

**When nature entangles
millions of particles:
from quantum materials
to black holes**

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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

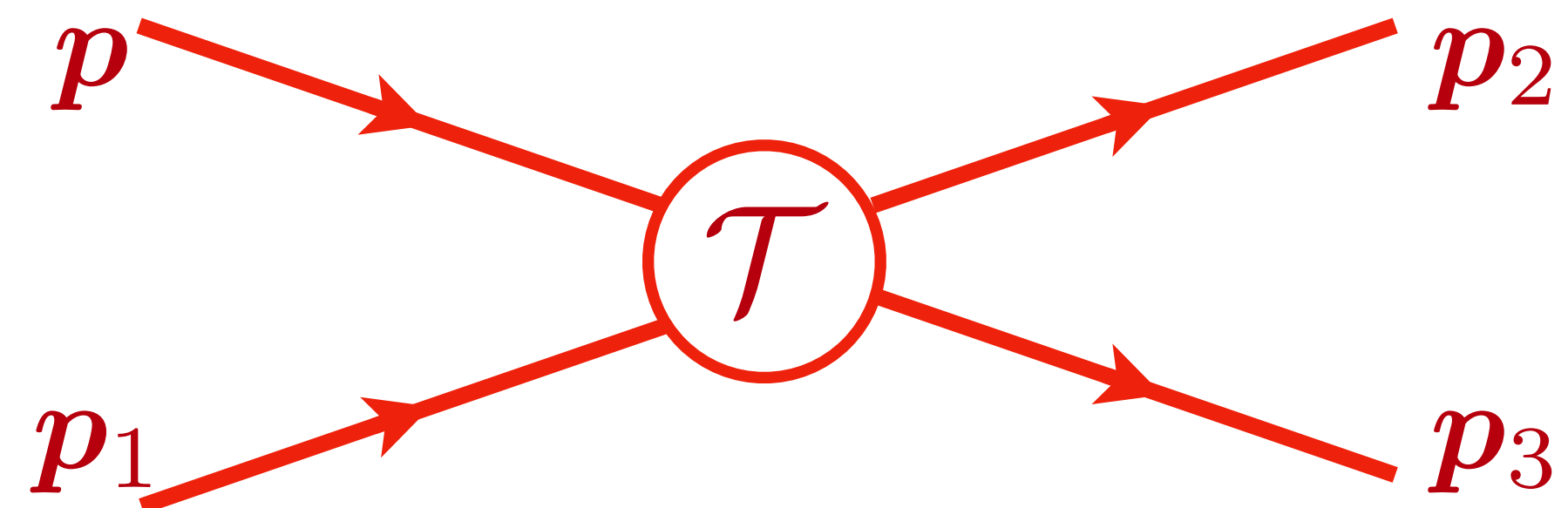
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Boltzmann equation (1872)

Dilute classical gas

Molecular chaos: successive collisions are statistically independent

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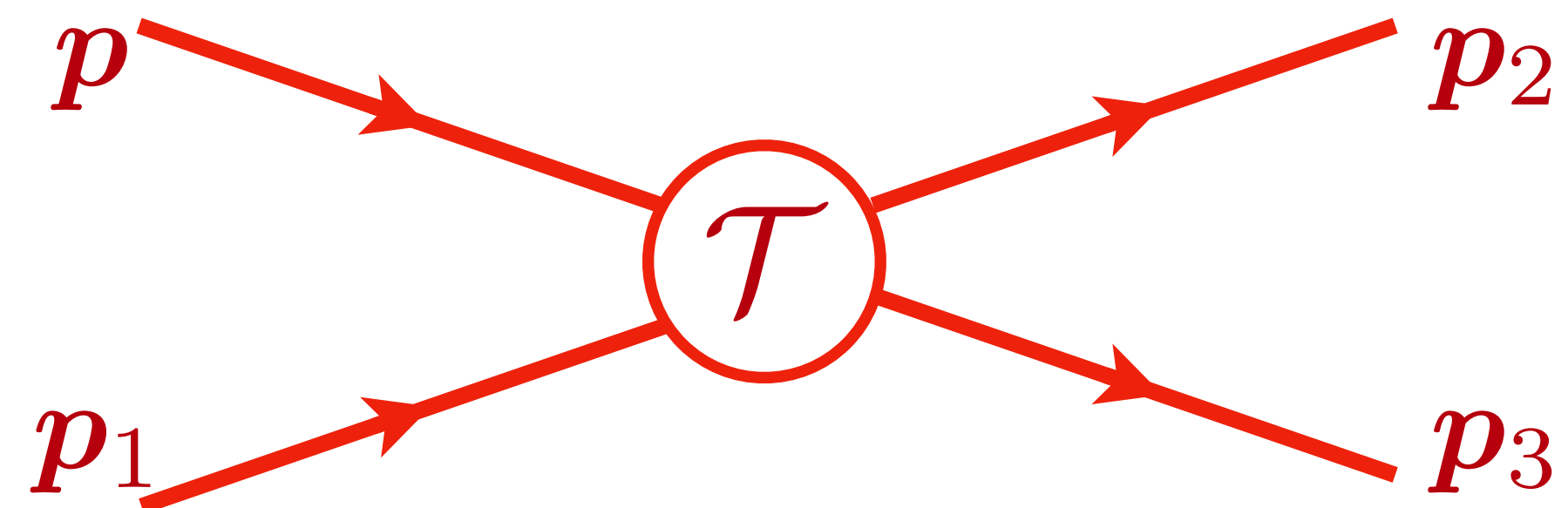
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Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)
between successive collisions

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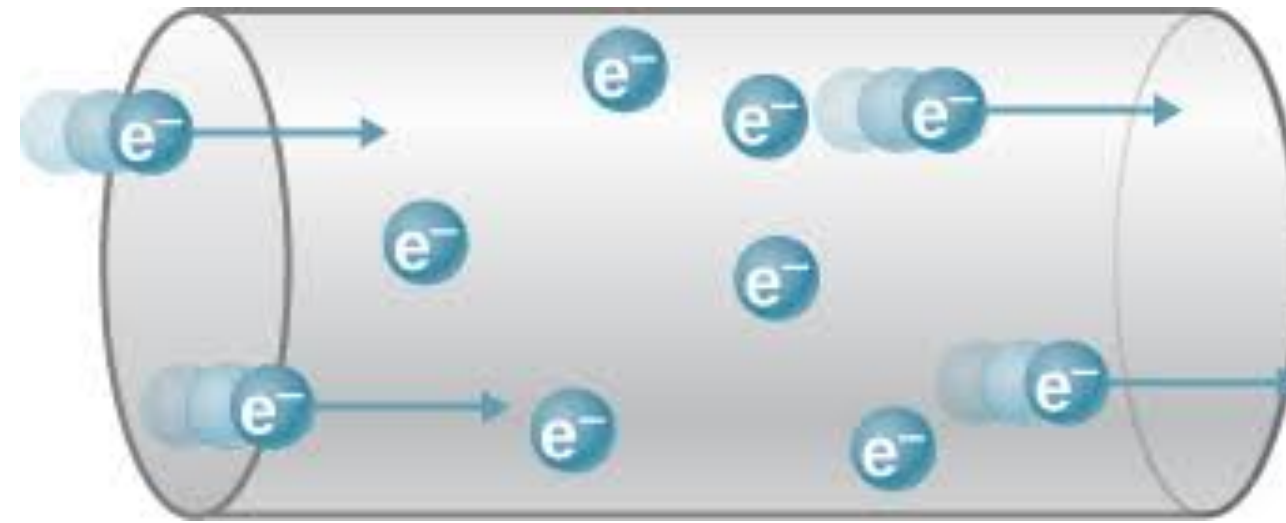


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Current flow with electrons in Copper



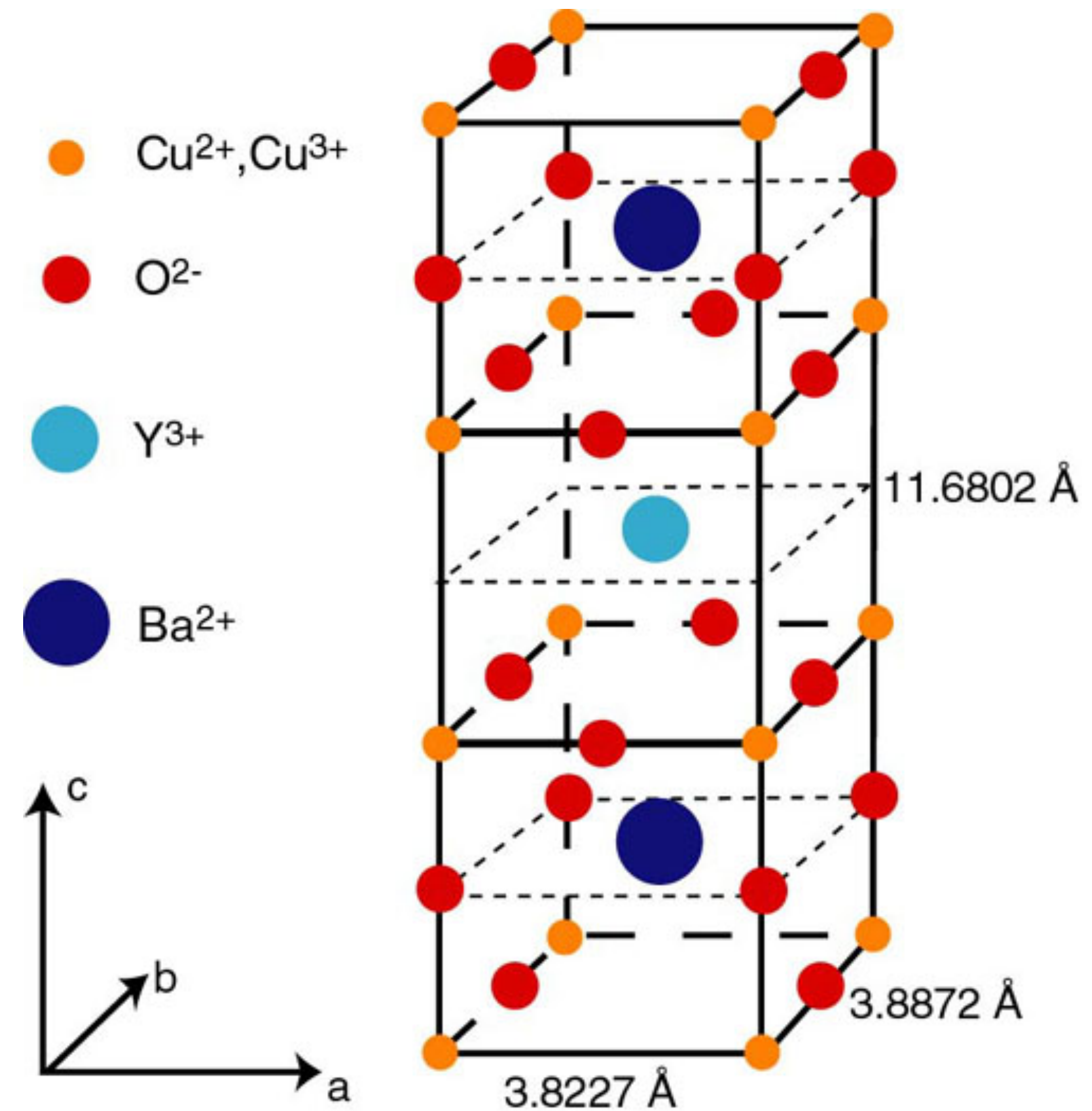
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation \Rightarrow
typical scattering time $\tau \sim 1/T^2$, resistivity $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

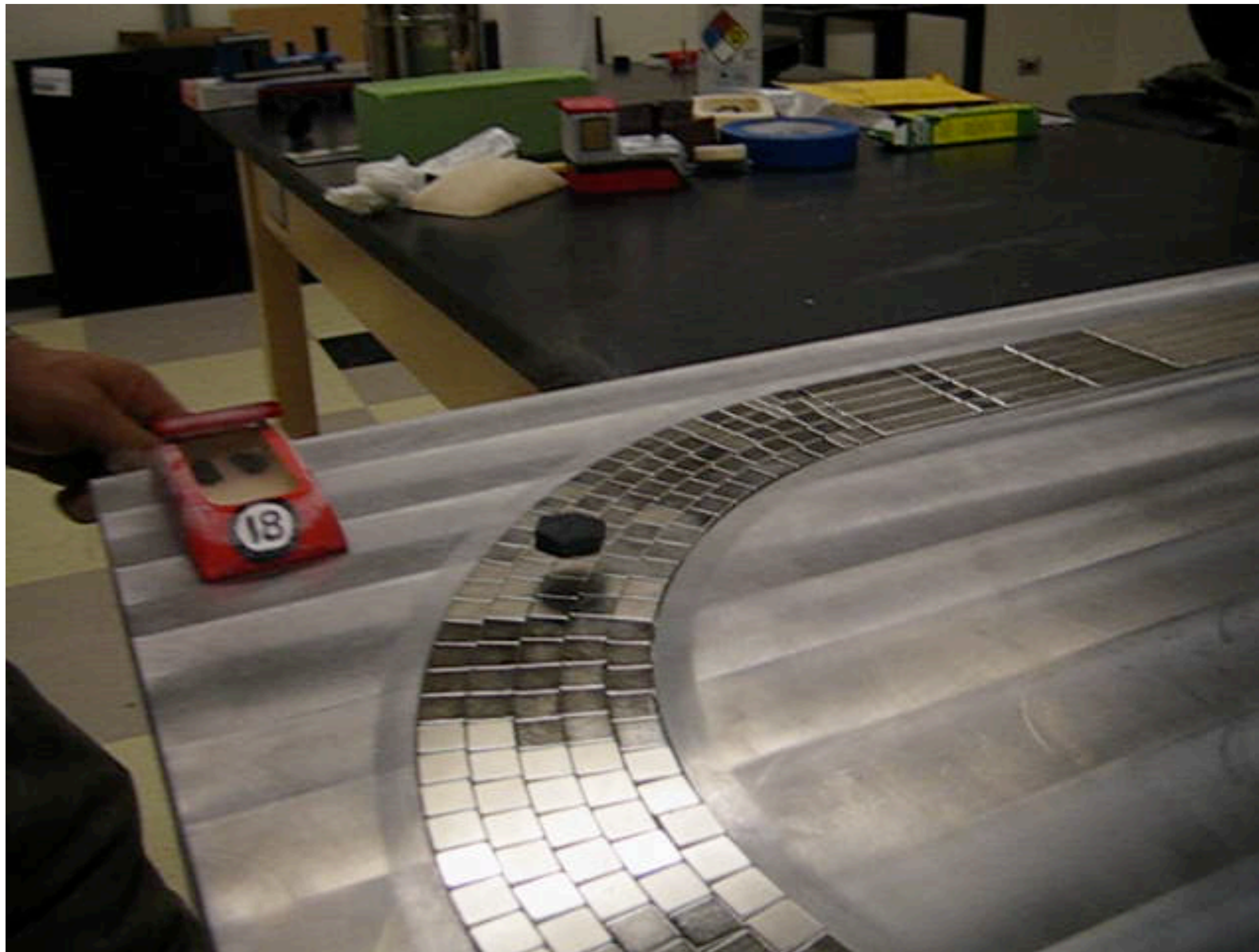
The time τ is much longer than a limiting ‘Planckian time’ $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$.

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

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

Cuprate high temperature superconductors





Nd-Fe-B magnets, YBaCuO superconductor

Julian Hetel and Nandini Trivedi, Ohio State University

HTS Magnets: Enabling Technology

A new high temperature superconductor (HTS) recently reached industrial maturity: Rare Earth Barium Copper Oxide (REBCO). CFS is using HTS and has built its first-of-its-kind high-field large-bore superconducting magnet. HTS

magnets will allow for smaller, faster, and less expensive tokamaks using the science developed on Alcator C-Mod and other tokamaks.

The surest path to limitless, clean, fusion energy

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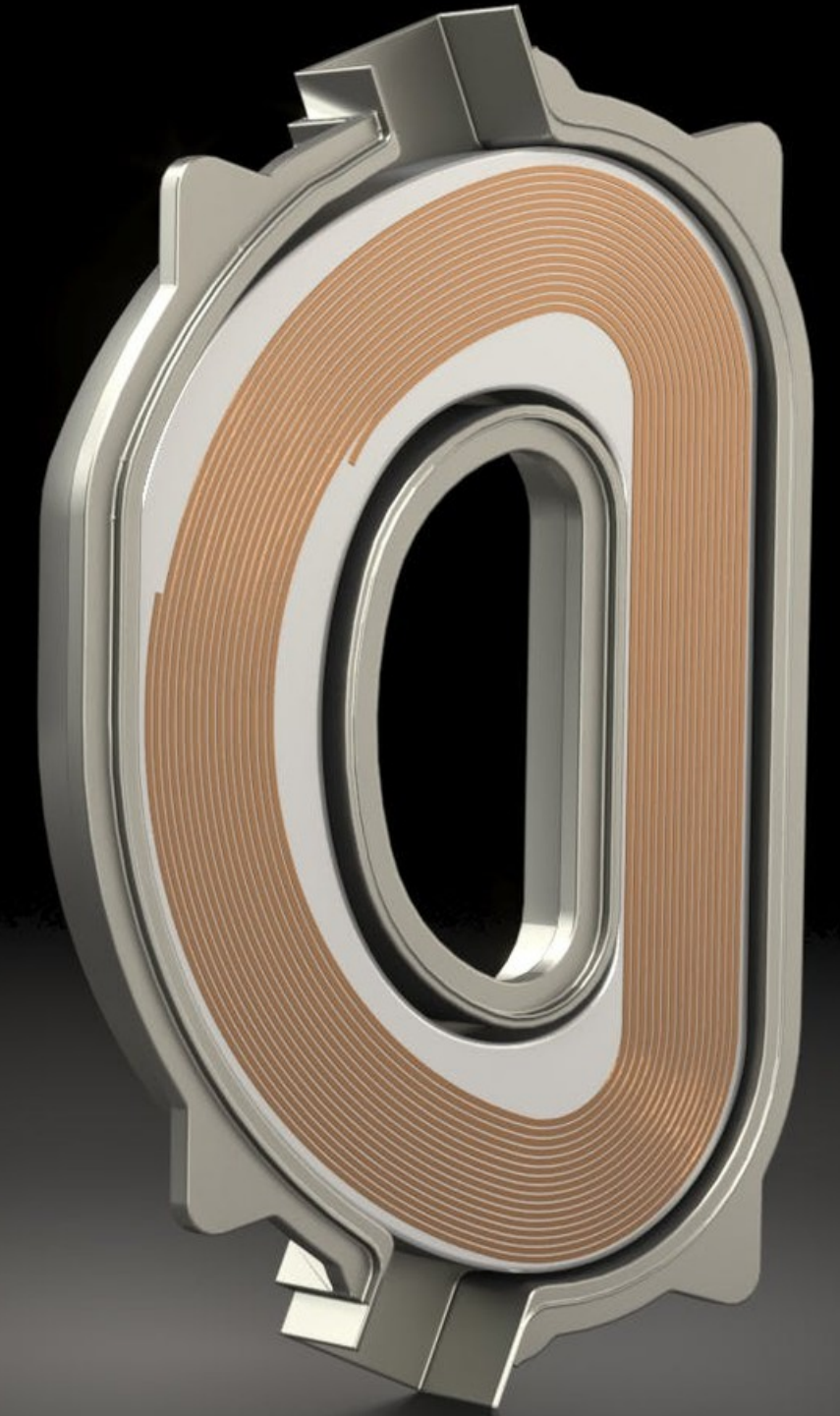
The fastest path to commercial fusion energy combining proven science with revolutionary magnet technology.

○ Limitless

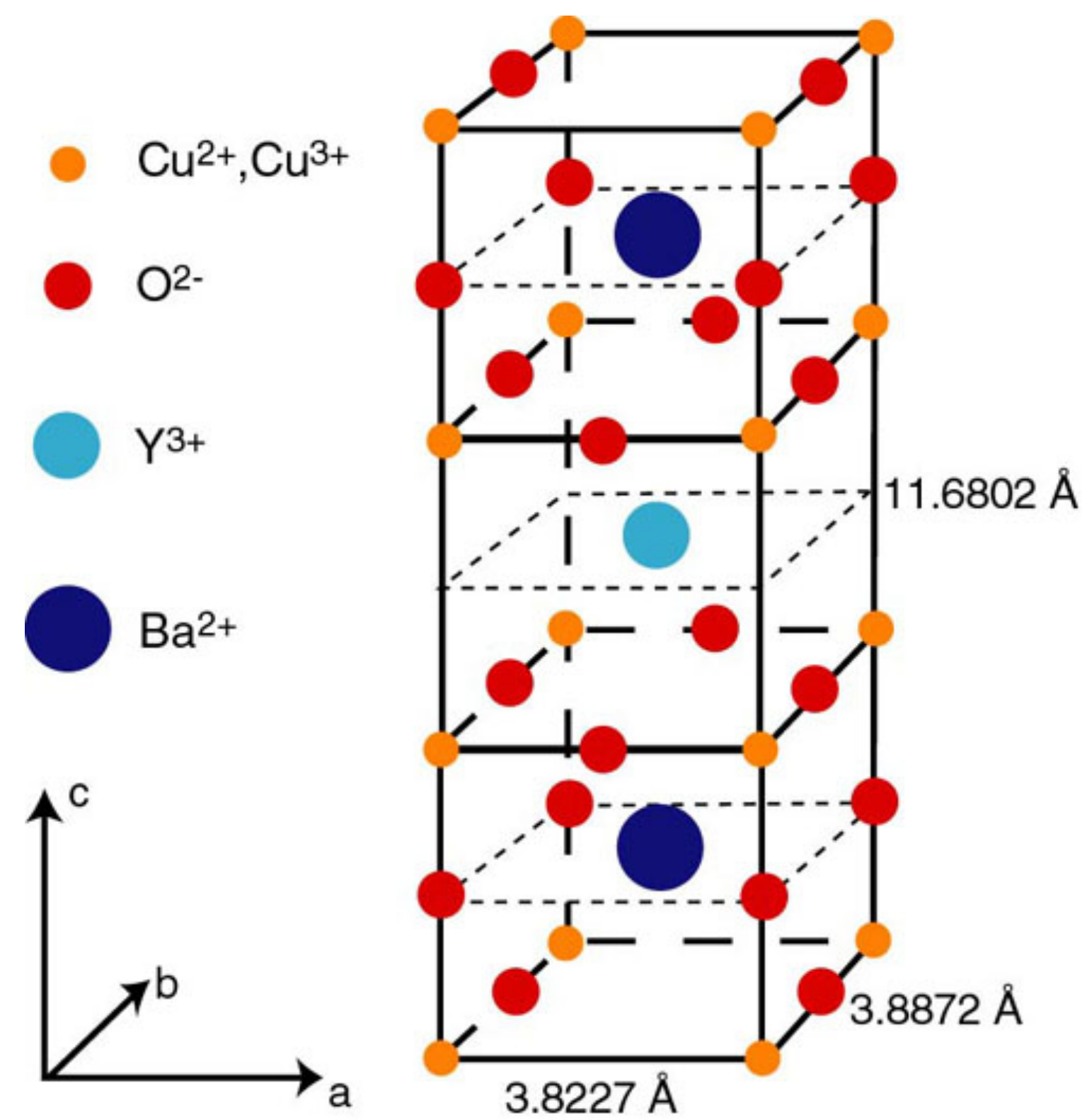
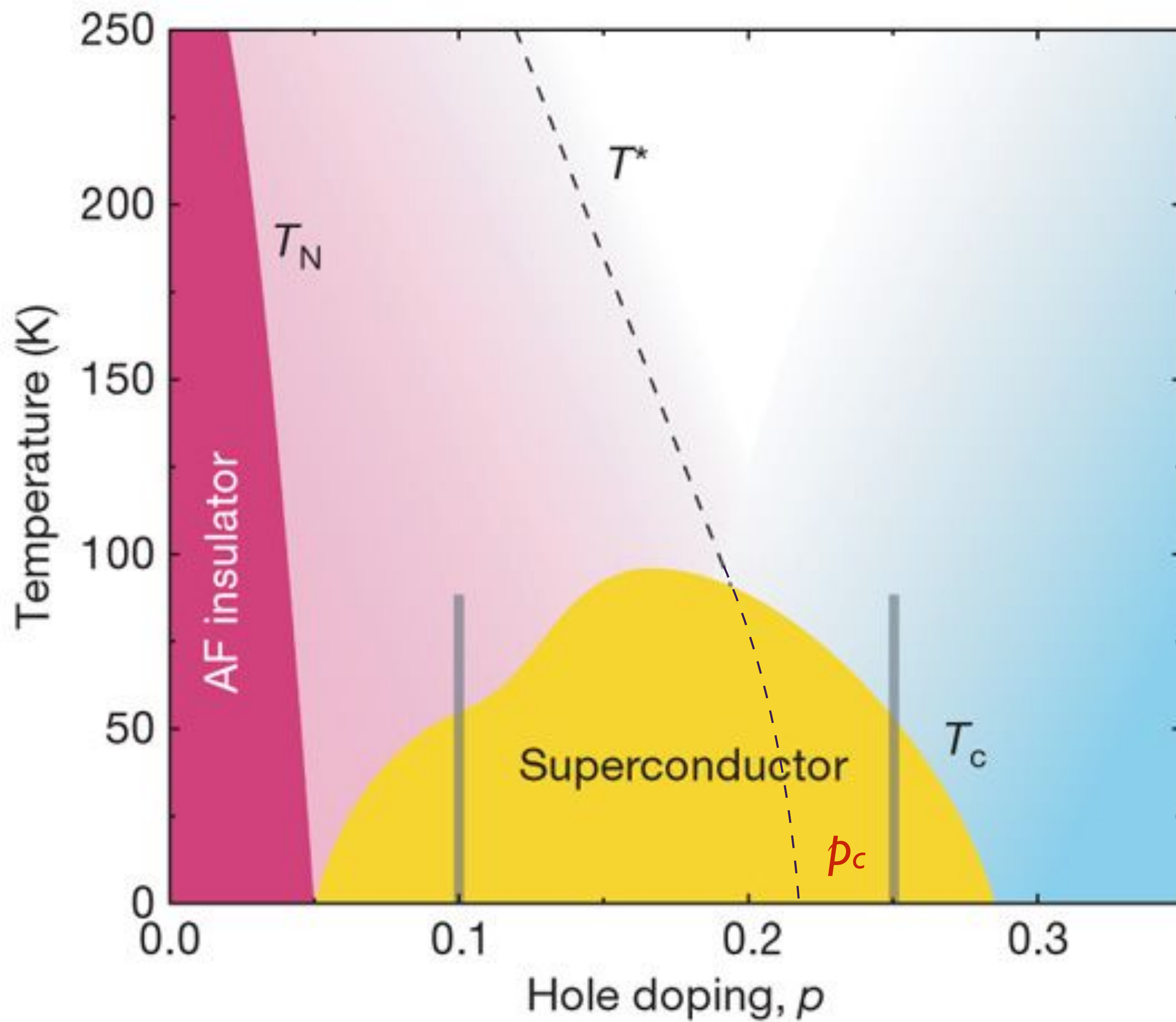
One glass of water will provide enough fusion fuel for one person's lifetime.

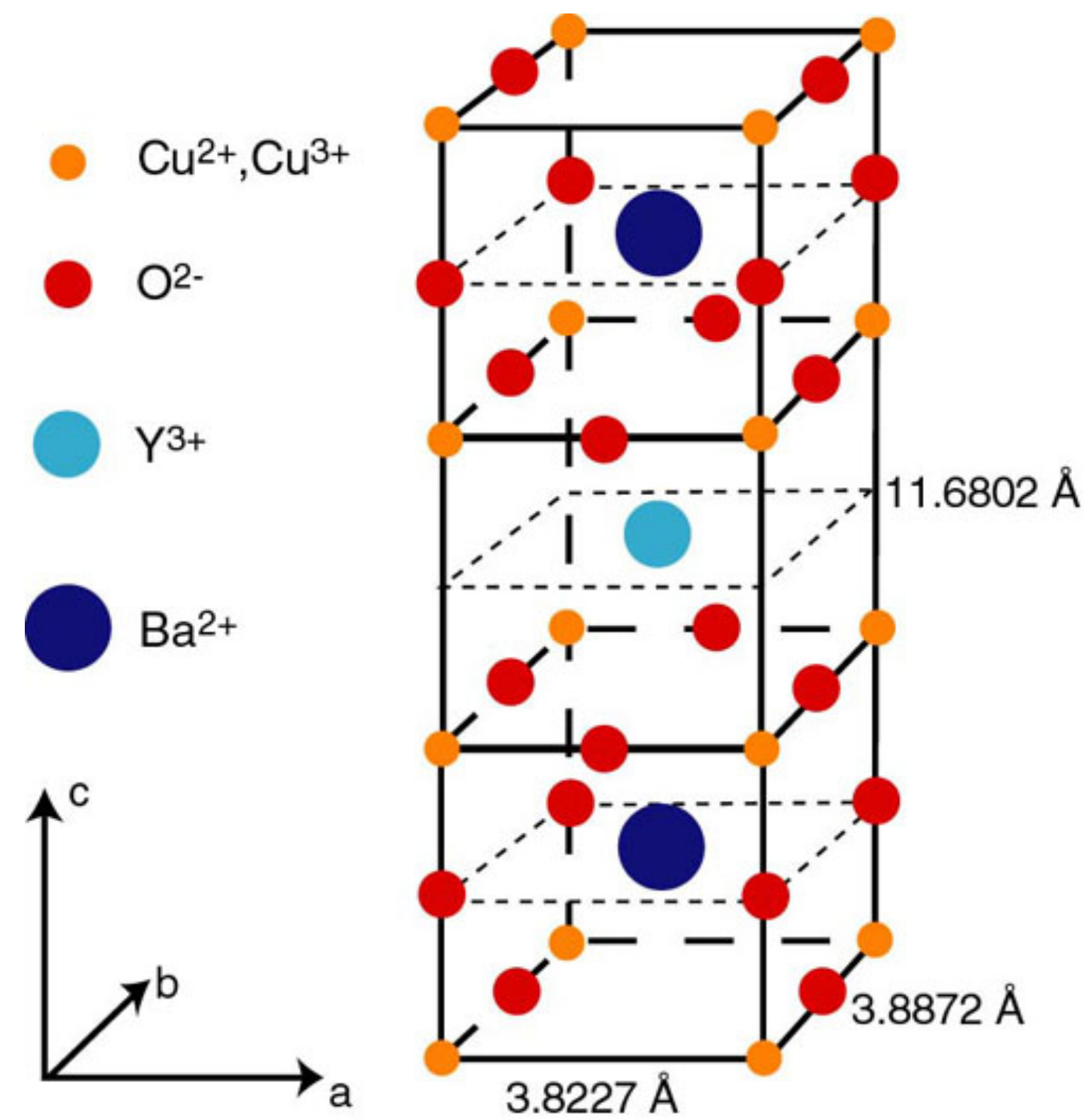
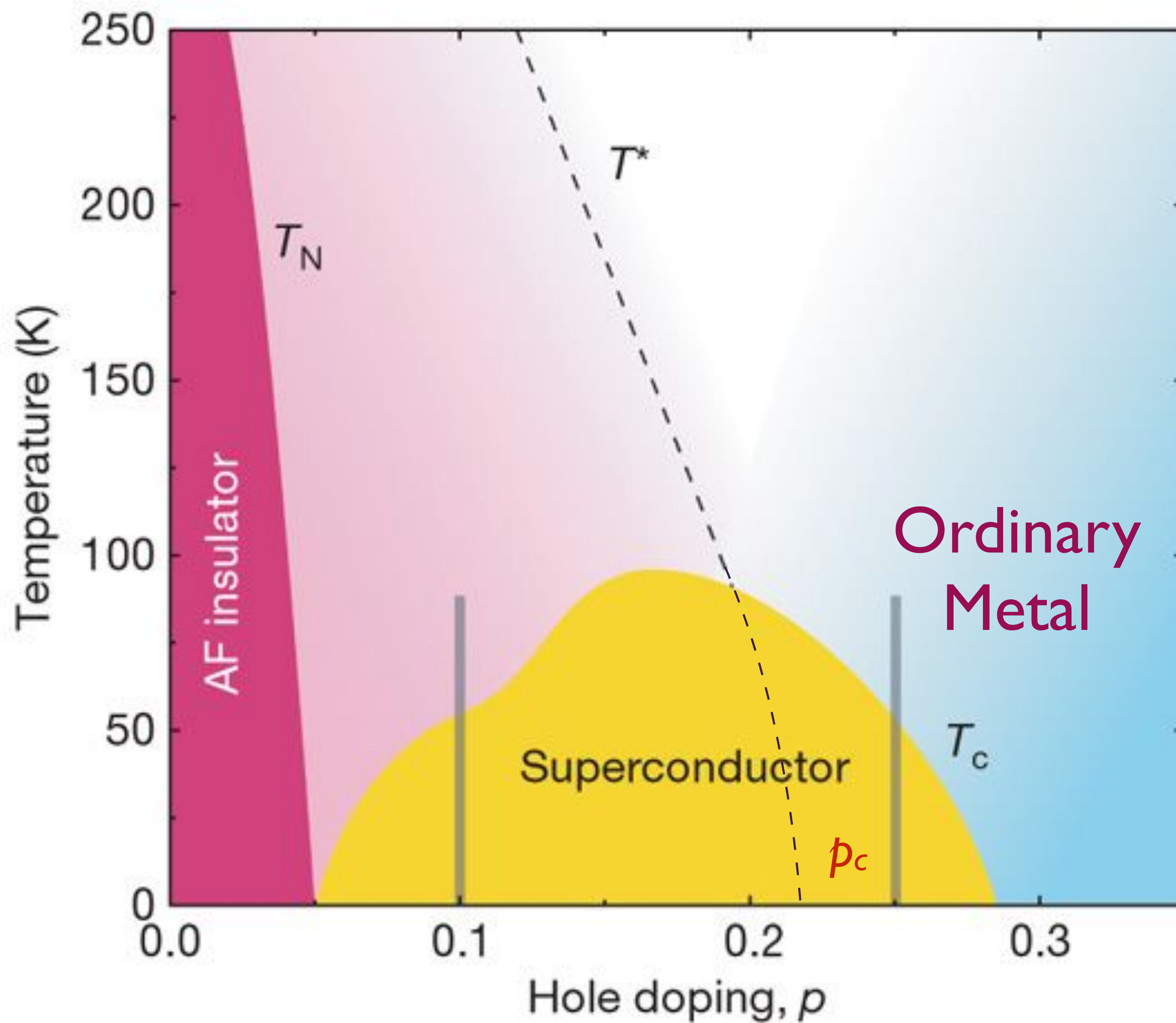
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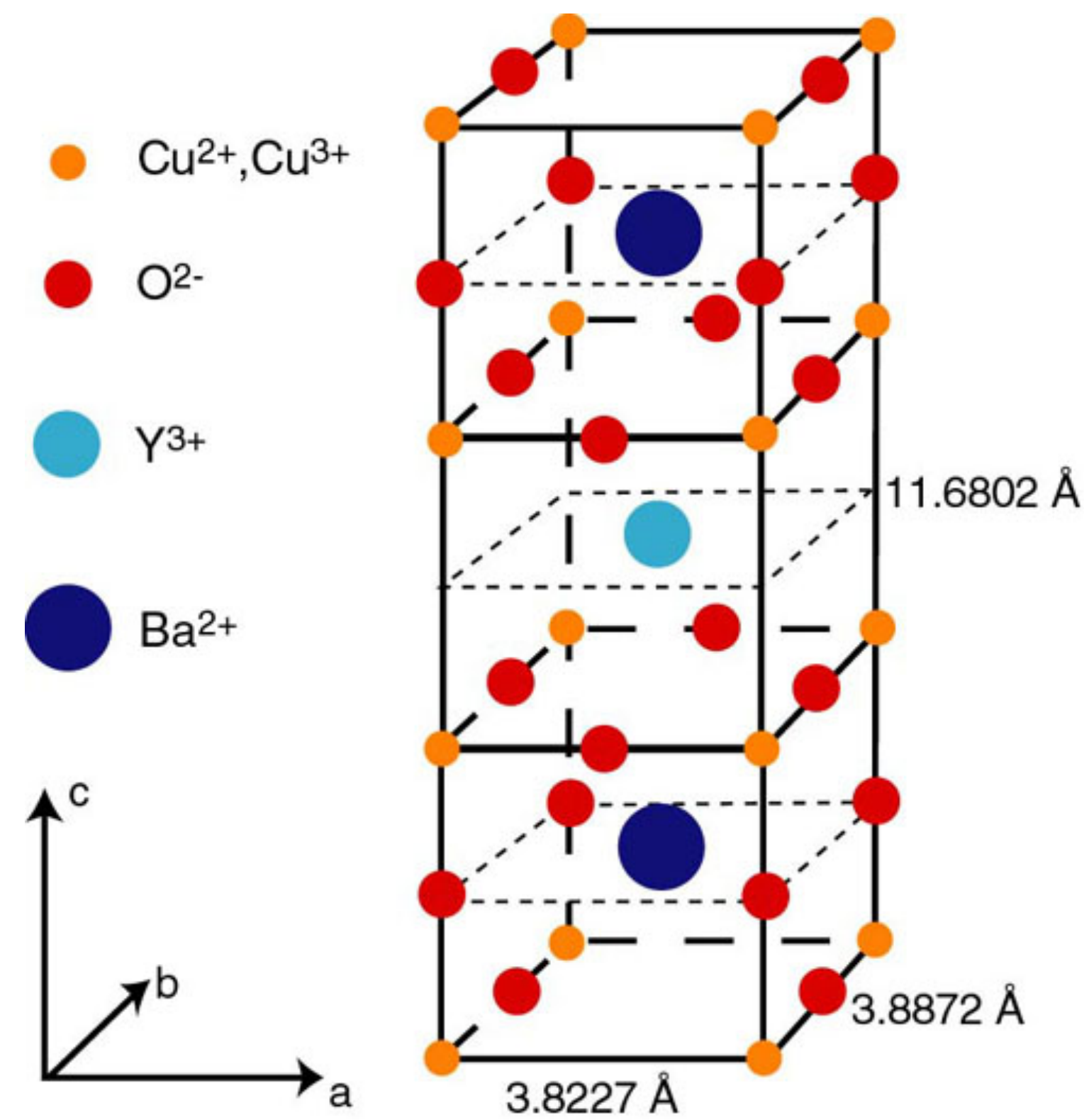
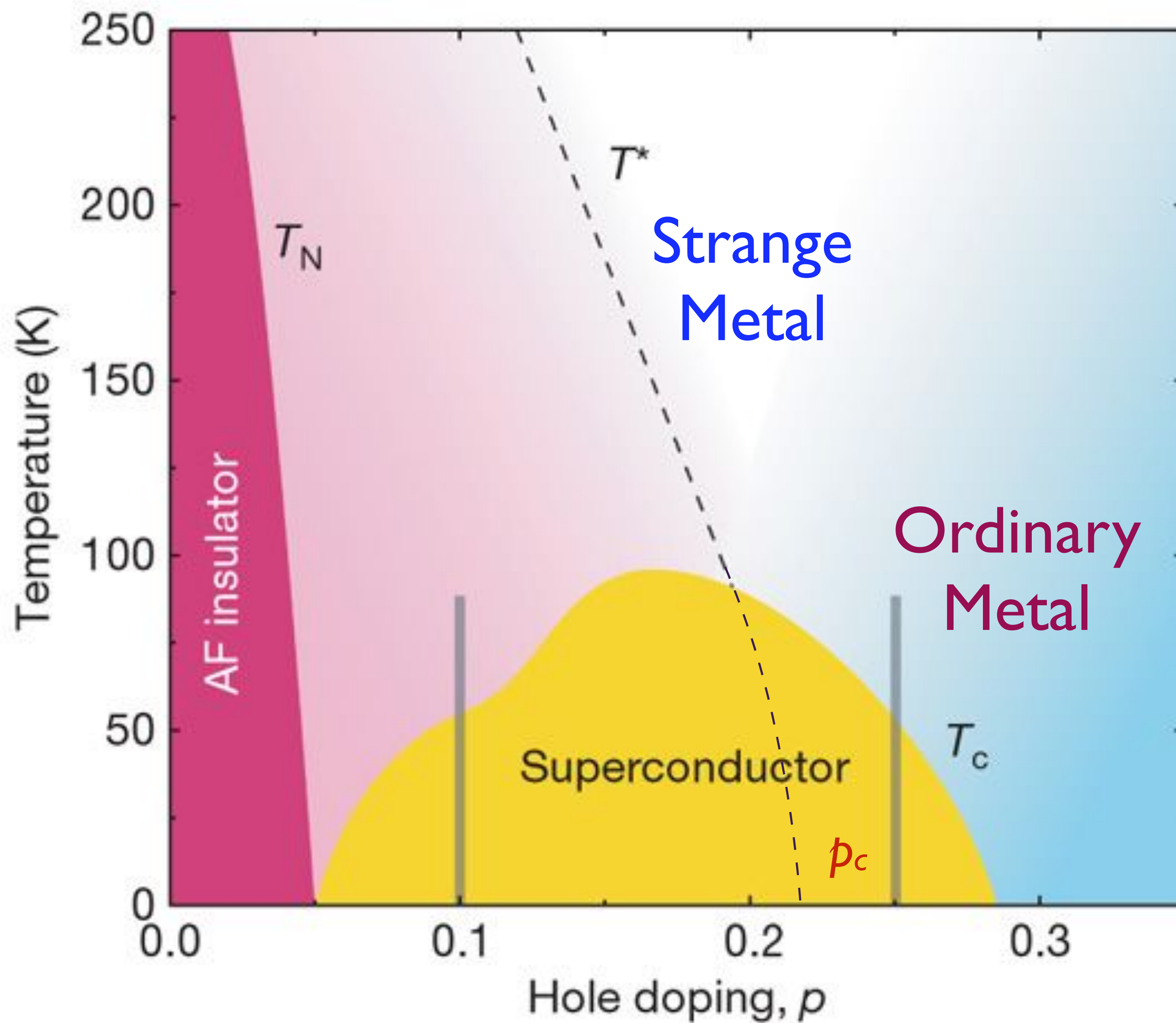
A new source of clean energy to meet our growing energy demands and combat climate change.

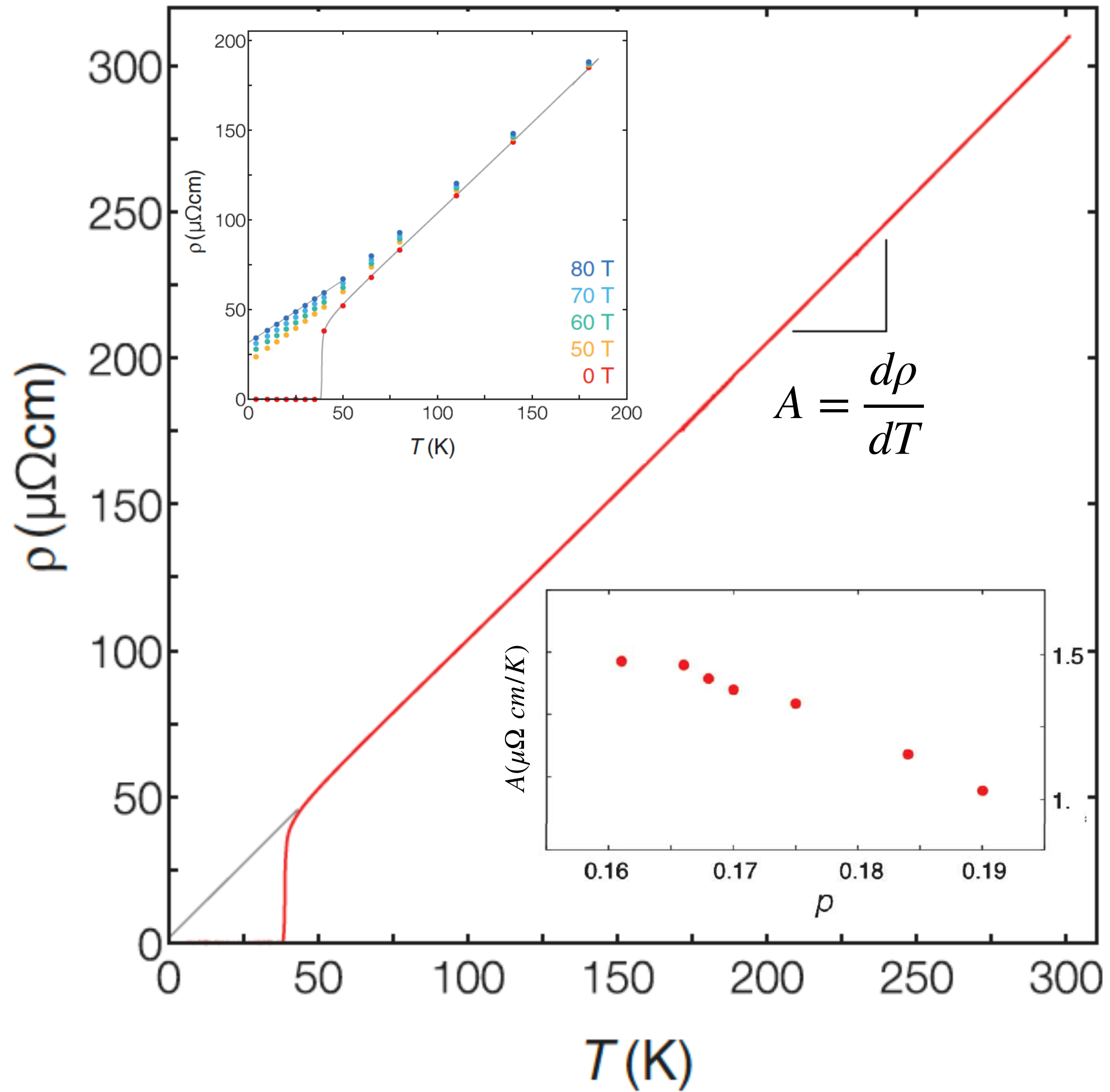


Commonwealth
Fusion Systems

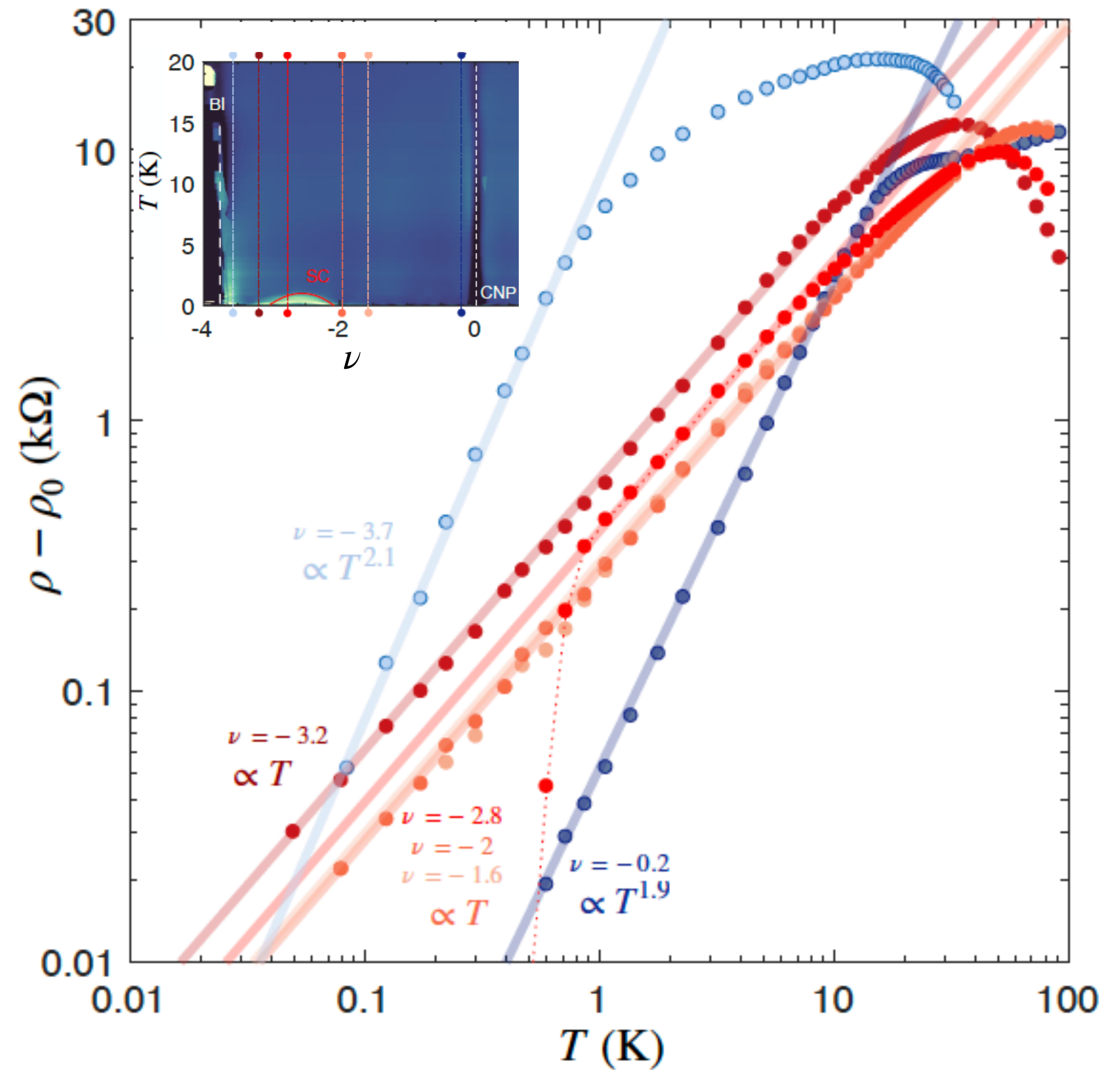








LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018

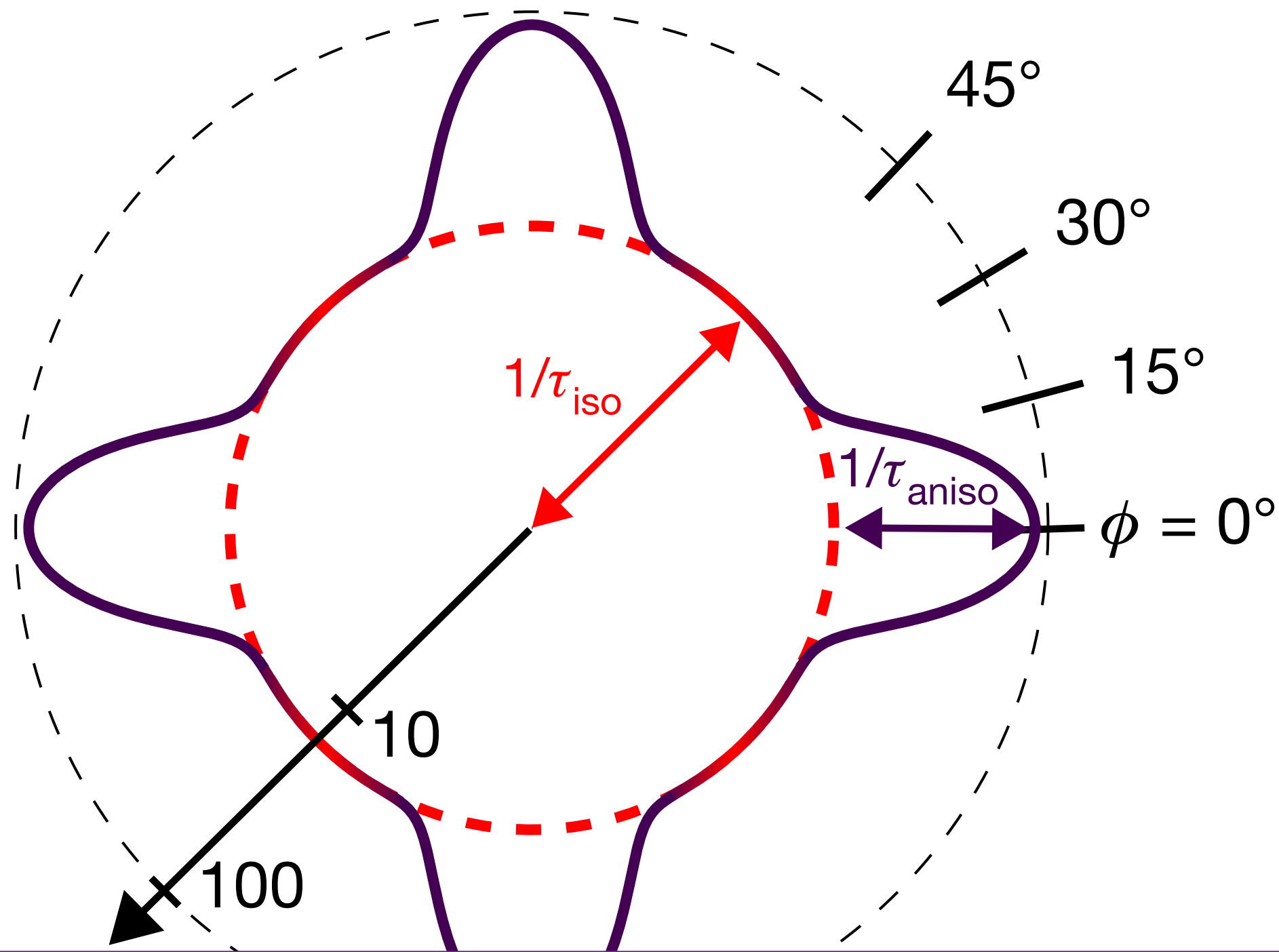


MATBG: Jaoui et al. 2021

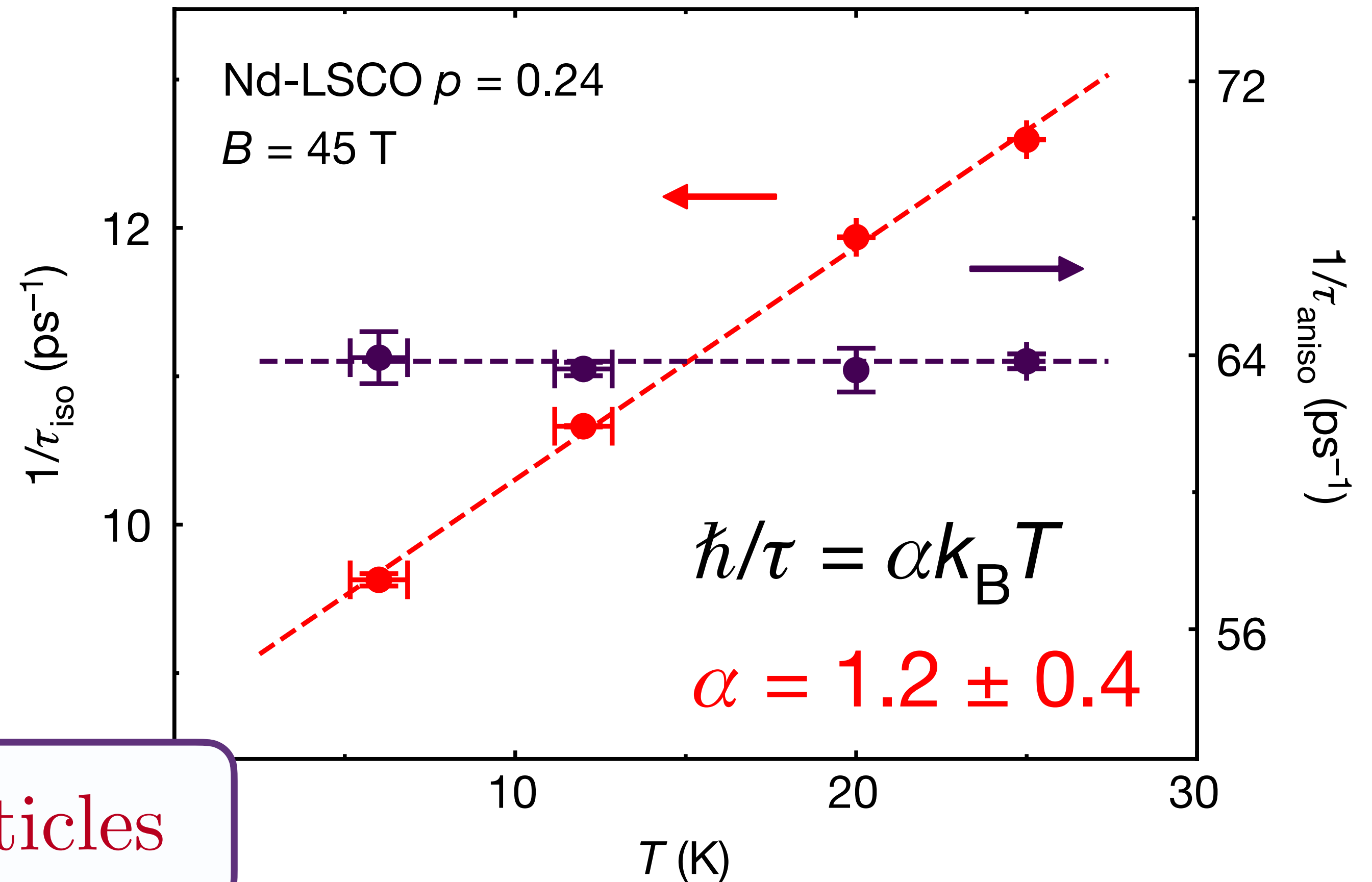
Linear-in temperature resistivity from an isotropic Planckian scattering rate

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

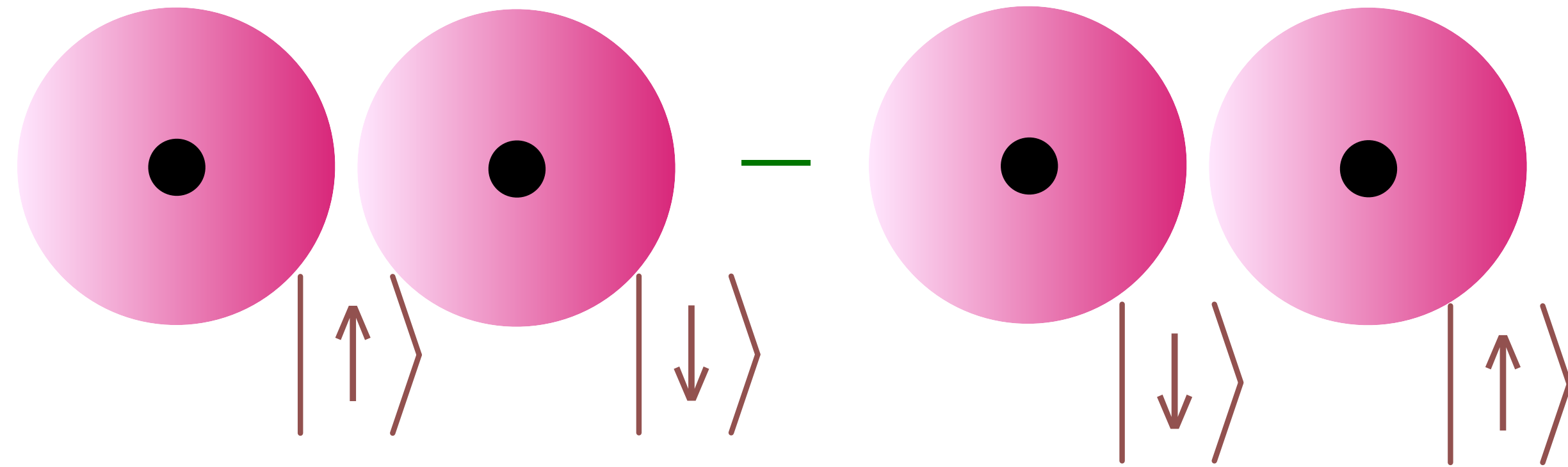


No Boltzmann-Landau quasiparticle description \Rightarrow
Many particle quantum entanglement
from quantum interference between “collisions”

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

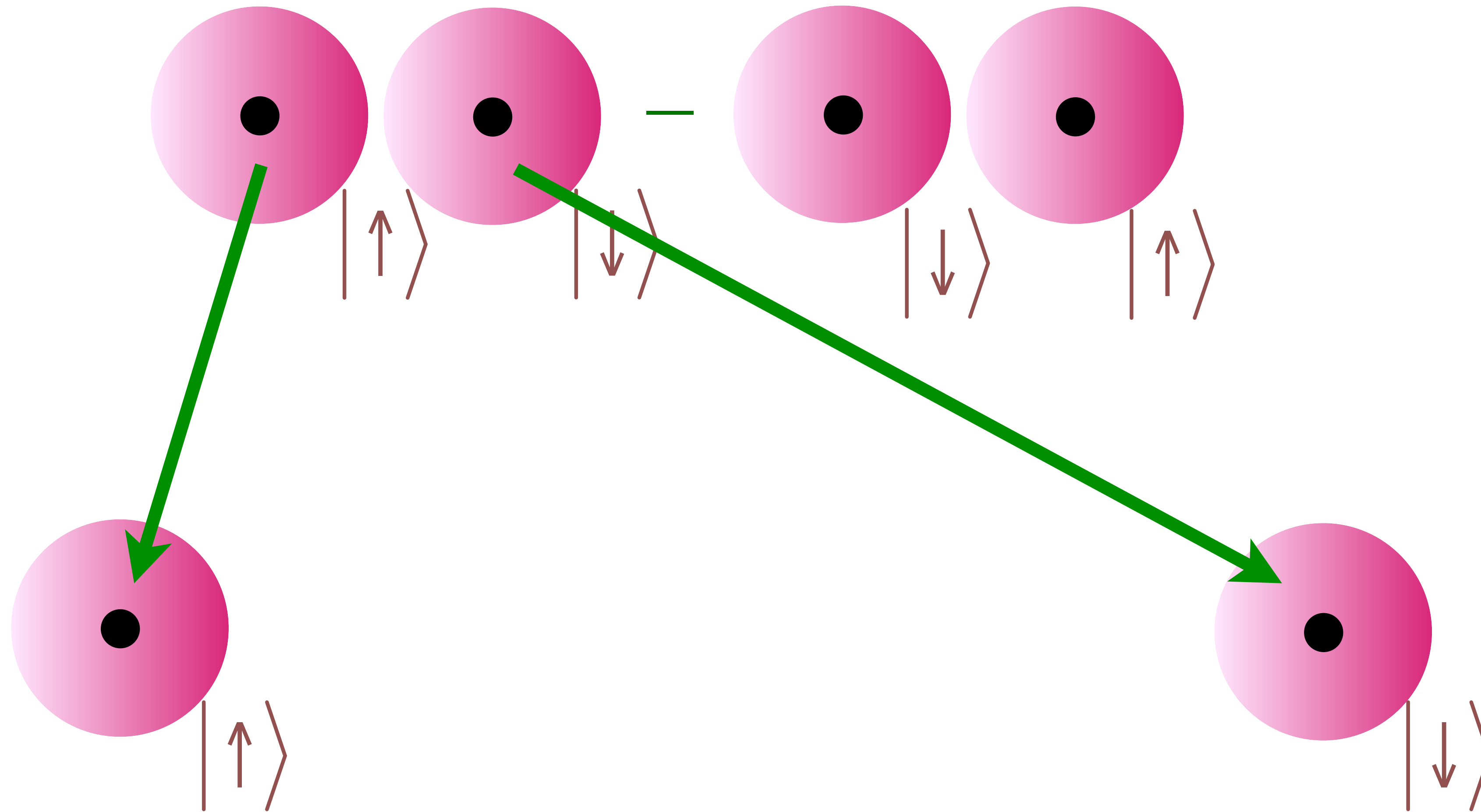
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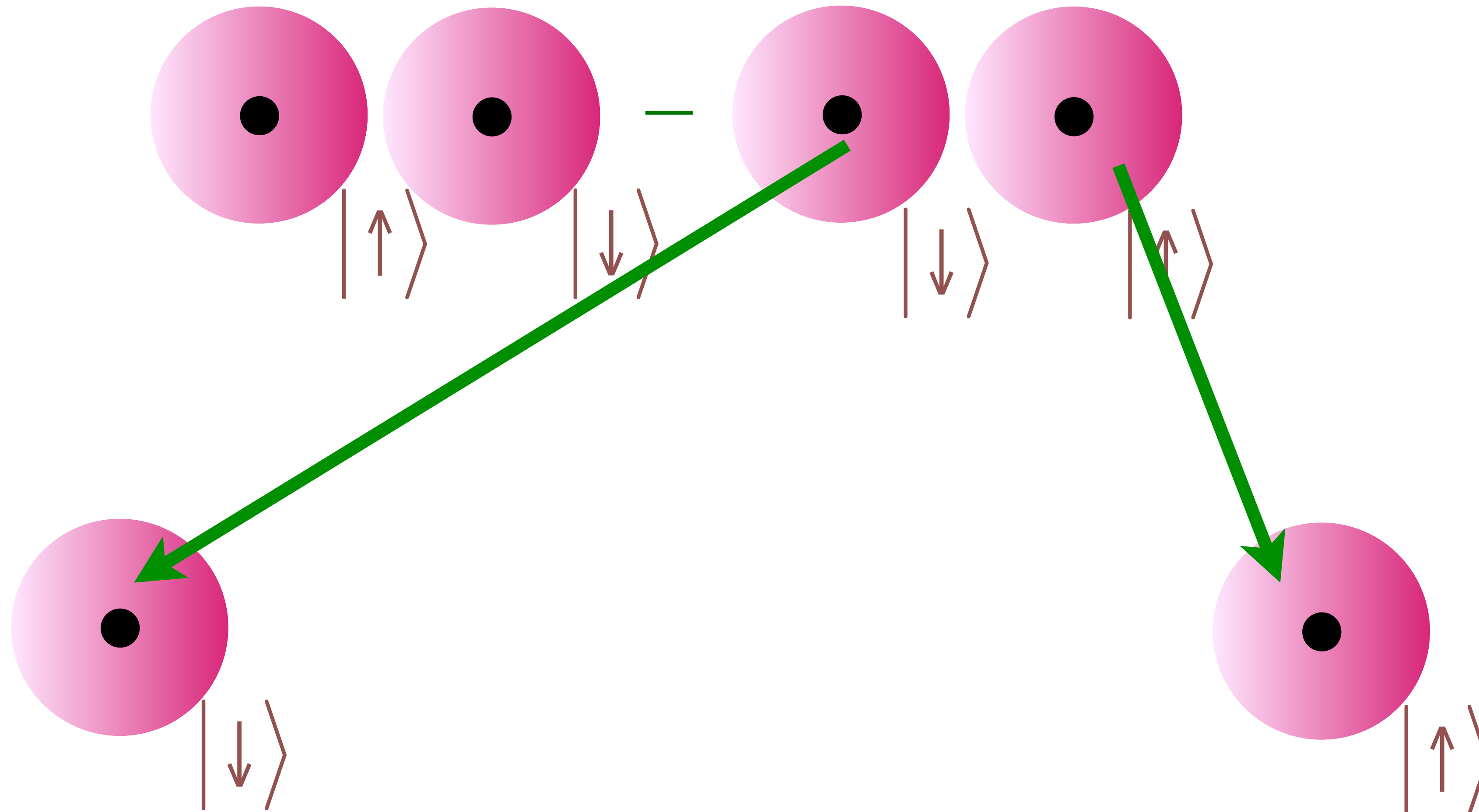
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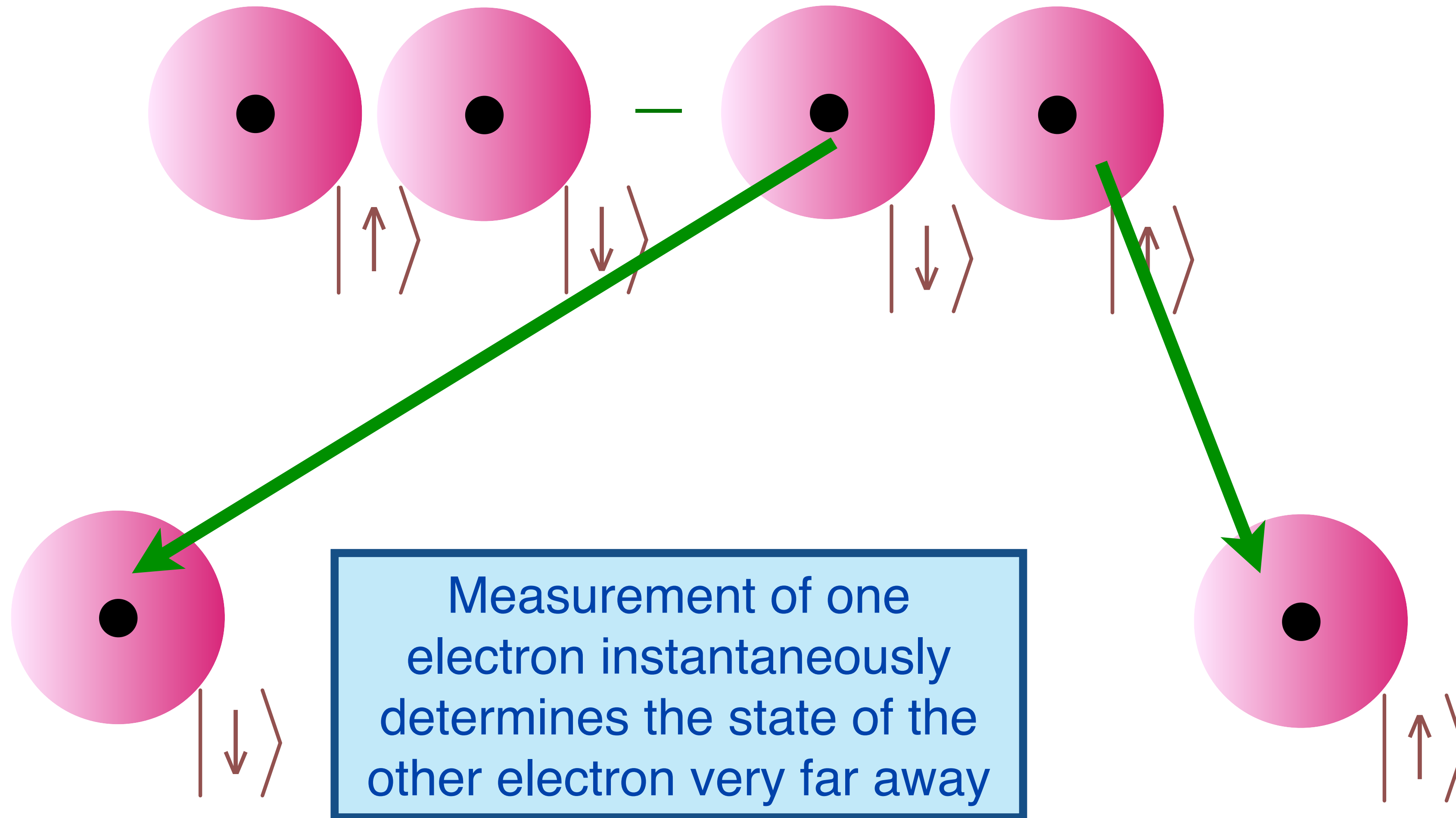
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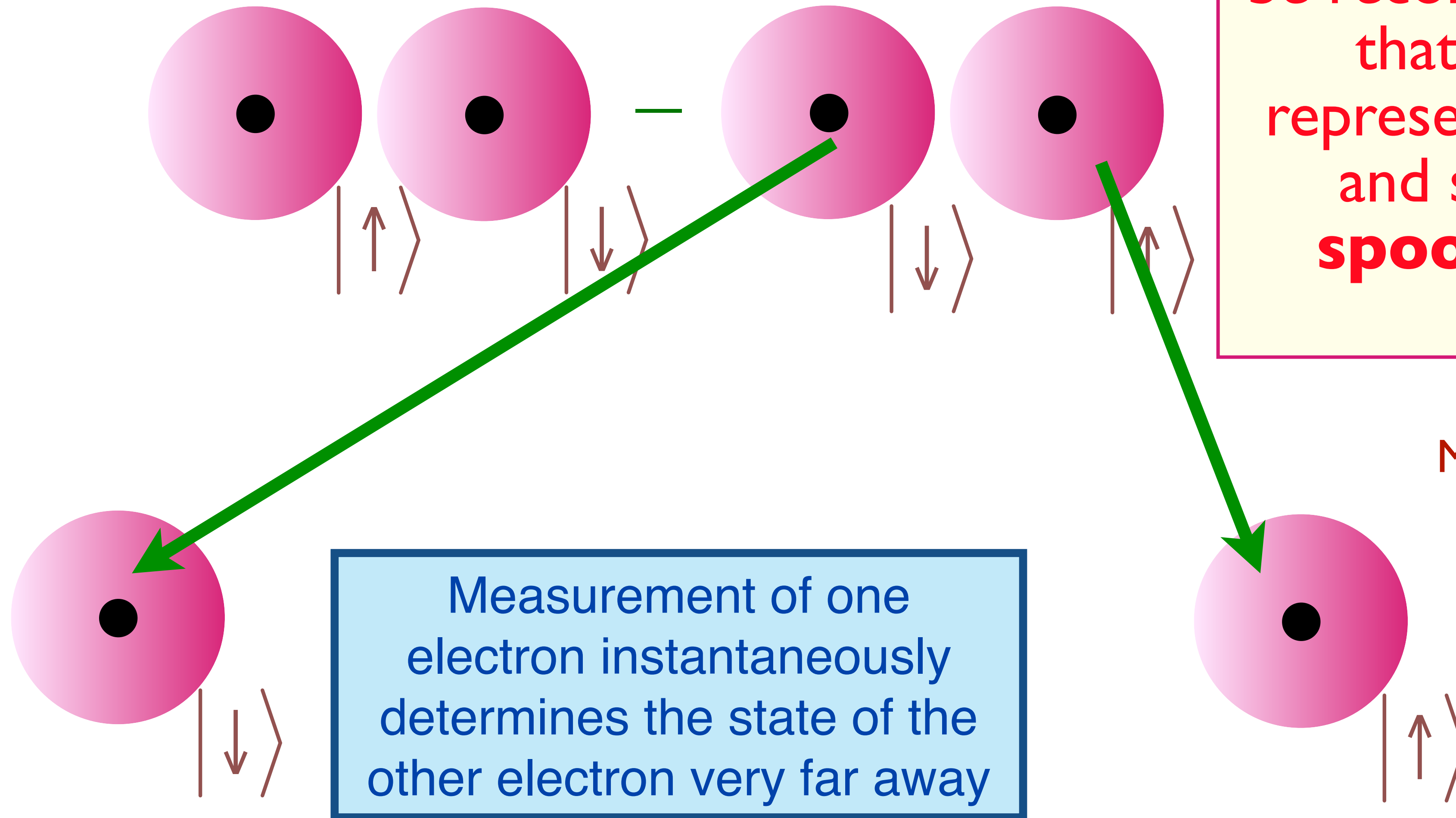


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I cannot seriously believe in it because the theory cannot be reconciled with the idea that physics should represent a reality in time and space, free from **spooky actions at distance**

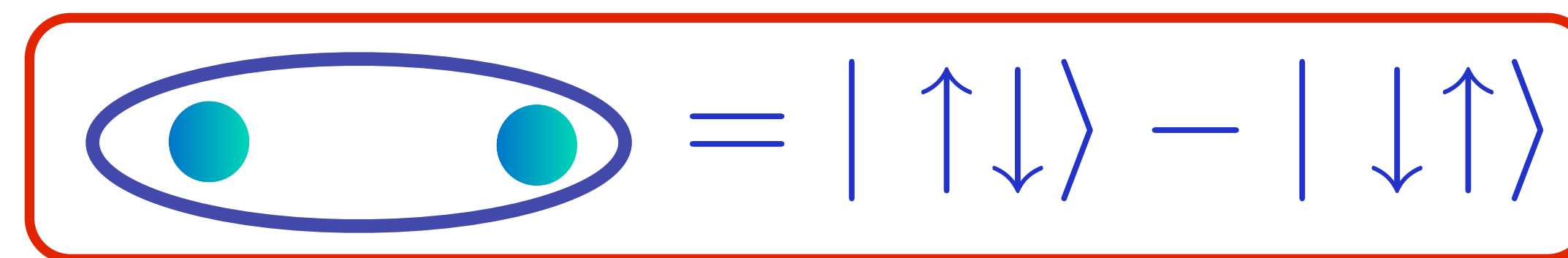
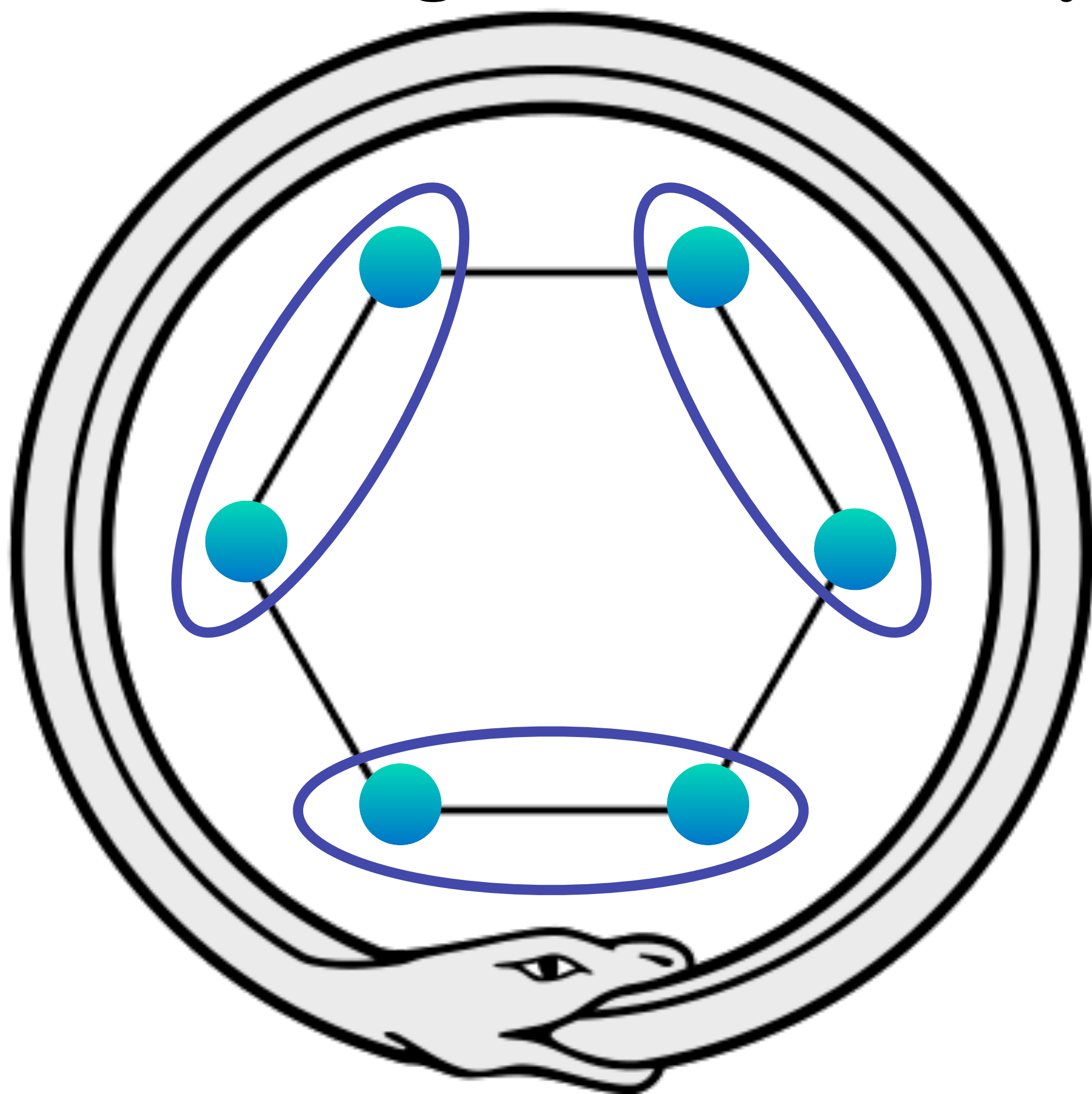
Albert Einstein to Max Born, 3 March 1947



How about quantum entanglement
of 3, 4, 5, \dots ∞ particles?

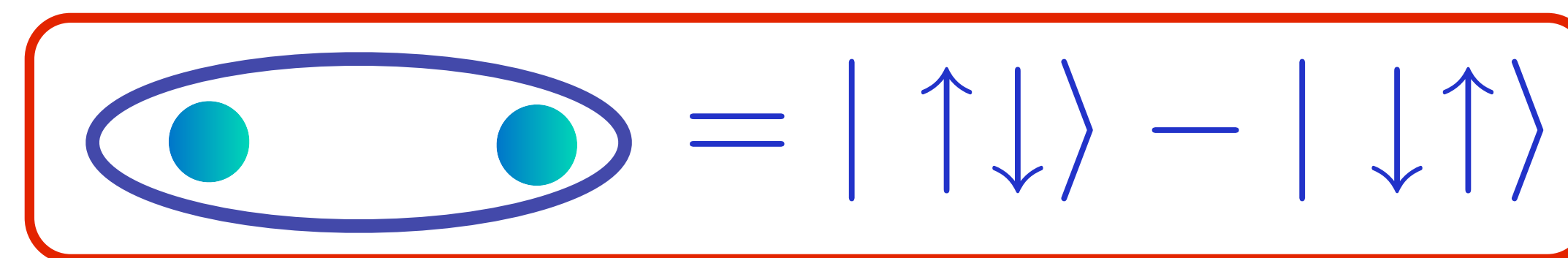
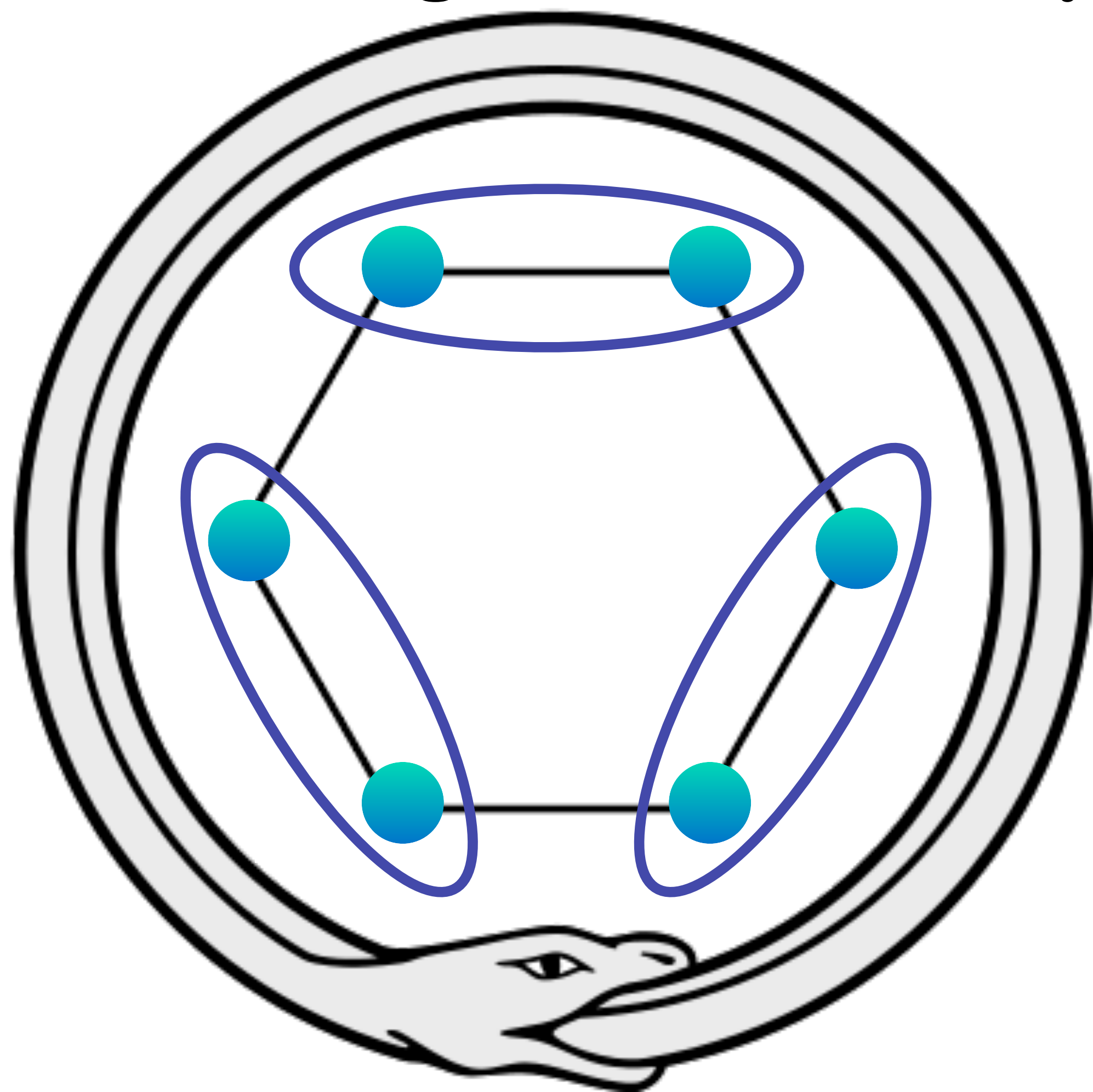
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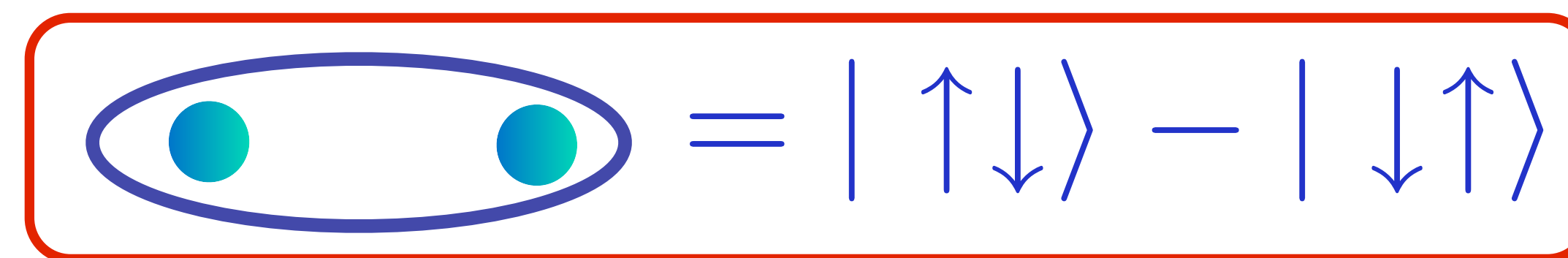
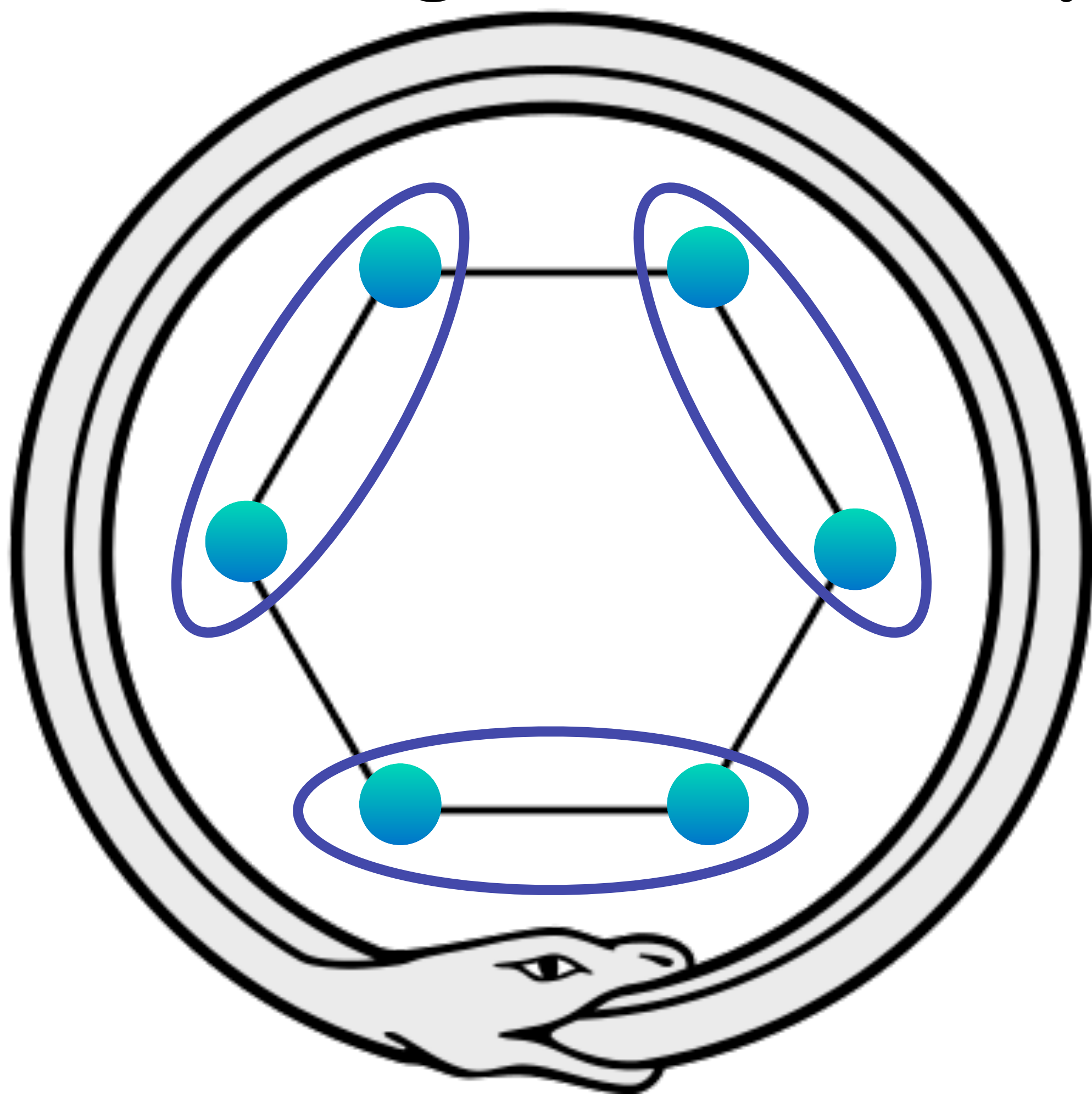
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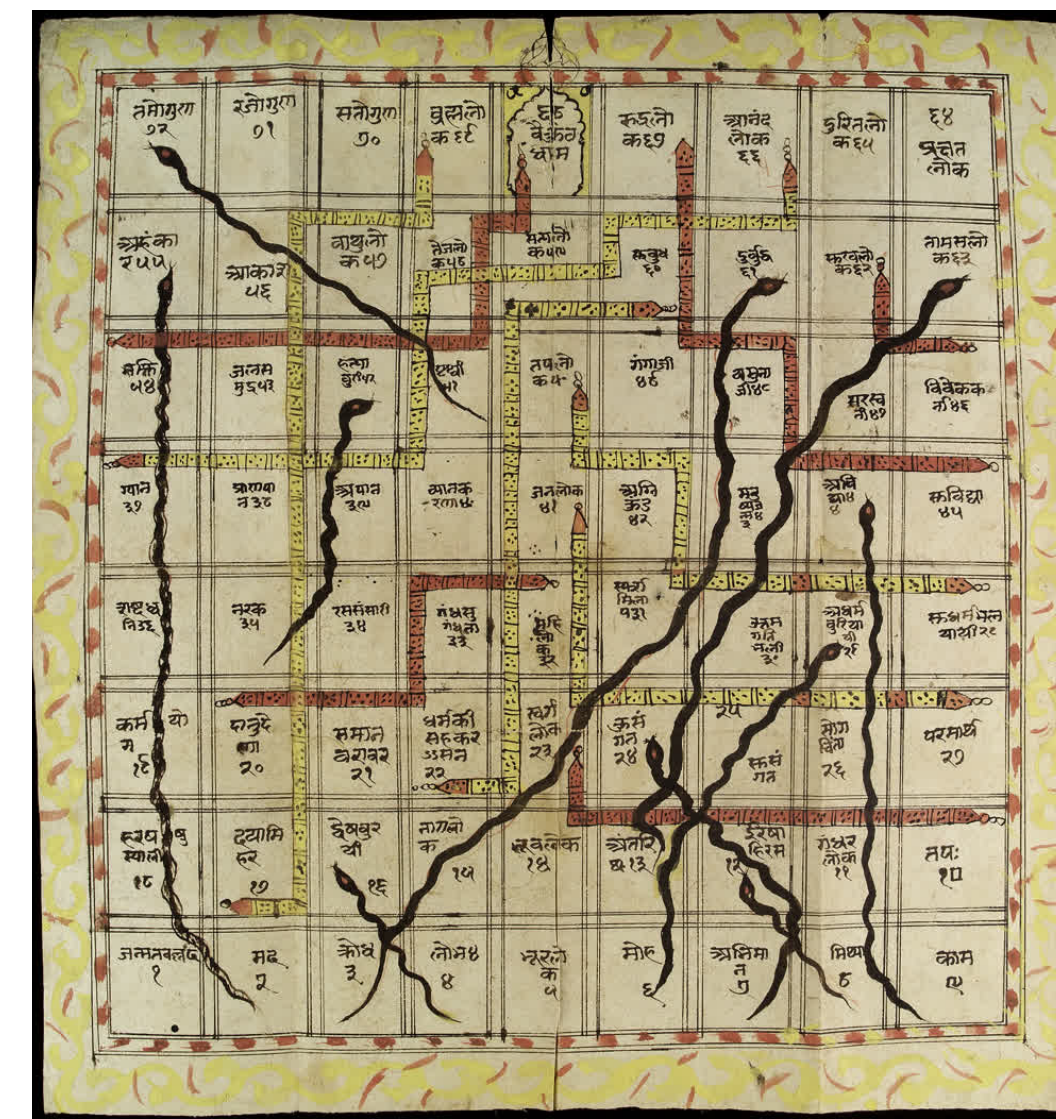


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My spooky dream*: Ancient Indian game of Snakes and Ladders



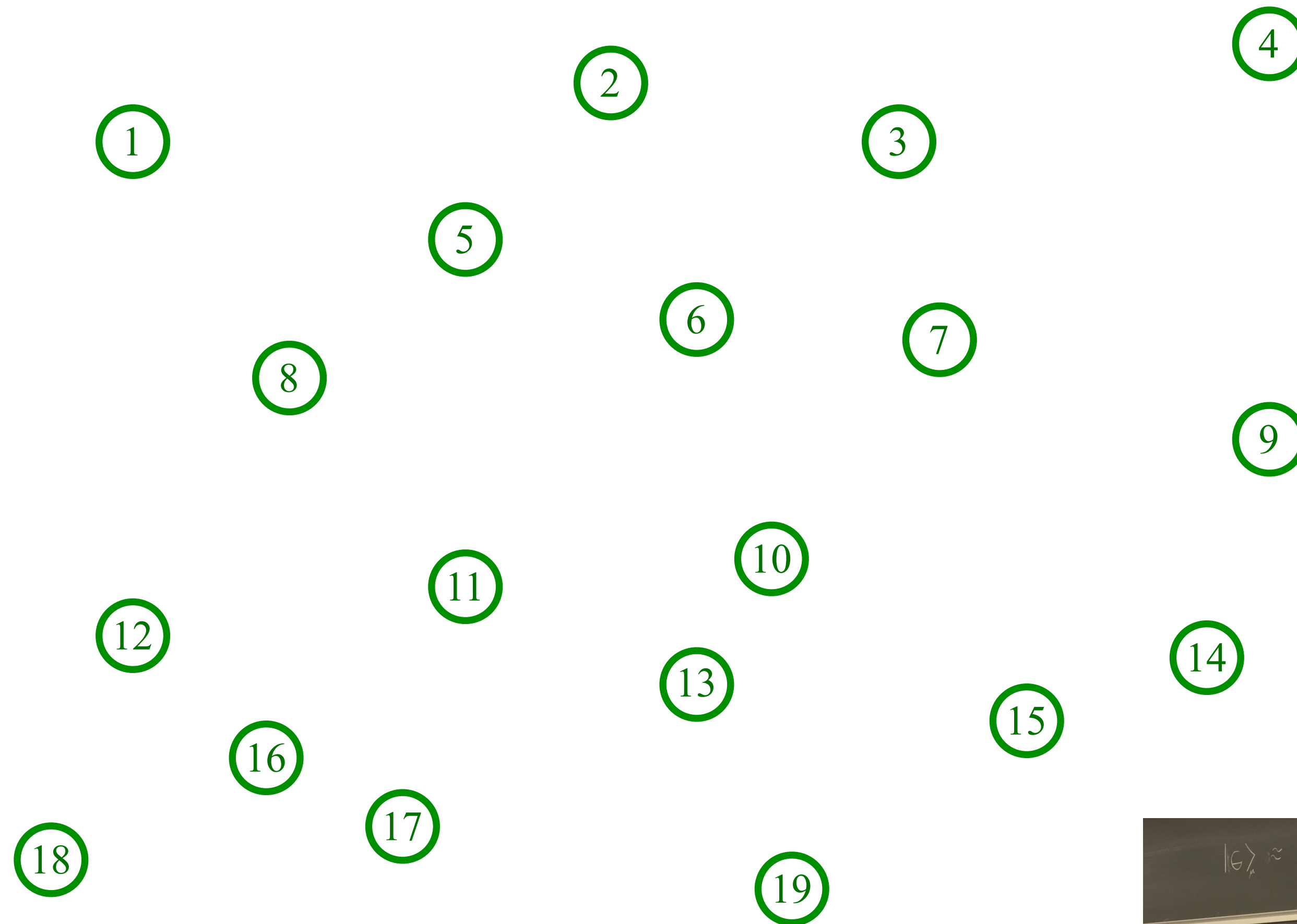
A solvable model of multi-particle entanglement
which accounts for quantum interference
between successive collisions:

leading to a metal with no
particle-like excitations

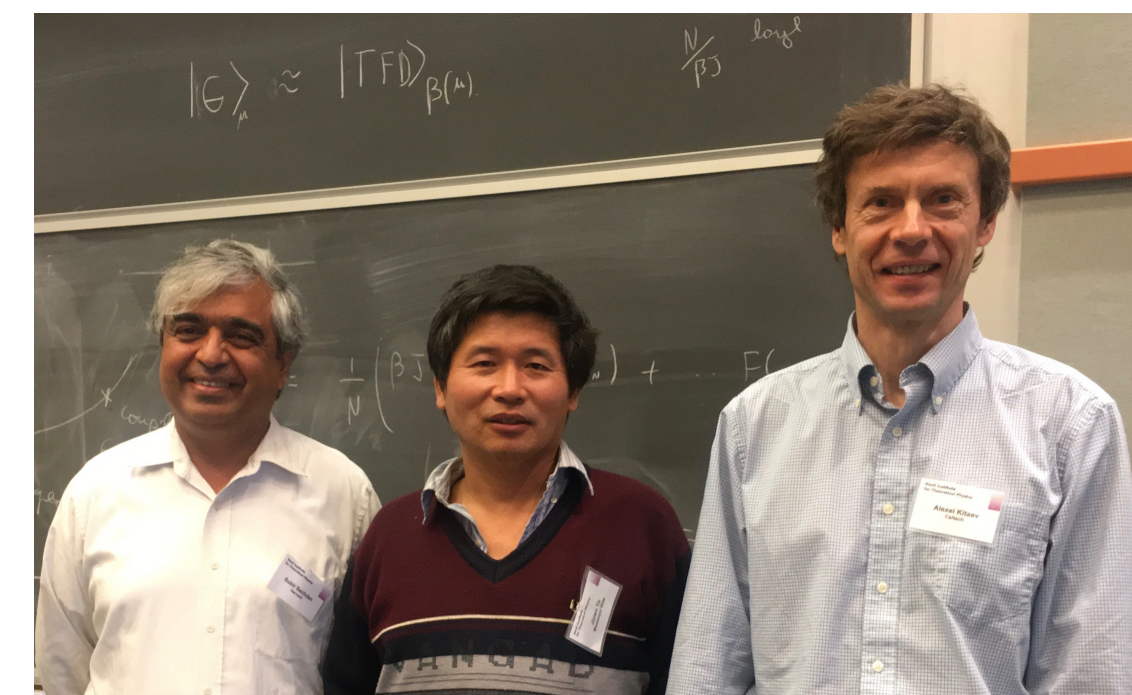
*Not true

The SYK model

Sachdev, Ye (1993); Kitaev (2015)

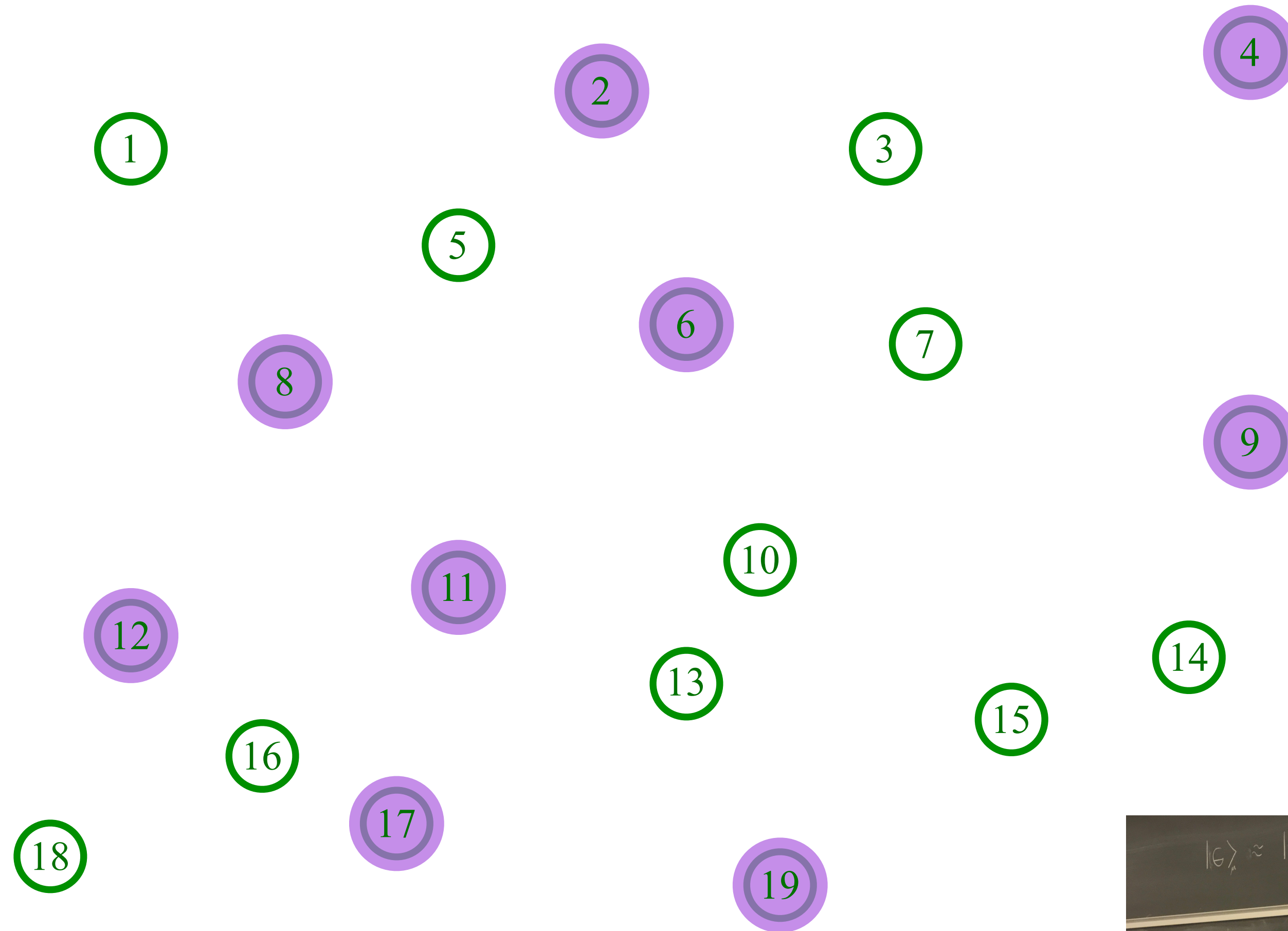


Pick a set of random positions

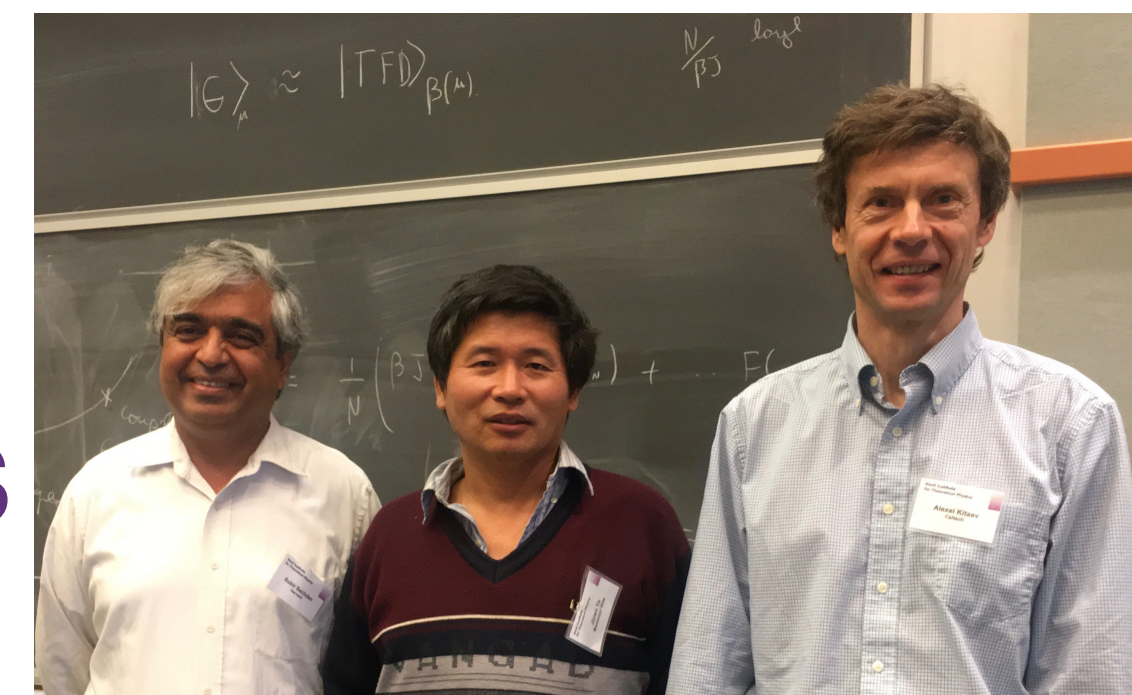


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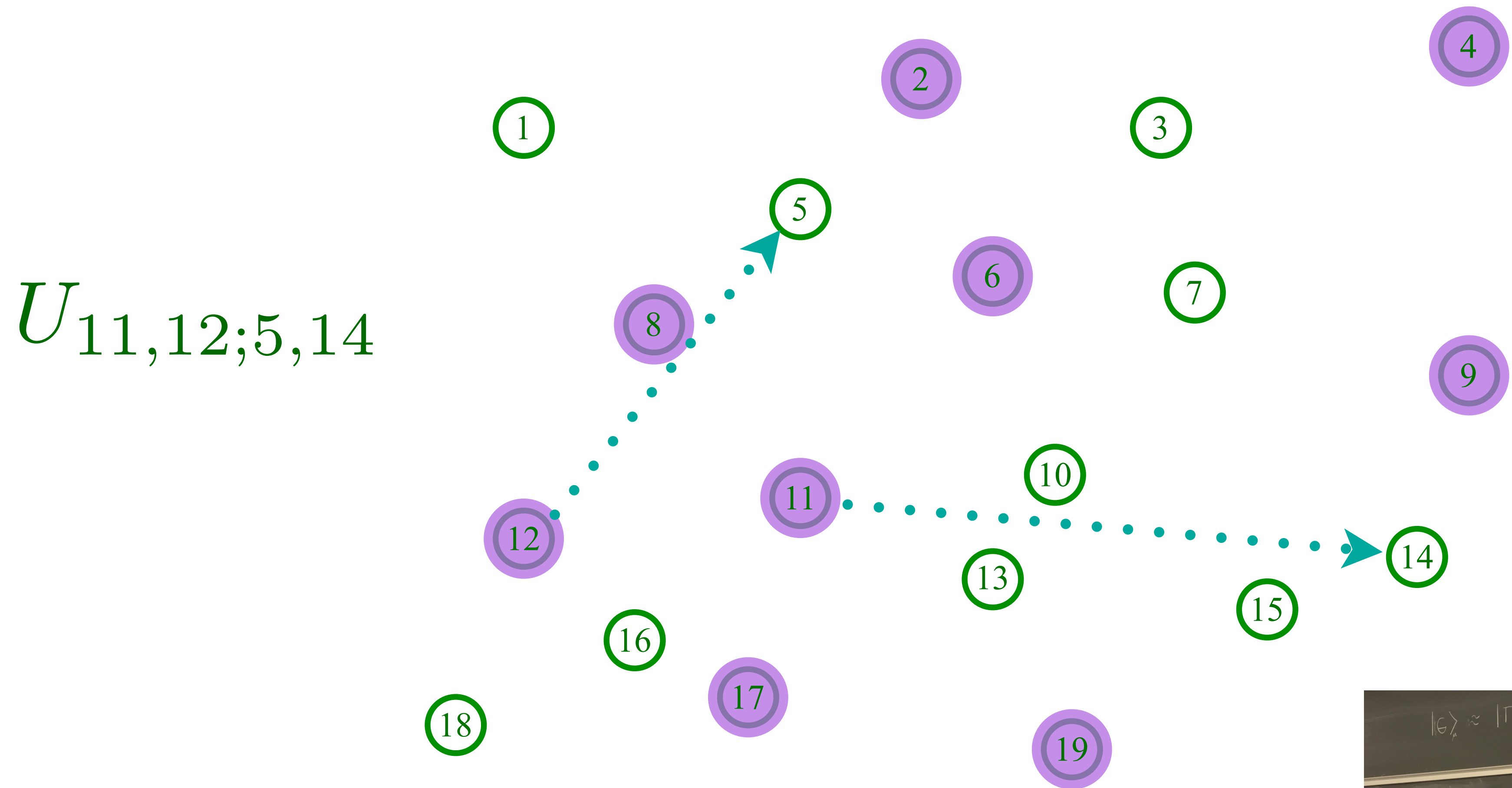


Place electrons randomly on some sites



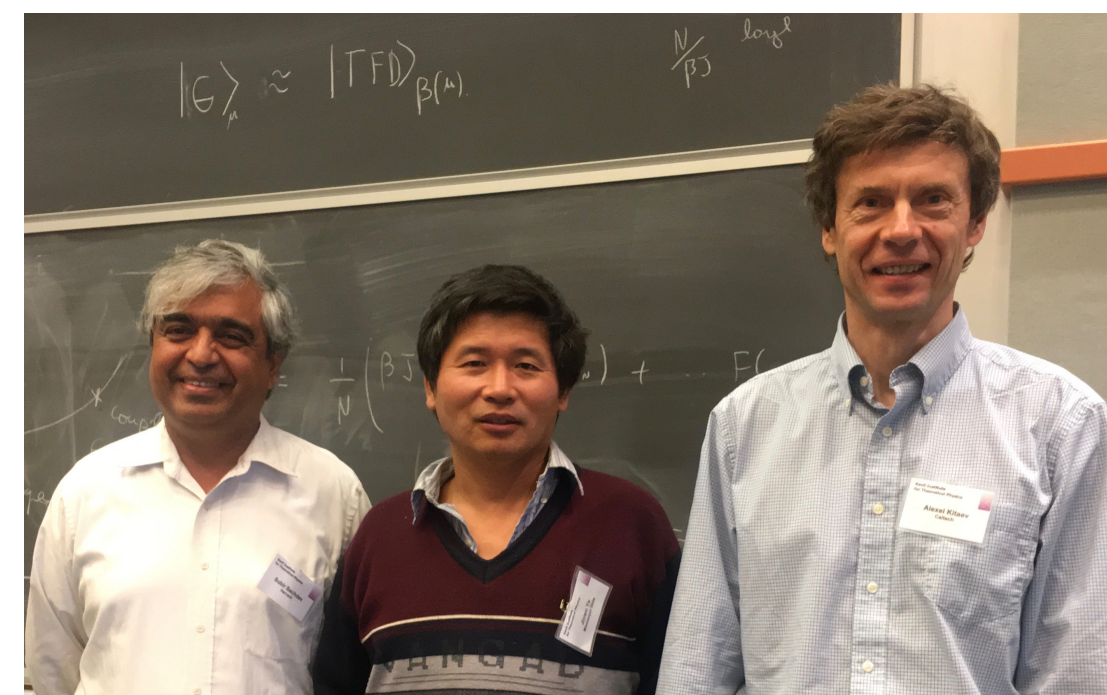
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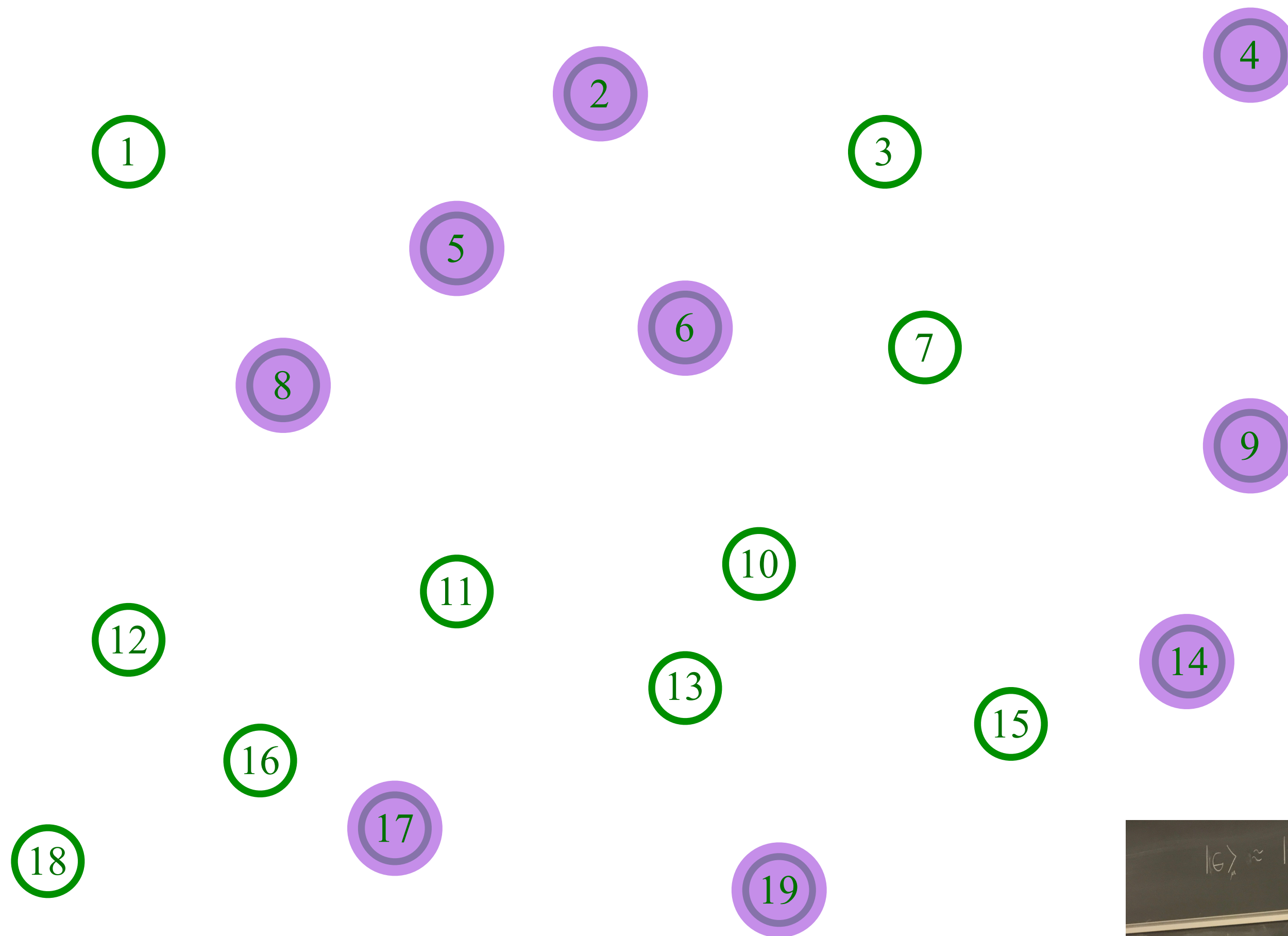
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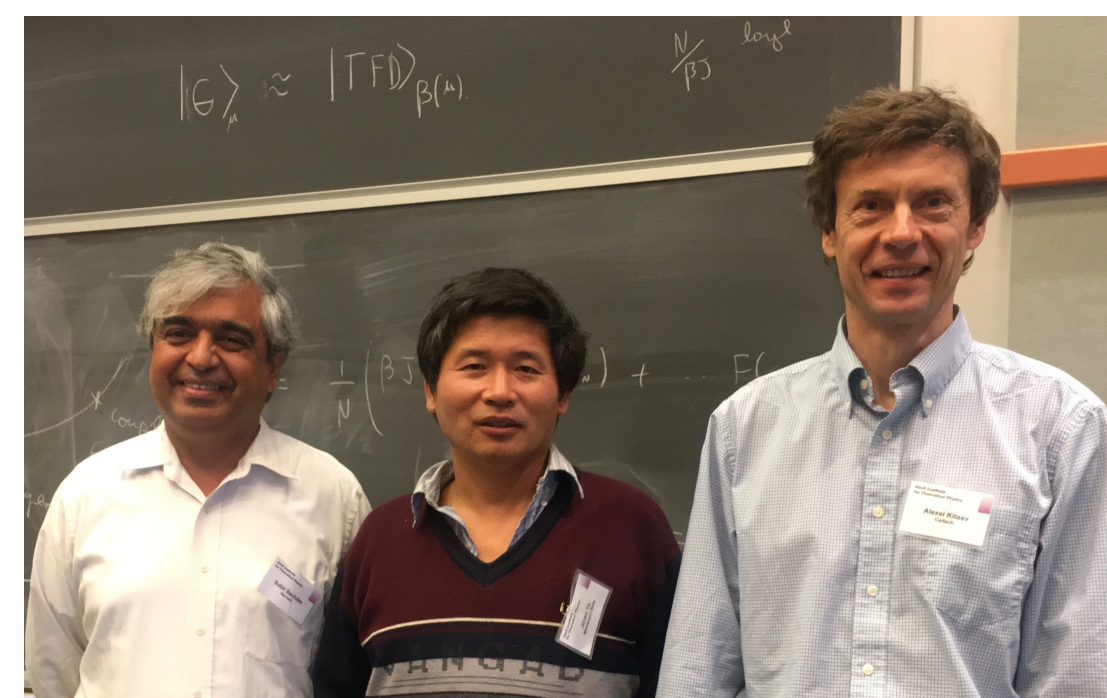
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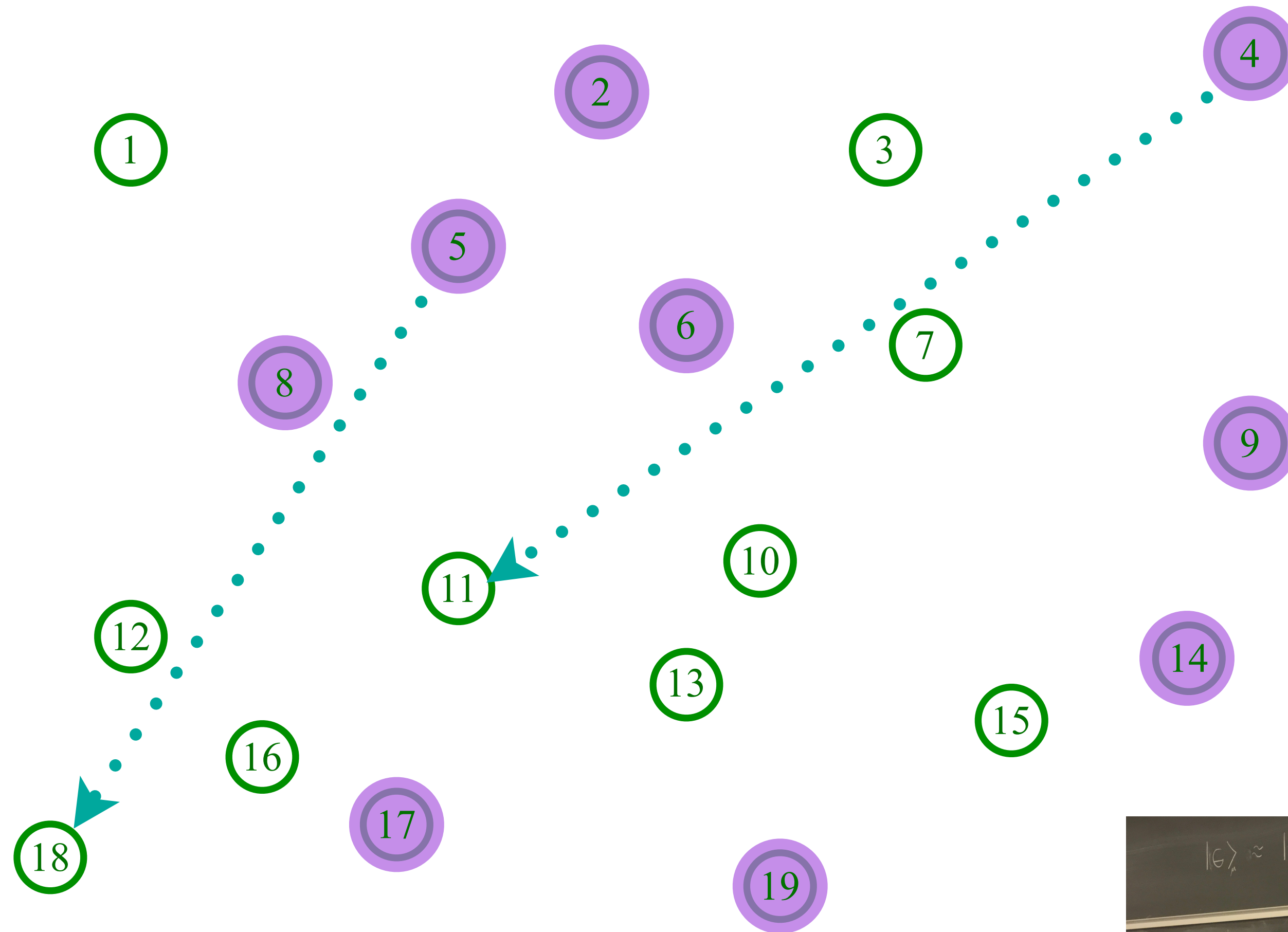
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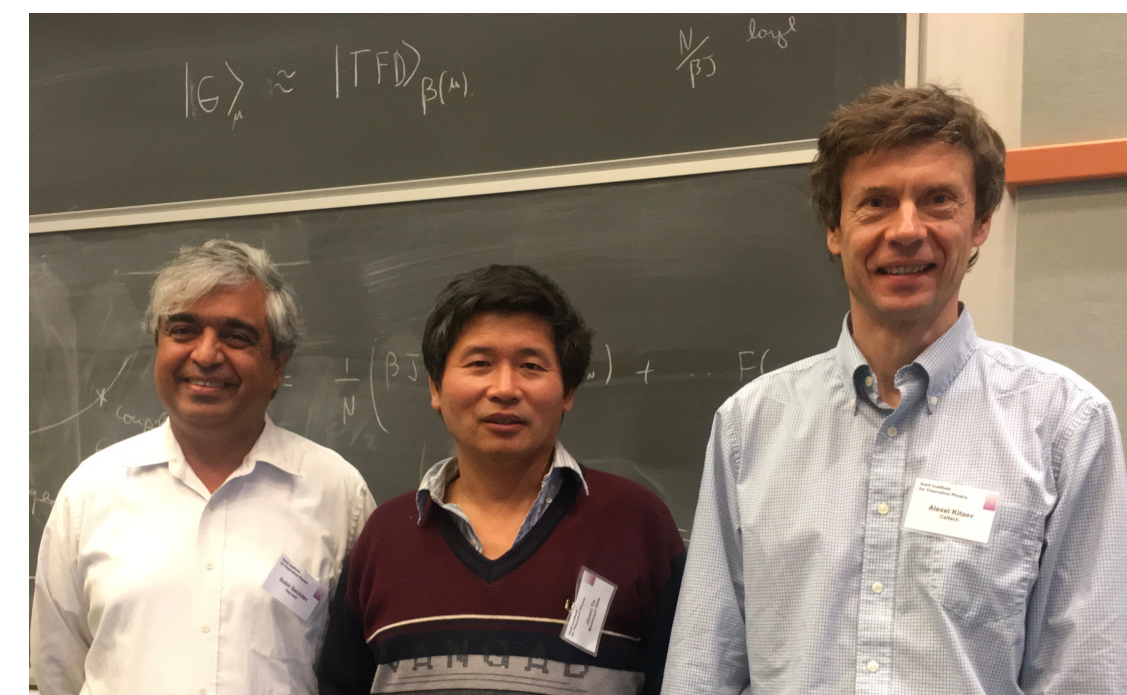
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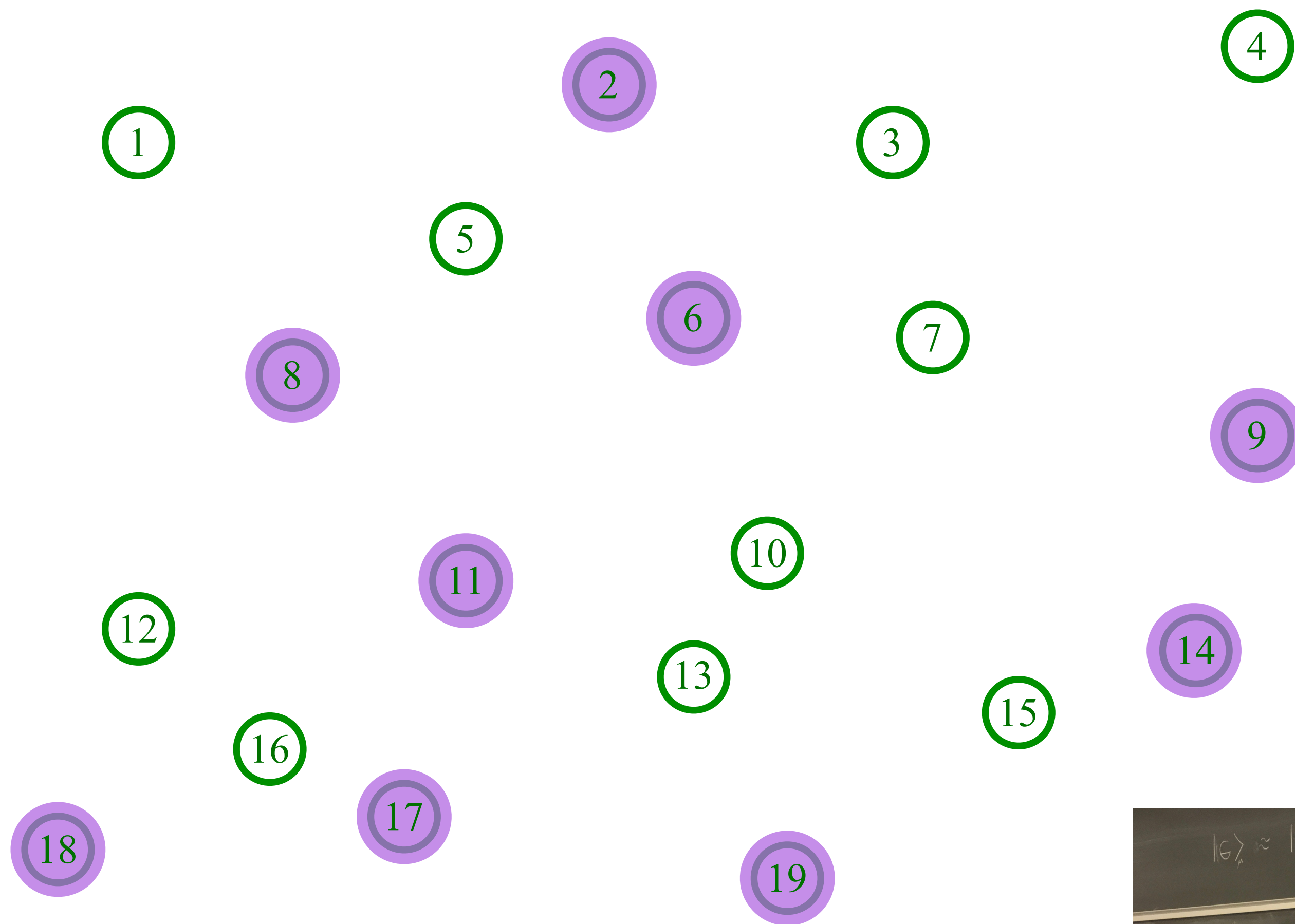
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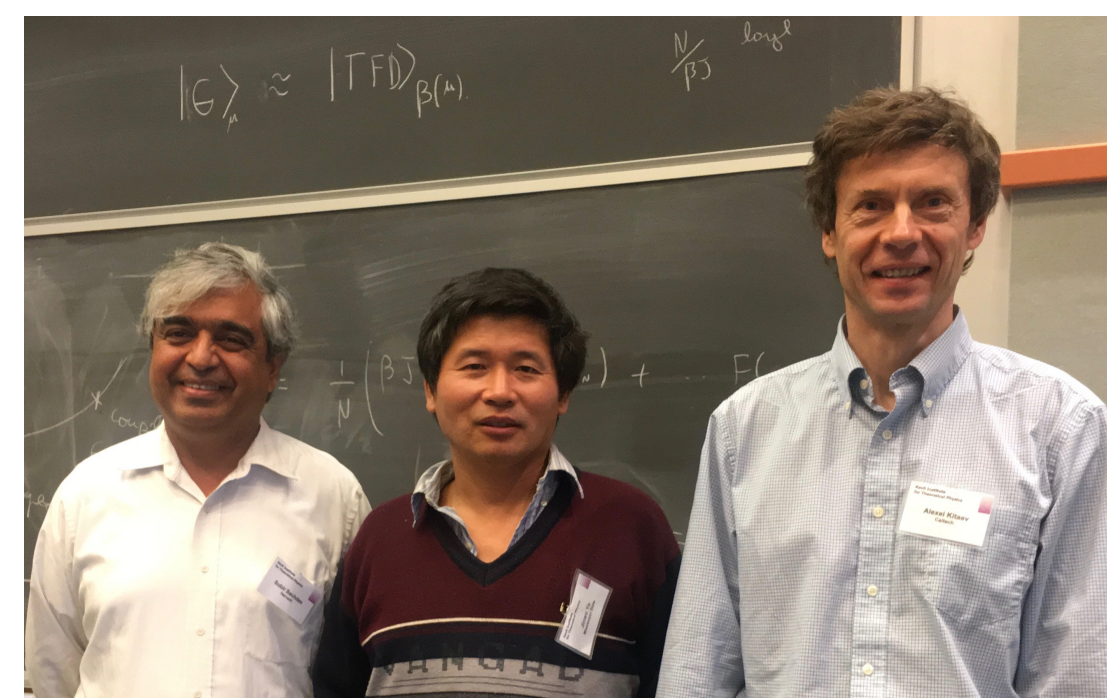
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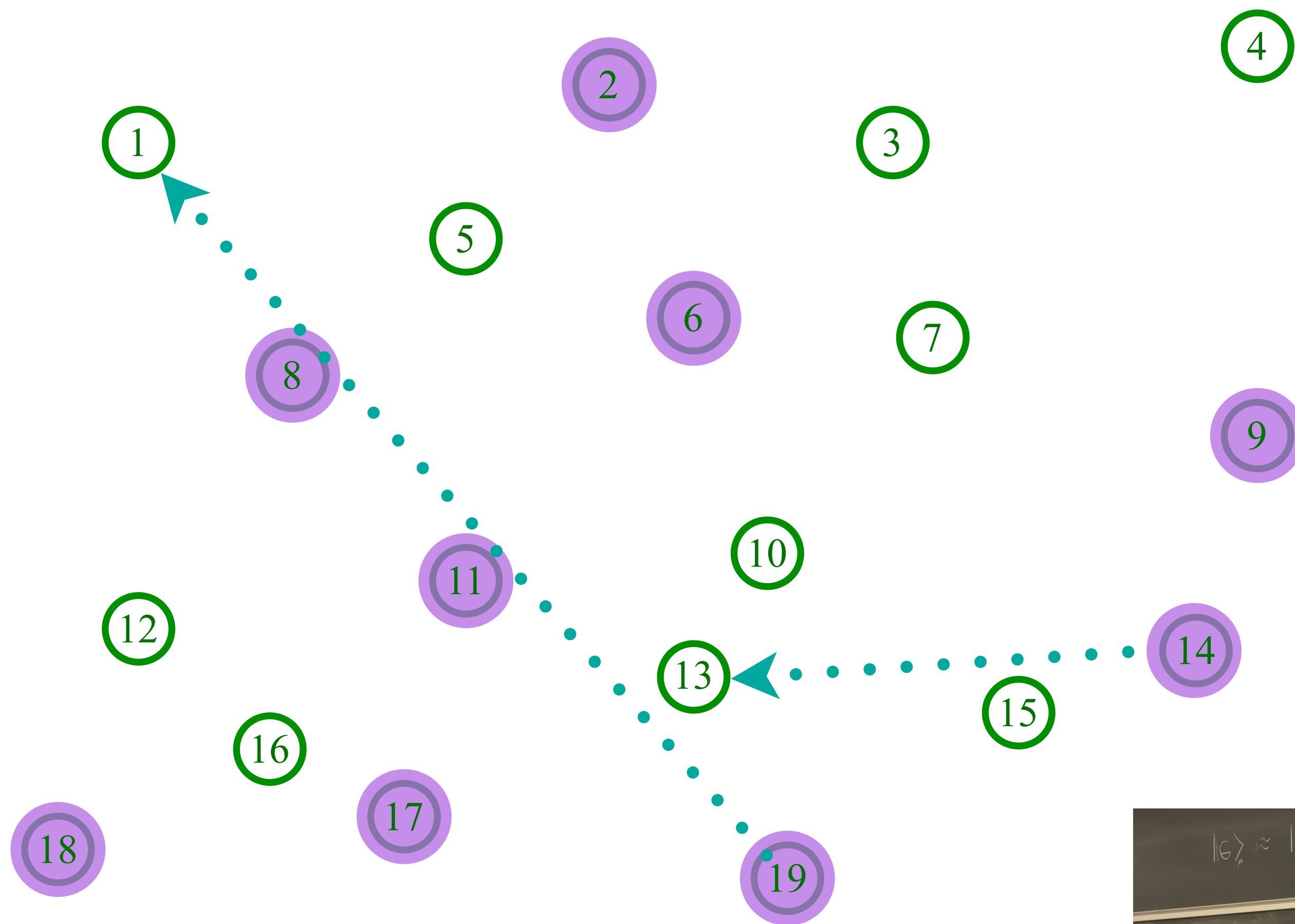
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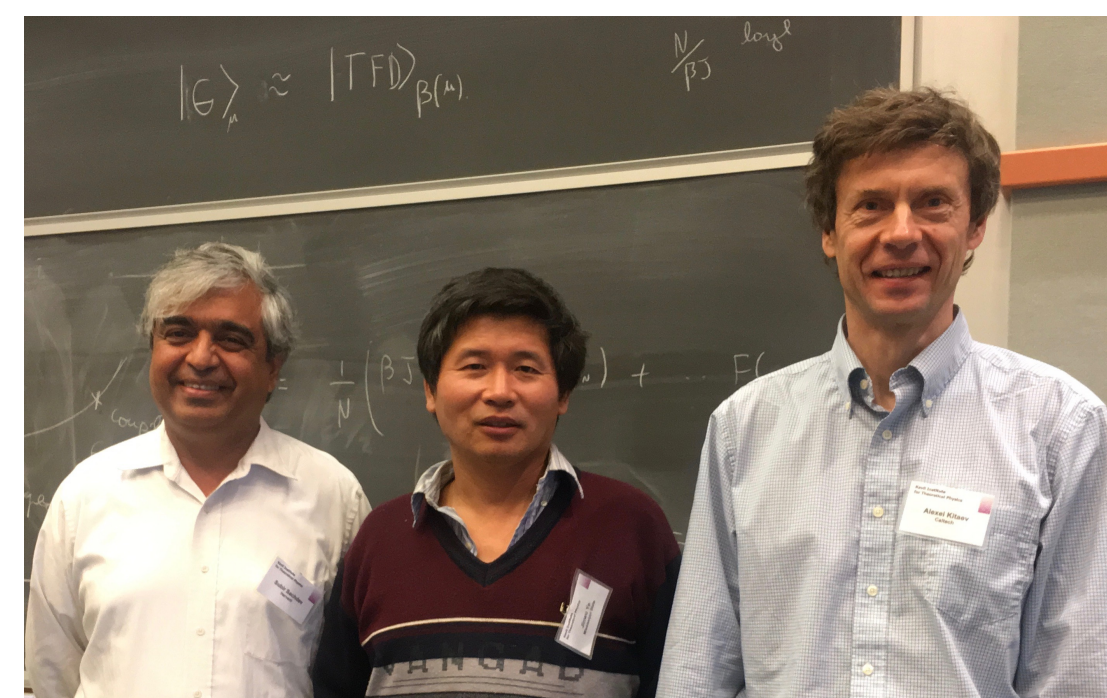
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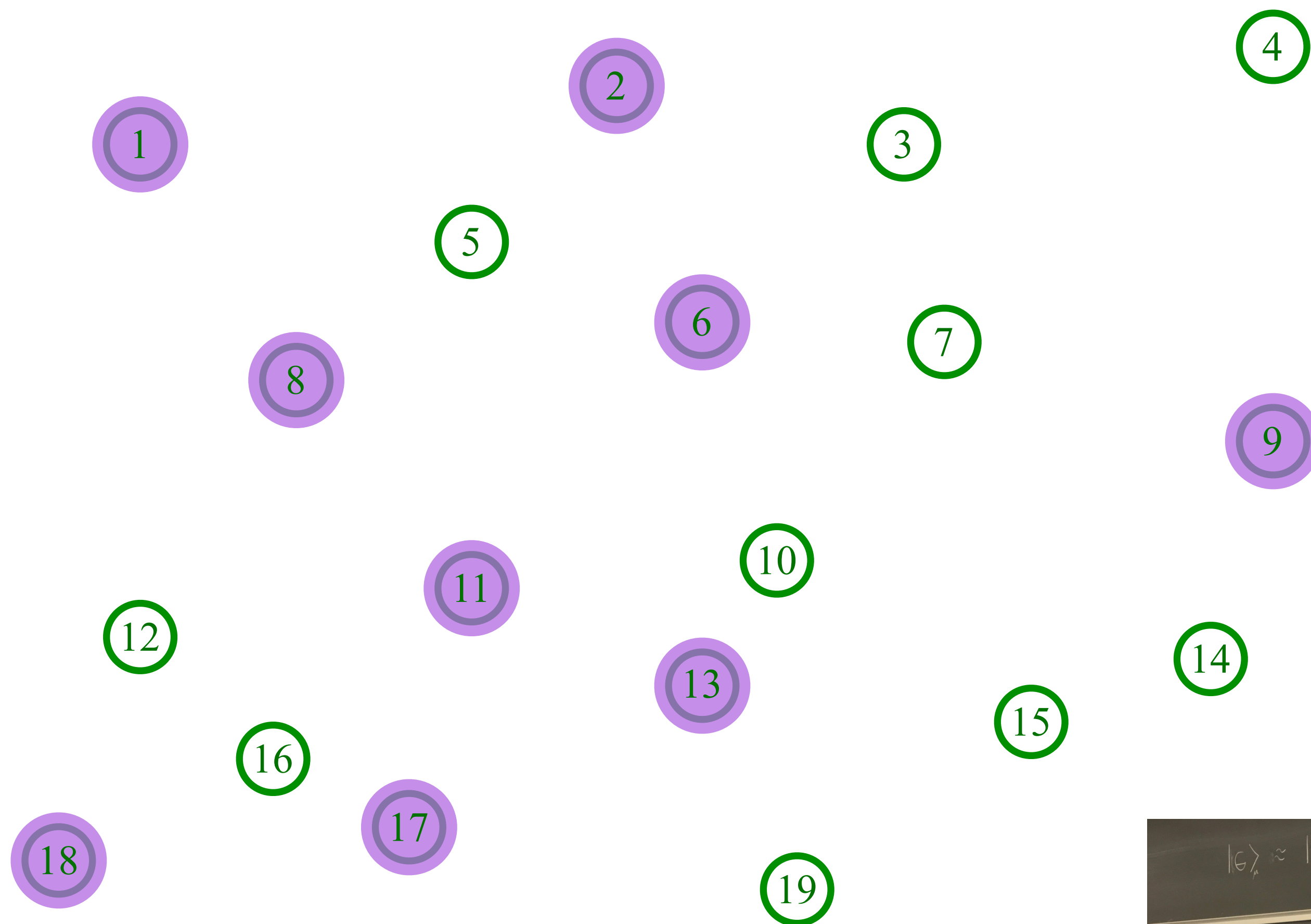
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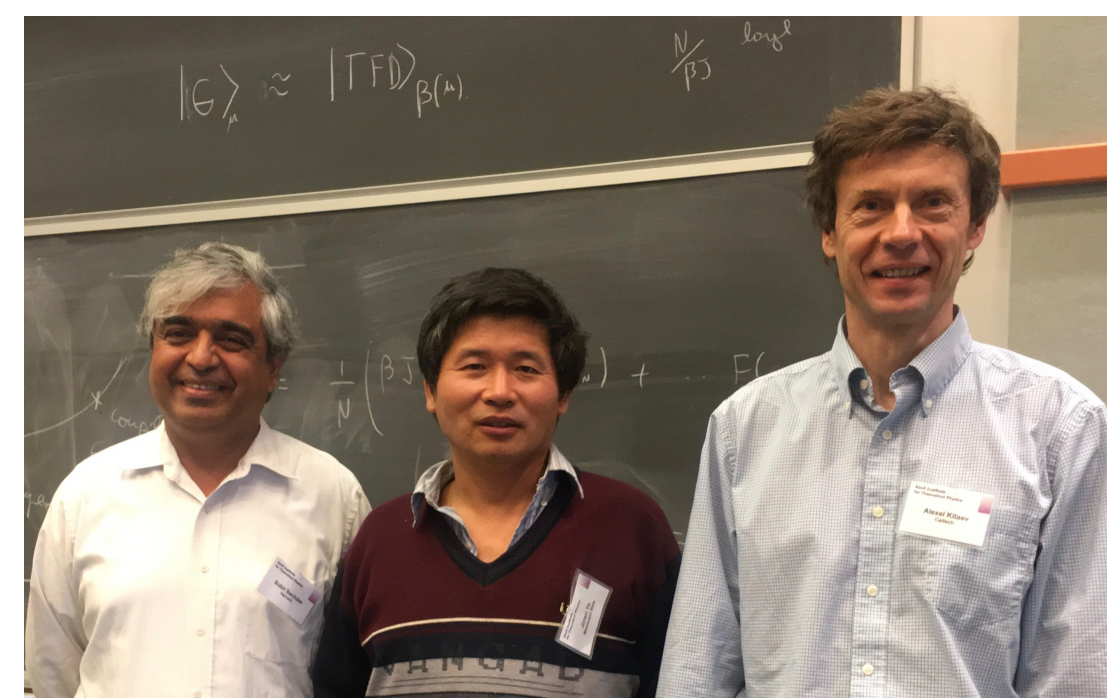
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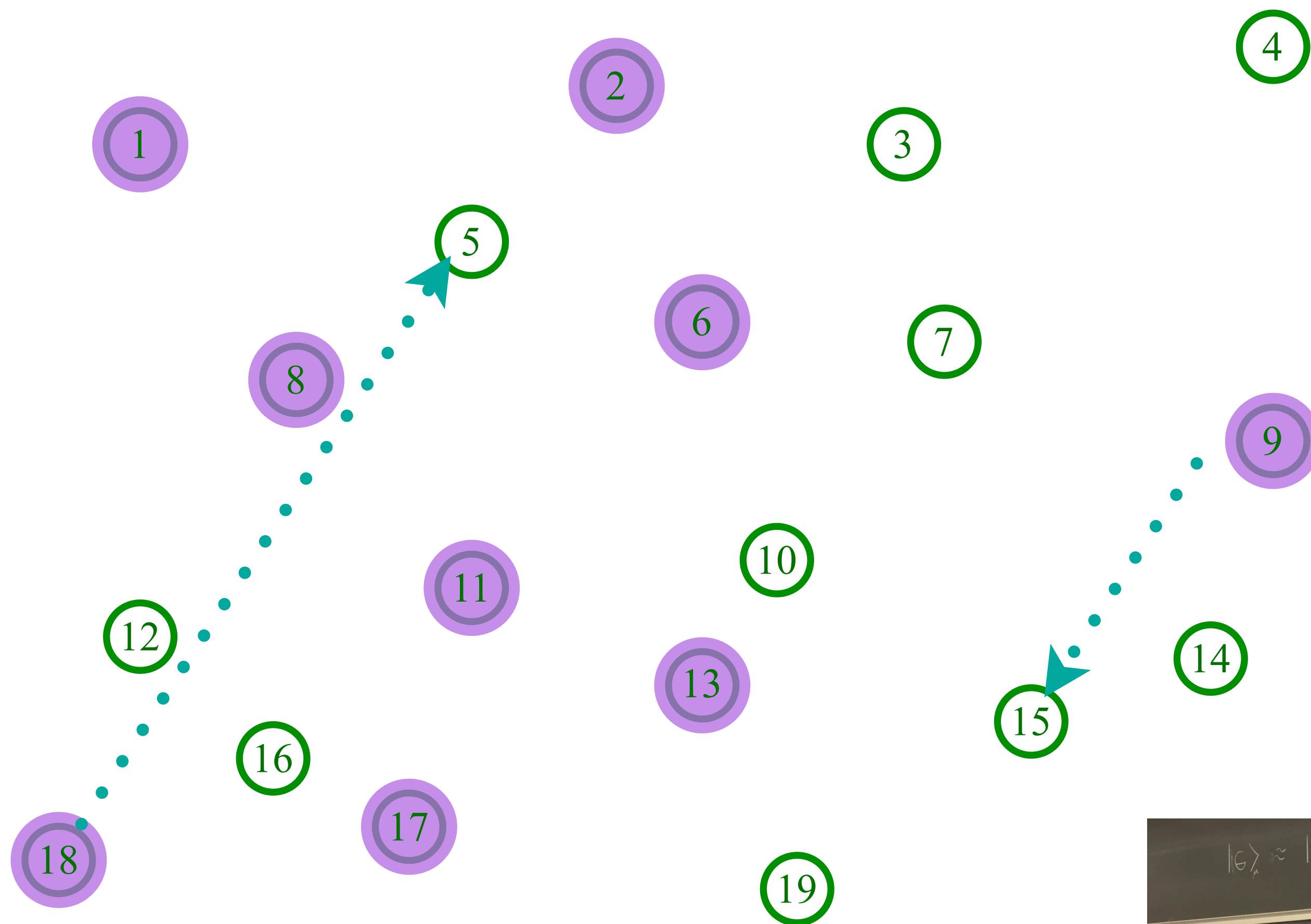
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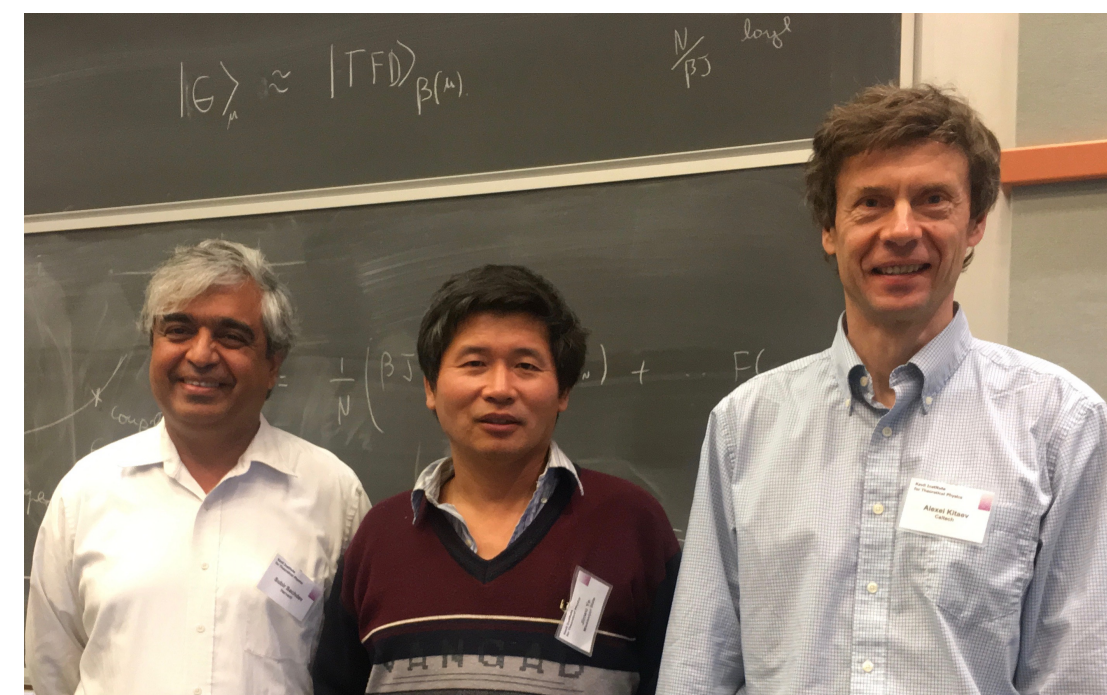
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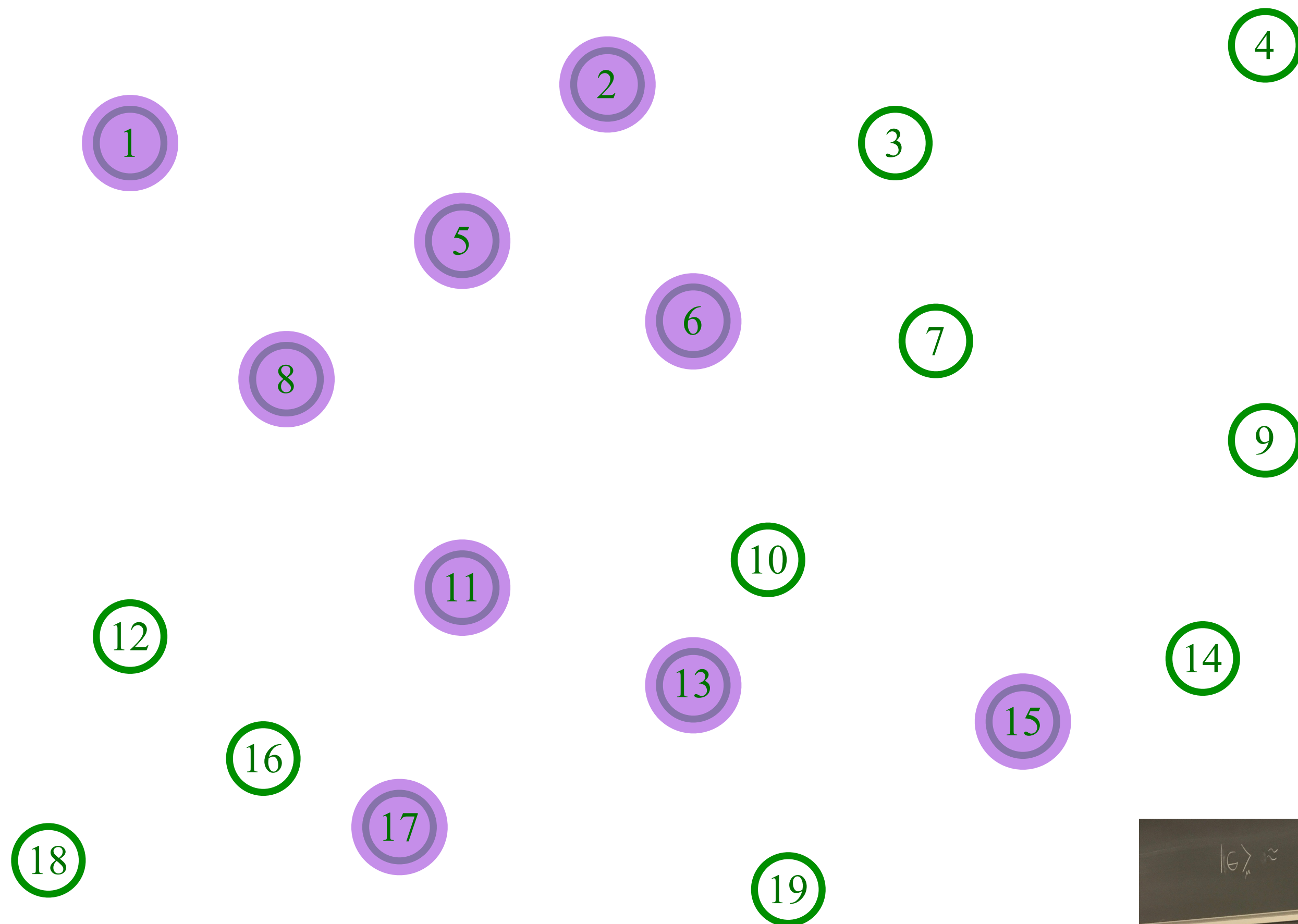
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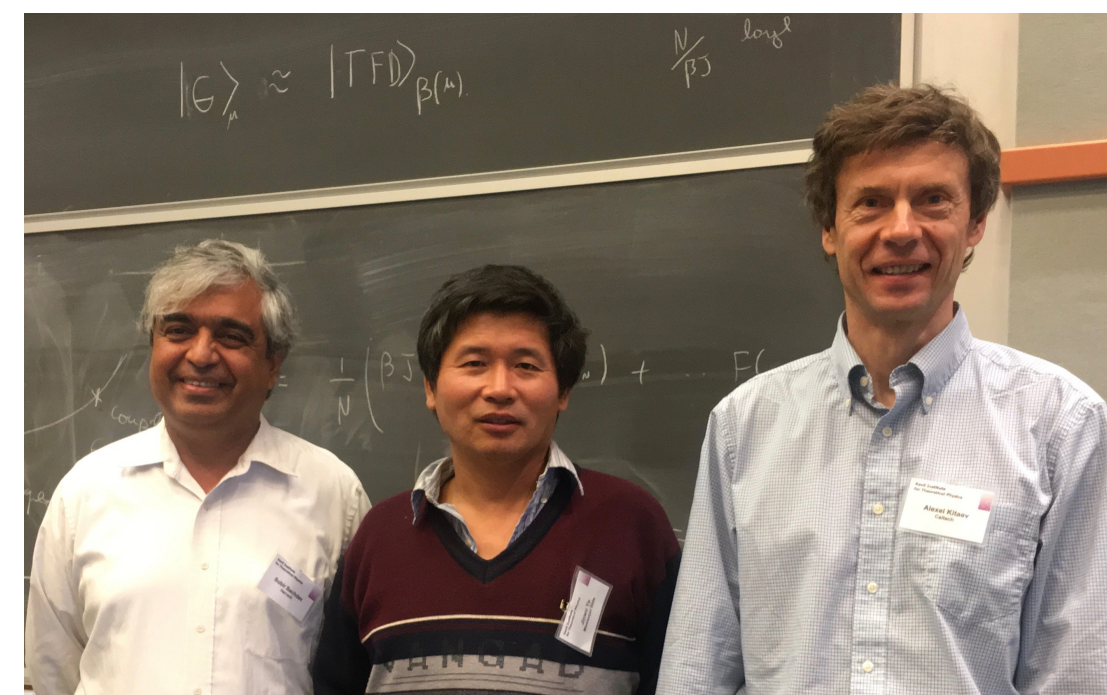
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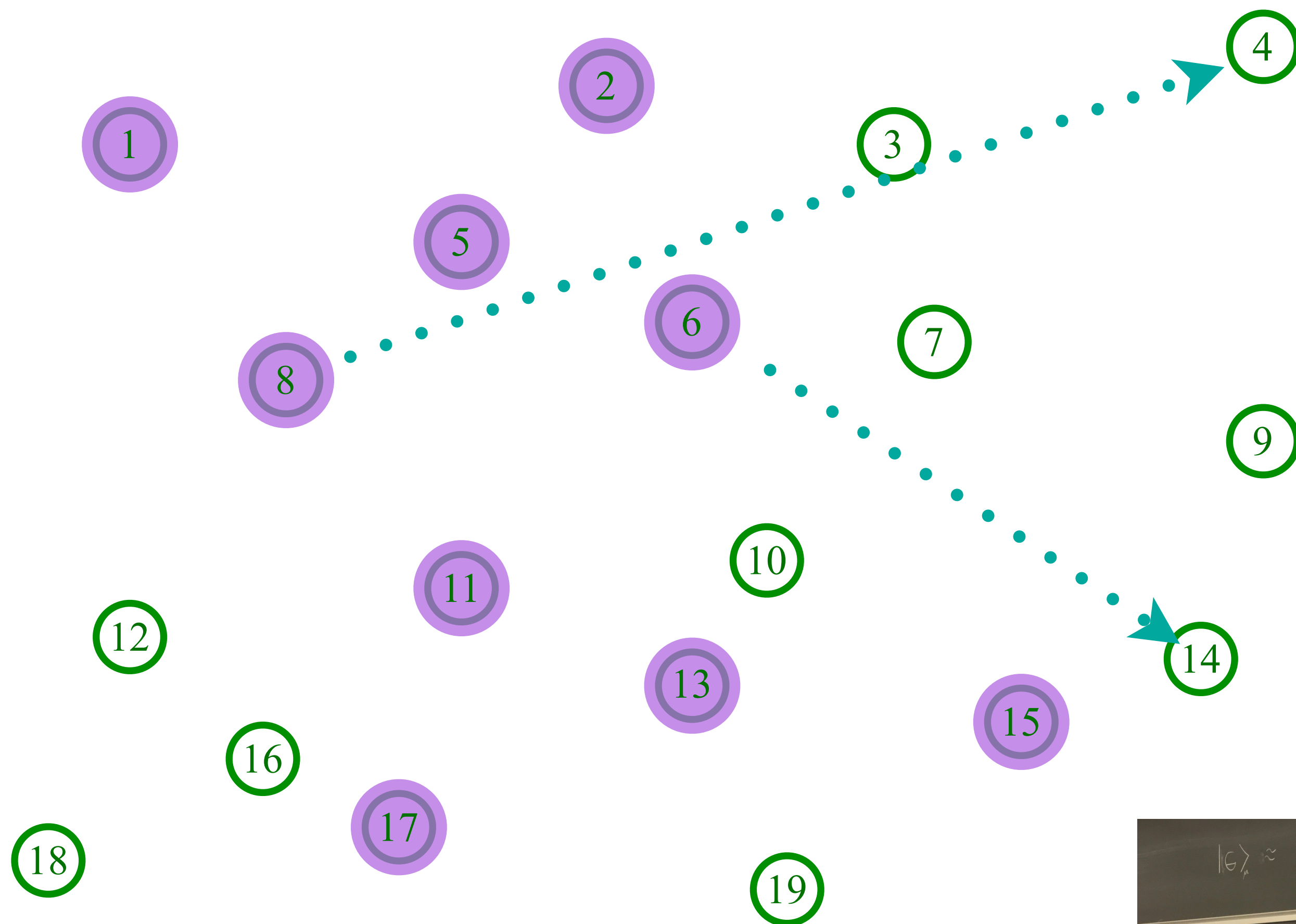
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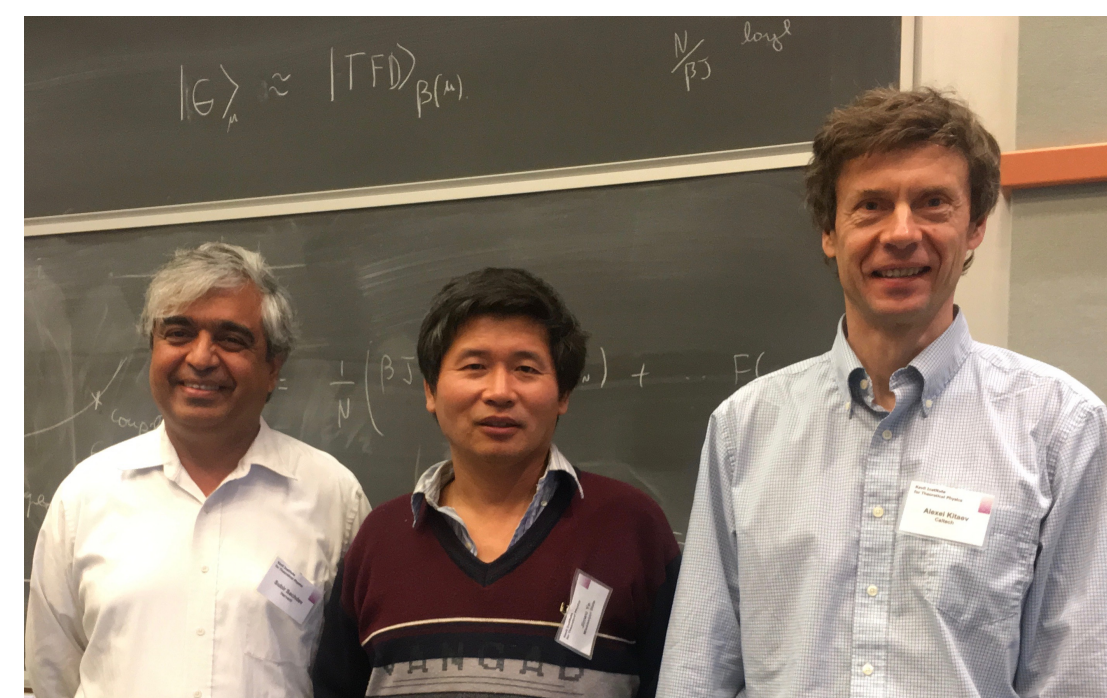
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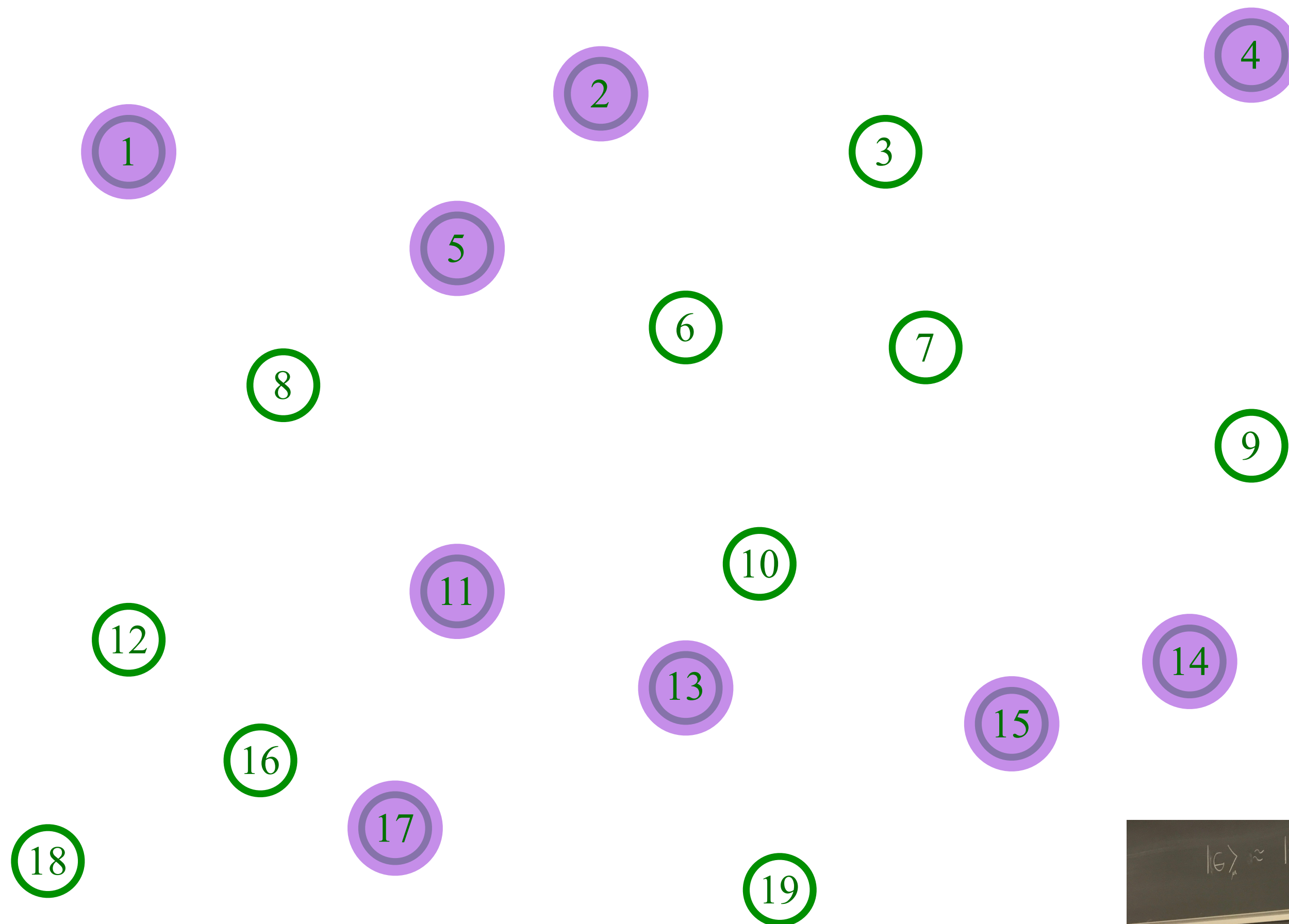
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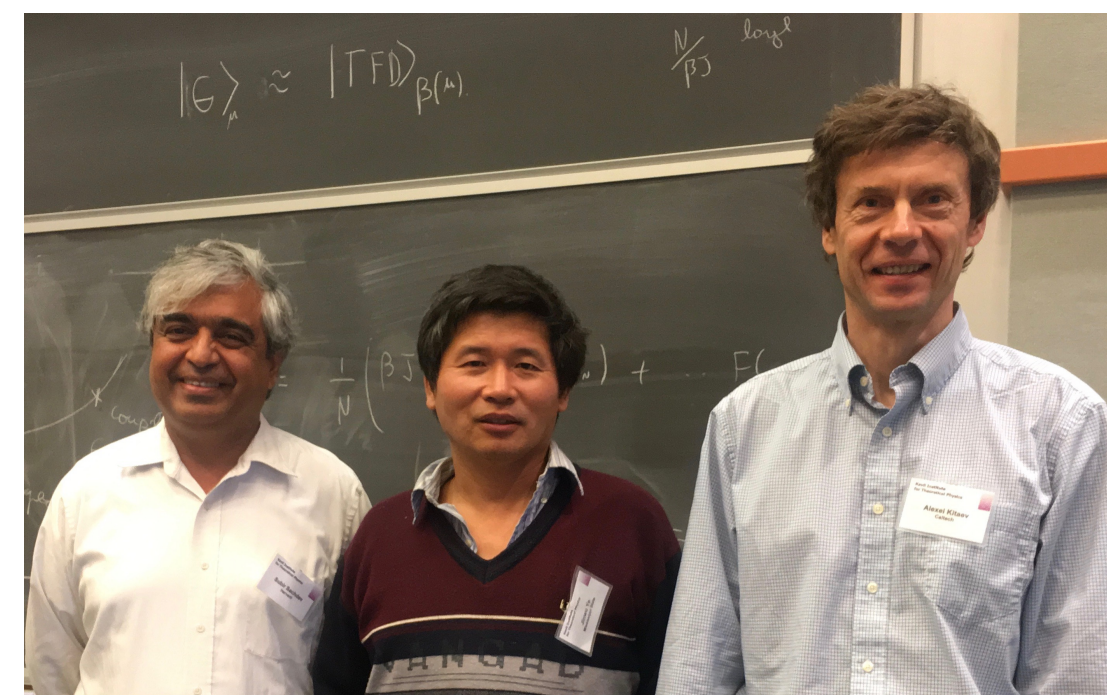
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(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large N limit;
T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

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

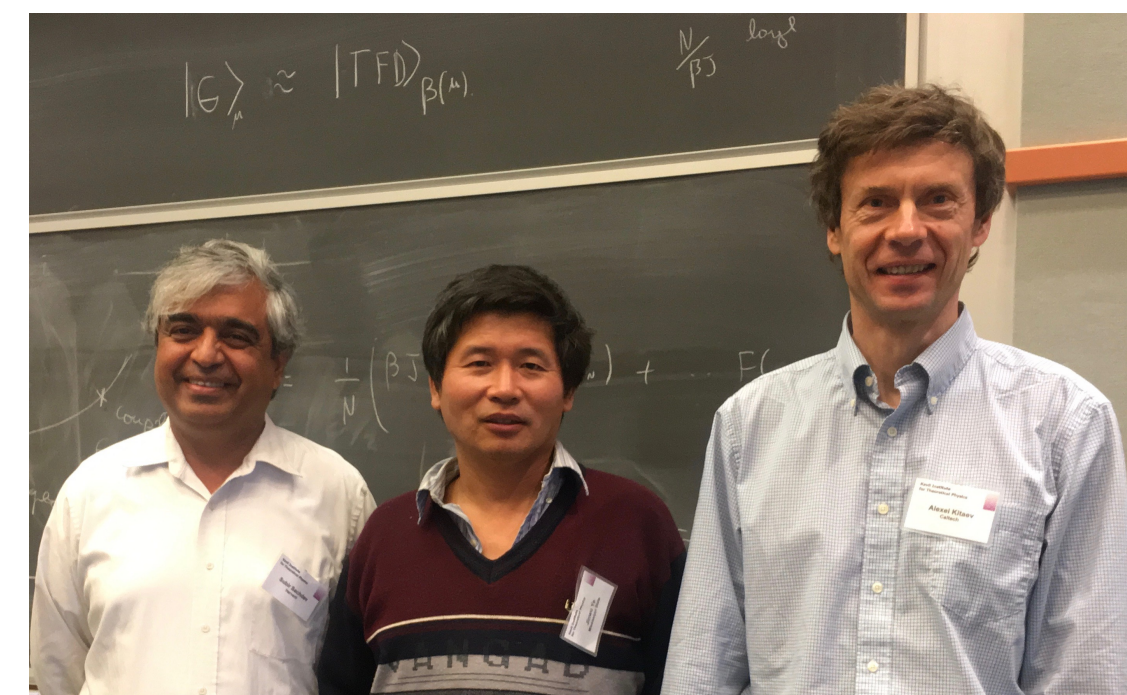
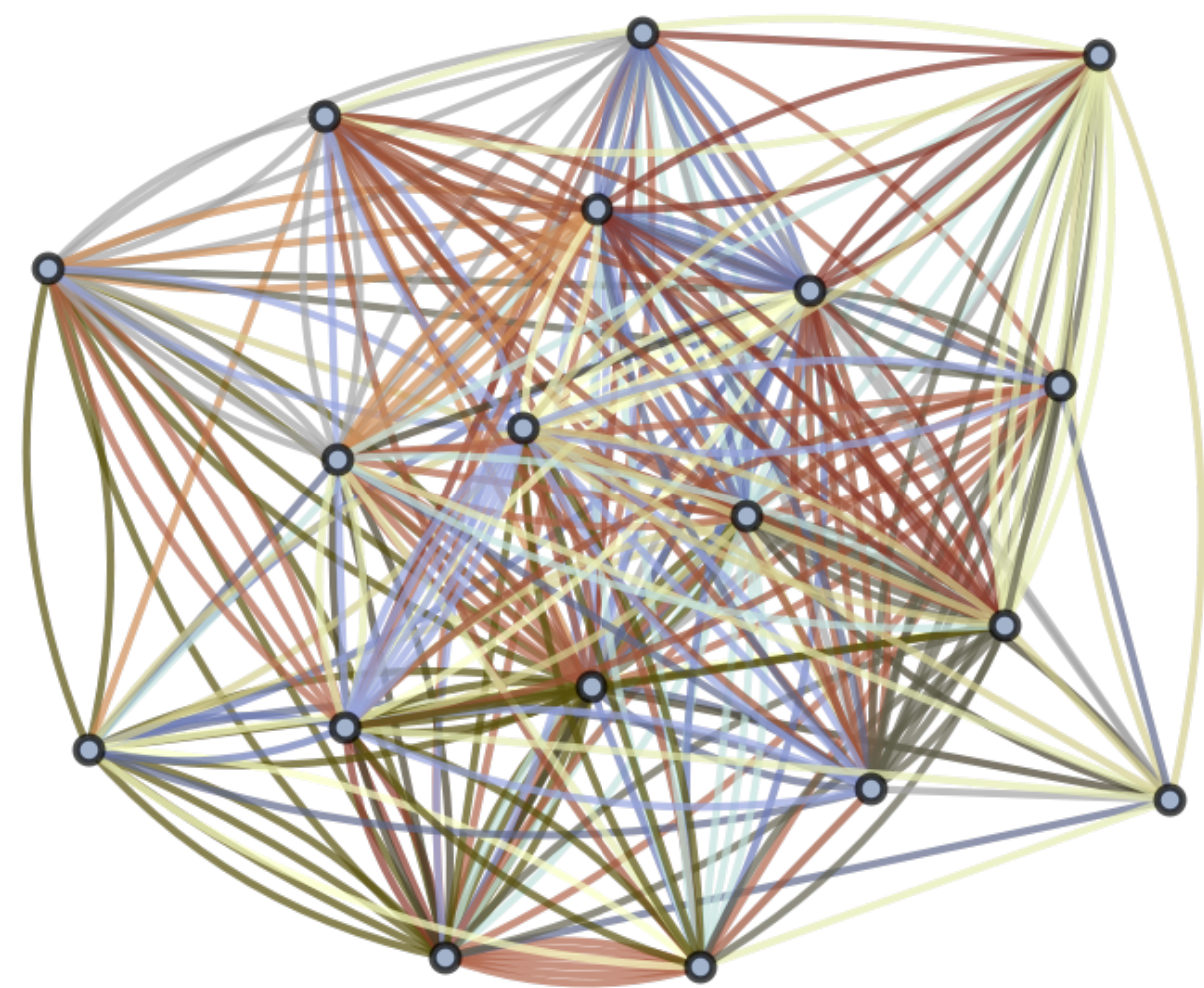
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ 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.

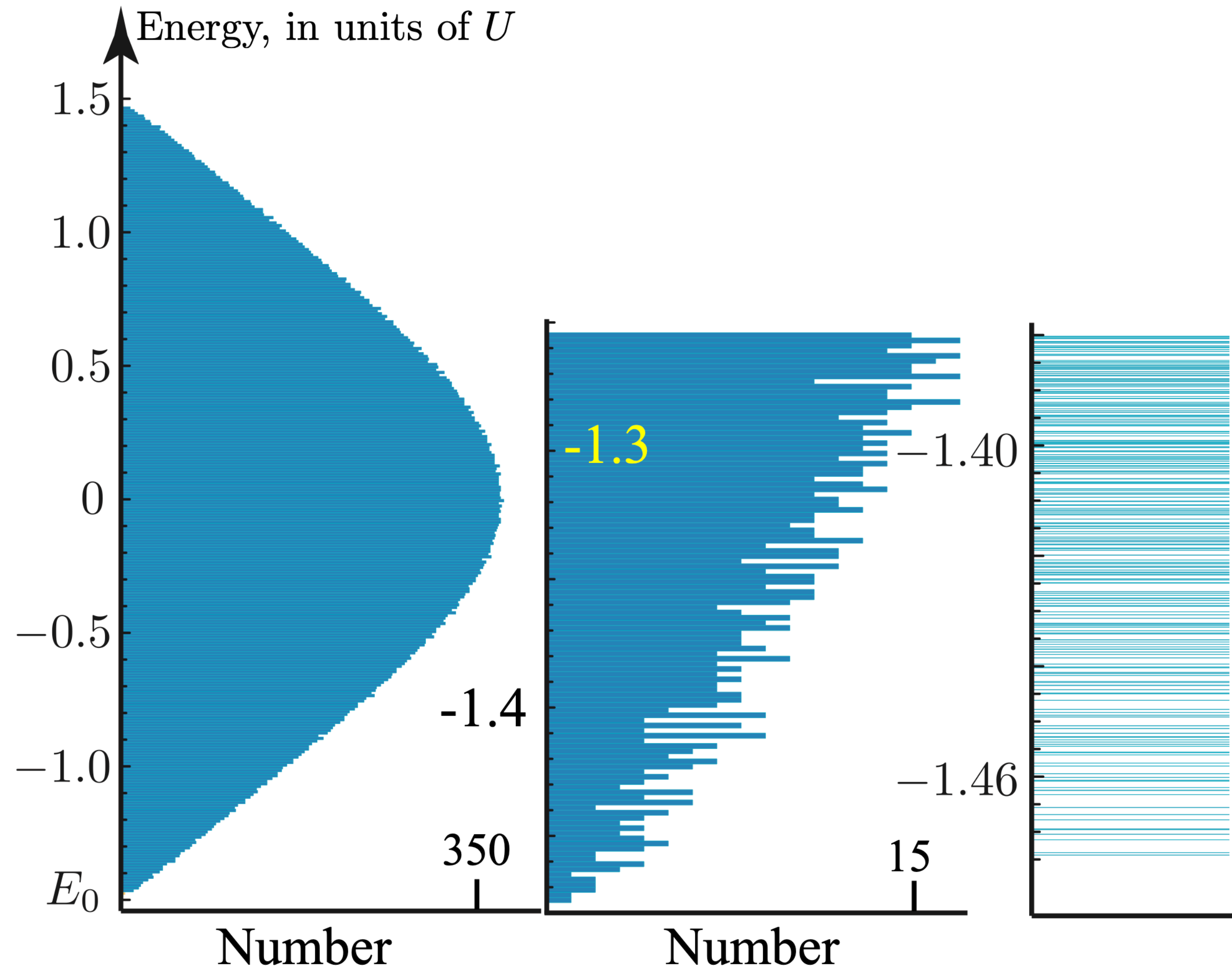
S. Sachdev and J. Ye, PRL **70**, 3339 (1993)

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



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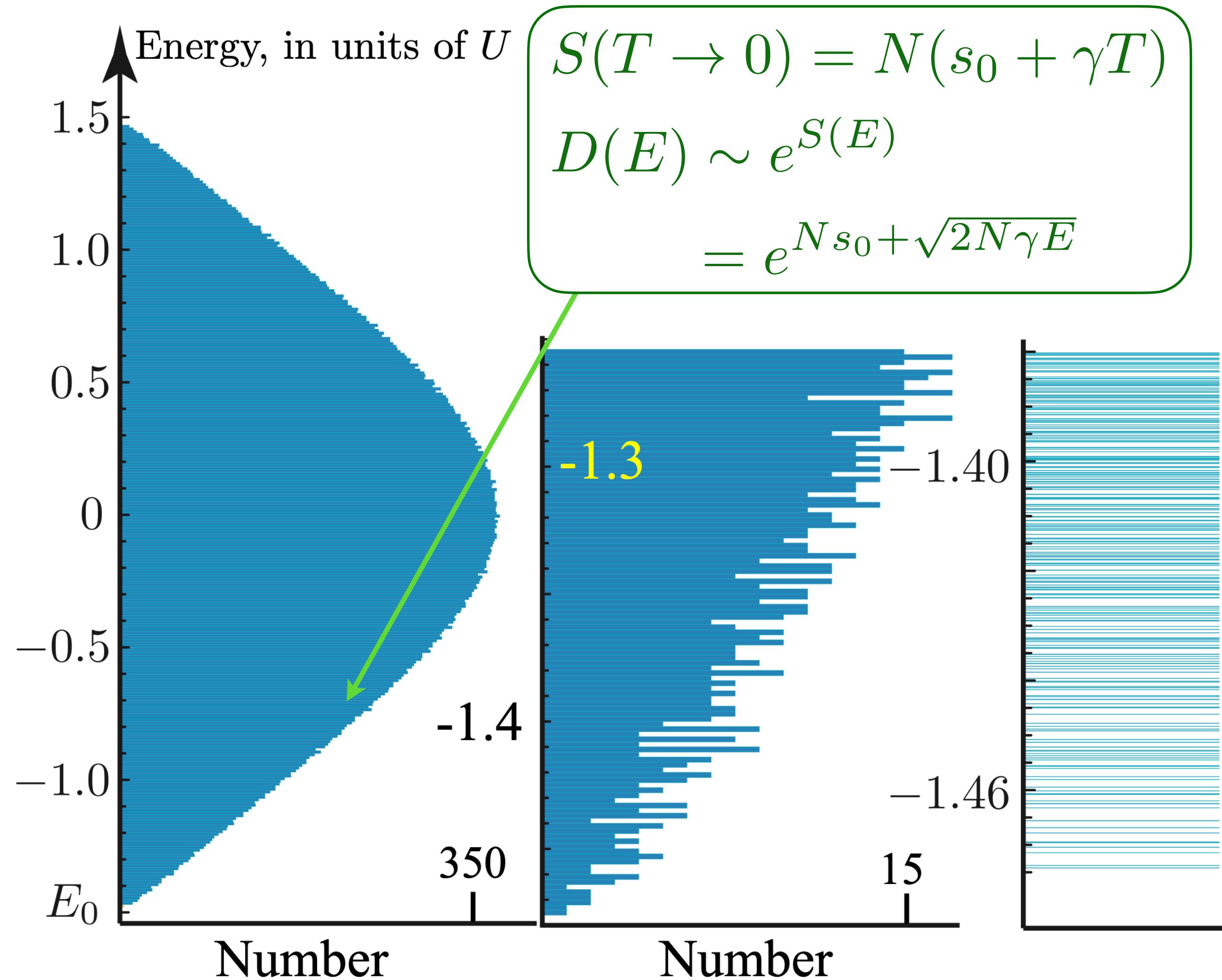
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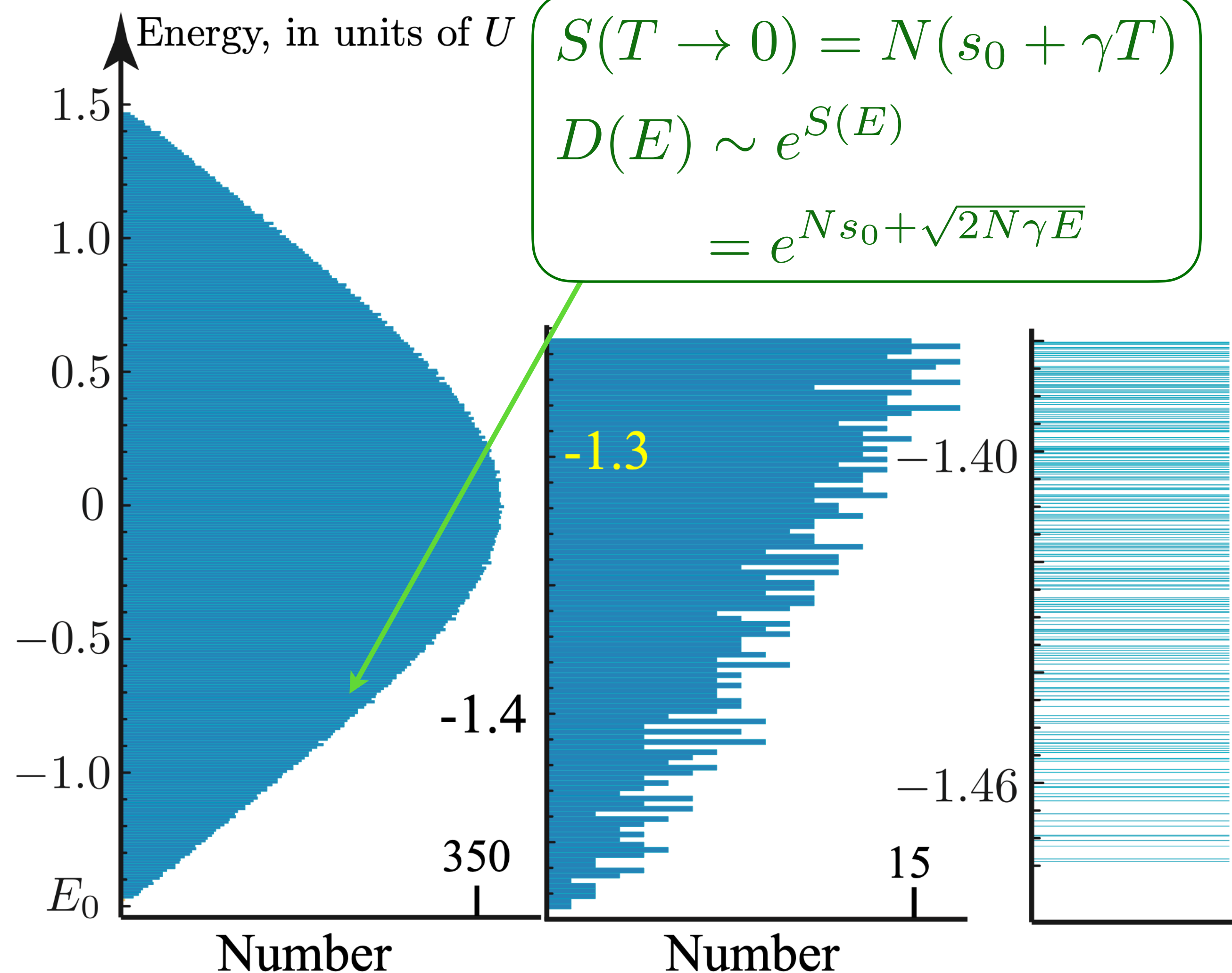
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Energy level spacing $\sim e^{-N s_0}$!

No quasiparticle decomposition: wavefunctions change chaotically from one state to the next.

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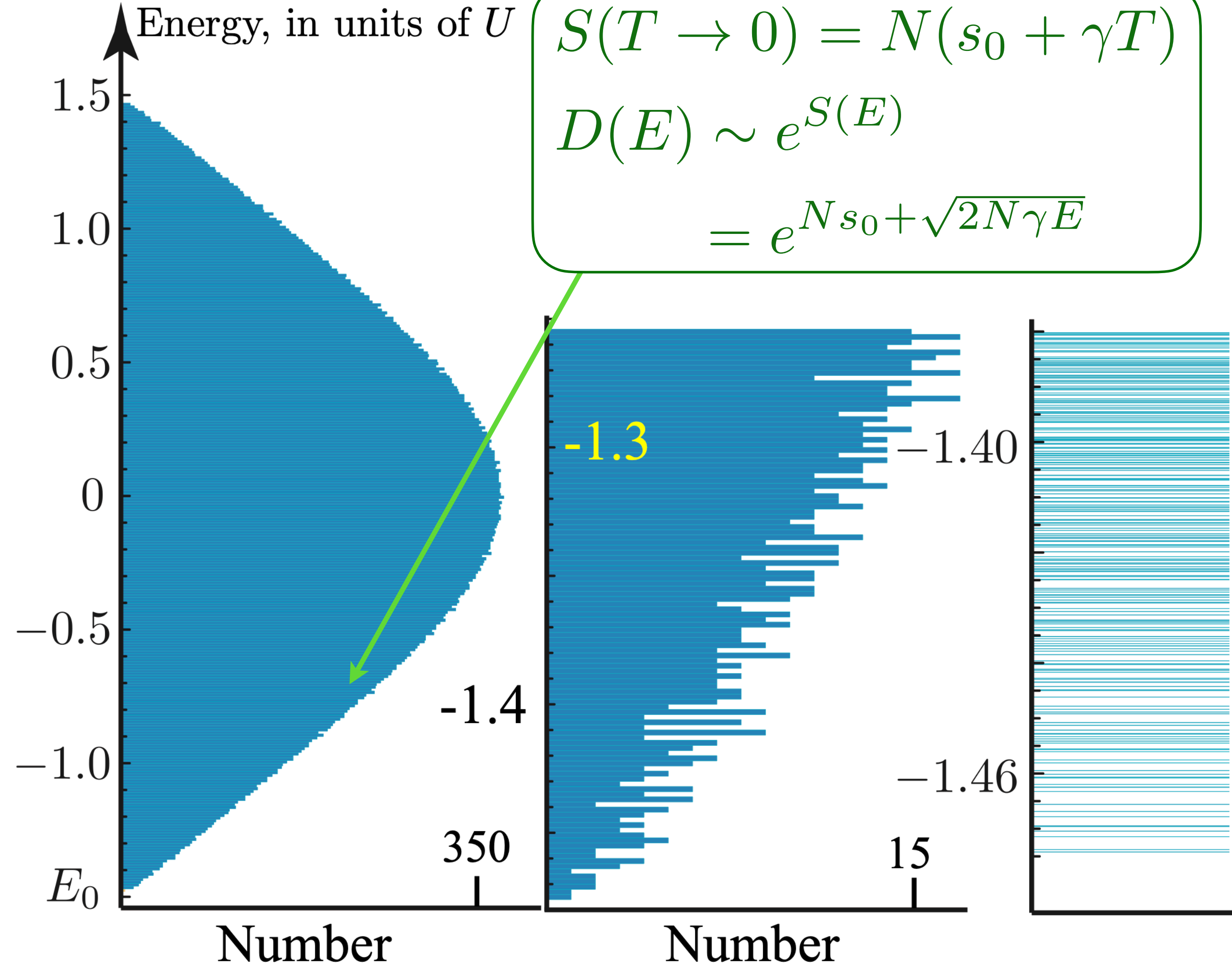
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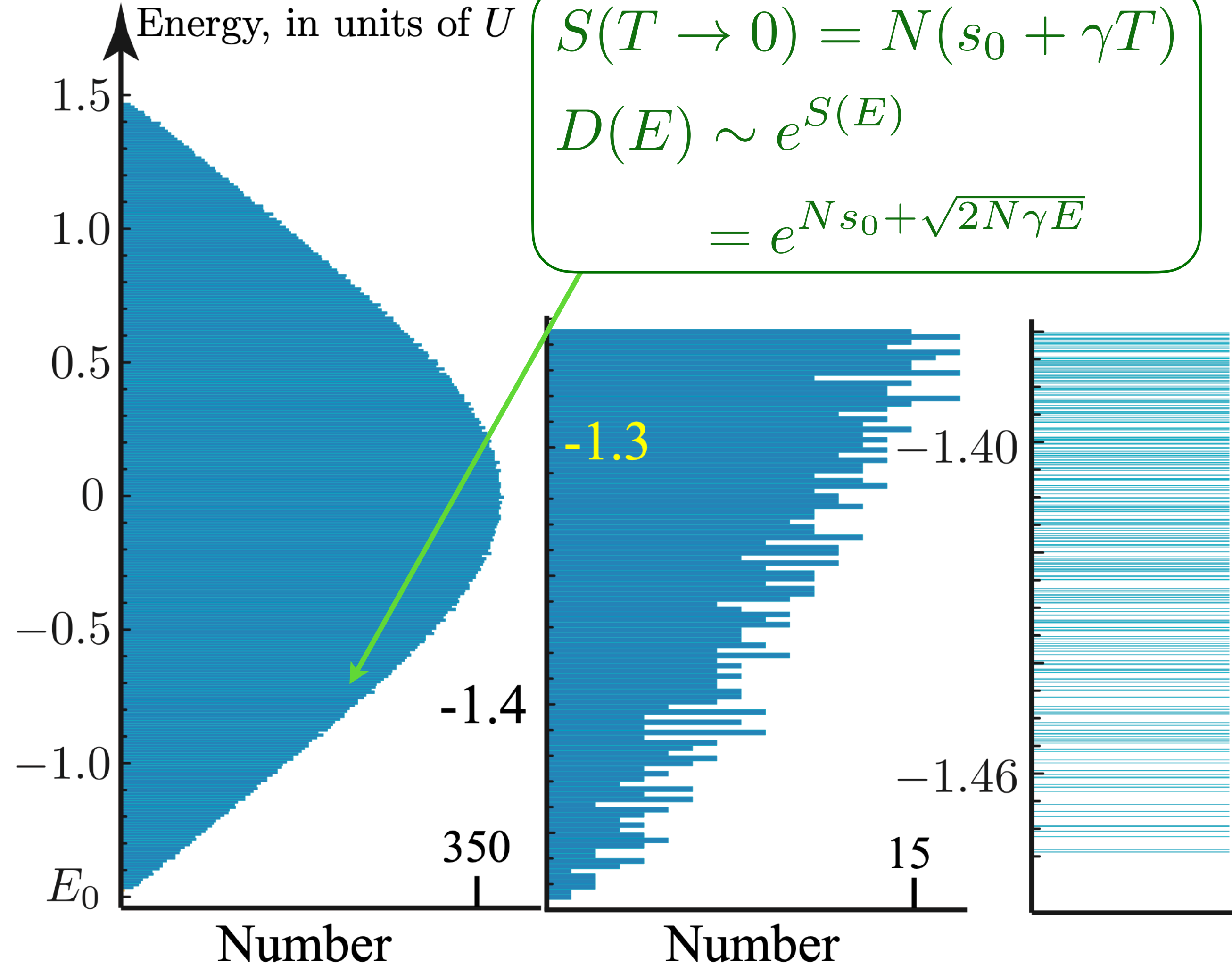
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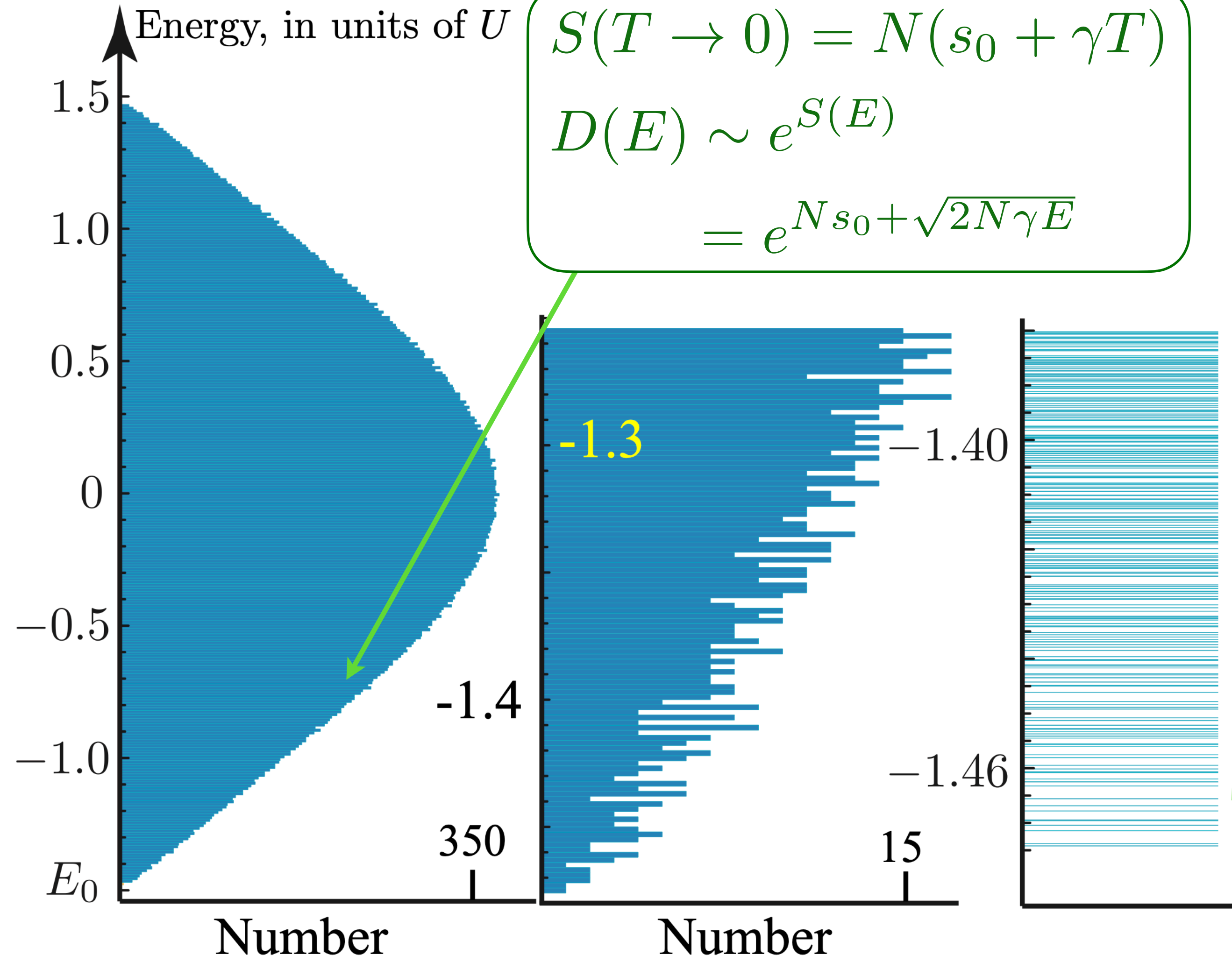
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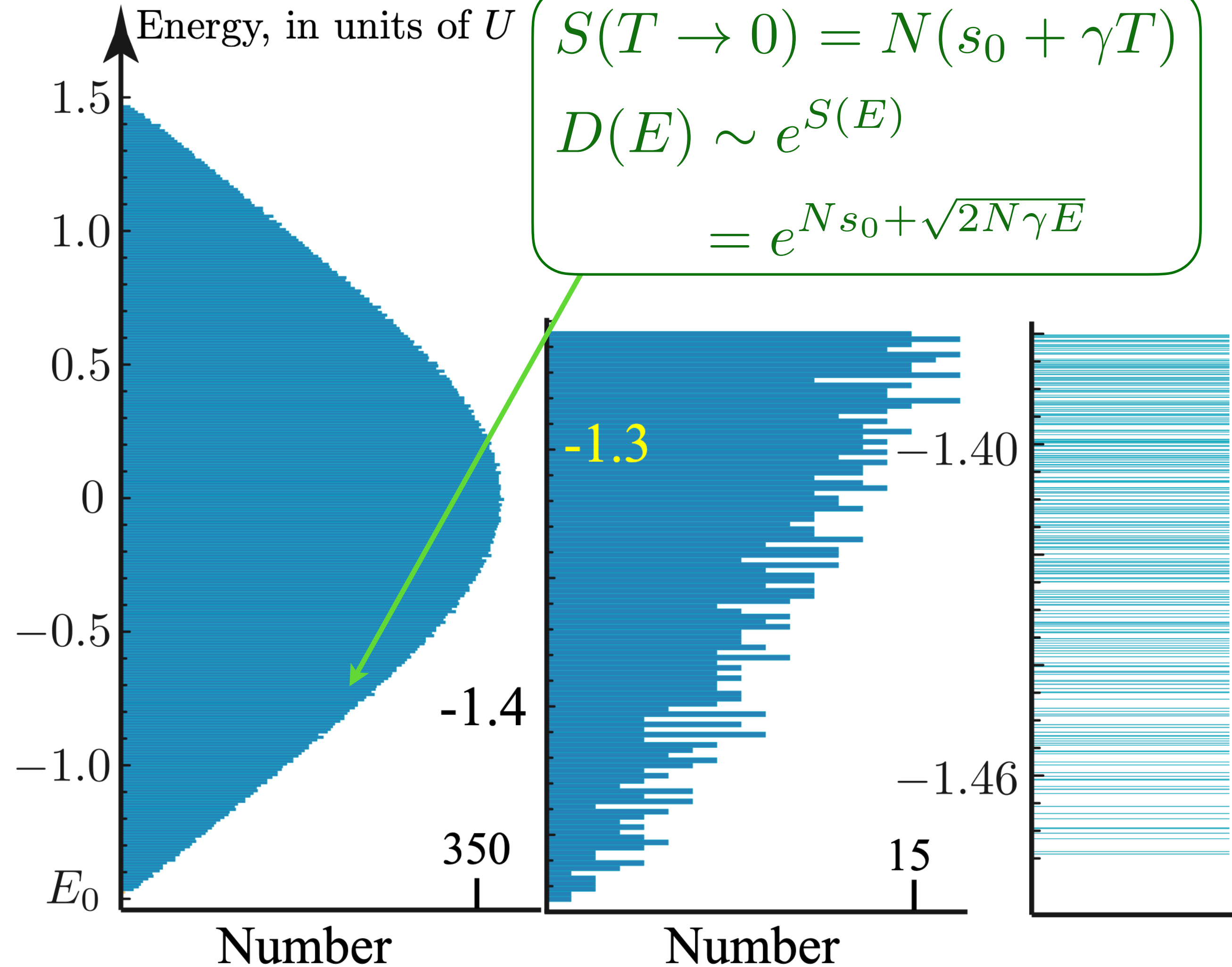
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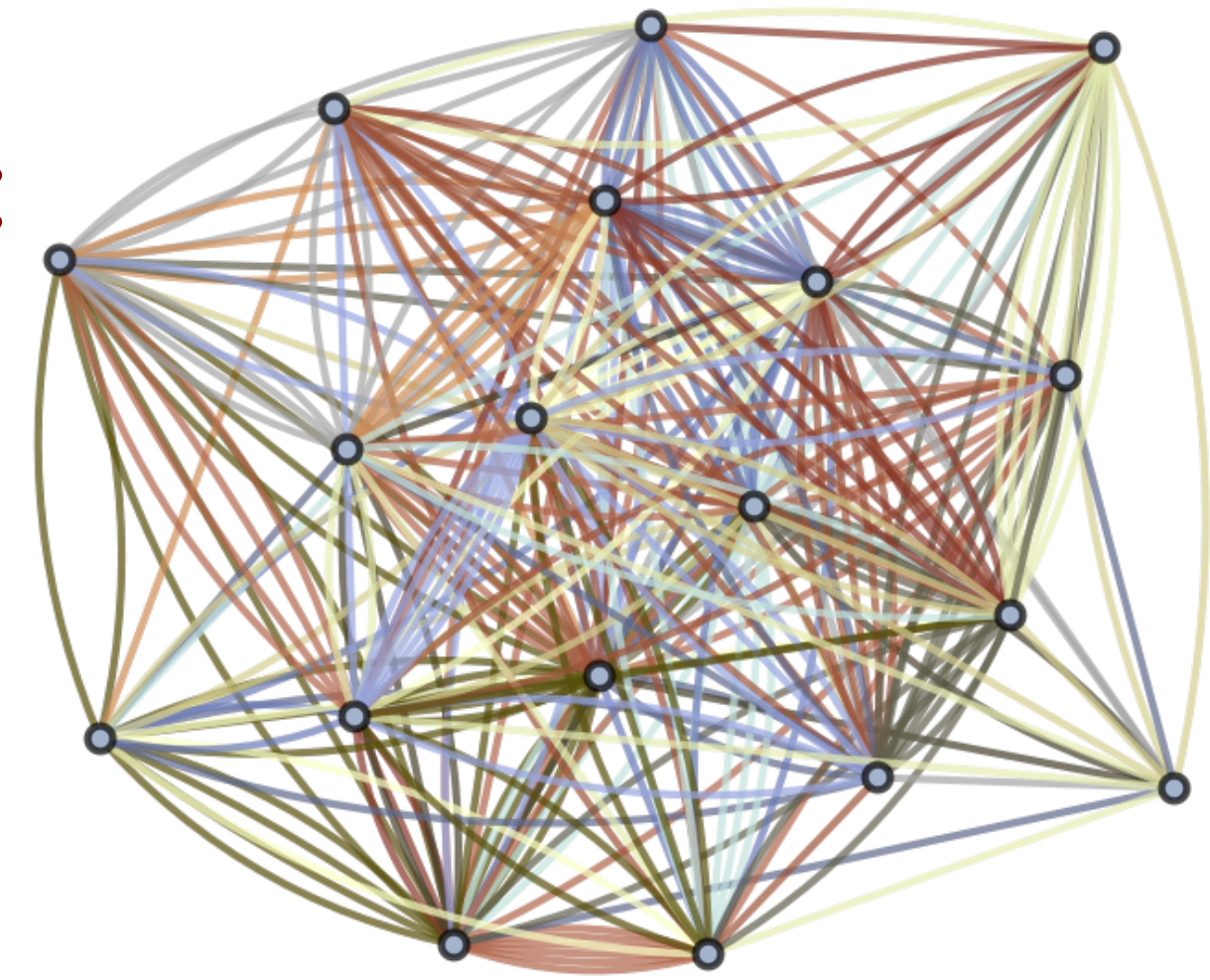
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The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

The disorder-averaged partition is given by a ‘ G - Σ ’ theory:



$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \mathcal{D}\Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2) \exp(-NI)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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Time reparameterization symmetry

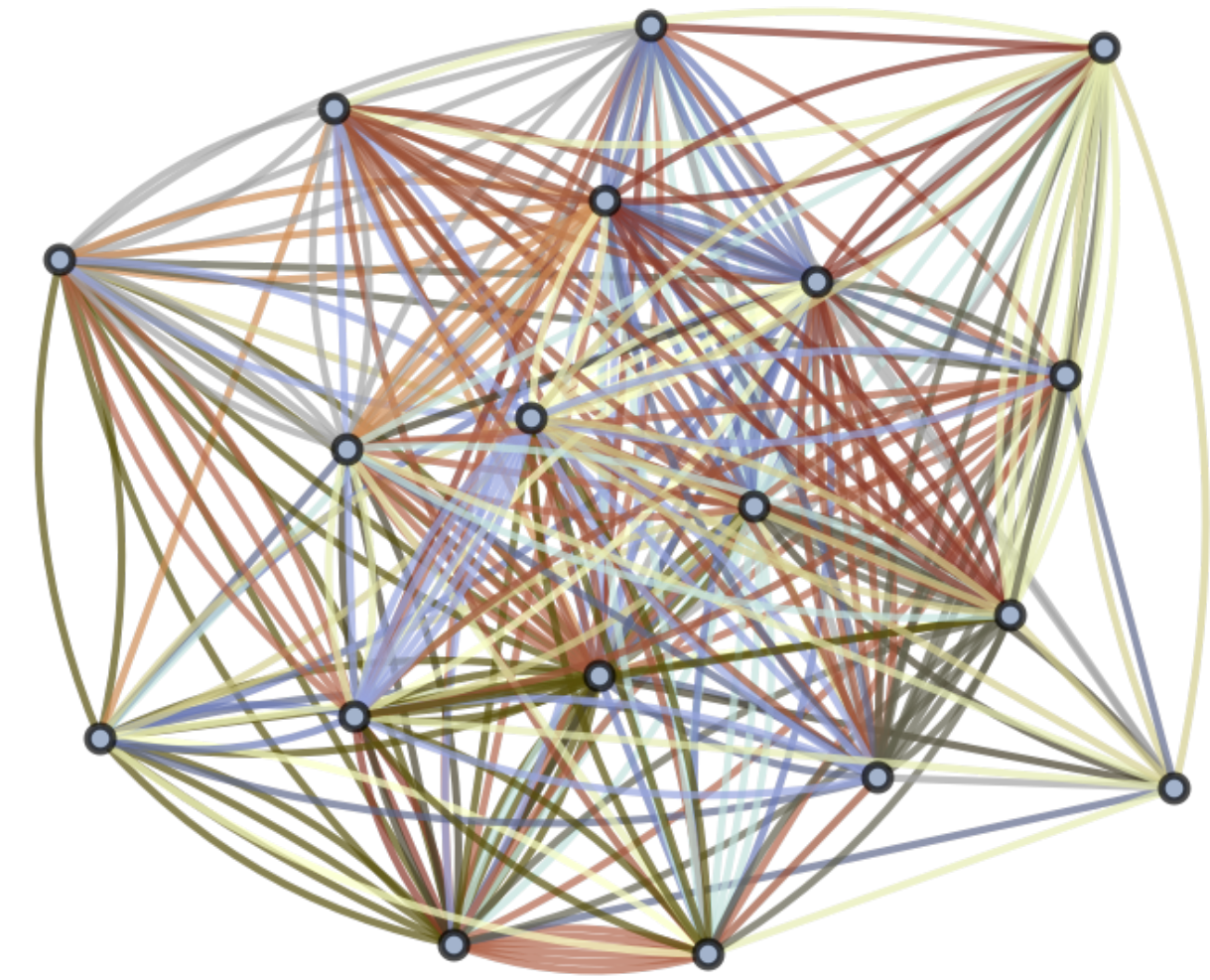
At frequencies $\ll U$, the time derivative in the determinant is less important, and without it the path integral is invariant under time reparameterization and gauge transformations

$$\tau = f(\sigma)$$

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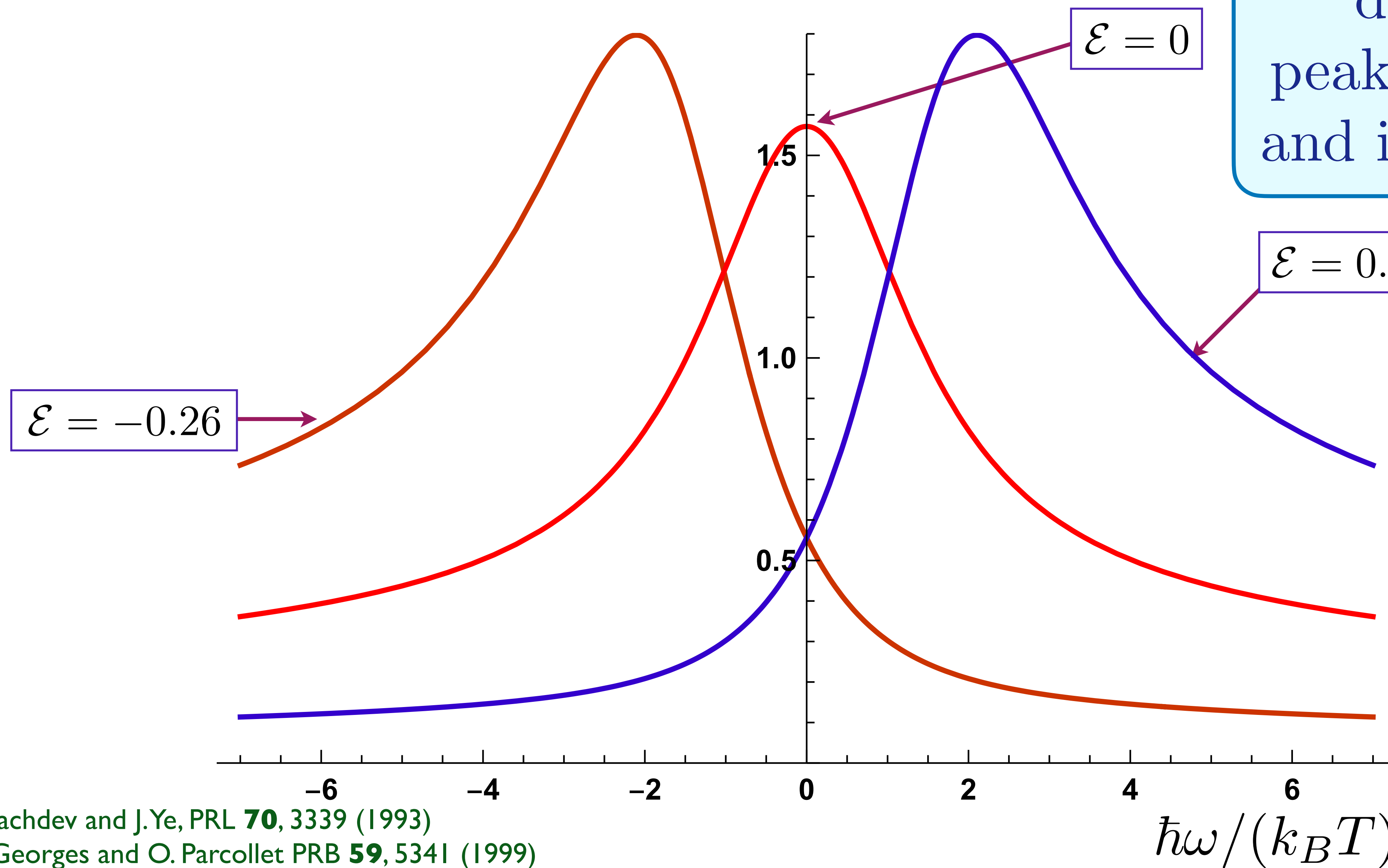
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where $f(\sigma)$ and $\phi(\sigma)$ are arbitrary functions.



The SYK model

$$-\text{Im}G^R(\omega)$$



Conformal ‘Planckian’ dynamics with peak width $\sim k_B T/\hbar$ and independent of U

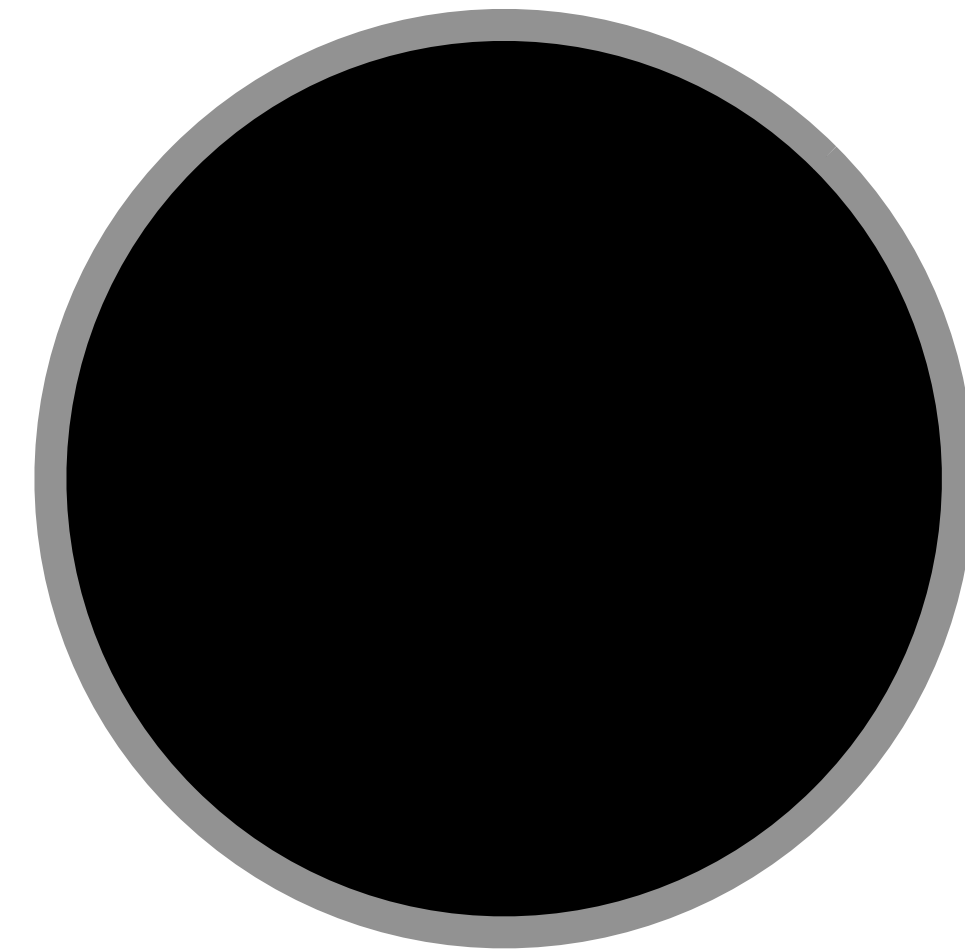
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**Quantum
black holes**

Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

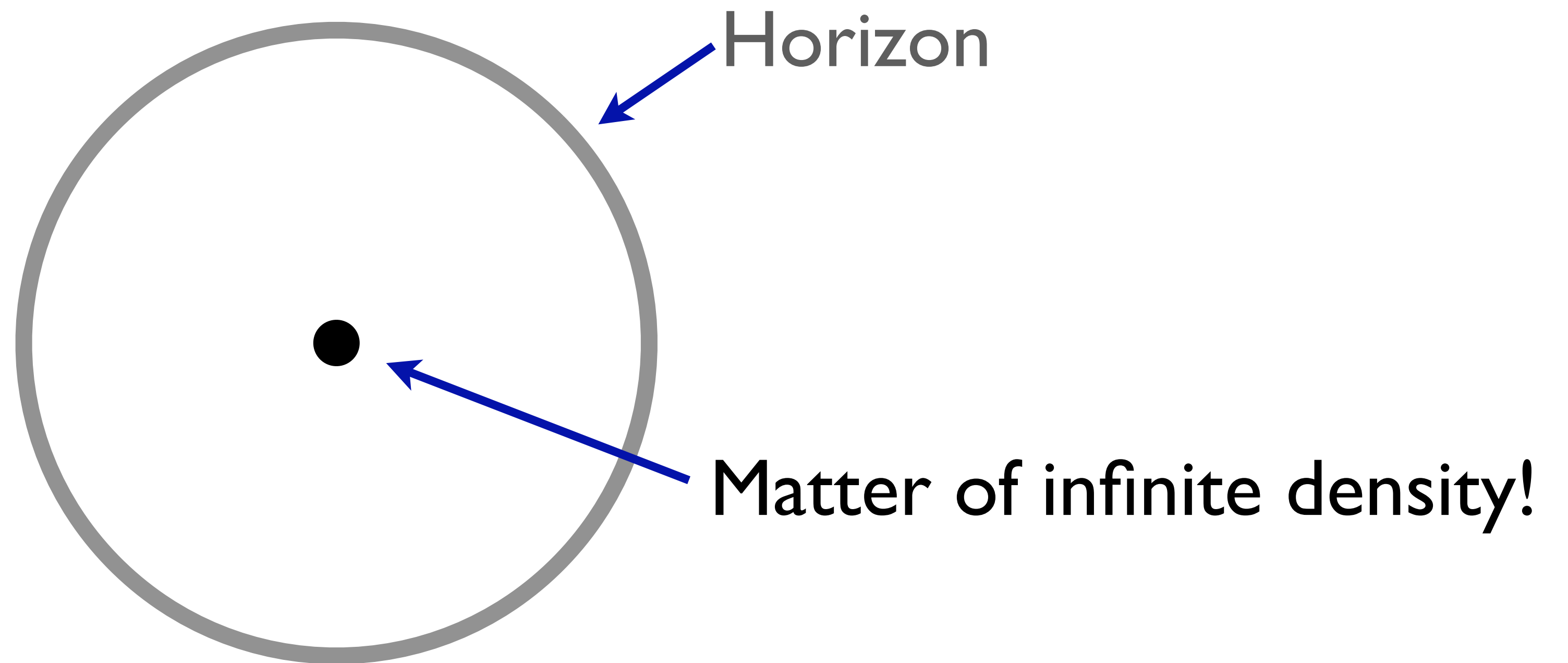
Horizon radius $R = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$



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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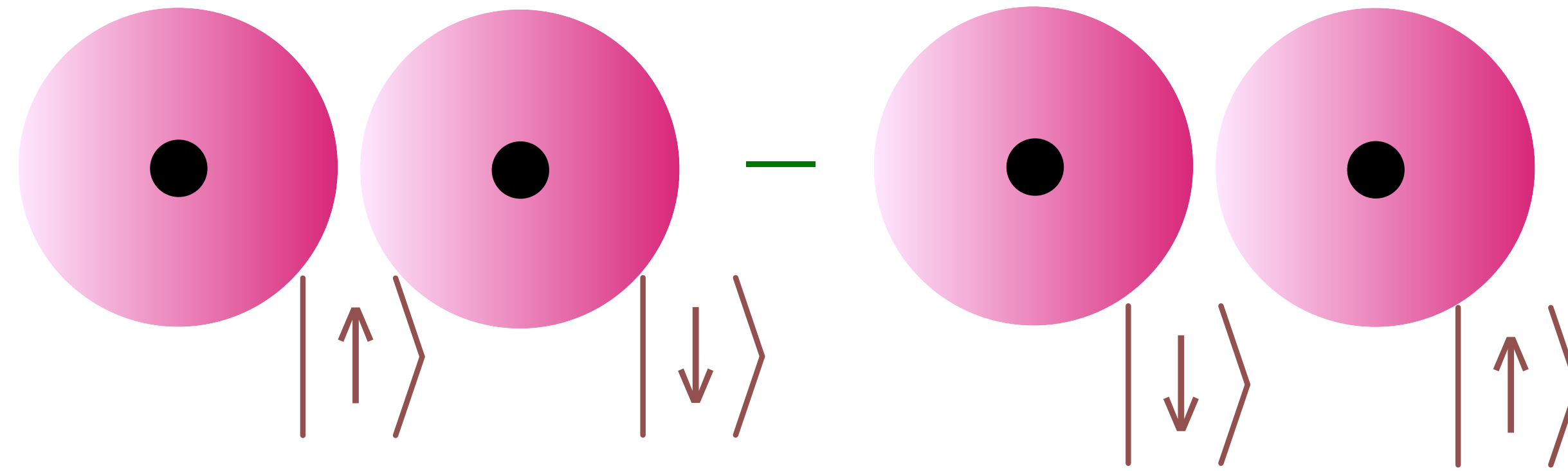
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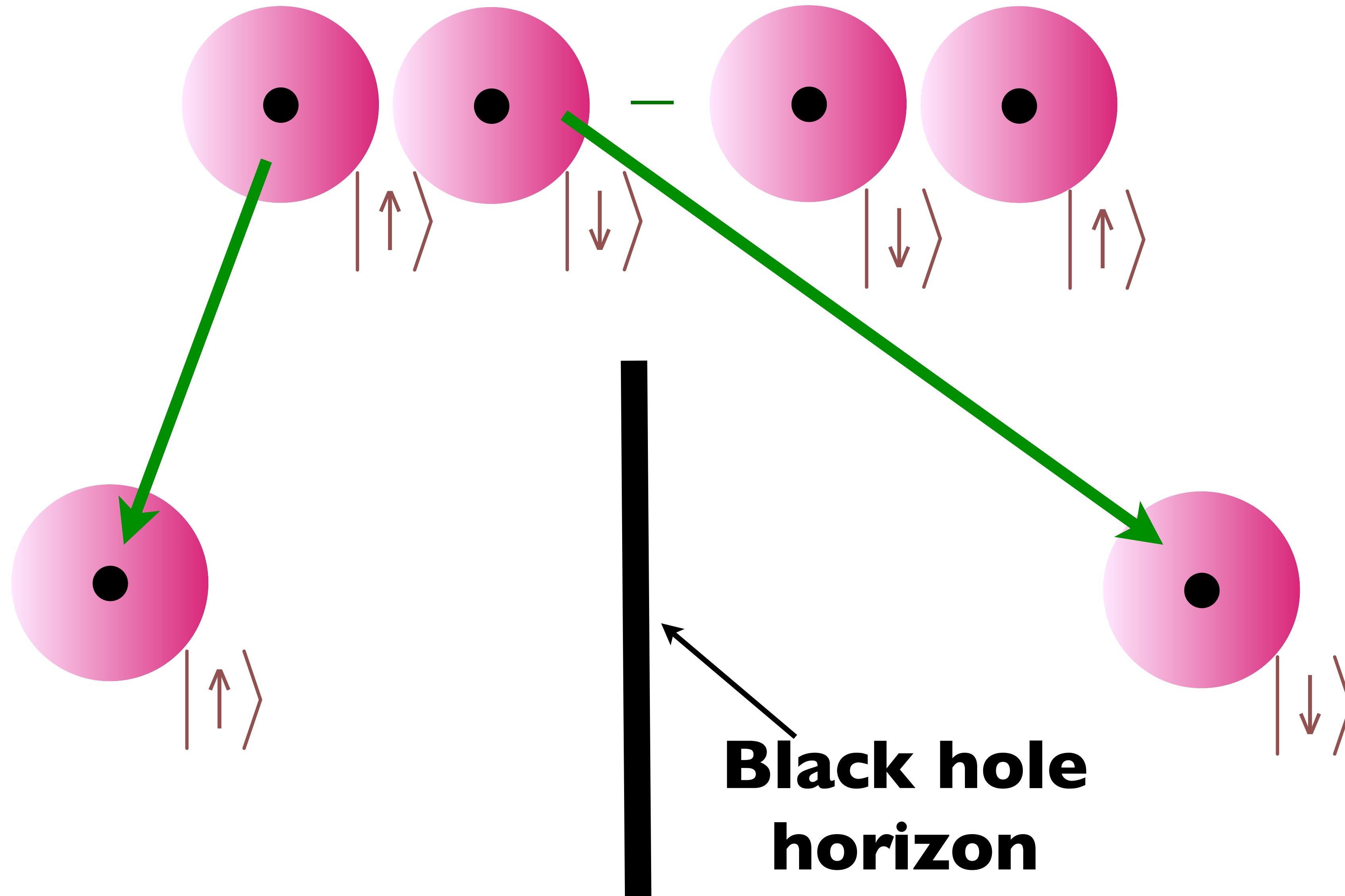
This singularity convinced many early on that black holes were unphysical solutions of Einstein's equations, and did not exist in our universe.

In any case, it was clear that quantum theory should be applied to the collapsed matter, but no one knew how to.

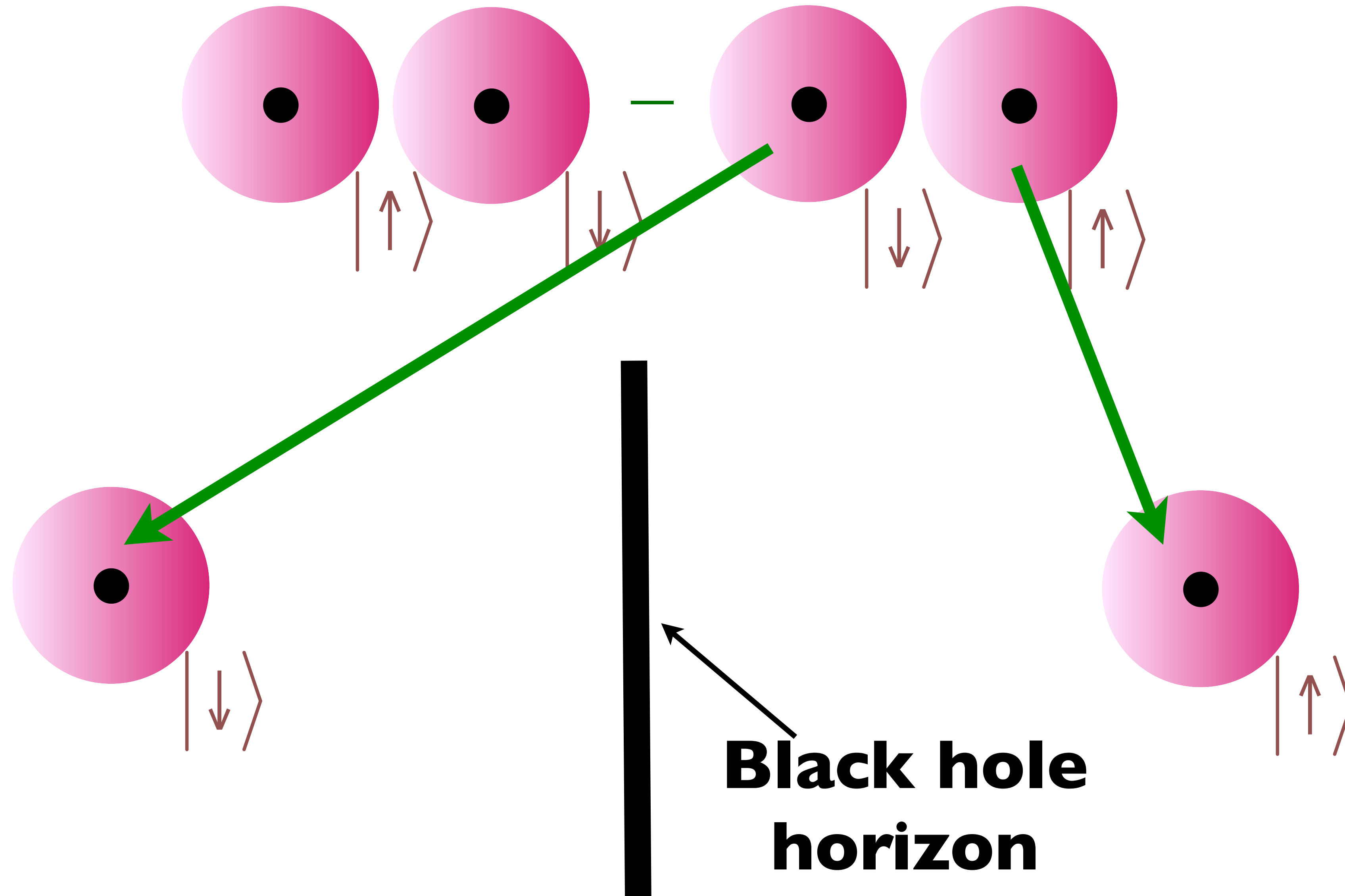
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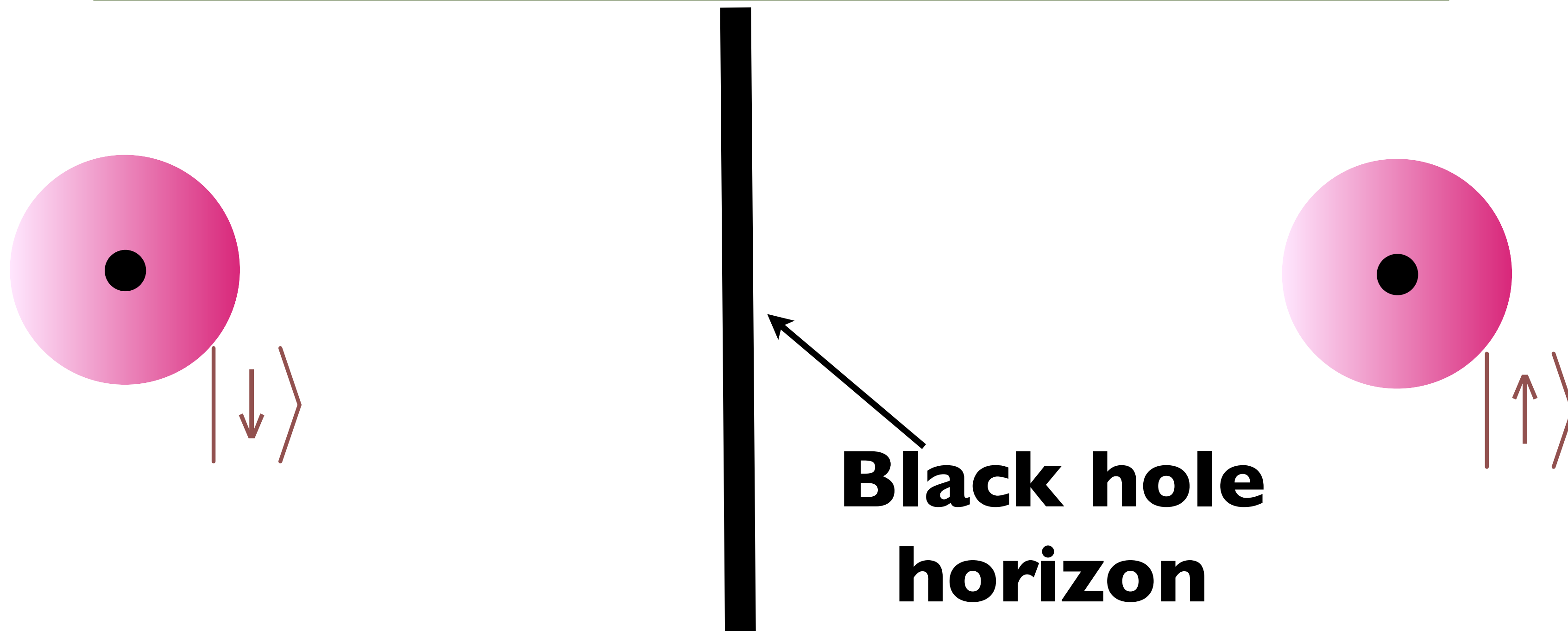


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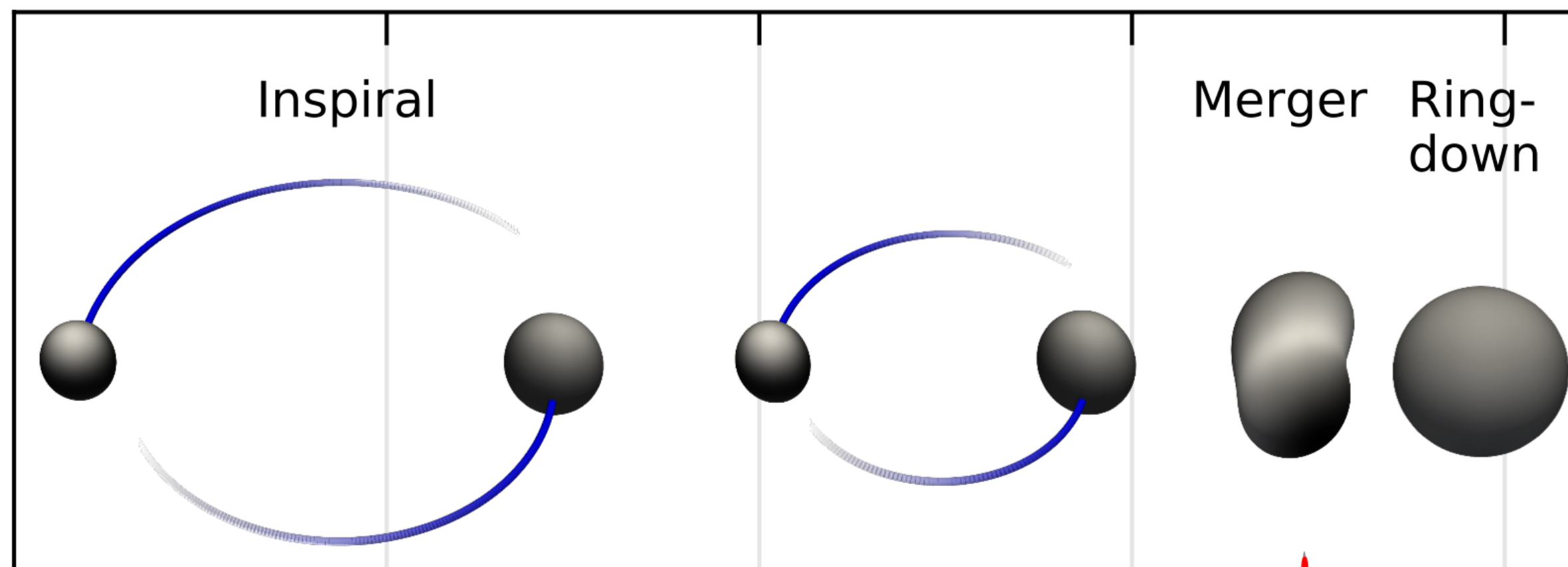
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Hawking (1975) used other arguments to show that black hole horizons have a temperature
(The entanglement reasoning: to an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole cannot be known, and so the outside electron is in a random state.)



Quantum black holes

- Black holes have an entropy and a temperature,
 $T_H = \hbar c^3 / (8\pi G M k_B)$.
- The entropy is proportional to their surface area.
 $S = A k_B c^3 / (4G\hbar)$.
- They relax to thermal equilibrium in a time
 $\sim 8\pi G M / c^3 = \hbar / (k_B T_H)$ which is Planckian!

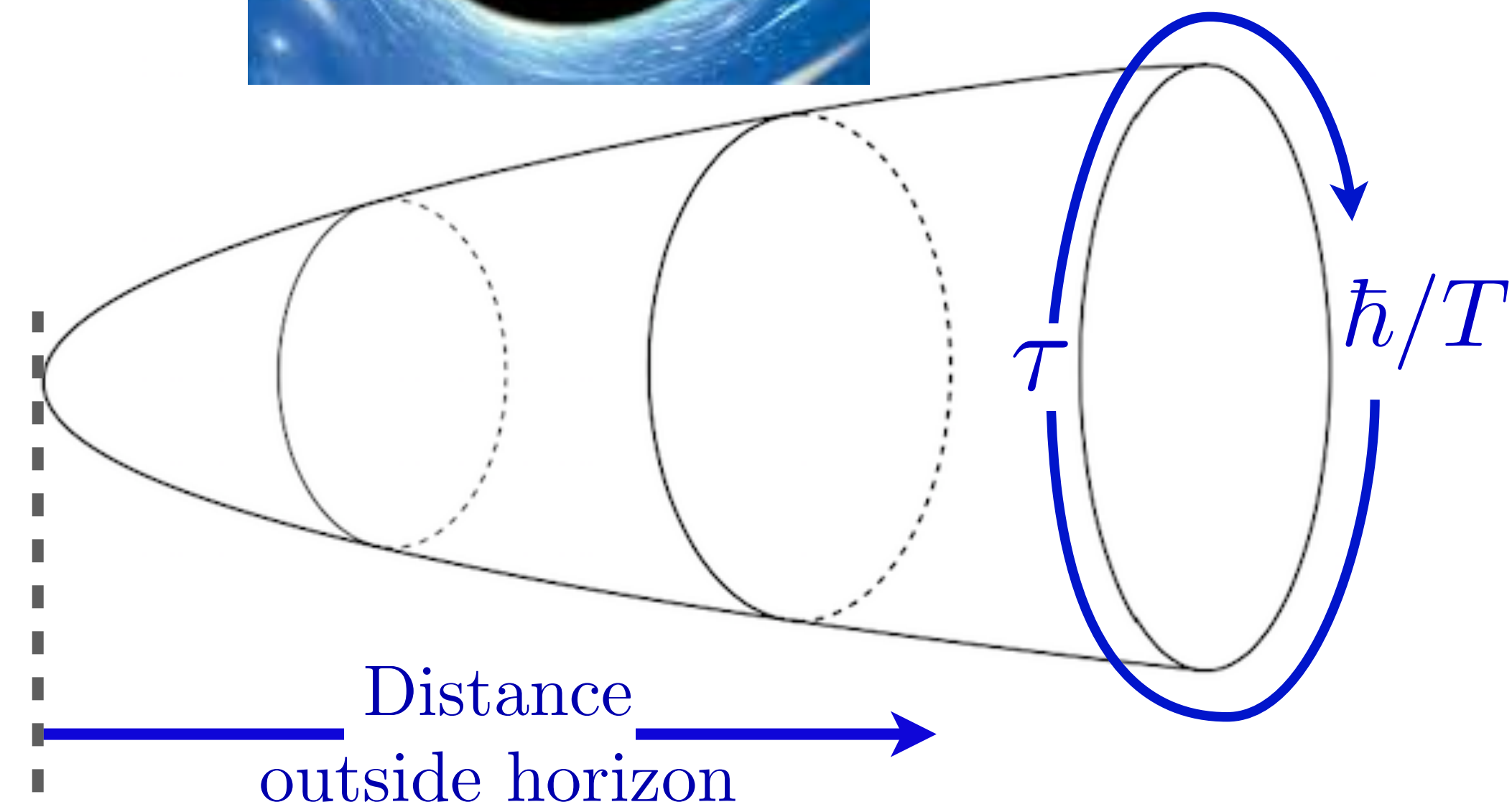


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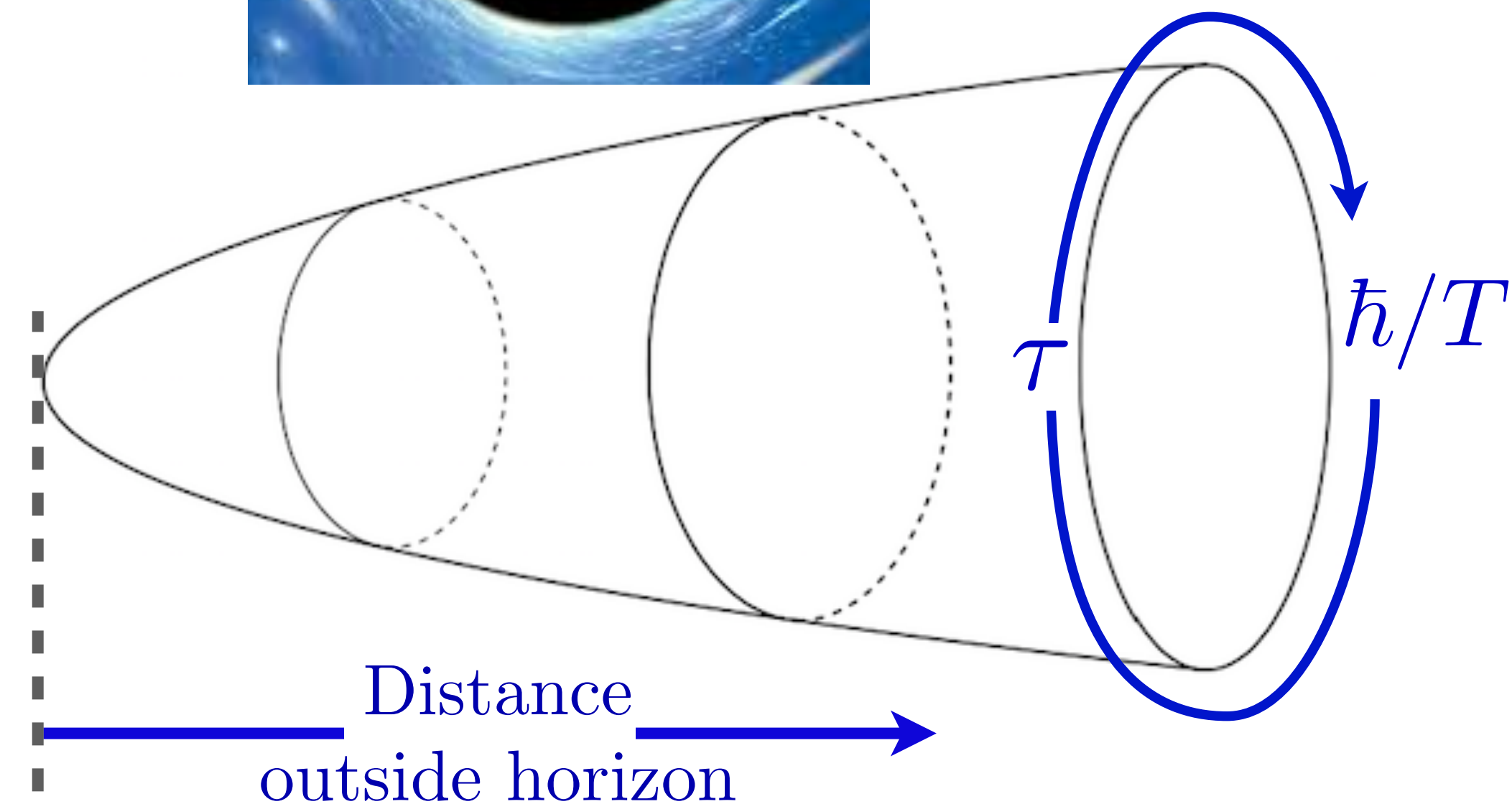
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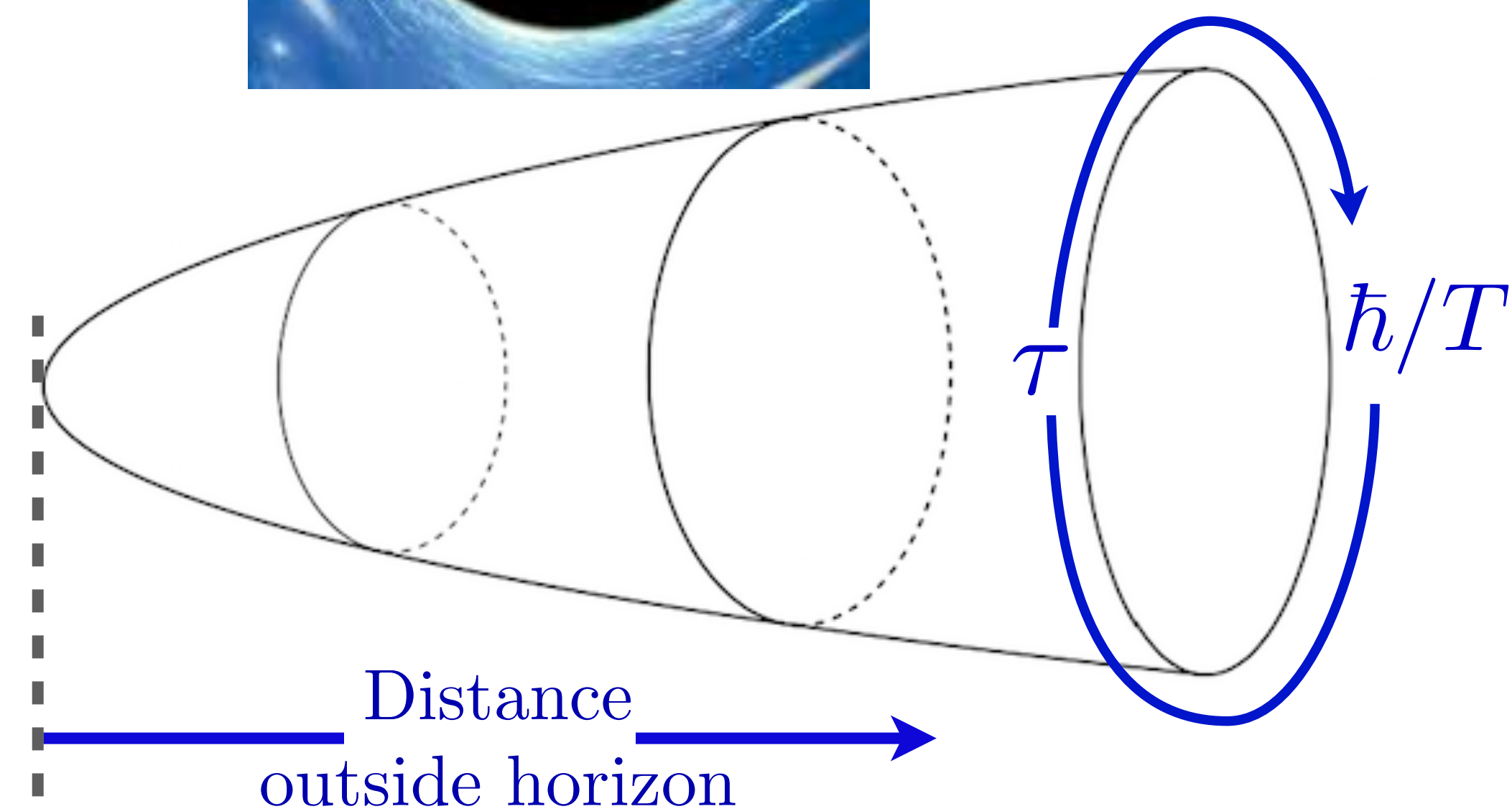


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Note the similarity to the large N entropy of the SYK model!
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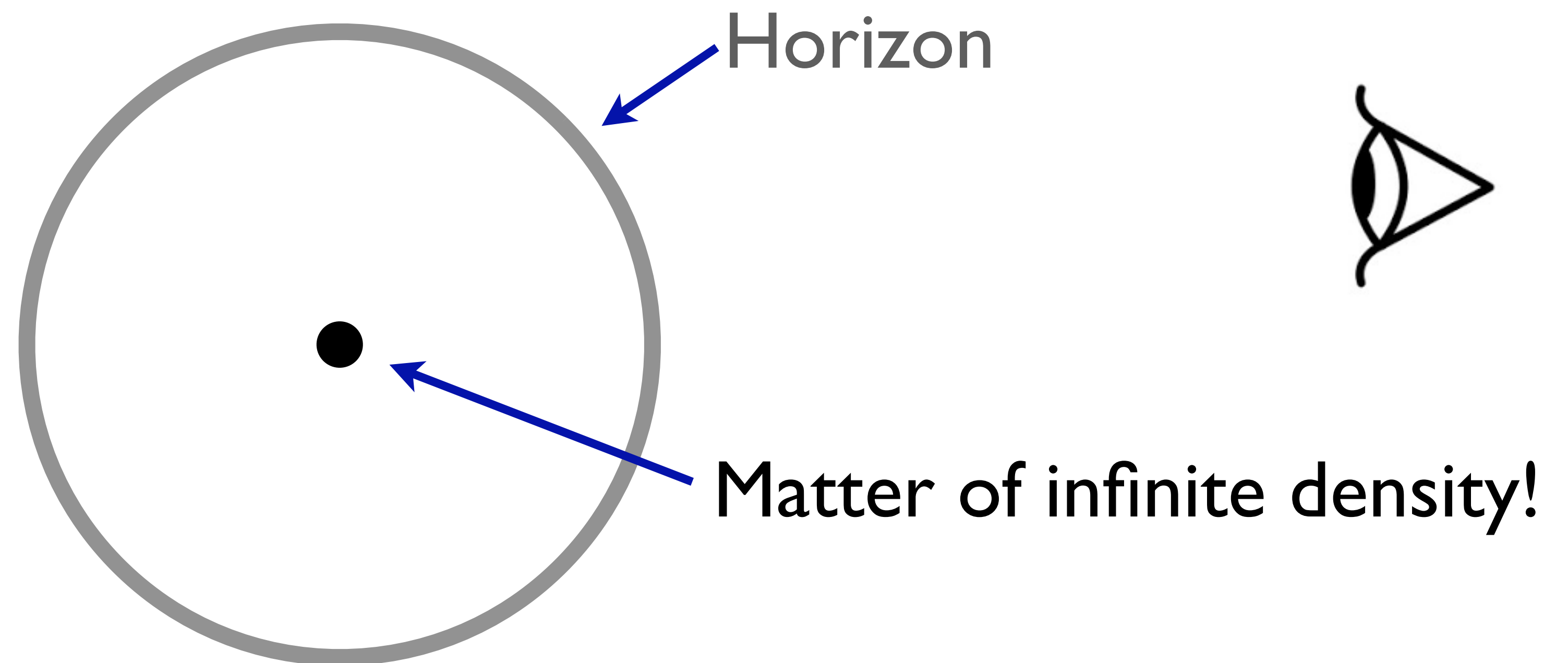
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This allowed Hawking to avoid the contradictions associated with the singularity at the center of the black hole.



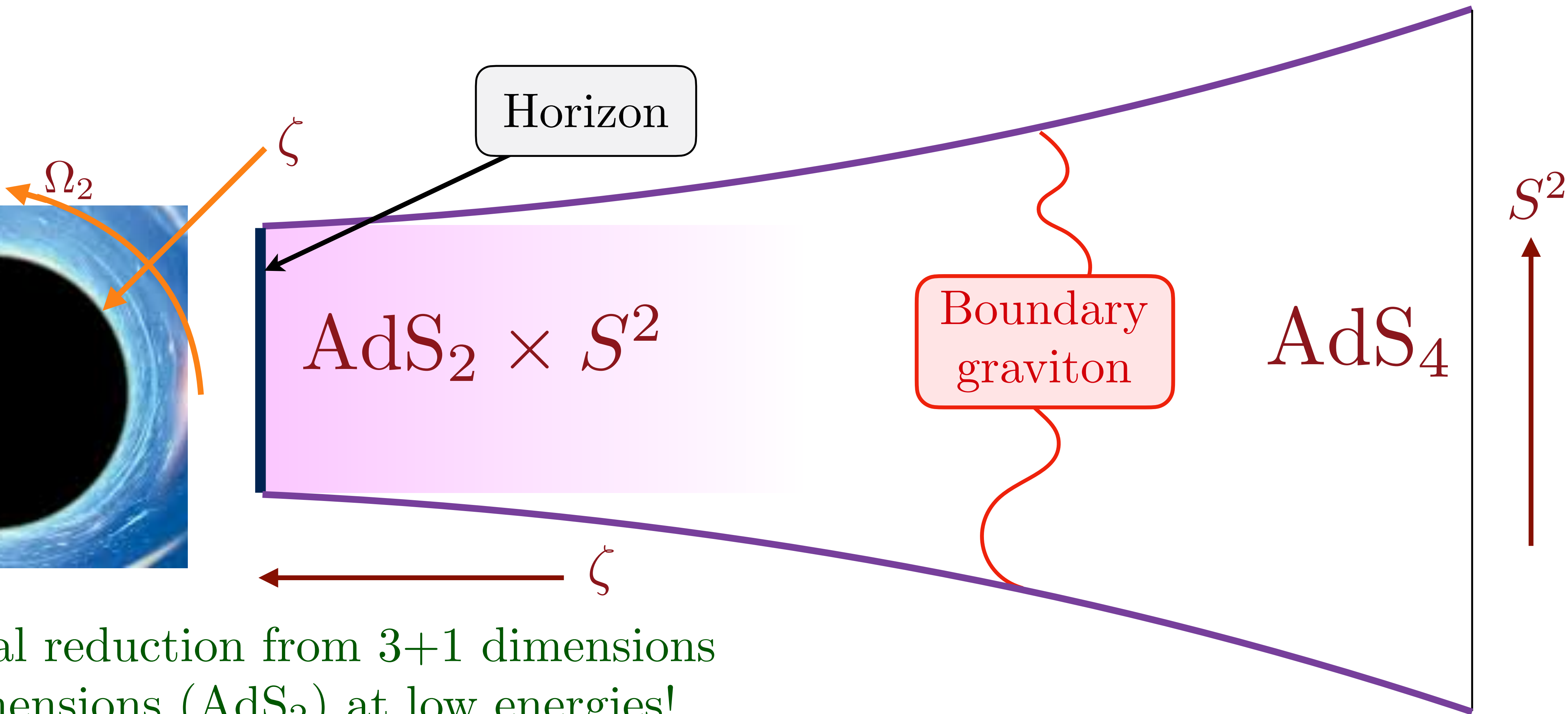
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From the SYK model
to a quantum theory of
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Reissner-Nordstrom black hole of Einstein-Maxwell theory



Dimensional reduction from 3+1 dimensions to 1+1 dimensions (AdS_2) at low energies!

The isometry group of AdS_2 is the 0+1 dimensional conformal group $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$.

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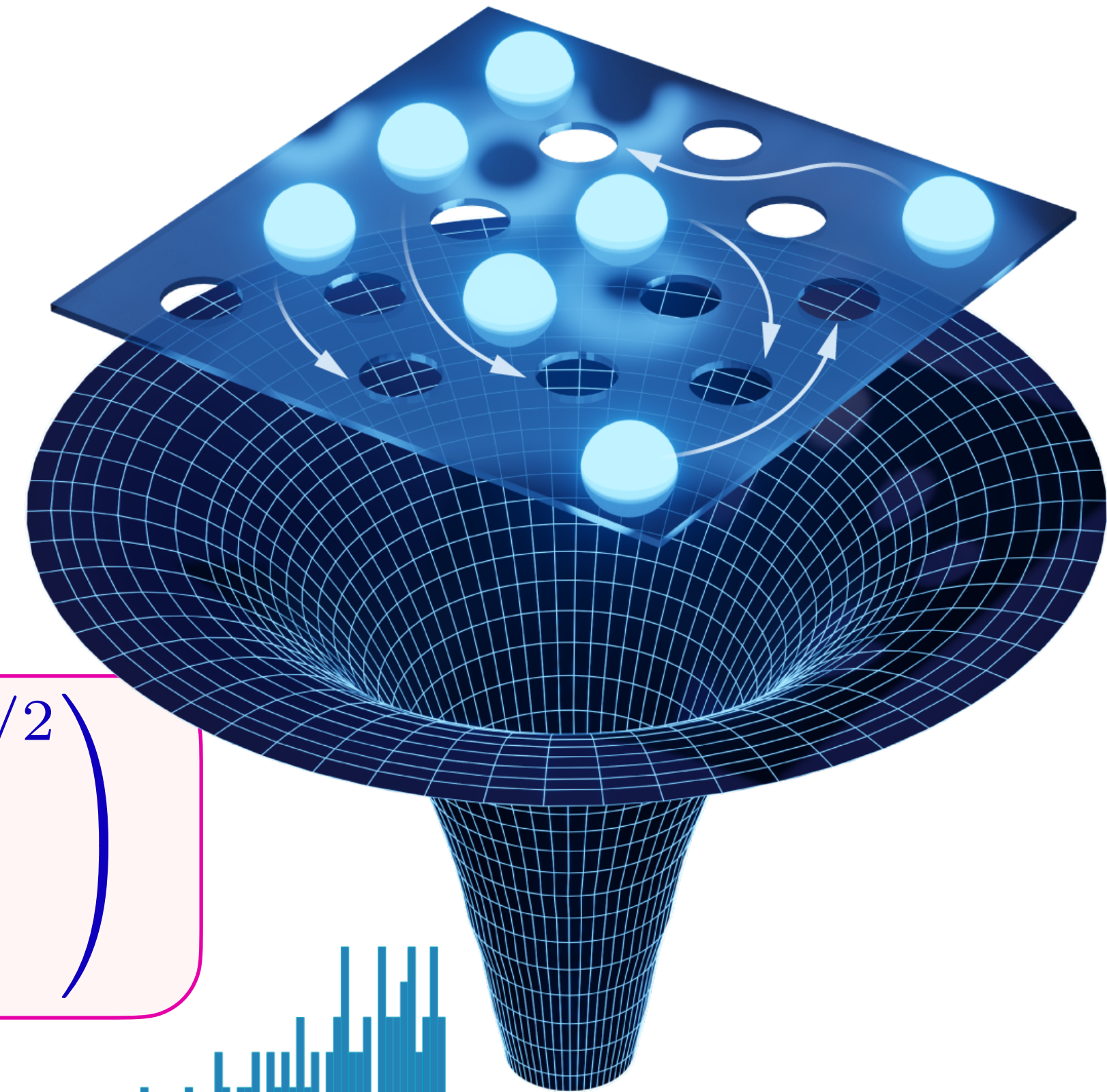
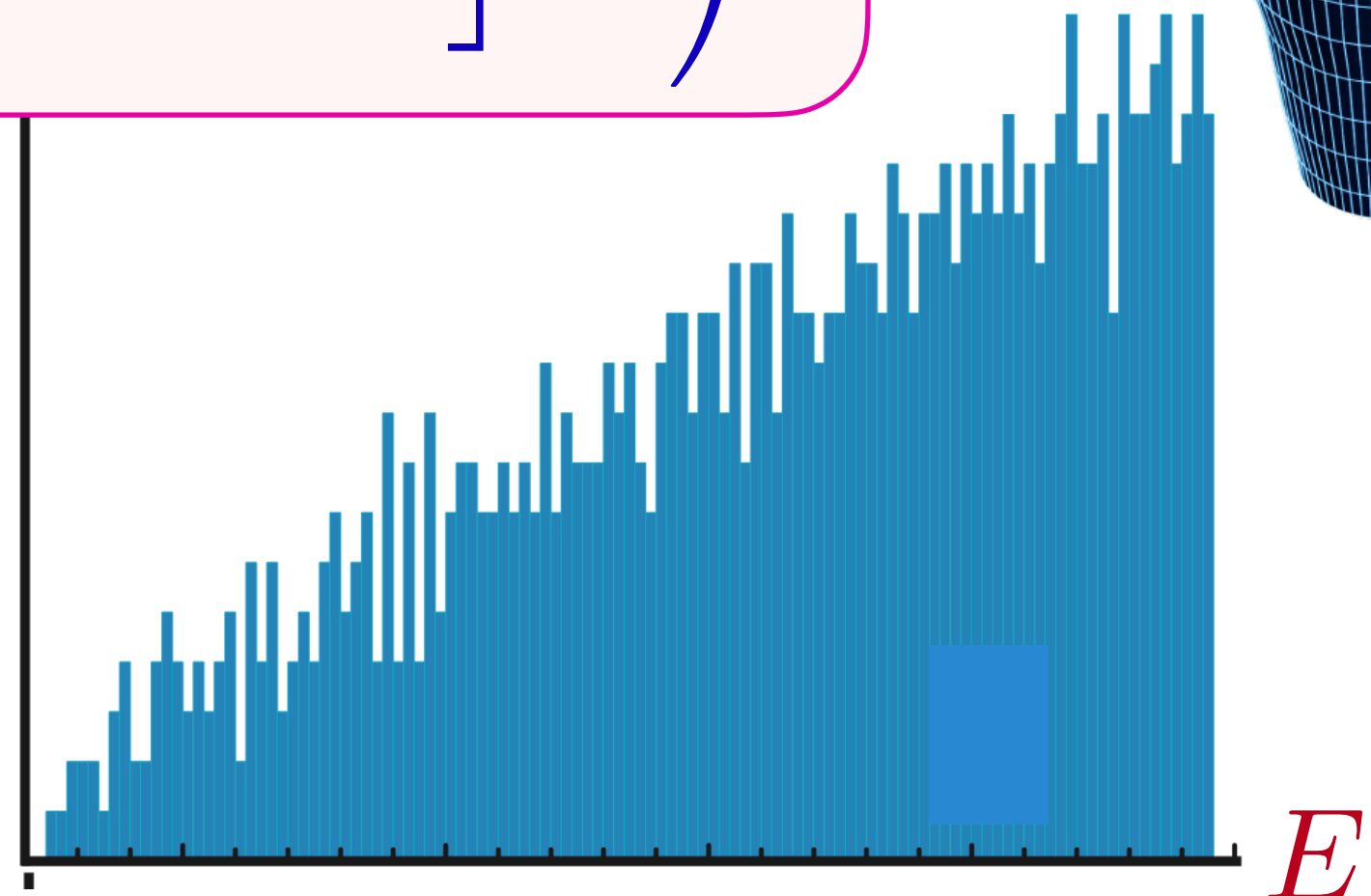
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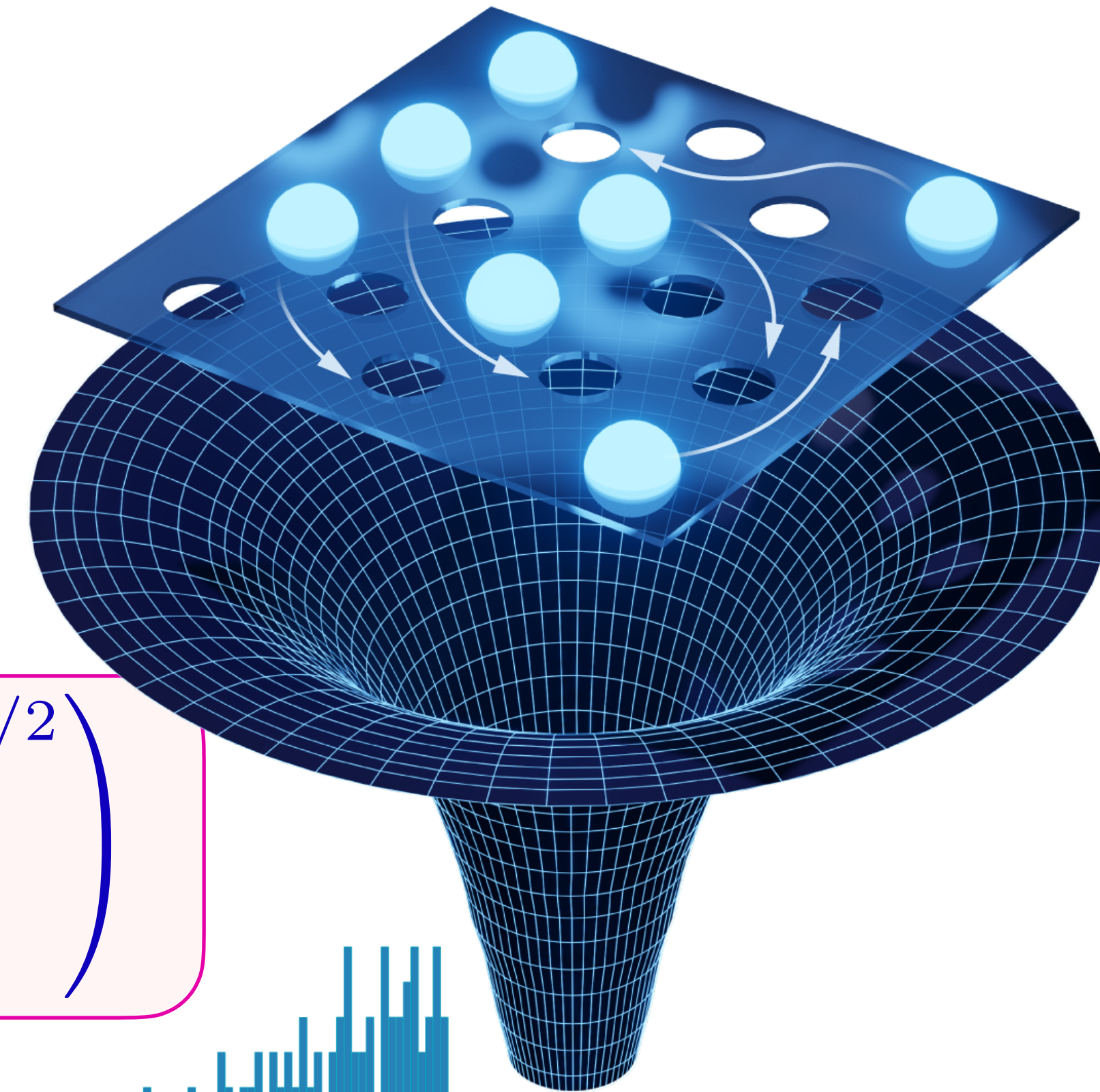
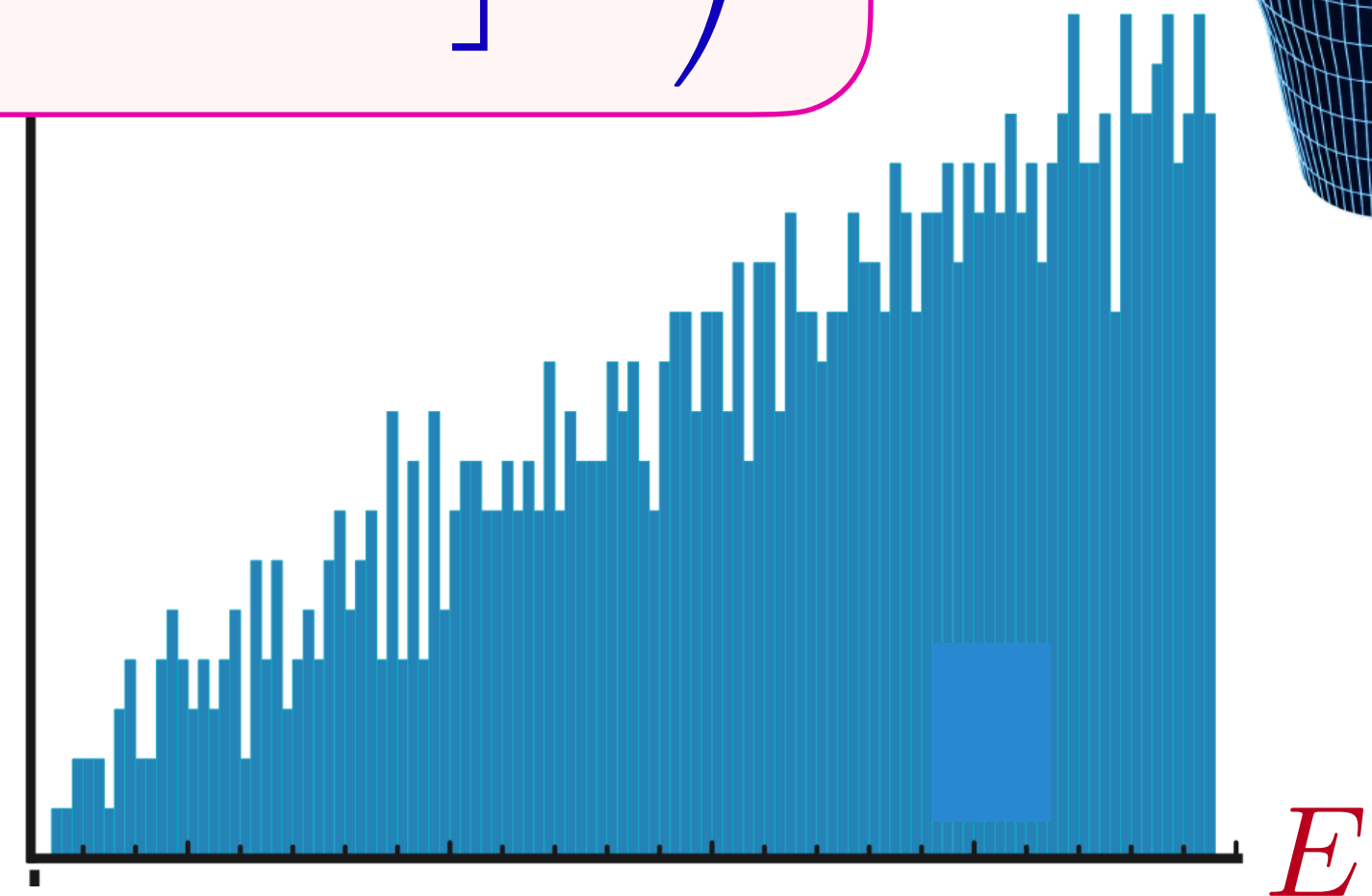
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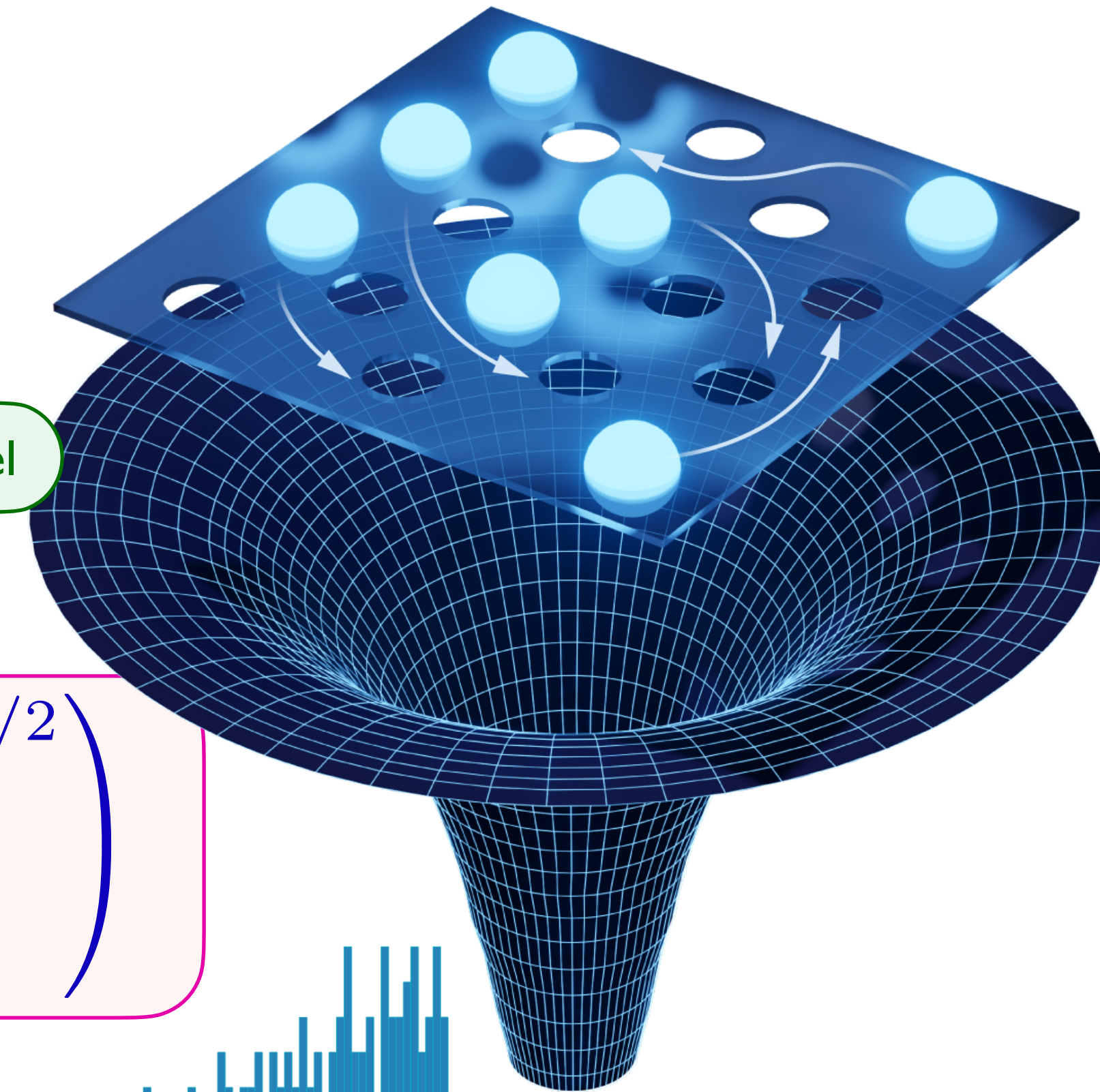
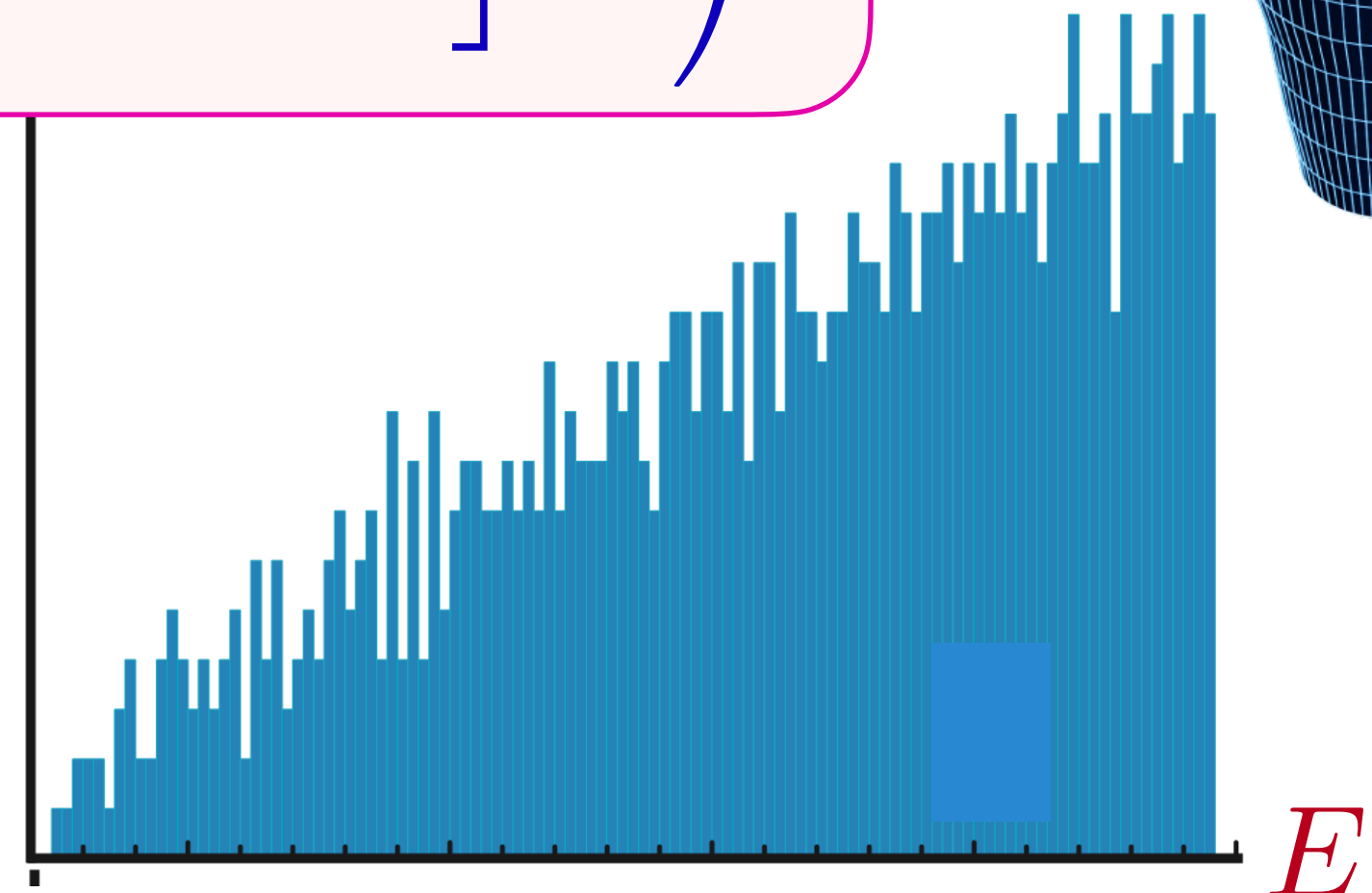
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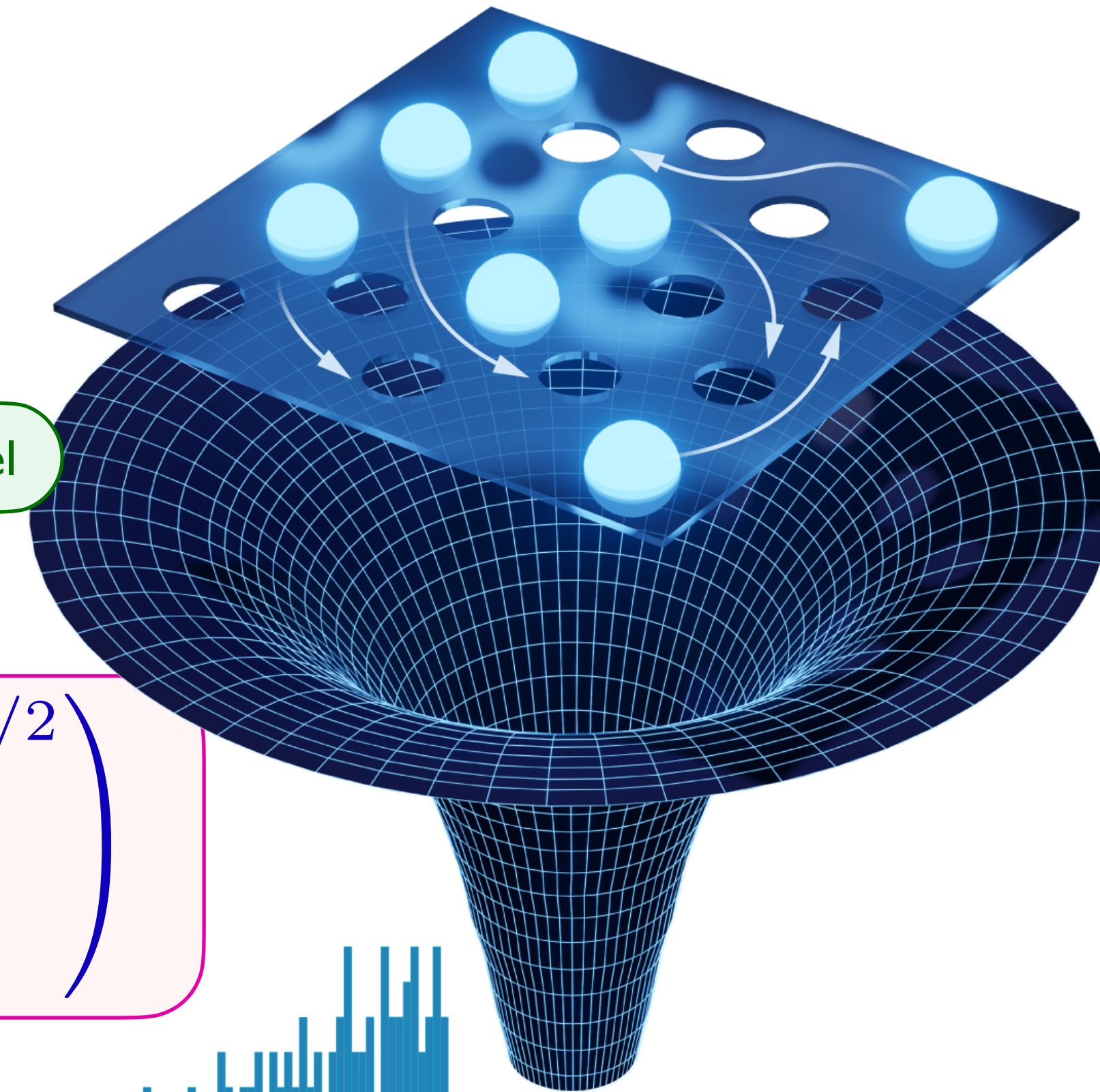
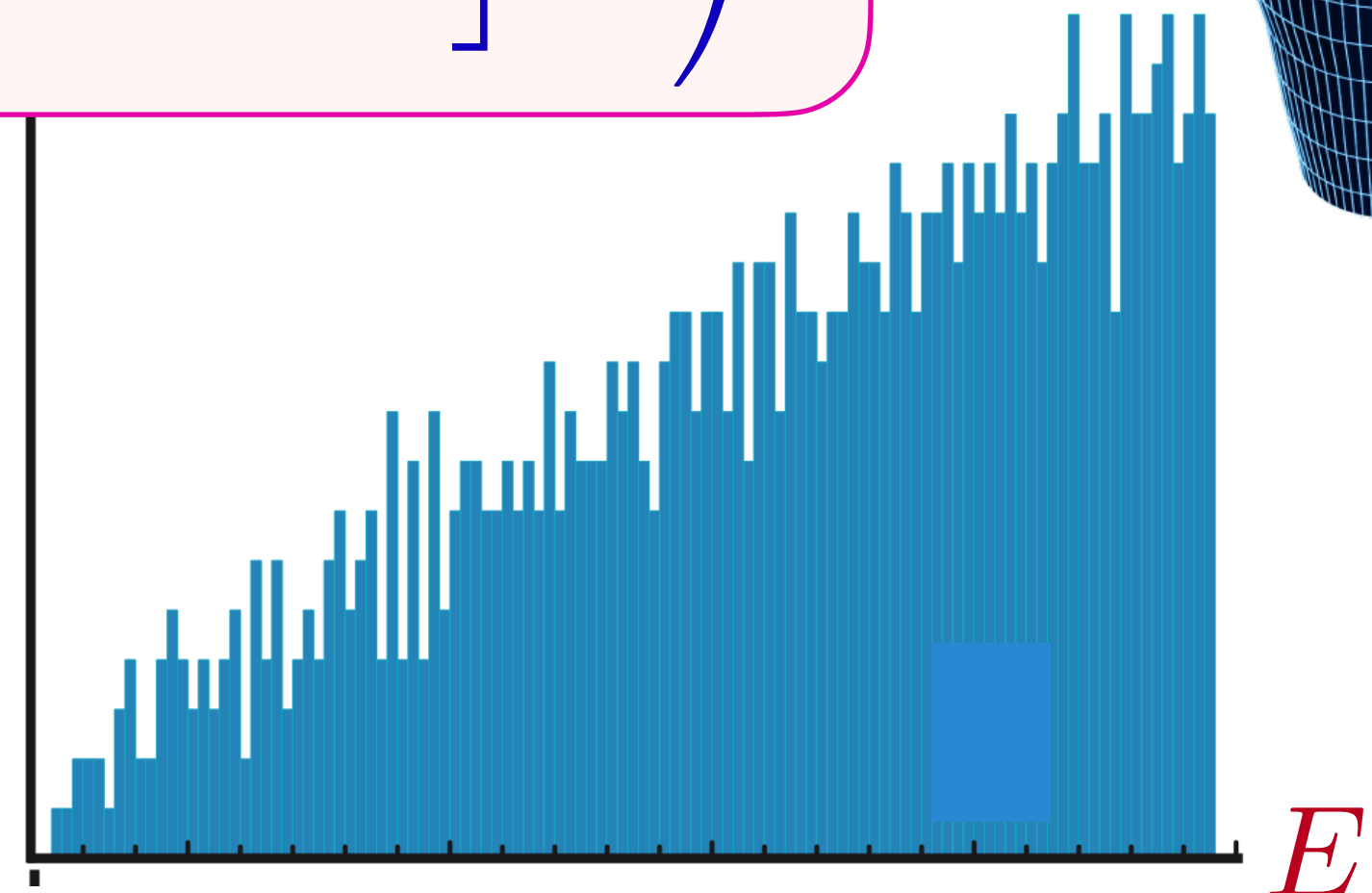
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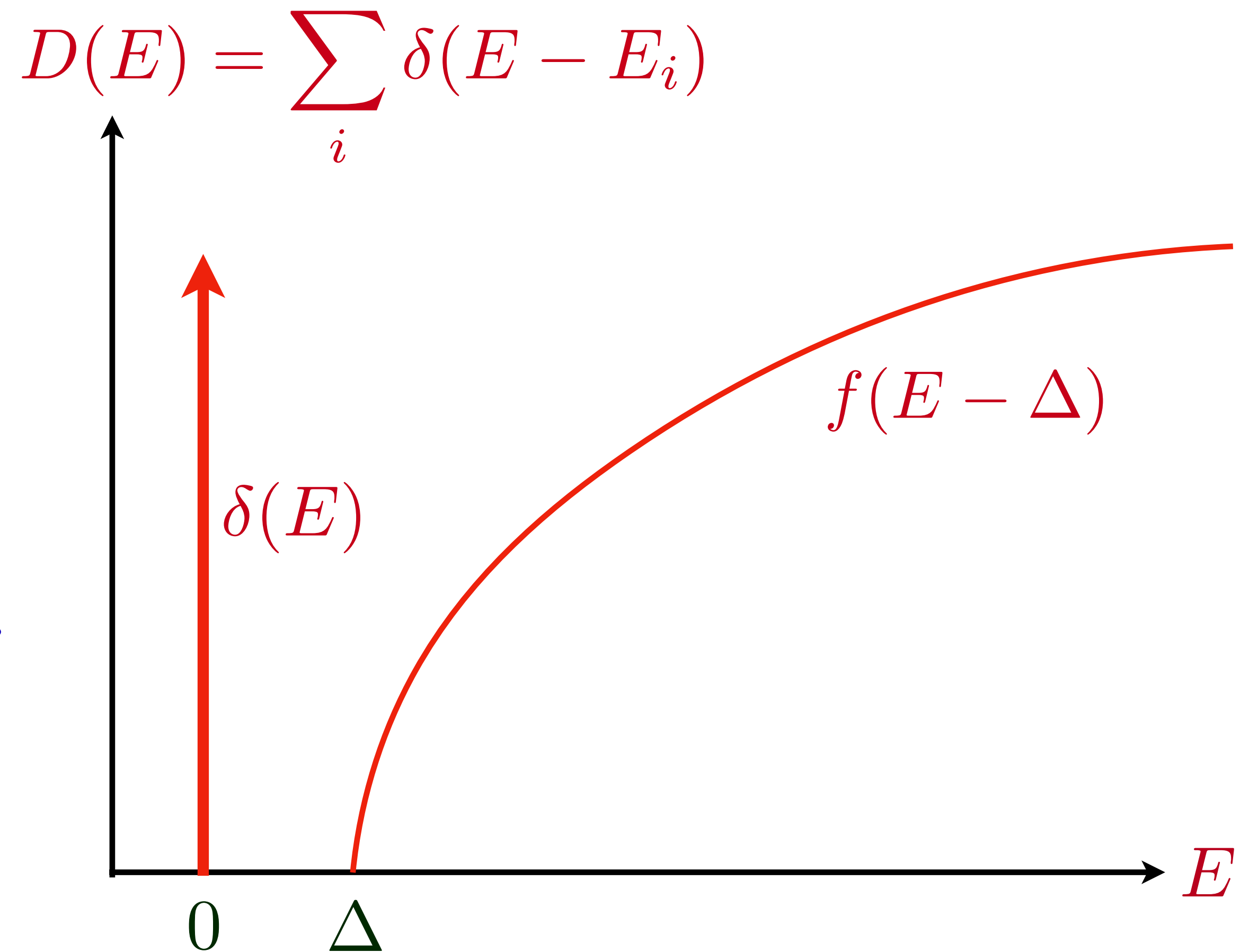


Strong theory of charged black holes

- With sufficient low energy supersymmetry, string theory yields:

$$D(E) = \exp\left(\frac{A_0 c^3}{4\hbar G}\right) \delta(E) + \theta(E - \Delta) f(E - \Delta) + \dots$$

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



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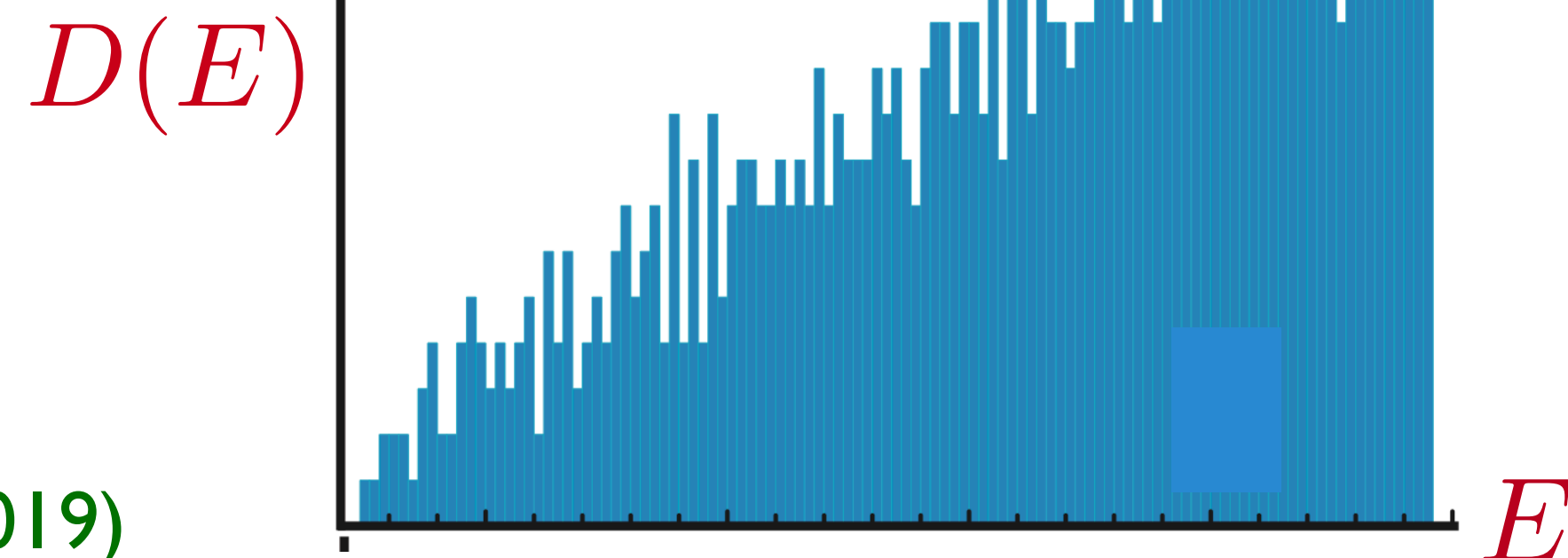
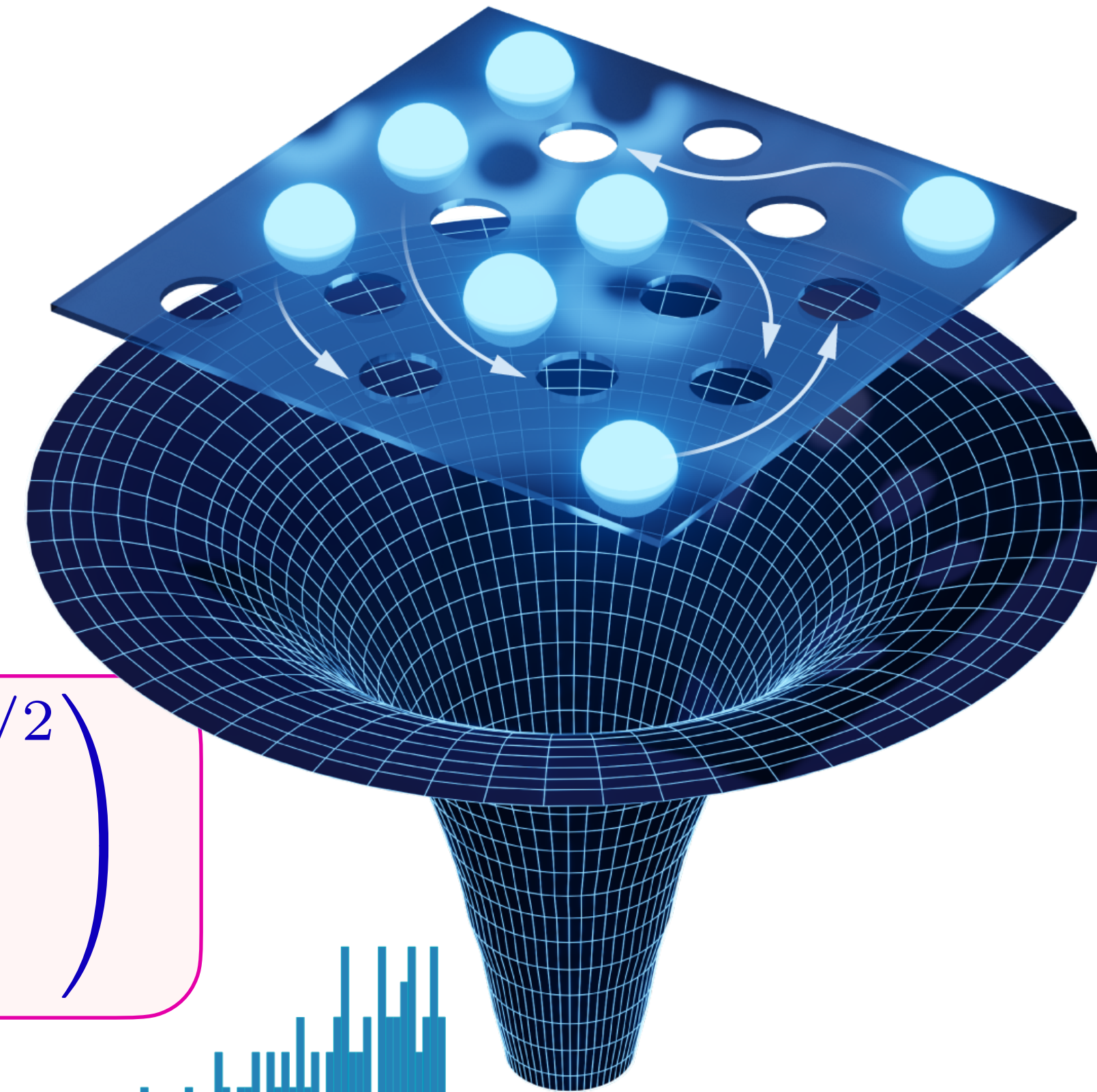
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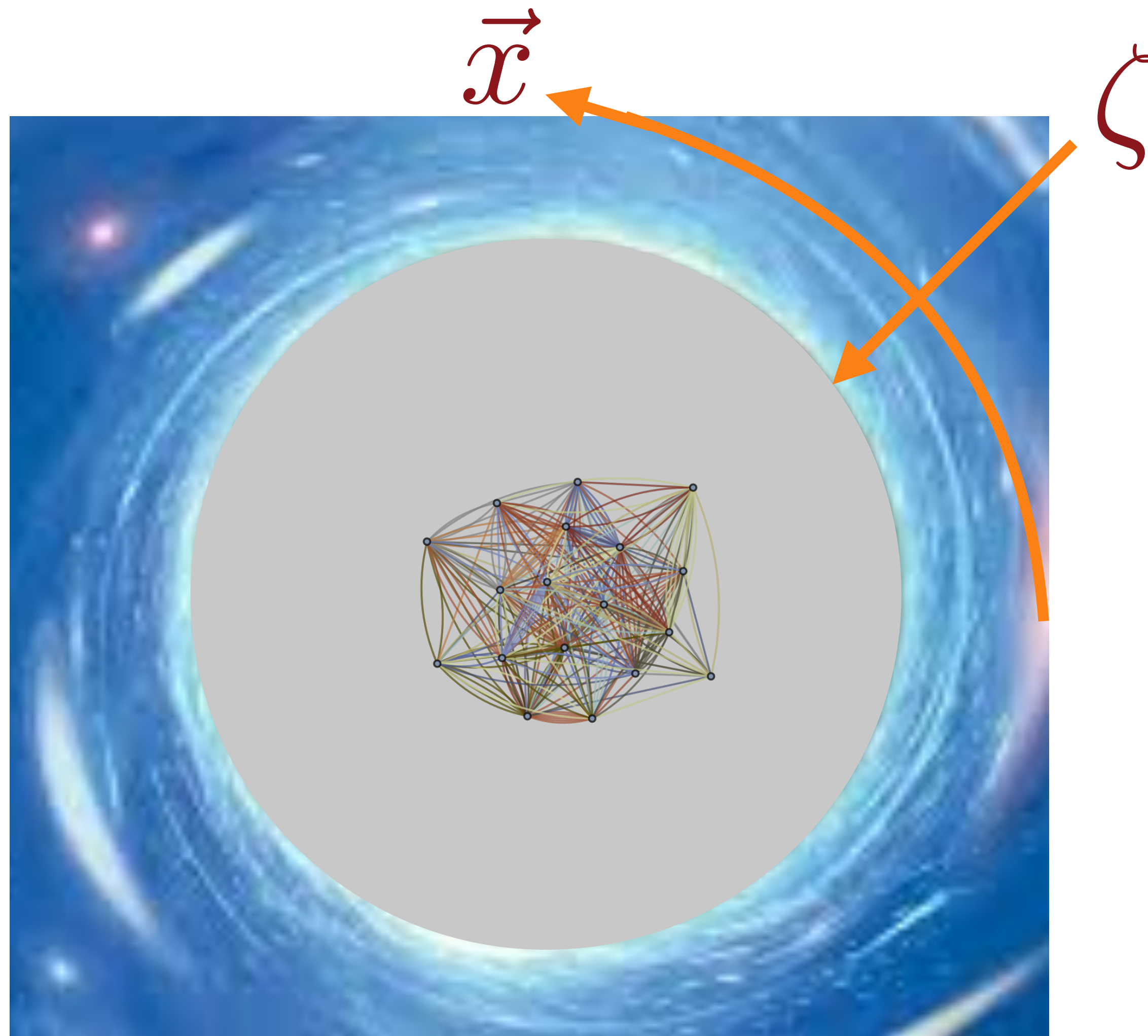
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- ‘Wormhole’ contributions to this quantum simulation have led to an understanding of the Page curve of entanglement entropy of evaporating black holes.

Saad, Shenker, Stanford (2019)



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The SYK provides the needed realization of the black hole interior, and its density of quantum states matches gravitational entropy computations for charged black holes !

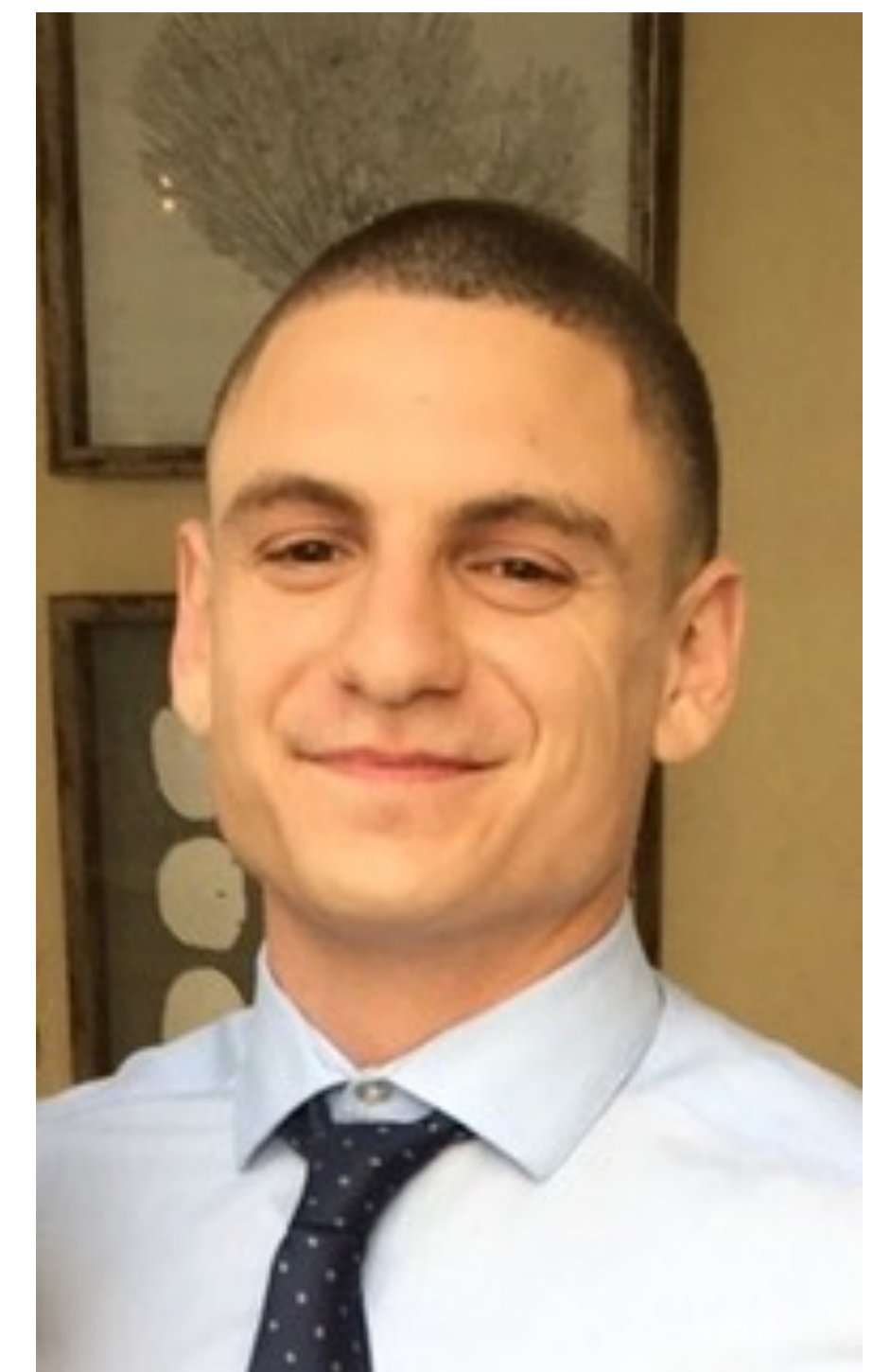
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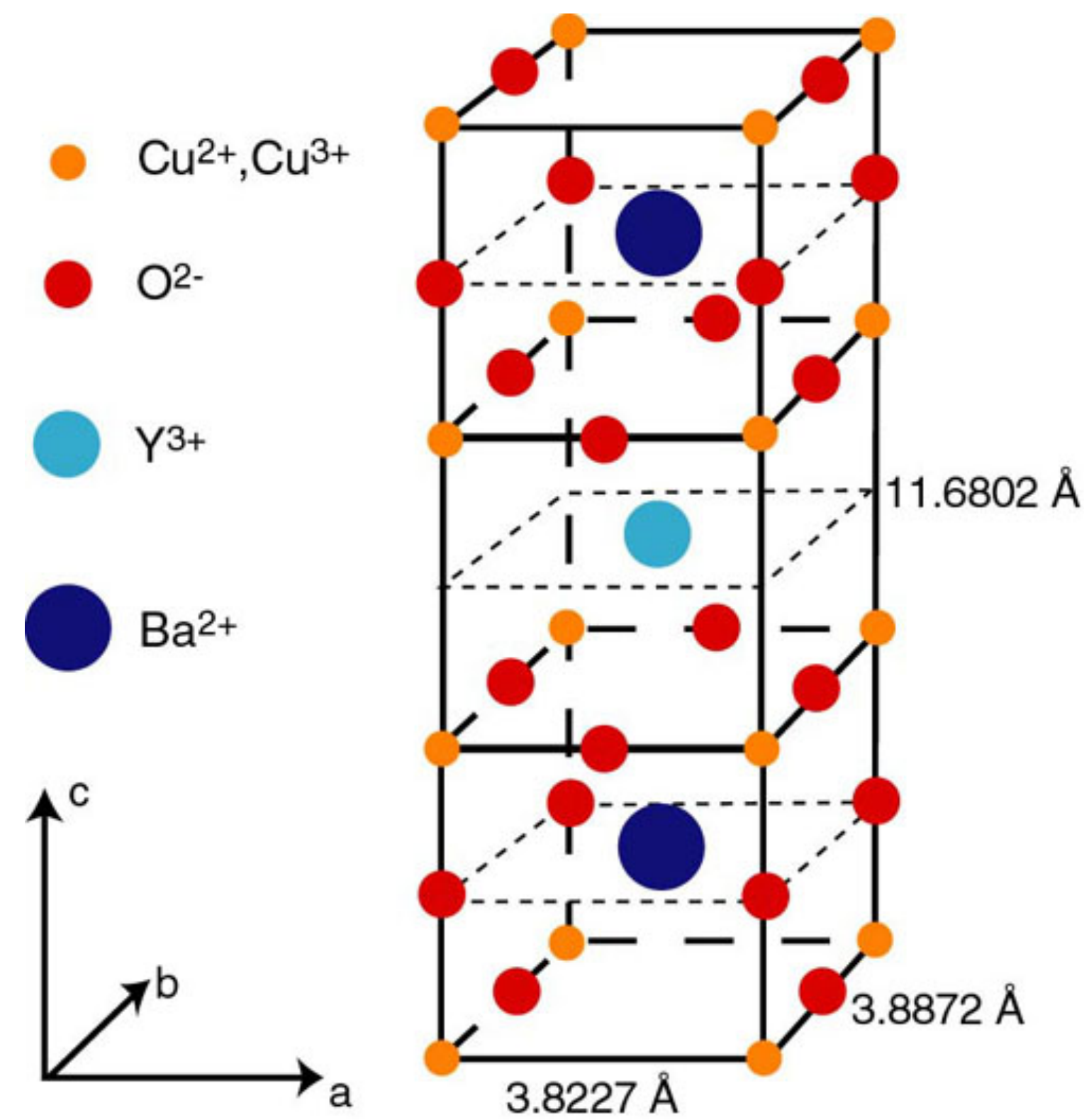
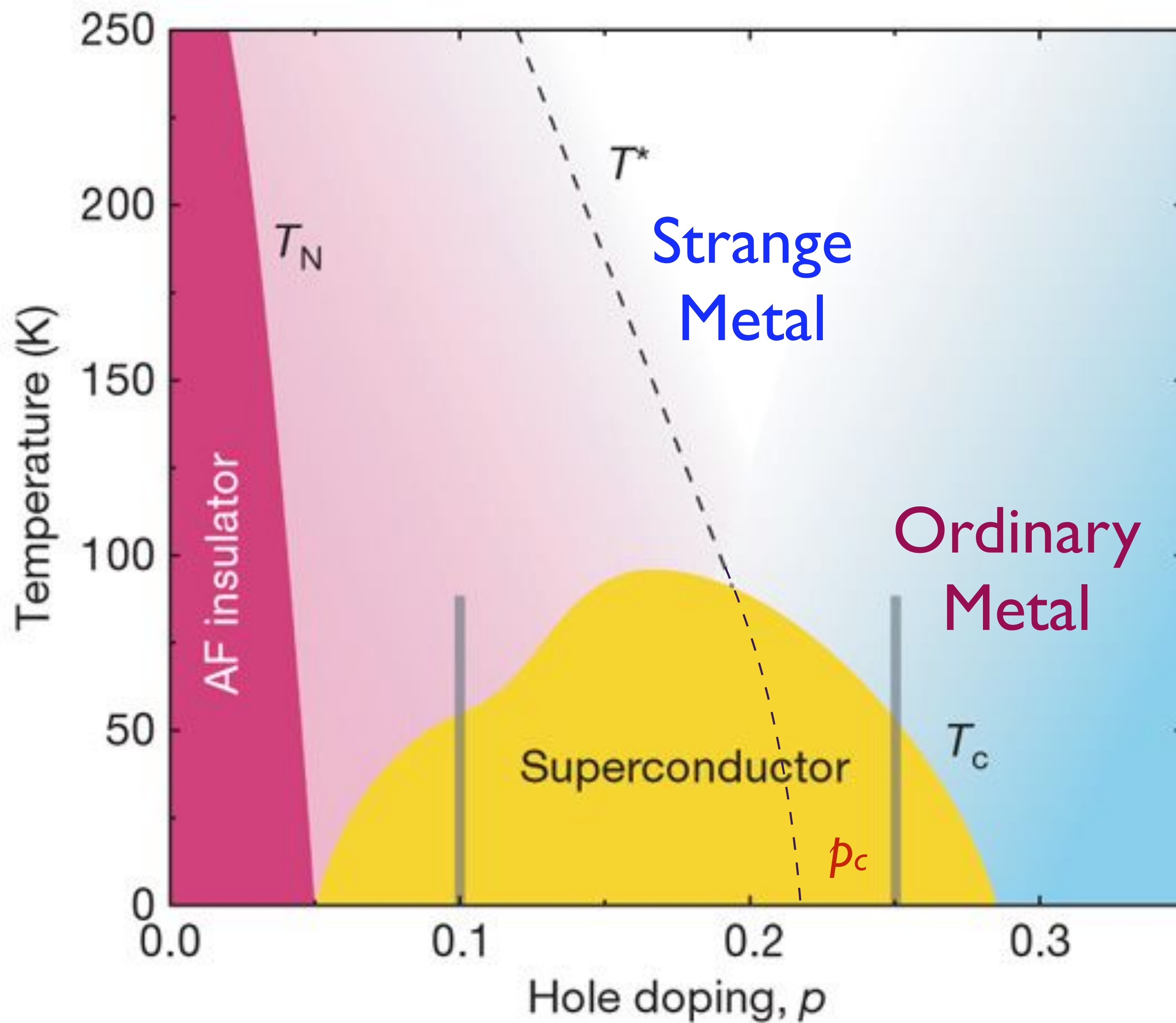
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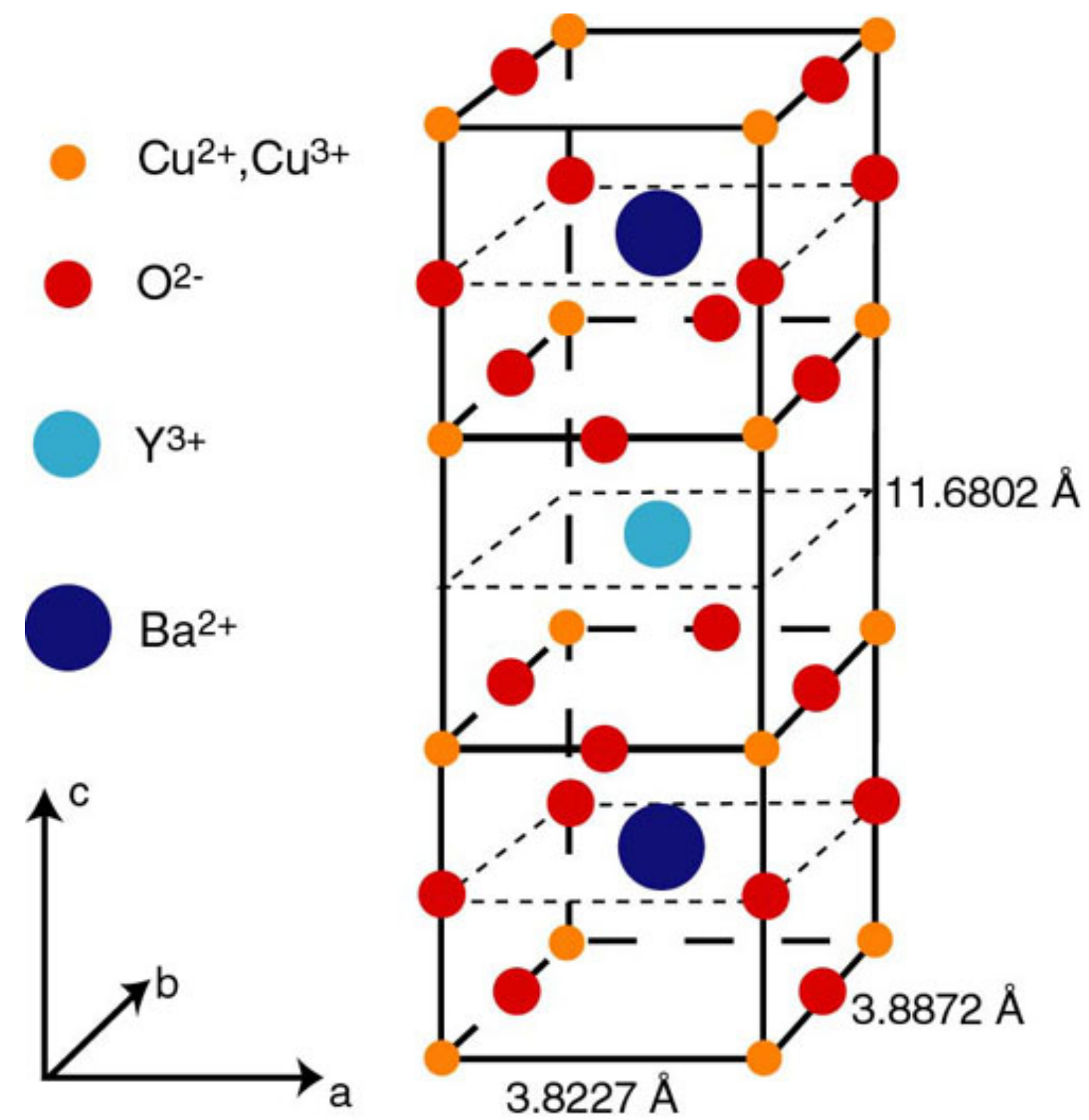
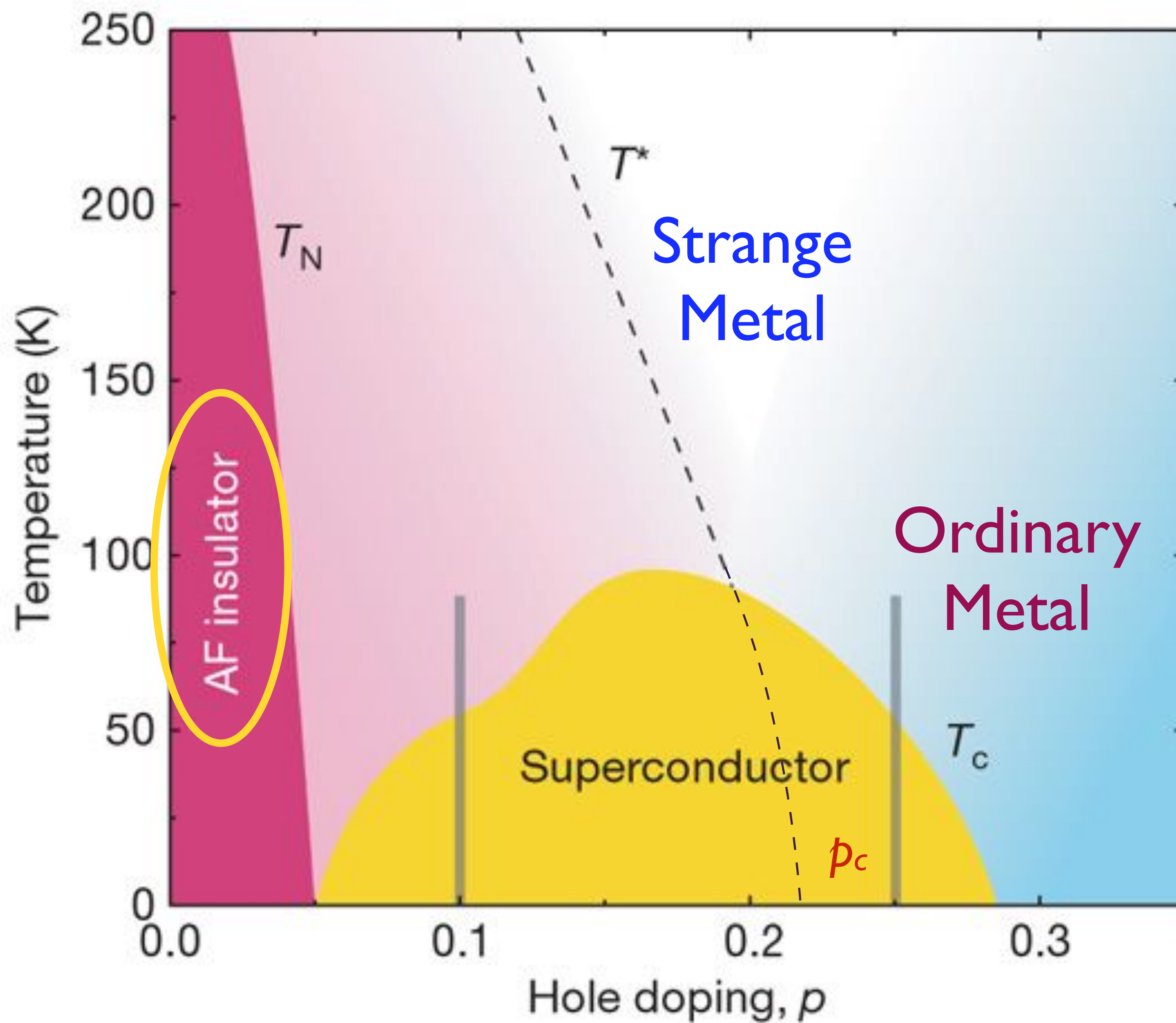


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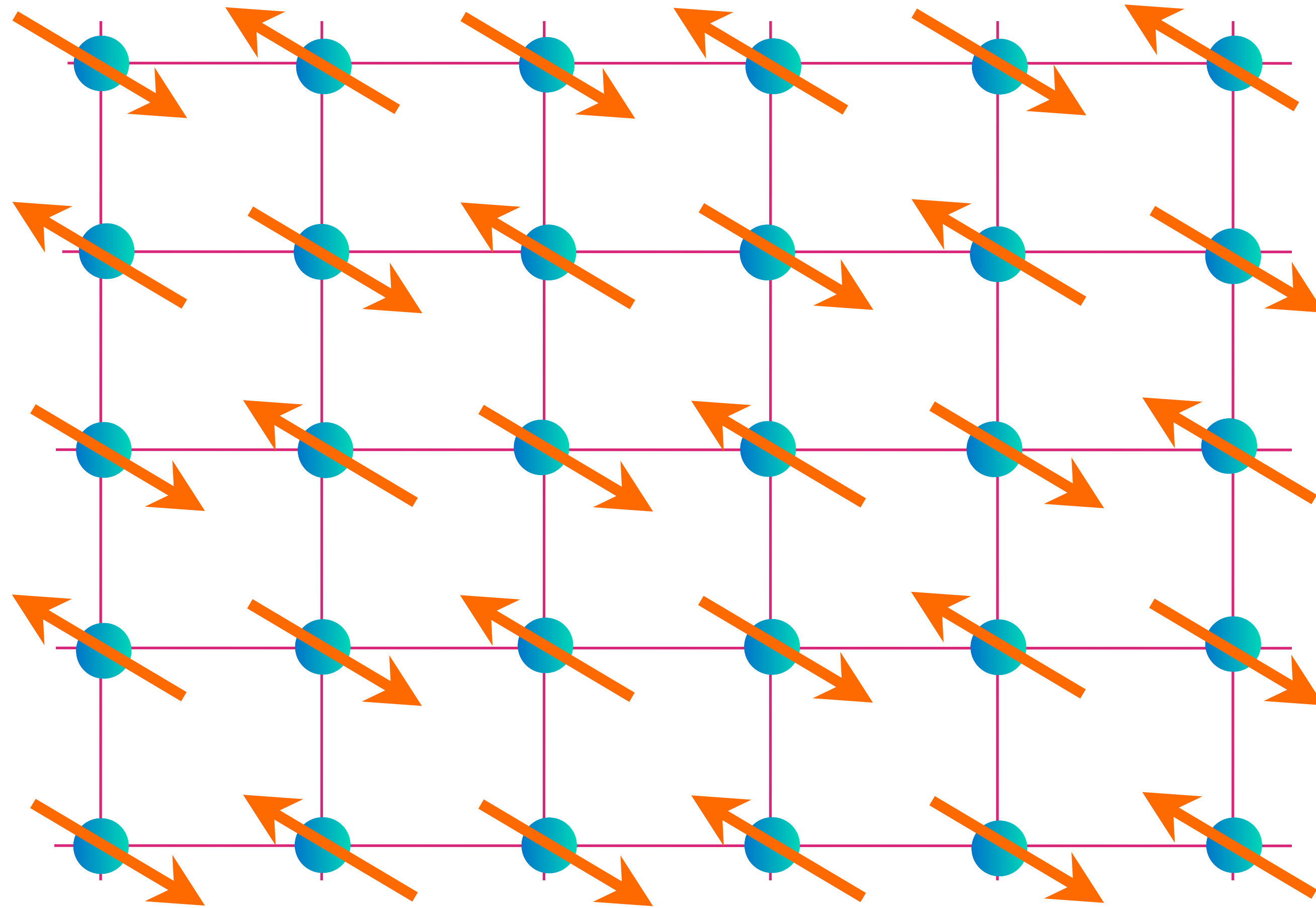
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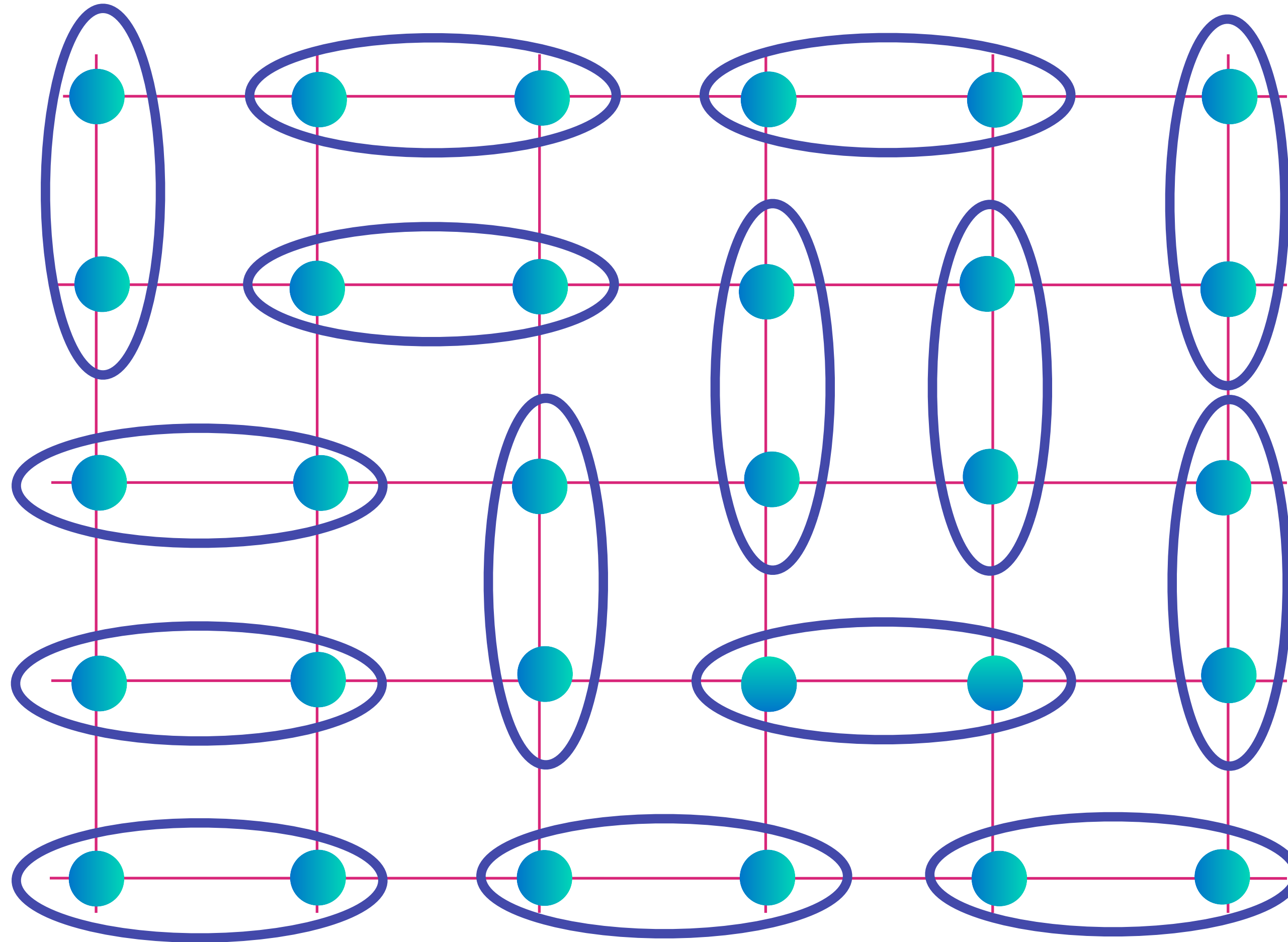
Antiferromagnetism

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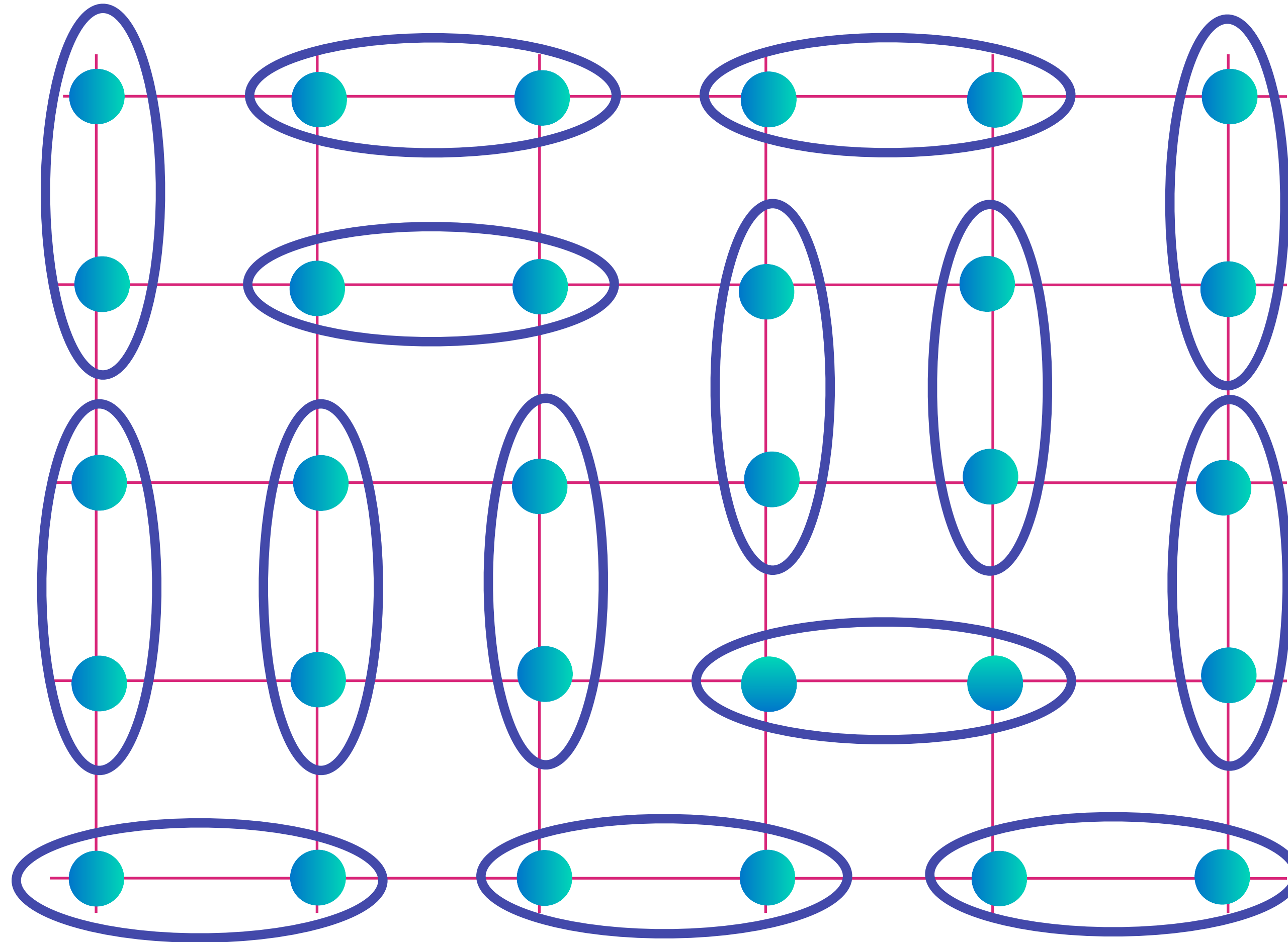
Electrons form entangled pairs, and the pairs entangle across the entire sample

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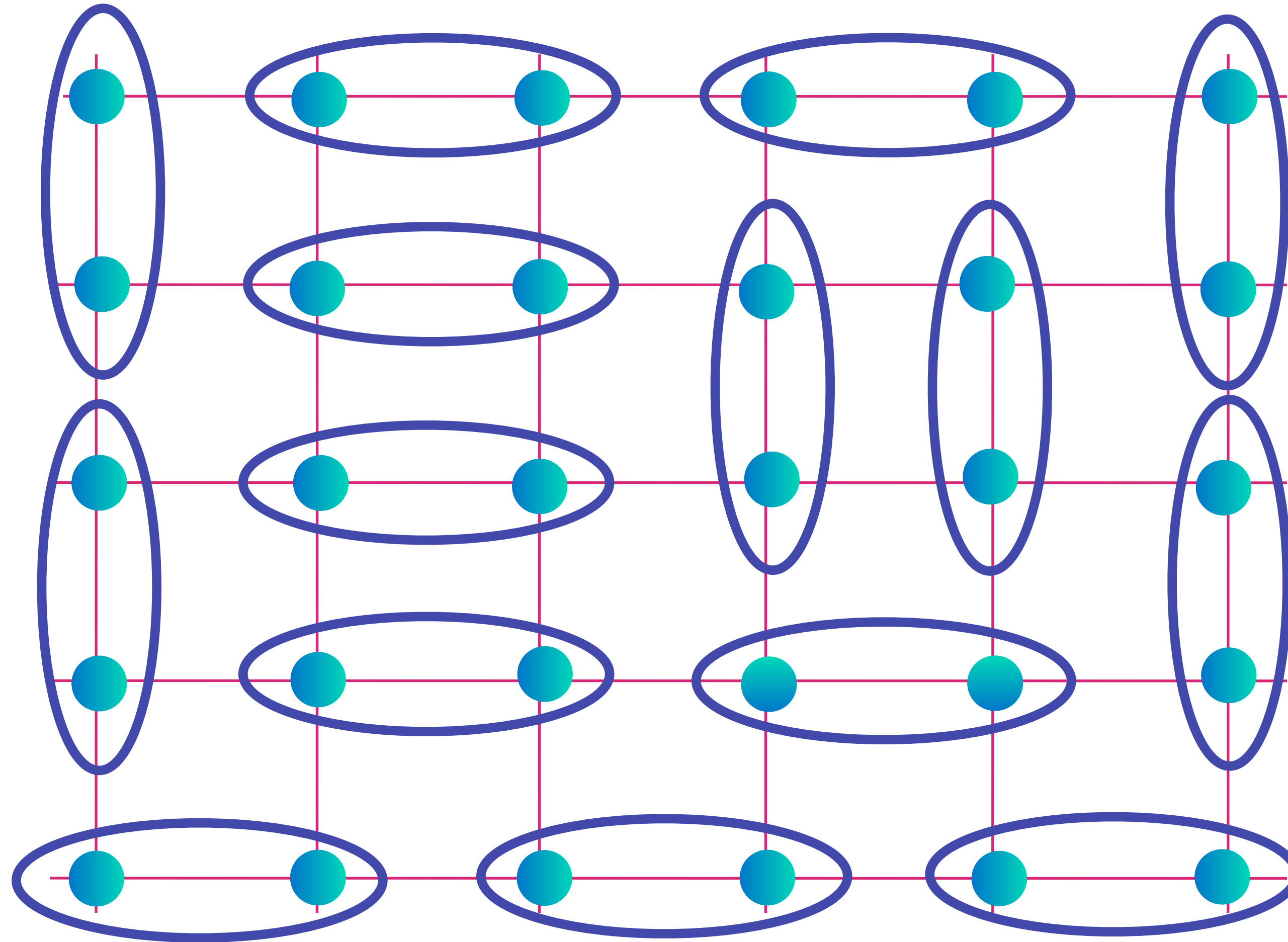
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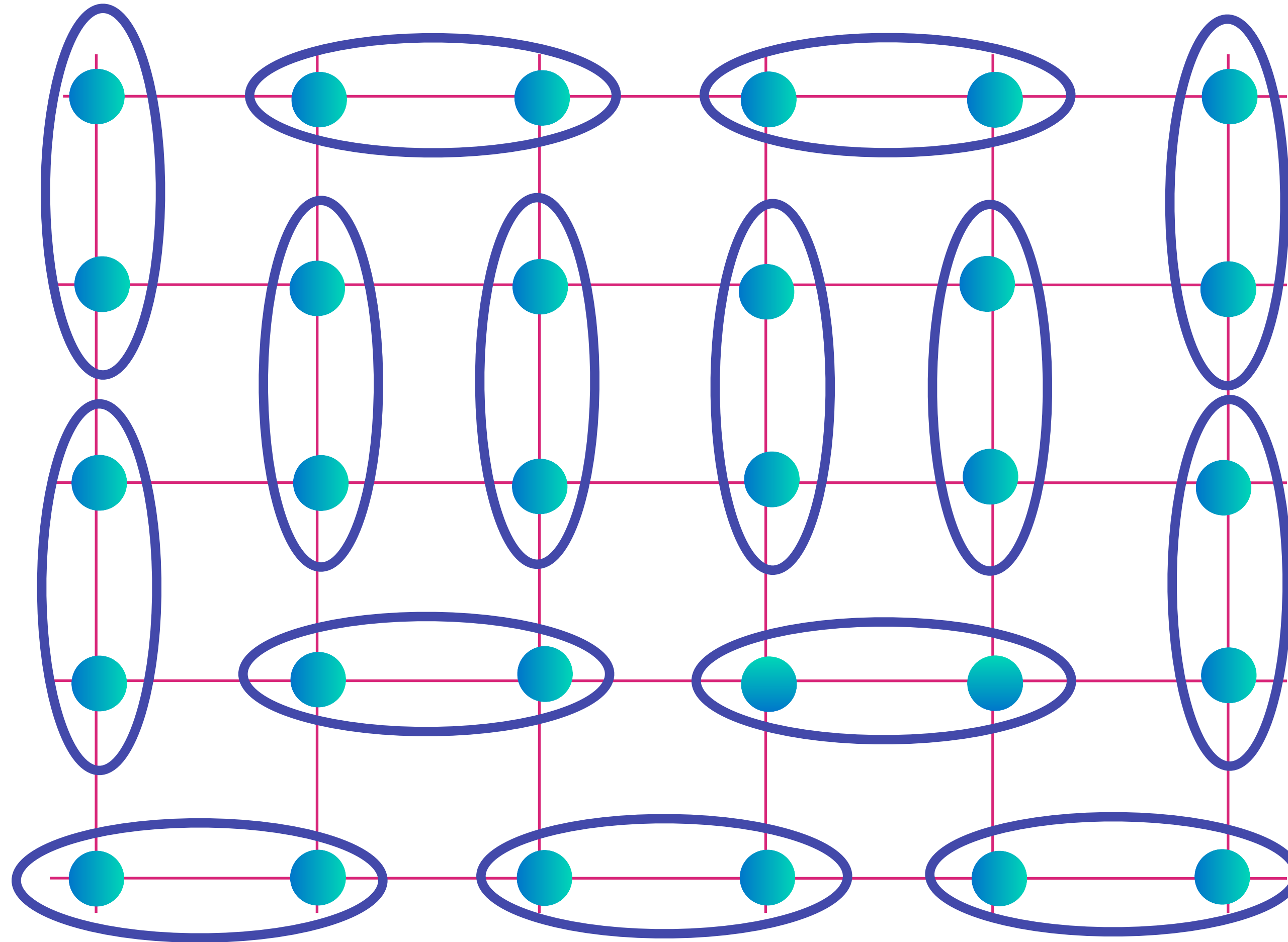
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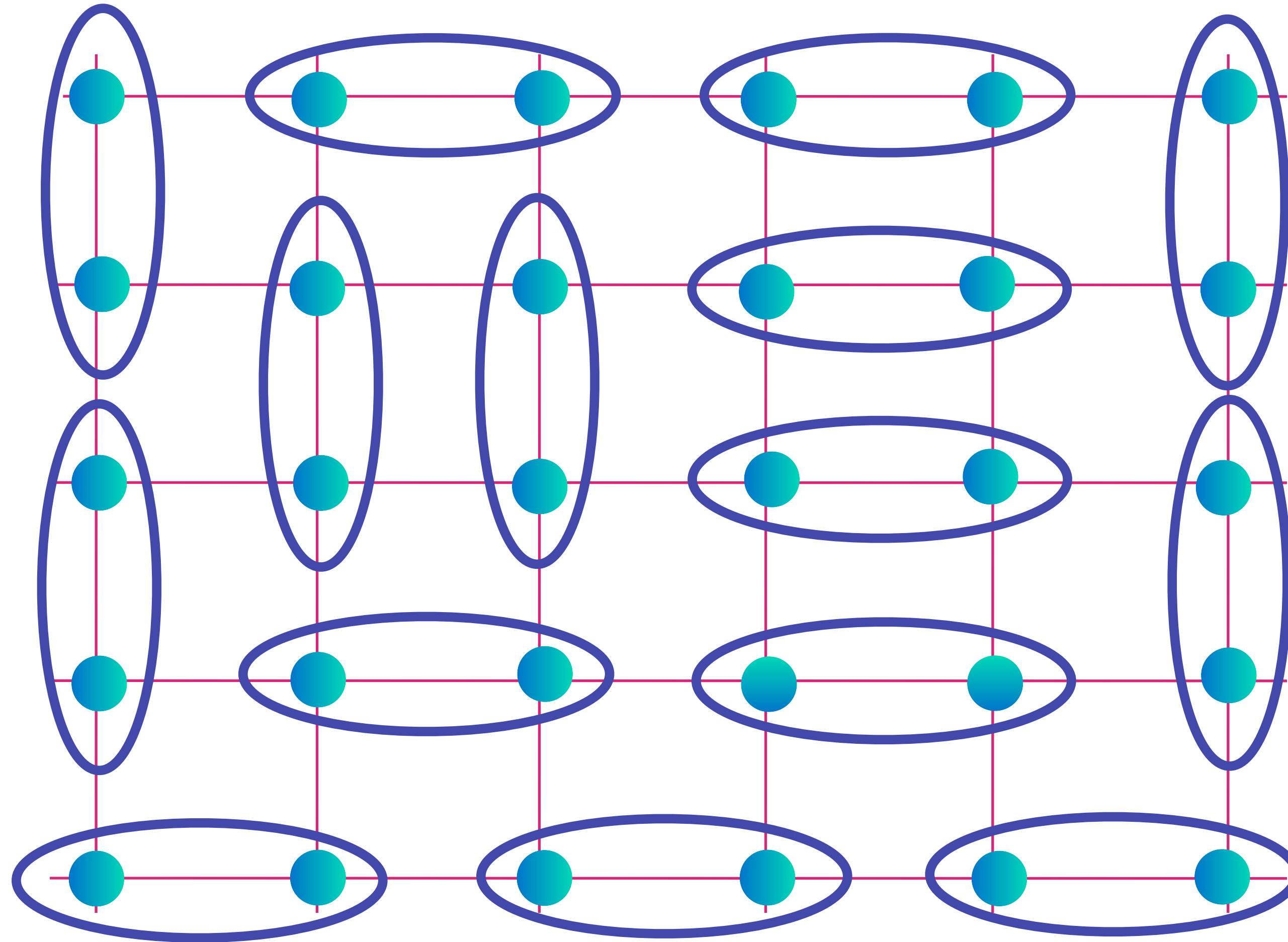
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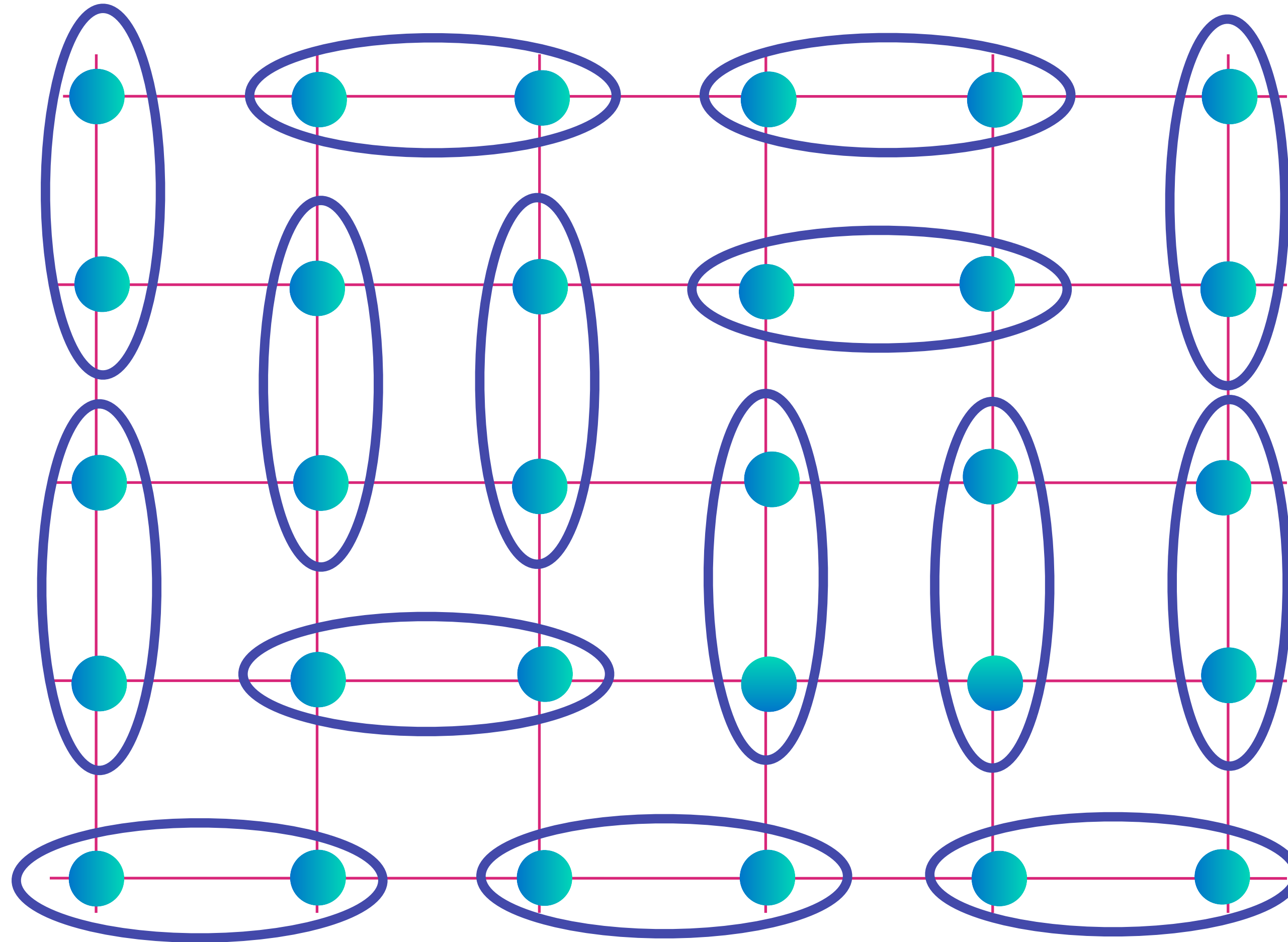
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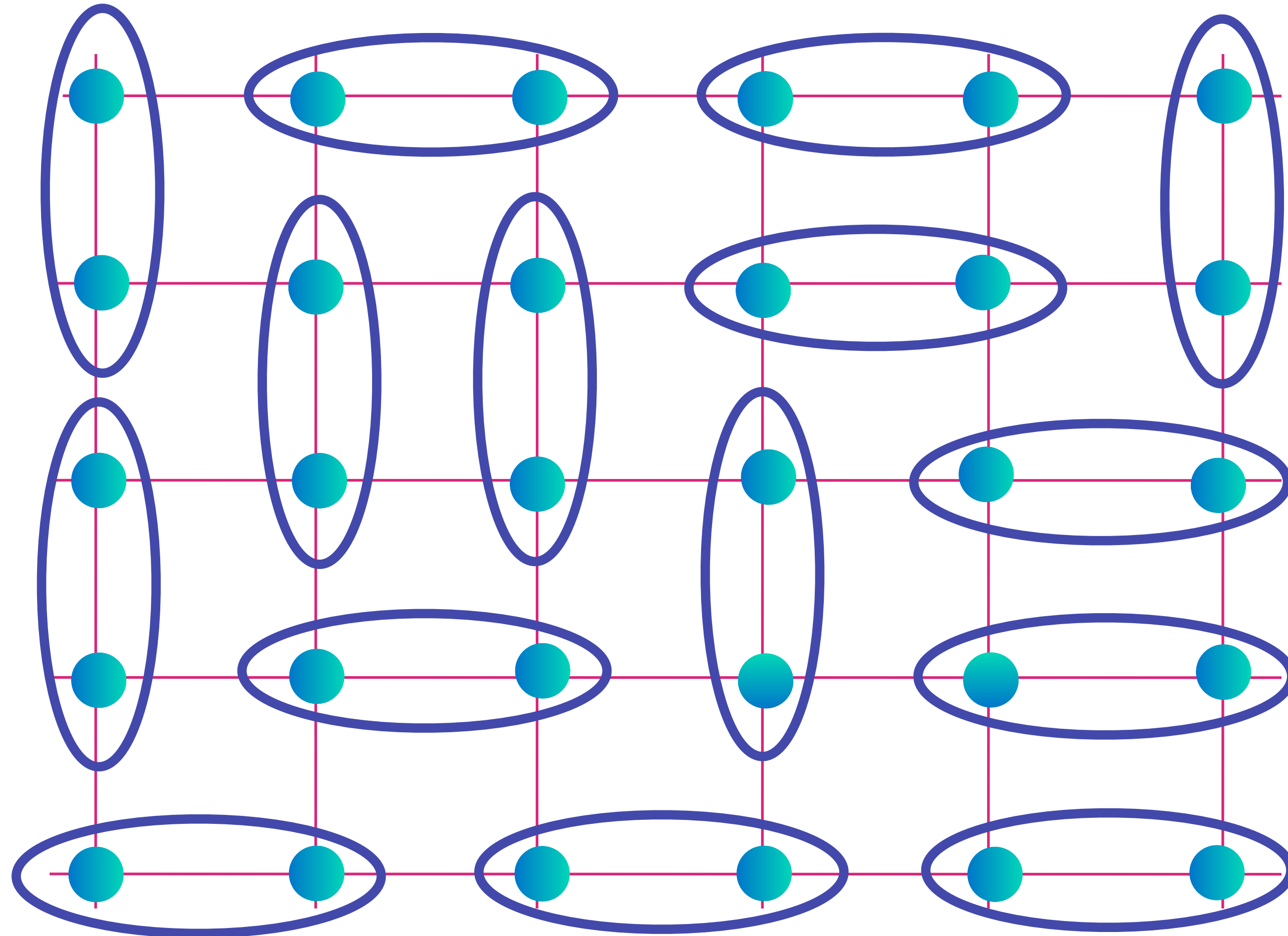
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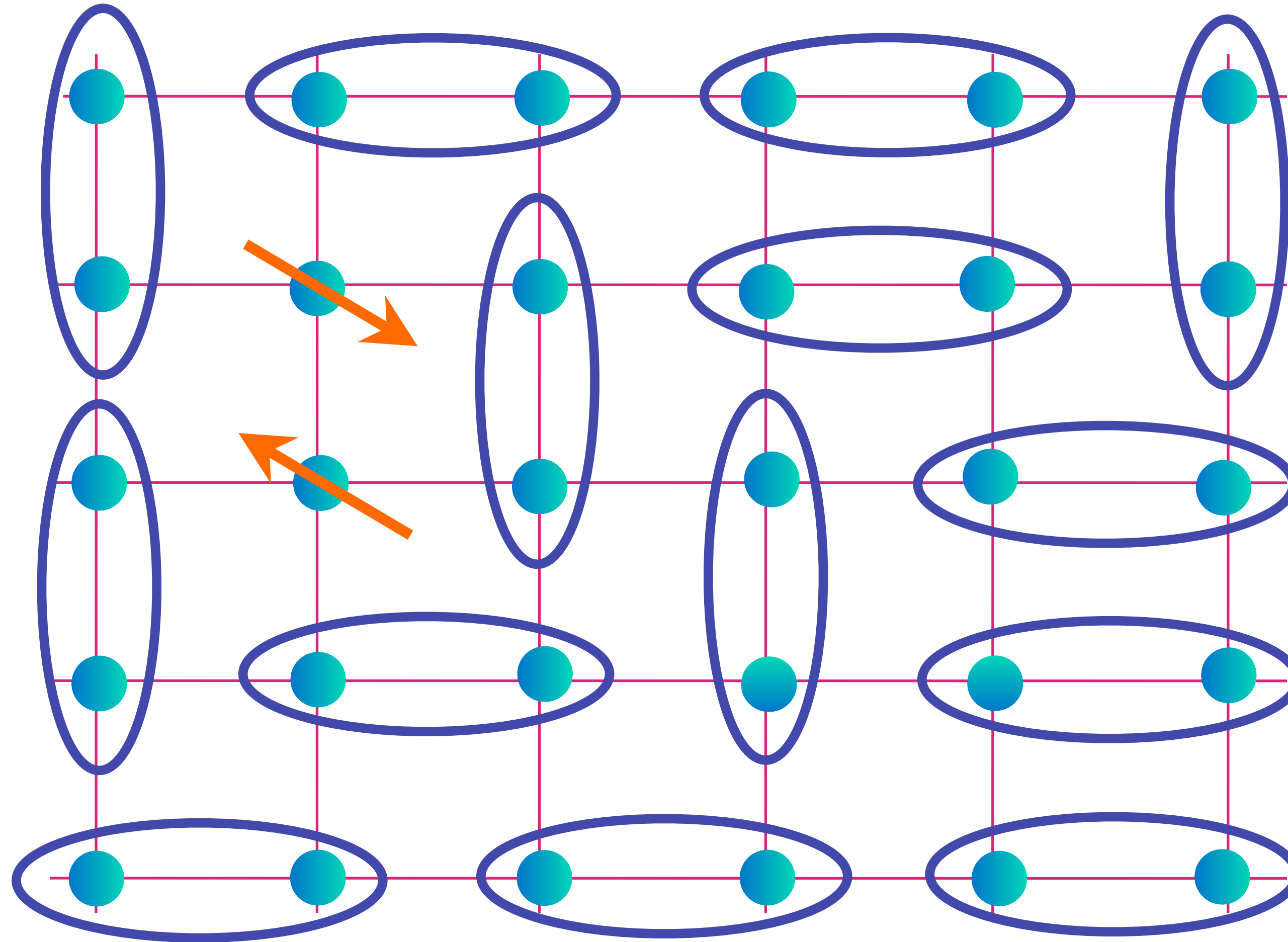
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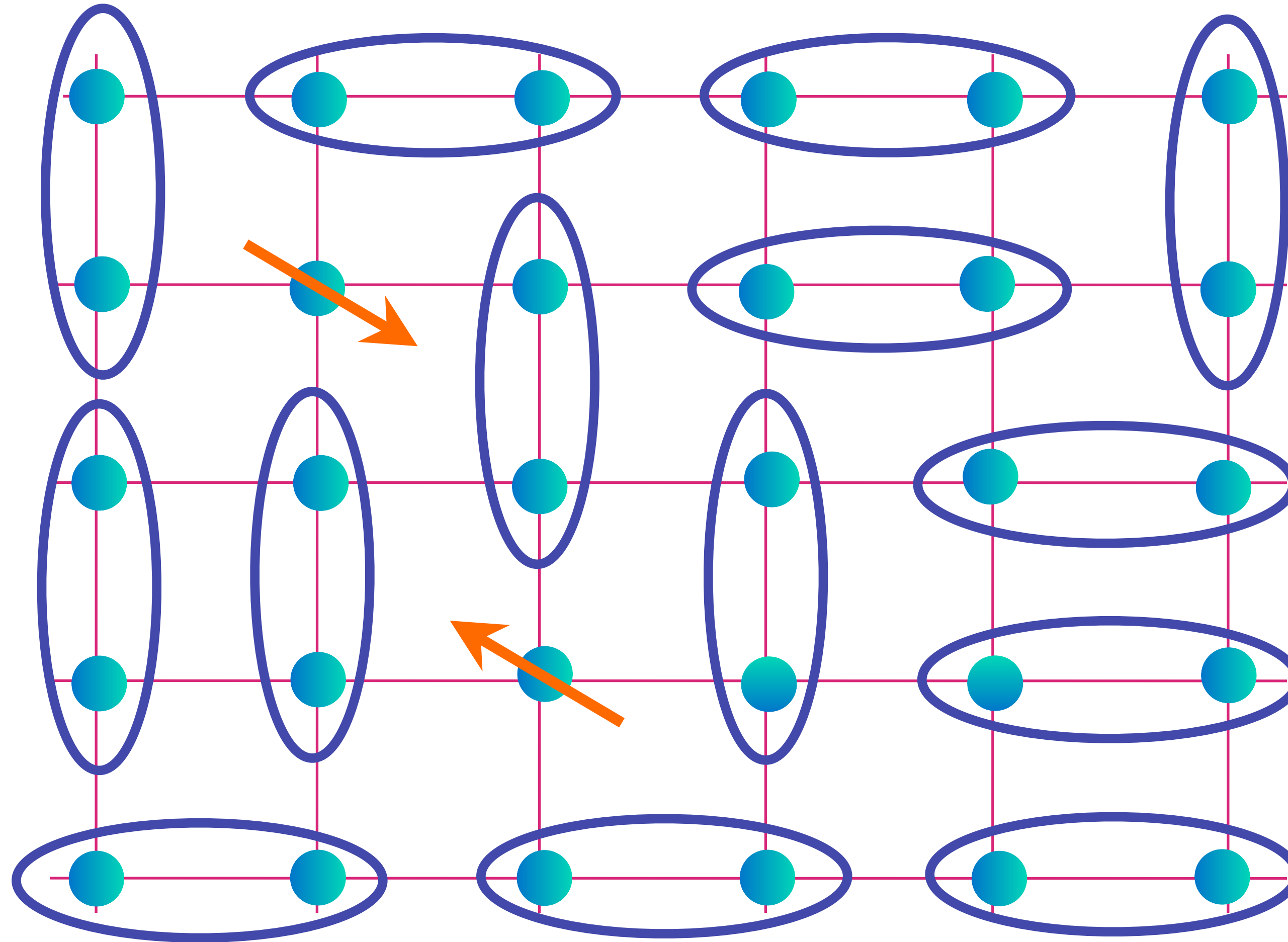
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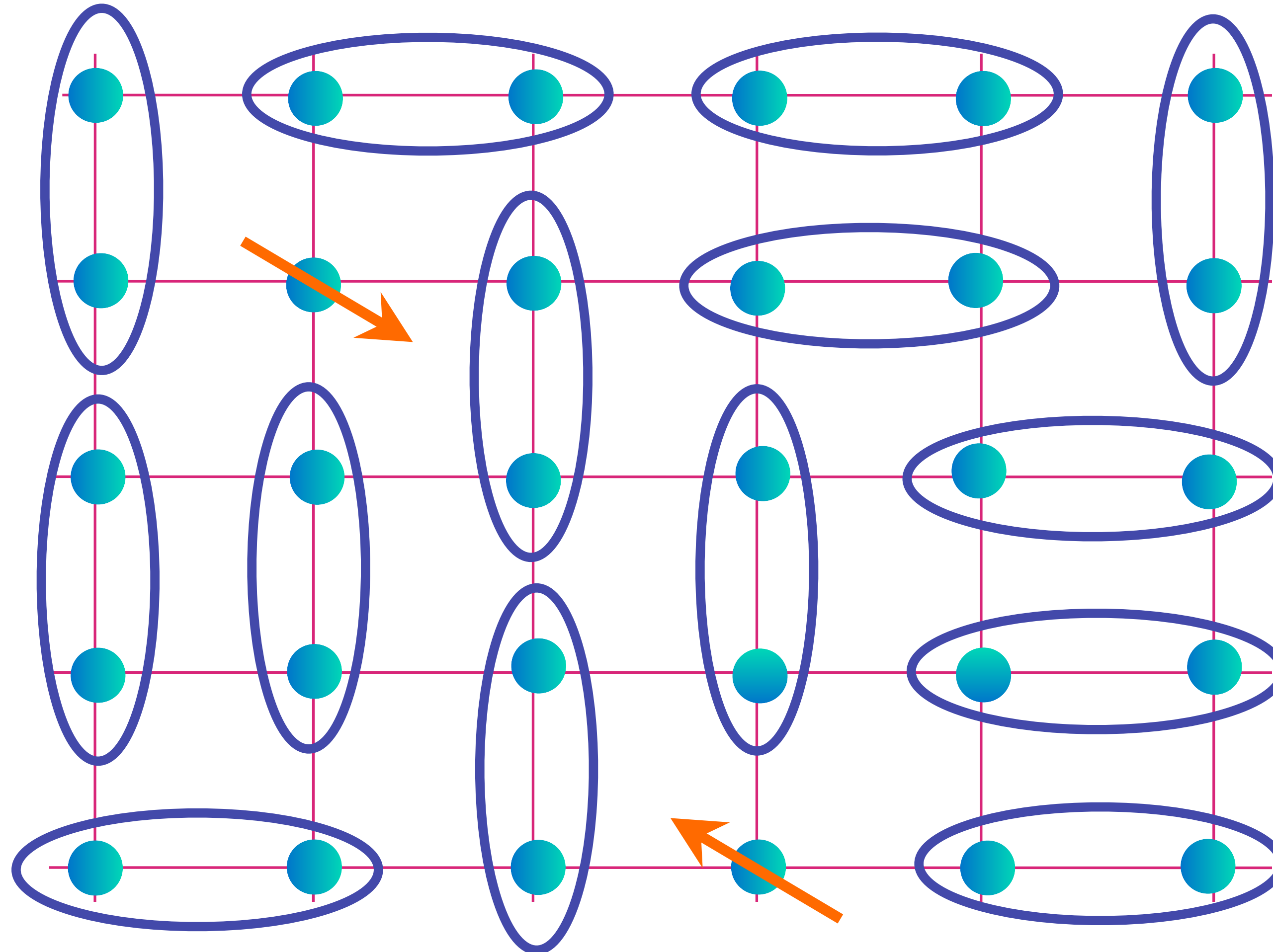
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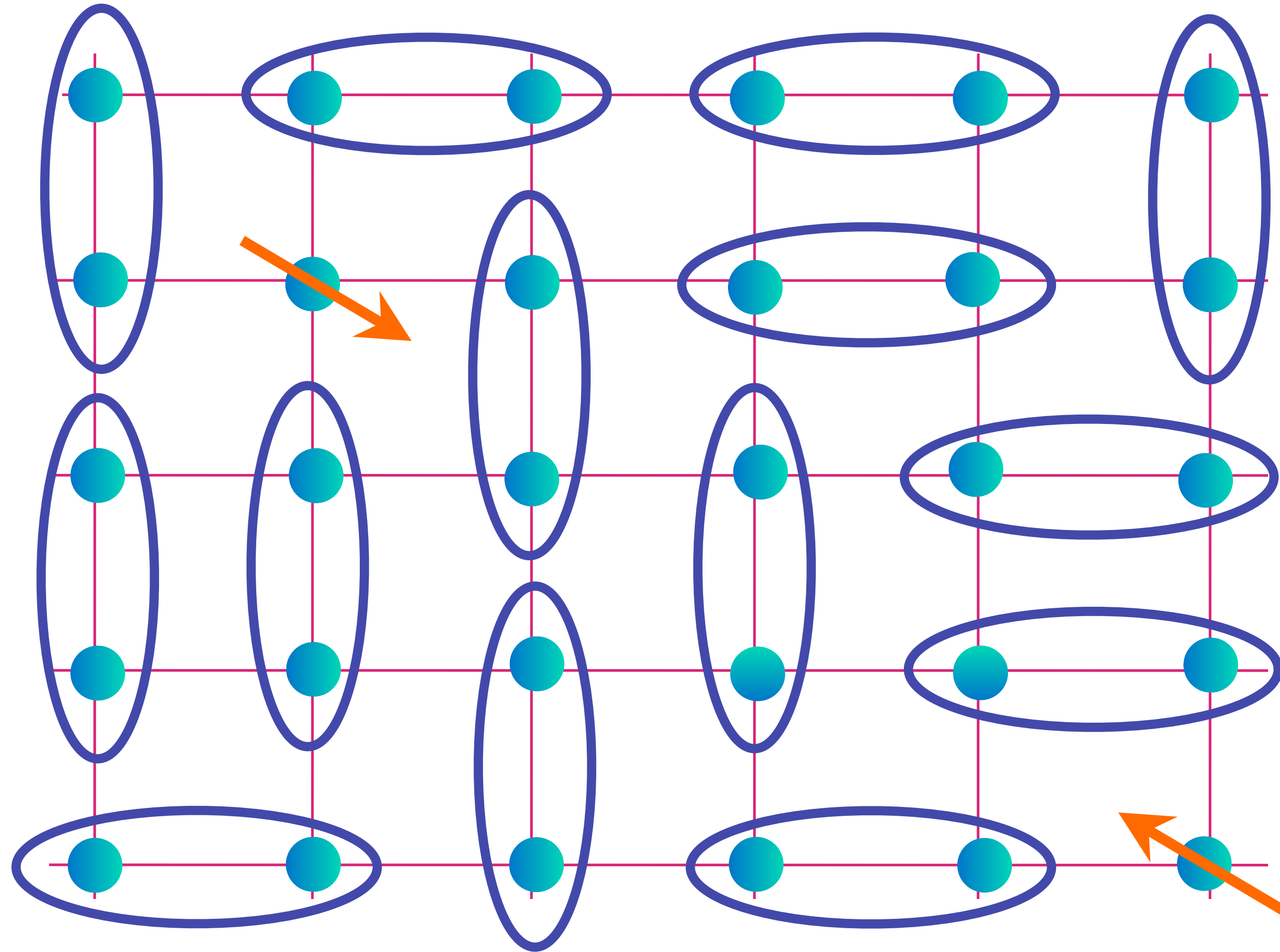
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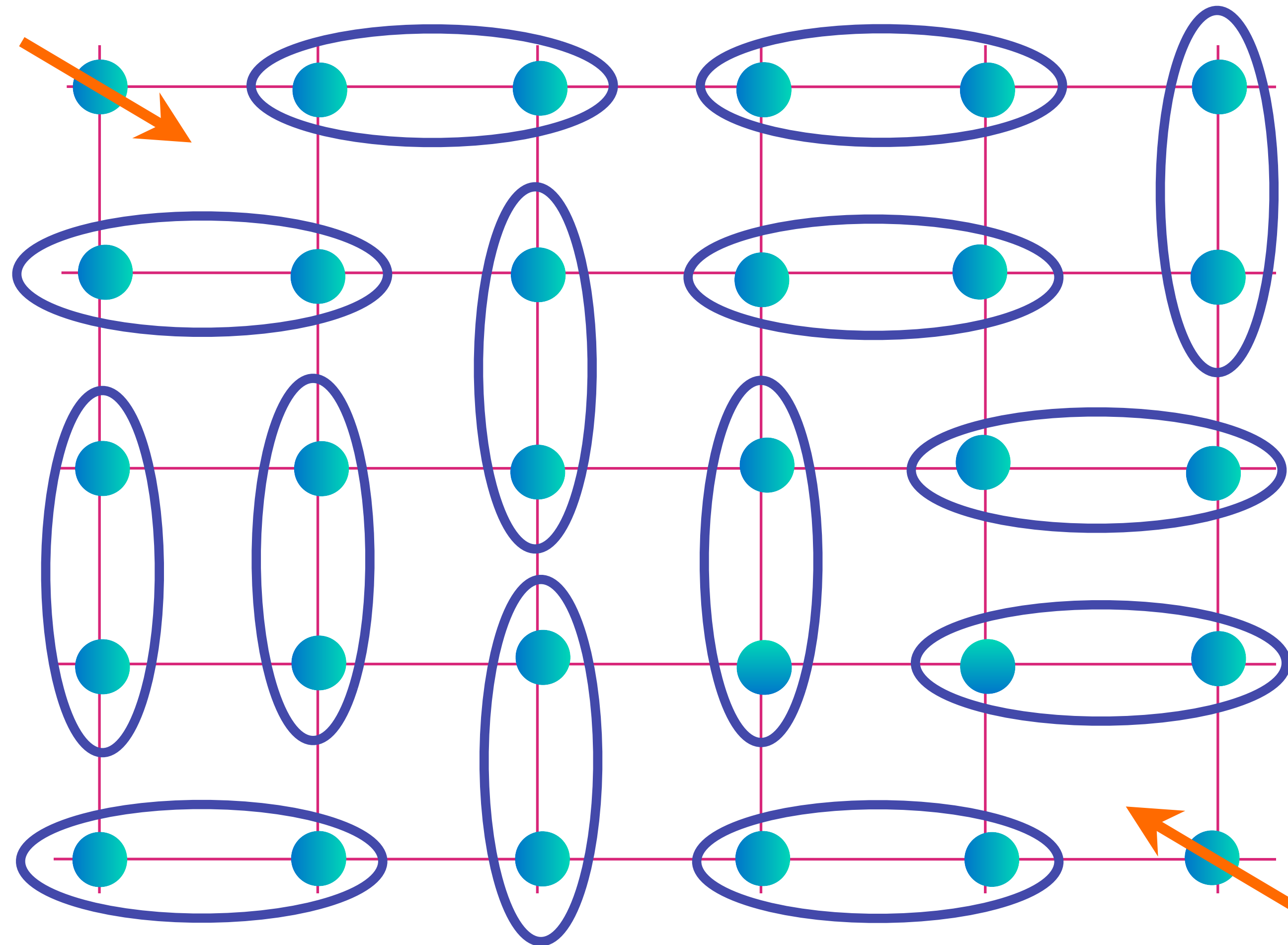
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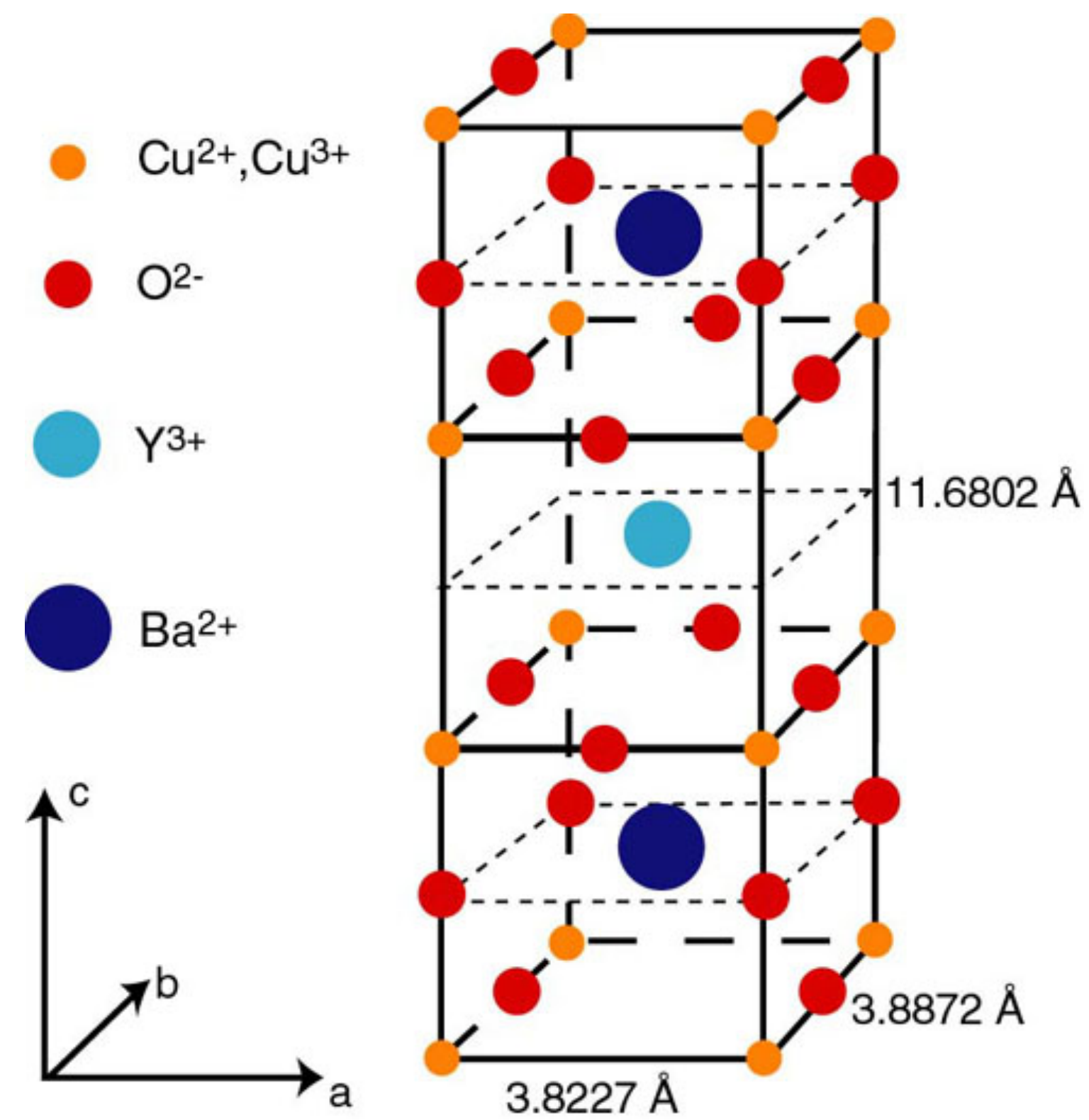
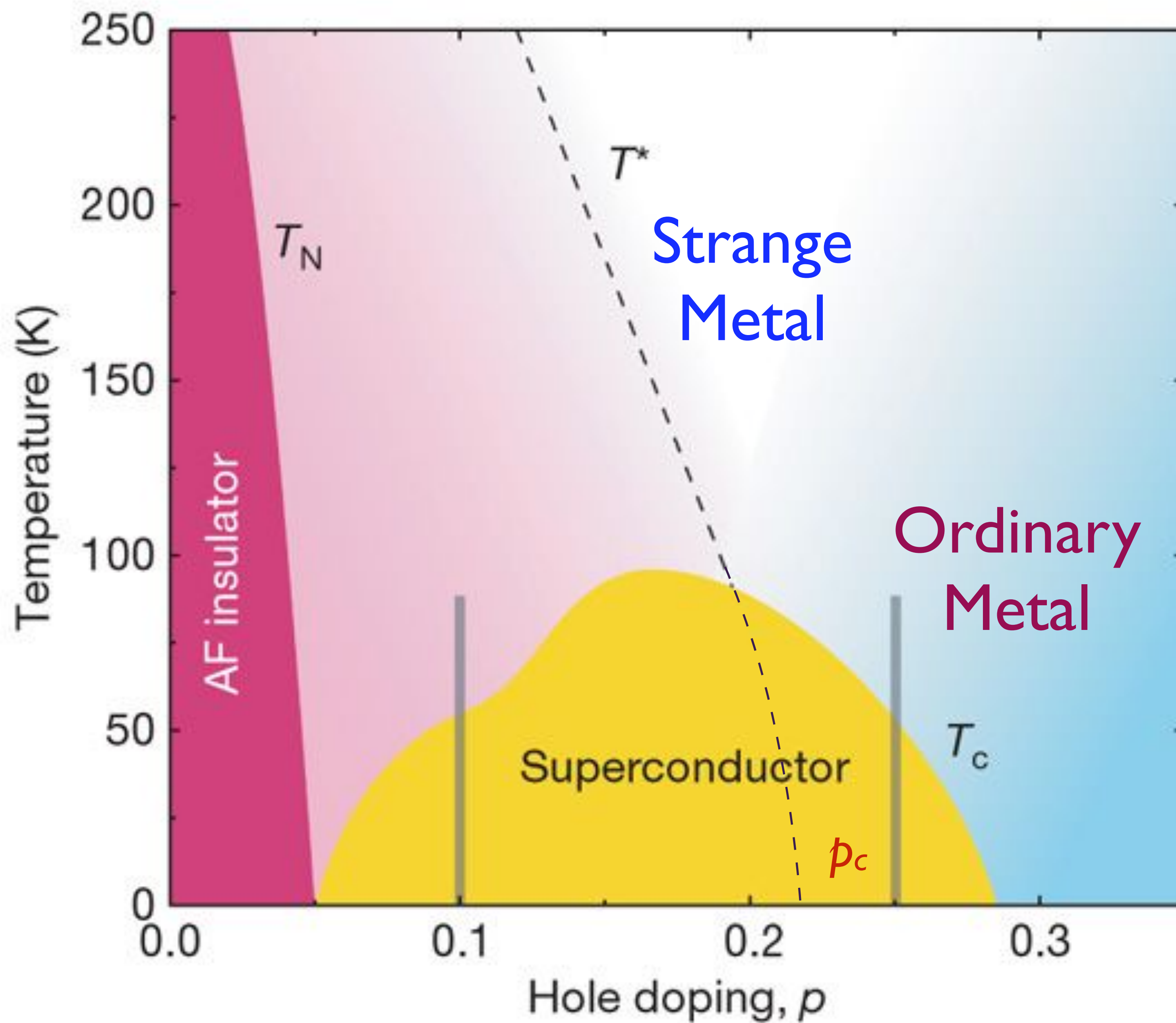
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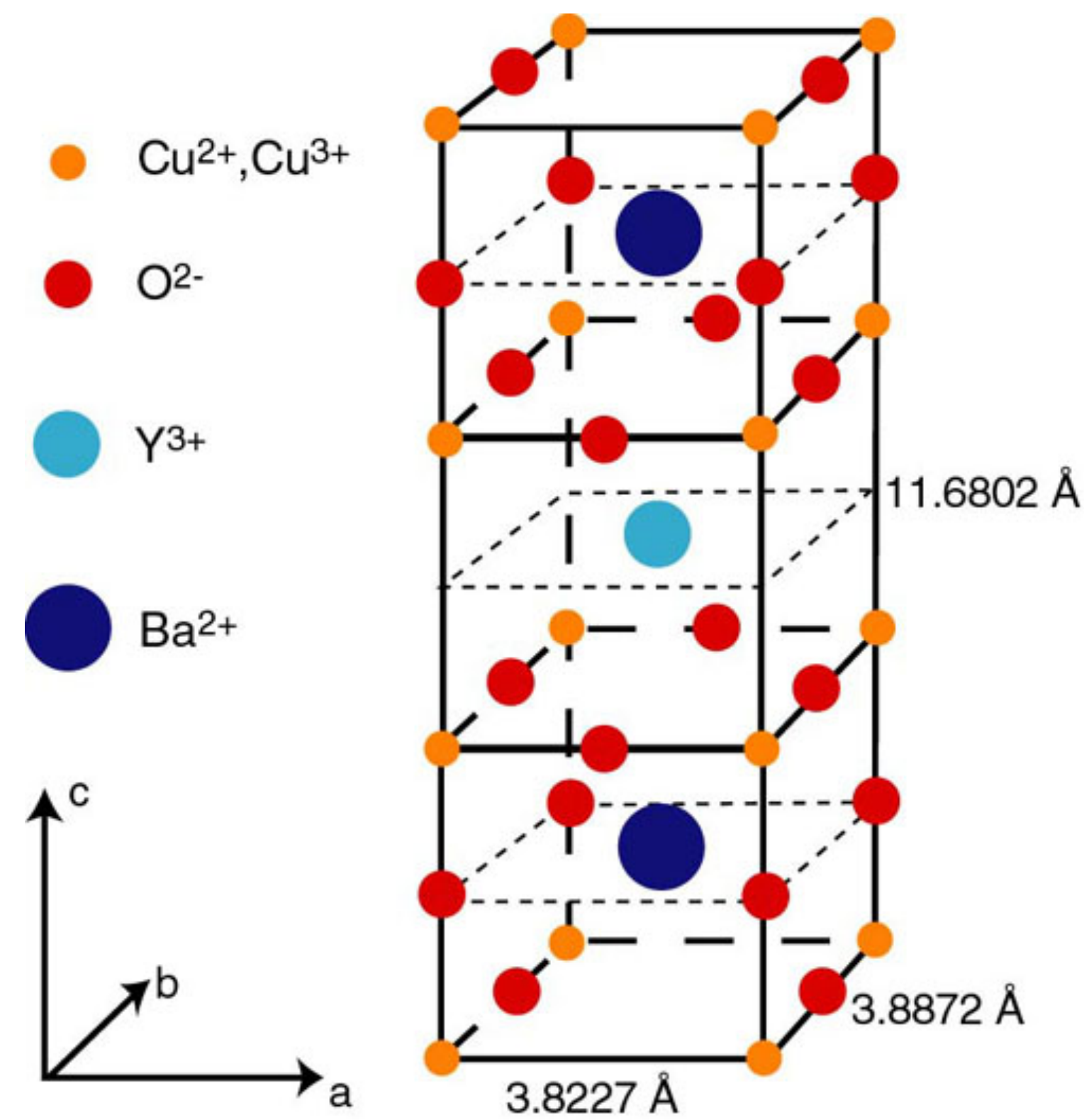
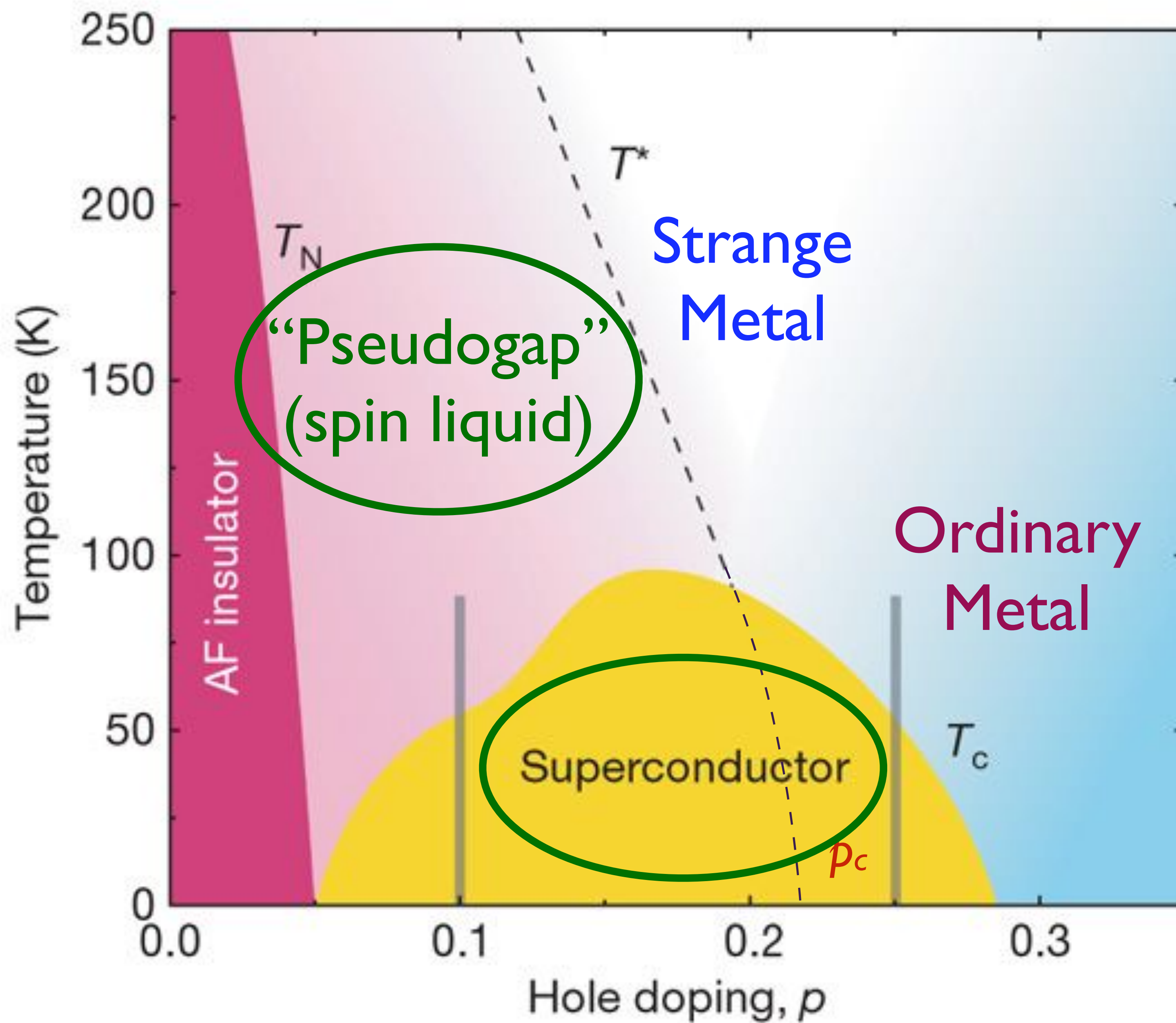
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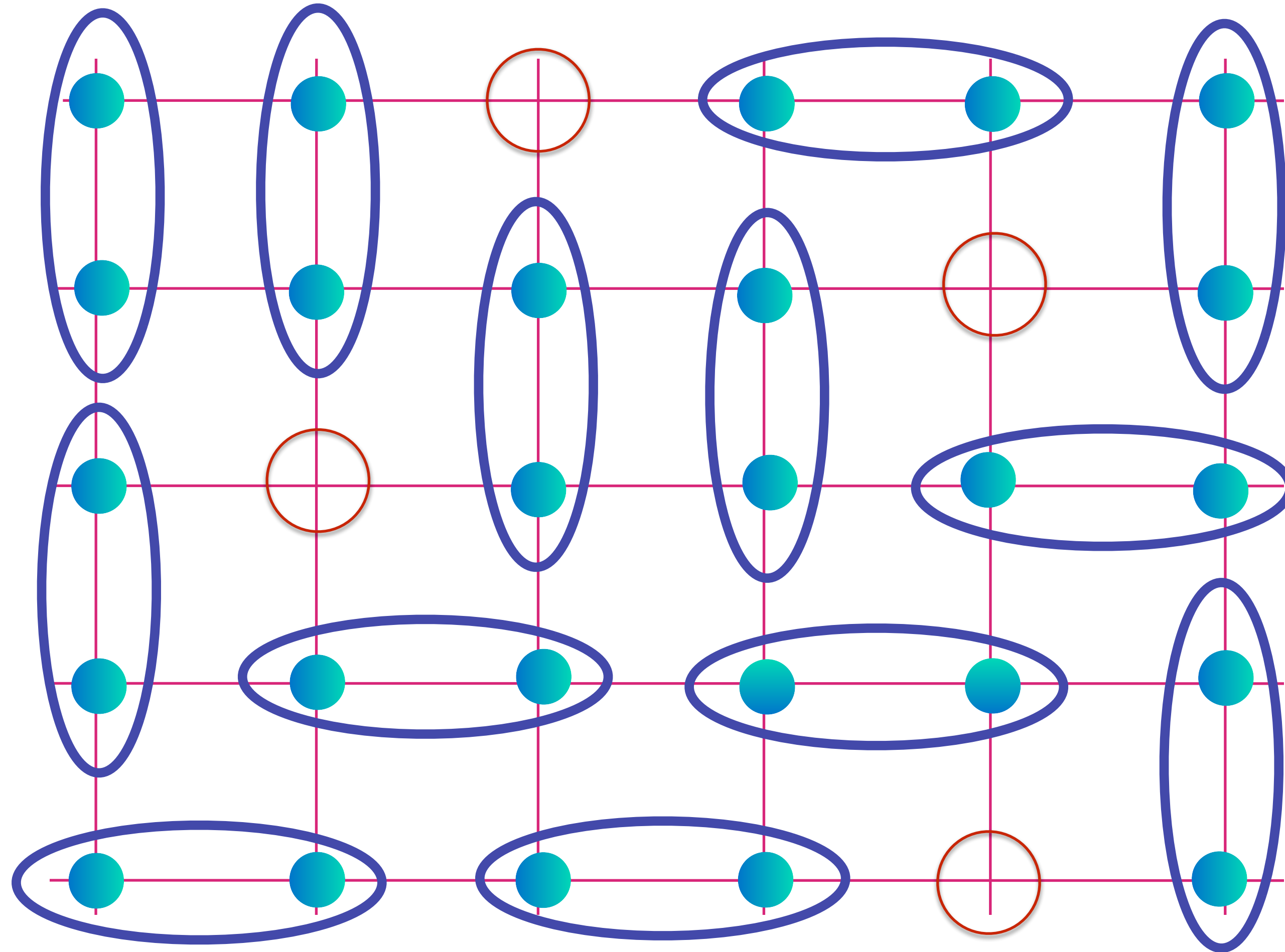
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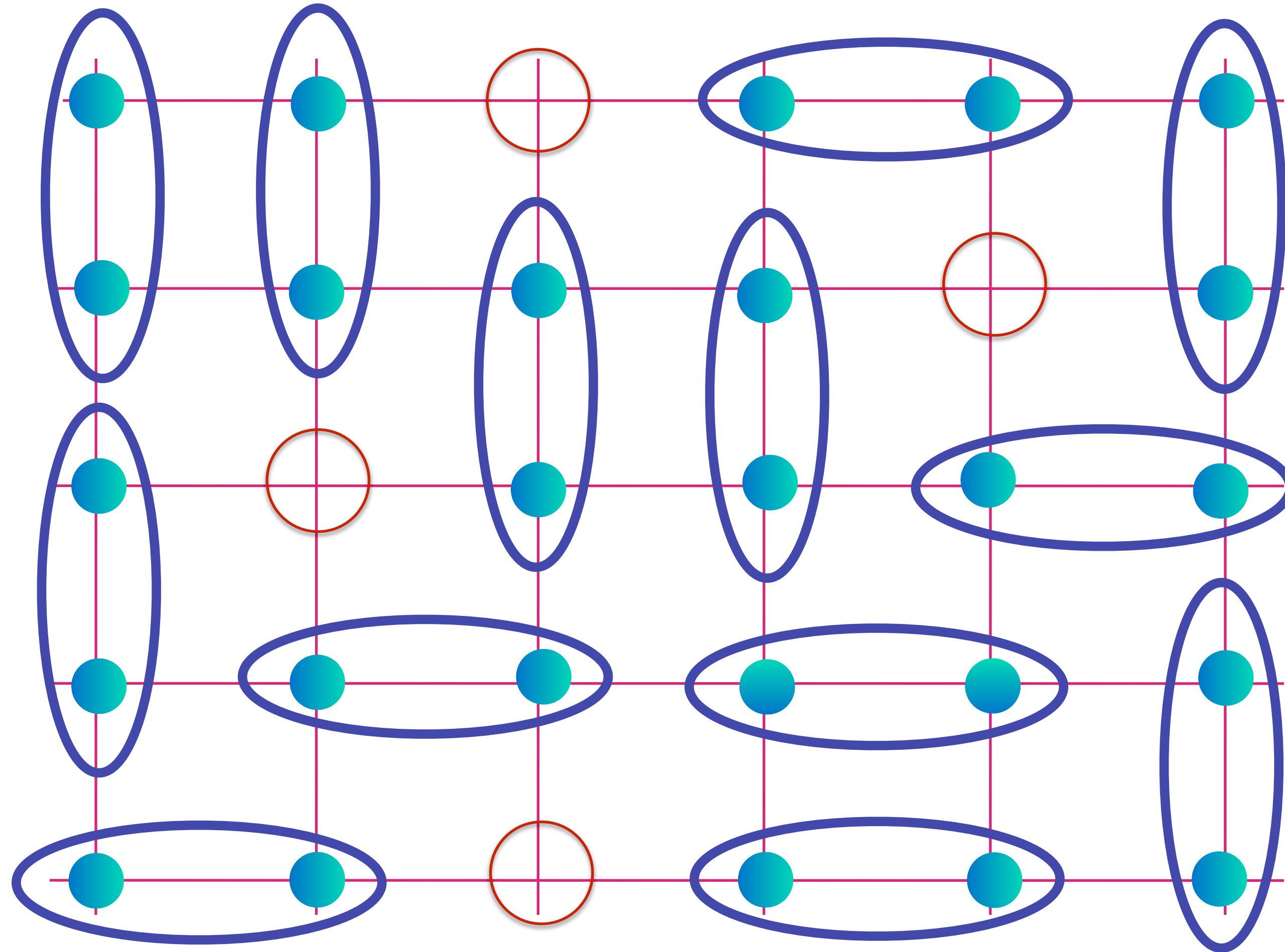


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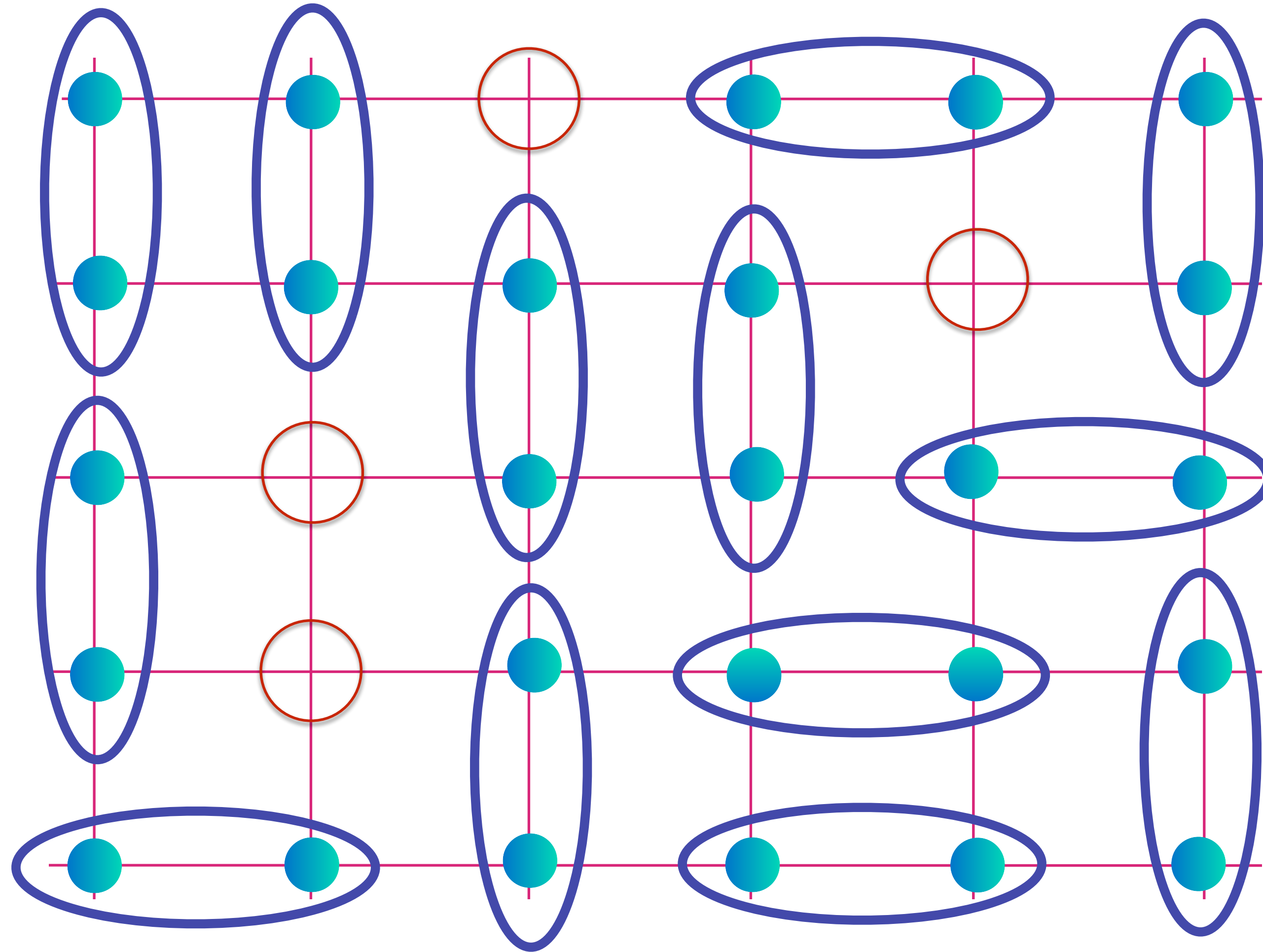


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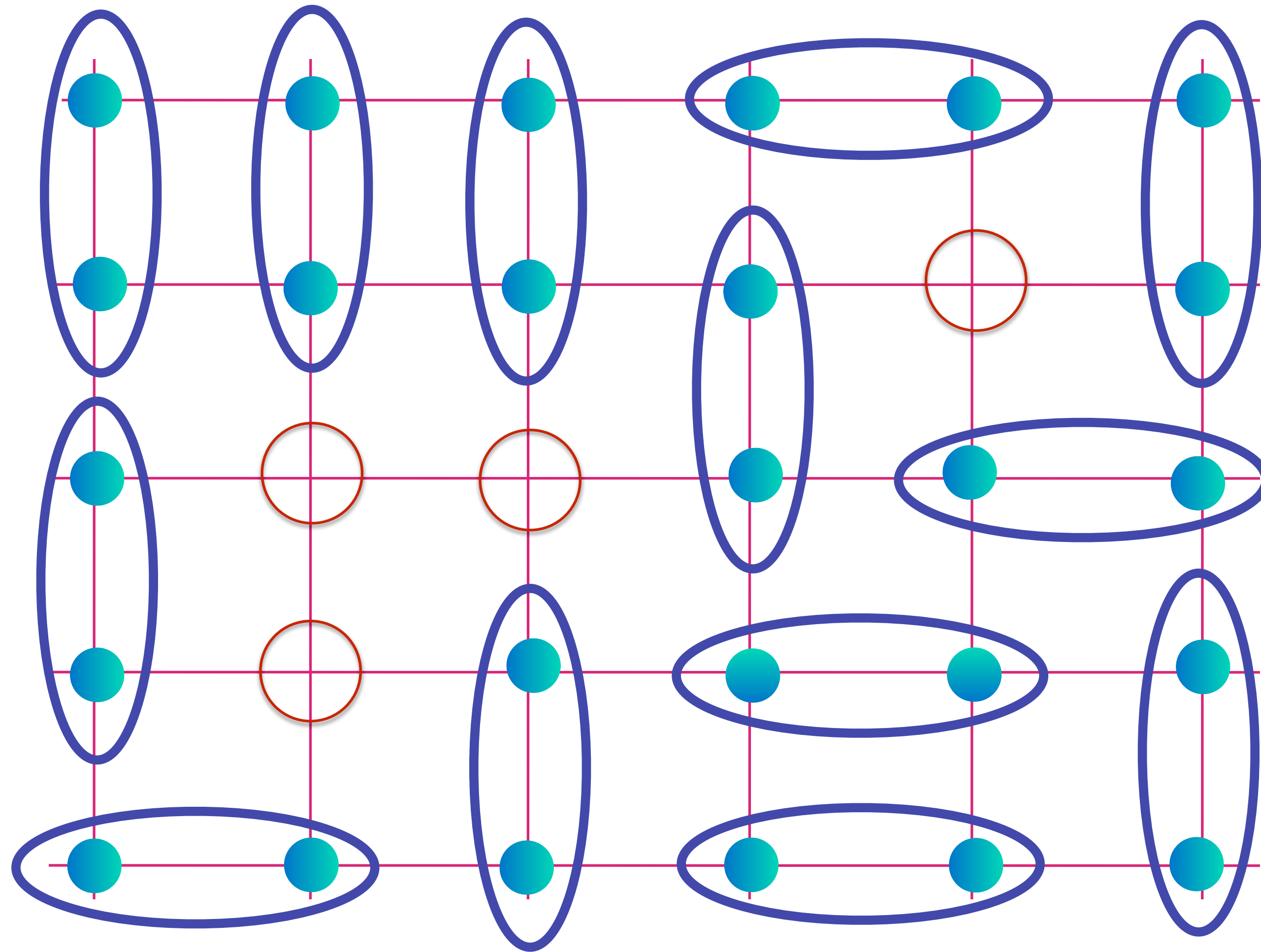


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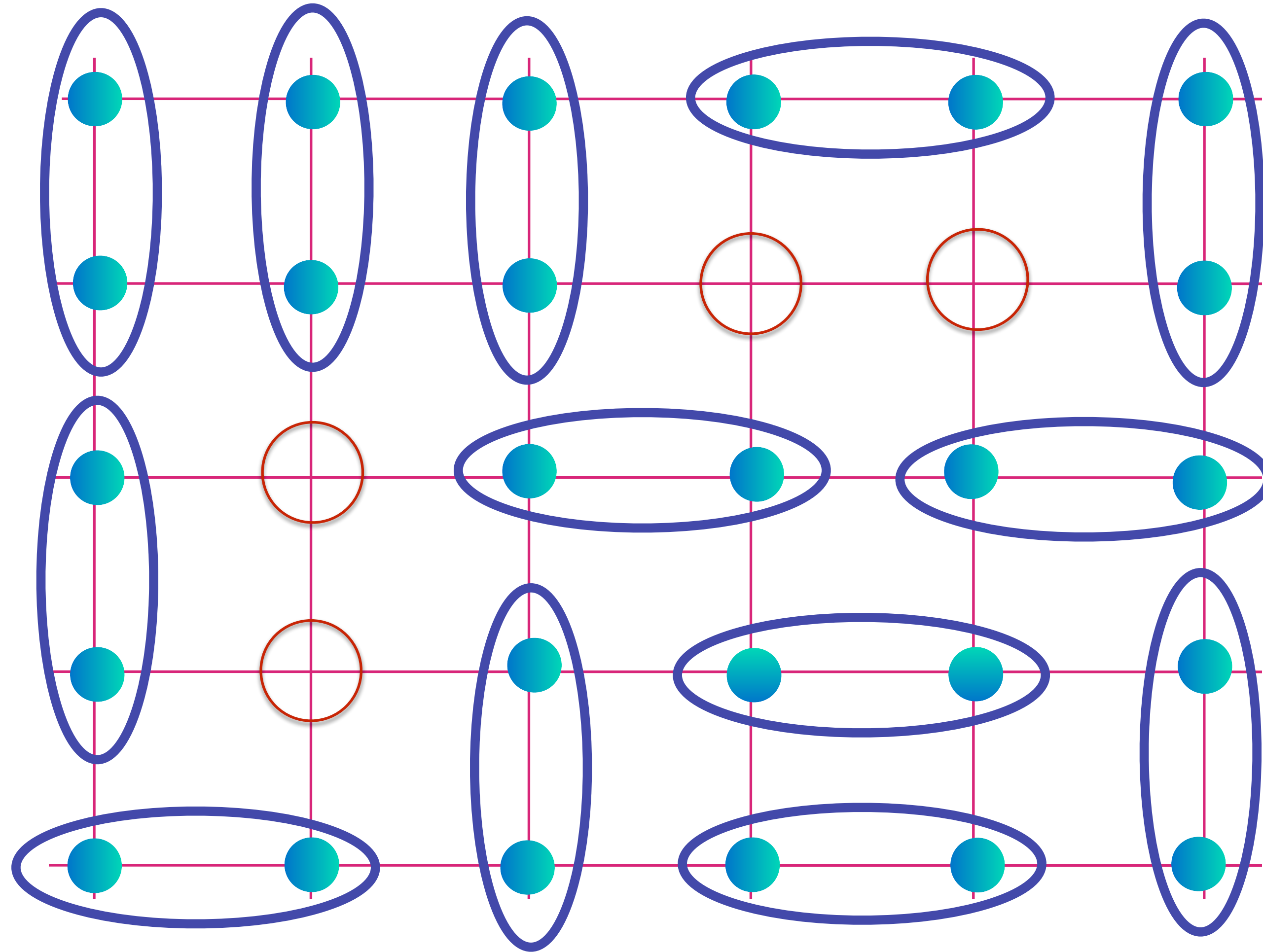


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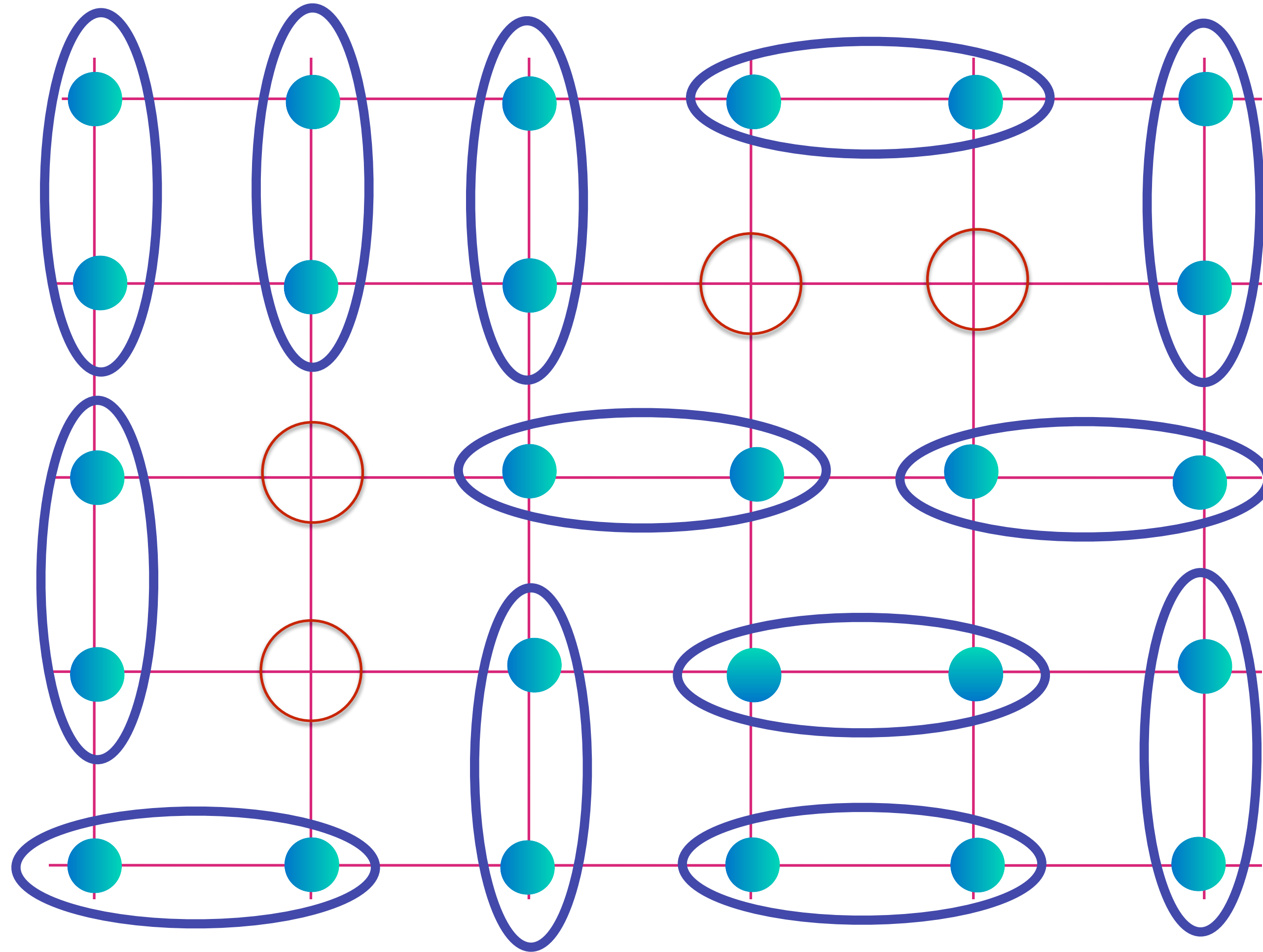


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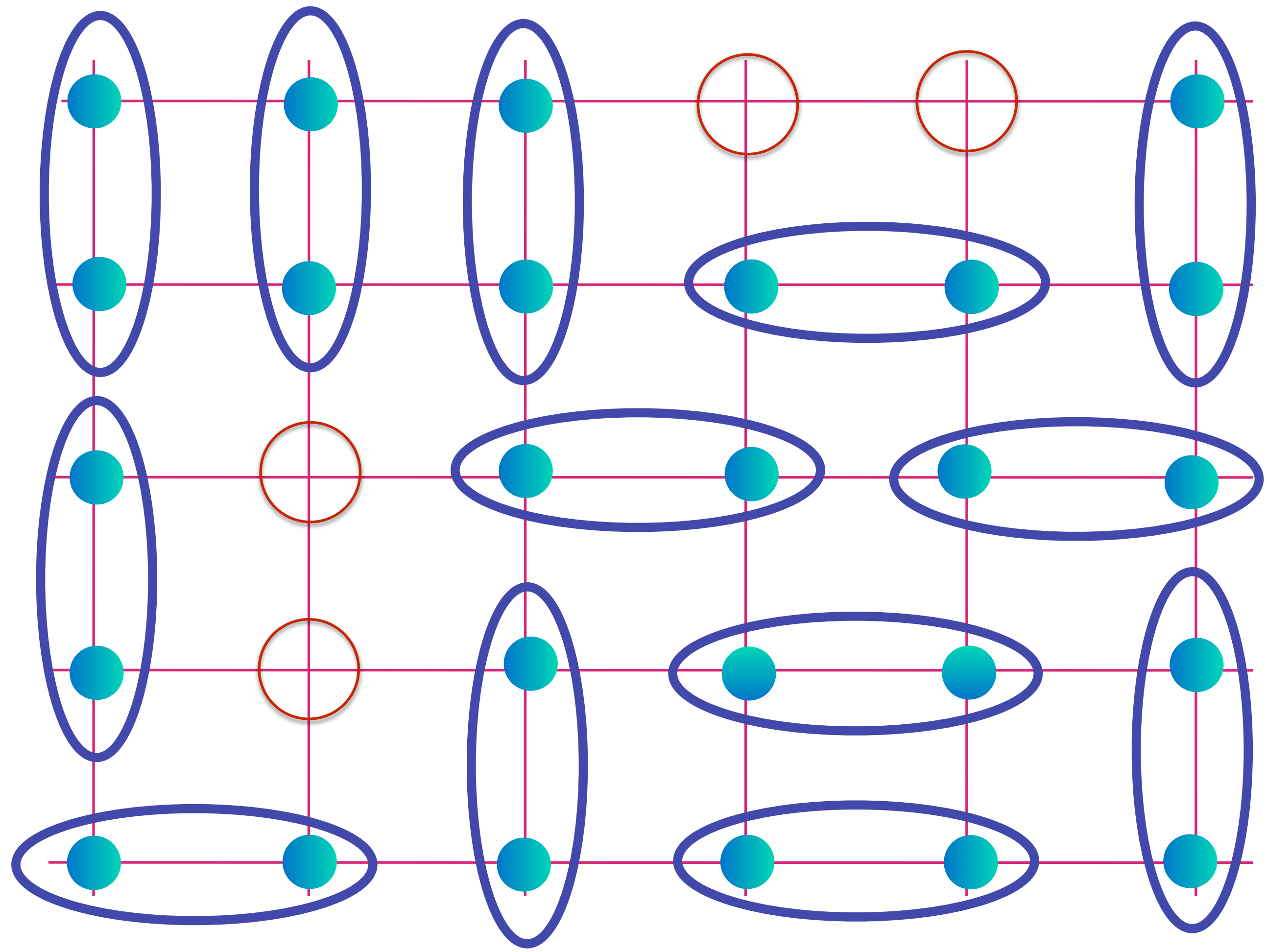


Superconductivity

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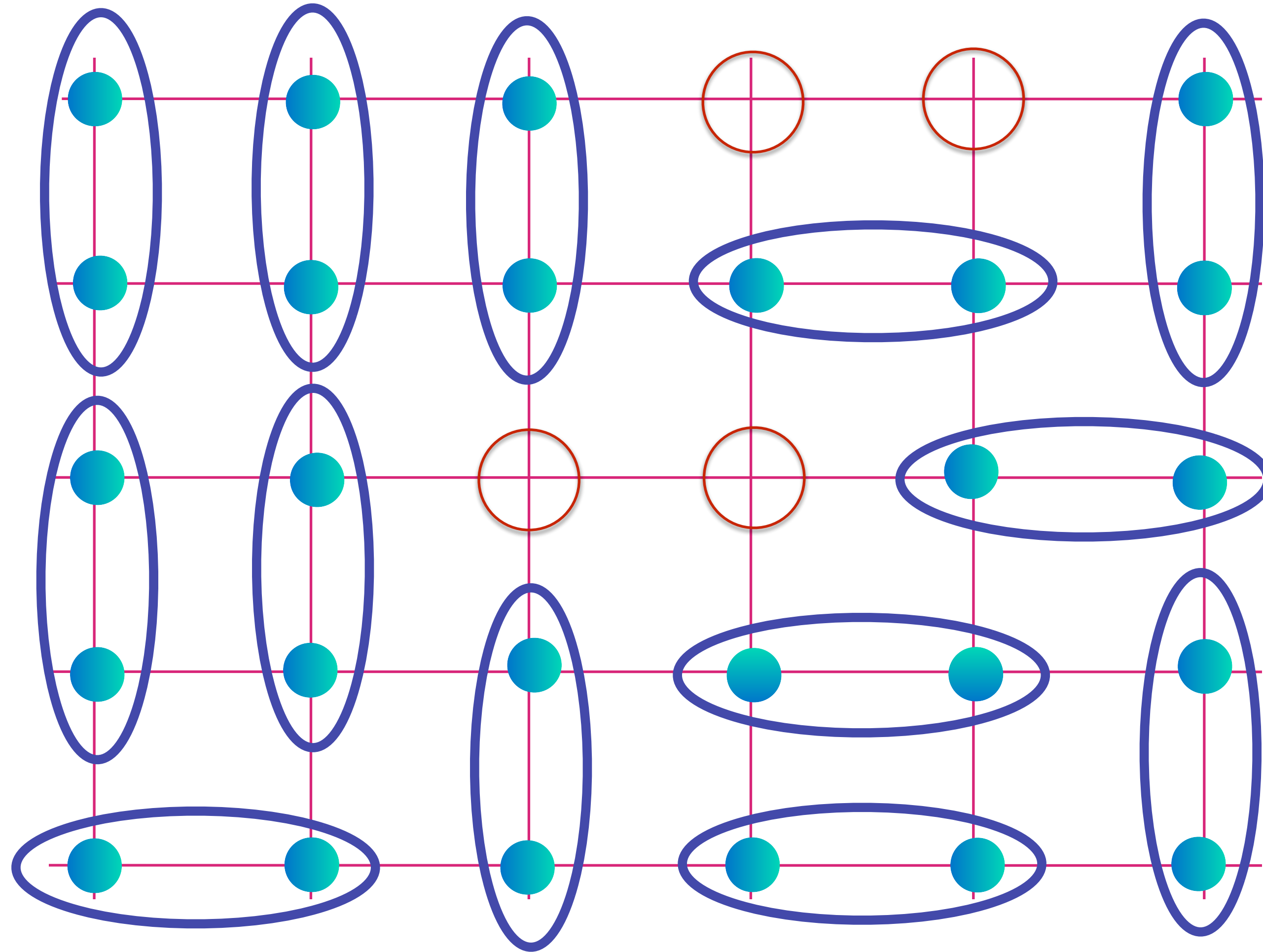


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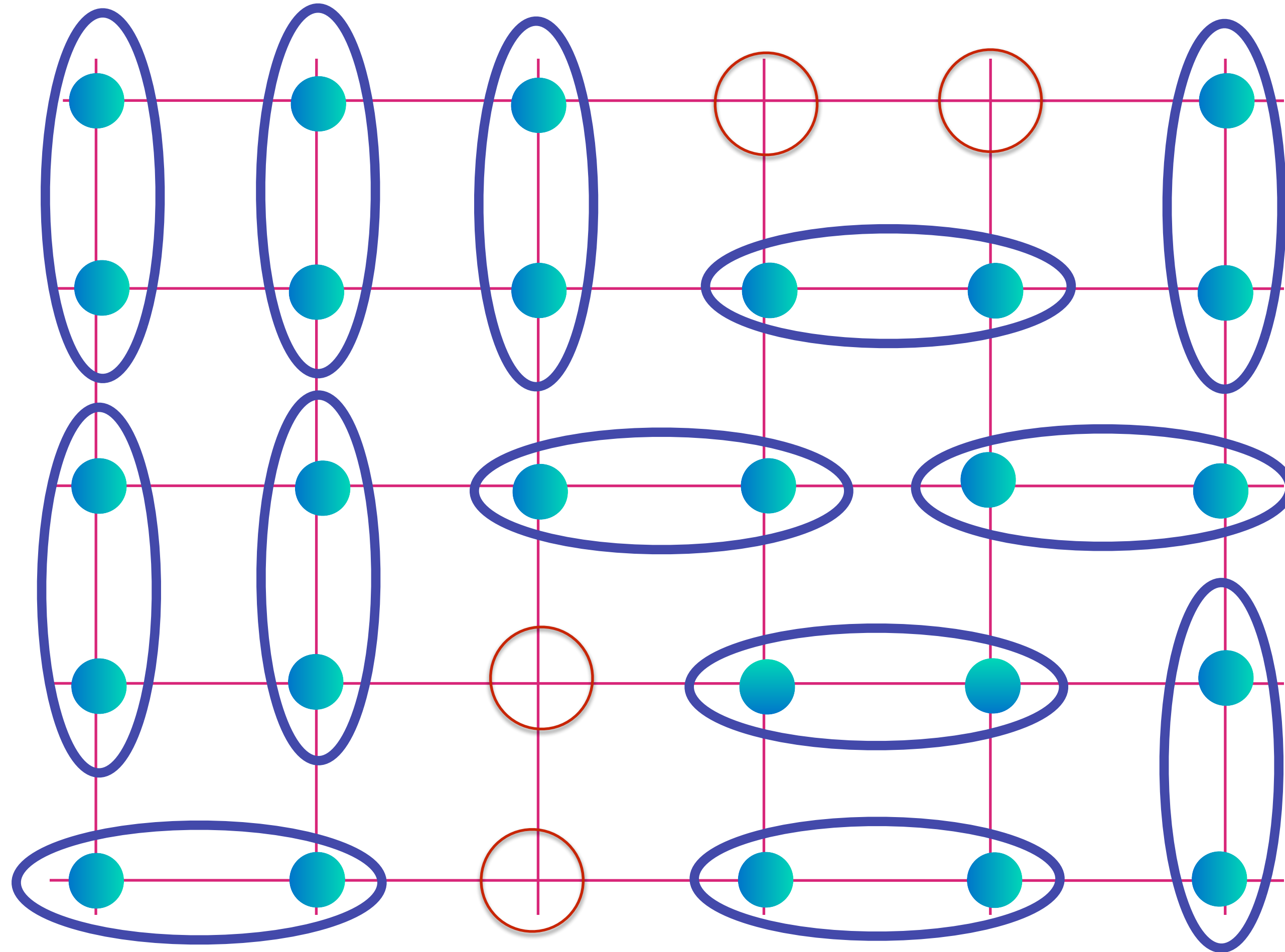


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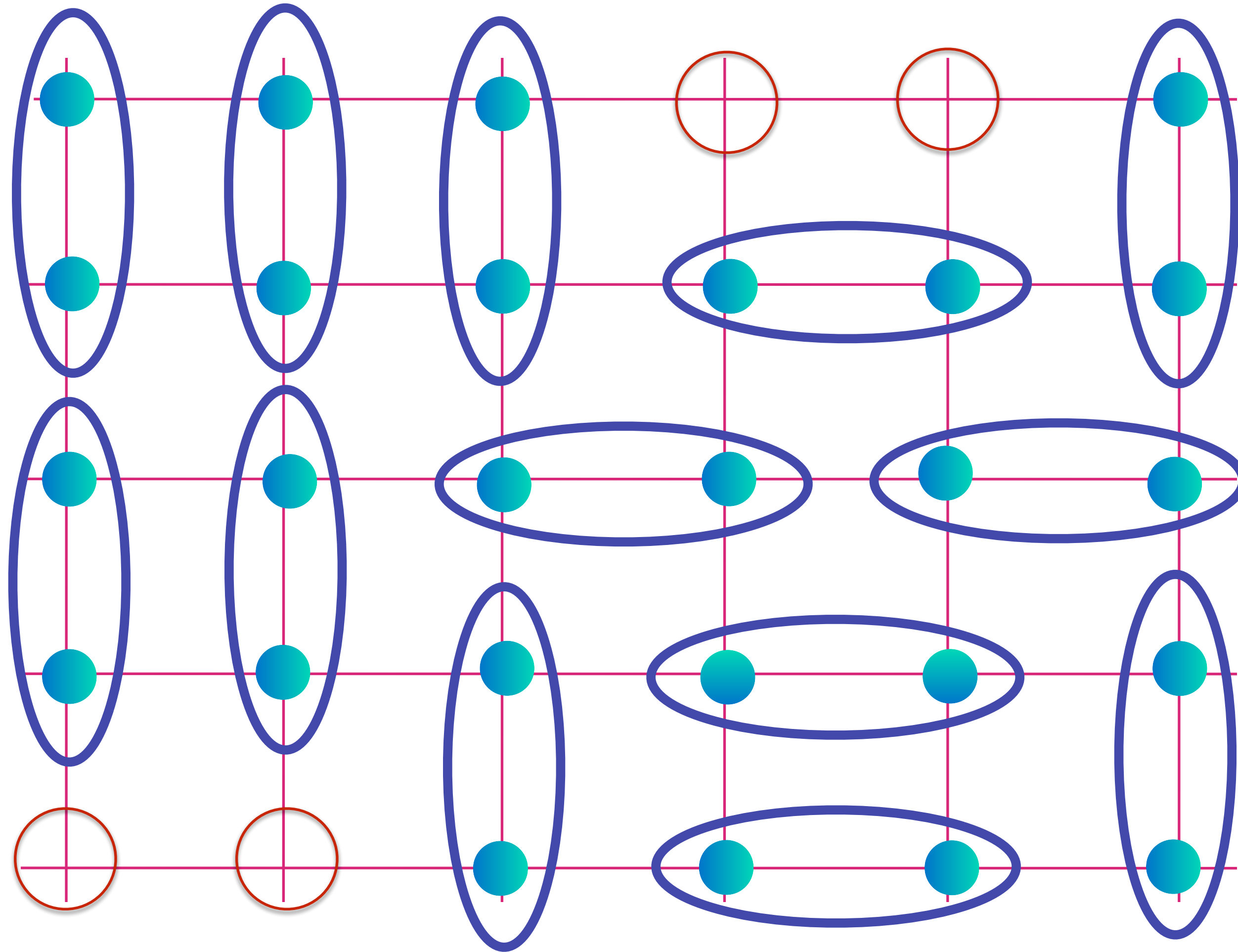


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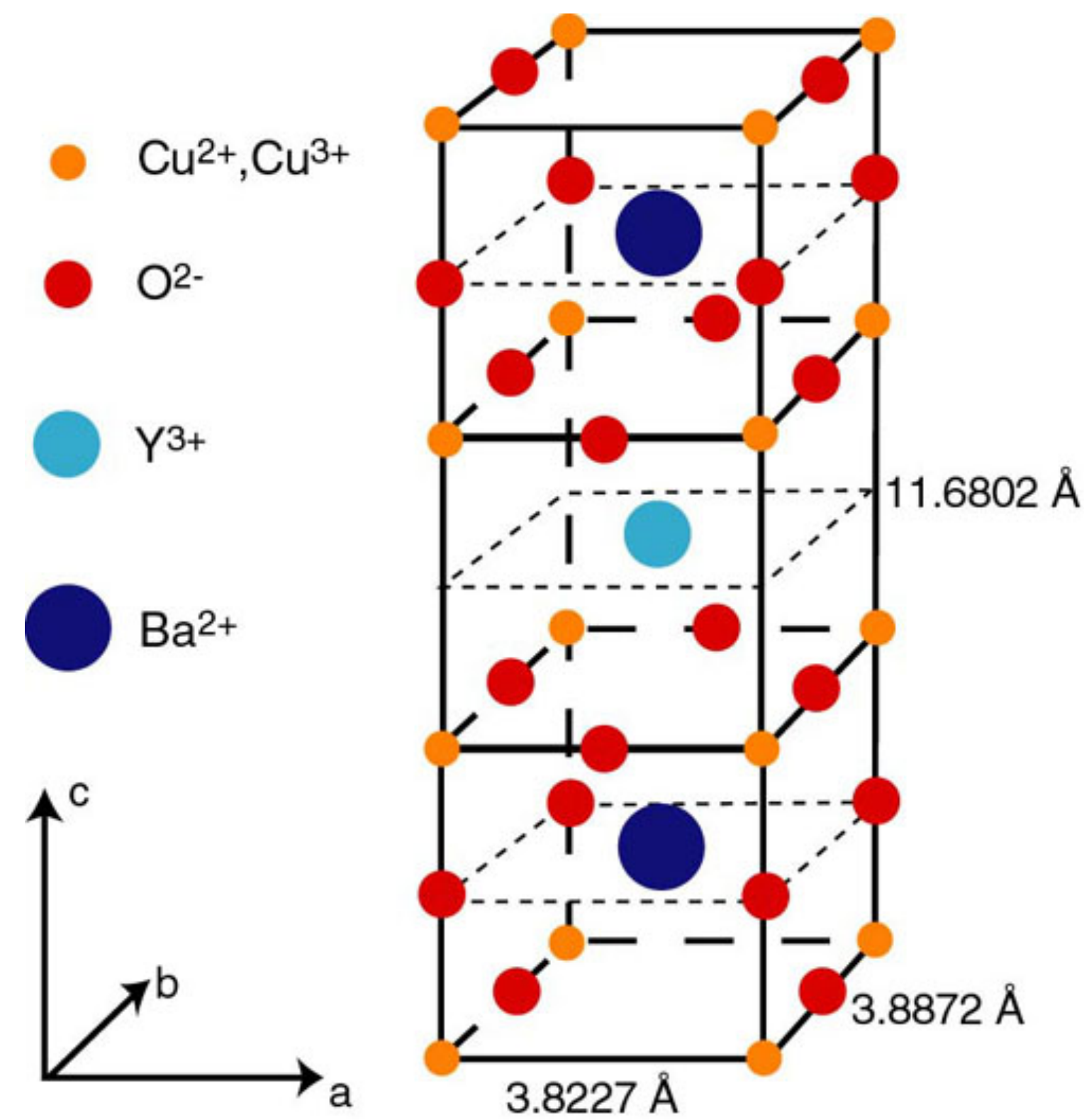
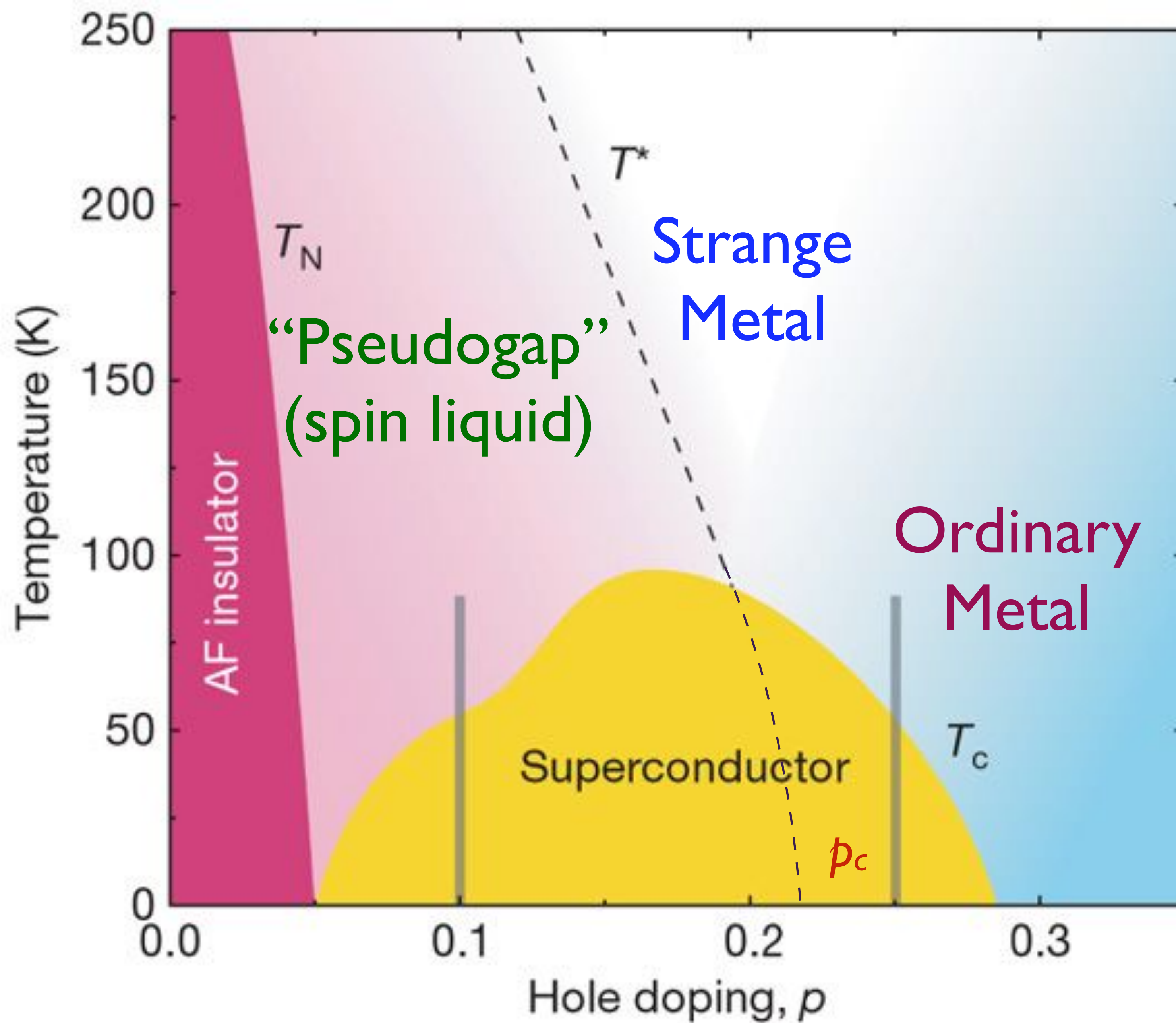
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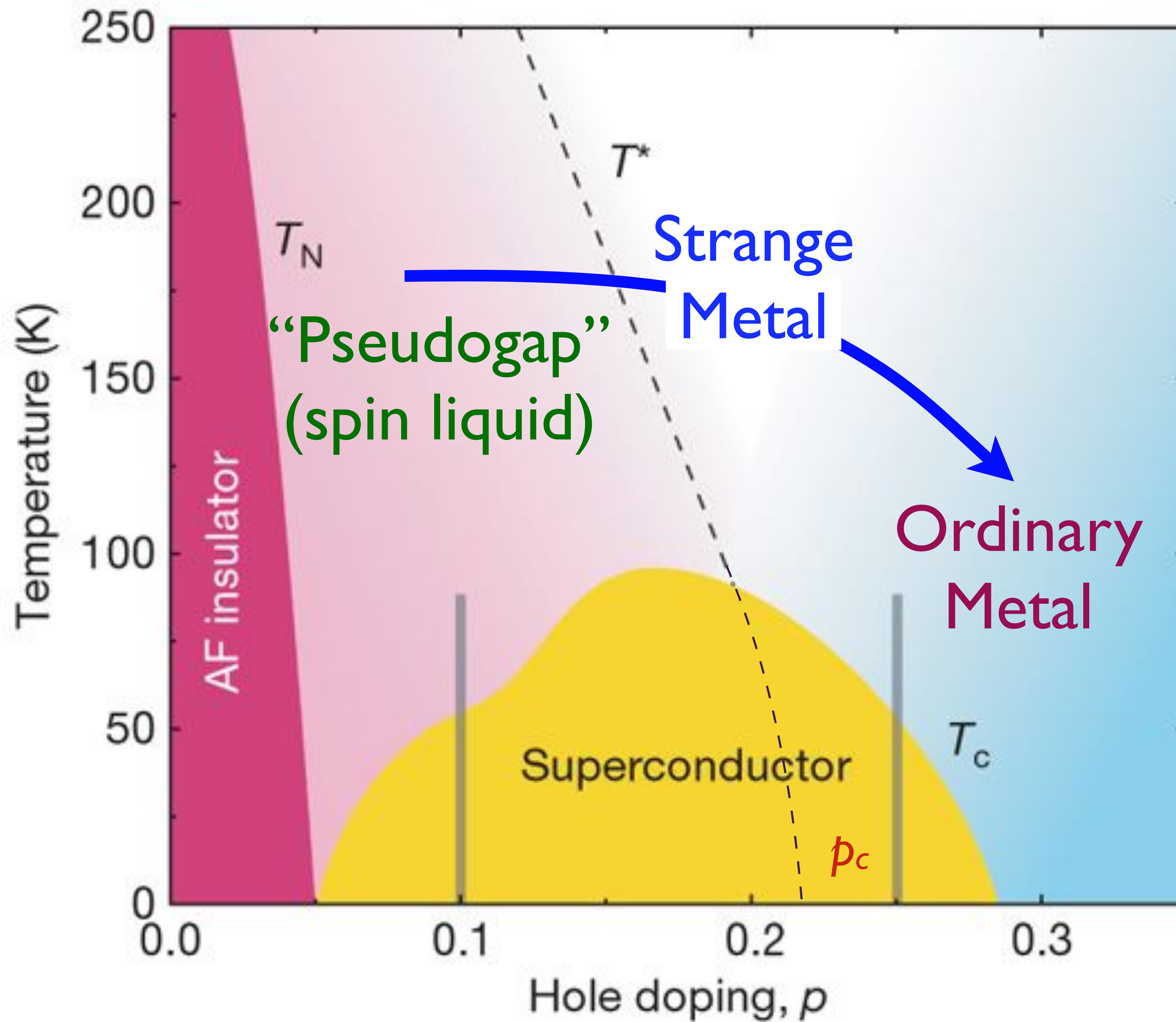


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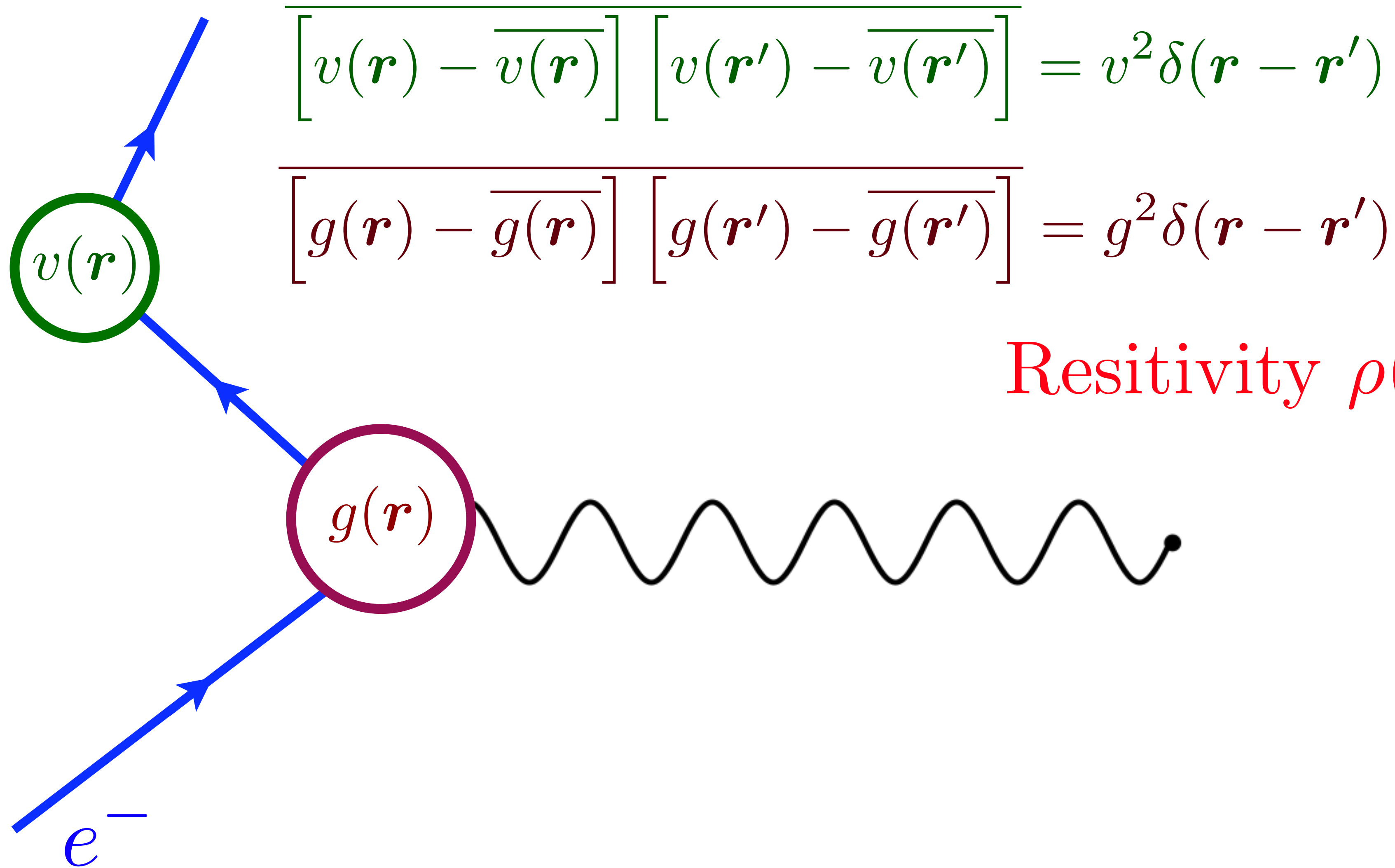




Strange Metal

Arises from the evolution of quantum entanglement between the spin liquid and the ordinary metal

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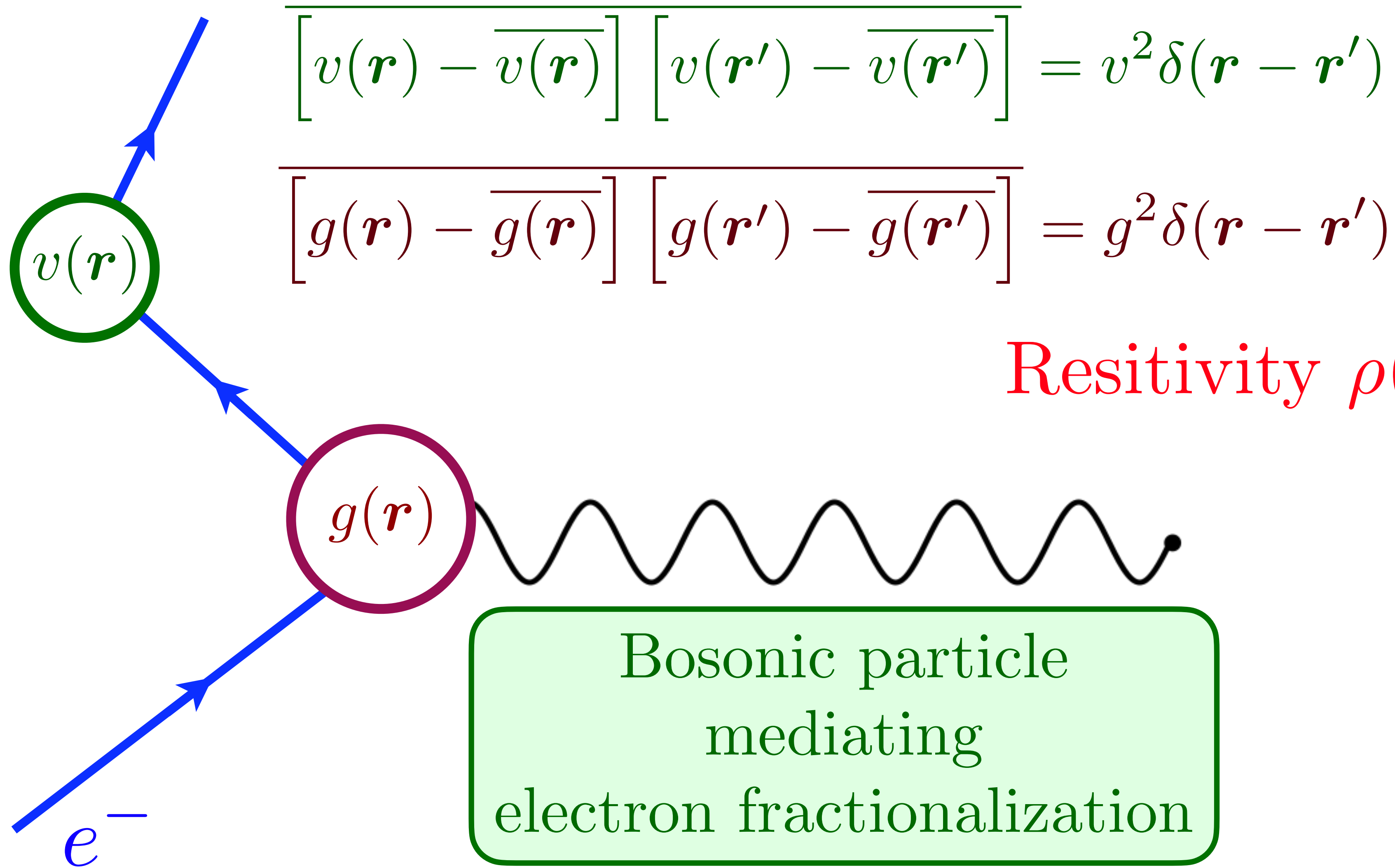


Random interactions
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$$\text{Resistivity } \rho(T) \sim v^2 + g^2 T$$



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$$\overline{[v(\mathbf{r}) - \overline{v(\mathbf{r})}] [v(\mathbf{r}') - \overline{v(\mathbf{r}')}] = v^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

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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)

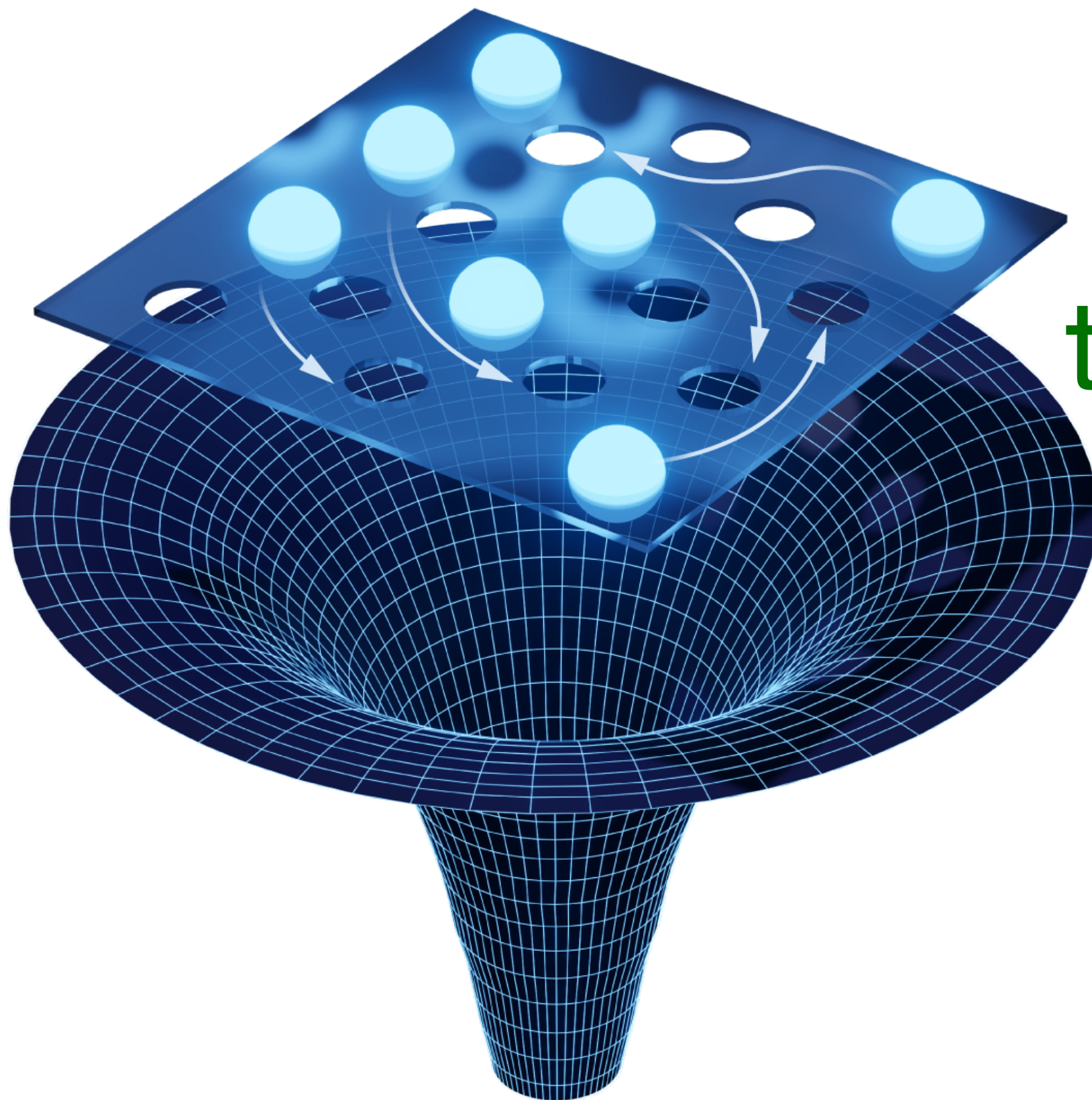
Summary

- SYK: a solvable toy model without particle-like excitations, exhibiting thermalization and many-body chaos in a time of order $\hbar/(k_B T)$, independent of microscopic energy scales.
- Toy SYK model captures the correct universal low energy quantum theory of charged black holes, and provides a Hamiltonian realization of black hole microstates.
- Linear- T resistivity, $T \ln(1/T)$ specific heat, $\sim 1/\omega$ optical conductivity, and marginal Fermi liquid electron spectrum *all* arise from a SYK-like model with spatially random interactions in a two-dimensional quantum-critical metal.



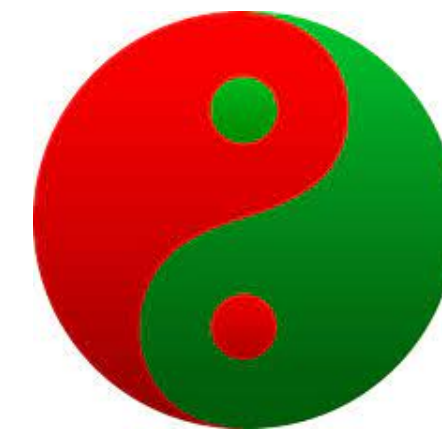
The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

The SYK model describes multi-particle quantum entanglement resulting in the loss of identity of the particles



In one set of variables, it helps describe the ***strange*** electrical properties of YBCO

Sachdev, Ye (1993)



In a ***dual*** set of variables it describes ***charged black holes***

Sachdev (2010), Kitaev (2015), Maldacena Stanford (2015)

The many faces of multi-particle entanglement

- Absence of quasiparticles, as in the SYK model and the strange metal
- Fractionalization and new emergent particles, as in spin liquids.
- Higher temperature superconductivity (?)
- A quantum theory of the interior of a black hole.