

# Quantum statistical mechanics of black holes and strange metals

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**Foundations**

**by**

**Boltzmann**

# Statistical interpretation of entropy (1870)

$$S = k_B \log W$$

Density of quantum states  $D(E) = \exp(S(E)/k_B)$



Ludwig Boltzmann

20 February 1844 - September 5, 1906

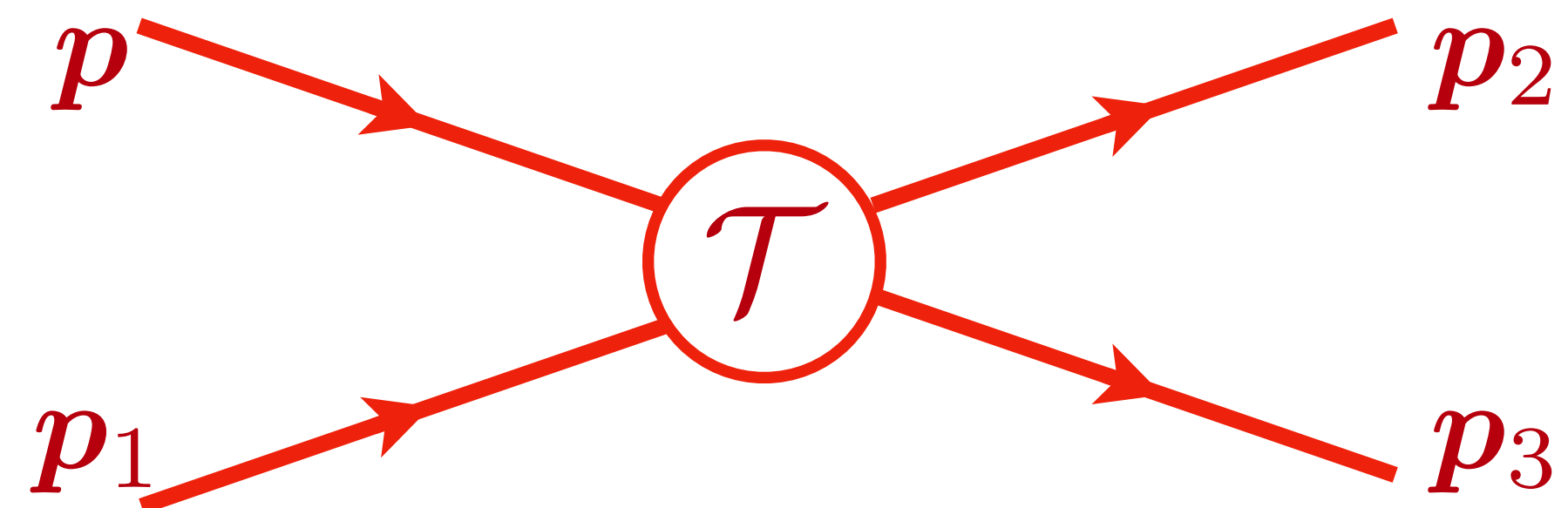
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# Boltzmann equation (1872)

## Dilute classical gas

Molecular chaos: successive collisions are statistically independent

$$\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} f_{\mathbf{p}} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f_{\mathbf{p}} =$$
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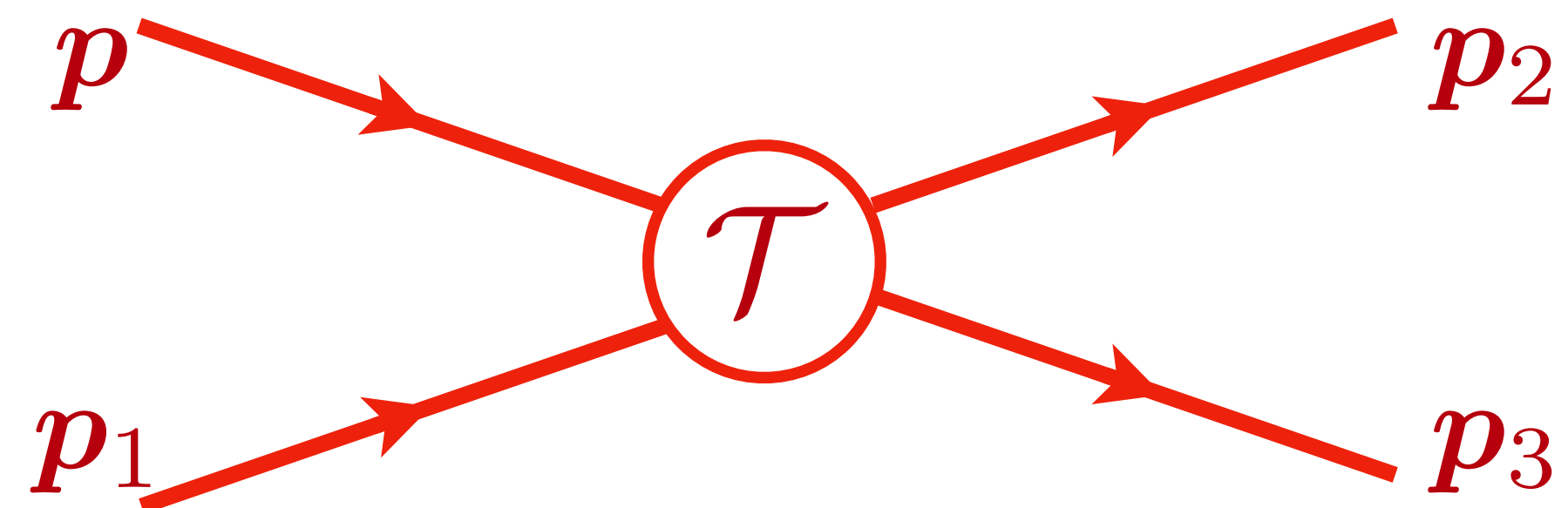
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# Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

## Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)  
between successive collisions

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$$\times [f_{\mathbf{p}} f_{\mathbf{p}_1} (1 - f_{\mathbf{p}_2}) (1 - f_{\mathbf{p}_3}) - f_{\mathbf{p}_2} f_{\mathbf{p}_3} (1 - f_{\mathbf{p}}) (1 - f_{\mathbf{p}_1})]$$

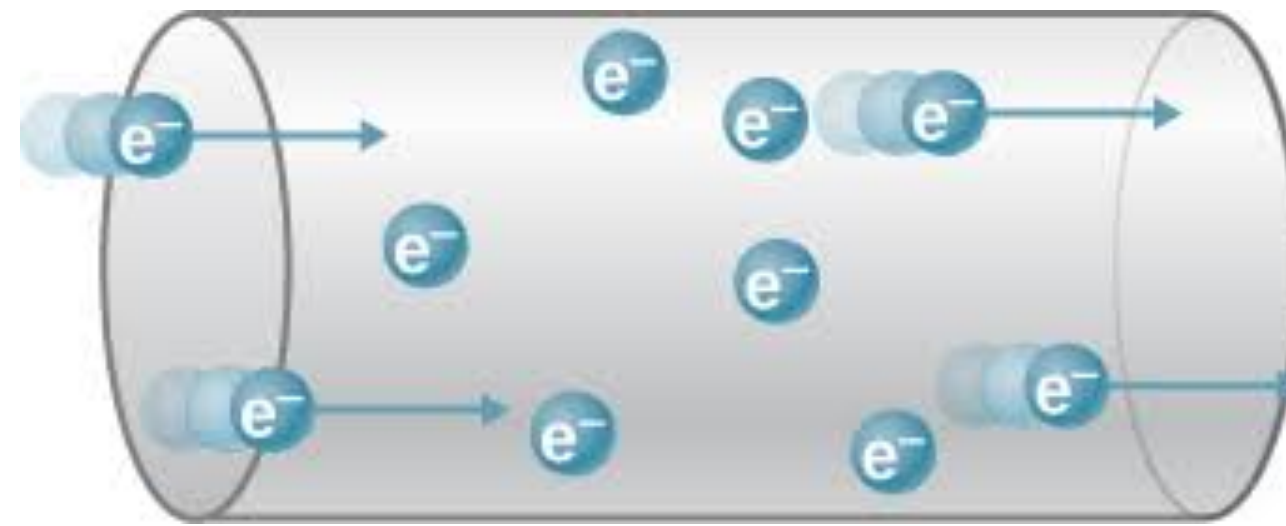


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## Current flow with electrons in Copper

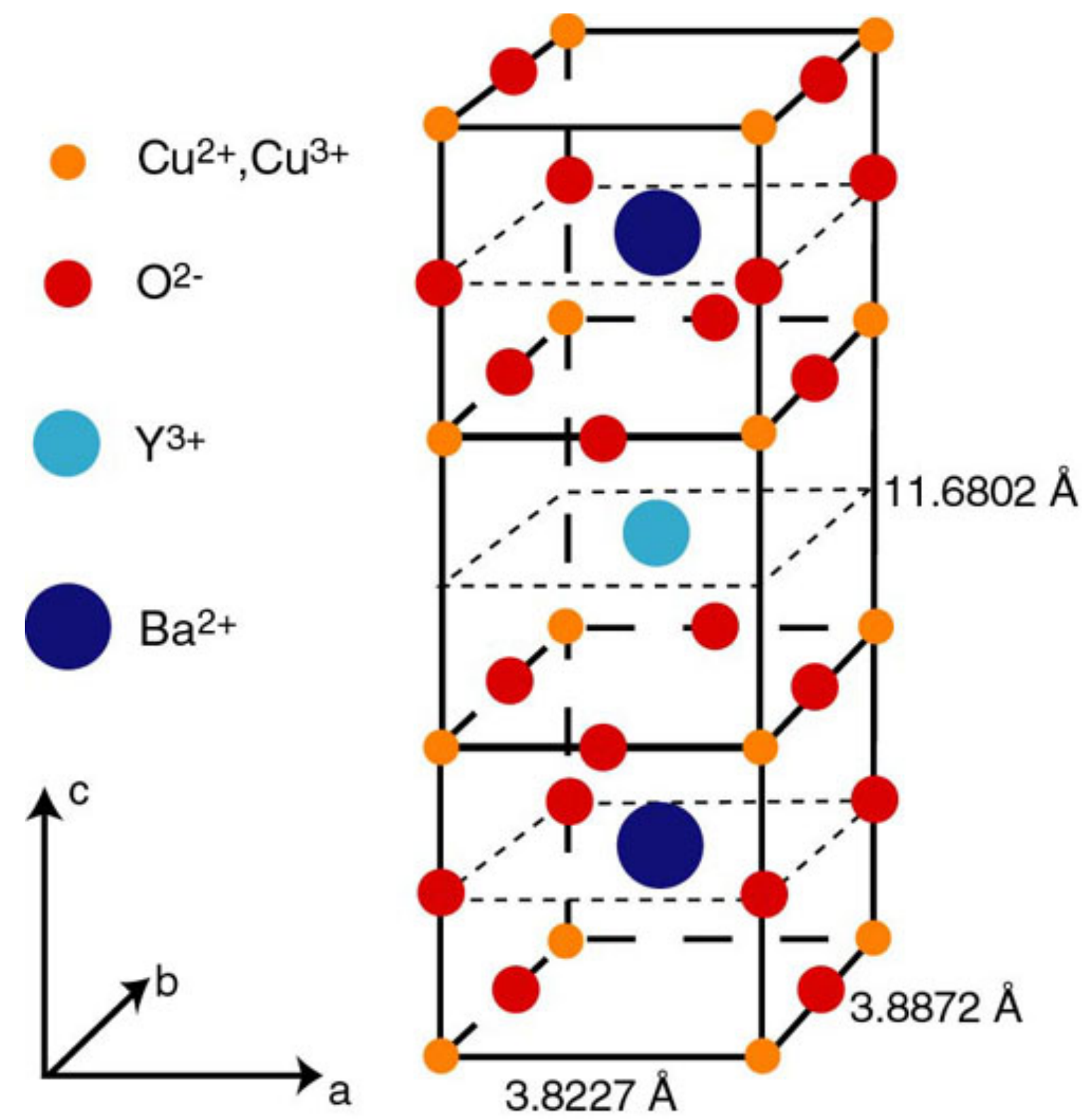
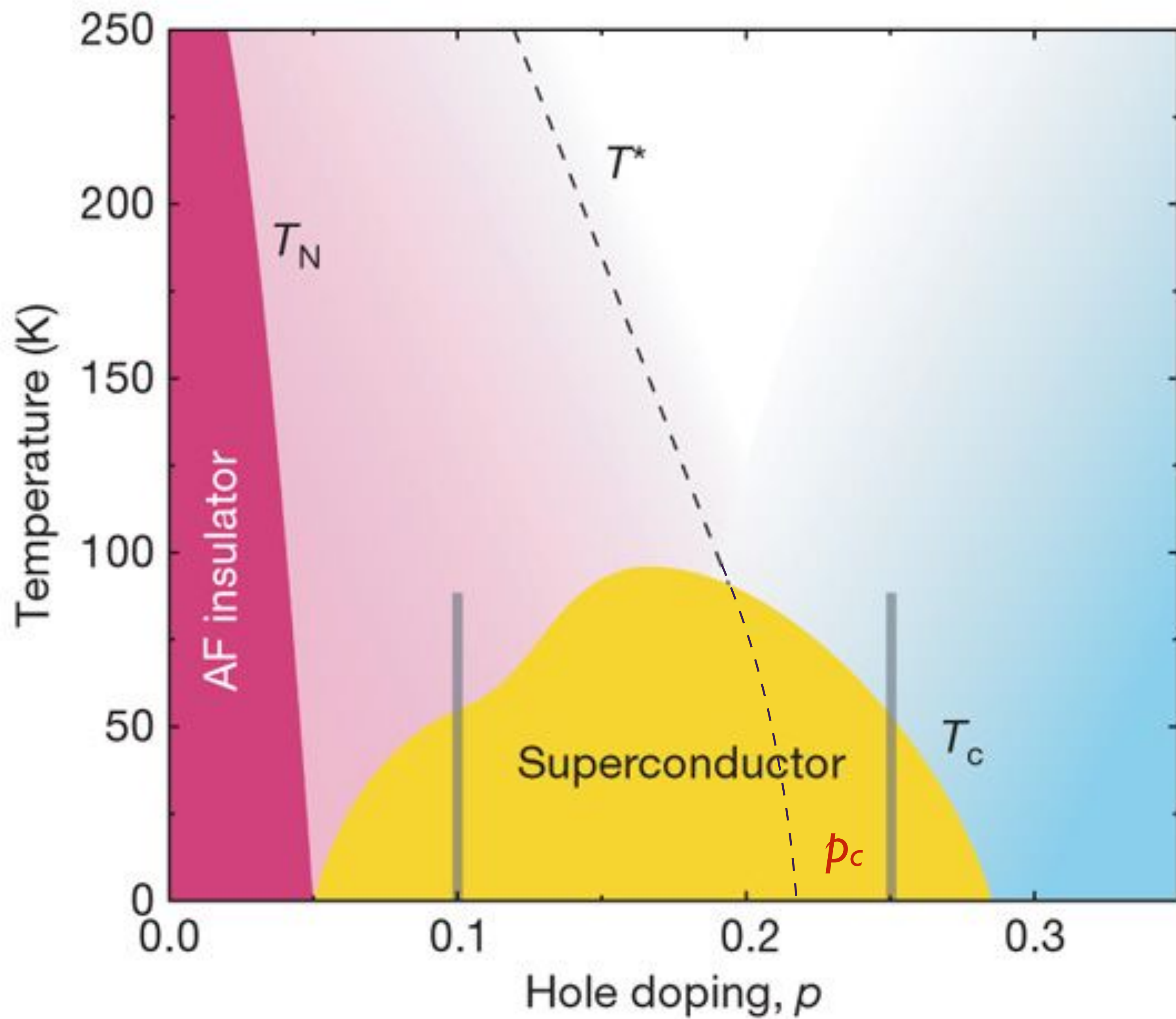


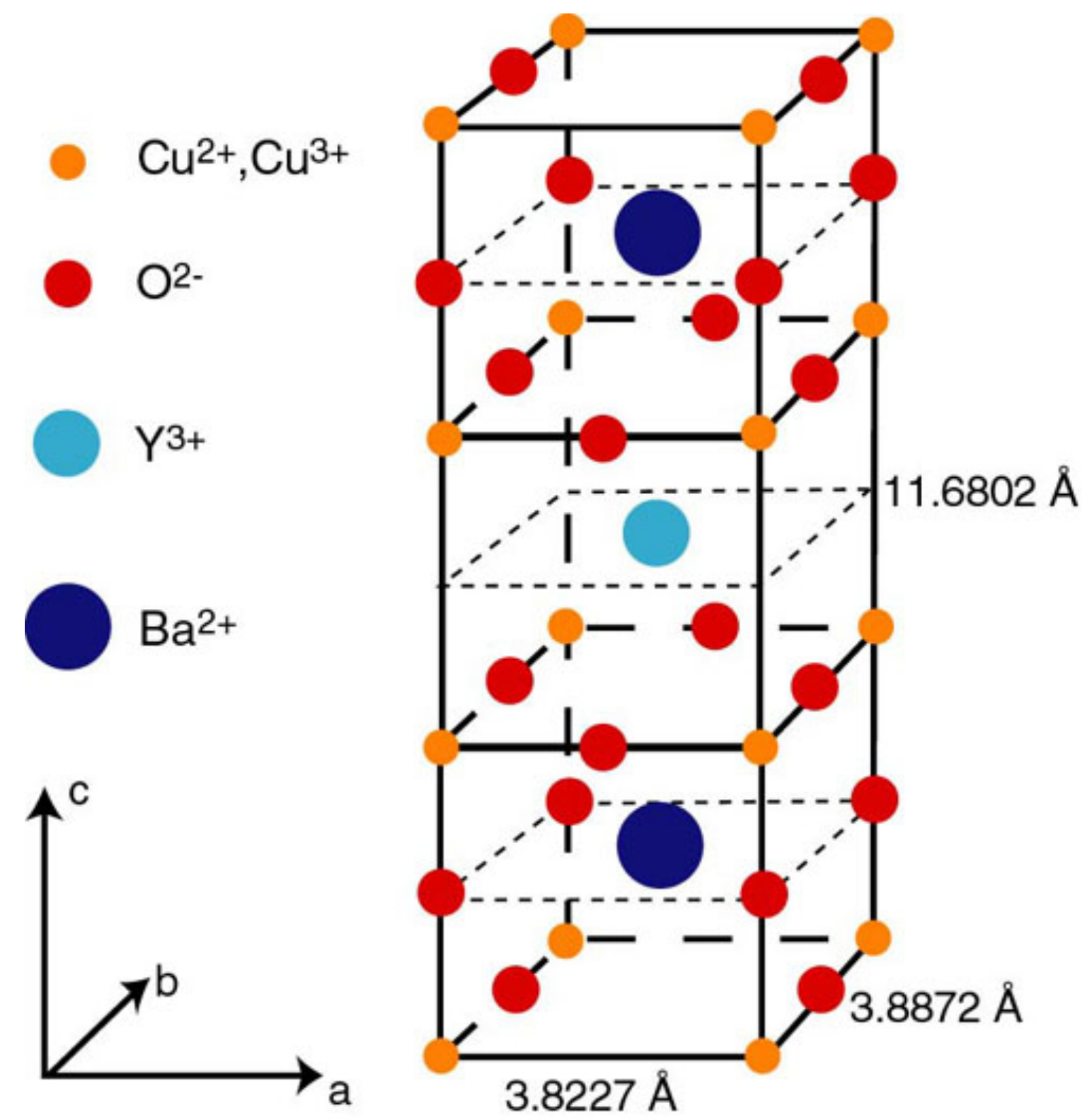
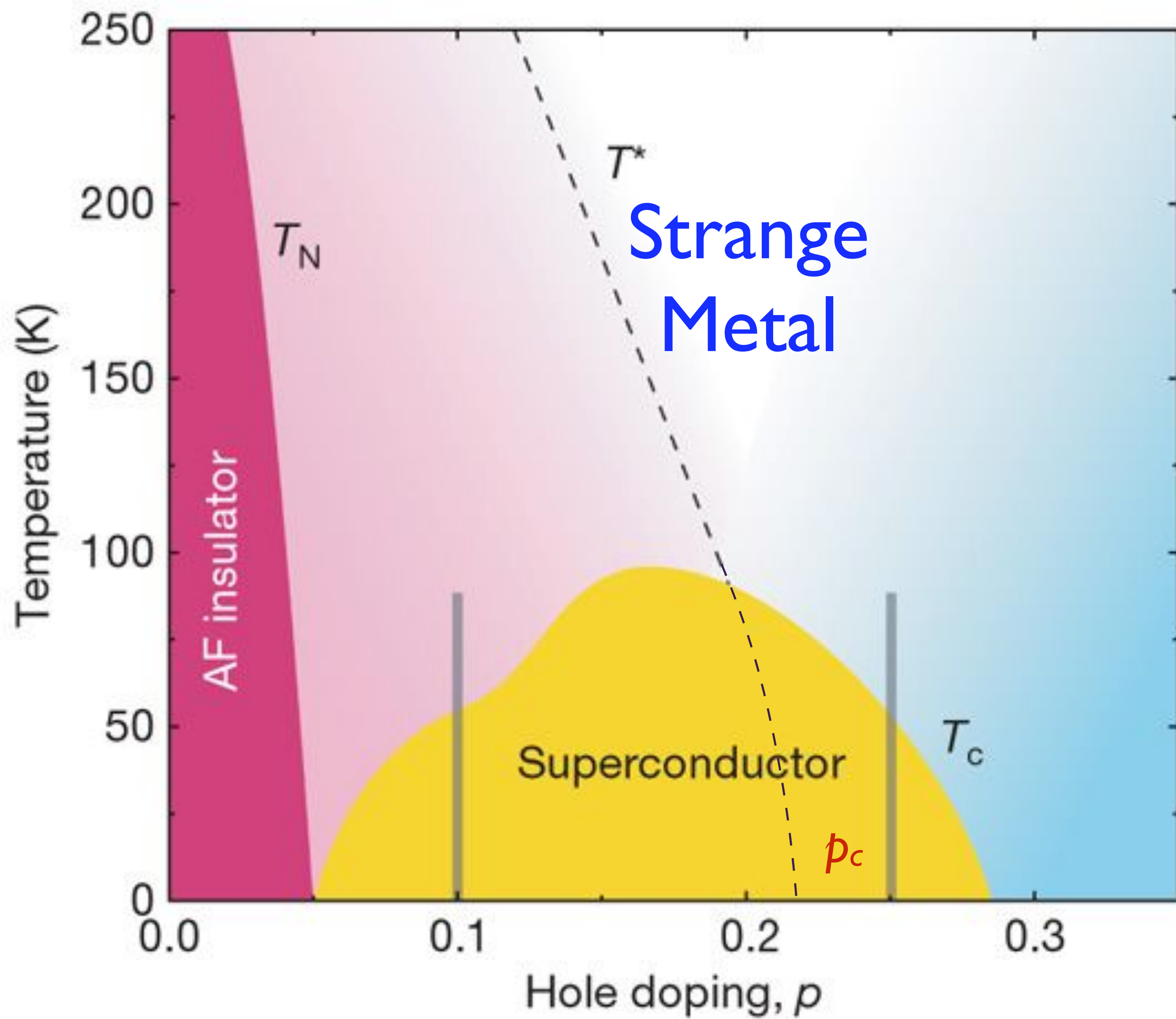
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation  $\Rightarrow$   
typical scattering time  $\tau \sim 1/T^2$ , resistivity  $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

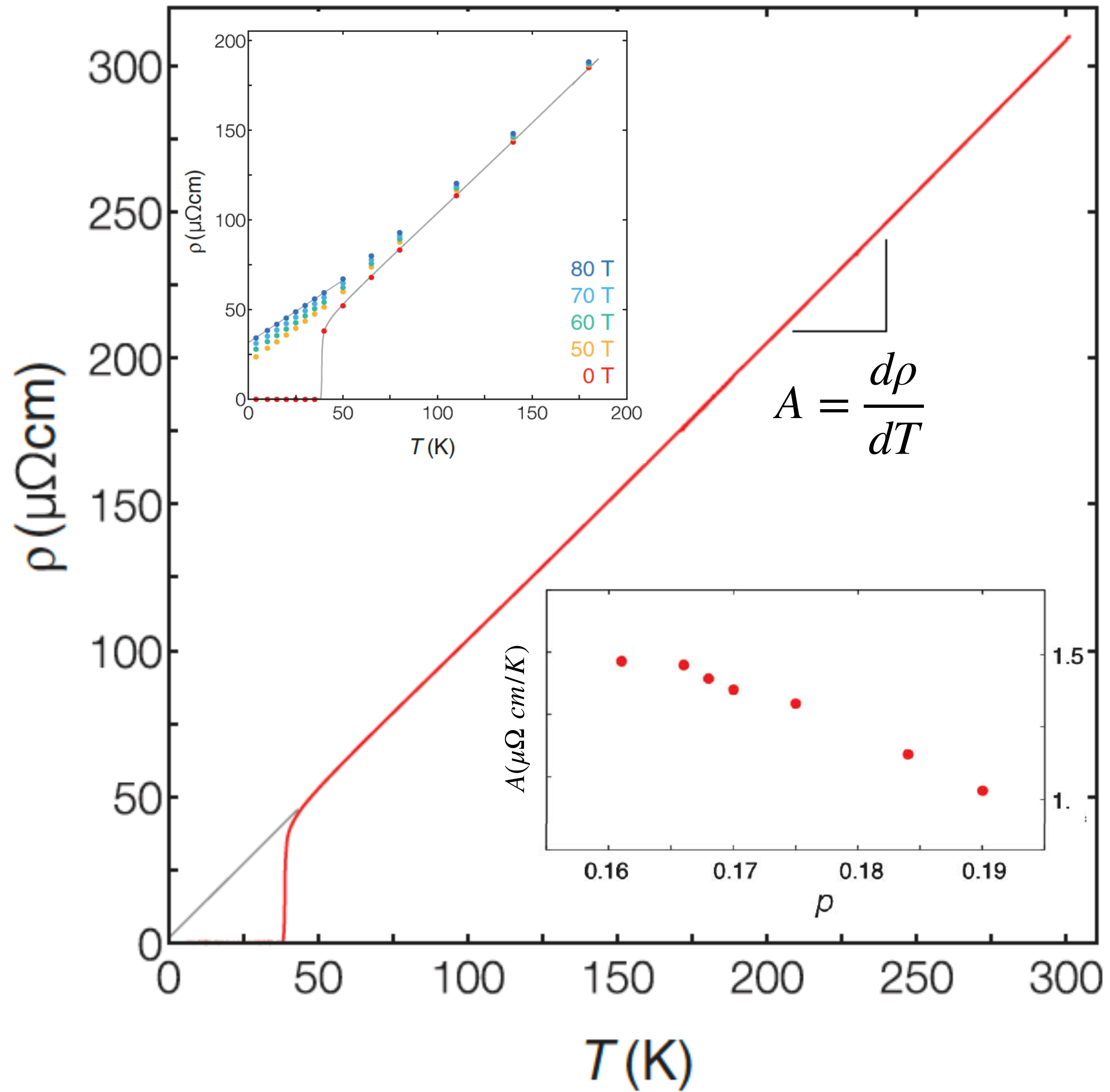
The time  $\tau$  is much longer than a limiting ‘Planckian time’  $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$ .

The long scattering time implies that individual electrons are well-defined.

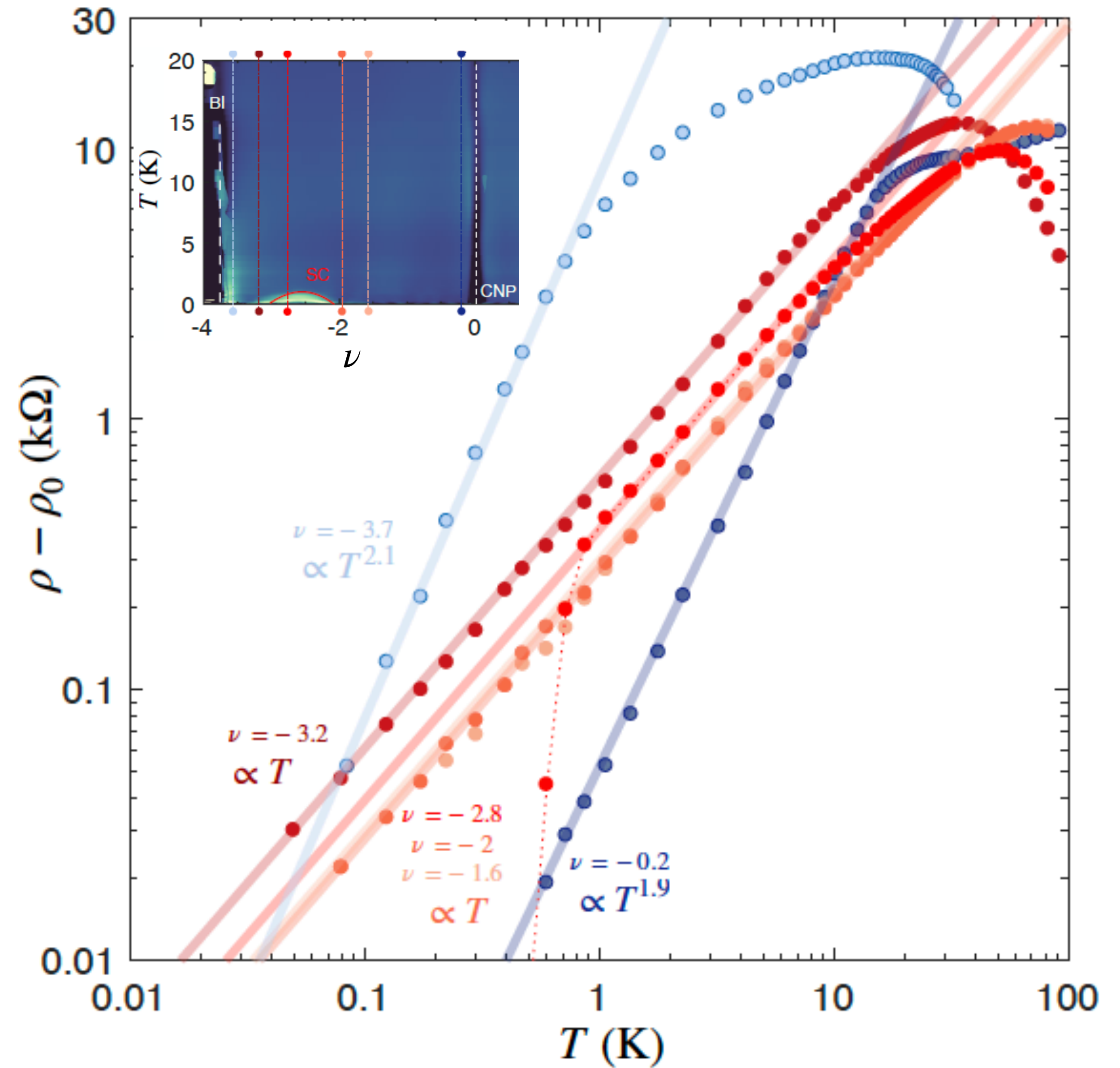
The motion of electrons is ‘ballistic’ or ‘integrable’  
up to the long time  $\tau$ , after which it is chaotic.







LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018

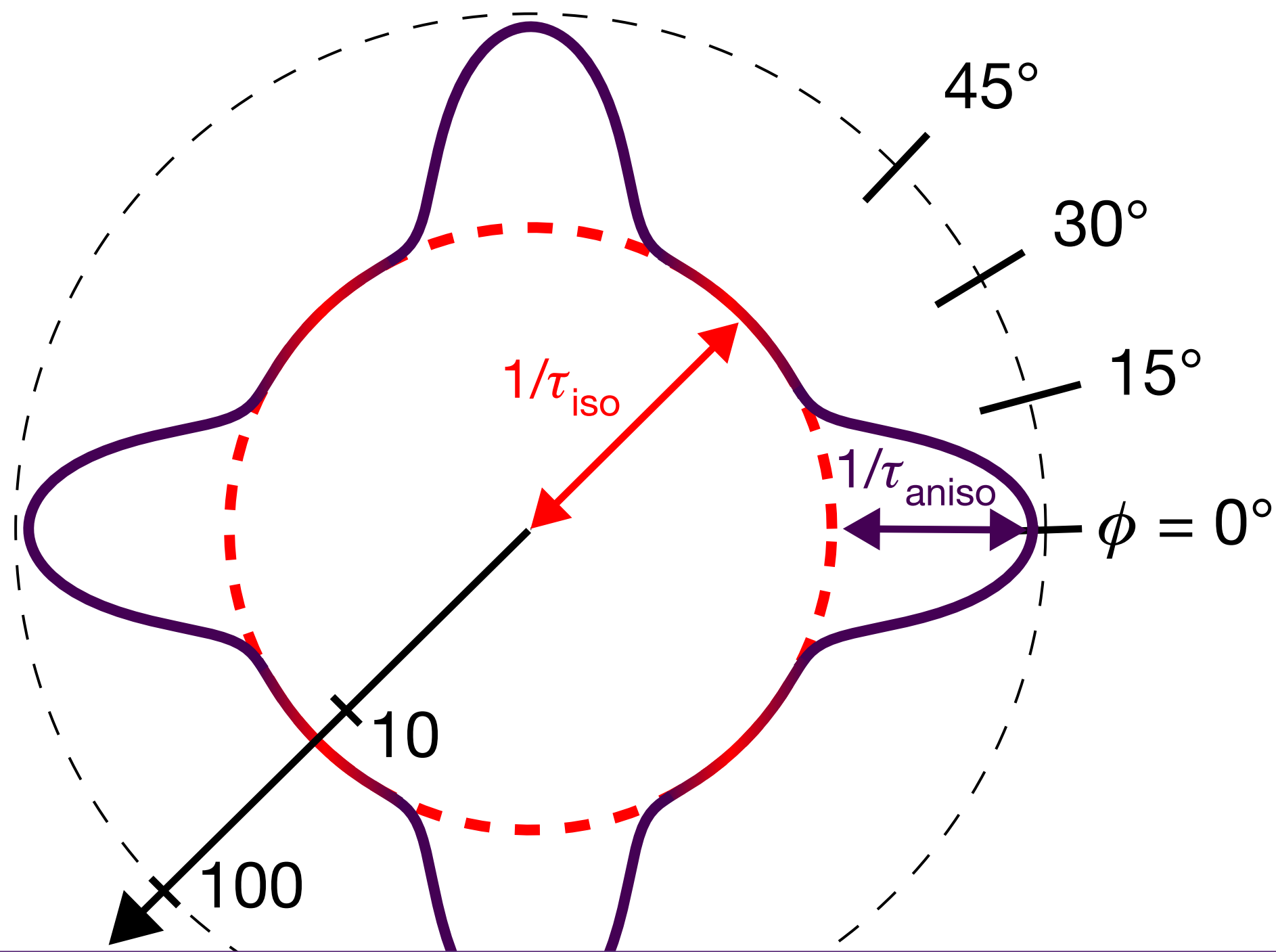


MATBG: Jaoui et al. 2021

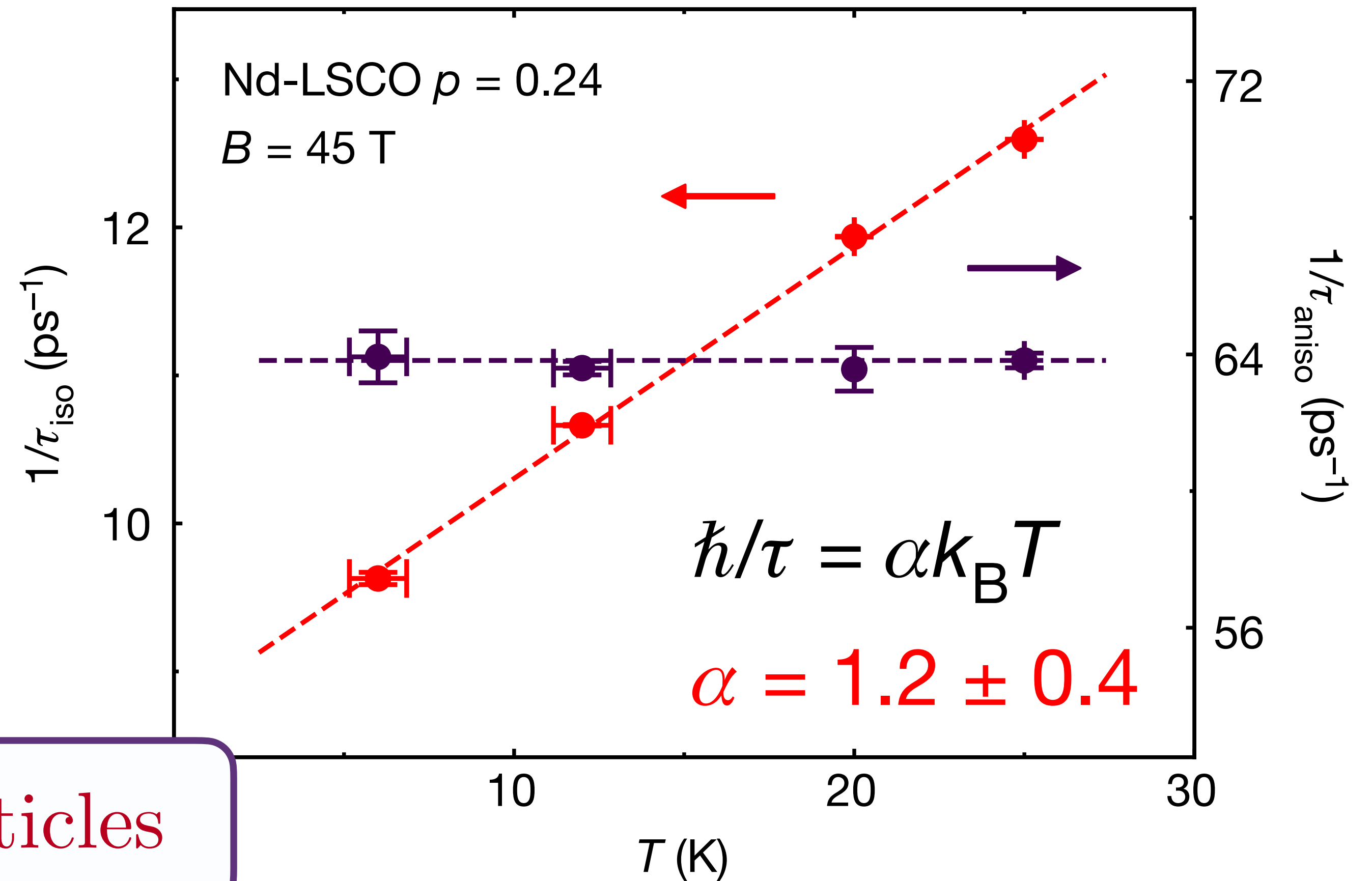
# Linear-in temperature resistivity from an isotropic Planckian scattering rate

Nature **595**, 667-672 (2021)

G. Grissonnanche, Y. Fang, A. Legros, S. Verret, F. Laliberté, C. Collignon, J. Zhou, D. Graf, P. Goddard, L. Taillefer, B. J. Ramshaw



Current flow without quasiparticles

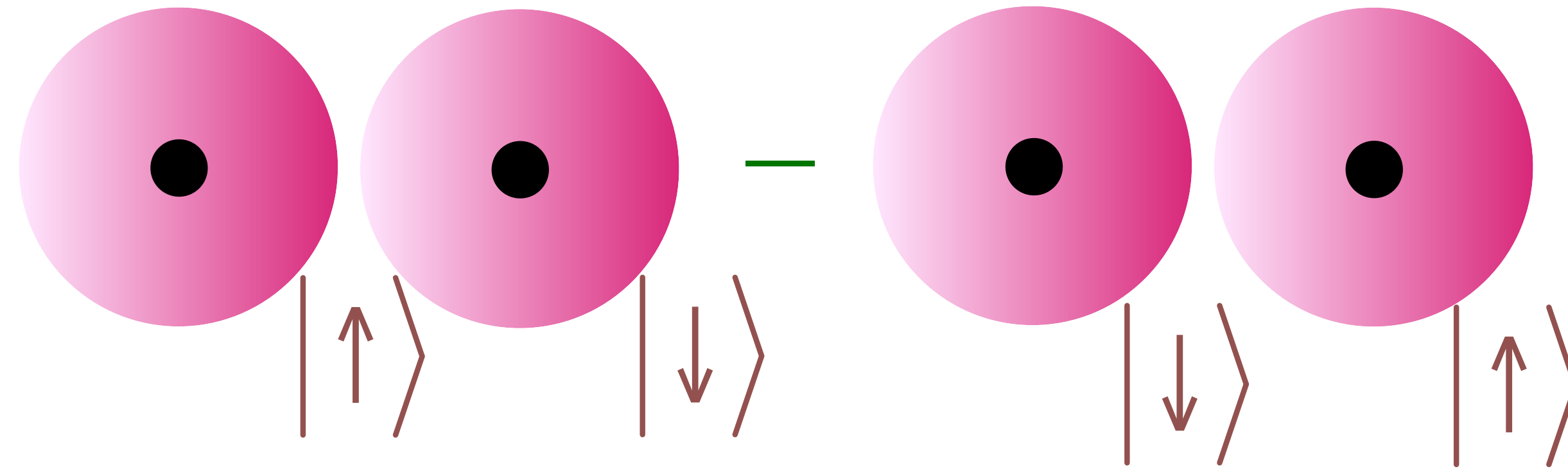


No Boltzmann-Landau quasiparticle description  $\Rightarrow$   
Many particle quantum entanglement  
from quantum interference between “collisions”

# Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

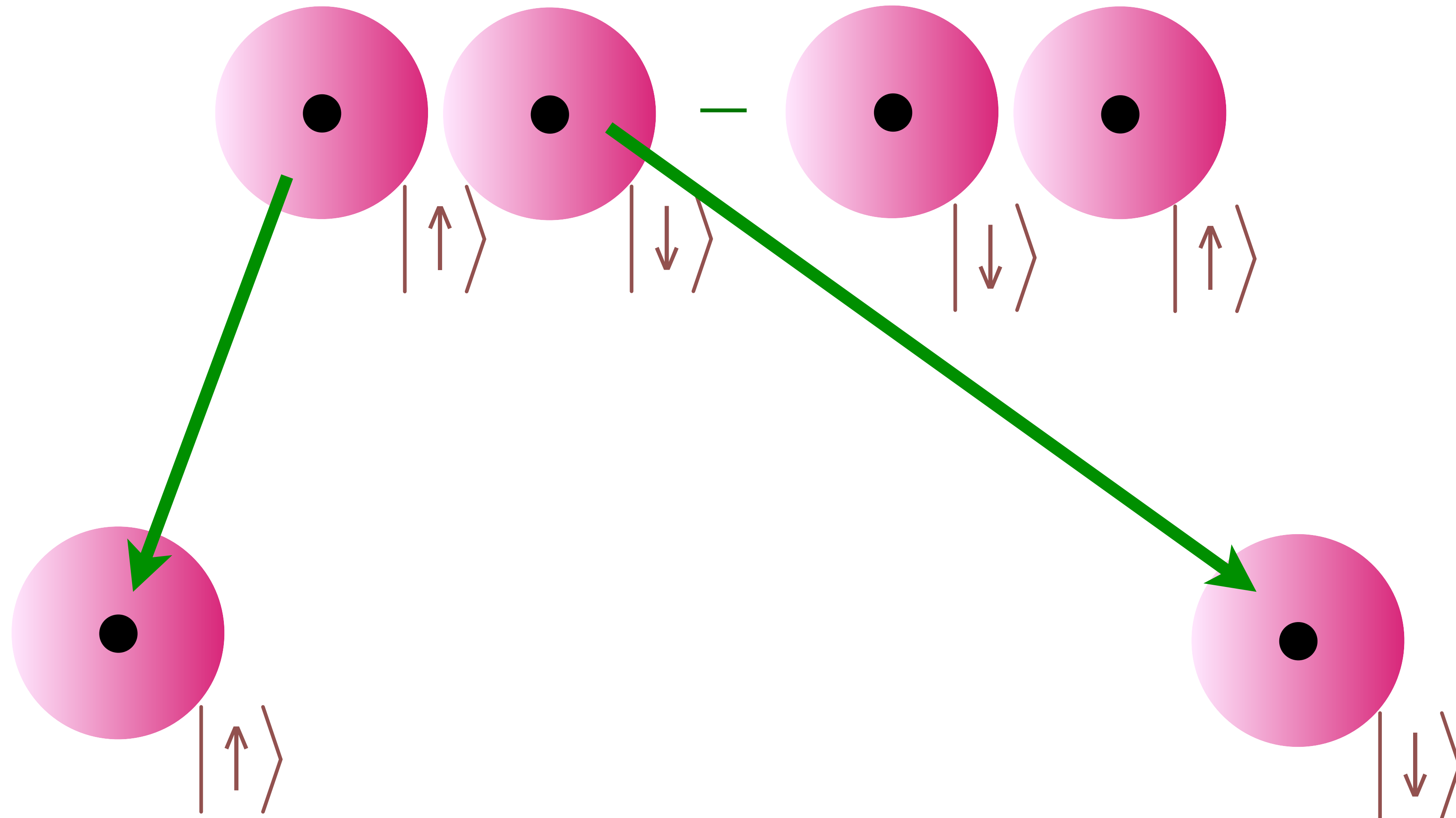
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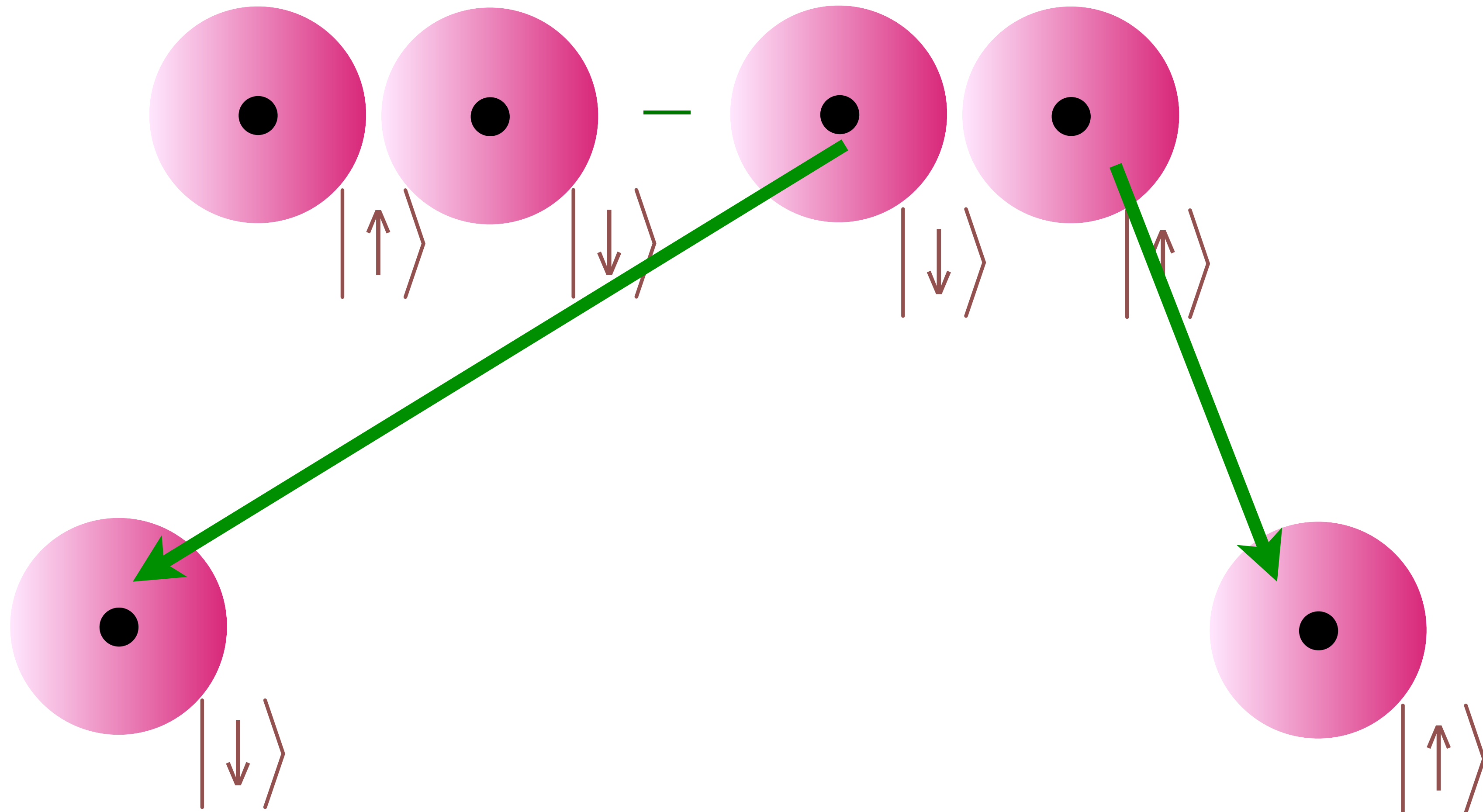
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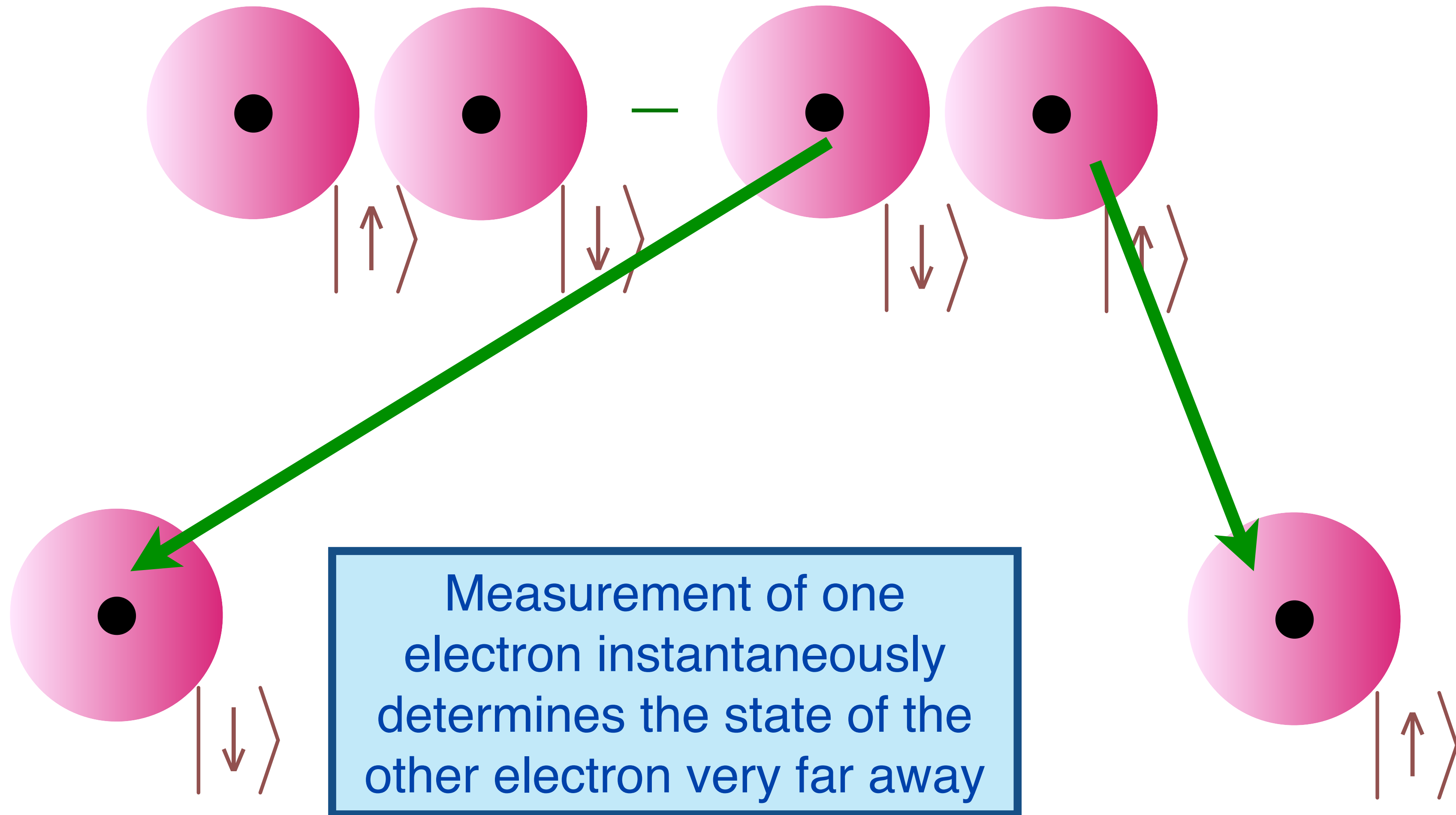
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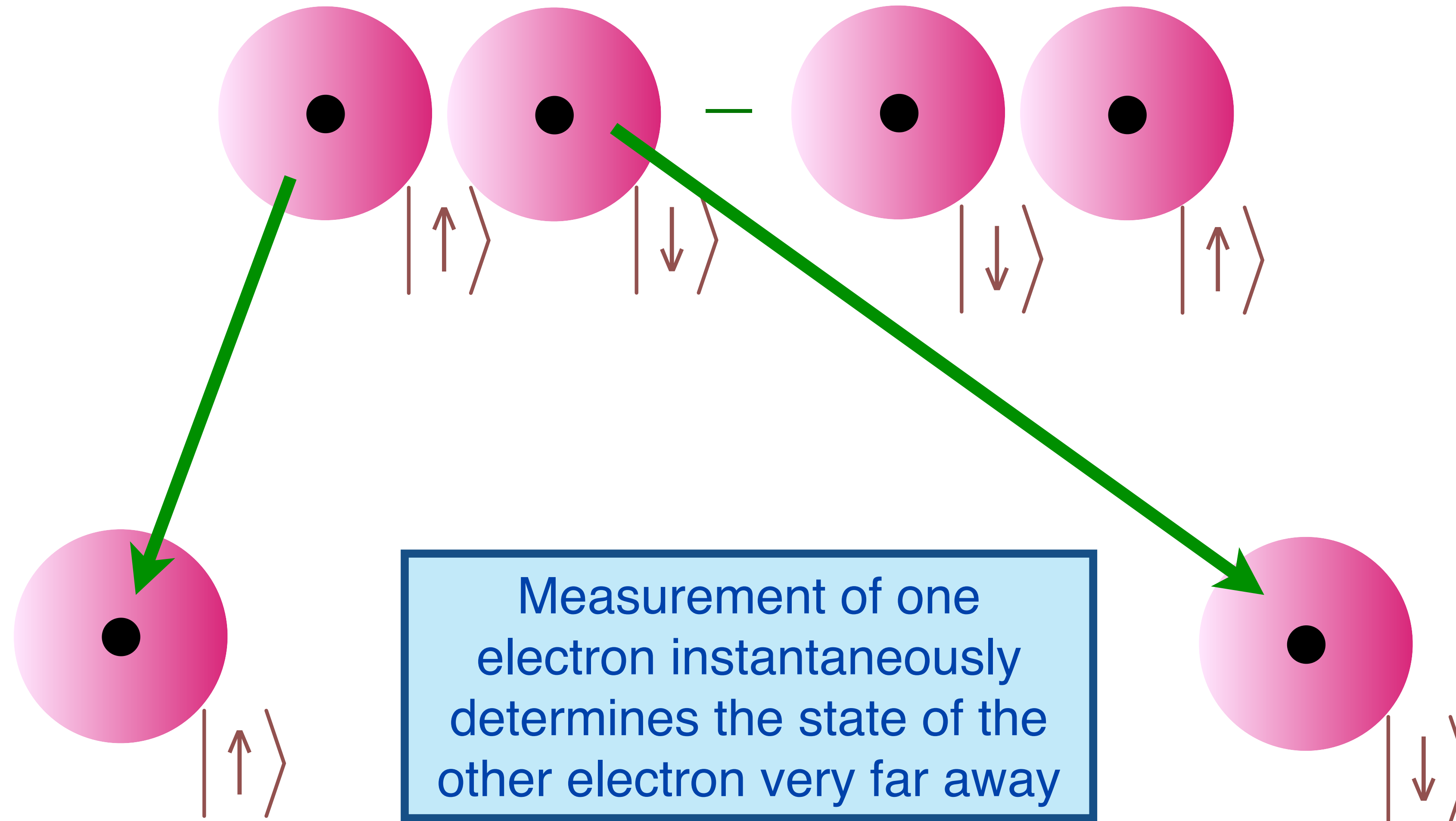
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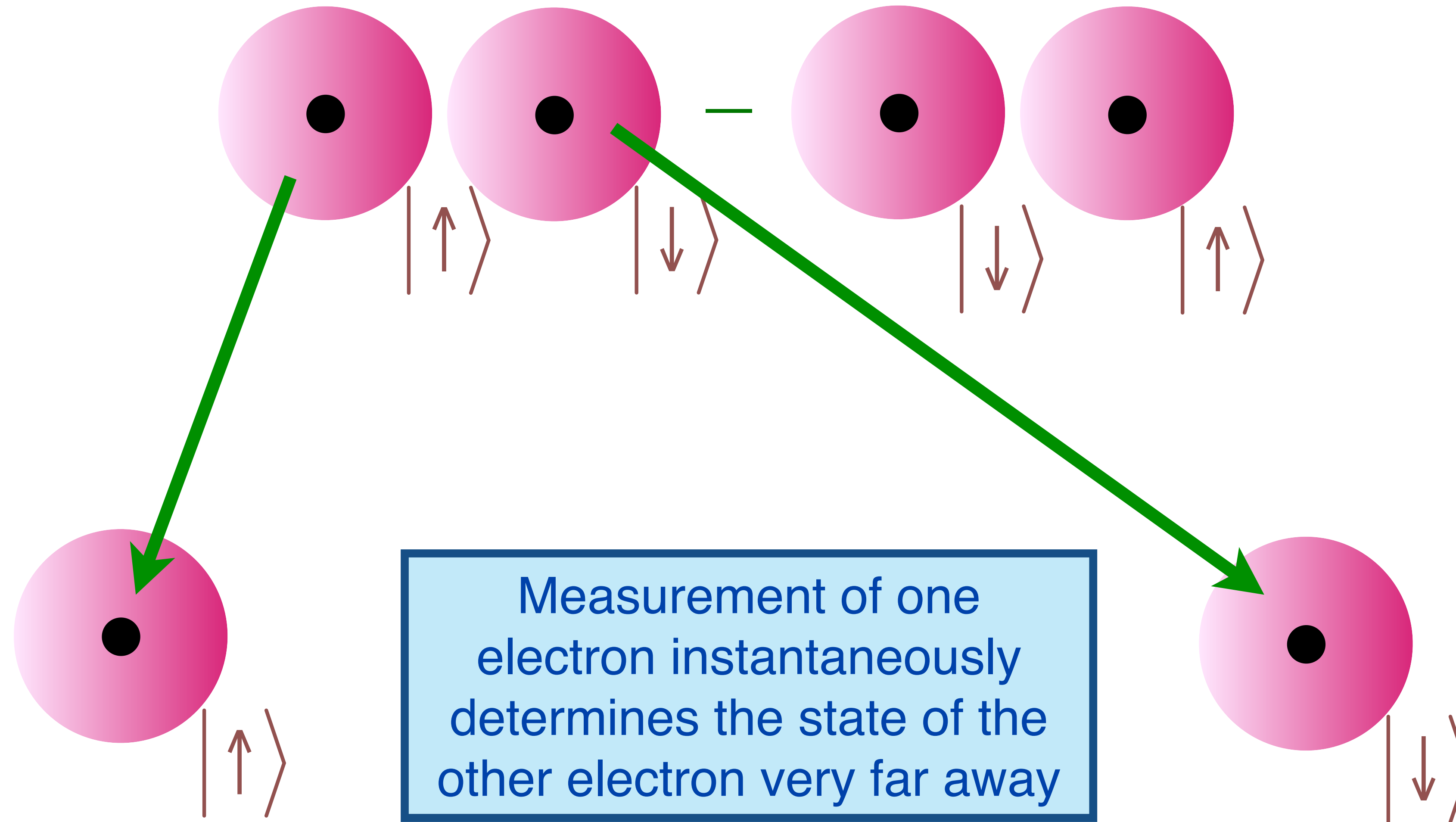
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**Spooky action at a distance !**

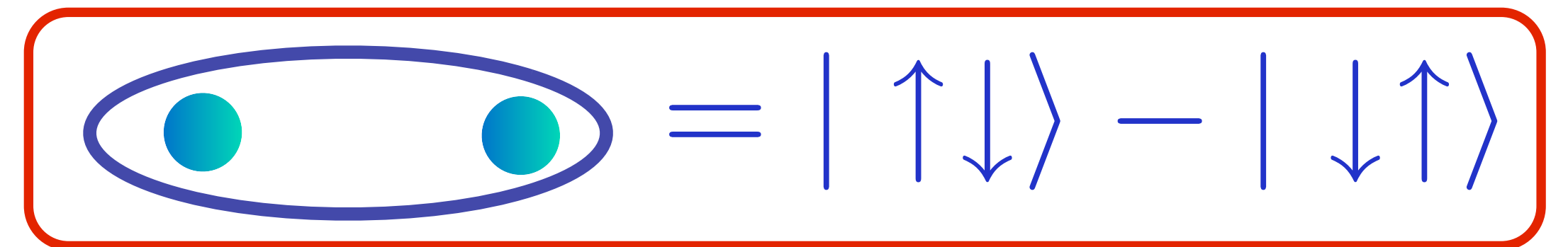
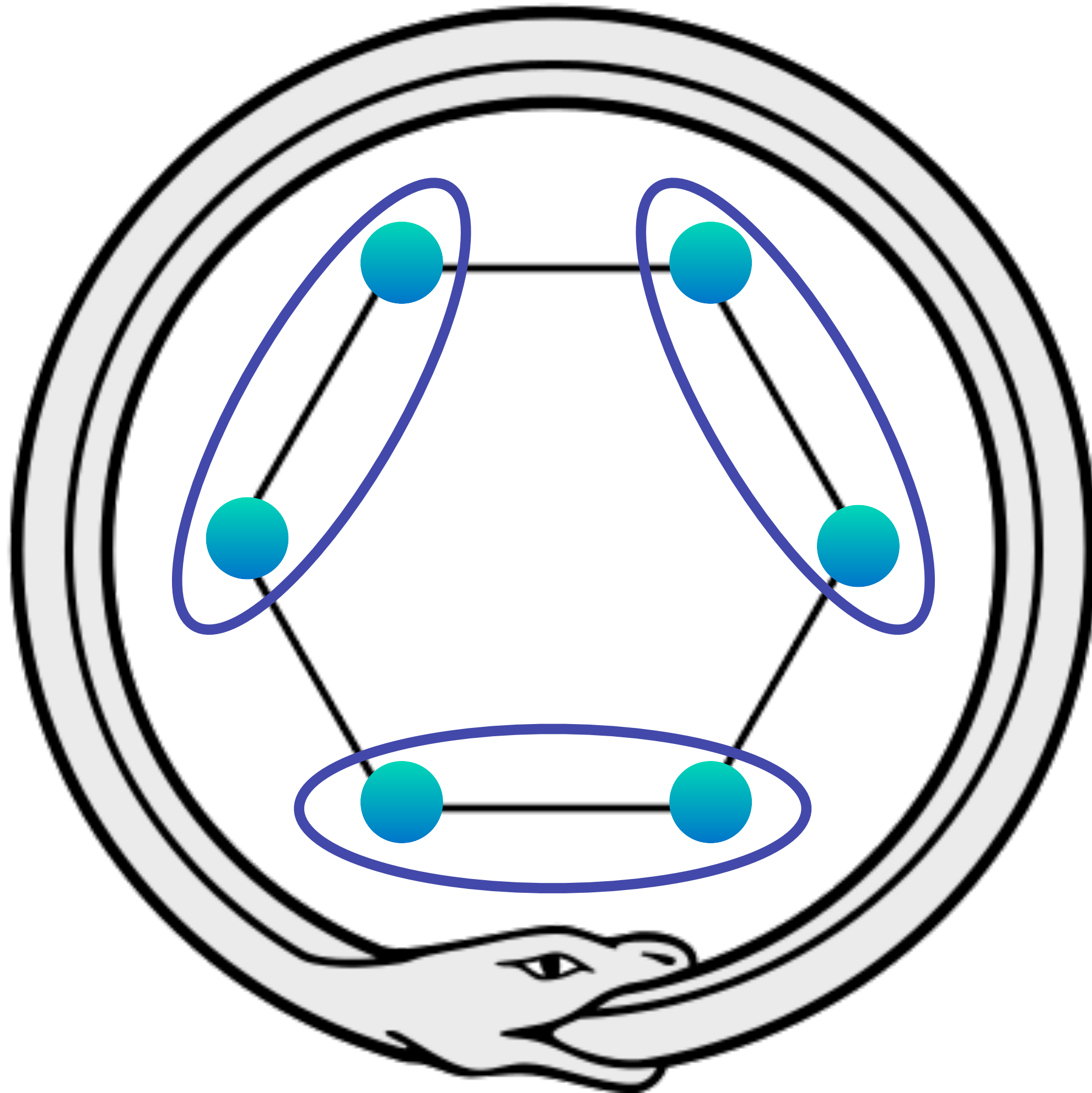
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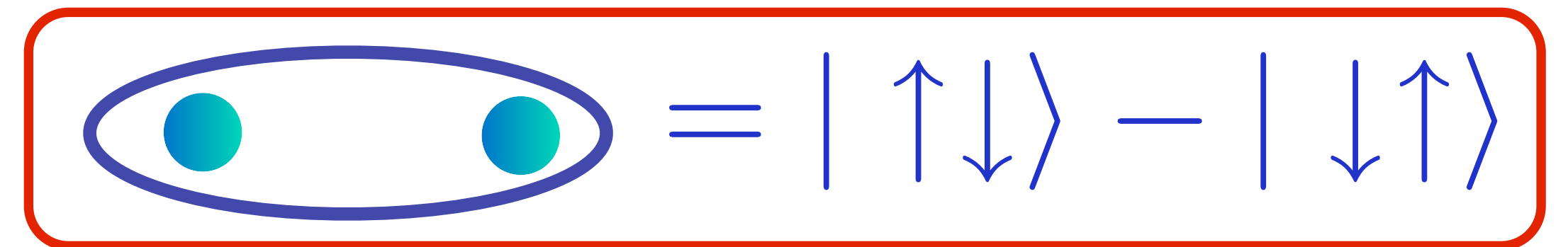
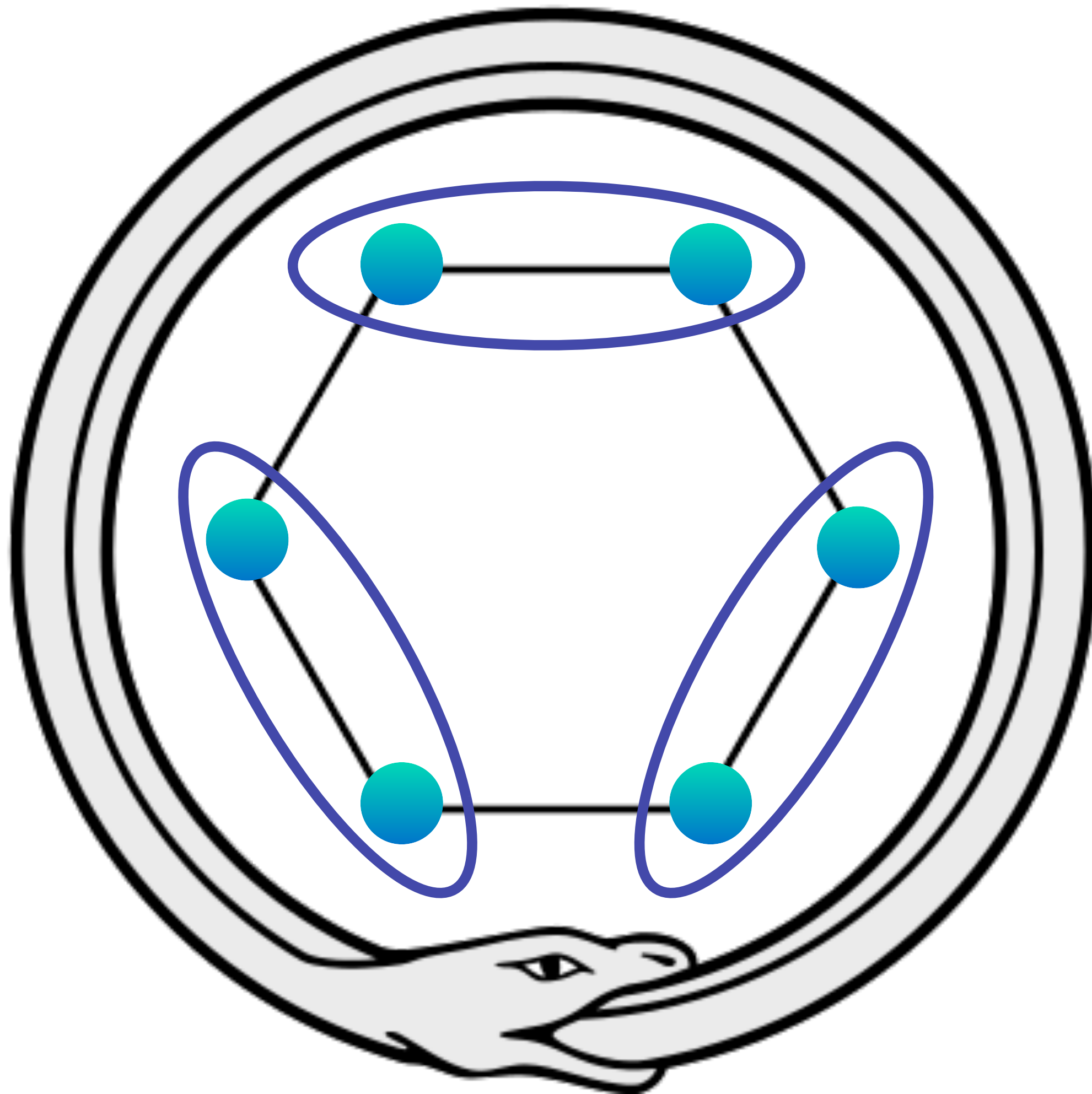
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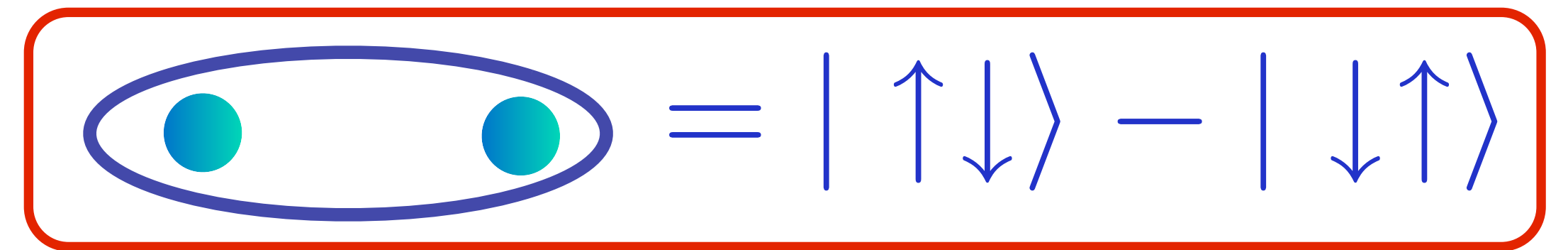
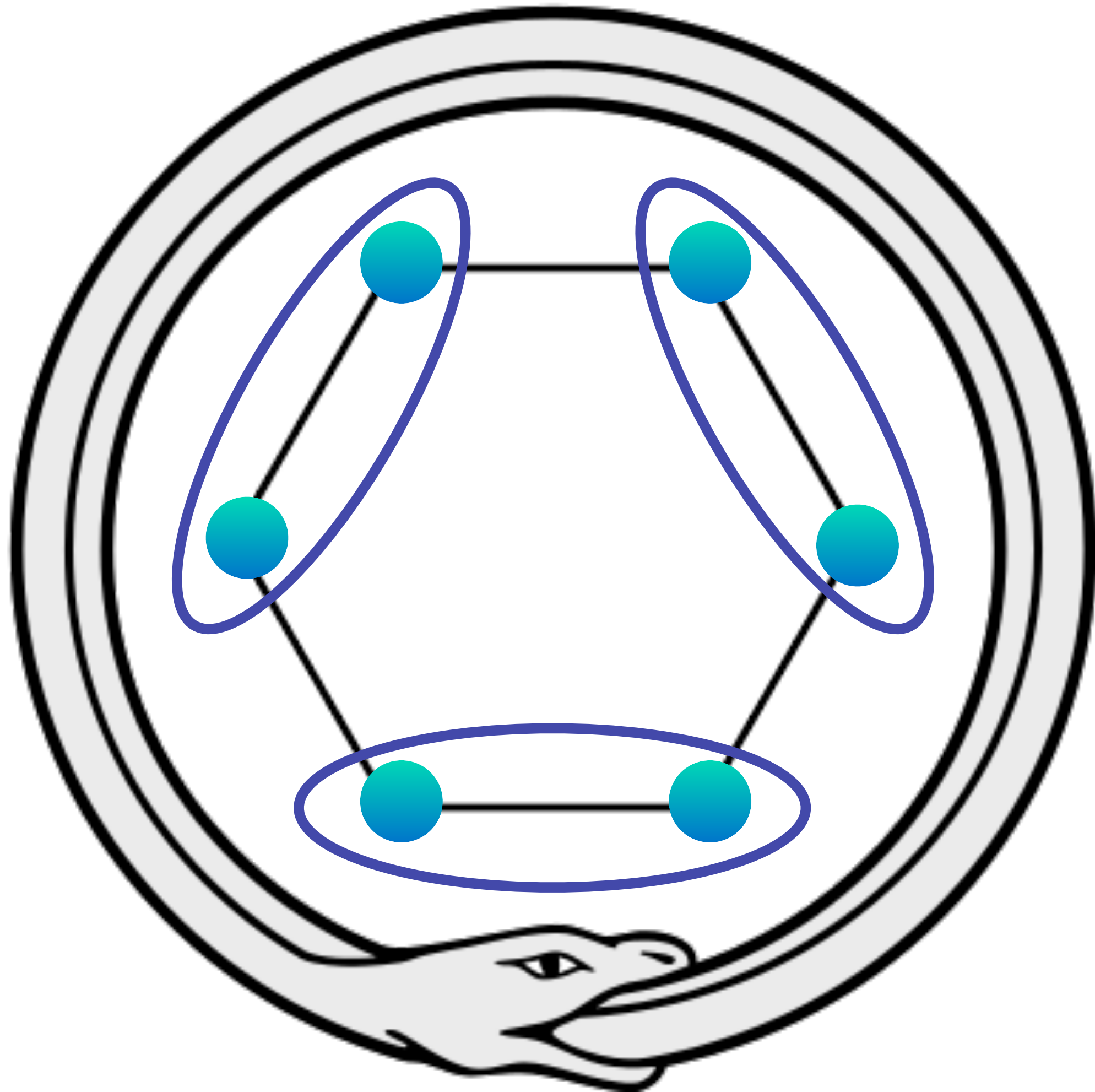
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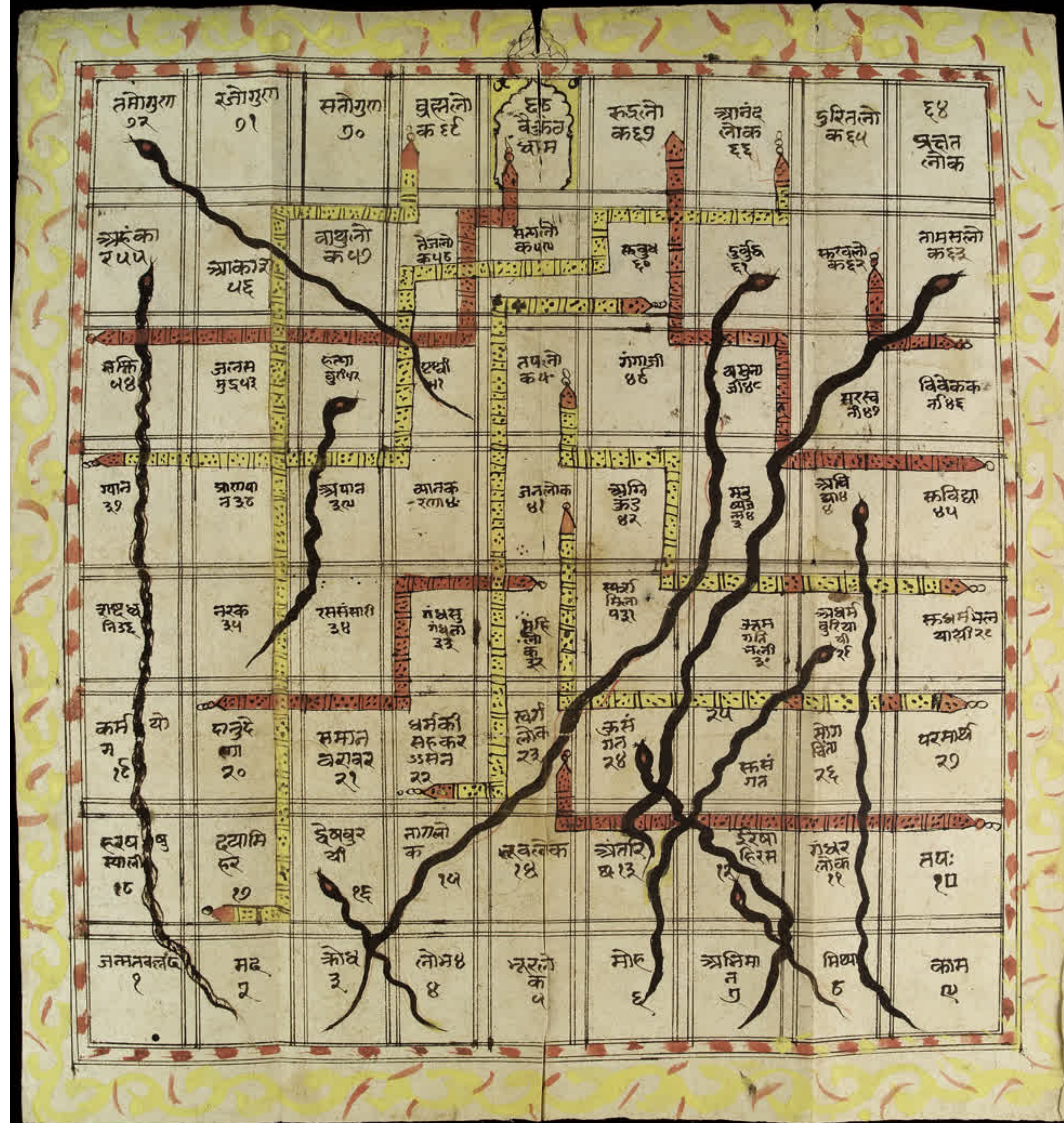
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My  
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Ancient  
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and  
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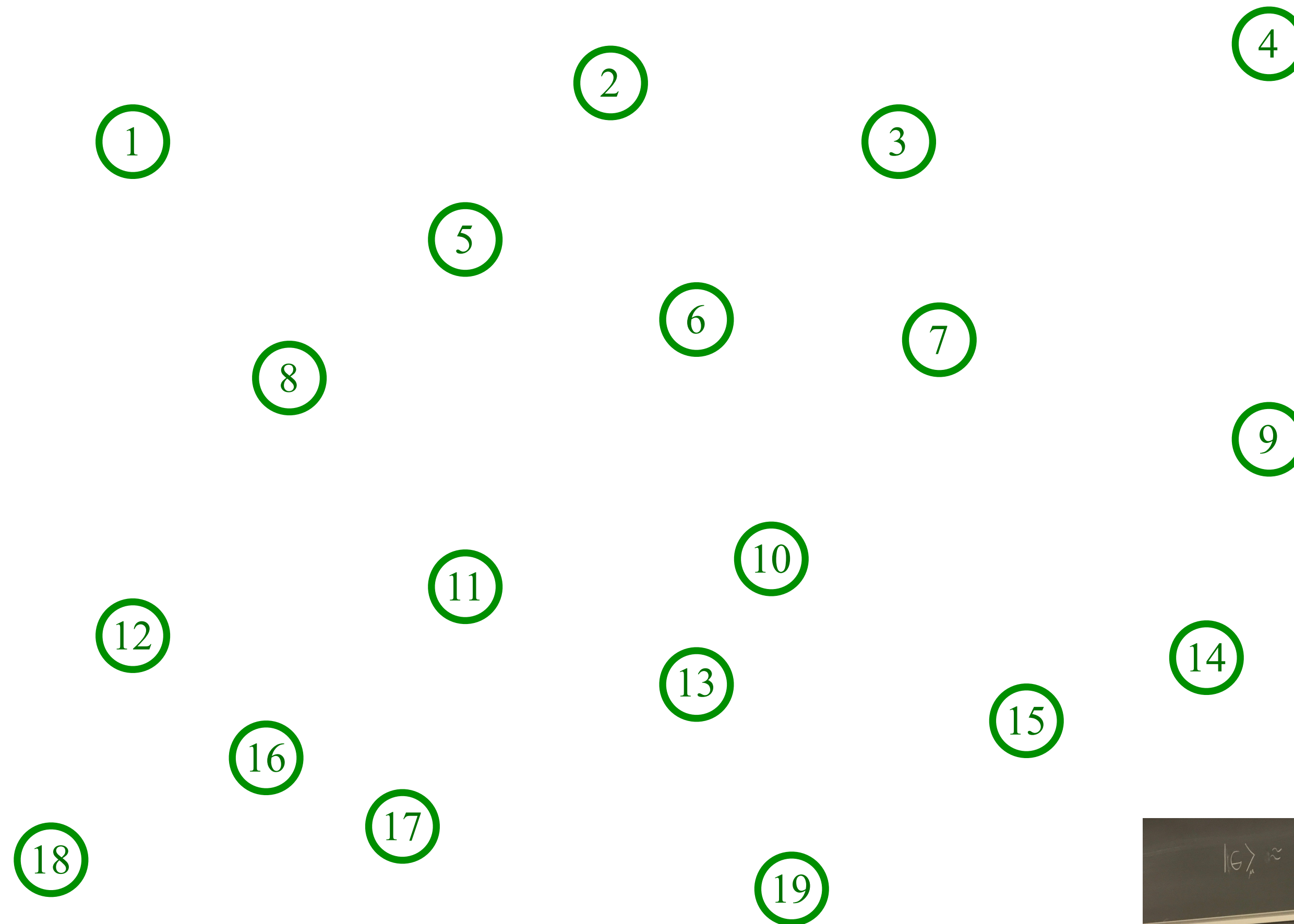
\*Not true

A solvable model of multi-particle entanglement which accounts for quantum interference between successive collisions:

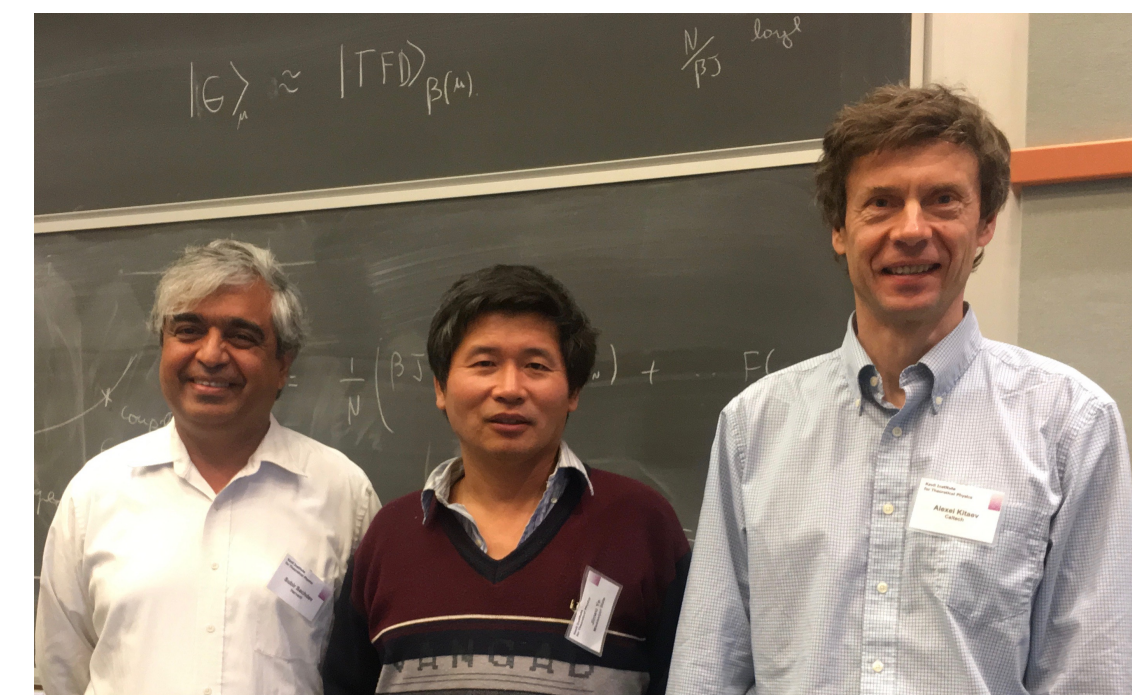
leading to a metal with no particle-like excitations

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Sachdev, Ye (1993); Kitaev (2015)

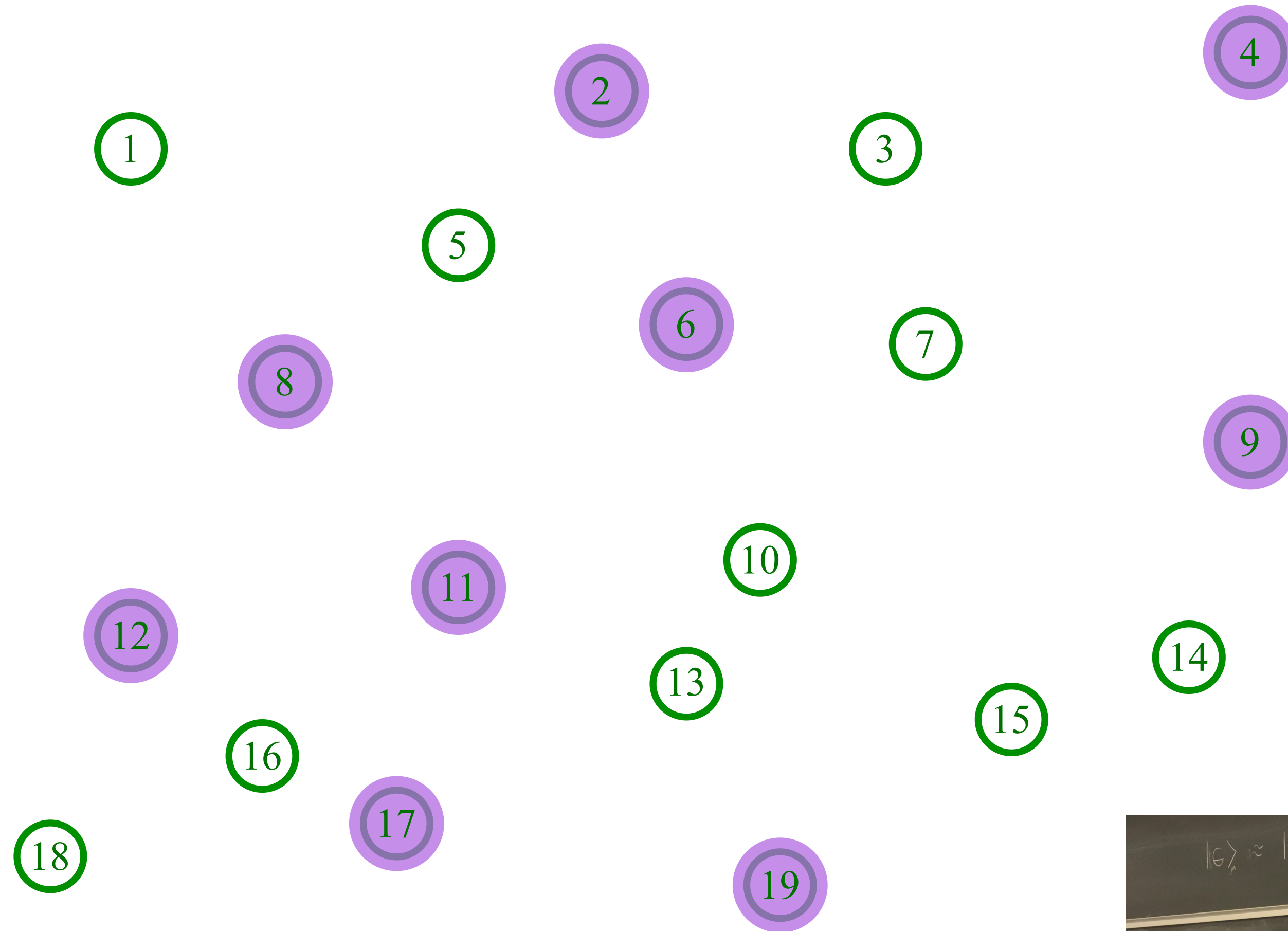


Pick a set of random positions

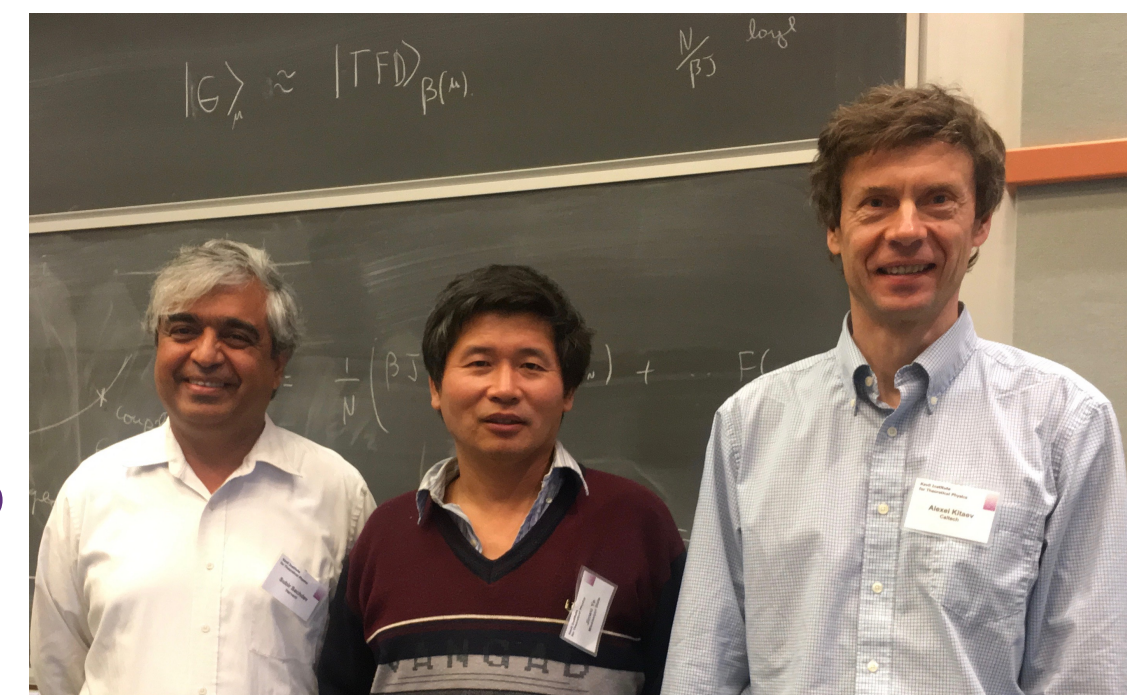


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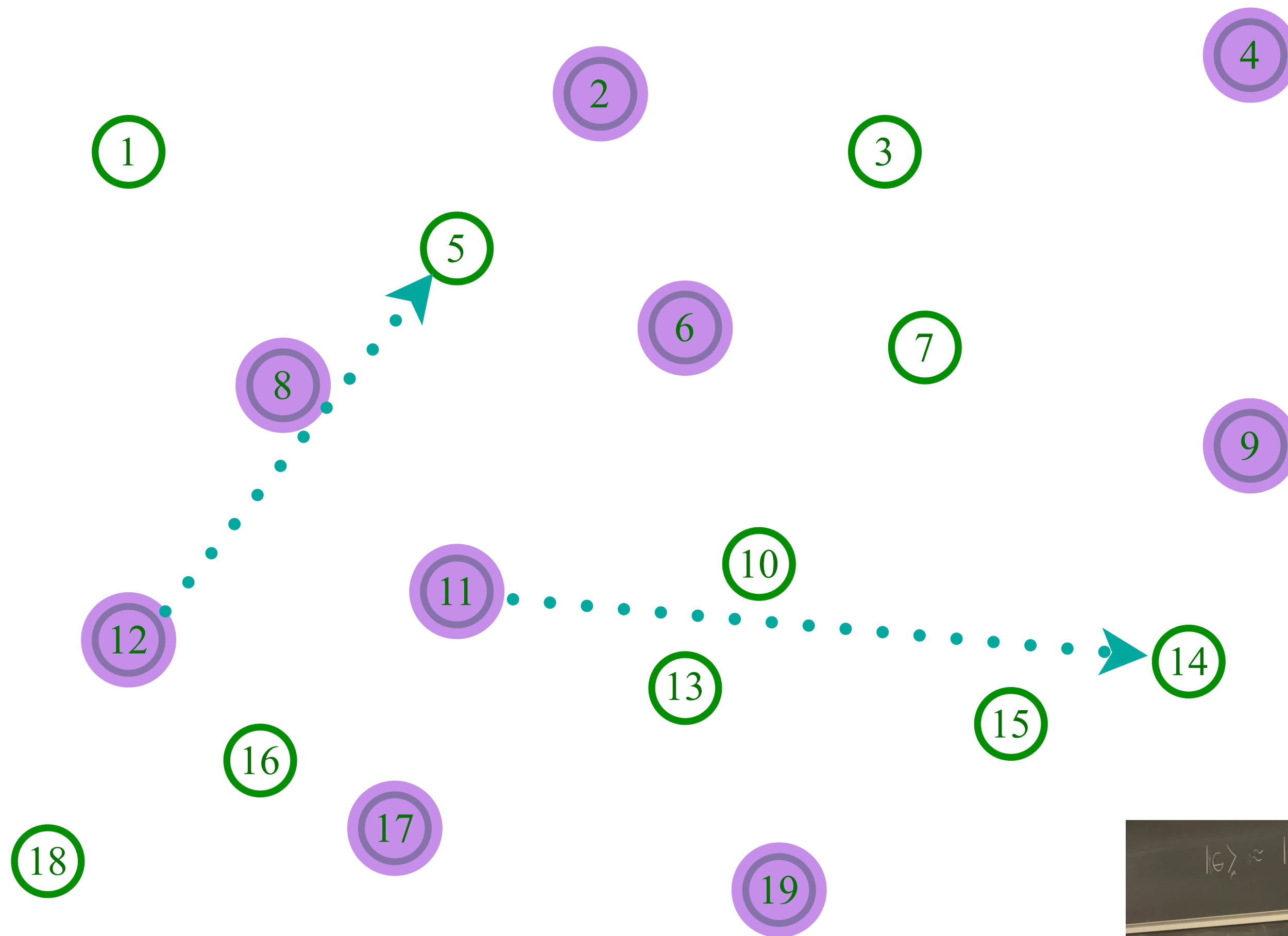
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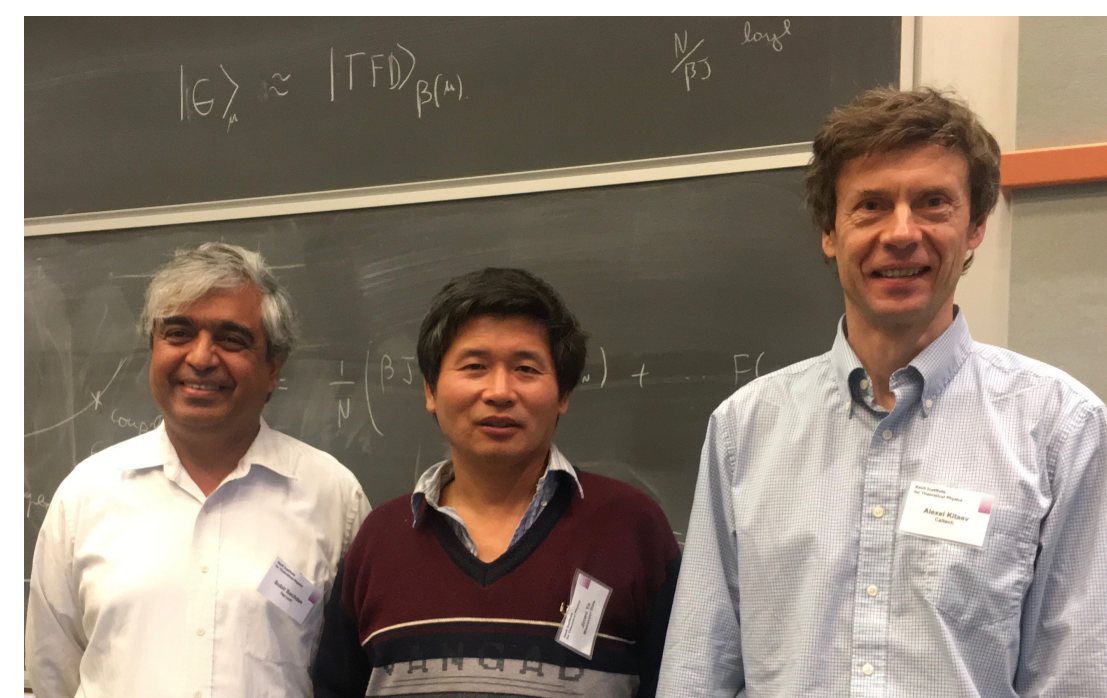
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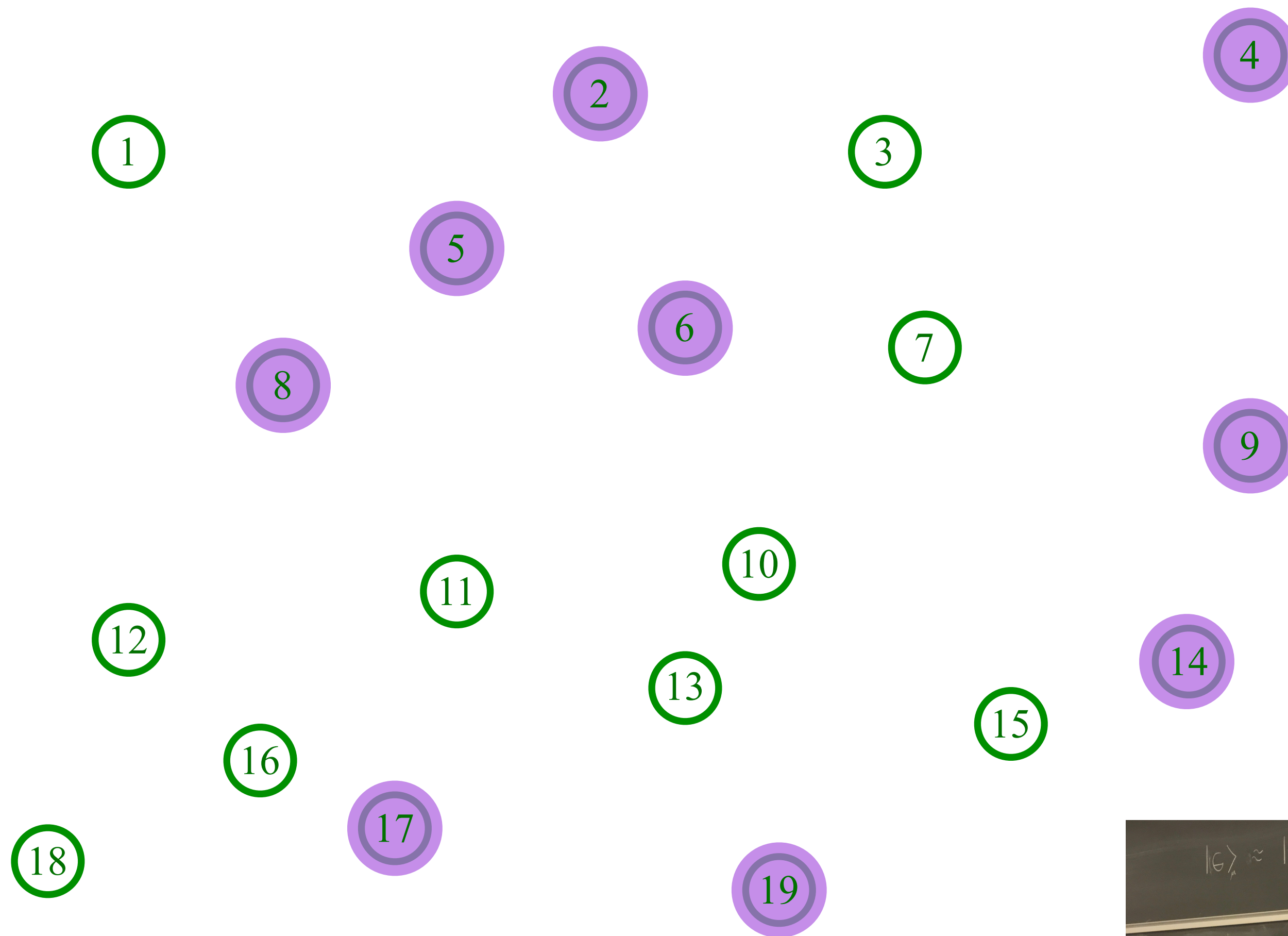
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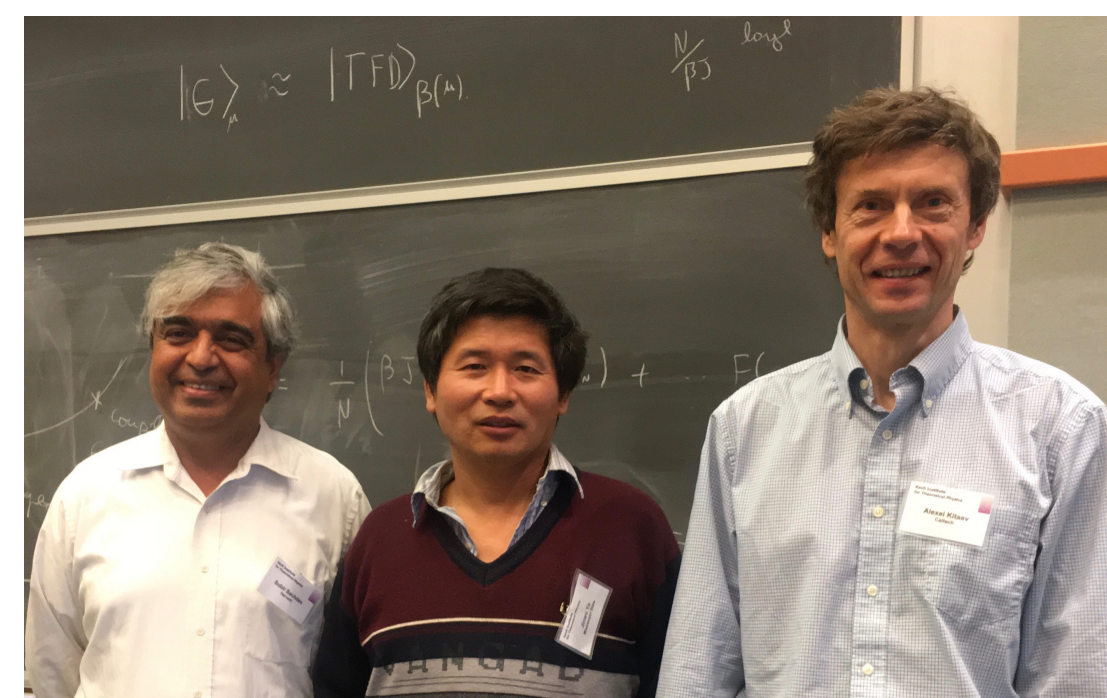
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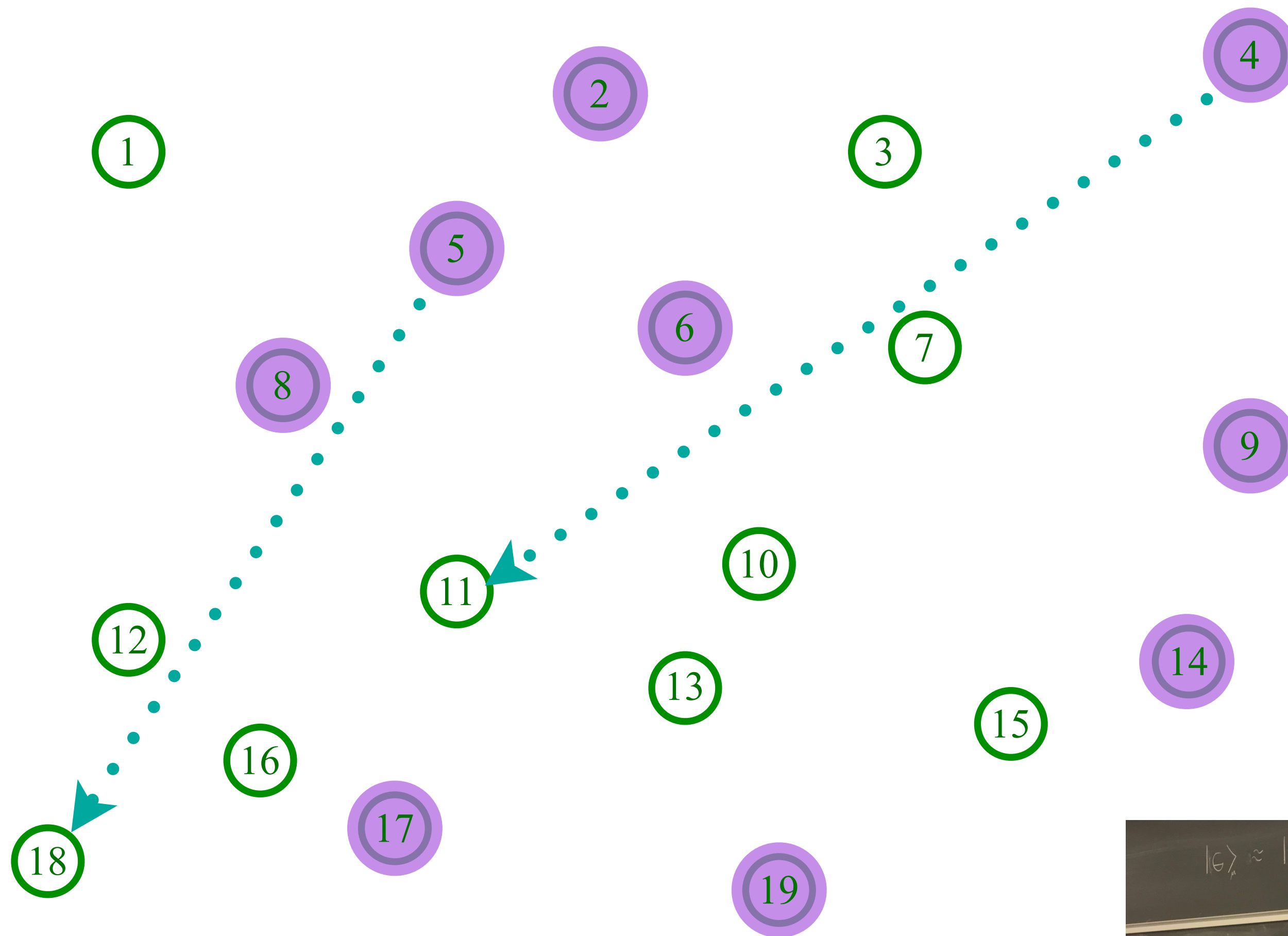
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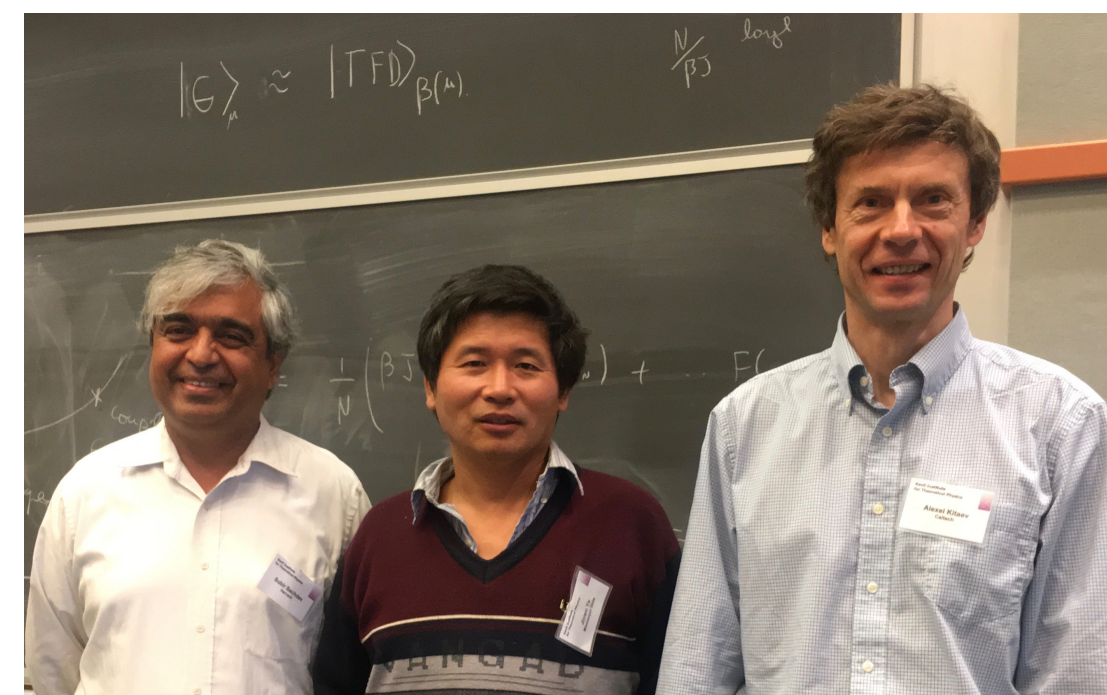
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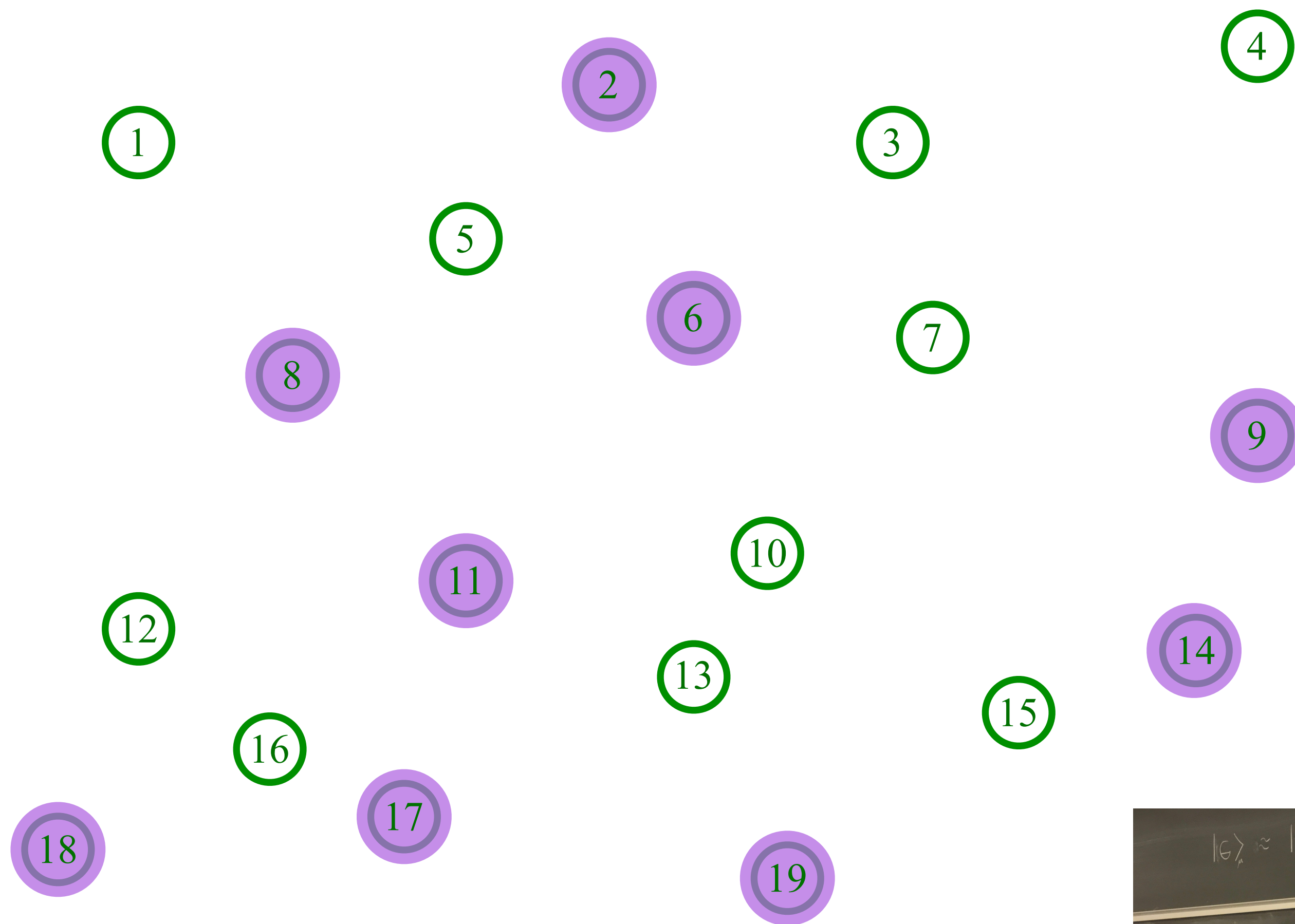
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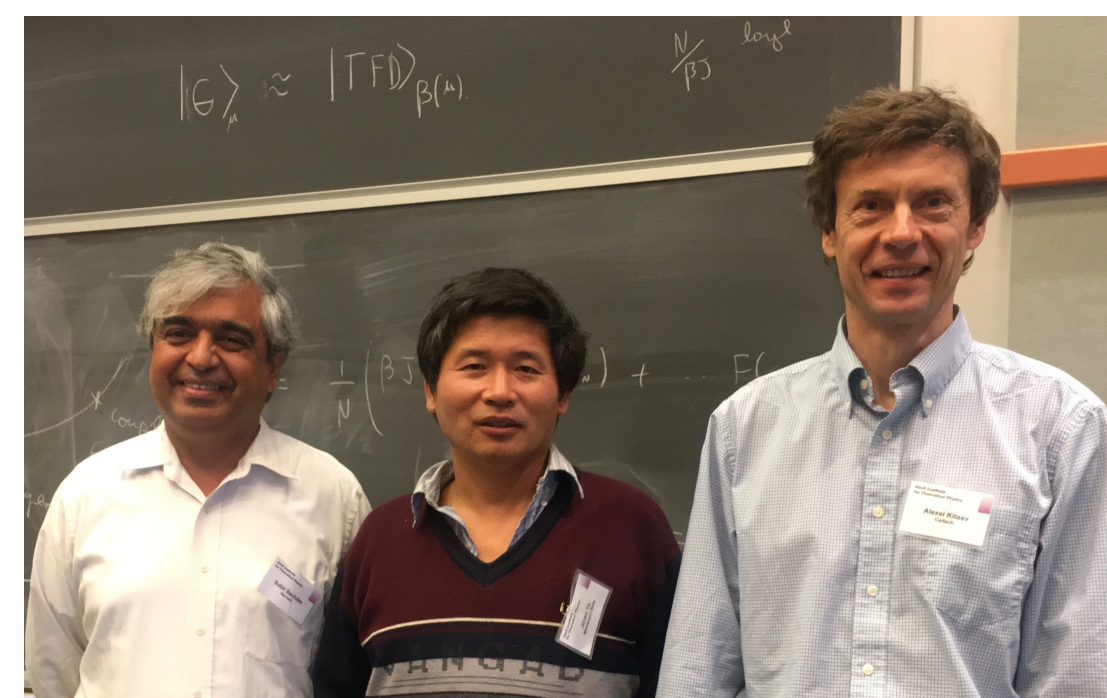
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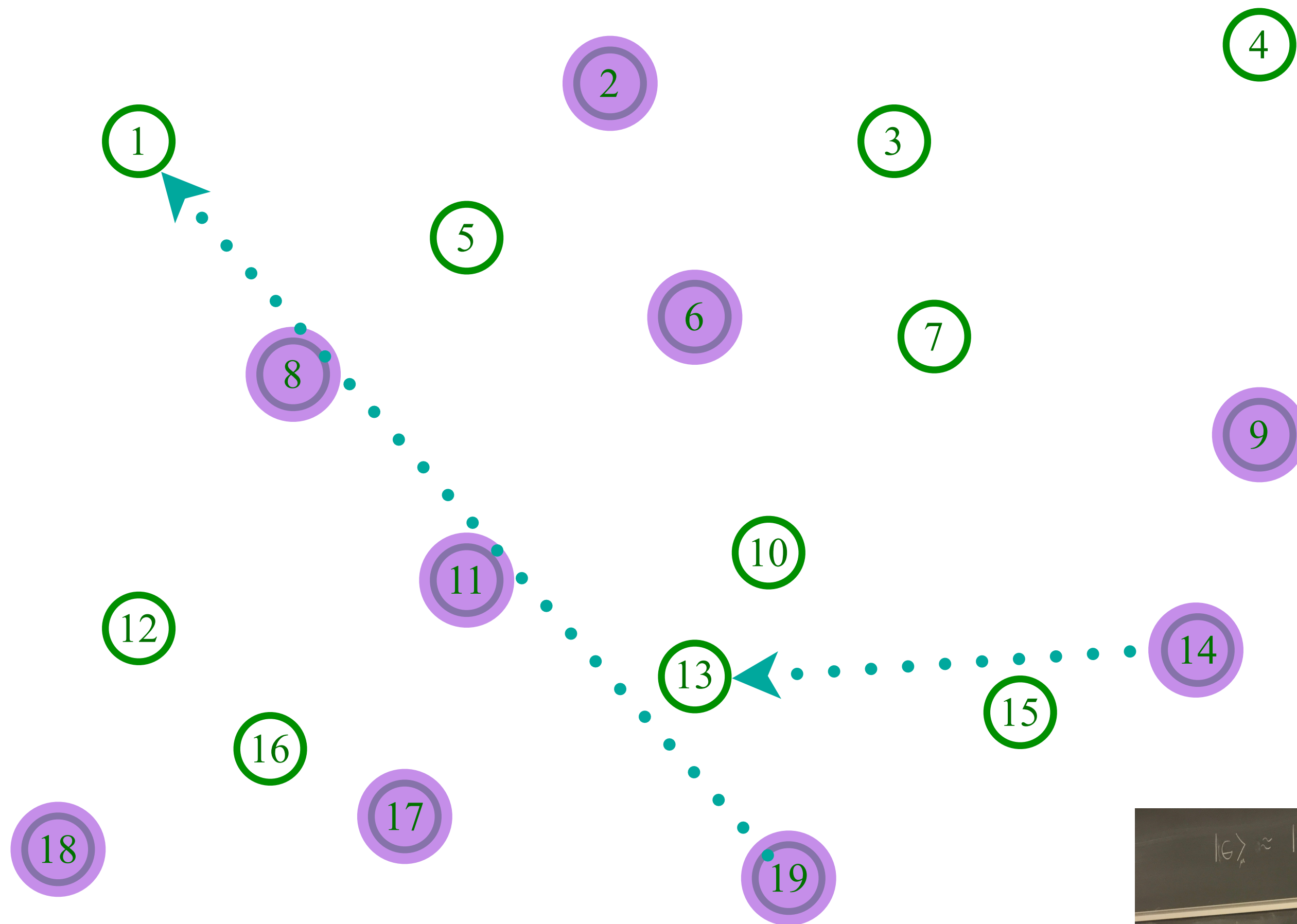
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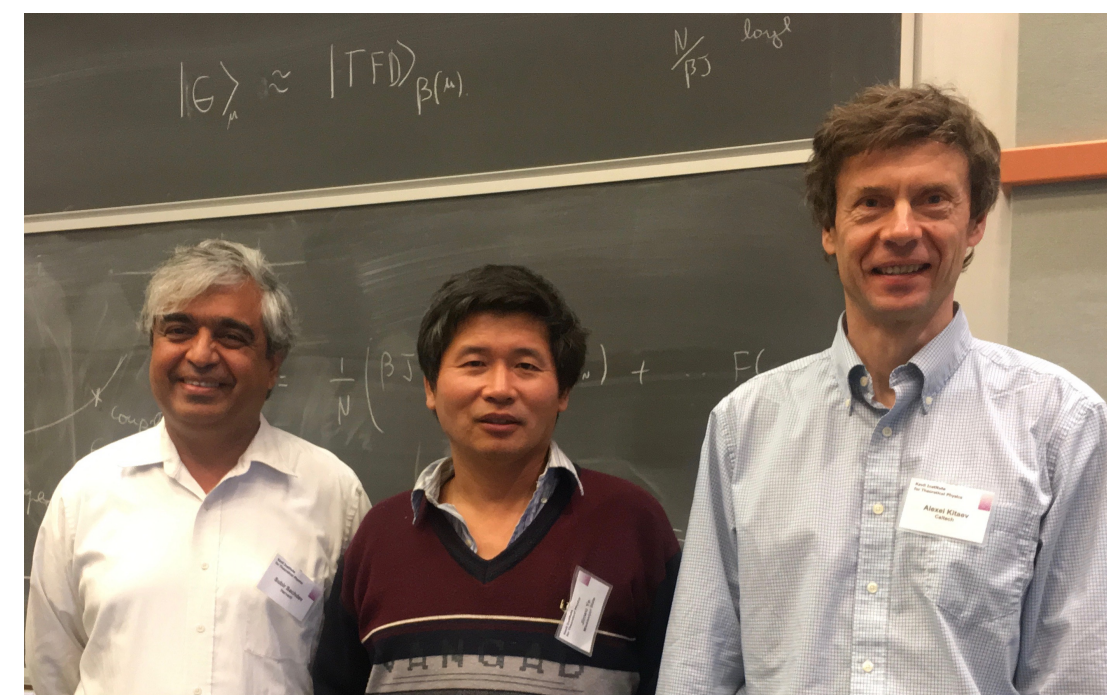
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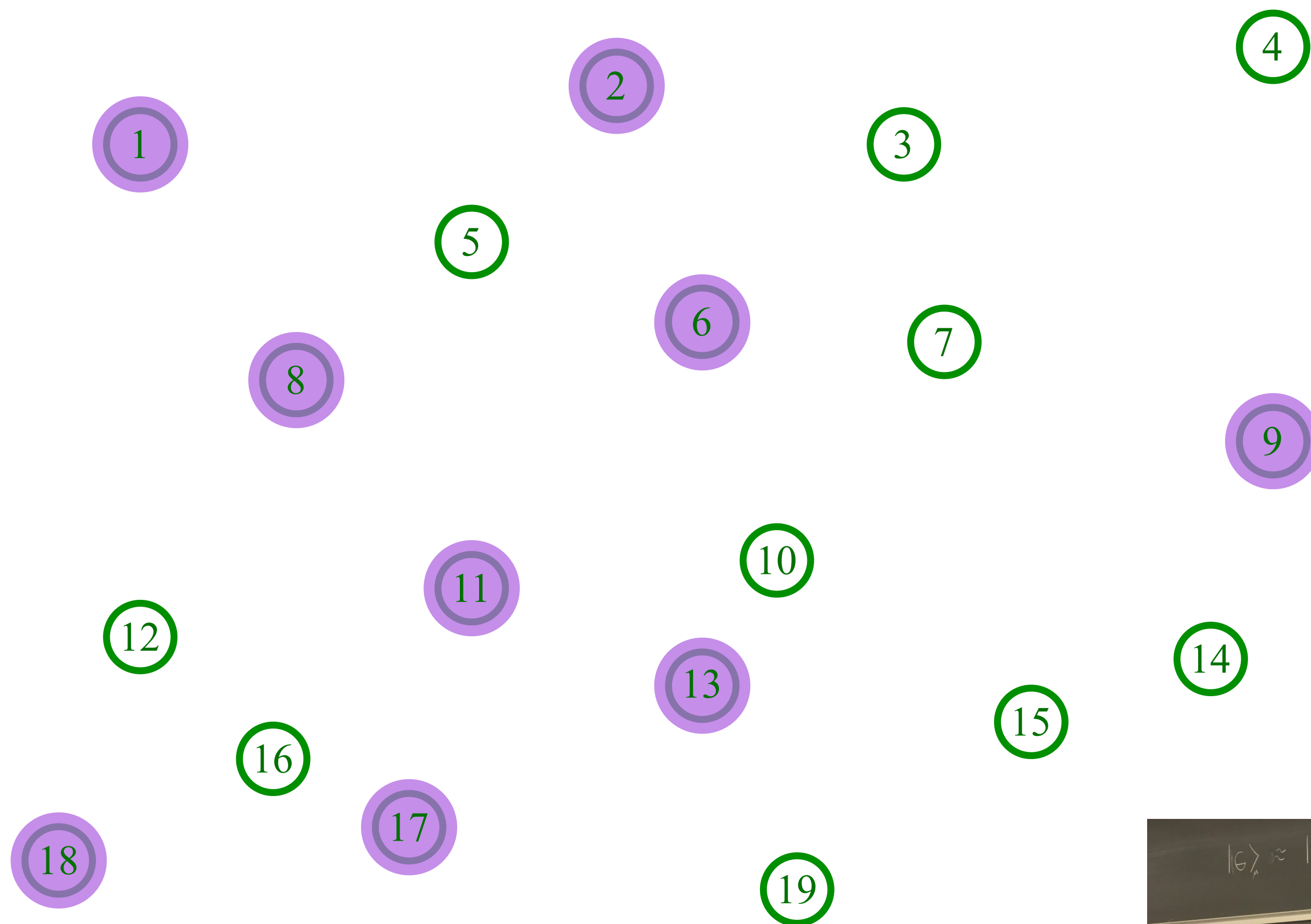
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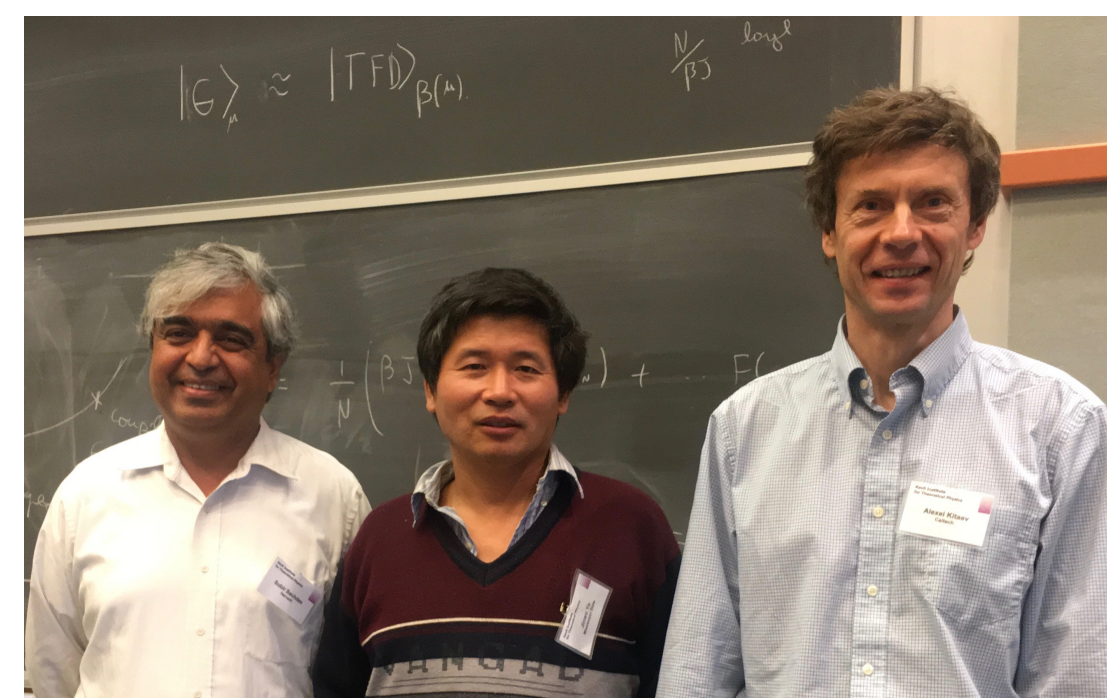
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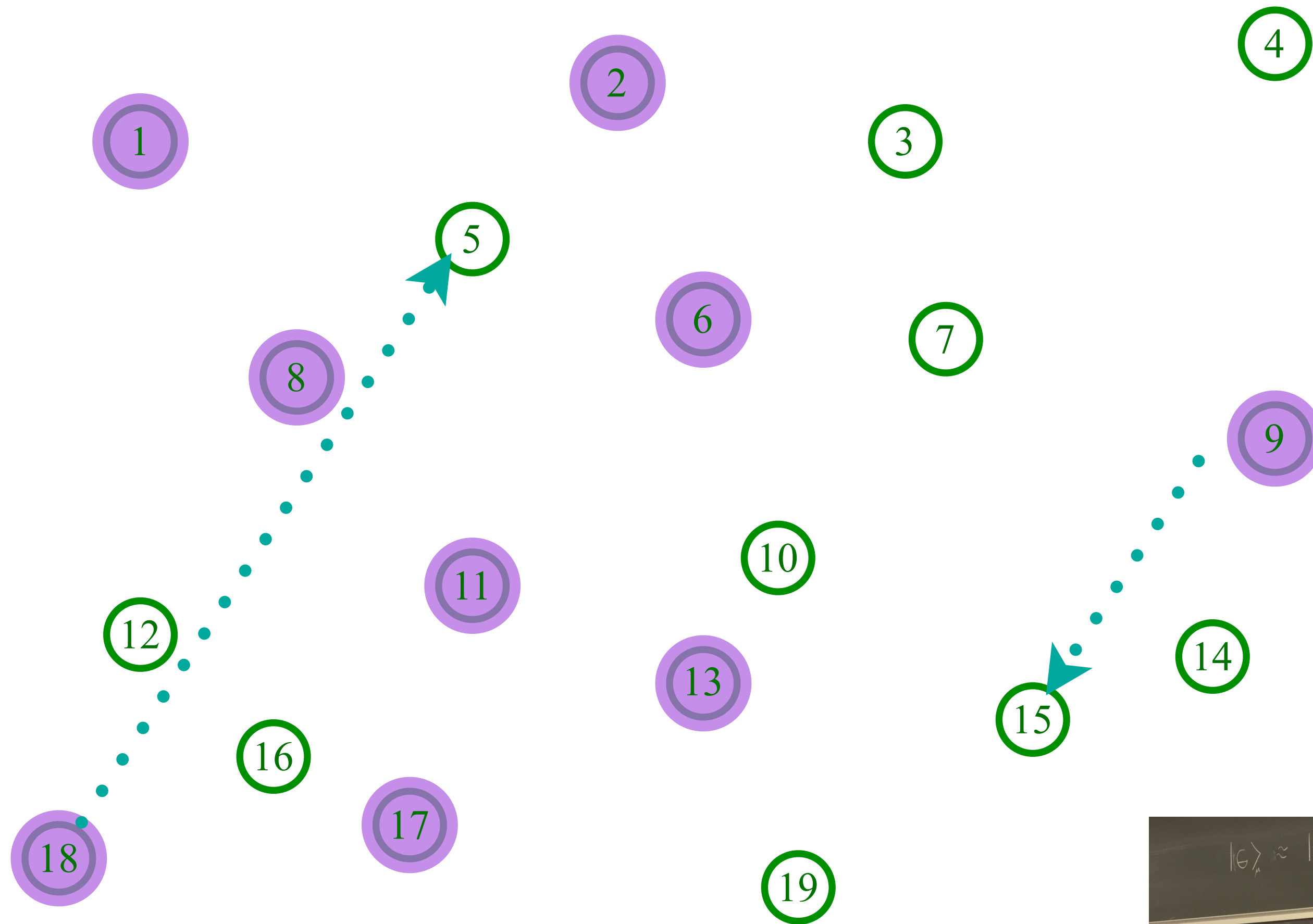
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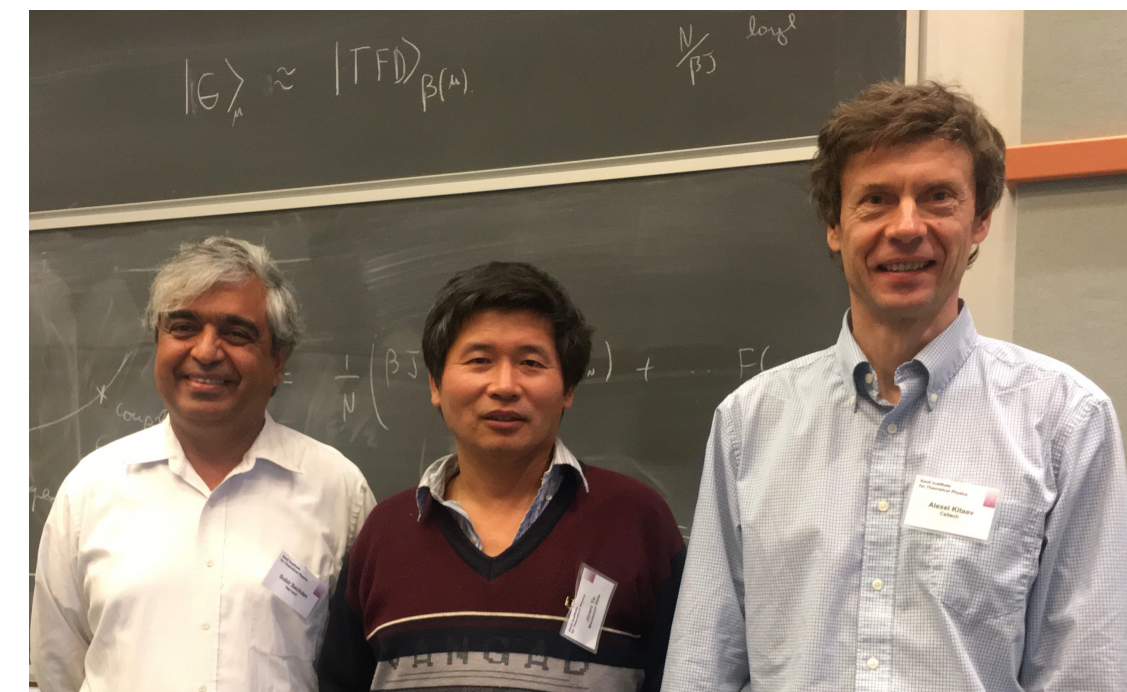
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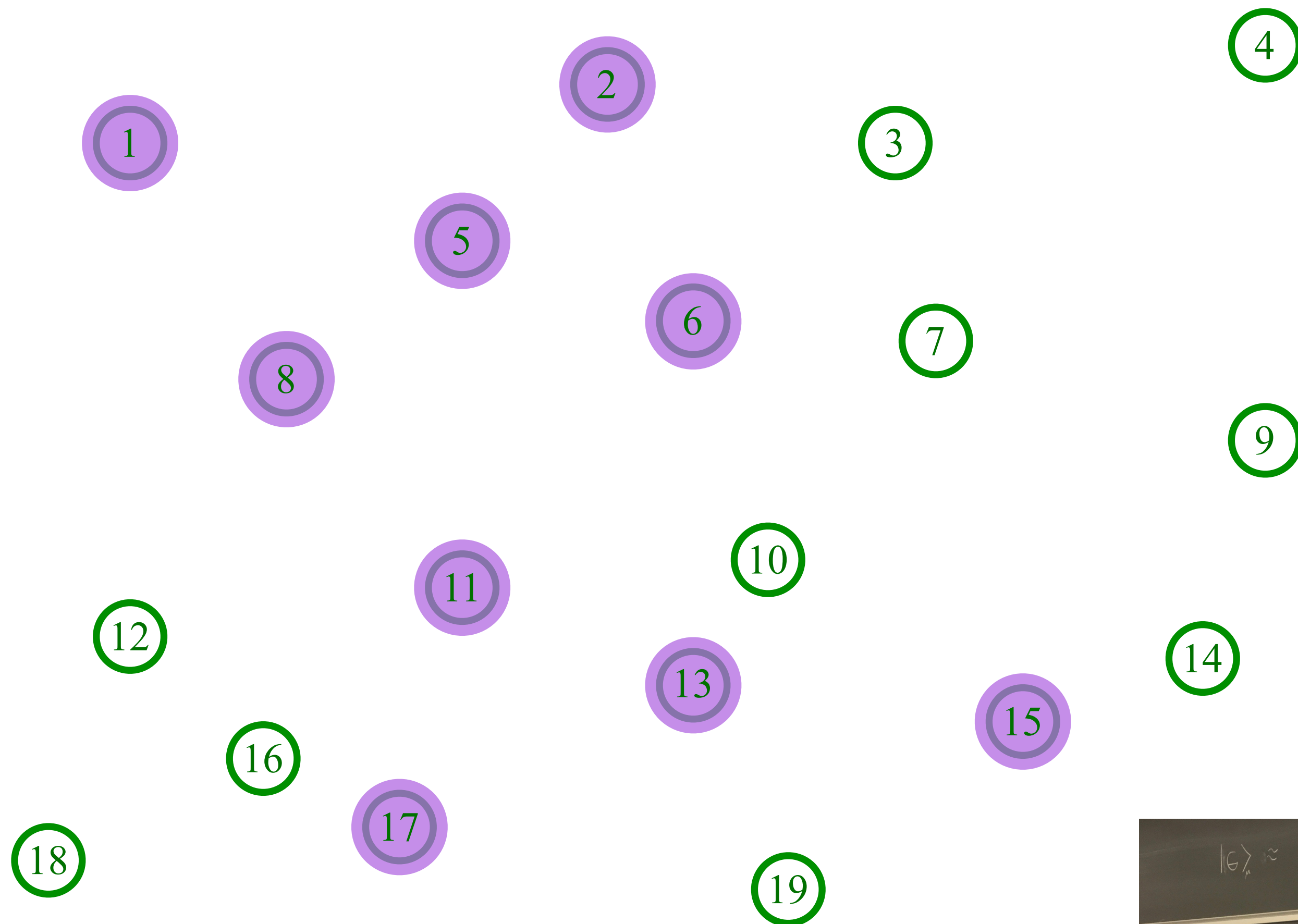
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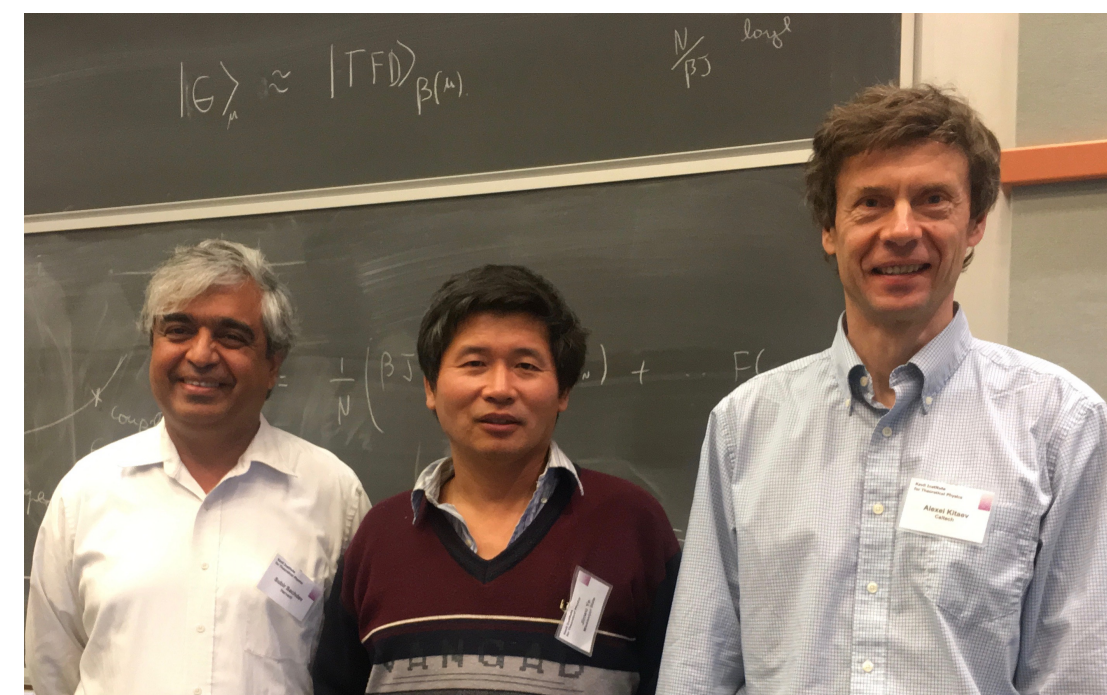
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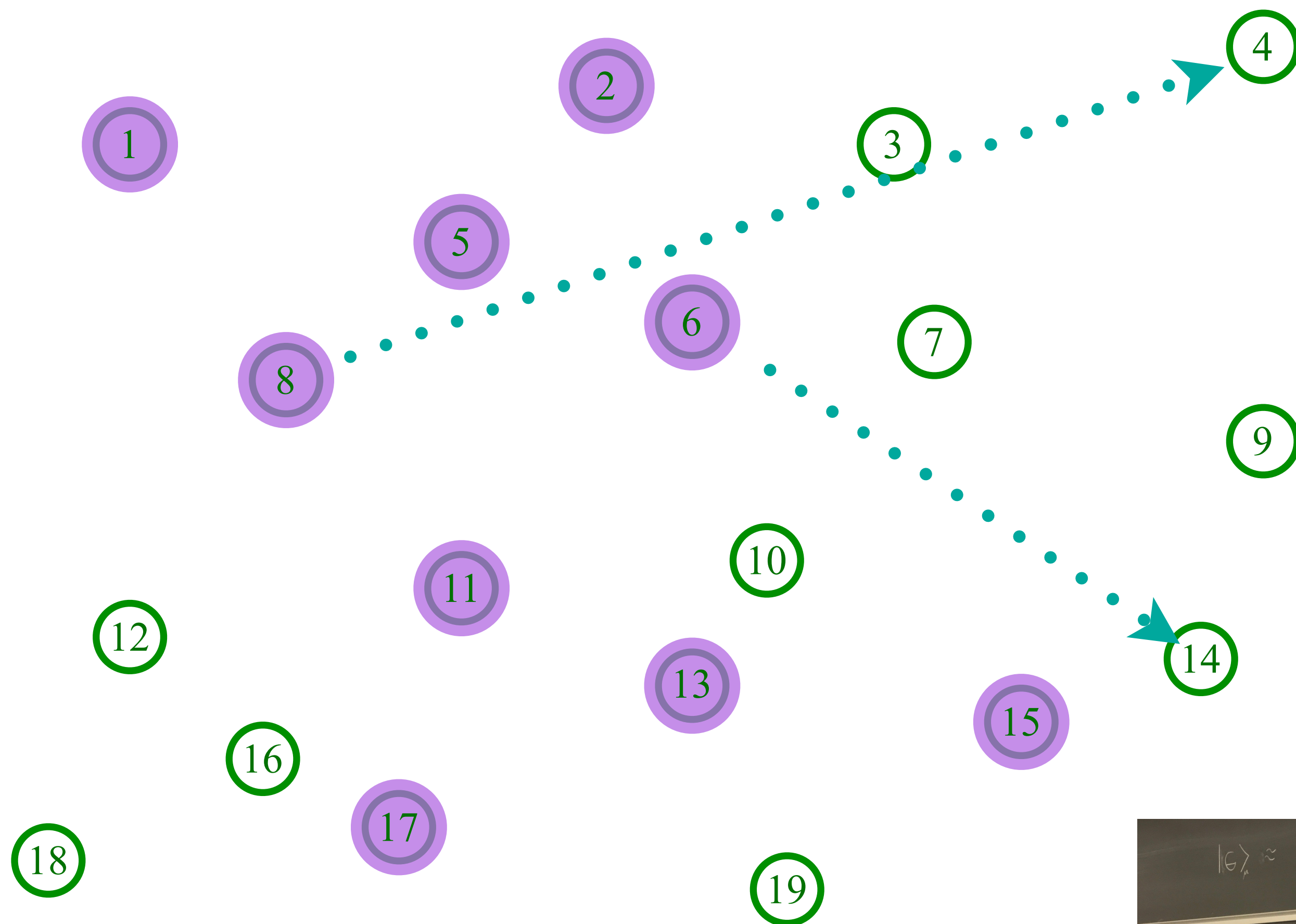
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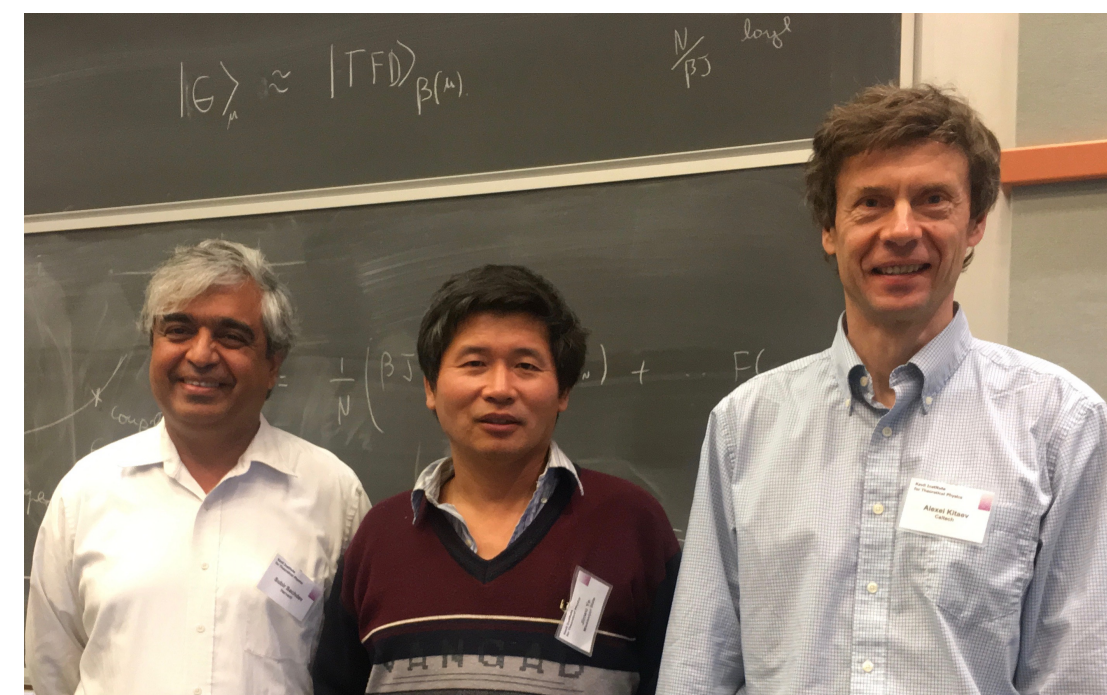
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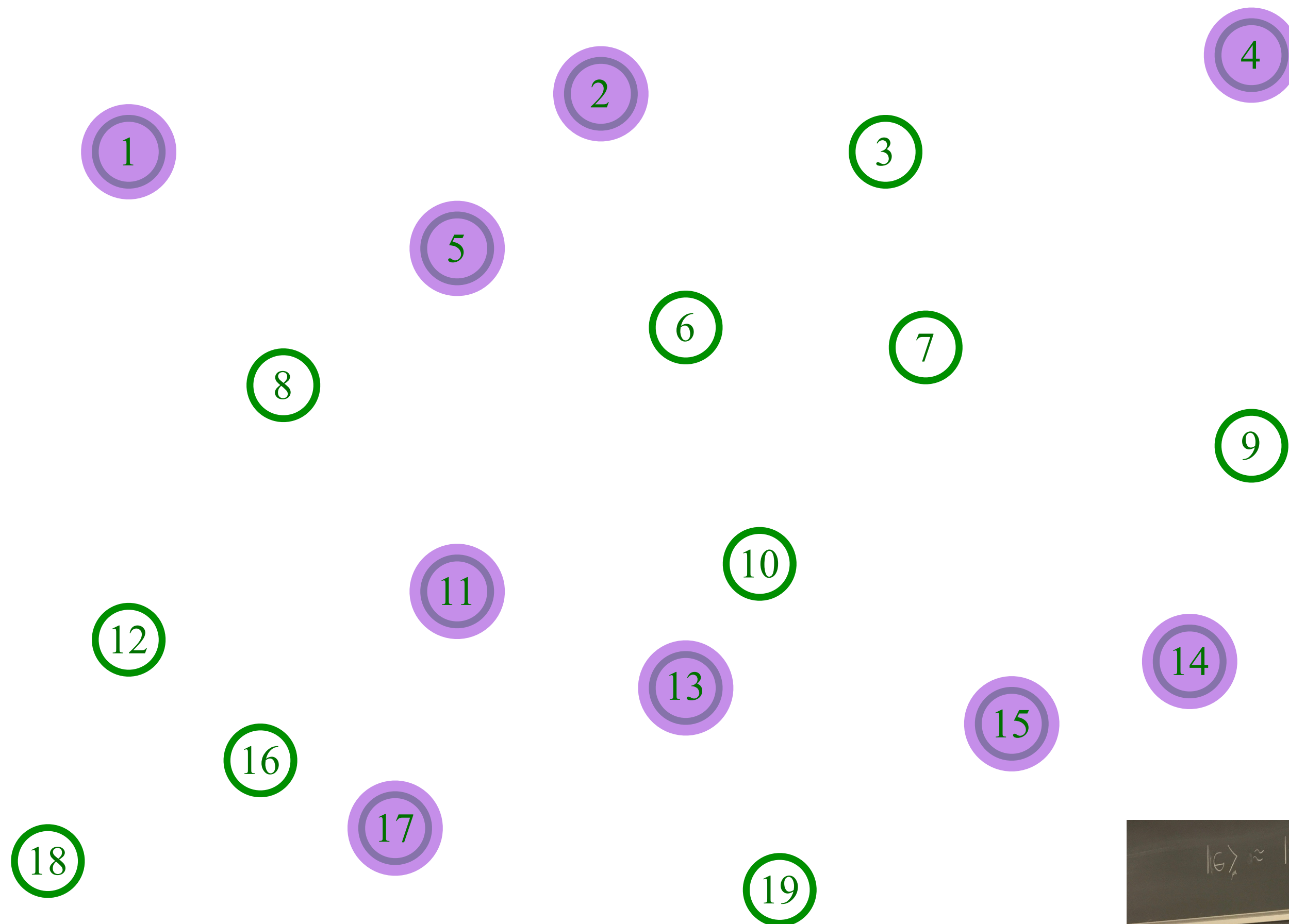
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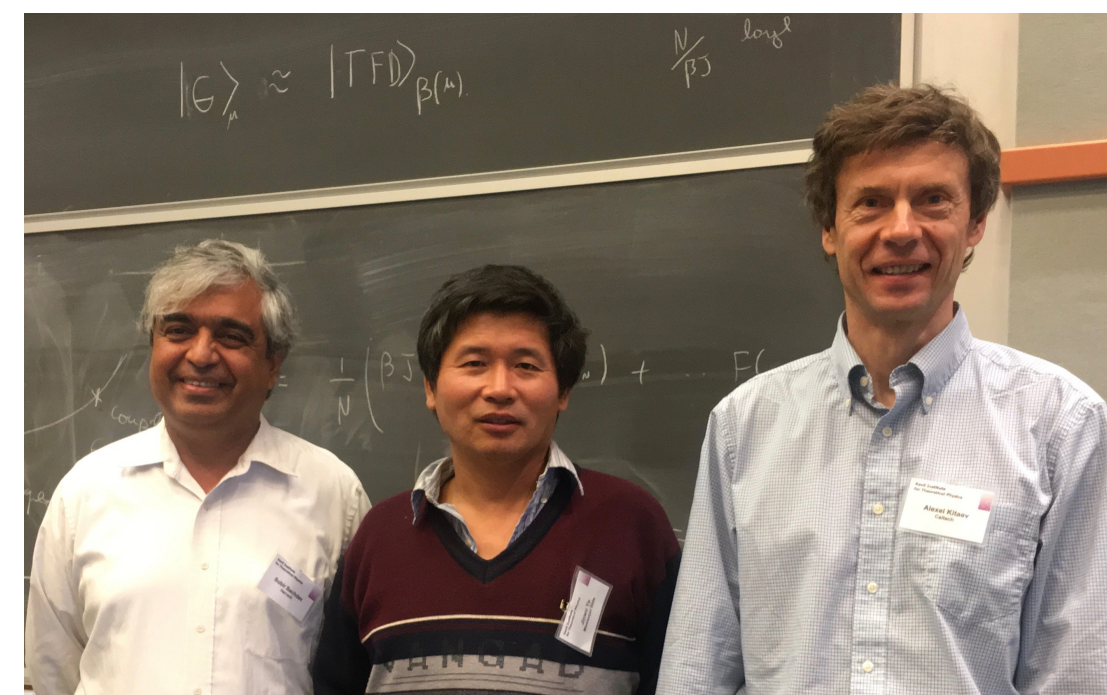
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# The SYK model

(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large  $N$  limit;  
T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta=1}^N U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}$$

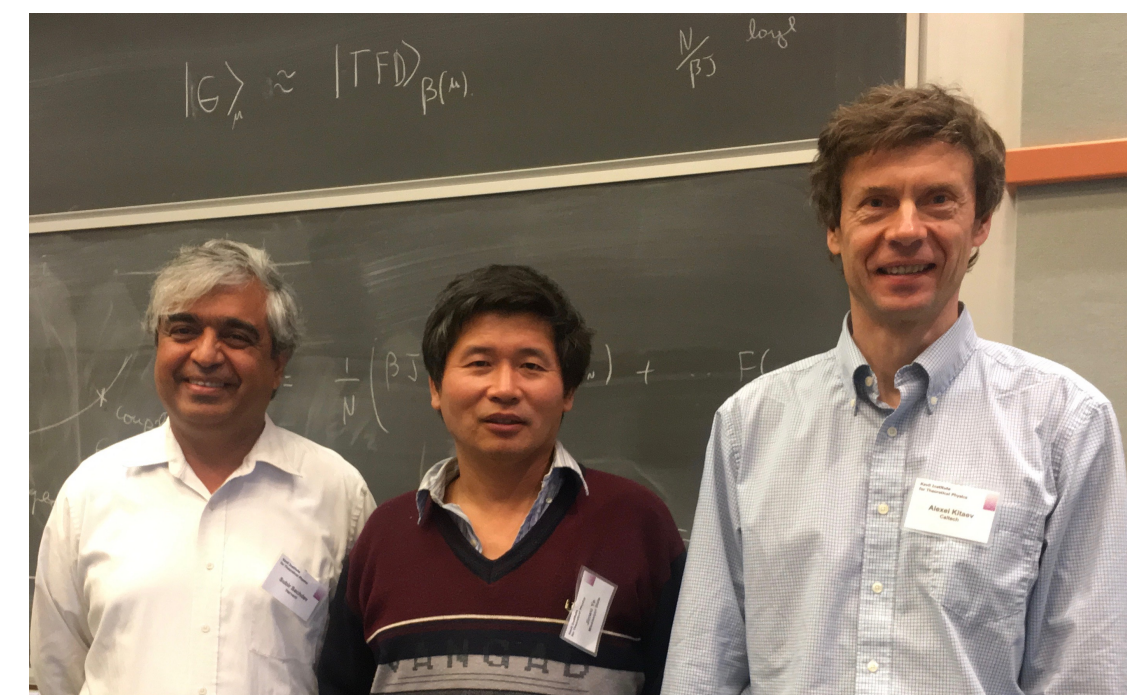
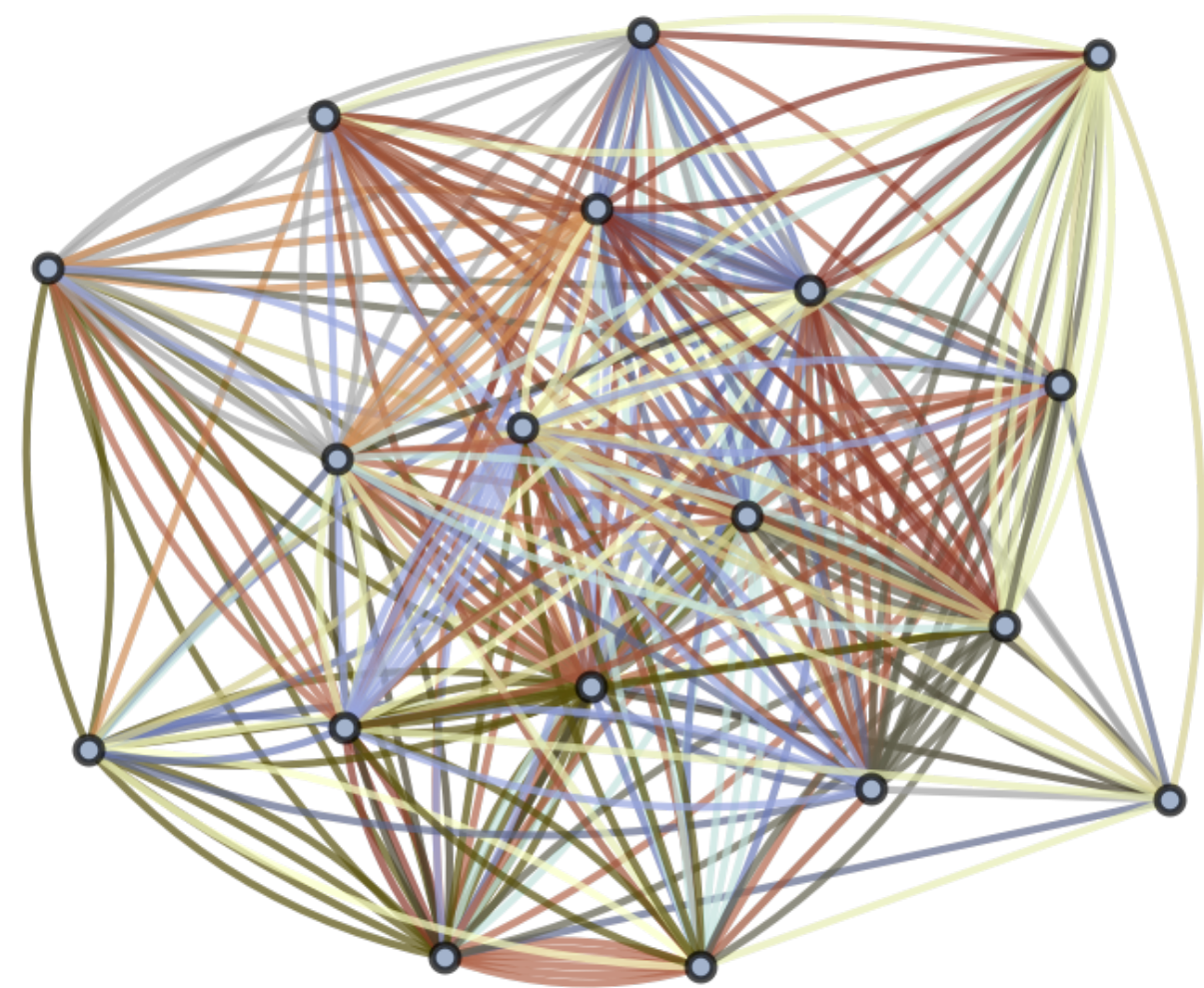
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{Q} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}; \quad [\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{Q}] = 0; \quad 0 \leq \mathcal{Q} \leq 1$$

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$  and  $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$   
 $N \rightarrow \infty$  yields critical strange metal.

S. Sachdev and J. Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

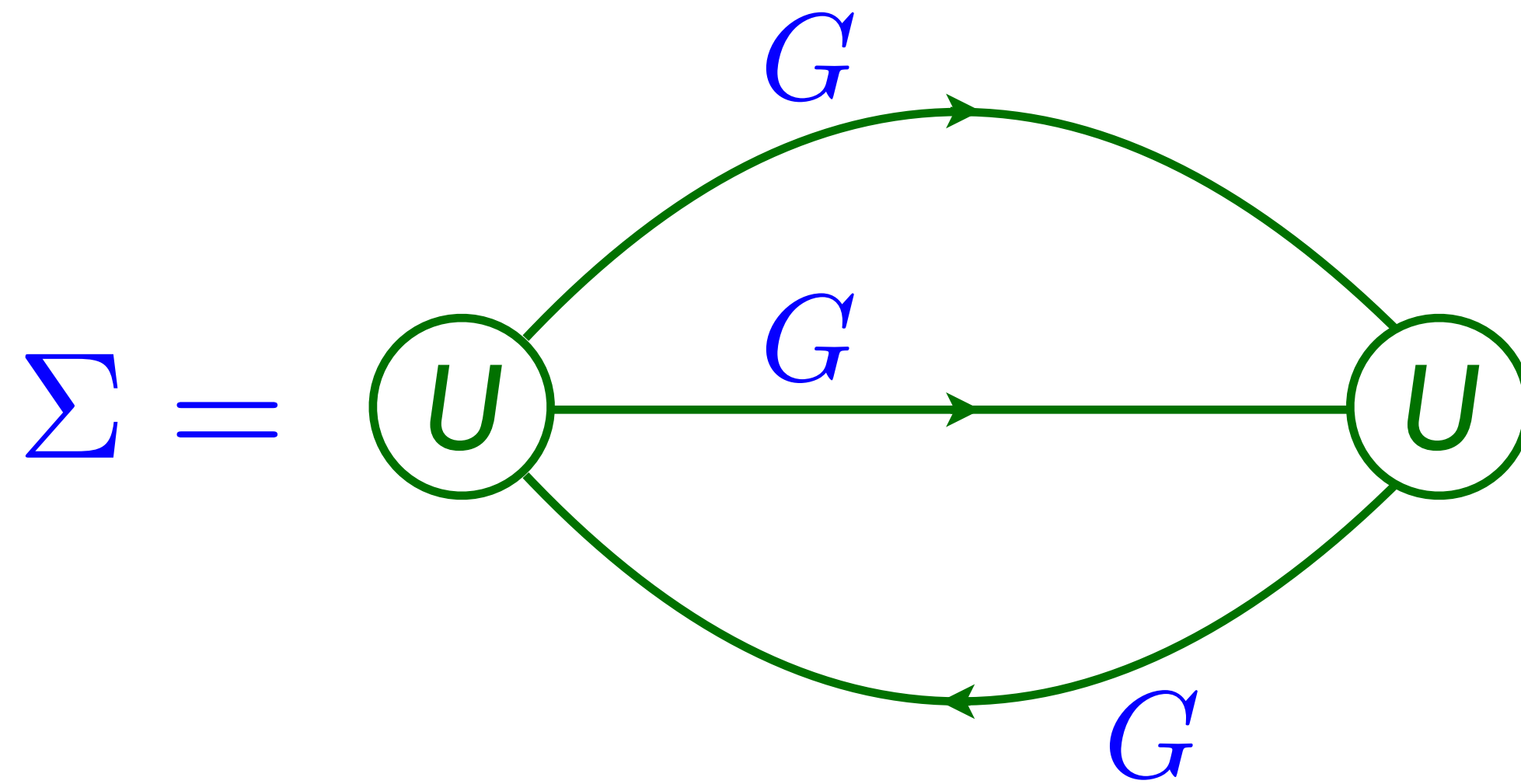
A. Kitaev, unpublished; S. Sachdev, PRX **5**, 041025 (2015)



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Feynman graph expansion in  $U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ , and graph-by-graph average, yields exact equations in the large  $N$  limit:

$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = -U^2 G^2(\tau) G(-\tau)$$
$$G(\tau = 0^-) = Q.$$



S. Sachdev and J. Ye,  
PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)



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$$G_*(\tau) = -C \frac{e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}T\tau}}{\sqrt{1 + e^{-4\pi\mathcal{E}}}} \left( \frac{T}{\sin(\pi T\tau)} \right)^{1/2}.$$

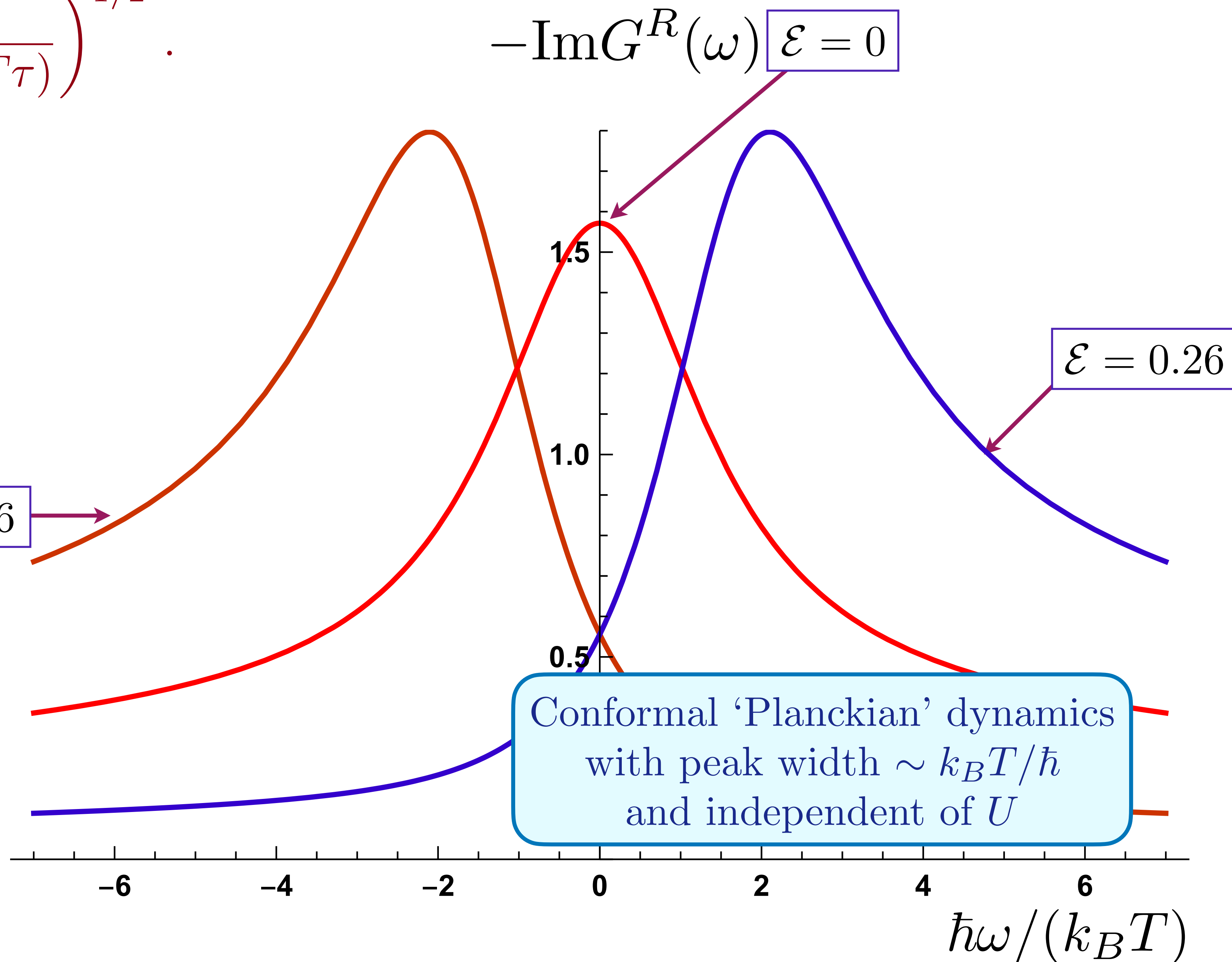
$$G_*^R(\omega) = \frac{-iC e^{-i\theta} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i\omega}{2\pi T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}{(2\pi T)^{1/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{i\omega}{2\pi T} + i\mathcal{E}\right)}.$$

$$e^{2\pi\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\sin(\pi/4 + \theta)}{\sin(\pi/4 - \theta)}$$

$$C = \left( \frac{\pi}{U^2 \cos(2\theta)} \right)^{1/4}$$

$\mathcal{E}$  is a known function of  $Q$   
(Luttinger relation)

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A CFT in  $d$  spatial dimensions has an entropy density  $S \sim T^d$ . The SYK model is a 0+1 dimensional CFT, and we obtain a  $T$ -independent entropy:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S}{N} = s_0$$

A. Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev,  
PRB **63**, 134406 (2001)

The constant  $s_0$  is a known universal number. At  $\mathcal{Q} = 1/2$ , we have

$$s_0 = \frac{\text{Catalan}}{\pi} + \frac{\ln 2}{4} = 0.464847699170805107492692486833 \dots$$

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The constant  $s_0$  is a known universal number. At  $Q = 1/2$ , we have

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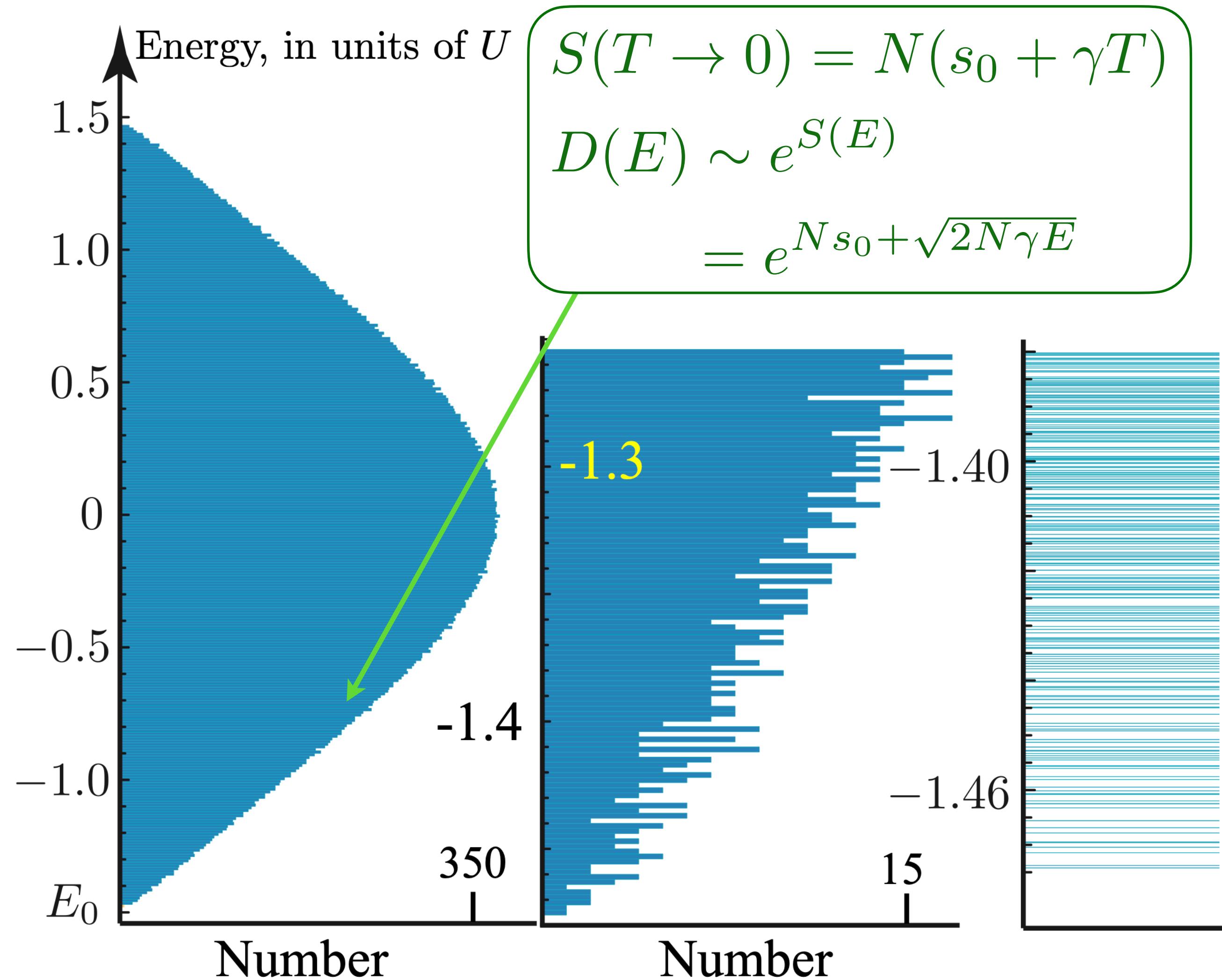
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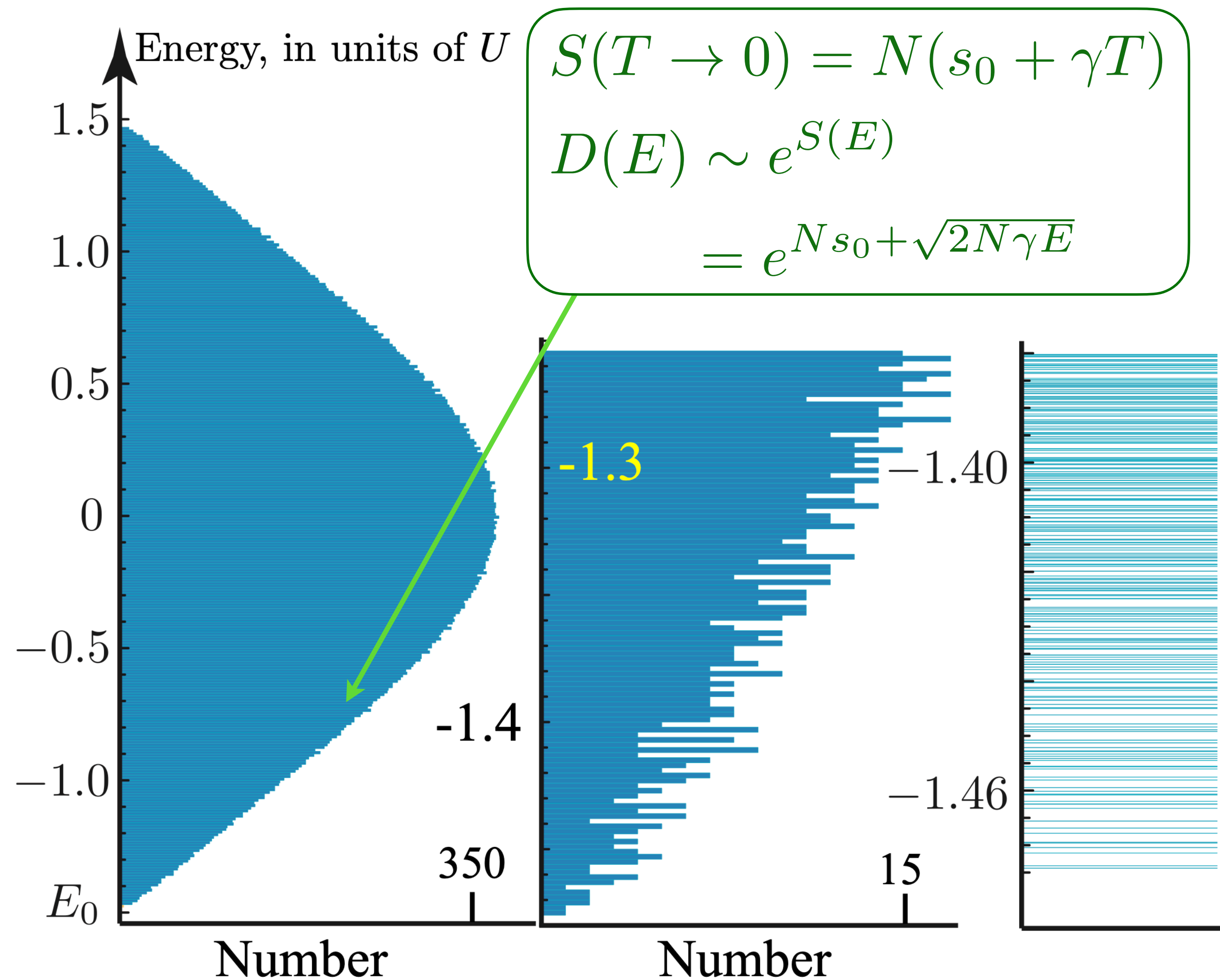
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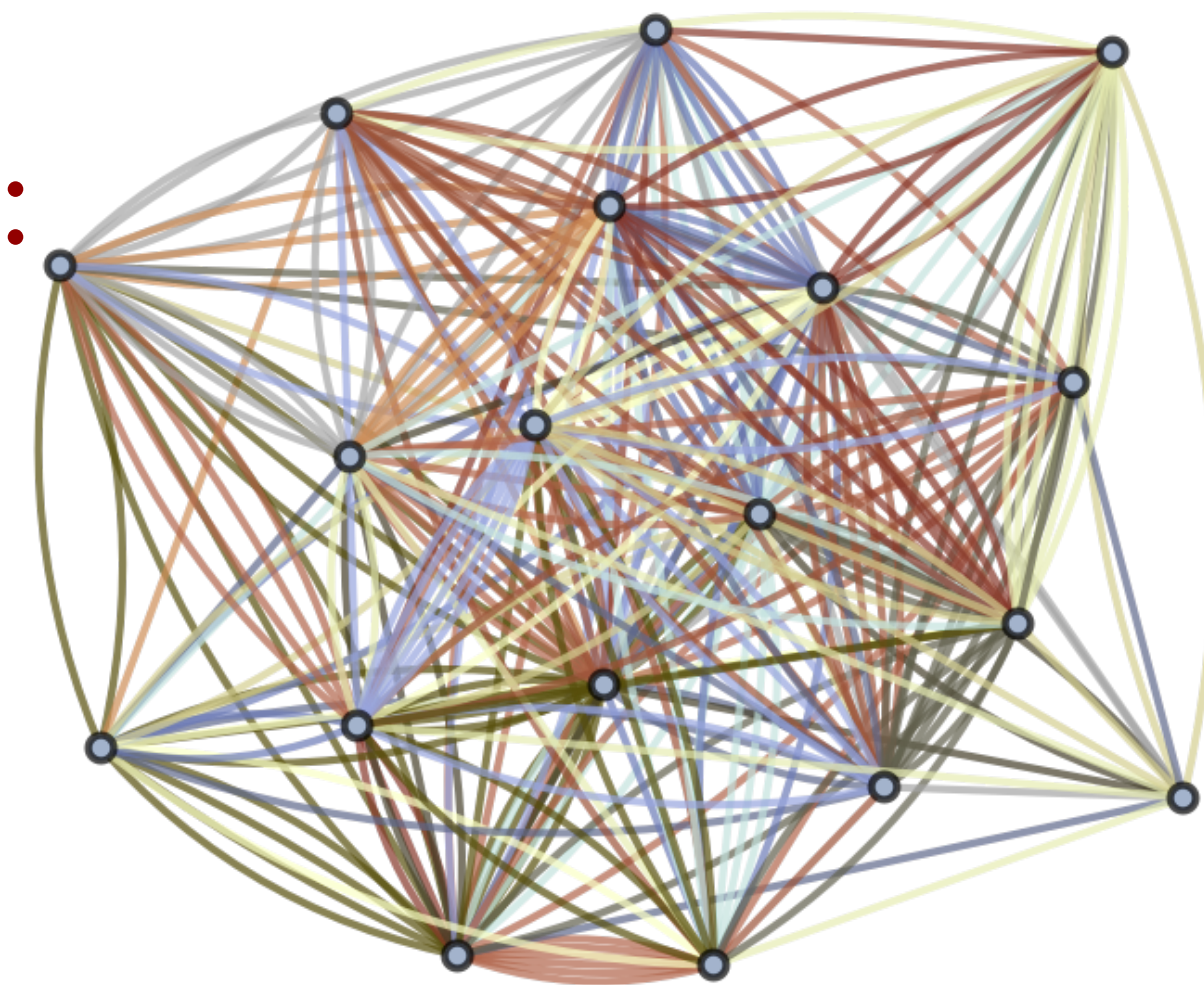
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The disorder-averaged partition is exactly this  $G$ - $\Sigma$  theory:

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$$I = \ln \det [\delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2)(\partial_{\tau_1} + \mu) - \Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2)]$$

$$+ \int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 [\Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2)G(\tau_2, \tau_1) + (U^2/2)G^2(\tau_2, \tau_1)G^2(\tau_1, \tau_2)]$$



Saddle-point equations for  $G(\tau_1 - \tau_2)$  and  $\Sigma(\tau_1 - \tau_2)$ :

$$G(i\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega)} \quad , \quad \Sigma(\tau) = -J^2 G^2(\tau)G(-\tau)$$

$$G(\tau = 0^-) = Q.$$

$G$ - $\Sigma$   
path  
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At frequencies  $\ll U$ , the time derivative in the determinant is less important, and without it the path integral is invariant under the reparametrization and gauge transformations

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where  $f(\sigma)$  and  $\phi(\sigma)$  are arbitrary functions.

## Time reparametrization and phase soft modes

The dominant fluctuations of the bilocal Green's function  $G(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  involve a deformation of the conformal Green's function by a time reparameterization and a gauge transformation.

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\end{aligned}$$

where  $f(\tau)$  is a monotonic map from  $[0, 1/T]$  to  $[0, 1/T]$ . The conformal group in  $d$  spatial dimensions is  $\text{SO}(d+2, 1)$ , and  $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{SO}(2, 1)$ , and the Schwarzian

$$\{g, \tau\} \equiv \frac{g'''}{g'} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{g''}{g'} \right)^2,$$

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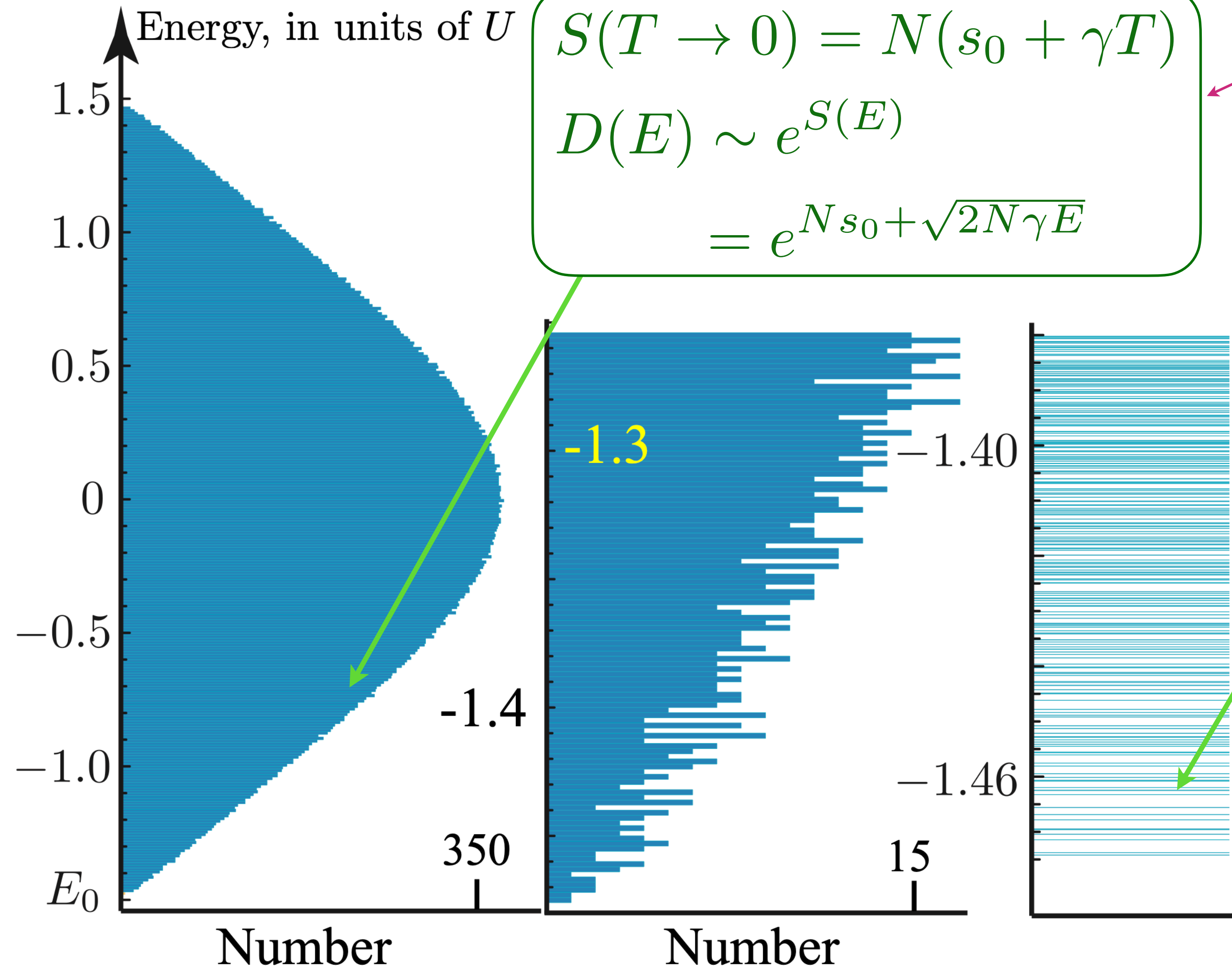
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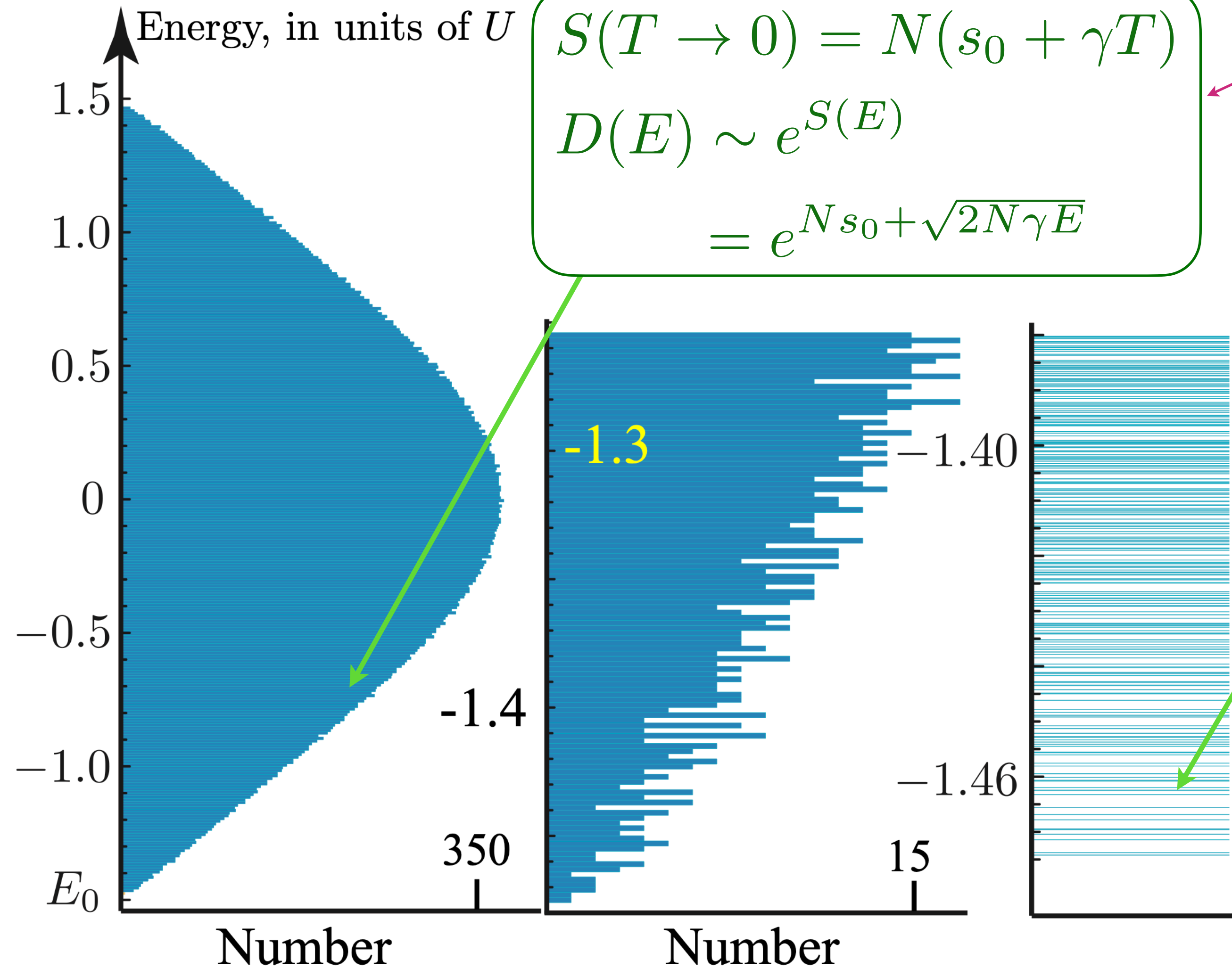
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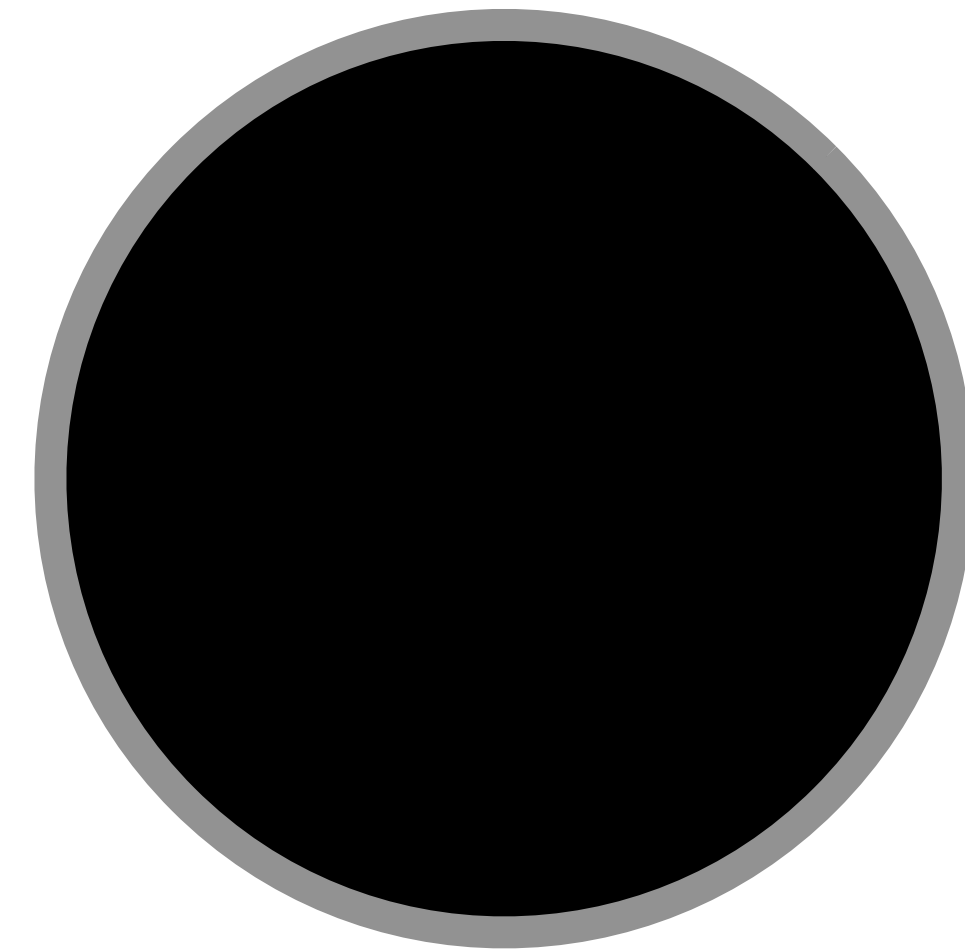
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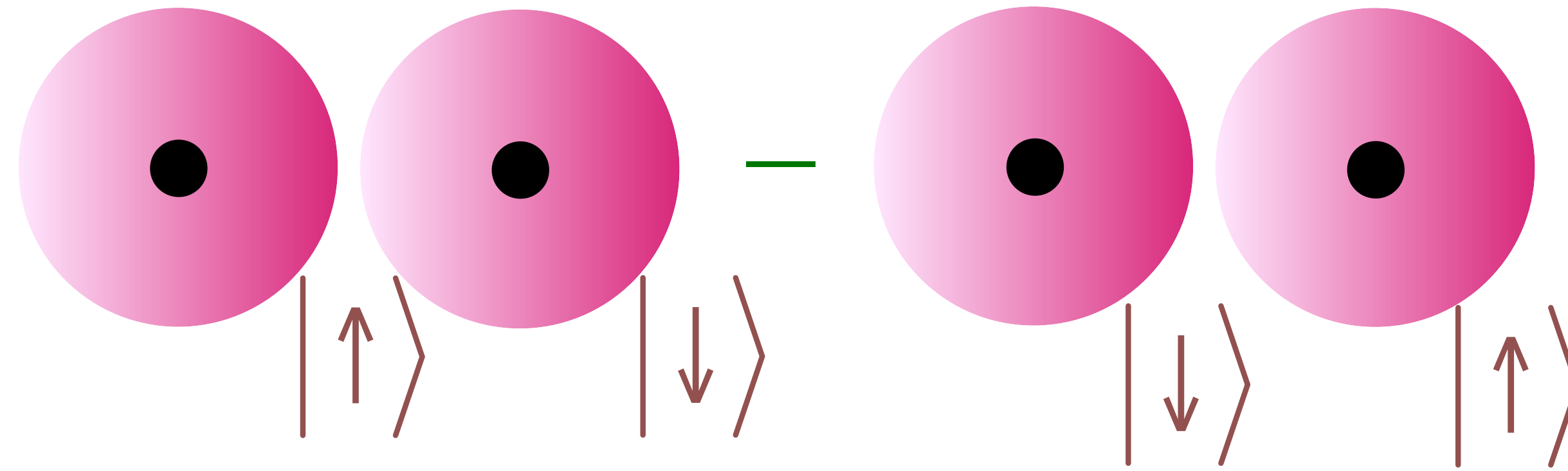
Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

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

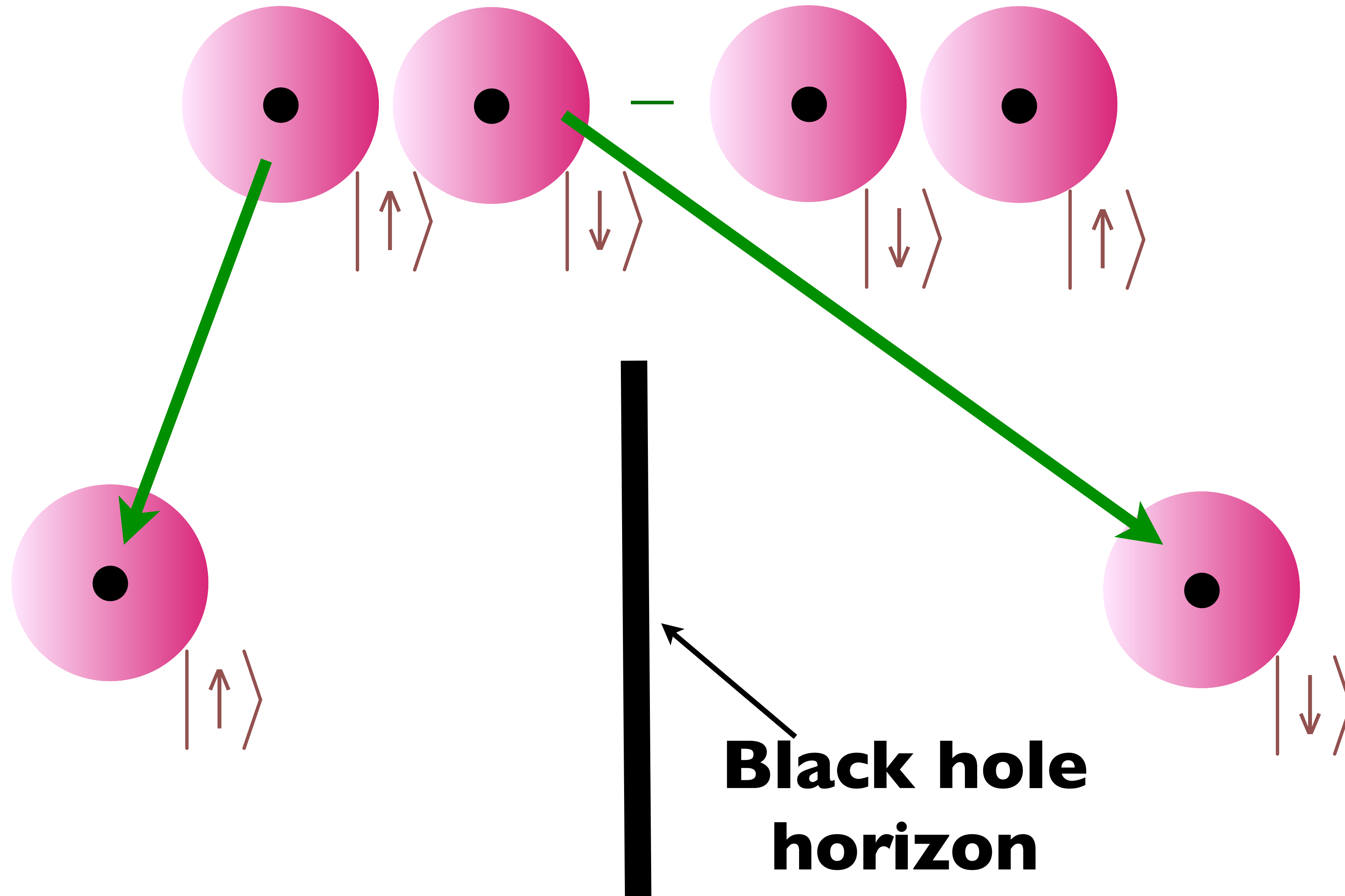


$G$  Newton's constant,  $c$  velocity of light,  $M$  mass of black hole  
For  $M = \text{earth's mass}$ ,  $R \approx 9 \text{ mm}$ !

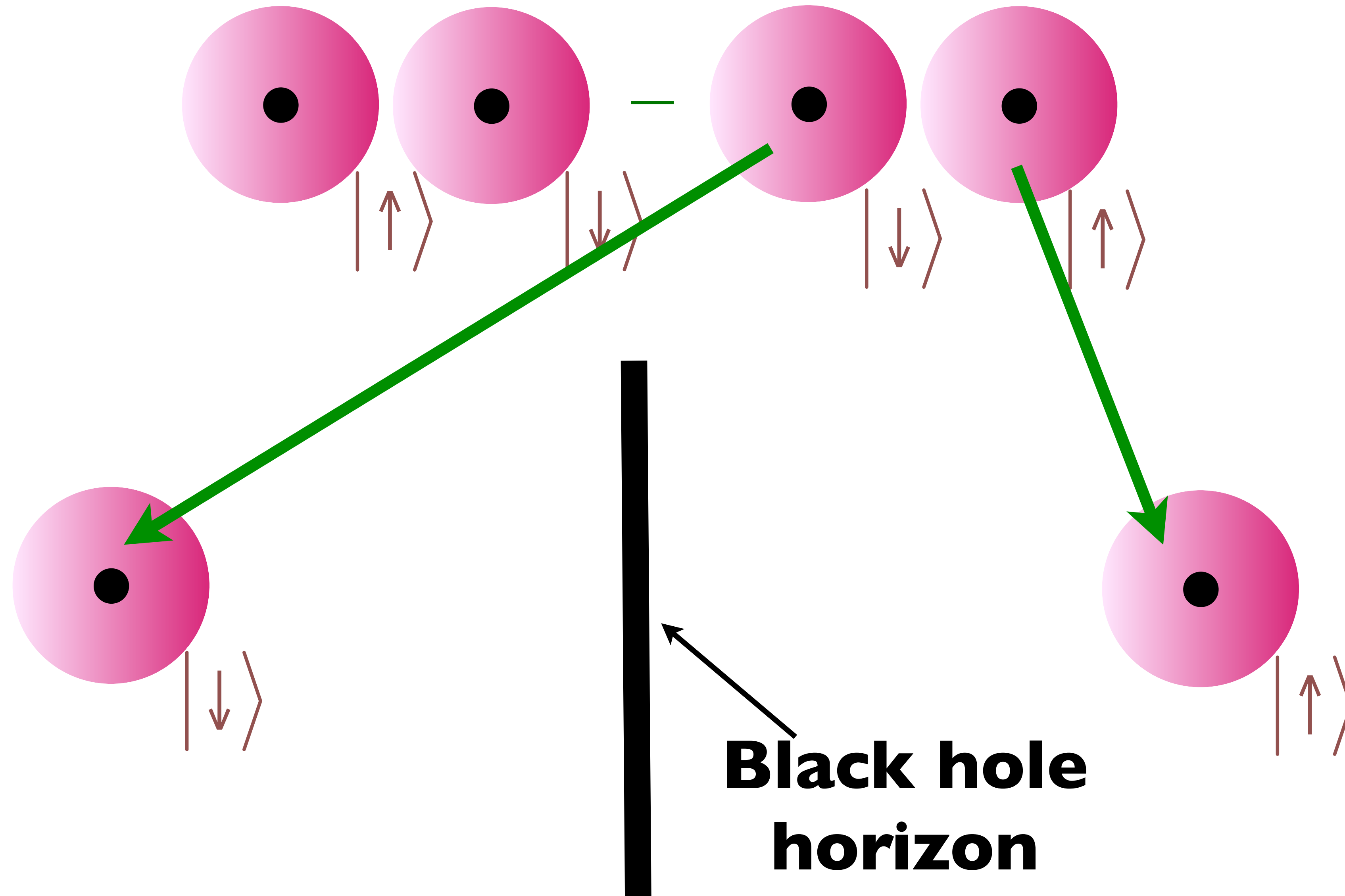
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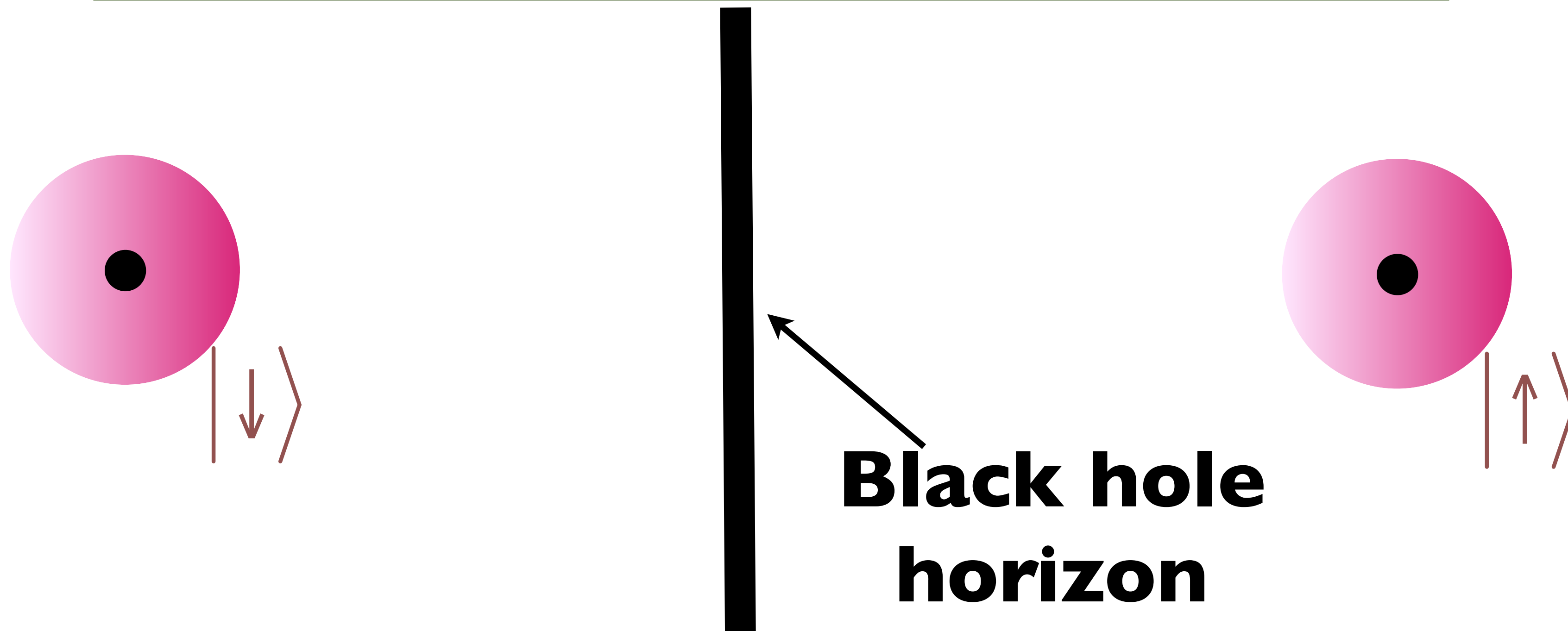


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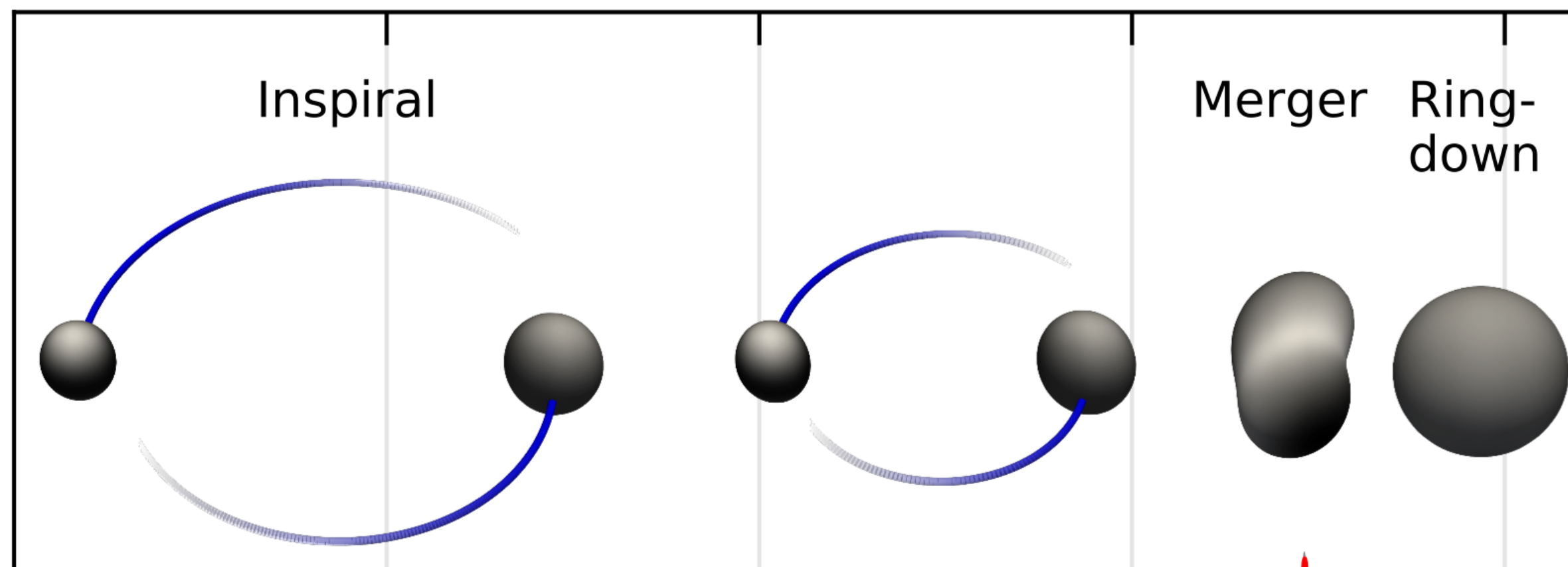
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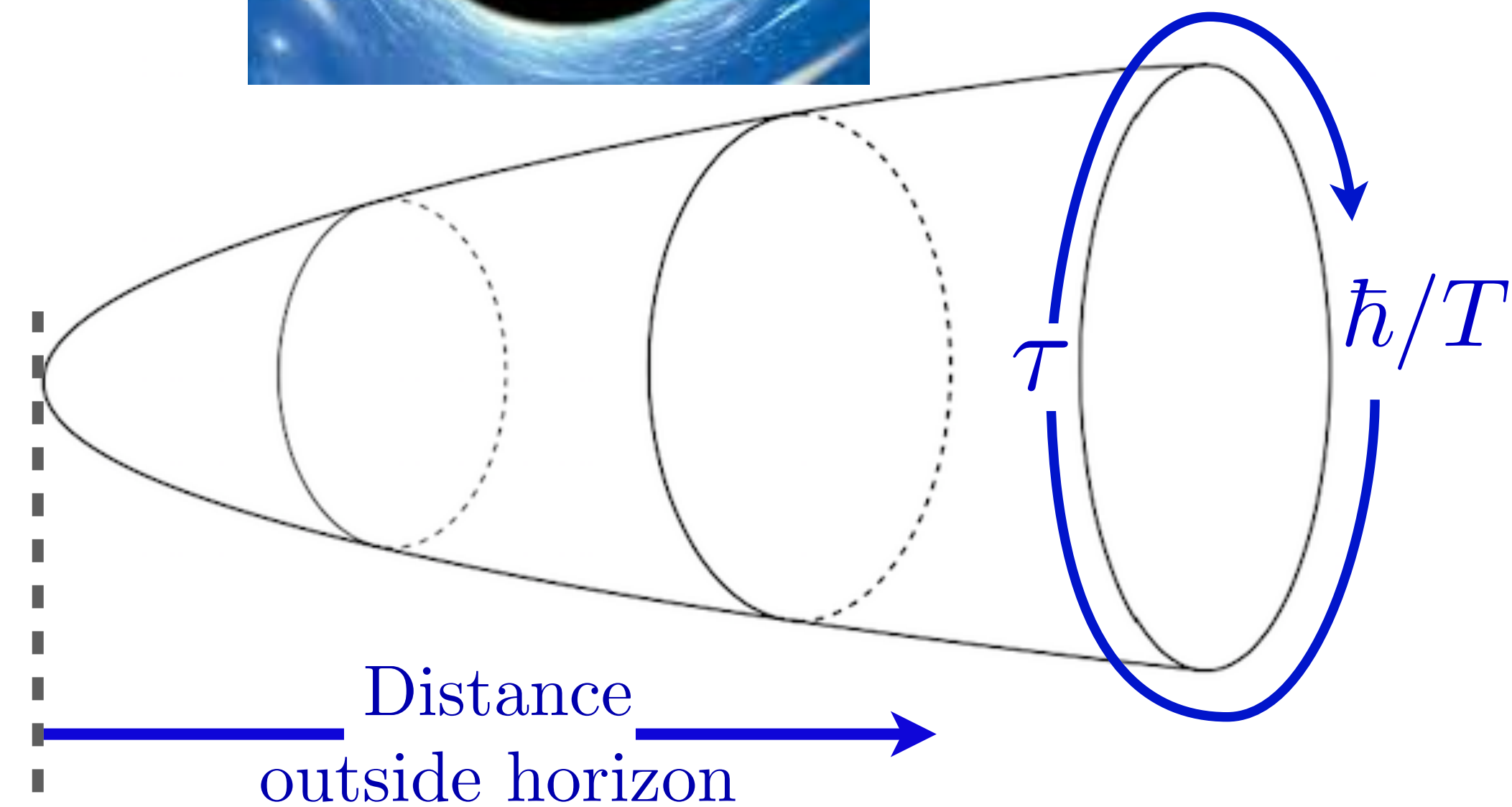
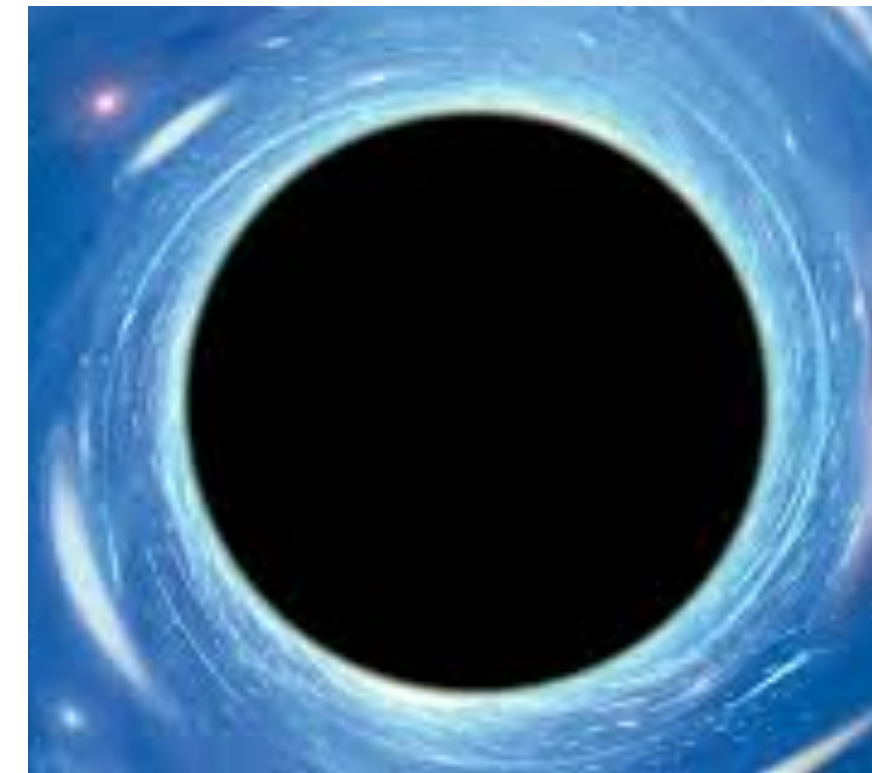


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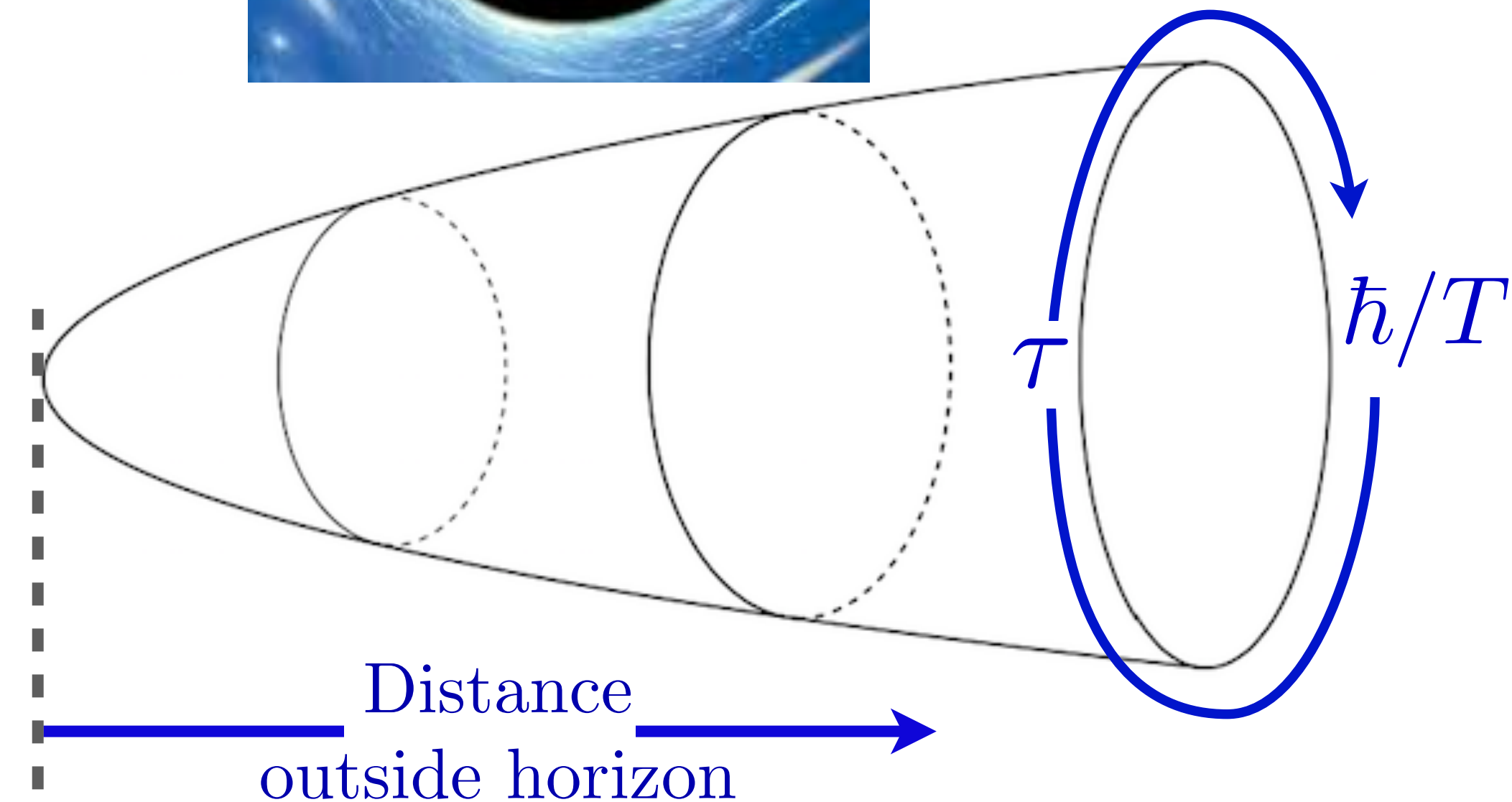
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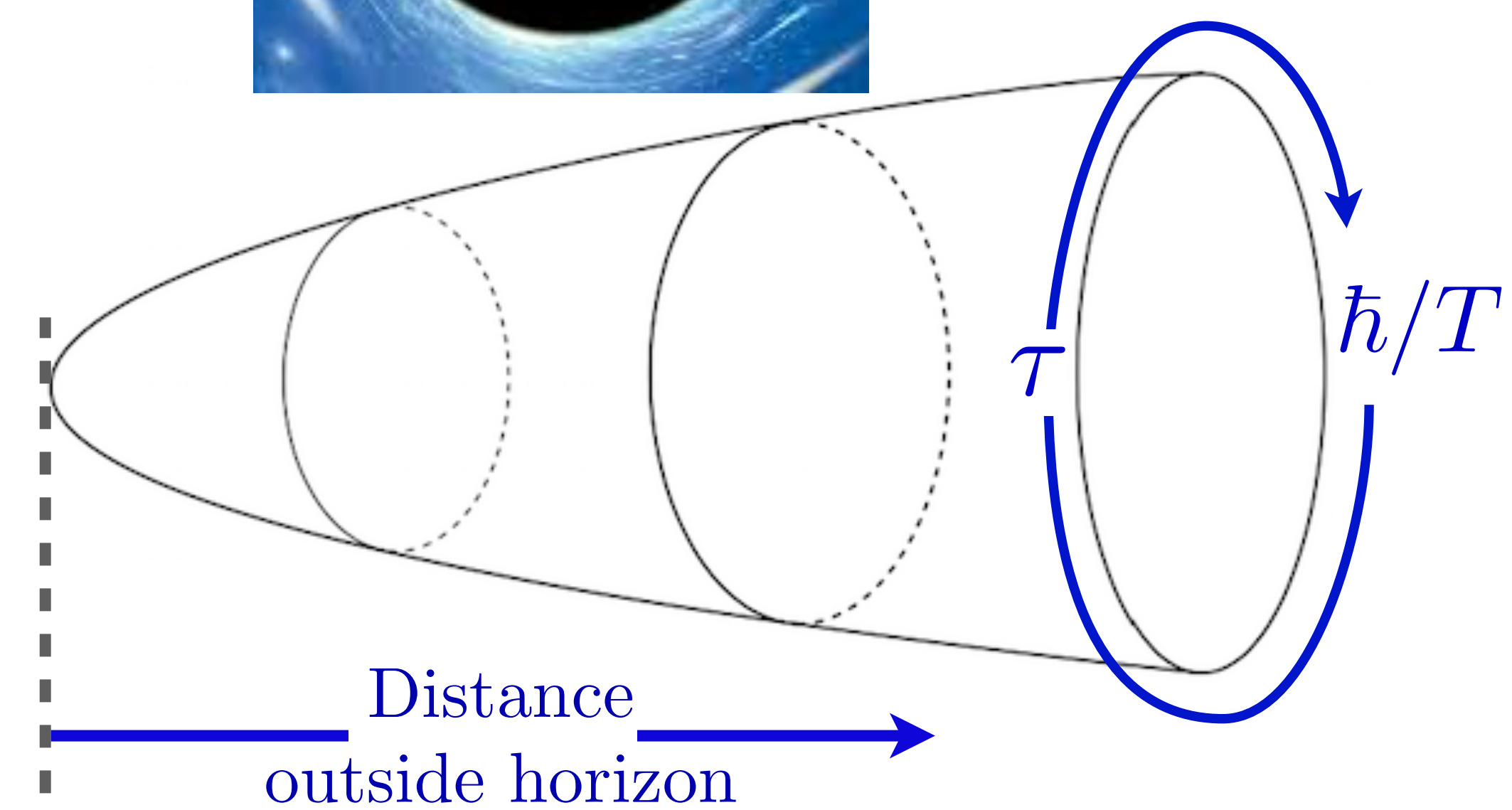
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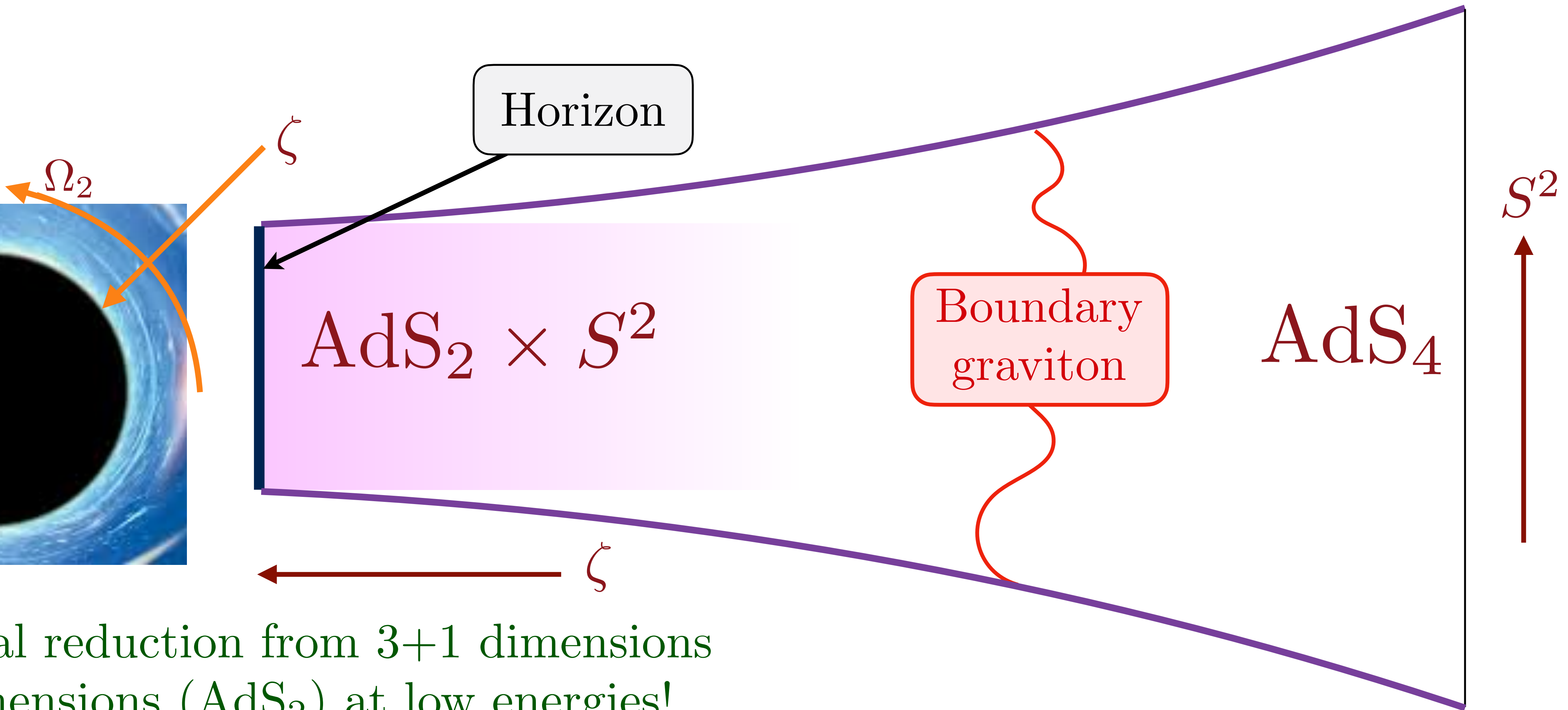
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There is also a

$$-\frac{559}{180} \ln \left( \frac{A_0 c^3}{\hbar G} \right)$$

term from other massless modes; Sen (2011)  
Iliesiu, Murthy, Turiaci (2022)

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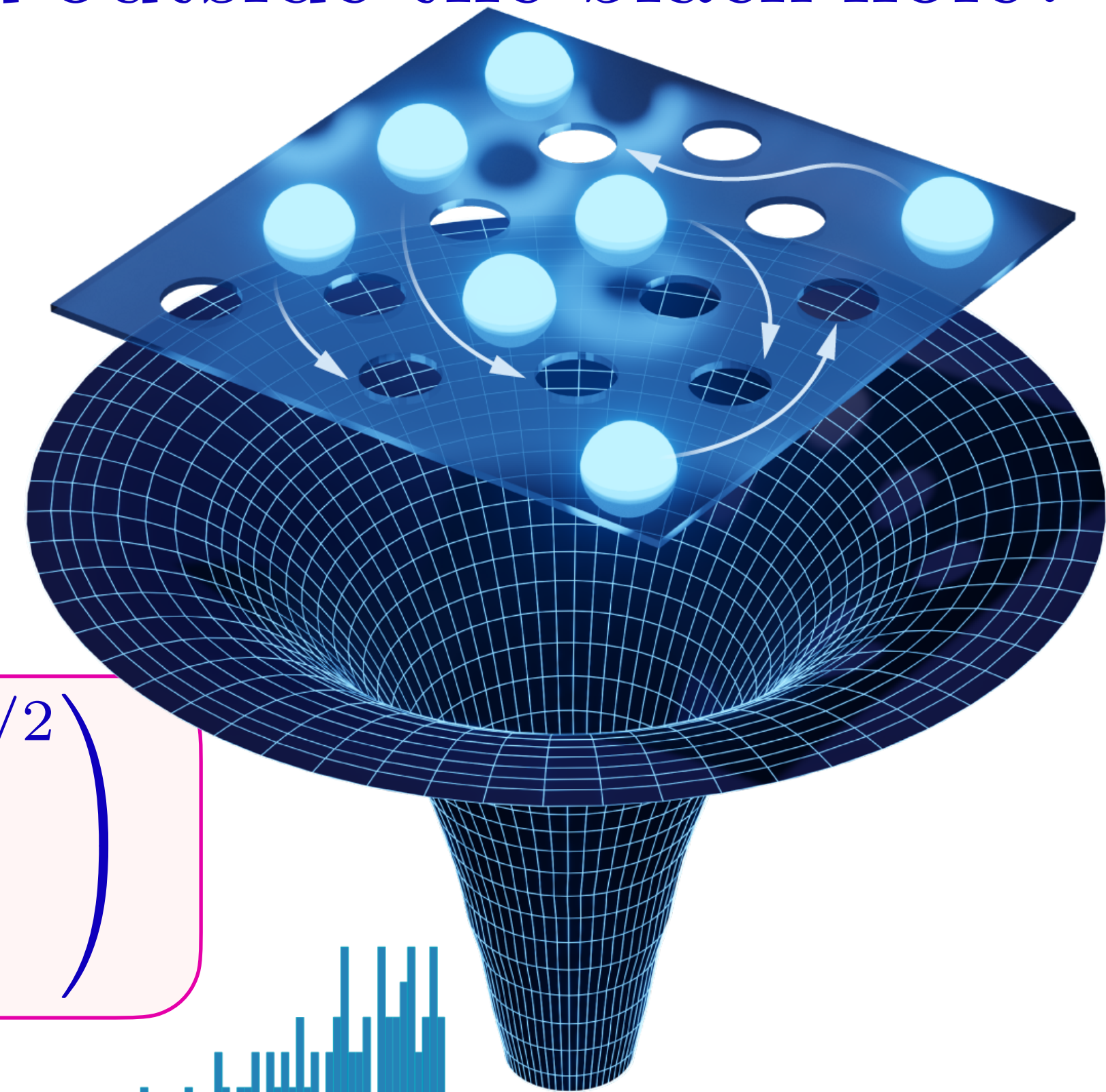
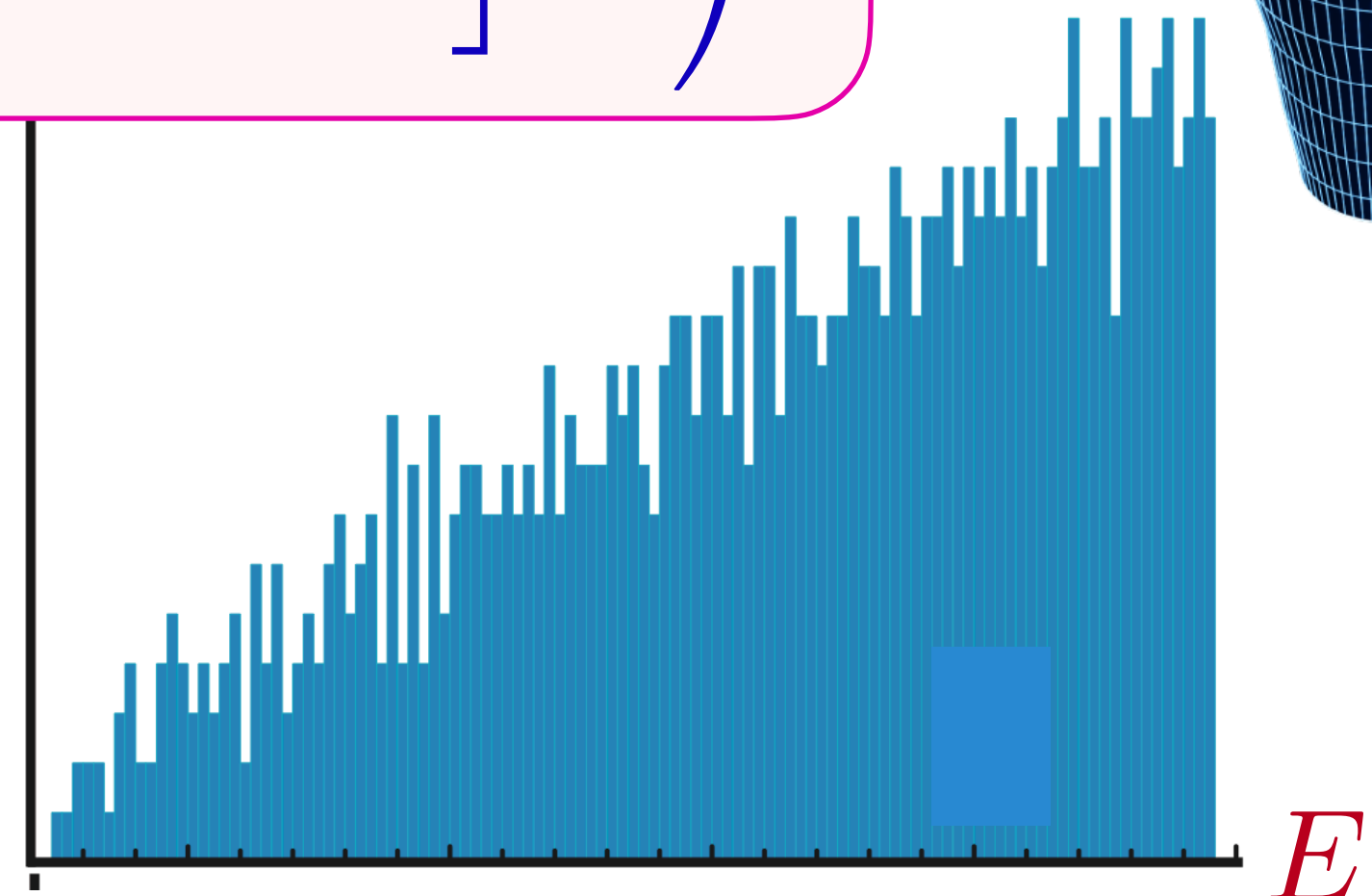
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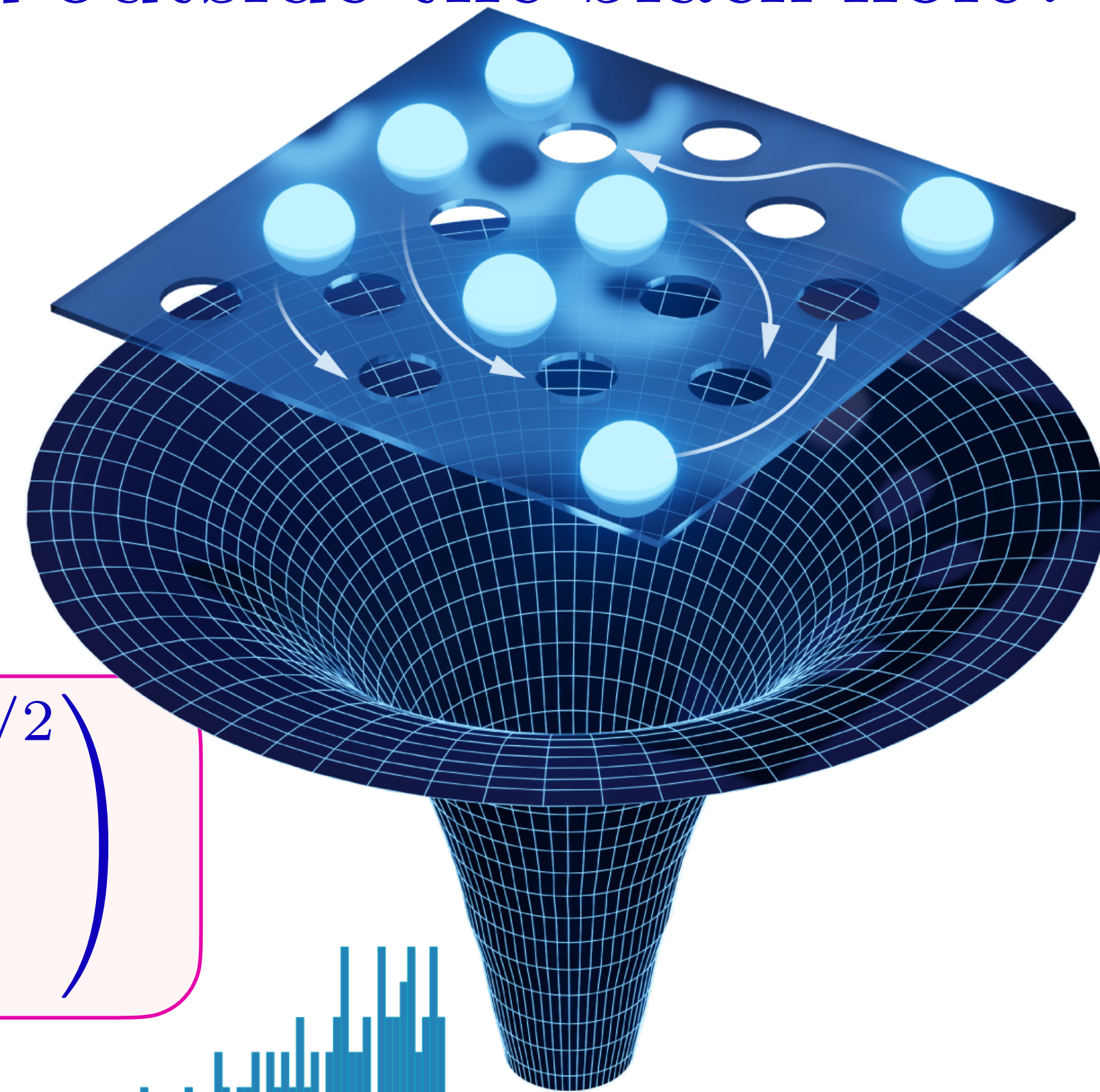
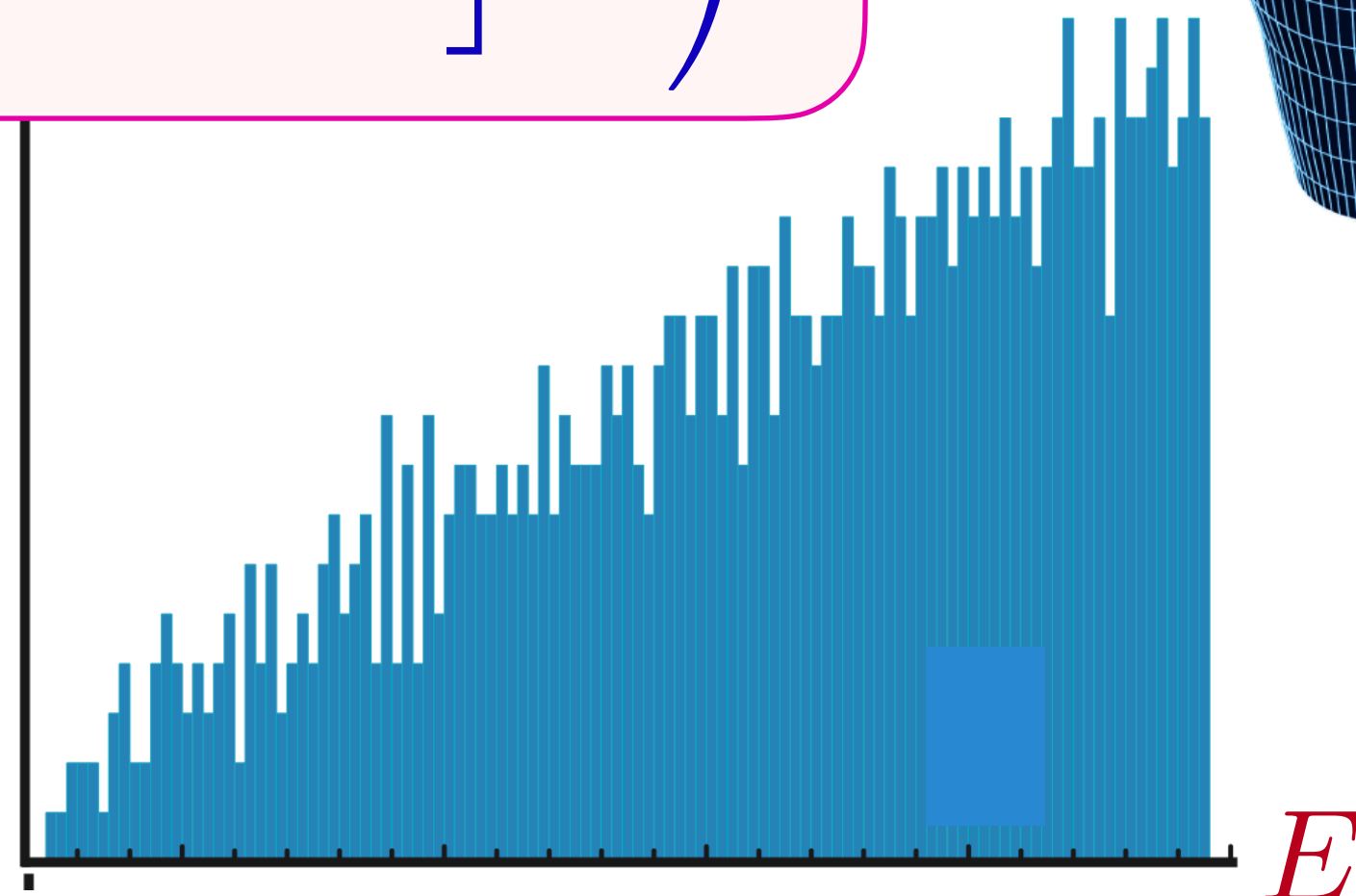
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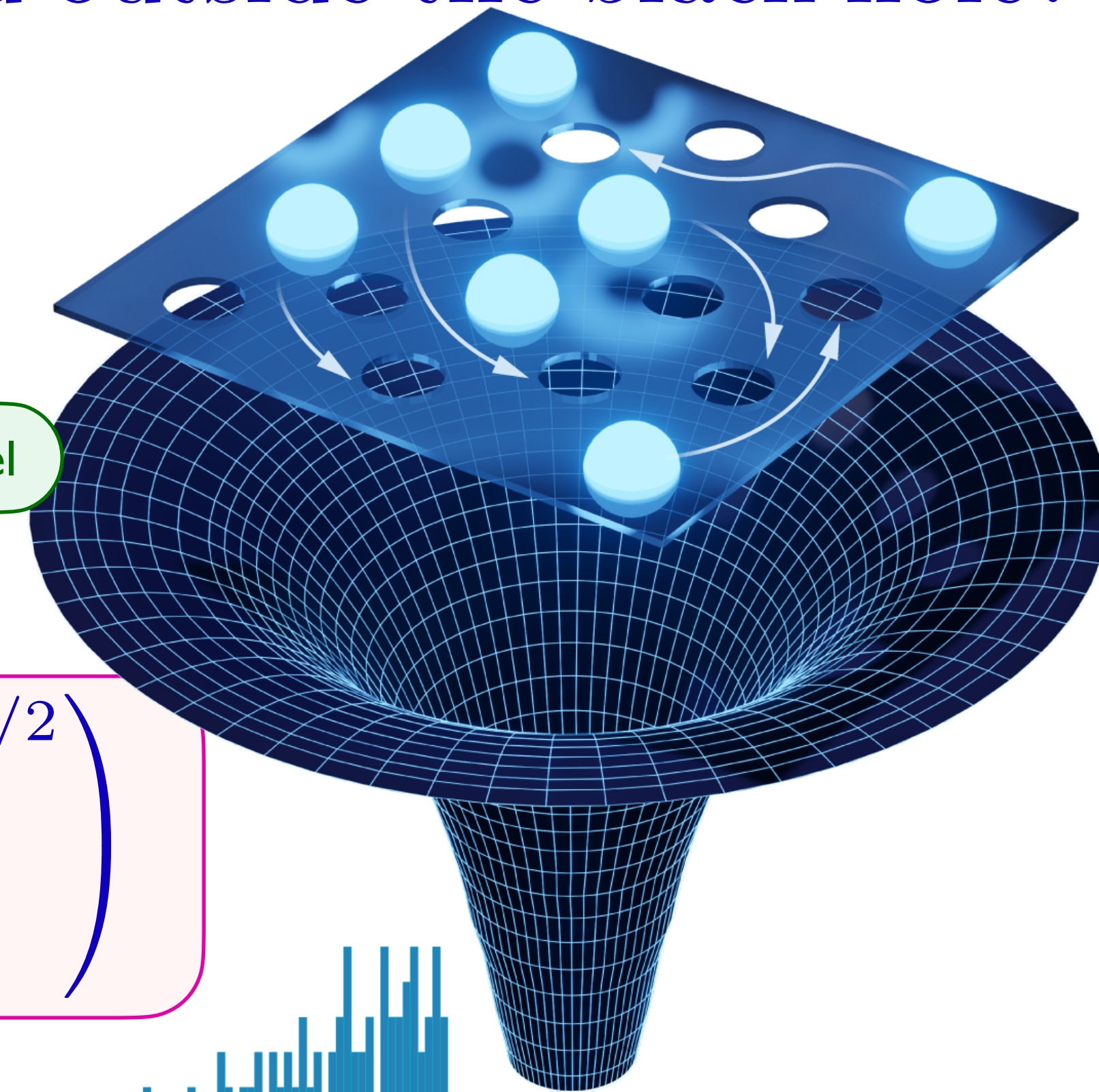
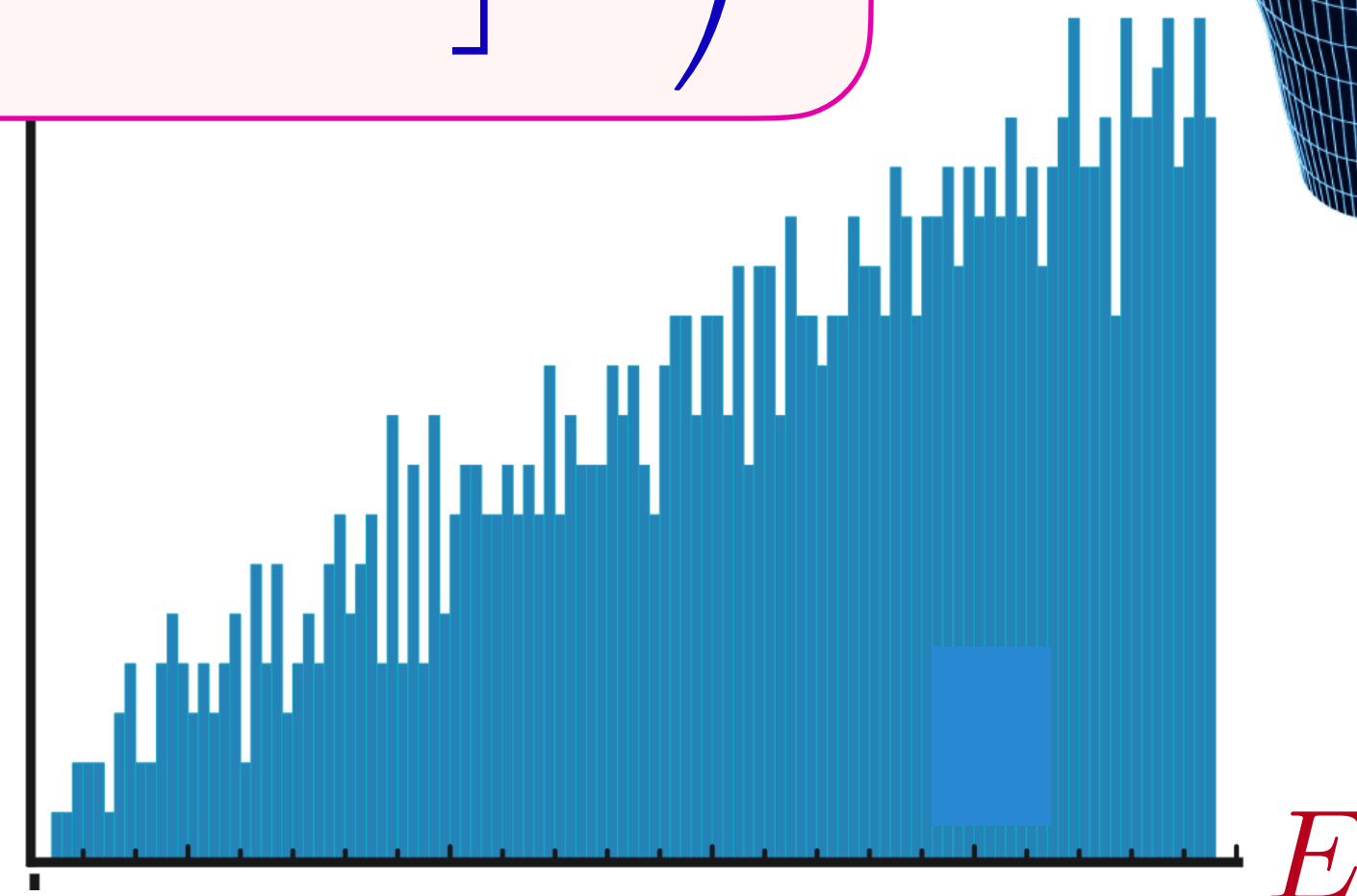
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Iliesiu, Murthy, Turiaci (2022)

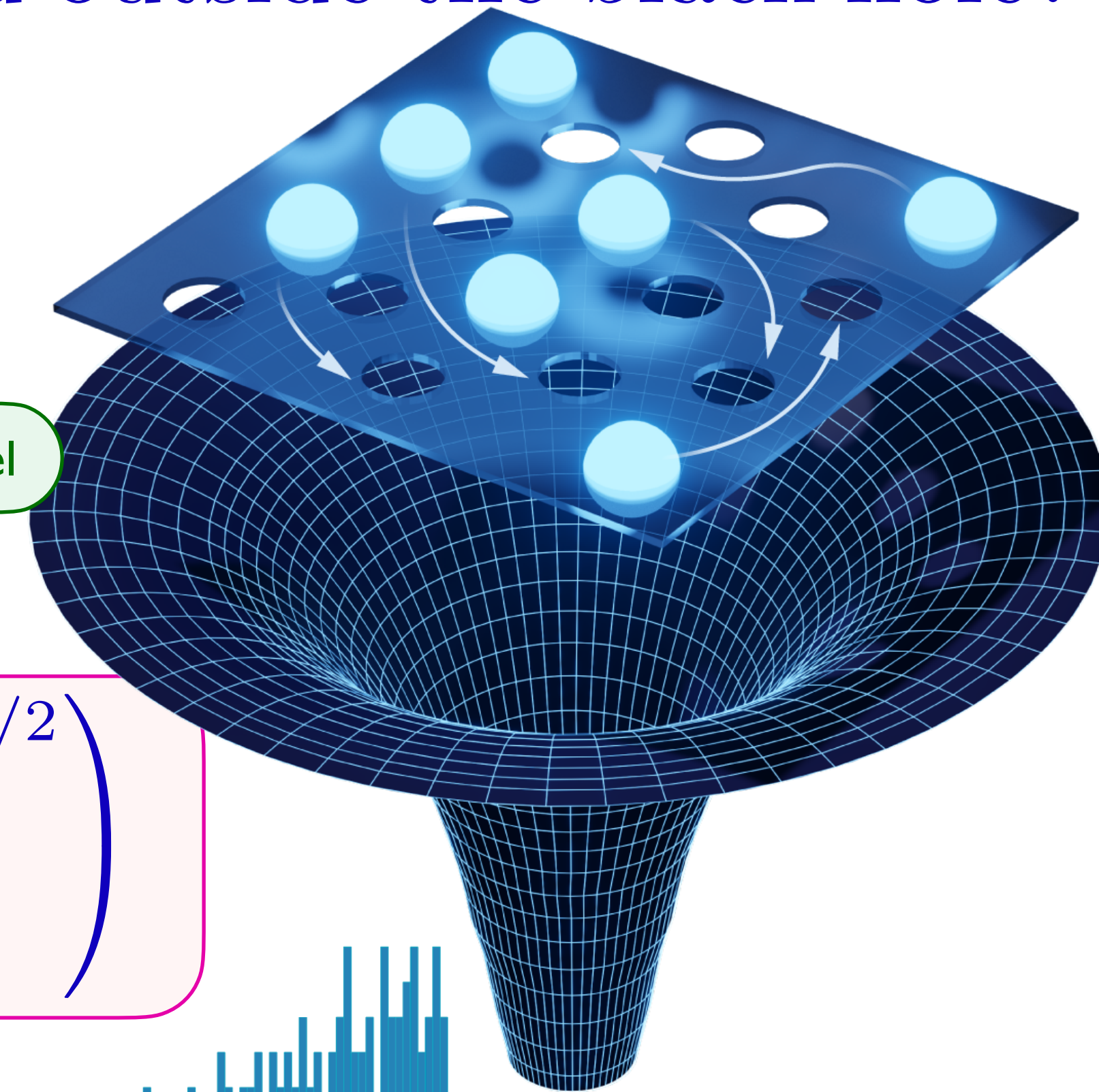
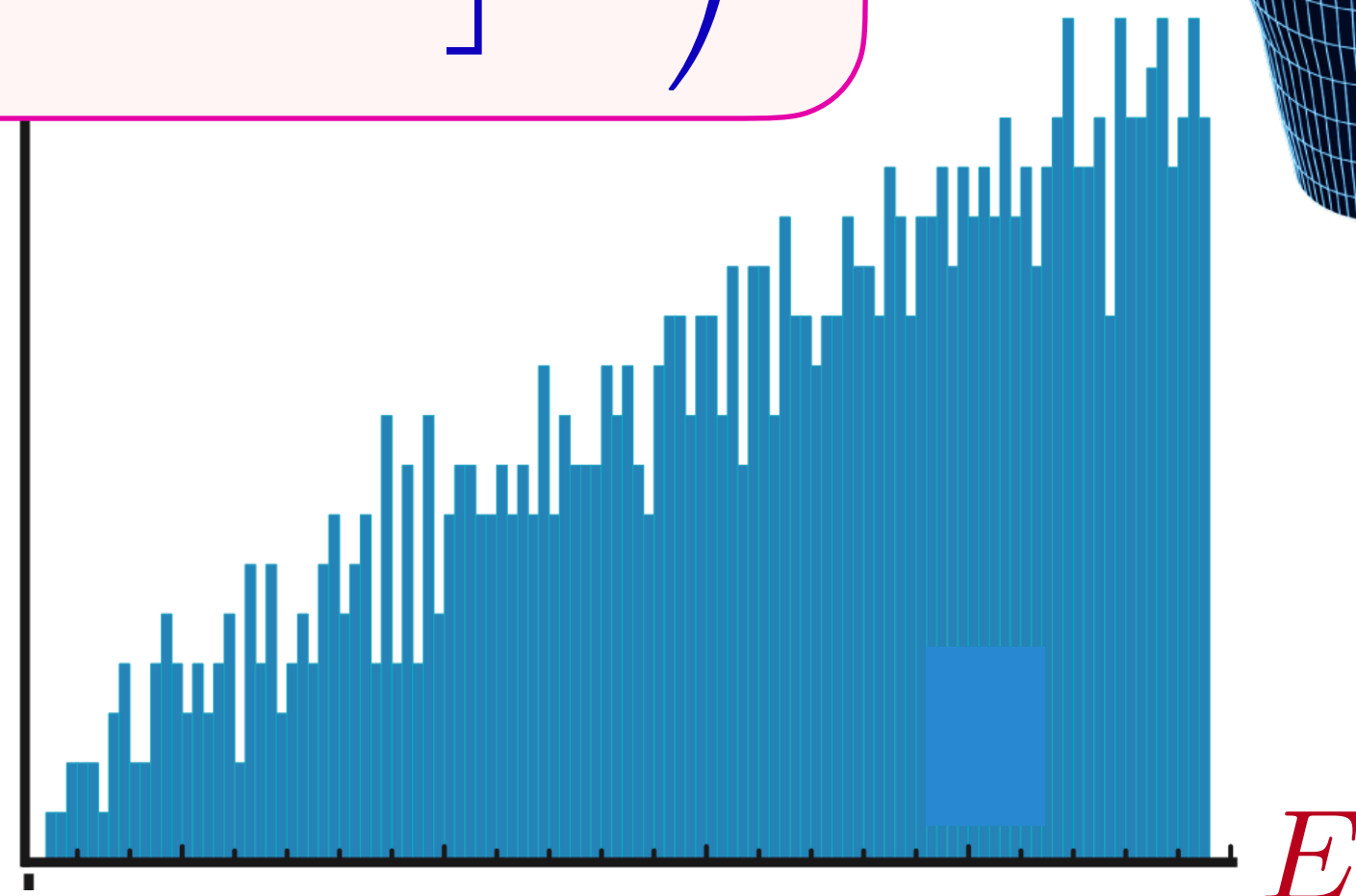
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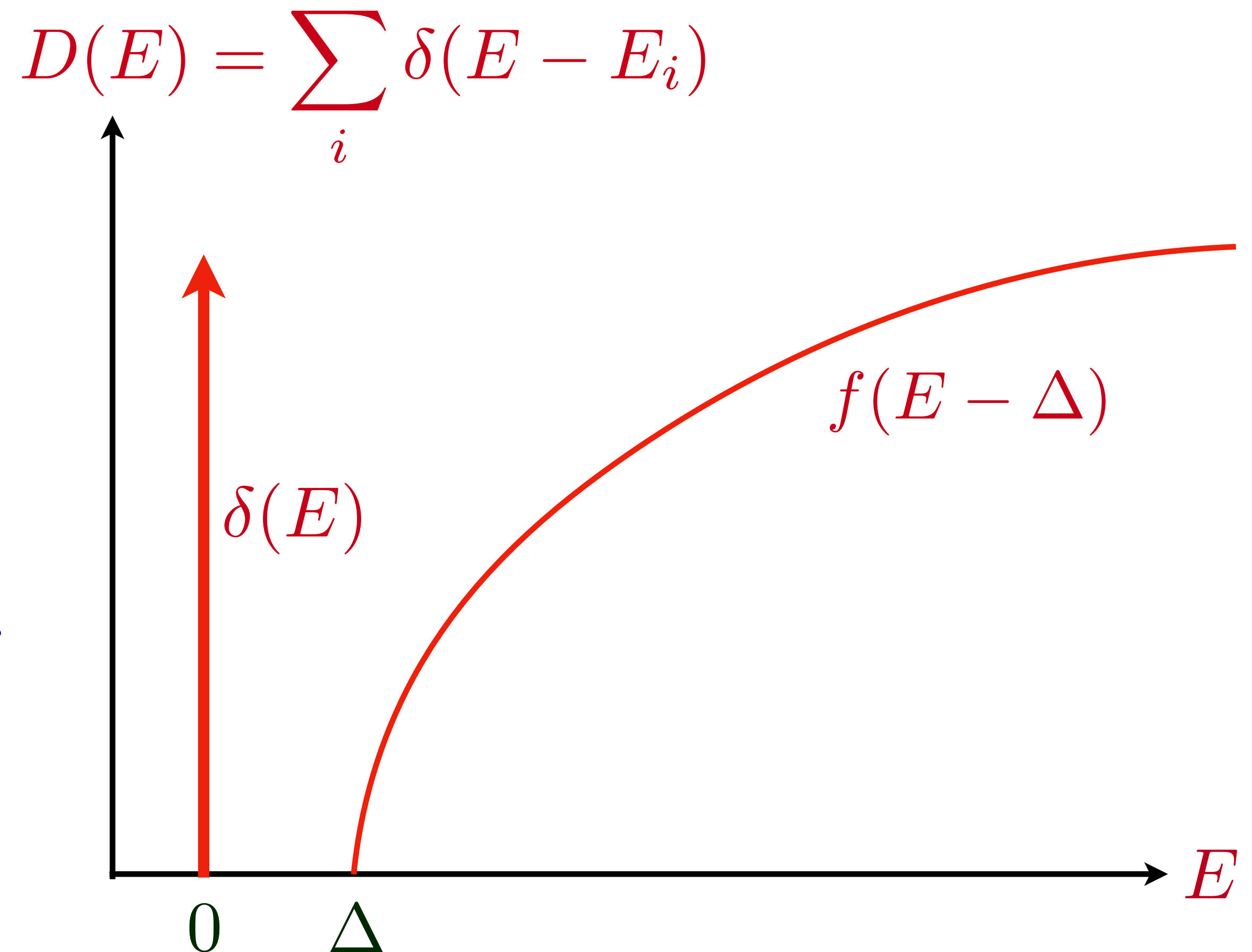
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There are exponentially many degenerate BPS ground states, and an energy gap  $\Delta$  above the ground state.



M. Heydemann, L.V. Iliesiu, G. J. Turiaci, and W. Zhao, 2020

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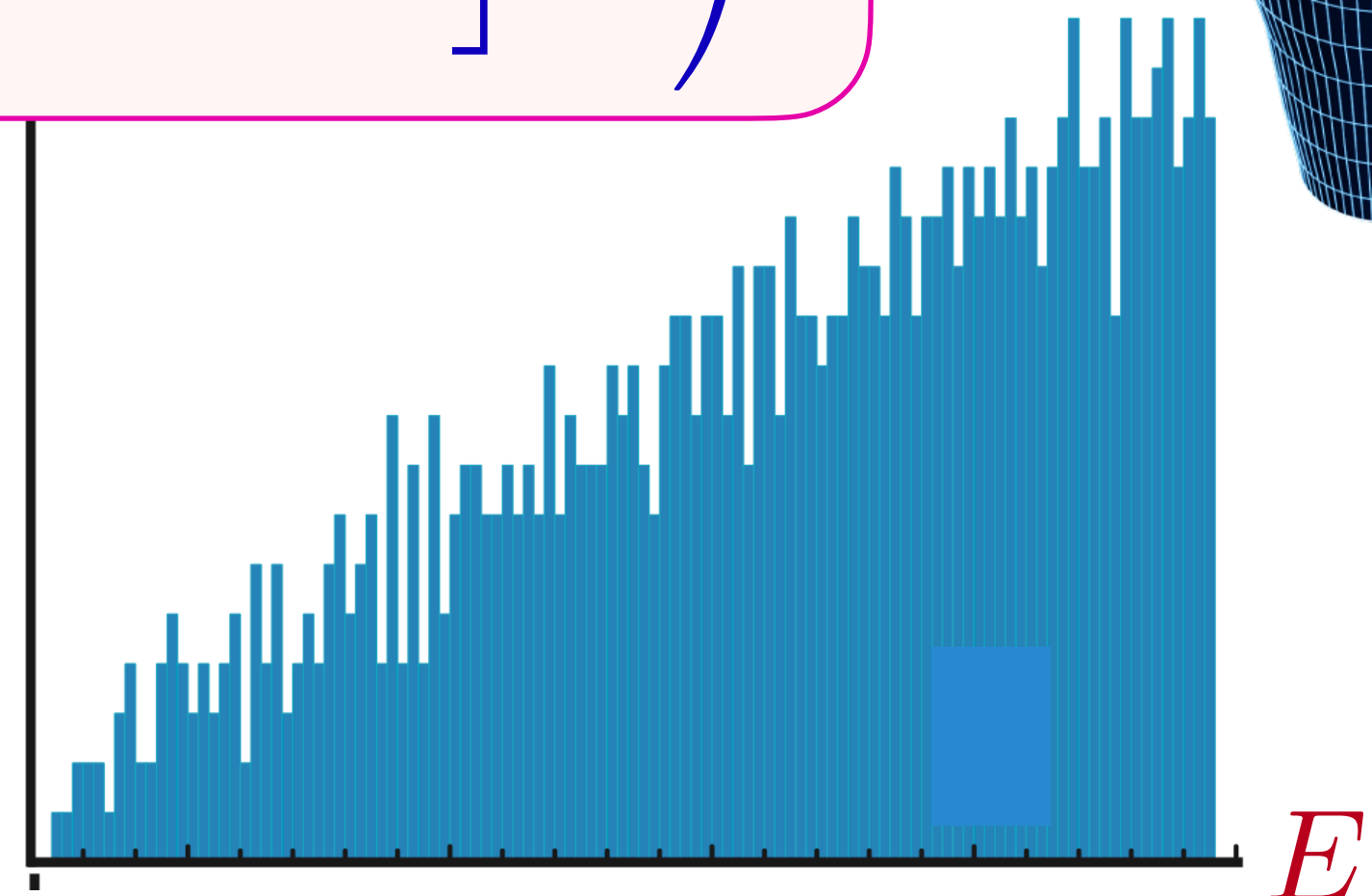
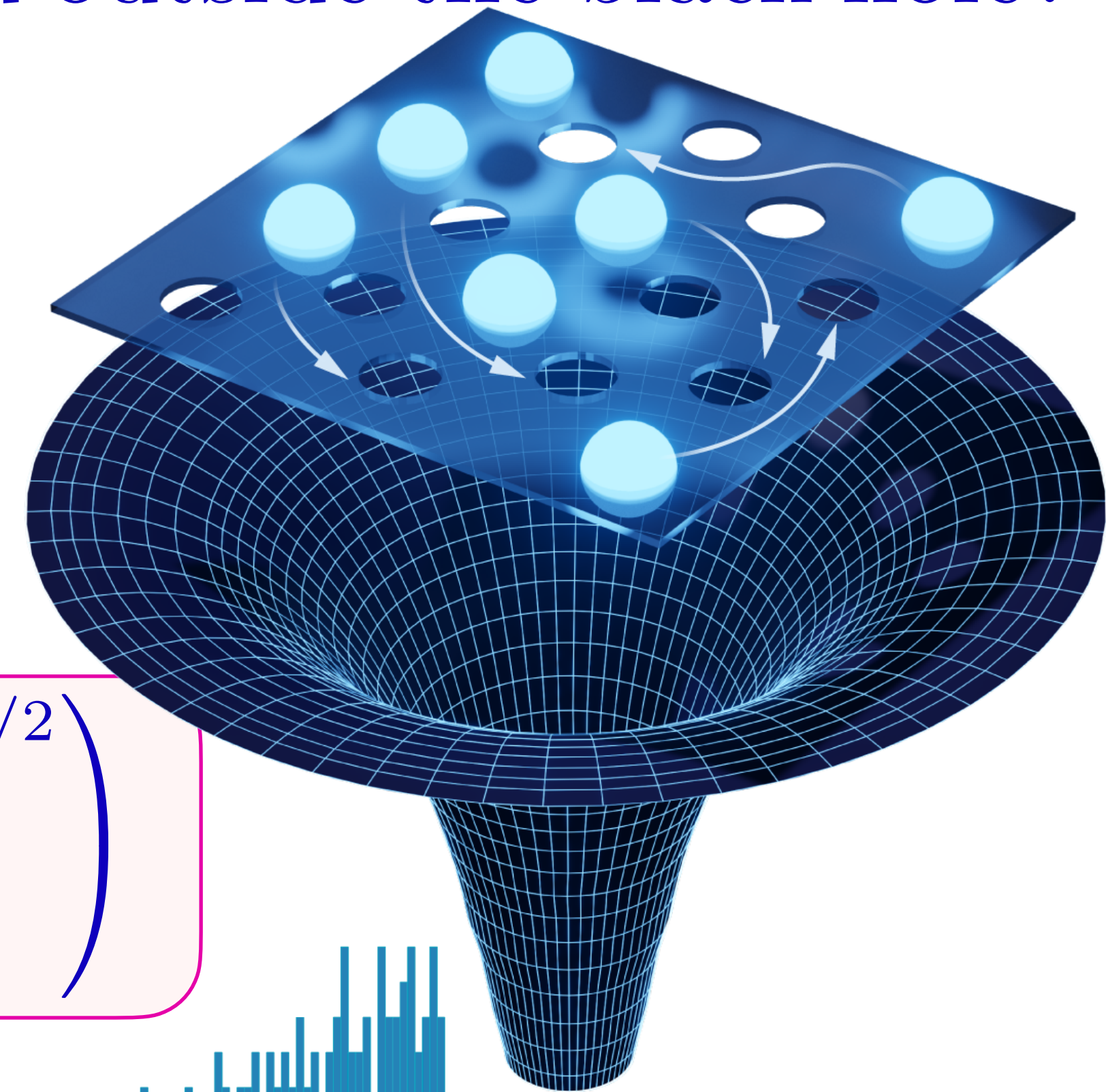
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Saad, Shenker, Stanford (2019)



**Strange  
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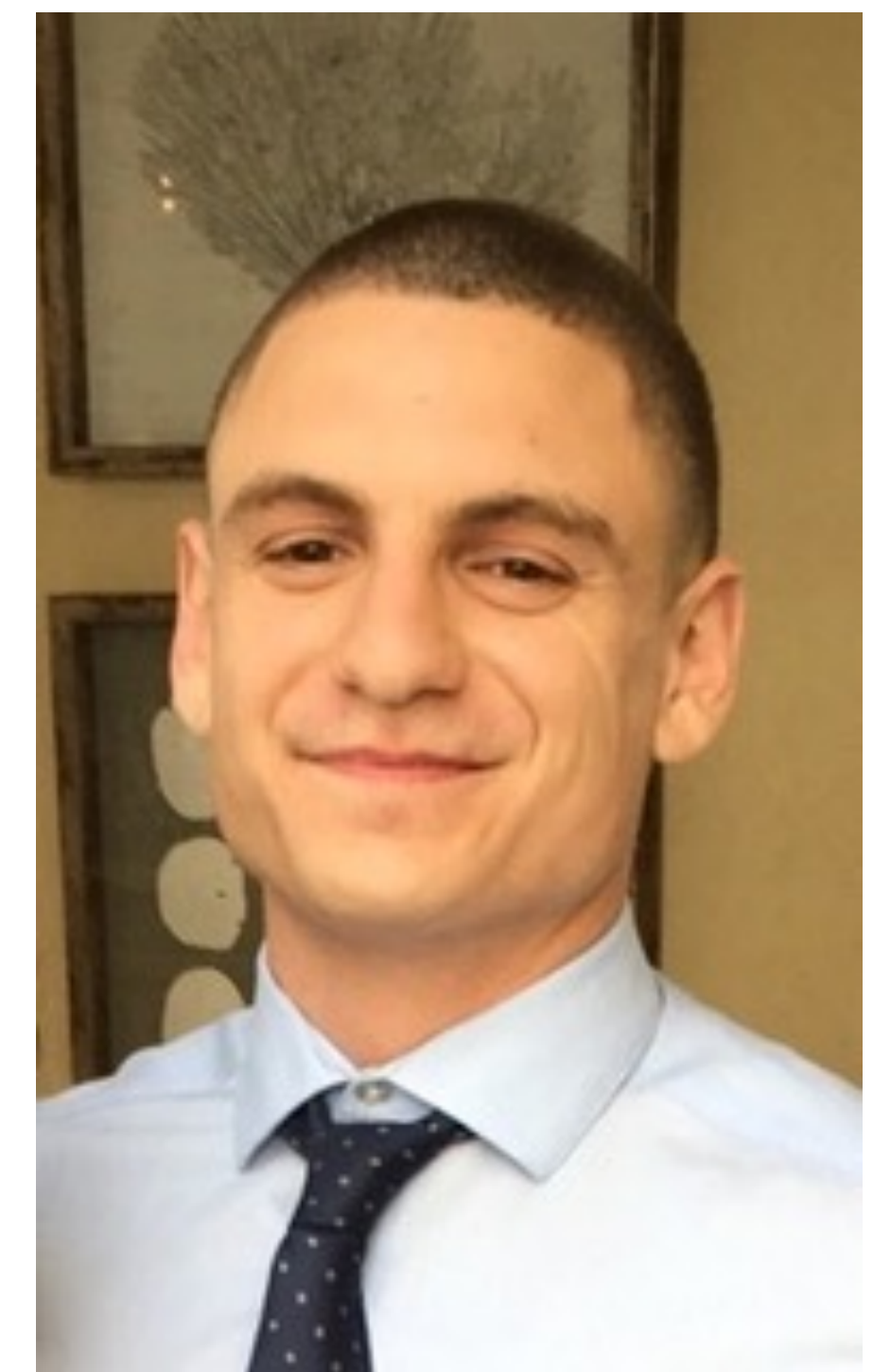
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**arXiv: 2103.08615, 2203.04990, 2207.08841**

**E. E. Aldape, T. Cookmeyer, Aavishkar A. Patel, and Ehud Altman, arXiv:2012.00763**

## Properties of a strange metal:

1. Resistivity  $\rho(T) = \rho_0 + AT + \dots$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$   
and  $\rho(T) < h/e^2$  (in  $d = 2$ ).  
Metals with  $\rho(T) > h/e^2$  are bad metals.

2. Specific heat  $\sim T \ln(1/T)$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

S.A. Hartnoll and A.P. MacKenzie, arXiv:2107.07802

3. Optical conductivity

$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{K}{\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} - i\omega \frac{m_{\text{trans}}^*(\omega)}{m}} \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{trans}}(\omega)} \sim |\omega| \Phi_{\sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$$

B. Michon.....A. Georges, arXiv:2205.04030

4. Photoemission: nearly “marginal Fermi liquid” electron spectral density:

$$\text{Im}\Sigma(\omega) \sim |\omega|^{2\alpha} \Phi_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right) \quad \text{with } \alpha \approx 1/2 \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{\tau(\omega)} \sim |\omega| \Phi_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$$

T.J. Reber....D. Dessau, Nature Communications **10**, 5737 (2019)

# Yukawa-SYK models

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu \sum_i \psi_i^\dagger \psi_i + \sum_\ell \frac{1}{2} (\pi_\ell^2 + \omega_0^2 \phi_\ell^2) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij\ell} g_{ij\ell} \psi_i^\dagger \psi_j \phi_\ell,$$

$g_{ij\ell}$  independent random numbers with zero mean. Large  $N$  limit leads to Migdal-Eliashberg equations  $\Sigma_\psi \sim g^2 G_\psi G_\phi$ ,  $\Sigma_\phi \sim g^2 G_\psi G_\psi$ .

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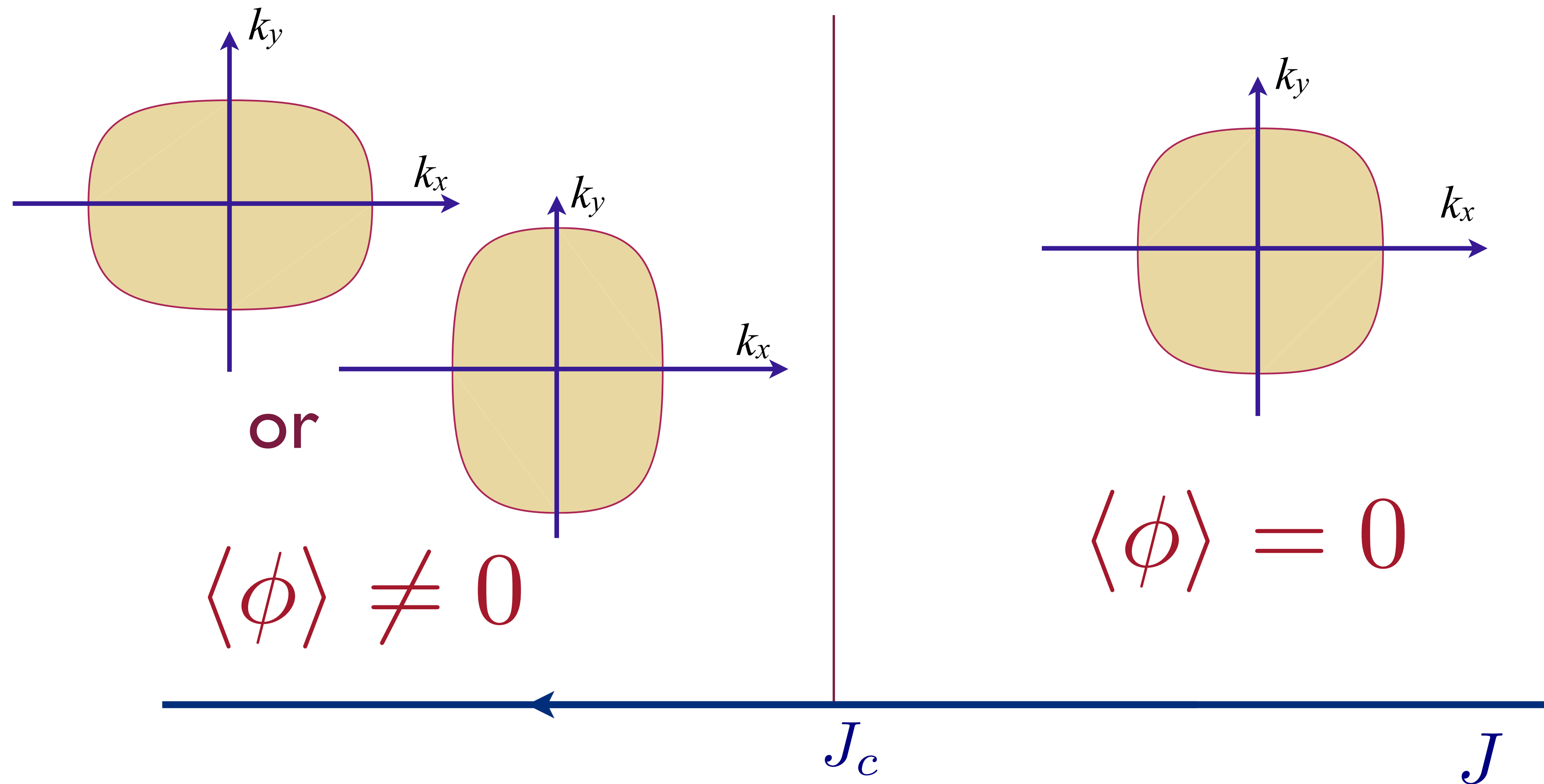
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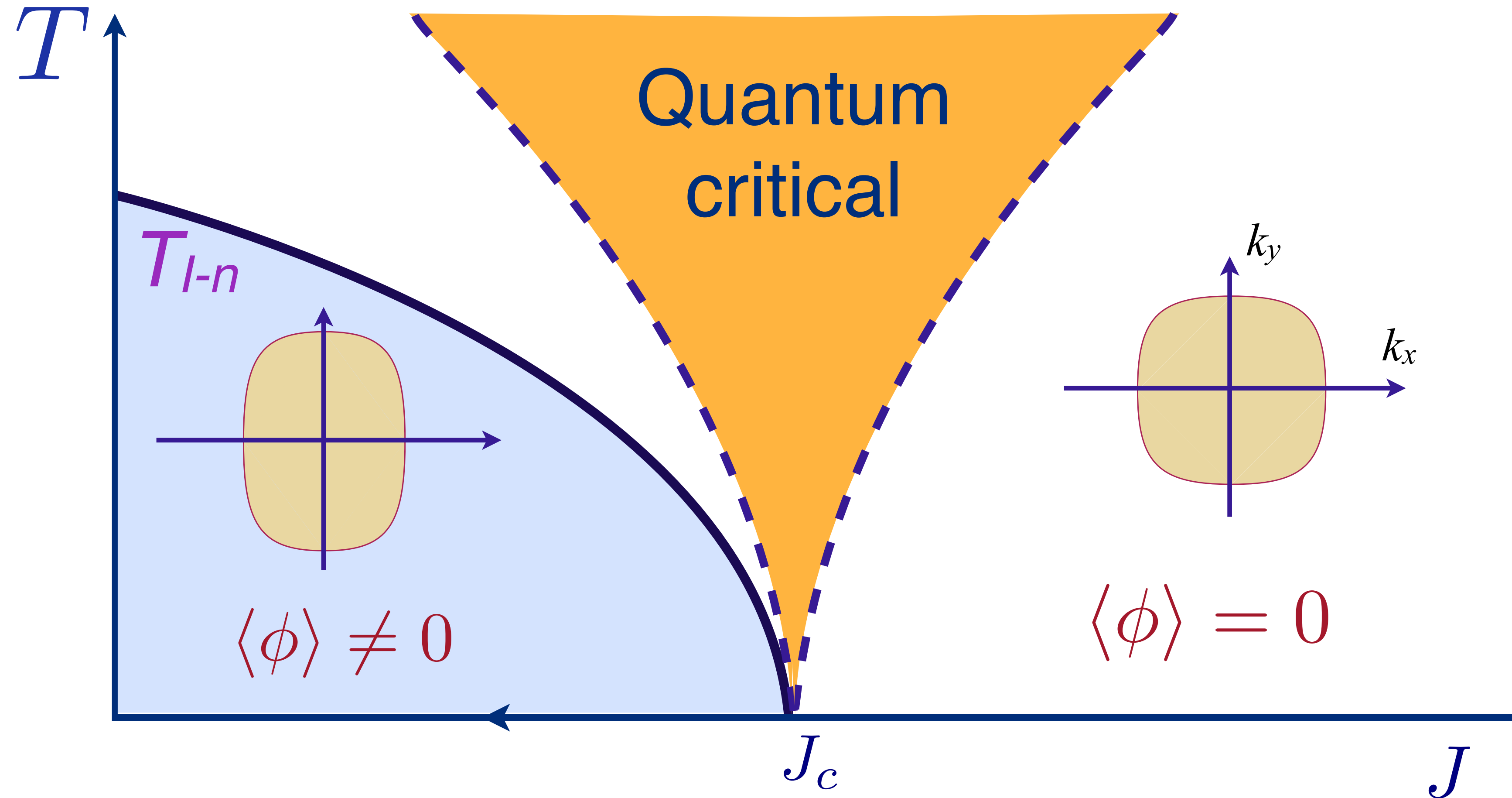
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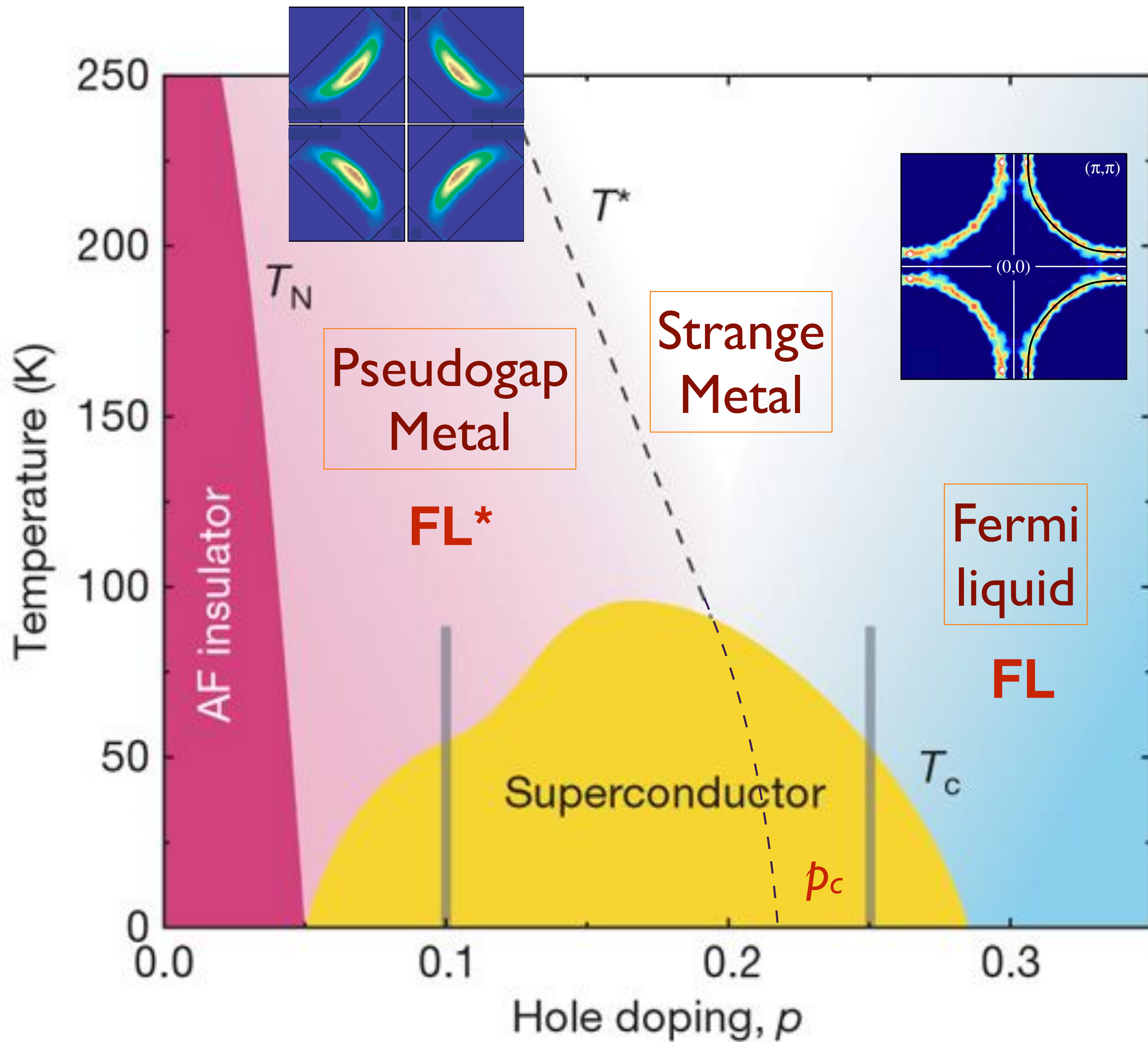


Pommeranchuk instability as a function of coupling  $J$

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Phase diagram as a function of  $T$  and  $J$



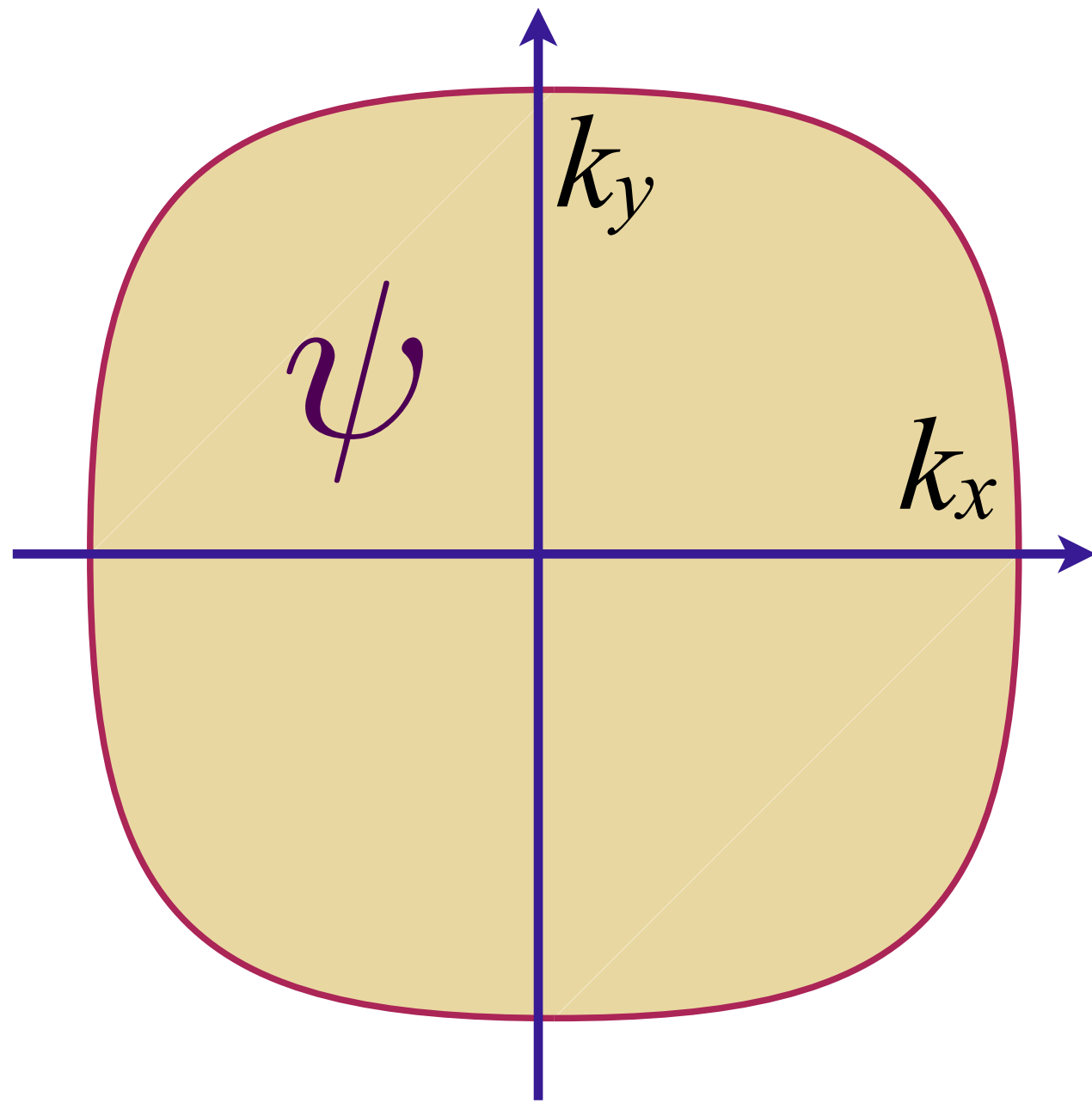
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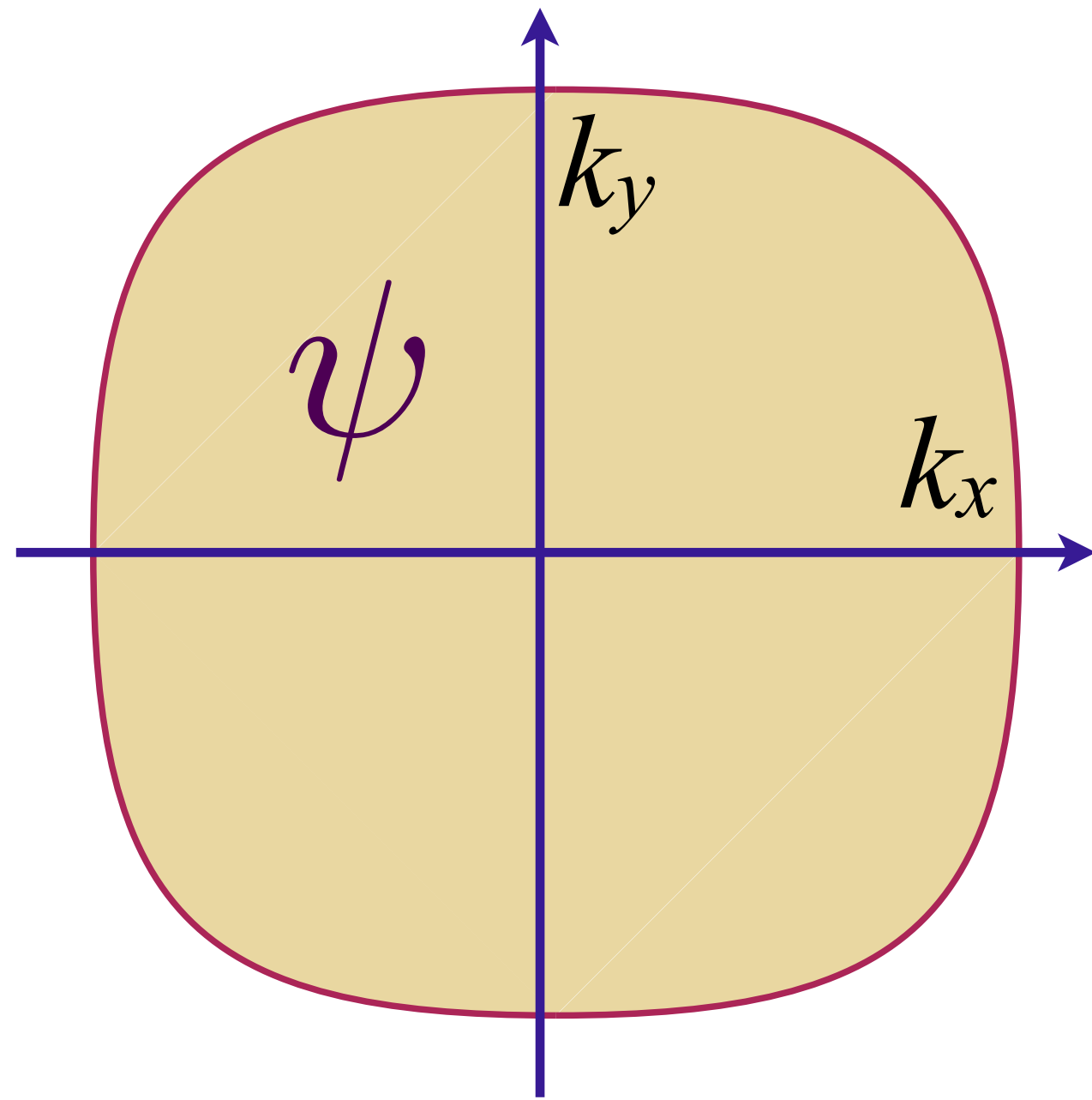
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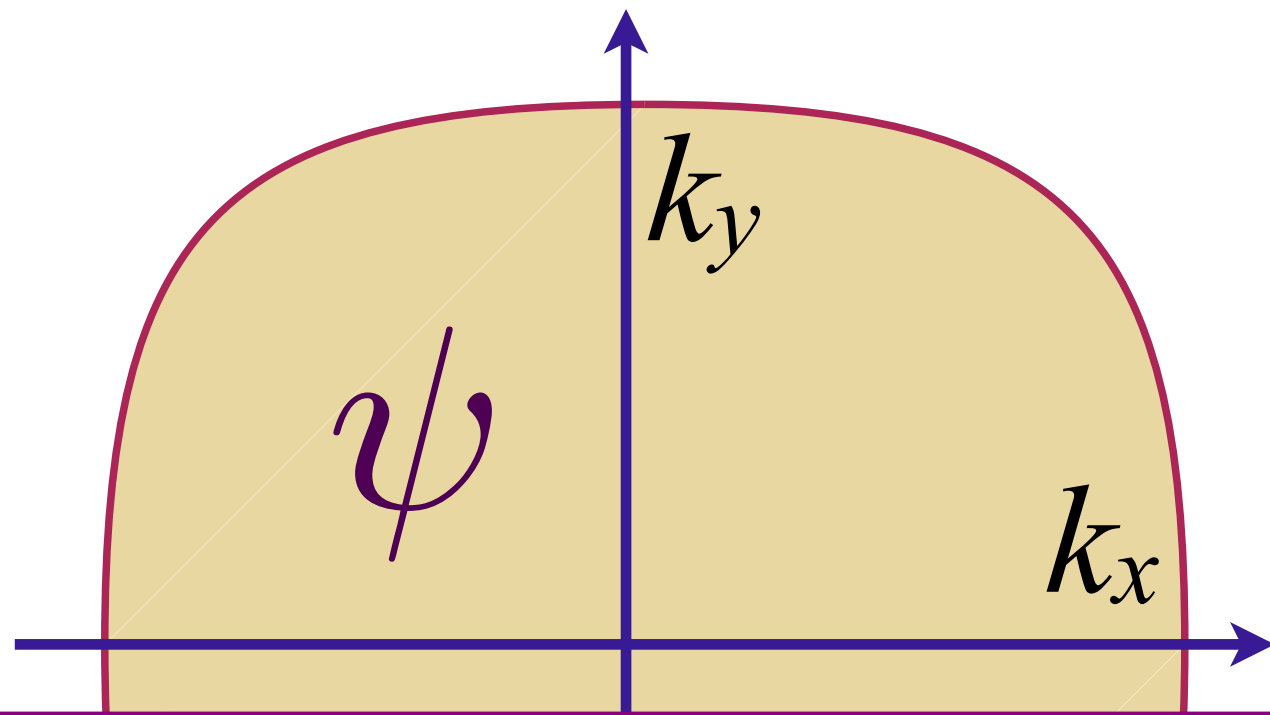
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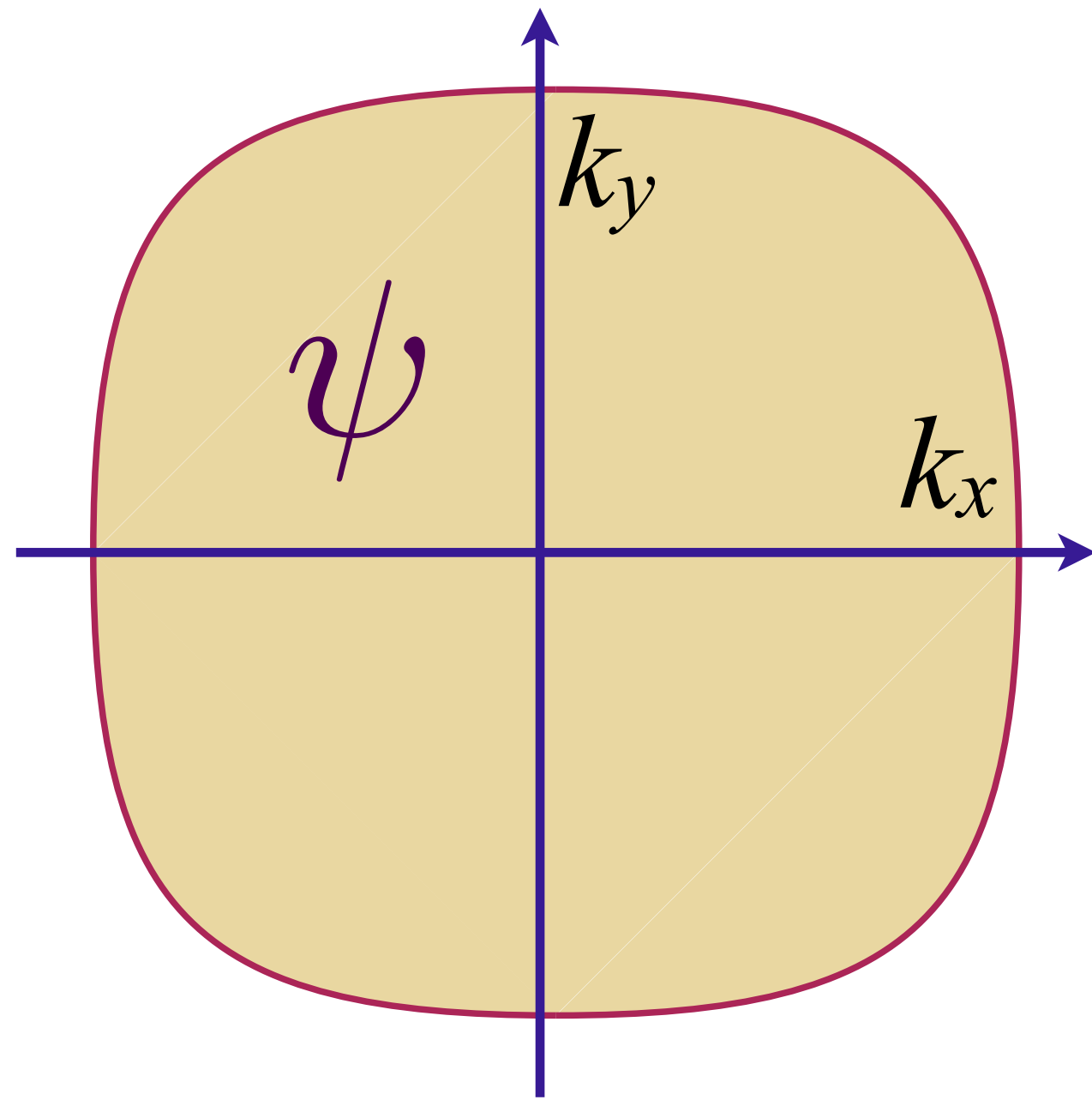
$$\frac{g_{ijl}}{N} \int d^2r d\tau \psi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \psi_j(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \phi_l(\mathbf{r}, \tau) \quad , \quad \overline{g_{ijl}} = 0 \quad , \quad \overline{|g_{ijl}|^2} = g^2$$

to obtain Eliashberg solution for electron ( $G$ ) and boson ( $D$ ) Green's functions at small  $\omega$ :

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S. A. Hartnoll, P. K. Kovtun, M. Muller, and S.S. PRB **76**, 144502 (2007)

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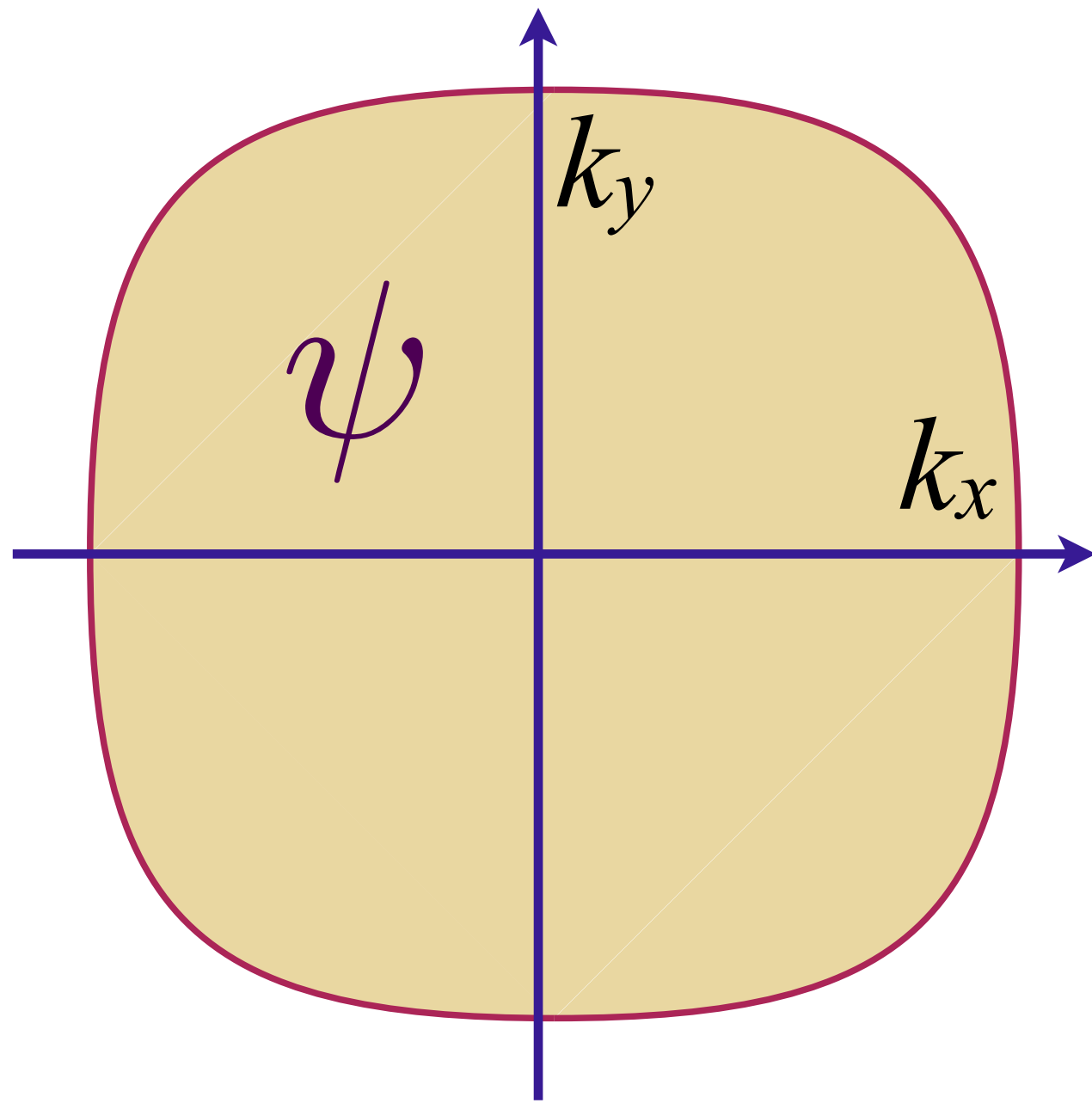
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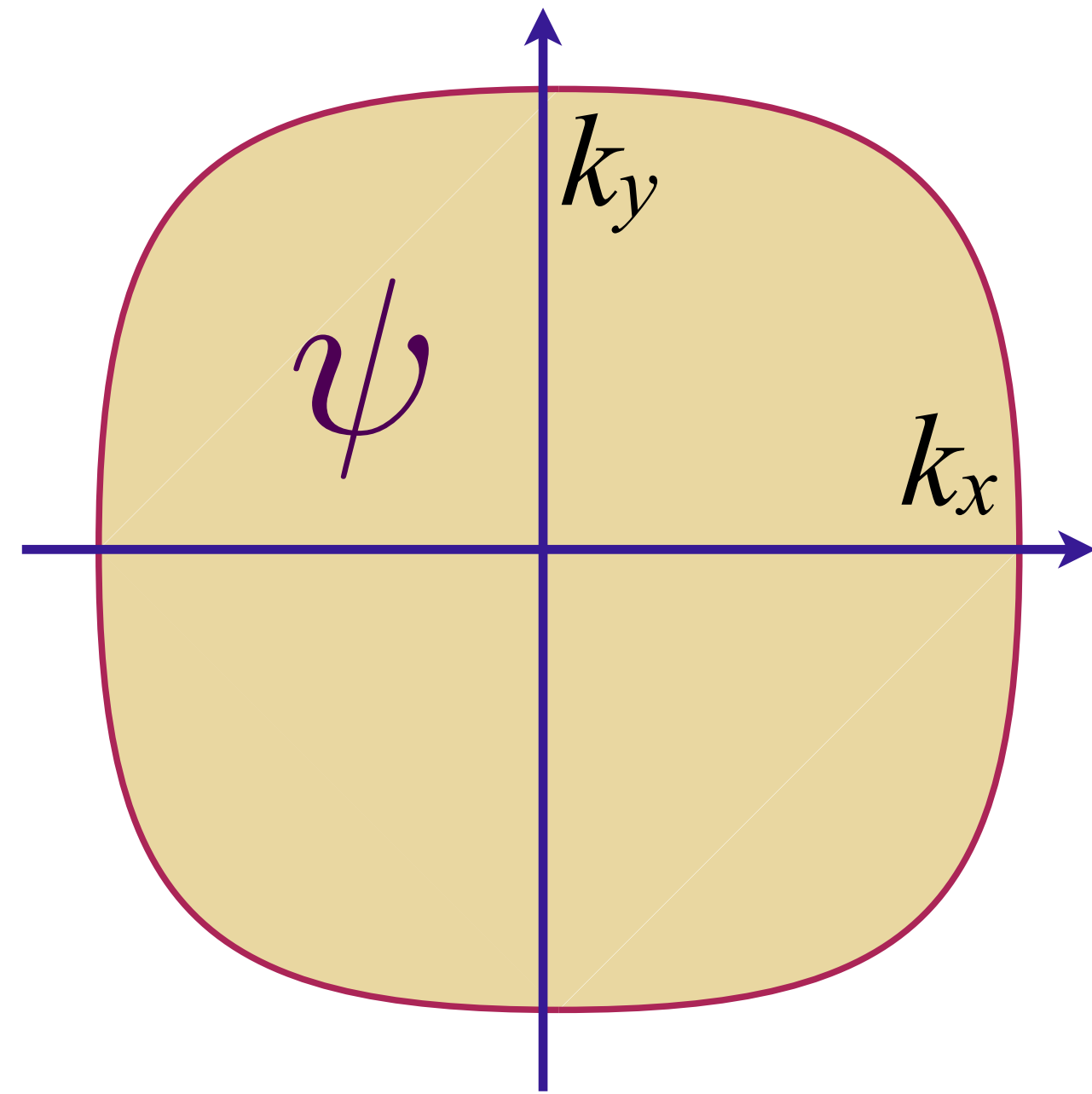
No spatial disorder

*A non-Fermi liquid but NOT a strange metal*

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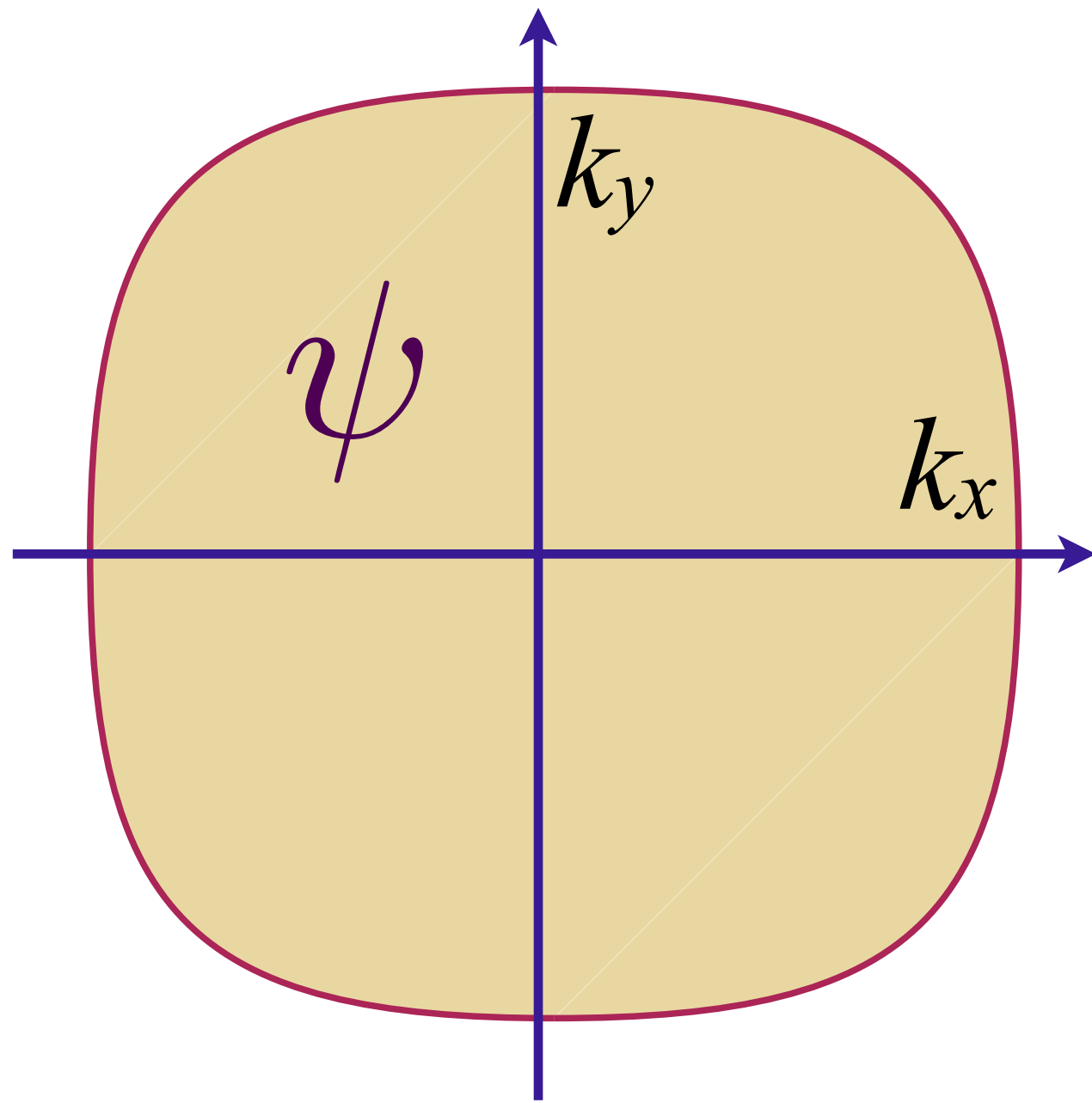
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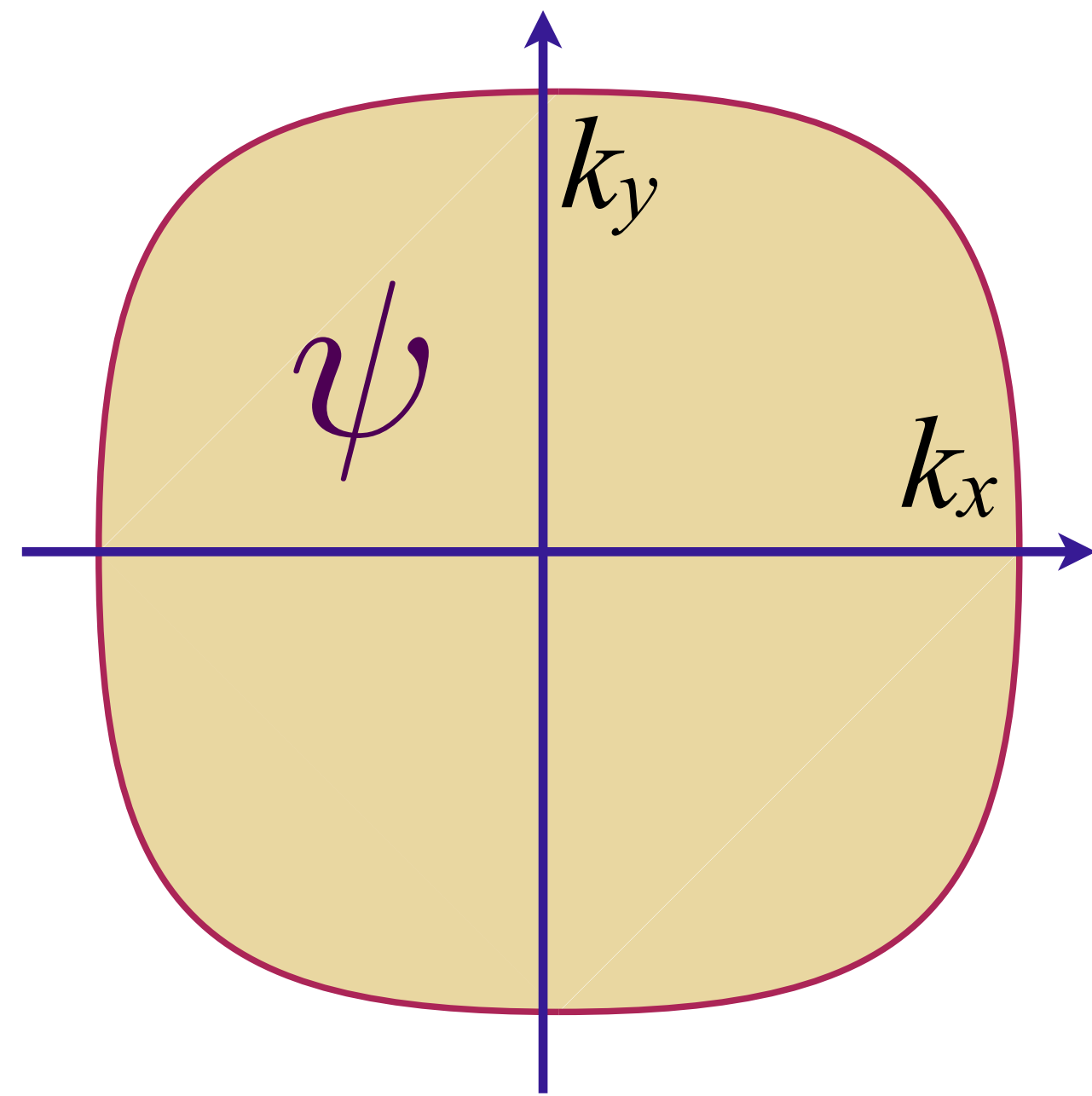


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$\phi^2$  “mass” disorder  $J'(\mathbf{r})$  is strongly relevant;  
 rescale  $\phi$  to move disorder to the Yukawa coupling;

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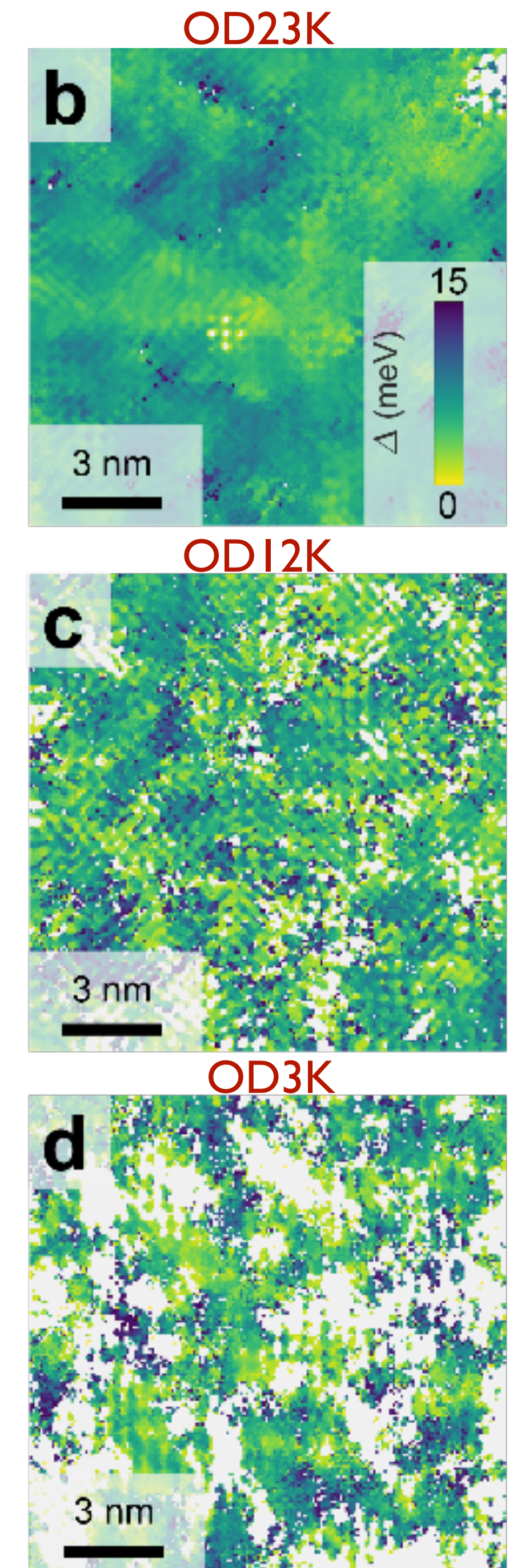
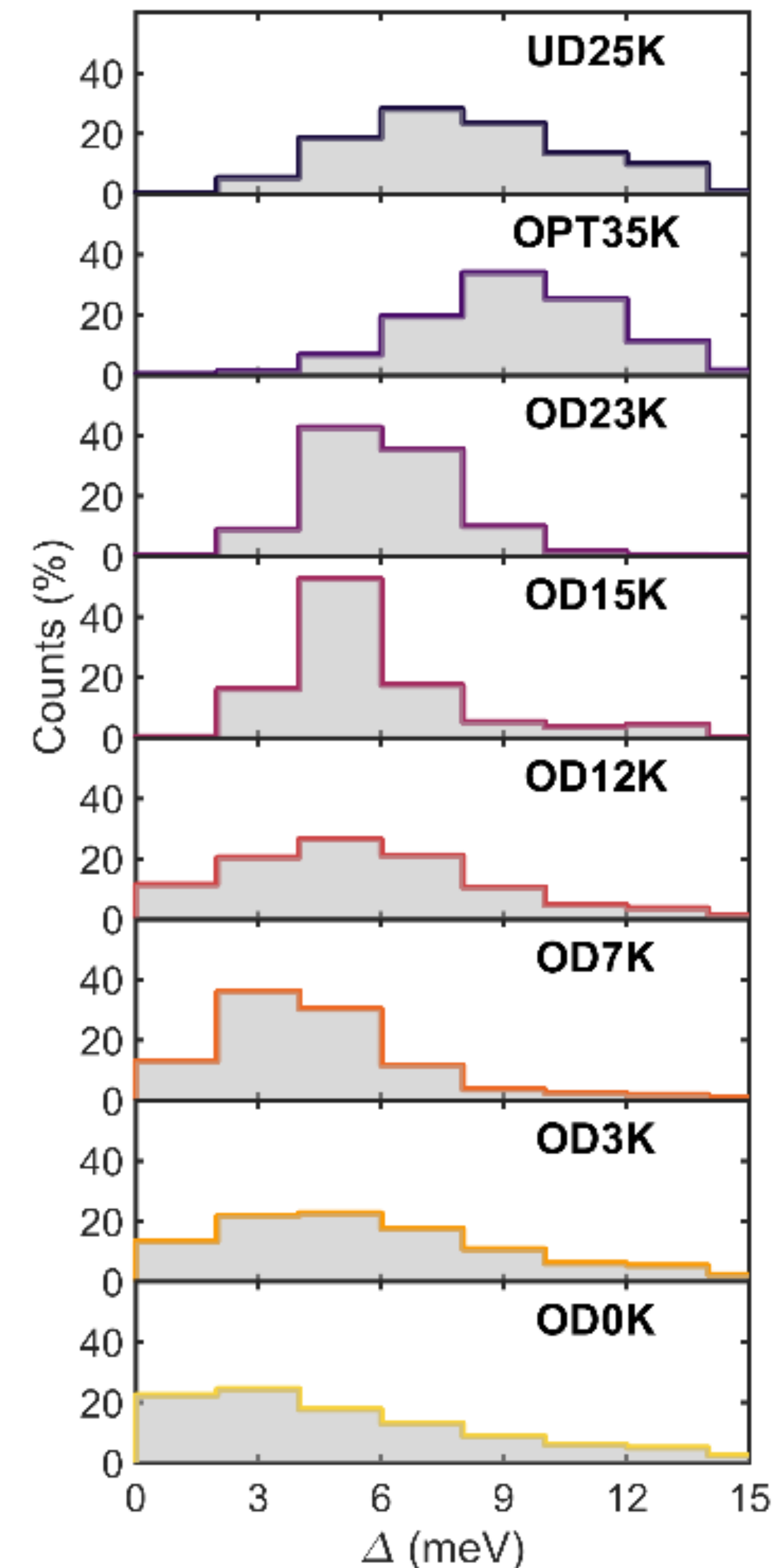
# Spatially random interactions!

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arXiv:2205.09740



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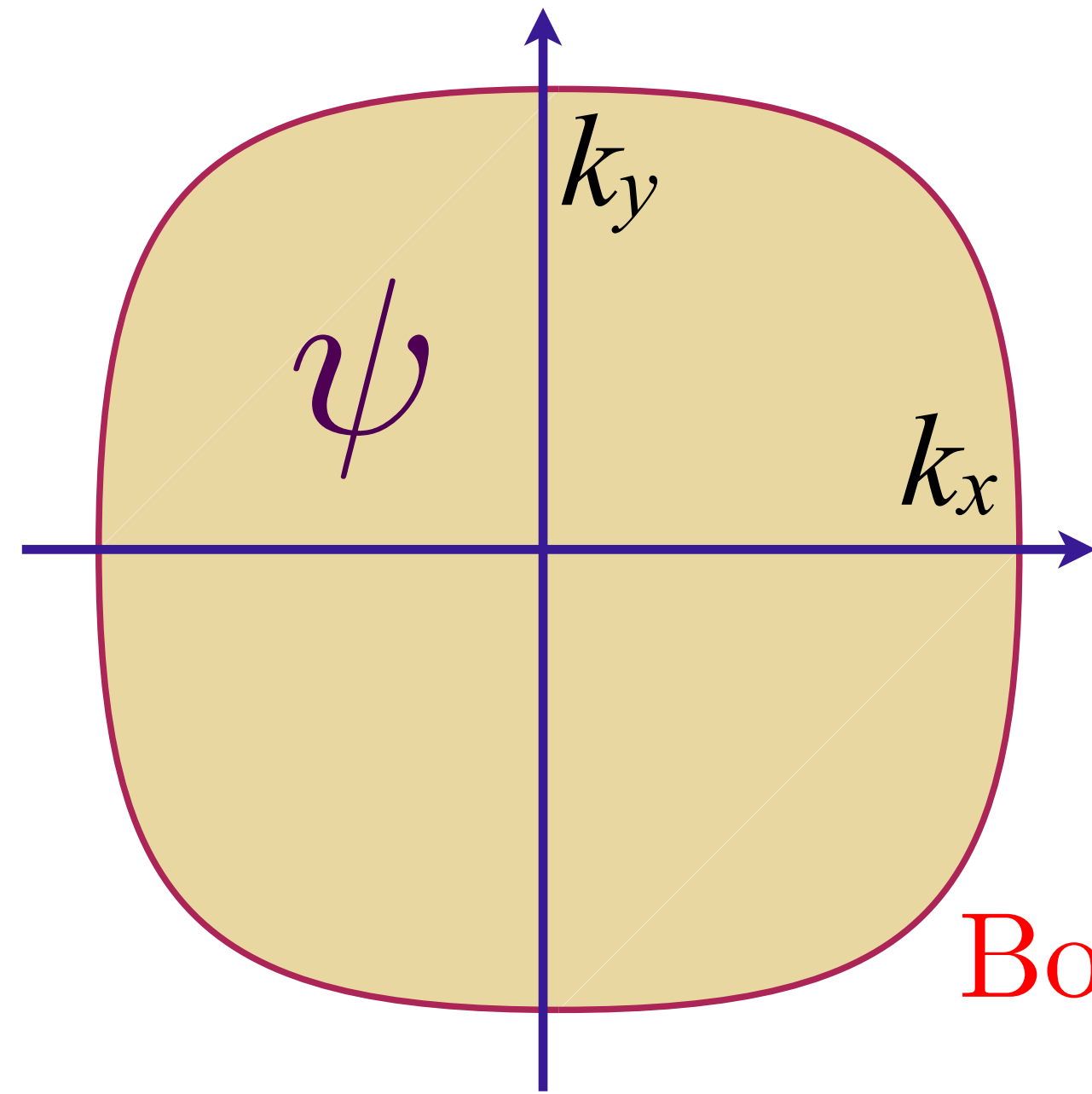
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Boson Green's function:  $D(q, i\Omega) \sim 1/(q^2 + \gamma|\Omega|)$

Fermion self energy:

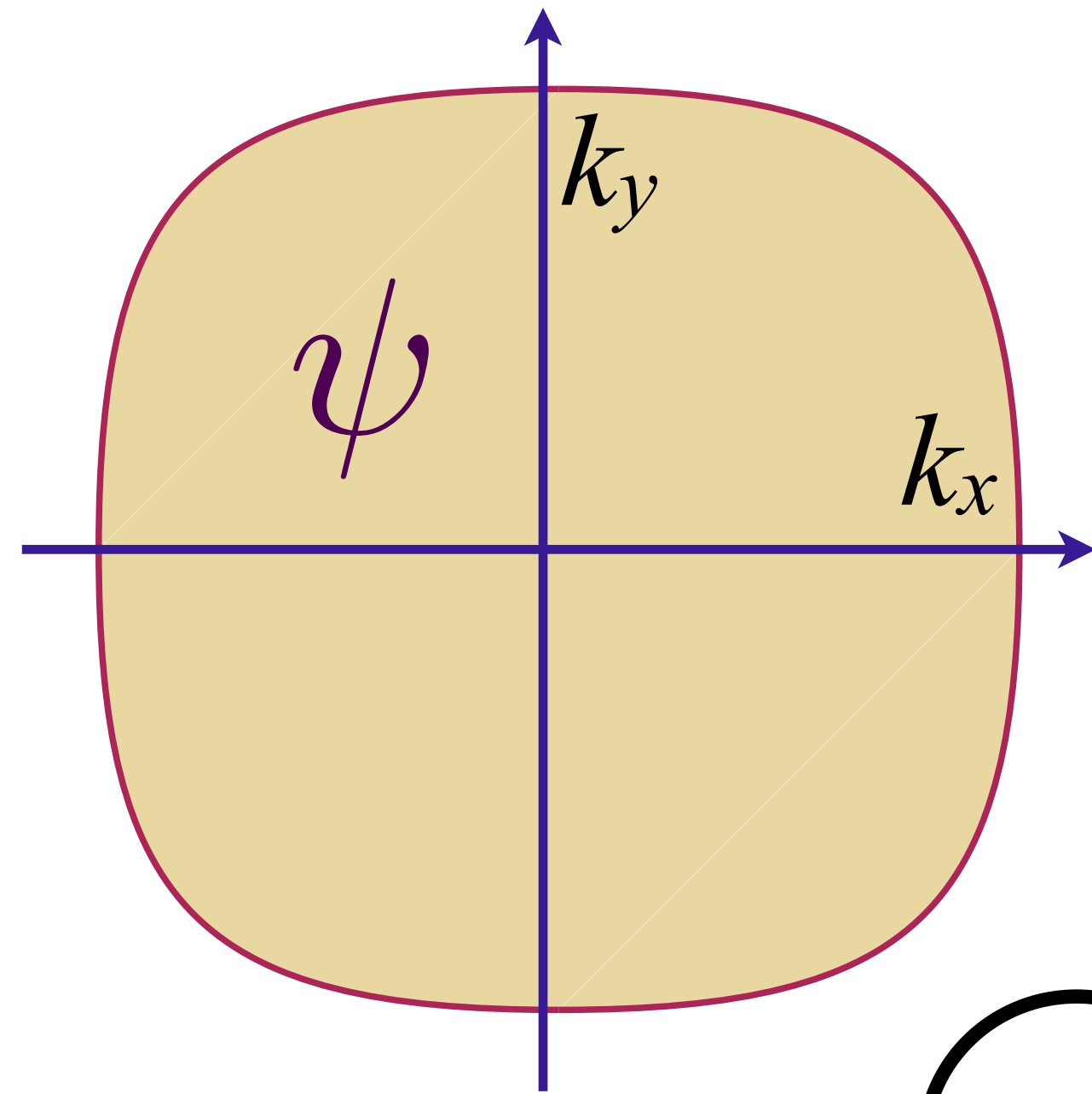
$$\Sigma(i\omega) \sim -iv^2 \text{sgn}(\omega) - i \left( \frac{g^2}{v^2} + g'^2 \right) \omega \ln(1/|\omega|); \quad \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{in}}(\omega)} \sim \left( \frac{g^2}{v^2} + g'^2 \right) |\omega|$$

Marginal Fermi liquid self energy and  $T \ln(1/T)$  specific heat

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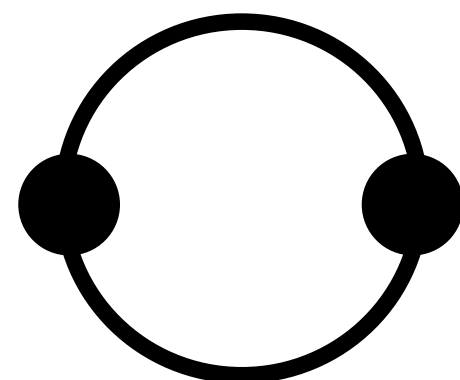
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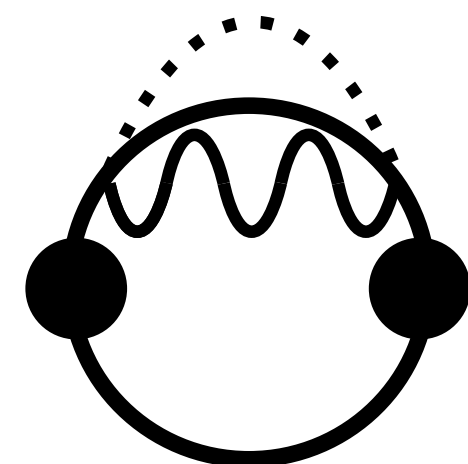


$$[\phi(\mathbf{r})]^2 + [g + g'(\mathbf{r})] \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}) + v(\mathbf{r}) \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

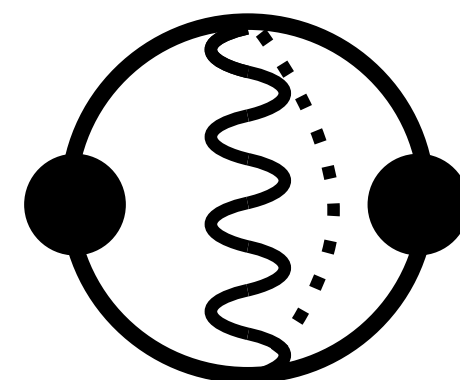
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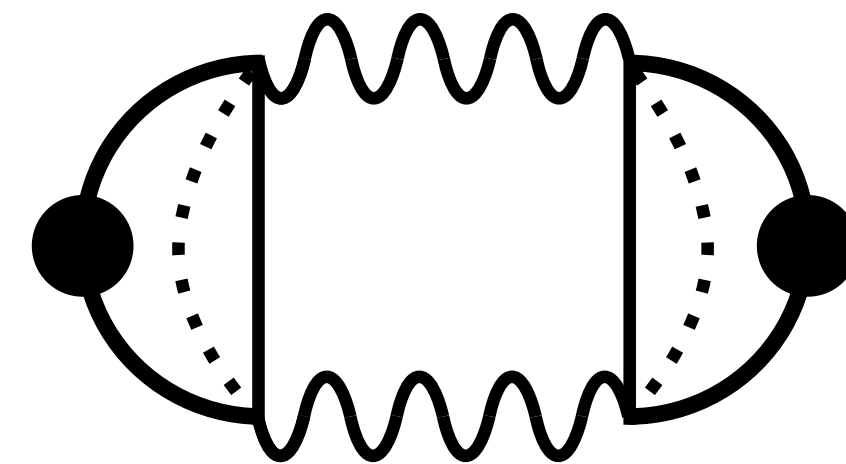
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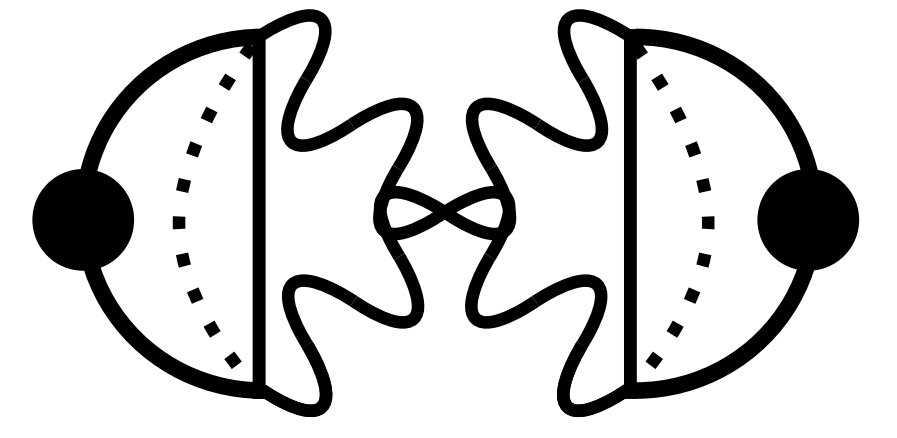
(b)  
 $\frac{\sigma_{\Sigma,g}}{2}, \frac{\sigma_{\Sigma,g'}}{2}$



(c)  
 $\sigma_{V,g}$



(d)



(e)

+ all ladders and bubbles.....

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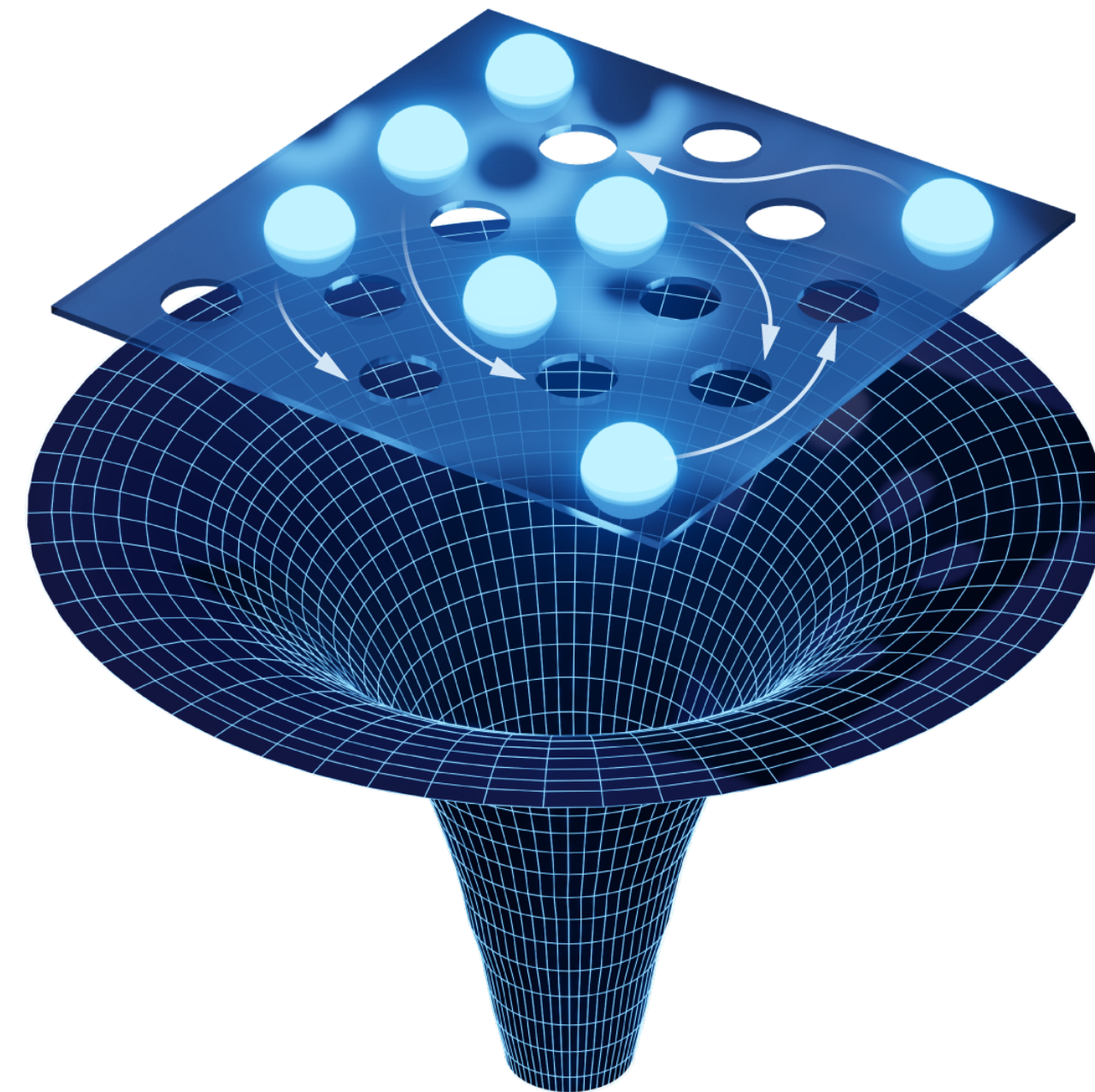
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