Phase diagram and critical behavior of the square-lattice Ising model with competing nearest- and next-nearest-neighbor interactions

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