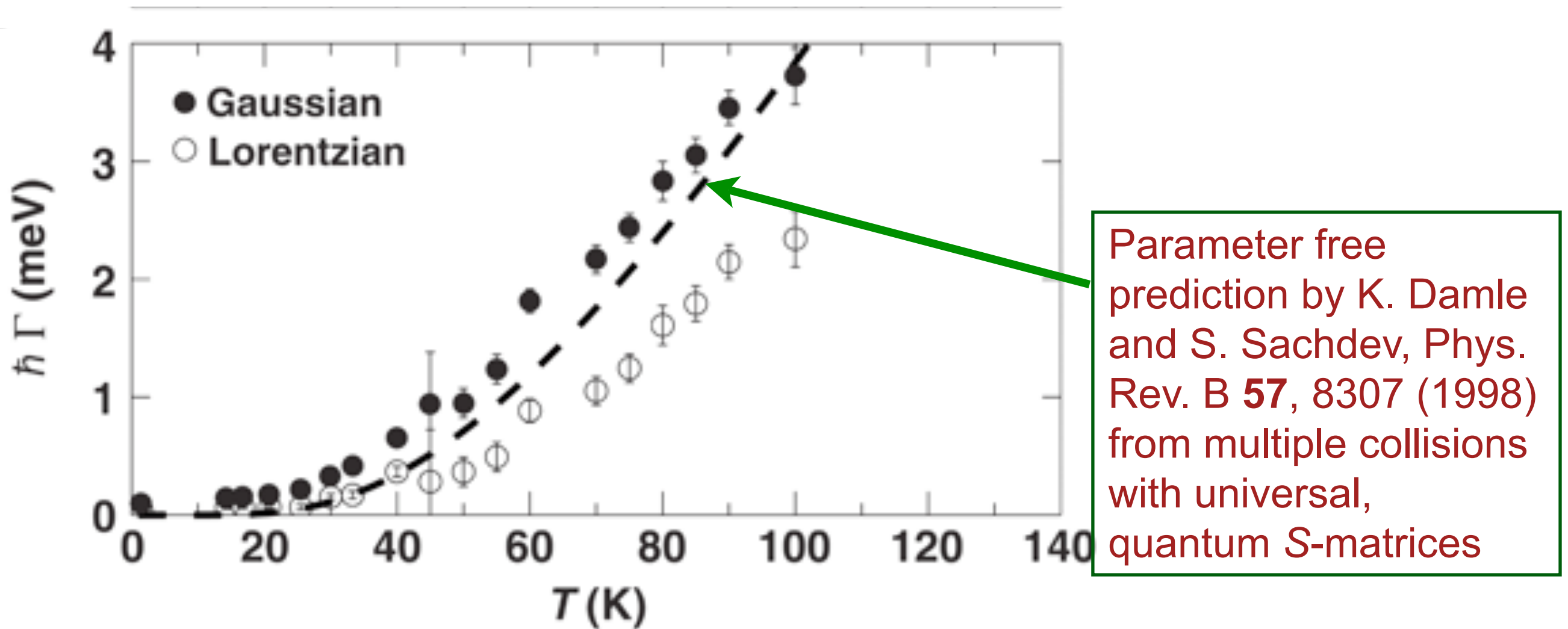

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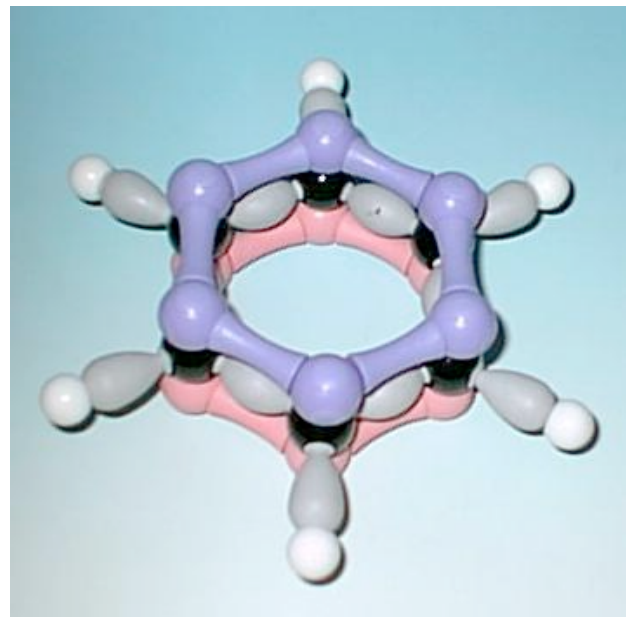
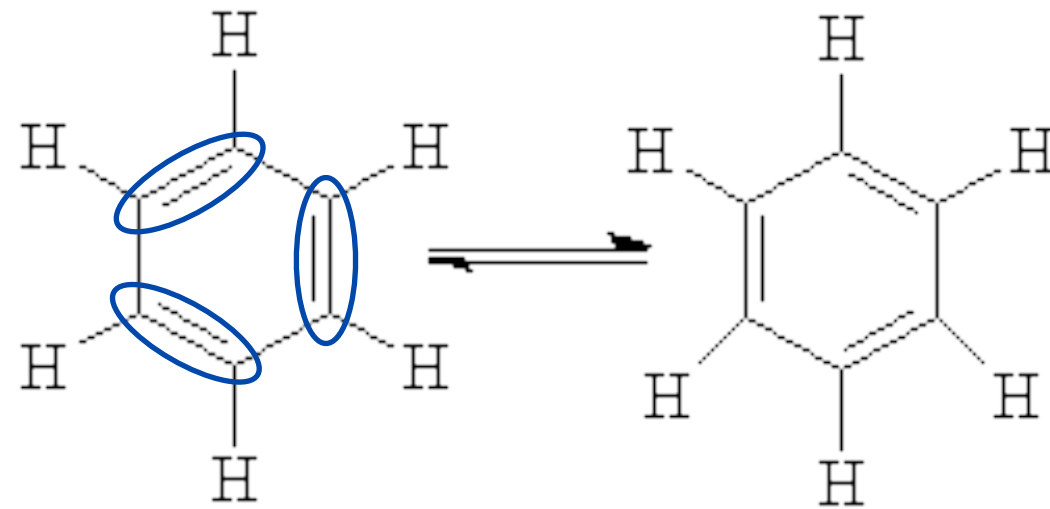
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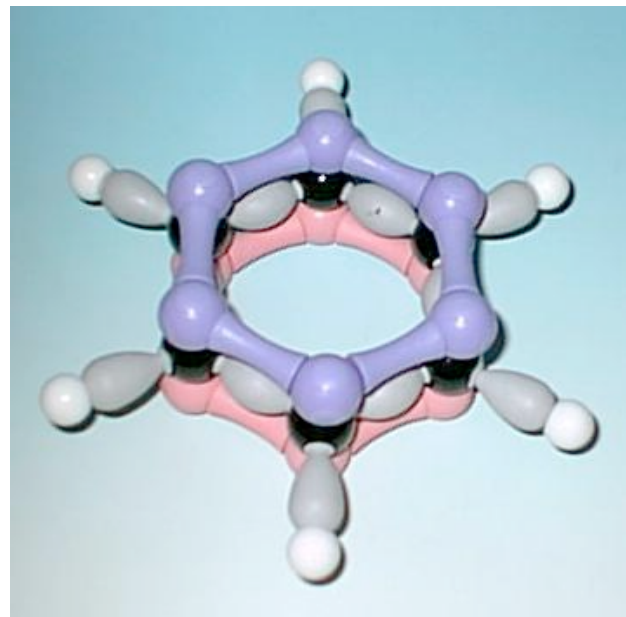
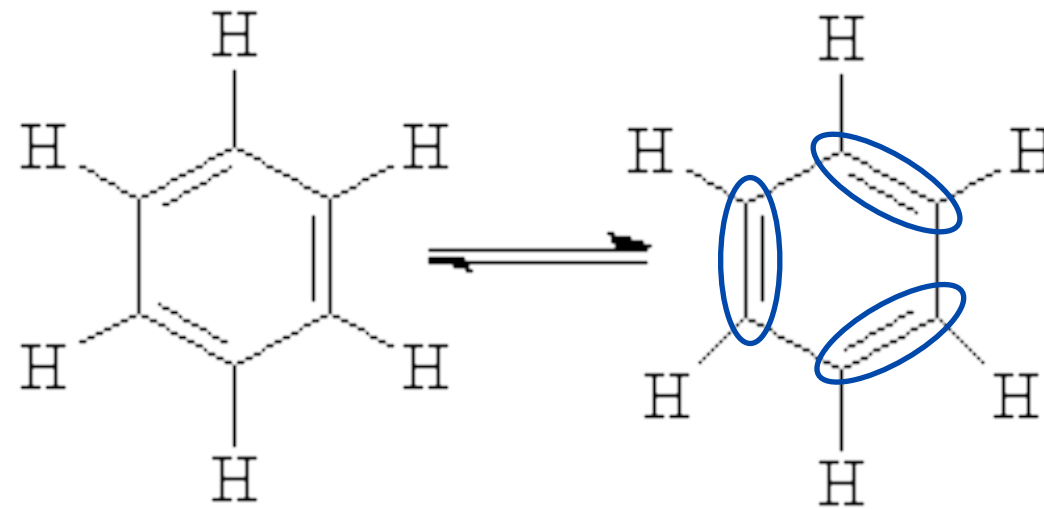
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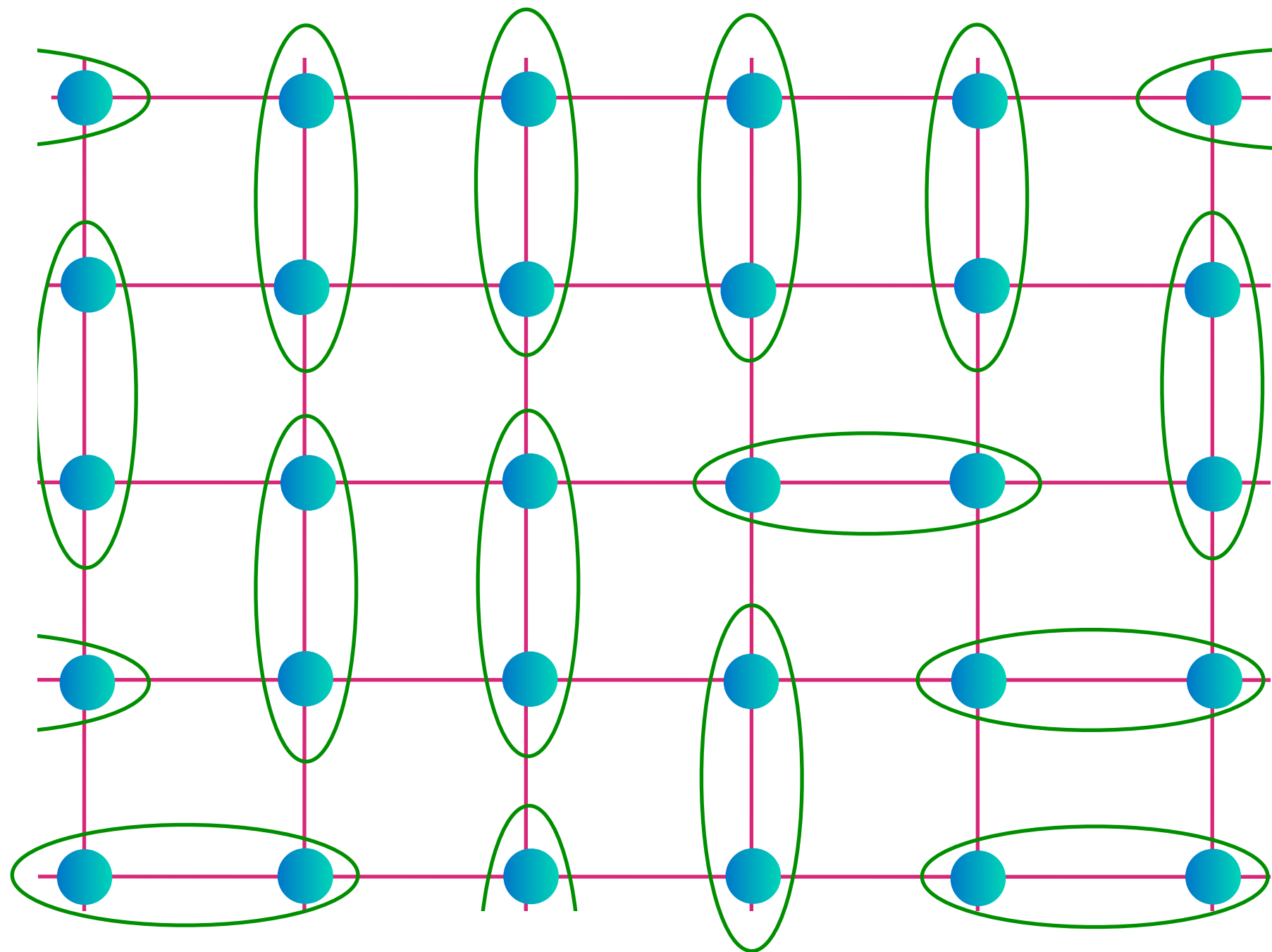
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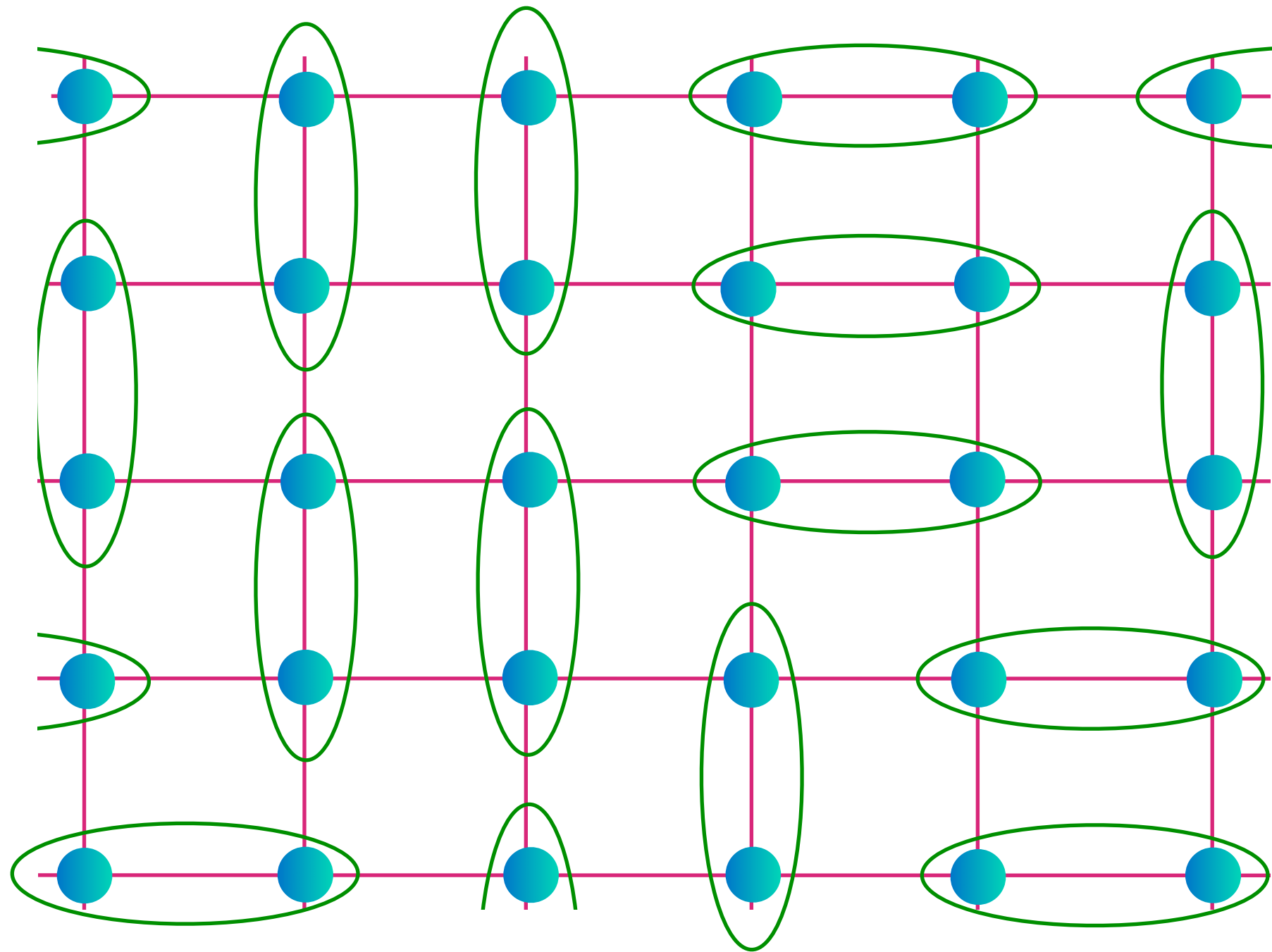
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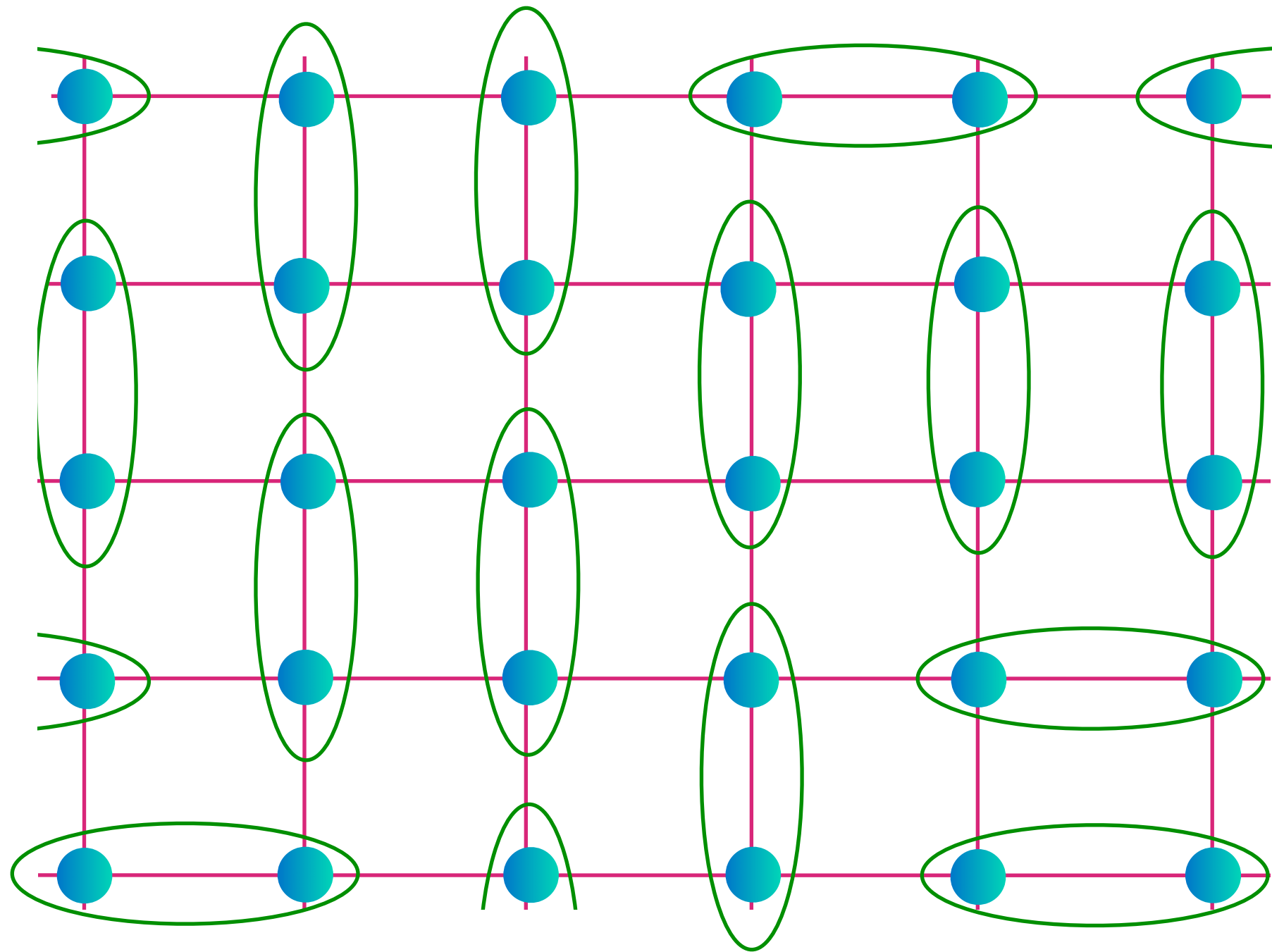
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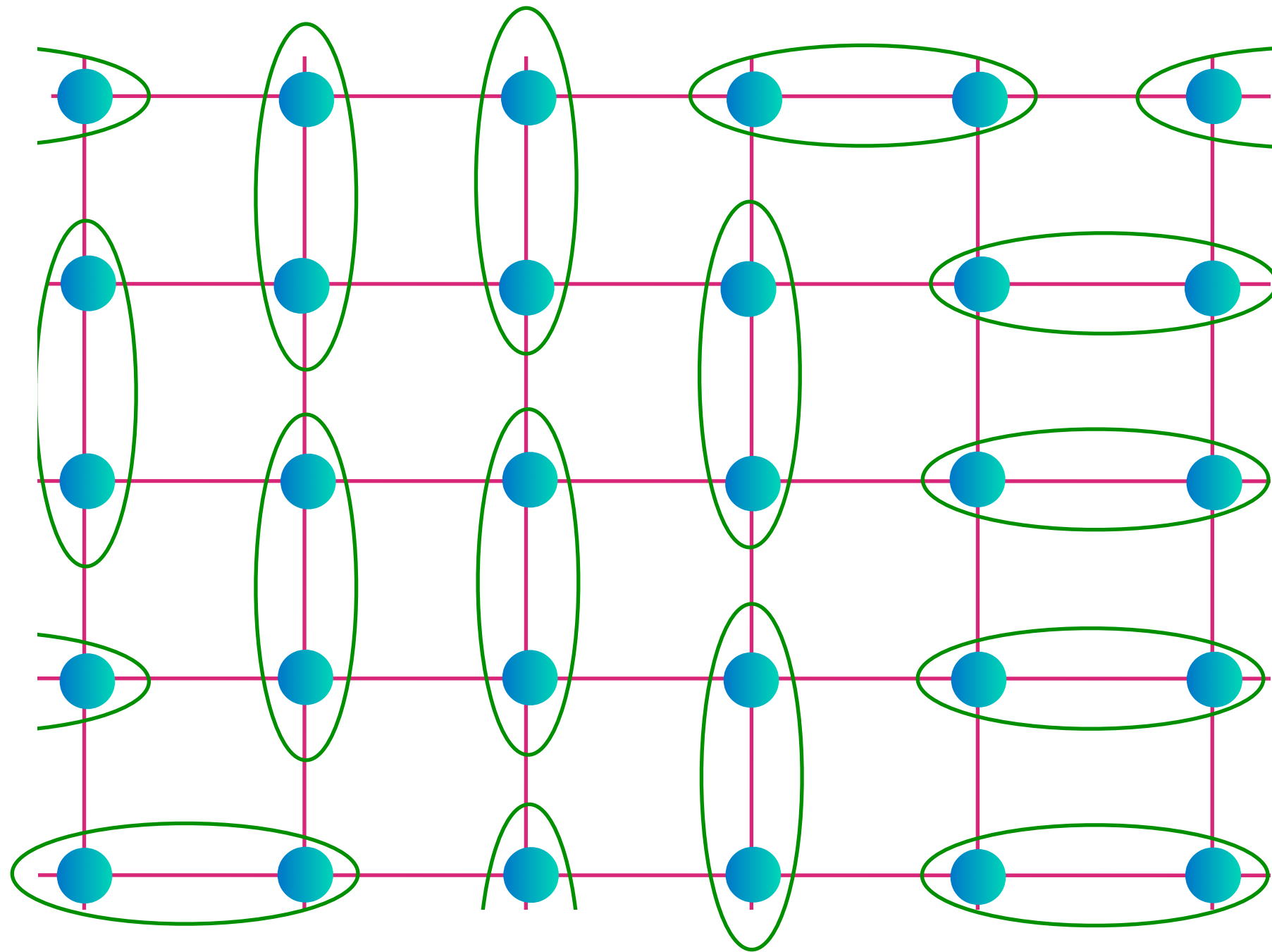
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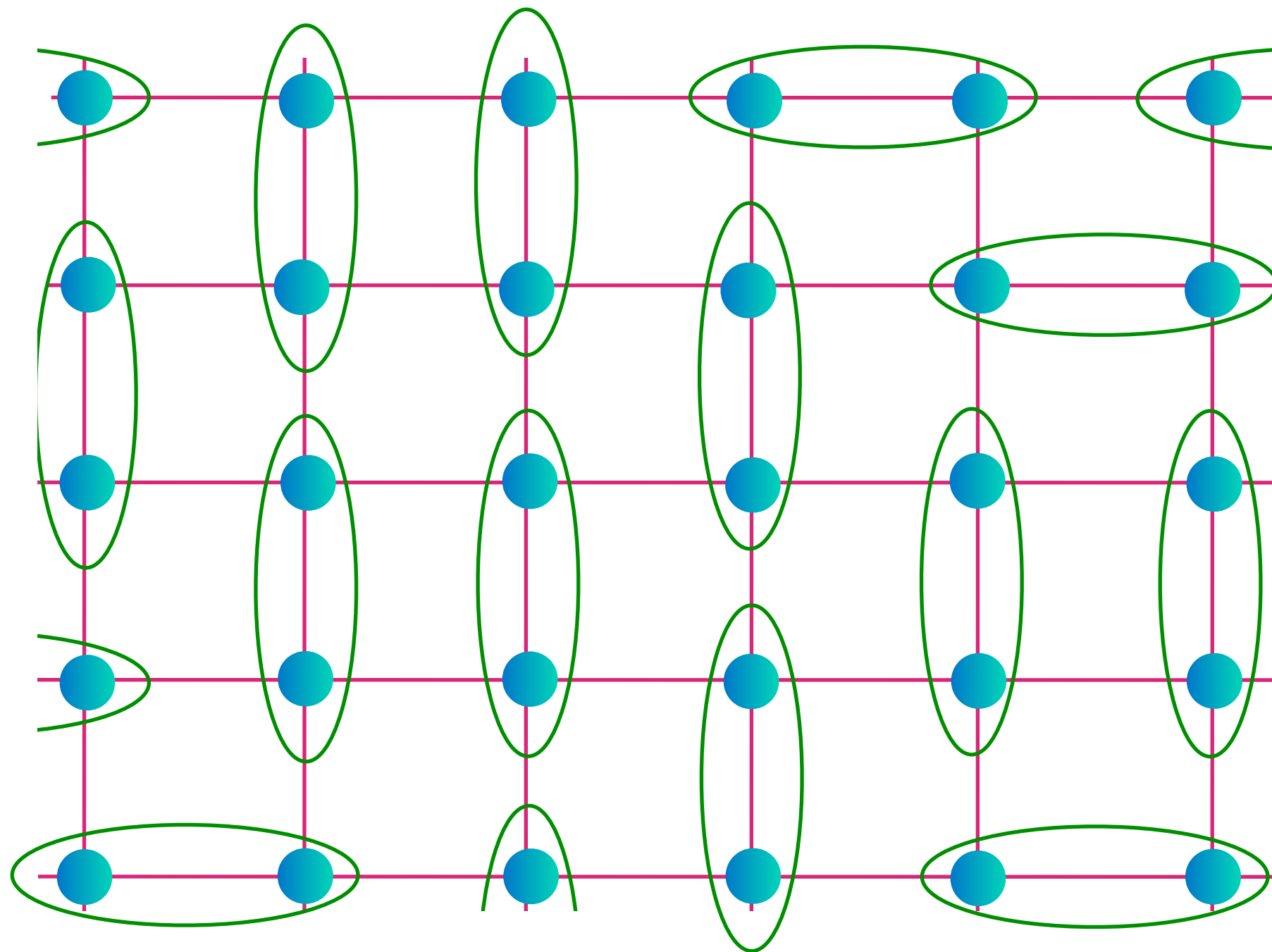
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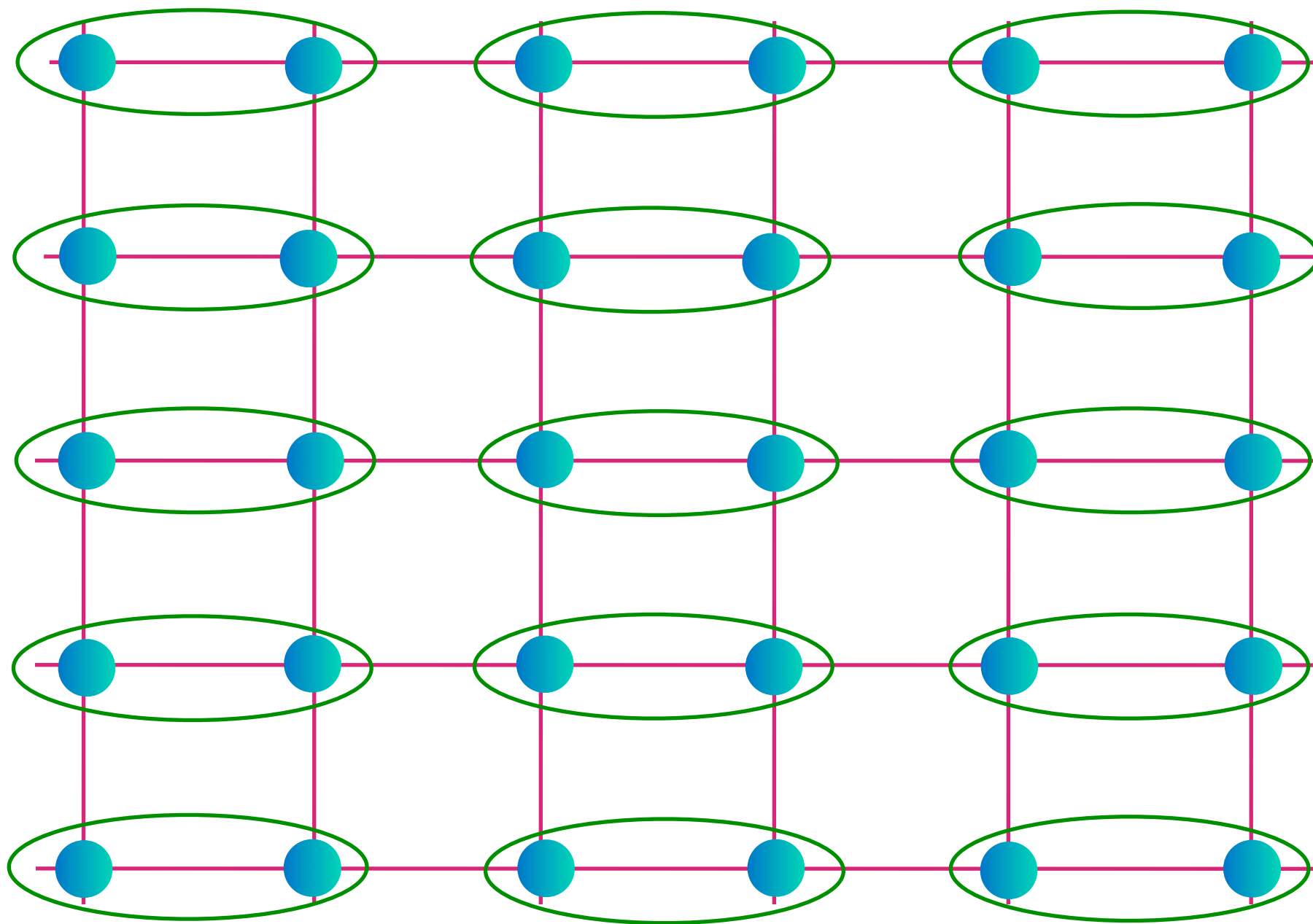
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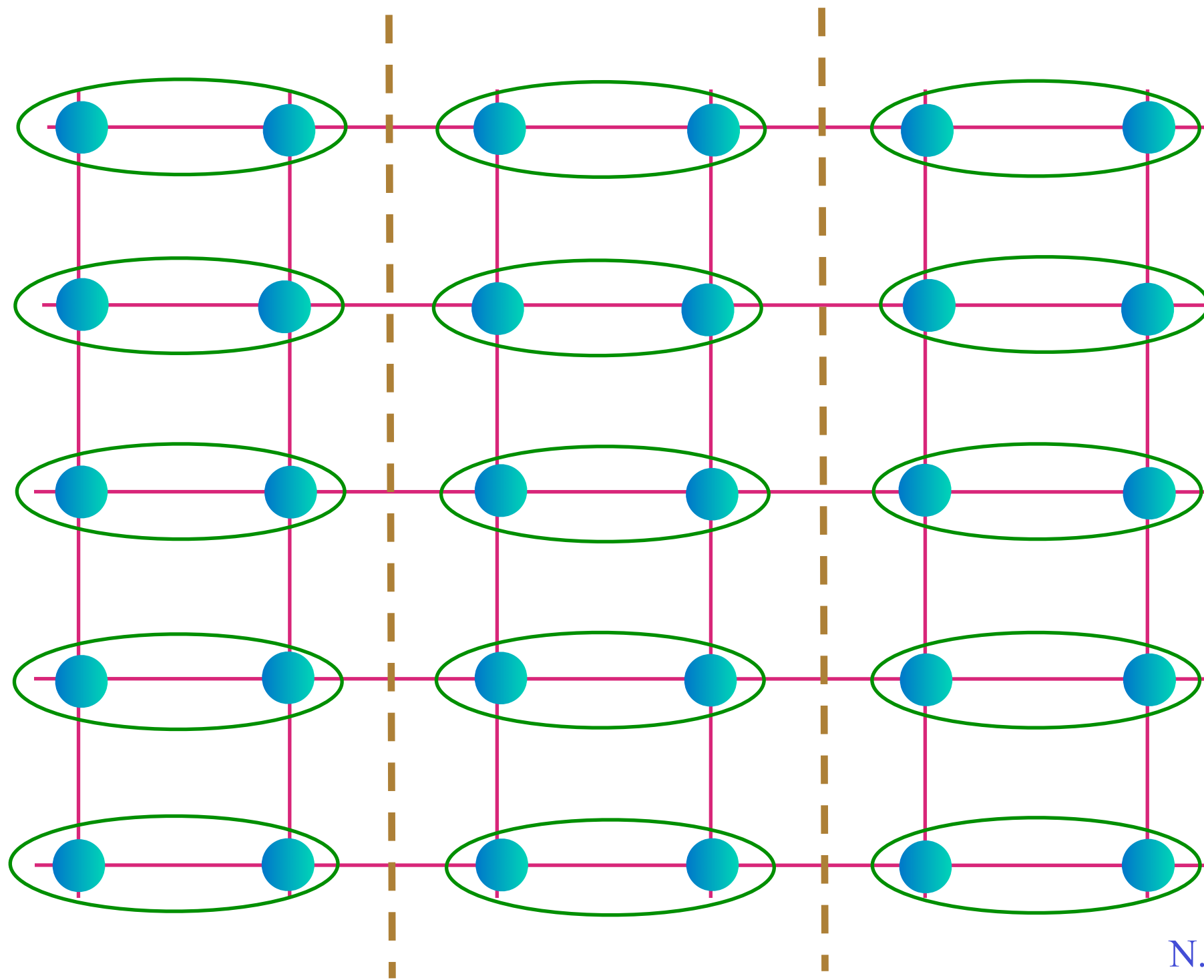
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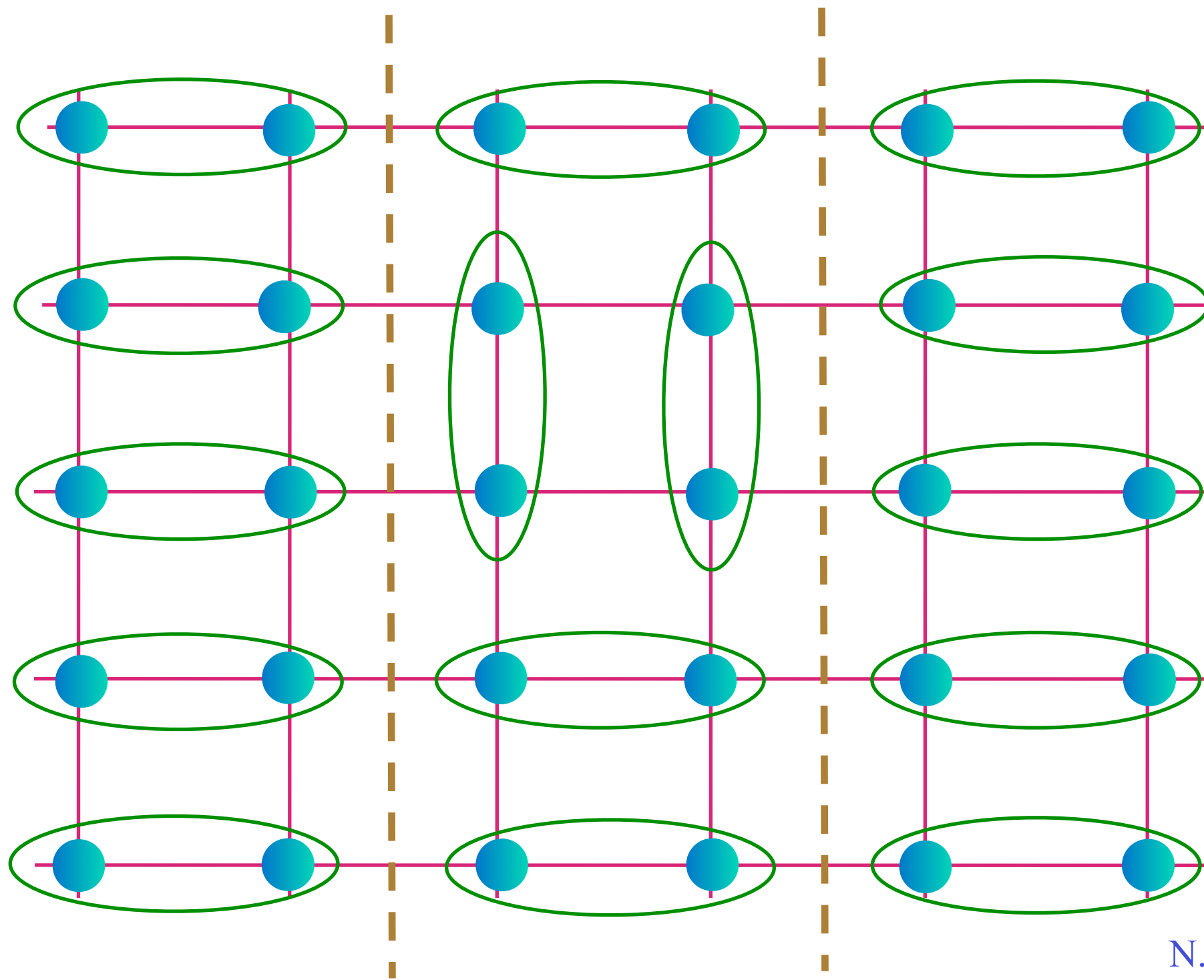
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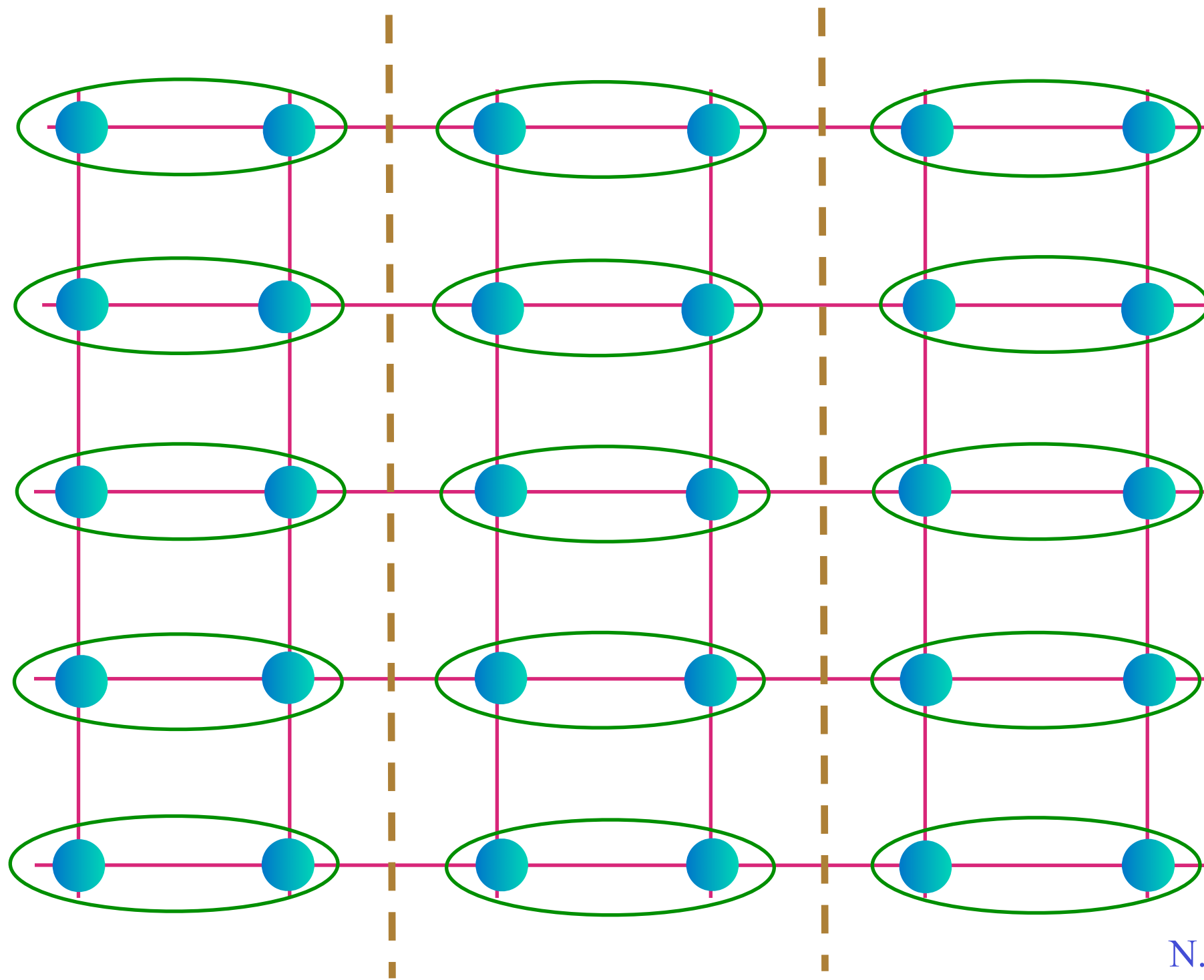
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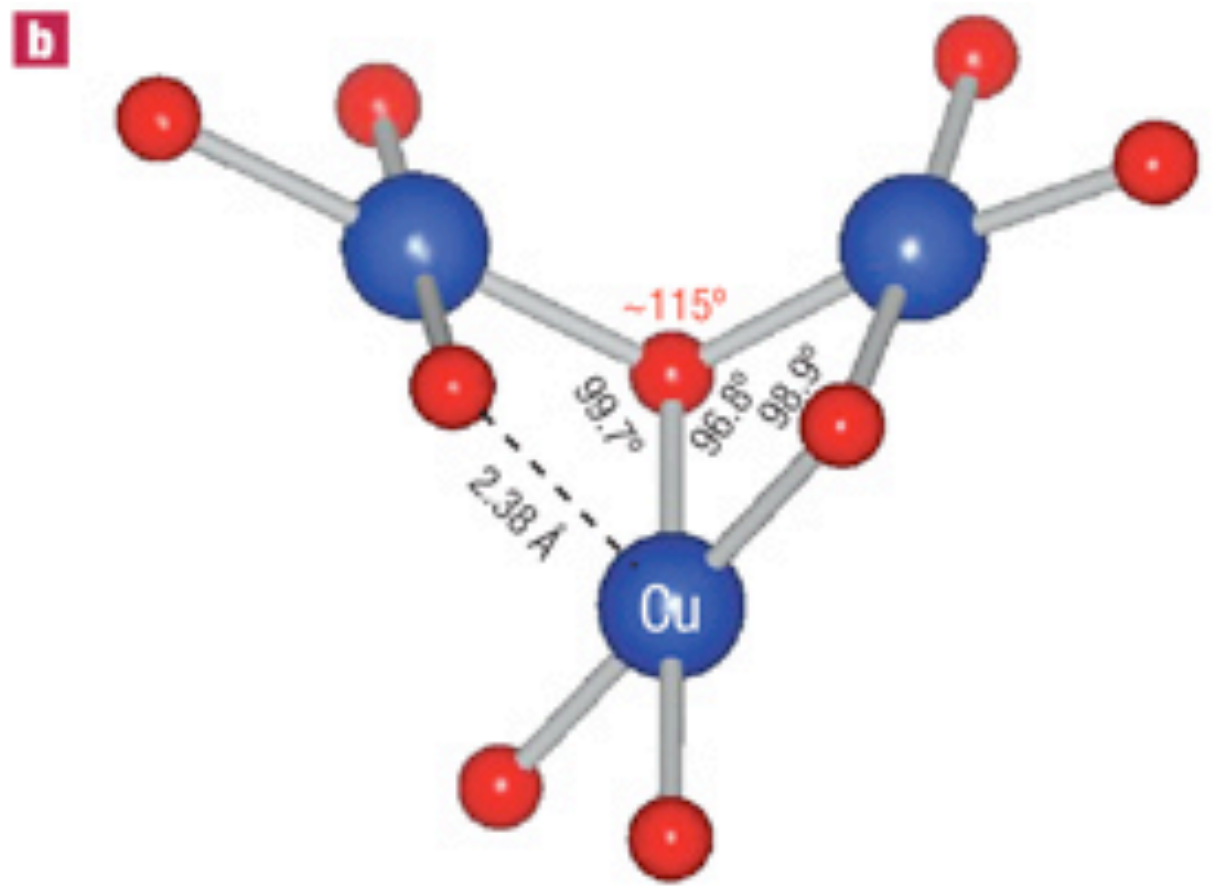
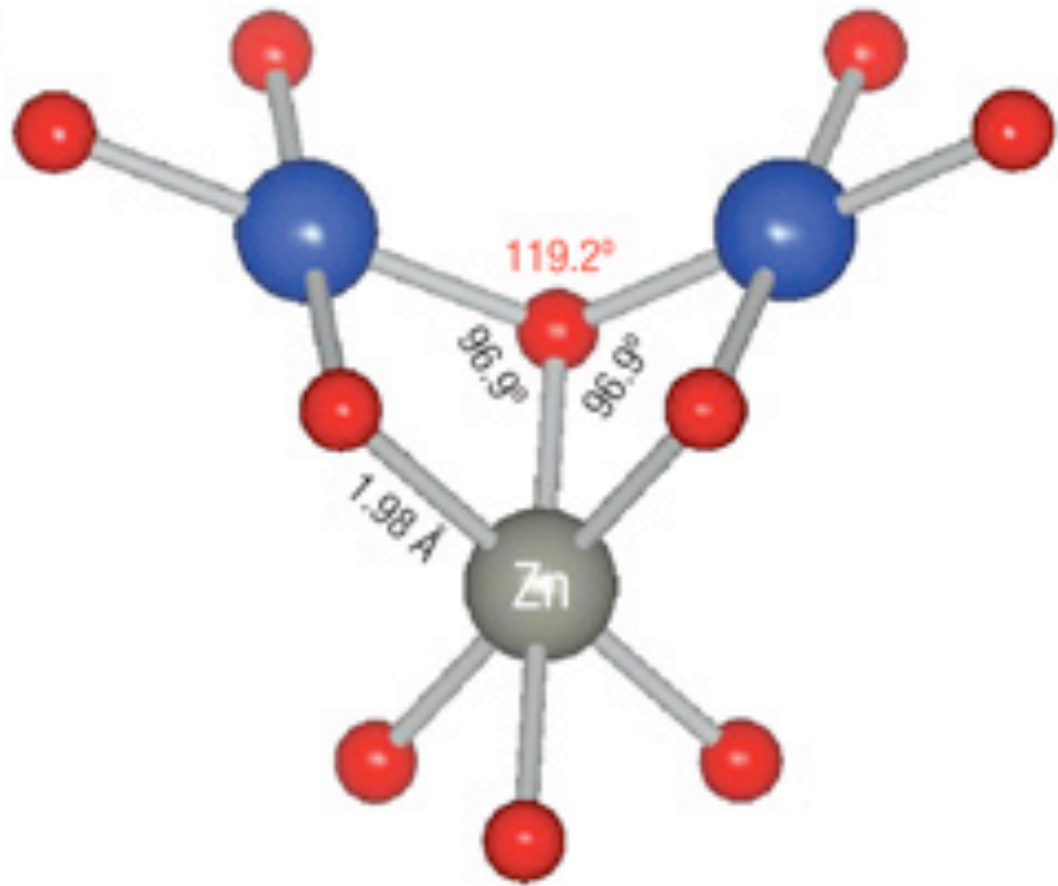
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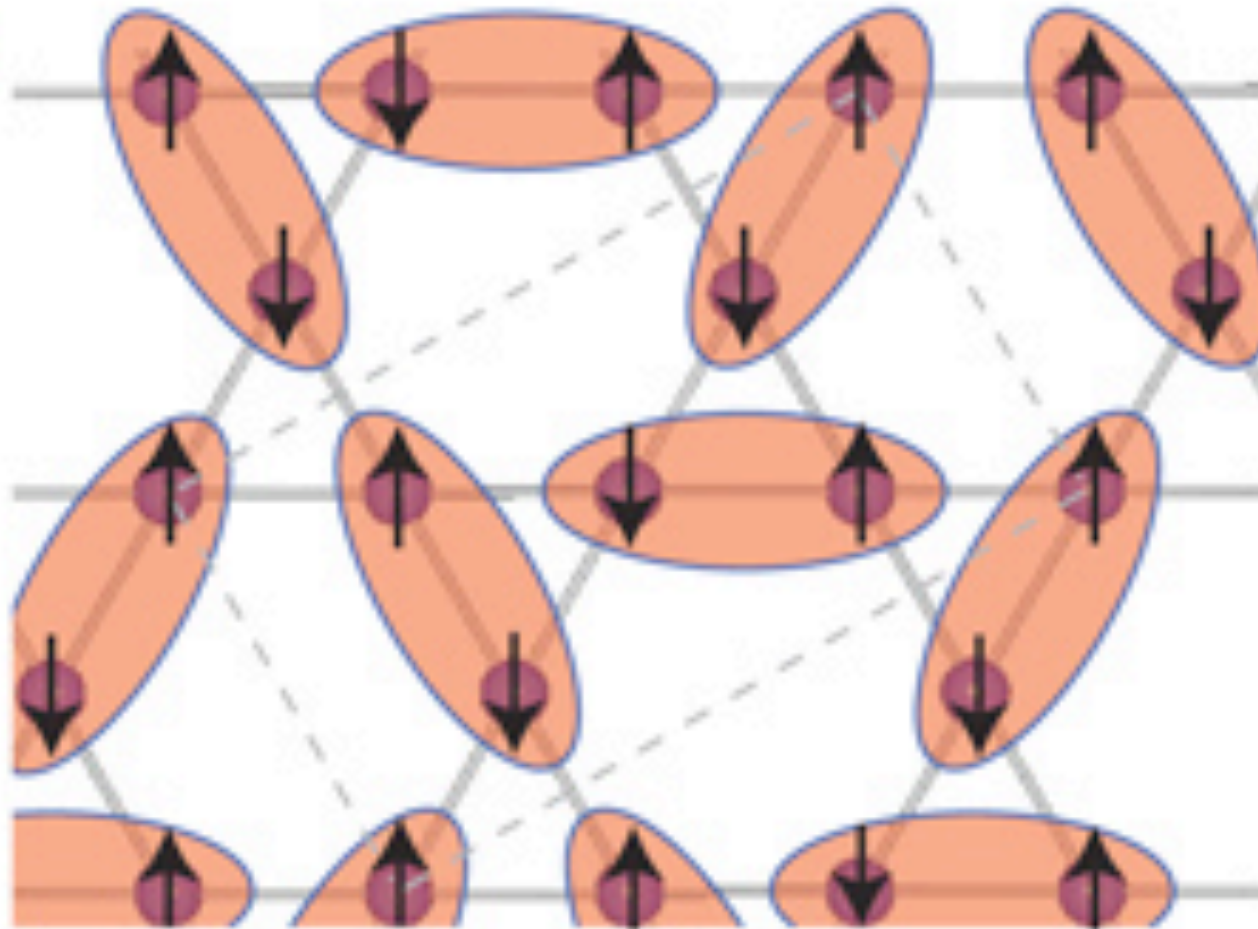
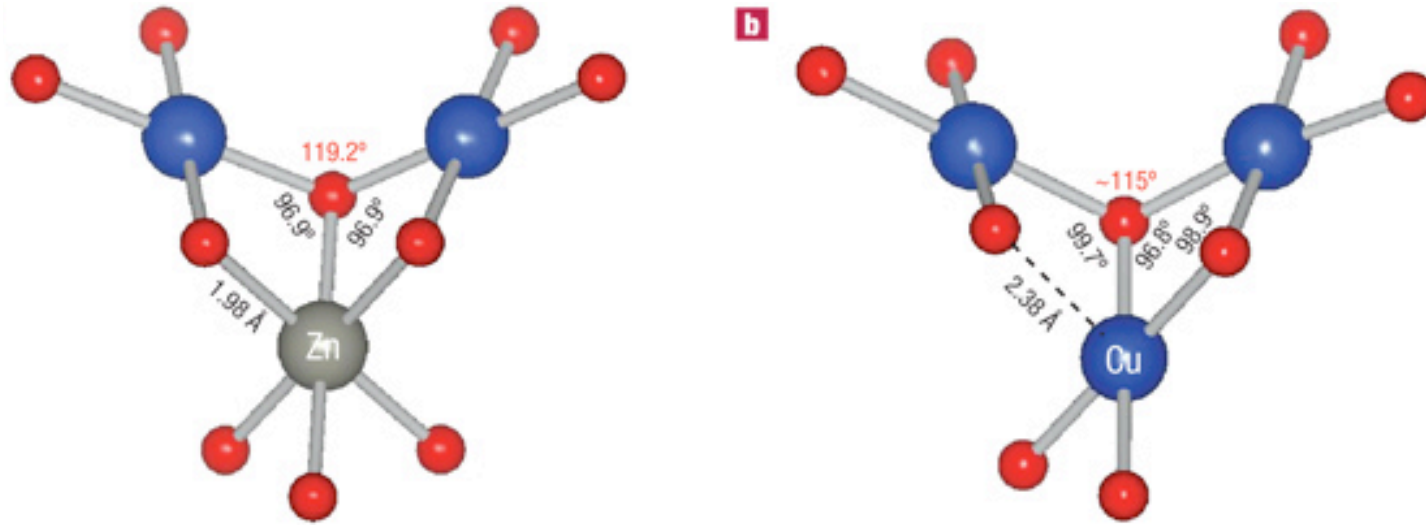
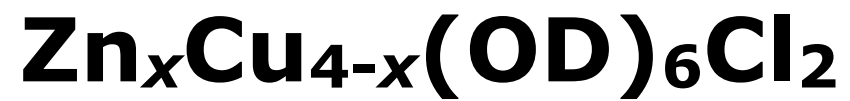
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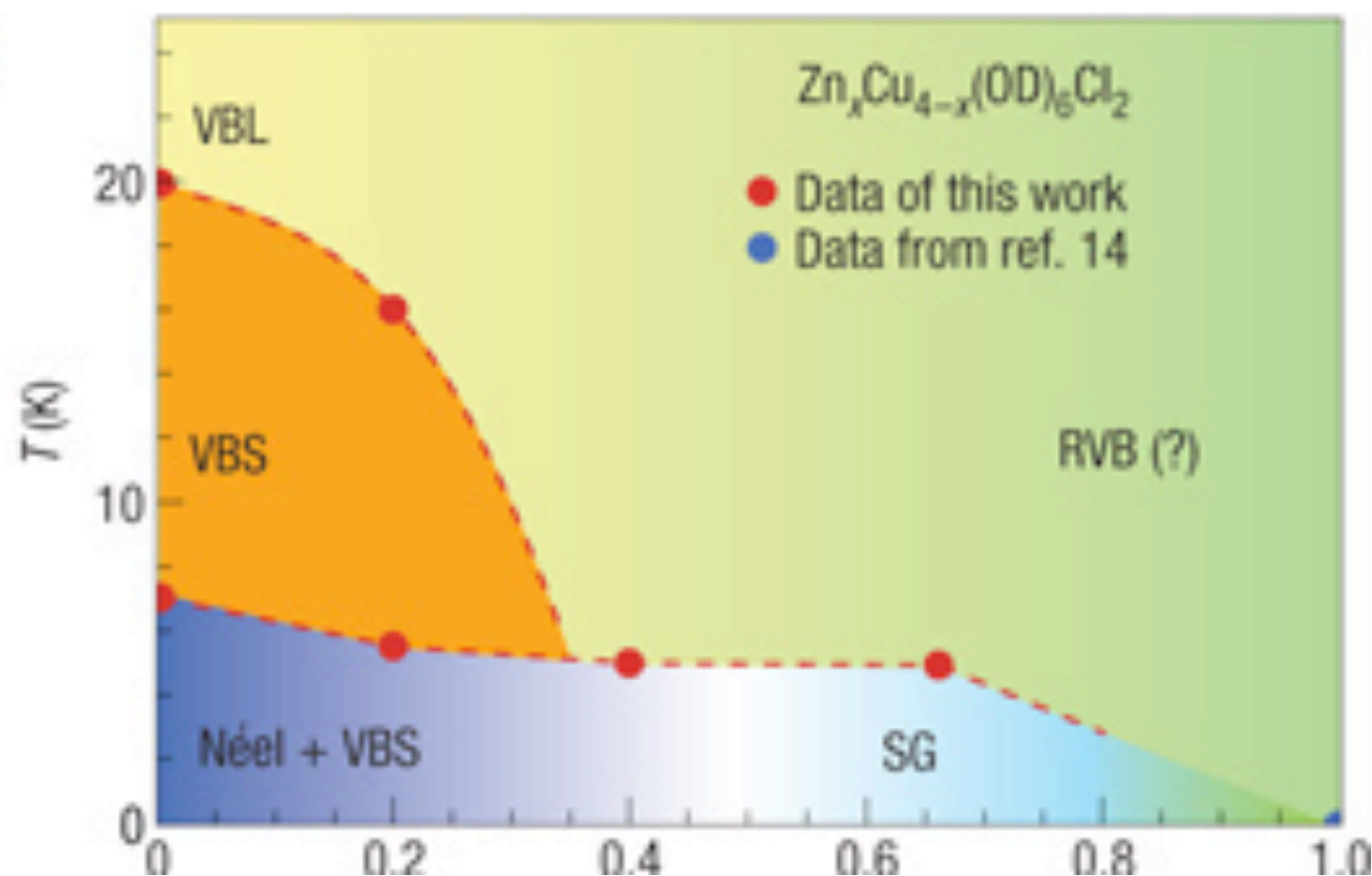
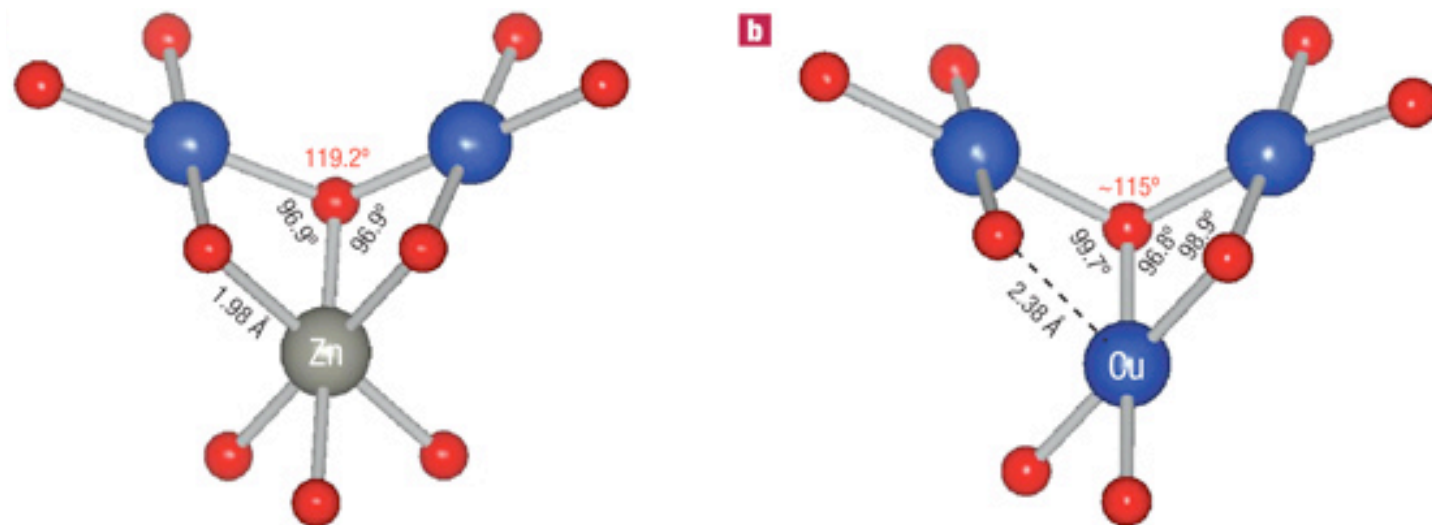
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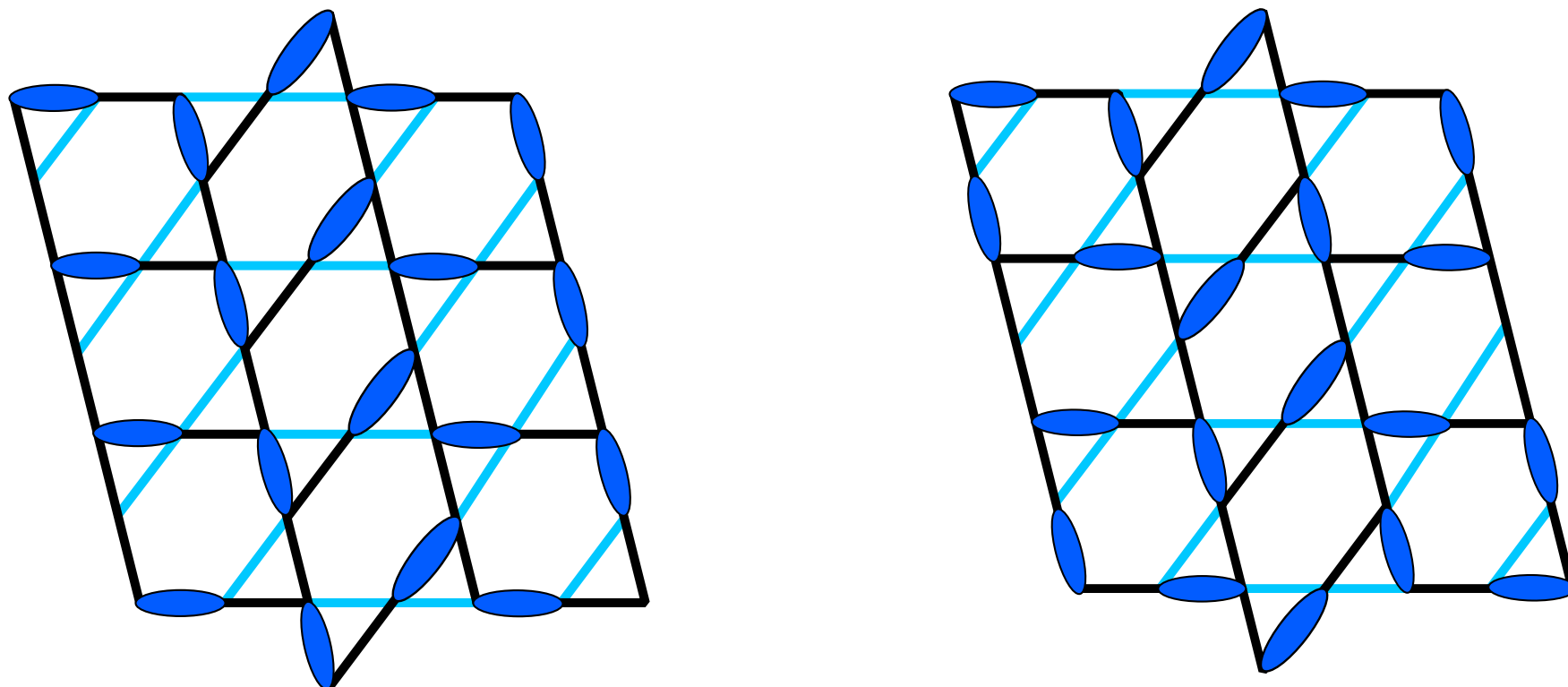
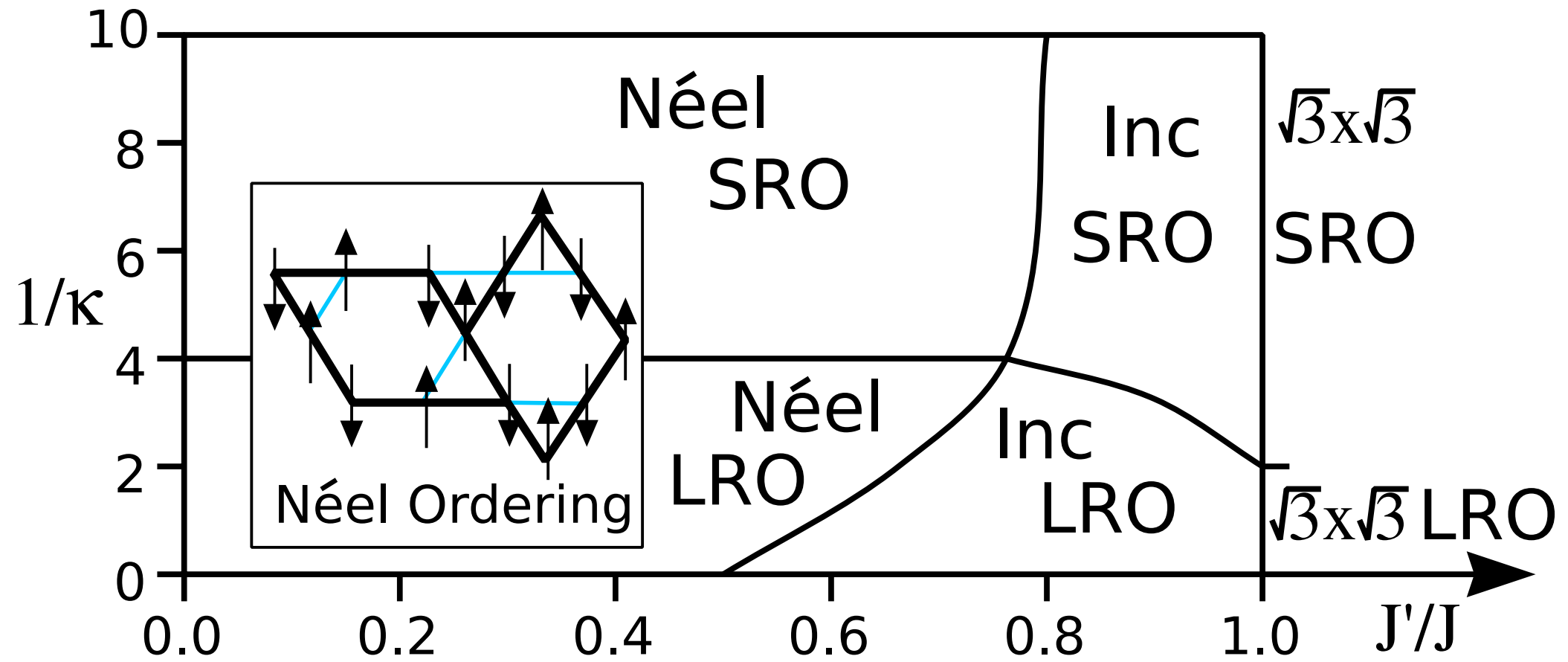
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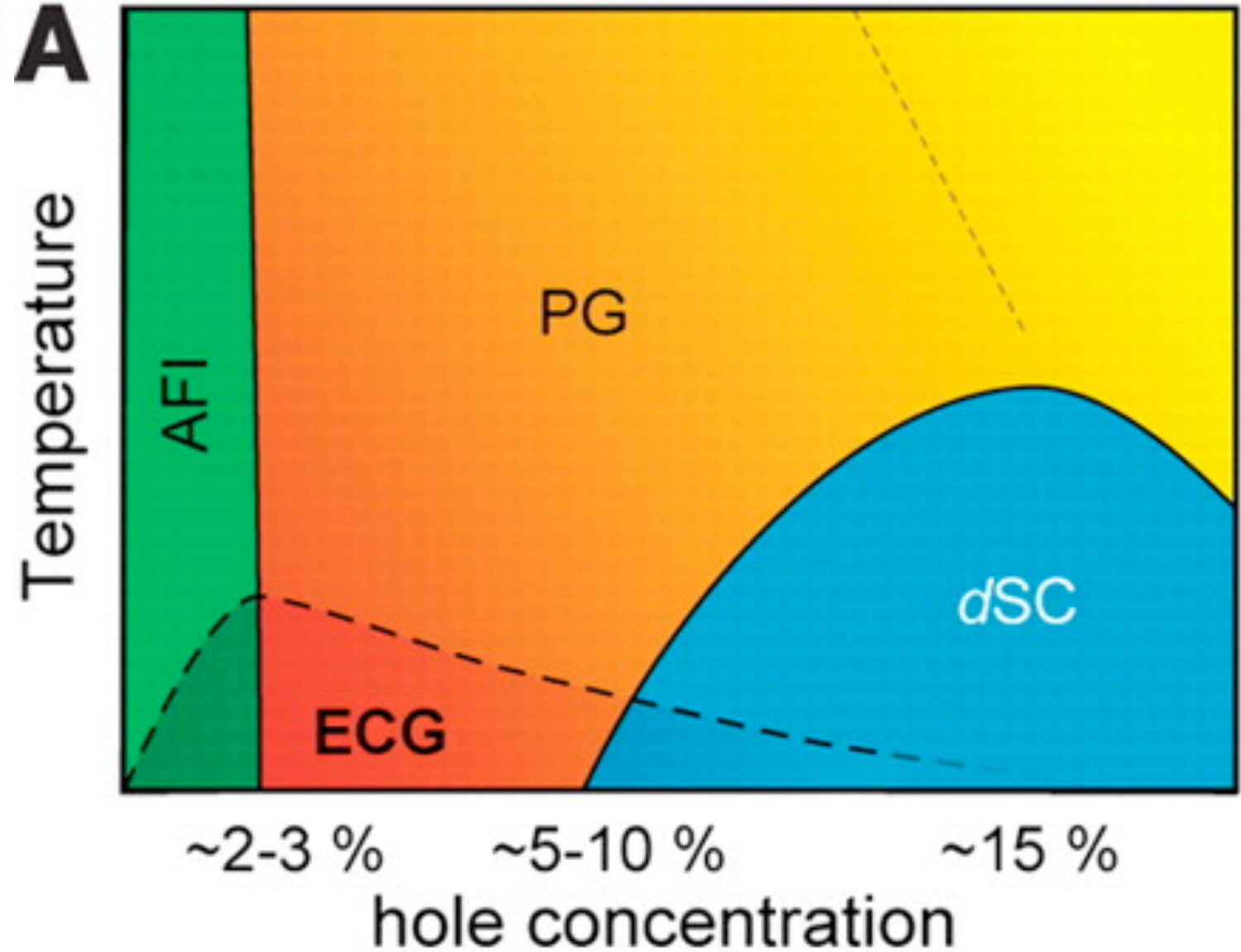
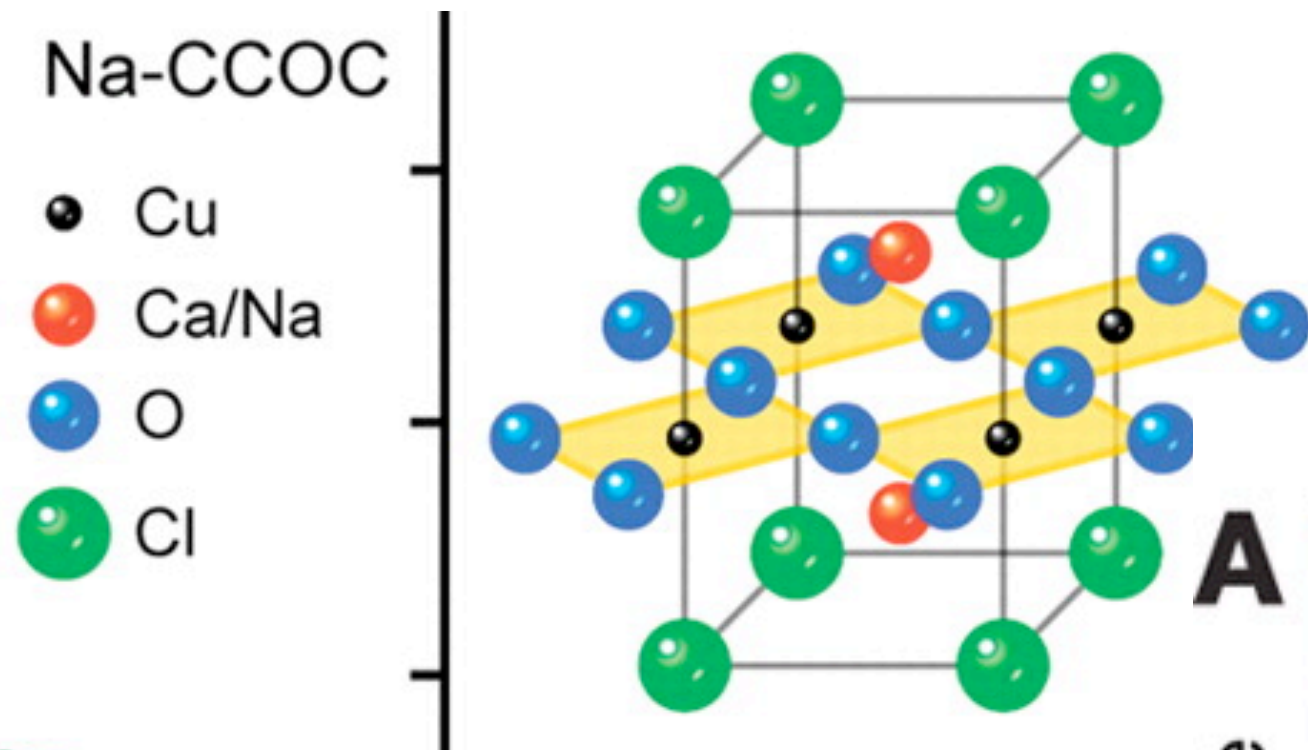
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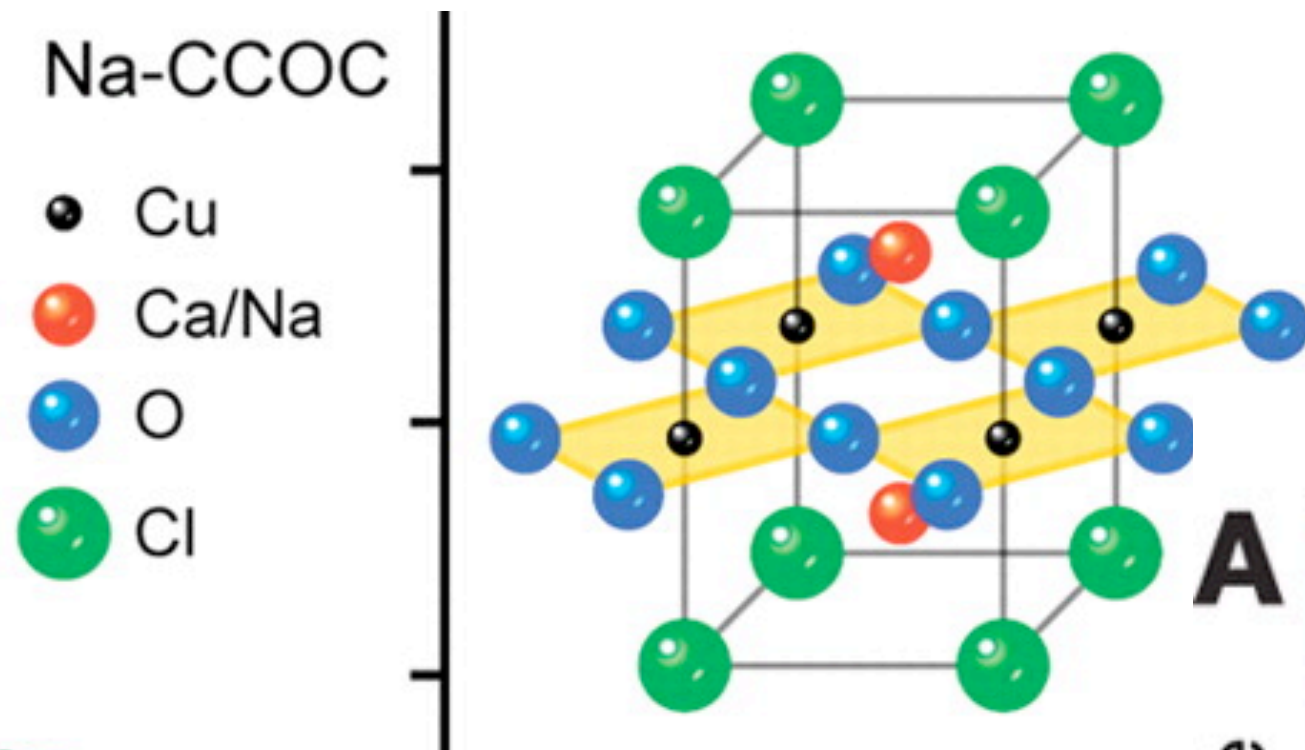
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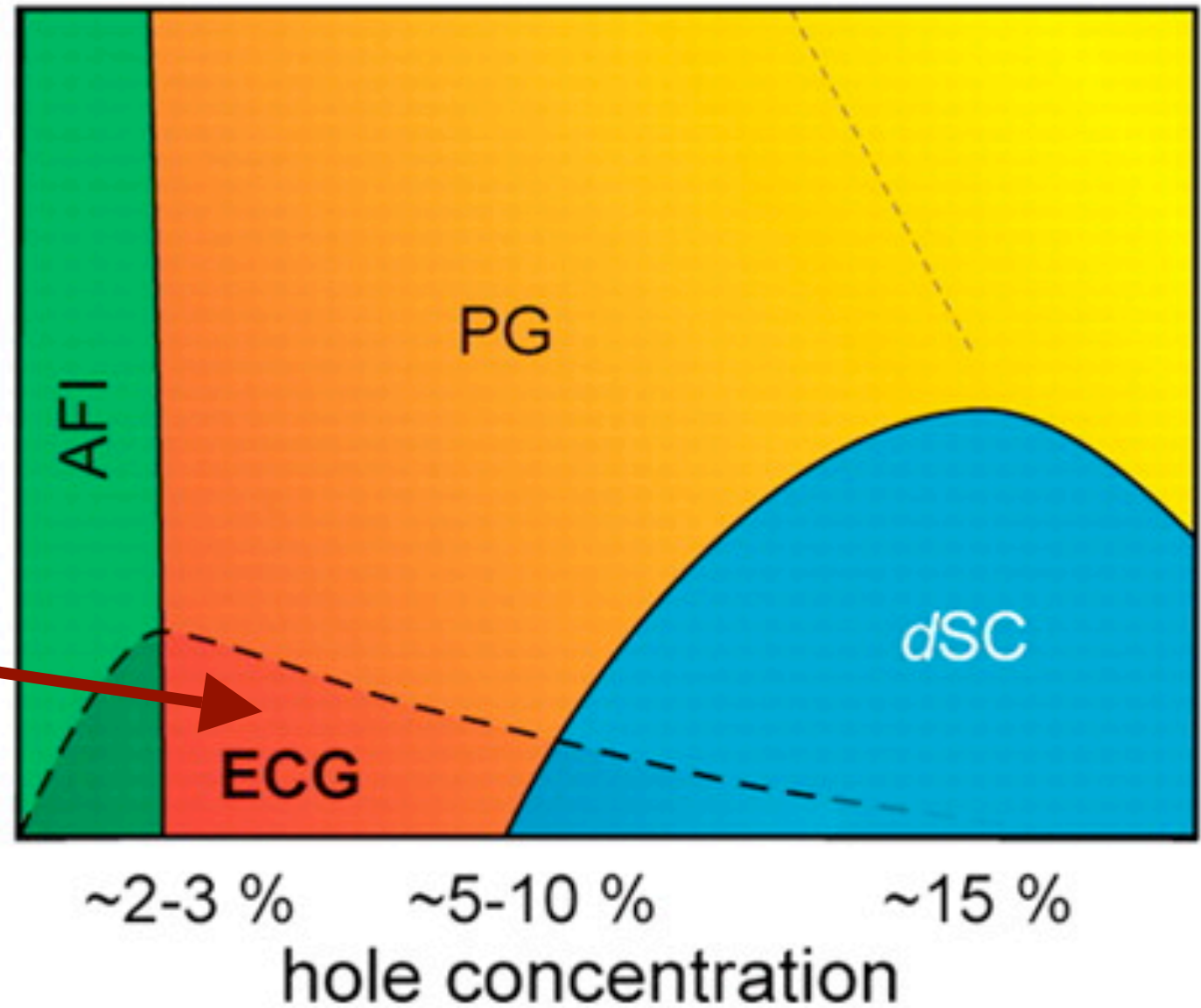
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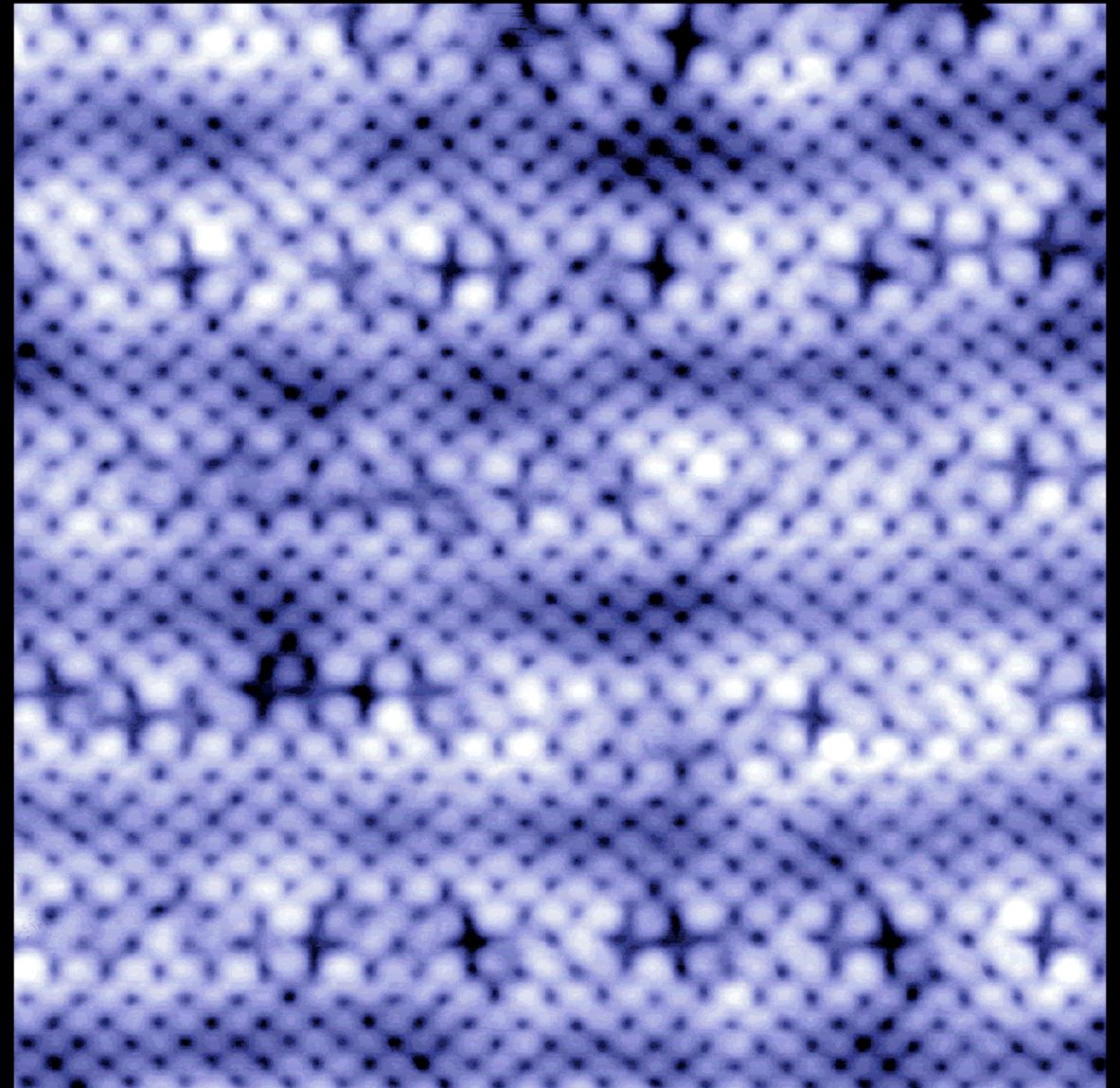
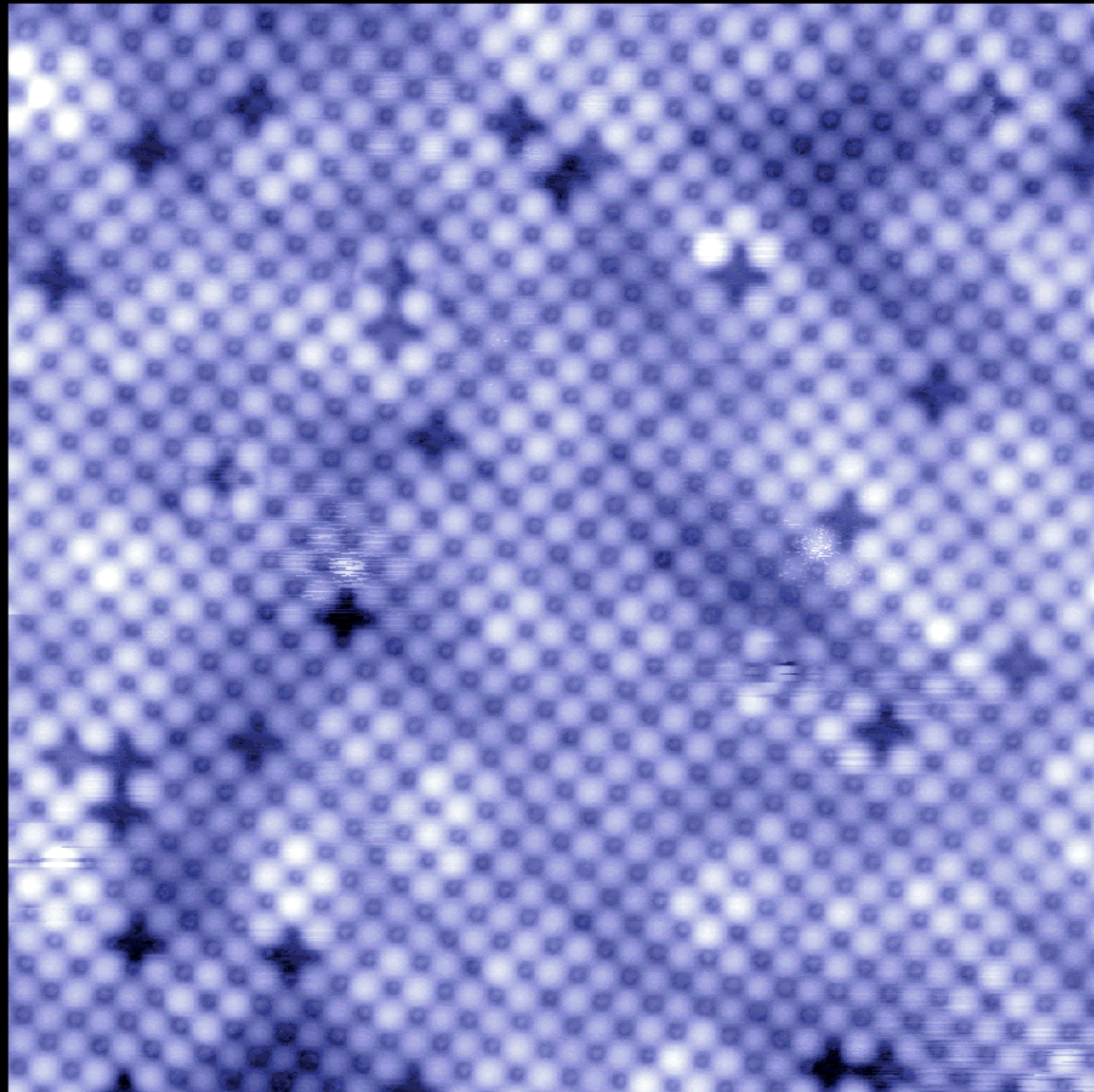
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“Glassy” Valence Bond Solid (VBS)

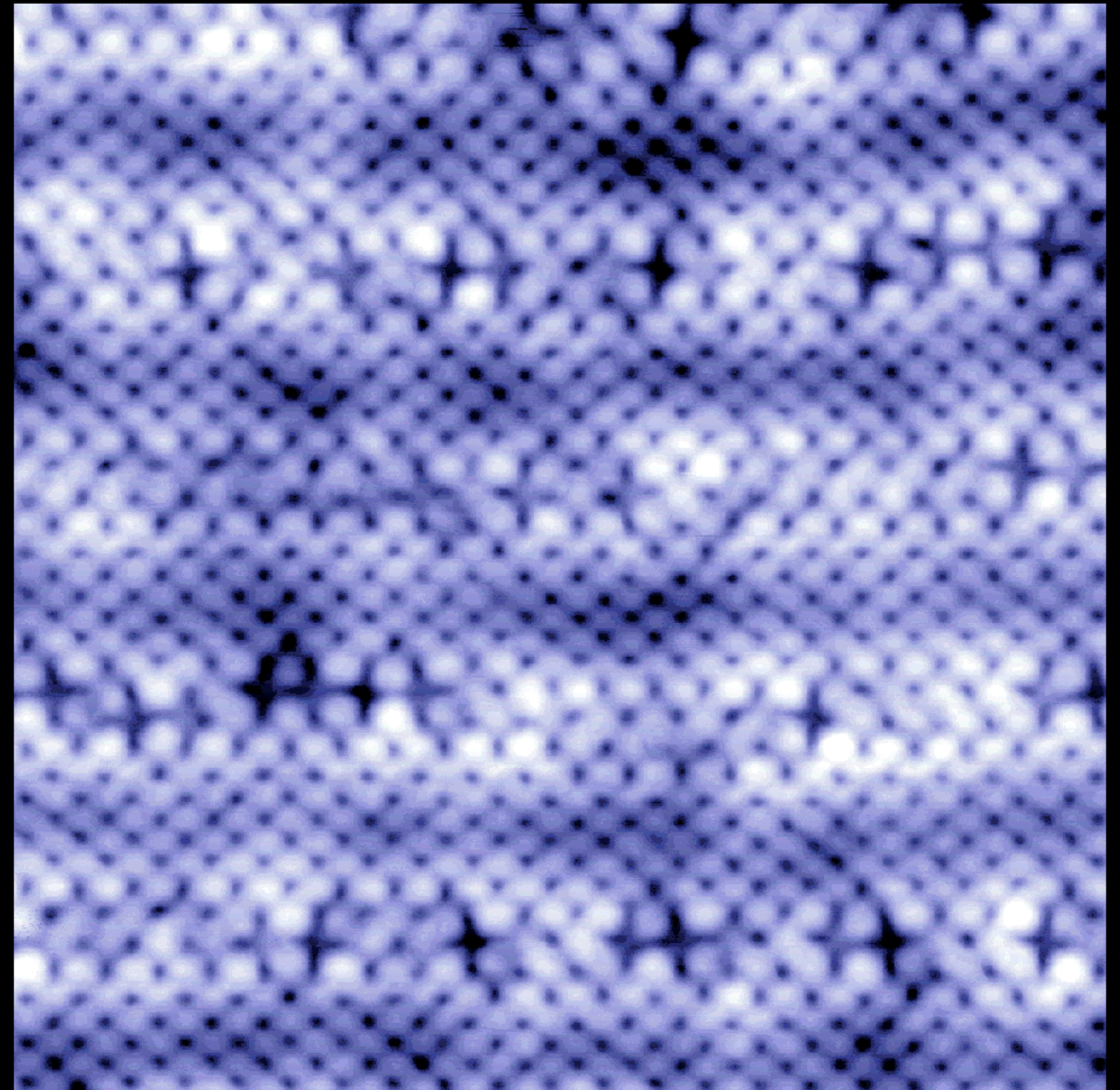
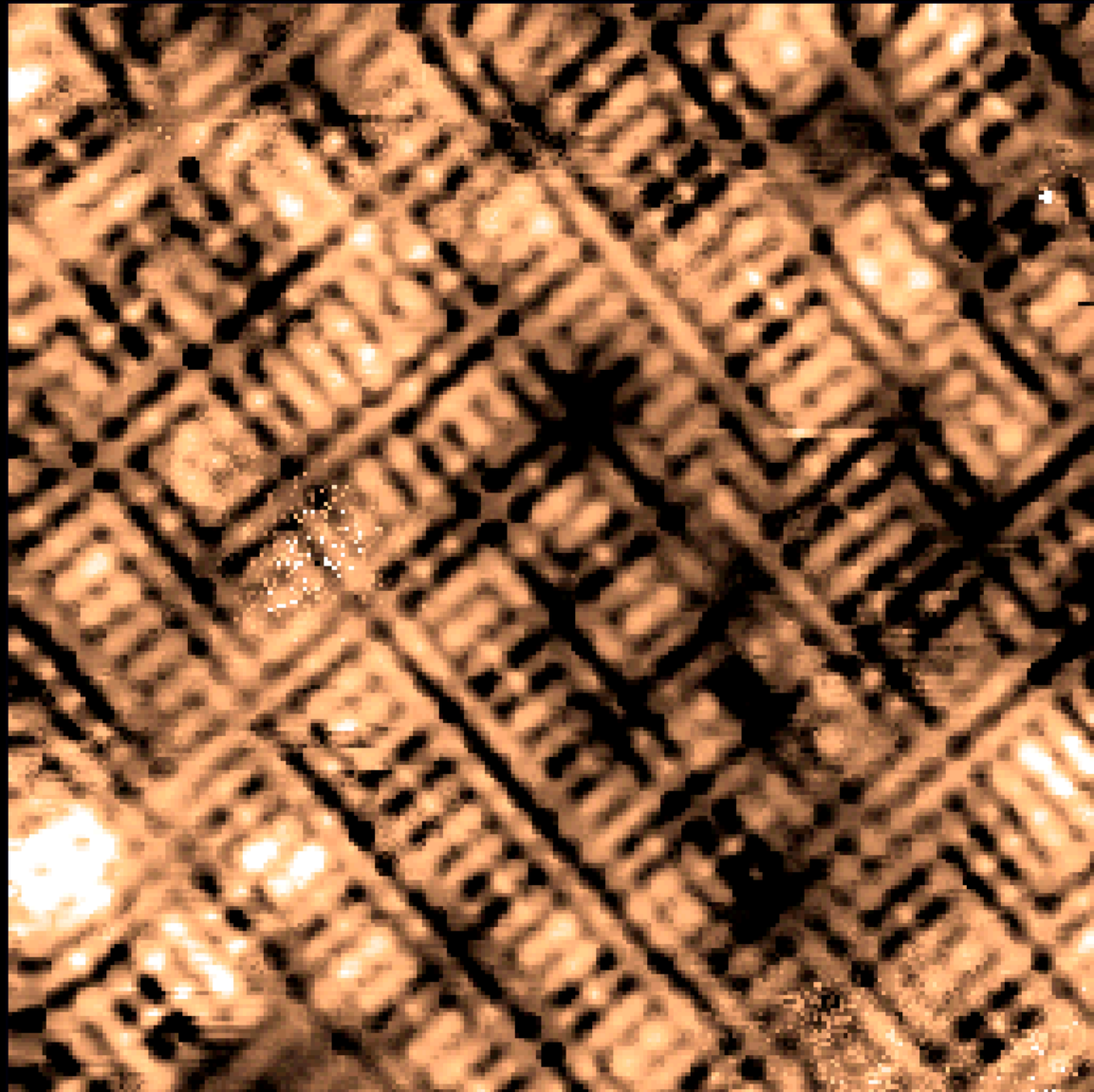


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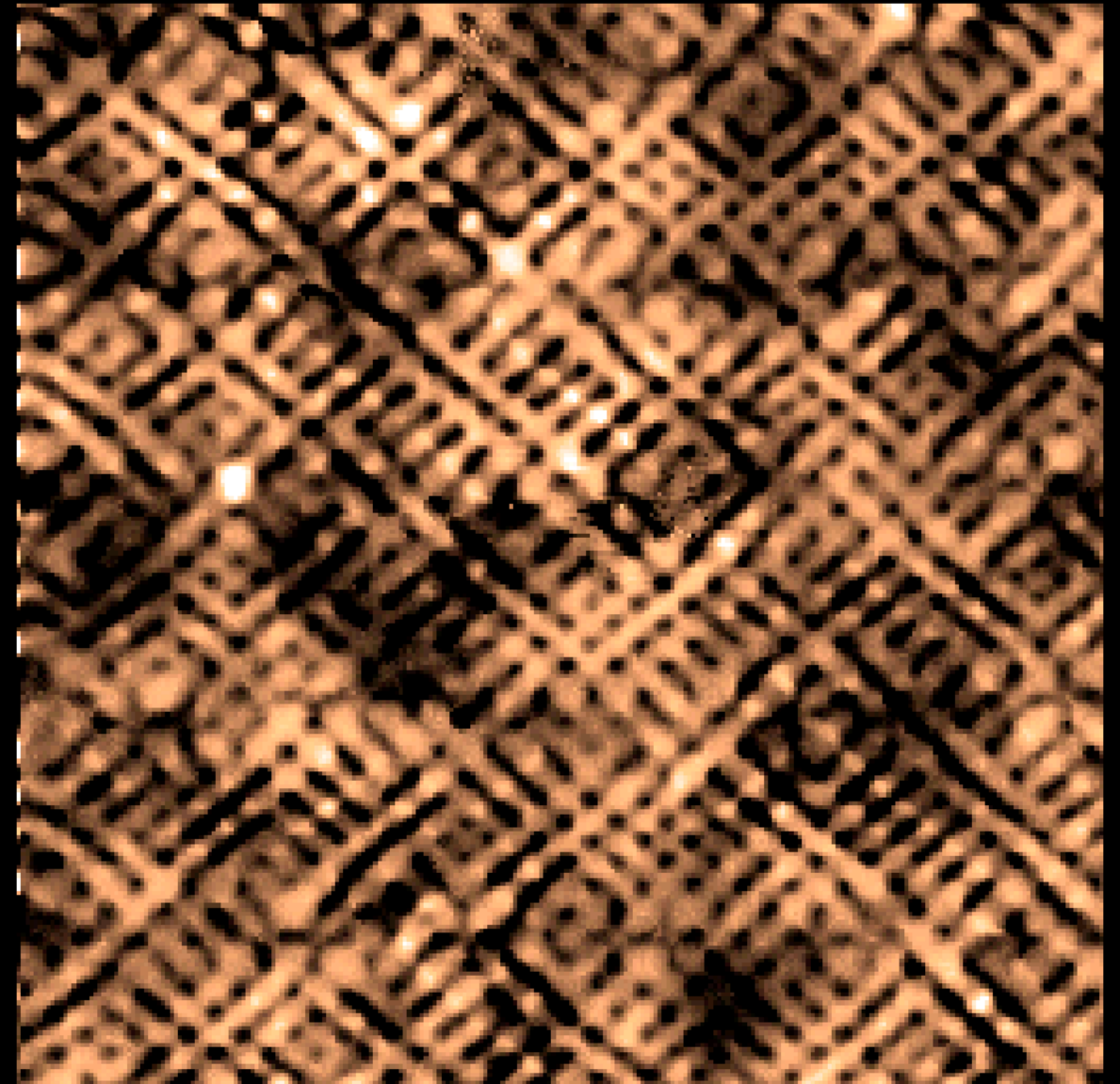
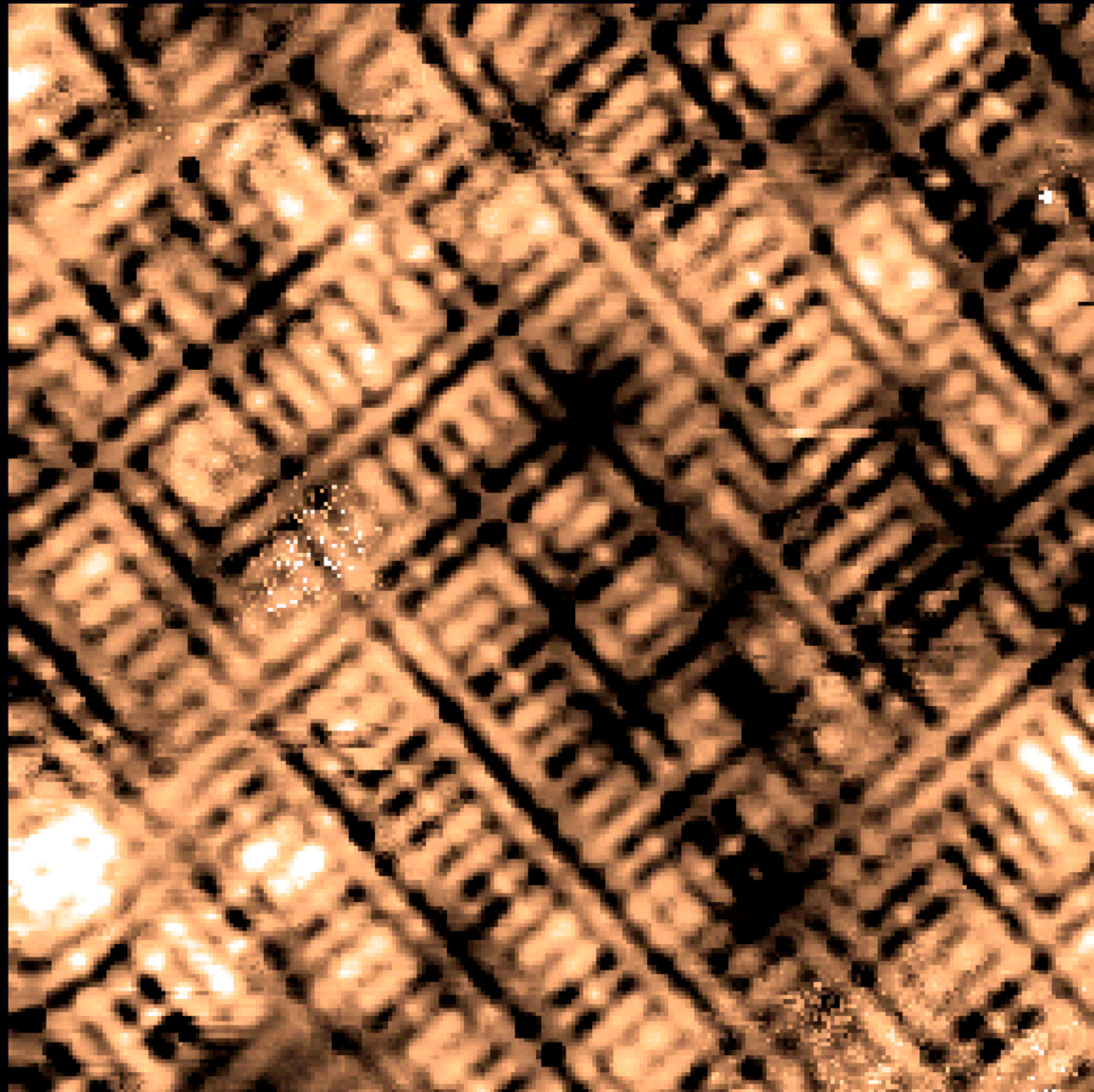
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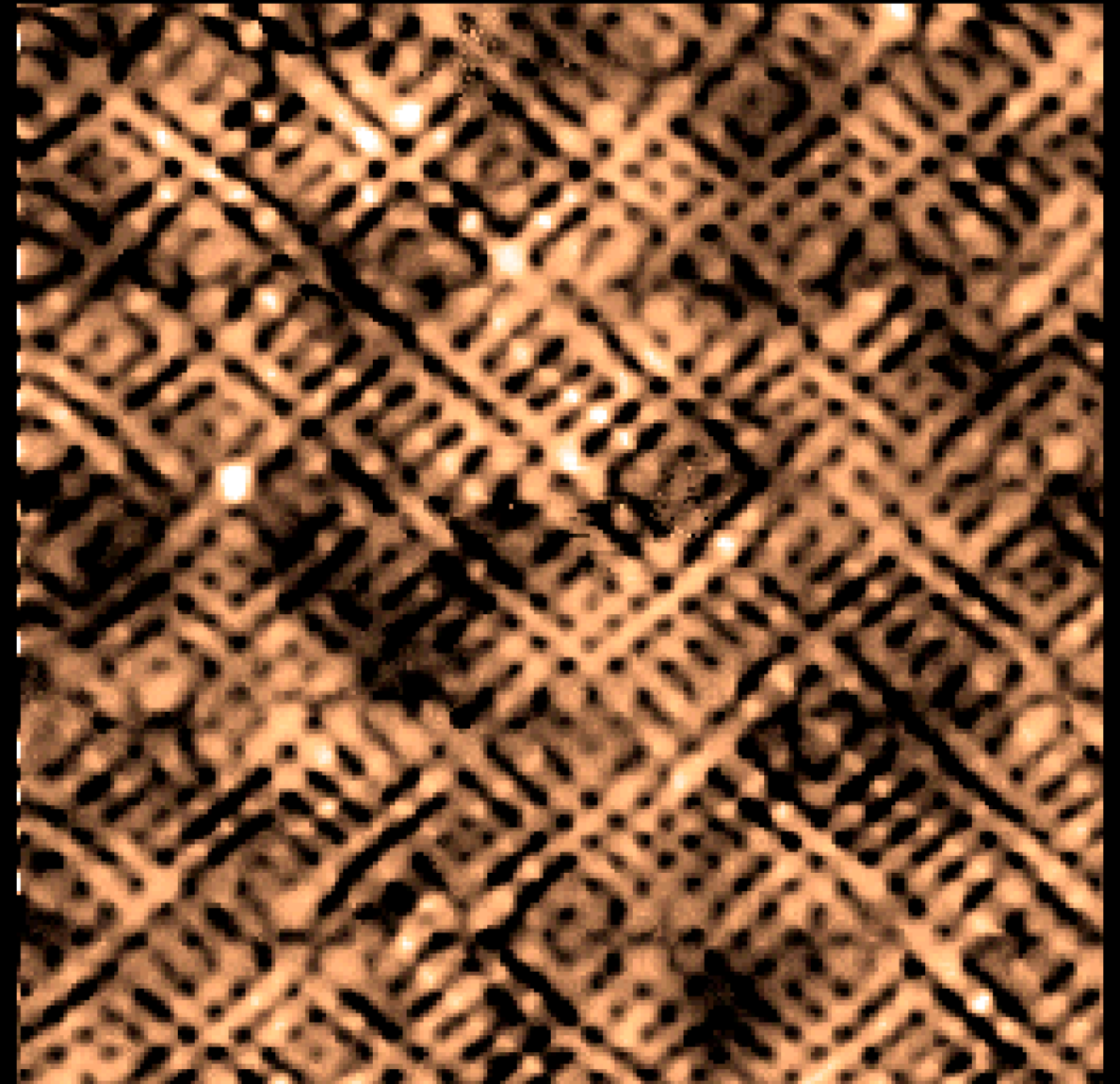
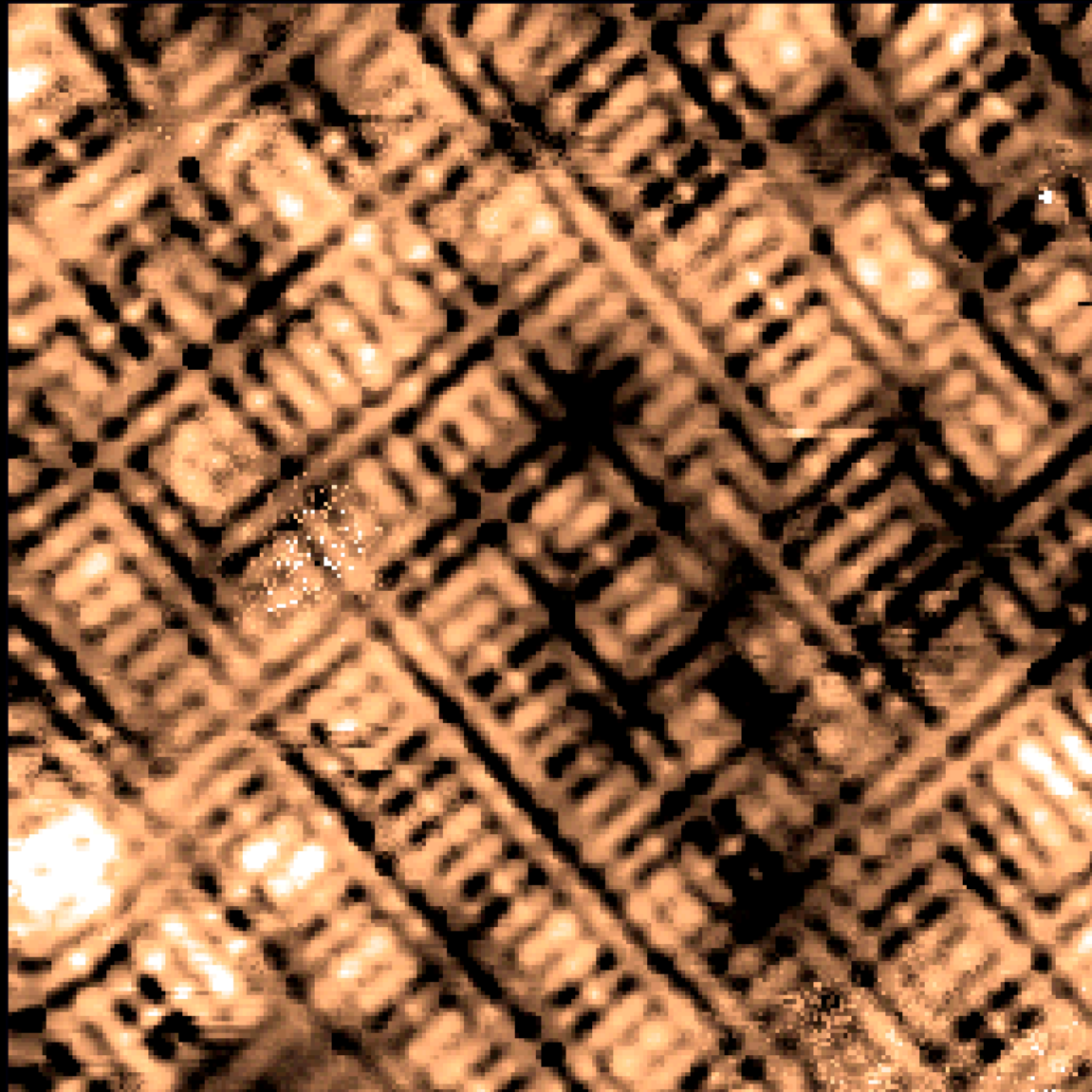
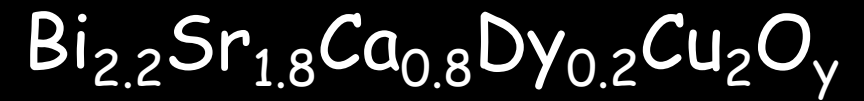
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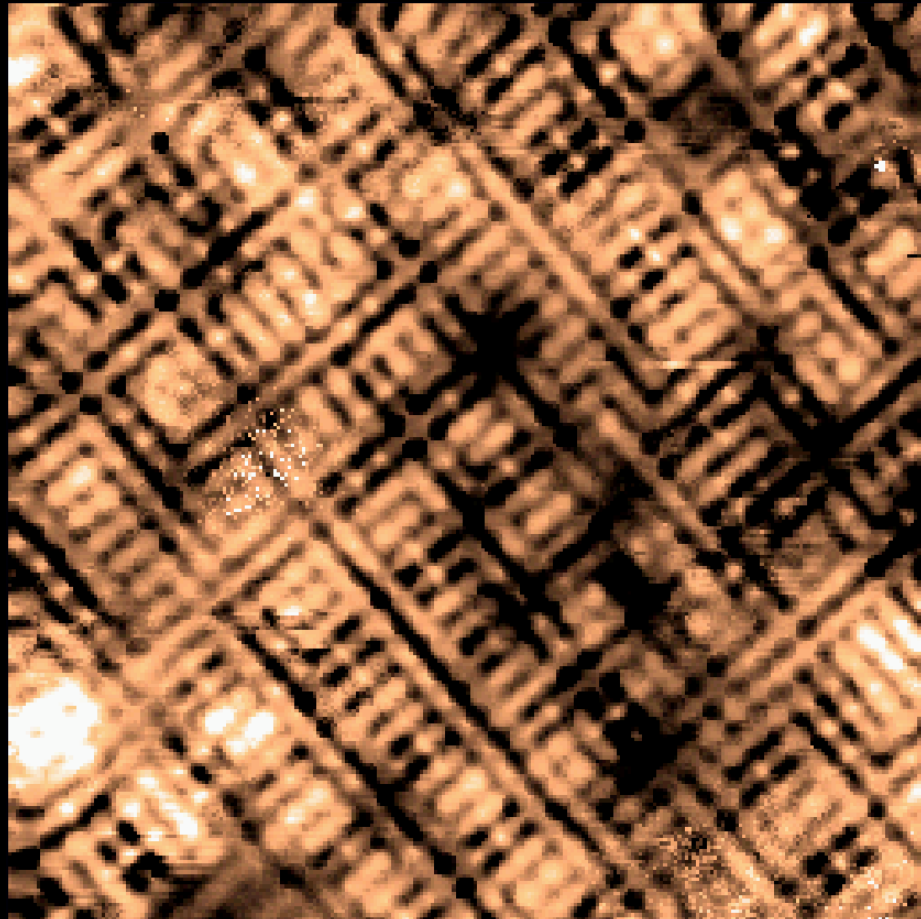
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Y. Kohsaka et al. *Science* 315, 1380 (2007)

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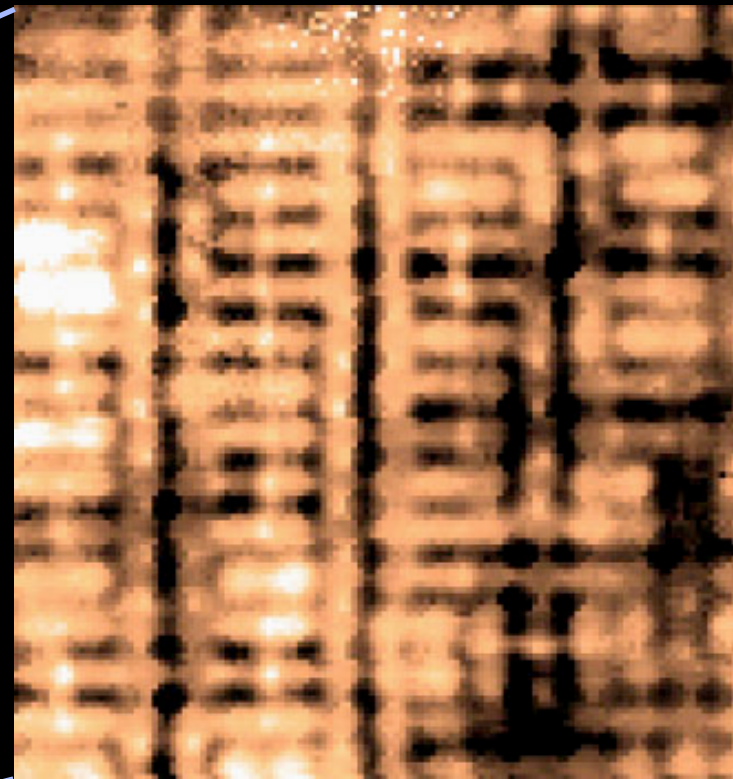
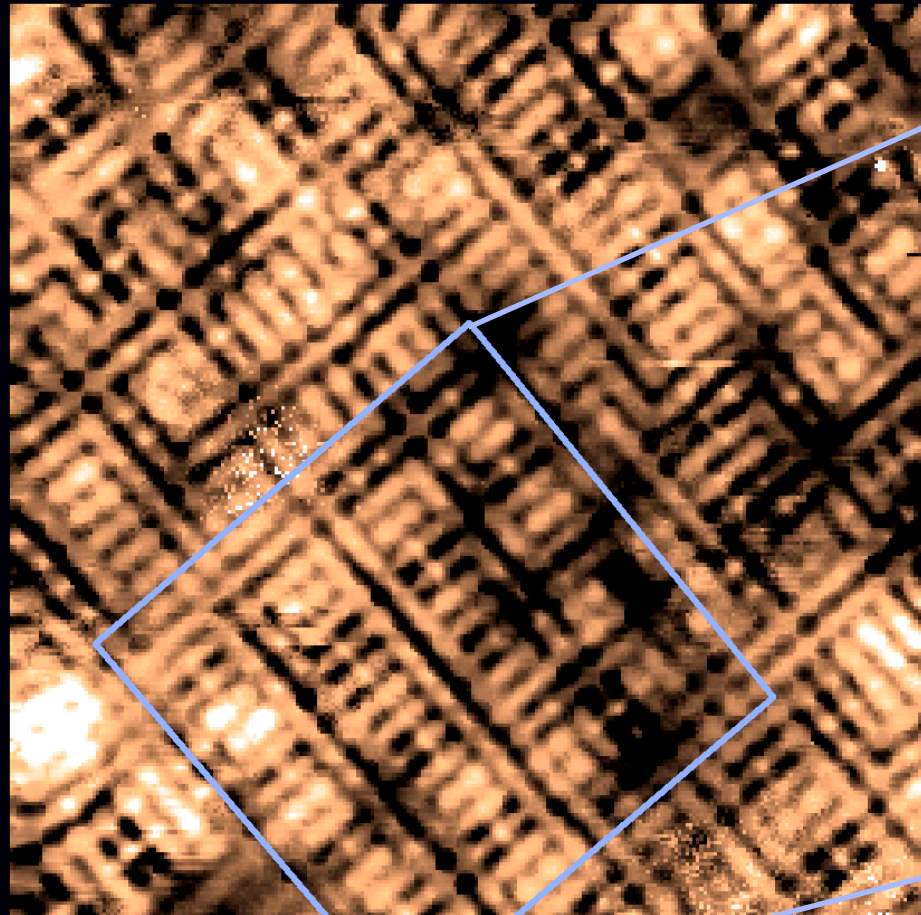


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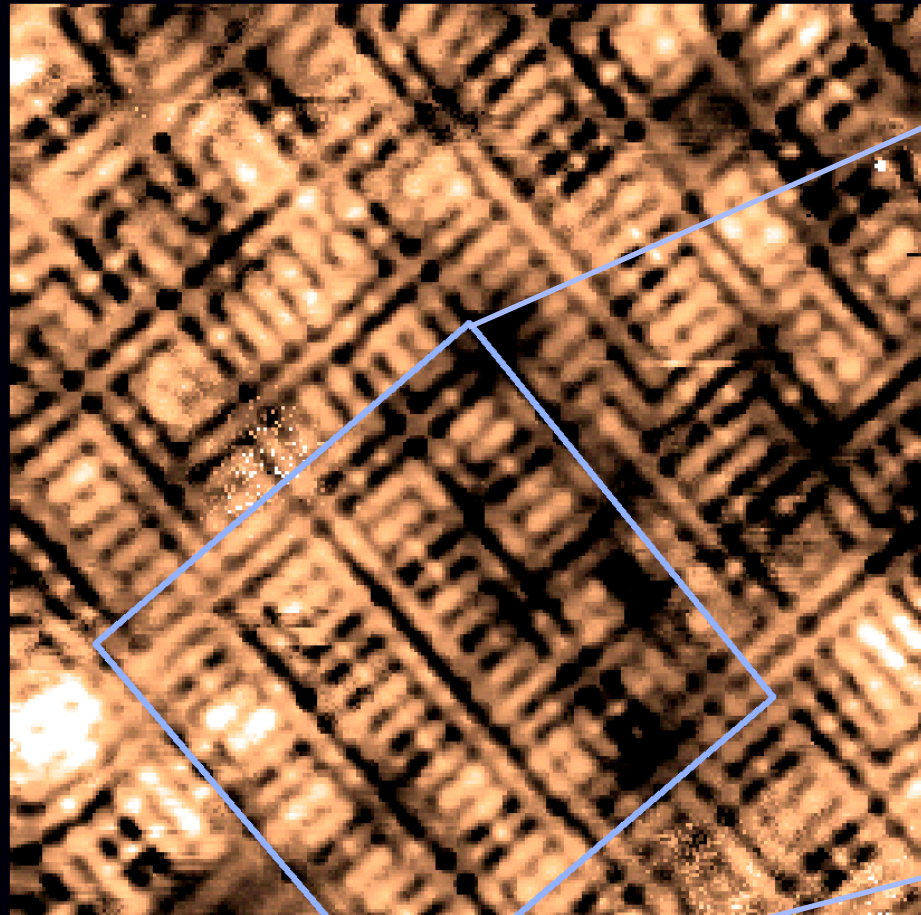
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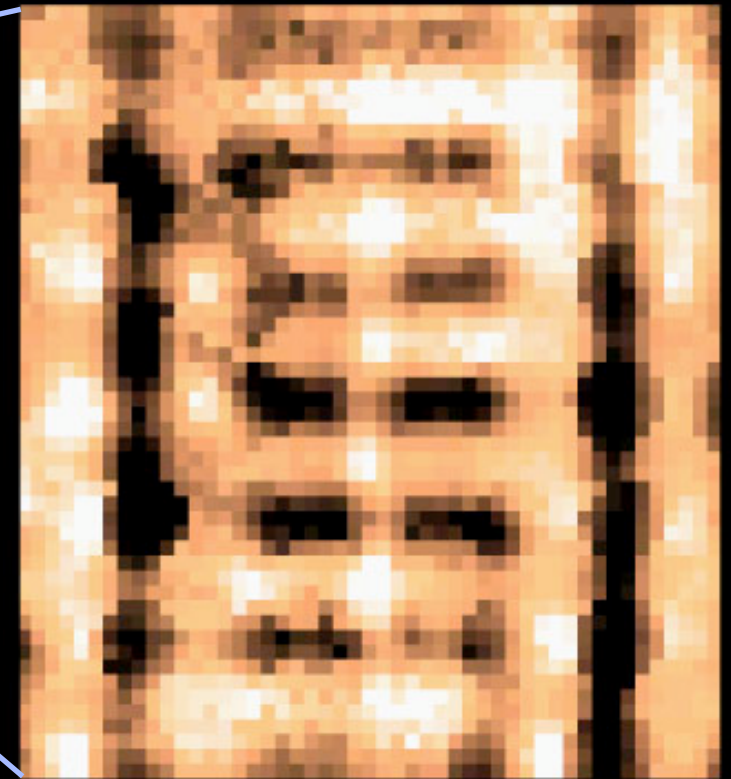
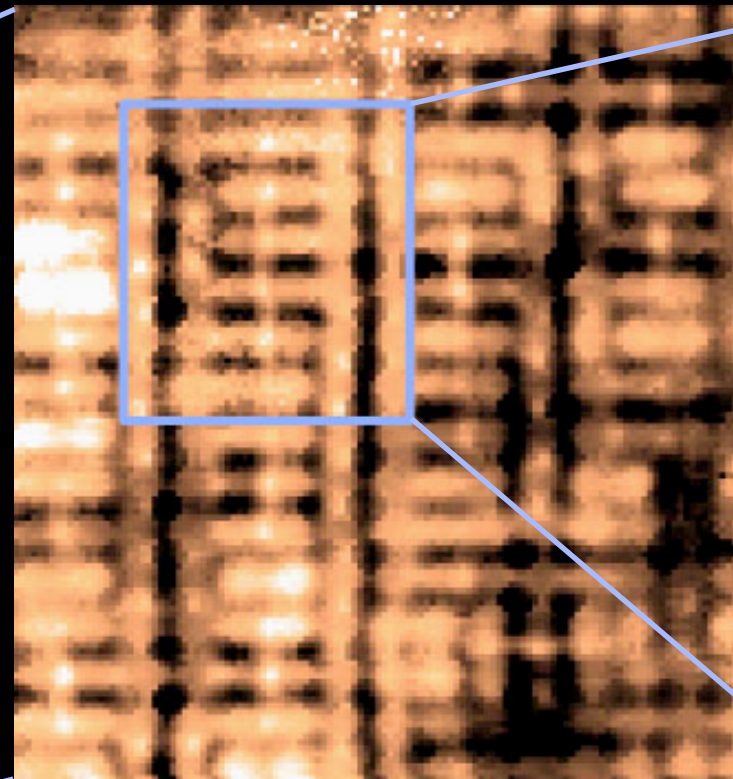
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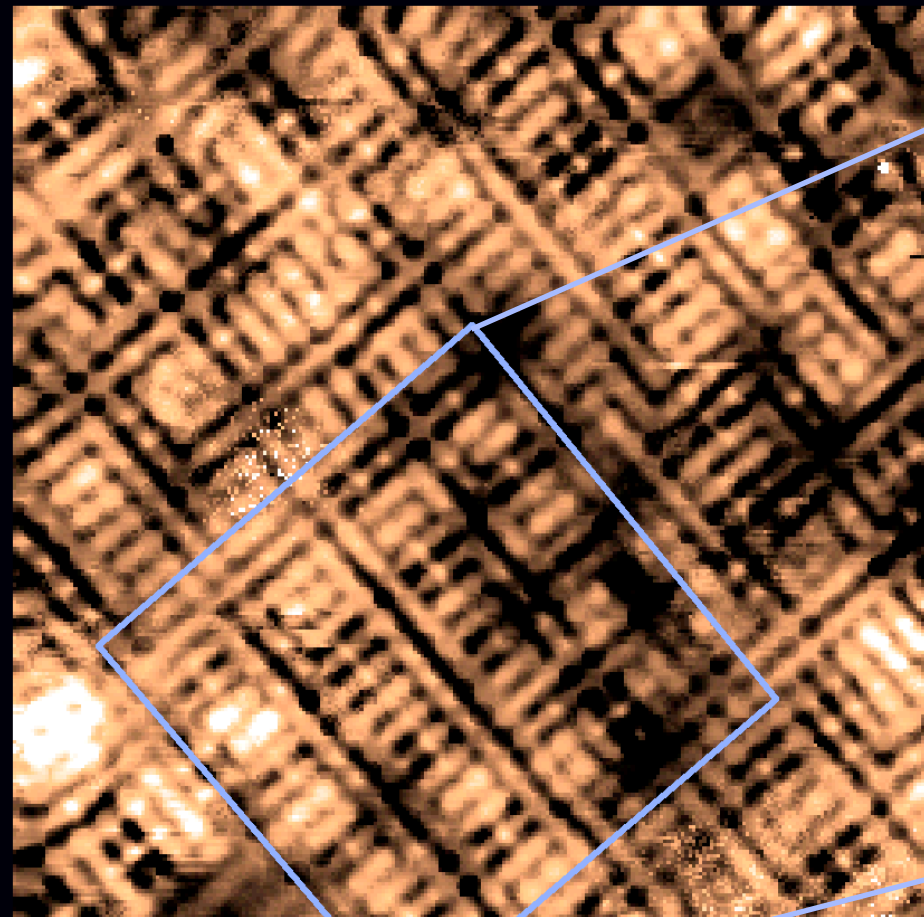
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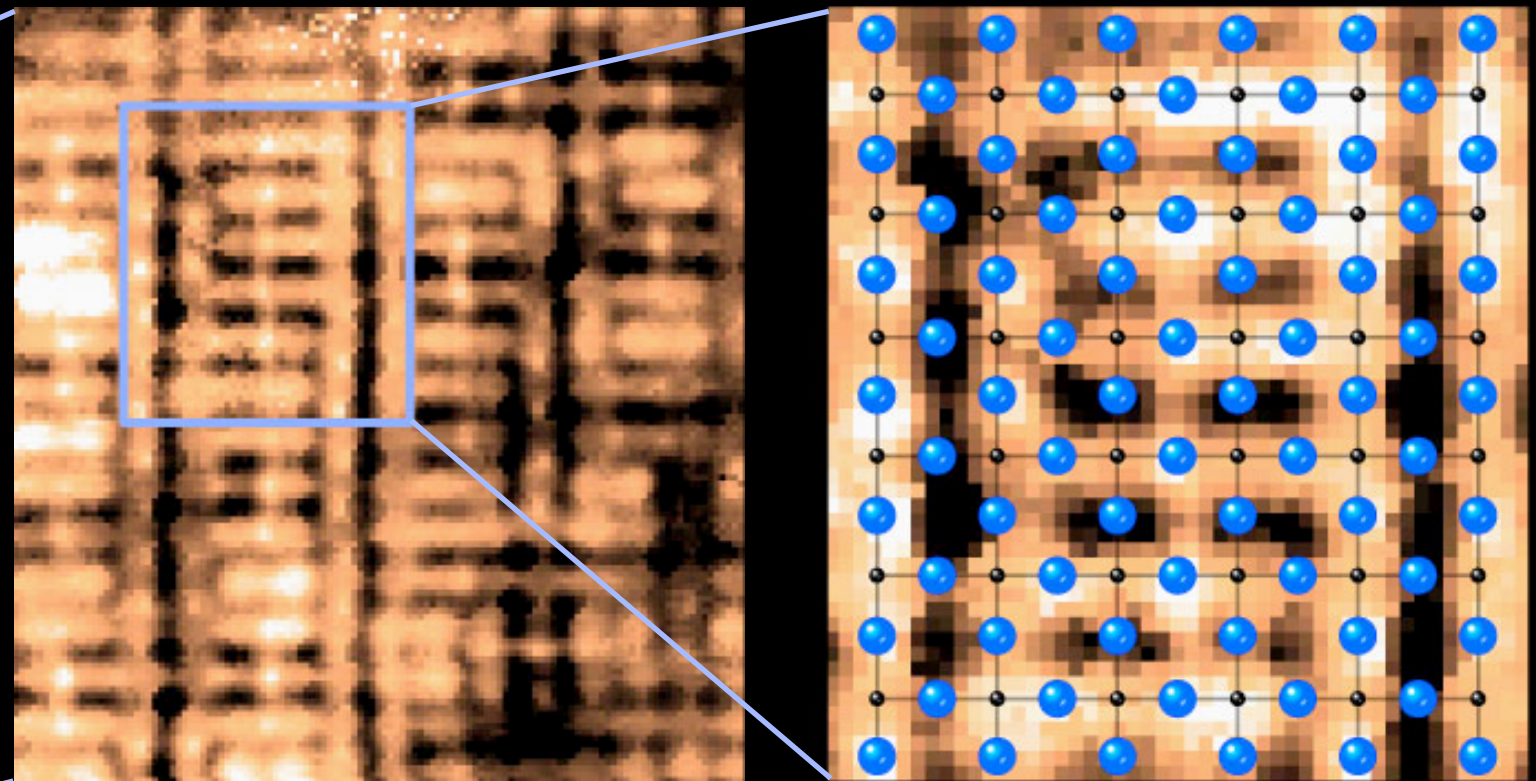
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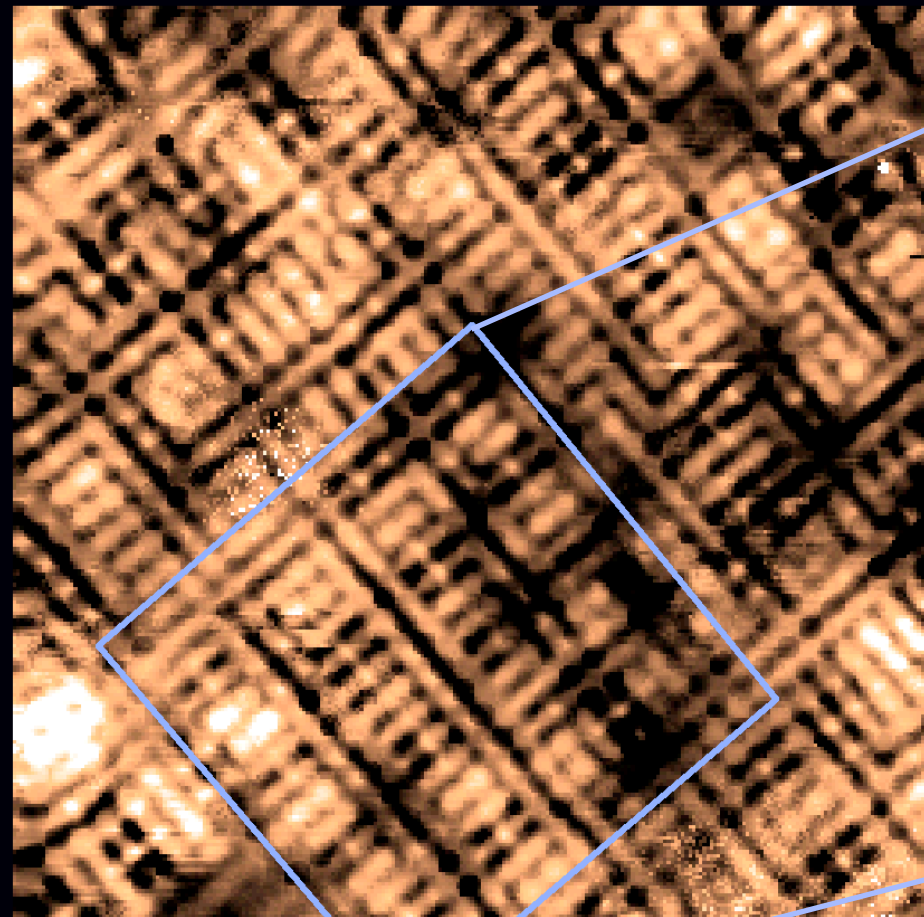
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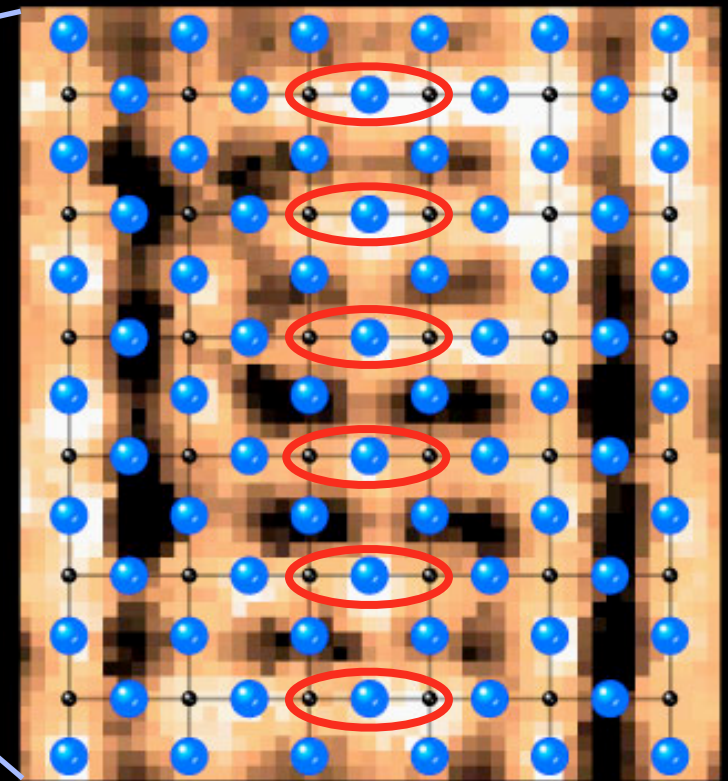
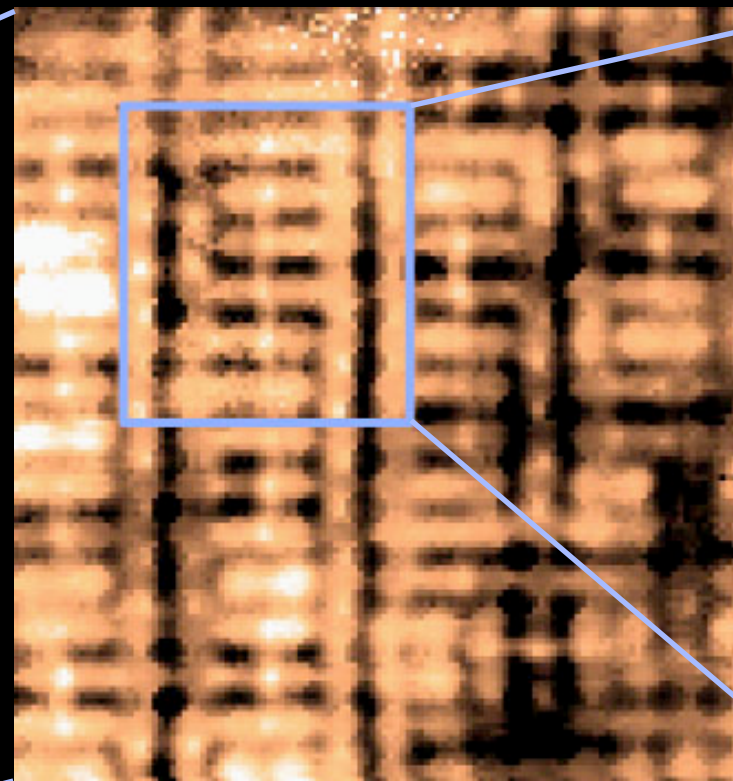
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Plan

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- **Studies of optical lattices of atoms should lead to more sensitive tests at shorter times and distances**