Quantum entanglement and the phases of matter

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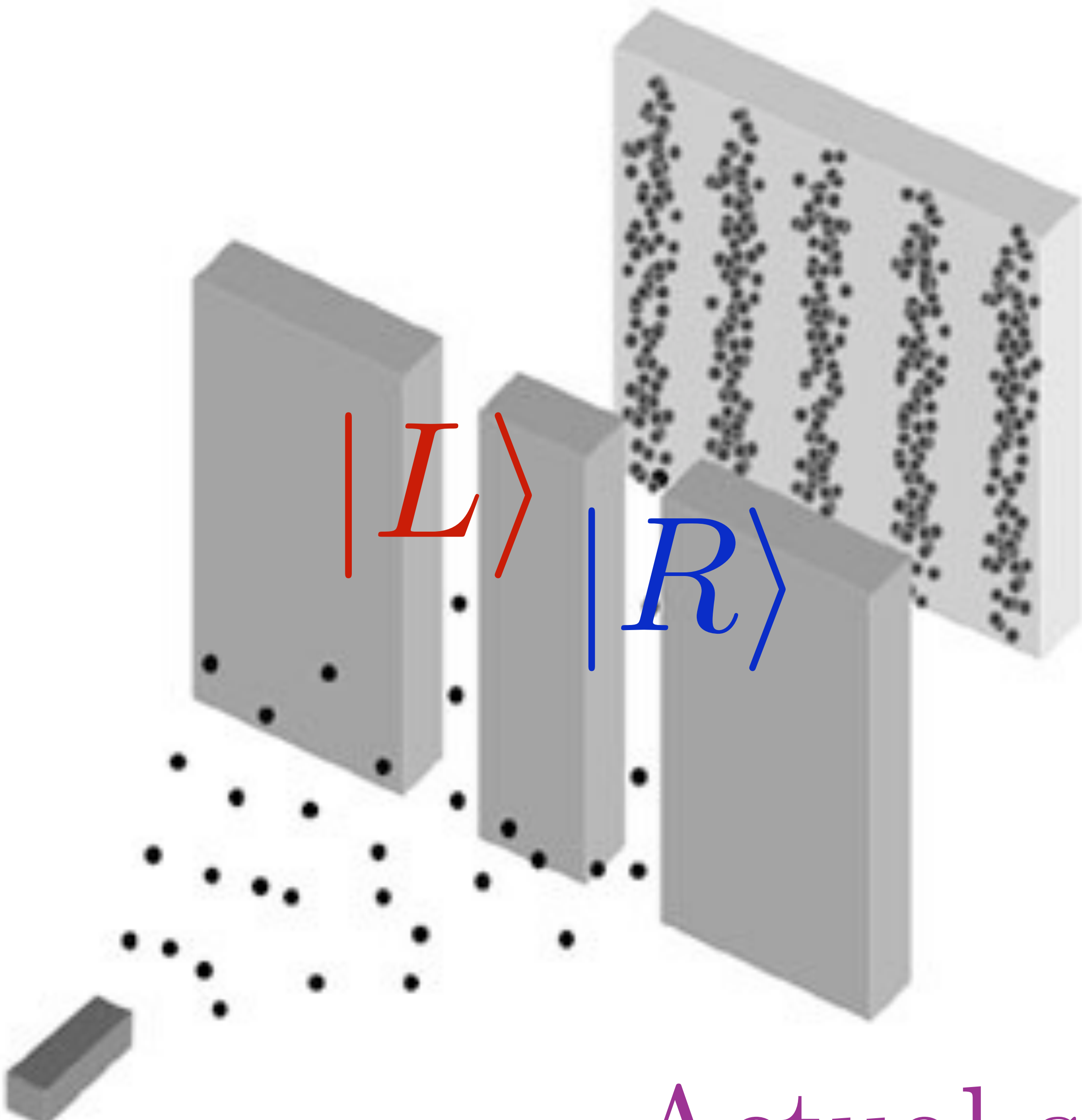
Quantum Superposition

The double slit experiment



Let $|L\rangle$ represent the state with the electron in the left slit

And $|R\rangle$ represents the state with the electron in the right slit

Actual state of the electron is

$$|L\rangle + |R\rangle$$

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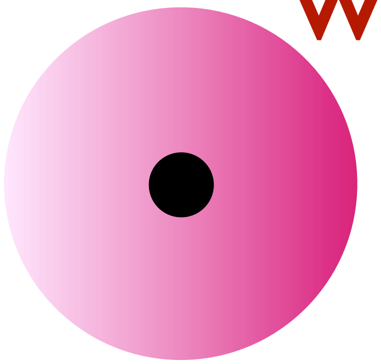

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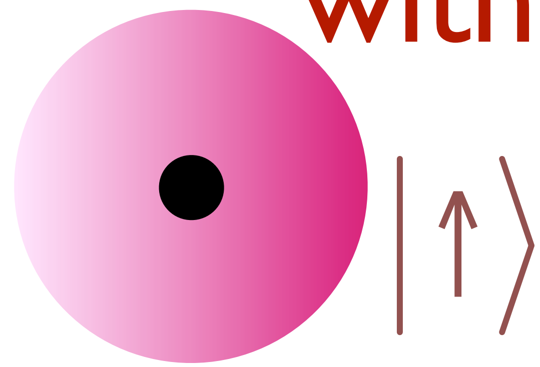
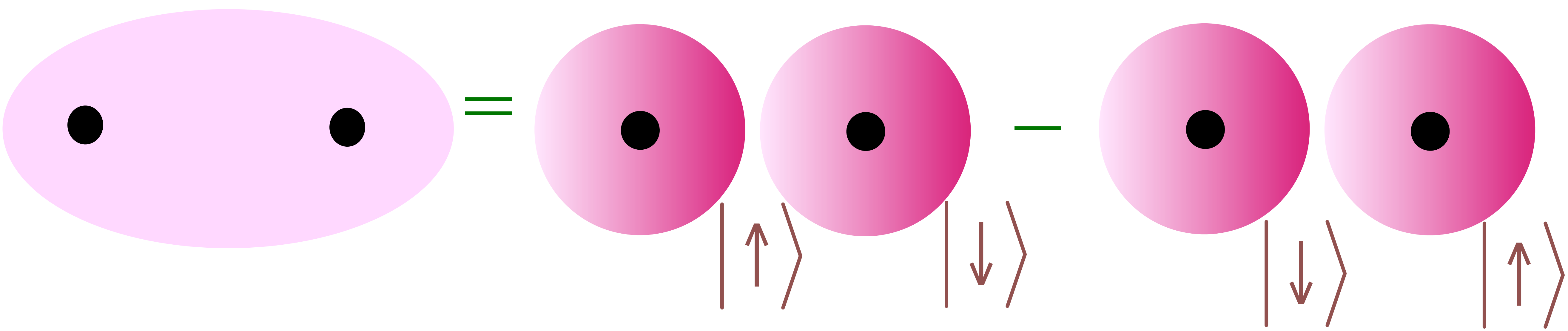


Hydrogen molecule:



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

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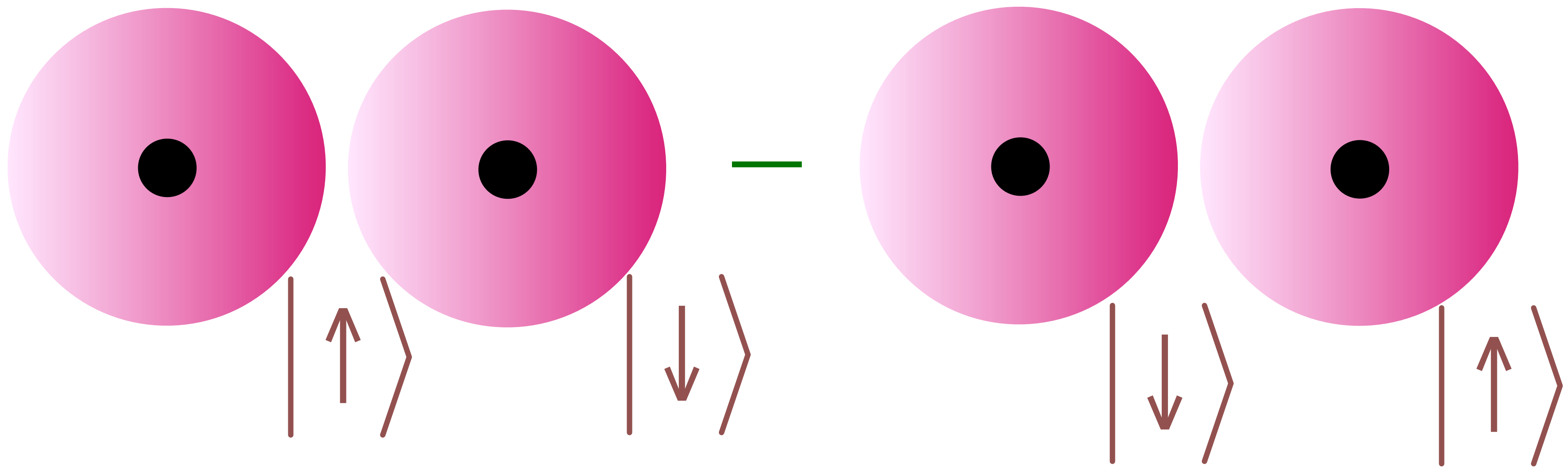

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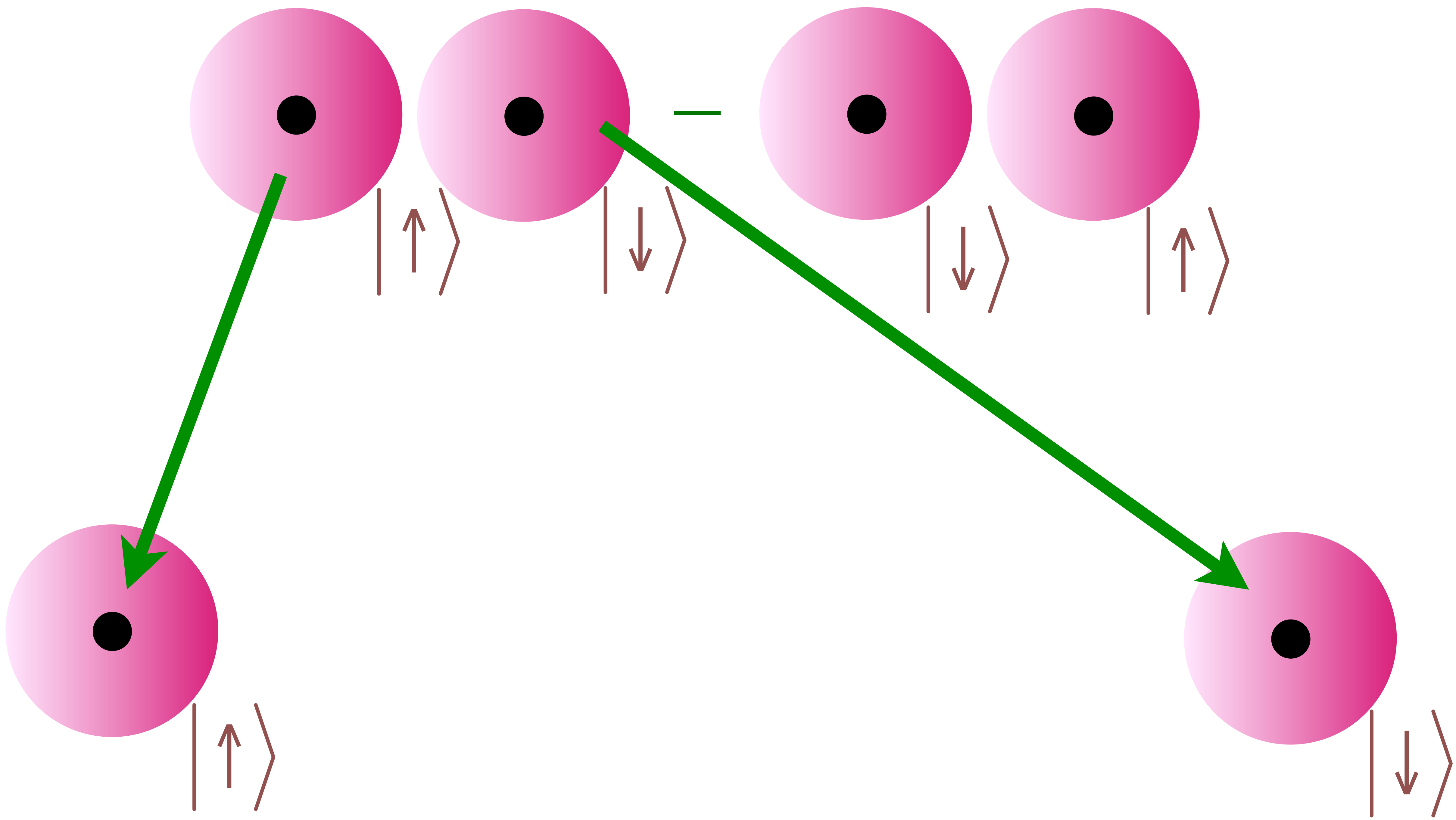

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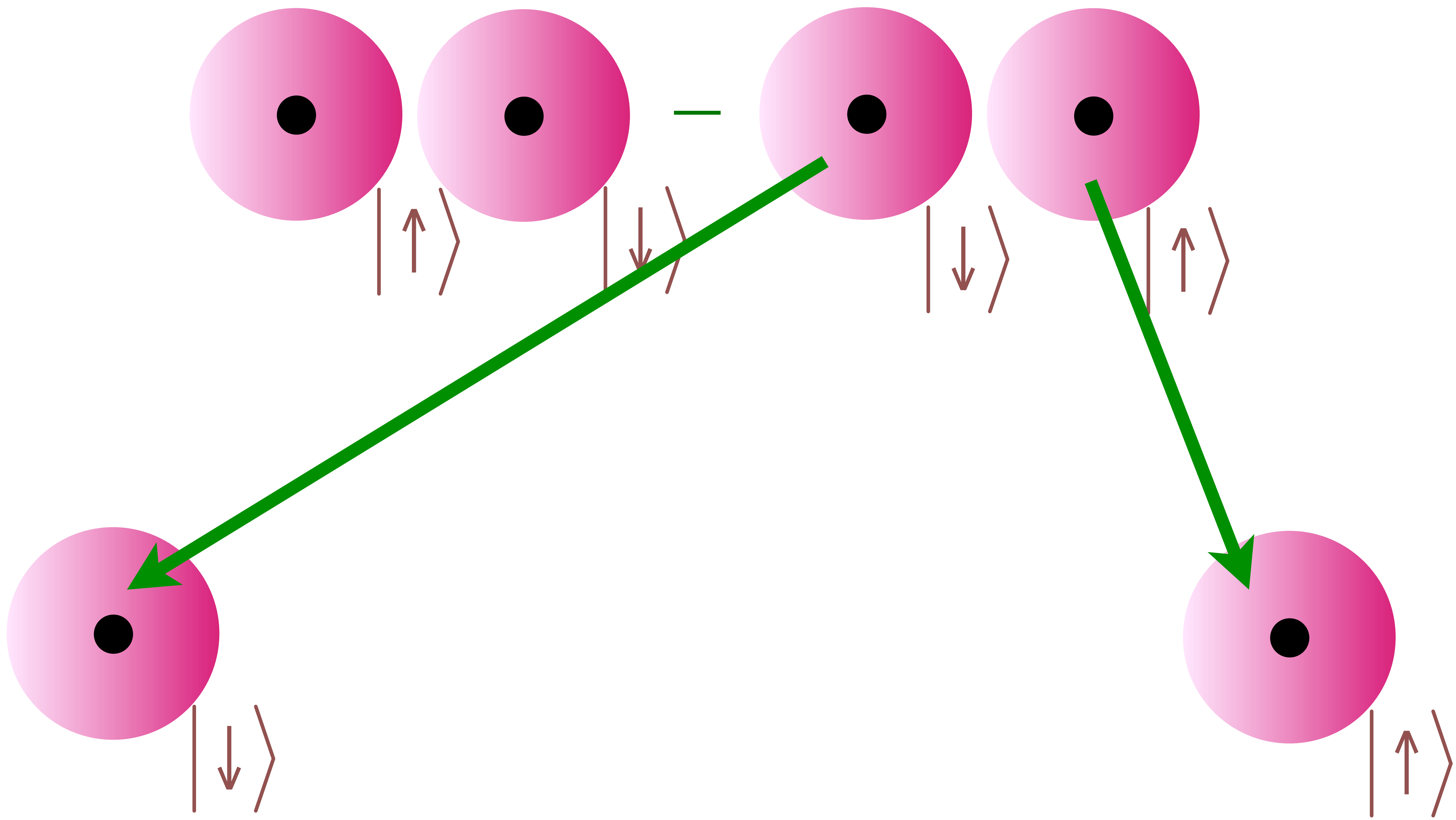

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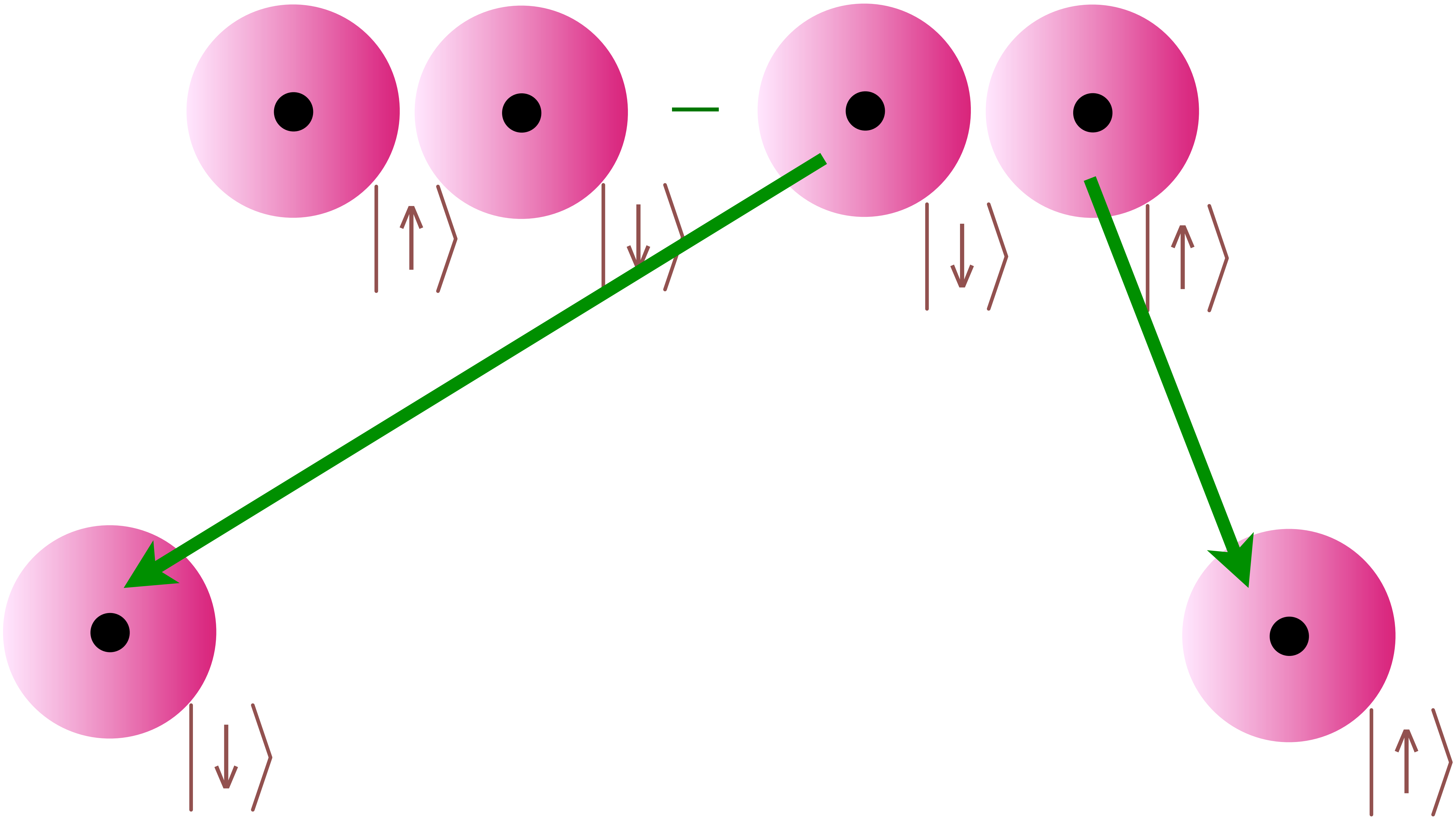

Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen "paradox": Non-local correlations between observations arbitrarily far apart

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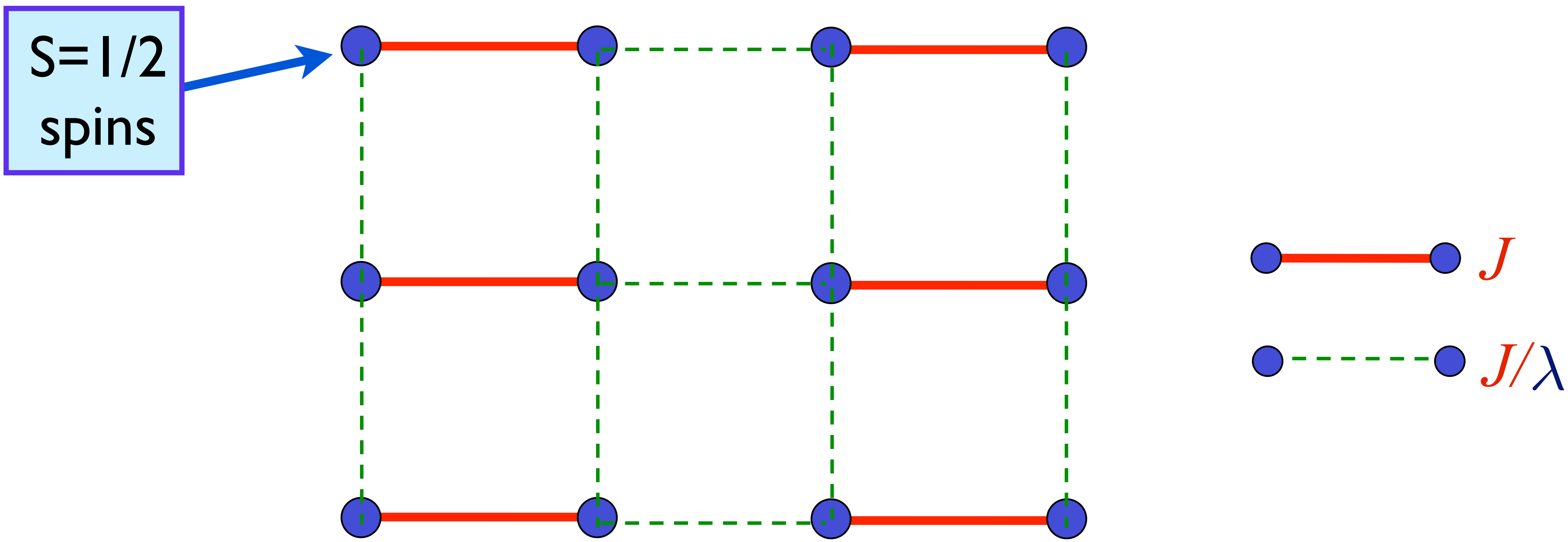

Examine ground state as a function of λ

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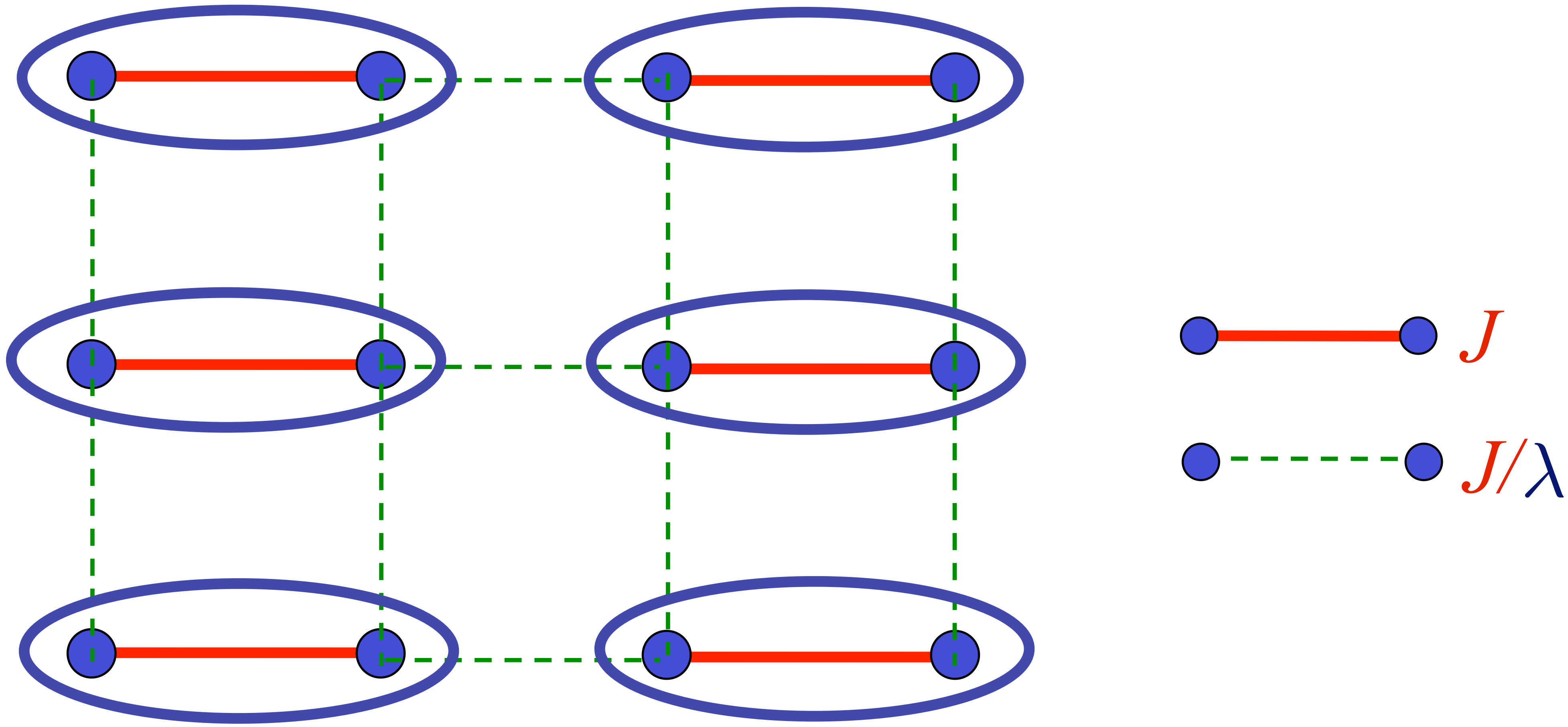

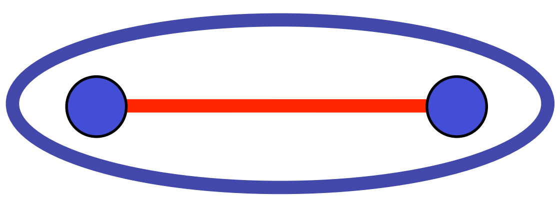

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At large λ ground state is a "quantum paramagnet" with spins locked in valence bond singlets

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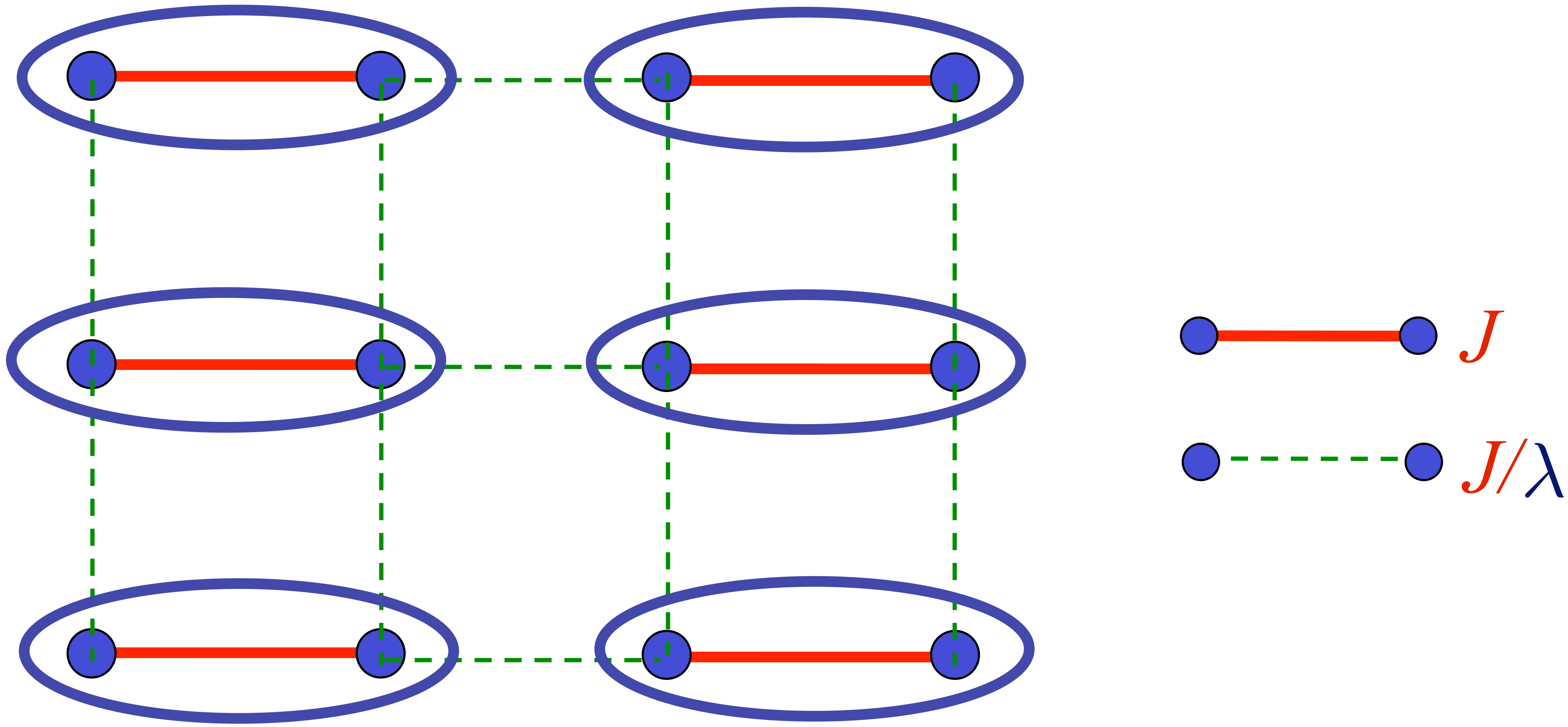

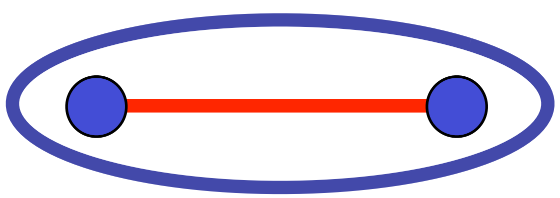

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Nearest-neighor spins are "entangled" with each other.
Can be separated into an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) pair.

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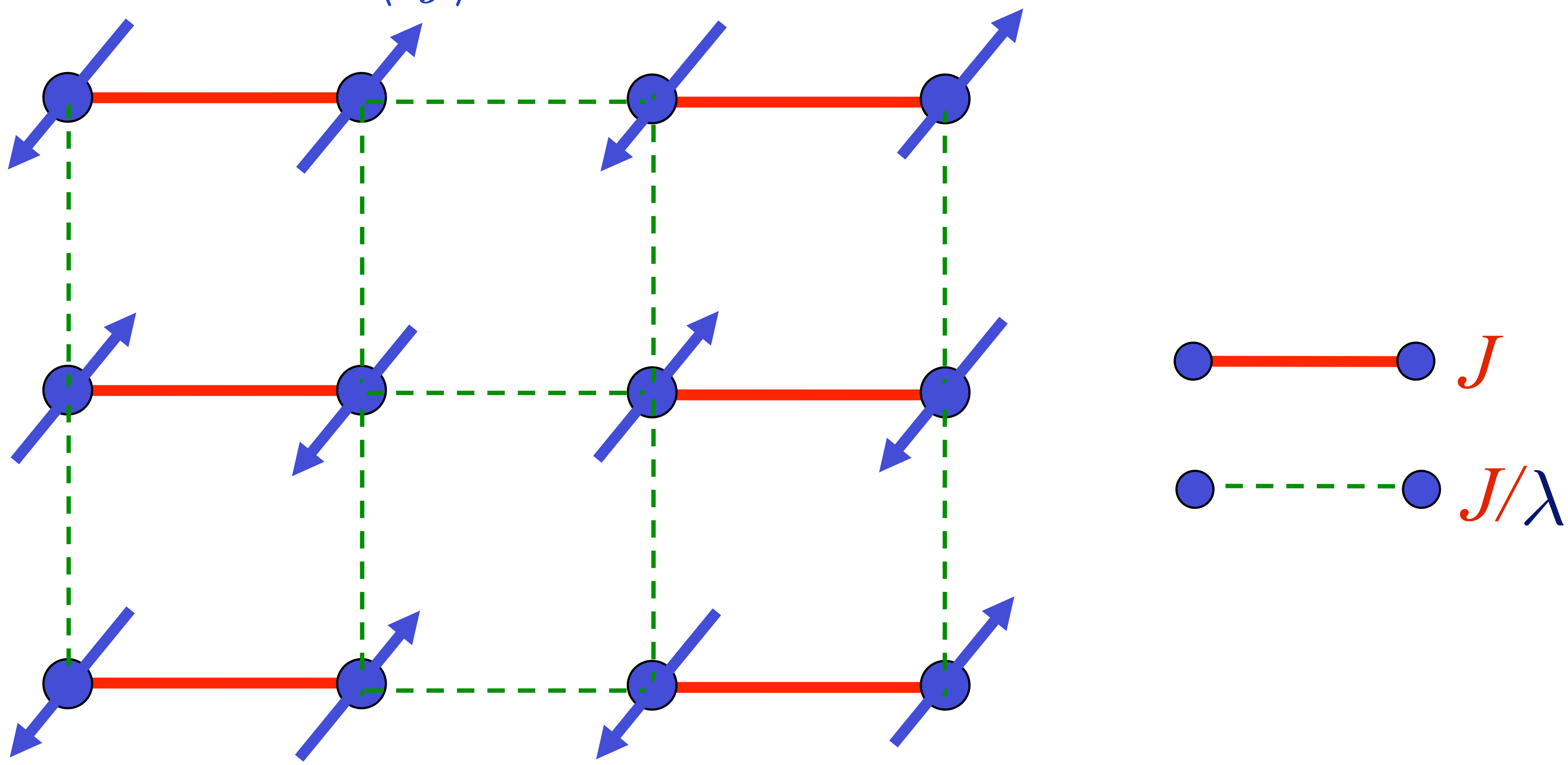

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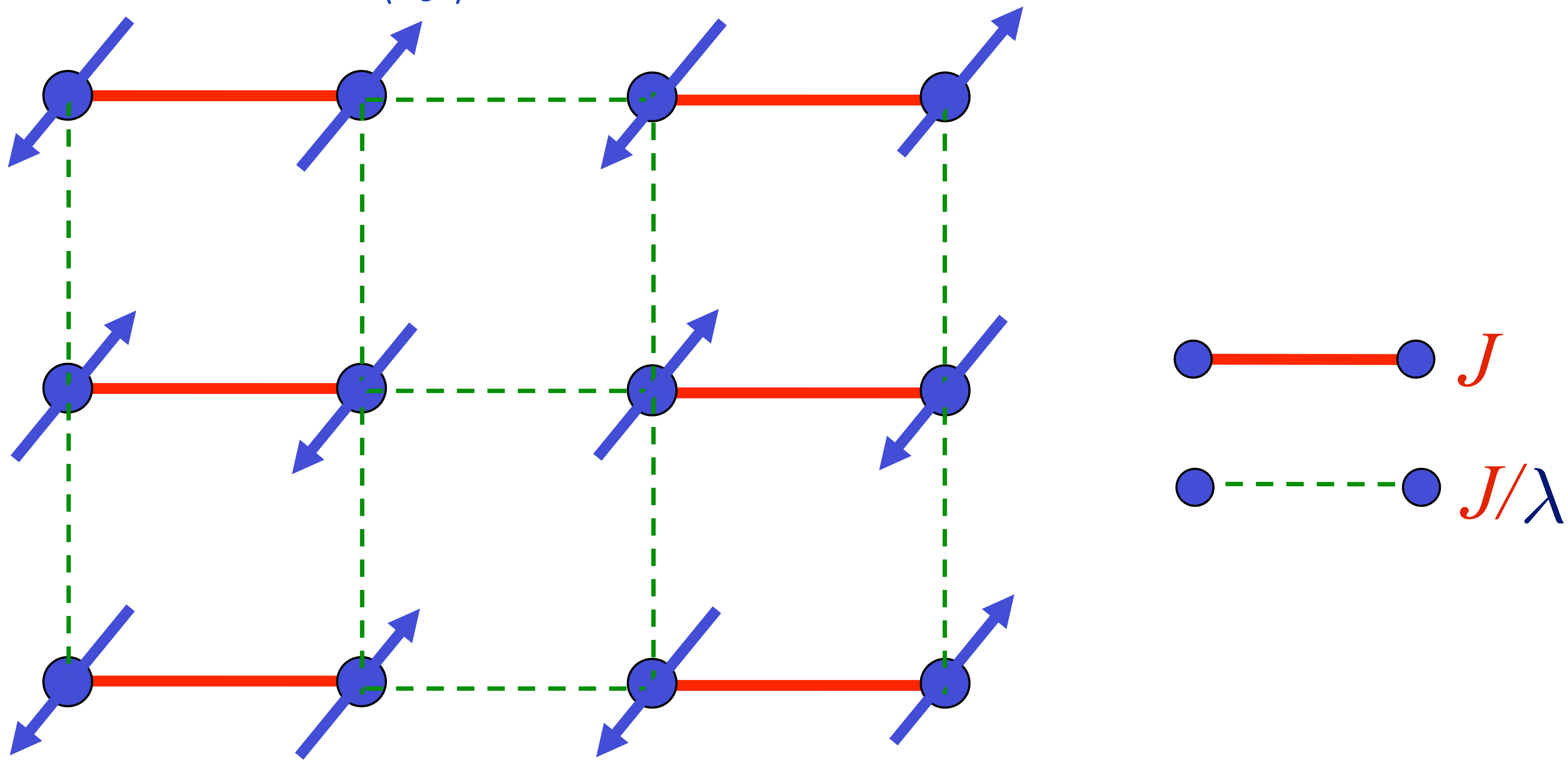

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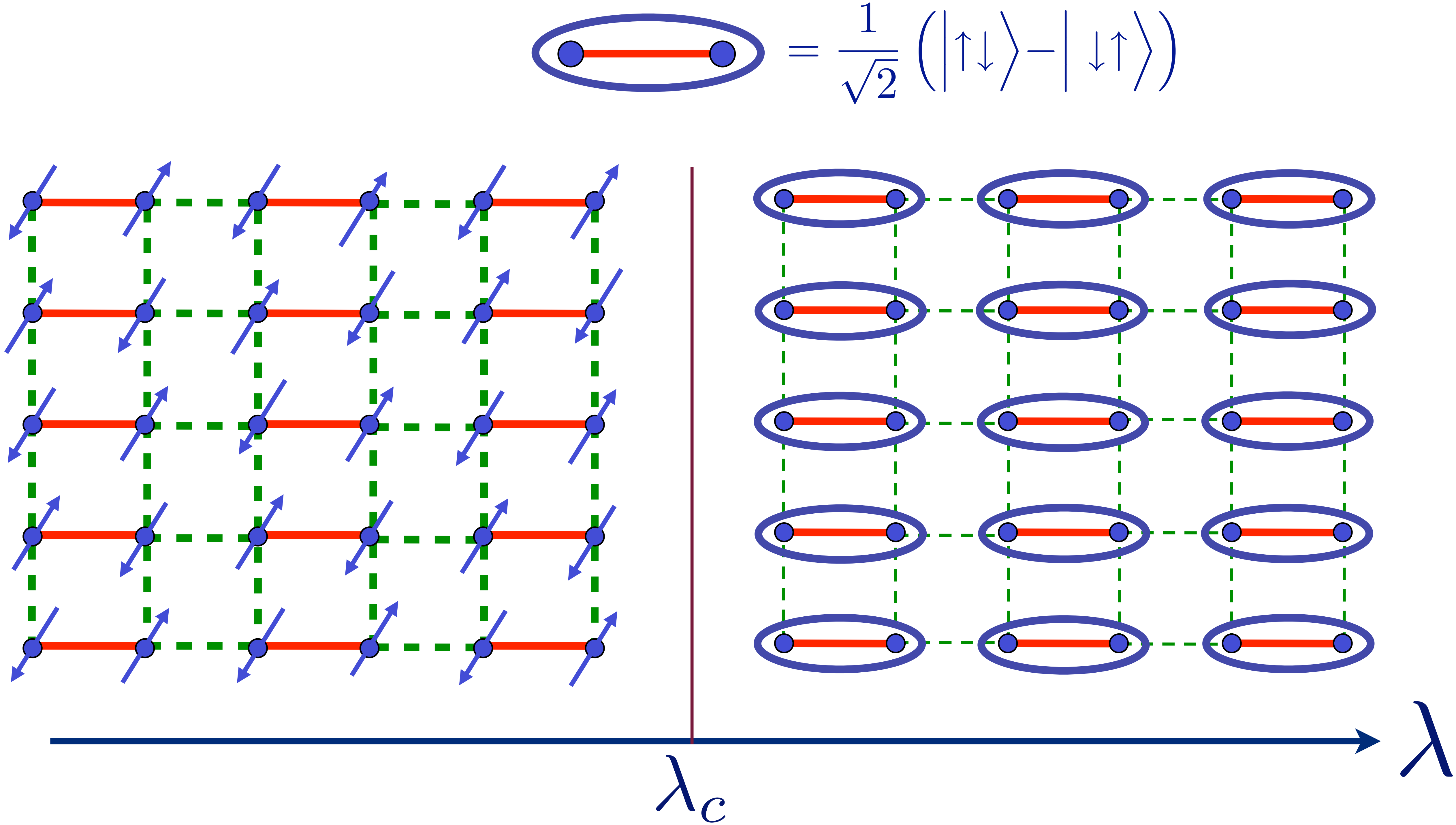

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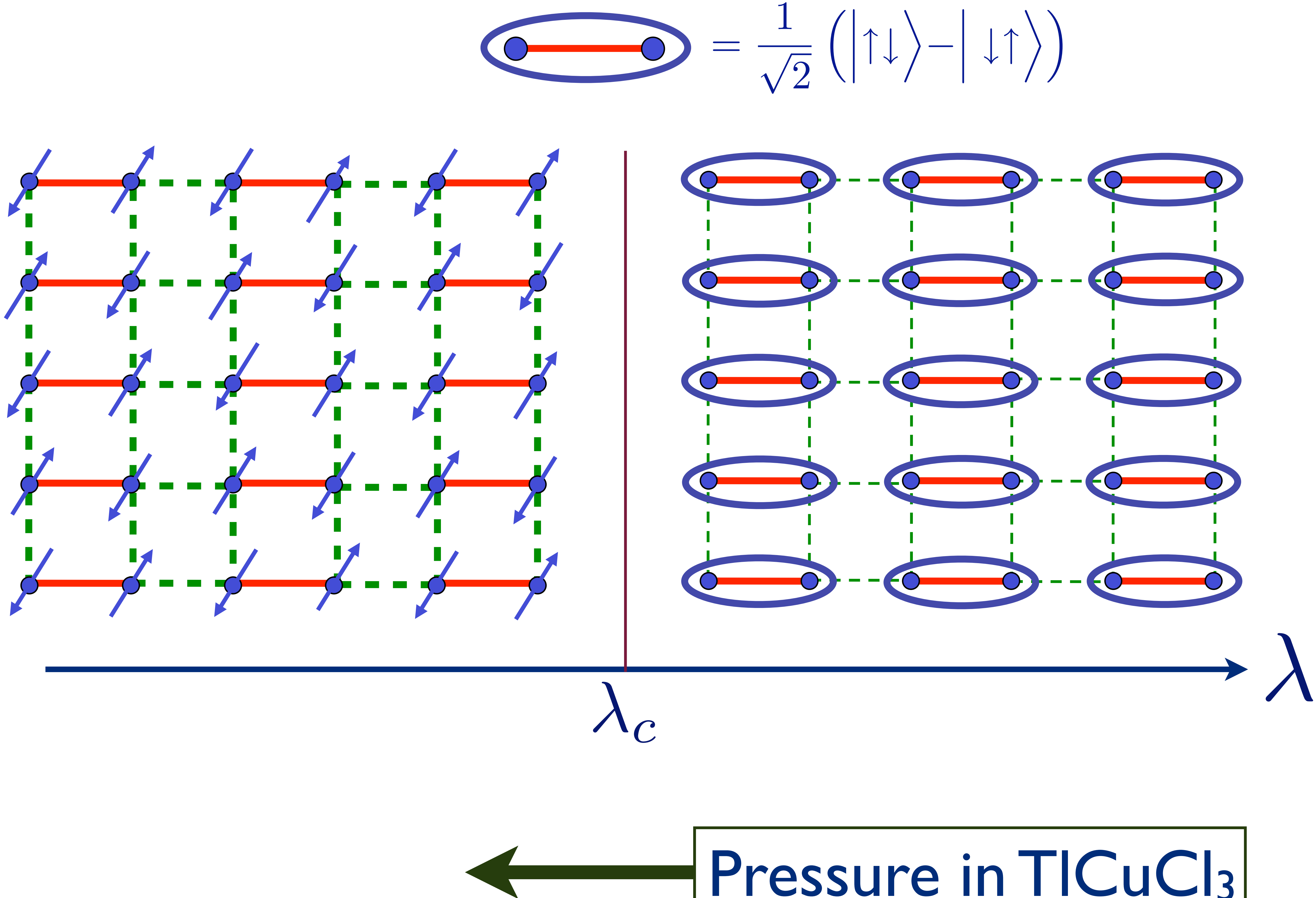

Pressure in $TlCuCl_3$

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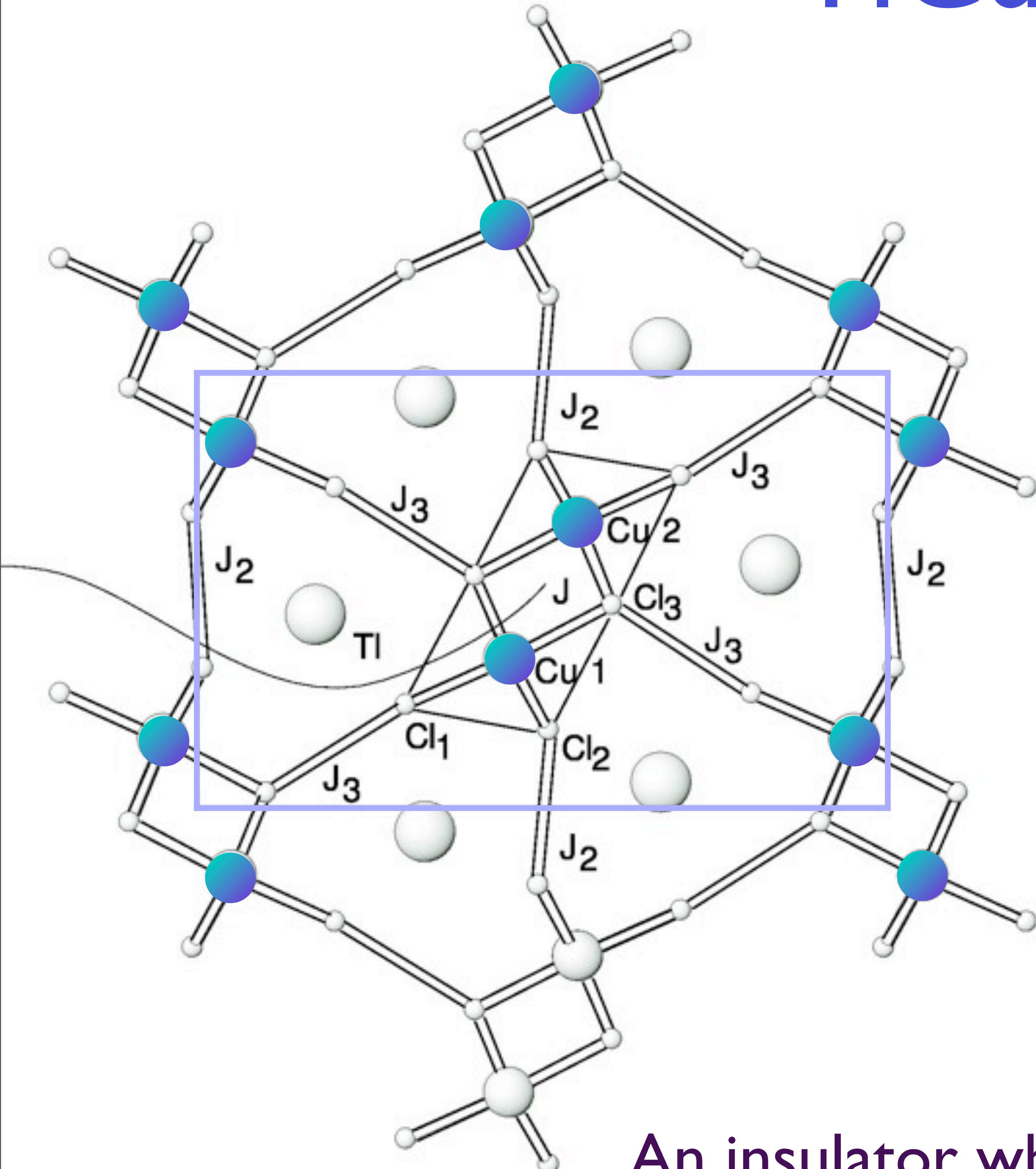

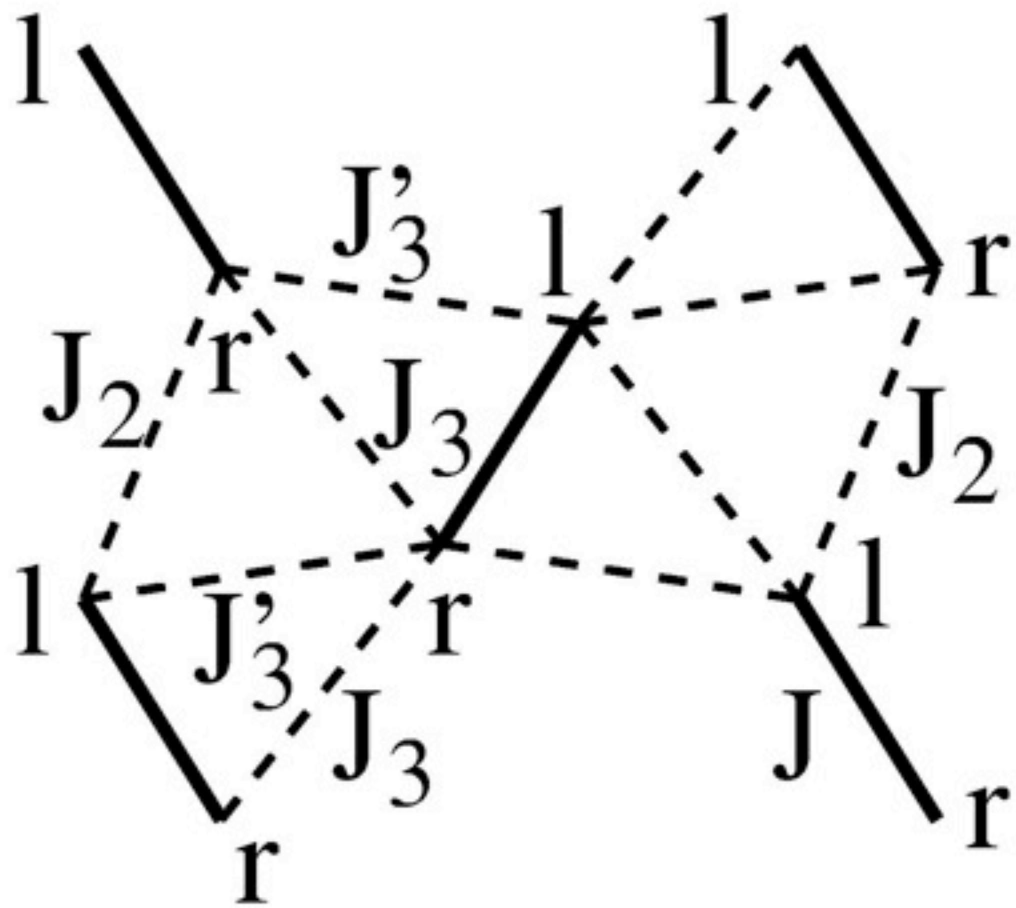

An insulator whose spin susceptibility vanishes exponentially as the temperature T tends to zero.

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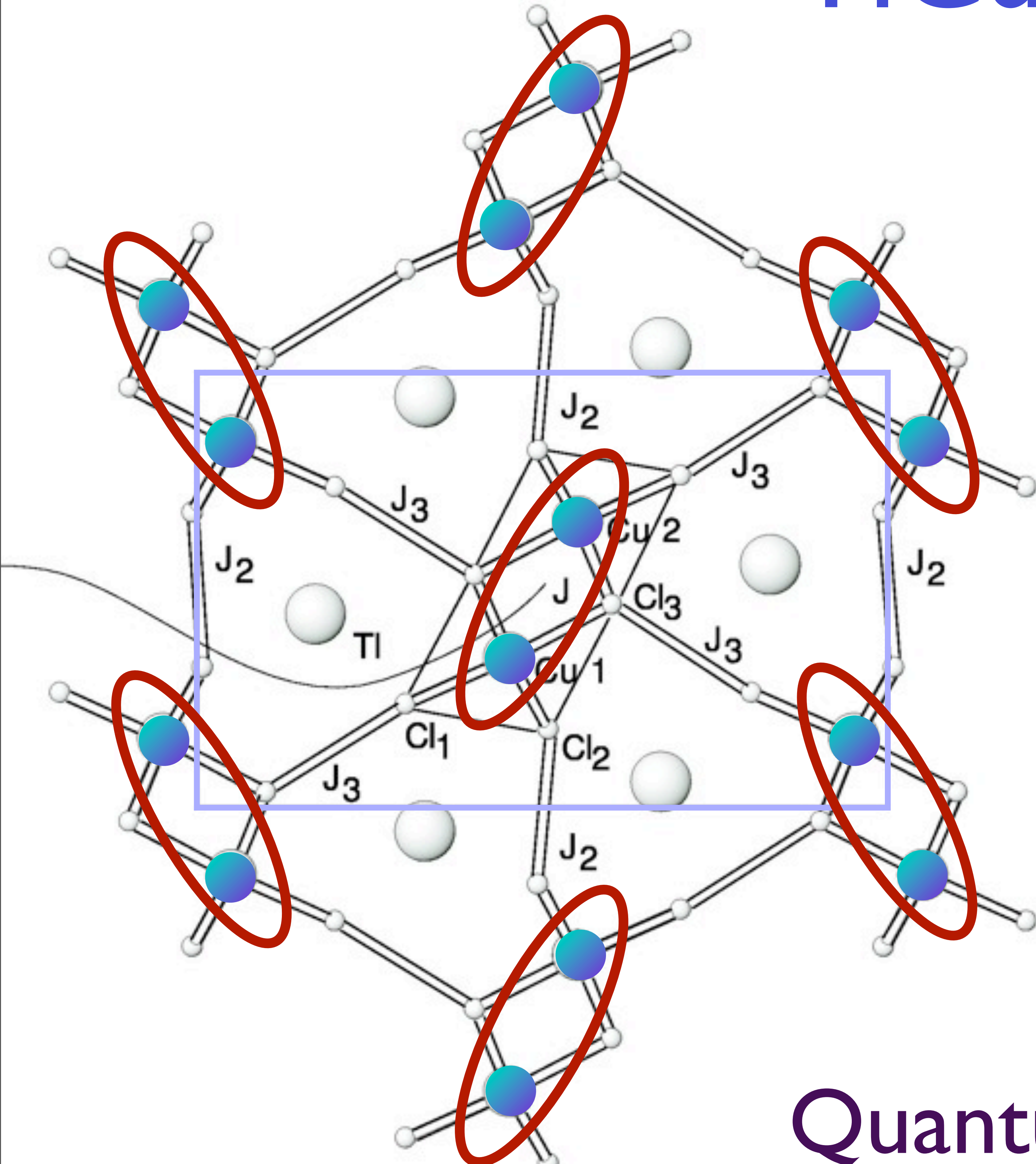

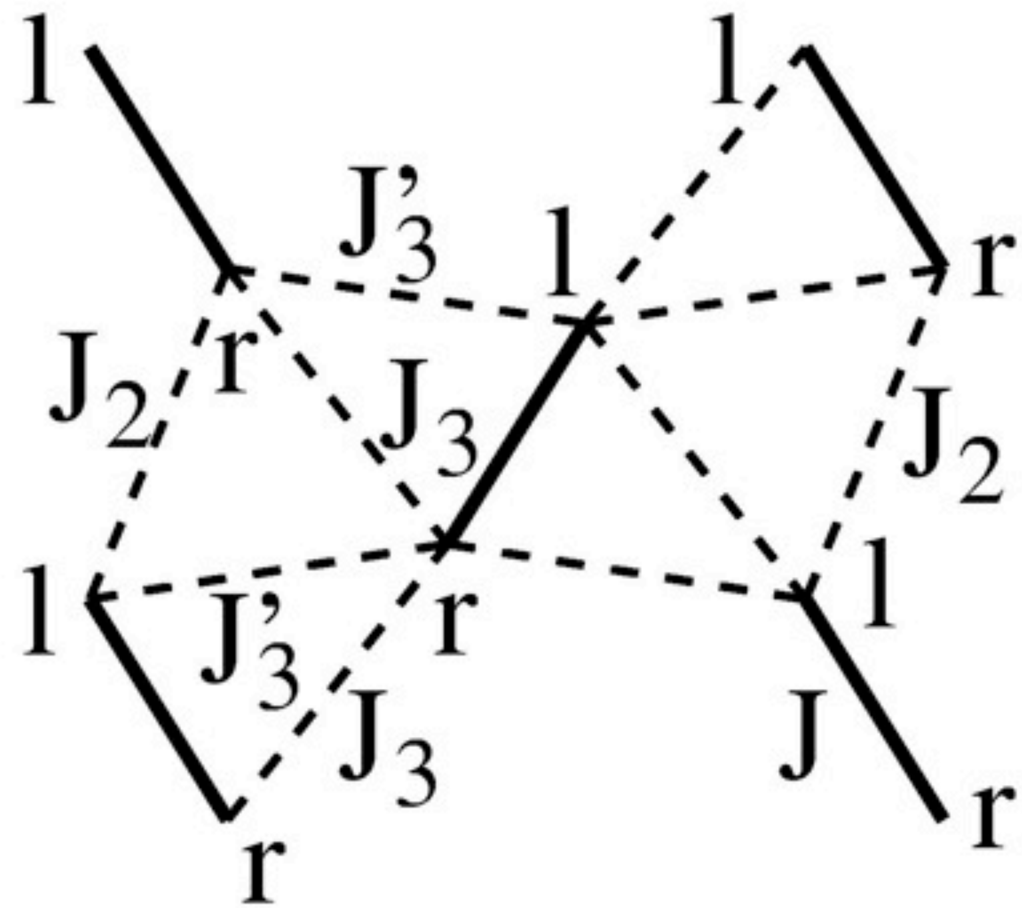

Quantum paramagnet at ambient pressure

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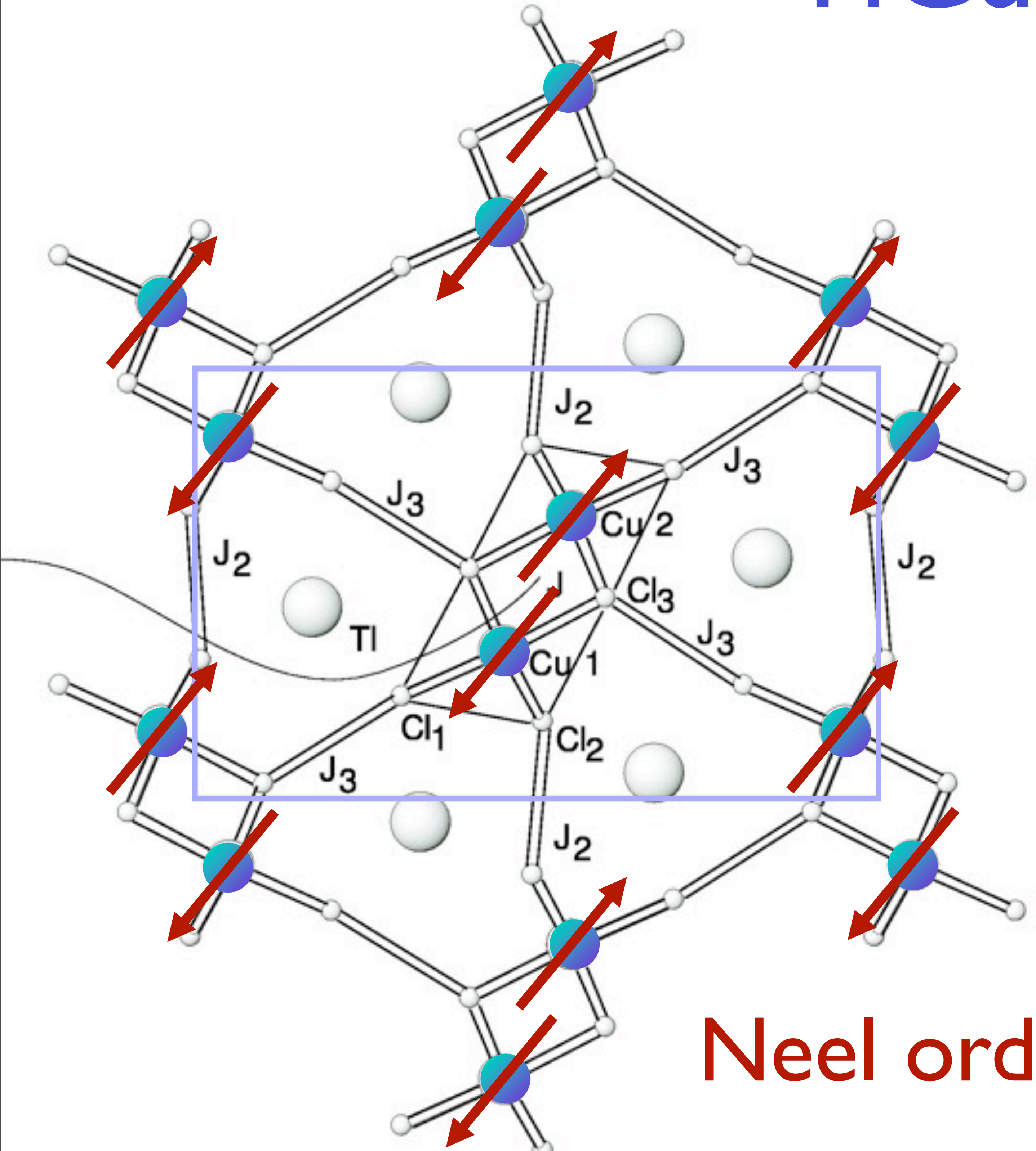

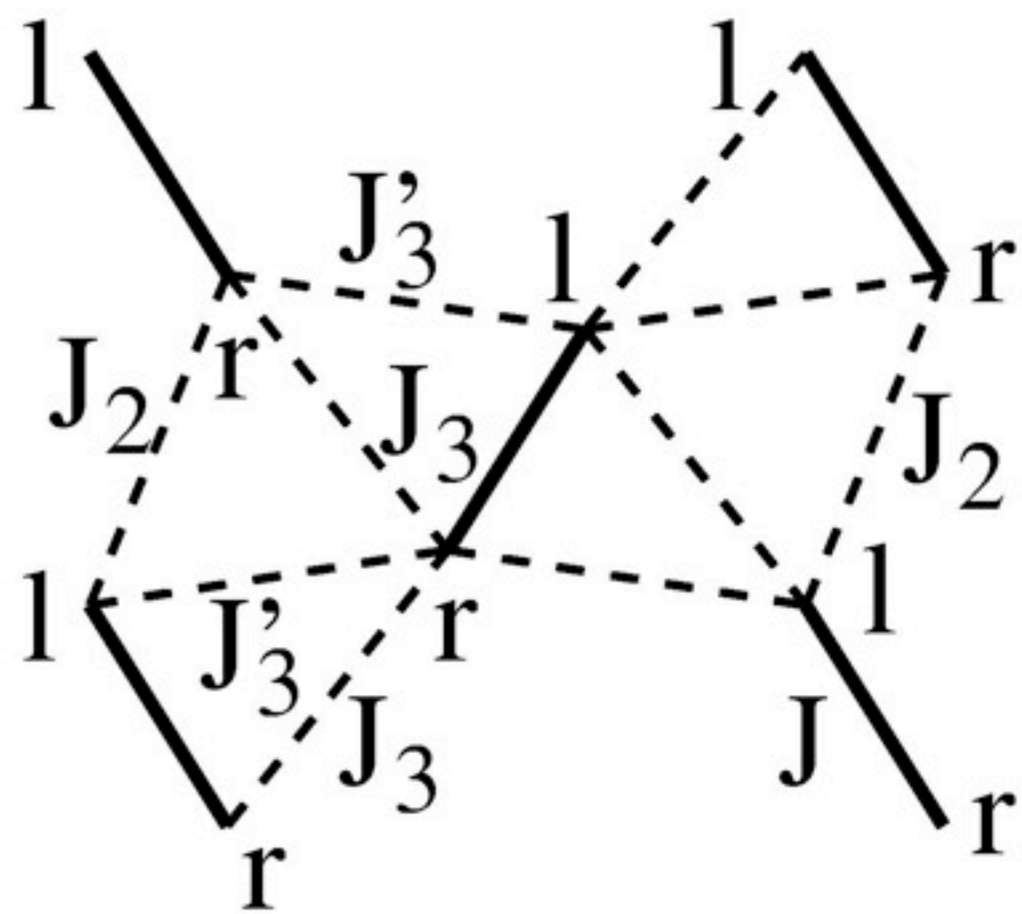

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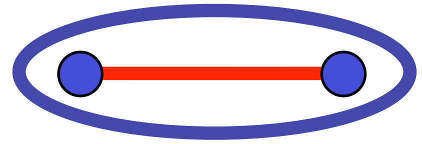

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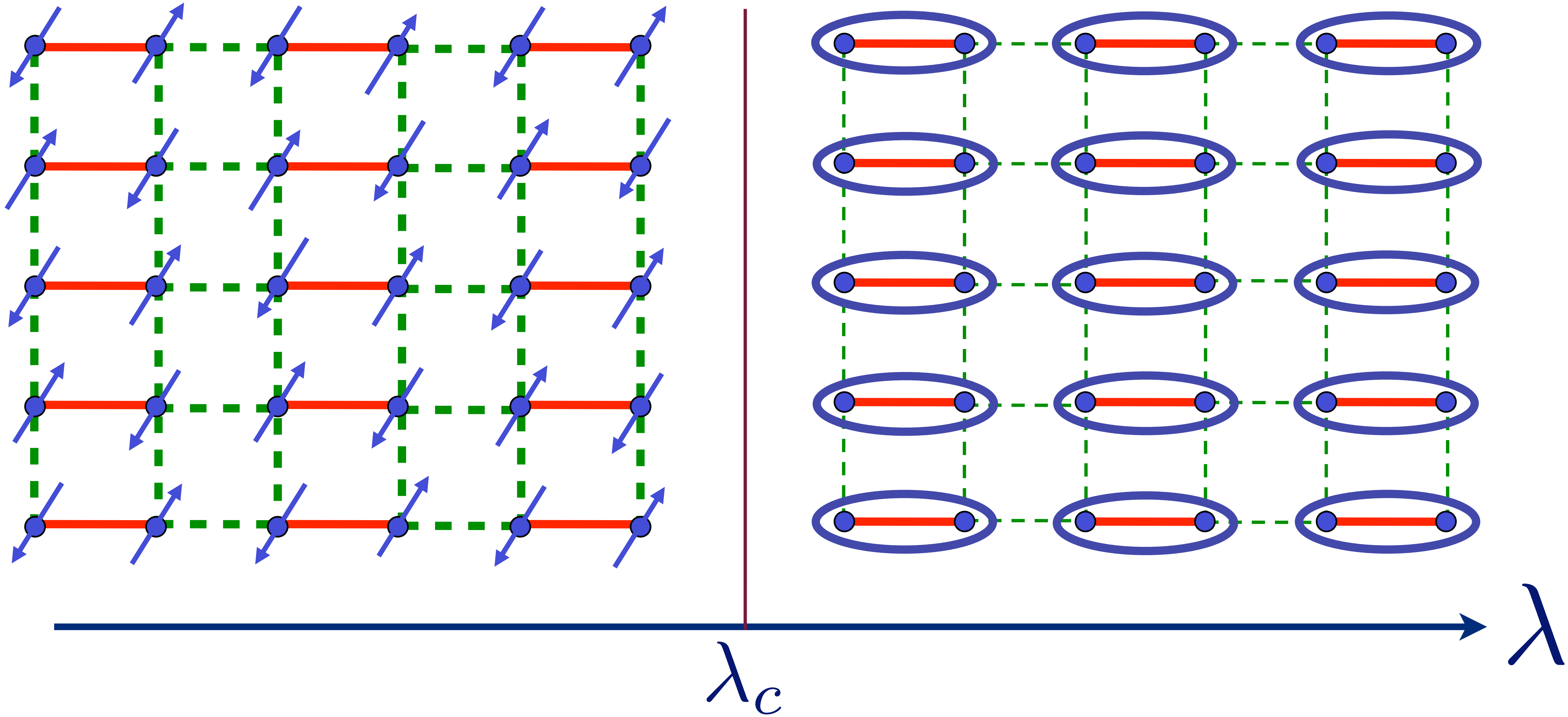

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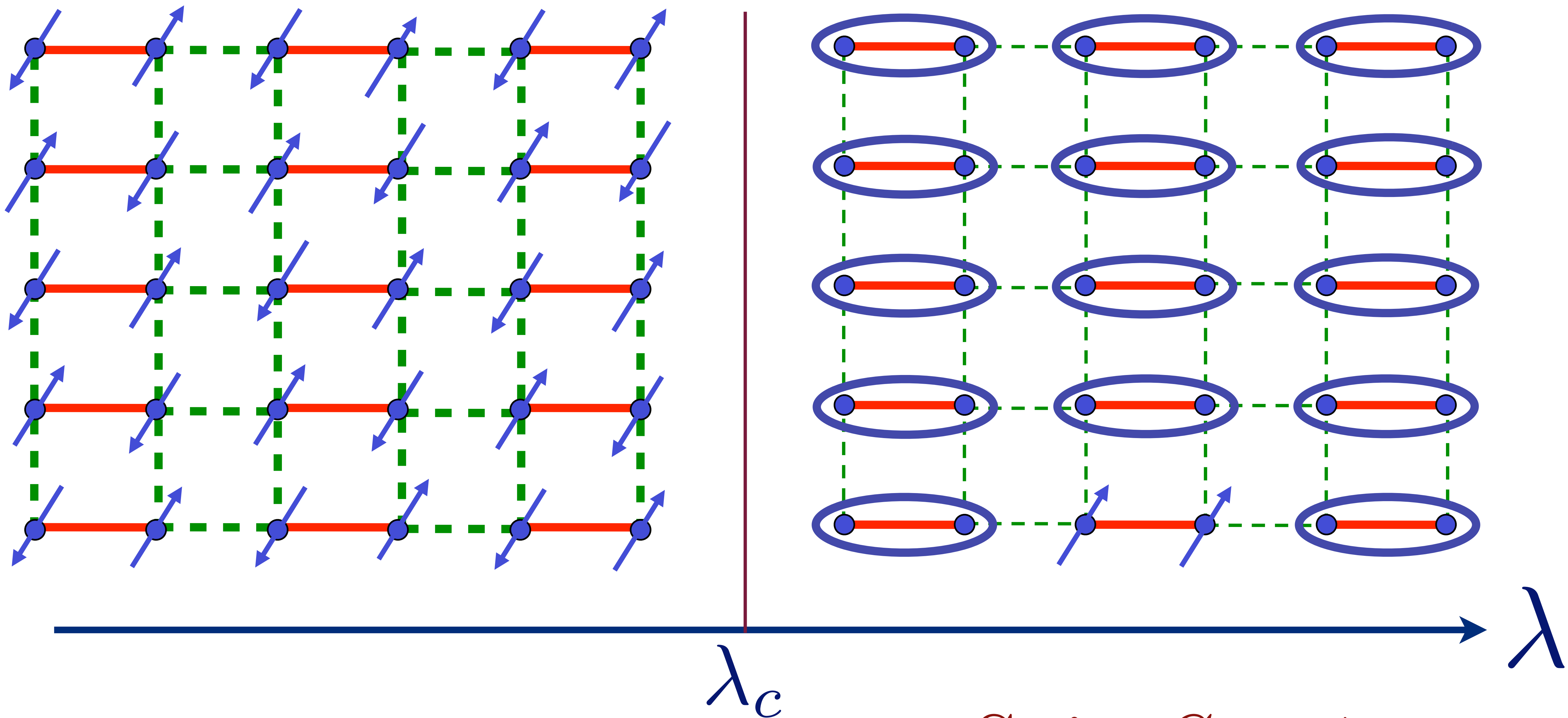

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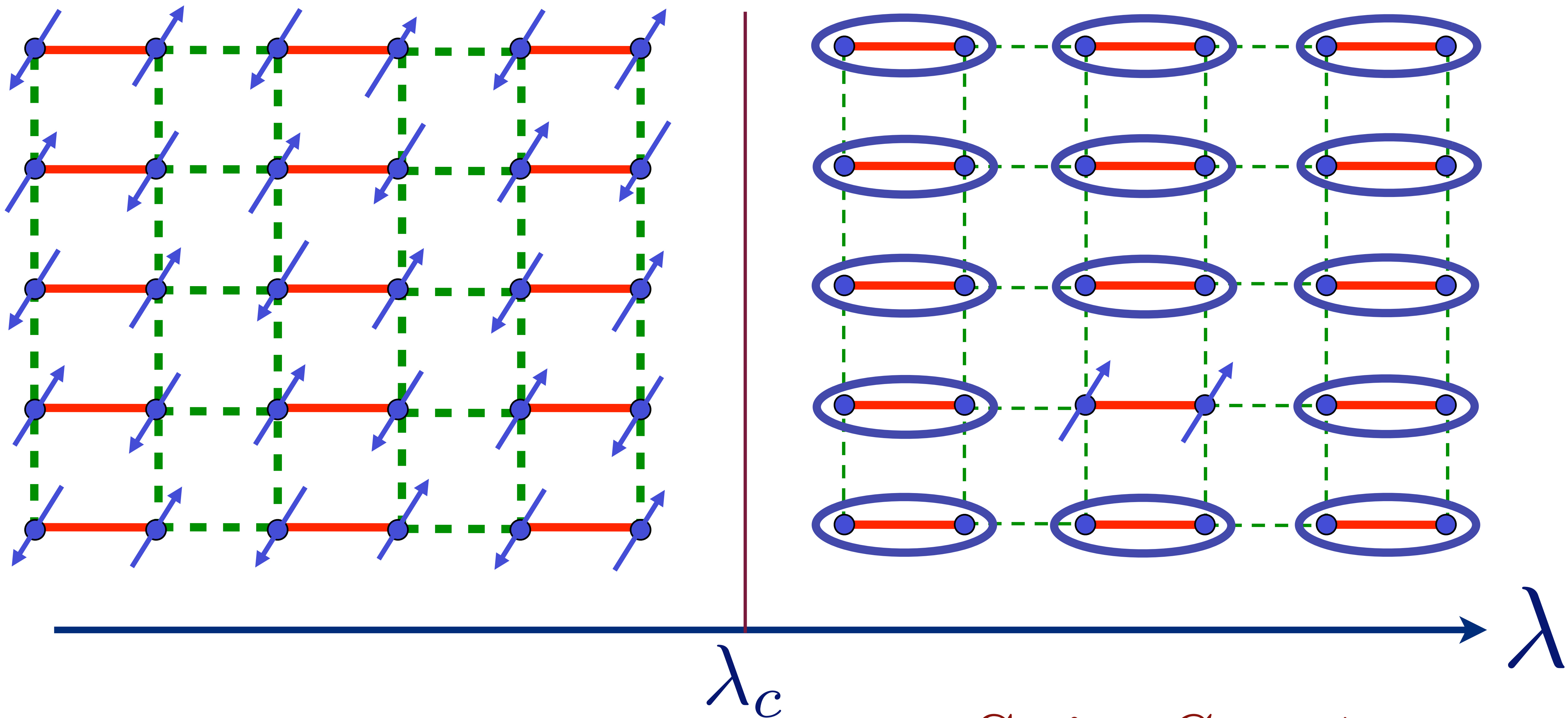

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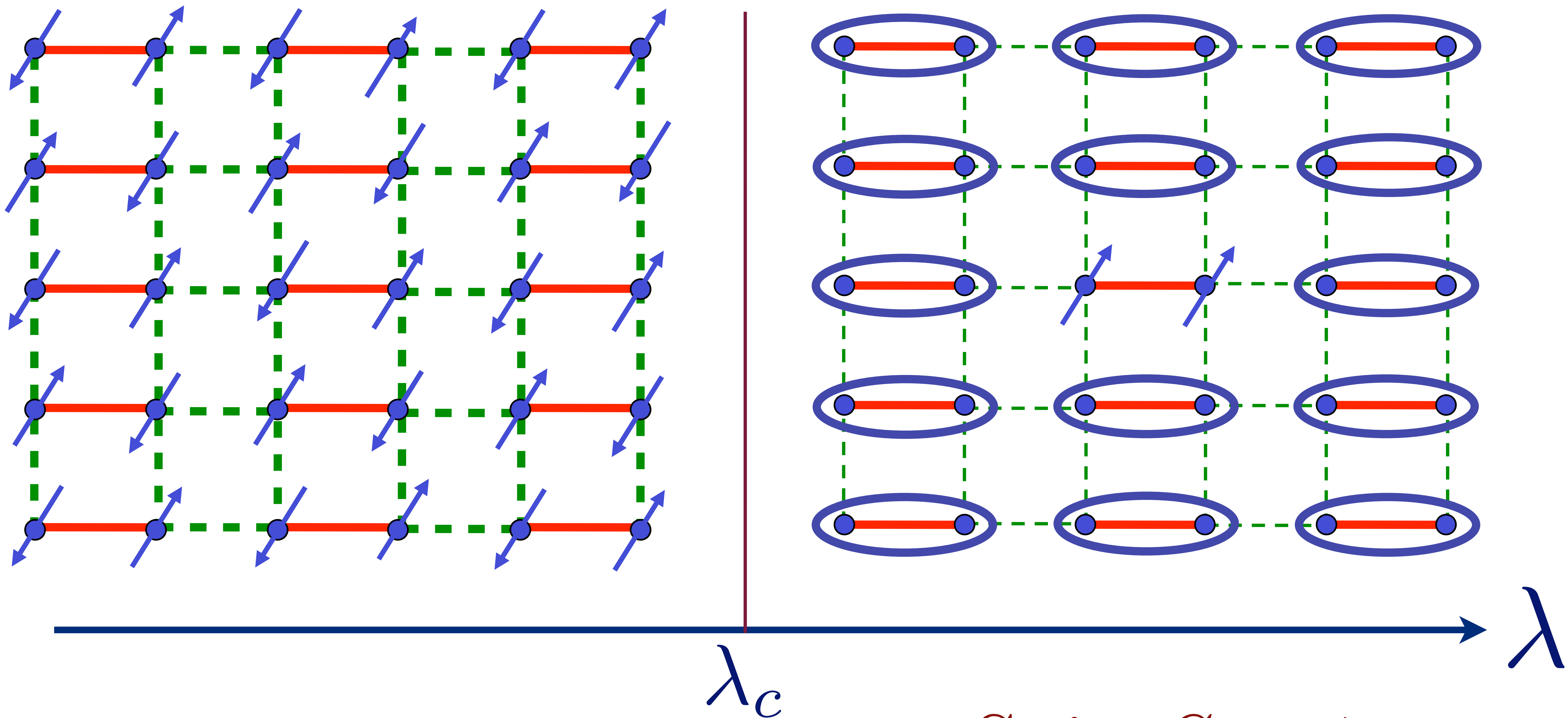

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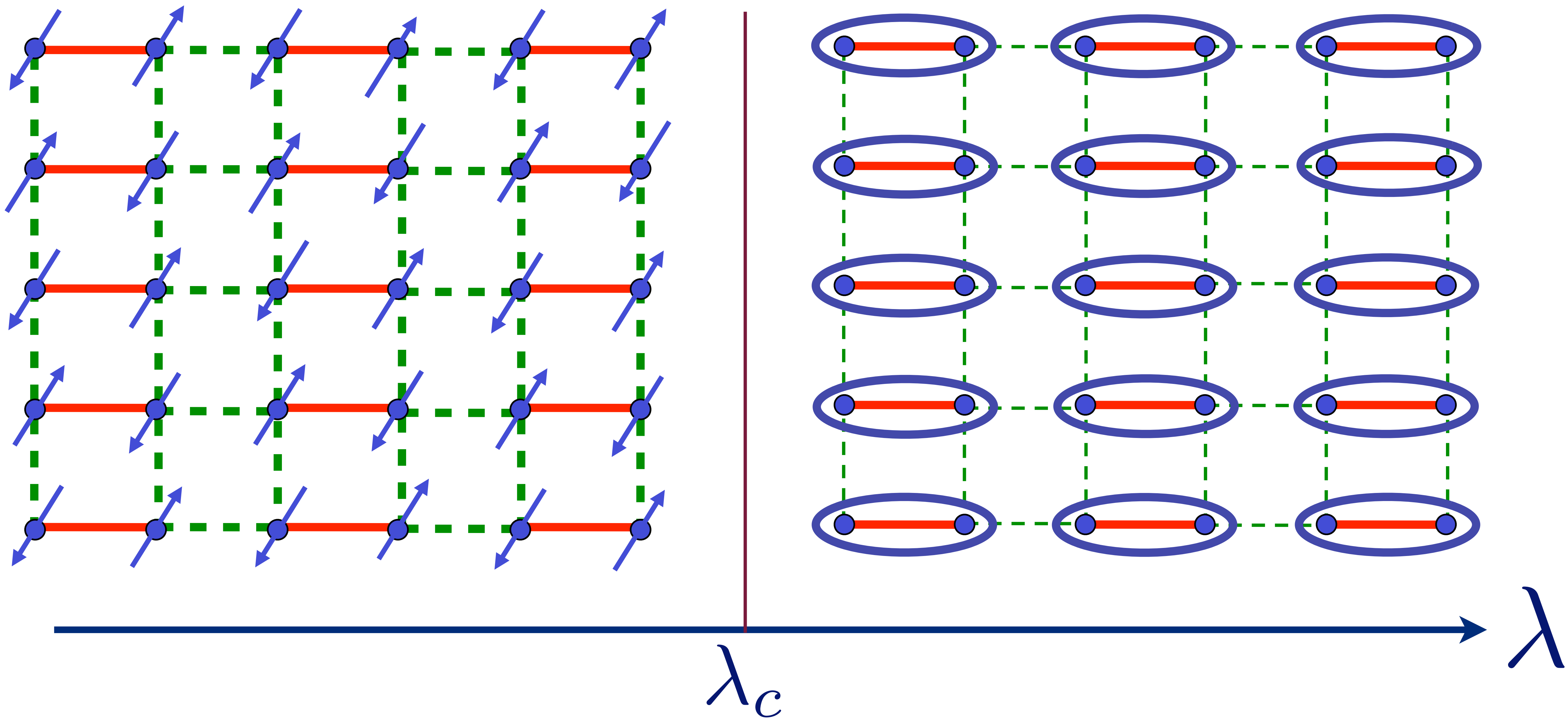

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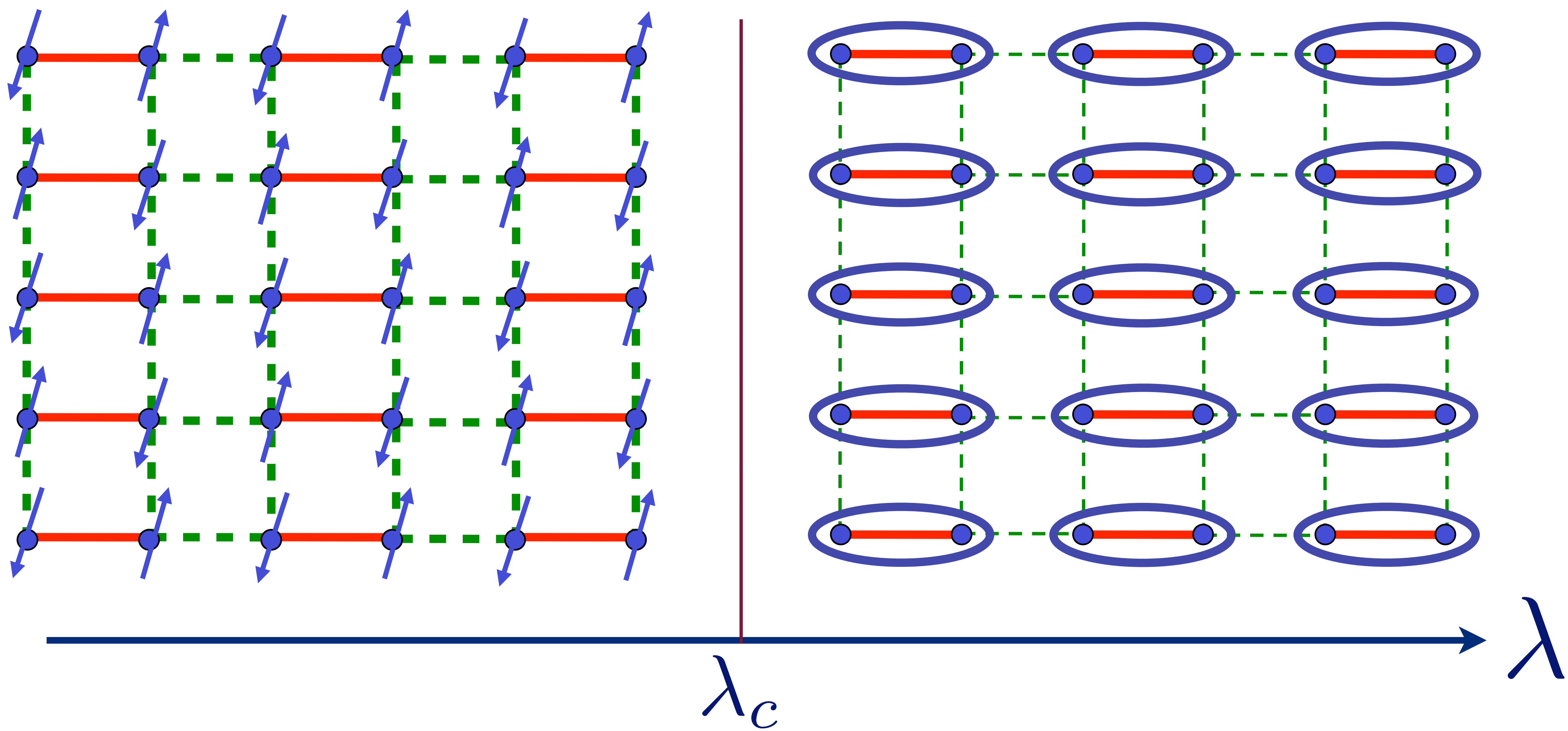

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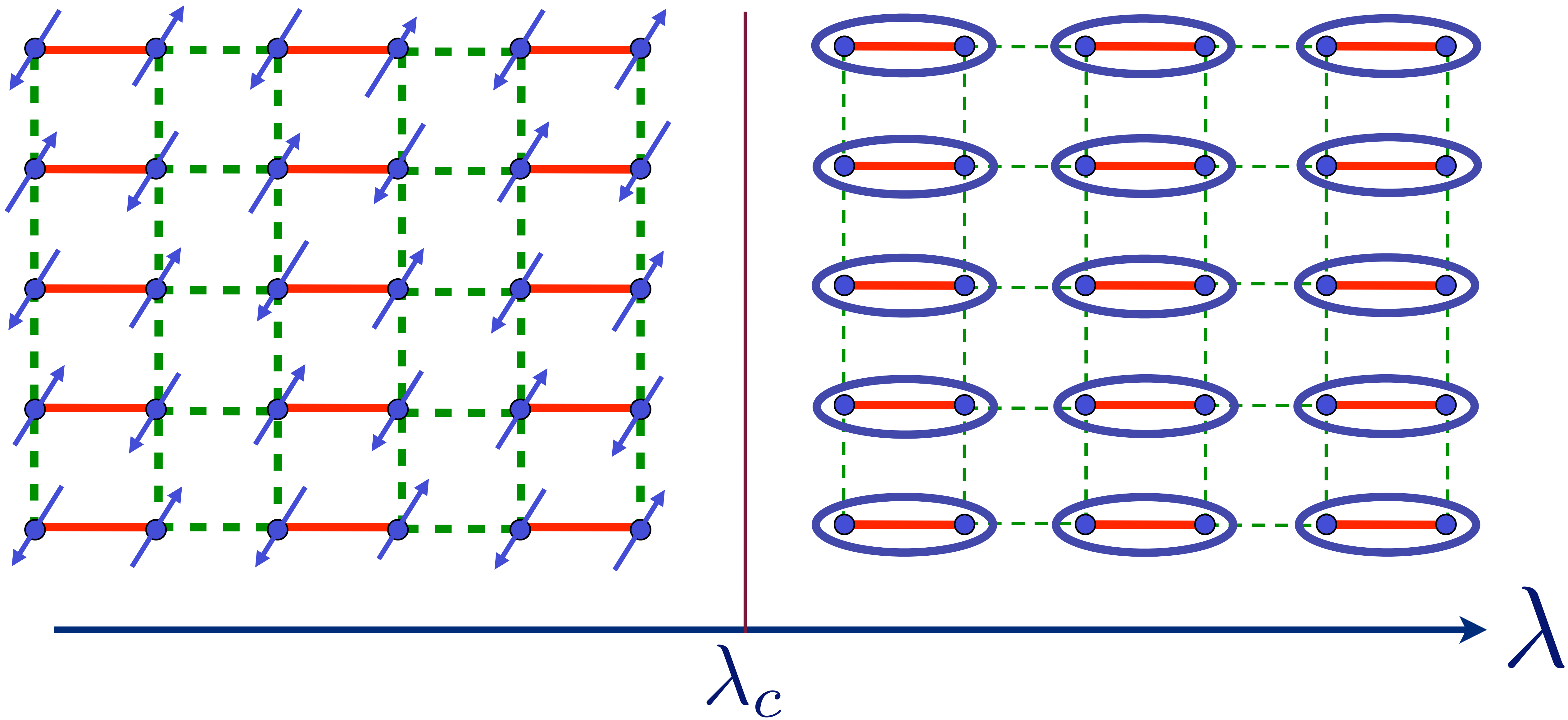

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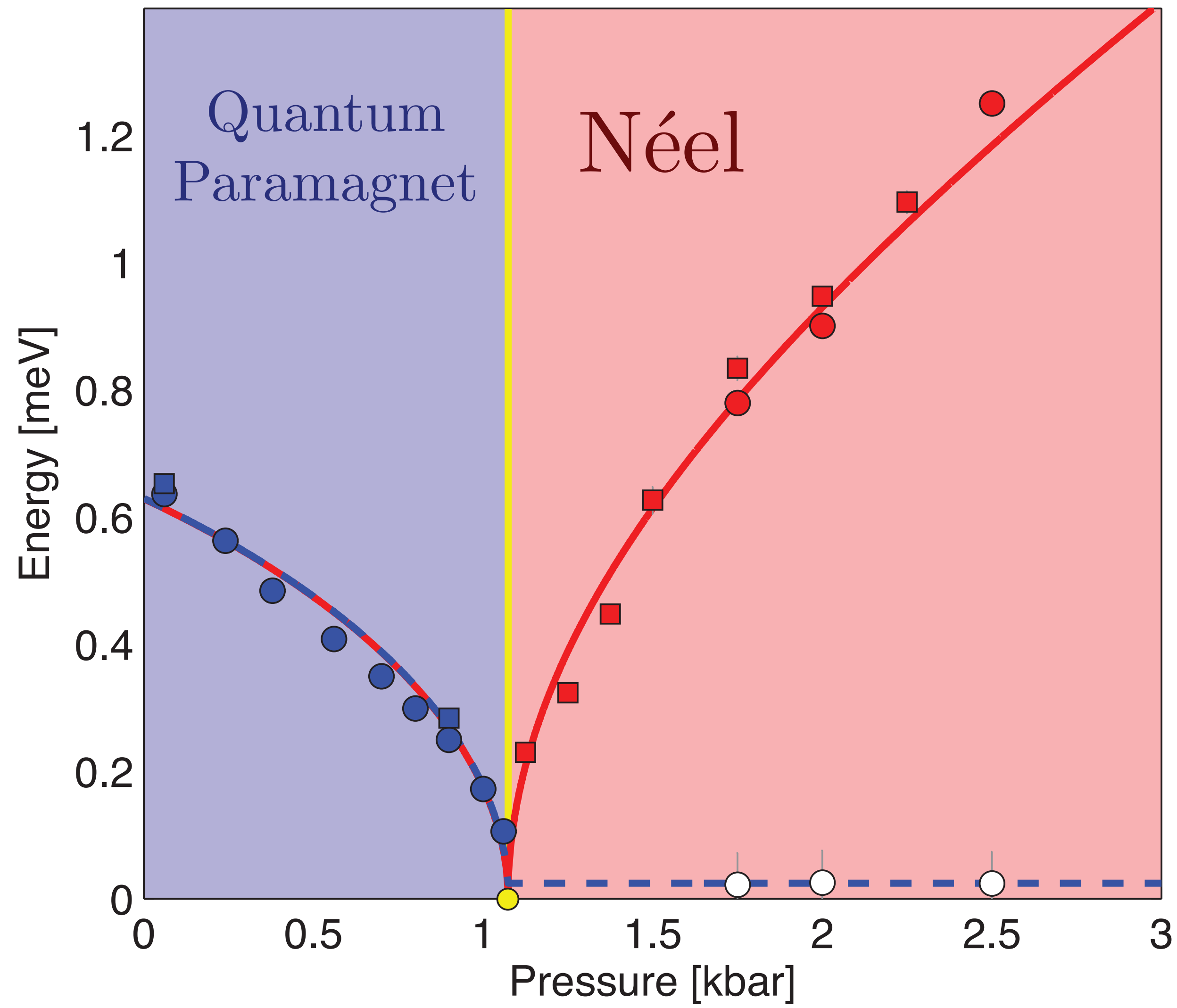

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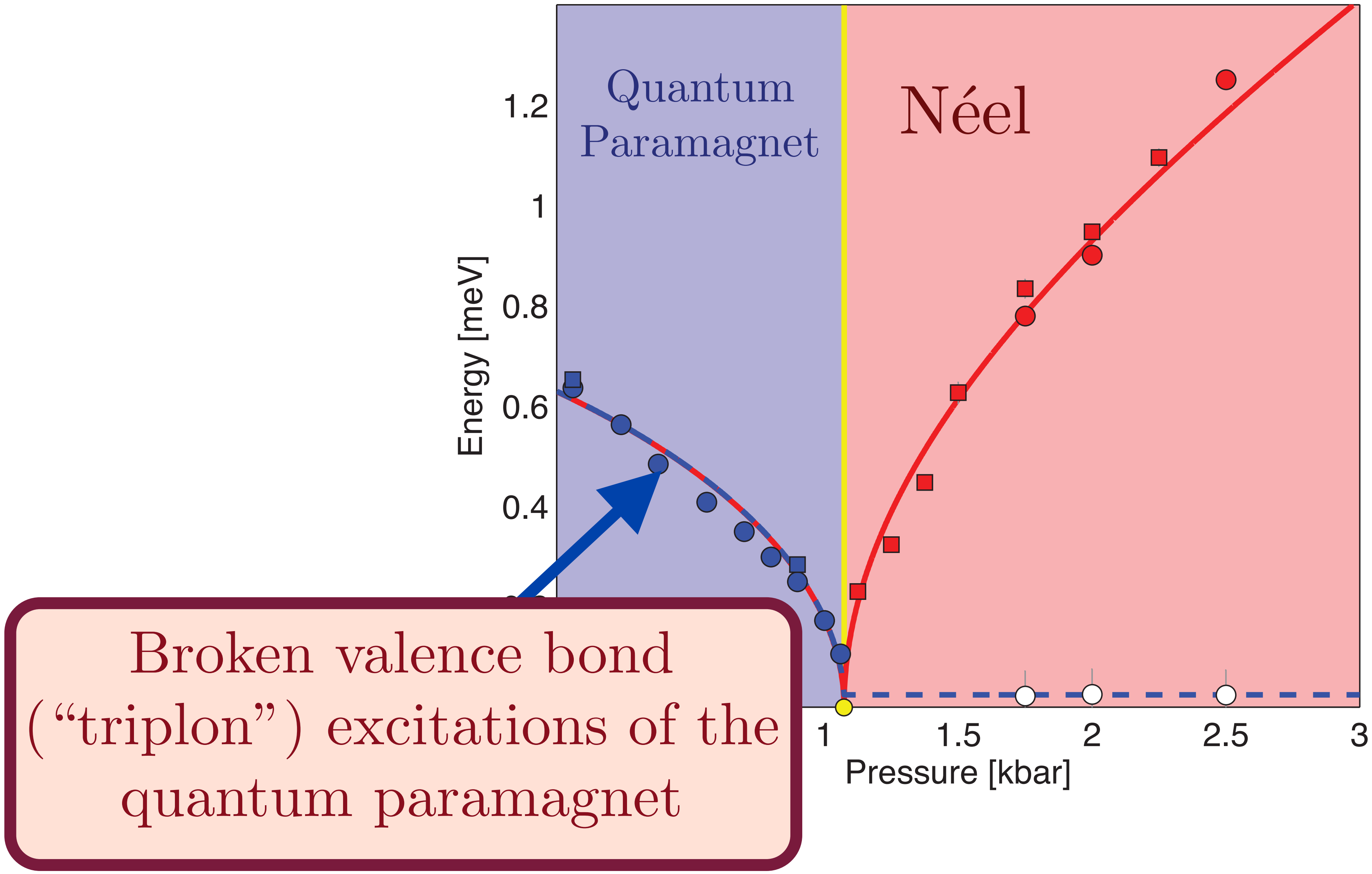

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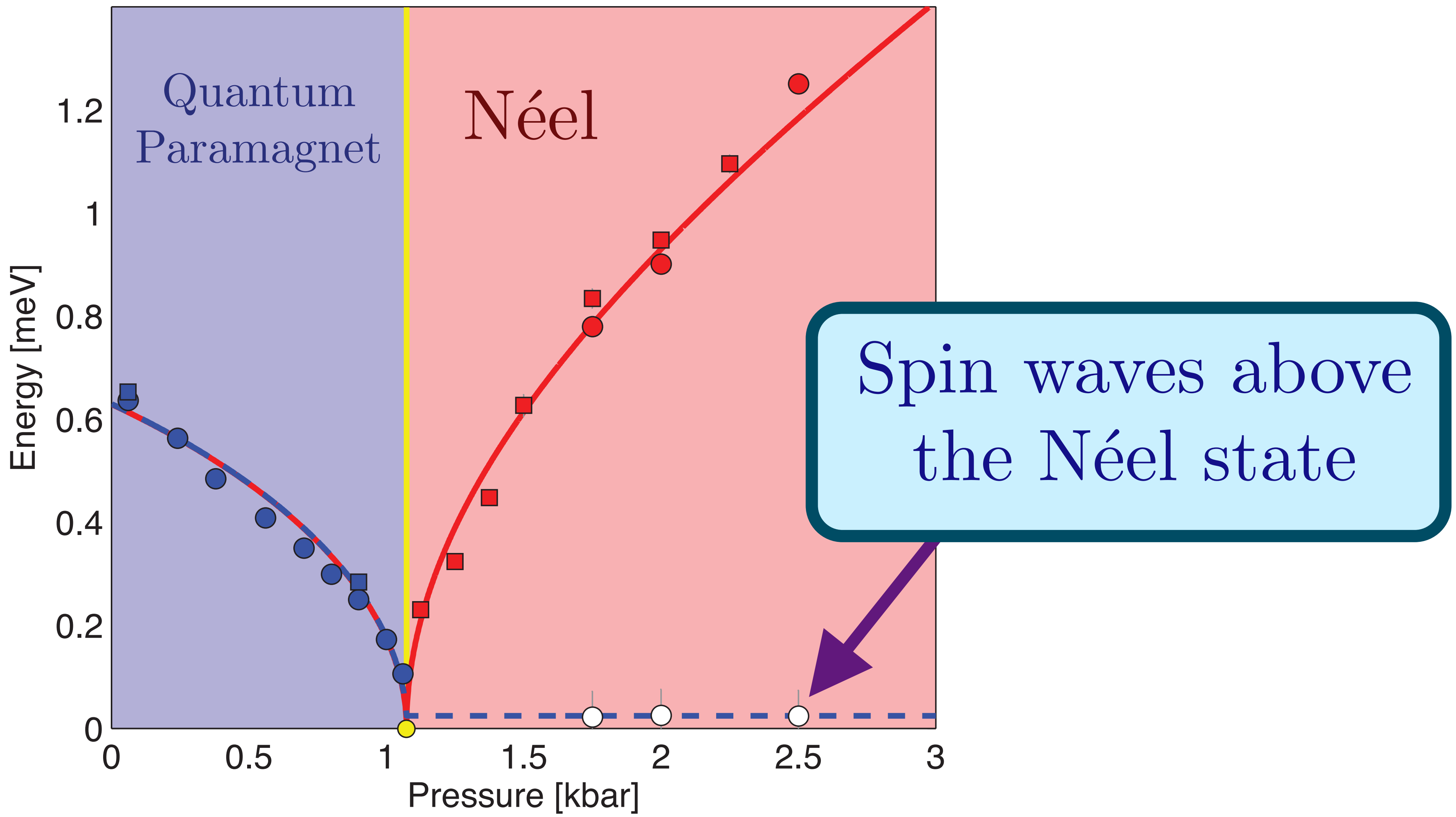

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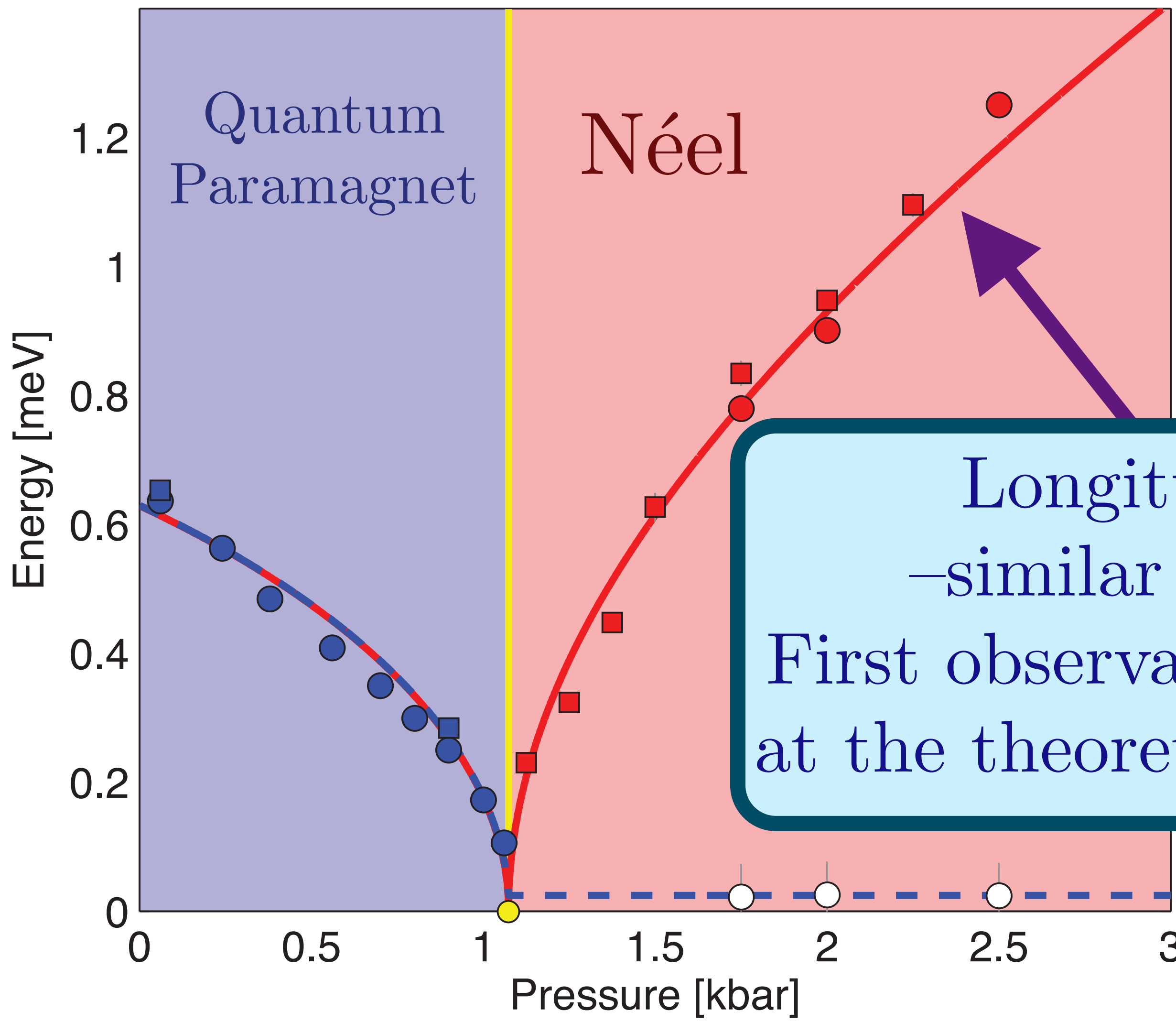

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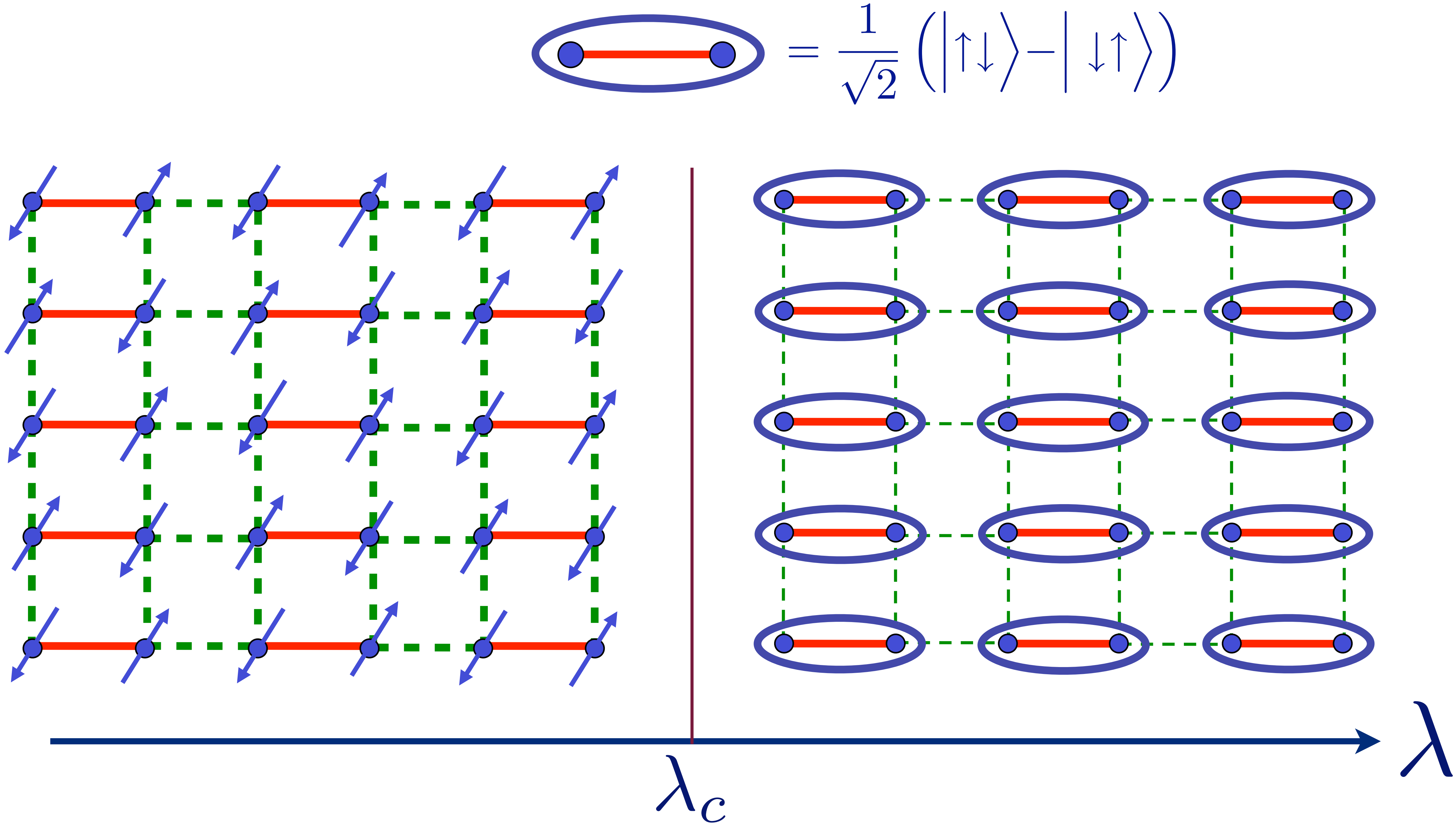
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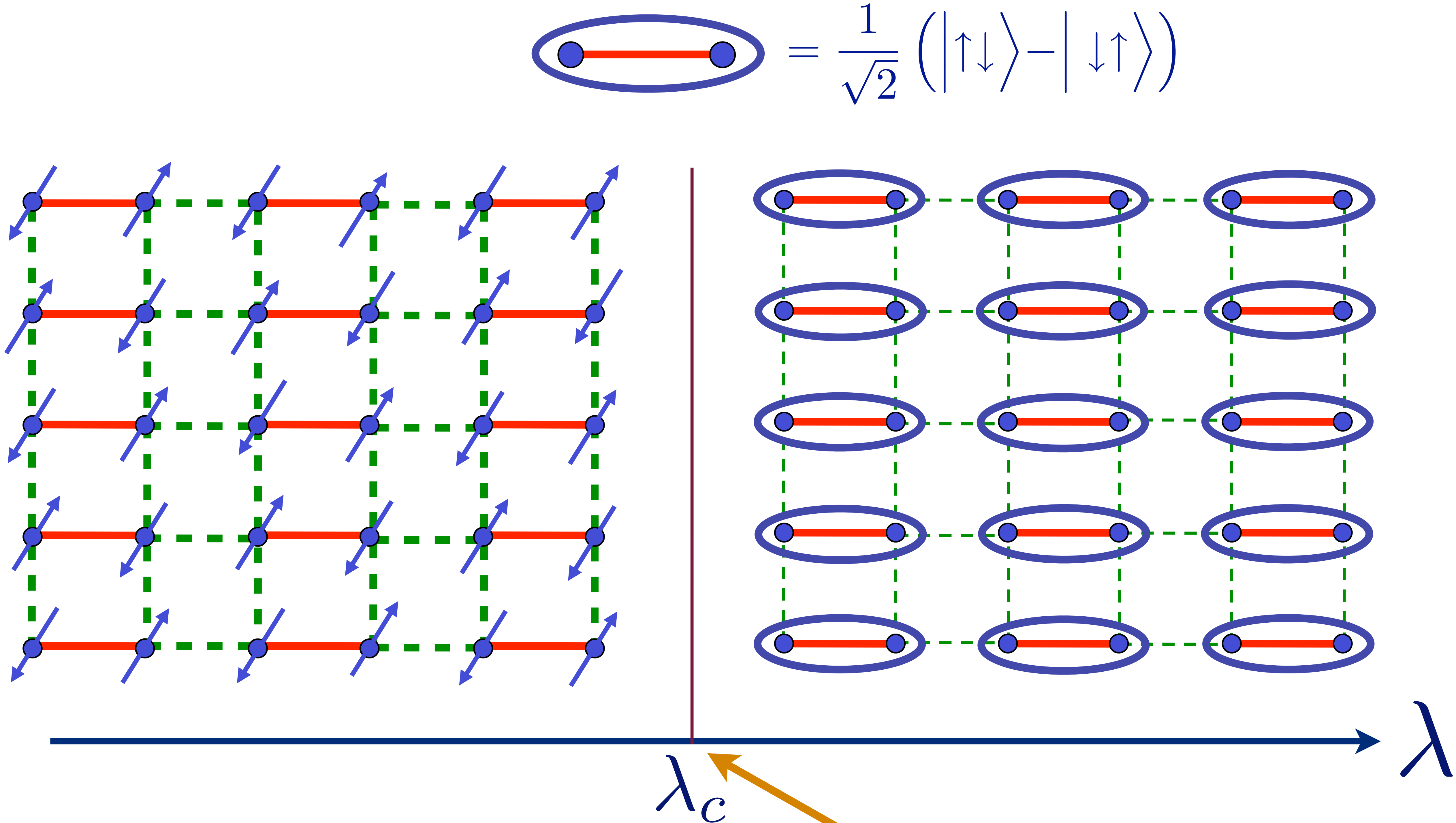
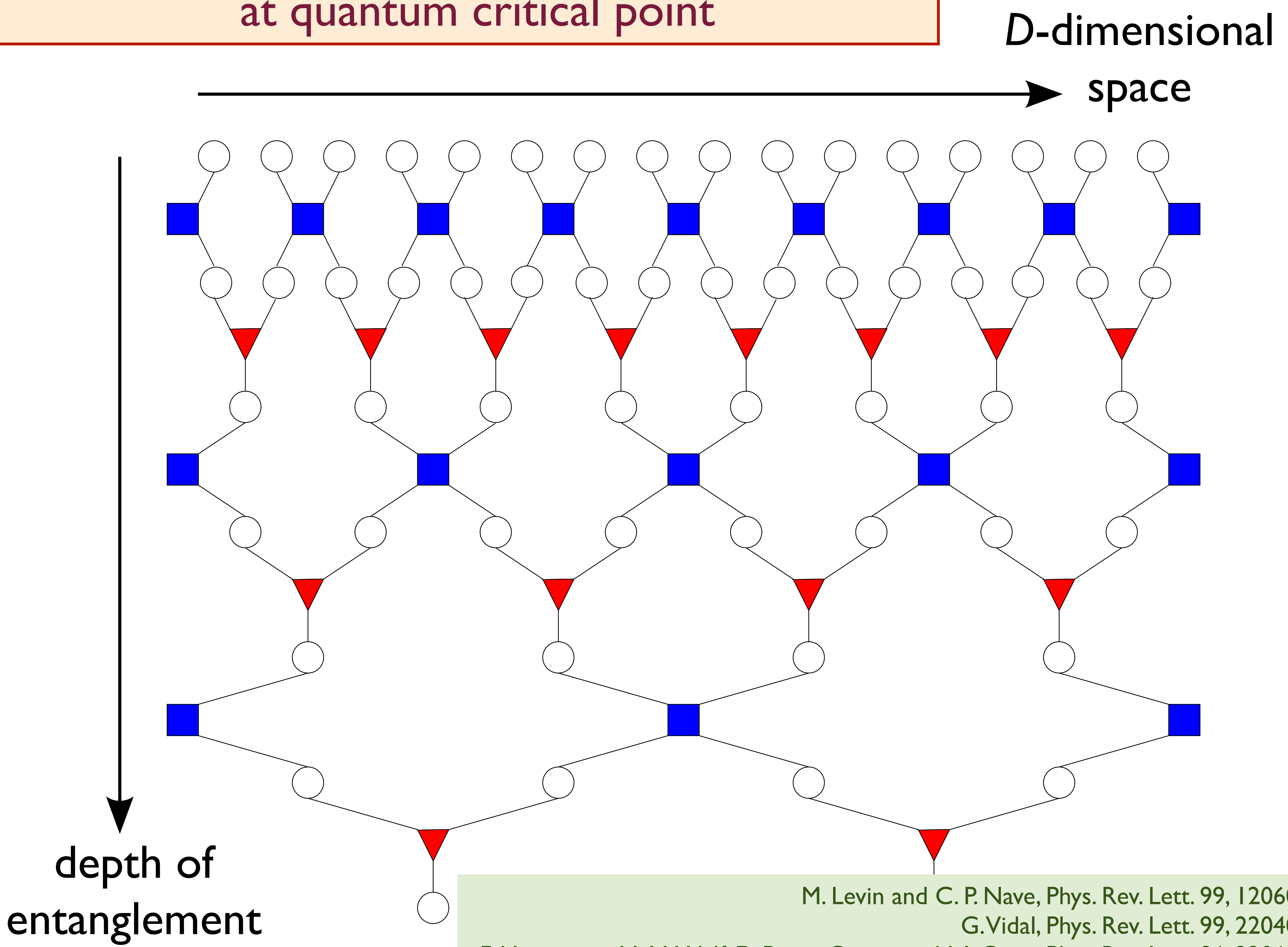


Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction

Tensor network representation of entanglement at quantum critical point



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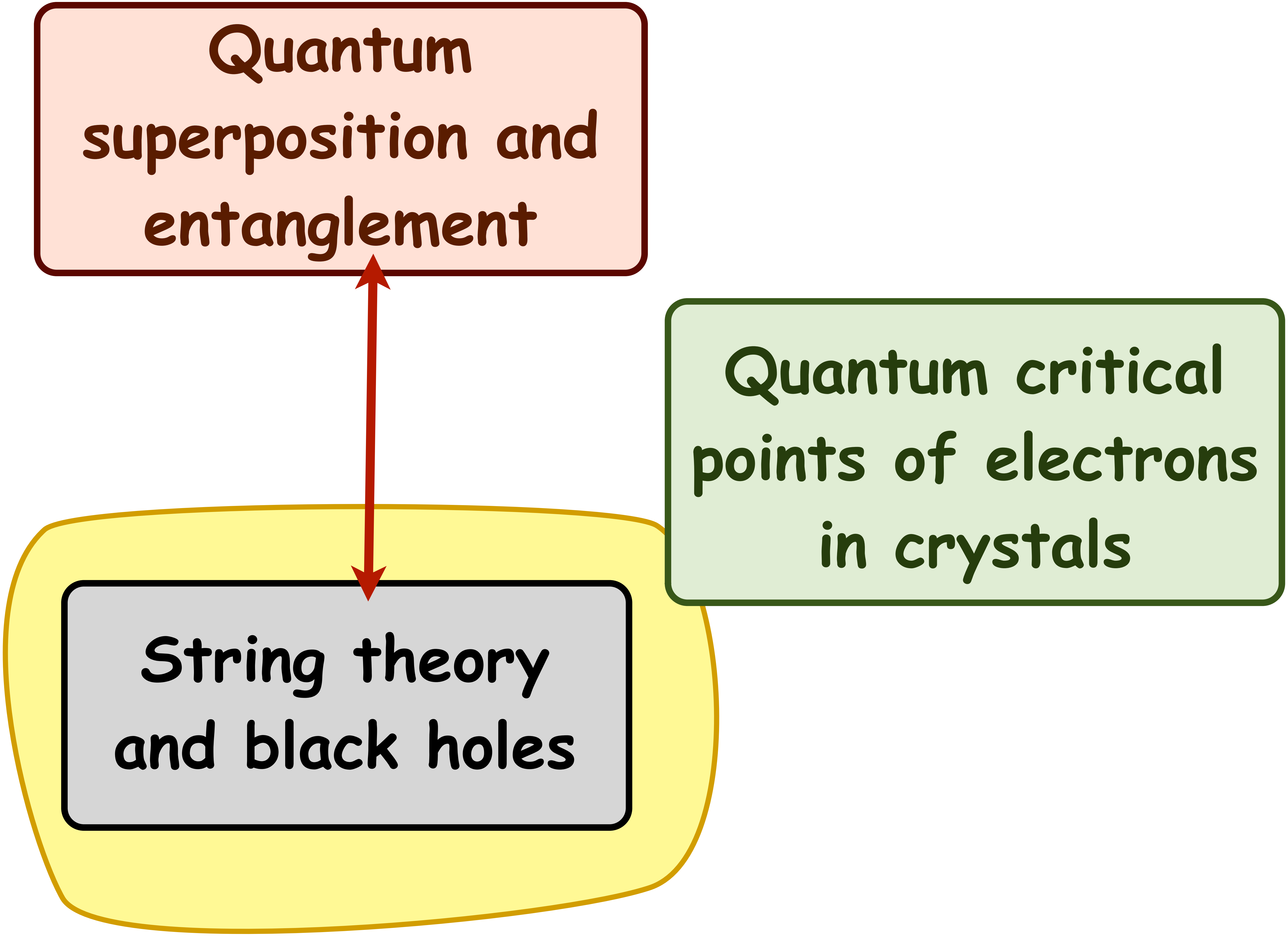
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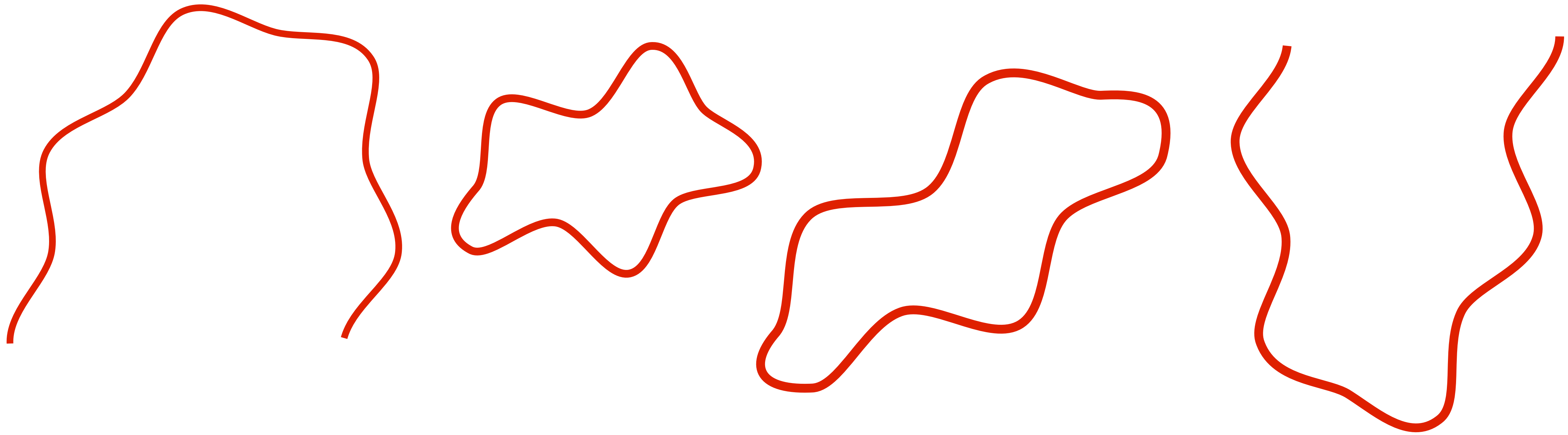
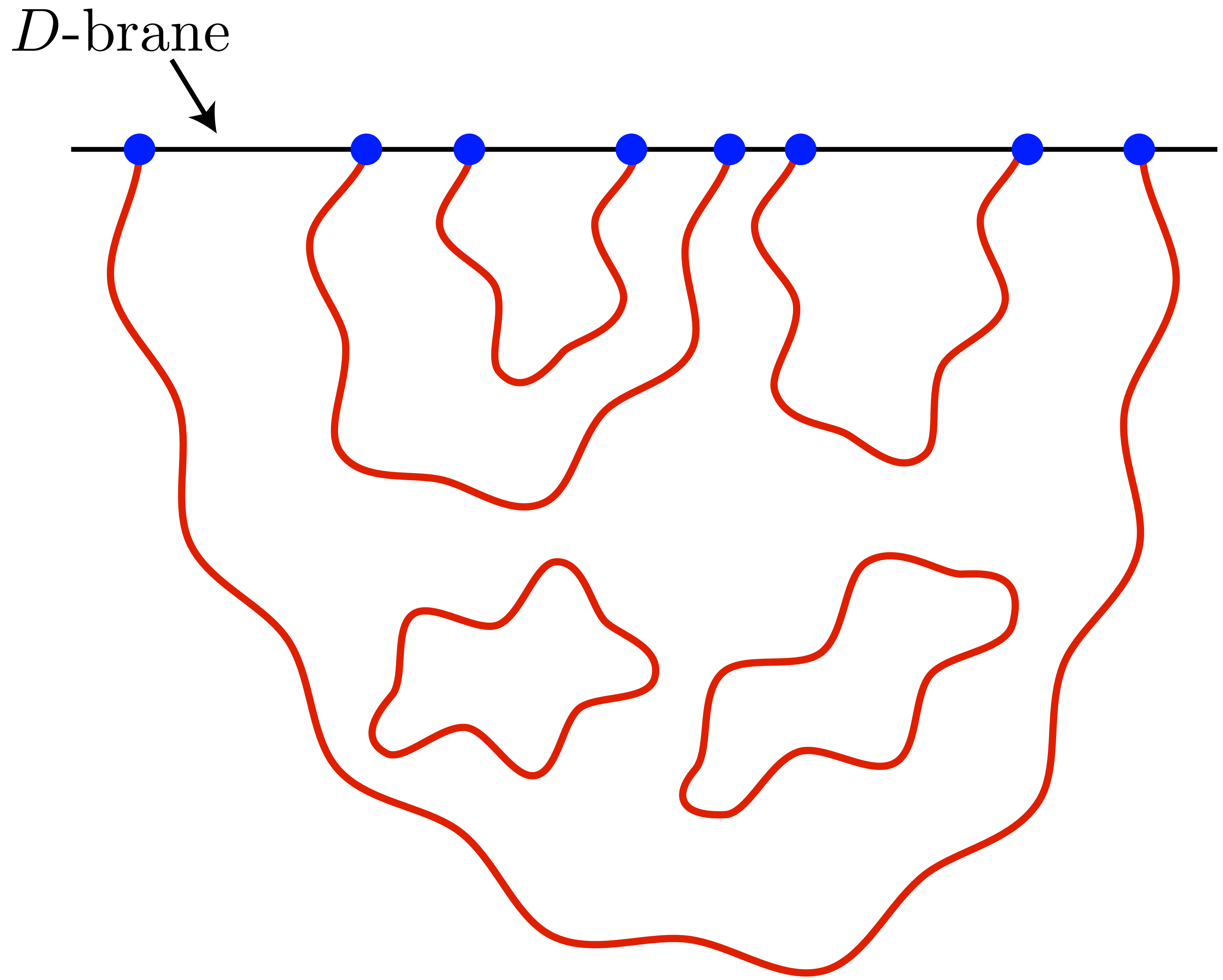


- Allows unification of the standard model of particle physics with gravity.
- Low-lying string modes correspond to gauge fields, gravitons, quarks ...



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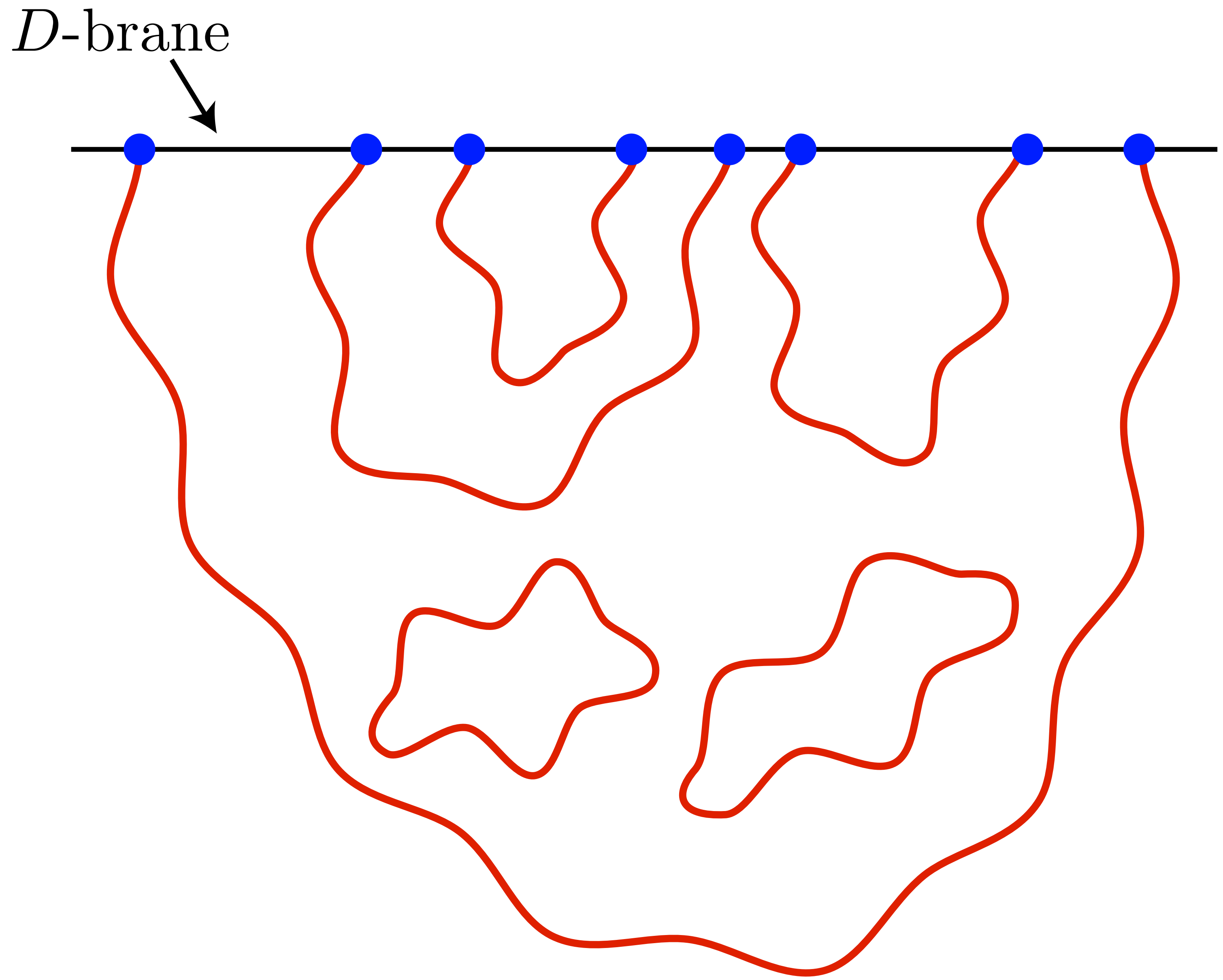

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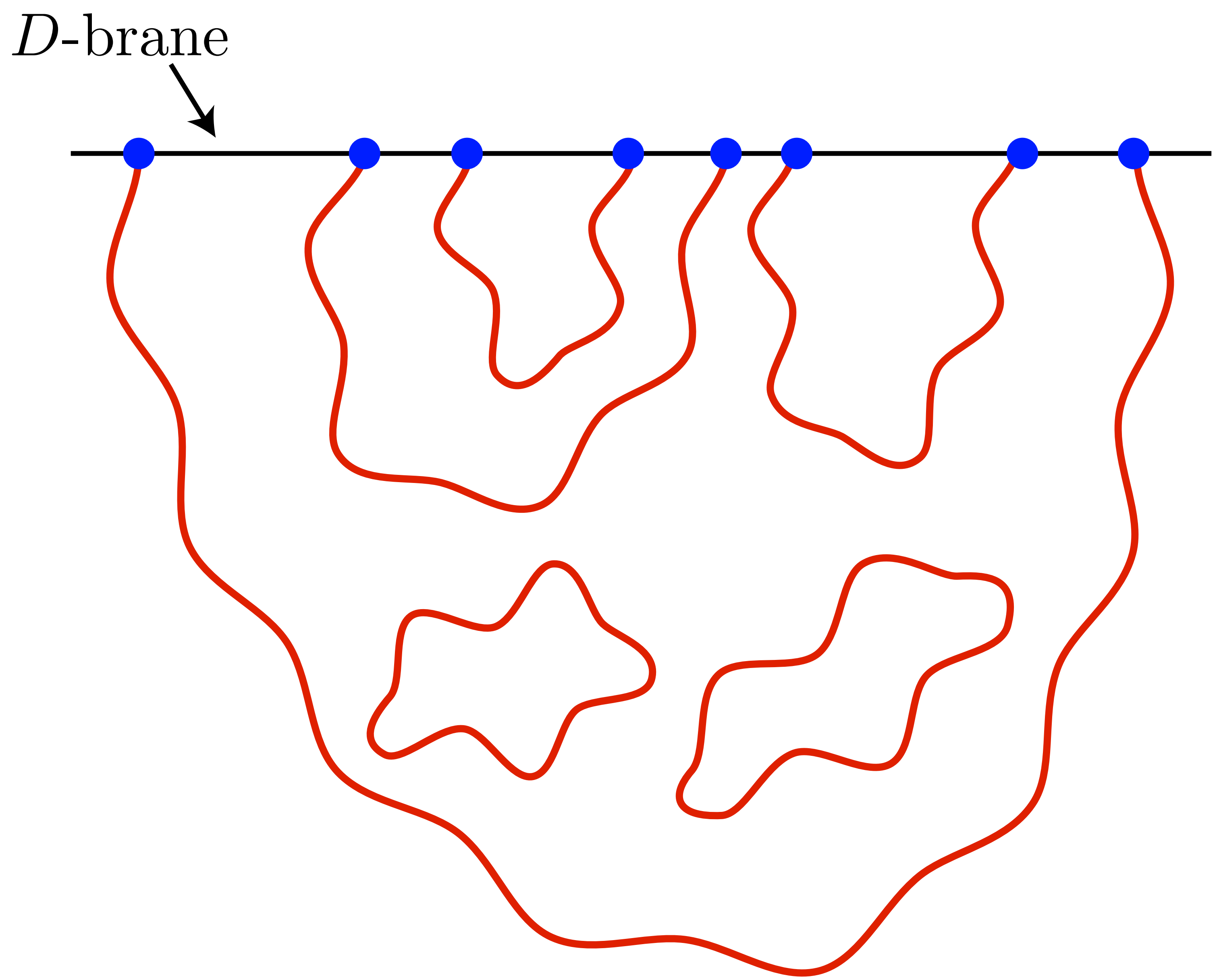

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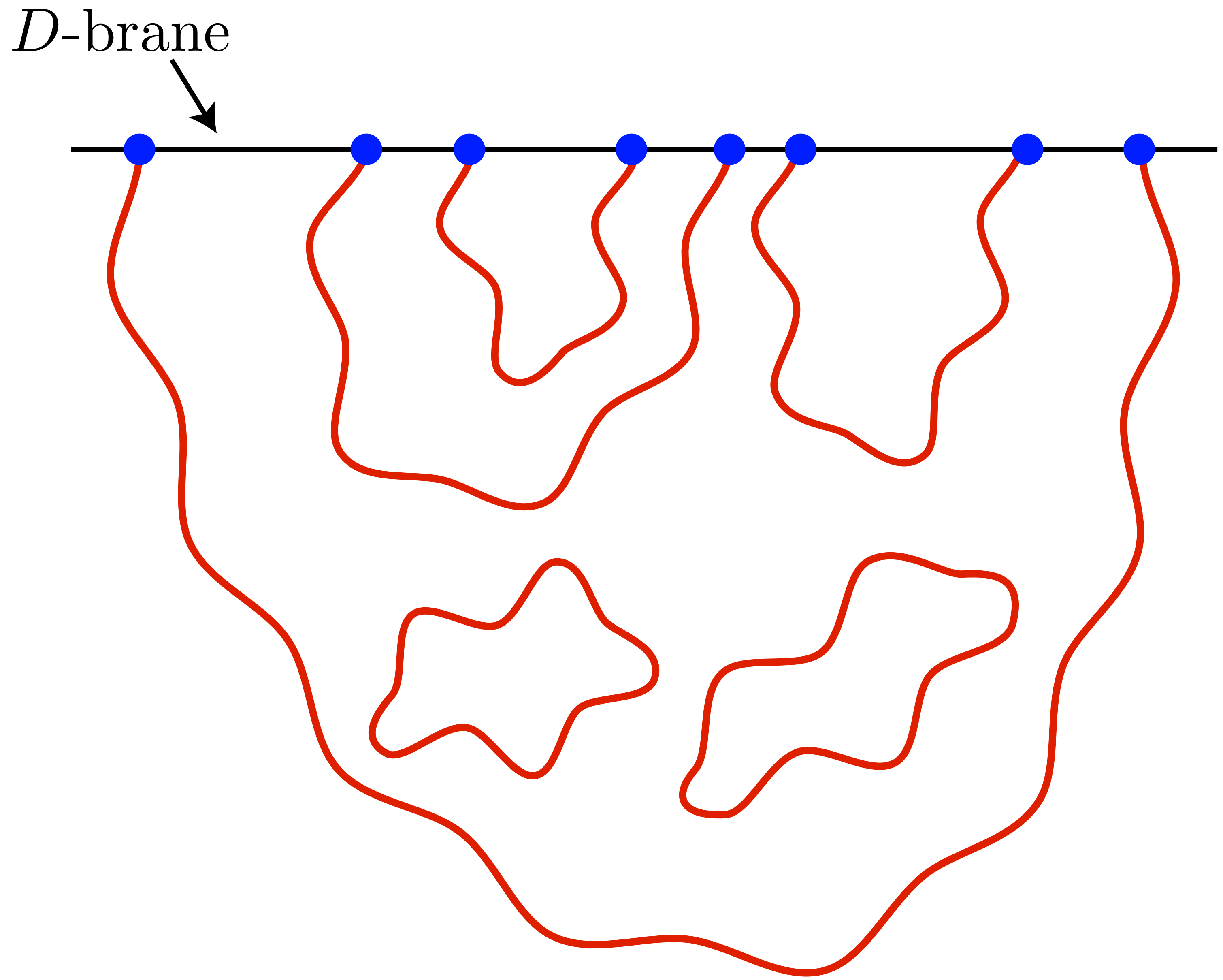

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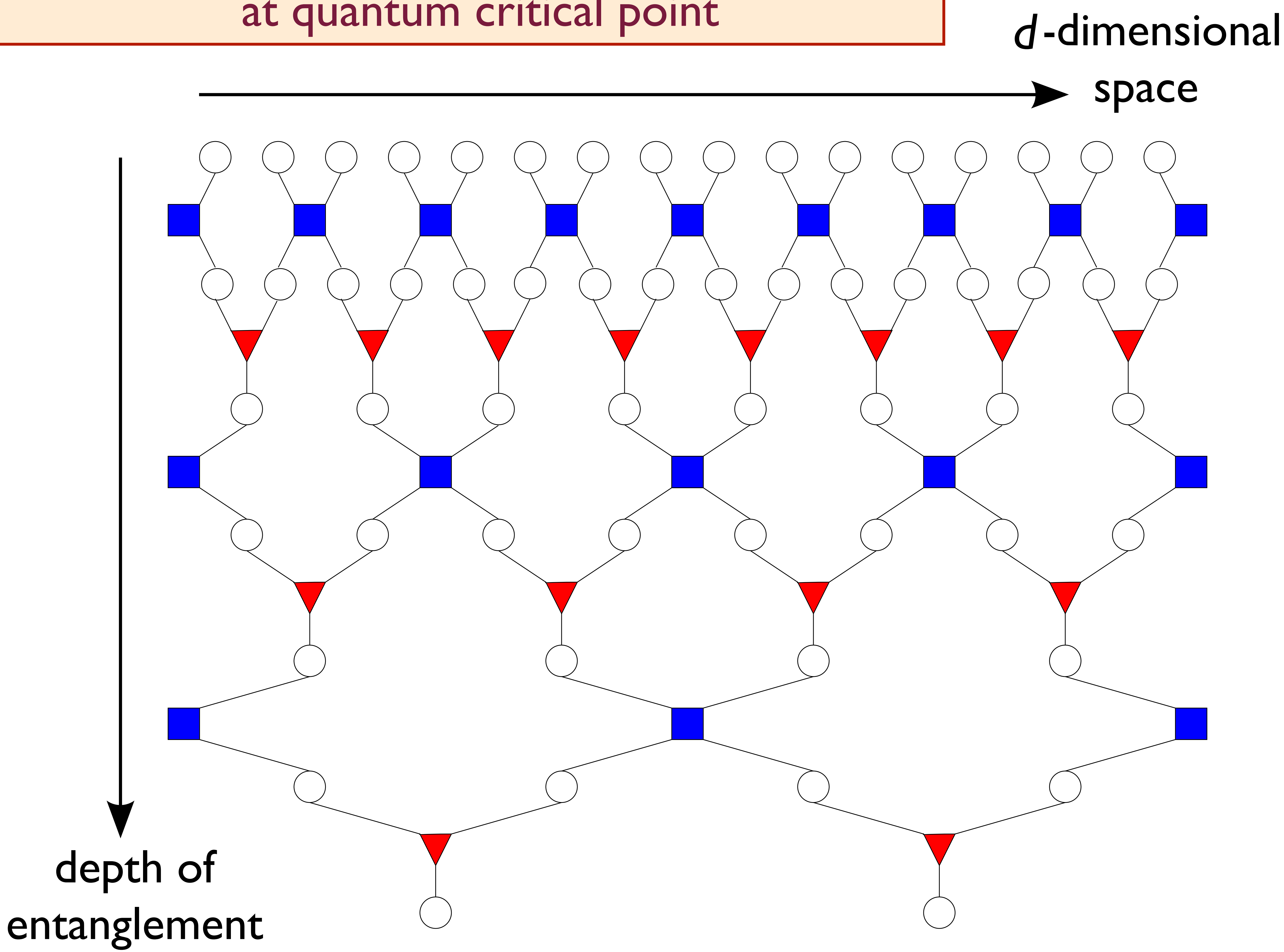

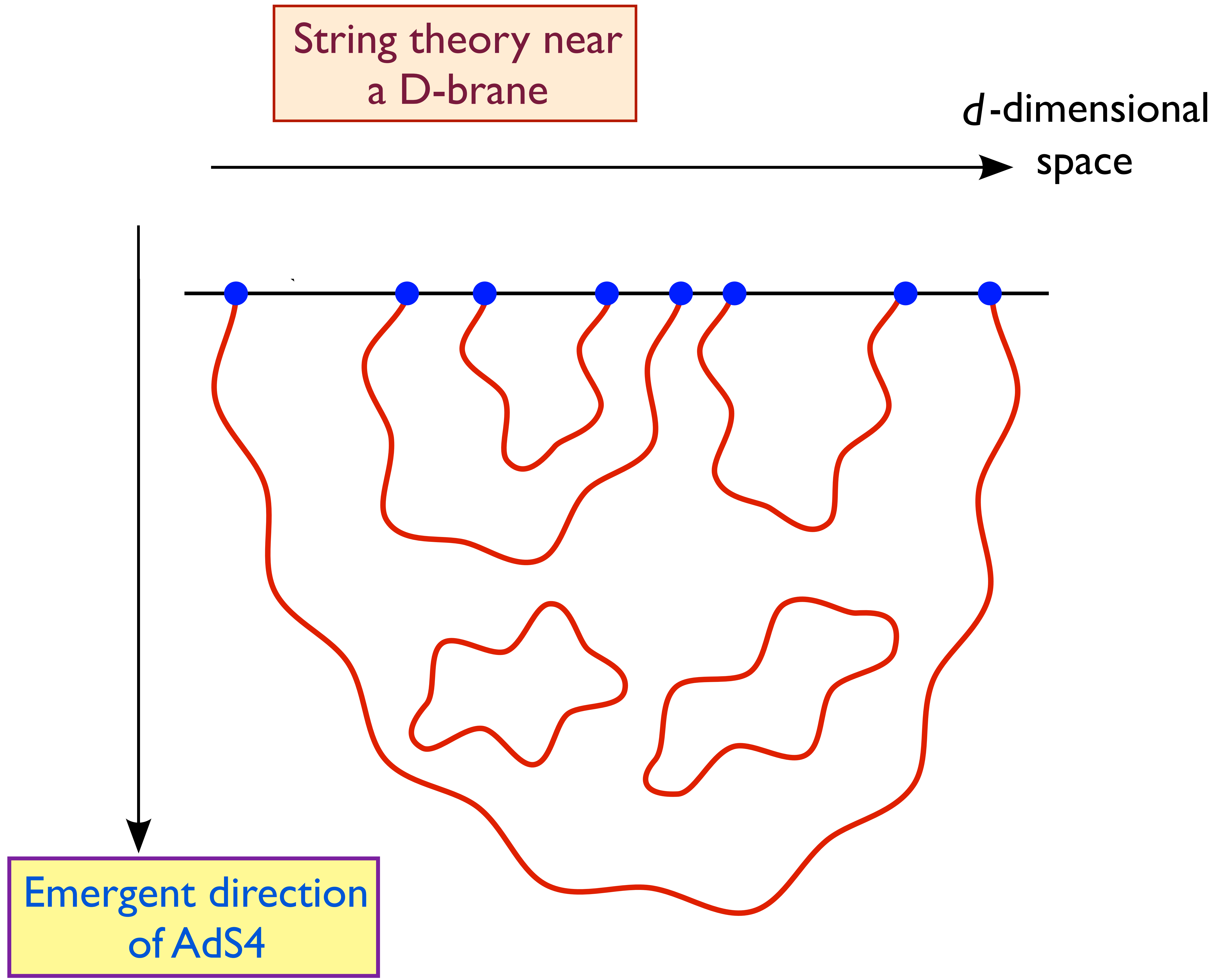
String theory near a D-brane
d-dimensional space
Emergent direction of AdS4

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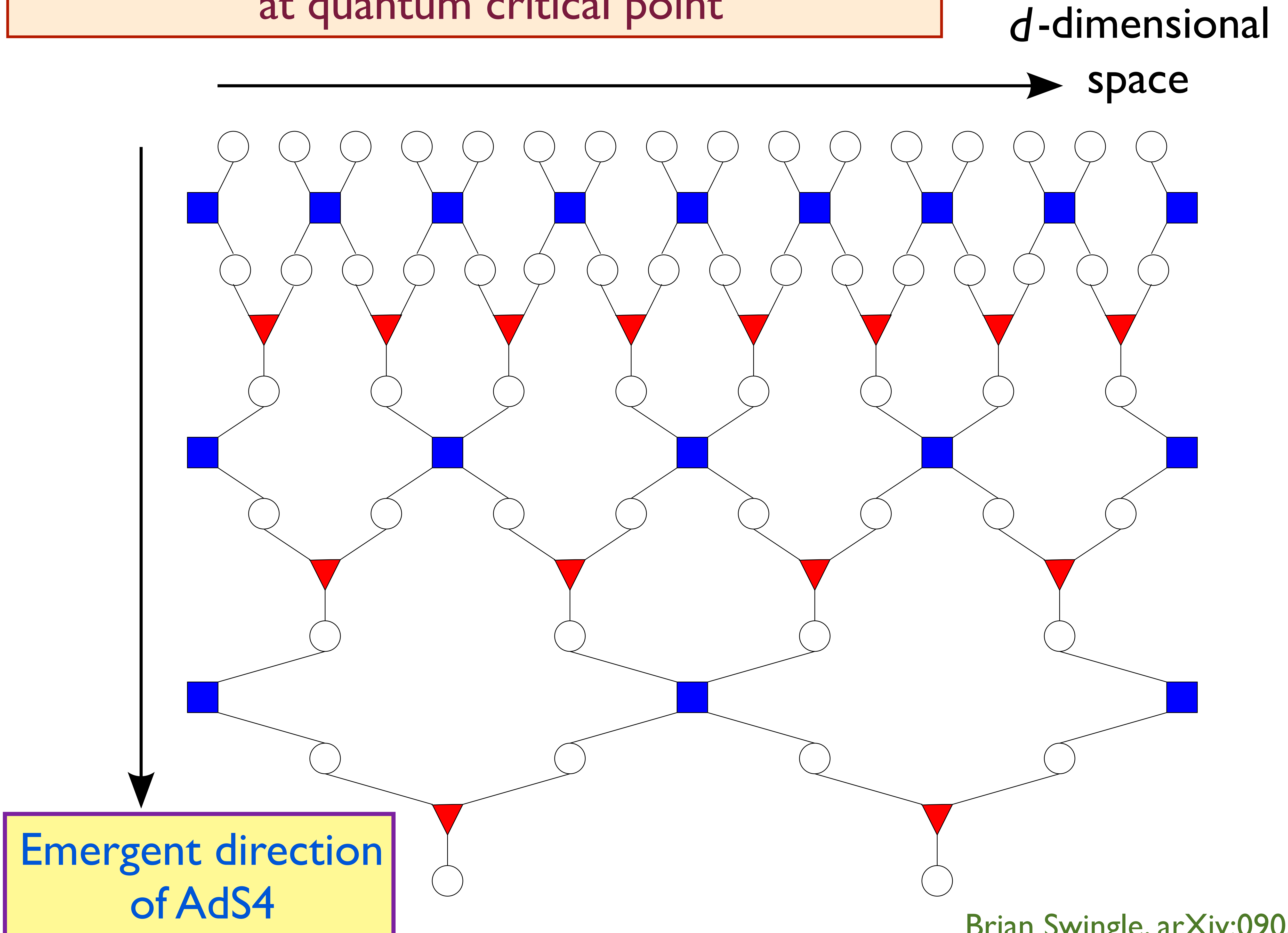

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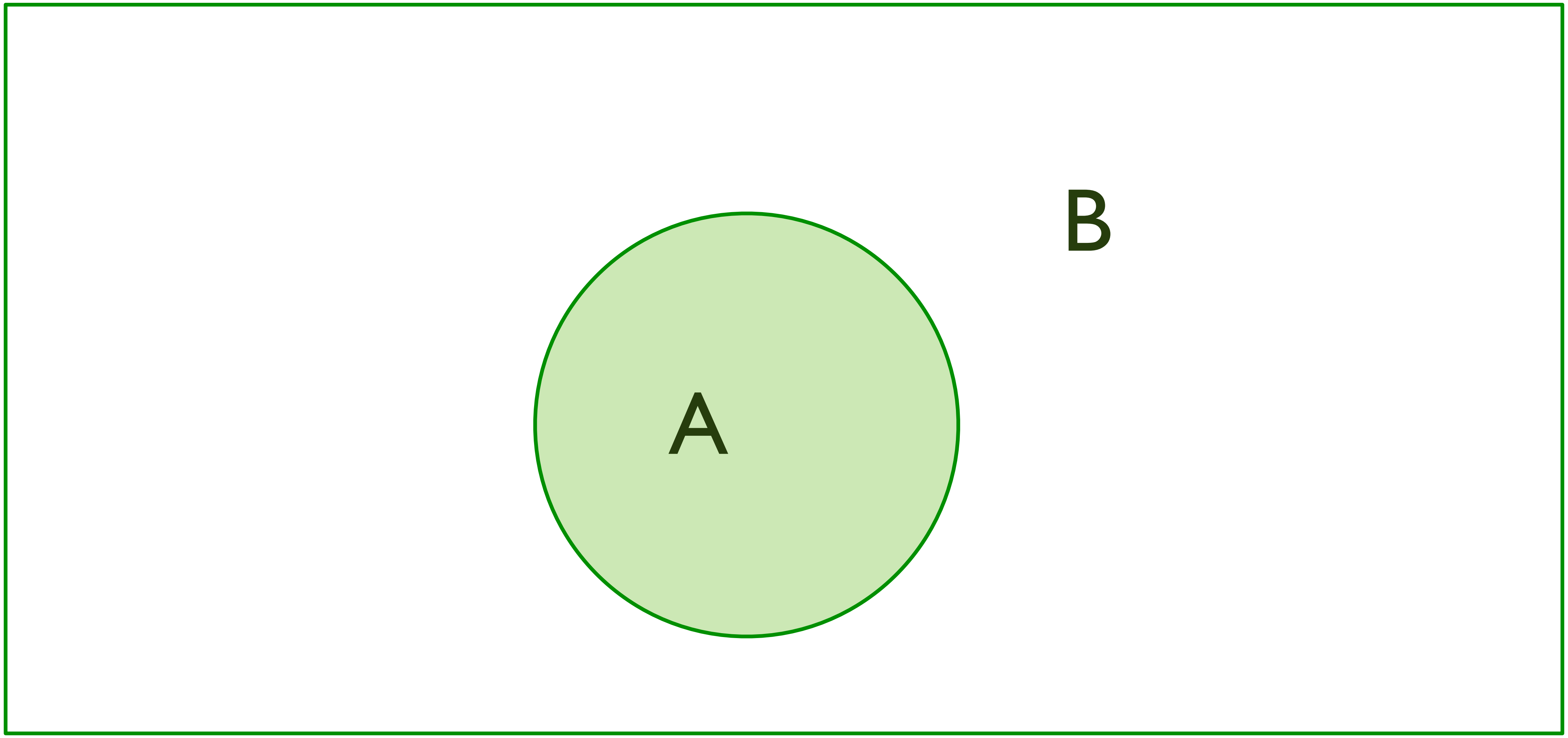
Entanglement entropy



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

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

Entanglement entropy $S_{EE} = -\mathrm{Tr}\left(\rho_A \ln \rho_A\right)$

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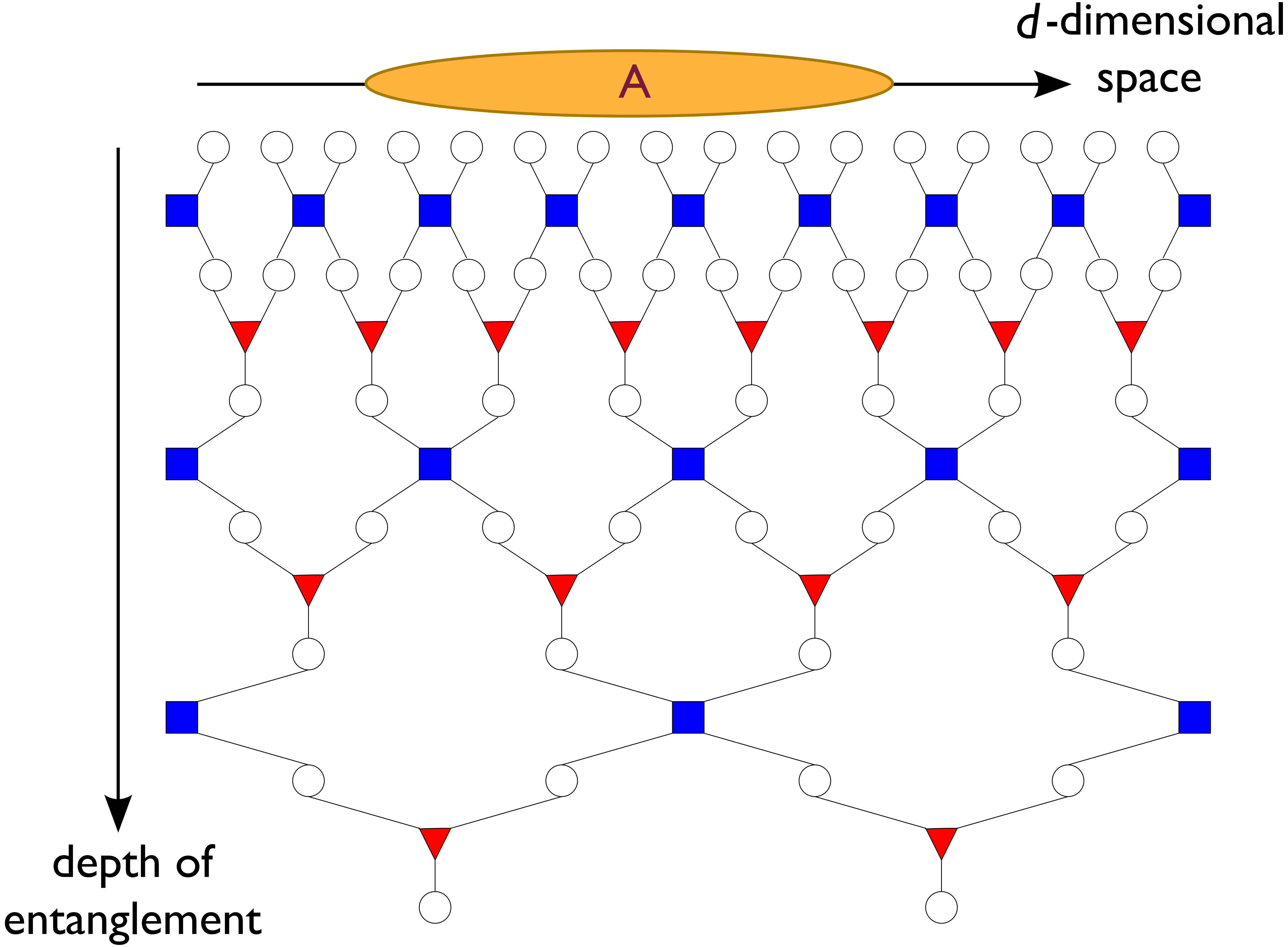

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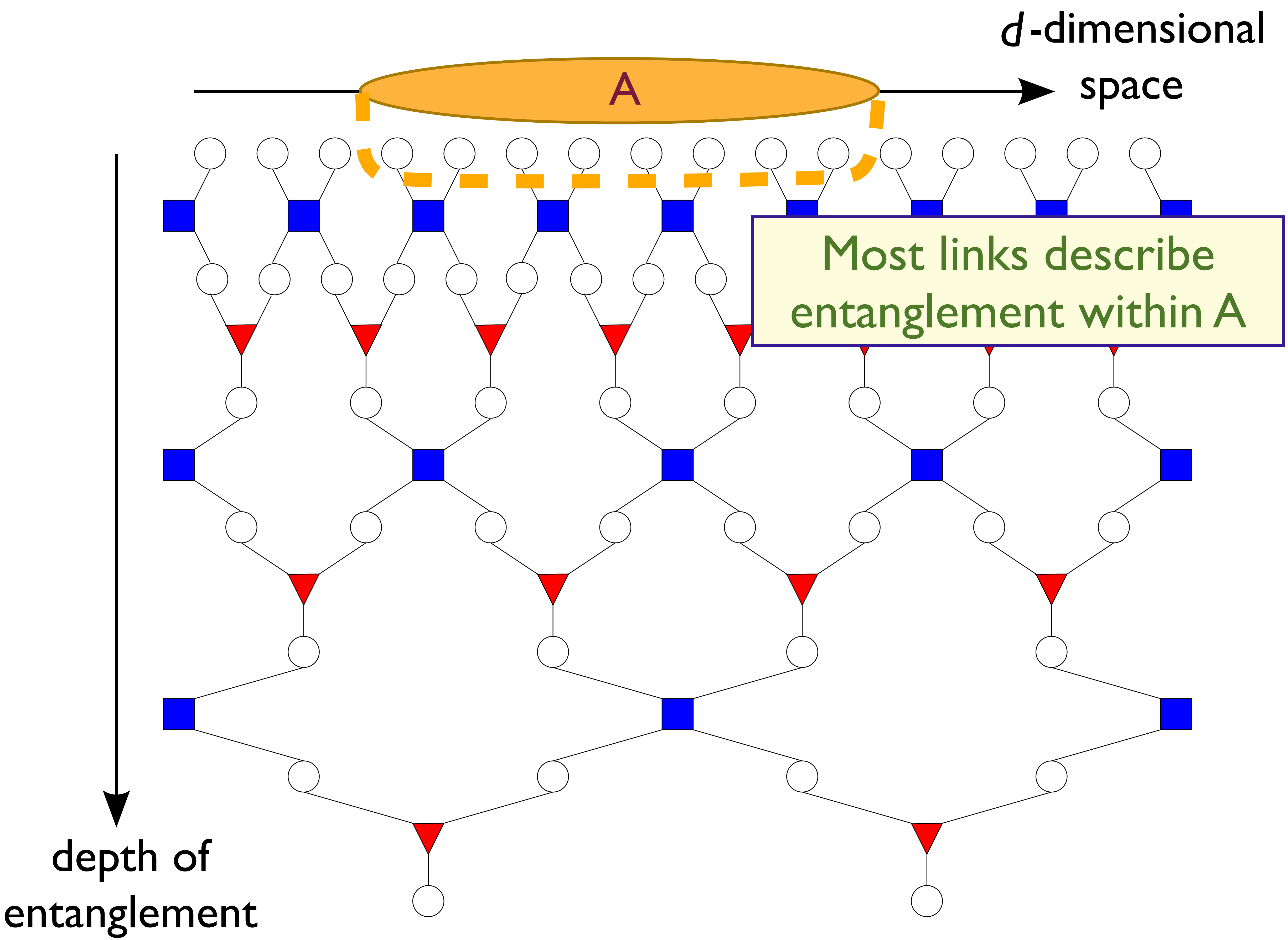

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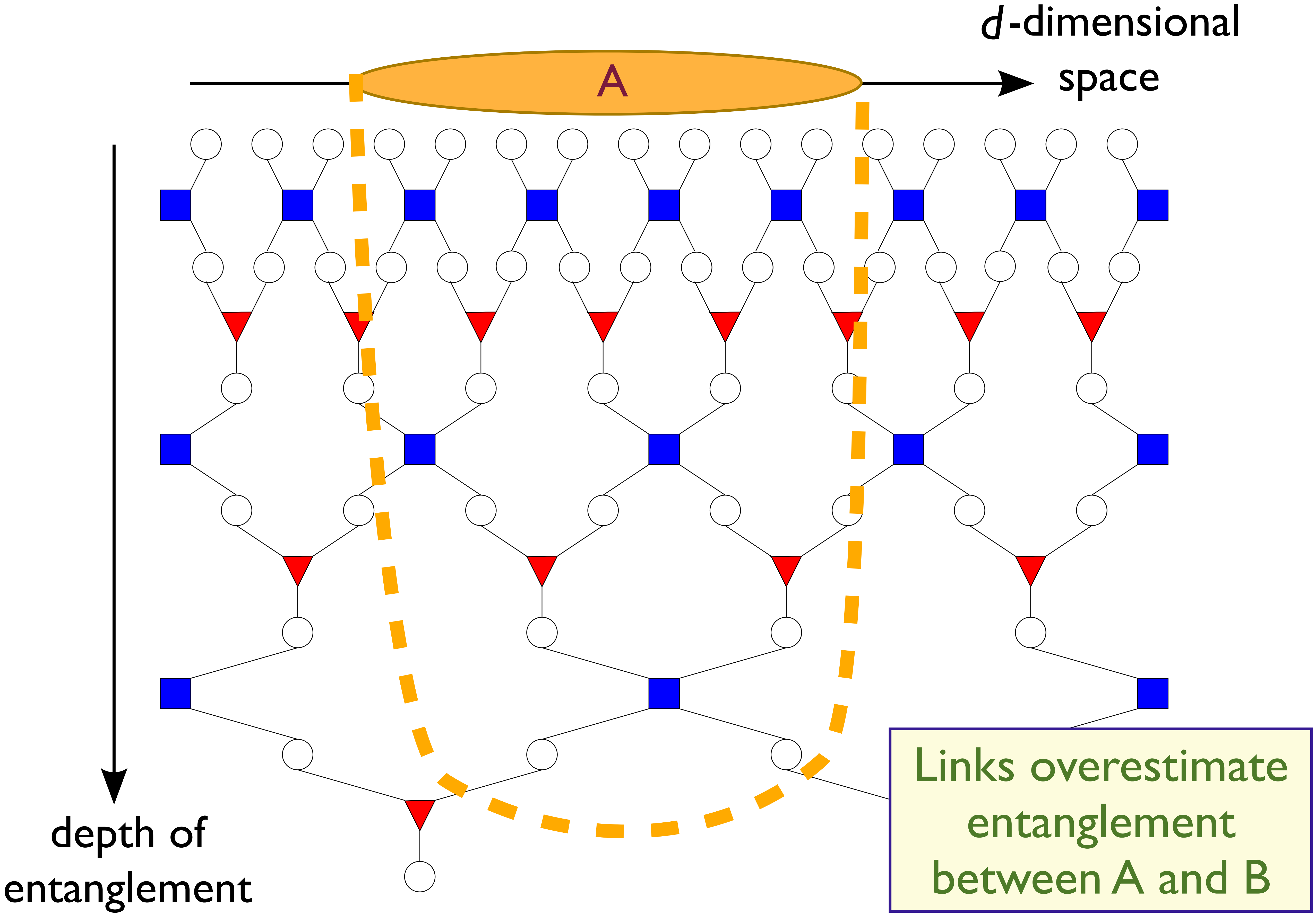

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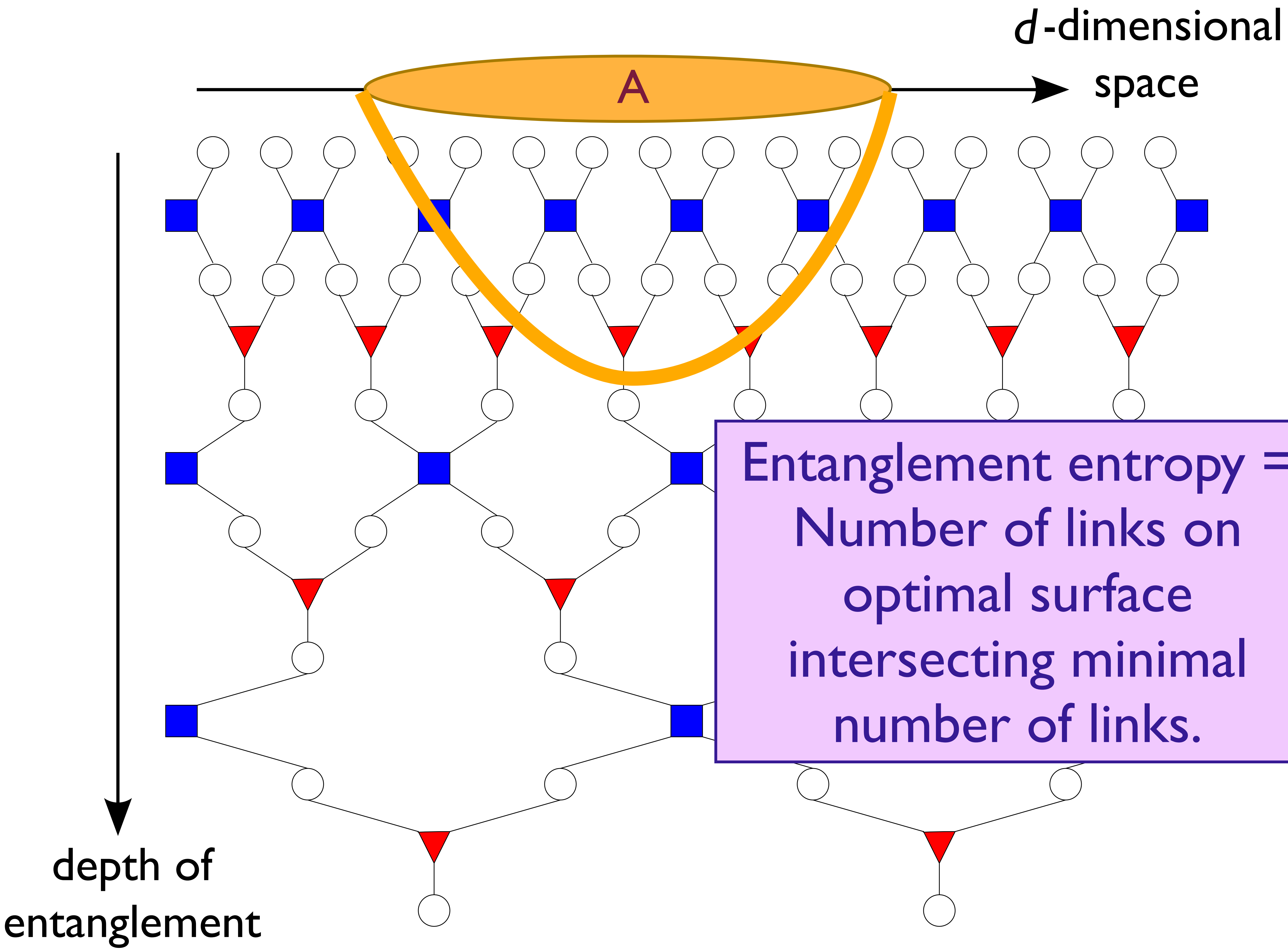

Entanglement entropy = Number of links on optimal surface intersecting minimal number of links.

Entanglement entropy

The entanglement entropy of a region A on the boundary equals the minimal area of a surface in the higher-dimensional space whose boundary co-incides with that of A.

This can be seen both the string and tensor-network pictures

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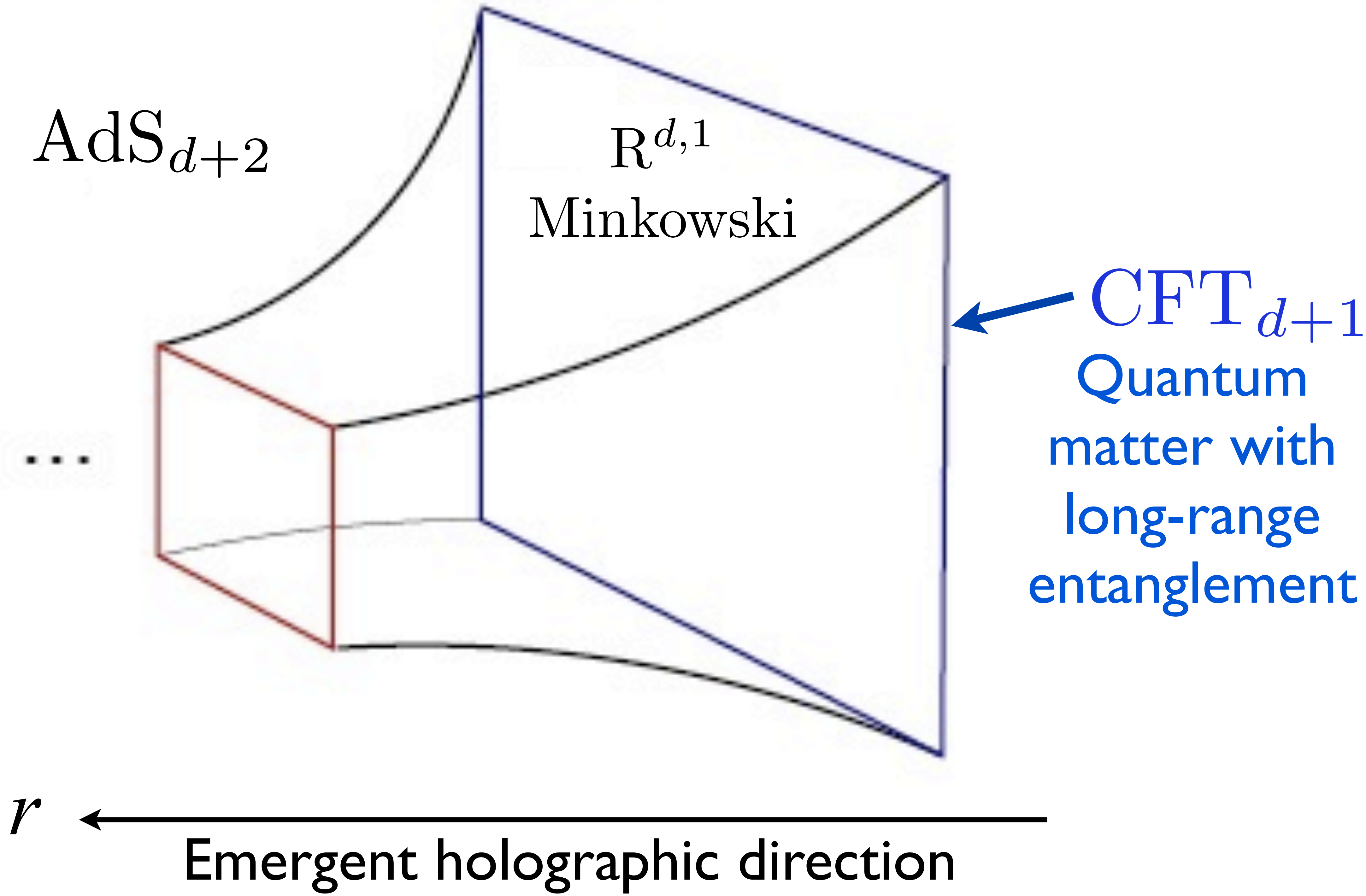

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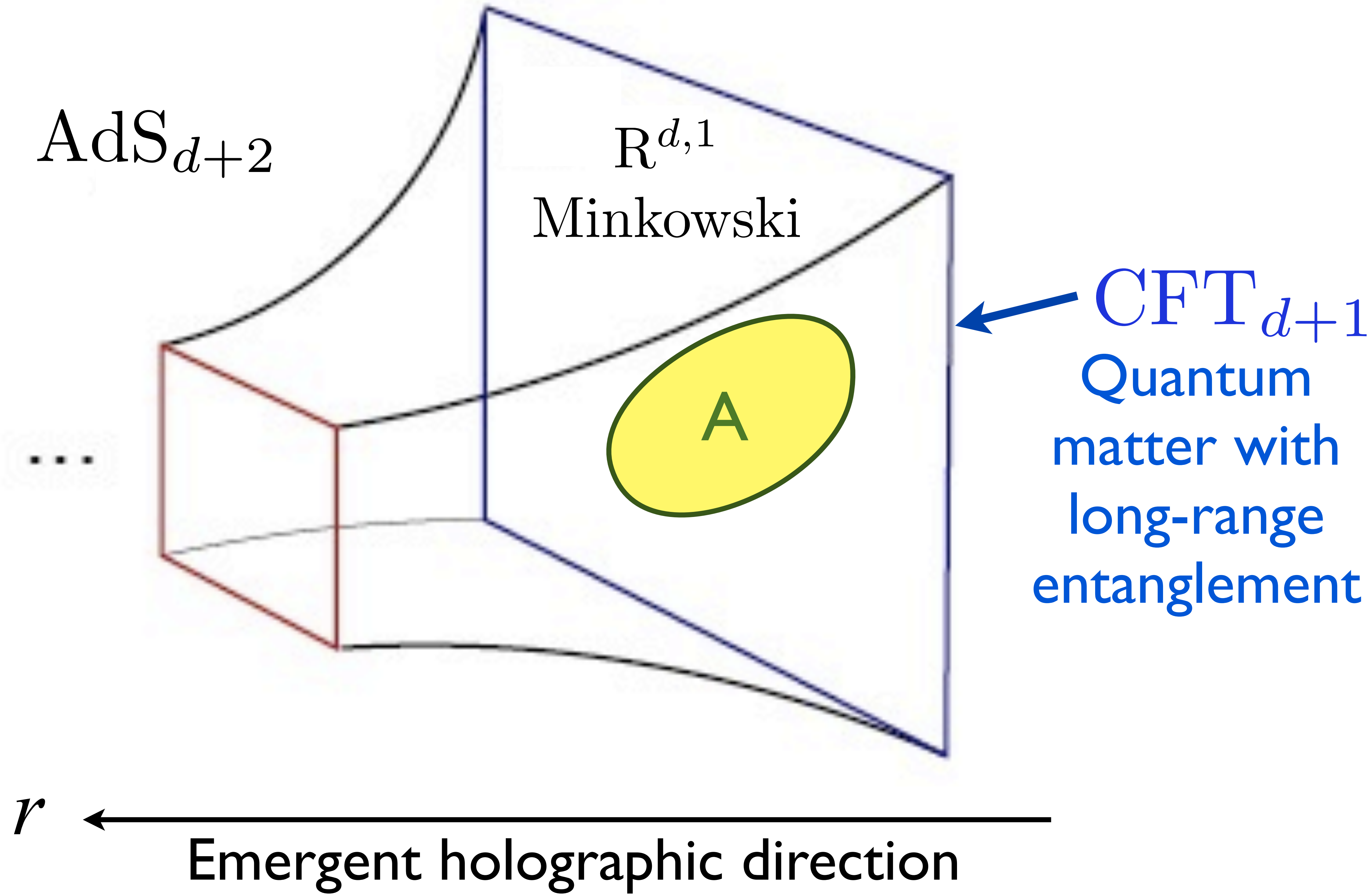
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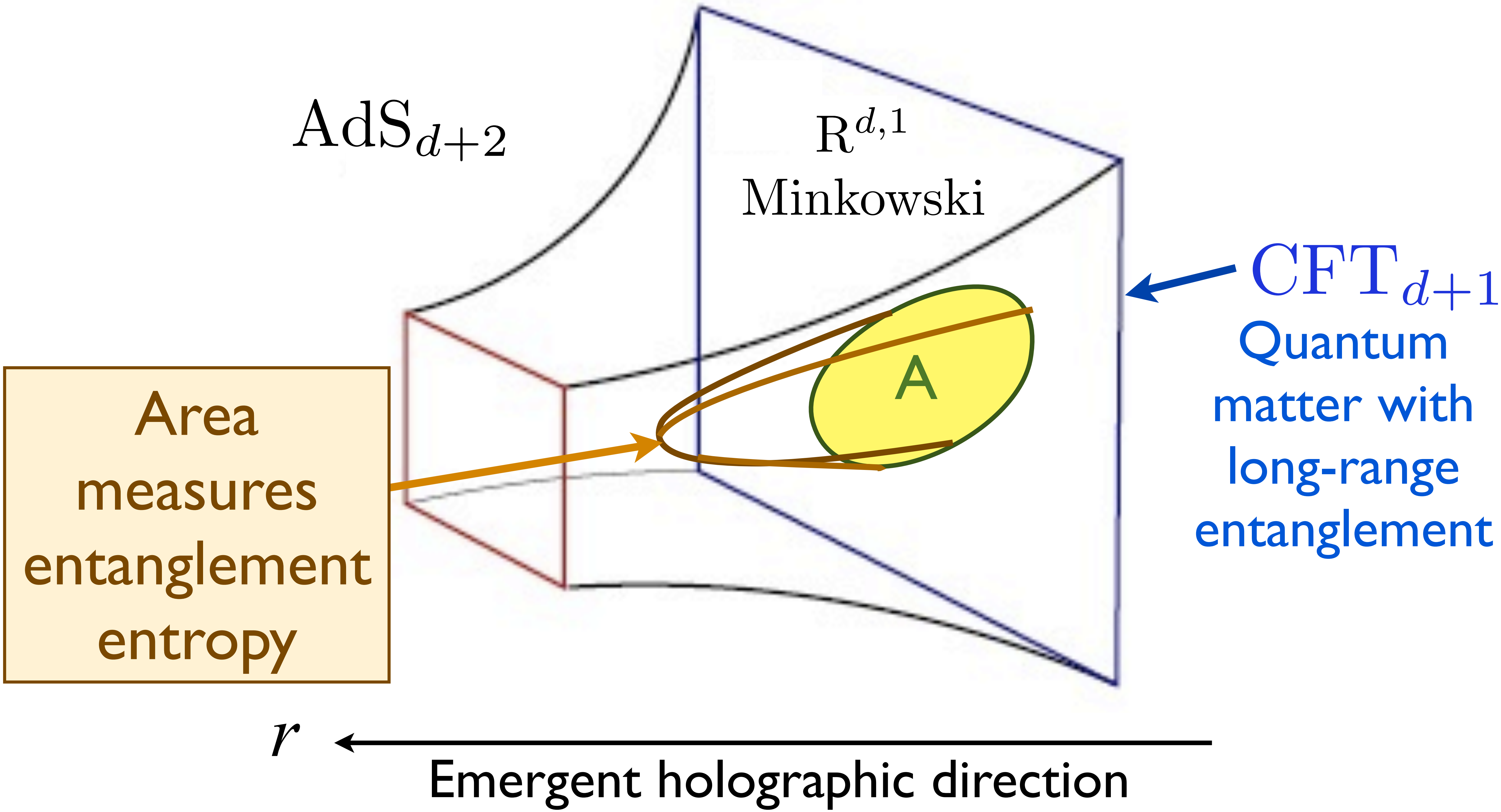

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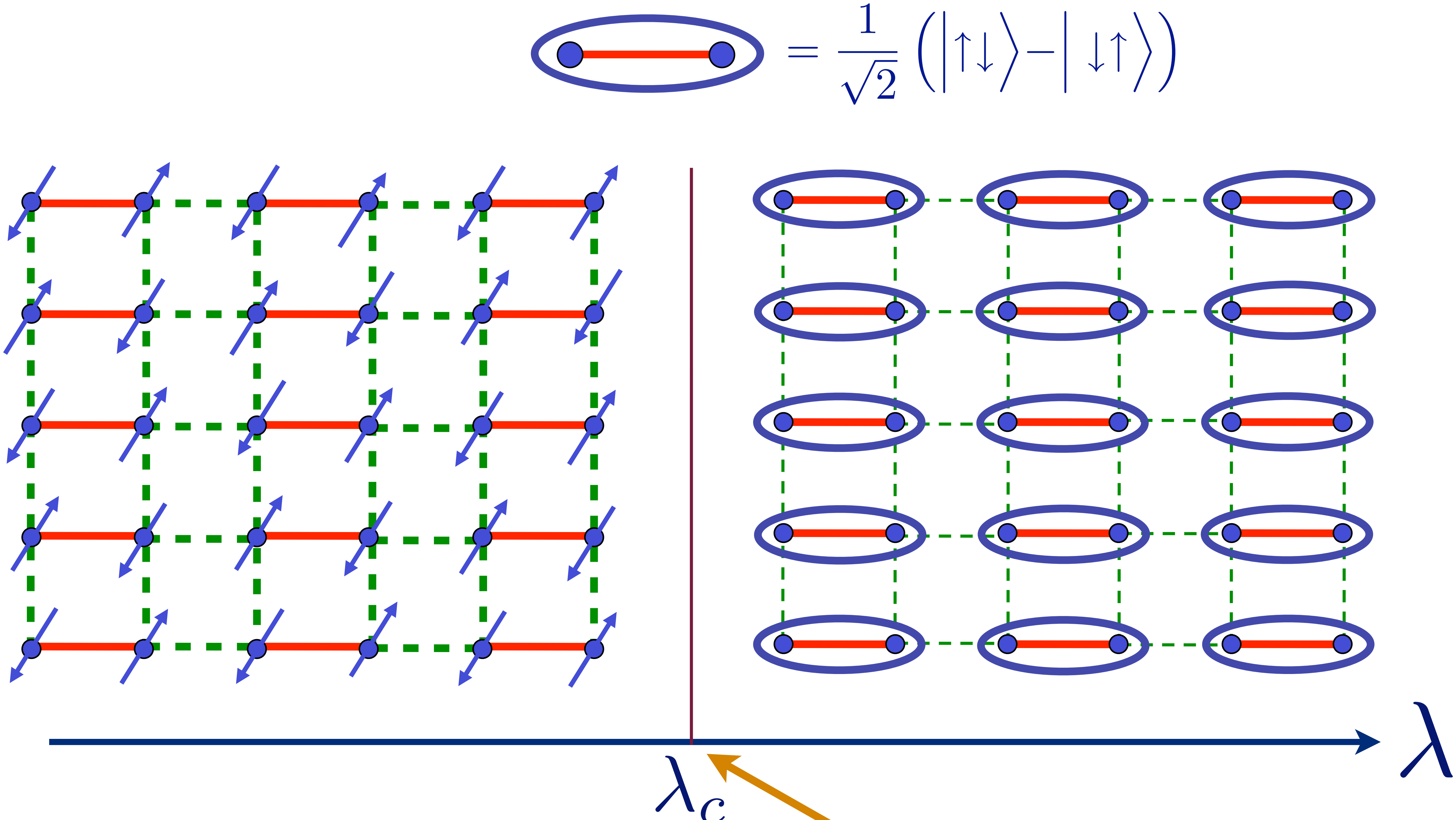

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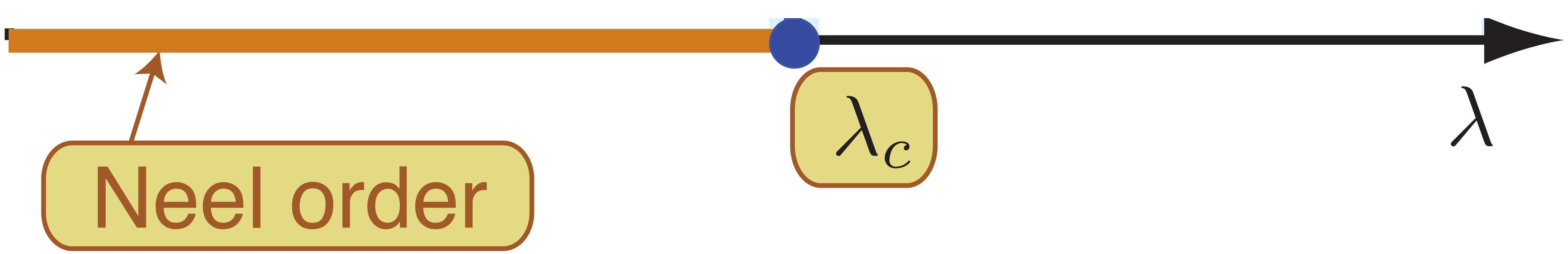
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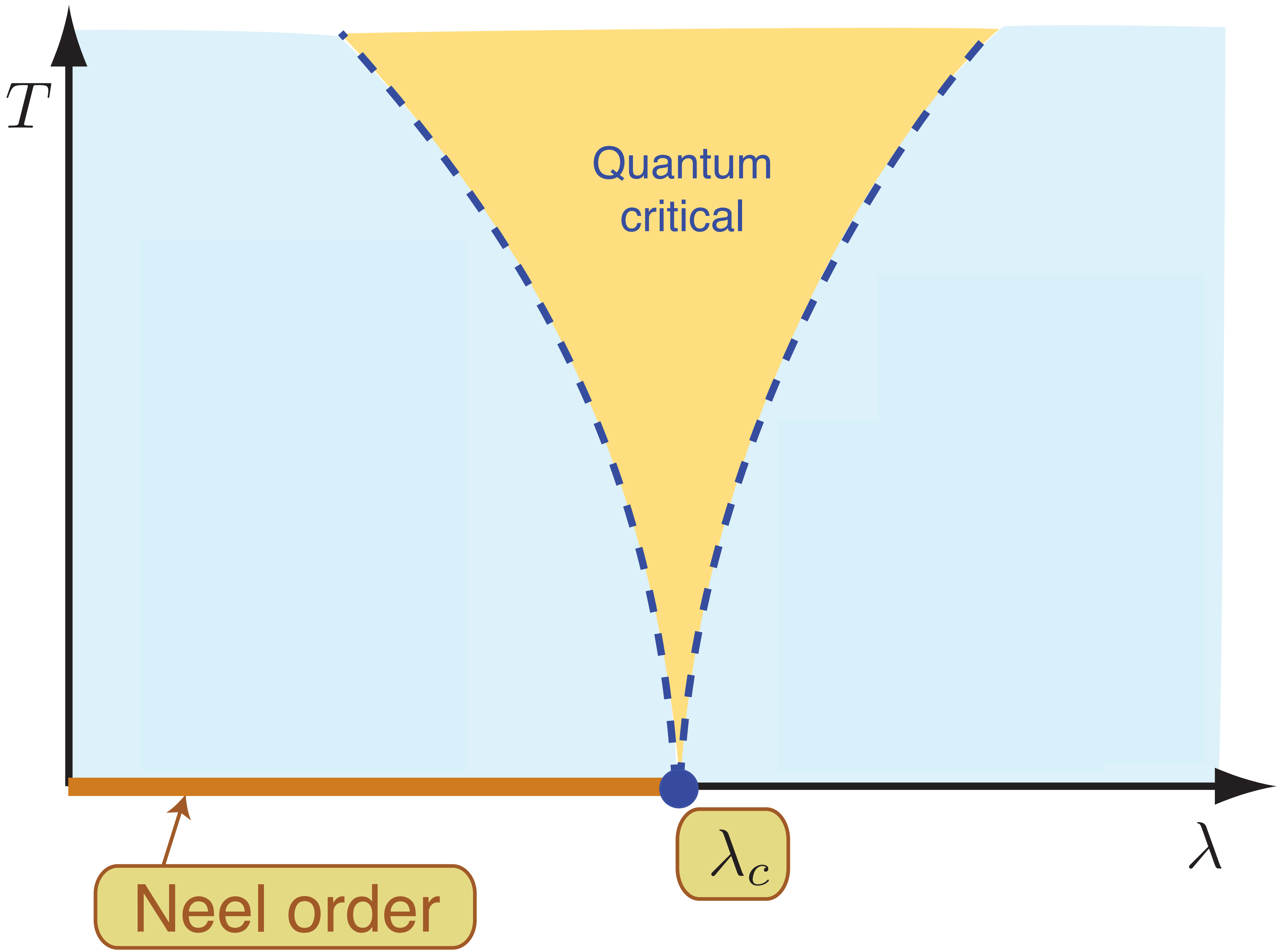

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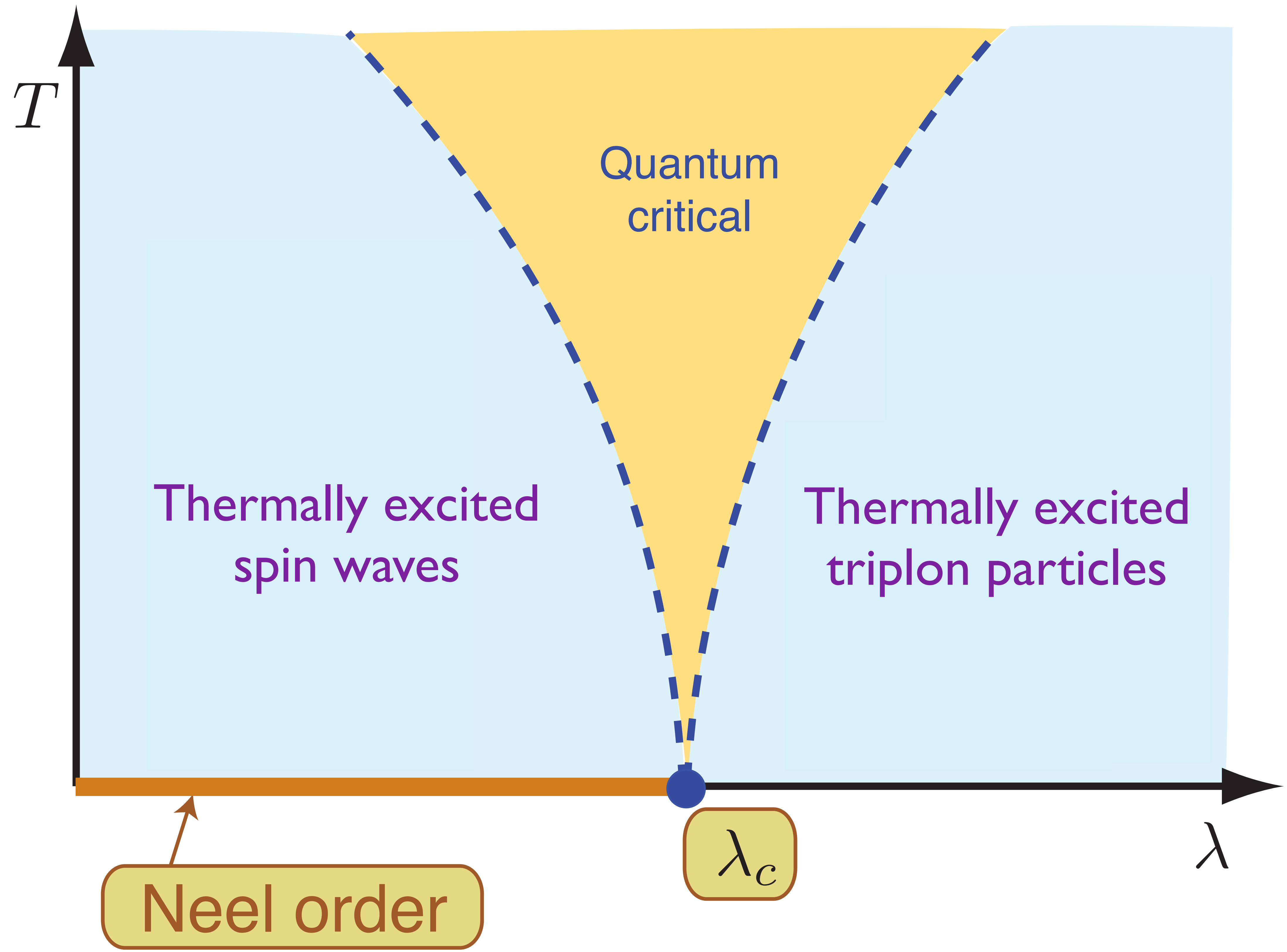

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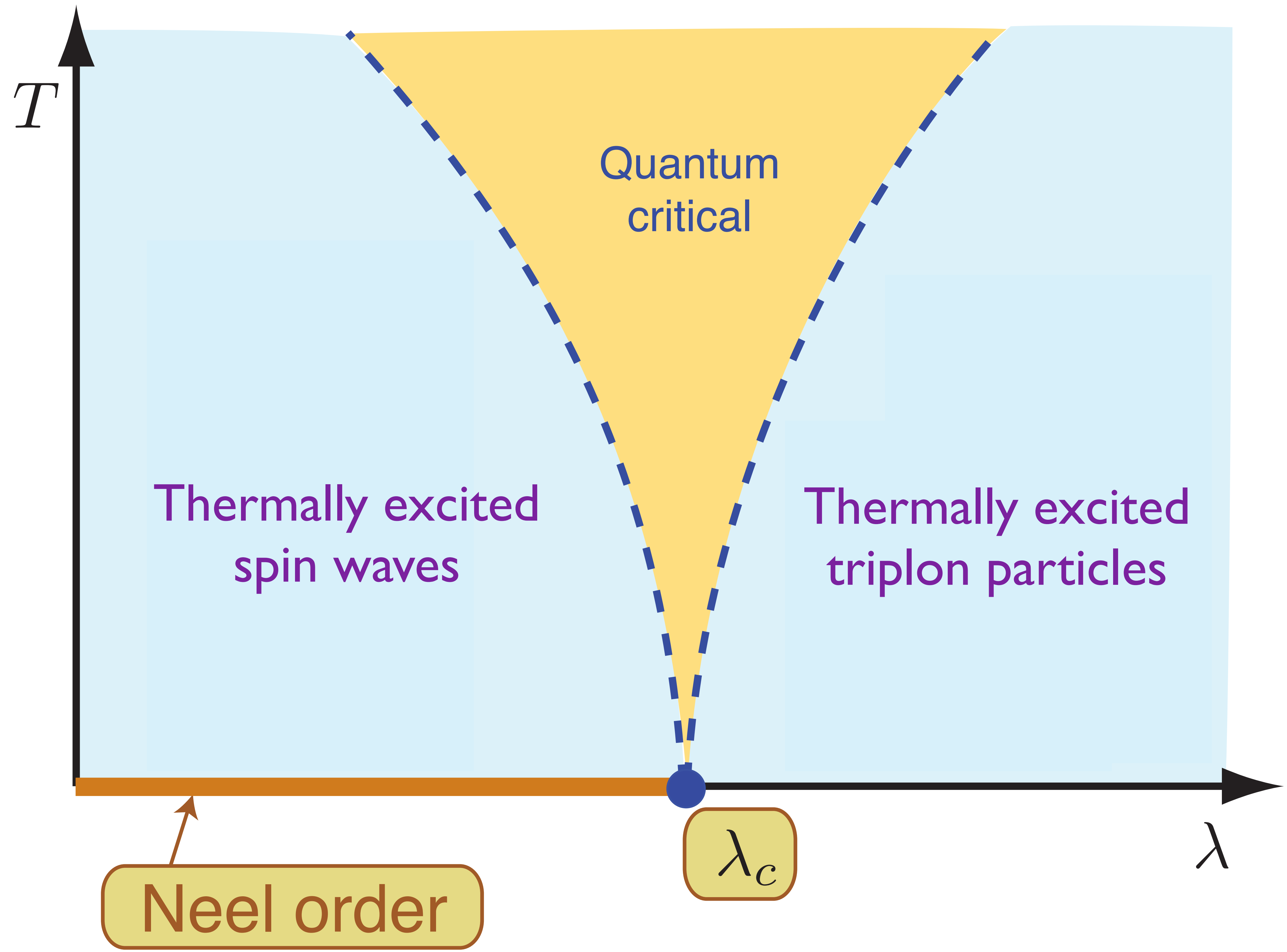

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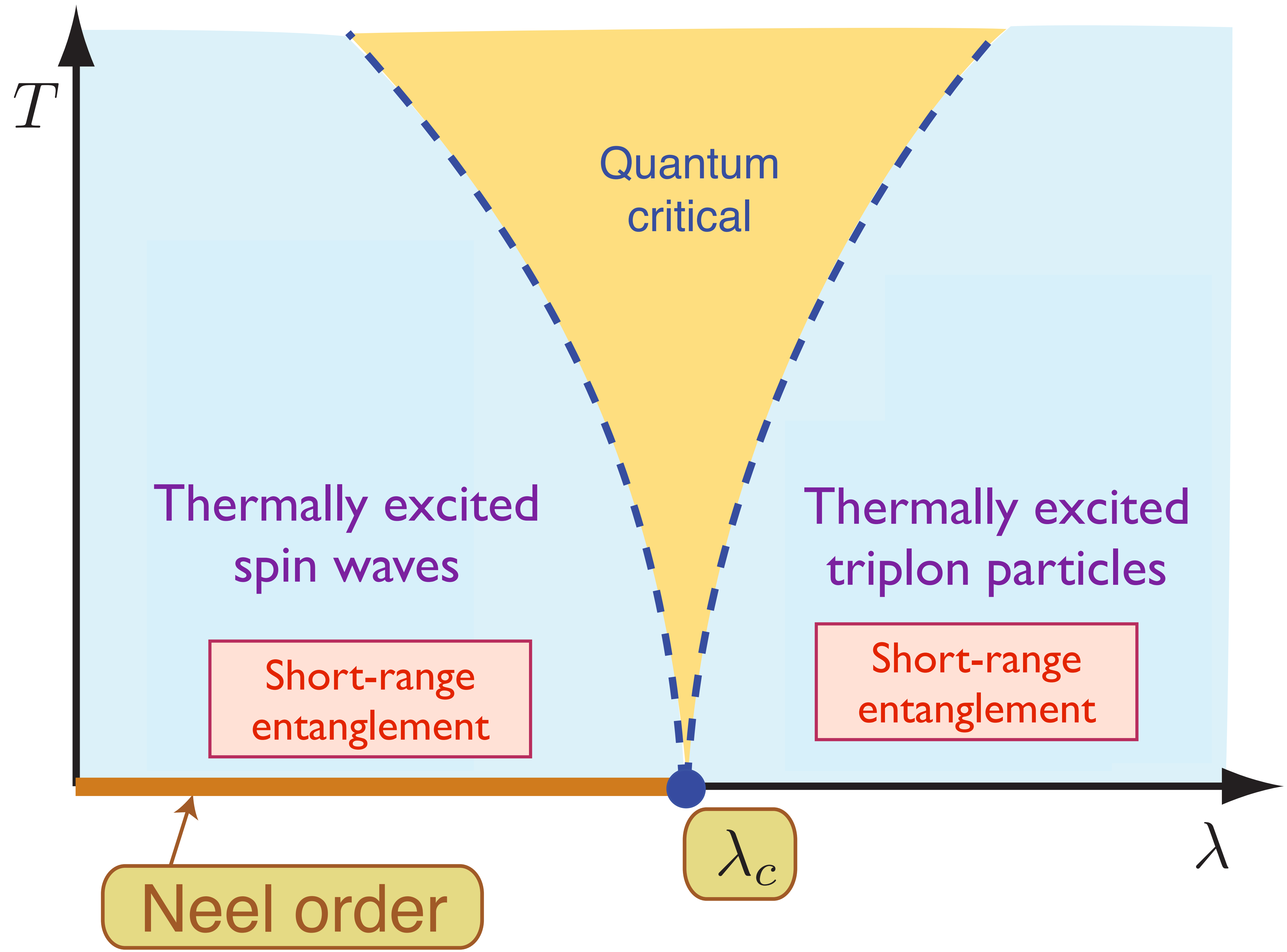

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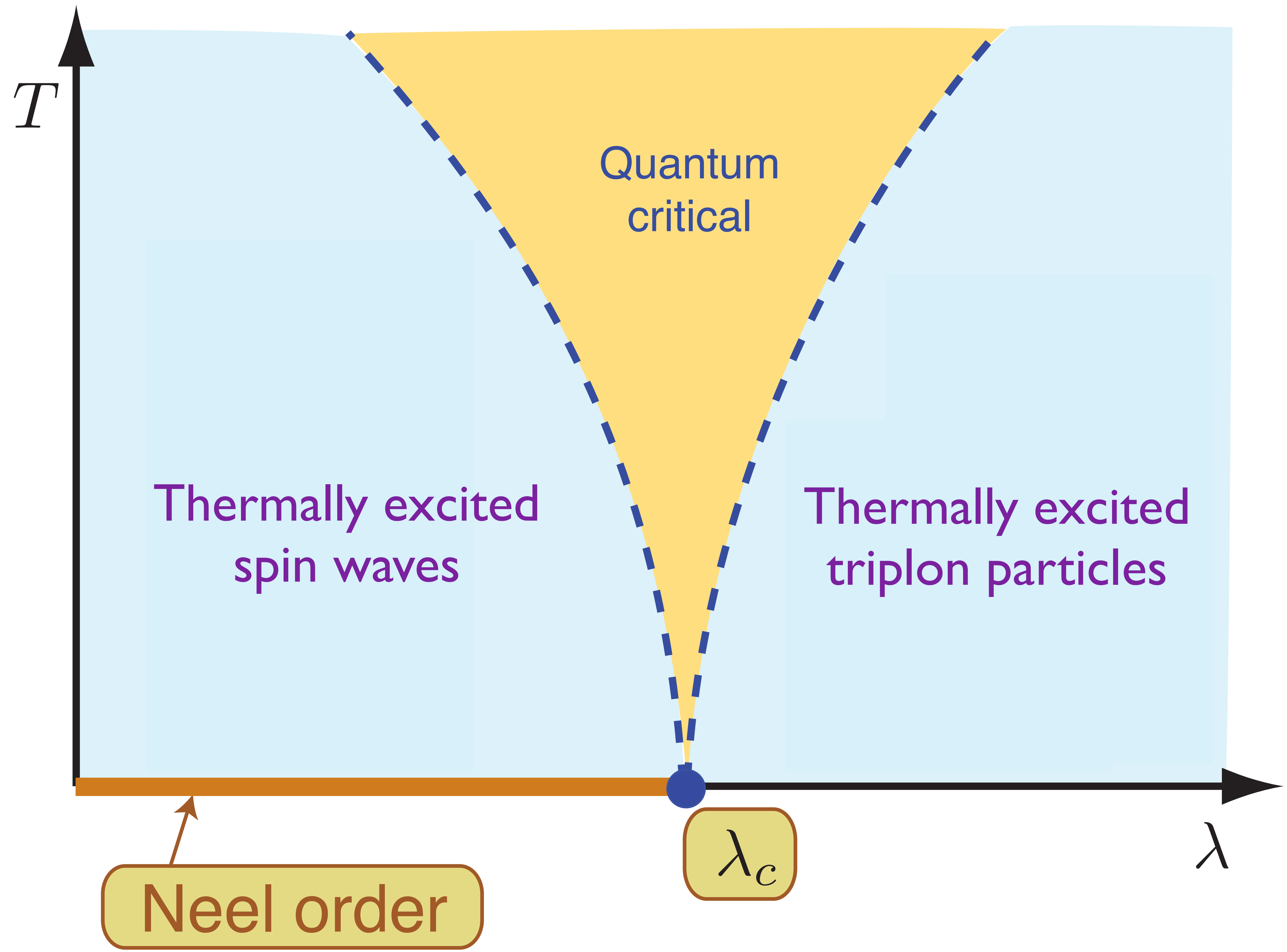

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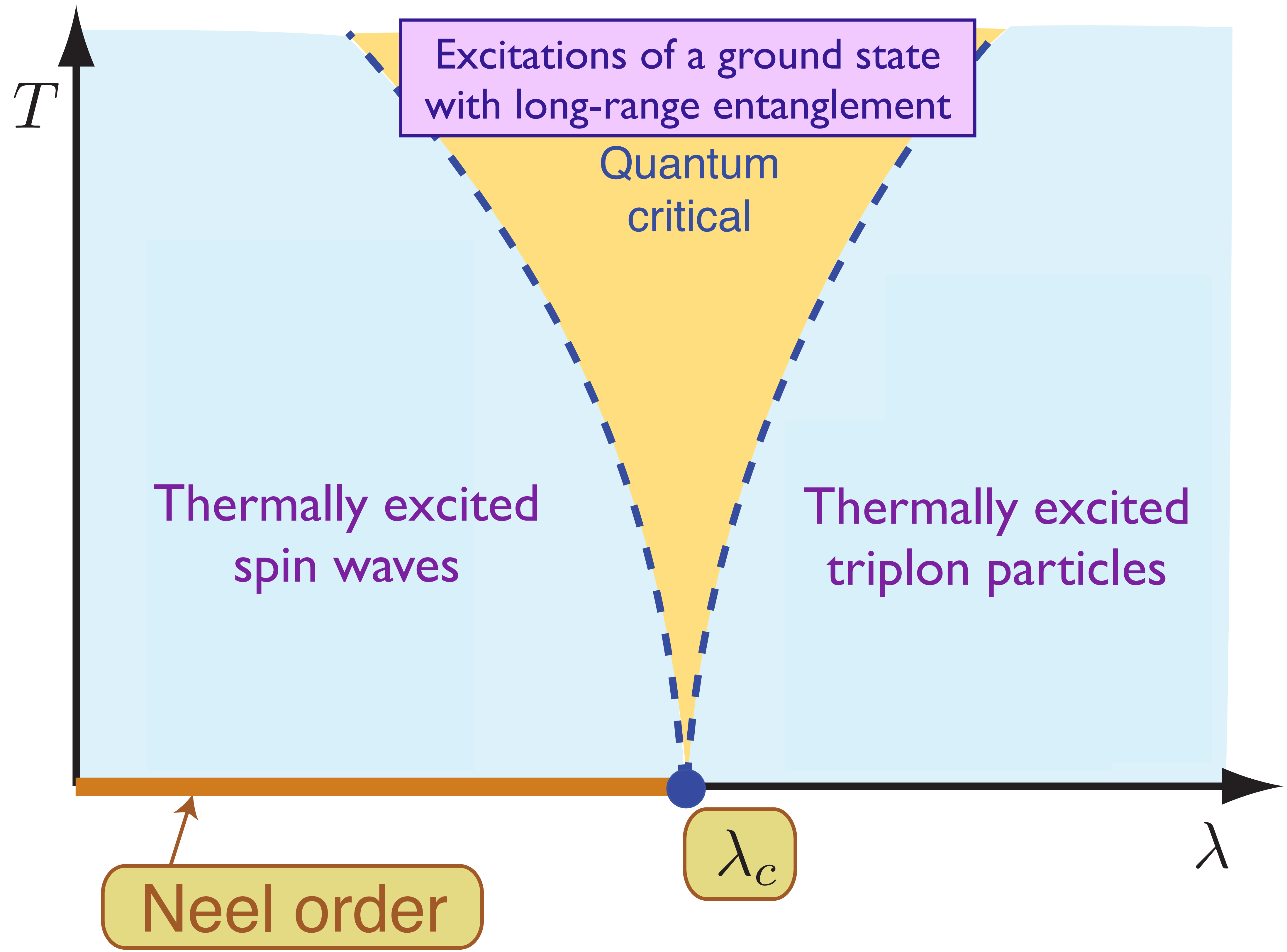

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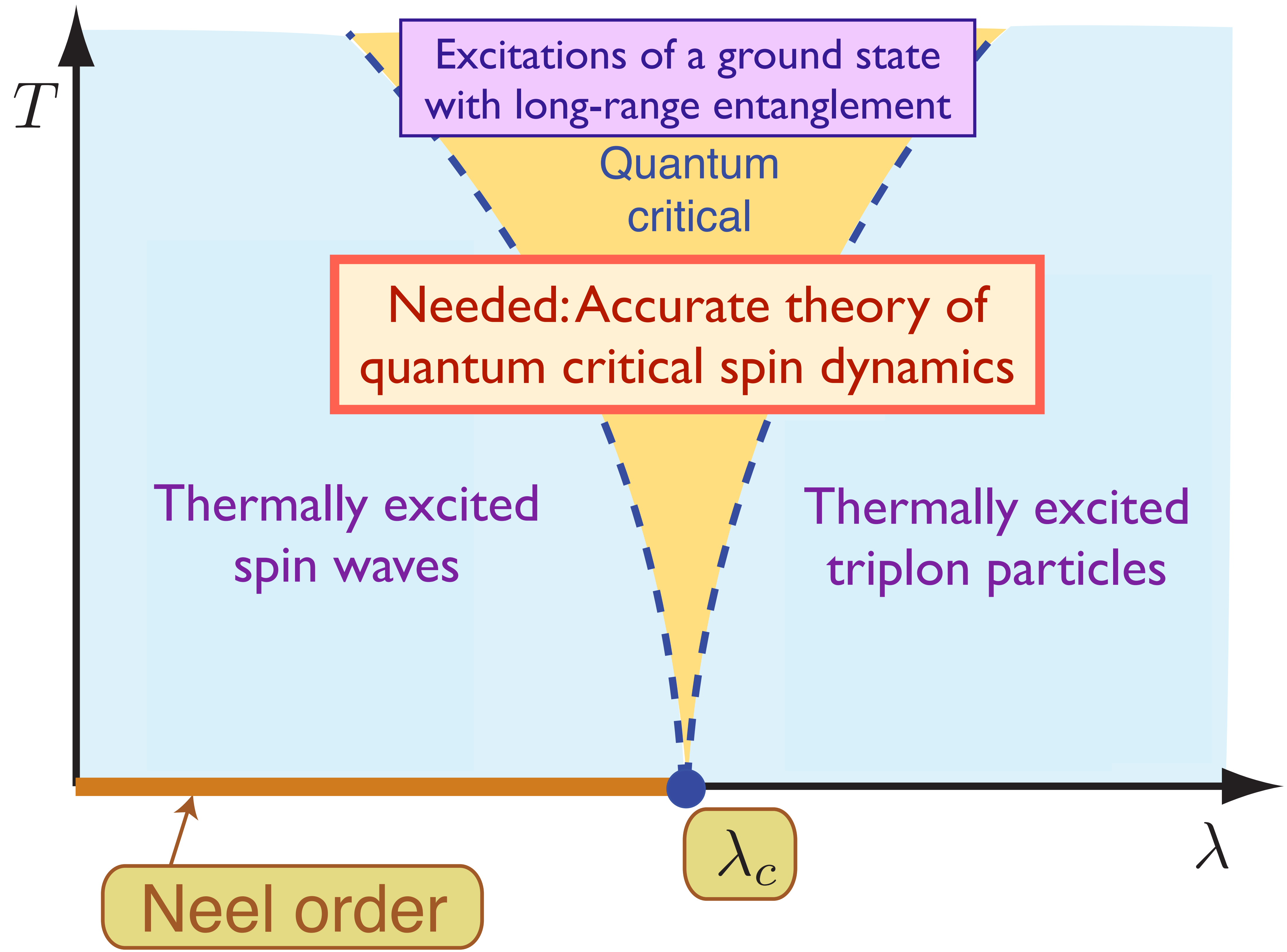

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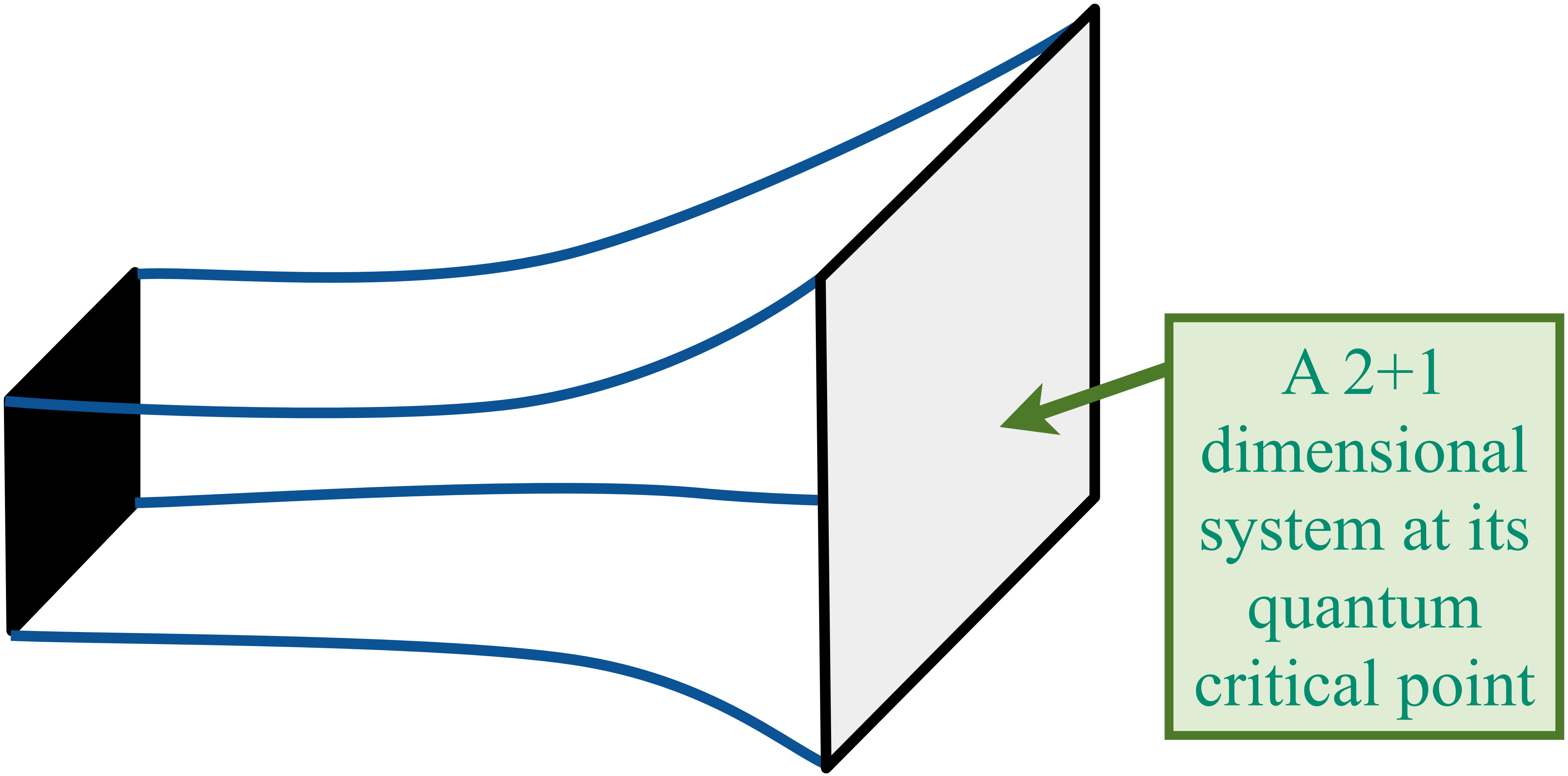

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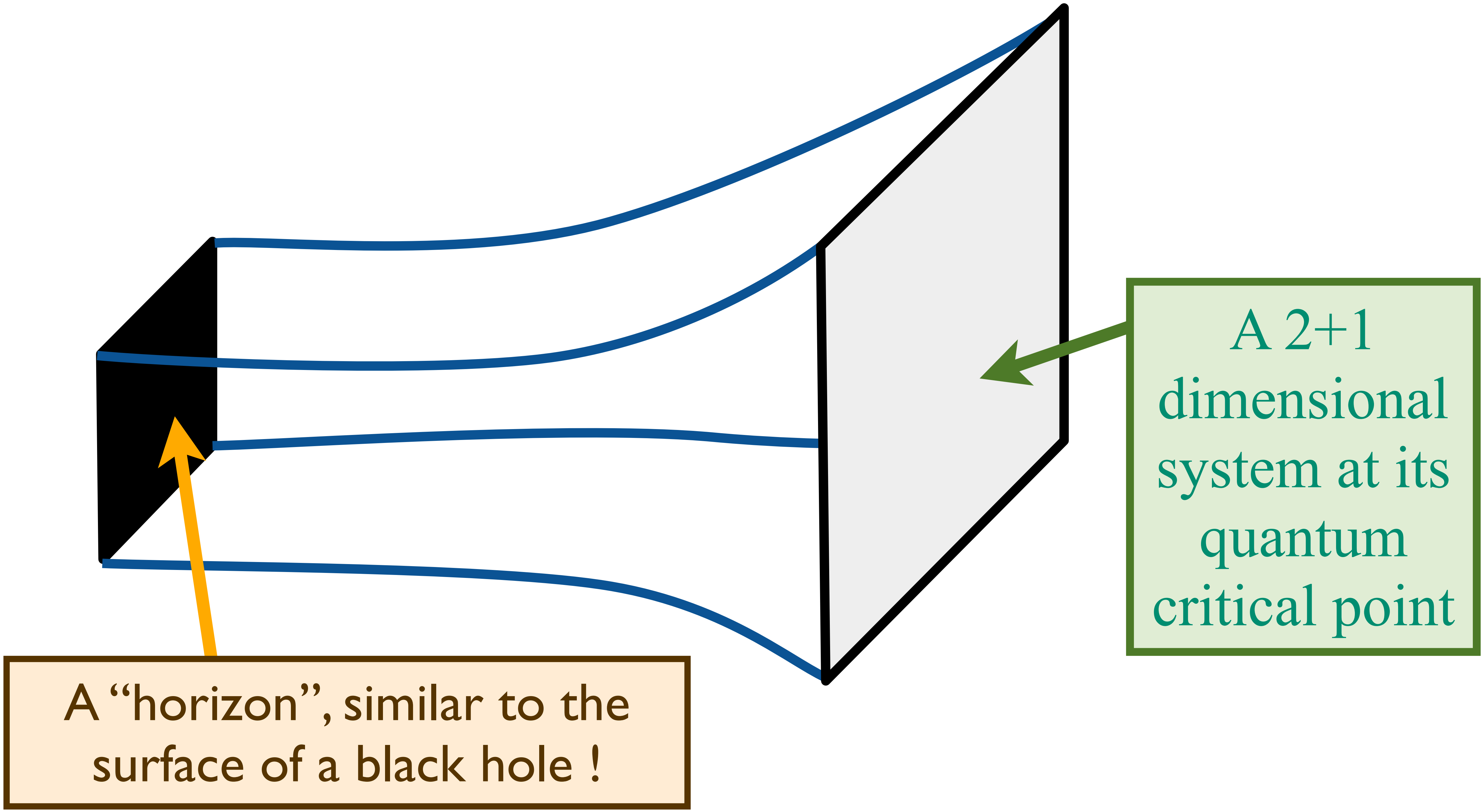

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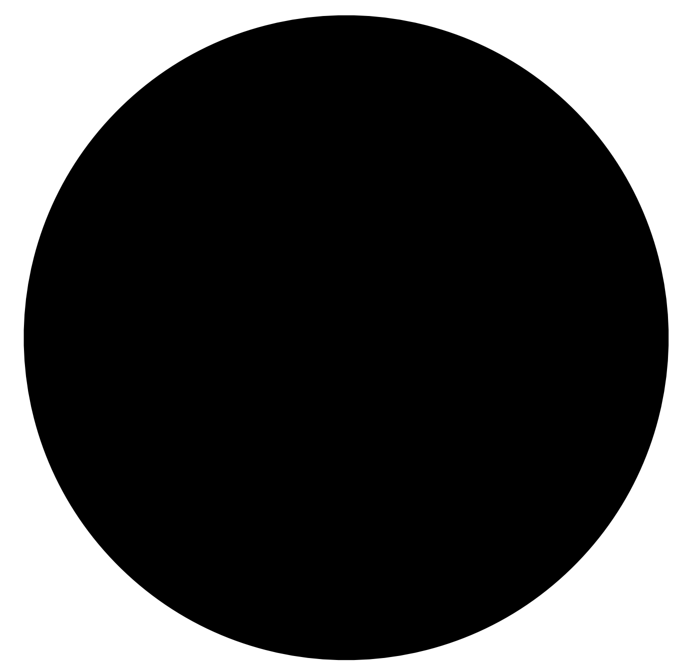

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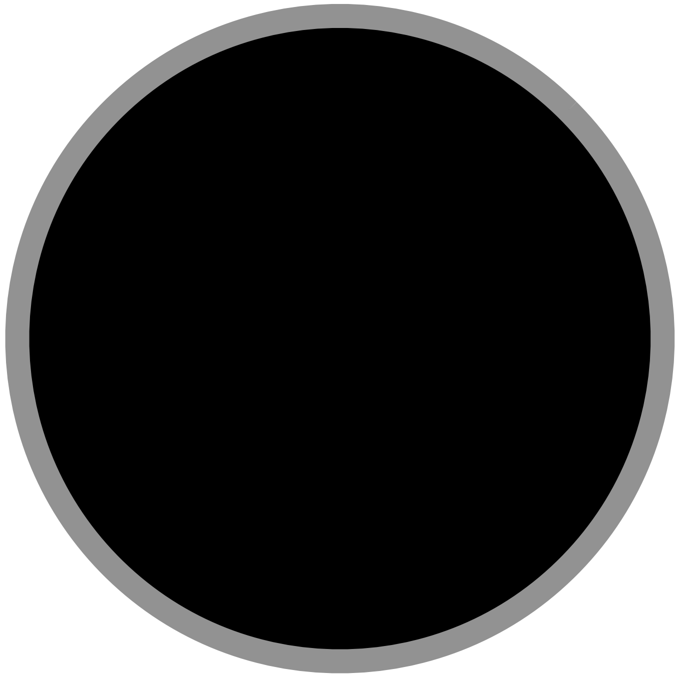
In Einstein's theory, the region inside the black hole **horizon** is disconnected from the rest of the universe.

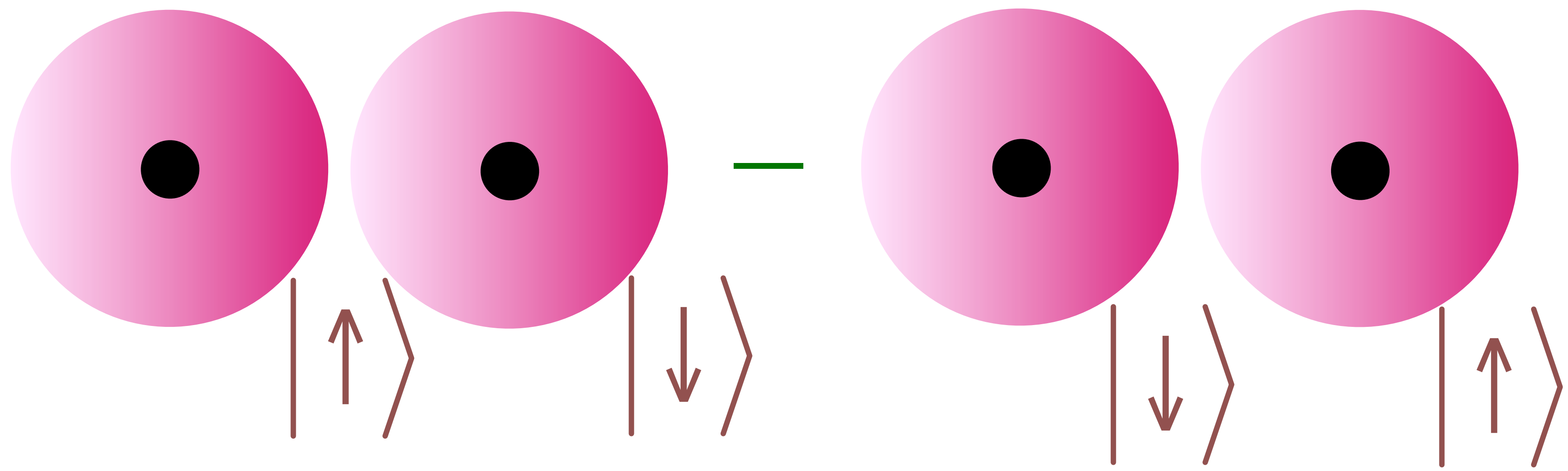


$$\text{Horizon radius } R = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

Black Holes + Quantum theory

Around 1974, Bekenstein and Hawking showed that the application of the quantum theory across a black hole horizon led to many astonishing conclusions

Quantum Entanglement across a black hole horizon



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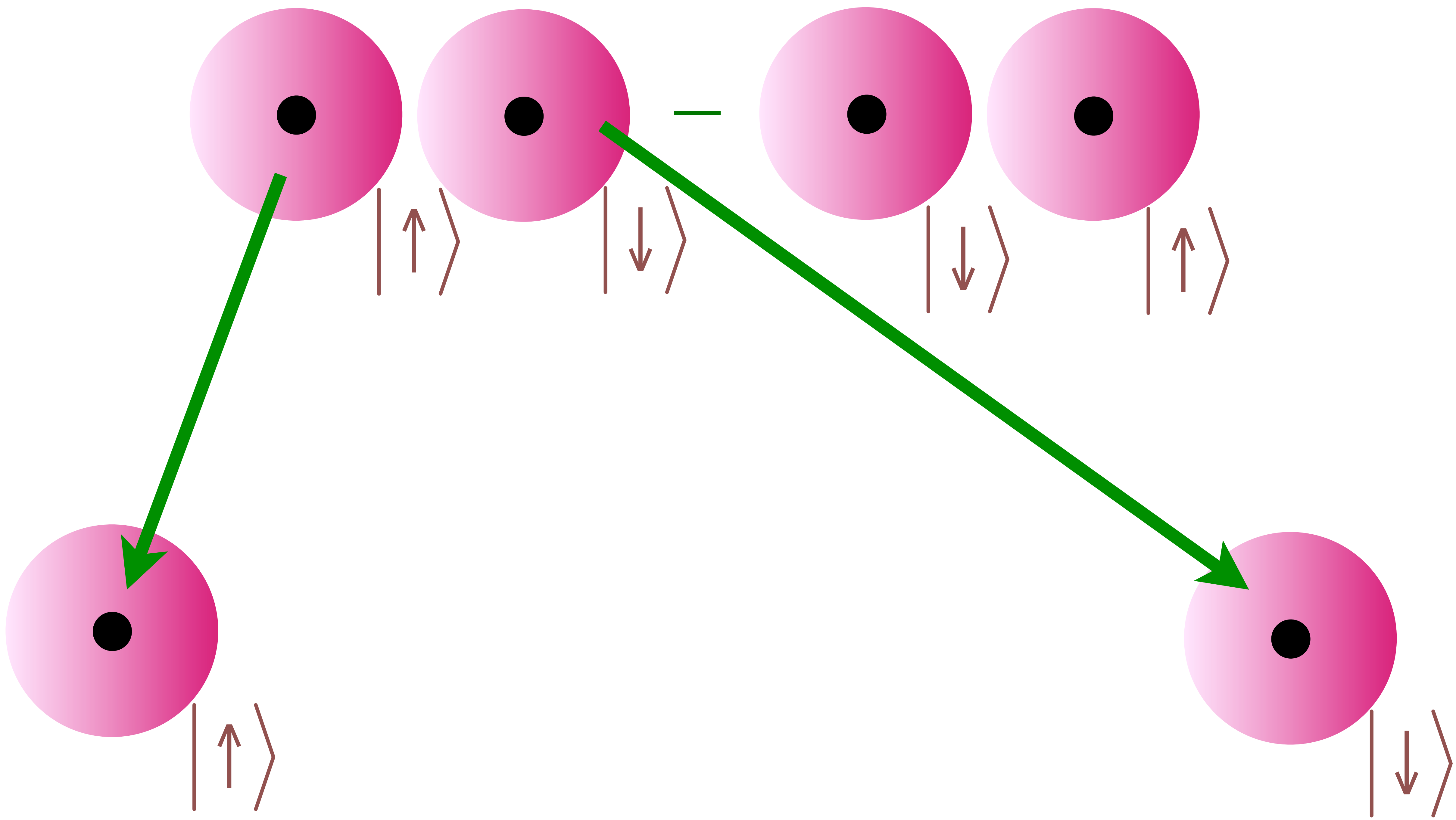

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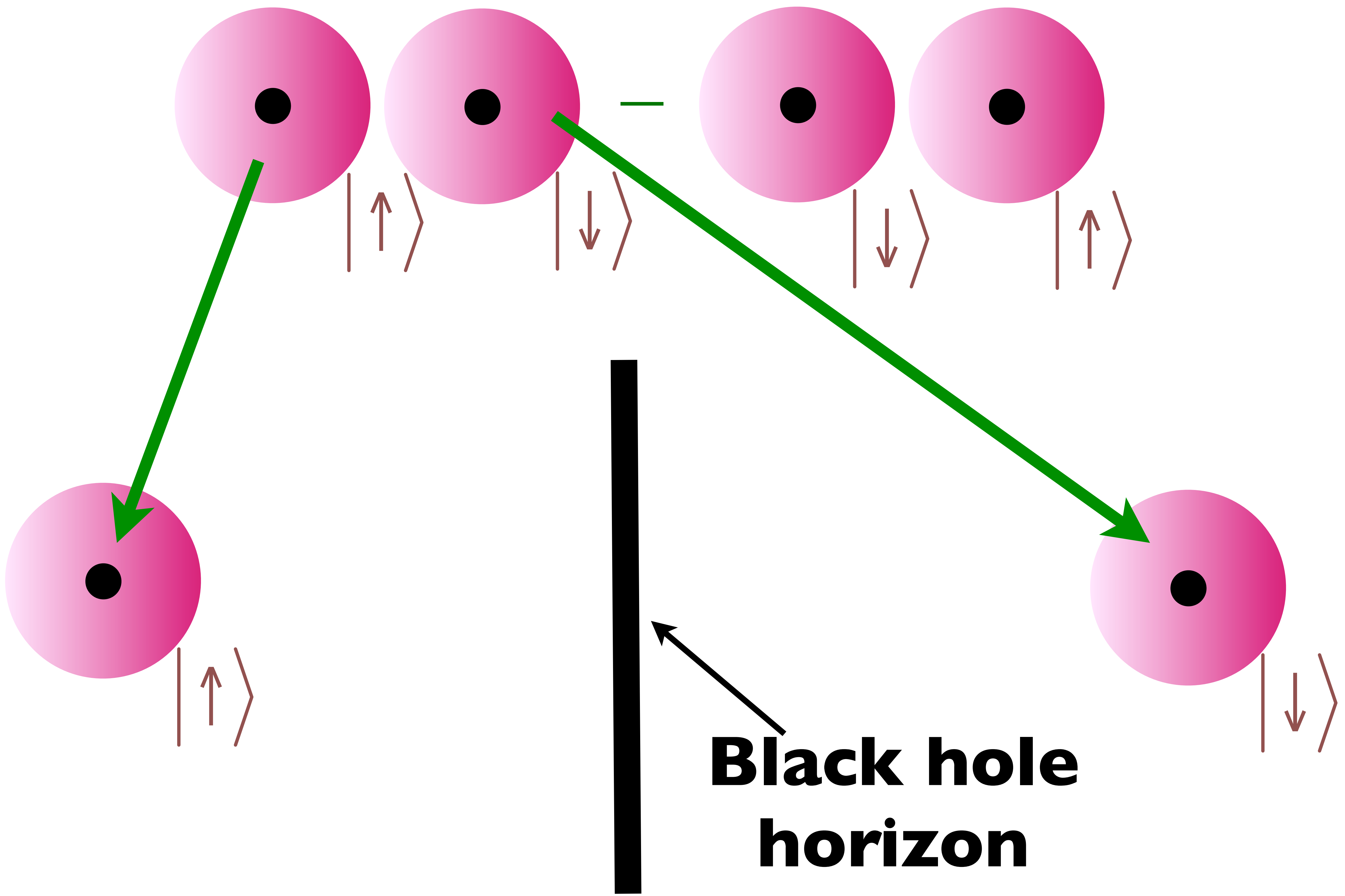

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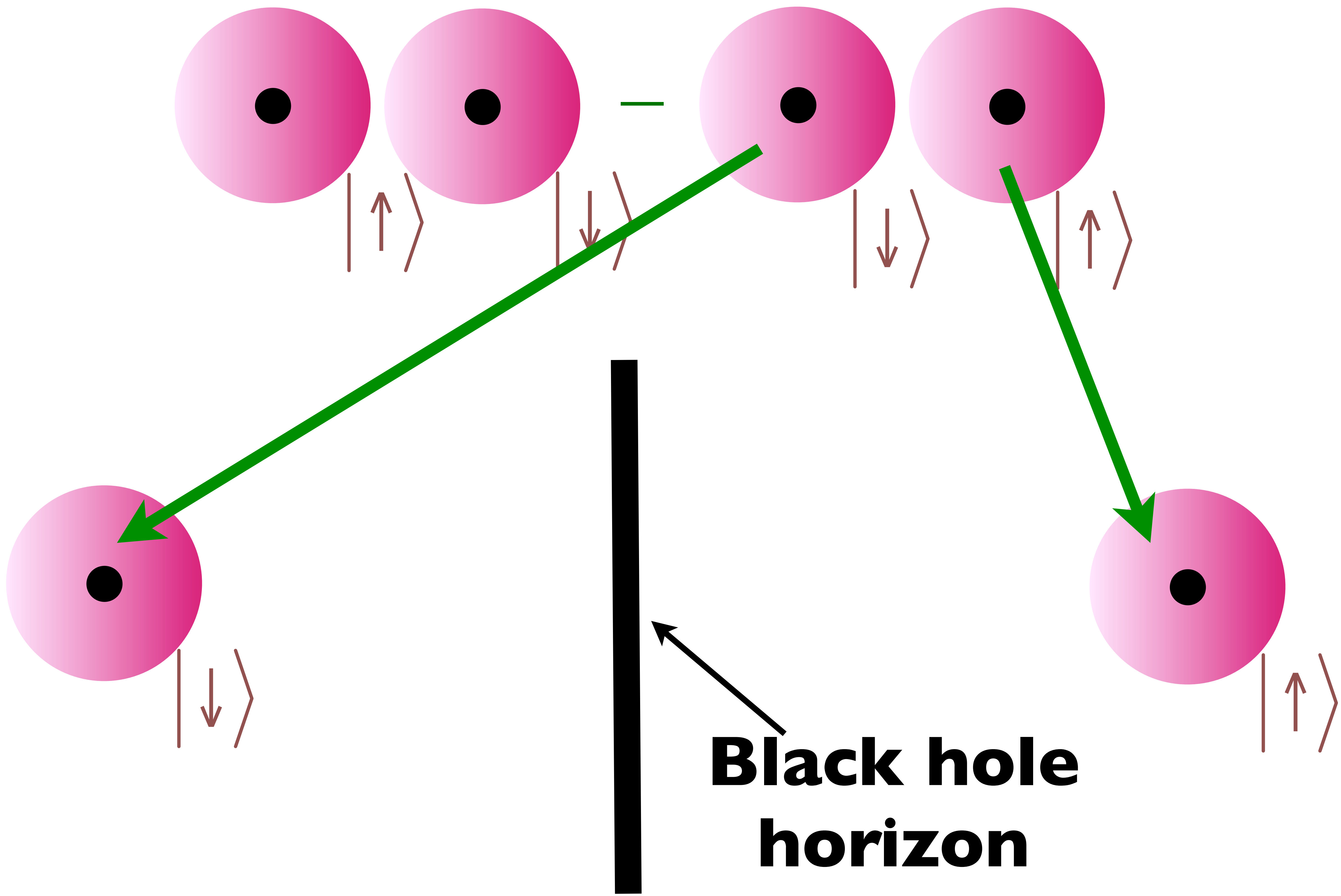

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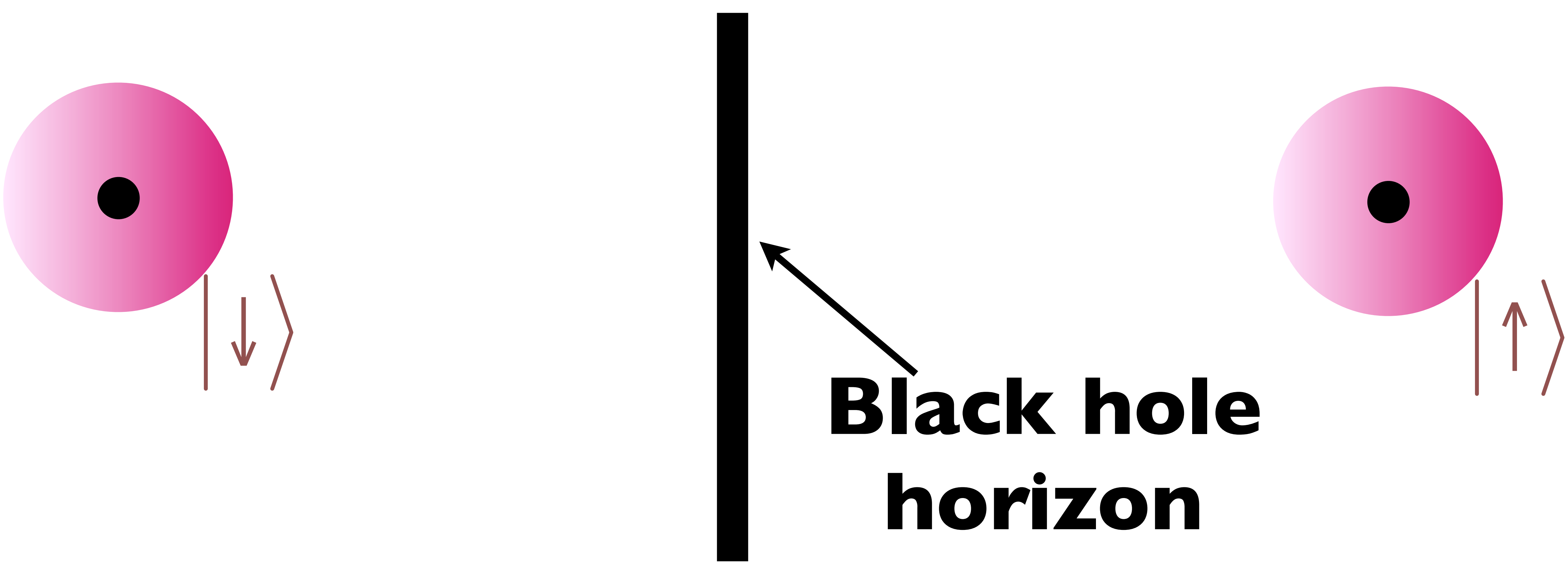

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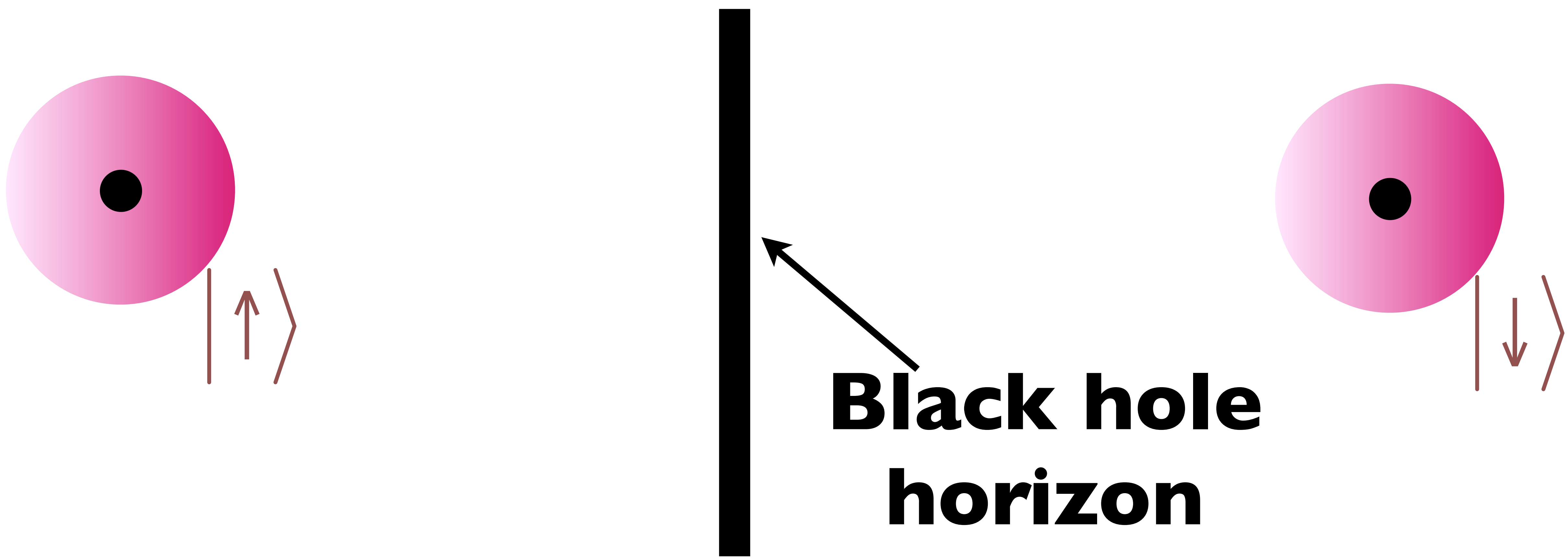

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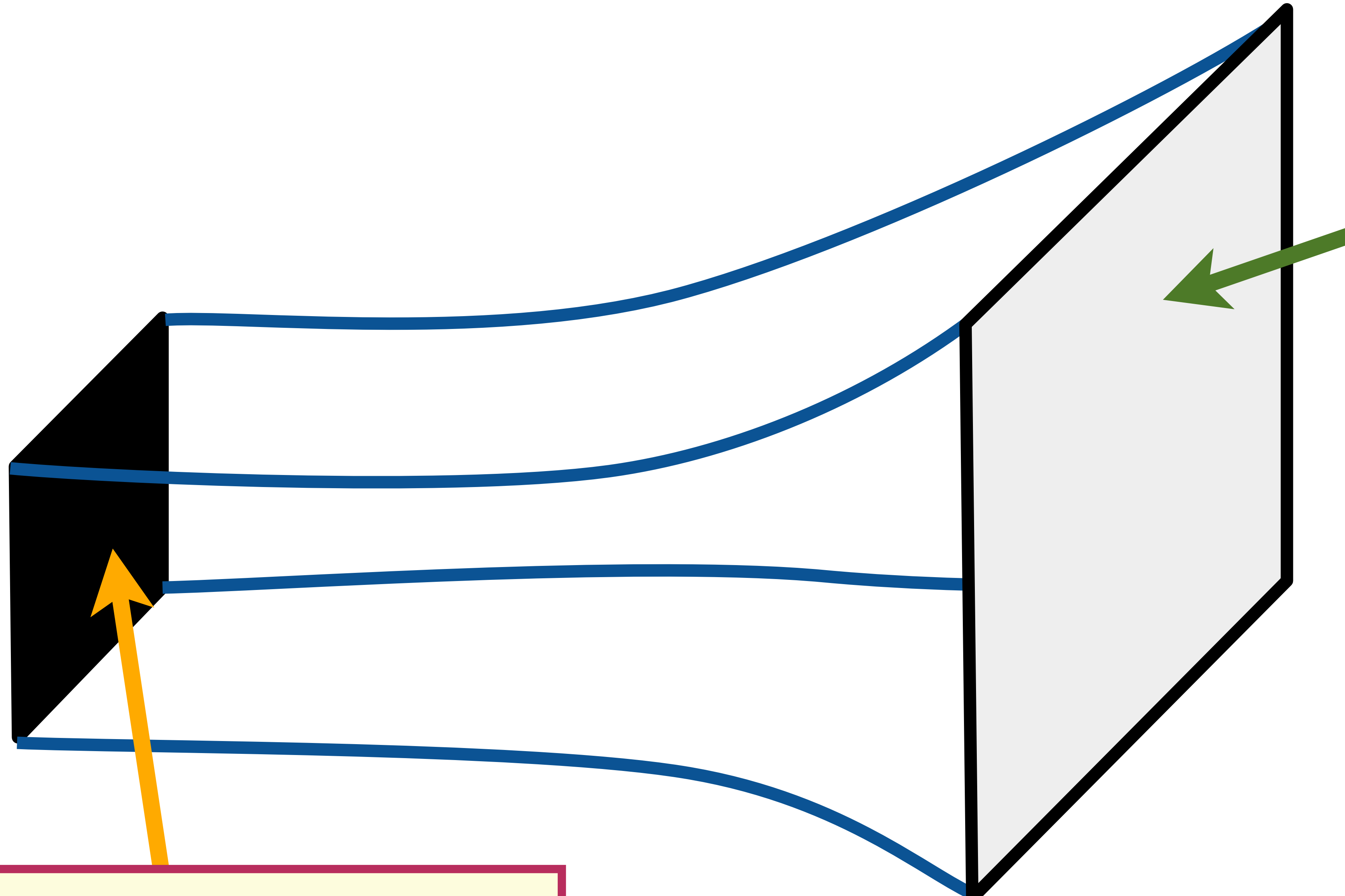

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A "horizon", whose temperature and entropy equal those of the quantum critical point

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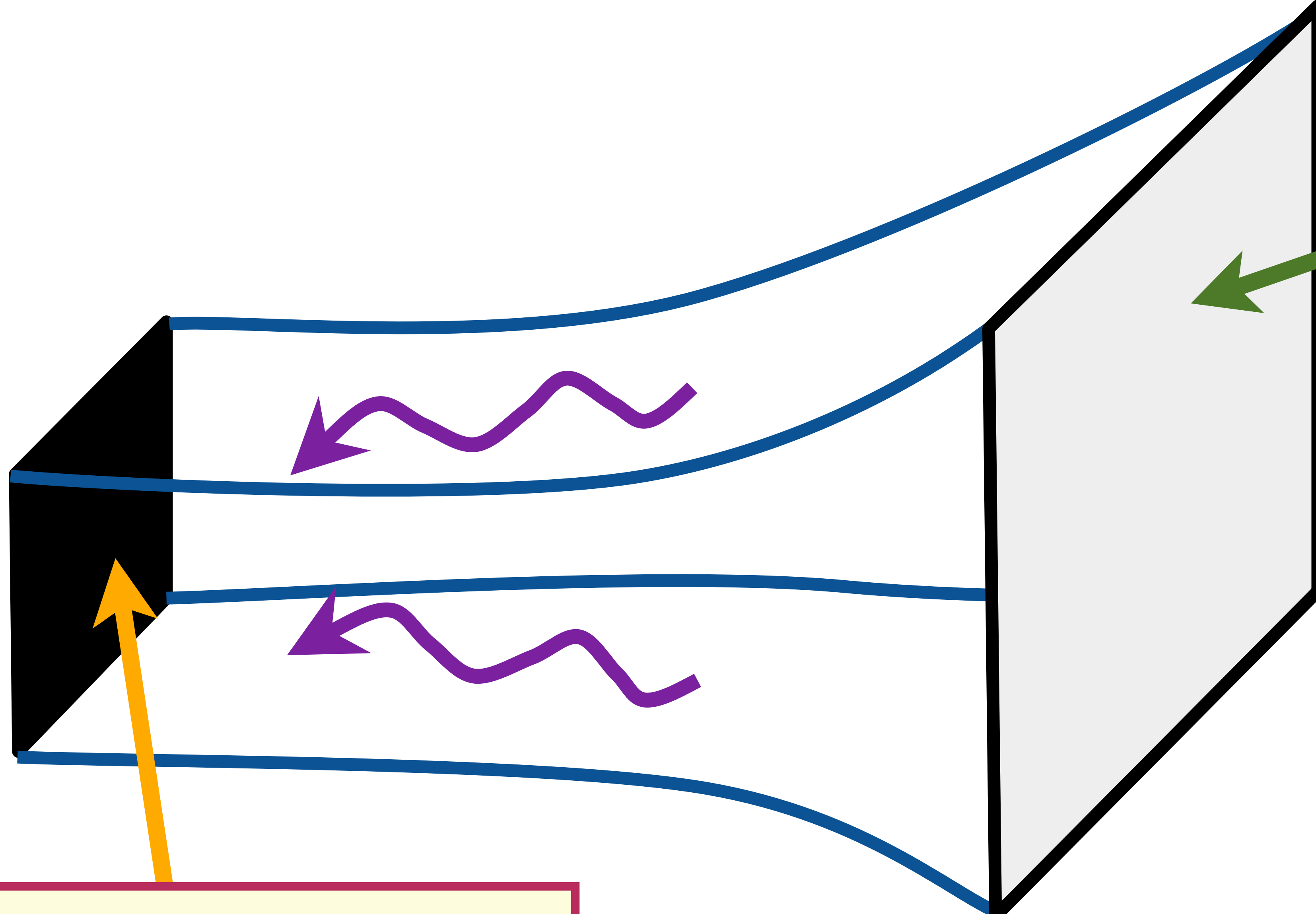

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Friction of quantum criticality = waves falling into black brane

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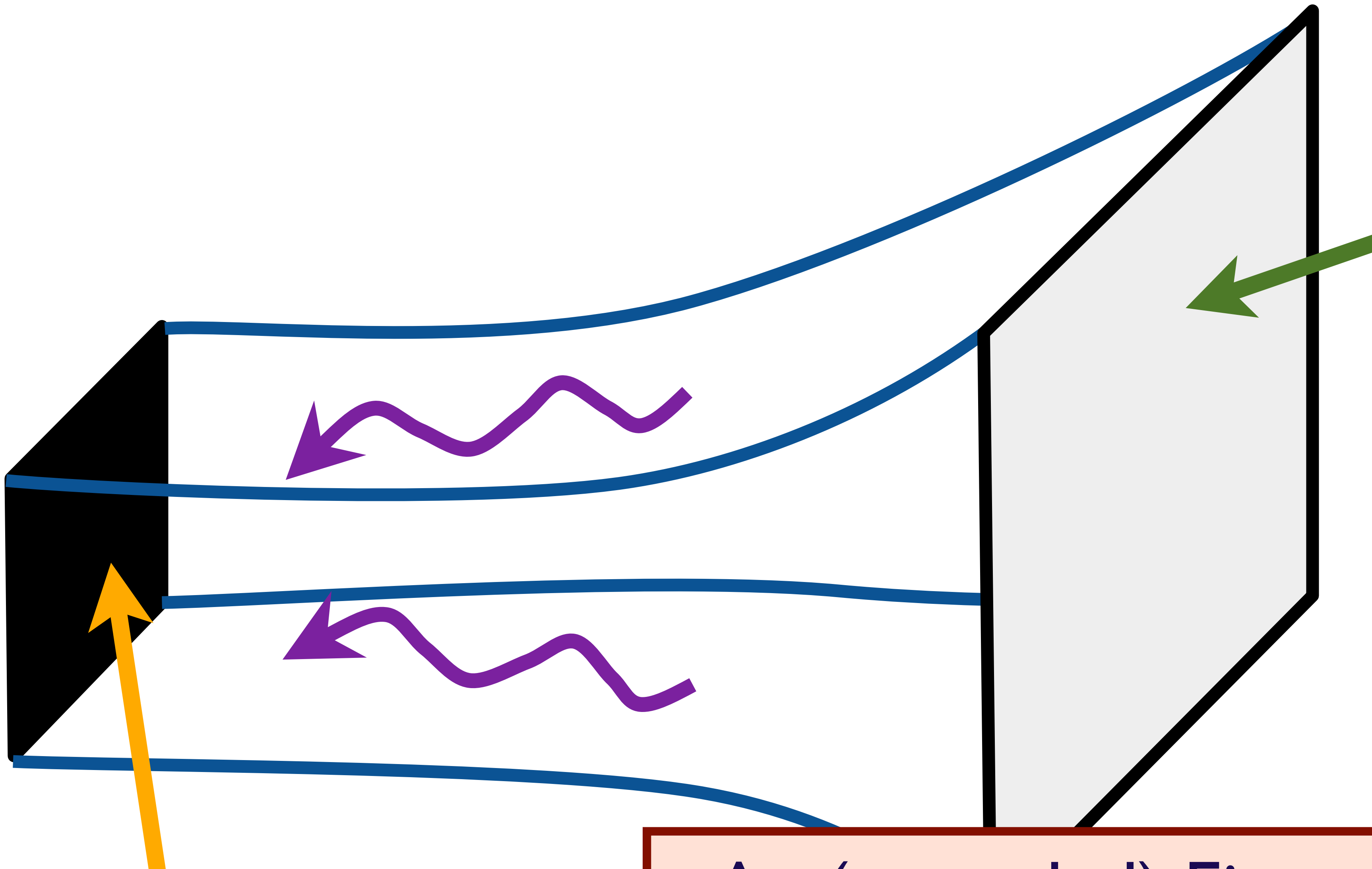

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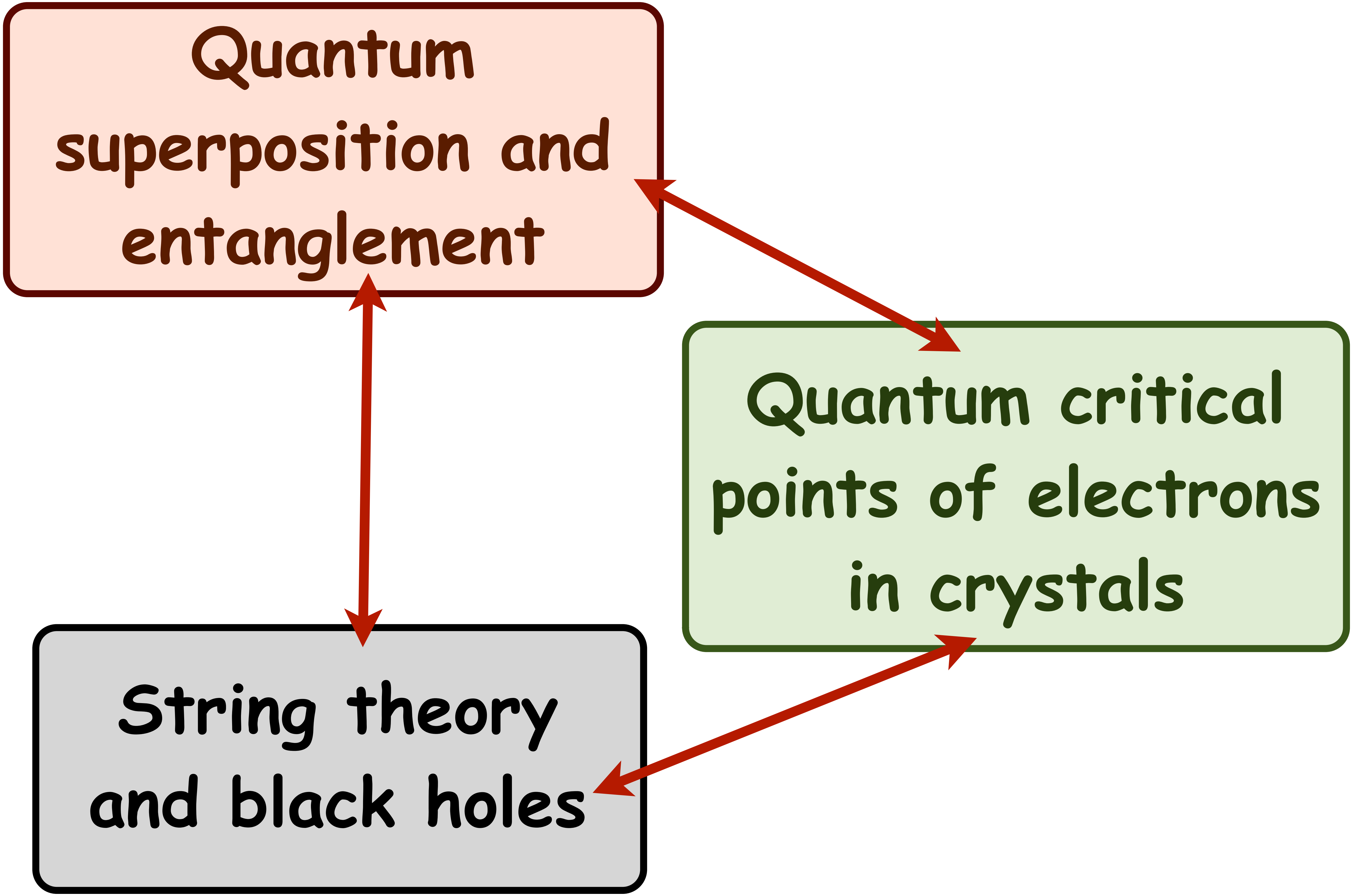
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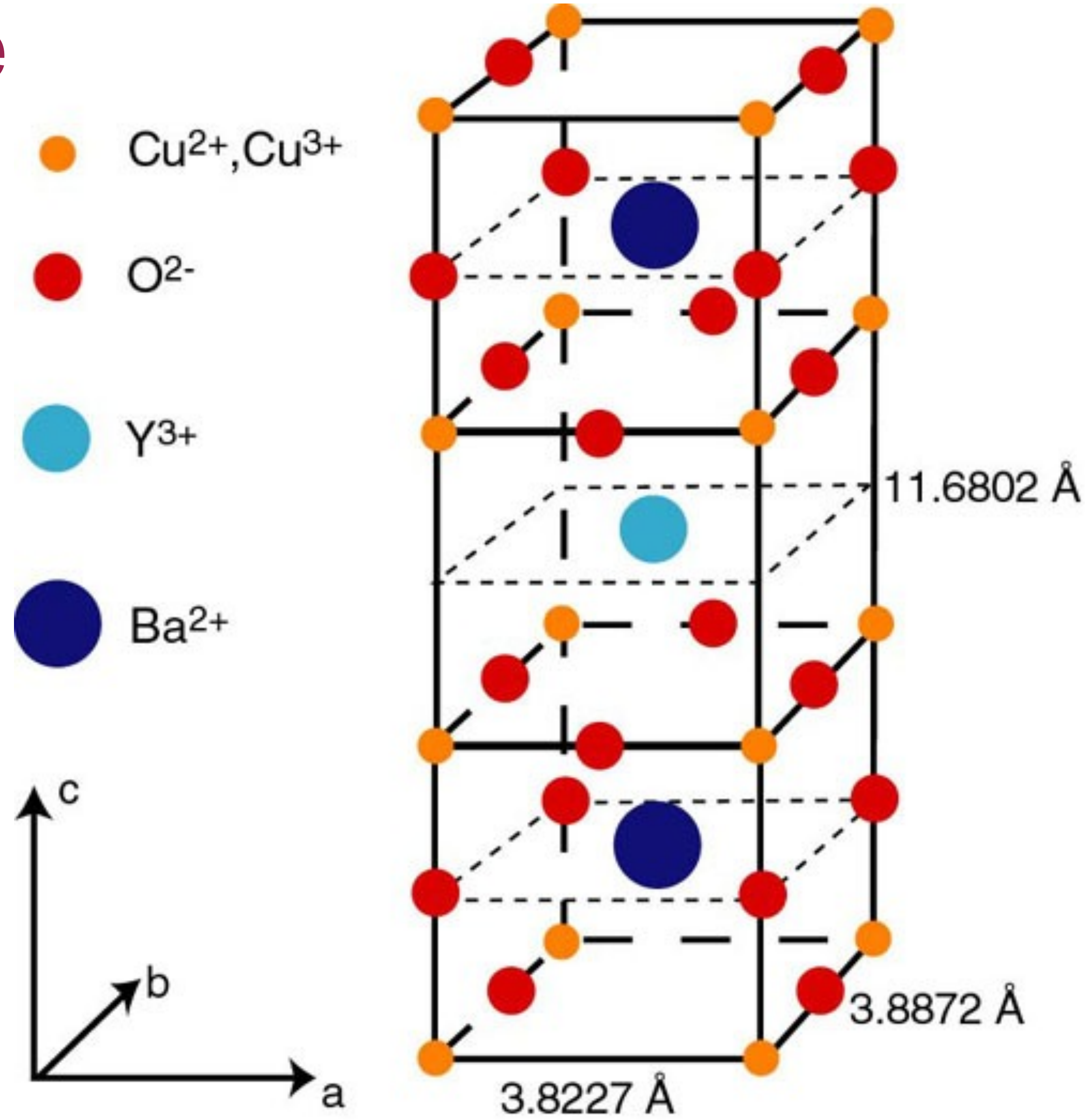
Metals, “strange metals”, and high temperature superconductors

Insights from gravitational “duals”

High temperature superconductors



$$\mathrm{YBa_2Cu_3O}_{6+x}$$

Iron pnictides:

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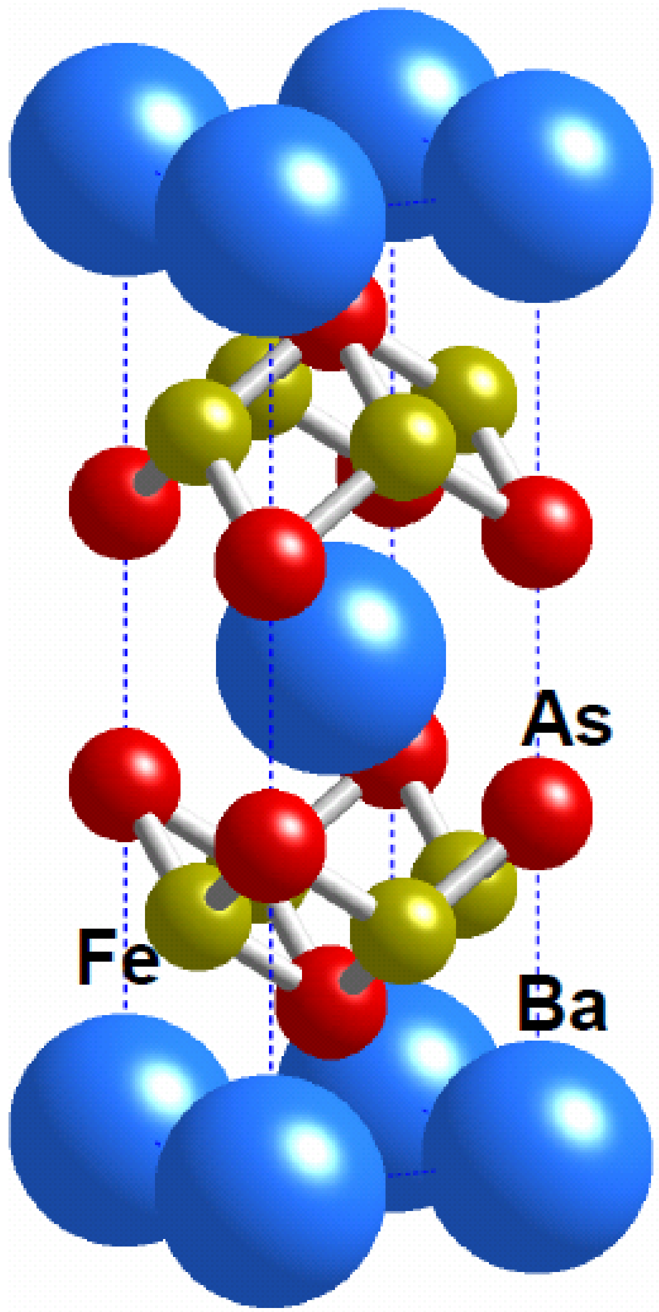

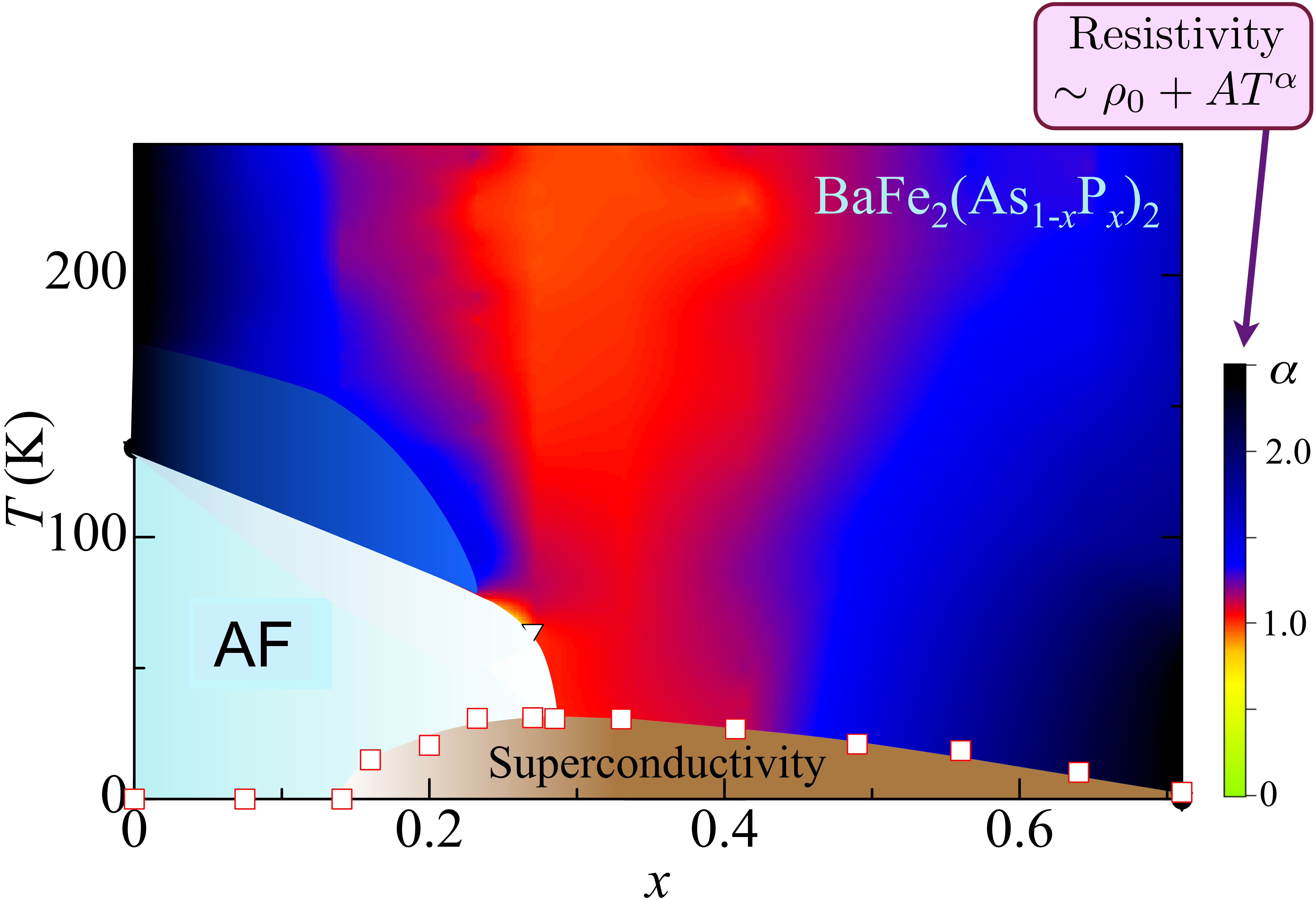

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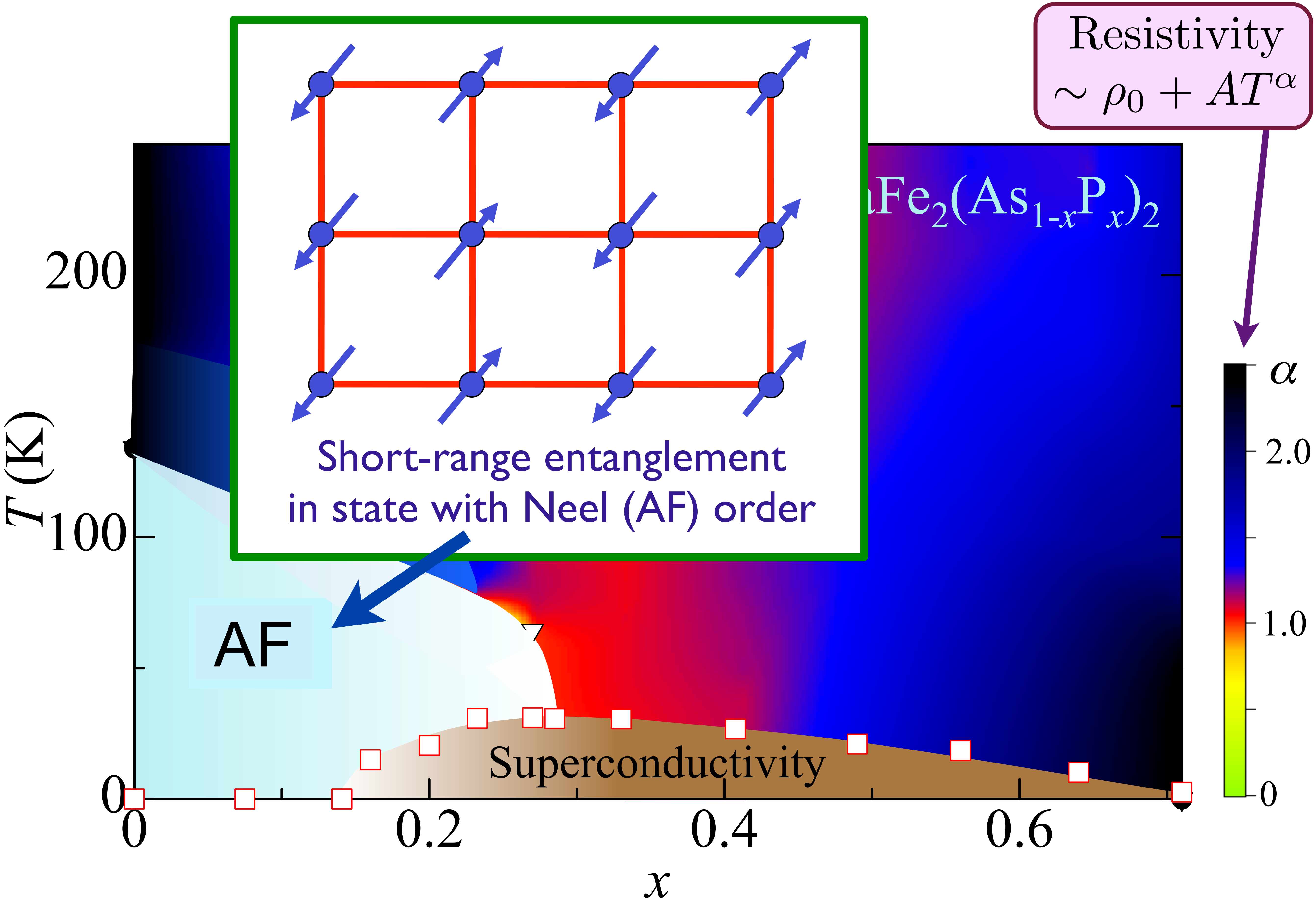

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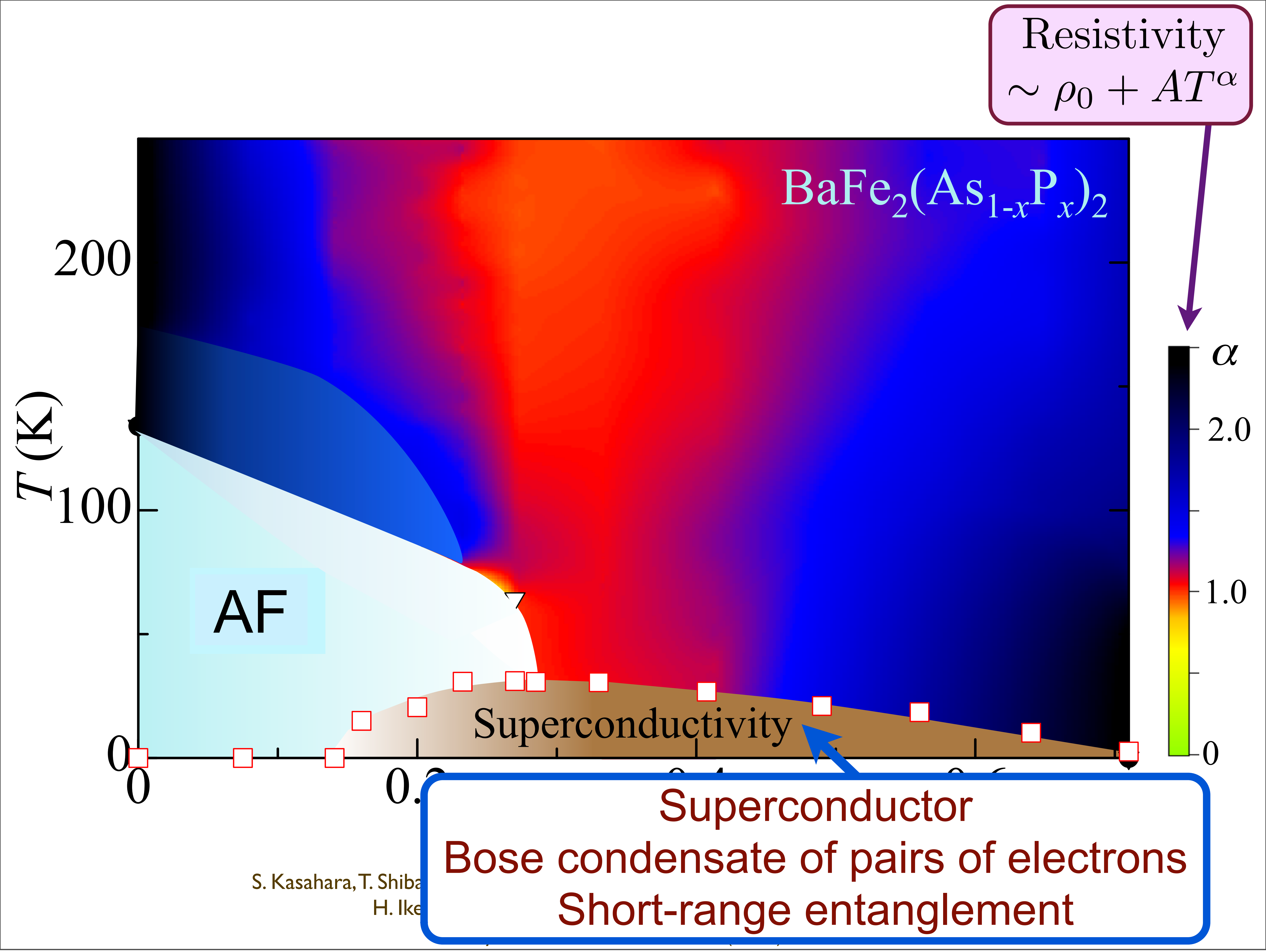

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$\sim \rho_0 + AT^\alpha$
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Bose condensate of pairs of electrons
Short-range entanglement
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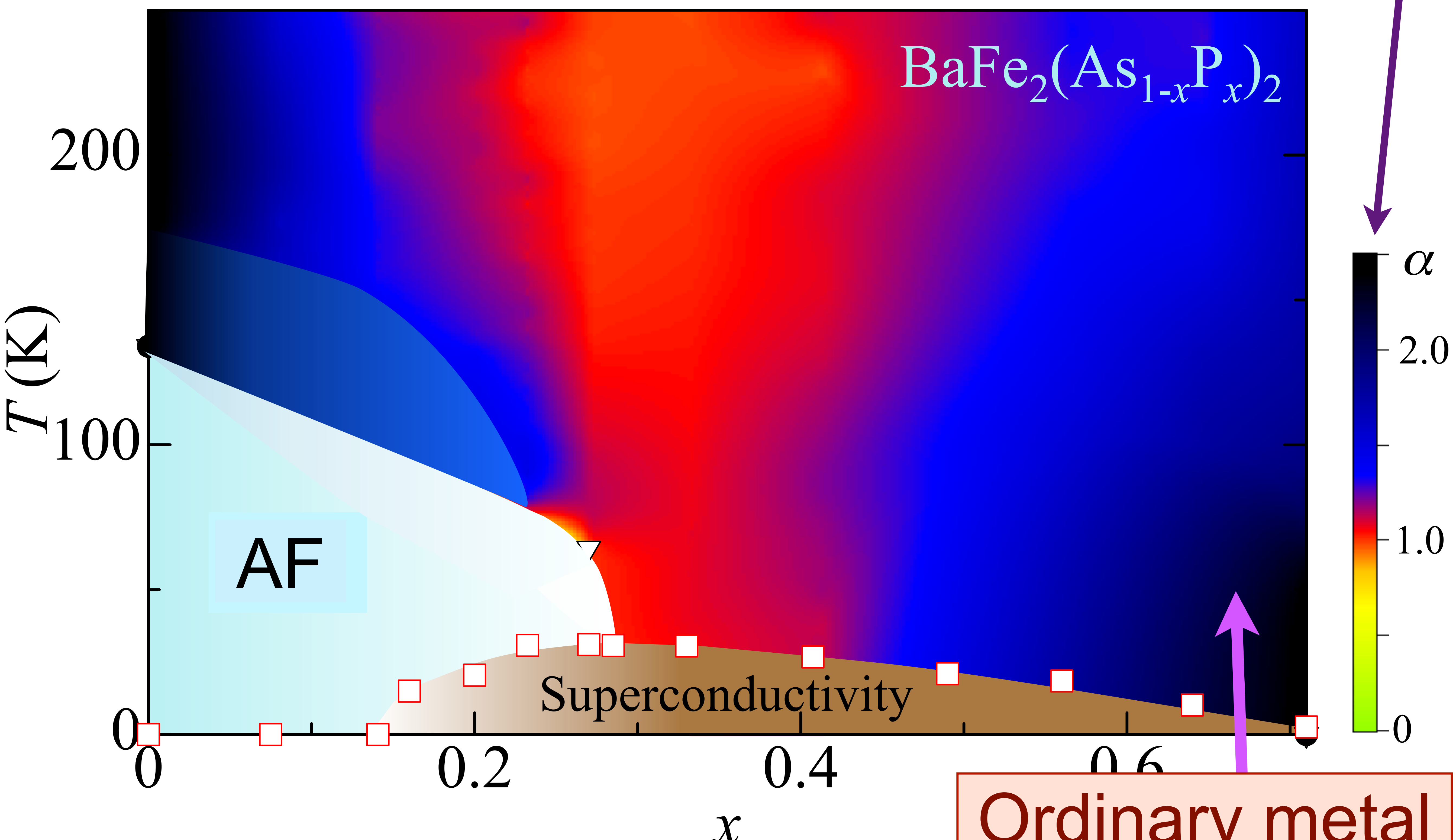

Ordinary metal
(Fermi liquid)

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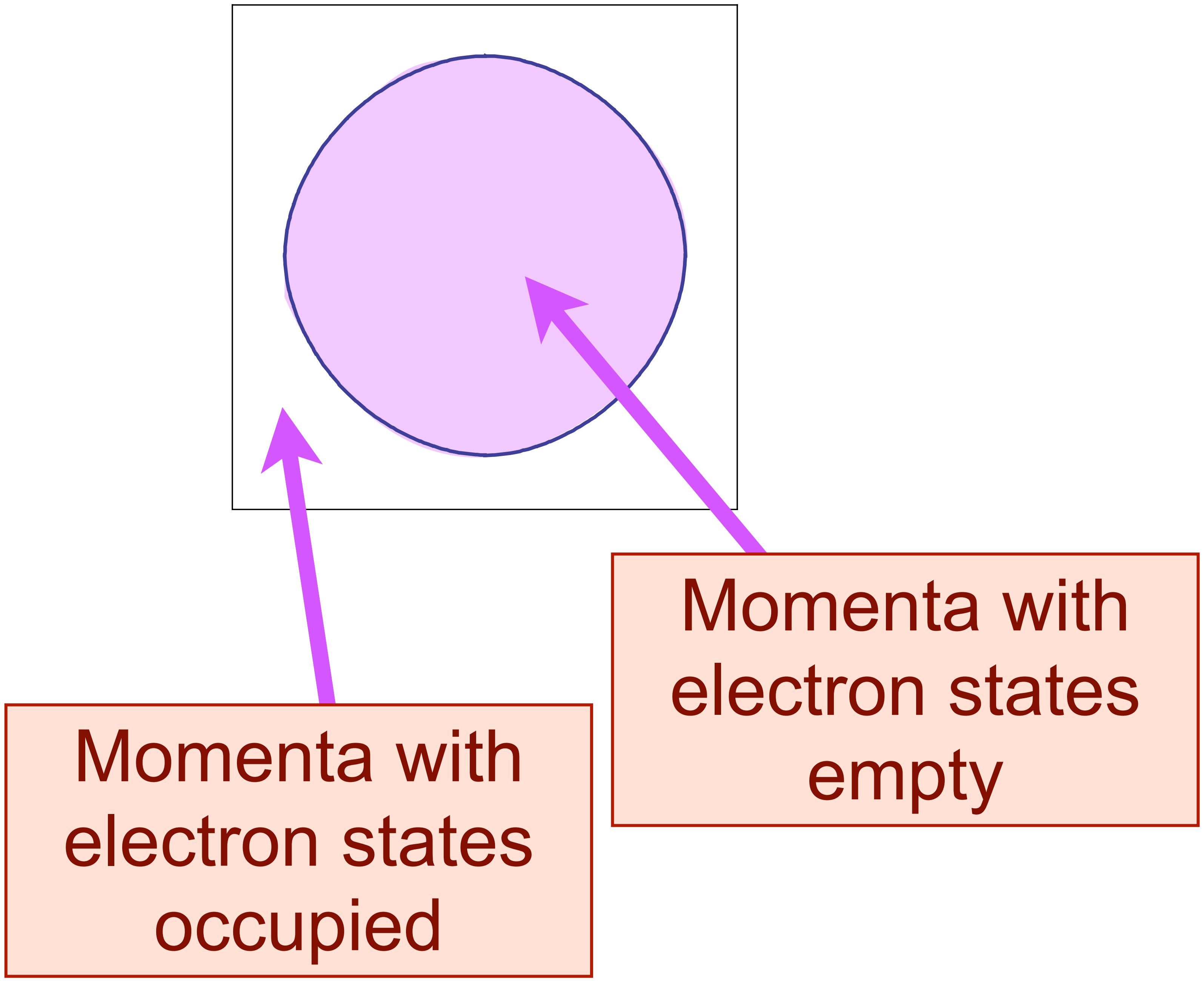

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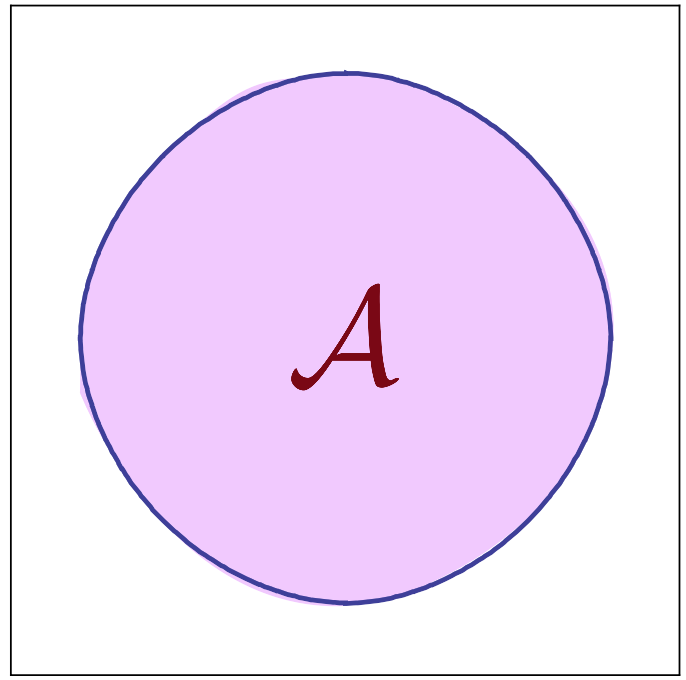
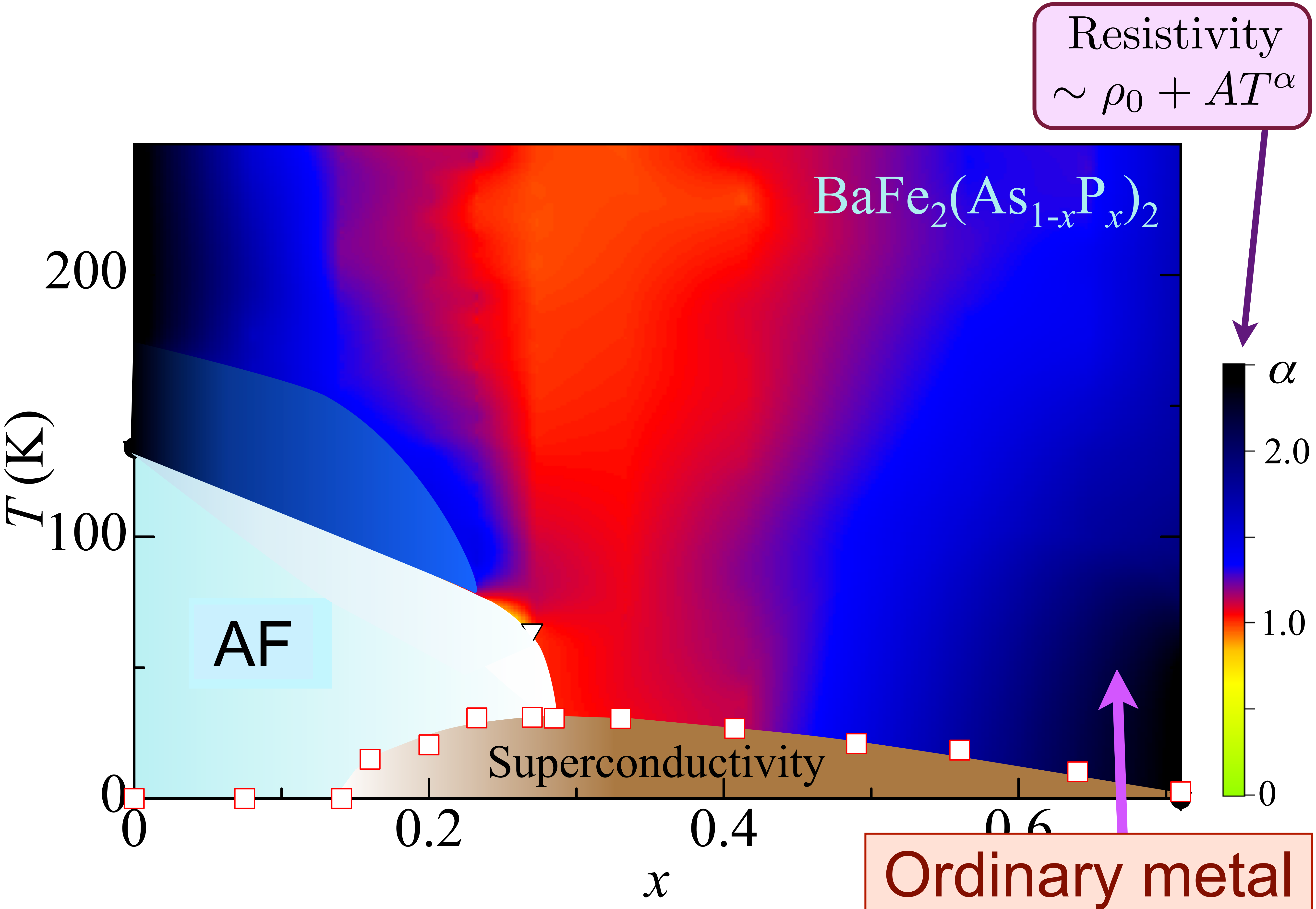


Key feature of the theory:
the **Fermi surface**

- Area enclosed by the Fermi surface $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q}$, the electron density
- Excitations near the Fermi surface are responsible for the familiar properties of ordinary metals, such as resistivity $\sim T^2$.



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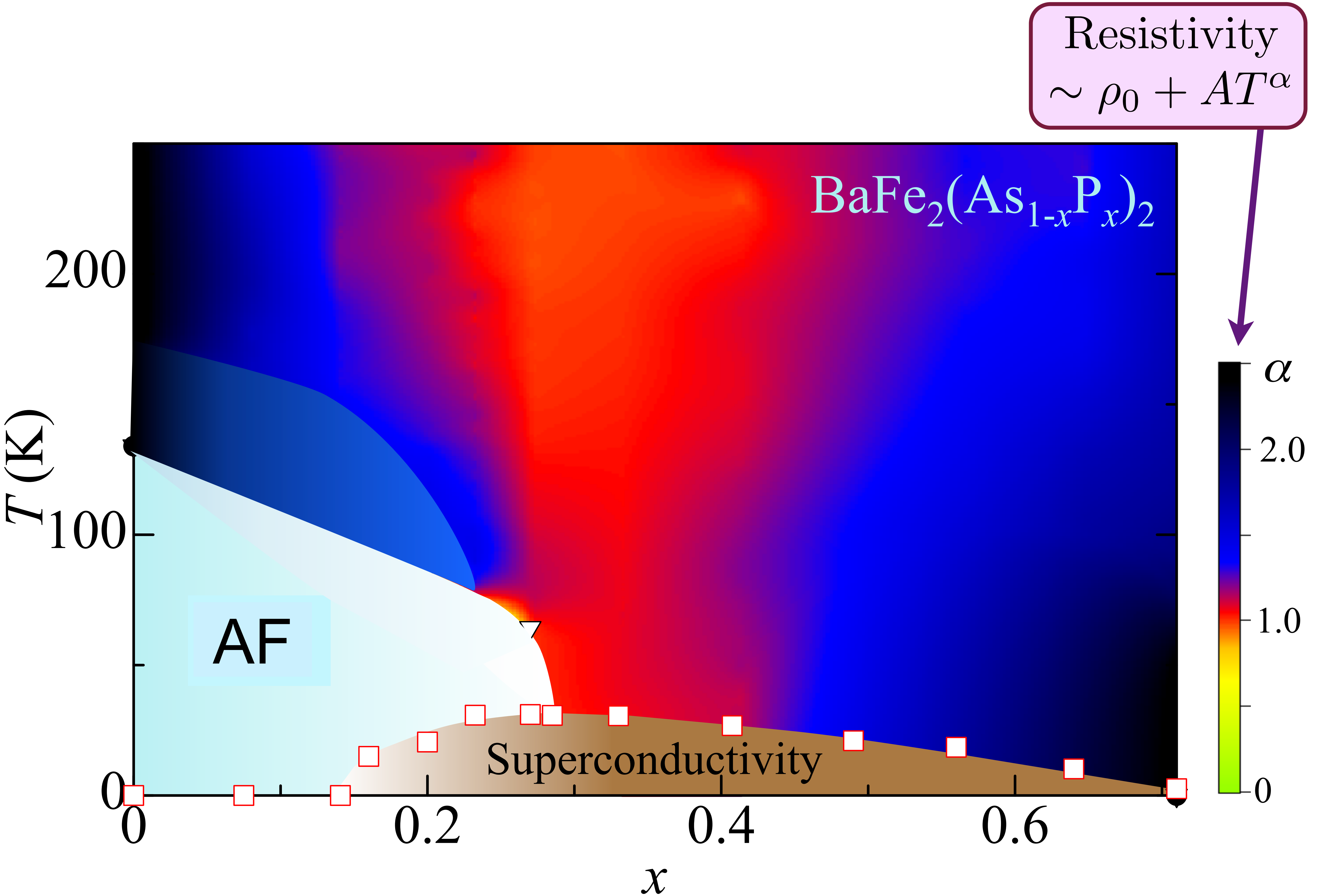

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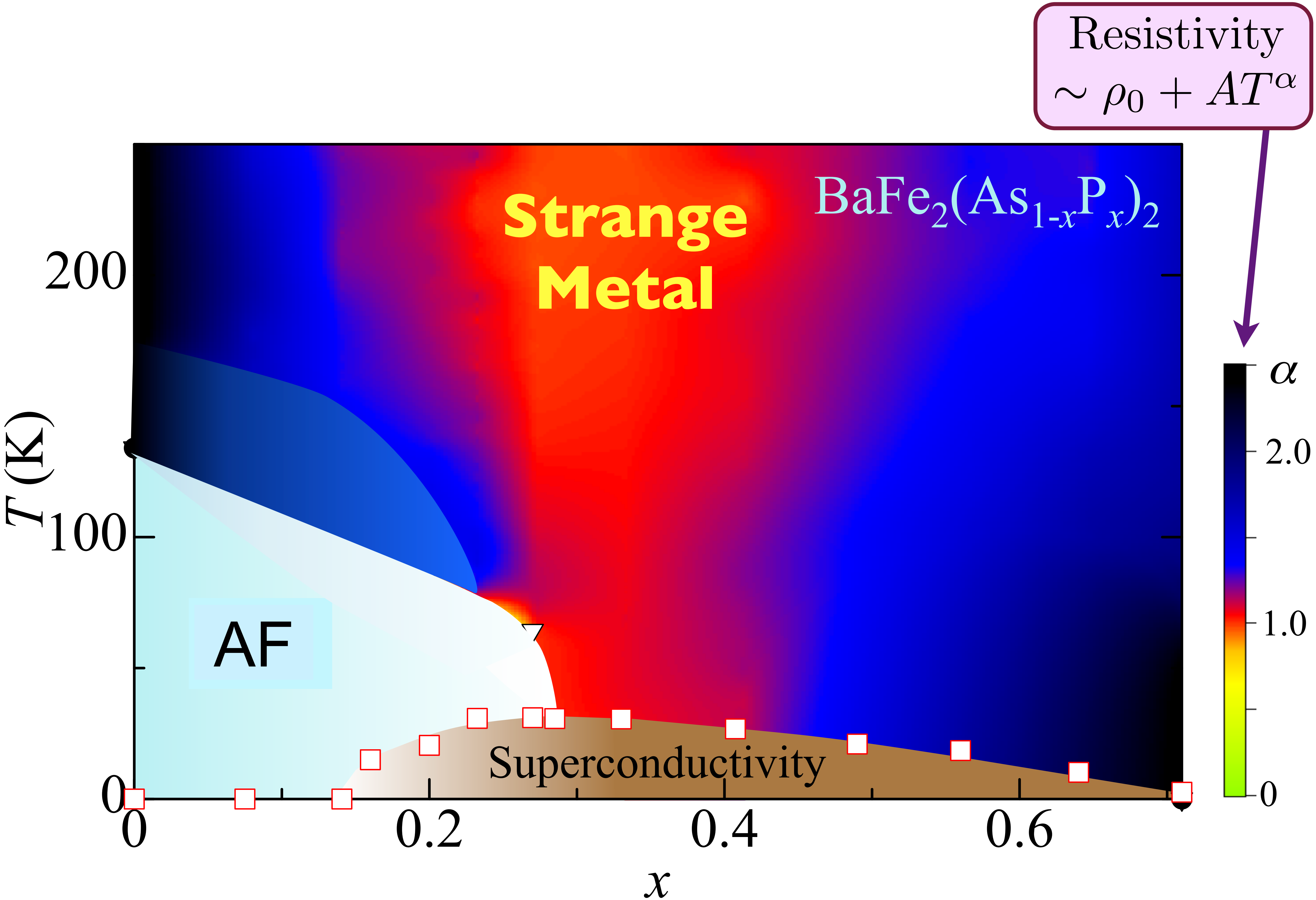

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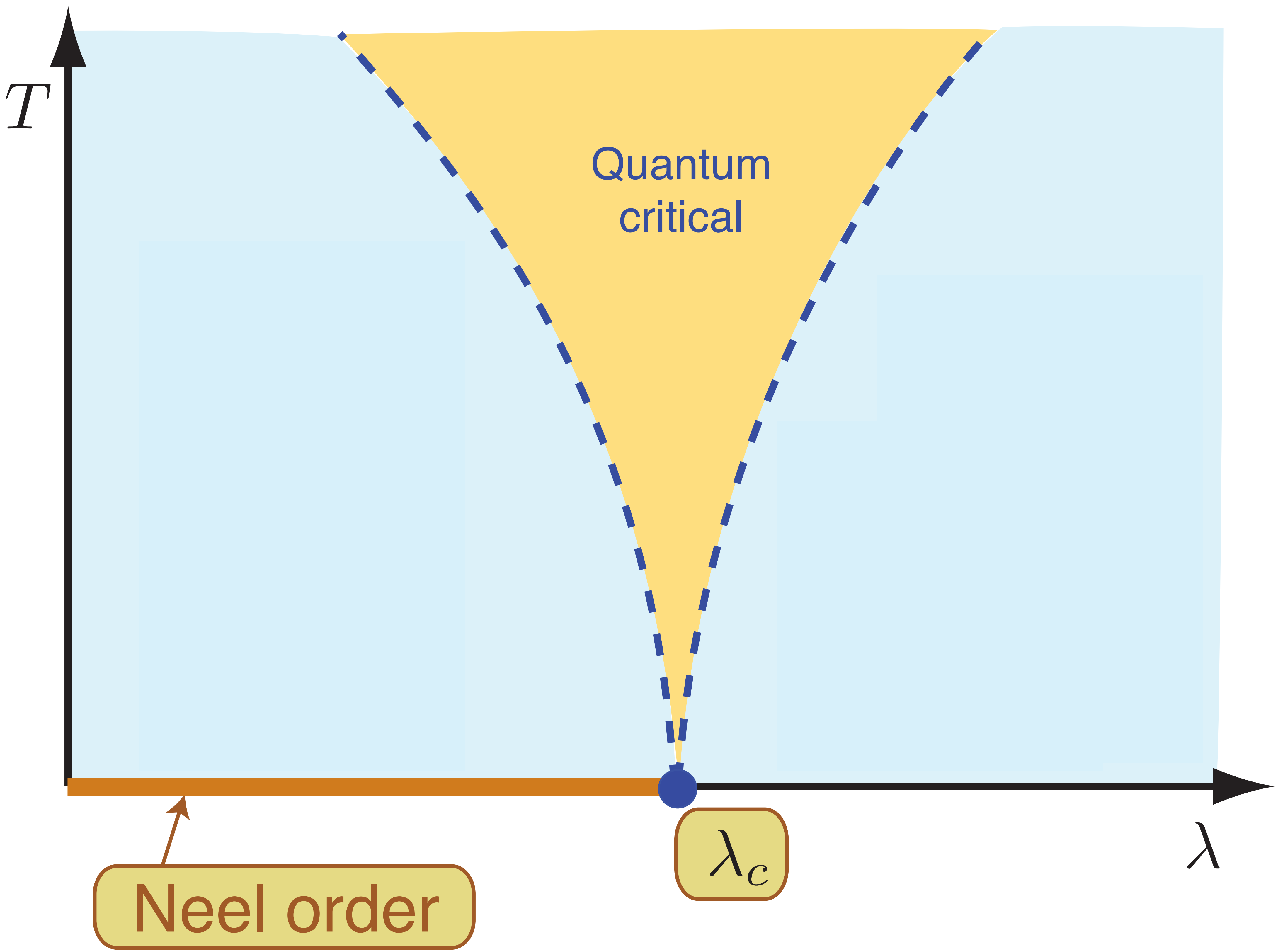

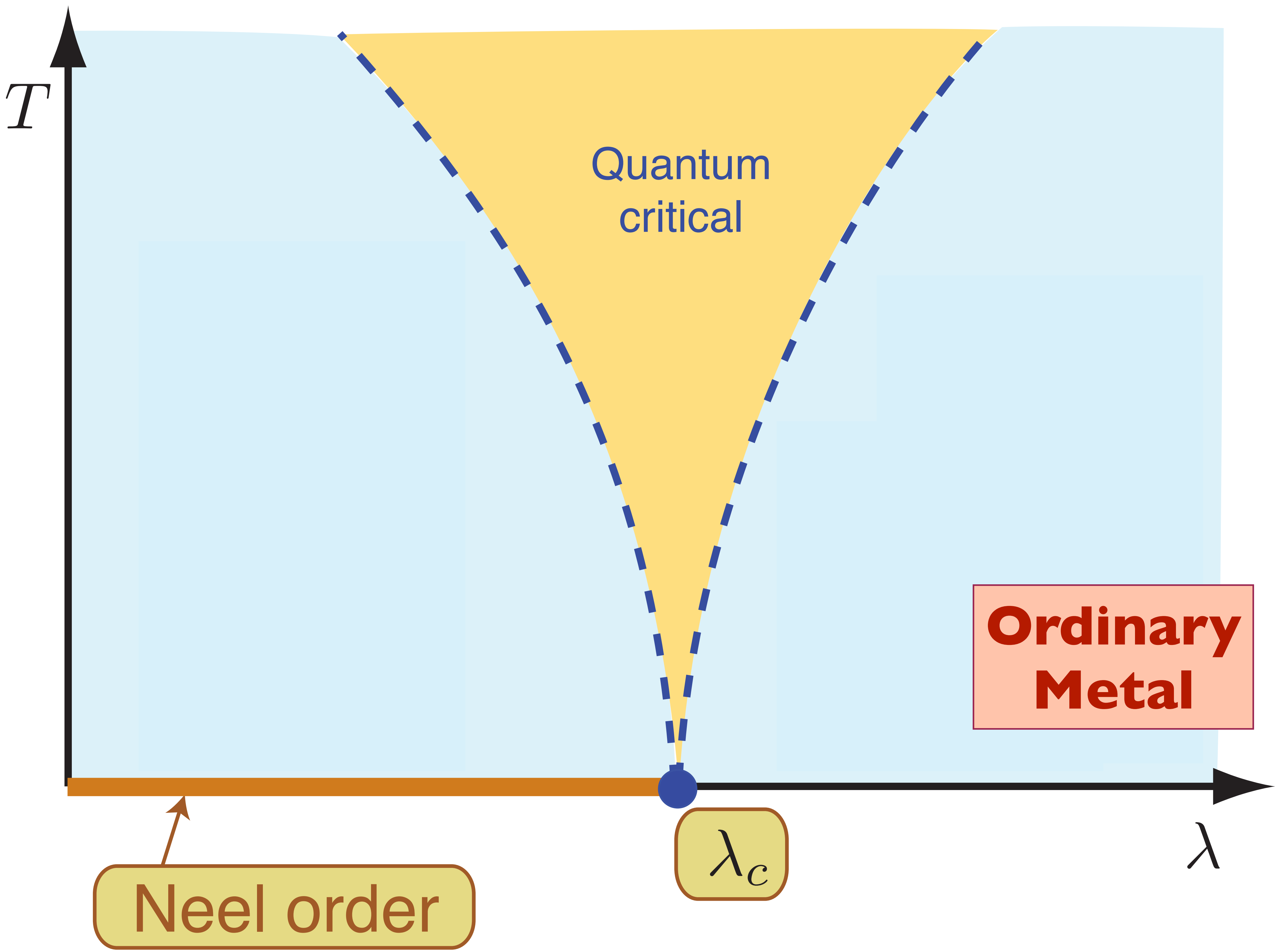
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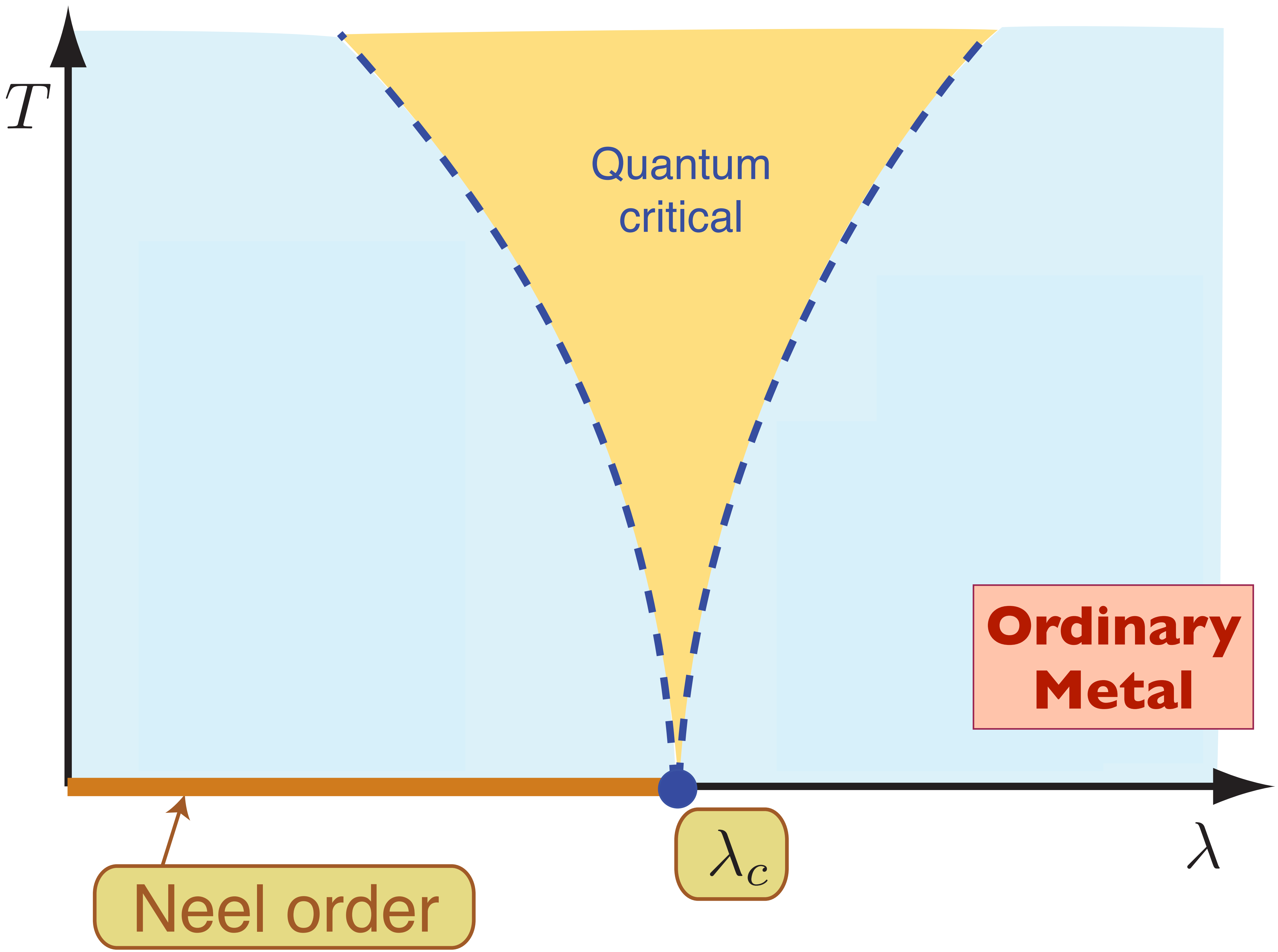
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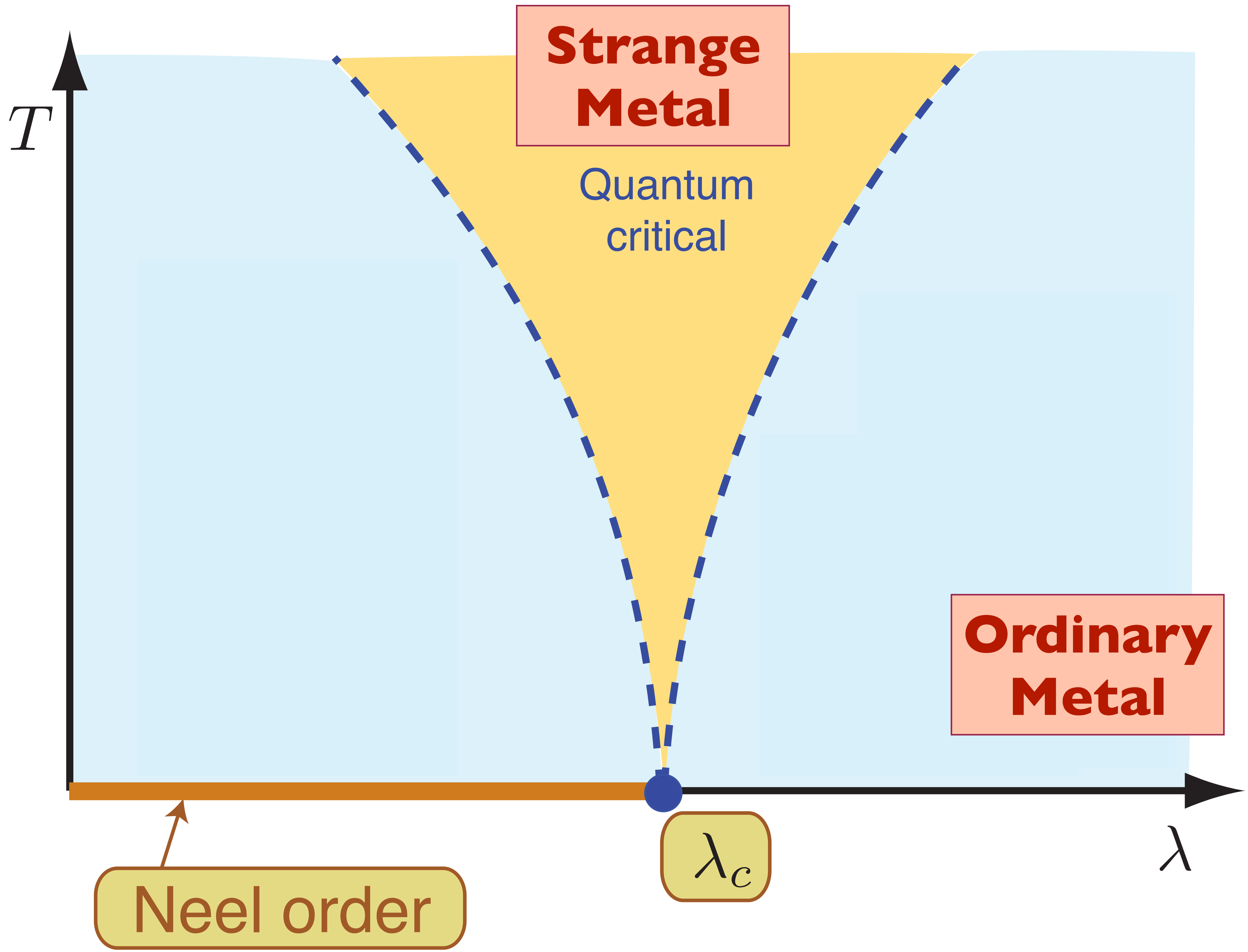

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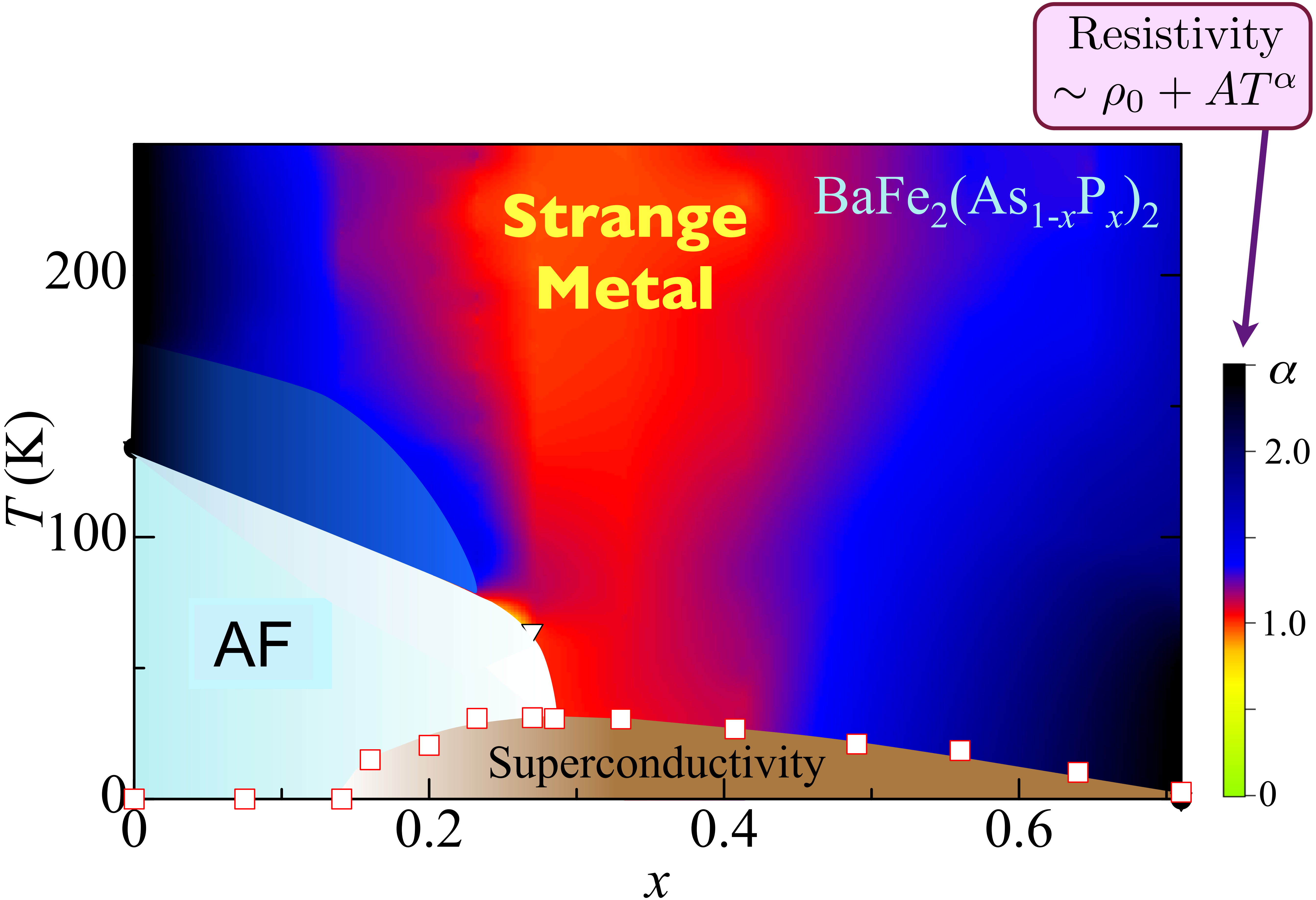

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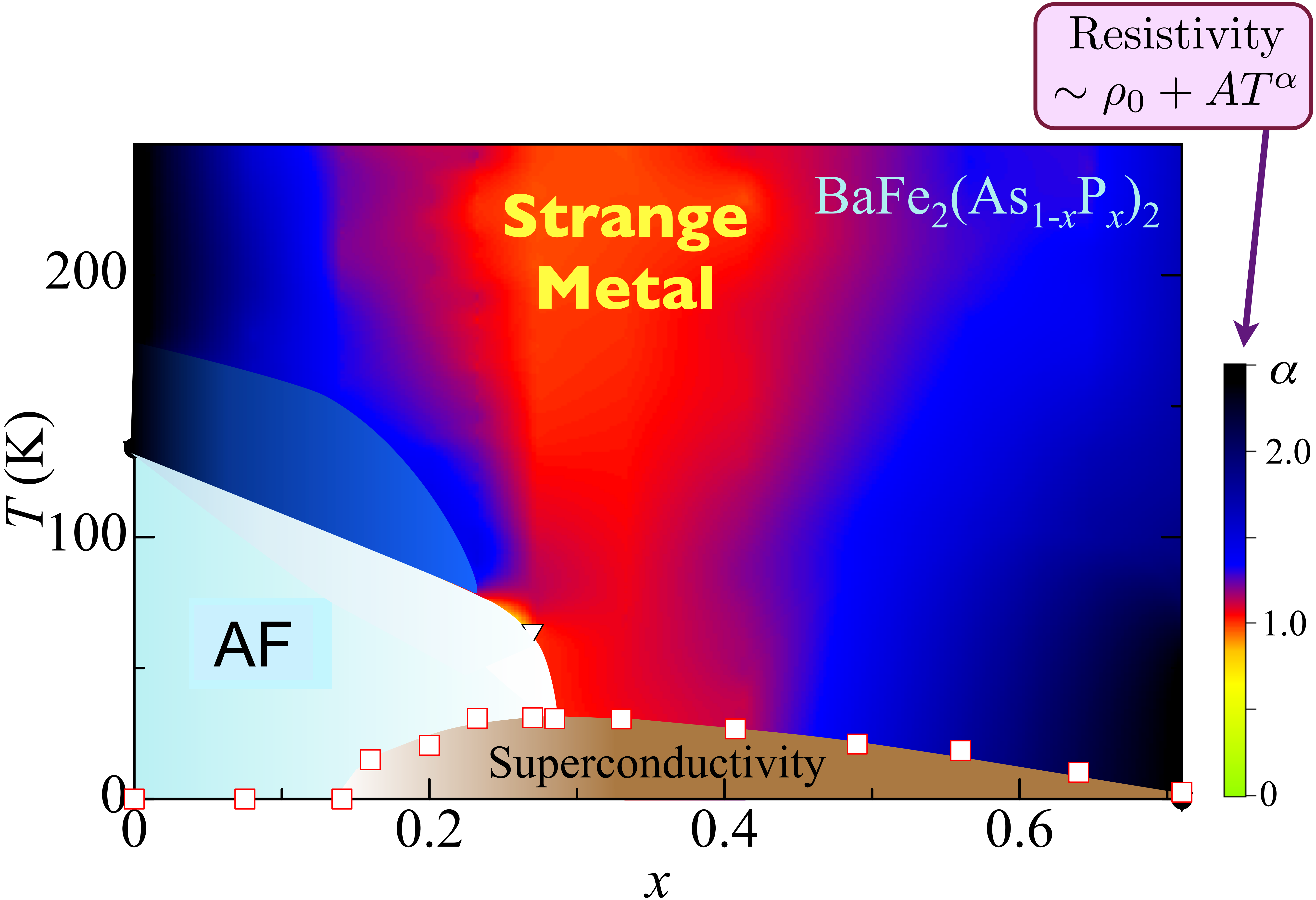

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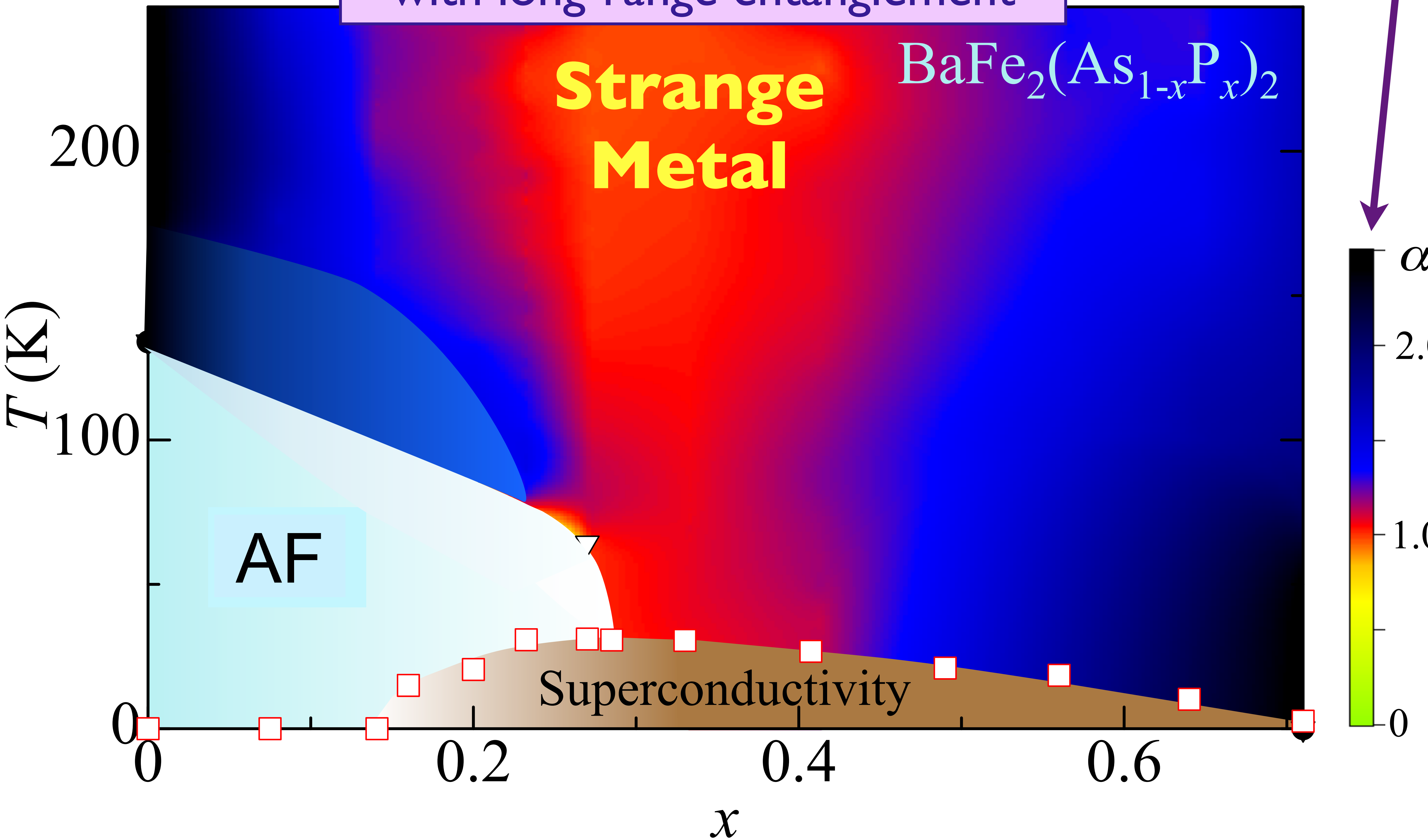

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Key (difficult) problem:

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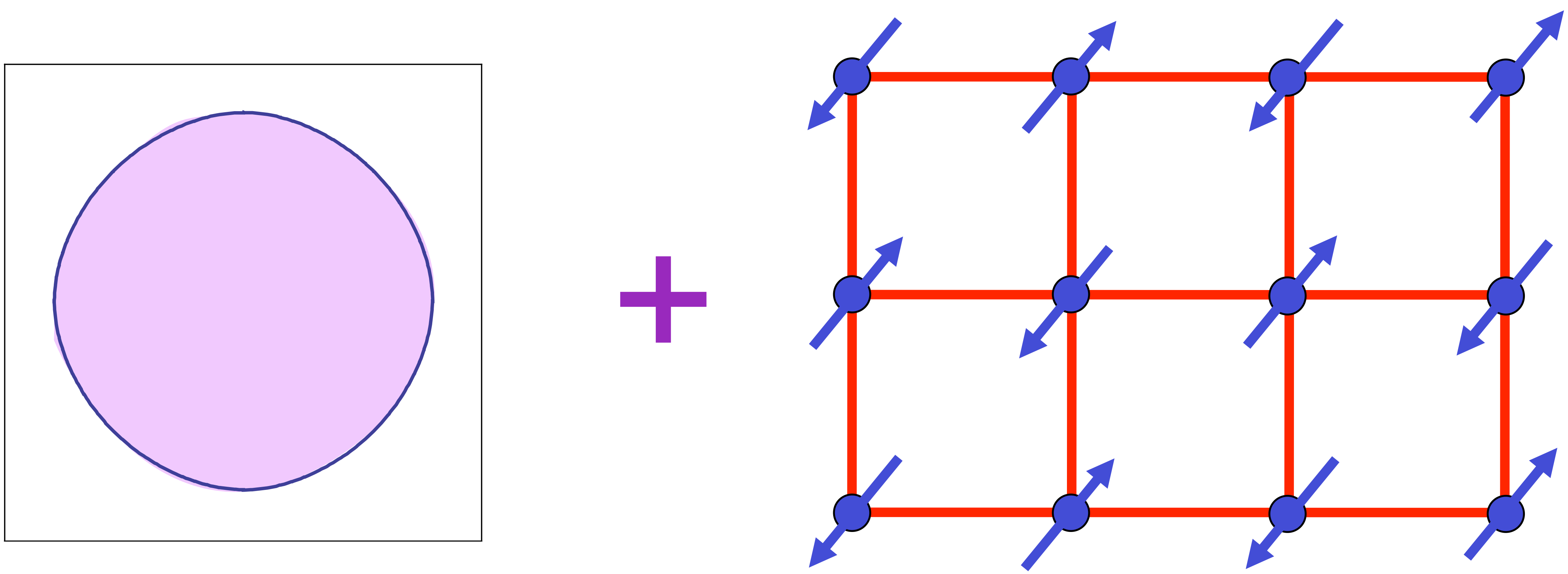

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The simplest example of
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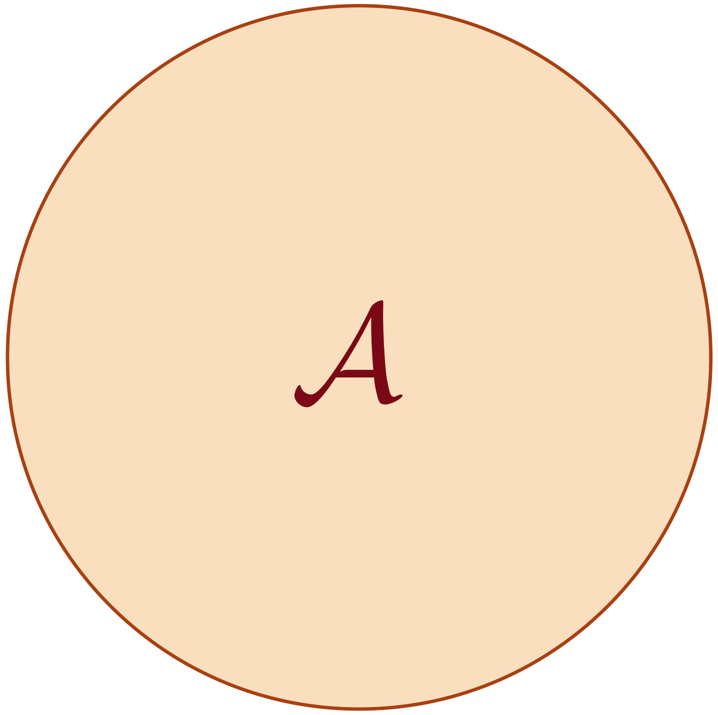
Fermi surface of an ordinary metal



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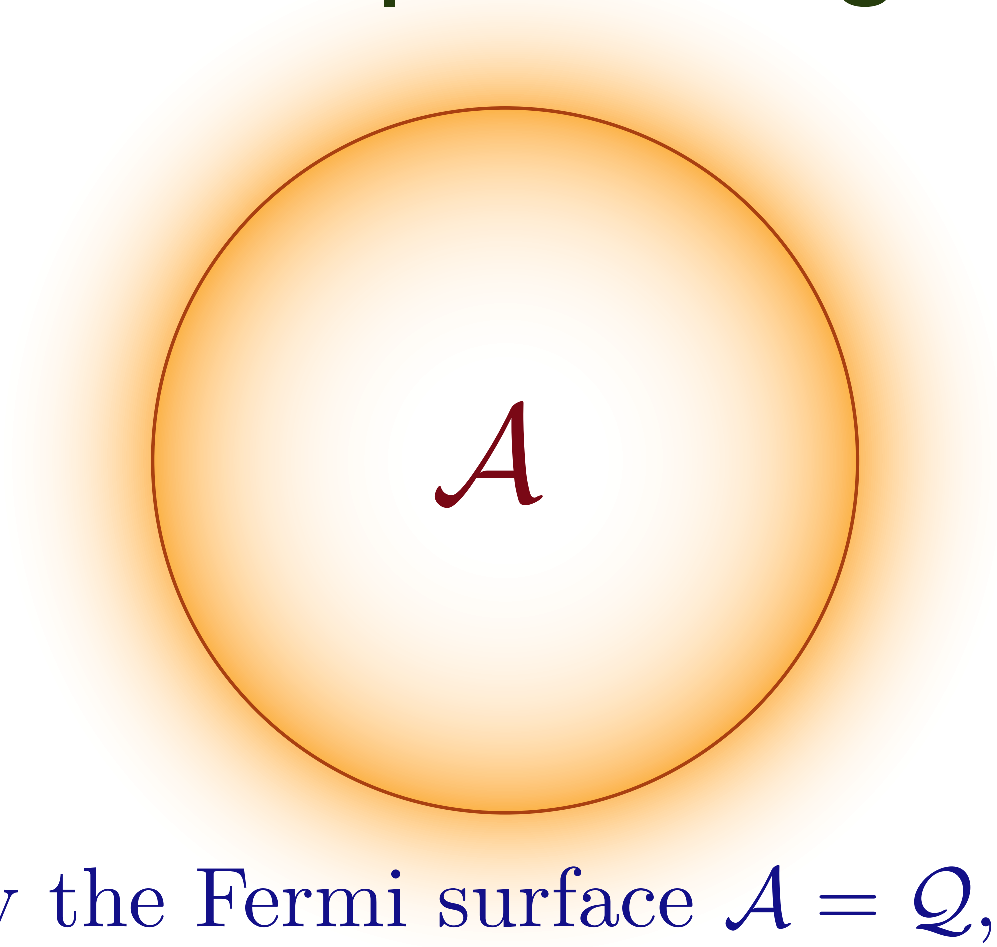

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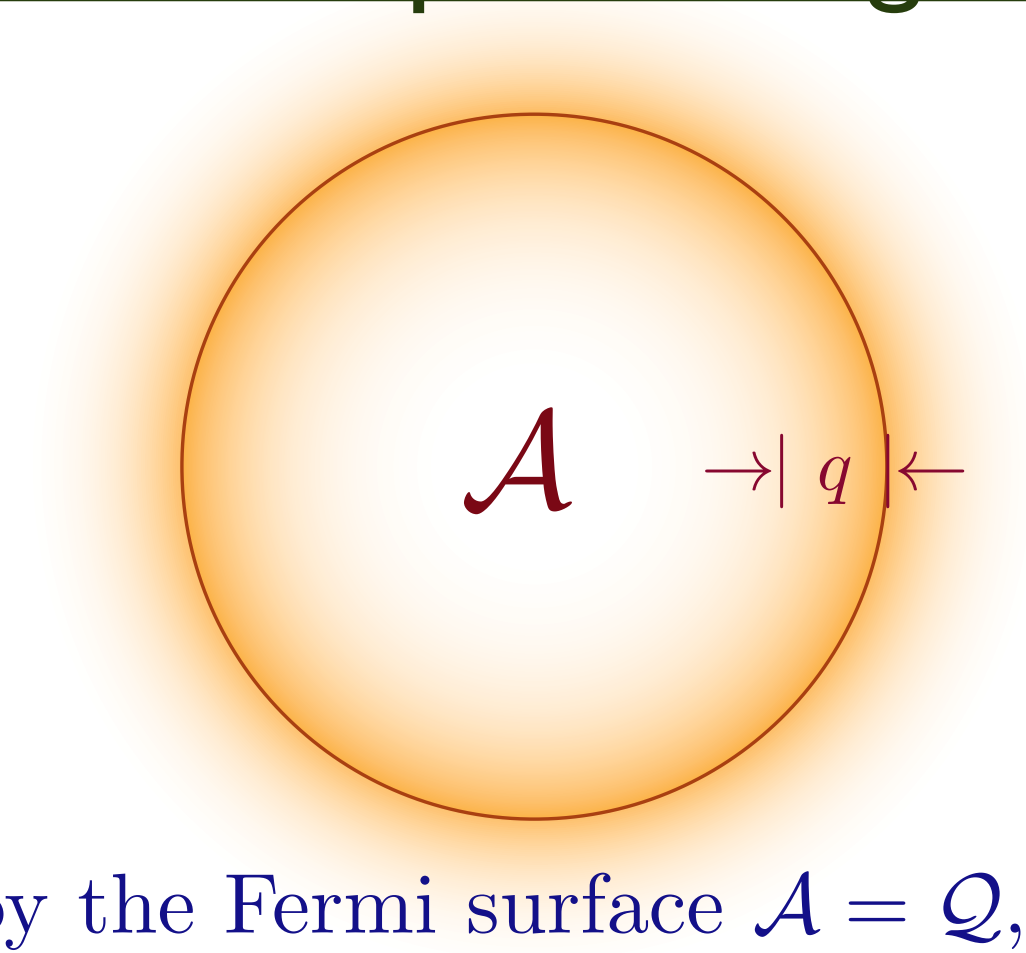

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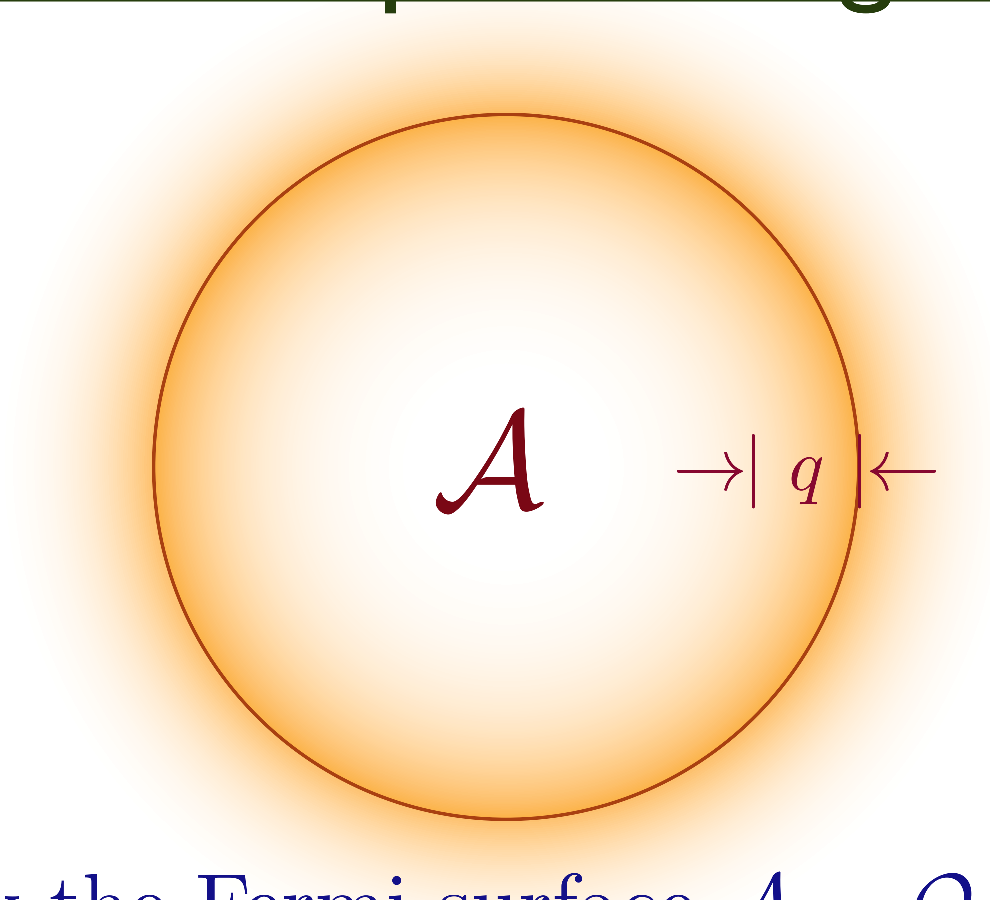

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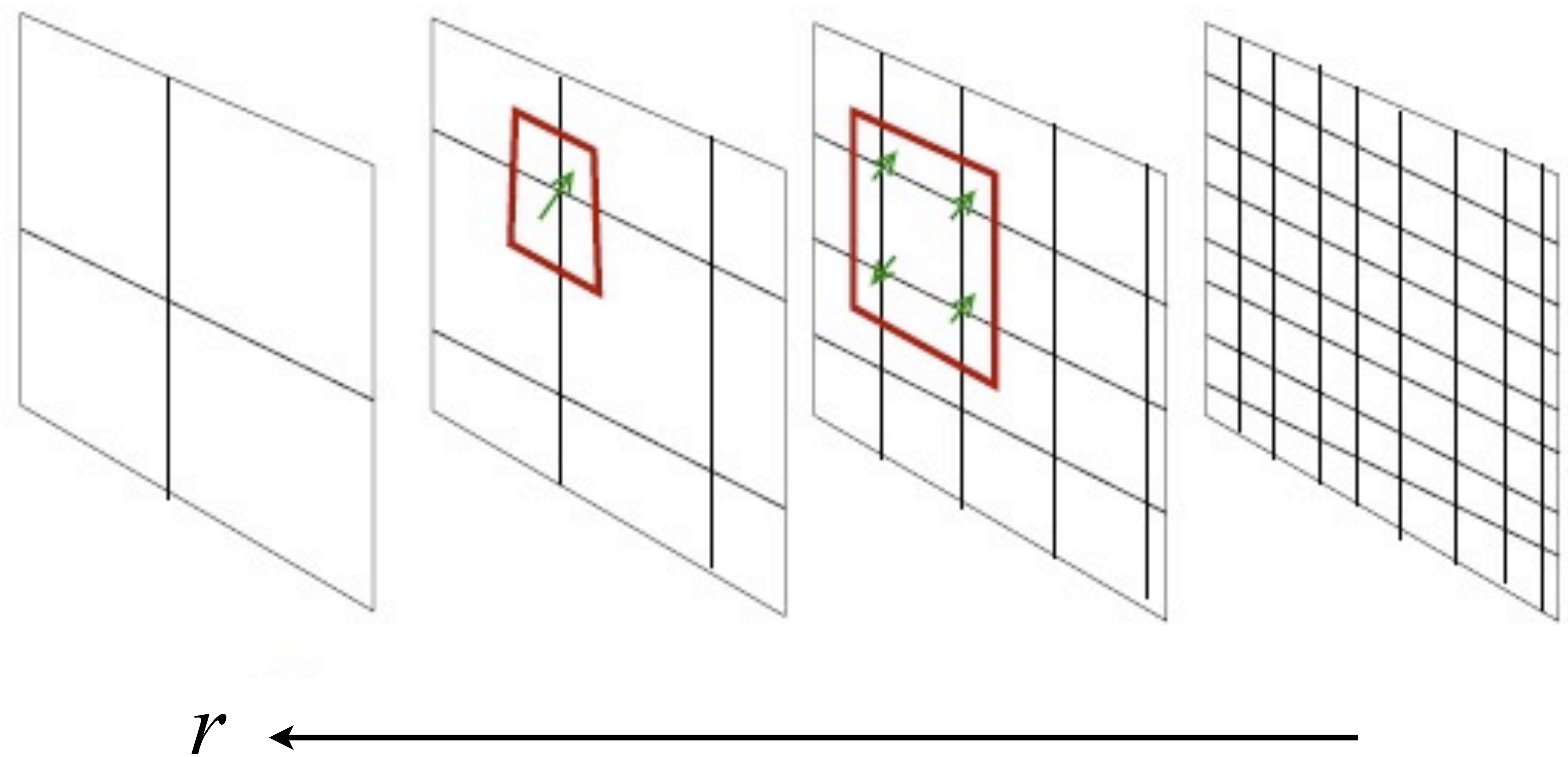

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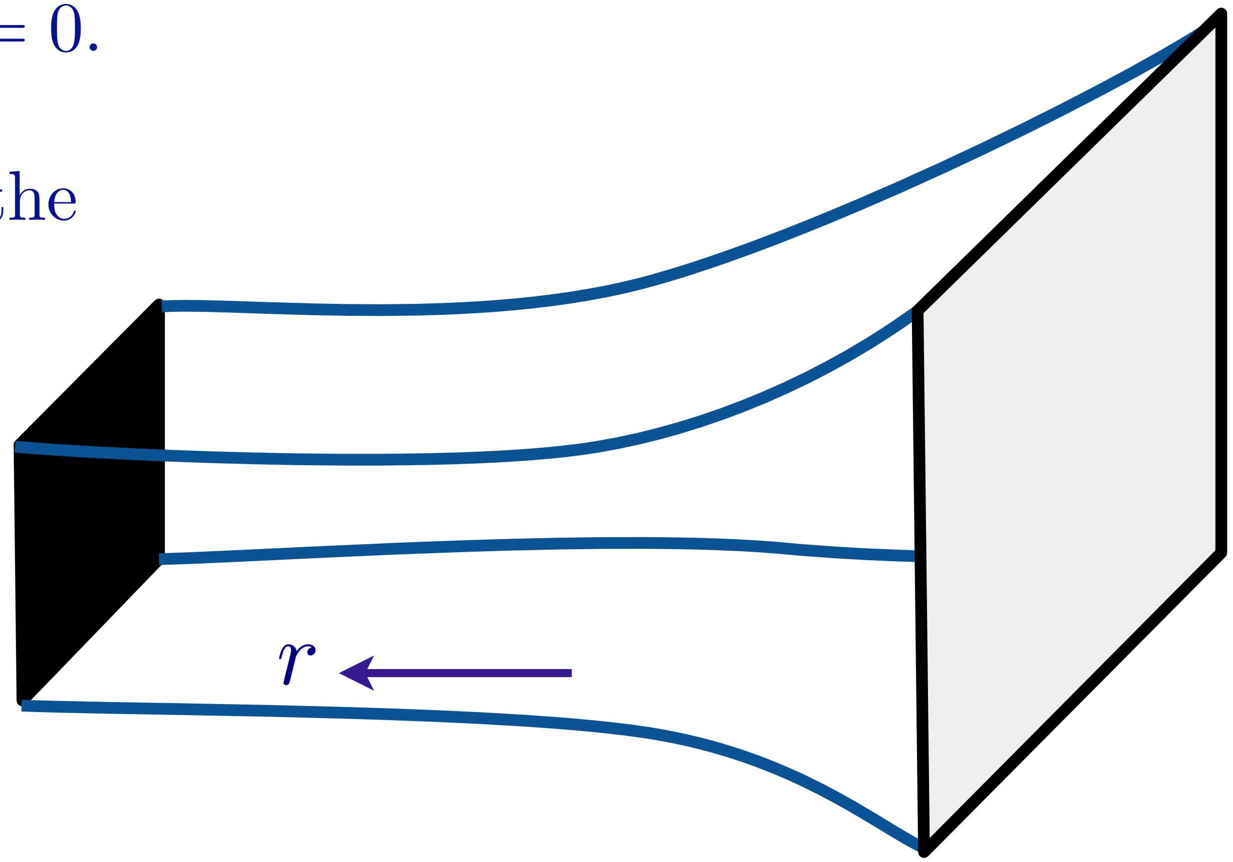

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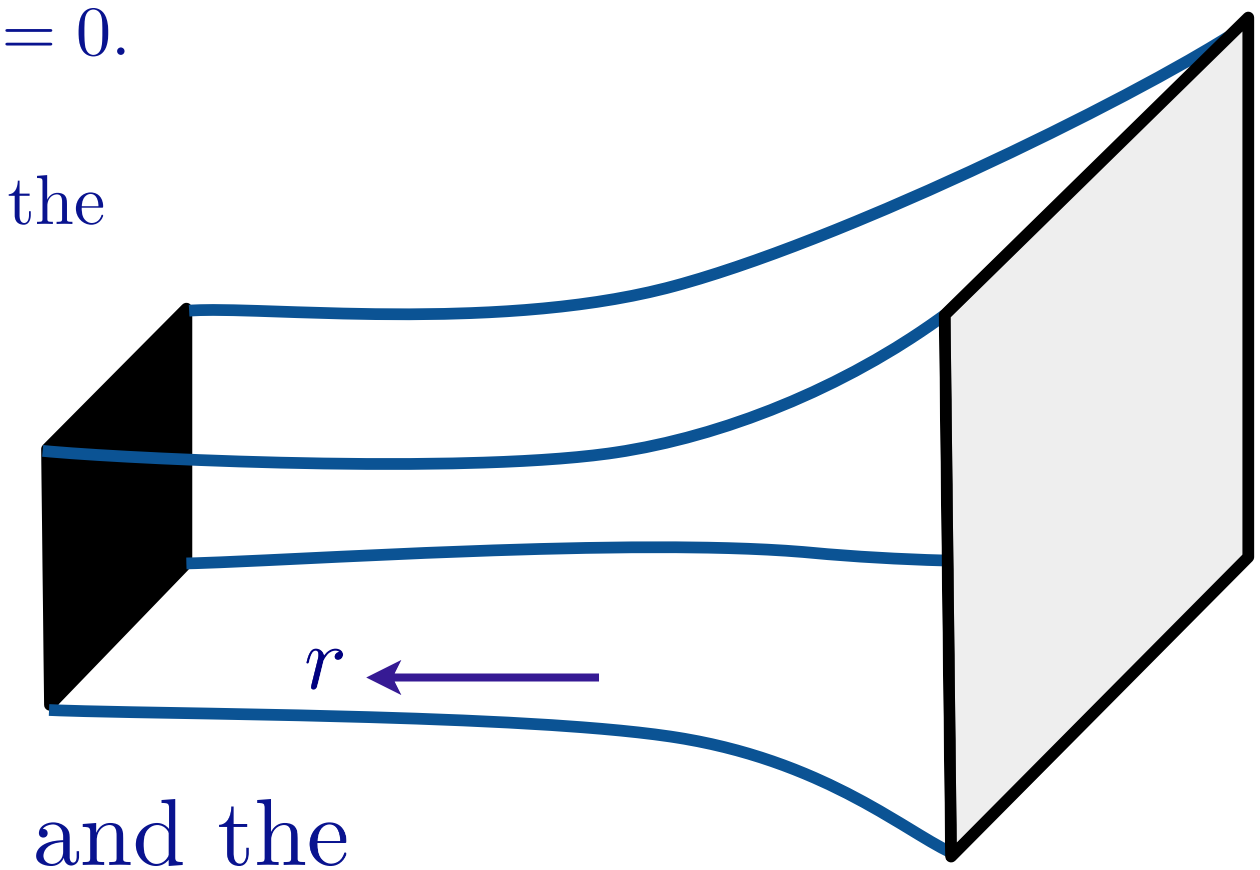

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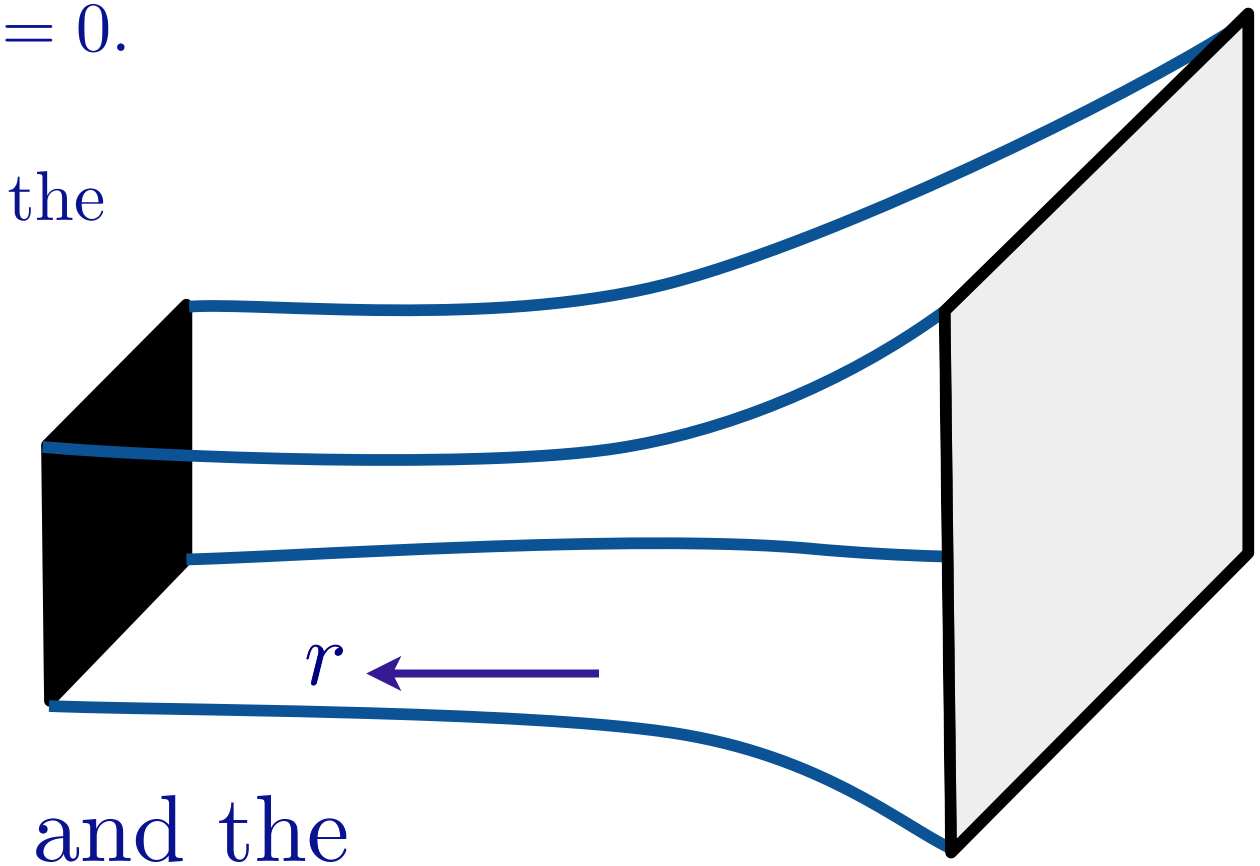

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