

Quantum critical metals near the onset of antiferromagnetism: superconductivity and other instabilities

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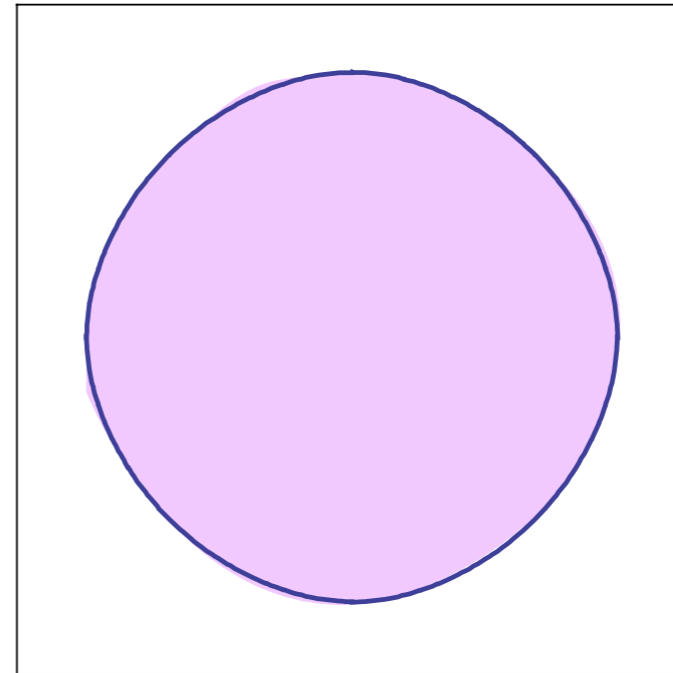


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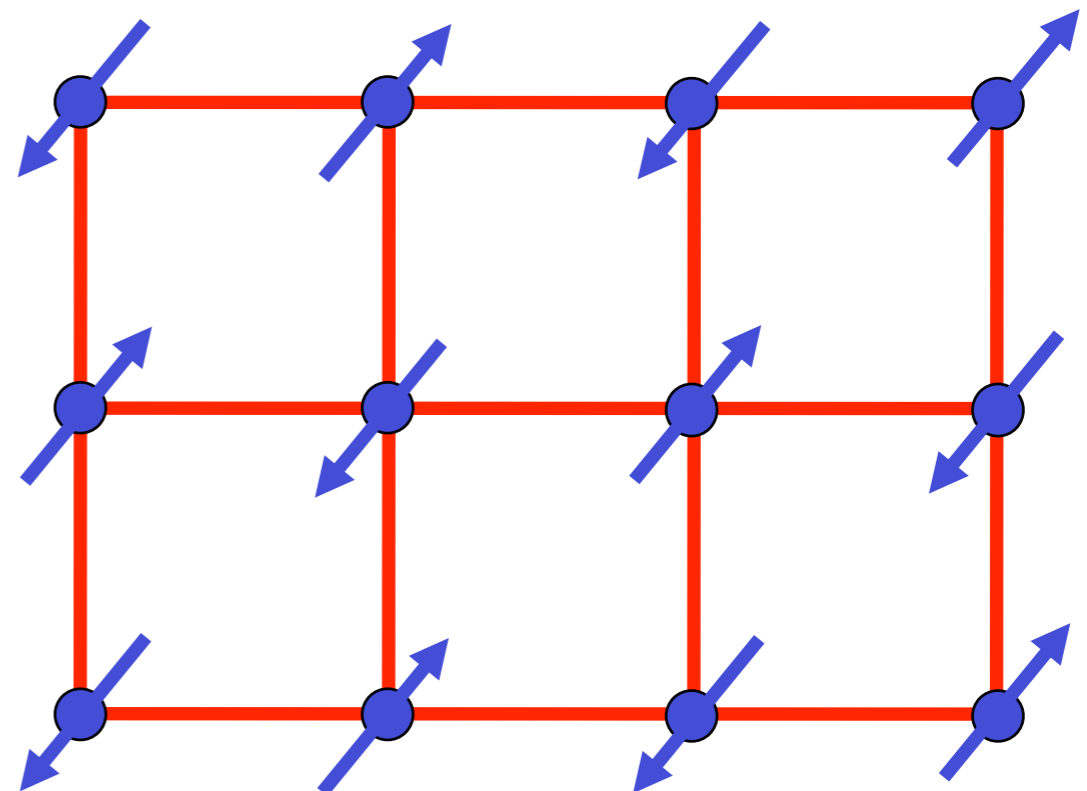


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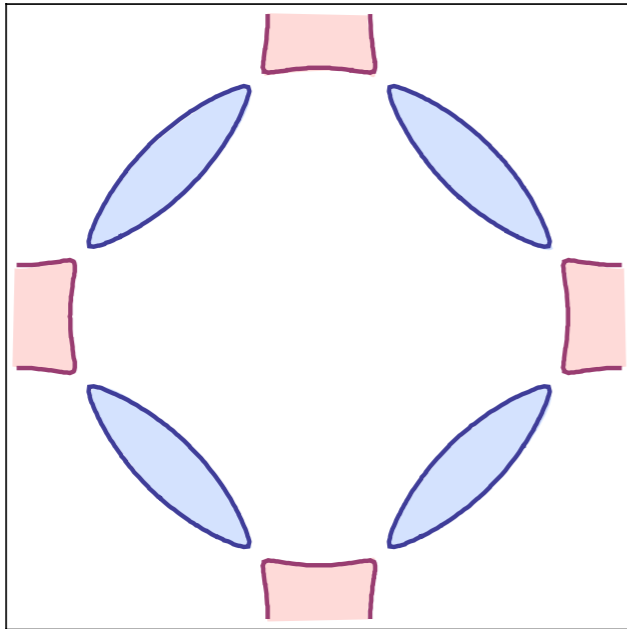


The electron spin polarization obeys

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

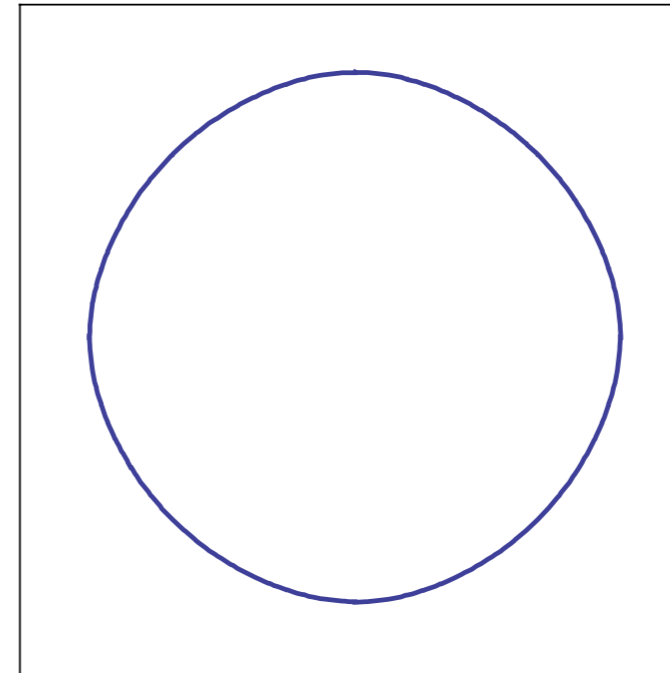
where \mathbf{K} is the ordering wavevector.

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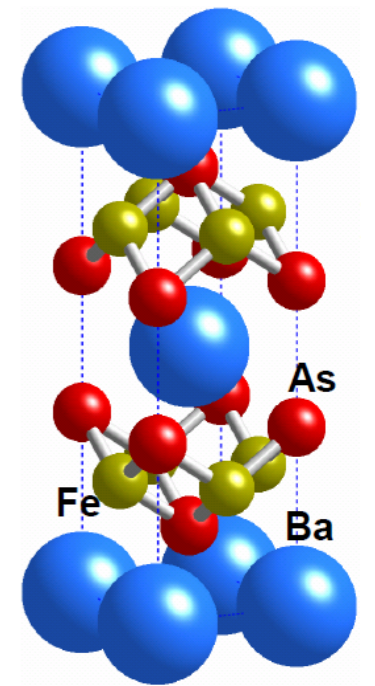
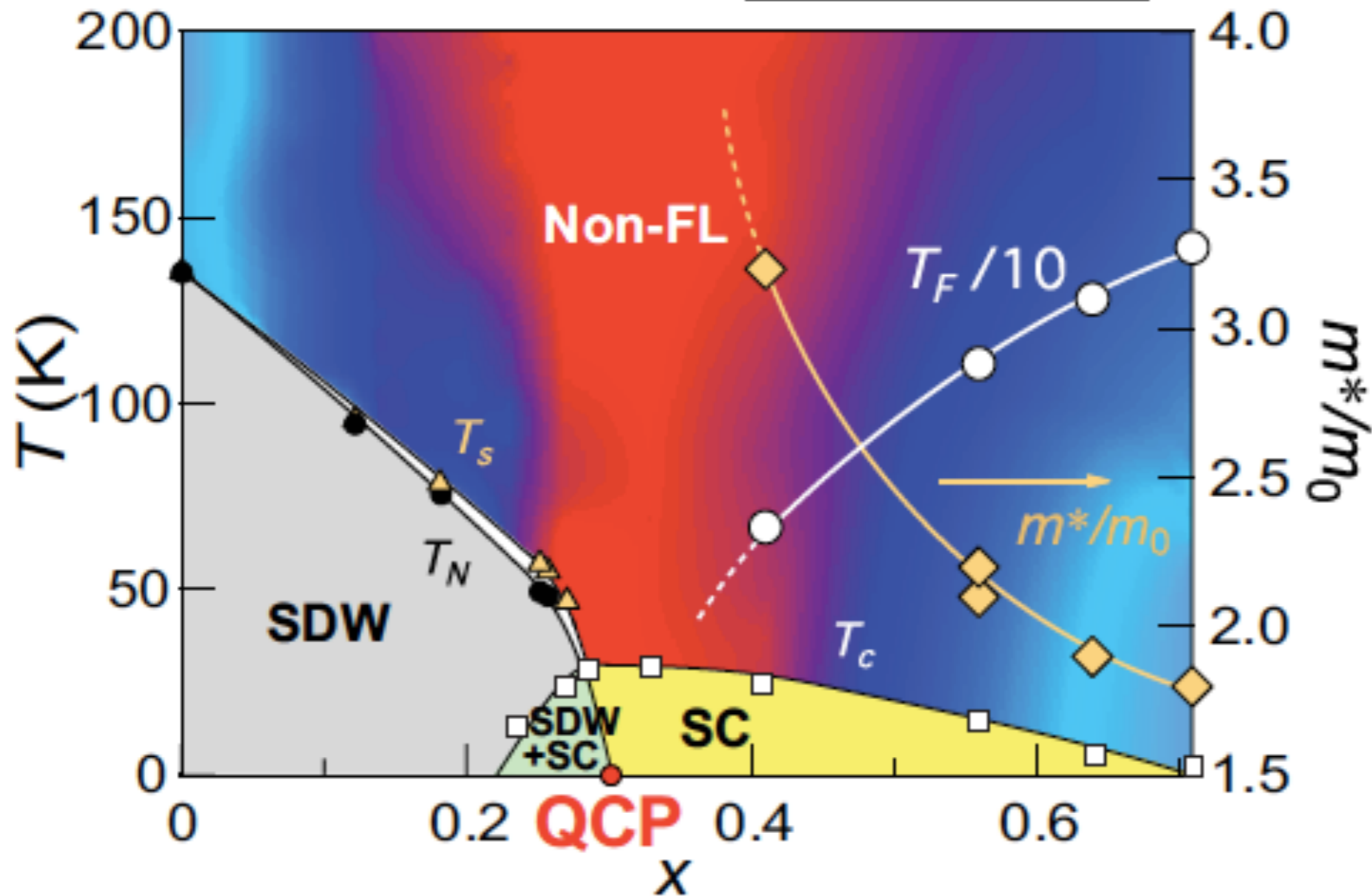
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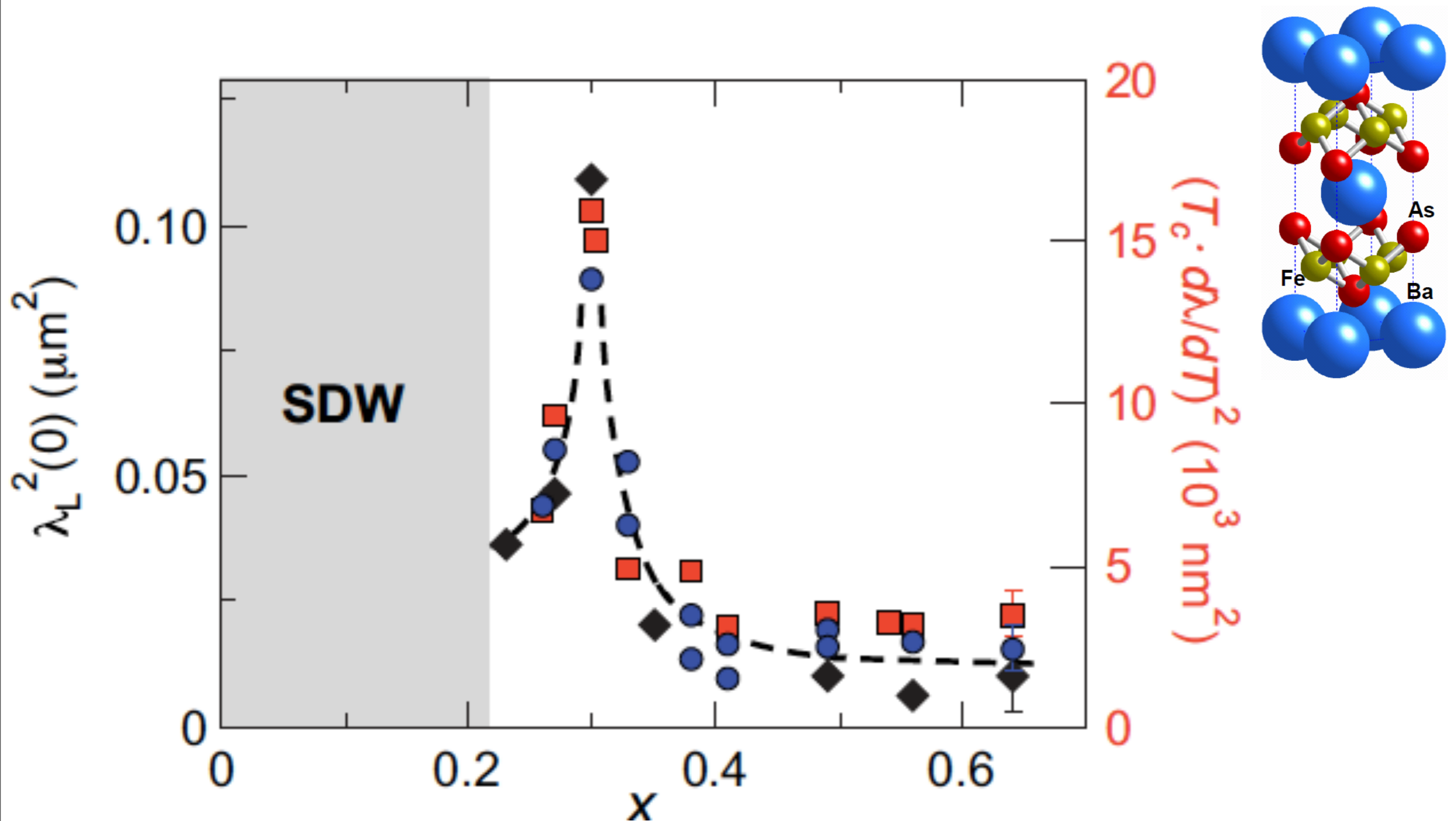
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Resistivity
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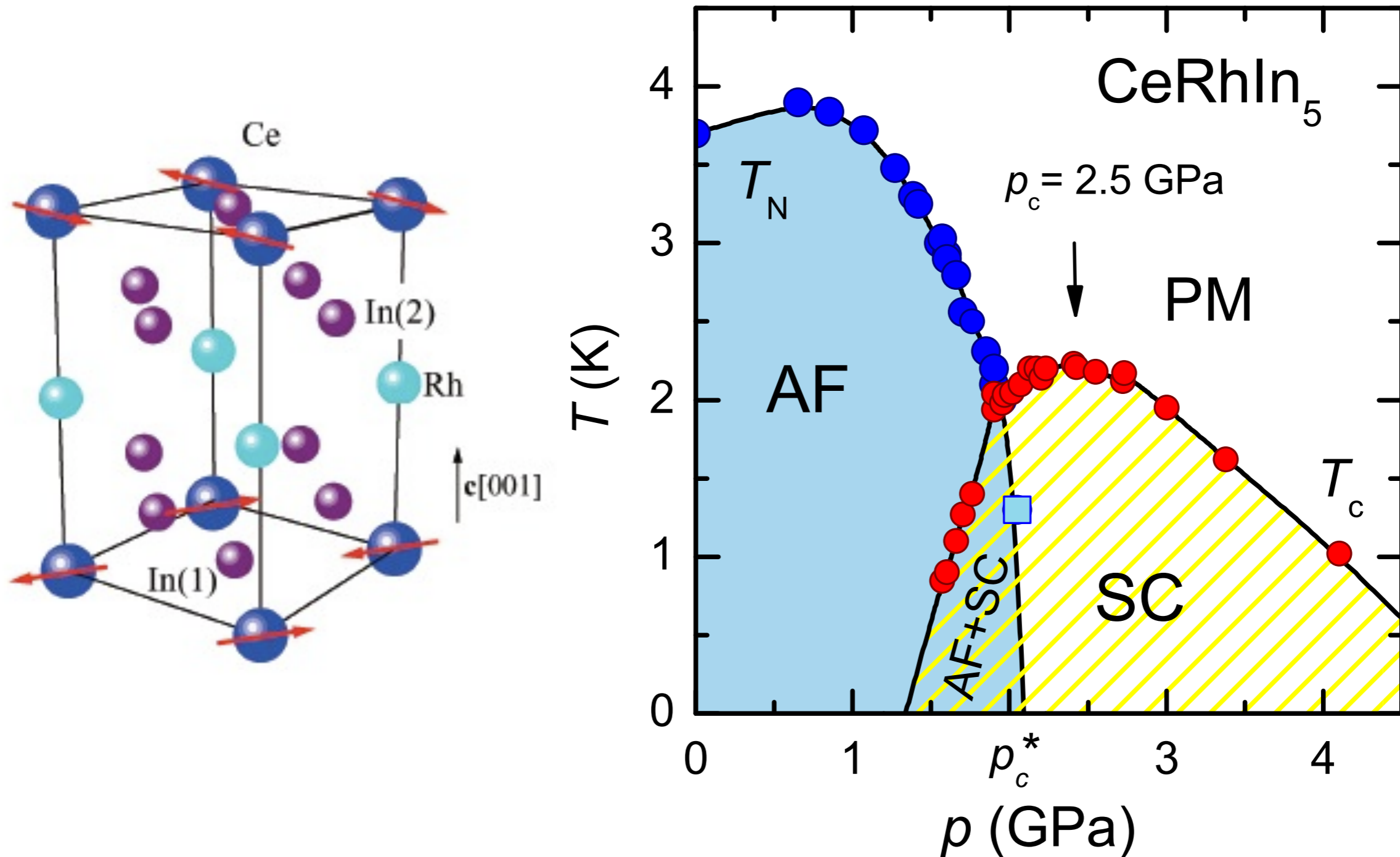


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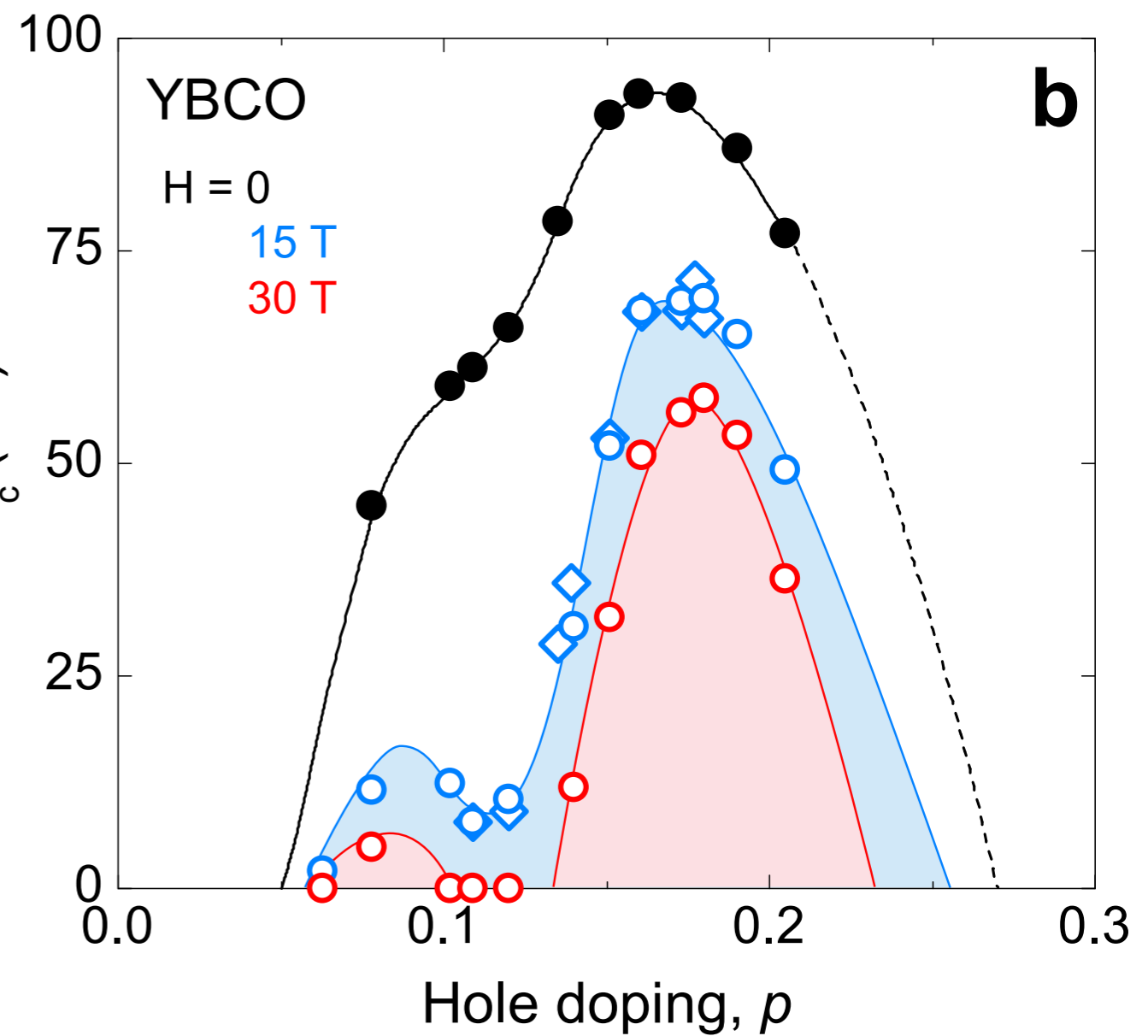
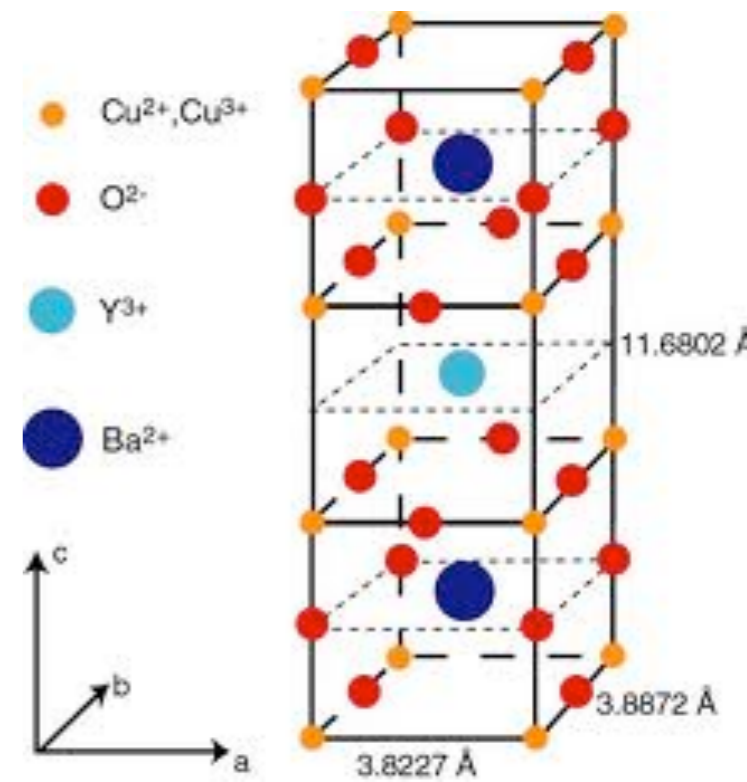
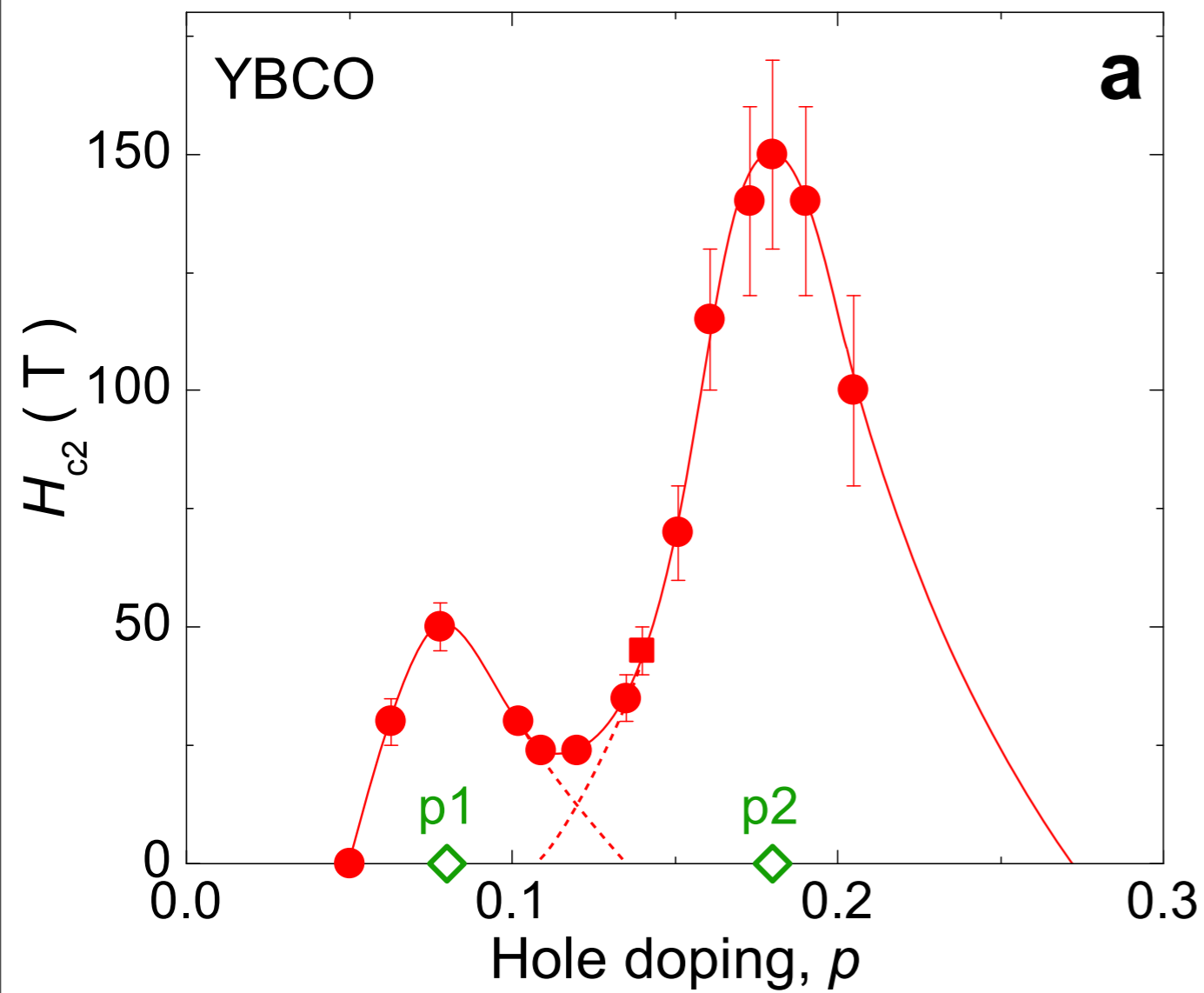
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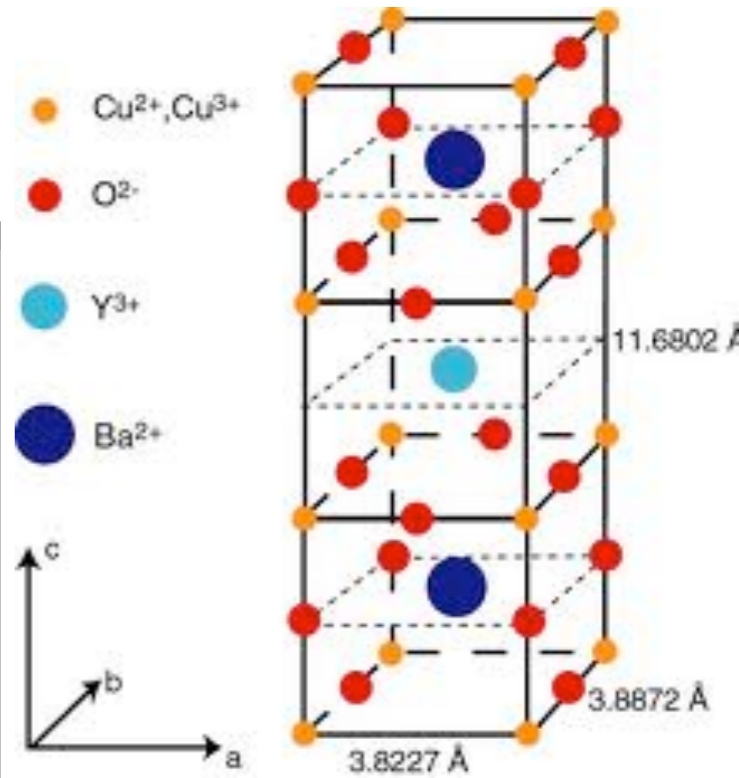
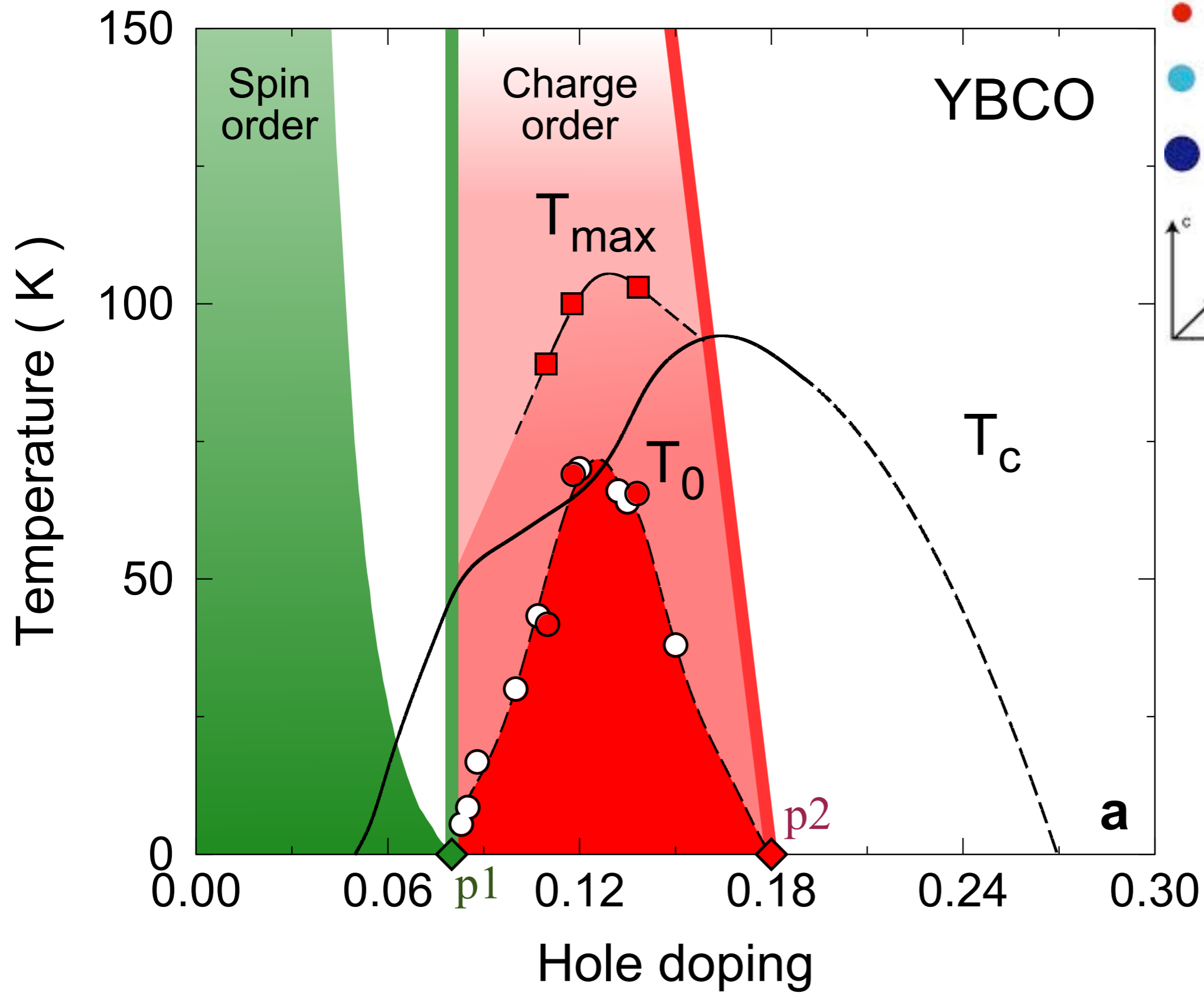
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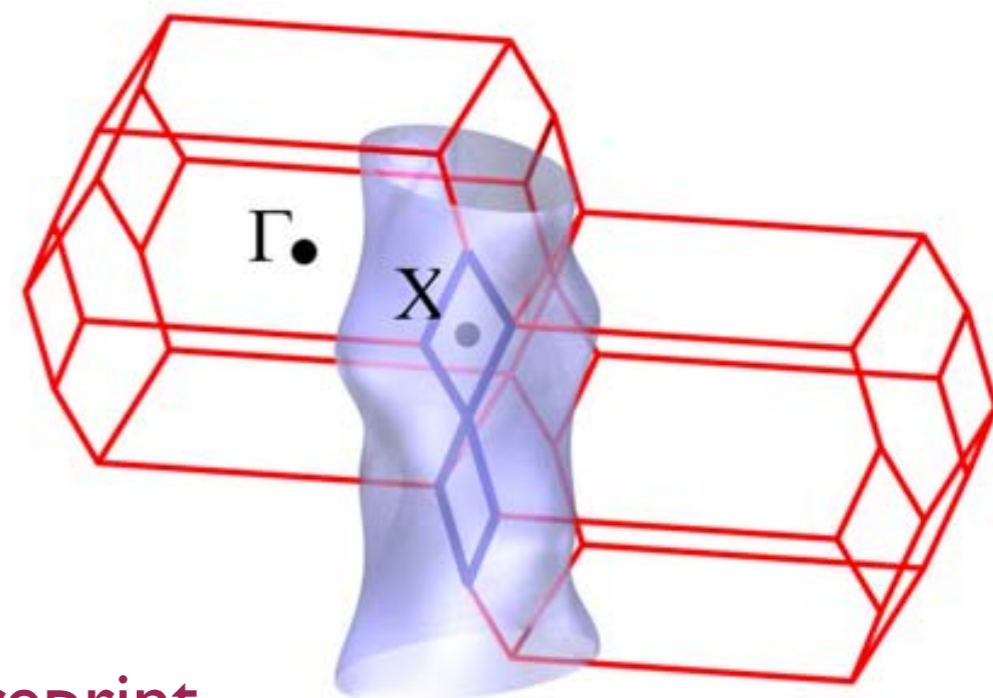
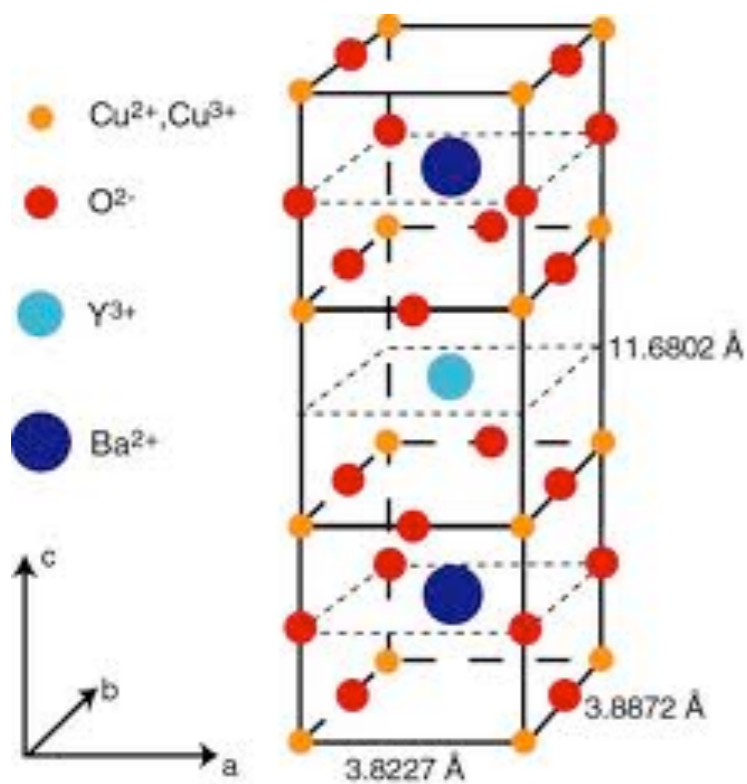
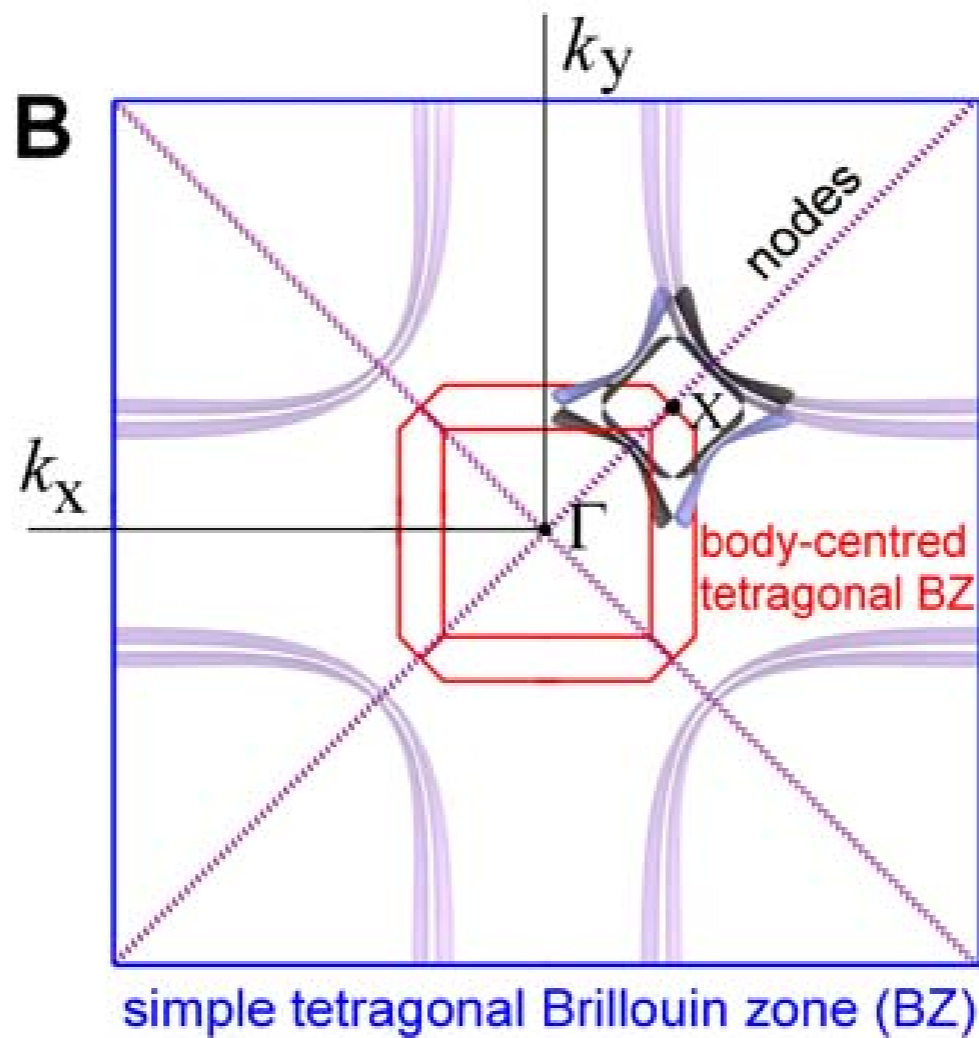
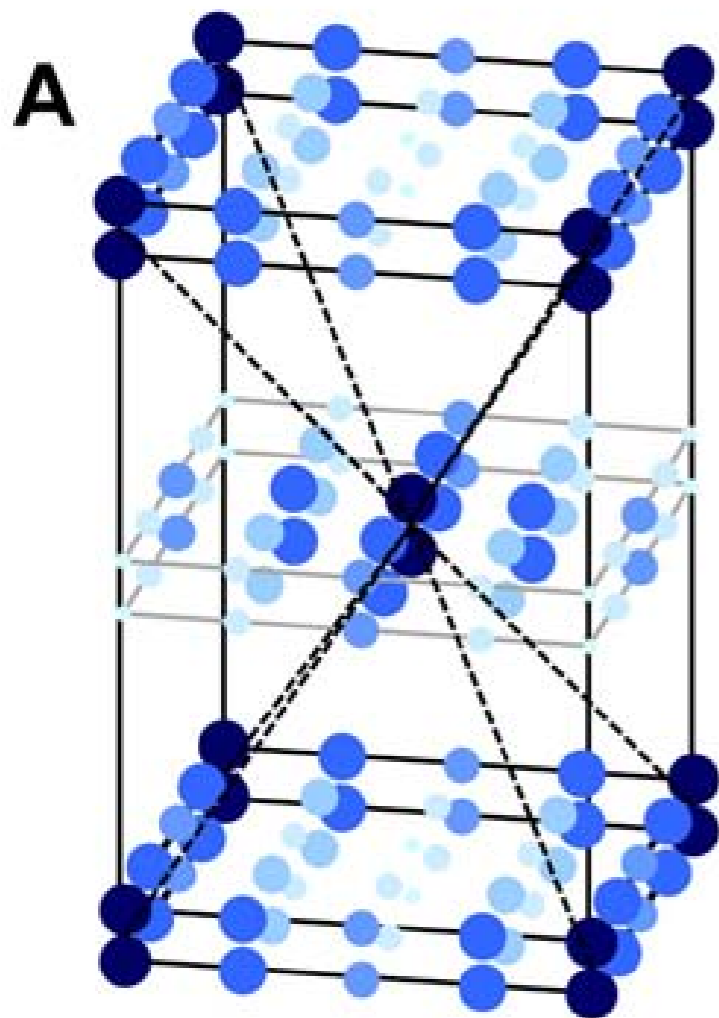


Hole-doped cuprates

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The Hubbard Model

$$H = - \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i \left(n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \mu \sum_i c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha}$$

$t_{ij} \rightarrow$ “hopping”. $U \rightarrow$ local repulsion, $\mu \rightarrow$ chemical potential

Spin index $\alpha = \uparrow, \downarrow$

$$n_{i\alpha} = c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{i\alpha}$$

$$c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\beta} + c_{j\beta} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$c_{i\alpha} c_{j\beta} + c_{j\beta} c_{i\alpha} = 0$$

The Hubbard Model

Decouple U term by a Hubbard-Stratanovich transformation

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2r d\tau [\mathcal{L}_c + \mathcal{L}_\varphi + \mathcal{L}_{c\varphi}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c = c_a^\dagger \varepsilon(-i\nabla) c_a$$

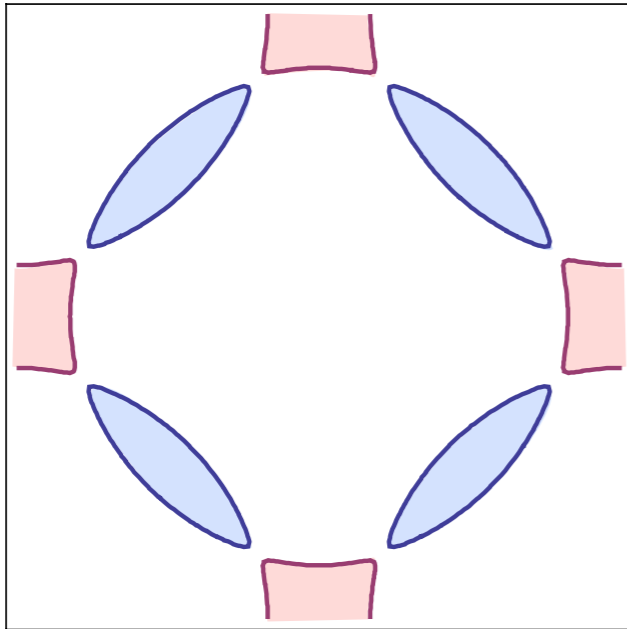
$$\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \varphi_\alpha)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \varphi_\alpha^2 + \frac{u}{4} (\varphi_\alpha^2)^2$$

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“Yukawa” coupling between fermions and antiferromagnetic order:

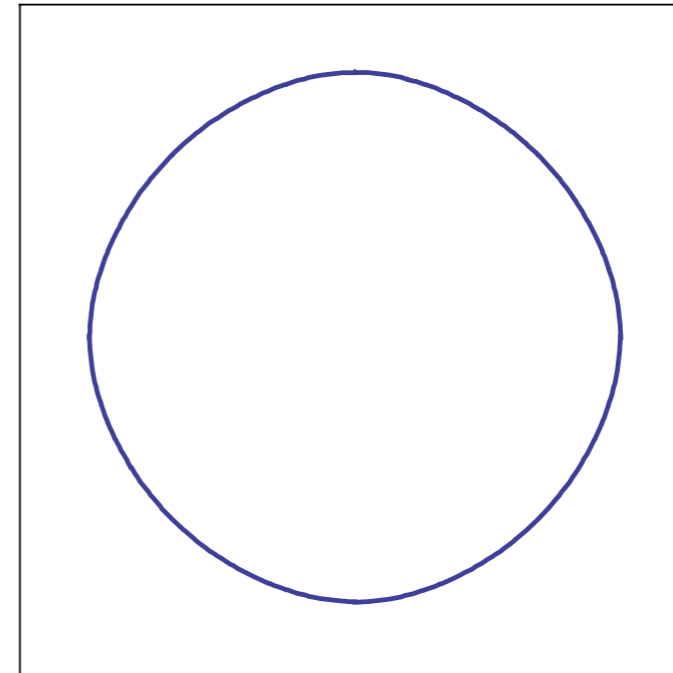
$$\lambda^2 \sim U, \text{ the Hubbard repulsion}$$

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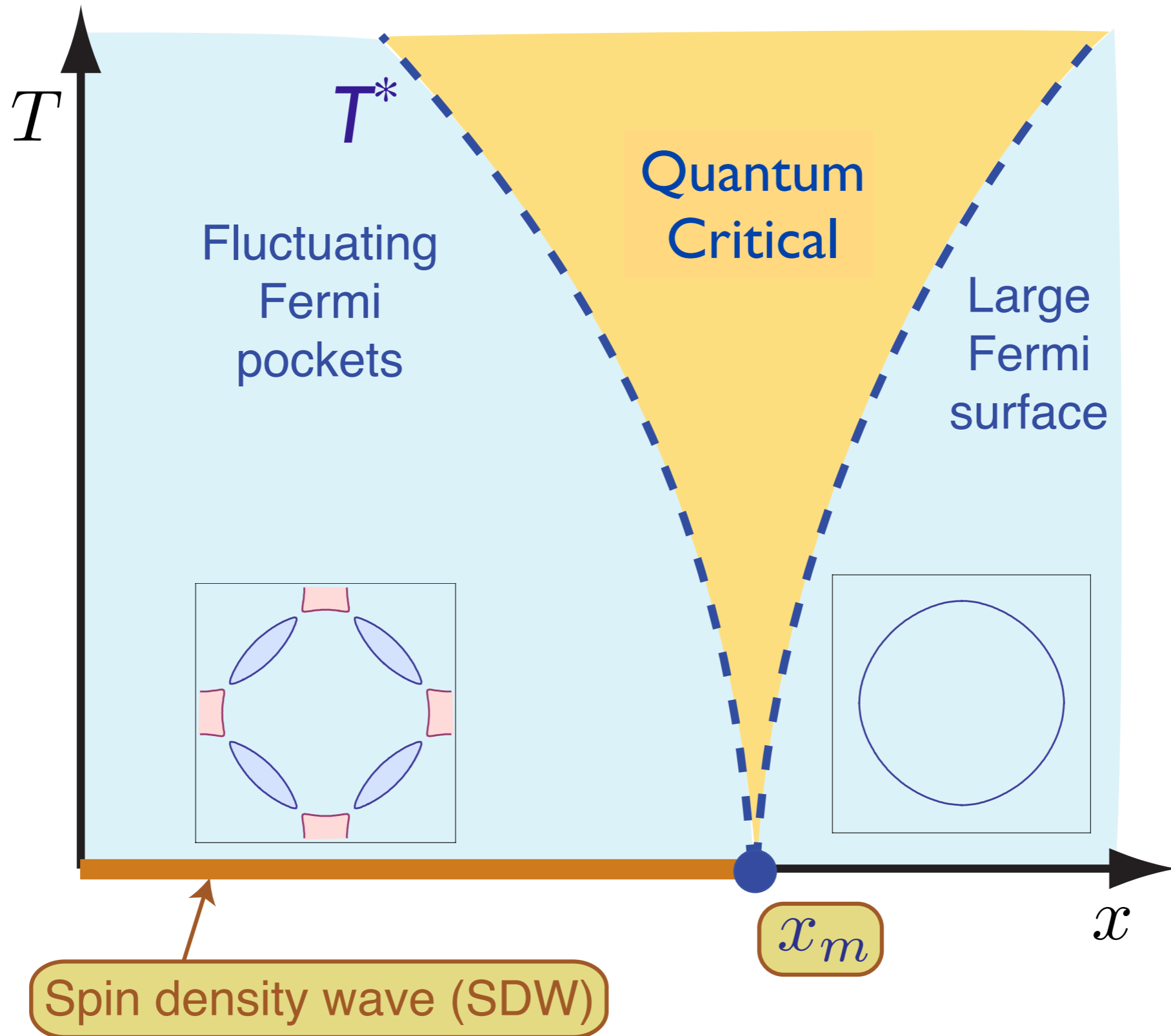
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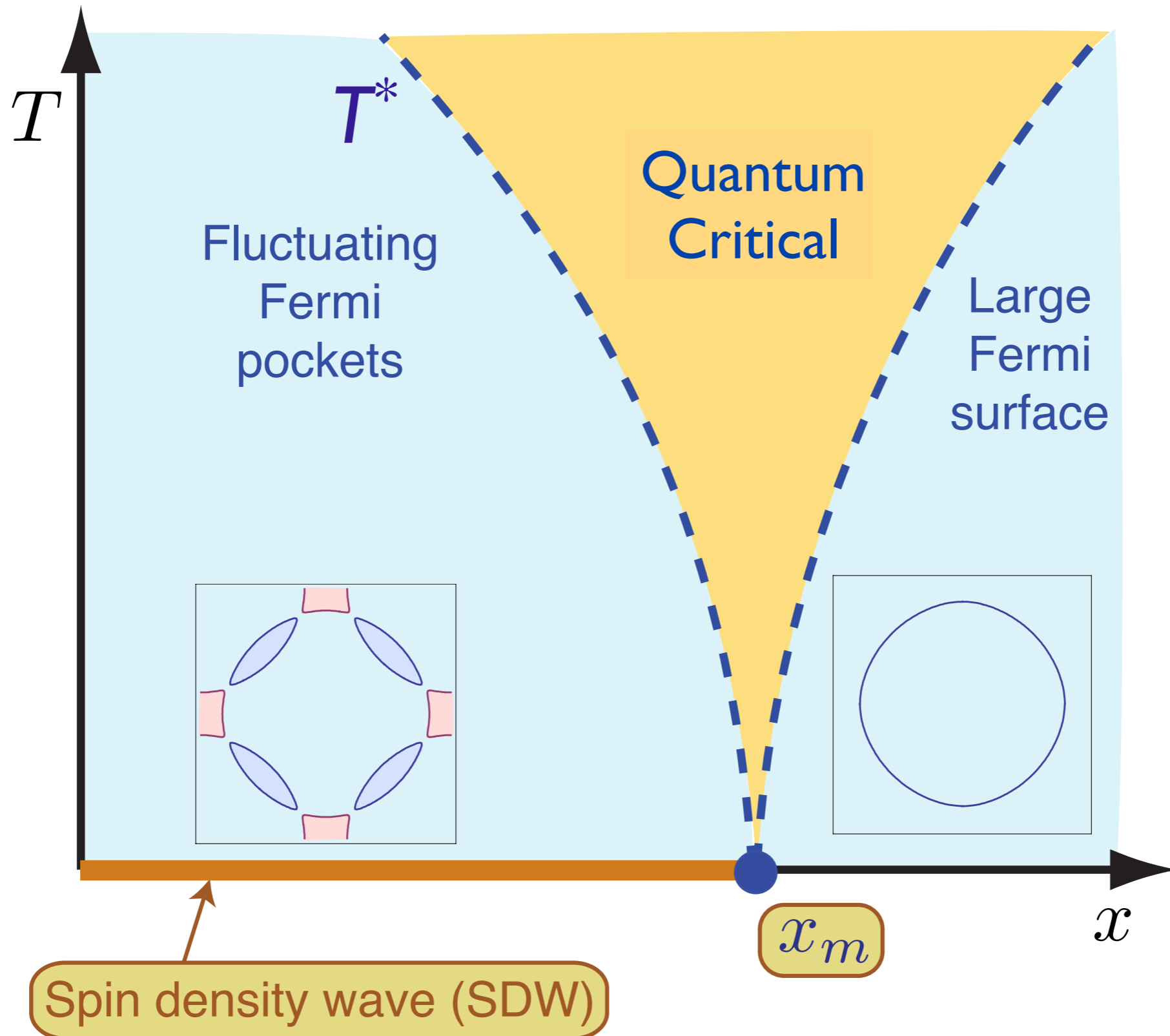
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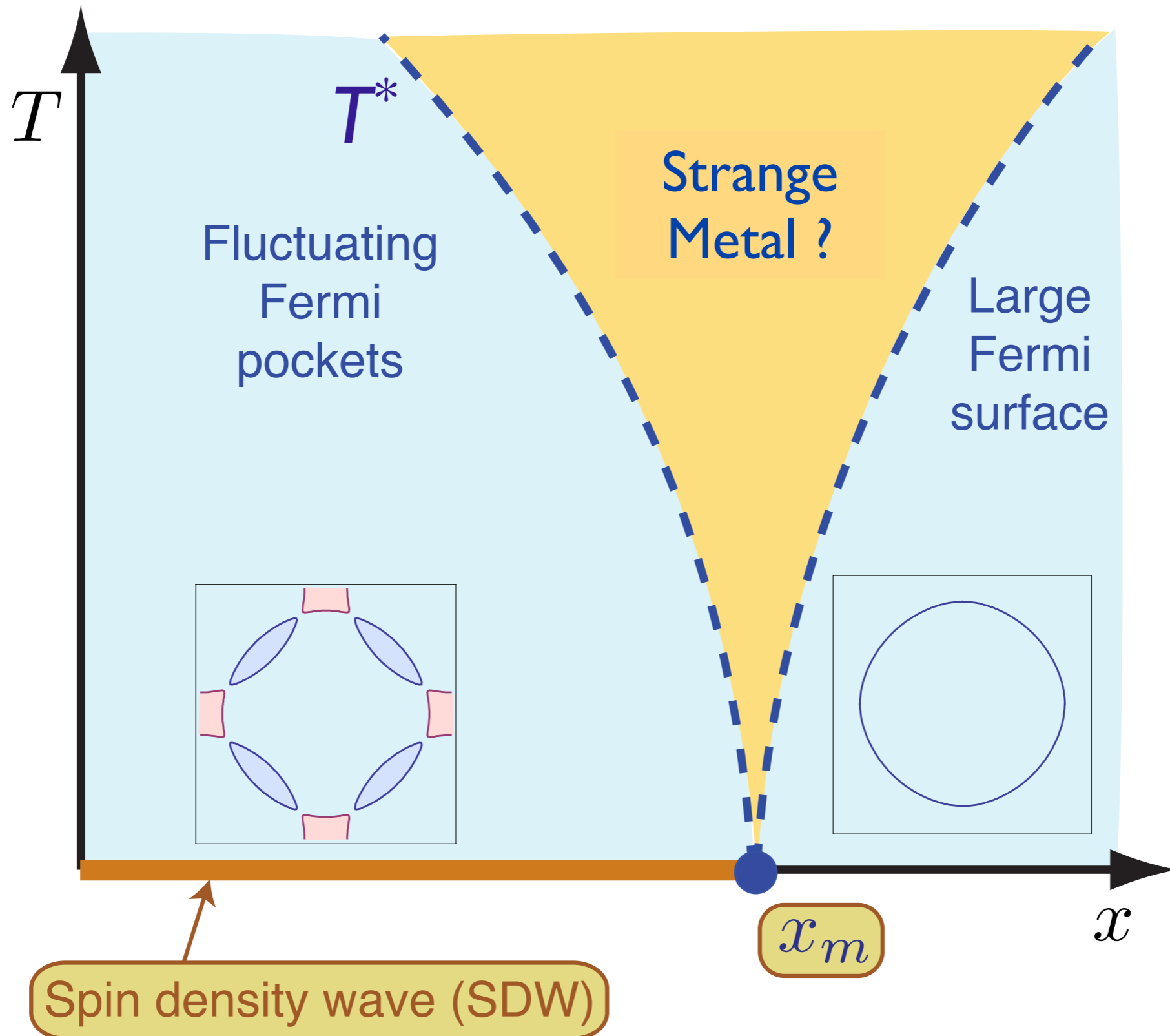
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Pairing by SDW fluctuation exchange

We now allow the SDW field $\vec{\varphi}$ to be dynamical, coupling to electrons as

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

Exchange of a $\vec{\varphi}$ quantum leads to the effective interaction

$$H_{ee} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \gamma, \delta} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha, \beta} V_{\alpha\beta, \gamma\delta}(\mathbf{q}) c_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \beta} c_{\mathbf{p}, \gamma}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}, \delta},$$

where the pairing interaction is

$$V_{\alpha\beta, \gamma\delta}(\mathbf{q}) = \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\gamma\delta} \frac{\chi_0}{\xi^{-2} + (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{K})^2},$$

with $\chi_0 \xi^2$ the SDW susceptibility and ξ the SDW correlation length.

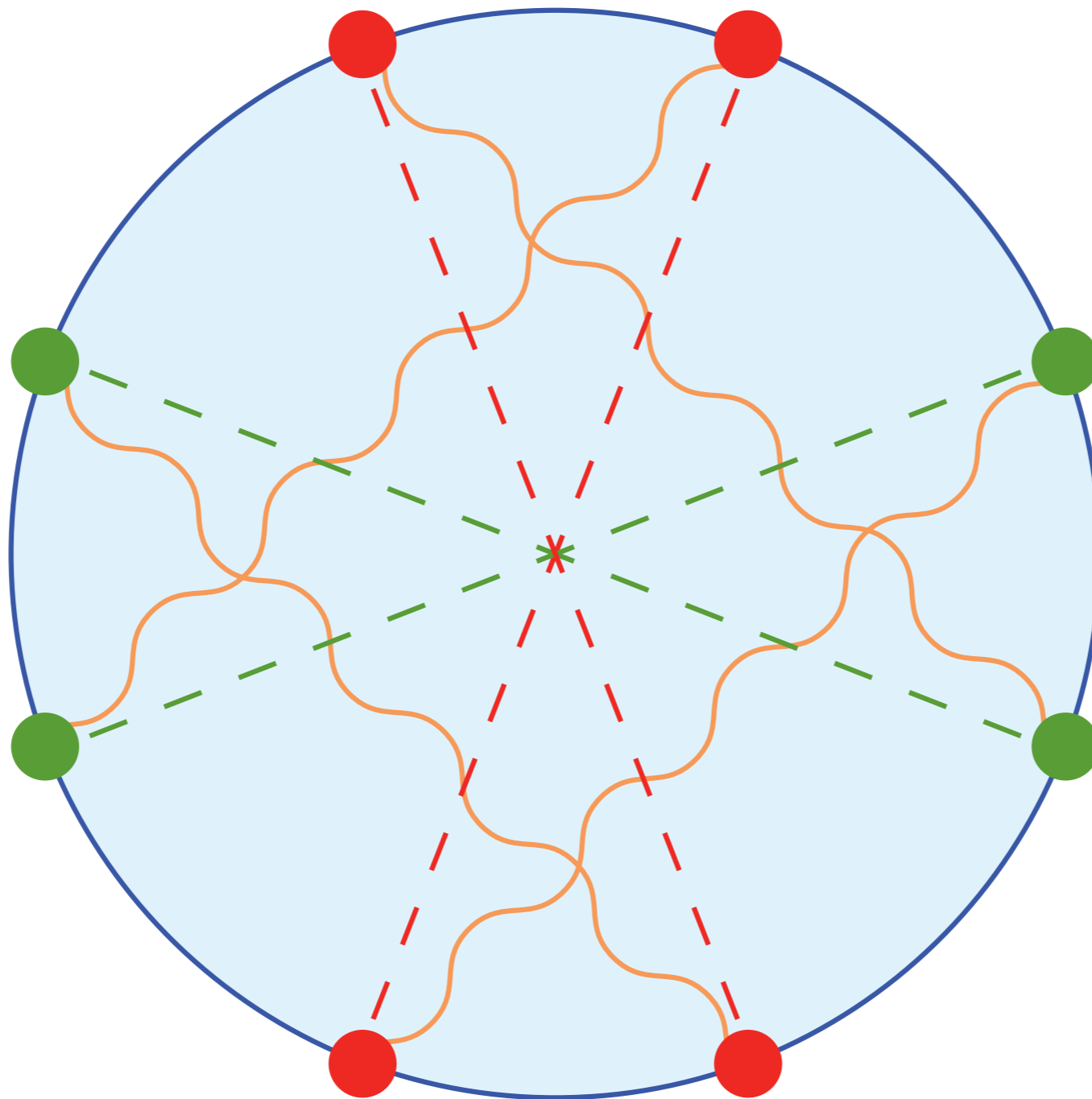
BCS Gap equation

In BCS theory, this interaction leads to the ‘gap equation’ for the pairing gap $\Delta_{\mathbf{k}} \propto \langle c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} c_{-\mathbf{k}\downarrow} \rangle$.

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{k}} = - \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \left(\frac{3\chi_0}{\xi^{-2} + (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{K})^2} \right) \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{p}}}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}}^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{p}}^2}}$$

Non-zero solutions of this equation require that $\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\Delta_{\mathbf{p}}$ have opposite signs when $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k} \approx \mathbf{K}$.

Pairing “glue” from antiferromagnetic fluctuations



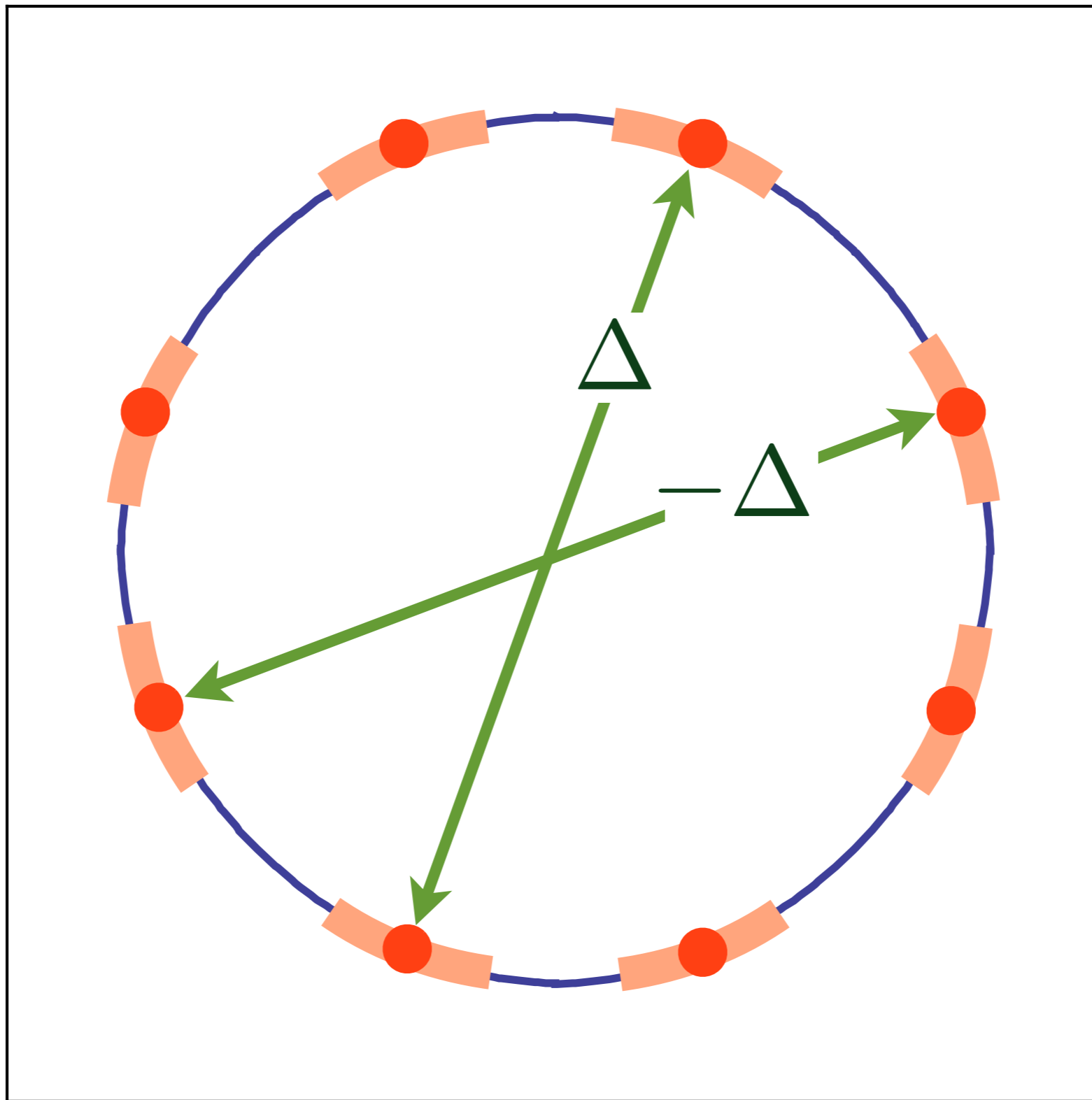
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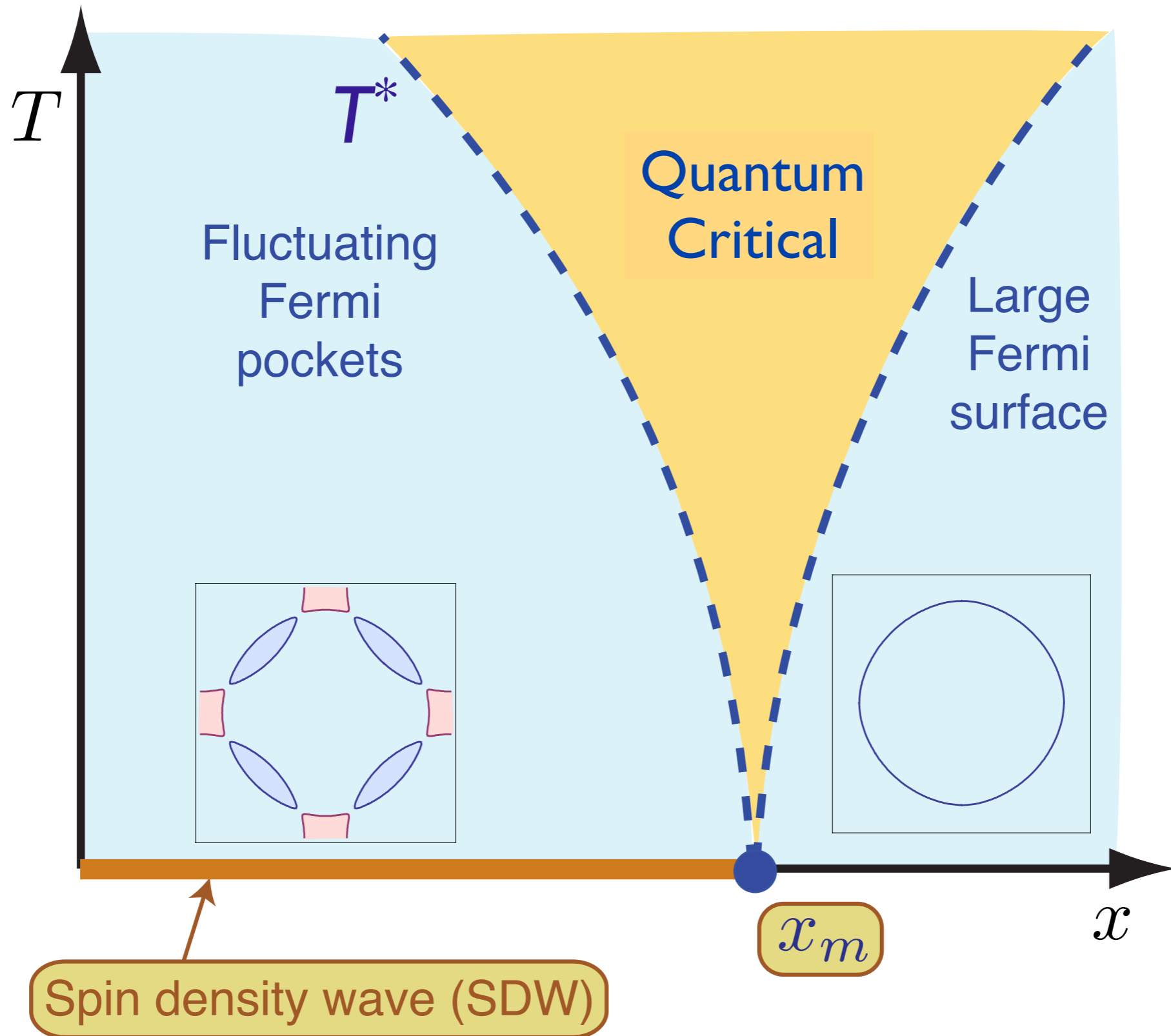
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$$\langle c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}\beta}^\dagger \rangle = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \Delta (\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$$



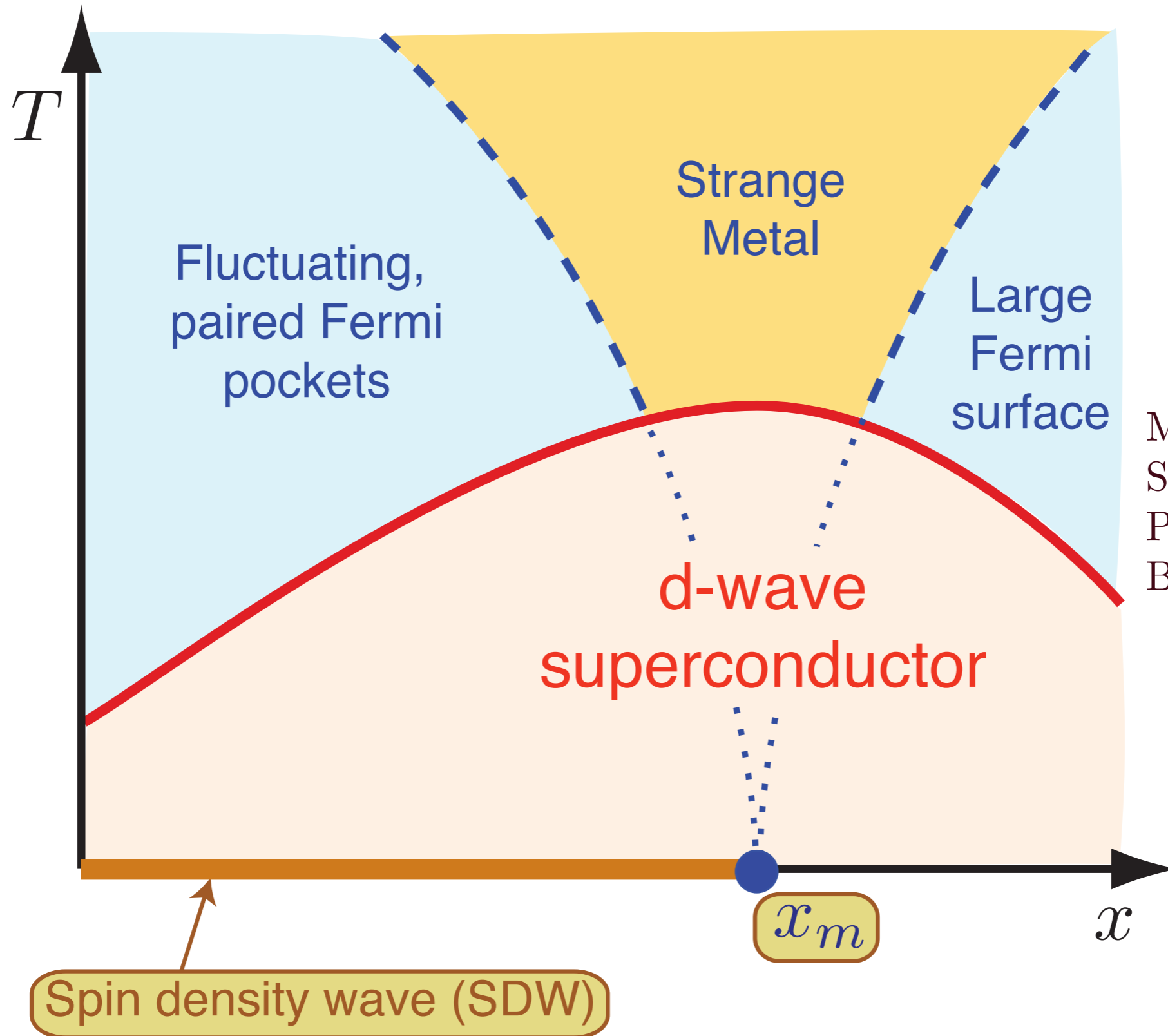
Unconventional pairing at and near hot spots

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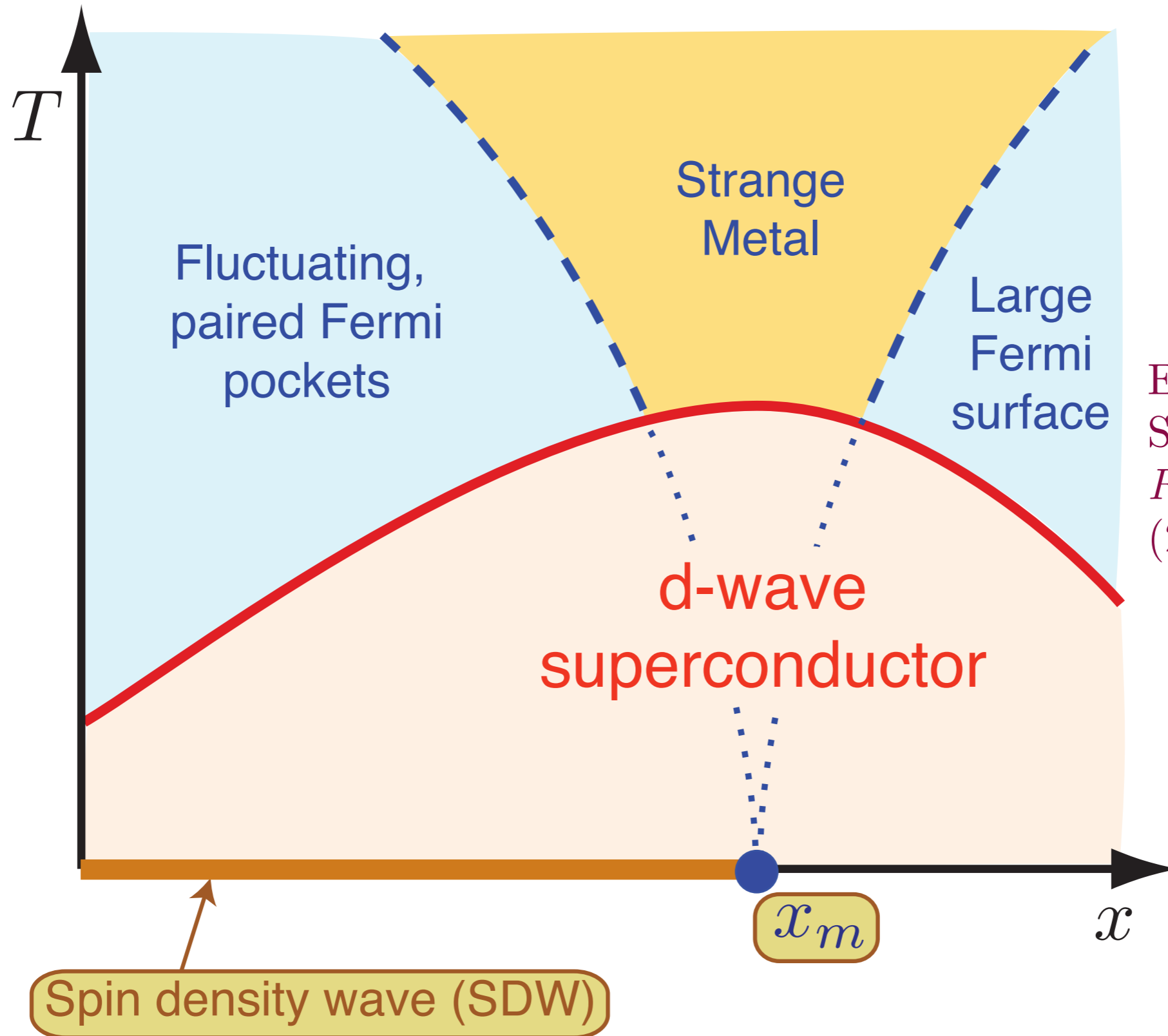
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SDW quantum critical point is unstable to d -wave superconductivity
This instability is stronger than that in the BCS theory

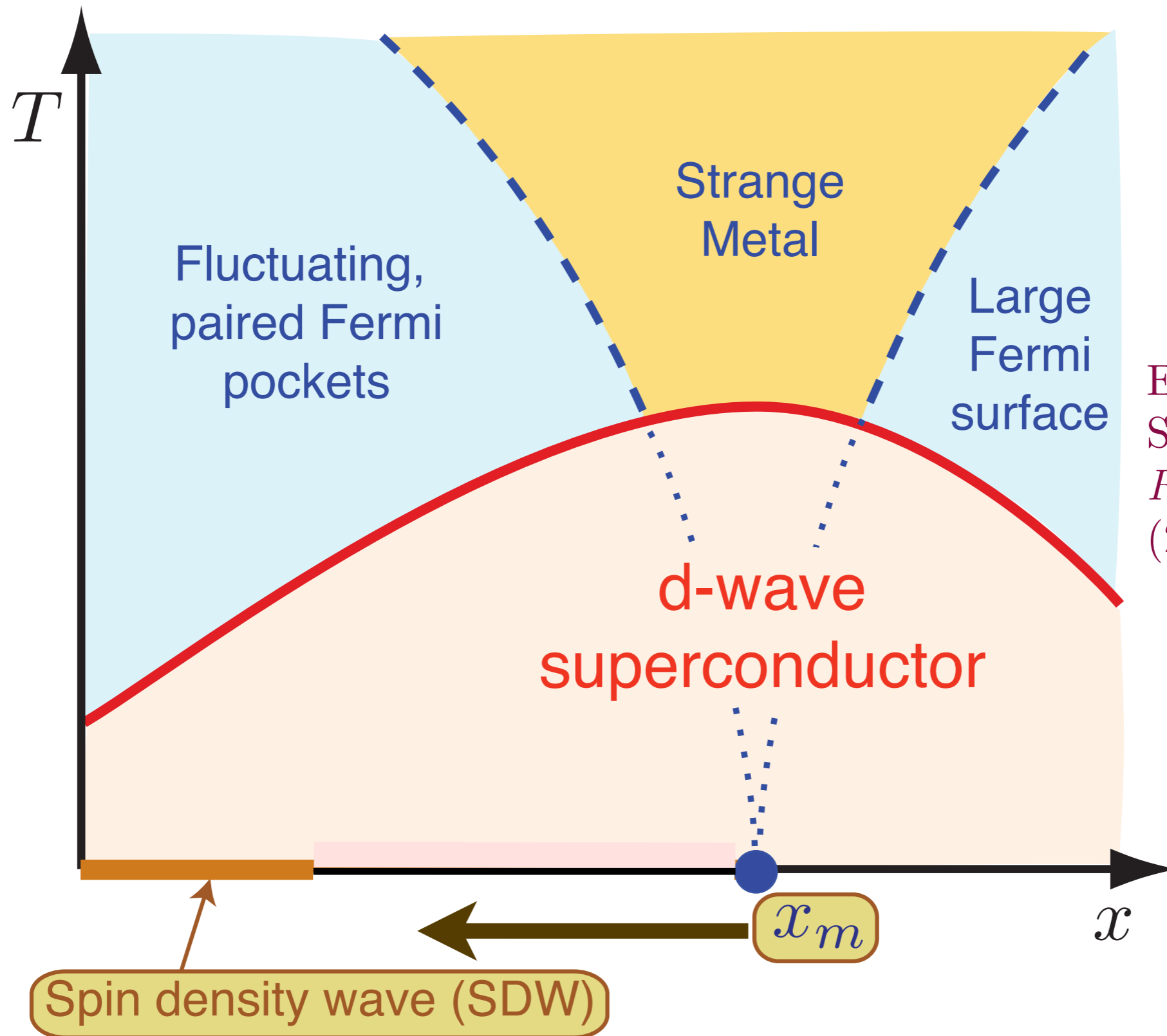
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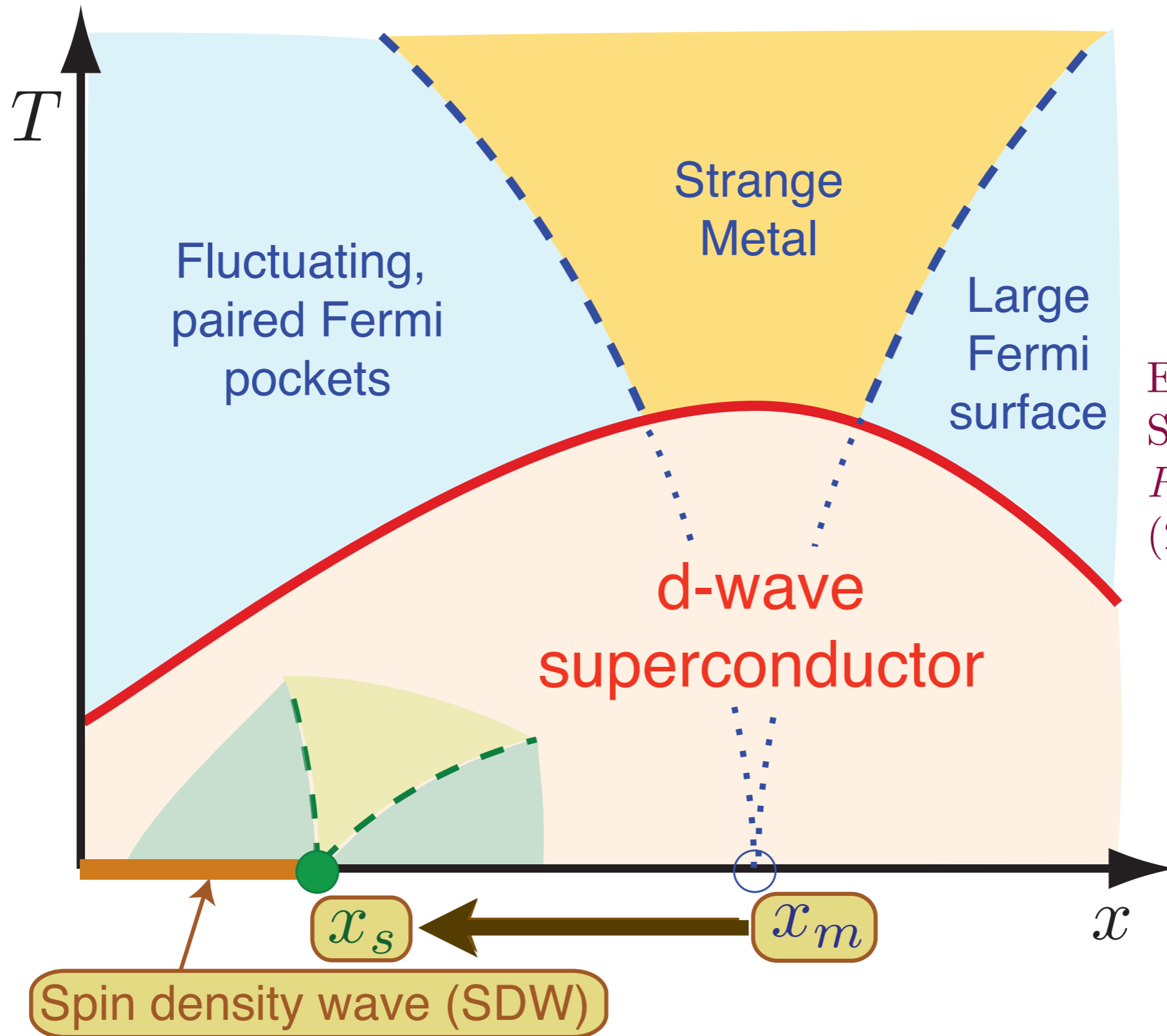
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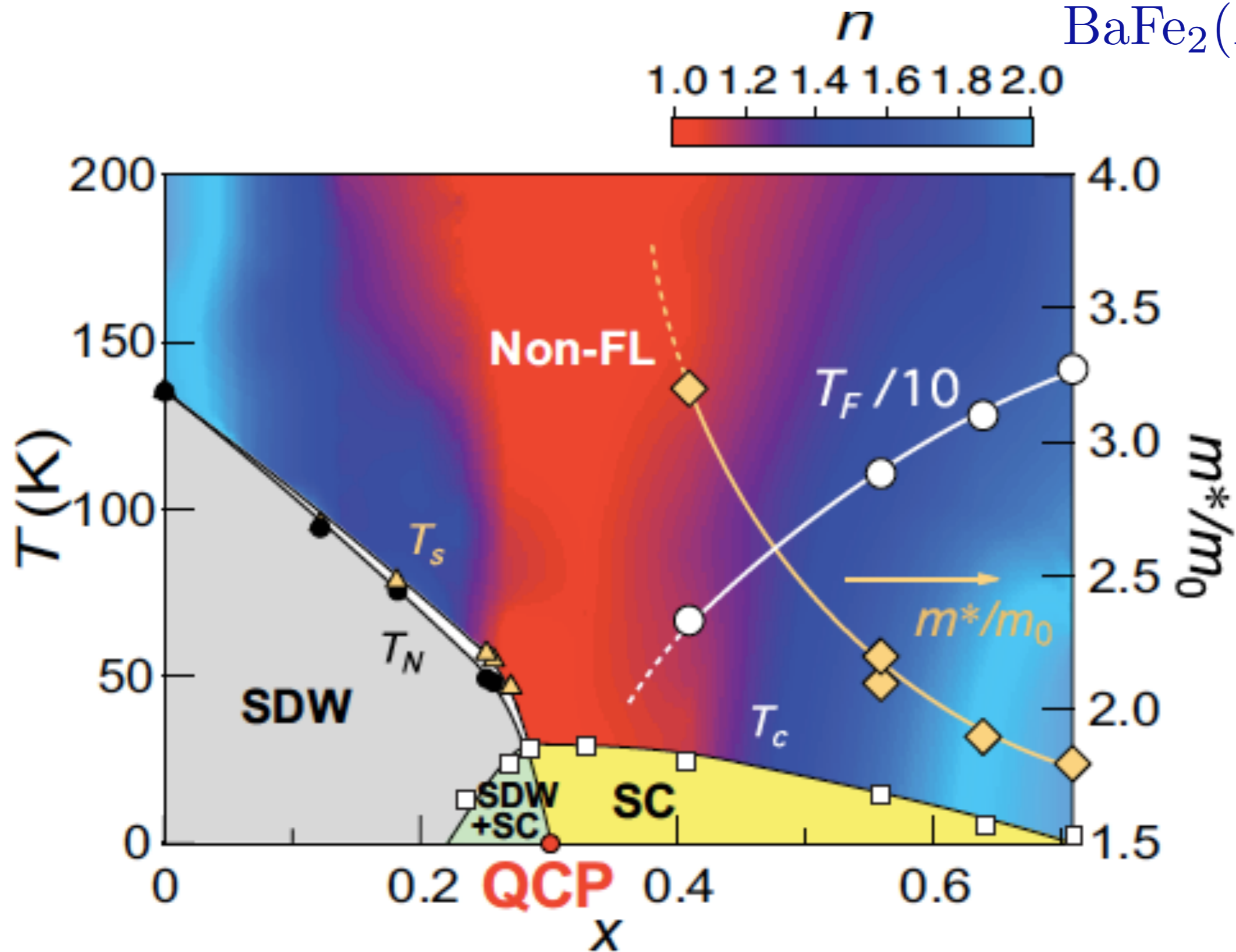
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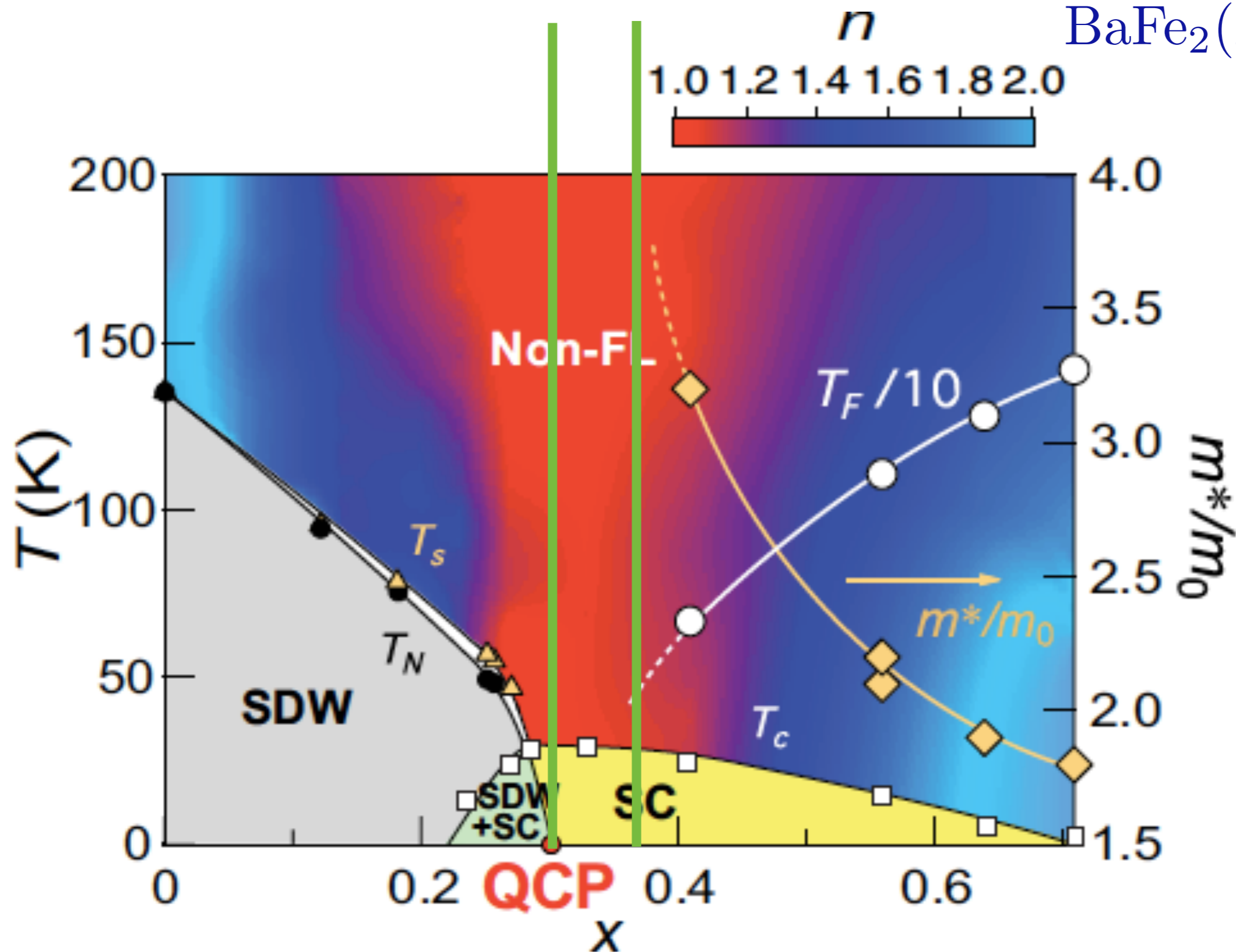


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Notice shift between the position of the QCP in the superconductor, and the divergence in effective mass in the metal measured at high magnetic fields

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- Other instabilities can appear *e.g.* to charge density waves/stripe order.



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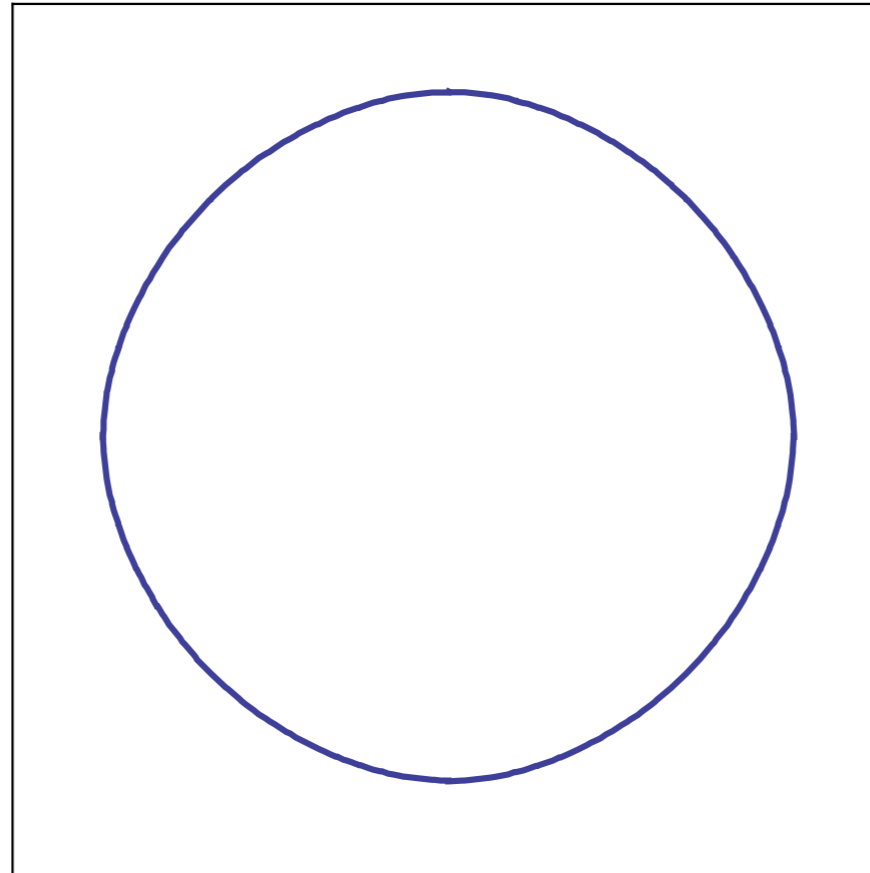
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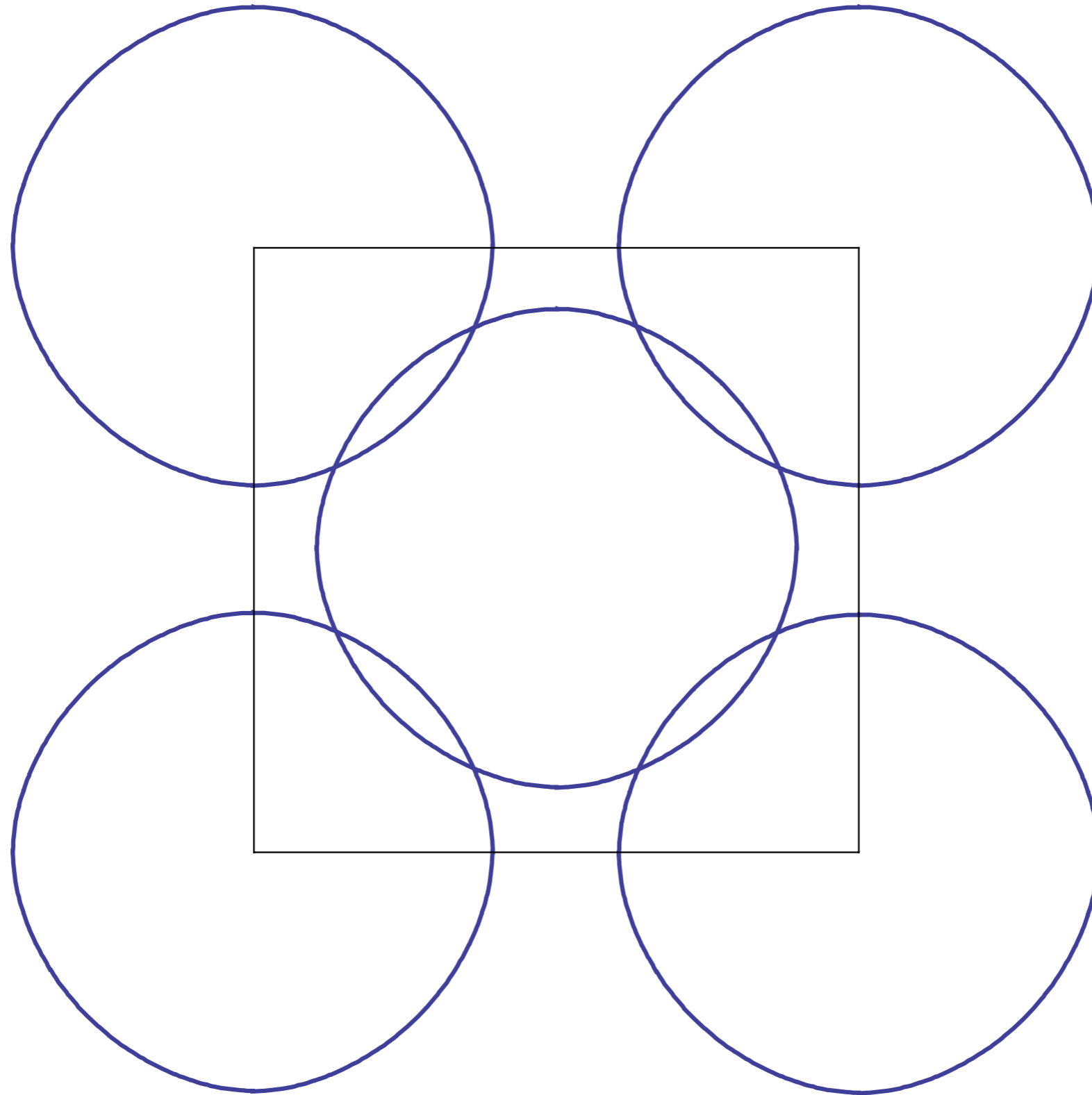
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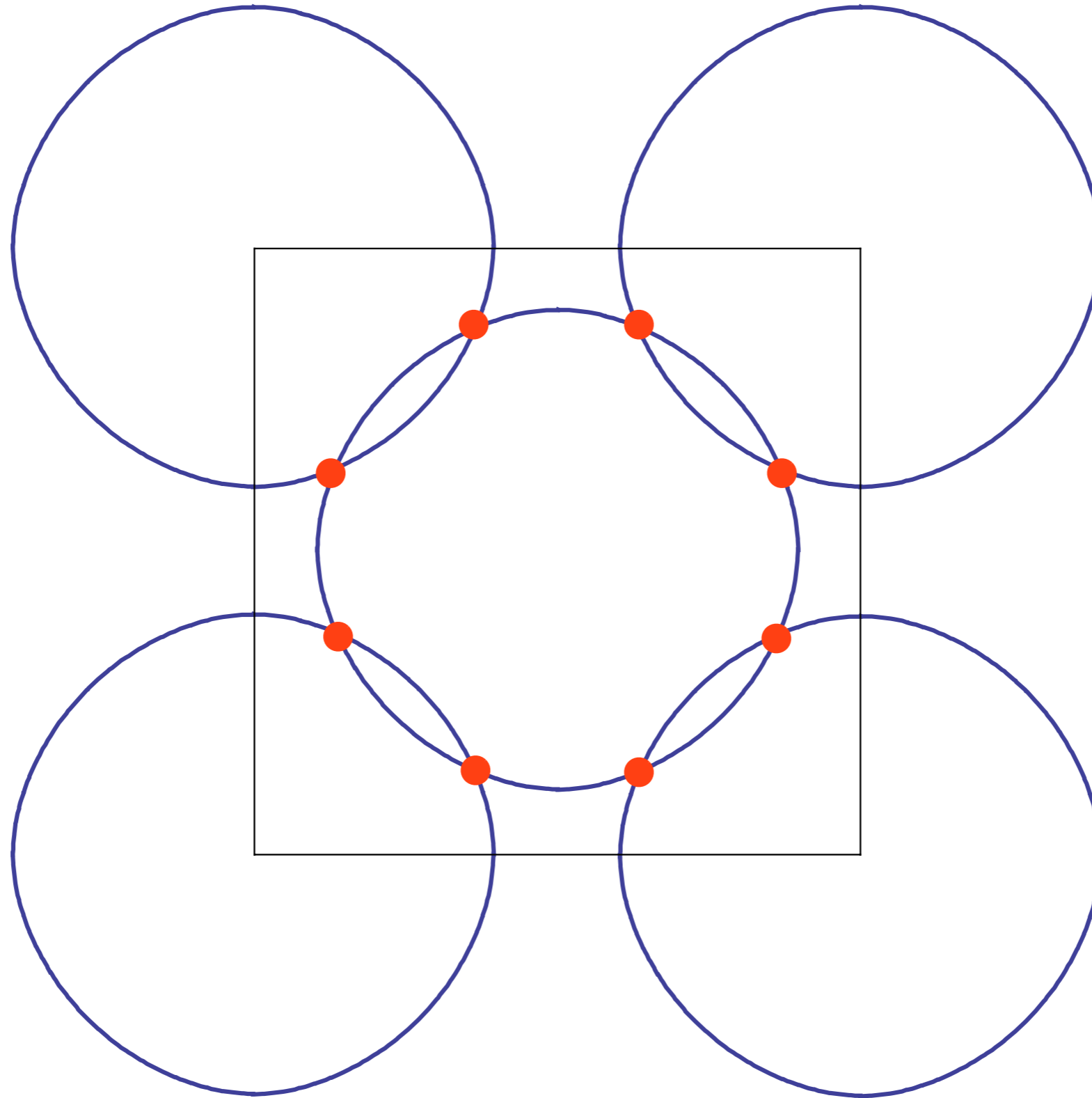
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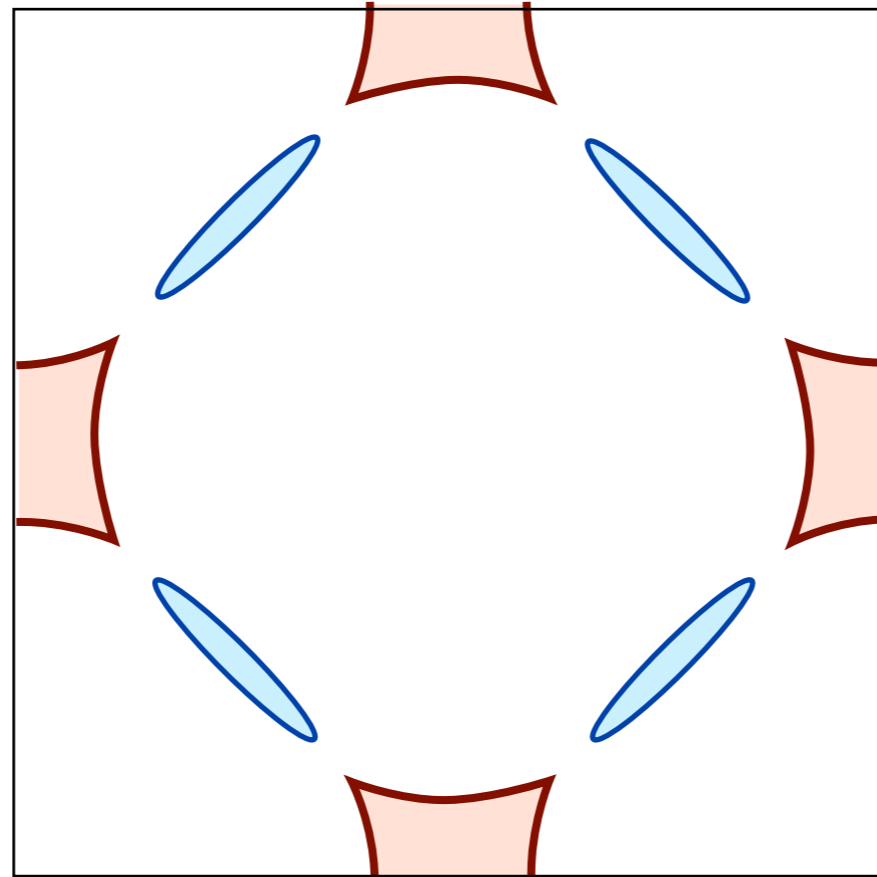
Fermi surfaces translated by $\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi)$.

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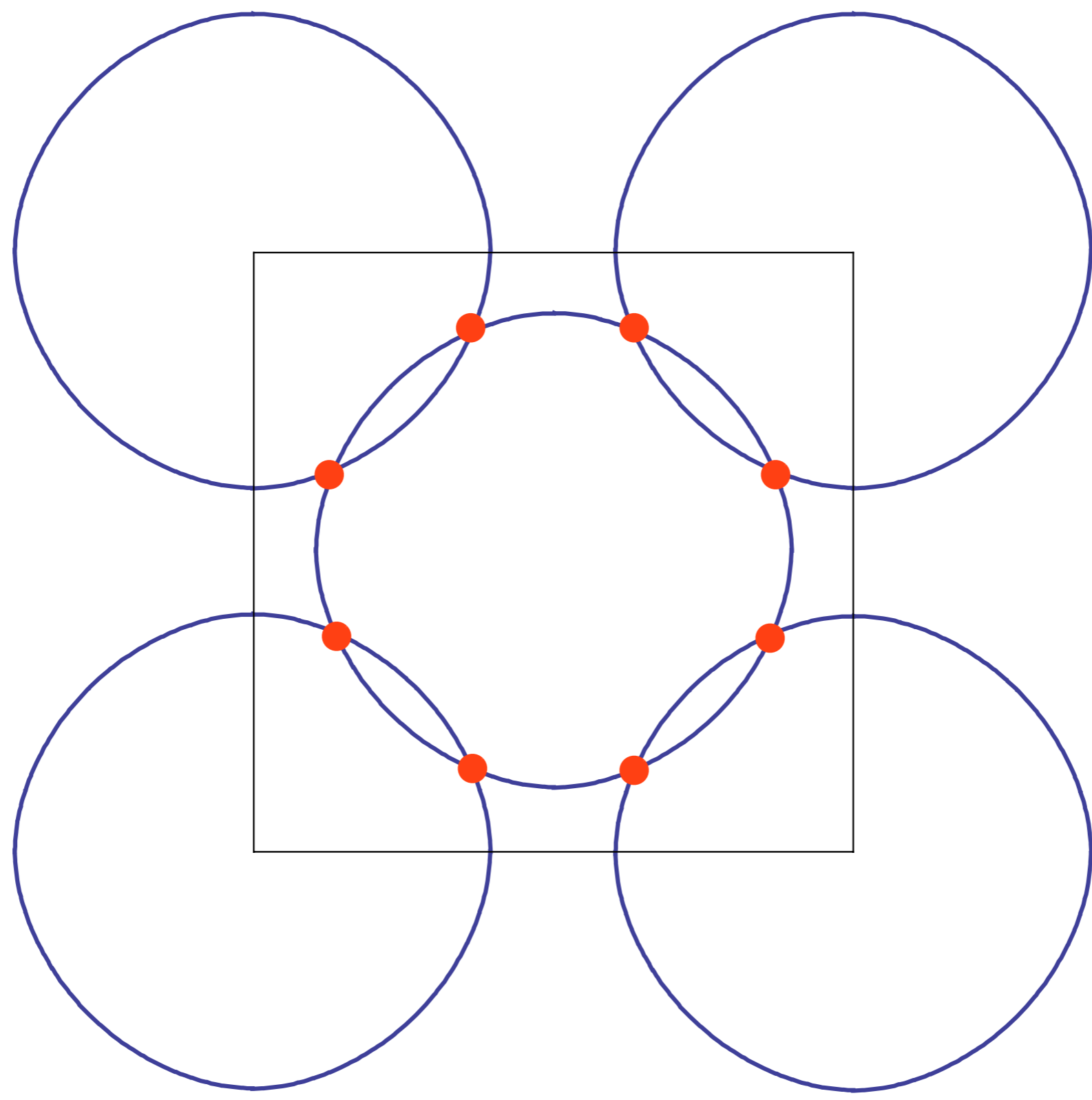


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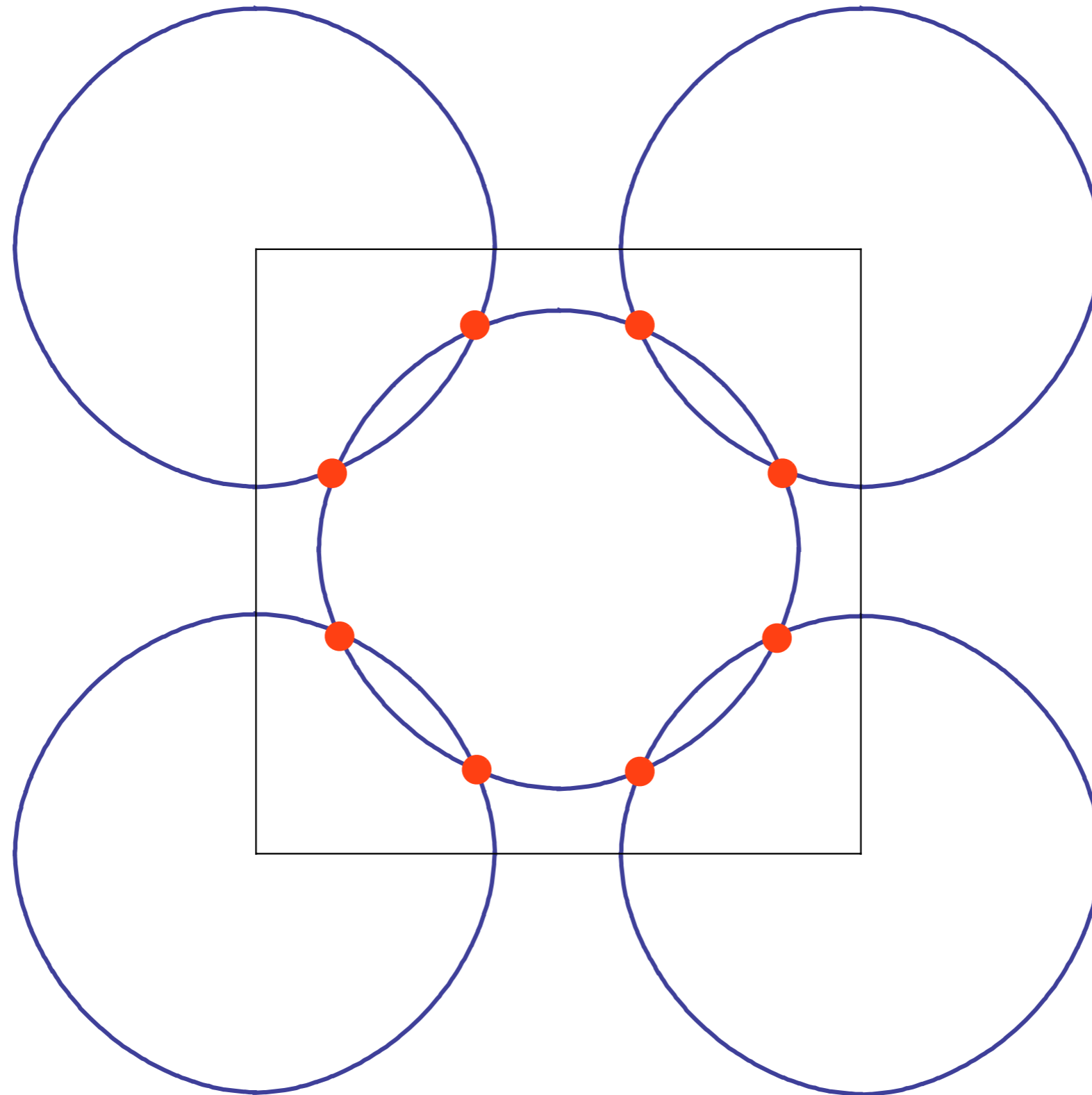
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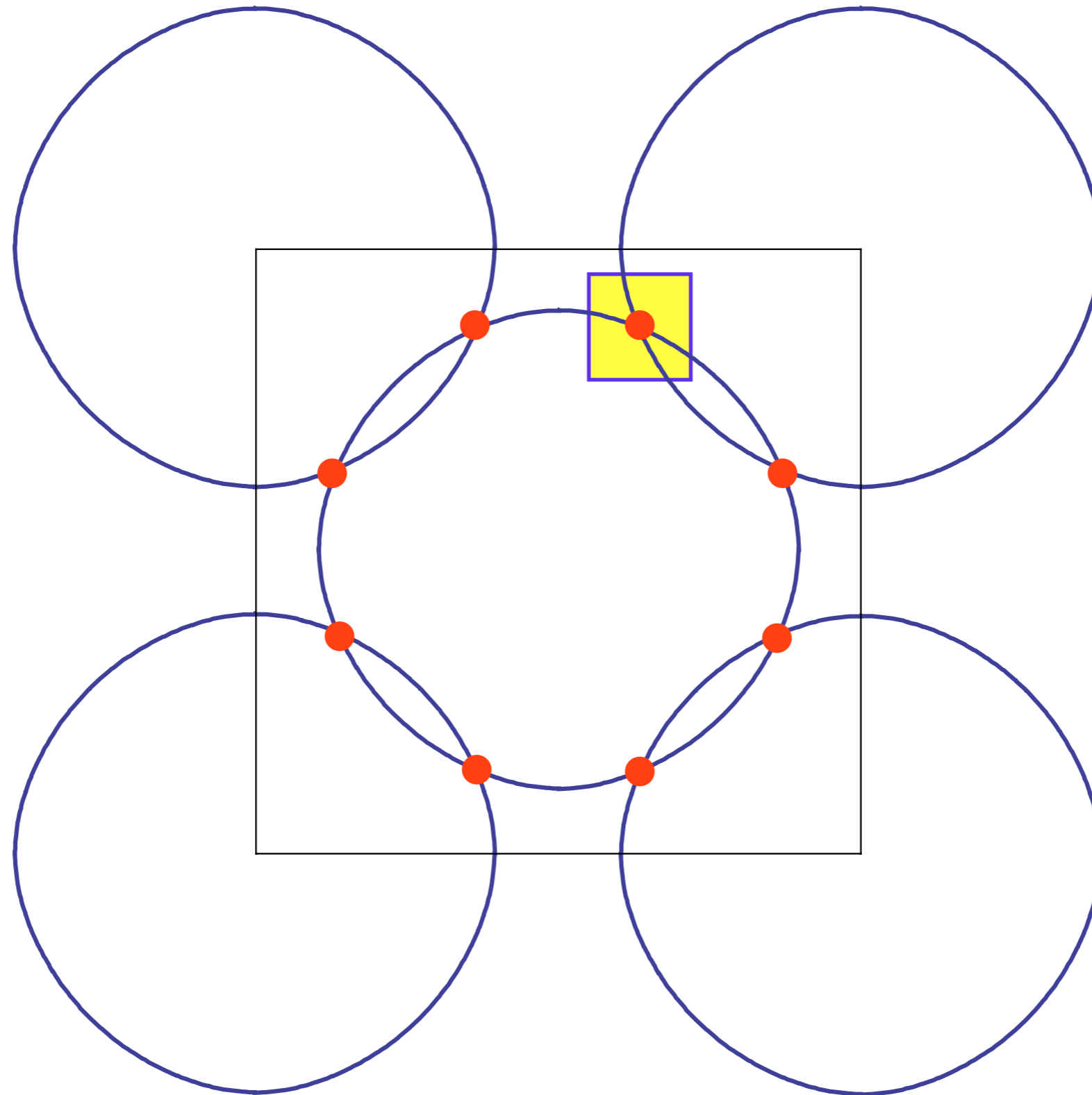
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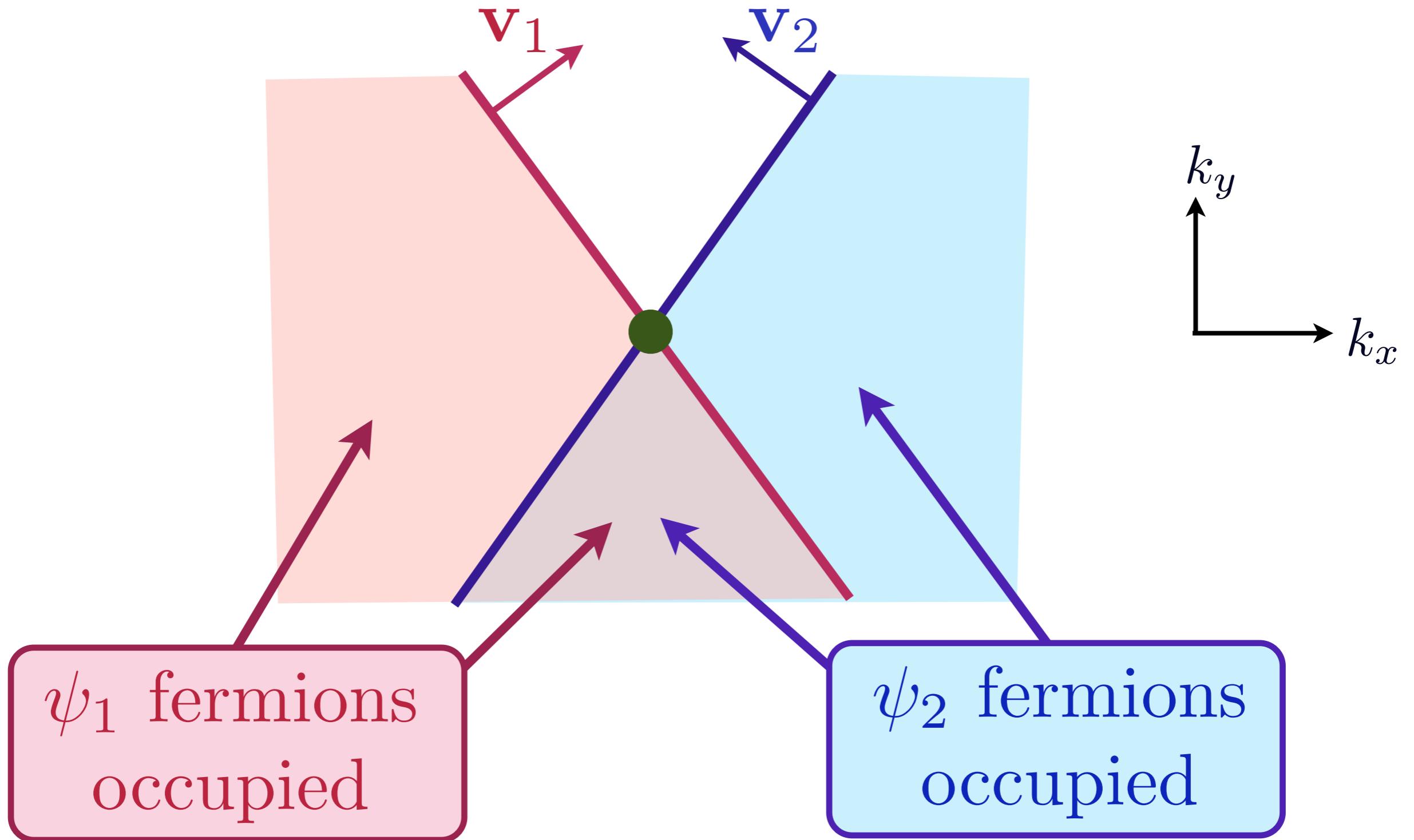


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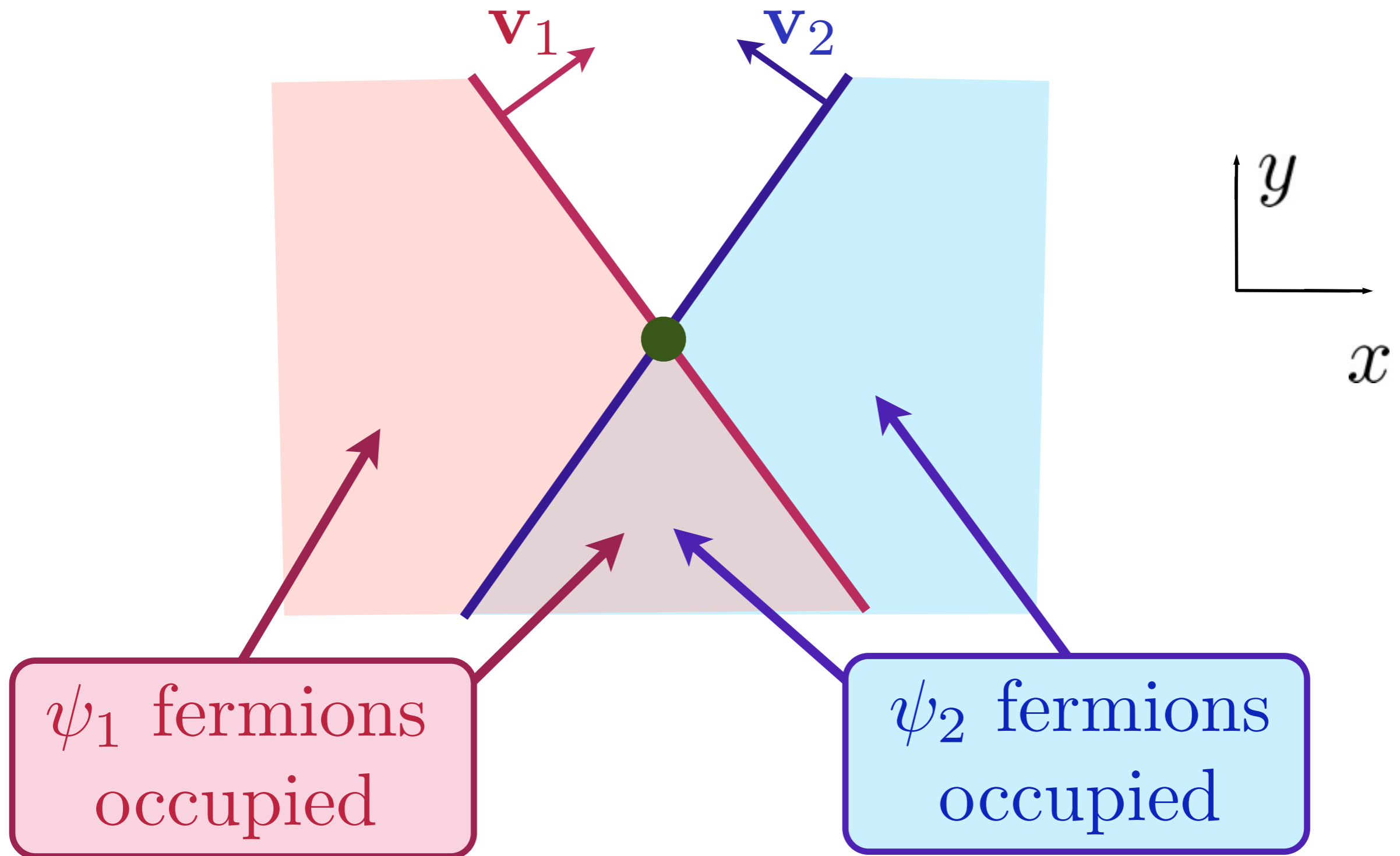


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Theory has fermions $\psi_{1,2}$ (with Fermi velocities $\mathbf{v}_{1,2}$) and boson order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$, interacting with coupling λ

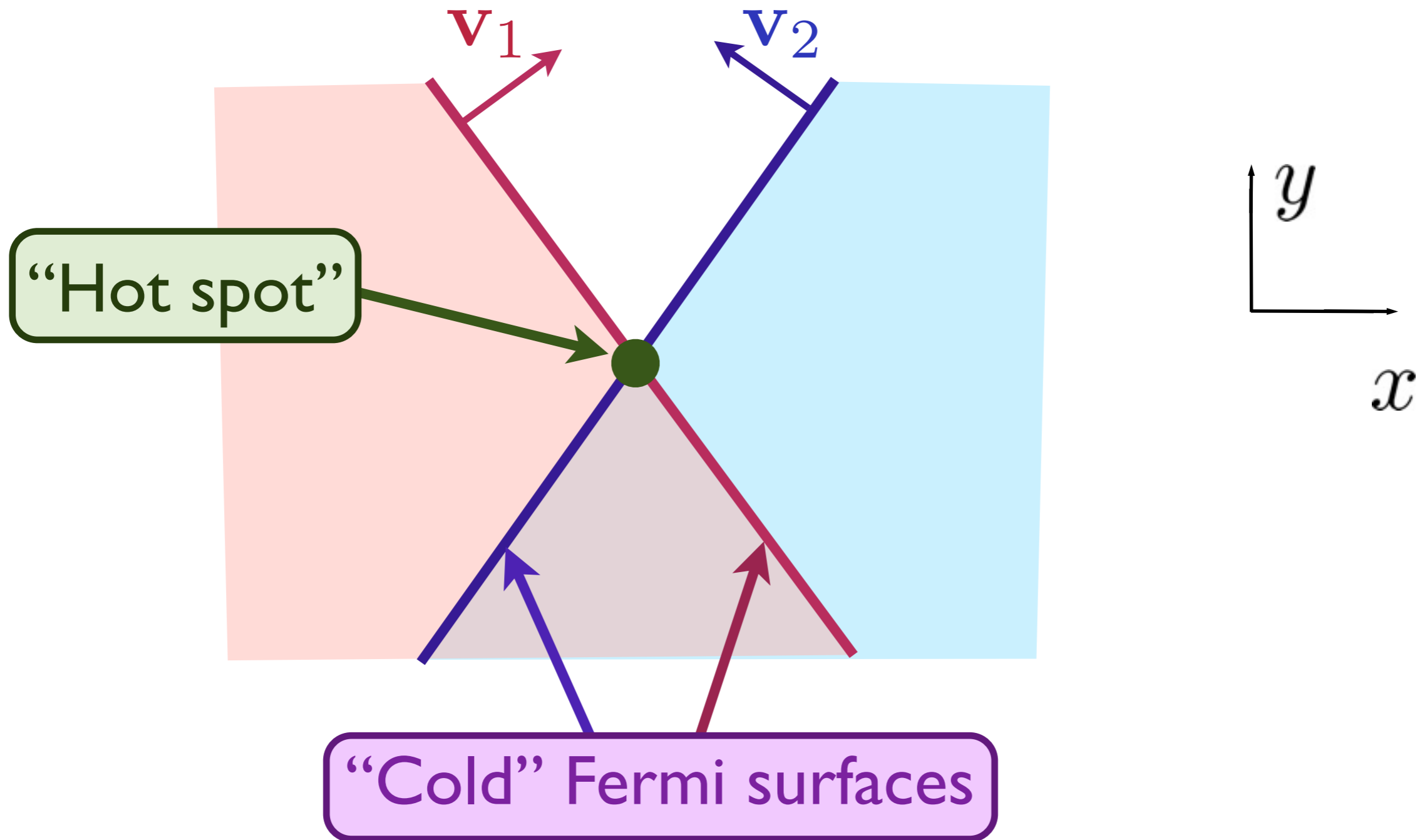


$$\mathcal{L}_f = \psi_{1\alpha}^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau - i\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{1\alpha} + \psi_{2\alpha}^\dagger (\zeta \partial_\tau - i\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \nabla_r) \psi_{2\alpha}$$



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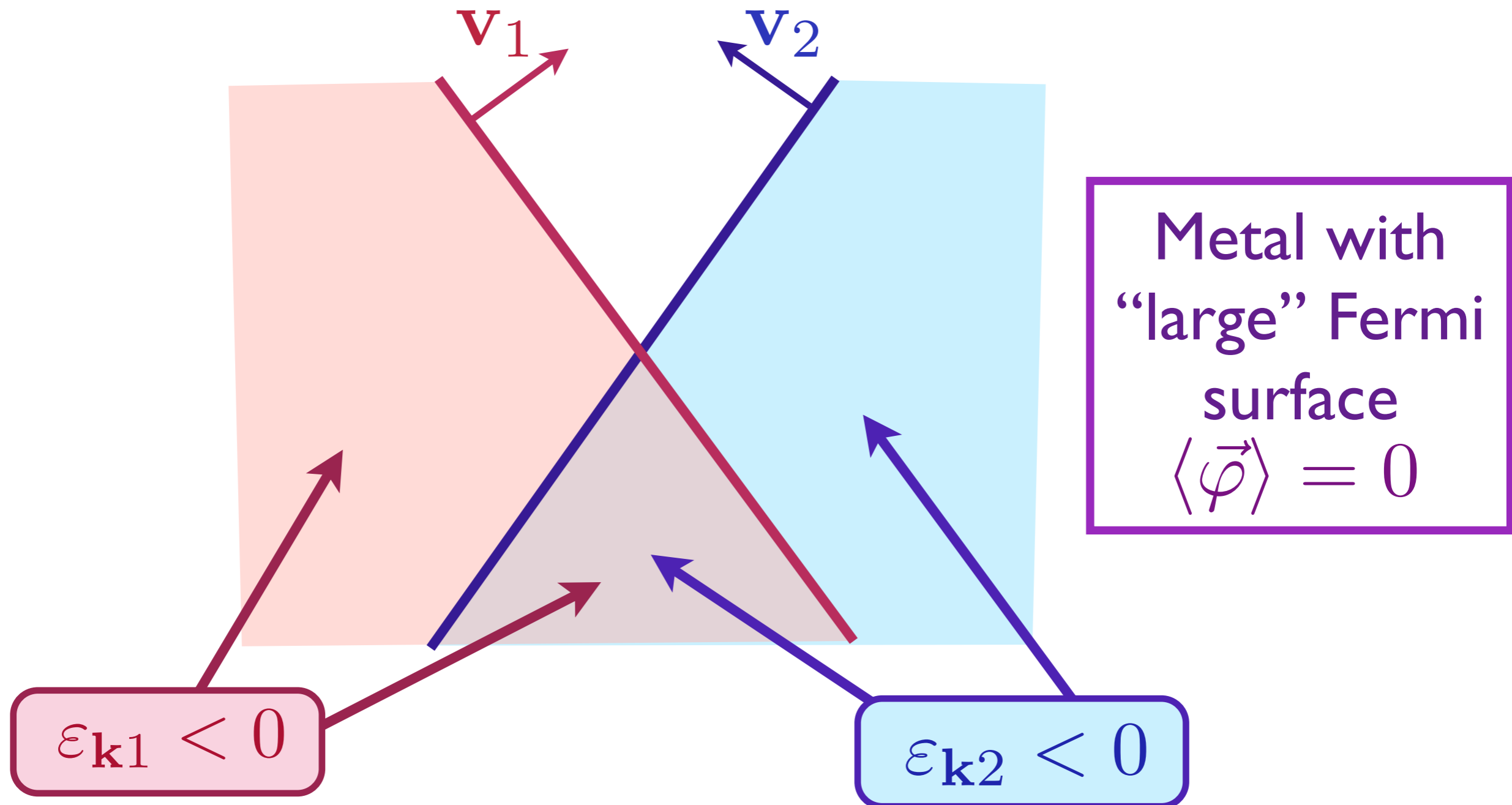
Order parameter: $\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_r \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{\tilde{\zeta}}{2} (\partial_\tau \vec{\varphi})^2 + \frac{s}{2} \vec{\varphi}^2 + \frac{u}{4} \vec{\varphi}^4$

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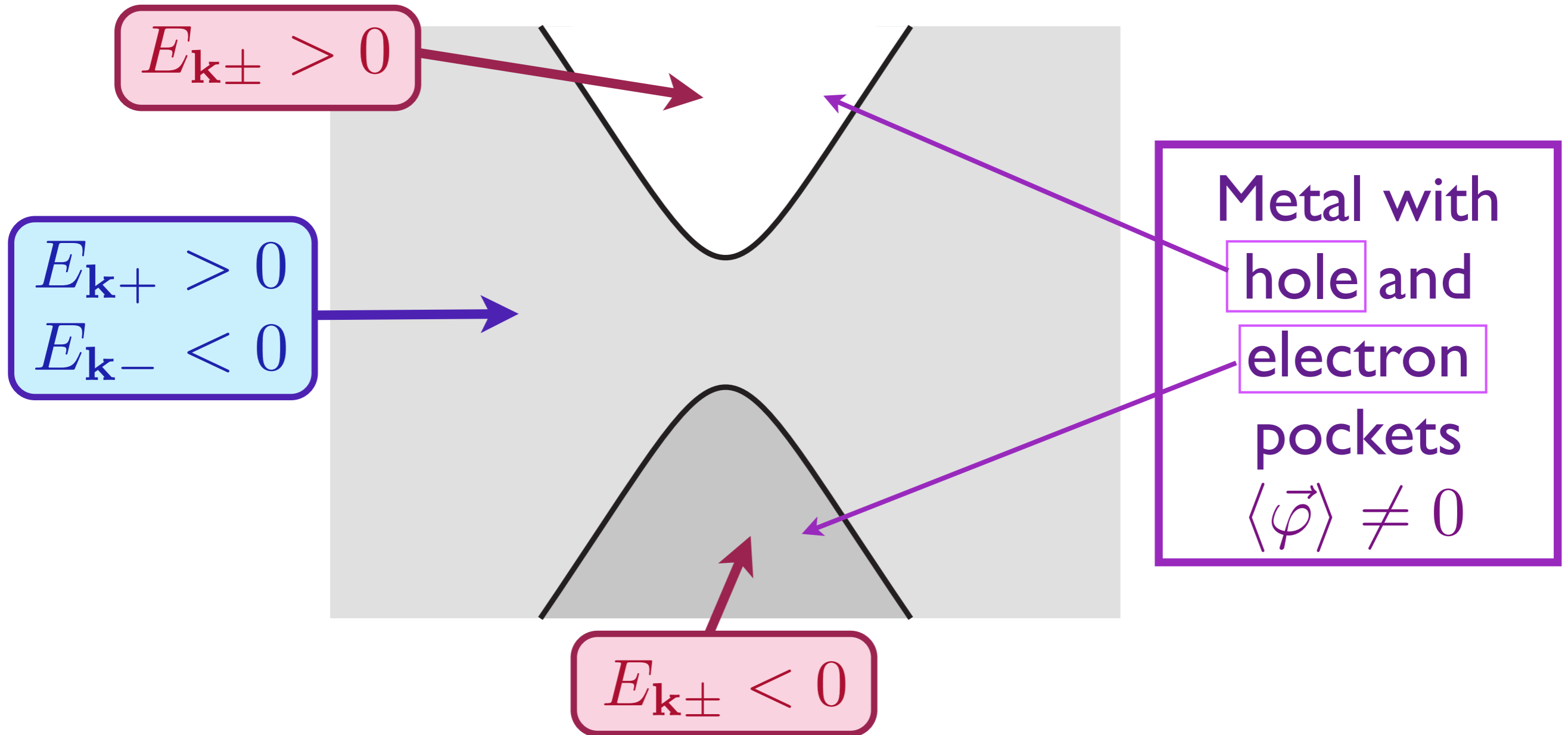
“Yukawa” coupling: $\mathcal{L}_c = -\lambda \vec{\varphi} \cdot \left(\psi_{1\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{2\beta} + \psi_{2\alpha}^\dagger \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{1\beta} \right)$

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Fermion dispersions: $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}1} = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}$ and $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}2} = \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}$

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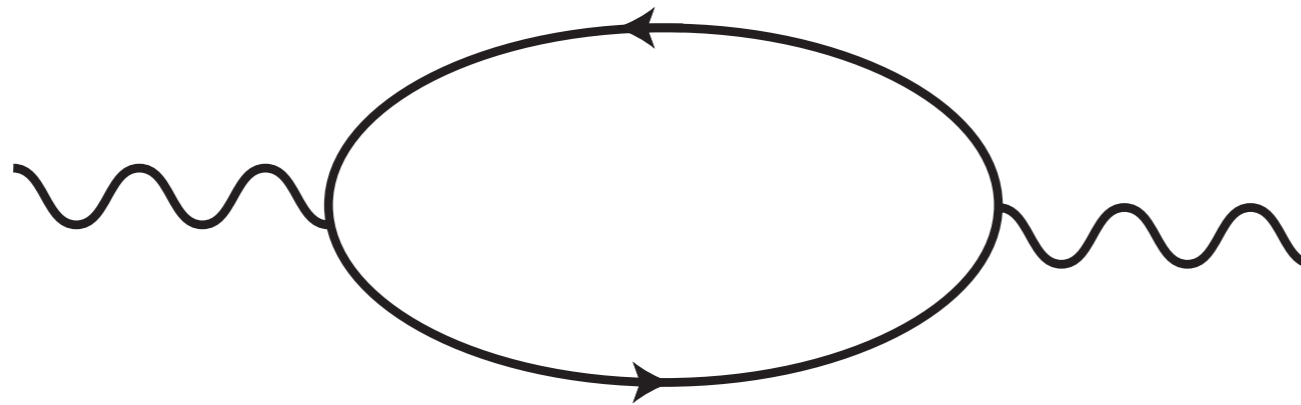


Fermion dispersions:

$$E_{\mathbf{k}\pm} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}1} + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}2}}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}2}}{2} \right)^2 + \lambda^2 |\vec{\varphi}|^2}$$

Hertz action.

Upon integrating the fermions out, the leading term in the $\vec{\varphi}$ effective action is $-\Pi(q, \omega_n) |\vec{\varphi}(q, \omega_n)|^2$, where $\Pi(q, \omega_n)$ is the fermion polarizability. This is given by a simple fermion loop diagram



$$\Pi(q, \omega_n) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d\epsilon_n}{2\pi} \frac{1}{[-i\zeta(\epsilon_n + \omega_n) + \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})][-i\zeta\epsilon_n + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}]} \quad (1)$$

We define oblique co-ordinates $p_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}$ and $p_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}$. It is then clear that the integrand in (1) is independent of the $(d - 2)$ transverse momenta, whose integral yields an overall factor Λ^{d-2} (in $d = 2$ this factor is precisely 1). Also, by shifting the integral

over k_1 we note that the integral is independent of q . So we have

$$\Pi(q, \omega_n) = \frac{\Lambda^{d-2}}{|\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|} \int \frac{dp_1 dp_2 d\epsilon_n}{8\pi^3} \frac{1}{[-i\zeta(\epsilon_n + \omega_n) + p_1][-i\zeta\epsilon_n + p_2]}. \quad (2)$$

Next, we evaluate the frequency integral to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(q, \omega_n) &= \frac{\Lambda^{d-2}}{\zeta |\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|} \int \frac{dp_1 dp_2}{4\pi^2} \frac{[\text{sgn}(p_2) - \text{sgn}(p_1)]}{-i\zeta\omega_n + p_1 - p_2} \\ &= \frac{|\omega_n| \Lambda^{d-2}}{4\pi |\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In the last step, we have dropped a frequency-independent, cutoff-dependent constant which can be absorbed into a redefinition of r . Notice also that the factor of ζ has cancelled.

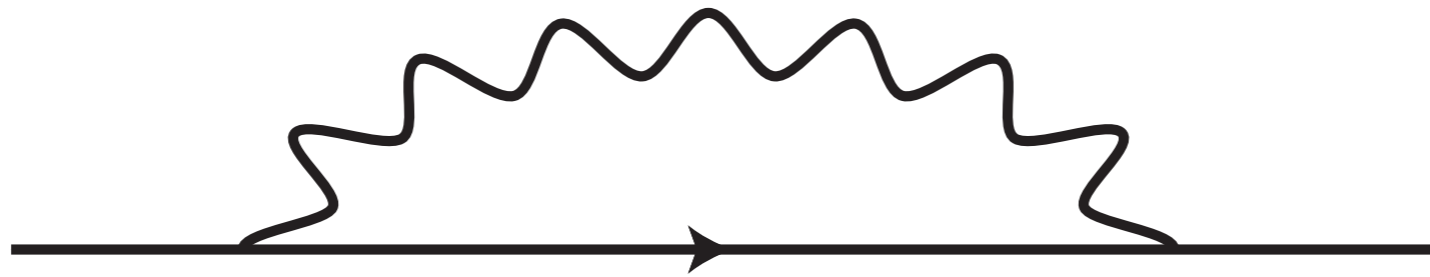
Inserting this fermion polarizability in the effective action for $\vec{\varphi}$, we obtain the Hertz action for the SDW transition:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_H &= \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{1}{2} [k^2 + \gamma|\omega_n| + s] |\vec{\varphi}(k, \omega_n)|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{u}{4} \int d^d x d\tau (\vec{\varphi}^2(x, \tau))^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Exercise: Perform a tree-level RG rescaling on \mathcal{S}_H . Now we rescale co-ordinates as $x' = xe^{-\ell}$ and $\tau' = \tau e^{-z\ell}$. Here z is the dynamic critical exponent. Show that the gradient and non-local terms become invariant for $z = 2$ (previous theories considered here had $z = 1$). Then show that the transformation of the quartic term is $u' = ue^{(2-d)\ell}$. This led Hertz to conclude that the SDW quantum critical point was described by a Gaussian theory for the SDW order parameter in $d \geq 2$.

Fate of the fermions.

Let us, for now, assume the validity of the Hertz Gaussian action, and compute the leading correction to the electronic Green's function. This is given by the following Feynman graph for the electron self energy, Σ . At zero momentum for the ψ_1 fermion we have



$$\Sigma_1(0, \omega_n) = \lambda^2 \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d\epsilon_n}{2\pi} \frac{1}{[q^2 + \gamma|\epsilon_n|] [-i\zeta(\epsilon_n + \omega_n) + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}]}. \quad (5)$$

We first perform the integral over the \mathbf{q} direction parallel to \mathbf{v}_2 , while ignoring the subdominant dependence on this momentum in the boson propagator. The dependence on ζ immediately

disappears, and we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_1(0, \omega_n) &= i \frac{\lambda^2}{|v_2|} \int \frac{d^{d-1}q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \int \frac{d\epsilon_n}{2\pi} \frac{\text{sgn}(\epsilon_n + \omega_n)}{|q|^2 + \gamma|\epsilon_n|} \\ &= i \frac{\lambda^2}{\pi|v_2|\gamma} \text{sgn}(\omega_n) \int \frac{d^{d-1}q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \ln \left(\frac{|q|^2 + \gamma|\omega_n|}{|q|^2} \right). \quad (6)\end{aligned}$$

Evaluation of the q integral shows that

$$\Sigma_1(0, \omega_n) \sim |\omega_n|^{(d-1)/2} \quad (7)$$

The most important case is $d = 2$, where we have

$$\Sigma_1(0, \omega_n) = i \frac{\lambda^2}{\pi|v_2|\sqrt{\gamma}} \text{sgn}(\omega_n) \sqrt{|\omega_n|} \quad , \quad d = 2. \quad (8)$$

Strong coupling physics in $d = 2$

The theory so far has the boson propagator

$$\sim \frac{1}{q^2 + \gamma|\omega|}$$

which scales with dynamic exponent $z_b = 2$, and now a fermion propagator

$$\sim \frac{1}{-i\zeta\omega + c_1|\omega|^{(d-1)/2} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}}.$$

First note that for $d < 3$, the bare $-i\zeta\omega$ term is less important than the contribution from the self energy at low frequencies. This indicates that ζ is *irrelevant* in the critical theory, and we can set $\zeta \rightarrow 0$. Fortunately, all the loop diagrams evaluated so far are independent of ζ .

Setting $\zeta = 0$, we see that the fermion propagator scales with dynamic exponent $z_f = 2/(d - 1)$. For $d > 2$, $z_f < z_b$, and so at small momenta the boson fluctuations have lower energy than the fermion fluctuations. Thus it seems reasonable to assume that the

fermion fluctuations are not as singular, and we can focus on an effective theory of the SDW order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$ alone. In other words, the Hertz assumptions appear valid for $d > 2$.

However, in $d = 2$, we have $z_f = z_b = 2$. Thus fermionic and bosonic fluctuations are equally important, and it is not appropriate to integrate the fermions out at an initial stage. We have to return to the original theory of coupled bosons and fermions. This turns out to be strongly coupled, and exhibits complex critical behavior. For more details, see

M. A. Metlitski and S. Sachdev, arXiv:1005.1288 (Physical Review B **82**, 075127 (2010)).

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Perform RG on both fermions and $\vec{\varphi}$,
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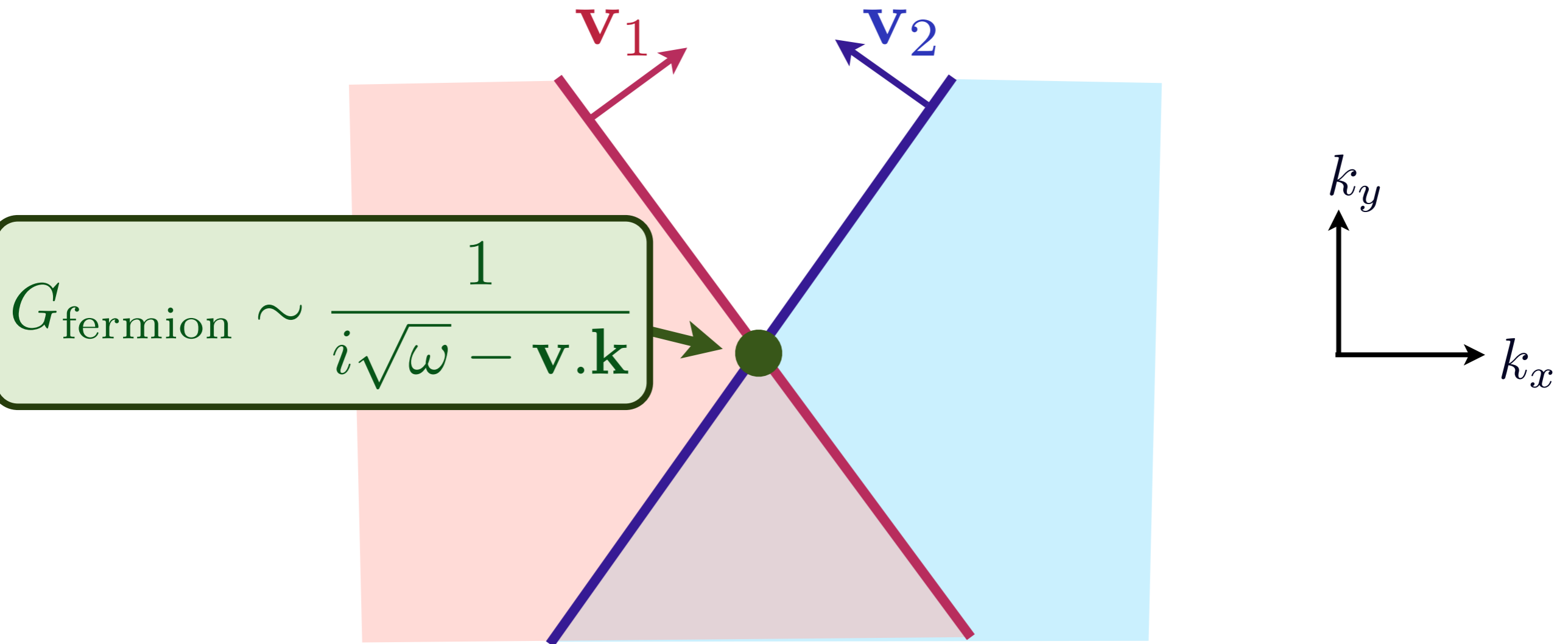
$$\vec{\varphi}' = e^{(d+z-2)\ell/2} \vec{\varphi} \quad ; \quad \psi' = e^{(d+z-1)\ell/2} \psi.$$

Then the Yukawa coupling transforms as

$$\lambda' = e^{(4-d-z)\ell/2} \lambda$$

For $d = 2$, with $z = 2$ the bare time-derivative terms ζ , $\tilde{\zeta}$ are irrelevant, but the Yukawa coupling is invariant. Thus we have to work at fixed $\lambda = 1$, and cannot expand in powers of λ : critical theory is *strongly coupled*.

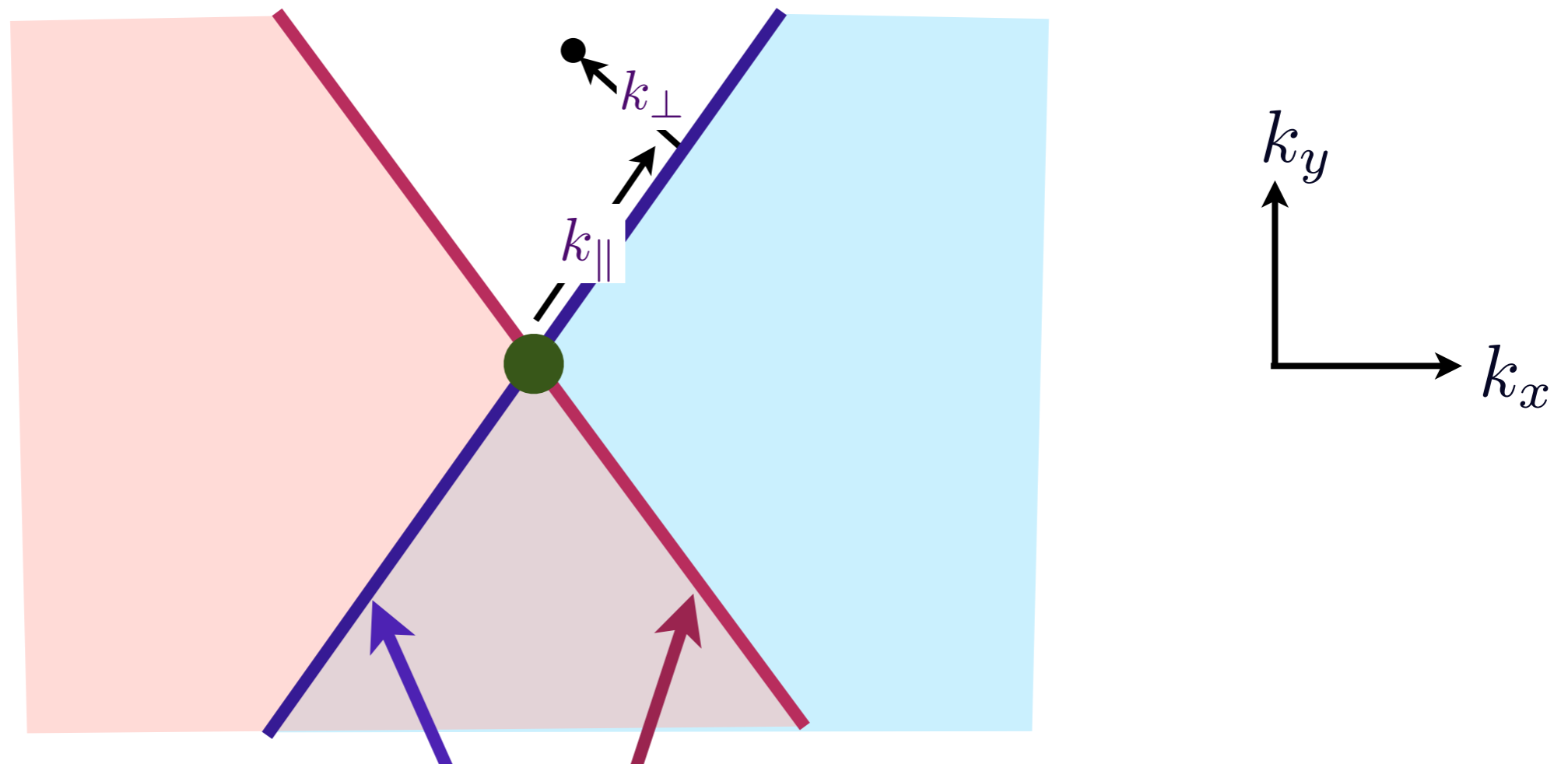
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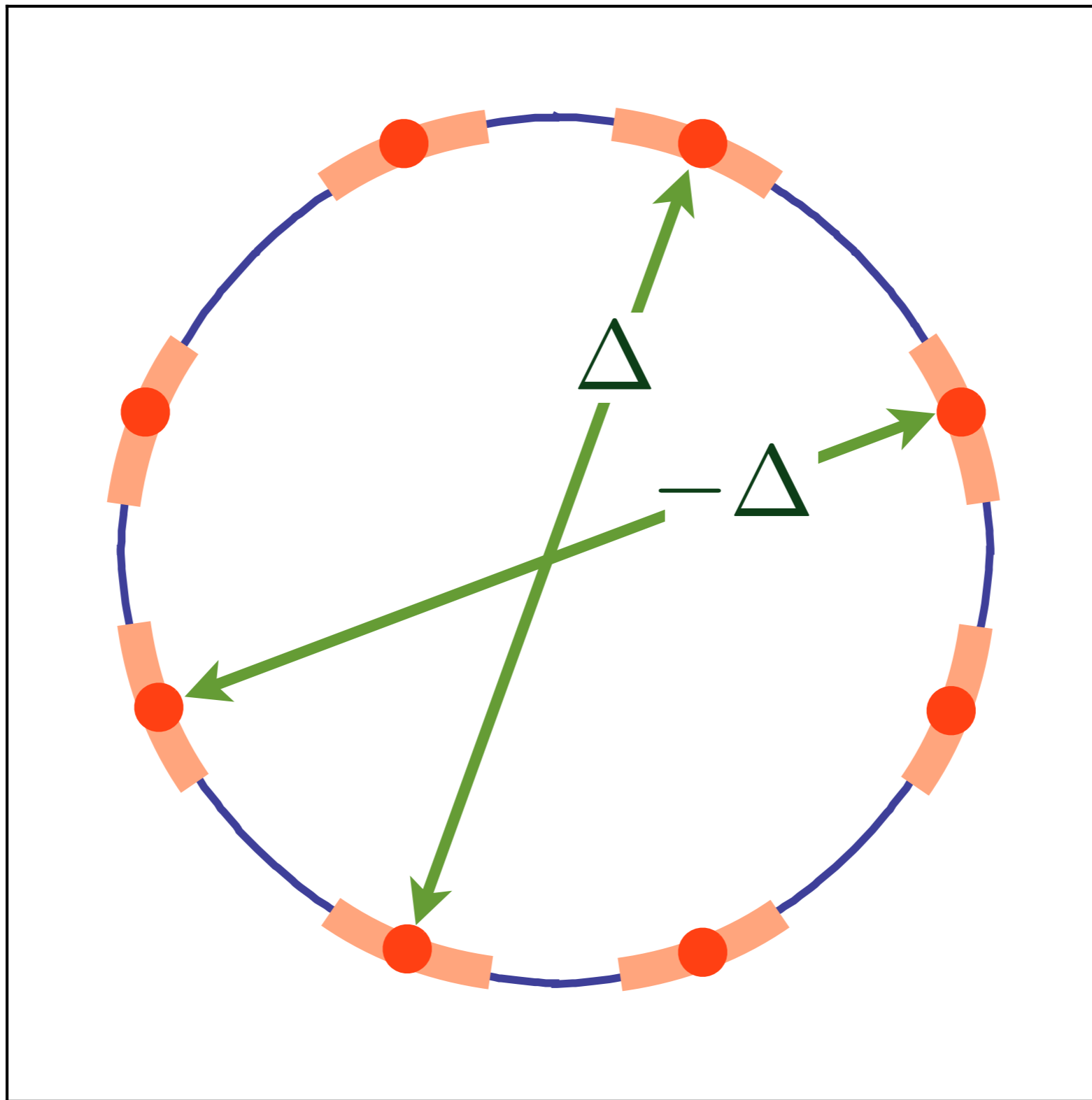
Then the Lagrangian is invariant under the $SU(2)$ transformation U with

$$\Psi_1 \rightarrow U \Psi_1, \quad \Psi_2 \rightarrow U \Psi_2$$

Note that U can be chosen *independently* at the 4 pairs of hotspots.

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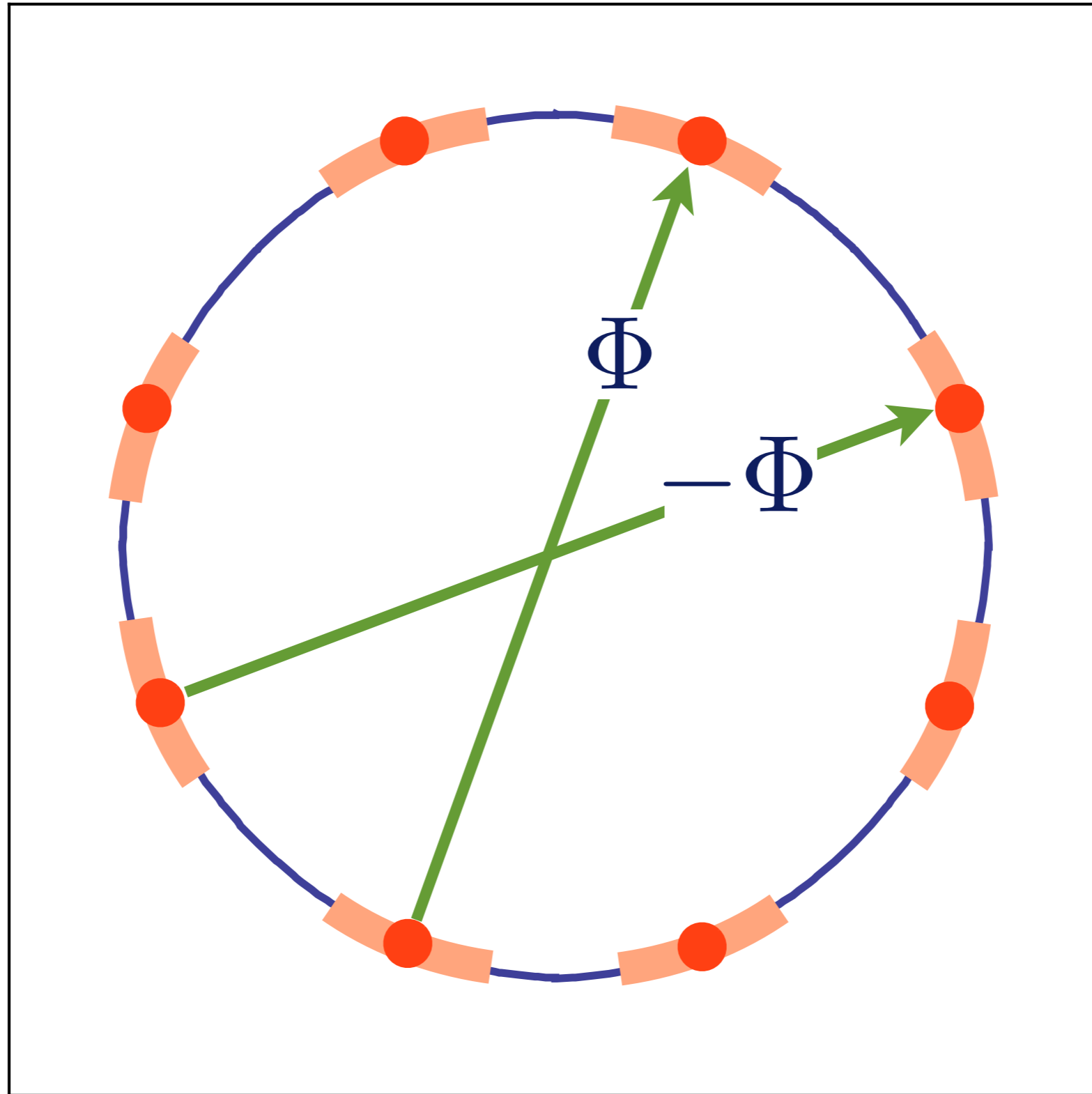
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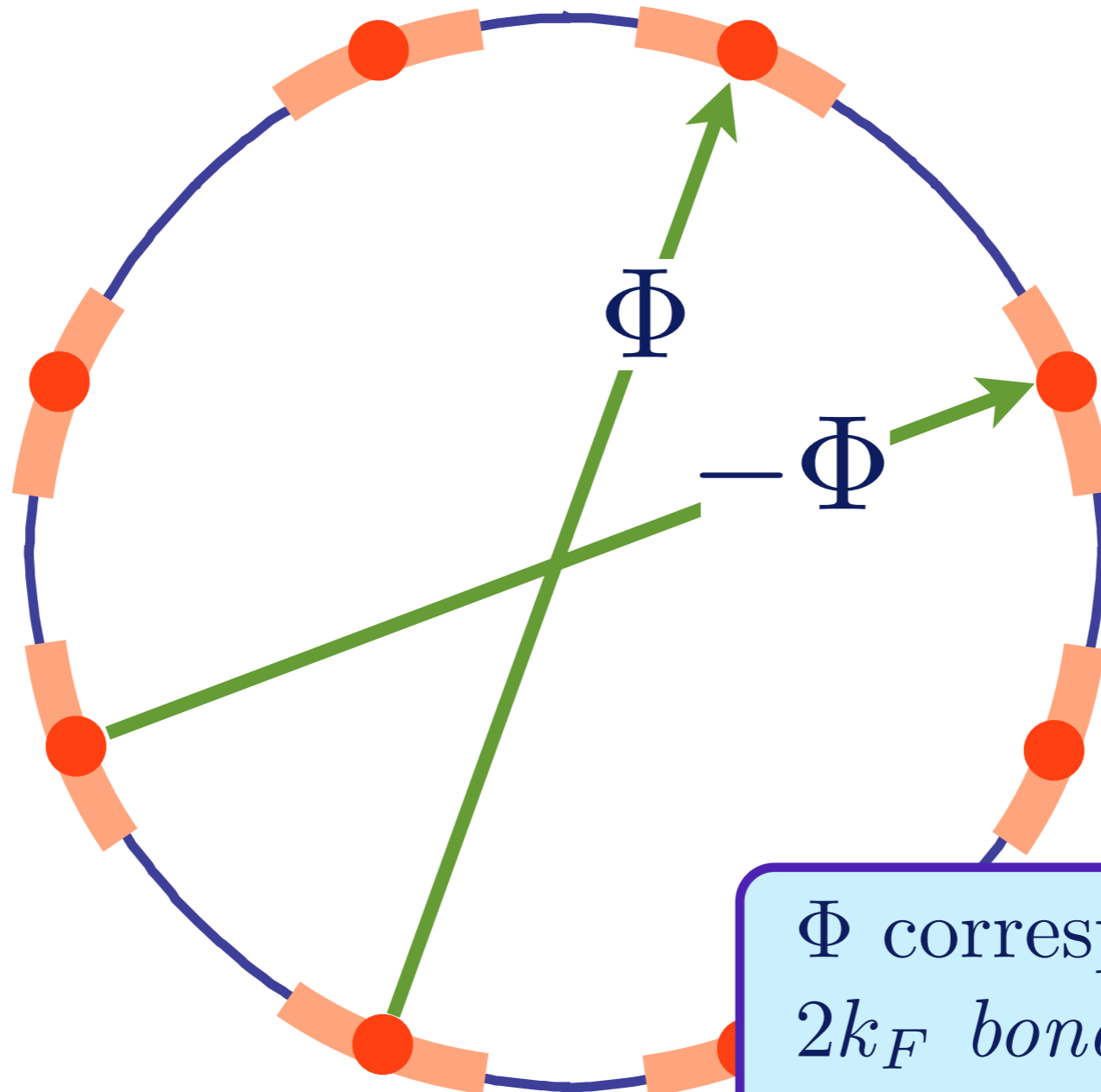
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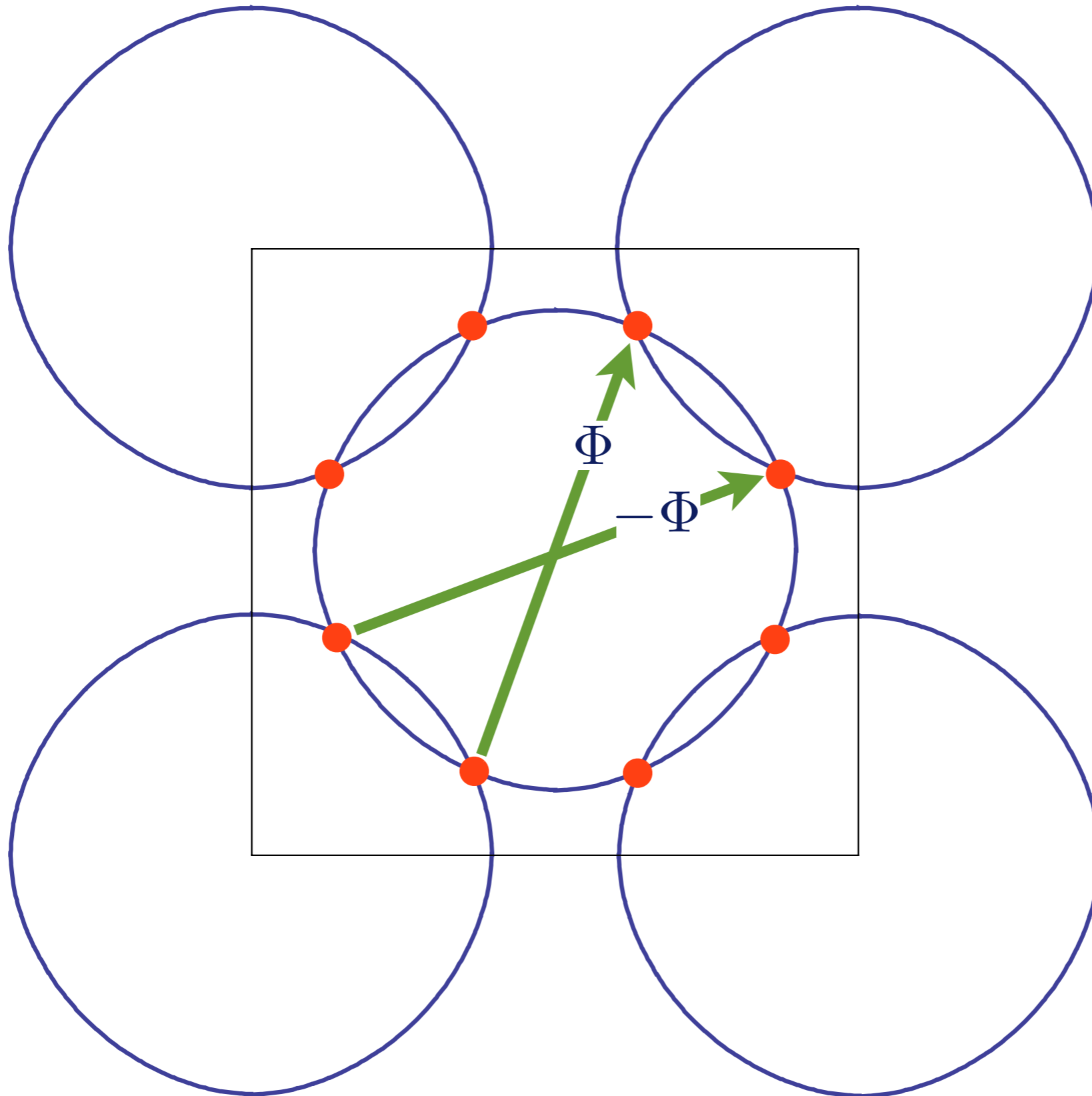
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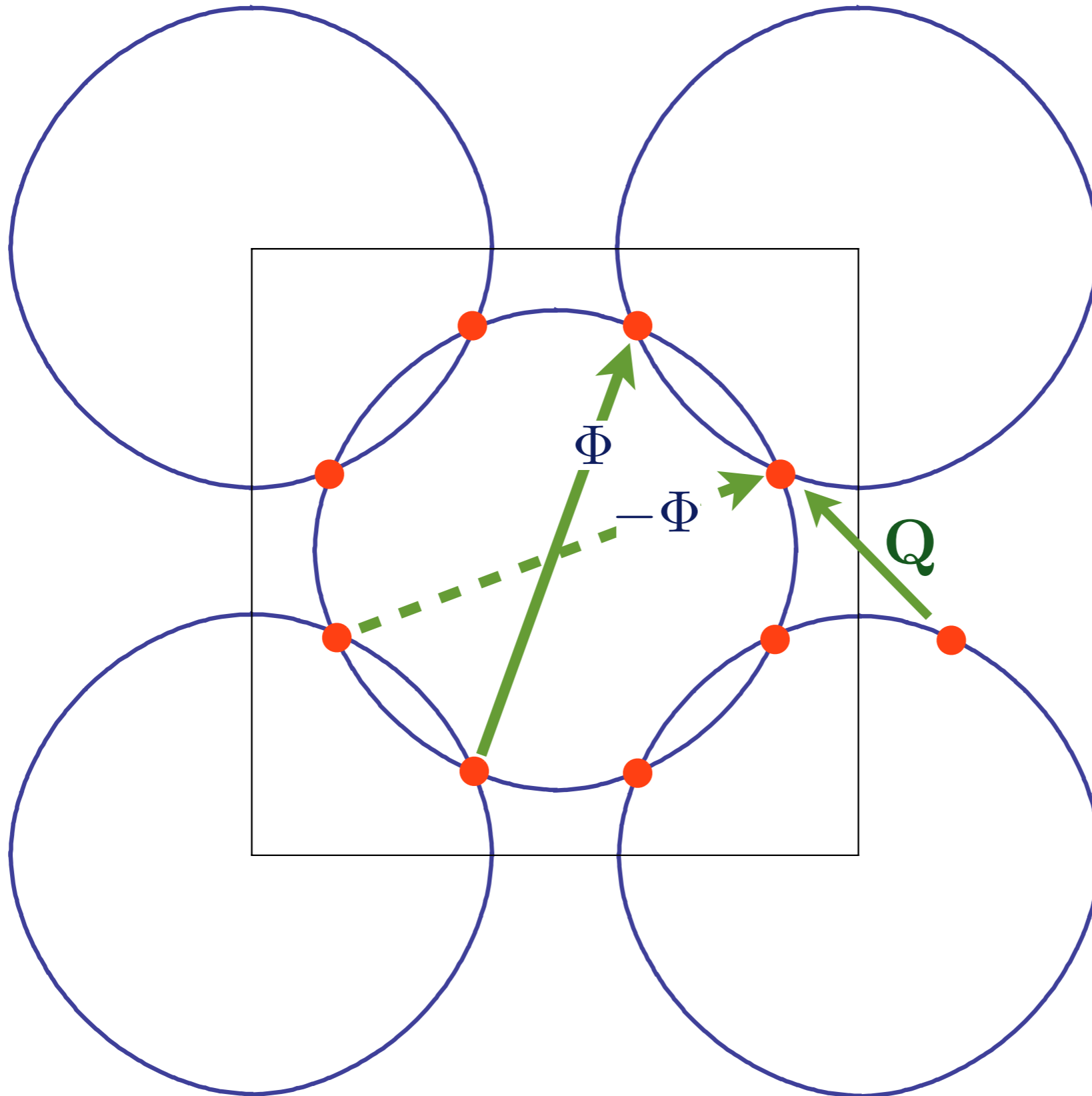
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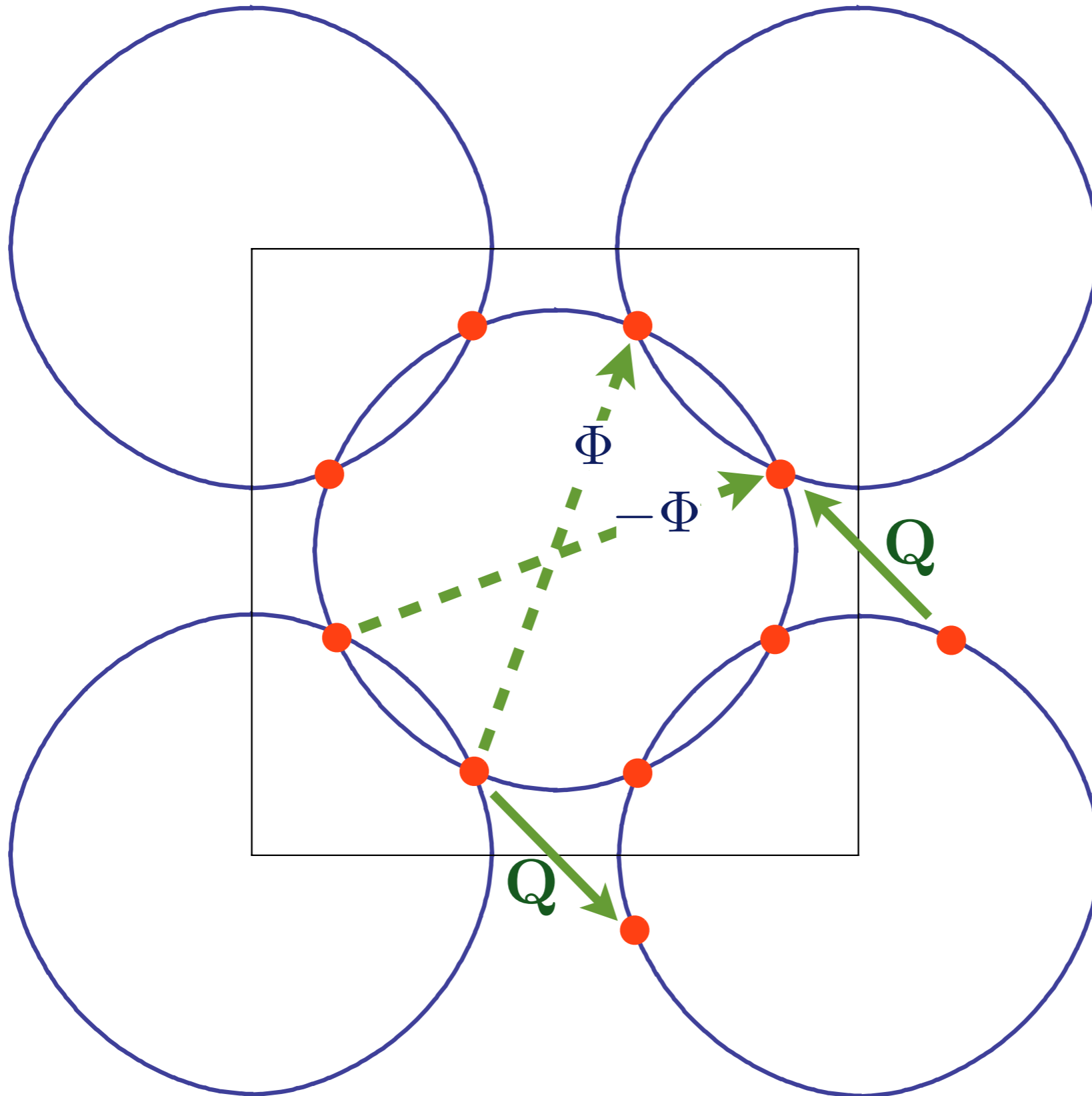
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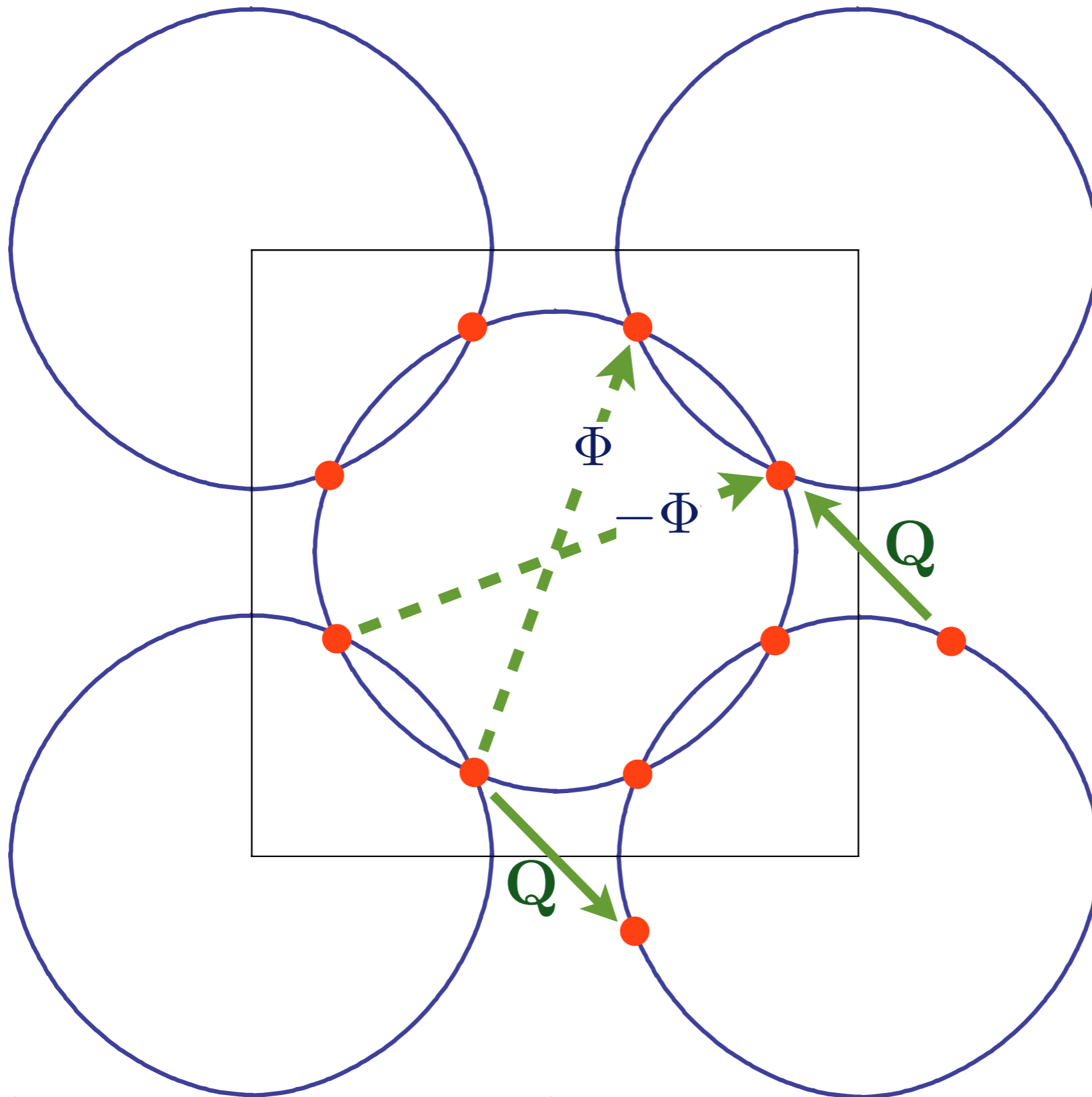
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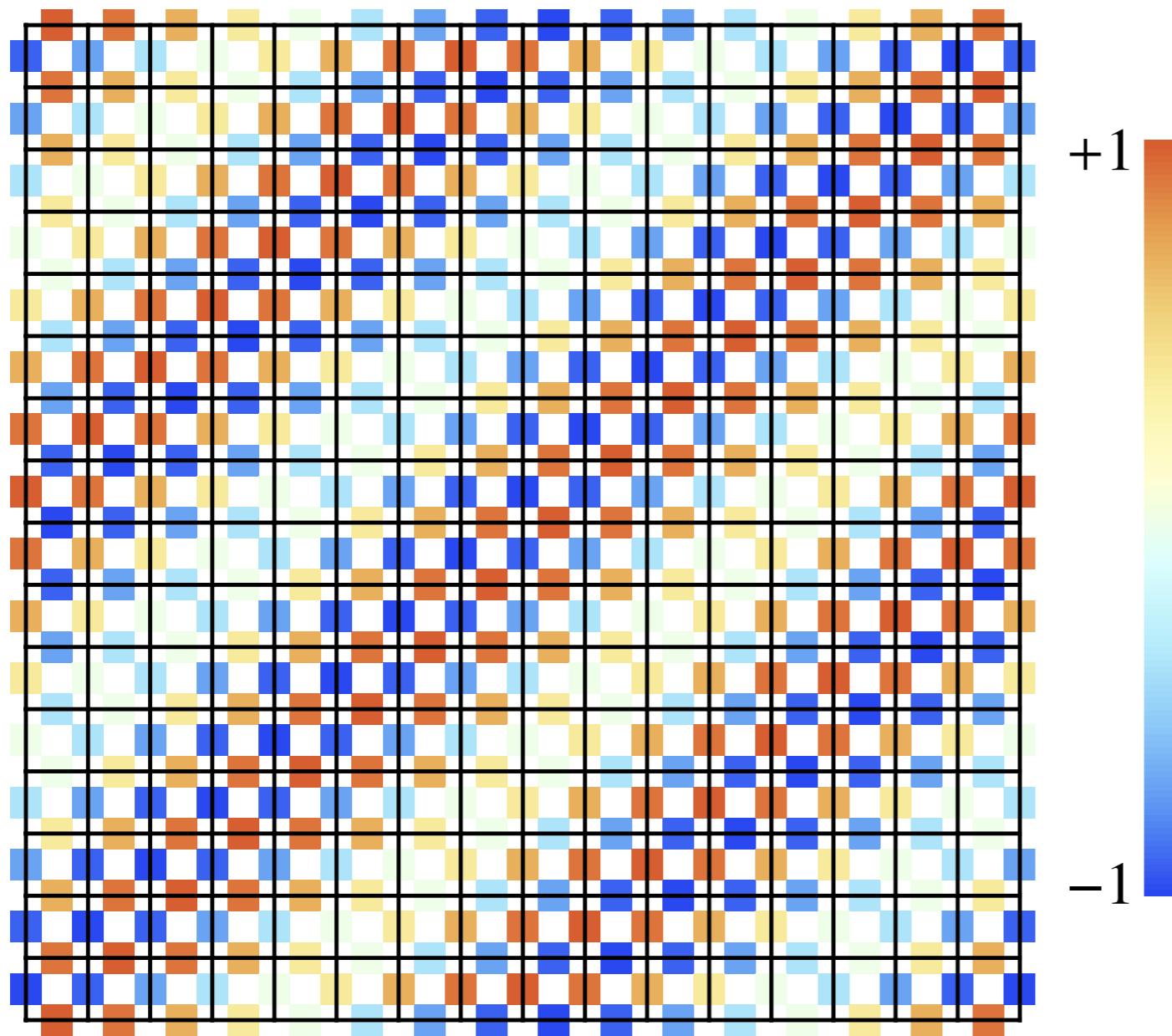


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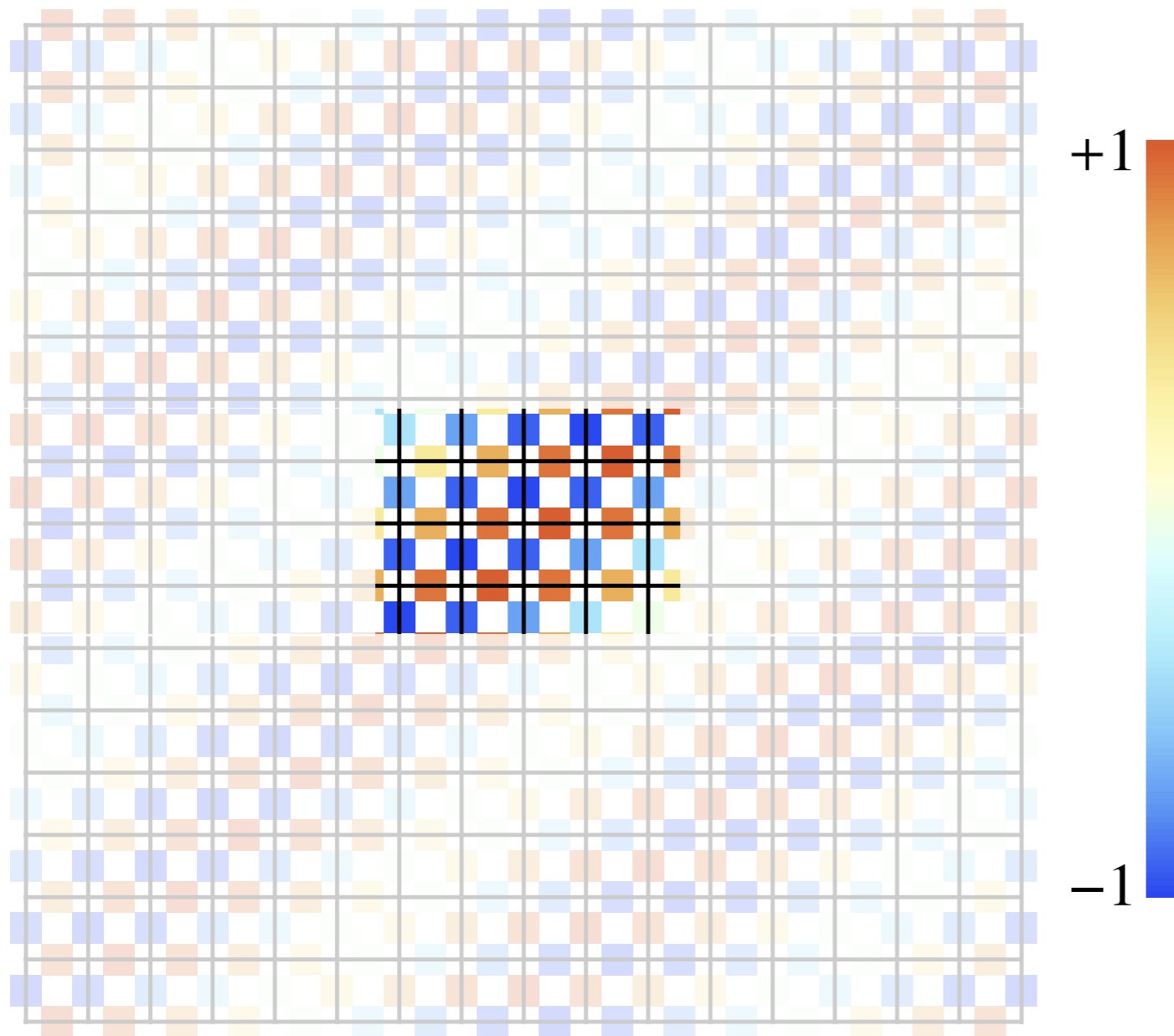


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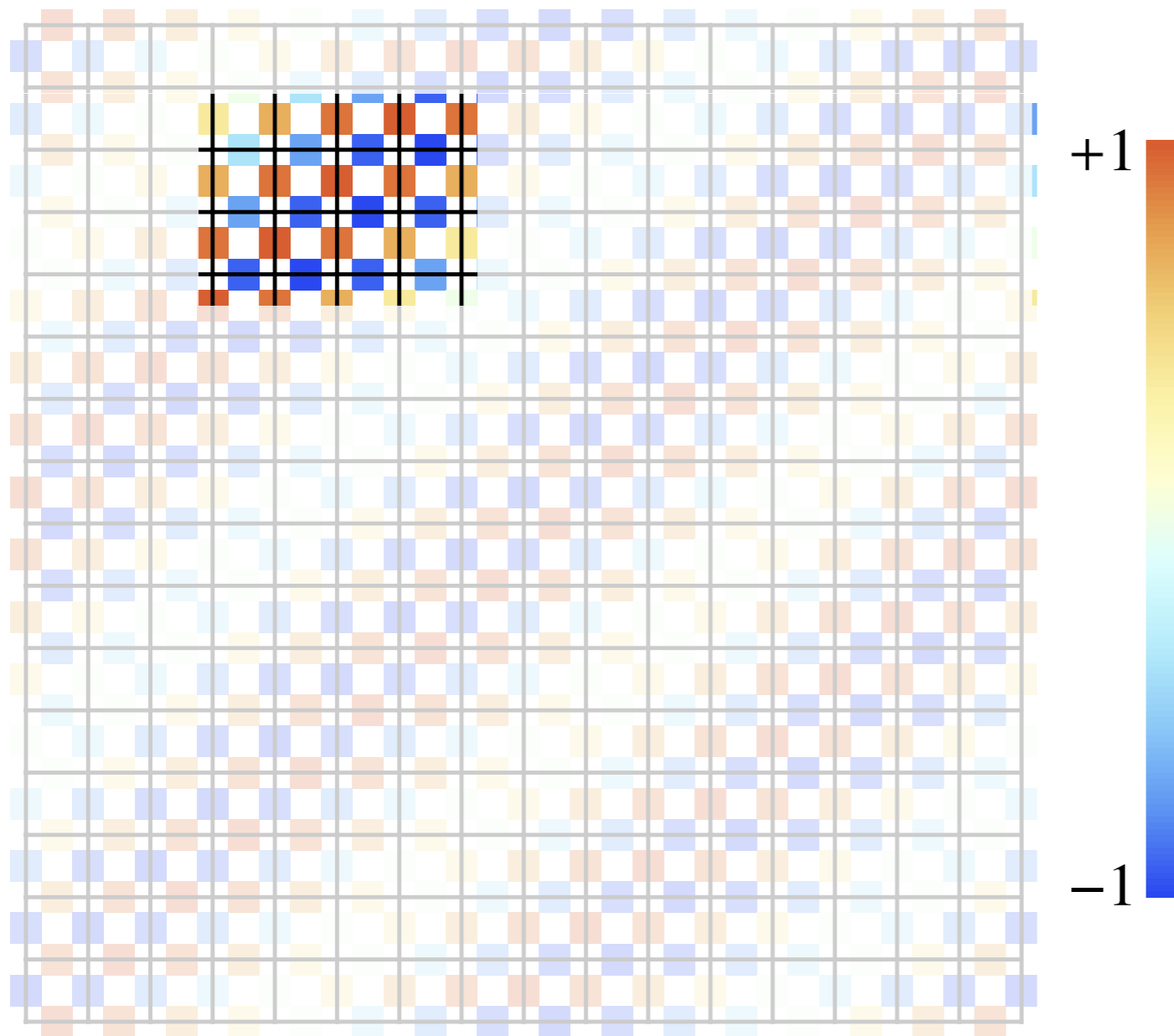


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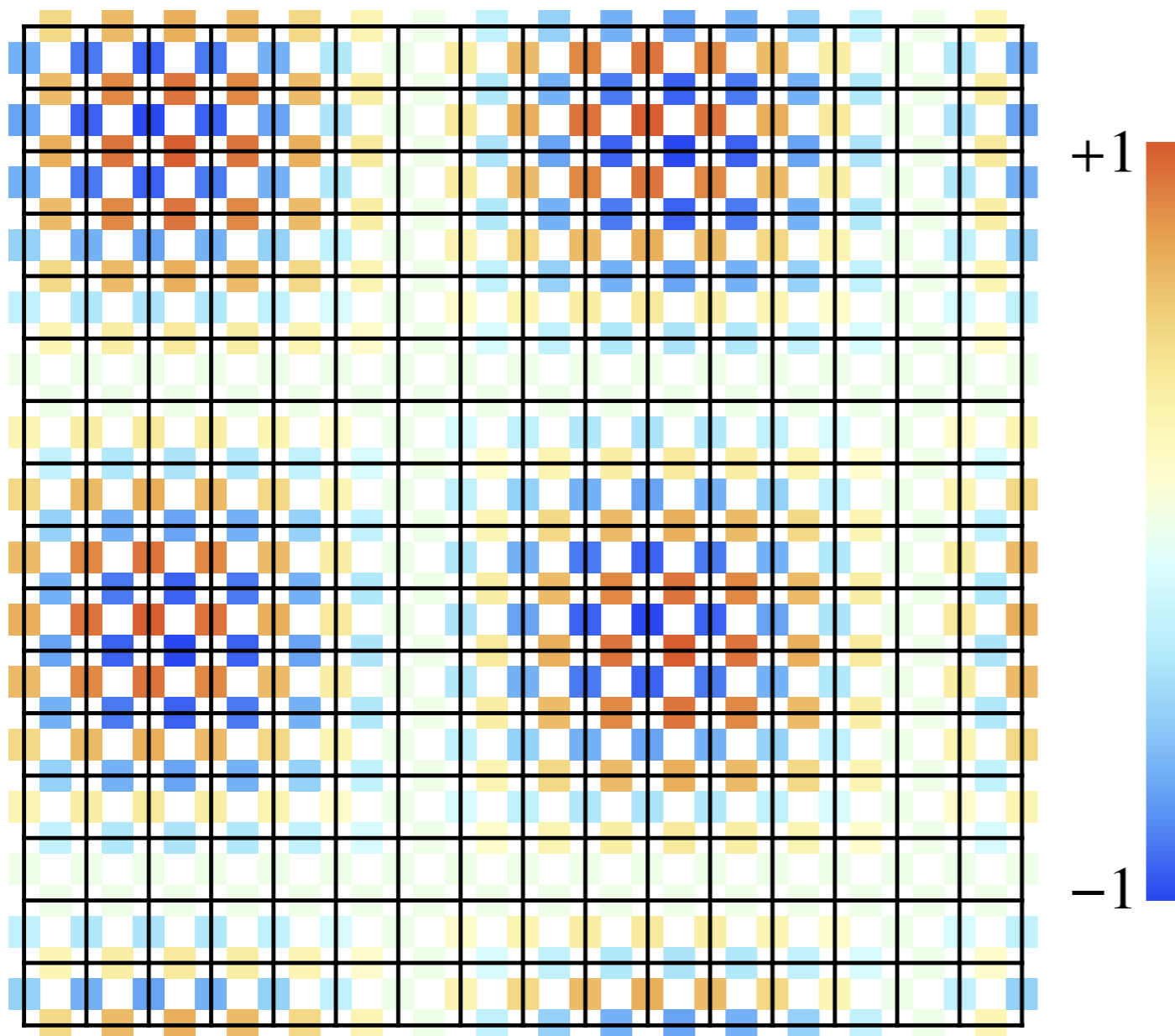


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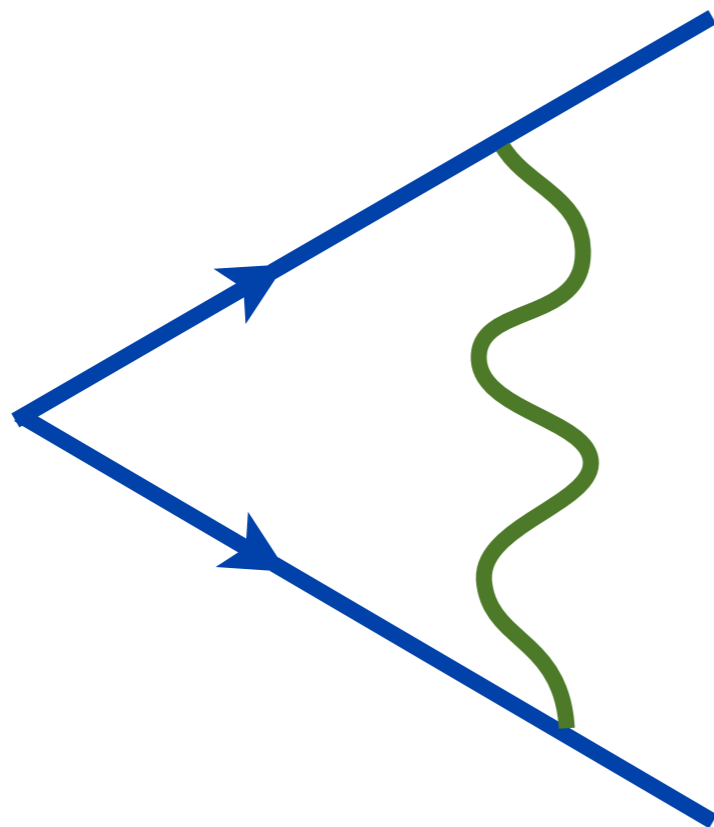
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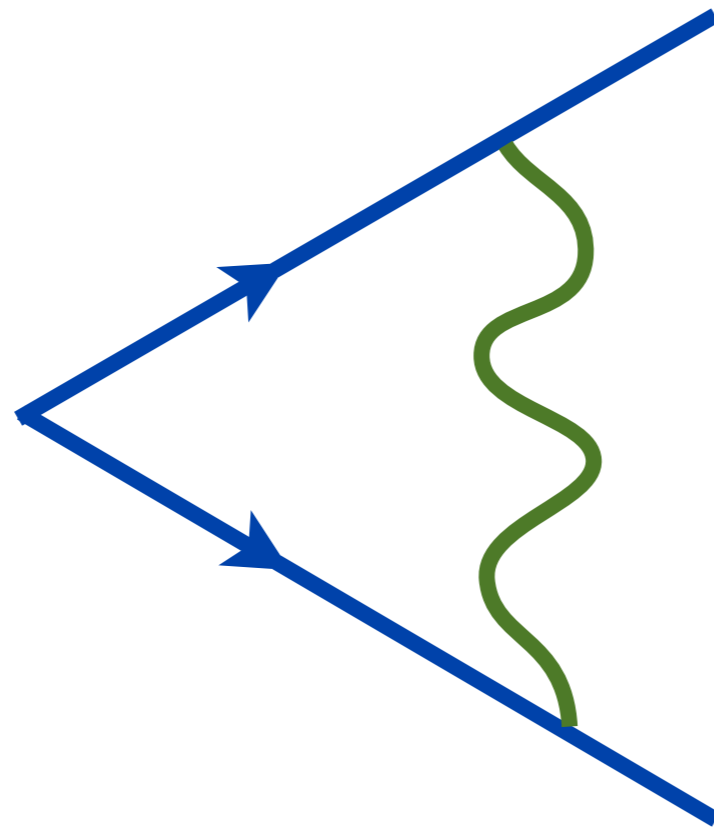
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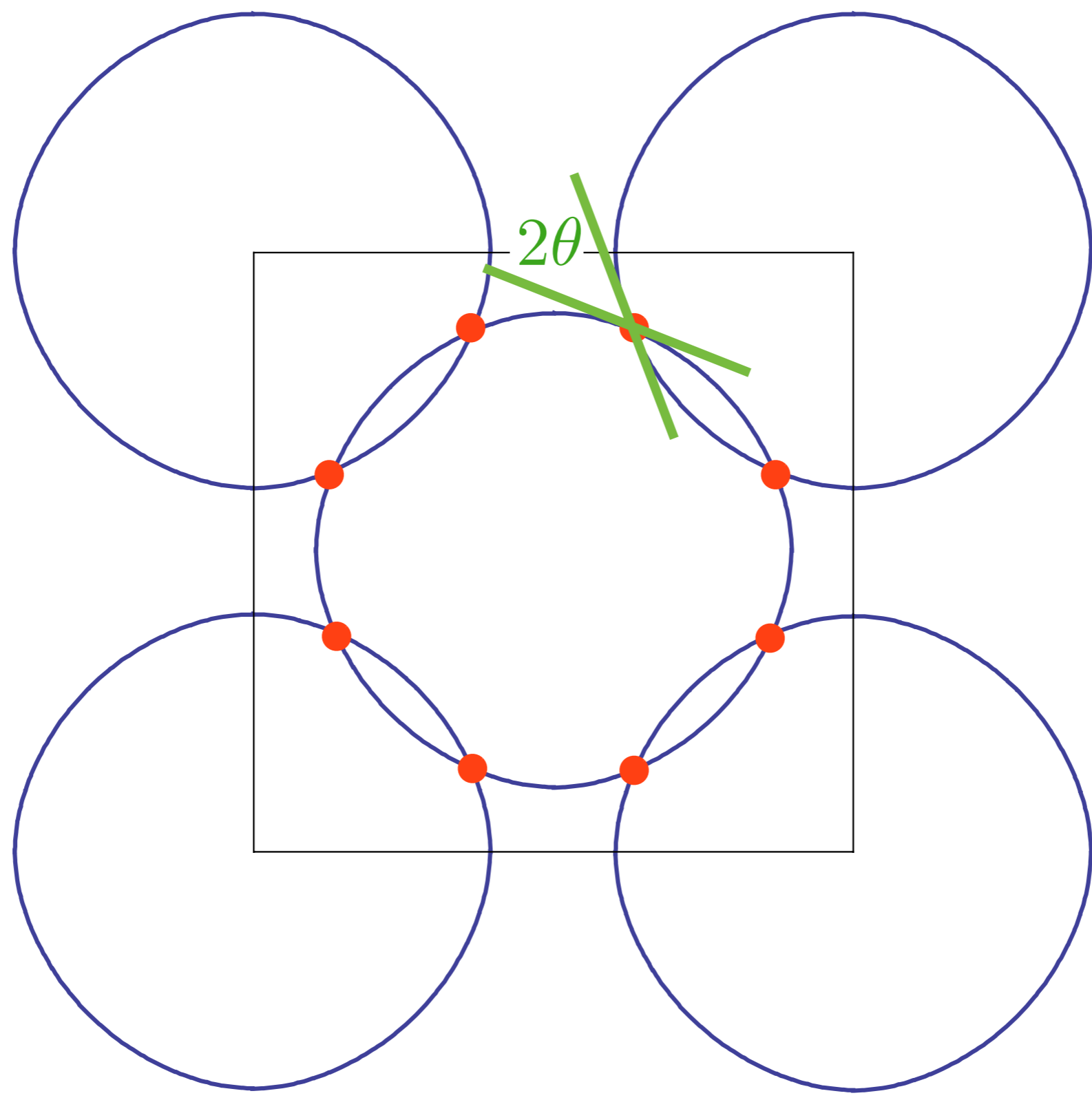
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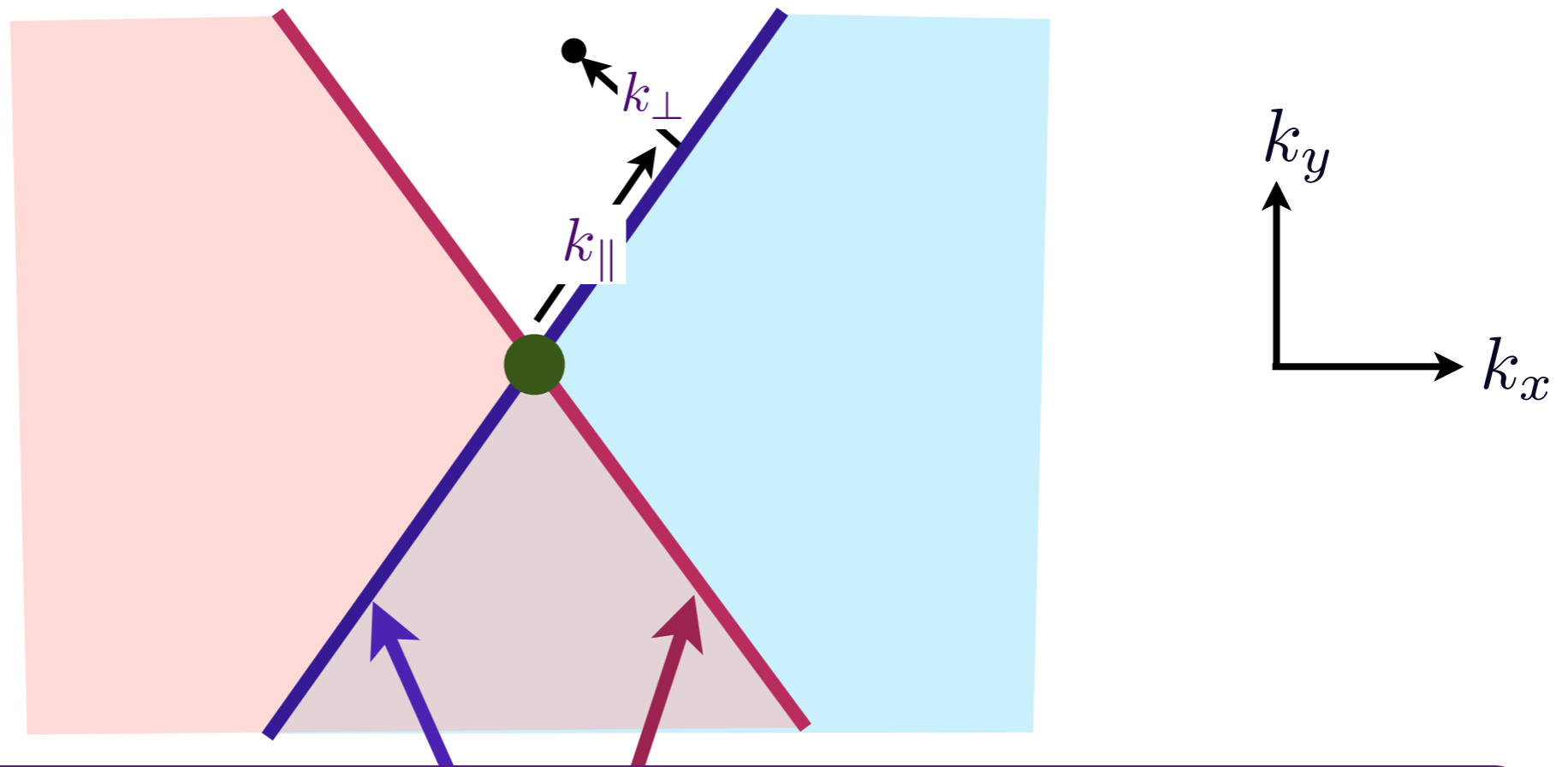
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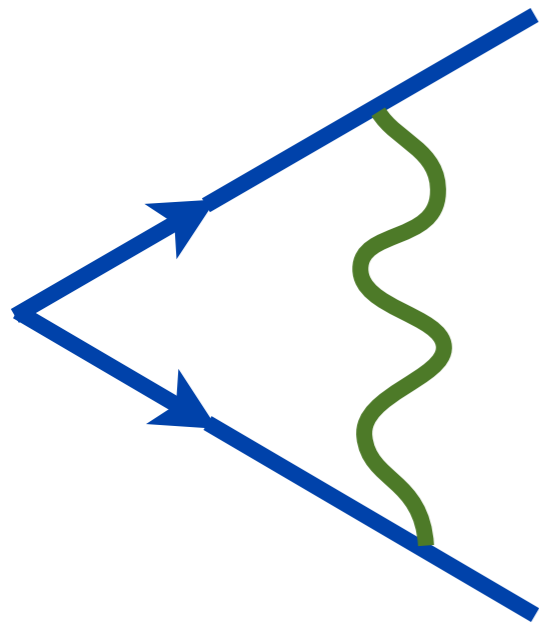
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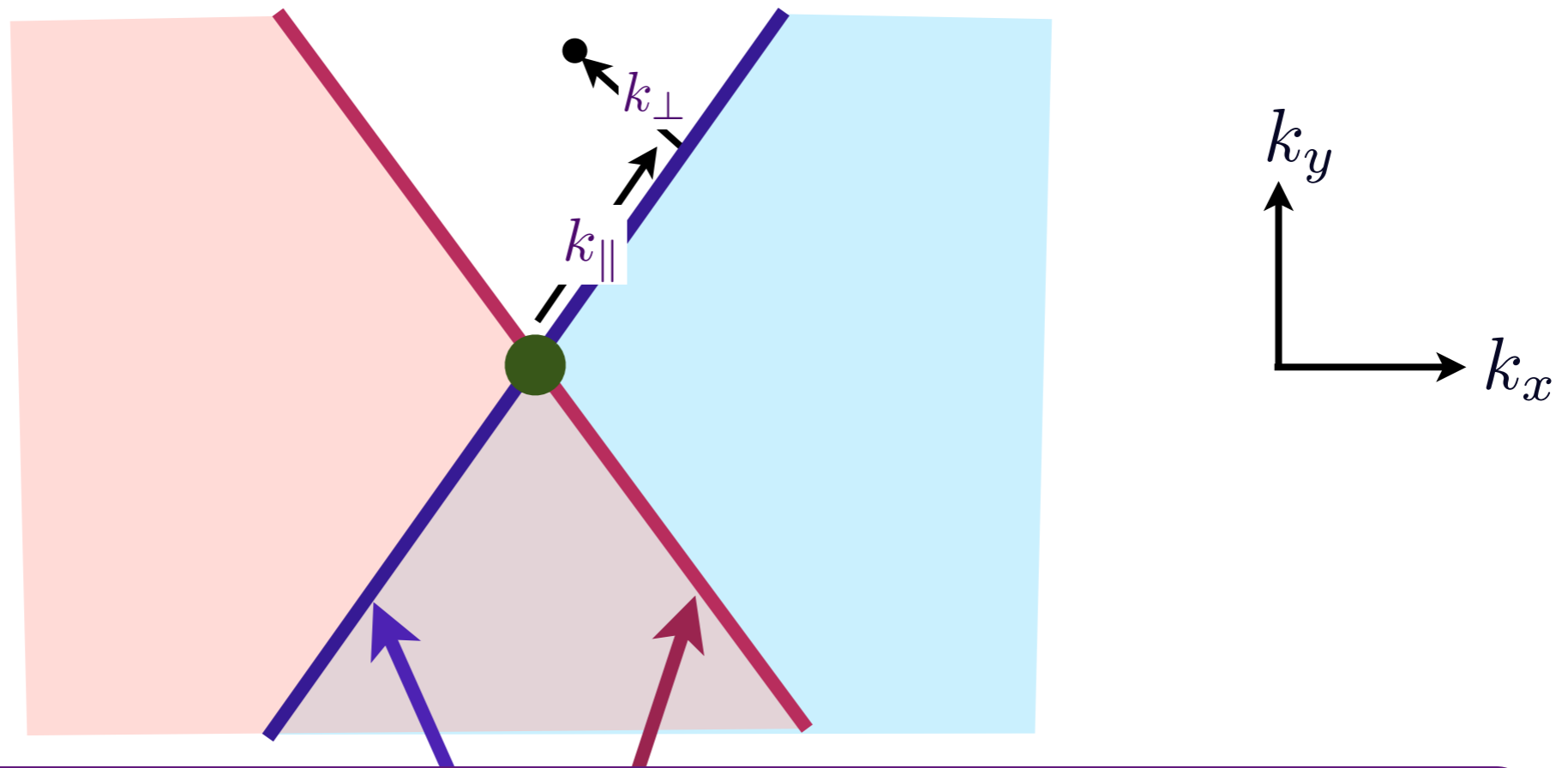


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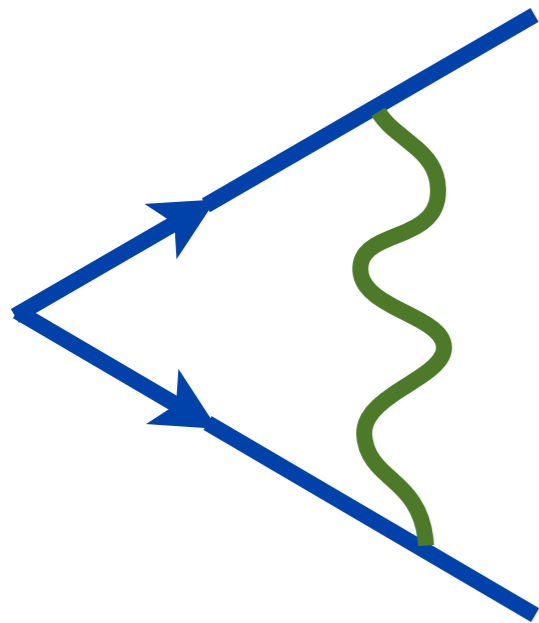


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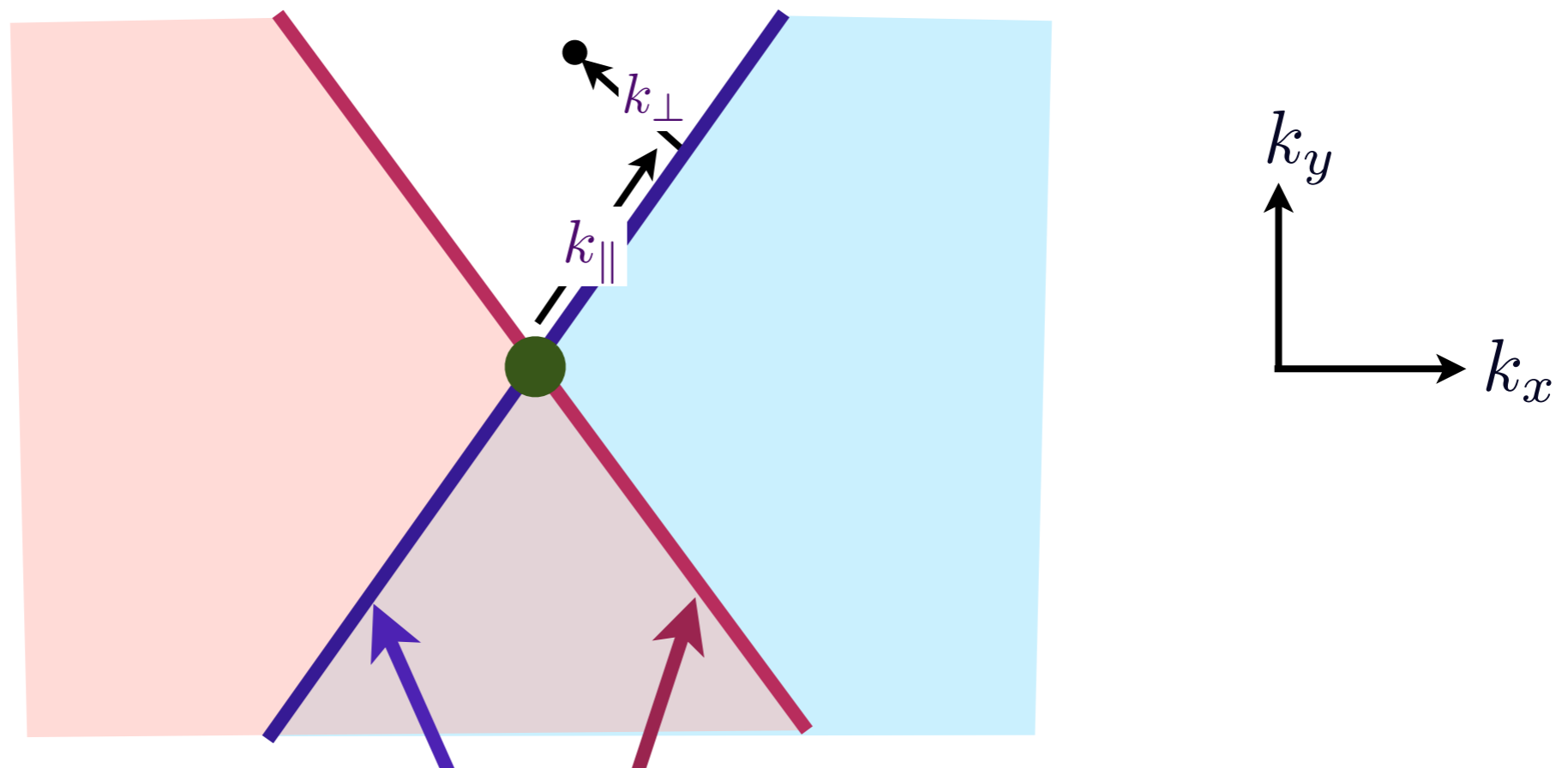
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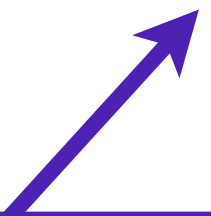
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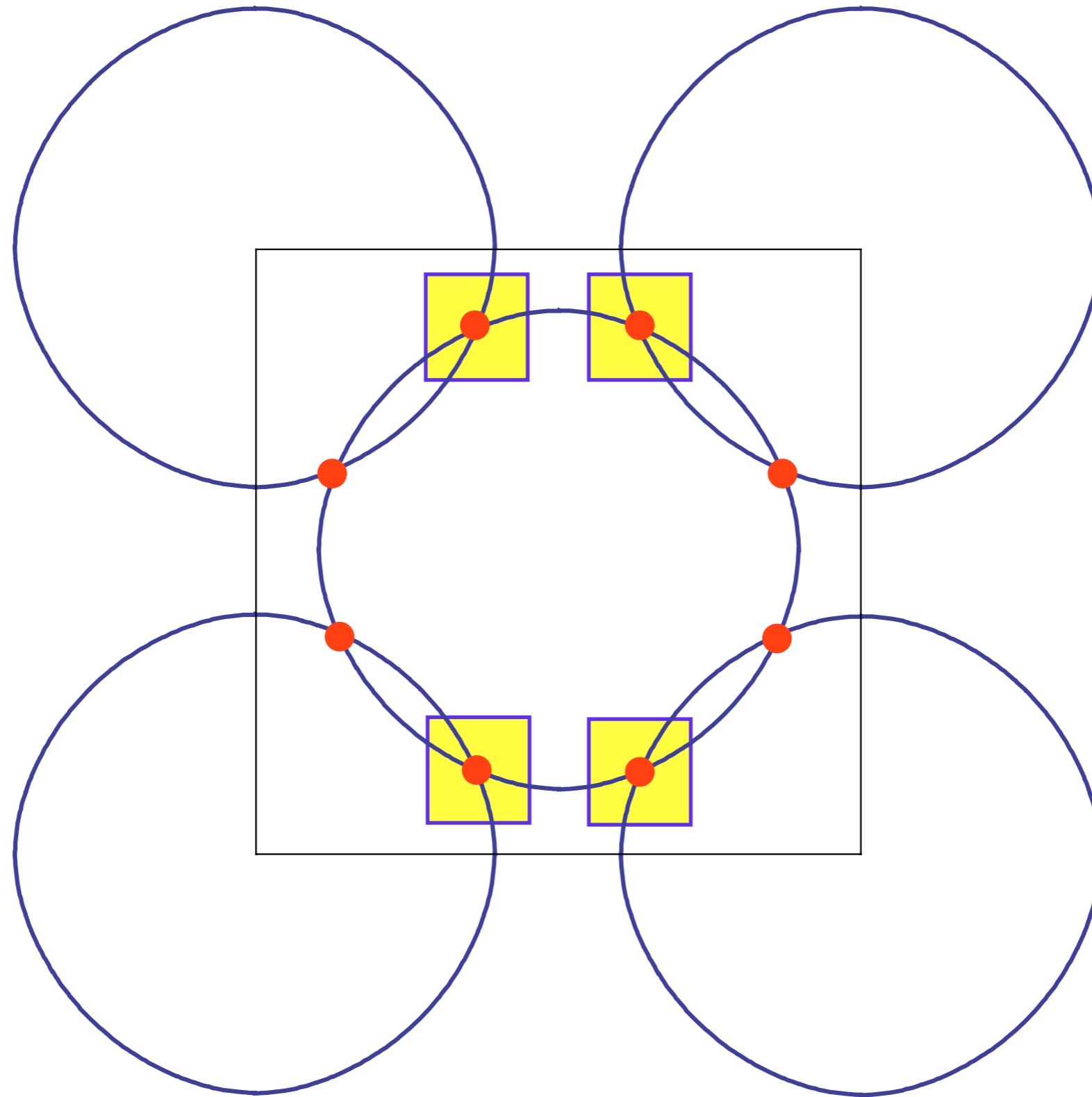
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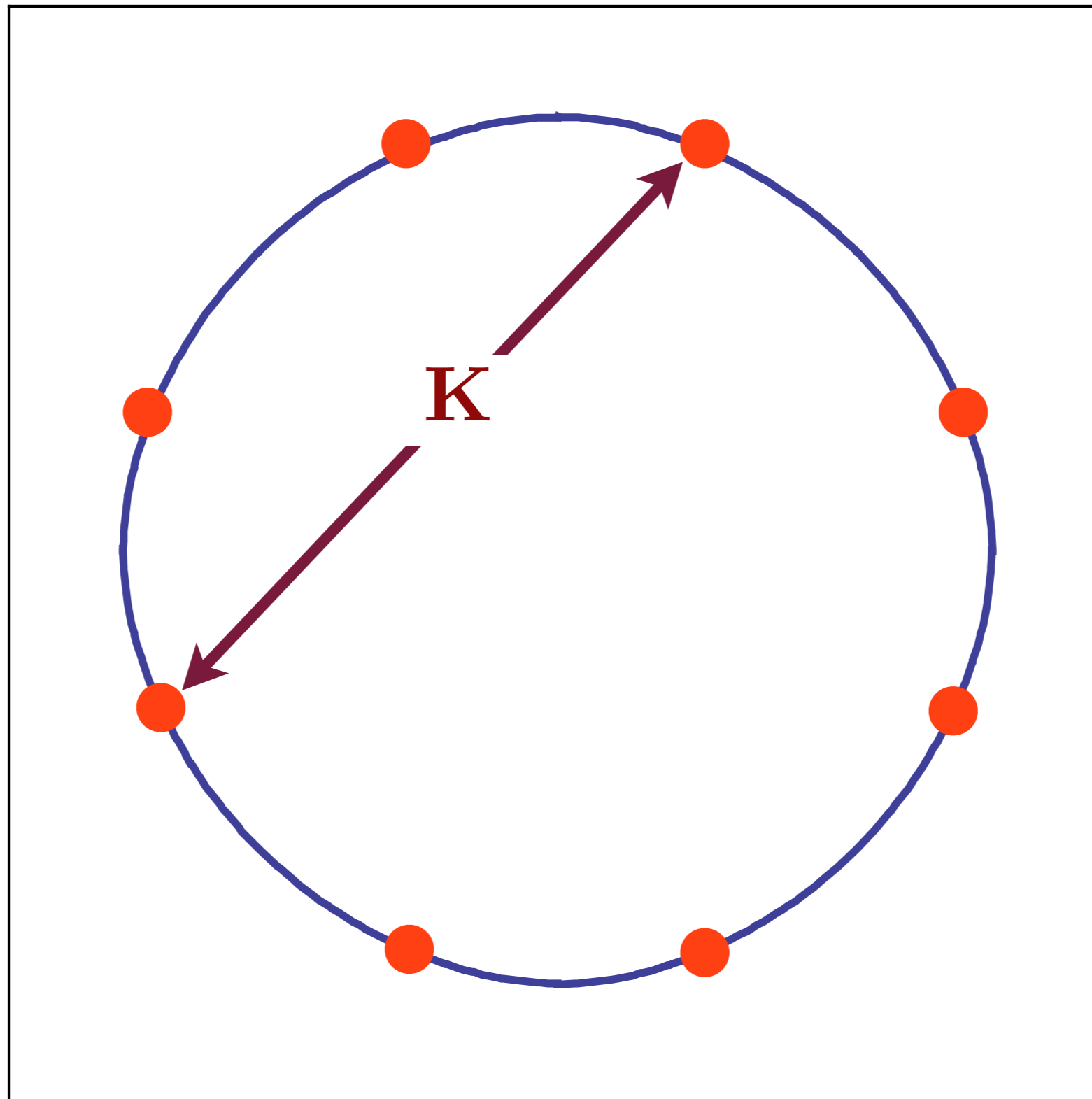
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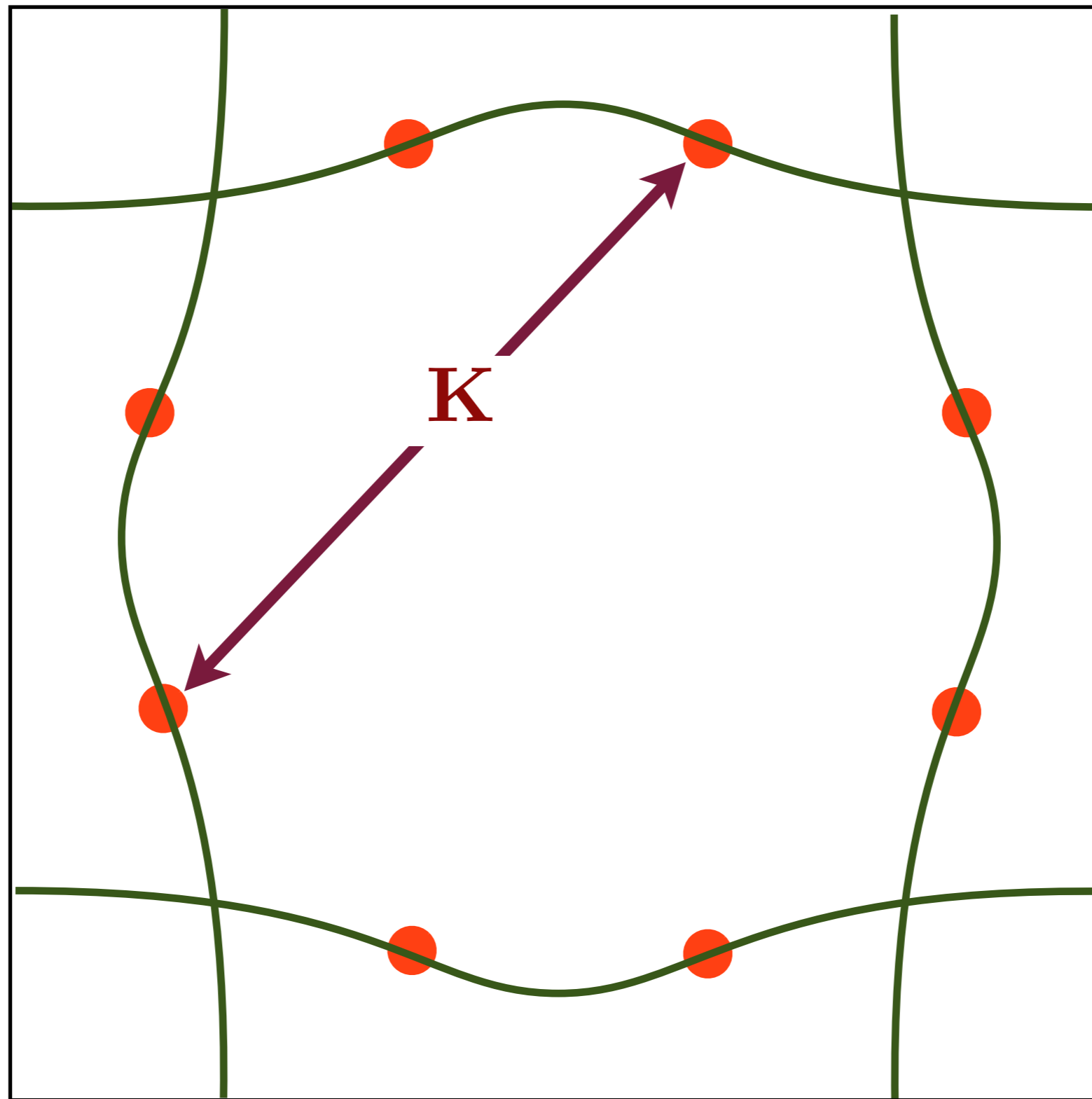
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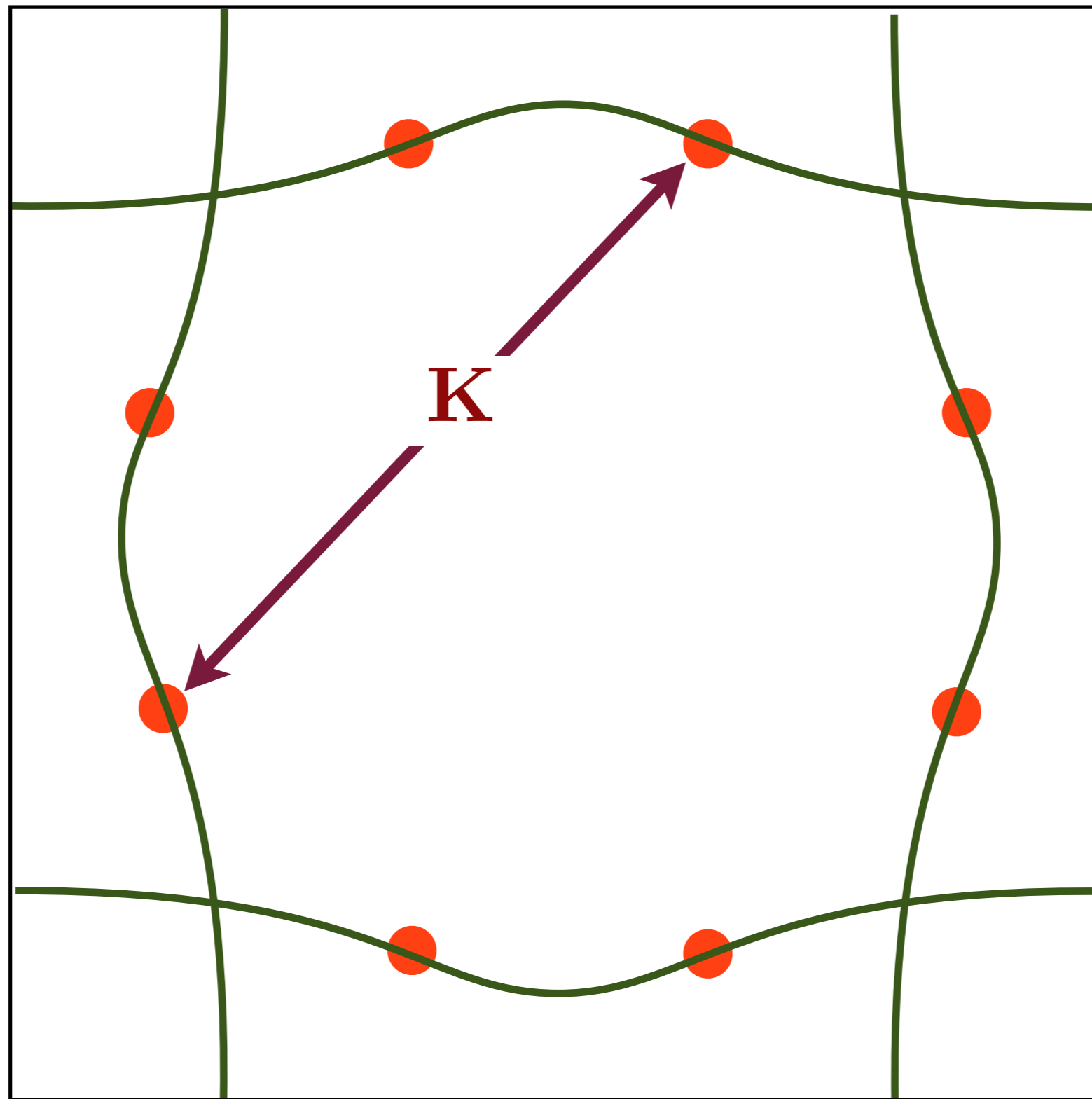


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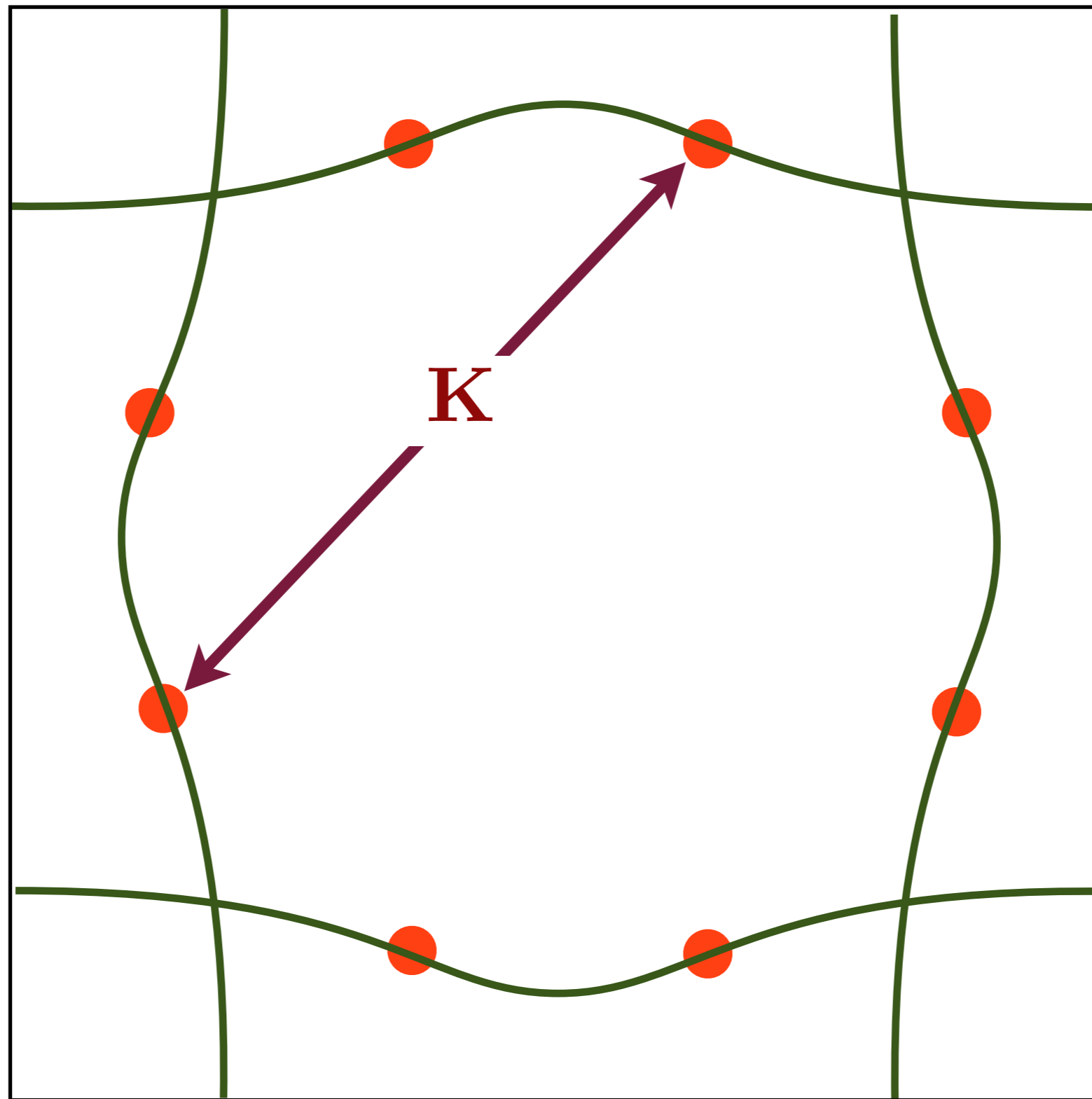
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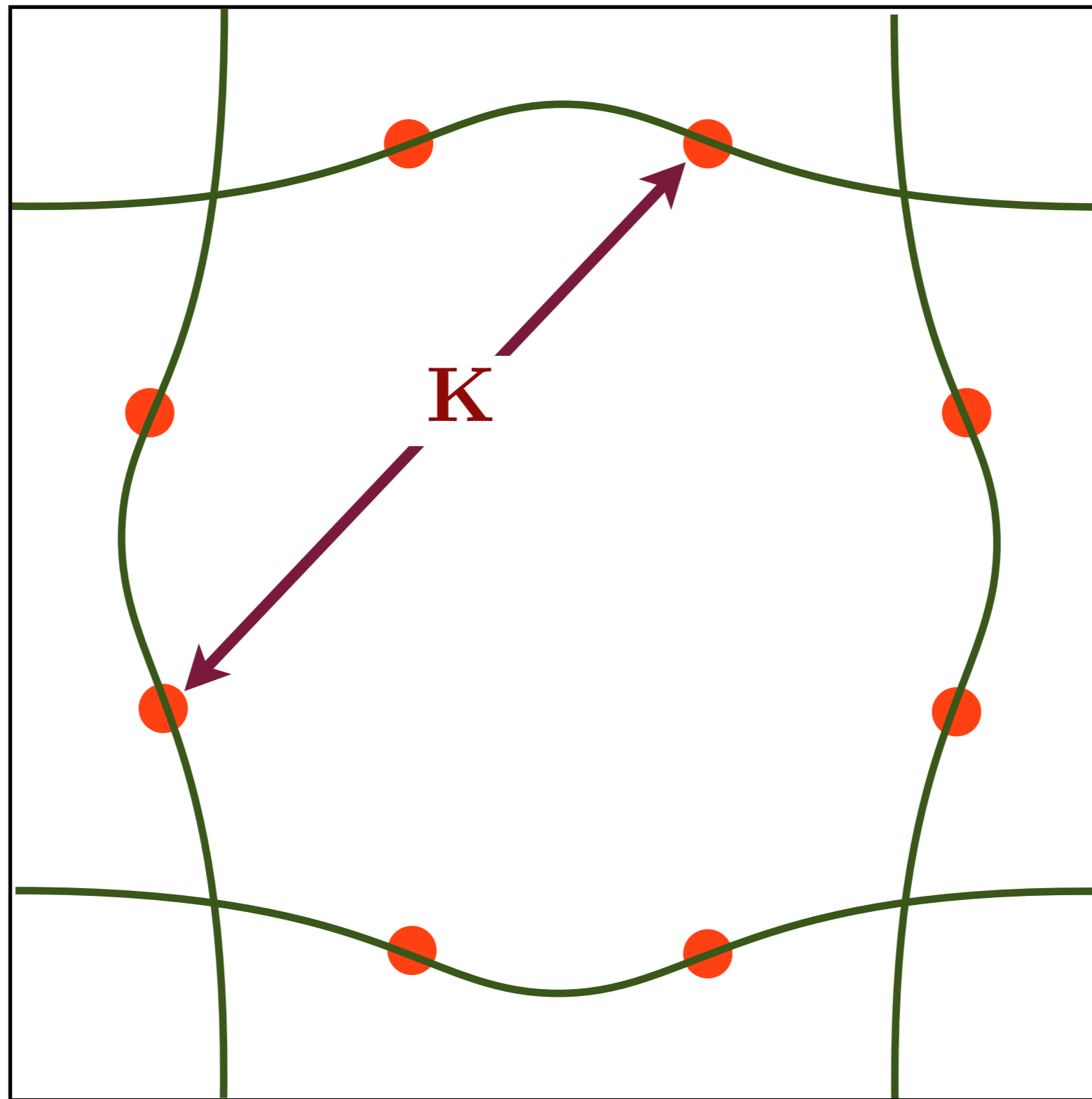


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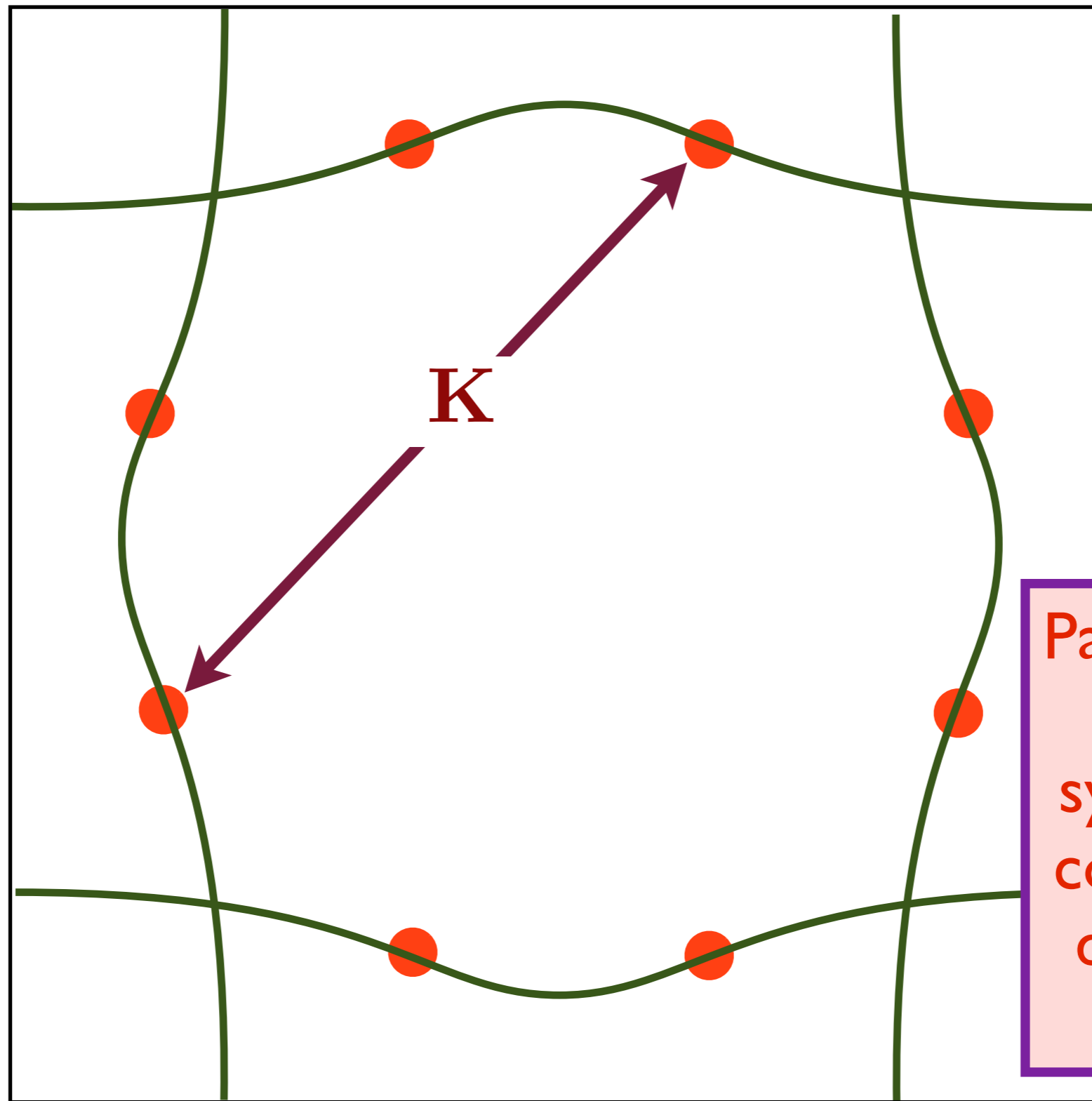


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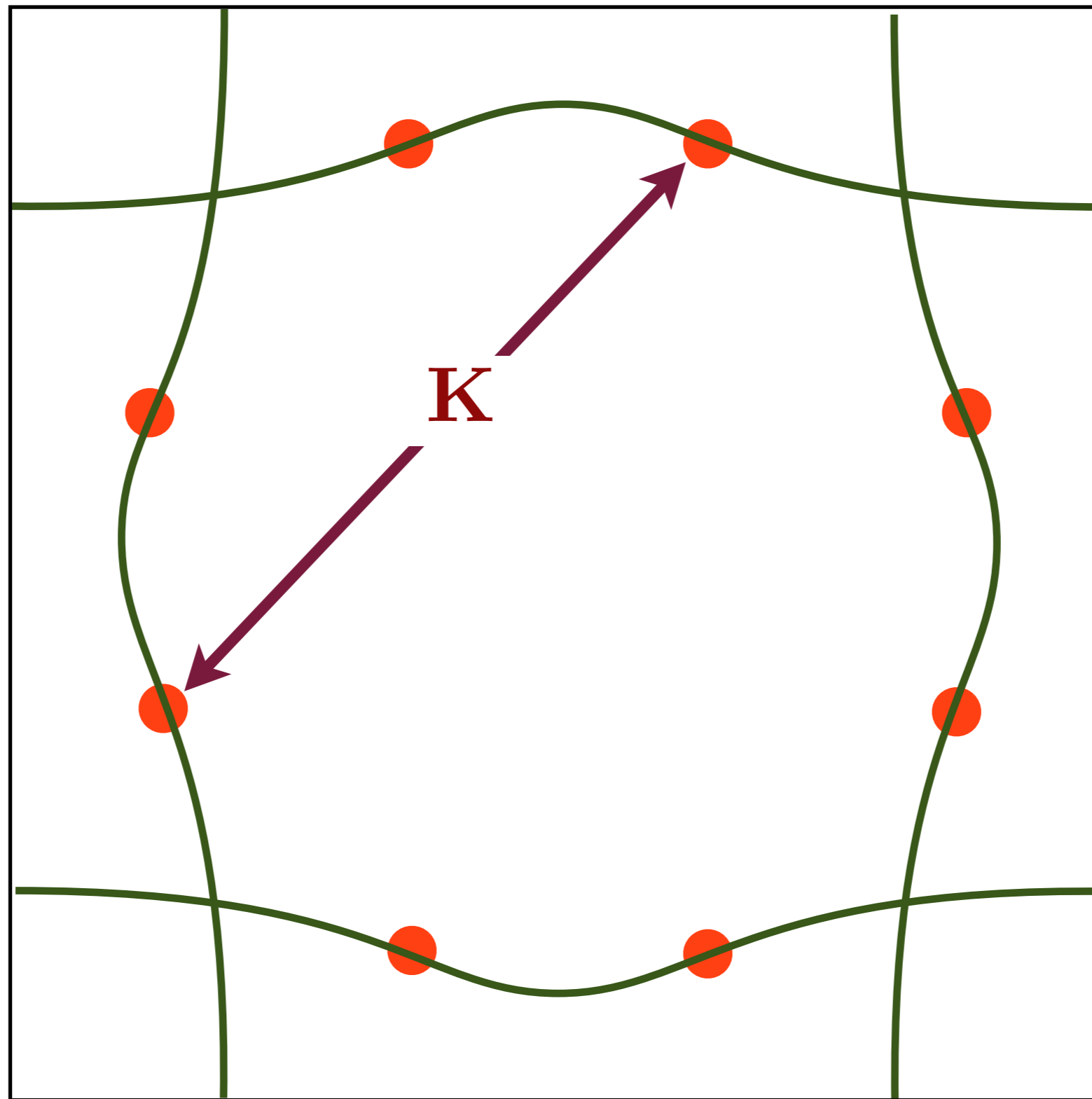
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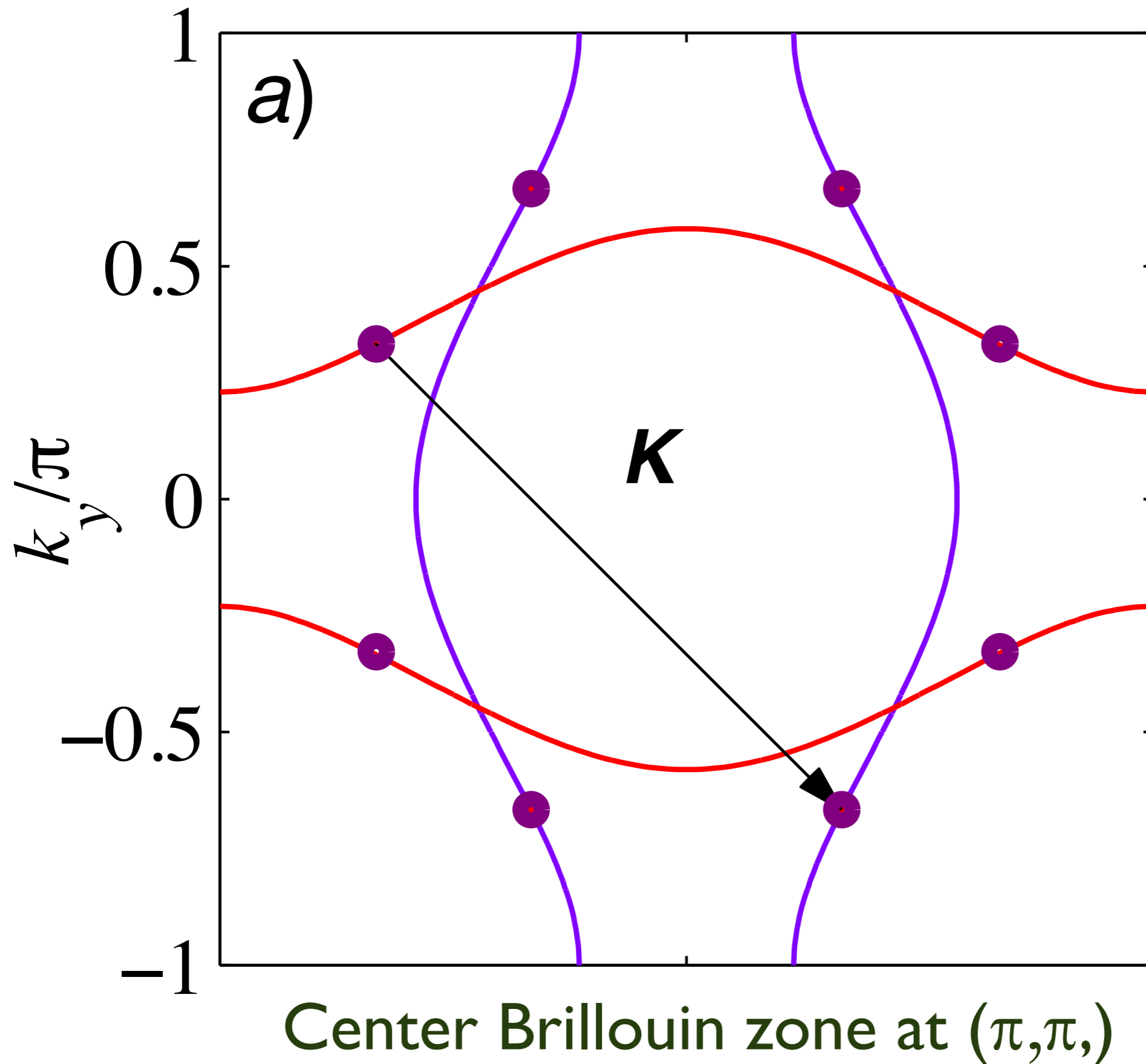
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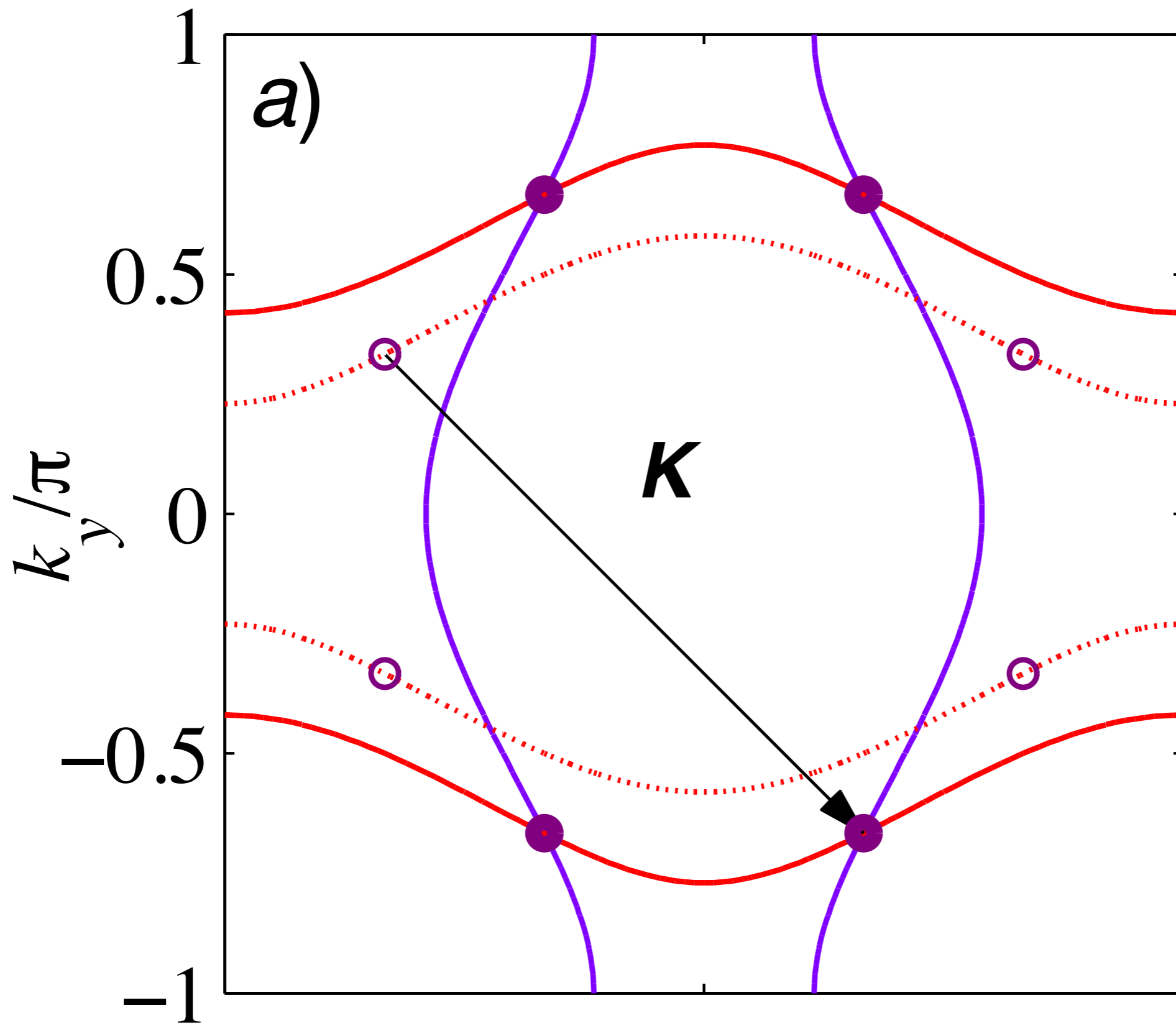
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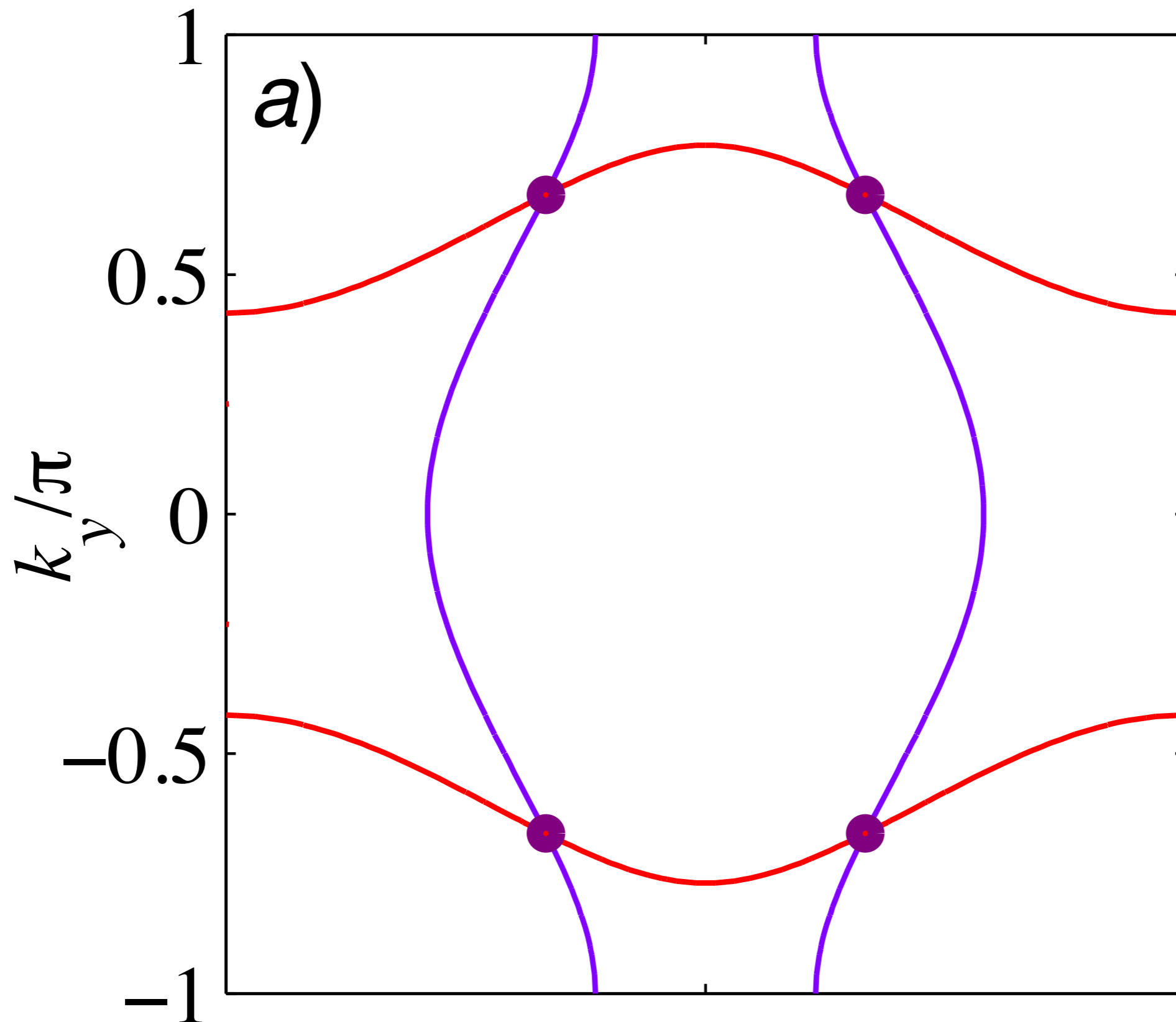
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Move one of the Fermi surface by (π, π)

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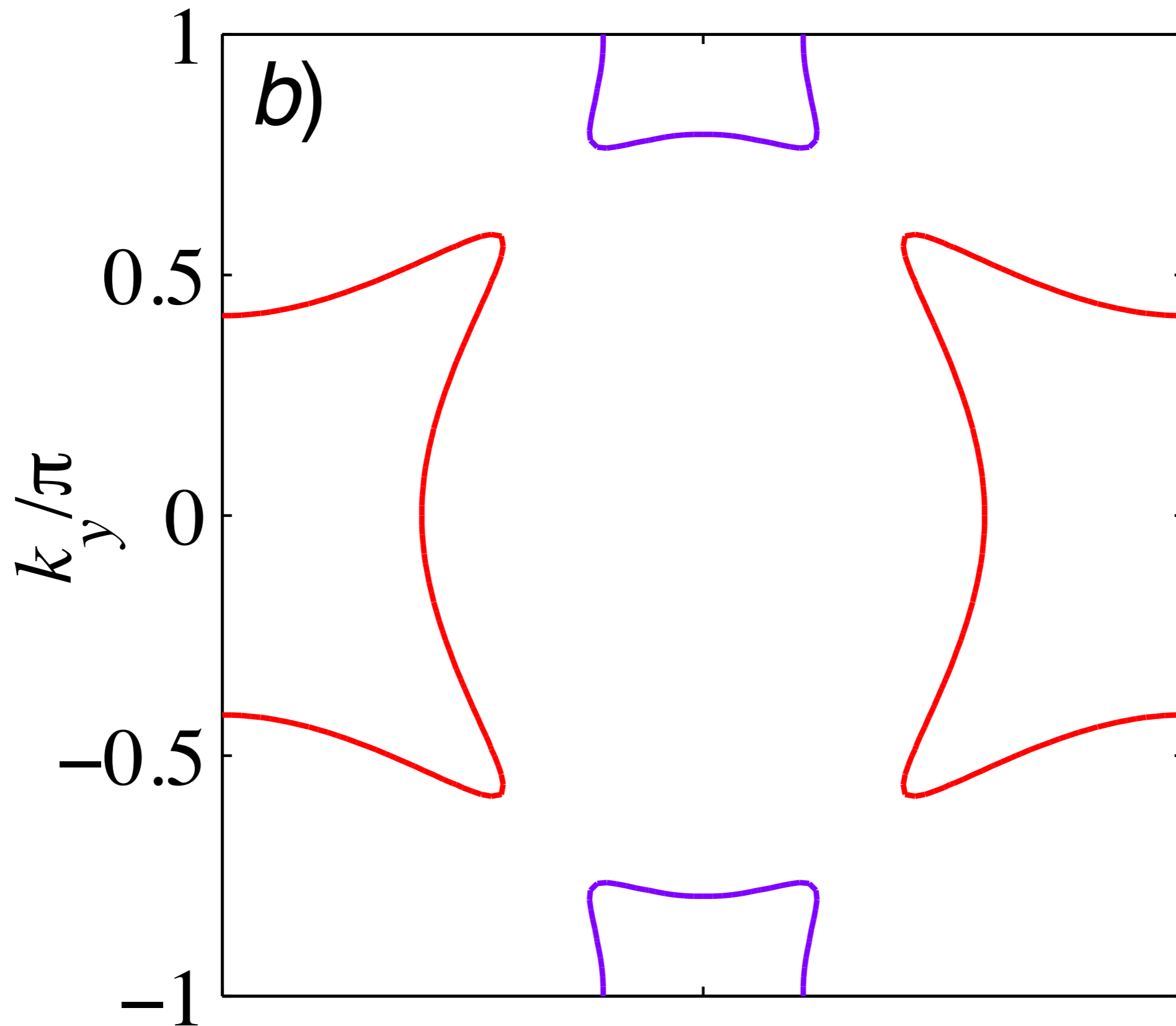


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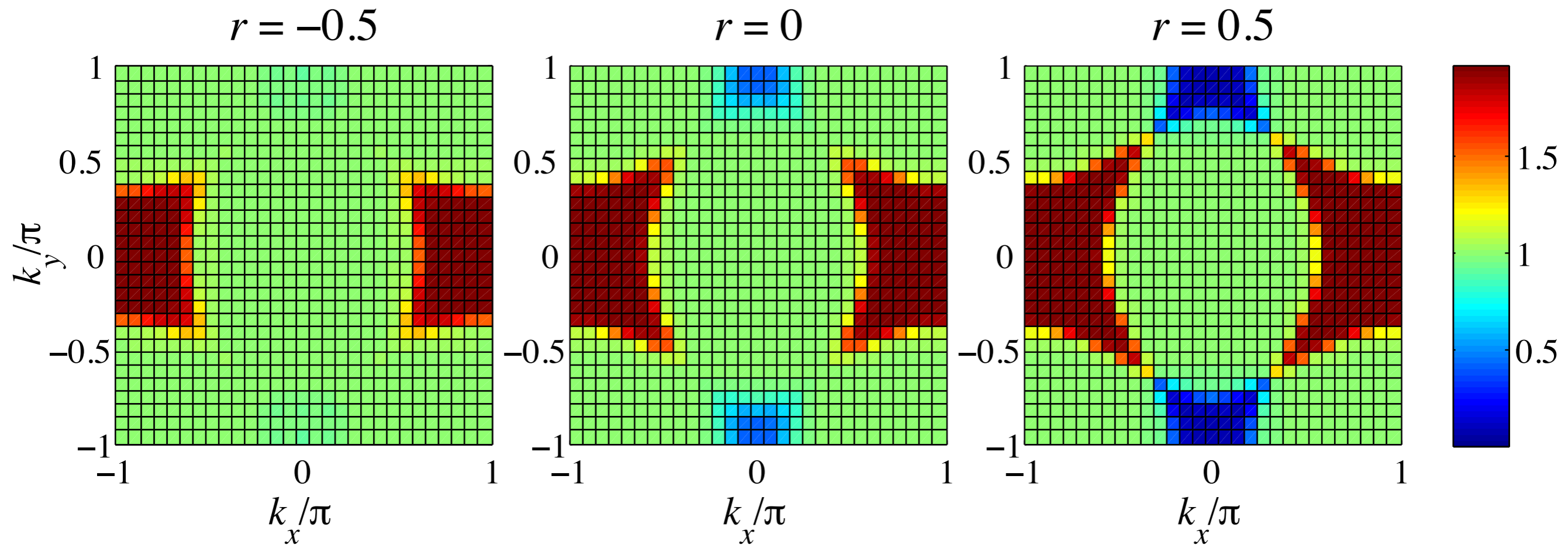
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Expected Fermi surfaces in the AFM ordered phase

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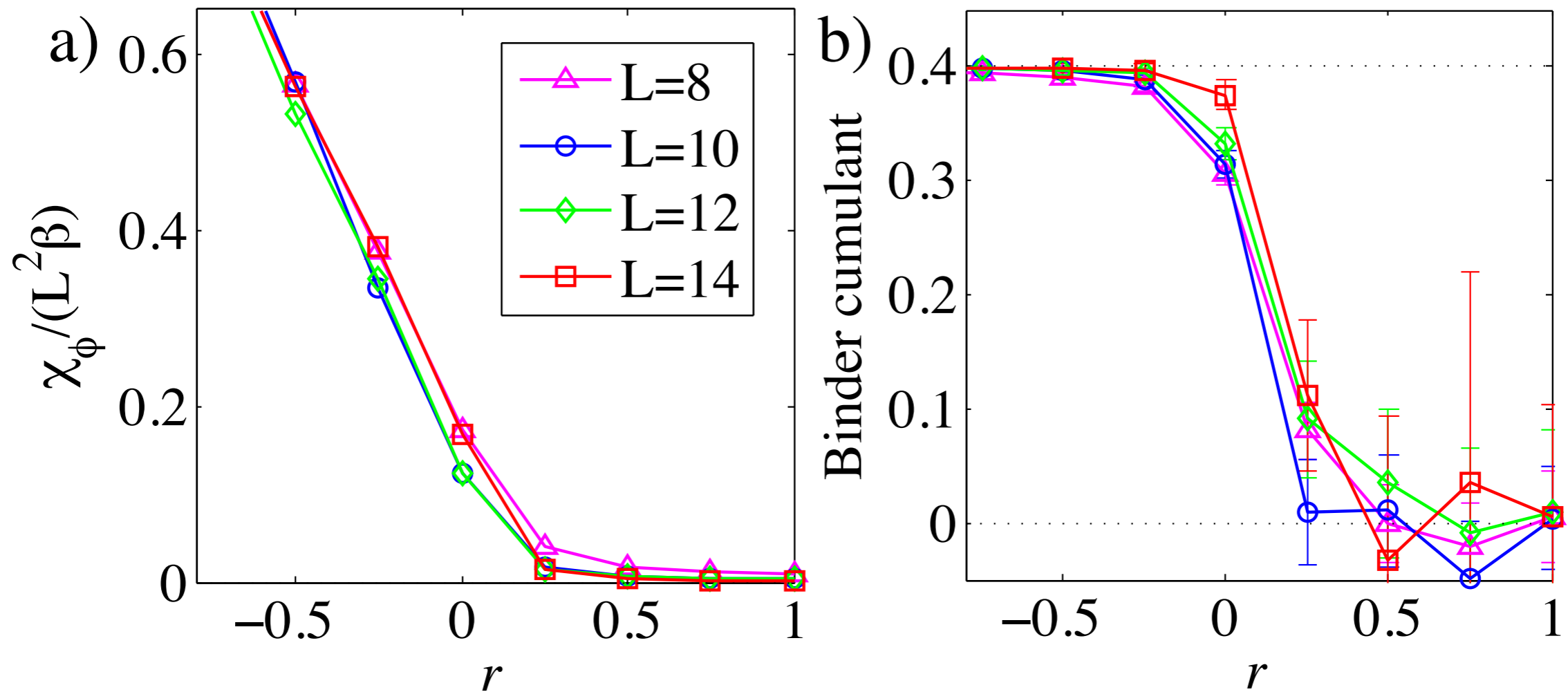


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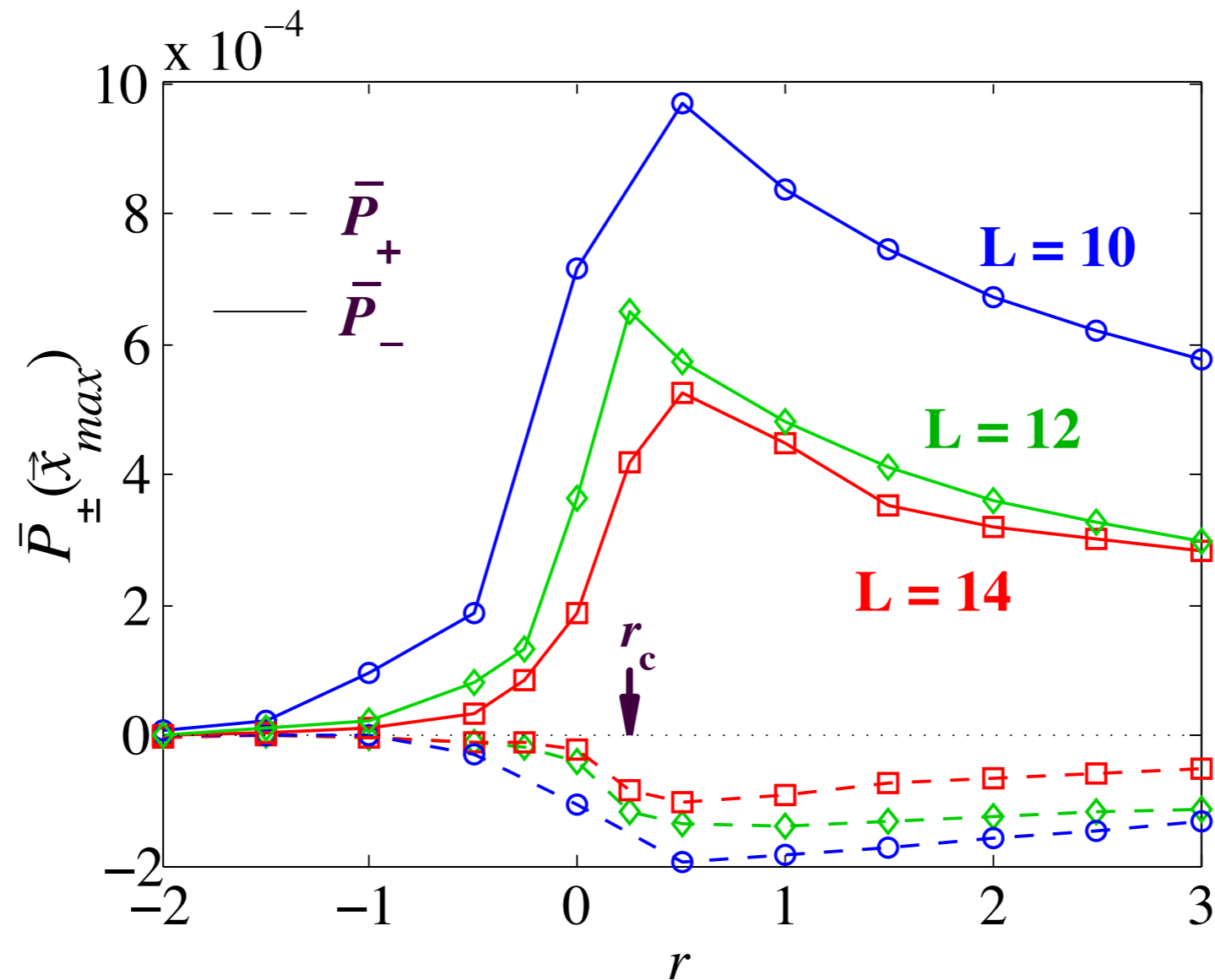


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