

Title: Quantum criticality and black holes

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Abstract: I will describe antiferromagnets and superconductors near quantum phase transitions. There is a remarkable analogy between their dynamics and the holographic description of Hawking radiation from black holes. I will show how insights from this analogy have shed light on experiments on the cuprate high temperature superconductors.

A night photograph of a large, multi-story building with a red roof and arched windows, illuminated by warm lights. The building is reflected in a body of water in the foreground. In the background, a white tower with a blue dome is visible against a dark blue sky. The overall scene is a classic view of Harvard University at night.

Quantum Criticality and Black Holes



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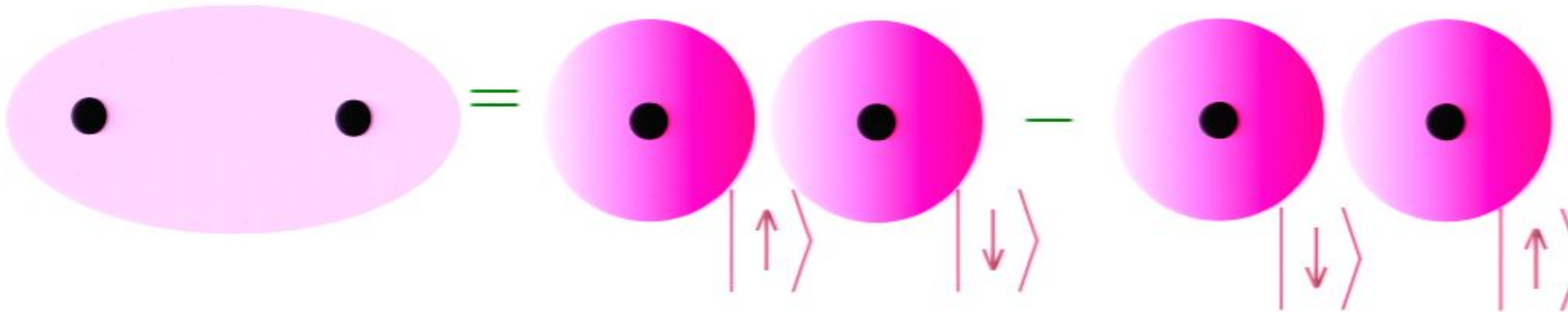
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Quantum Entanglement

Hydrogen atom:



Hydrogen molecule:



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

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

Quantum Phase Transition

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Familiar phase transitions, such as water boiling to steam, also involve macroscopic changes, but in thermal motion

Quantum Criticality

The complex and non-local
entanglement at the critical point
between two quantum phases

Outline

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Experiments on antiferromagnetic insulators

2. Black Hole Thermodynamics

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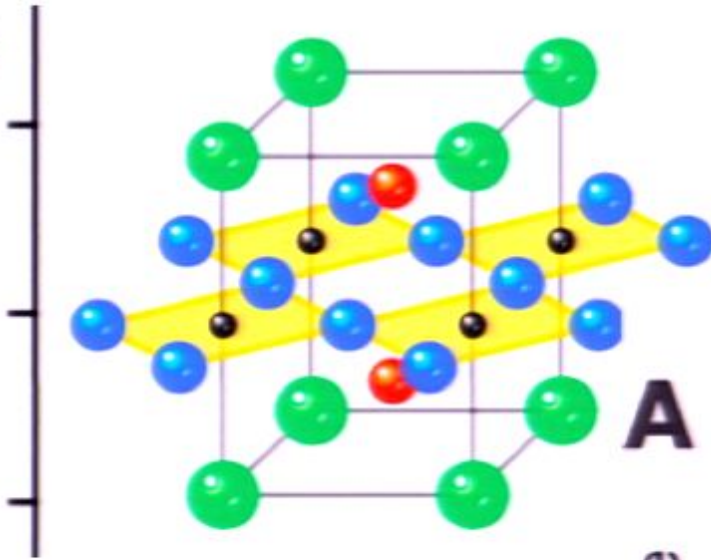
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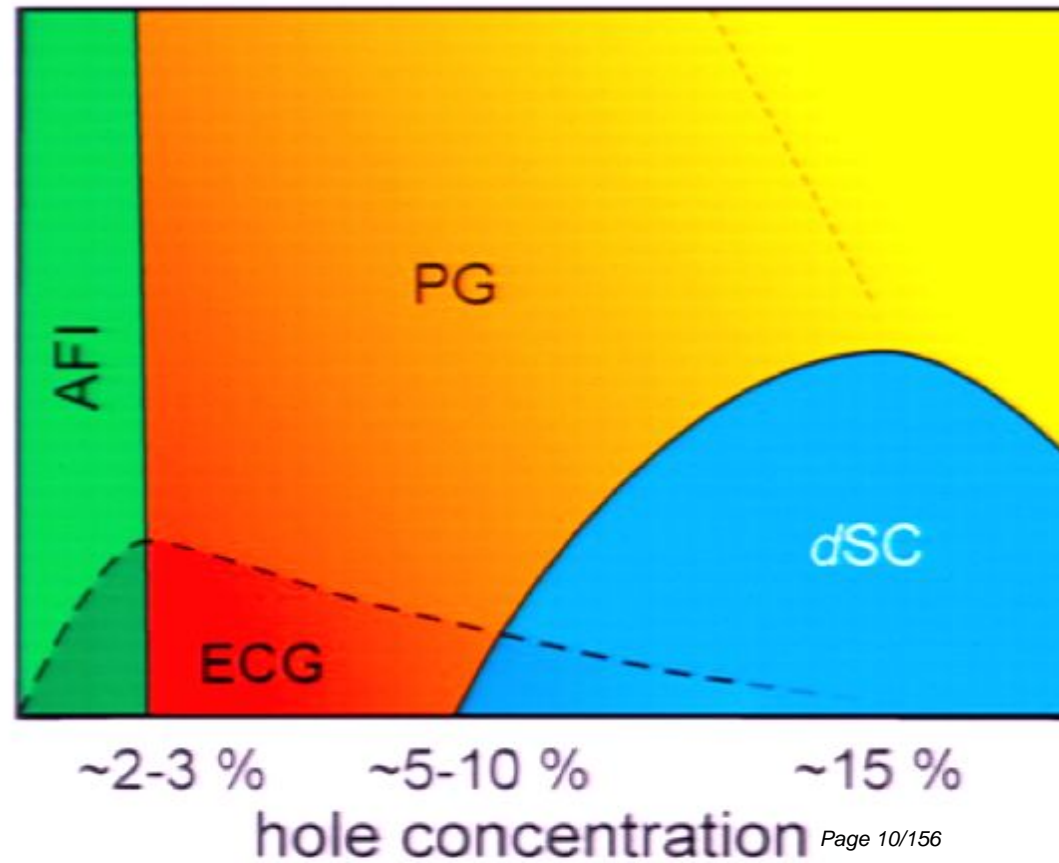
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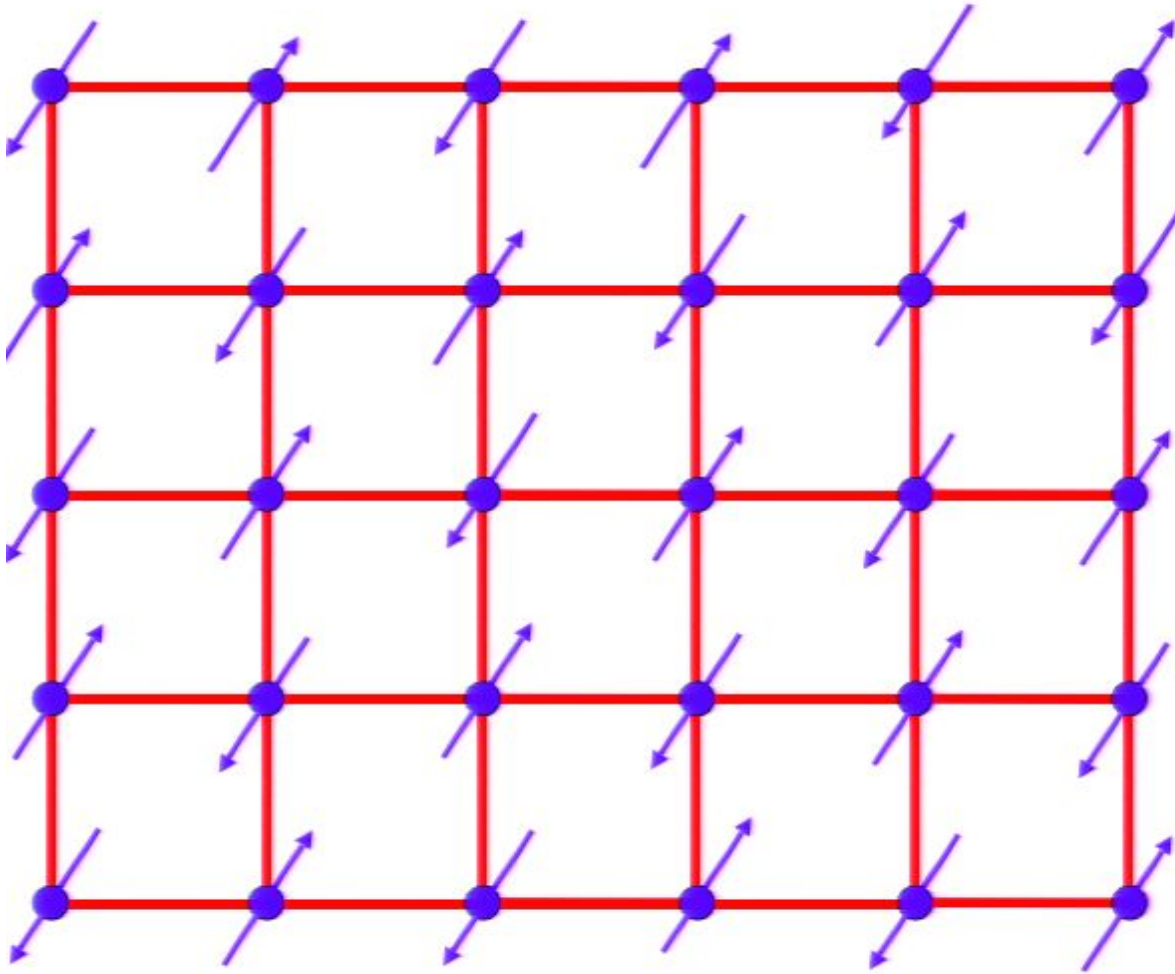


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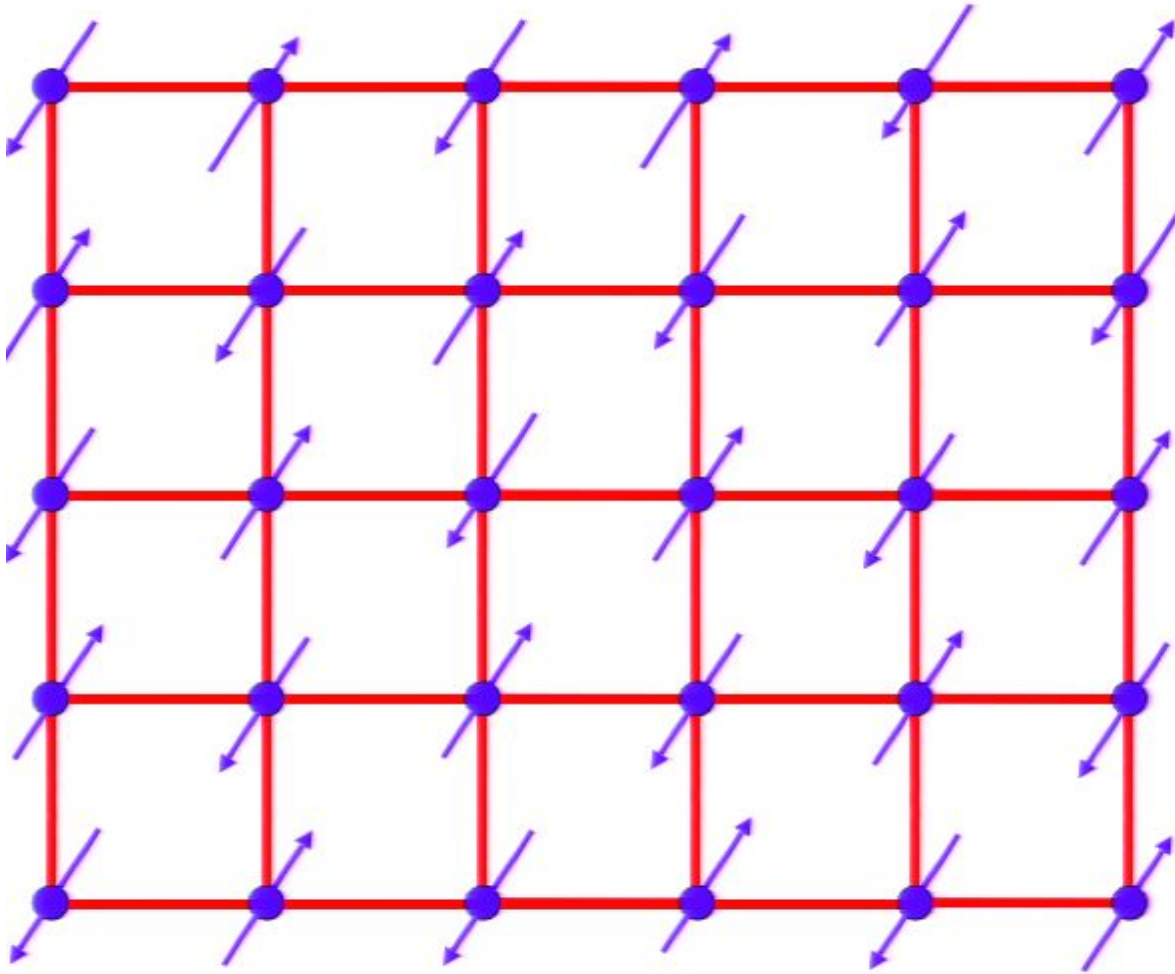
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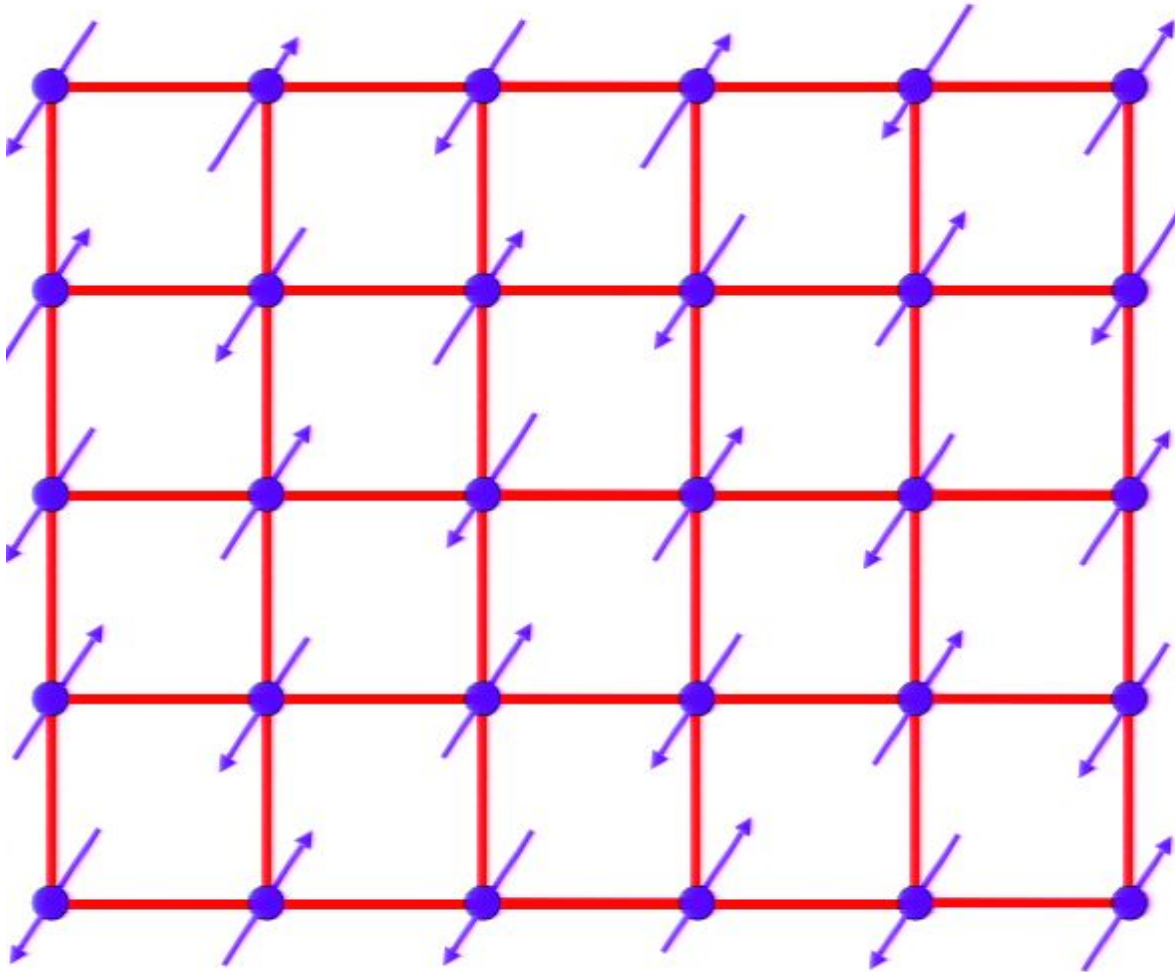


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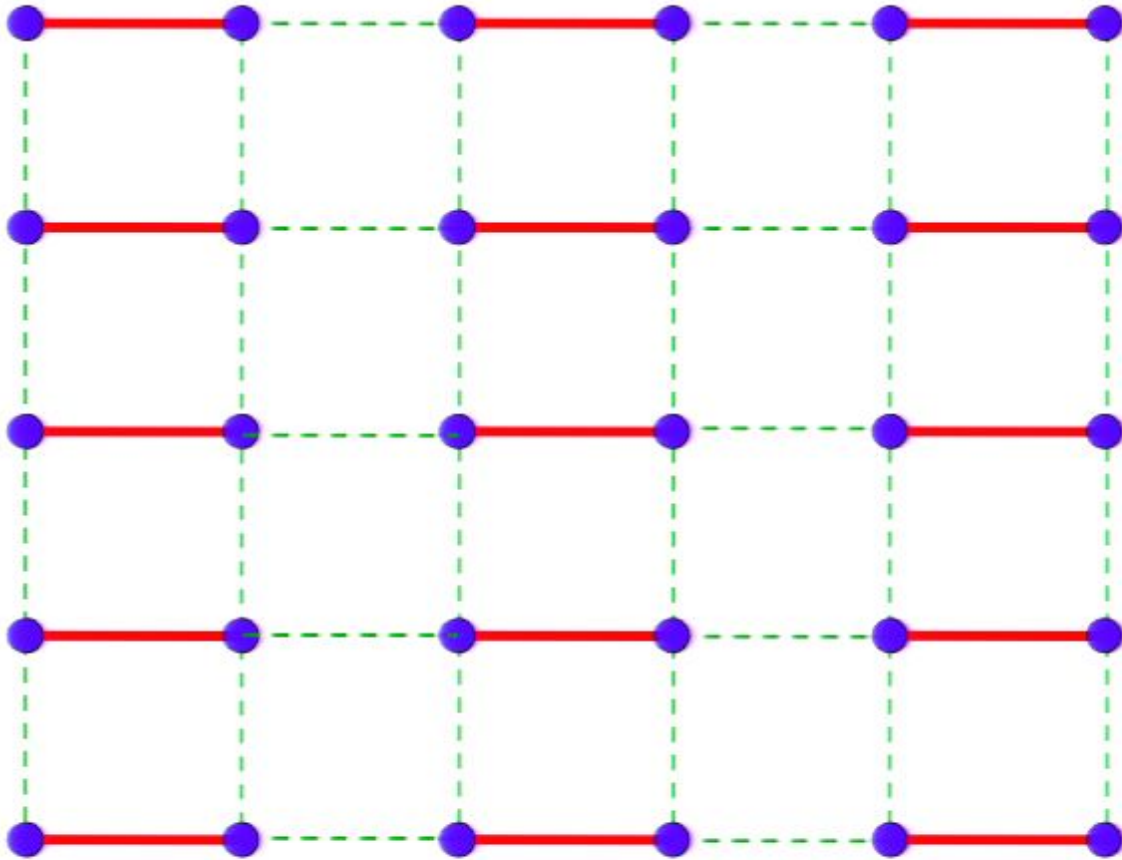


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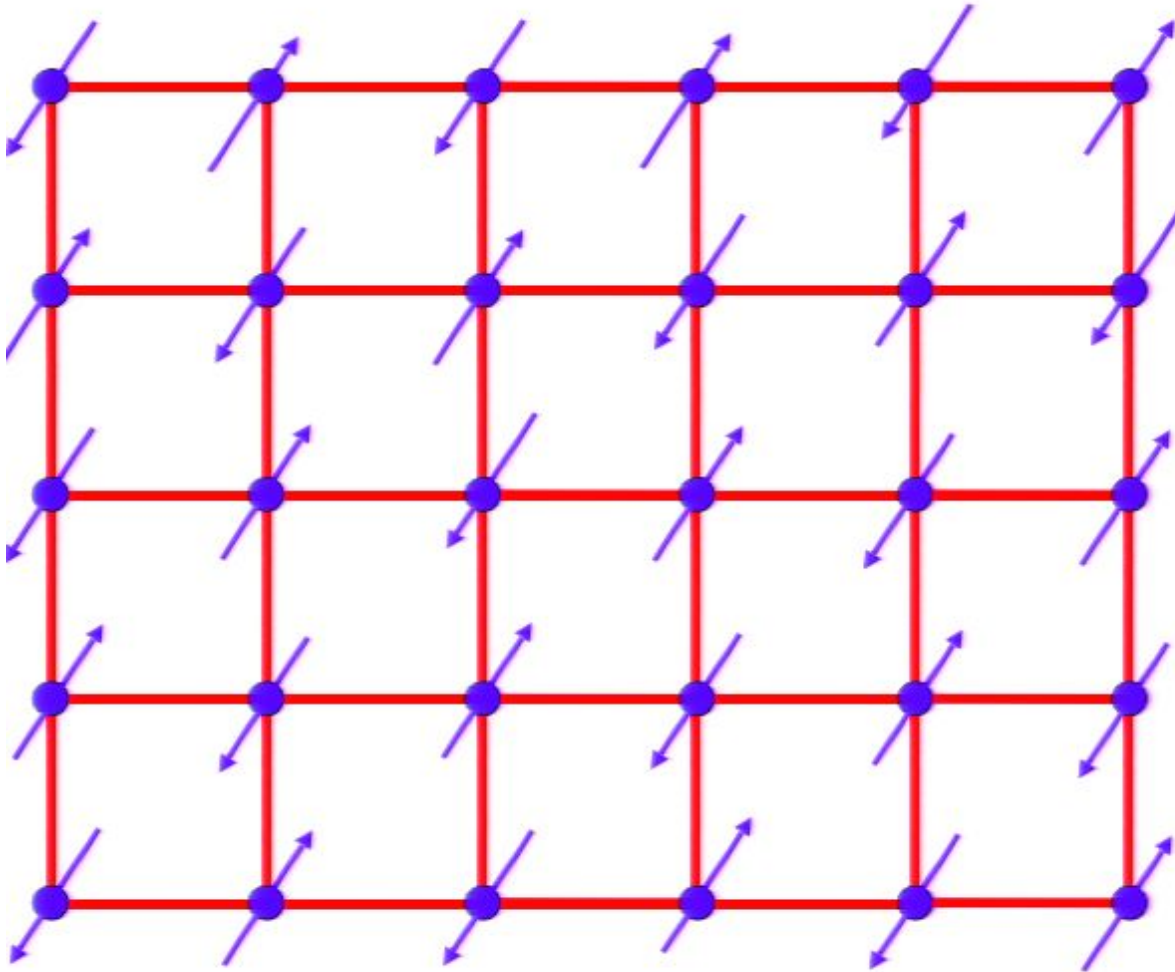


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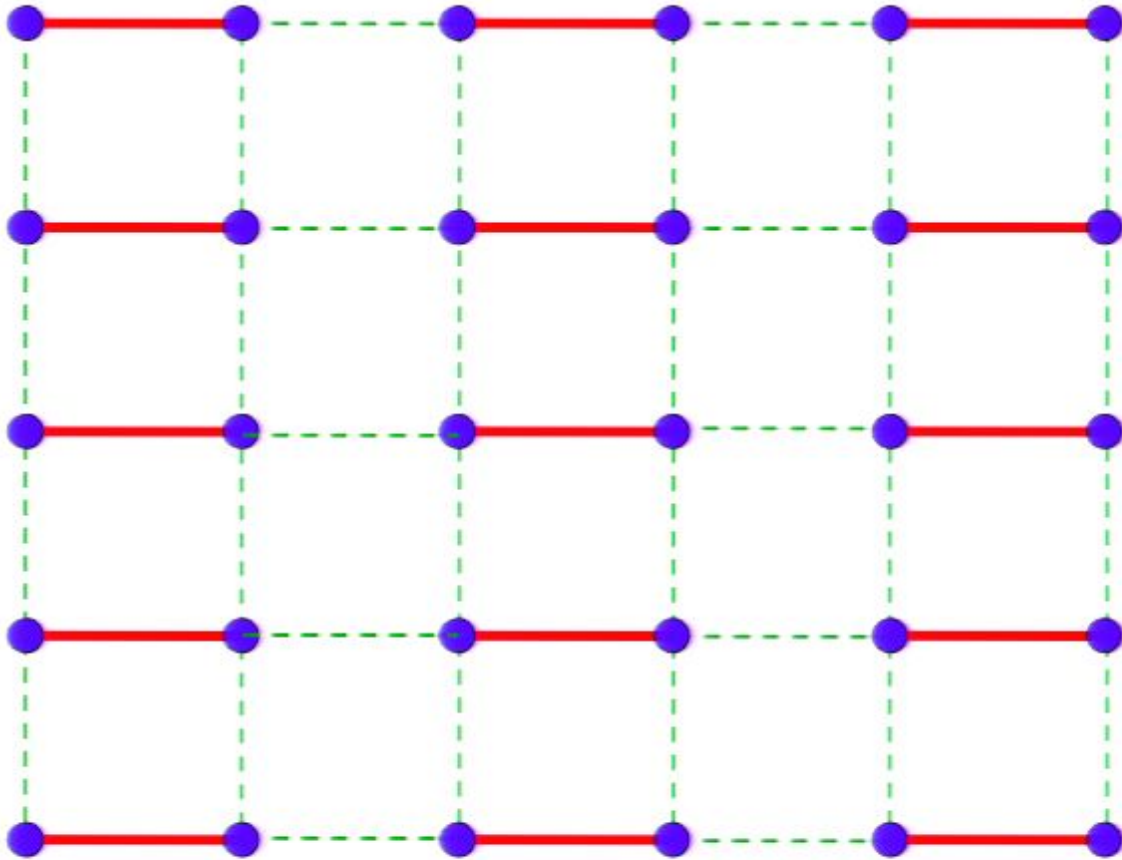


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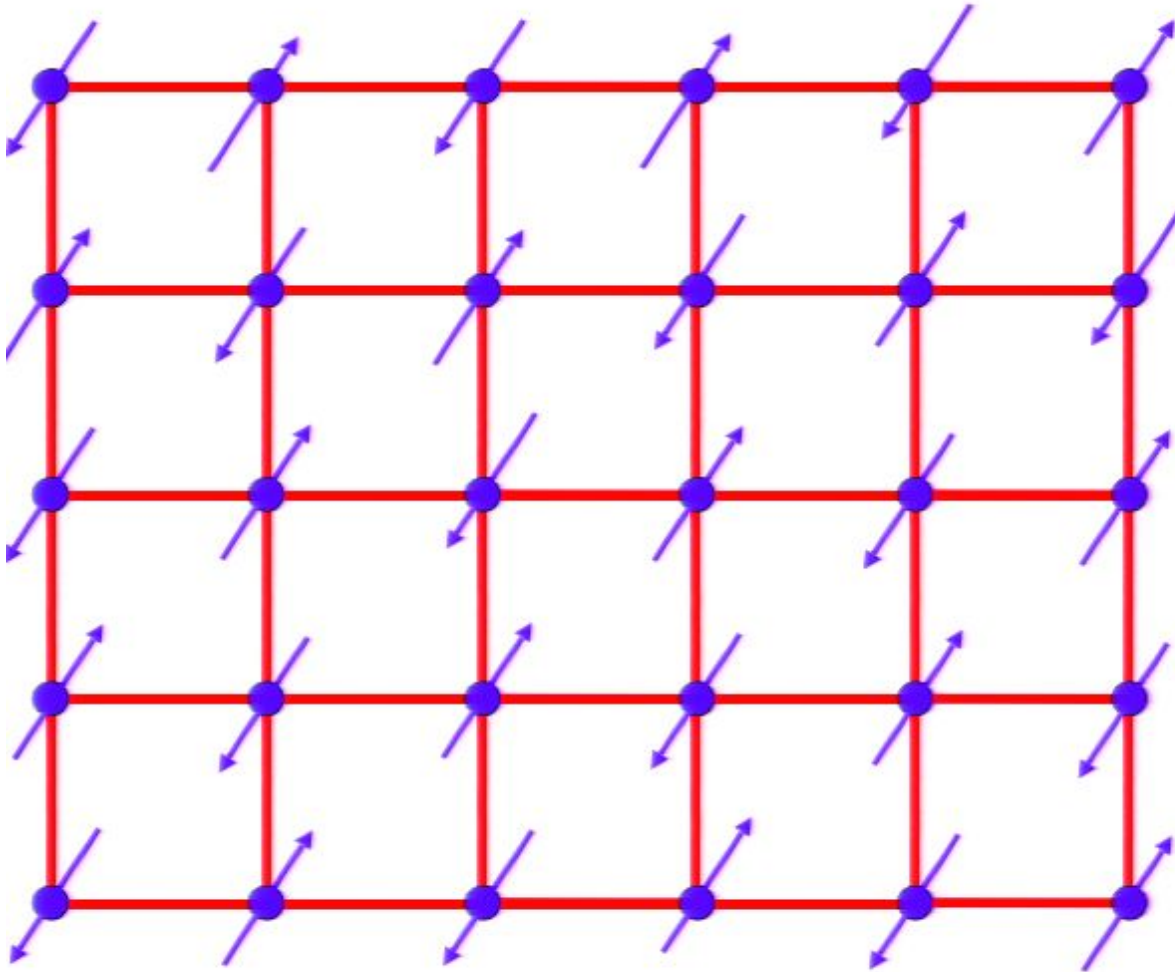


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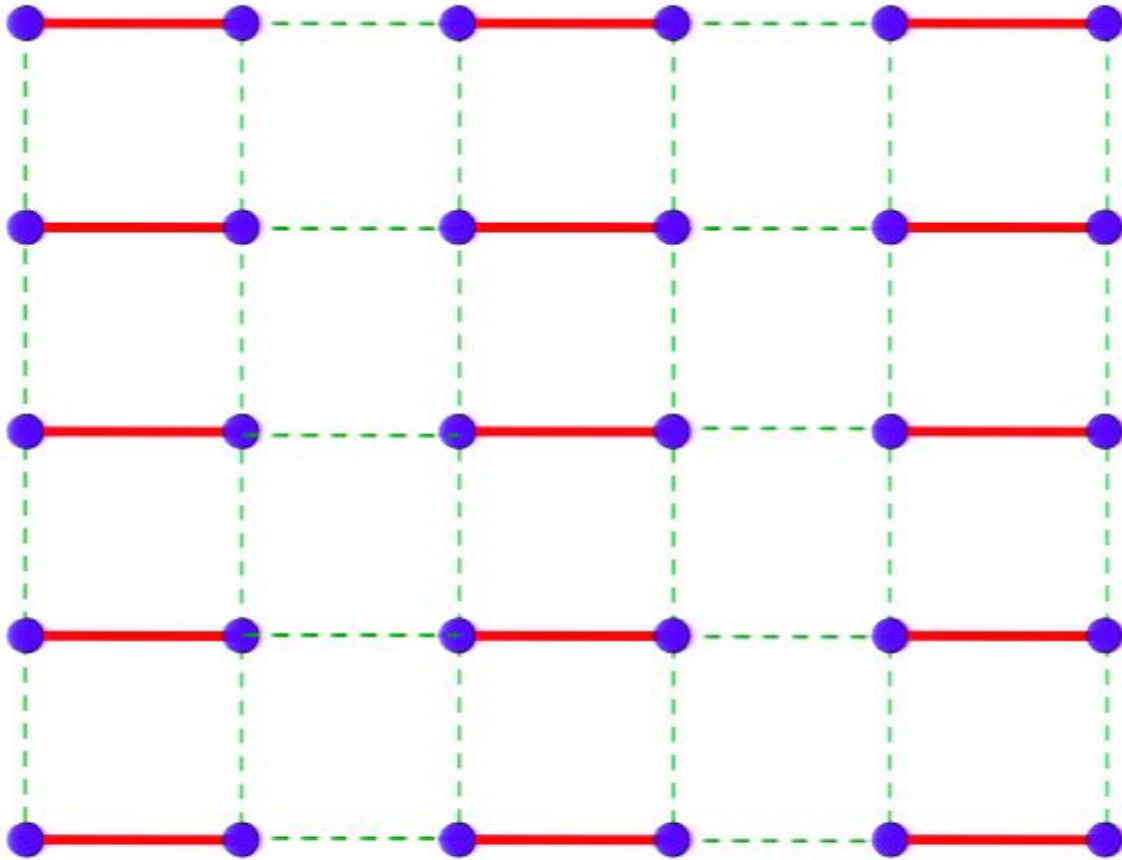


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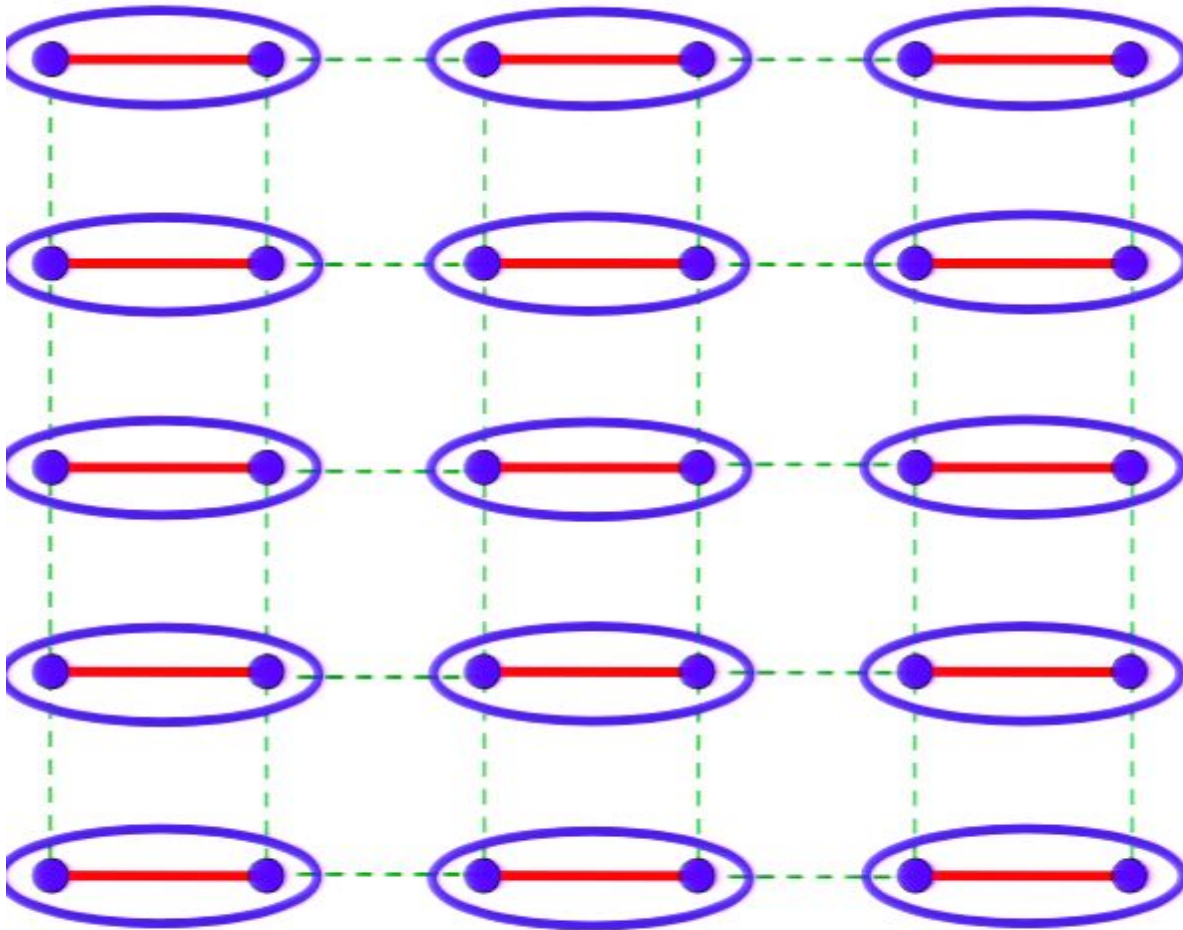
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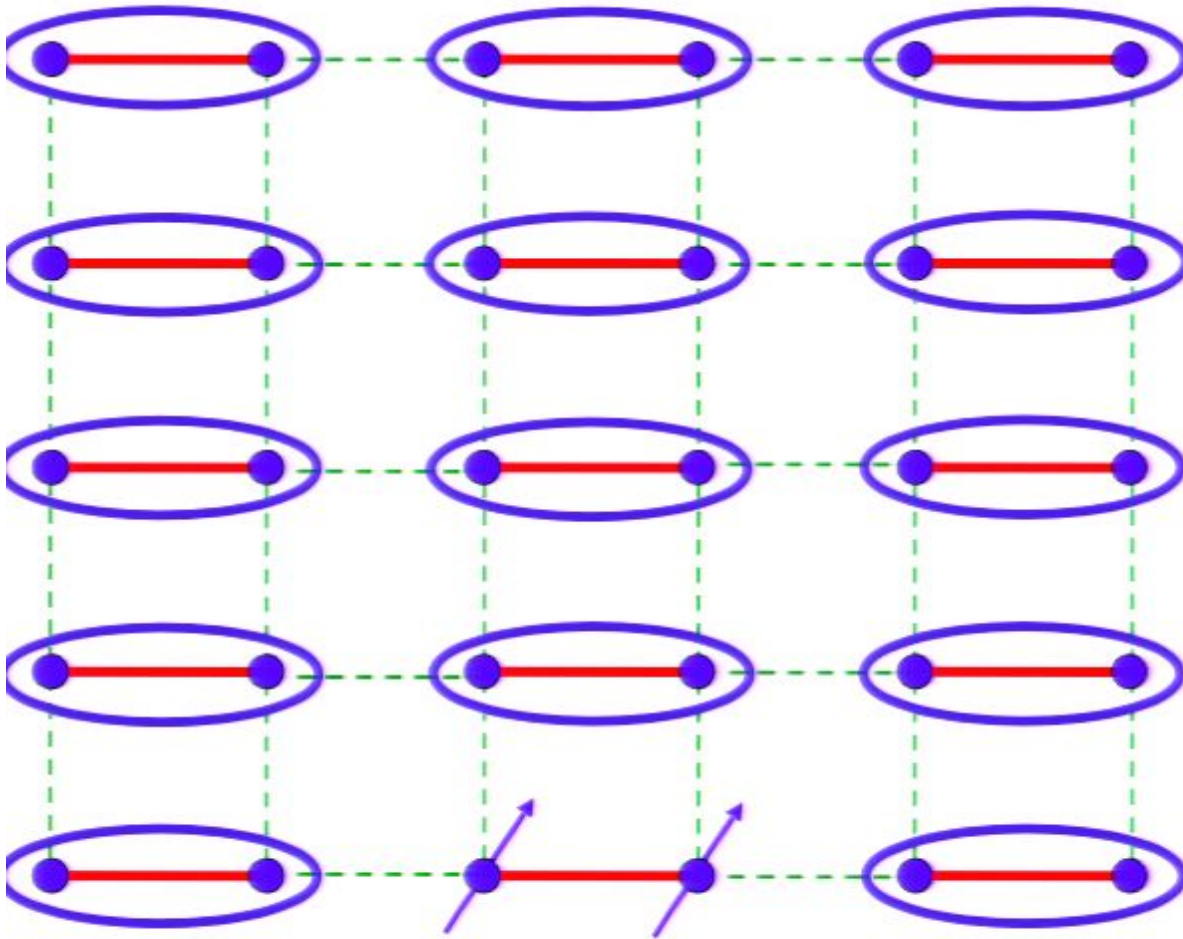


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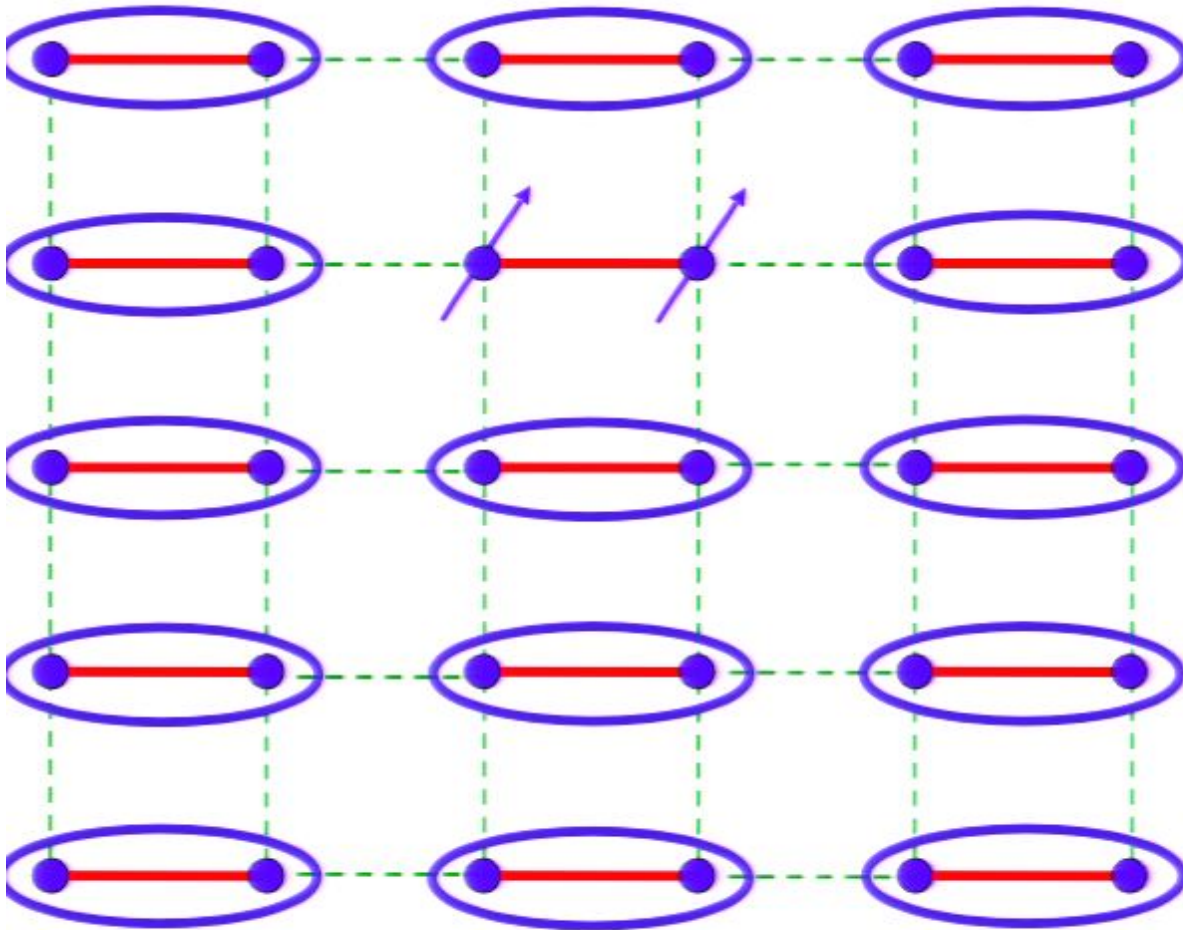
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Ground state is a product of pairs of entangled spins.



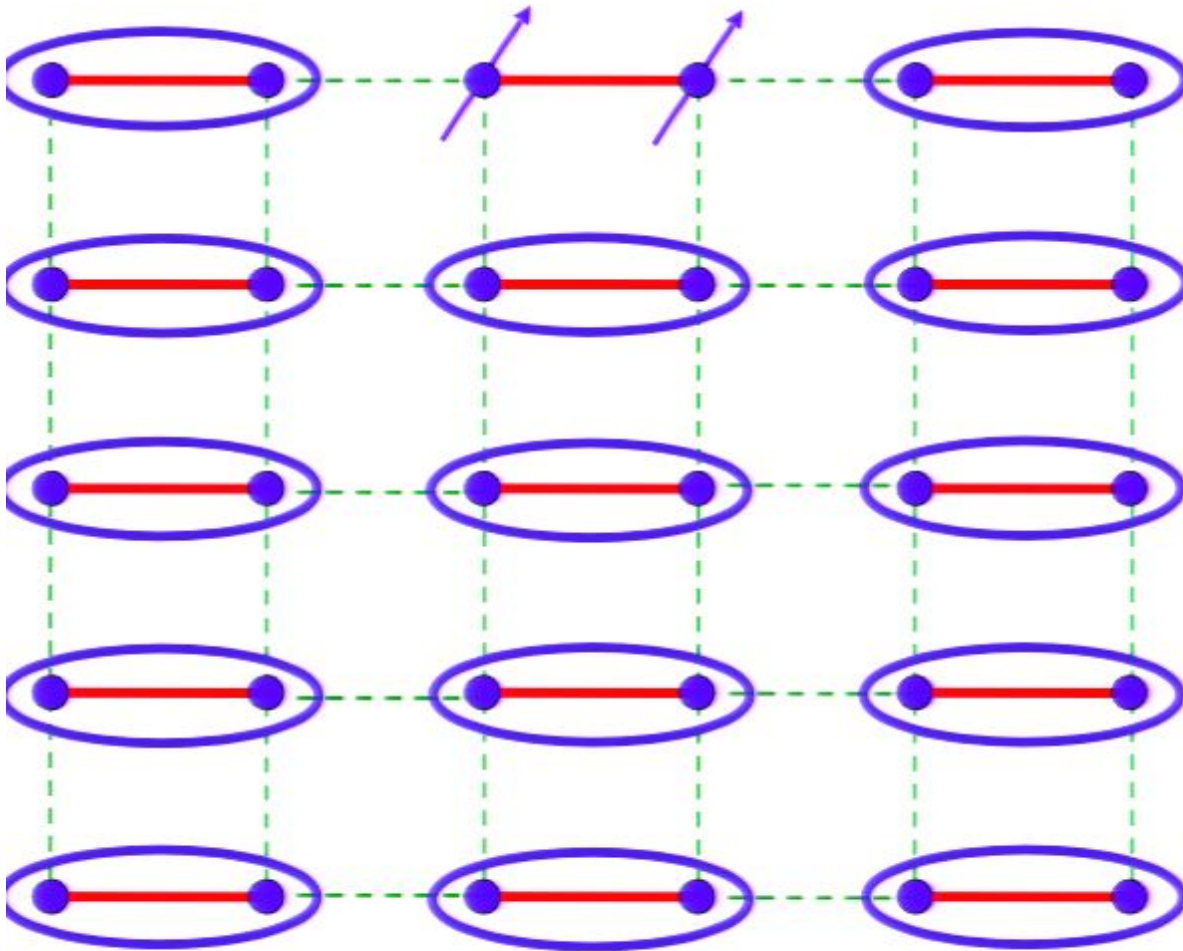
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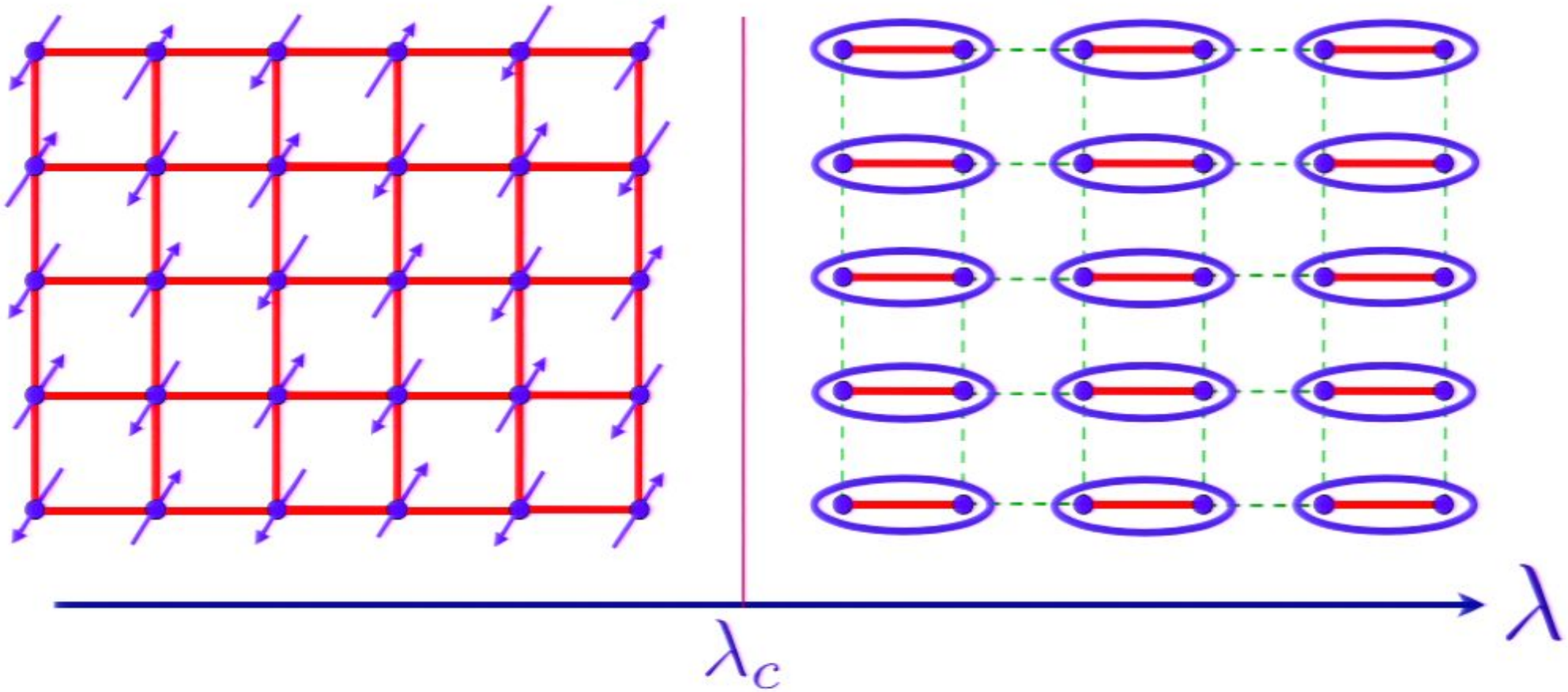
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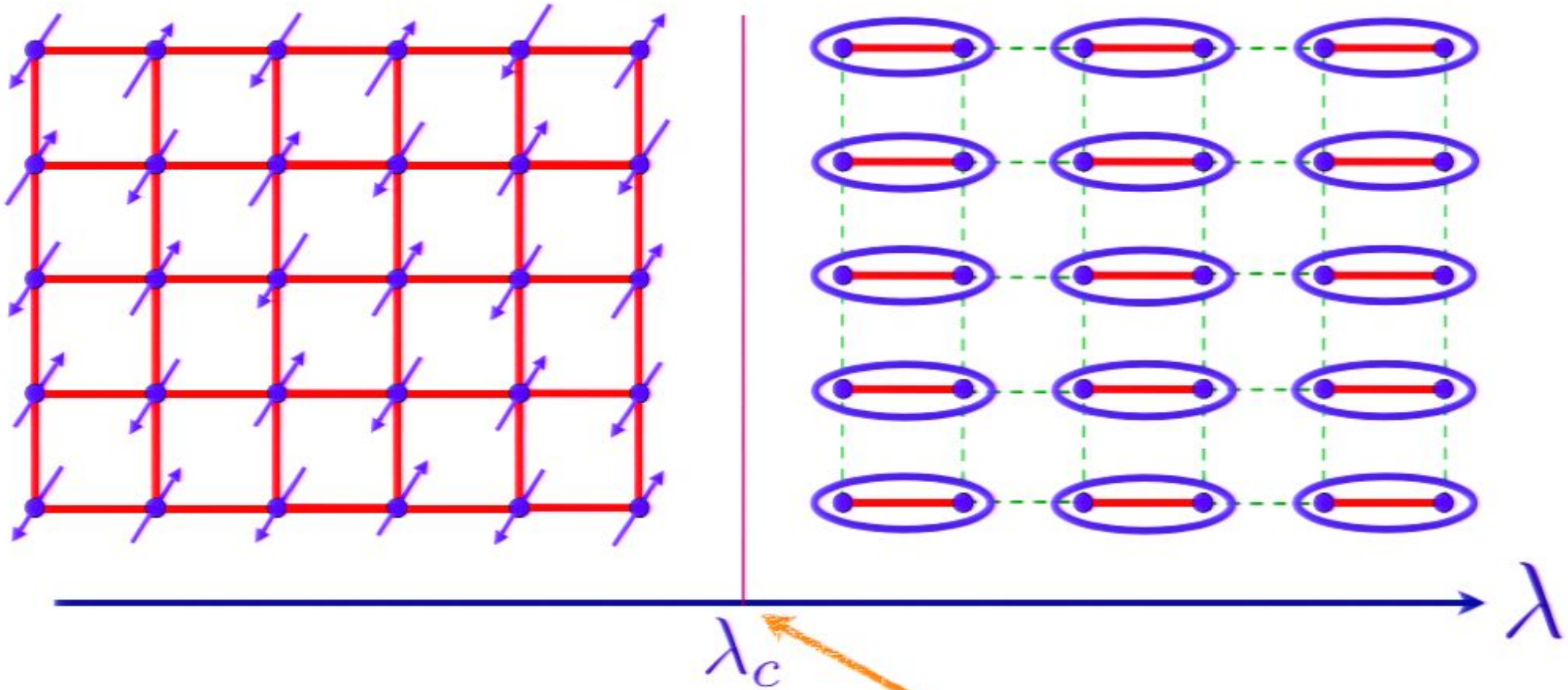
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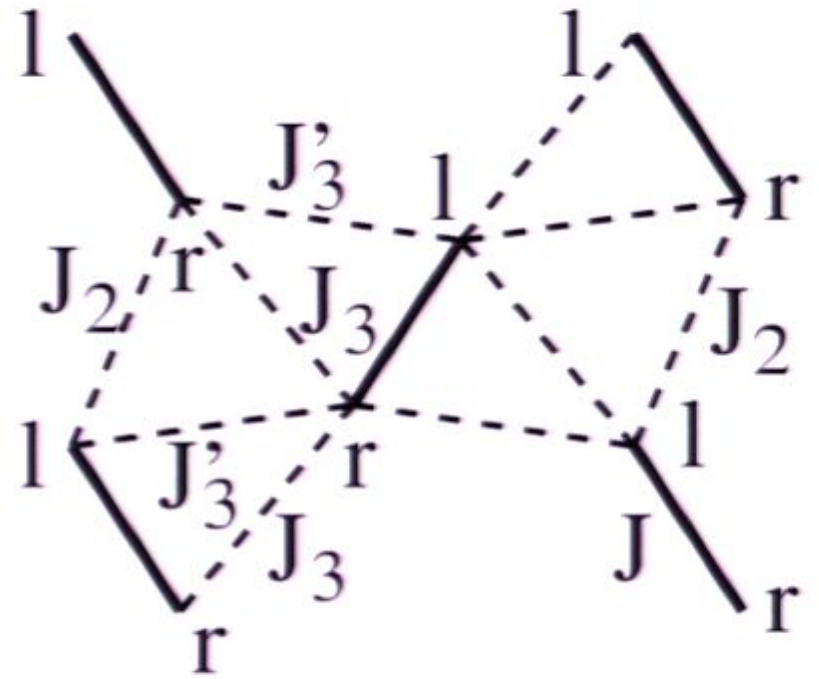
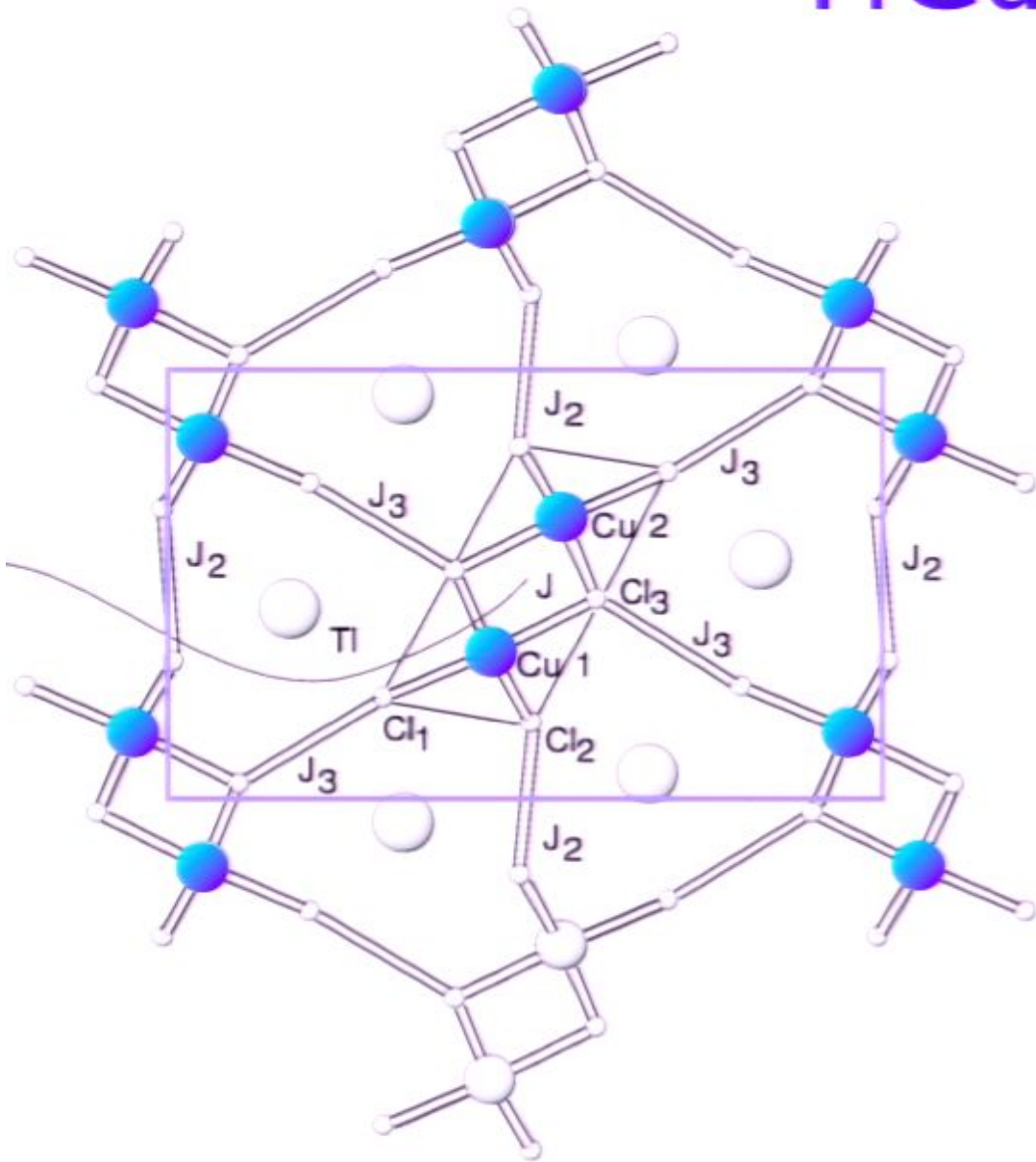


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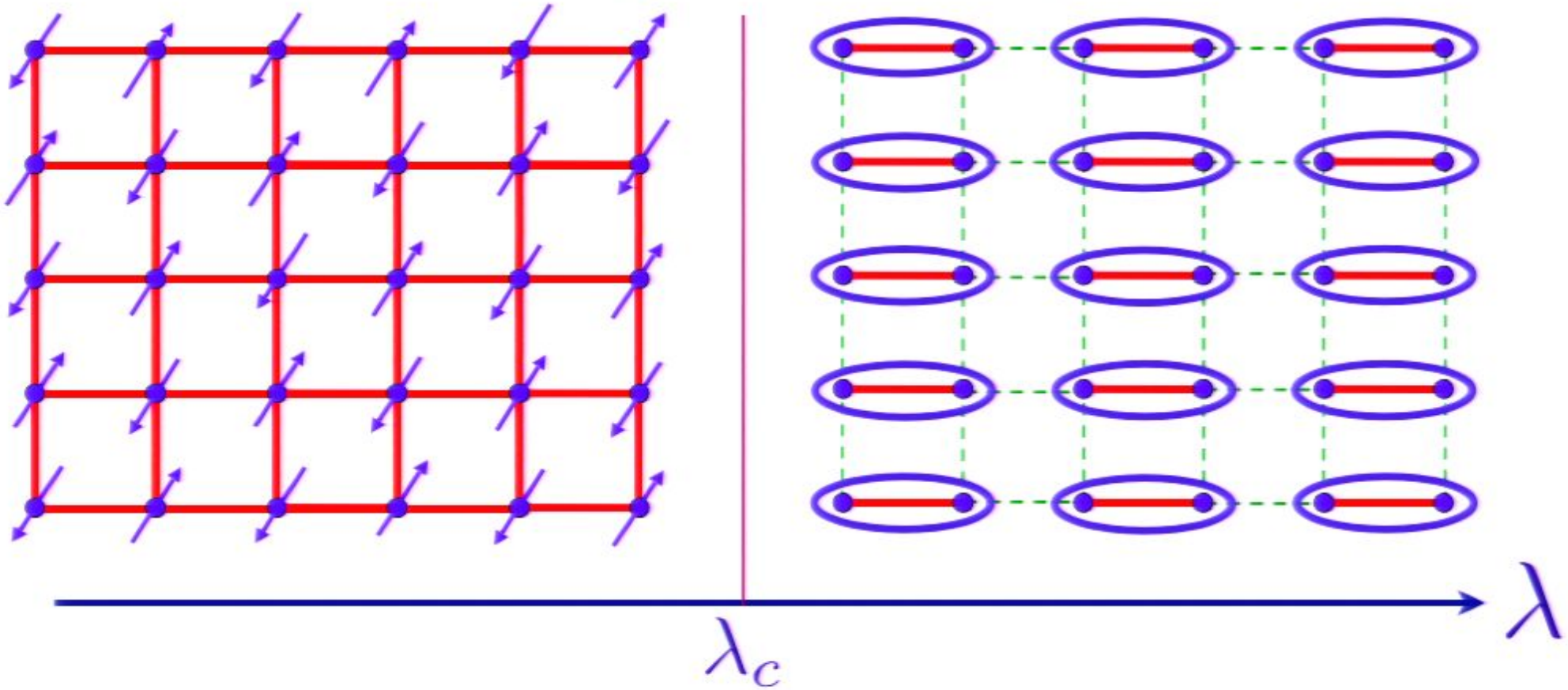


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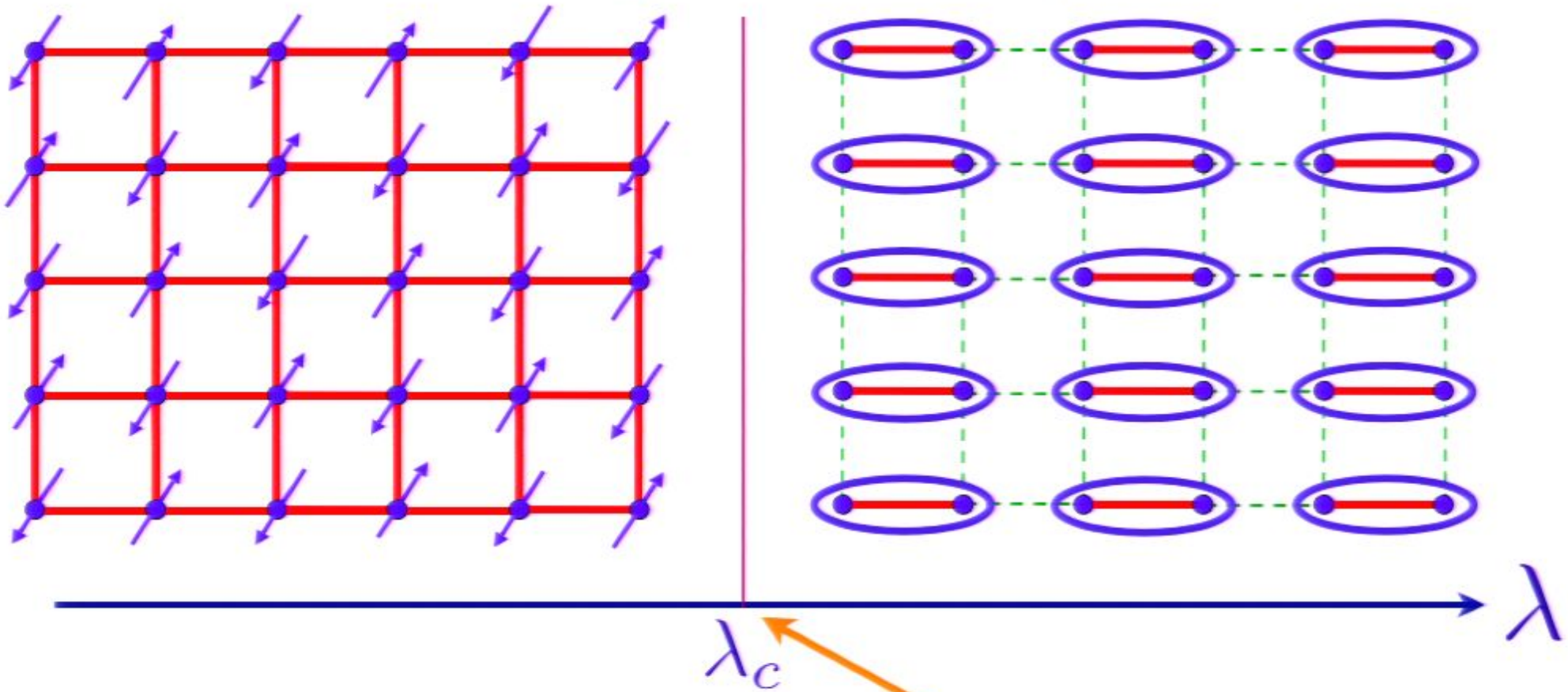
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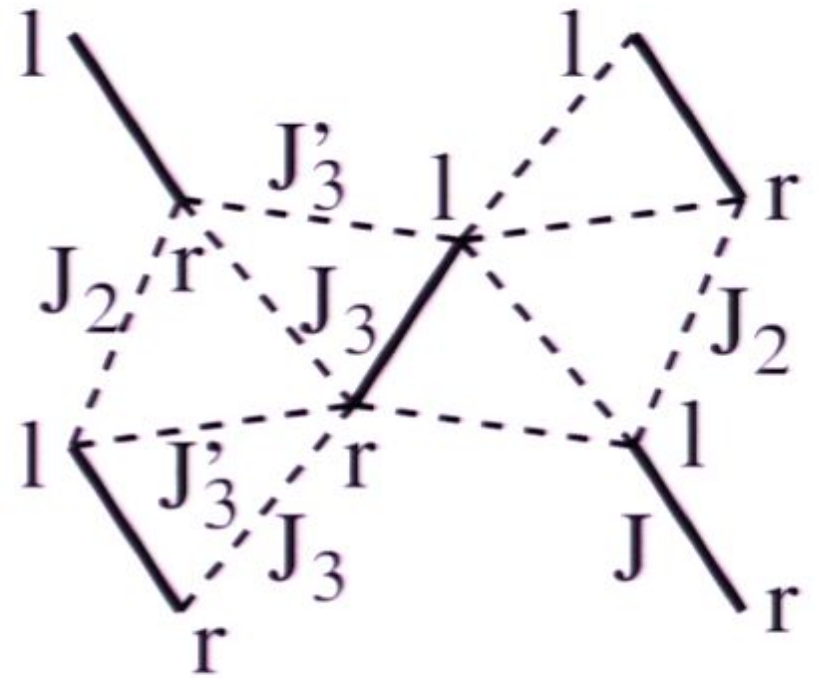
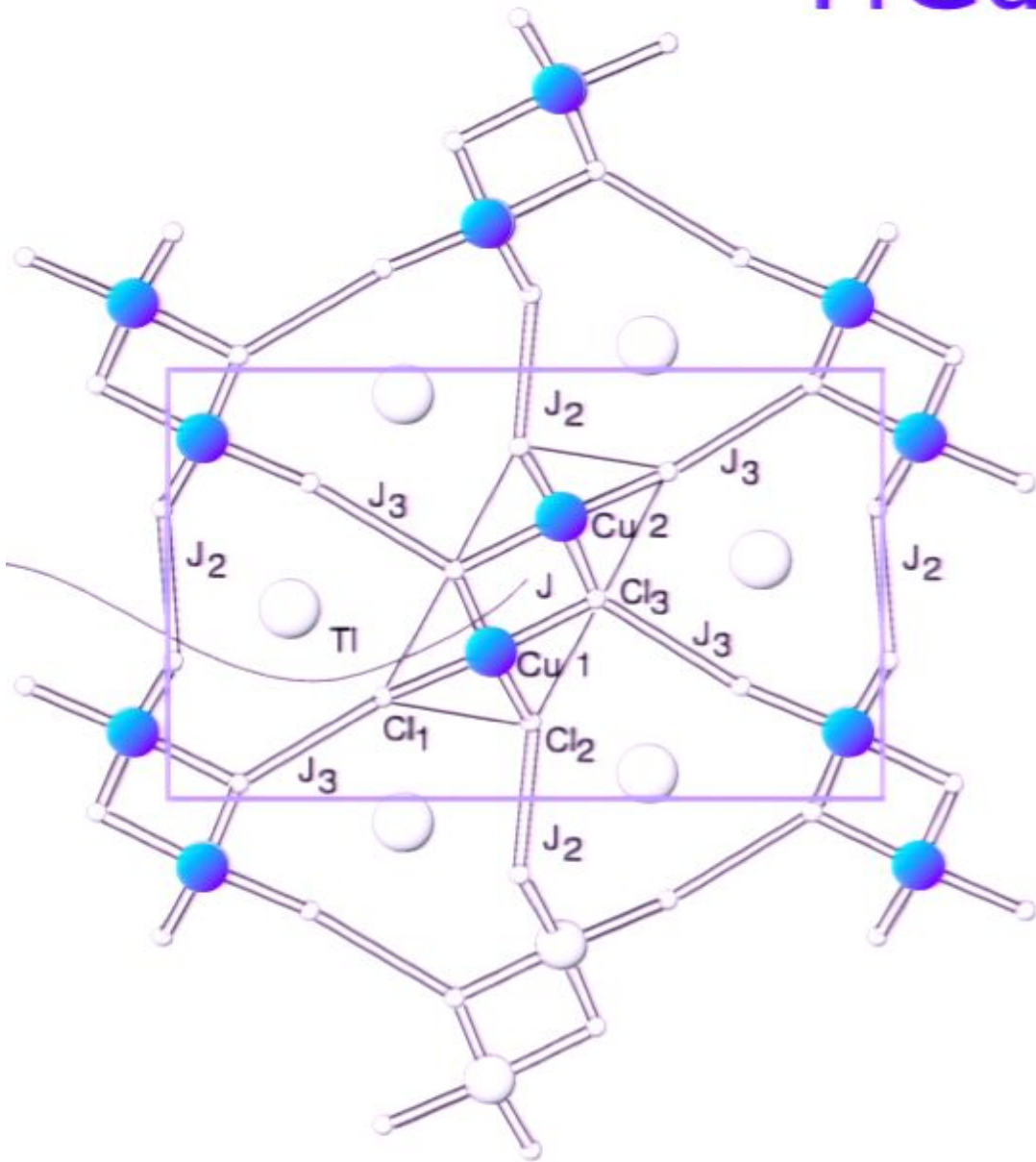


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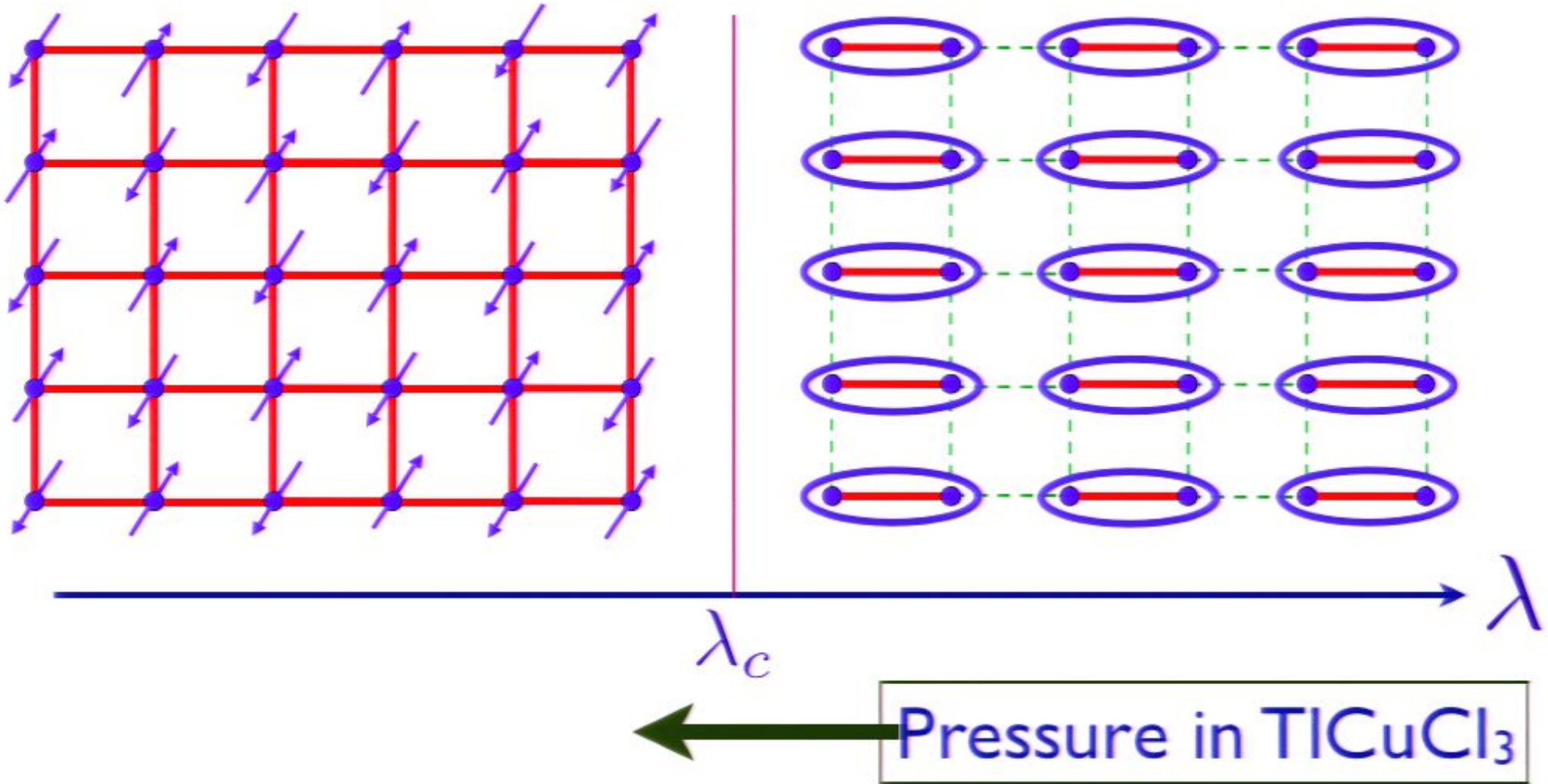


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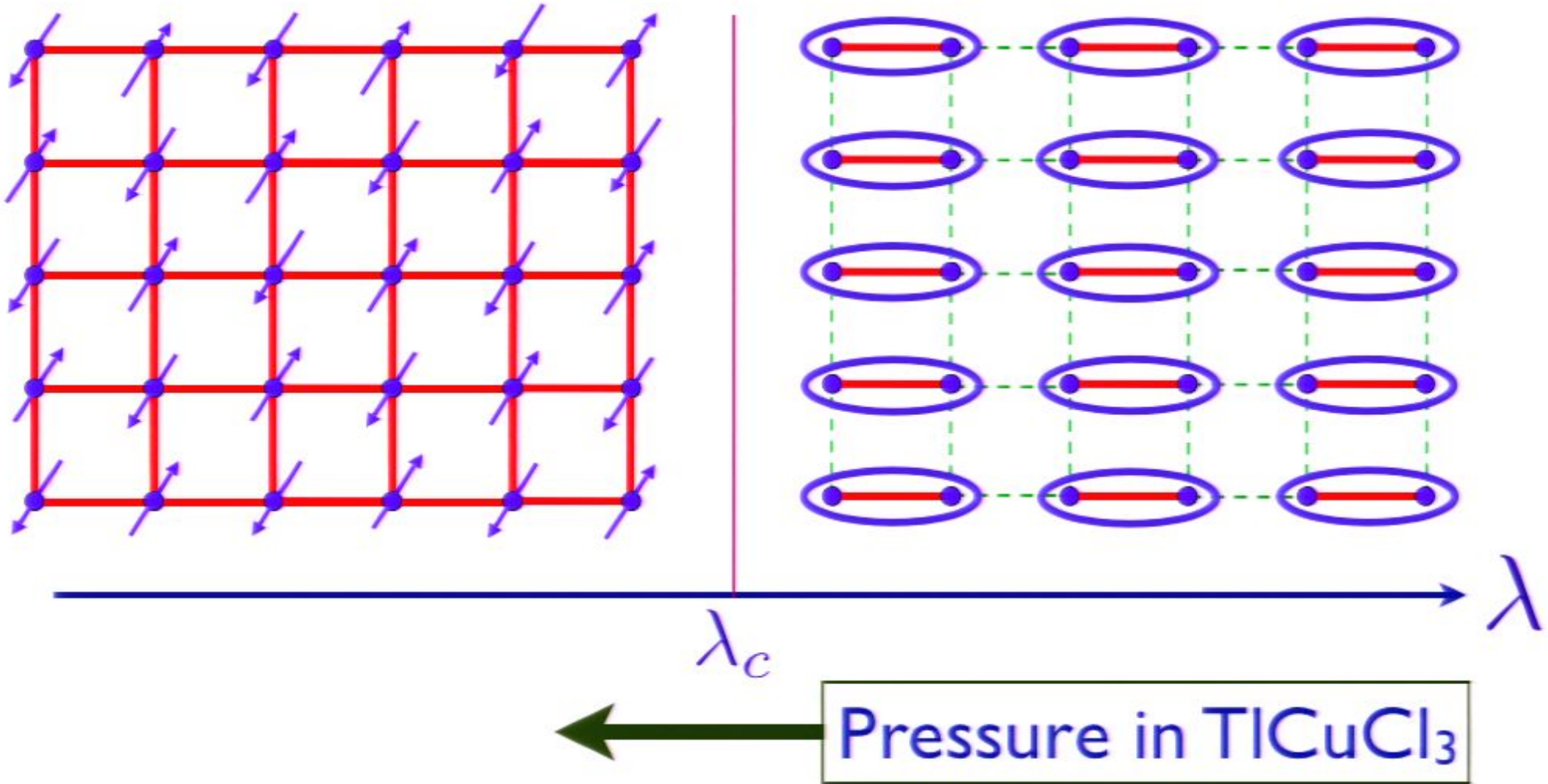
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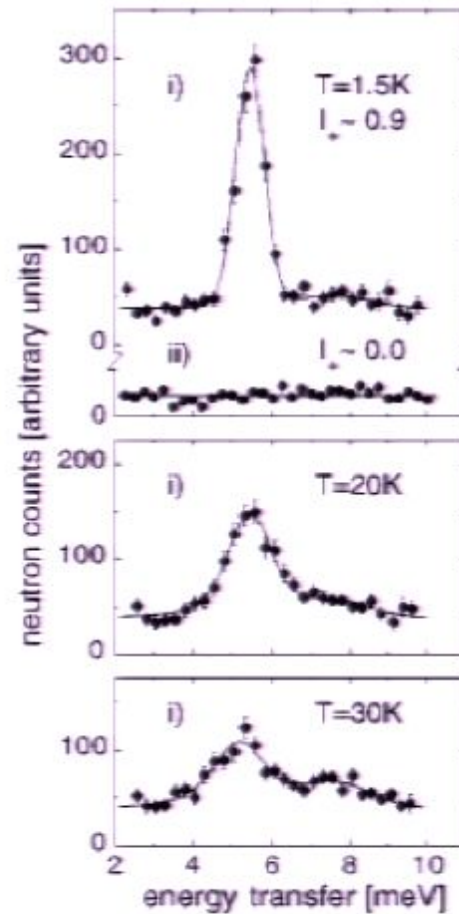
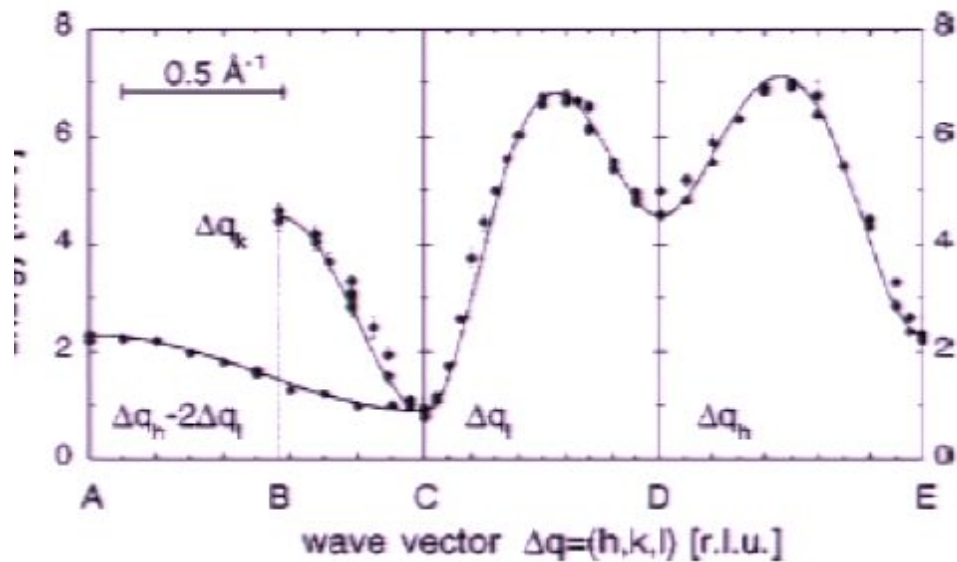
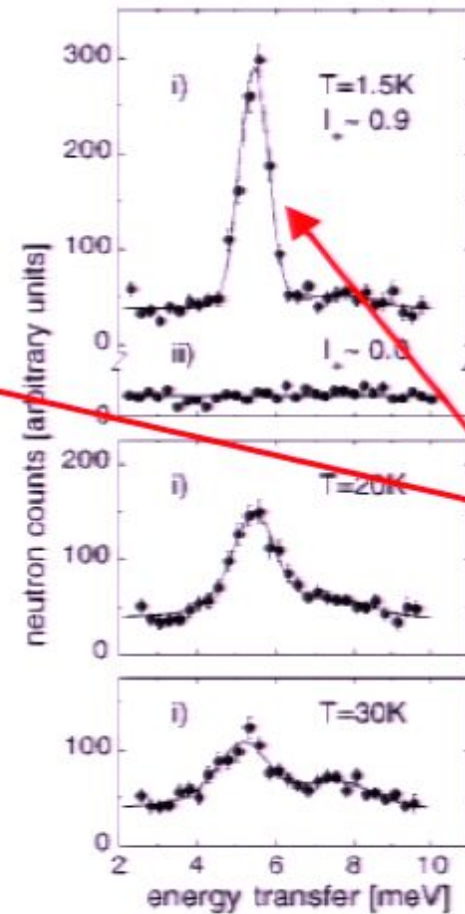
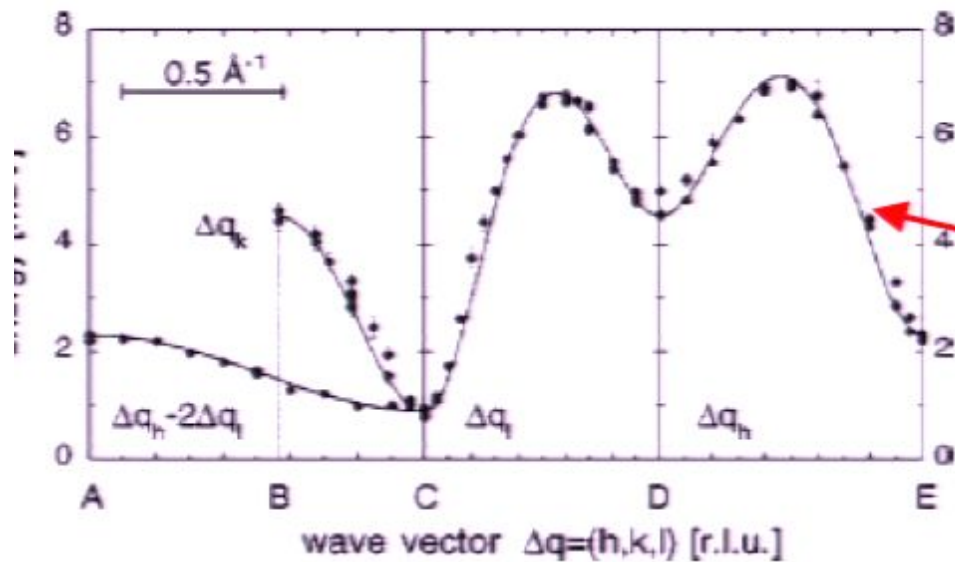


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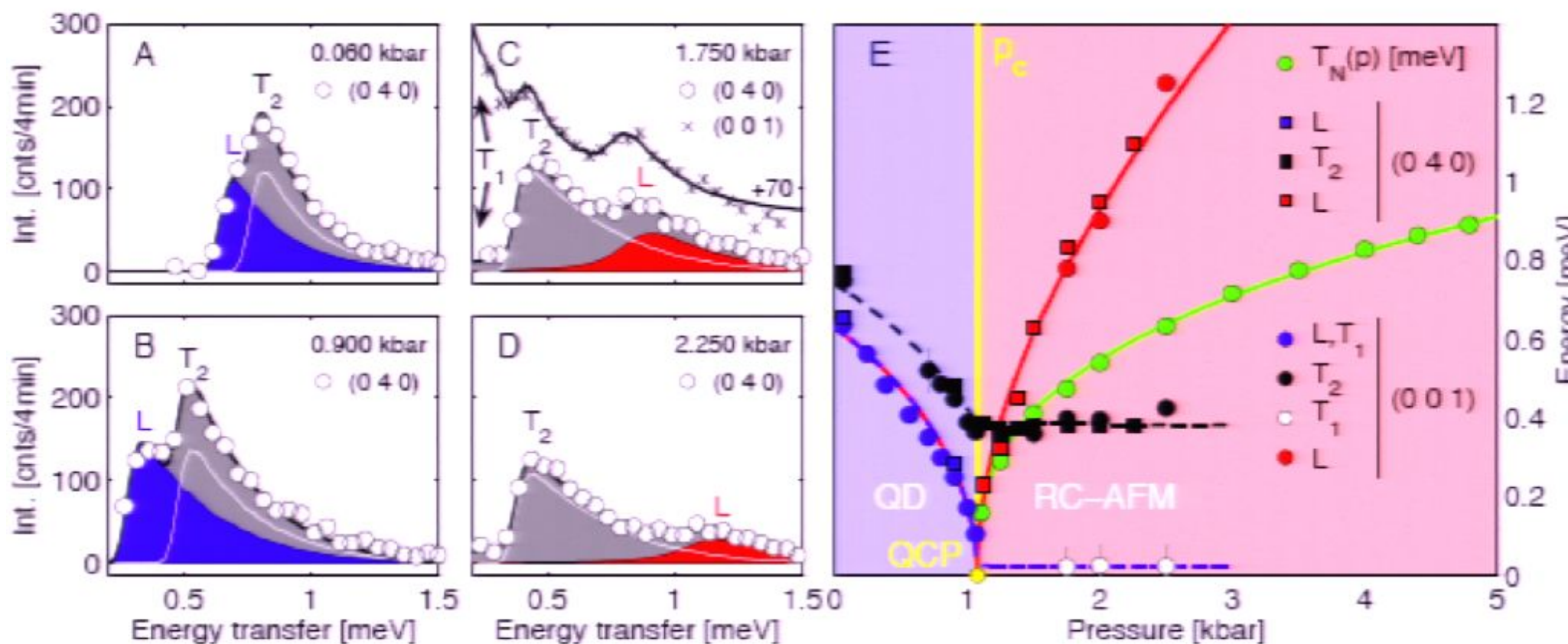
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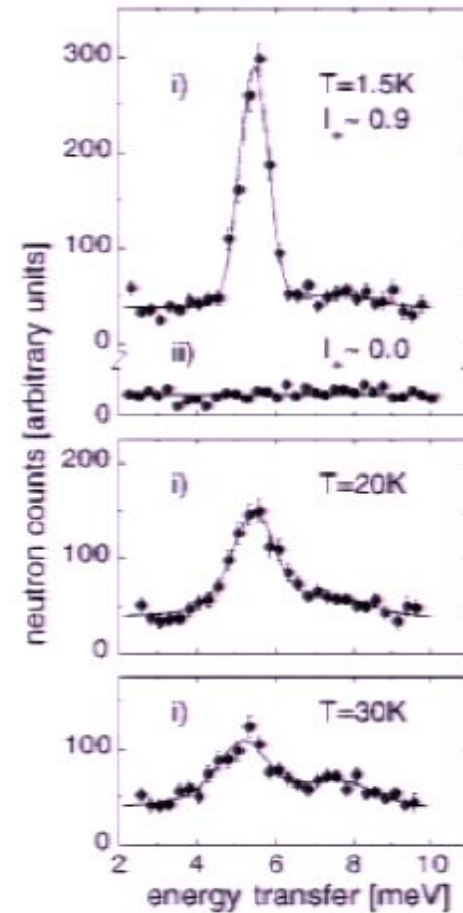
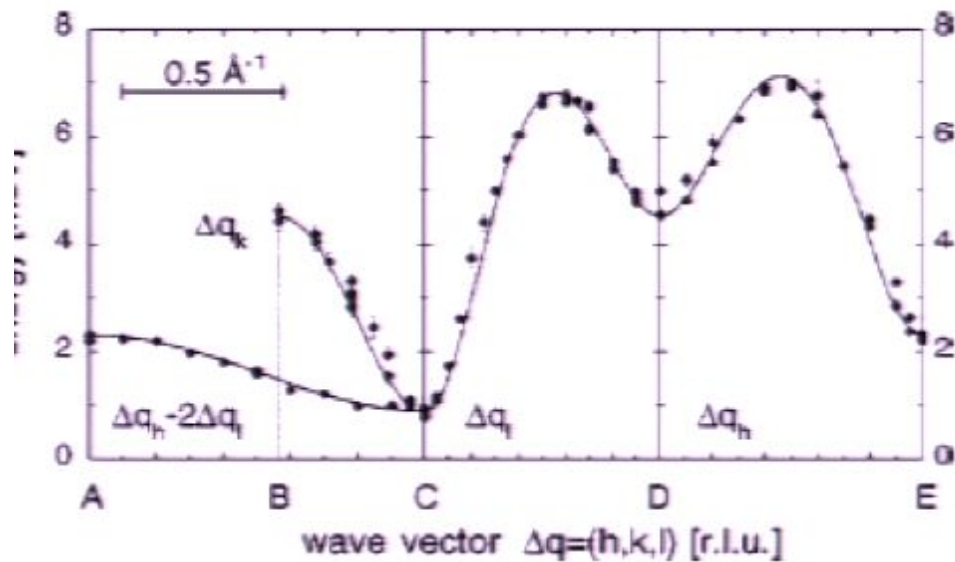
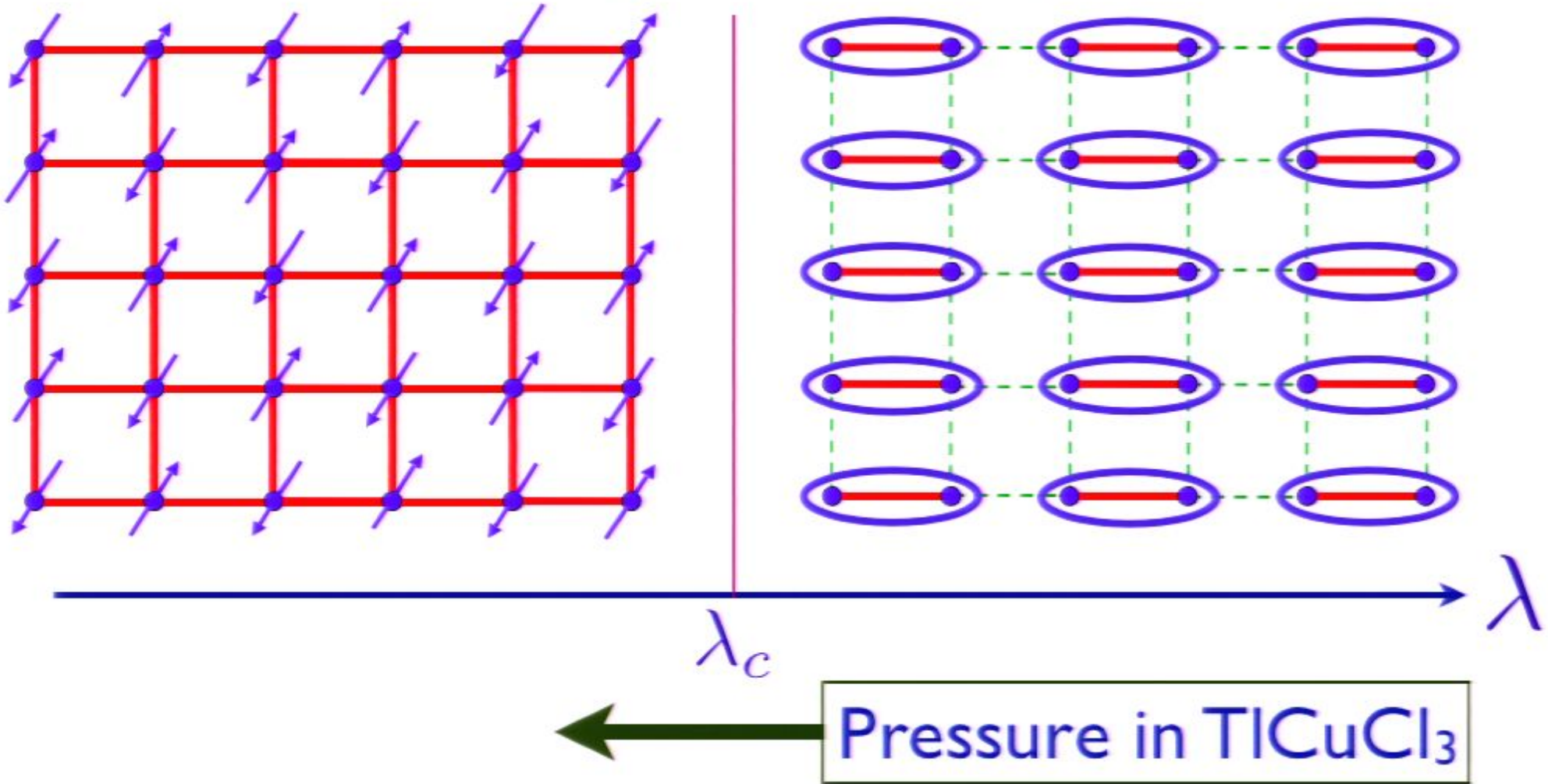


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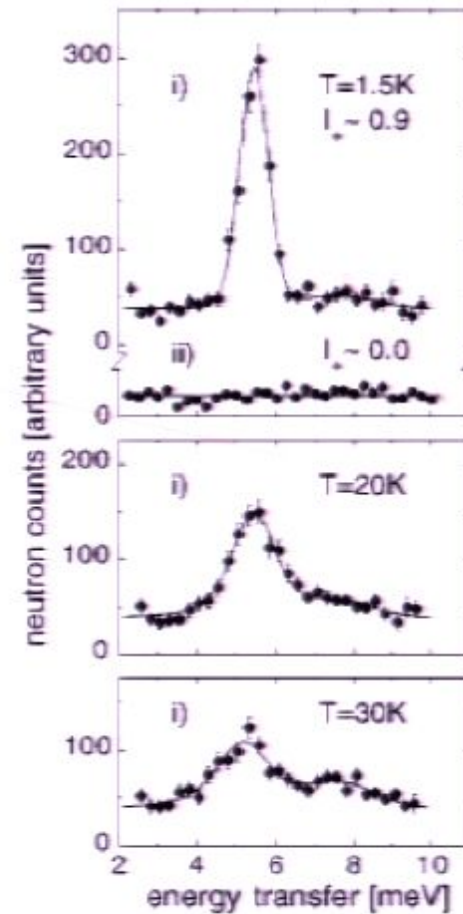
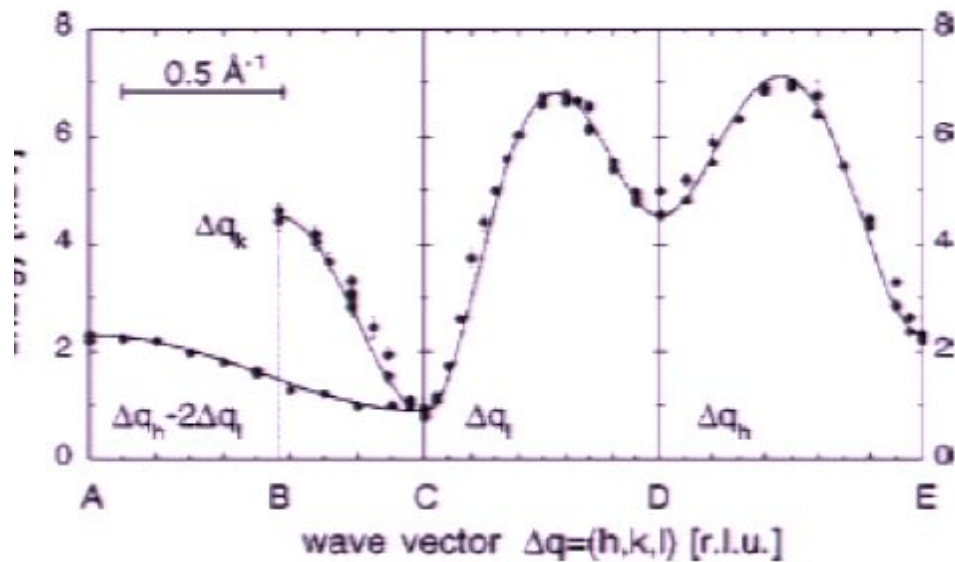
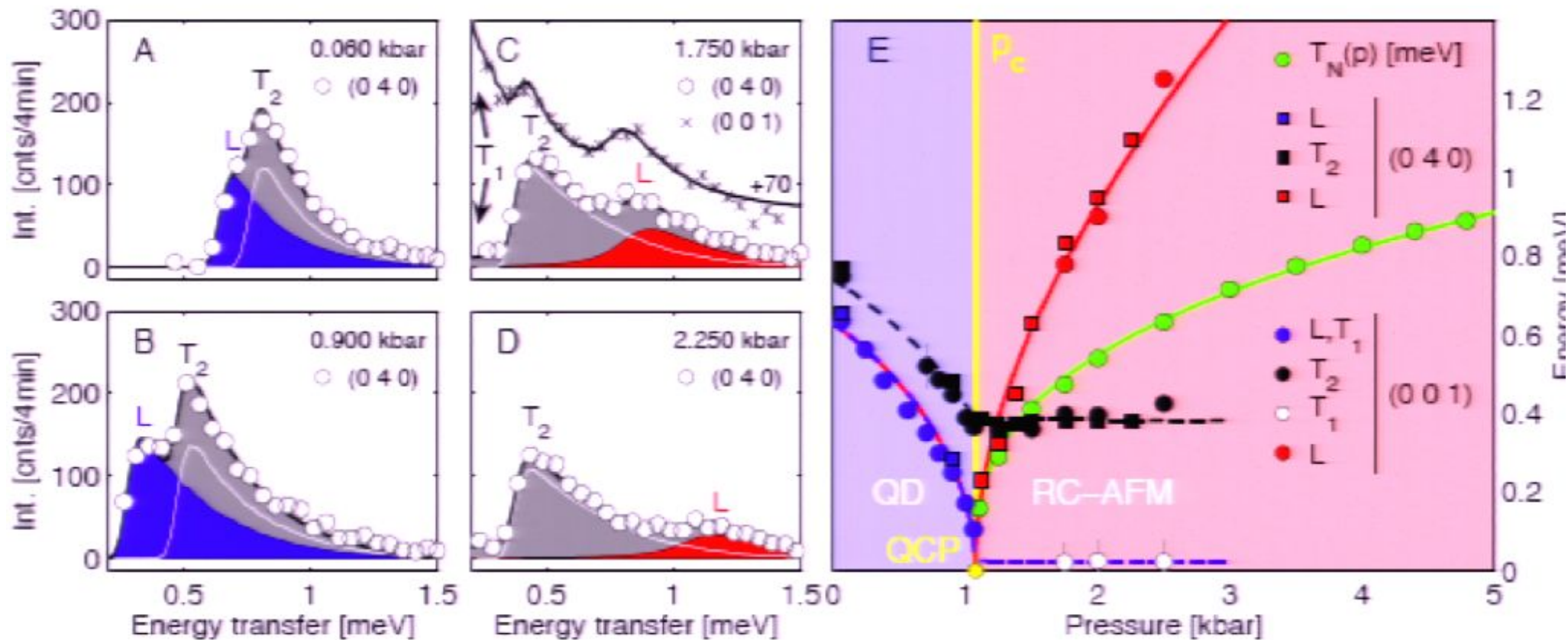


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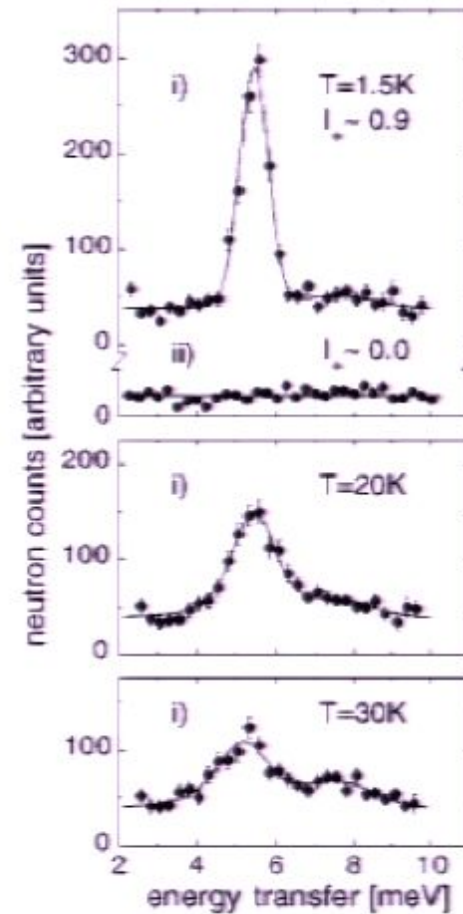
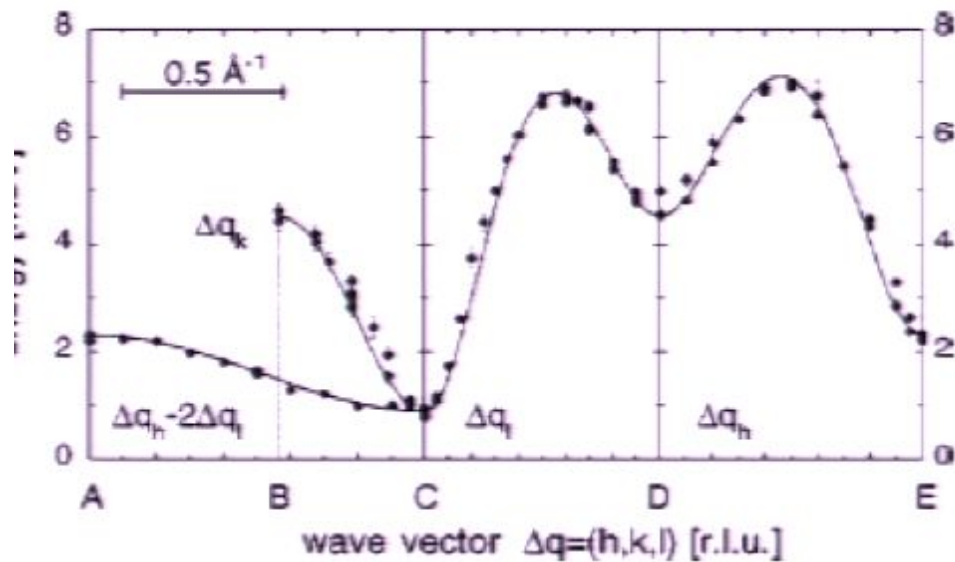
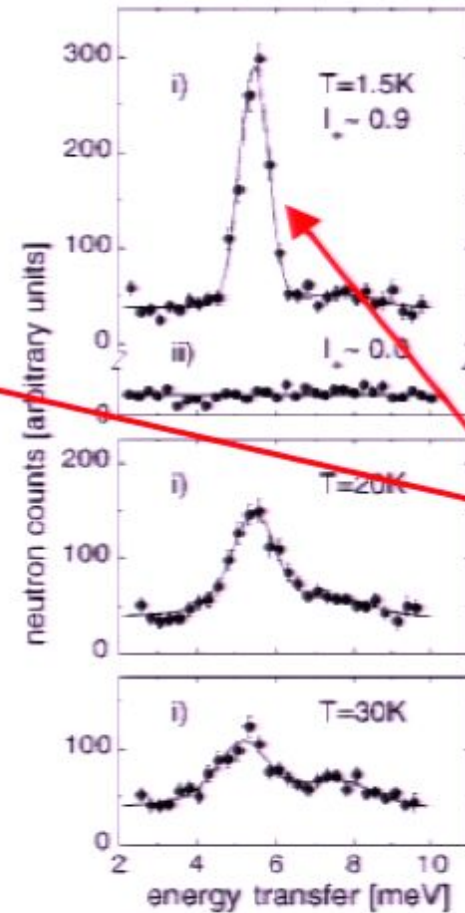
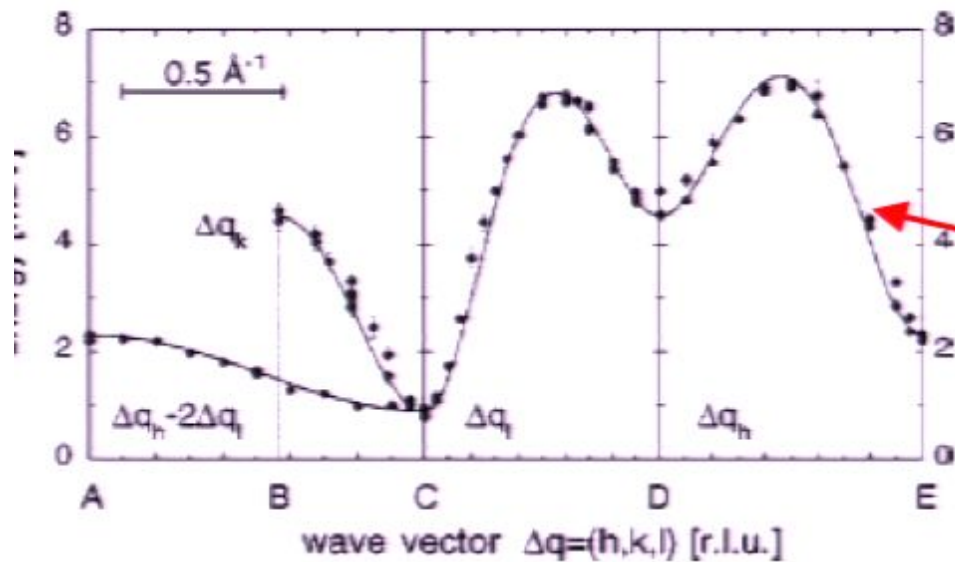


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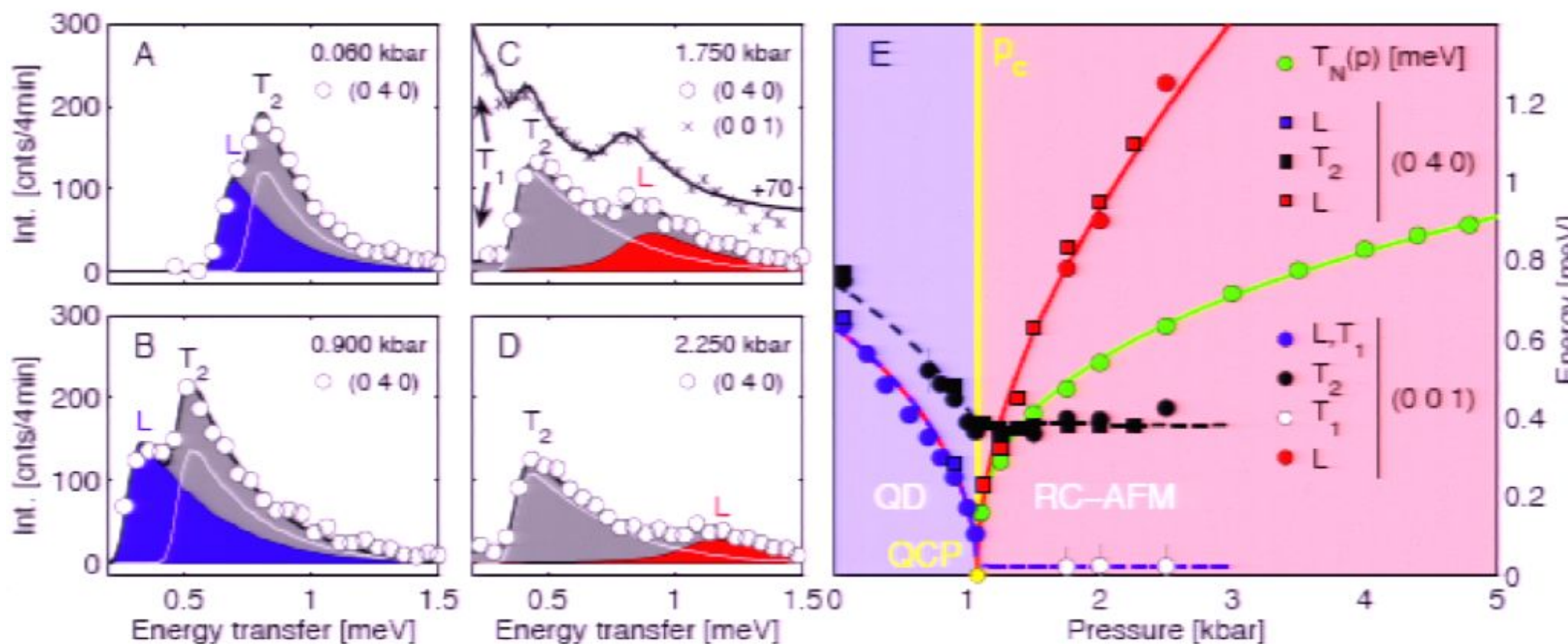
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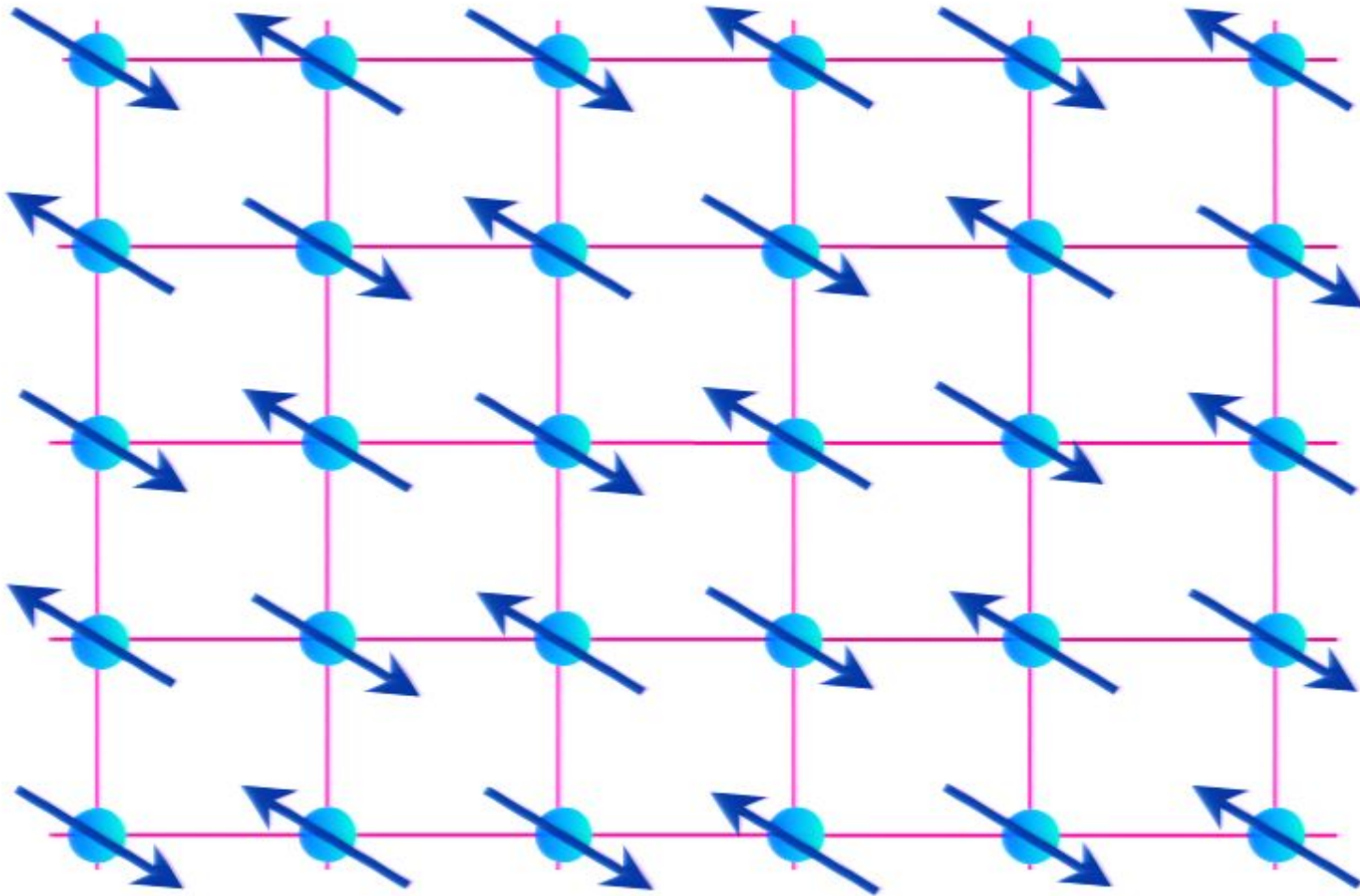
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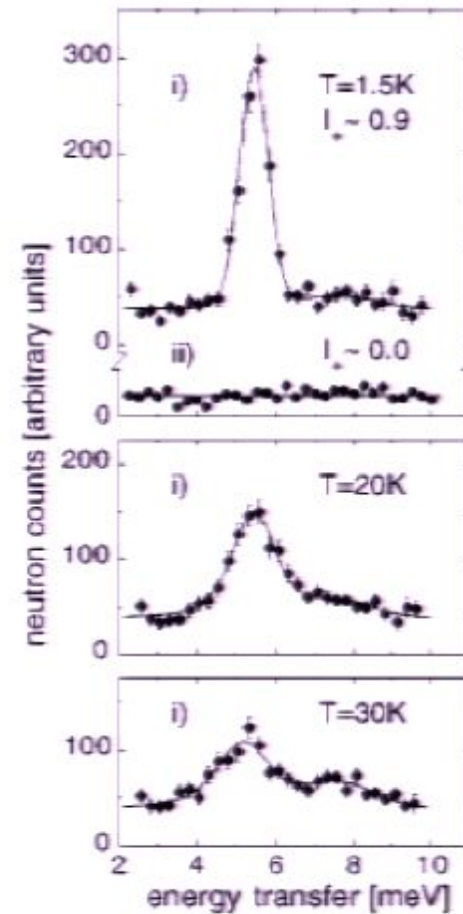
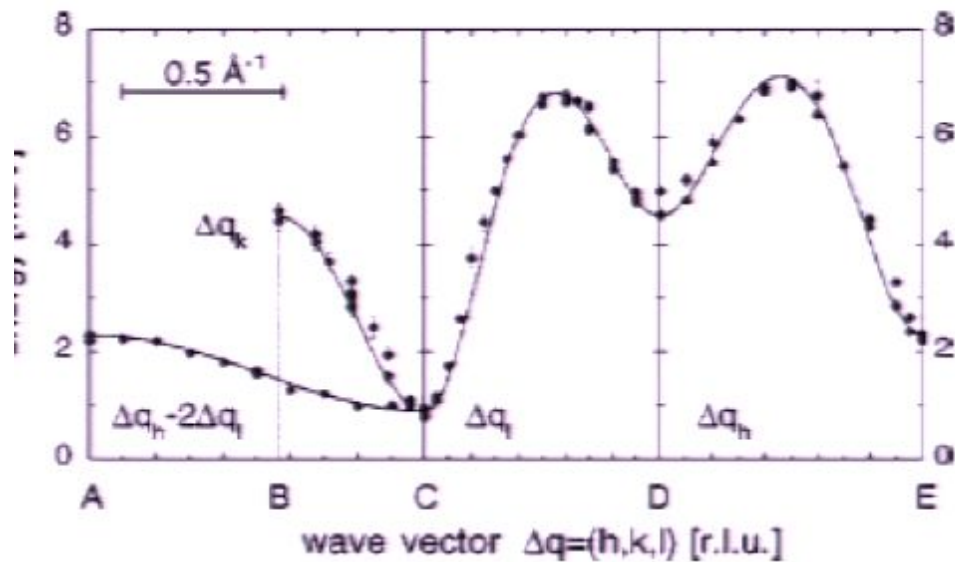
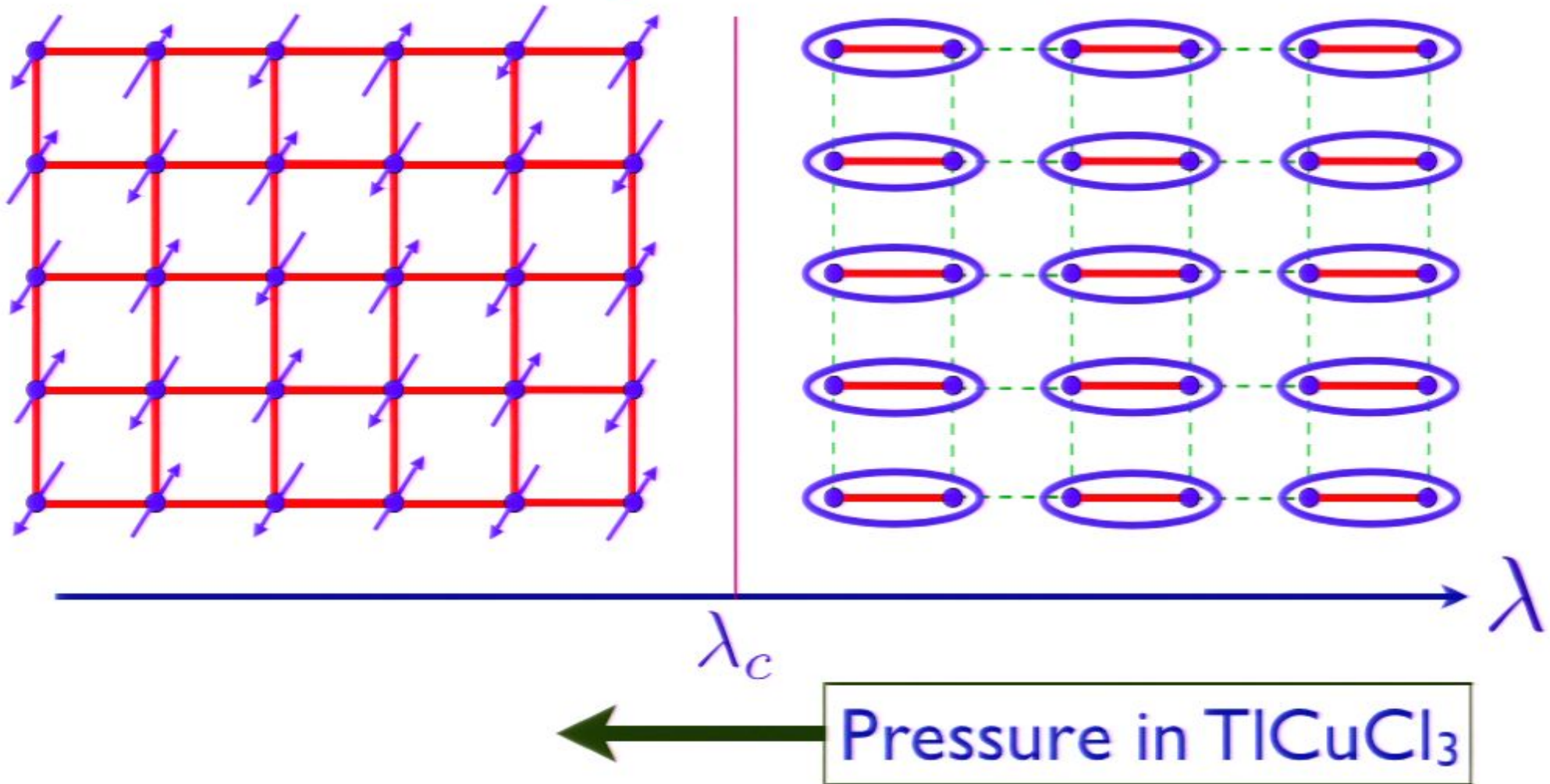
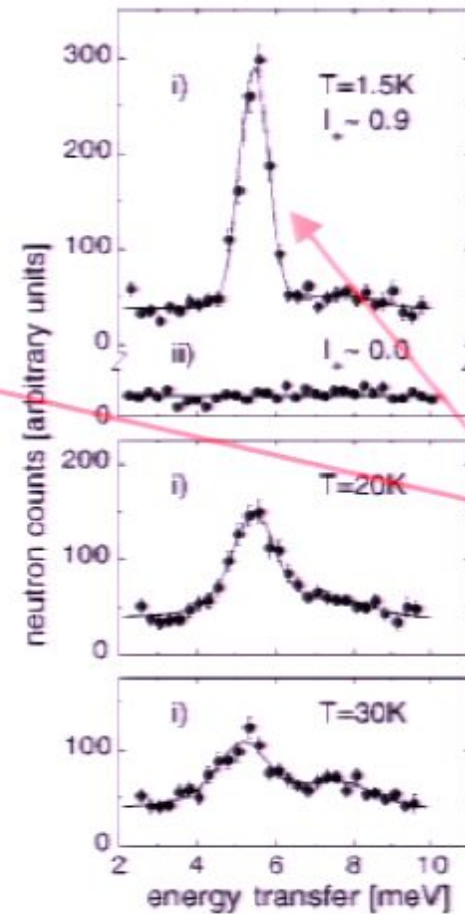
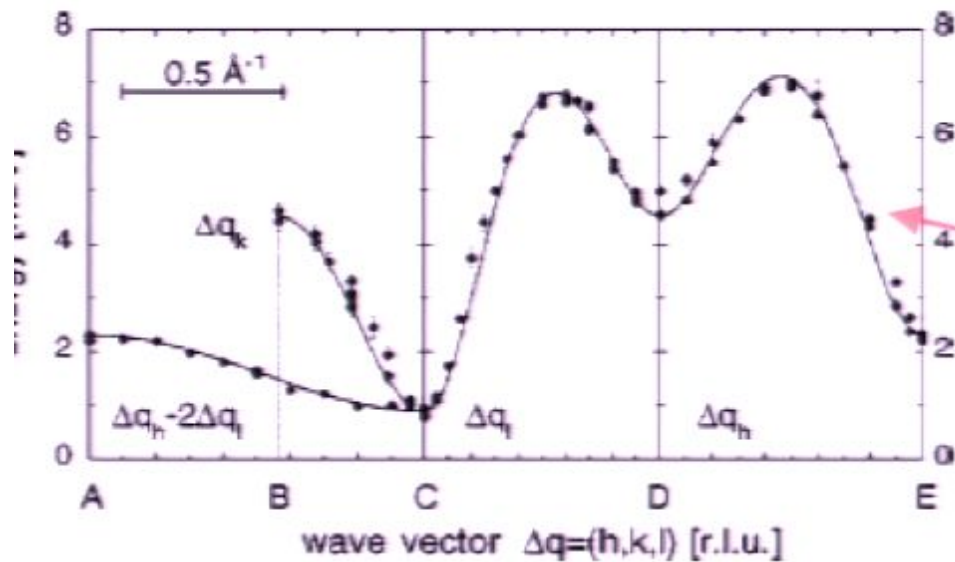


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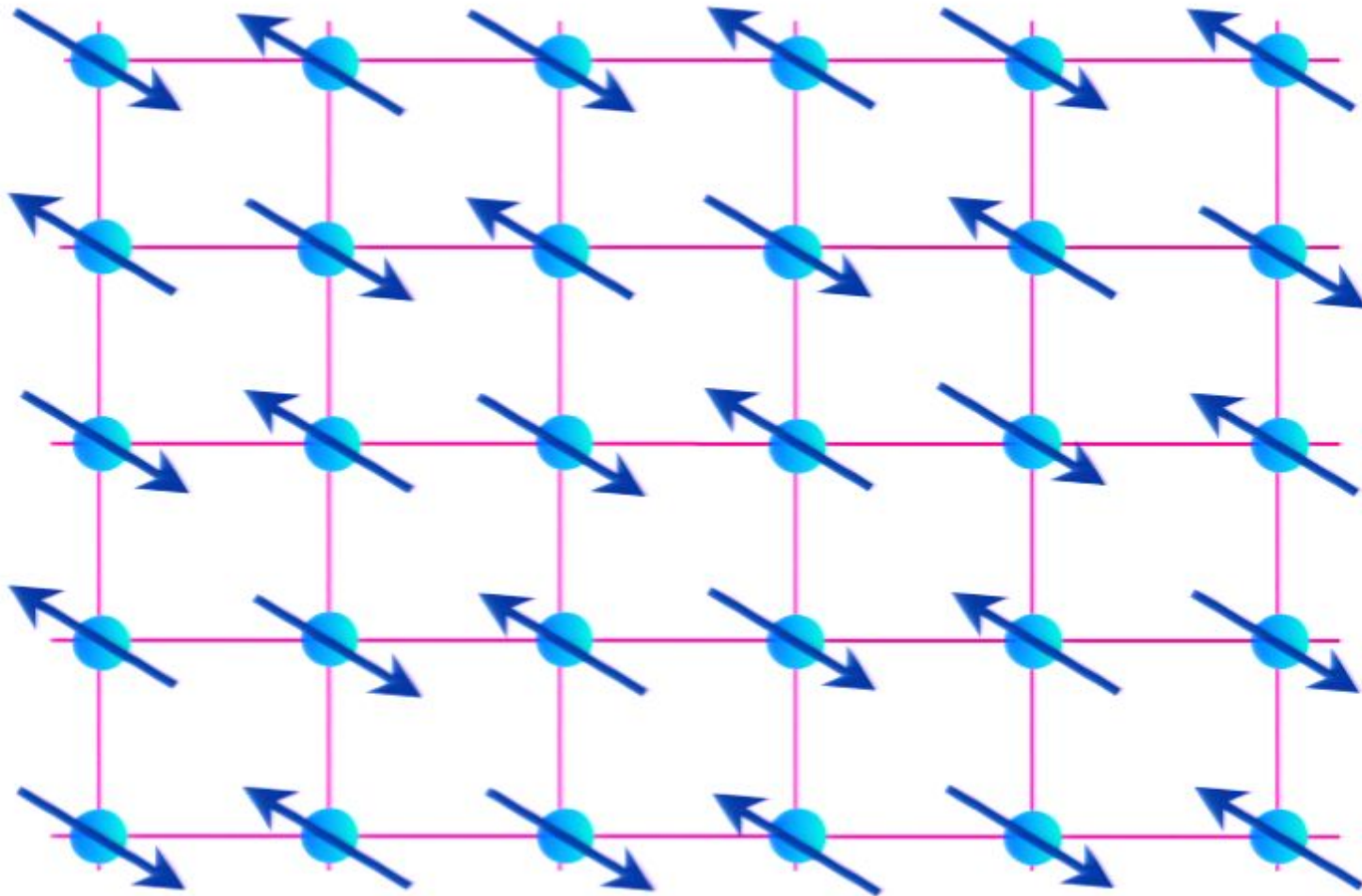
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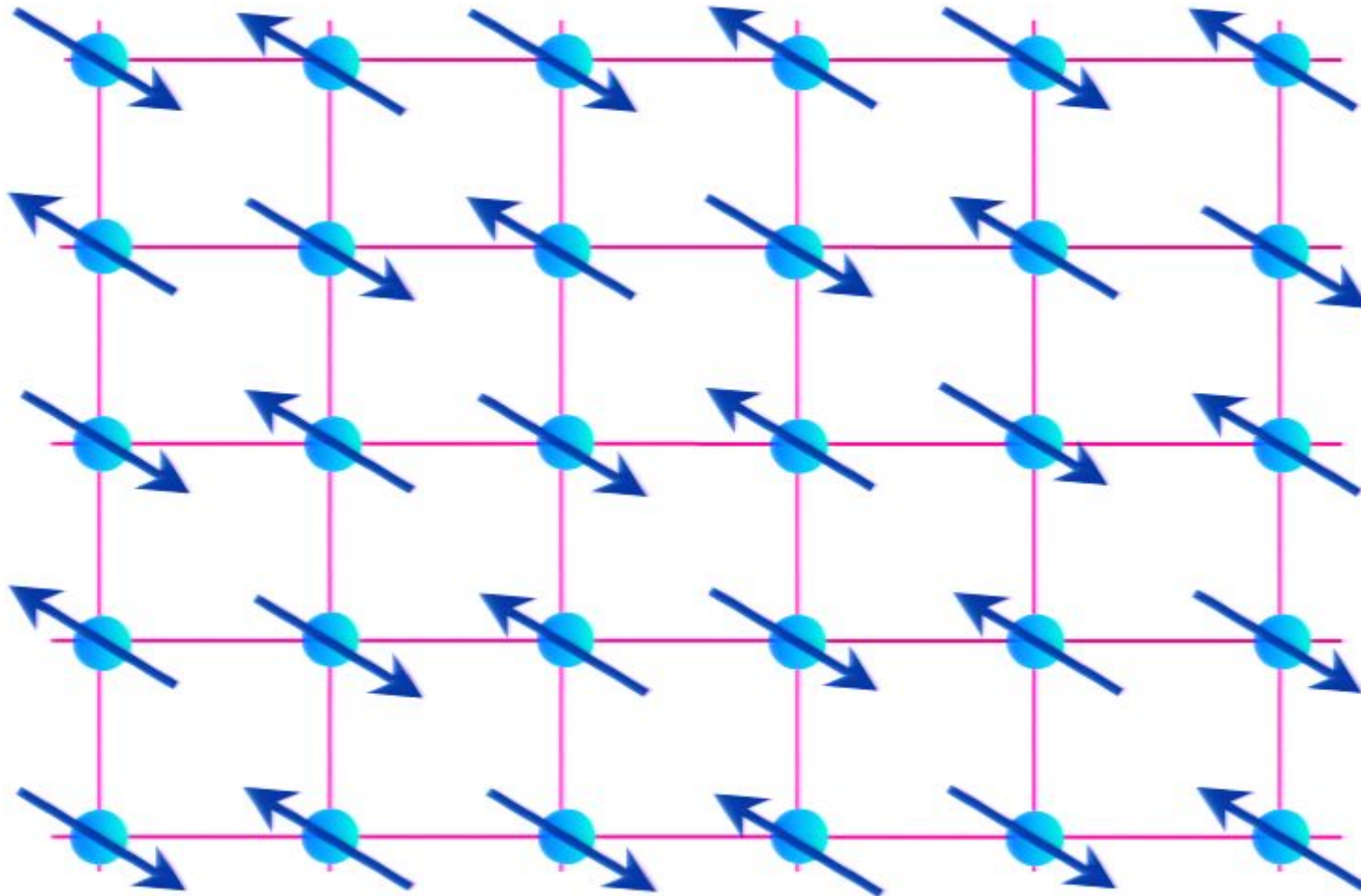
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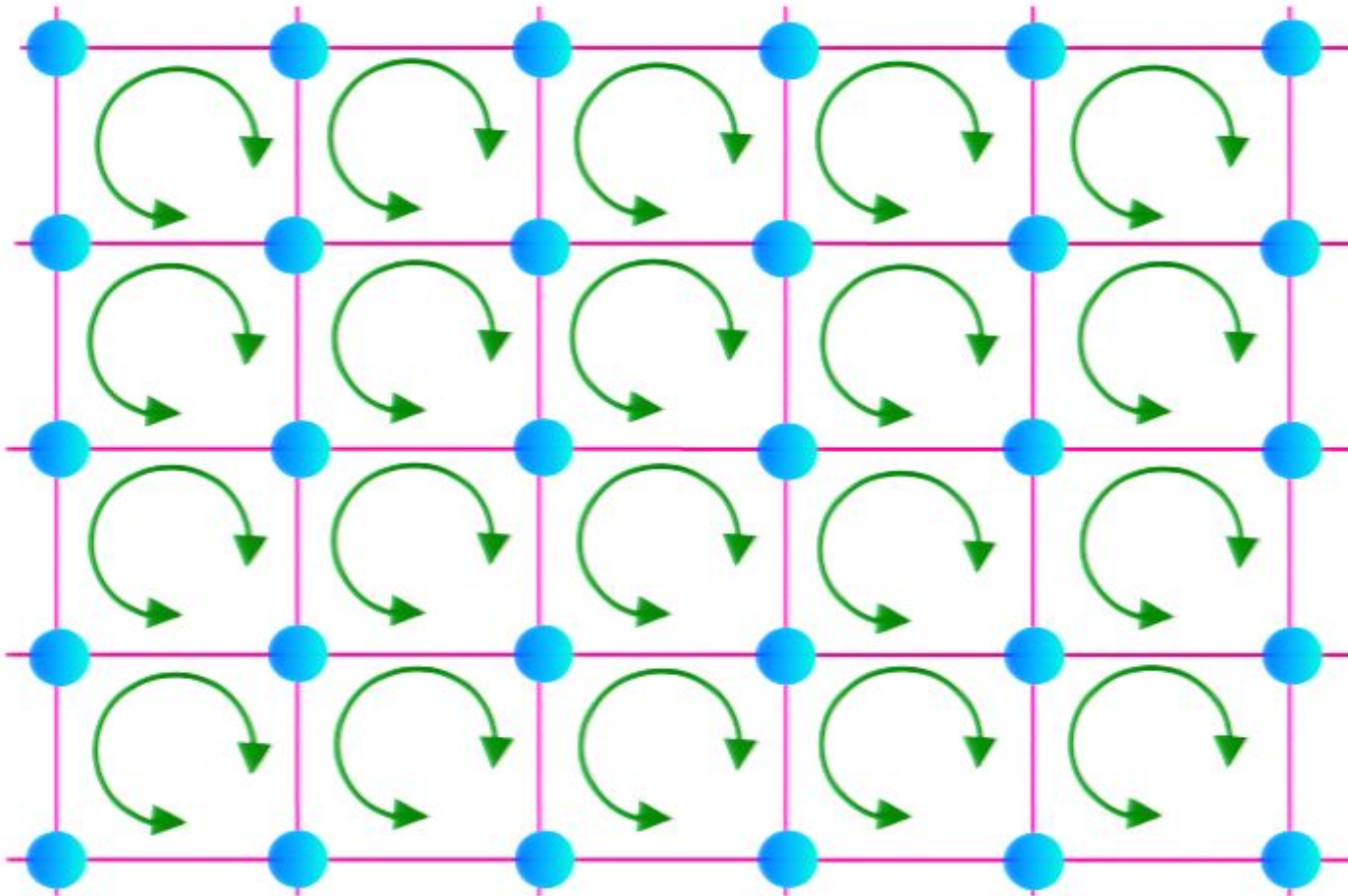
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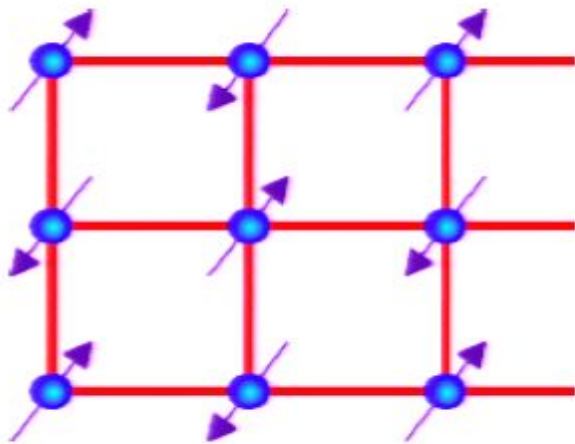
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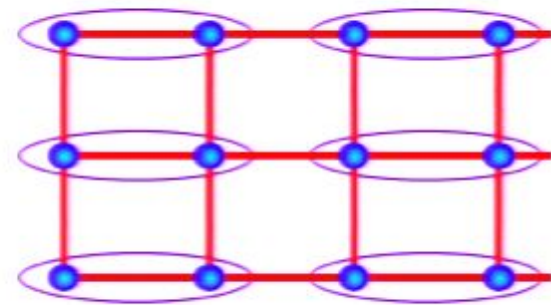


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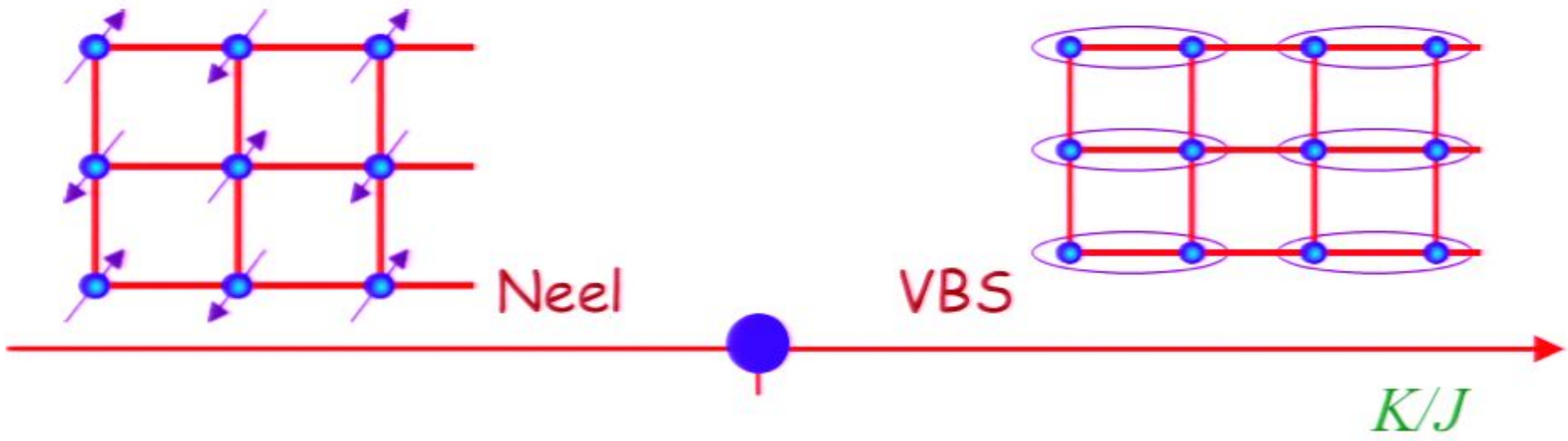
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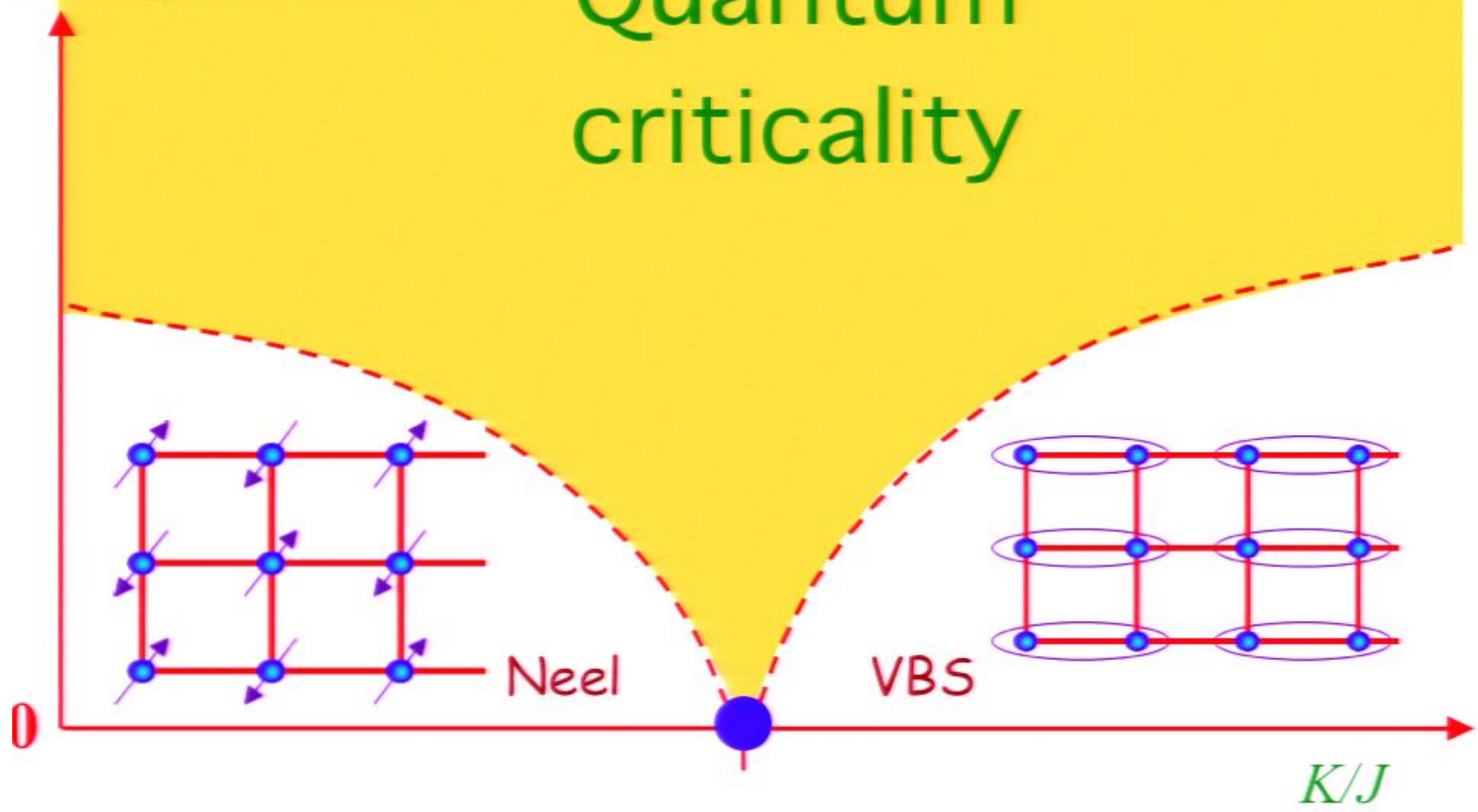
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Why should we care about the entanglement at an isolated critical point in the parameter space ?



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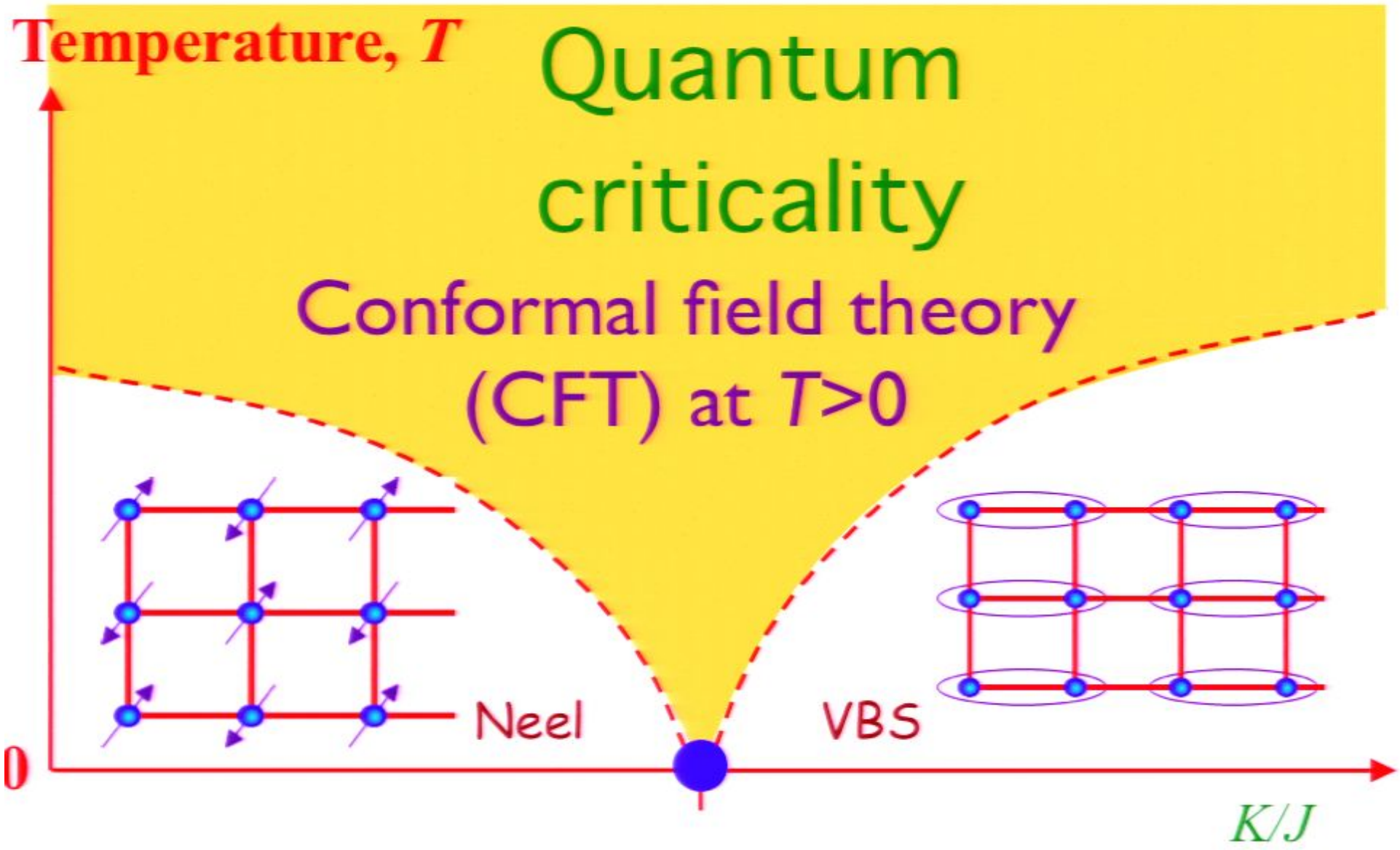
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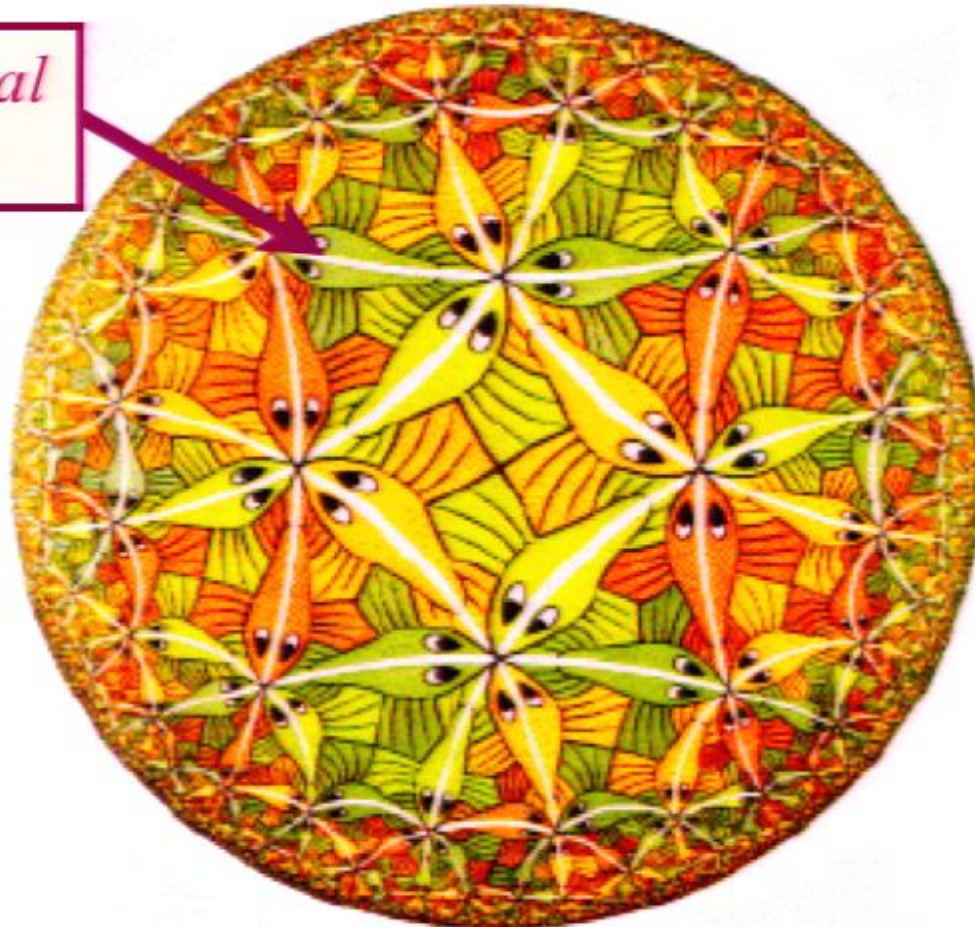
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Horizon temperature: $4\pi k_B T = \frac{\hbar^2}{2M\ell_P^2}$

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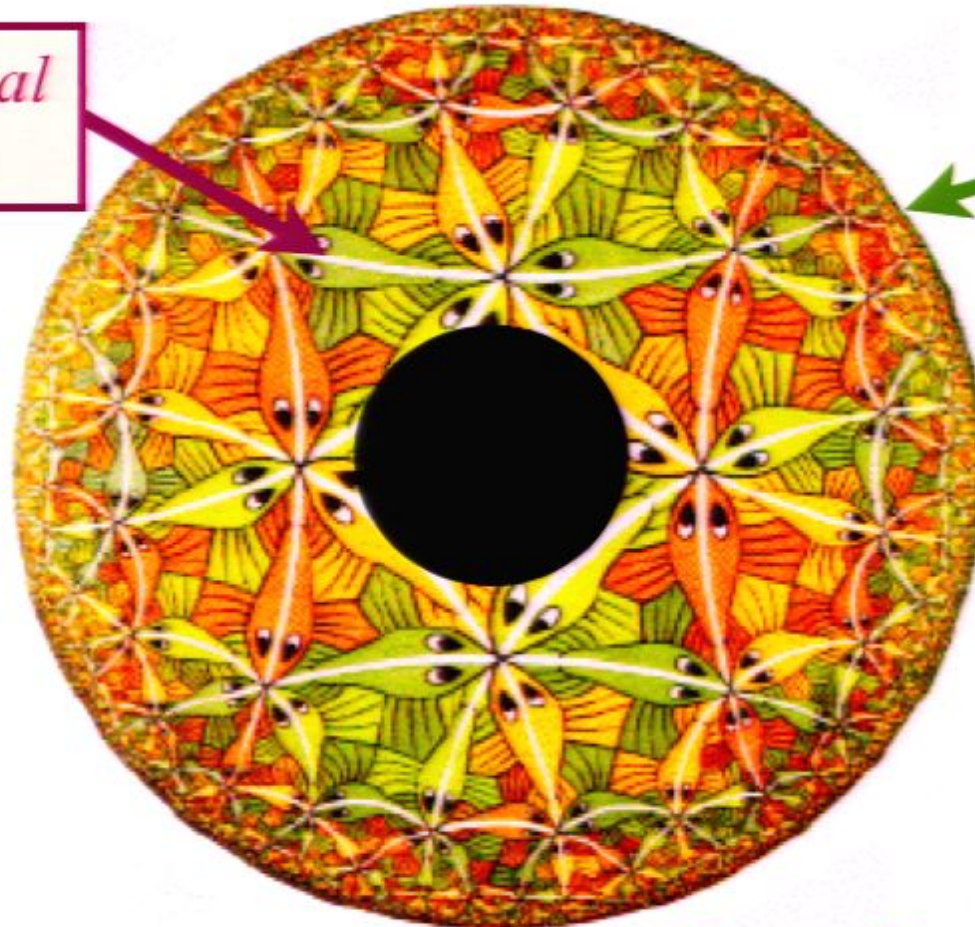
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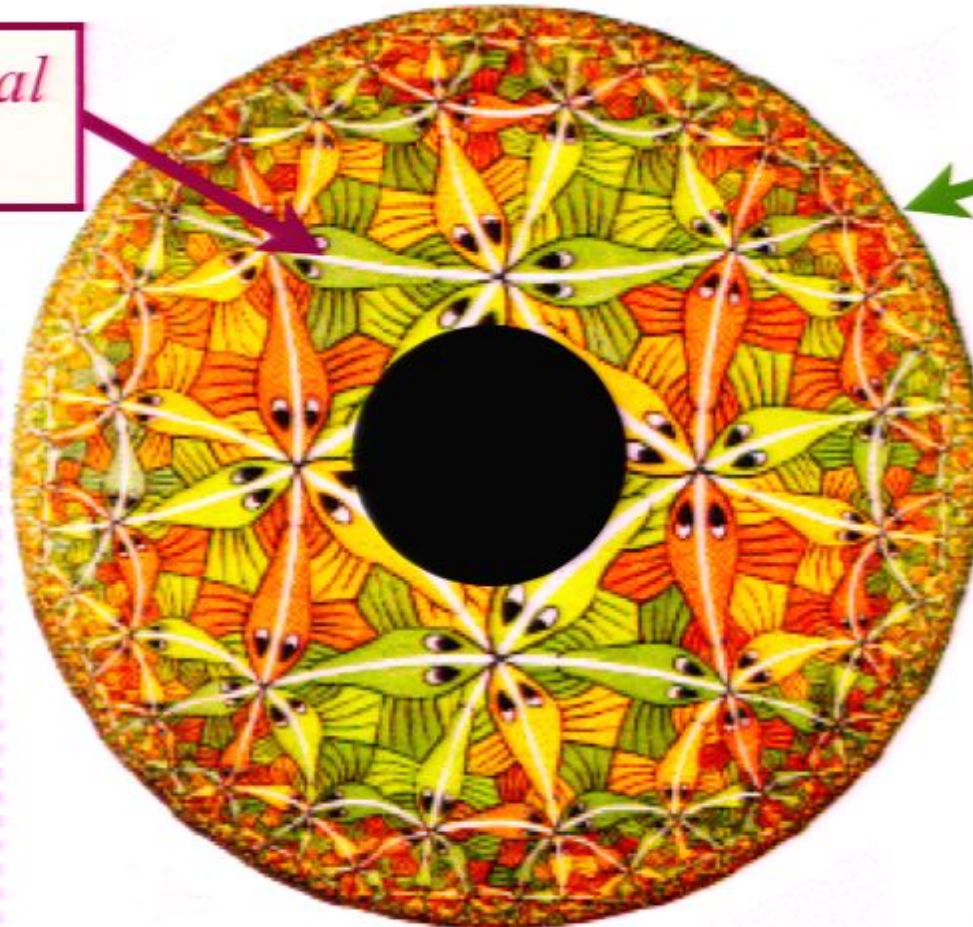
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Black hole
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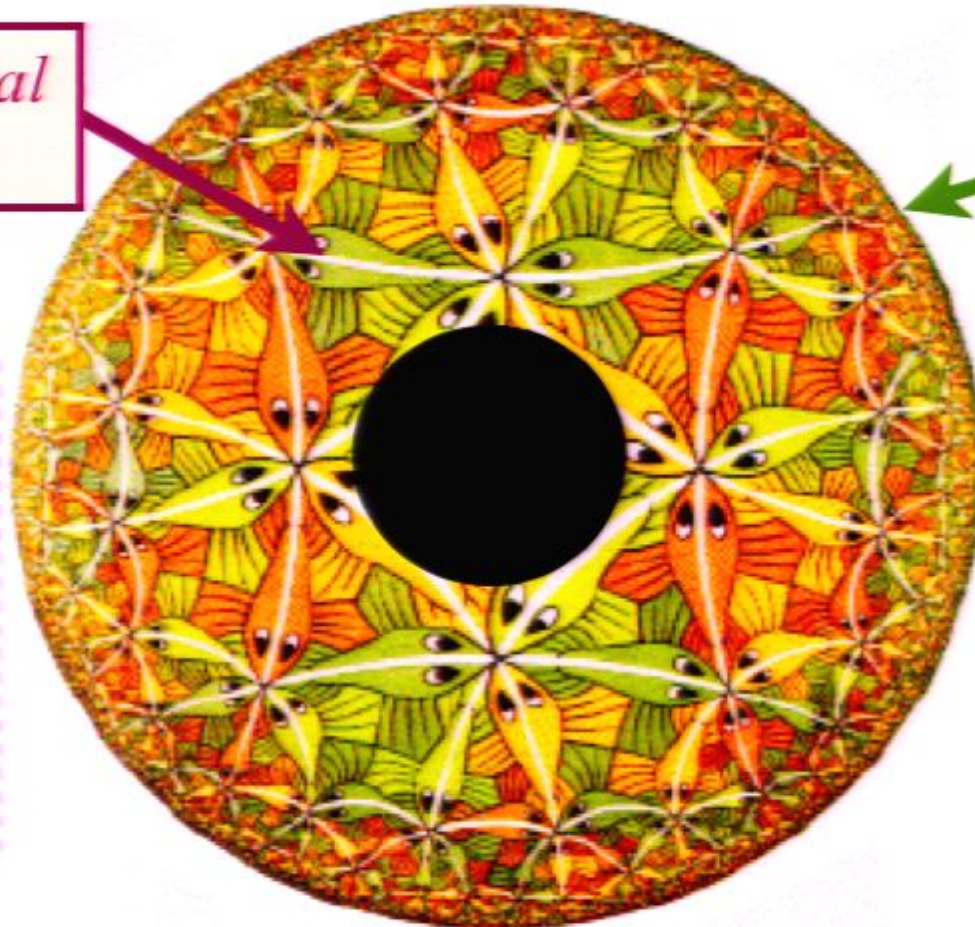
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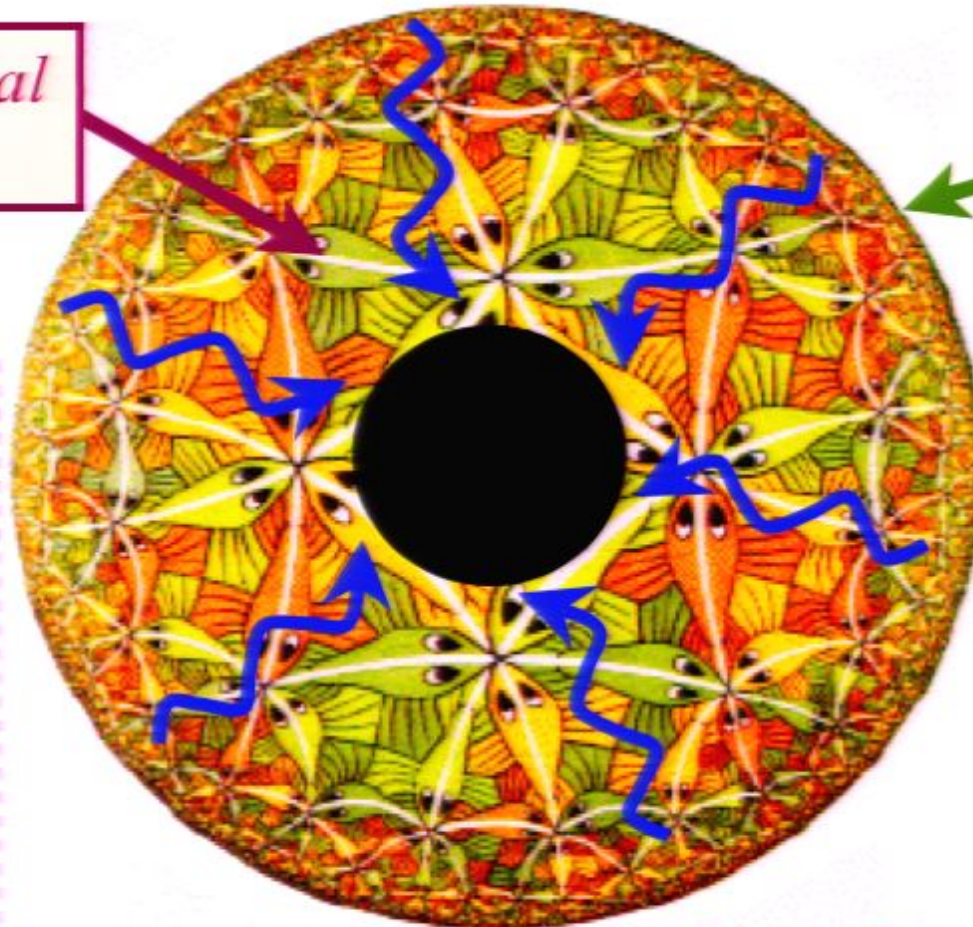
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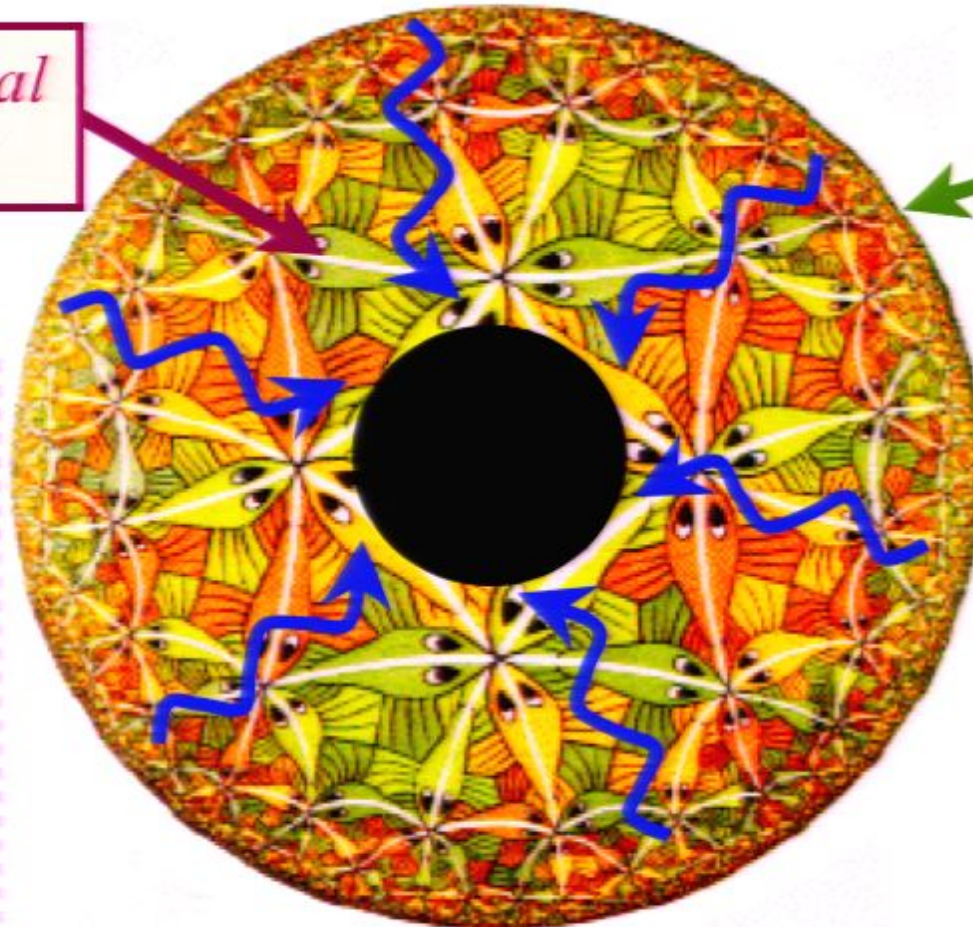


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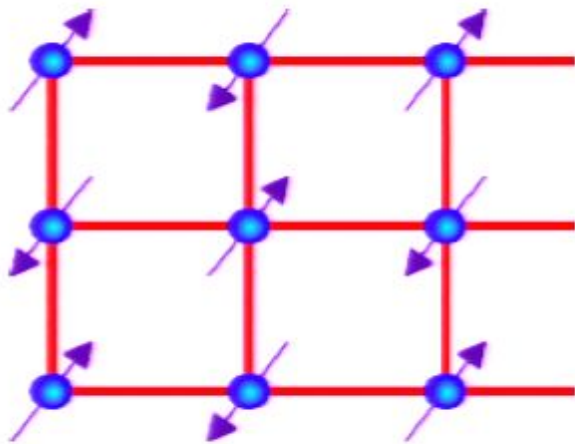
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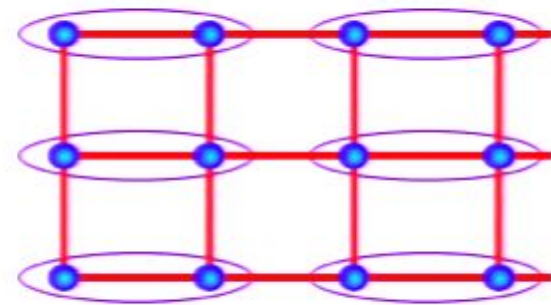
The region inside the black hole horizon is causally disconnected from the rest of the universe.

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

Quantum phase transition with full square lattice symmetry



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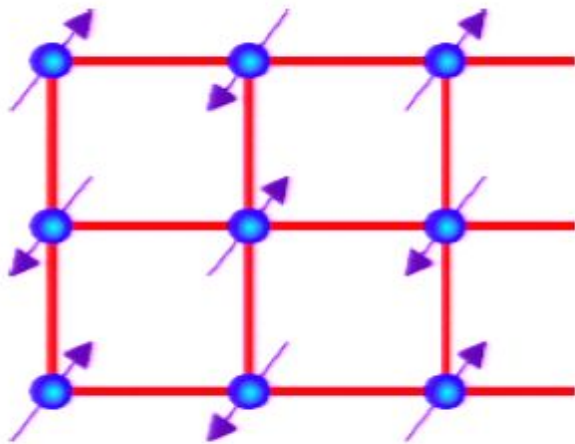
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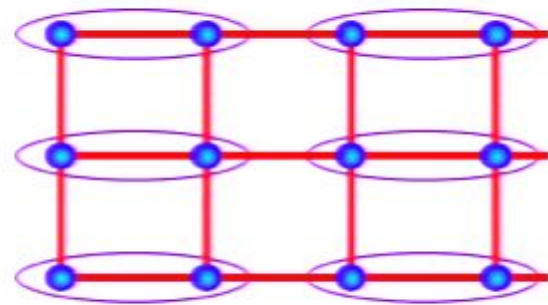
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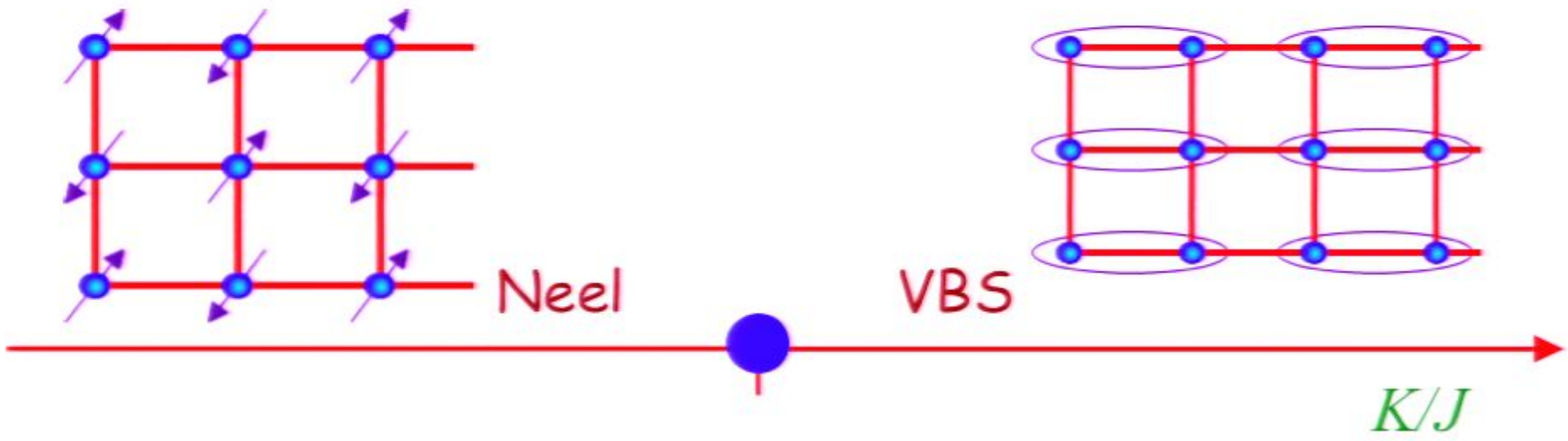


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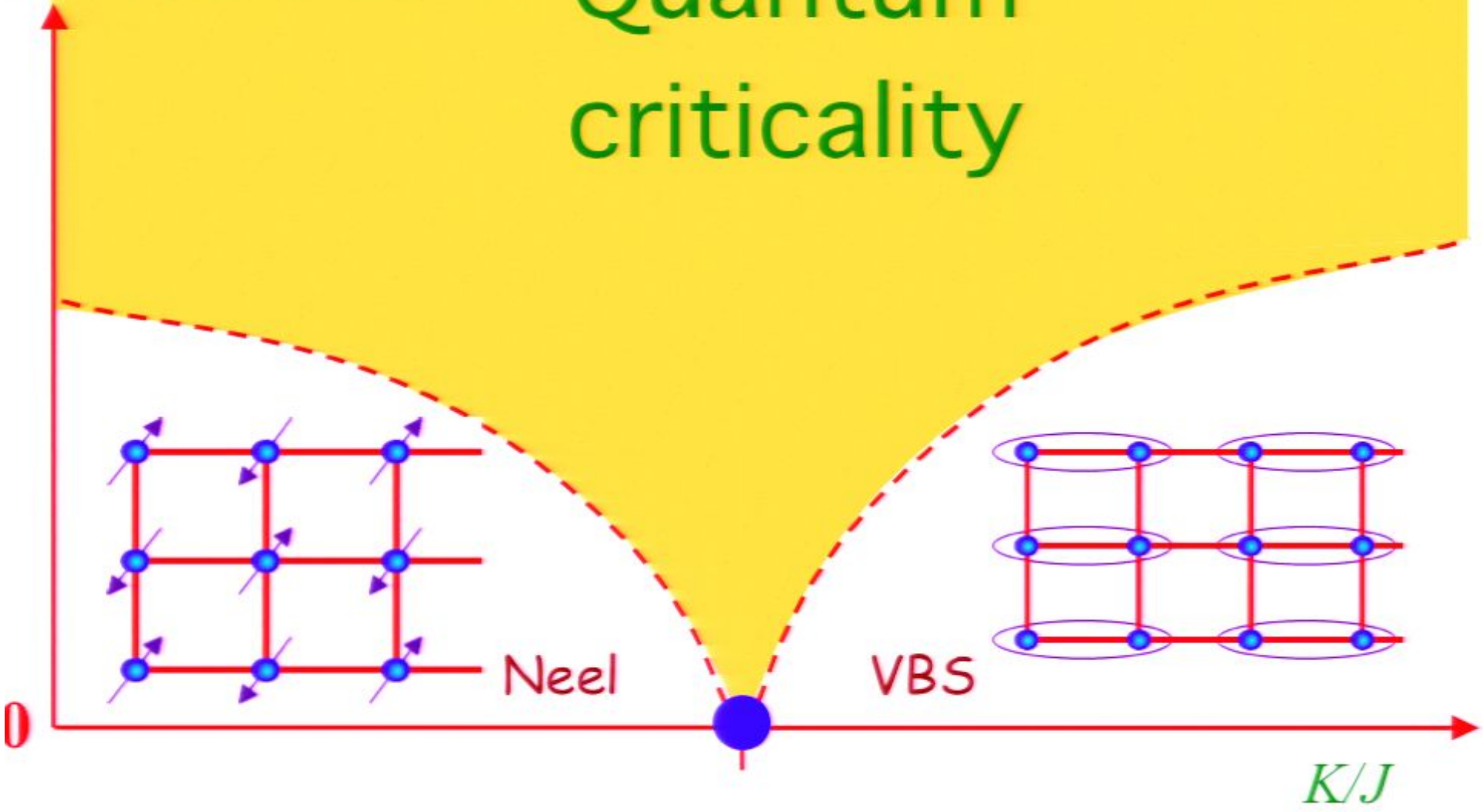
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$$\text{Entropy of a black hole } S = \frac{k_B A}{4\ell_P^2}$$

where A is the area of the horizon, and

$$\ell_P = \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}}$$
 is the Planck length.

The Second Law: $dA \geq 0$

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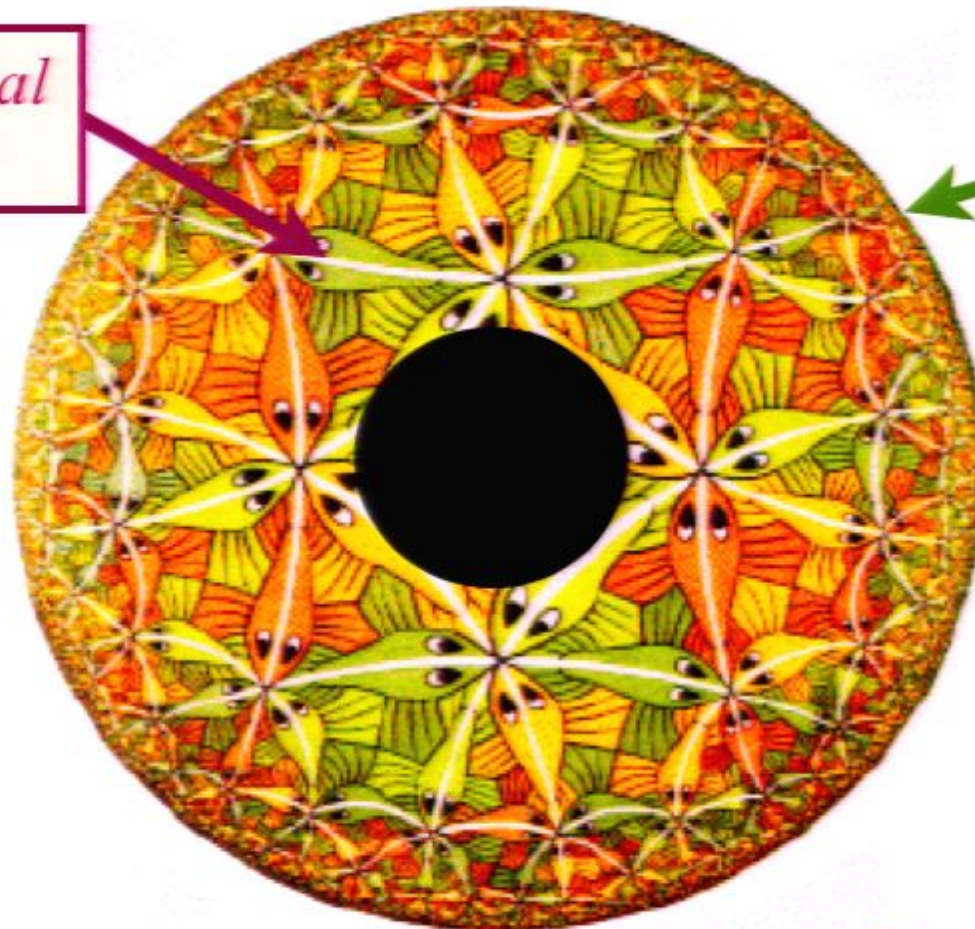
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Horizon temperature: $4\pi k_B T = \frac{\hbar^2}{2M\ell_P^2}$

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A 2+1
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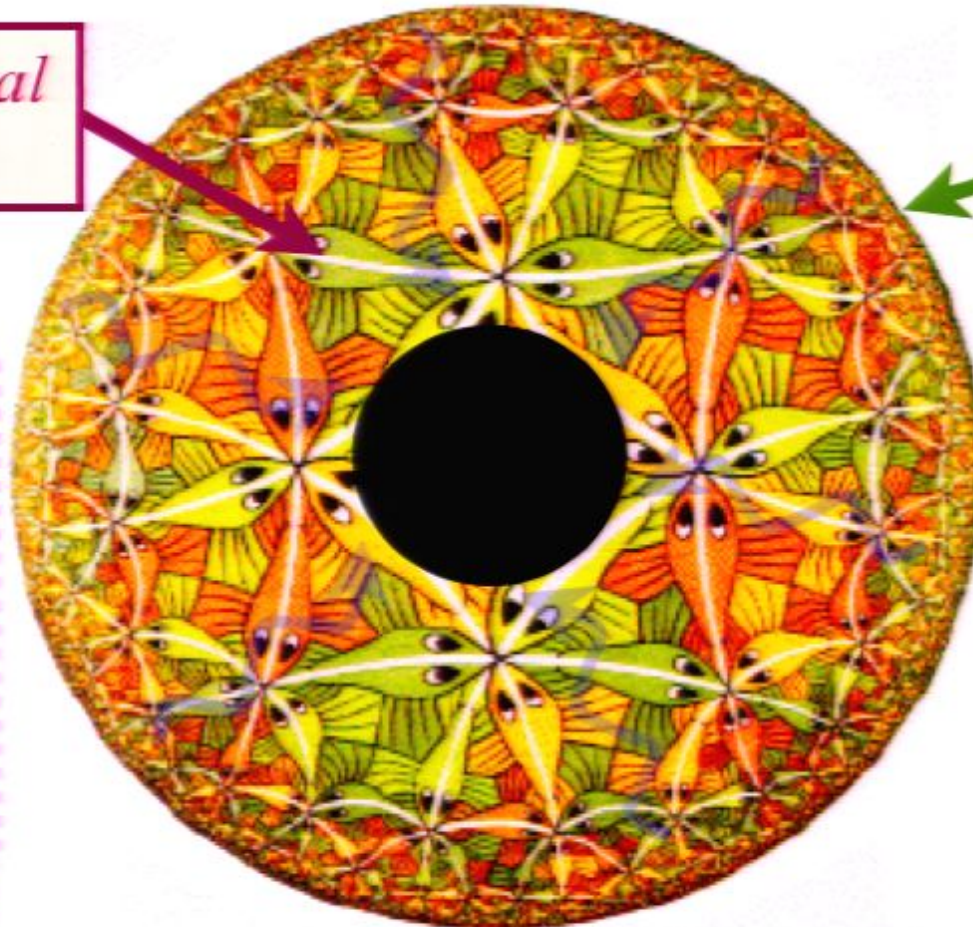
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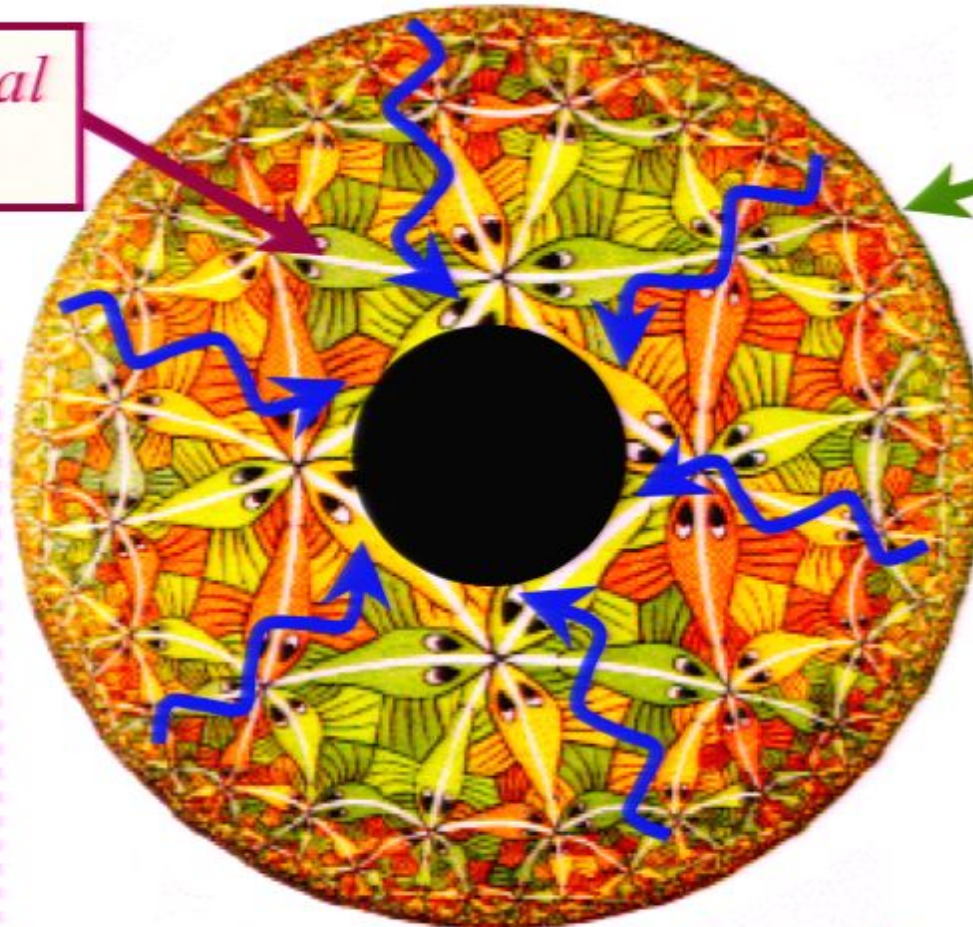
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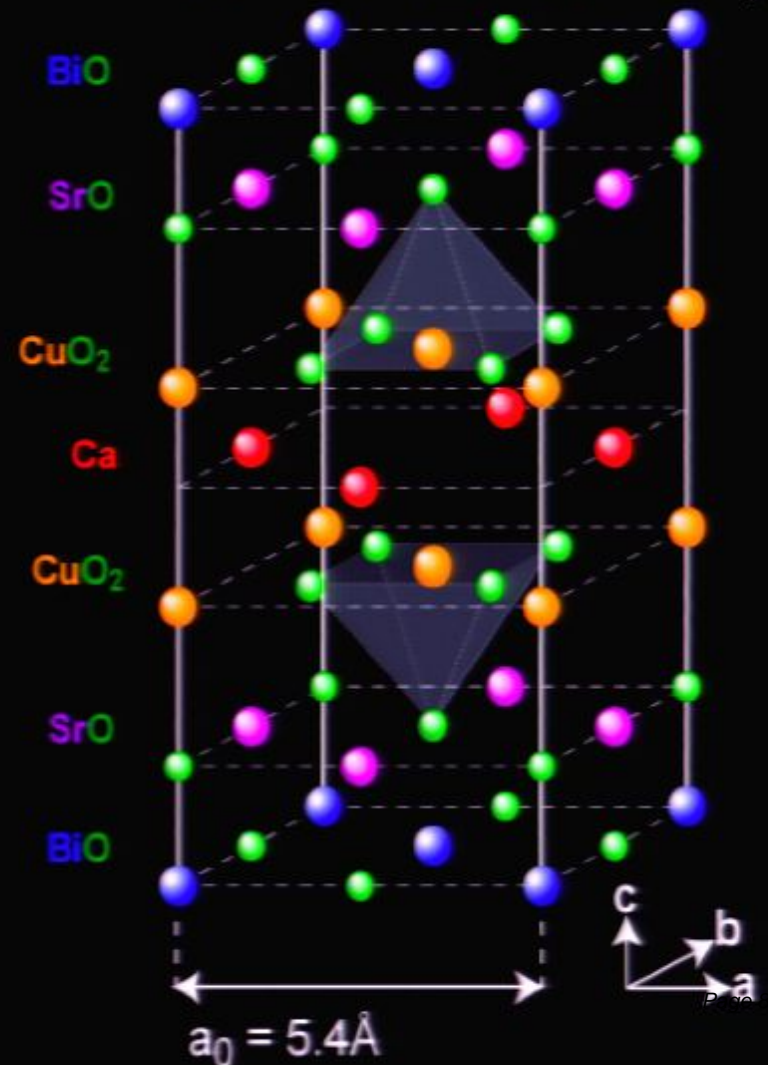
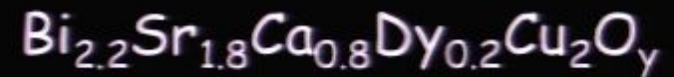
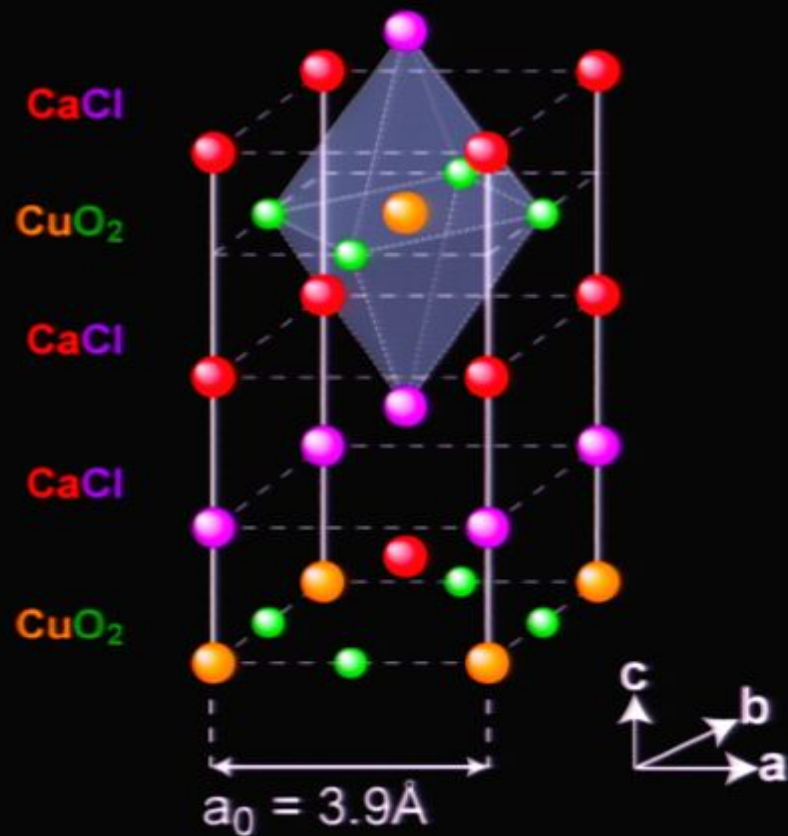
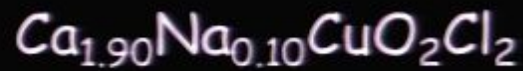
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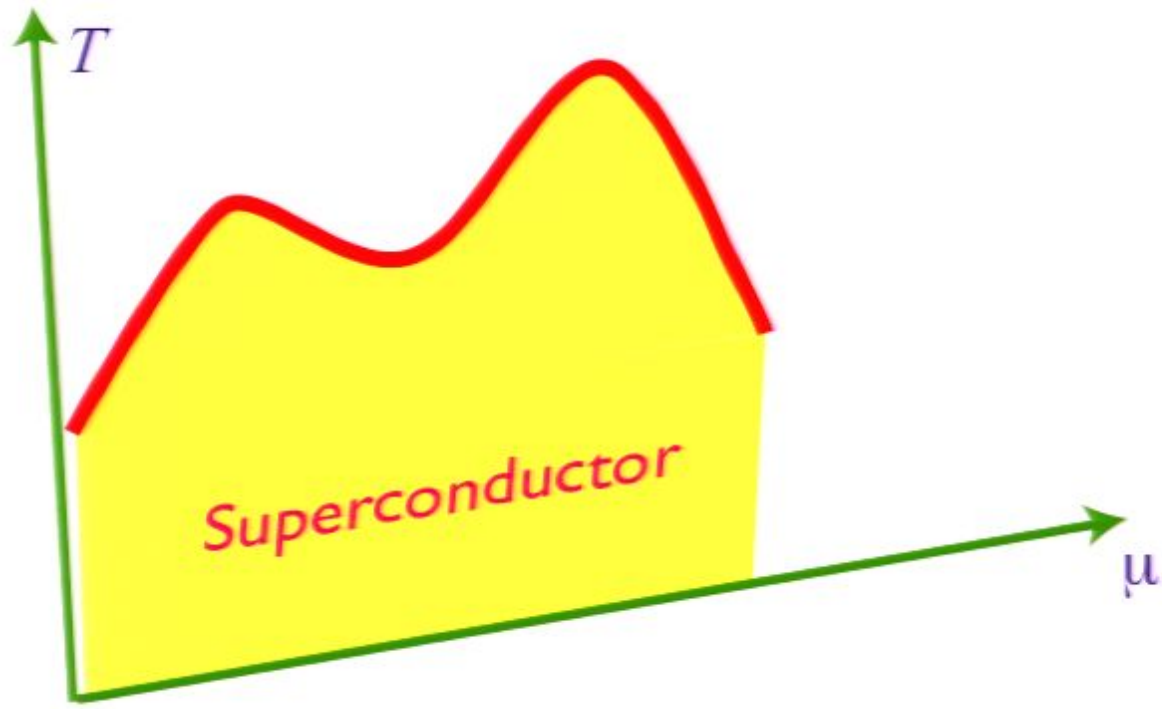
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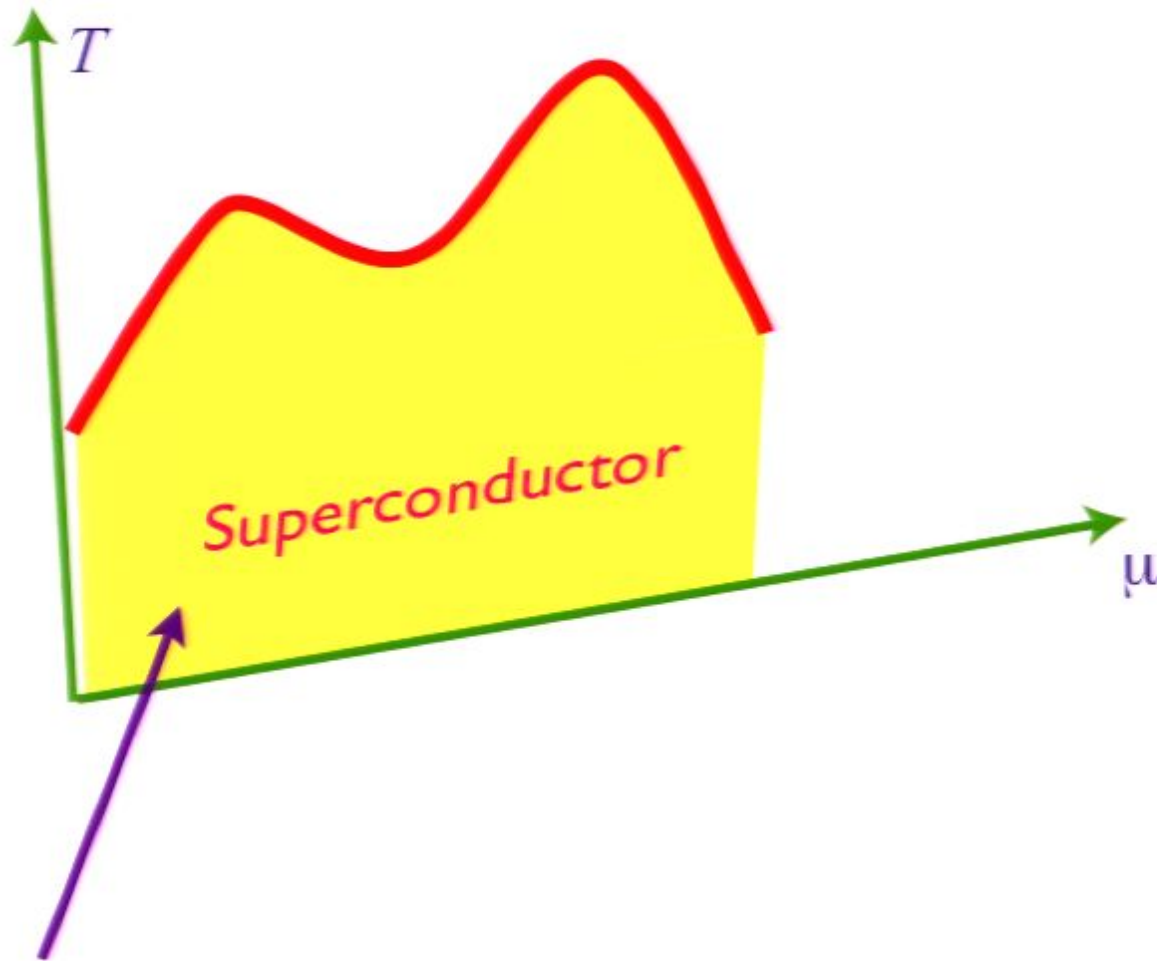
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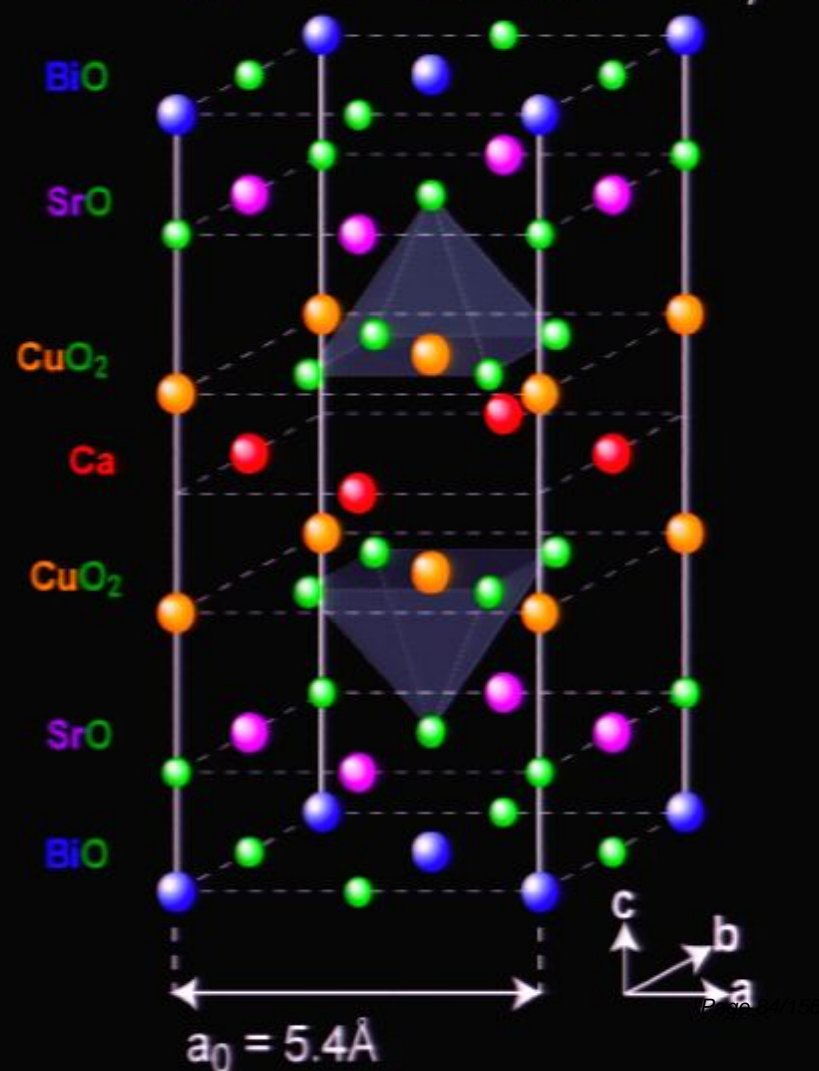
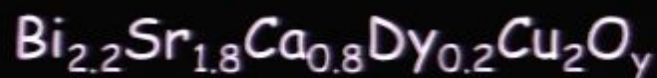
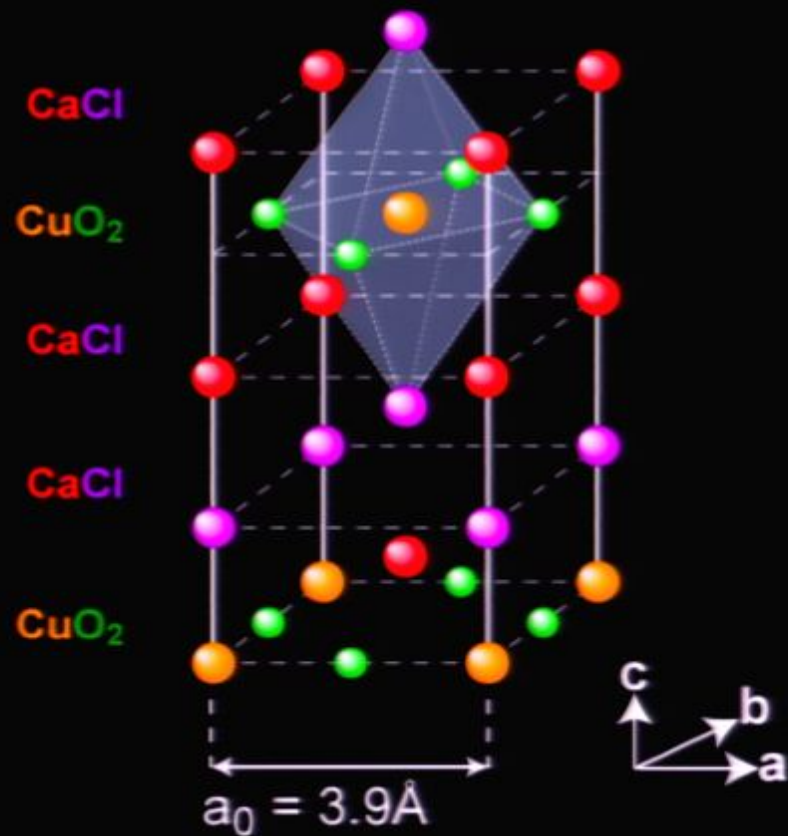
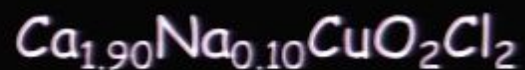




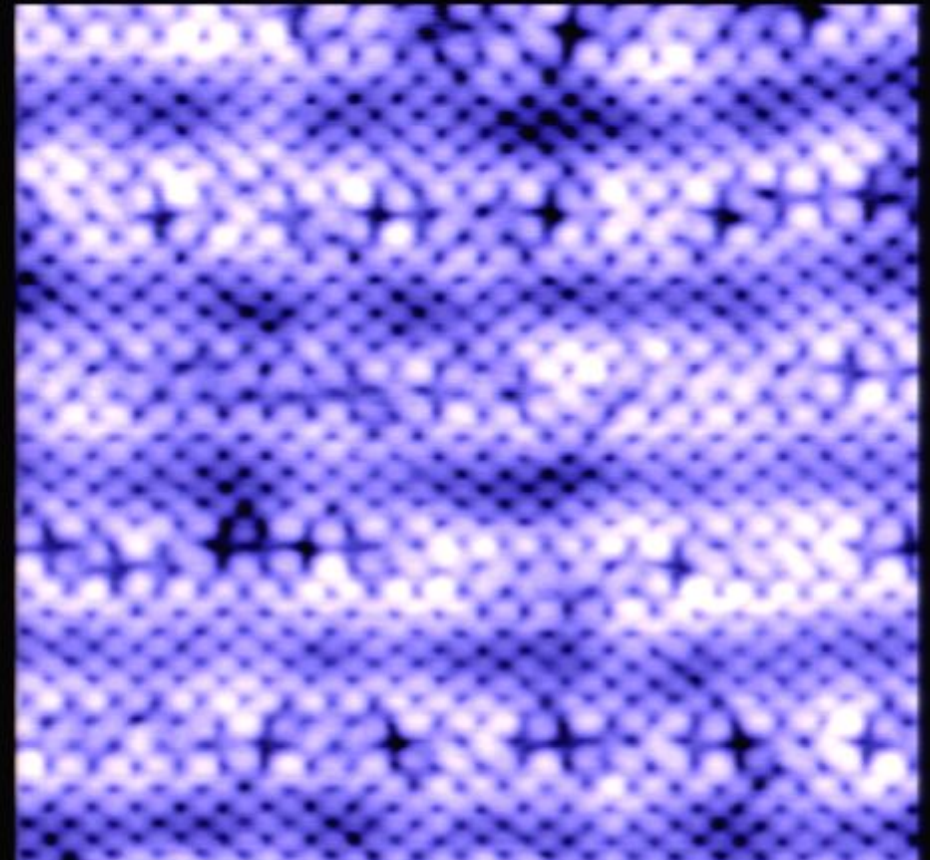
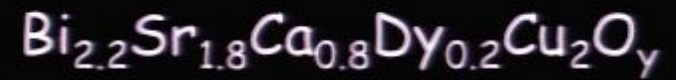
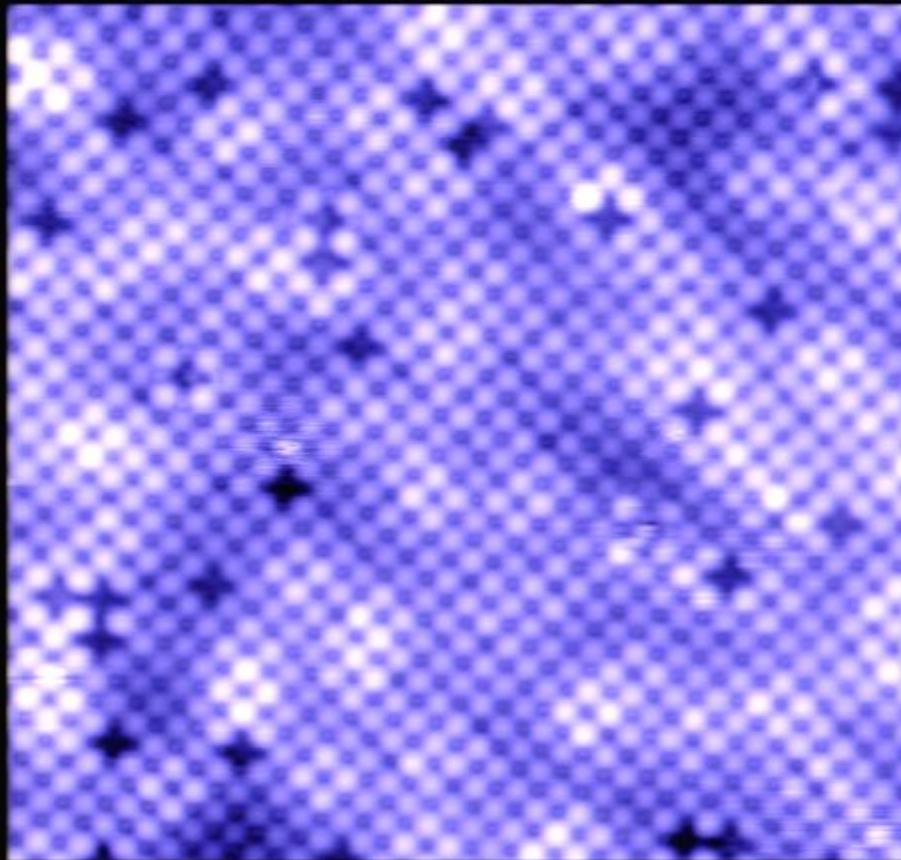
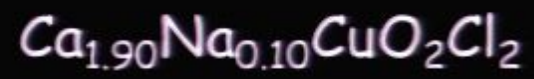


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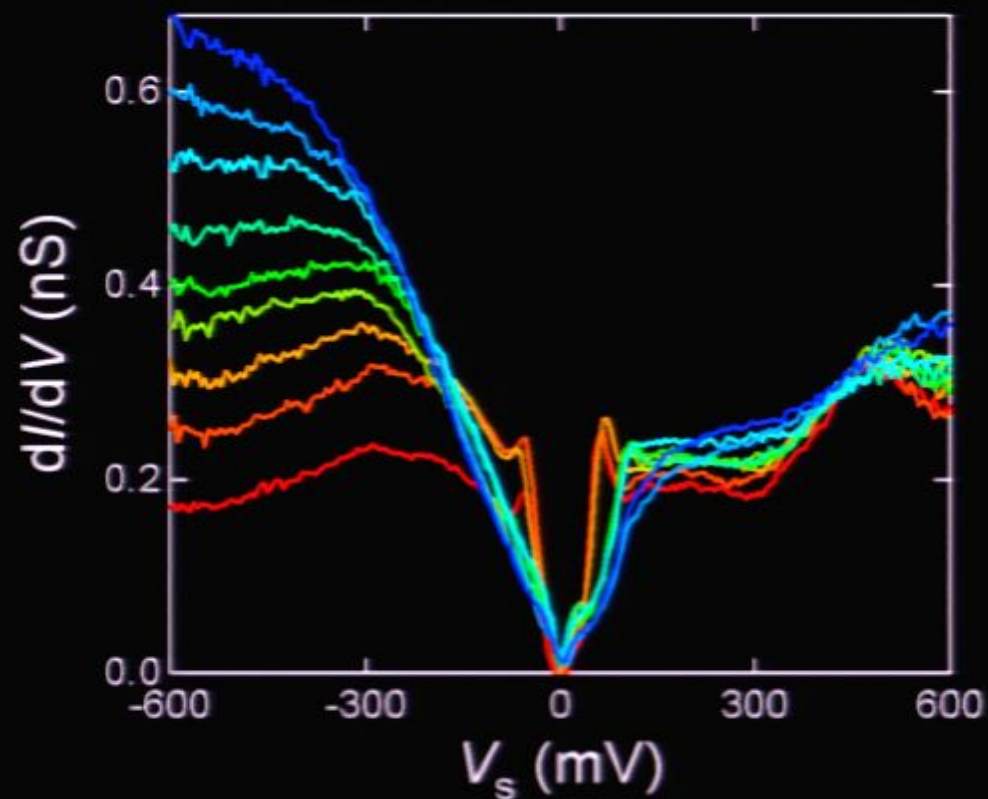
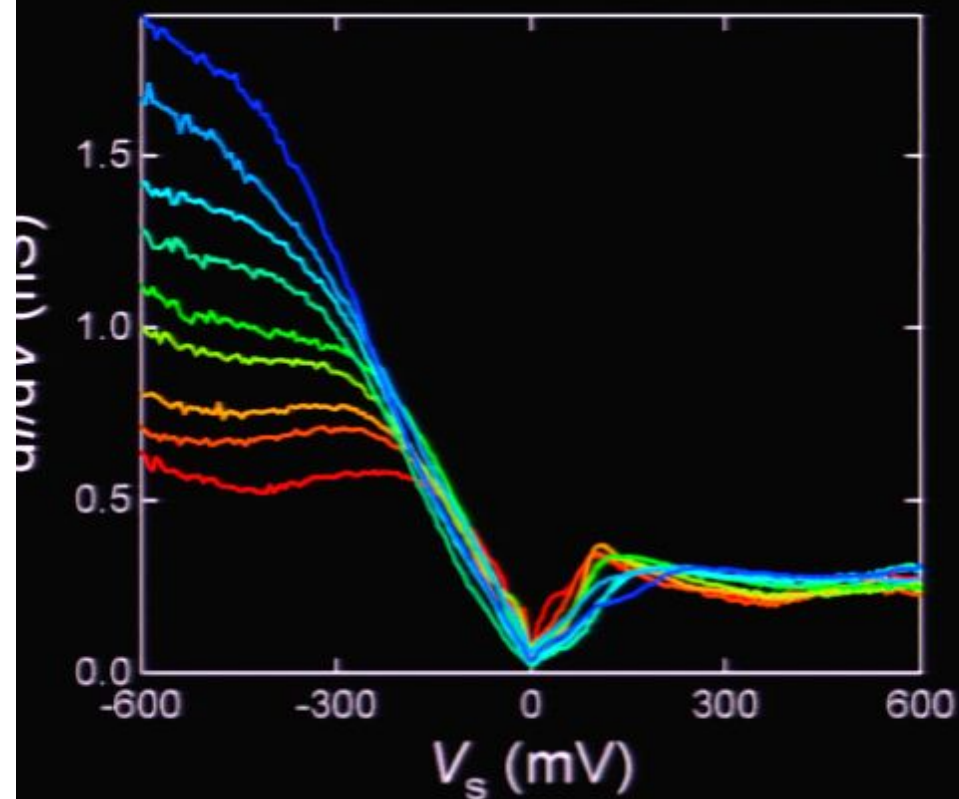
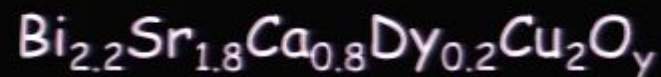
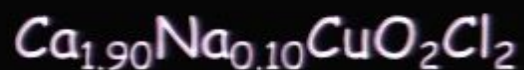
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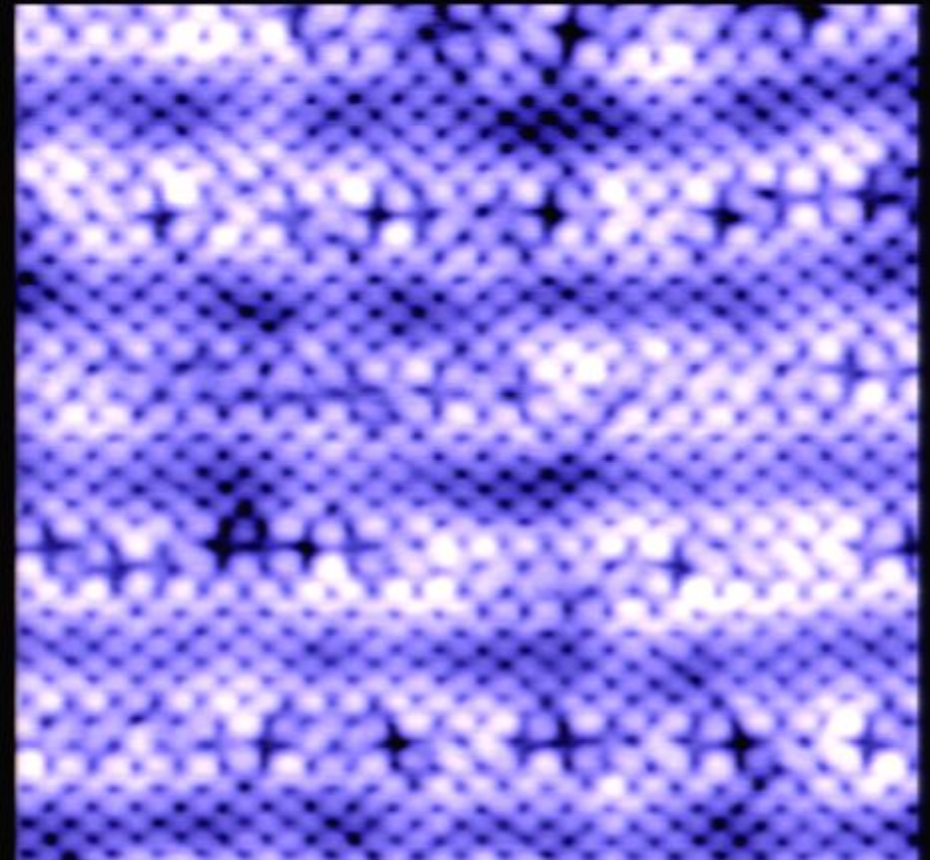
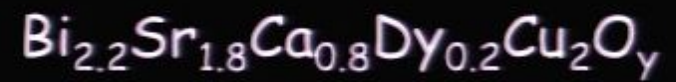
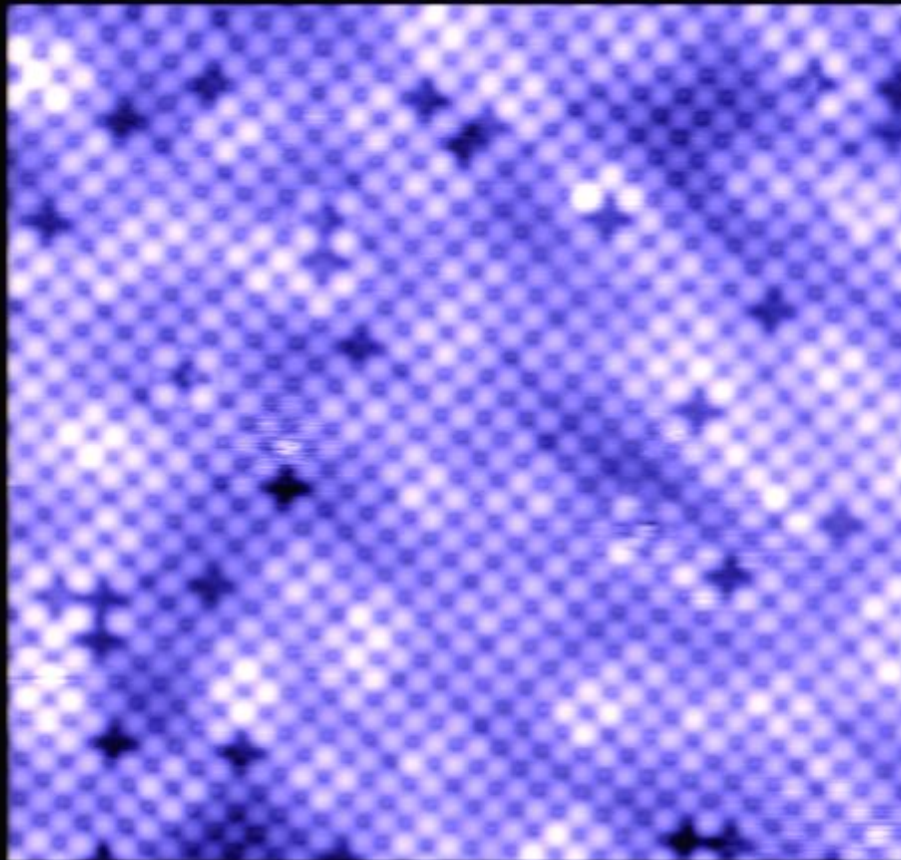
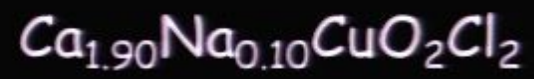


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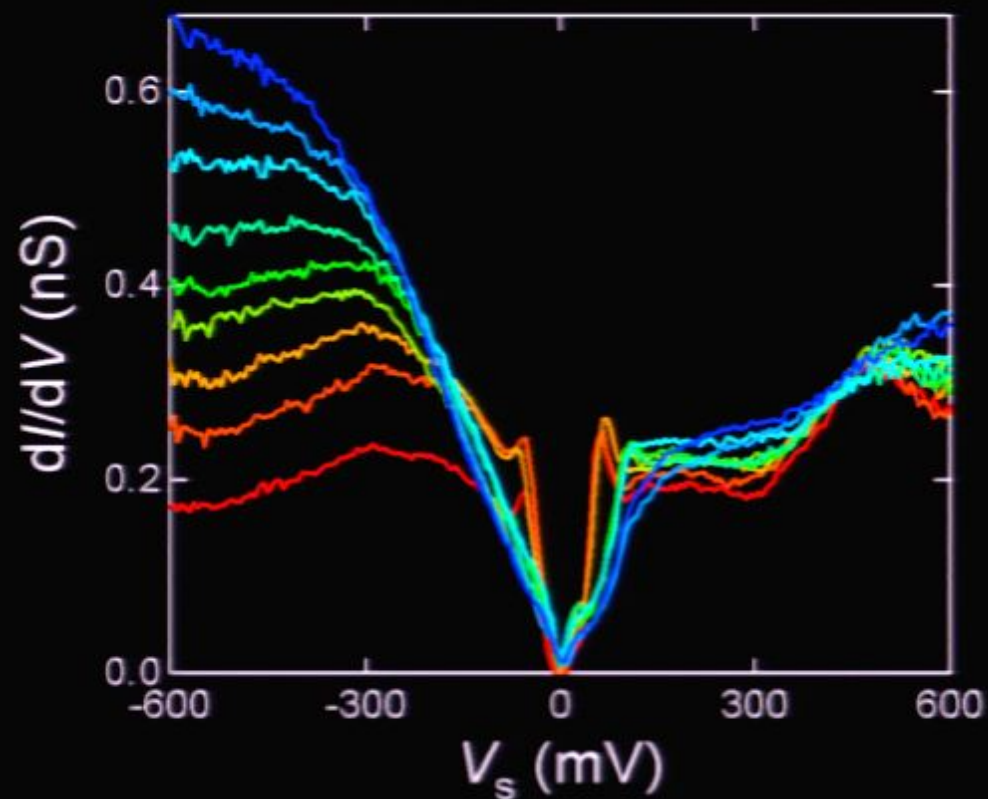
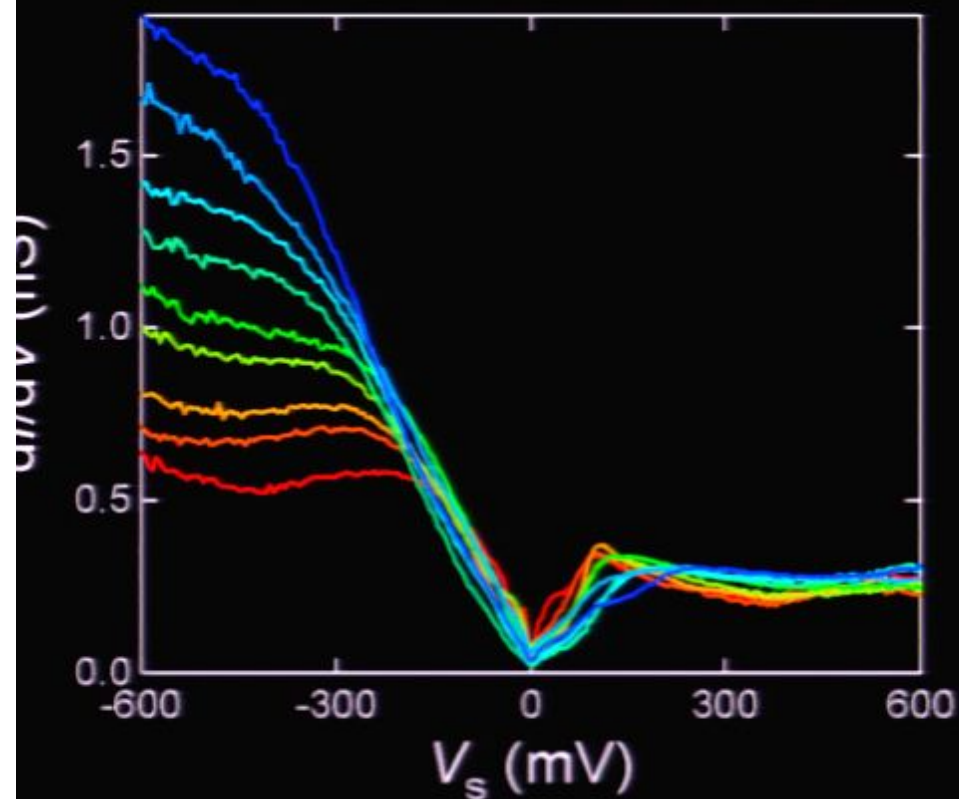
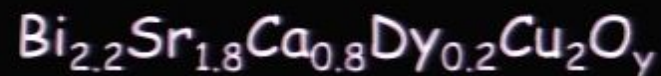


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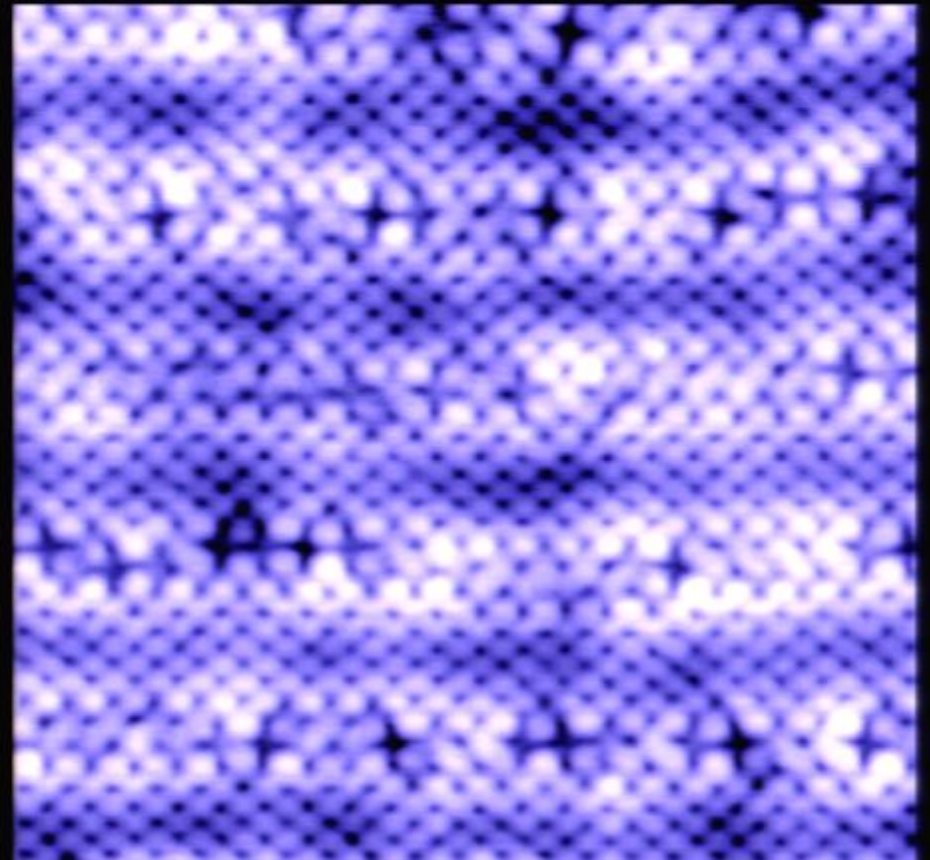
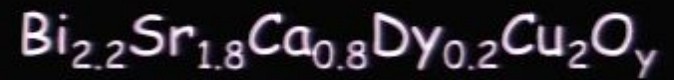
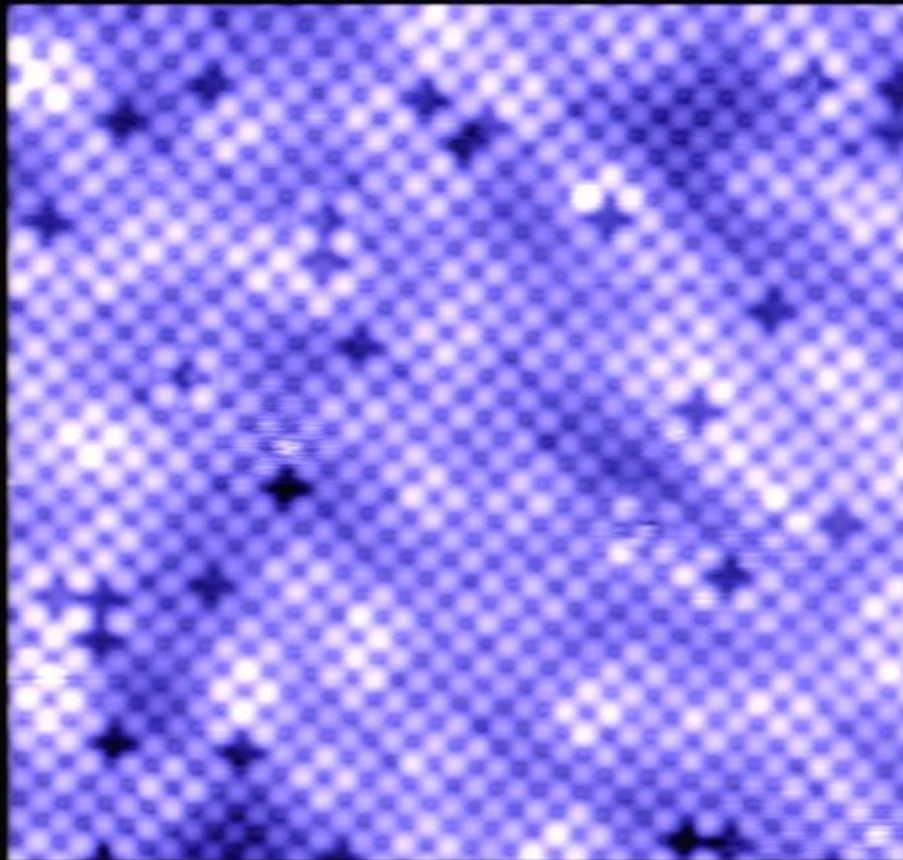


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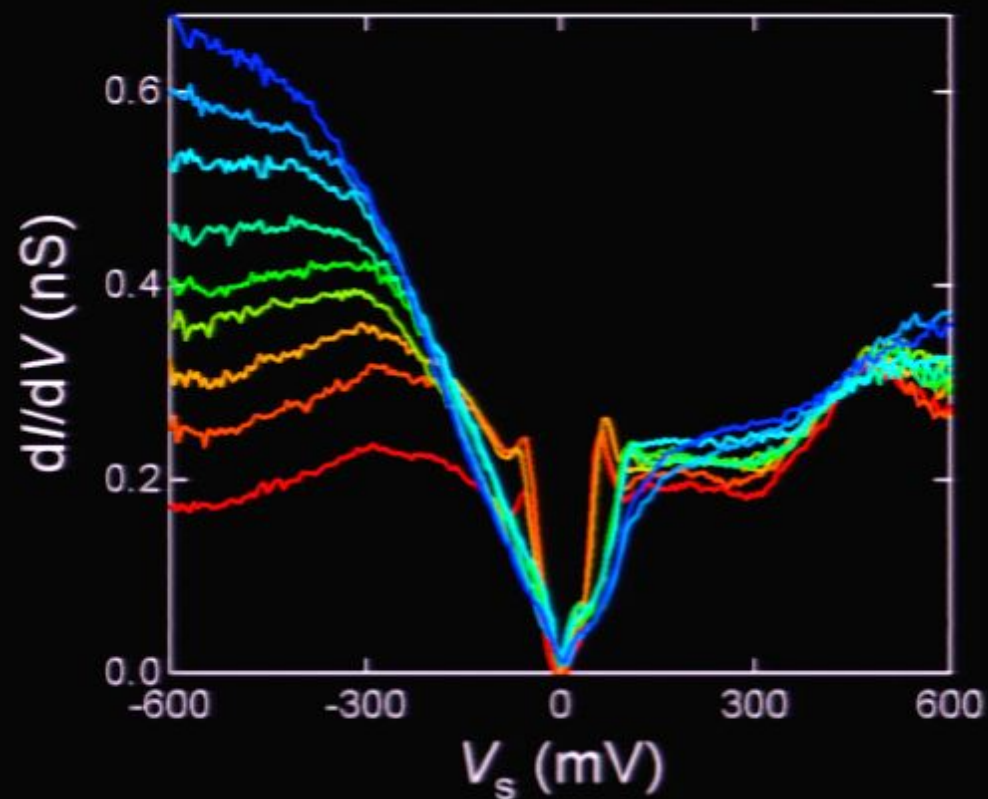
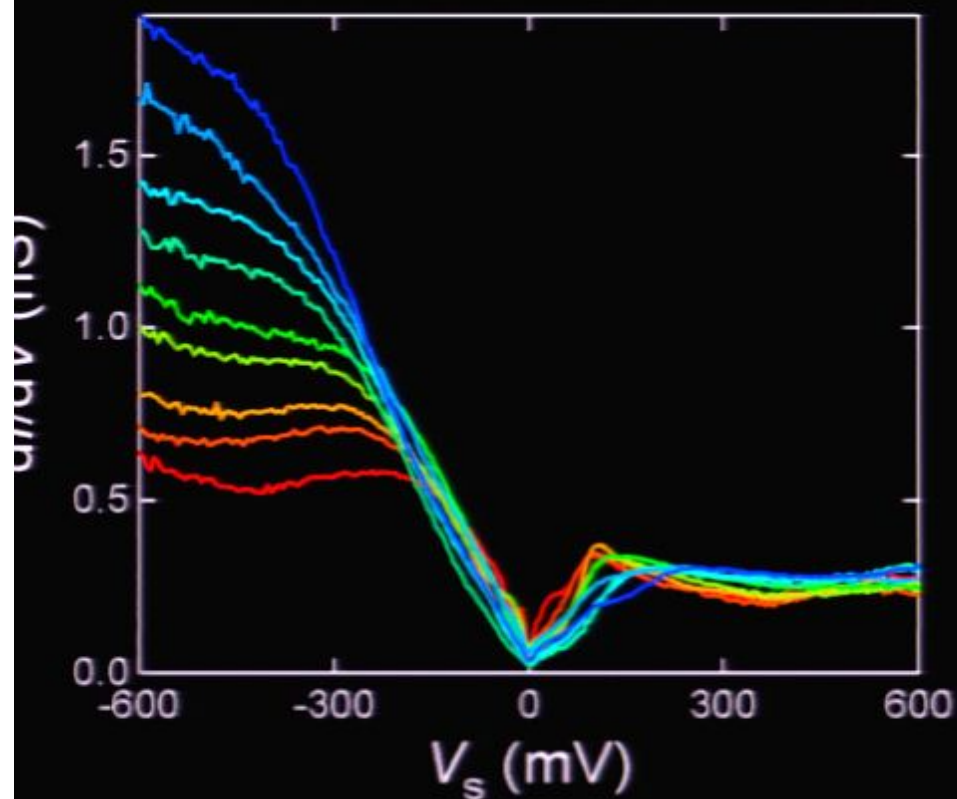
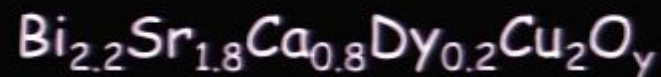


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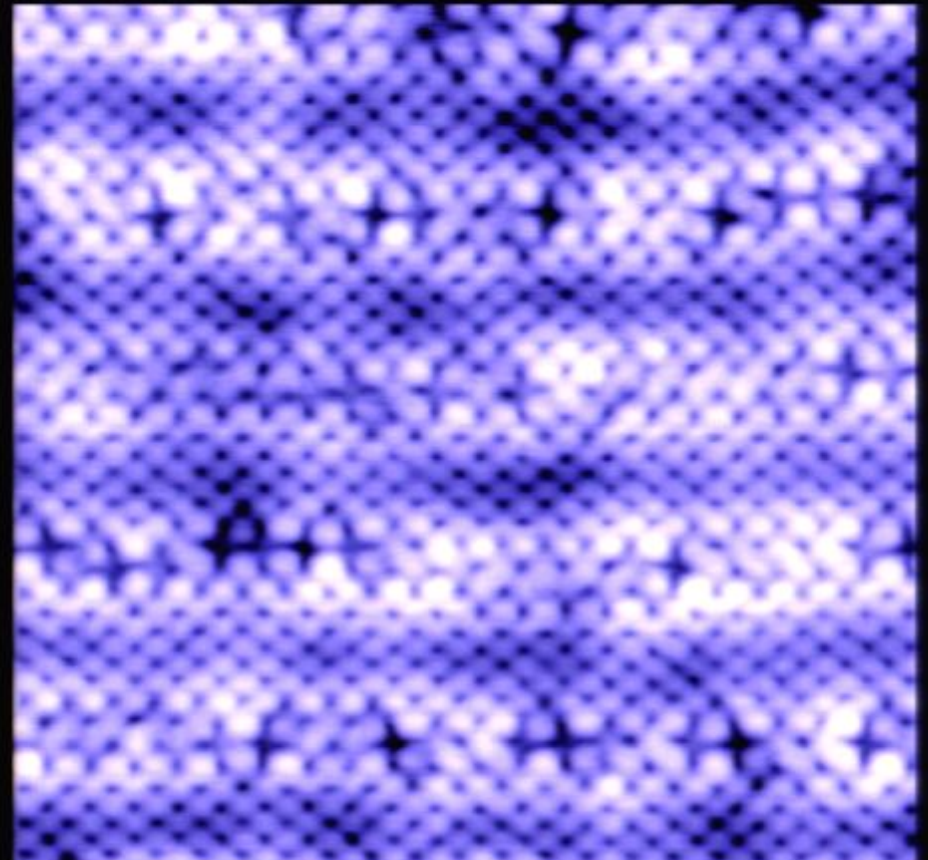
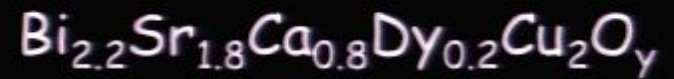
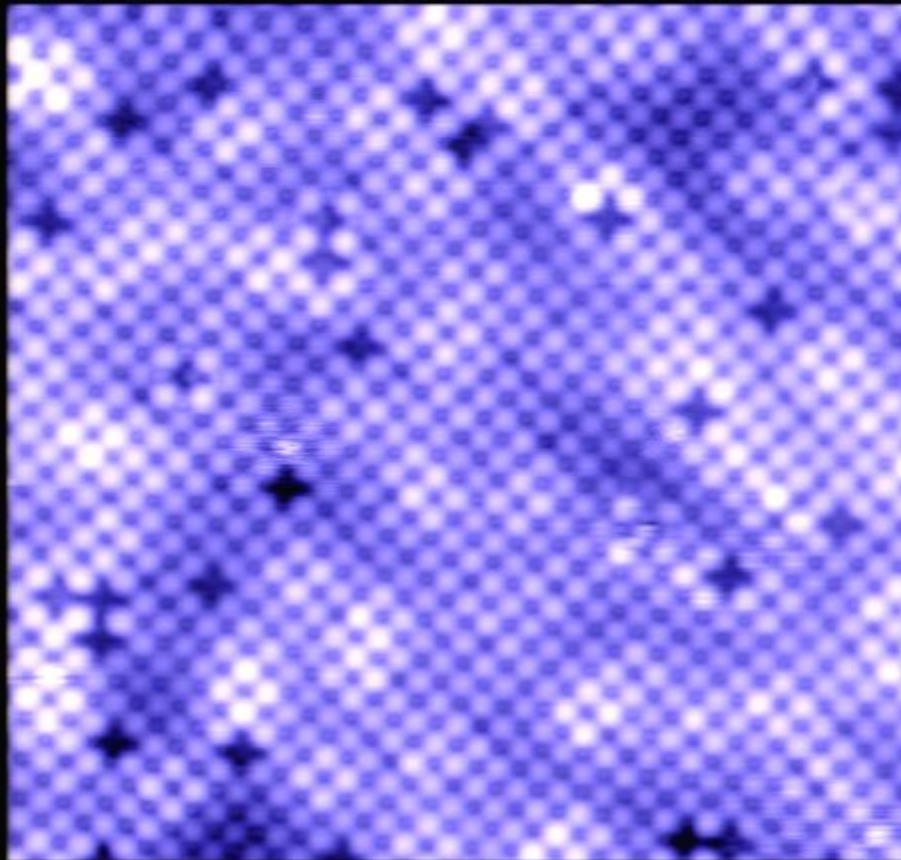


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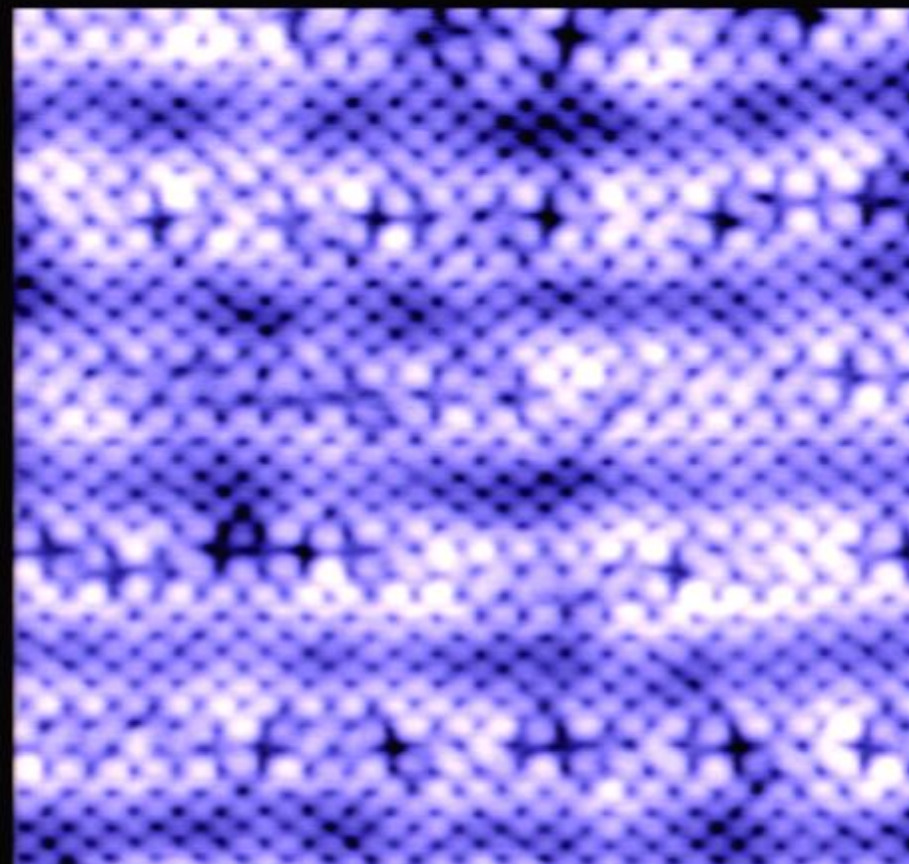
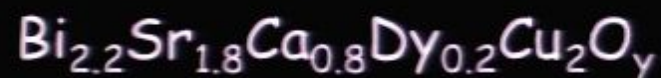
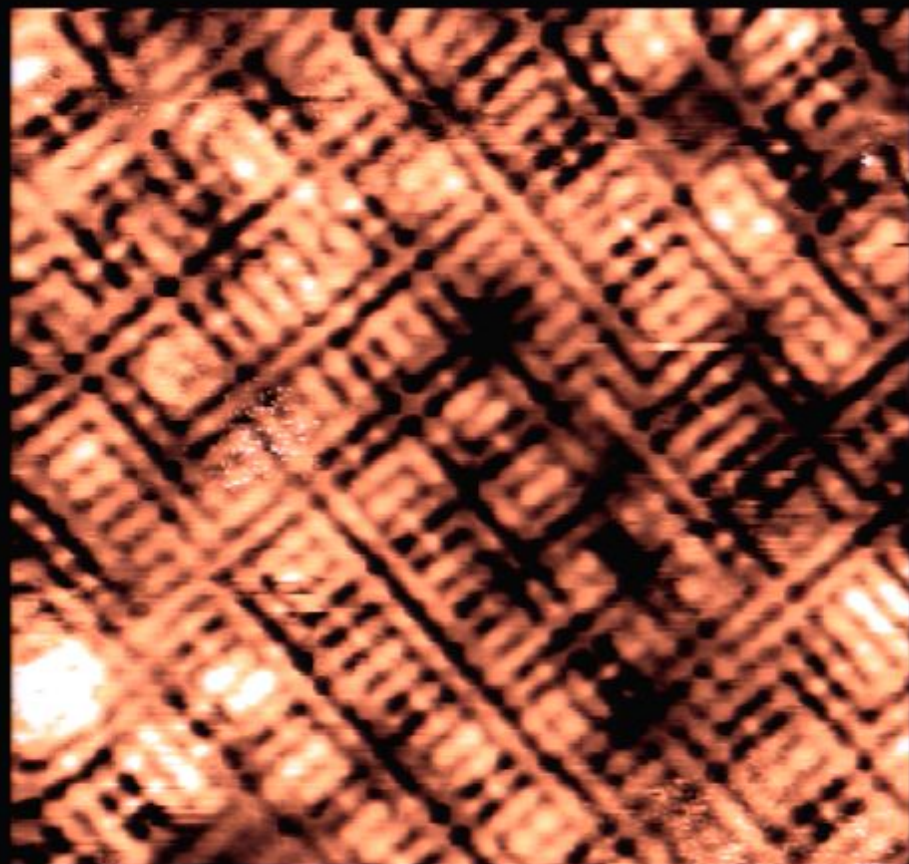


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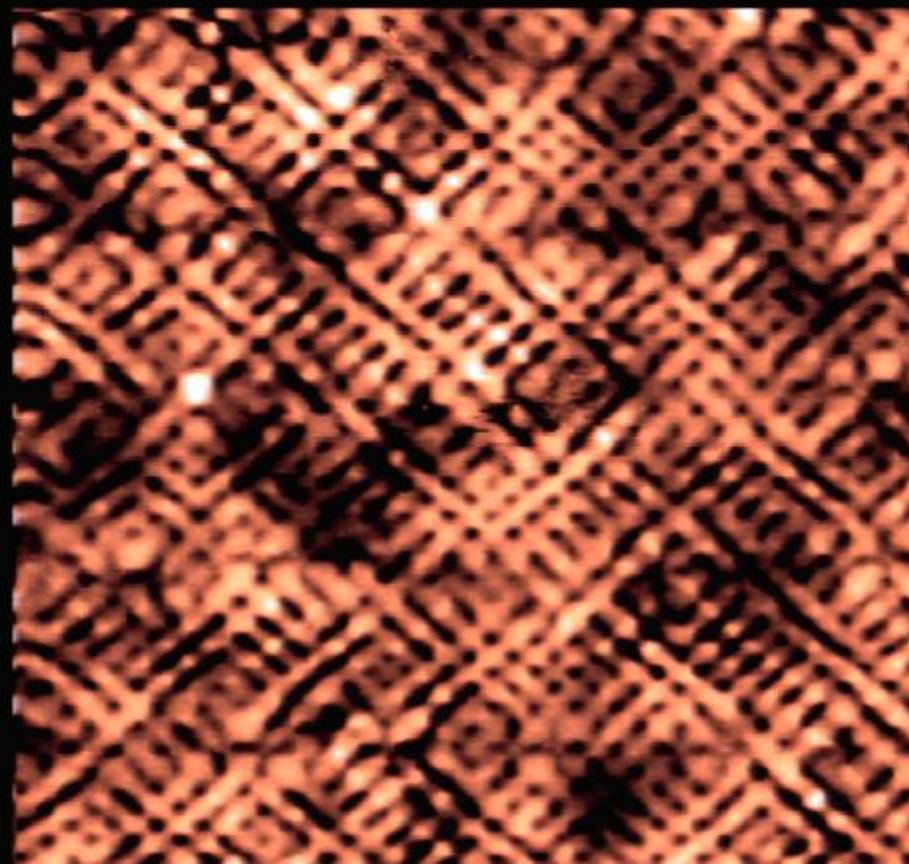
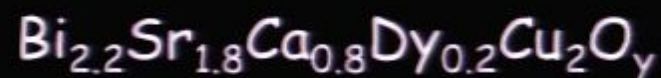
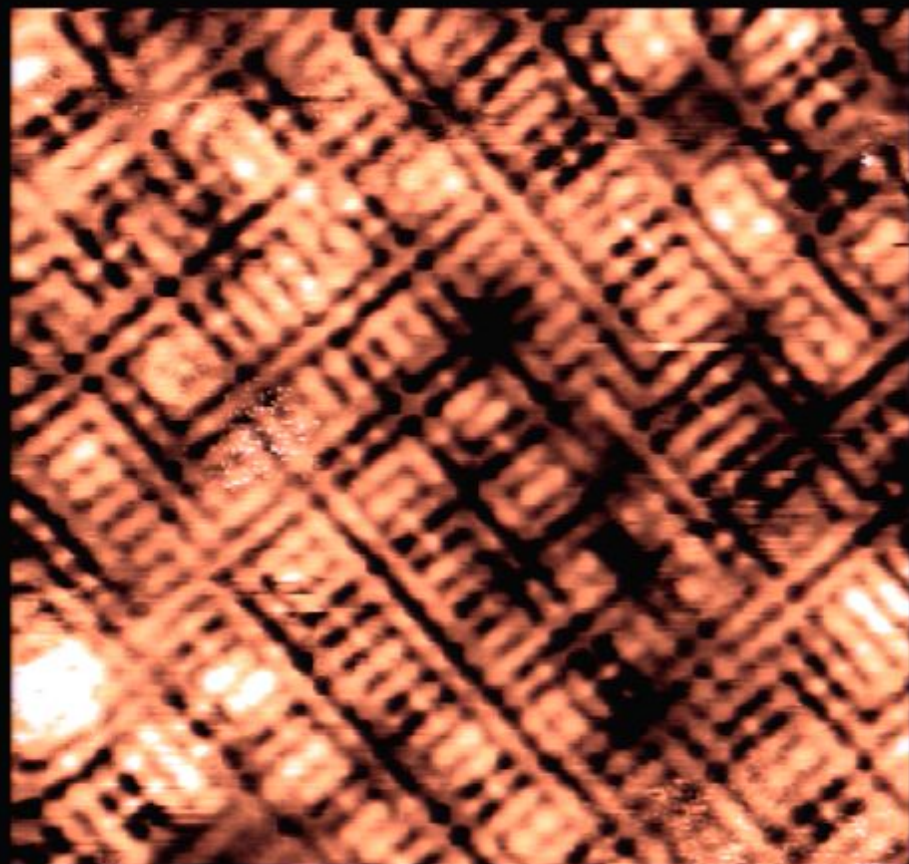
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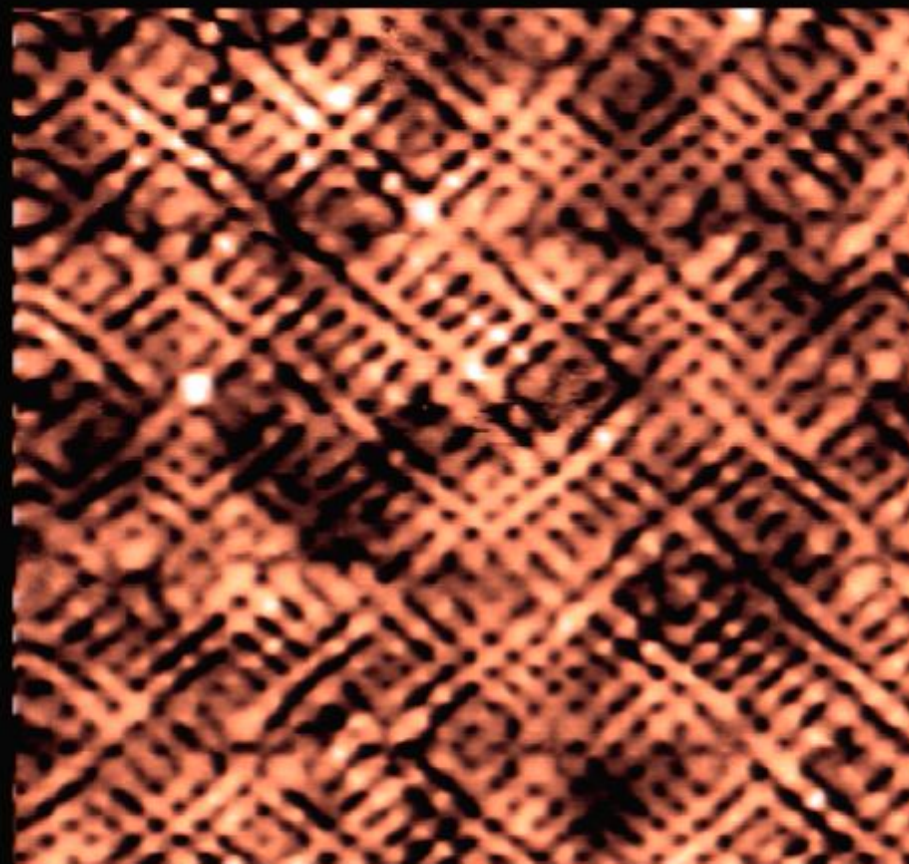
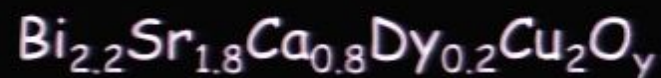
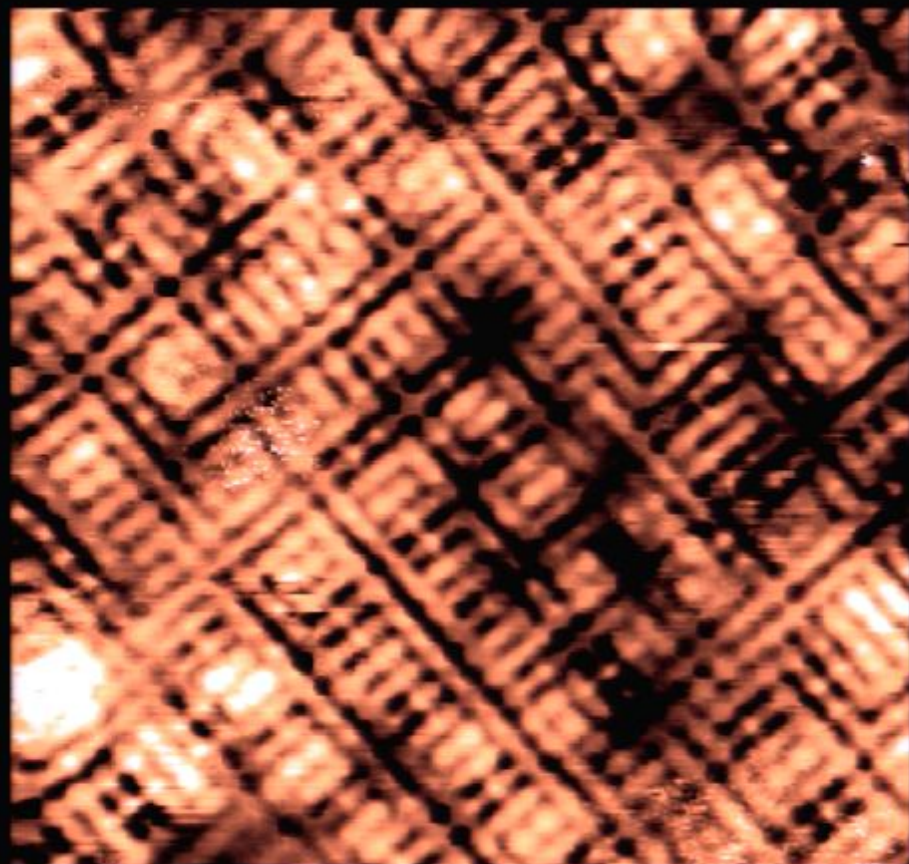
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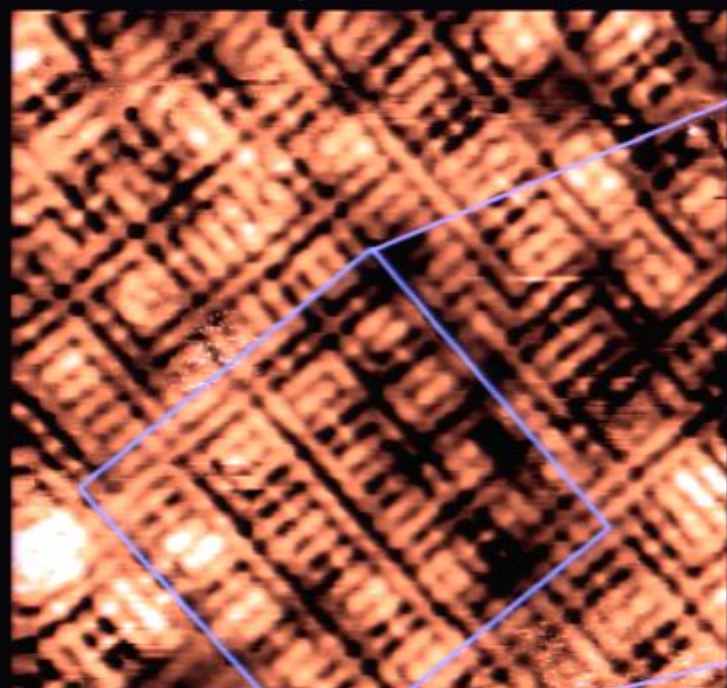
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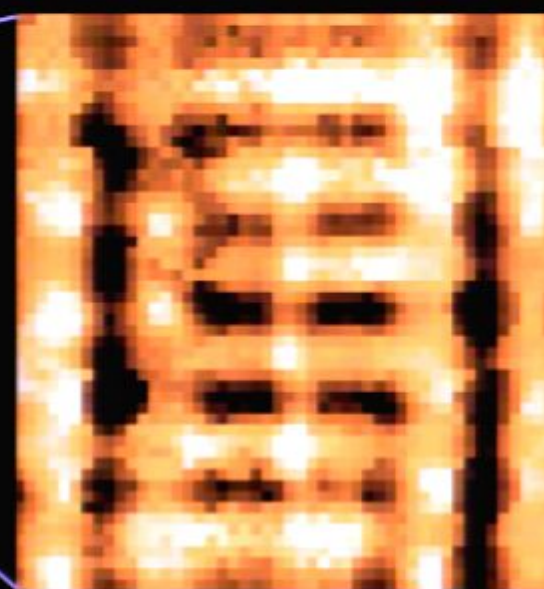
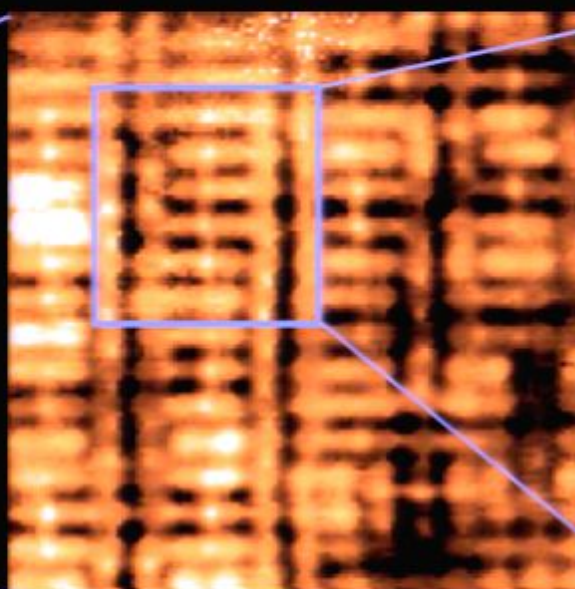
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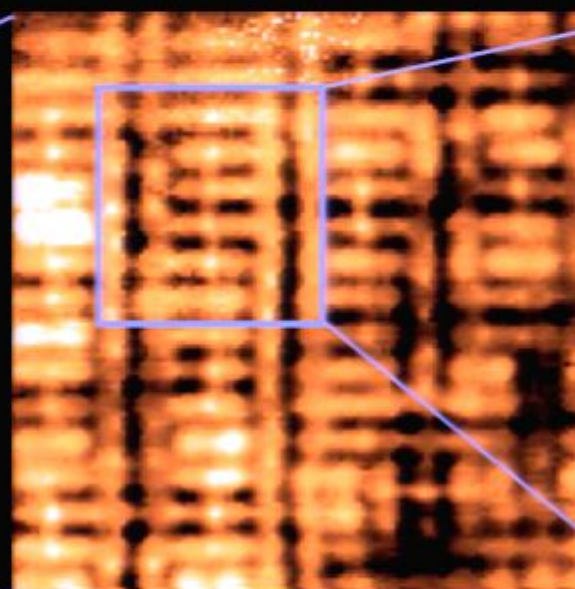
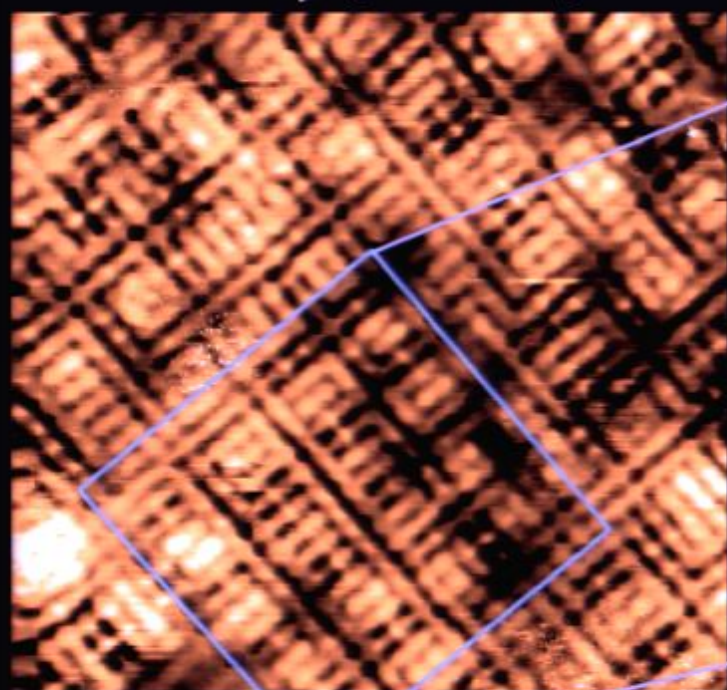
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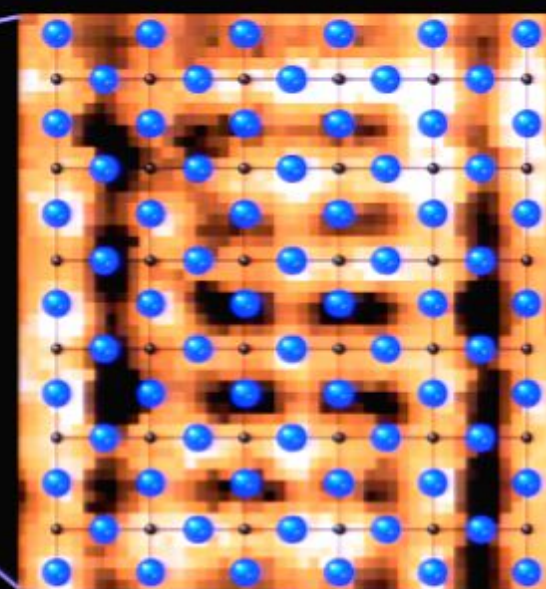
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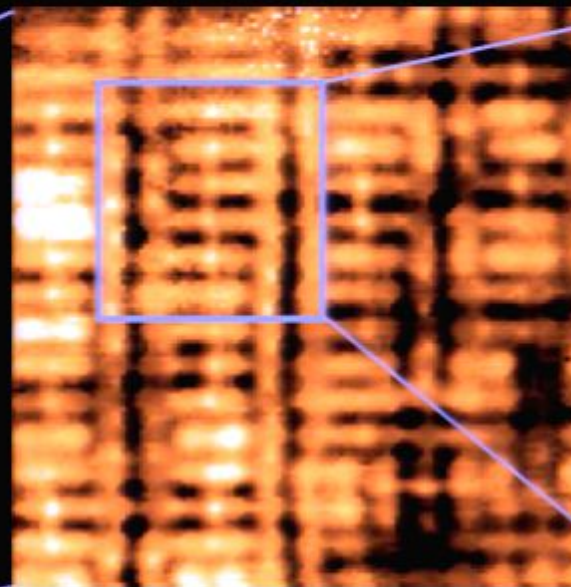
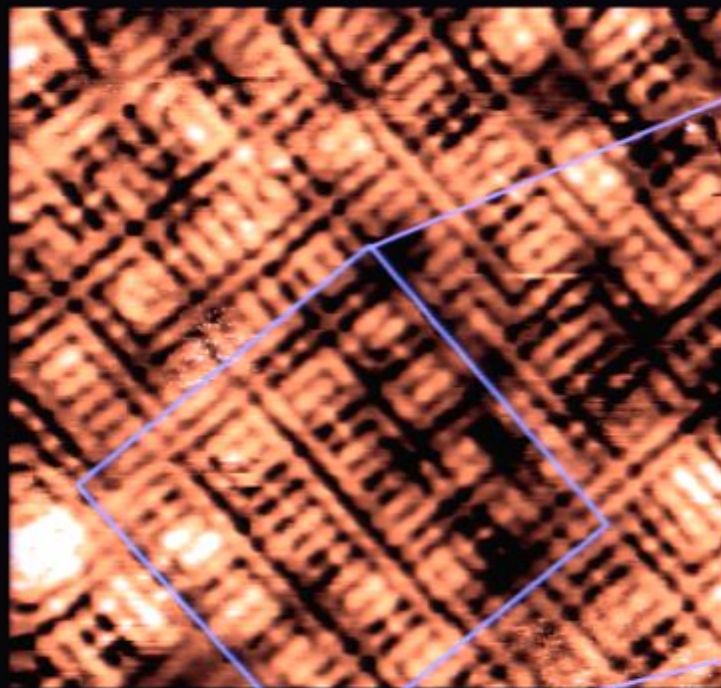


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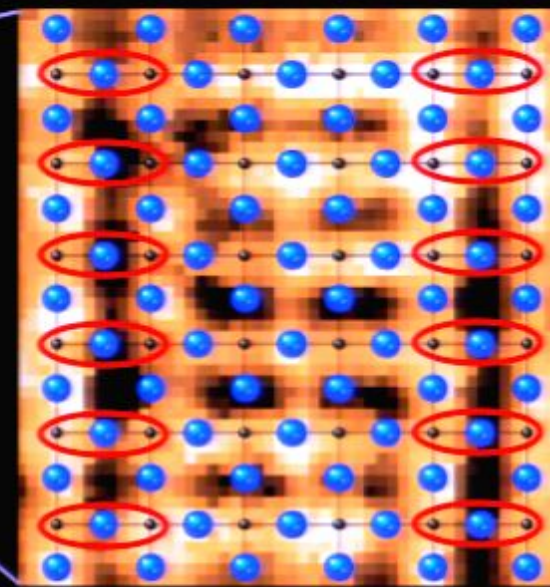
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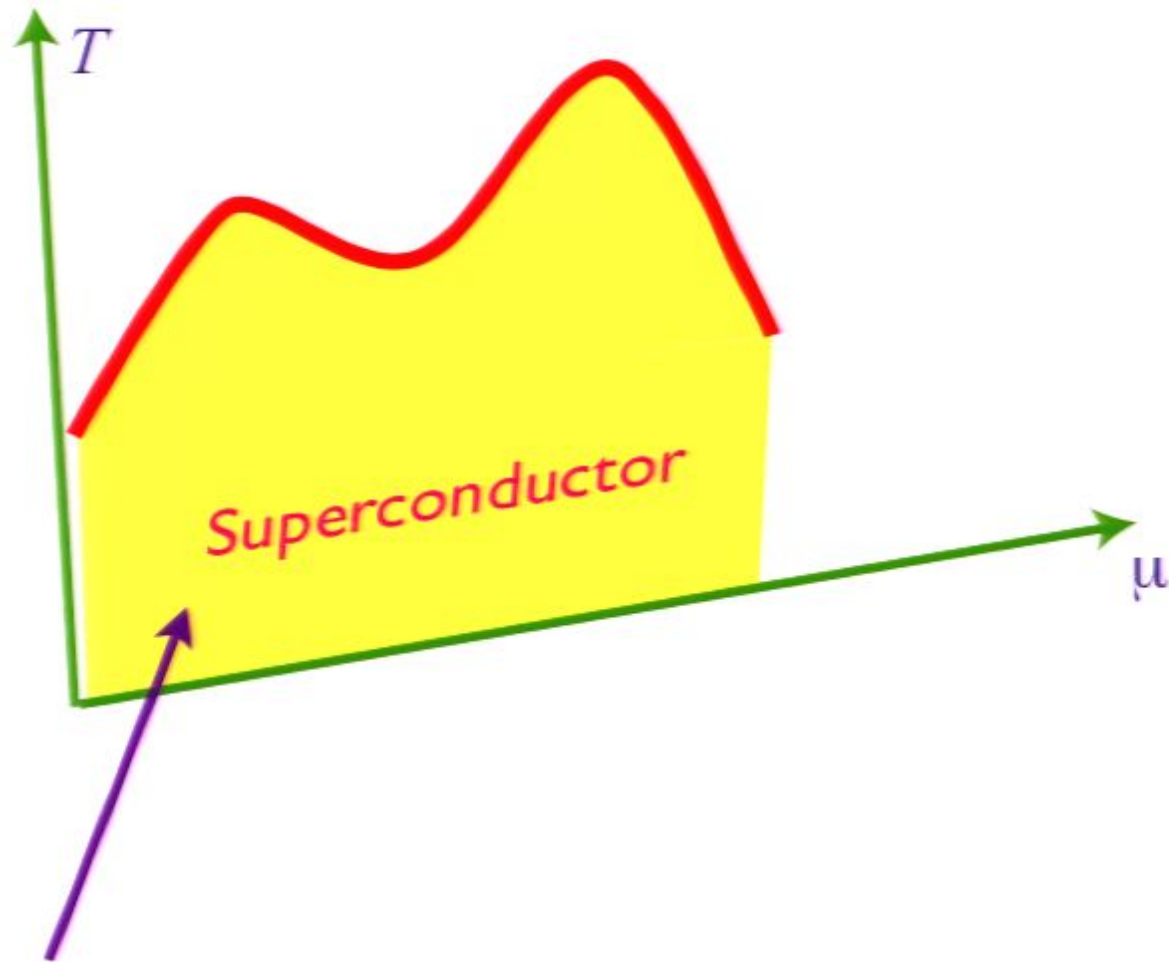
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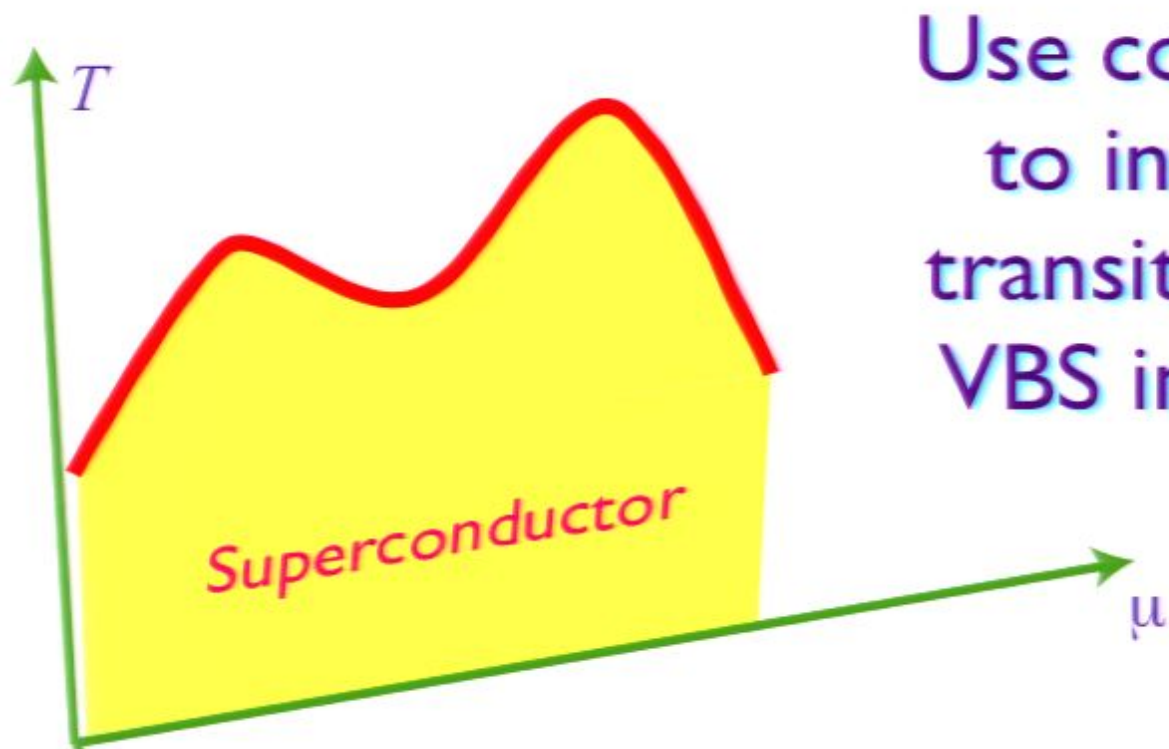
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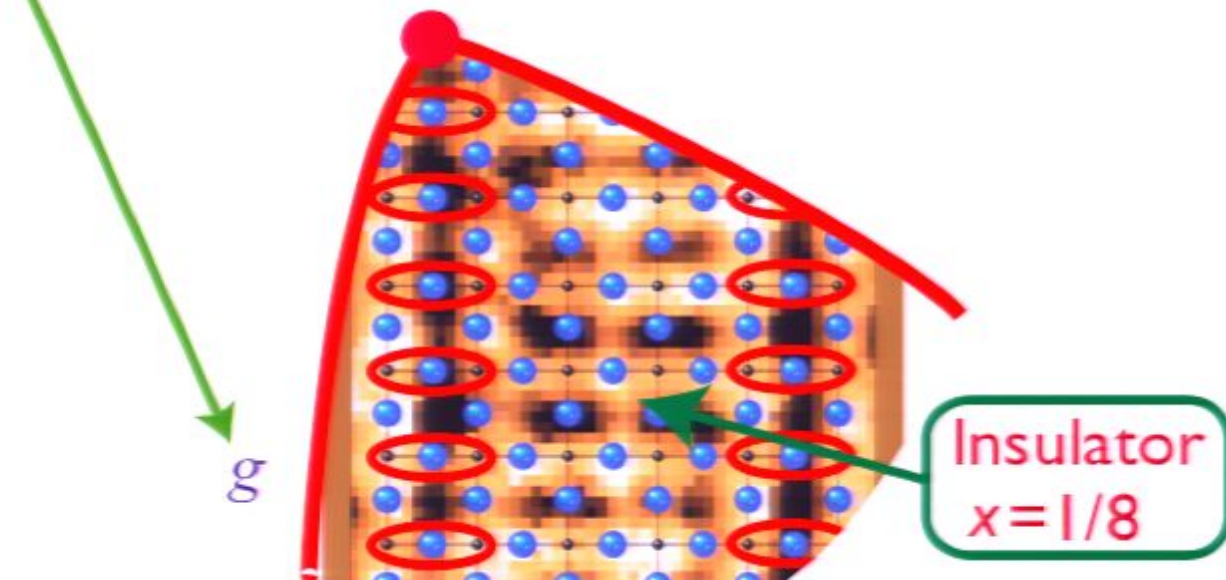
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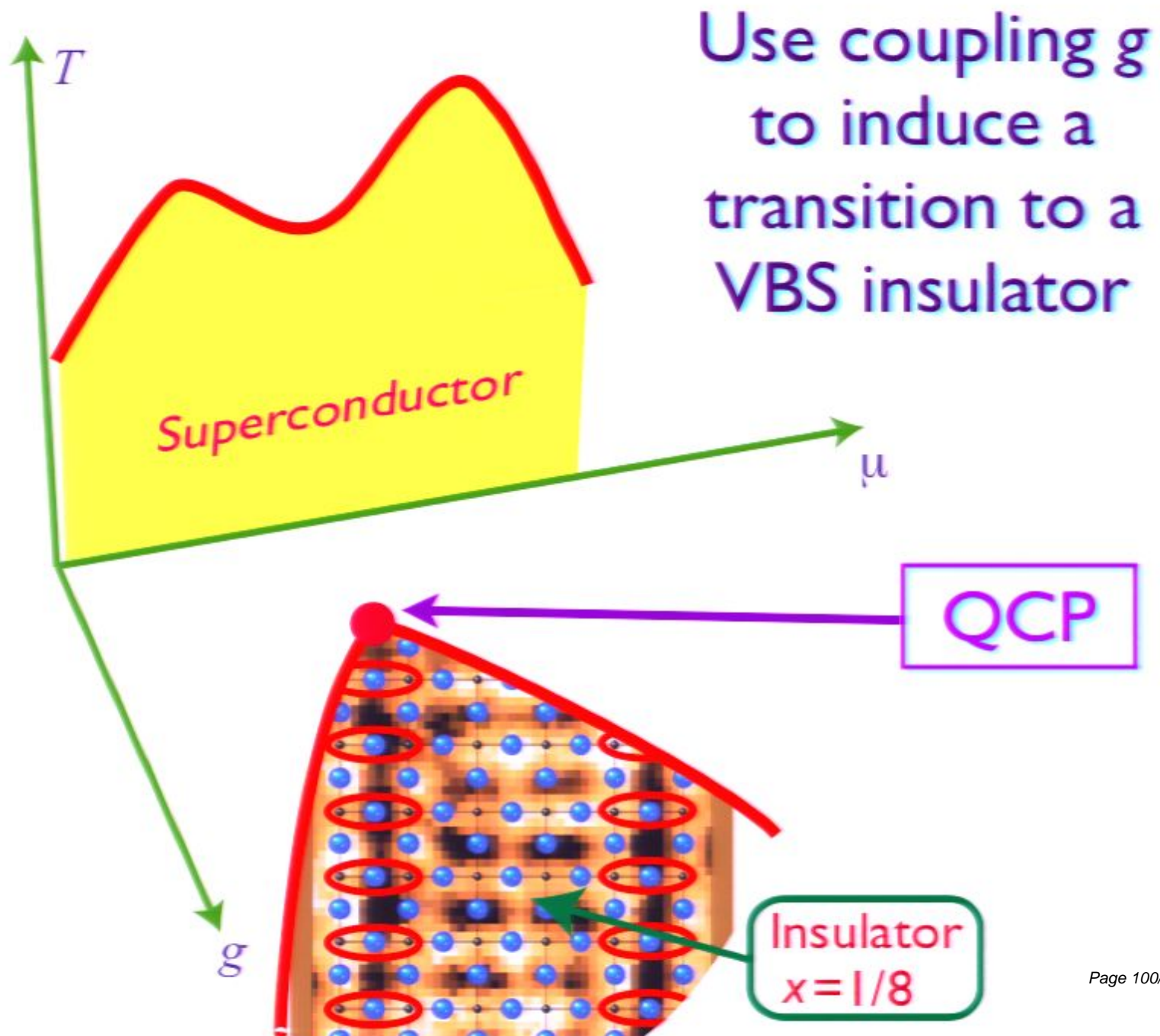


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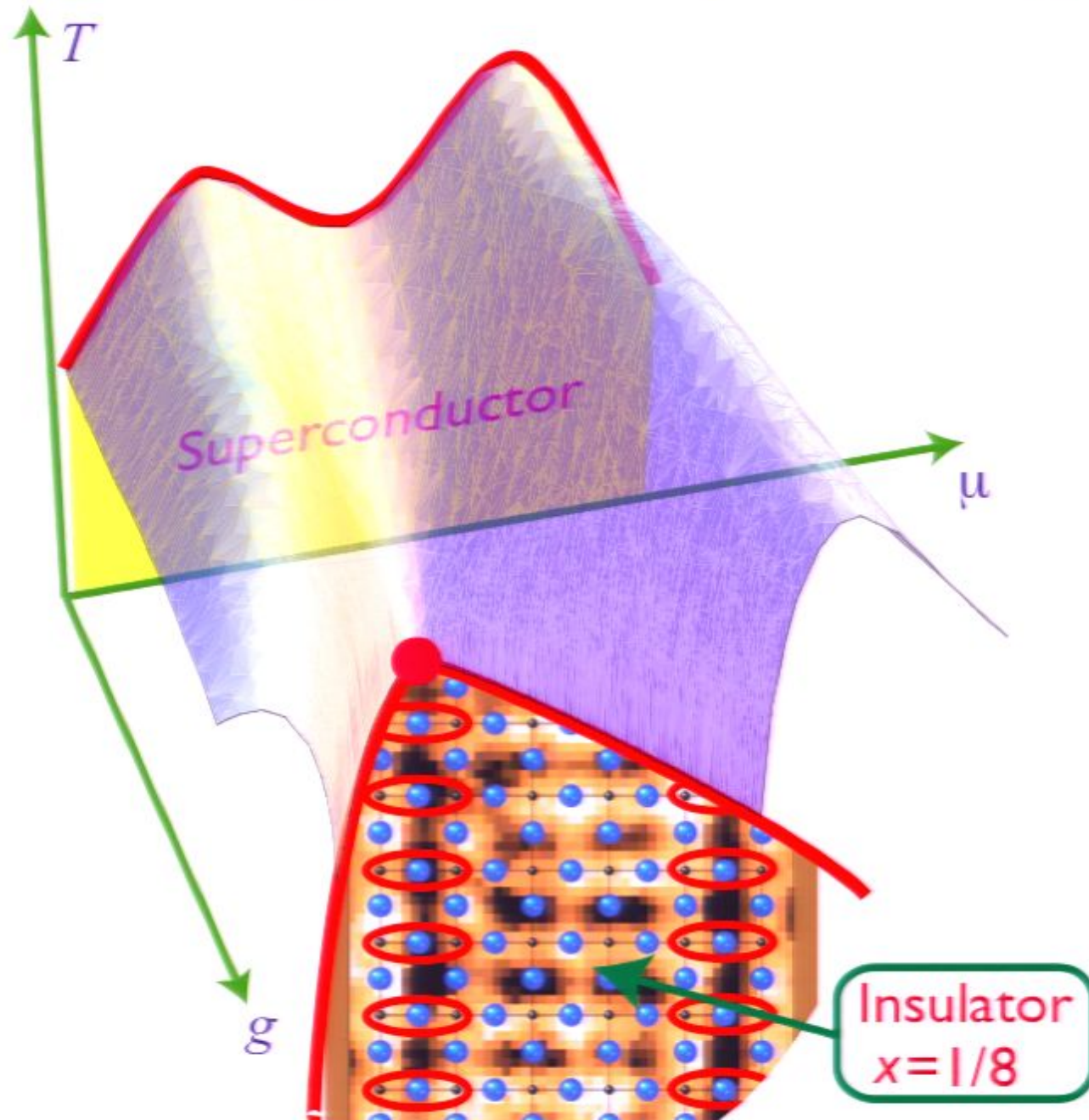


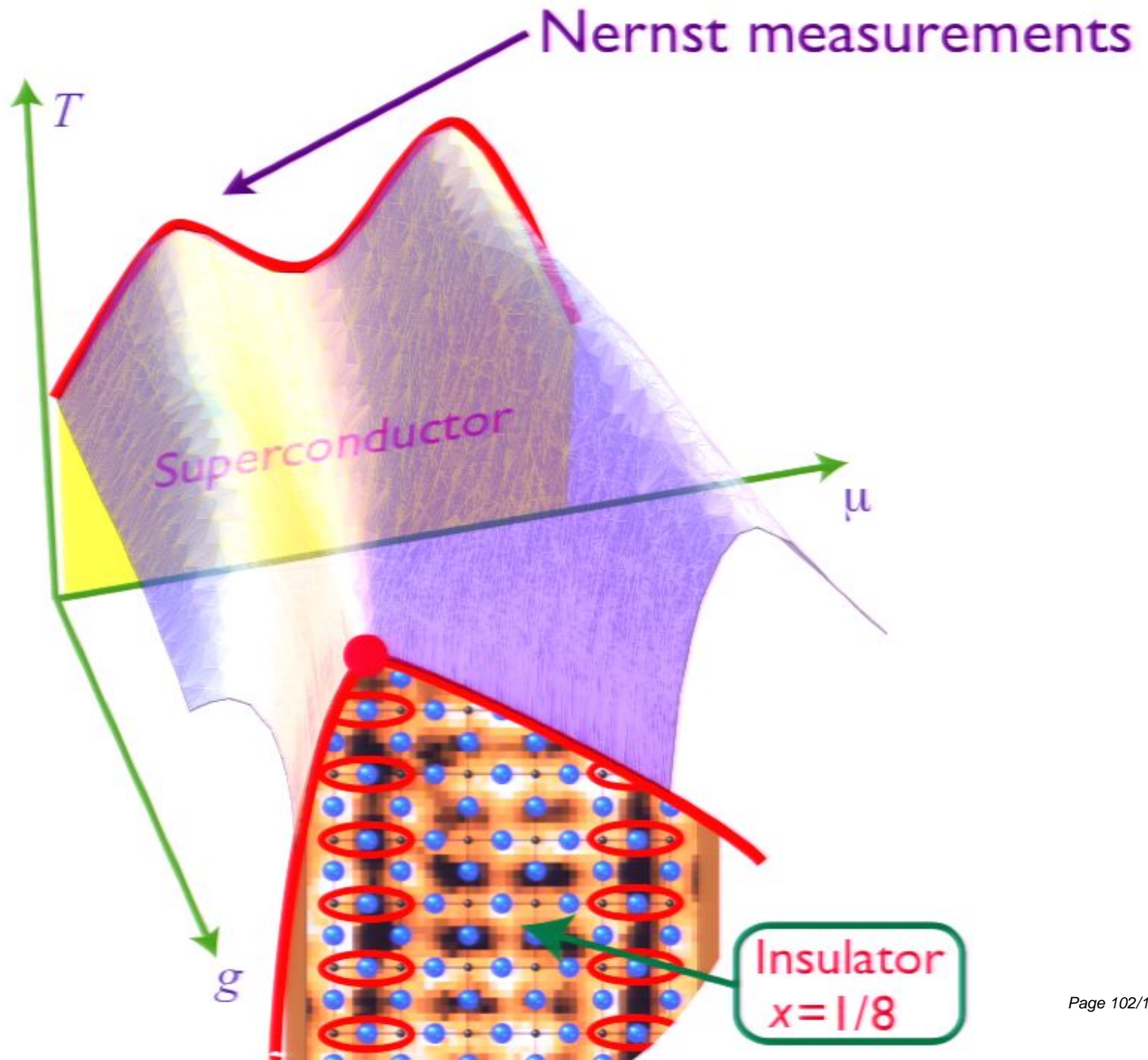
Use coupling g to induce a transition to a VBS insulator



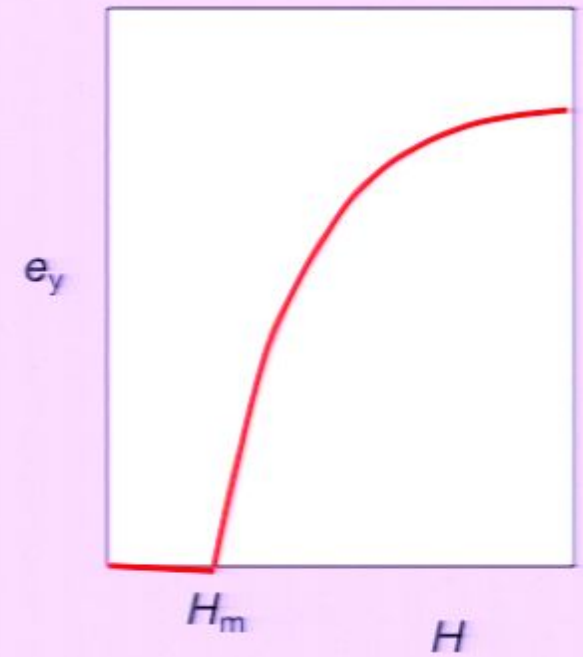
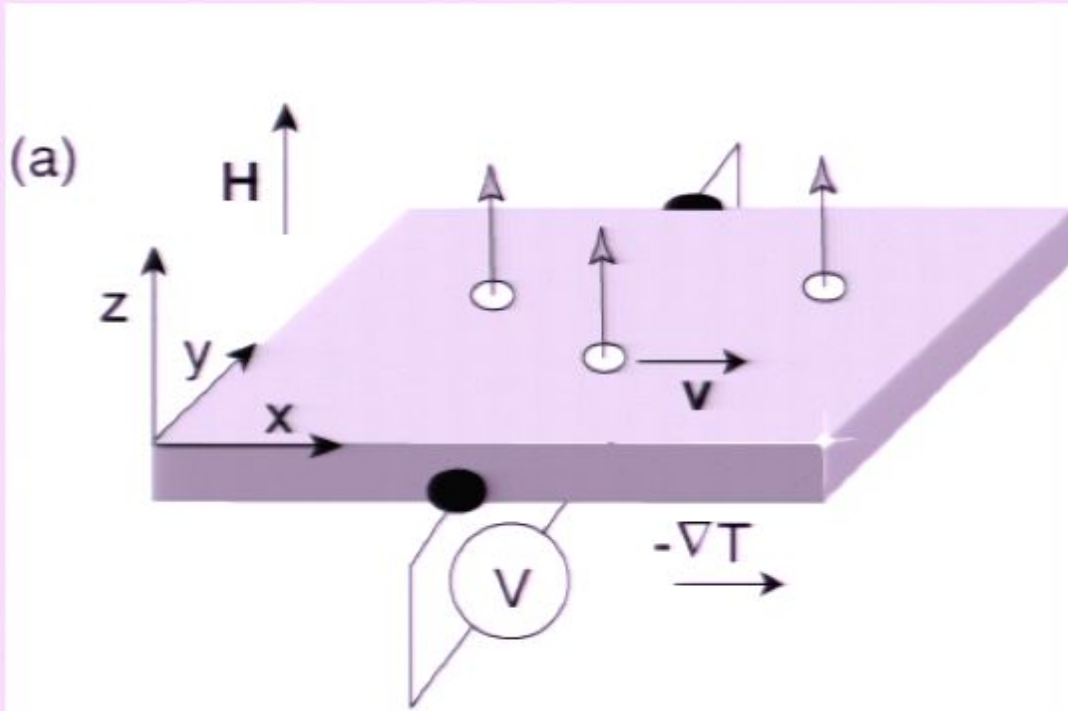


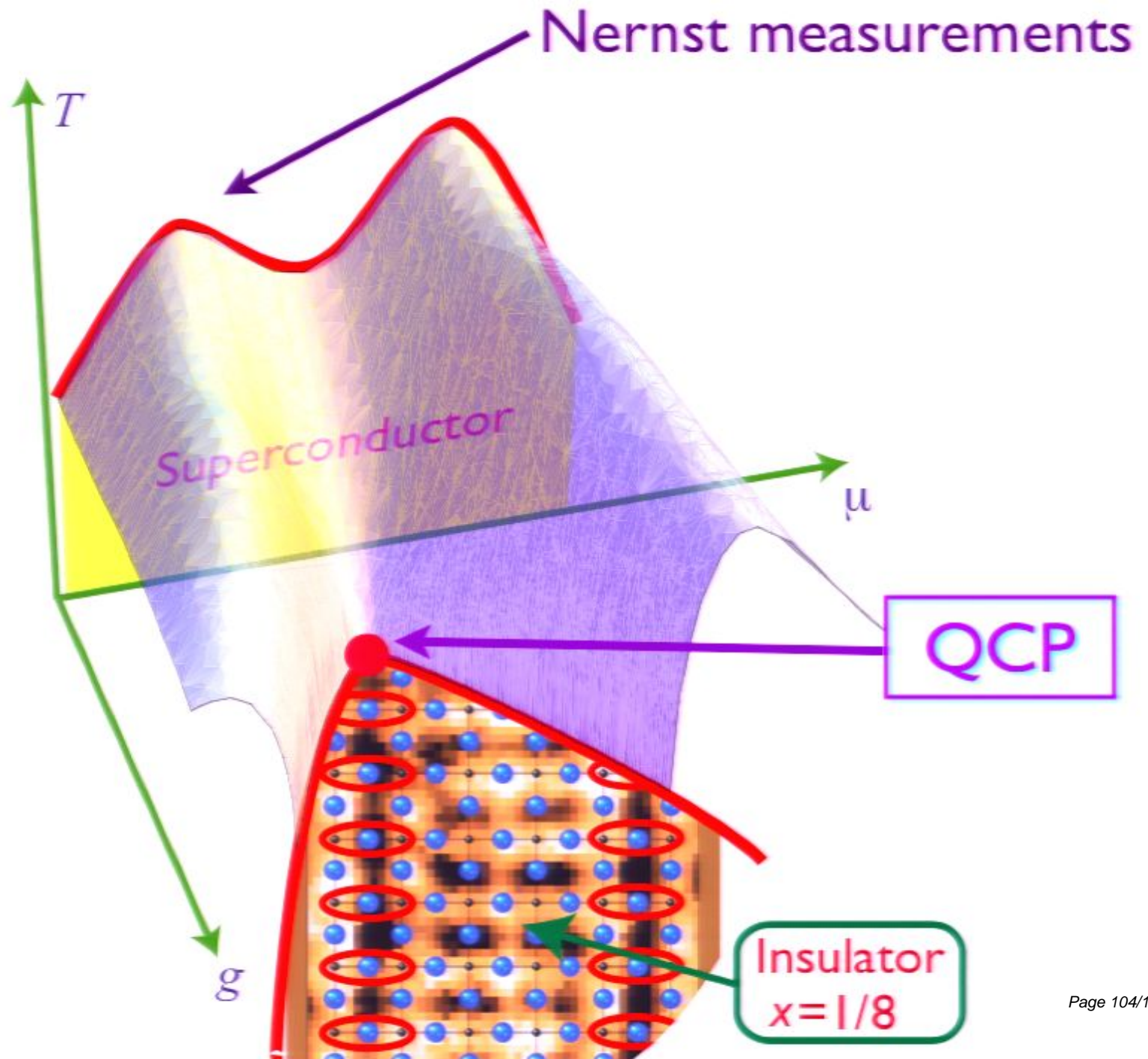
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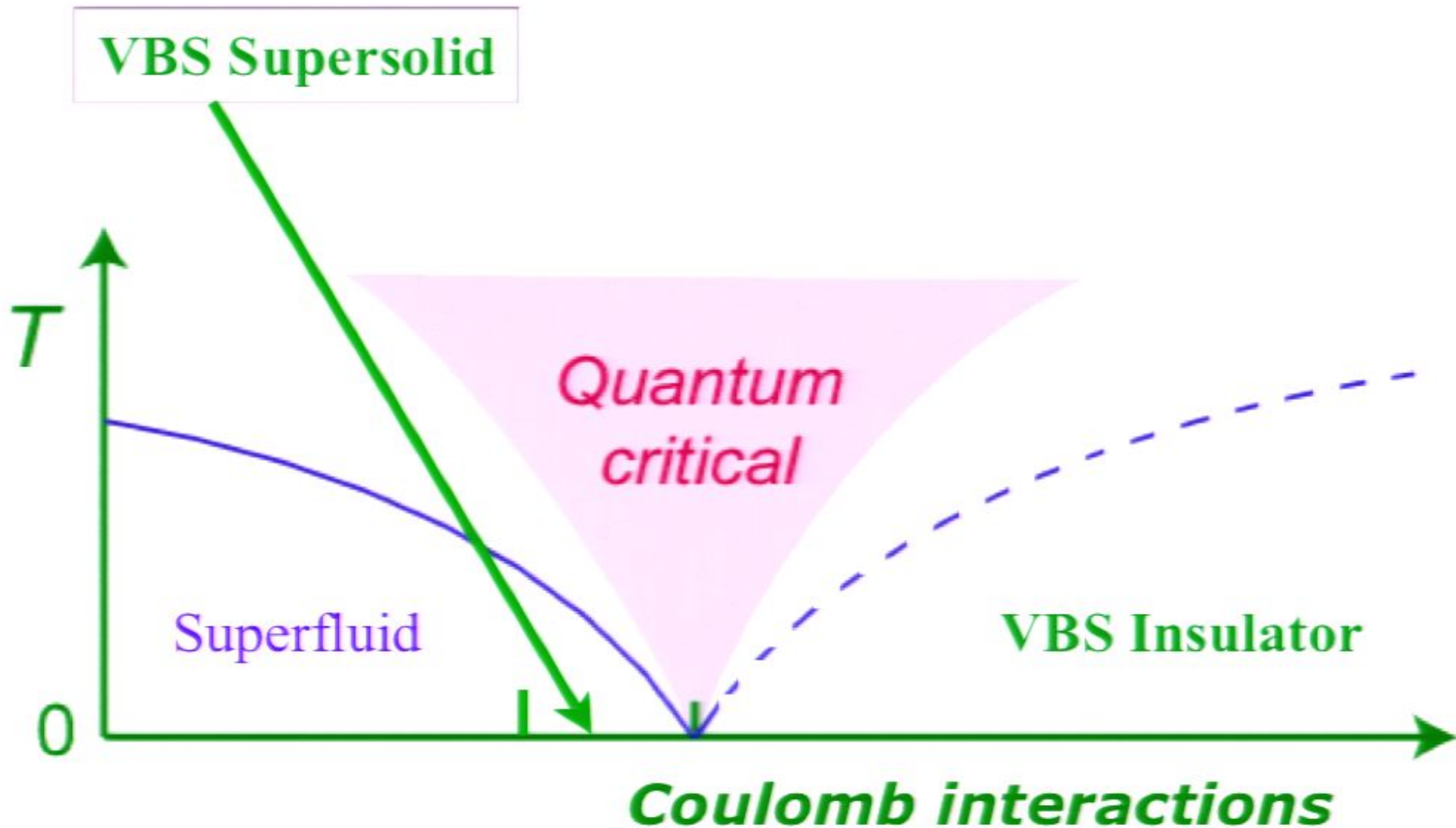


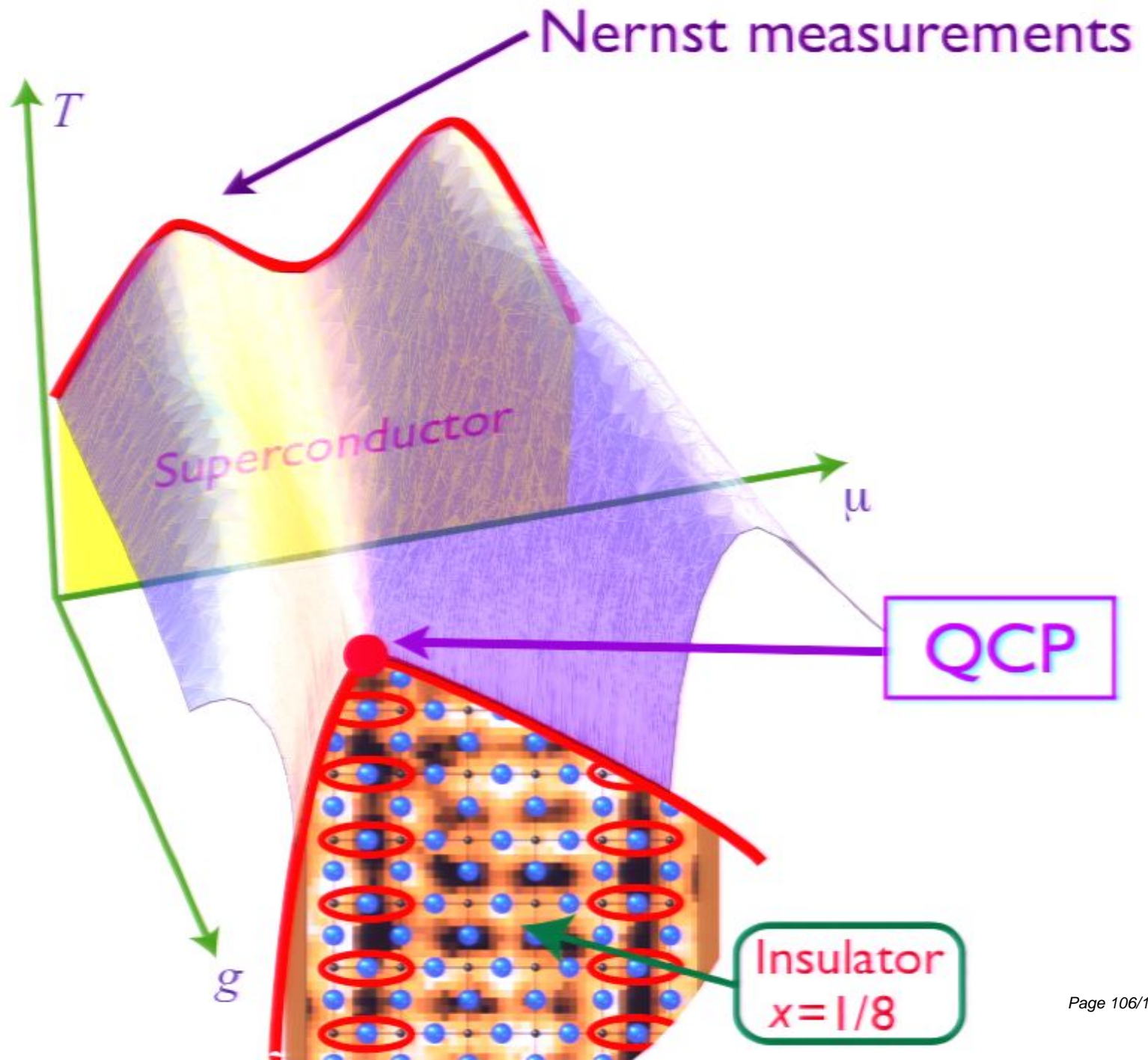
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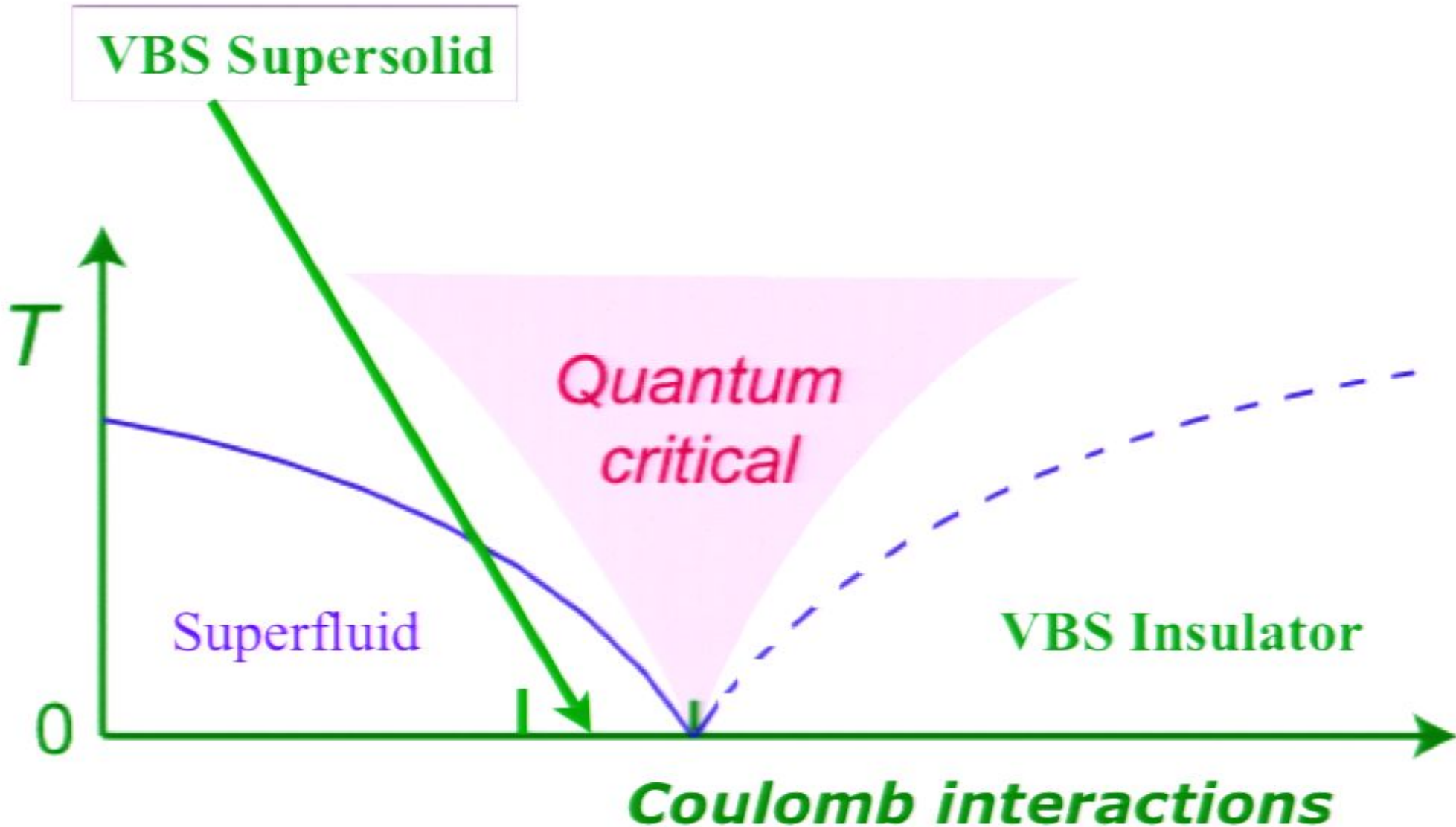


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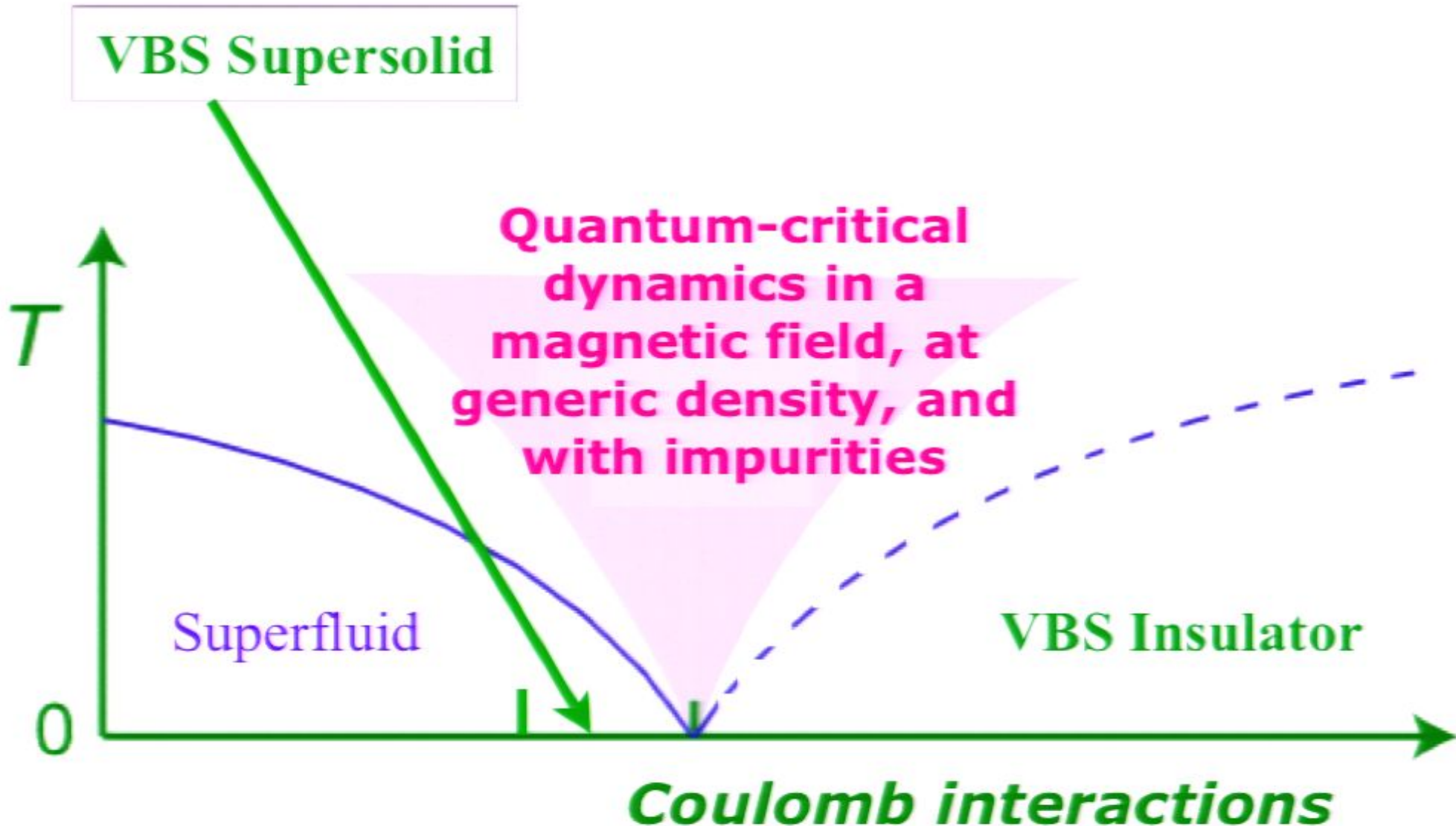




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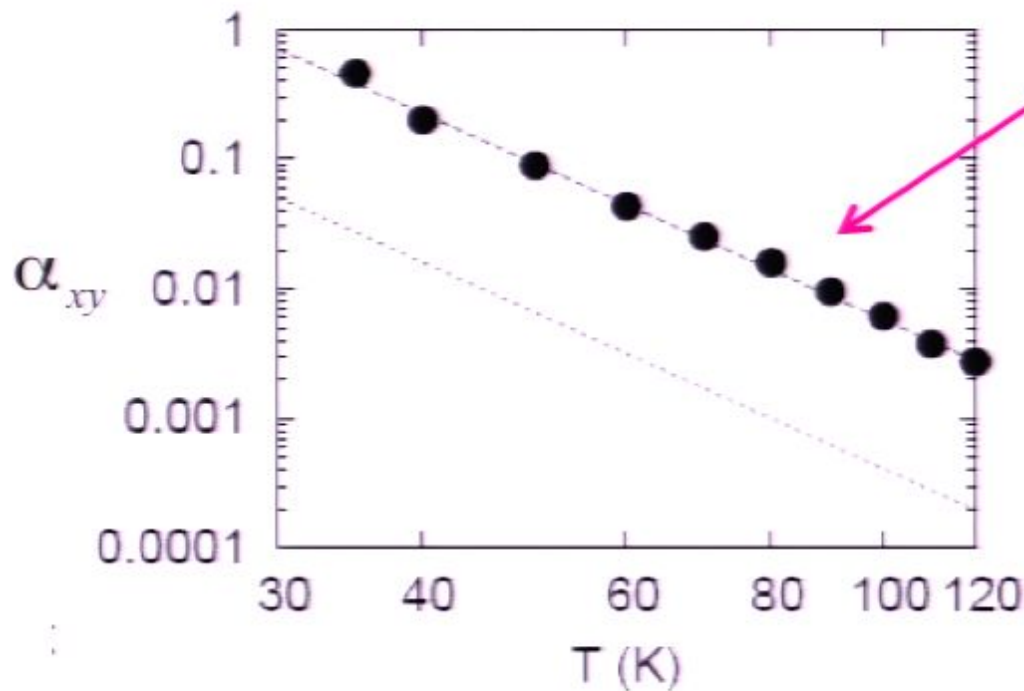
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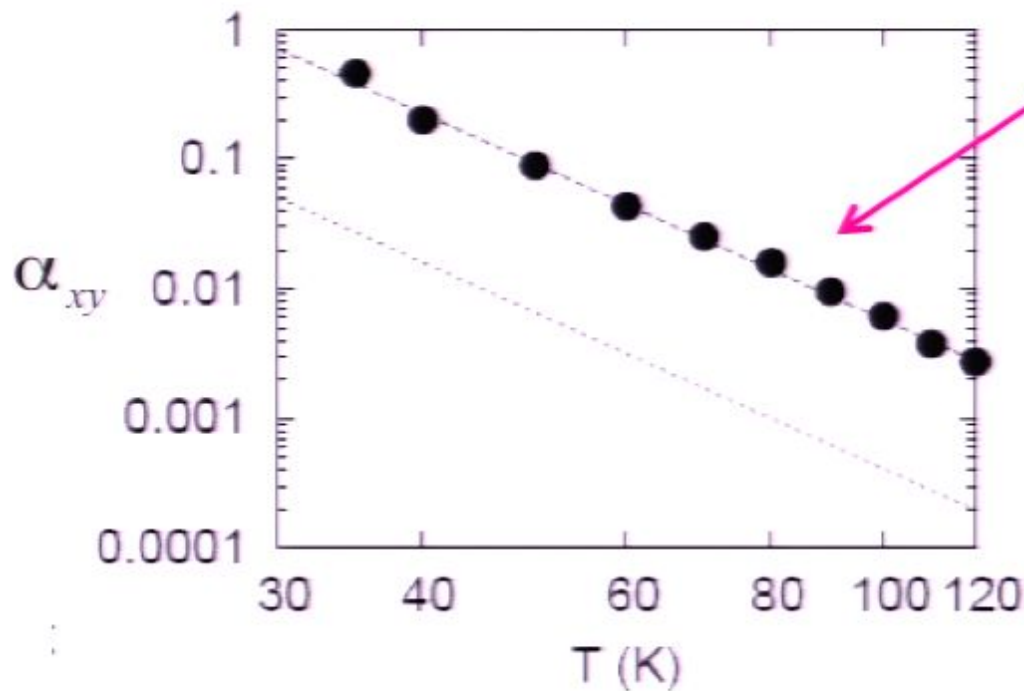
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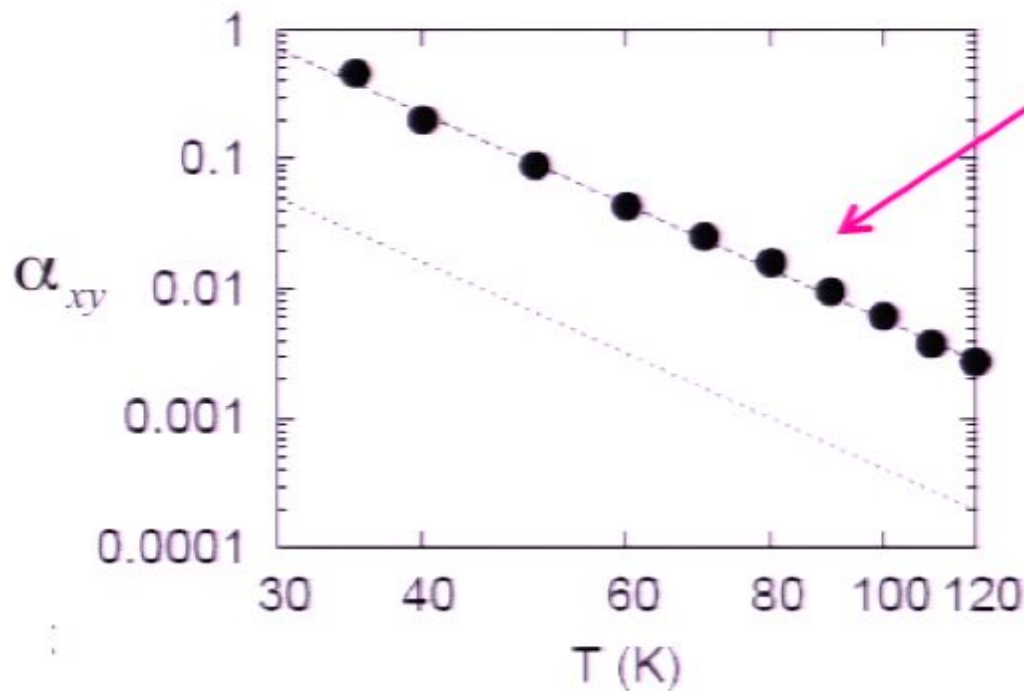
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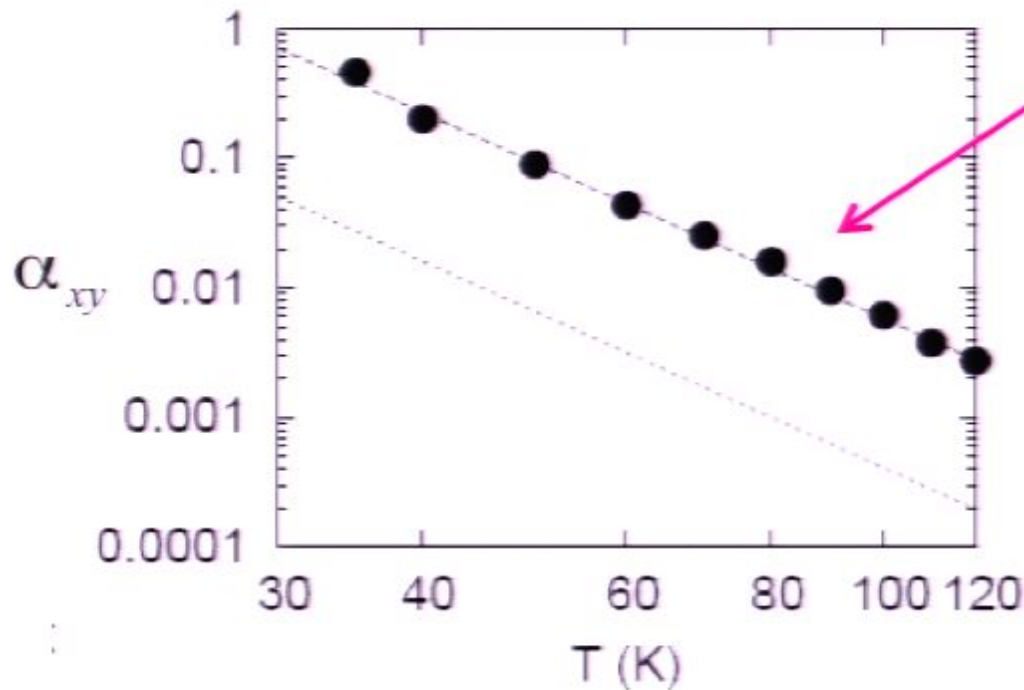
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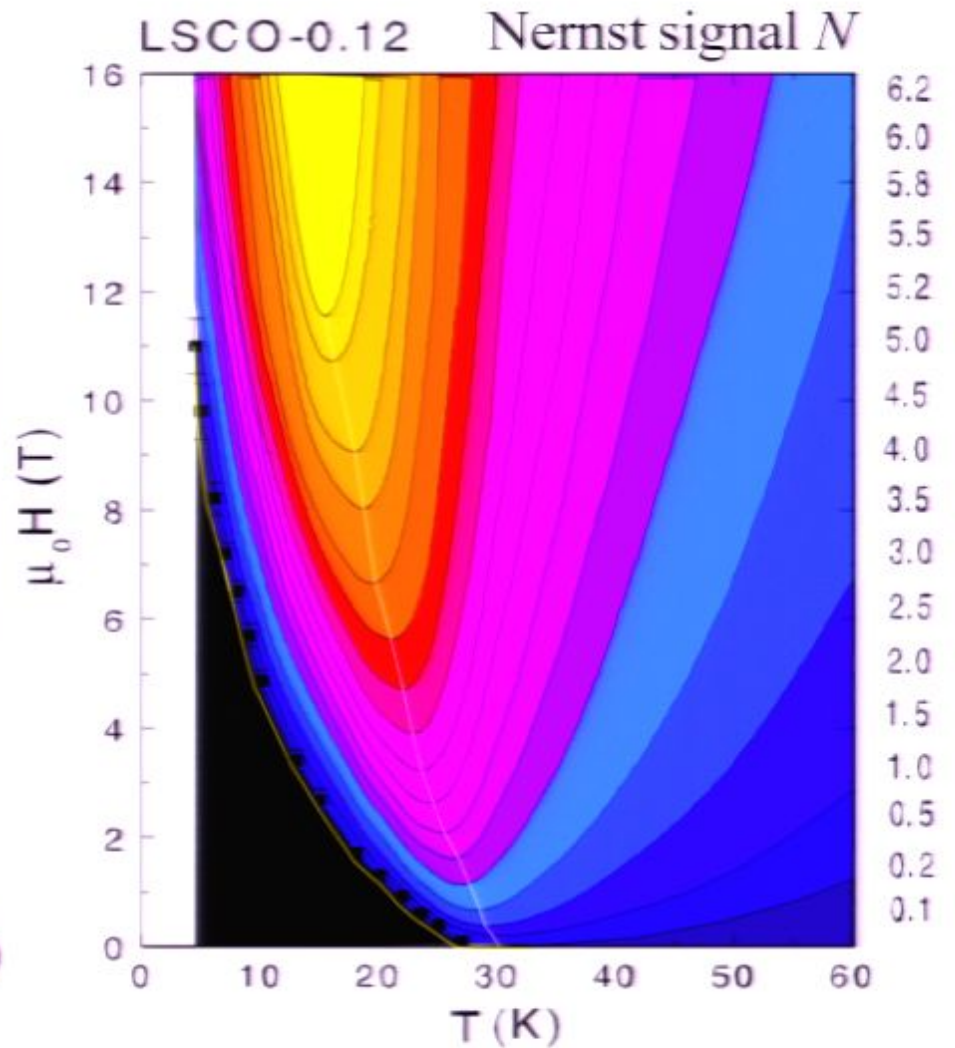
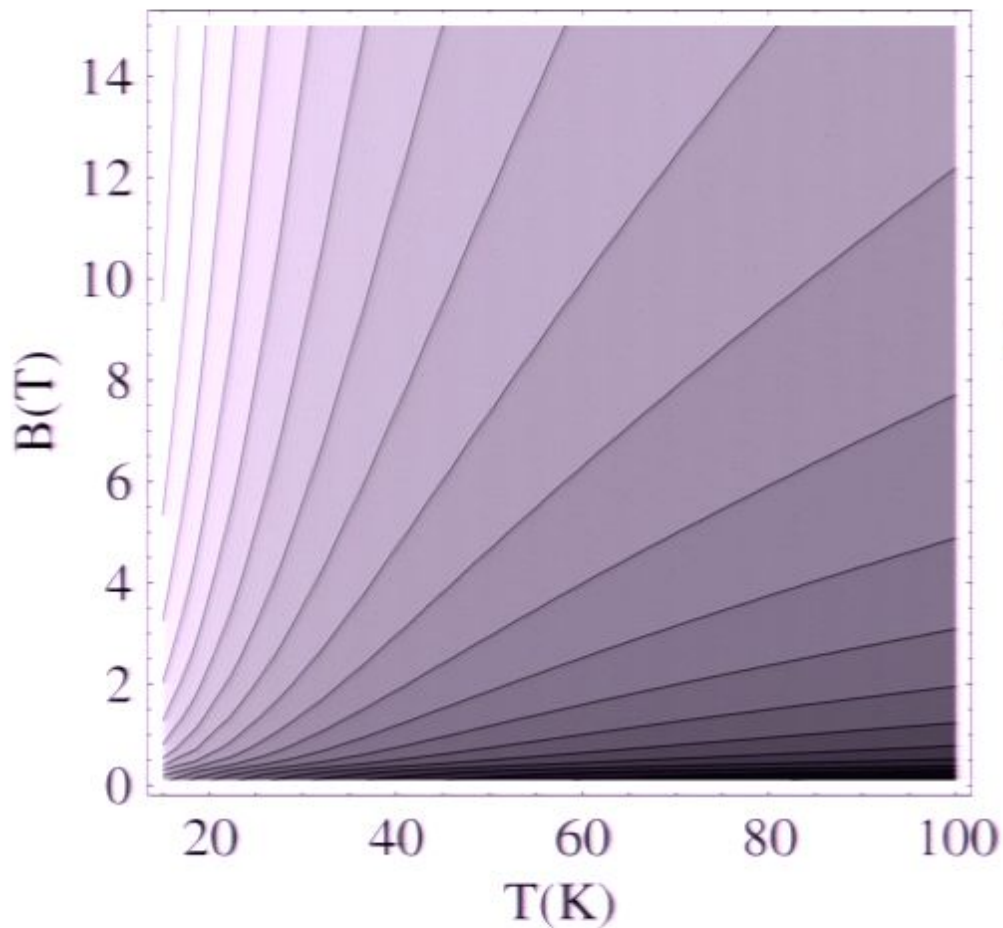
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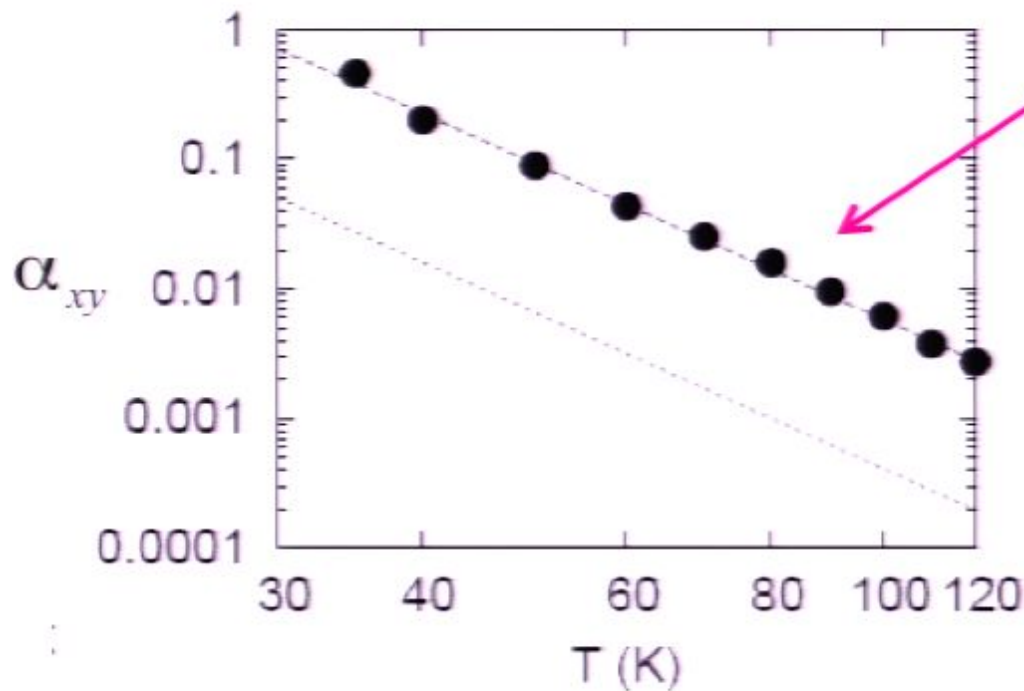
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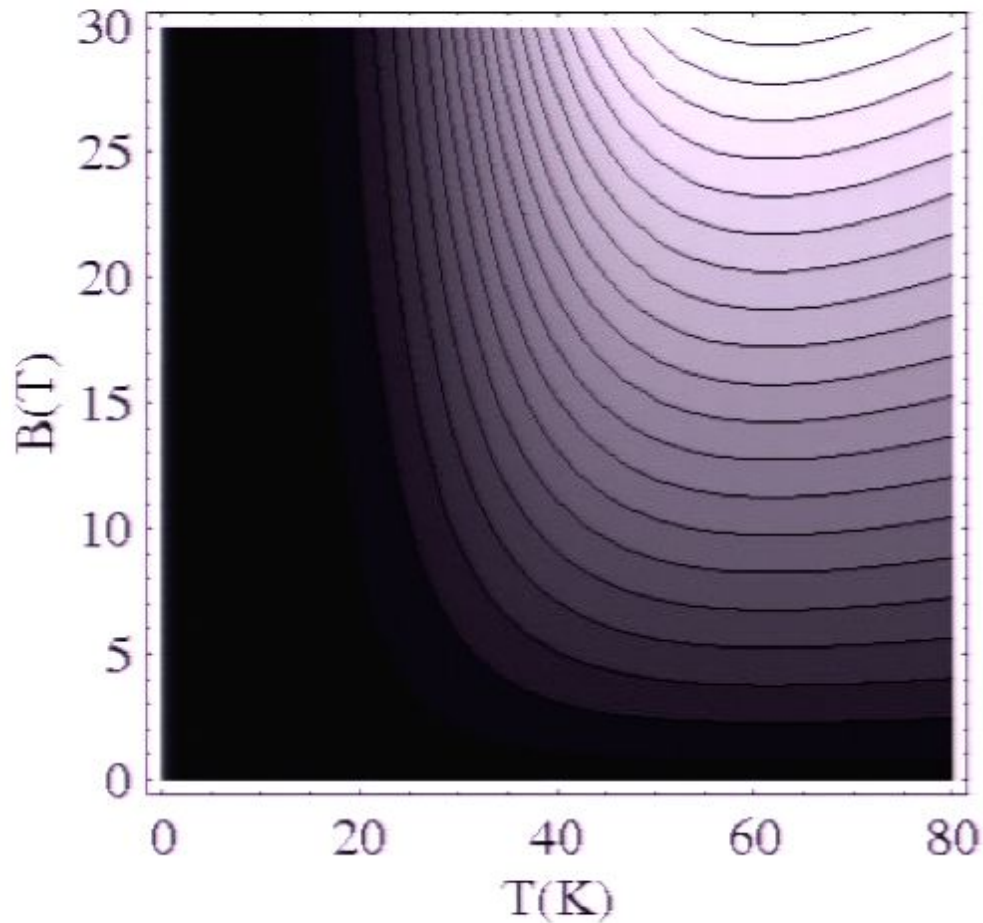
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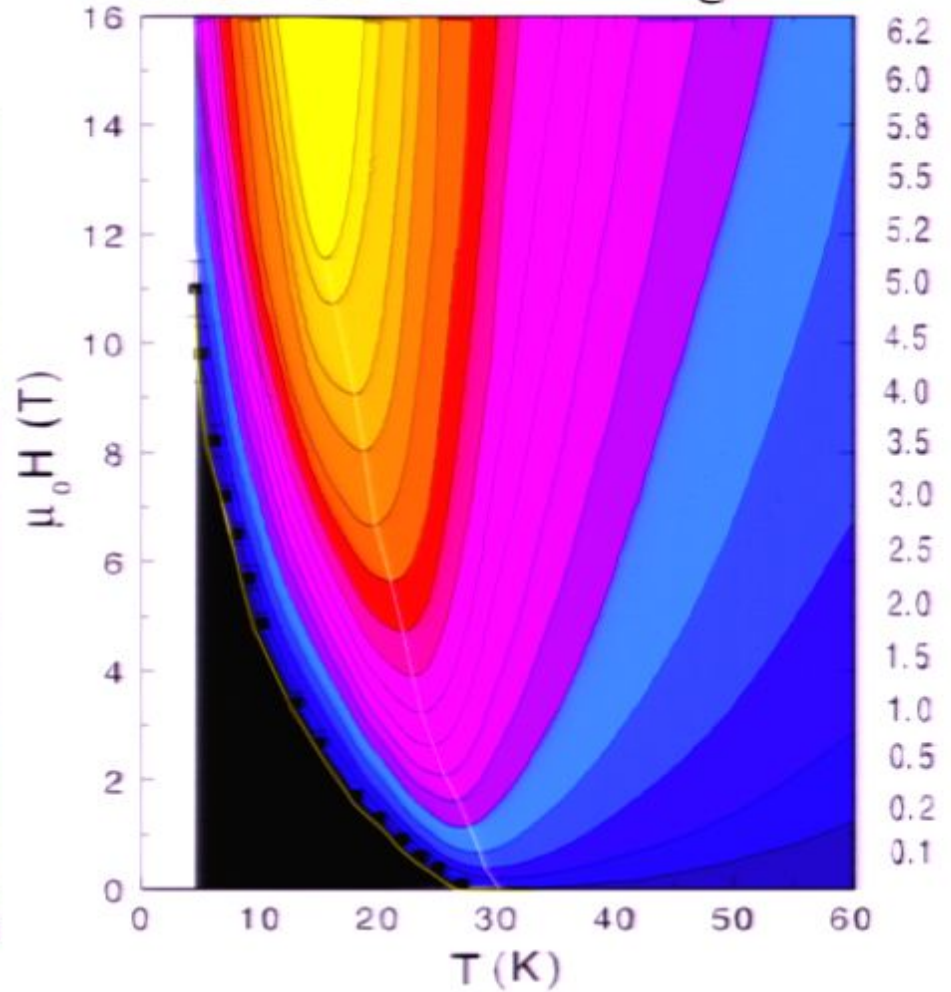
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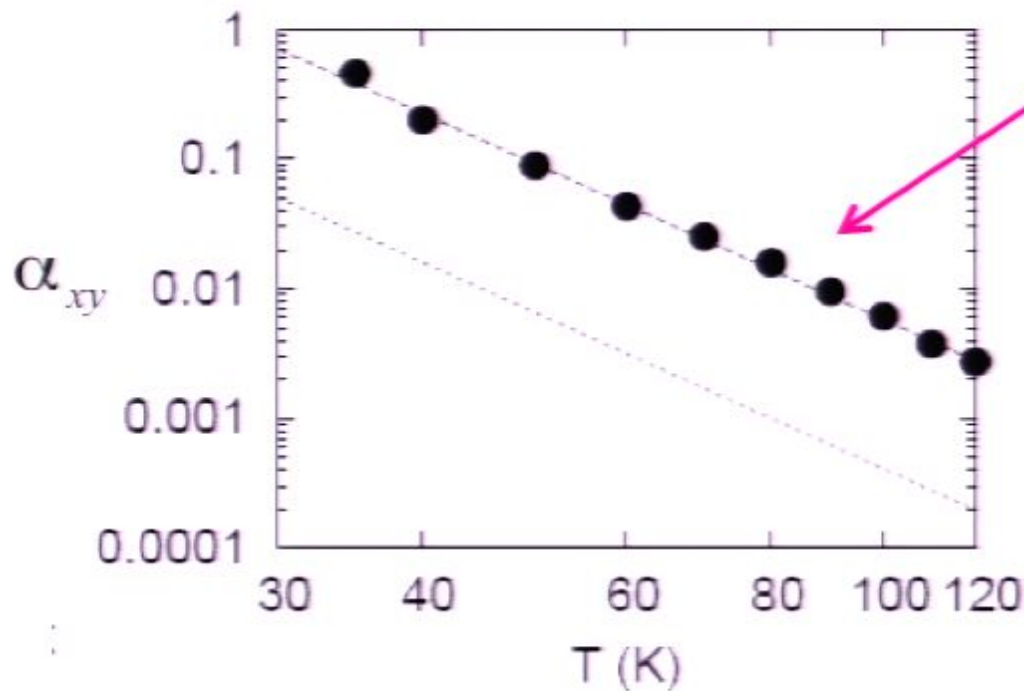


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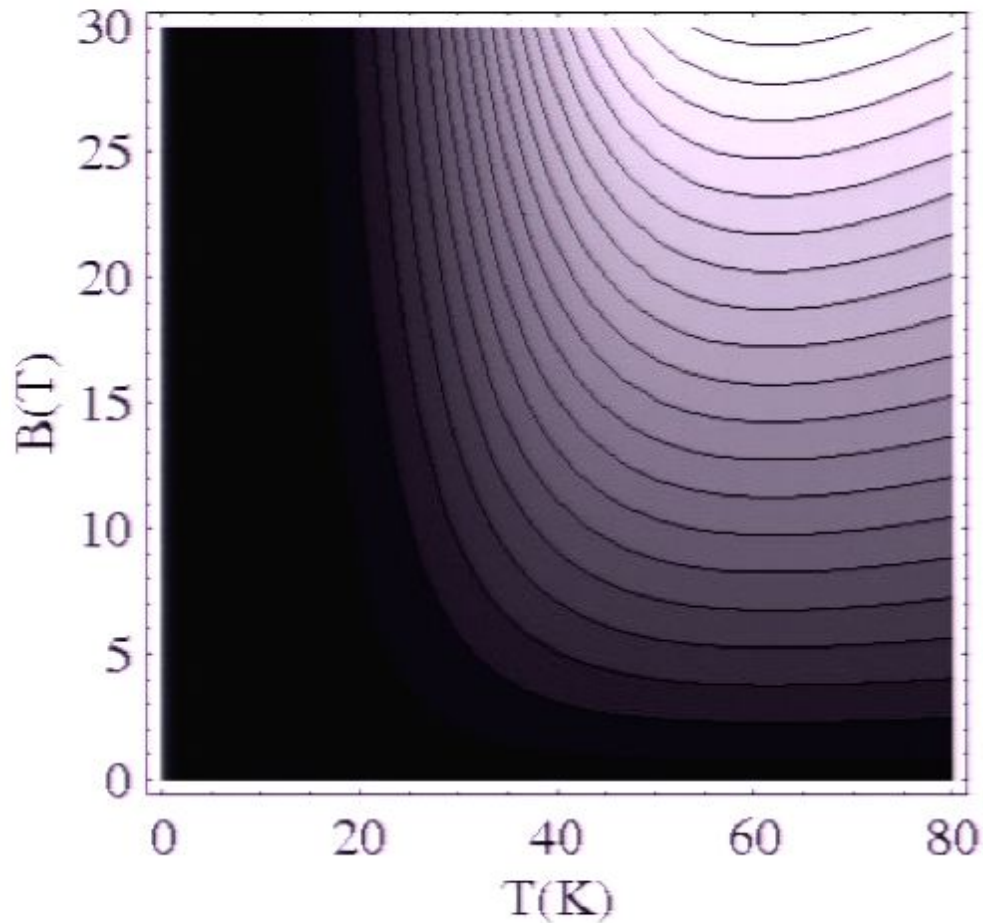
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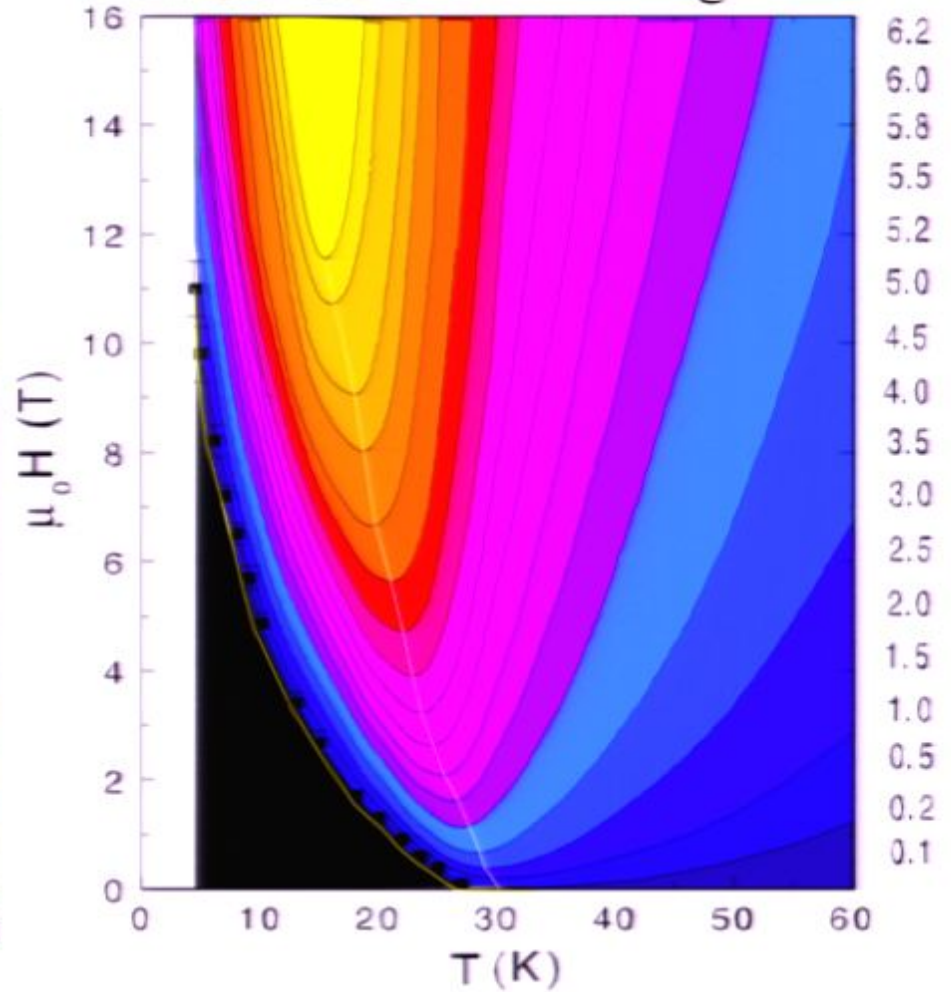
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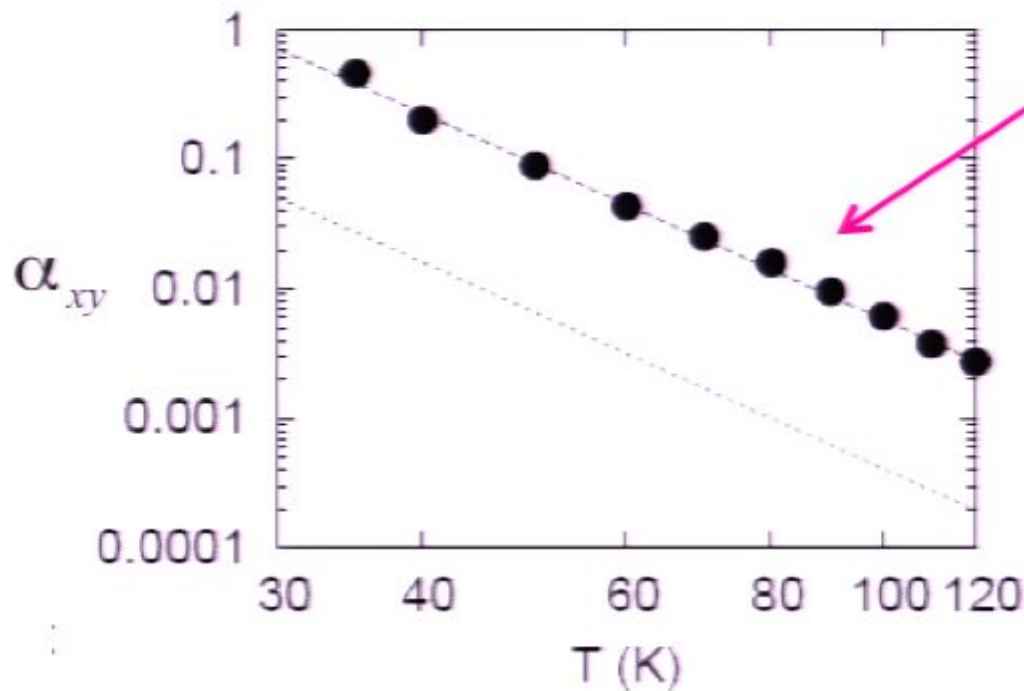


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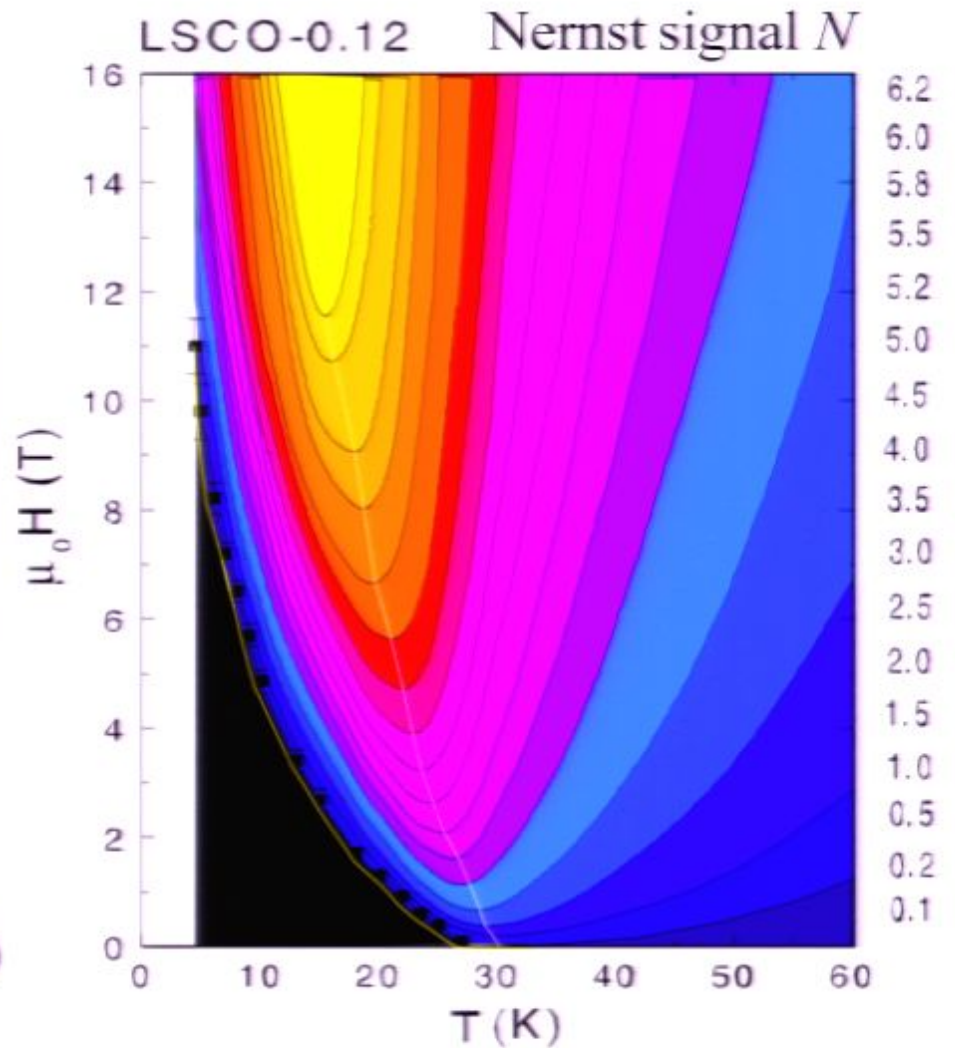
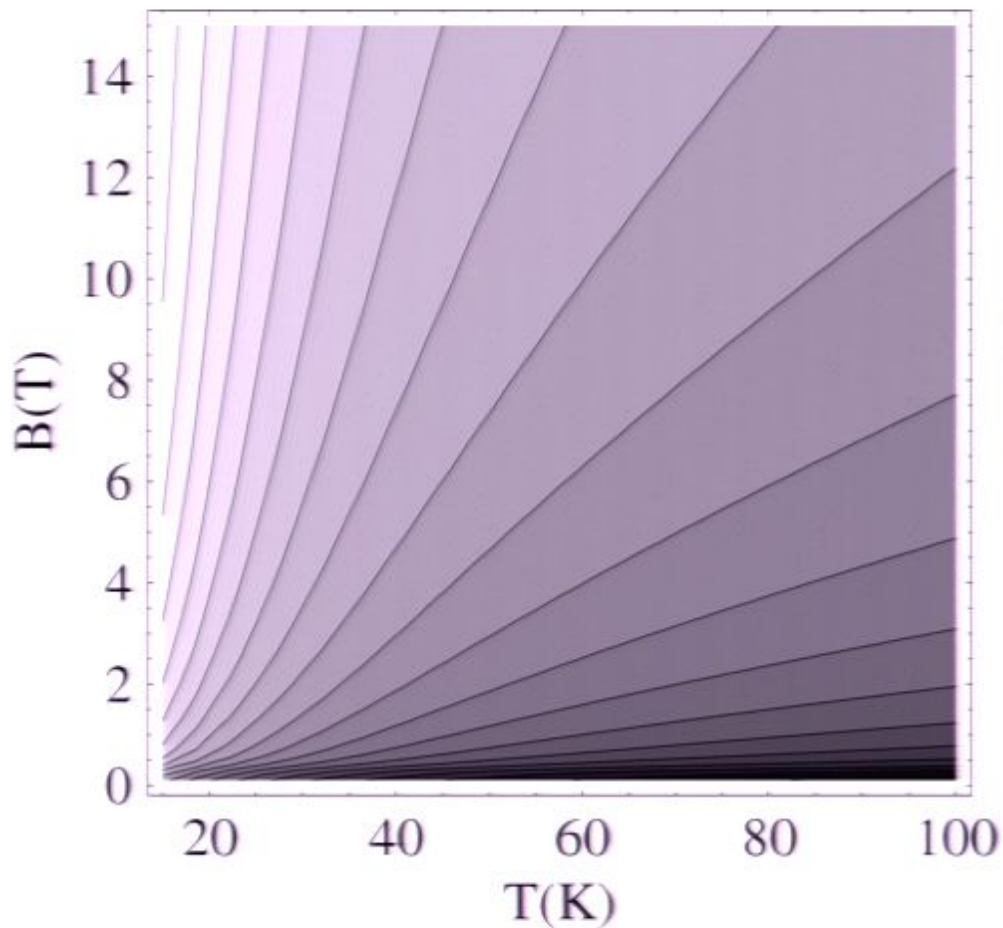
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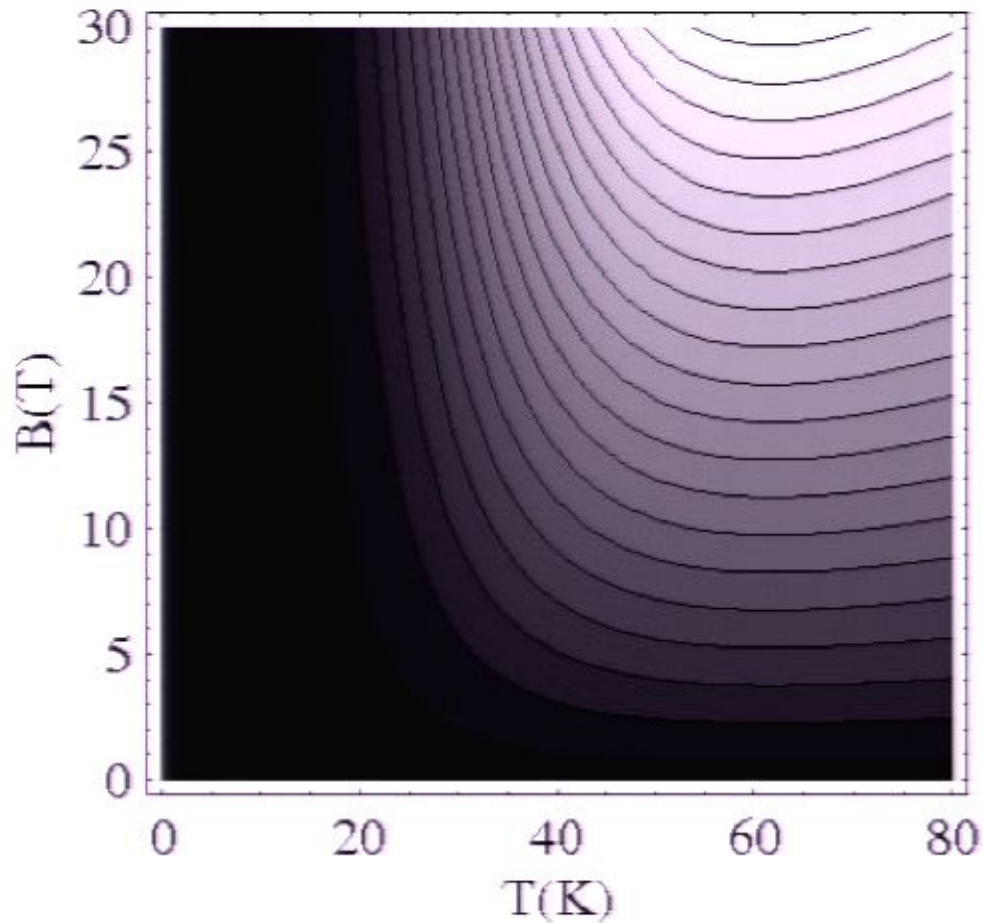
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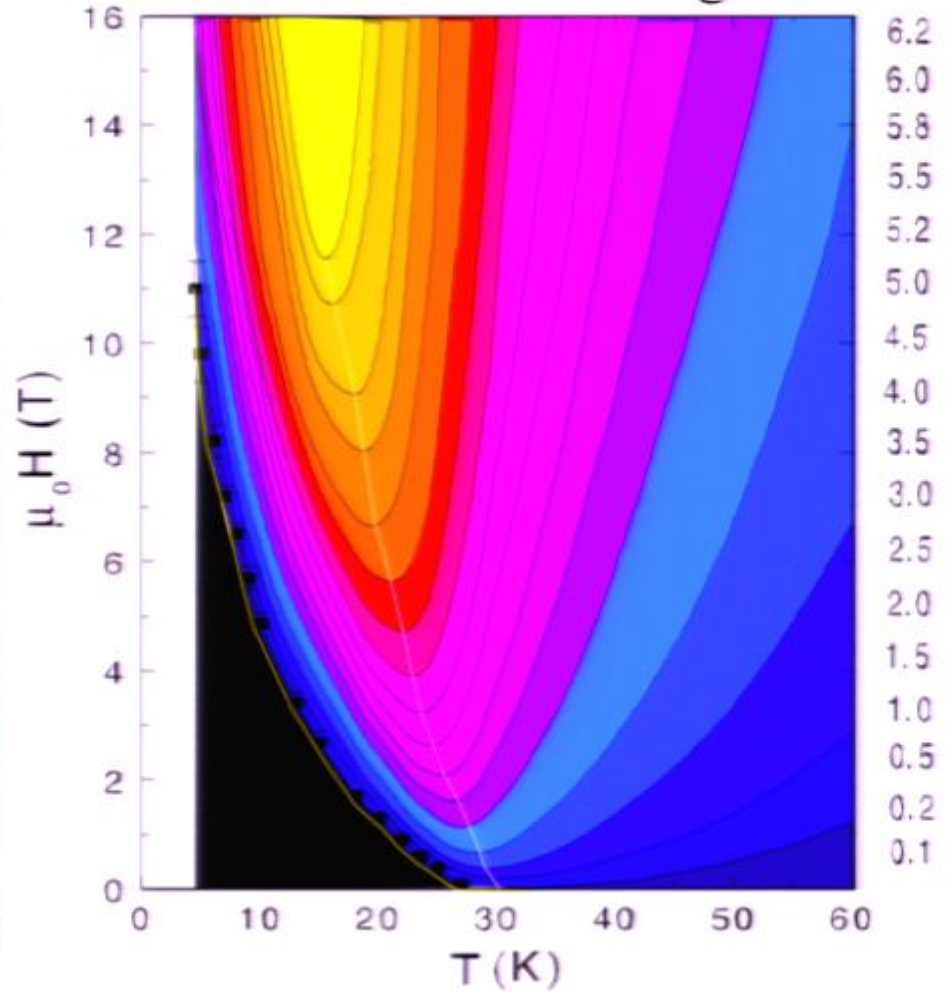


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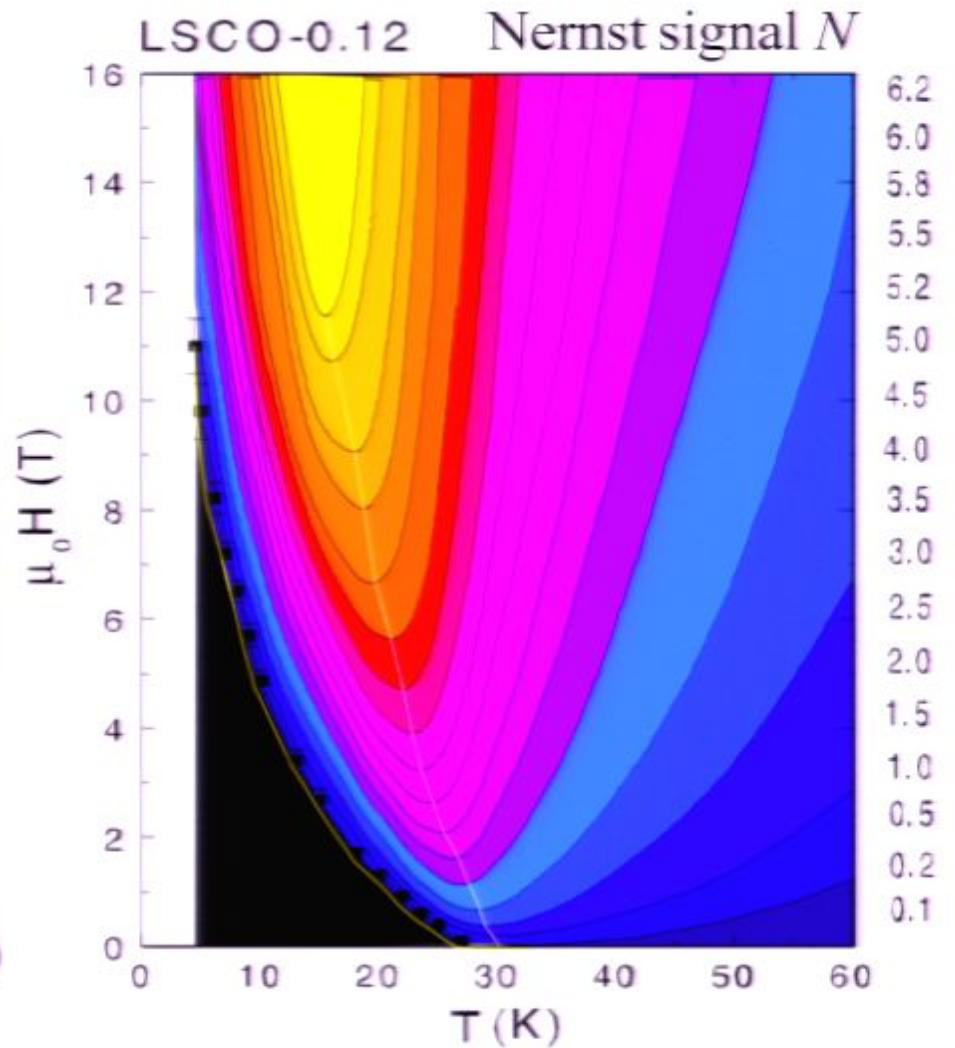
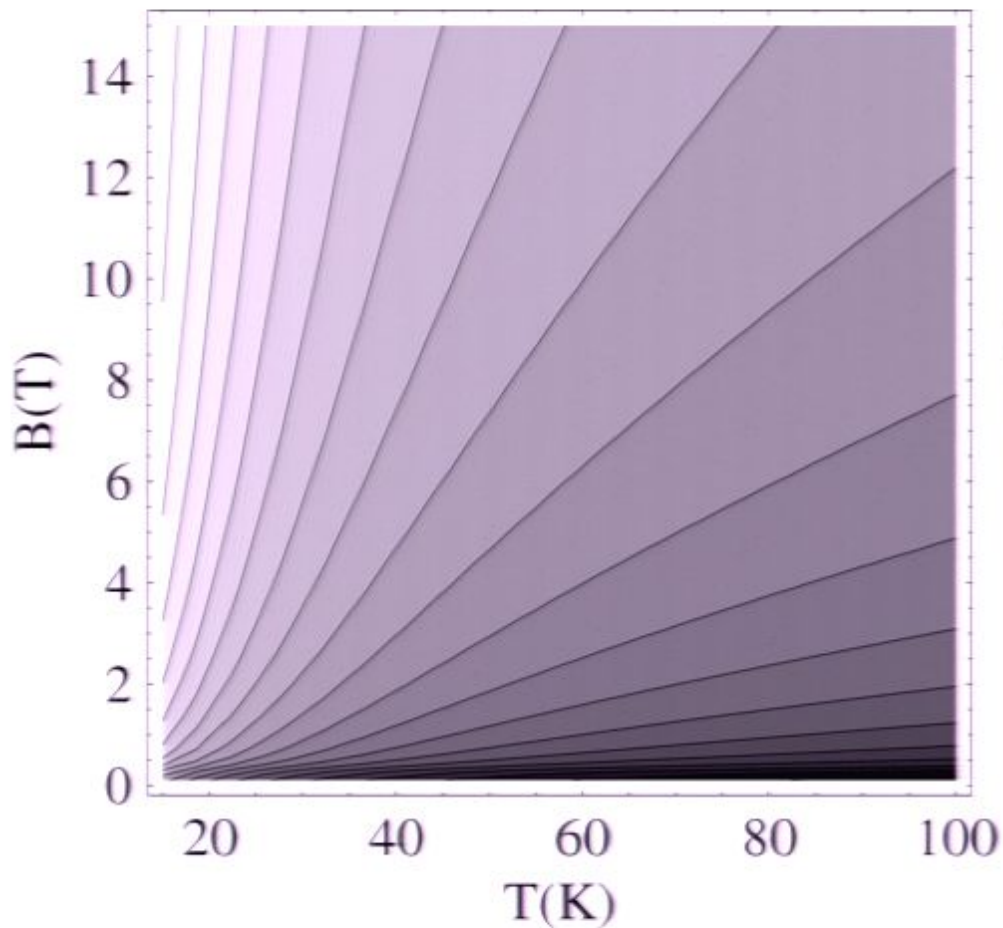
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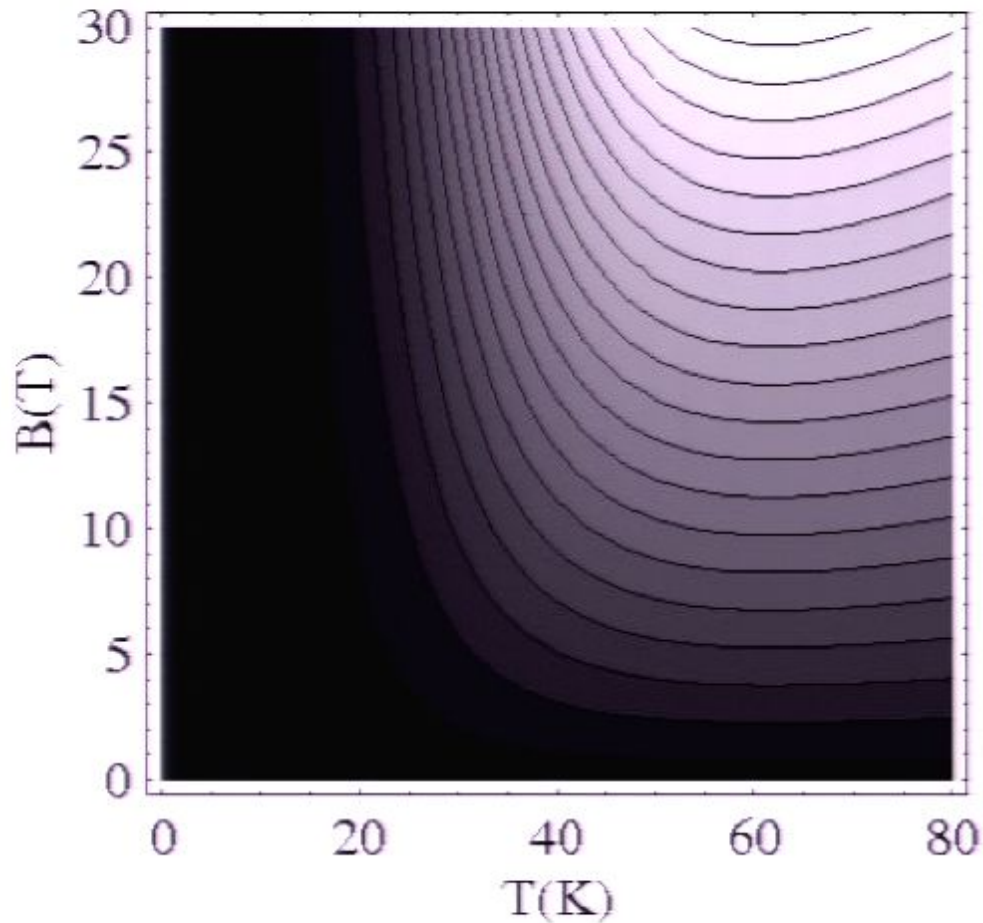
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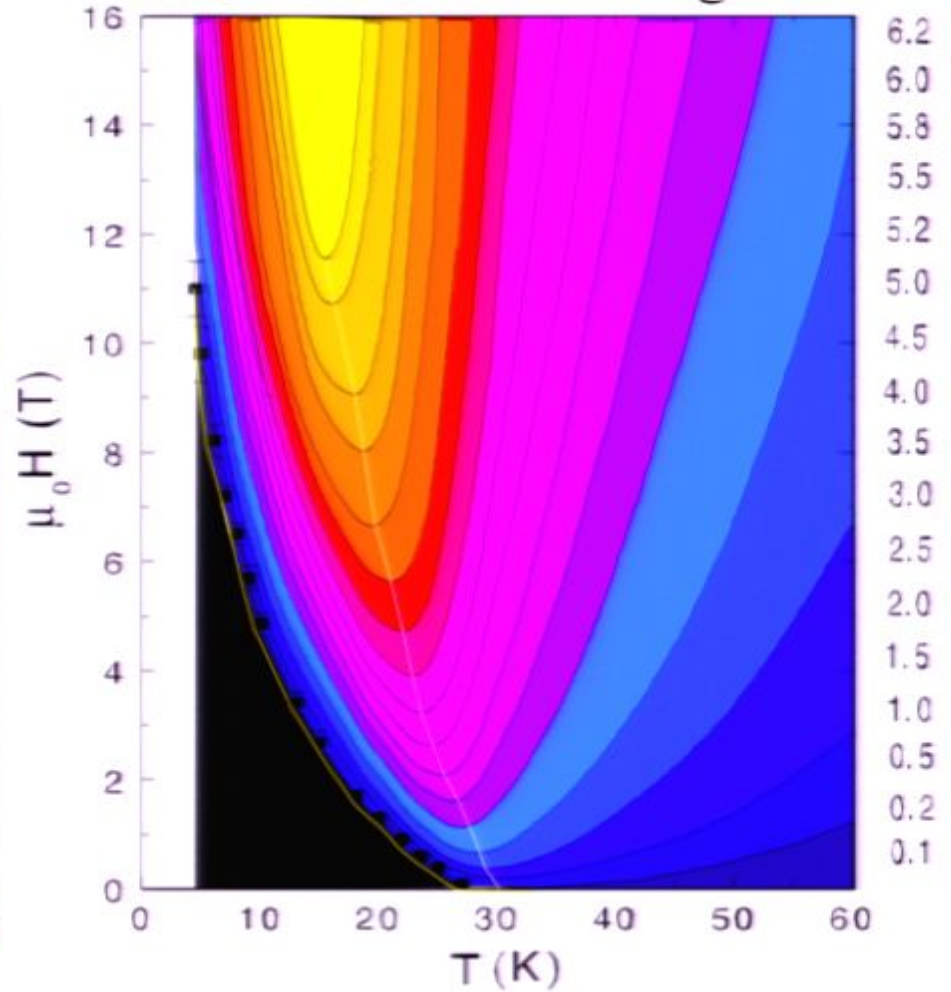


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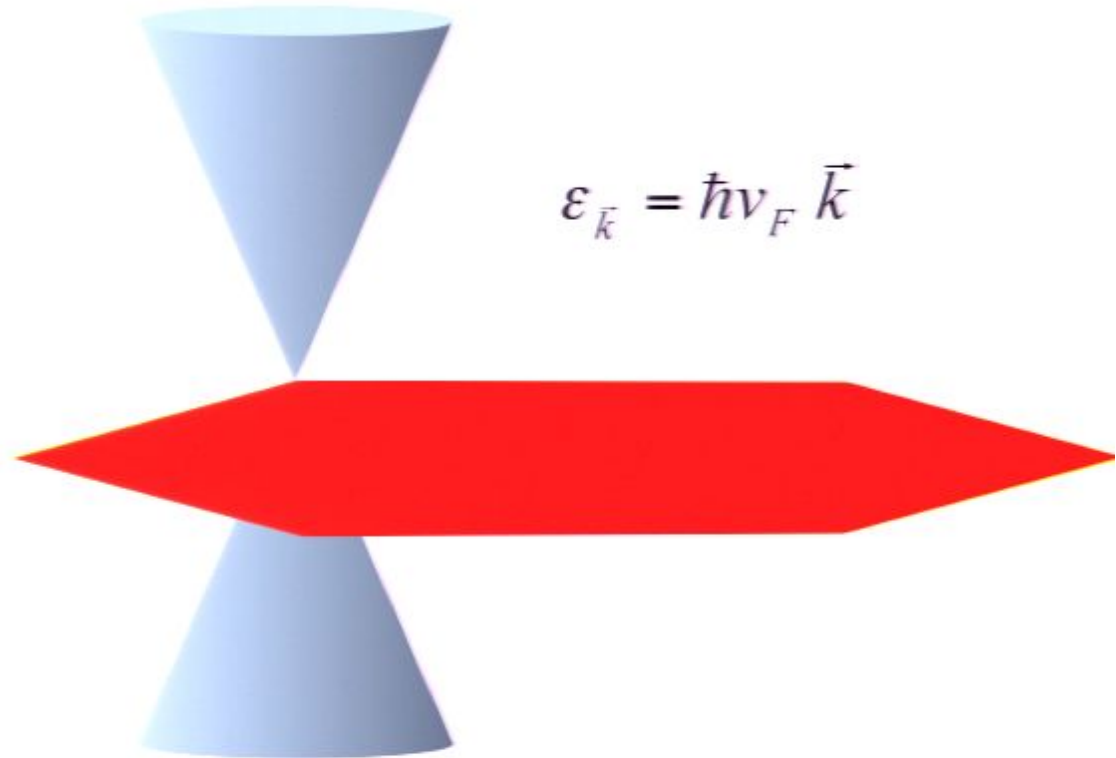
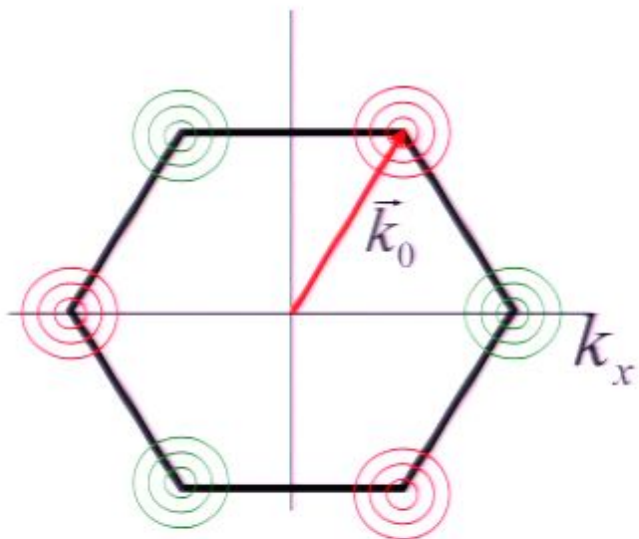
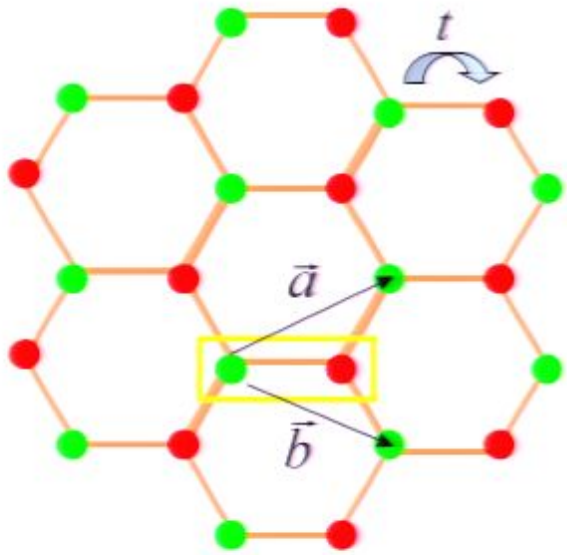
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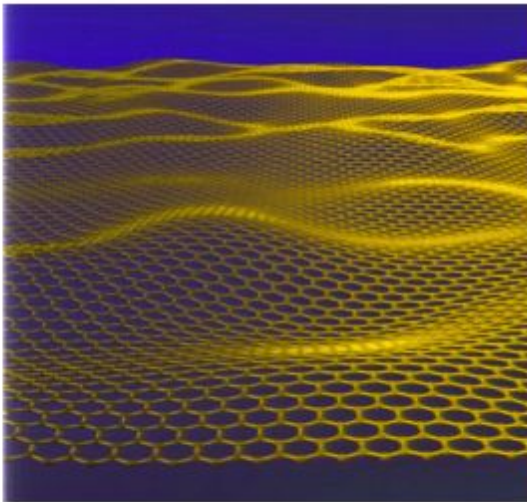
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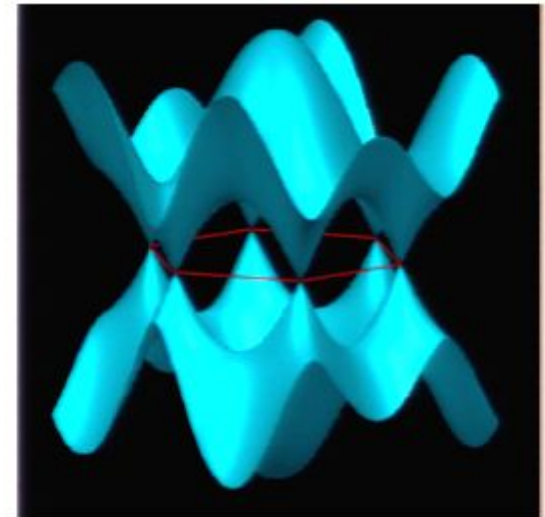
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$$E_{LL} = \hbar v \sqrt{\frac{2eB}{\hbar c}} \ll k_B T$$

$$\hbar \omega_c^{rel} \ll k_B T$$

$$\gamma, \tau^{-1} < \omega_c^{rel}$$

$$\rho \leq \rho_{th} = \frac{(k_B T)^2}{(\hbar v)^2}$$

$$T \approx 300 \text{ K}$$

$$B \approx 0.1 \text{ T}$$

$$\rho \approx 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\omega_c \approx 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

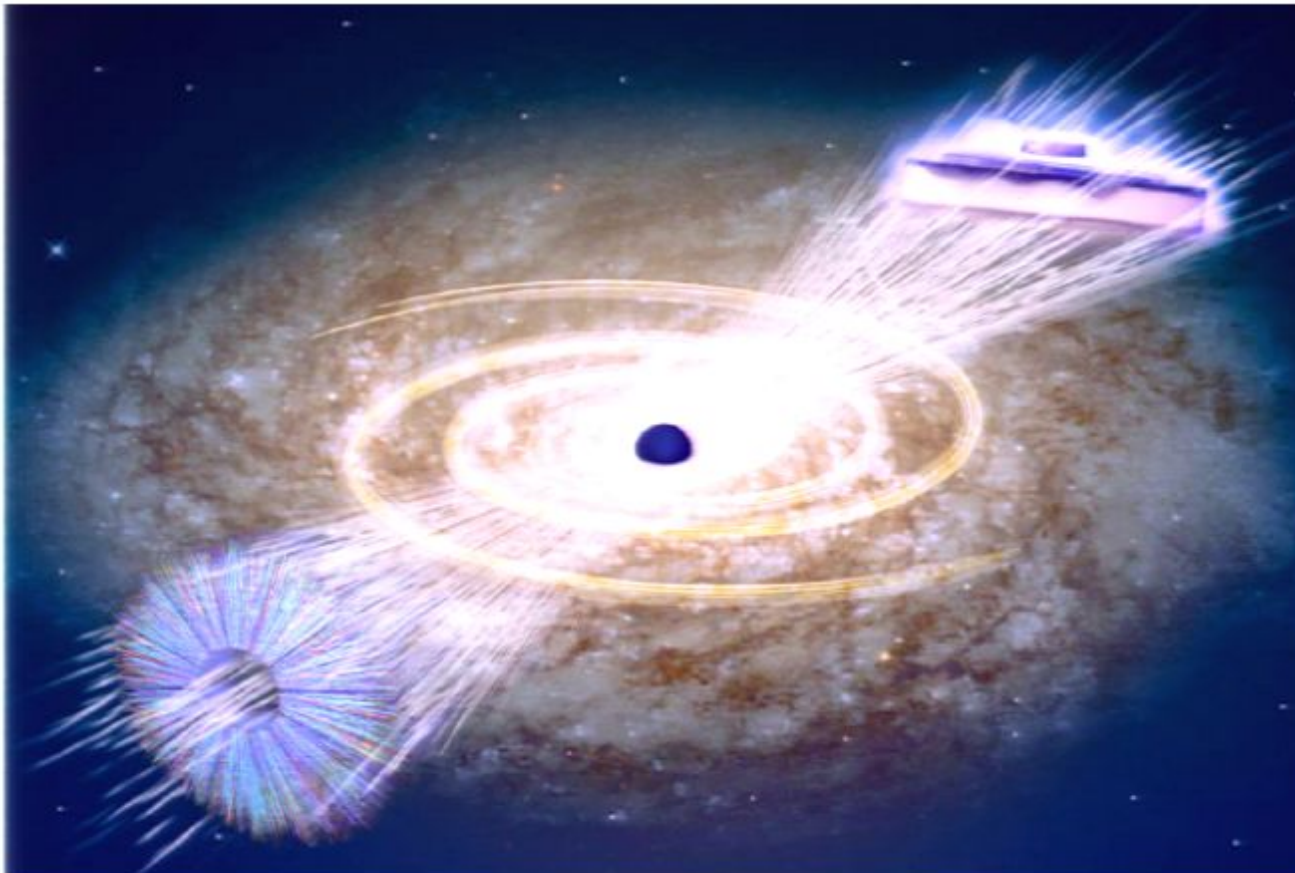
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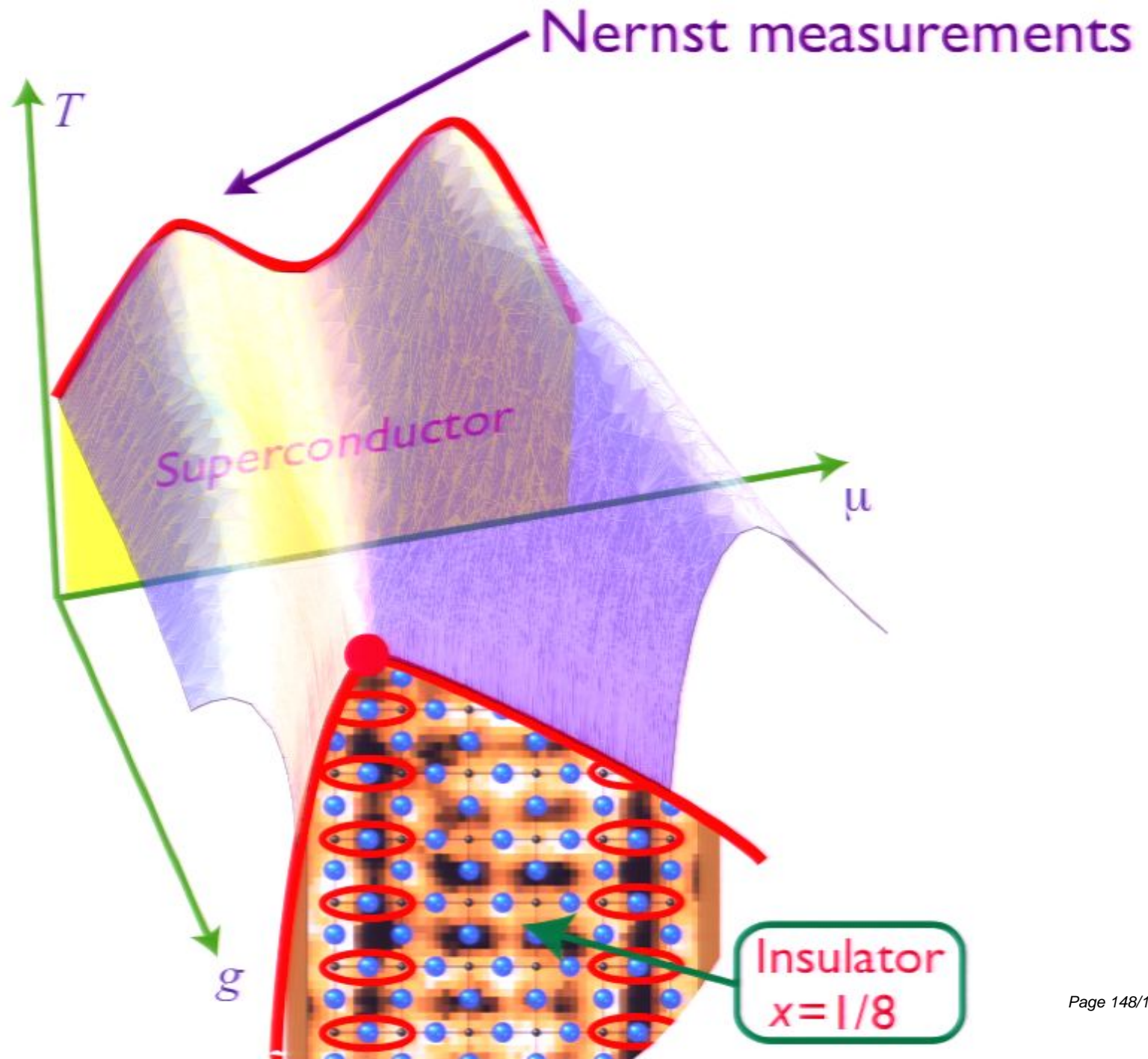
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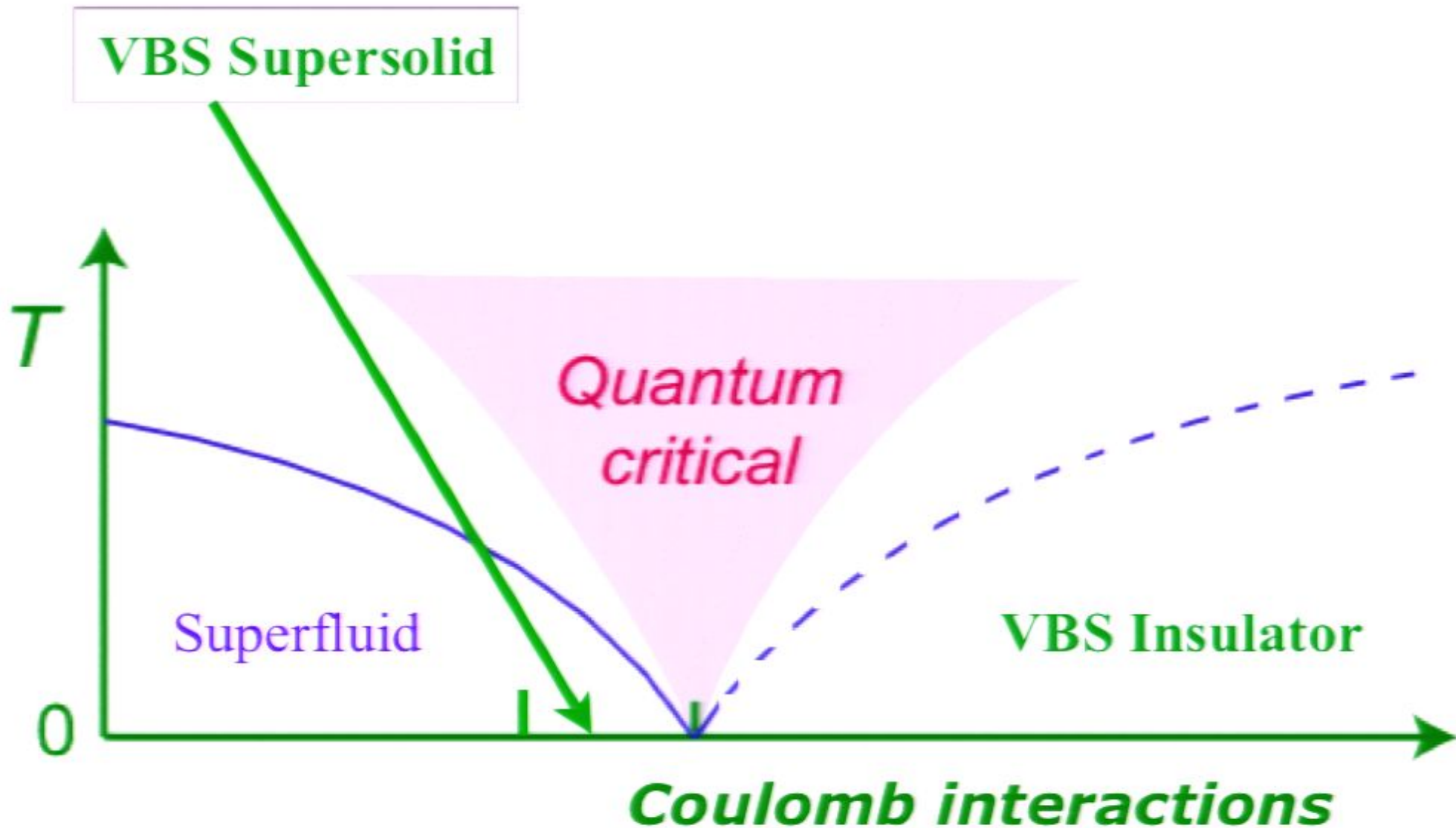
In addition to describing gravitational phenomena
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- Renormalization group flow
- Hydrodynamics
- Quantum criticality
- Superconductivity of paired particles

S. Hartnoll, C. Herzog, G. Horowitz, arXiv:0803.3295



Non-zero temperature phase diagram



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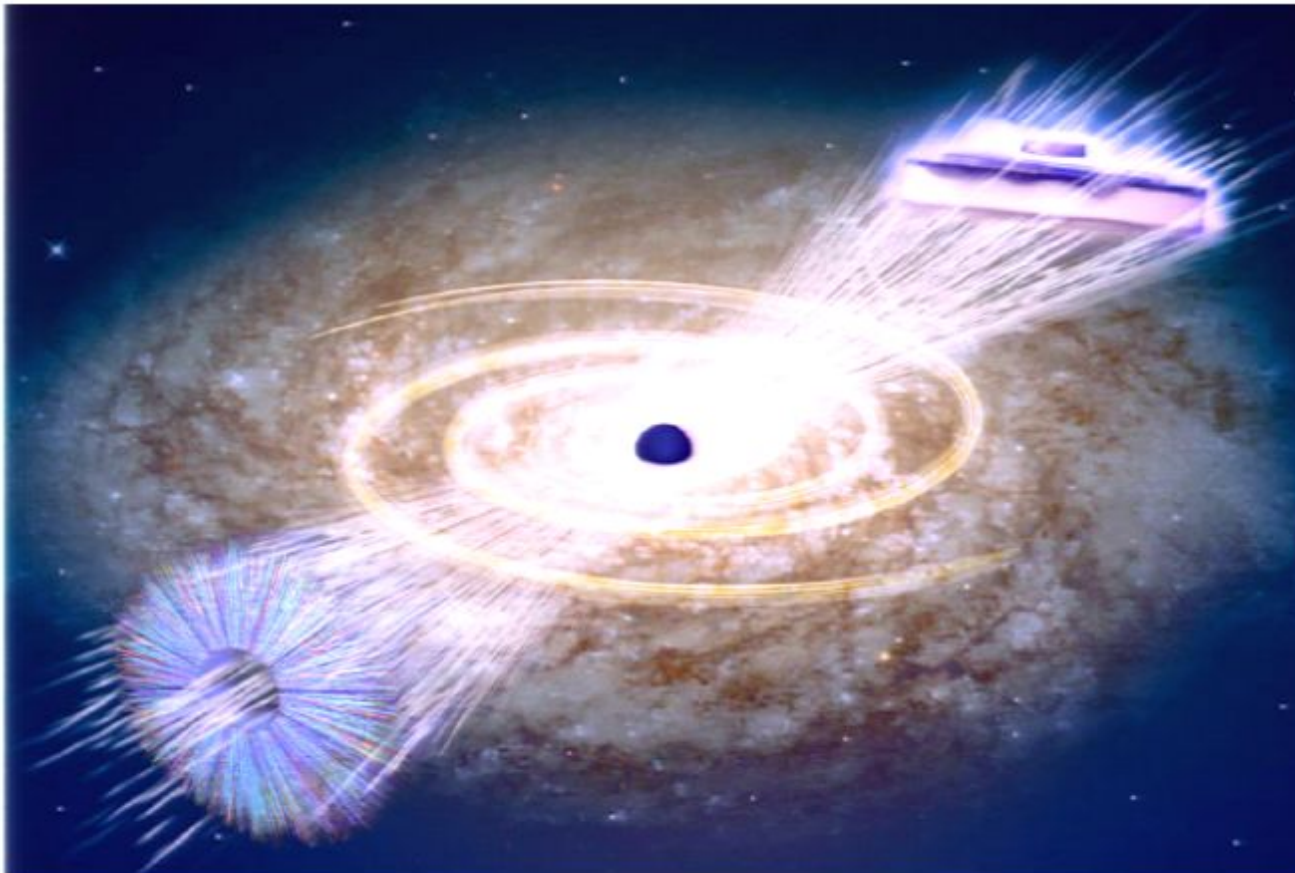
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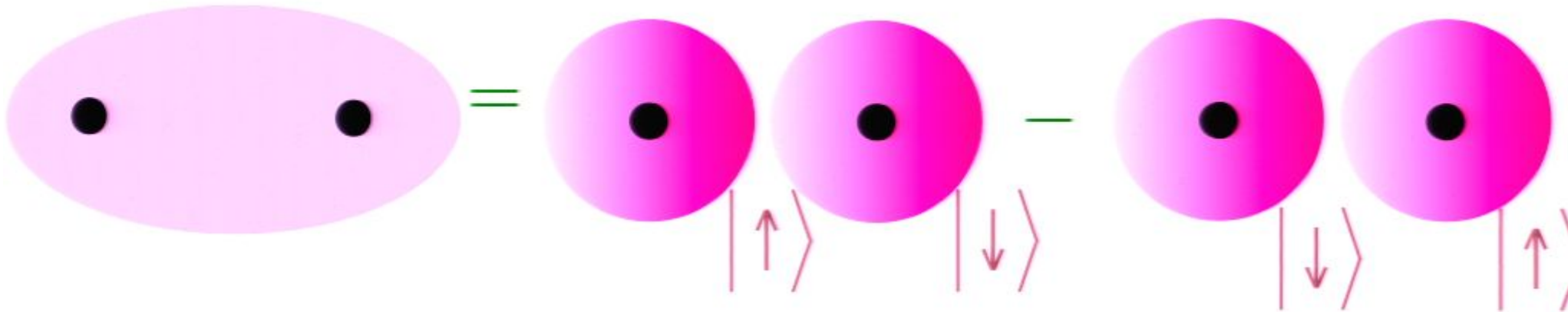


Quantum Entanglement

Hydrogen atom:



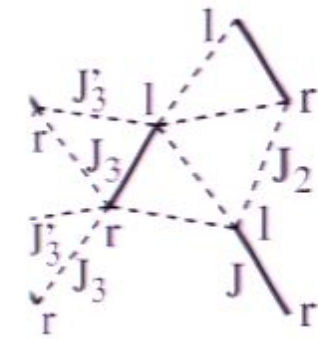
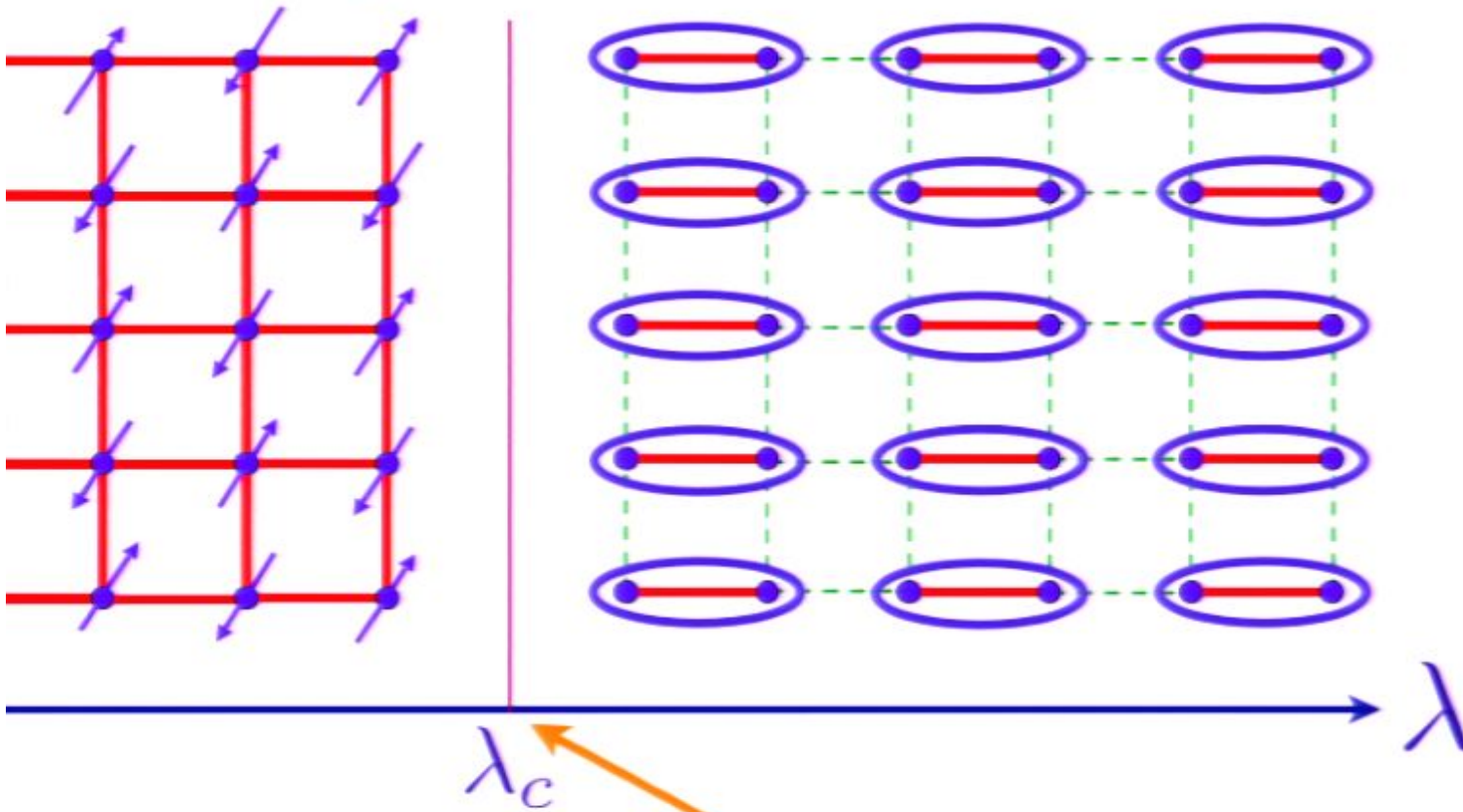
Hydrogen molecule:



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

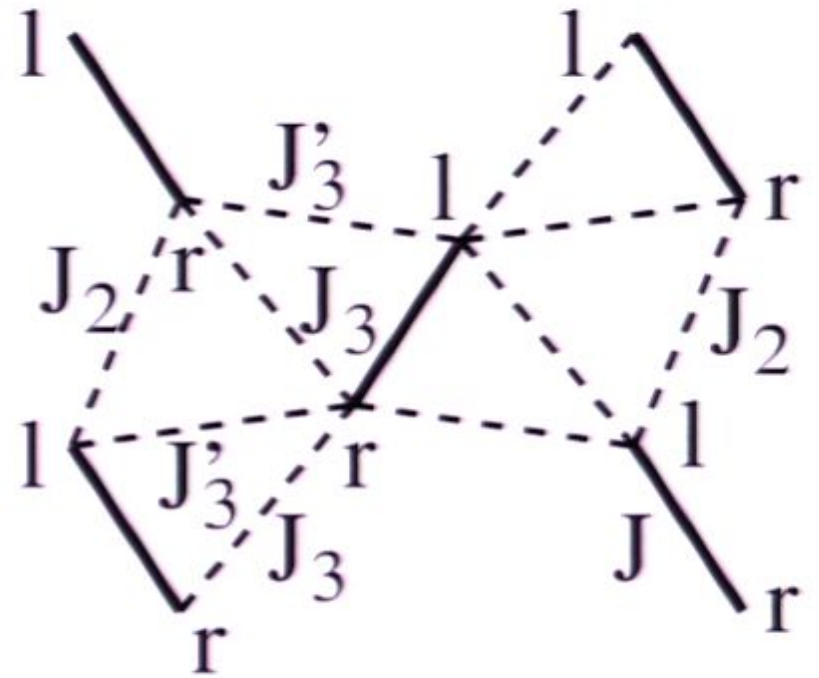
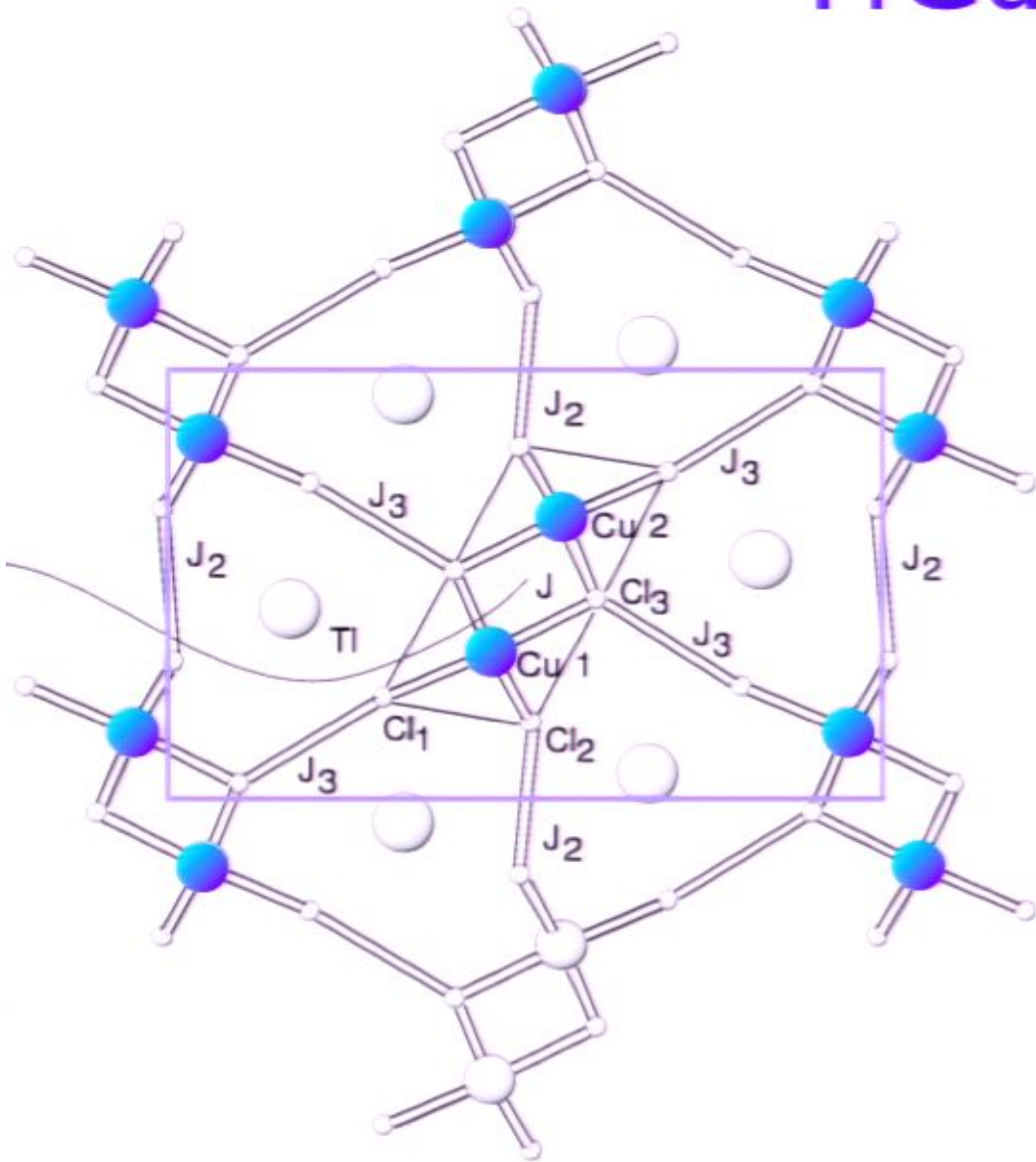
Superposition of two electron states leads to non-local correlations between spins

diagram as a function of the ratio of exchange interactions, λ

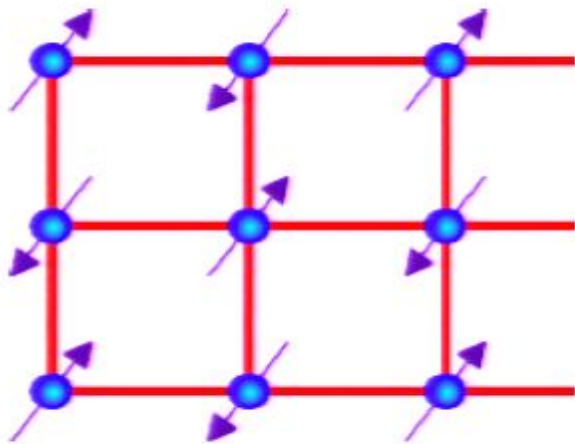


Quantum critical point with non-local entanglement in spin wavefunction

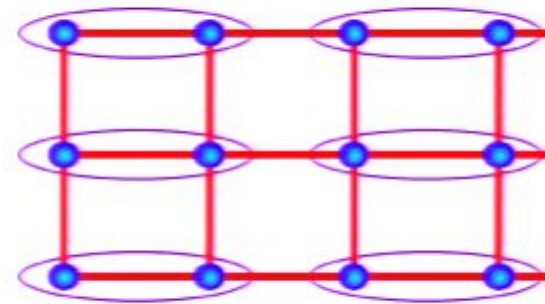
TiCuCl₃



Quantum phase transition with full square lattice symmetry



Neel order



Valence Bond Solid (VBS) order

K/J

$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + K \sum_{\square} \text{four spin exchange}$$

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