

# SYK models of extremal black holes and strange metals

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## What are quasiparticles ?

- **Quasiparticles are additive excitations:**

The low-lying excitations of the many-body system can be identified as a set  $\{n_\alpha\}$  of quasiparticles with energy  $\varepsilon_\alpha$

$$E = \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} F_{\alpha\beta} n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} + \dots$$

In a lattice system of  $N$  sites, this parameterizes the energy of  $\sim e^{\alpha N}$  states in terms of poly( $N$ ) numbers.

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- This time is much longer than the ‘Planckian time’  $\hbar/(k_B T)$ , which we will find in systems without quasiparticle excitations.

$$\tau_{\text{eq}} \gg \frac{\hbar}{k_B T} \quad , \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow 0.$$

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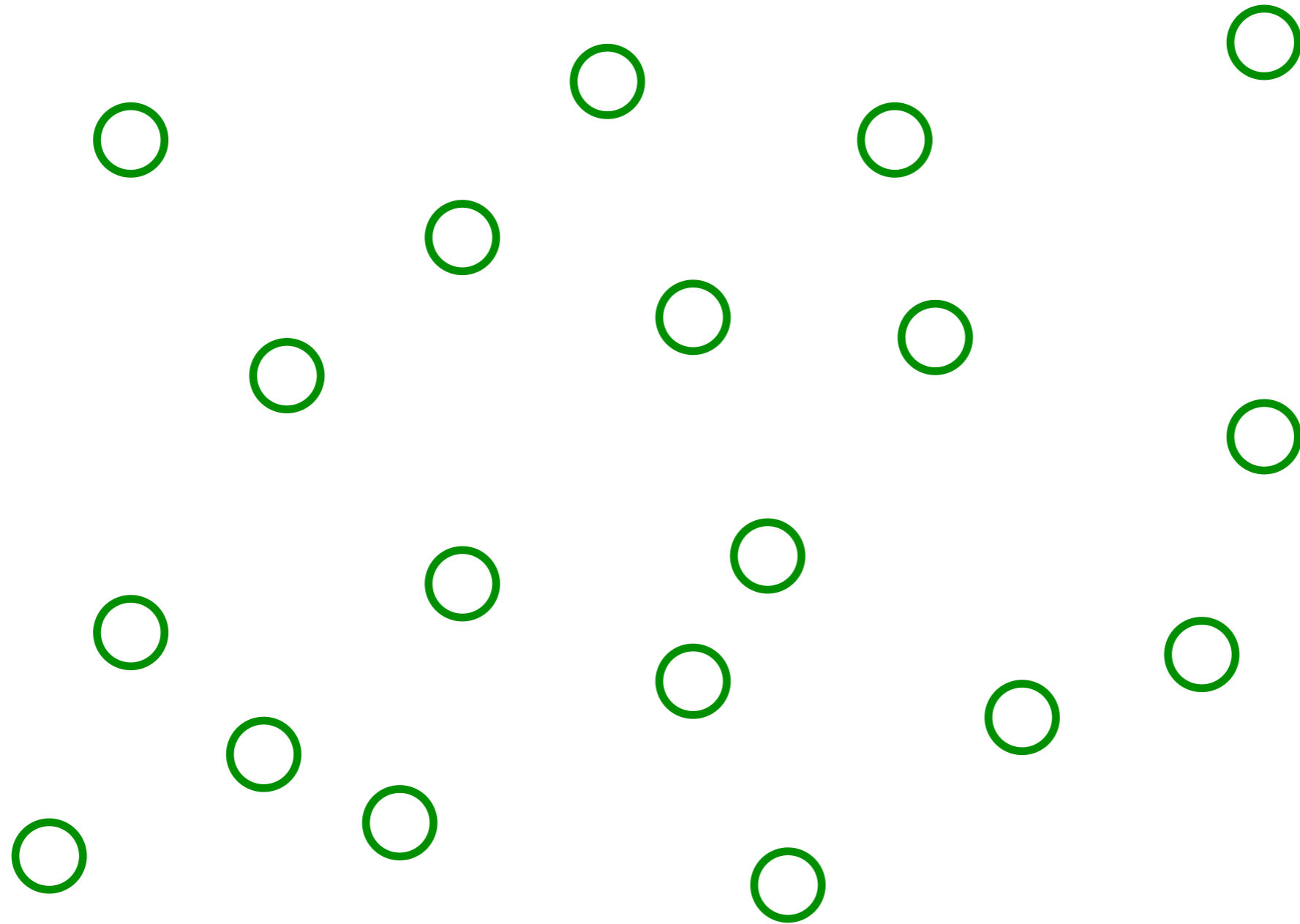
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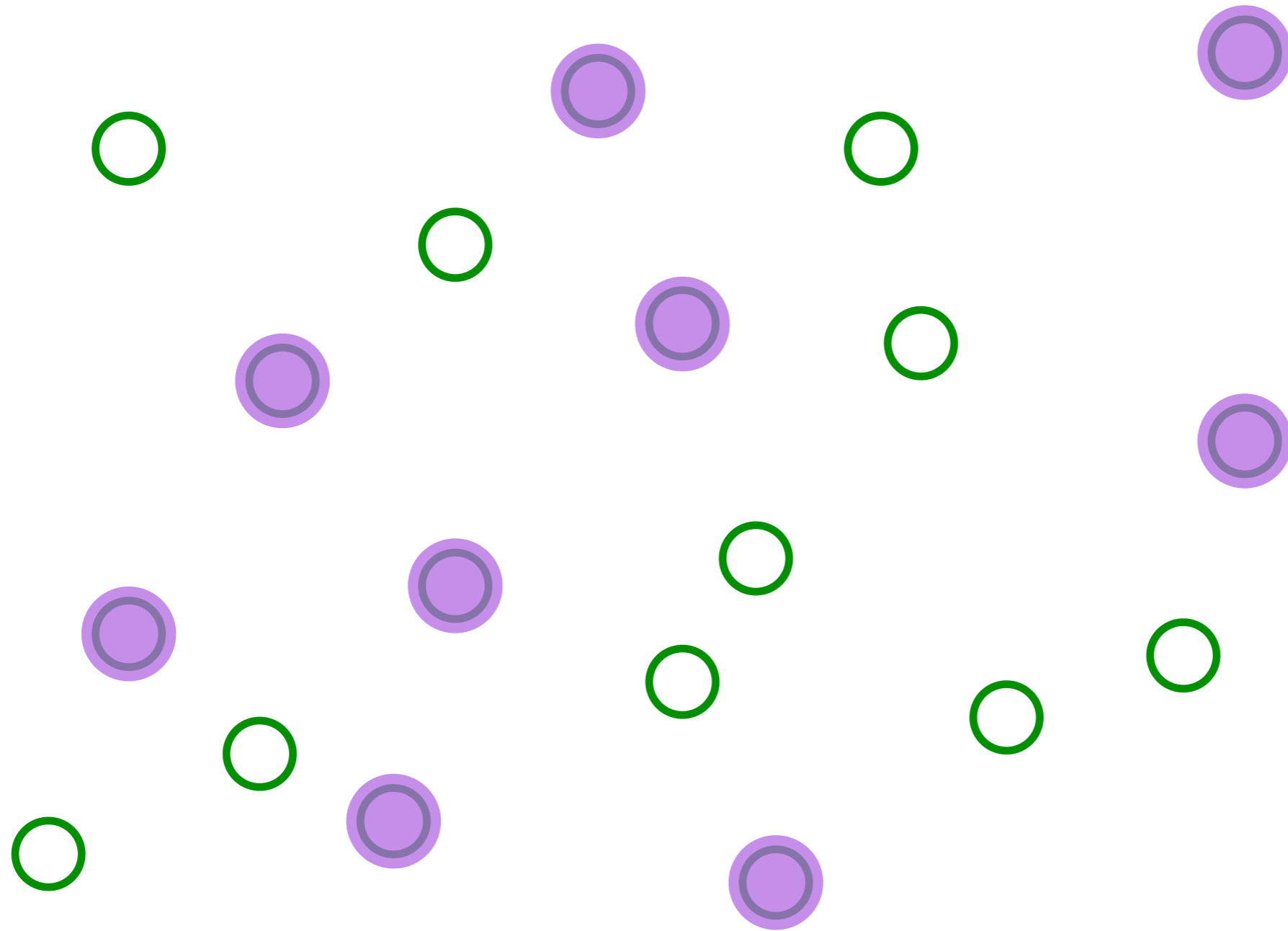
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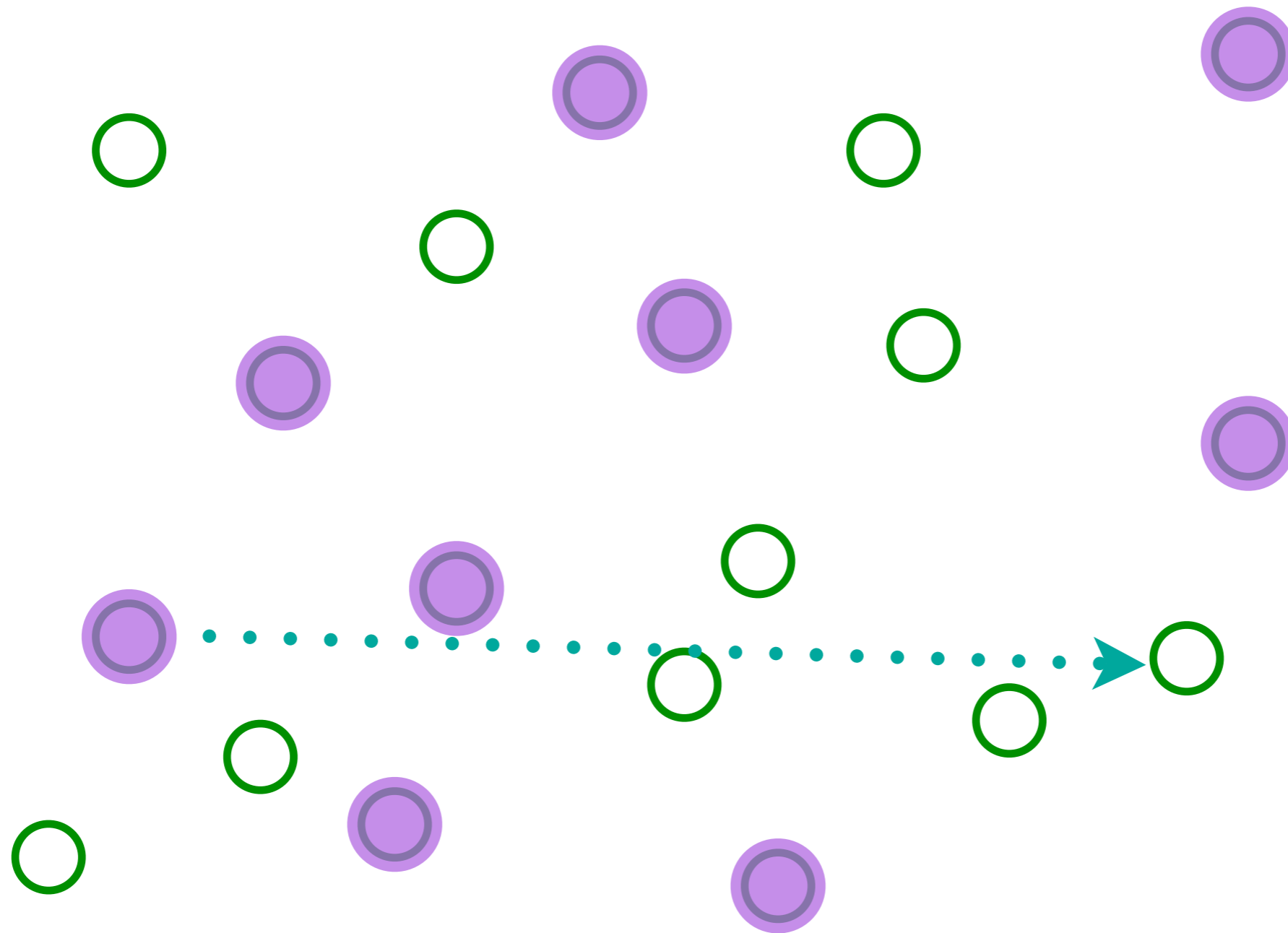
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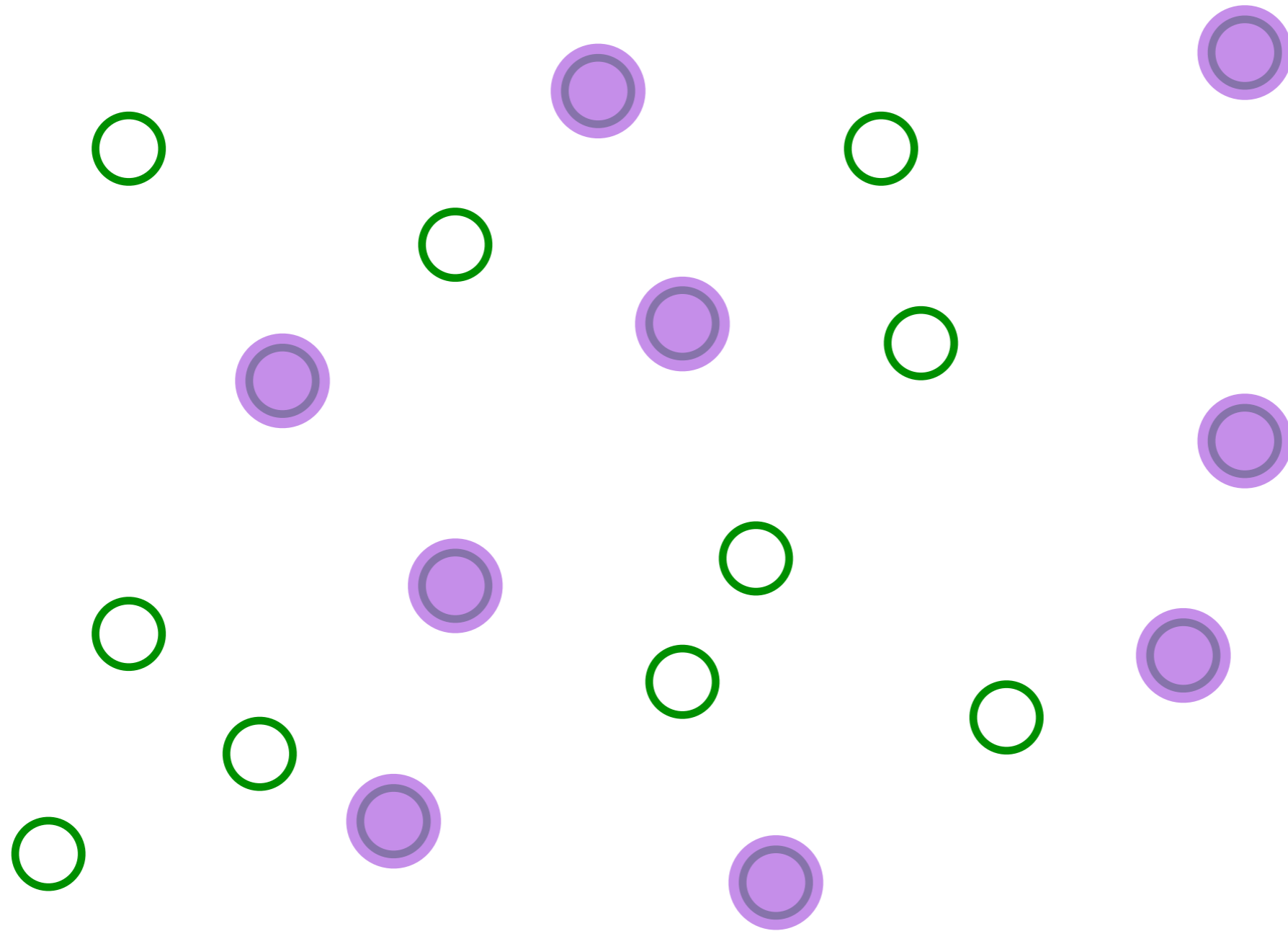
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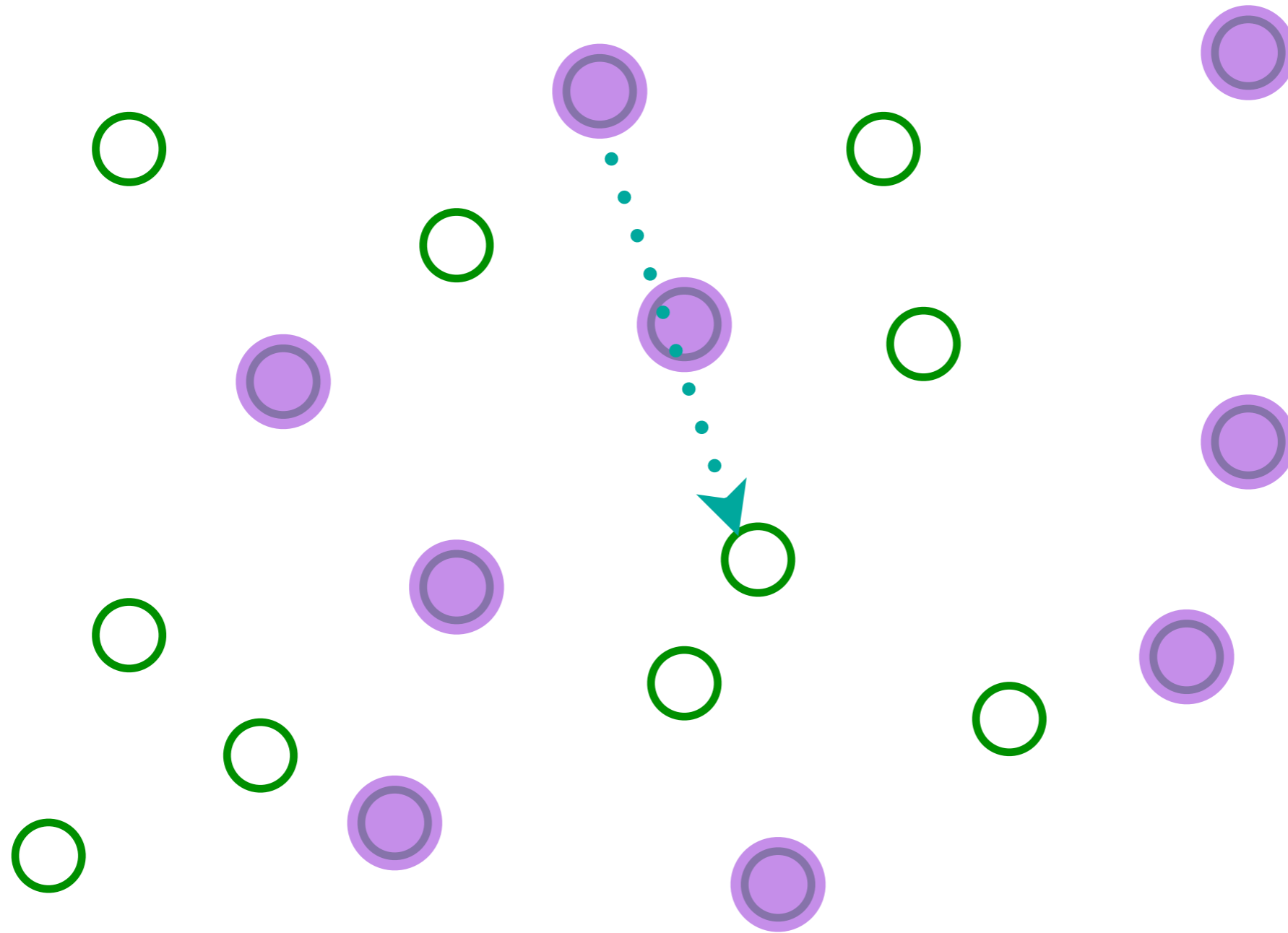
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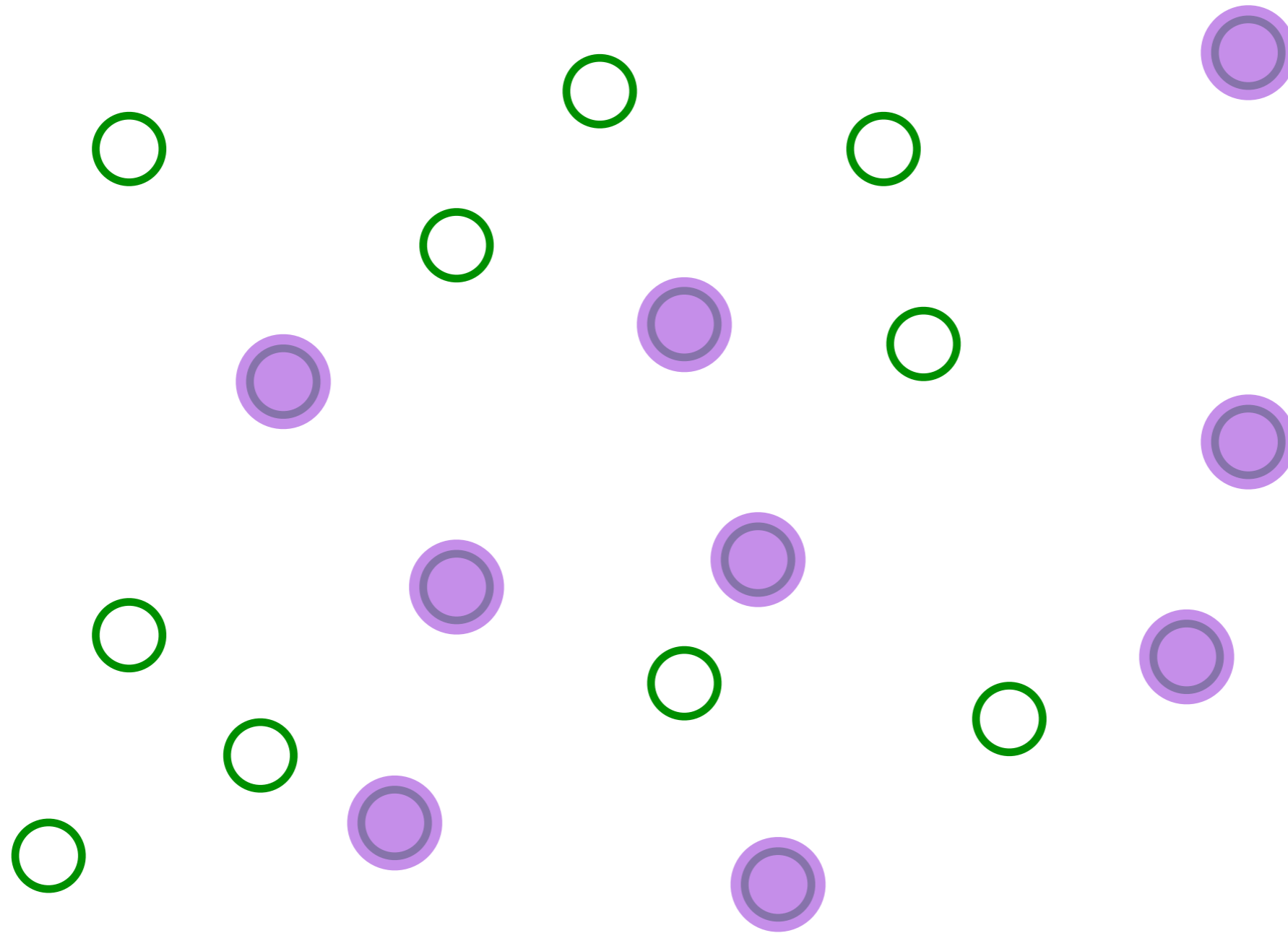
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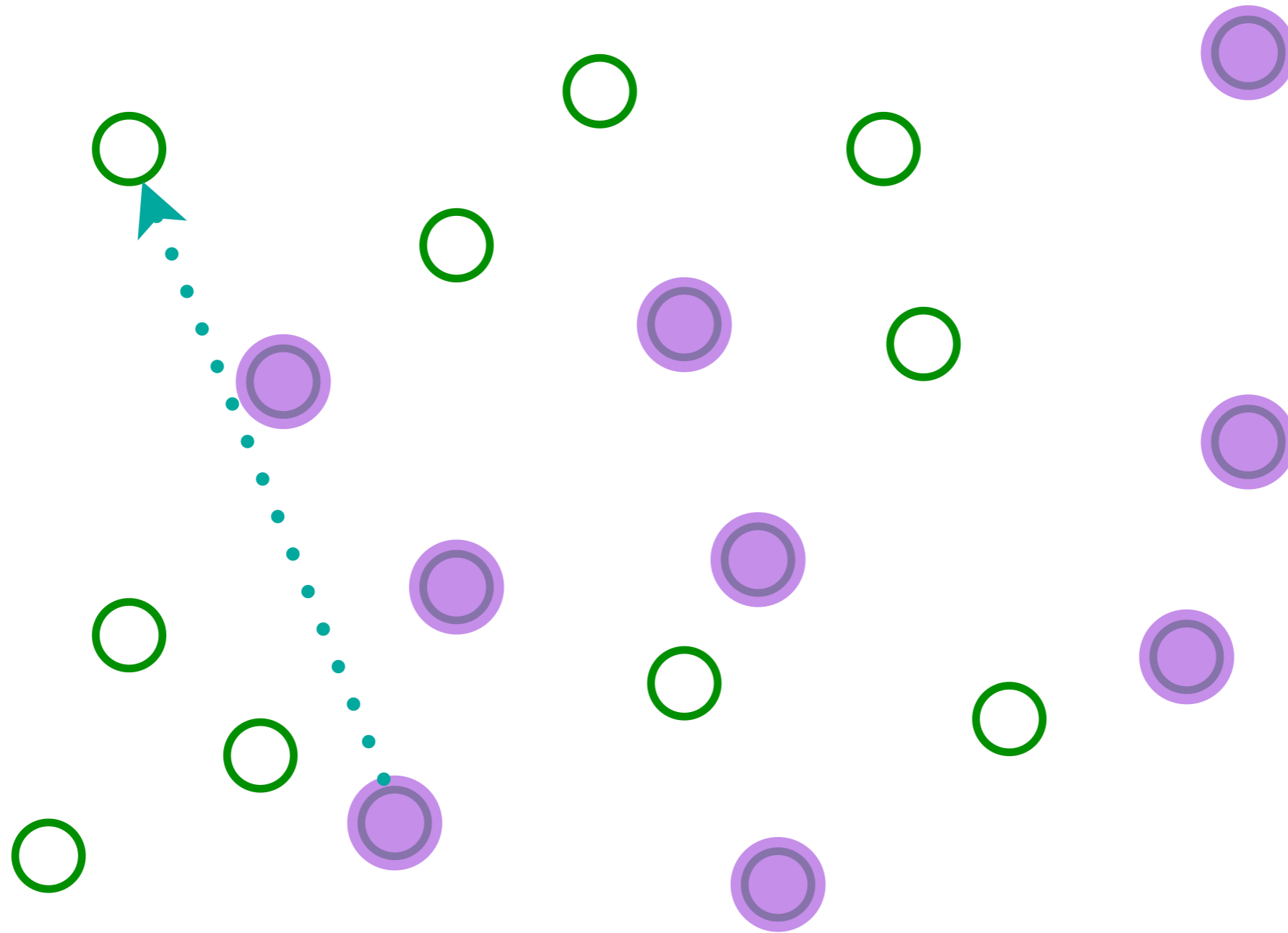
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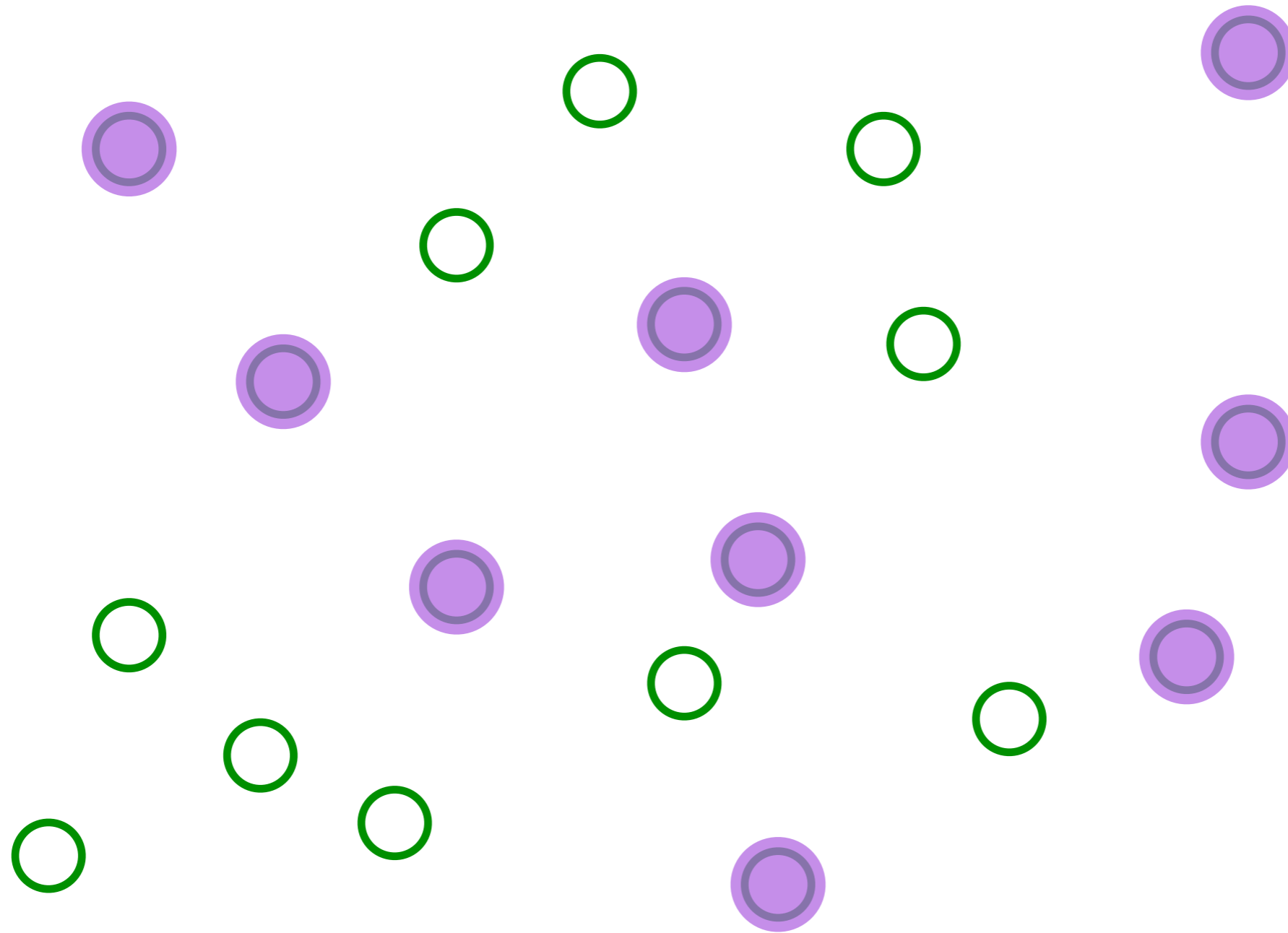
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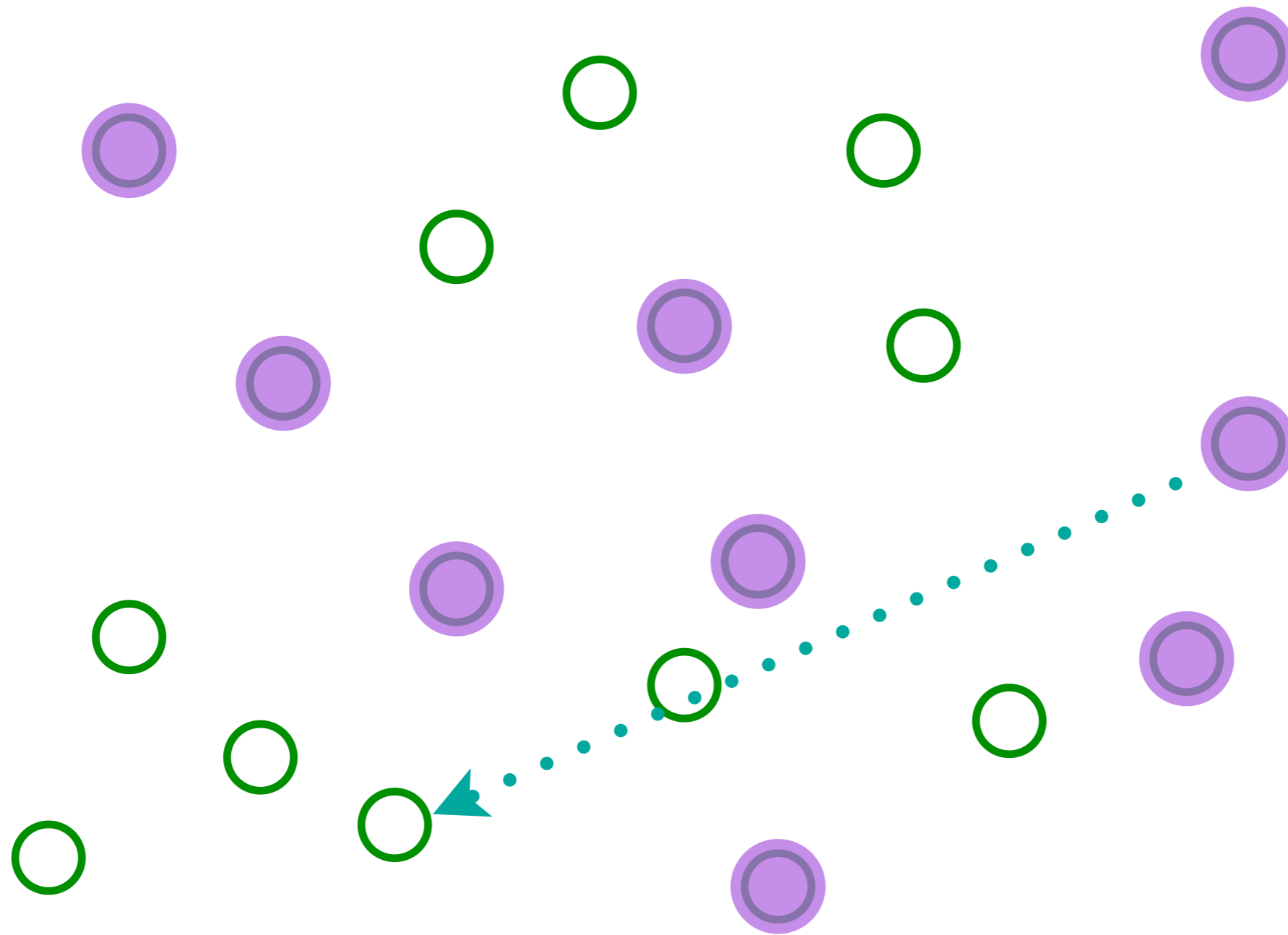
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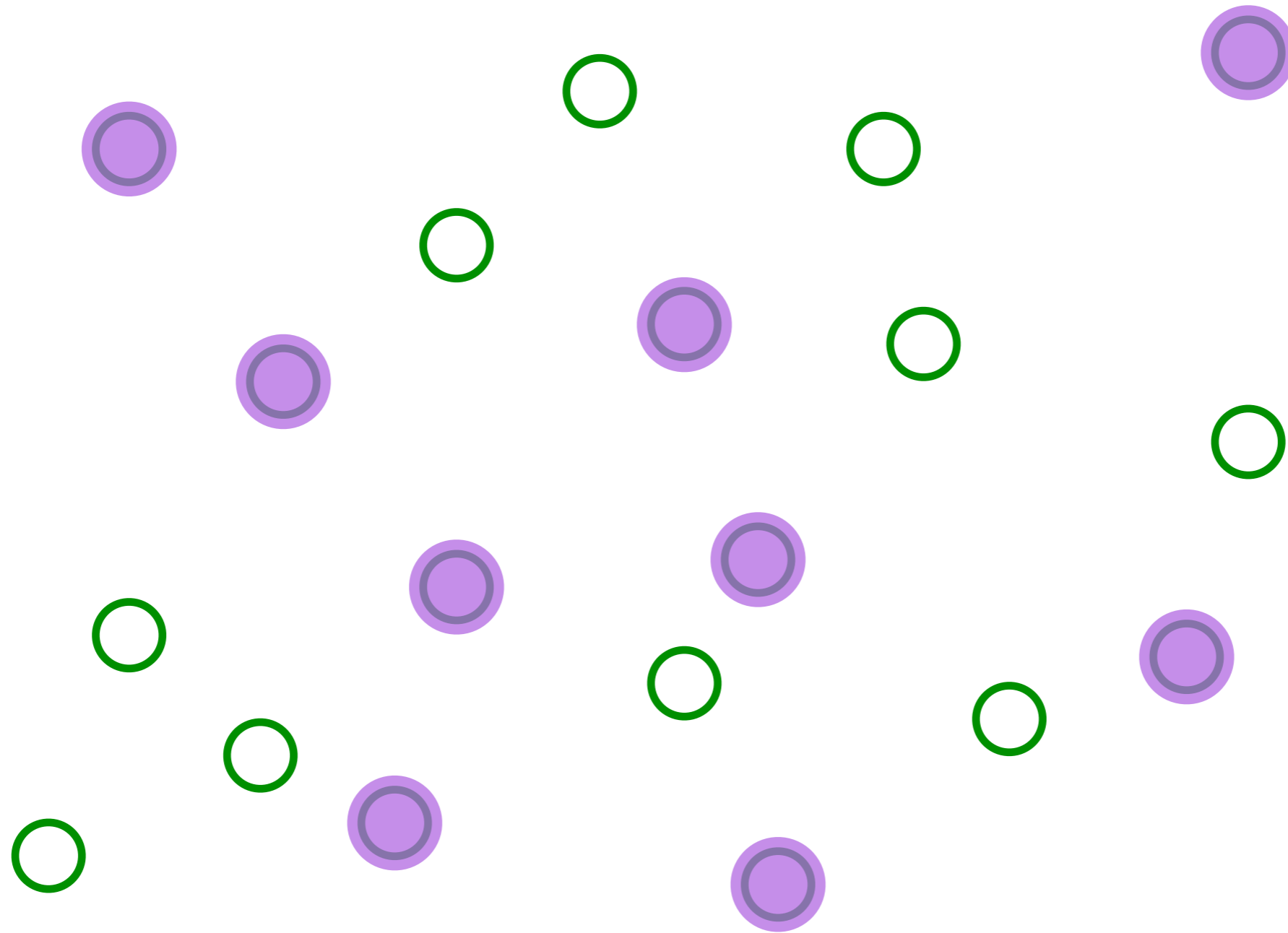
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$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

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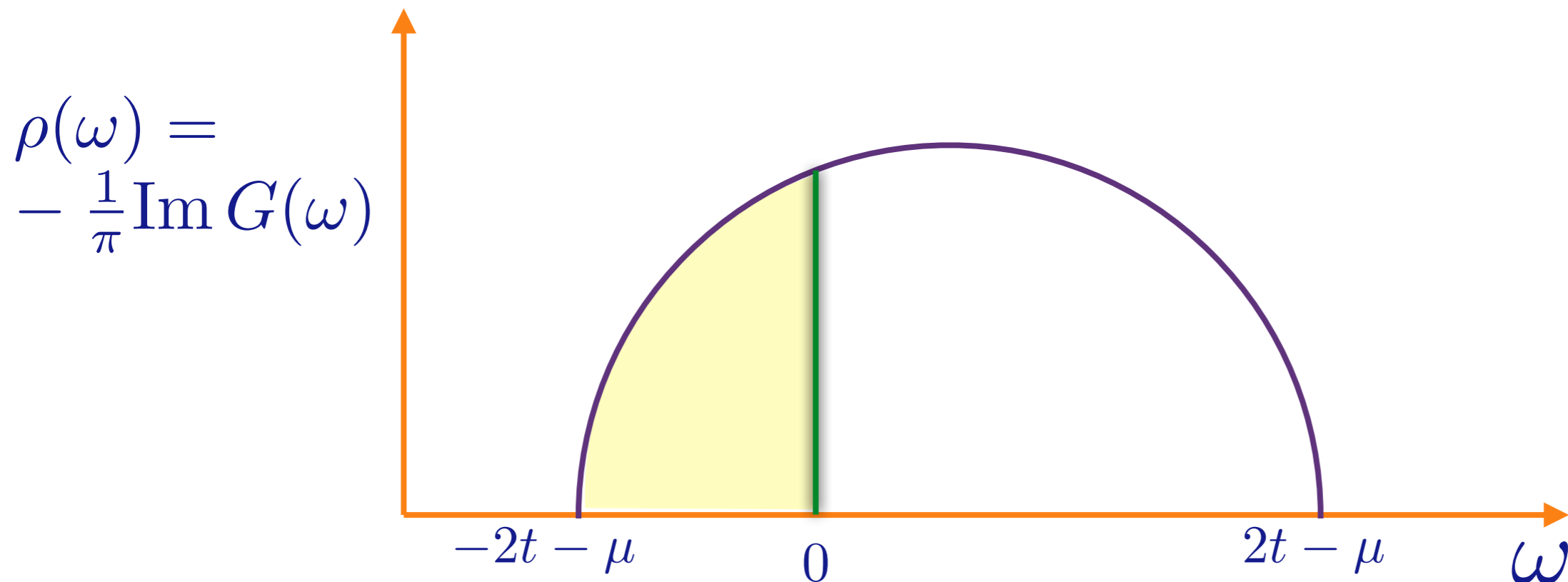
**Fermions occupying the eigenstates of a  
 $N \times N$  random matrix**

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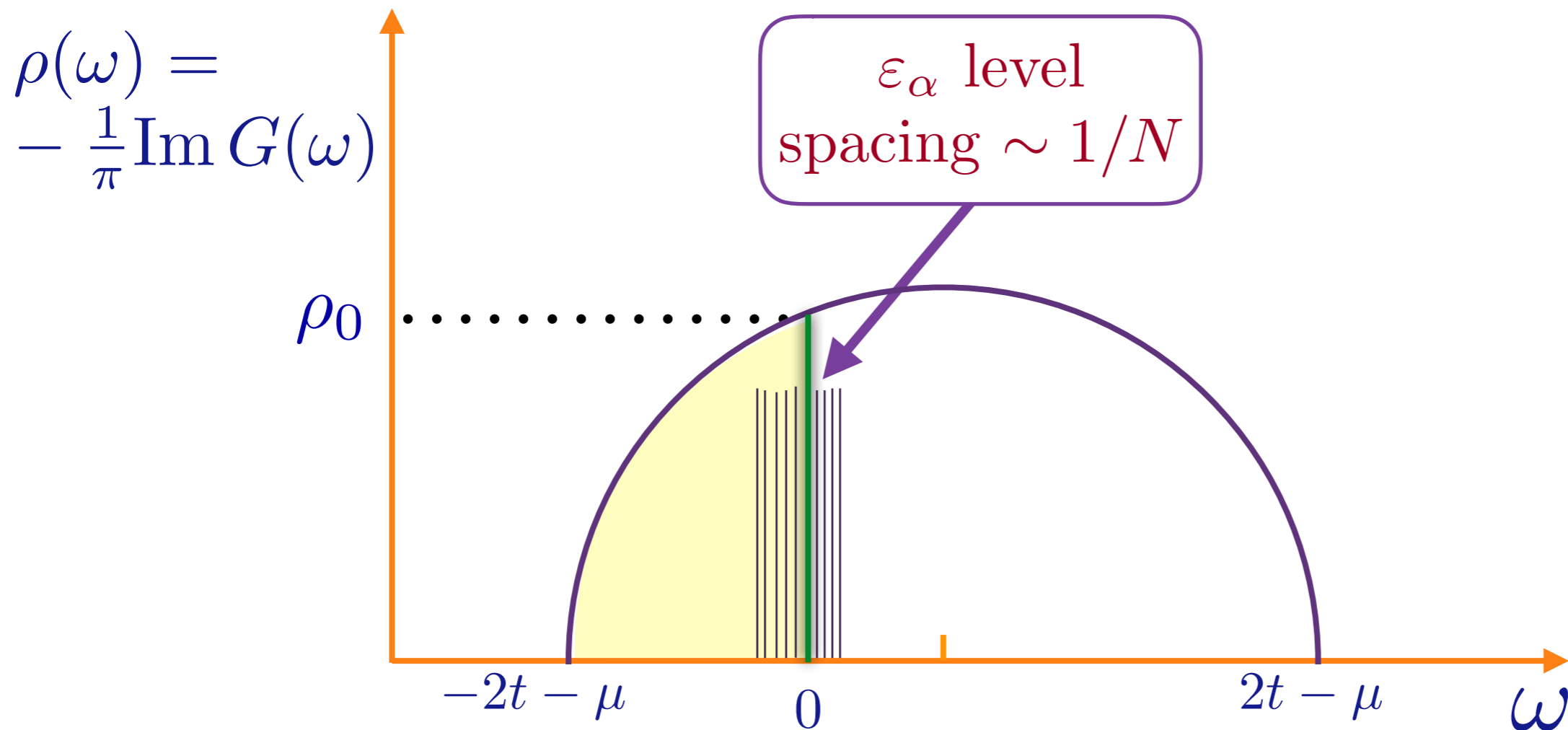
$G(\omega)$  can be determined by solving a quadratic equation.



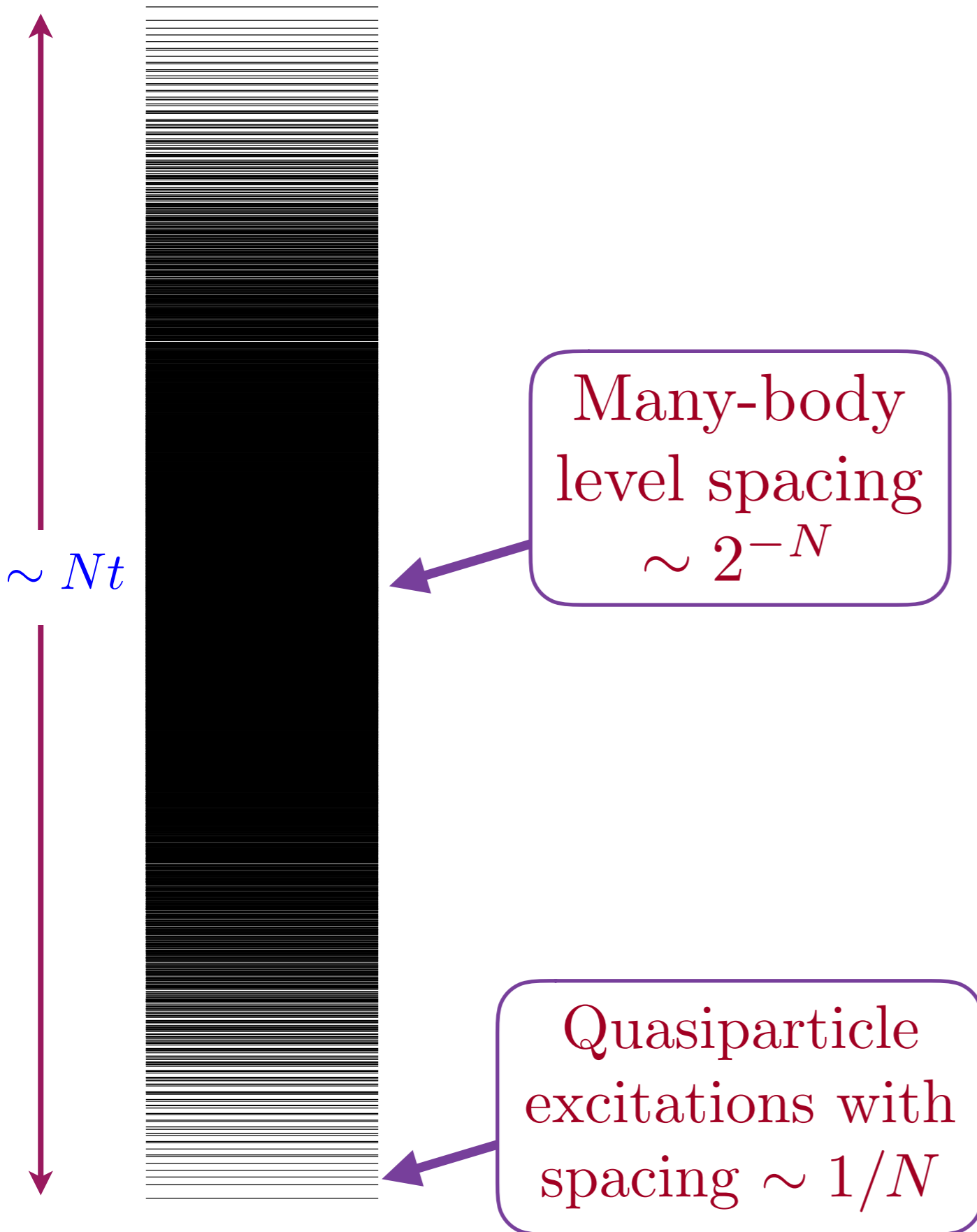
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Let  $\varepsilon_\alpha$  be the  $N$  eigenvalues of the matrix  $t_{ij}/\sqrt{N}$ . The fermions will occupy the lowest  $NQ$  eigenvalues, upto the Fermi energy  $E_F$ . The single-particle density of states is

$$\rho(\omega) = (1/N) \sum_\alpha \delta(\omega - \varepsilon_\alpha), \text{ and } \rho_0 \equiv \rho(\omega = 0).$$



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where  $n_{\alpha} = 0, 1$ . Shown are all values of  $E$  for a single cluster of size  $N = 12$ . The  $\varepsilon_{\alpha}$  have a level spacing  $\sim 1/N$ .

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From  $\Omega(T)$  we can obtain the *many*-particle density of states  $D(E)$

$$D(E) \sim \exp \left( \pi \sqrt{\frac{2N \rho_0 (E - E_0)}{3}} \right),$$

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and  $D(E) = 0$  for  $E < E_0$ . This is related to the asymptotic growth of the partitions of an integer,

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Now add weak interactions

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$U_{ij;k\ell}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{U_{ij;k\ell}} = 0$  and  $|\overline{U_{ij;k\ell}}|^2 = U^2$ . We compute the lifetime of a quasiparticle,  $\tau_\alpha$ , in an exact eigenstate  $\psi_\alpha(i)$  of the free particle Hamiltonian with energy  $\varepsilon_\alpha$ . By Fermi's Golden rule, for  $\varepsilon_\alpha$  at the Fermi energy

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau_\alpha} &= \pi U^2 \rho_0^2 \int d\varepsilon_\beta d\varepsilon_\gamma d\varepsilon_\delta f(\varepsilon_\beta)(1 - f(\varepsilon_\gamma))(1 - f(\varepsilon_\delta)) \delta(\varepsilon_\alpha + \varepsilon_\beta - \varepsilon_\gamma - \varepsilon_\delta) \\ &= \frac{\pi^3 U^2 \rho_0^2}{4} T^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the density of states at the Fermi energy, and  $f(\varepsilon) = 1/(e^{\varepsilon/T} + 1)$  is the Fermi function.

Fermi liquid state: Two-body interactions lead to a scattering time of quasiparticle excitations from in (random) single-particle eigenstates which diverges as  $\sim T^{-2}$  at the Fermi level.

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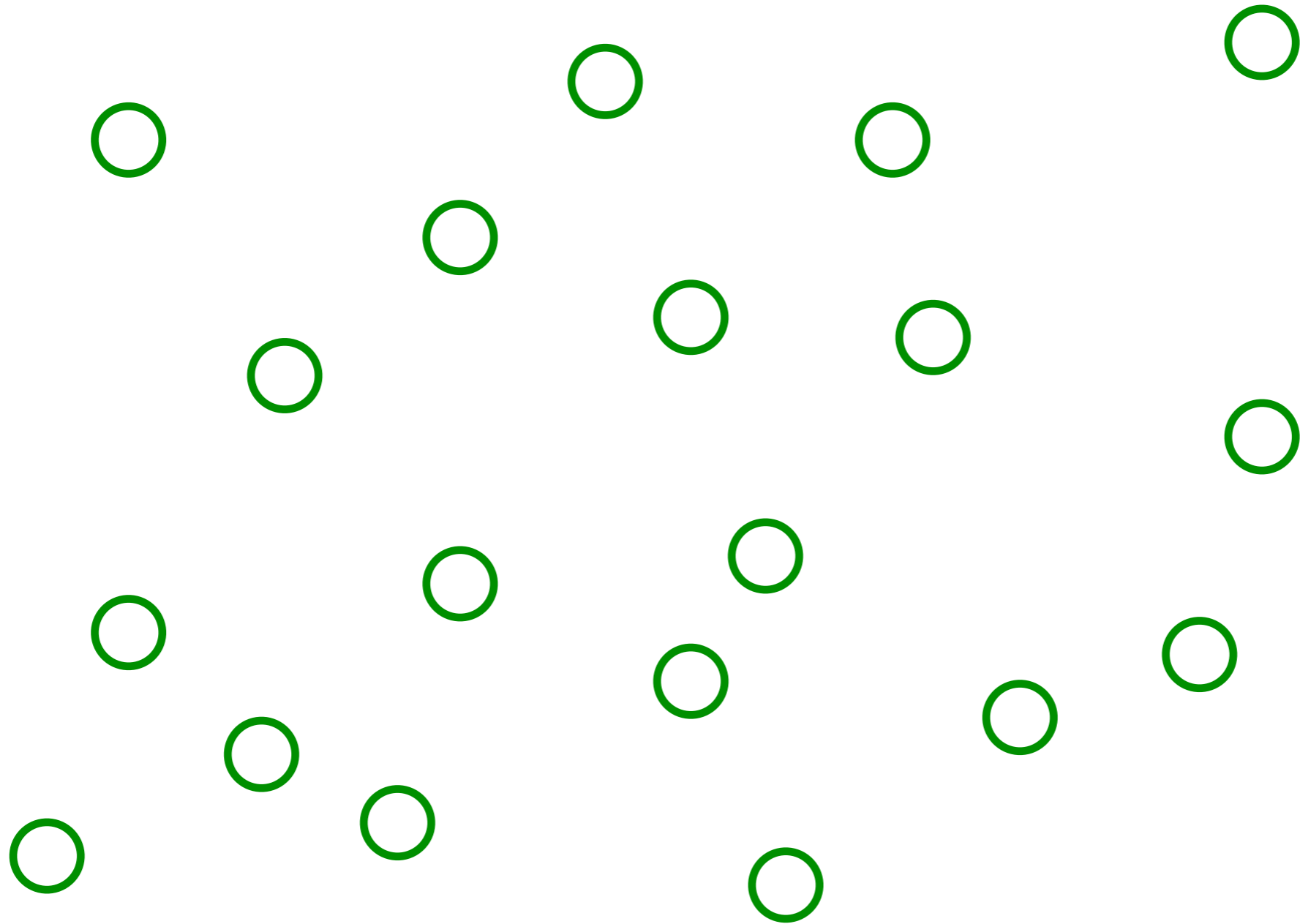
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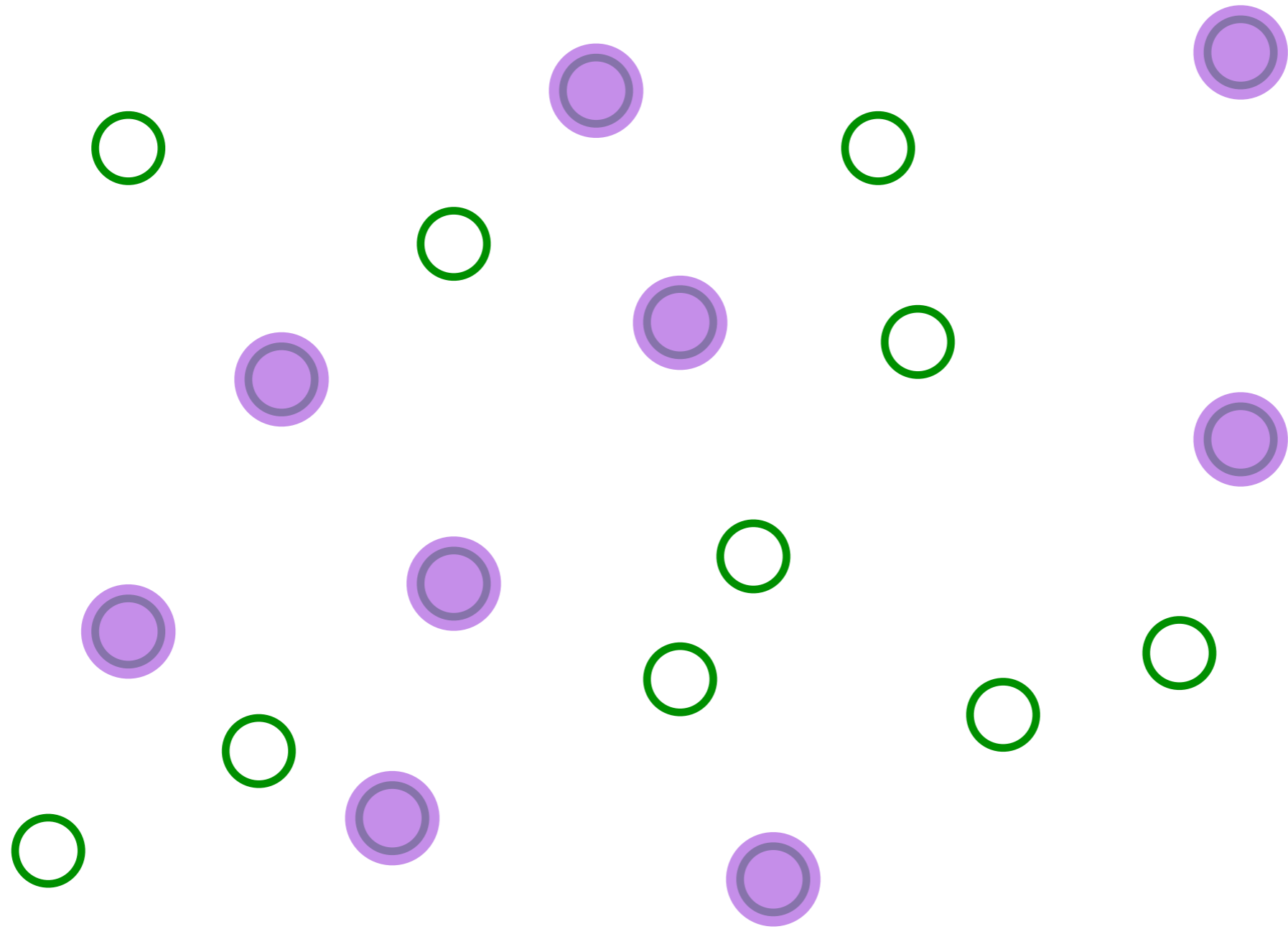
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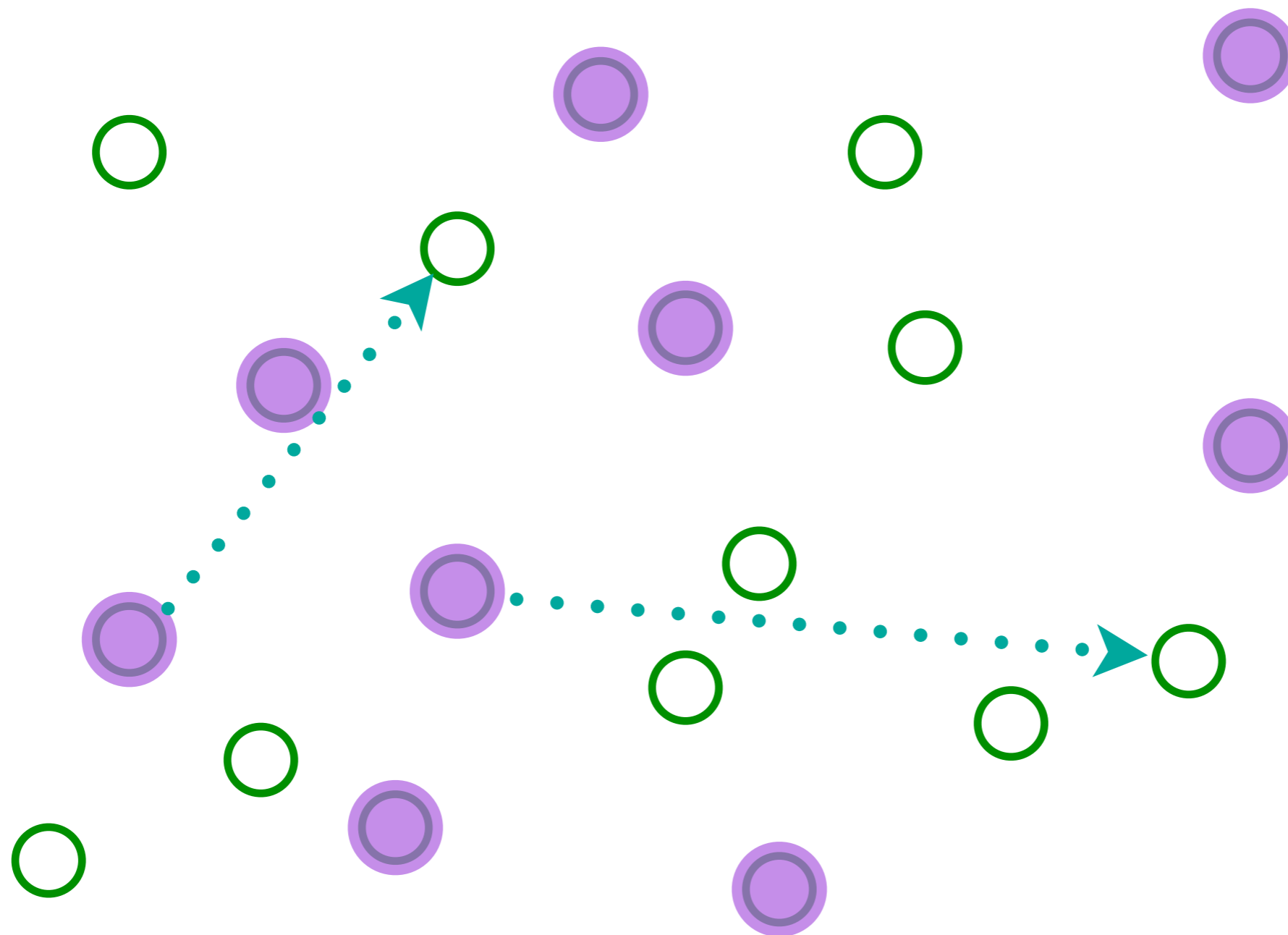
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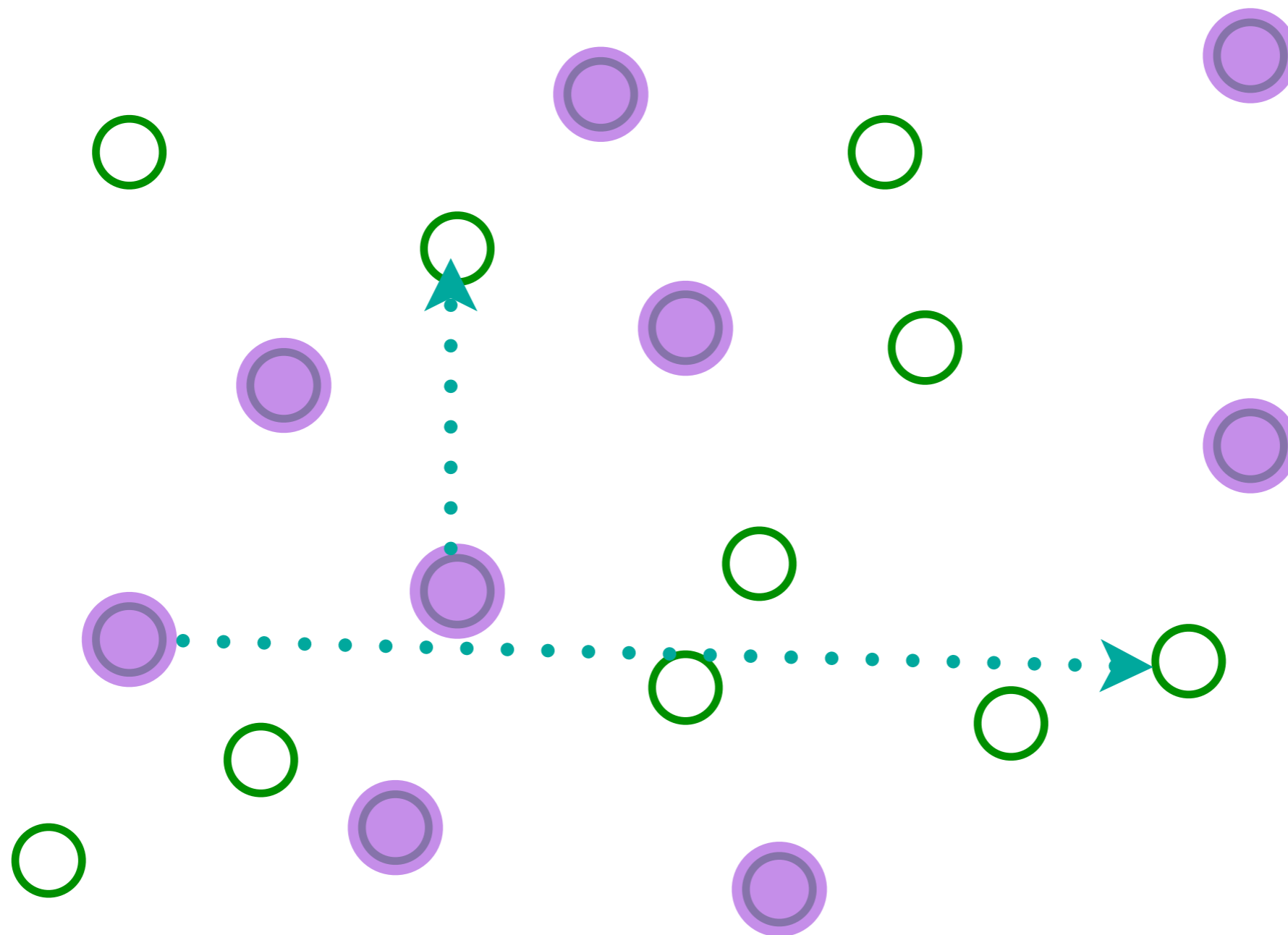
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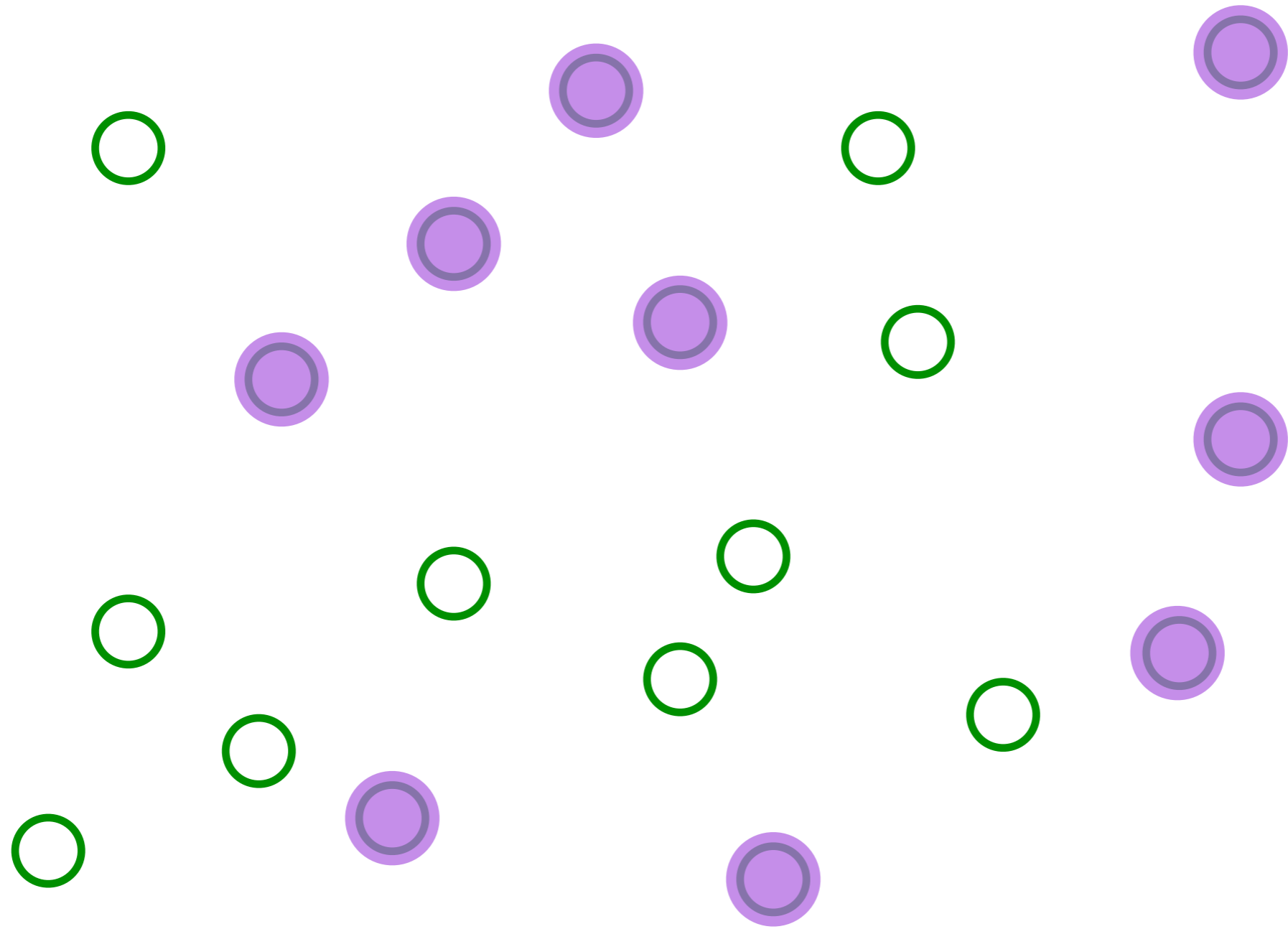
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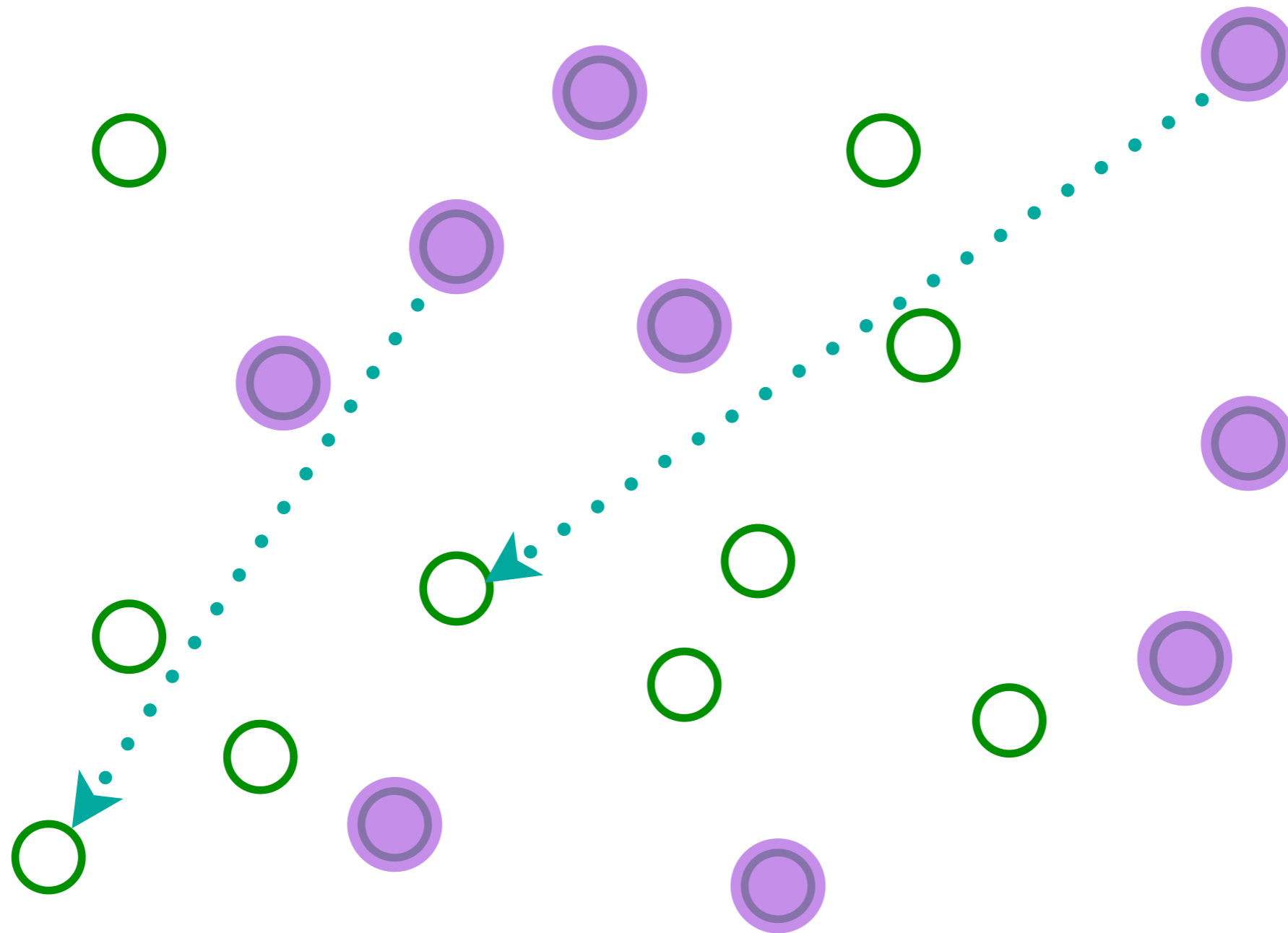
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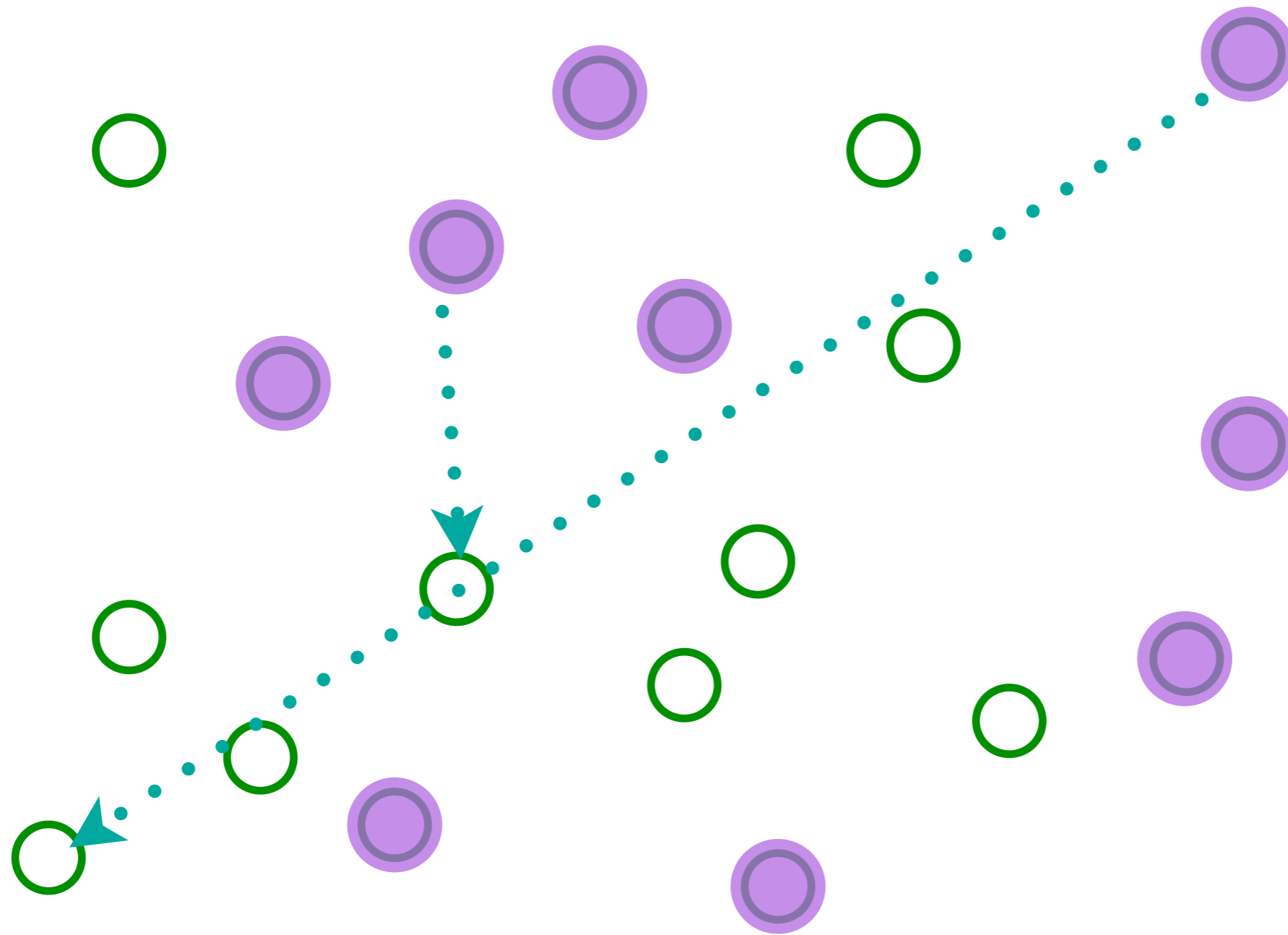
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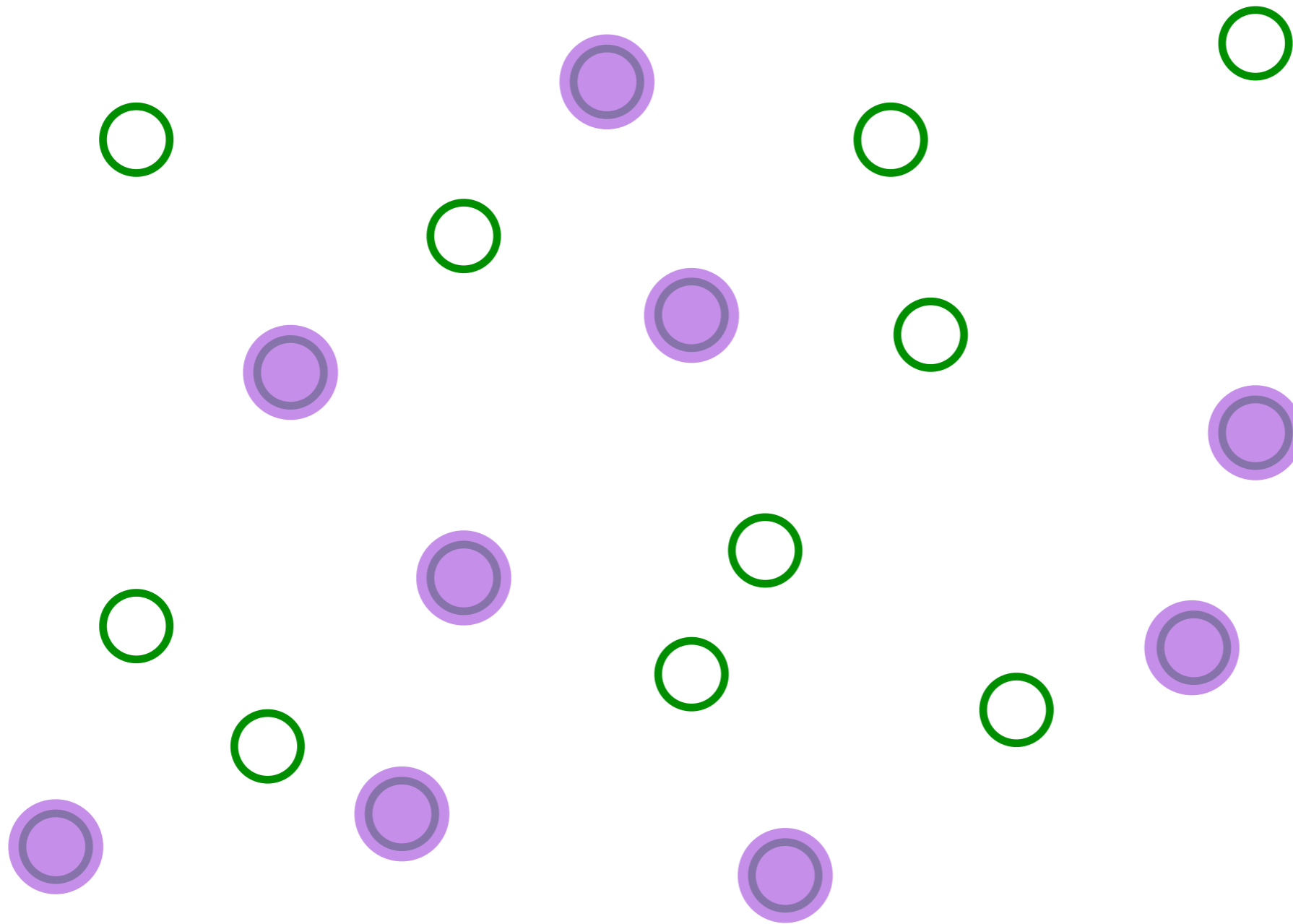
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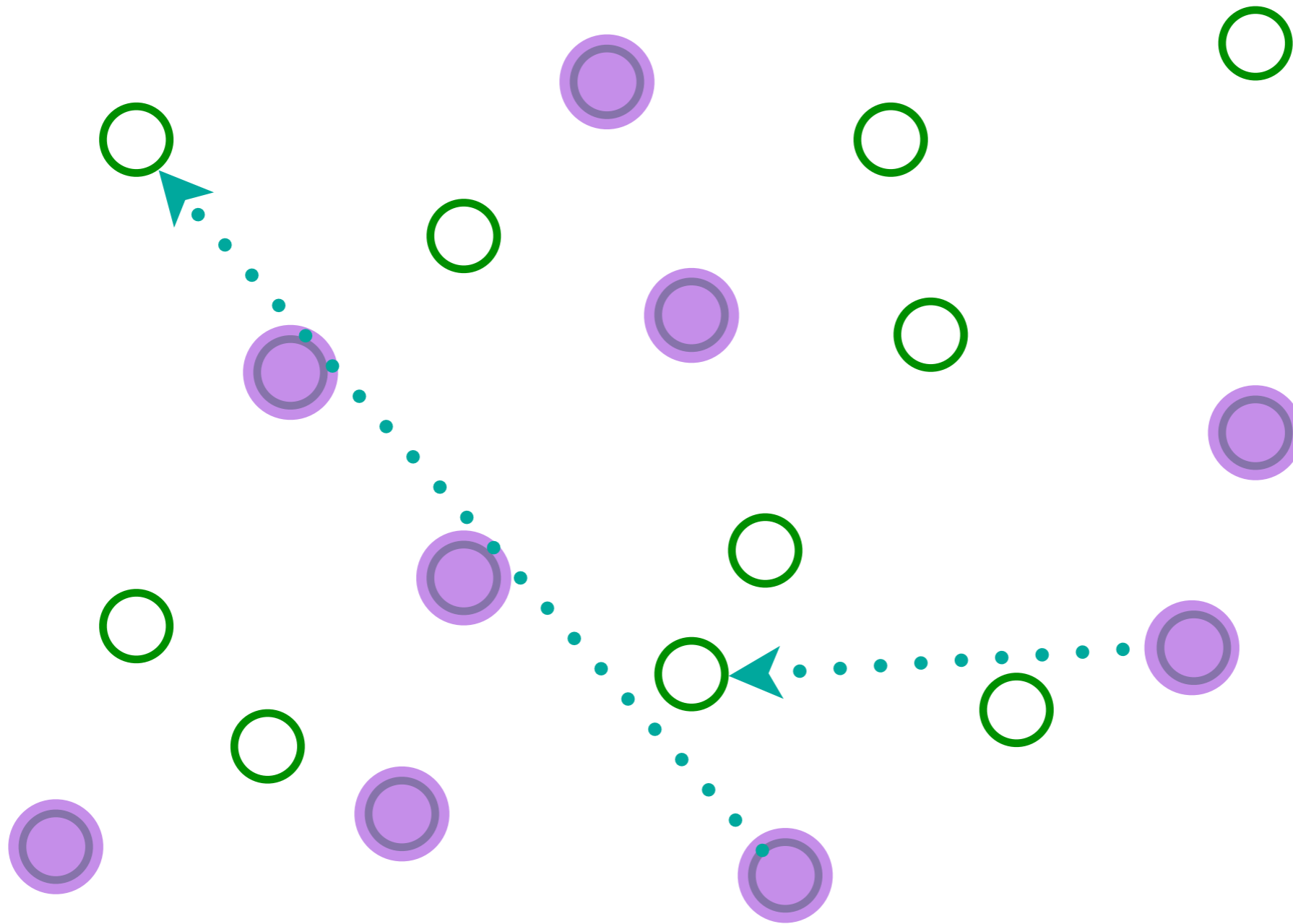
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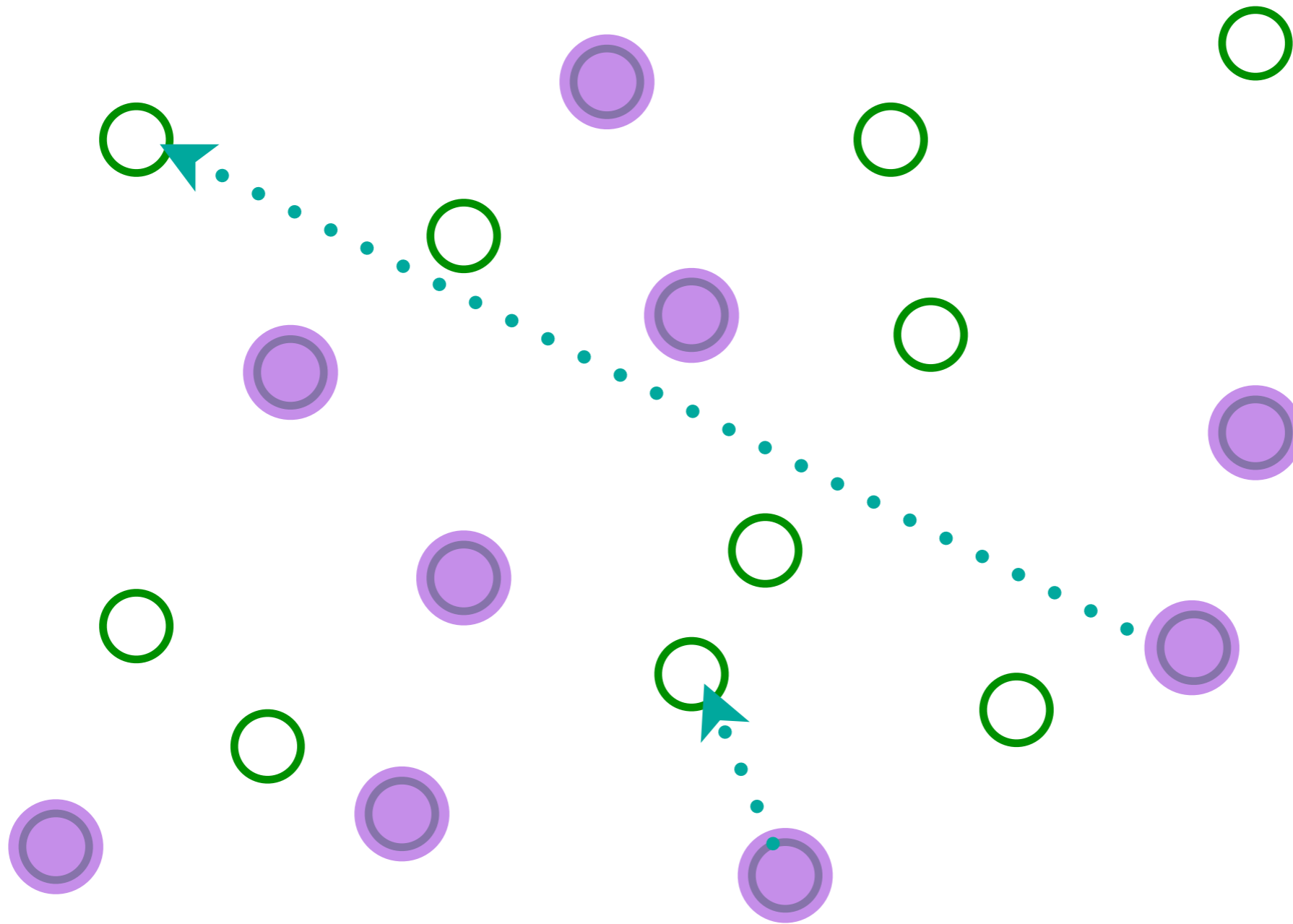
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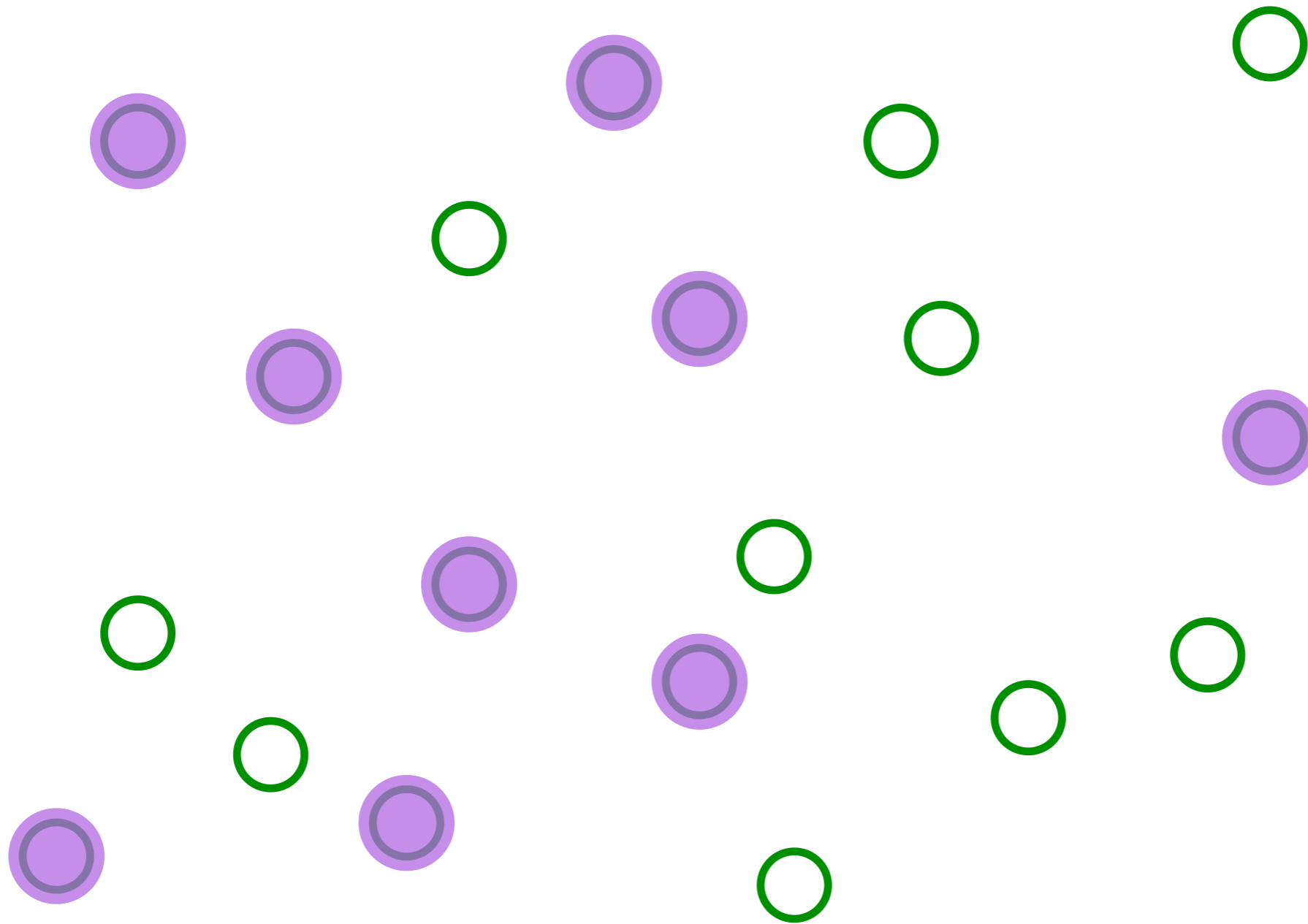
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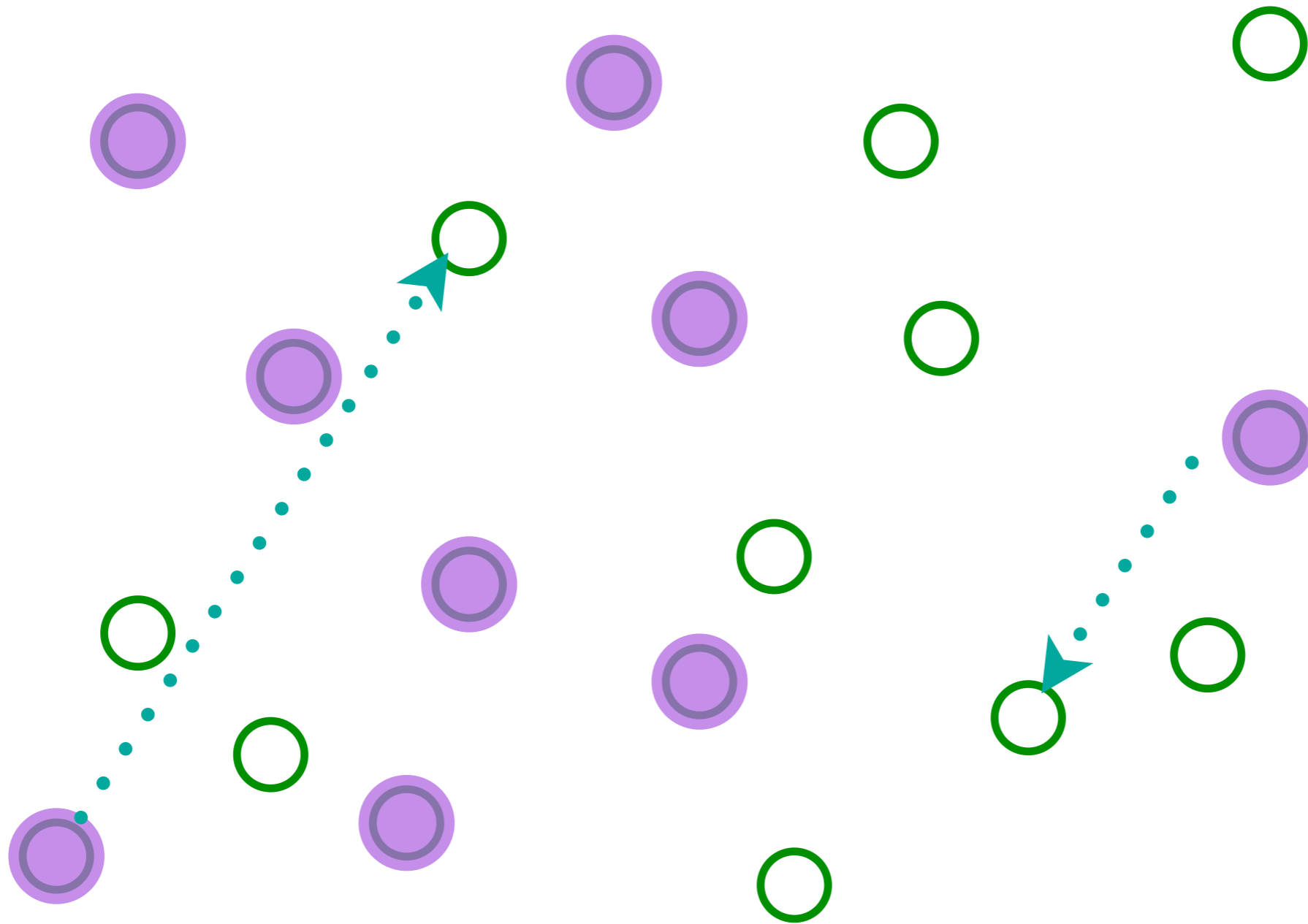
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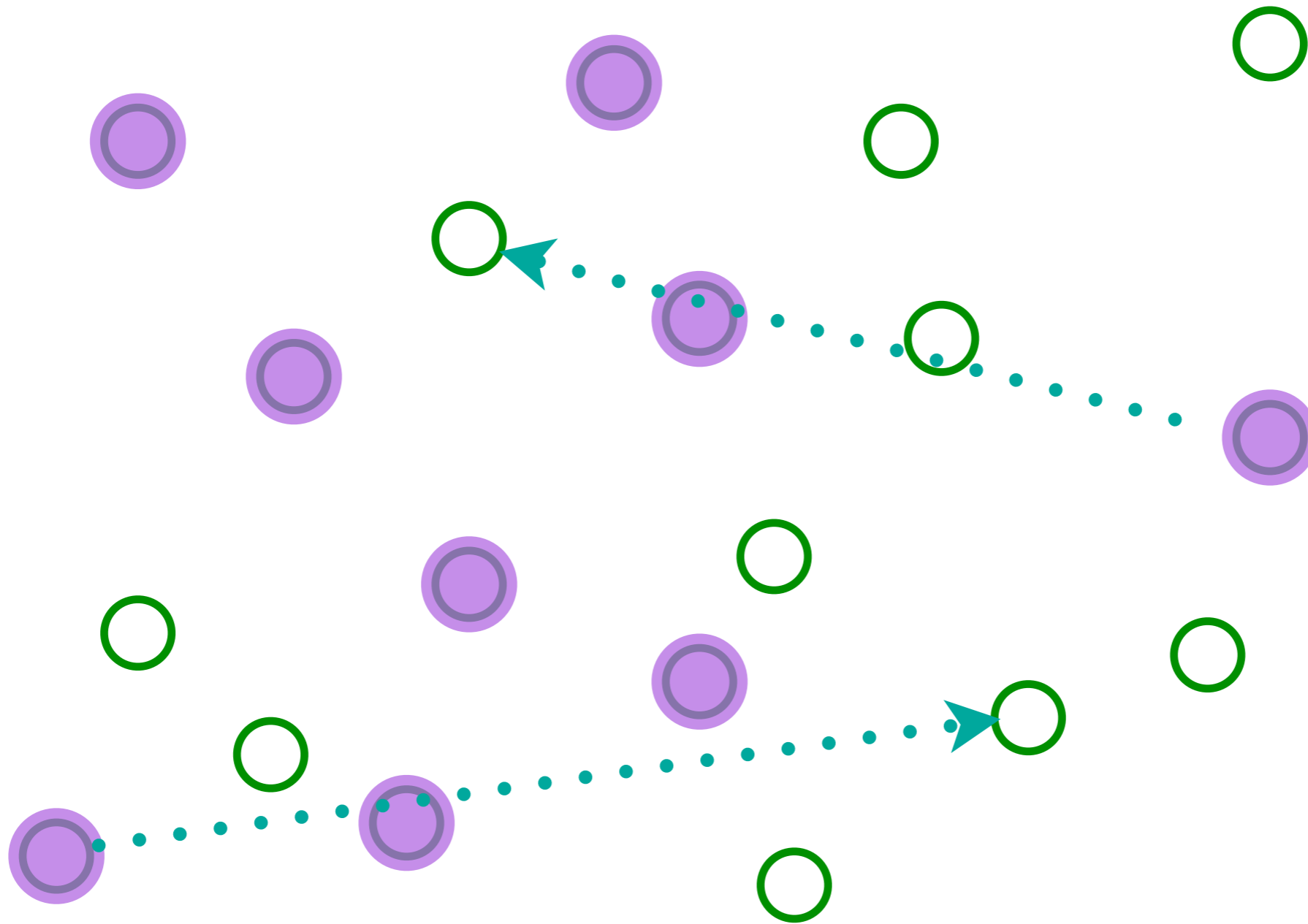
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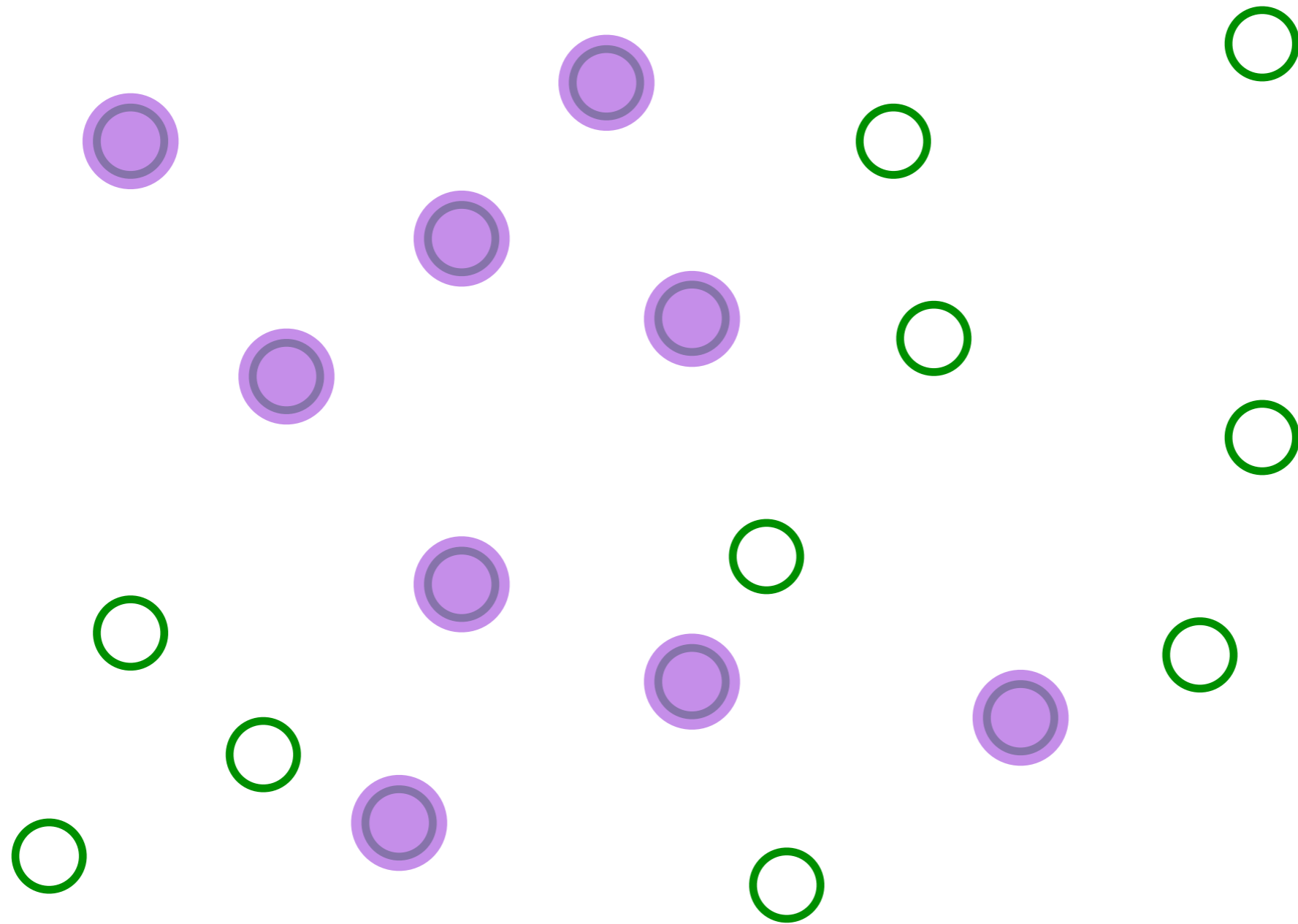
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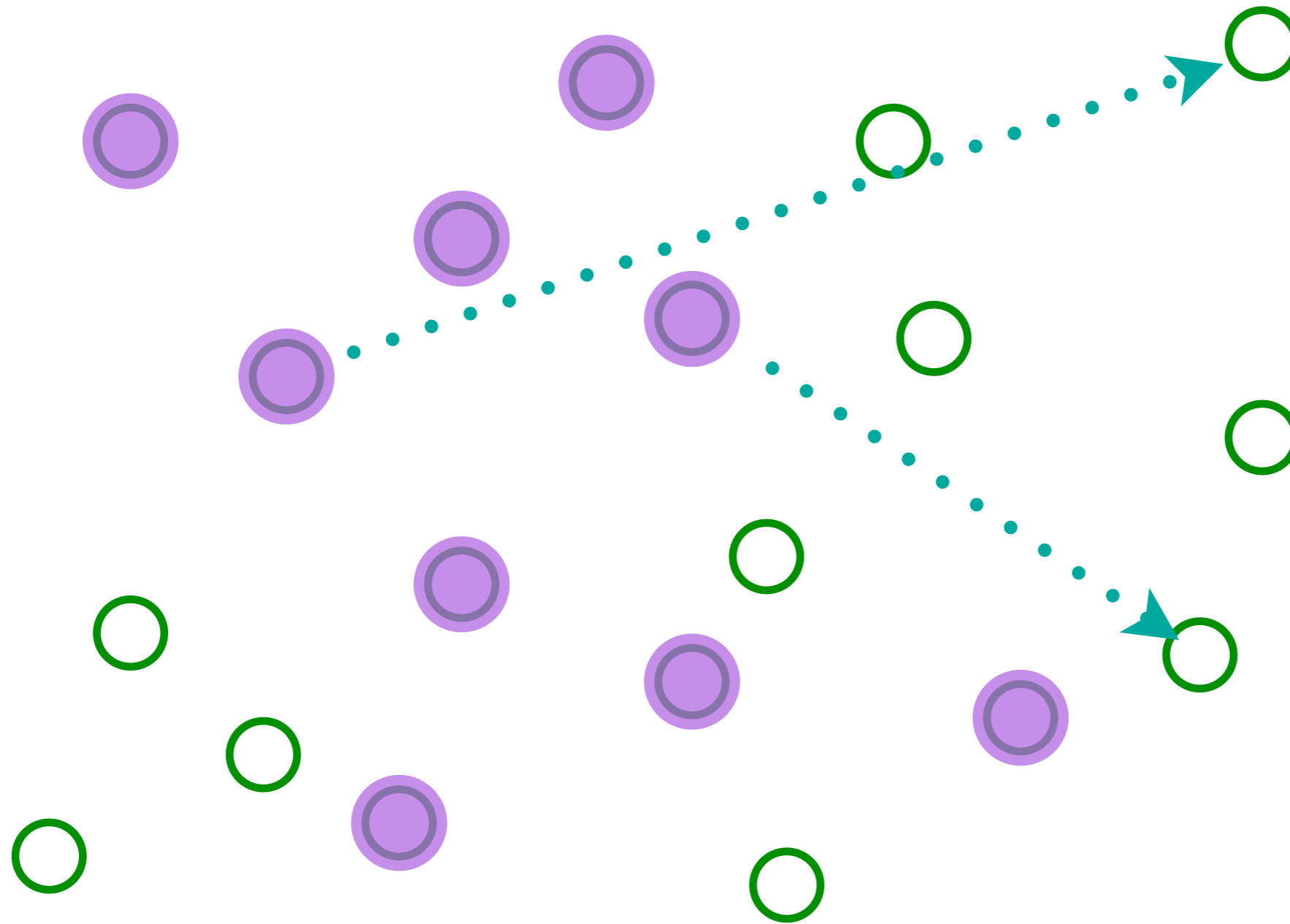
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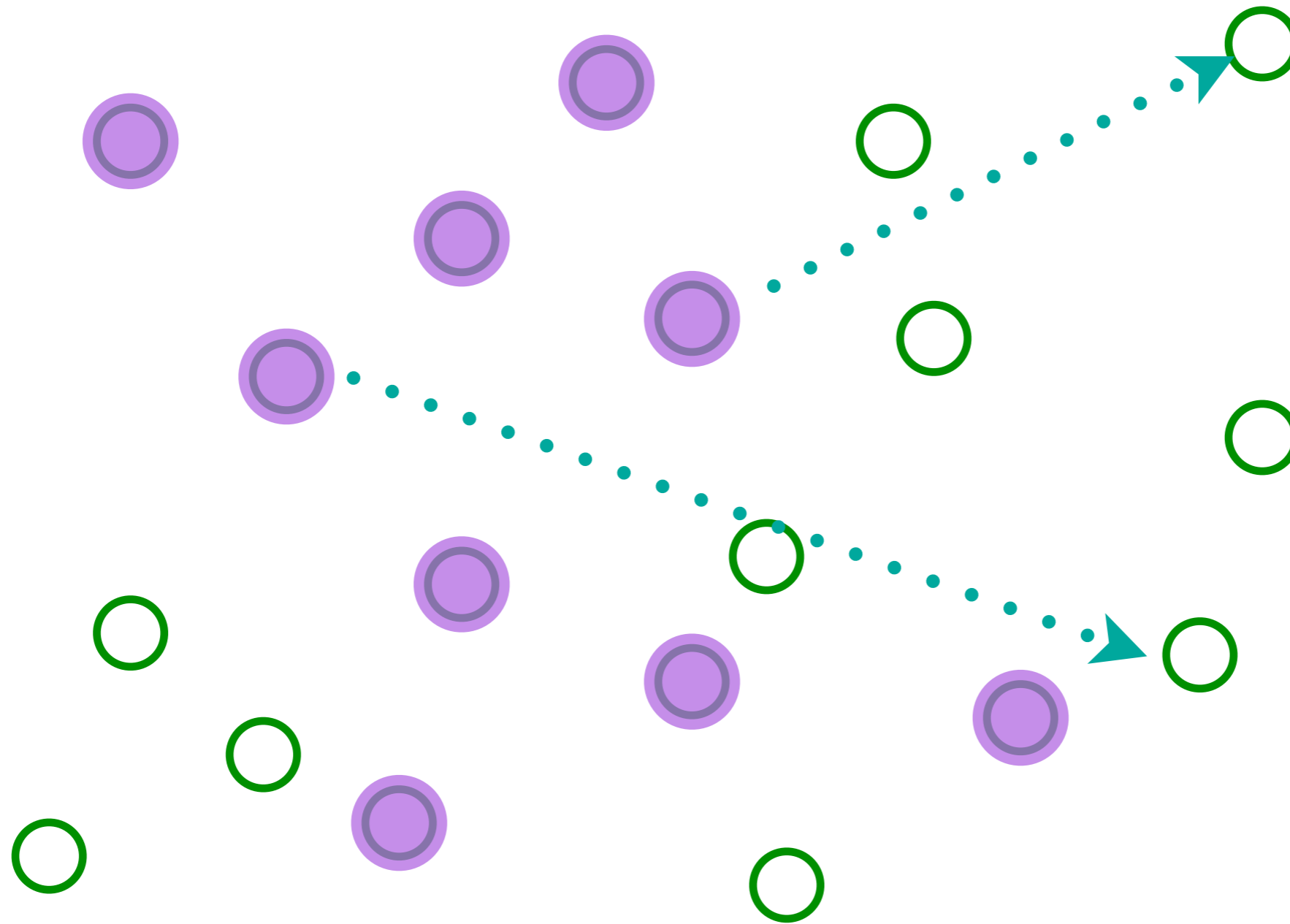
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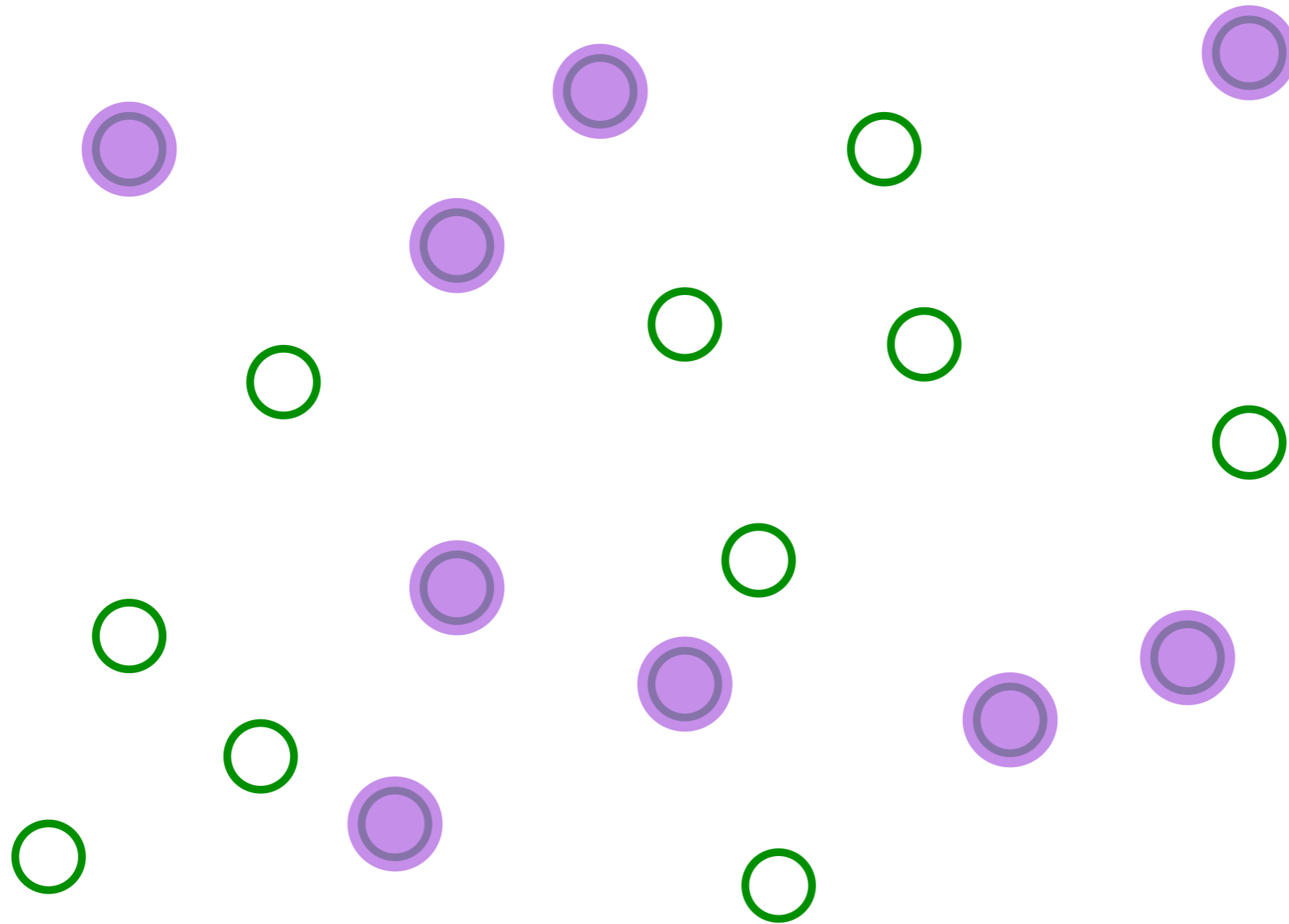
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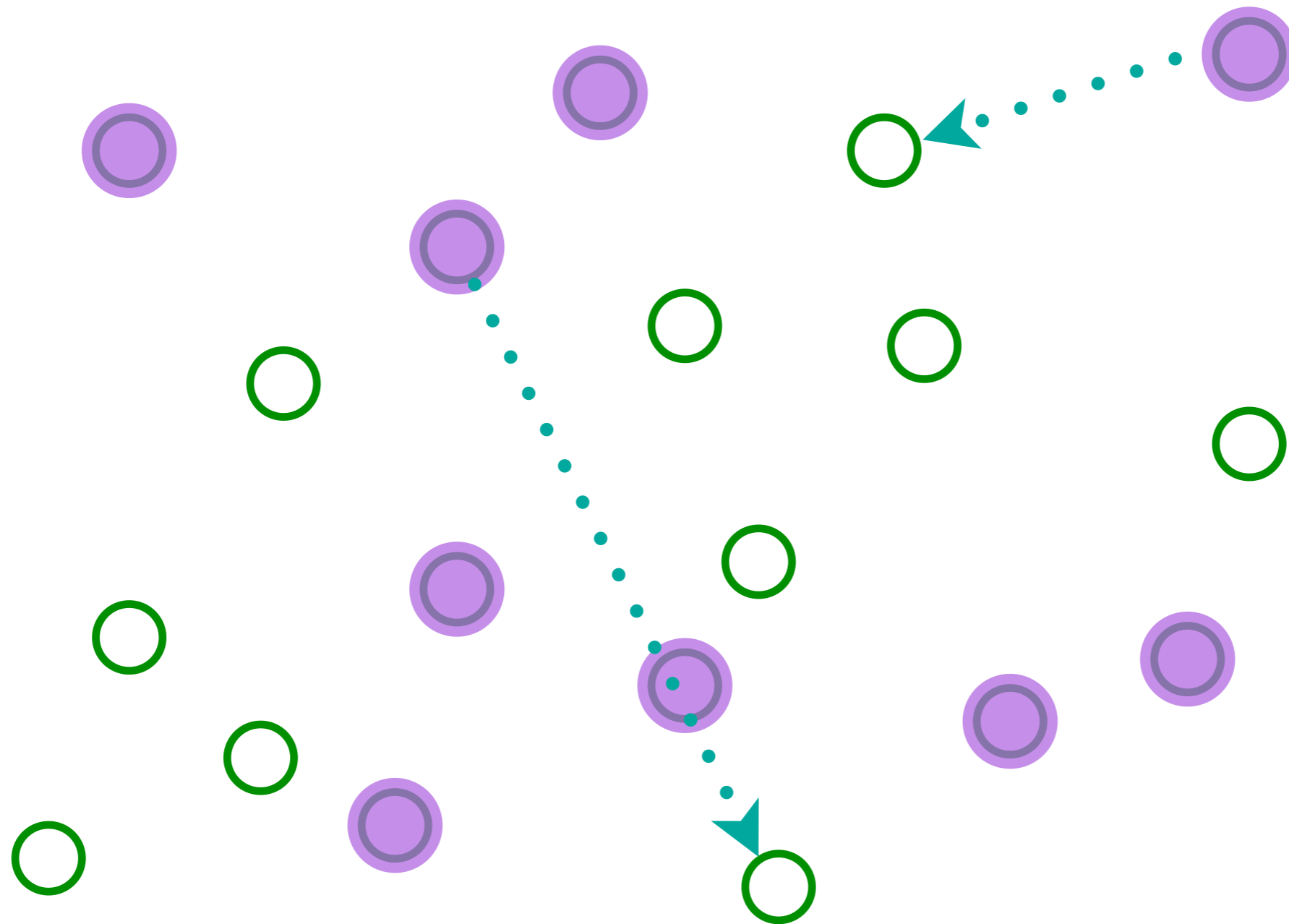
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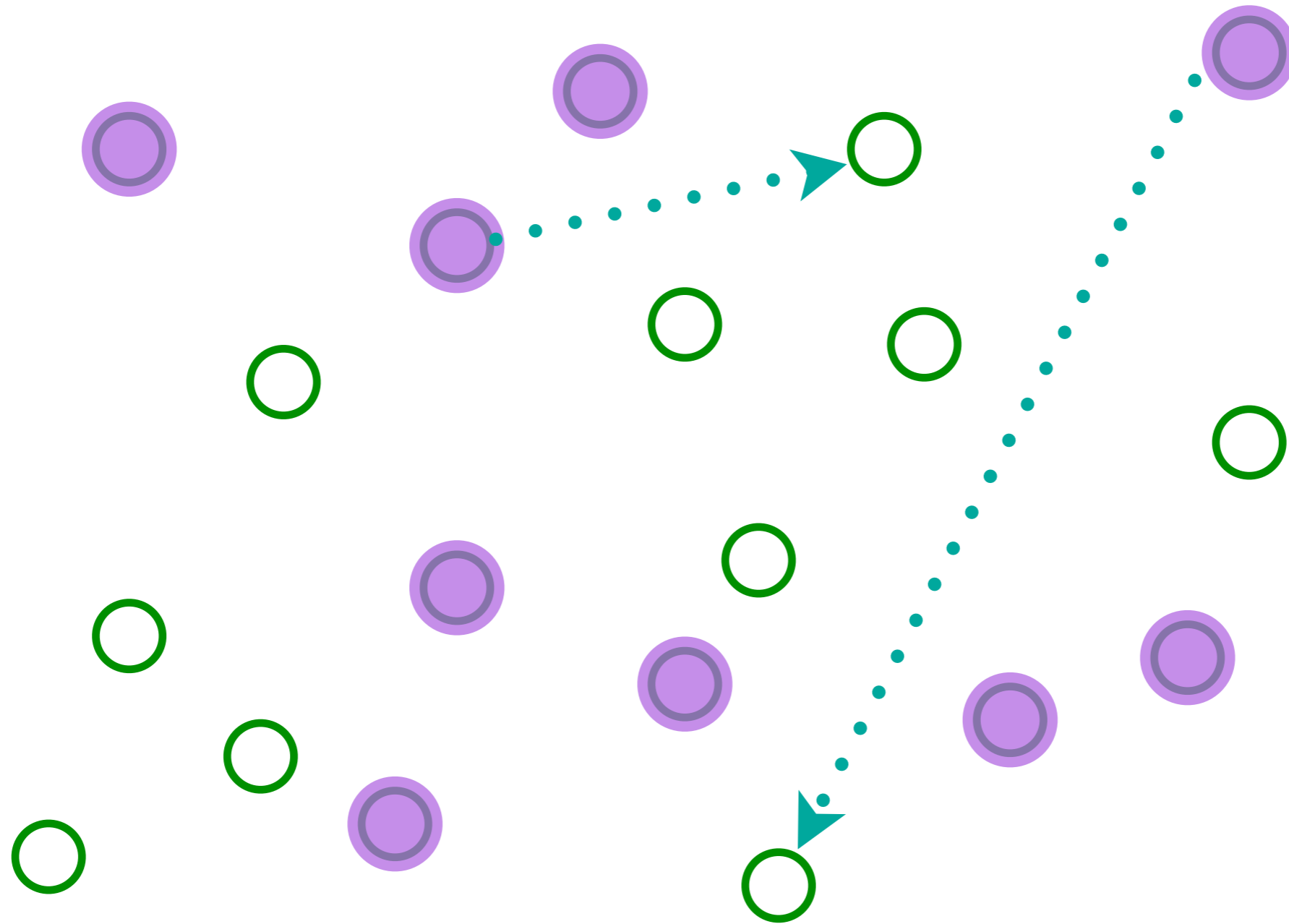
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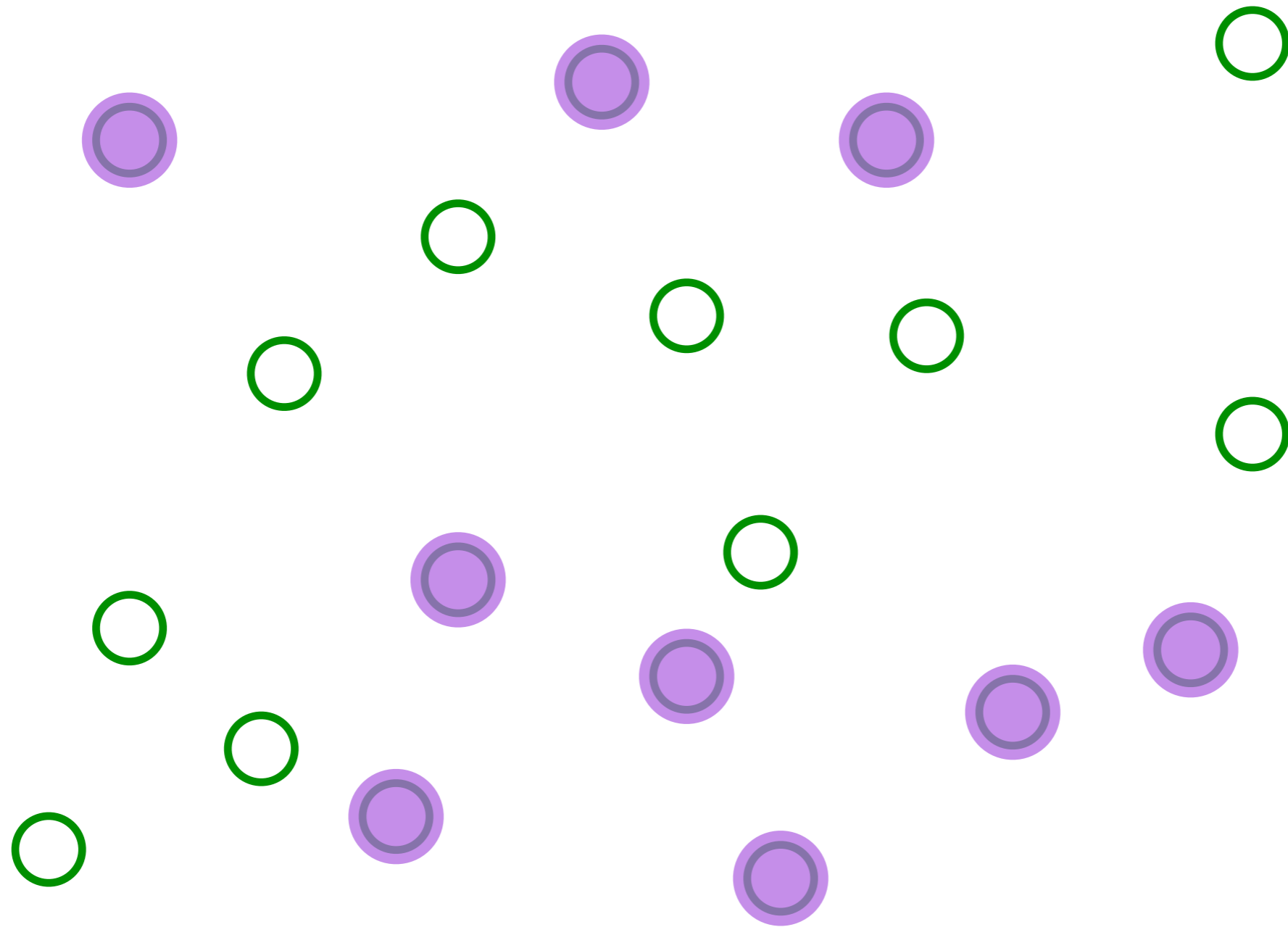
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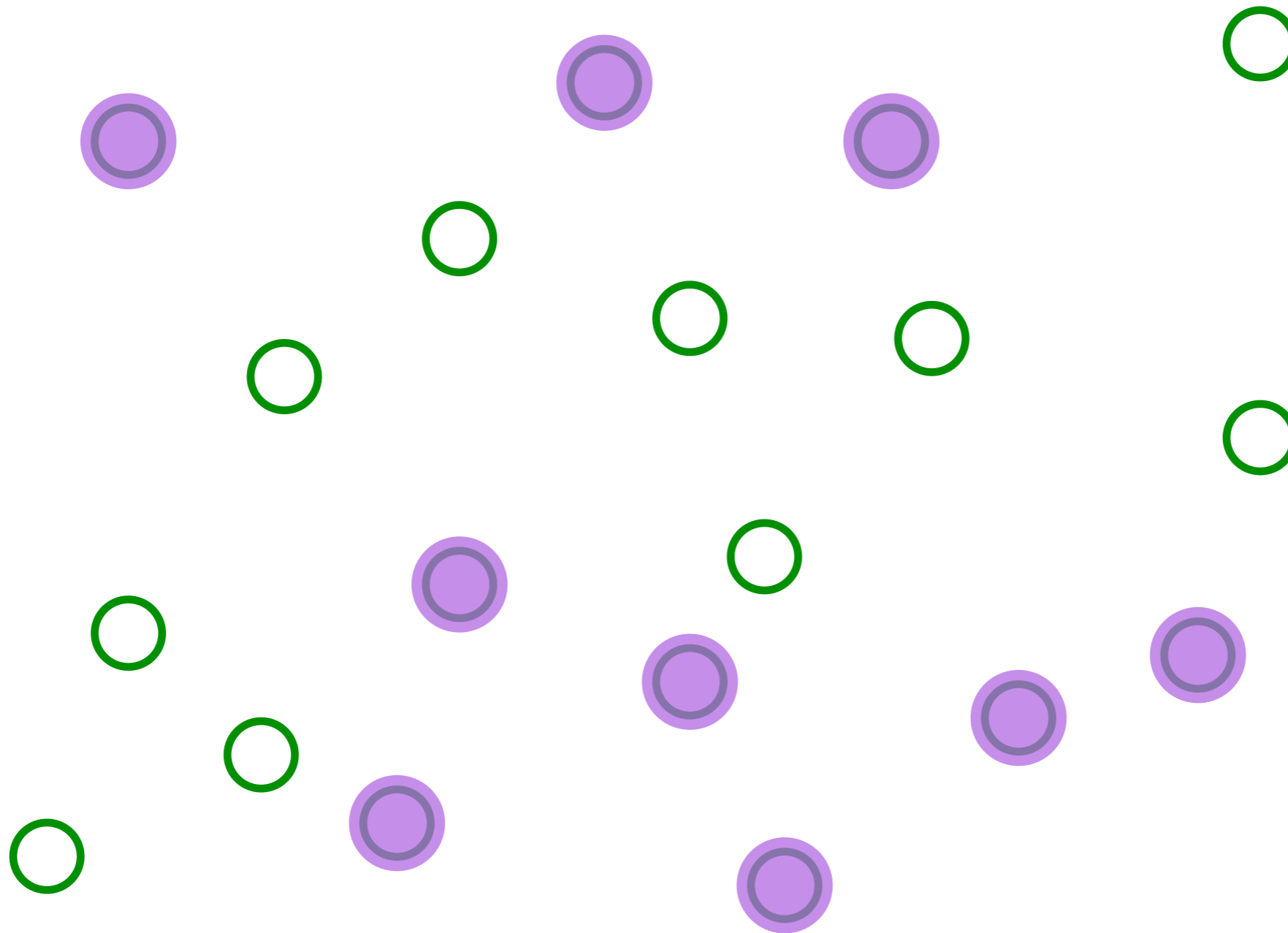
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This describes both a strange metal and a black hole!

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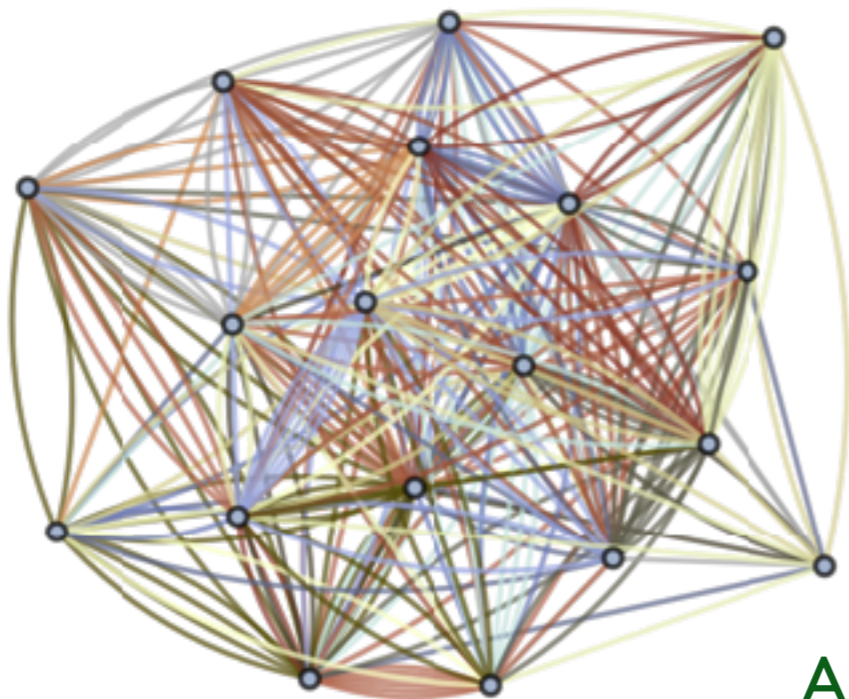
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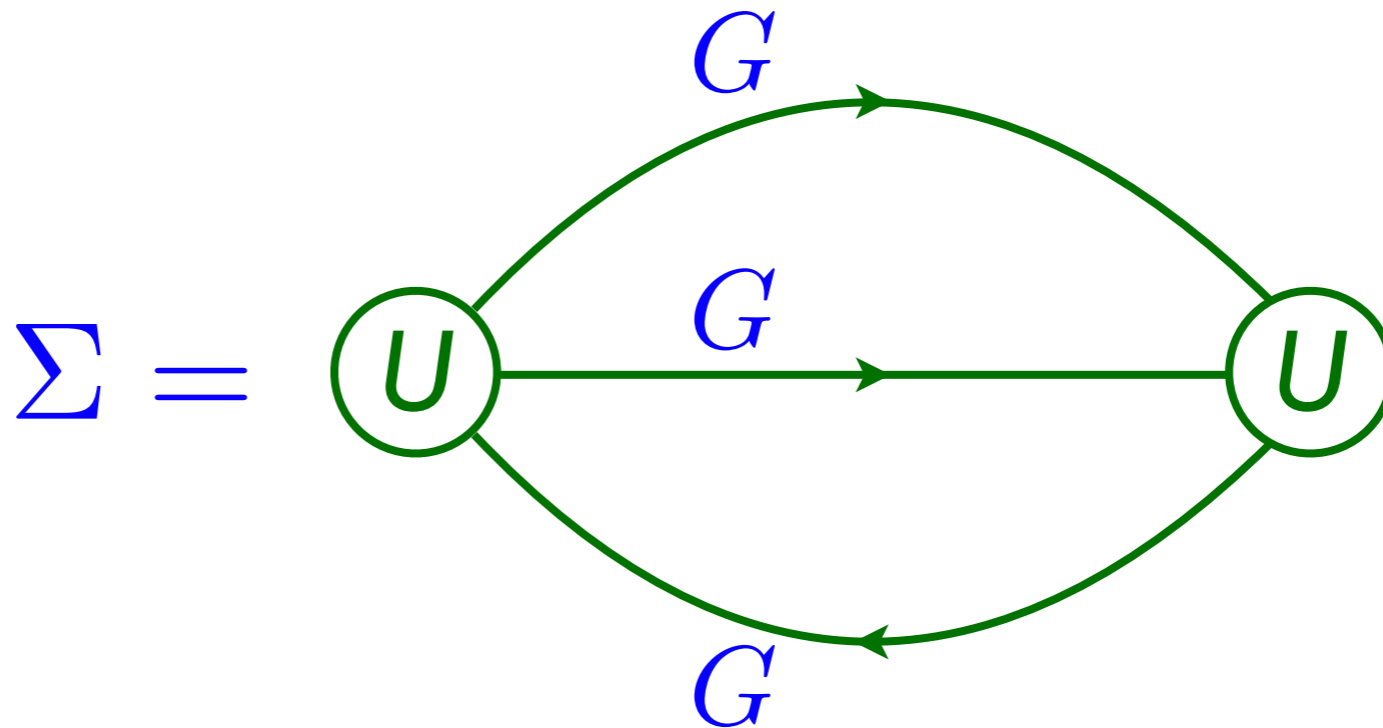
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Low frequency analysis shows that the solutions must be gapless and obey

$$\Sigma(z) = \mu - \frac{e^{i(\pi/4+\theta)}}{A} \sqrt{z} + \dots \quad , \quad G(z) = \frac{A e^{-i(\pi/4+\theta)}}{\sqrt{z}}$$

where  $A = (\pi/U^2 \cos(2\theta))^{1/4}$ . The value of  $\theta$  is universally related to  $\mathcal{Q}$  by a Luttinger-Ward functional analysis similar to that used to establish the Luttinger theorem of Fermi liquid theory:

$$\mathcal{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\theta}{\pi} - \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{4}$$

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At  $T > 0$ , we obtain a solution with a conformal structure

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where the ‘particle-hole asymmetry’ is determined by  $\mathcal{E}$

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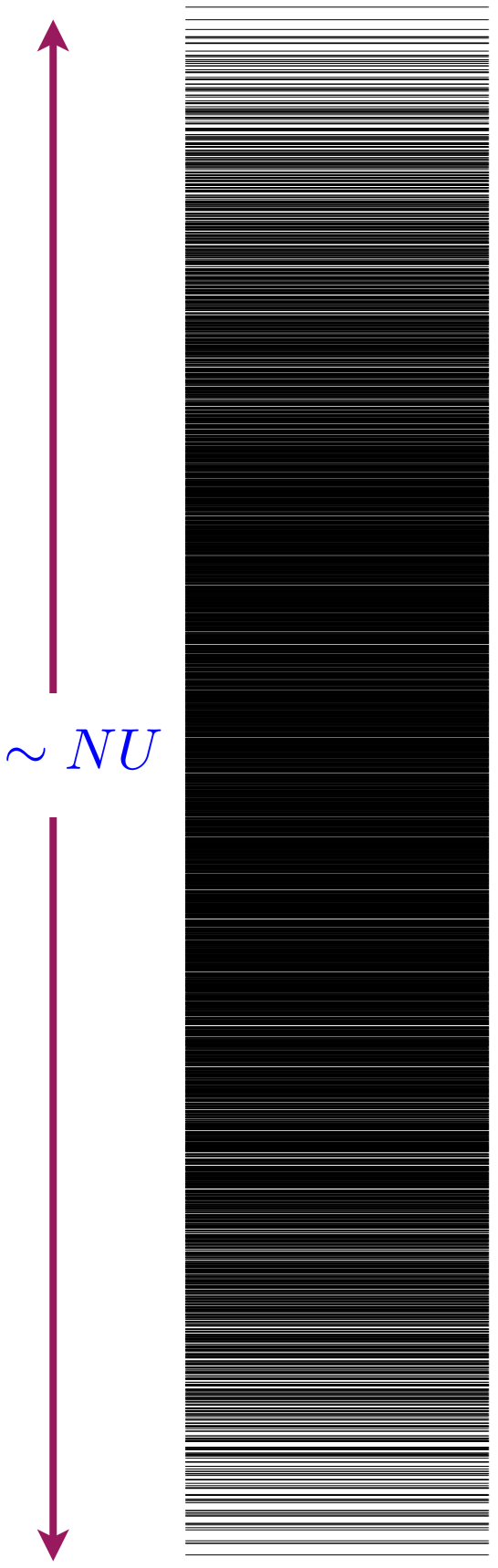
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At  $Q = 1/2$ ,

$$s_0 = \frac{G}{\pi} + \frac{\ln(2)}{4} = 0.464848\dots$$

where  $G$  is Catalan's constant.

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Many-body level spacing  $\sim 2^{-N} = e^{-N \ln 2}$

Non-quasiparticle excitations with spacing  $\sim e^{-Ns_0}$

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The low  $T$  expansion of the grand potential is

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From the grand potential, we can obtain the low energy, the *many*-particle density of states  $D(E)$

$$D(E) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi p \mathcal{E}} d \left( E - \frac{p^2}{2NK} \right)$$

where  $N\mathcal{Q} + p$  is the integer fermion number,  $d(E) = 0$  for  $E < E_0$ , and

$$d(E) \sim \exp(Ns_0) \sinh \left( \sqrt{2N\gamma(E - E_0)} \right),$$

$$E > E_0, \quad e^{-cN} \ll \gamma(E - E_0) \ll N.$$

There are exponentially more low energy states than for the quasiparticle case, and  $D(E)$  self-averages down to energies exponentially small in  $N$ .

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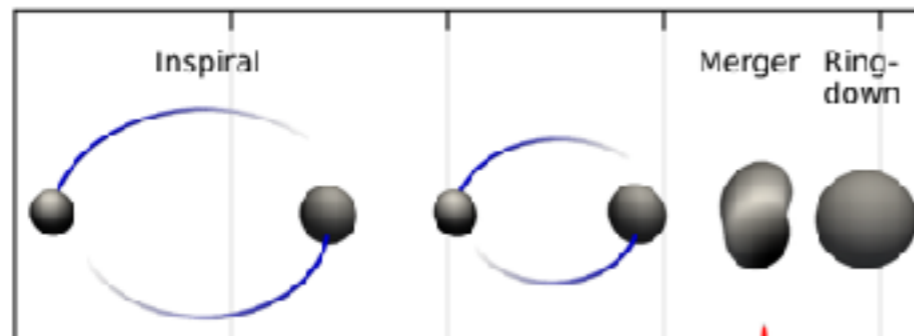
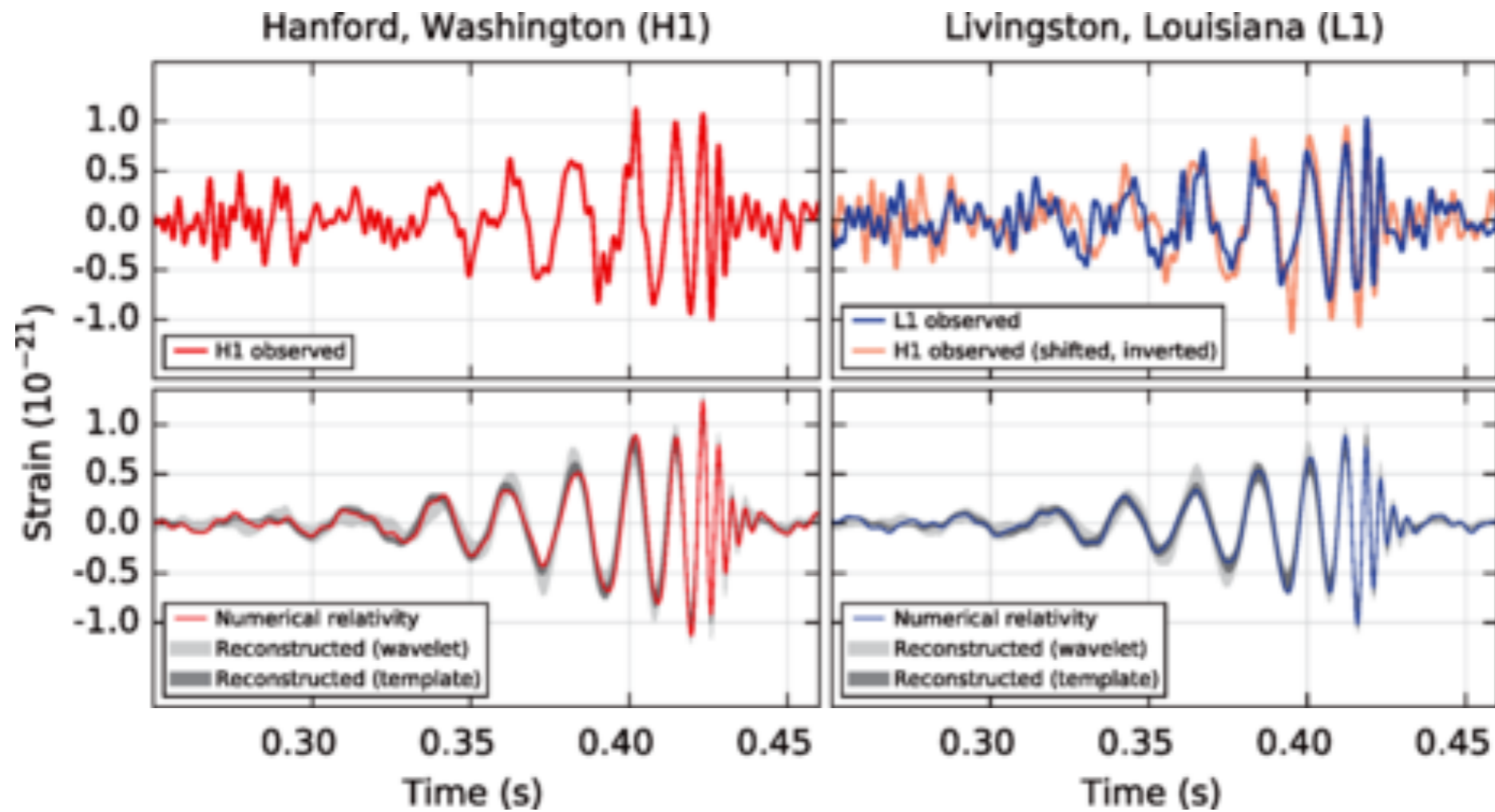
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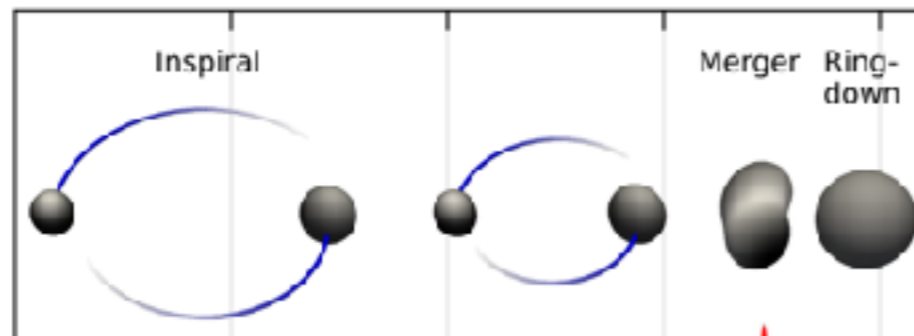
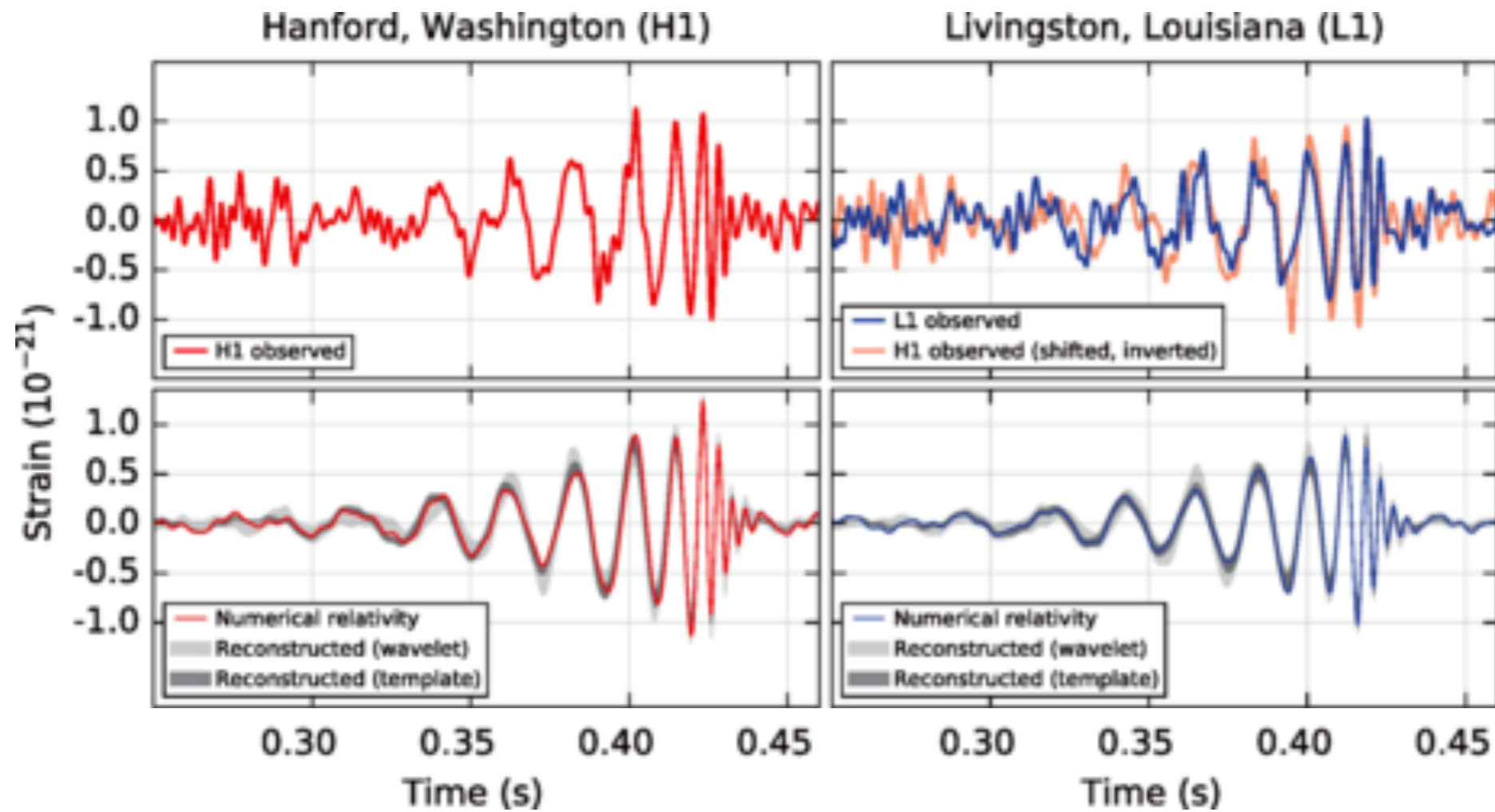
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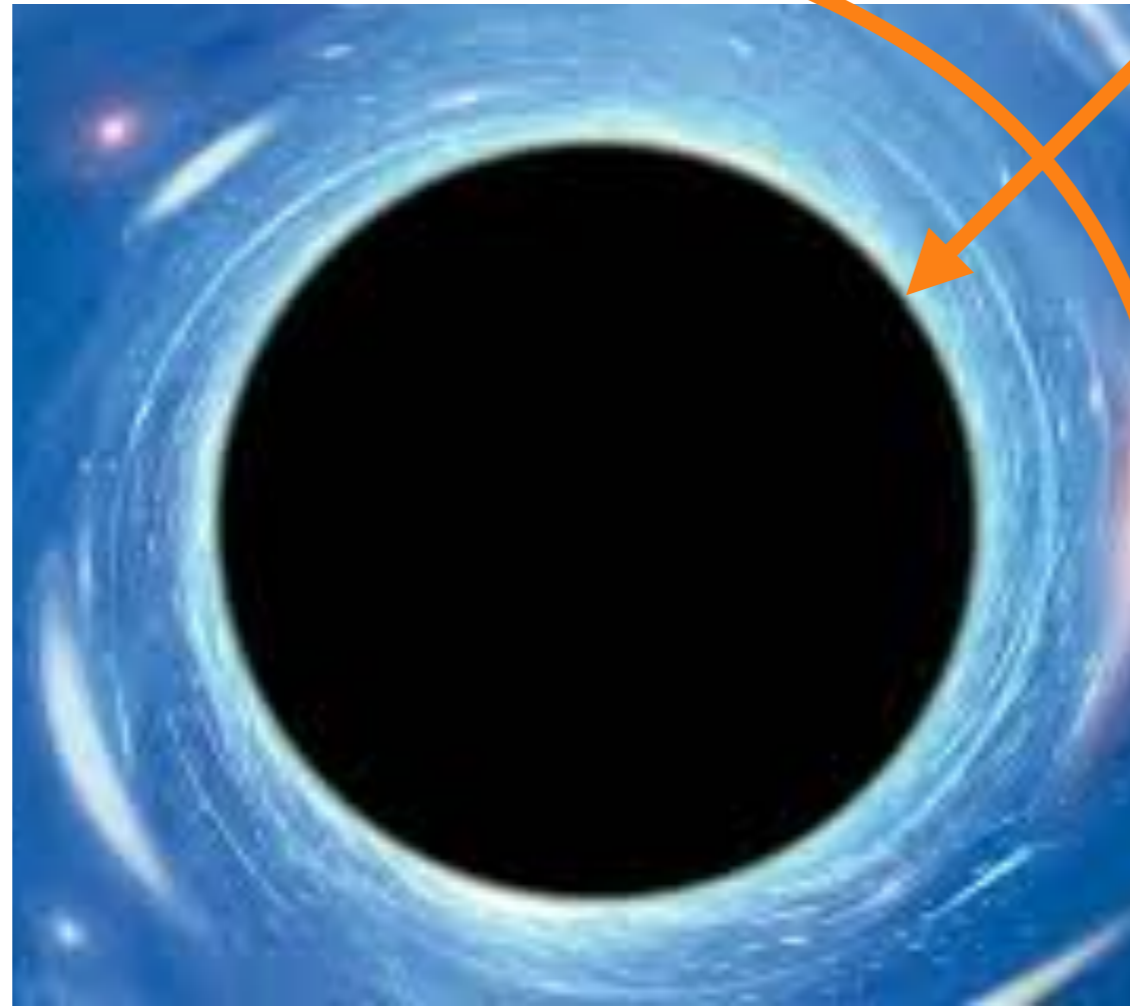


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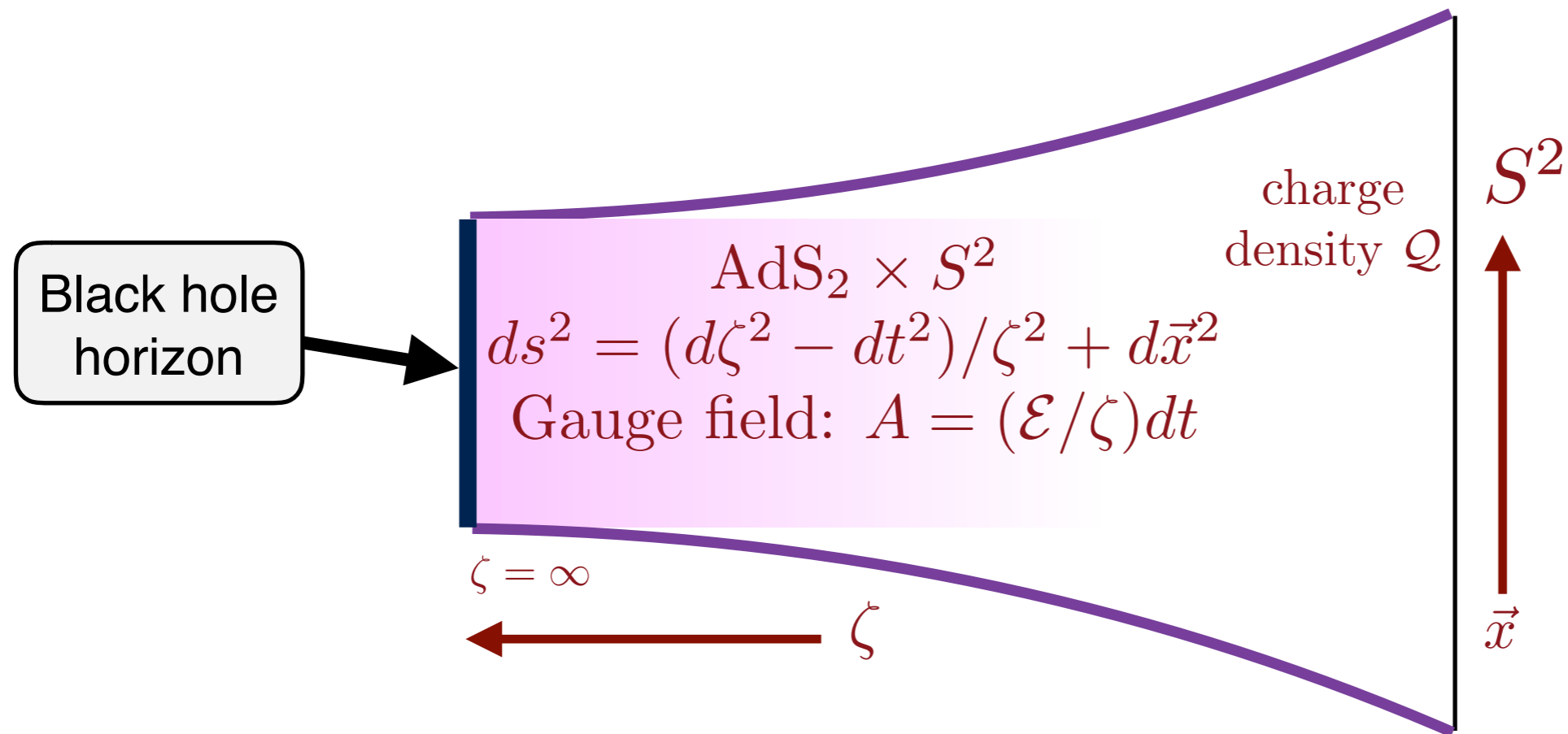
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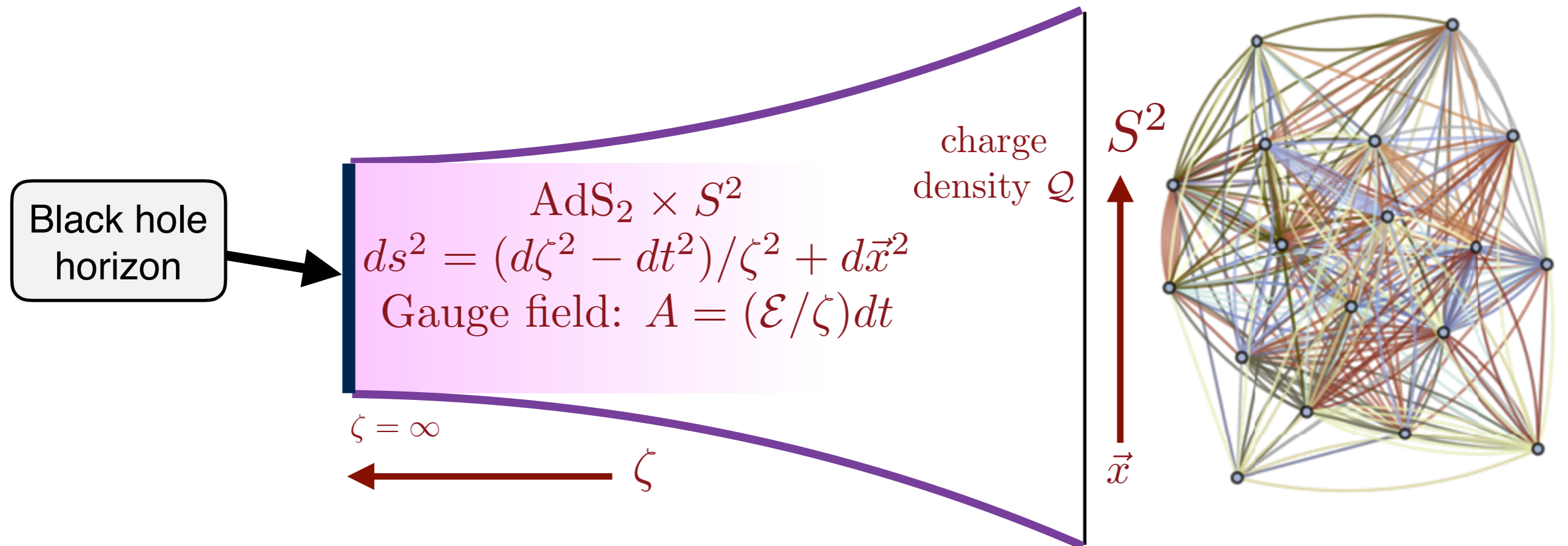
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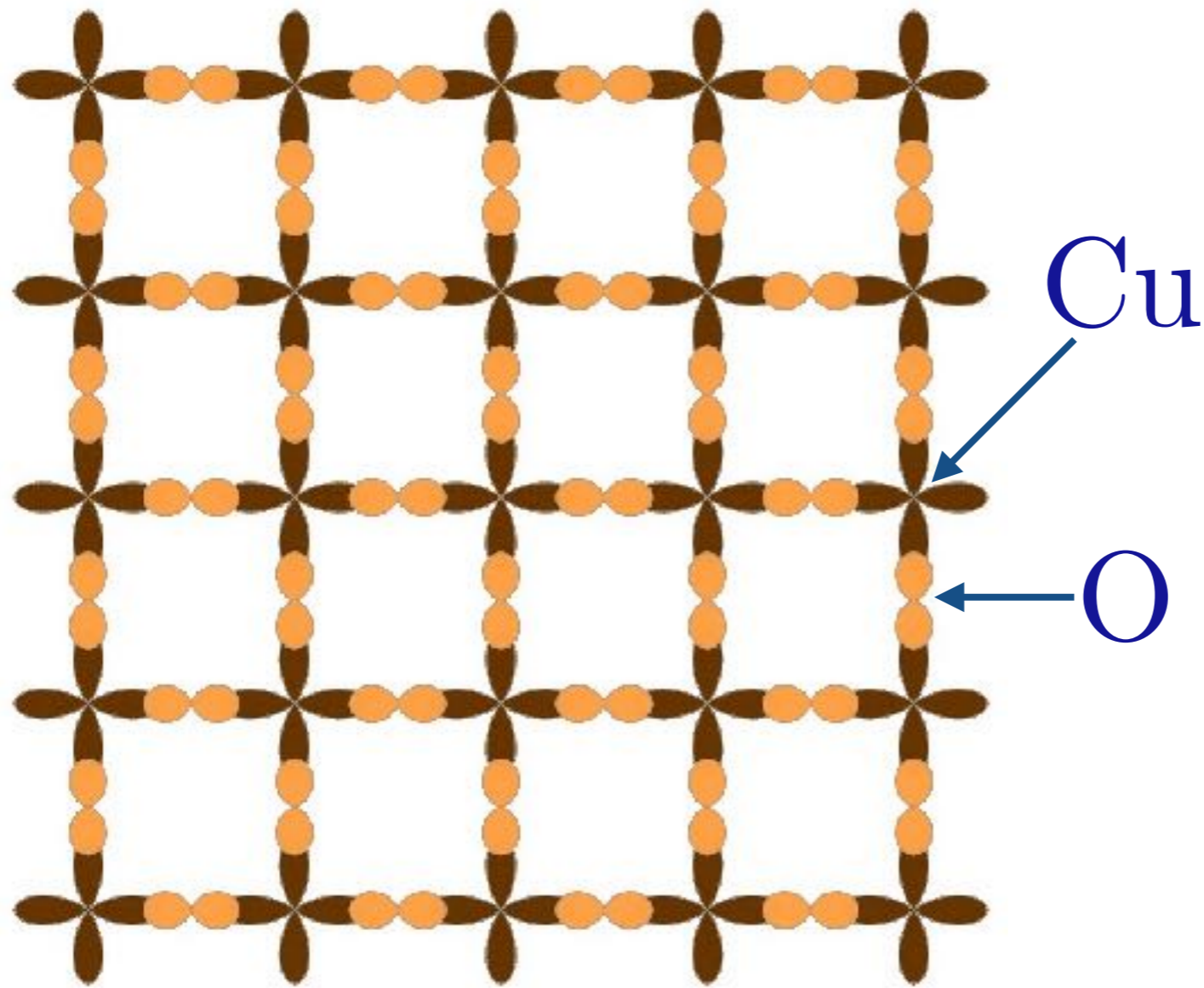
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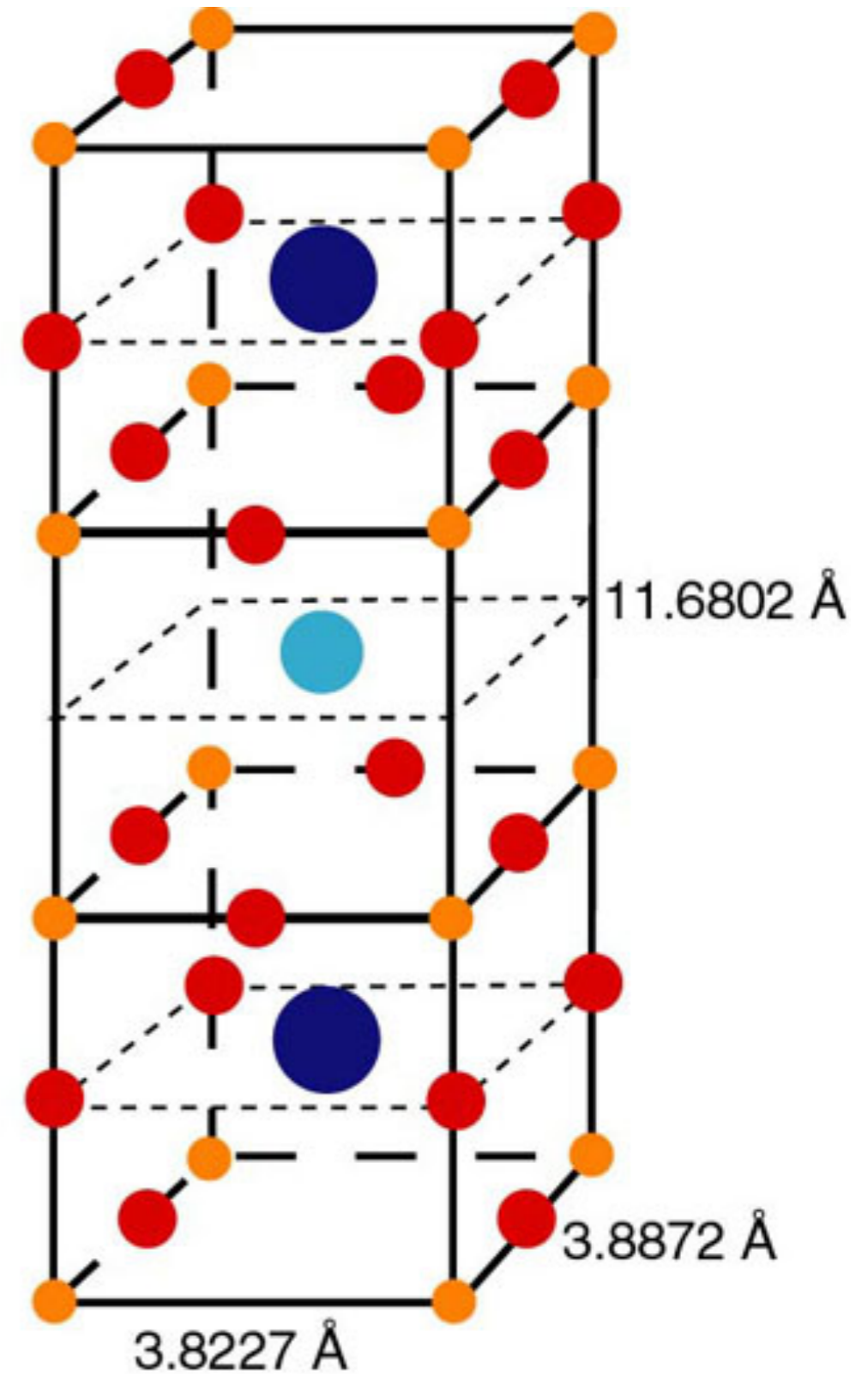
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# High temperature superconductors



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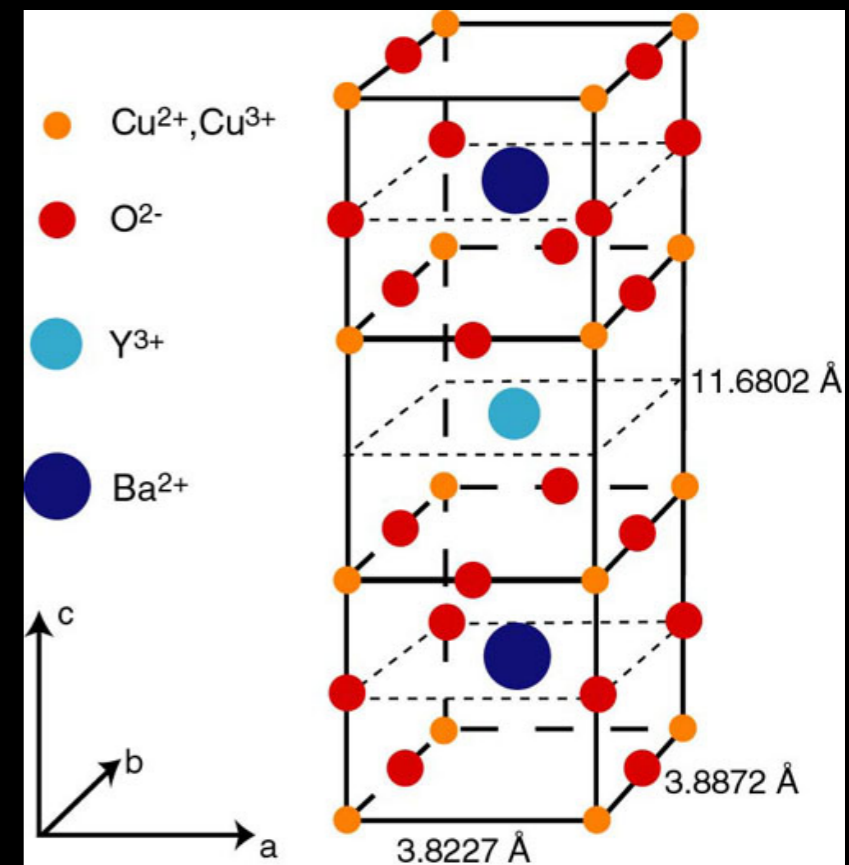
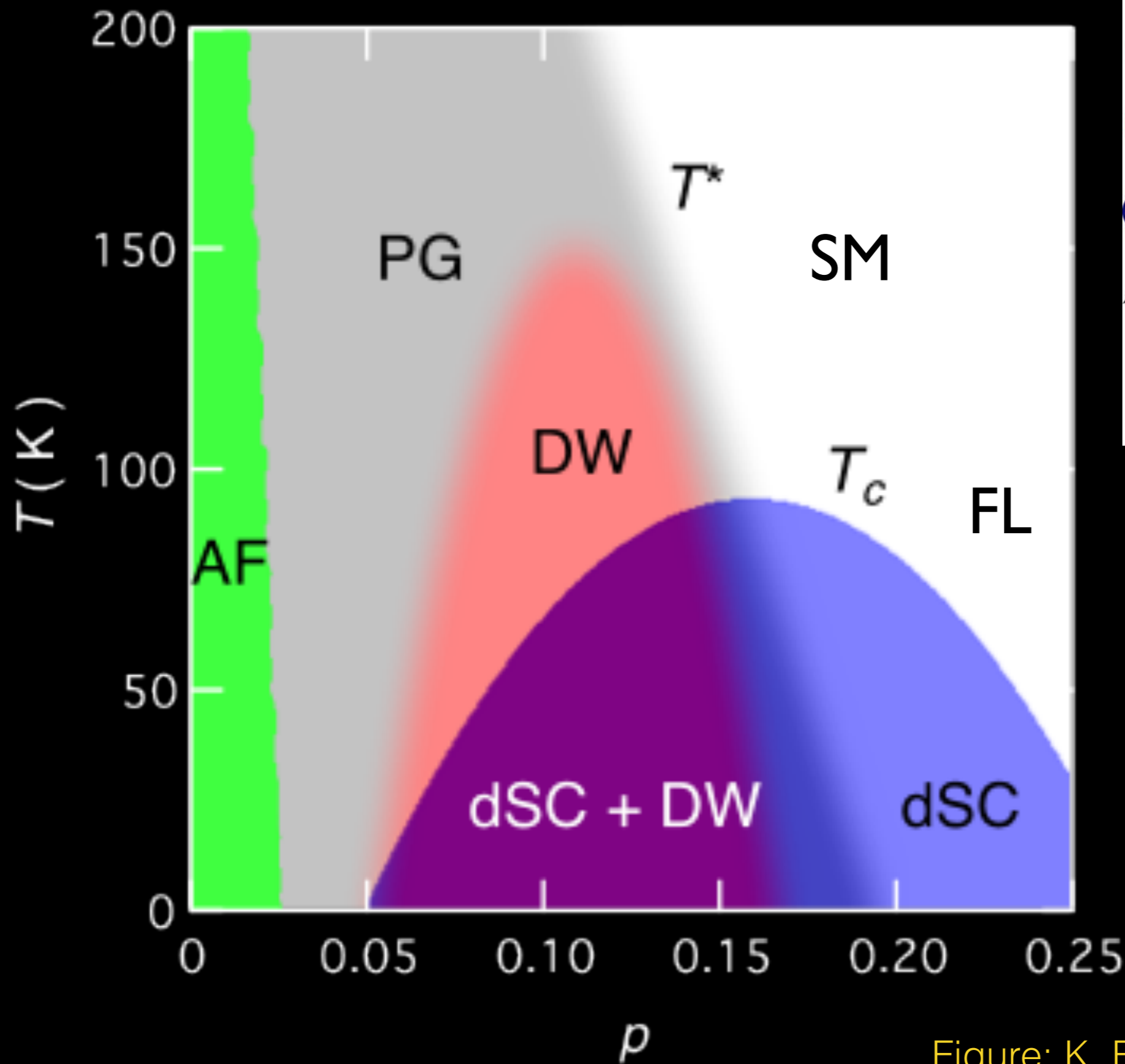


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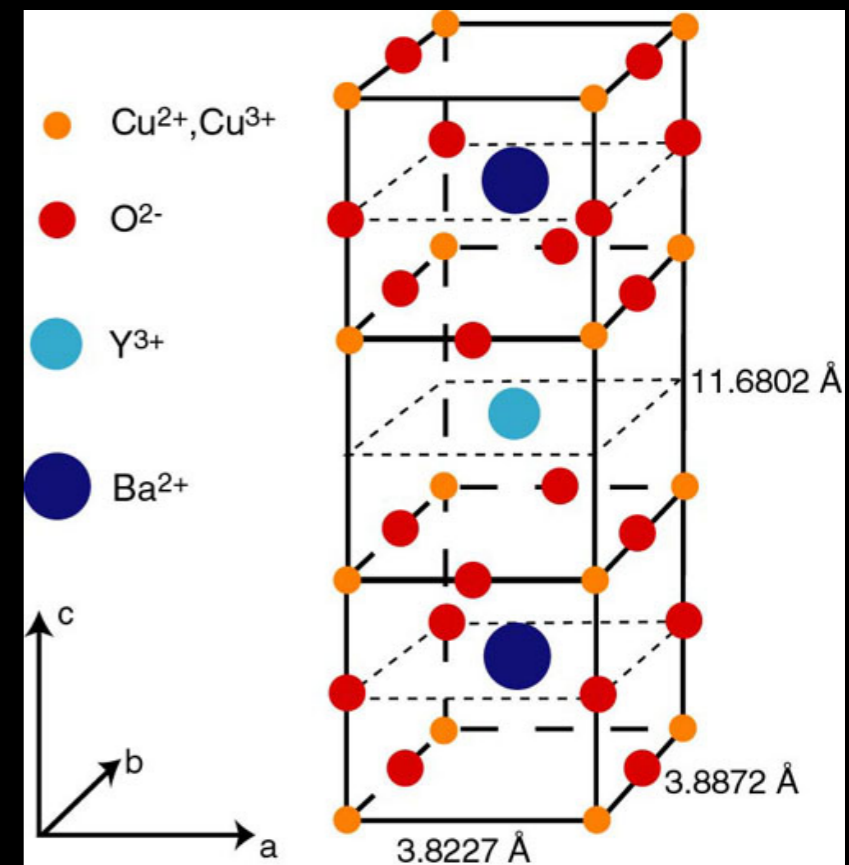
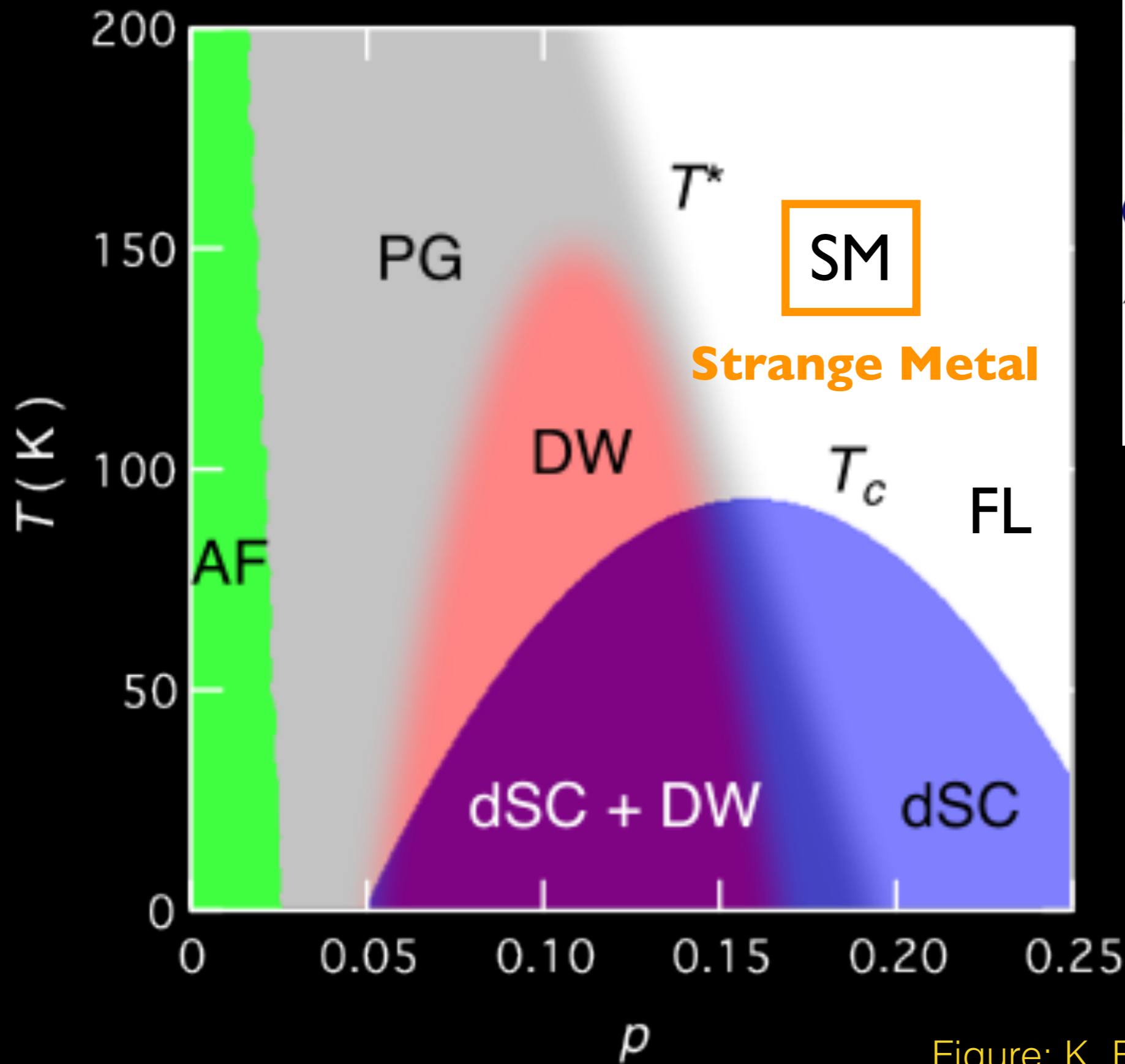
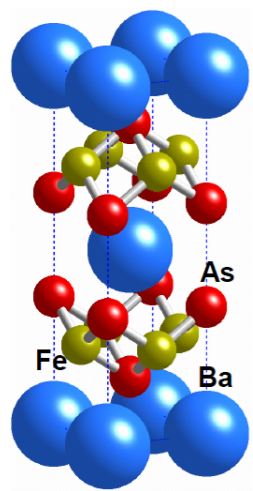
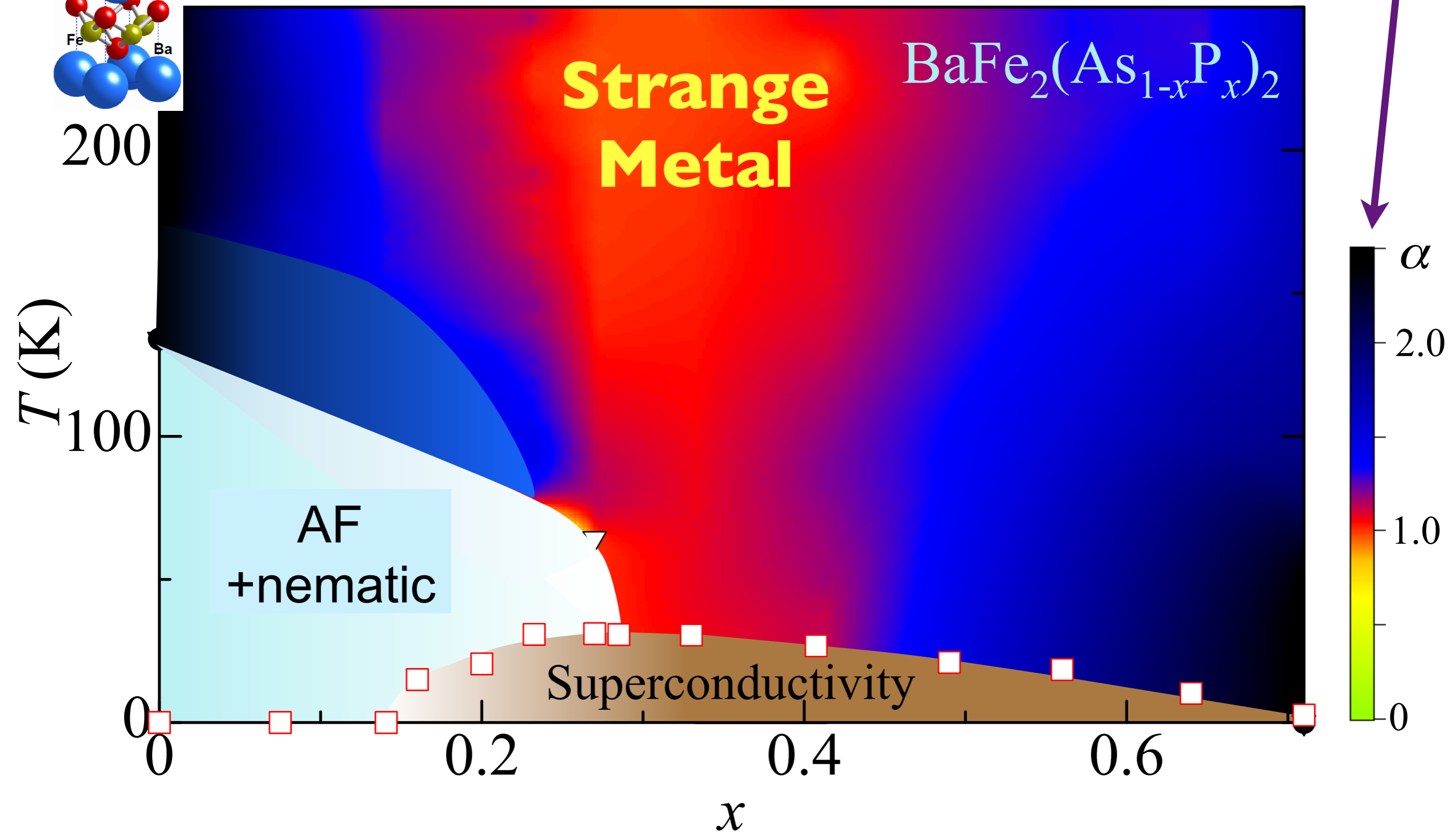


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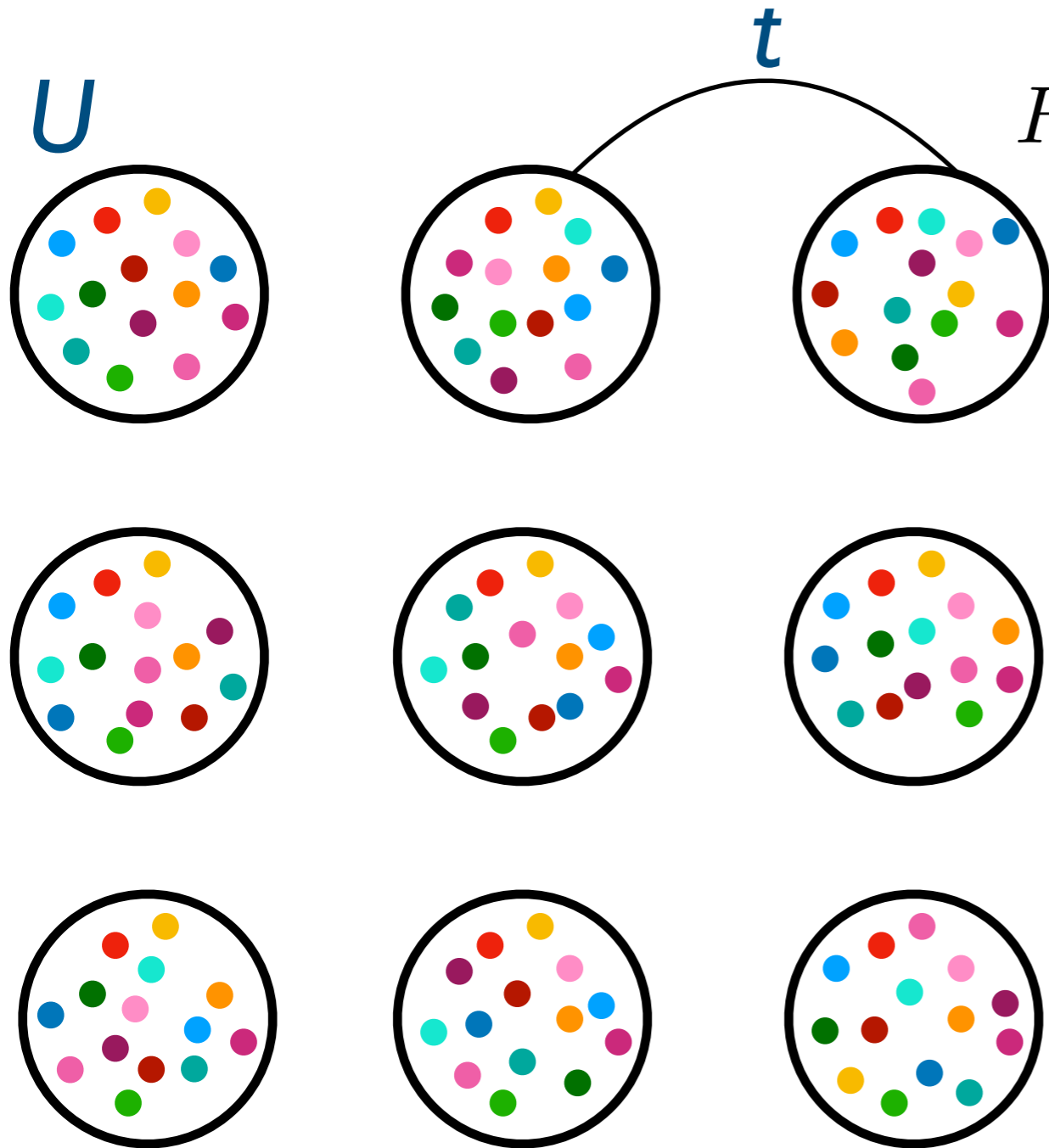
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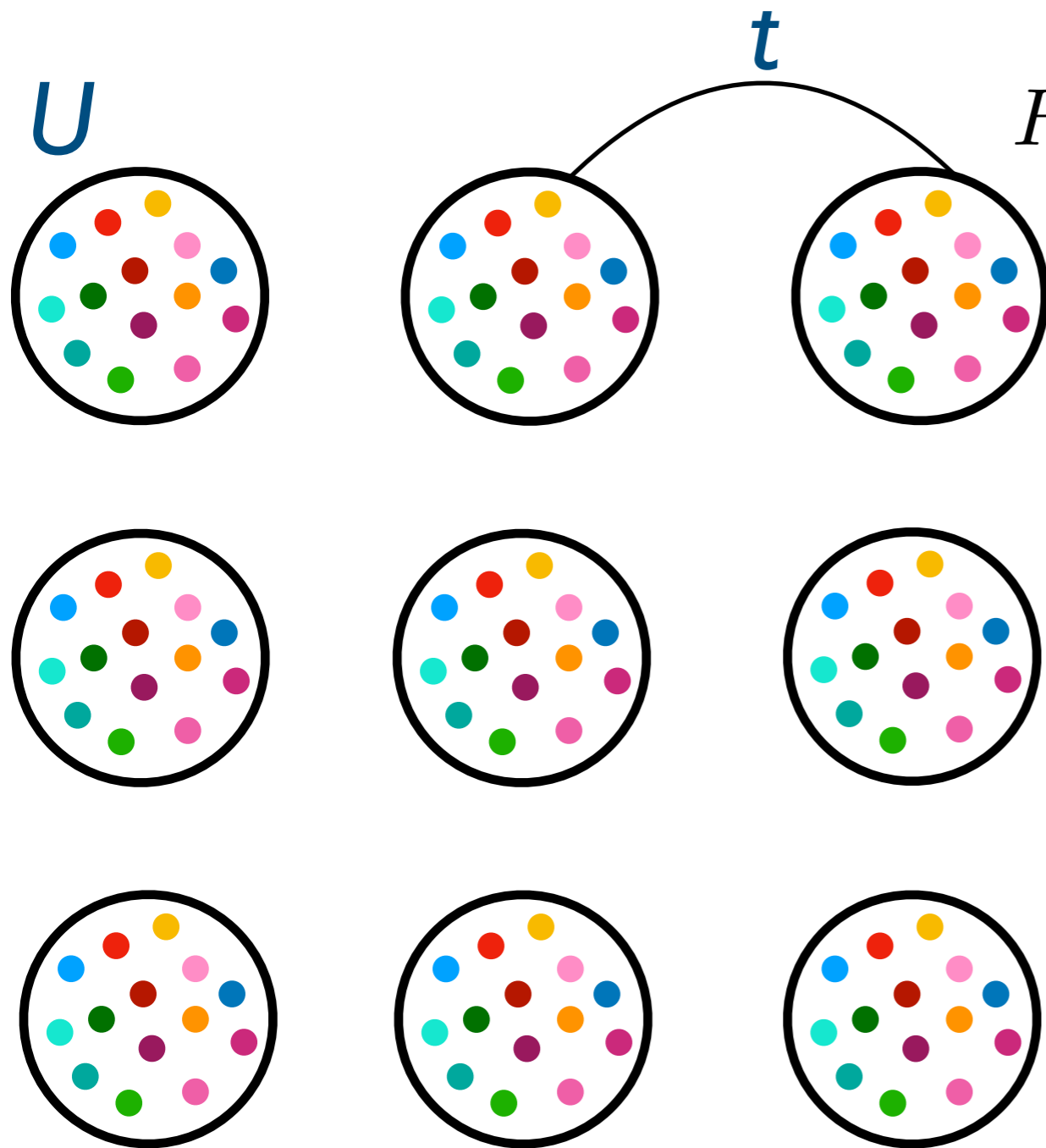
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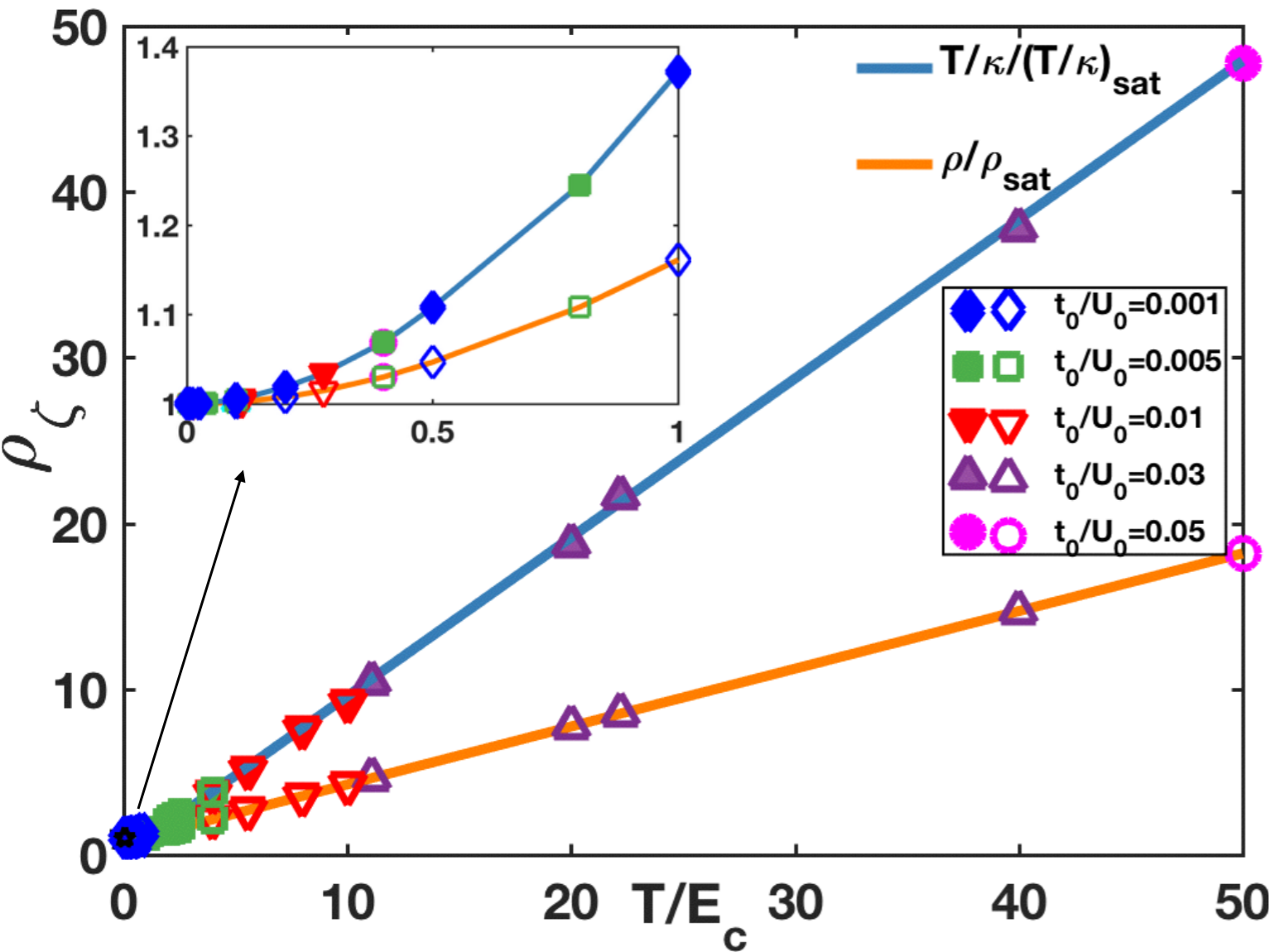
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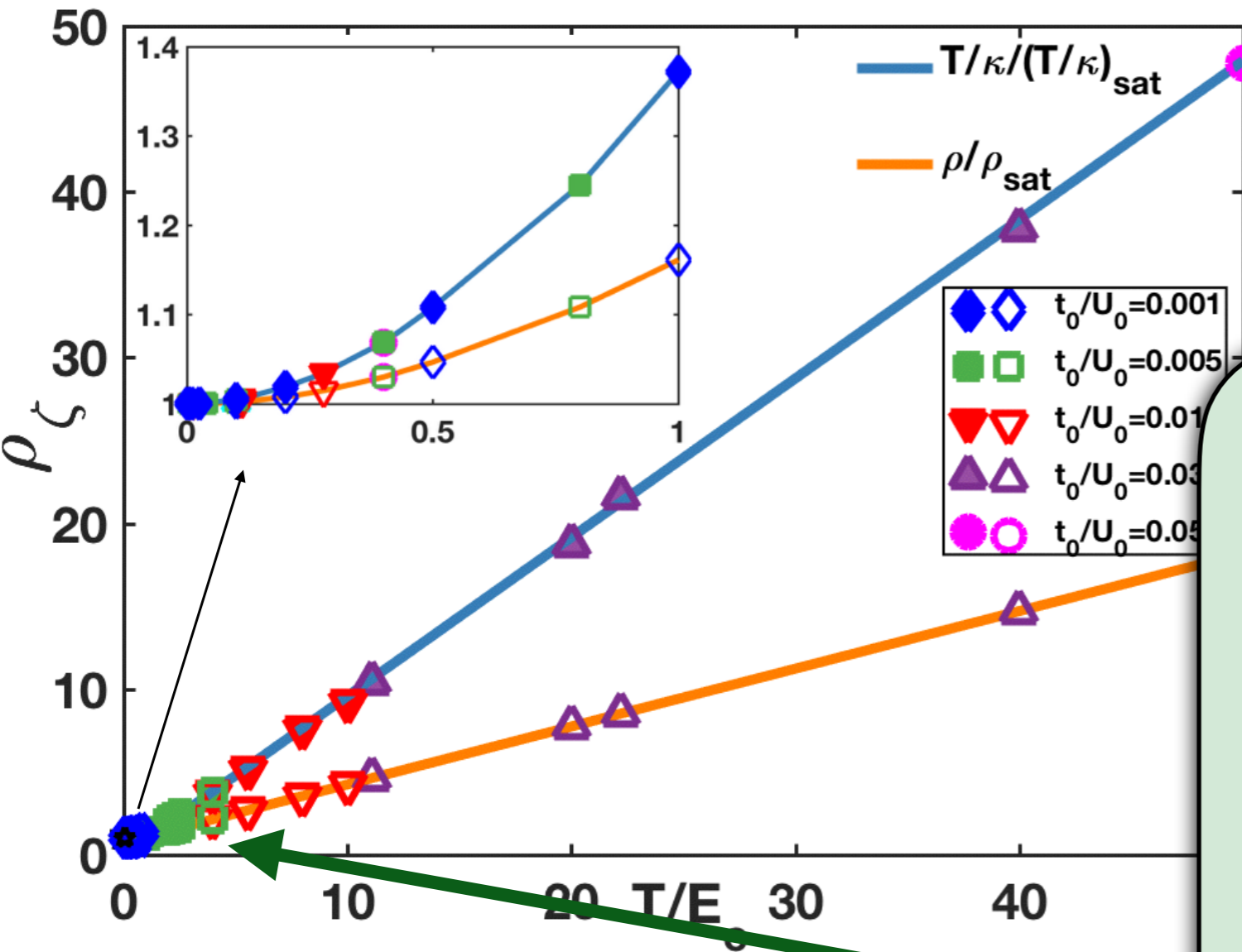
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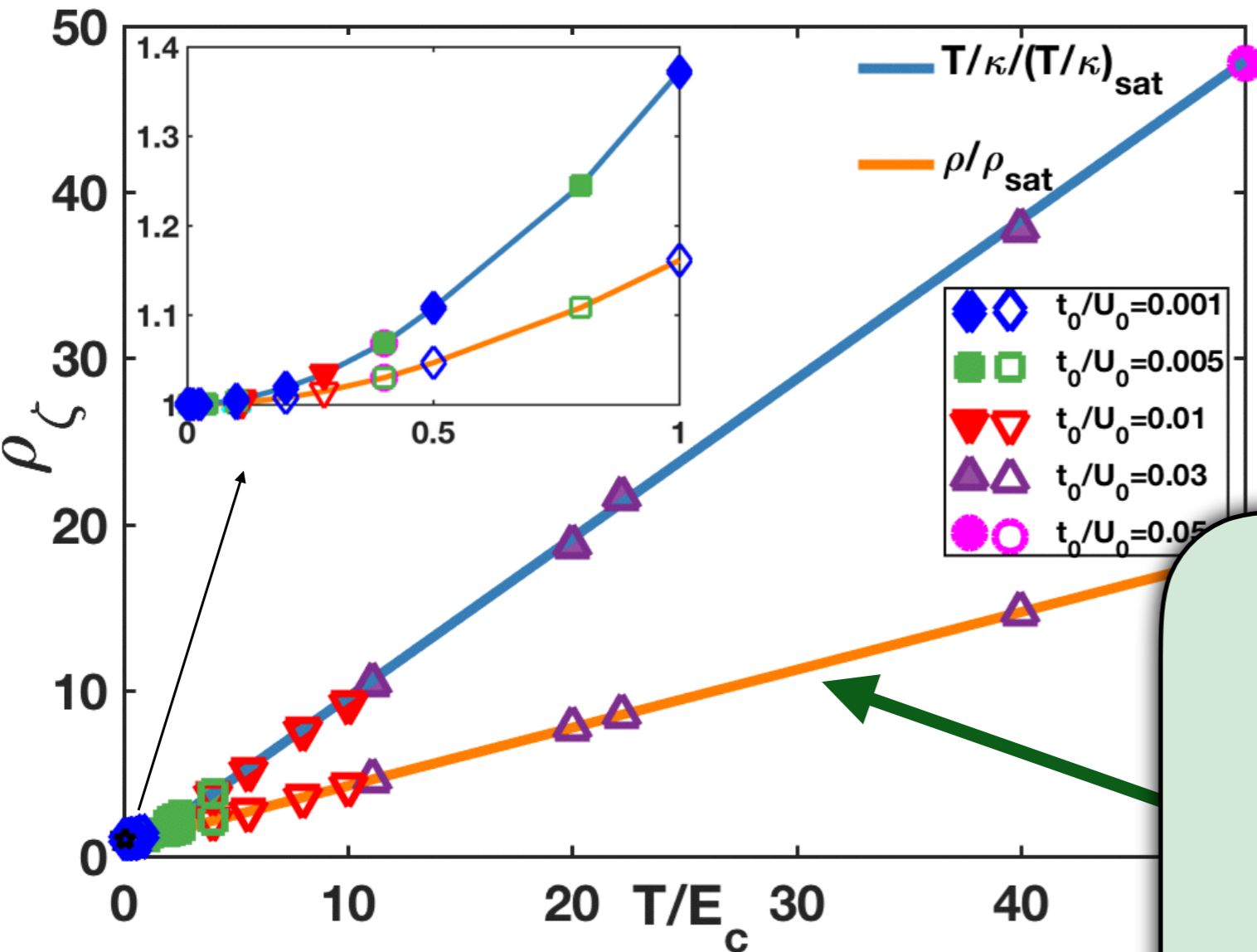
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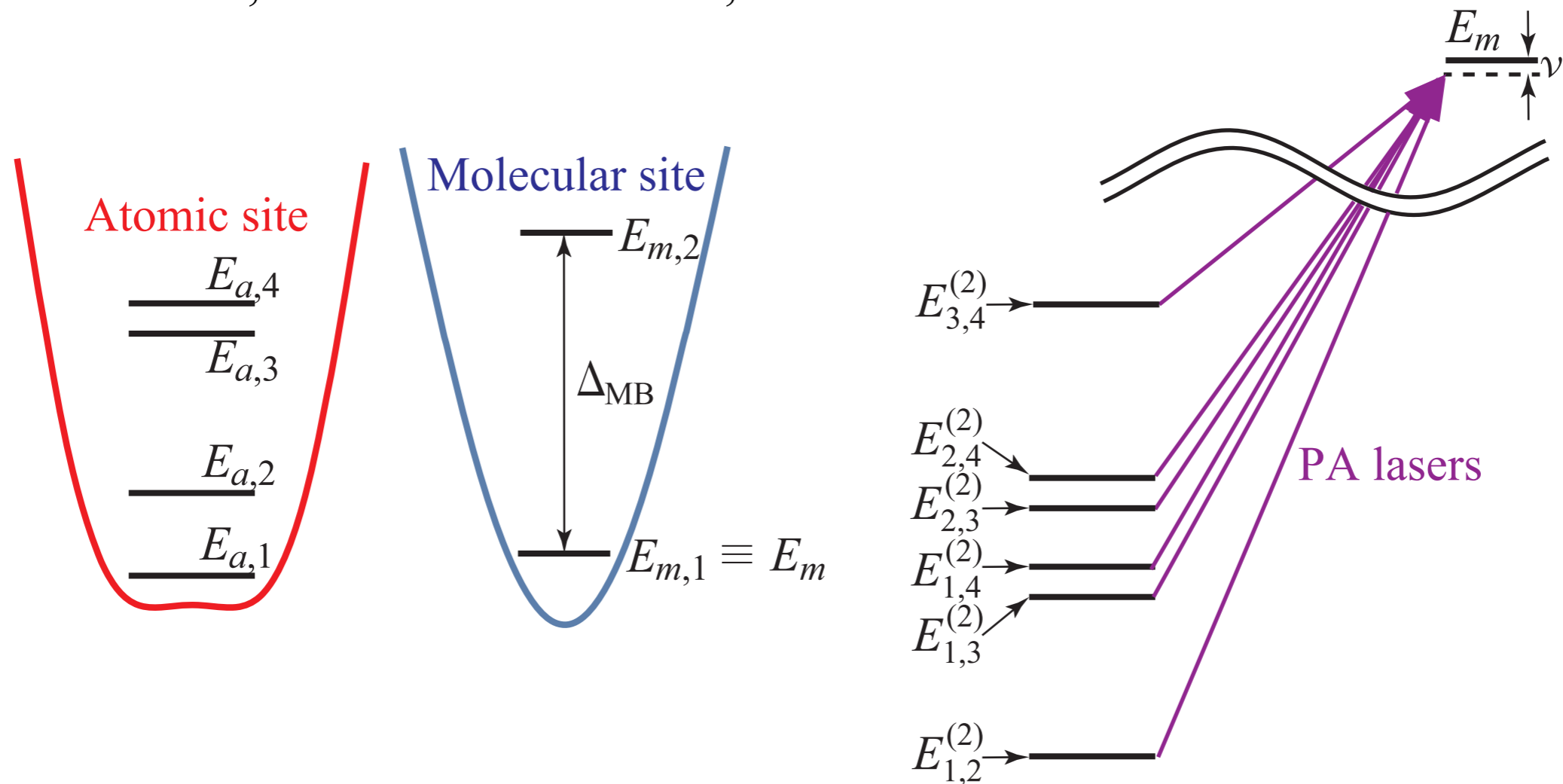
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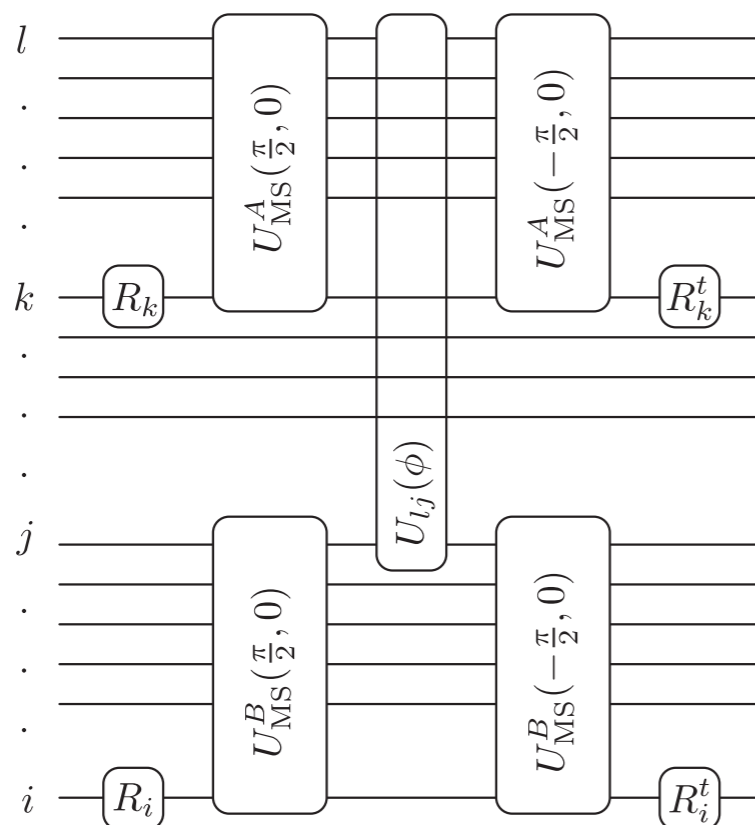


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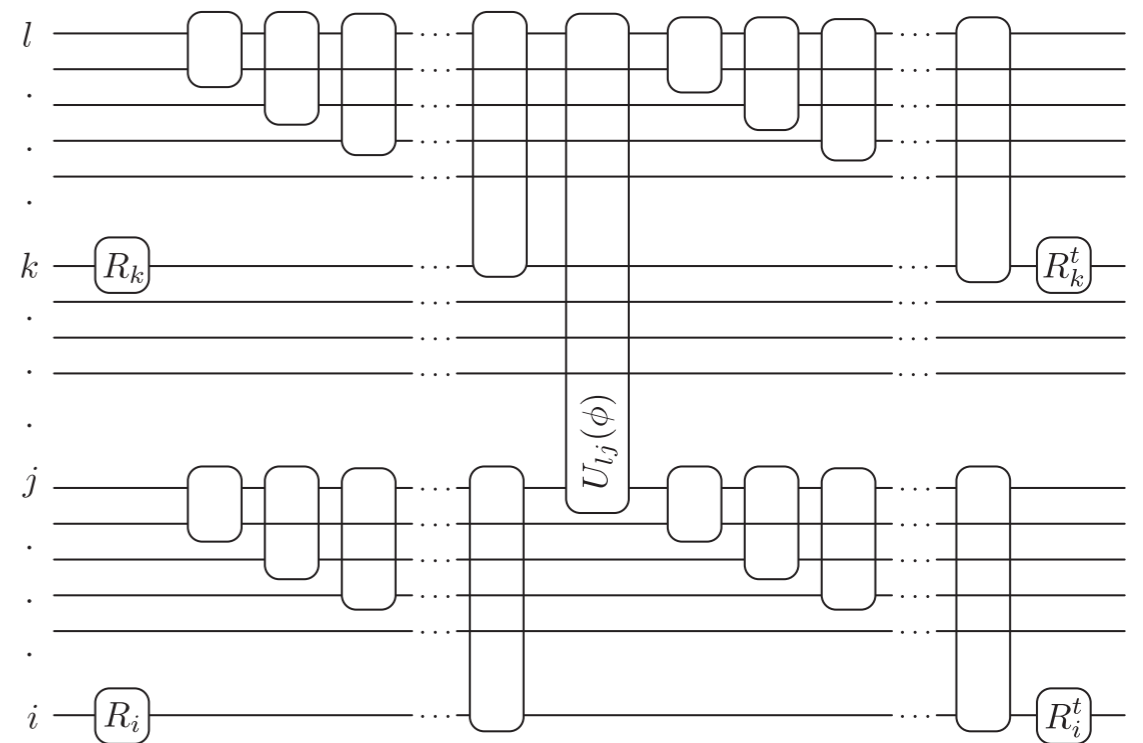


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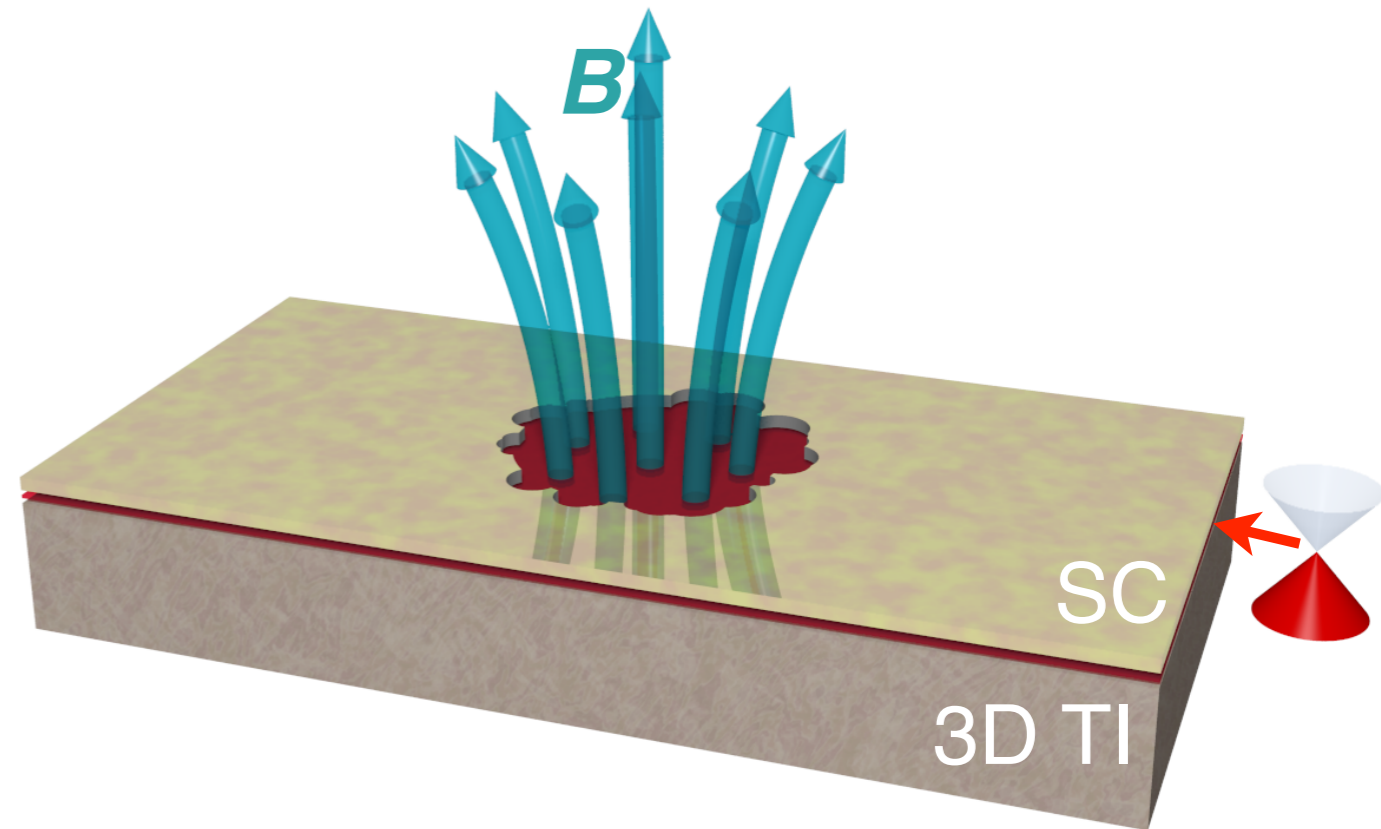
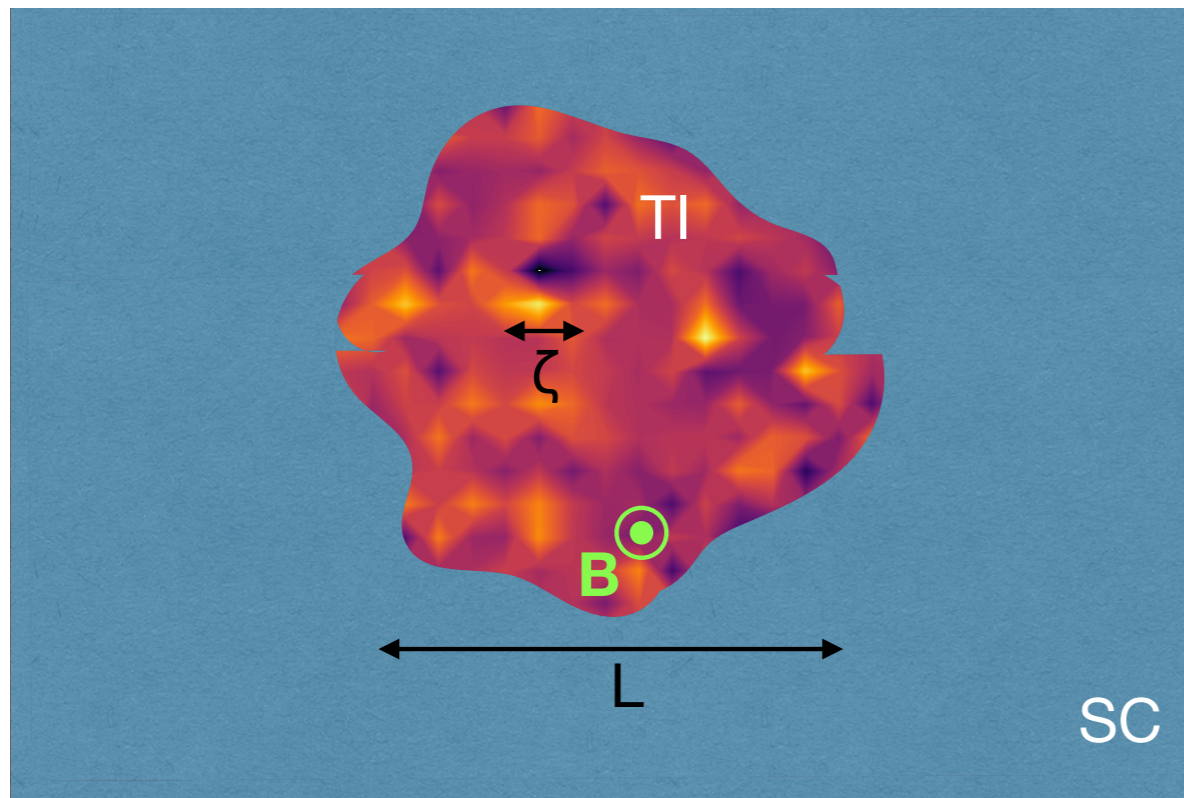
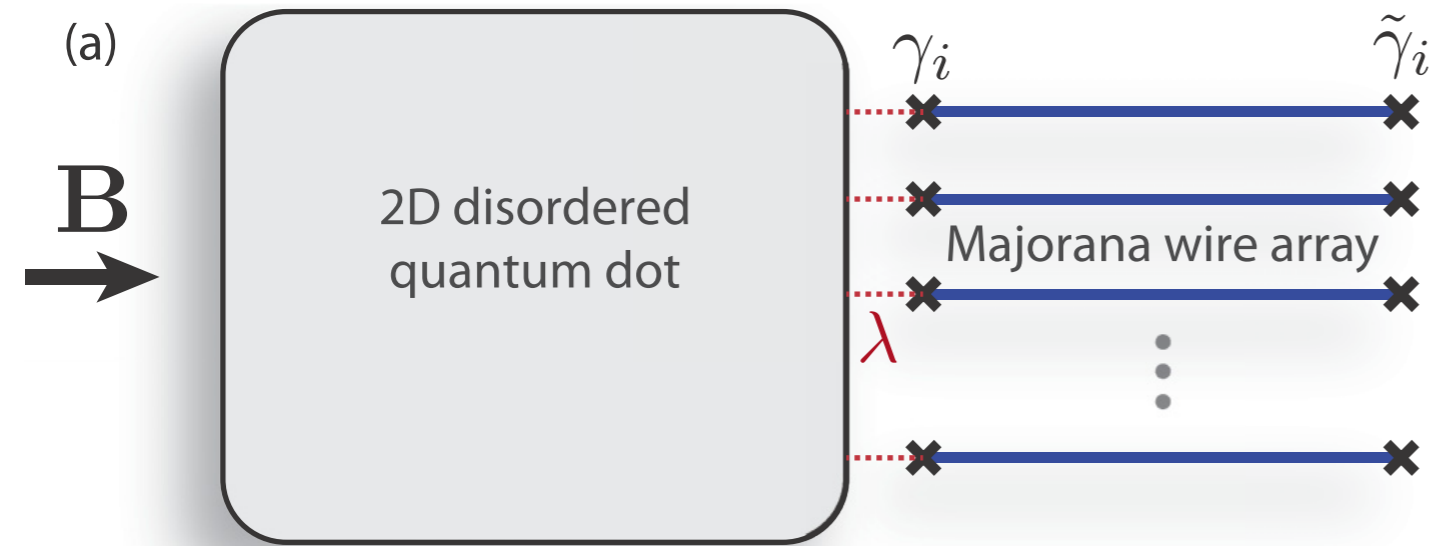


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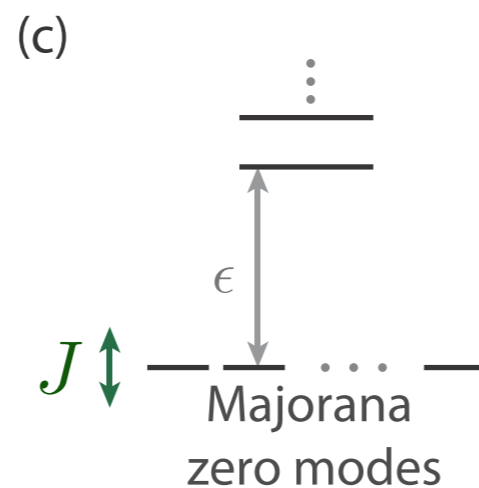
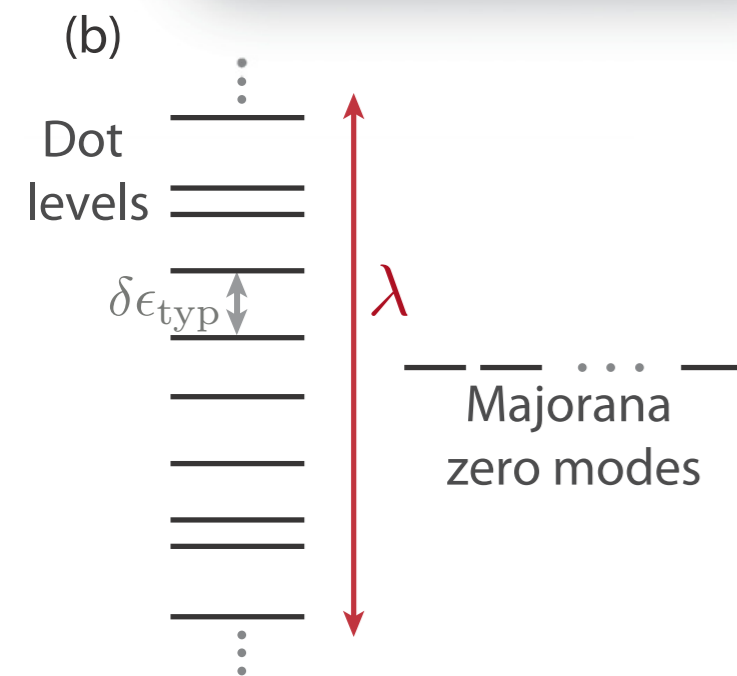
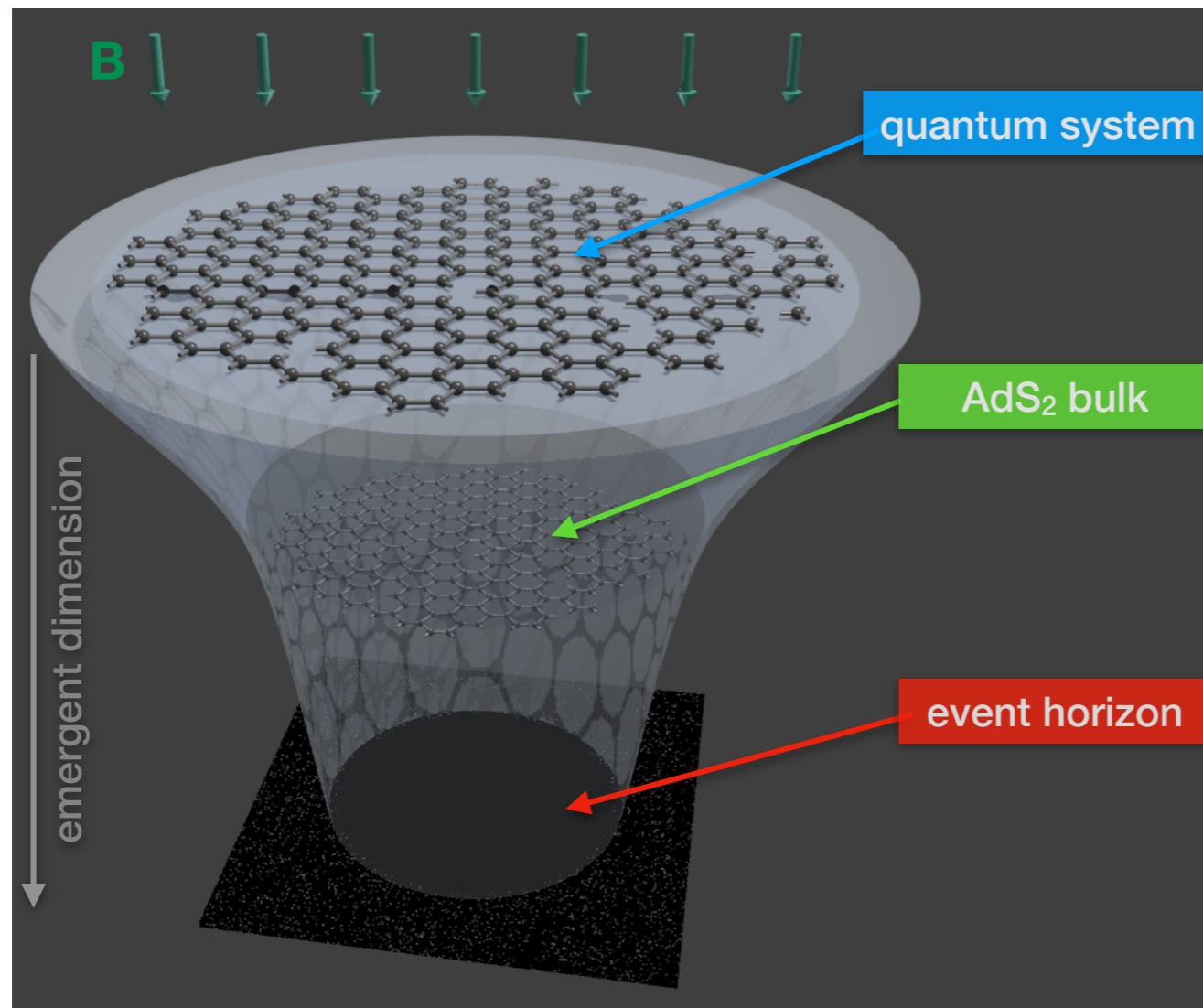


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- A Schwarzian theory of a time reparameterization mode, with  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry, describes the quantum dynamics of
  - the SYK models
  - black holes with near-extremal  $AdS_2$  horizons