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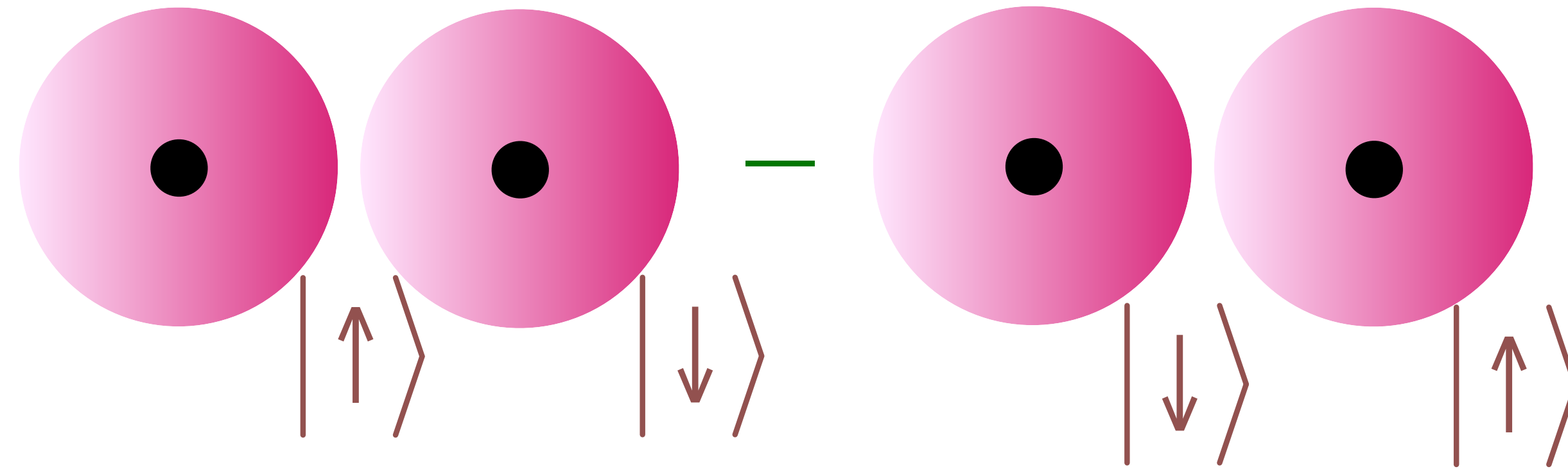


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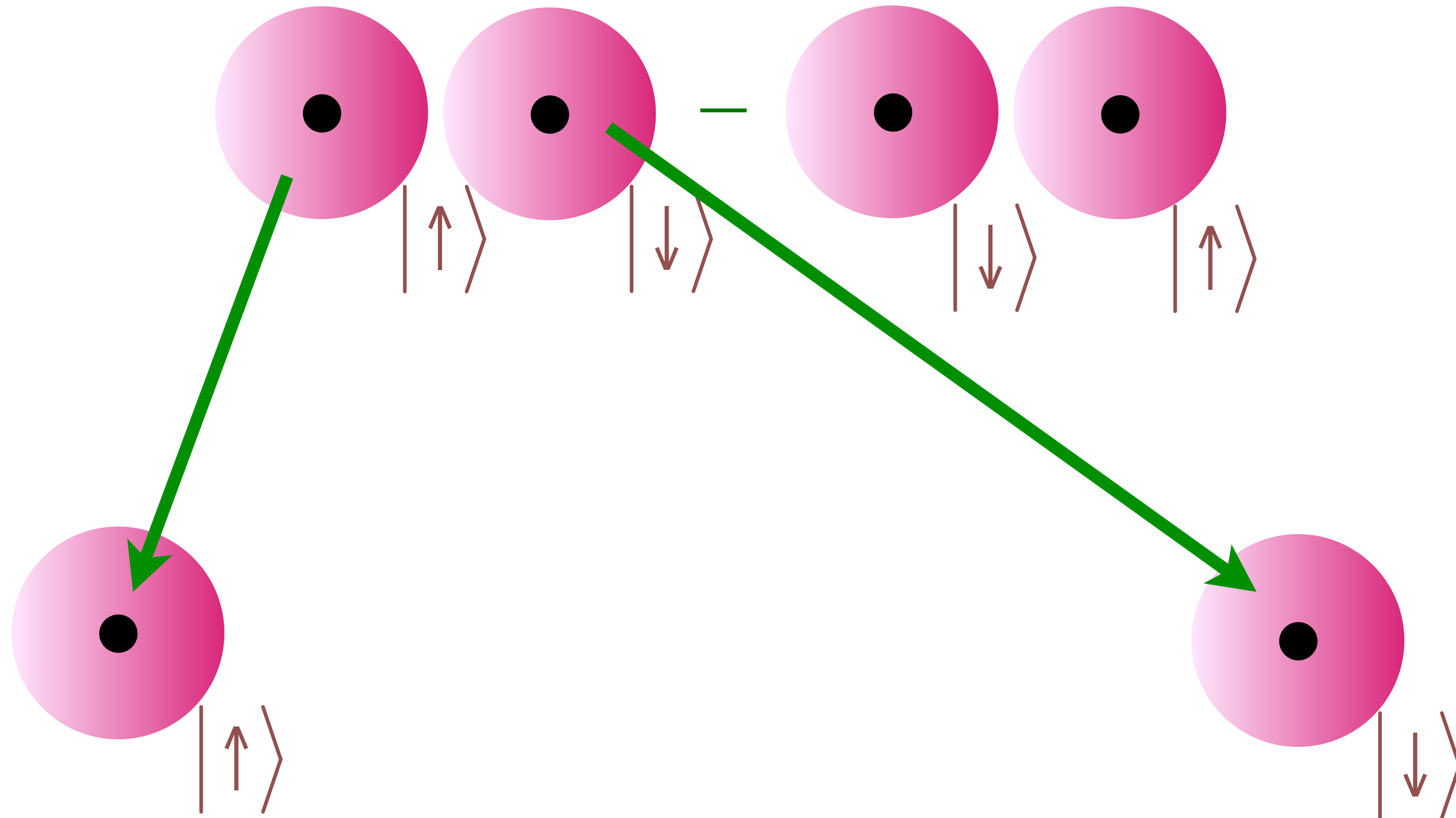
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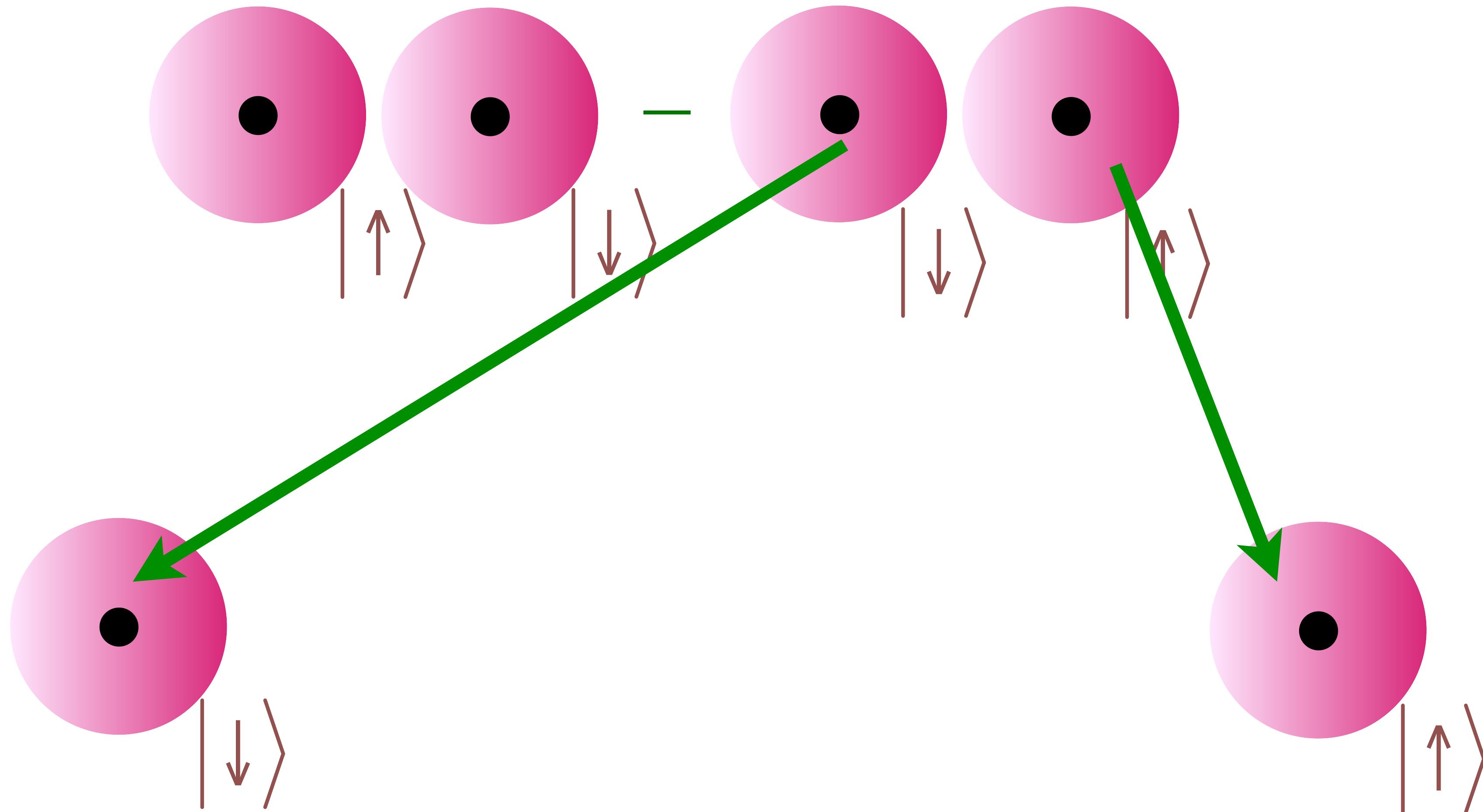
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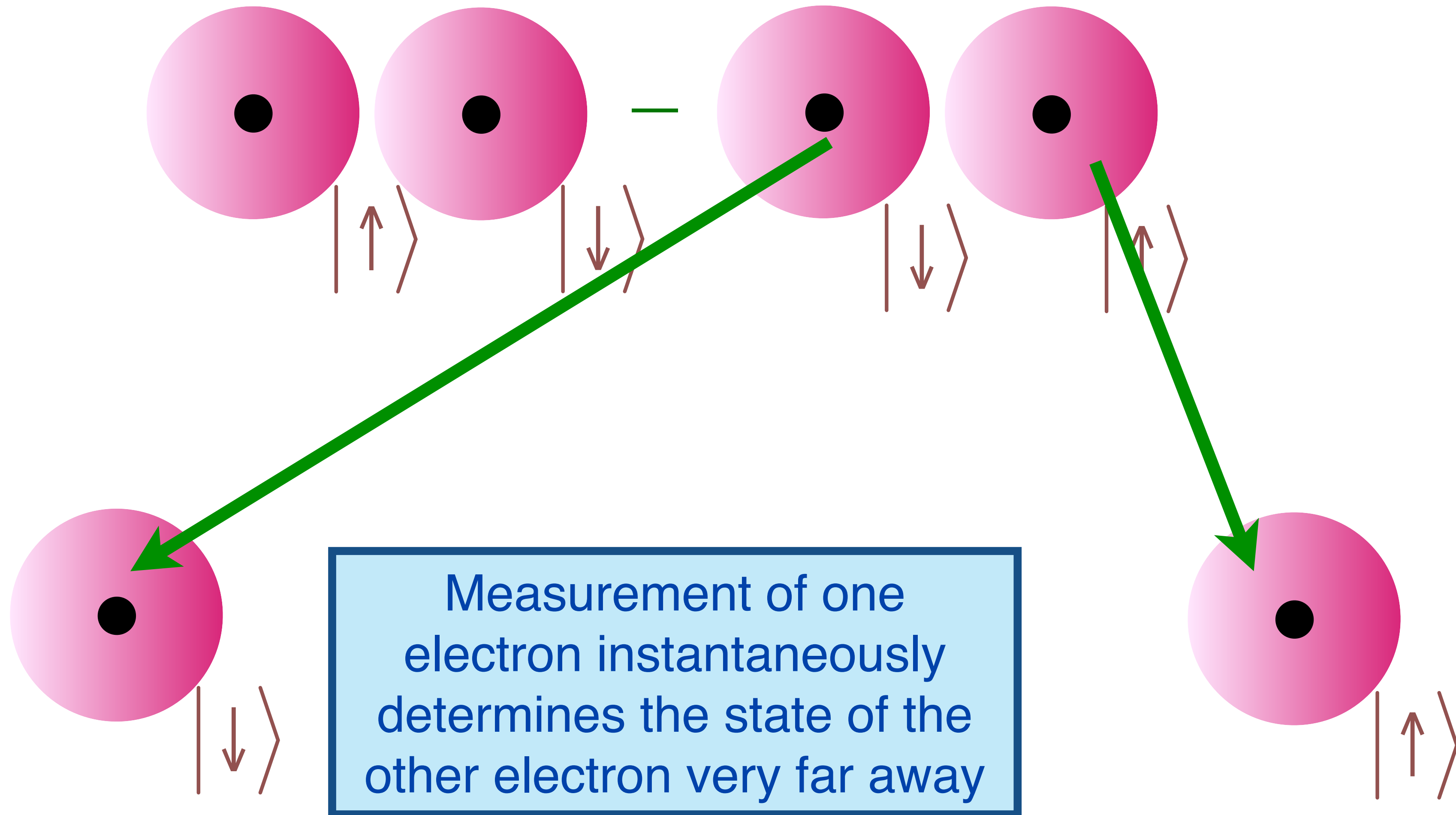
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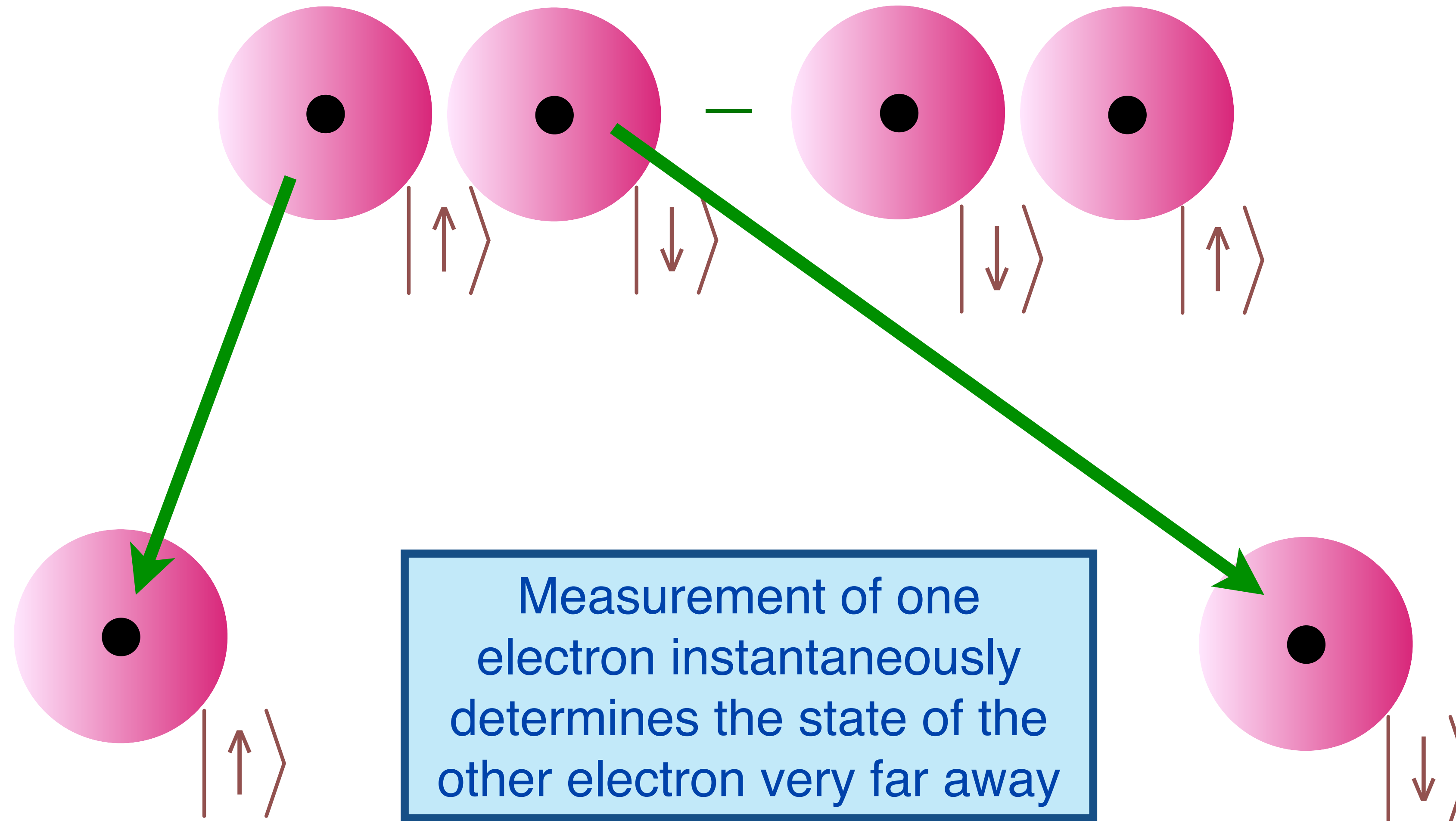
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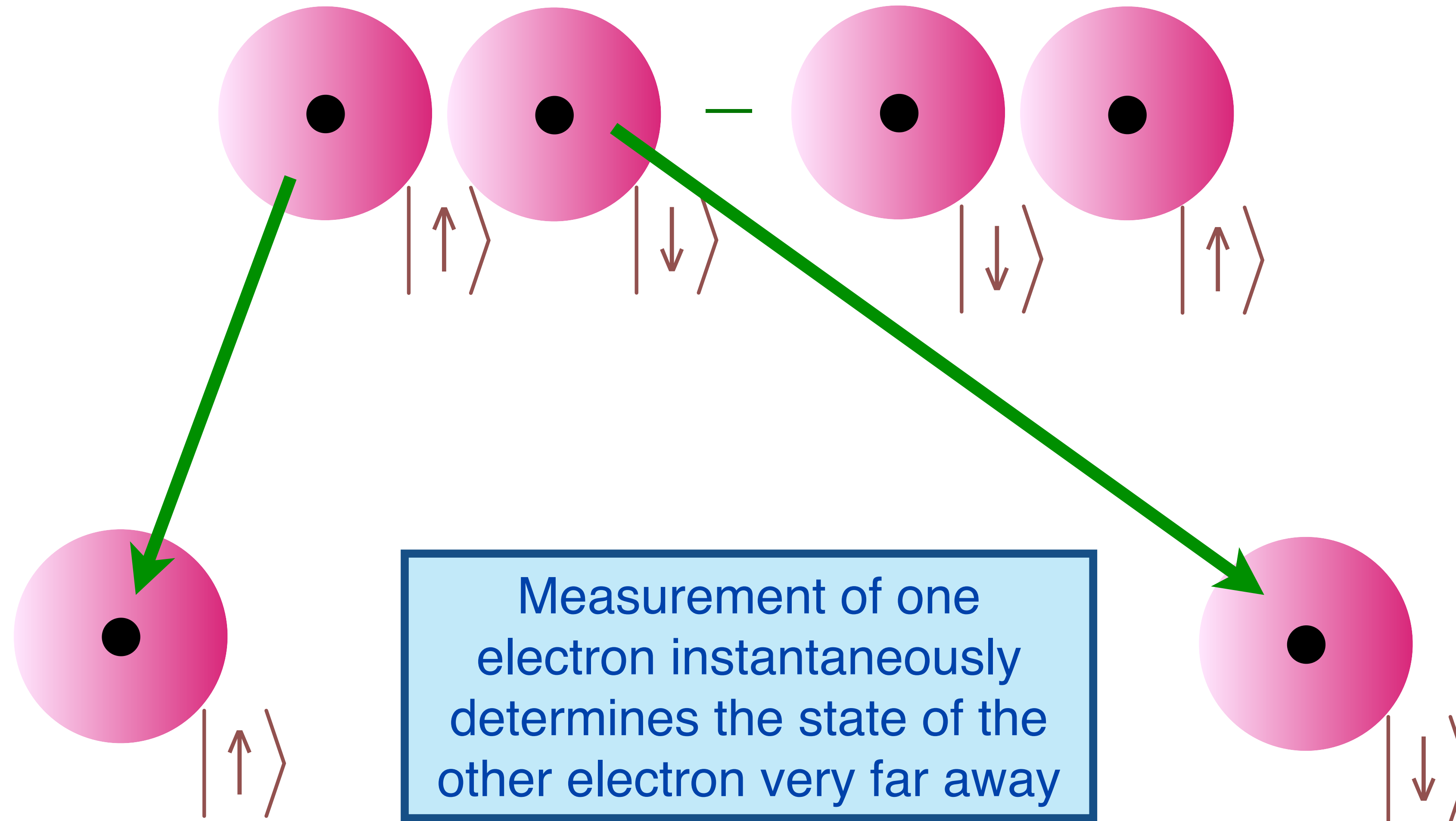
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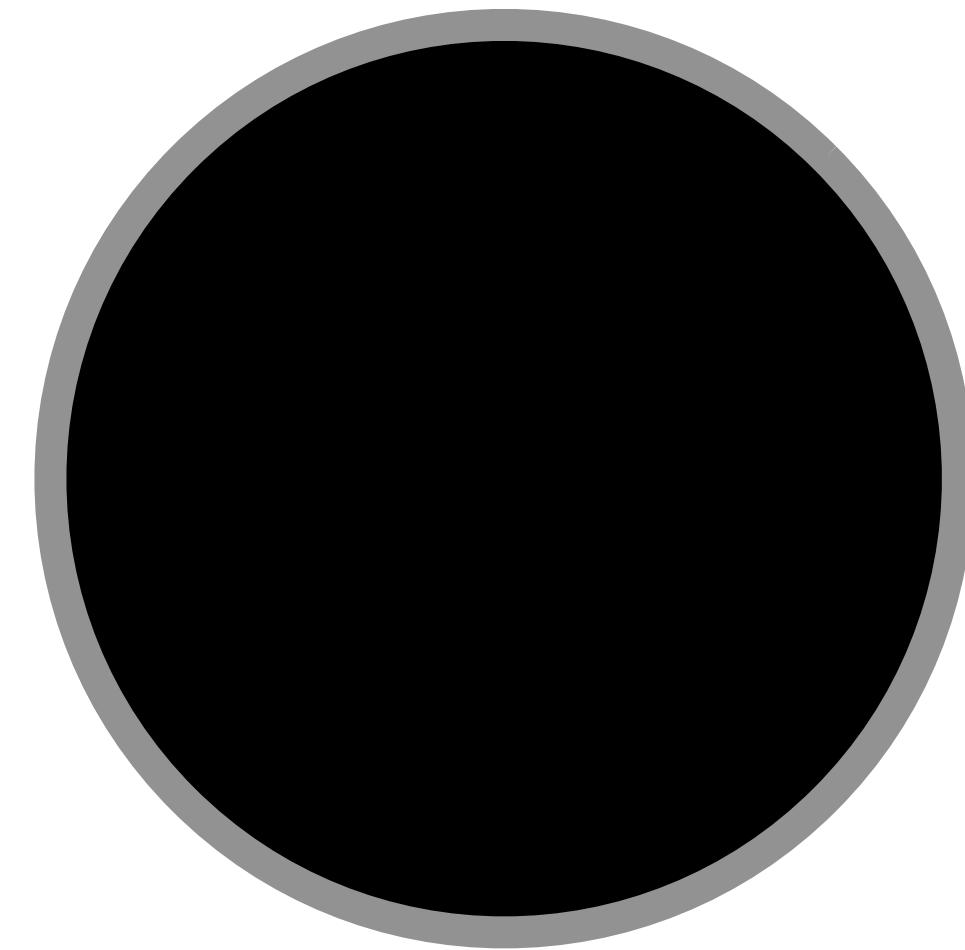
Albert Einstein to Max Born, 3 March 1947

**Quantum  
black holes  
and  
holography**

# Black Holes

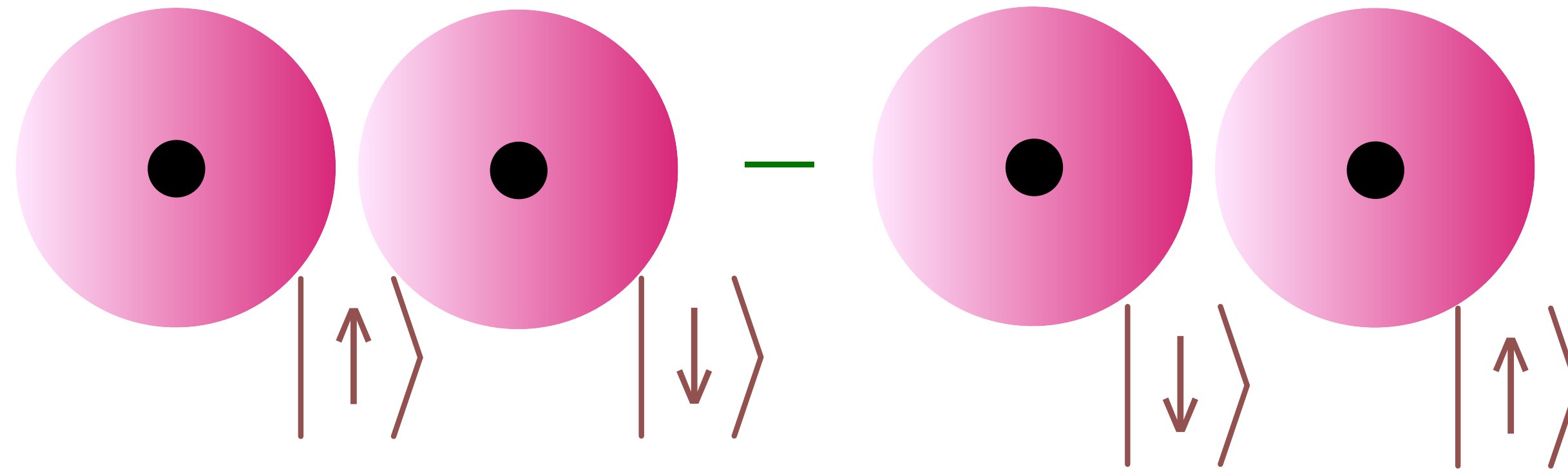
Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

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

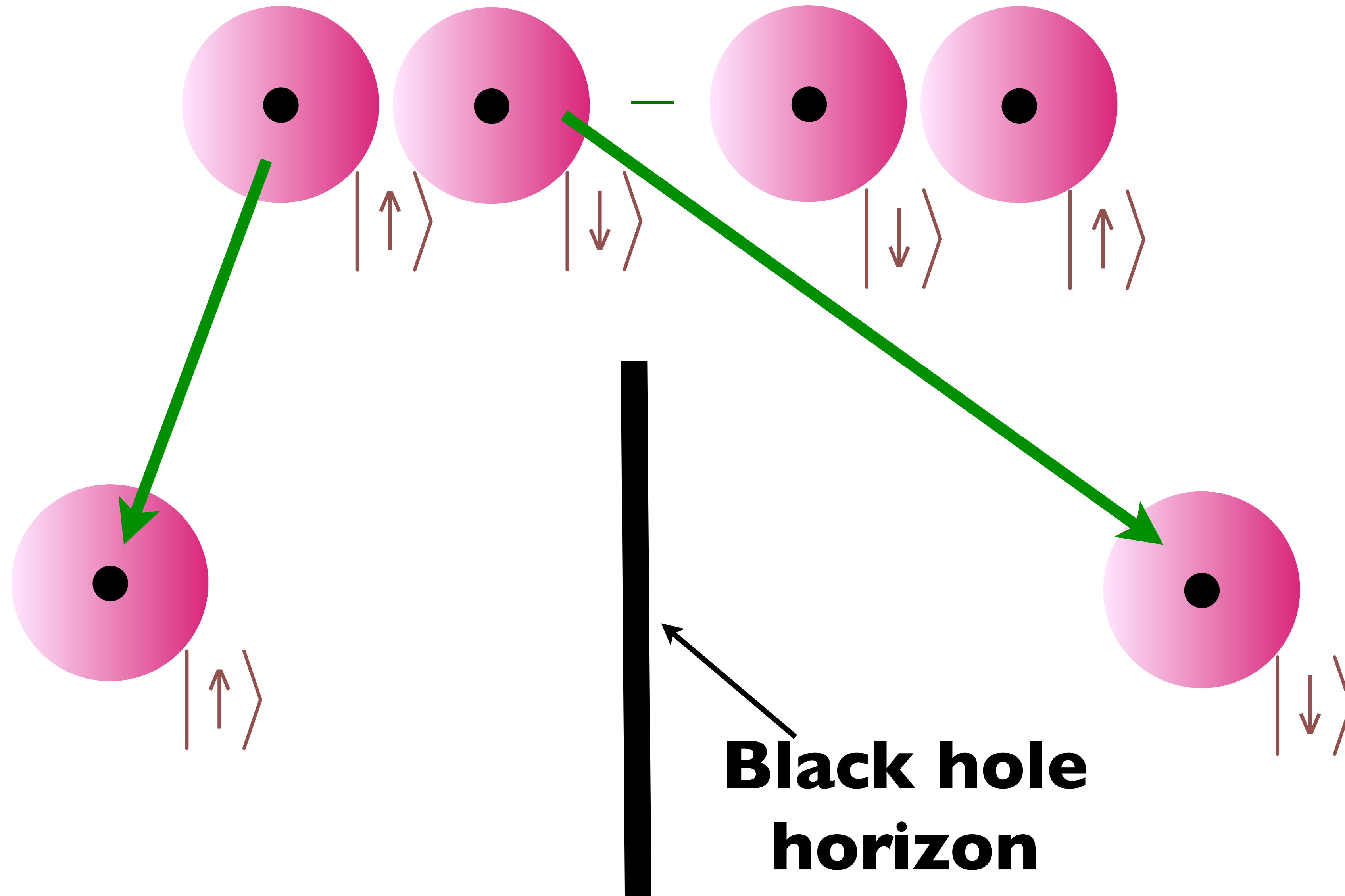


$G$  Newton's constant,  $c$  velocity of light,  $M$  mass of black hole  
For  $M = \text{earth's mass}$ ,  $R \approx 9 \text{ mm}$ !

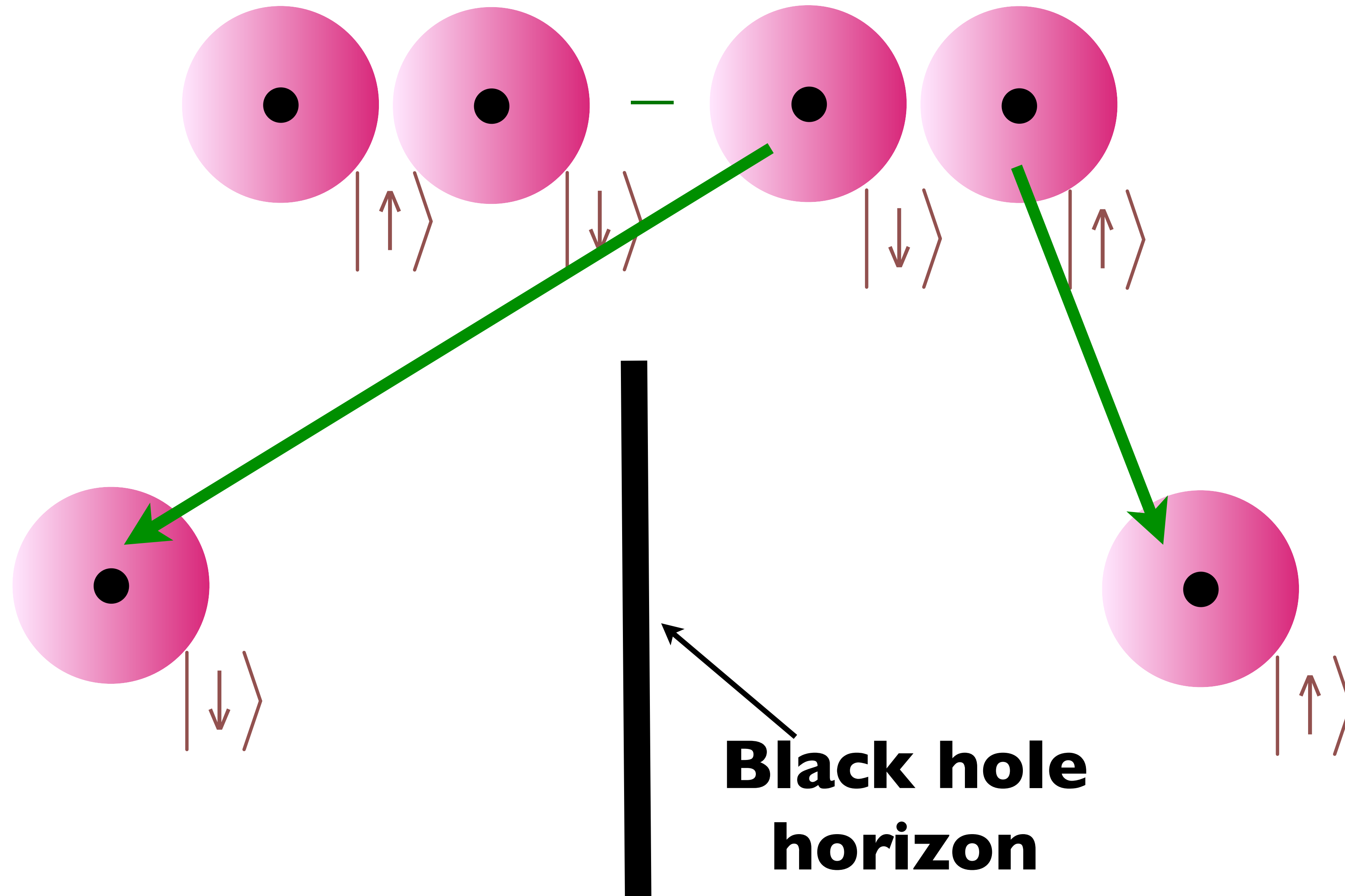
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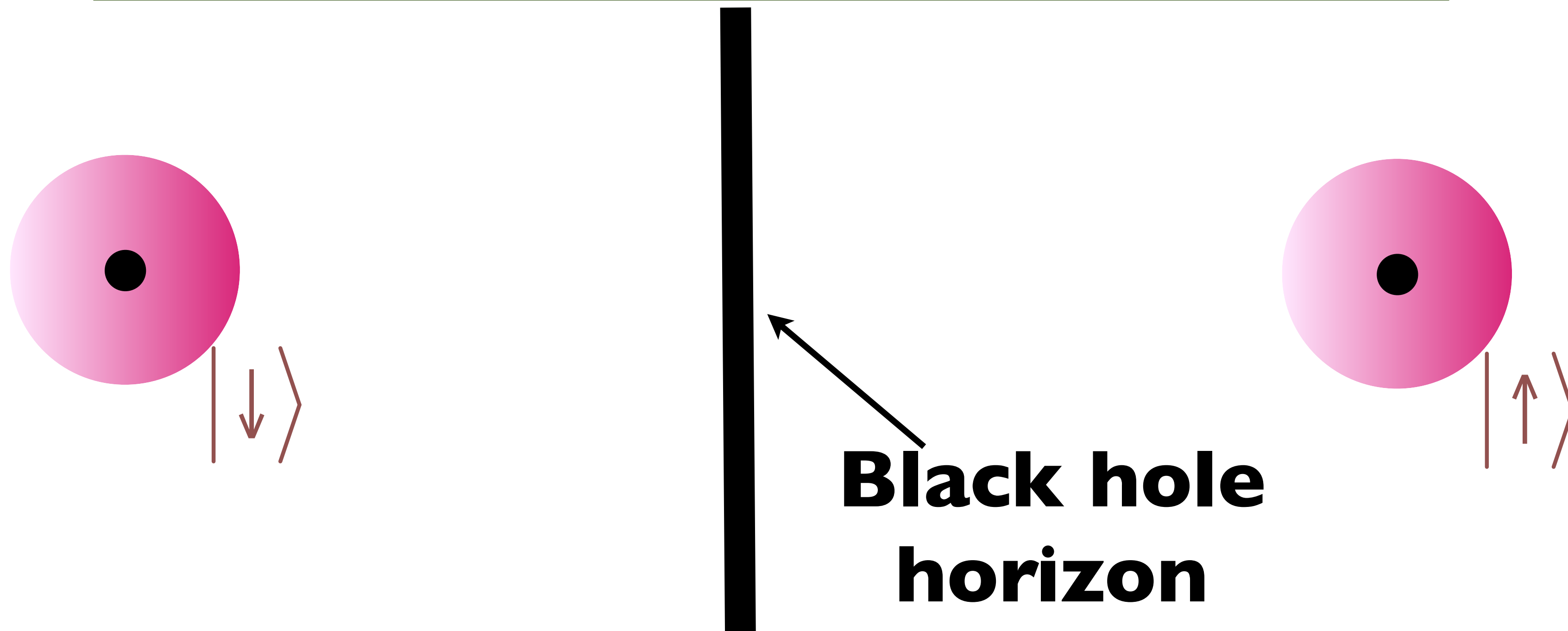


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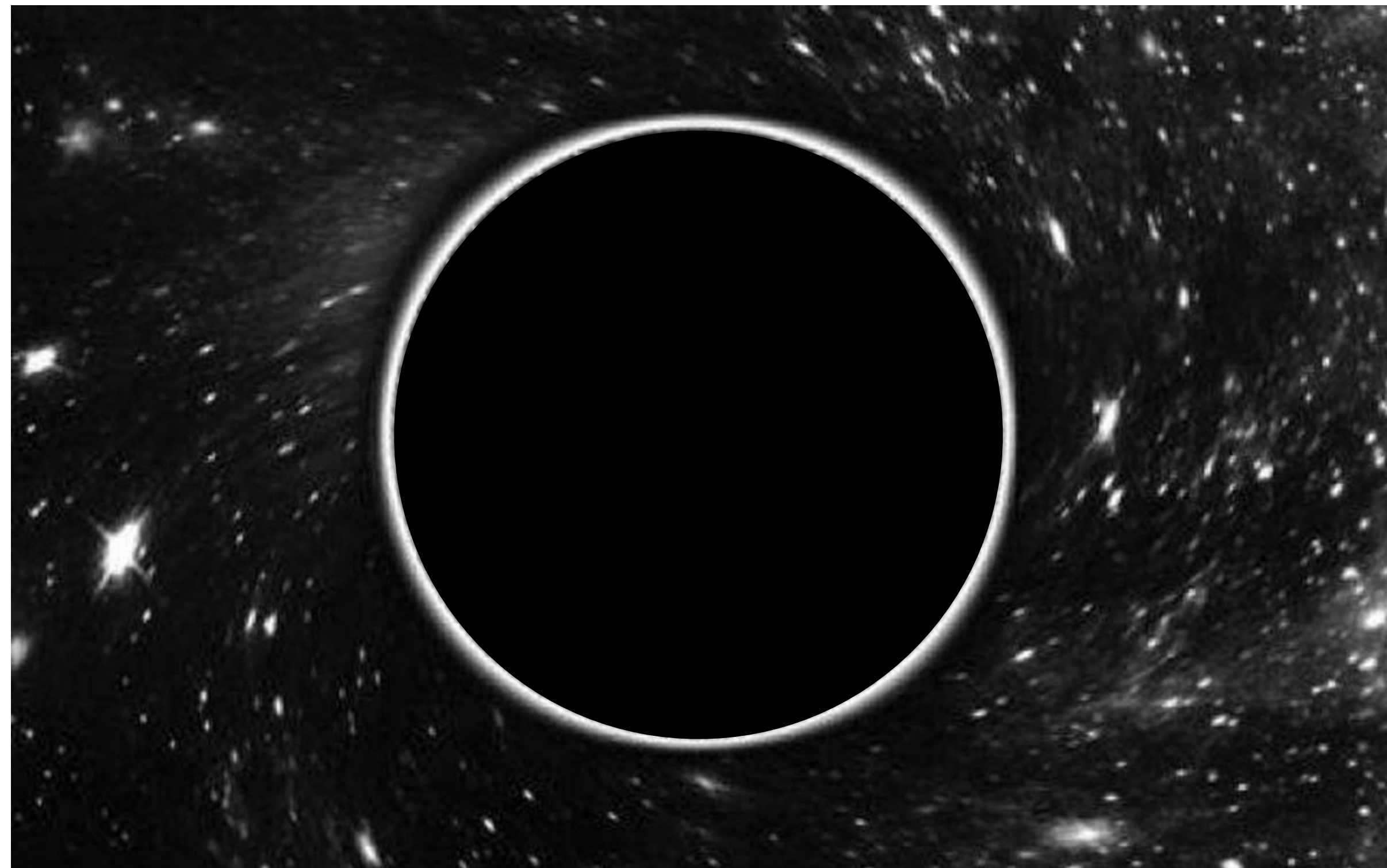
Hawking (1975) used other arguments to show that black hole horizons have a temperature  
(The entanglement reasoning: to an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole cannot be known, and so the outside electron is in a random state.)



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From Hawking, we learn that...

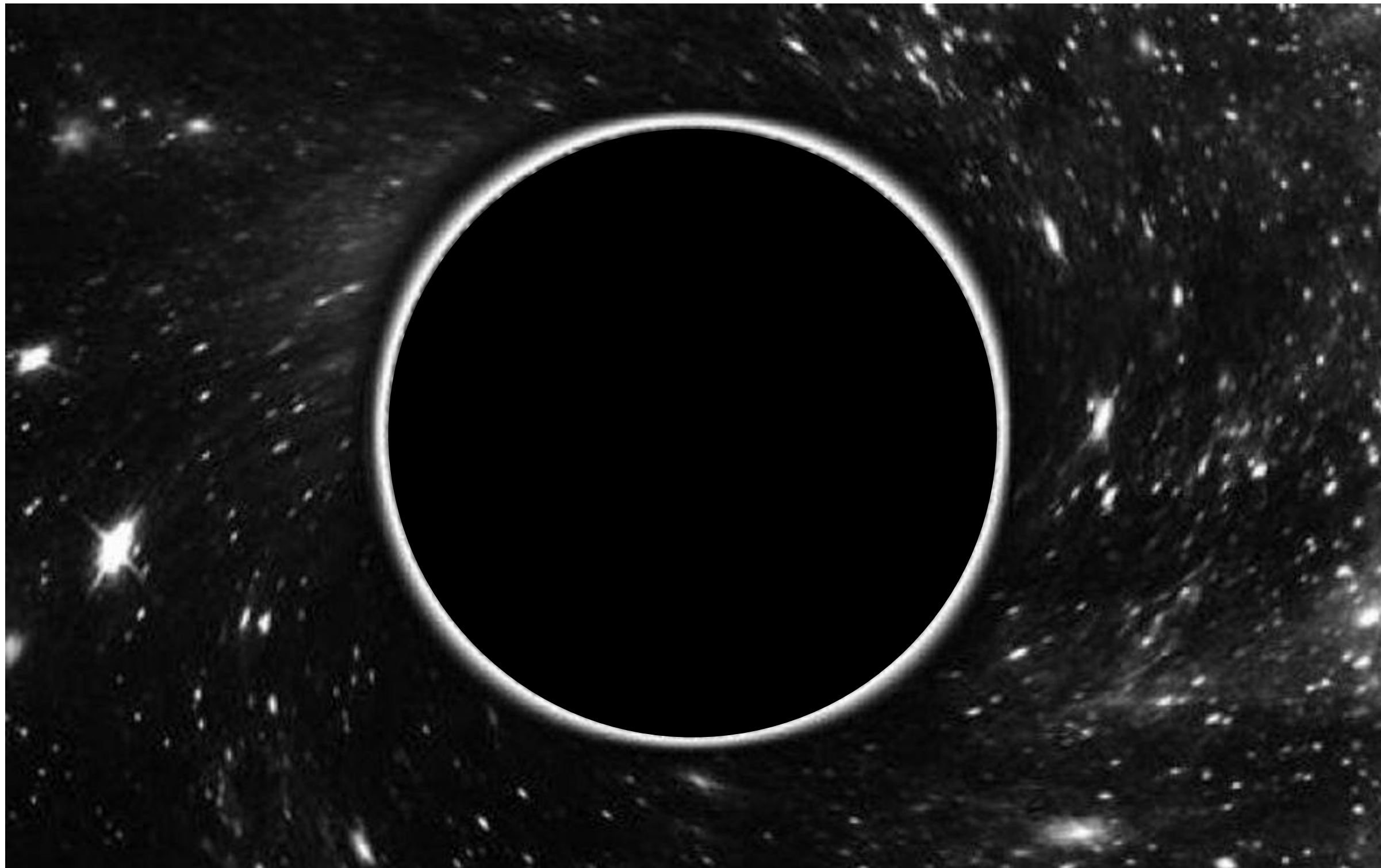
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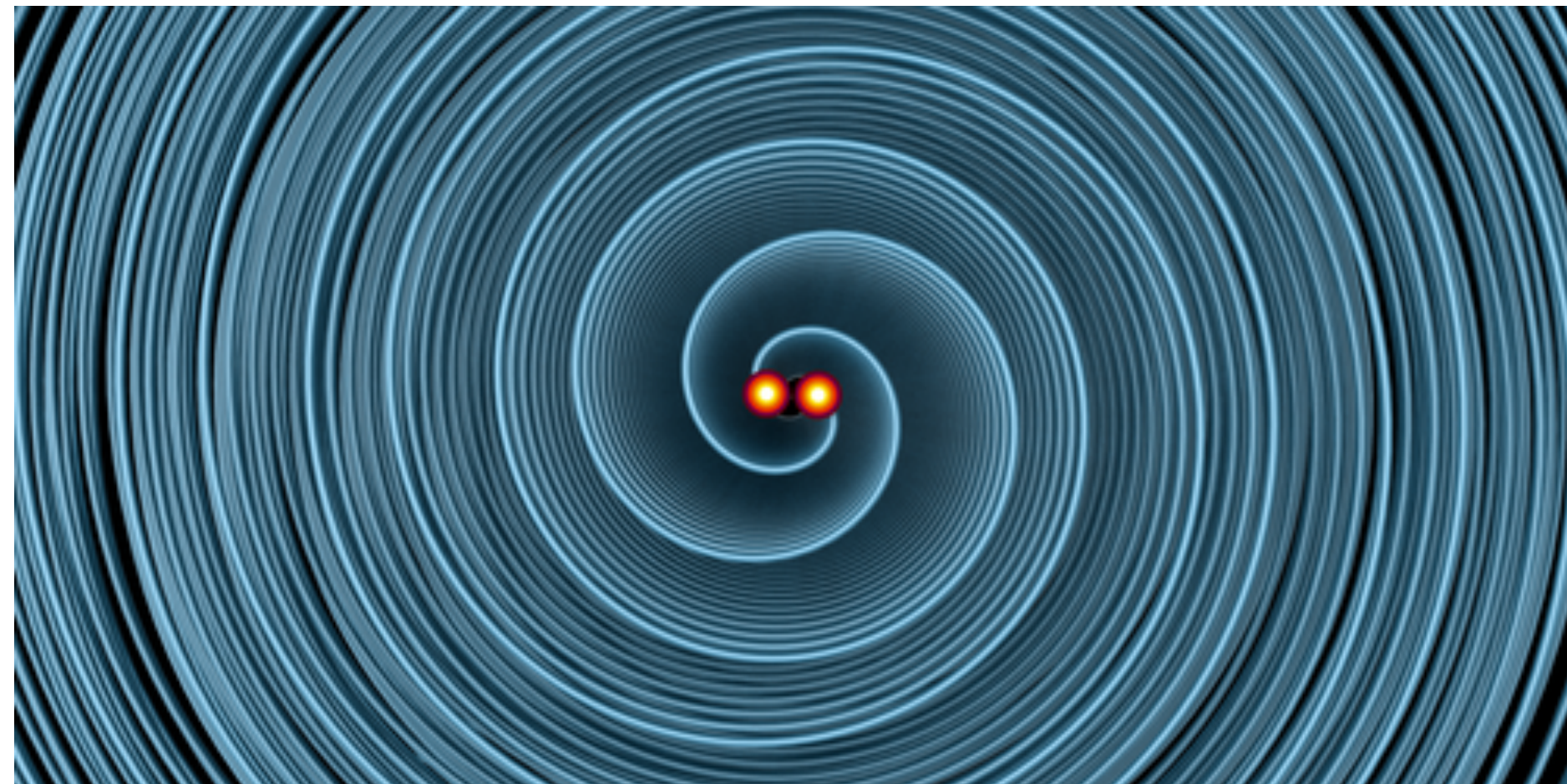
# Black Holes Obey Information-Emission Limits

## Limits

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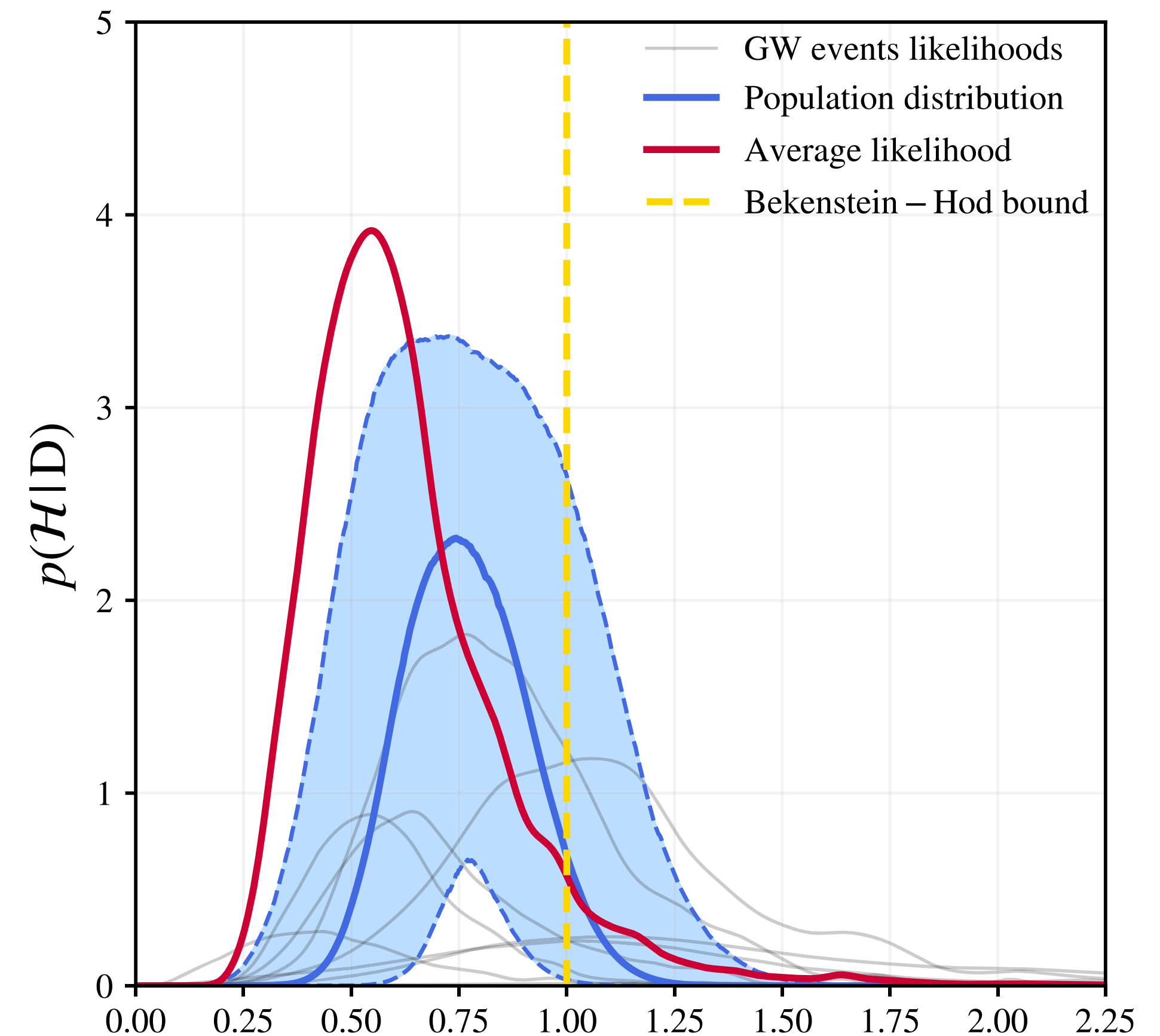
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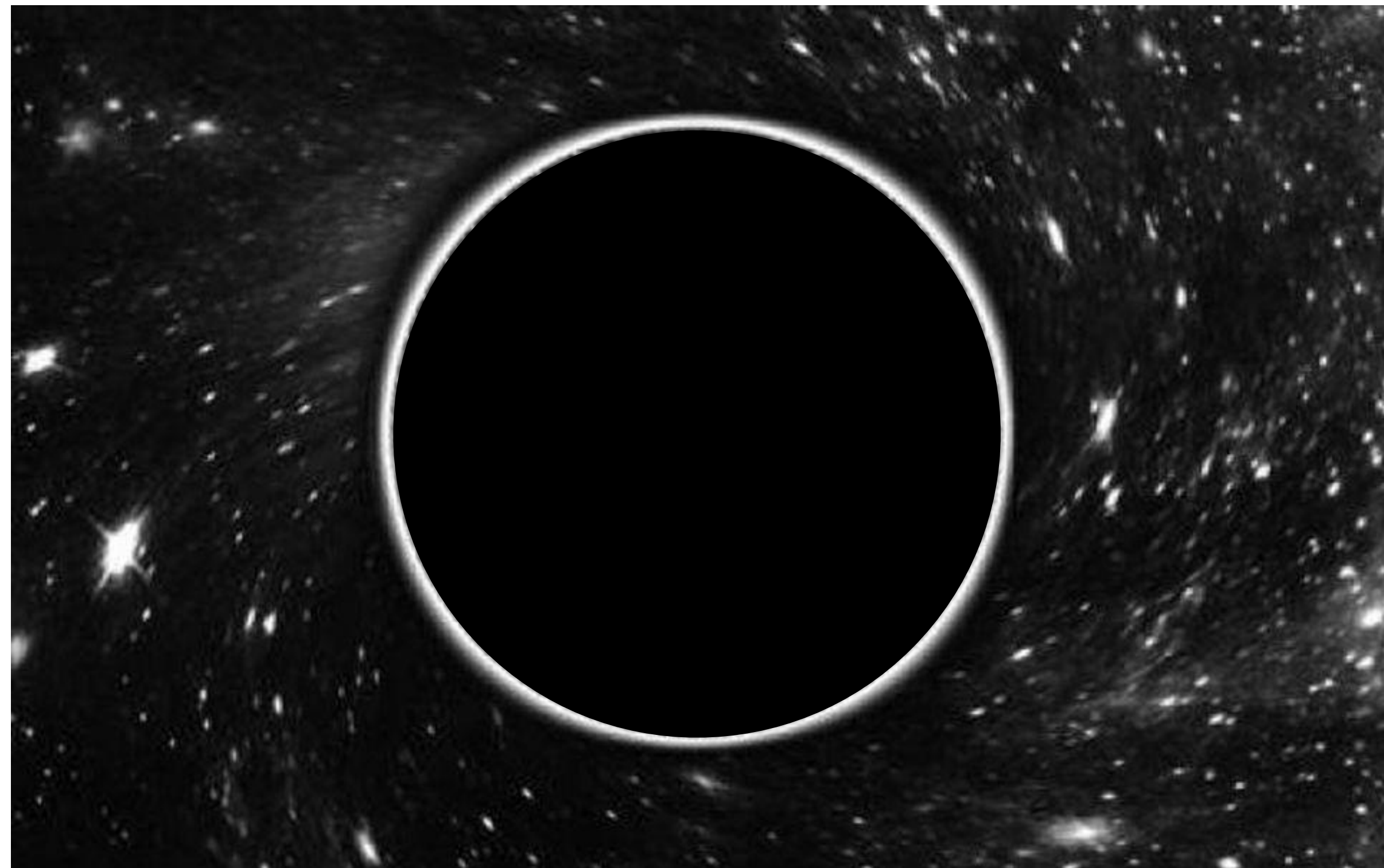


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# Quantum Black holes

A quantum computer simulating a black hole must have:

- Number of 'qubits' proportional to the surface area
- Maximal, long-range quantum entanglement between the qubits

**Spooky action at a distance!**

Qubit hologram



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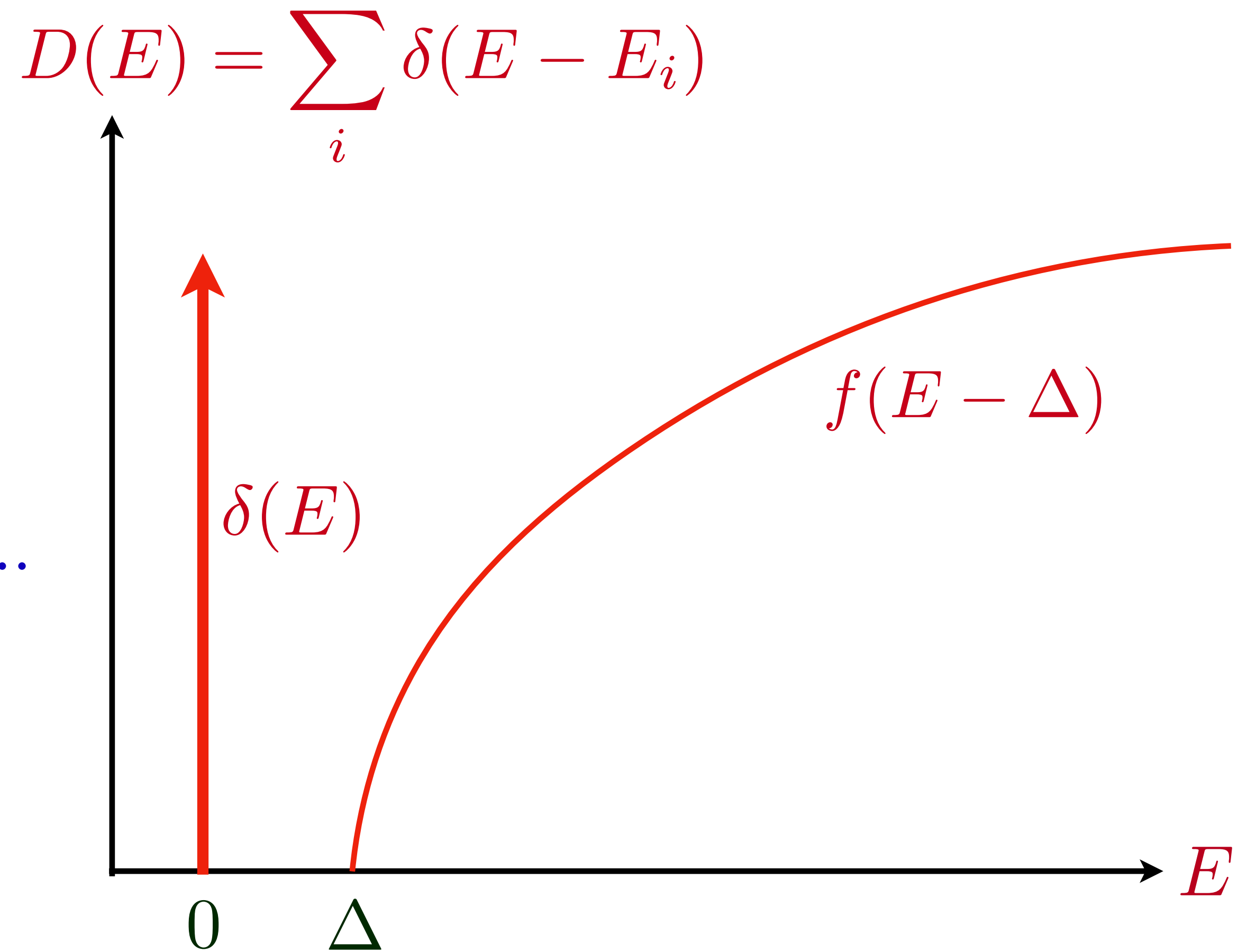
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There are exponentially many degenerate BPS ground states, and an energy gap  $\Delta$  above the ground state.



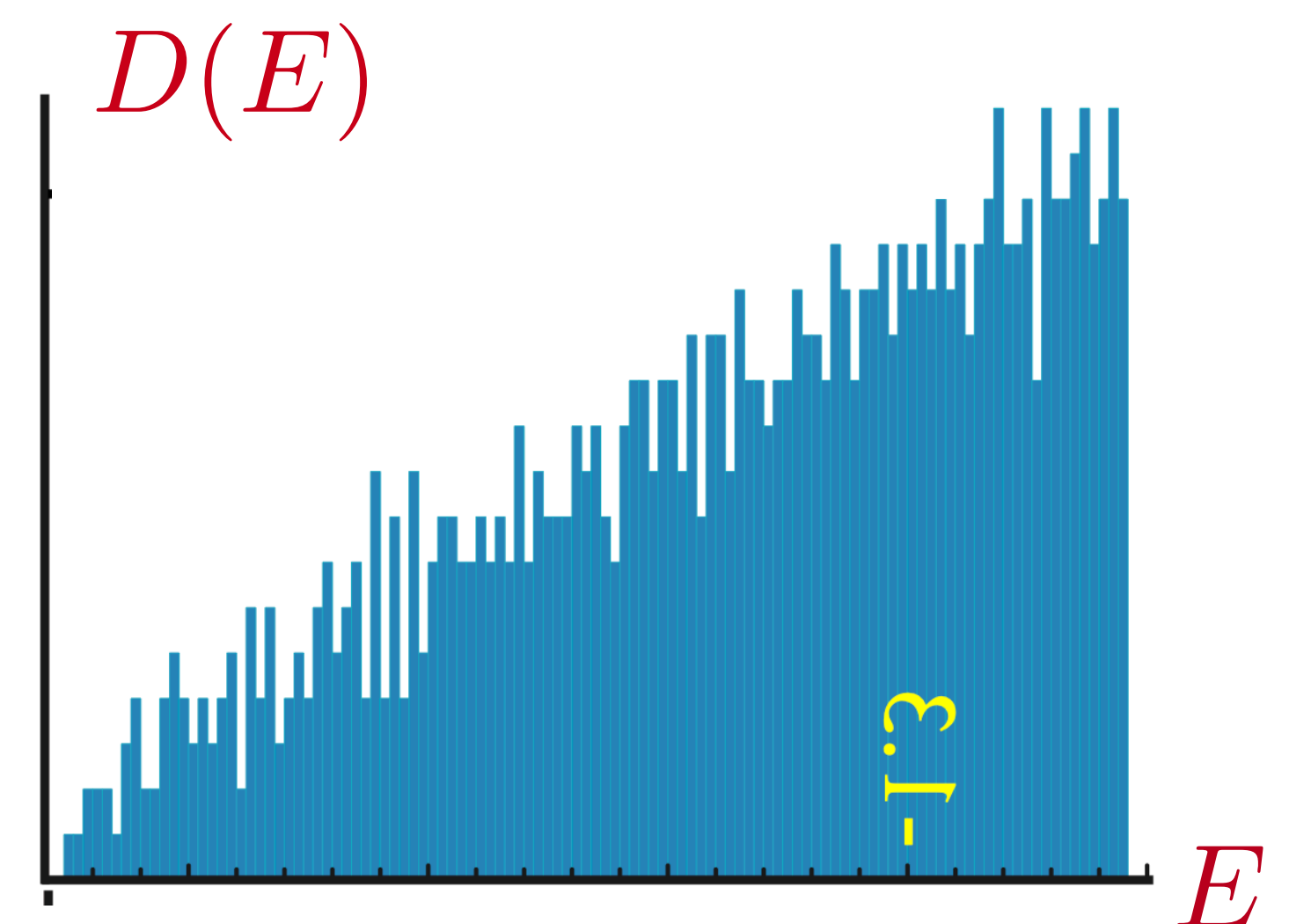
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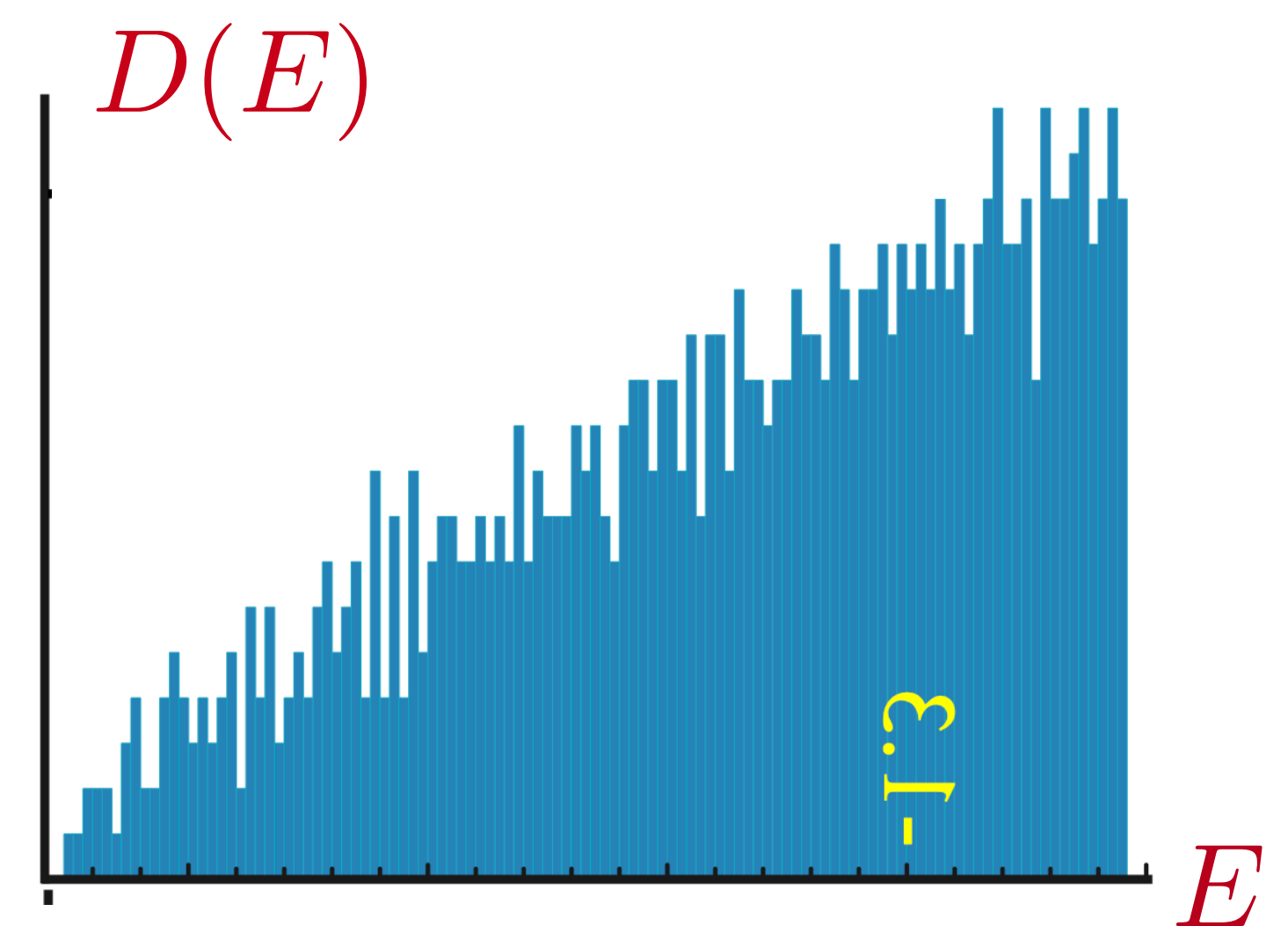
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In more recent work, the SYK quantum simulation has also consistently described the evolution of the entropy for a black hole past the Page time.



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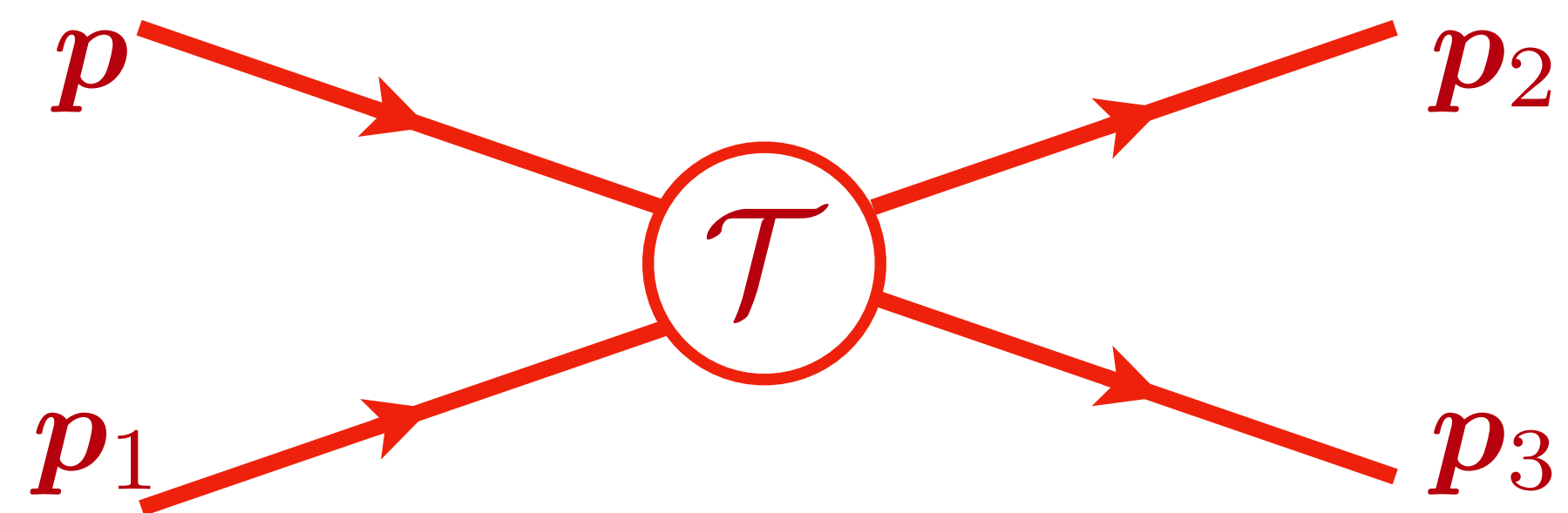
# Boltzmann equation (1872)

## Dilute classical gas

Molecular chaos: successive collisions are statistically independent

$$\frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{F} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f_{\mathbf{p}} = \mathcal{C}[f]$$

$$\mathcal{C}[f] \propto \int_{\mathbf{p}_{1,2,3}} \cdots [f_{\mathbf{p}} f_{\mathbf{p}_1} - f_{\mathbf{p}_2} f_{\mathbf{p}_3}]$$



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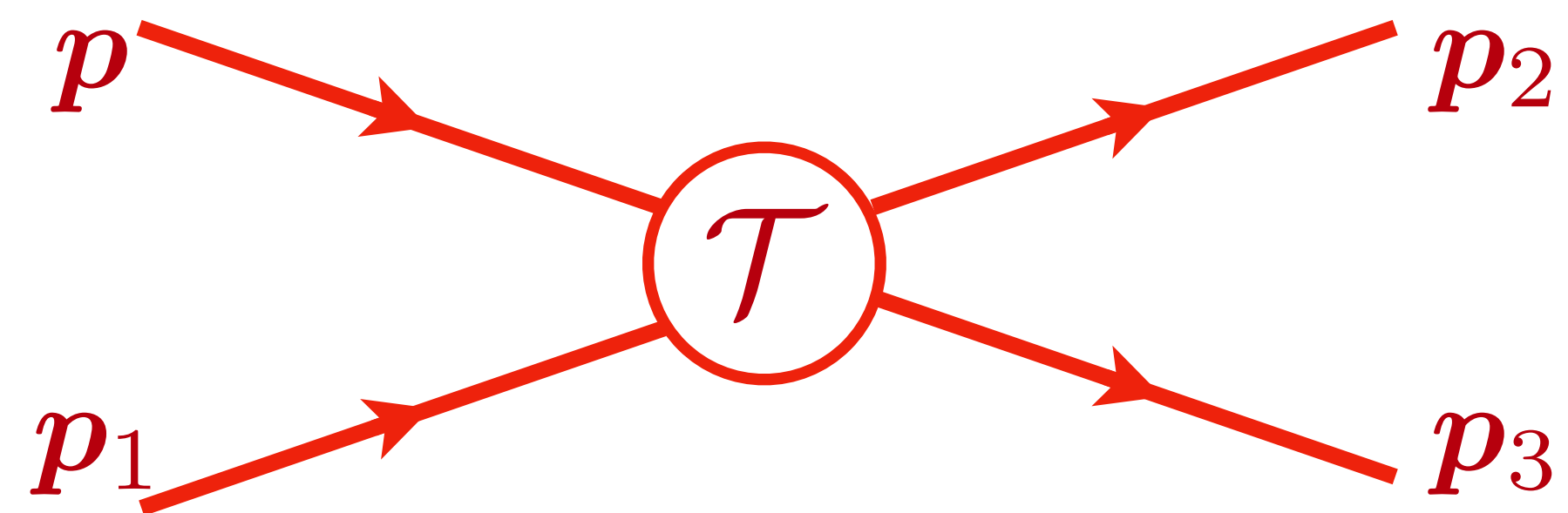
# Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

## Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)  
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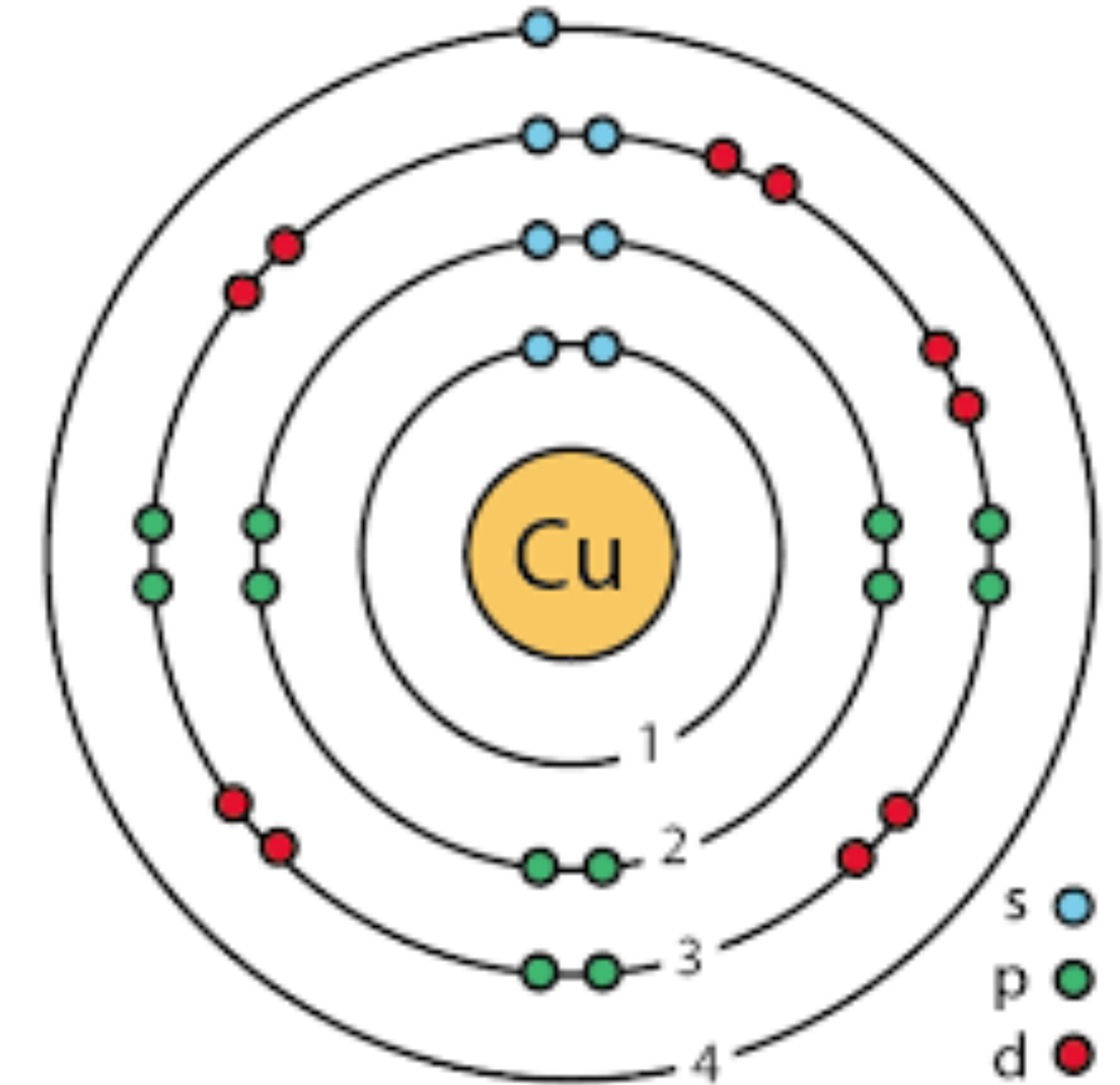
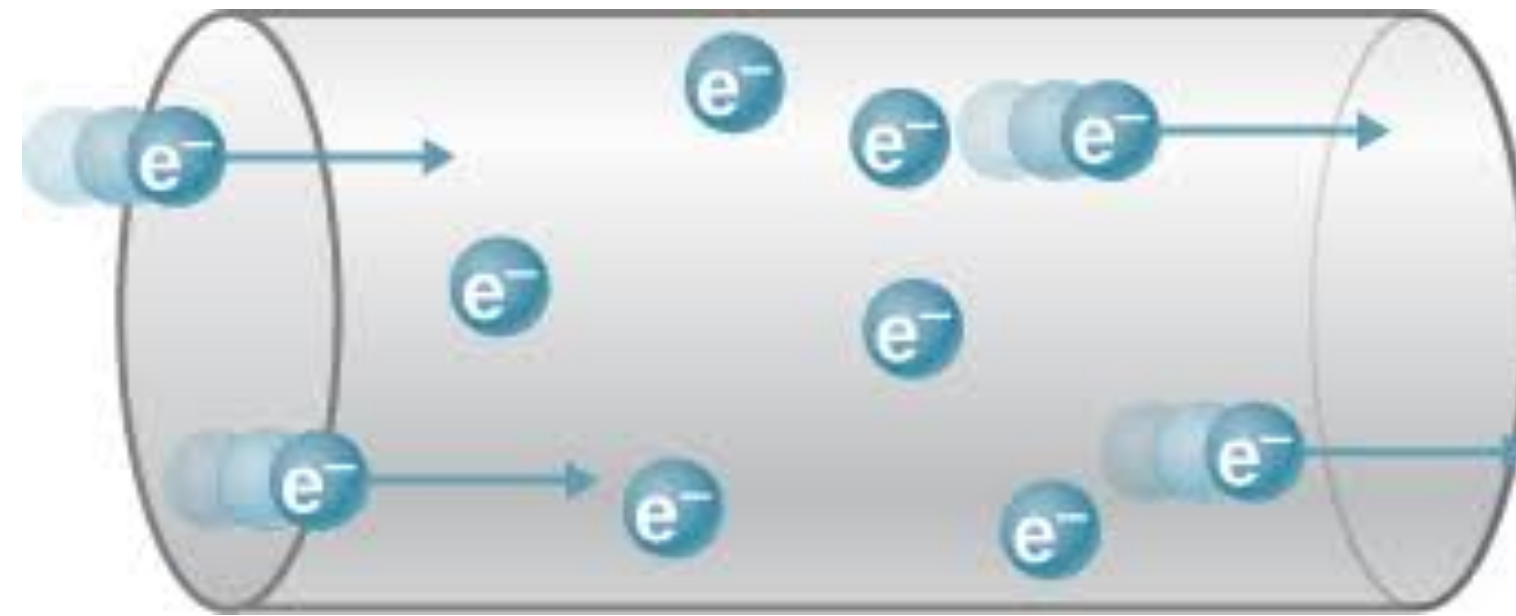
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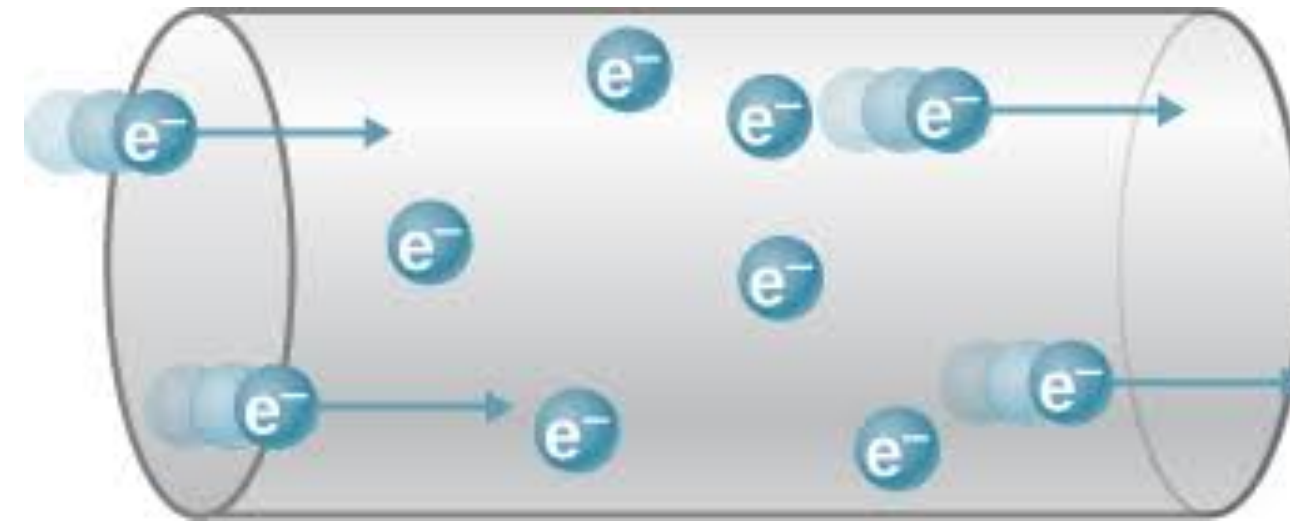
Quantum theory of  
electrons:  
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# Copper



Each copper atom donates its outermost electron  
These electrons move freely throughout the crystal and carry current

## Current flow with electrons in Copper

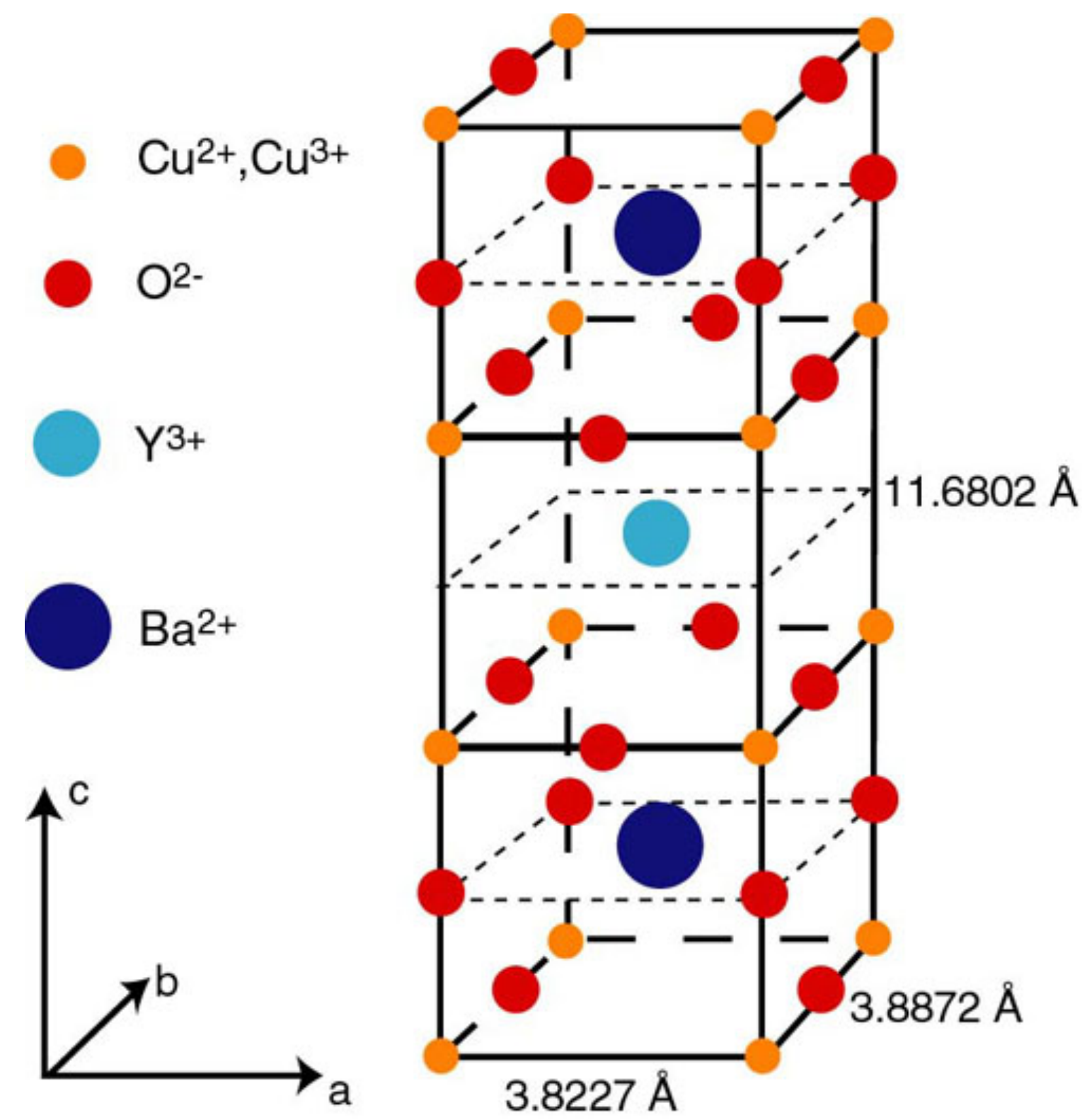
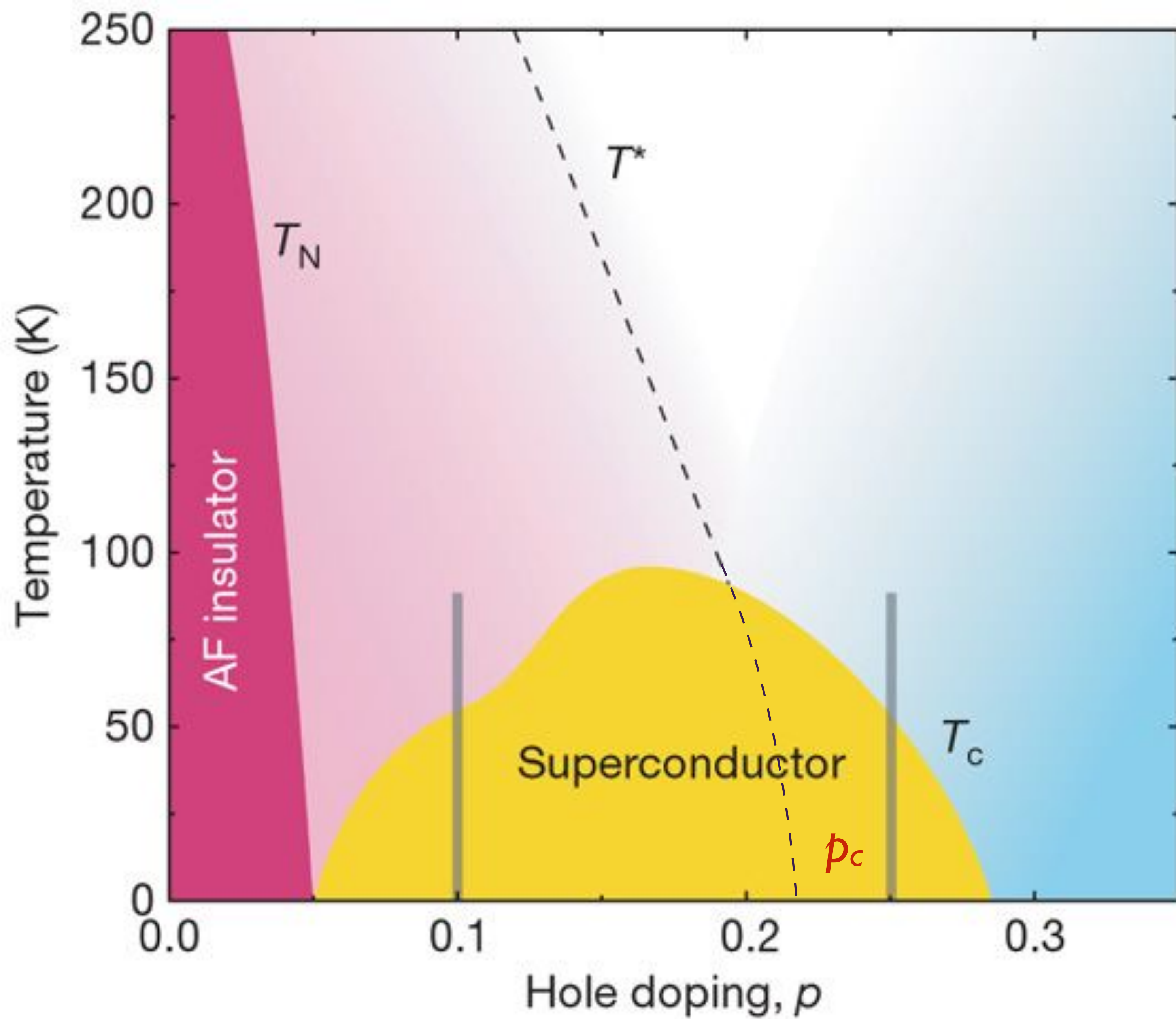


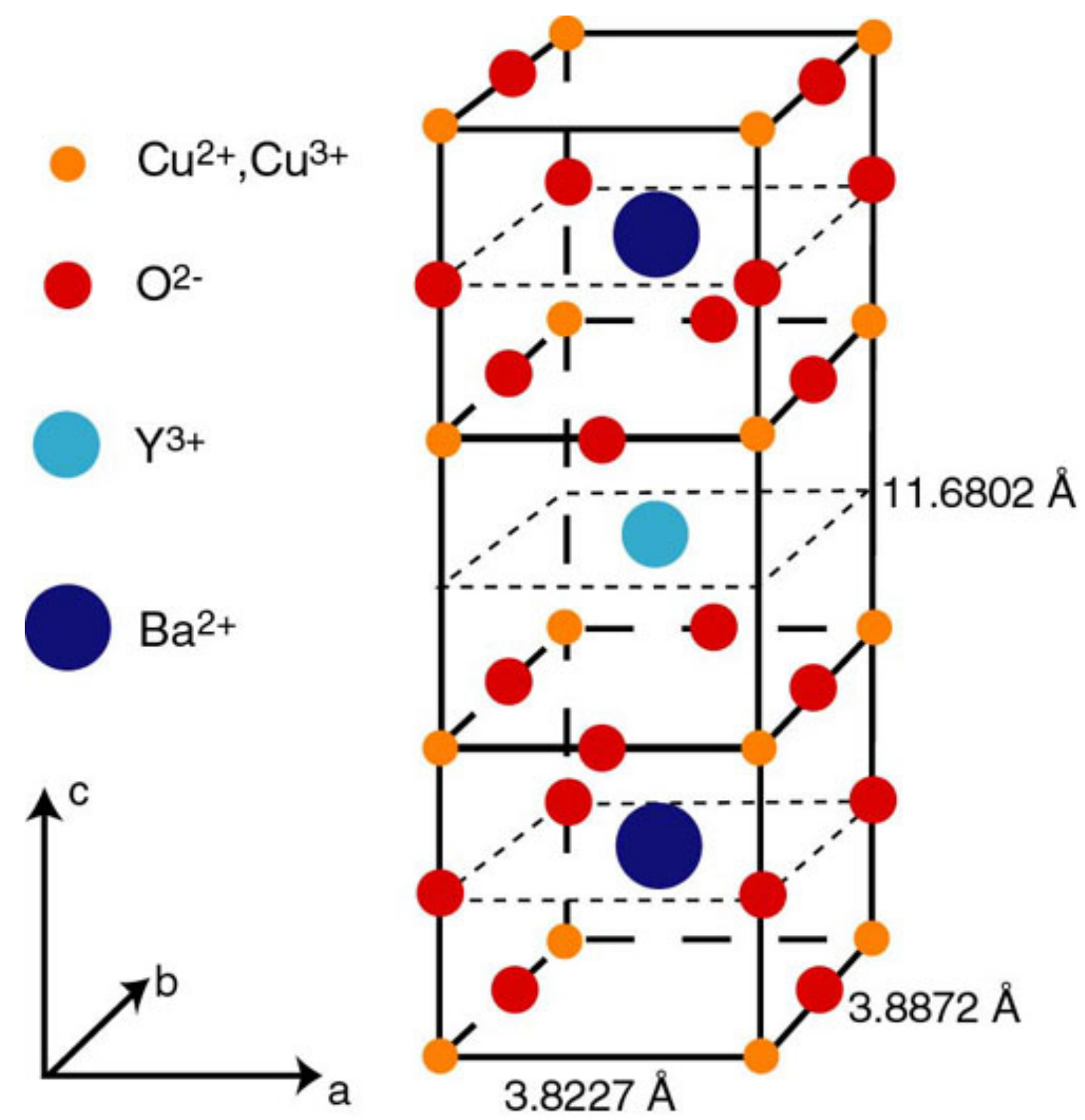
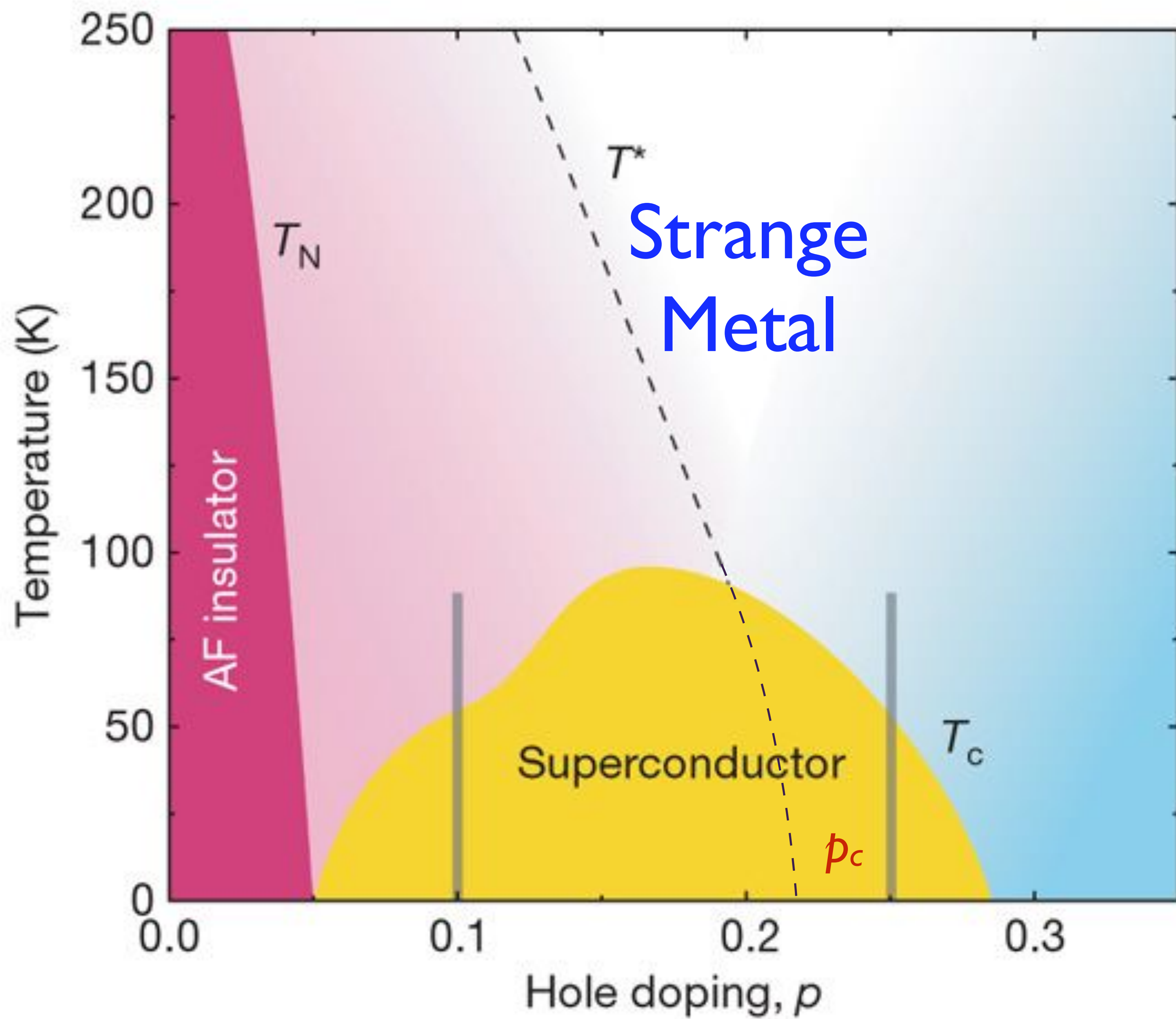
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation  $\Rightarrow$   
typical scattering time  $\tau \sim 1/T^2$ , resistivity  $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

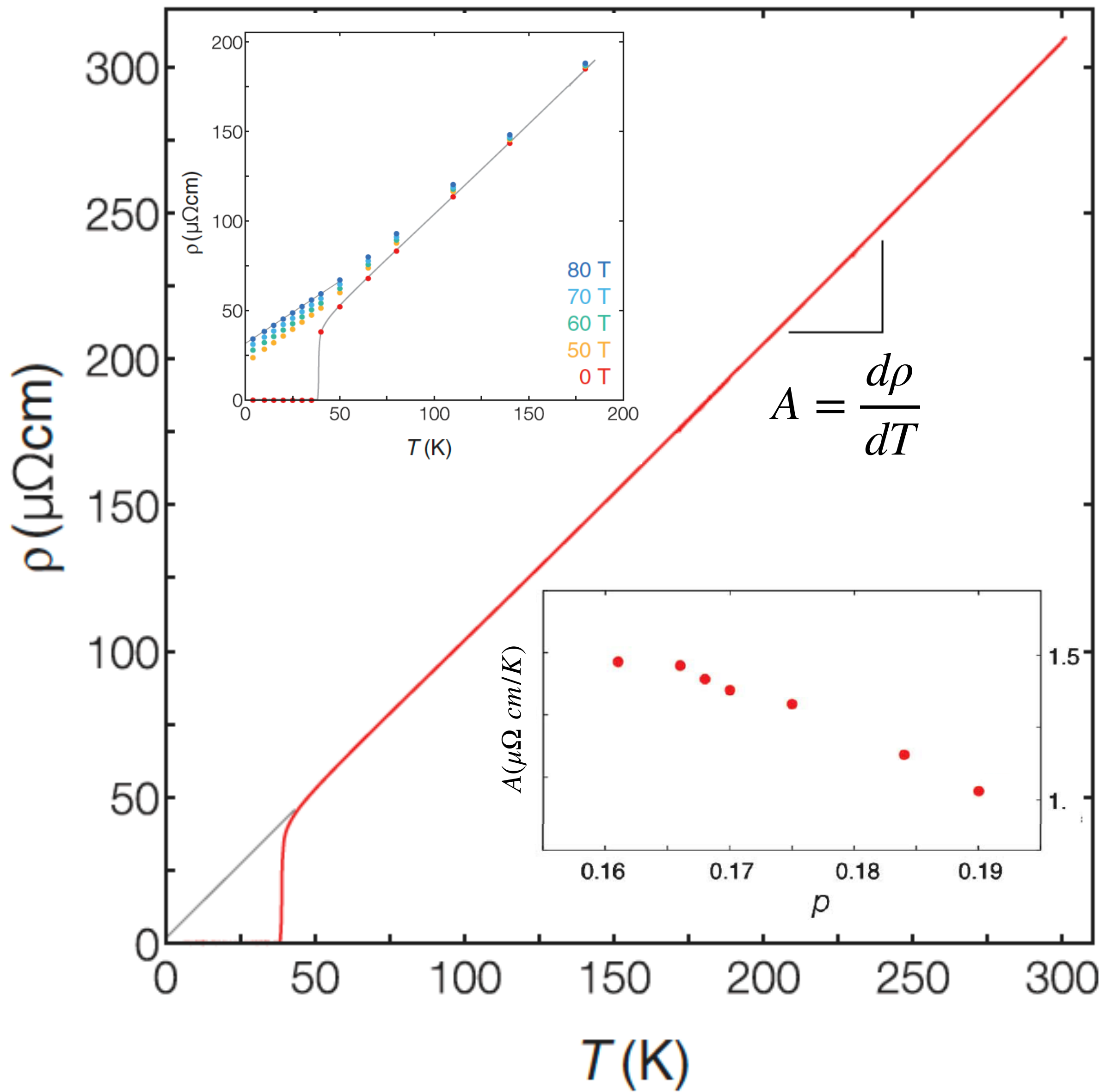
The time  $\tau$  is much longer than a limiting ‘Planckian time’  $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$ .

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

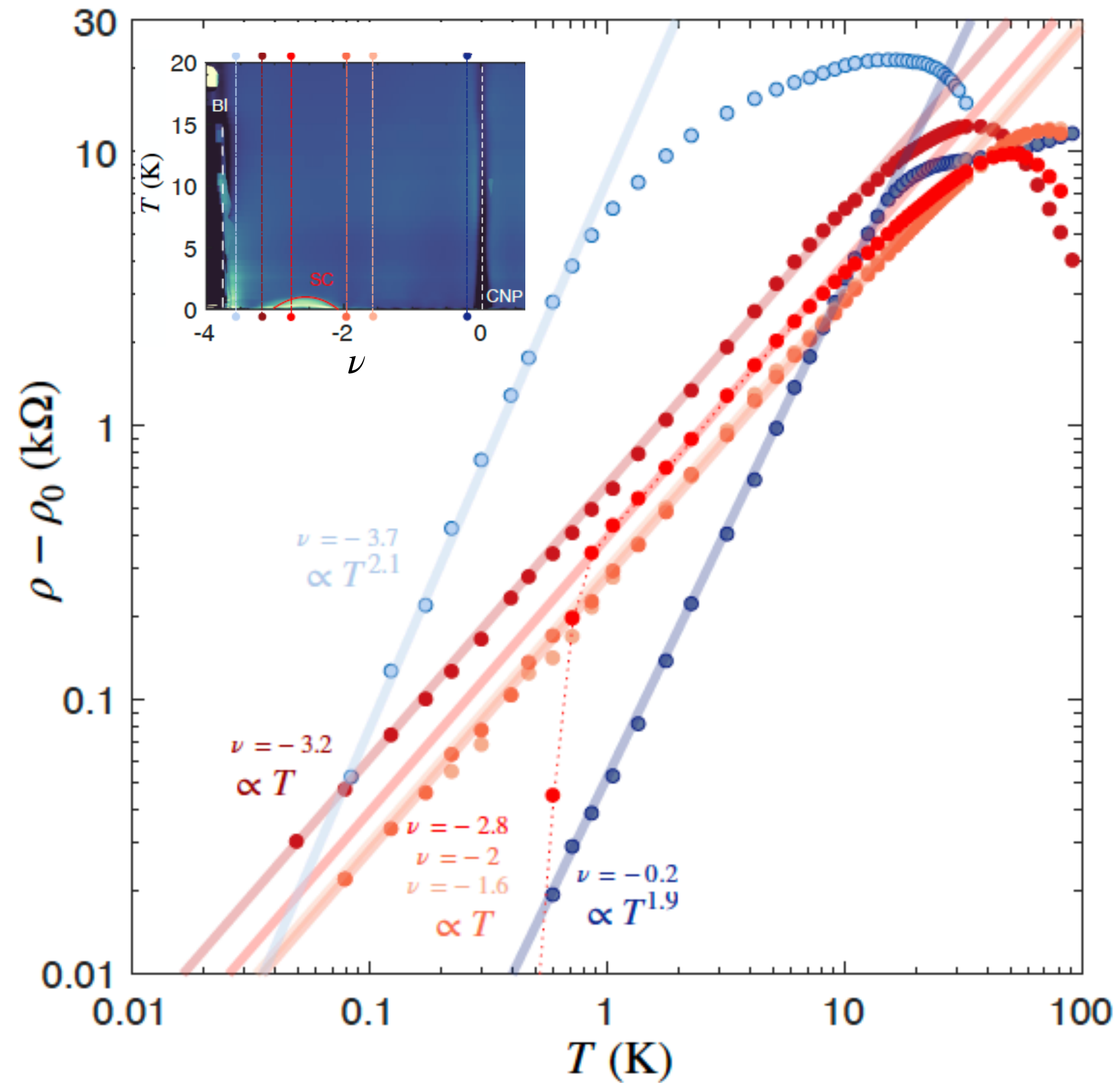
The motion of electrons is ‘ballistic’ or ‘integrable’  
up to the long time  $\tau$ , after which it is chaotic.







LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018

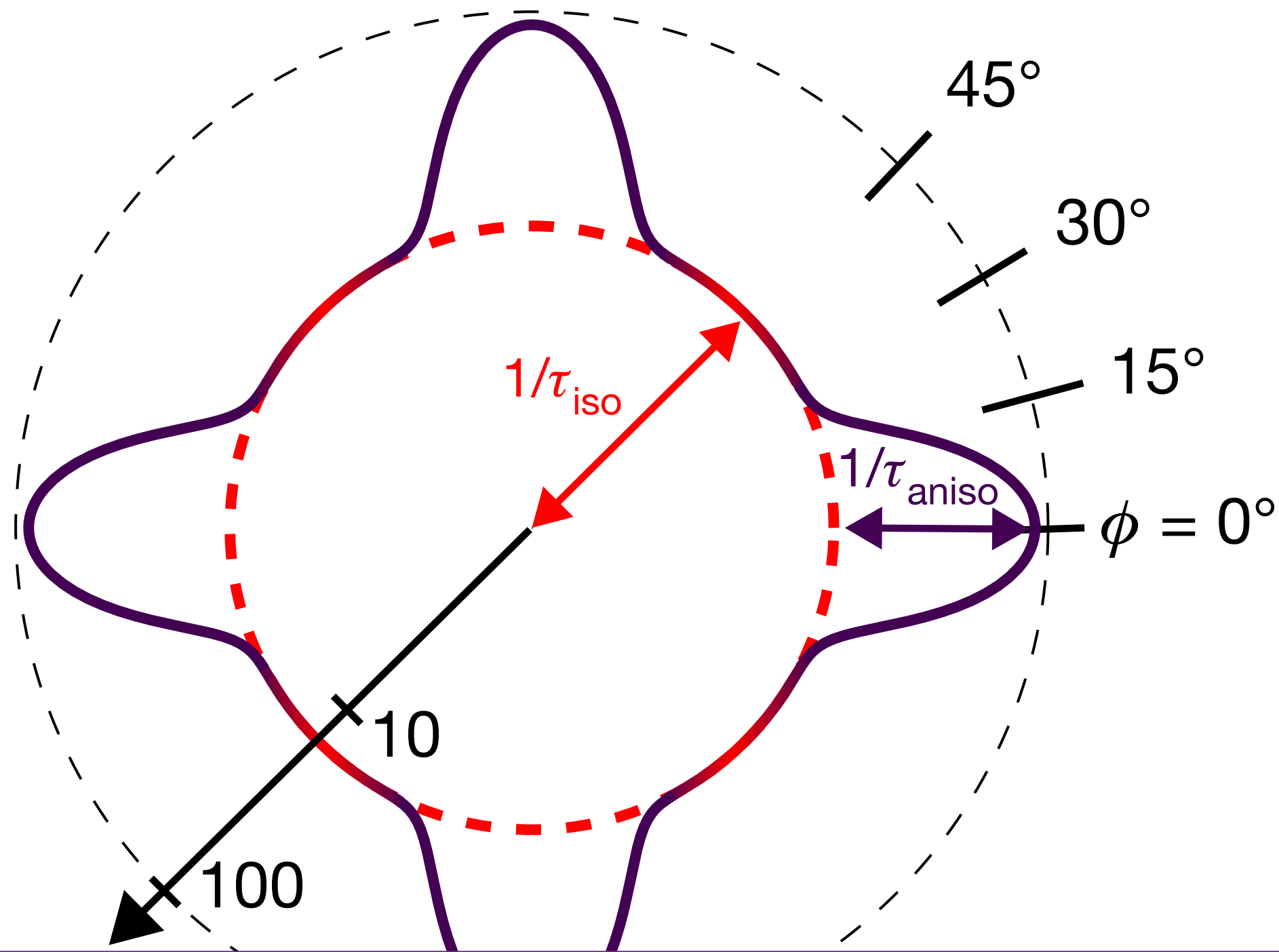


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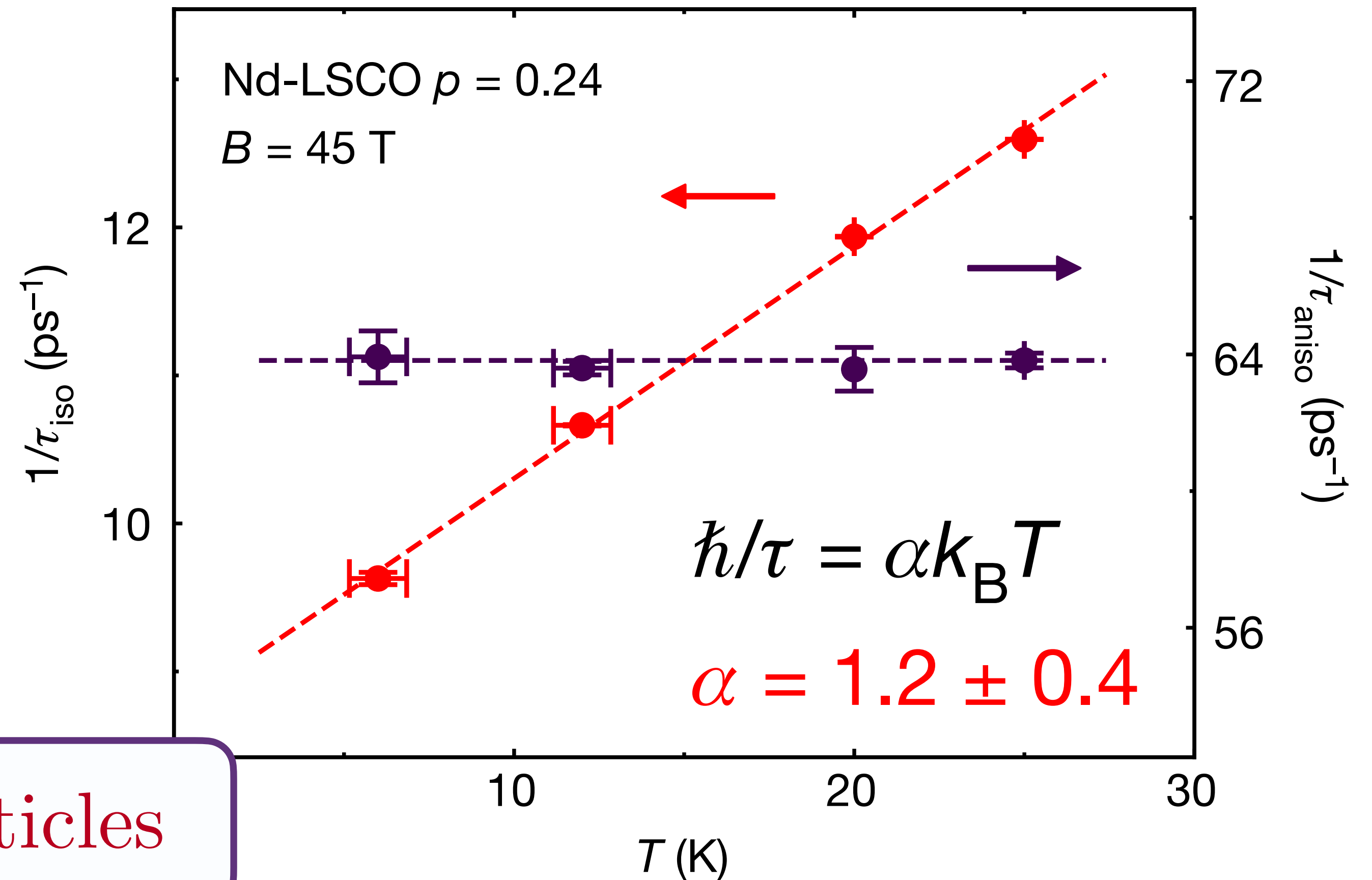
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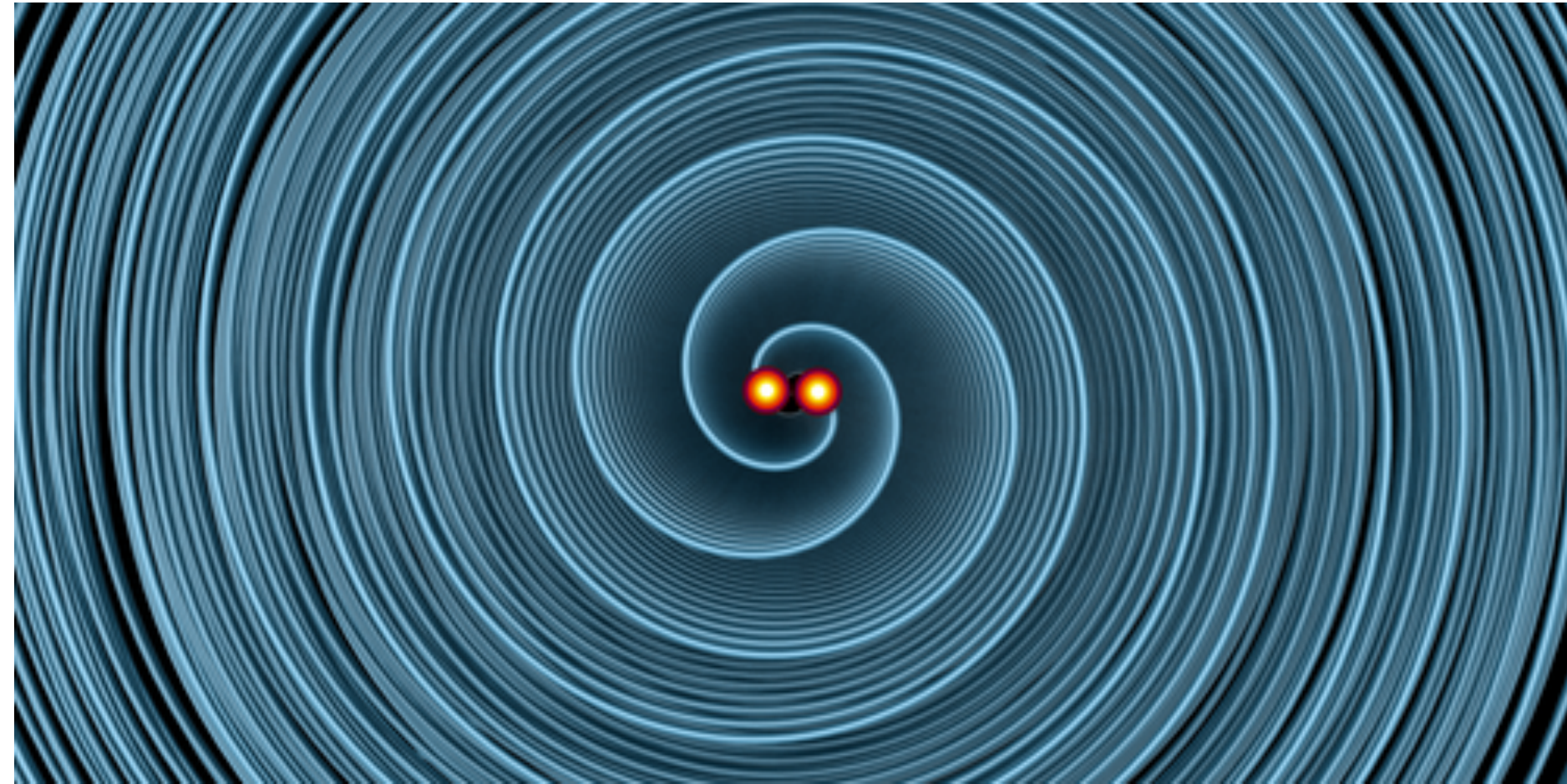
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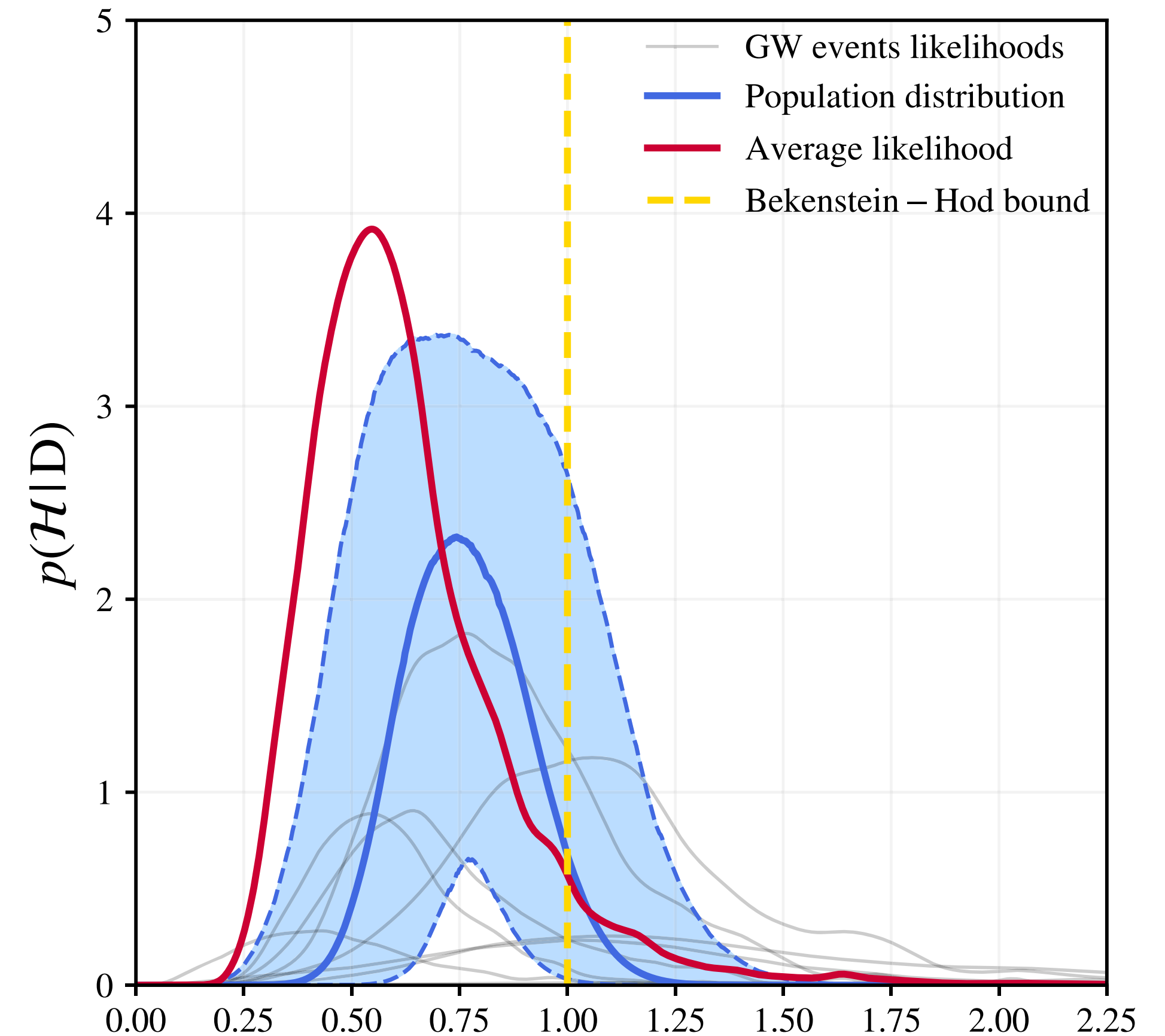
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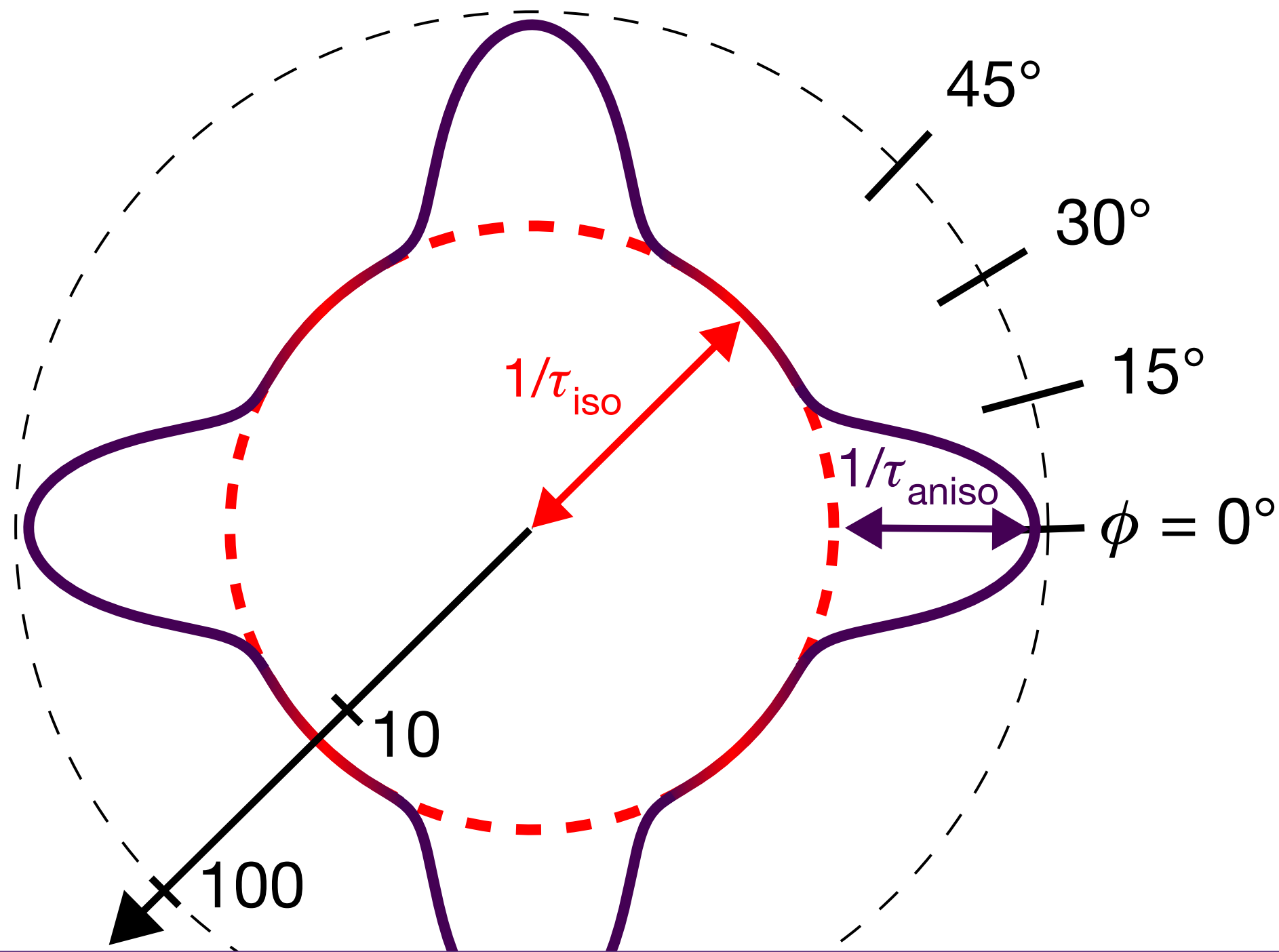


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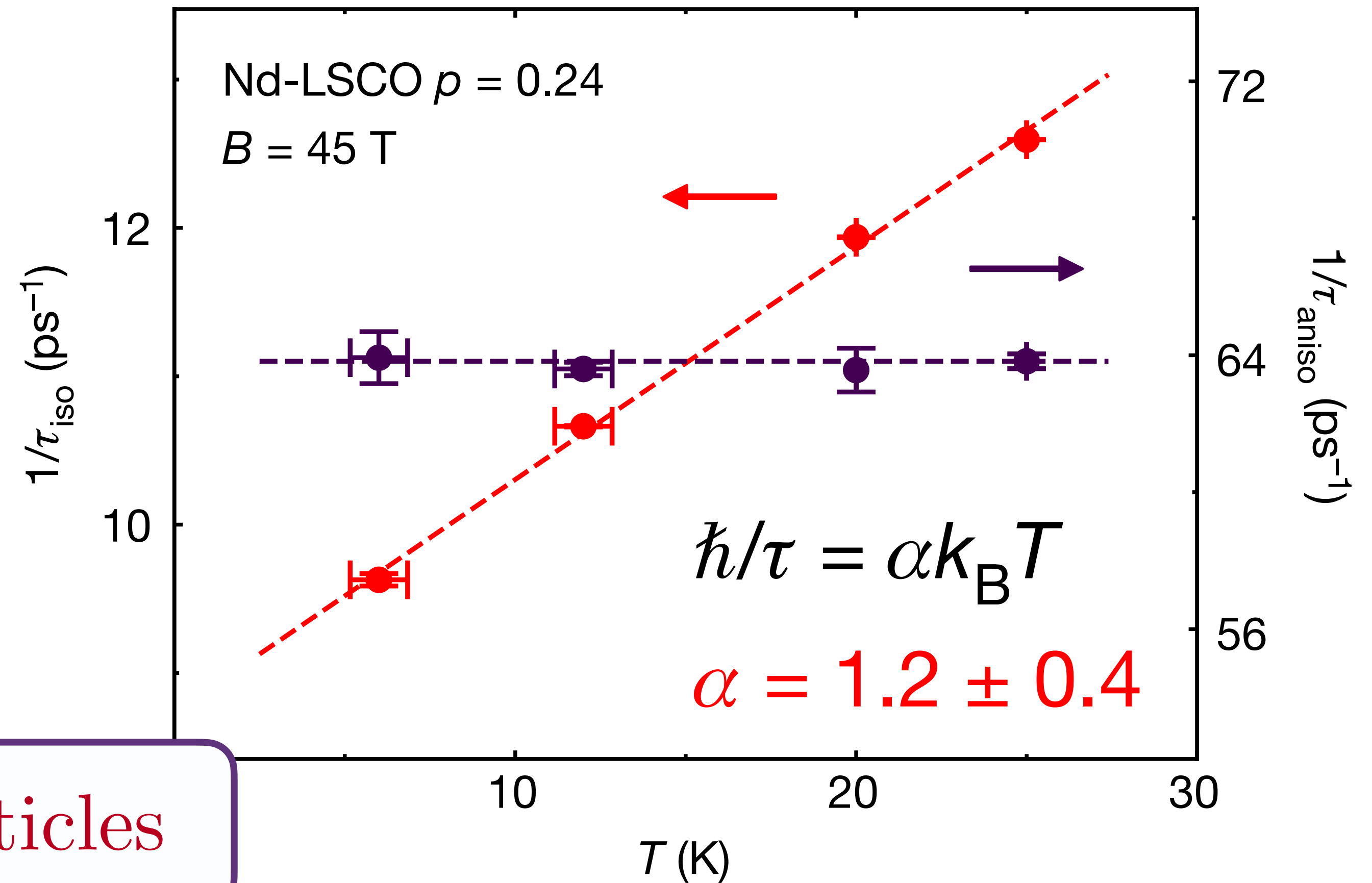
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# Questions

- Needed: A theory for current flow in a ‘strange metal’ with an entangled soup of electrons.
- Needed: theory for collision time in resistivity  $\sim \hbar/(k_B T)$ .
- Needed: theory for the appearance of superconductivity in such a ‘strange metal’.

# Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

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

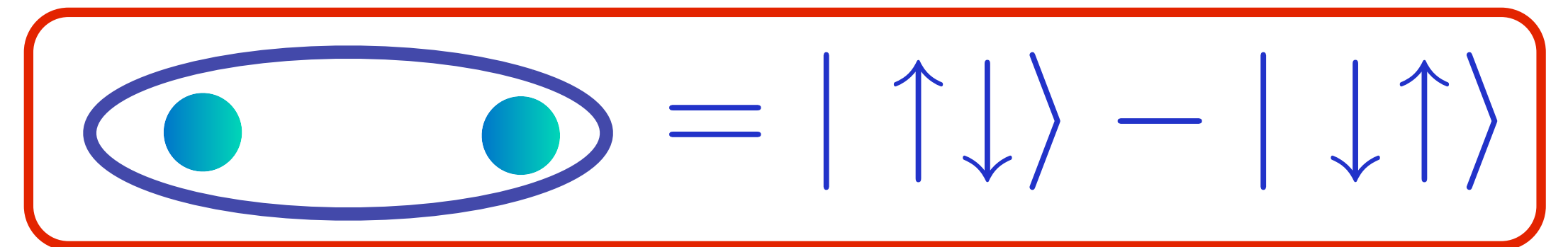
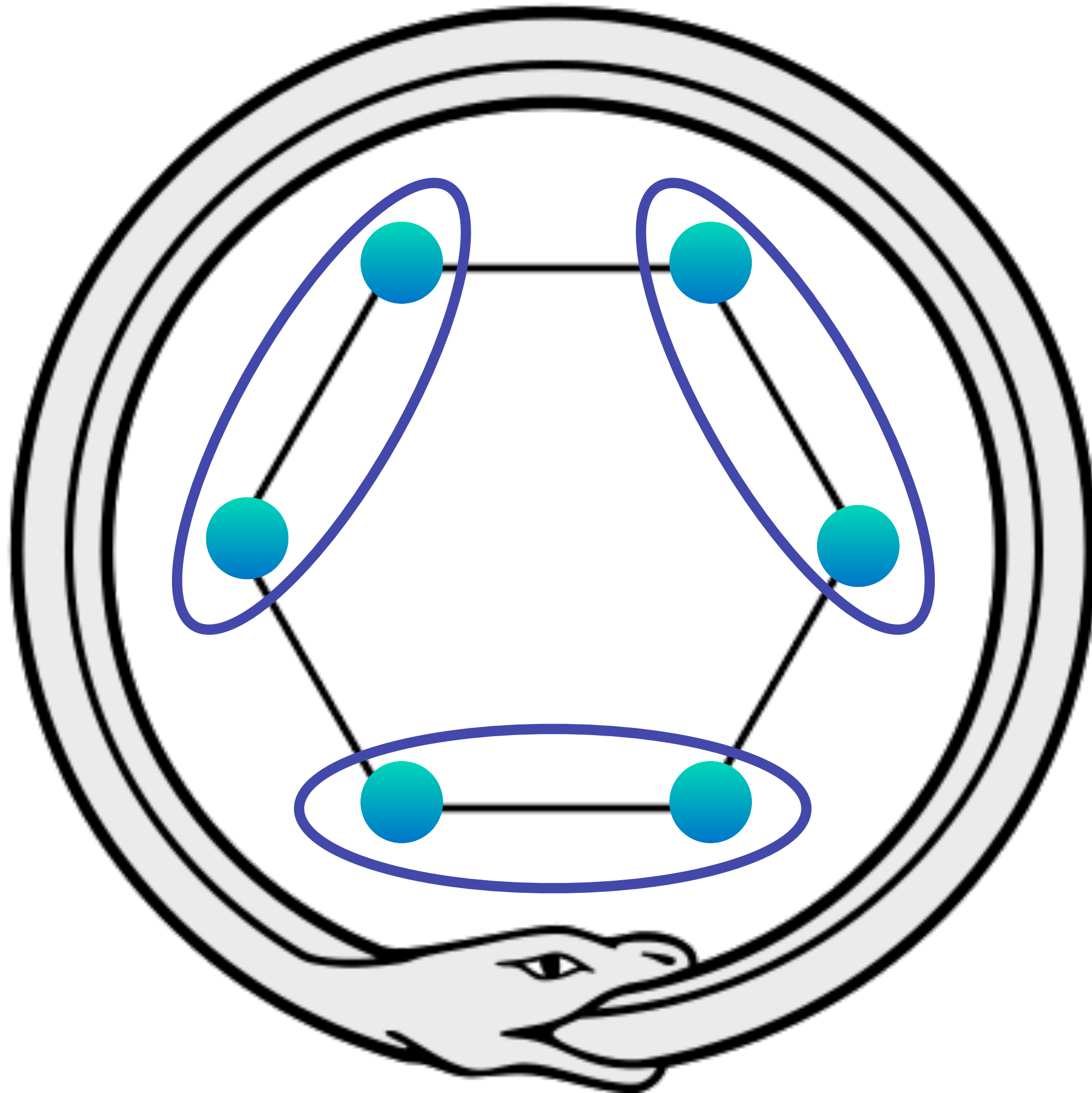
leading to a metal with no particle-like excitations



August Kekule, theory of the benzene molecule, 1865

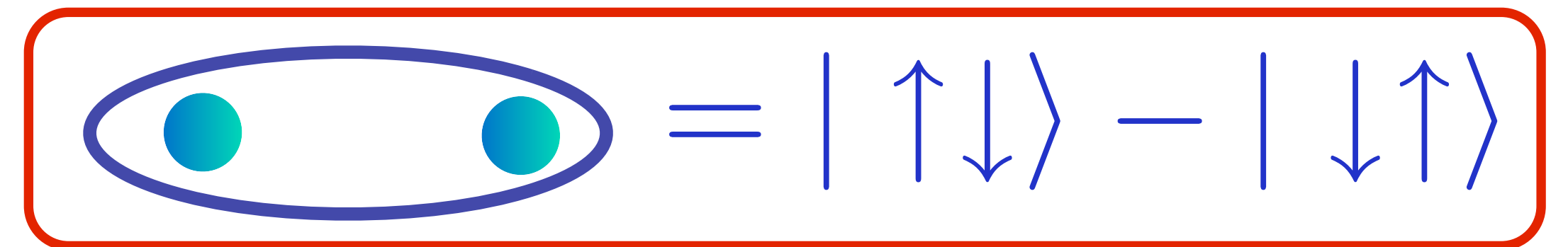
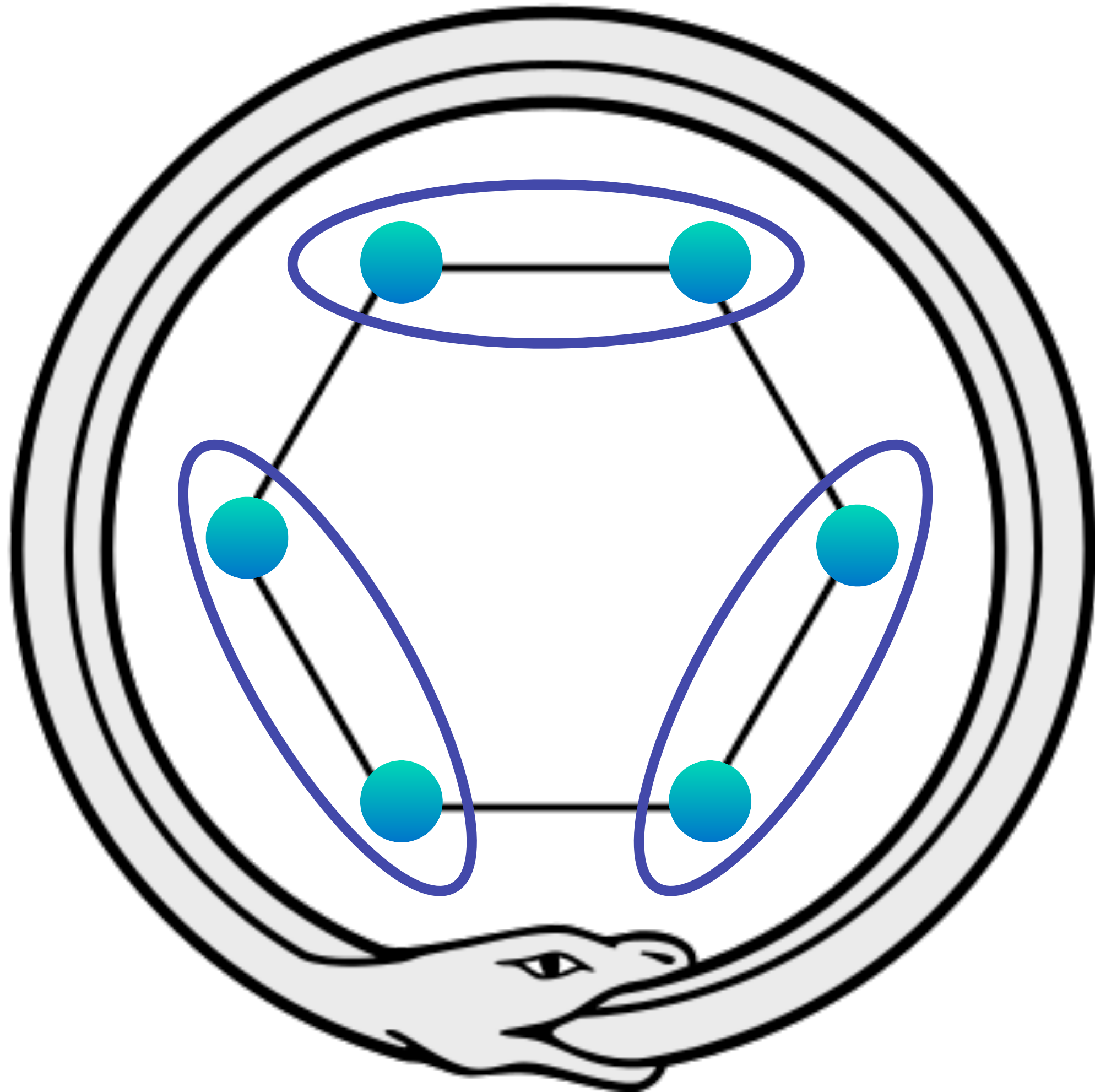
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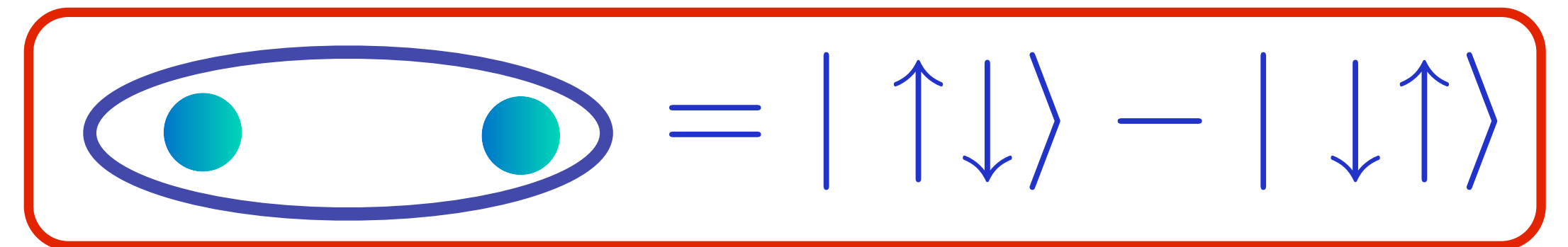
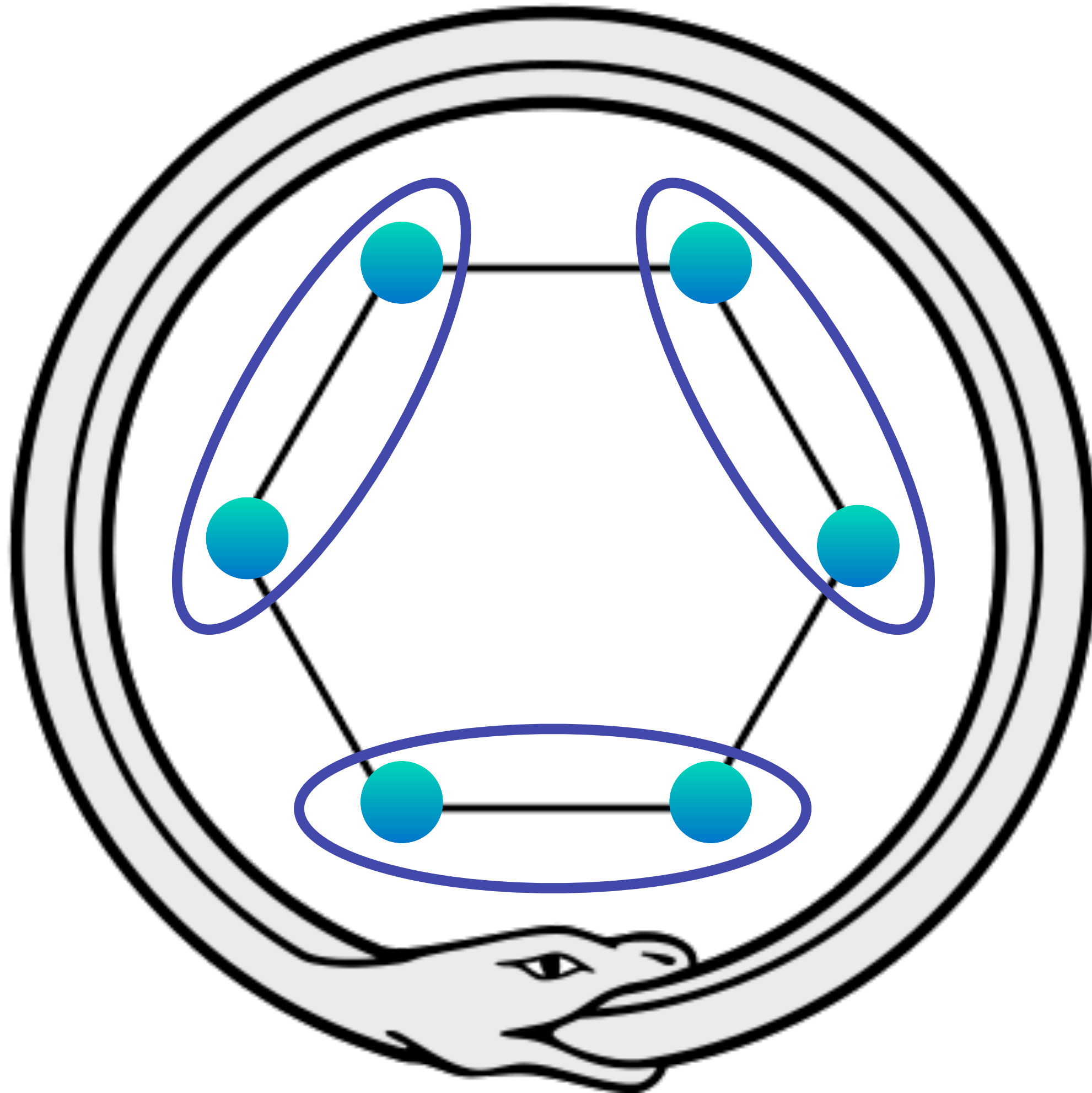
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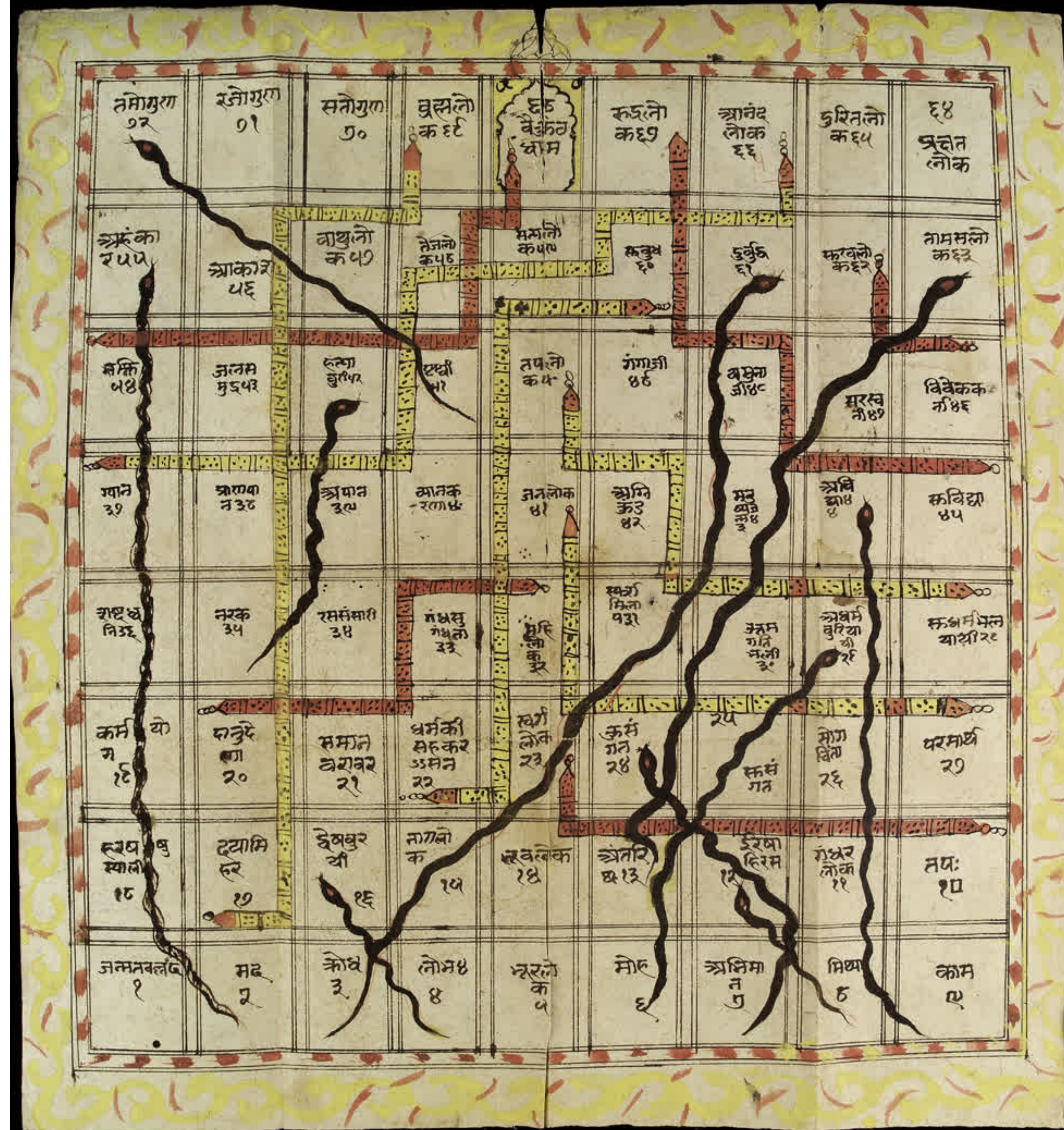
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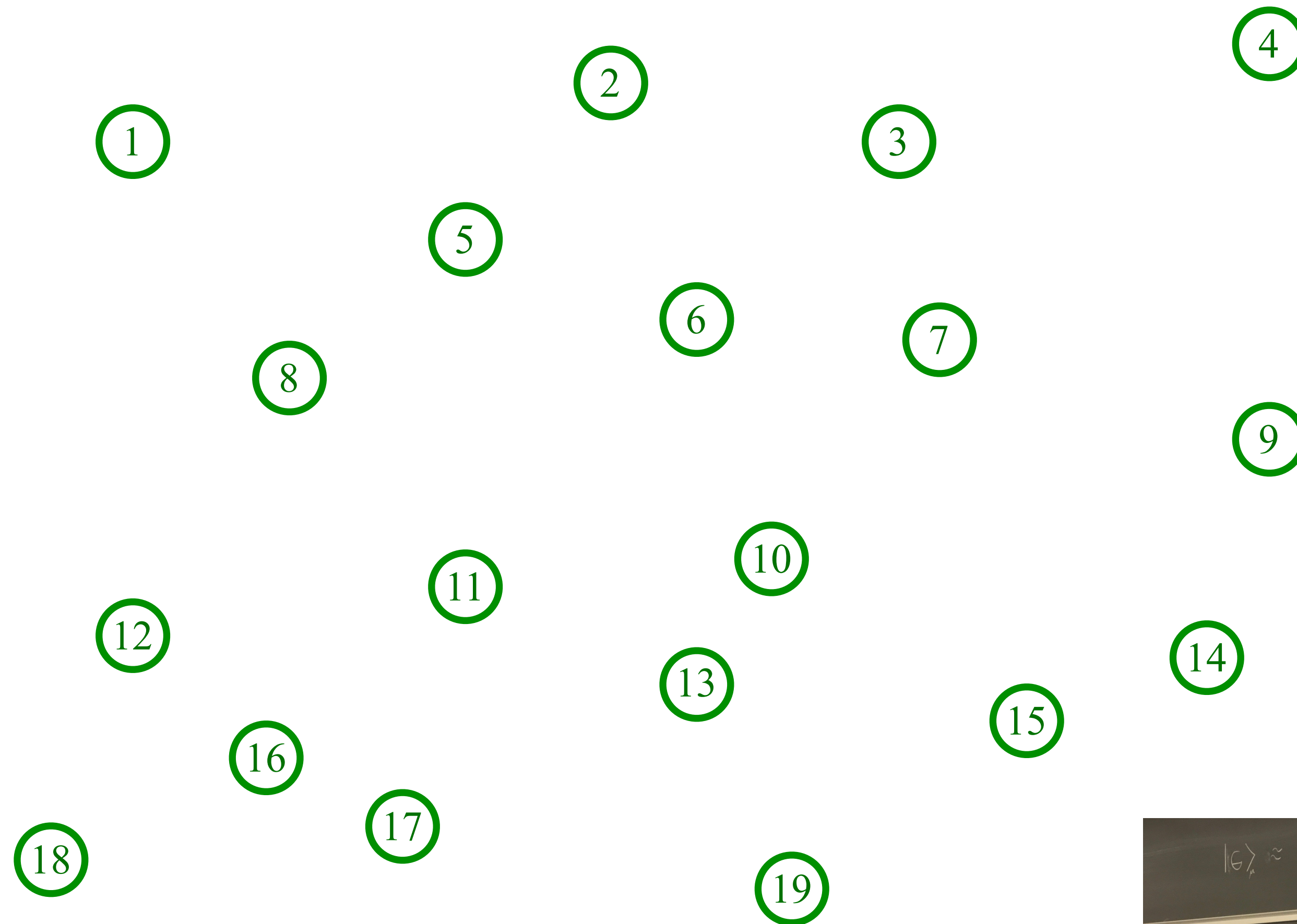
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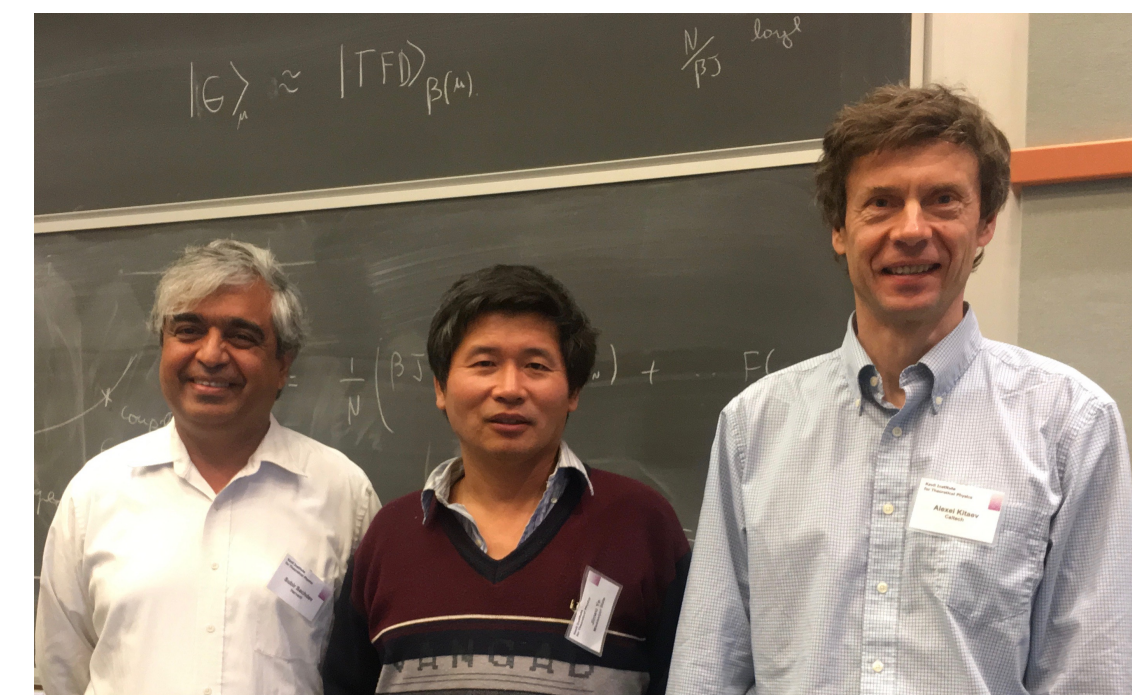


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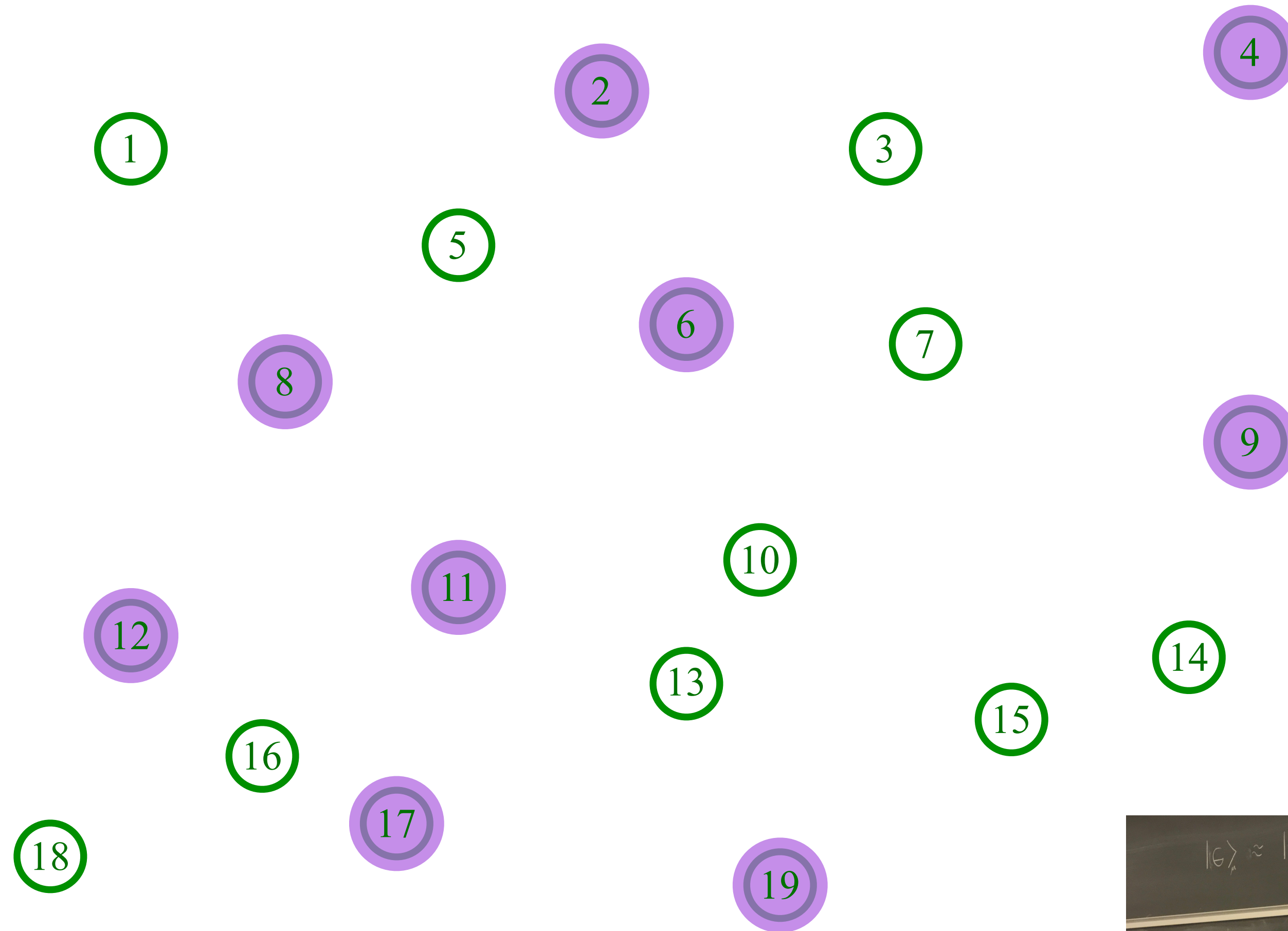


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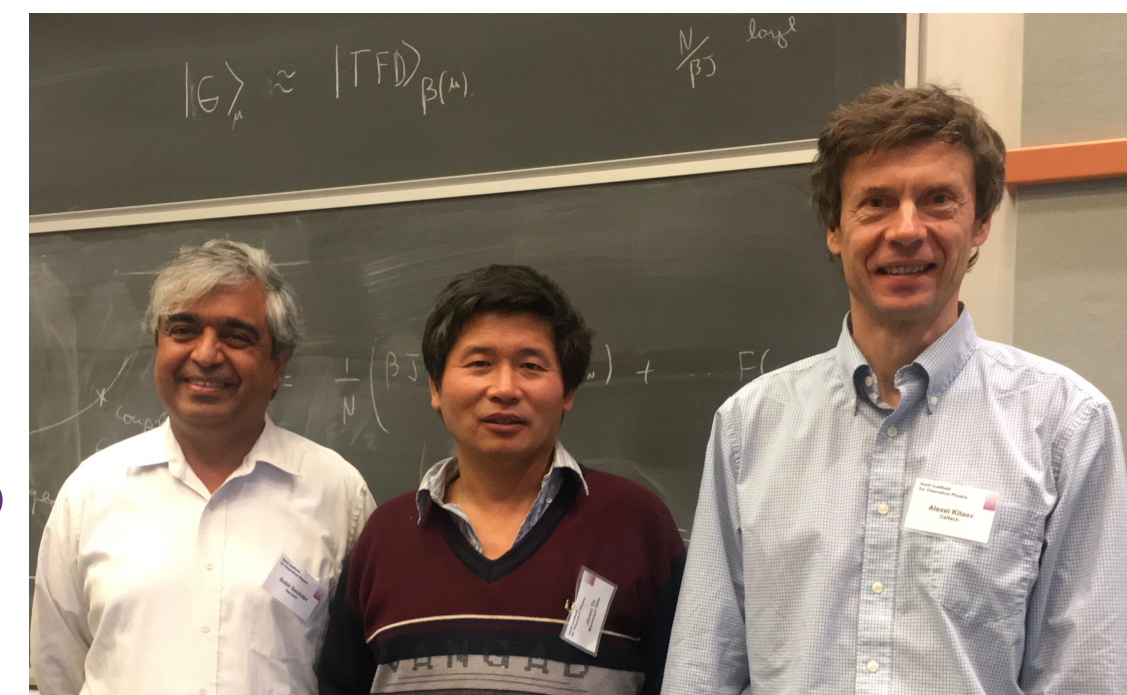


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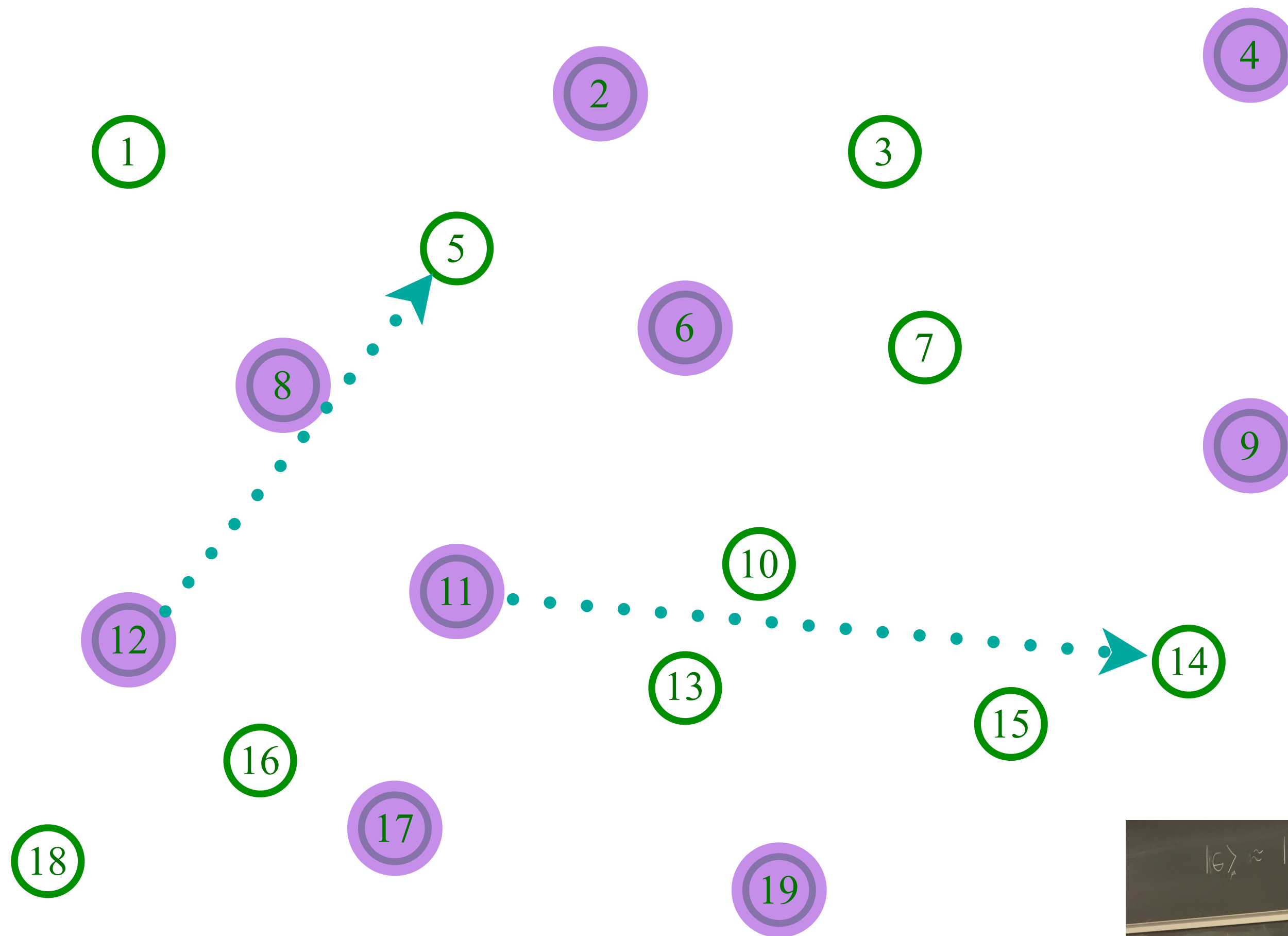
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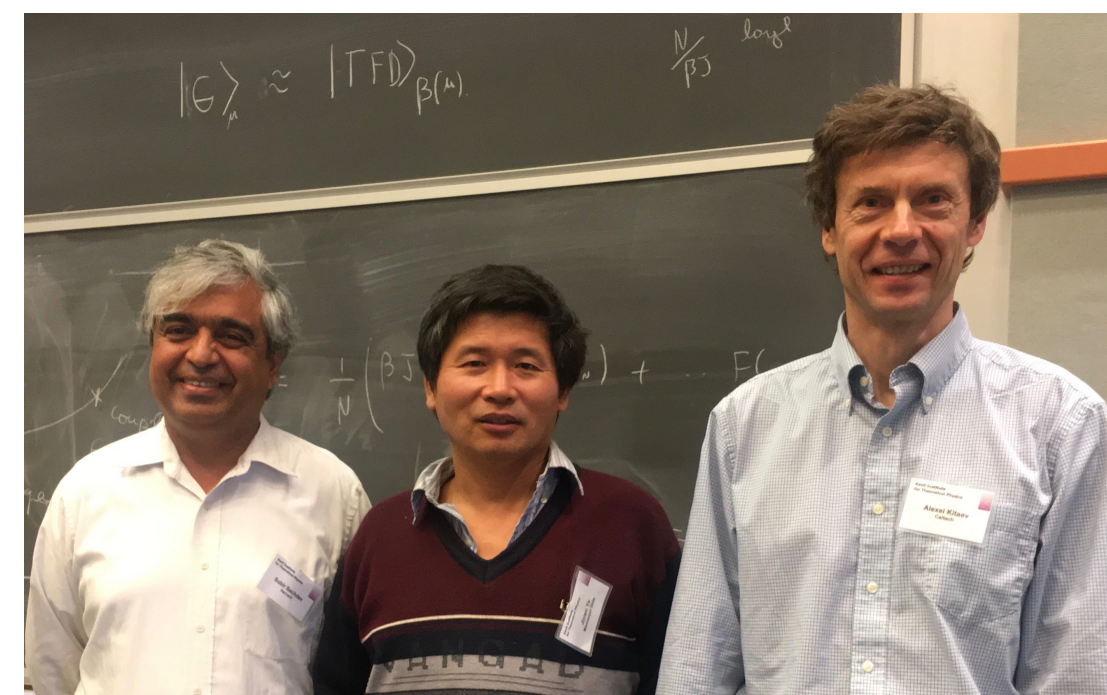
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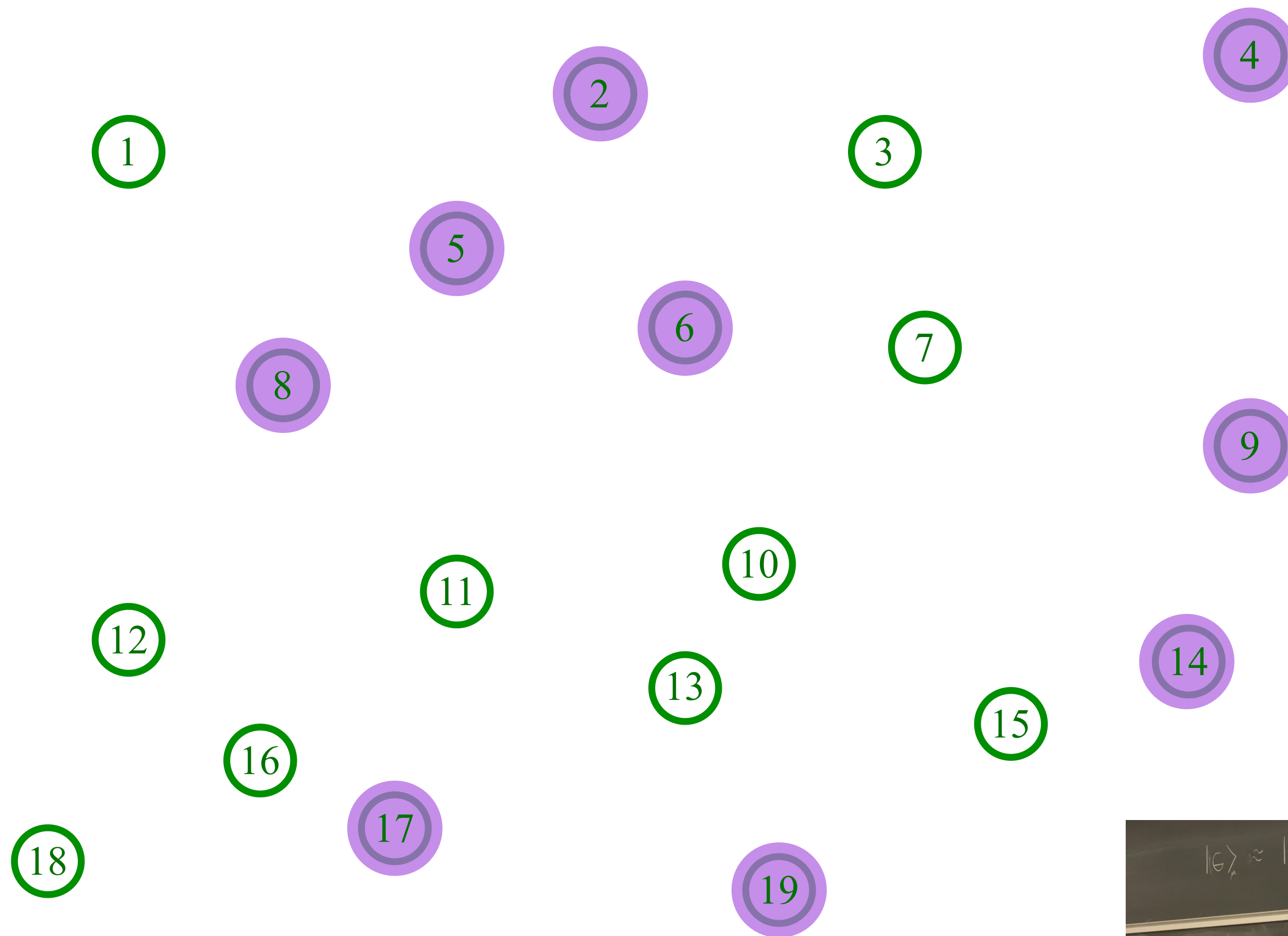
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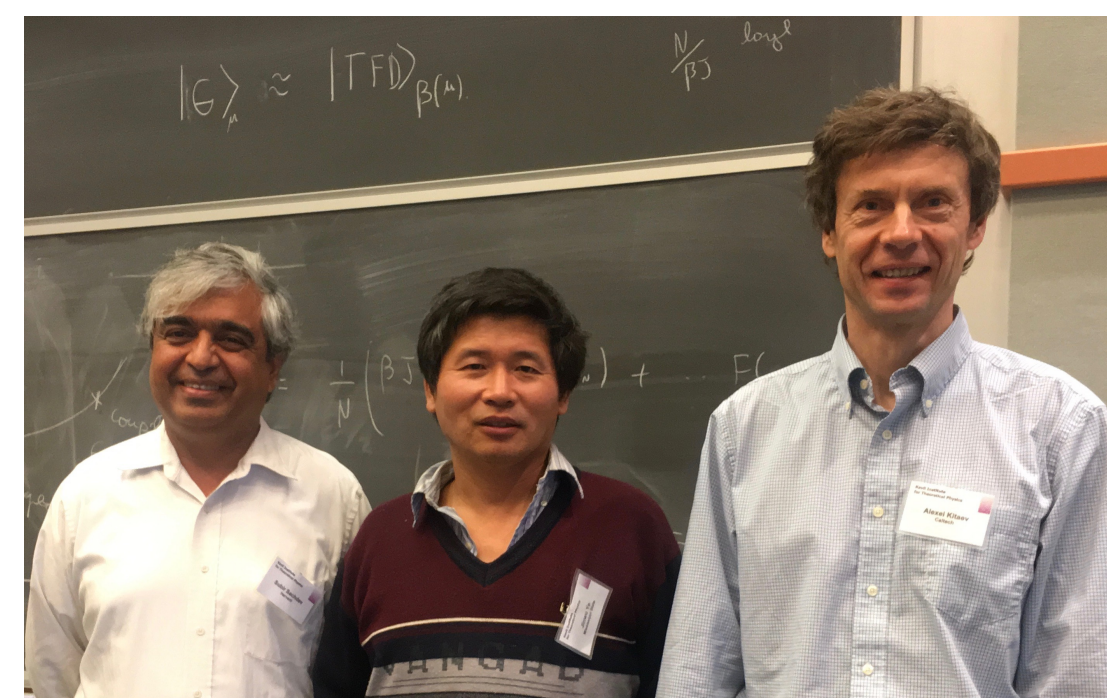
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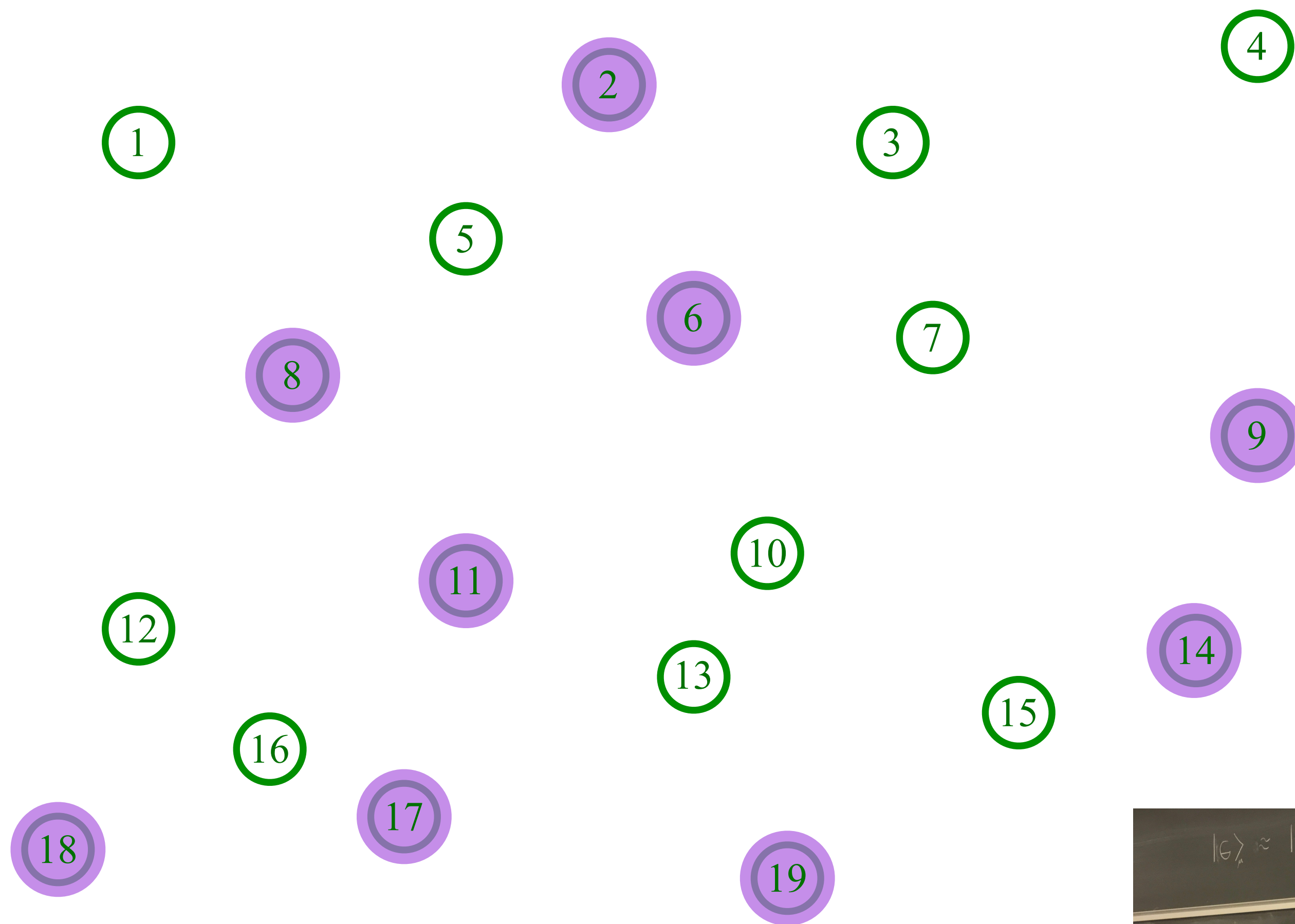




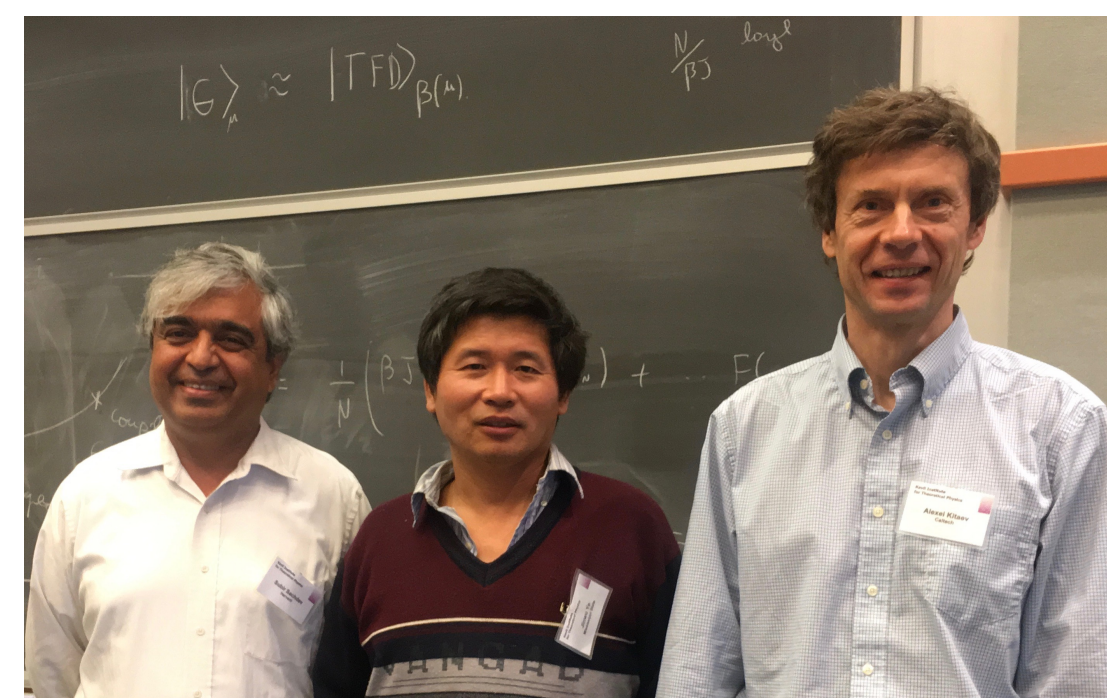
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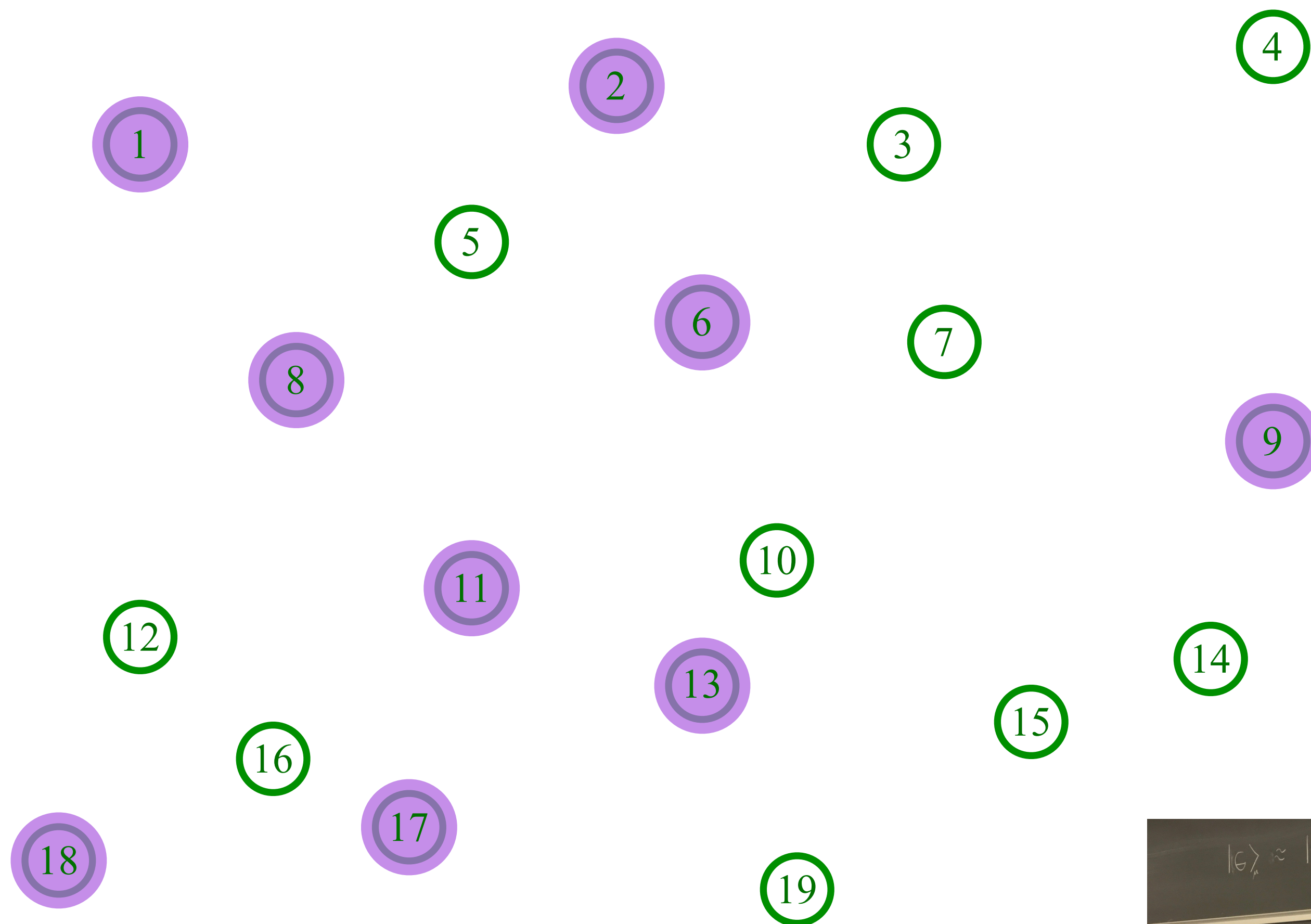




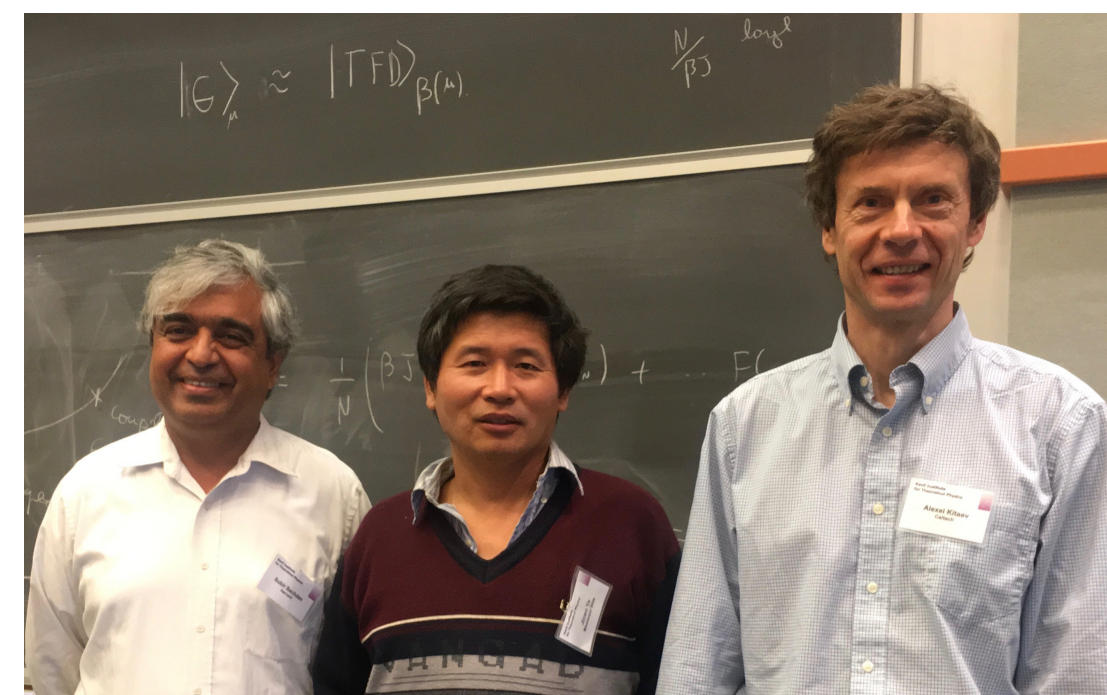
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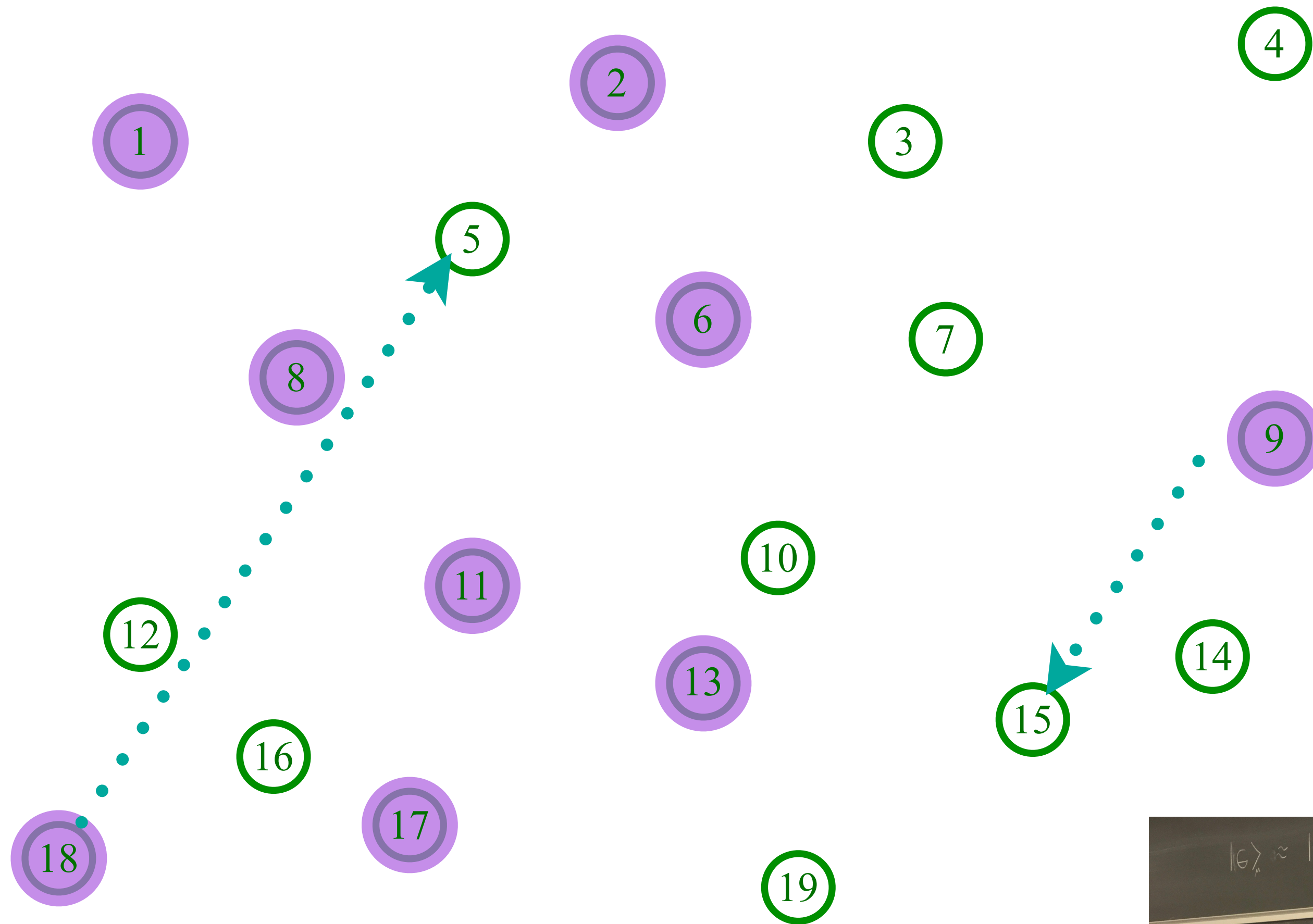
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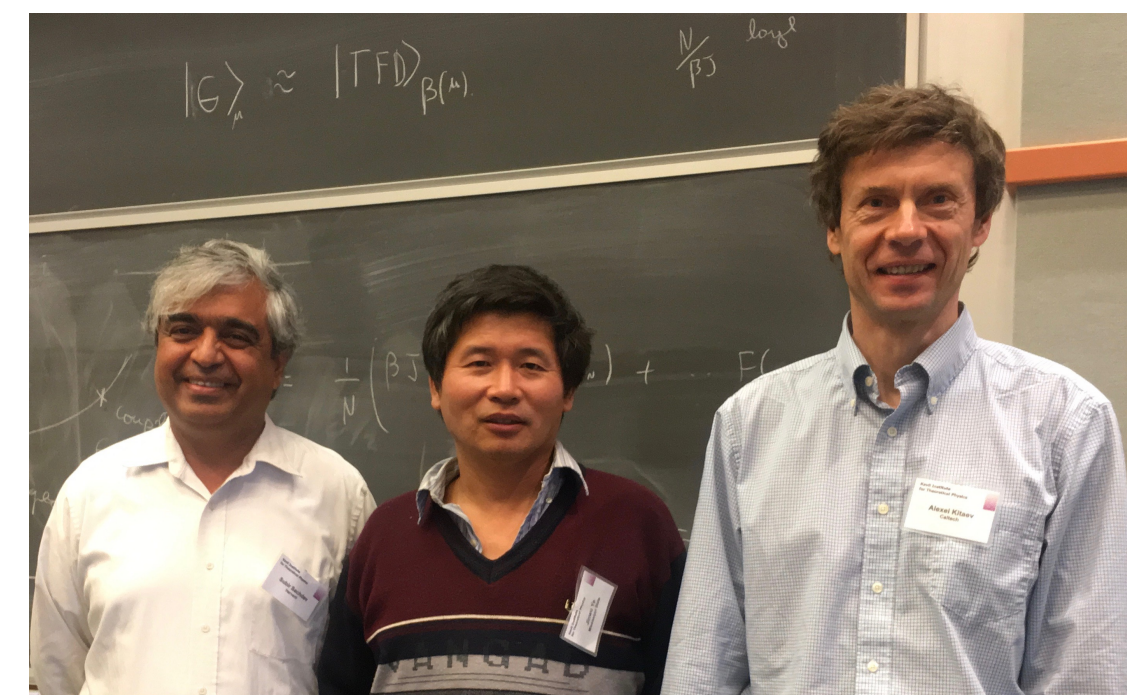
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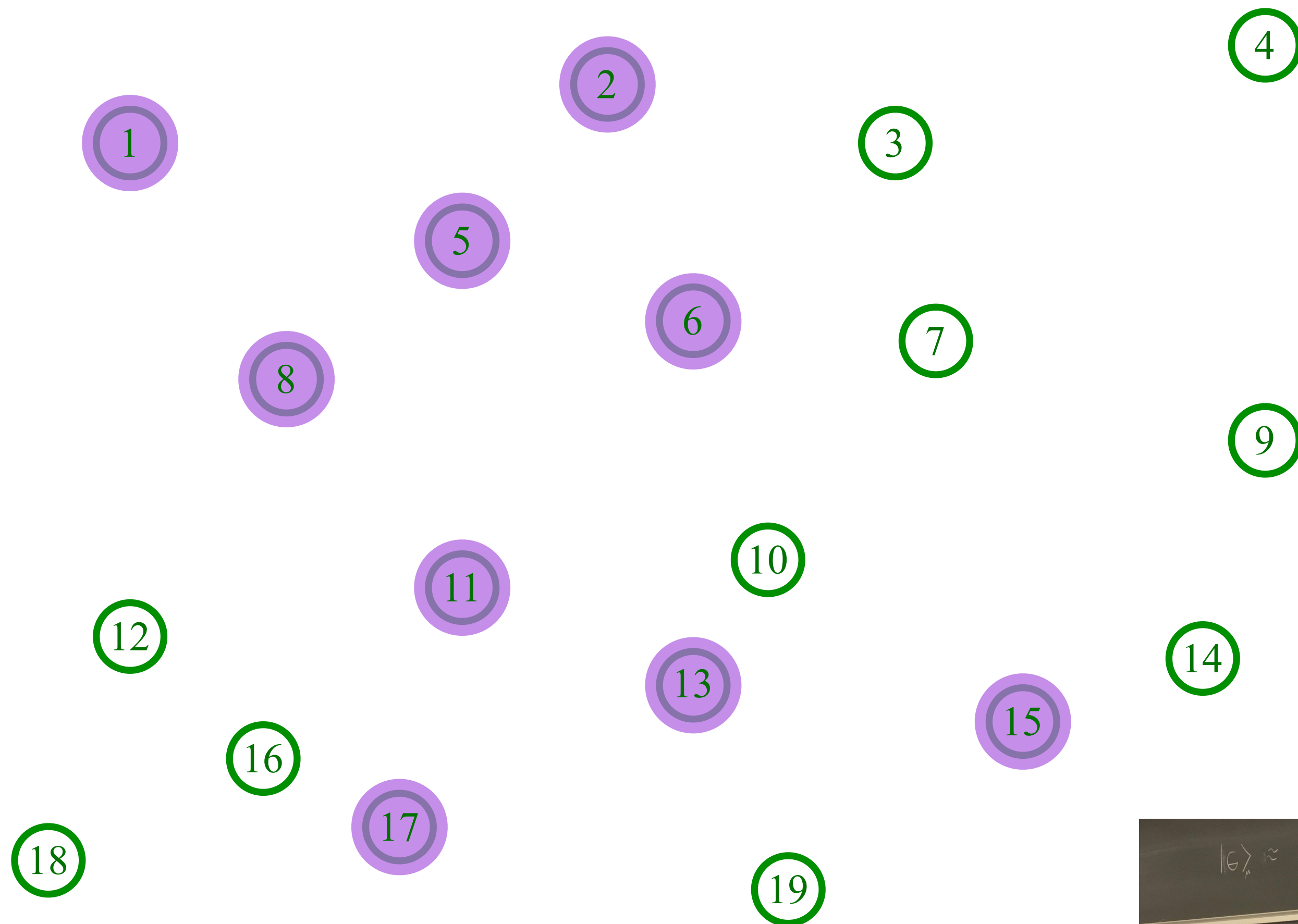
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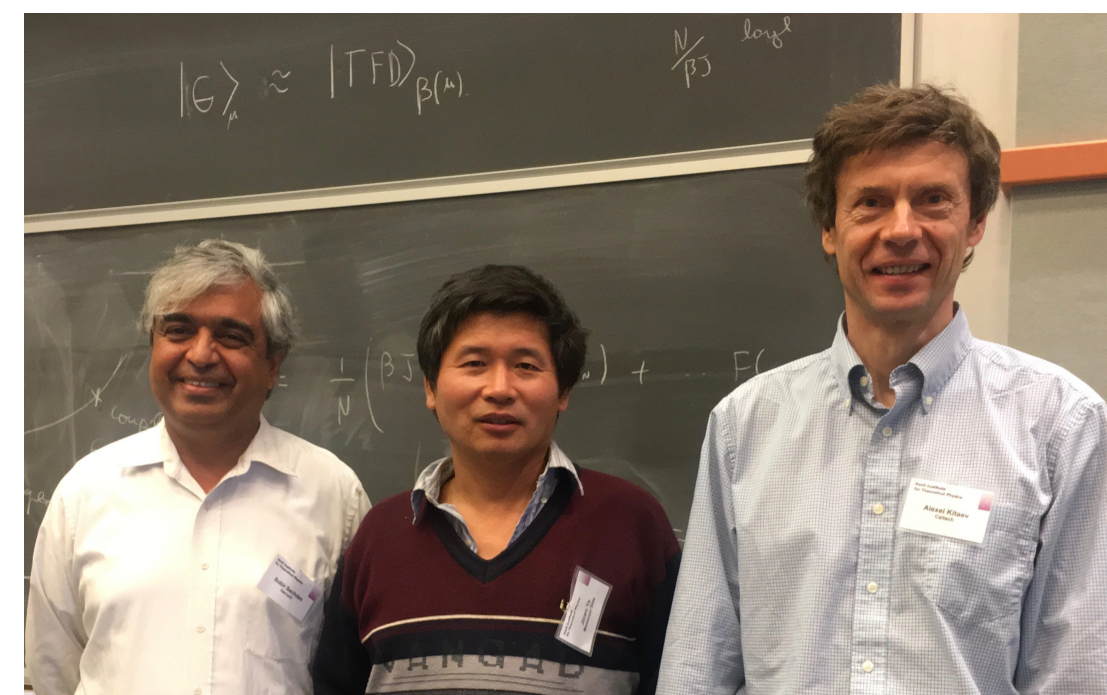
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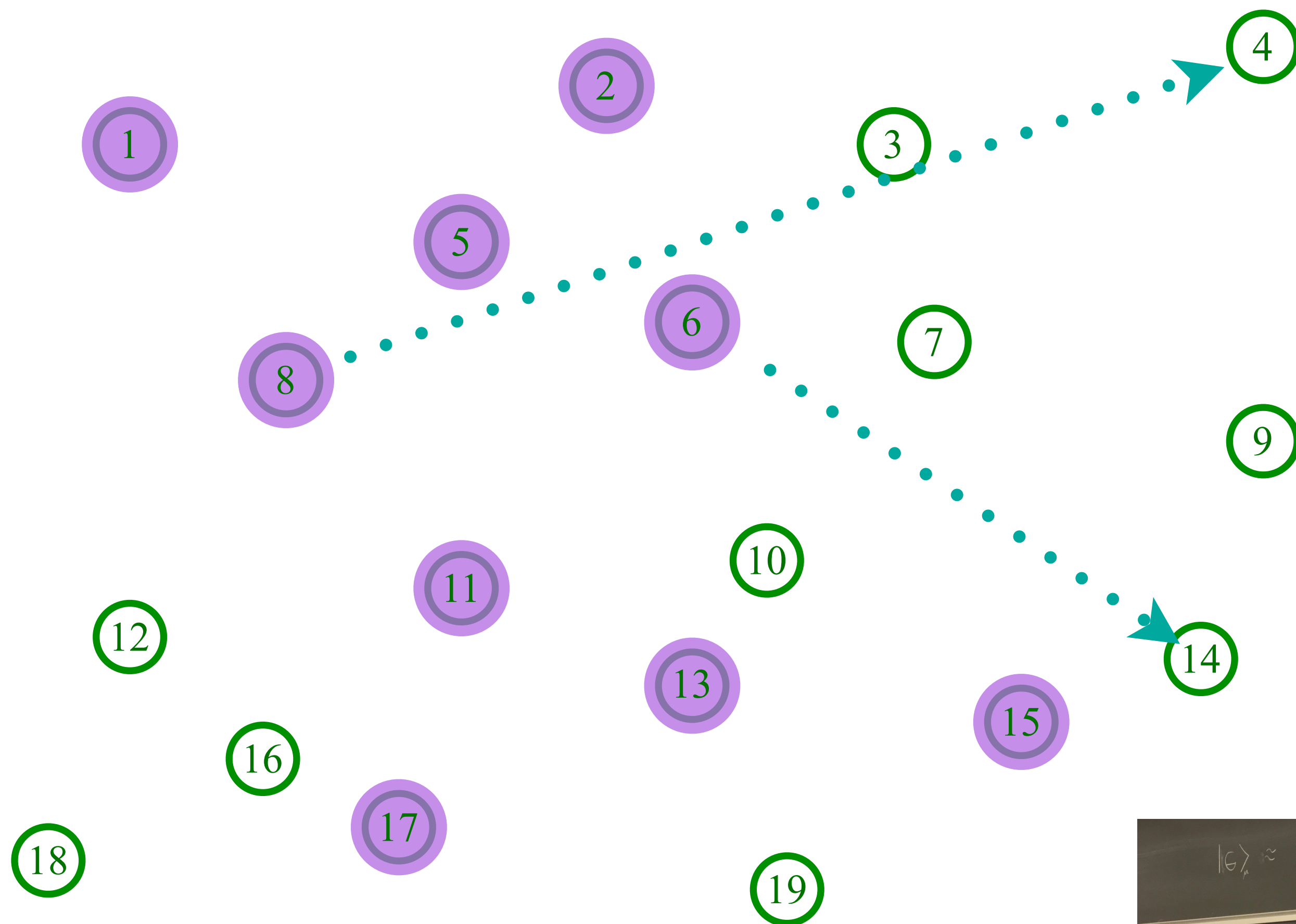
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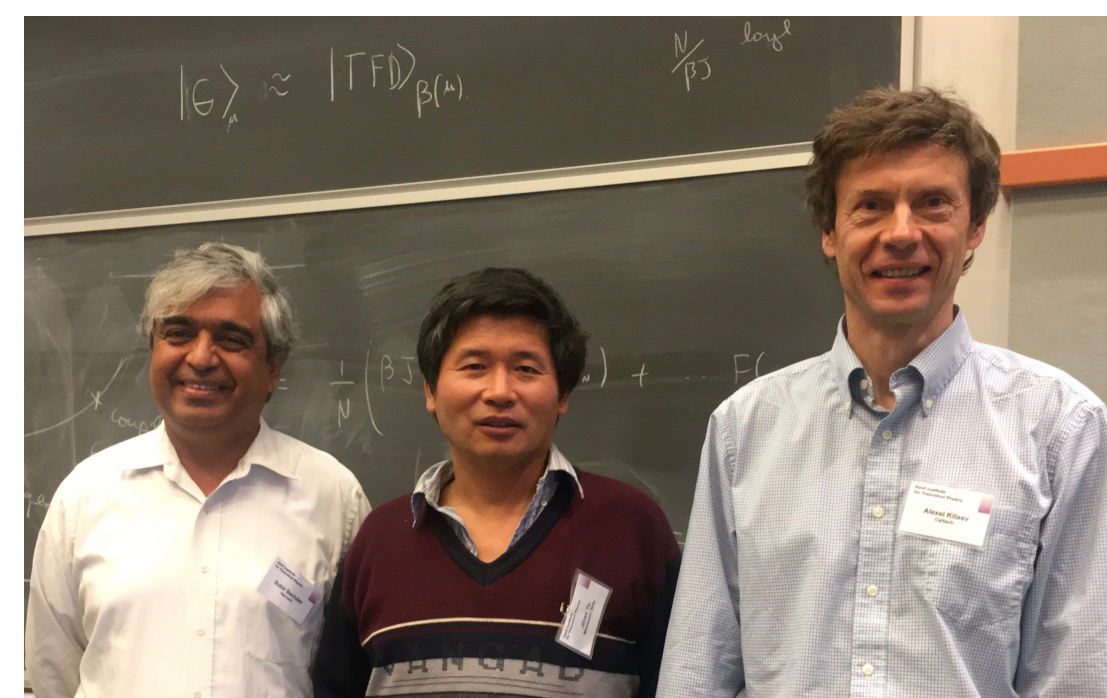
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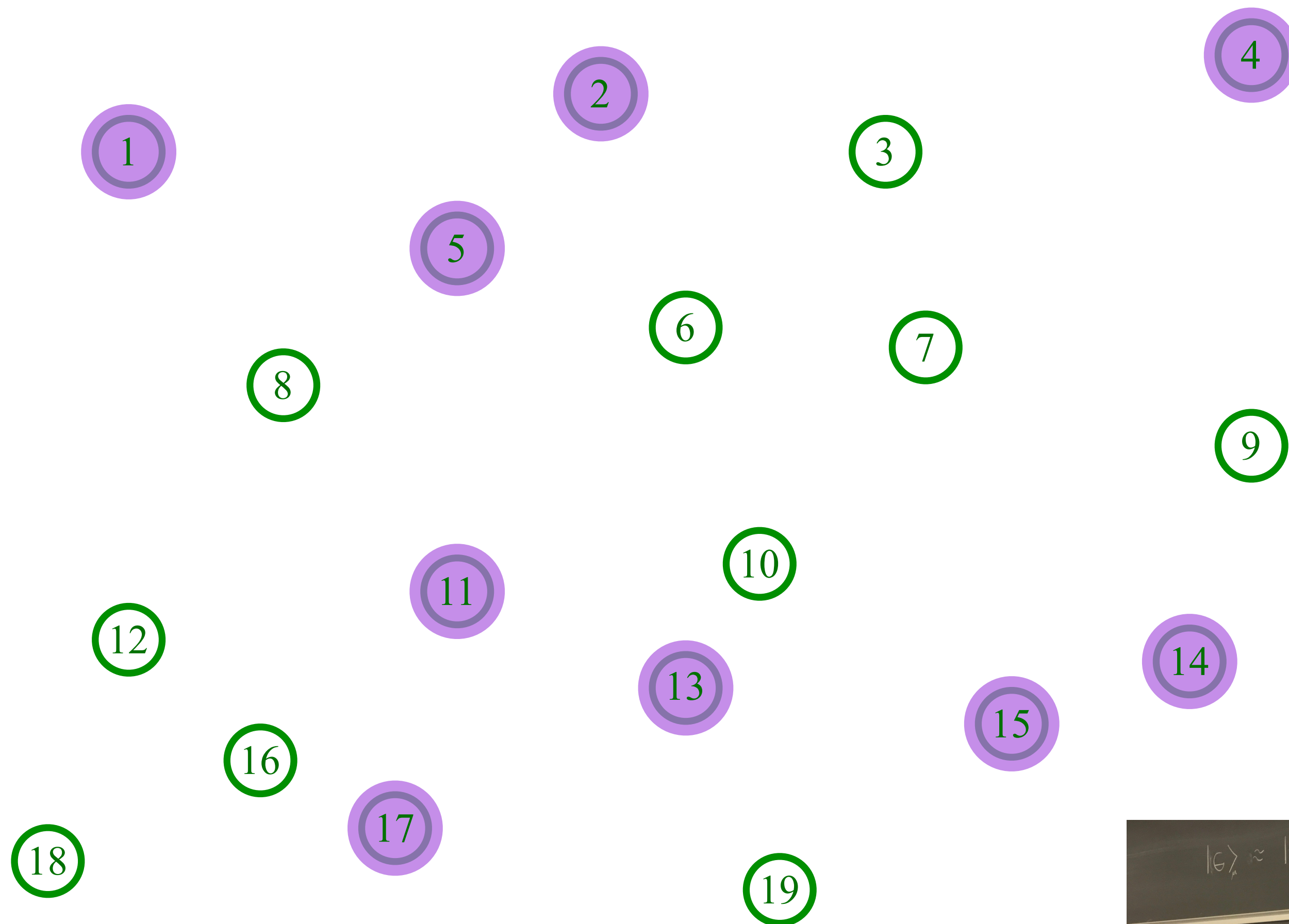
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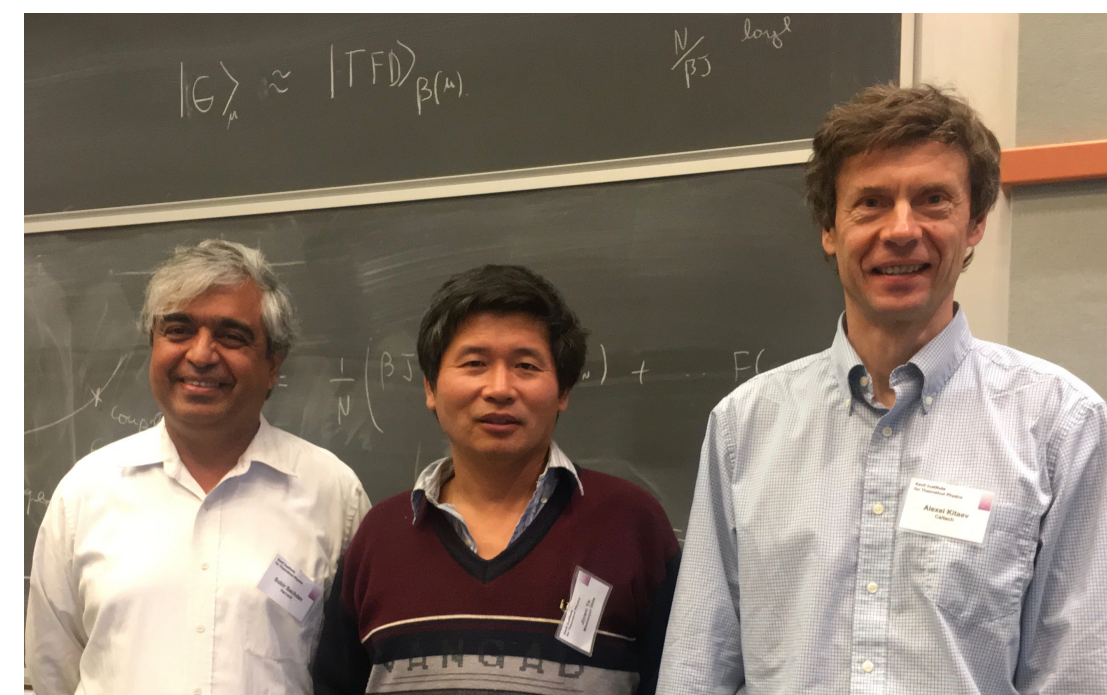
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# The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

(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))

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

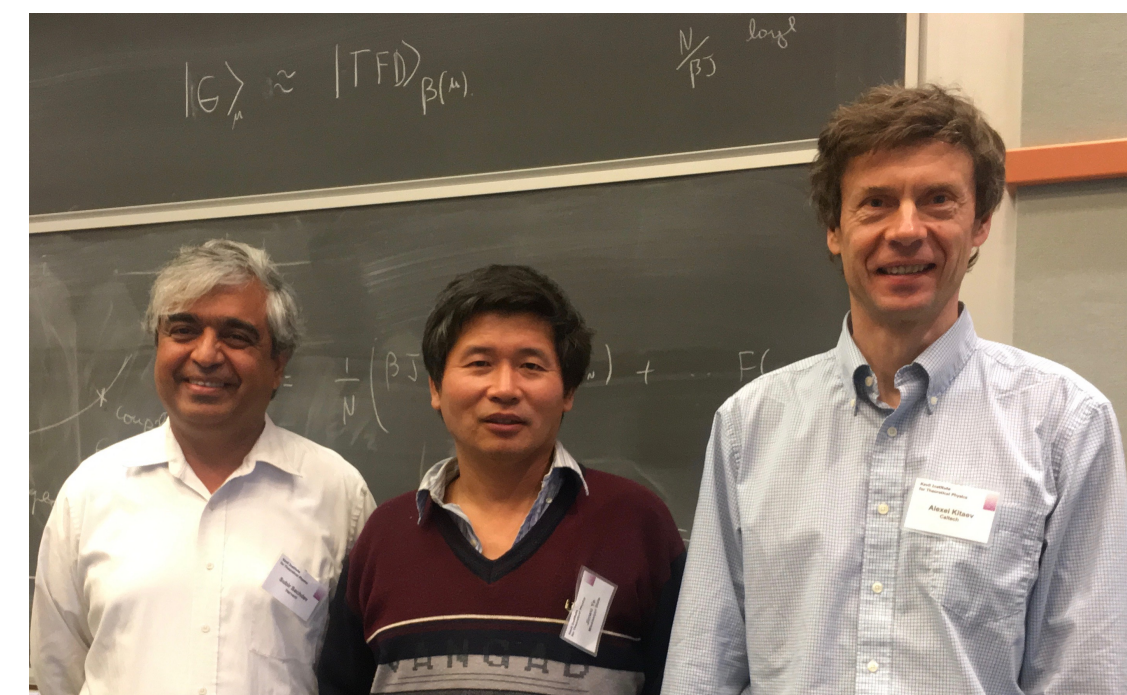
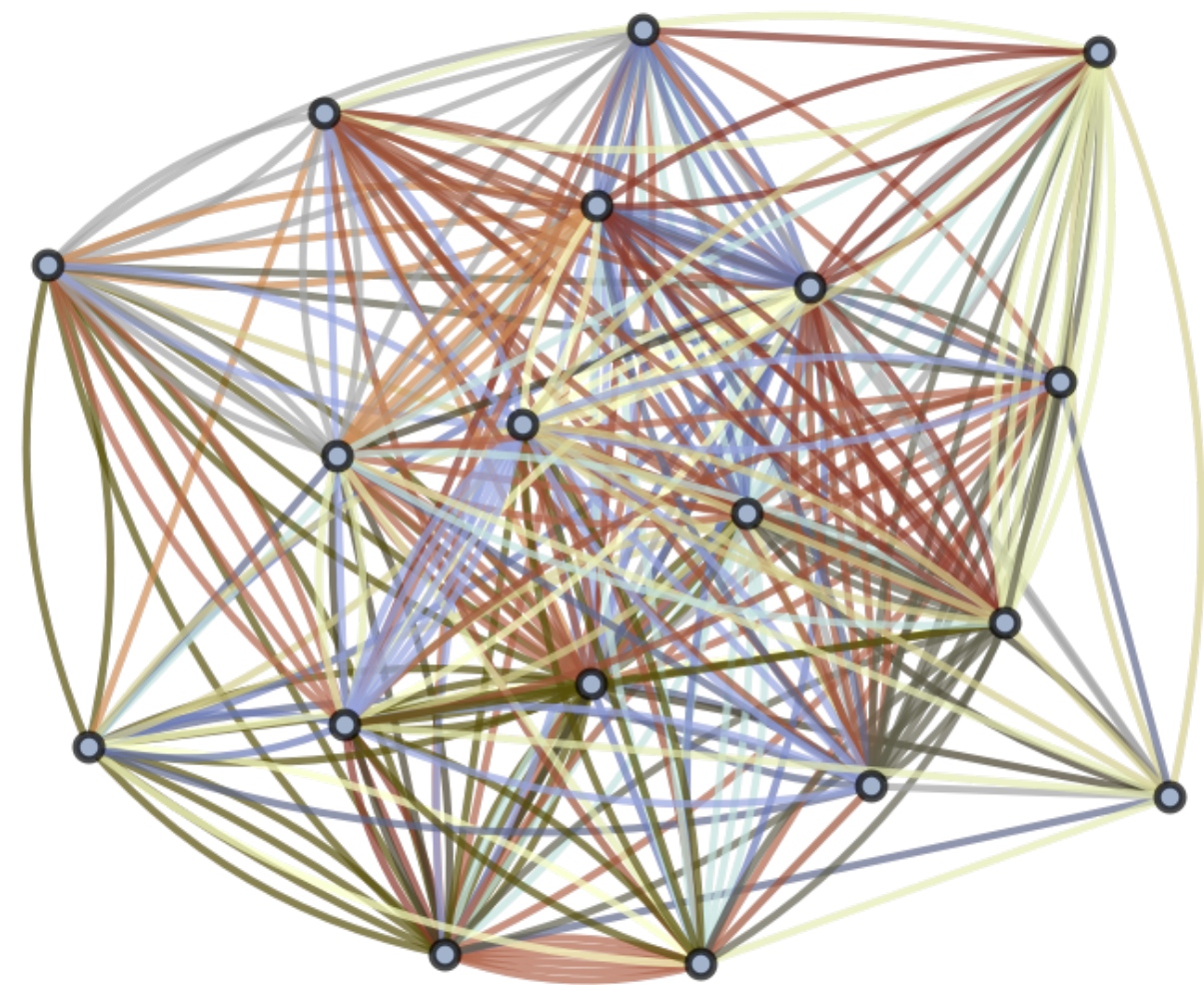
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}$$

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}} = 0$  and  $\overline{|U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}|^2} = U^2$   
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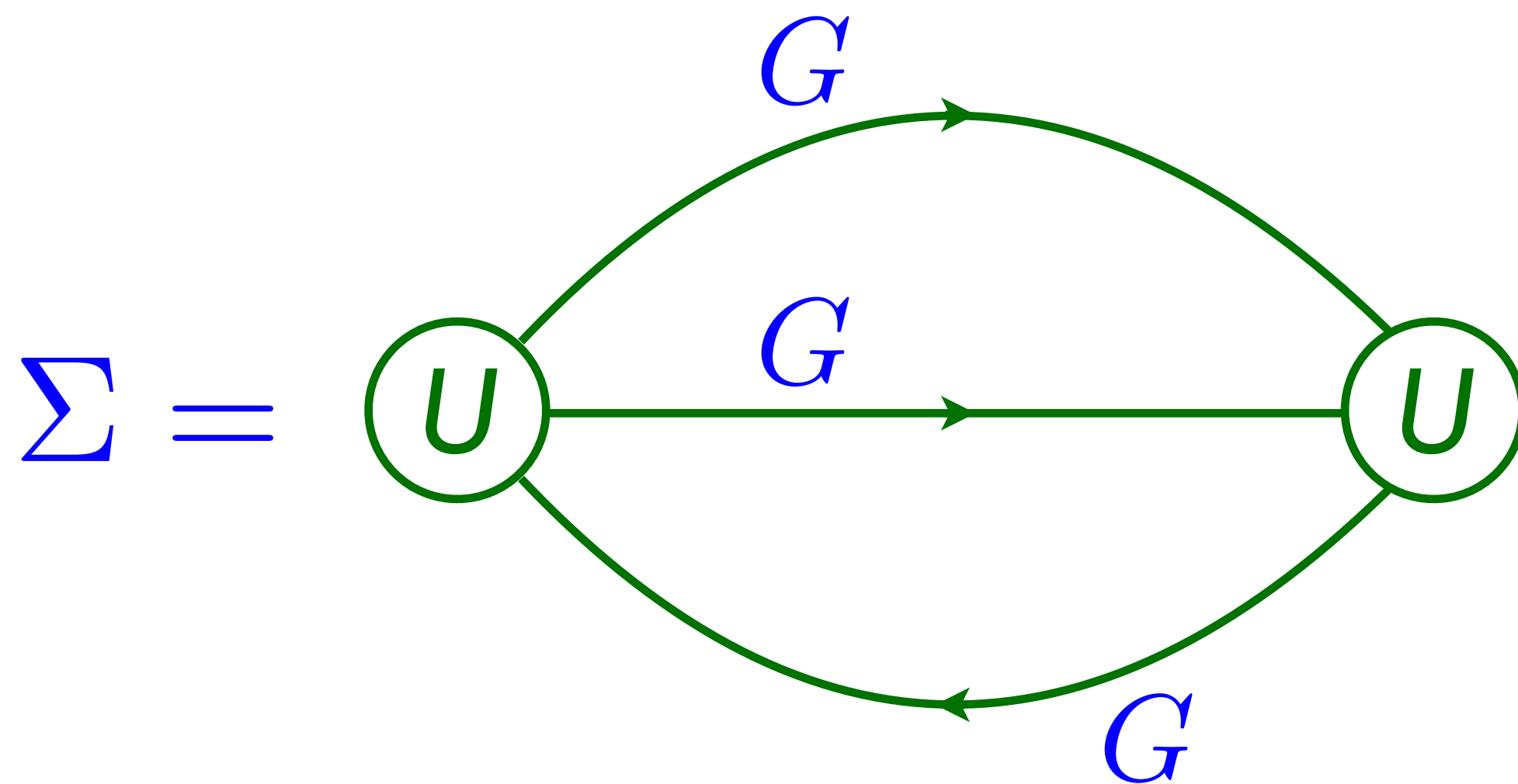
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# Complex SYK model

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

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



Conformal solution at  $\mu = 0$ ,  $G(\tau) \sim \frac{\text{sgn}(\tau)}{\sqrt{|\tau|}}$ .

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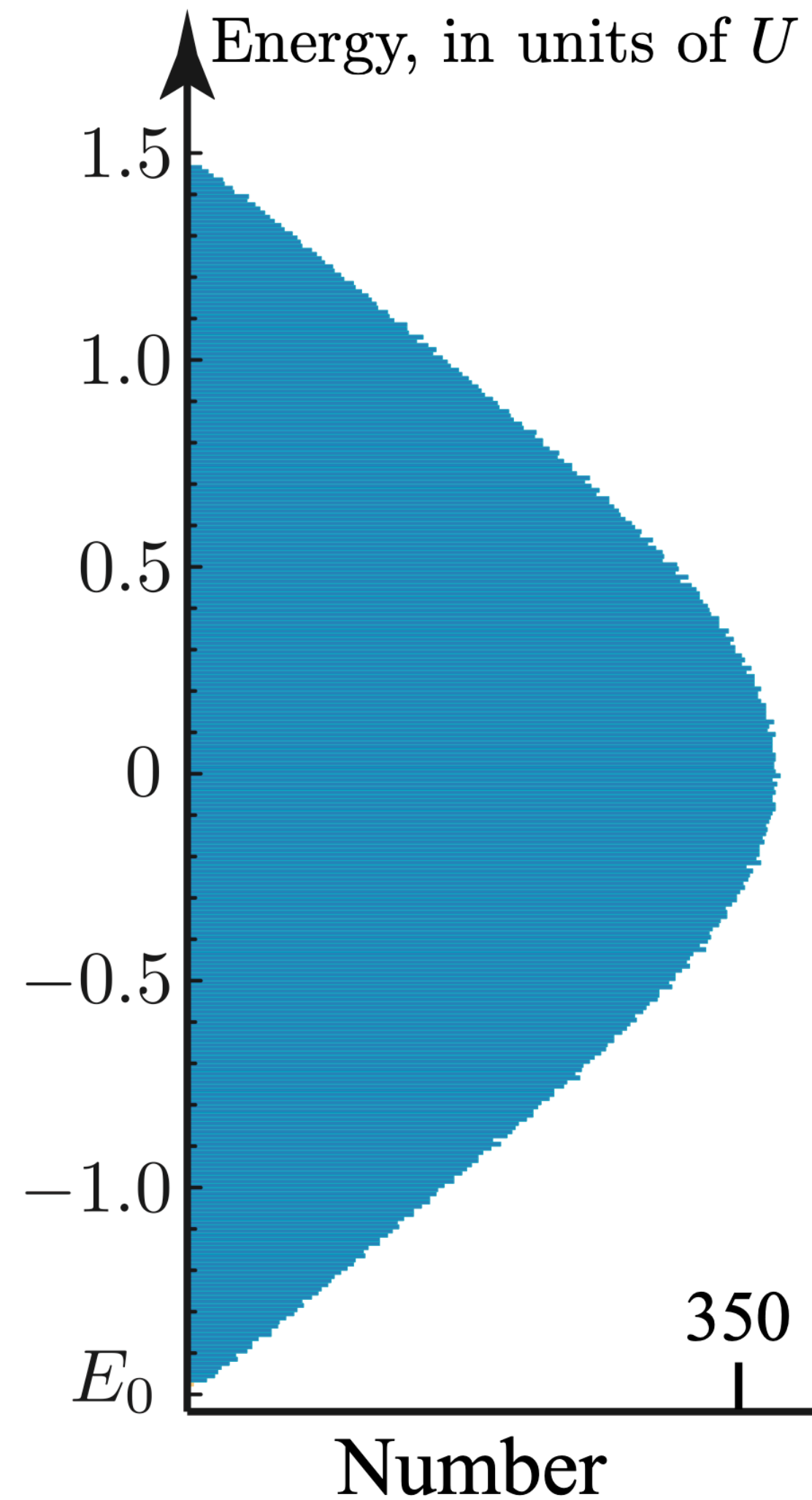
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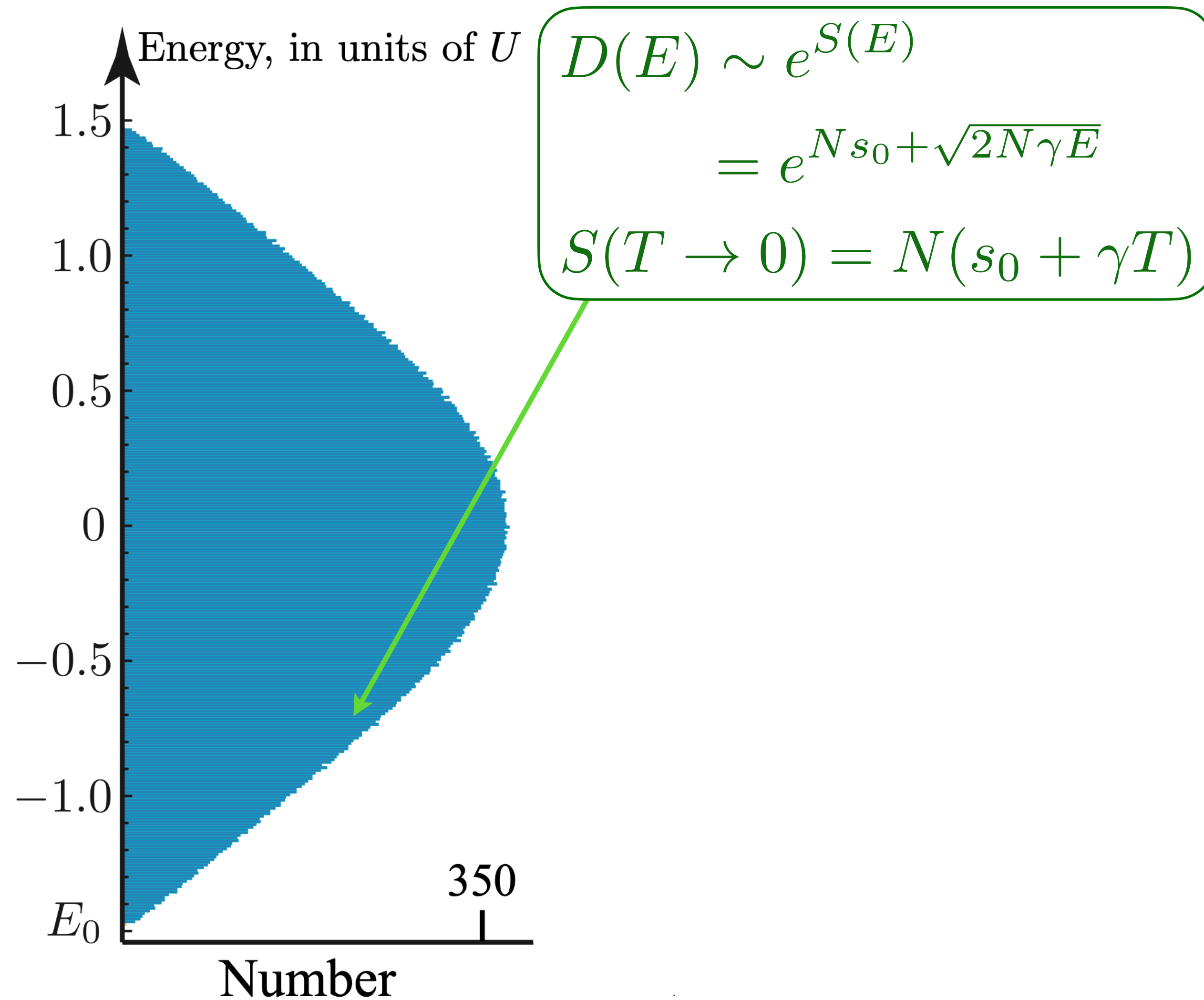
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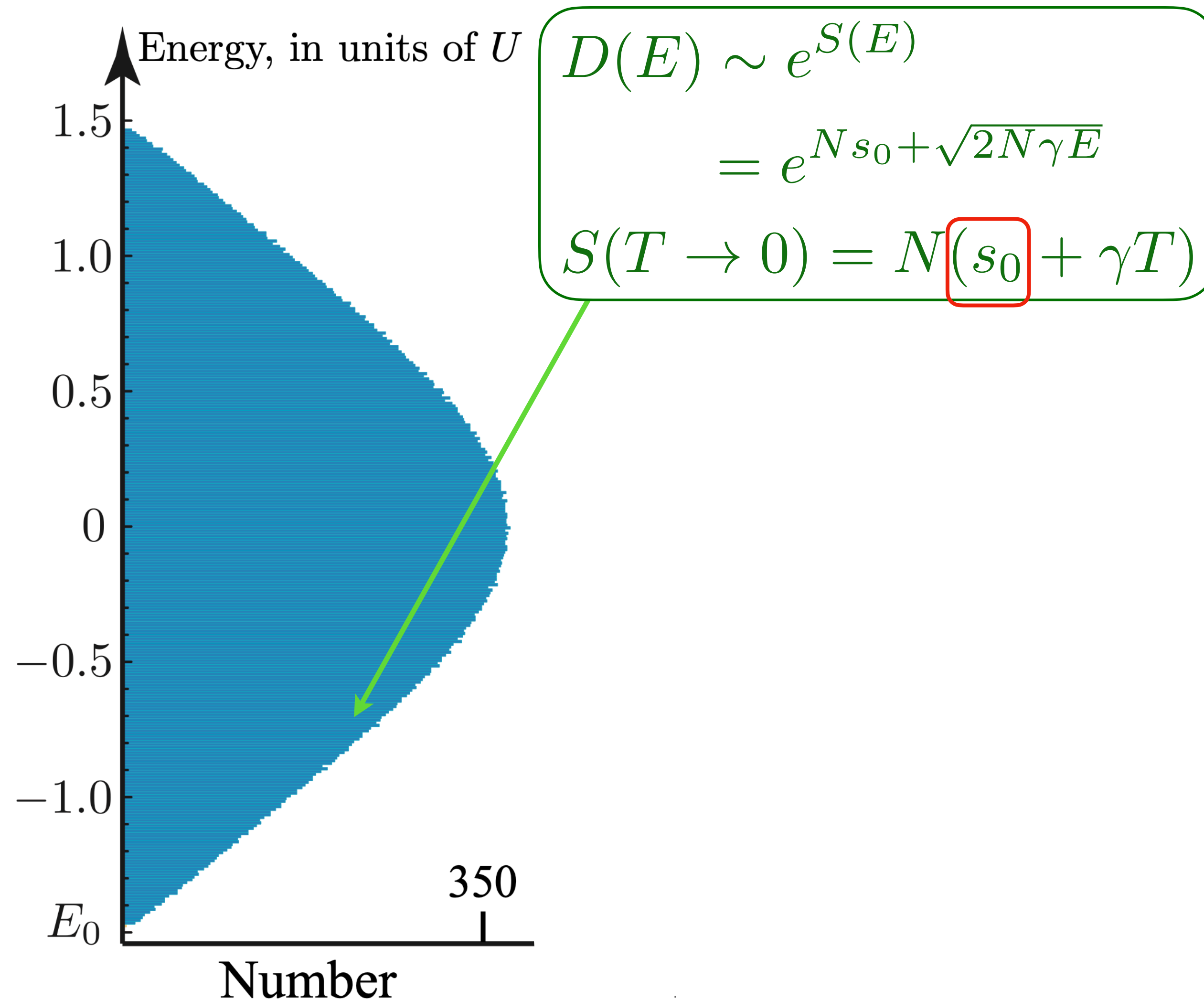
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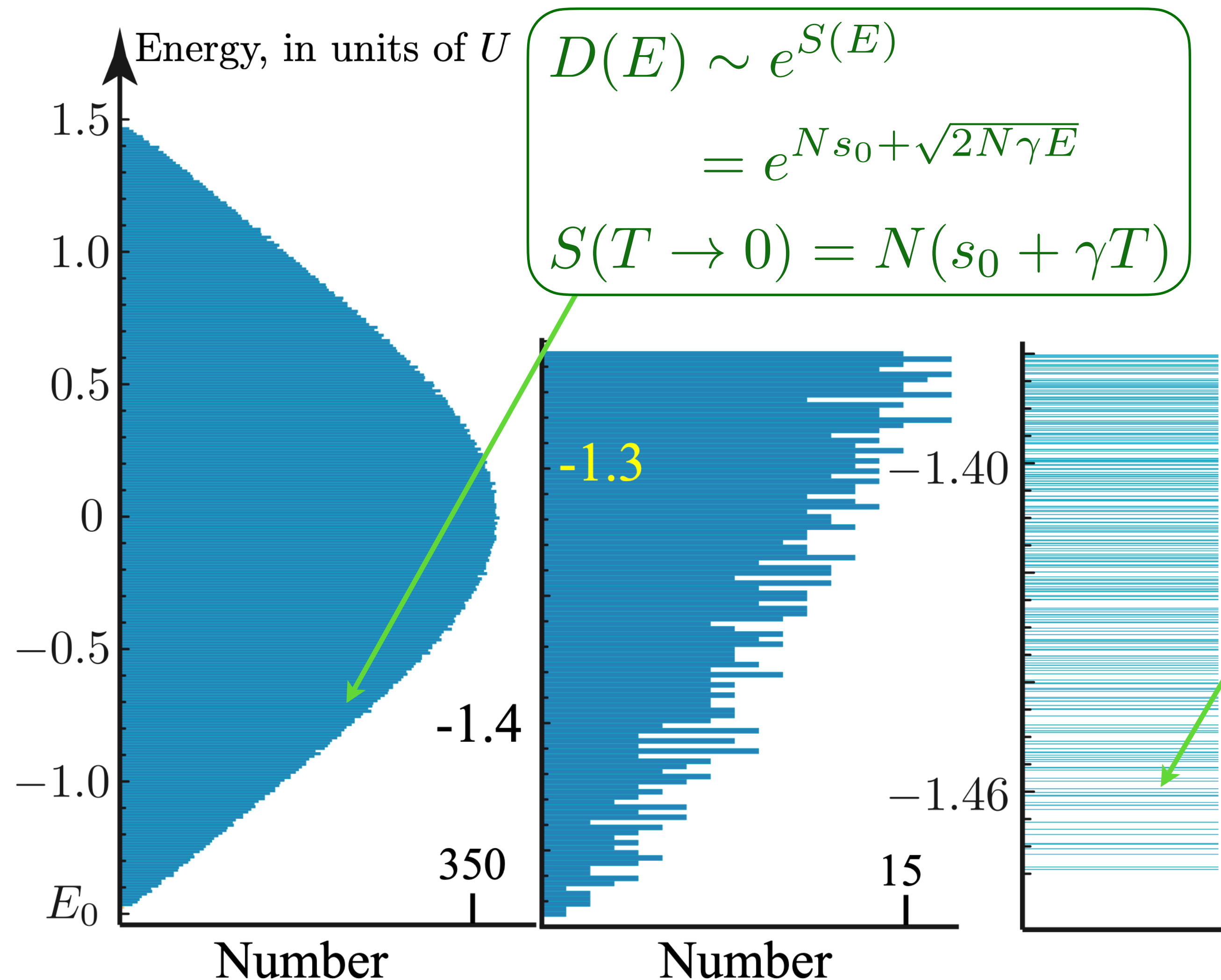
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$$S(T \rightarrow 0) = N(s_0 + \gamma T)$$

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From the  
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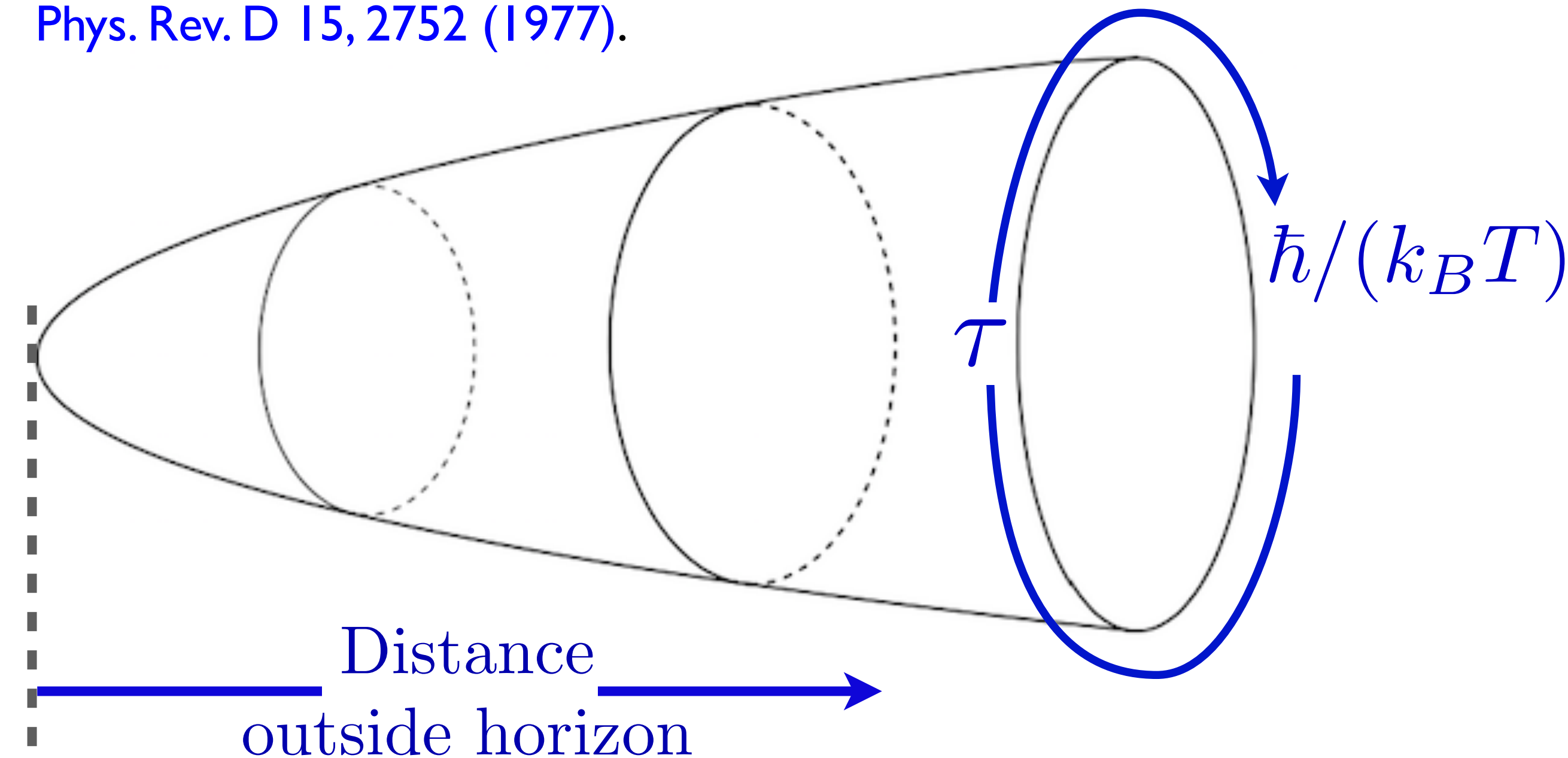
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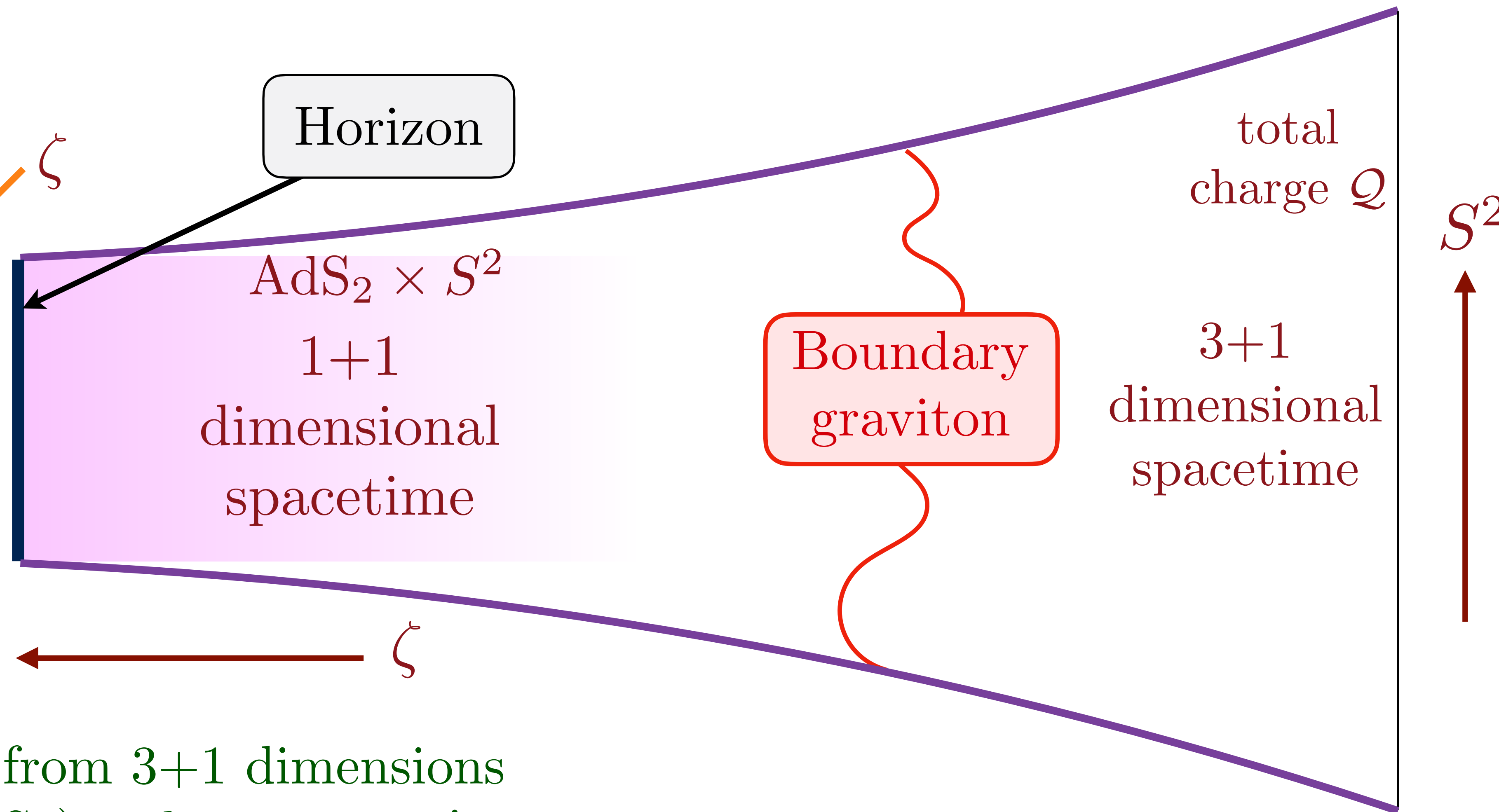
Spacetime geometry of a black hole  
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Evaluate path integral  
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G.W. Gibbons and S.W. Hawking,  
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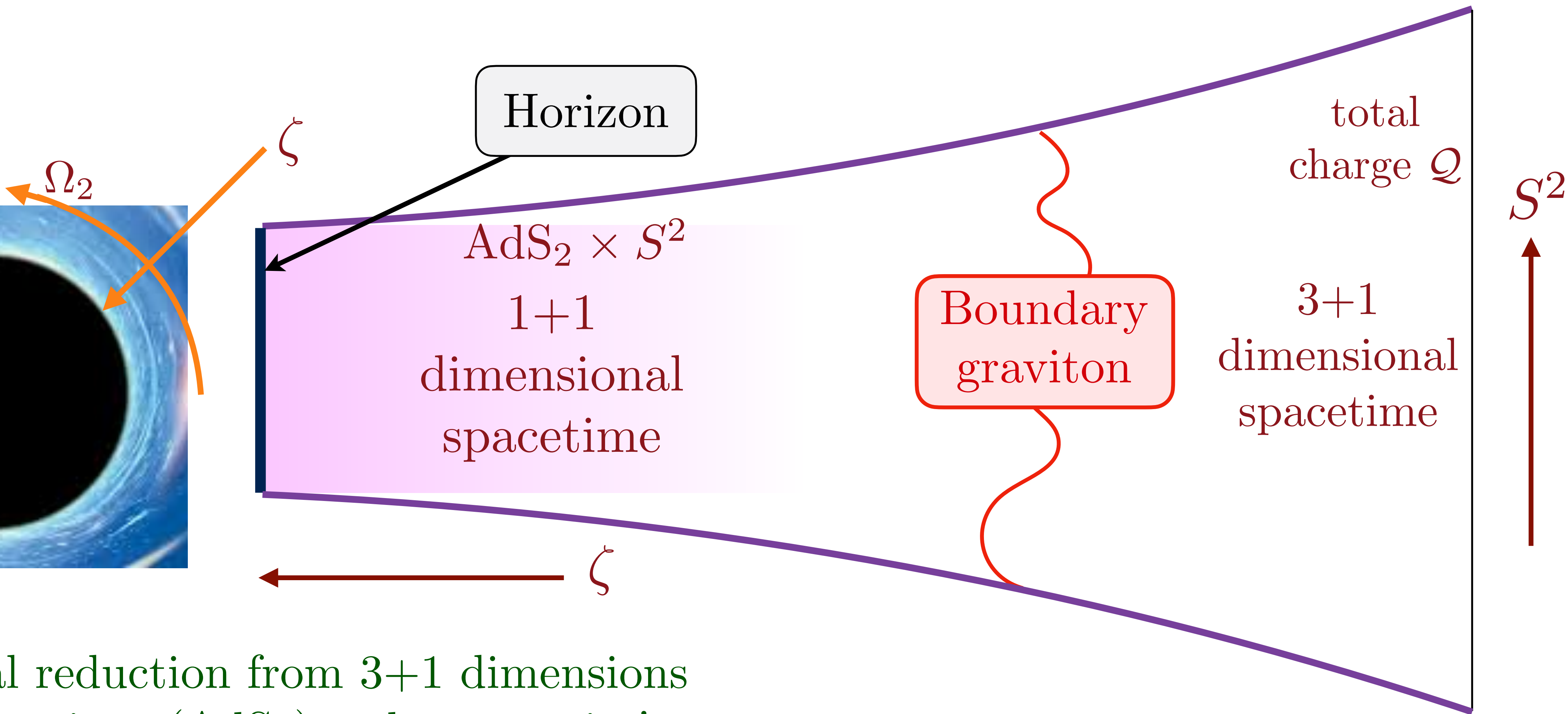


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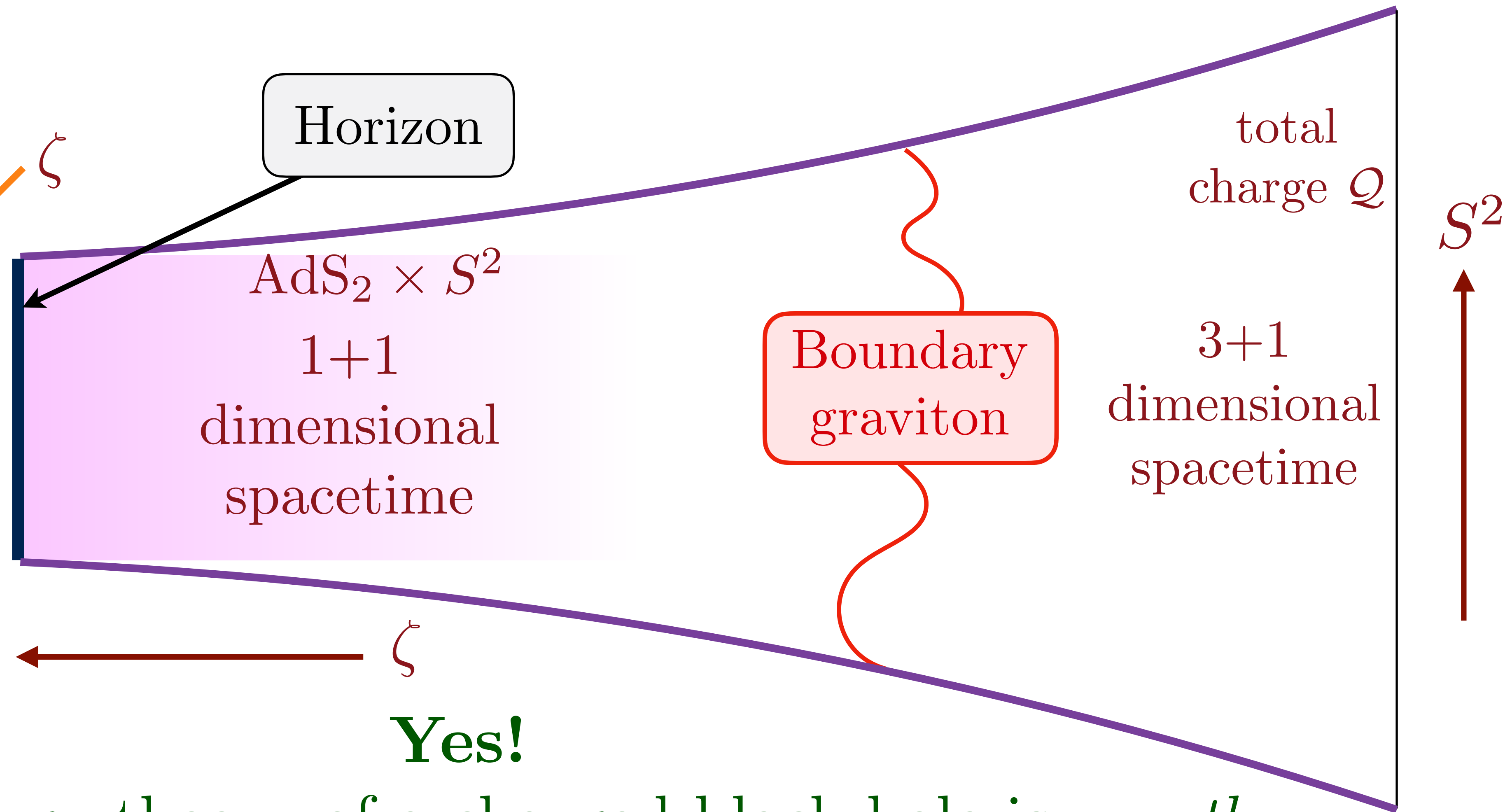
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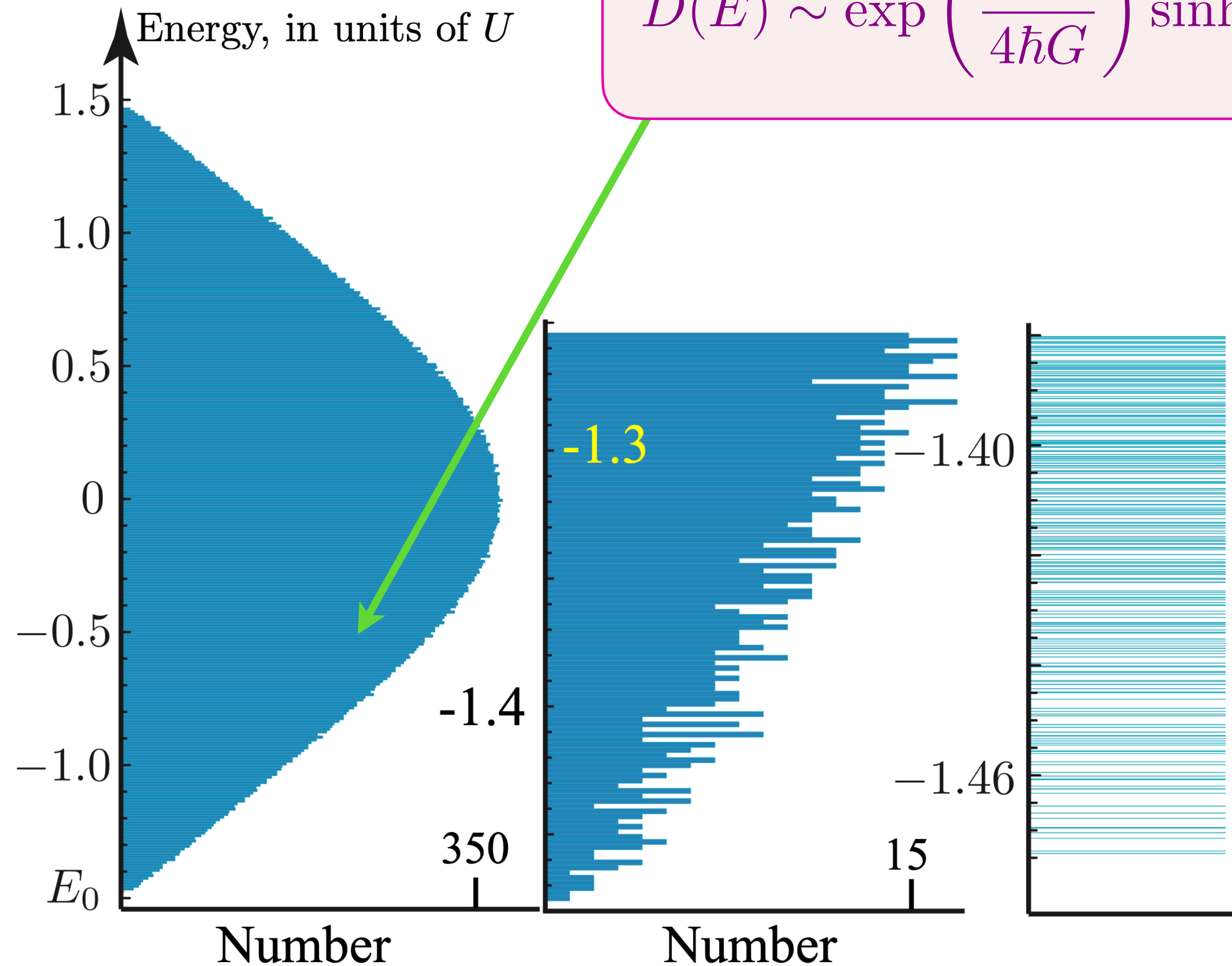
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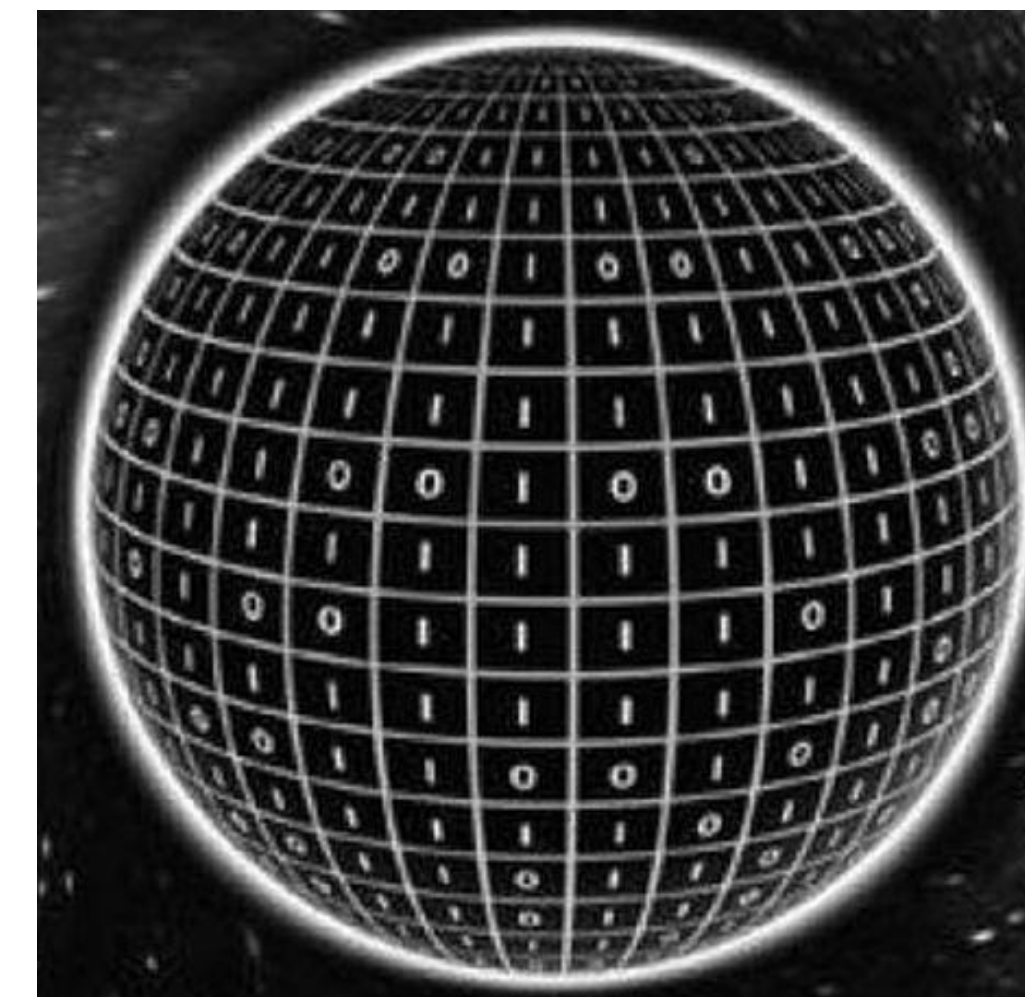
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Same lower energy coarse-grained density of states in a model of interacting (fermionic) qubits with a discrete spectrum!



Yukawa-SYK models  
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# Yukawa-SYK models

$$H = \sum_{ij} t_{ij} \psi_i^\dagger \psi_j + \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{2} (\pi_{\ell}^2 + \omega_{\ell}^2 \phi_{\ell}^2) + \sum_{ij\ell} g_{ij\ell} \psi_i^\dagger \psi_j \phi_{\ell}$$

Leads to fully self-consistent Migdal-Eliashberg equations

$\Sigma_{\psi} \sim g^2 G_{\psi} G_{\phi}$ ,  $\Sigma_{\phi} \sim g^2 G_{\psi} G_{\psi}$  in a SYK-like large  $N$  limit.

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# Yukawa-SYK models

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with  $g_{ij\ell}$  independent random numbers with zero mean. The large  $N$  saddle point equations are

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Make the low frequency ansatz

$$G(i\omega) \sim -i \operatorname{sgn}(\omega) |\omega|^{-(1-2\Delta)} \quad , \quad D(i\omega) \sim |\omega|^{1-4\Delta} \quad , \quad \frac{1}{4} < \Delta < \frac{1}{2}$$

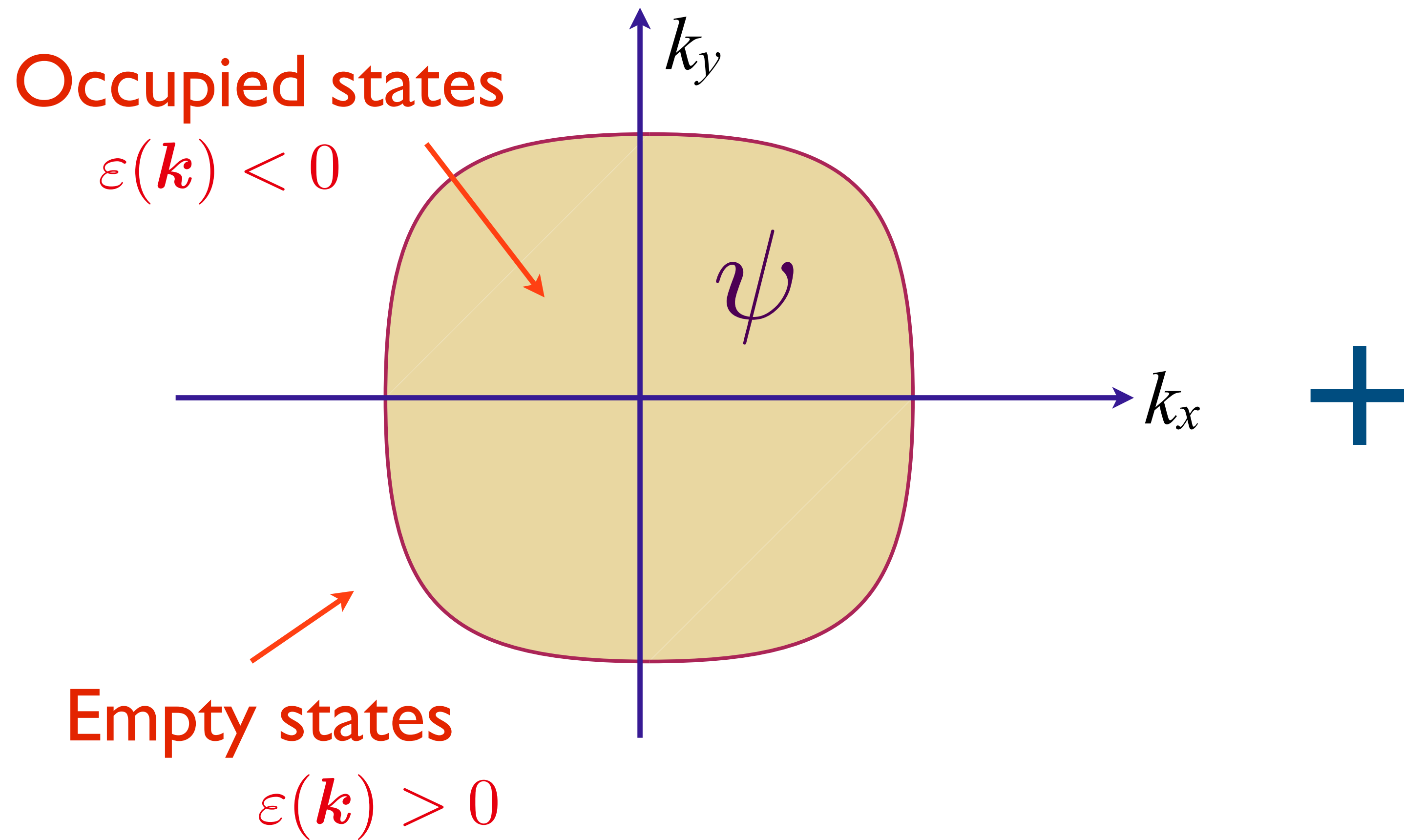
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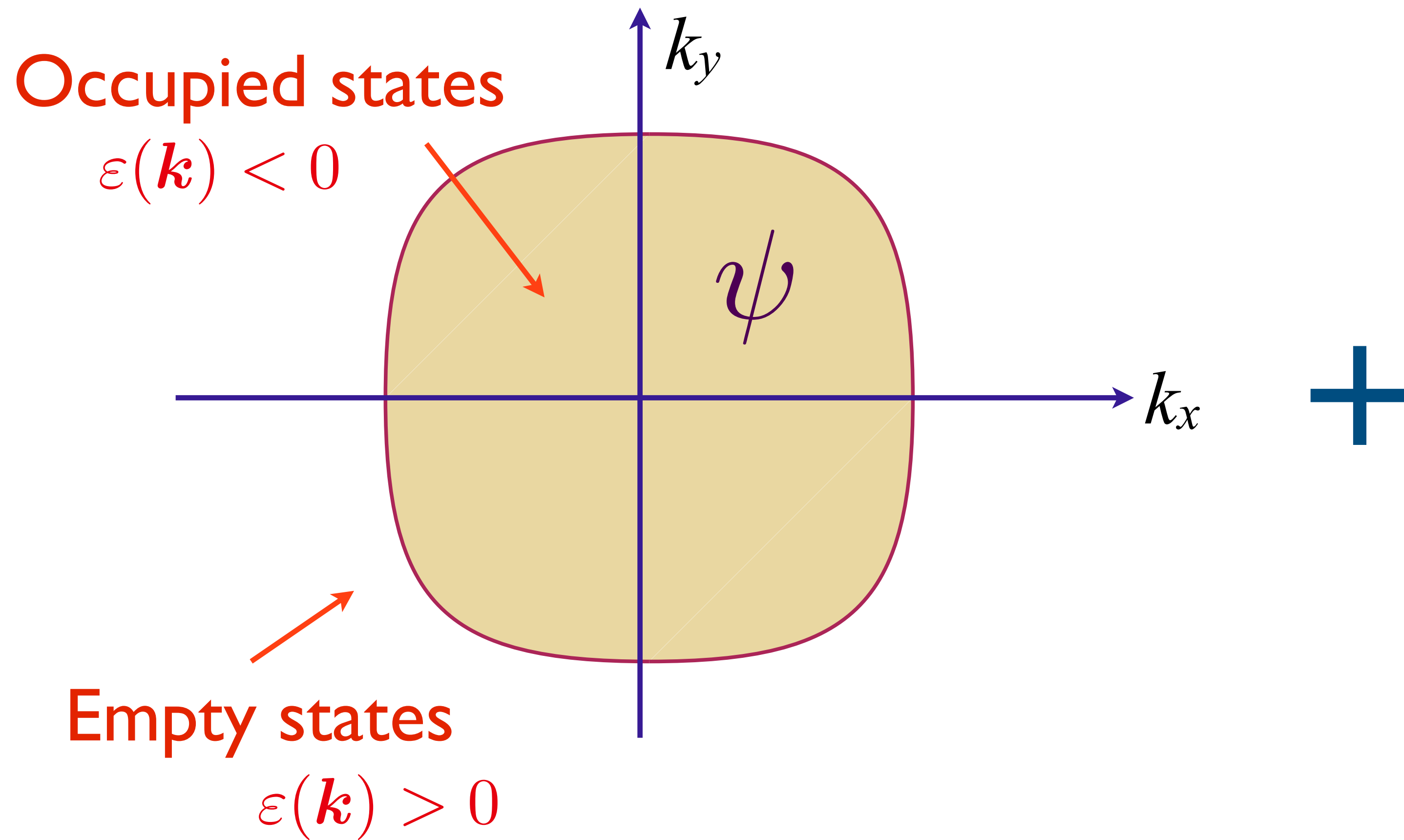


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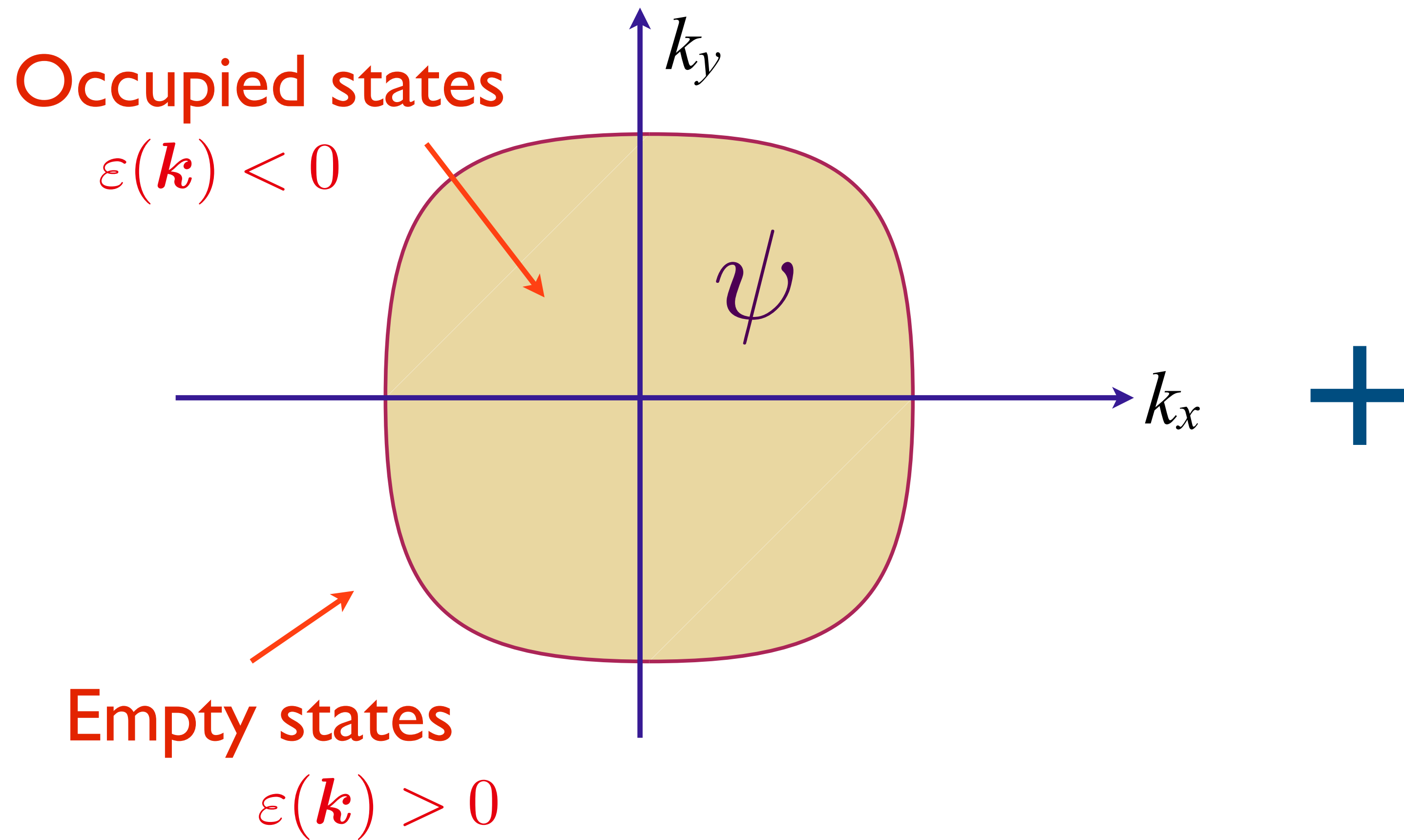
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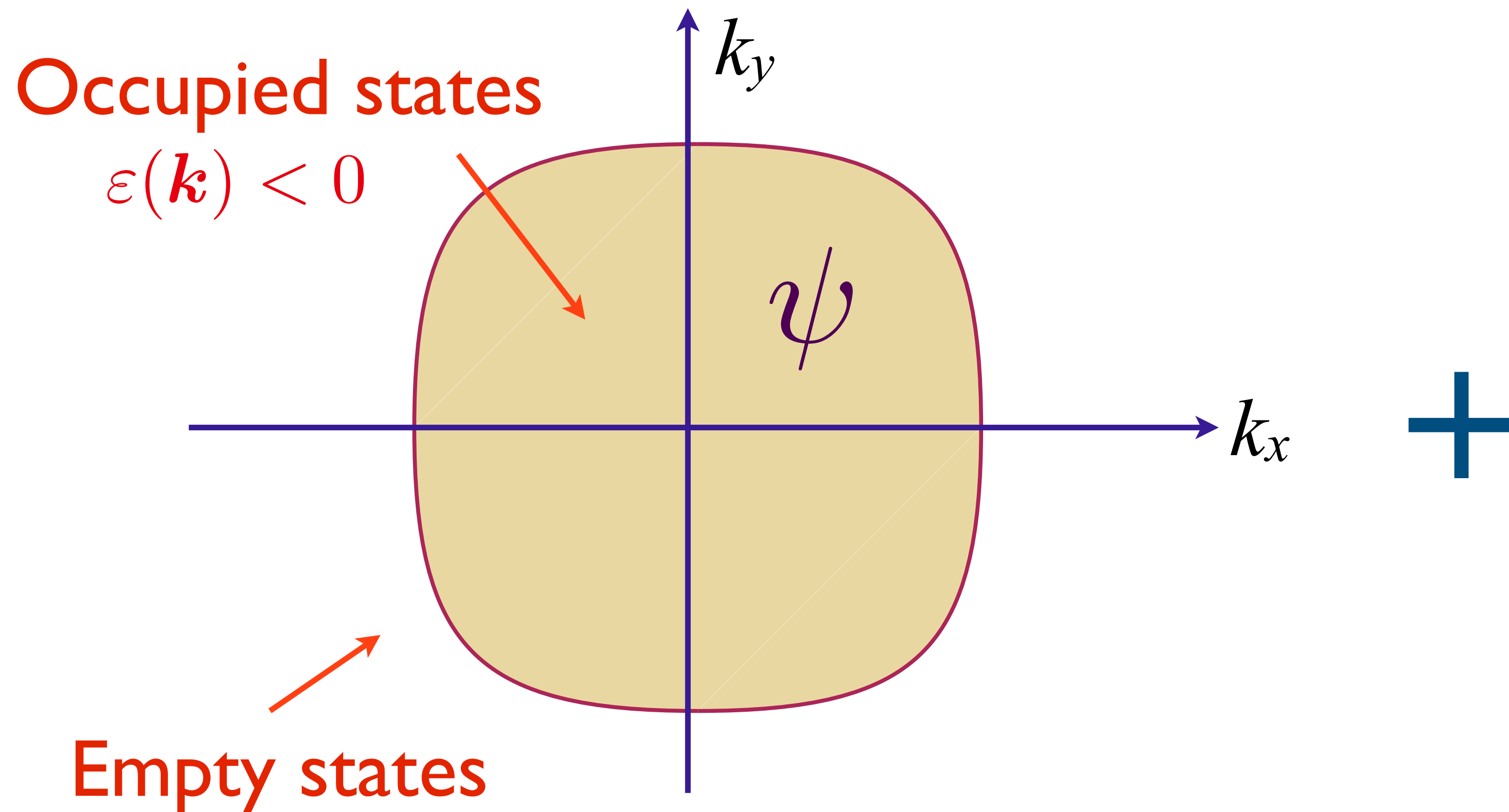
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