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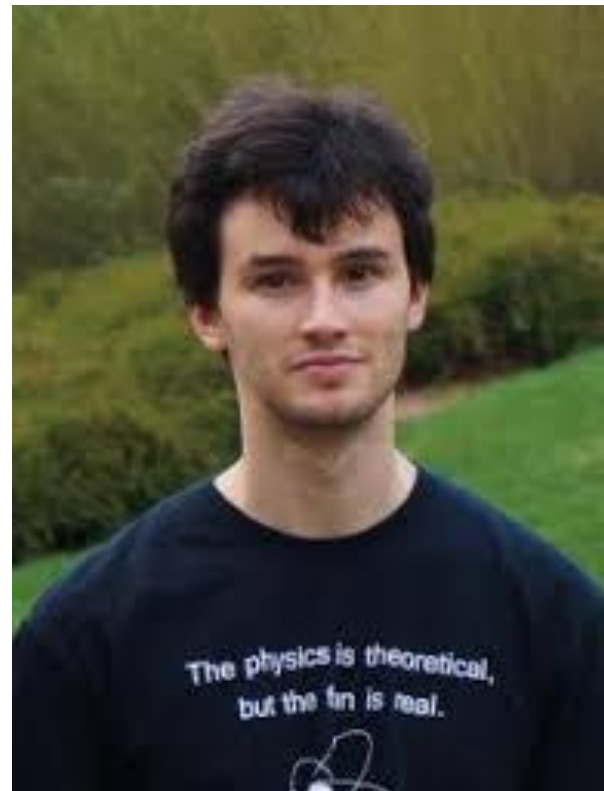
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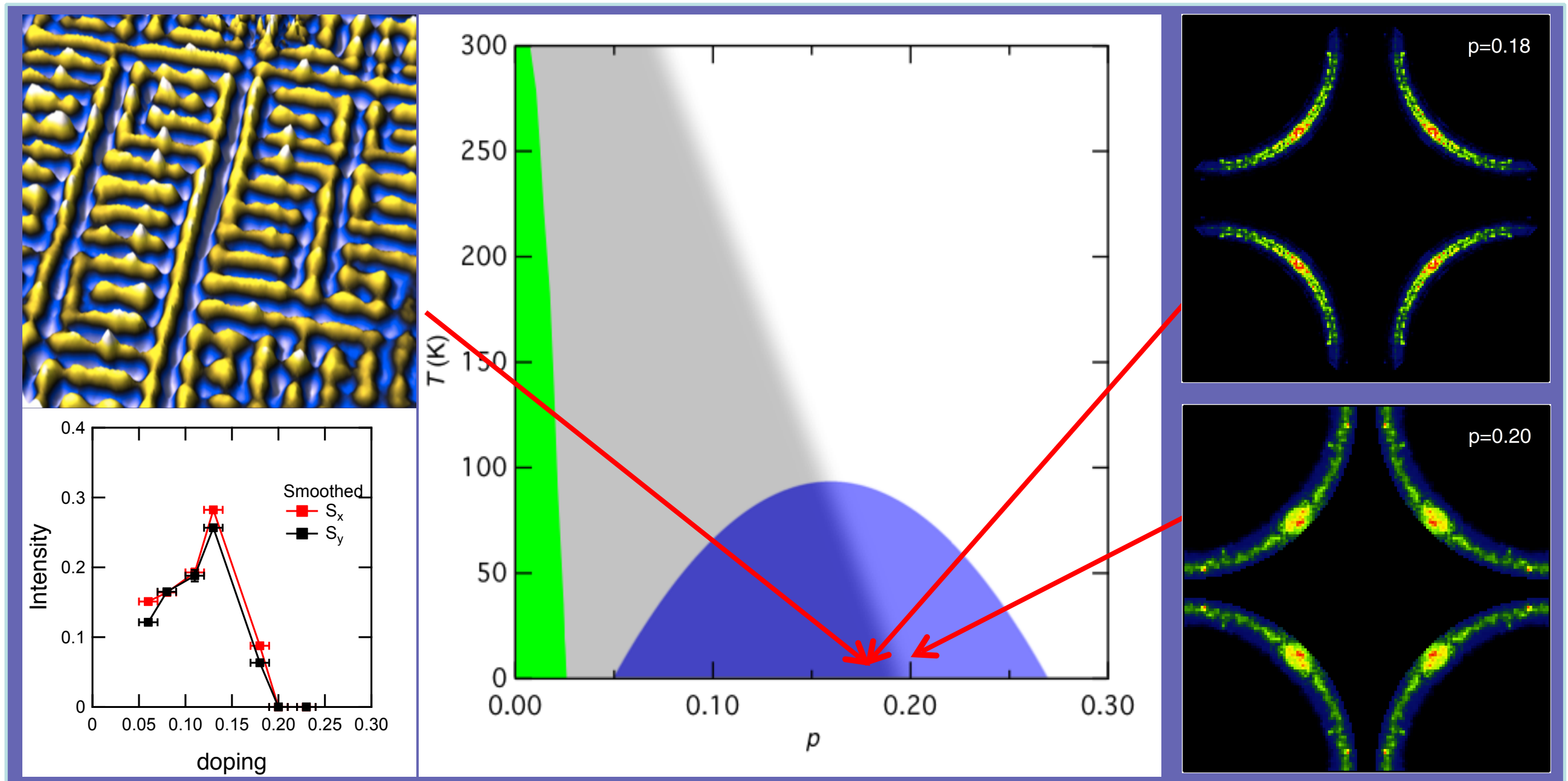


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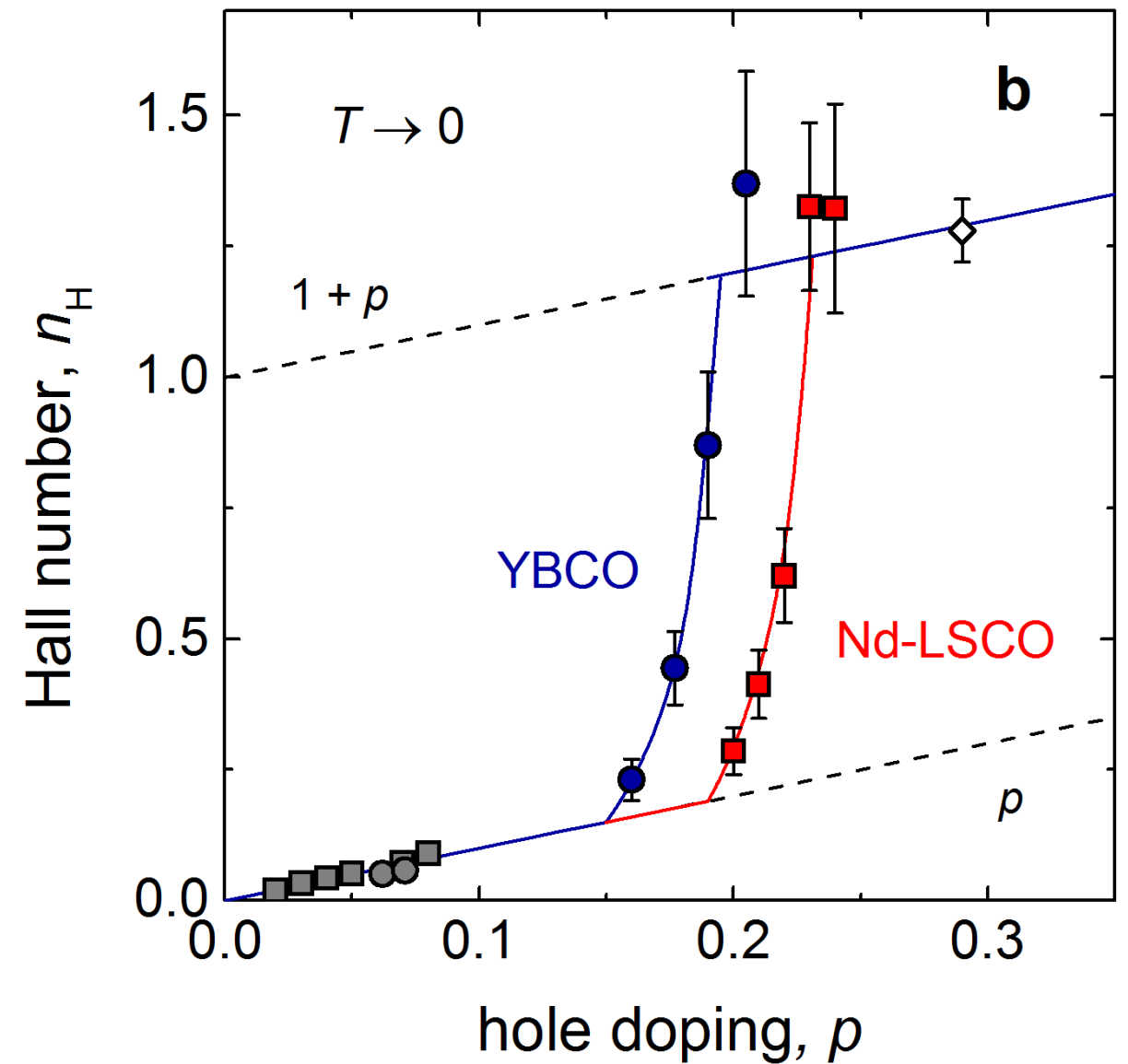
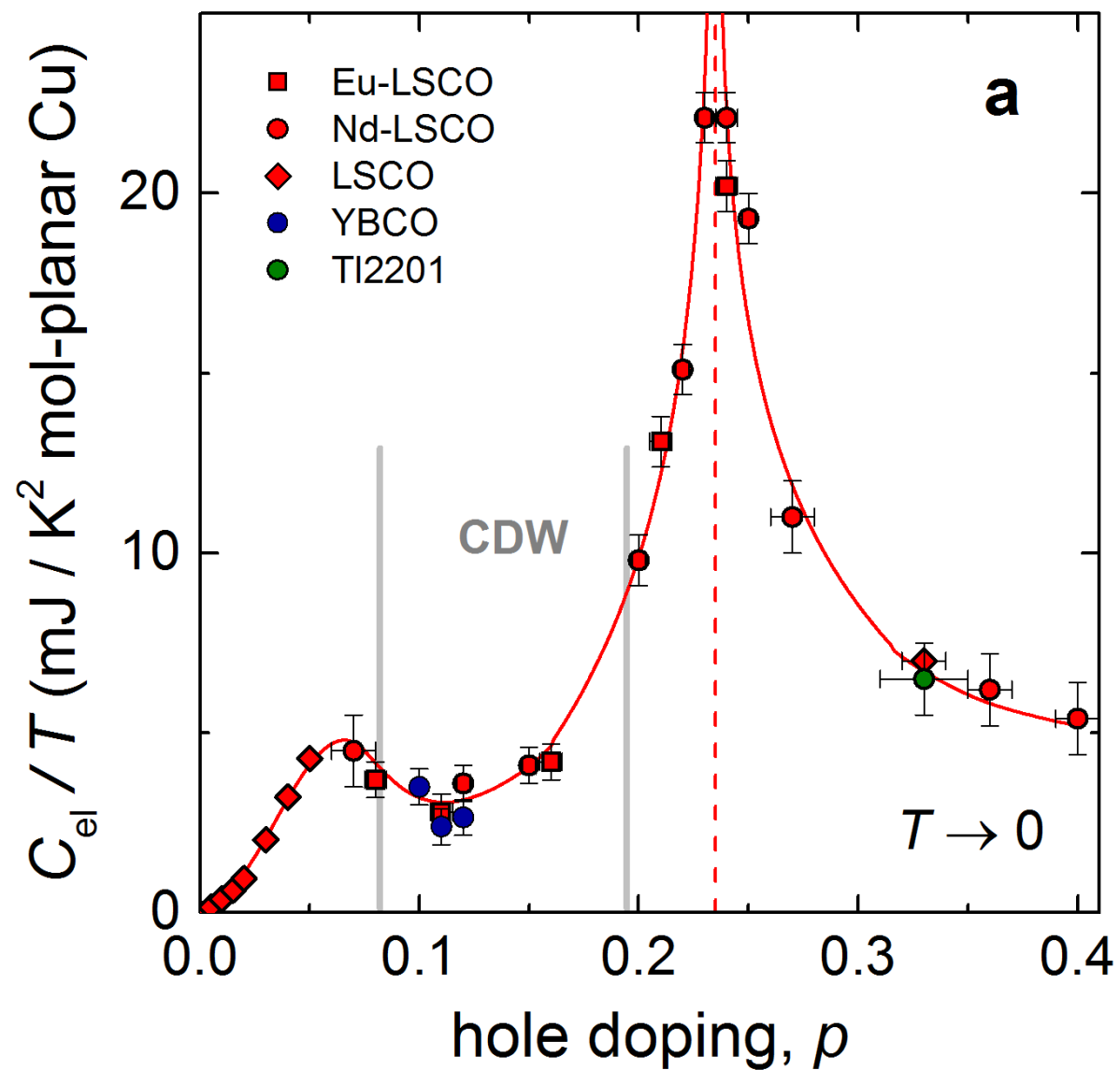
Simultaneous Transitions in Cuprate Momentum-Space Topology and Electronic Symmetry Breaking

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The remarkable underlying ground states of cuprate superconductors

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SU(2) gauge theory with N_h adjoint Higgs fields H_ℓ^a ($a = 1, 2, 3$, $\ell = 1 \dots N_h$), with potential $V(H_\ell^a)$ and SU(2) gauge field A_μ^a . There is $O(N_h)$ global flavor symmetry.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\mu H_\ell^a - \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b H_\ell^c \right)^2 + V(H_\ell^a)$$

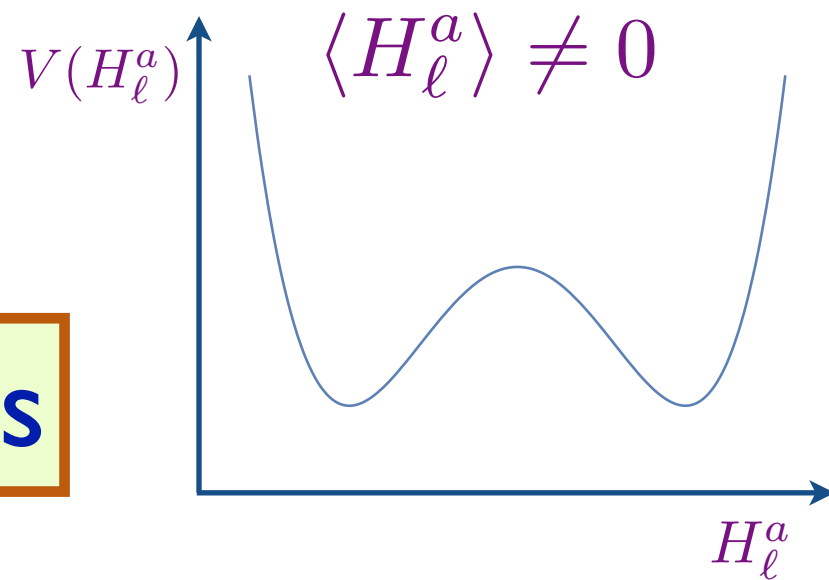
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$$V(H_\ell^a) = s H_\ell^a H_\ell^a + u_0 H_\ell^a H_\ell^a H_m^b H_m^b + u_1 \left(H_\ell^a H_m^a H_\ell^b H_m^b - \frac{1}{N_h} H_\ell^a H_\ell^a H_m^b H_m^b \right)$$

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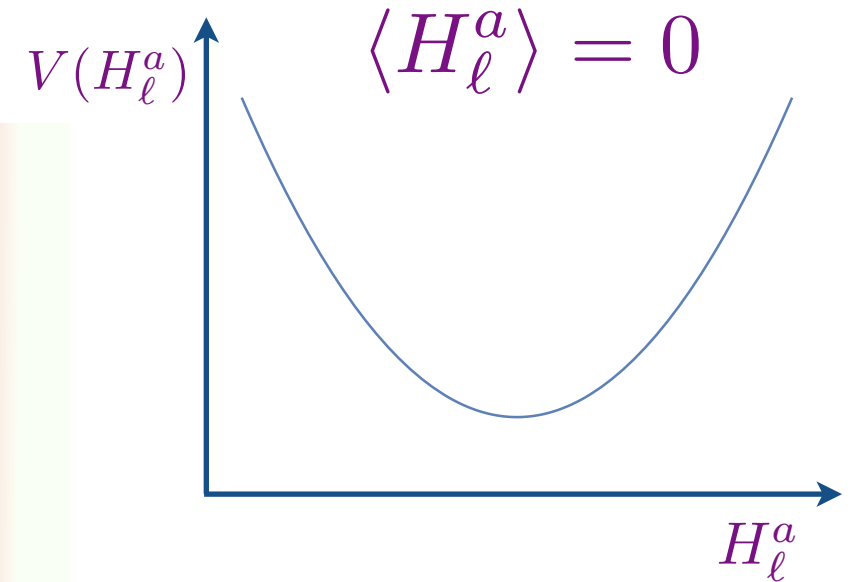
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Higgs



- Condensation of H^a breaks SU(2) to U(1)
- U(1) confines because of proliferation of 'tHooft-Polyakov monopoles
- Monopole action $\sim \sqrt{-s}$, leading to an exponentially large confinement scale

Crossover



Confinement

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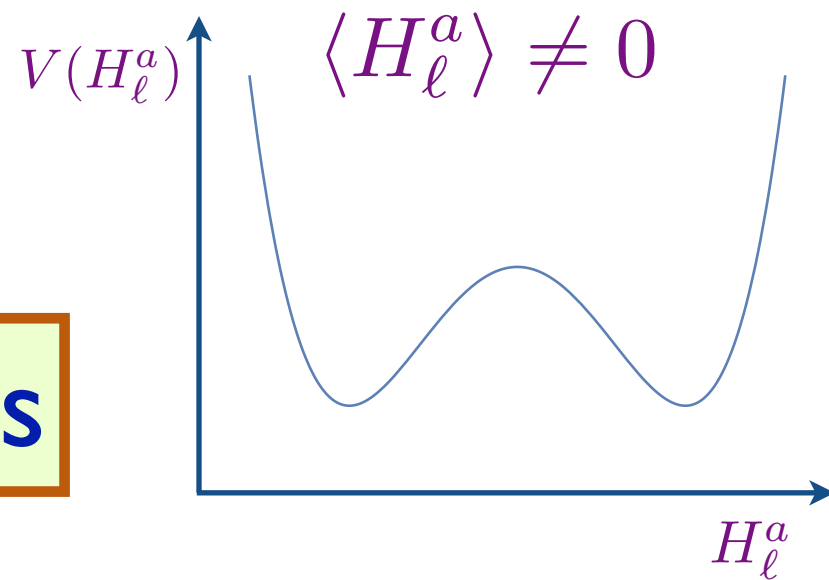
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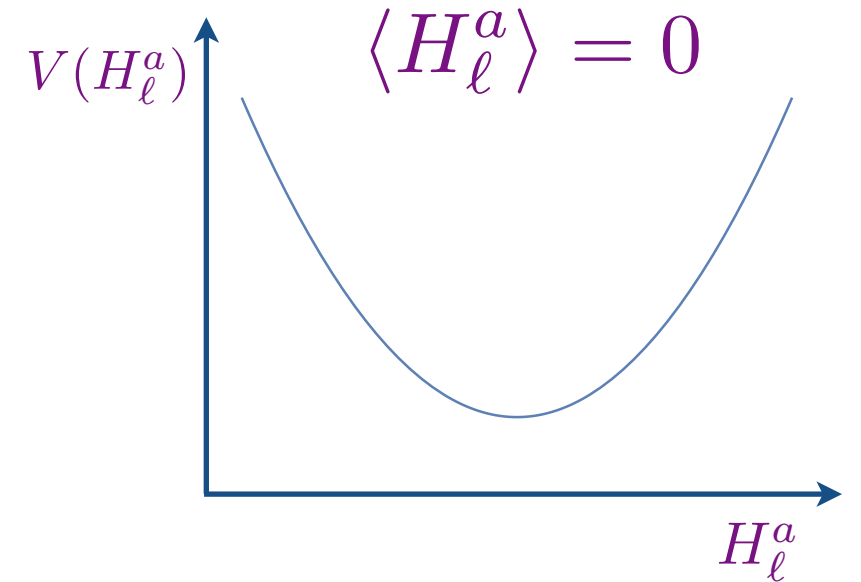
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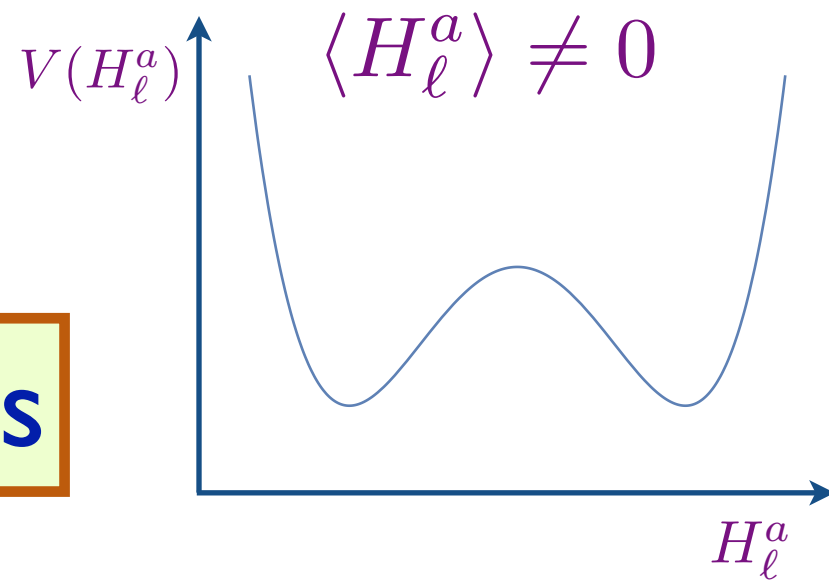
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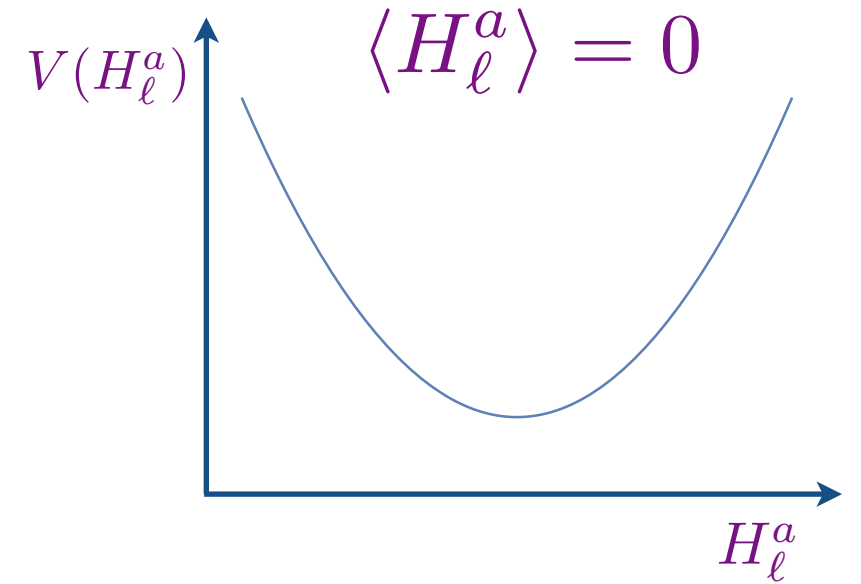
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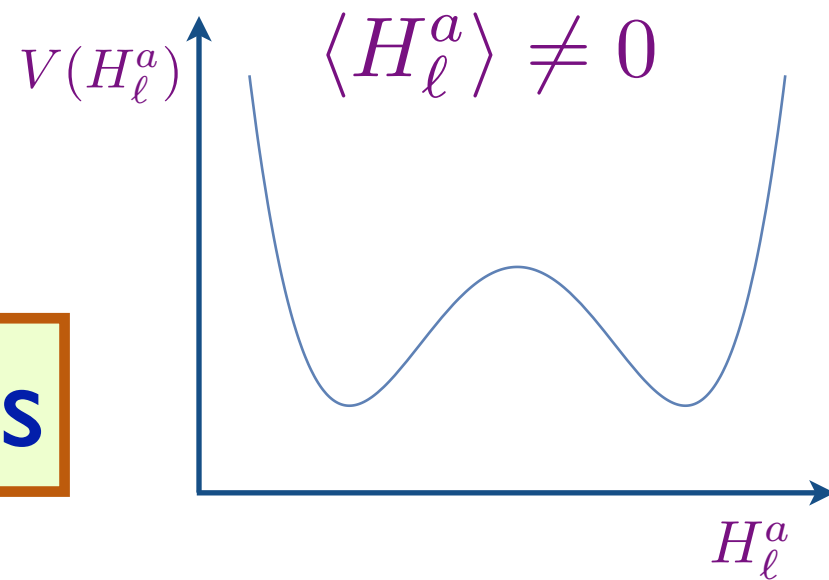
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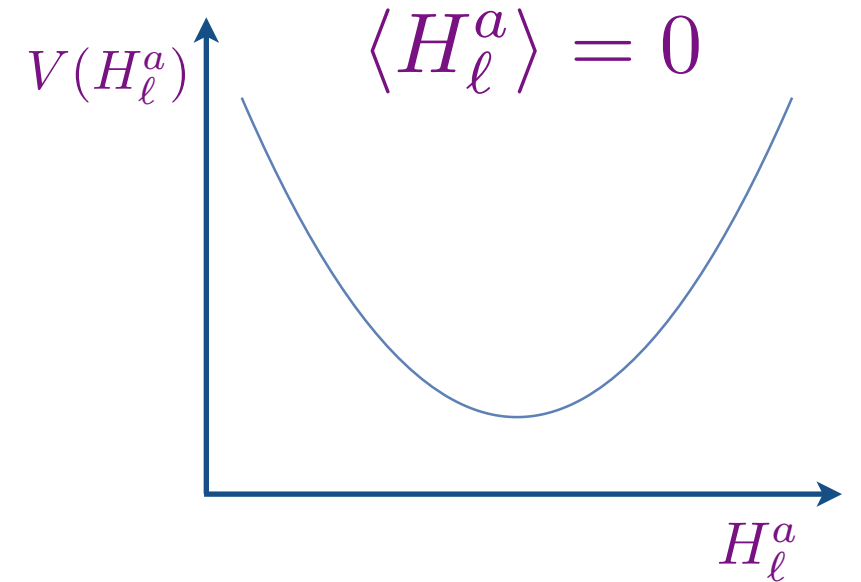
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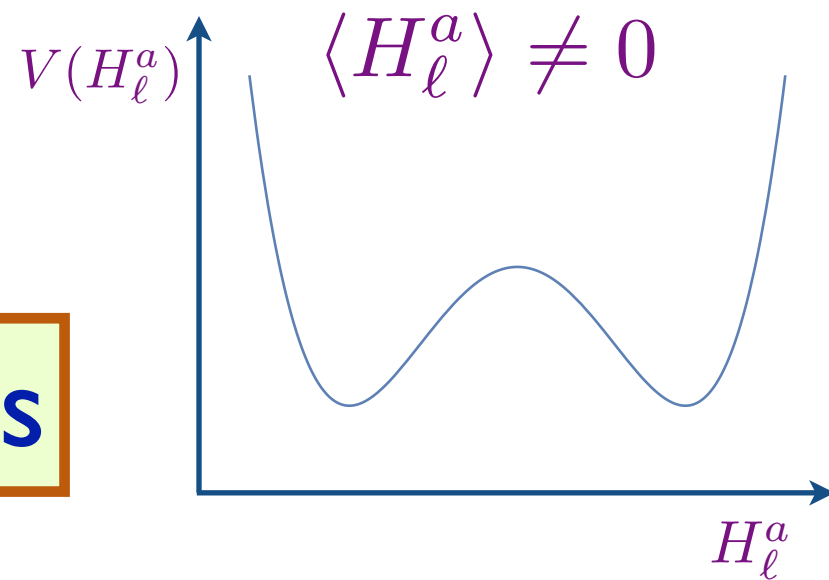
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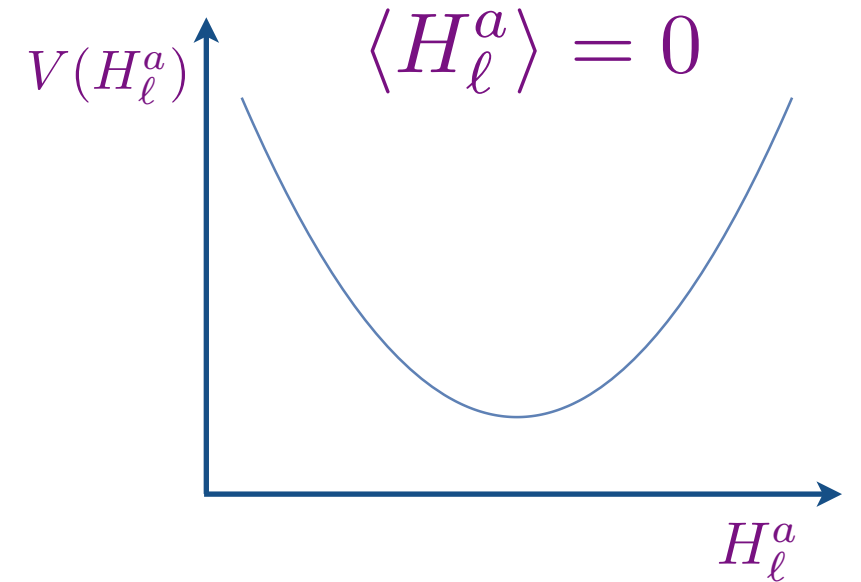
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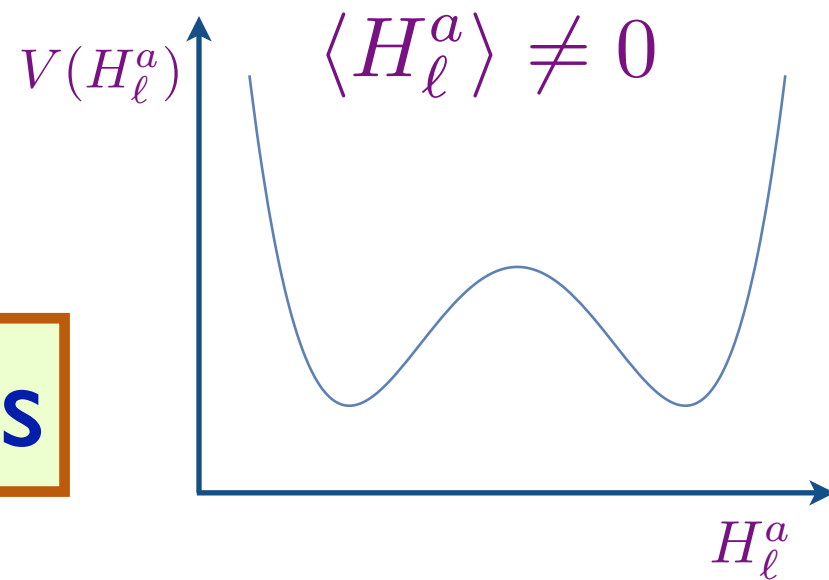
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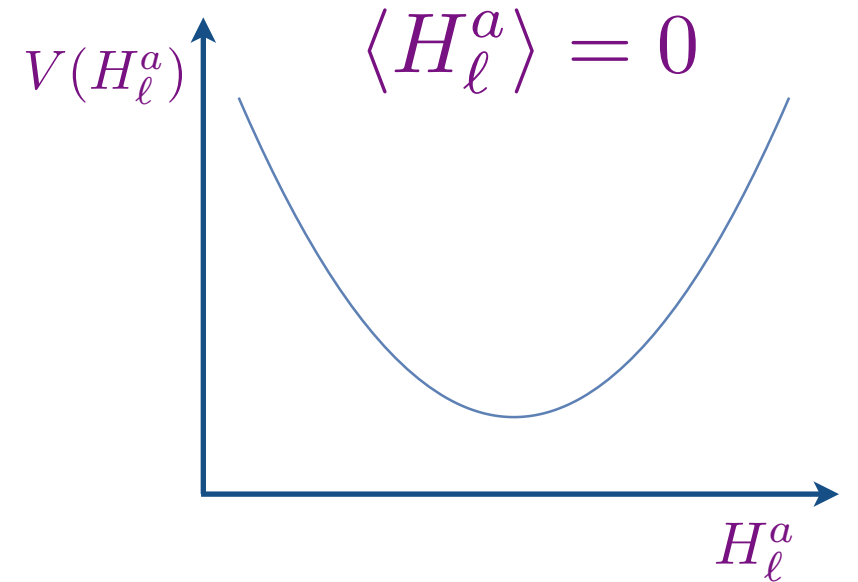
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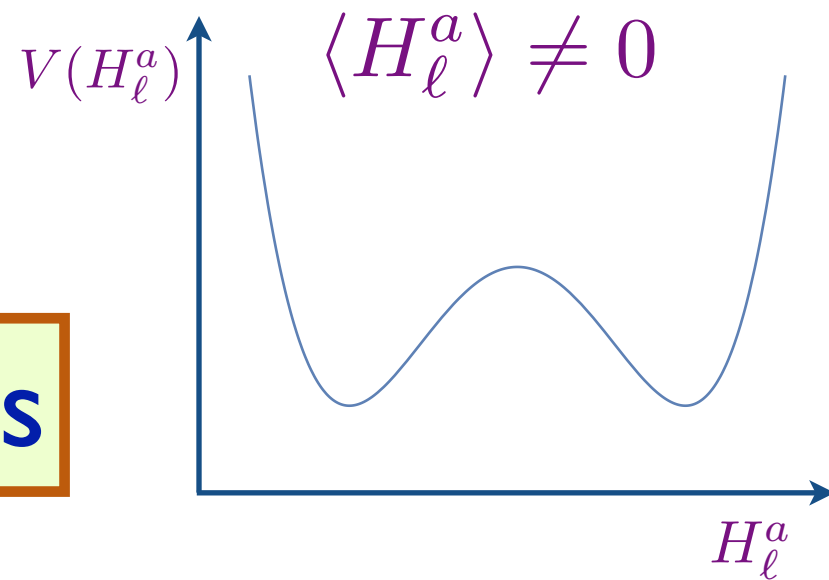
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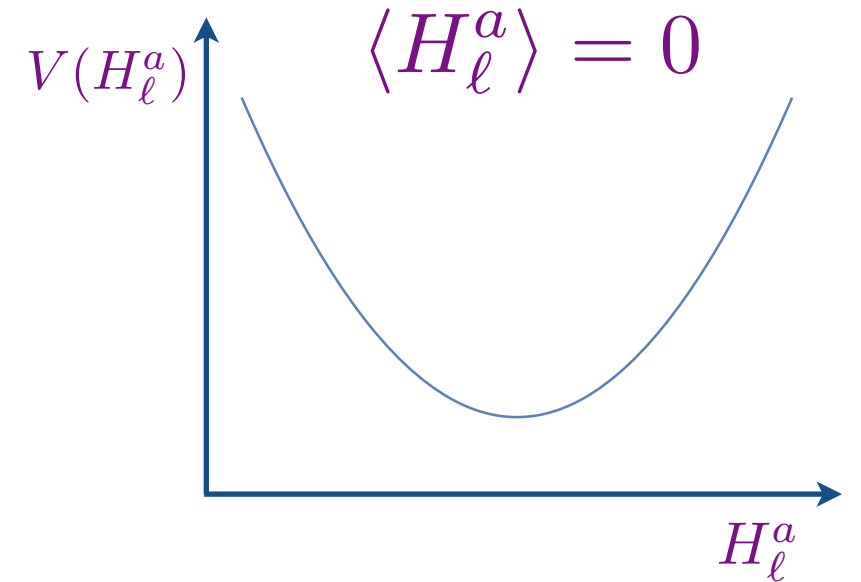
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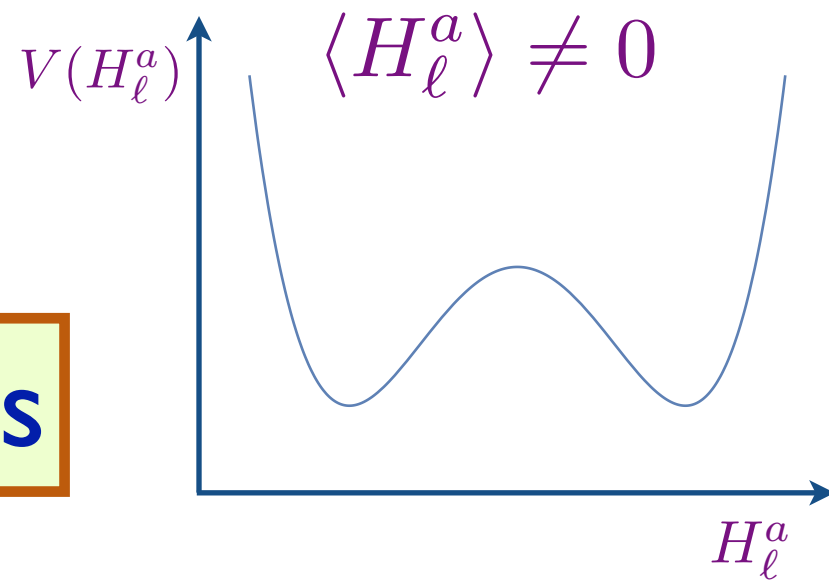
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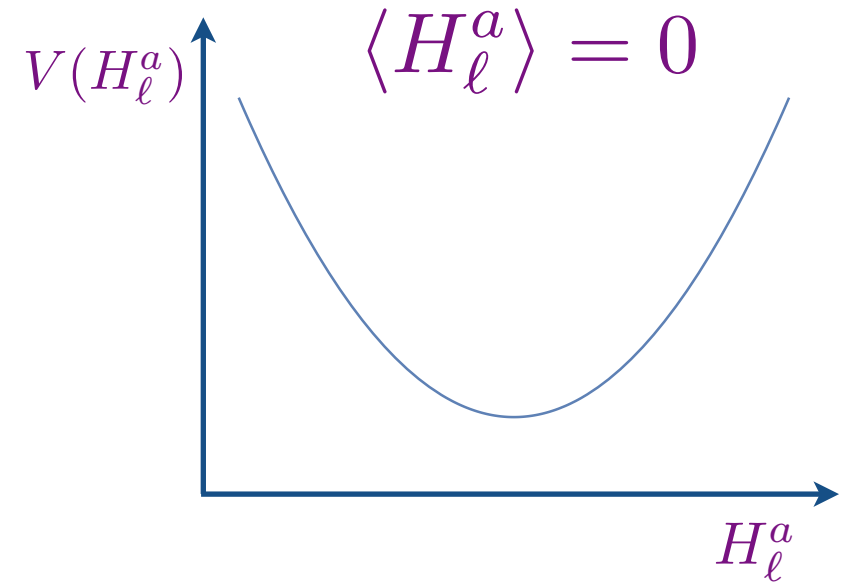
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We can (exactly) transform the Hubbard model to the “spin-fermion” model:

electrons $c_{i\alpha}$ on the square lattice with dispersion

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_c = & - \sum_{i,\rho} t_\rho \left(c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{i+\mathbf{v}_\rho,\alpha} + c_{i+\mathbf{v}_\rho,\alpha}^\dagger c_{i,\alpha} \right) \\ & - \mu \sum_i c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger c_{i,\alpha} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}\end{aligned}$$

are coupled to a magnetic moment order parameter $\Phi^p(i)$, $p = x, y, z$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = -\lambda \sum_i \Phi^p(i) c_{i,\alpha}^\dagger \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^p c_{i,\beta} + V_\Phi$$

Gauge theory of fluctuating antiferromagnetism

For fluctuating antiferromagnetism (spin density waves (SDW)), we transform to a **rotating reference frame** using the SU(2) rotation R_i

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{i\uparrow} \\ c_{i\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} = R_i \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{i,+} \\ \psi_{i,-} \end{pmatrix},$$

in terms of fermionic “chargons” ψ_s and a **Higgs field** $H^a(i)$

$$\sigma^p \Phi^p(i) = R_i \sigma^a H^a(i) R_i^\dagger$$

The Higgs field is the SDW order in the rotating reference frame.

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Note that this representation is ambiguous up to a $SU(2)$ gauge transformation, V_i

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$$R_i \rightarrow R_i V_i^\dagger$$

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Begin with an effective theory
for the Higgs field alone



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We obtain different numbers of adjoint Higgs scalars, N_h , depending upon the spatial dependence of the local spin correlations:

Neel correlations (electron doped cuprates):

$$N_h = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{K} = (\pi, \pi),$$

$$H^a(i) = H_1^a(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i}$$

Bidirectional incommensurate correlations (hole doped cuprates):

$$N_h = 4,$$

$$\mathbf{K}_y = (\pi, \pi - \delta), \mathbf{K}_x = (\pi - \delta, \pi),$$

$$H^a(i) = \text{Re} \left\{ [H_1^a(\mathbf{r}) + iH_2^a(\mathbf{r})] e^{i\mathbf{K}_x \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} + [H_3^a(\mathbf{r}) + iH_4^a(\mathbf{r})] e^{i\mathbf{K}_y \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} \right\}$$

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For the hole-doped cuprates, $N_h = 4$, we define complex Higgs fields

$$\mathcal{H}_x^a = H_1^a + iH_2^a \quad , \quad \mathcal{H}_y^a = H_3^a + iH_4^a \quad .$$

The SU(2) gauge theory is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \left| \partial_\mu \mathcal{H}_x^a - \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b \mathcal{H}_x^c \right|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left| \partial_\mu \mathcal{H}_y^a - \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b \mathcal{H}_y^c \right|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + V(\mathcal{H}_{x,y}^a) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathcal{H}_{x,y}^a) = & s \left(\mathcal{H}_x^{a*} \mathcal{H}_x^a + \mathcal{H}_y^{a*} \mathcal{H}_y^a \right) + u_0 \left(\mathcal{H}_x^{a*} \mathcal{H}_x^a + \mathcal{H}_y^{a*} \mathcal{H}_y^a \right)^2 \\ & \frac{u_1}{4} \left(\mathcal{H}_x^{a*} \mathcal{H}_x^a - \mathcal{H}_y^{a*} \mathcal{H}_y^a \right)^2 + \frac{u_2}{2} \left[\left| \mathcal{H}_x^a \mathcal{H}_x^a \right|^2 + \left| \mathcal{H}_y^a \mathcal{H}_y^a \right|^2 \right] \\ & + u_3 \left(\left| \mathcal{H}_x^a \mathcal{H}_y^a \right|^2 + \left| \mathcal{H}_x^a \mathcal{H}_y^{a*} \right|^2 \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Gauge theory of fluctuating antiferromagnetism

There are multiple order parameters for different broken symmetries
(Note: spin rotations are preserved and there is no SDW order)

- Ising nematic order

$$\phi = \mathcal{H}_x^{a*} \mathcal{H}_x^a - \mathcal{H}_y^{a*} \mathcal{H}_y^a$$

- Charge density wave (CDW) order at wavevectors $2\mathbf{K}_{x,y}$

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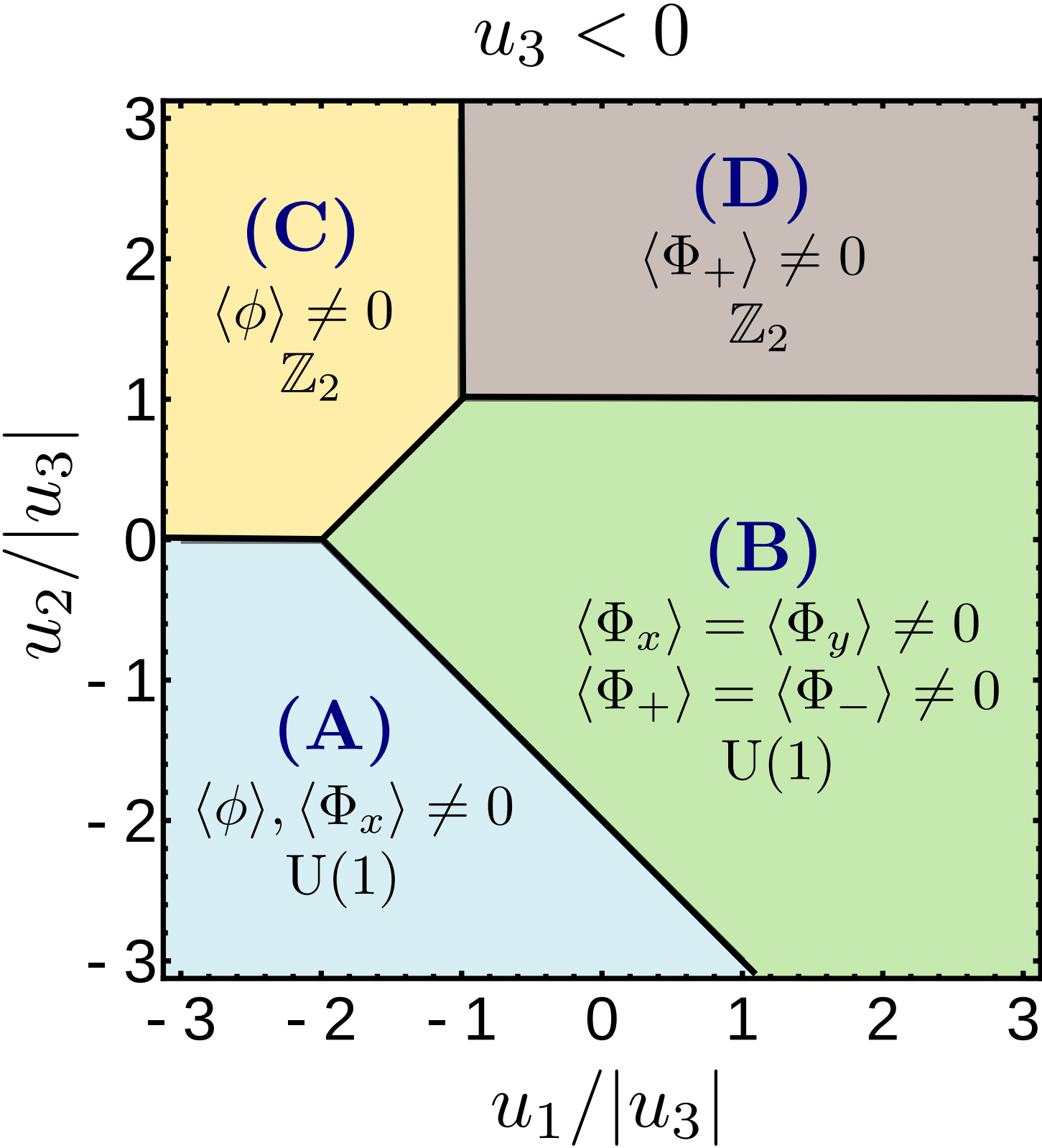
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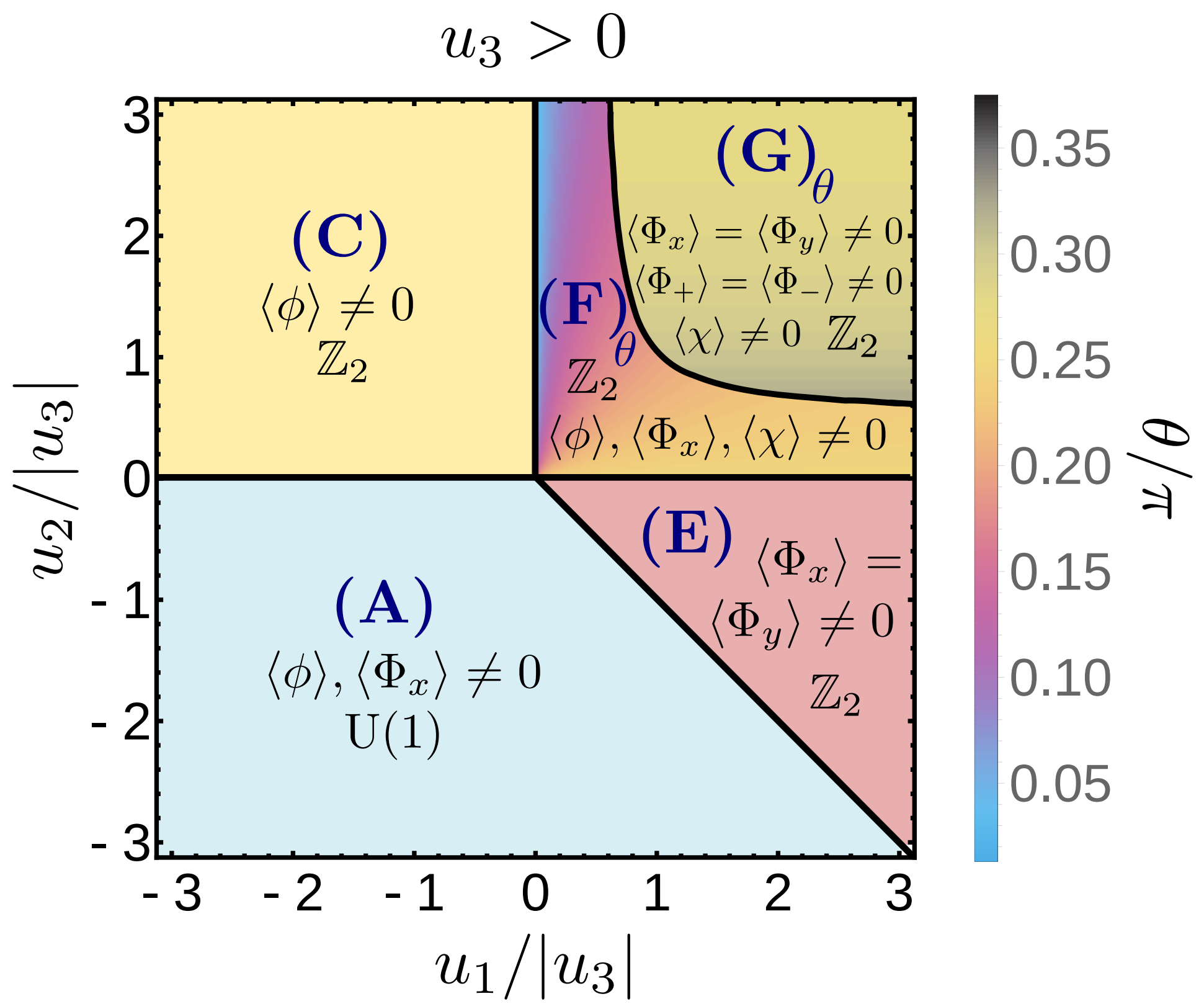
- (Modulated) scalar spin chirality

$$\chi_{ijk} = \epsilon_{abc} H^a(\mathbf{r}_i) H^b(\mathbf{r}_j) H^c(\mathbf{r}_k)$$

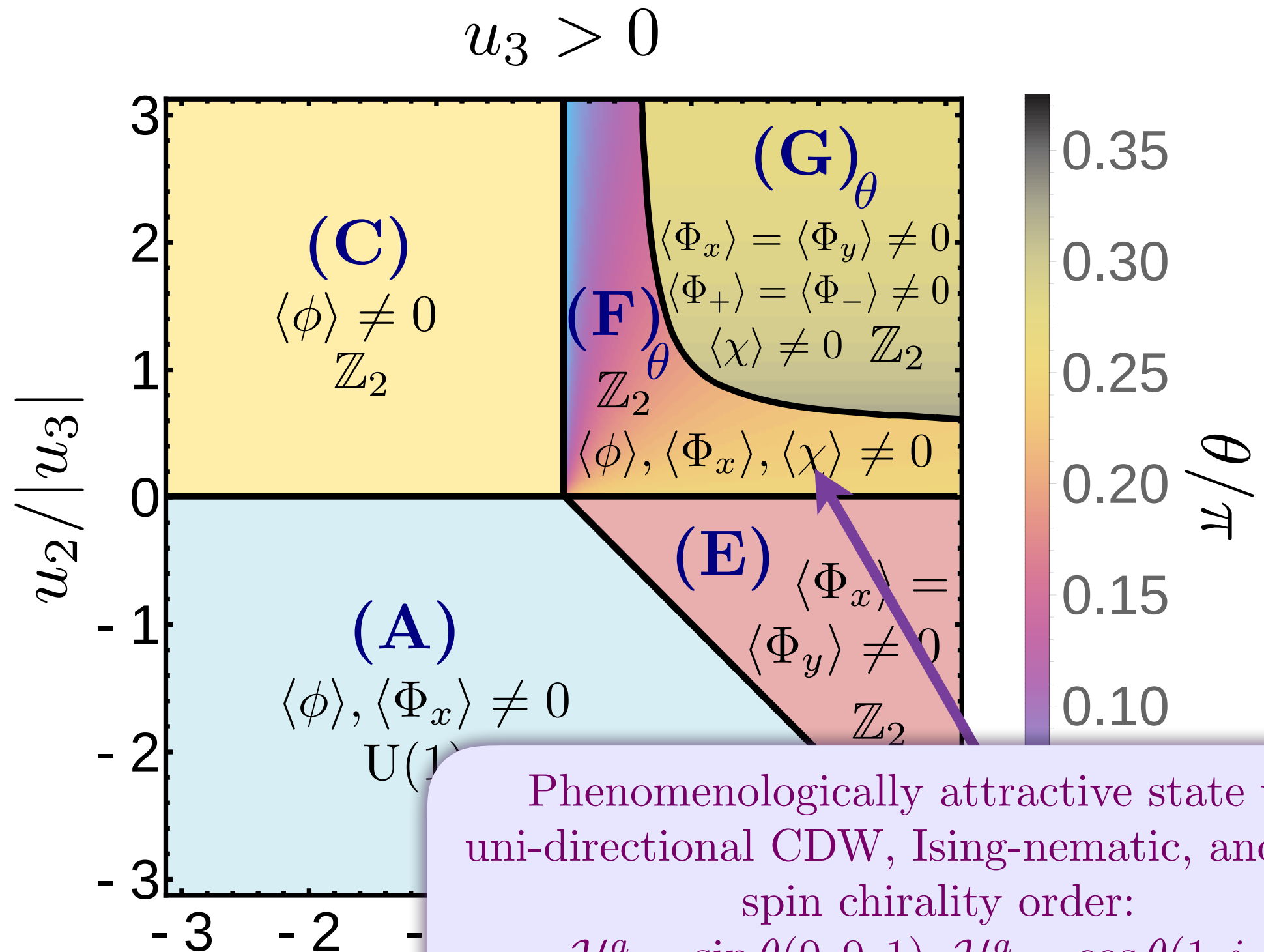
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Phenomenologically attractive state with uni-directional CDW, Ising-nematic, and scalar spin chirality order:

$$\mathcal{H}_x^a = \sin \theta(0, 0, 1), \mathcal{H}_y^a = \cos \theta(1, i, 0)$$

i.e. short-range collinear spin correlations along x , and short-range spiral spin correlations along y .

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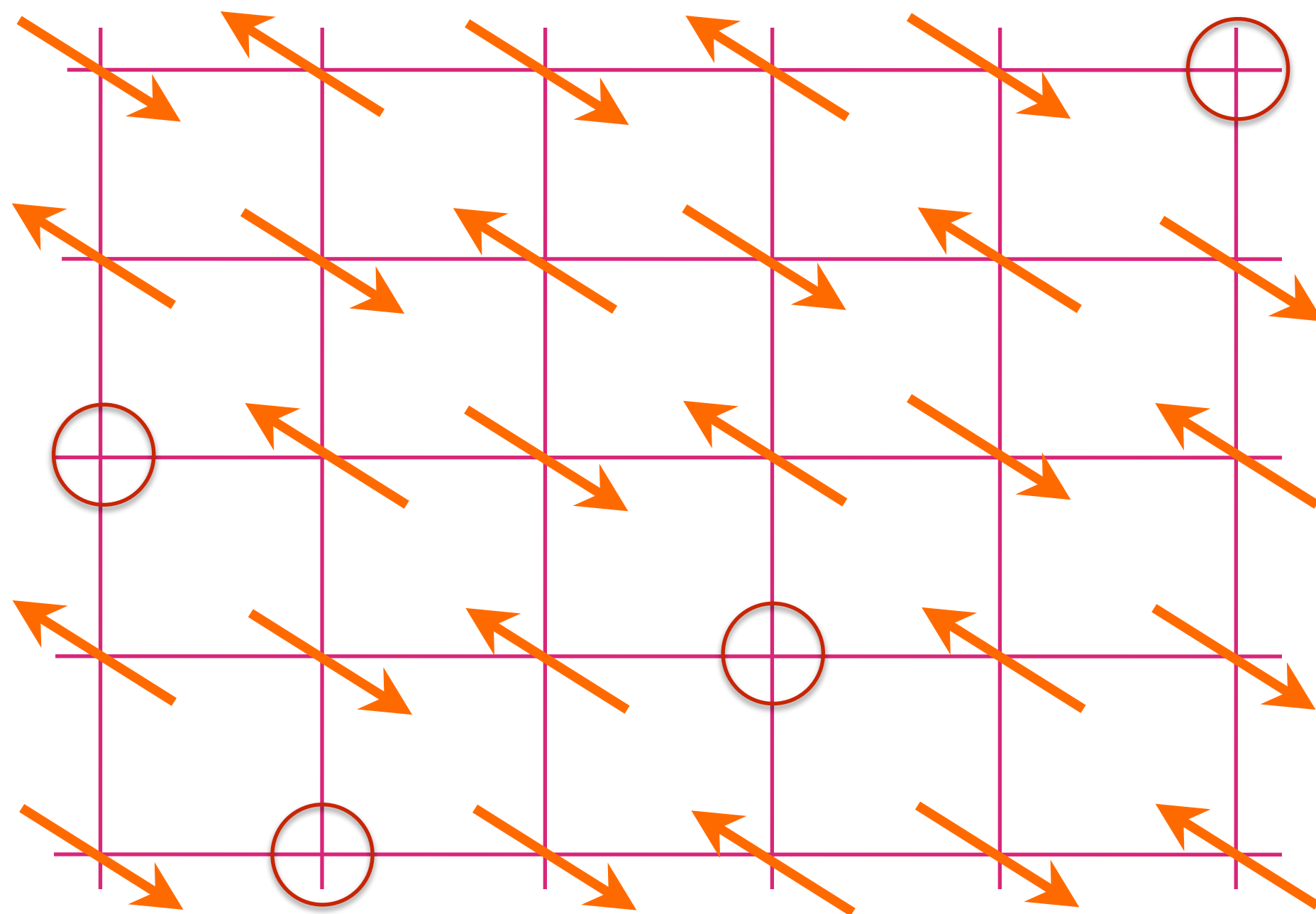
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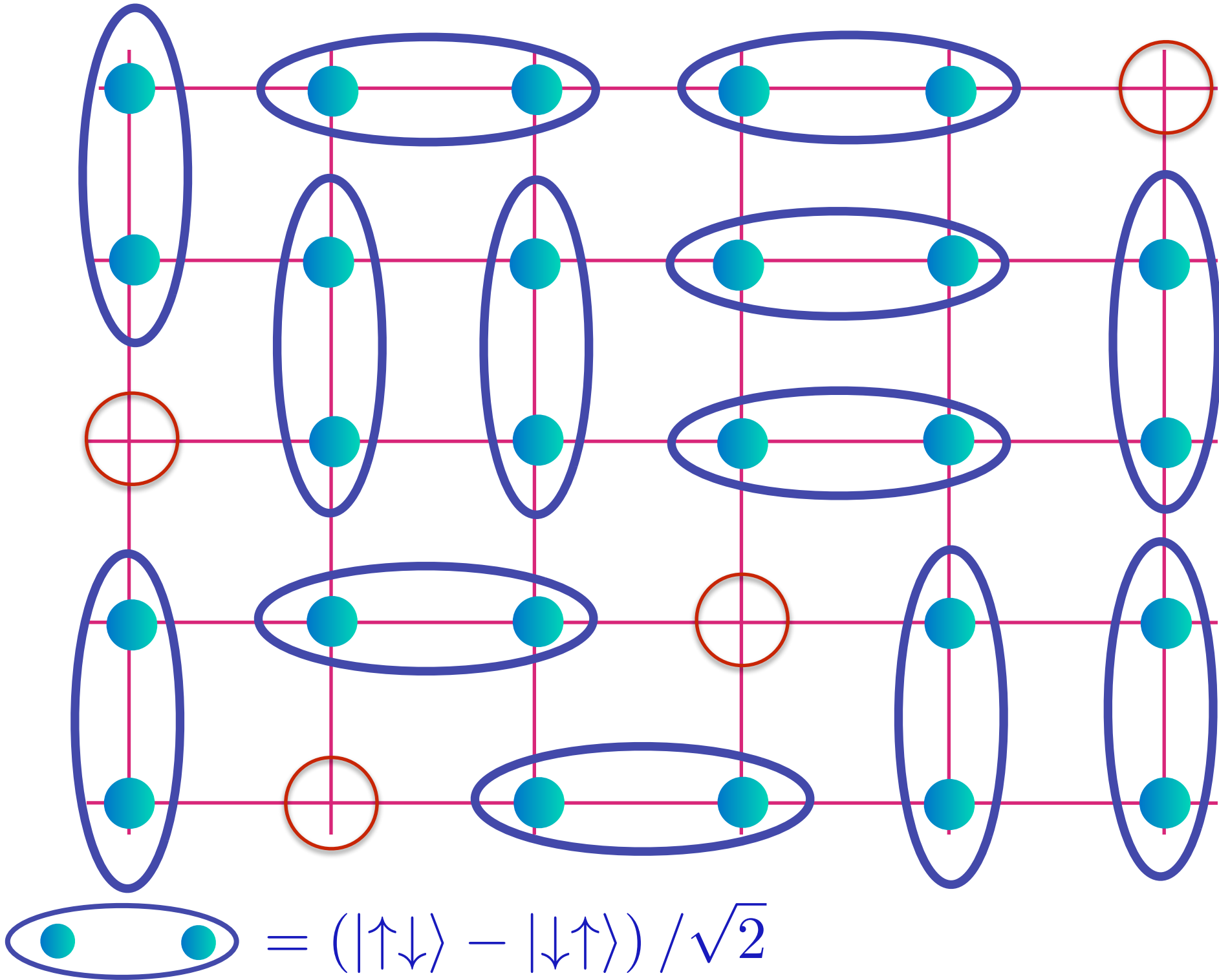
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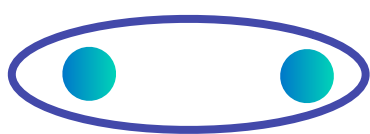
$SU(2)$ gauge theory: fractionalize the SDW order parameter into the Higgs field (H) and the spinons (R); fractionalize the electron (c) into chargons (ψ) and spinons (R). When the Higgs field is condensed, the ψ fermions and R bosons are deconfined particles in an algebraic charge liquid (ACL) state, but with a strong residual attractive interaction from the t_{ij} .

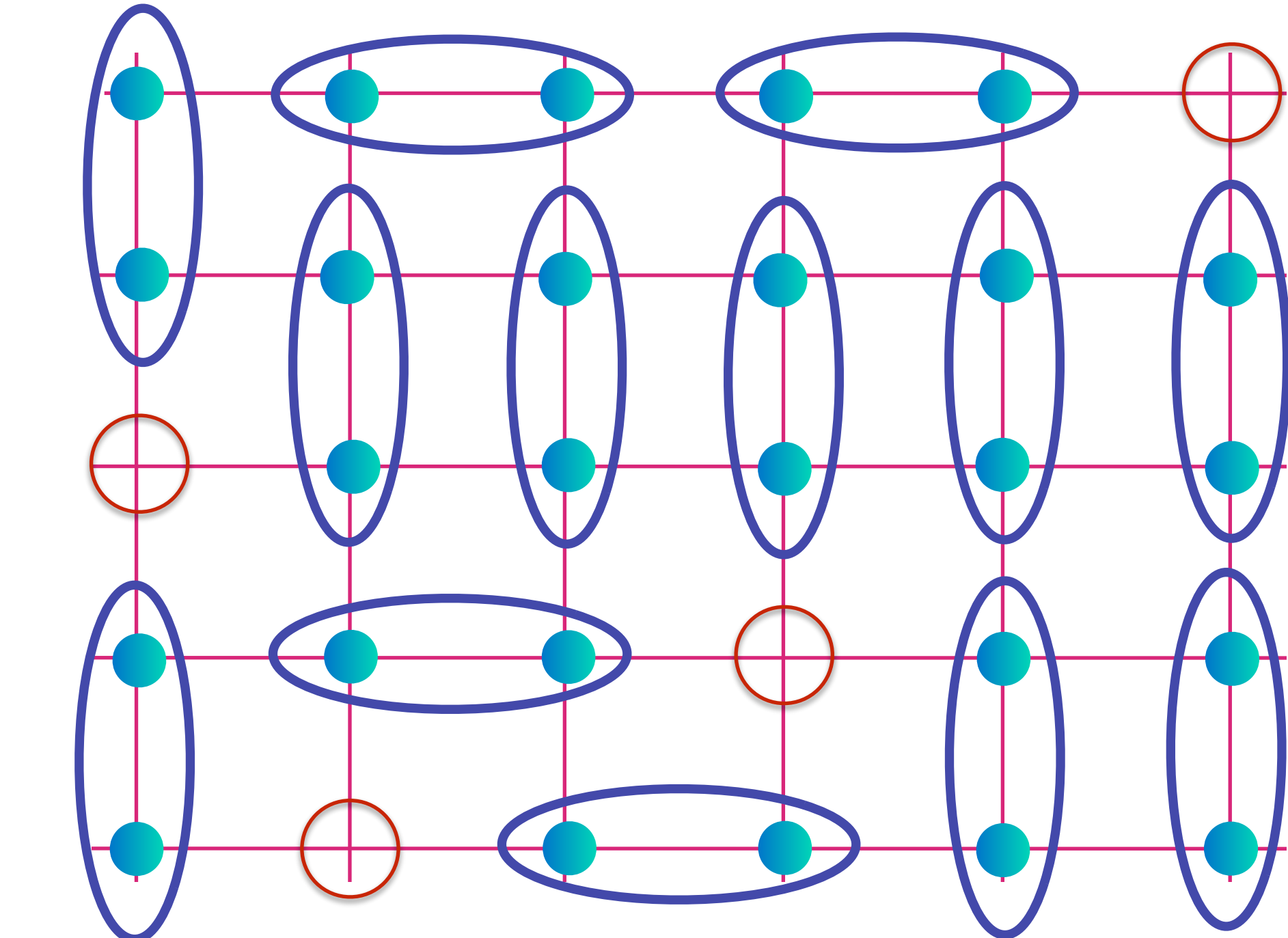


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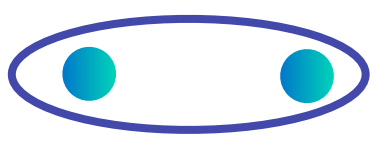


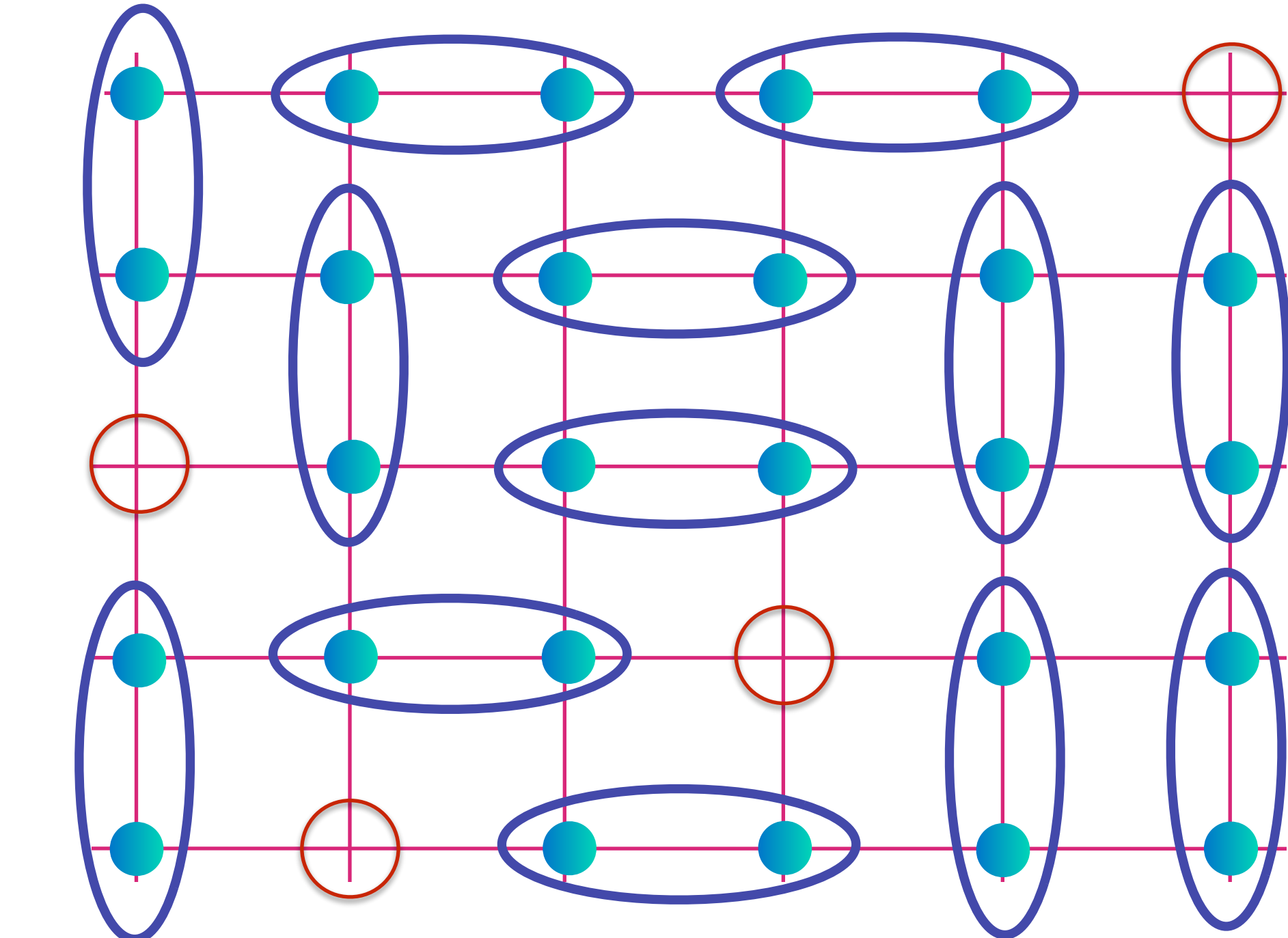
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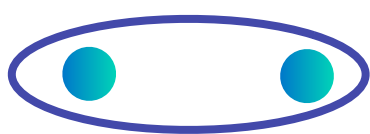


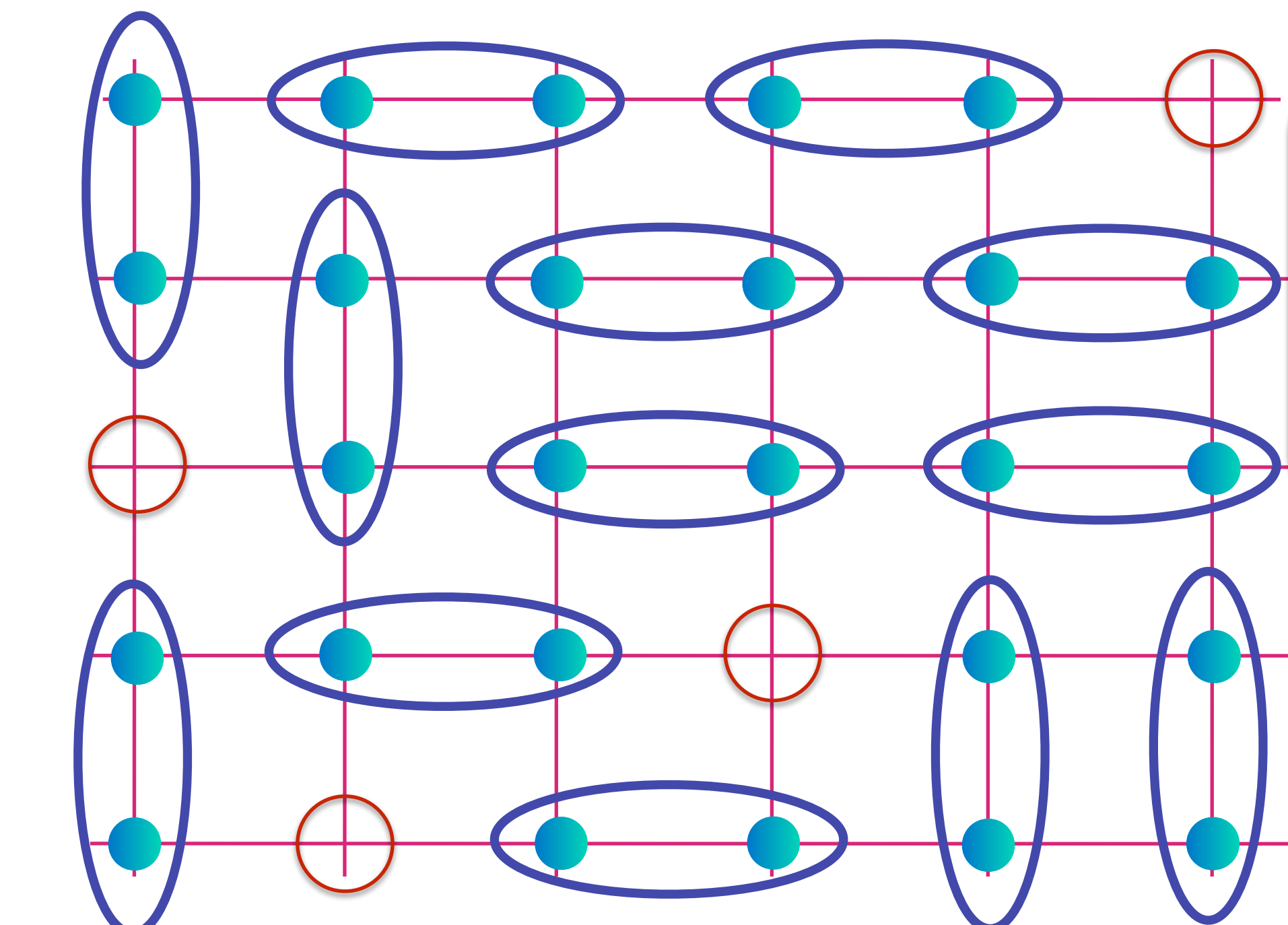
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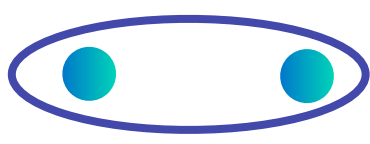


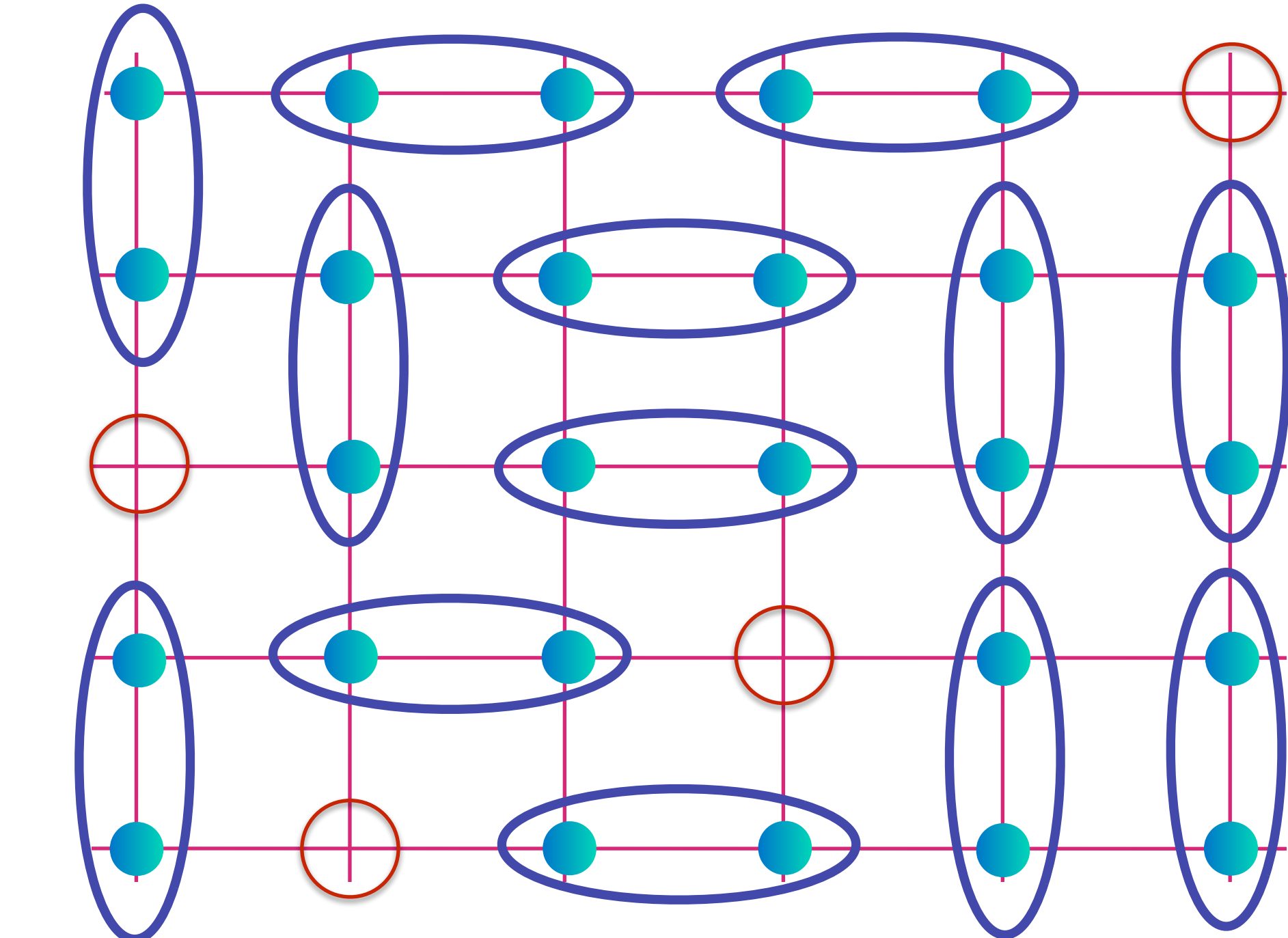
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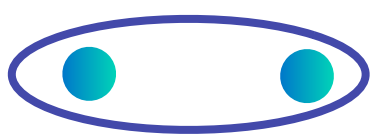


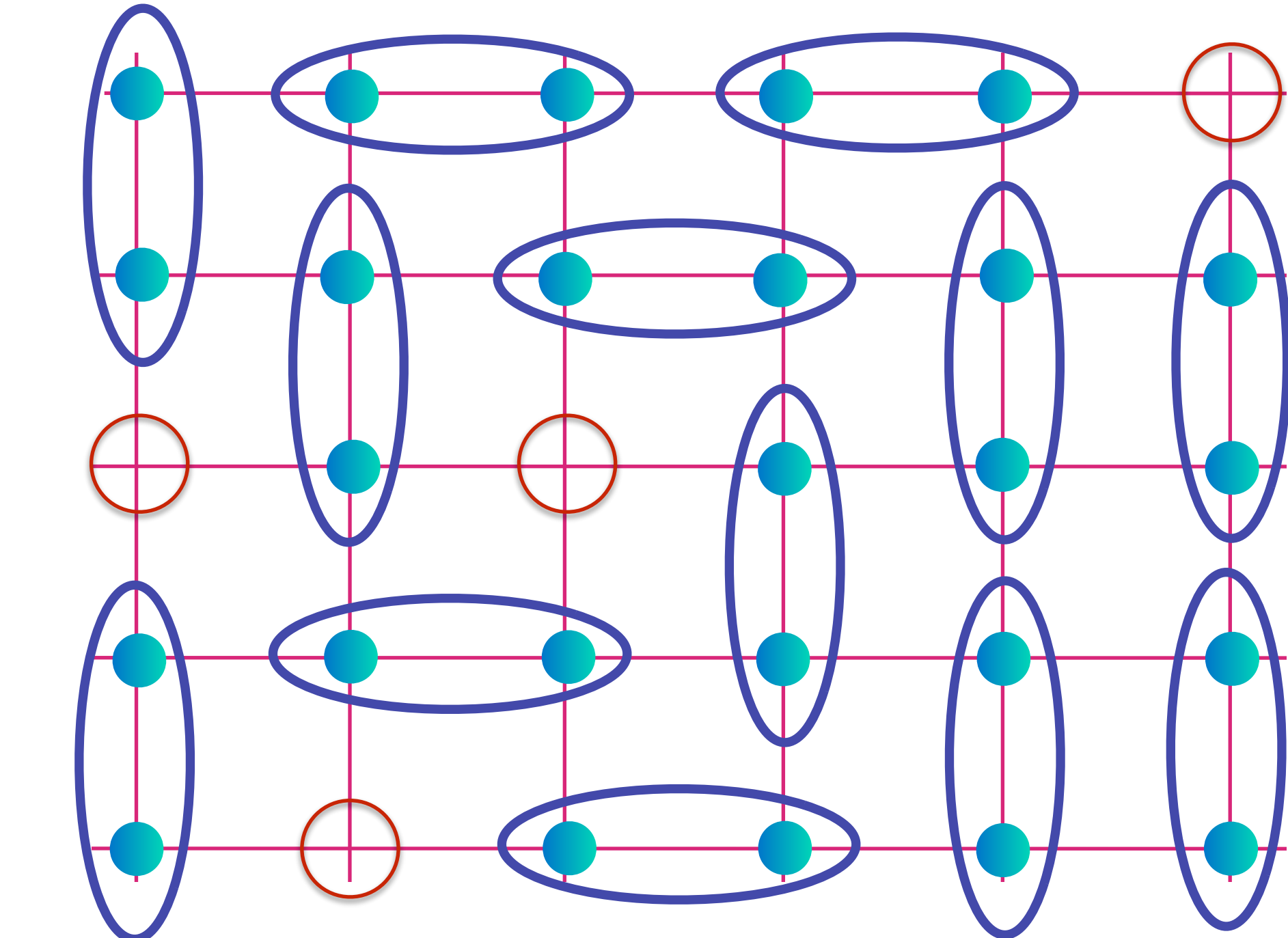
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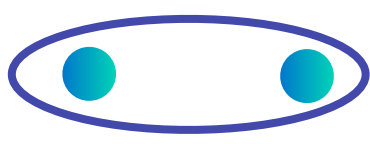


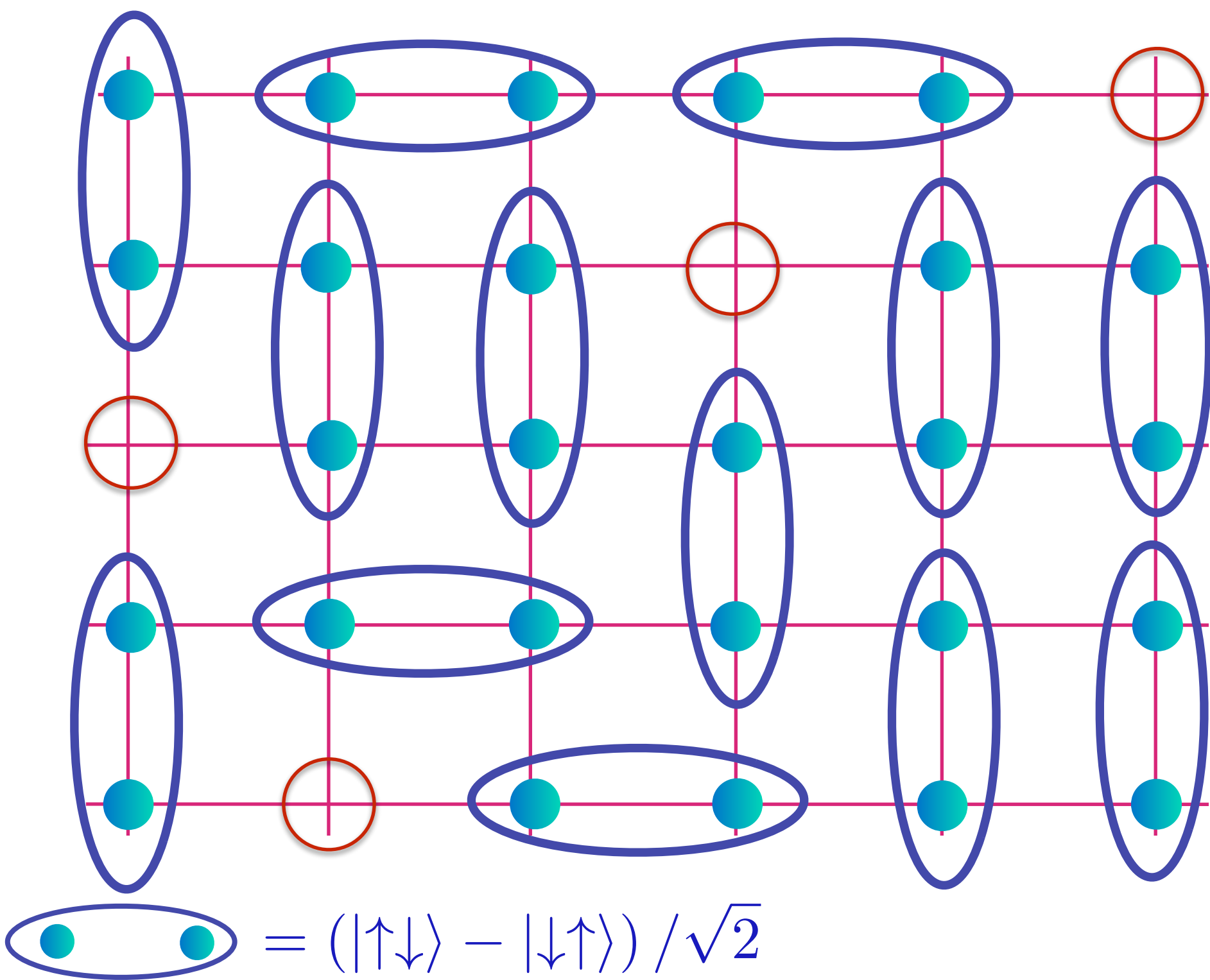
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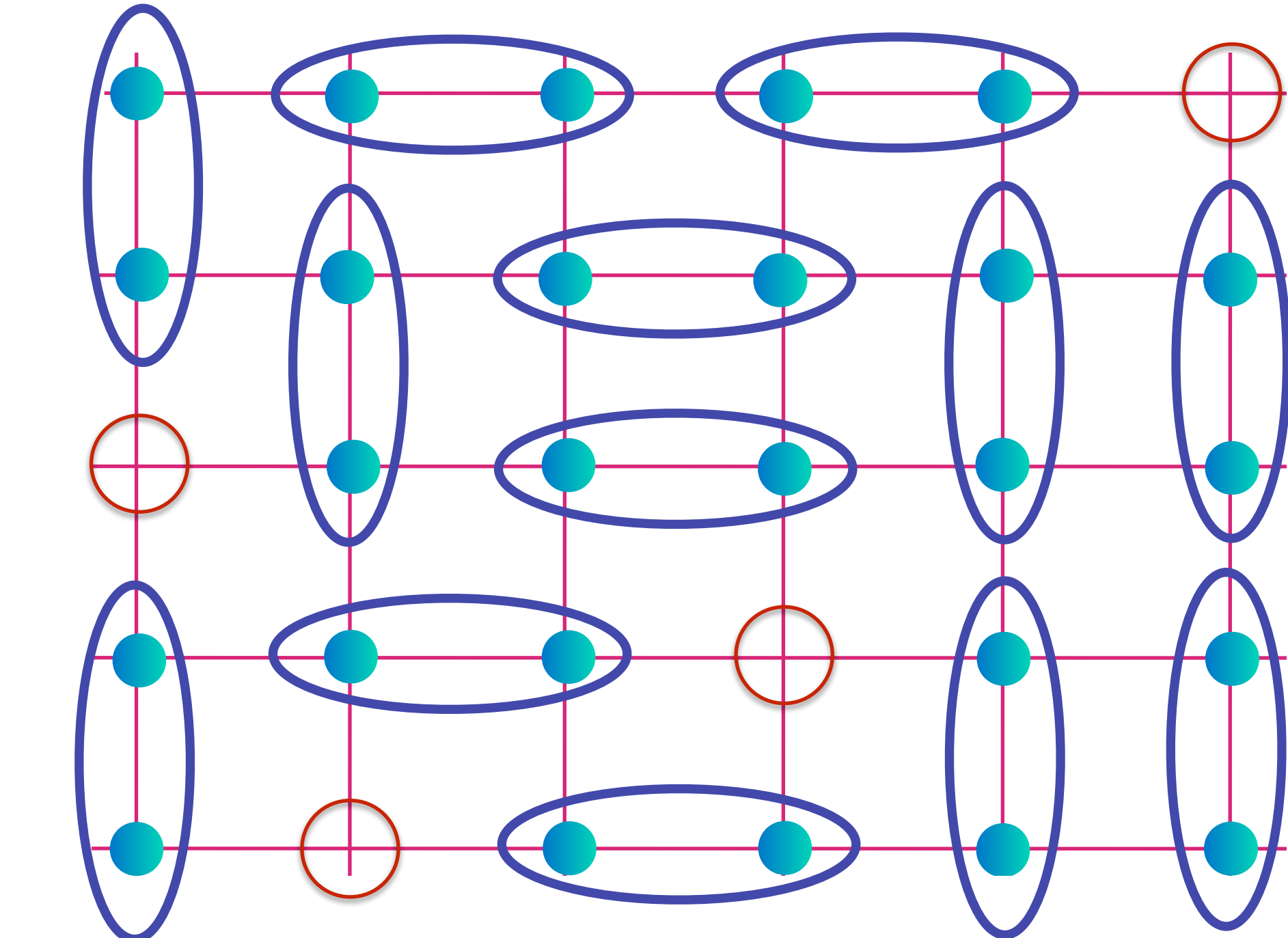
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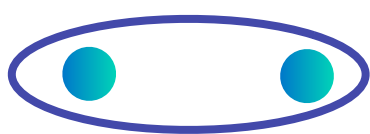


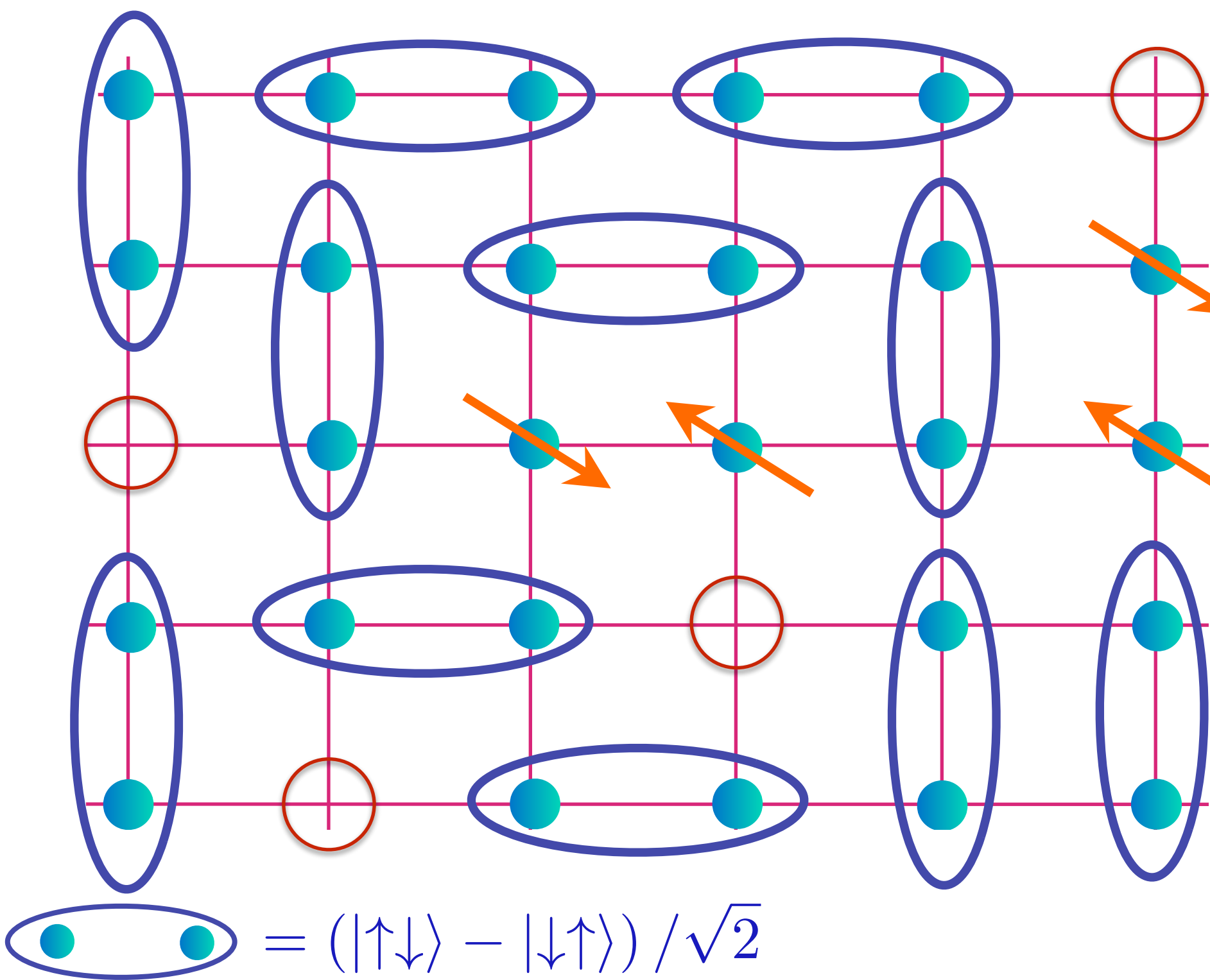
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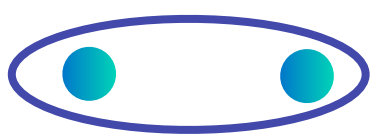


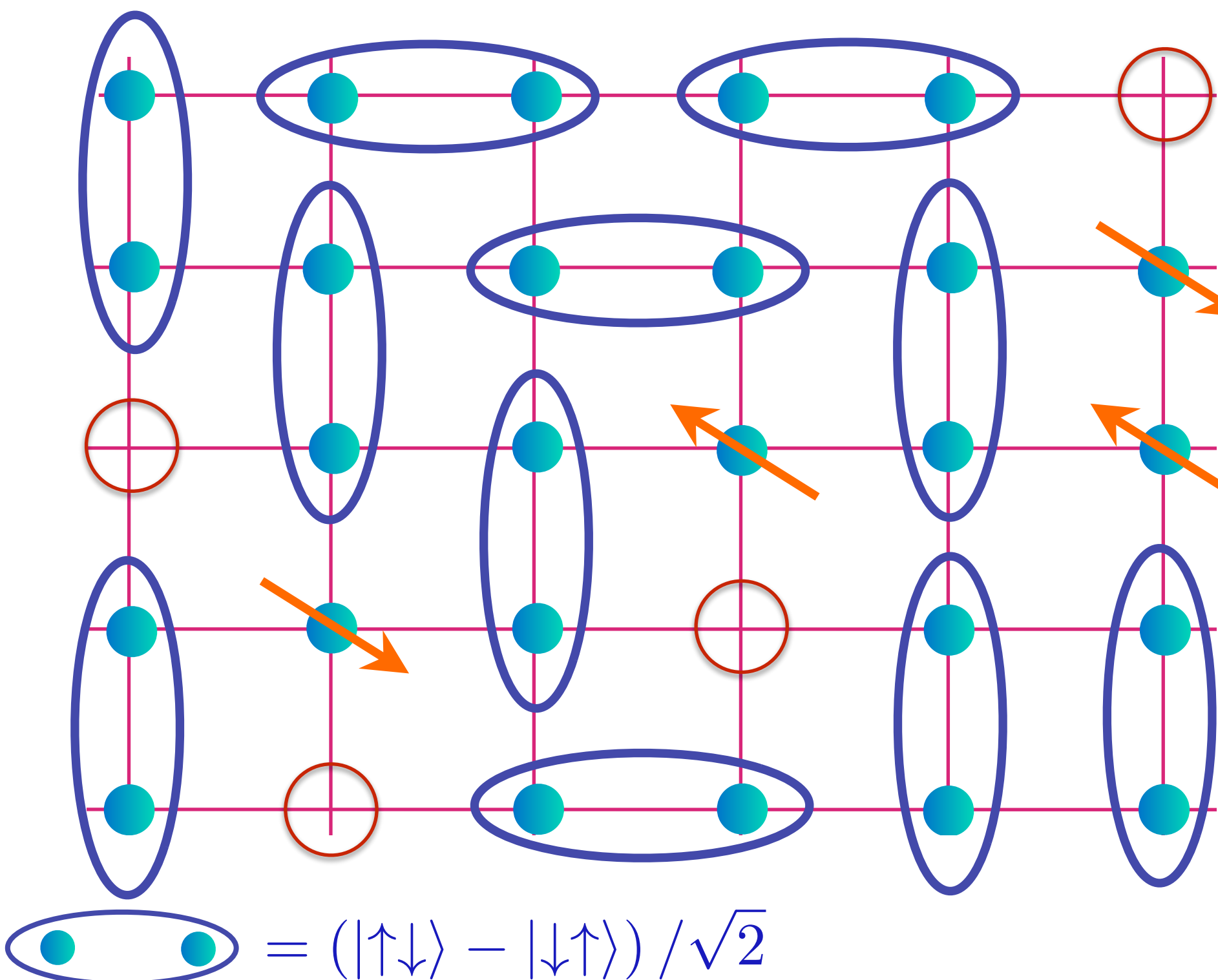
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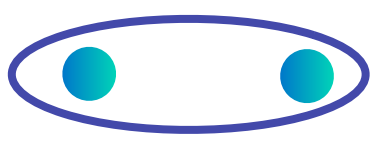


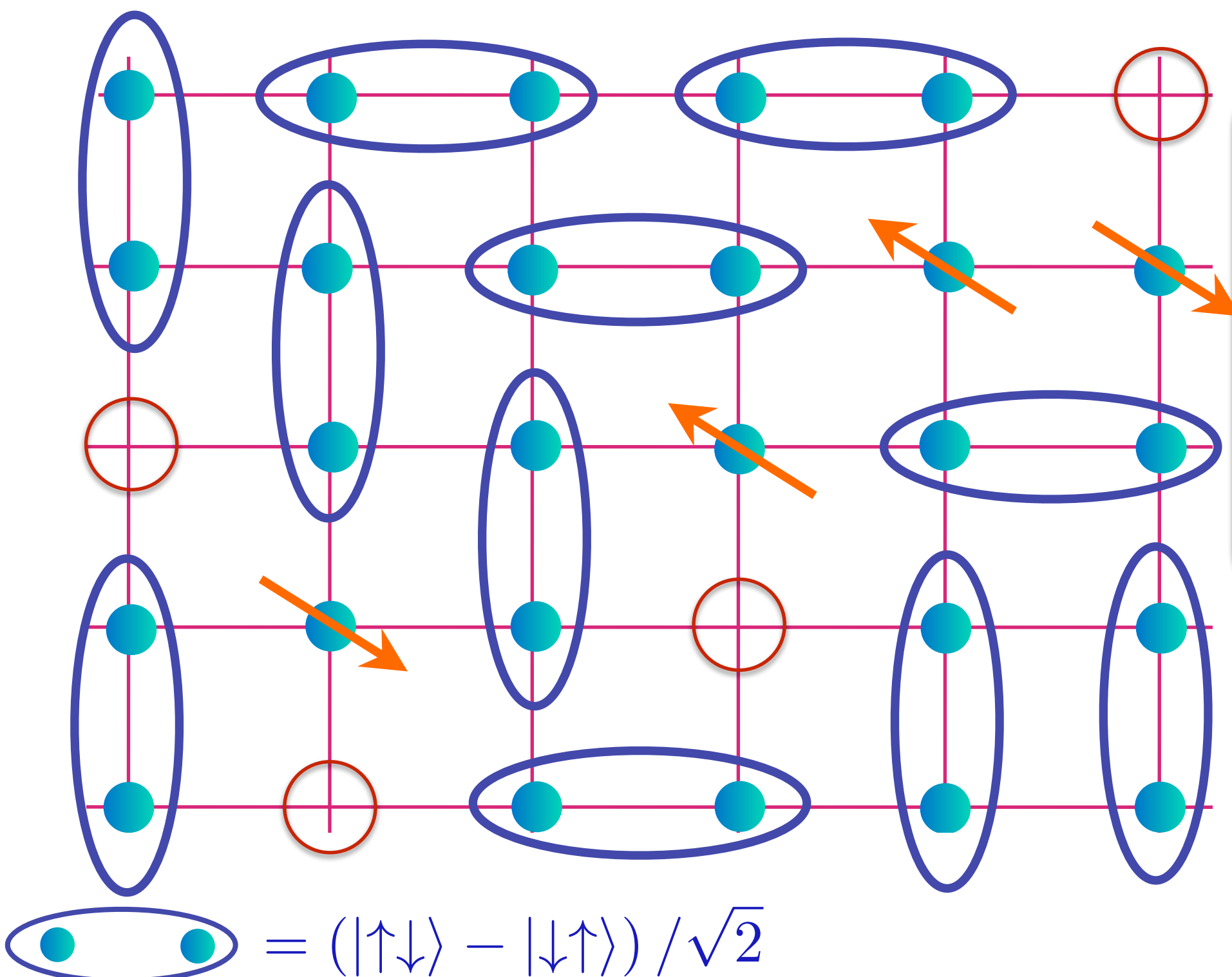
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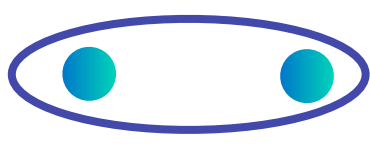


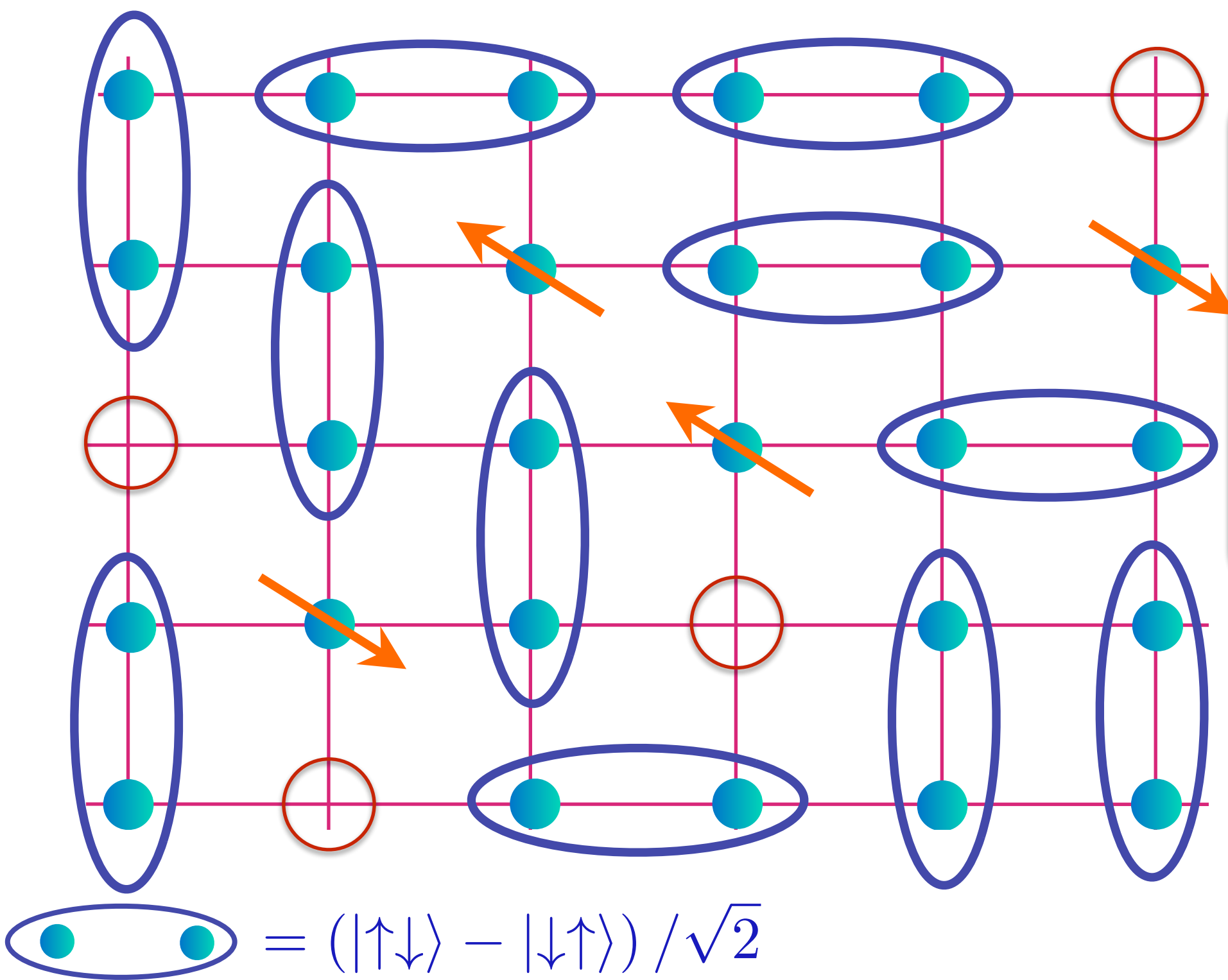
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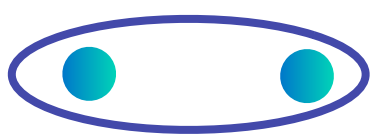


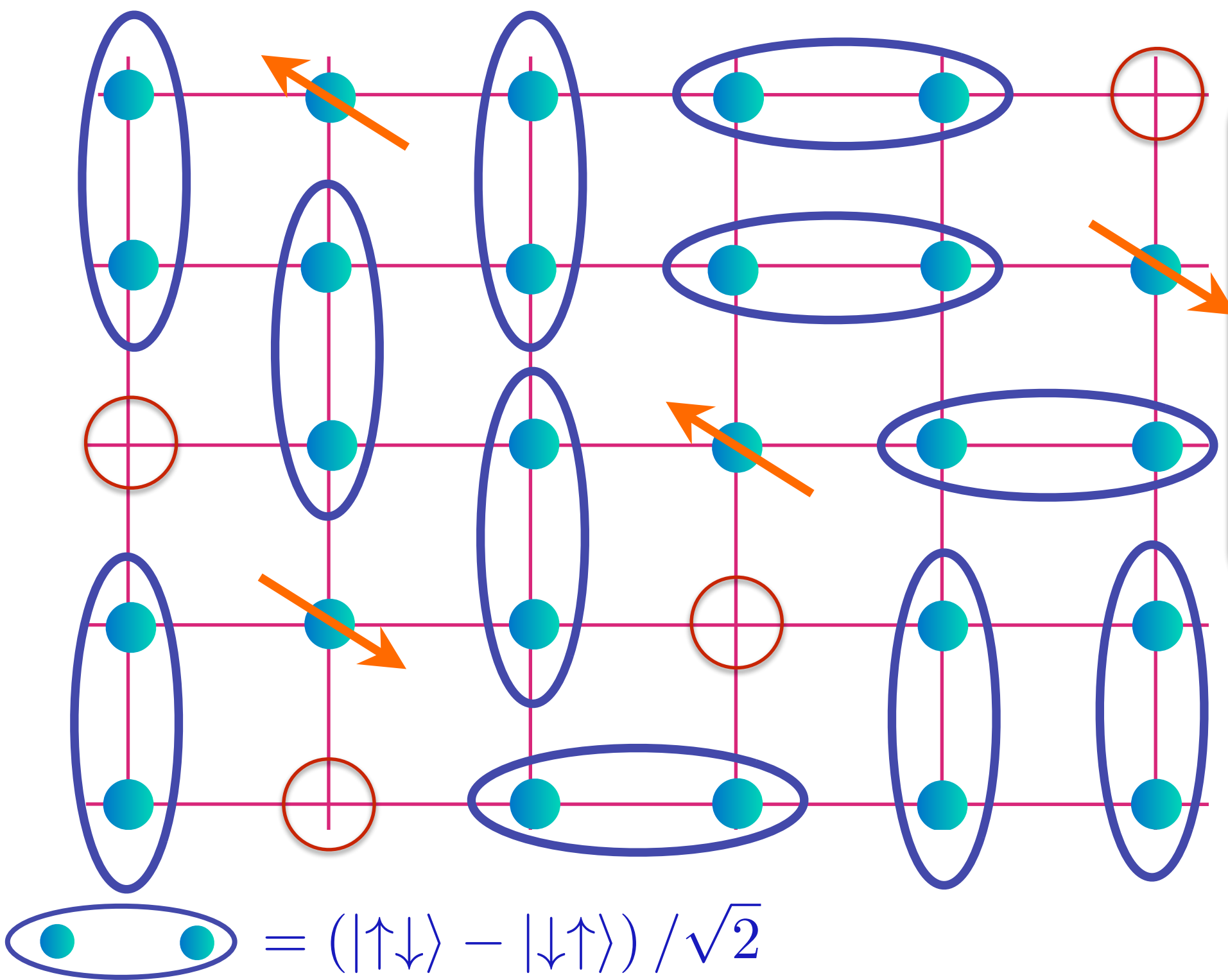
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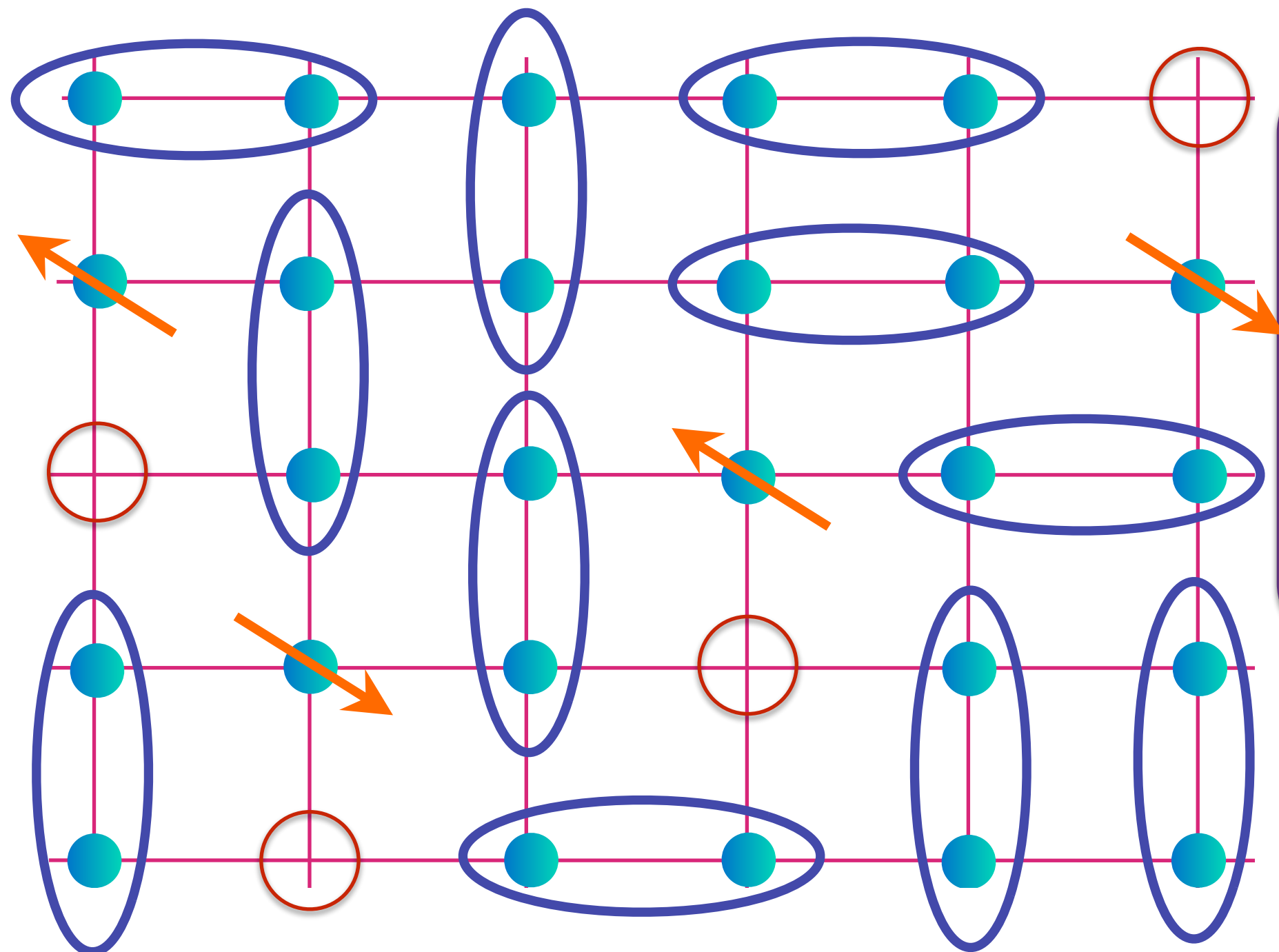


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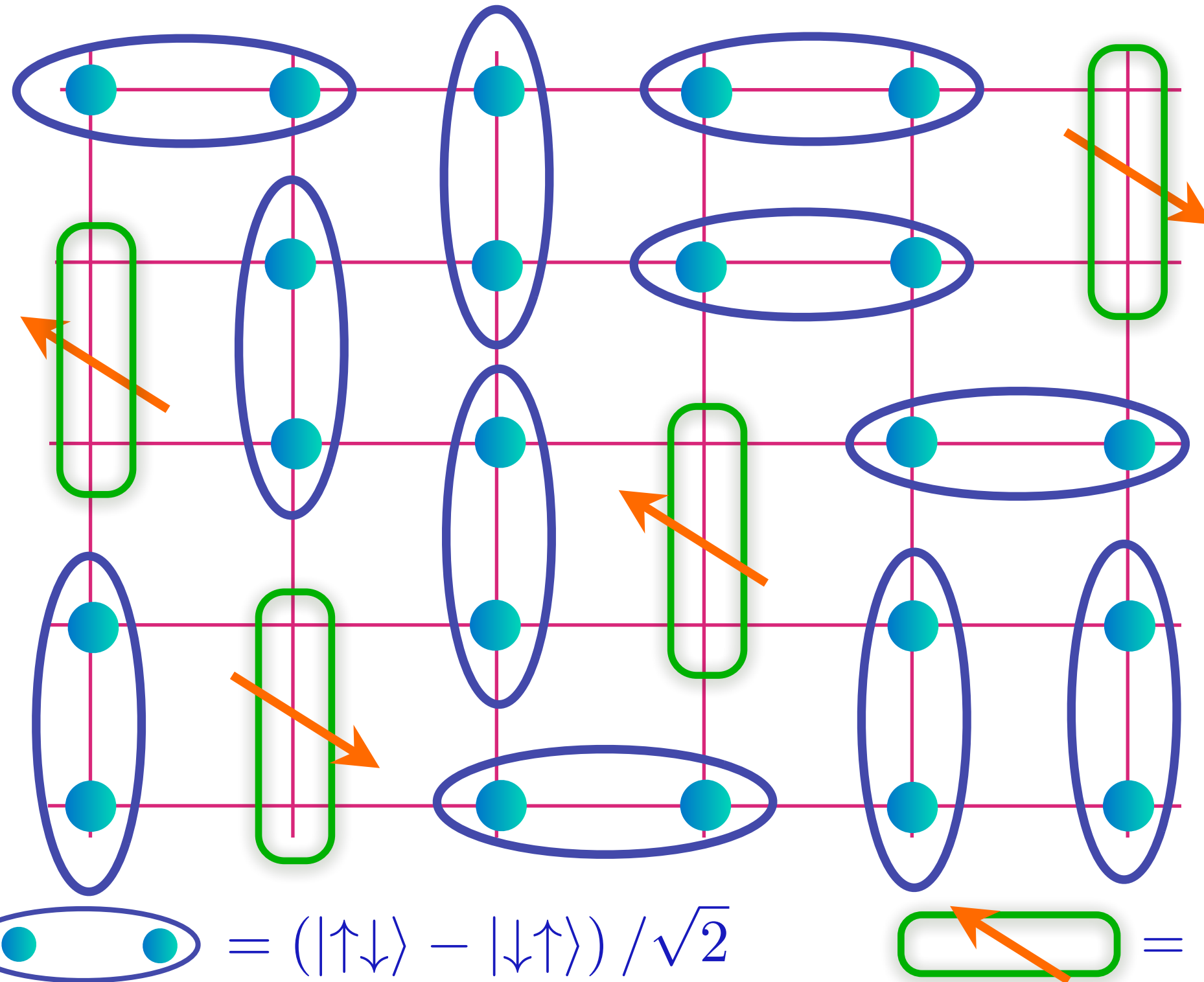
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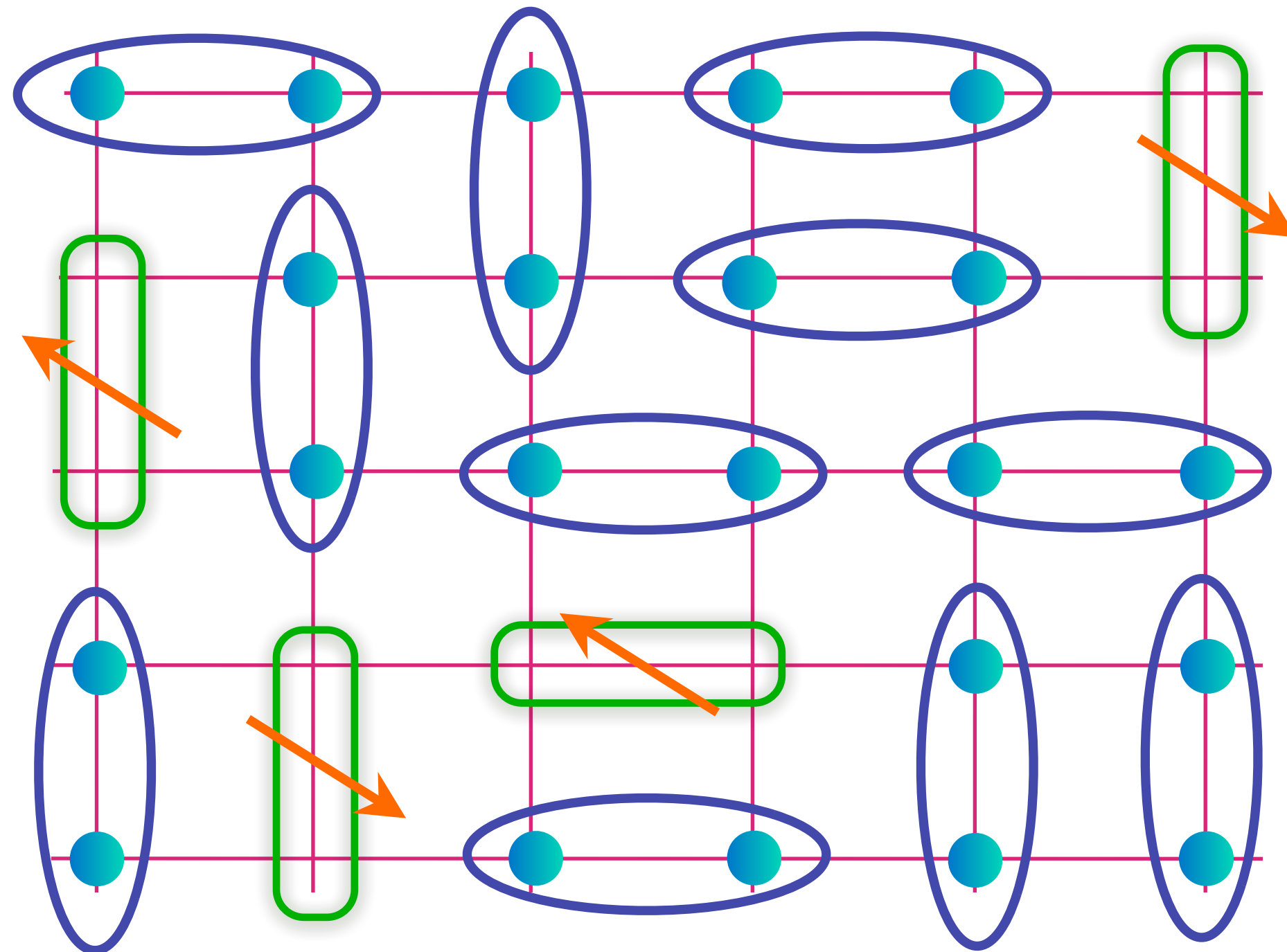
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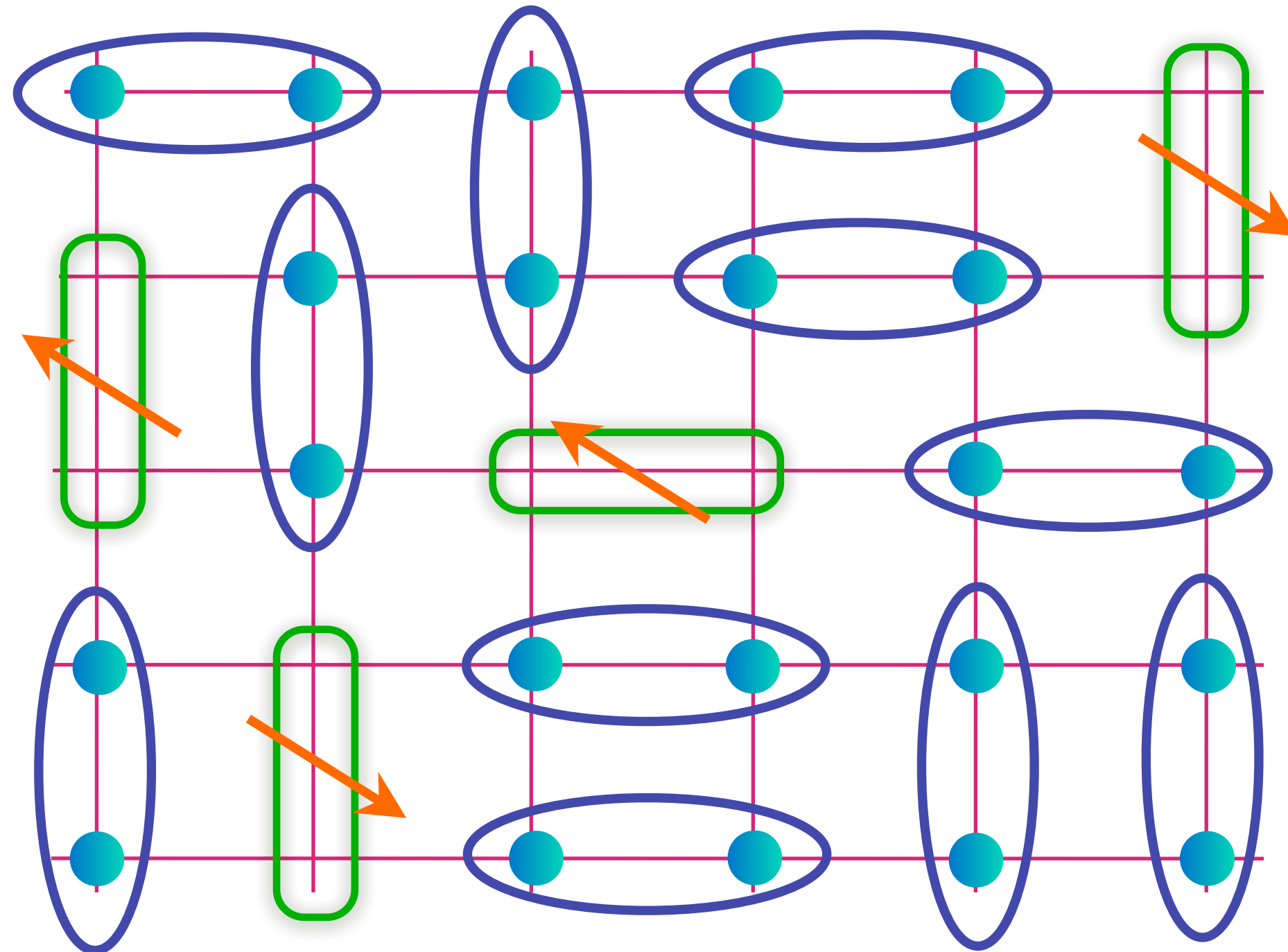


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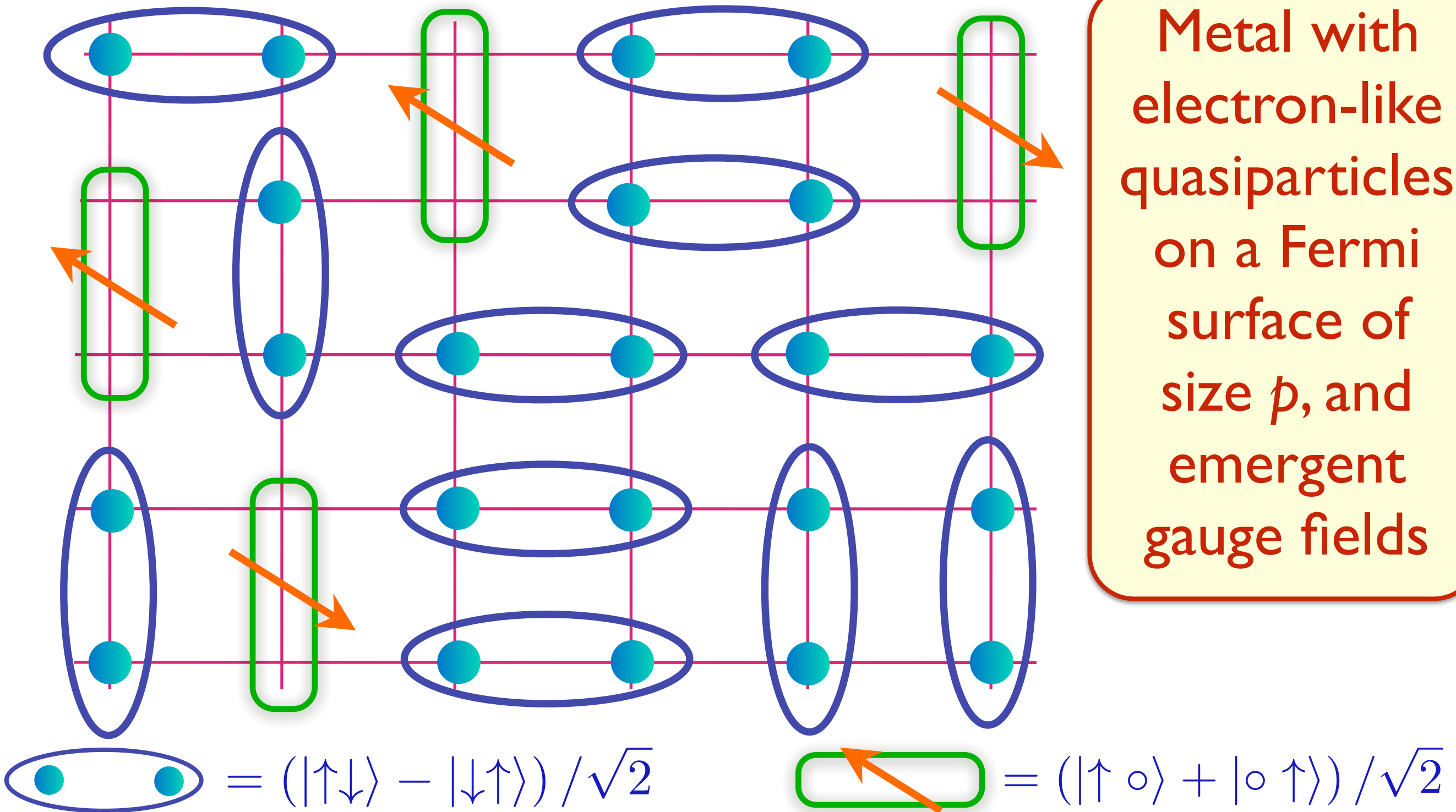
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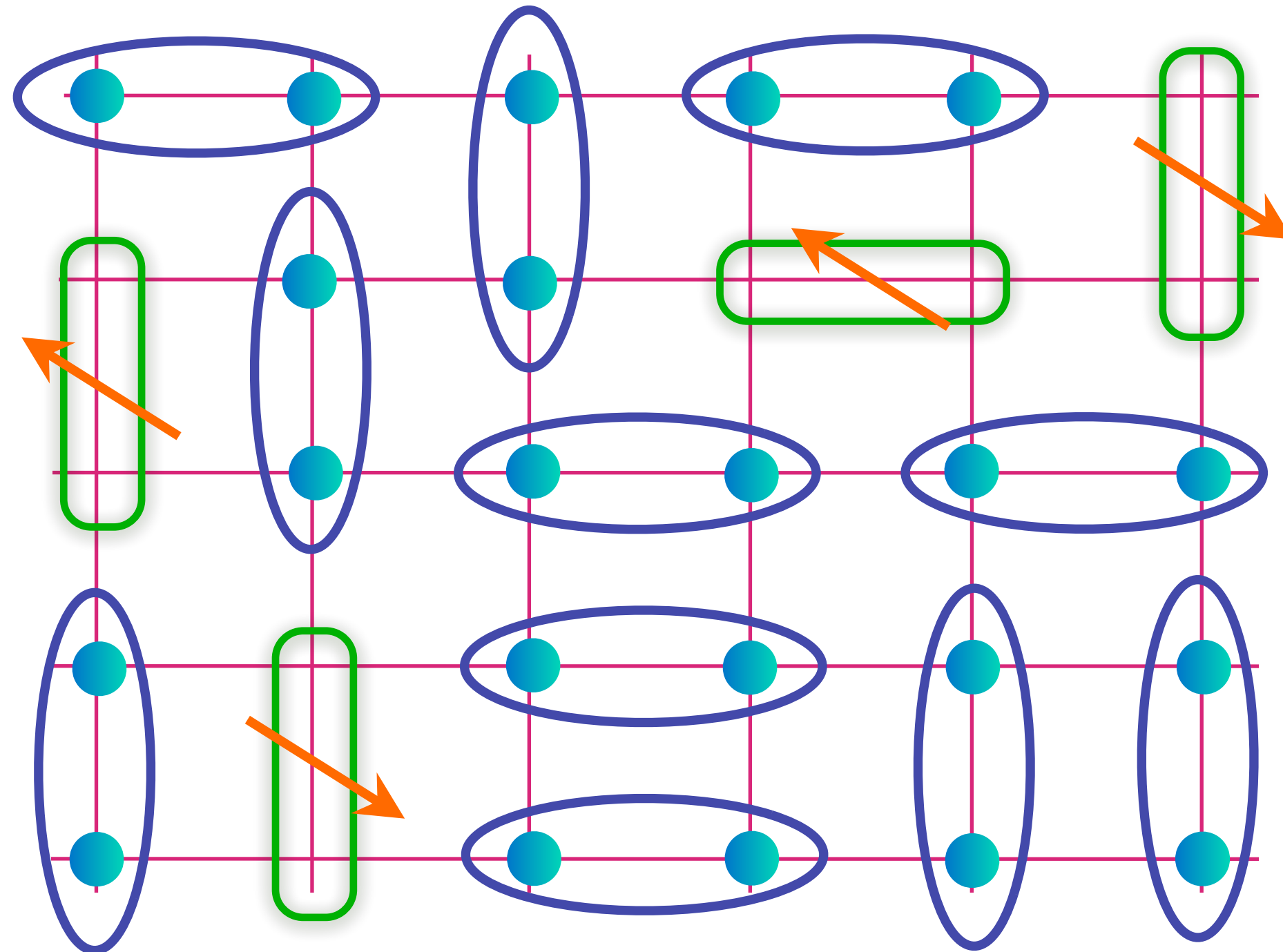
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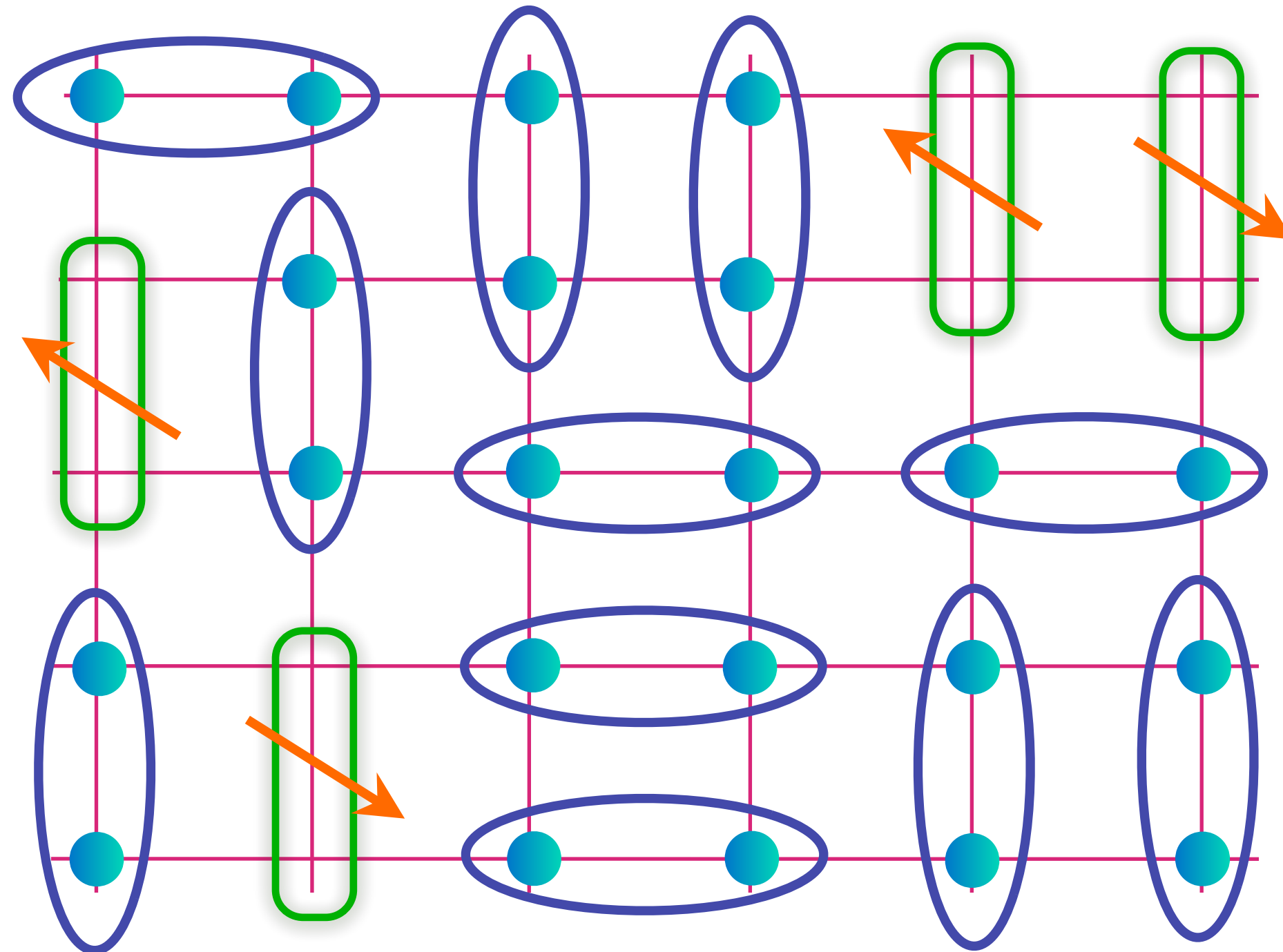


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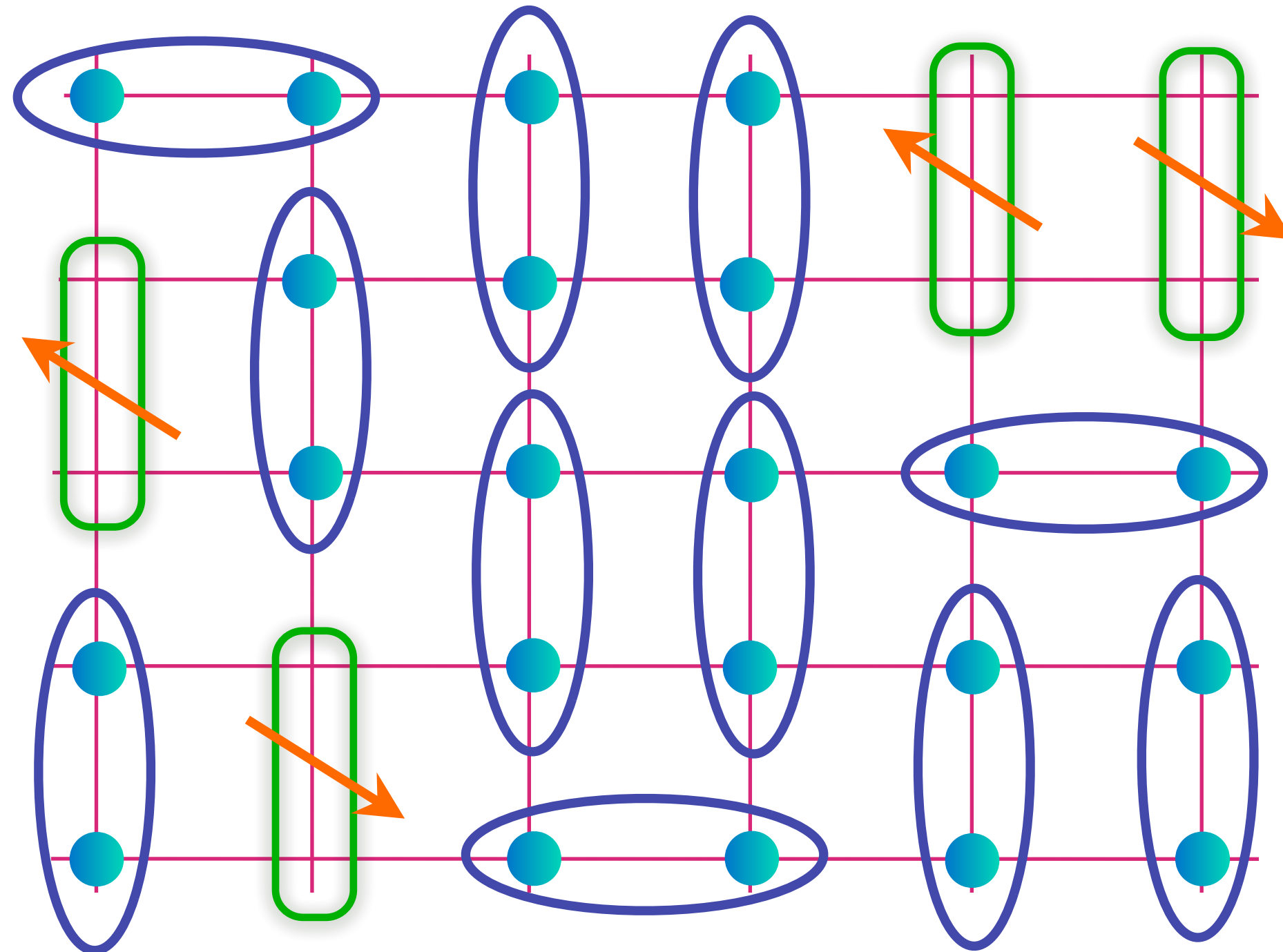


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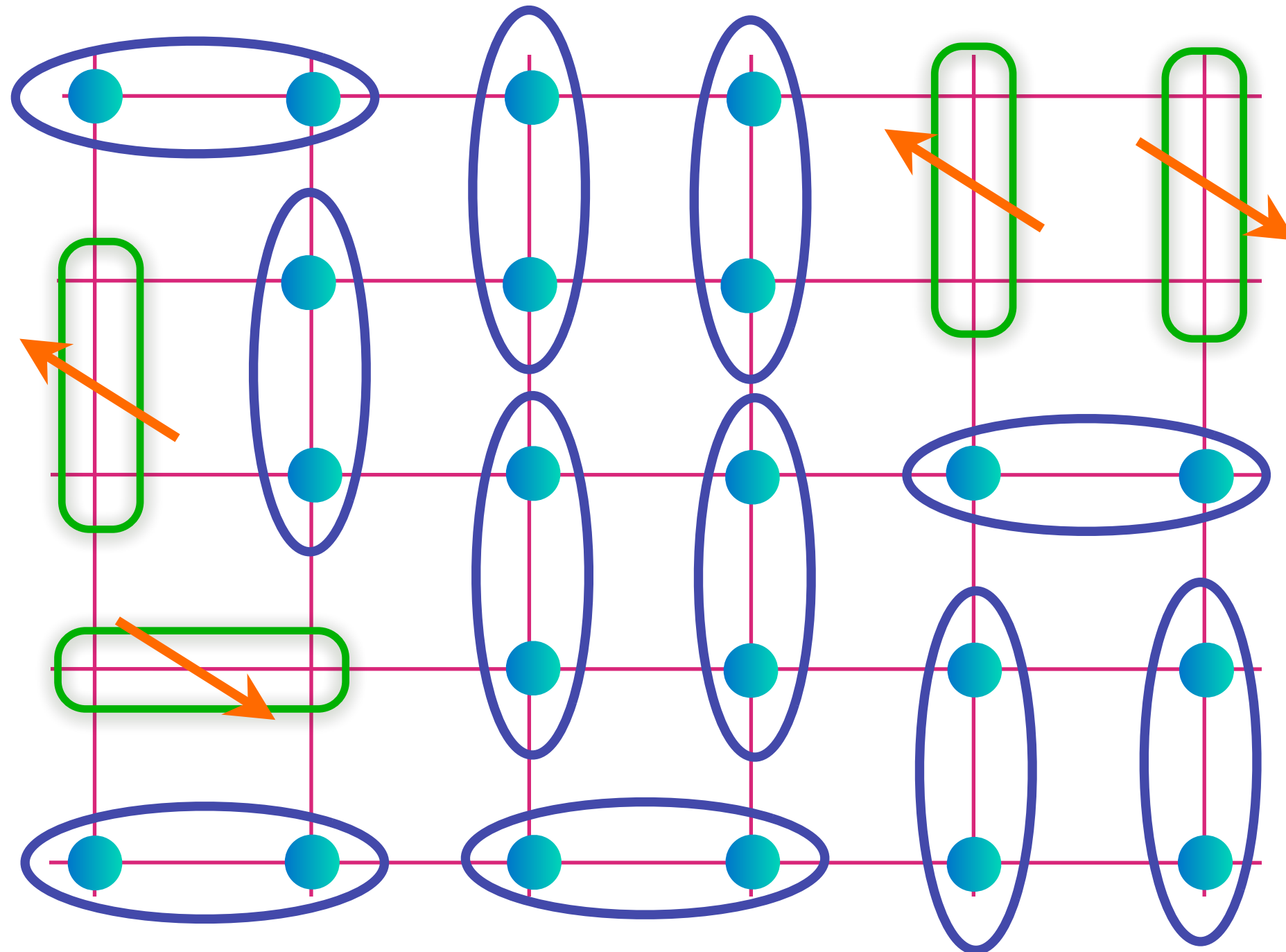


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- A state with Fermi volume $(-p) \pmod{2}$, but no translational symmetry breaking, must have non-quasiparticle excitations with vanishing energy on a torus *i.e.* emergent gauge fields (bulk topological order)

M. Oshikawa, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **84**, 3370 (2000)

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Gauge theory of fluctuating antiferromagnetism

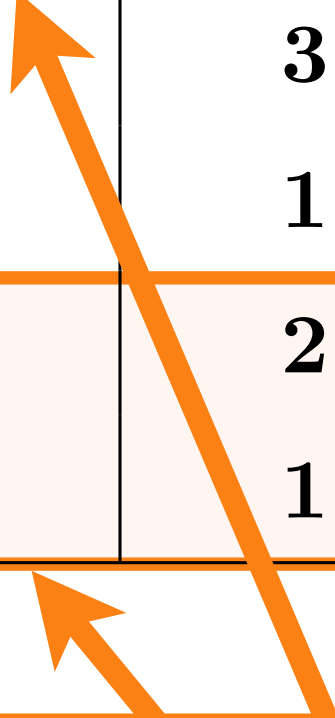
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$SU(2)$ gauge theory for quantum criticality: fractionalize the SDW order parameter into the Higgs field (H) and the spinons (R); but do not fractionalize the electron (c) into chargons (ψ) and spinons. In the FL* state, the low energy fermionic excitations have the quantum numbers of an electron

Theory of optimal doping criticality

SU(2) gauge theory

SU(2) gauge theory with adjoint complex Higgs fields $\mathcal{H}_{x,y}^a$ ($a = 1, 2, 3$), and gauge-invariant, electron-like fermions c_α with a large Fermi surface.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \left| \partial_\mu \mathcal{H}_x^a - \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b \mathcal{H}_x^c \right|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left| \partial_\mu \mathcal{H}_y^a - \epsilon_{abc} A_\mu^b \mathcal{H}_y^c \right|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + V(\mathcal{H}_{x,y}^a) \\ & - \sum_{j,\rho} t_\rho \left(c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j+\mathbf{v}_\rho,\alpha} + c_{j+\mathbf{v}_\rho,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} \right) - \mu \sum_j c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} \\ & + \lambda \sum_j c_{j,\alpha}^\dagger c_{j,\alpha} H^a(j) H^a(j)\end{aligned}$$

The fermions do not have Yukawa coupling to the Higgs fields, or a minimal coupling to the gauge fields: both are prohibited by gauge invariance. We treat the quartic coupling, λ perturbatively.

Fermi surface reconstruction in electron-doped cuprates without antiferromagnetic long-range order

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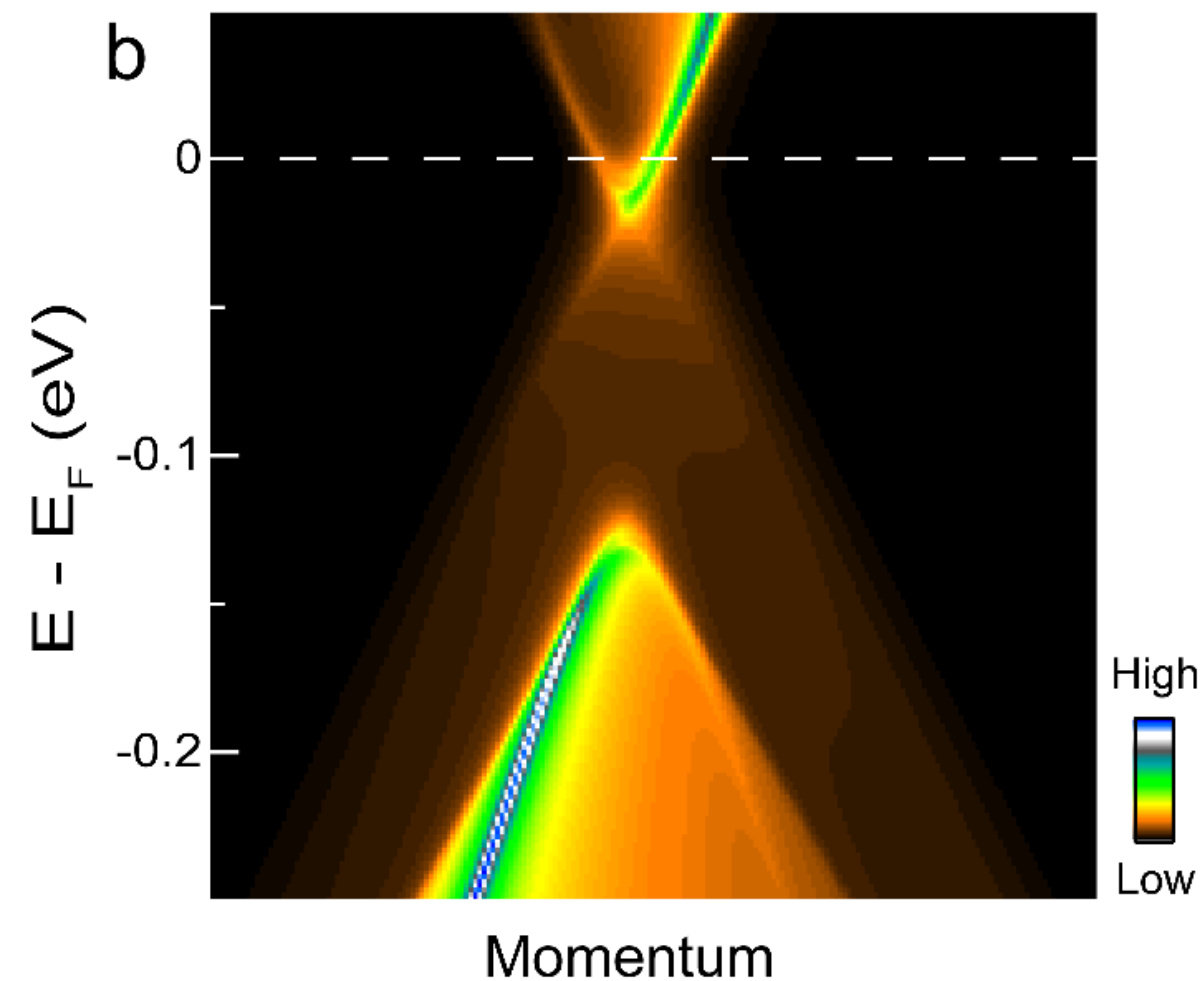
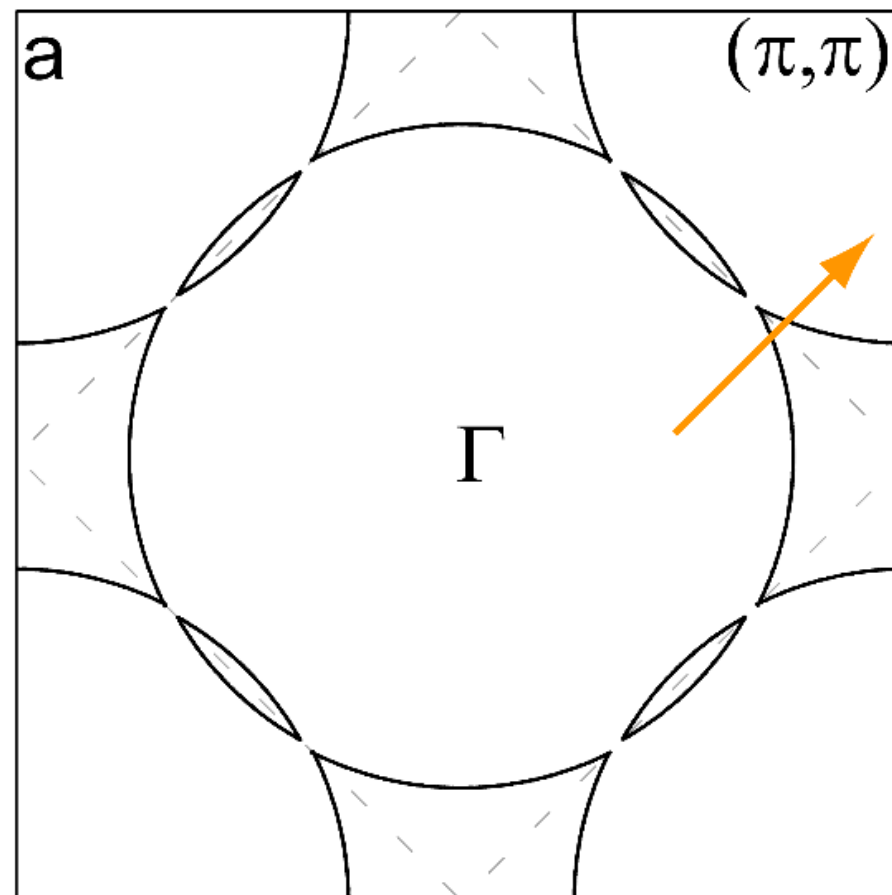
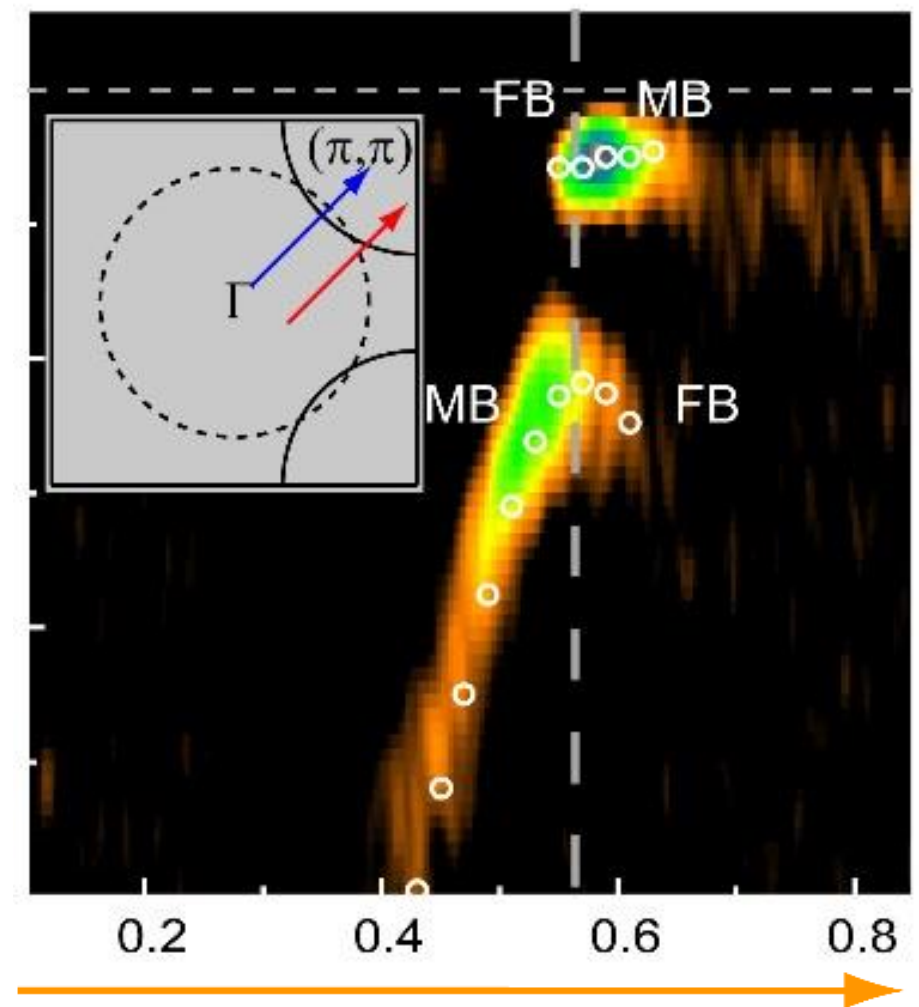
- New photoemission measurements at zero magnetic field show Fermi surfaces in quantitative agreement with quantum oscillation measurements.
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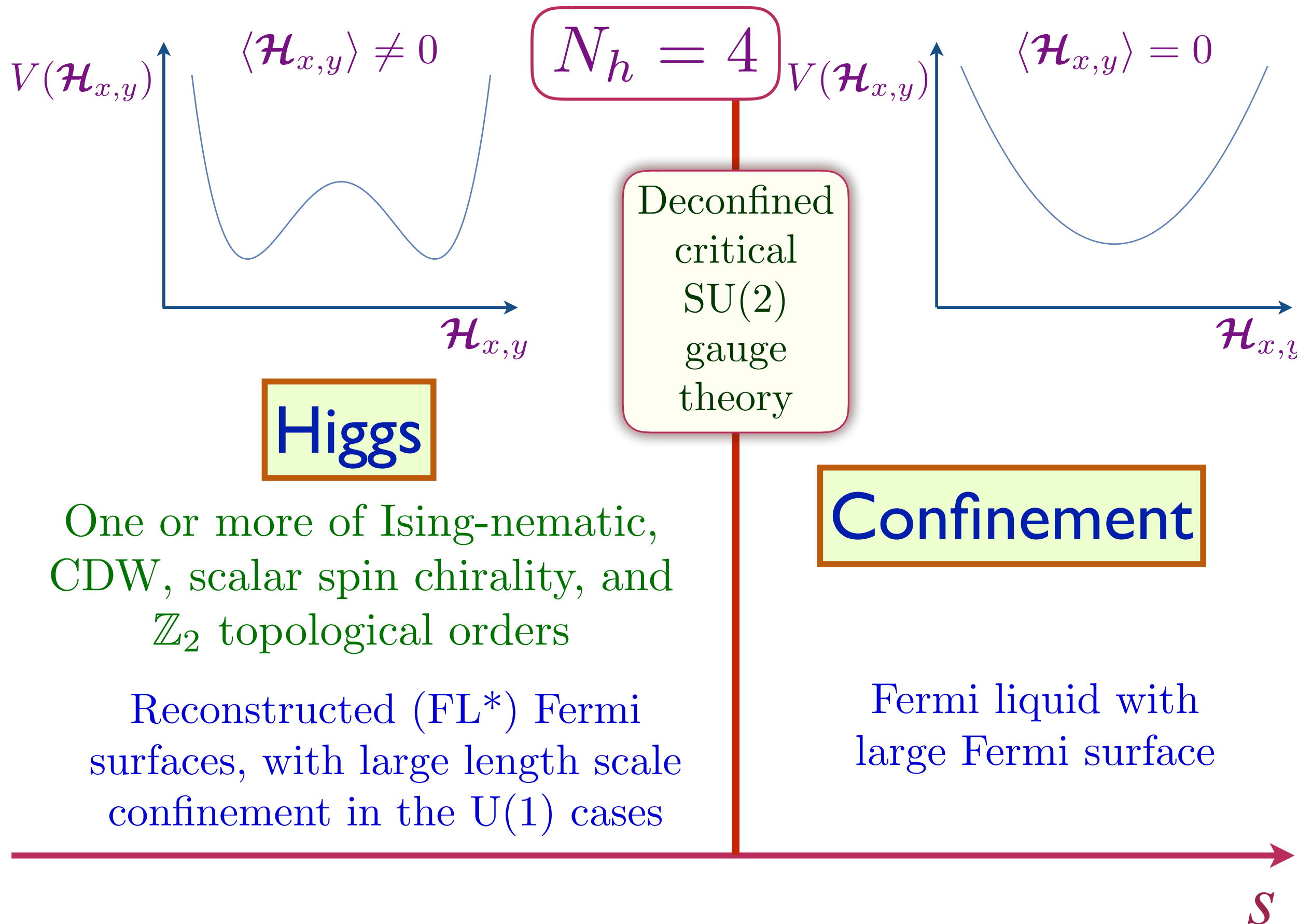


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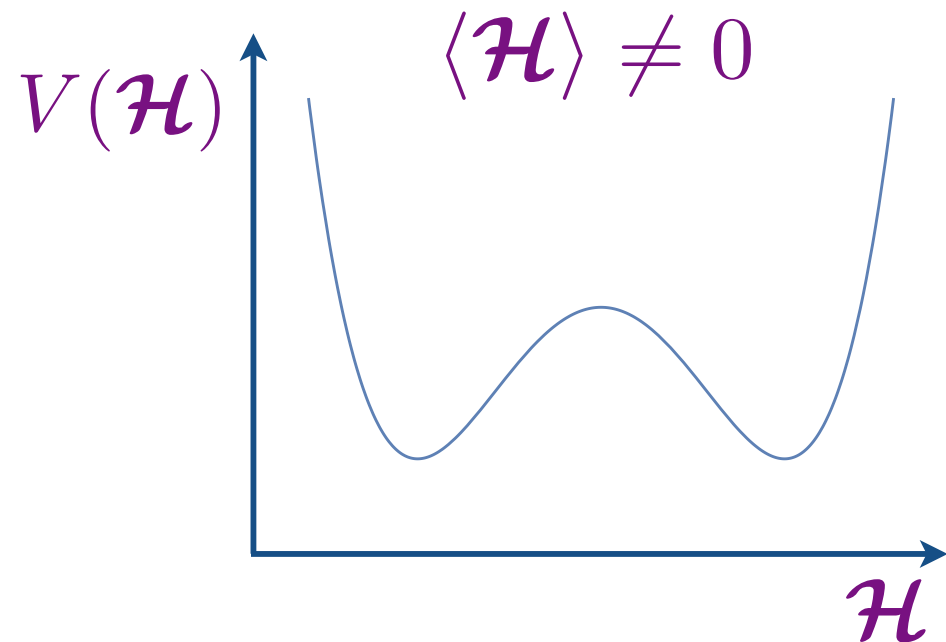


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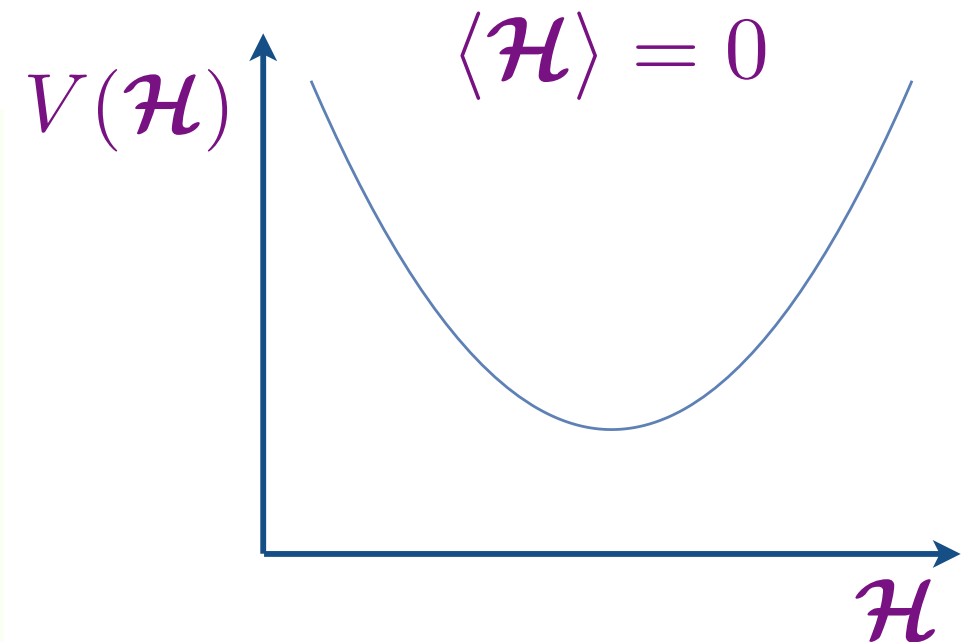
Electron-doped cuprates

$$N_h = 1$$



Higgs

Reconstructed (FL*) Fermi surfaces, with large length scale confinement in a U(1) gauge theory



Confinement

Fermi liquid with large Fermi surface

Crossover

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