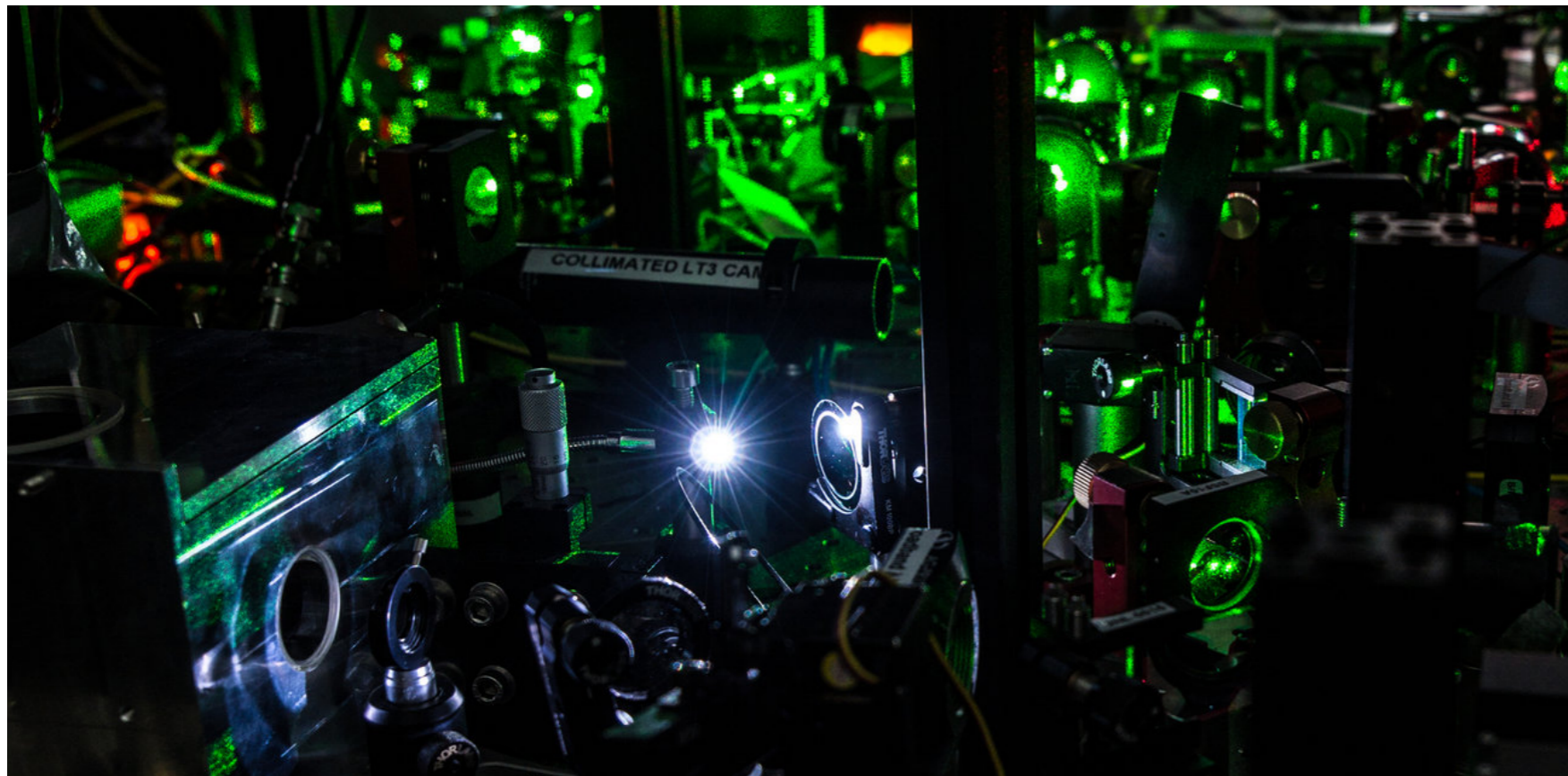


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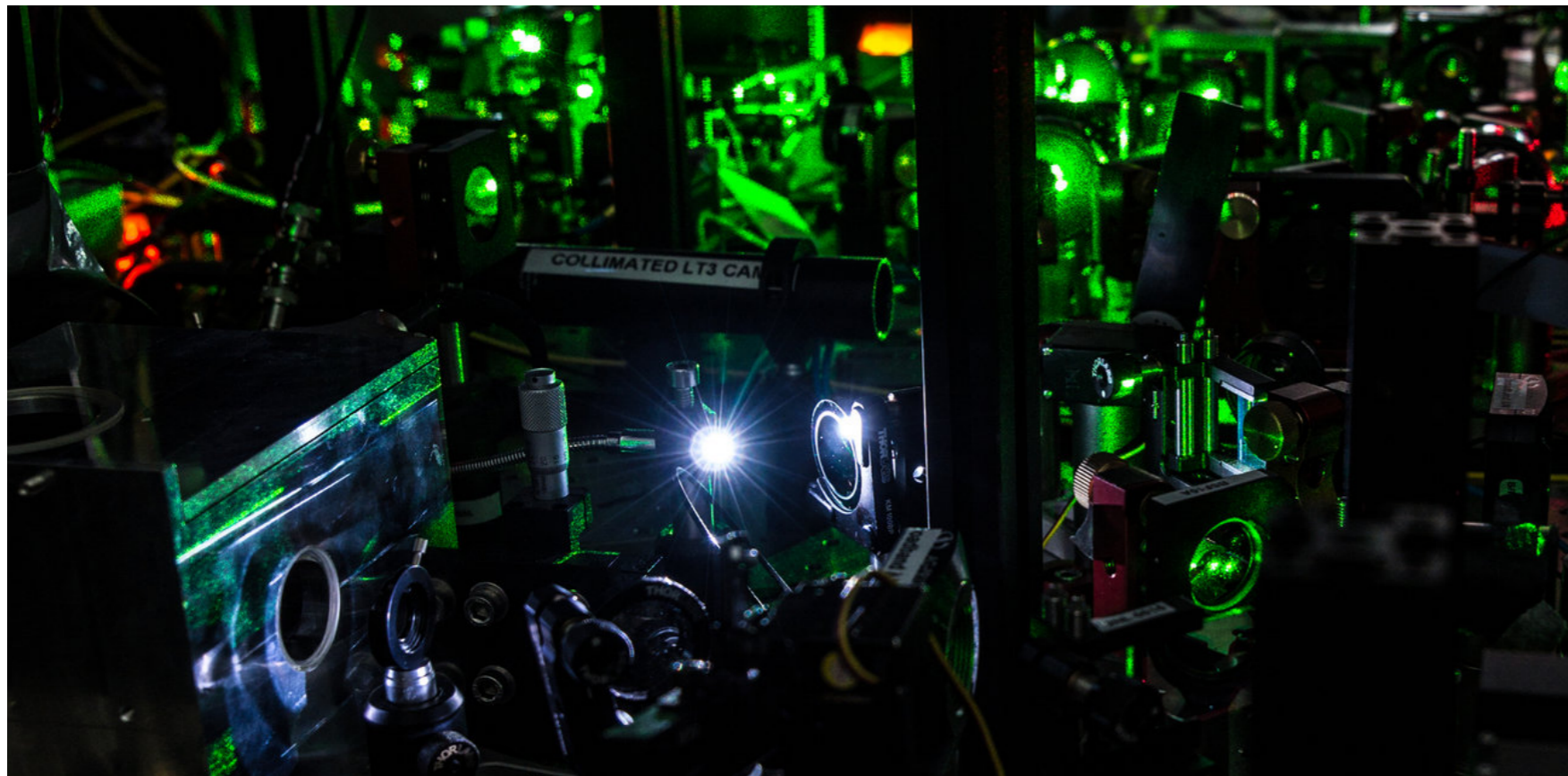
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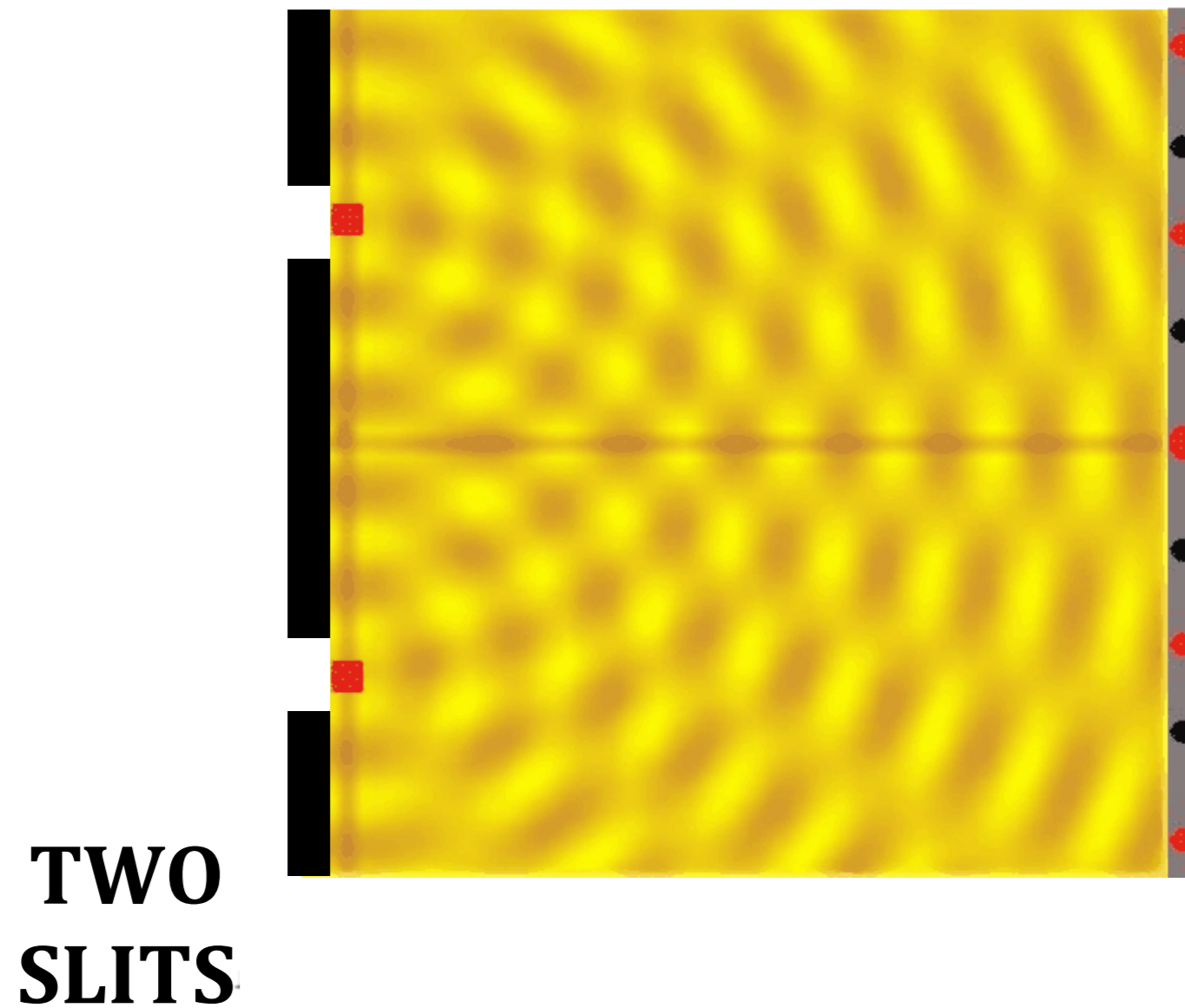
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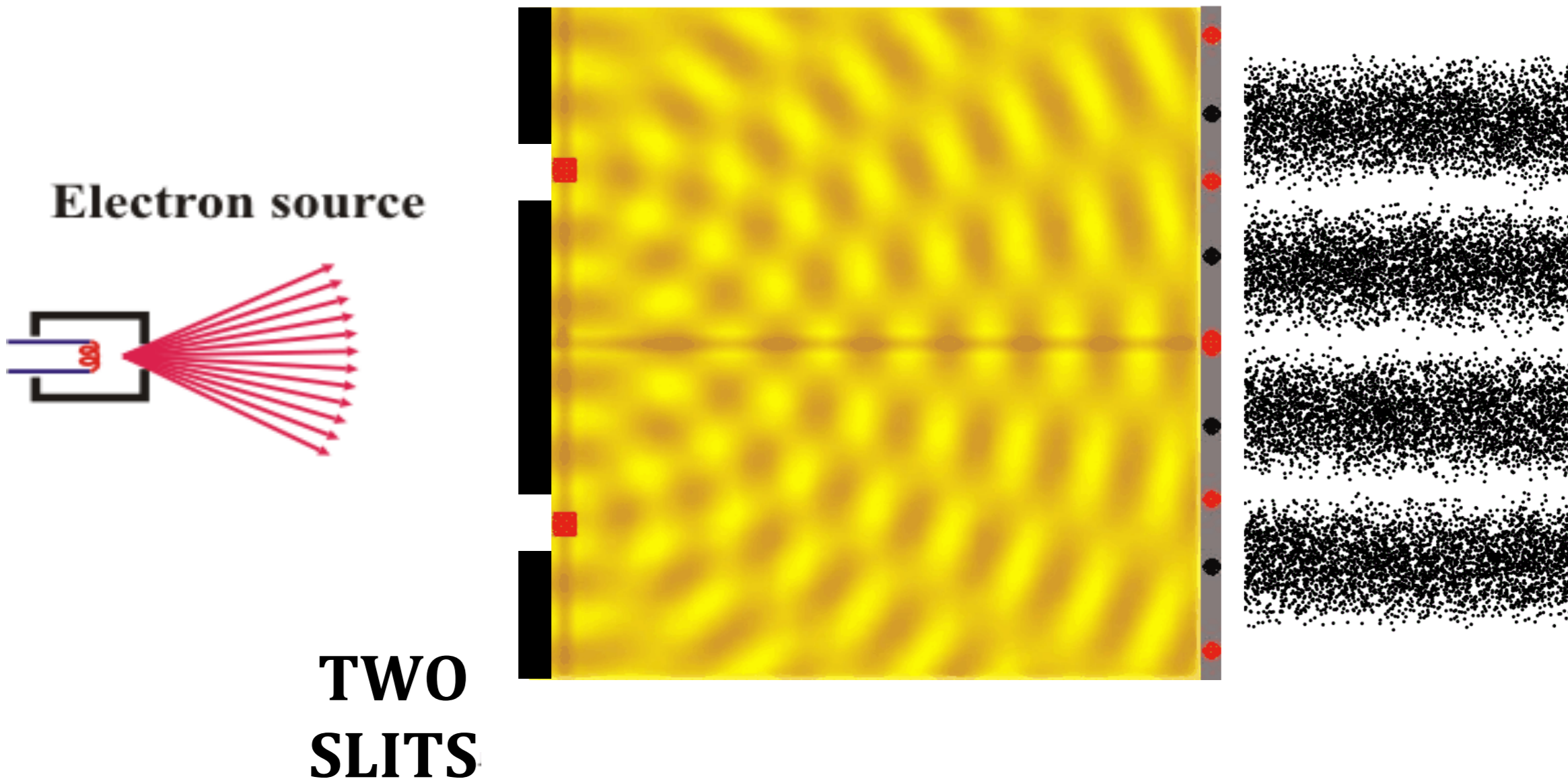
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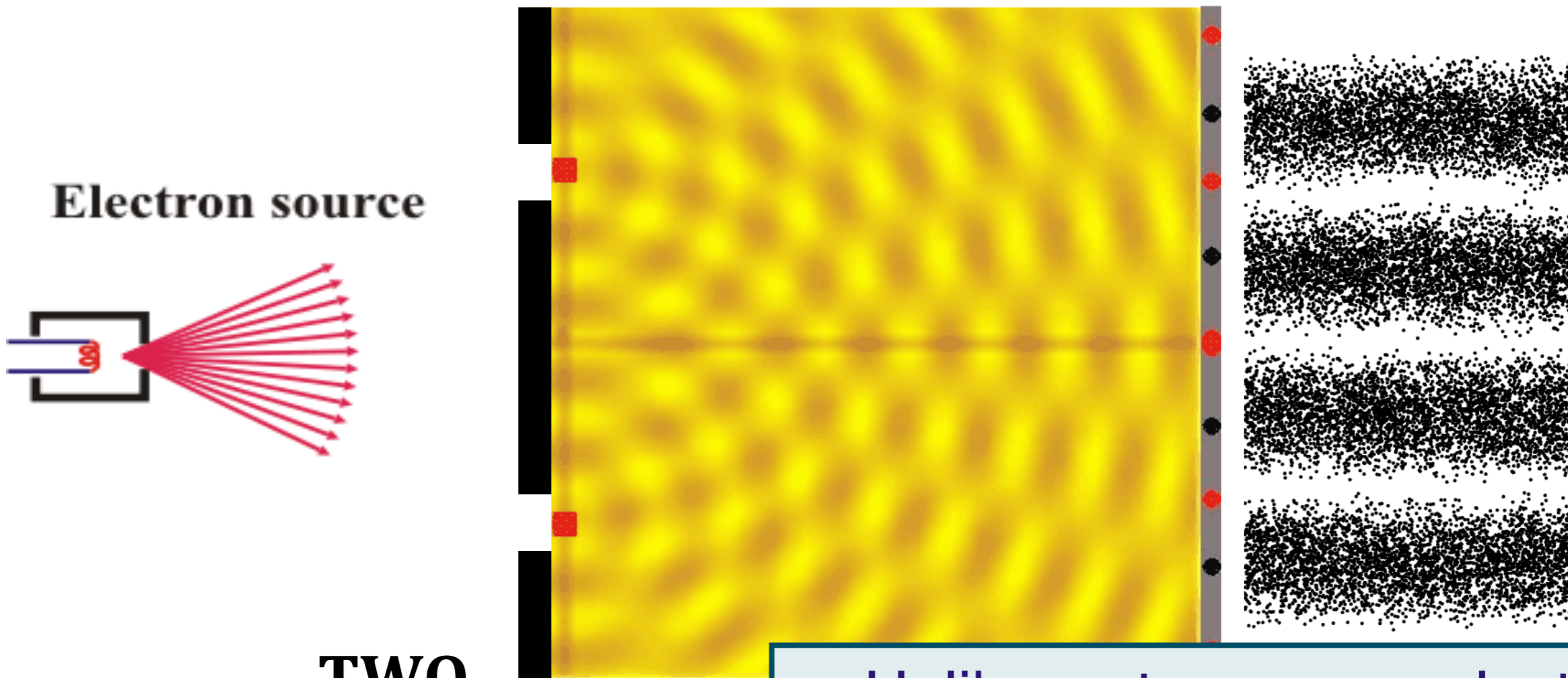
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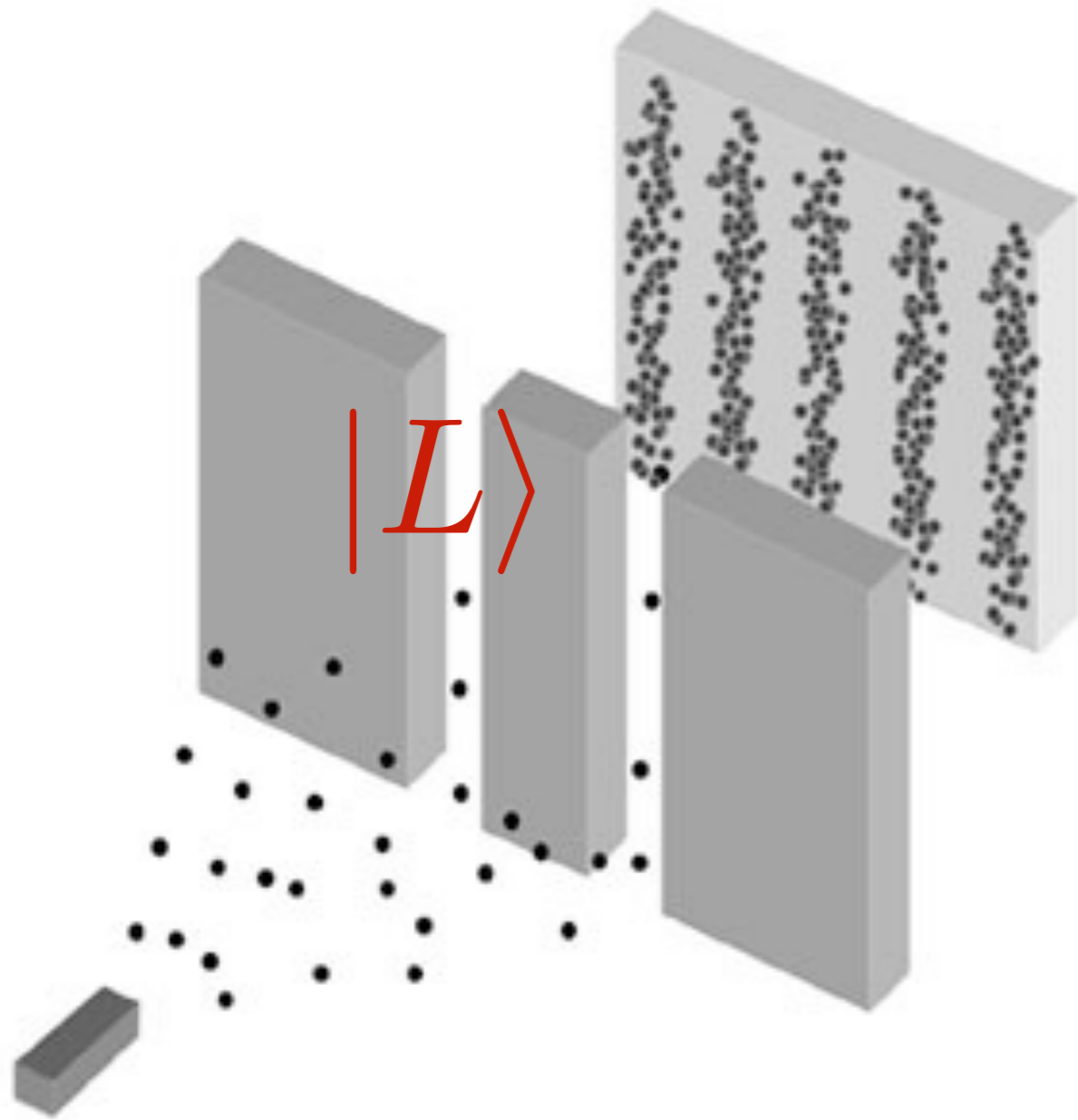


Unlike water waves, electrons arrive one-by-one (so is it like a particle ?)

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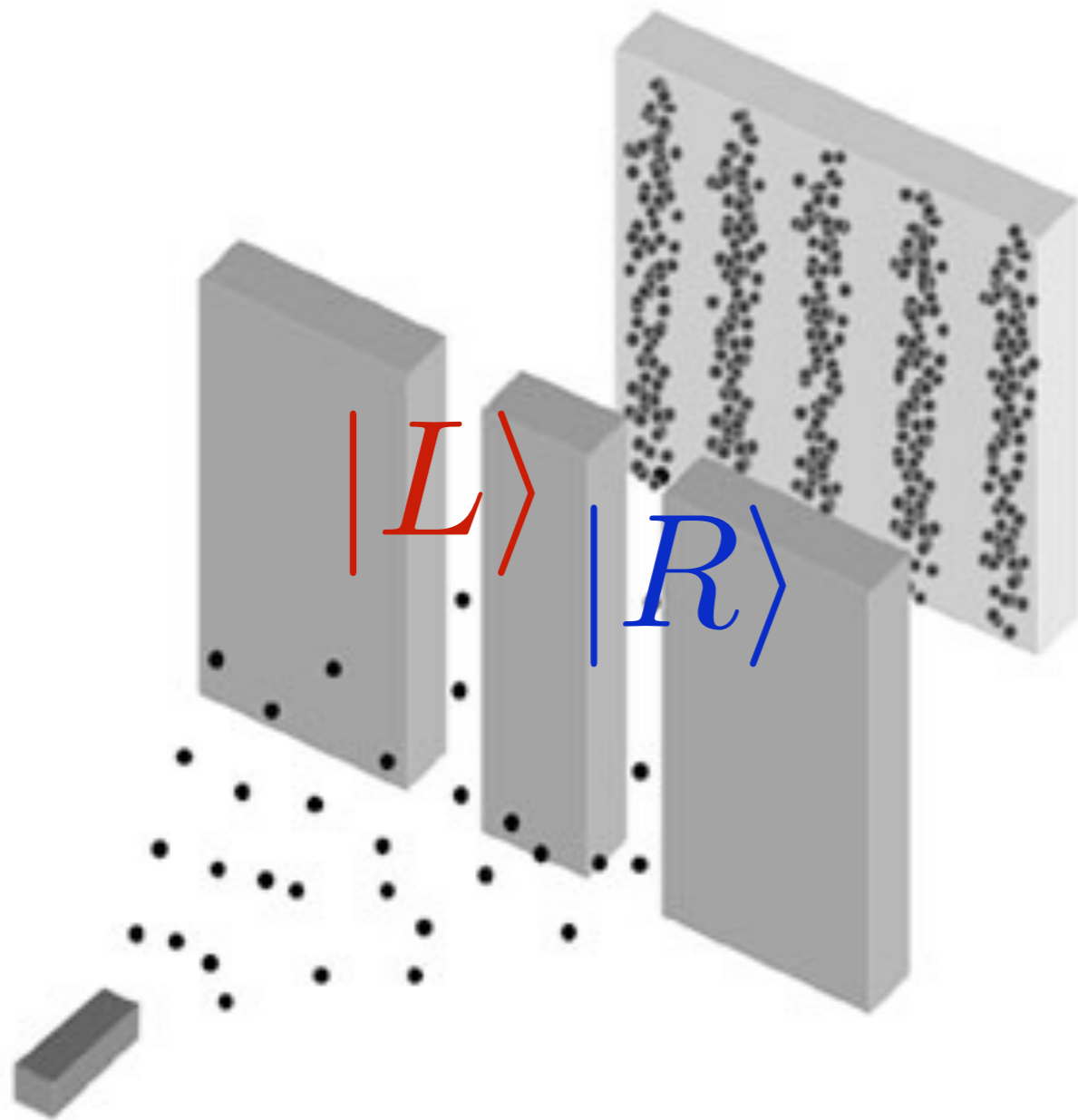
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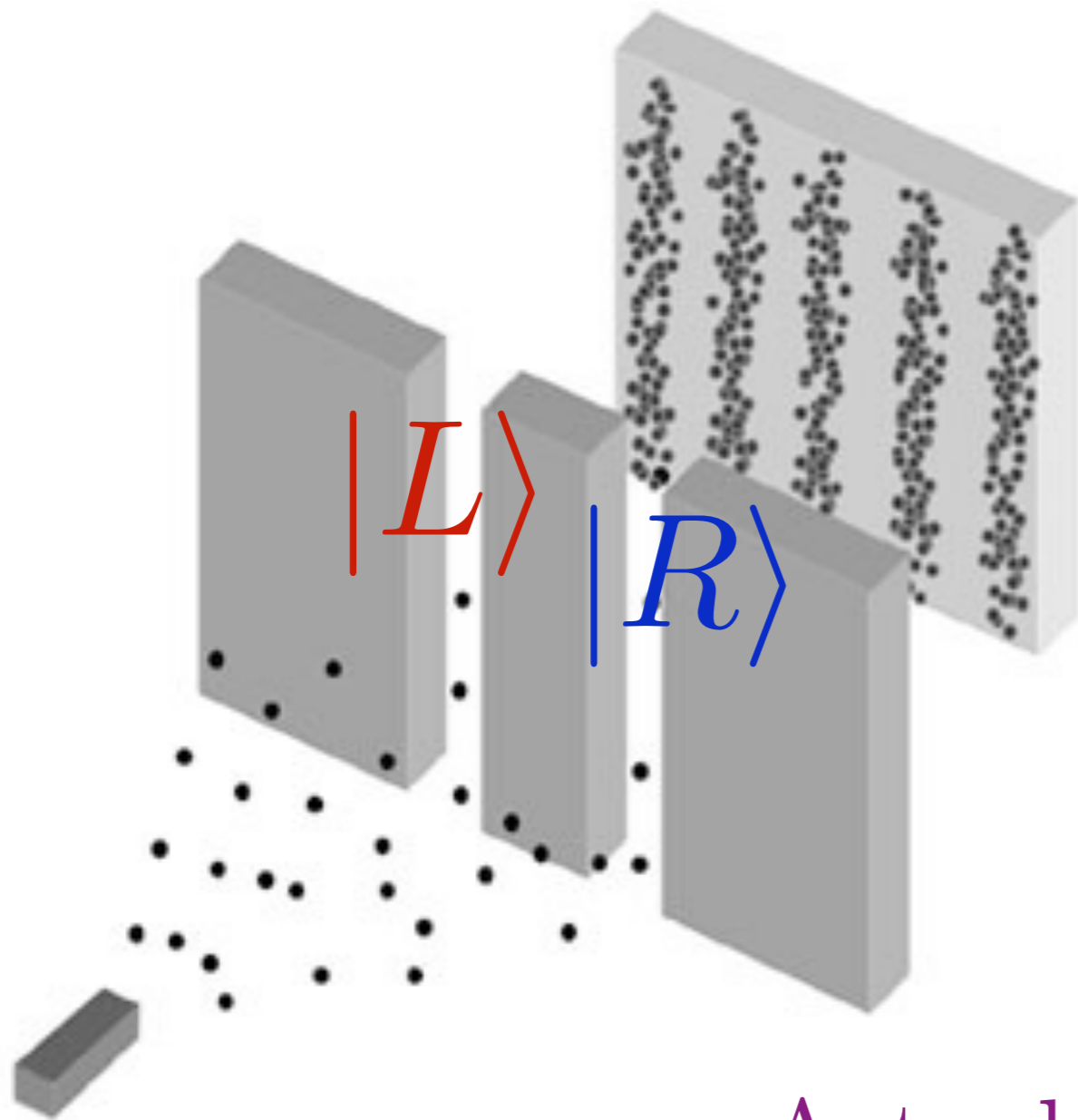
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Actual state of *each* electron is

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

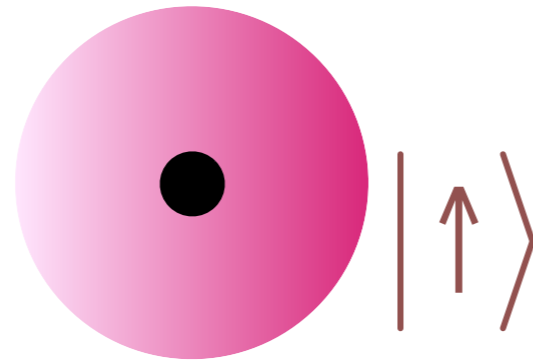
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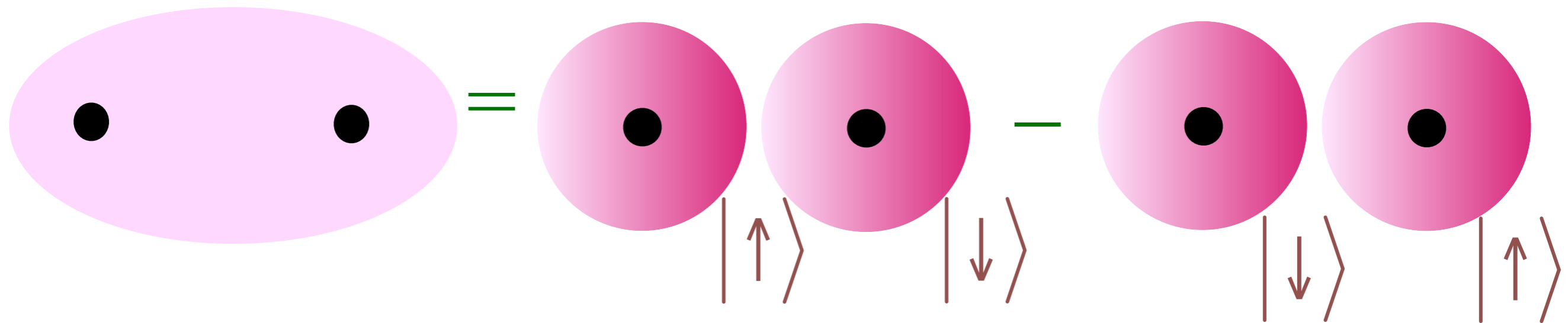


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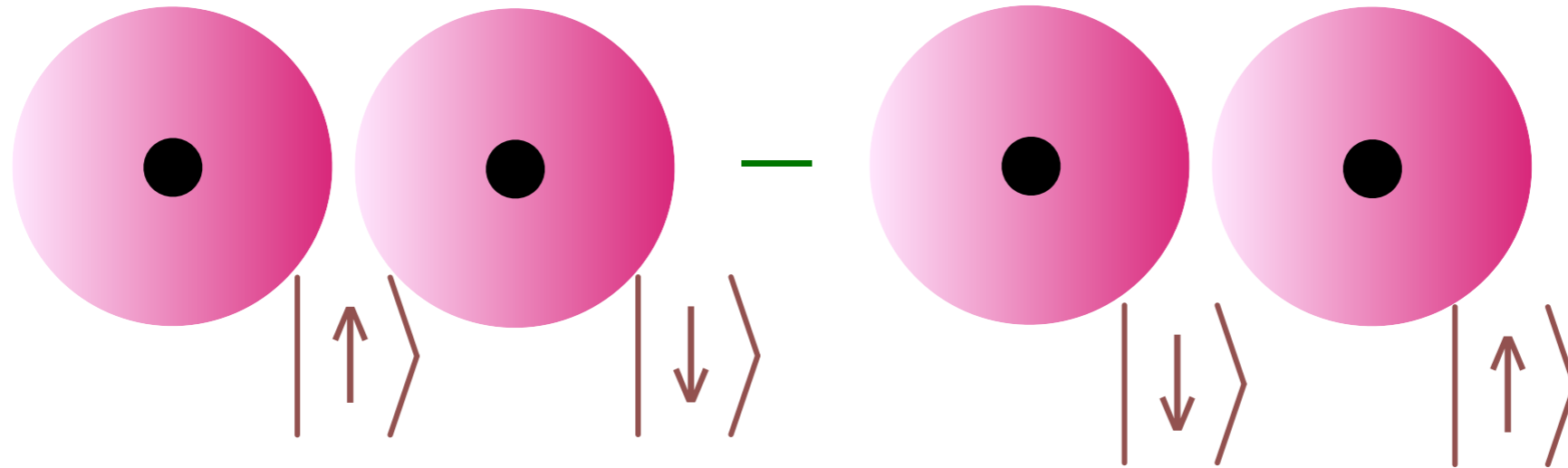
Hydrogen molecule:



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

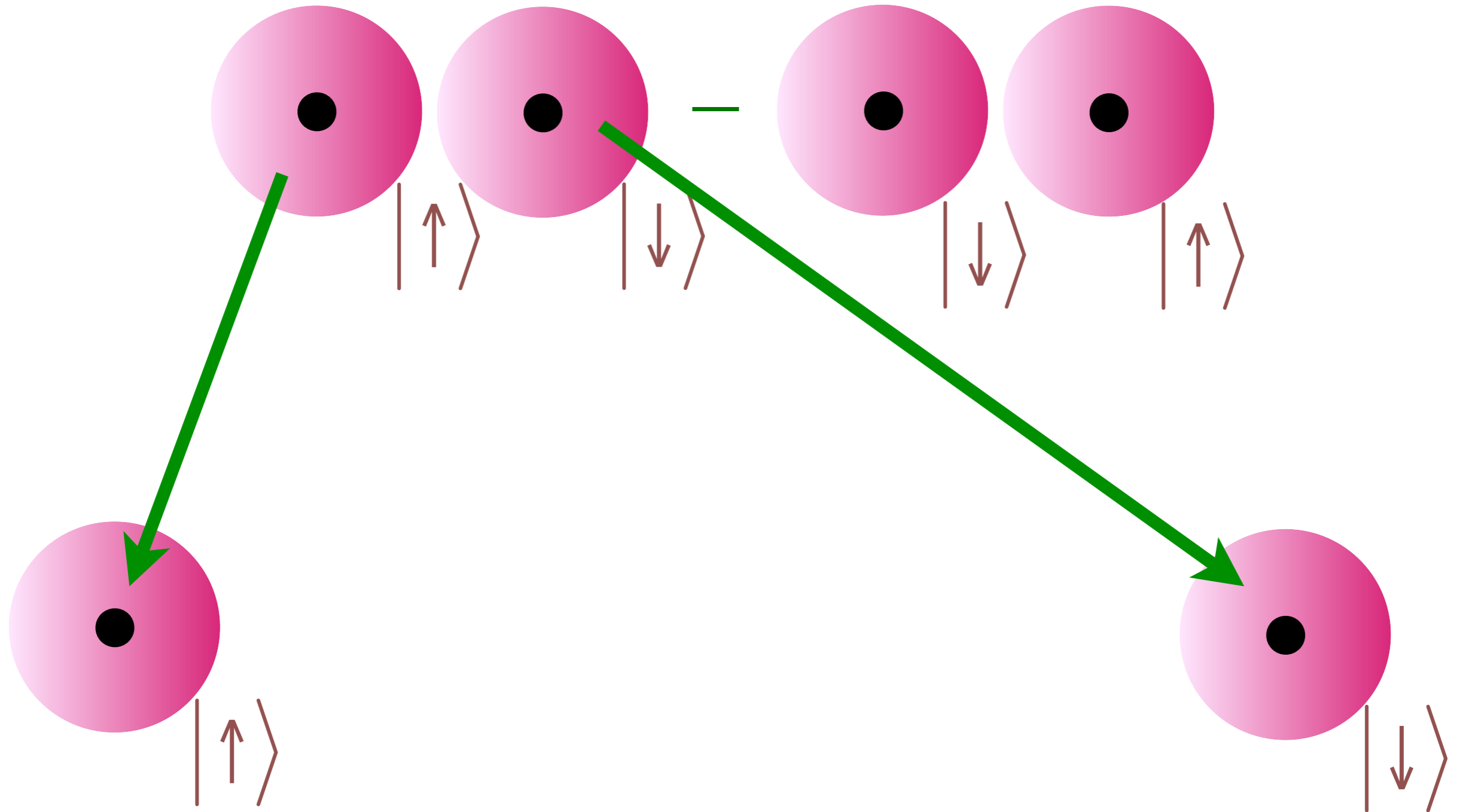
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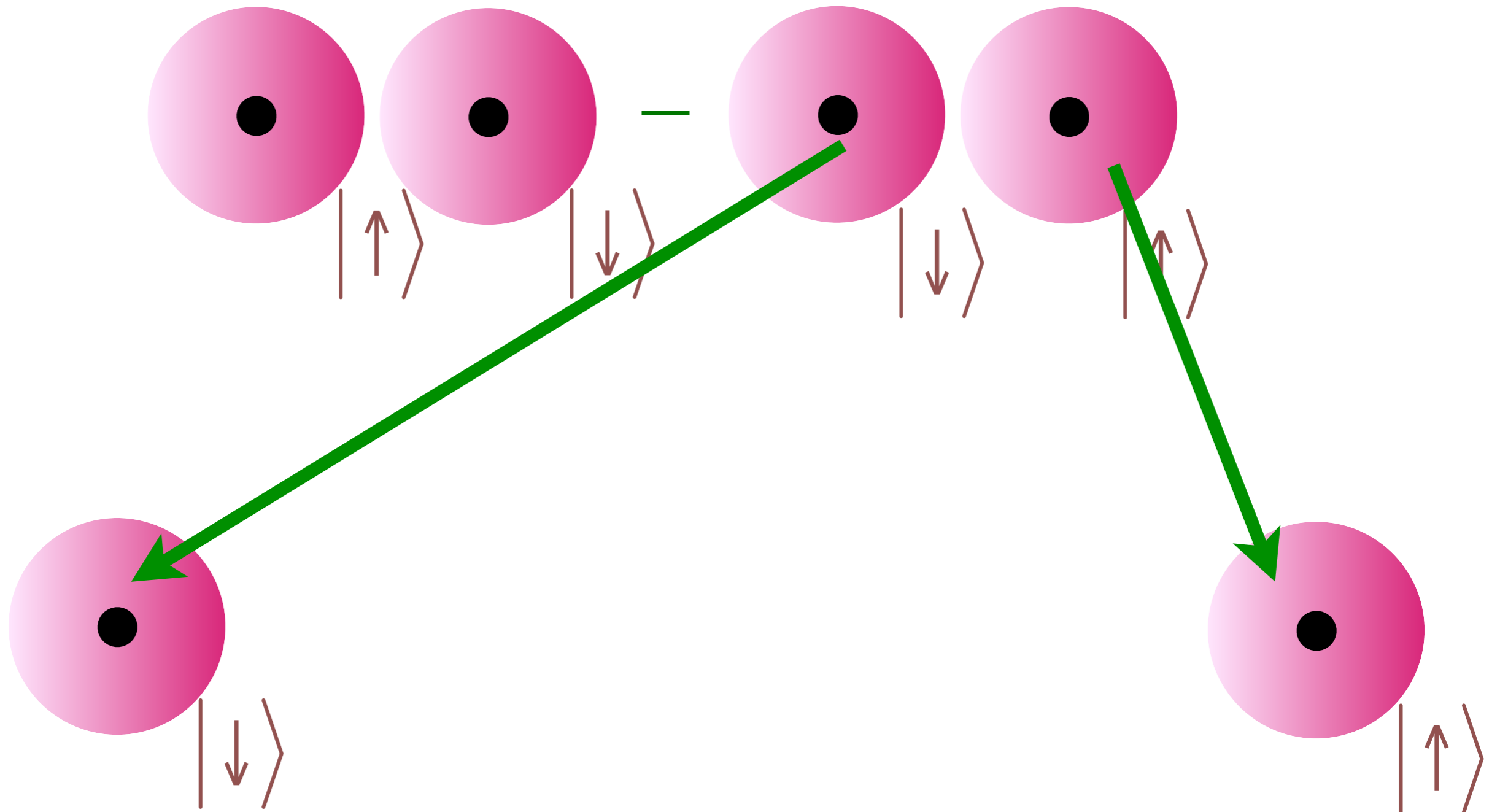
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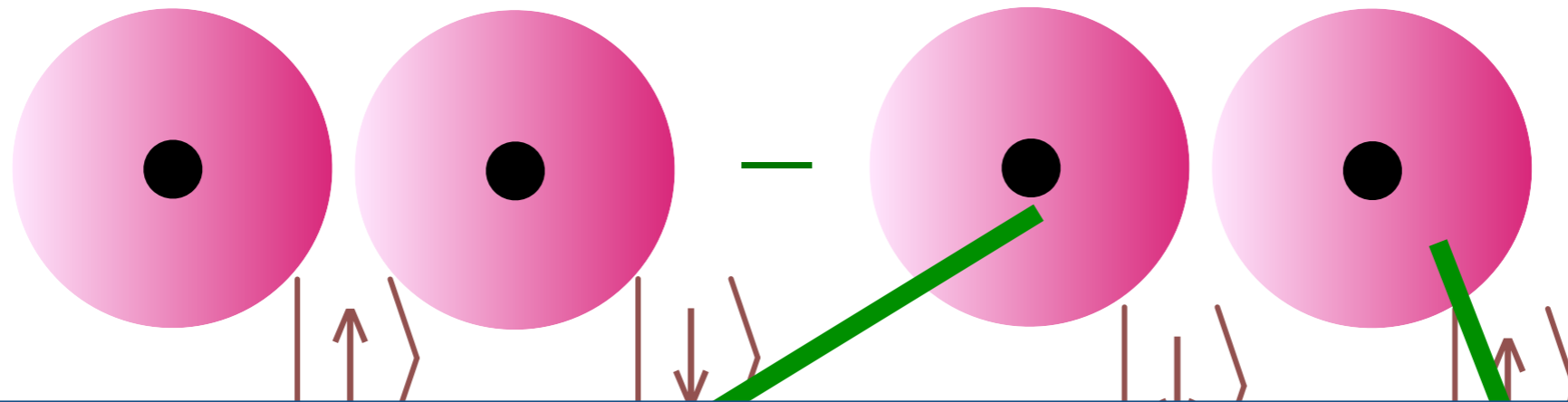
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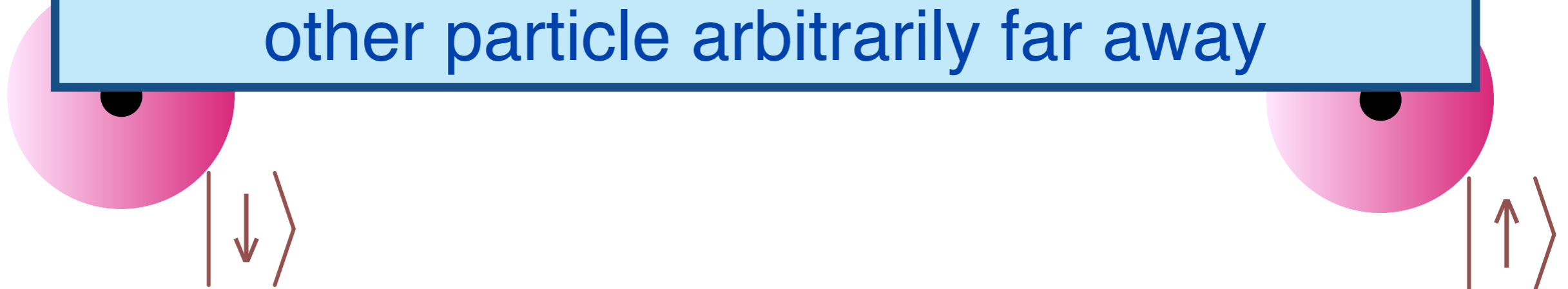


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Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen “paradox” (1935):
Measurement of one particle
instantaneously determines the state of the
other particle arbitrarily far away



Quantum entanglement

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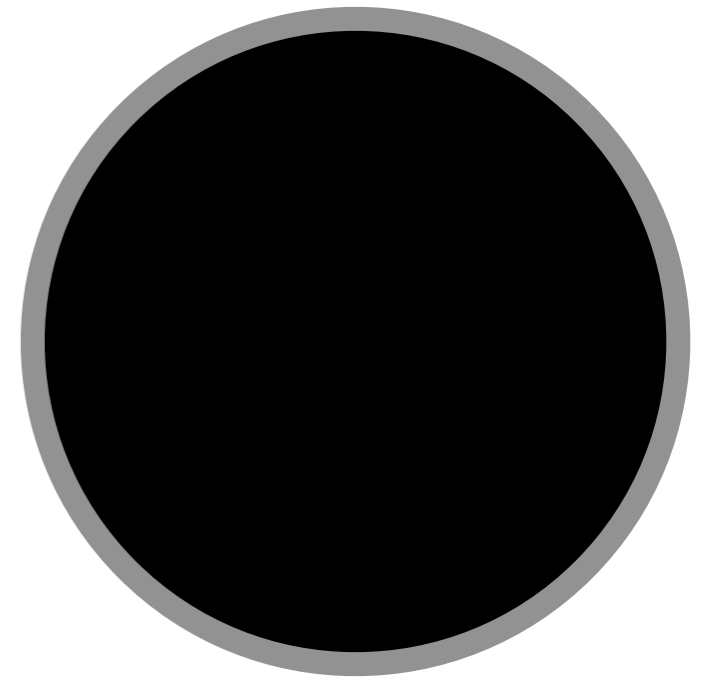
**Black
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Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

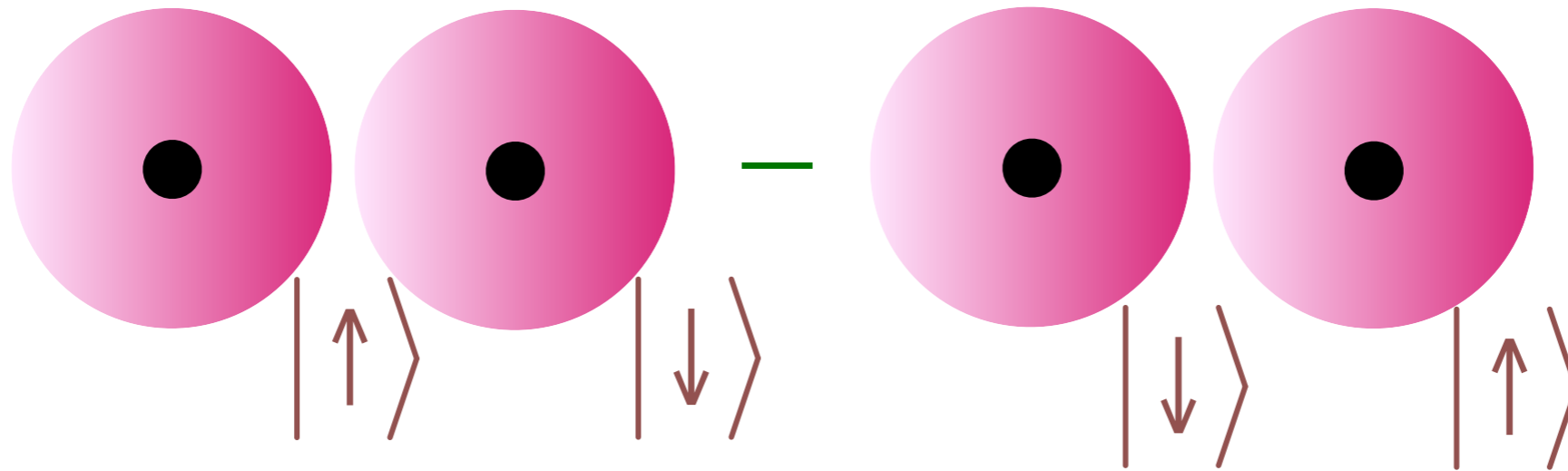
In Einstein's theory, the region inside the black hole **horizon** is disconnected from the rest of the universe.

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

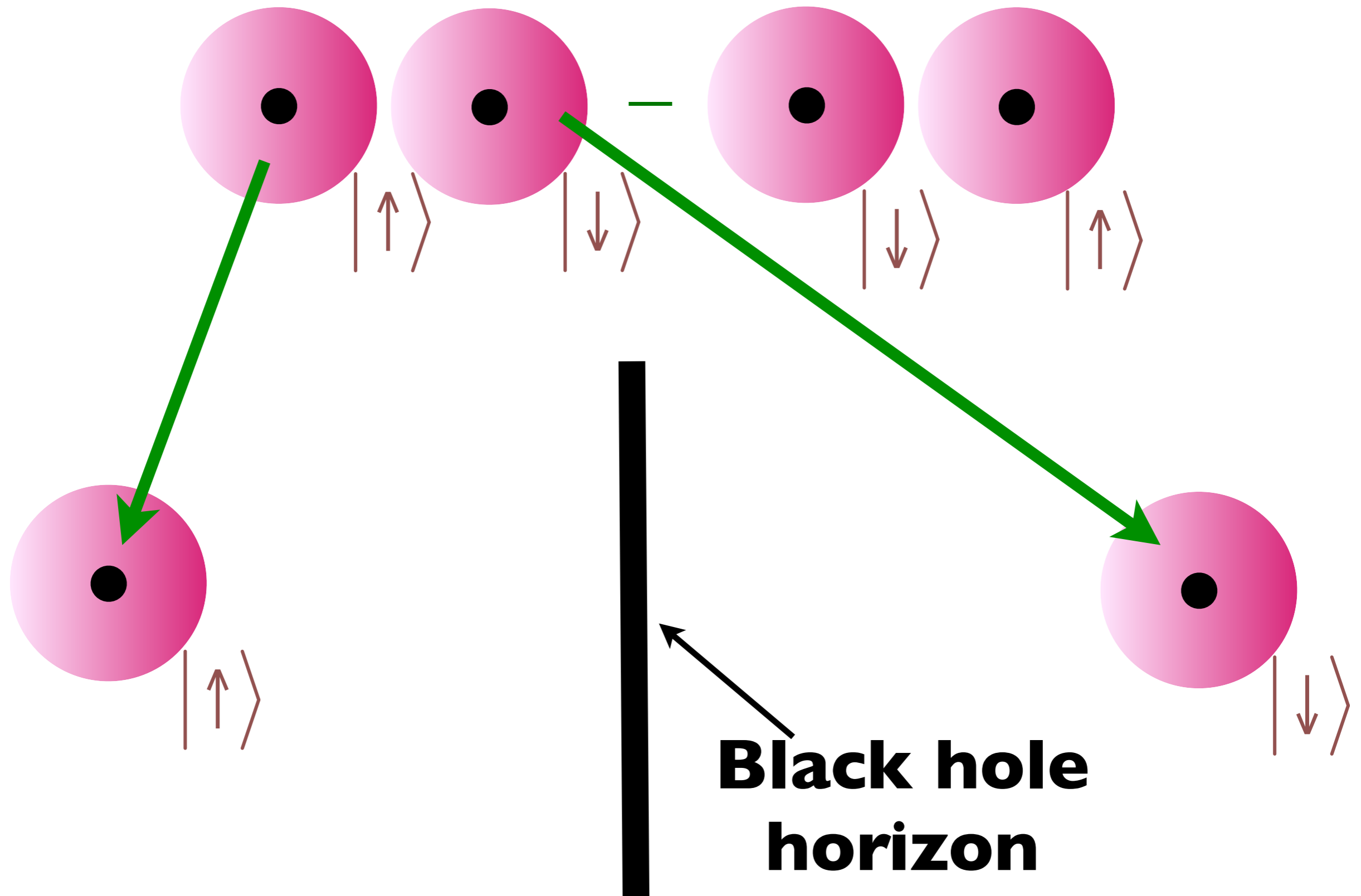


G Newton's constant, c velocity of light, M mass of black hole

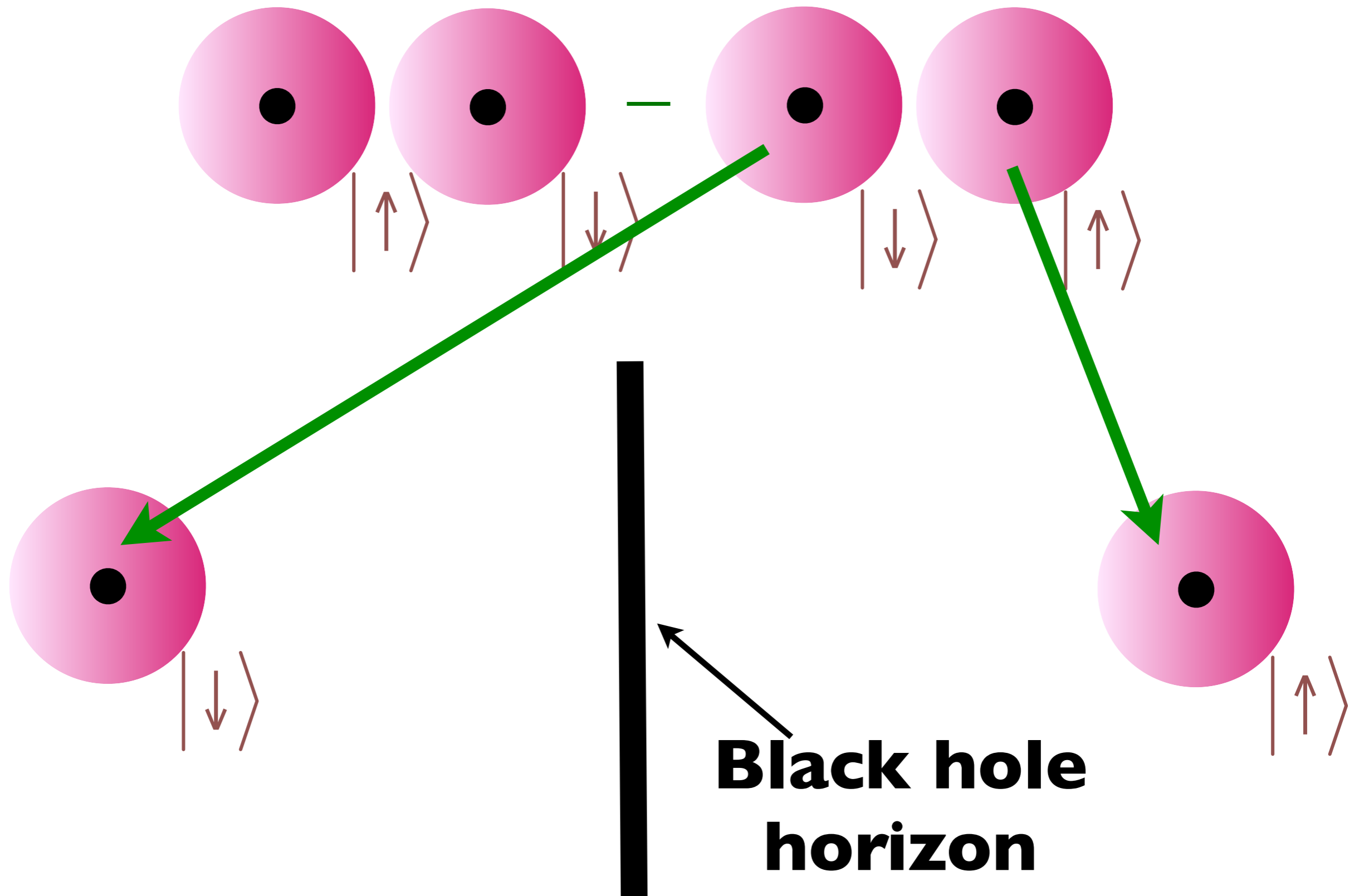
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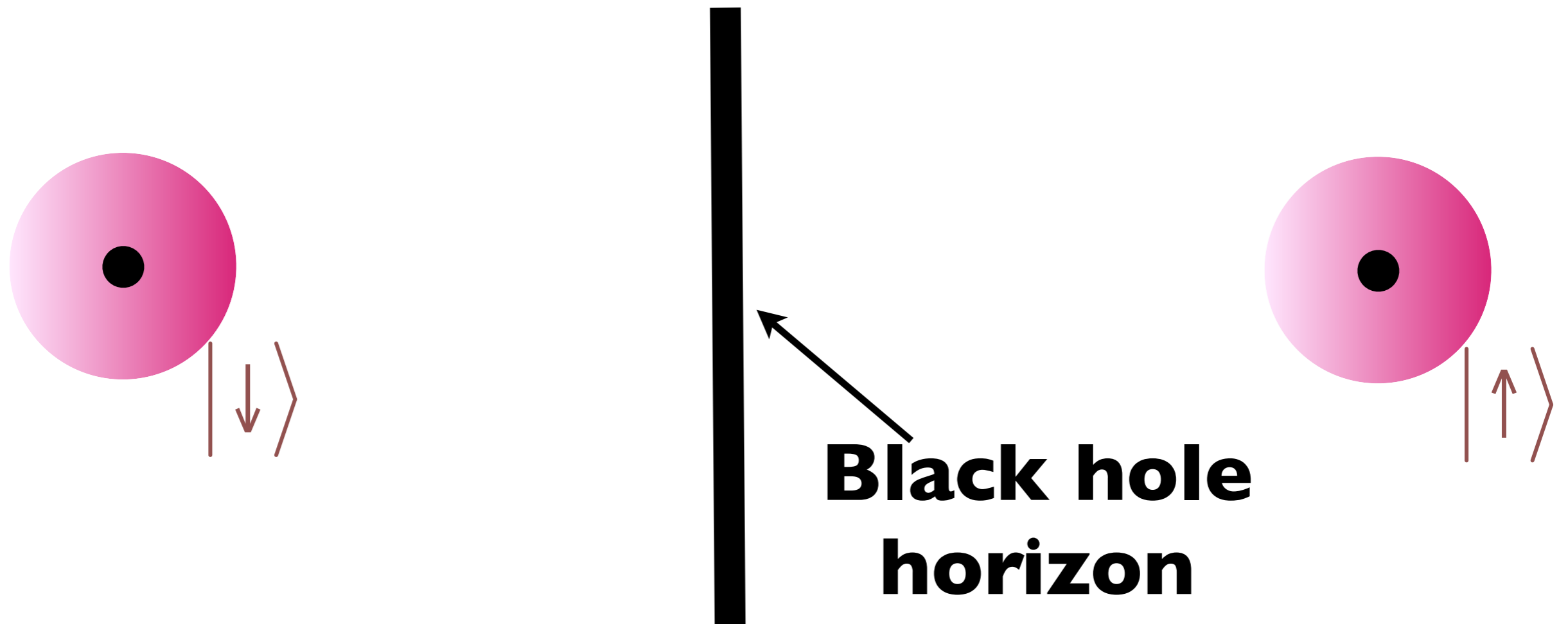


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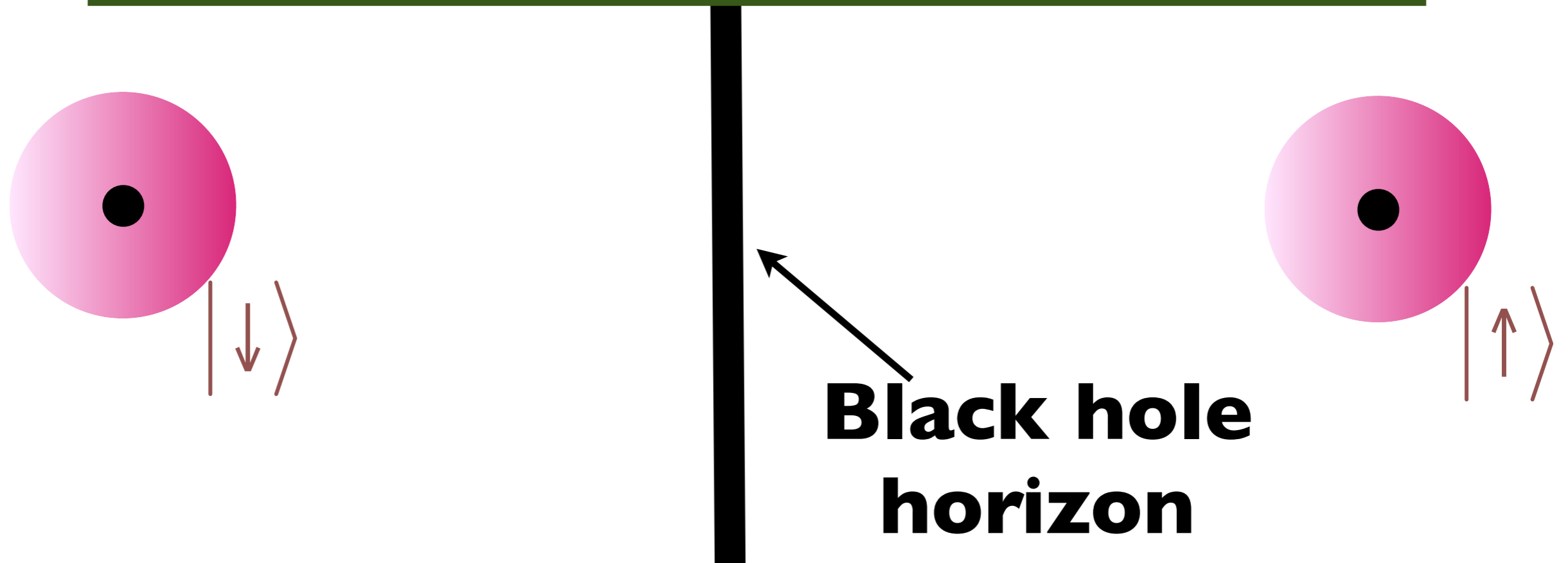
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There is quantum entanglement between the inside and outside of a black hole



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Hawking used this to show that black hole horizons have an entropy and a temperature (because to an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole is an unknown)



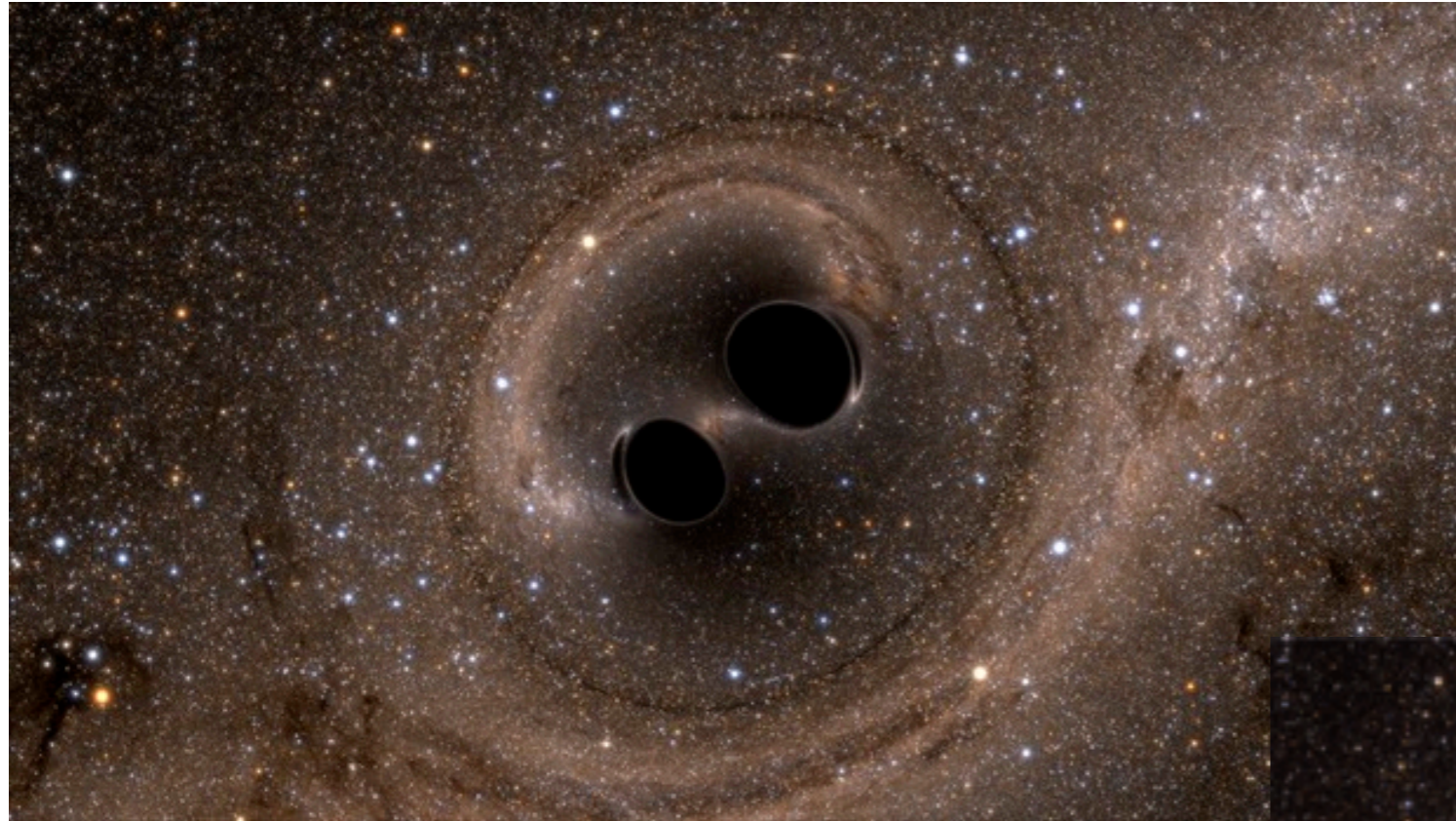
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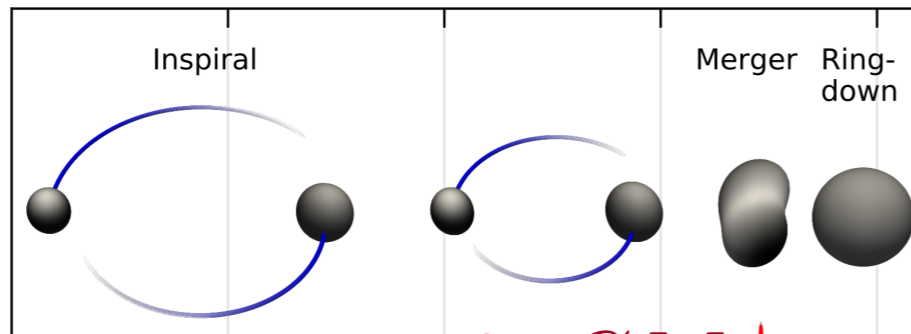
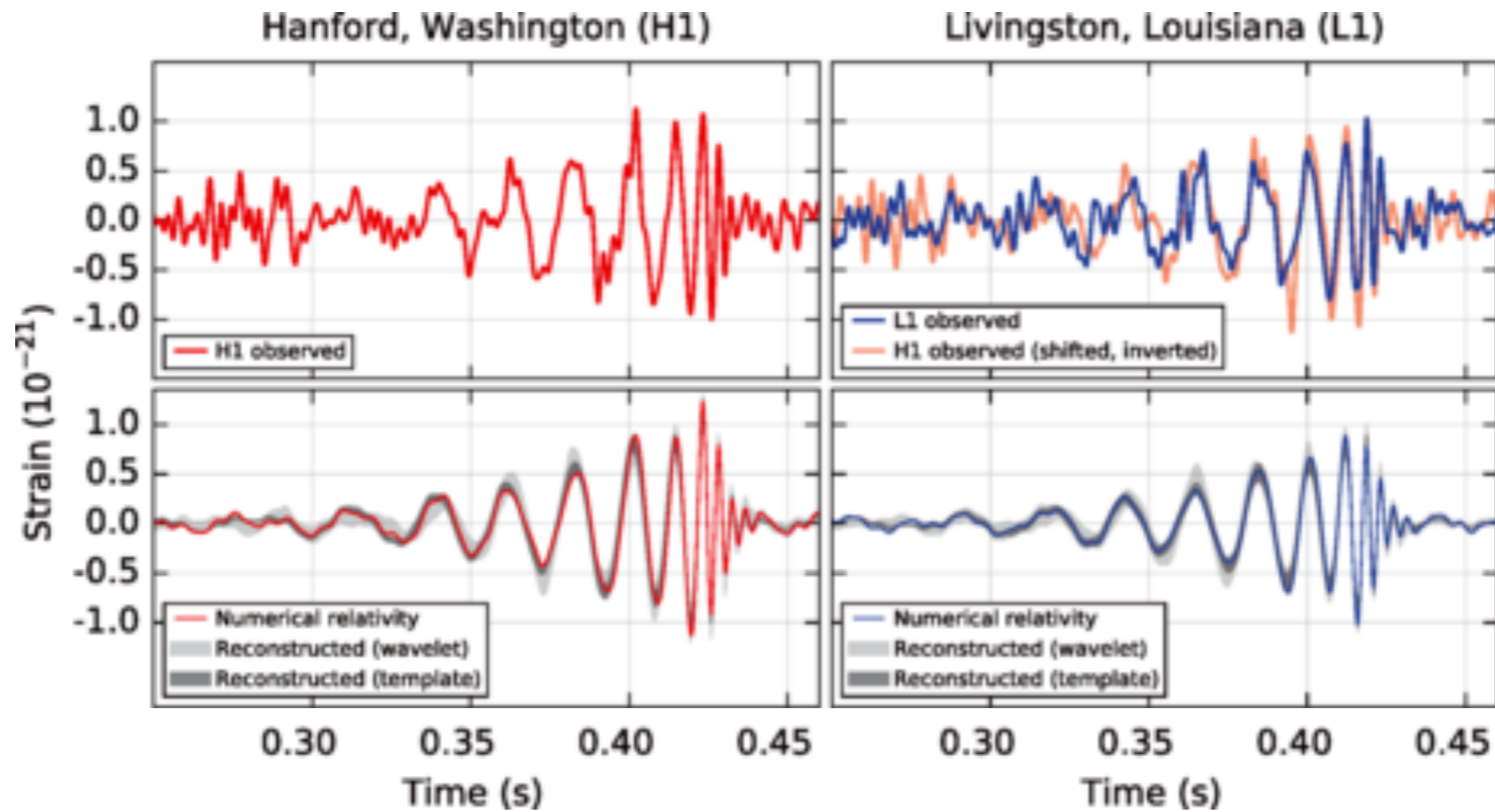


On September 14, 2015, LIGO detected the merger of two black holes, each weighing about 30 solar masses, with radii of about 100 km, 1.3 billion light years away



0.1 seconds later !





LIGO
September 14, 2015

- The ring-down time $\frac{8\pi GM}{c^3} \sim 8$ milliseconds. Curiously, for essentially all types of black holes, the ring-down time equals

$$\frac{\hbar}{k_B T_H}$$

\hbar Planck's constant, k_B Boltzmann's constant

Quantum Black holes

- Black holes have an entropy and a temperature, T_H
- The entropy is proportional to their surface area.
- They relax to thermal equilibrium in a Planckian time $\sim \hbar/(k_B T_H)$.



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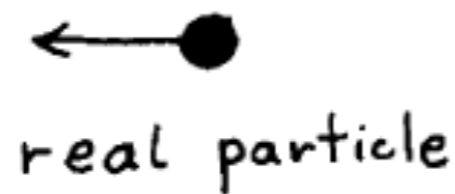
**Metals
(ordinary and strange)
and superconductors**

Ordinary metals

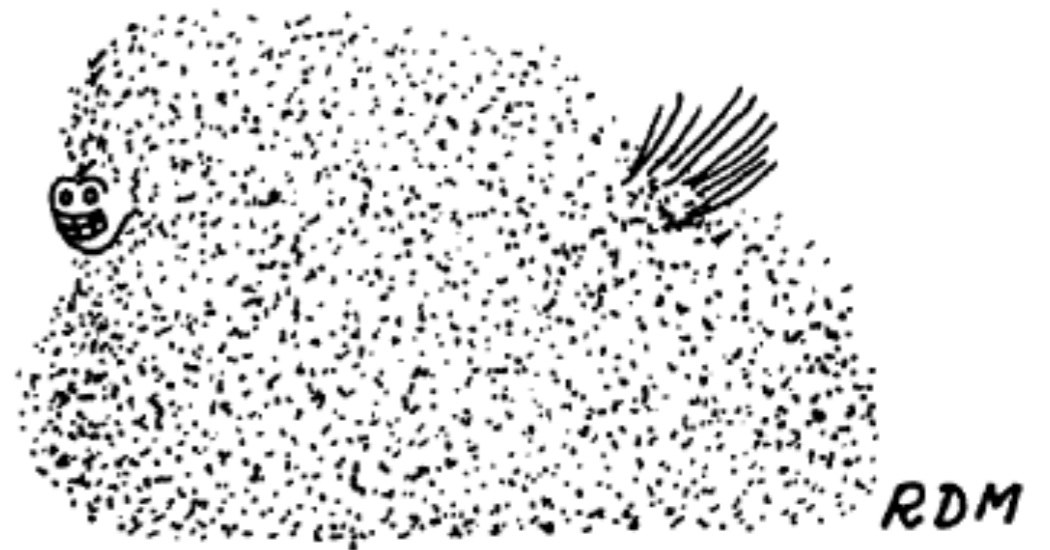


Ordinary metals are shiny, and they conduct heat and electricity efficiently. Each atom donates electrons which are delocalized throughout the entire crystal

Almost all many-electron systems are described by the quasiparticle concept: a quasiparticle is an “excited lump” in the many-electron state which responds just like an ordinary particle.



real horse



quasi horse

Current flow with quasiparticles

- The resistivity, ρ , of a metal from the flow of quasiparticles is

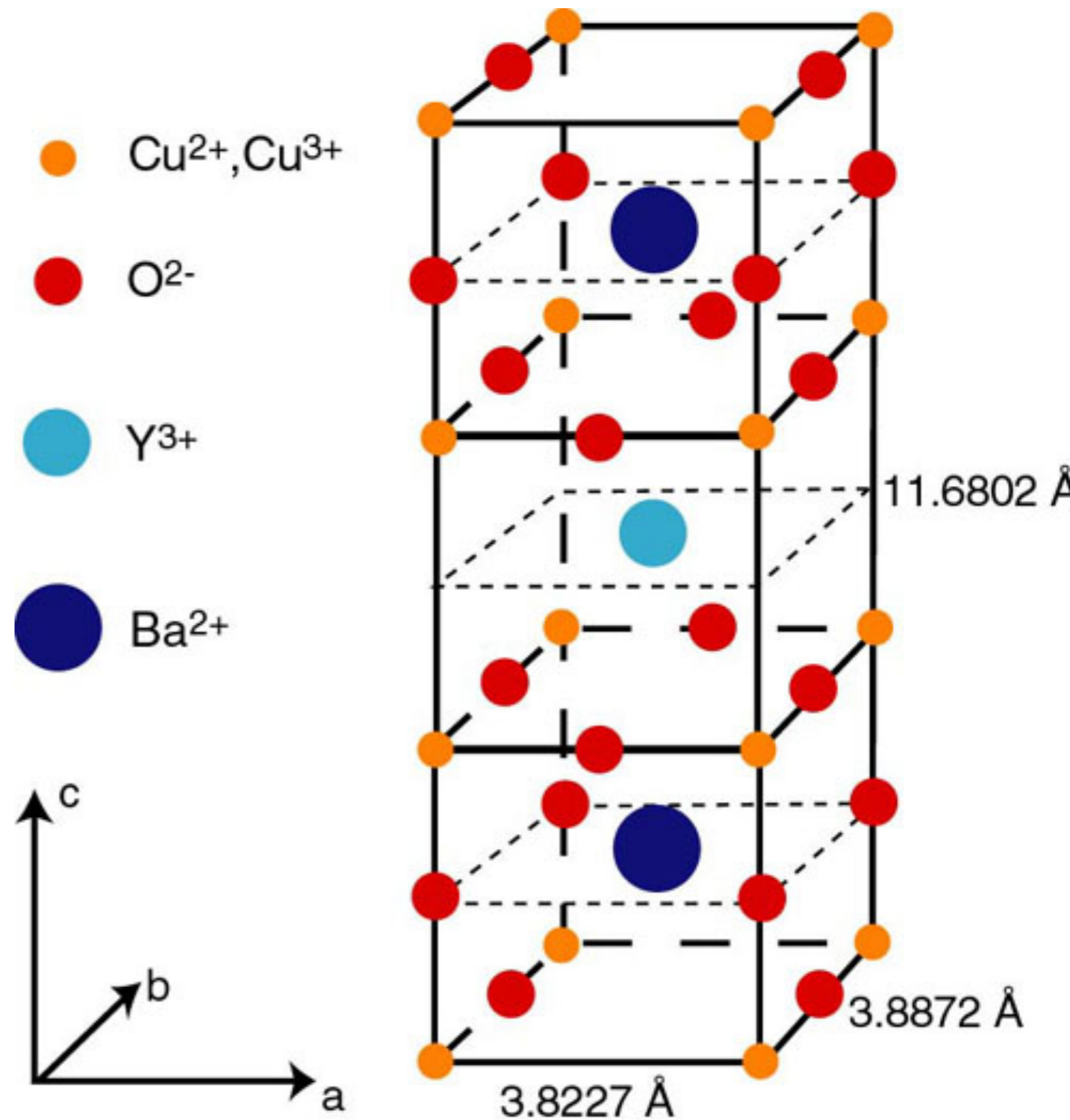
$$\rho = \frac{m^*}{ne^2} \frac{1}{\tau}$$

where m^* is the effective mass of a quasiparticle, n is the density of electrons, e is the charge of an electron, and τ is a quasiparticle scattering time.

The theory of ordinary metals implies that as the temperature $T \rightarrow 0$

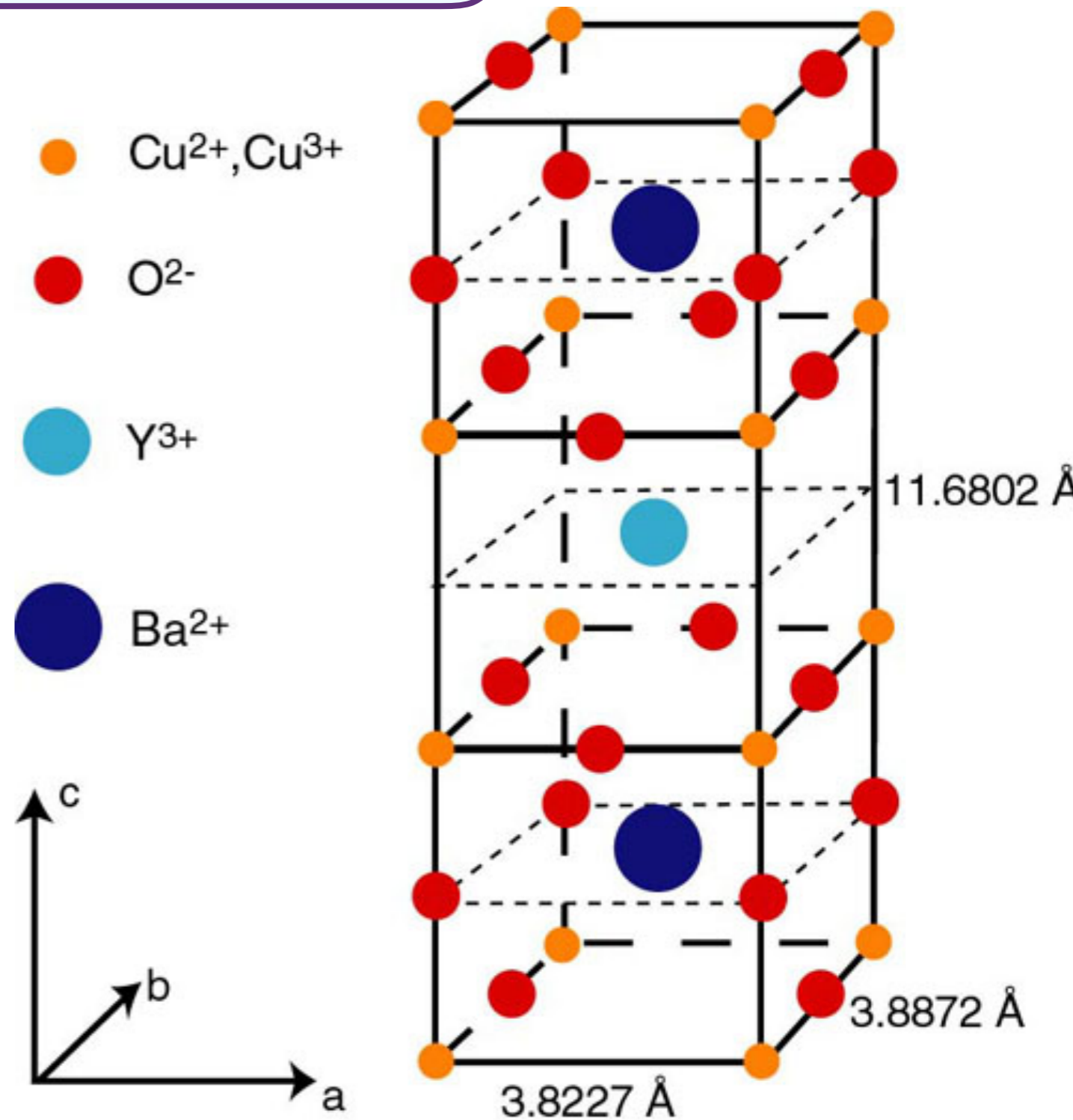
$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{T^2} \gg \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

High temperature superconductors

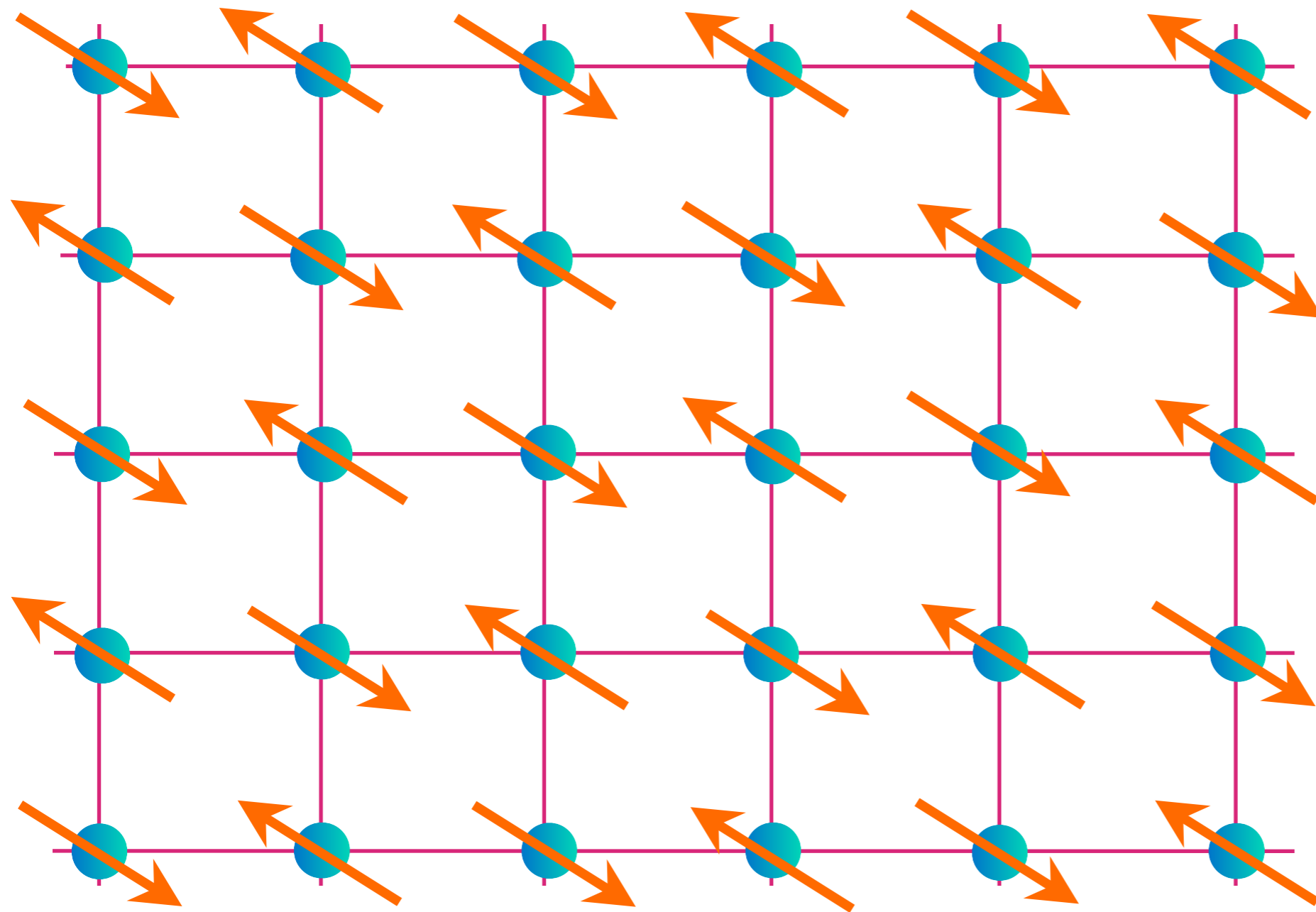


Ultra-quantum matter!

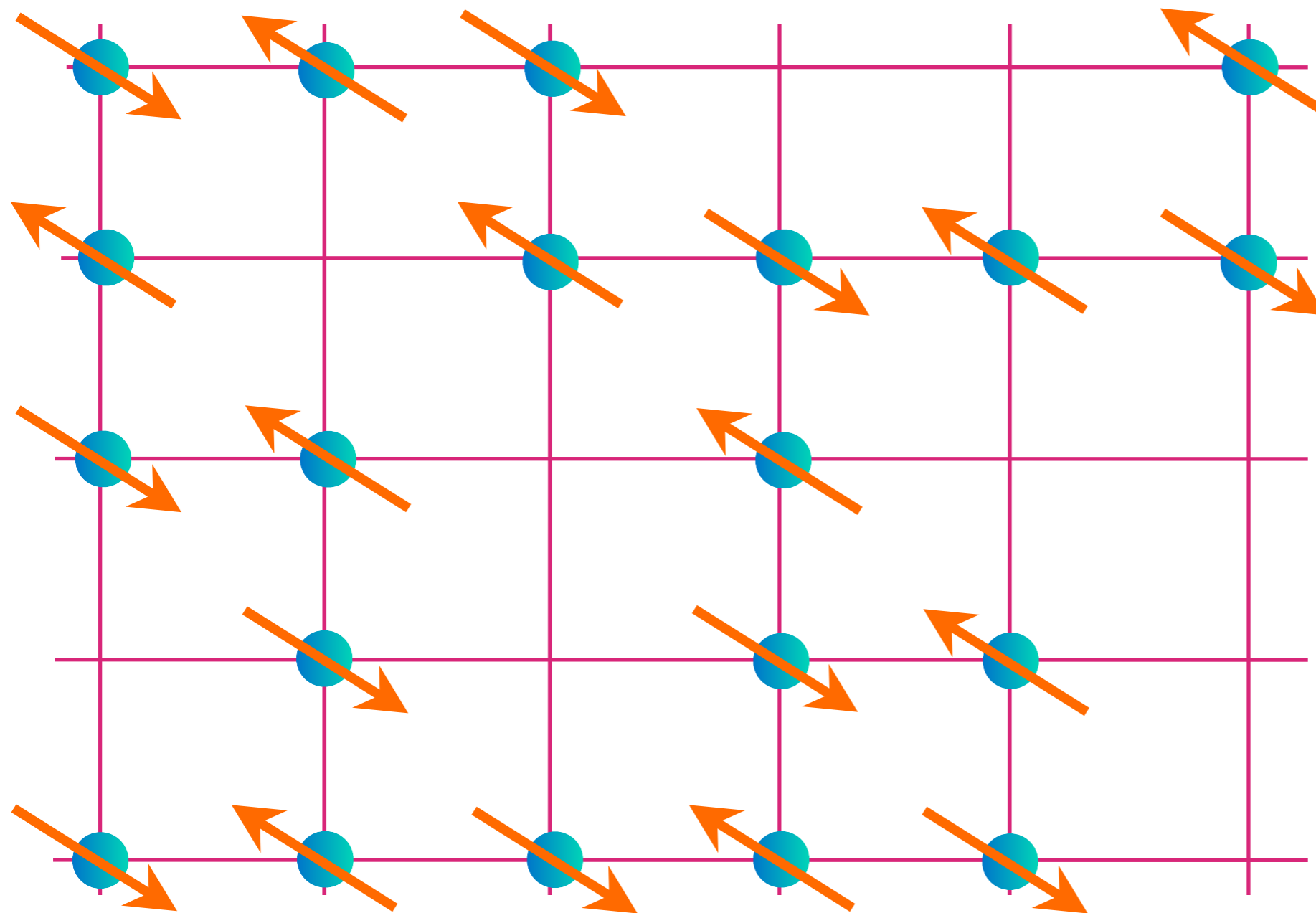
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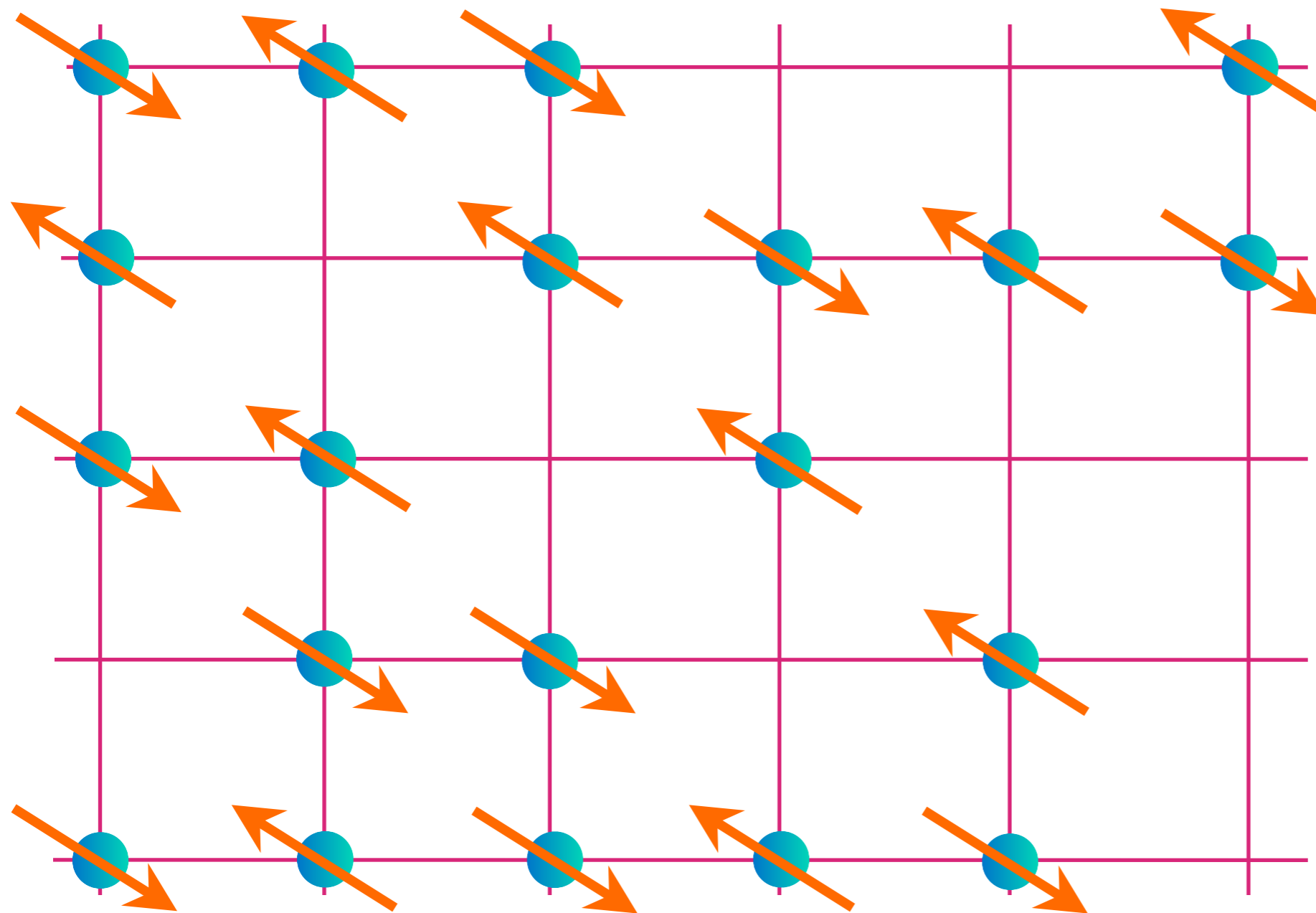
Square lattice of Cu sites at $p=p_c$



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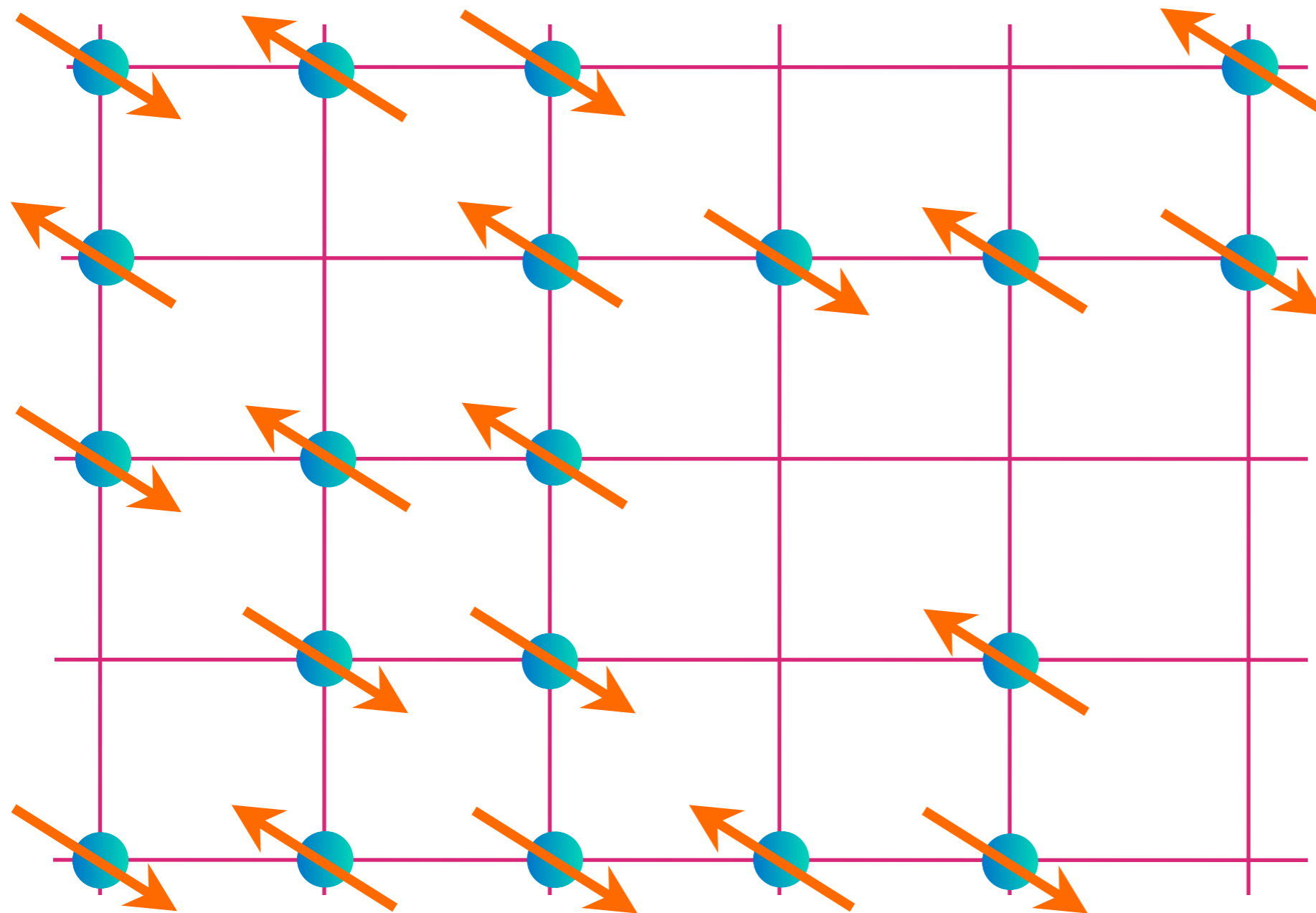
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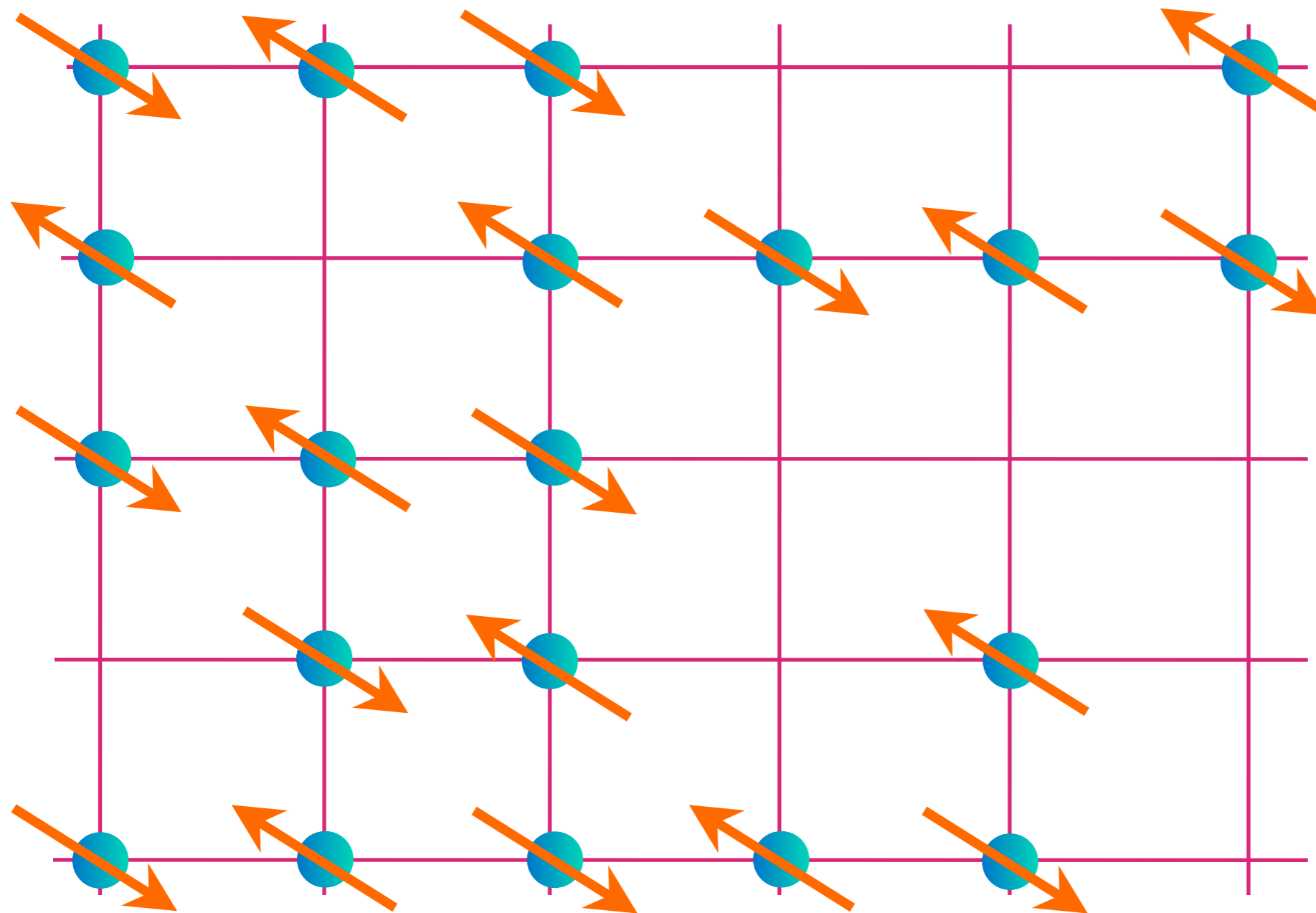
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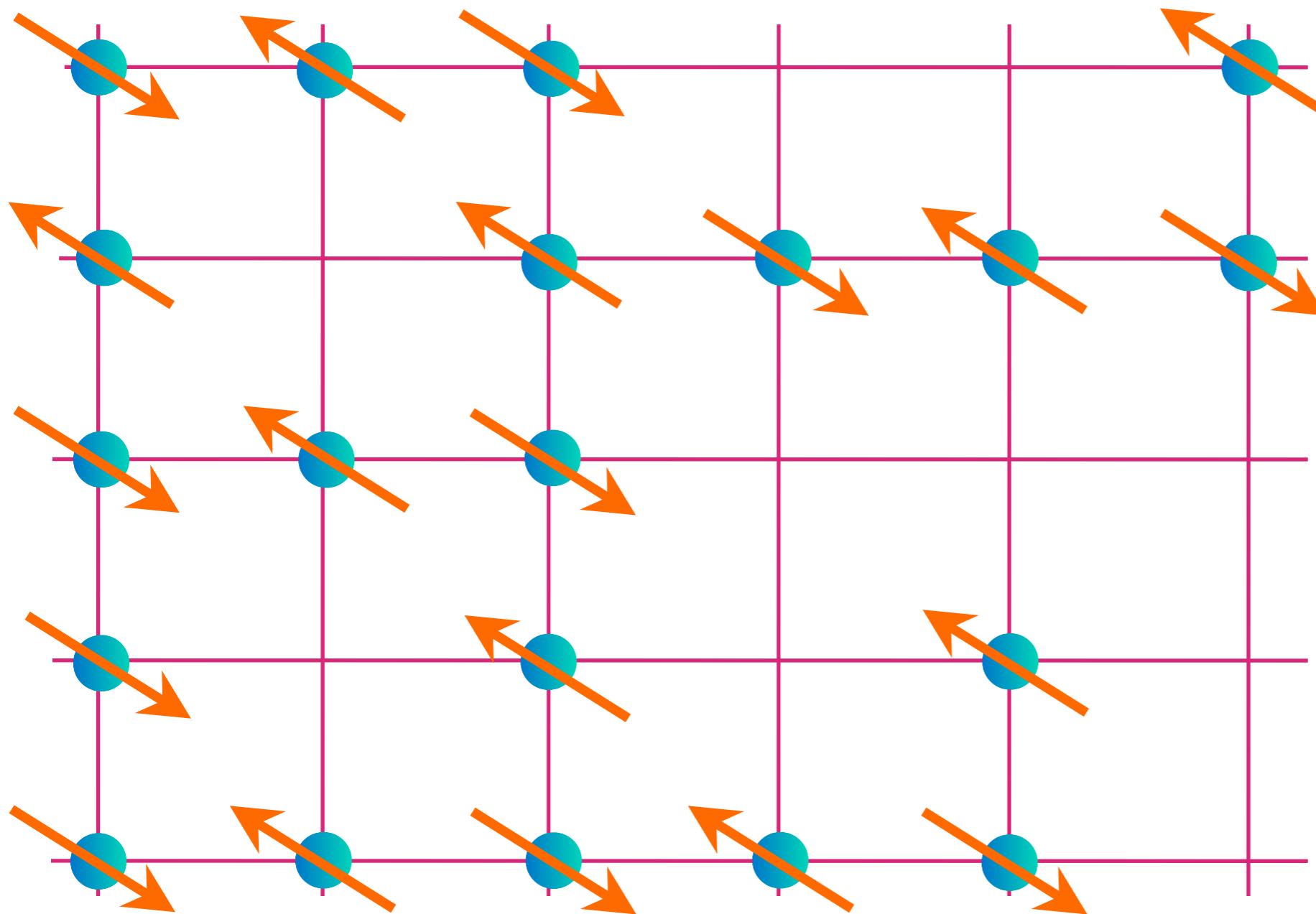
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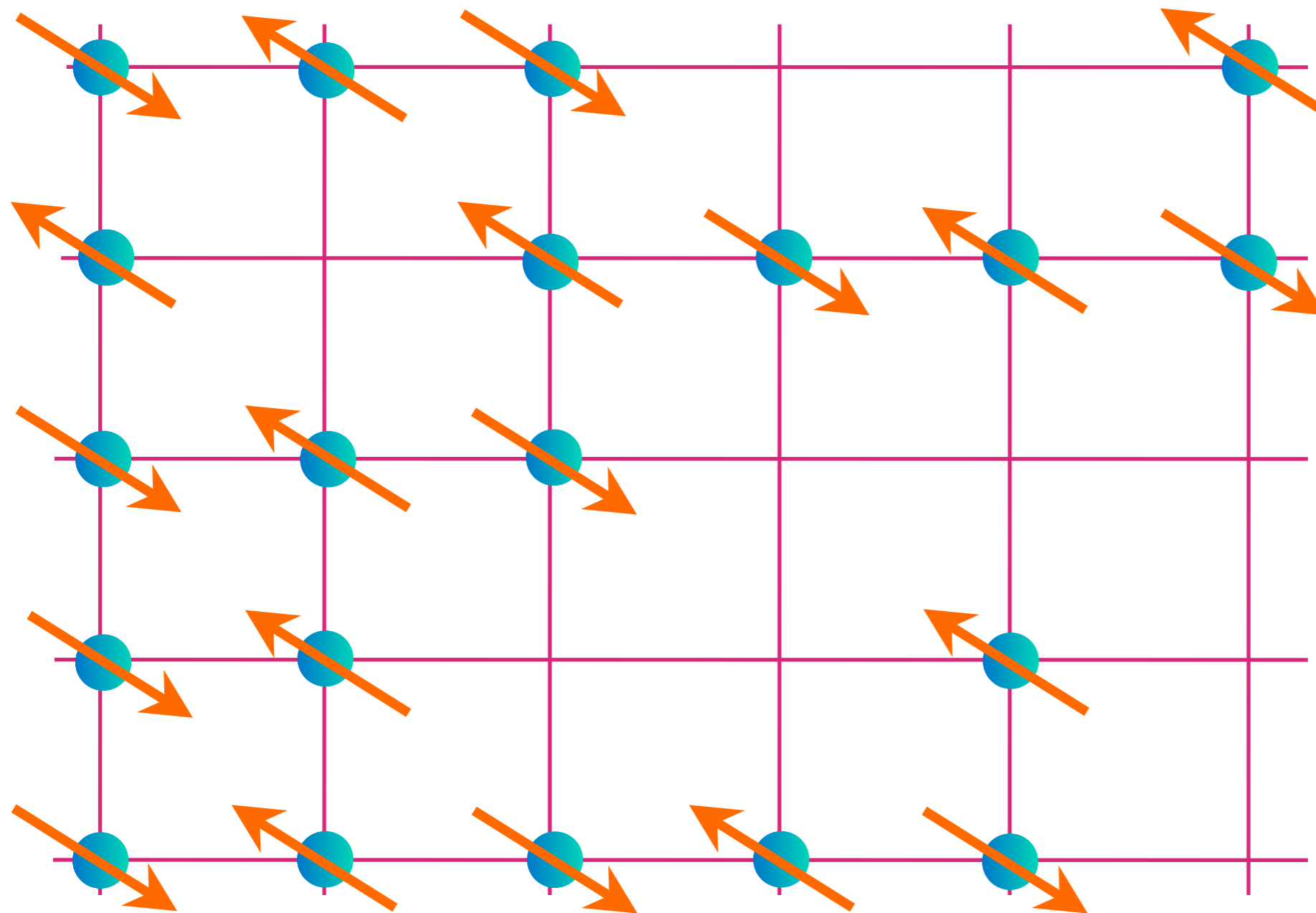
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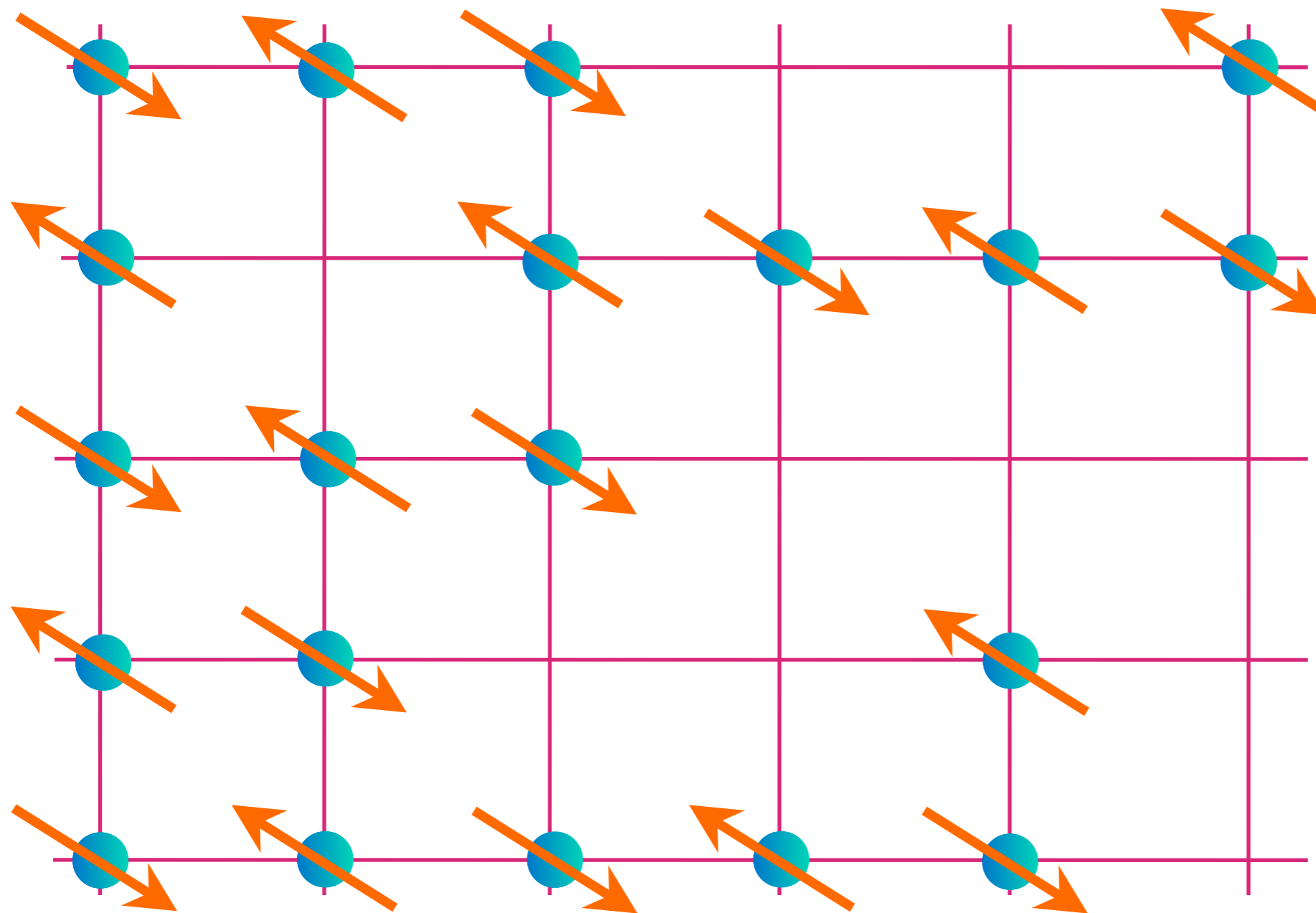
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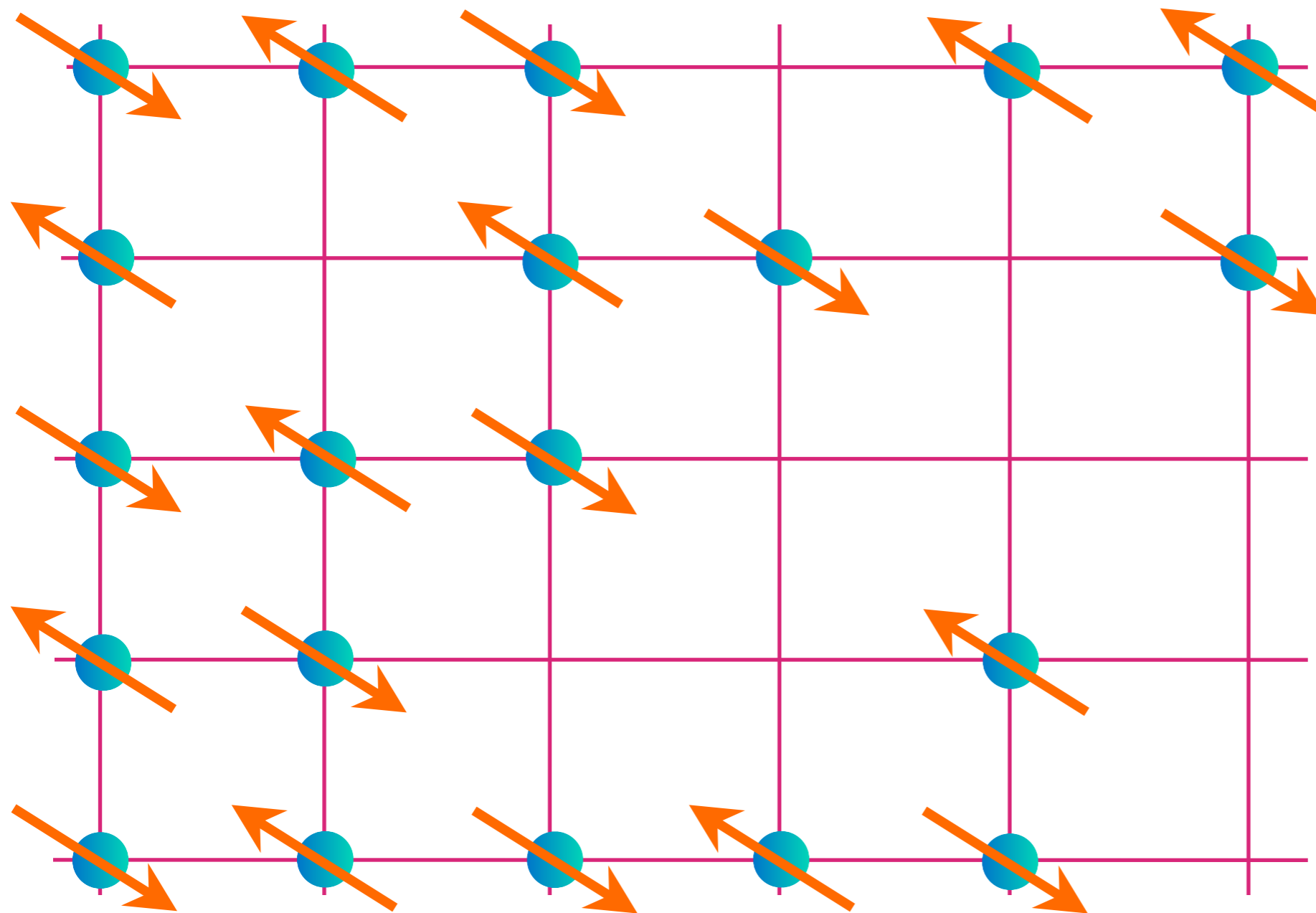
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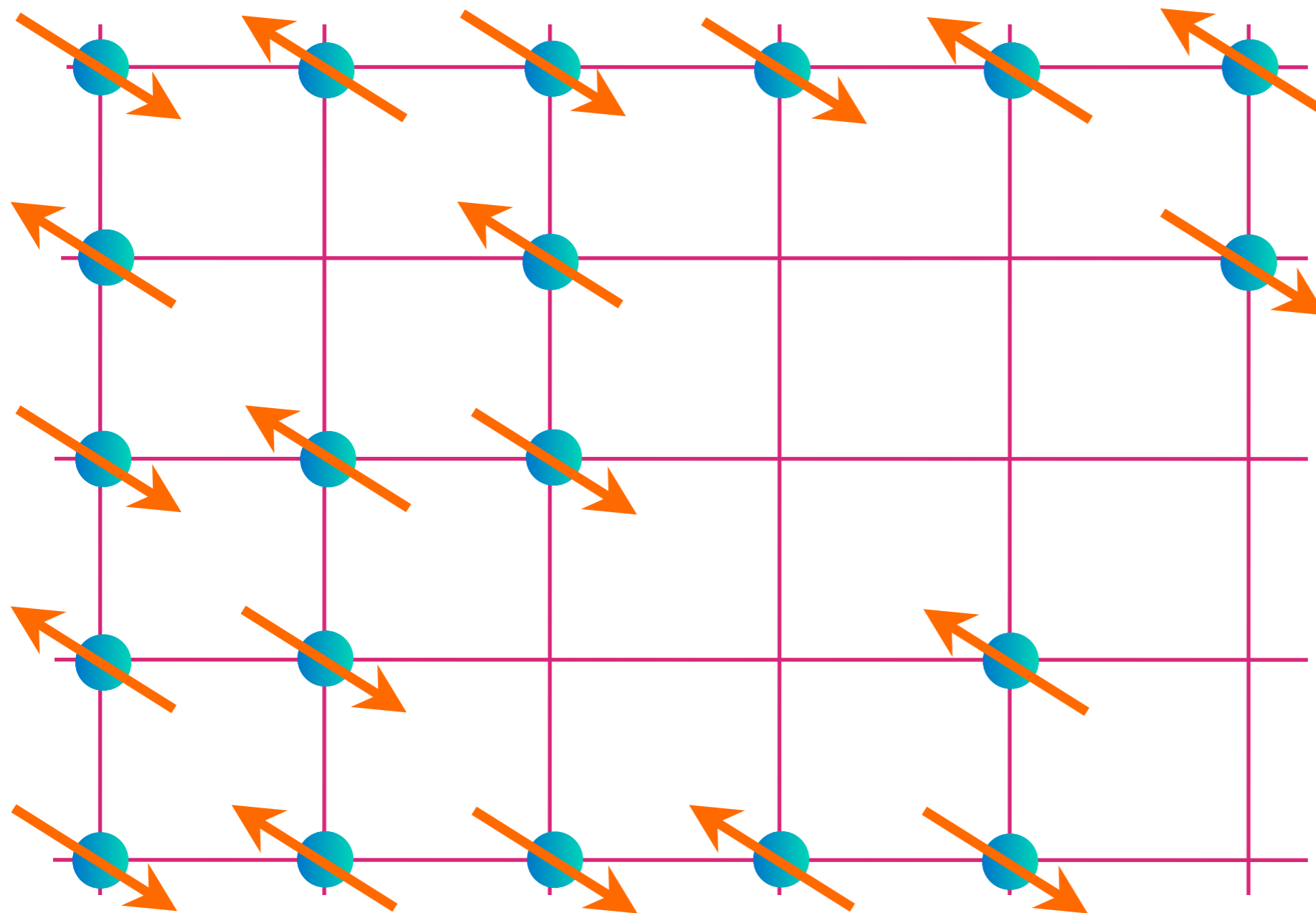
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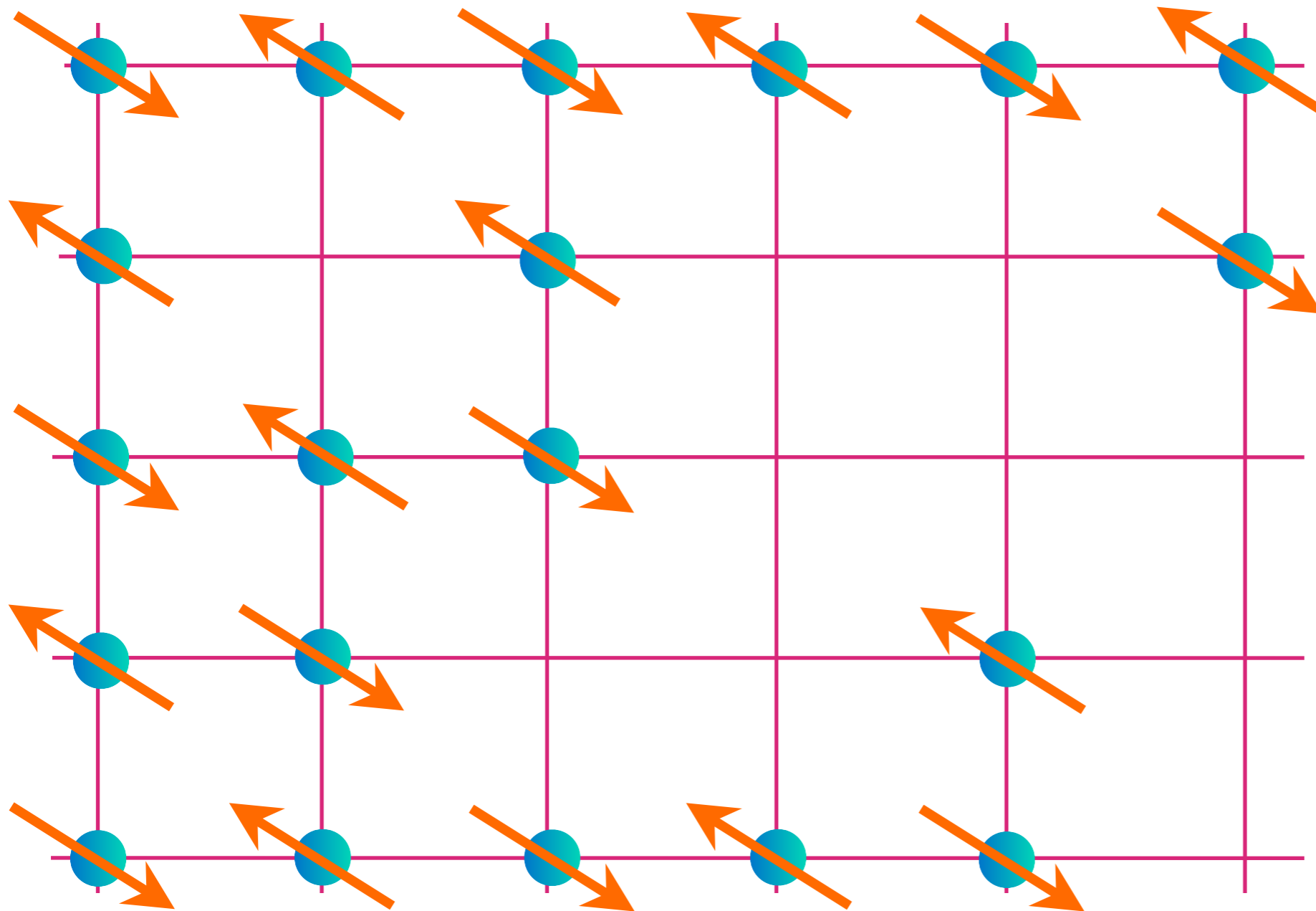
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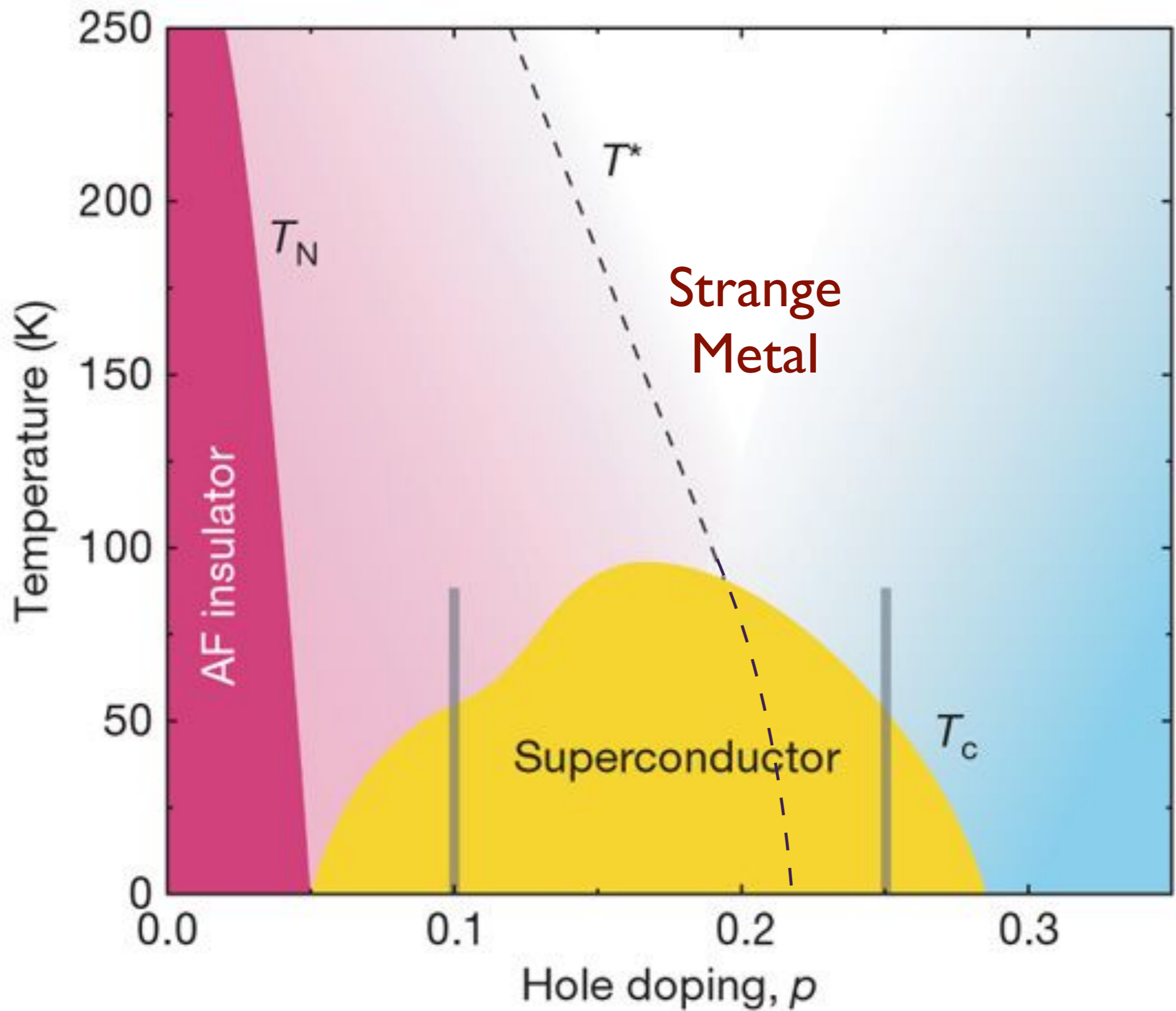
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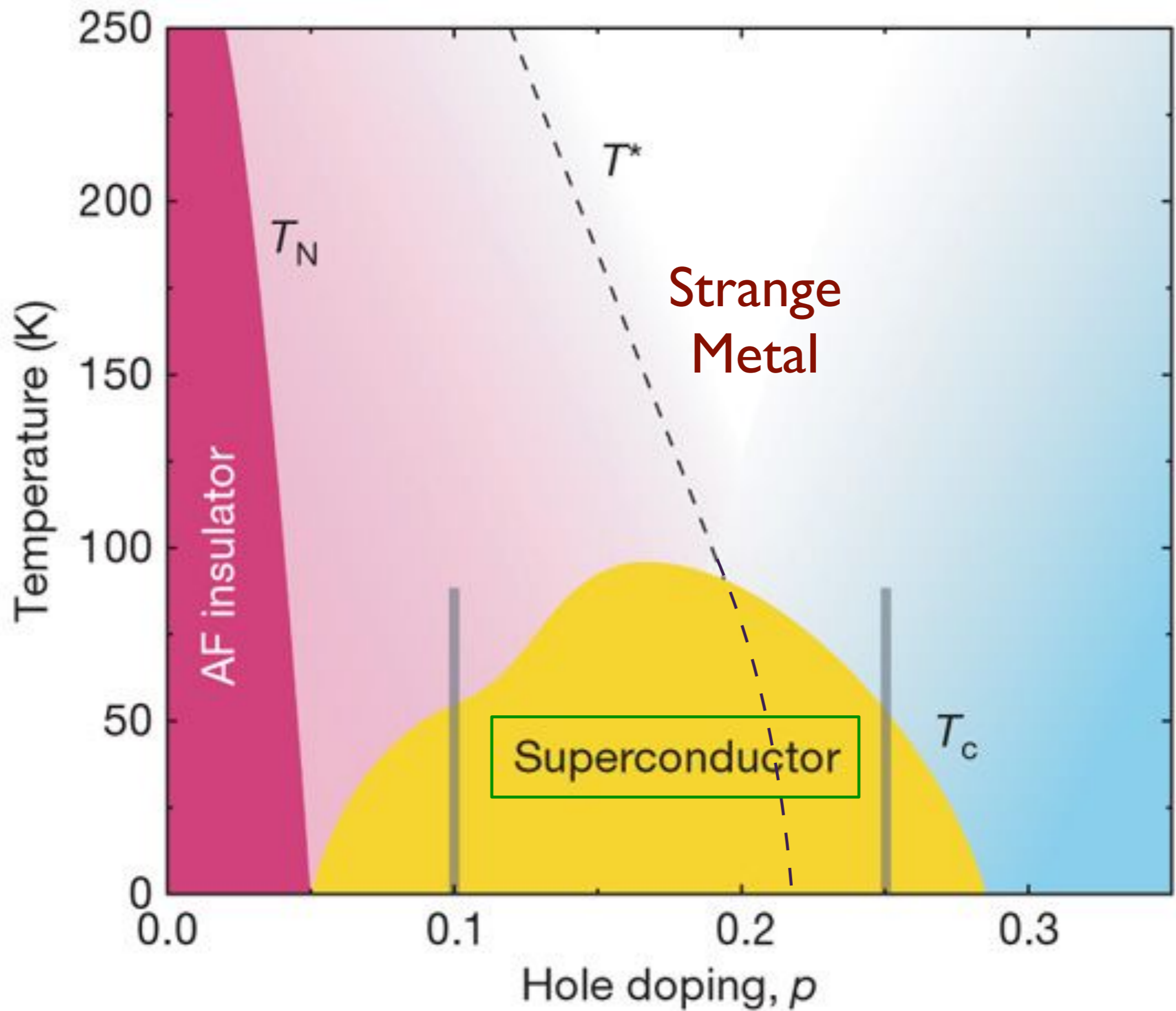
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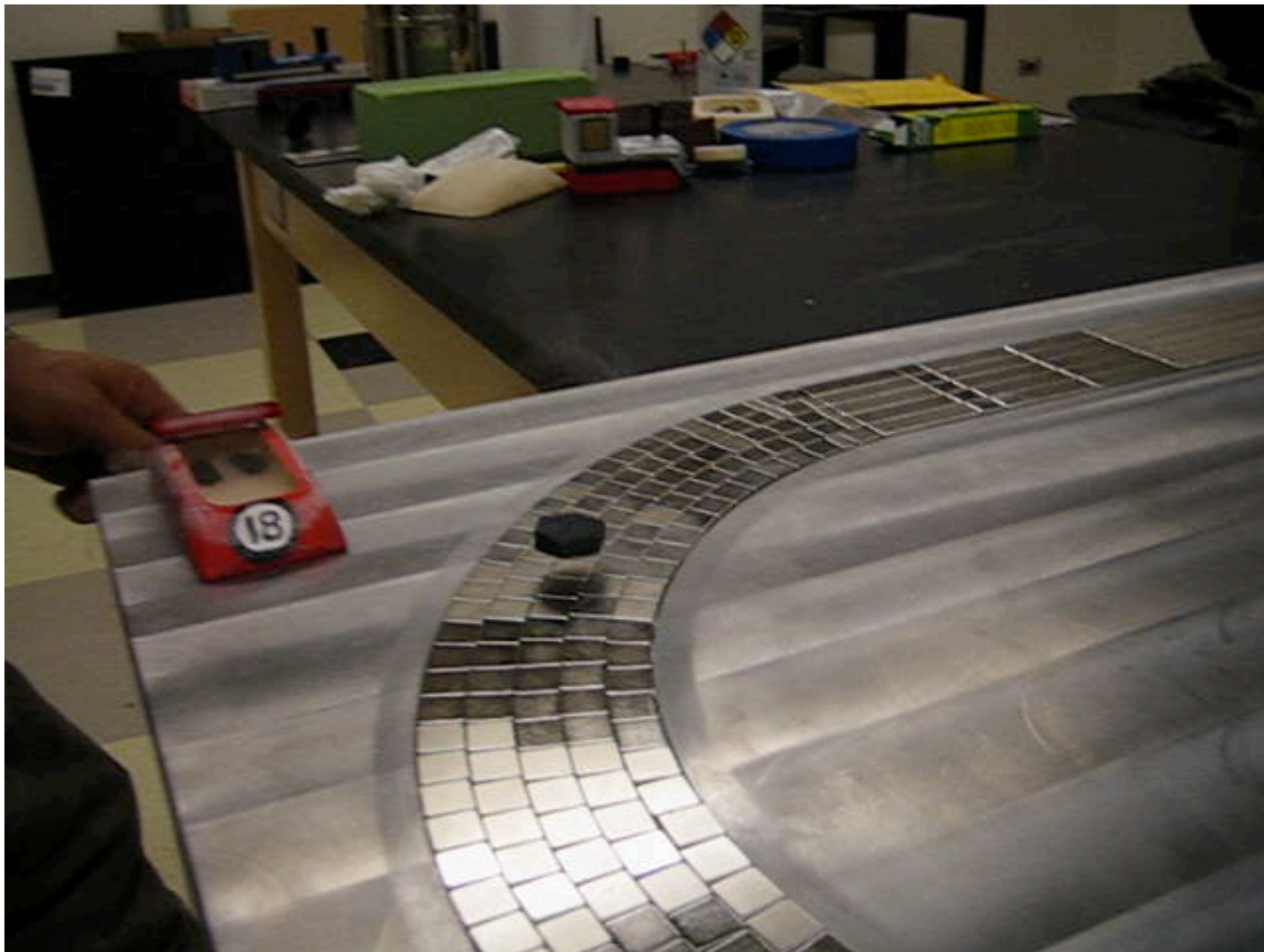


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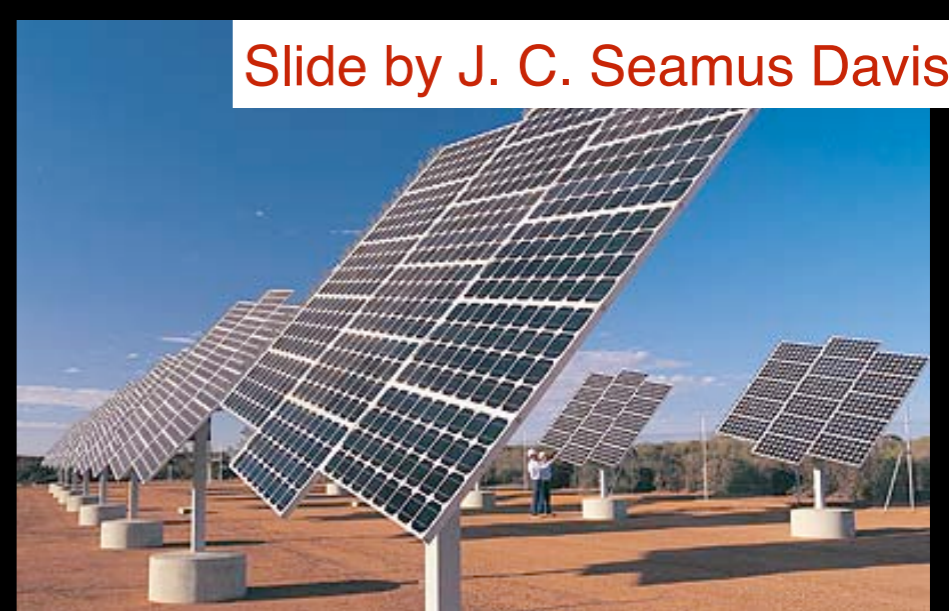
Julian Hetel and Nandini Trivedi, Ohio State University



Power Efficiency/Capacity/Stability



Power Bottlenecks



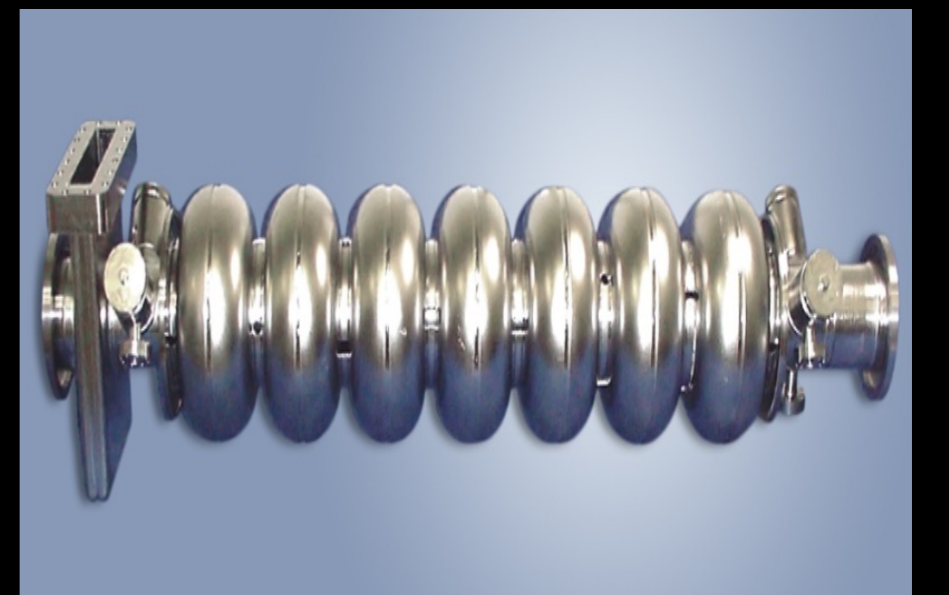
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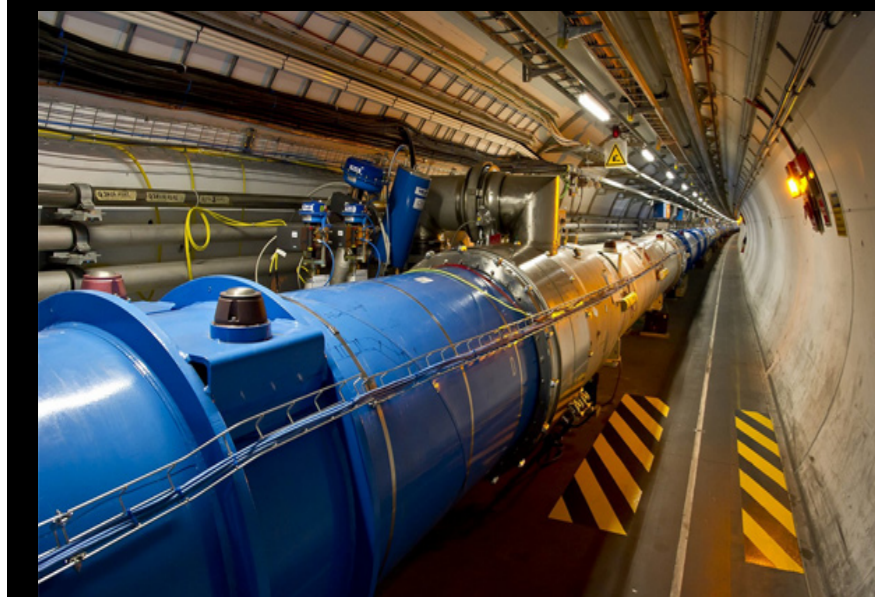
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Information Technology



Next Generation HEP



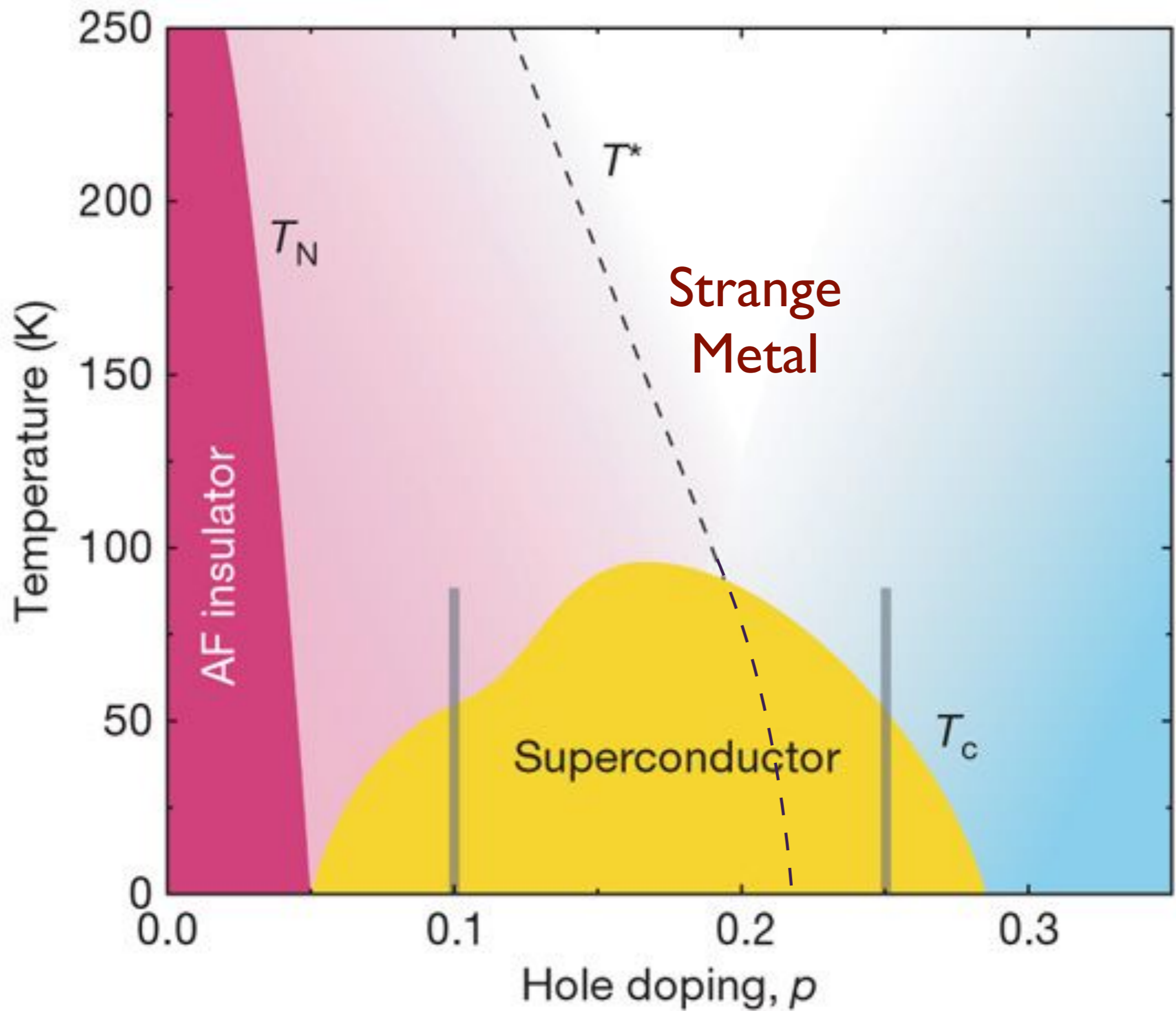
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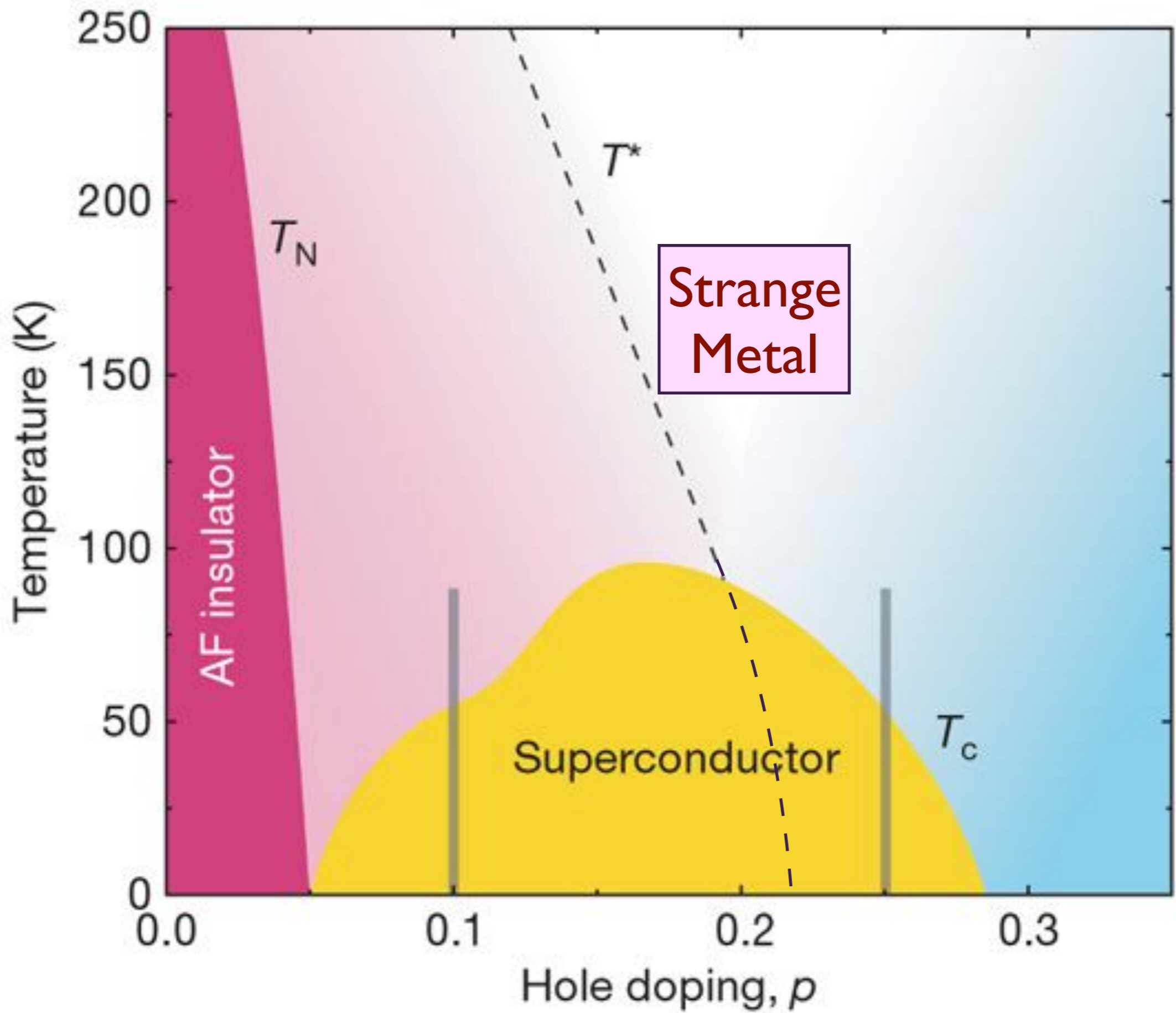


Medical



Transport





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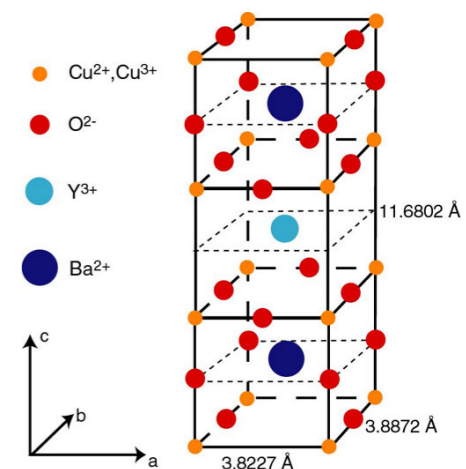
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Slope of T -linear resistivity vs Planckian limit in seven materials.

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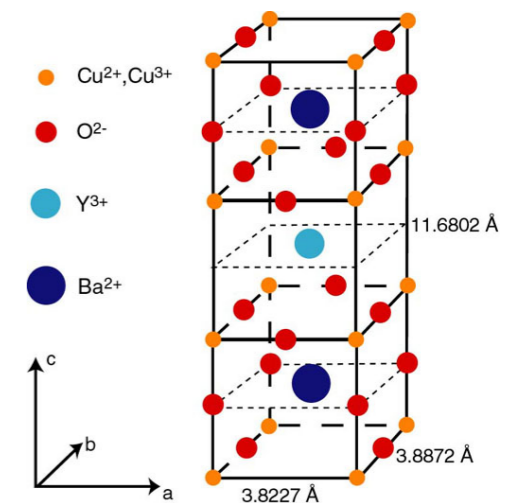
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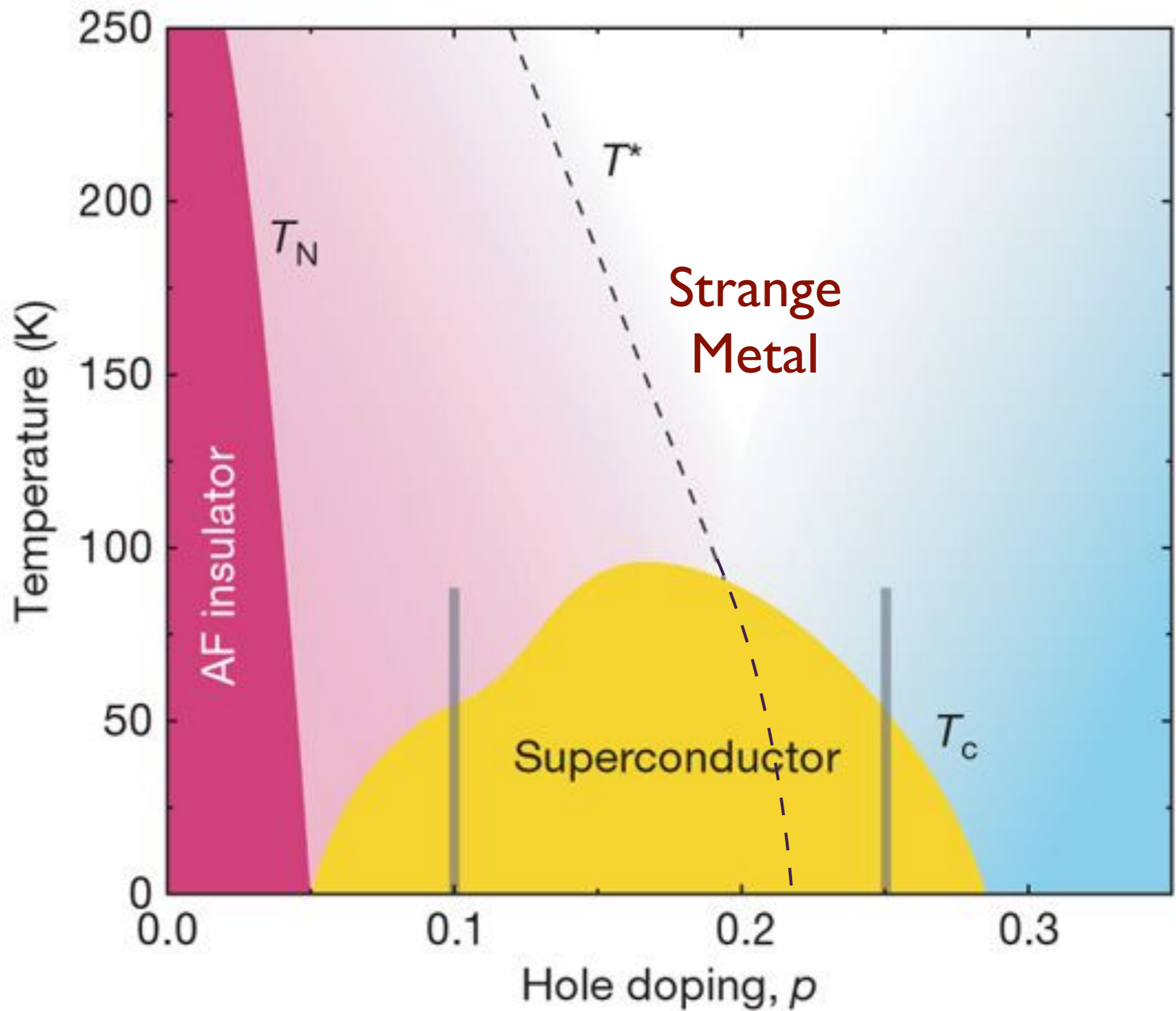
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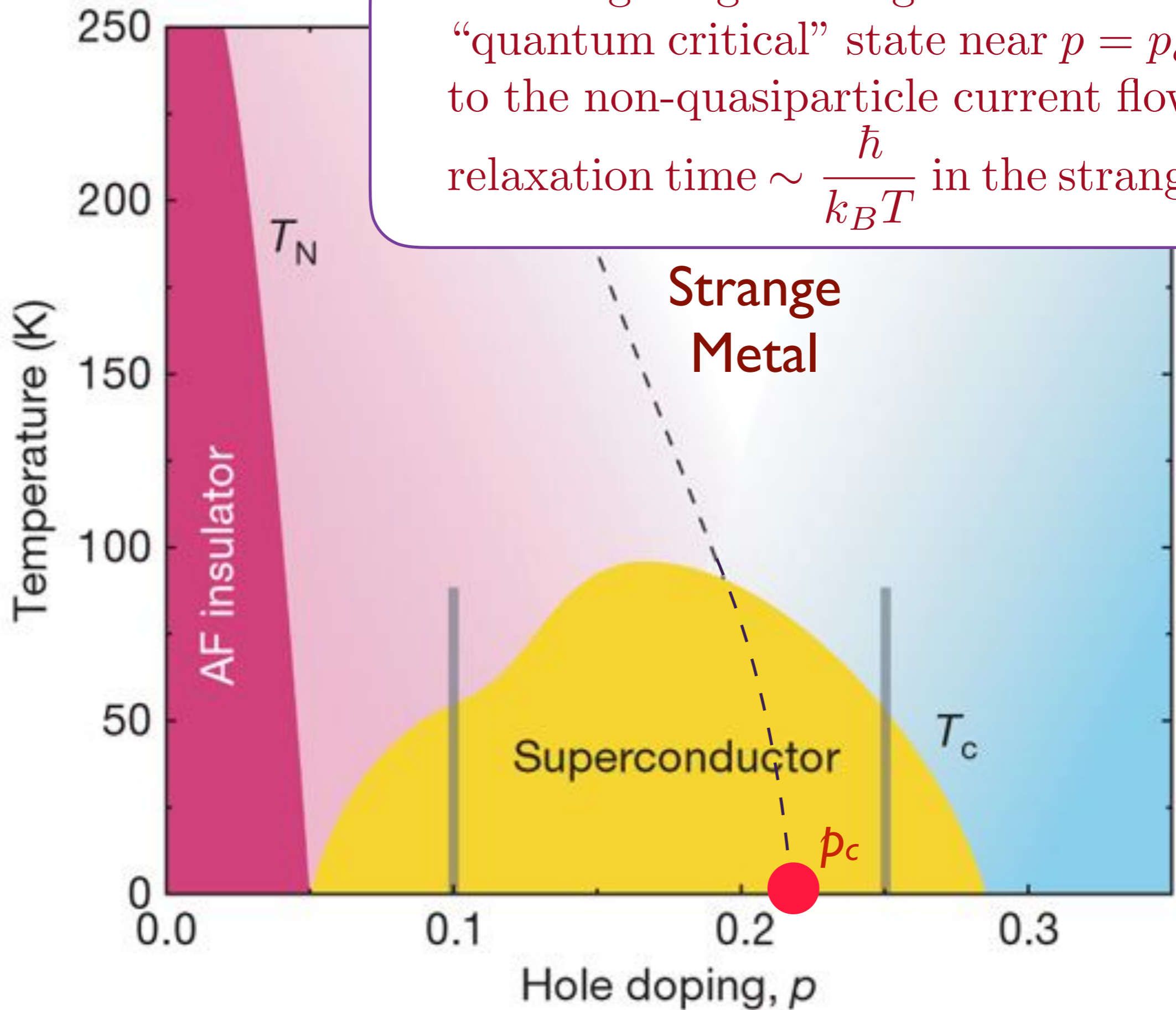
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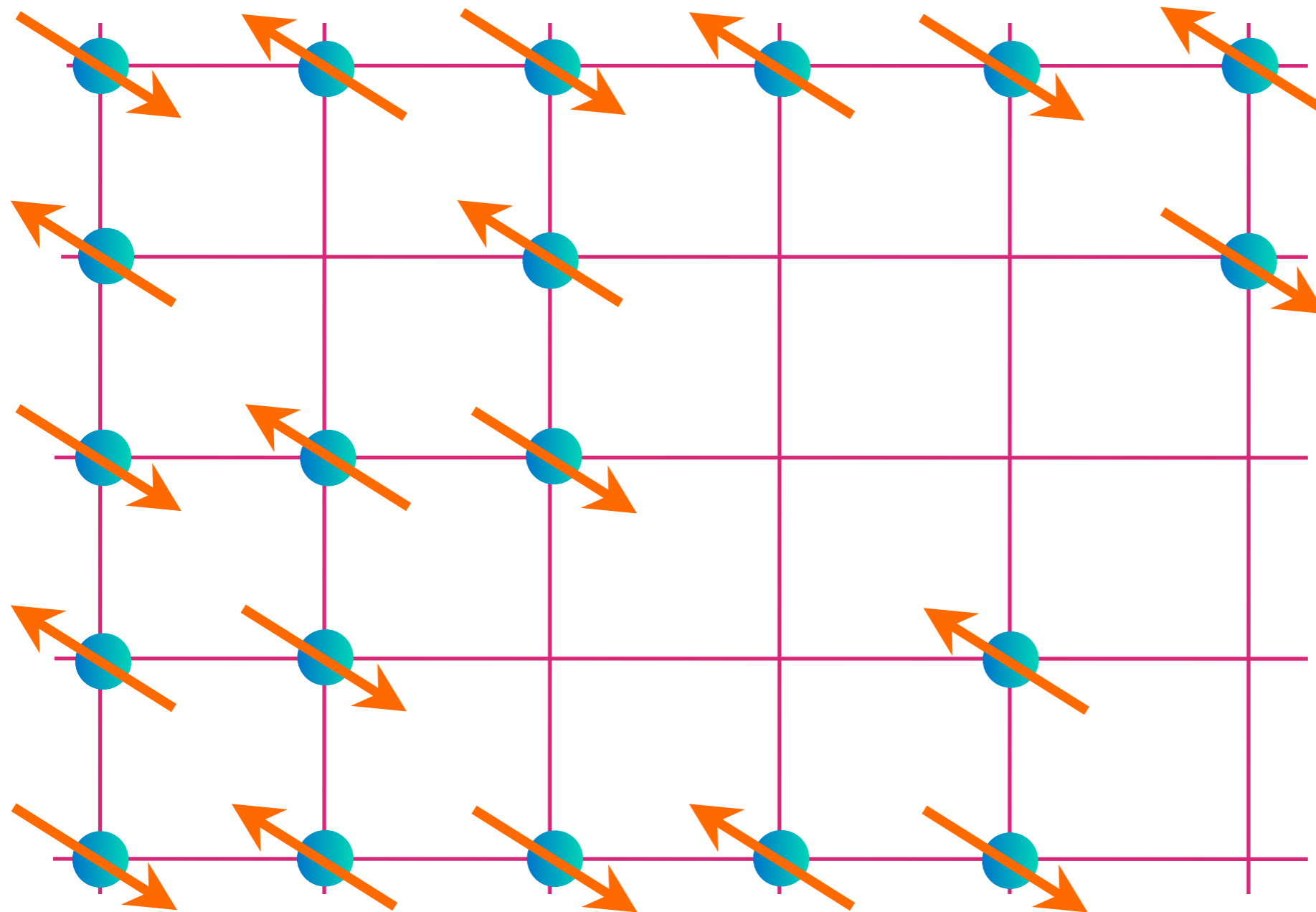
Remarkably similar universality in strange metals and black holes!





- The long-range entanglement in the “quantum critical” state near $p = p_c$ leads to the non-quasiparticle current flow with relaxation time $\sim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$ in the strange metal

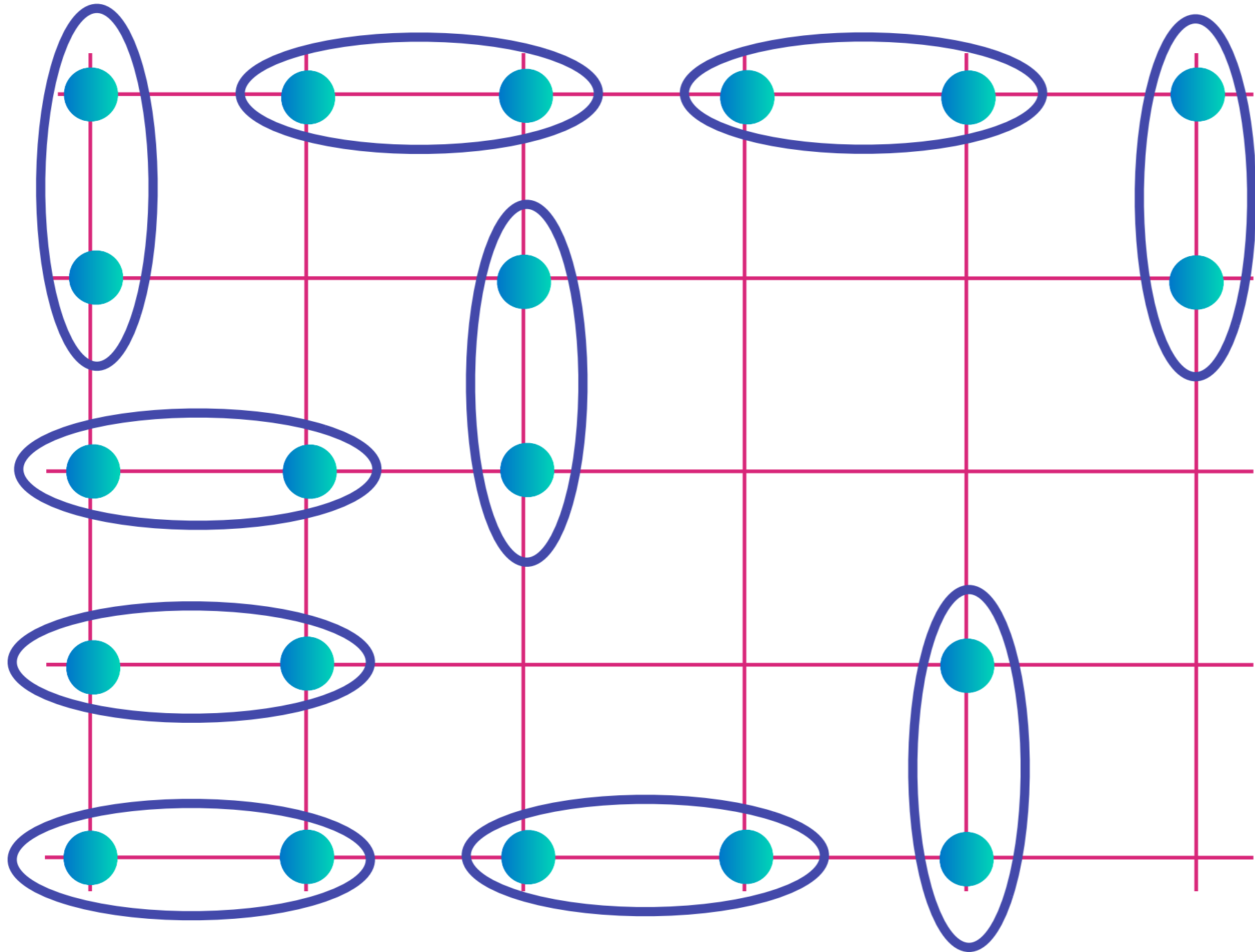
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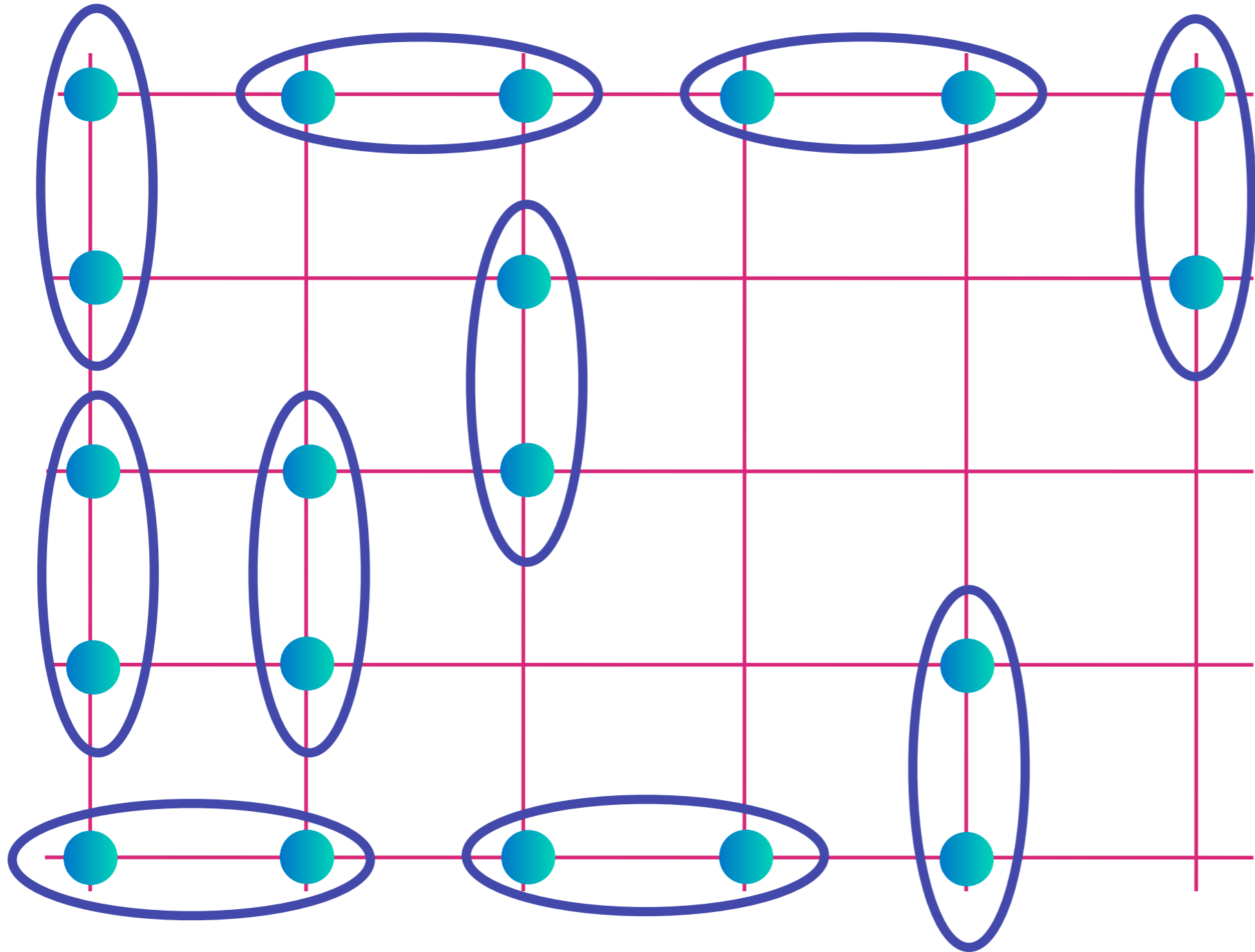
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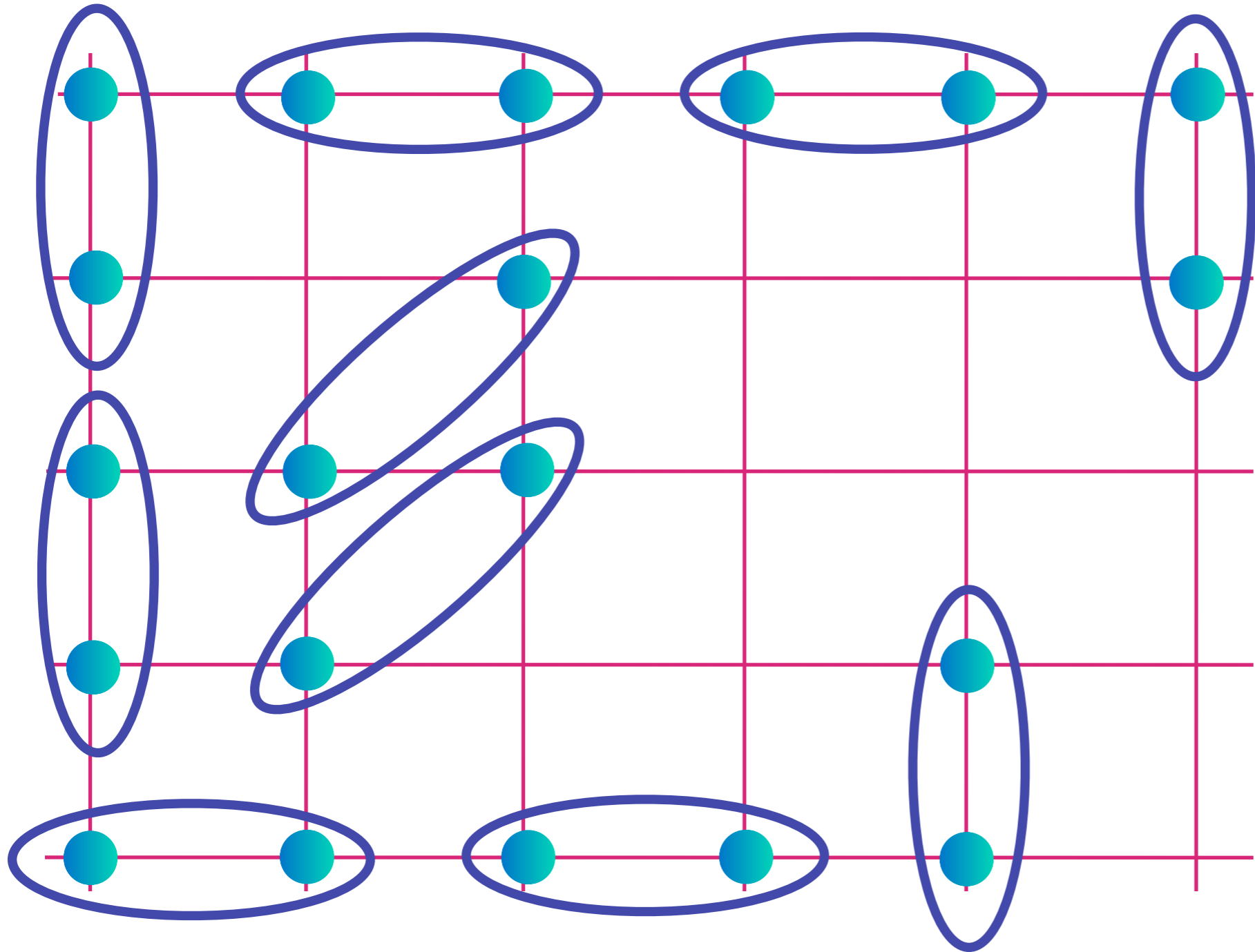
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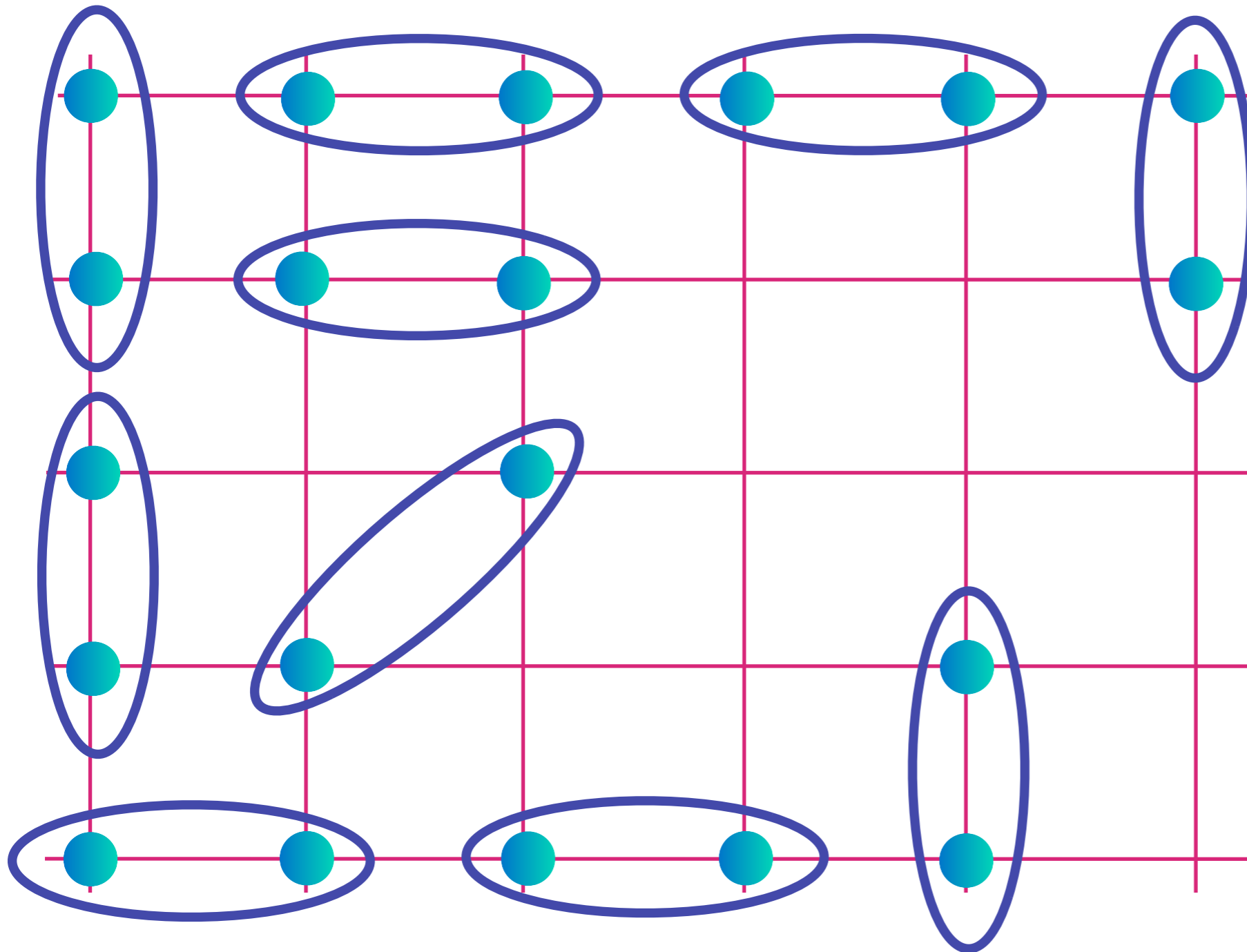
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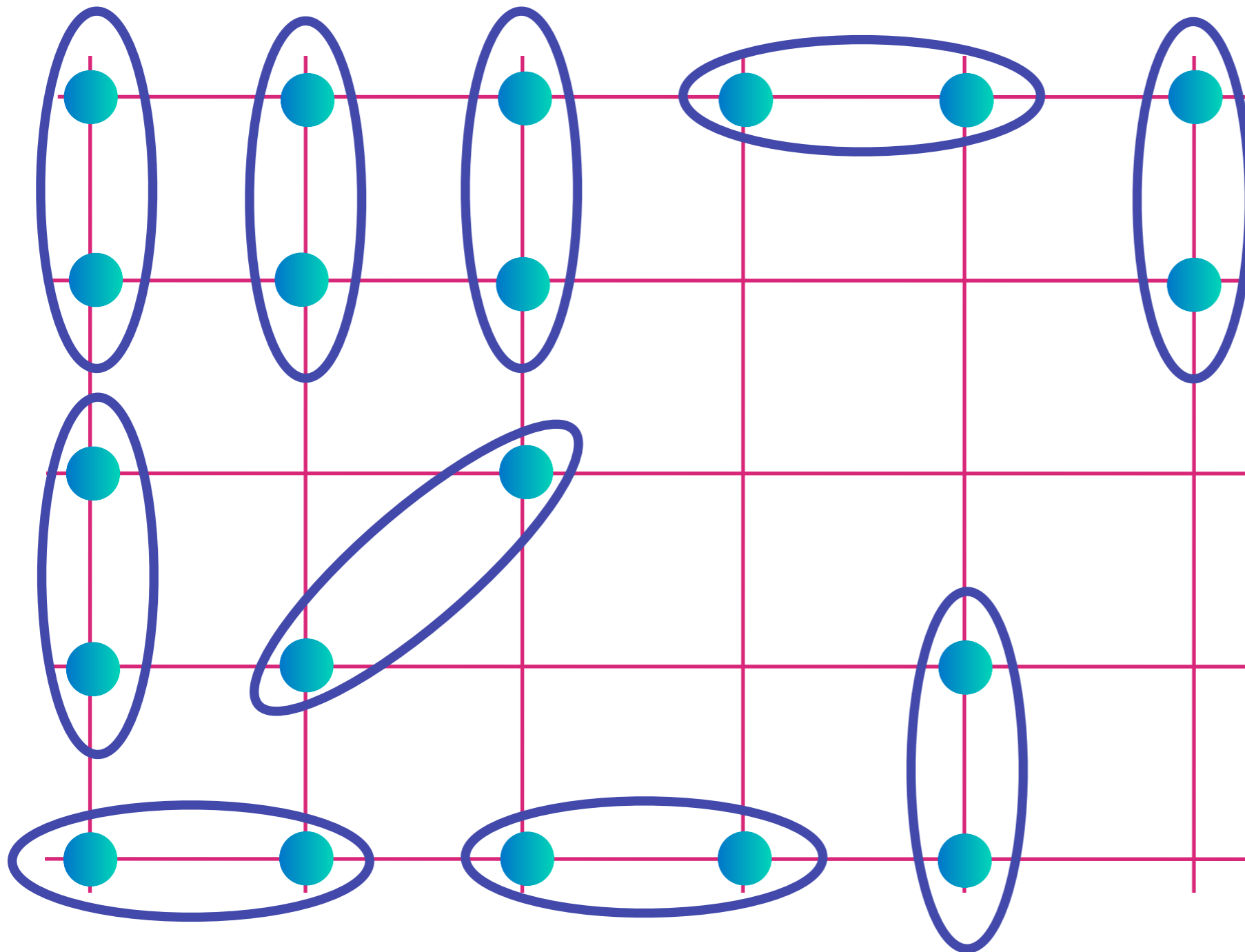
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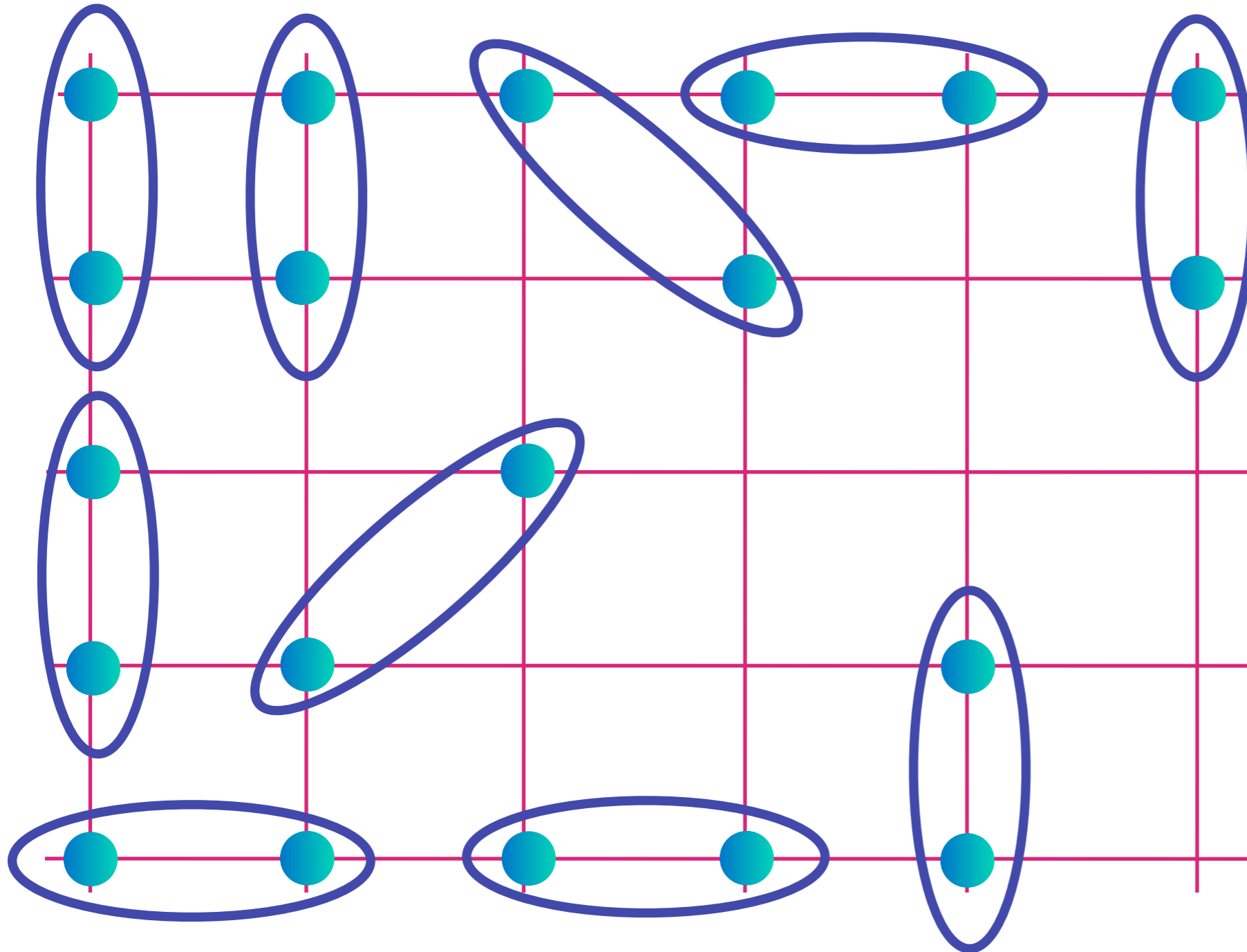
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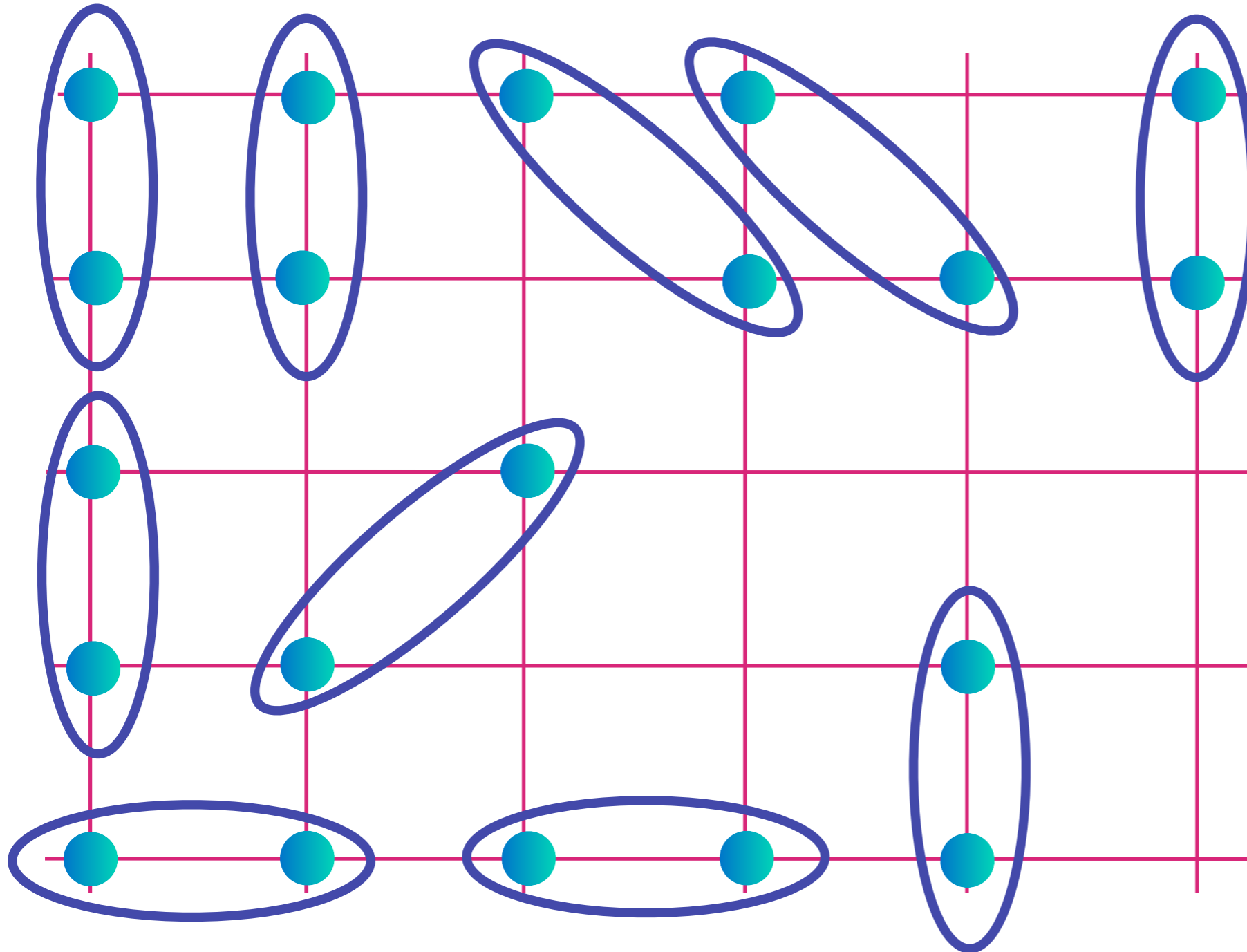
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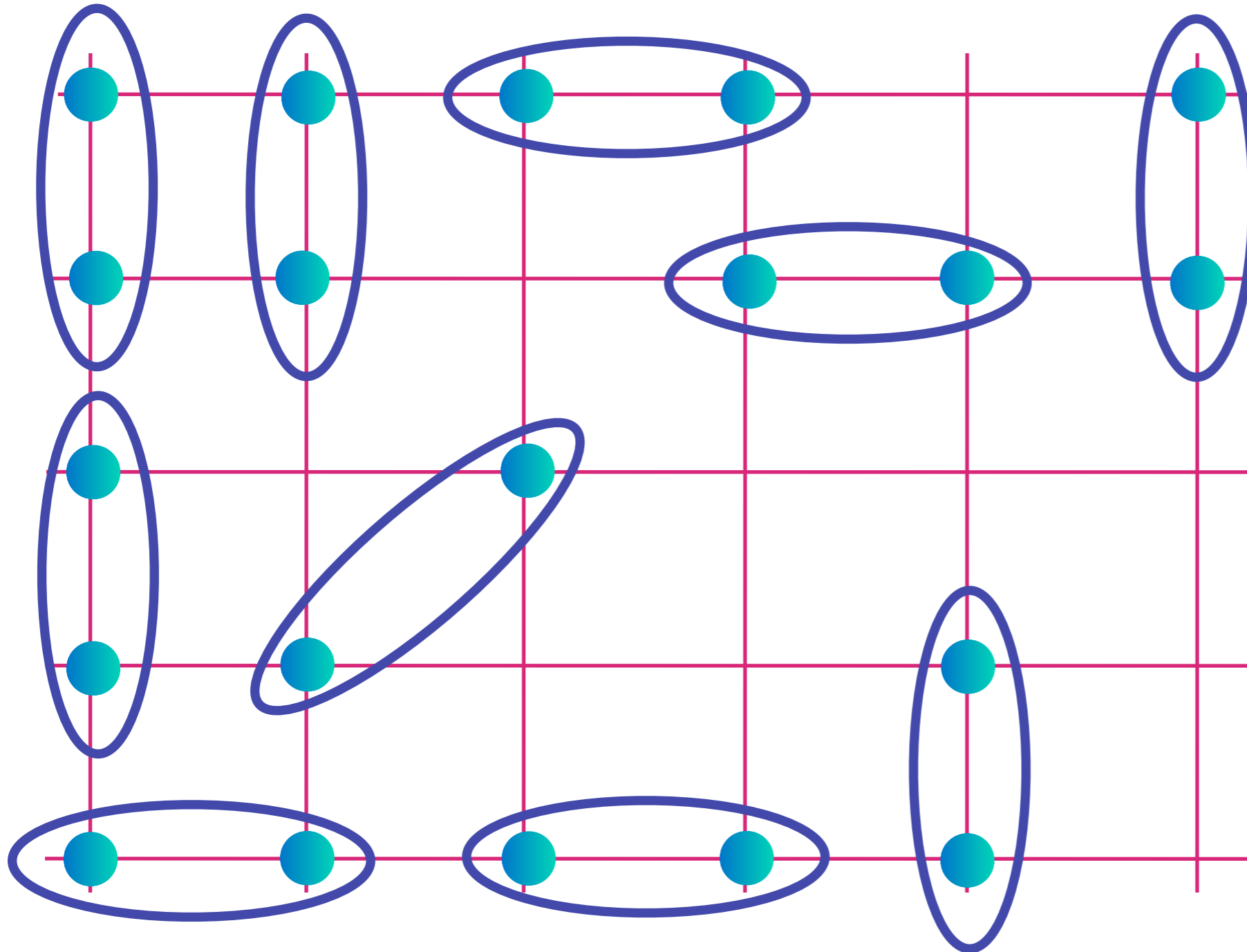
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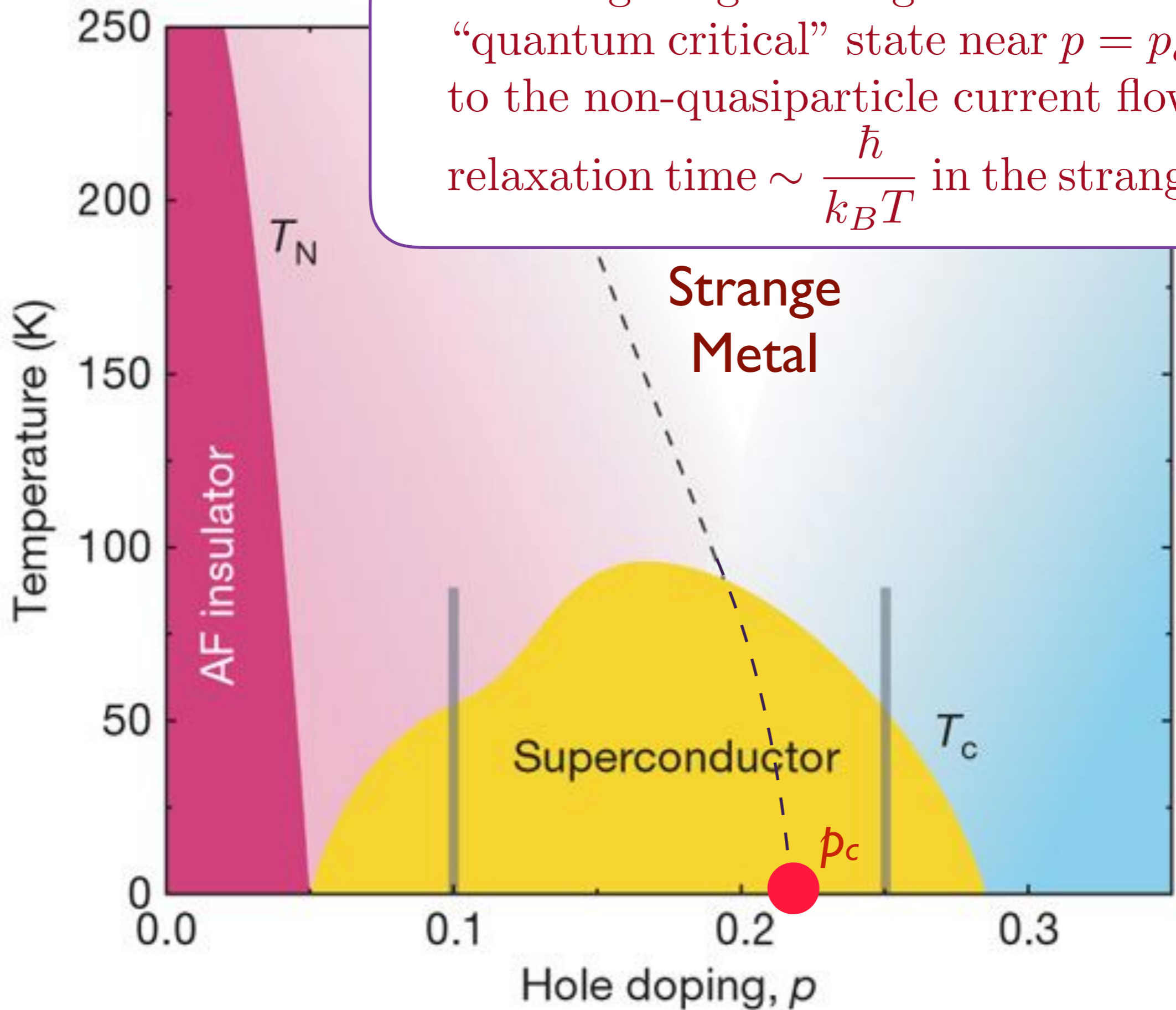
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- The long-range entanglement in the “quantum critical” state near $p = p_c$ leads to the non-quasiparticle current flow with relaxation time $\sim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$ in the strange metal

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Holography:

Quantum black holes “look like” quantum-critical many-particle systems without quasiparticle excitations, residing “on” the surface of the black hole

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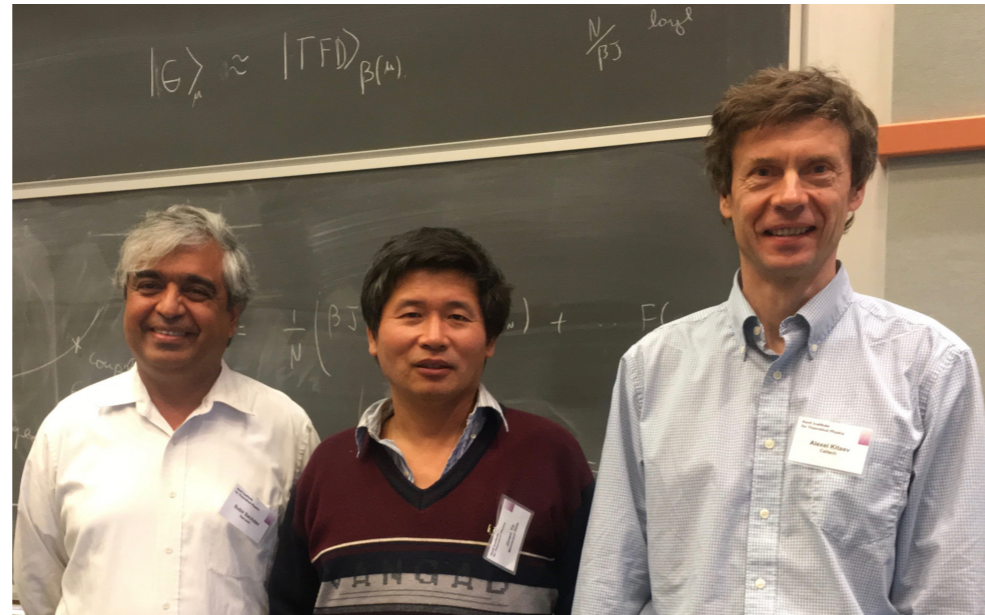
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A "toy model" which describes both
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The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

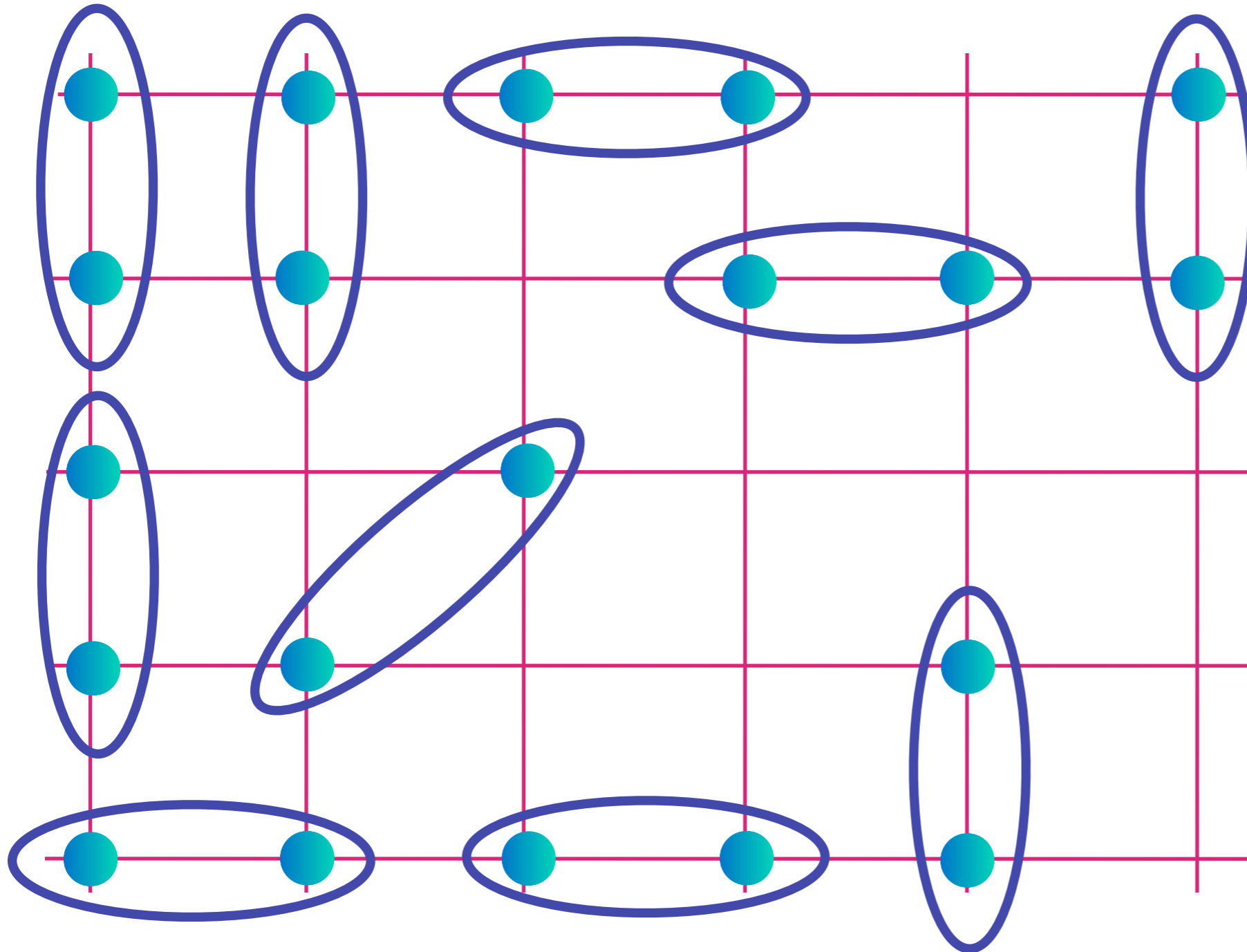


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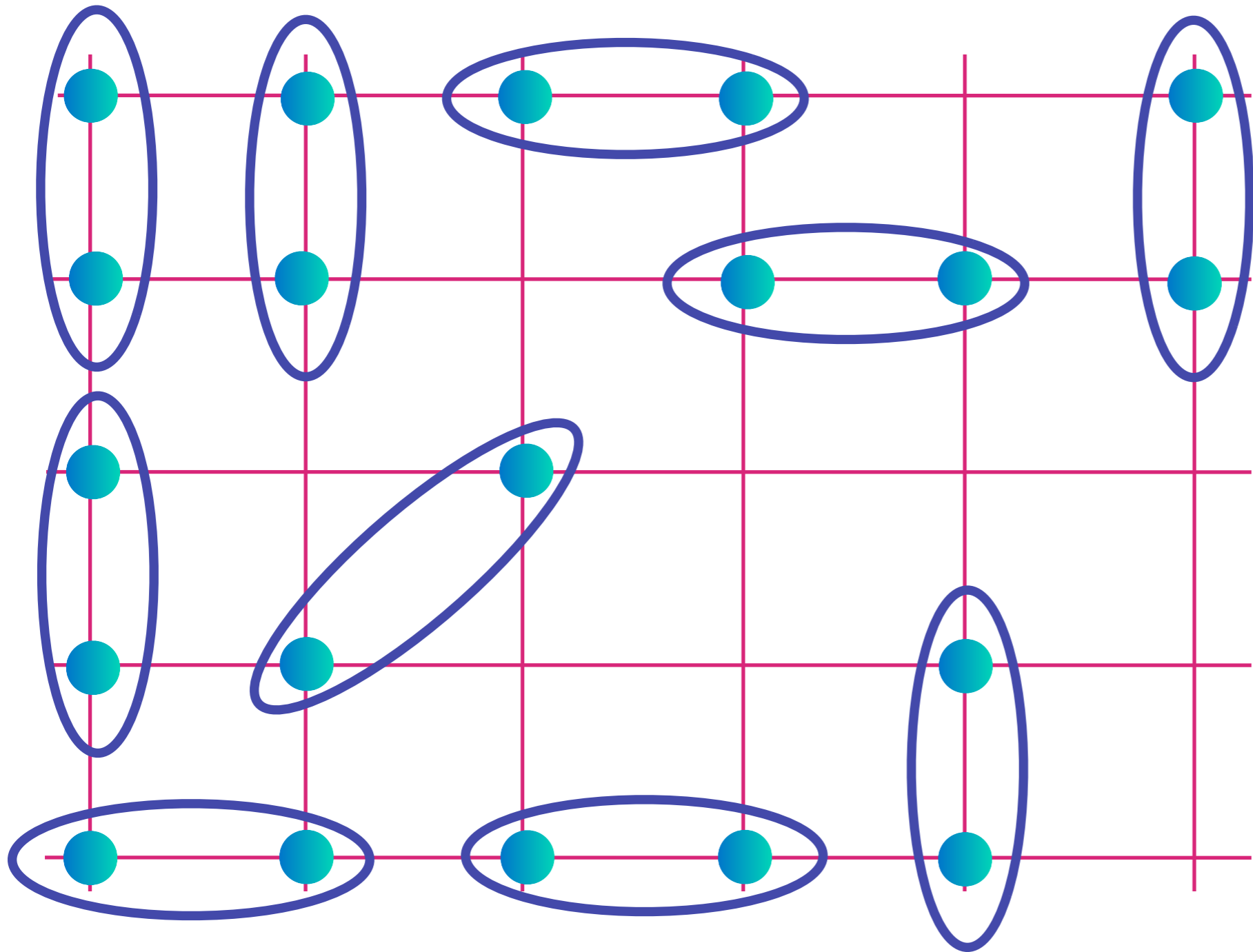


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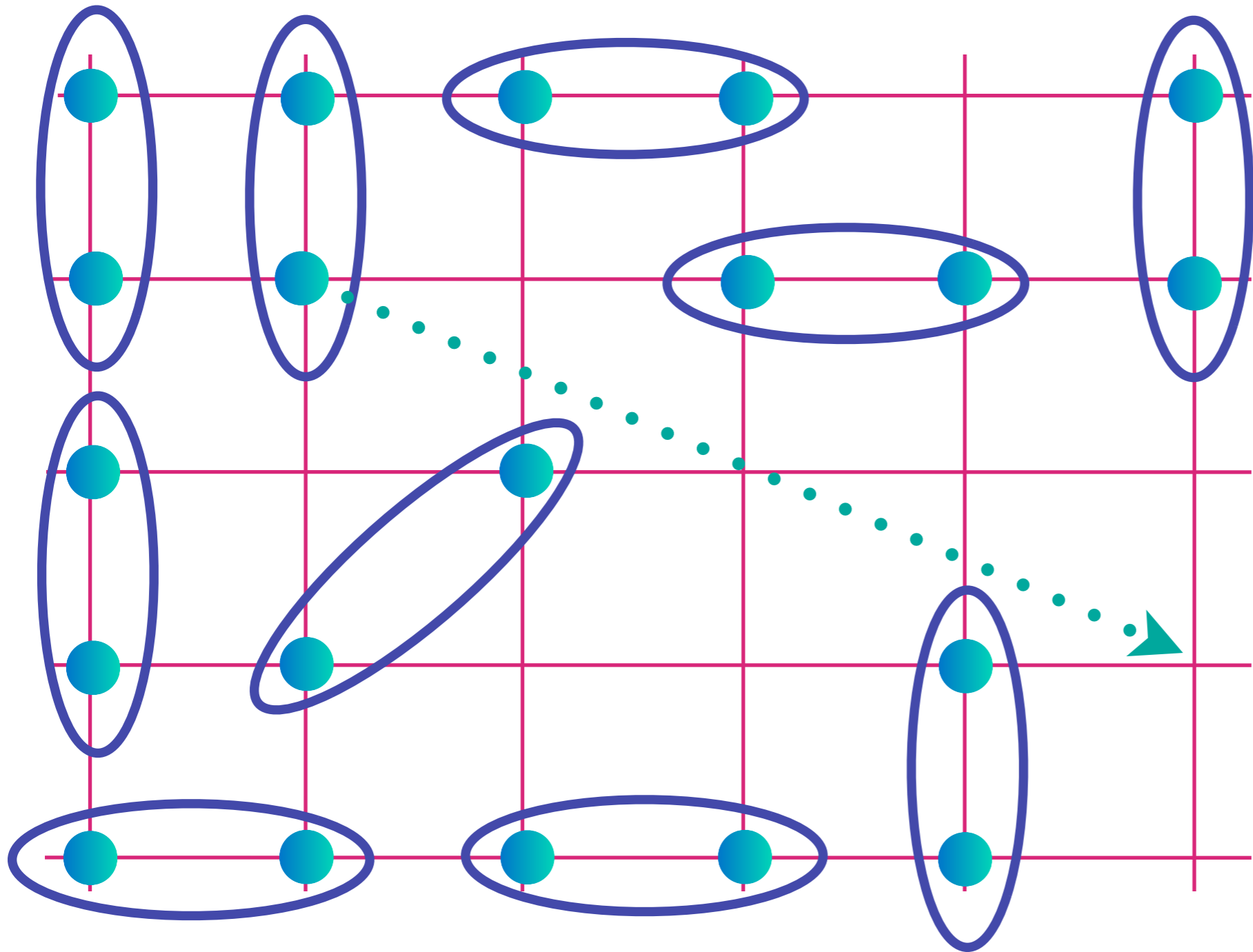
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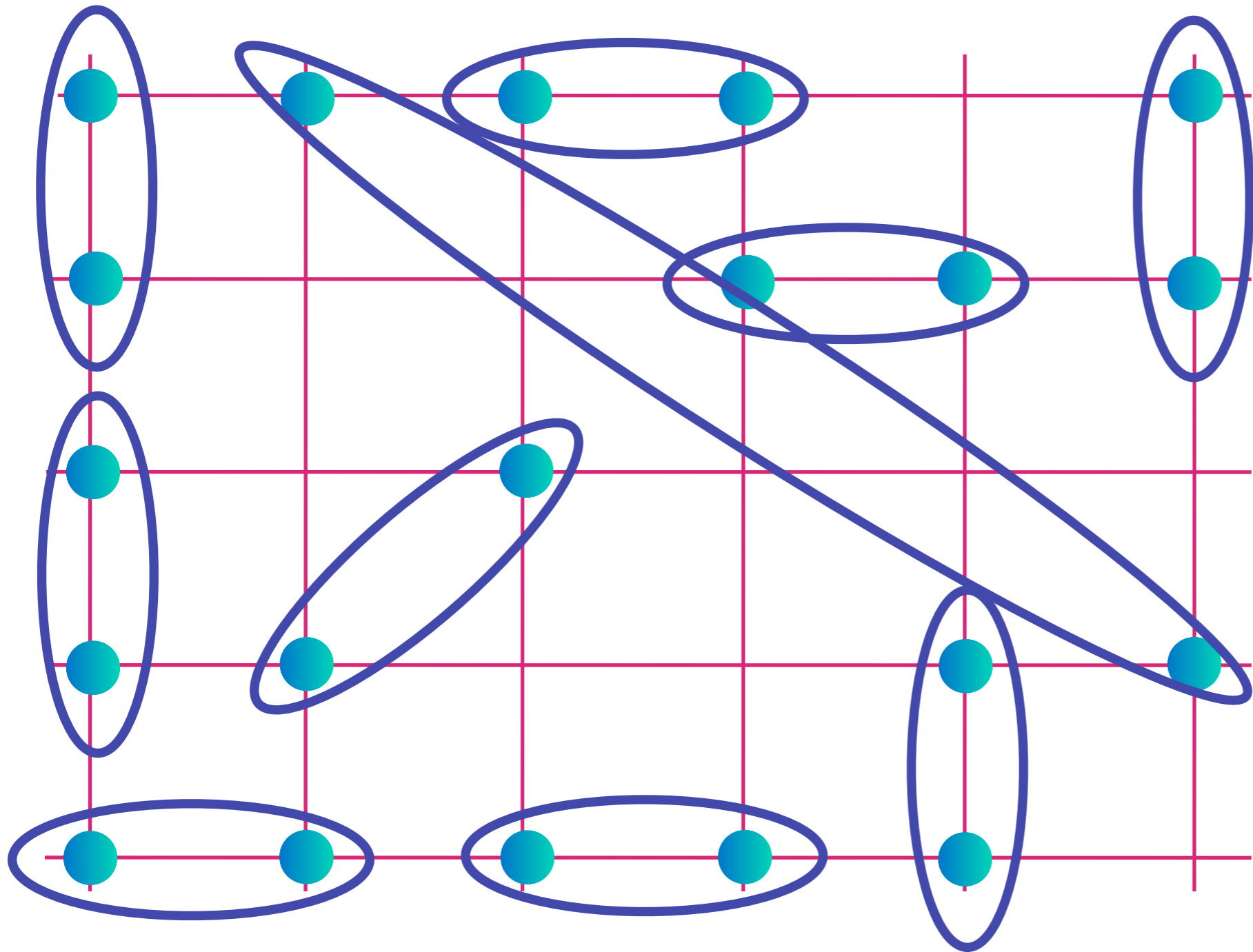
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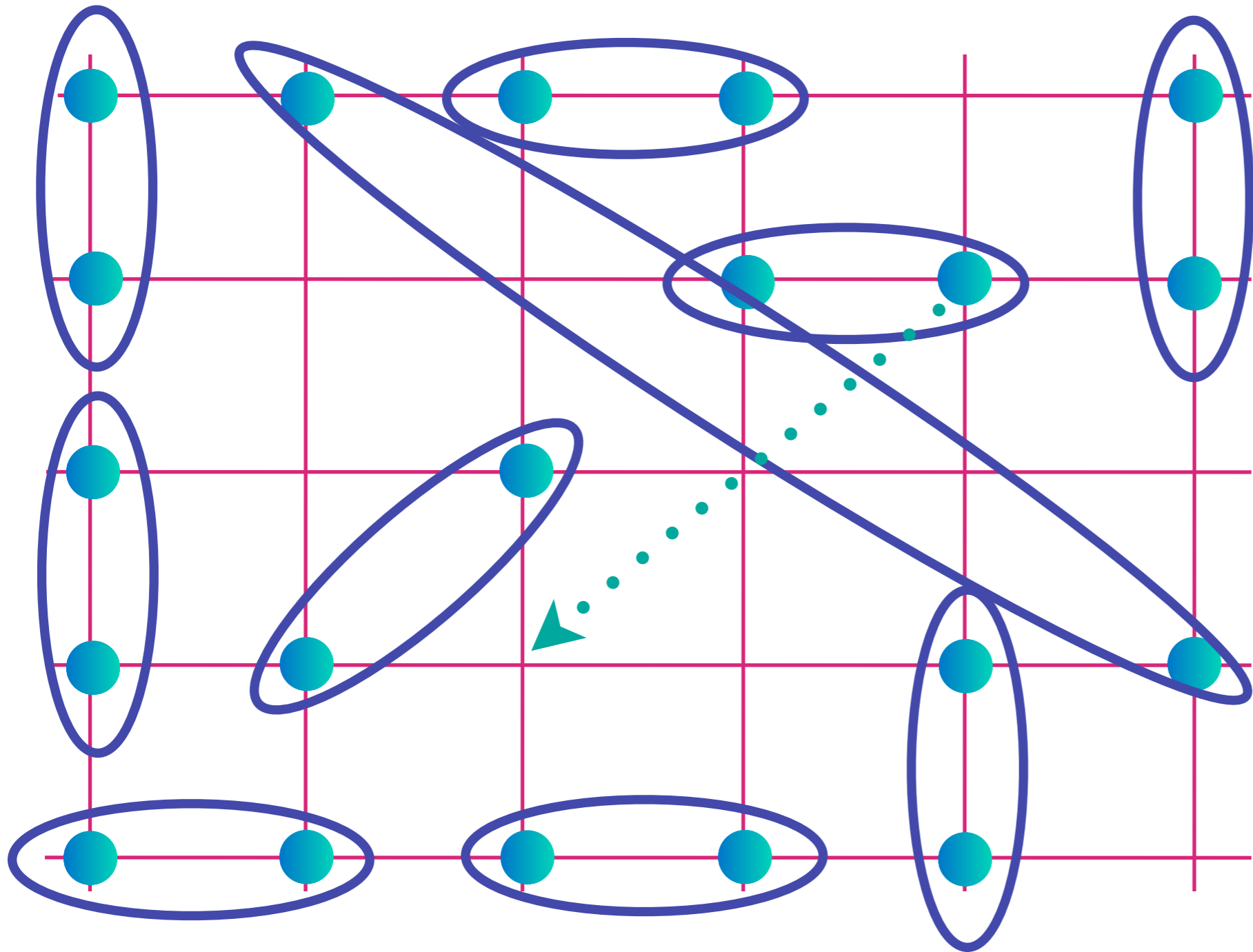
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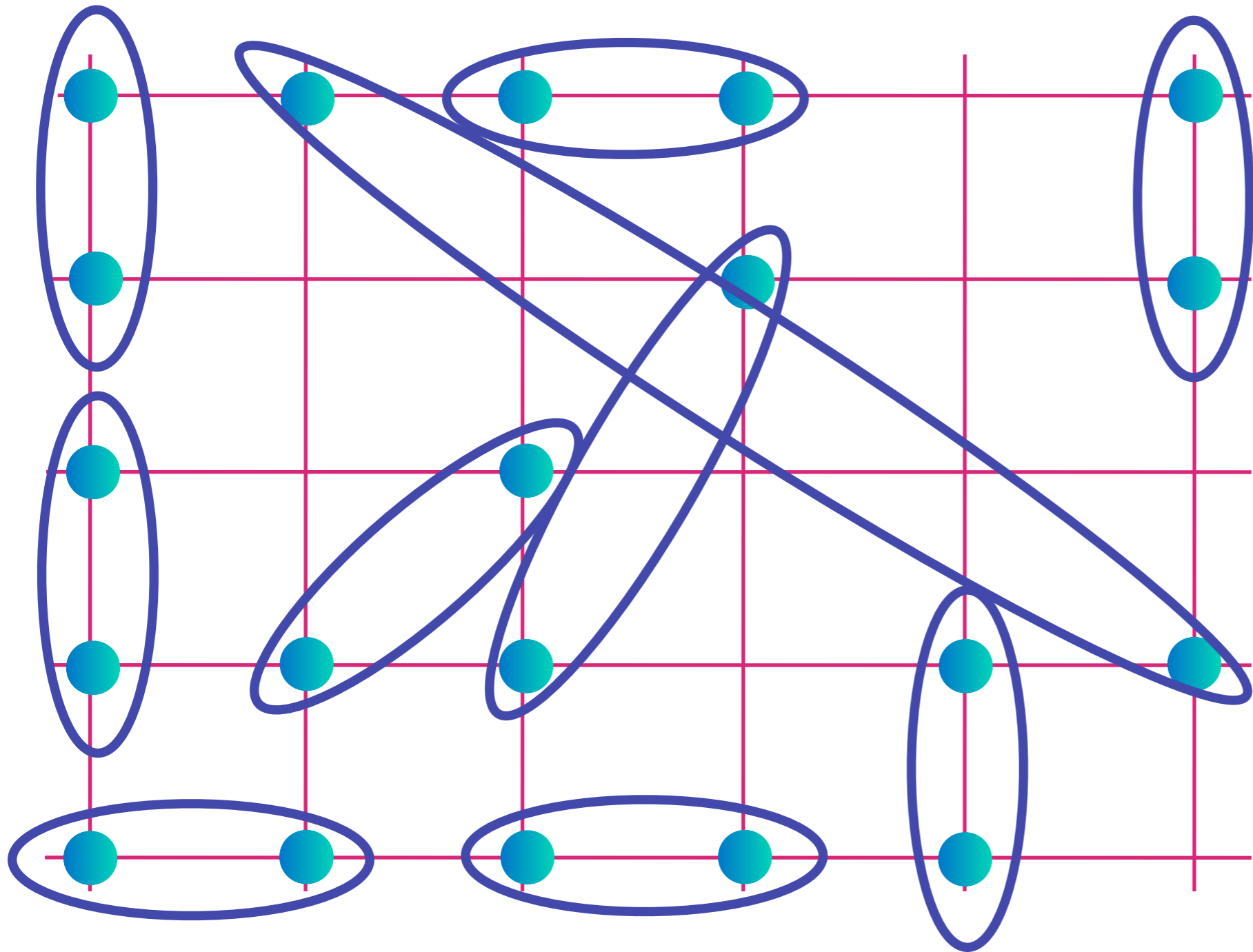
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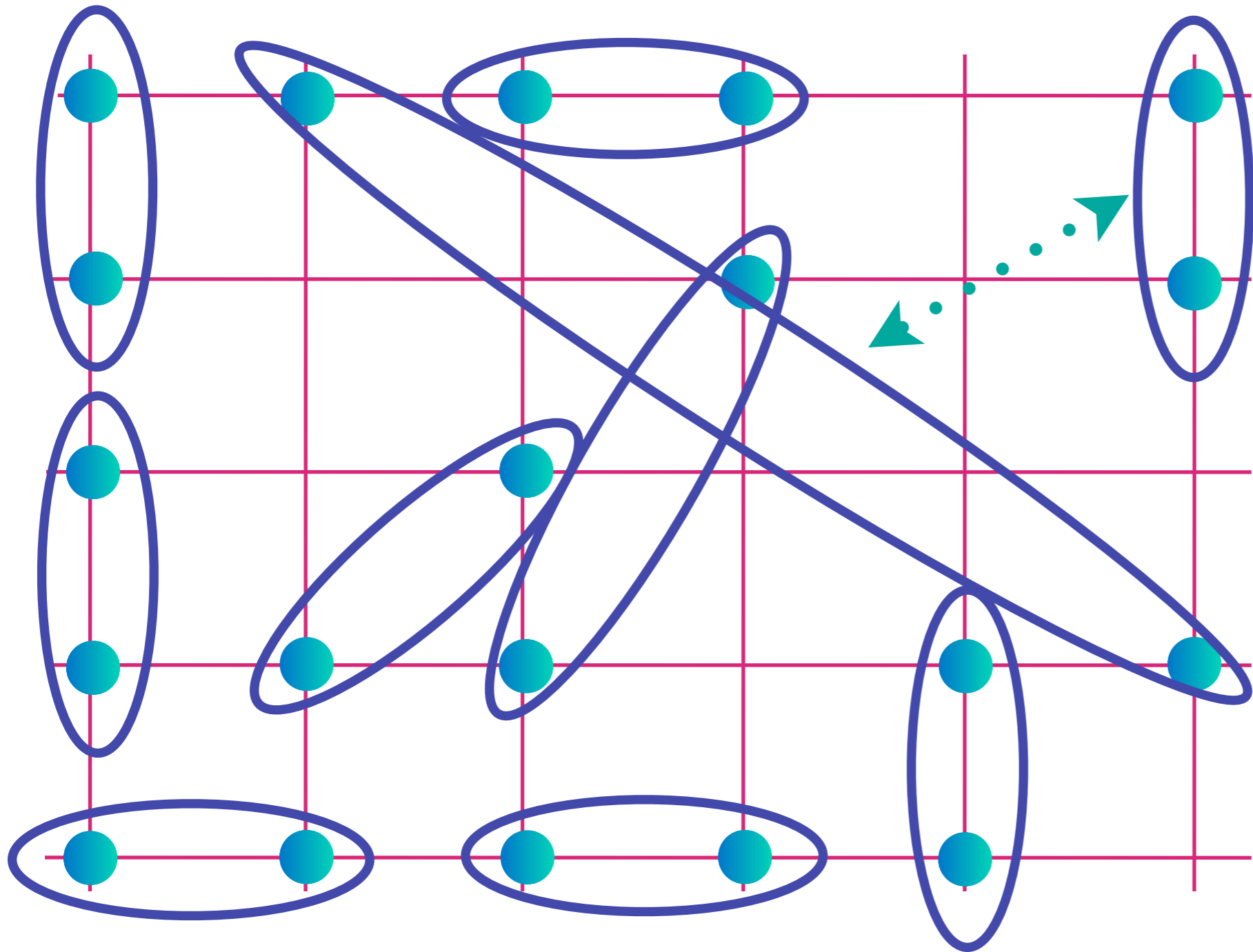
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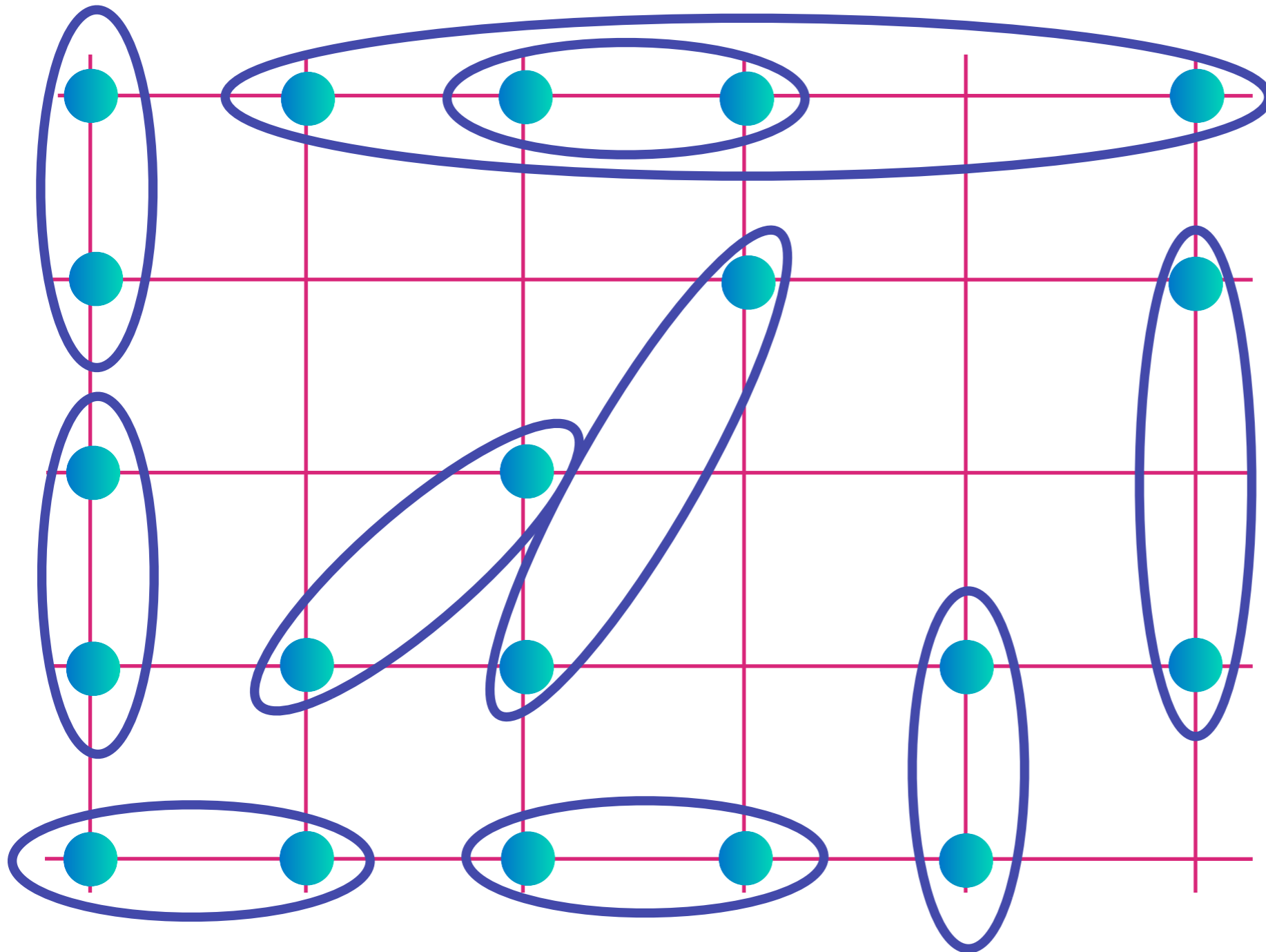
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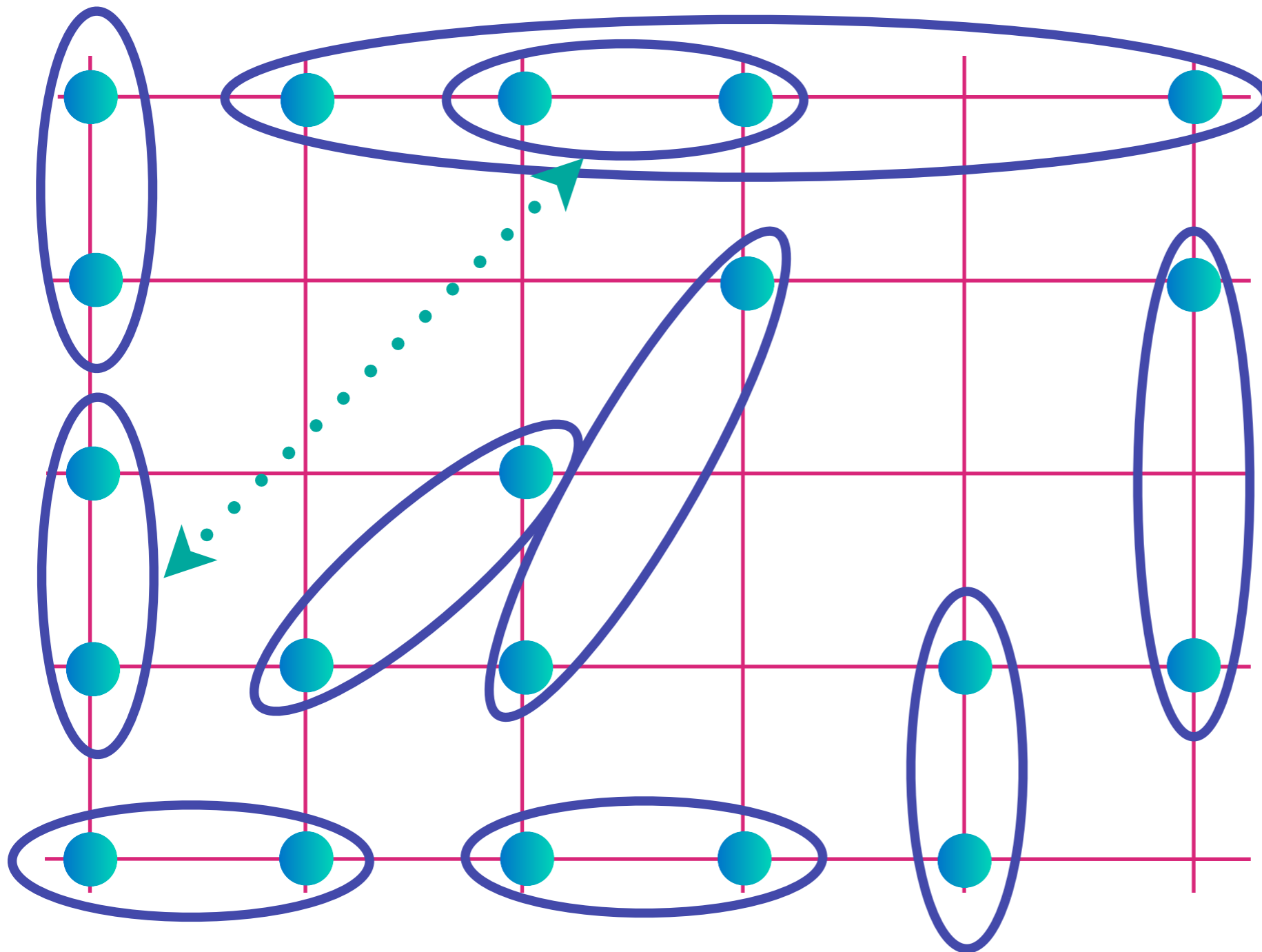
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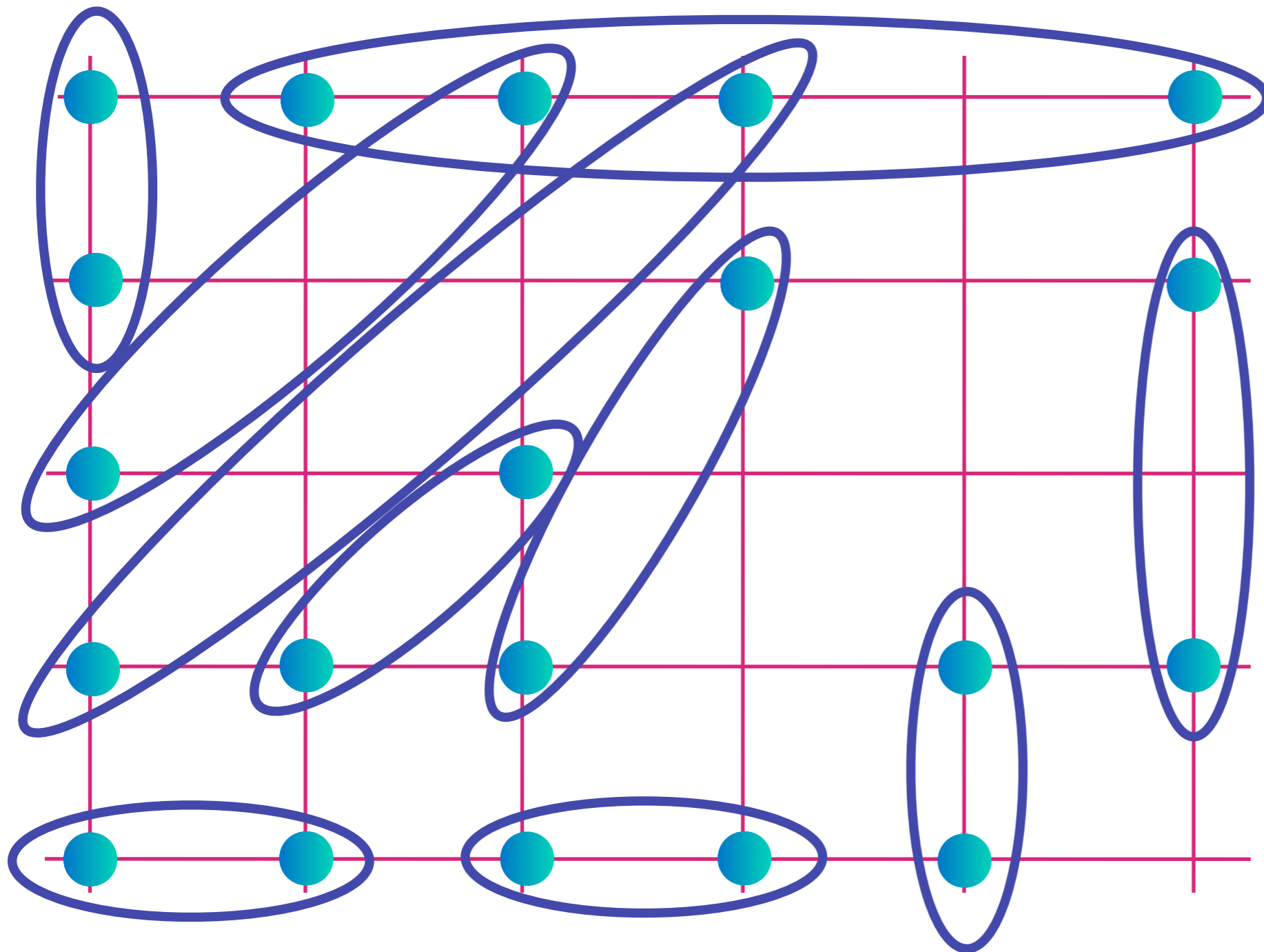
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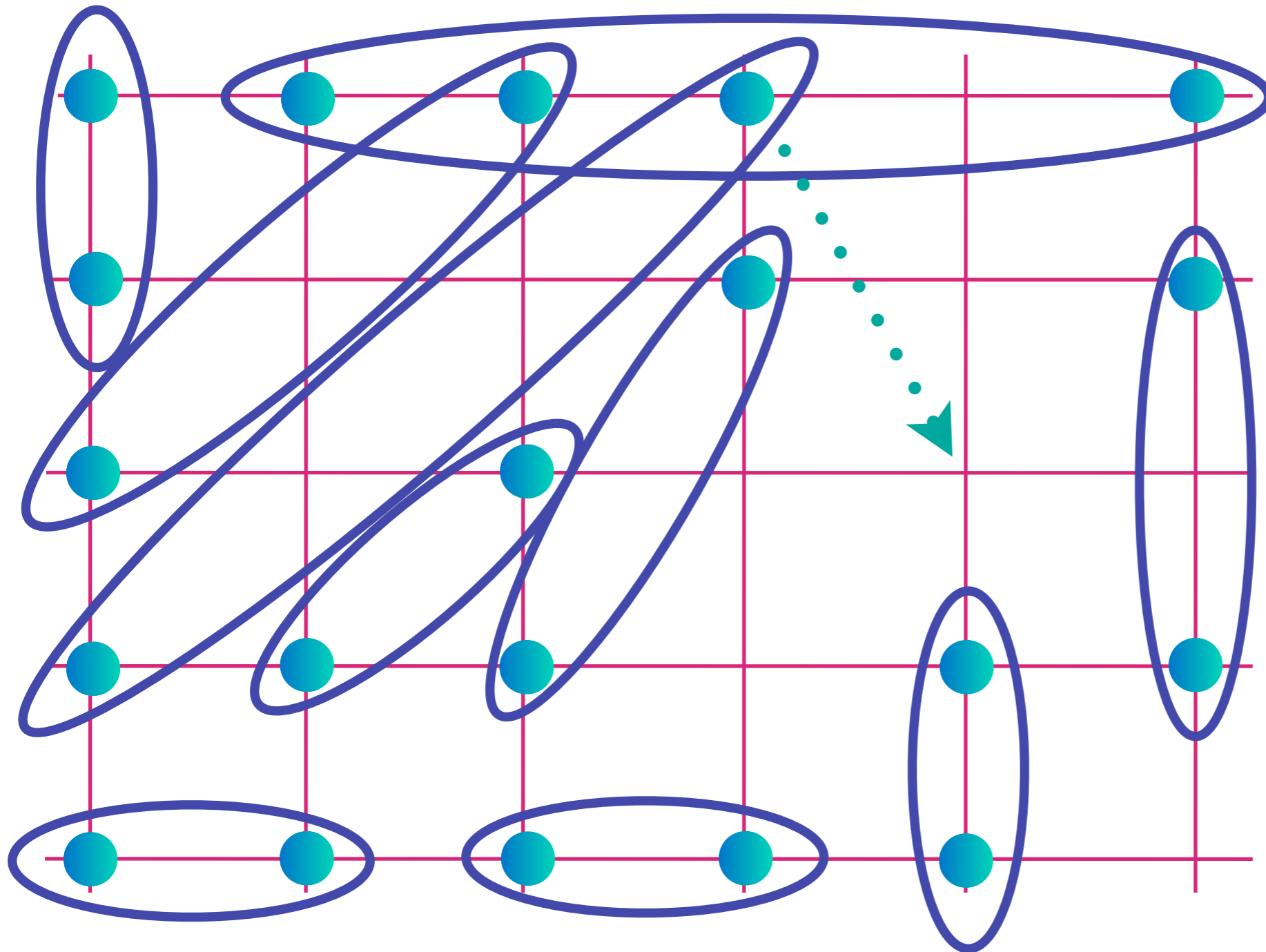
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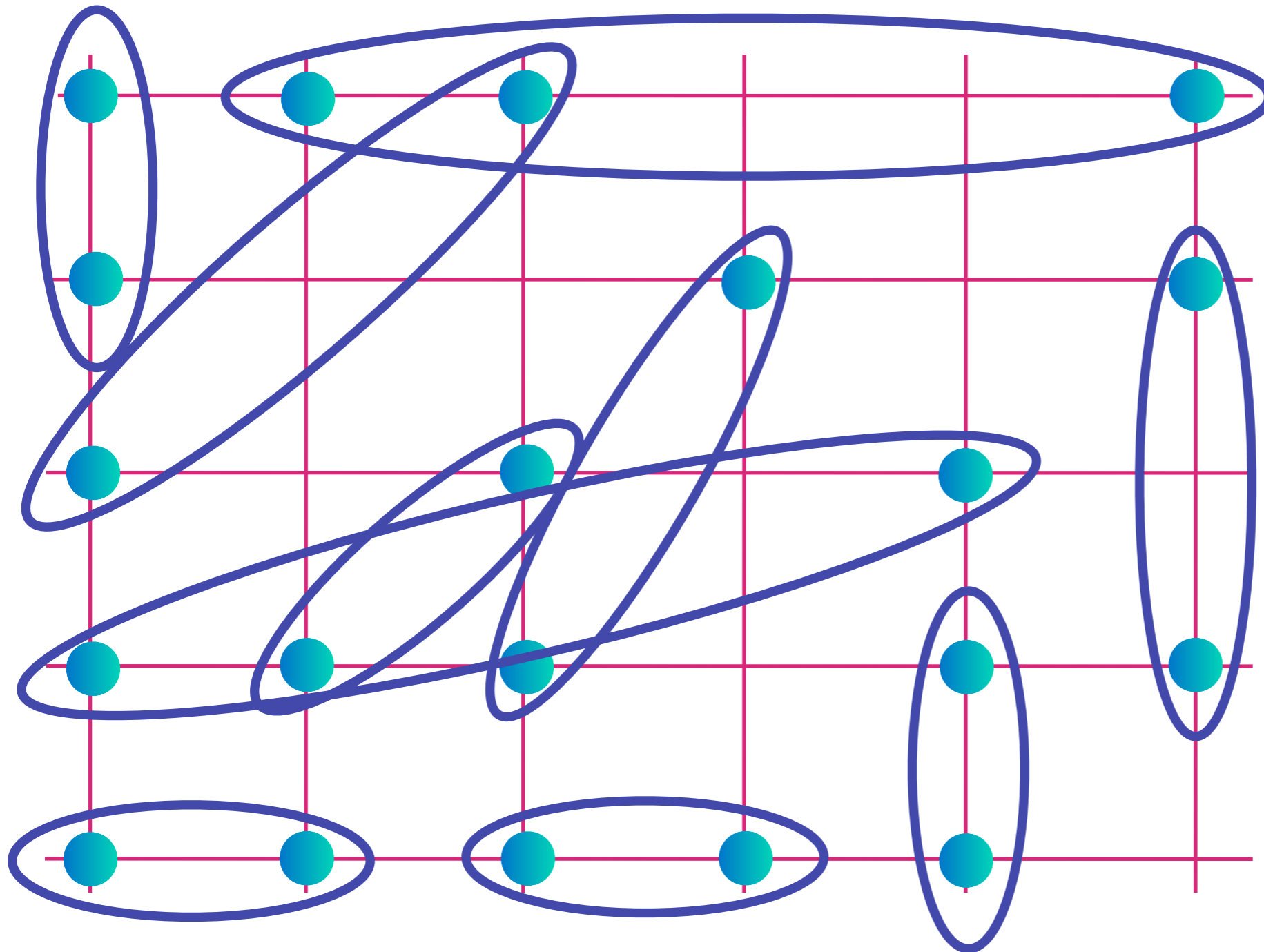
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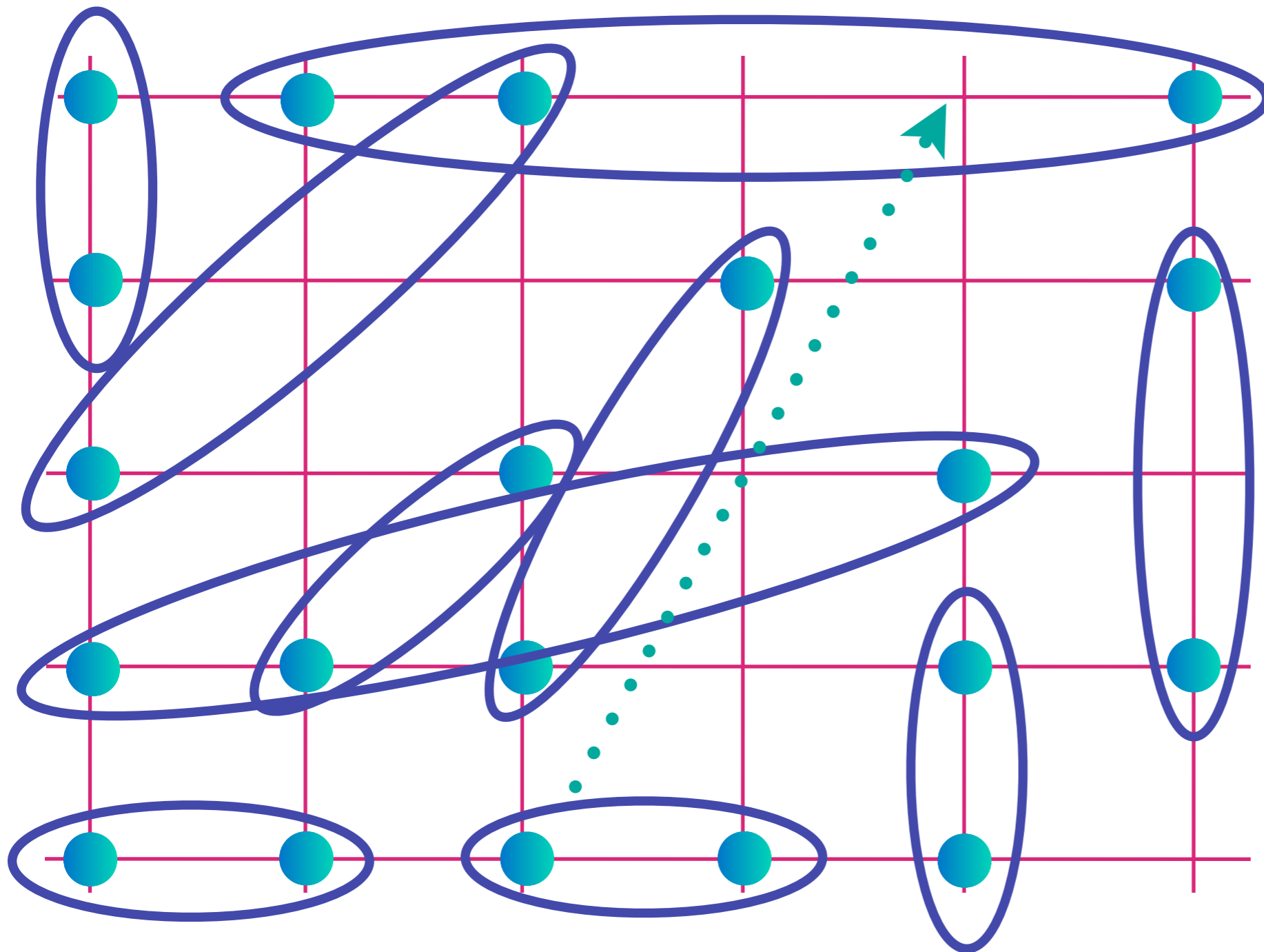
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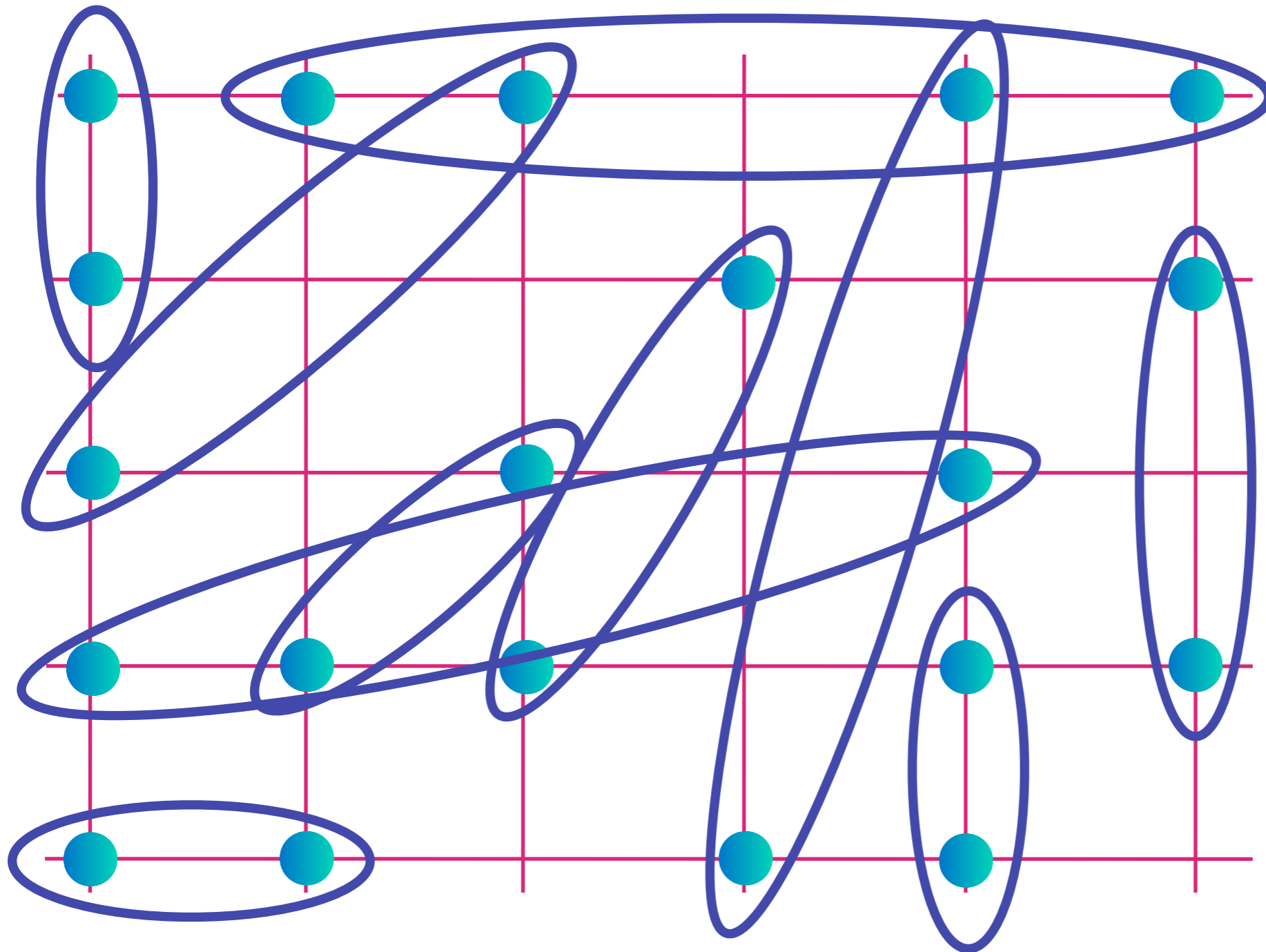
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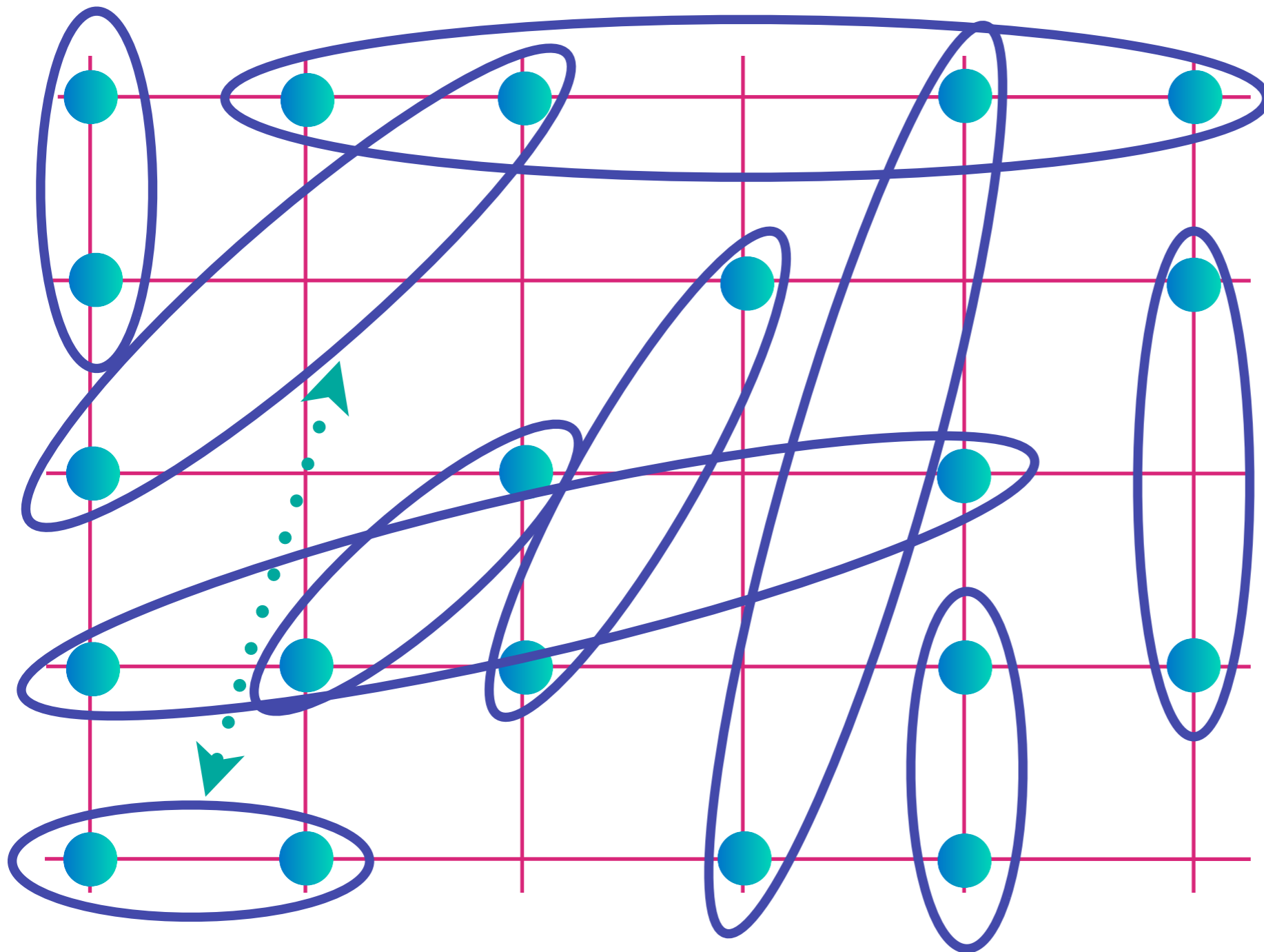
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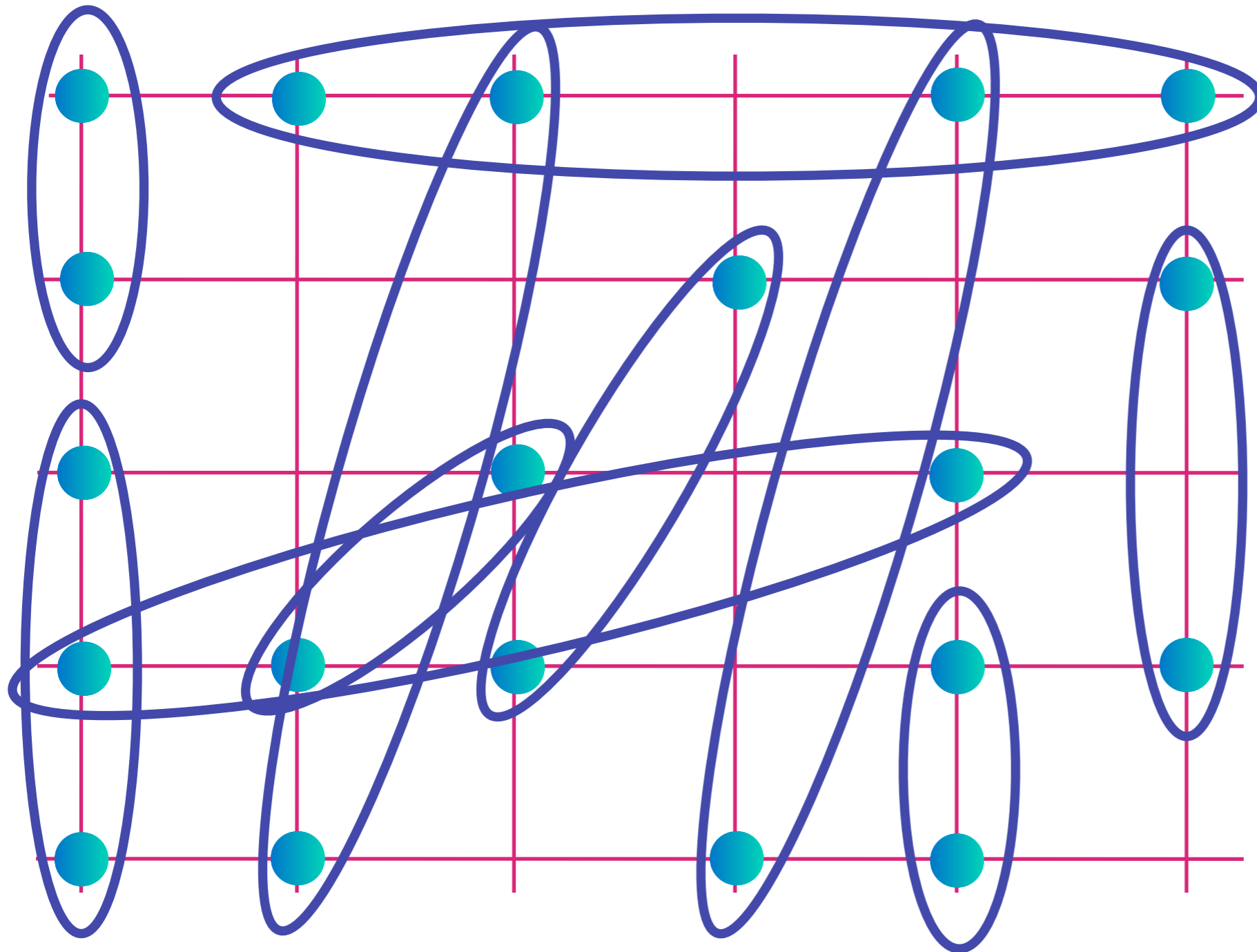
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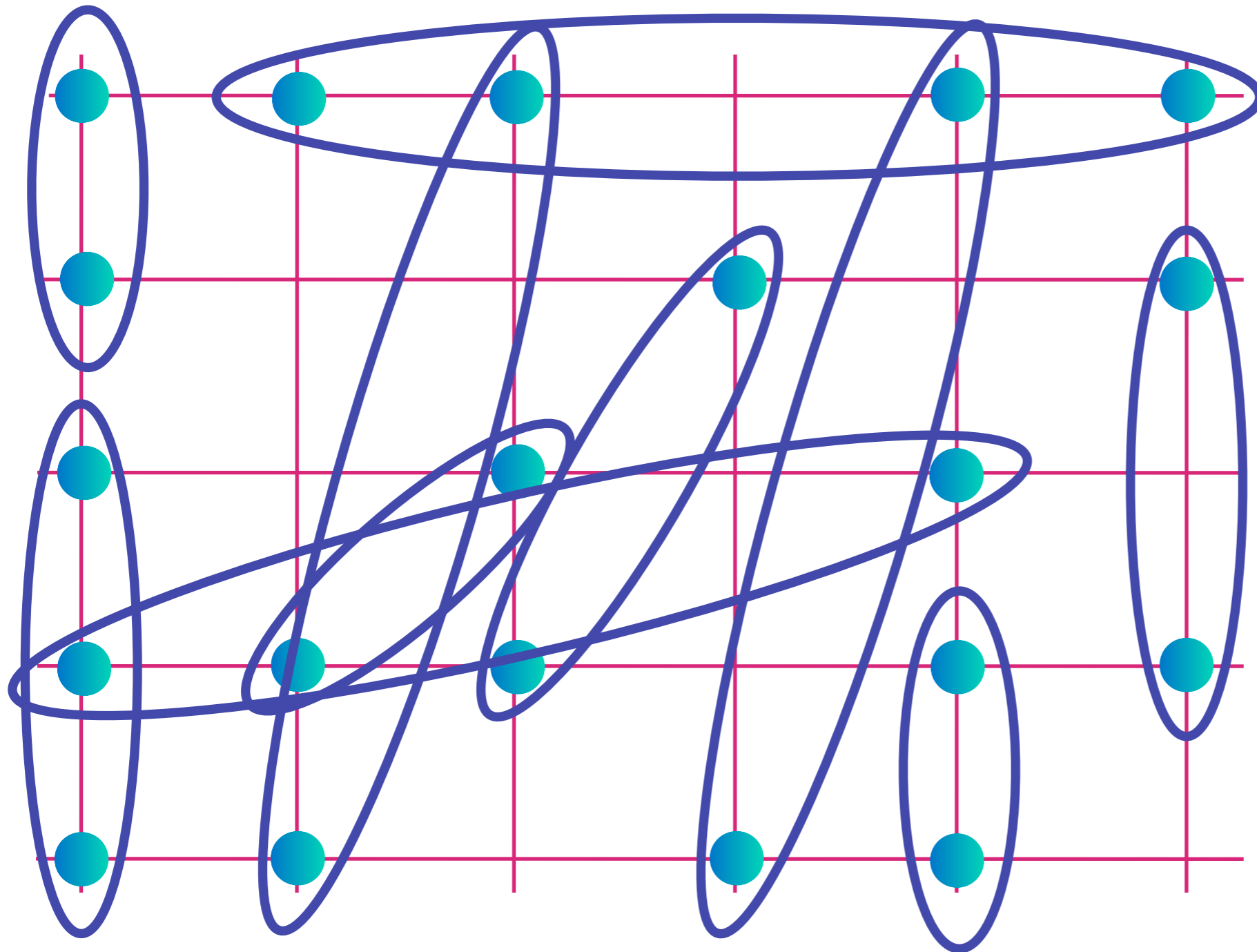
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A strange metal: lattice of SYK islands

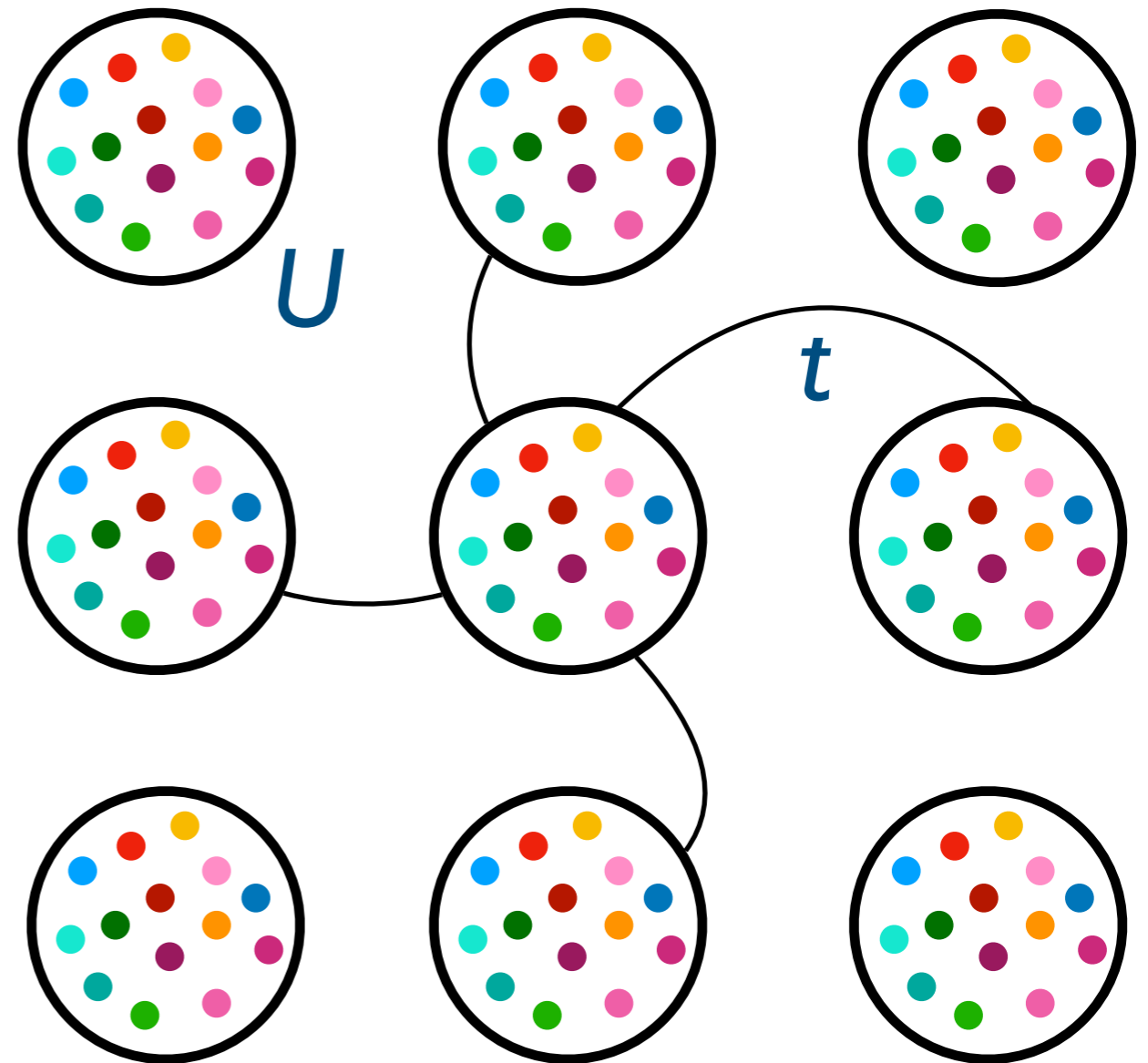
Entanglement amplitude
within each island = U .

Amplitude to hop
between islands = t .

Model yields

$$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\tau} \sim T$$

for $t^2/U \lesssim T \lesssim U$

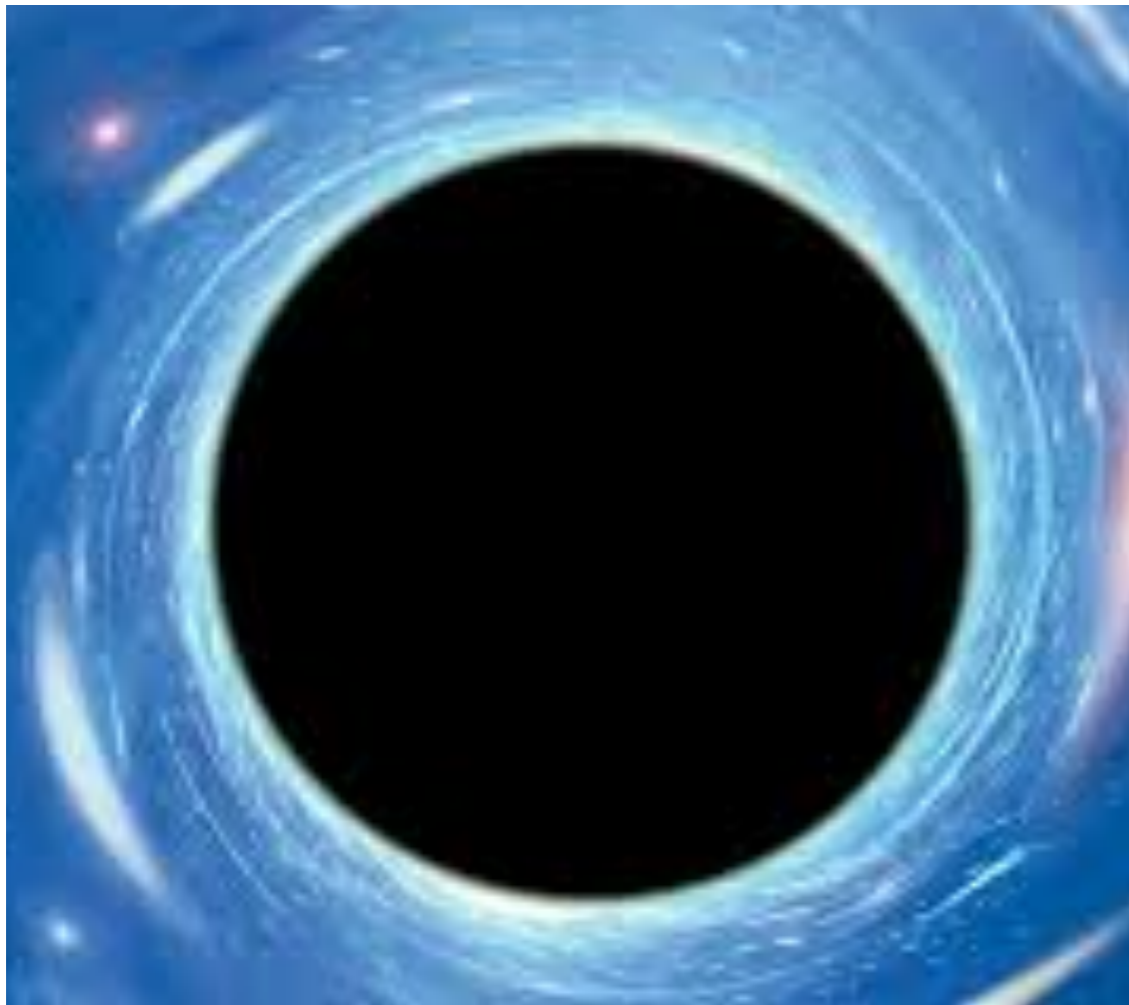


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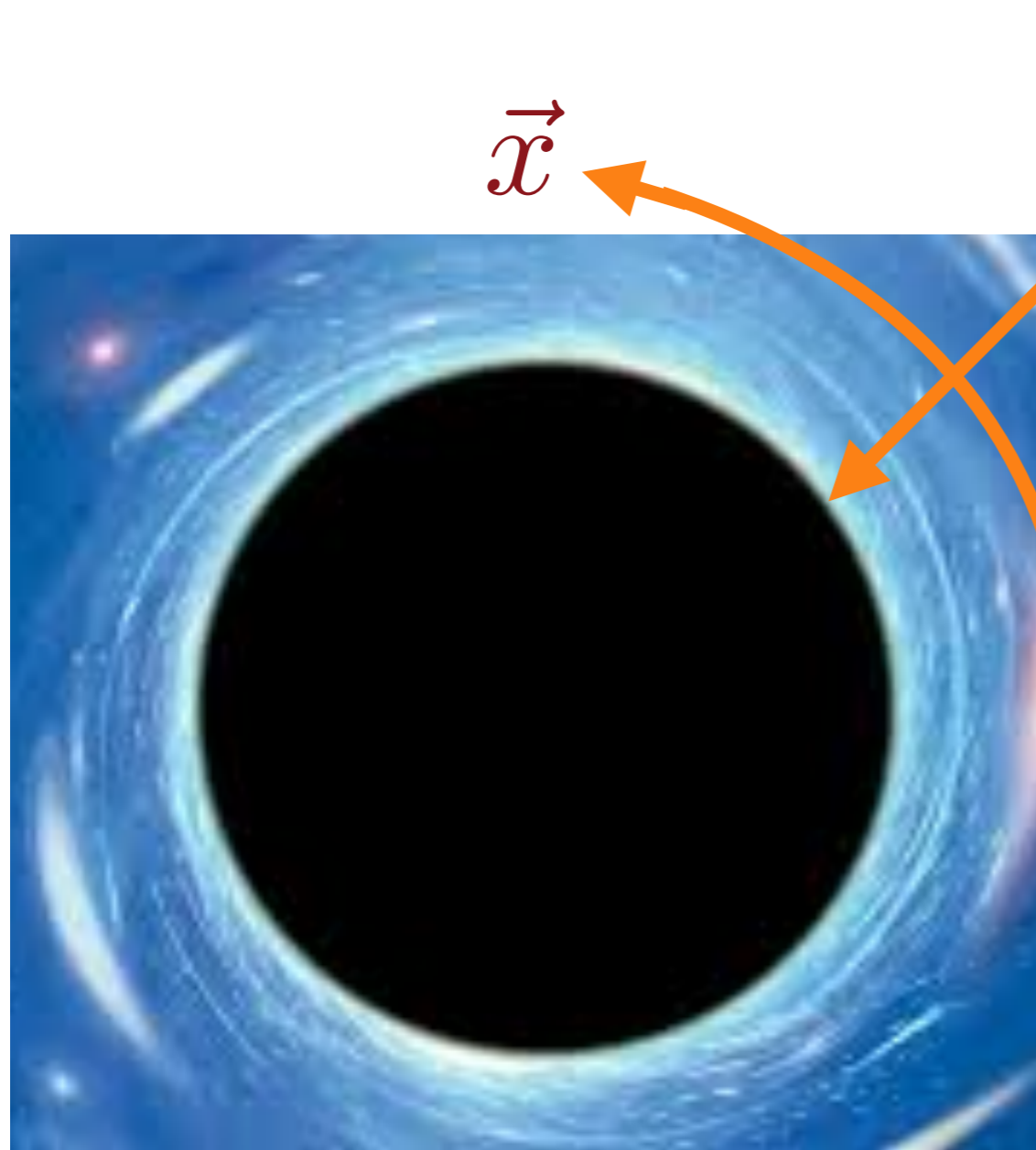


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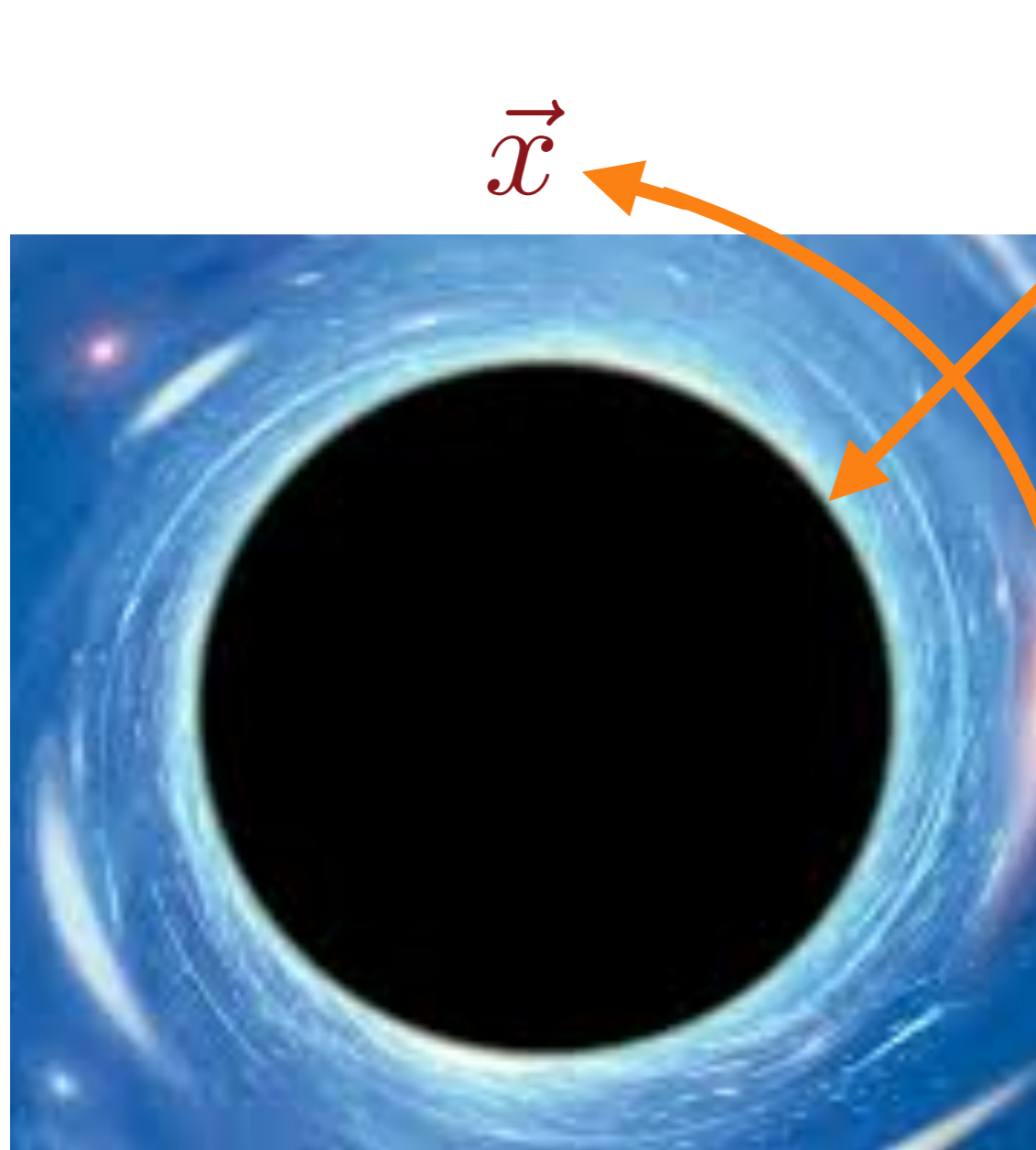
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Zooming into the near-horizon region of a charged black hole at low temperature, yields a quantum theory in one space (ζ) and one time dimension



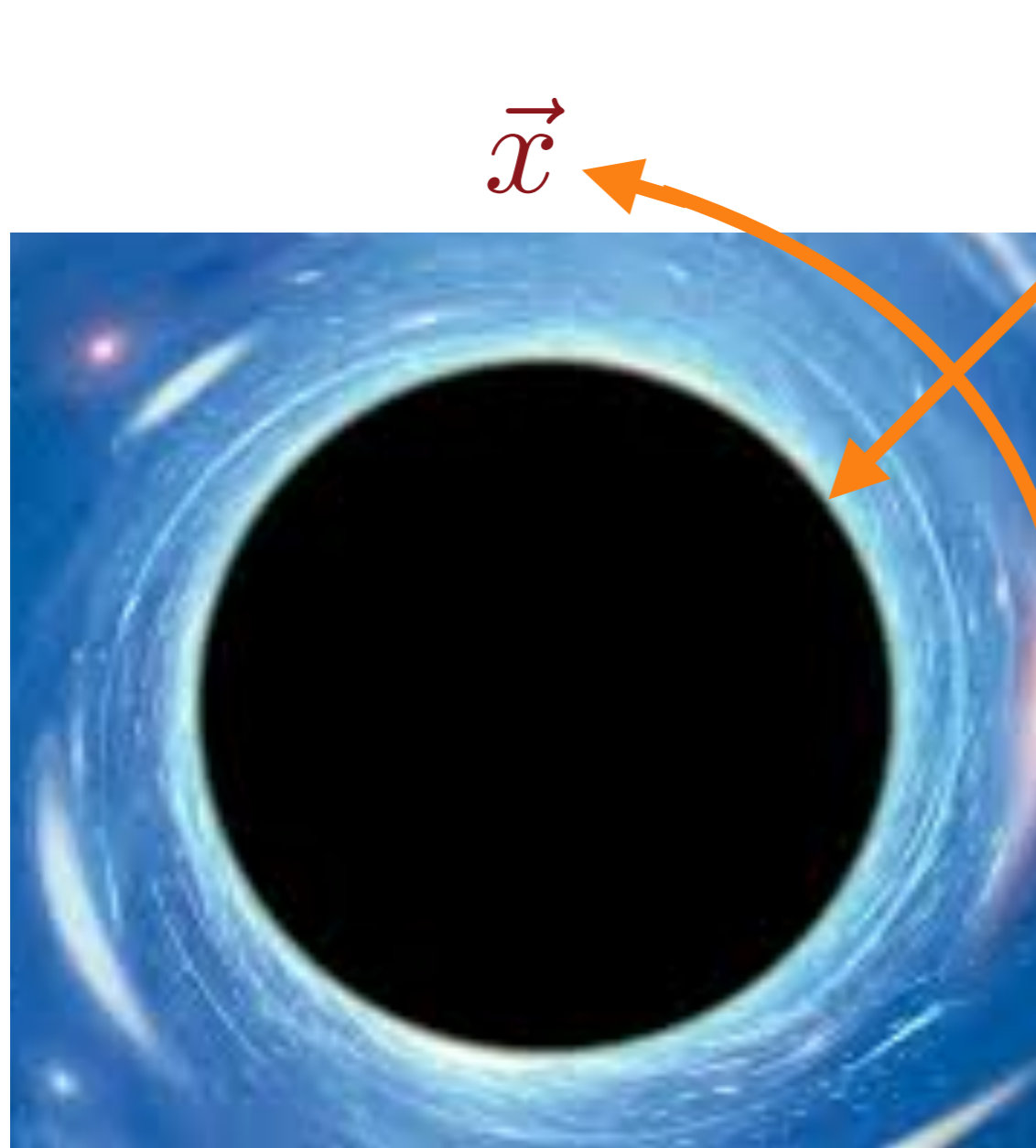
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The quantum versions
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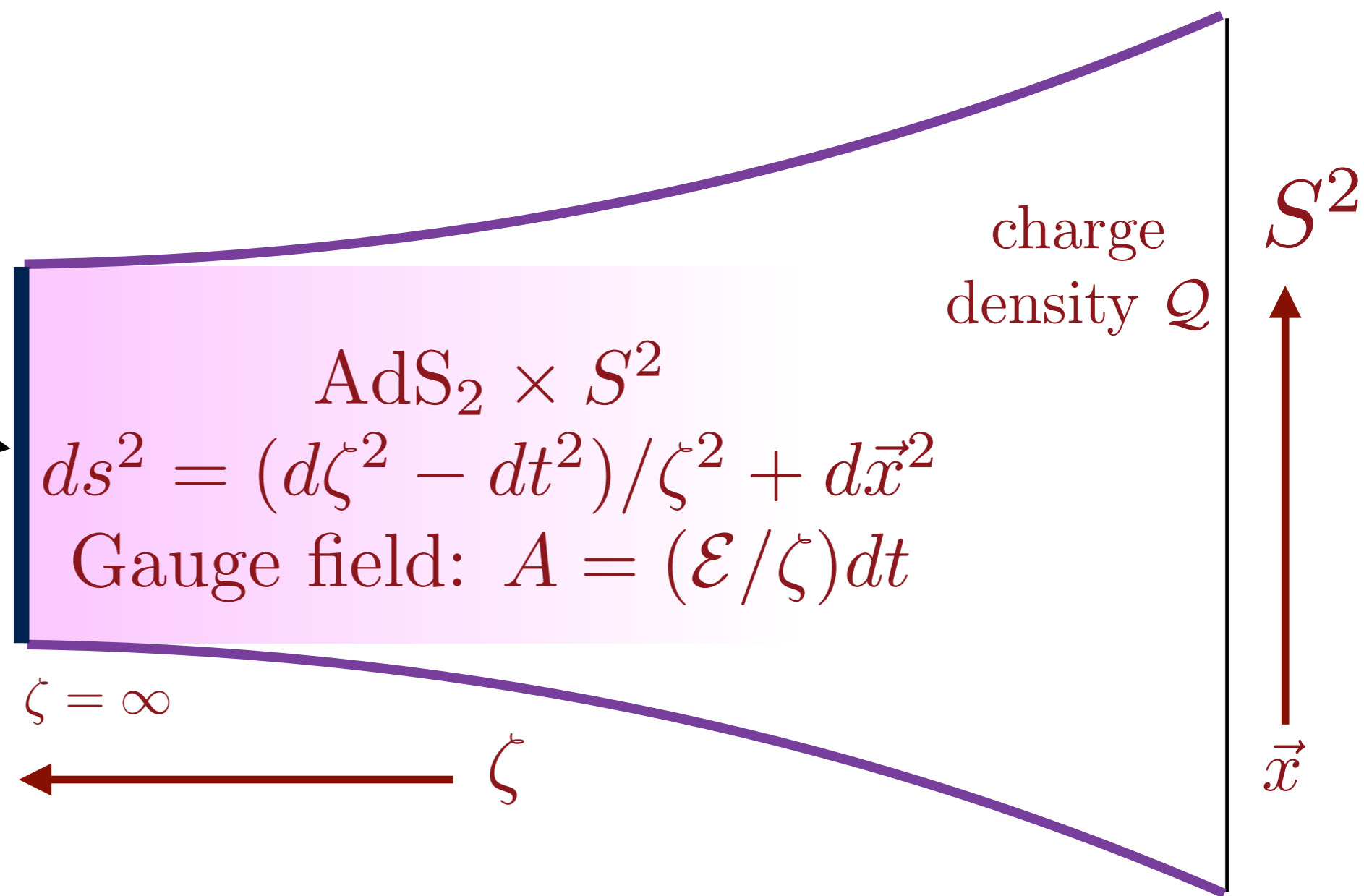


This has led to a deeper understanding of entanglement in superconductors and of Hawking's black hole information "paradox"

SYK model and charged black holes



Black hole horizon

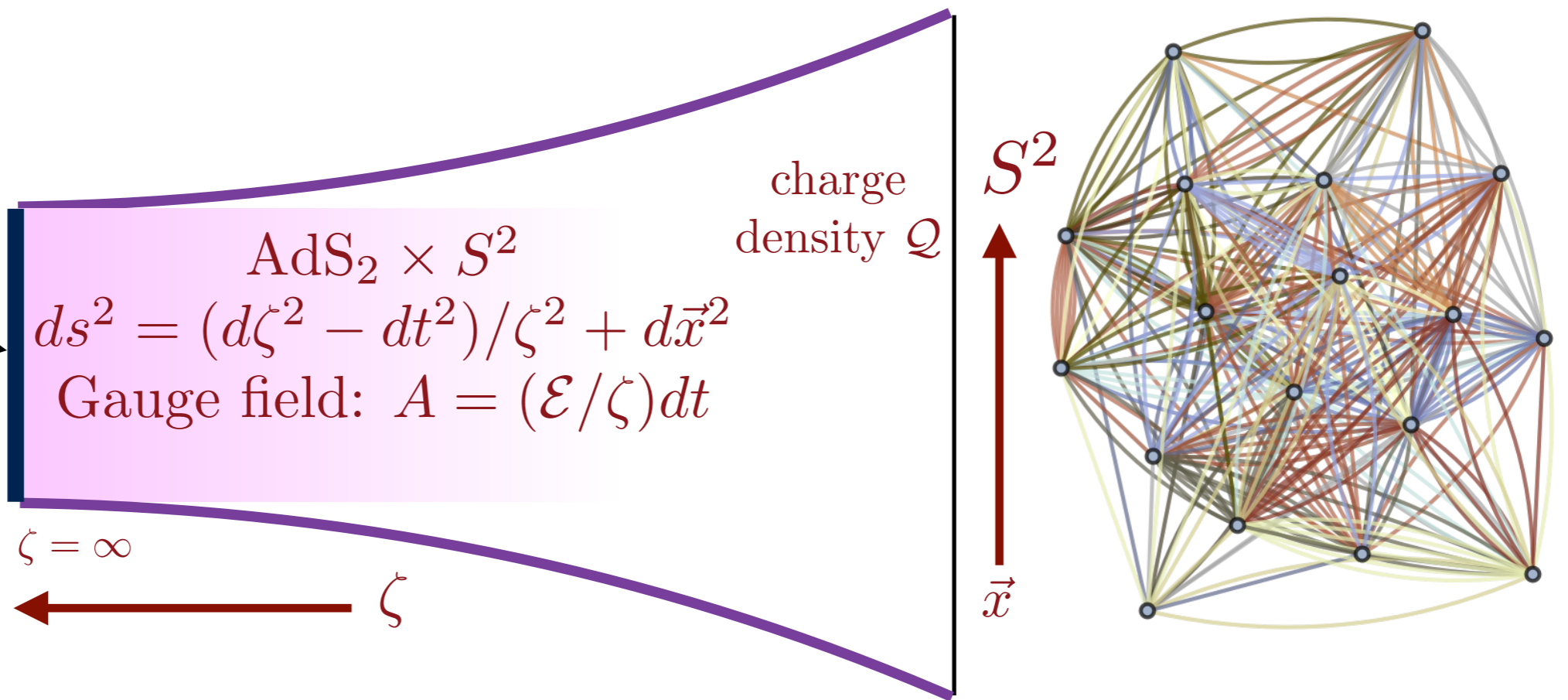


The near-horizon region of a charged black hole has the geometry of (1+1)-dimensional anti-de Sitter spacetime. By holography, this should map to a zero-dimensional quantum system: this turns out to be the SYK model

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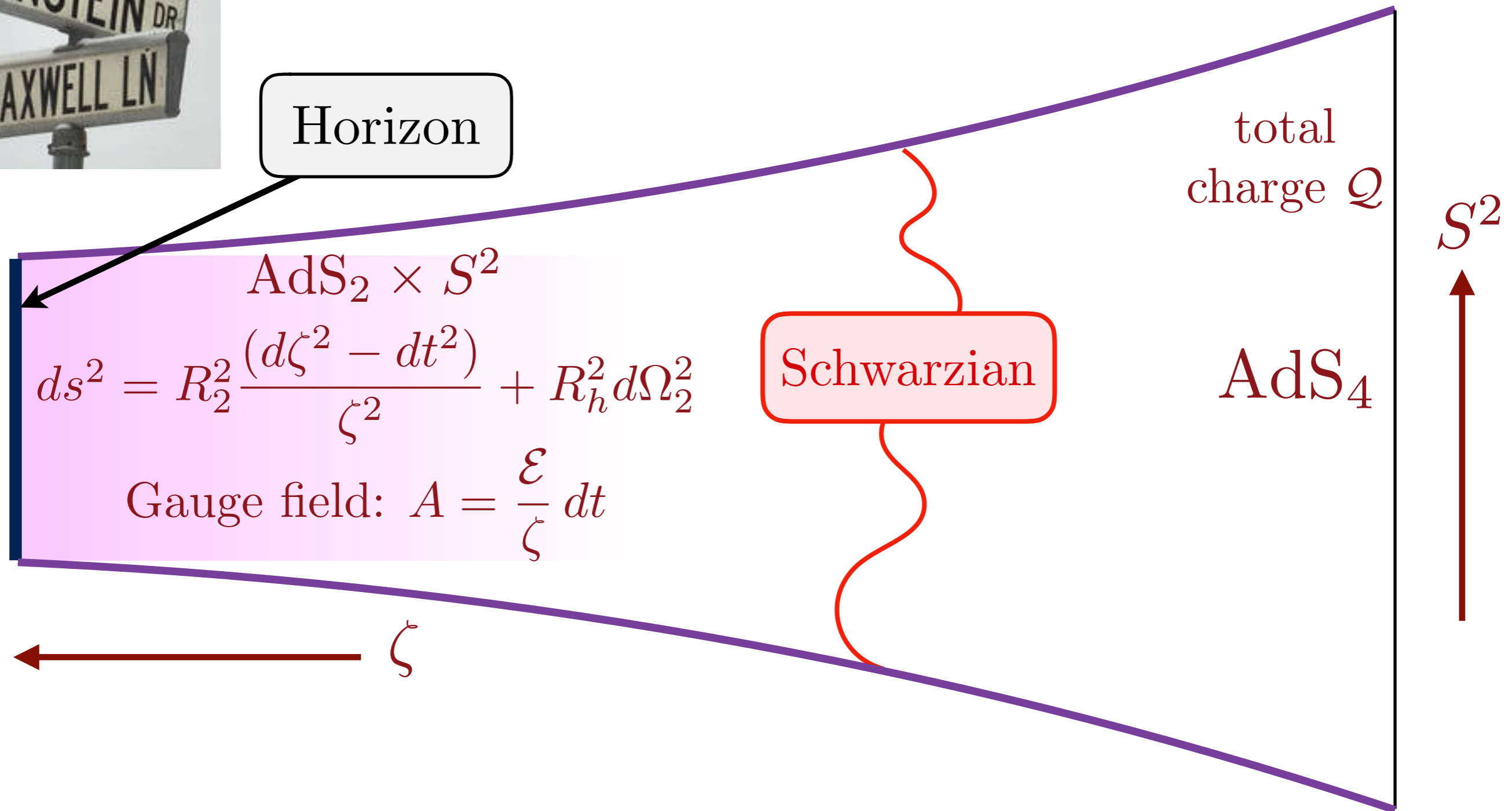
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Bekenstein-Hawking entropy of AdS_2 horizon at $T = 0 \Leftrightarrow N s_0$ entropy of SYK model.

$\frac{ds_0}{d\mathcal{Q}} = 2\pi\mathcal{E}$ can be obtained from the Einstein equations for the black hole, and the quantum theory of the SYK model, and \mathcal{E} determines identical fermion spectral functions.

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Remarkably, the correspondence between charged black holes and the SYK model also holds for the leading fluctuations at higher temperatures: both are described by a ‘Schwarzian’ theory with emergent $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ and $U(1)$ gauge symmetries. For the black hole, the Schwarzian describes the fluctuations of the boundary between AdS_2 and AdS_4 .

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The common low T path integral is $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}f \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-I}$. This can be exactly evaluated, and the action is

$$I = -s_0 + \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \left\{ \frac{K}{2} \left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\tau} + i(2\pi\mathcal{E}T) \frac{\partial f}{\partial\tau} \right)^2 - \frac{\gamma}{4\pi^2} \text{Sch}[\tan(\pi T f(\tau)), \tau] \right\},$$

where $f(\tau)$ is a monotonic reparameterization of the temporal circle with

$$f(\tau + 1/T) = f(\tau) + 1/T,$$

ϕ is a phase conjugate to the charge density with

$$\phi(\tau + 1/T) = \phi(\tau) + 2\pi n, \quad n \text{ integer},$$

$\text{Sch}[g[\tau], \tau]$ is the Schwarzian derivative of $g(\tau)$.

The couplings are related to the entropy $S(T, Q)$ and the chemical potential μ via

$$S(T \rightarrow 0, Q) = s_0 + \gamma T, \quad K = \left(\frac{dQ}{d\mu} \right)_{T \rightarrow 0}, \quad 2\pi\mathcal{E} = \frac{ds_0}{dQ}$$

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