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# Exotic phases and quantum phase transitions in model systems

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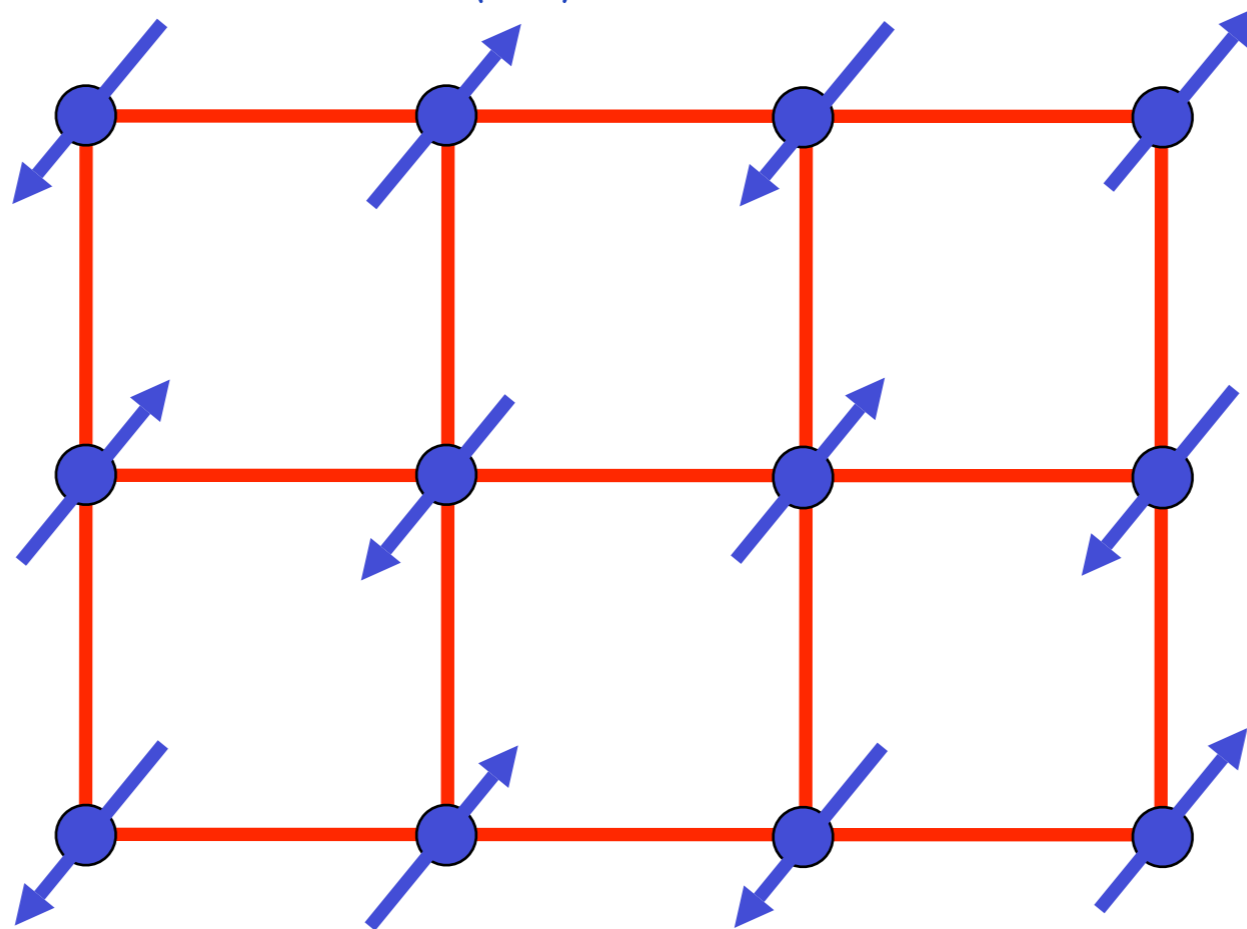
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Ground state has long-range Néel order

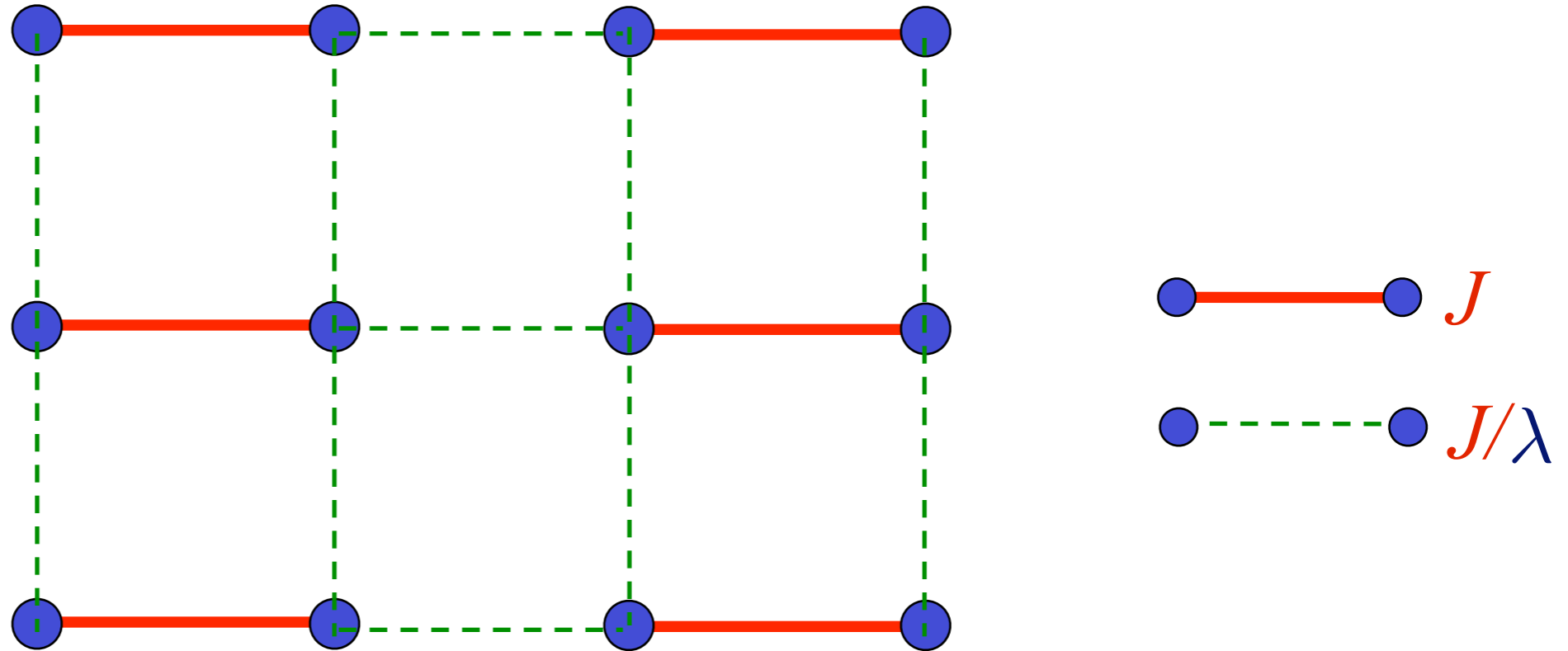
Order parameter is a single vector field  $\vec{\varphi} = \eta_i \vec{S}_i$

$\eta_i = \pm 1$  on two sublattices

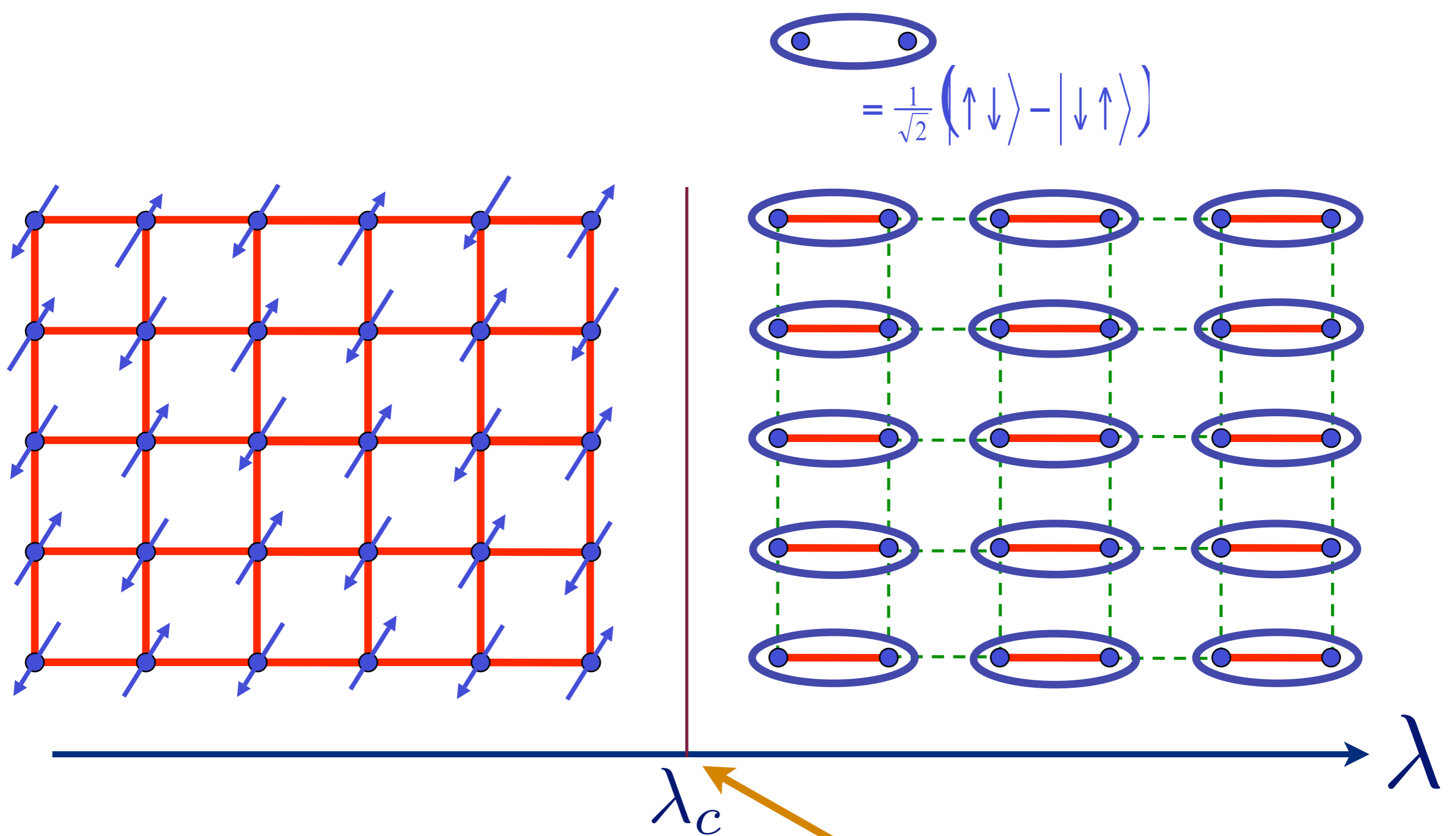
$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle \neq 0$  in Néel state.

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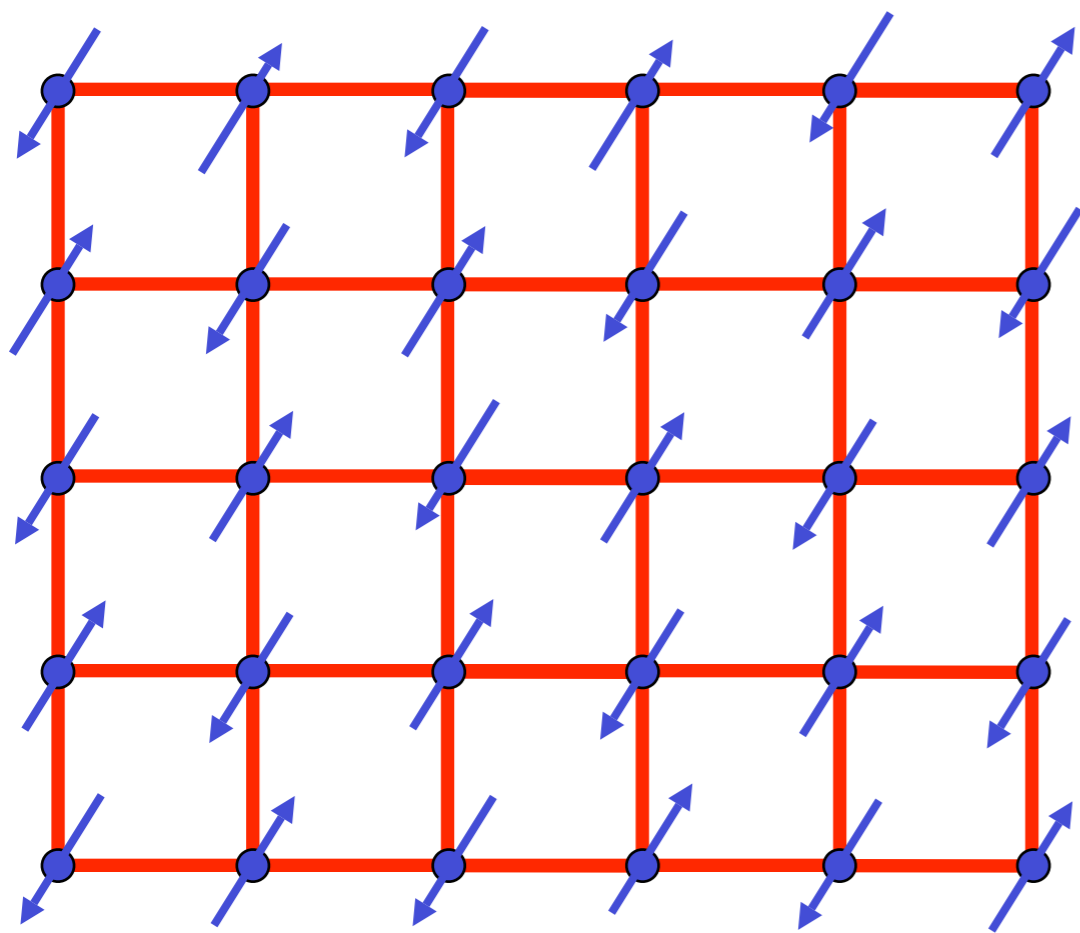
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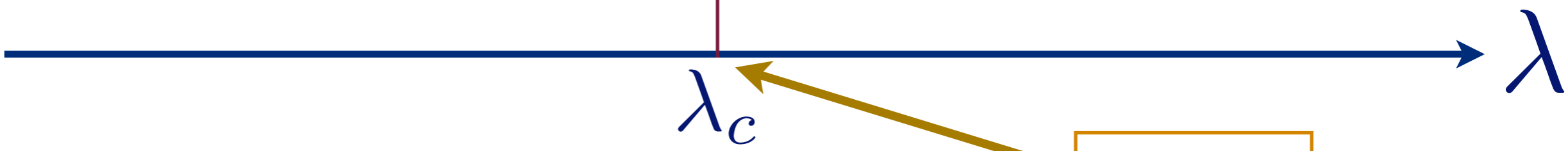
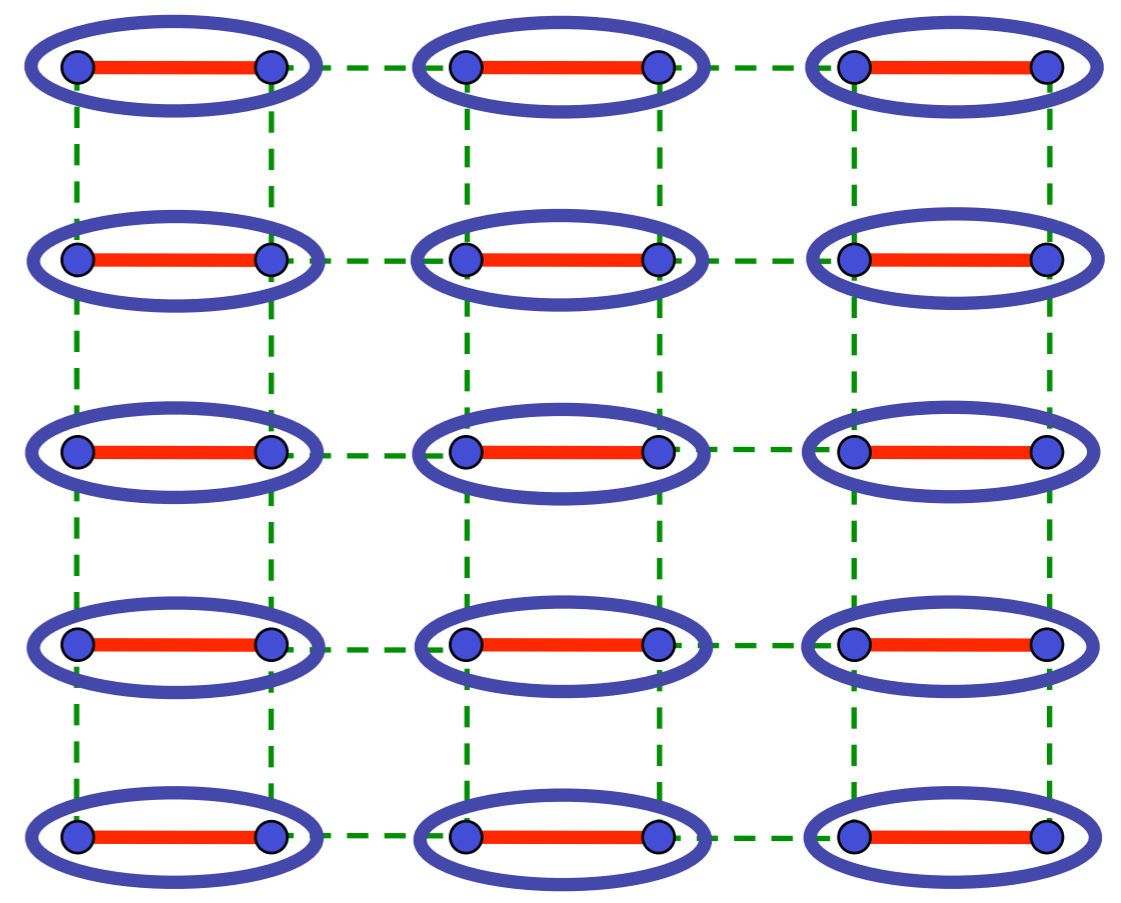
Weaken some bonds to induce spin entanglement in a new quantum phase



Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram of two blue dots in a blue oval} \\
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$O(3)$  order parameter  $\vec{\varphi}$

CFT3

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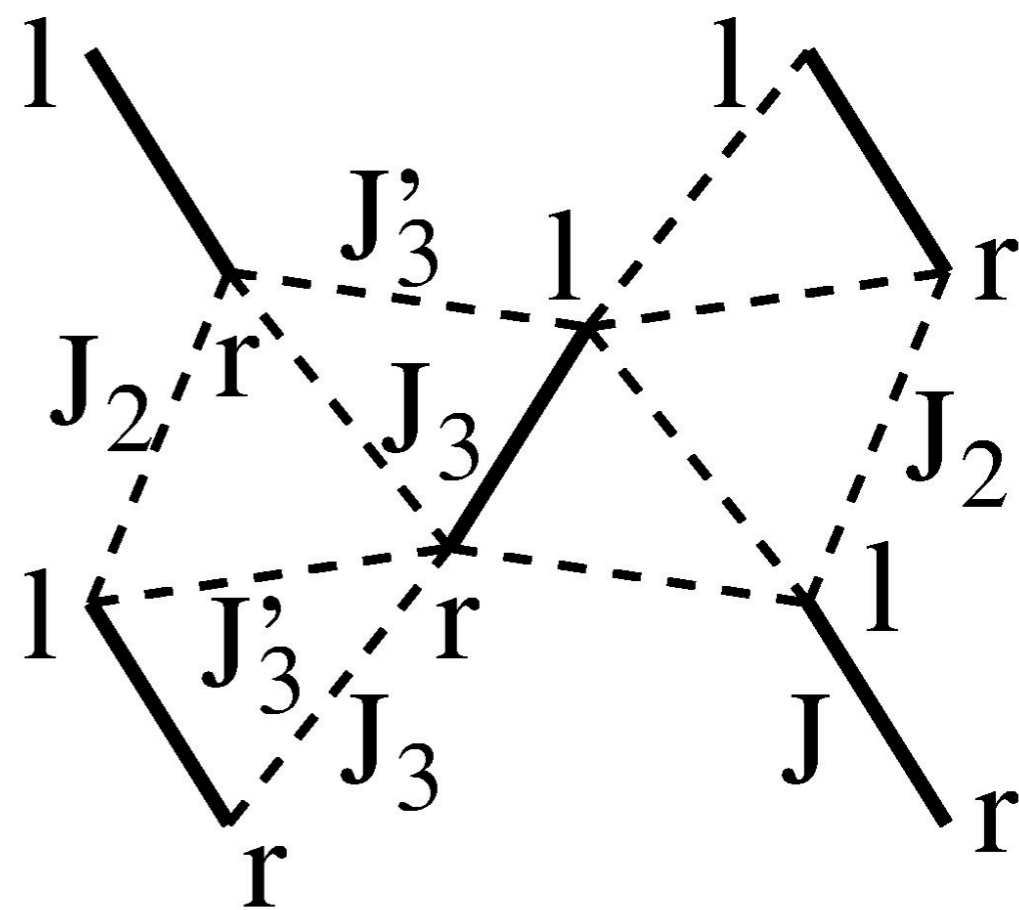
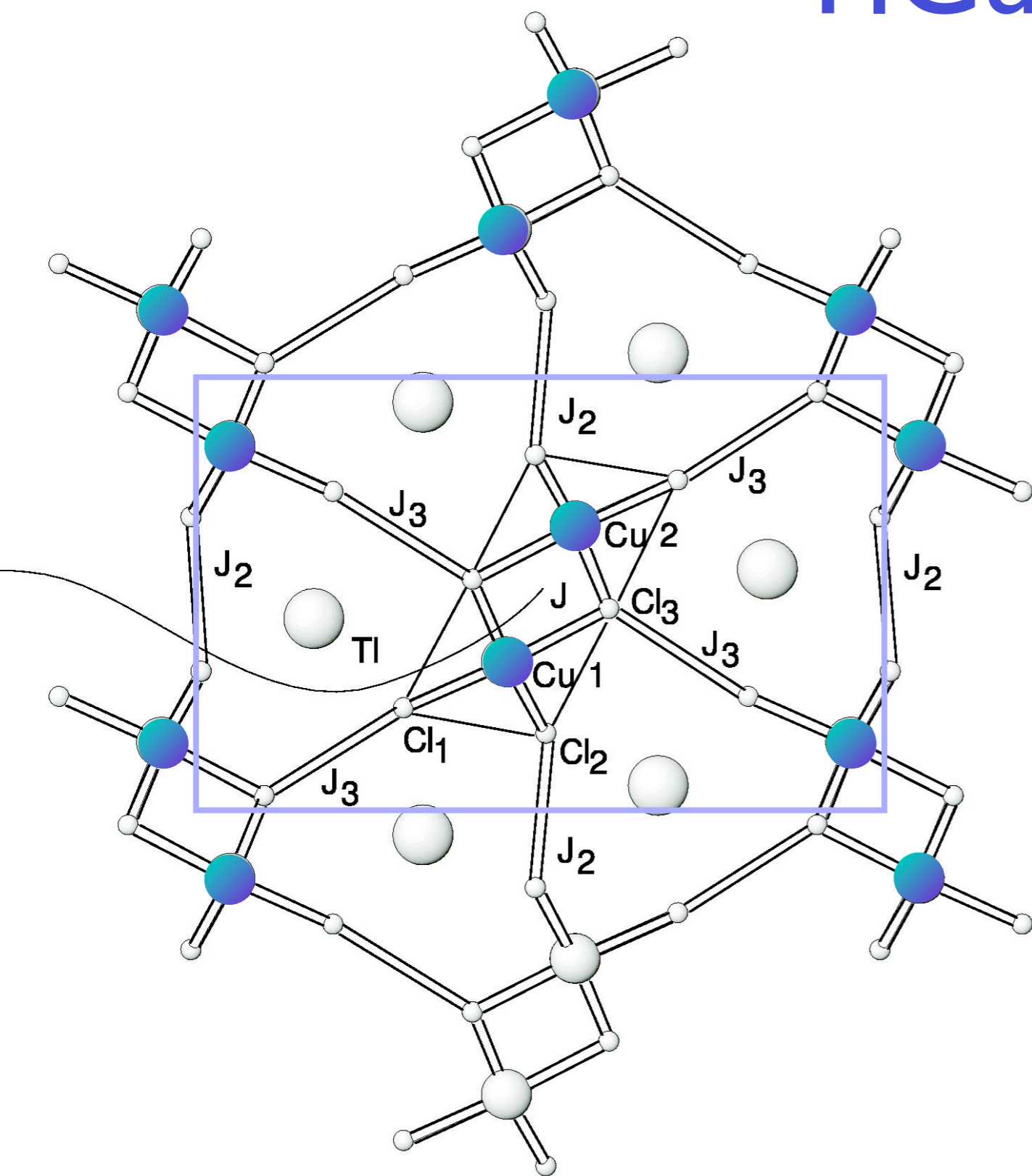
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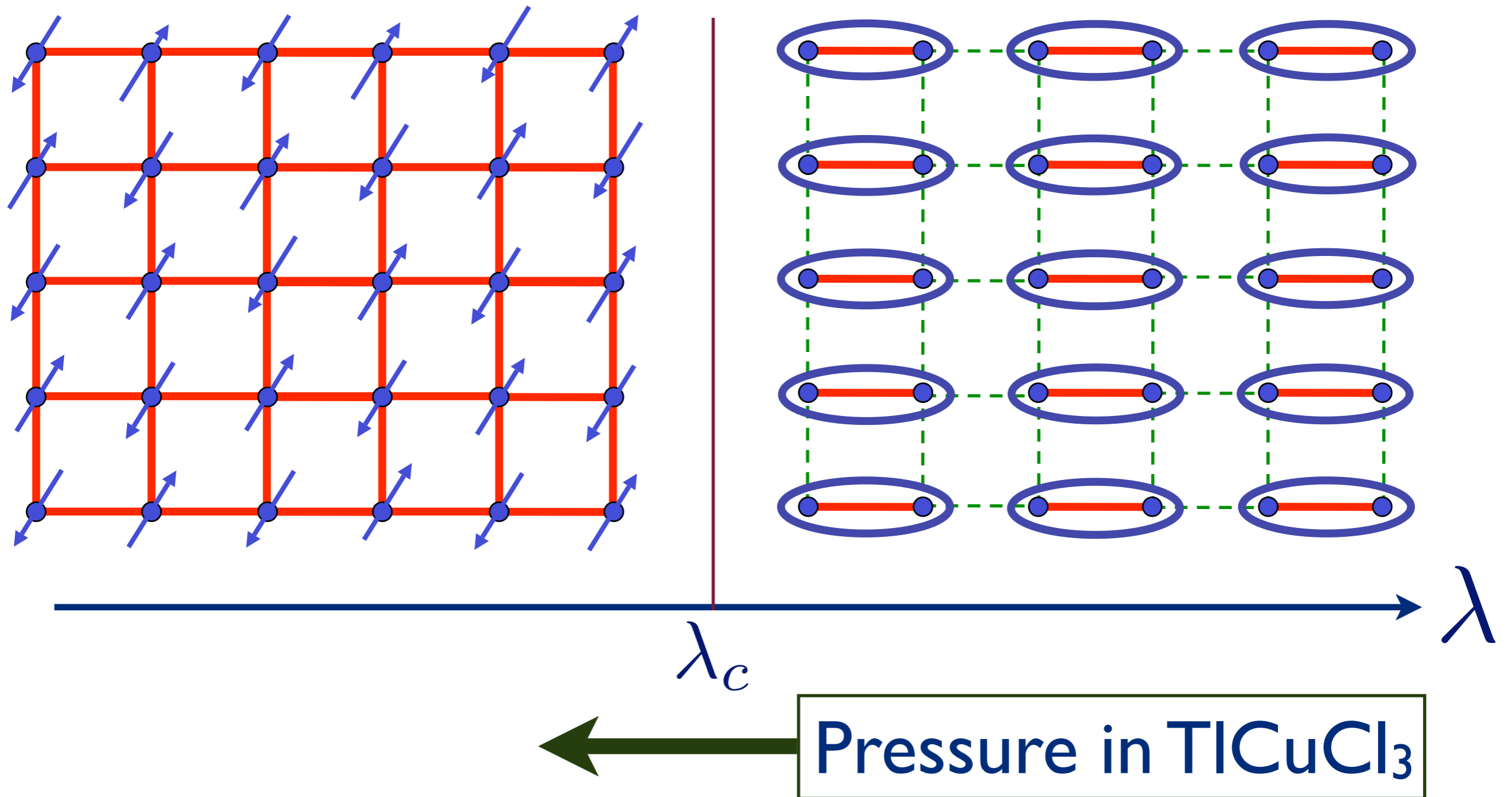
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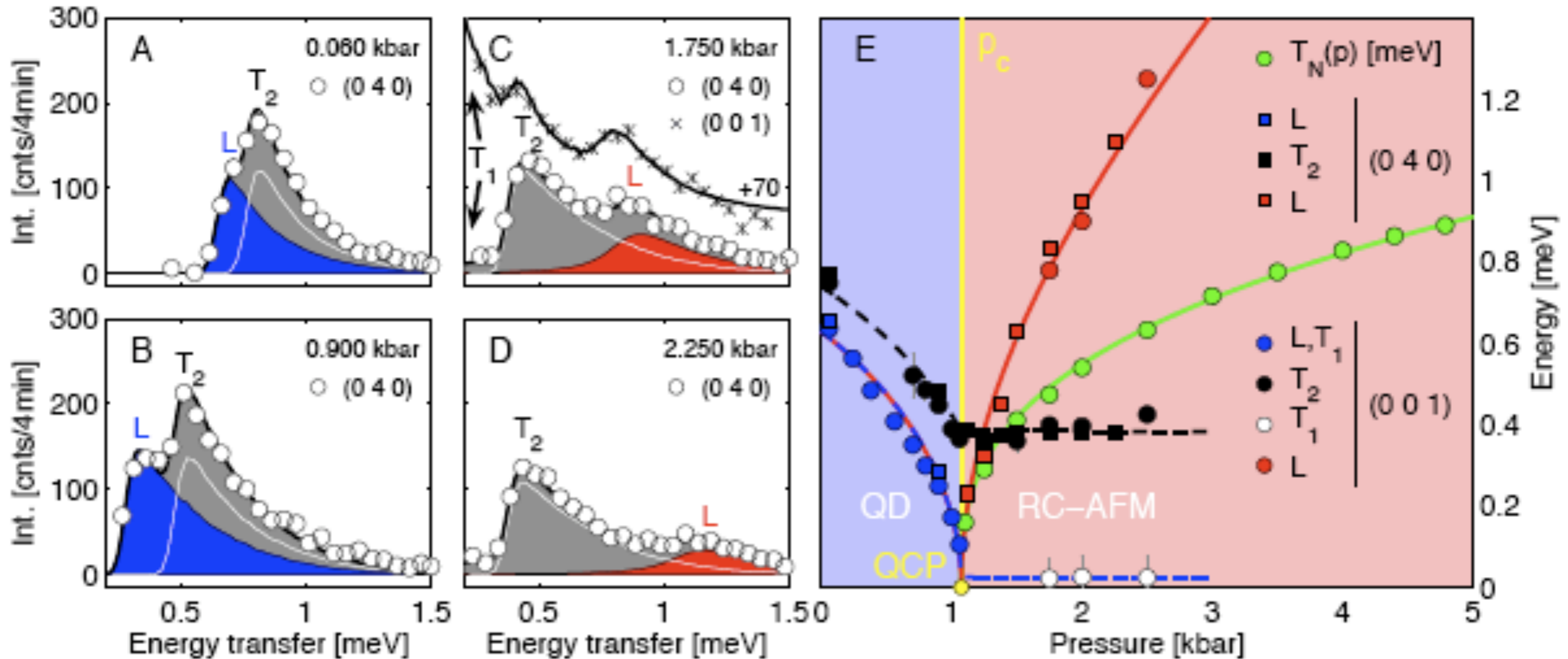
# TlCuCl<sub>3</sub>



# Phase diagram as a function of the ratio of exchange interactions, $\lambda$



# TiCuCl<sub>3</sub> with varying pressure



Observation of 3 → 2 low energy modes, emergence of new longitudinal mode (the “Higgs boson”) in Néel phase, and vanishing of Néel temperature at quantum critical point

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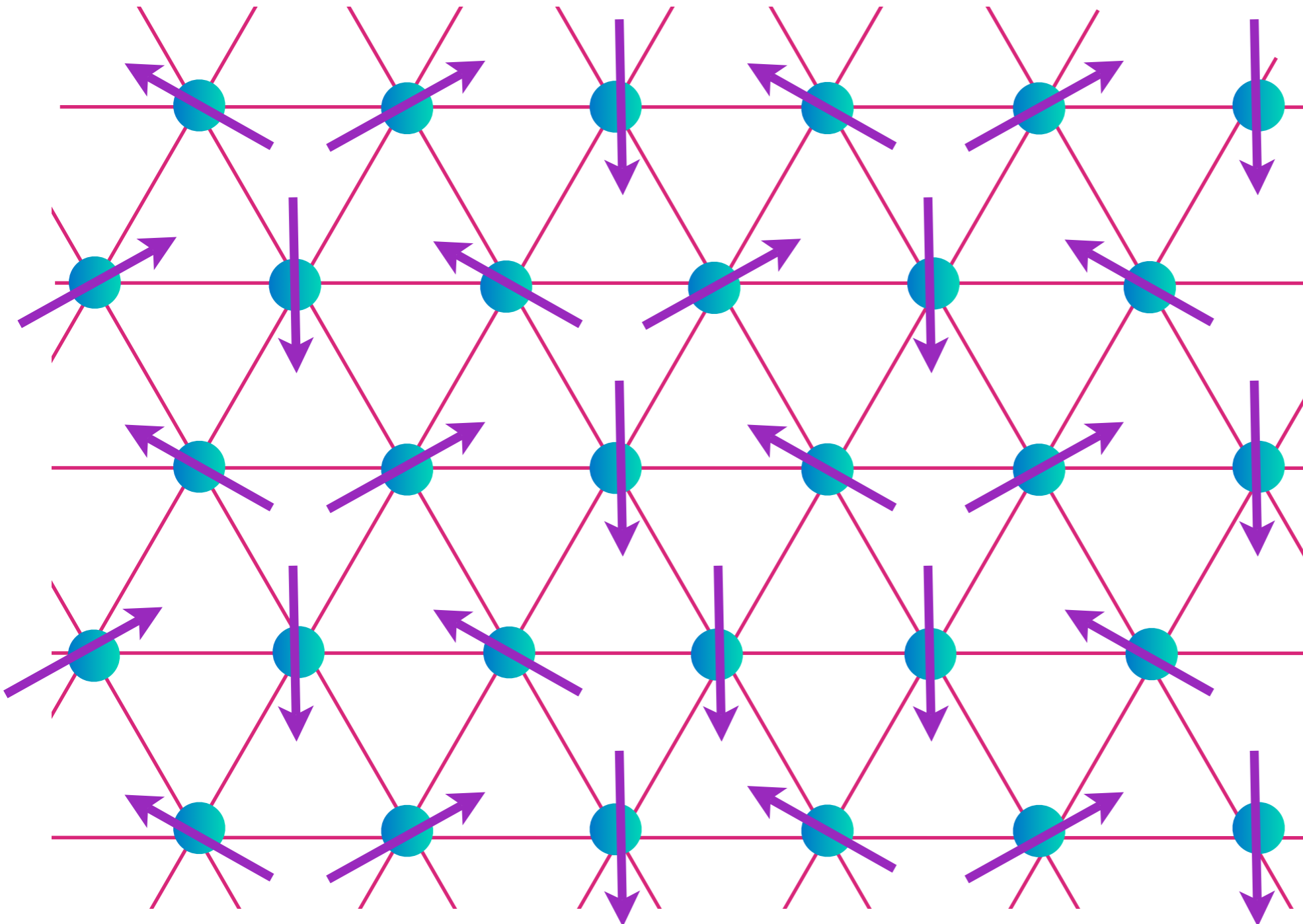
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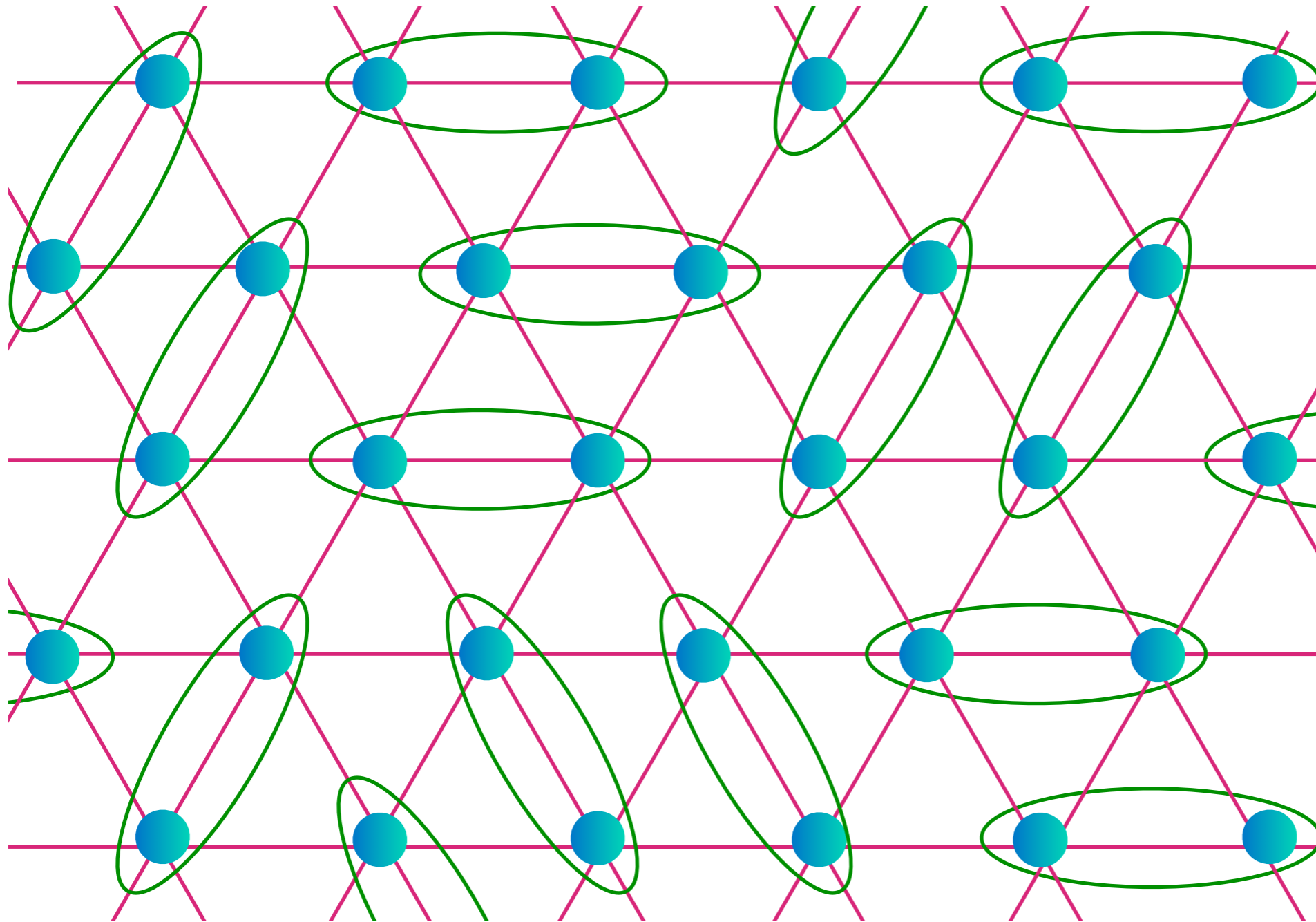
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Nearest-neighbor model has non-collinear Neel order

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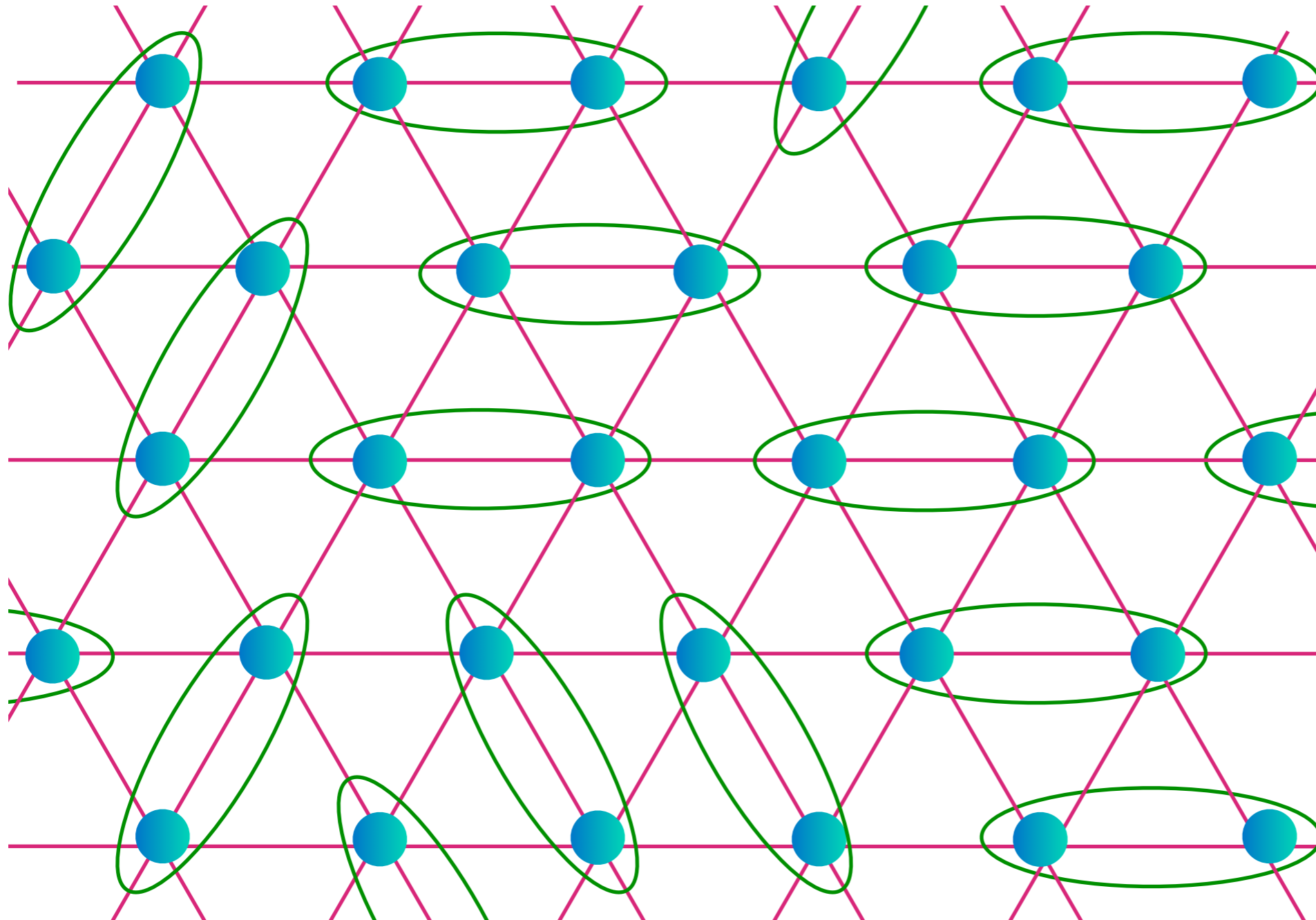


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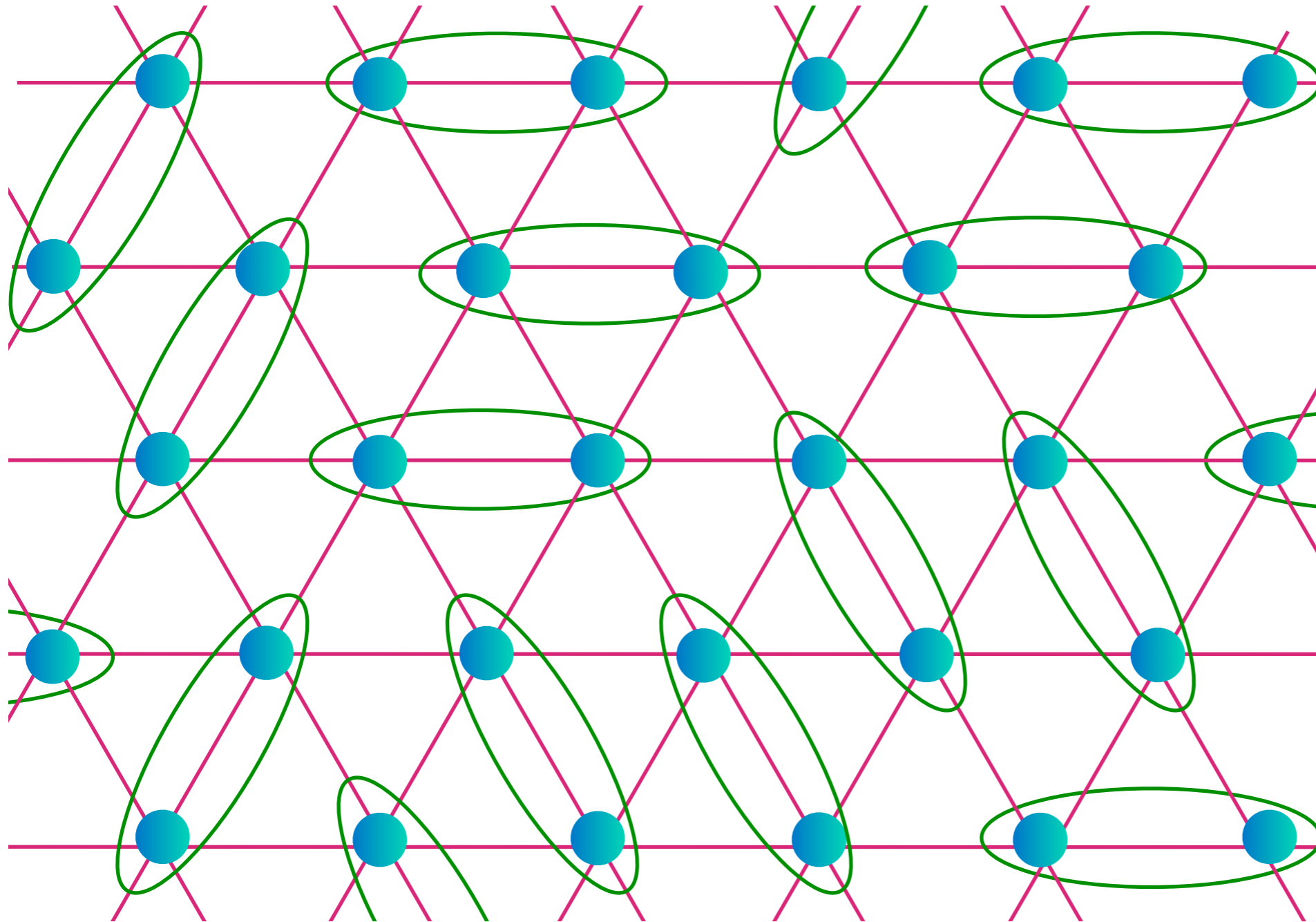


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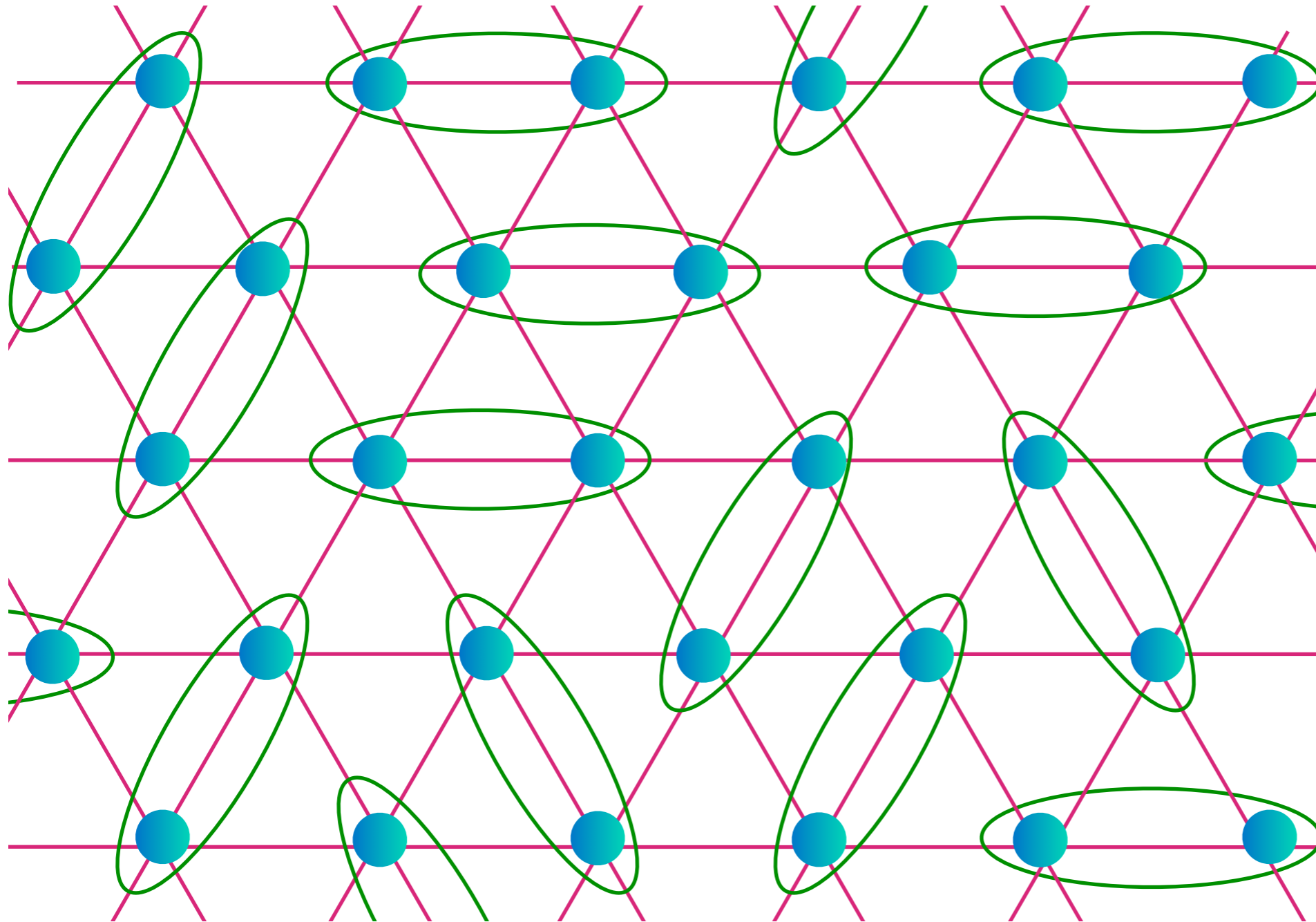
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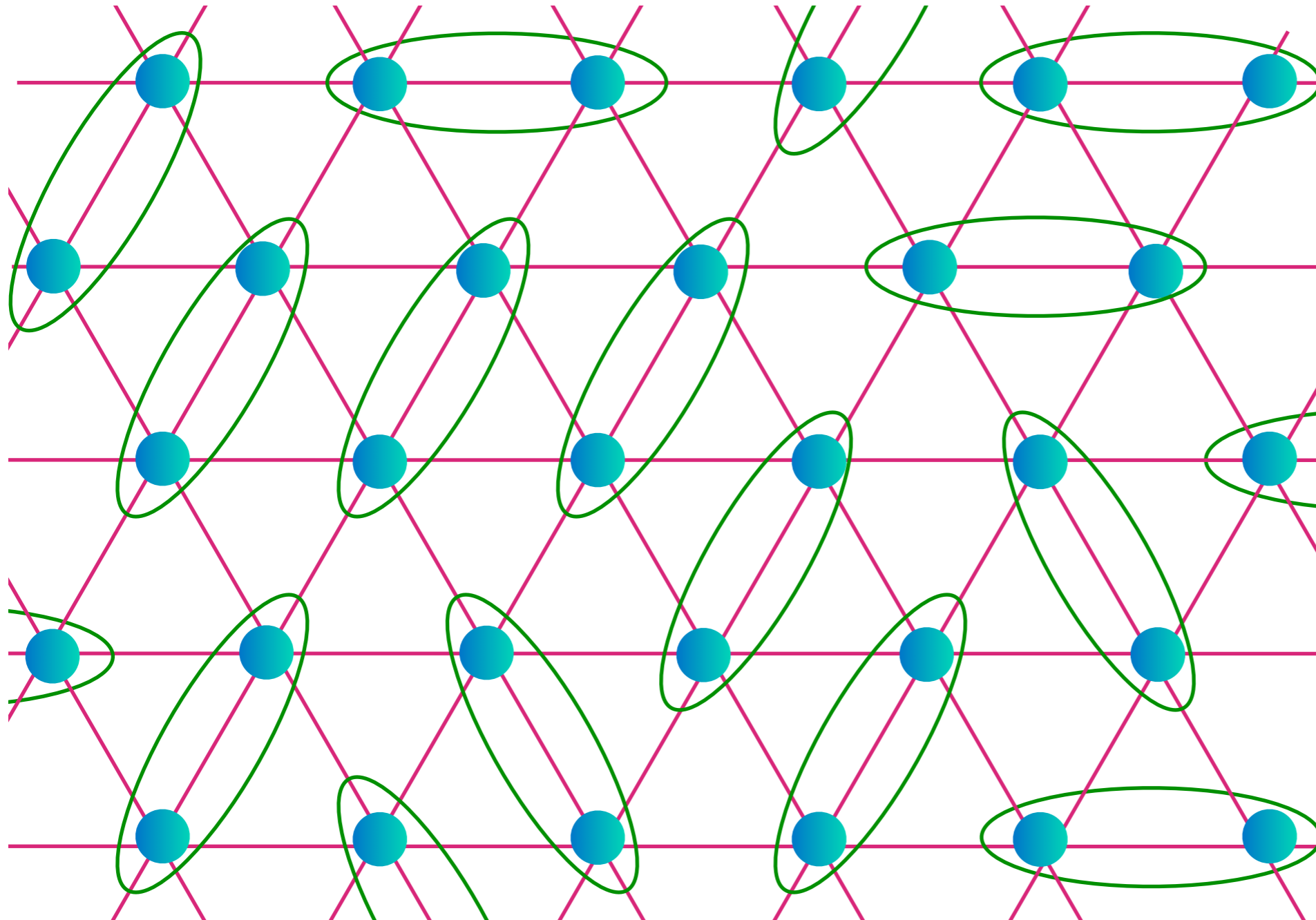


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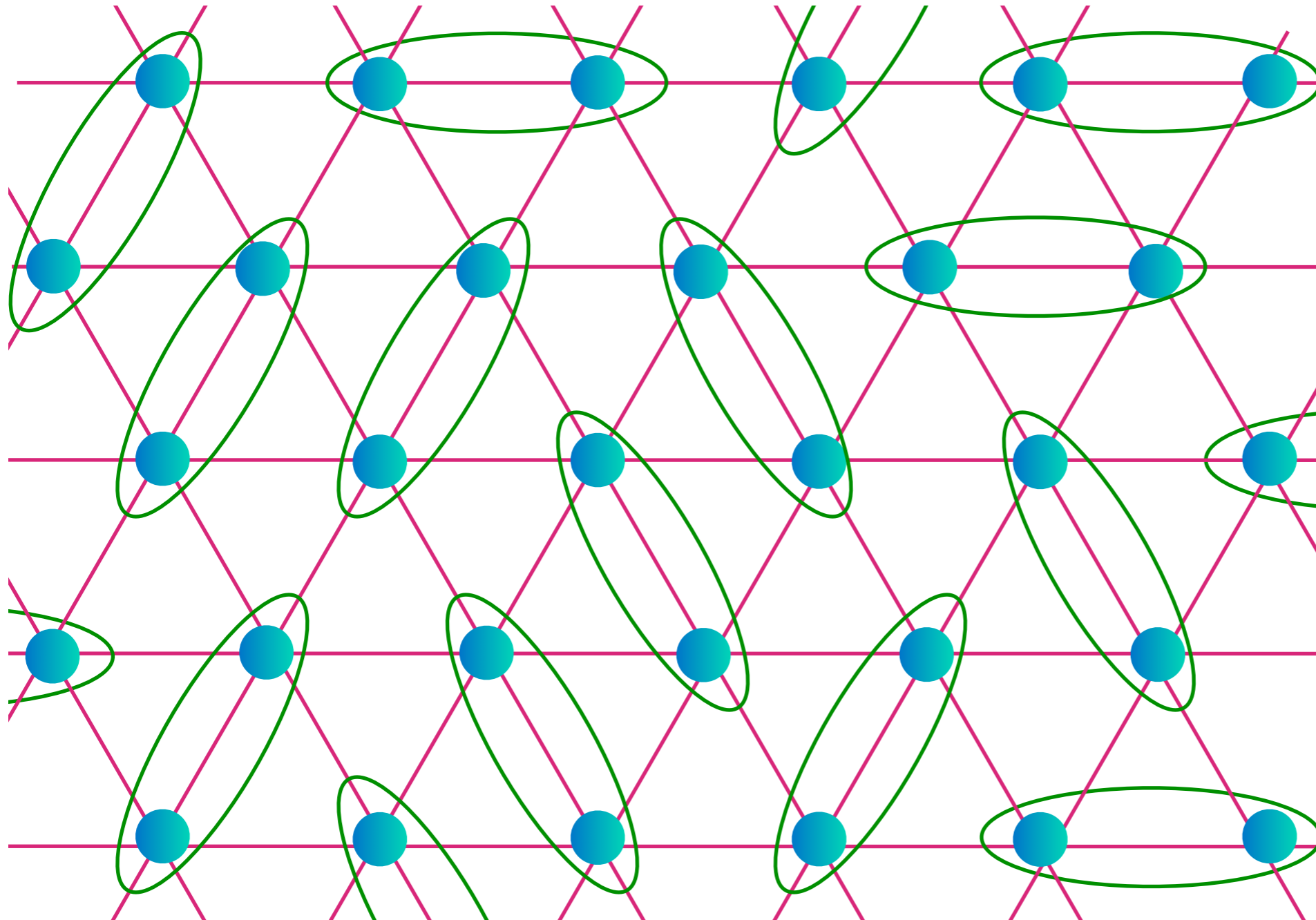
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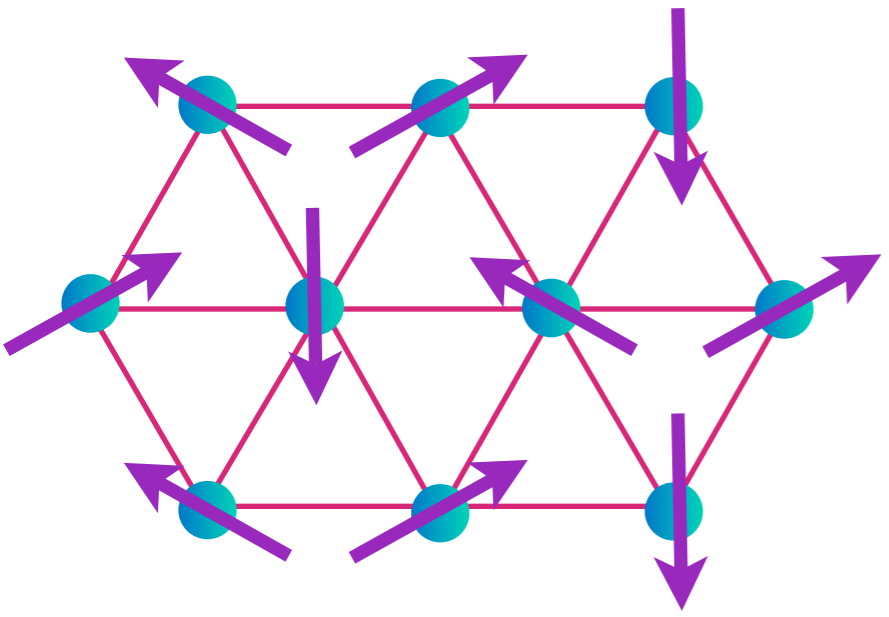
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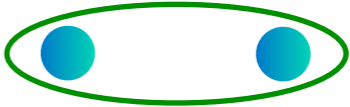
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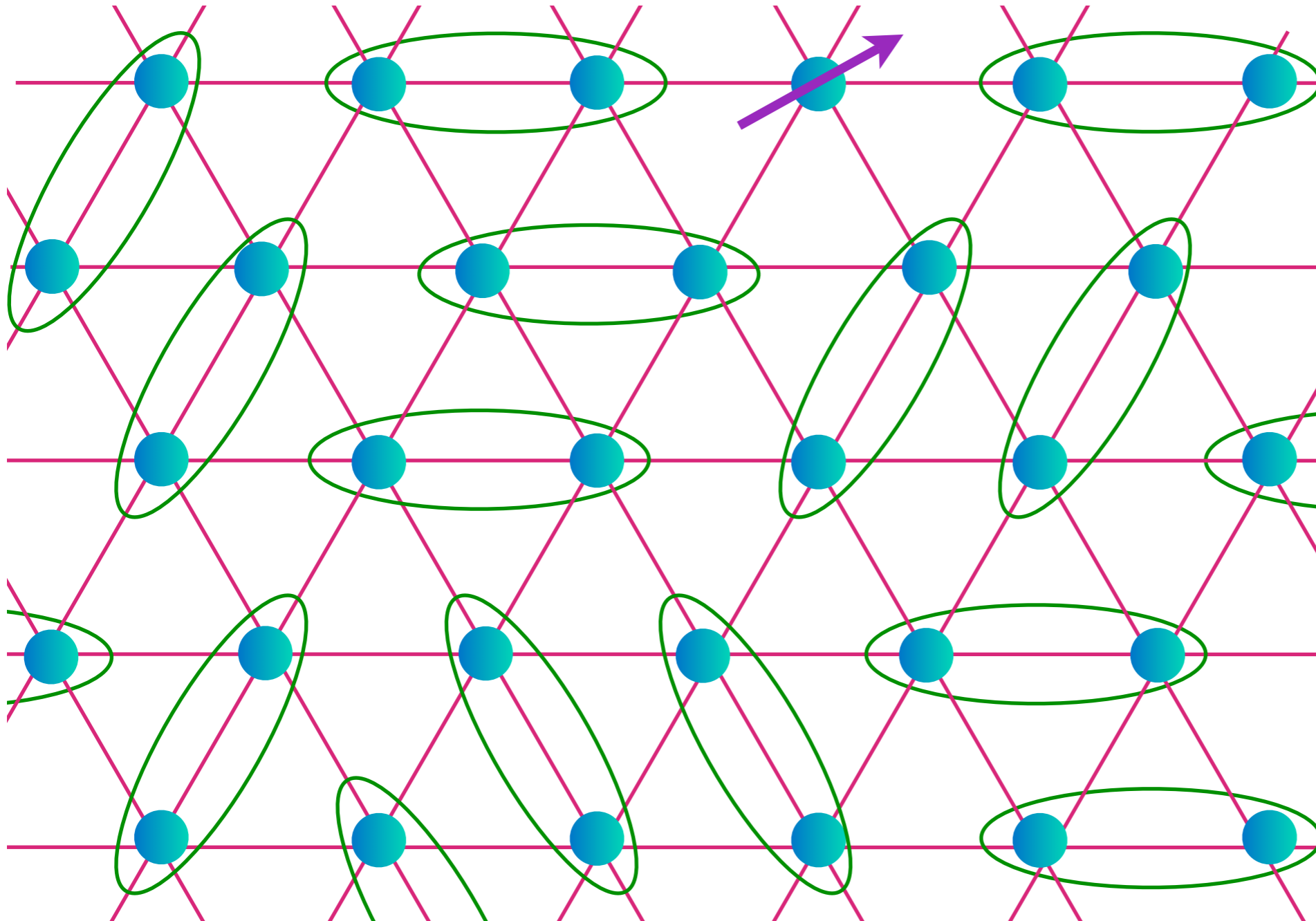


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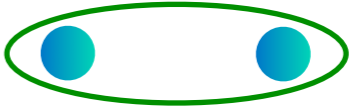
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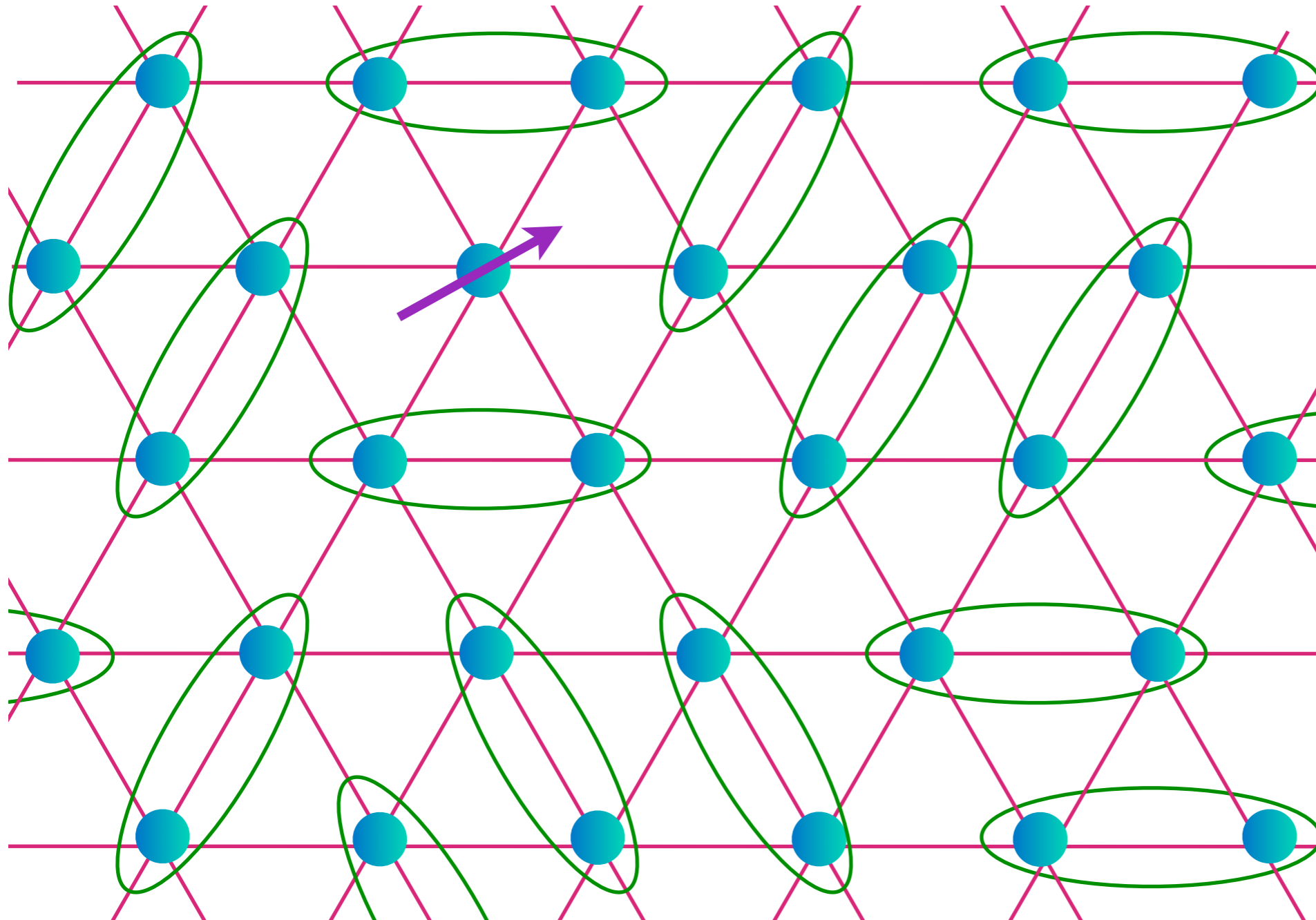

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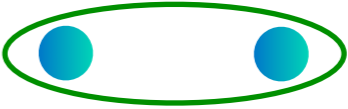
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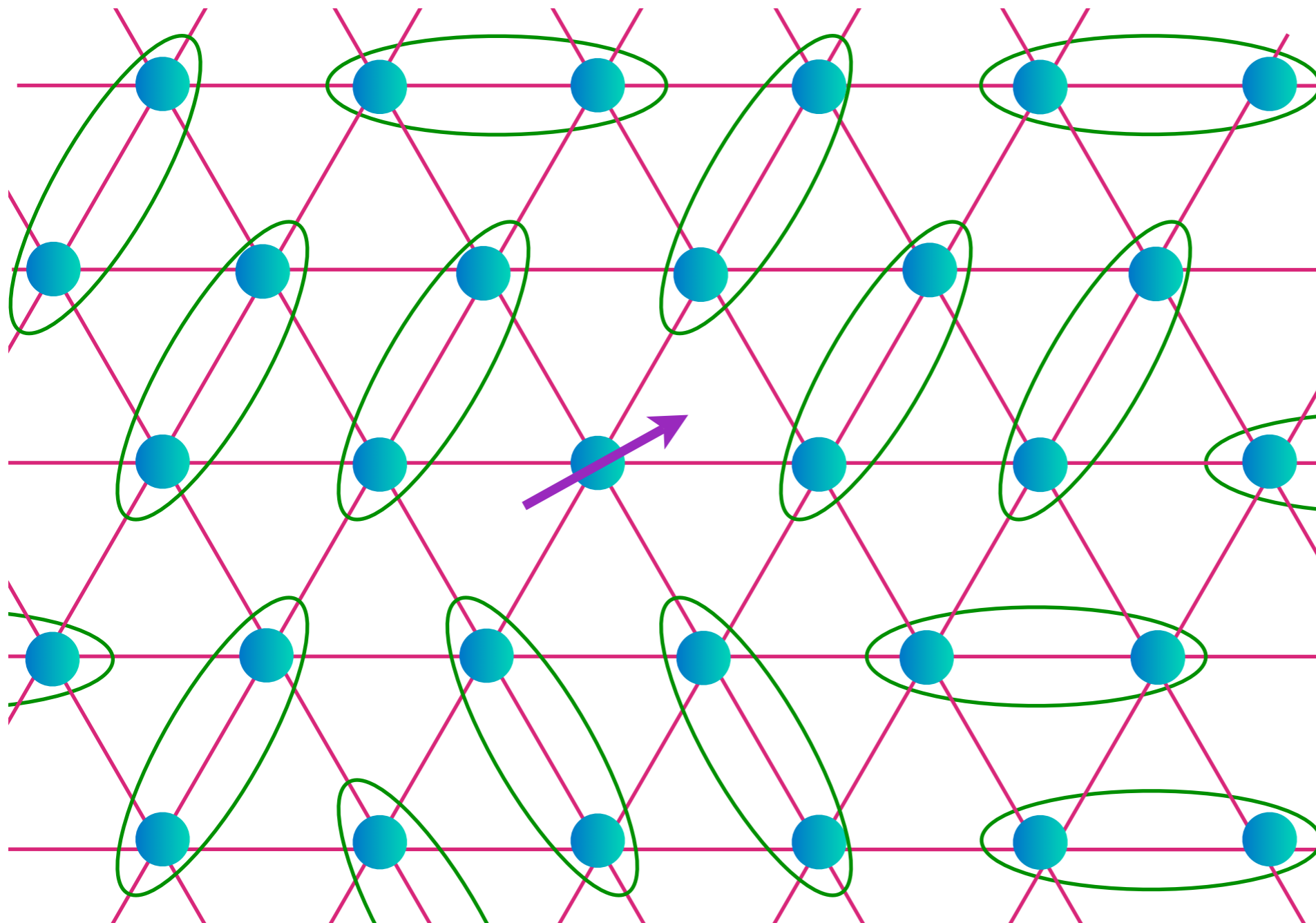

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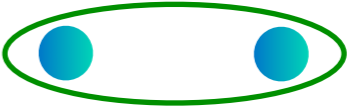
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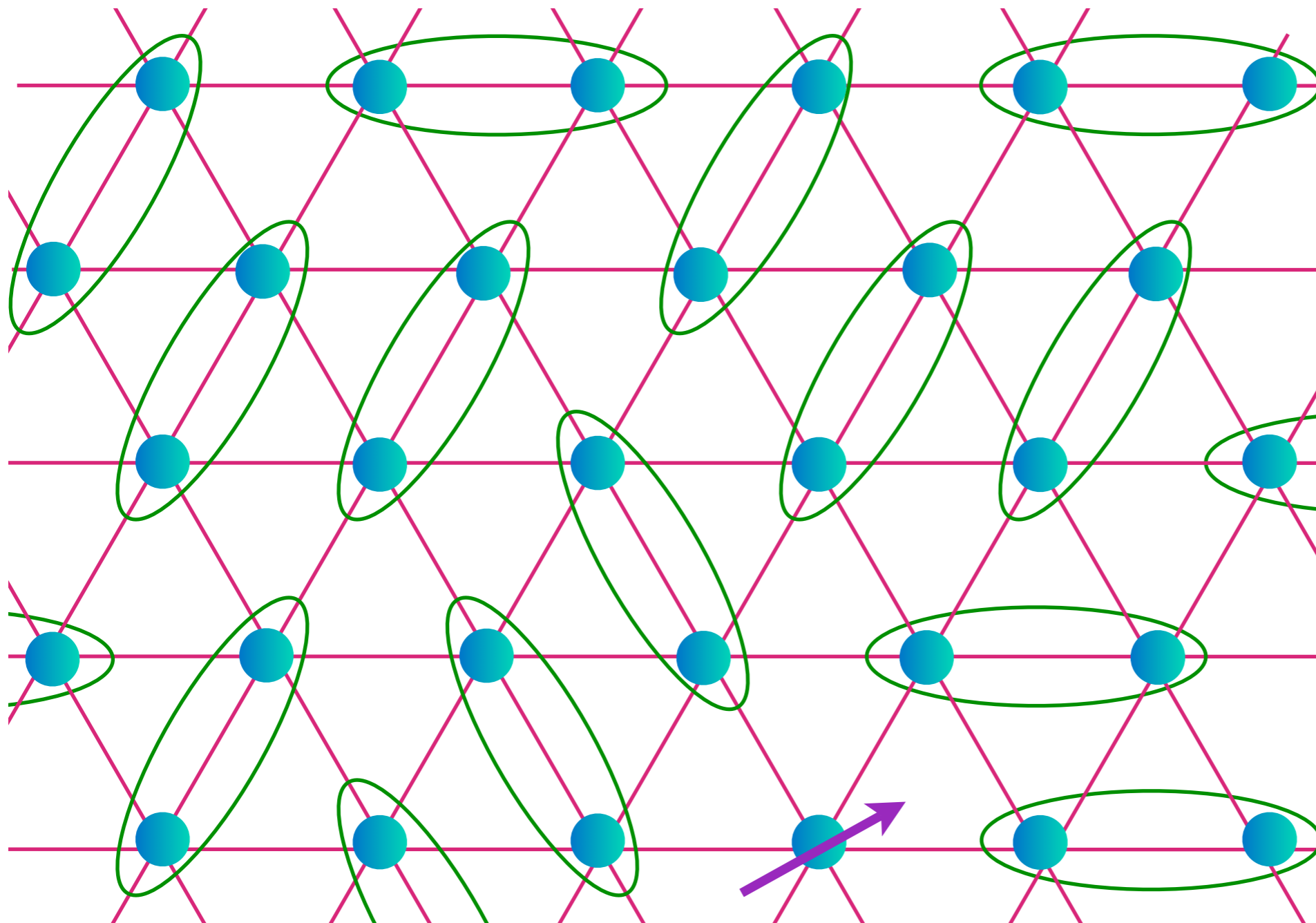

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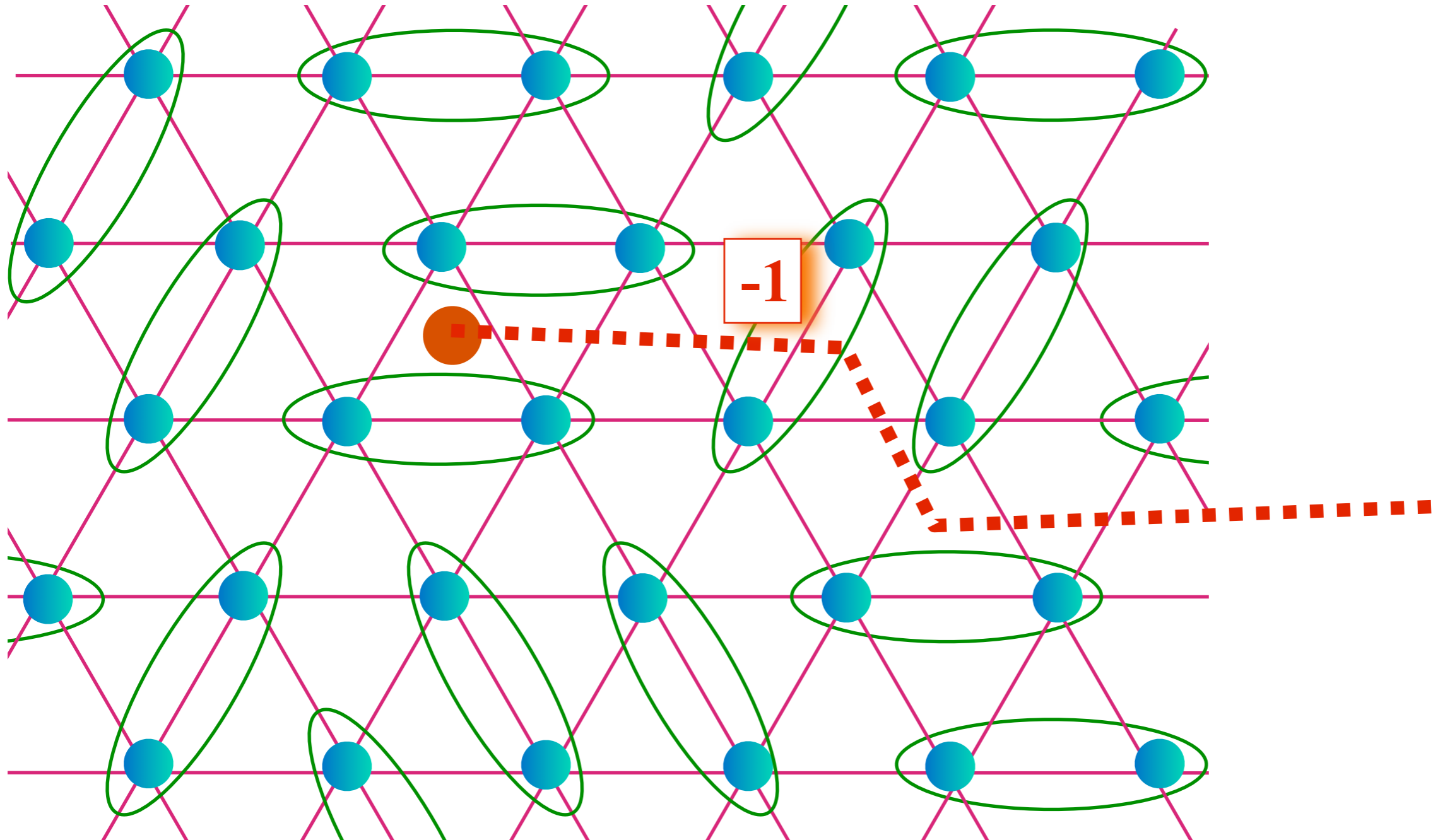
## A vison

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

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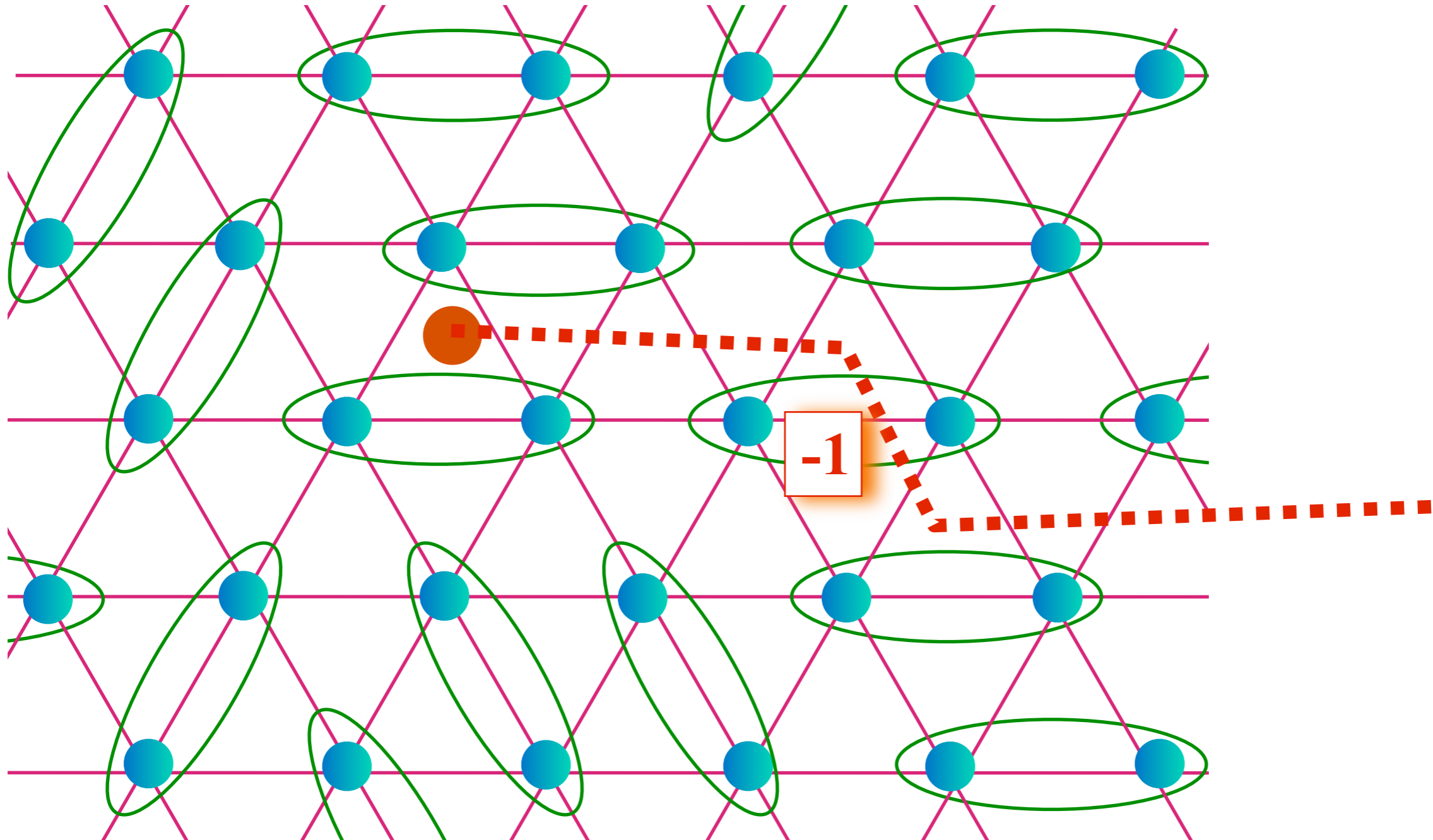


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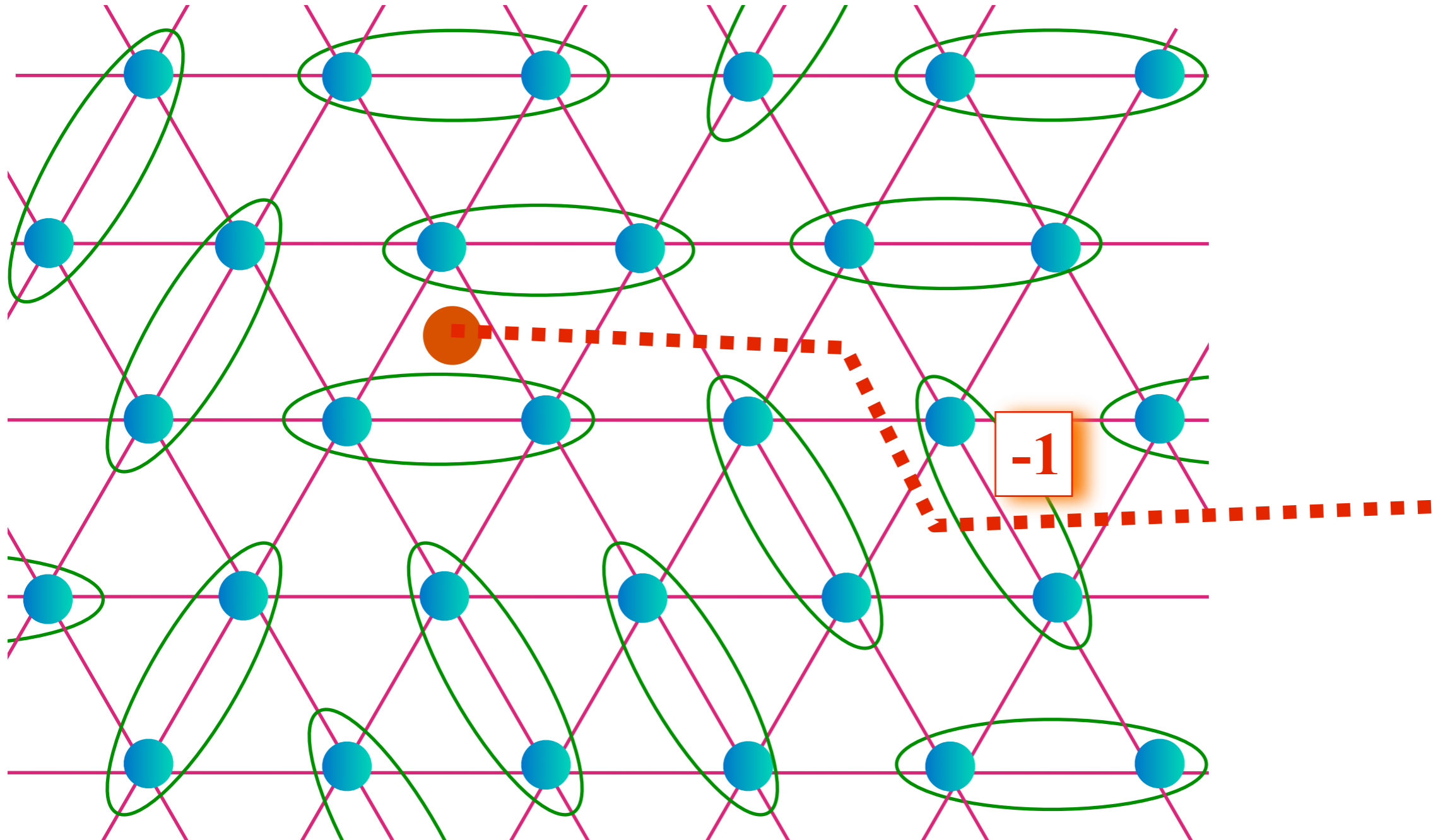
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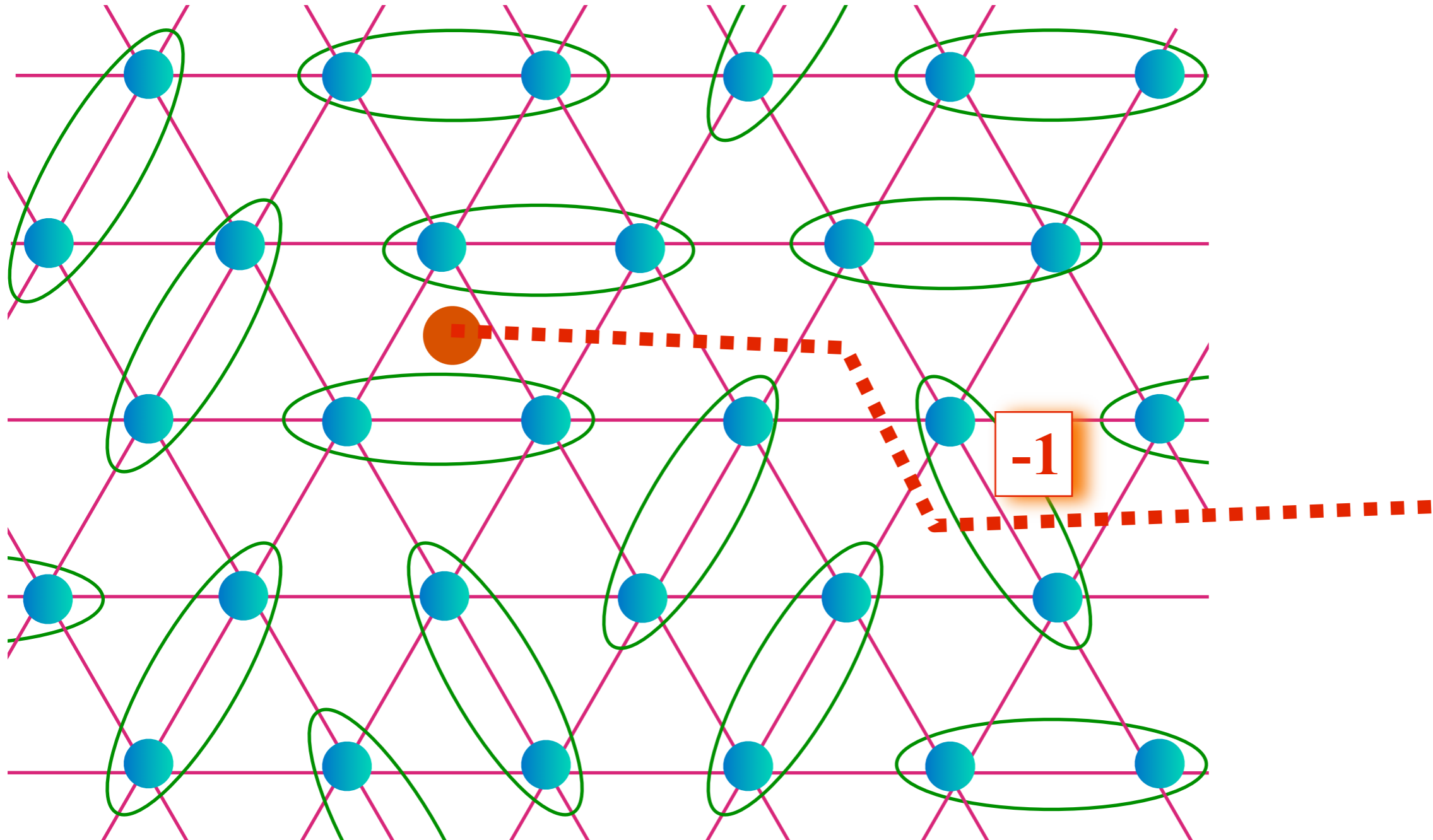


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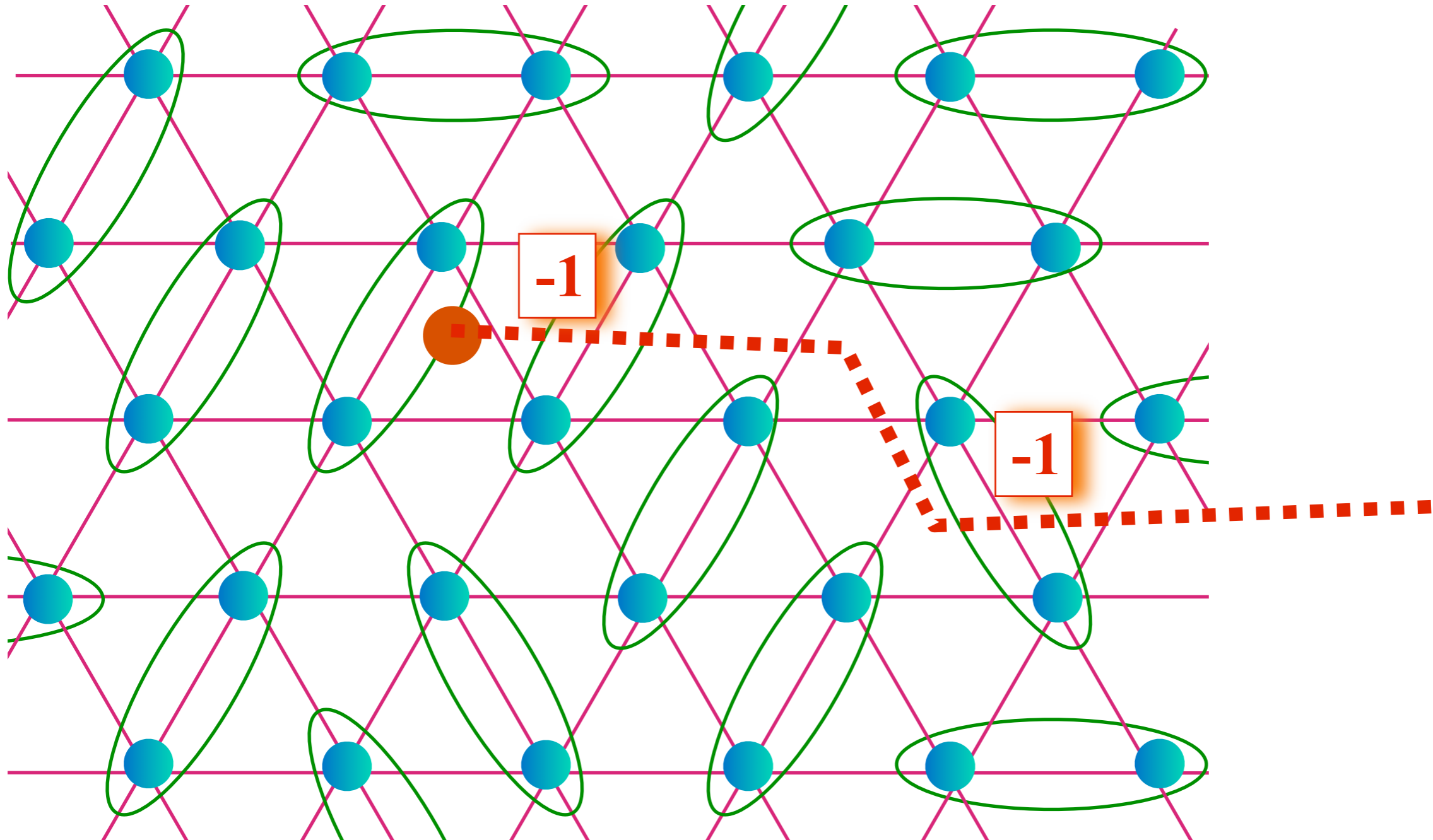


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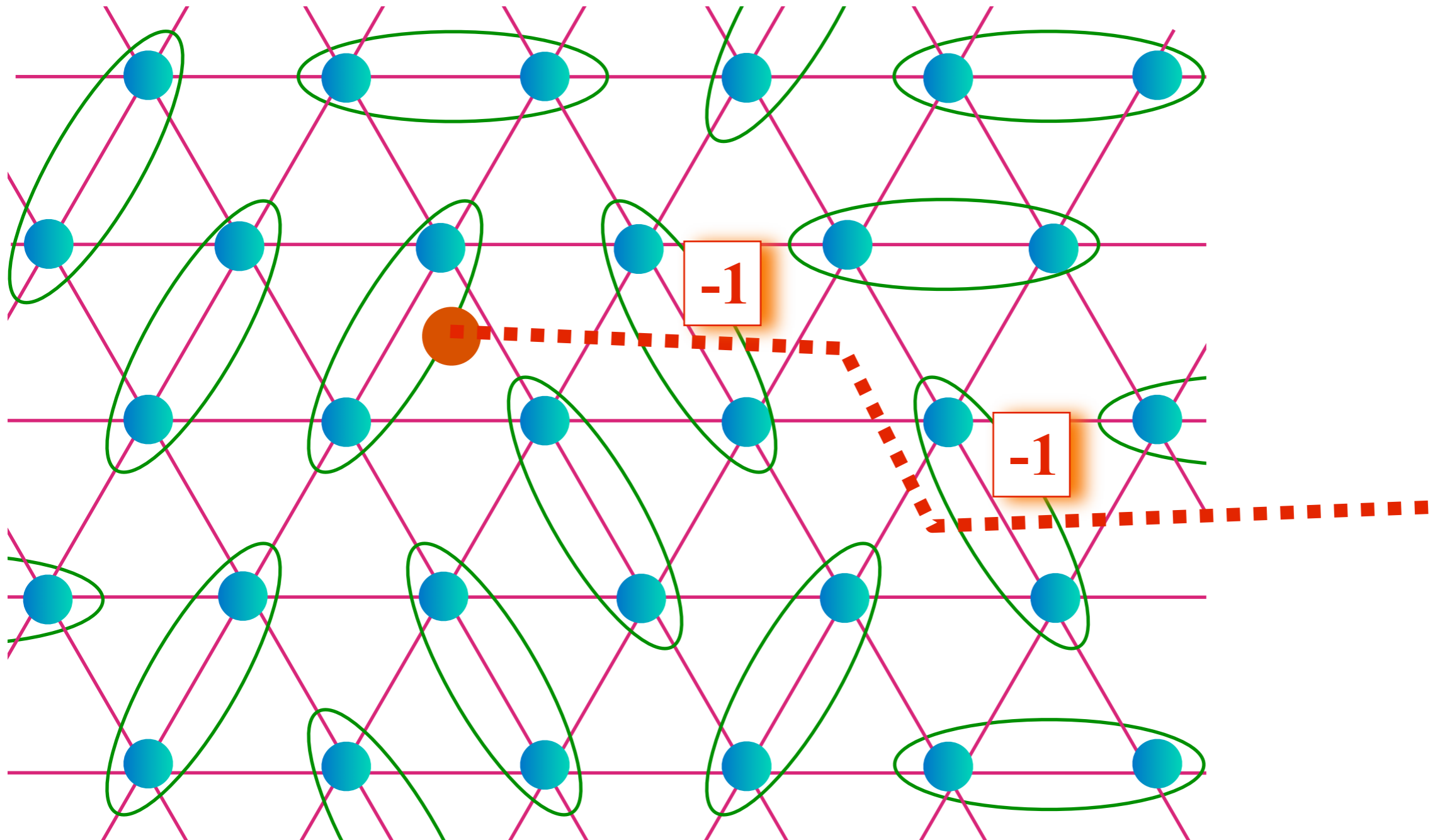


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# Solvable models of $Z_2$ spin liquids

- $Z_2$  gauge theory - T. Senthil and M.P.A. Fisher, *Phys. Rev. B* **63**, 134521 (2001).
- Quantum dimer models - D. Rokhsar and S.A. Kivelson, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **61**, 2376 (1988); R. Moessner and S. L. Sondhi, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **86**, 1881 (2001).
- Integrable  $Z_2$  gauge theory - A.Y. Kitaev, *Annals of Physics* **303**, 2 (2003).
- Majorana fermion models - X.-G. Wen, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **90**, 016803 (2003).

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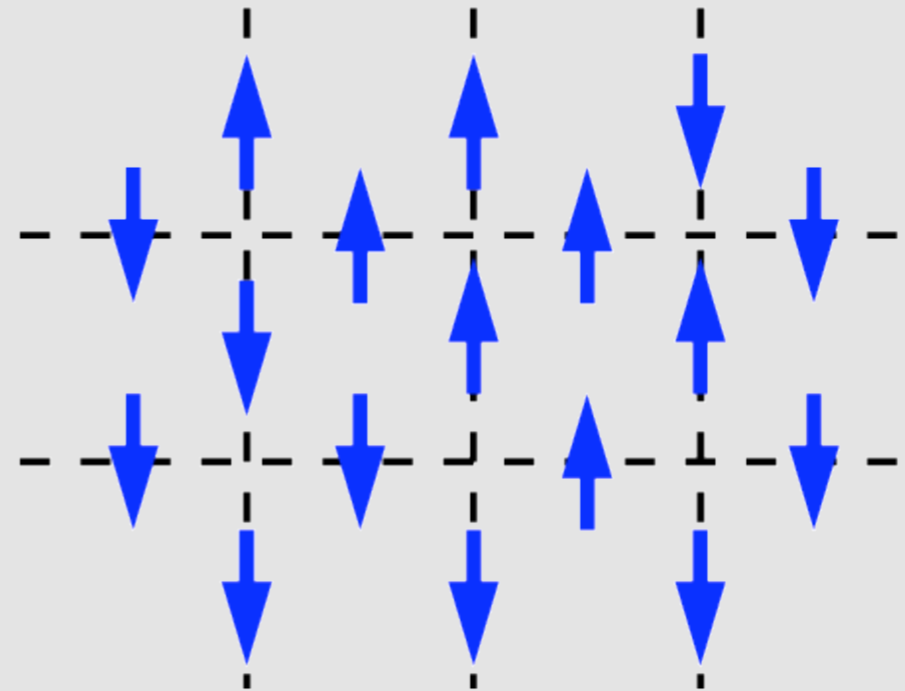
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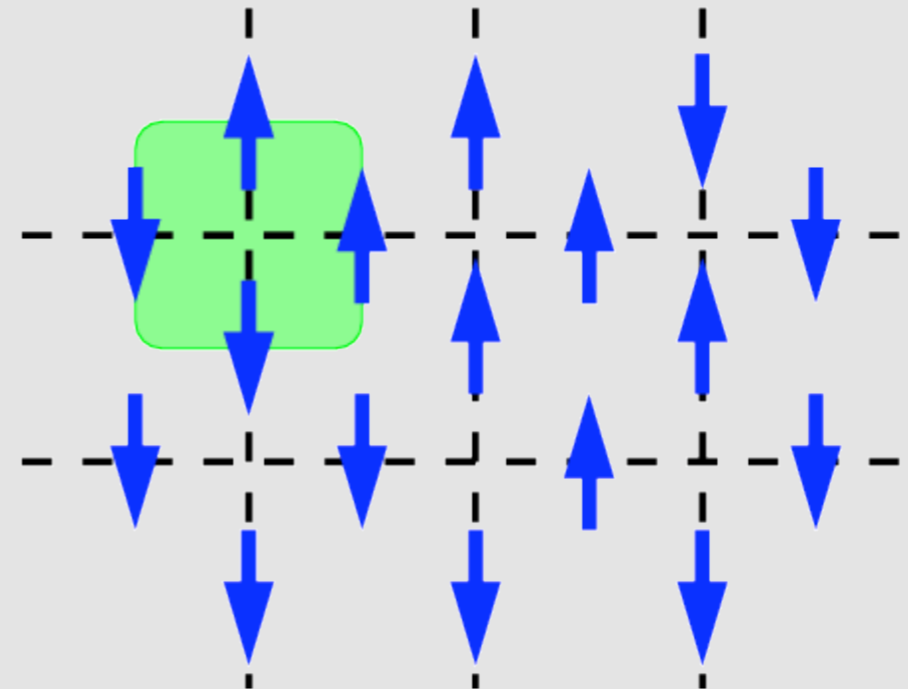
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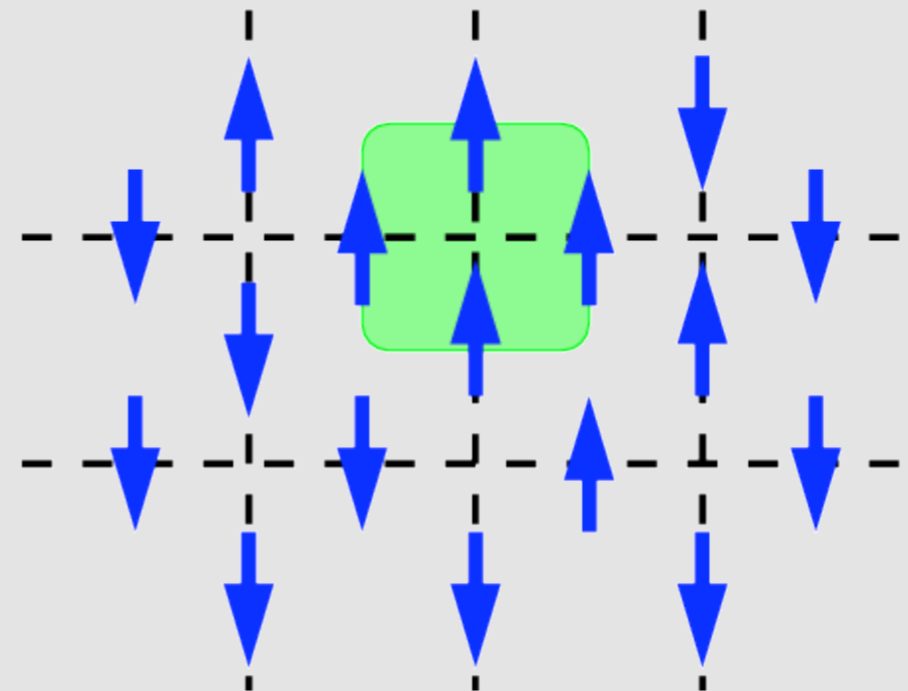
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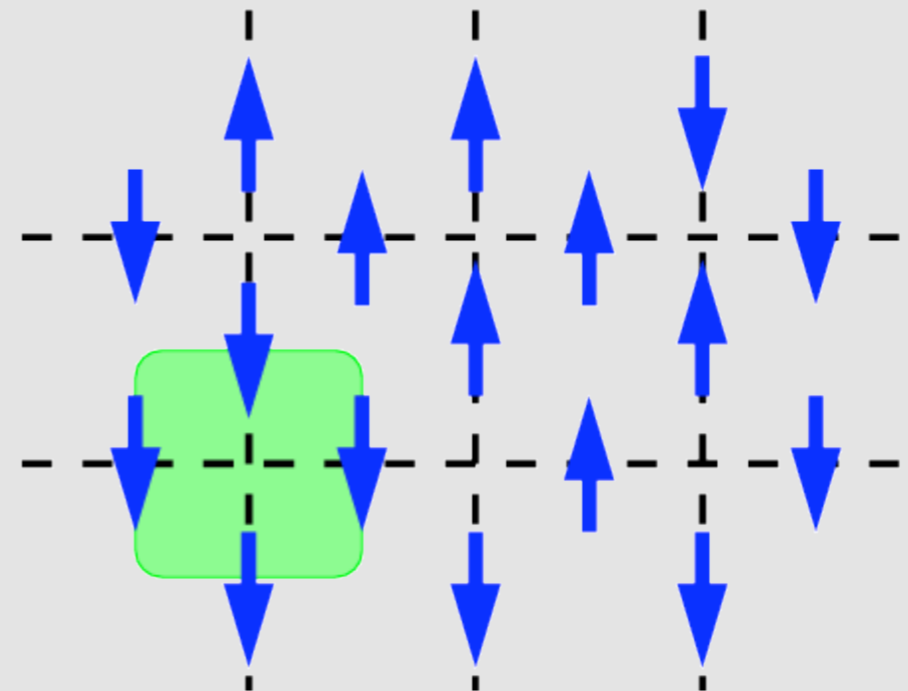
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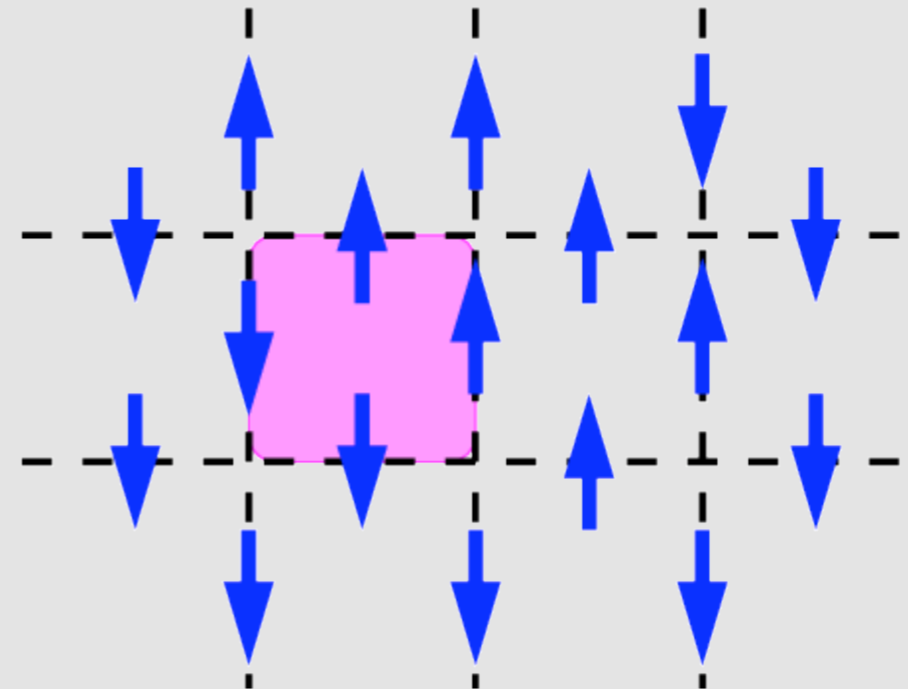
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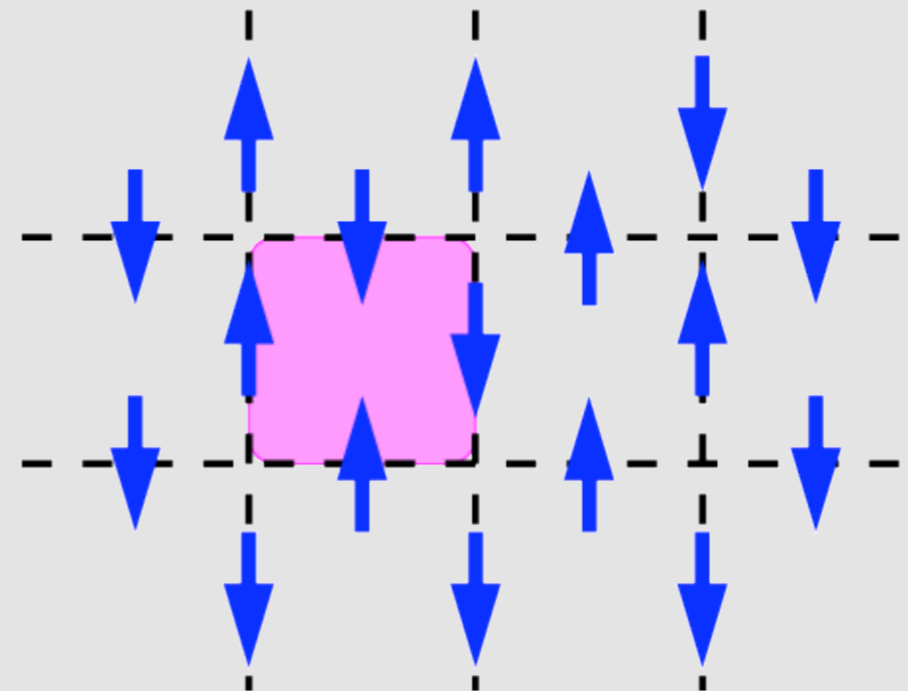
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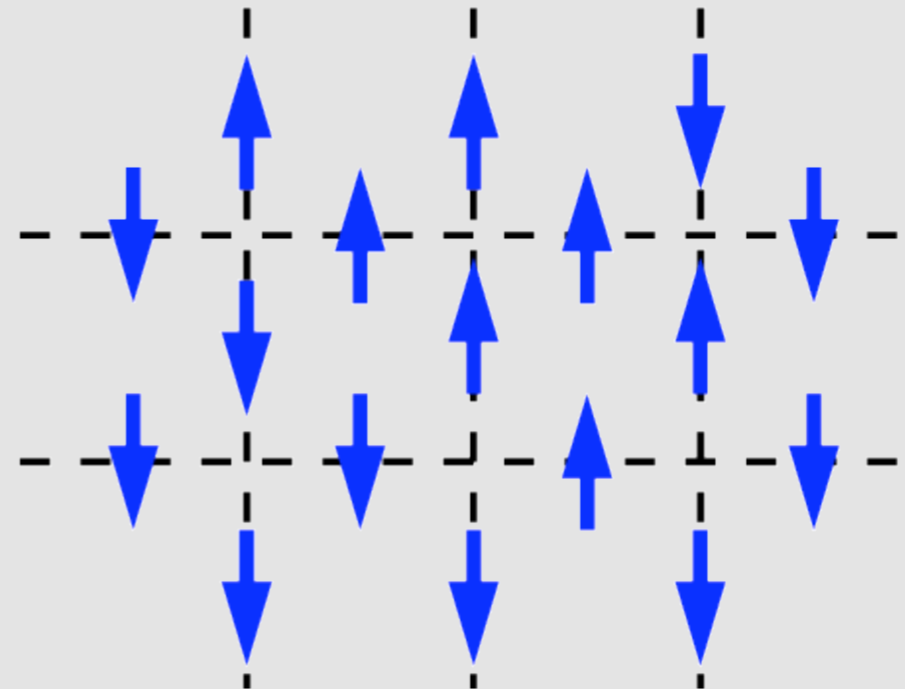
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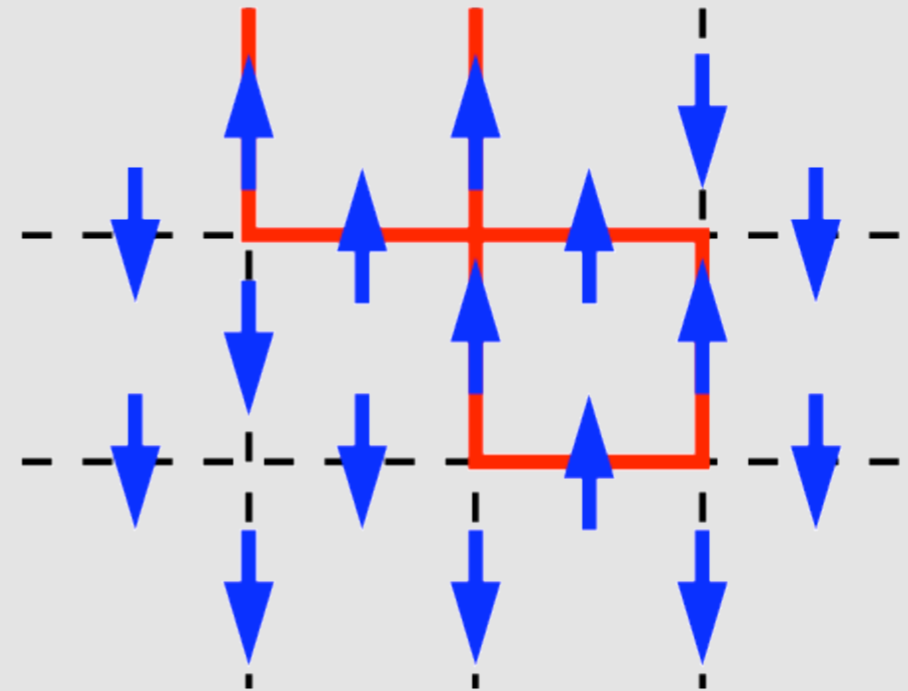
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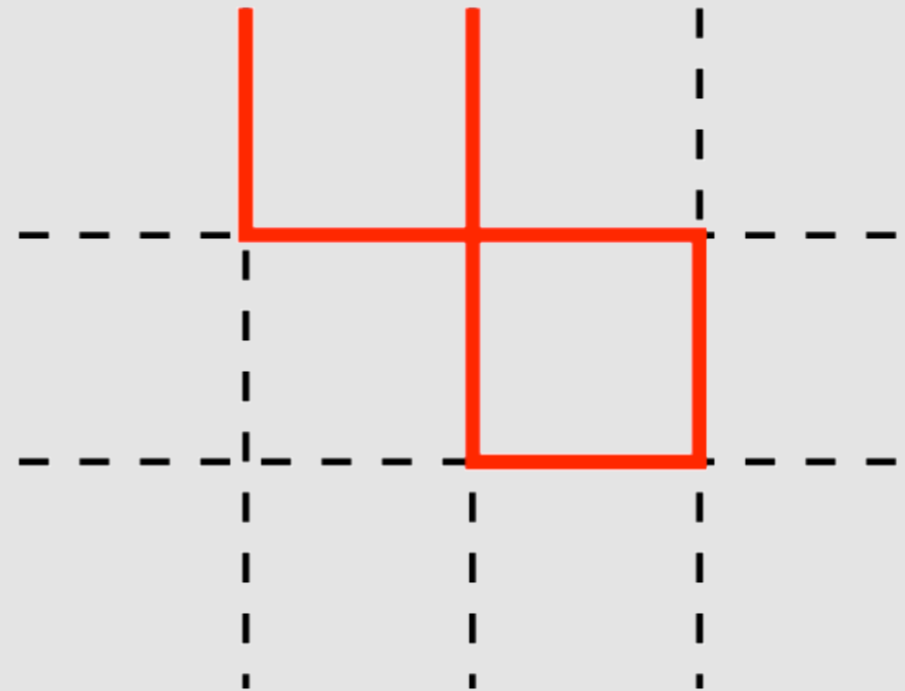
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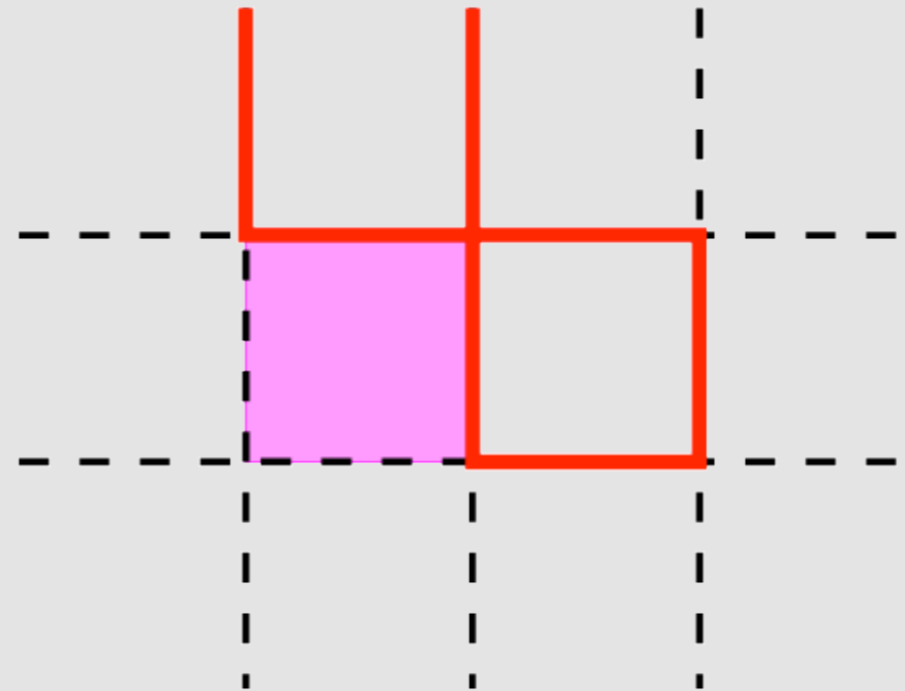
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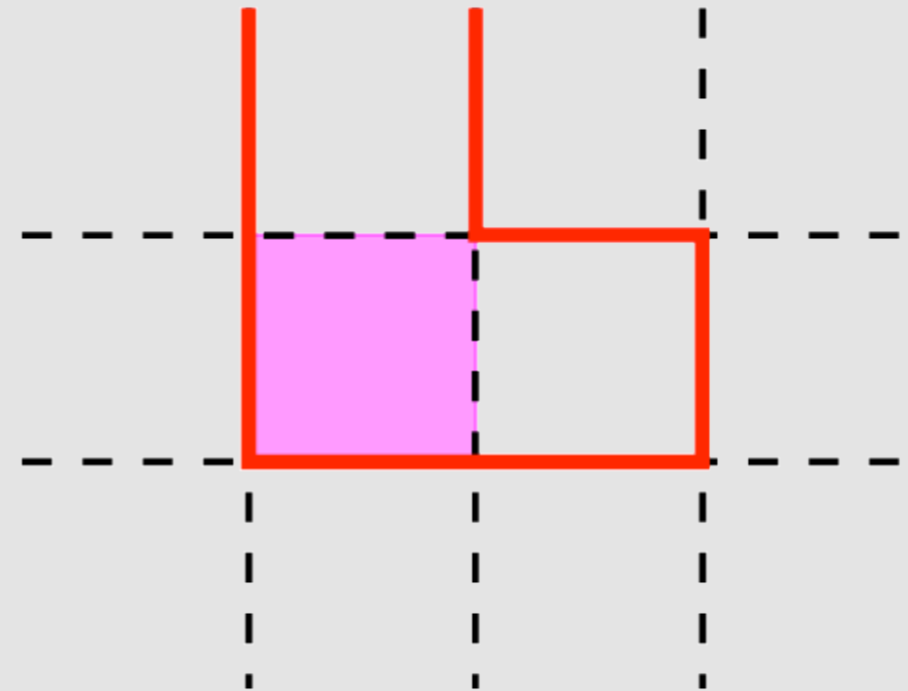
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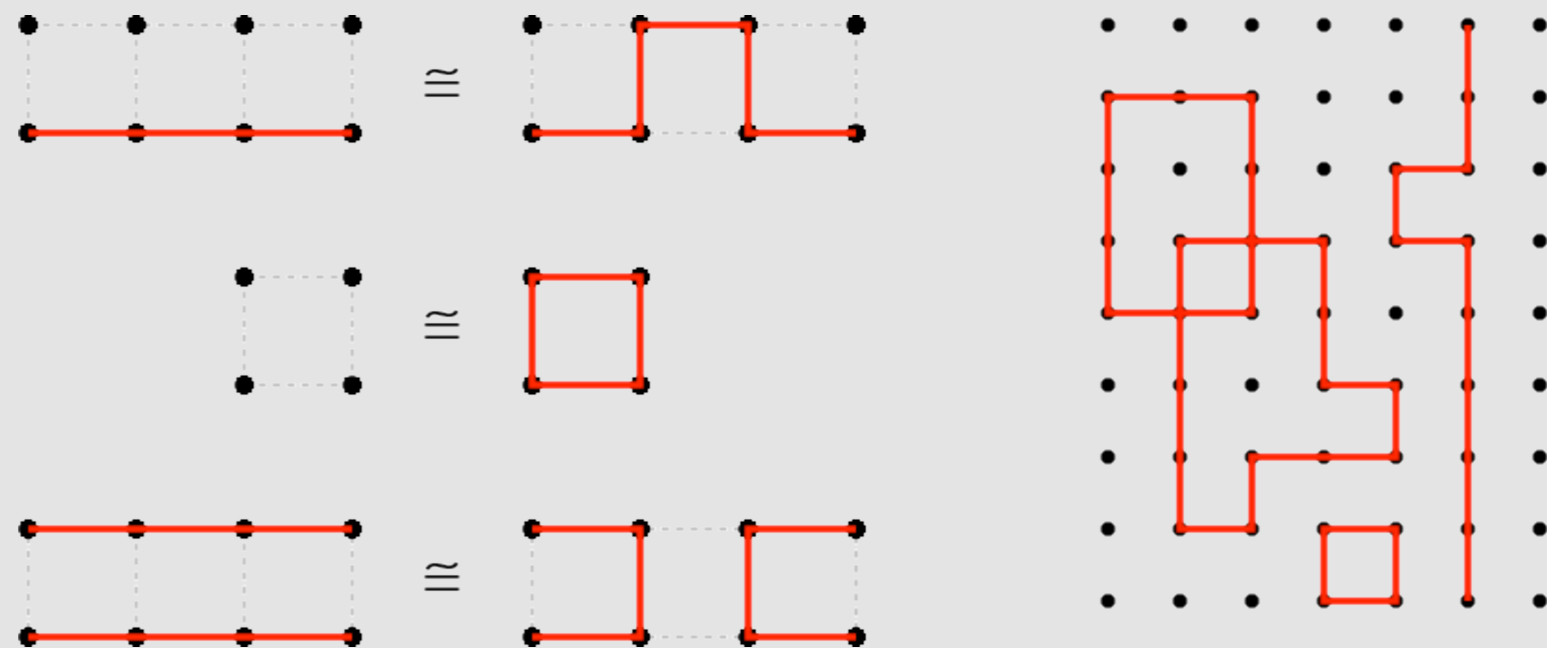
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# Properties of the Ground State

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- $A_i=1$  : closed loops.
- $F_p=1$  : every plaquette is an equal-amplitude superposition of inverse images.



The GS wavefunction takes the same value on configurations connected by these operations. It does not depend on the geometry of the configurations, only on their topology.









# Beyond $Z_2$ spin liquids

## Quantum spin liquids with anyonic excitations

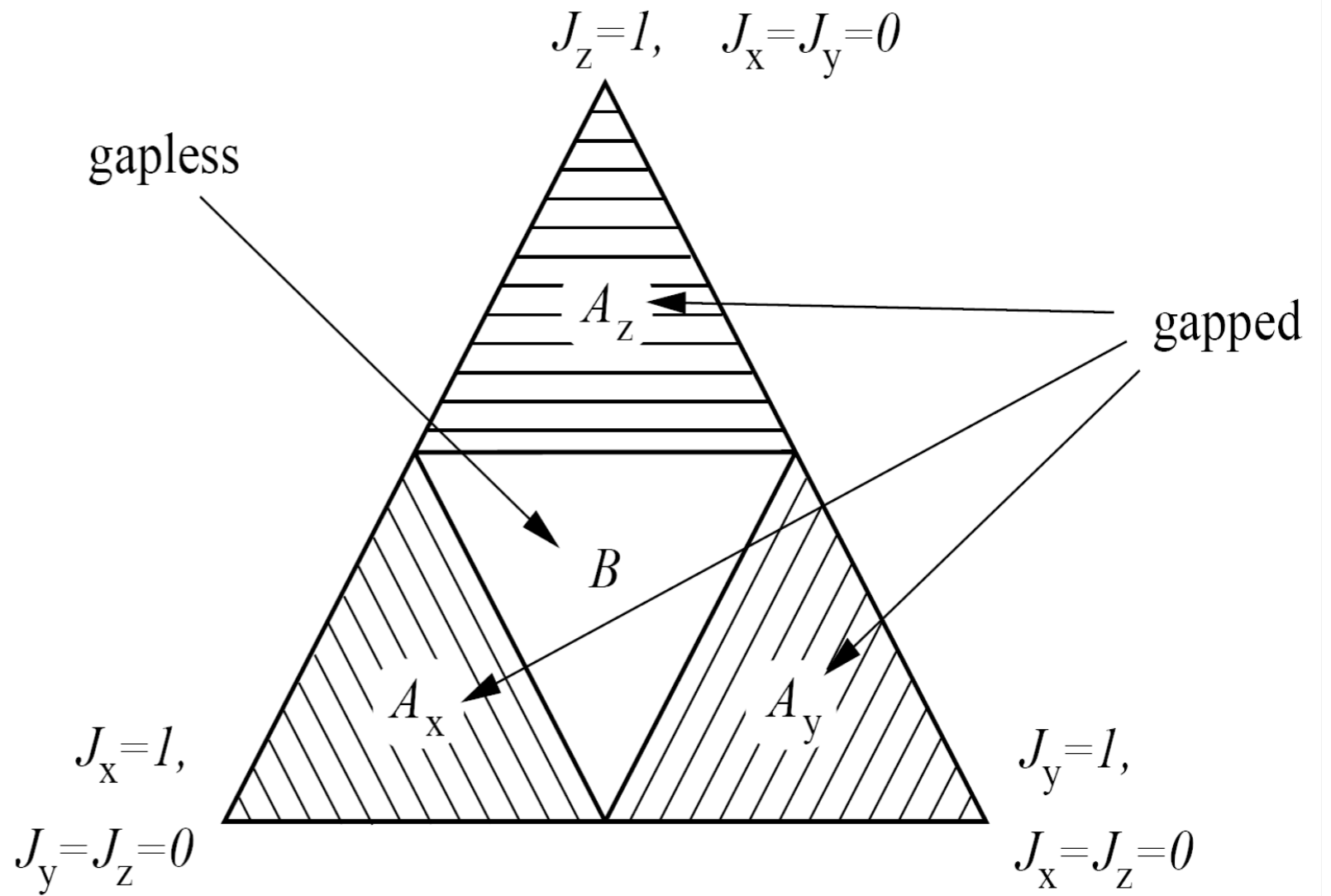
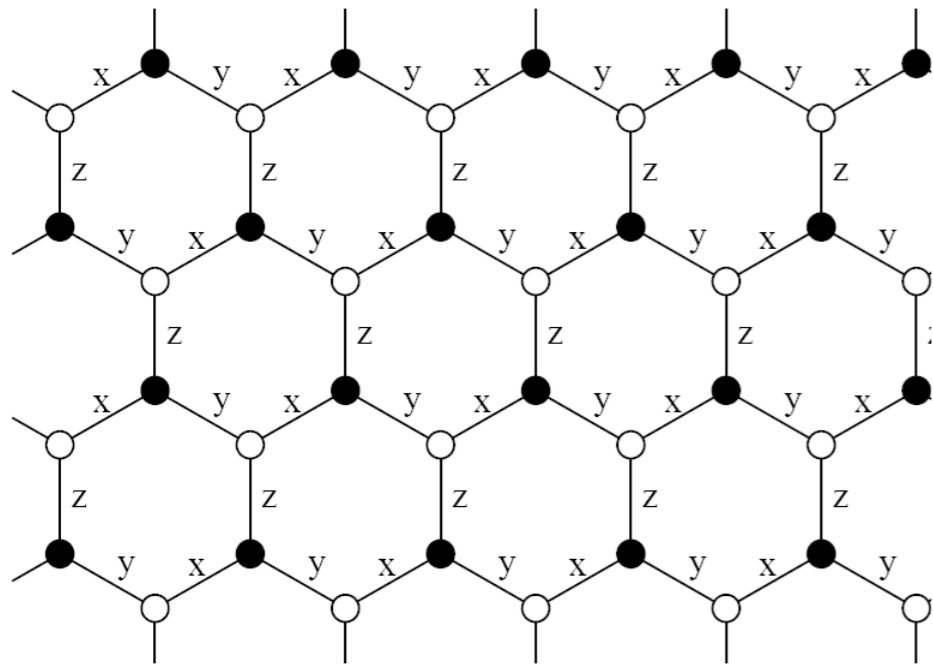
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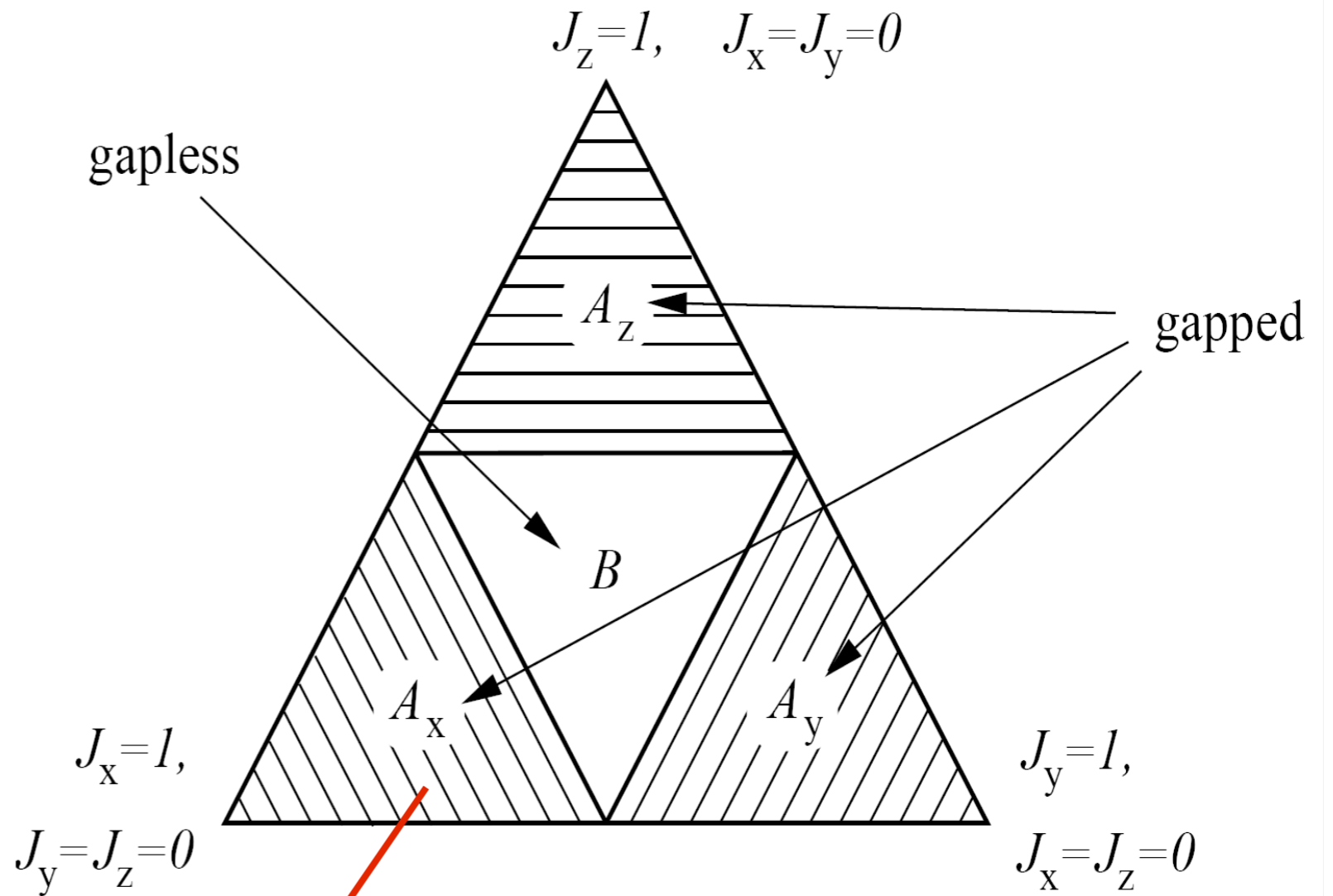
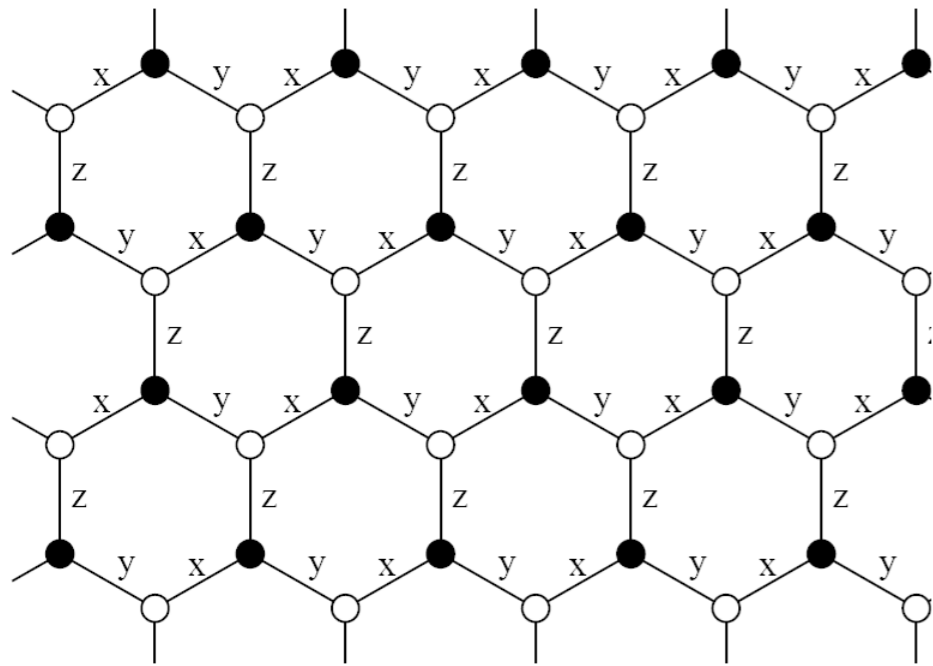
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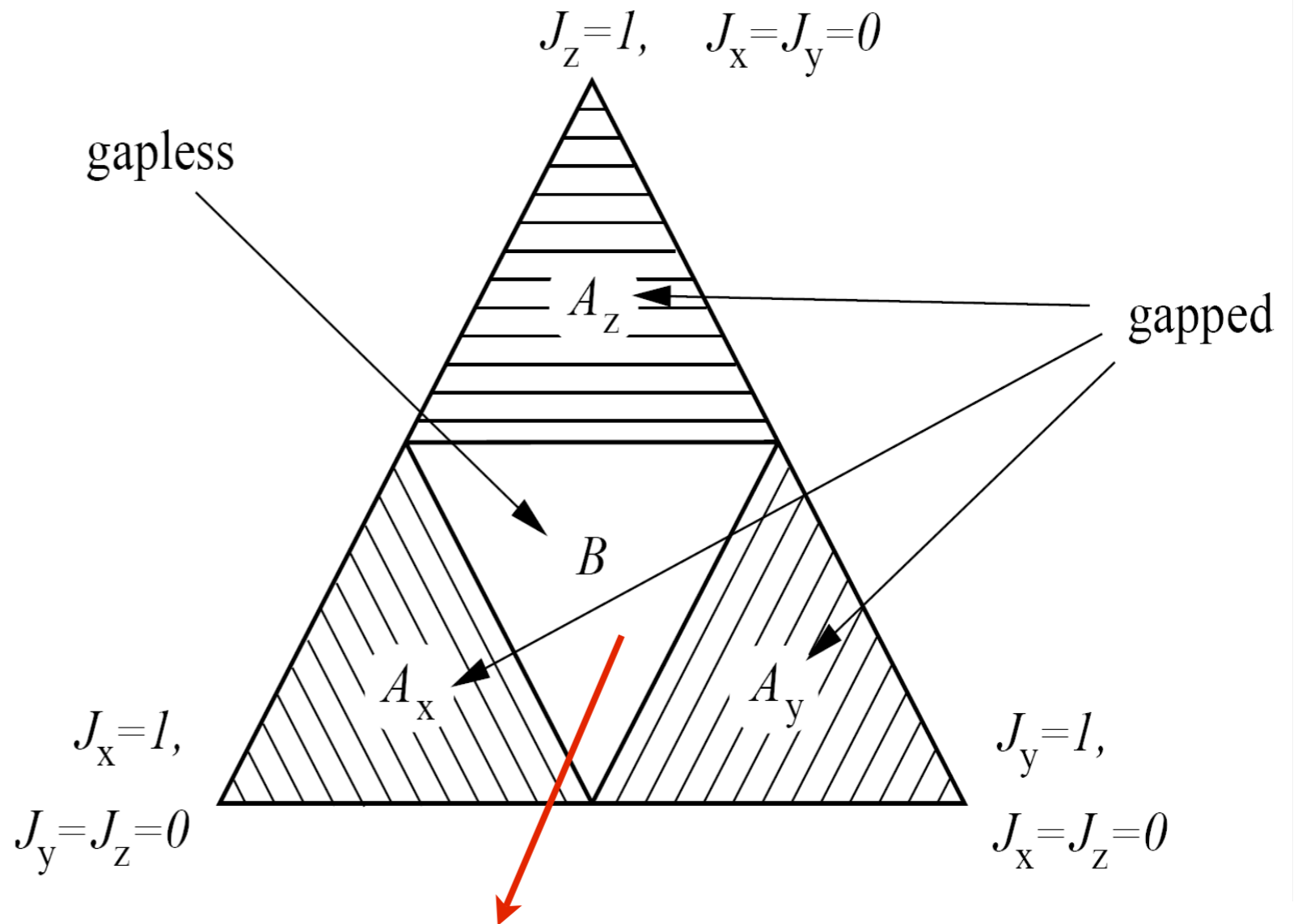
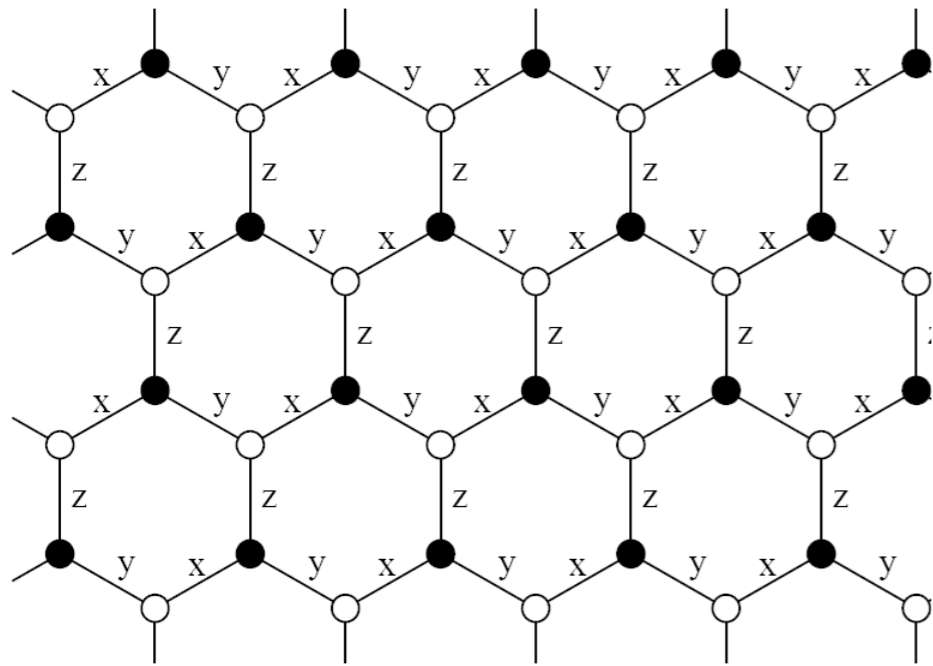


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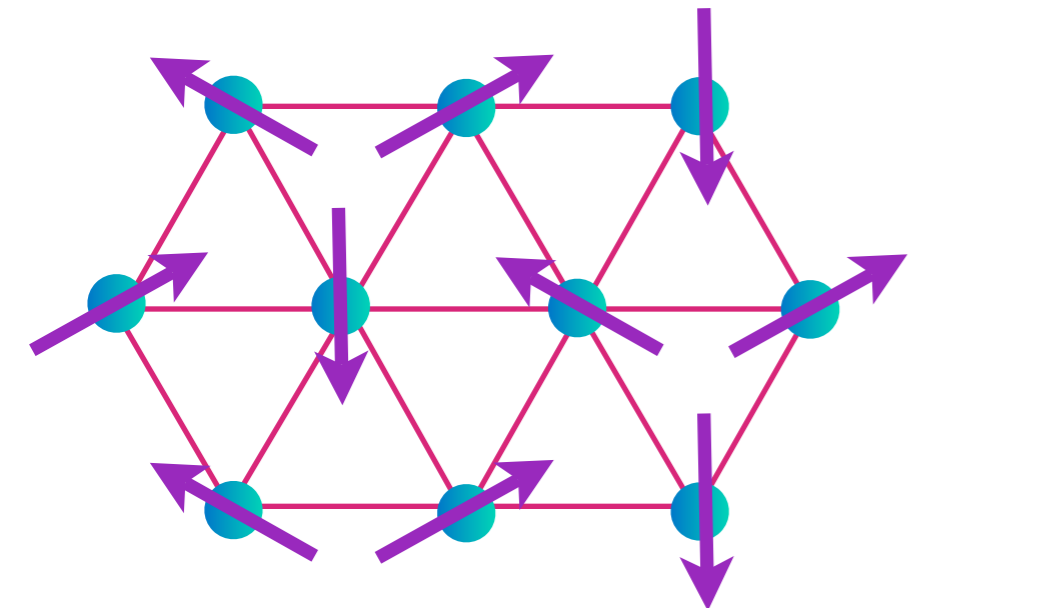
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**Non-abelian anyons in a magnetic field**

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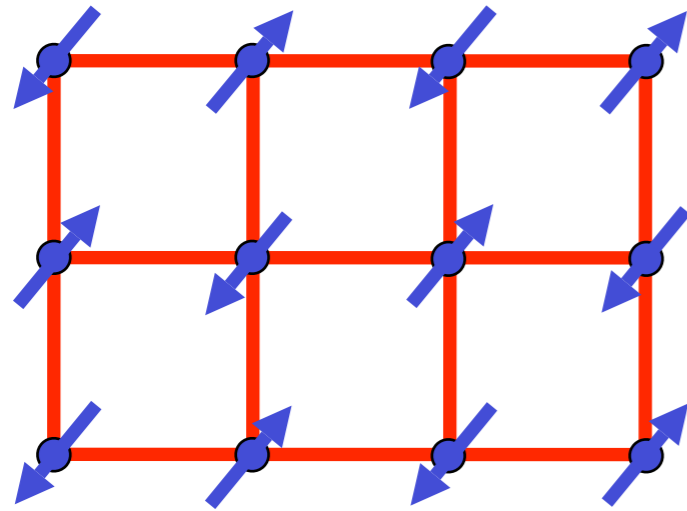
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$Z_2$  spin liquid  
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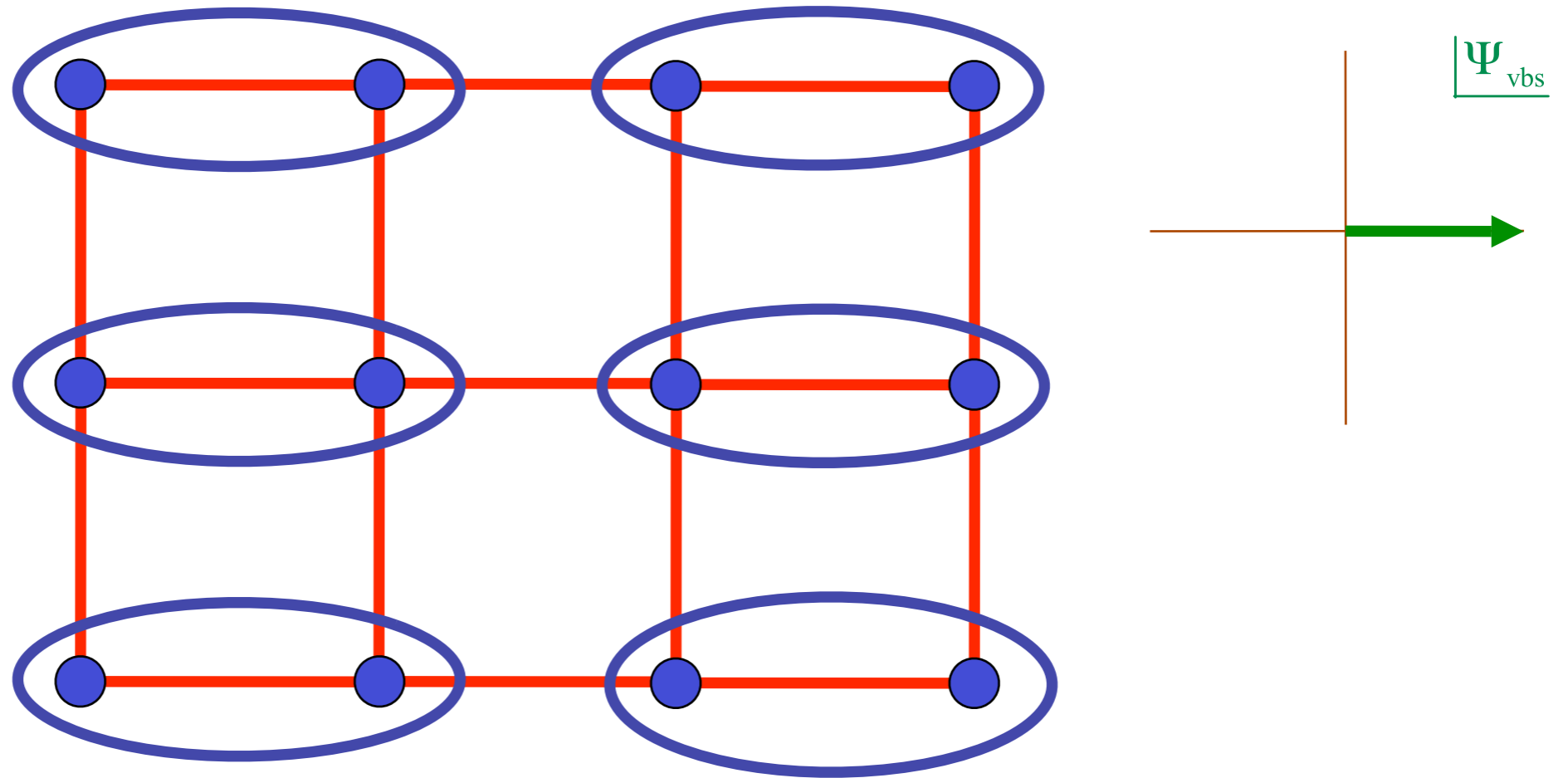
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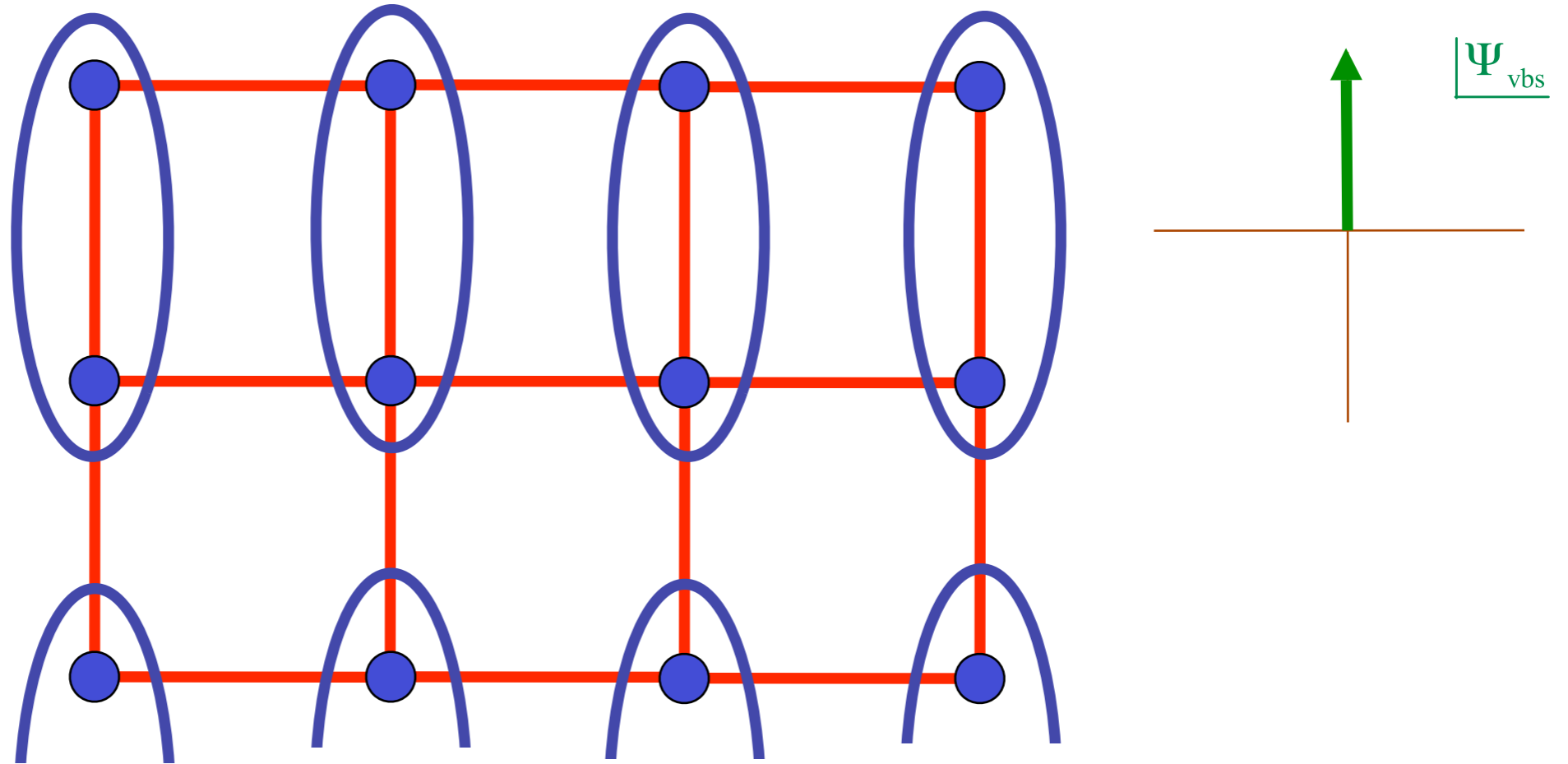
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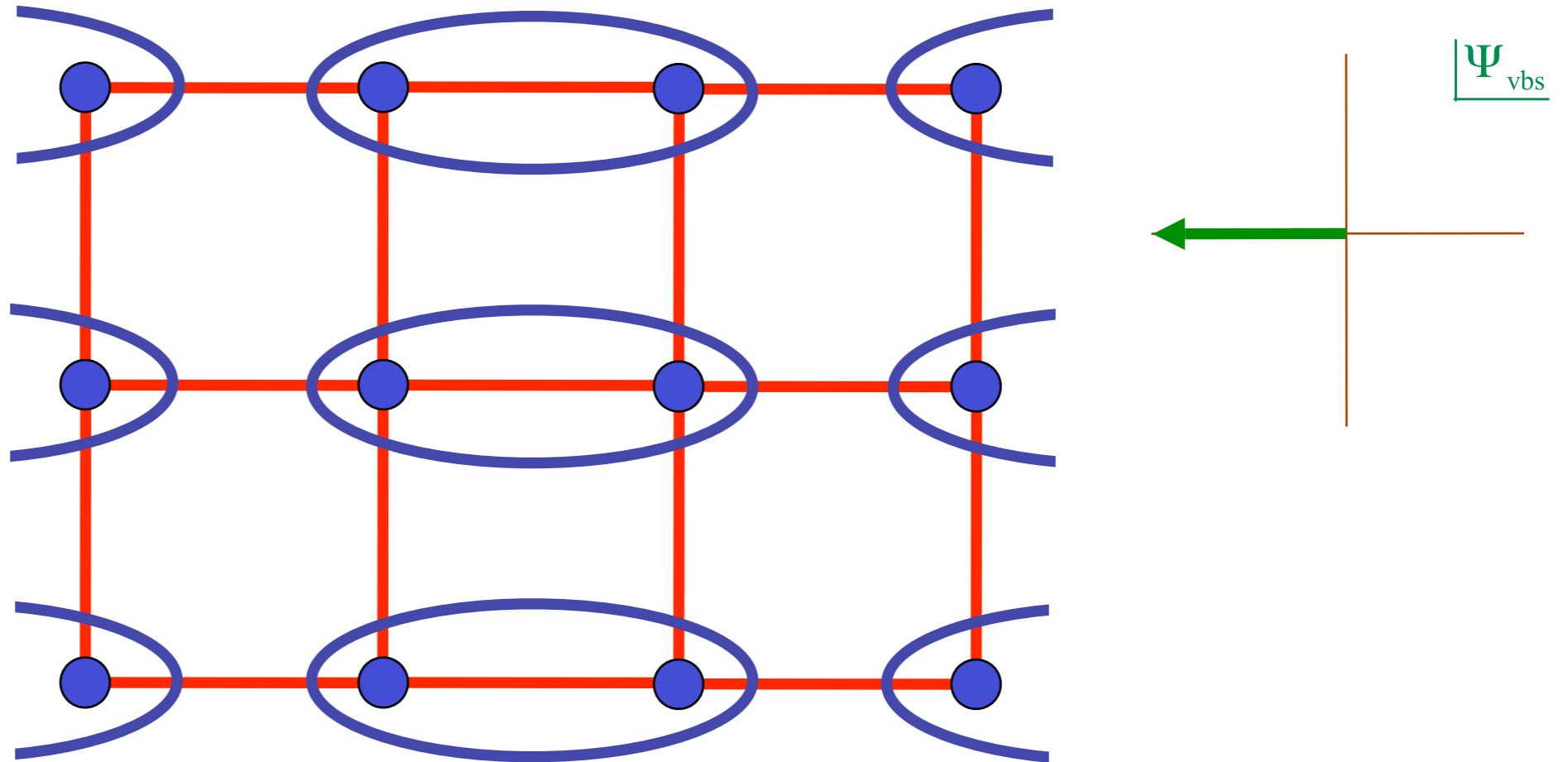
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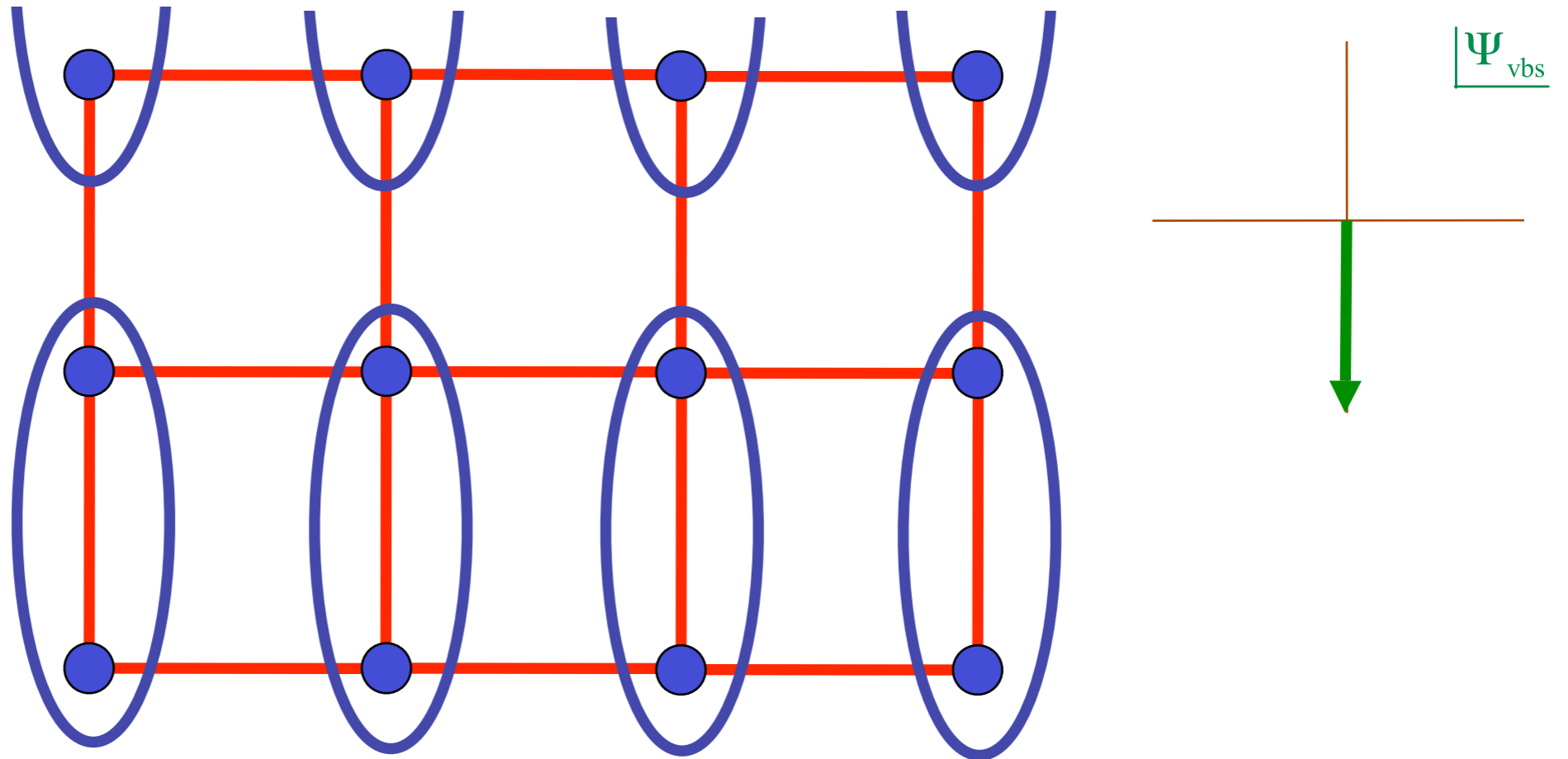
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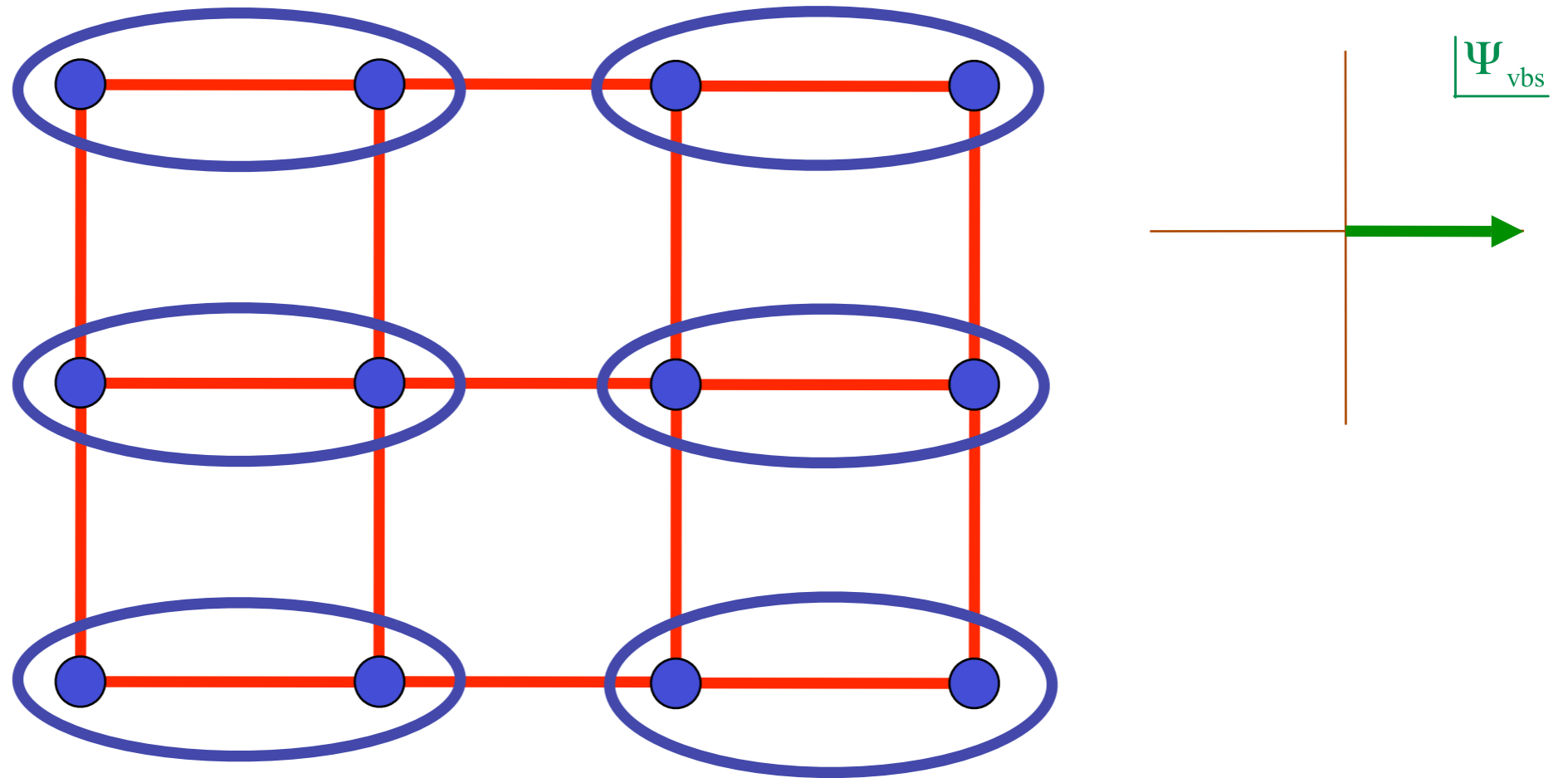
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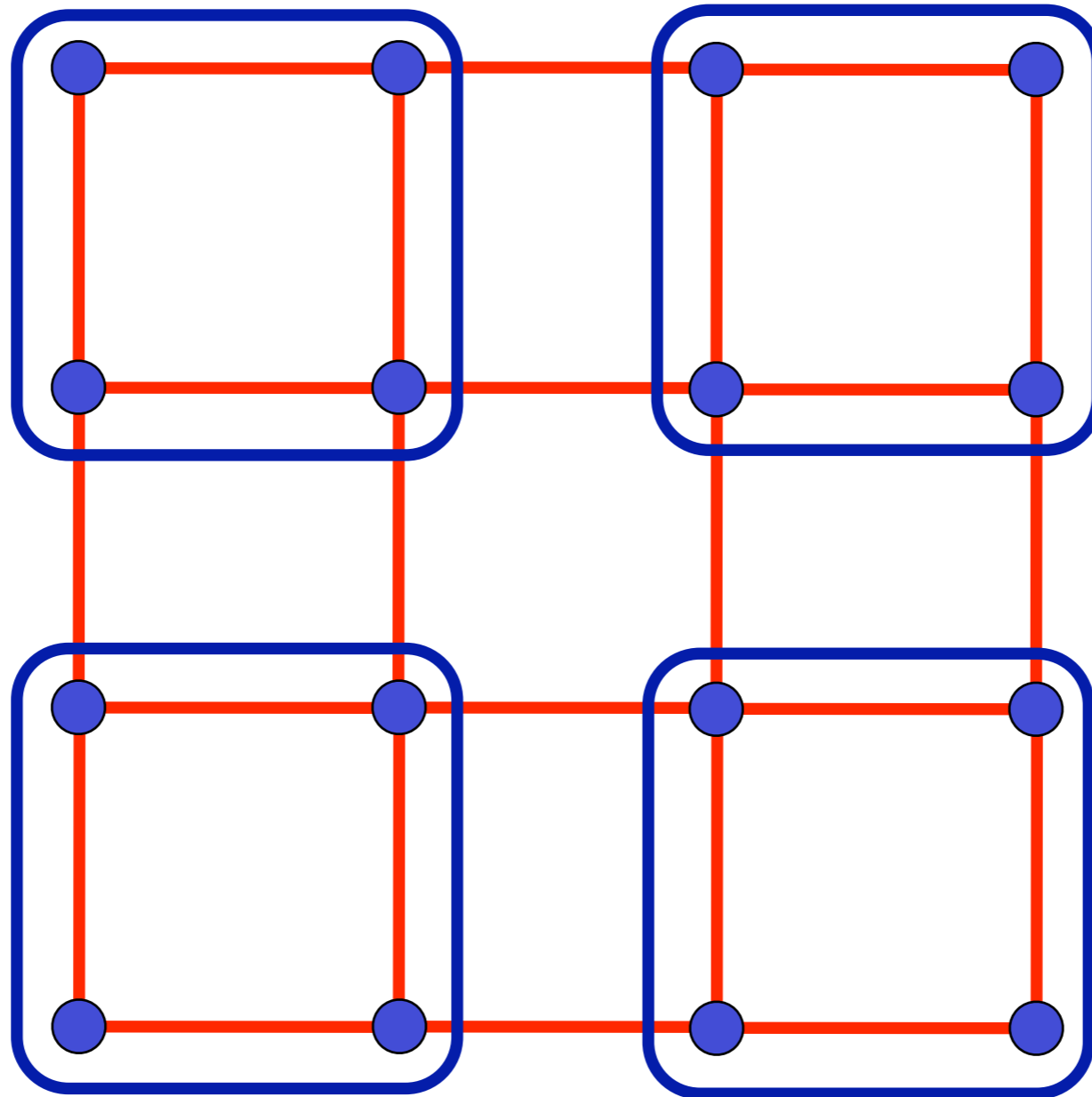
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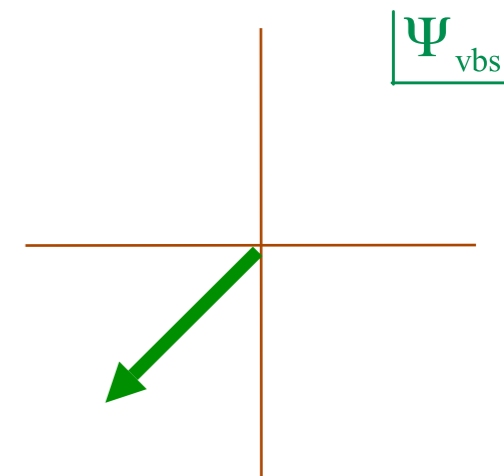
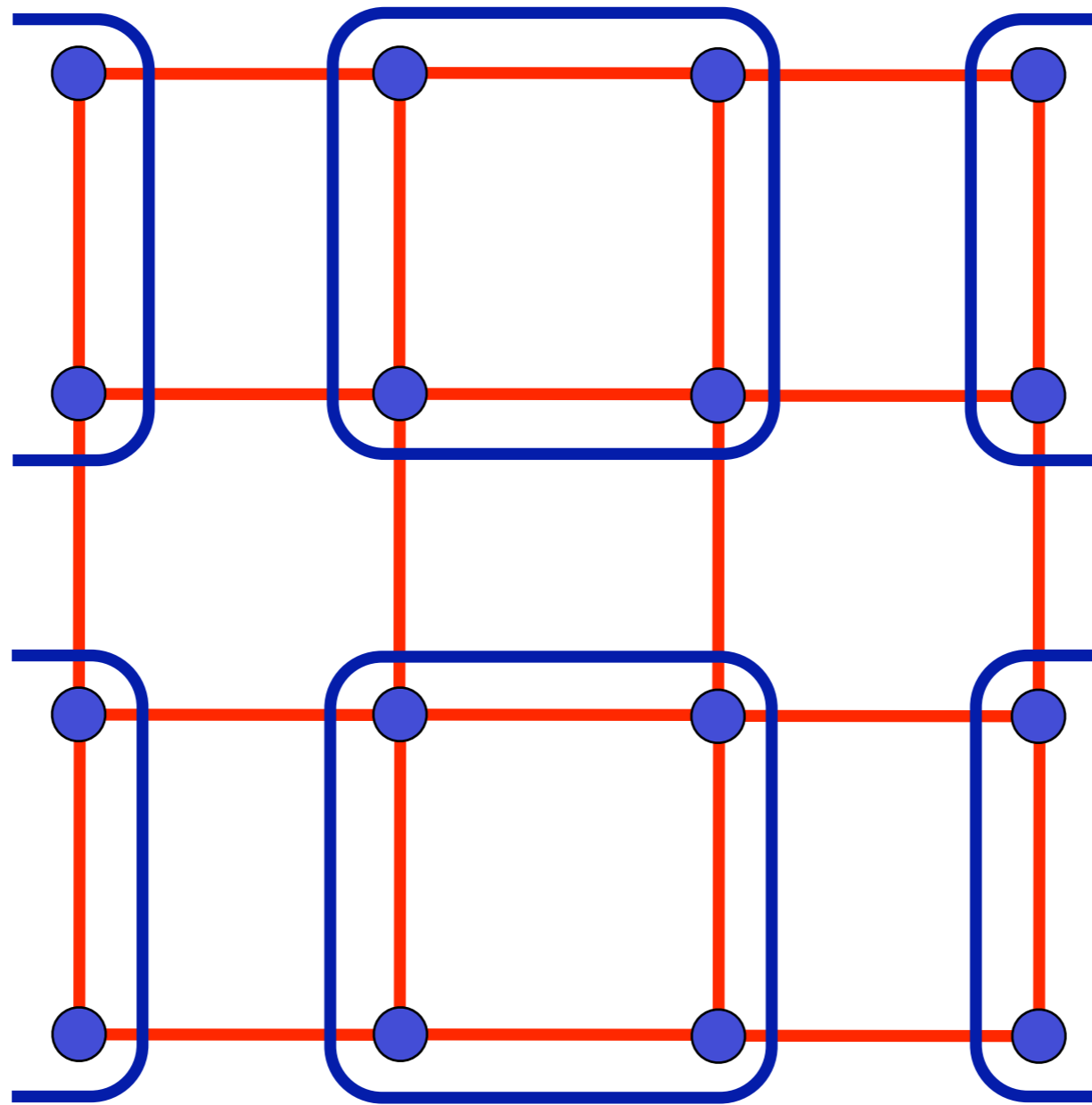


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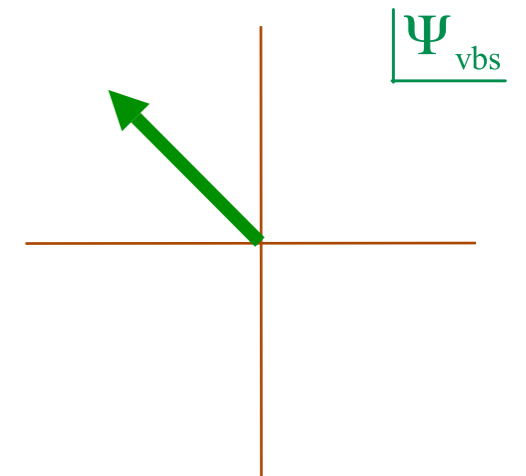
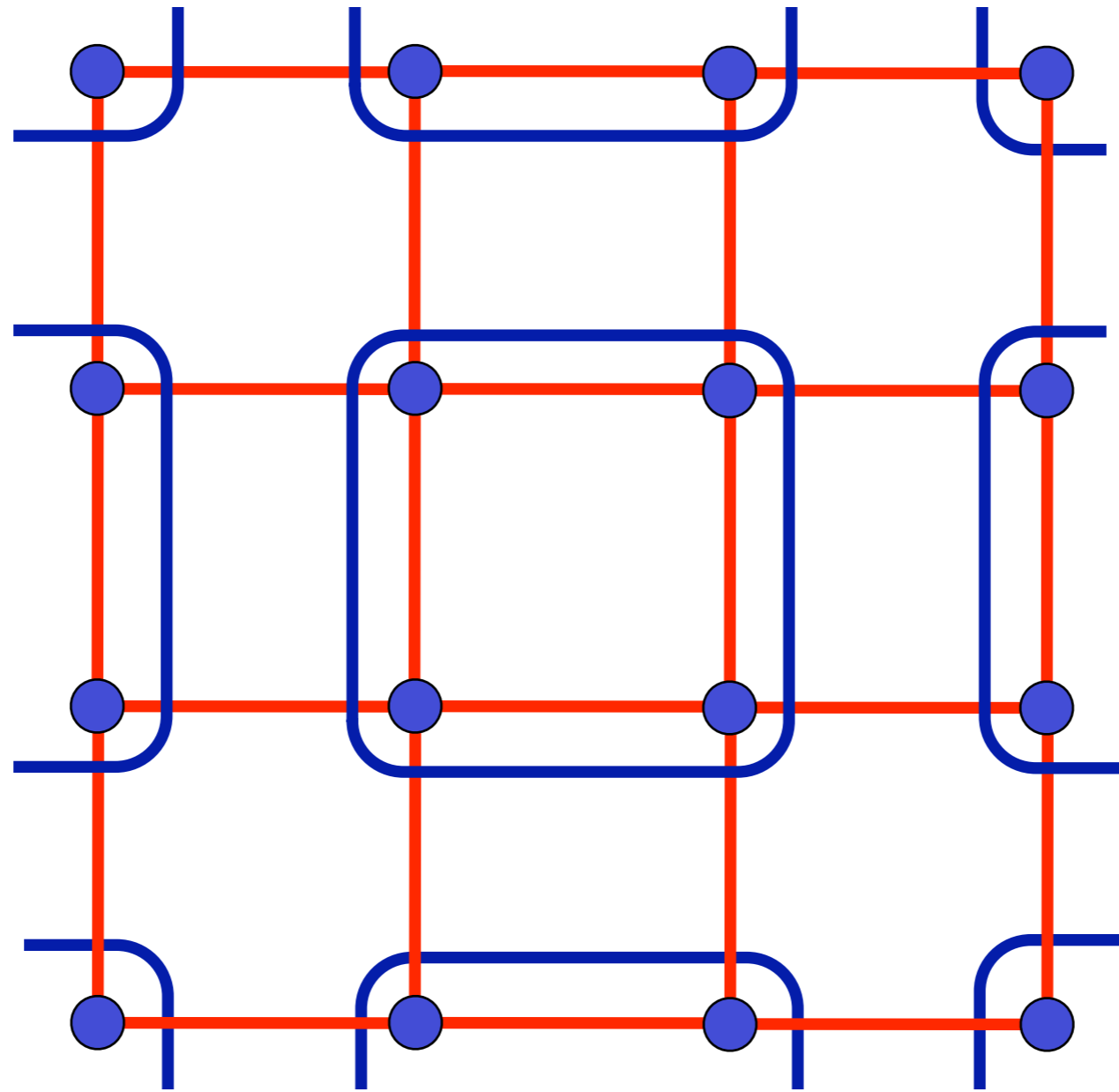
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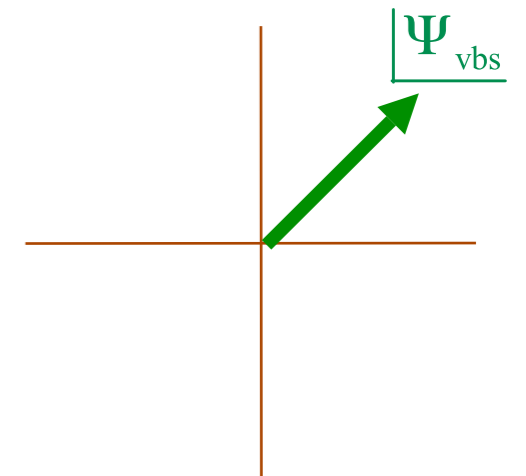
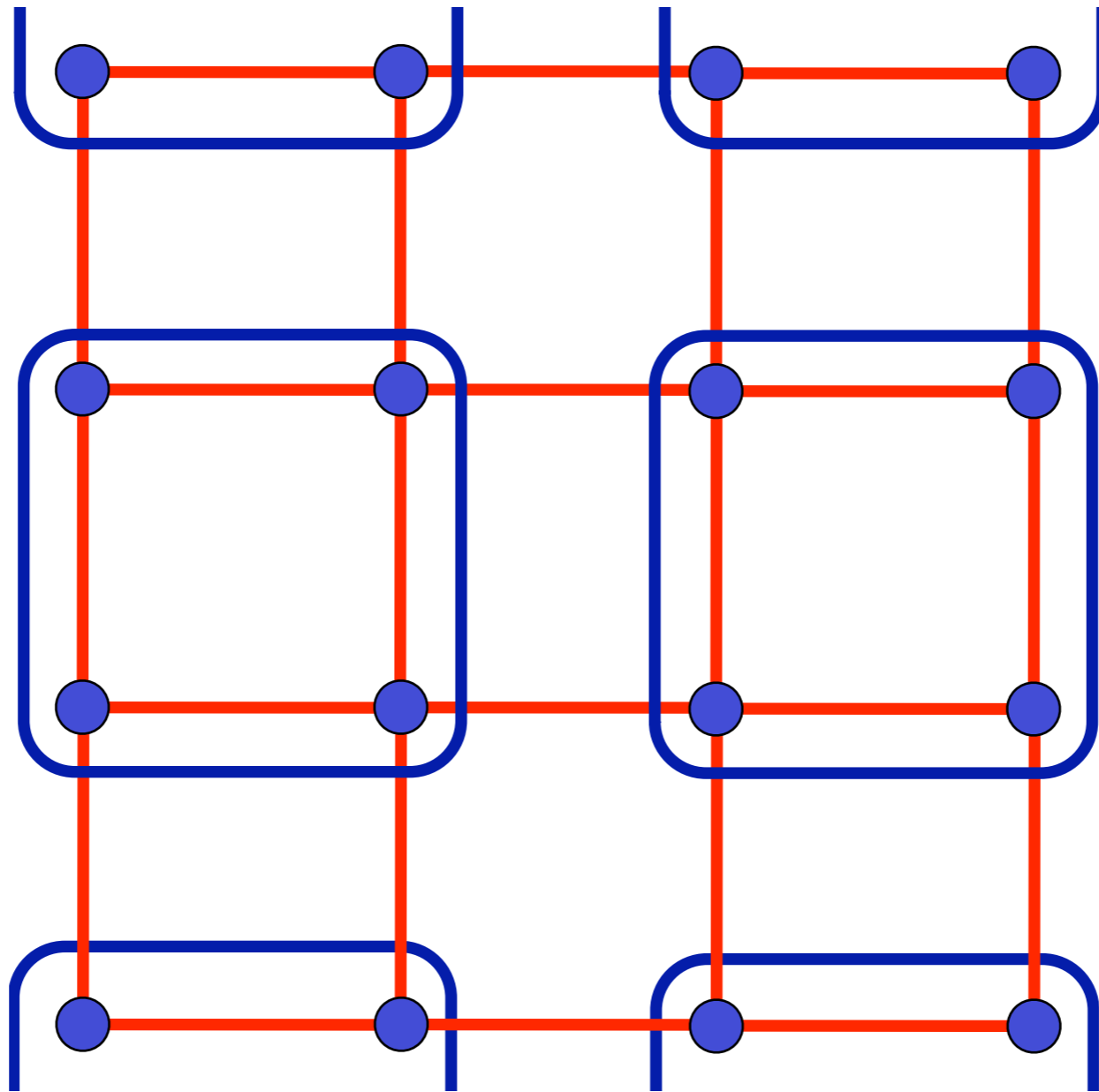
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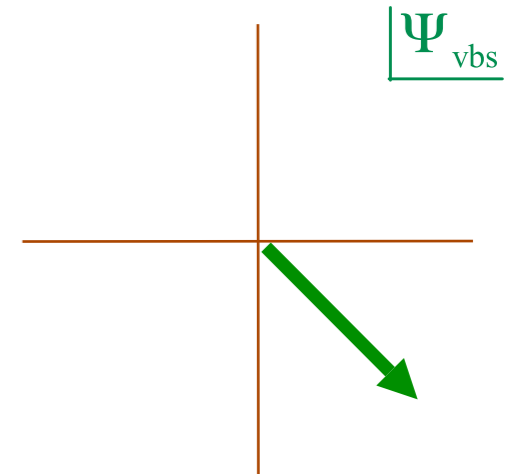
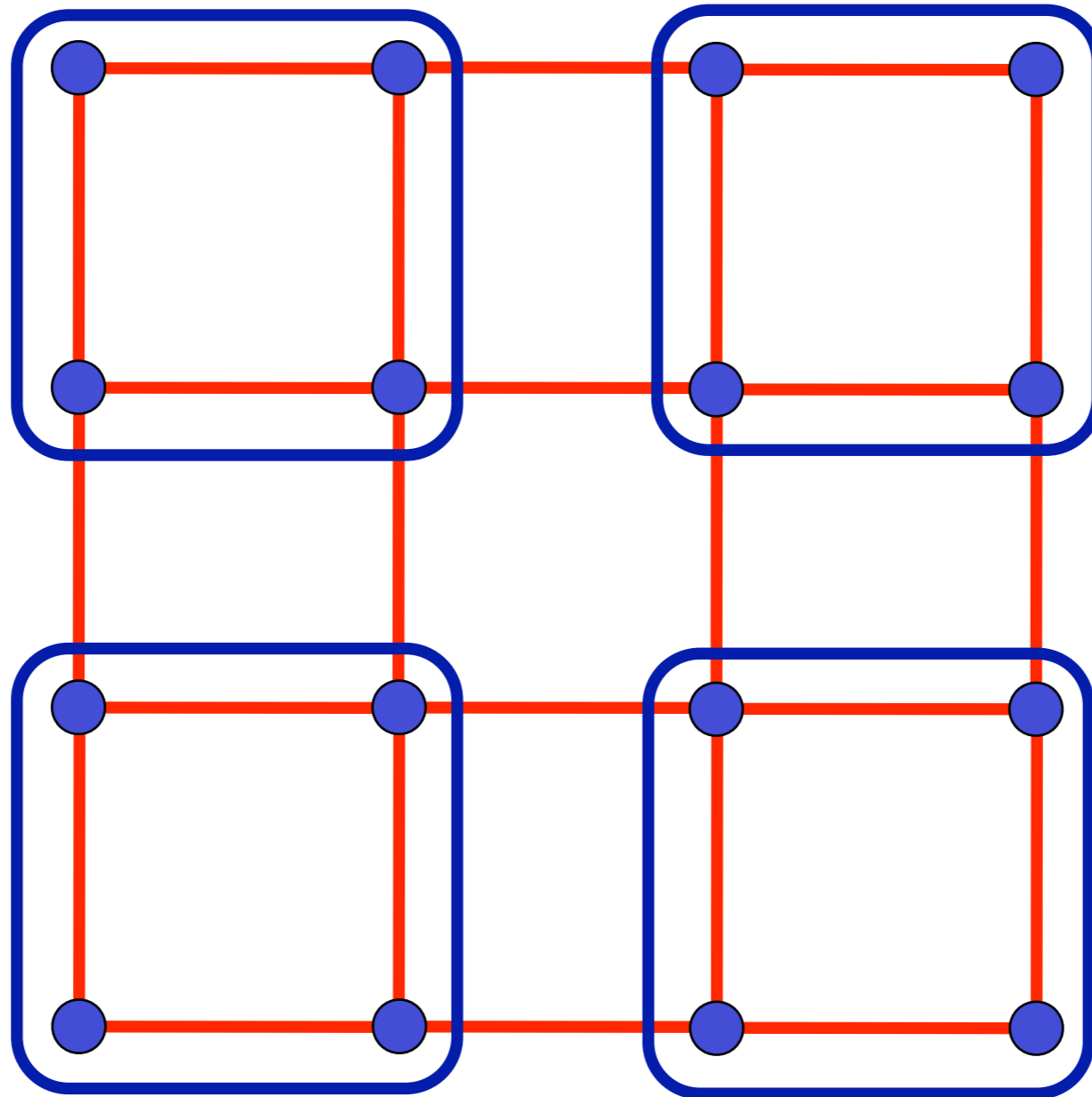
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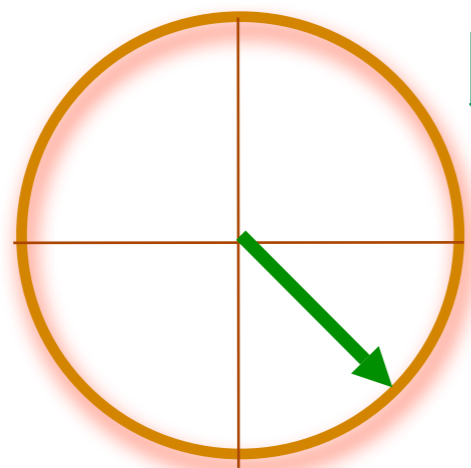
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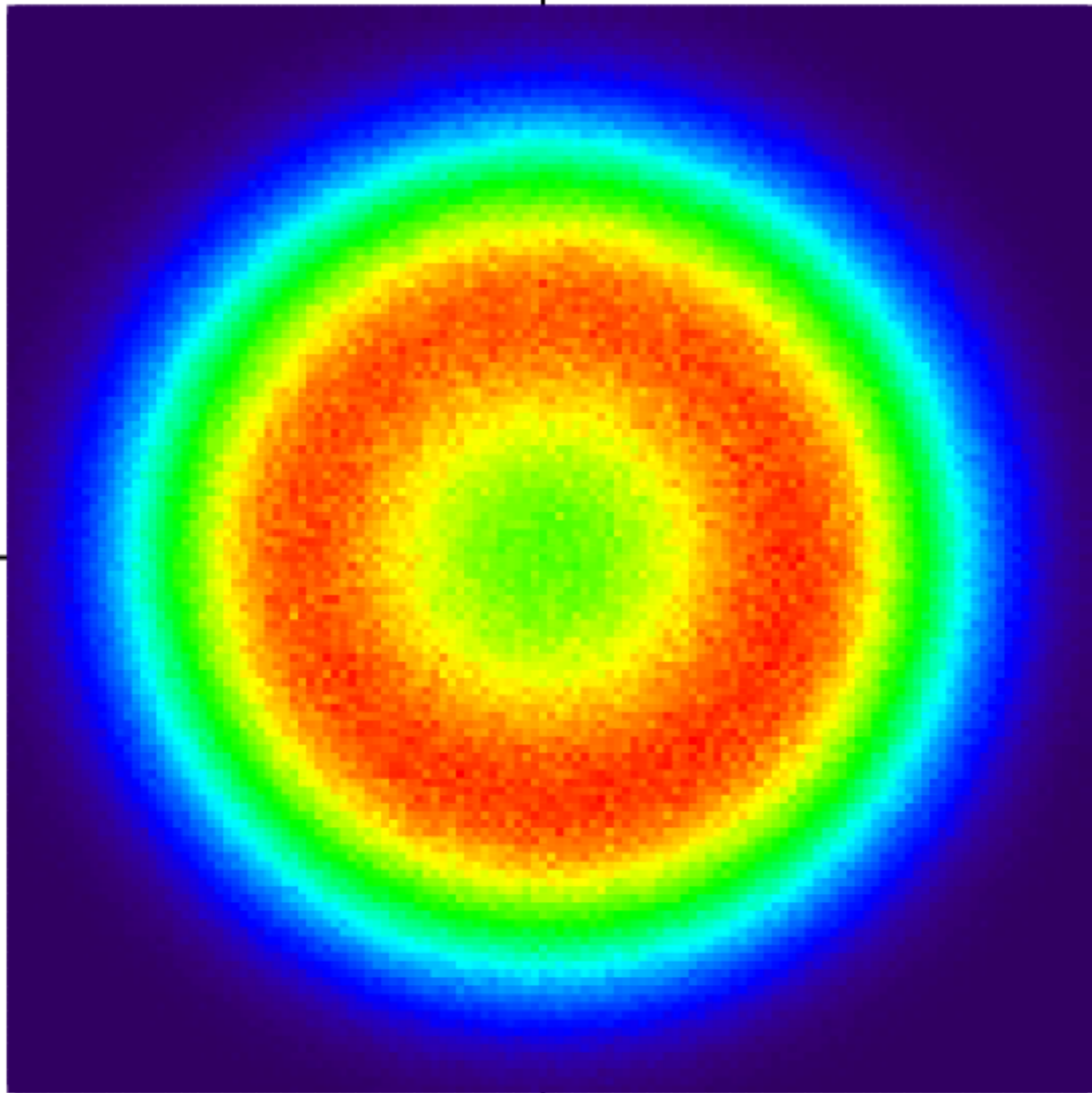
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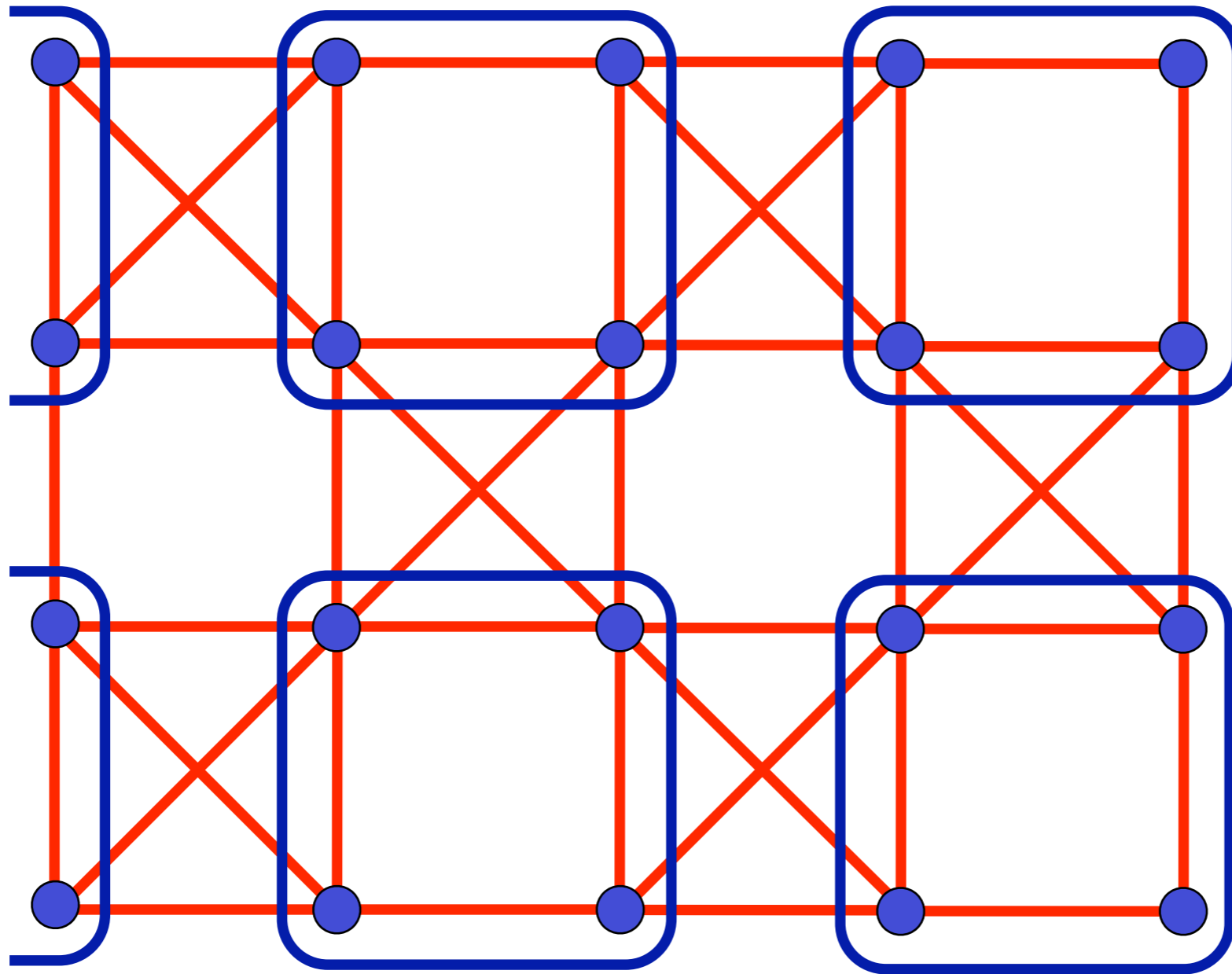
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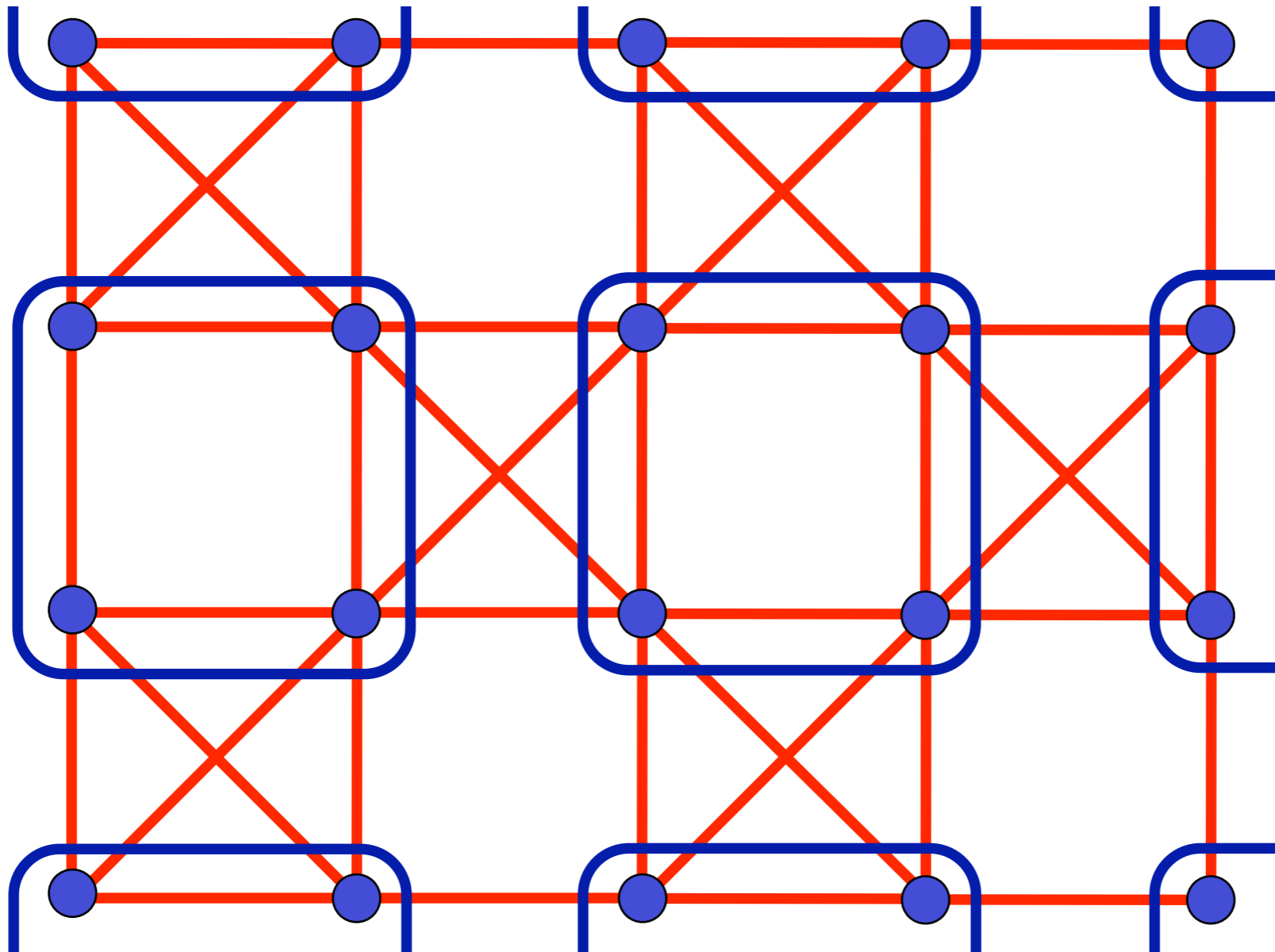
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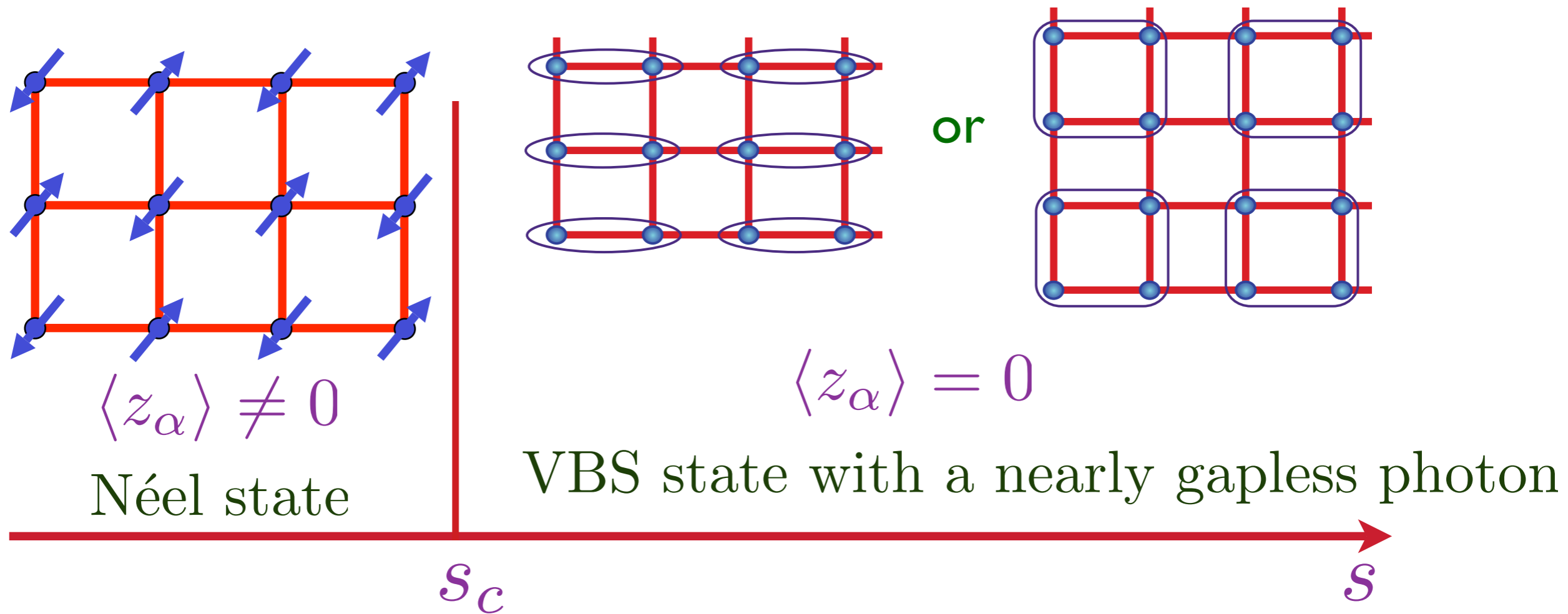
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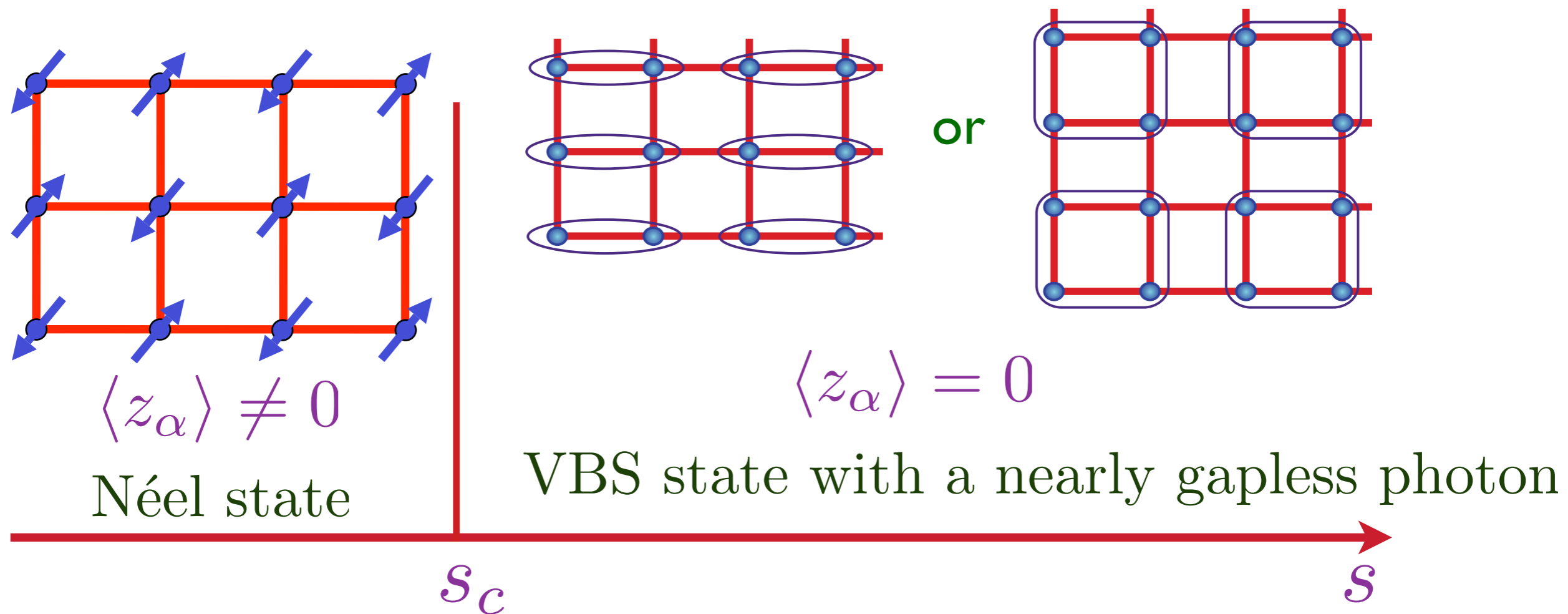
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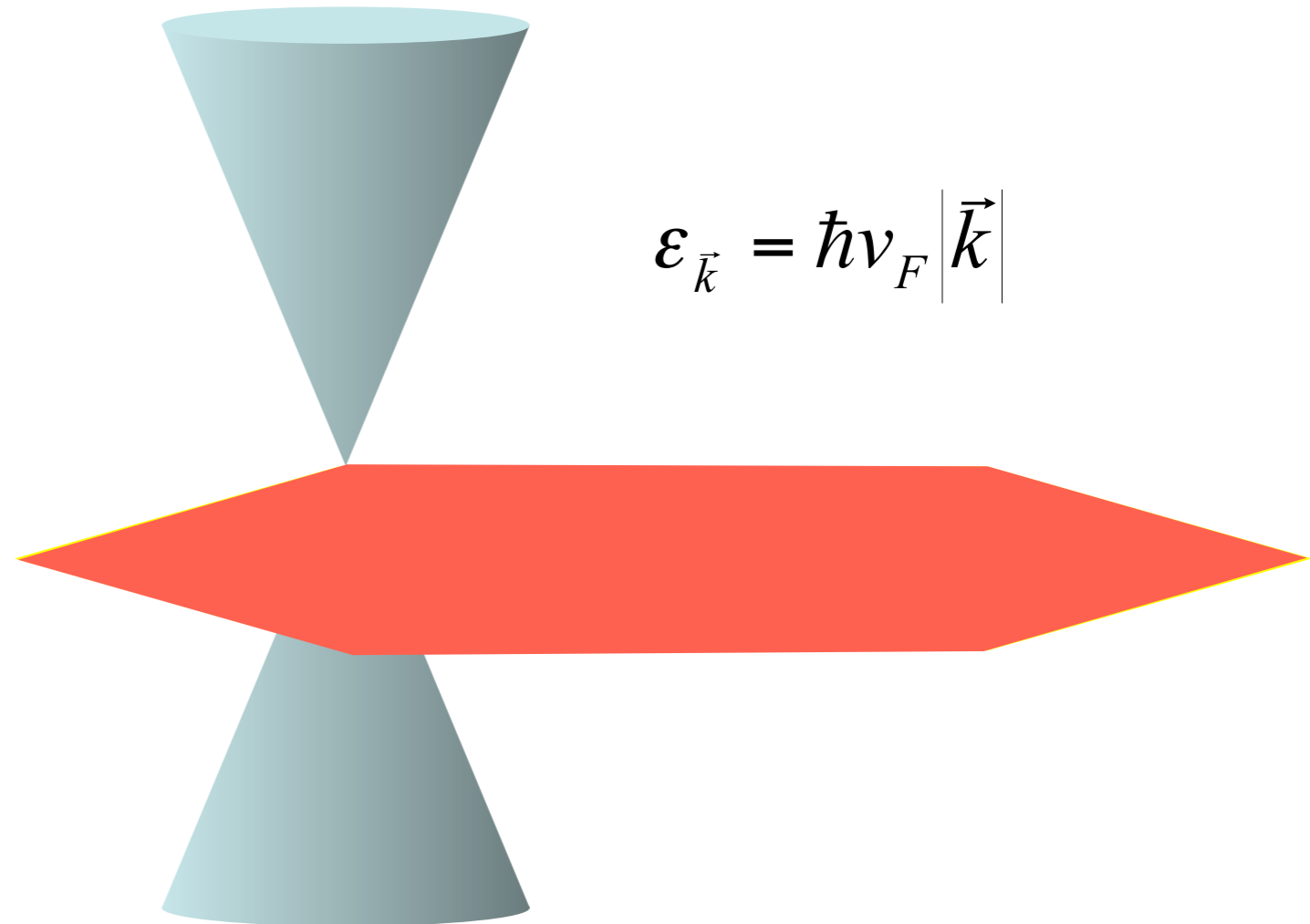
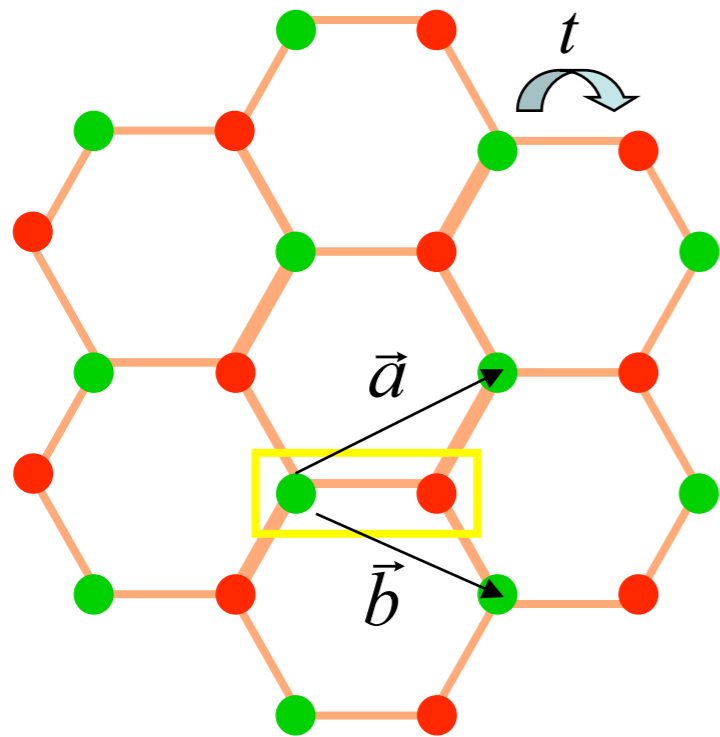
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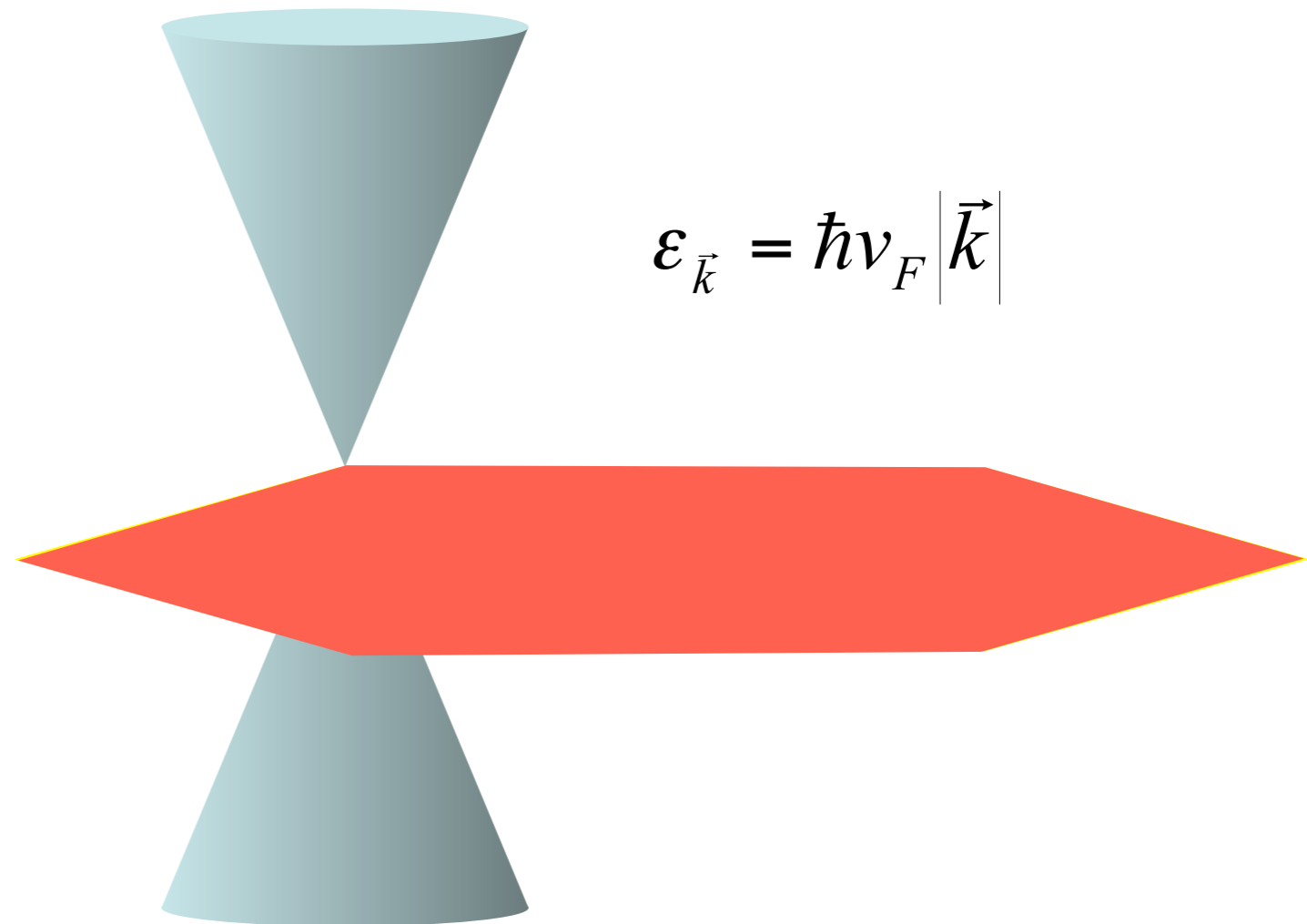
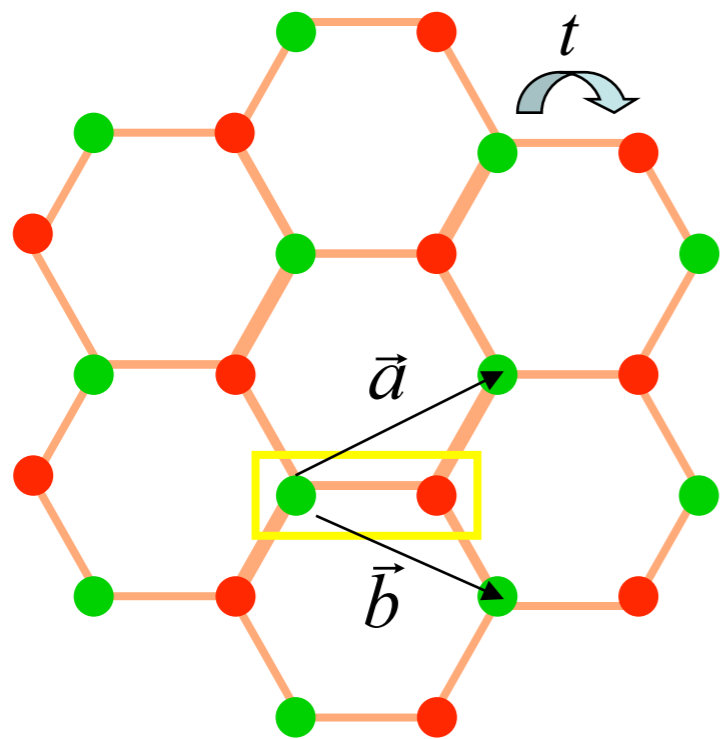
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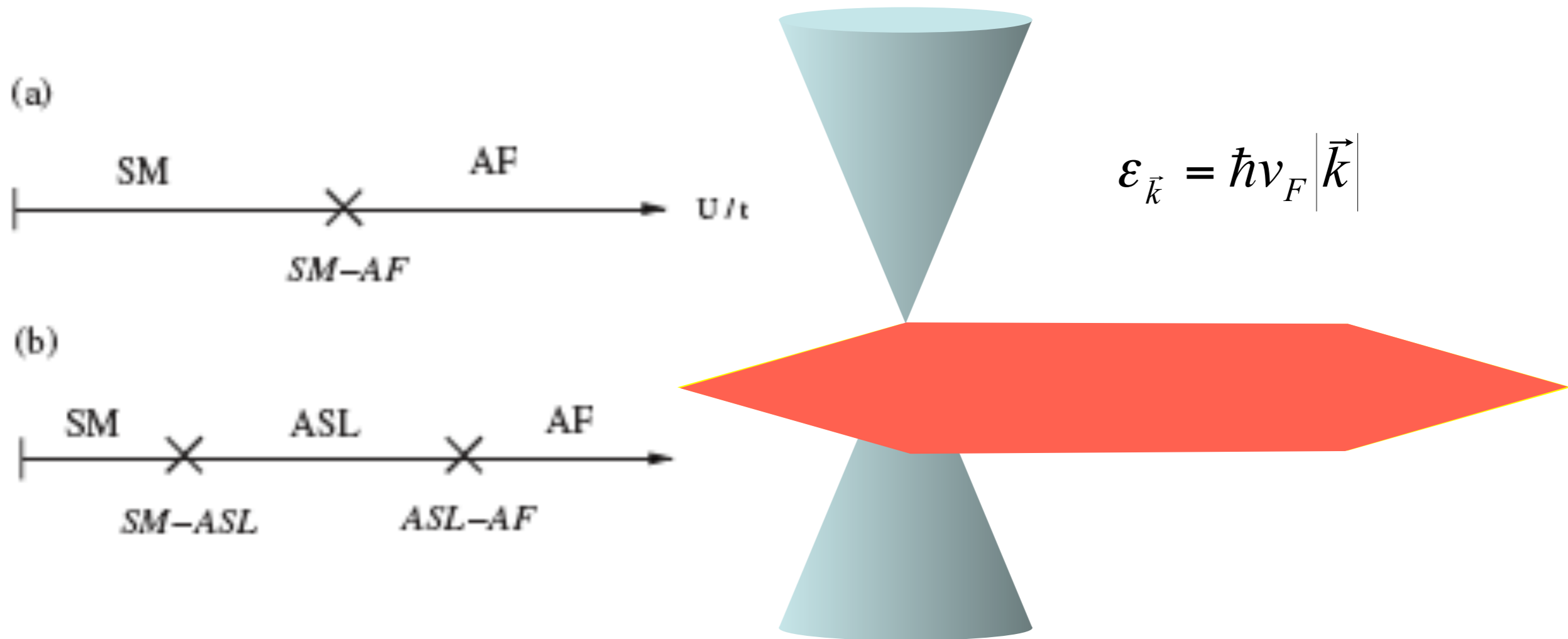


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Turn up interactions to transform semi-metal into an insulator with a charge gap

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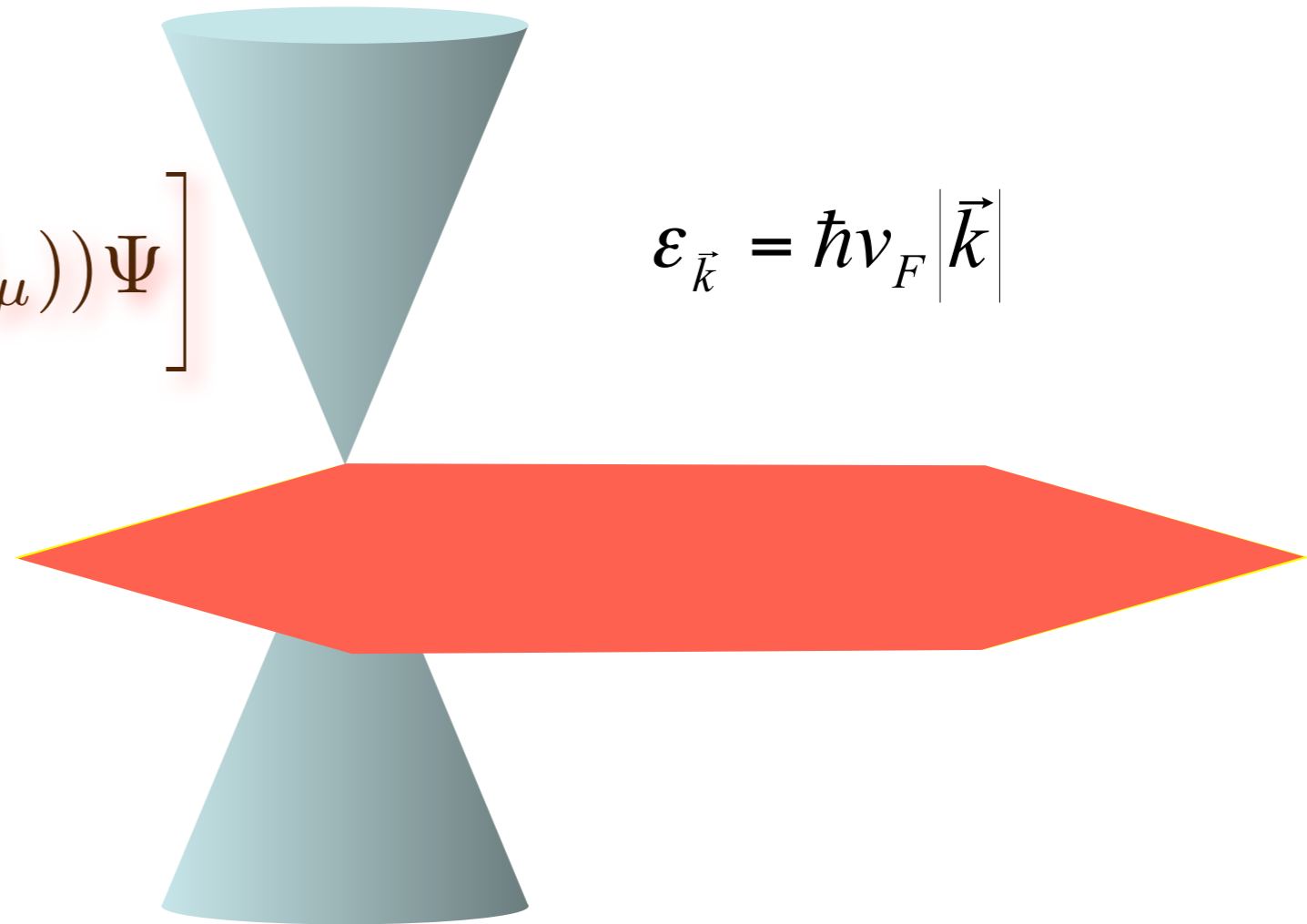


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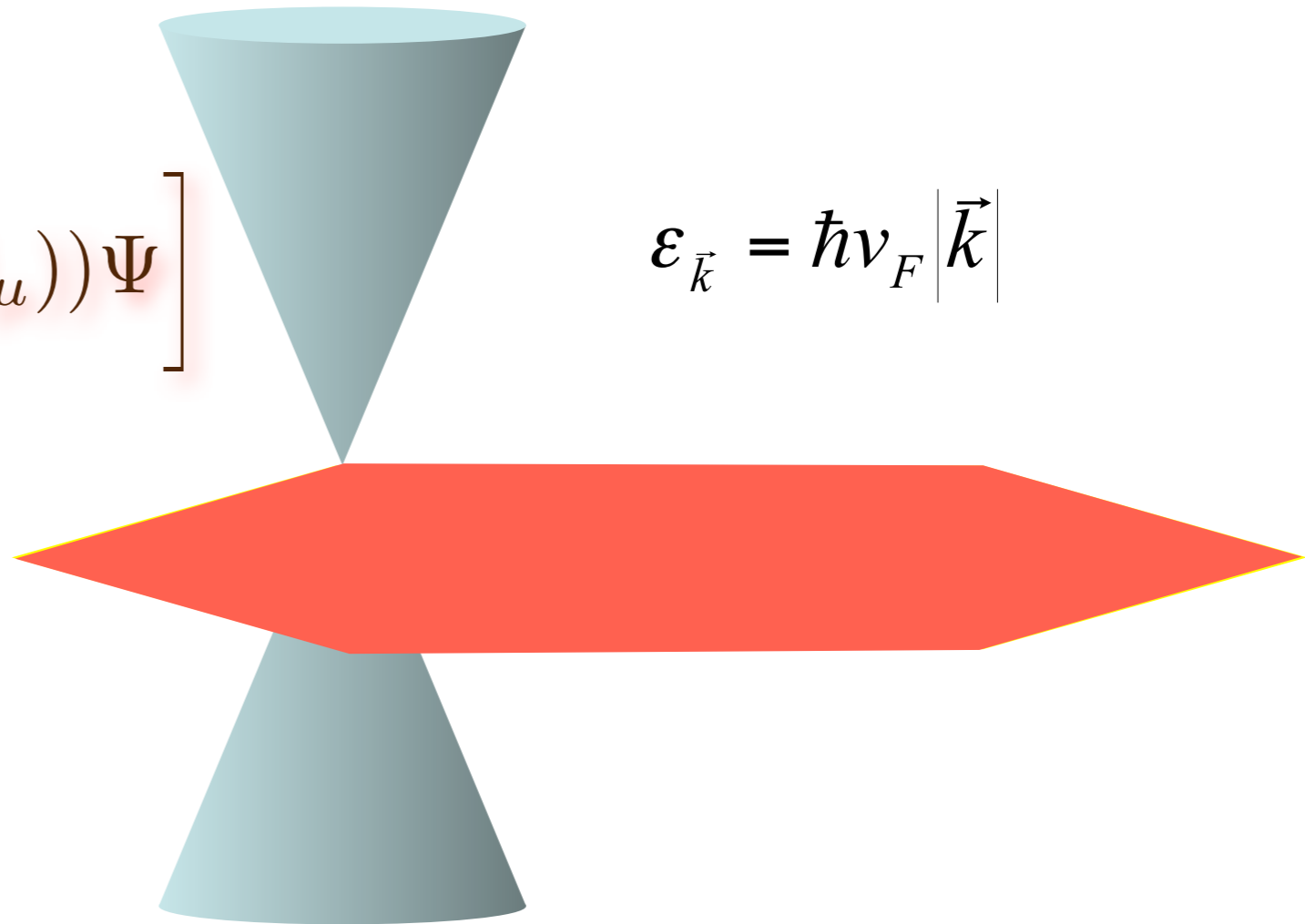


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## Phase diagram of the half-filled two-dimensional $SU(N)$ Hubbard-Heisenberg model: A quantum Monte Carlo study

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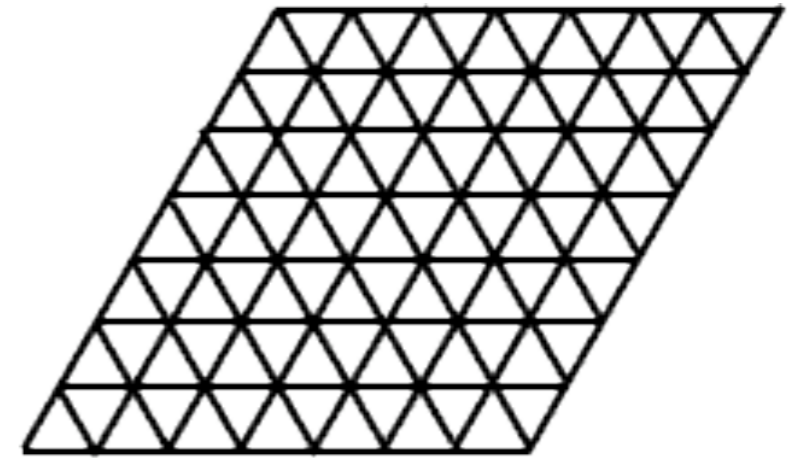
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We investigate the phase diagram of the half-filled  $SU(N)$  Hubbard-Heisenberg model with hopping  $t$ , exchange  $J$ , and Hubbard  $U$ , on a two-dimensional square lattice. In the large- $N$  limit, and as a function of decreasing values of  $t/J$ , the model shows a transition from a  $d$ -density wave state to a spin dimerized insulator. A similar behavior is observed at  $N=6$  whereas at  $N=2$  a spin density wave insulating ground state is stabilized. The  $N=4$  model, has a  $d$ -density wave ground state at large values of  $t/J$  which as a function of decreasing values of  $t/J$  becomes unstable to an insulating state with no apparent lattice and spin broken symmetries. In this state, the staggered spin-spin correlations decay as a power law, resulting in gapless spin excitations at  $\vec{q}=(\pi, \pi)$ . Furthermore, low lying spin modes with small spectral weight are apparent around the wave vectors  $\vec{q}=(0, \pi)$  and  $\vec{q}=(\pi, 0)$ . This gapless spin liquid state is equally found in the  $SU(4)$  Heisenberg ( $U/t \rightarrow \infty$ ) model in the self-adjoint antisymmetric representation. An interpretation of this state in terms of a  $\pi$ -flux phase is offered. Our results stem from projective ( $T=0$ ) quantum Monte Carlo simulations on lattice sizes ranging up to  $24 \times 24$ .

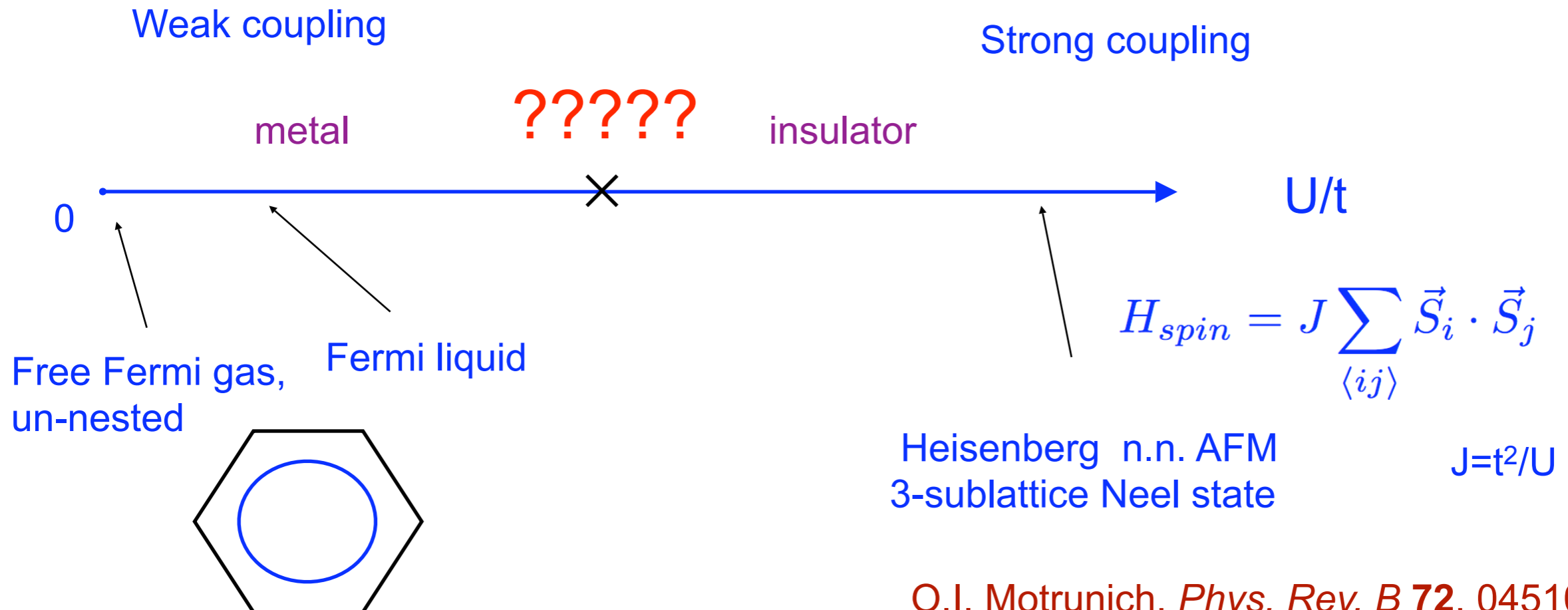
**Evidence critical spin liquid is stable  
for  $SU(4)$  but not  $SU(2)$**

# Hubbard model on triangular lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + h.c.] + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$



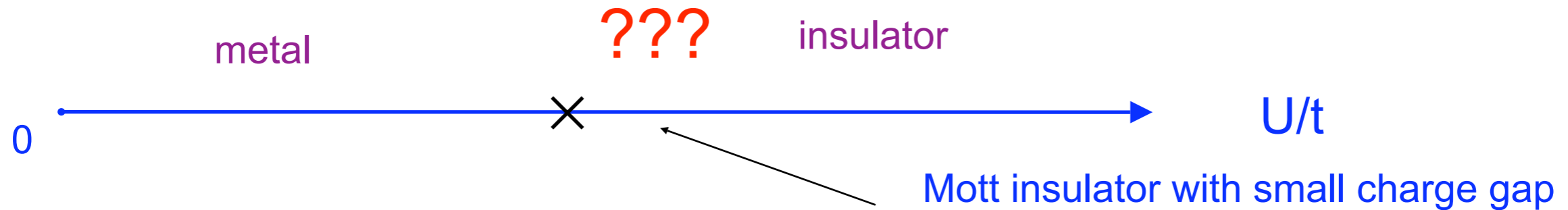
Phase diagram at Half filling?



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# “Weak” Mott insulator - Ring exchange

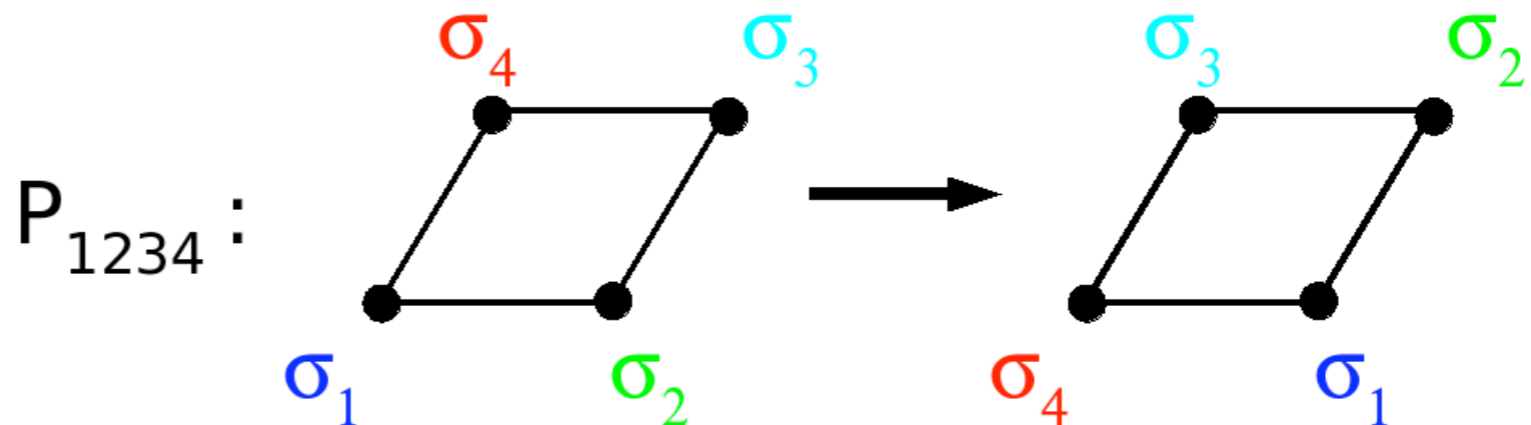


$$\hat{H}_{\text{Hubbard}} = -t \sum_{ij} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Insulator  $\rightarrow$  effective spin model

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{2t^2}{U} \sum_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + \frac{20t^4}{U^3} \sum_{\text{rhombi}} (P_{ijkl} + \text{h.c.}) + \dots$$

Ring exchange:  
(mimics charge  
fluctuations)



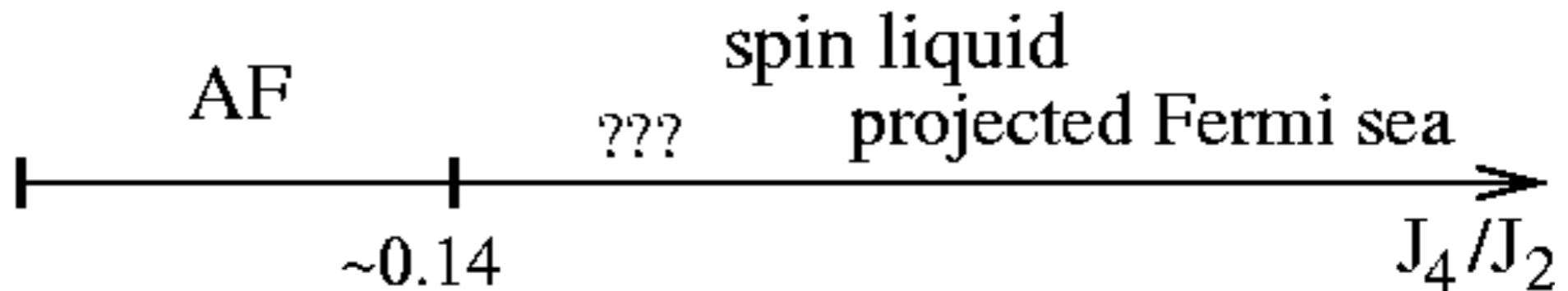
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Is a Spinon Fermi sea actually the ground state of  
Triangular ring model (or Hubbard model)?

$$\hat{H}_{\text{ring}} = J_2 \sum_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j + J_4 \sum_{\text{rhombi}} (P_{ijkl} + \text{h.c.})$$

Variational Monte Carlo analysis suggests it might be for  
 $J_4/J_2 > 0.3$



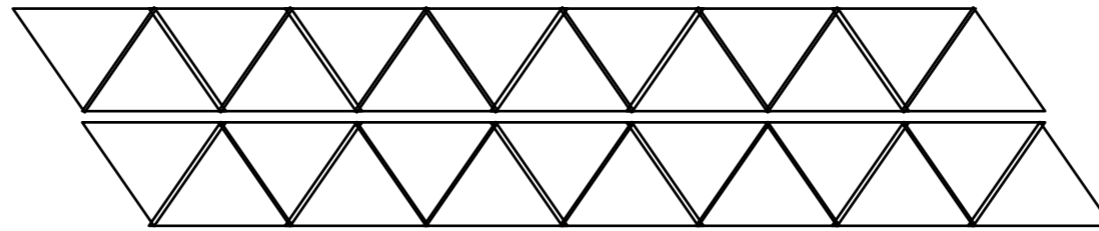
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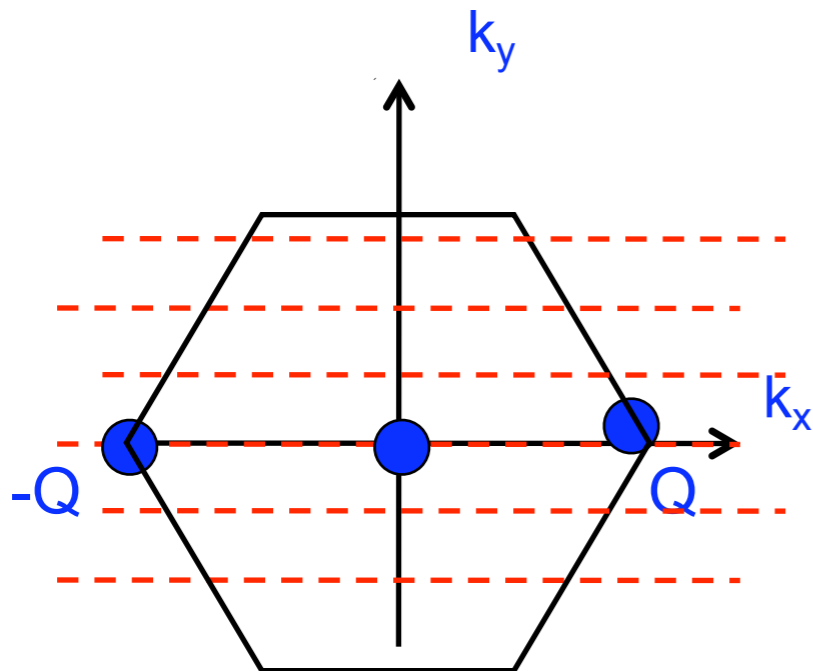


# Quasi-1d route to “Spin-Metals”

Triangular strips:

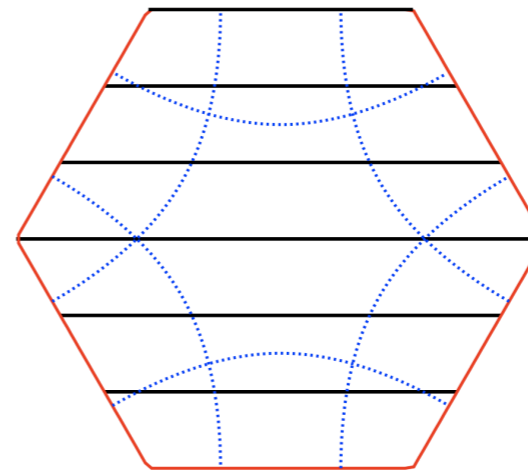


Neel or Critical Spin liquid



Few gapless 1d modes

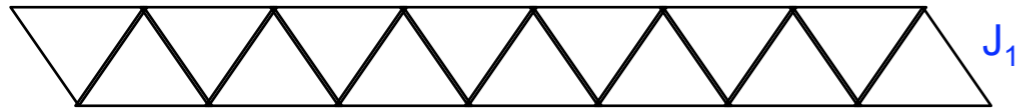
Spin-Metal



Fingerprint of 2d singular surface - many gapless 1d modes, of order N

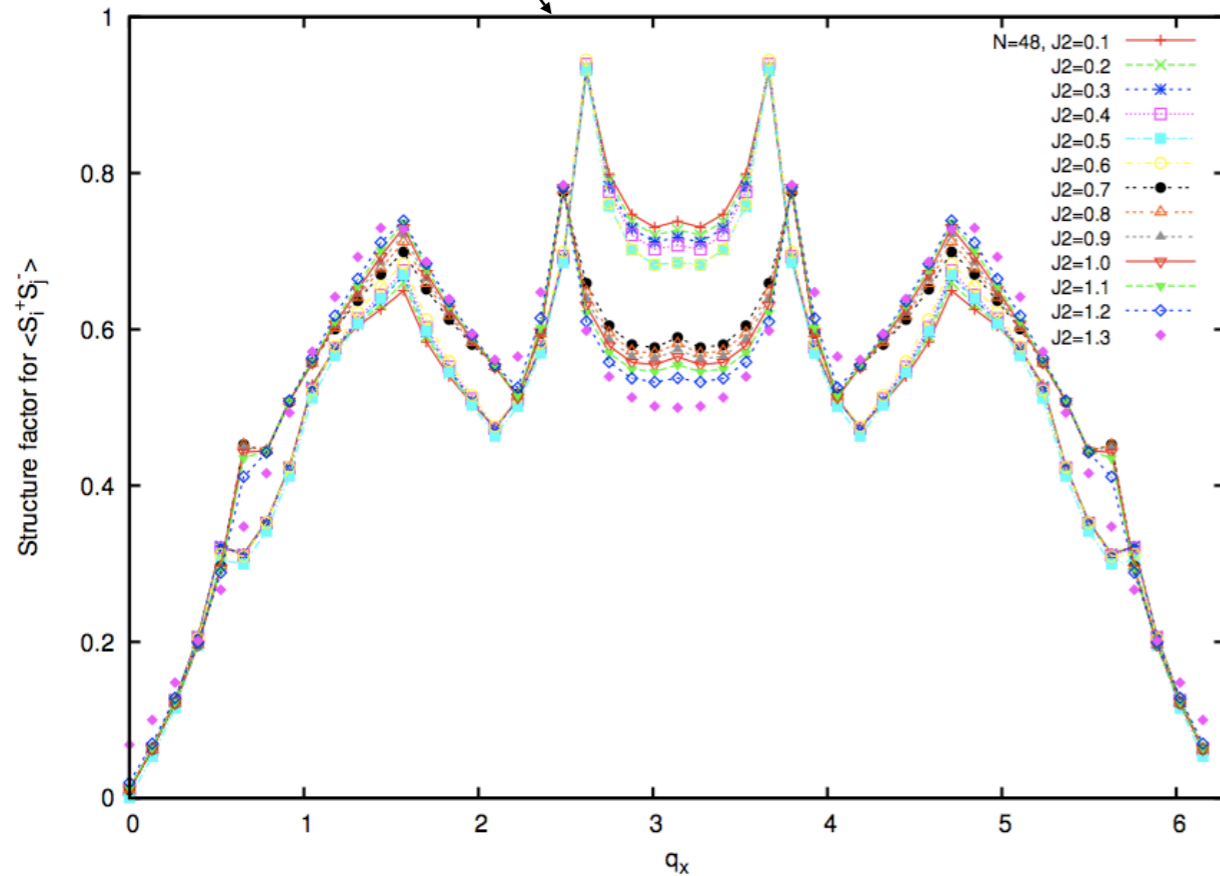
***New spin liquid phases on quasi-1d strips,  
each a descendent of a 2d spin-metal***

$$\mathcal{H}_\Delta = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + K \sum_{\langle 1234 \rangle} [\mathcal{P}_{1234} + \mathcal{P}_{1234}^{-1}]$$

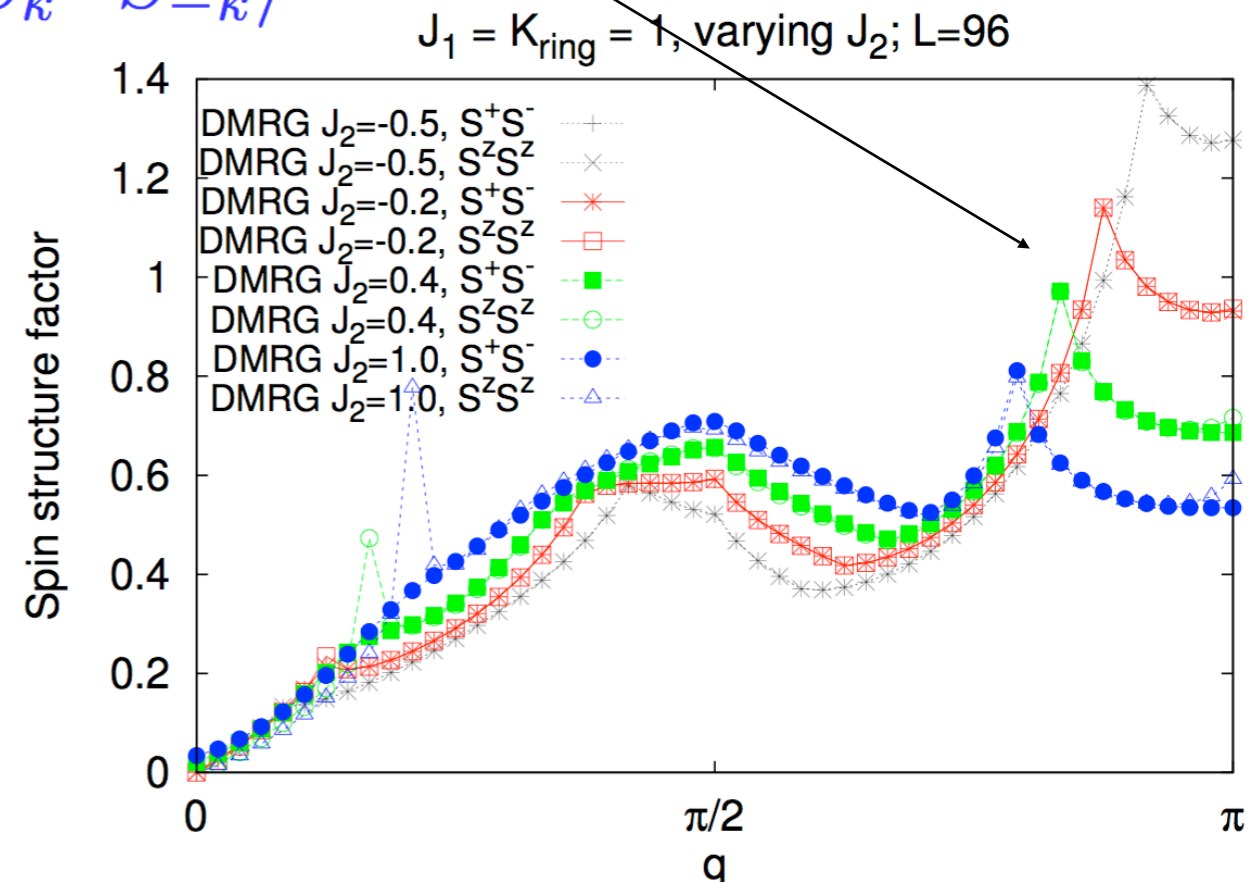


Singularities in momentum space locate the “Bose” surface (points in 1d)

$$\langle \vec{S}_k \cdot \vec{S}_{-k} \rangle$$



$$\langle \vec{S}_k \cdot \vec{S}_{-k} \rangle$$



Bethe AF

spin liquid

VBS-3

spin liquid

VBS-2

-0.6

? on the verge of ?  
? sub-band ferro ?

2.5

3.5

$J_2 / J_1$

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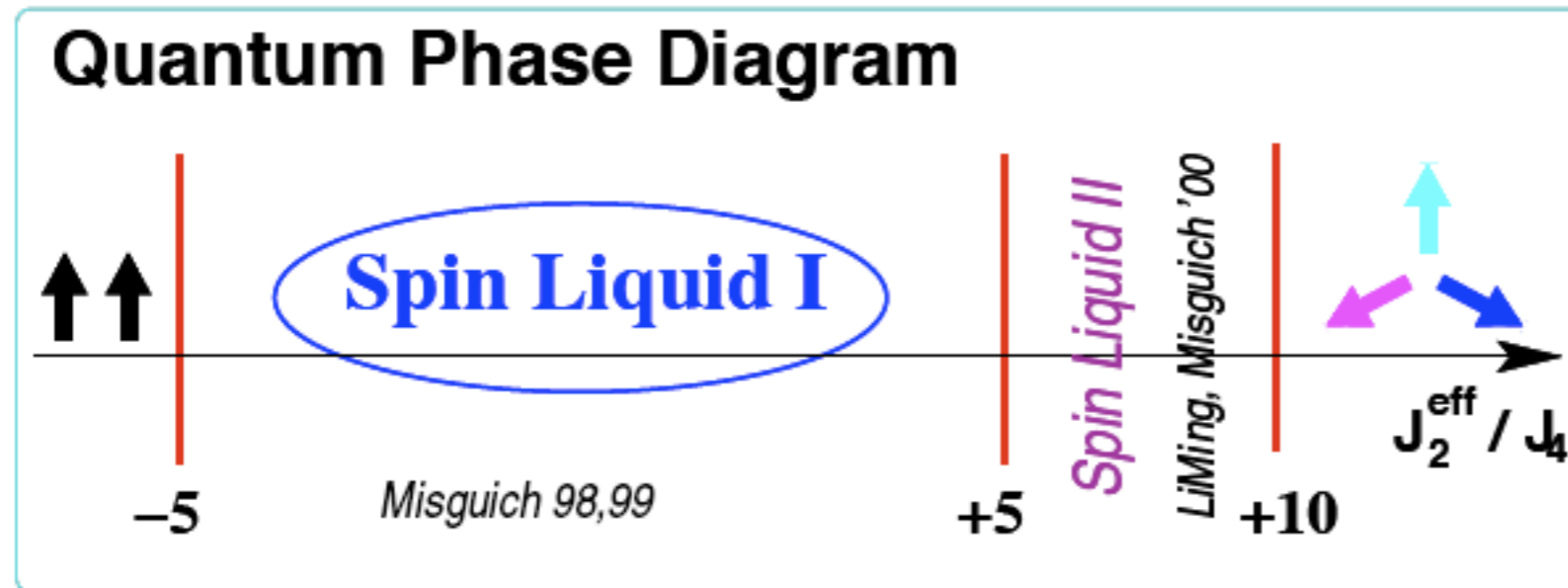
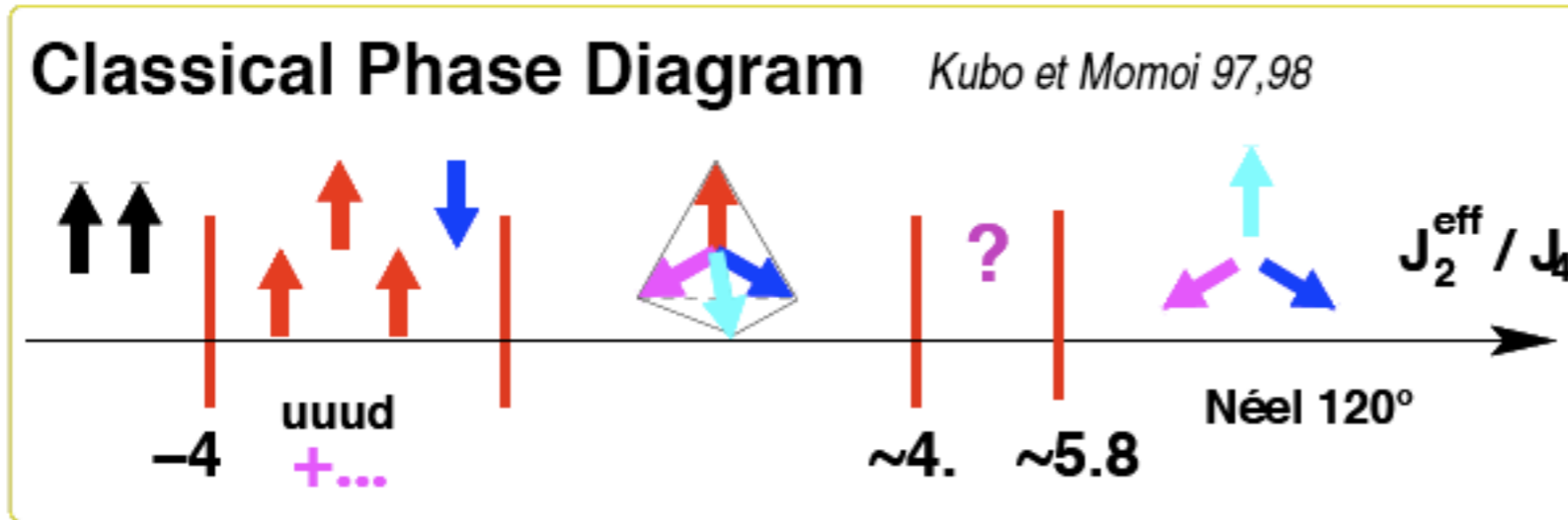
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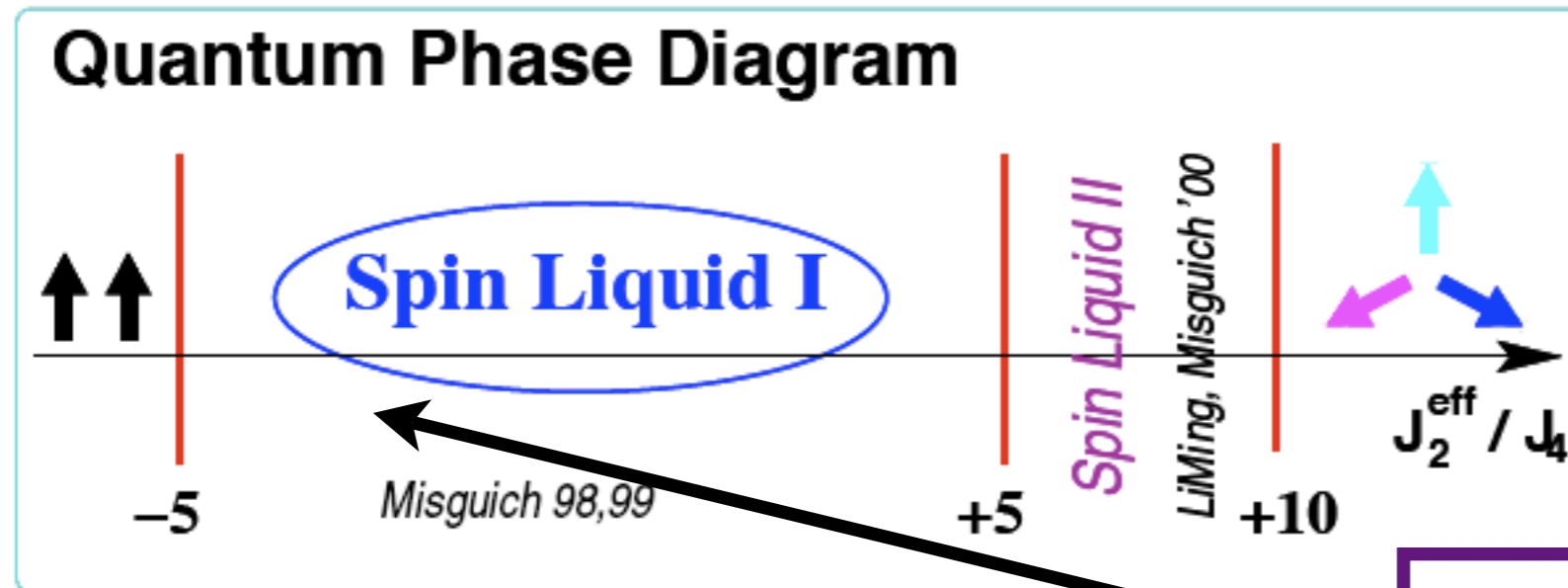
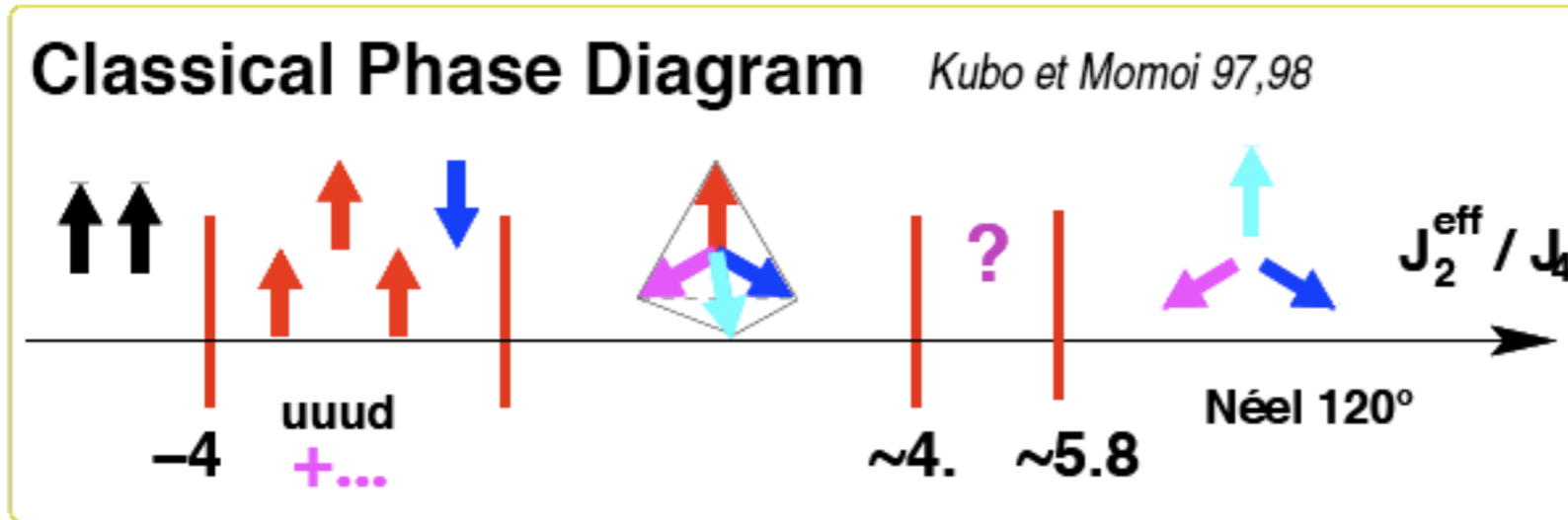


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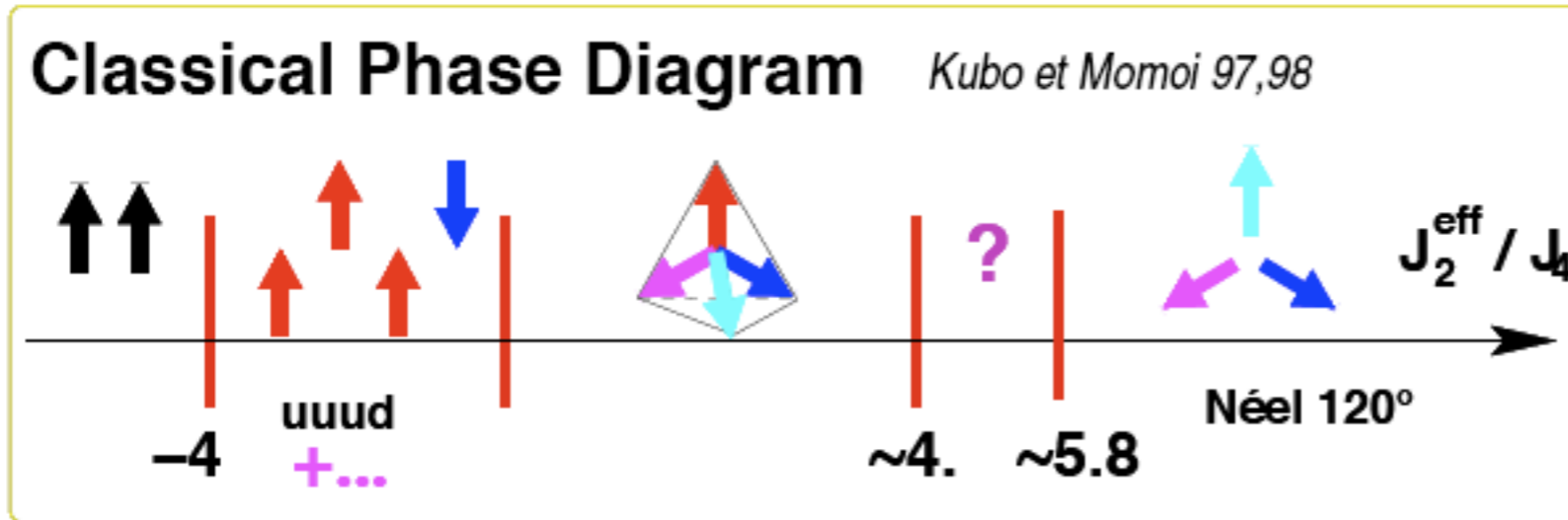
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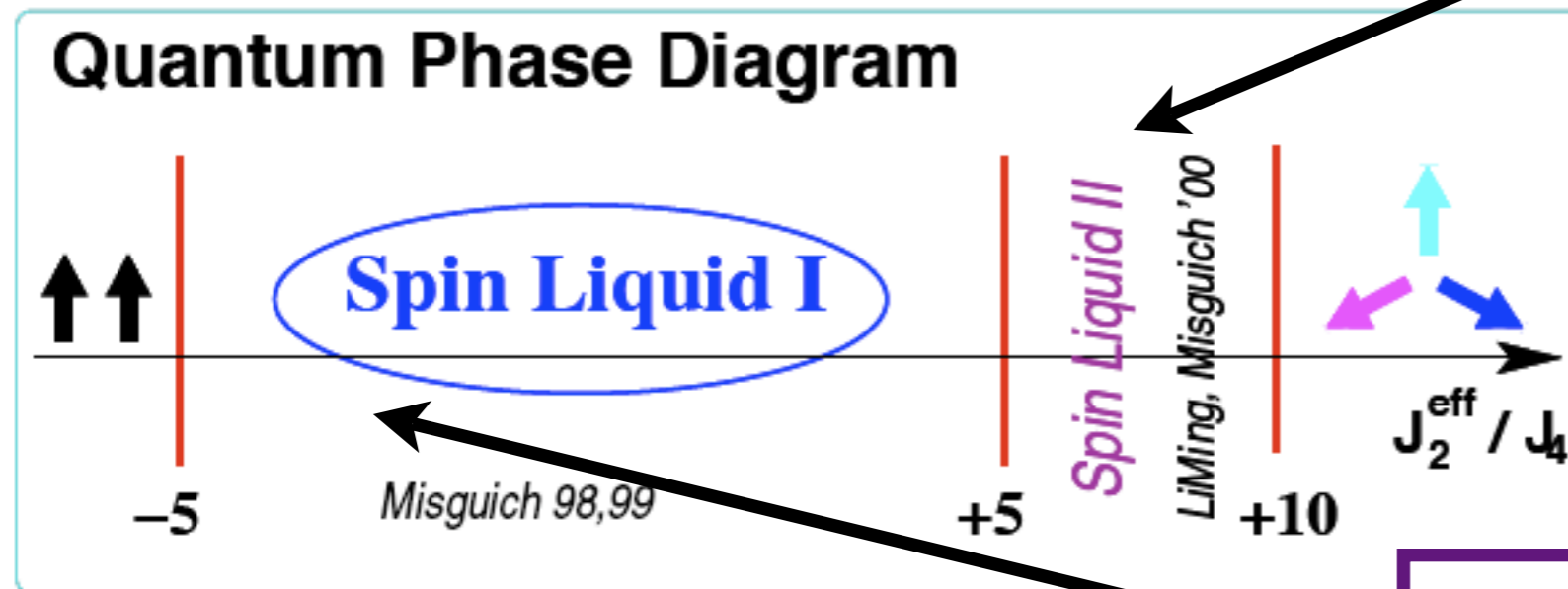
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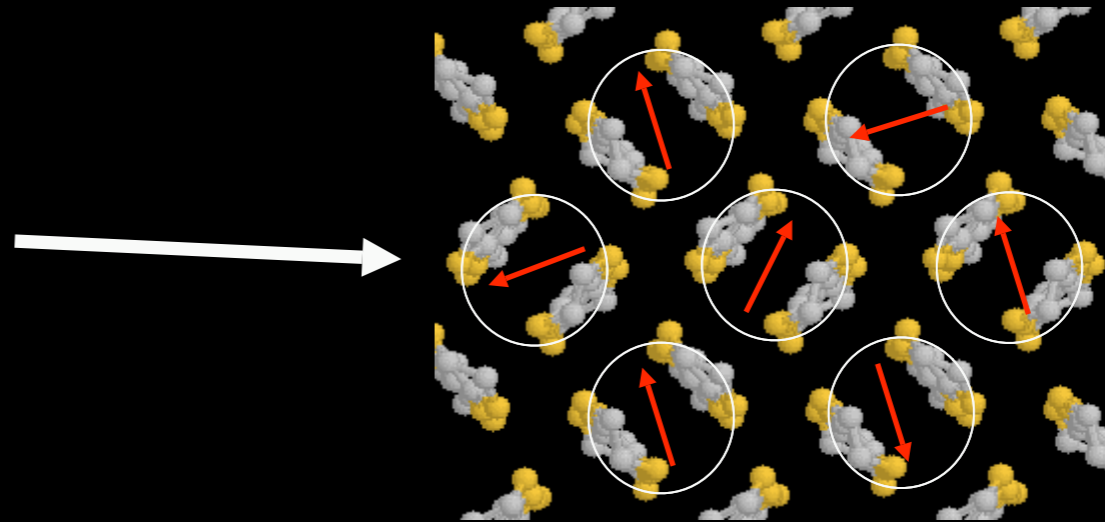
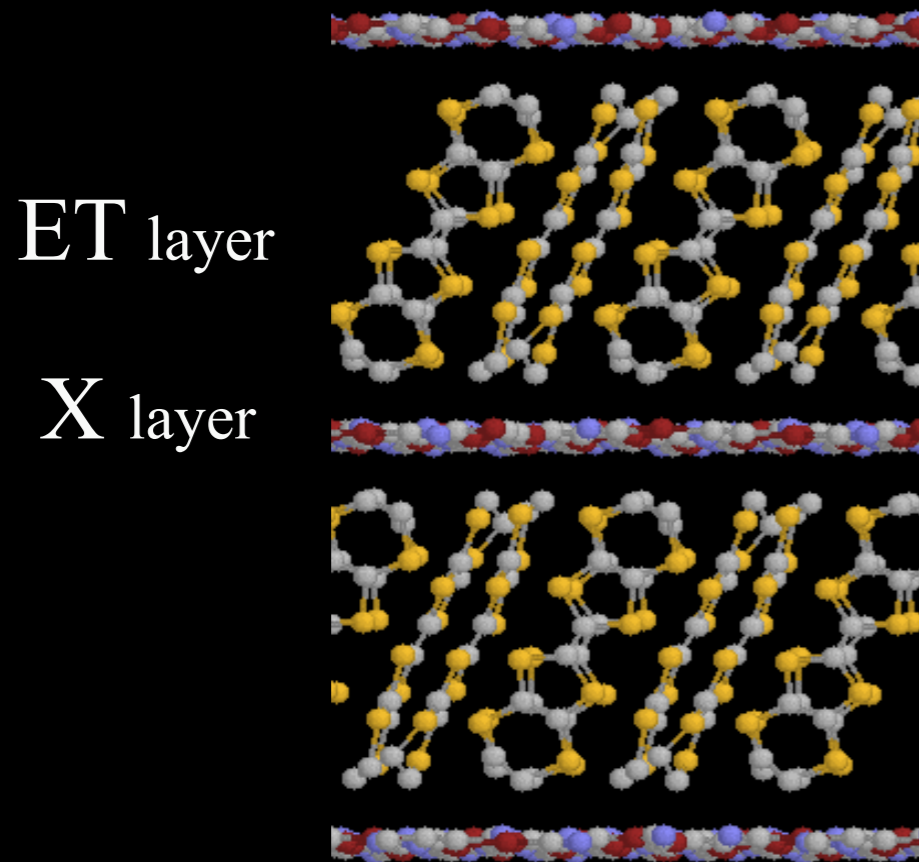


$Z_2$  spin liquid  
or  
spinon Fermi  
surface  
or both ?



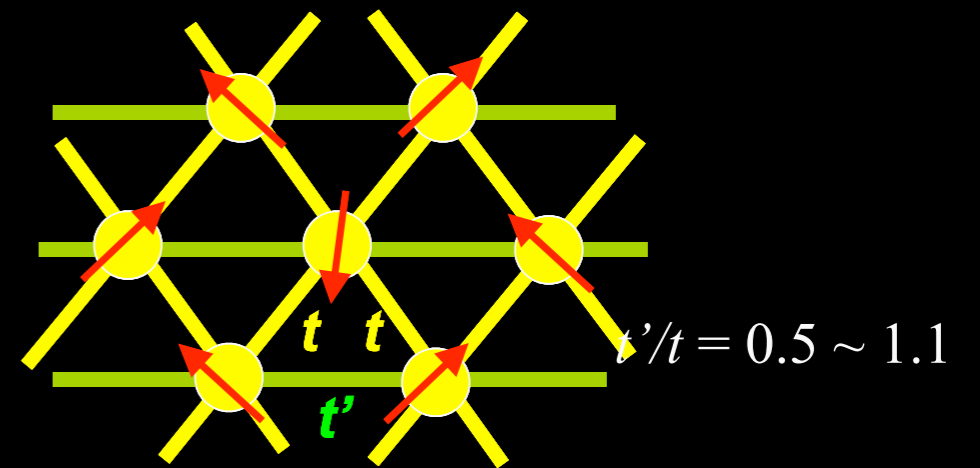
$Z_2$  spin liquid

# Q2D organics $\kappa$ -(ET)<sub>2</sub>X; spin-1/2 on triangular lattice



Kino & Fukuyama

dimer model



Triangular lattice  
Half-filled band

$X^-$	Ground State	$t'/t$
$\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$	Mott insulator	1.06
$\text{Cu}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]\text{Cl}$	Mott insulator	0.75
$\text{Cu}[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]\text{Br}$	SC	0.68
$\text{Cu}(\text{NCS})_2$	SC	0.84



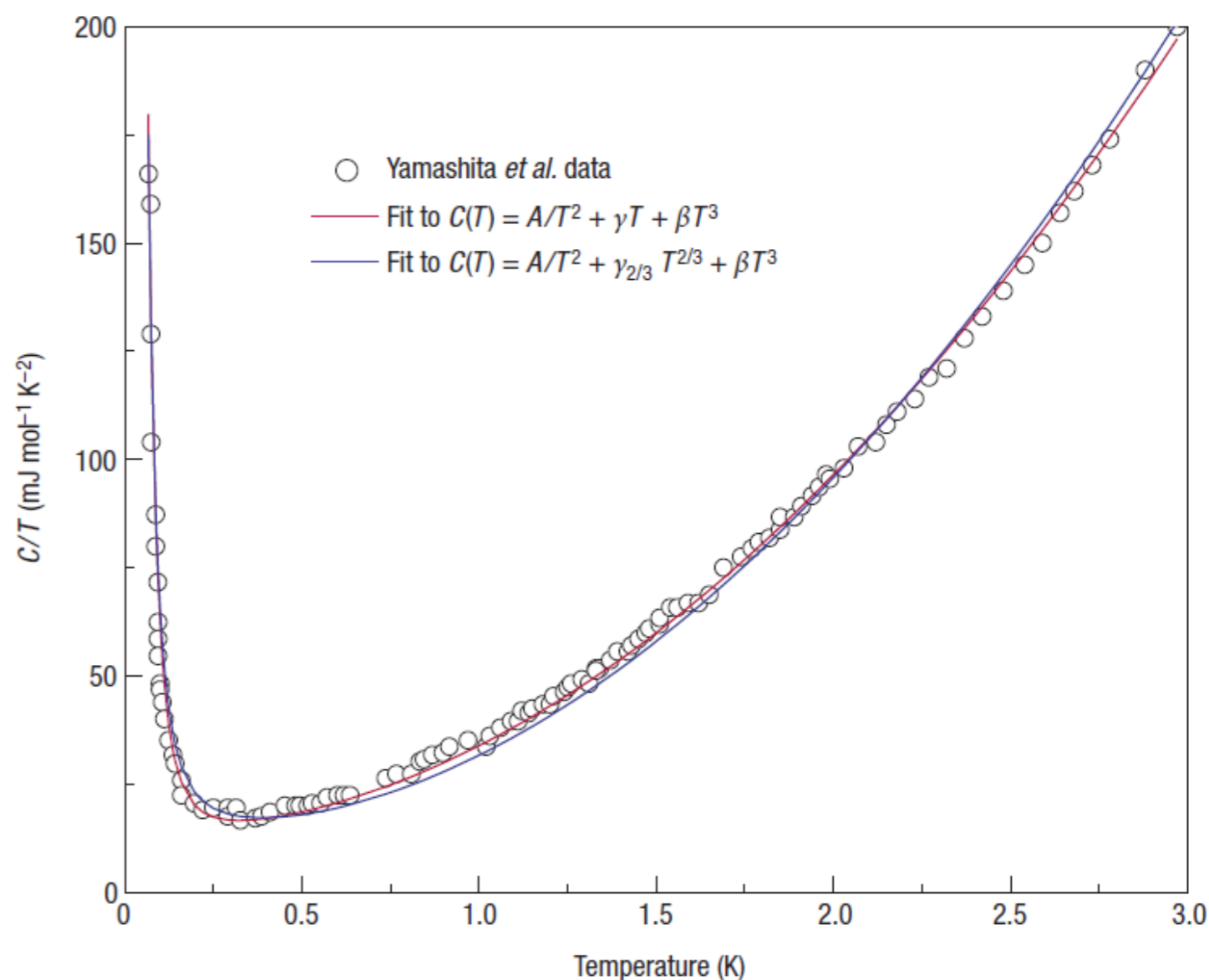
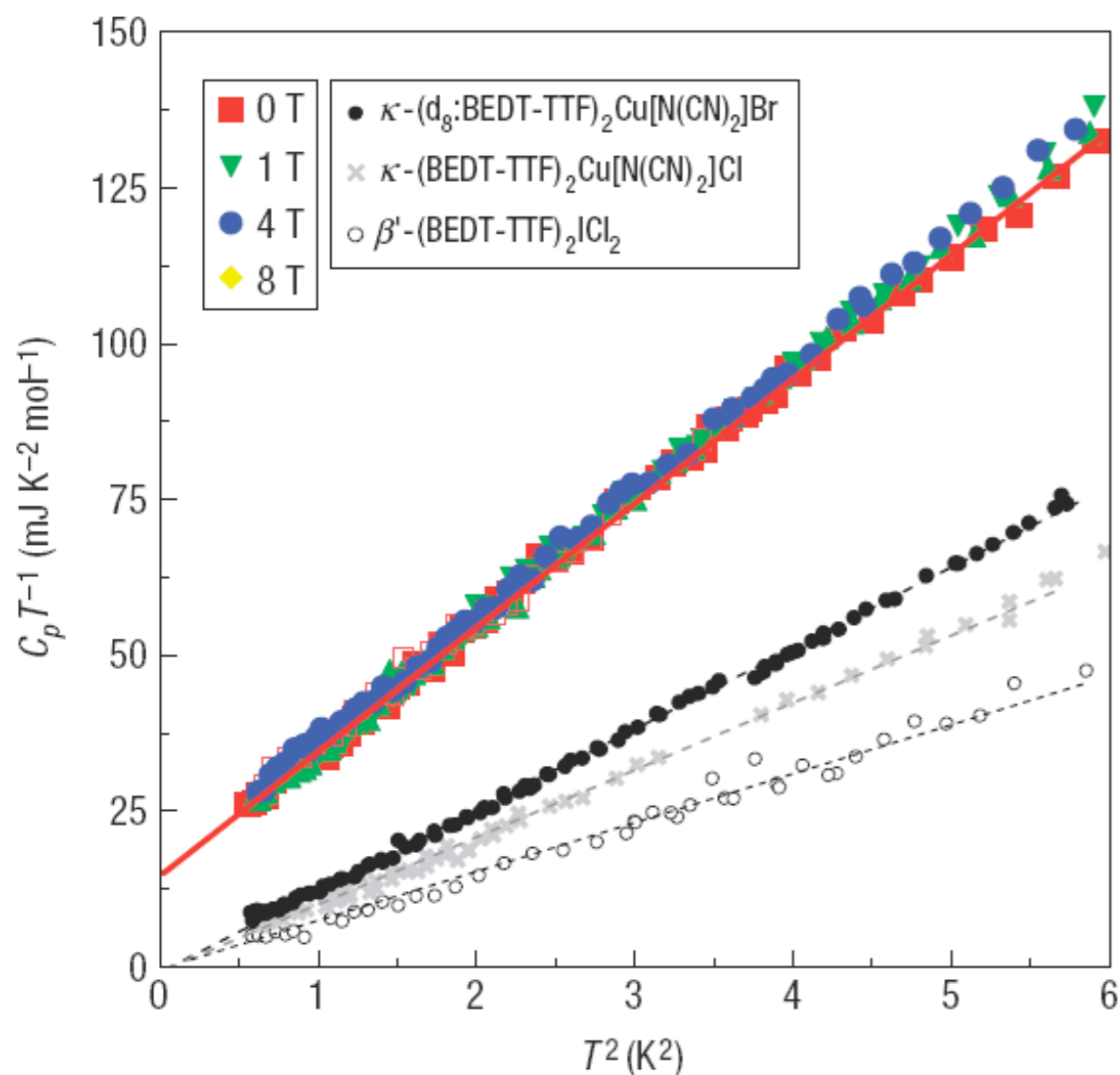
# Heat capacity measurements

Thermodynamic properties of a spin-1/2 spin-liquid state in a  $\kappa$ -type organic salt

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$$\gamma = 15 \text{ mJ} / \text{K}^2 \text{ mol}$$

Evidence for Gapless spinon?



# Thermal Conductivity below 300 mK

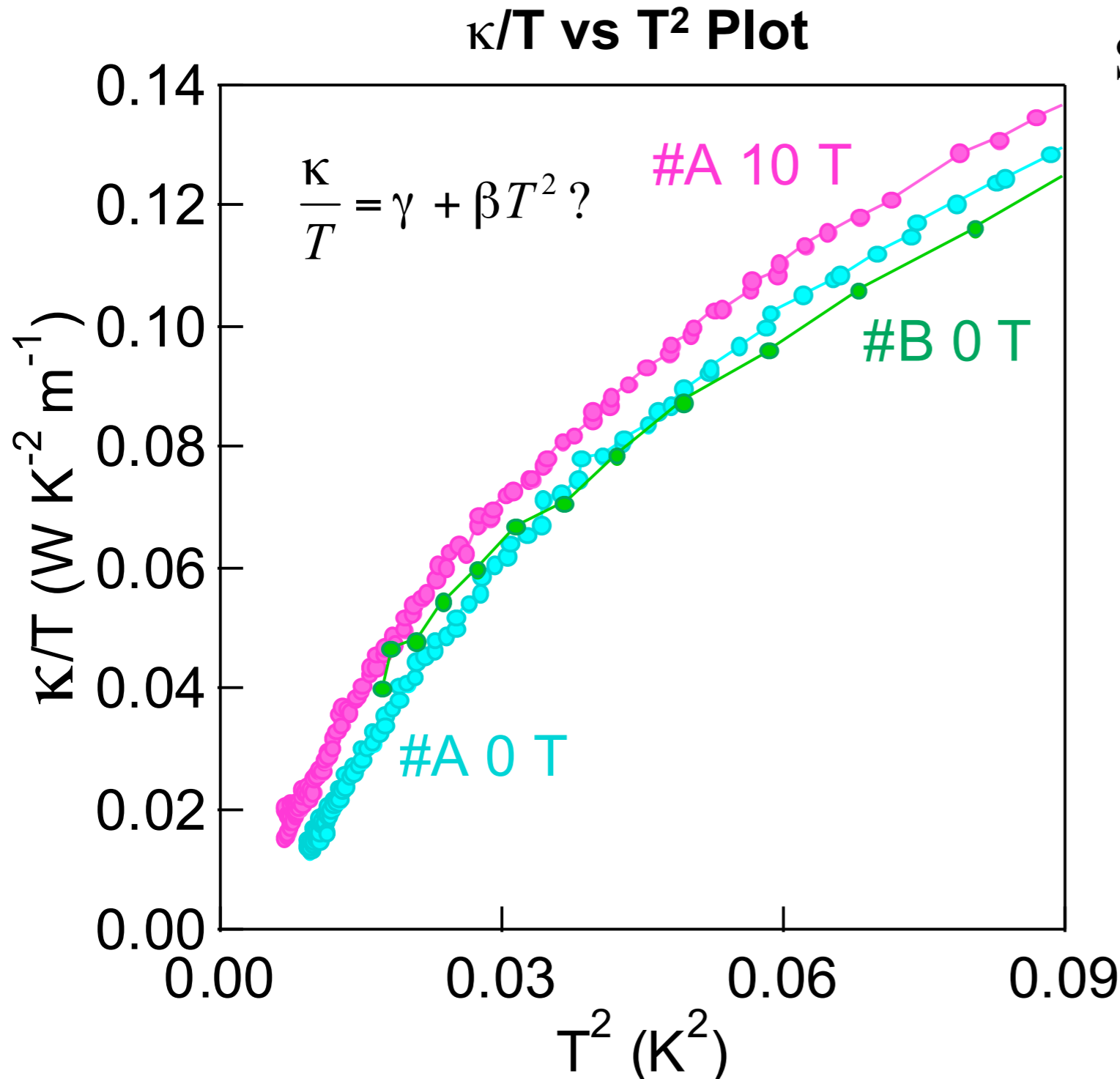
- Convex, non- $T^3$  dependence in  $\kappa$
- Magnetic fields enhance  $\kappa$



$$\kappa = \kappa_{phonon} + \kappa_{mag}$$

$$(\kappa_{phonon} \propto T^3 \text{ in low } T)$$

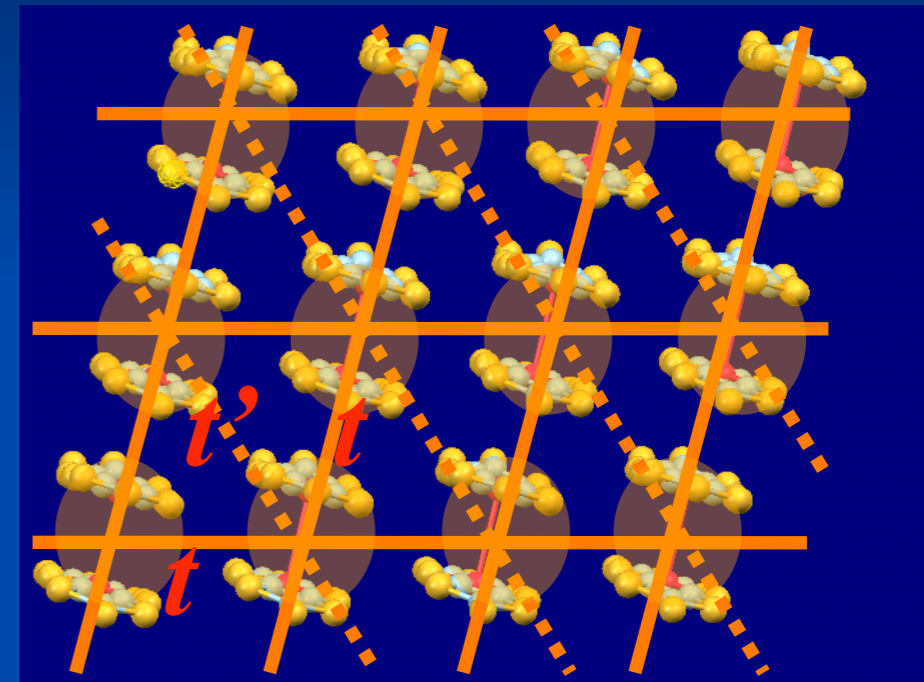
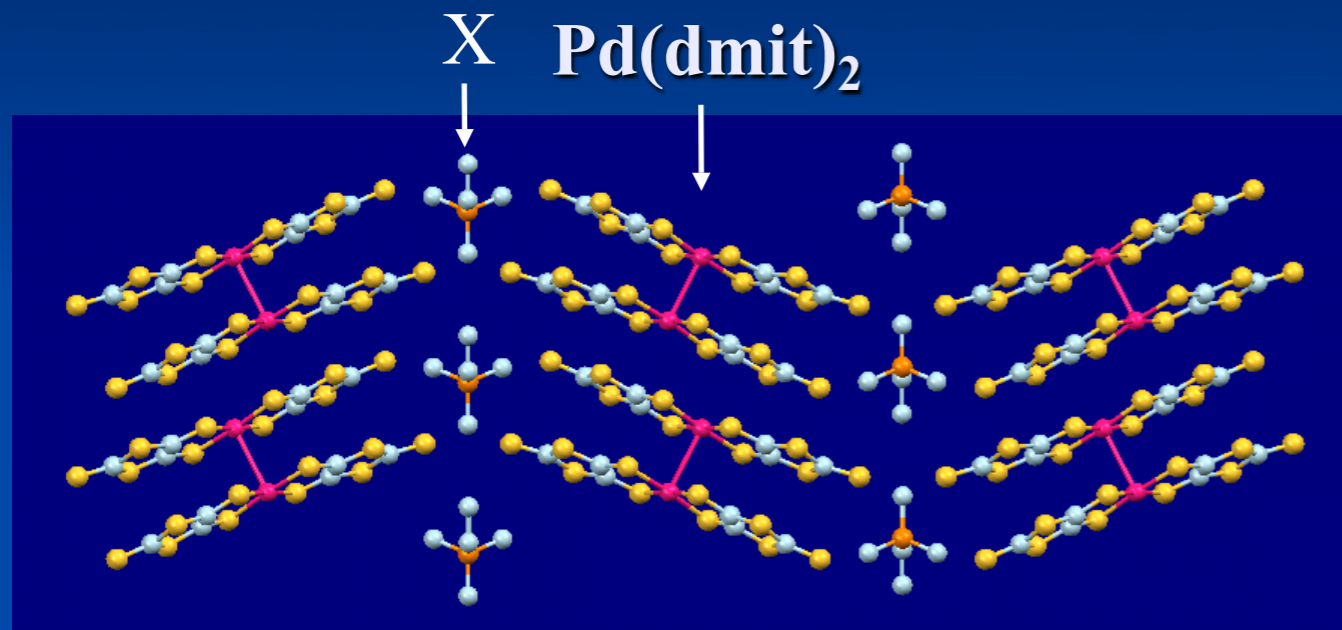
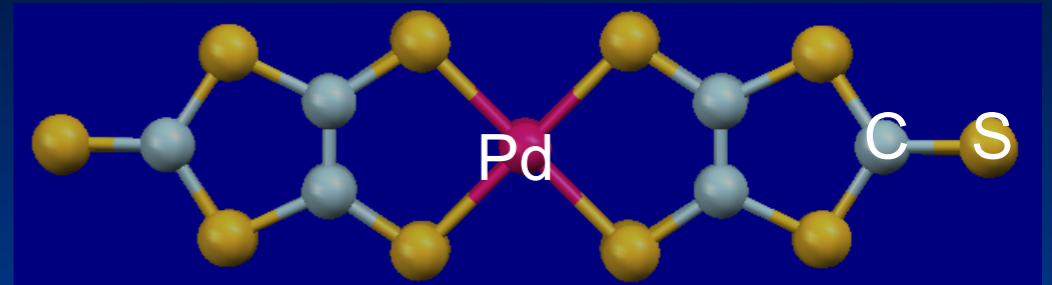
Substantial portion of  $\kappa_{mag}$  in  $\kappa$



$$\underline{\gamma = 0}$$

Note: phonon contribution has no effect on this conclusion.

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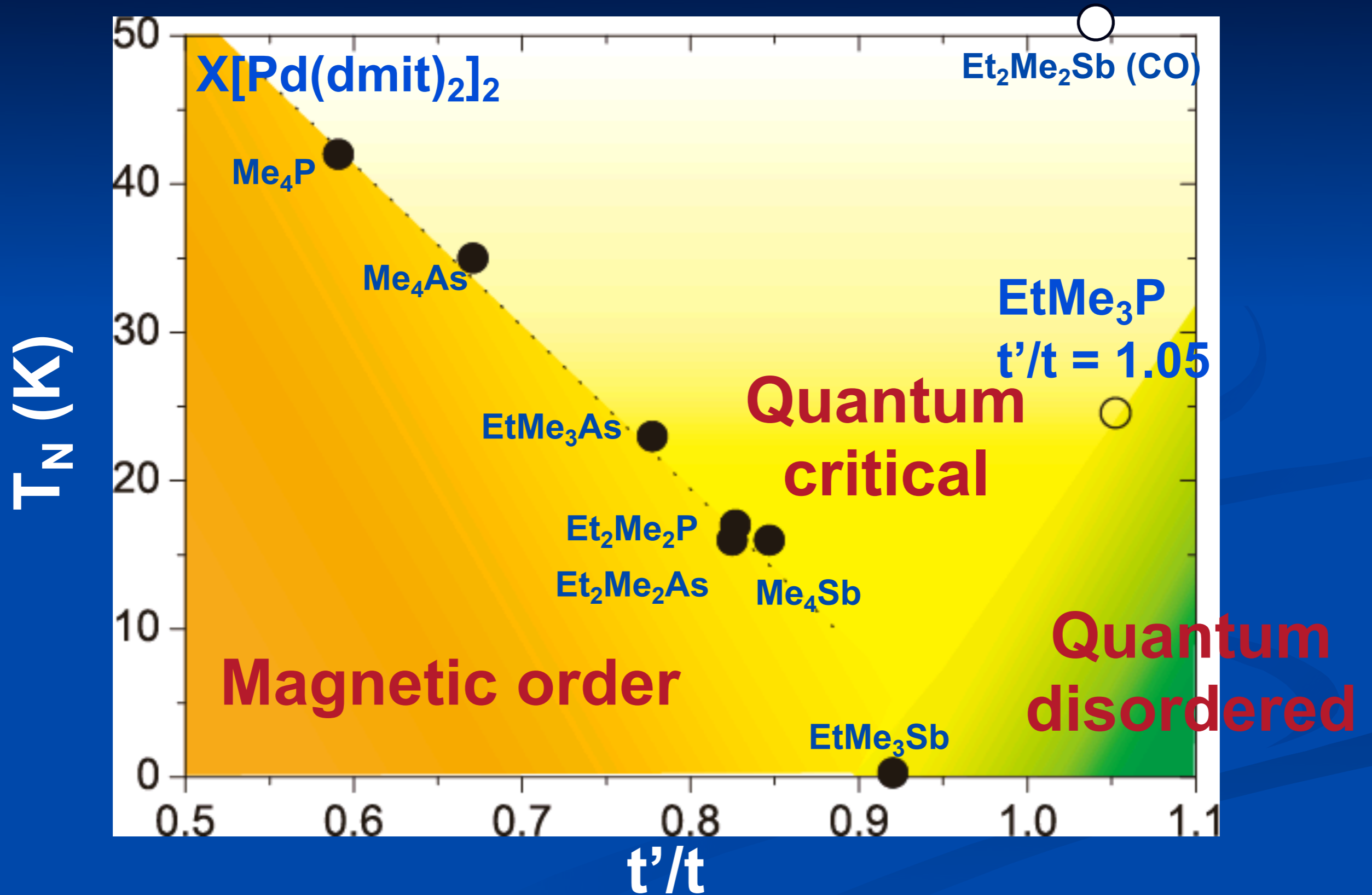


Half-filled band  $\rightarrow$  Mott insulator with spin  $S = 1/2$

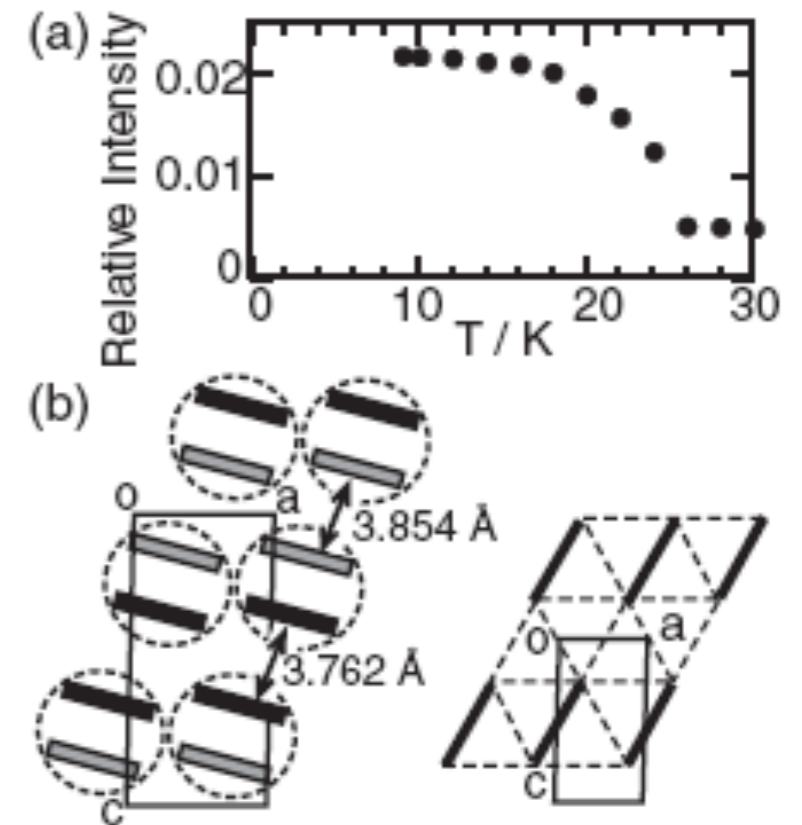
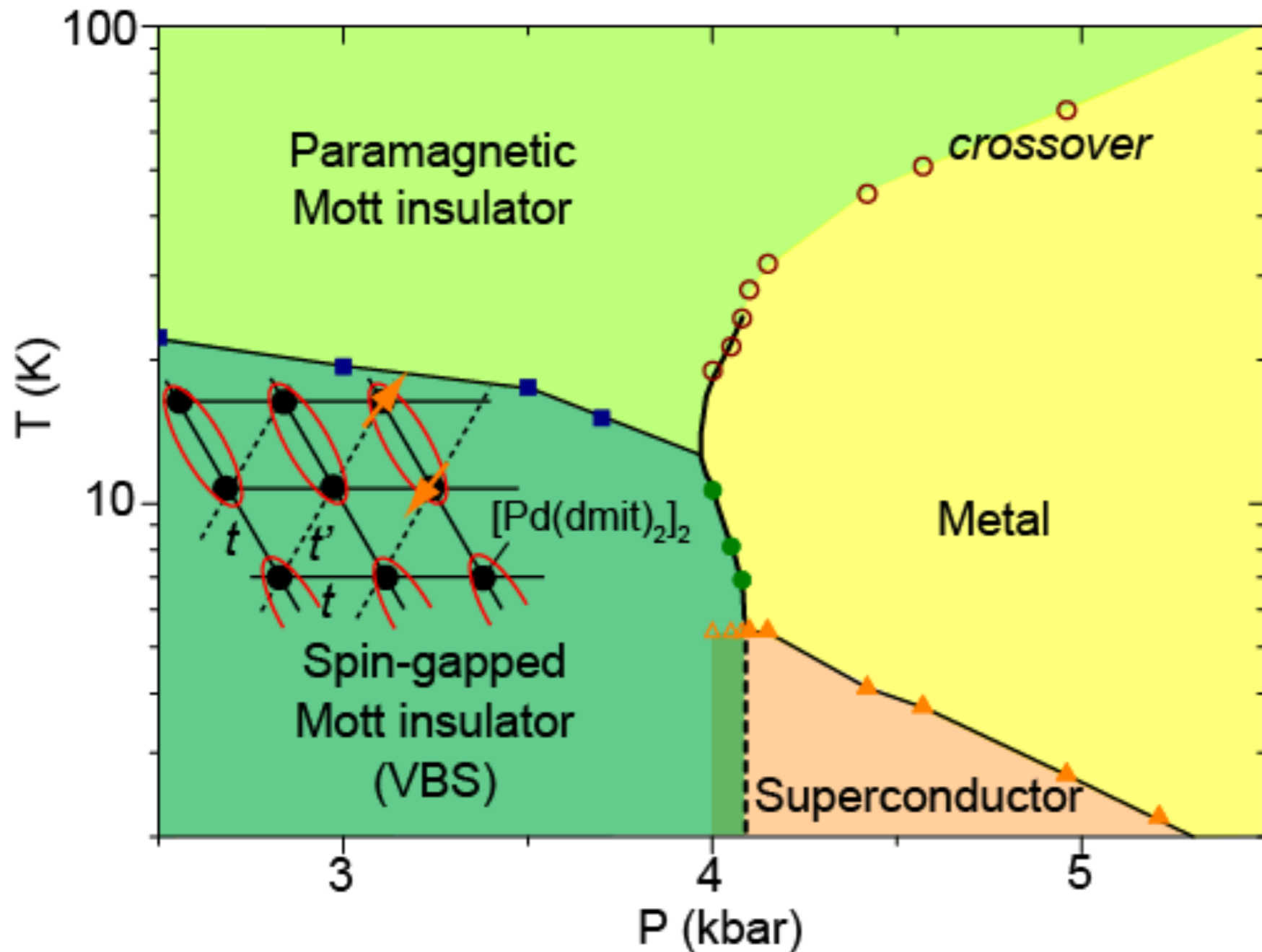
Triangular lattice of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

$\rightarrow$  frustrated quantum spin system

# Magnetic Criticality



# Observation of a valence bond solid (VBS)



Spin gap  $\sim 40 \text{ K}$   
 $J \sim 250 \text{ K}$

Pressure-temperature phase diagram of  $\text{ETMe}_3\text{P}[\text{Pd}(\text{dmit})_2]_2$

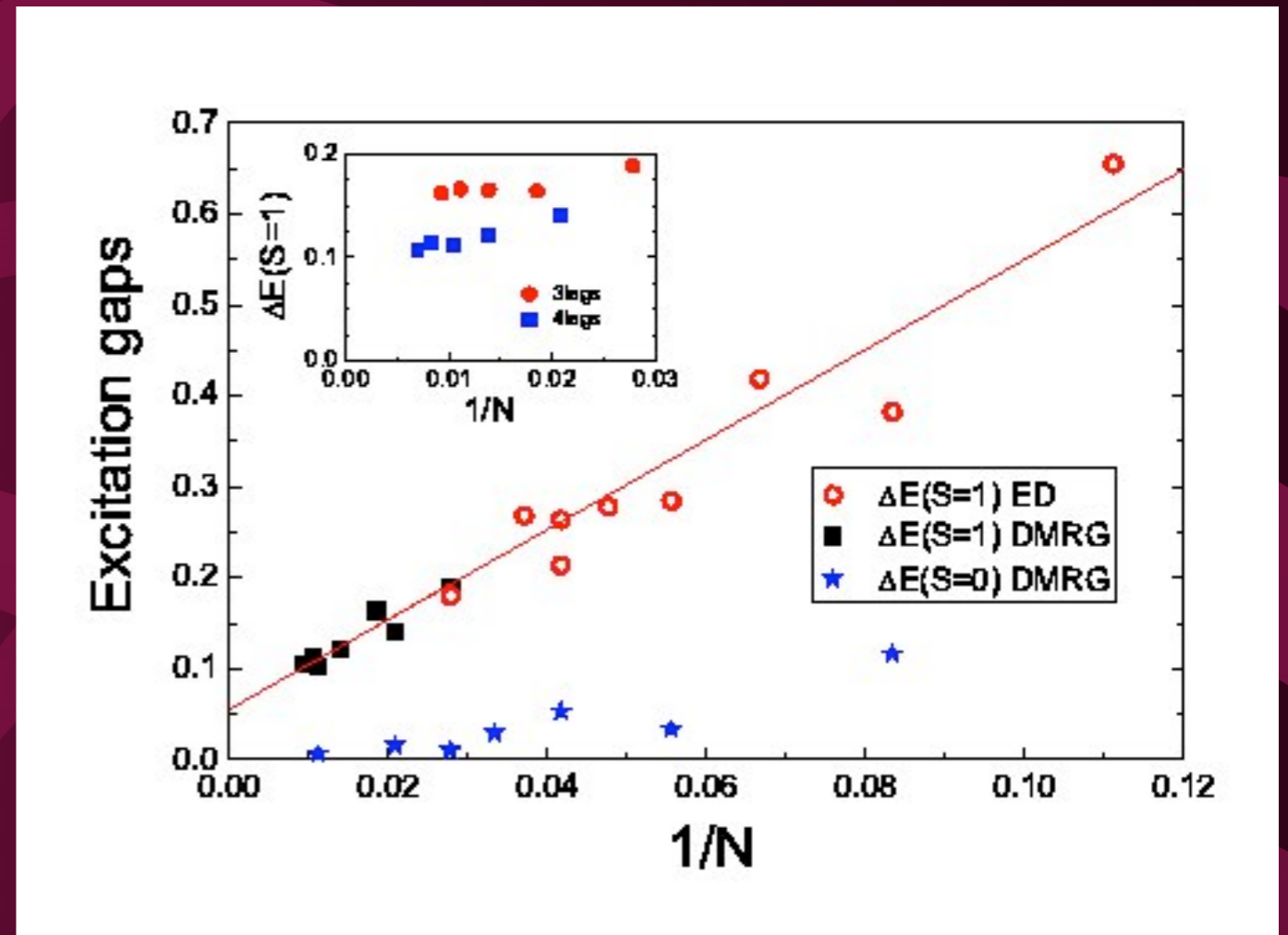
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Y. Shimizu, H. Akimoto, H. Tsujii, A. Tajima, and R. Kato, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 256403 (2007)

# Kagome antiferromagnet

## Recent DMRG

- Large systems (up to 108 spins)
- Spin Gap  $0.0555(5)$
- Singlet gap Tiny
- $E = -0.433$



# Kagome antiferromagnets

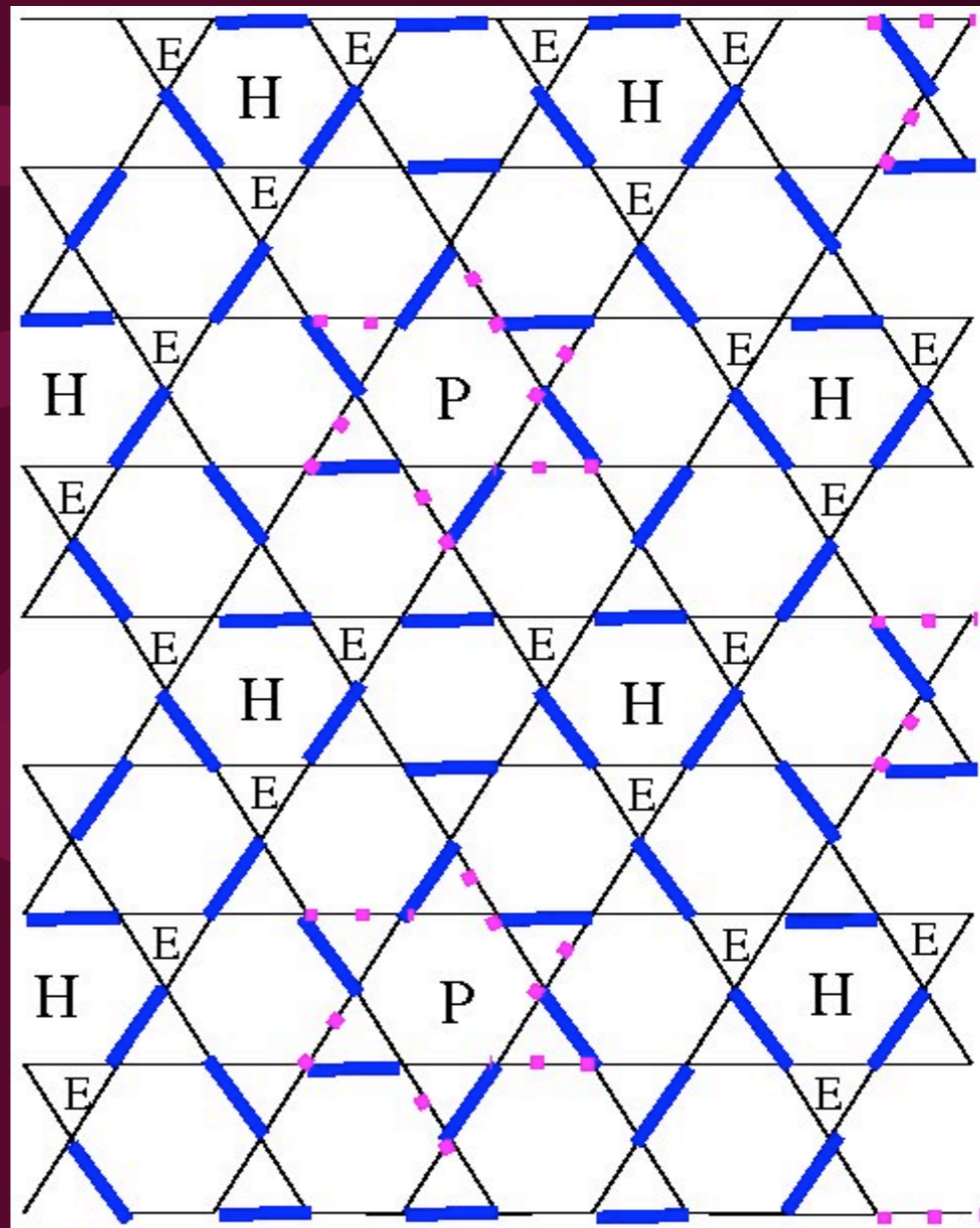
## Proposed VBS ground state

3<sup>rd</sup> Order: Bind 3Es  
into H—maximize H

4<sup>th</sup> Order: Honeycomb  
Lattice

Leftover: Pinwheels

$24 \cdot 2^{(N/36)}$  Low  
energy states



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# Kagome antiferromagnet

Series show excellent Convergence

Order	Honeycomb	Stripe VBC	36-site PBC	
0	-0.375	-0.375	-0.375	\\
1	-0.375	-0.375	-0.375	\\
2	-0.421875	-0.421875	-0.421875	\\
3	-0.42578125	-0.42578125	-0.42578125	\\
4	-0.431559245	-0.43101671	-0.43400065	\\
5	-0.432088216	-0.43153212	-0.43624539	\\

**Ground State Energy per site**

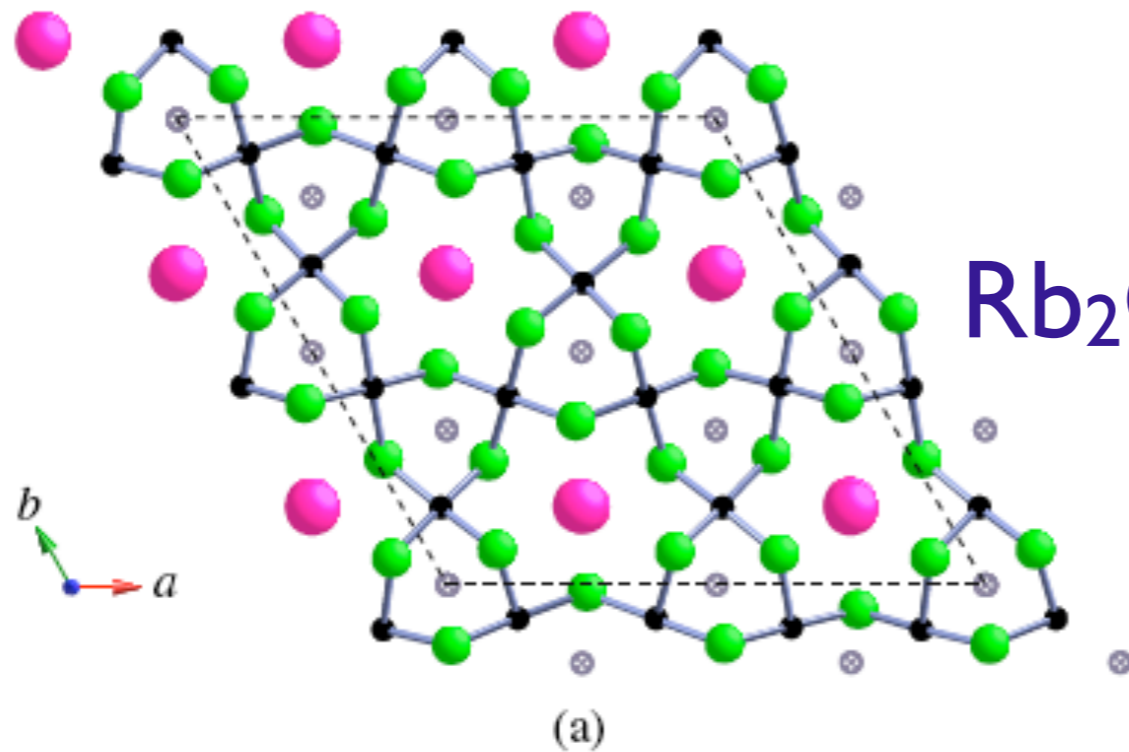
**Estimated H-VBC energy: -0.433(1) (ED, DMRG)**

**36-site PBC: Energy=-0.43837653**

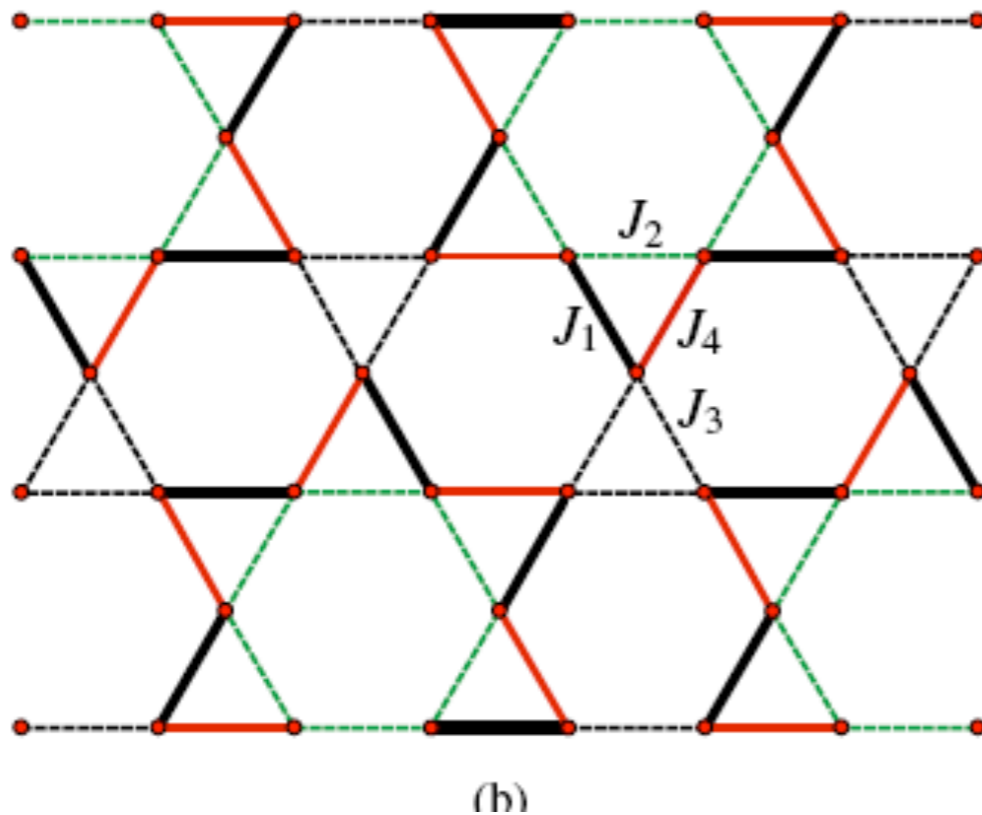
**Variational state of Ran et al -0.429**



# Kagome antiferromagnet



Spin gap  $\sim 20$  K  
 $J \sim 200$  K



Distorted kagome  
(or VBS order in  
kagome spin-  
phonon model ?)

K. Morita, M. Yano, T. Ono, H. Tanaka, K. Fujii, H. Uekusa, Y. Narumi, and K. Kindo,  
*J. Phys. Soc. Japan* **77**, 043707 (2008)

# Kagome antiferromagnet

- New material:  
Herbertsmithite  
 $\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$   
Cu atoms carry spin-  
half  
Kagome-layers of Cu  
Separated by layers of  
Zn

J|A|C|S  
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## A Structurally Perfect $S = 1/2$ Kagomé Antiferromagnet

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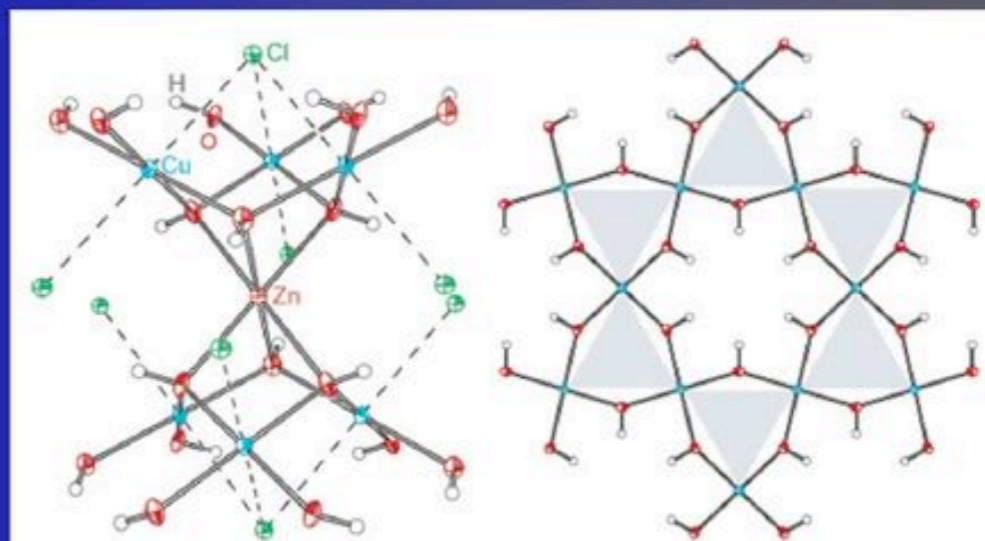
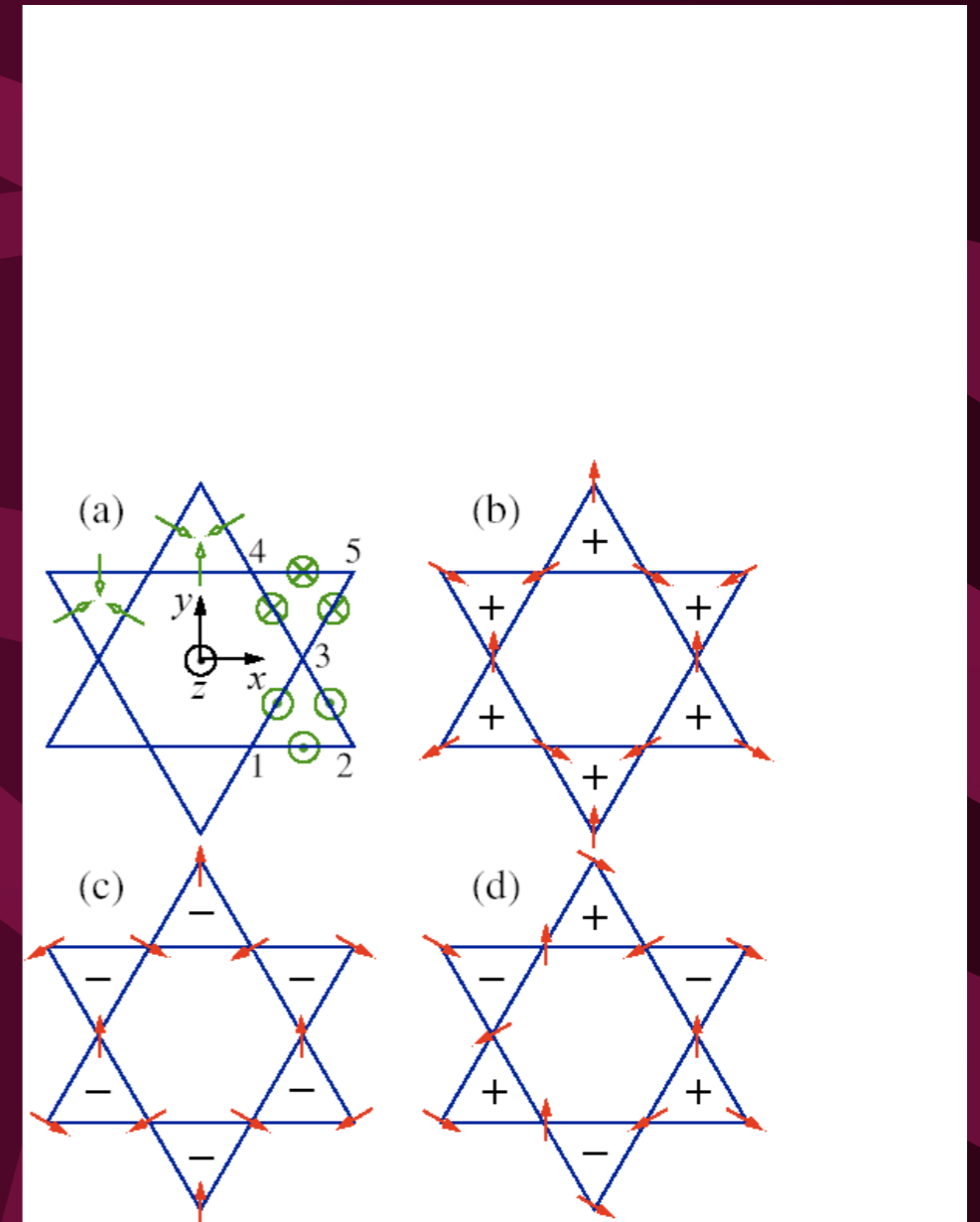


Figure 1. Crystal structure of Zn-paratacamite (1),  $\text{Zn}_{0.33}\text{Cu}_{3.67}(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$ .

# Kagome antiferromagnet

## Two factors complicate interpretation of experiments on herbertsmithite

- Substitutional Impurities (Zn for Cu)
  - Causes extra spins and dilution
- Anisotropy
  - Dzyaloshinski-Moria Interaction can cause weak ferromagnetism

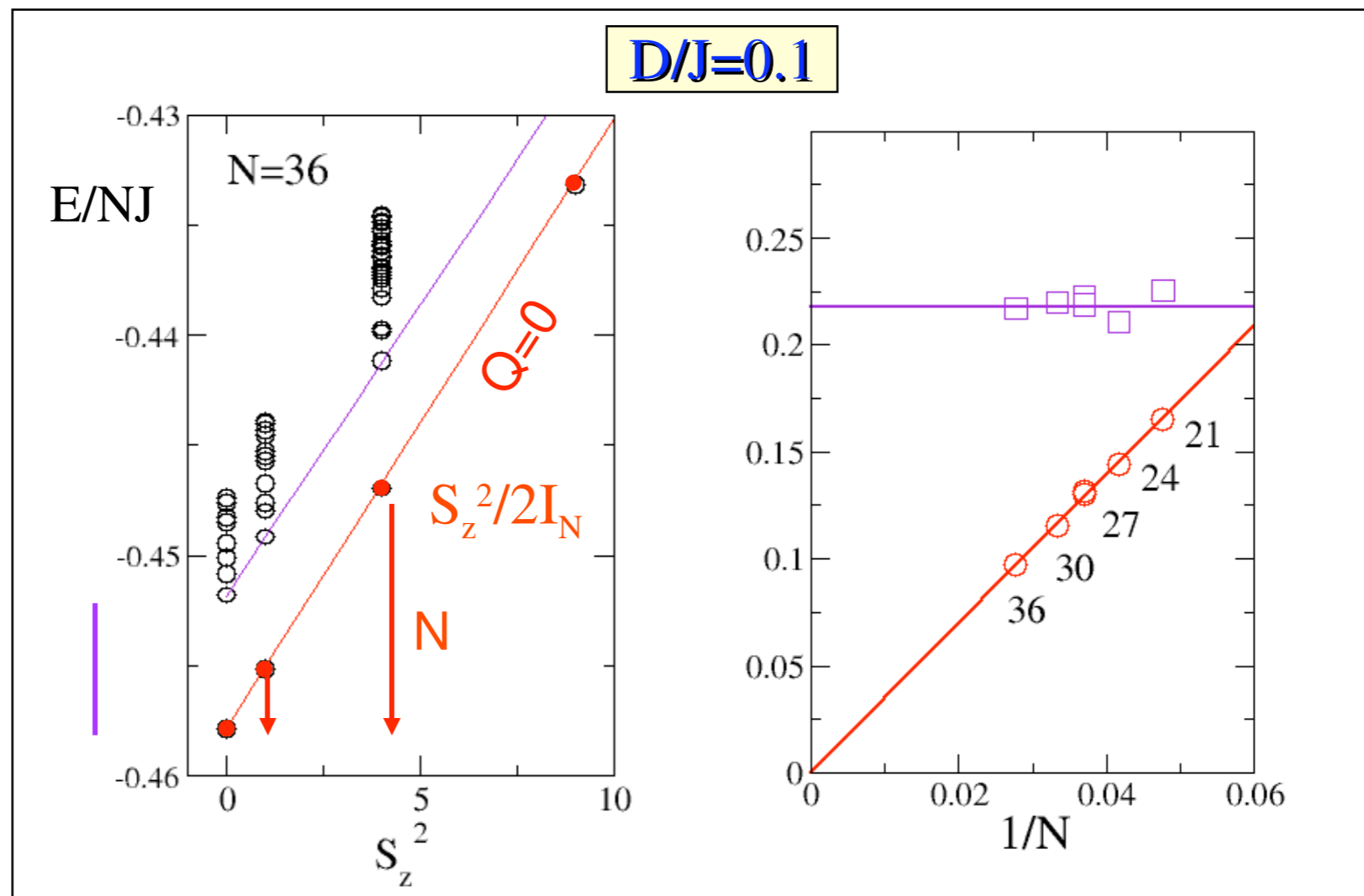
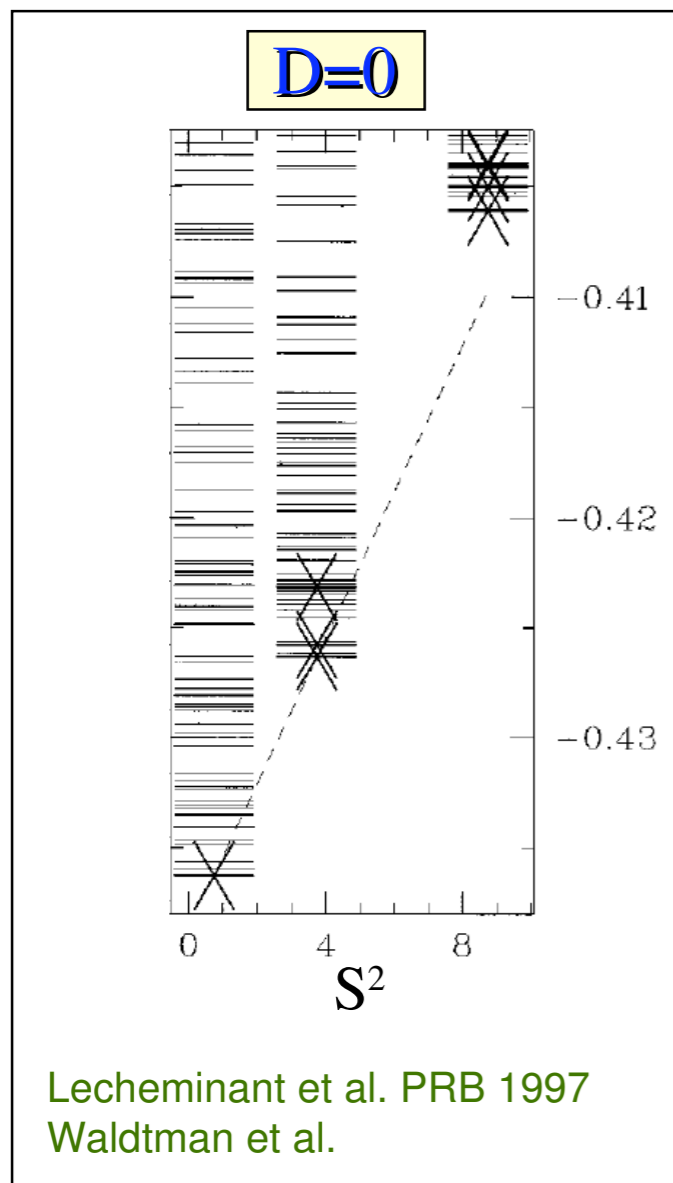


Dz and Dp

# Signature of a broken-symmetry state :

Energy levels of  $H = \sum_{nn} [JS_i \cdot S_j + D e^{z_{ij}} \cdot (S_i \times S_j)]$

by exact diagonalization of N=21, 24, 27, 30, 36 sites



Here is a clear separation of energy scales

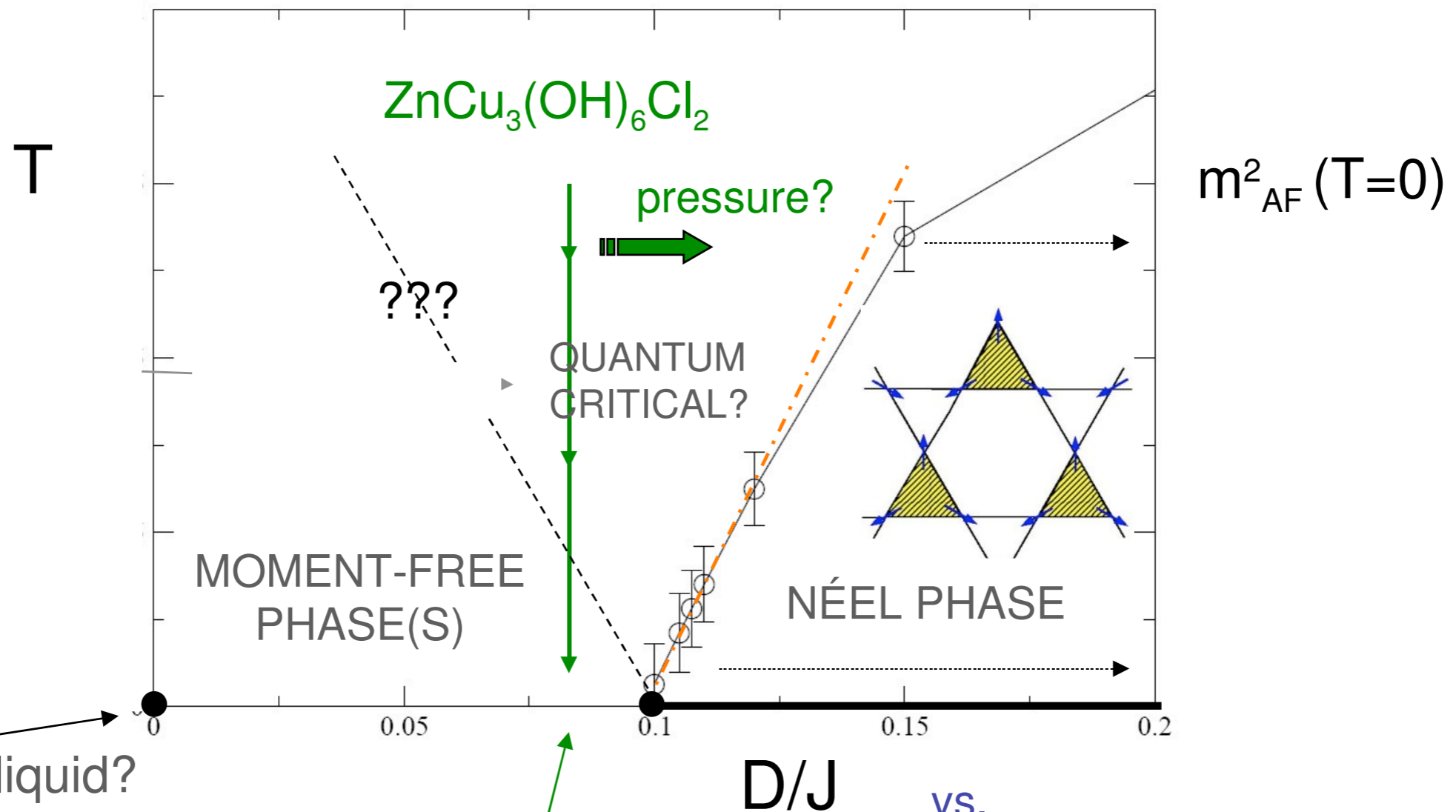
Collapse for N infinity : **onset of a broken symmetry state**

$(\Delta S_z \Delta \phi > h)$

Is there a critical **D/J** ?

# Quantum critical point at $D_c \approx 0.1J$

Olivier Cépas, C.M. Fong, P.W. Leung, and C.Lhuillier, cond-mat/0806.0393v2



VBC, spin liquid?

- Singh and Huse 2007
- Budnik and Auerbach 2004
- Syromyatnikov and Maleyev 2004
- Nikolic and Senthil 2003
- Marston and Zeng 1991

algebraic spin liquid

- Hastings 2000; Ran et al. 2007;
- Ryu et al. 2007; Hermele et al. 2008

$D = 0.08J$  (from ESR)

Zorko et al. PRL 2008

vs.

SWT :  $D_c = 0.03J$  Elhajal et al. 2002

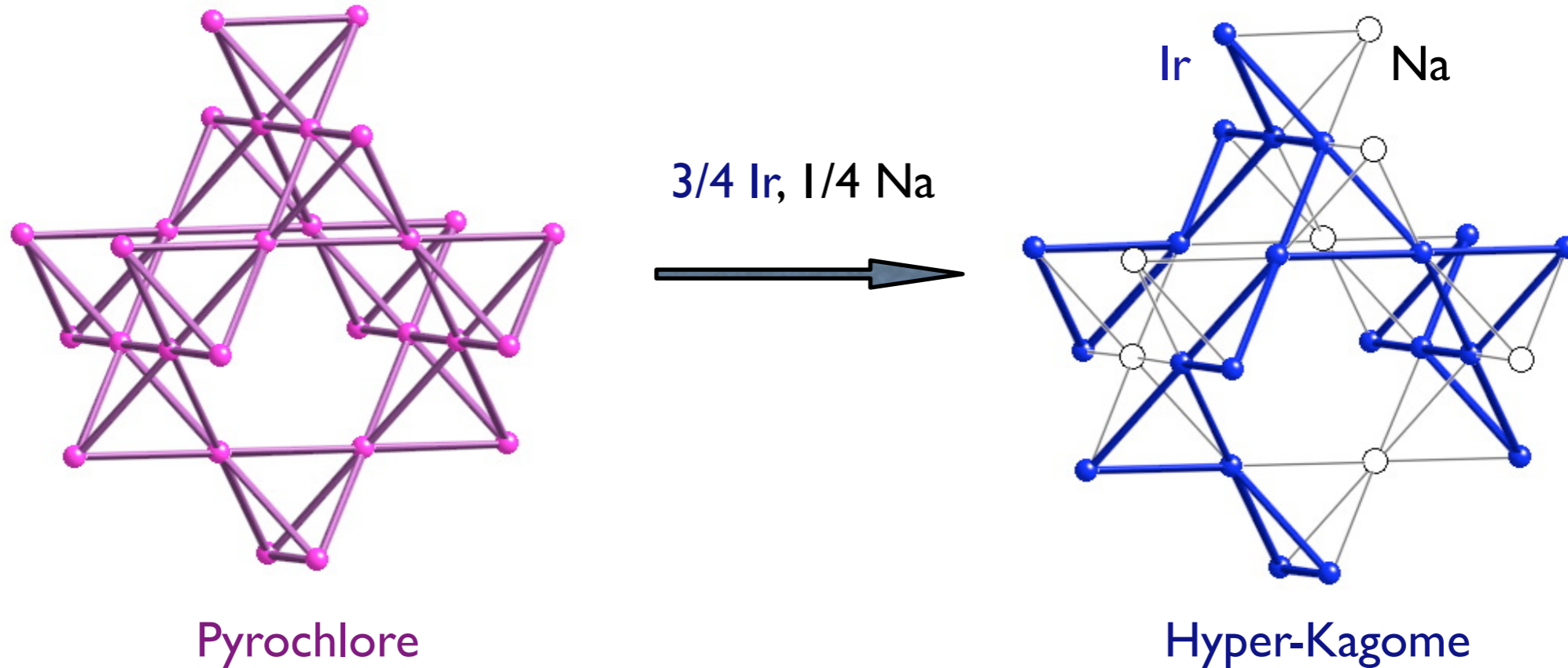
ASL :  $D_c = 0$  Hermele et al. 2008

Power law behaviour?

- Algebraic spin liquid
- Disorder : Rozenberg and Chitra, PRB 2008
- or proximity to this quantum critical point ???

# Three-dimensional $S=1/2$ Frustrated Magnet

$\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$  has a Hyper-Kagome sublattice of Ir ions



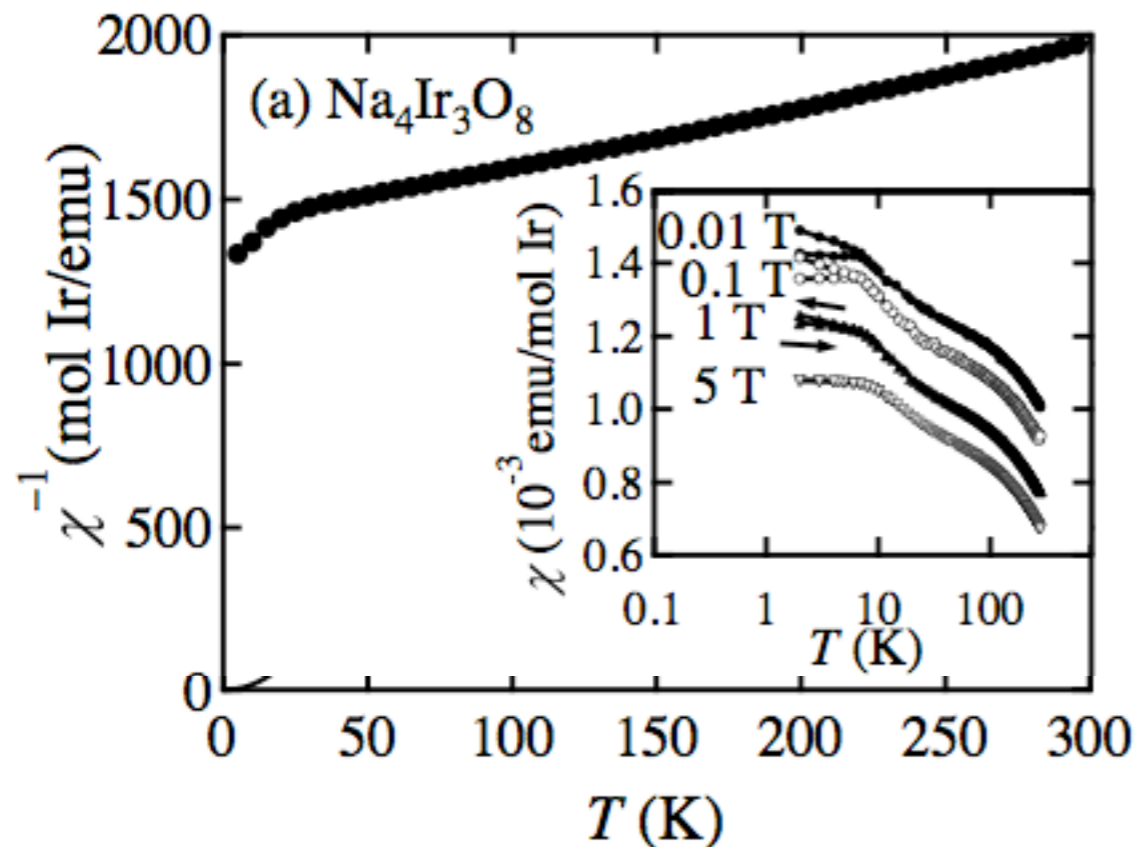
All Ir-Ir bonds are equivalent

$\text{Ir}^{4+}$  ( $5d^5$ ) carries “ $S=1/2$ ” moment ?

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# Inverse Spin Susceptibility; Strong Spin Frustration

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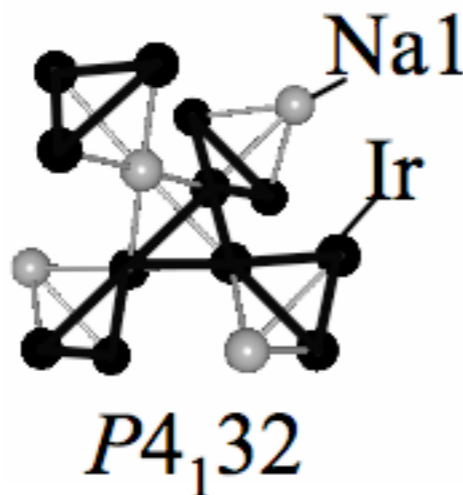
Curie-Weiss fit

$$\Theta_{\text{CW}} = -650\text{K}$$

No magnetic ordering

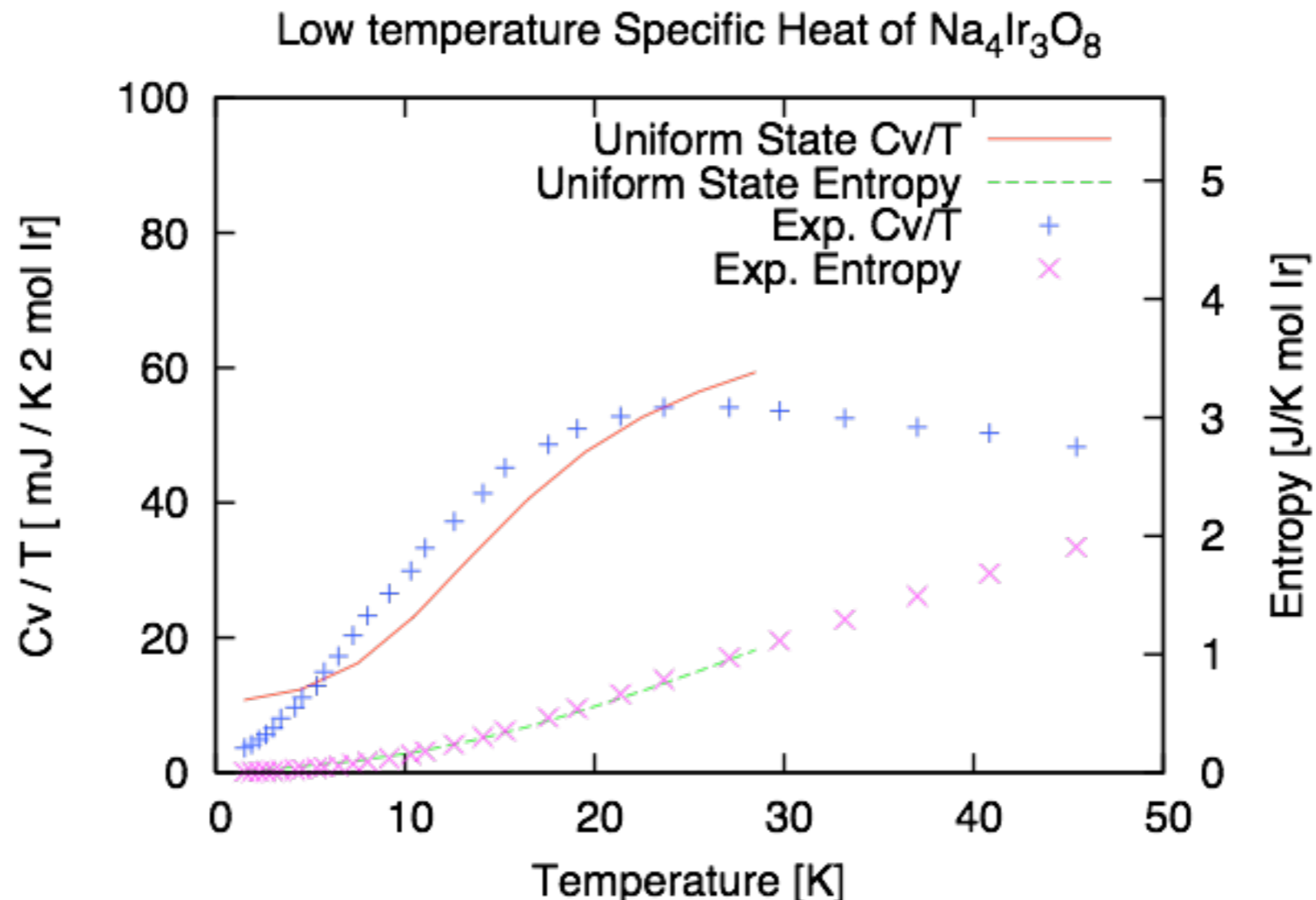
down to  $|\Theta_{\text{CW}}|/300$

Large Window of  
**Cooperative Paramagnet**



Strong Frustration - Macroscopic degeneracy of classical ground states

# Theory of Spin Liquid with Gapless Fermionic Spinons



$J = 304\text{K}$  obtained from ED and Gutzwiller factor  $g=3$   
(can only fix the overall scale, but it is a zero-parameter fit !)

$C/T$  looks linear for  $5\text{K} < T < 20\text{K}$

M. J. Lawler, A. Paramekanti, Y. B. Kim, L. Balents, arXiv:0806.4395

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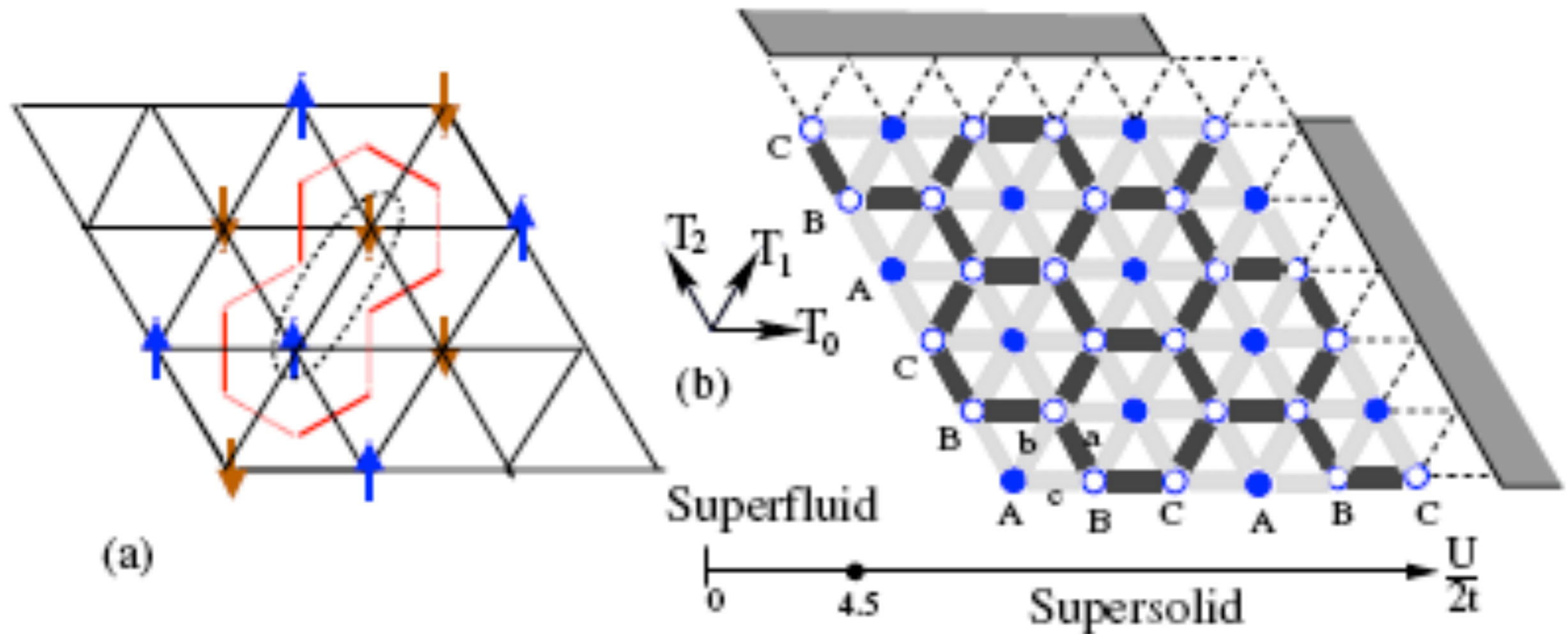
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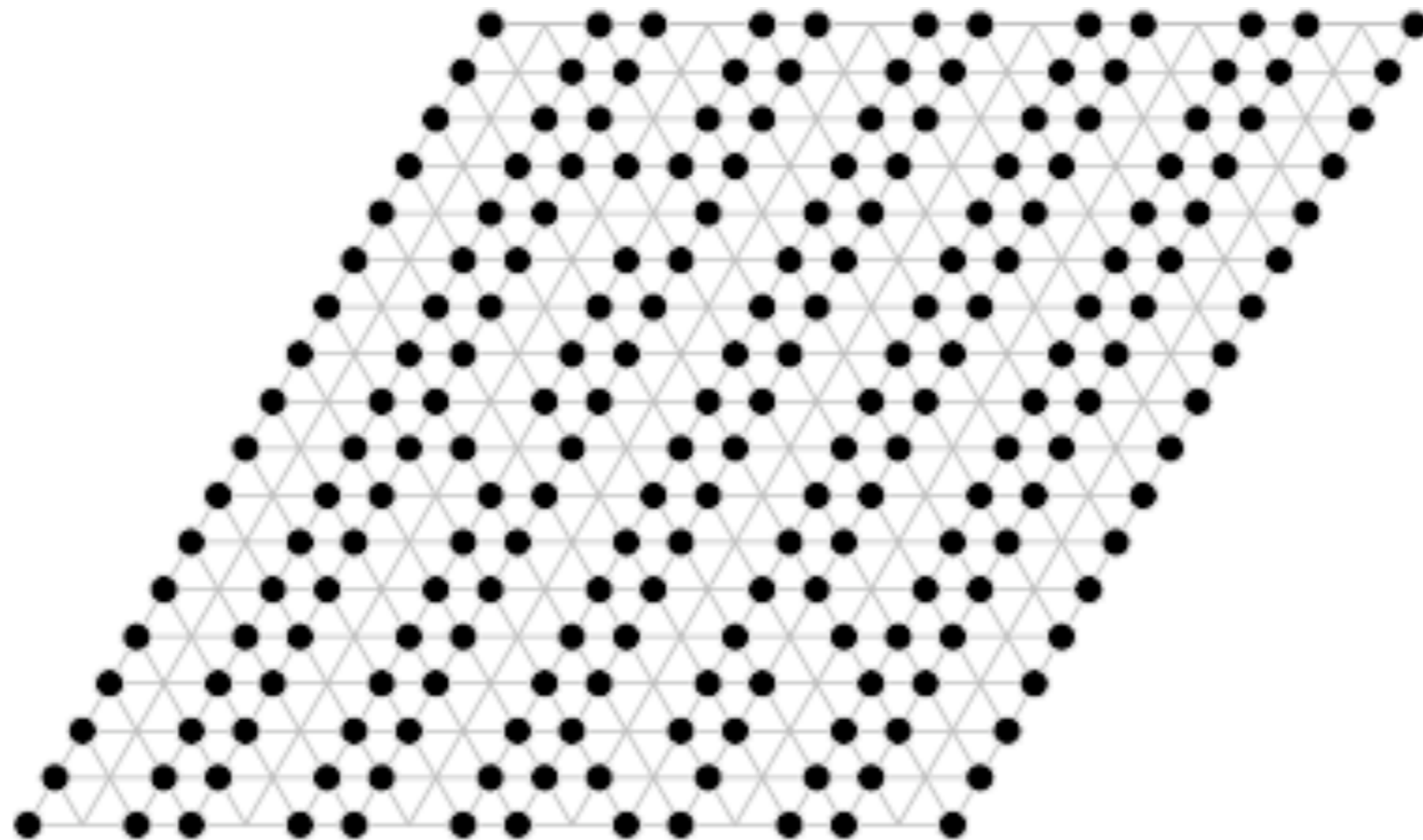


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# Bosons with (longer range) repulsive interactions on the triangular lattice near half-filling



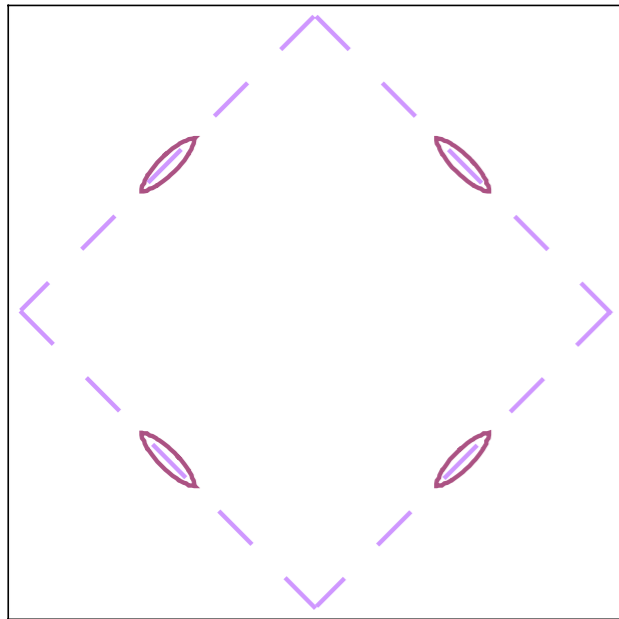
Striped supersolid with very small anisotropy  
in superfluid stiffness

# Open questions: phase transitions with Fermi surfaces/points

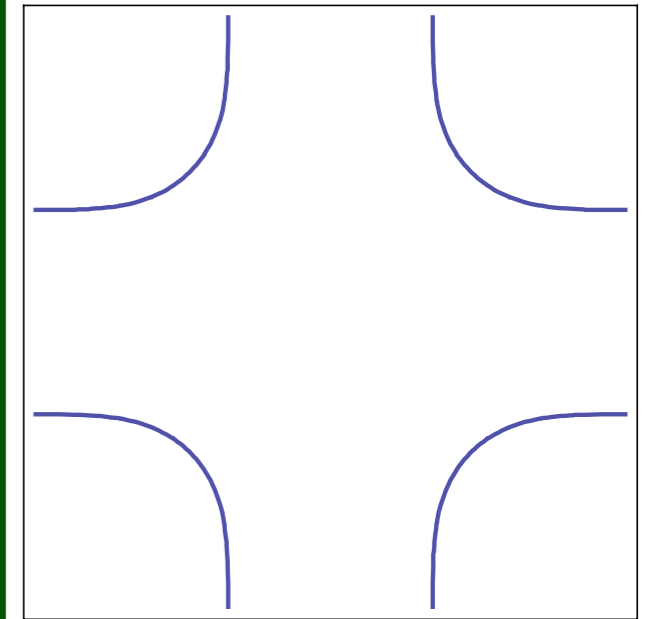
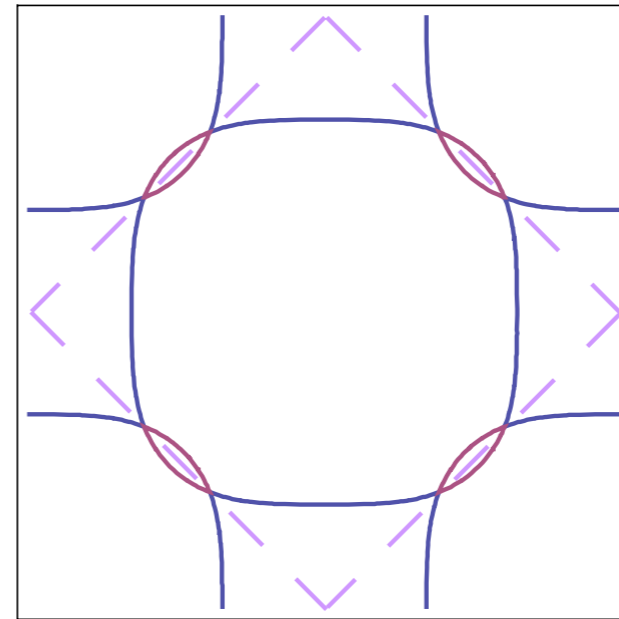
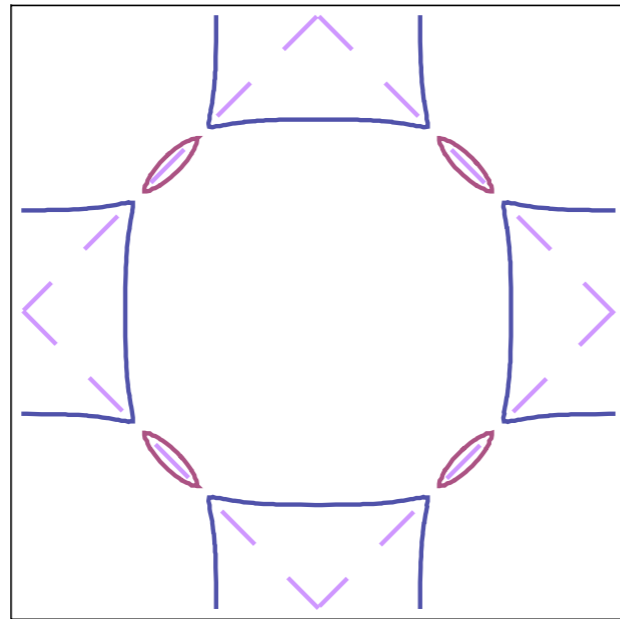
- Slave-particle gauge theories from conventional phases with Fermi surfaces/points lead to exotic phases with “ghosts” of Fermi surfaces/points
- Is it possible to have direct transitions between conventional Fermi liquid phases but with distinct topologies of Fermi surfaces/points ?

# Spin density wave theory for Fermi surface evolution in the hole-doped cuprates

← Increasing AFM order →



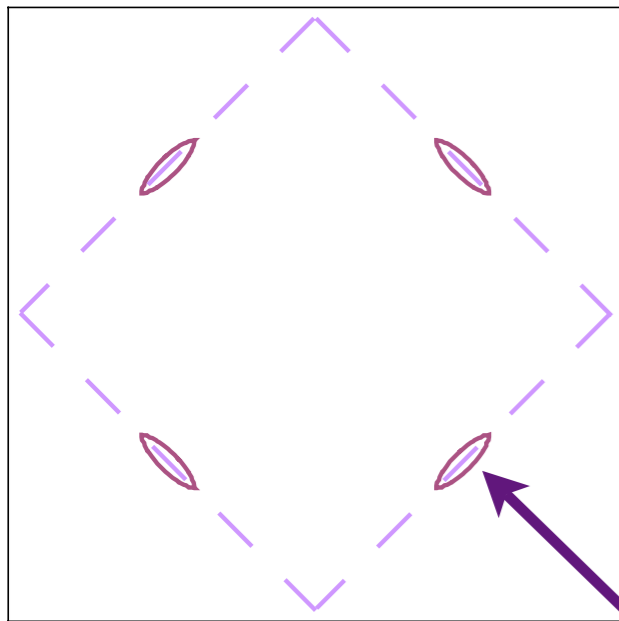
AFM Metal



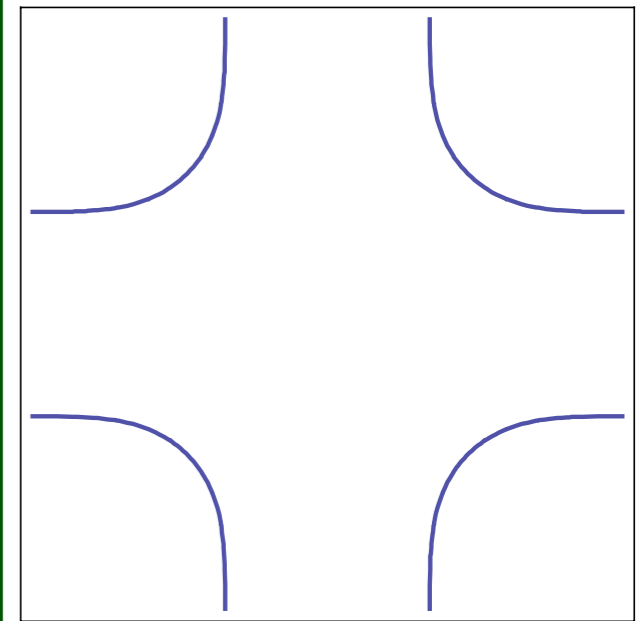
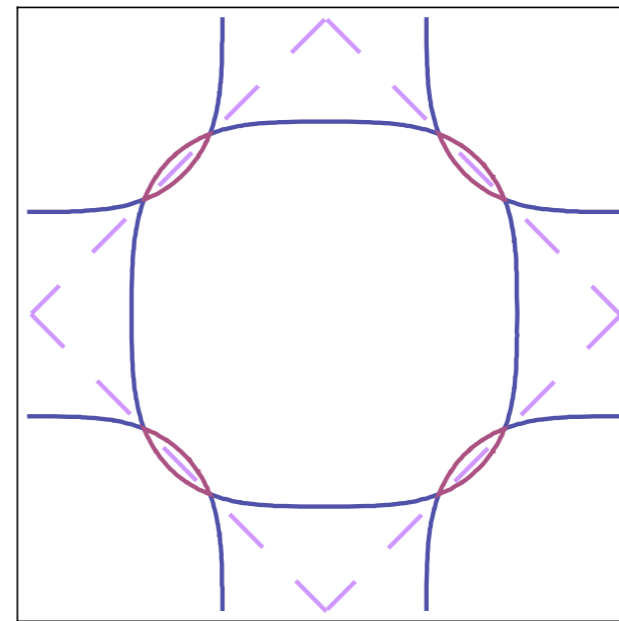
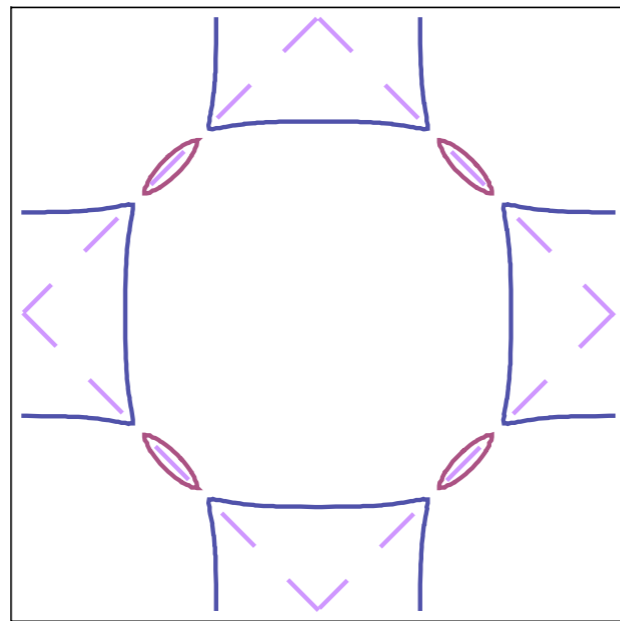
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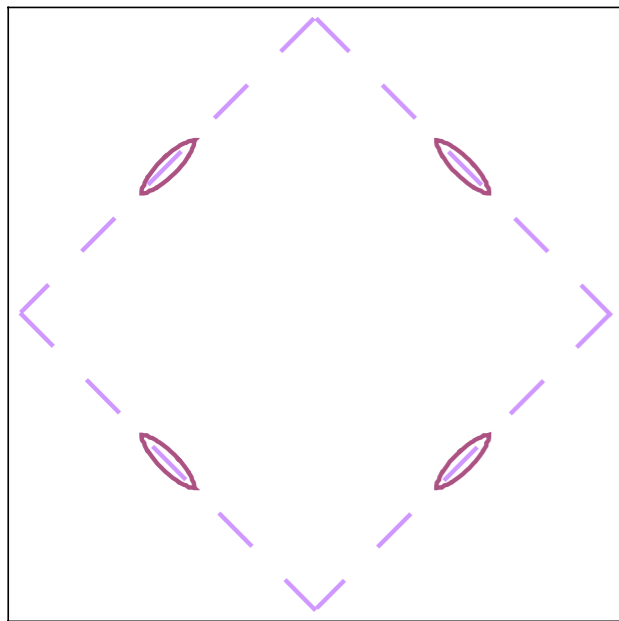


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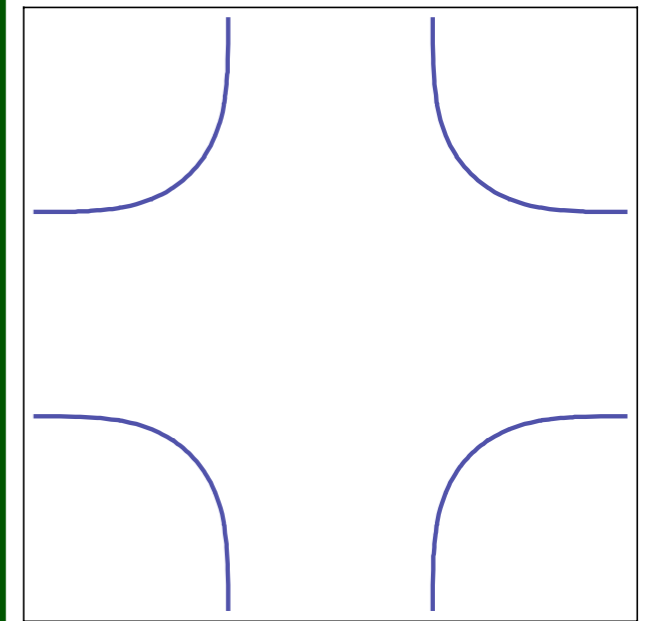
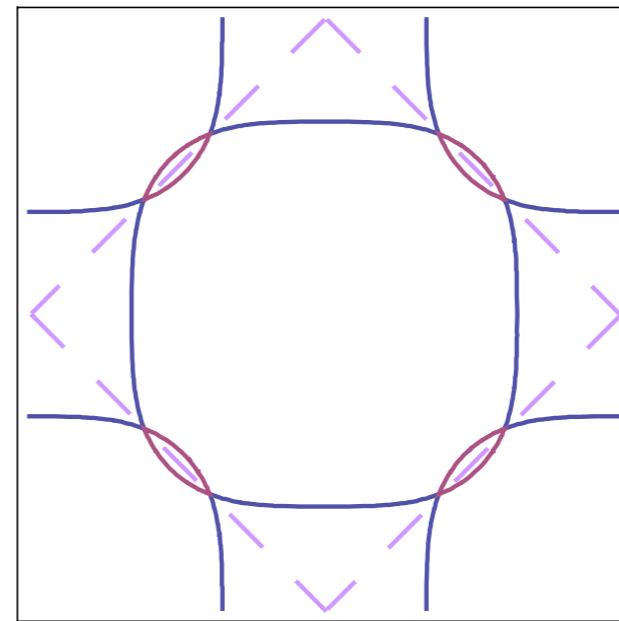
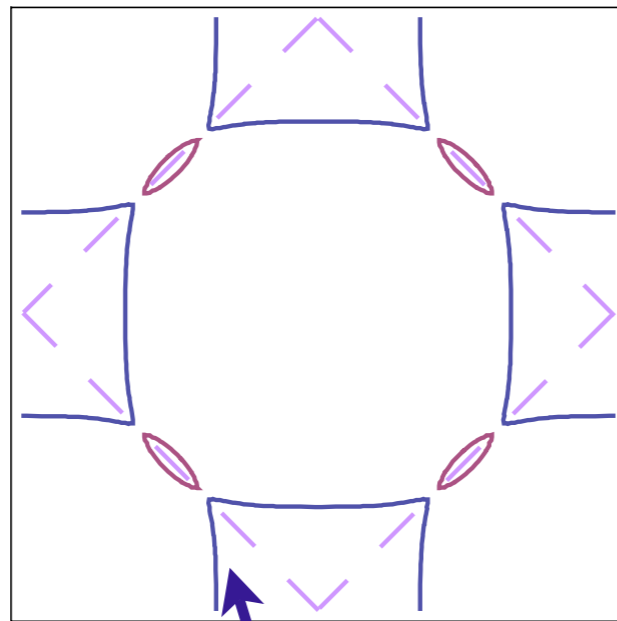
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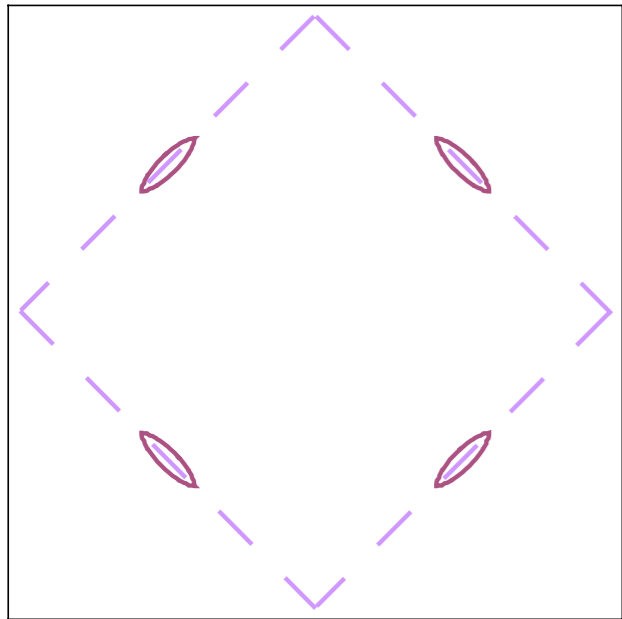
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Electron pocket  
(seen in high magnetic fields ?)

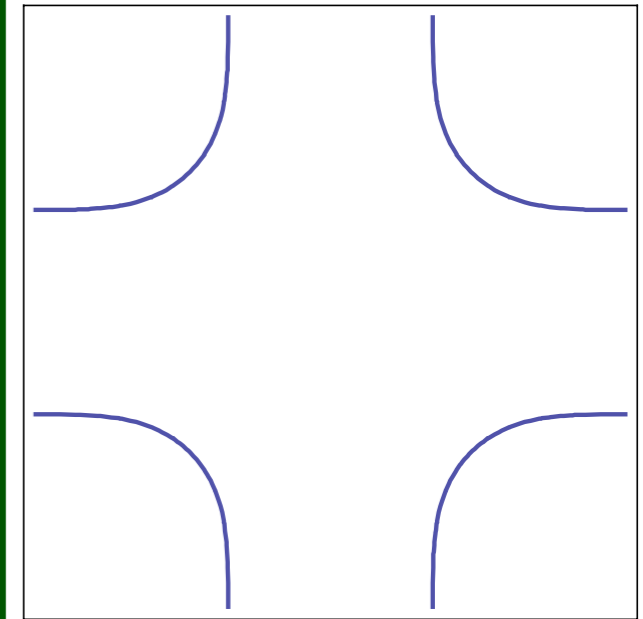
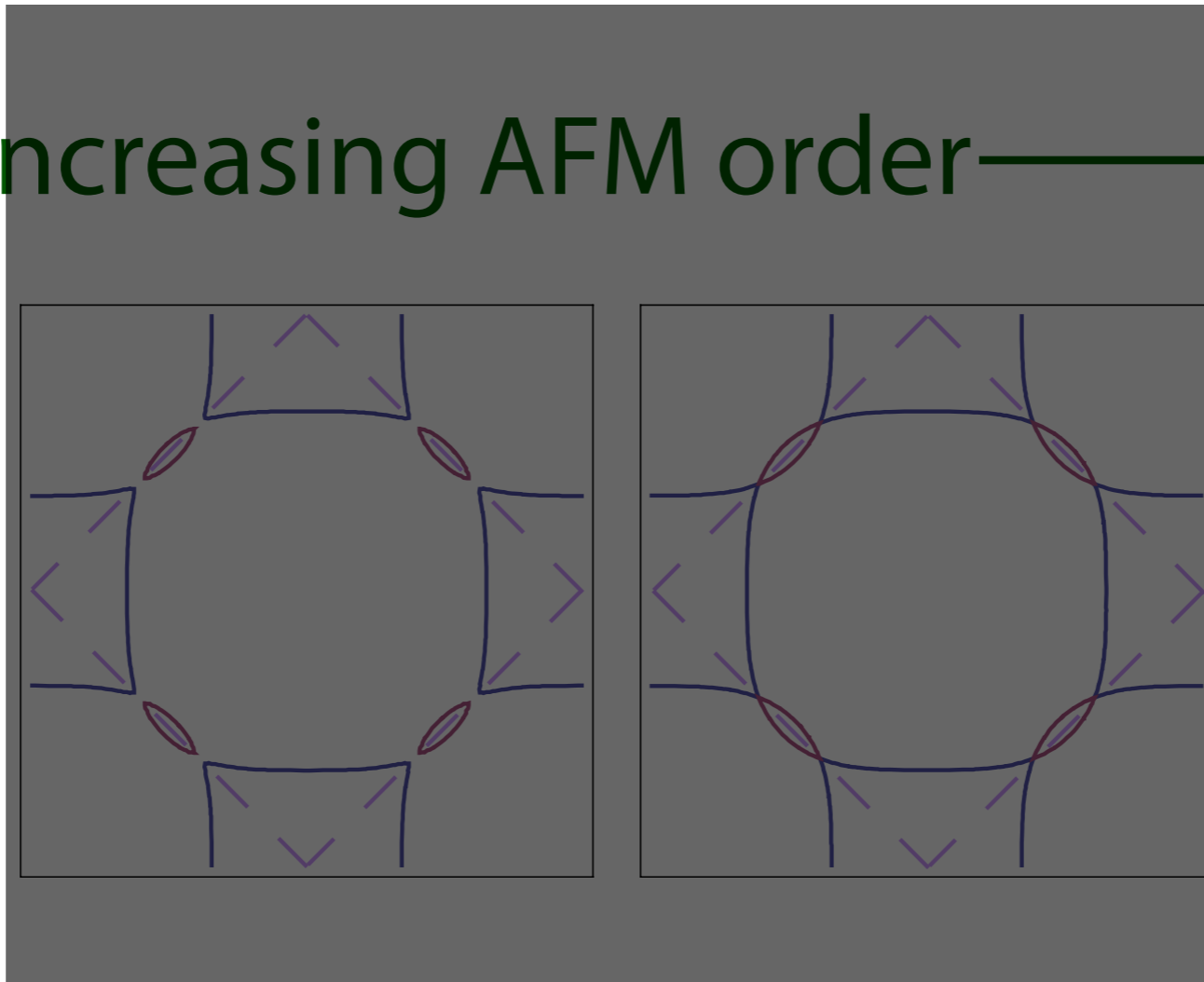


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# Direct transition between small and large Fermi surfaces ?

- Is there a critical theory for such a transition ?
- Does such a critical point/phase control strange metal behavior in the cuprates ?
- Beyond slave particle gauge theories:  
help from the AdS/CFT correspondence ?  
(Sung-Sik Lee, arXiv:0809.3402)