

# From the SYK model to a theory of the strange metal

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# Magnetotransport in a model of a disordered strange metal

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## Quantum matter with quasiparticles:

The quasiparticle idea is the key reason for the many successes of quantum condensed matter physics:

- Fermi liquid theory of metals, insulators, semiconductors
- Theory of superconductivity (pairing of quasiparticles)
- Theory of disordered metals and insulators (diffusion and localization of quasiparticles)
- Theory of metals in one dimension (collective modes as quasiparticles)
- Theory of the fractional quantum Hall effect (quasiparticles which are 'fractions' of an electron)

Quantum matter without quasiparticles

**Strange metal**

Entangled electrons lead to “strange” temperature dependence of resistivity and other properties

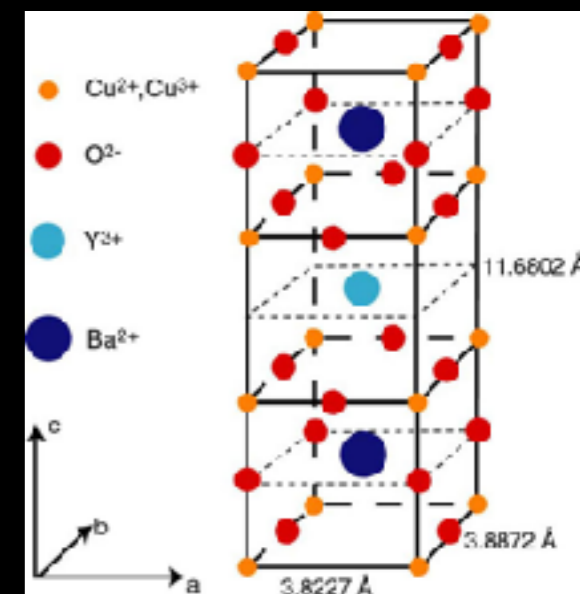
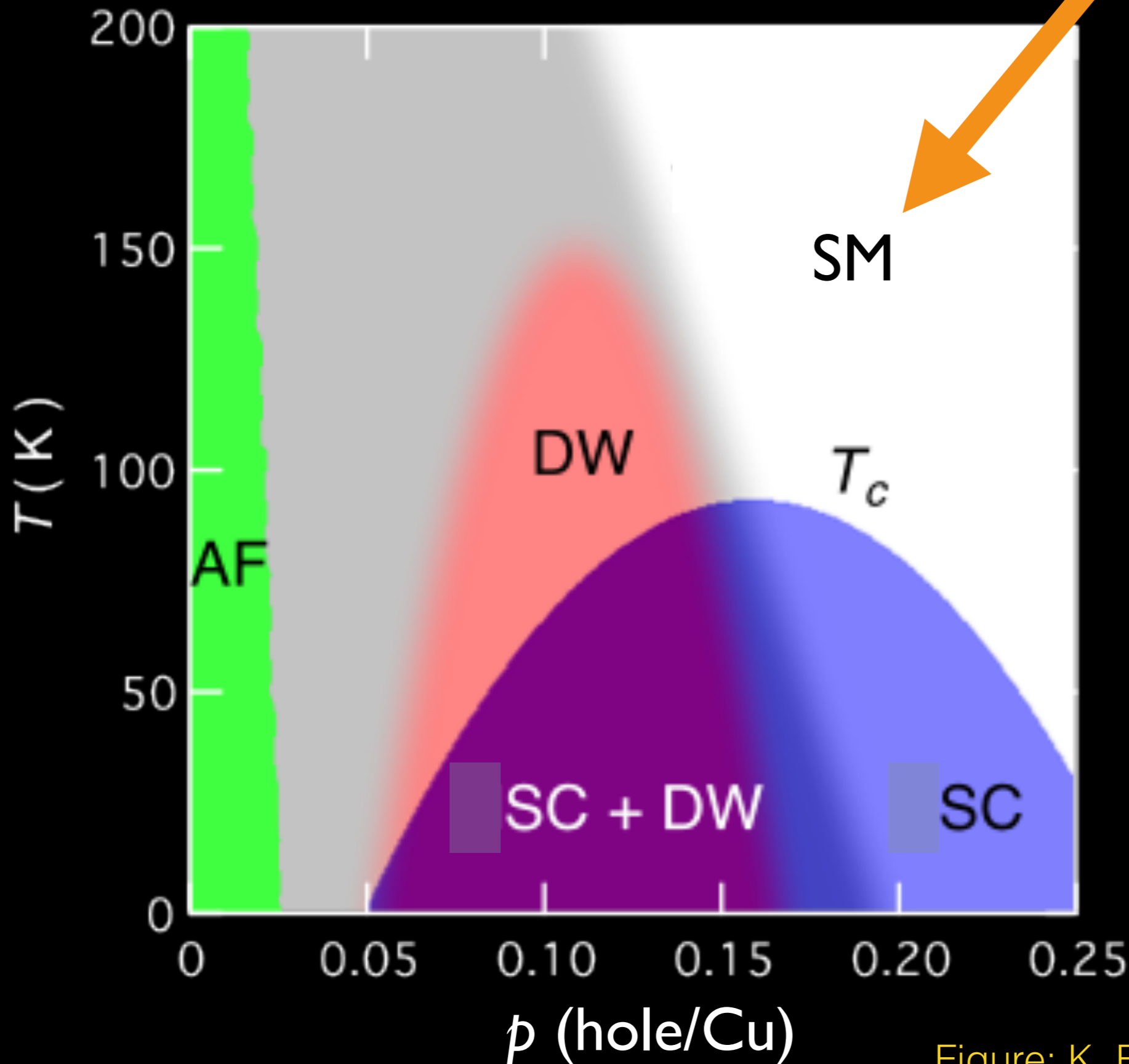
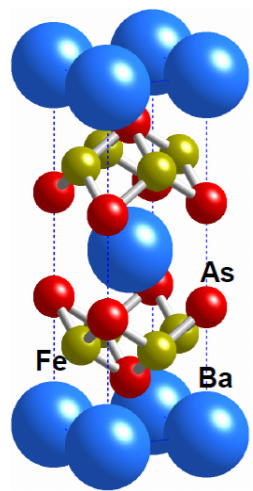
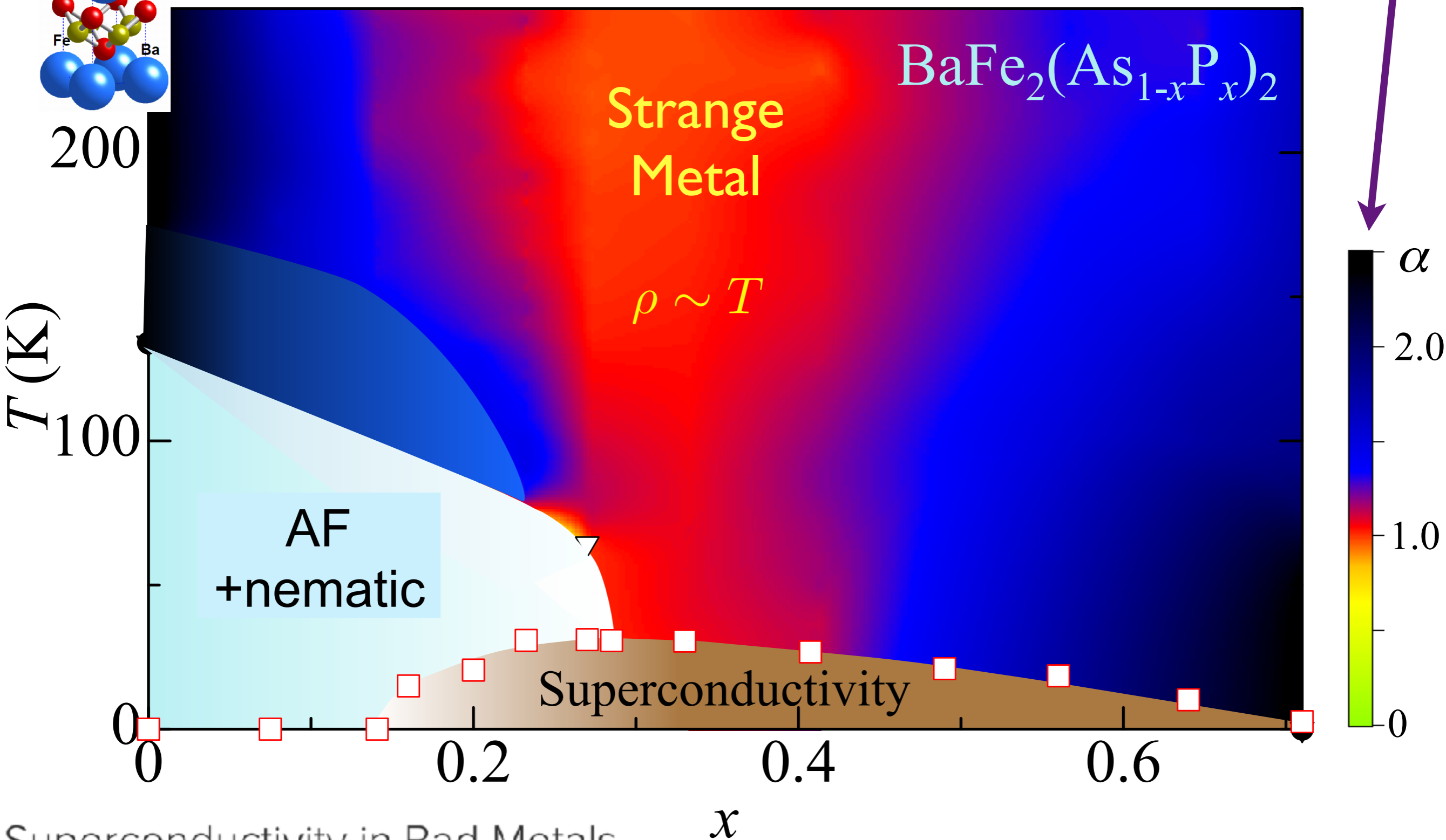


Figure: K. Fujita and J. C. Seamus Davis



Quantum matter without quasiparticles

Resistivity  
 $\sim \rho_0 + AT^\alpha$



Superconductivity in Bad Metals

V. J. Emery and S. A. Kivelson  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **74**, 3253 – Published 17 April 1995

S. Kasahara, T. Shibauchi, K. Hashimoto, K. Ikada, S. Tonegawa,  
 R. Okazaki, H. Shishido, H. Ikeda, H. Takeya, K. Hirata,  
 T. Terashima, and Y. Matsuda, *PRB* **81**, 184519 (2010)



“Strange”,

“Bad”,



or “Incoherent”,

metal has a resistivity,  $\rho$ , which obeys

$$\rho \sim T,$$

and

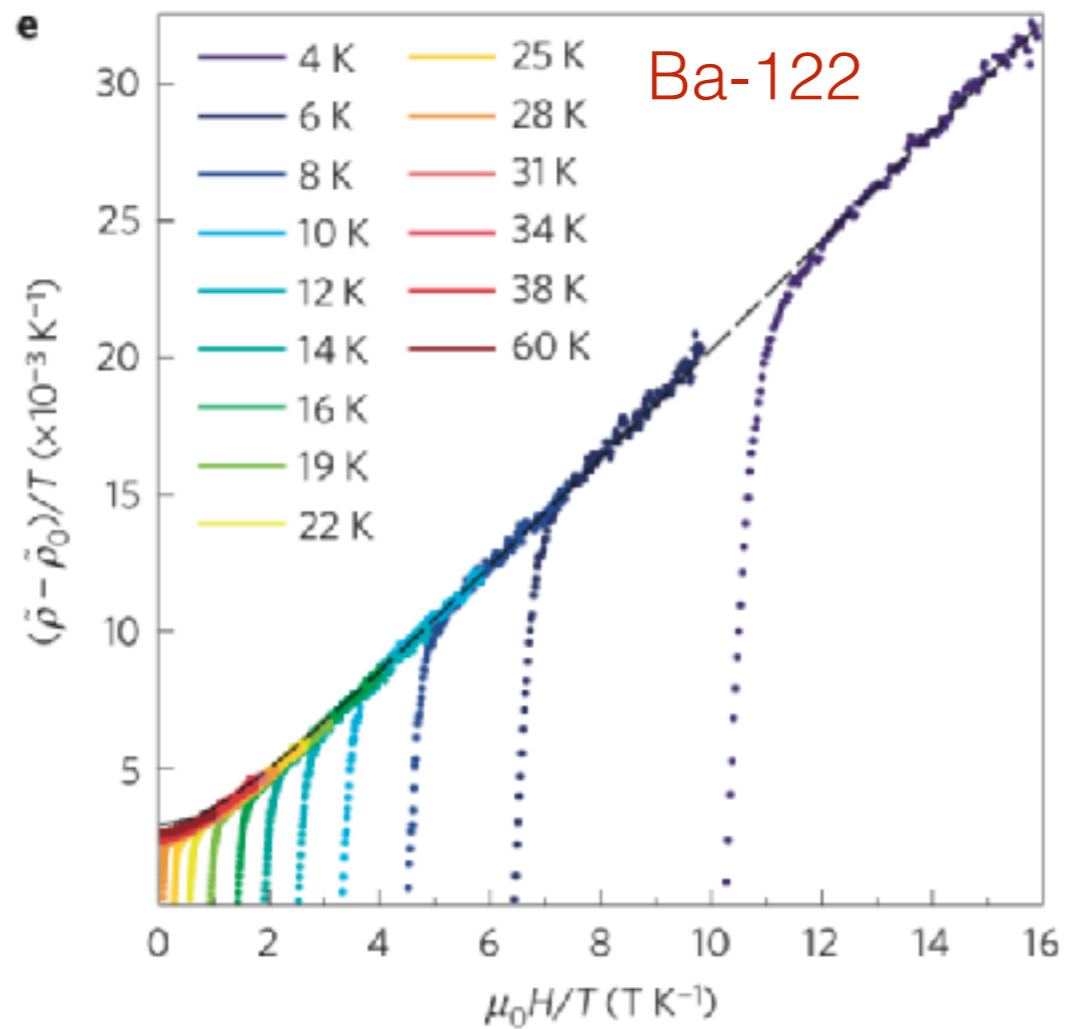
in some cases  $\rho \gg h/e^2$

(in two dimensions),

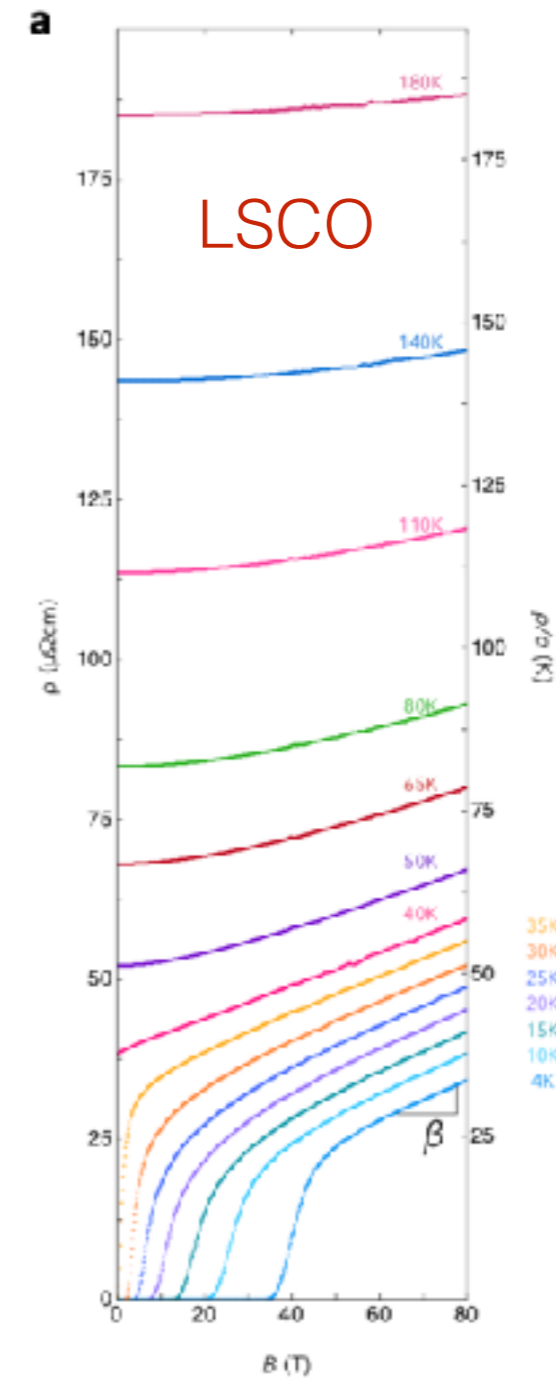
where  $h/e^2$  is the quantum unit of resistance.

# Strange metals just got stranger...

B-linear magnetoresistance!?



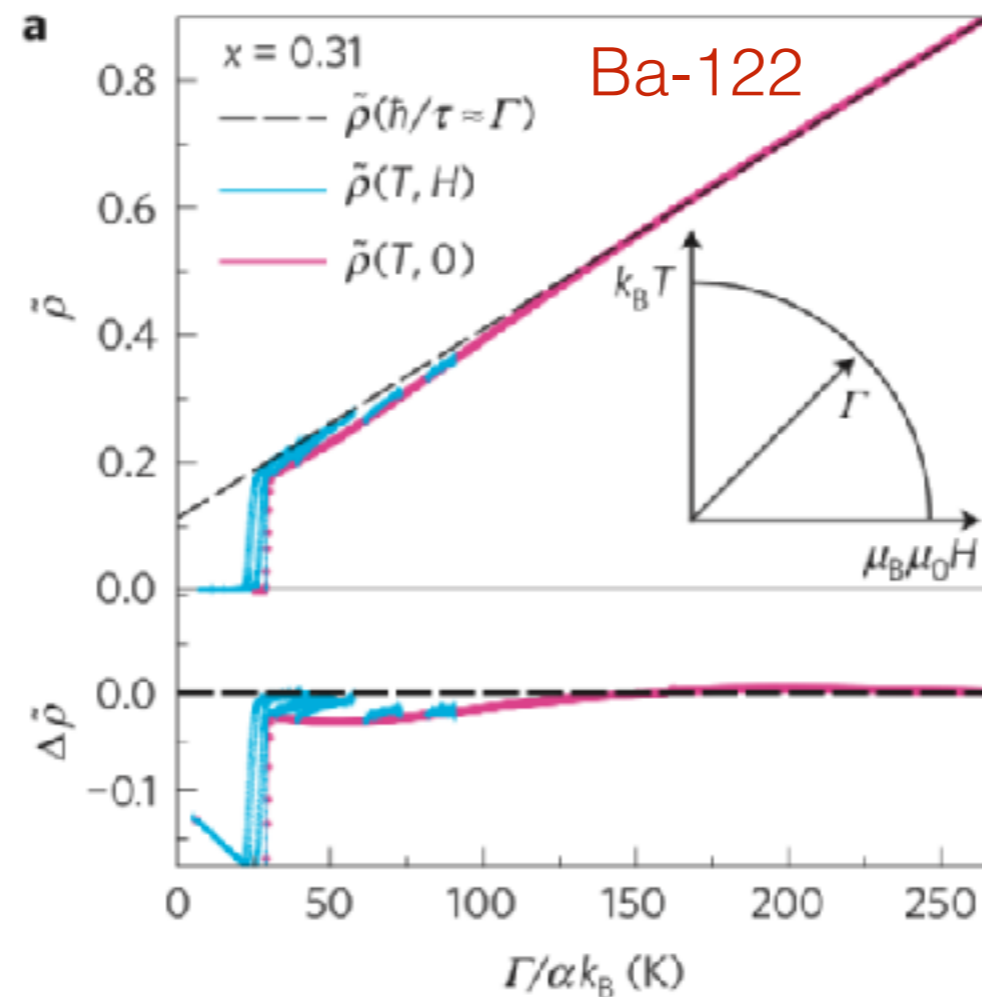
I. M. Hayes et. al., Nat. Phys. 2016



P. Giraldo-Gallo et. al., arXiv:1705.05806

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Scaling between B and T !?



$$\rho(H, T) - \rho(0, 0) \propto \sqrt{(\alpha k_B T)^2 + (\gamma \mu_B \mu_0 H)^2} \equiv \Gamma$$

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## Quantum matter with 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.

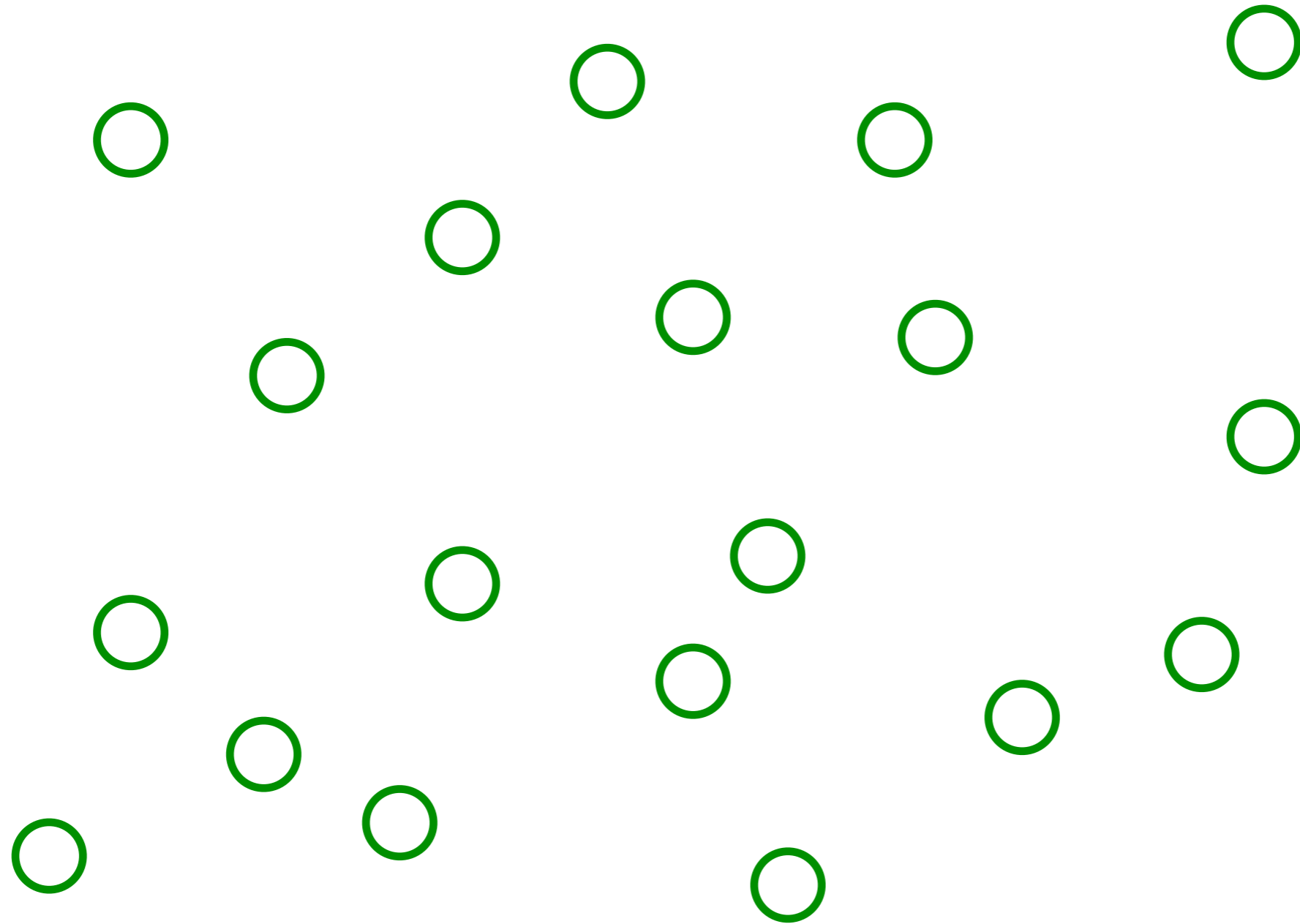
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- Quasiparticles eventually collide with each other. Such collisions eventually leads to thermal equilibration in a chaotic quantum state, but the equilibration takes a long time. In a Fermi liquid, this time diverges as

$$\tau_{\text{eq}} \sim \frac{\hbar E_F}{(k_B T)^2} \quad , \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow 0,$$

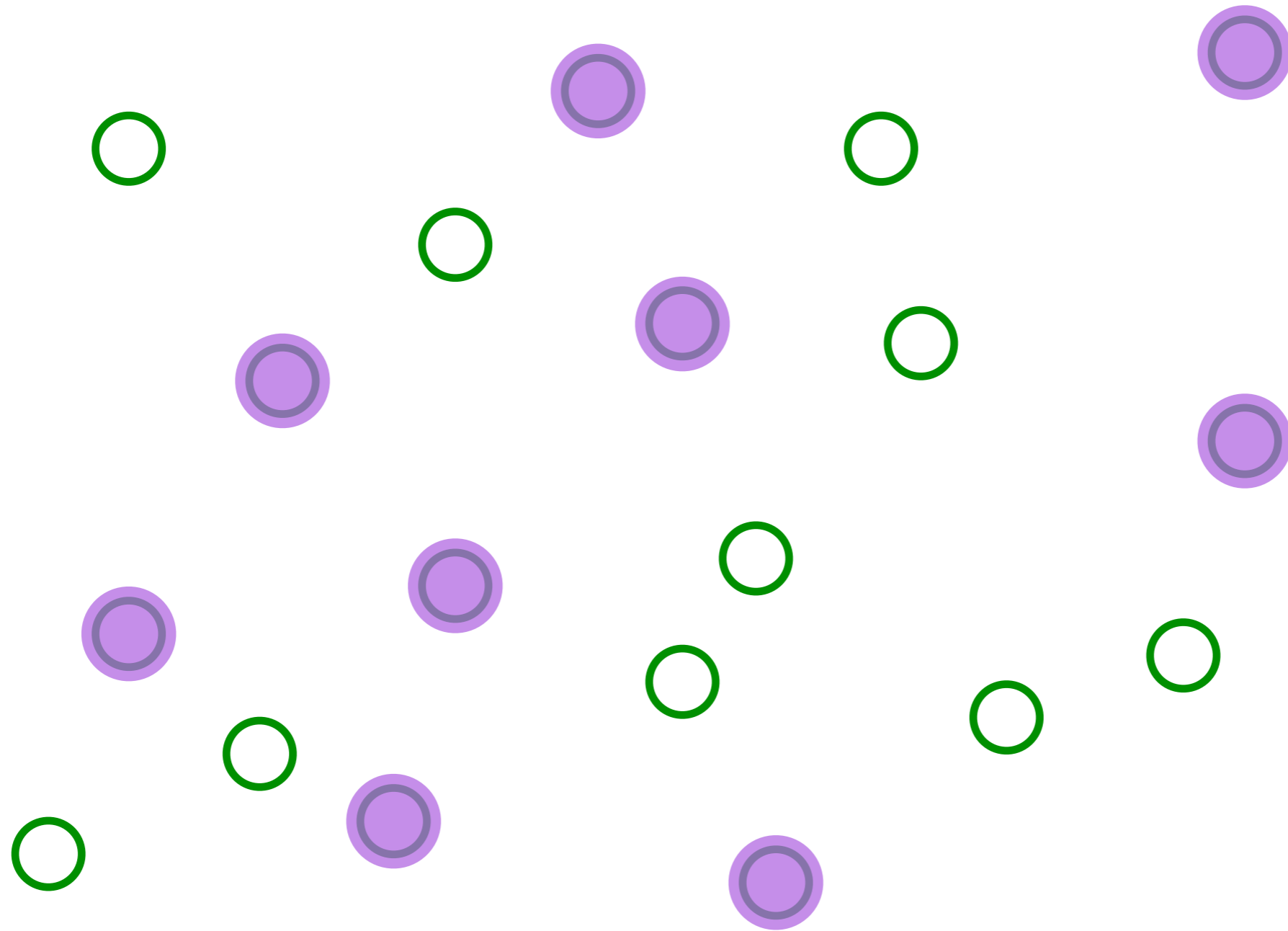
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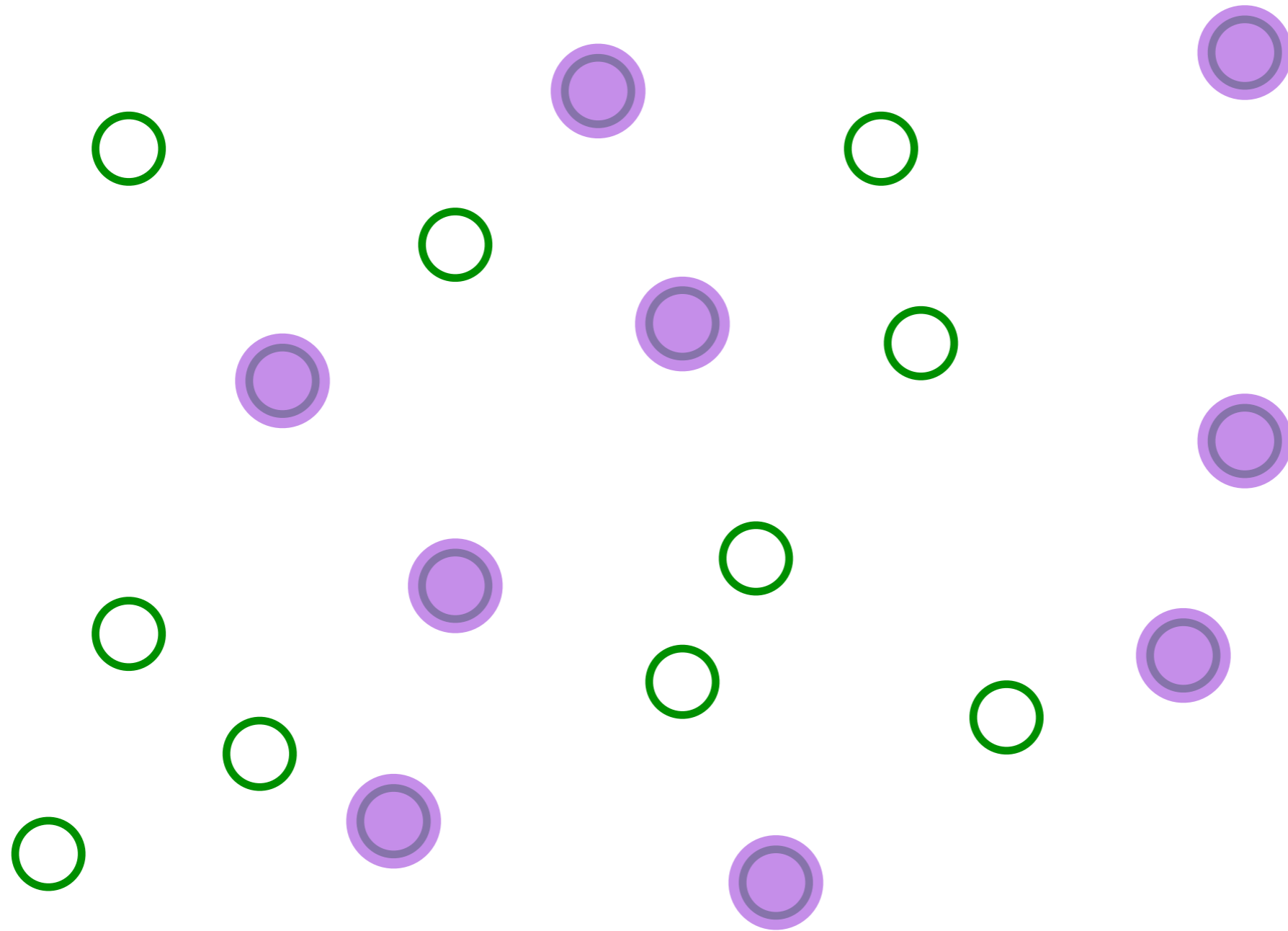
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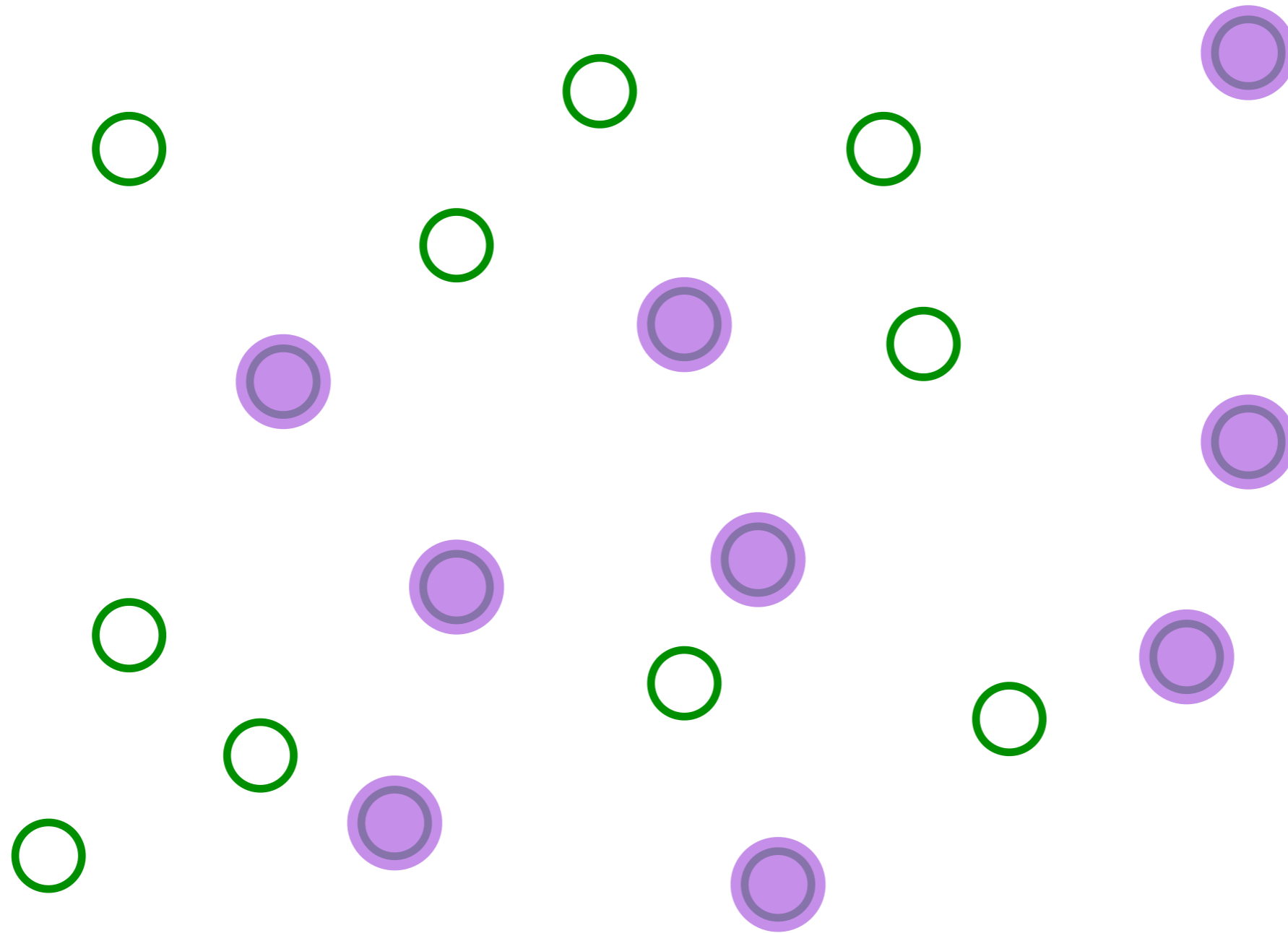
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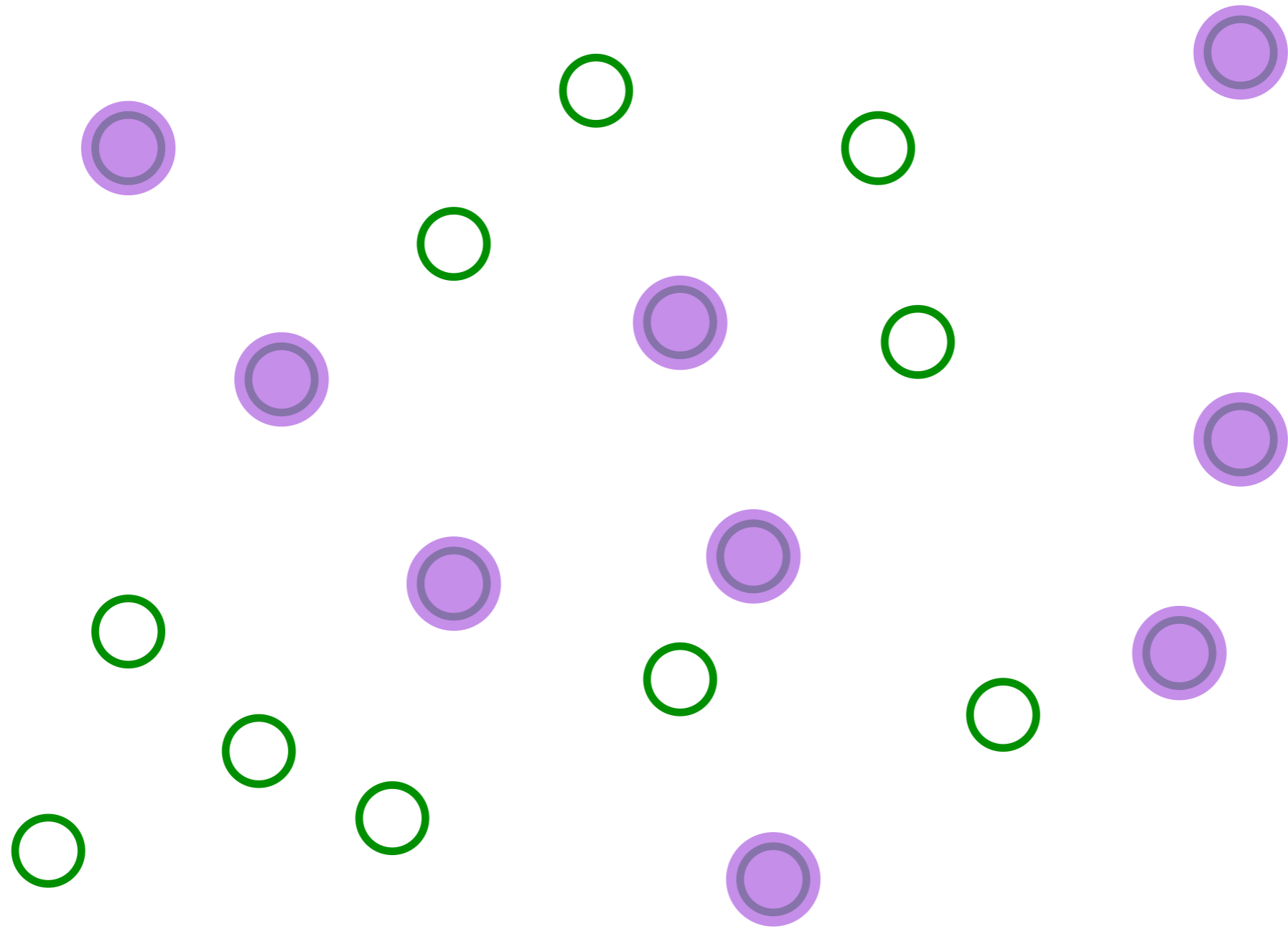
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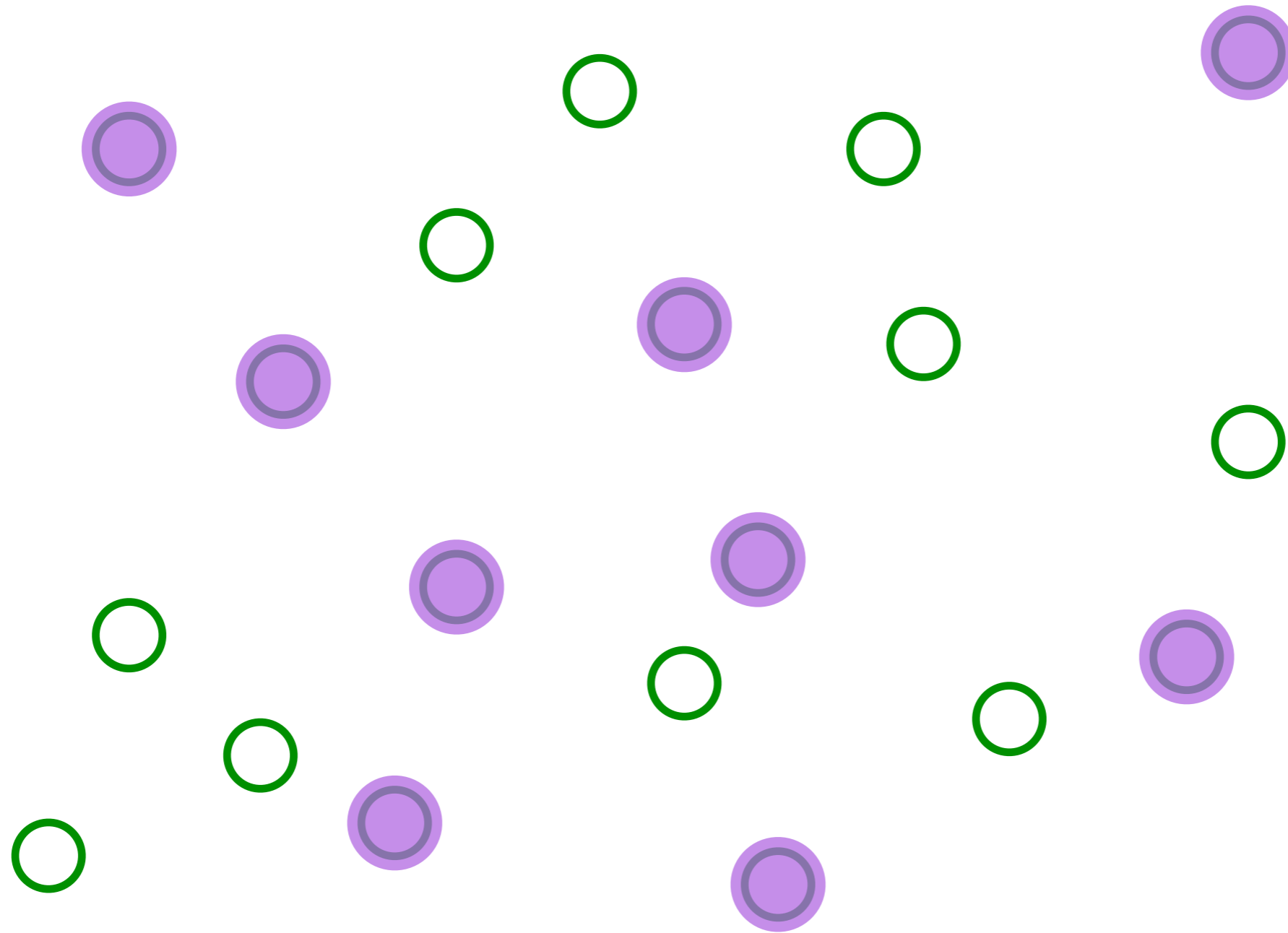
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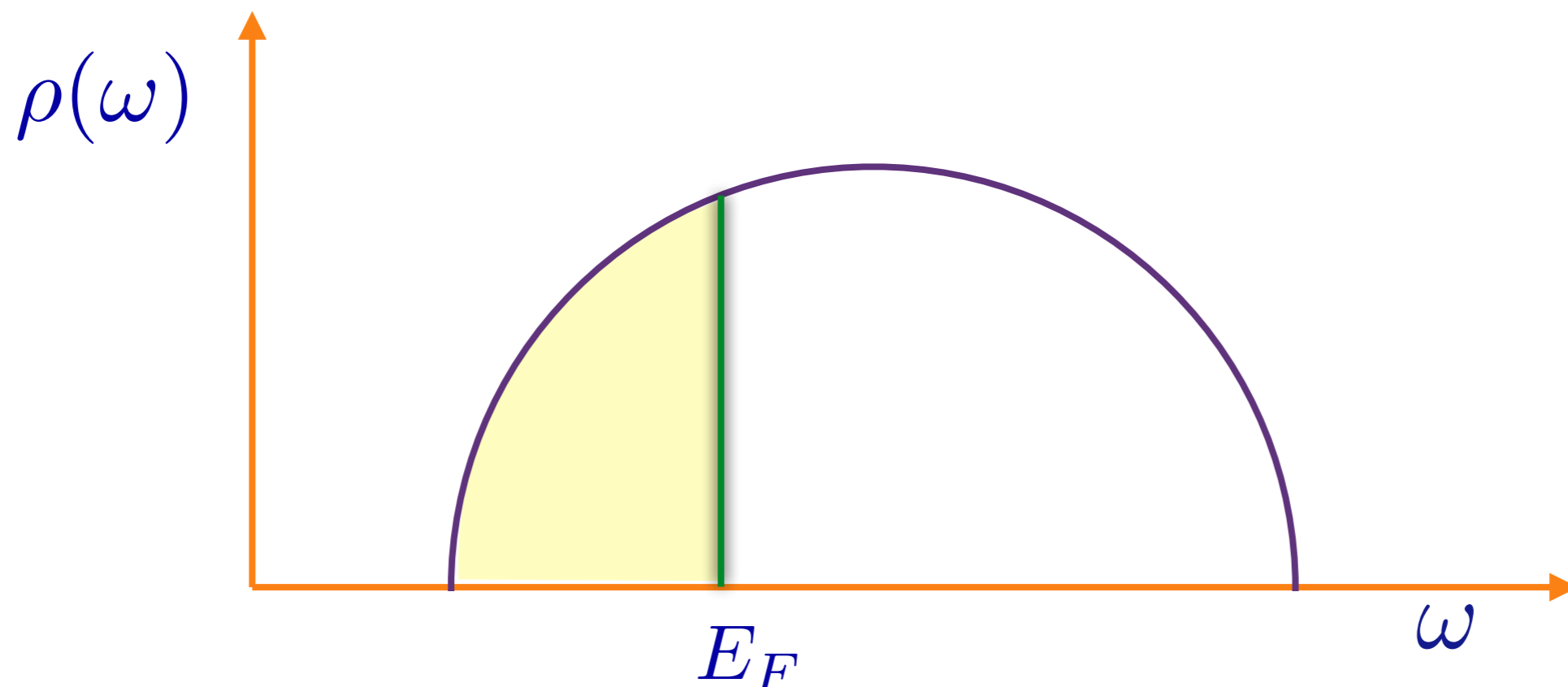
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$t_{ij}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{t_{ij}} = 0$  and  $\overline{|t_{ij}|^2} = t^2$

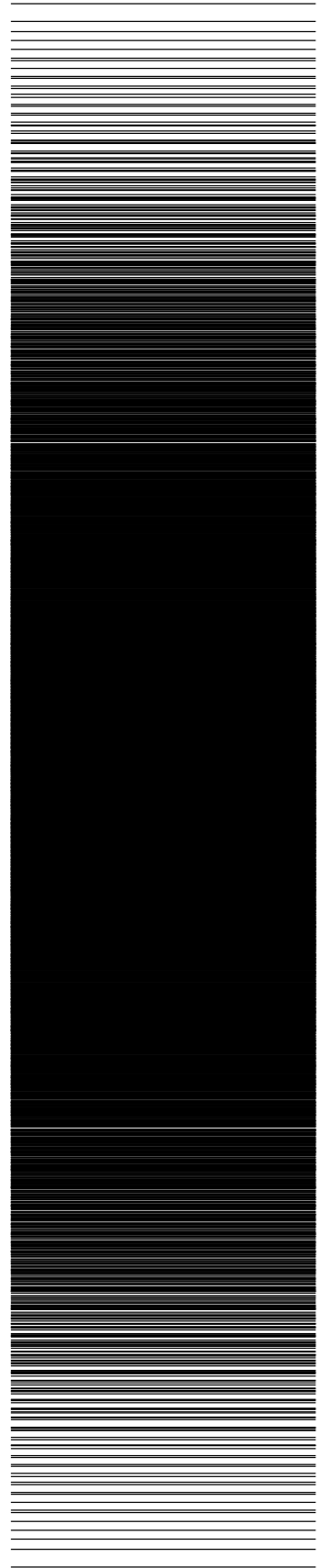
**Fermions occupying the eigenstates of a  
 $N \times N$  random matrix**

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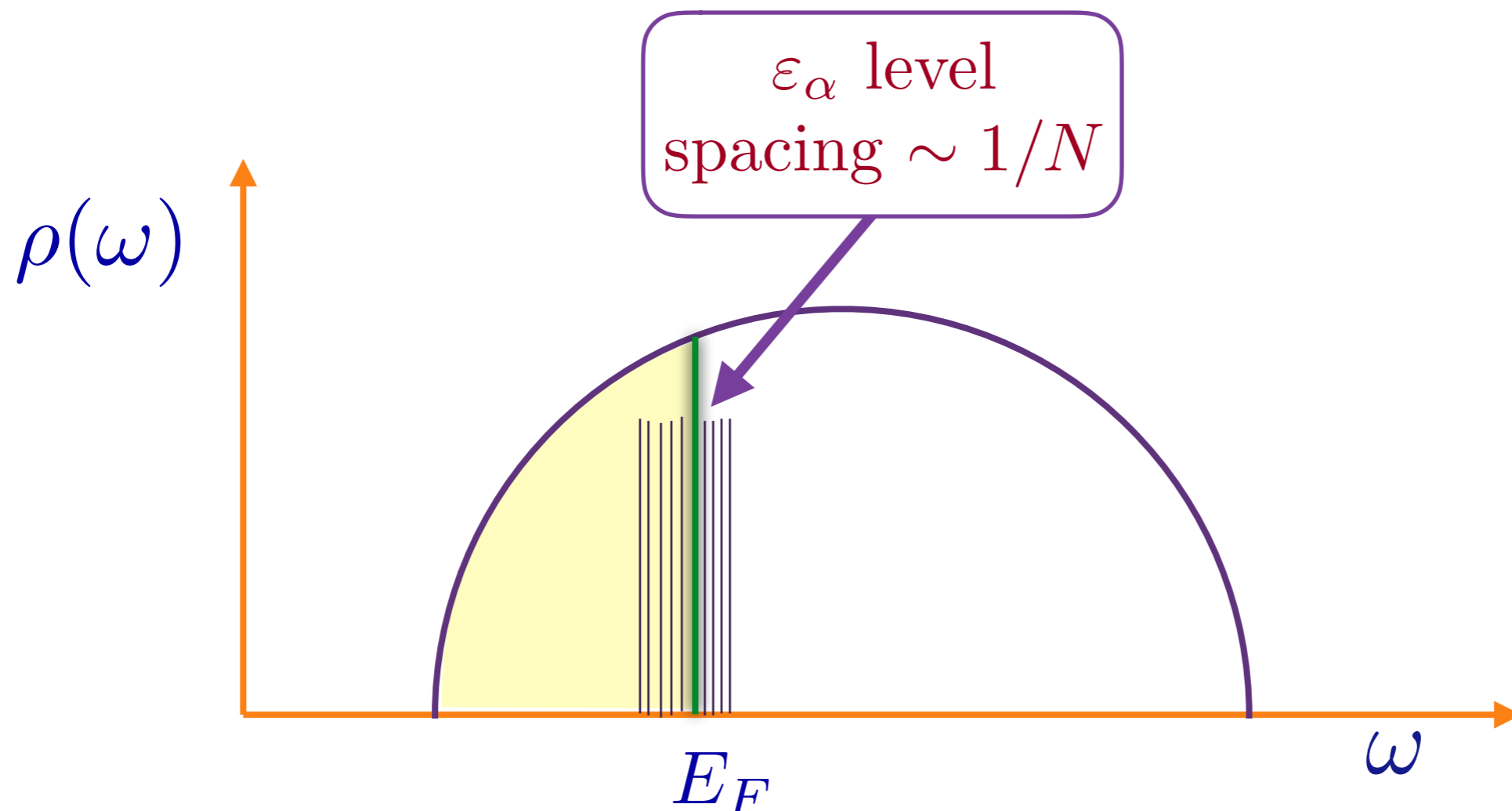
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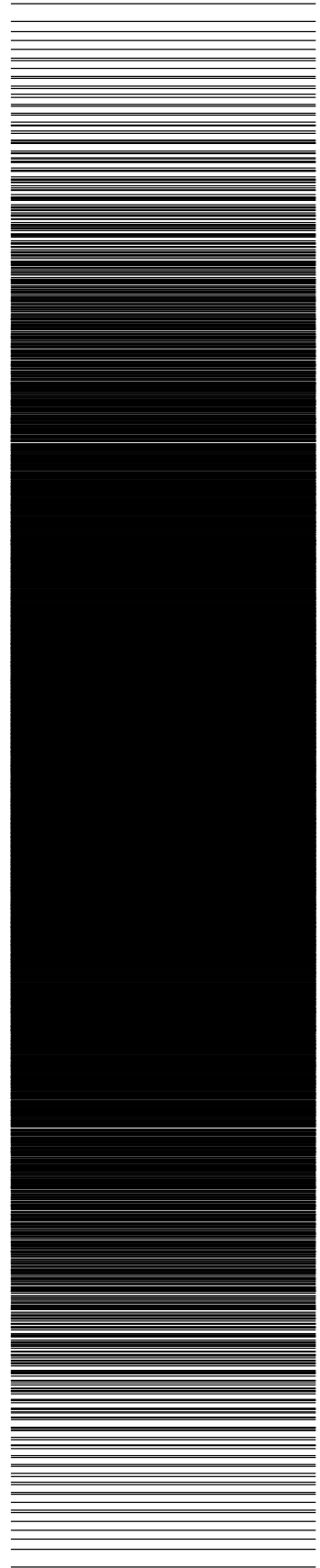
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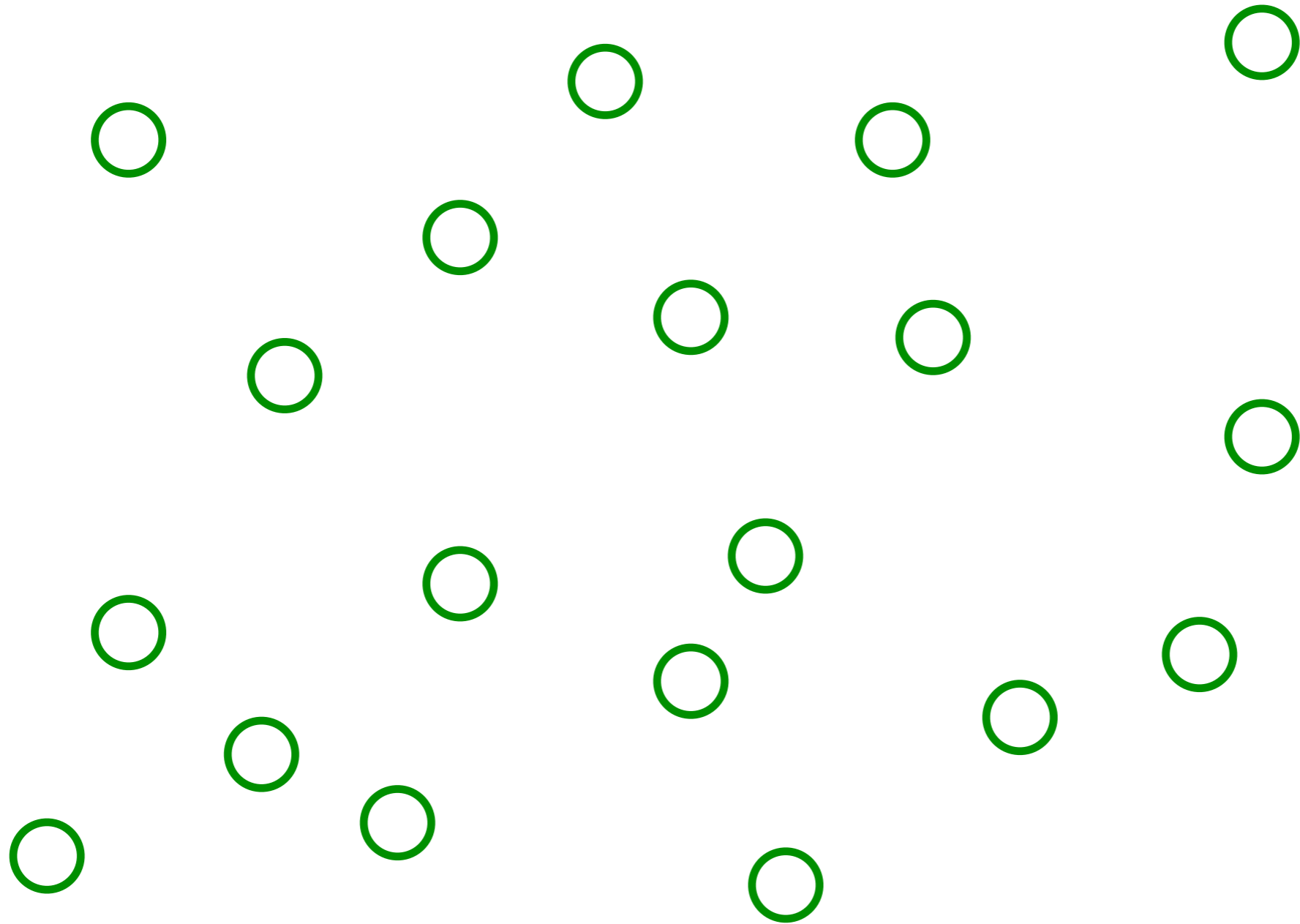
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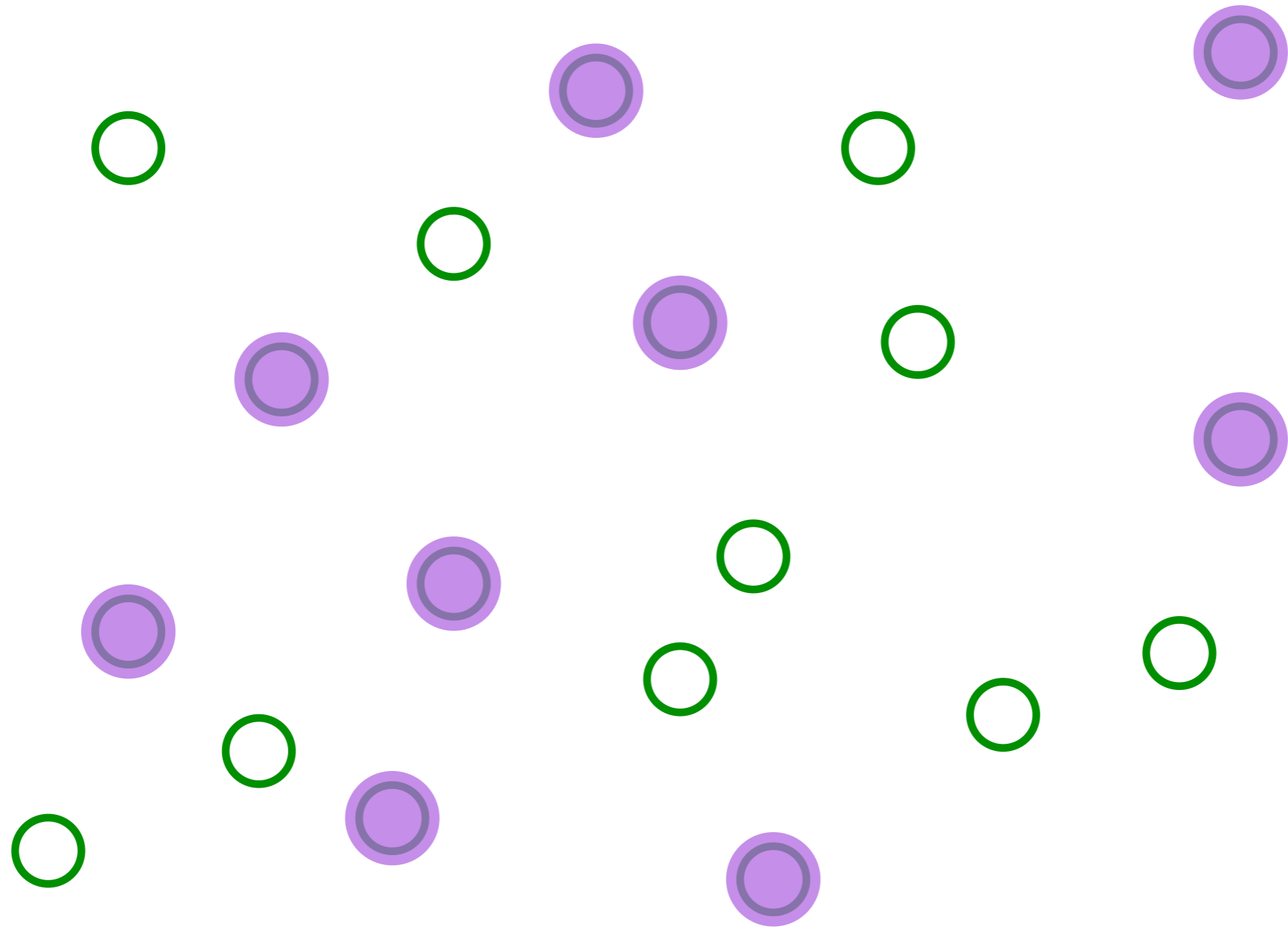
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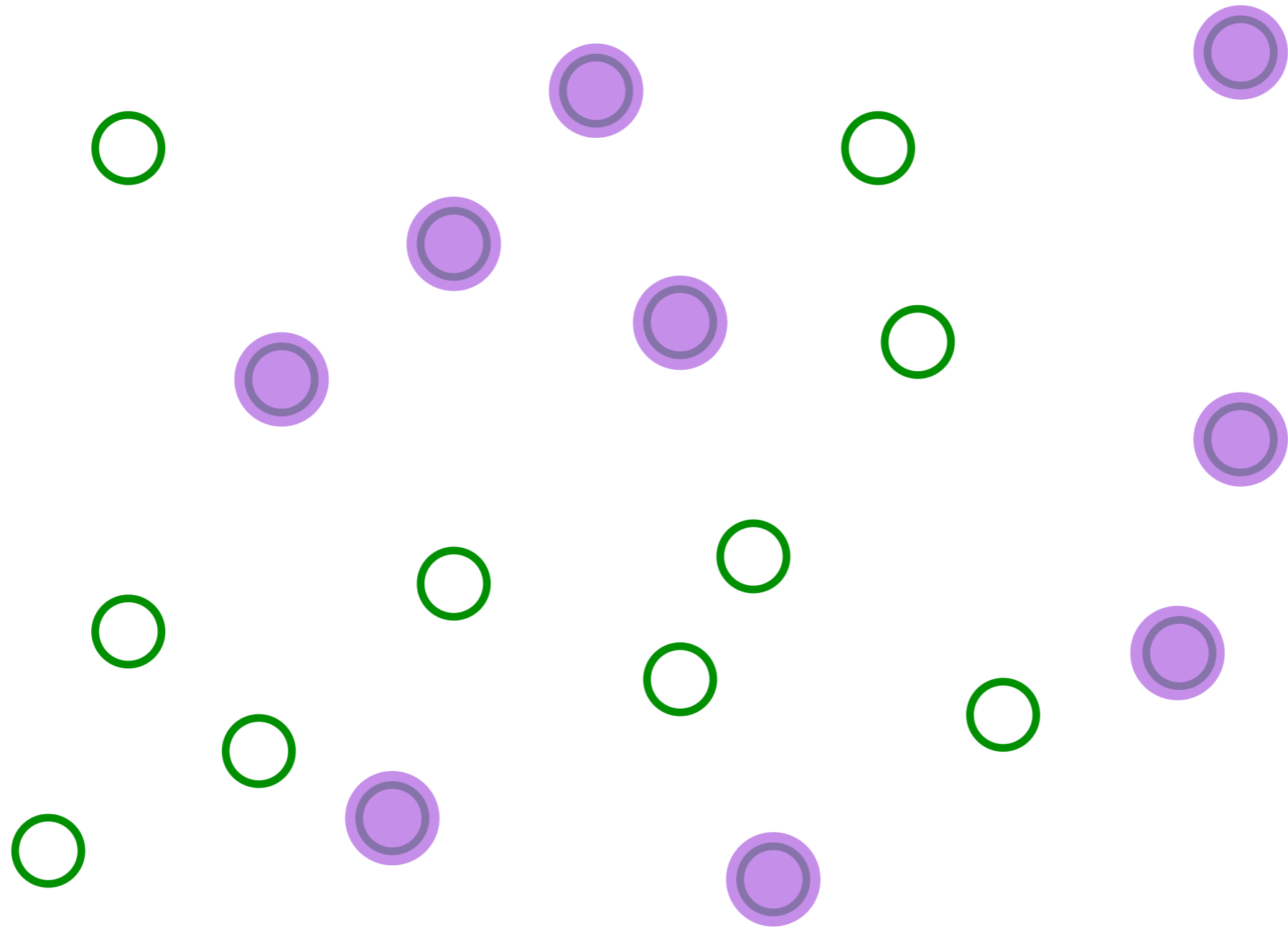
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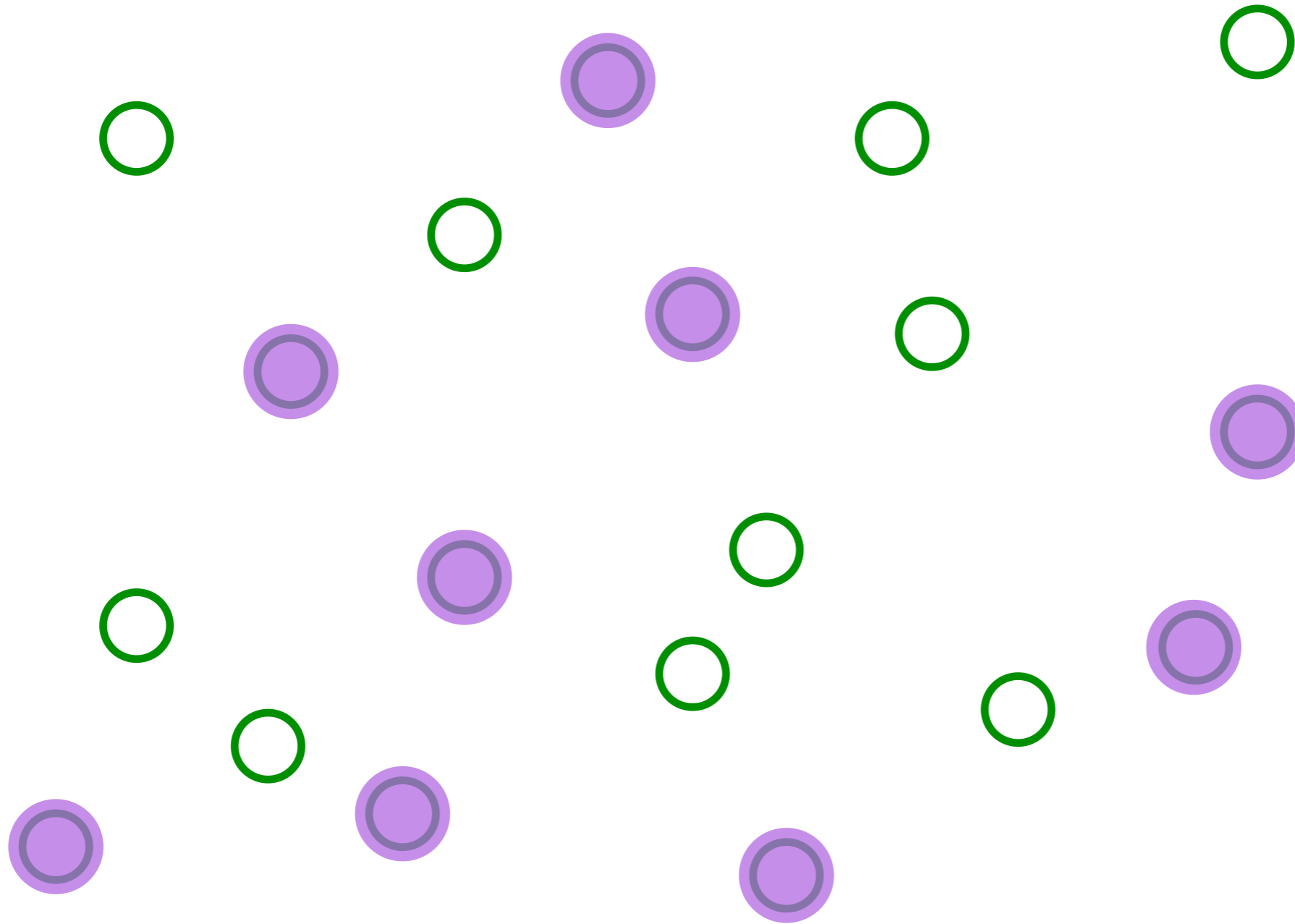
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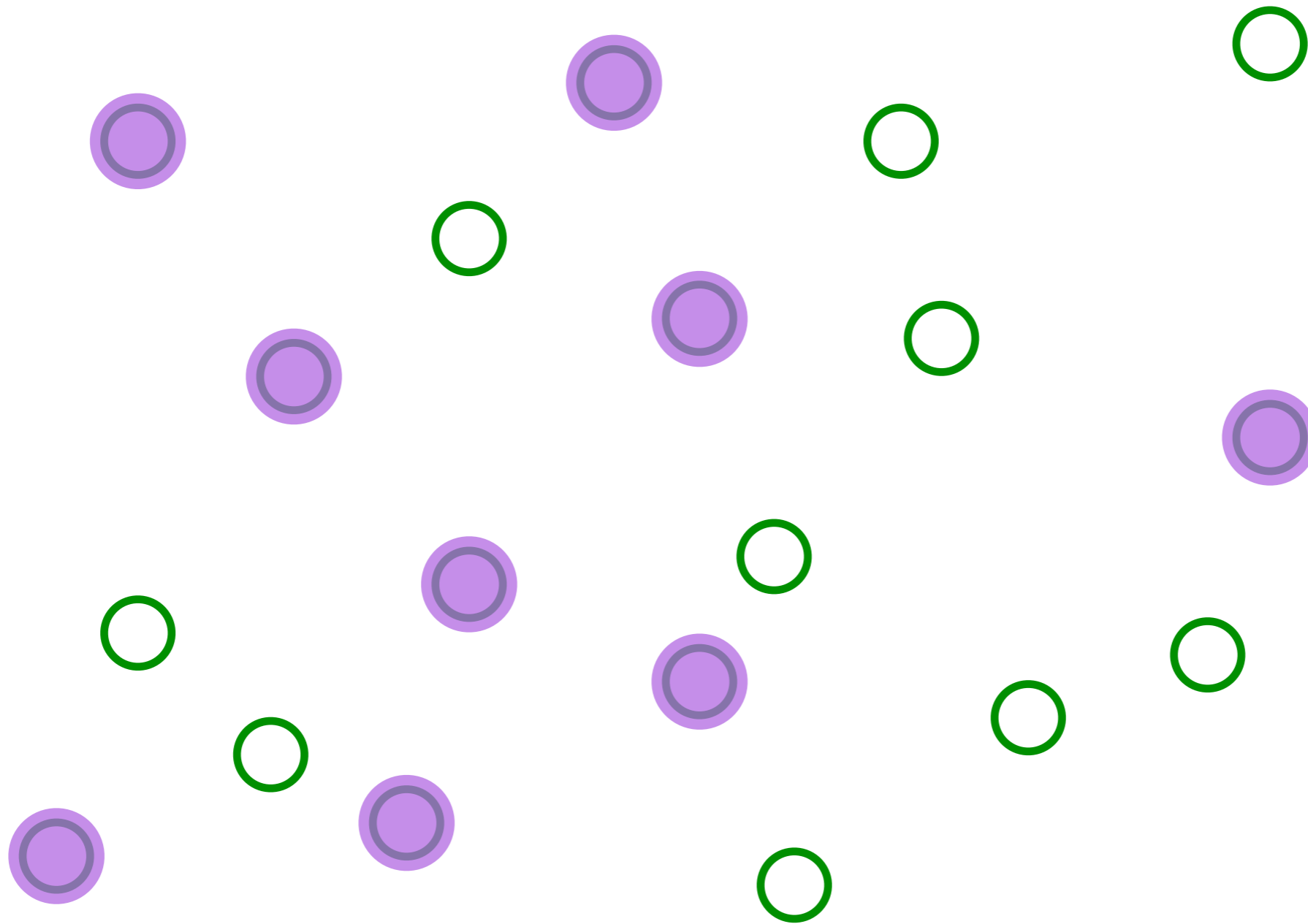
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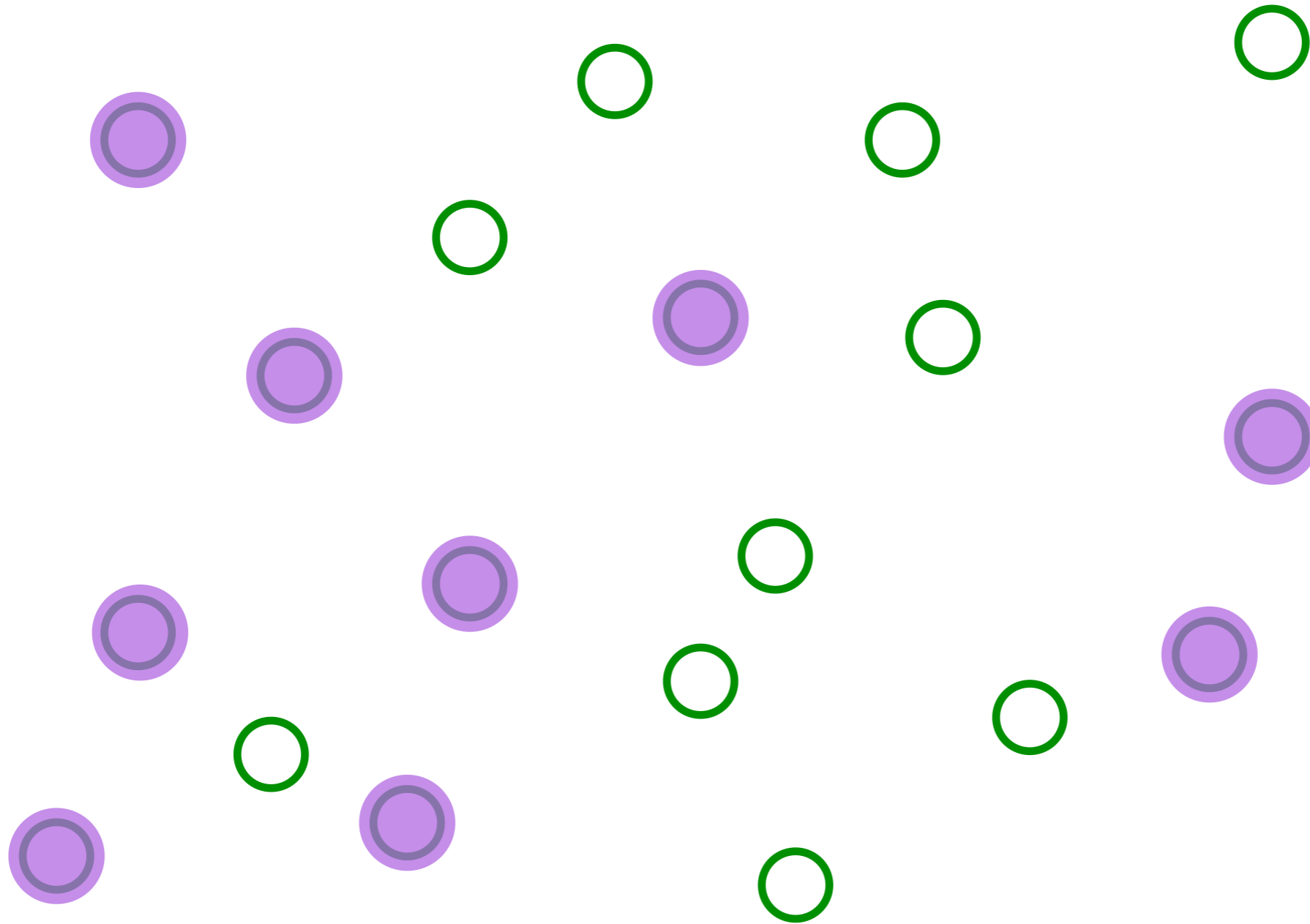
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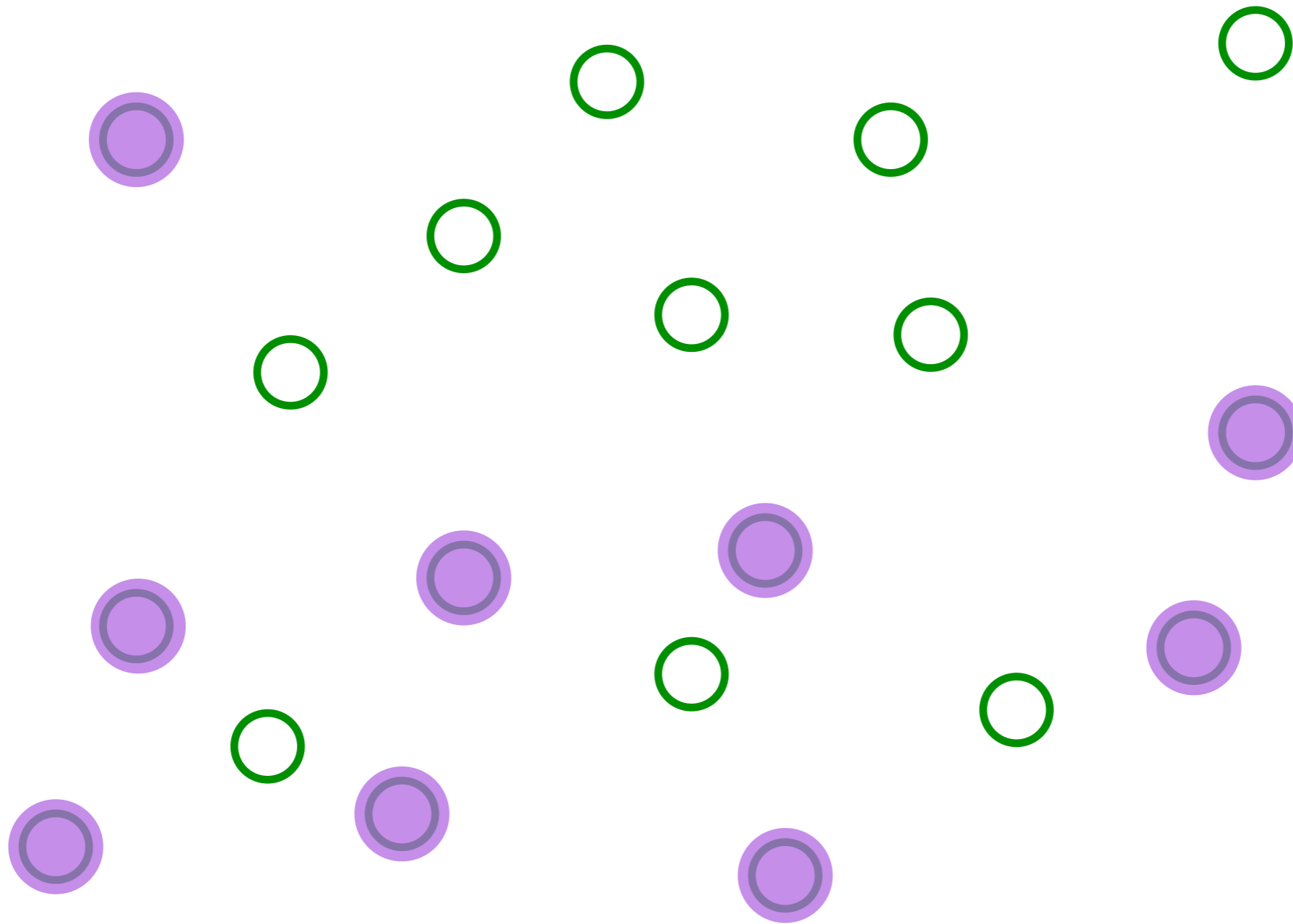
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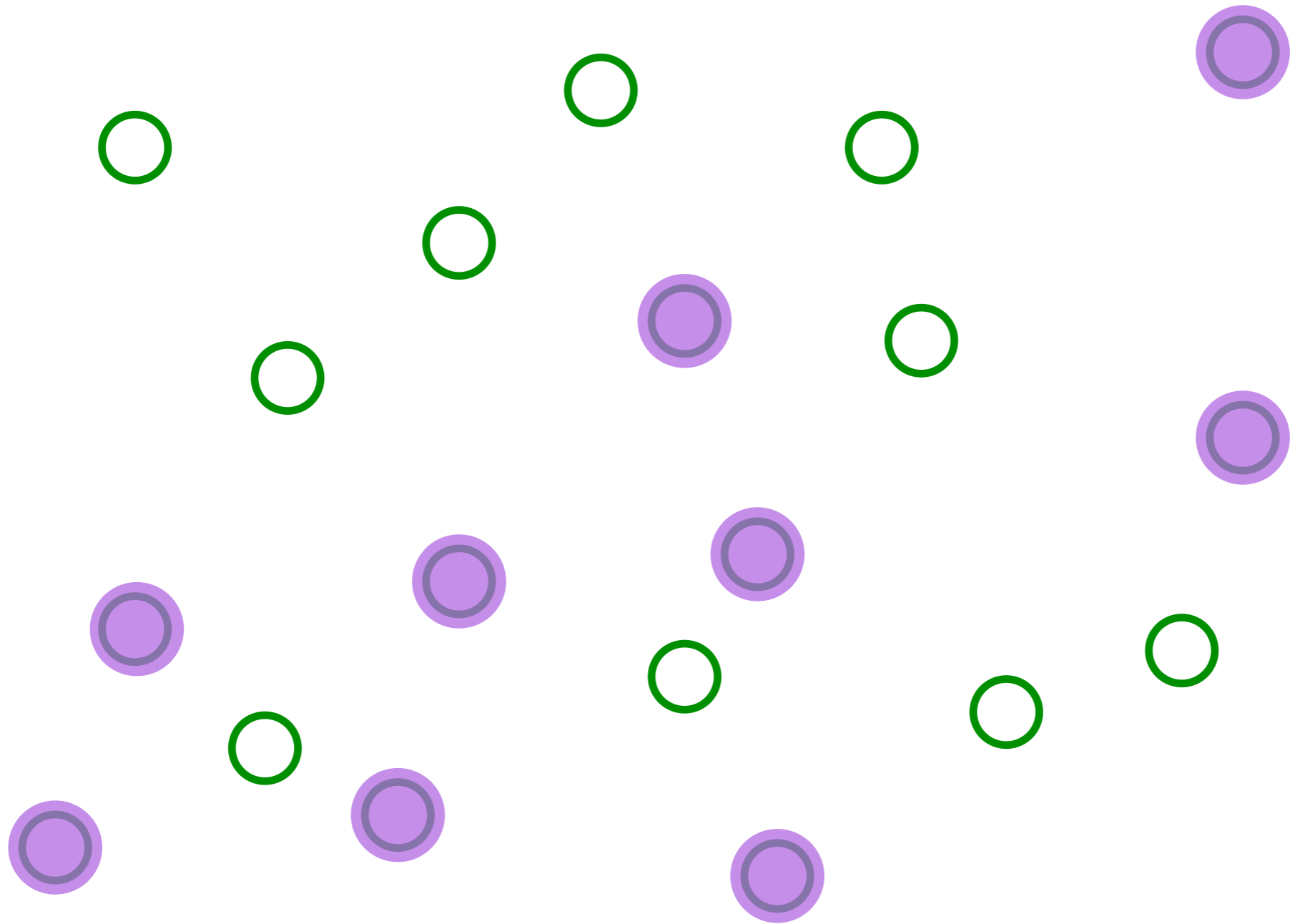
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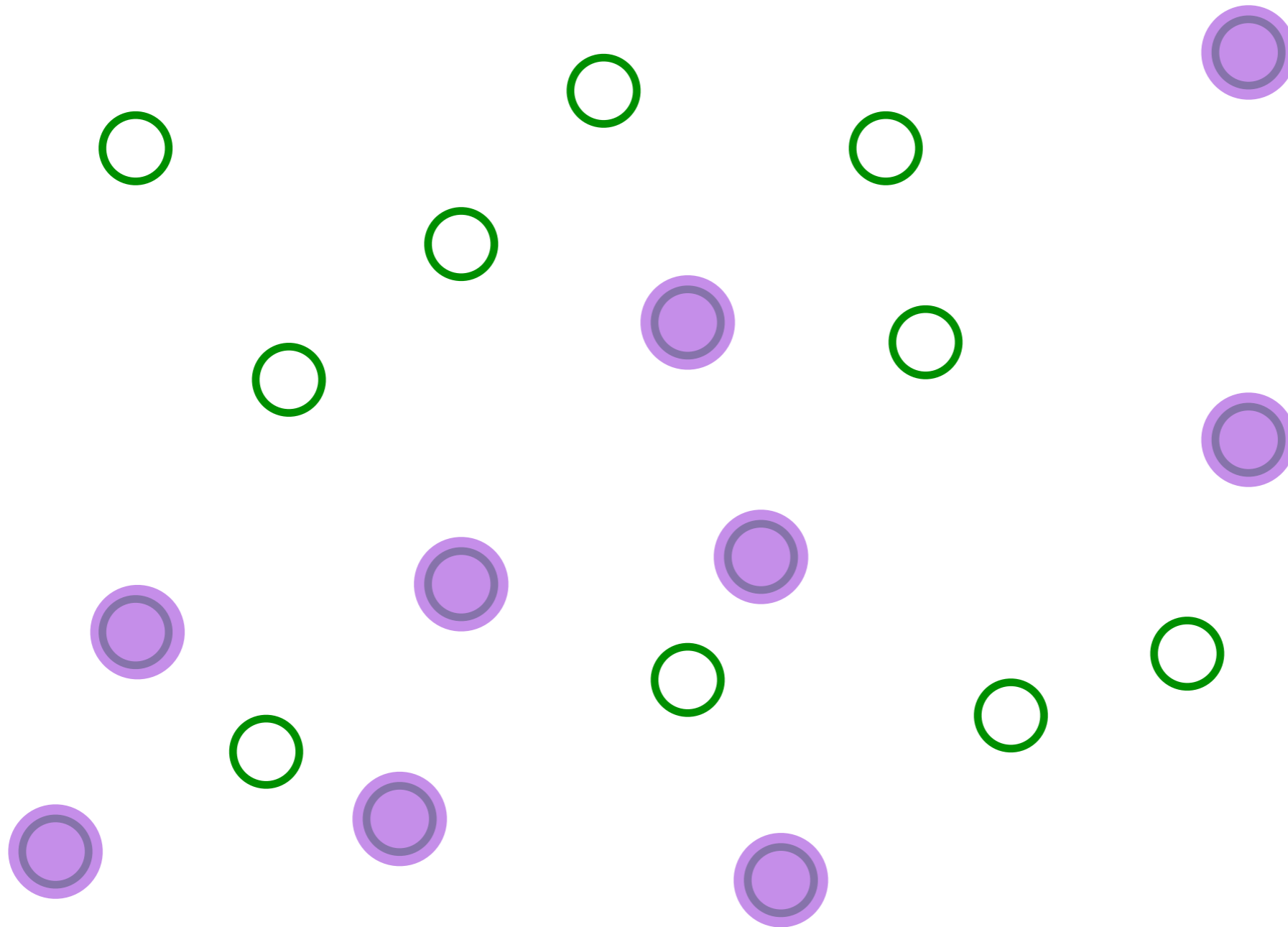
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This describes both a strange metal and a black hole!

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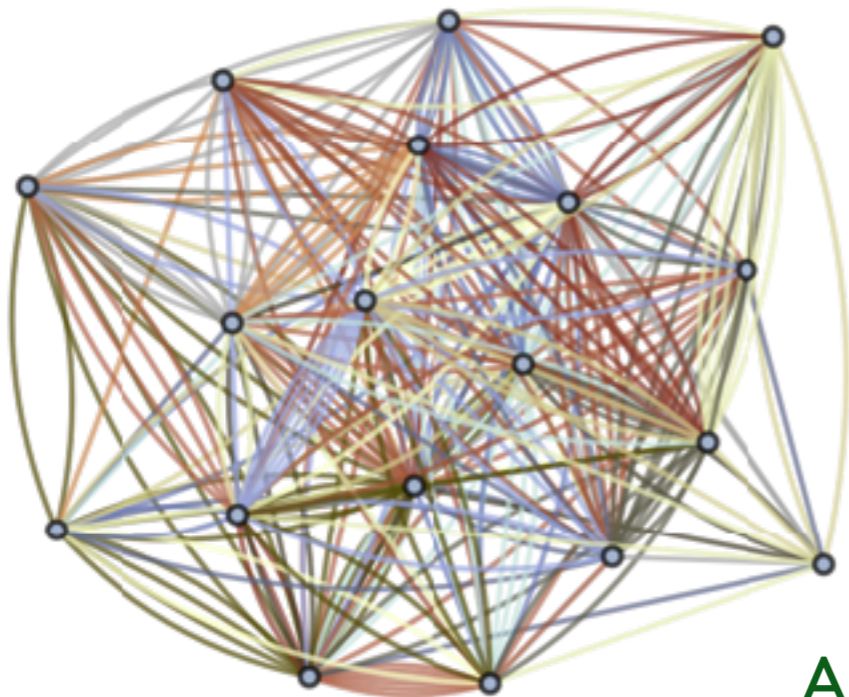
(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large  $N$  limit; T.A. Brody, J. Flores, J.B. French, P.A. Mello, A. Pandey, and S.S.M. Wong, Rev. Mod. Phys. **53**, 385 (1981))

$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N U_{ij;k\ell} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_\ell - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

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$U_{ij;k\ell}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{U_{ij;k\ell}} = 0$  and  $\overline{|U_{ij;k\ell}|^2} = U^2$   
 $N \rightarrow \infty$  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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GPS: A. Georges, O. Parcollet, and S. Sachdev, PRB **63**, 134406 (2001)

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Feynman graph expansion in  $J_{ij..}$ , and graph-by-graph average, yields exact equations in the large  $N$  limit:

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

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

$$\Sigma(z) = \mu - \frac{1}{A} \sqrt{z} + \dots \quad , \quad G(z) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{z}}$$

for some complex  $A$ . The ground state is a non-Fermi liquid, with a continuously variable density  $Q$ .

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- Low energy, many-body density of states

$$\rho(E) \sim e^{N s_0} \sinh(\sqrt{2(E - E_0)N\gamma})$$

(for Majorana model)

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

D. Stanford and E. Witten, 1703.04612

A. M. Garcia-Garcia, J.J.M. Verbaarschot, 1701.06593

D. Bagrets, A. Altland, and A. Kamenev, 1607.00694

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- The last property indicates  $\tau_{\text{eq}} \sim \hbar / (k_B T)$ , and this has been found in a recent numerical study.

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- Systems without quasiparticles are the fastest possible in reaching local equilibrium, and all many-body quantum systems obey, as  $T \rightarrow 0$

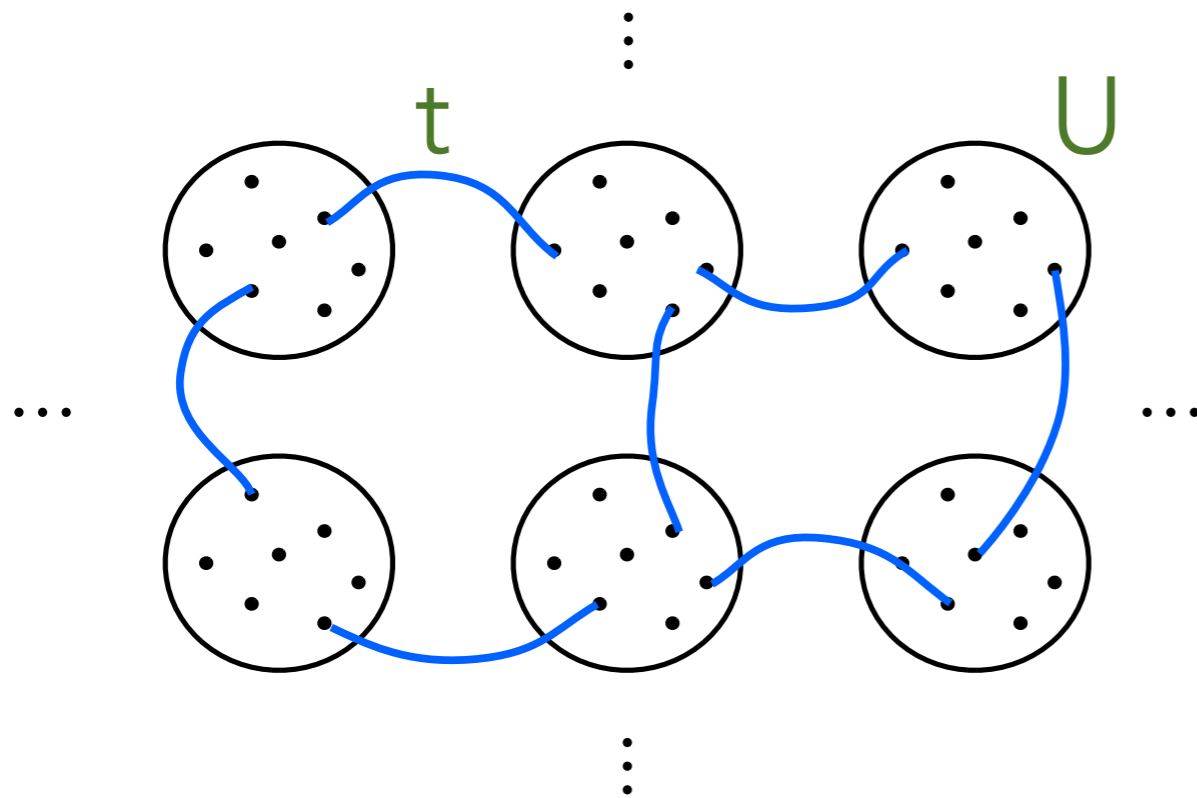
$$\tau_{\text{eq}} > C \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}.$$

S. Sachdev,  
Quantum Phase Transitions,  
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- In Fermi liquids  $\tau_{\text{eq}} \sim 1/T^2$ , and so the bound is obeyed as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .
- This bound rules out quantum systems with *e.g.*  $\tau_{\text{eq}} \sim \hbar/(Jk_B T)^{1/2}$ .
- There is no bound in classical mechanics ( $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ ). By cranking up frequencies, we can attain equilibrium as quickly as we desire.

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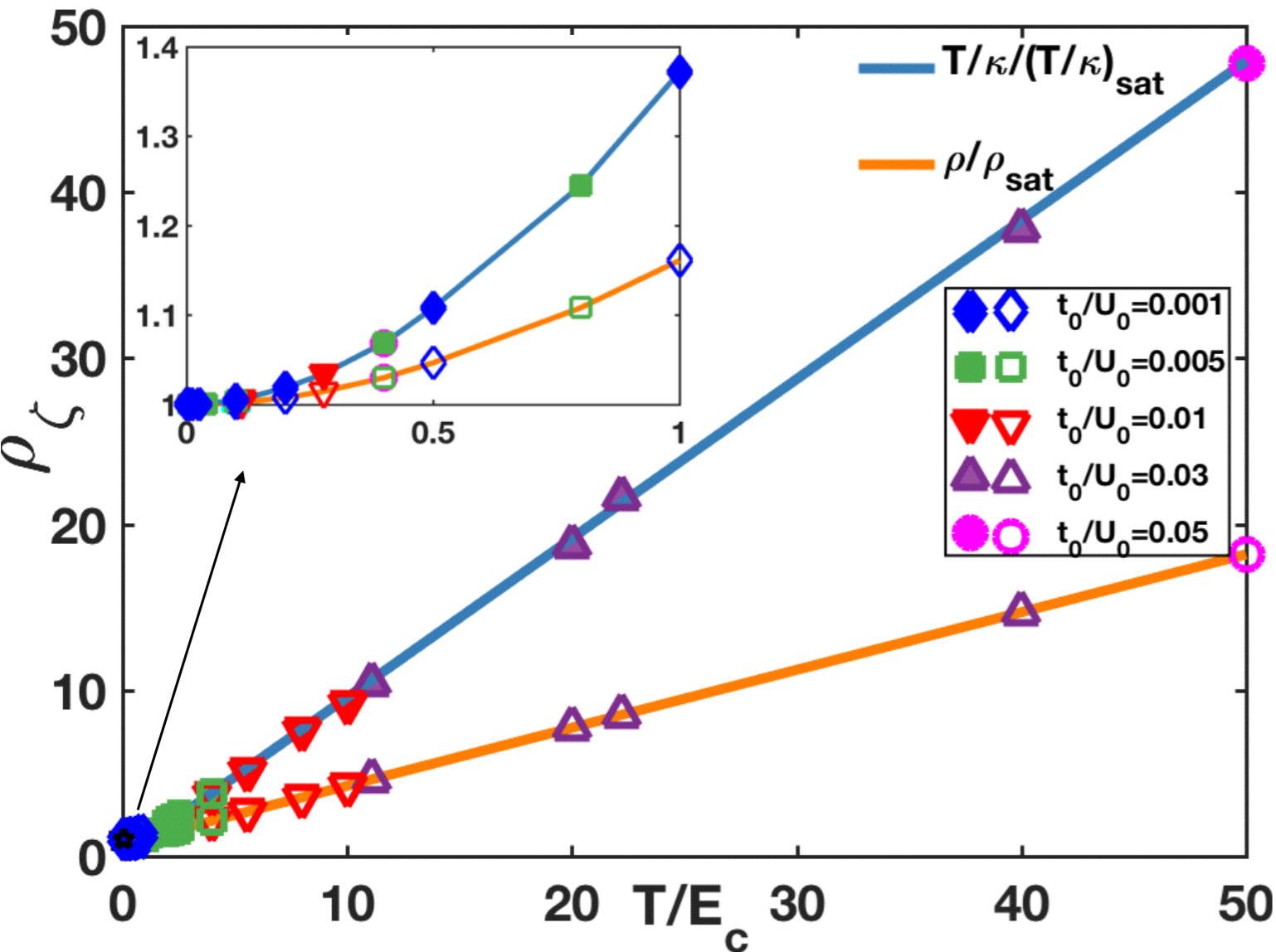
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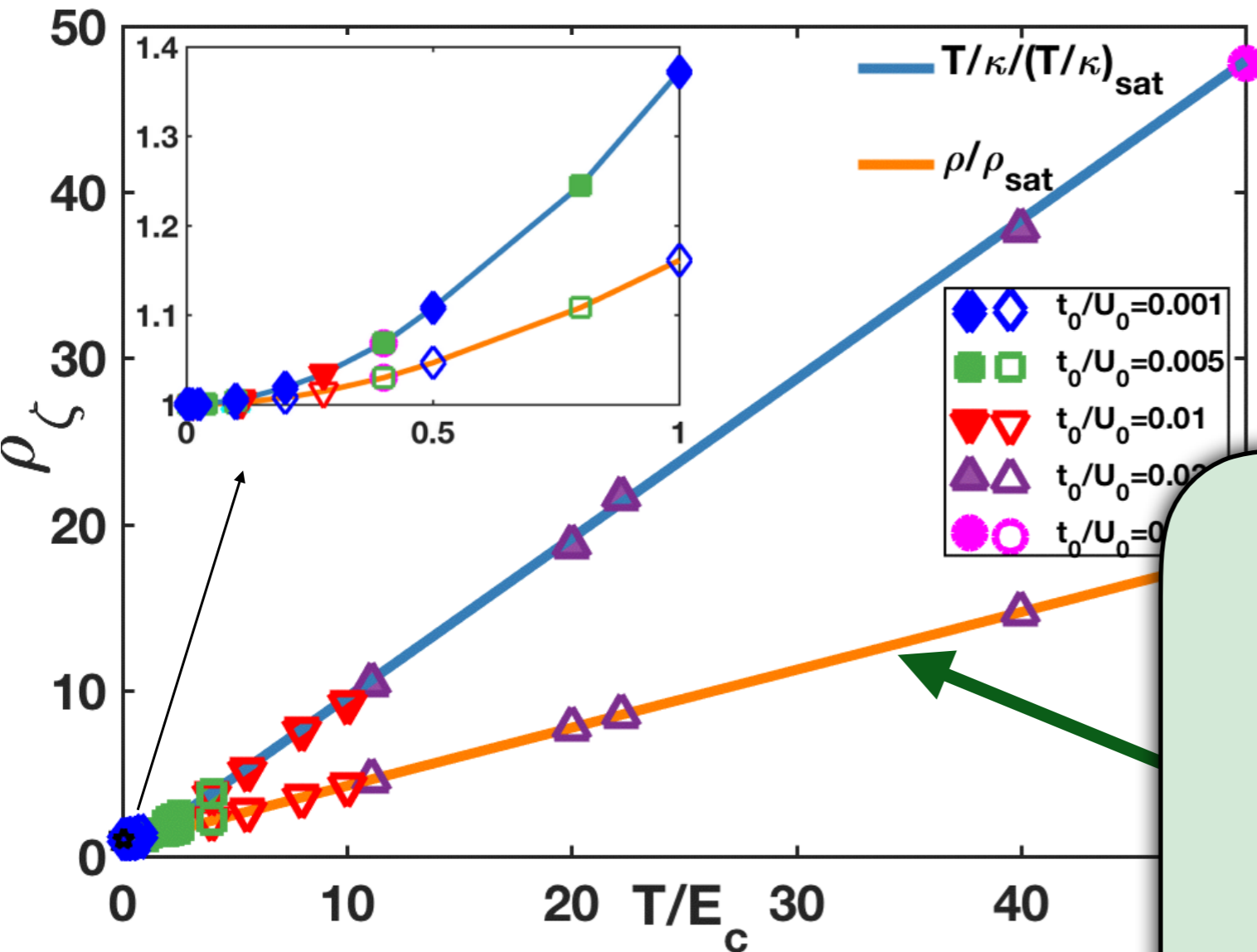
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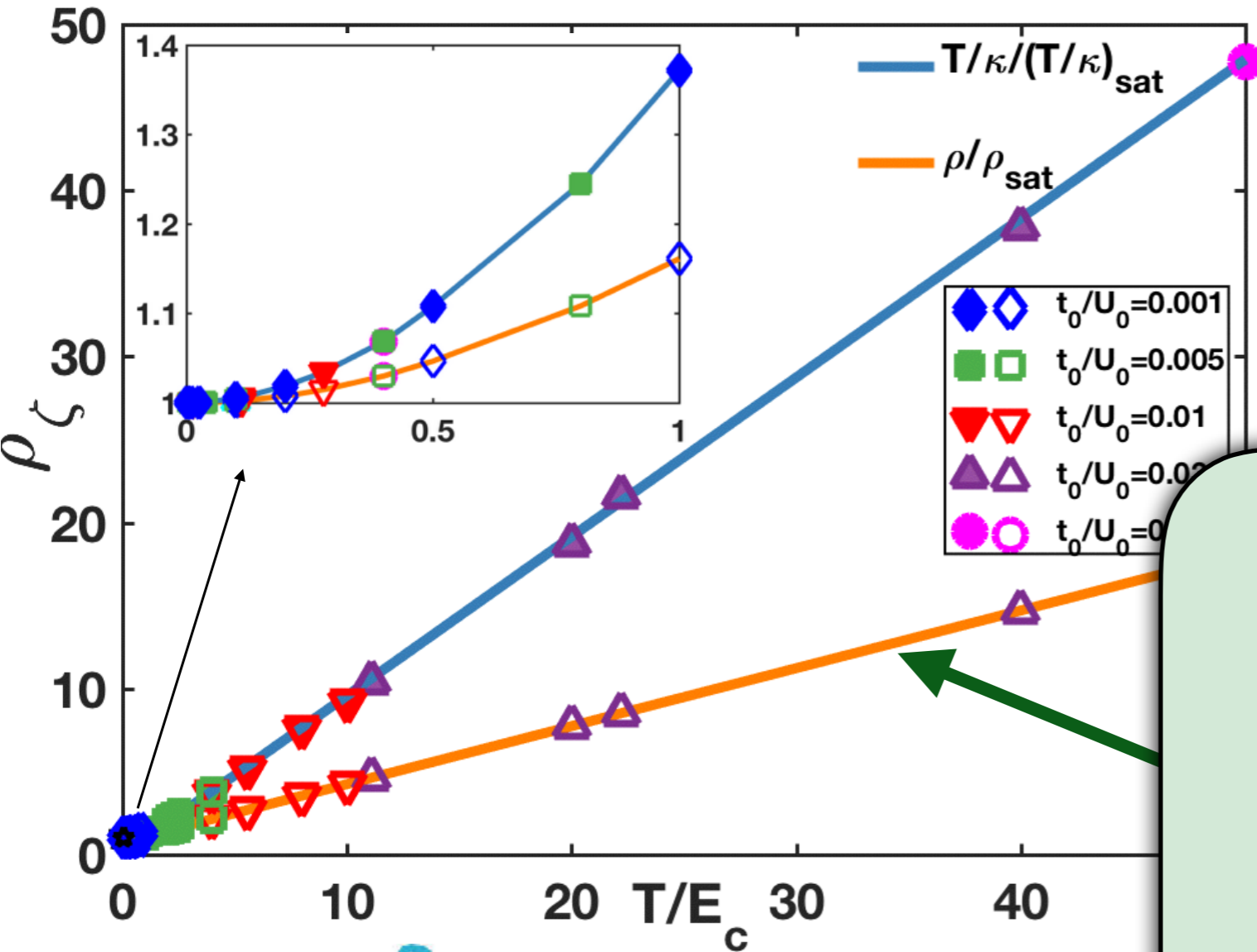
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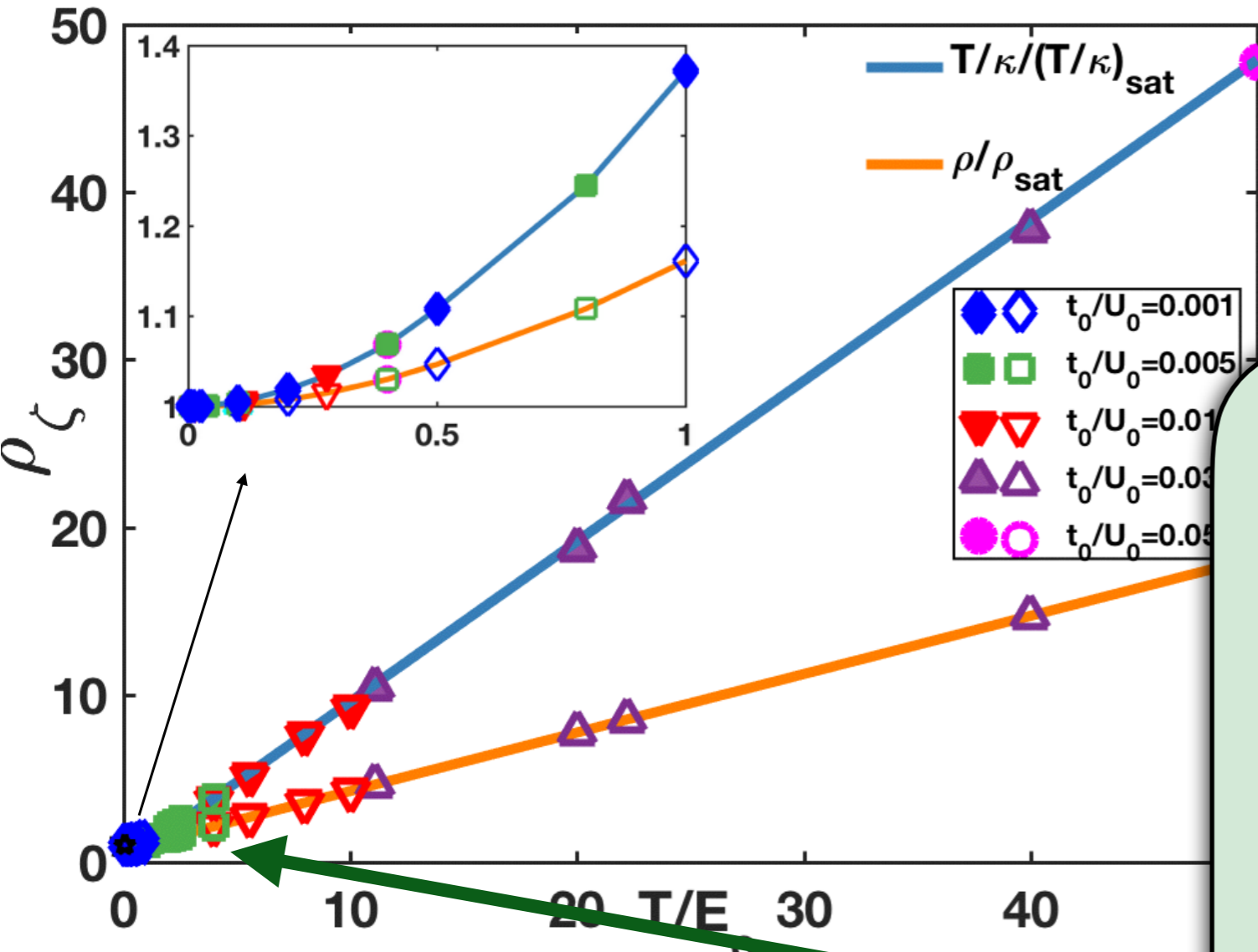


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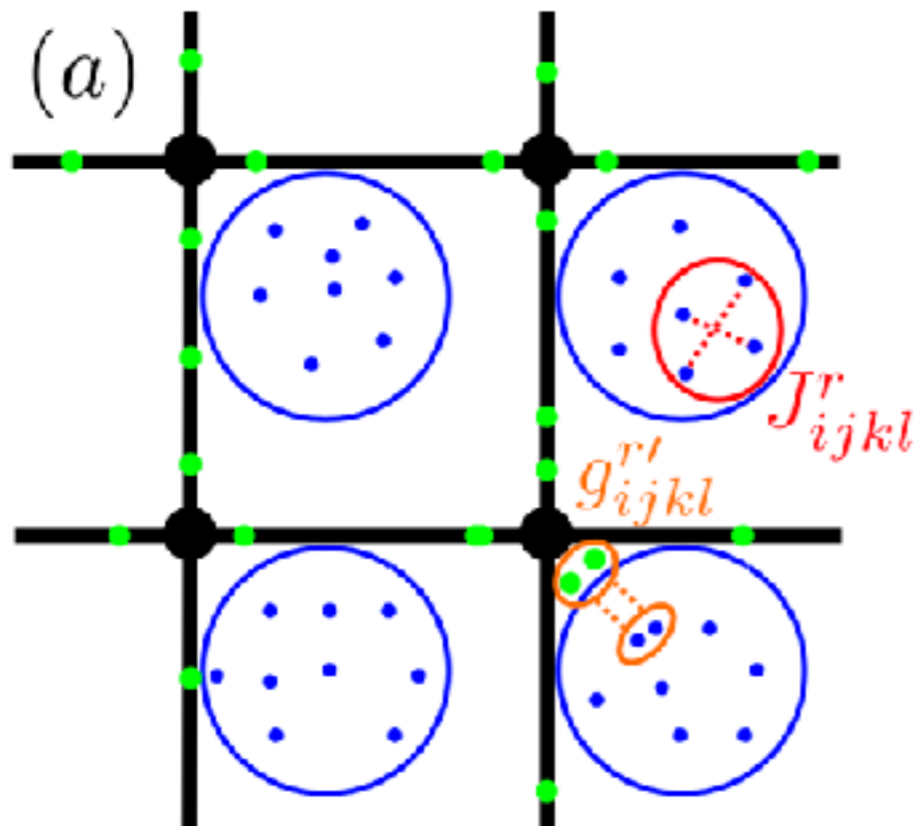
$$\rho = \frac{h}{e^2} \left[ c_1 + c_2 \left( \frac{T}{E_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$s \sim s_0 \left( \frac{T}{E_c} \right)$$

# Infecting a Fermi liquid and making it SYK

- Can we build a bridge between the 0-dimensional SYK model and a more conventional FS-based system?

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & -t \sum_{\langle rr' \rangle; i=1}^M (c_{ri}^\dagger c_{r'i} + \text{h.c.}) - \mu_c \sum_{r; i=1}^M c_{ri}^\dagger c_{ri} - \mu \sum_{r; i=1}^N f_{ri}^\dagger f_{ri} \\
 & + \frac{1}{NM^{1/2}} \sum_{r; i,j=1}^N \sum_{k,l=1}^M g_{ijkl}^r f_{ri}^\dagger f_{rj} c_{rk}^\dagger c_{rl} + \frac{1}{N^{3/2}} \sum_{r; i,j,k,l=1}^N J_{ijkl}^r f_{ri}^\dagger f_{rj}^\dagger f_{rk} f_{rl}.
 \end{aligned}$$



A. A. Patel, J. McGreevy, D. P. Arovas and S. Sachdev,  
**to appear...**

See also: D. Ben-Zion and J. McGreevy, arXiv: 1711.02686

# Infecting a Fermi liquid and making it SYK

$$\Sigma(\tau - \tau') = -J^2 G^2(\tau - \tau') G(\tau' - \tau) - \frac{M}{N} g^2 G(\tau - \tau') G^c(\tau - \tau') G^c(\tau' - \tau),$$

$$G(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega_n)}, \quad (f \text{ electrons})$$

$$\Sigma^c(\tau - \tau') = -g^2 G^c(\tau - \tau') G(\tau - \tau') G(\tau' - \tau),$$

$$G^c(i\omega_n) = \sum_k \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \epsilon_k + \mu_c - \Sigma^c(i\omega_n)}. \quad (c \text{ electrons})$$

Exactly solvable in the large  $N, M$  limits!

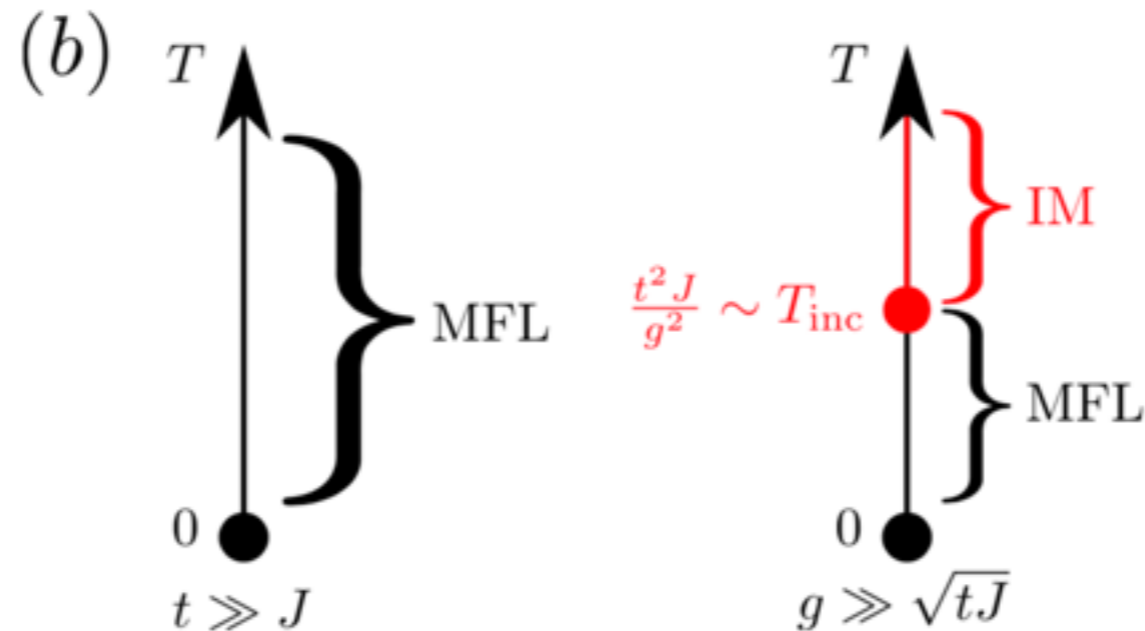
- Low- $T$  phase:  $c$  electrons form a Marginal Fermi-liquid (MFL),  $f$  electrons are local SYK models

$$\Sigma^c(i\omega_n) = \frac{ig^2\nu(0)T}{2J \cosh^{1/2}(2\pi\mathcal{E})\pi^{3/2}} \left( \frac{\omega_n}{T} \ln \left( \frac{2\pi T e^{\gamma_E - 1}}{J} \right) + \frac{\omega_n}{T} \psi \left( \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi T} \right) + \pi \right),$$

$$\Sigma^c(i\omega_n) \rightarrow \frac{ig^2\nu(0)}{2J \cosh^{1/2}(2\pi\mathcal{E})\pi^{3/2}} \omega_n \ln \left( \frac{|\omega_n| e^{\gamma_E - 1}}{J} \right), \quad |\omega_n| \gg T \quad (\nu(0) \sim 1/t)$$

# Infecting a Fermi liquid and making it SYK

- High- $T$  phase:  $c$  electrons form an “incoherent metal” (IM), with local Green’s function, and no notion of momentum;  $f$  electrons remain local SYK models



$$G^c(\tau) = -\frac{C_c}{\sqrt{1 + e^{-4\pi\mathcal{E}_c}}} \left( \frac{T}{\sin(\pi T\tau)} \right)^{1/2} e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E}_c T\tau}, \quad G(\tau) = -\frac{C}{\sqrt{1 + e^{-4\pi\mathcal{E}}}} \left( \frac{T}{\sin(\pi T\tau)} \right)^{1/2} e^{-2\pi\mathcal{E} T\tau}, \quad 0 \leq \tau < \beta$$

$$C = \cosh^{1/4}(2\pi\mathcal{E}) \frac{\pi^{1/4}}{J^{1/2}} \left( 1 - \frac{M}{N} \frac{\Lambda \nu(0)}{2\pi} \frac{\cosh(2\pi\mathcal{E})}{\cosh(2\pi\mathcal{E}_c)} \right)^{1/4}, \quad C_c = \frac{\cosh^{1/2}(2\pi\mathcal{E}) \Lambda^{1/2} \nu^{1/2}(0)}{2^{1/2} C g},$$

$$(\Lambda \sim t, \quad \nu(0) \sim 1/t)$$

# Linear-in- $T$ resistivity

Both the MFL and the IM are not translationally-invariant and have linear-in- $T$  resistivities!

$$\sigma_0^{\text{MFL}} = 0.120251 \times MT^{-1} J \times \left( \frac{v_F^2}{g^2} \right) \cosh^{1/2}(2\pi\mathcal{E}). \quad (v_F \sim t)$$

$$\sigma_0^{\text{IM}} = (\pi^{1/2}/8) \times MT^{-1} J \times \left( \frac{\Lambda}{\nu(0)g^2} \right) \frac{\cosh^{1/2}(2\pi\mathcal{E})}{\cosh(2\pi\mathcal{E}_c)}.$$

[Can be obtained straightforwardly from Kubo formula in the large- $N, M$  limits]

The IM is also a “Bad metal” with  $\sigma_0^{\text{IM}} \ll 1$

# Magnetotransport: Marginal-Fermi liquid

- Thanks to large  $N, M$ , we can also exactly derive the linear-response Boltzmann equation for non-quantizing magnetic fields...

$$(1 - \partial_\omega \text{Re}[\Sigma_R^c(\omega)]) \partial_t \delta n(t, k, \omega) + v_F \hat{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t) n'_f(\omega) + v_F (\hat{k} \times \mathcal{B} \hat{z}) \cdot \nabla_k \delta n(t, k, \omega) = 2 \delta n(t, k, \omega) \text{Im}[\Sigma_R^c(\omega)],$$

$(\mathcal{B} = eBa^2/\hbar)$  (i.e. flux per unit cell)

$$\sigma_L^{\text{MFL}} = M \frac{v_F^2 \nu(0)}{16T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dE_1}{2\pi} \text{sech}^2 \left( \frac{E_1}{2T} \right) \frac{-\text{Im}[\Sigma_R^c(E_1)]}{\text{Im}[\Sigma_R^c(E_1)]^2 + (v_F/(2k_F))^2 \mathcal{B}^2},$$

$$\sigma_H^{\text{MFL}} = -M \frac{v_F^2 \nu(0)}{16T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dE_1}{2\pi} \text{sech}^2 \left( \frac{E_1}{2T} \right) \frac{(v_F/(2k_F)) \mathcal{B}}{\text{Im}[\Sigma_R^c(E_1)]^2 + (v_F/(2k_F))^2 \mathcal{B}^2}.$$

$$\sigma_L^{\text{MFL}} \sim T^{-1} s_L((v_F/k_F)(\mathcal{B}/T)), \quad \sigma_H^{\text{MFL}} \sim -\mathcal{B} T^{-2} s_H((v_F/k_F)(\mathcal{B}/T)).$$

$$s_{L,H}(x \rightarrow \infty) \propto 1/x^2, \quad s_{L,H}(x \rightarrow 0) \propto x^0.$$

Scaling between magnetic field and temperature in **orbital** magnetotransport!

# Macroscopic magnetotransport in the MFL

- Let us consider the MFL with additional **macroscopic** disorder (charge puddles etc.)

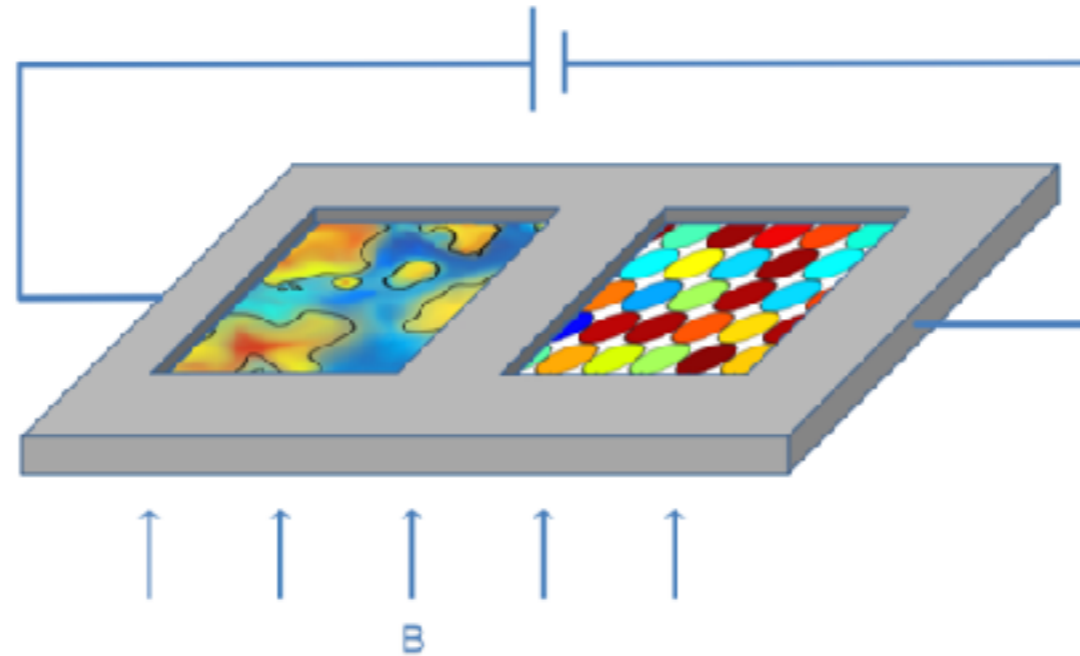


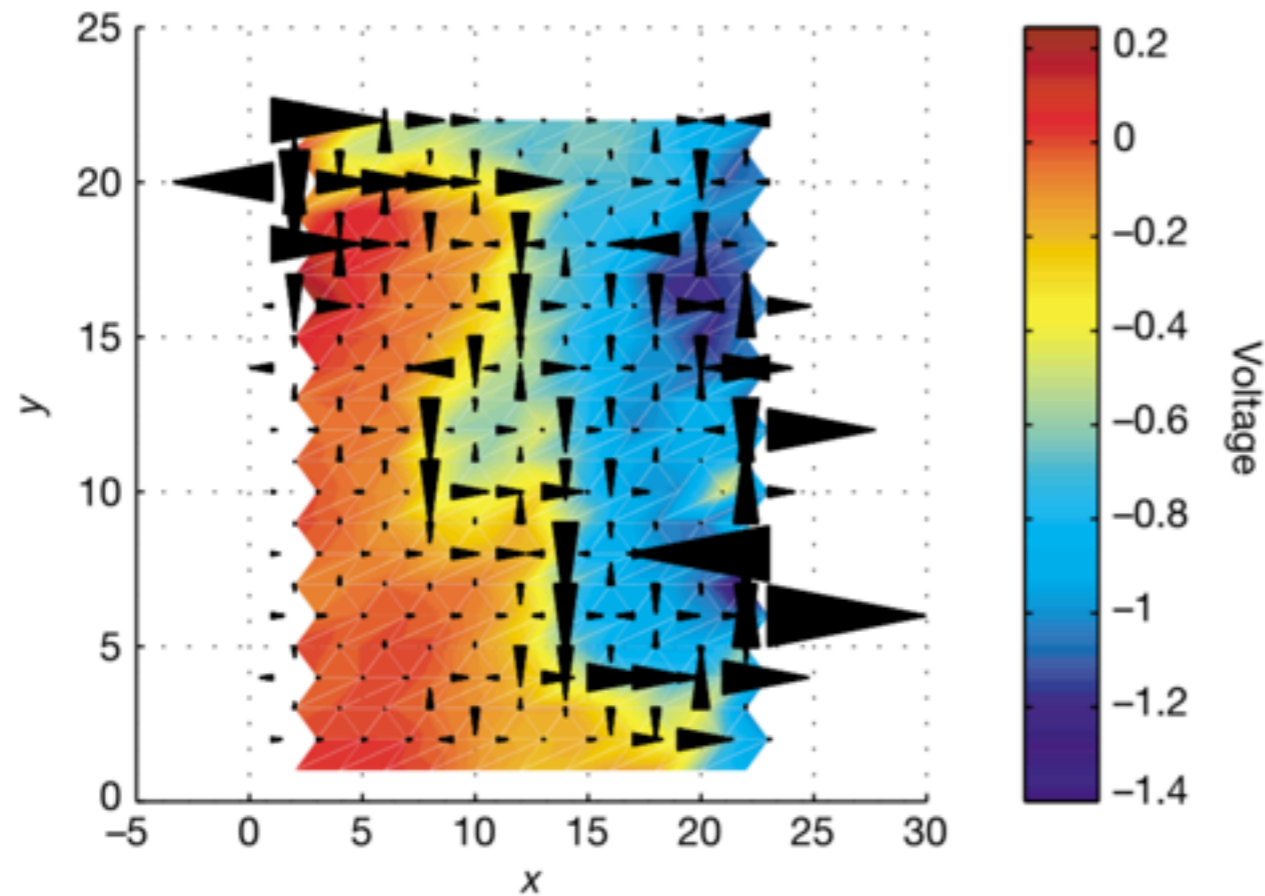
Figure: N. Ramakrishnan et. al., arXiv: 1703.05478

- No macroscopic momentum, so equations describing charge transport are just

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}).$$

- Very weak thermoelectricity for large FS, so charge effectively decoupled from heat transport.

# Physical picture

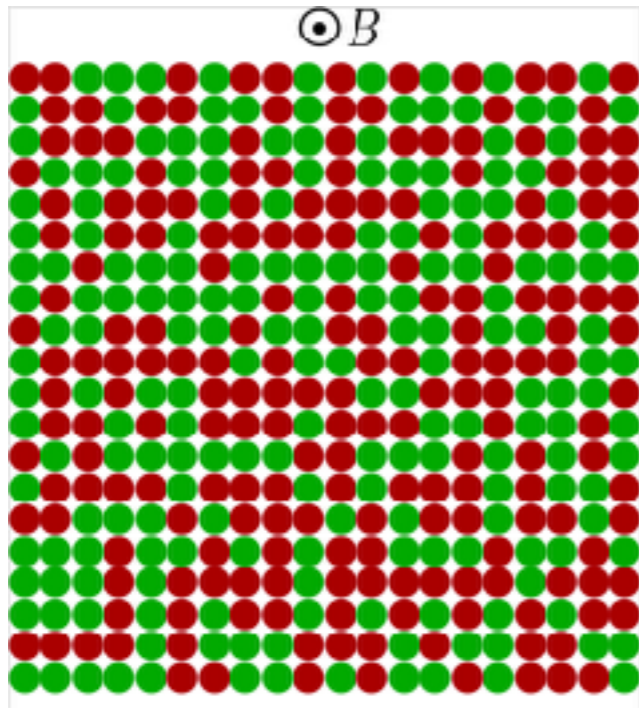


**Figure 3** Visualization of currents and voltages at large magnetic field in a  $10 \times 10$  random network of disks with radii 1 (arbitrary units), where the potential difference  $U = -1$  V. The black arrows represent the currents, and arrow size depicts the magnitude of the current. The major current path is perpendicular to the applied voltage for a significant proportion of the time, which implies that the magnetoresistance is provided internally by the Hall effect, which is therefore linear in  $H$ .

- Current path length increases linearly with  $B$  at large  $B$  due to local Hall effect, which causes the global resistance to increase linearly with  $B$  at large  $B$ .

Exact numerical solution of charge-transport equations in a random-resistor network. (M. M. Parish and P. Littlewood, Nature 426, 162 (2003))

# Solvable toy model: two-component disorder



- Two types of domains  $a, b$  with different carrier densities and lifetimes randomly distributed in approximately equal fractions over sample.
- Effective medium equations can be solved exactly

$$\left( \mathbb{I} + \frac{\sigma^a - \sigma^e}{2\sigma_L^e} \right)^{-1} \cdot (\sigma^a - \sigma^e) + \left( \mathbb{I} + \frac{\sigma^b - \sigma^e}{2\sigma_L^e} \right)^{-1} \cdot (\sigma^b - \sigma^e) = 0.$$

$$\rho_L^e \equiv \frac{\sigma_L^e}{\sigma_L^{e2} + \sigma_H^{e2}} = \frac{\sqrt{(\mathcal{B}/m)^2 (\gamma_a \sigma_{0a}^{\text{MFL}} - \gamma_b \sigma_{0b}^{\text{MFL}})^2 + \gamma_a^2 \gamma_b^2 (\sigma_{0a}^{\text{MFL}} + \sigma_{0b}^{\text{MFL}})^2}}{\gamma_a \gamma_b (\sigma_{0a}^{\text{MFL}} \sigma_{0b}^{\text{MFL}})^{1/2} (\sigma_{0a}^{\text{MFL}} + \sigma_{0b}^{\text{MFL}})},$$

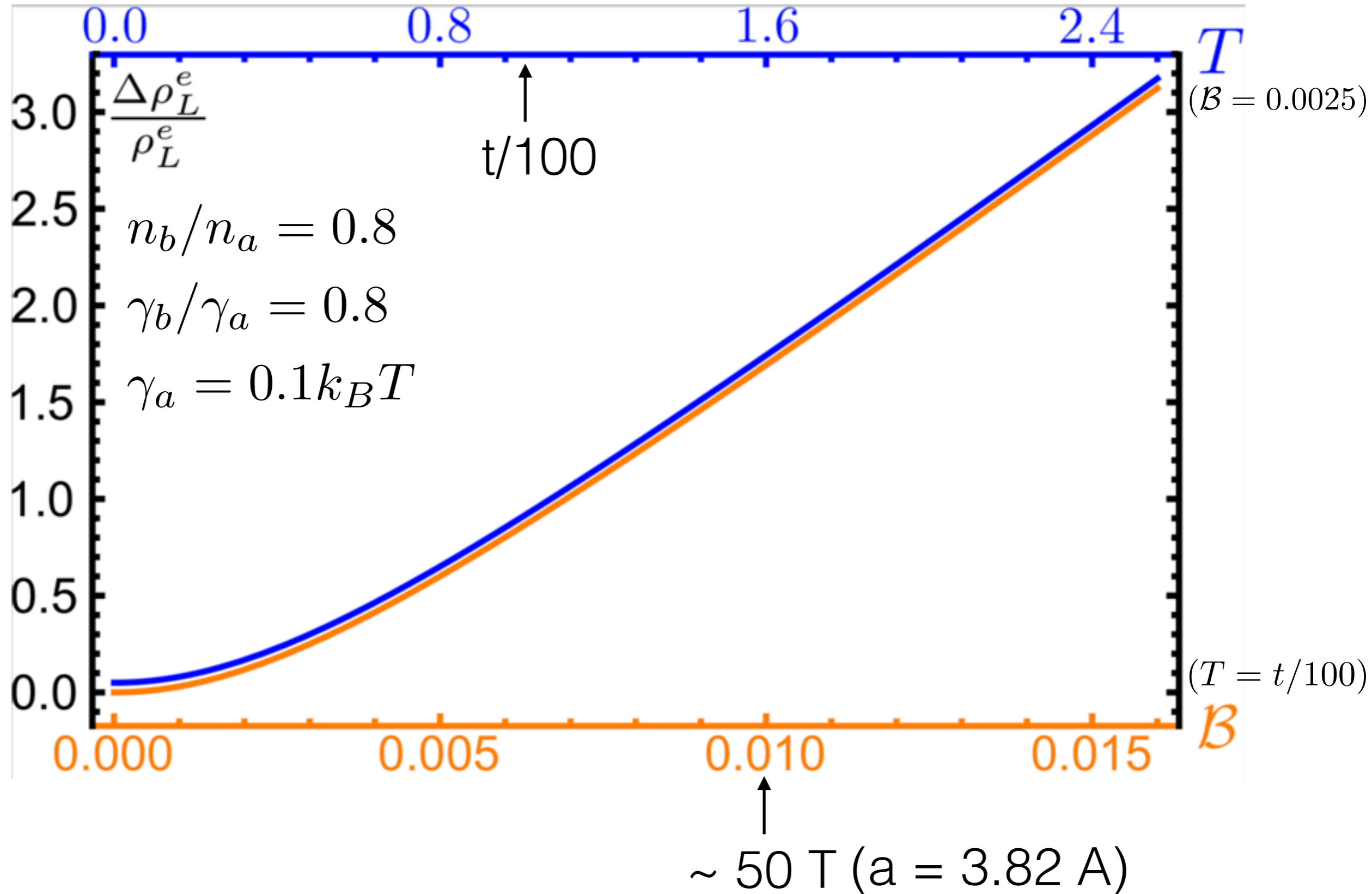
$$\rho_H^e \equiv -\frac{\sigma_H^e / \mathcal{B}}{\sigma_L^{e2} + \sigma_H^{e2}} = \frac{\gamma_a + \gamma_b}{m \gamma_a \gamma_b (\sigma_{0a}^{\text{MFL}} + \sigma_{0b}^{\text{MFL}})} \cdot (m = k_F / v_F \sim 1/t)$$

$\gamma_{a,b} \sim T$  (i.e. effective transport scattering rates)

$$\rho_L^e \sim \sqrt{c_1 T^2 + c_2 B^2}$$

Scaling between  $B$  and  $T$  at microscopic orbital level has been transferred to global MR!

# Scaling between $B$ and $T$



## Quantum matter without quasiparticles:

- No quasiparticle decomposition of low-lying states:  
$$E \neq \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} F_{\alpha\beta} n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} + \dots$$
- Thermalization and many-body chaos in the shortest possible time of order  $\hbar/(k_B T)$ .
- These are also characteristics of black holes in quantum gravity.

# *Magnetotransport in strange metals*

- Engineered a model of a Fermi surface coupled to SYK quantum dots which leads to a marginal Fermi liquid with a linear-in- $T$  resistance, with a magnetoresistance which scales as  $B \sim T$ .
- Macroscopic disorder then leads to linear-in- $B$  magnetoresistance, and a combined dependence which scales as  $\sim \sqrt{B^2 + T^2}$
- Higher temperatures lead to an incoherent metal with a local Green's function and a linear-in- $T$  resistance, but negligible magnetoresistance.