

A theory of the underdoped cuprates



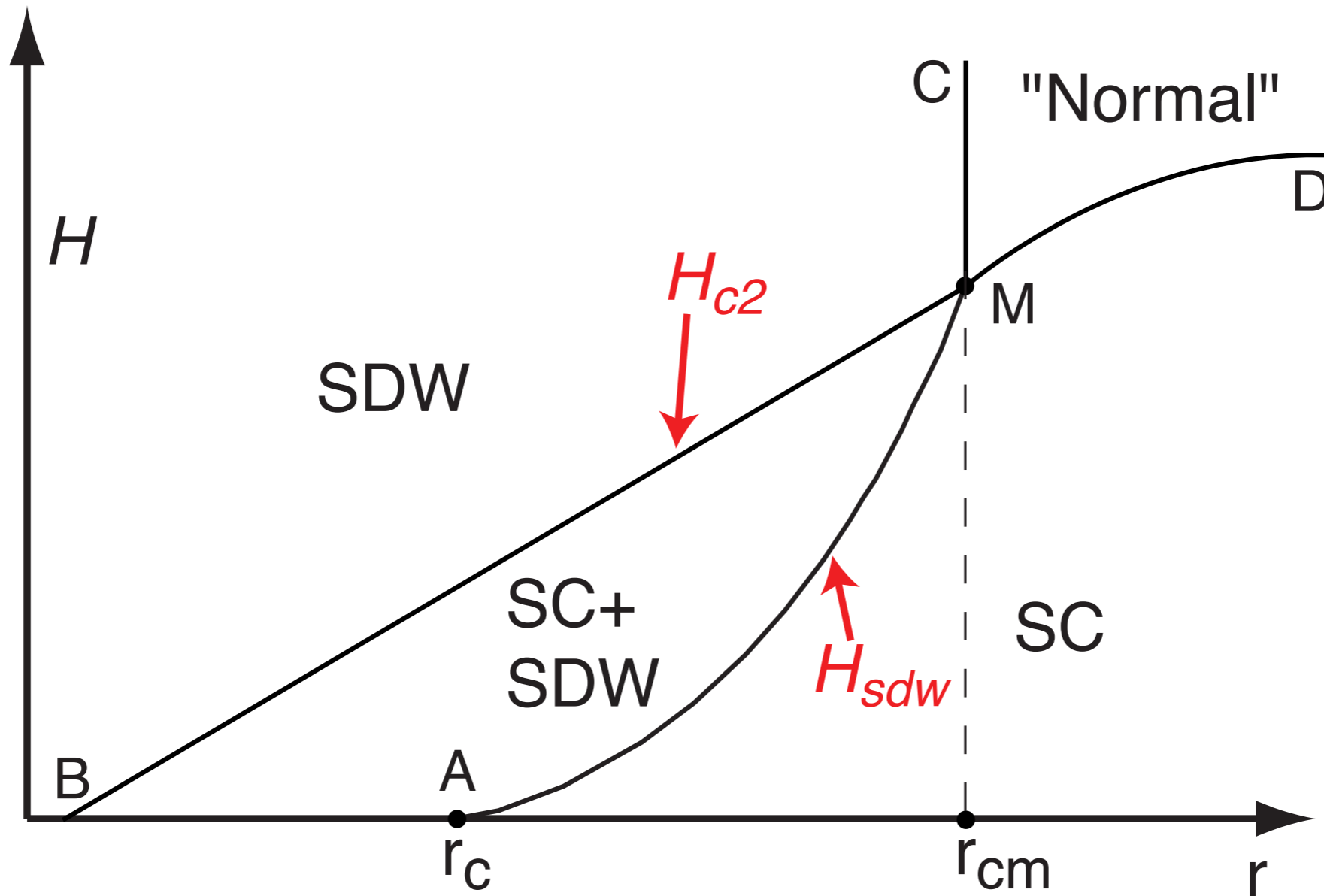
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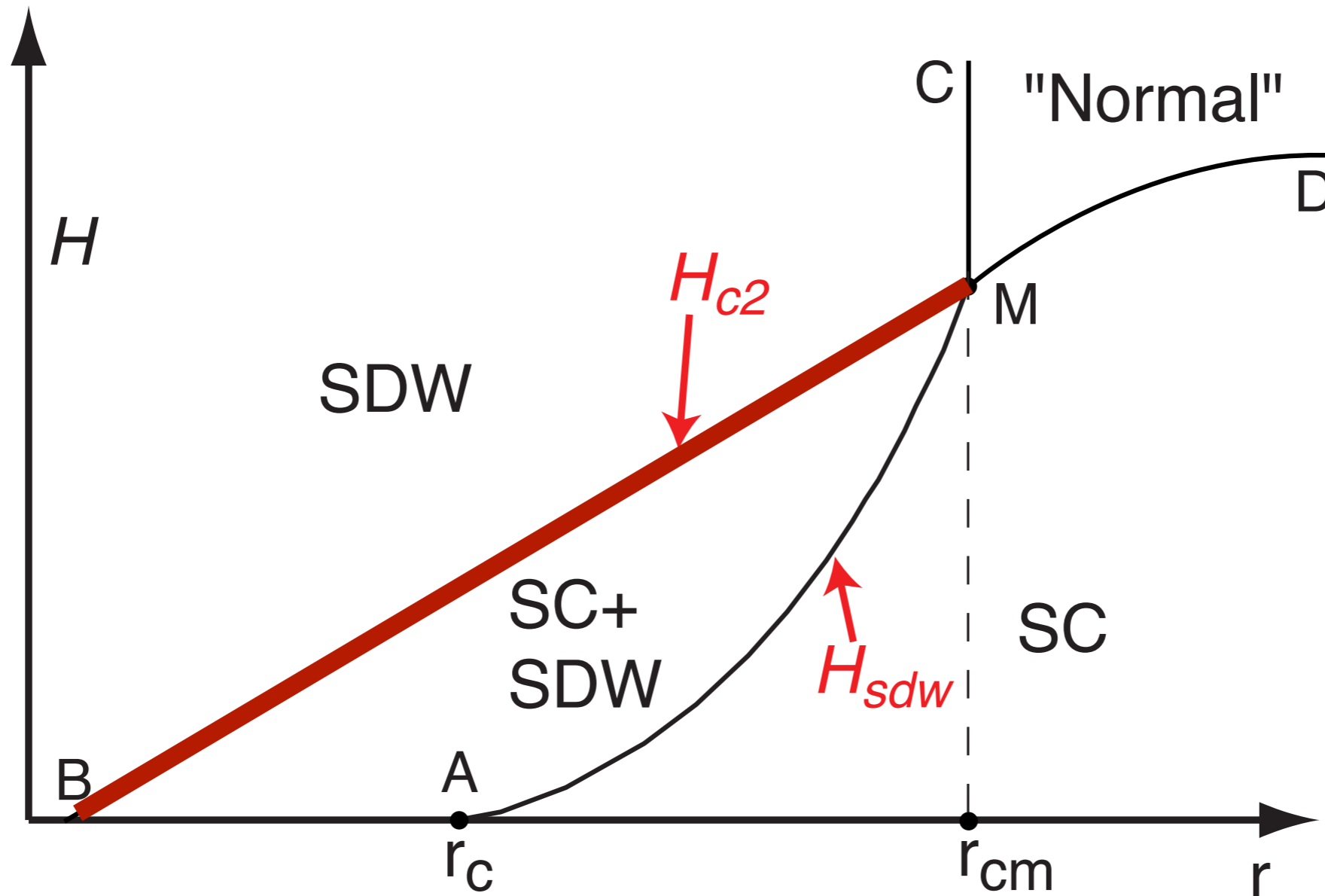
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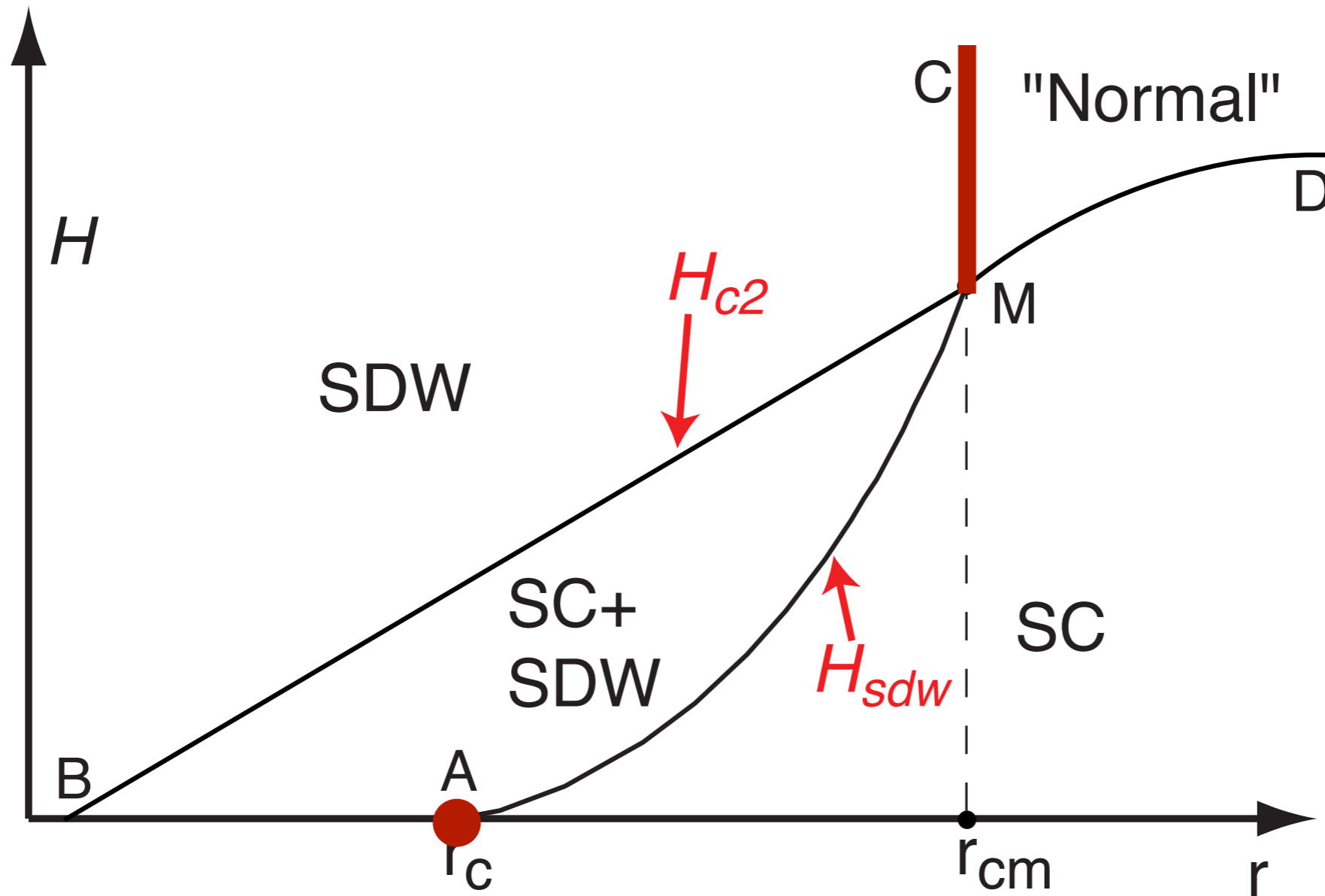
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- Upper-critical field, H_{c2} , decreases as SDW is enhanced with decreasing doping (r)

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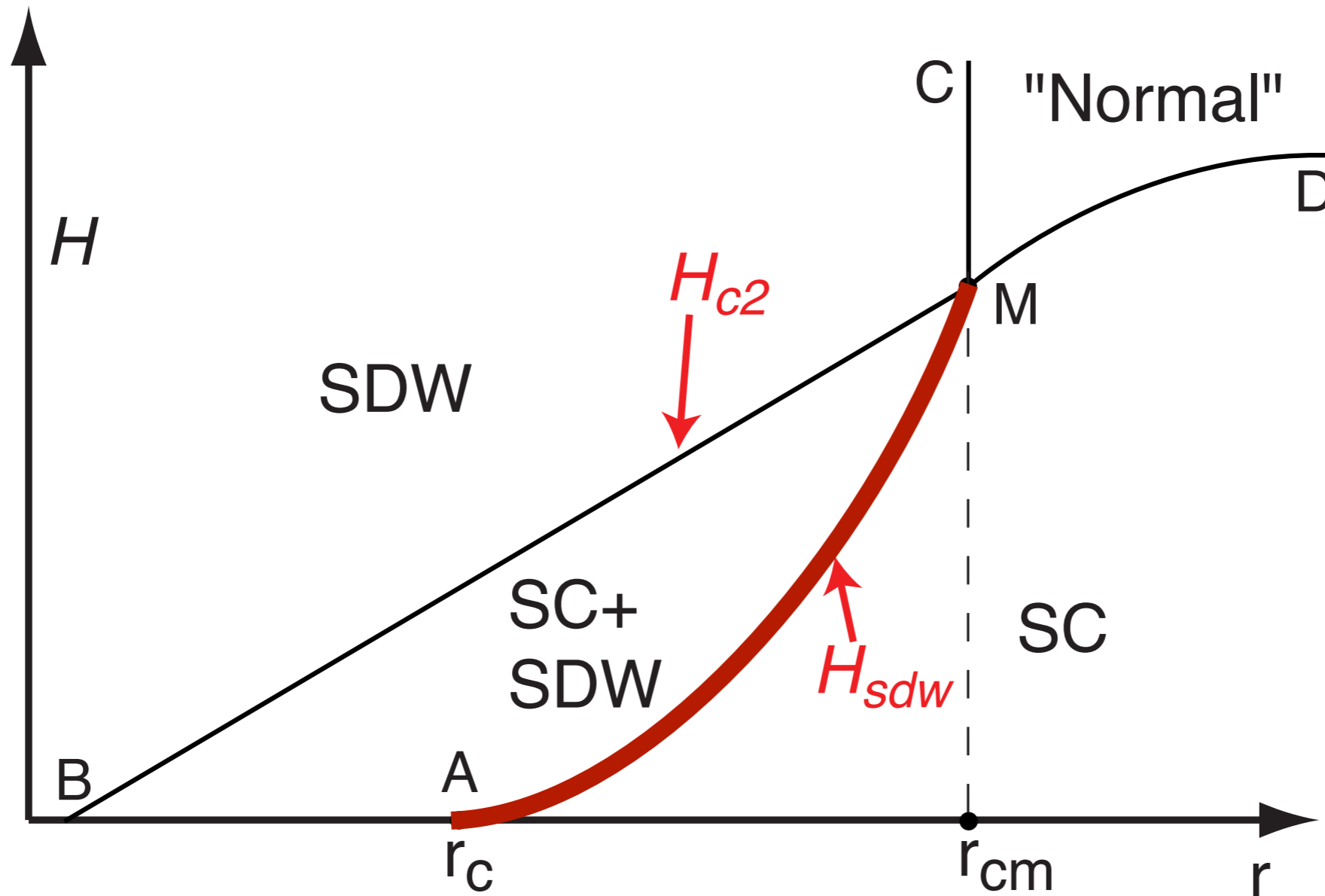
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- SDW order is more stable in the metal than in the superconductor: $r_{cm} > r_c$.

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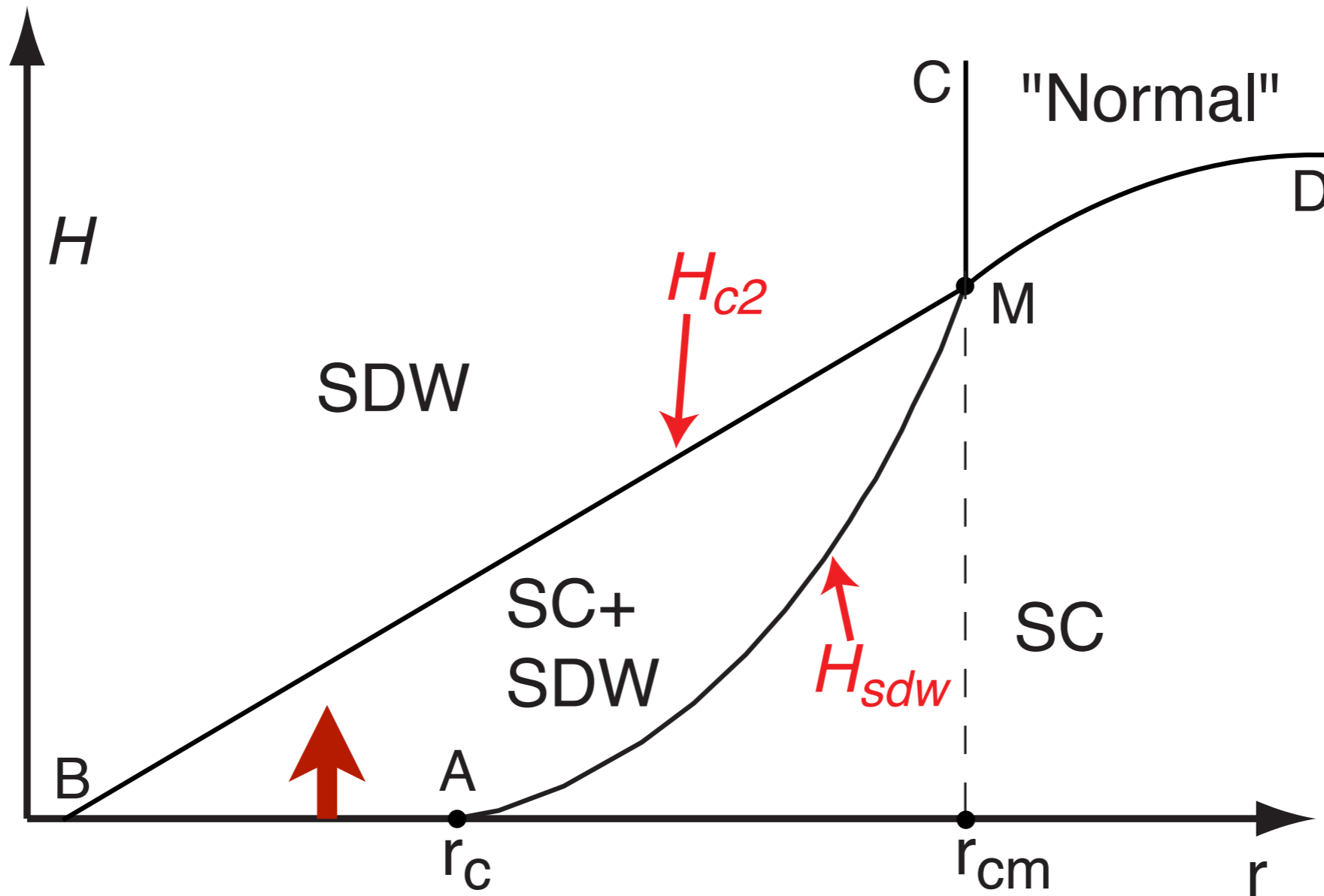
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- For doping with $r_c < r < r_{cm}$, SDW order appears at a quantum phase transition at $H = H_{sdw} > 0$.

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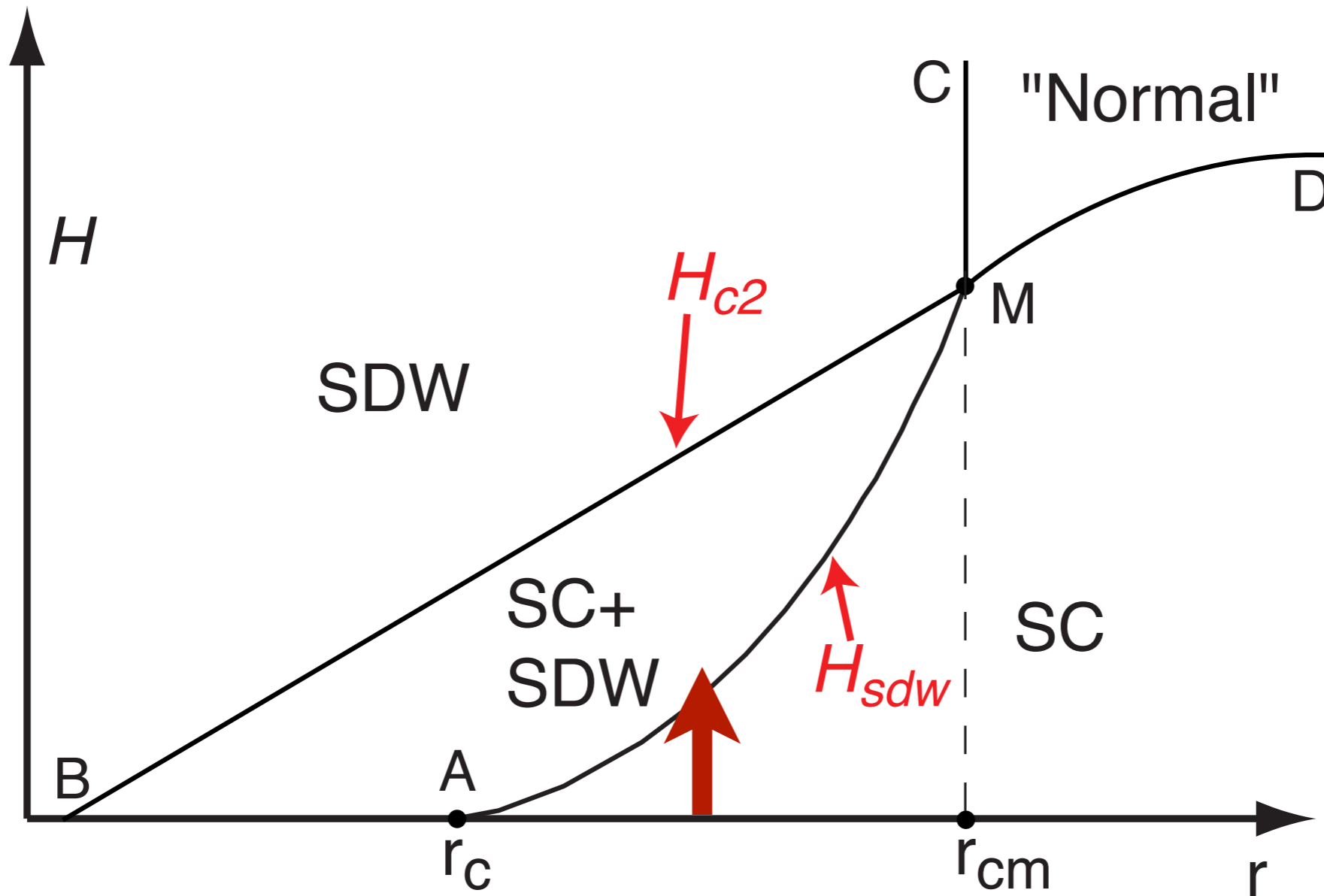


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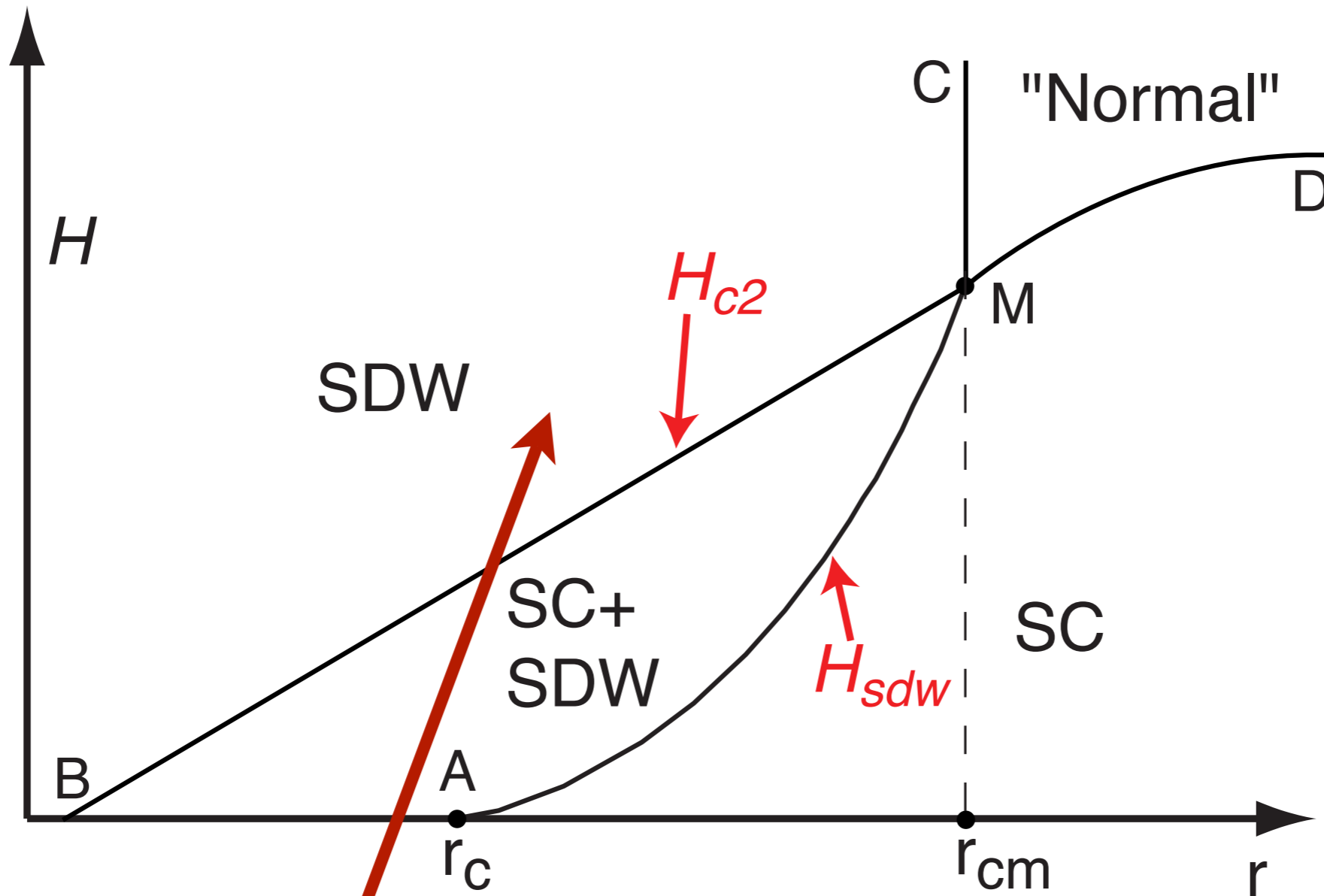
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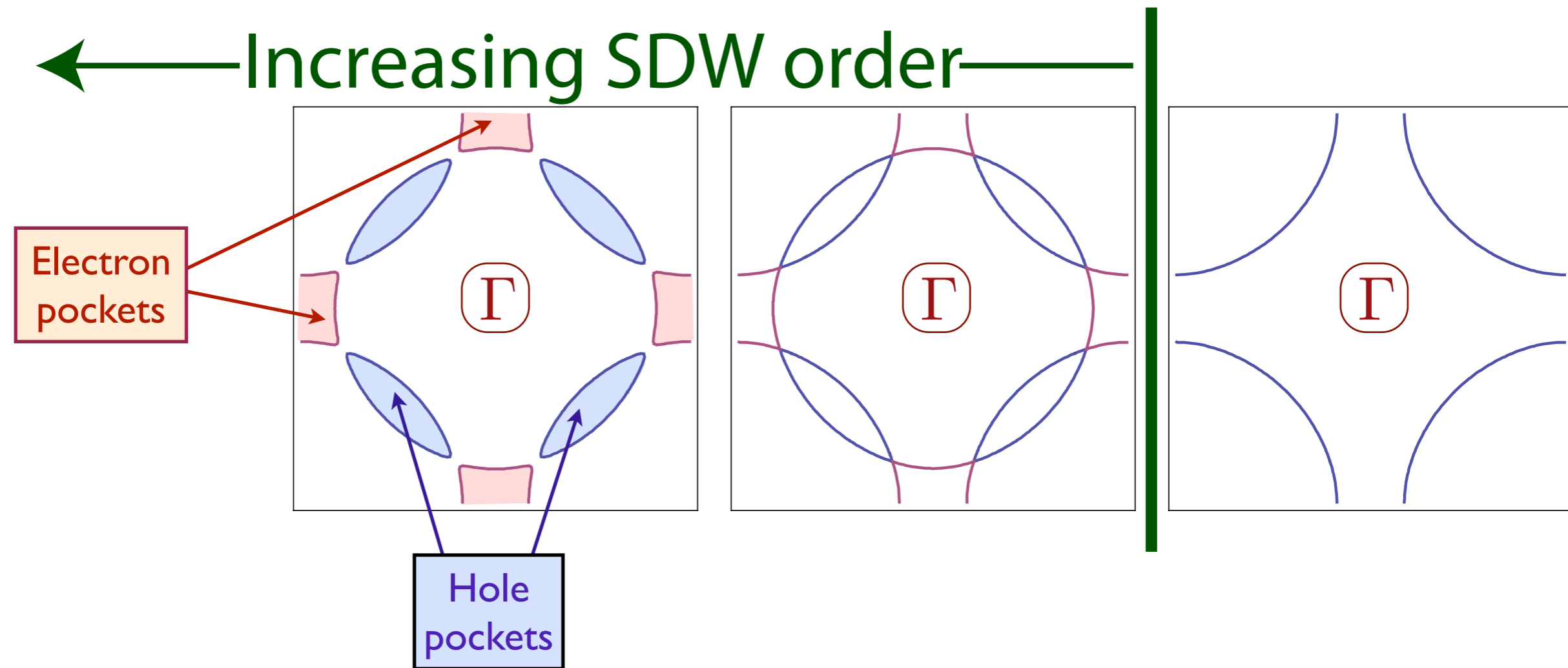
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Quantum oscillations without Zeeman splitting

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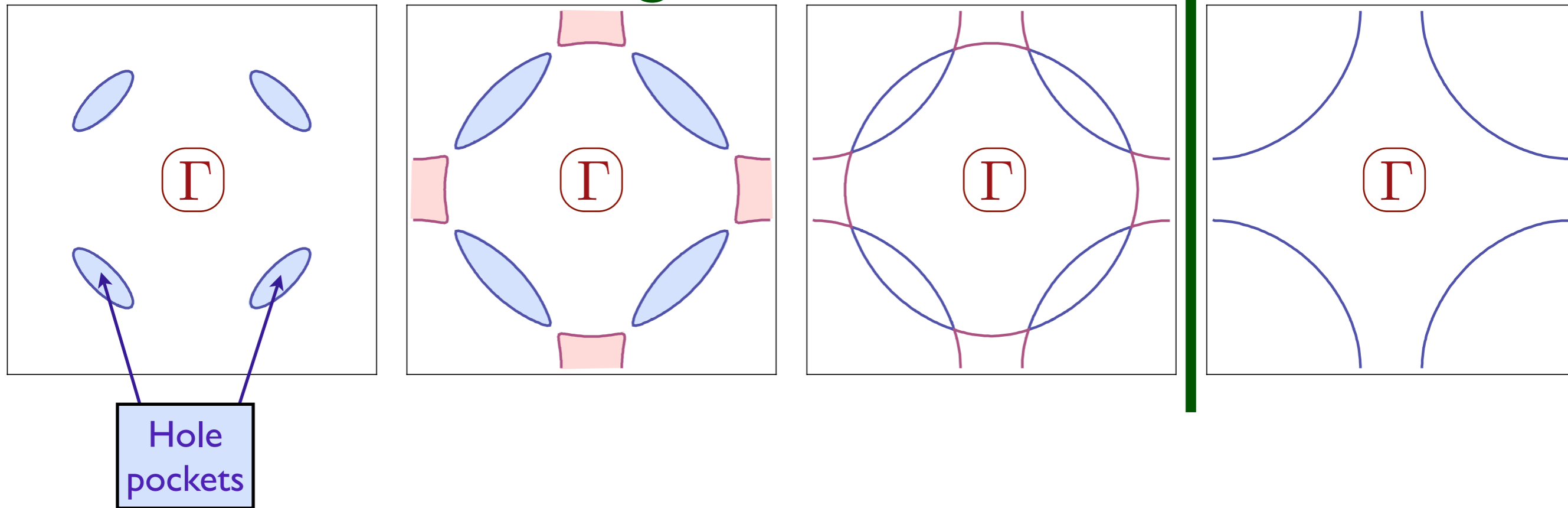
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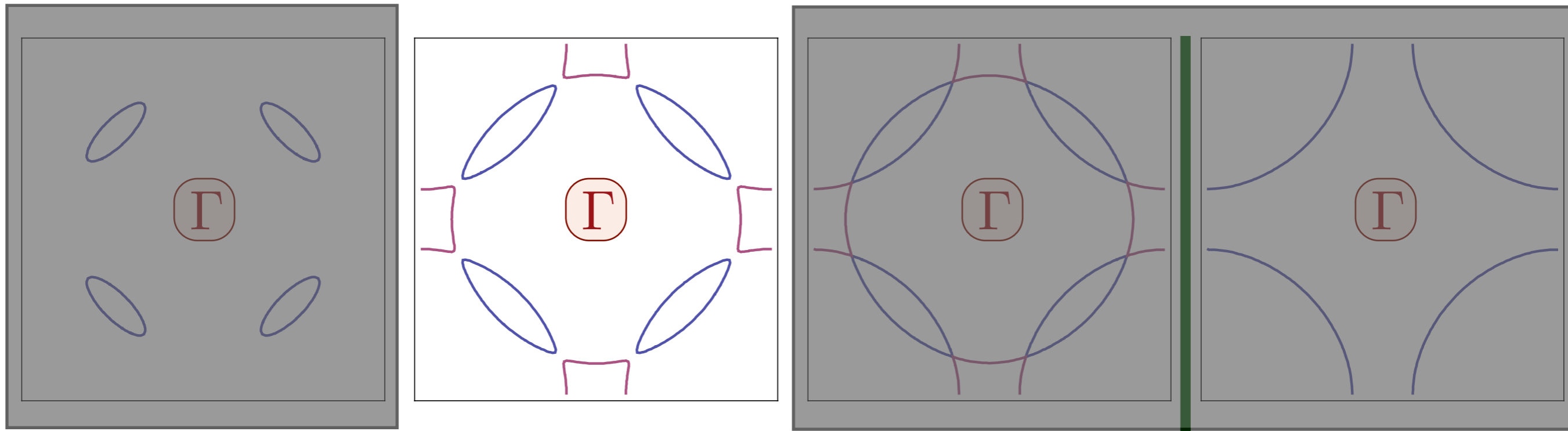
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← Increasing SDW order →



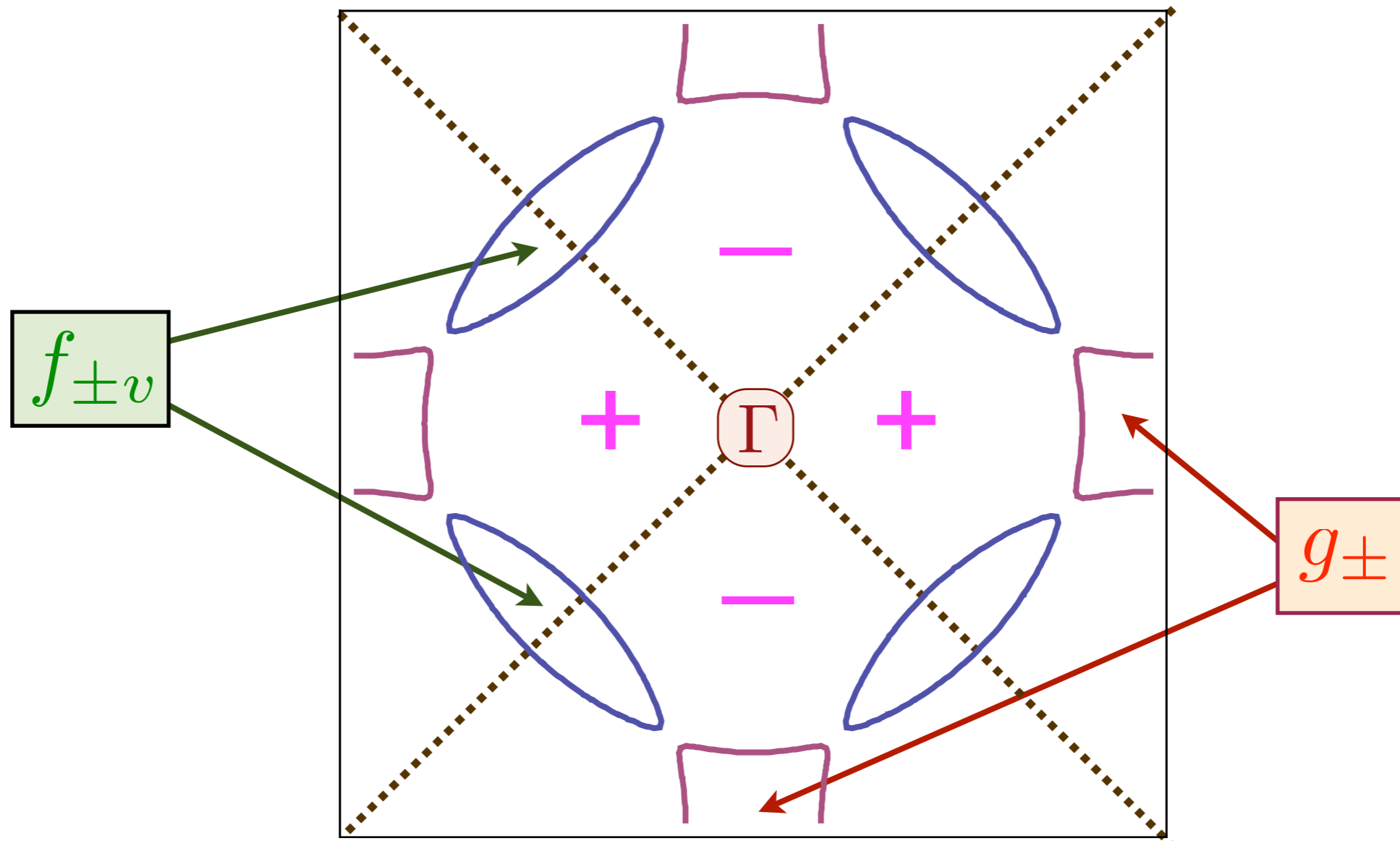
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Fermi pockets in hole-doped cuprates



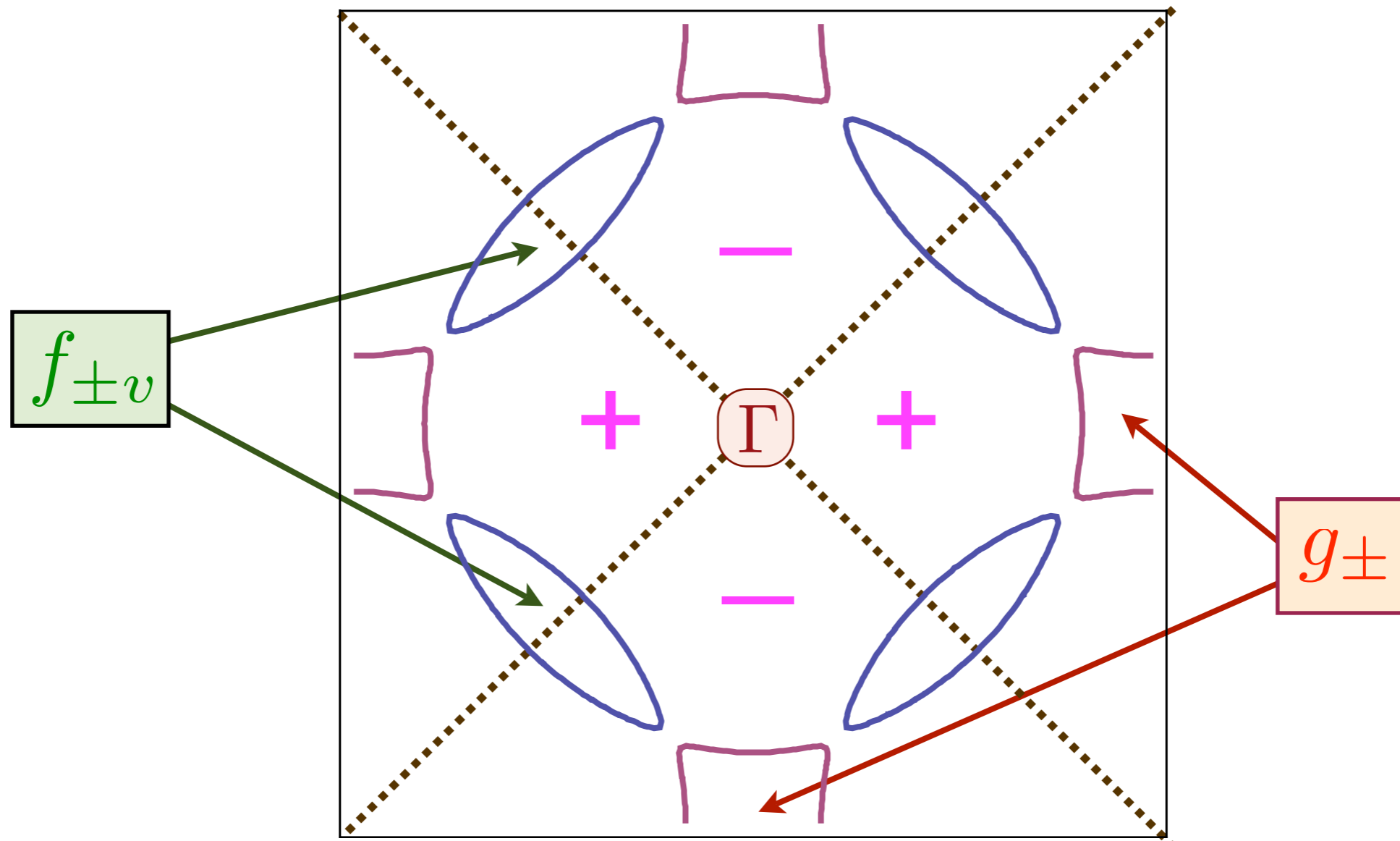
Begin with SDW ordered state, and focus on fluctuations in the *orientation* of the SDW order parameter $\vec{\varphi}$, by using a unit-length bosonic spinor z_α

$$\vec{\varphi} = z_\alpha^* \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} z_\beta$$



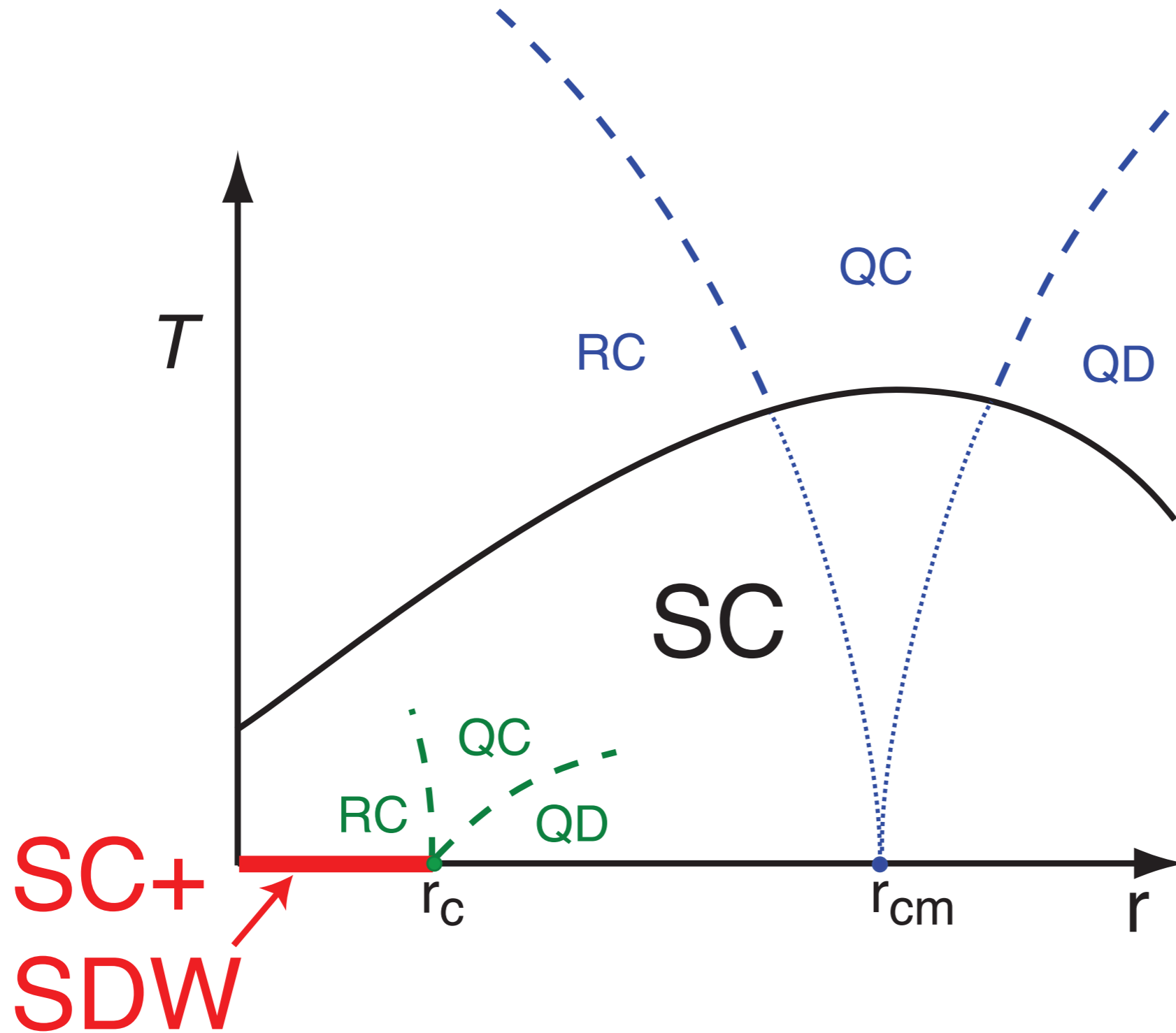
d -wave pairing of the electrons is associated with

- **Strong s -wave** pairing of g_{\pm}
- **Weak p -wave** pairing of $f_{\pm v}$.



Field-doping phase diagram has all the key features of the phenomenological theory of competing orders

Finite temperature “pseudogap”



- Because $r_{cm} > r_c$, for $T > T_c$ there is local SDW order which is disordered by thermal fluctuations.