

Quantum statistical mechanics of charged black holes and strange metals

Review articles:
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Foundations

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Boltzmann

Statistical interpretation of entropy (1870)

$$S = k_B \log W$$

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



Ludwig Boltzmann

20 February 1844 - September 5, 1906

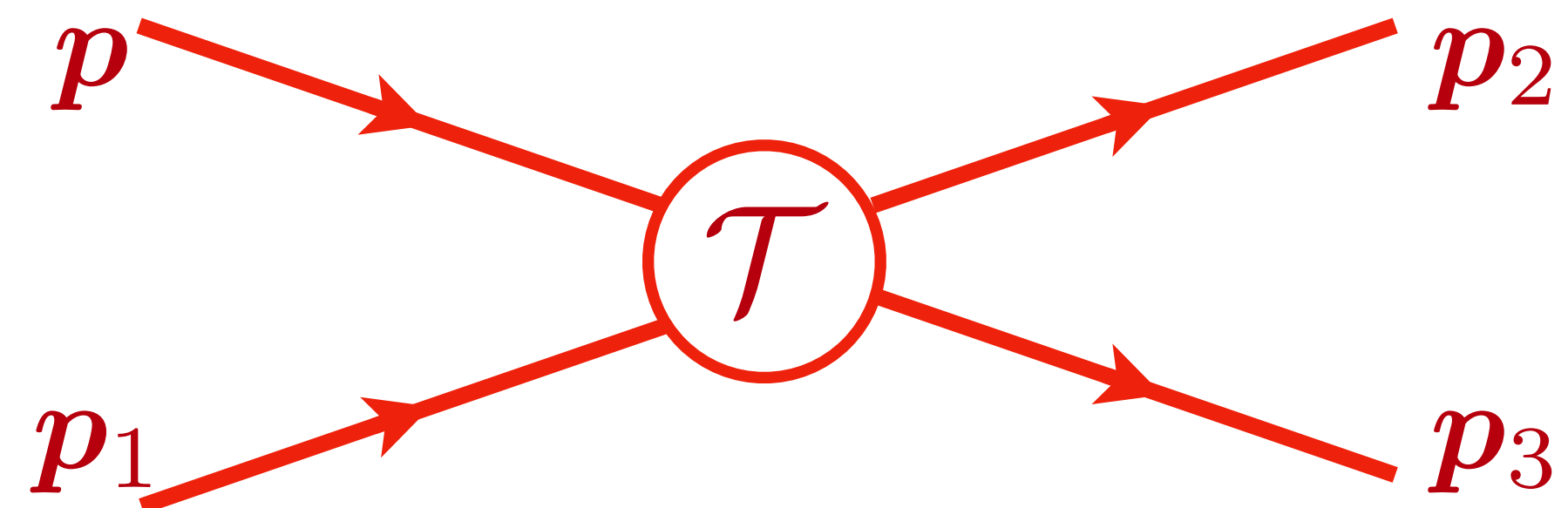
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Boltzmann equation (1872)

Dilute classical gas

Molecular chaos: successive collisions are statistically independent

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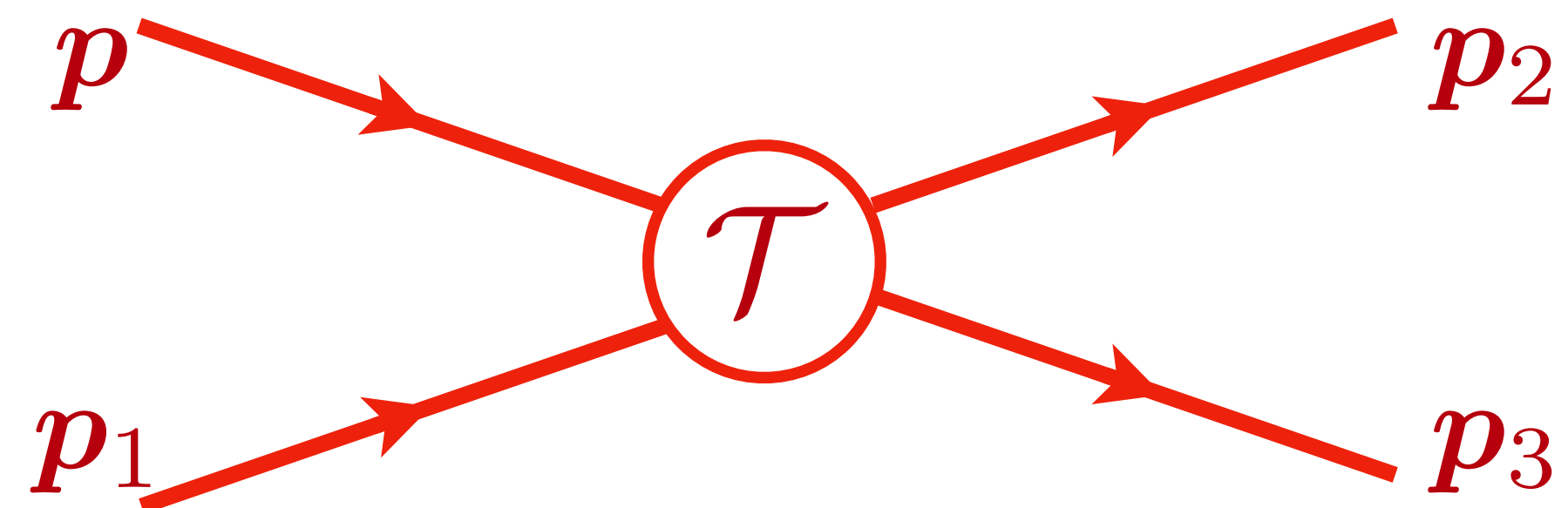
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Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)
between successive collisions

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

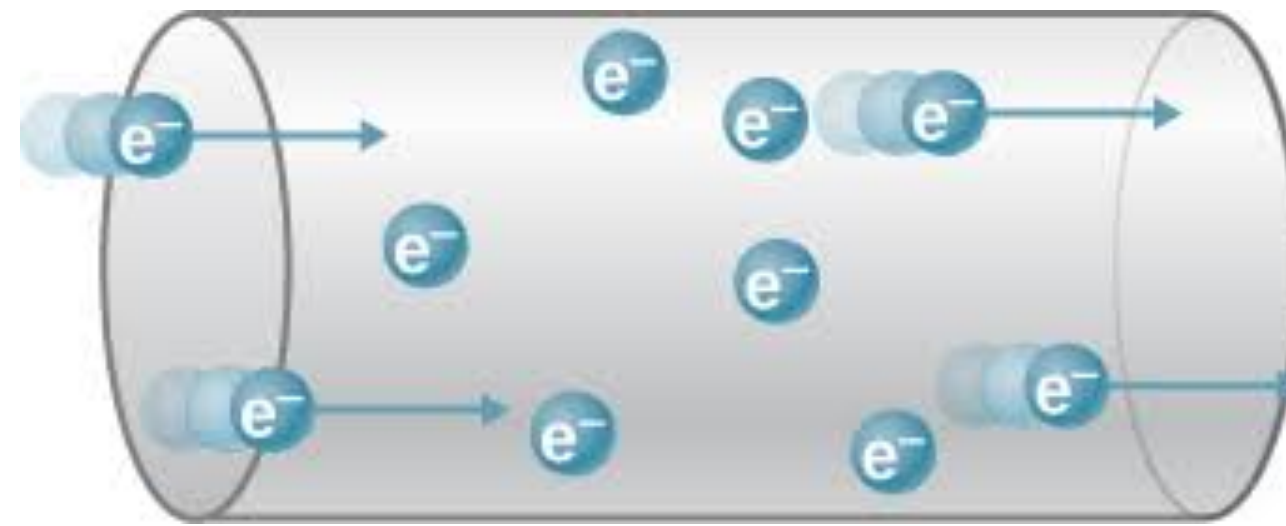


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Current flow with electrons in Copper



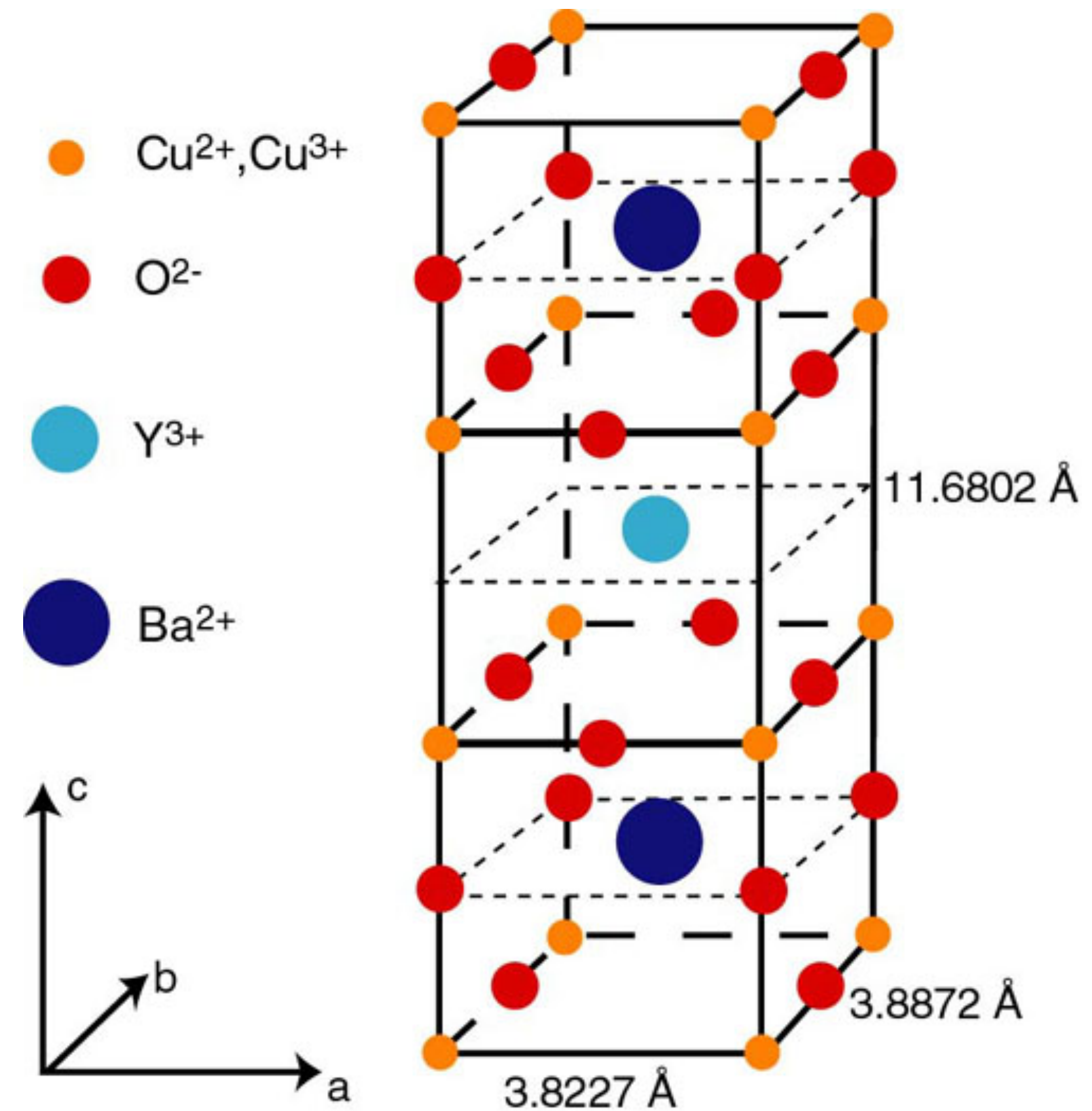
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation \Rightarrow
typical scattering time $\tau \sim 1/T^2$, resistivity $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

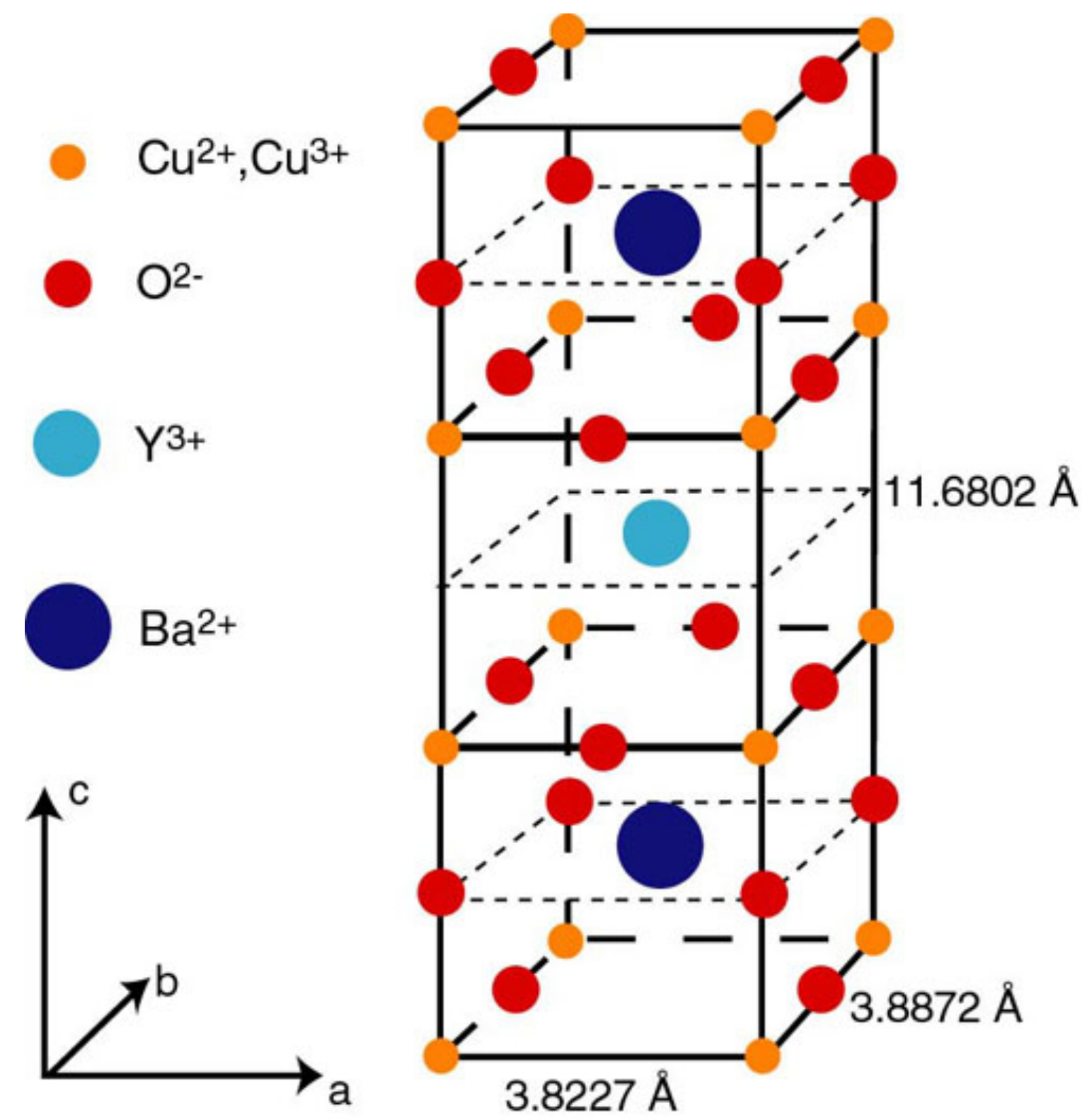
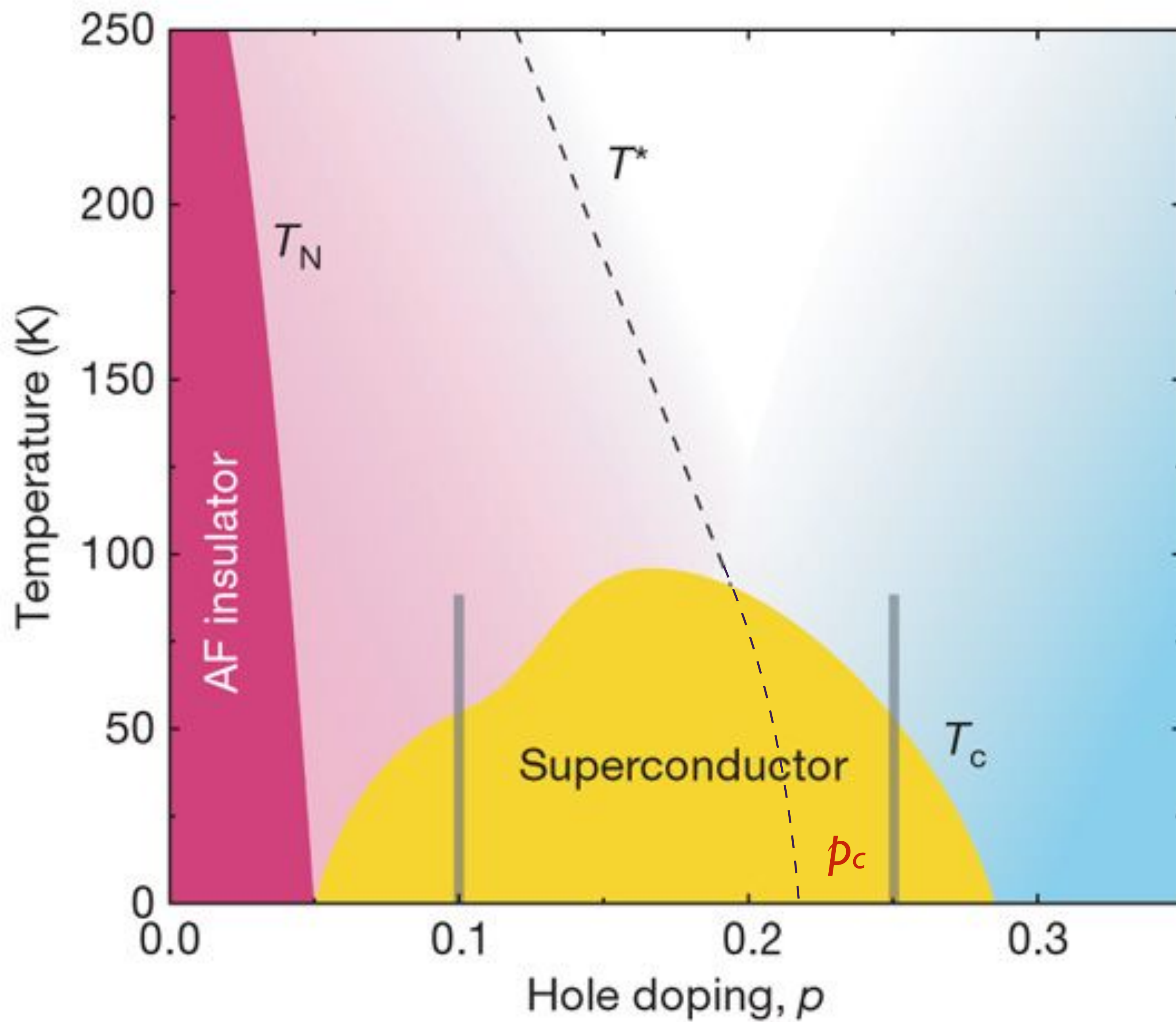
The time τ is much longer than a limiting ‘Planckian time’ $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$.

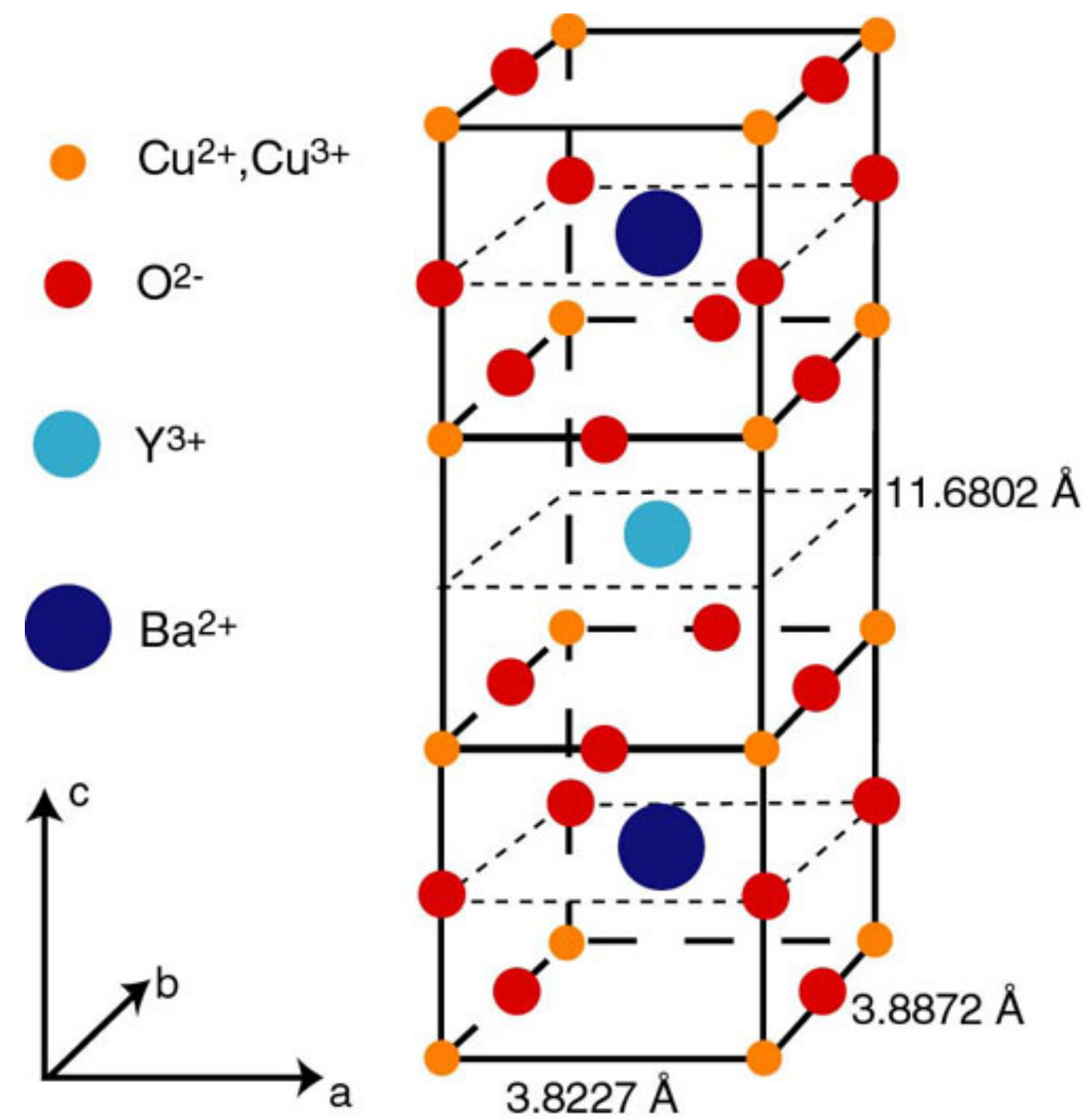
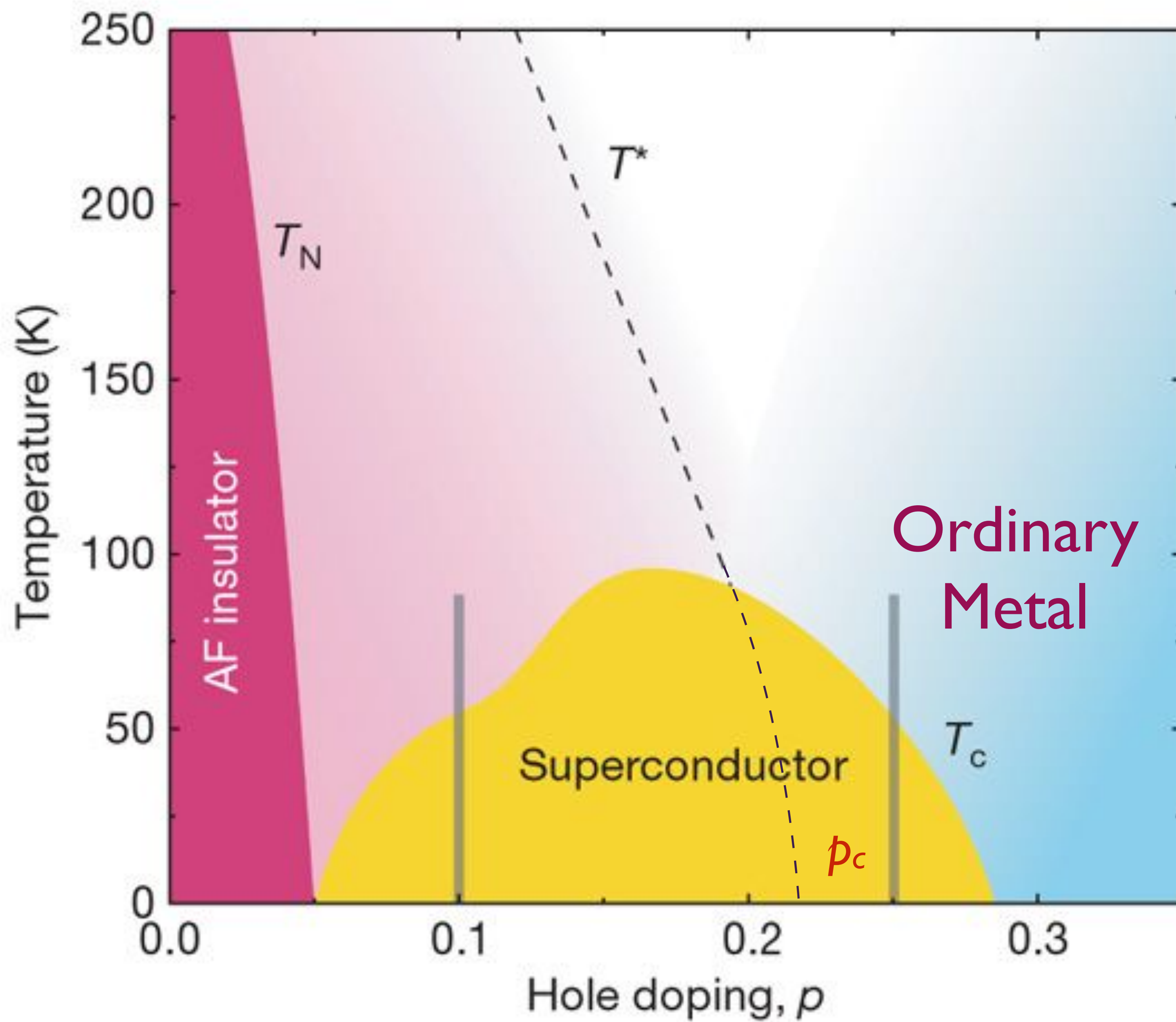
The long scattering time implies that individual electrons are well-defined.

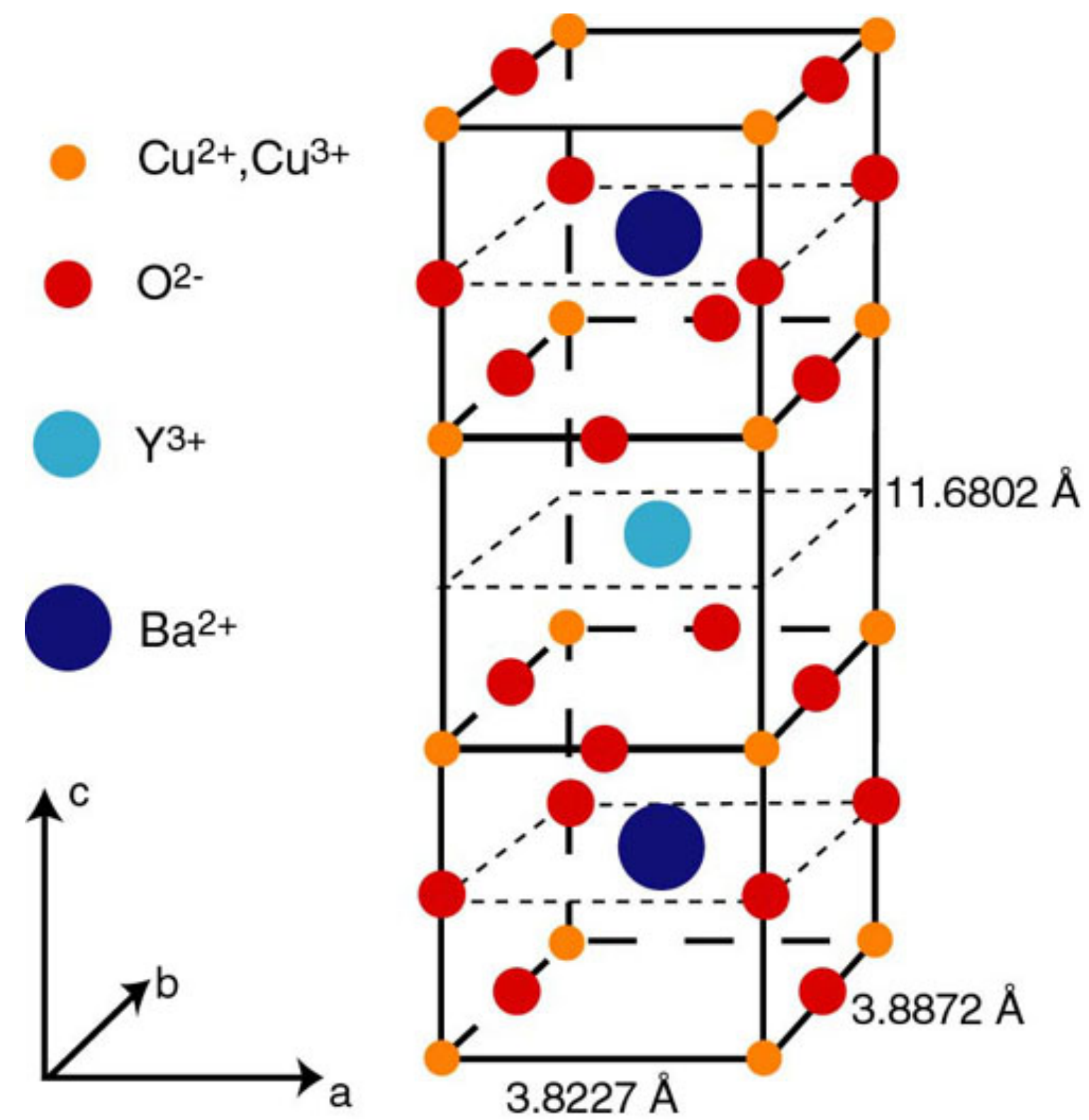
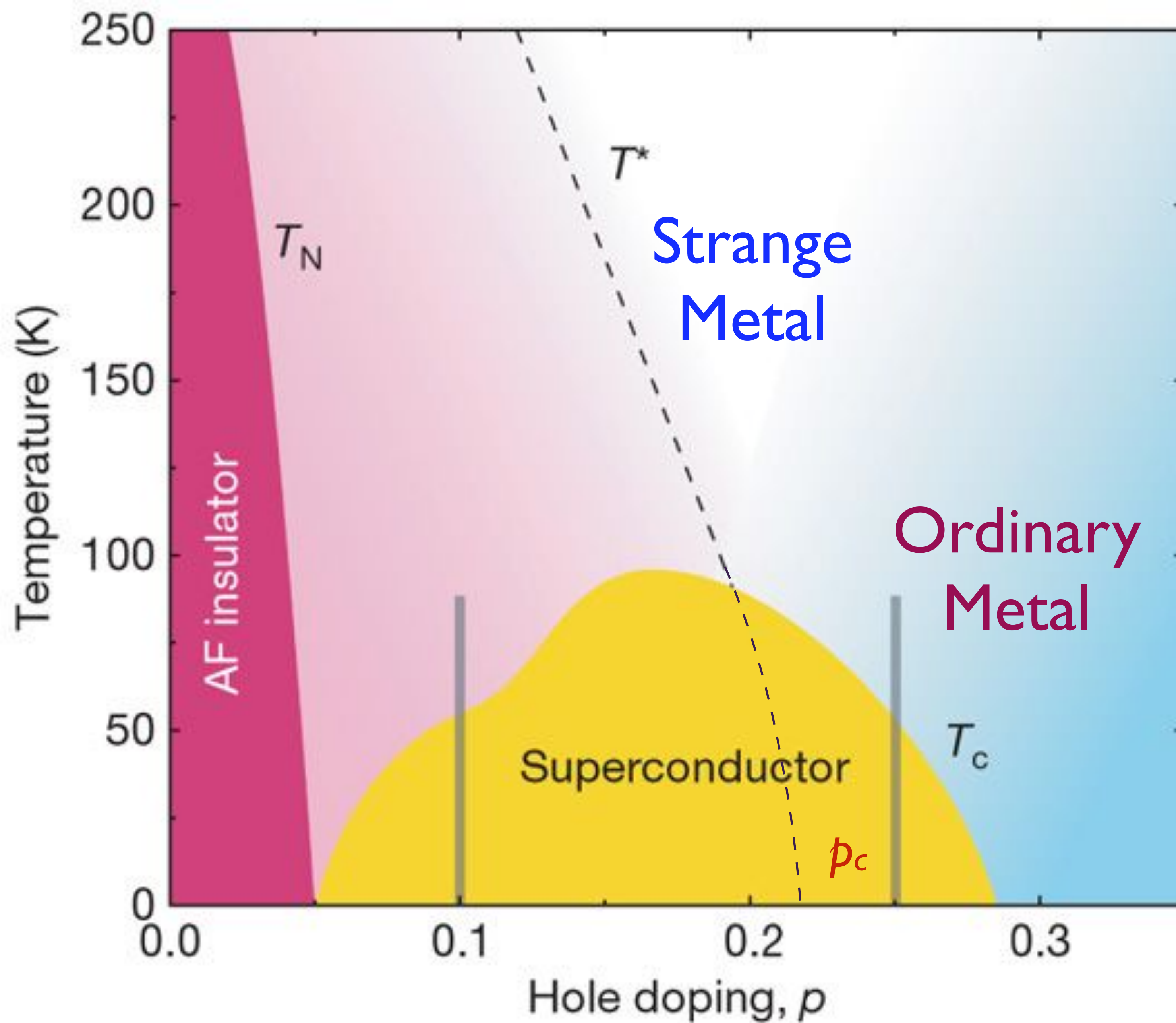
The motion of electrons is ‘ballistic’ or ‘integrable’
up to the long time τ , after which it is chaotic.

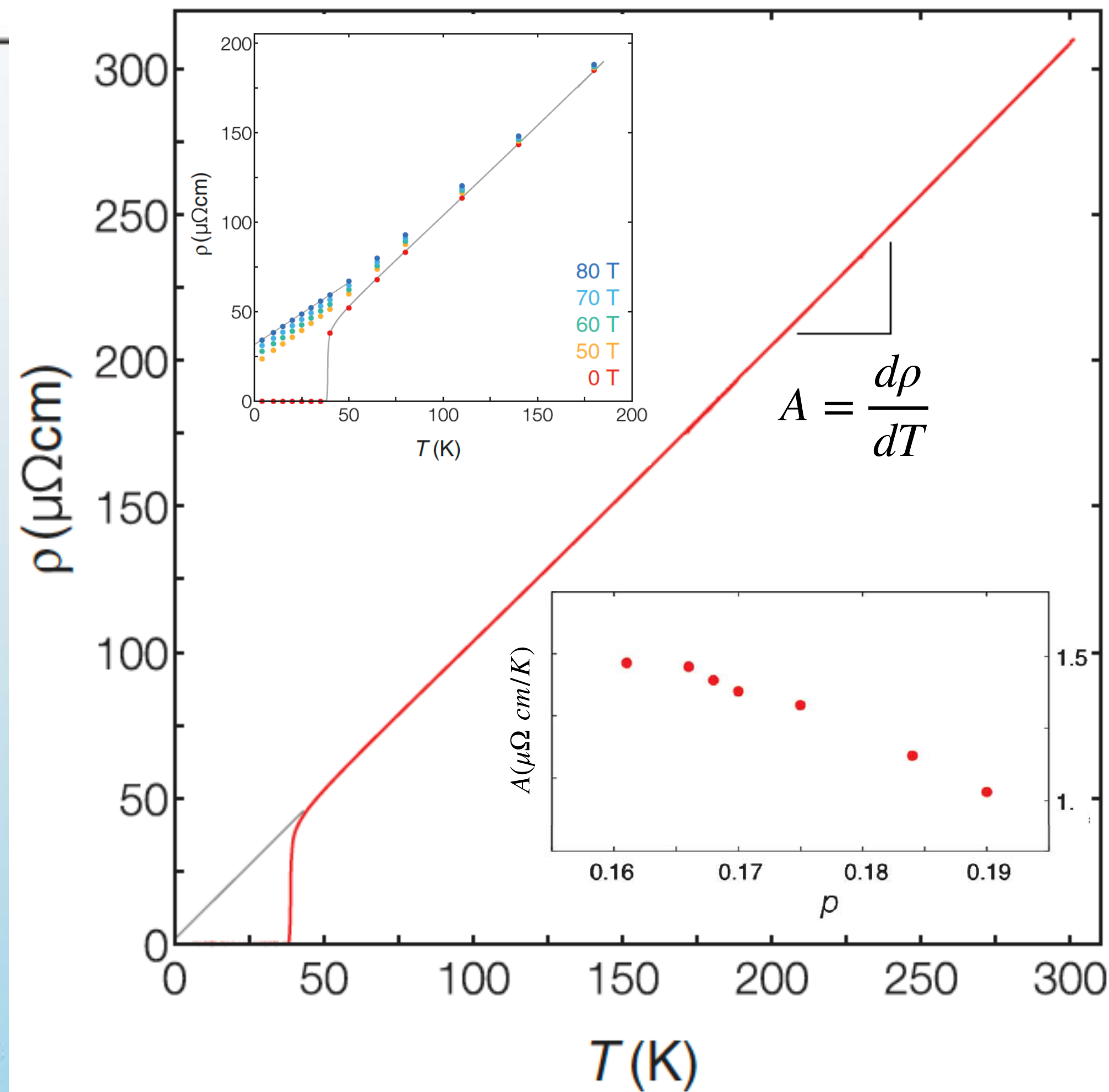
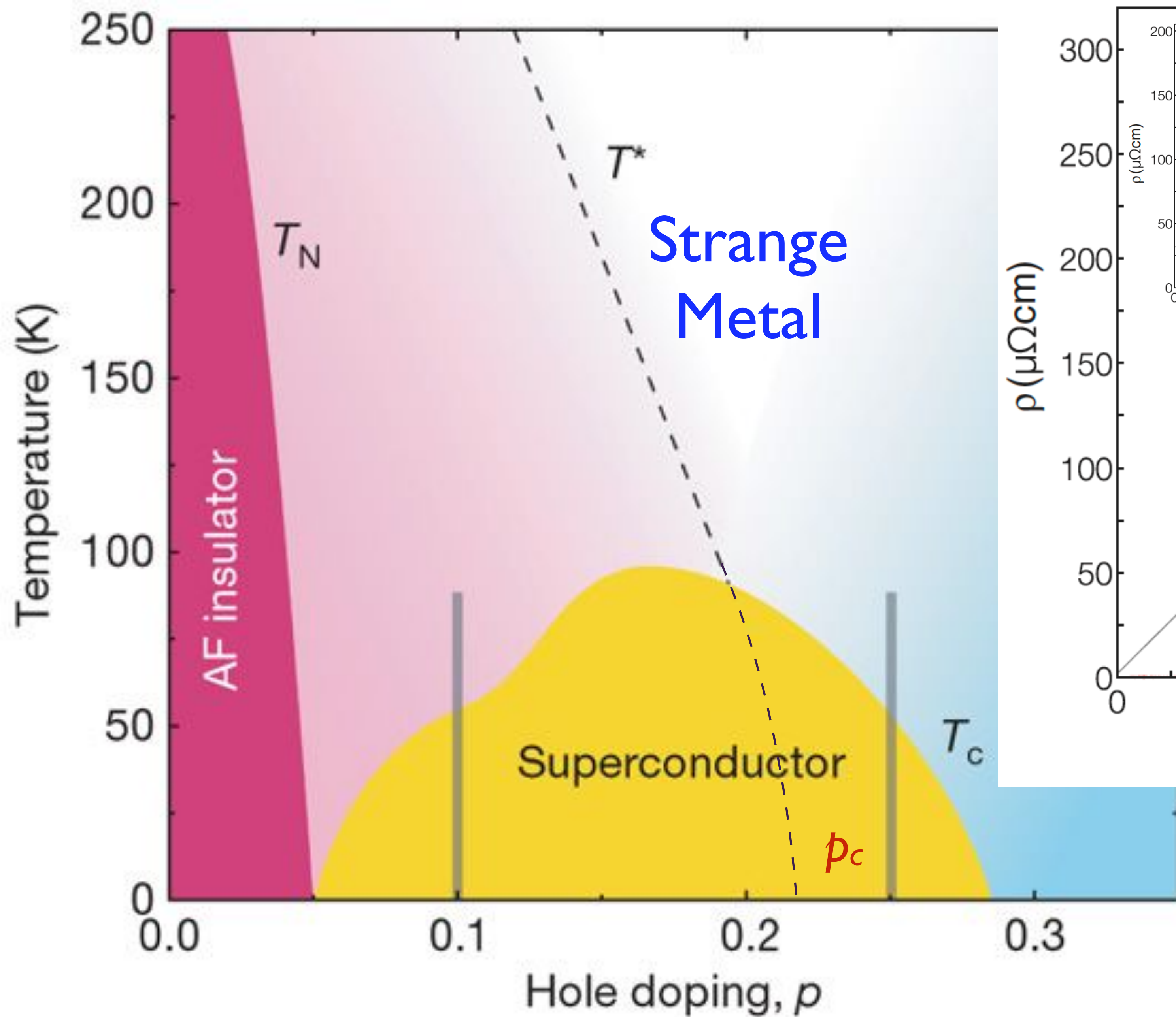
Cuprate high temperature superconductors









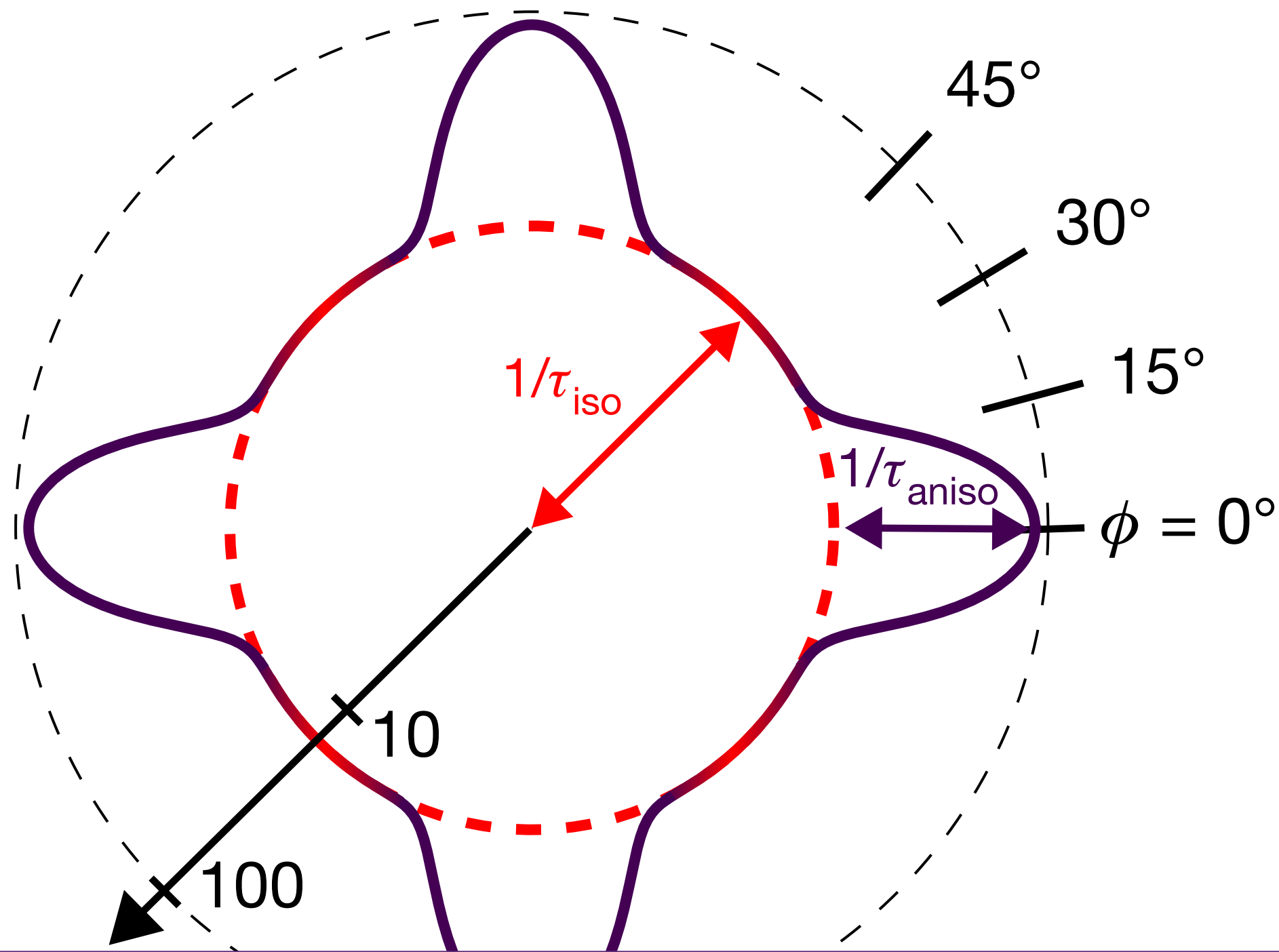


LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018

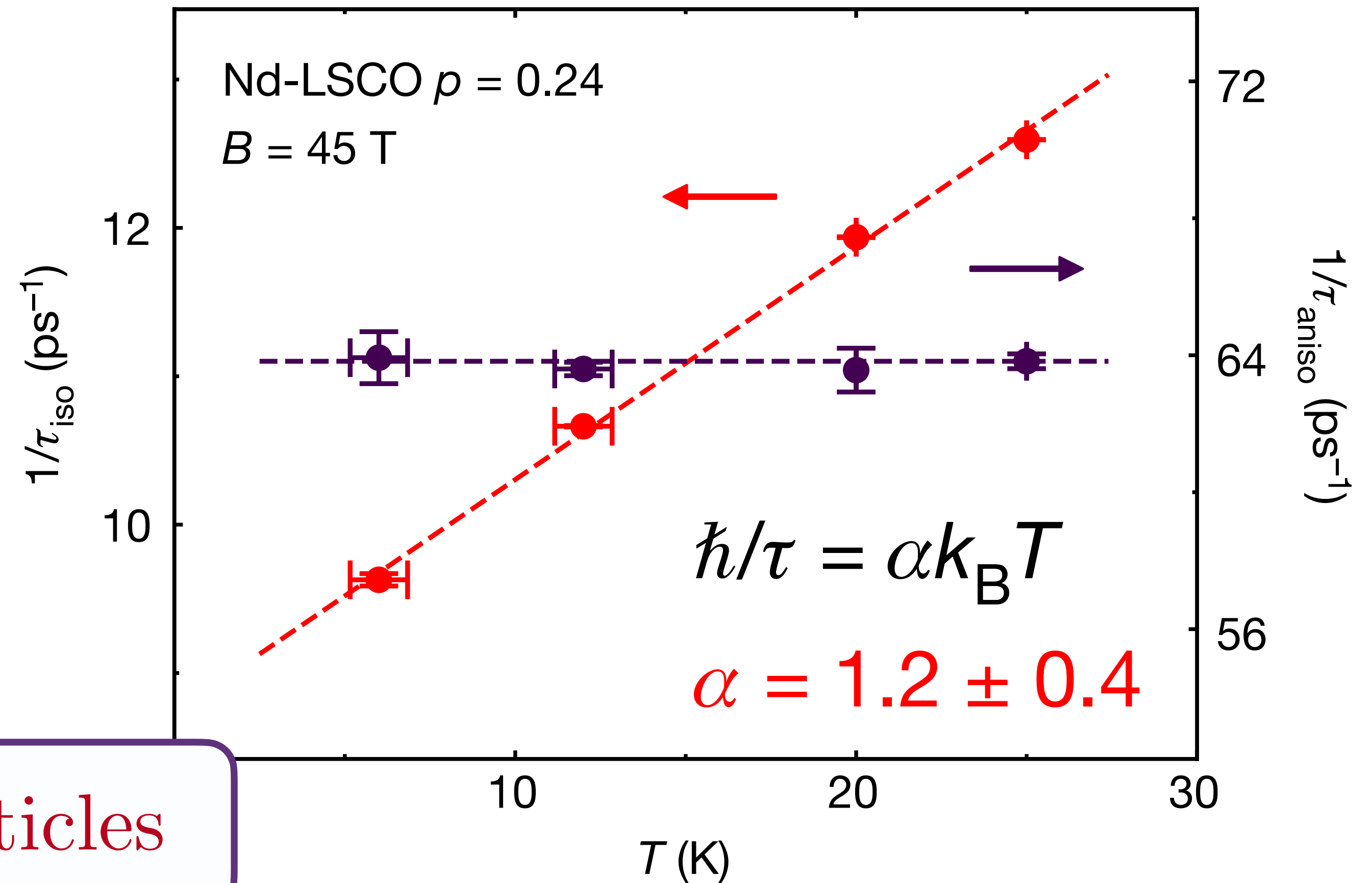
Linear-in temperature resistivity from an isotropic Planckian scattering rate

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

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



Current flow without quasiparticles

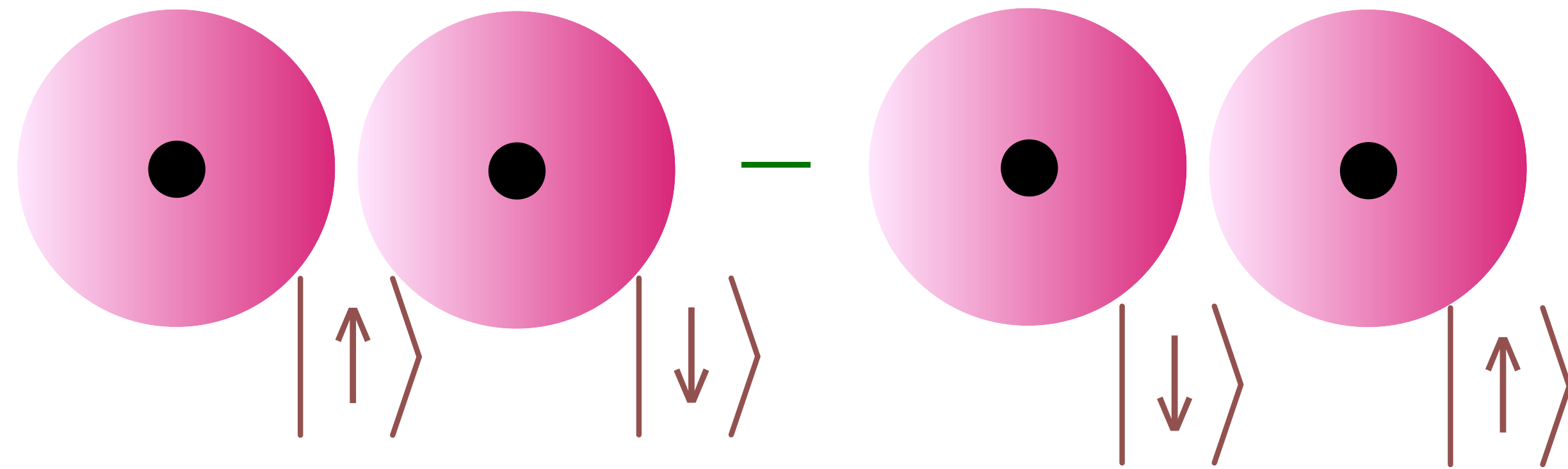


No Boltzmann-Landau quasiparticle description \Rightarrow
Many particle quantum entanglement
from quantum interference between “collisions”

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

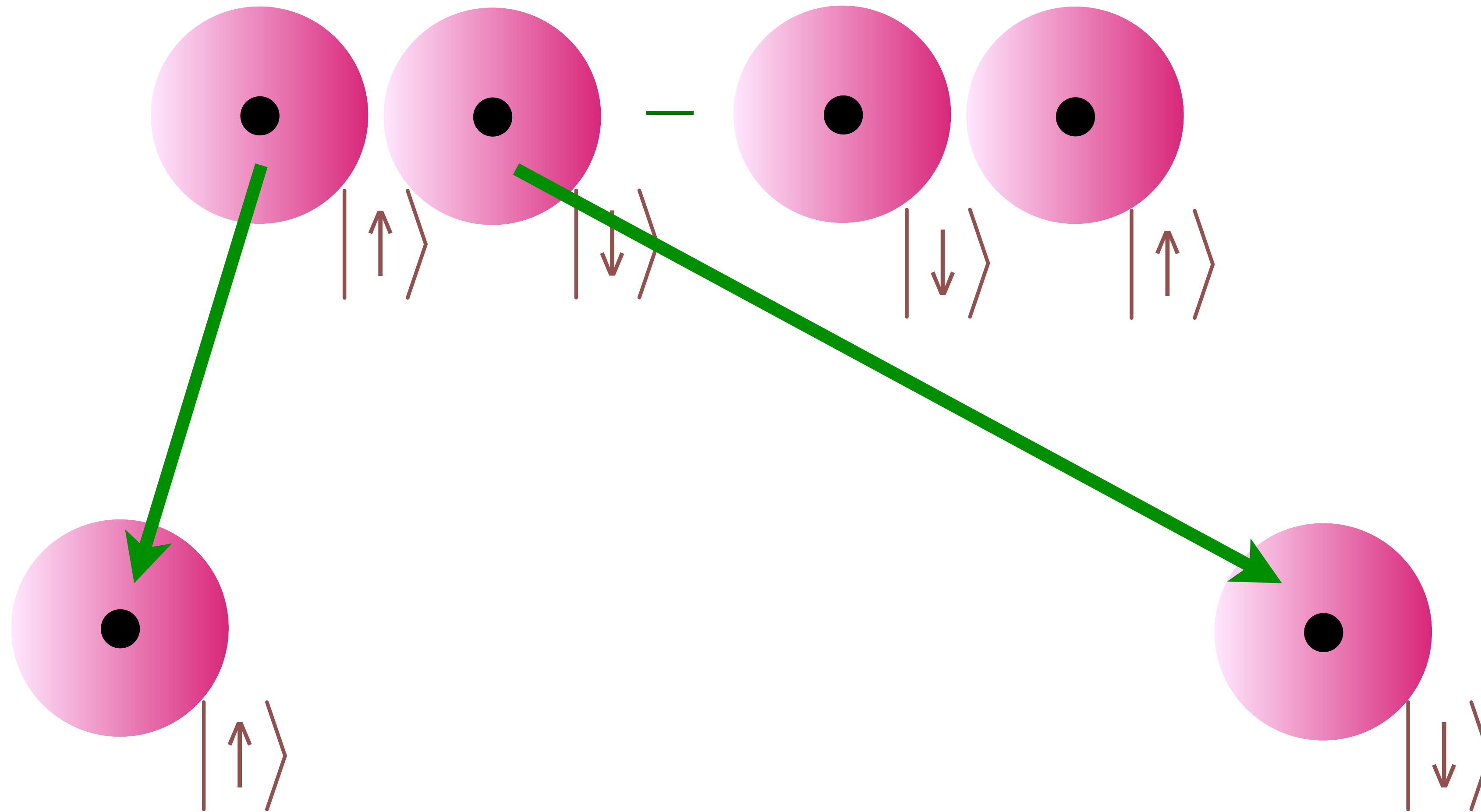
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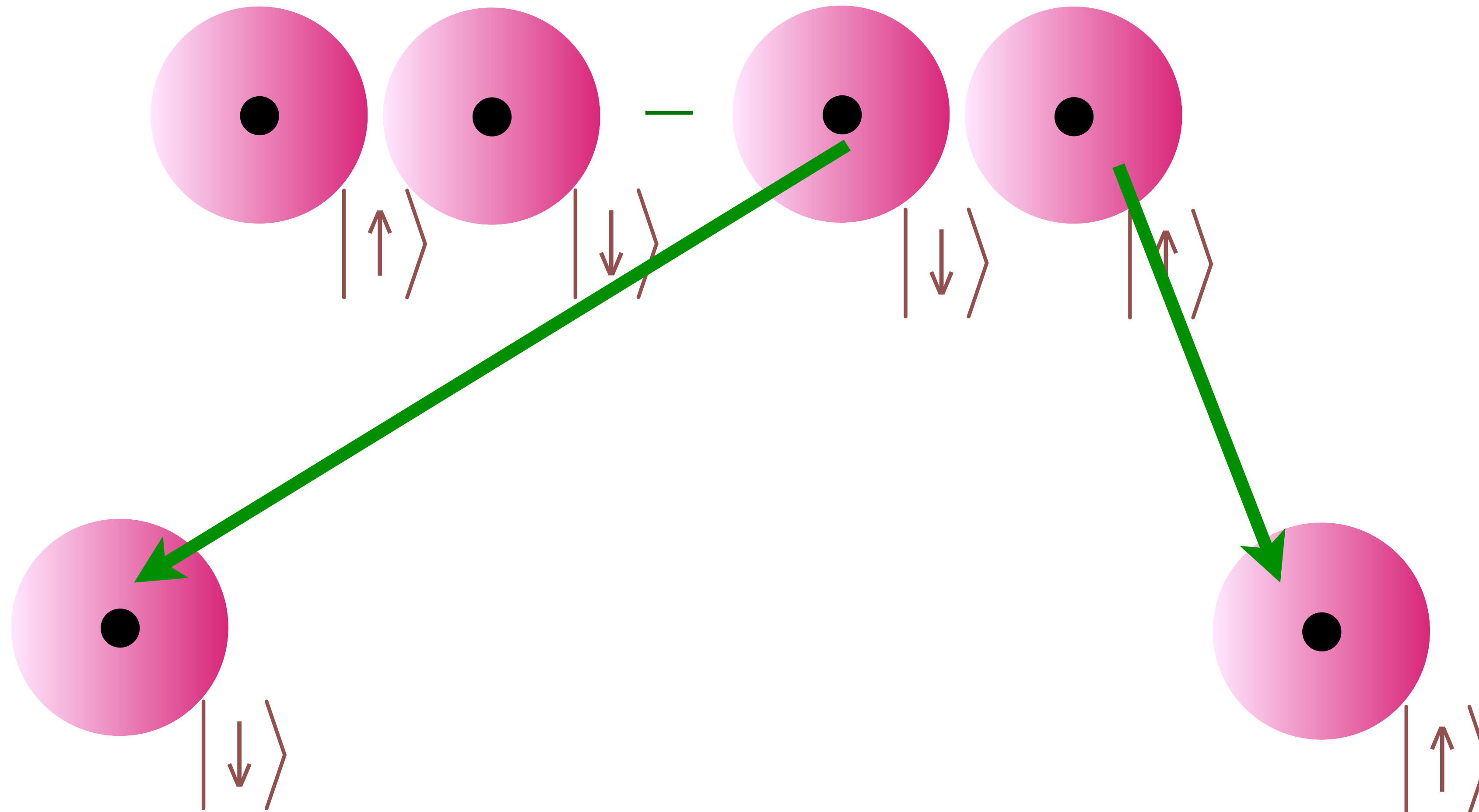
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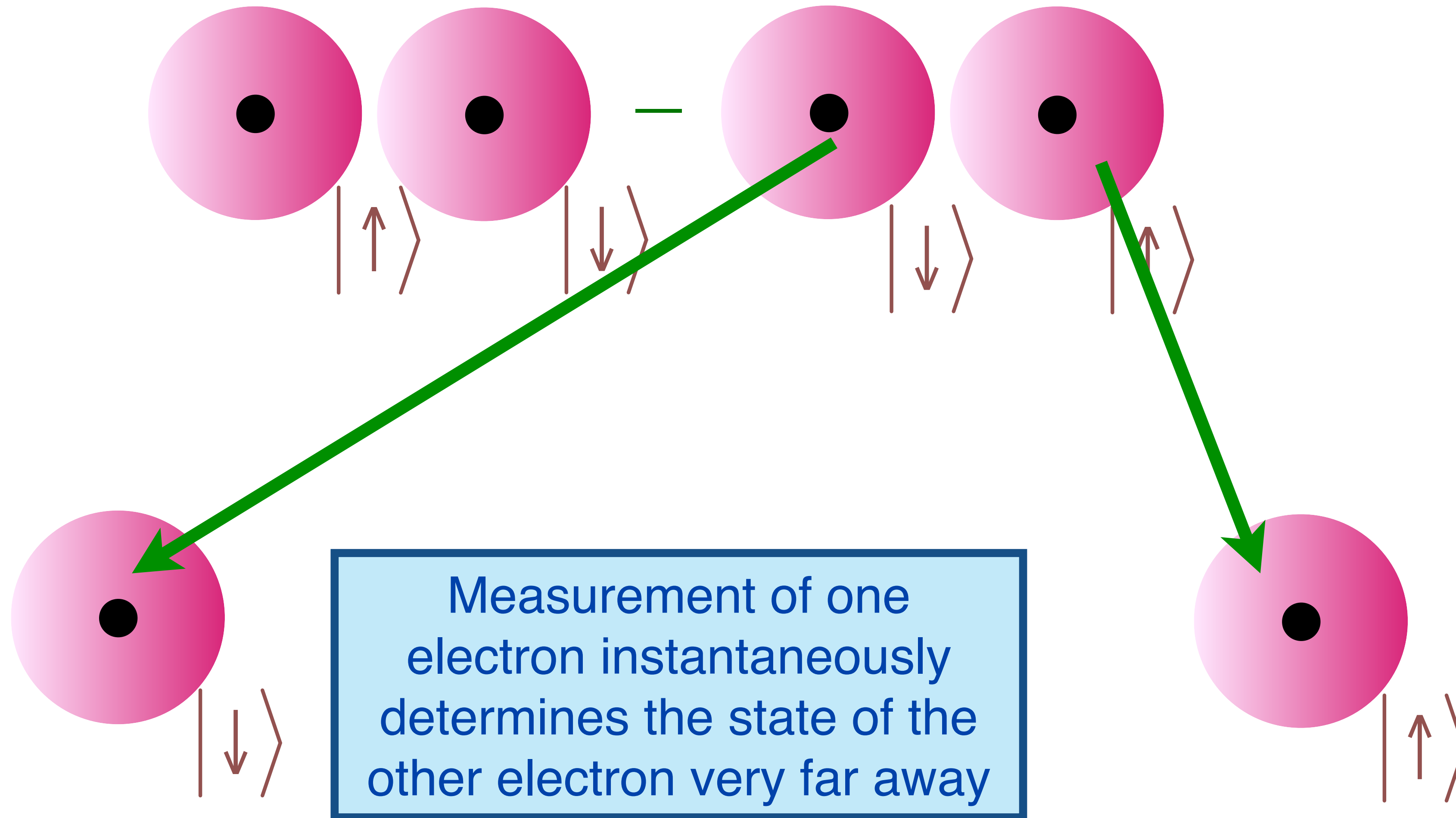
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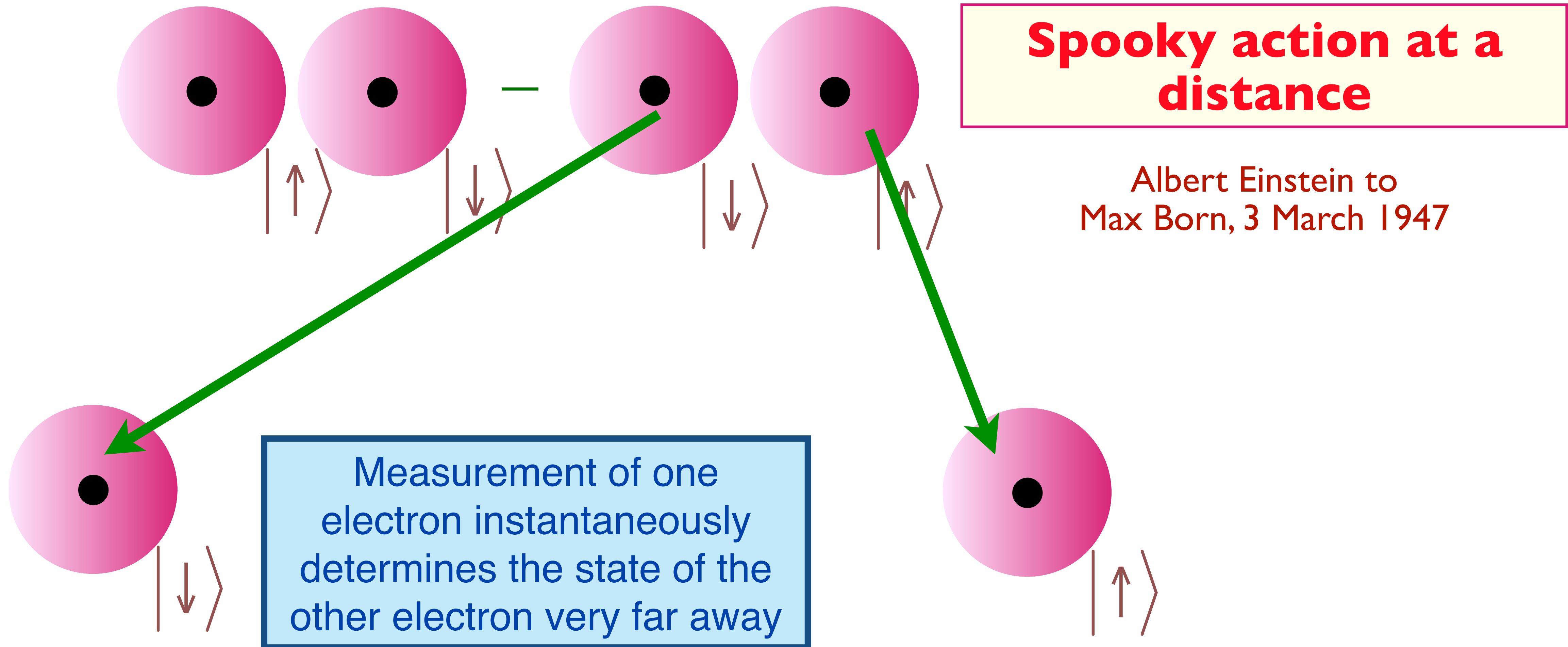
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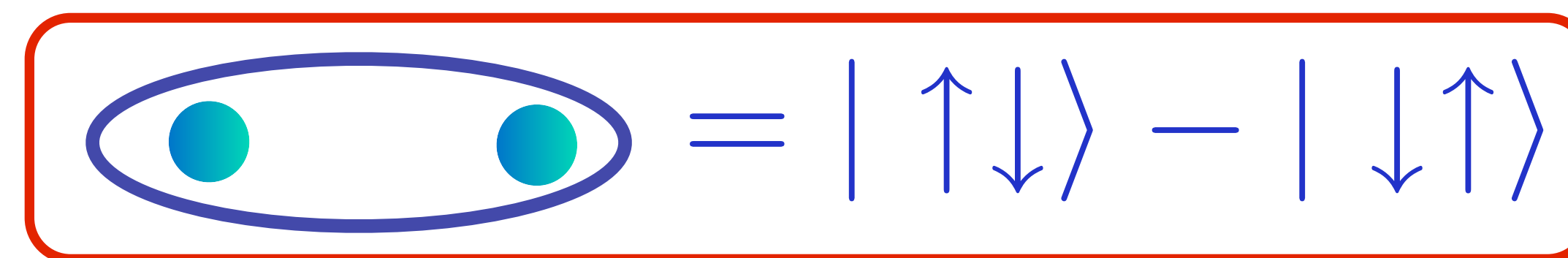
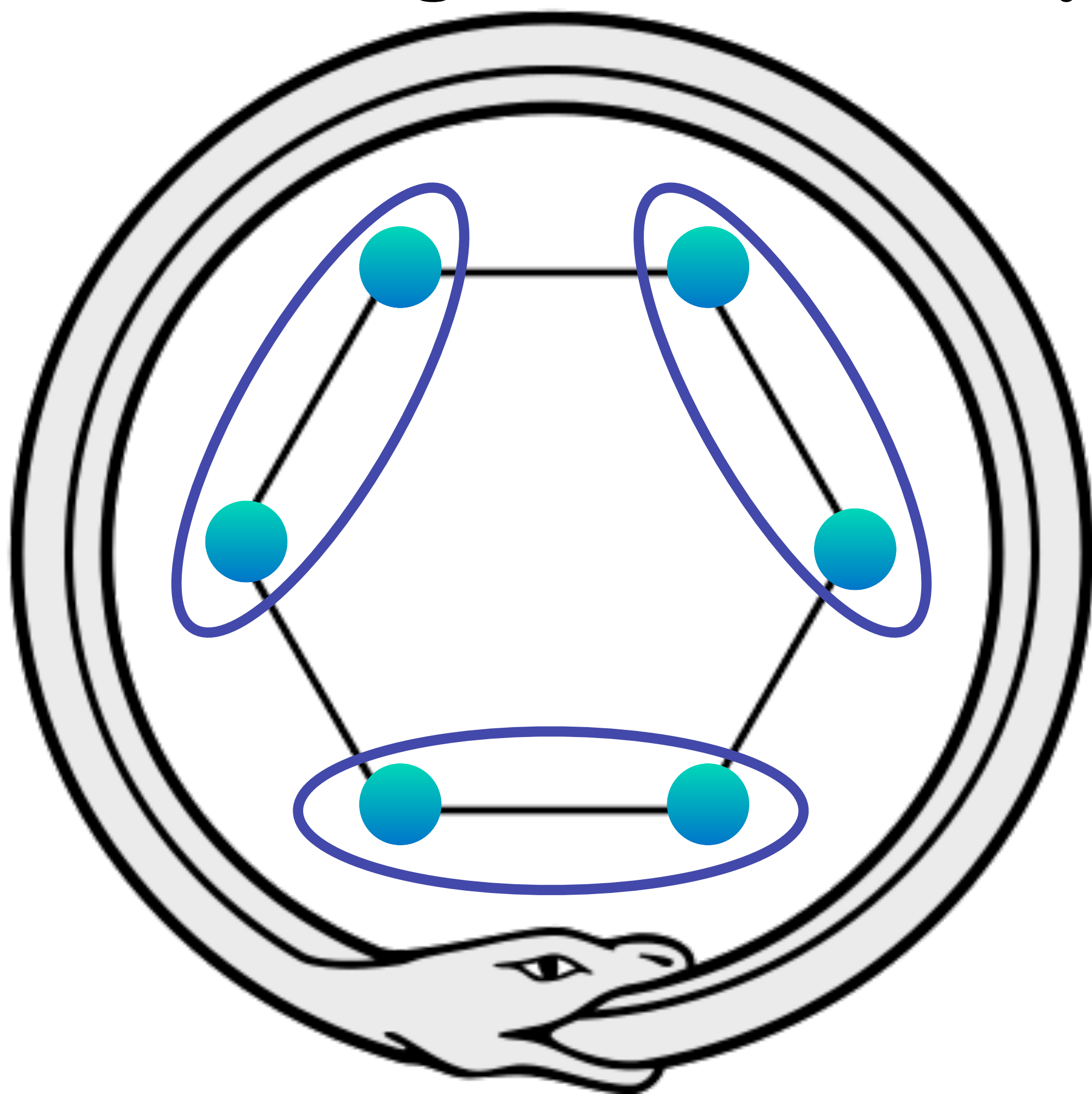
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How about quantum entanglement
of 3, 4, 5, \dots ∞ particles?

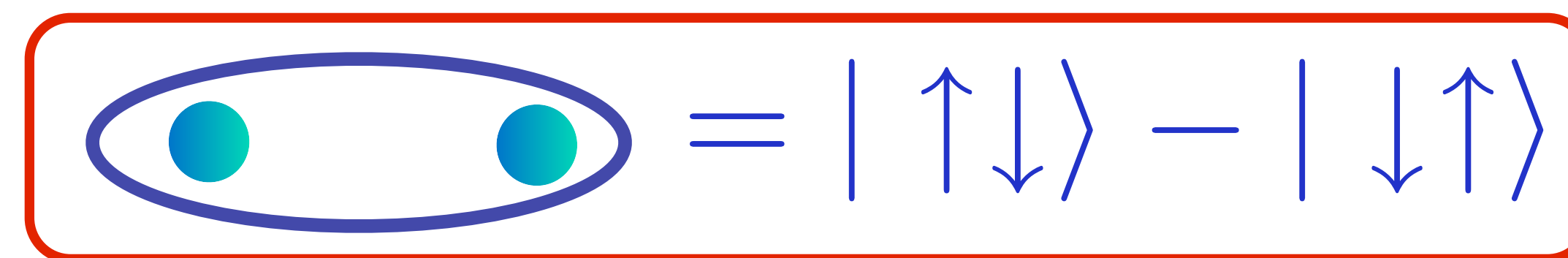
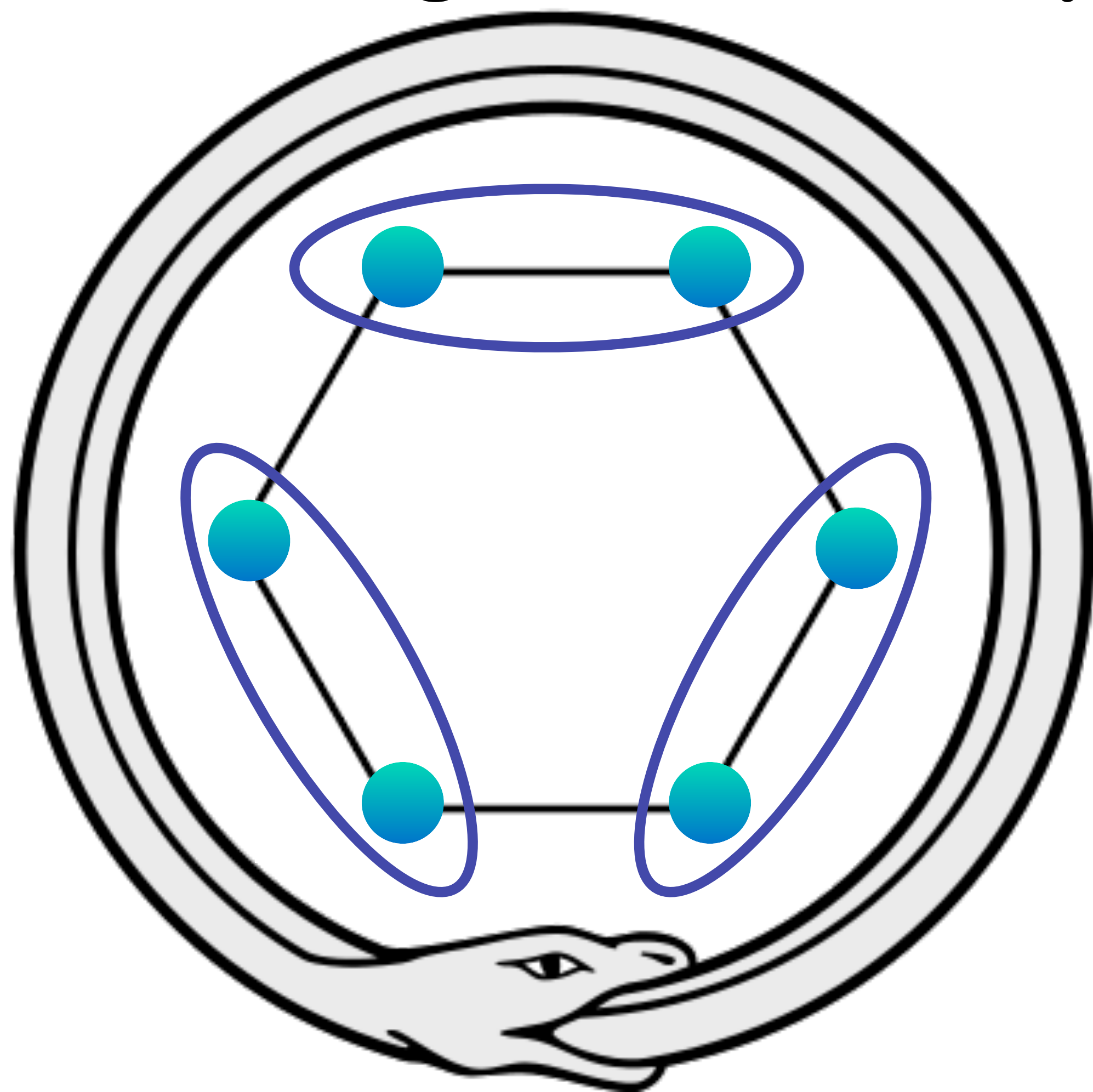
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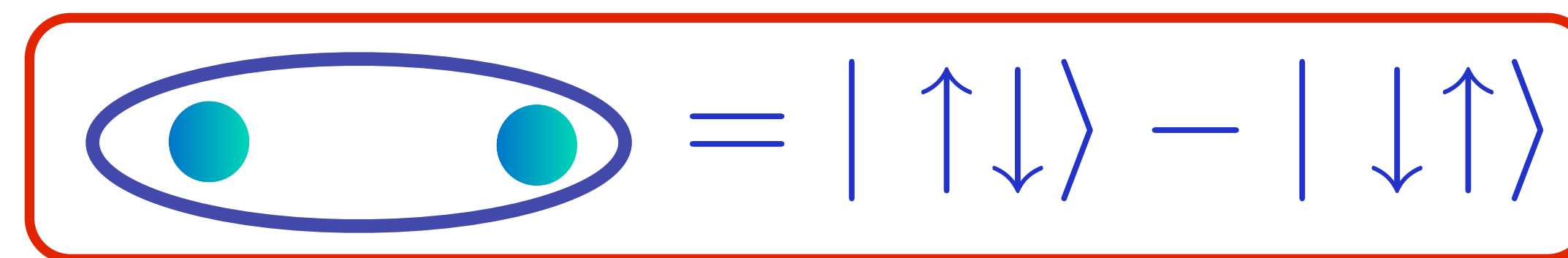
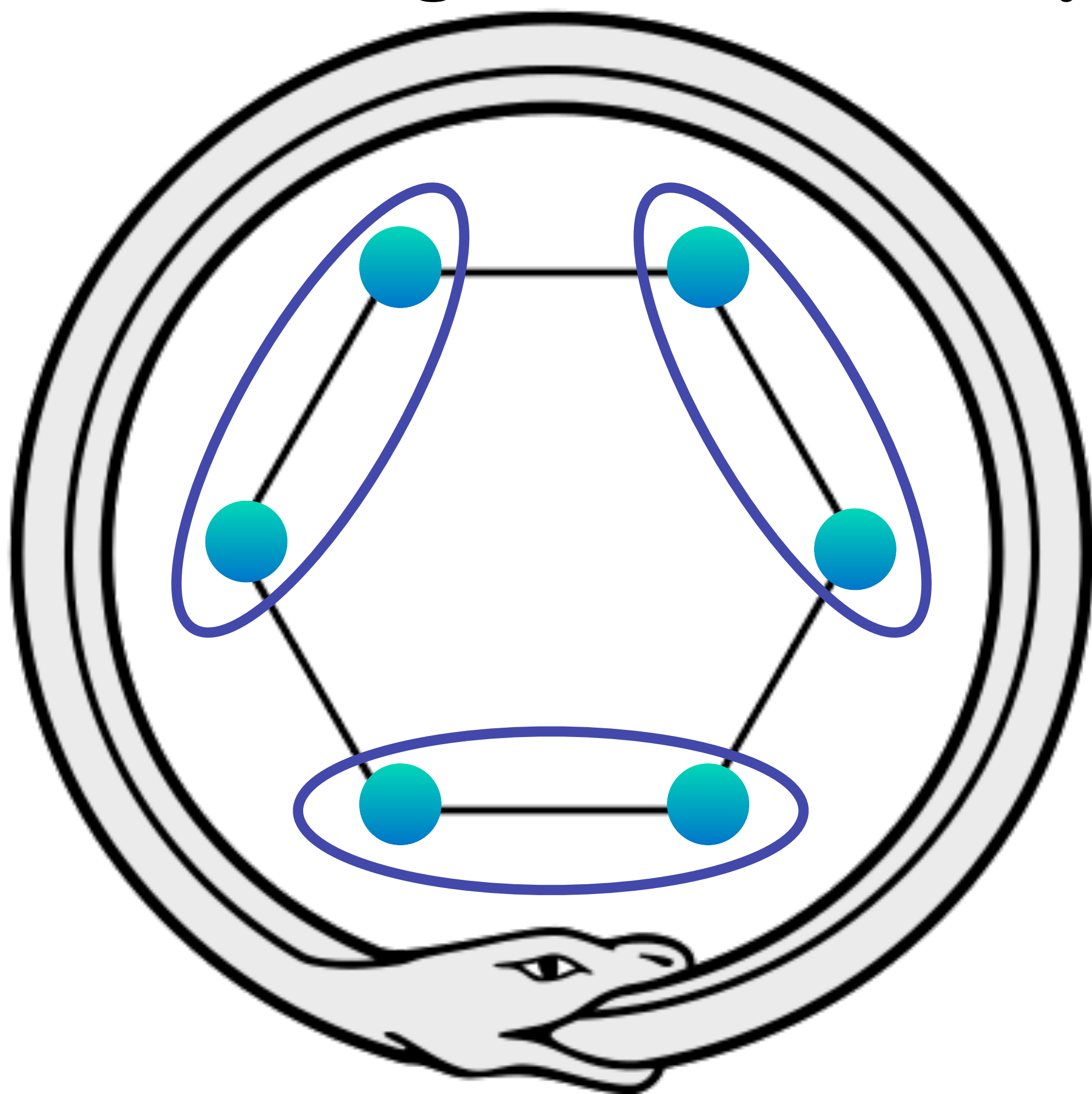
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My spooky dream: The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

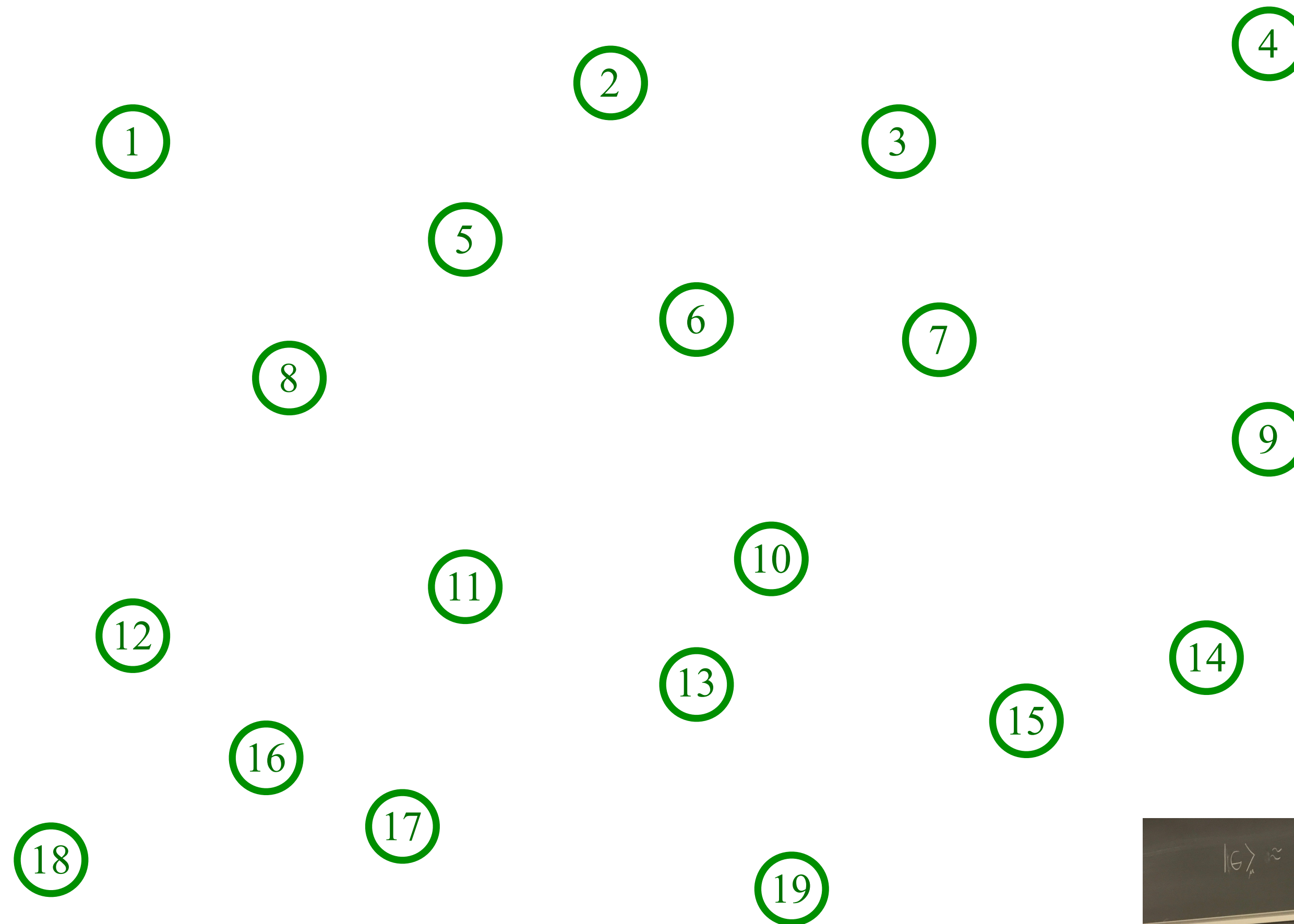
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A solvable model of multi-particle
quantum entanglement.

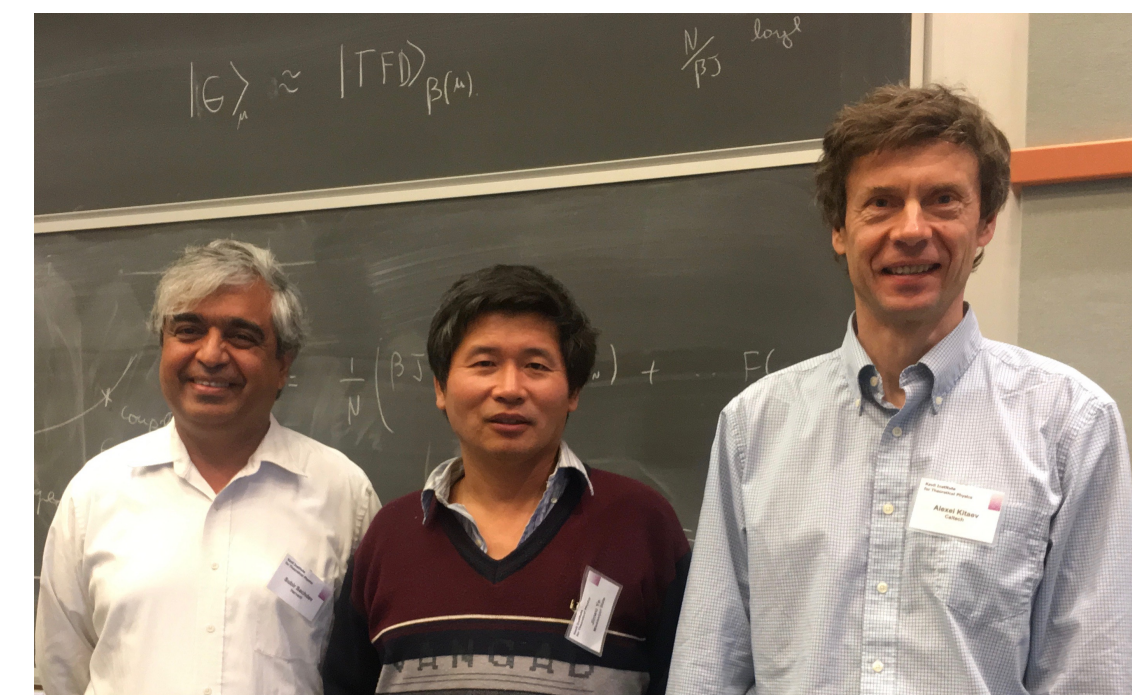
Yields a metal in which current is carried
not by individual electrons,
but by an entangled “quantum soup”

The SYK model

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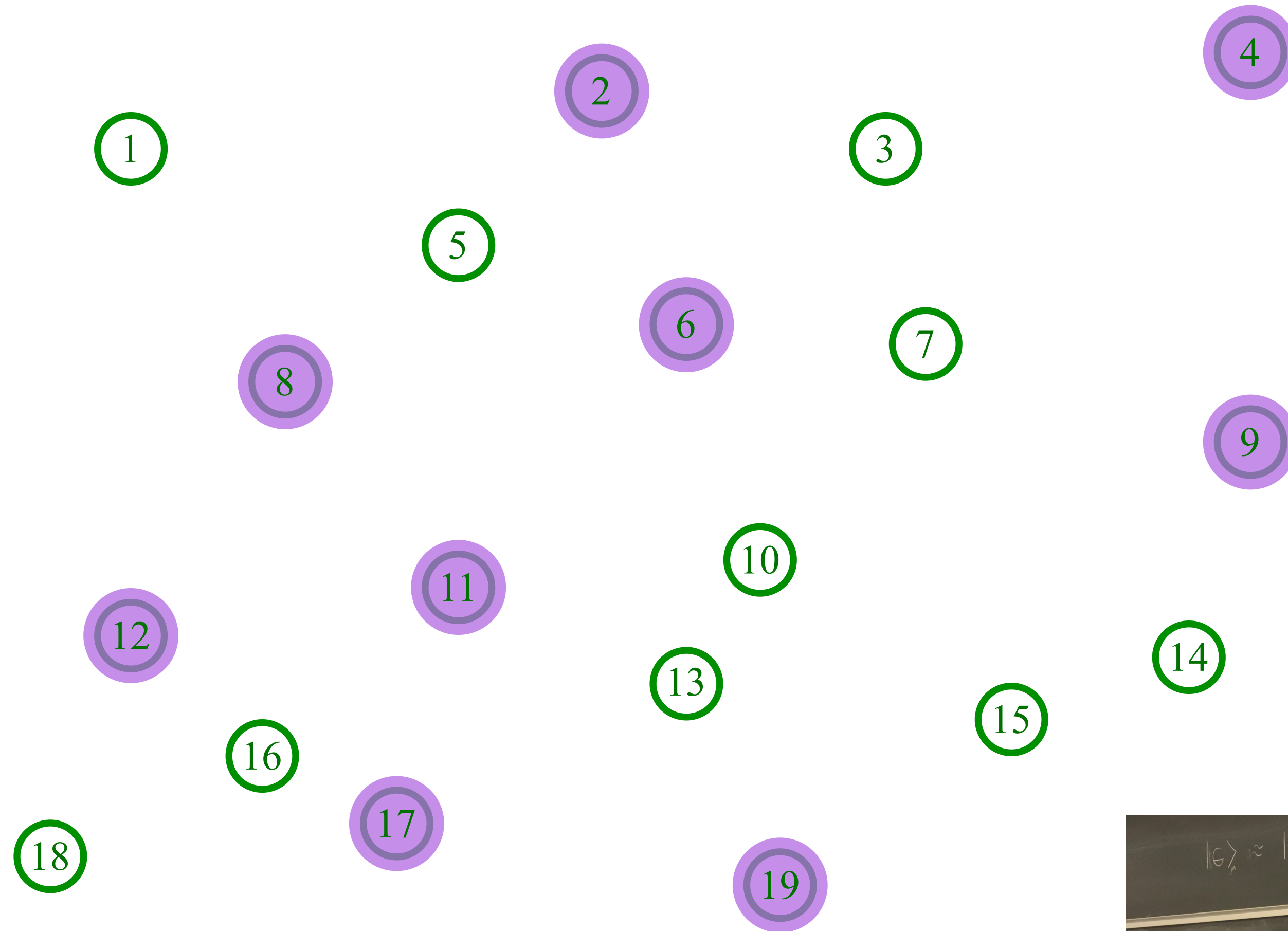


Pick a set of random positions

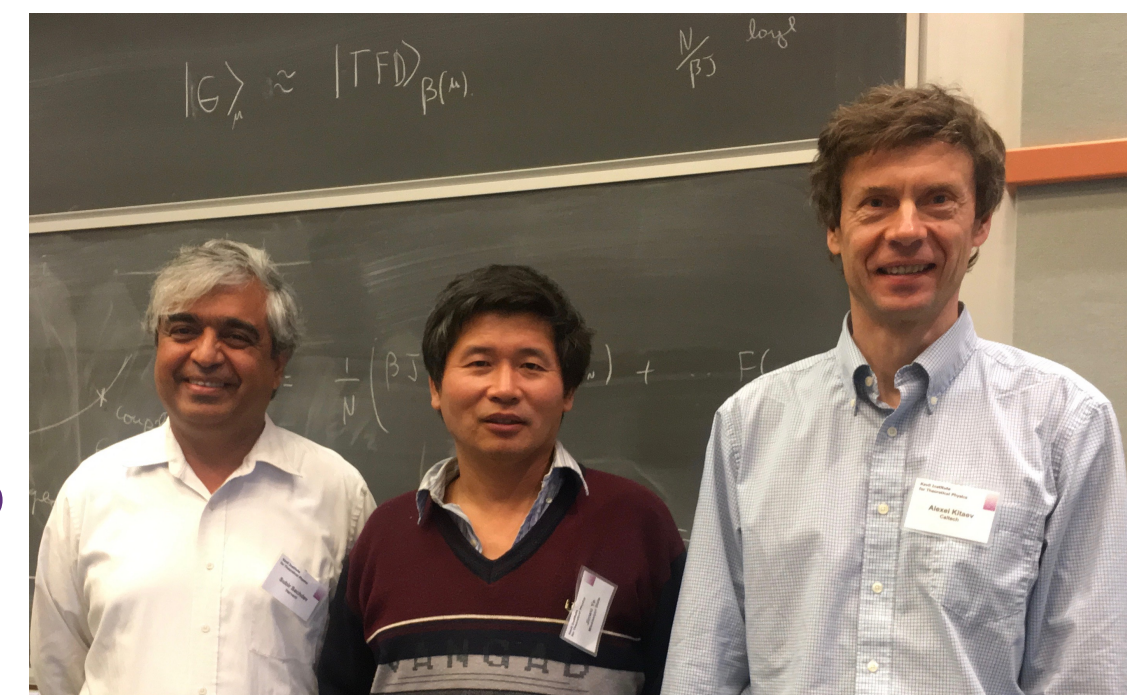


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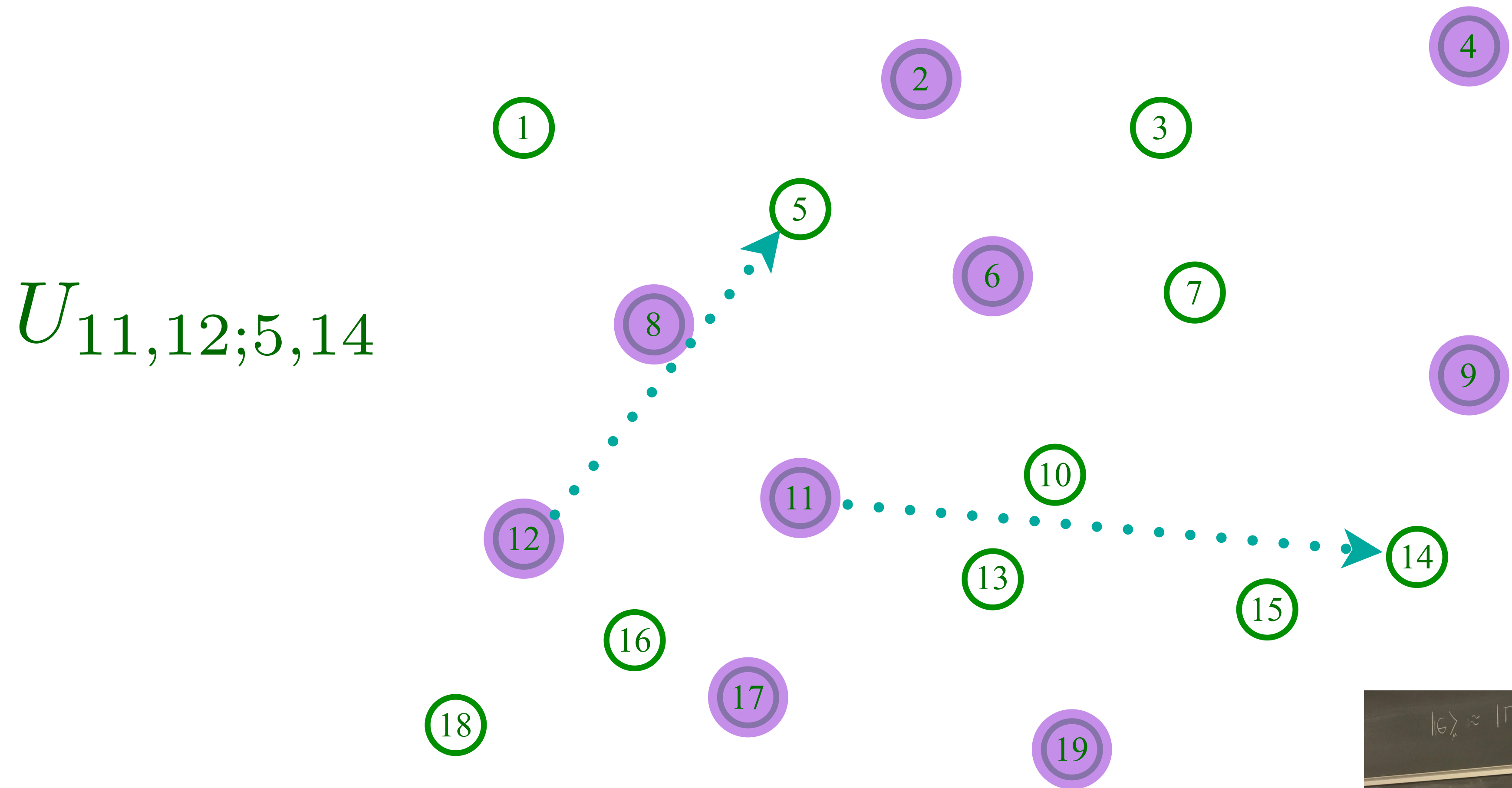


Place electrons randomly on some sites



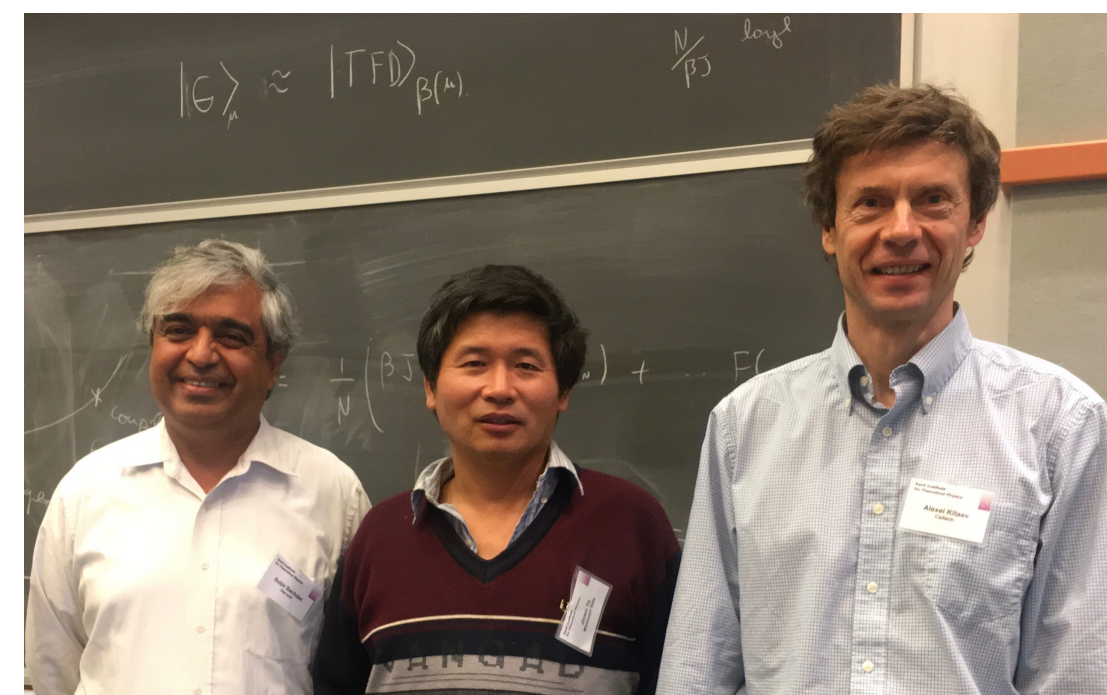
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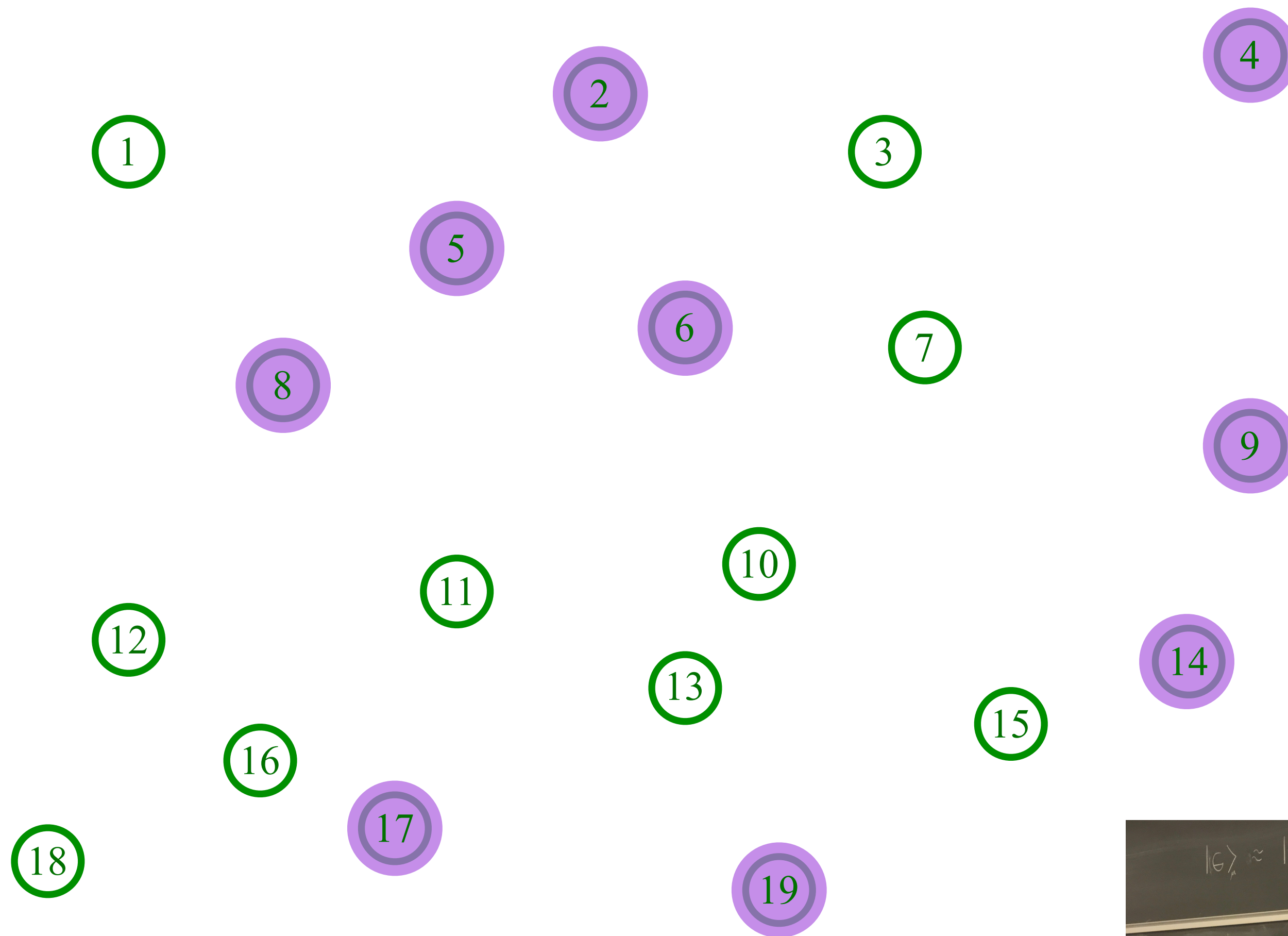
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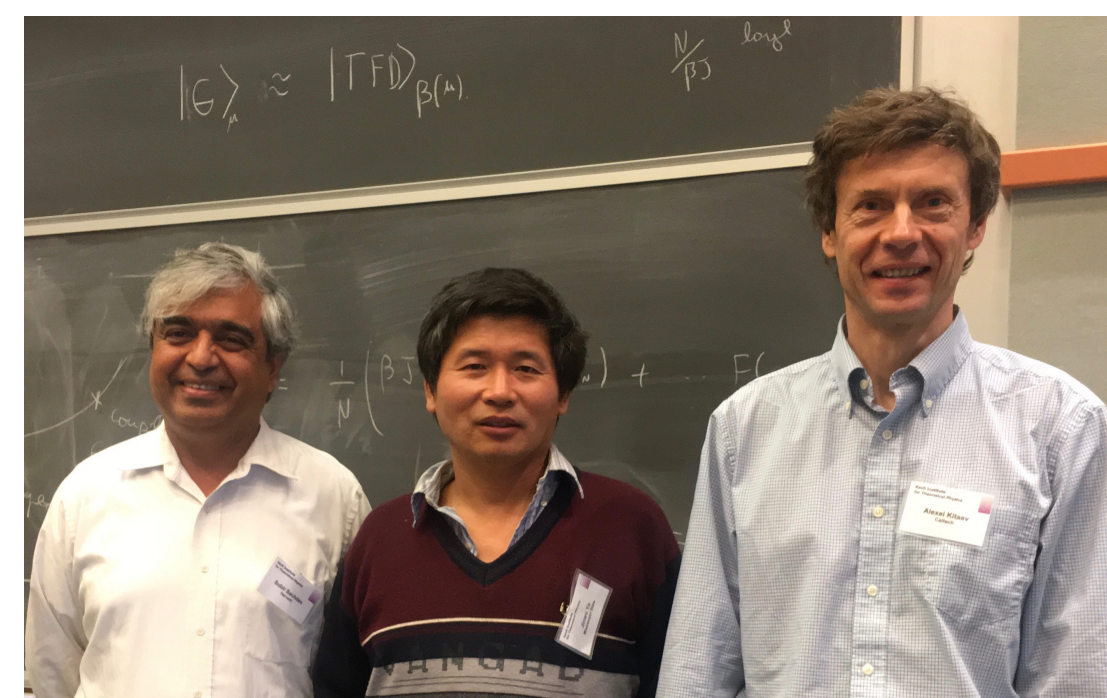
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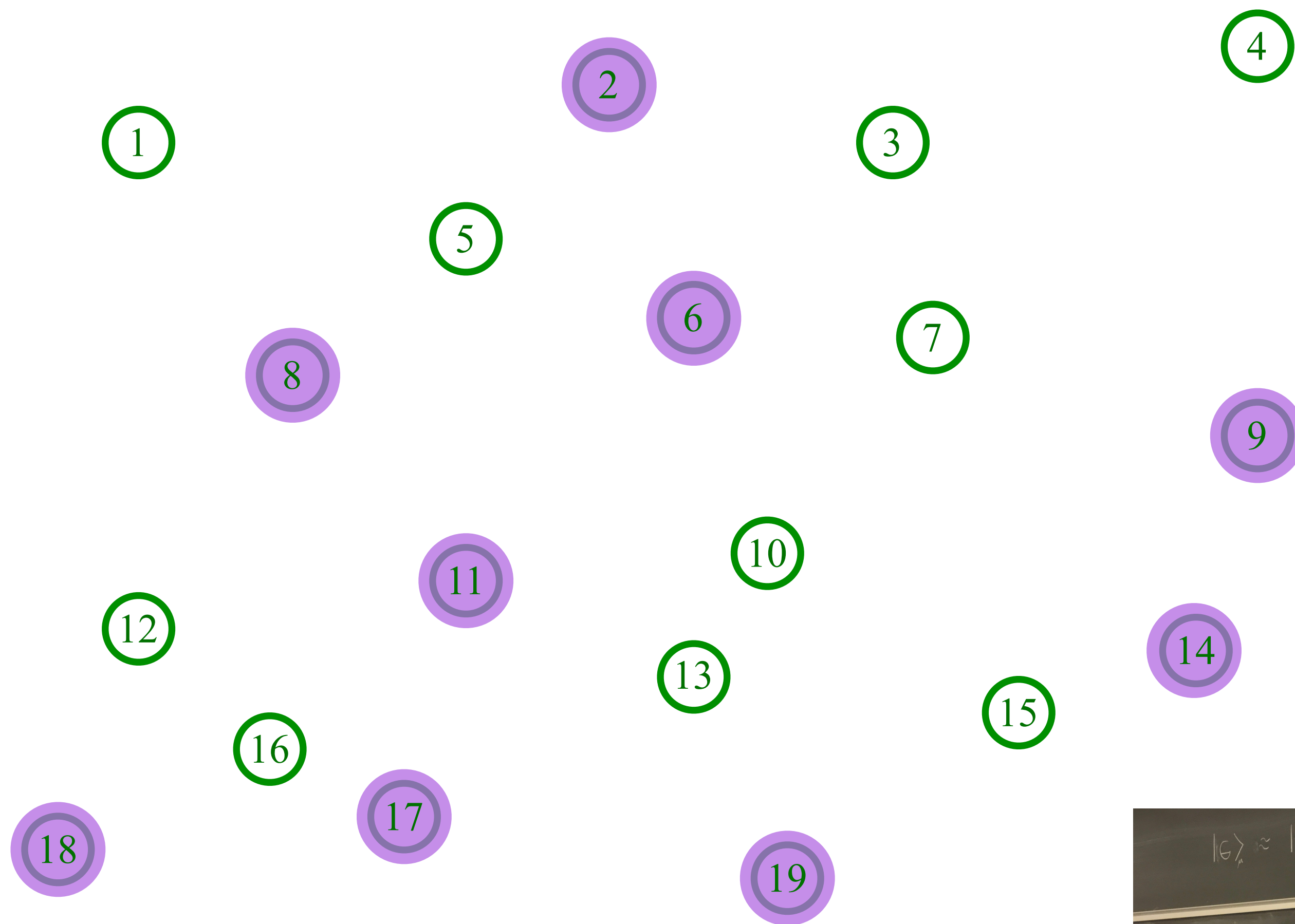
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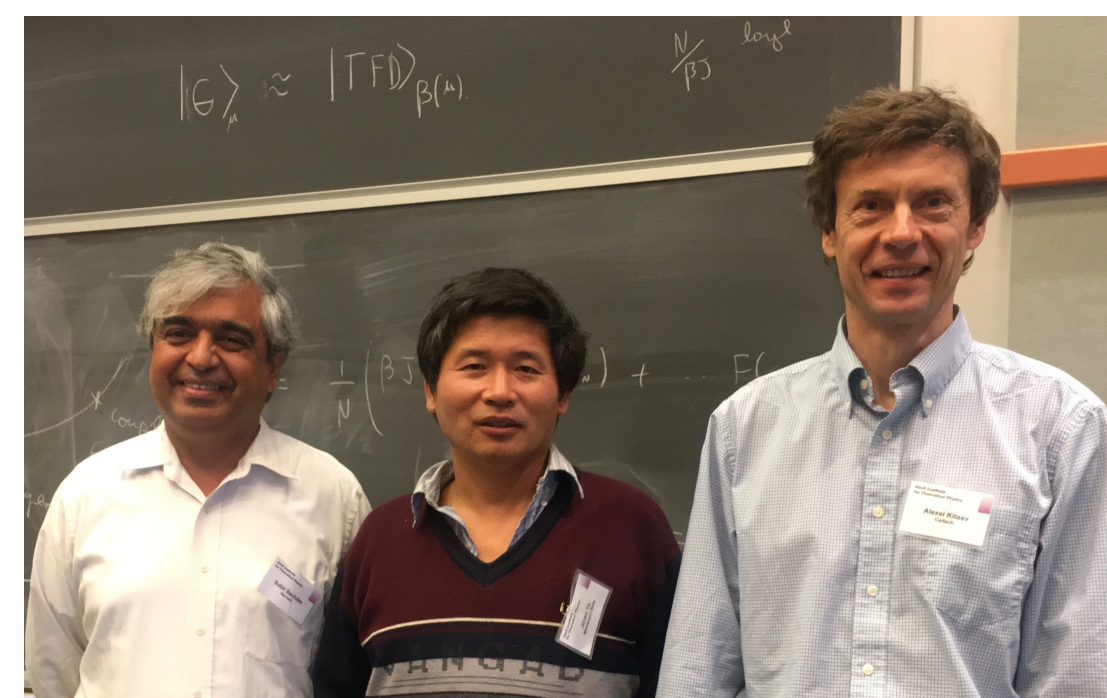
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$$U_{4,5;11,18}$$



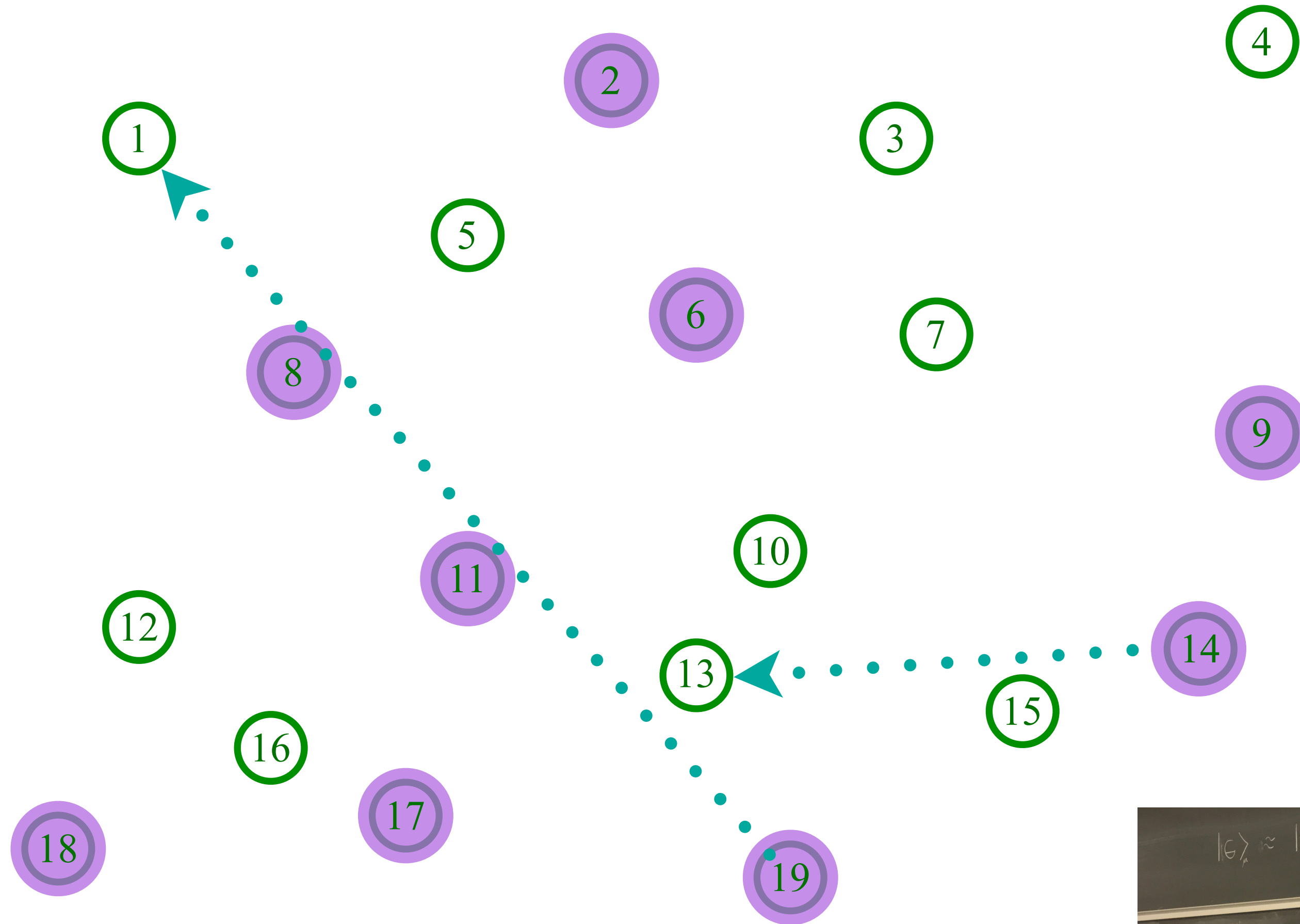
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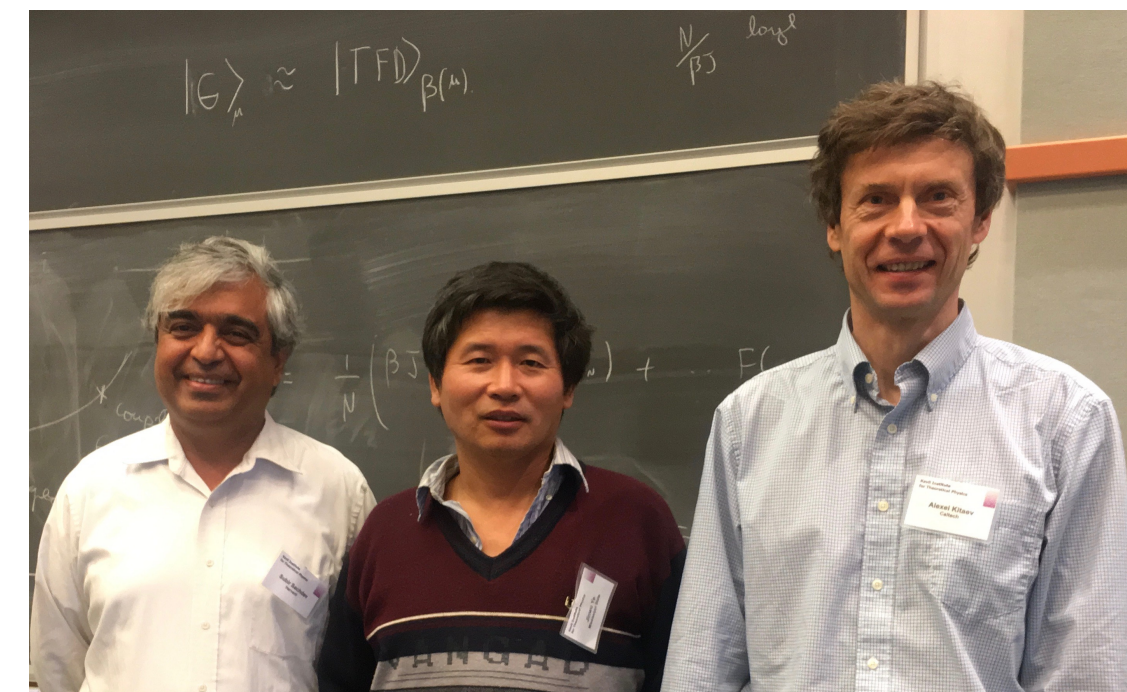
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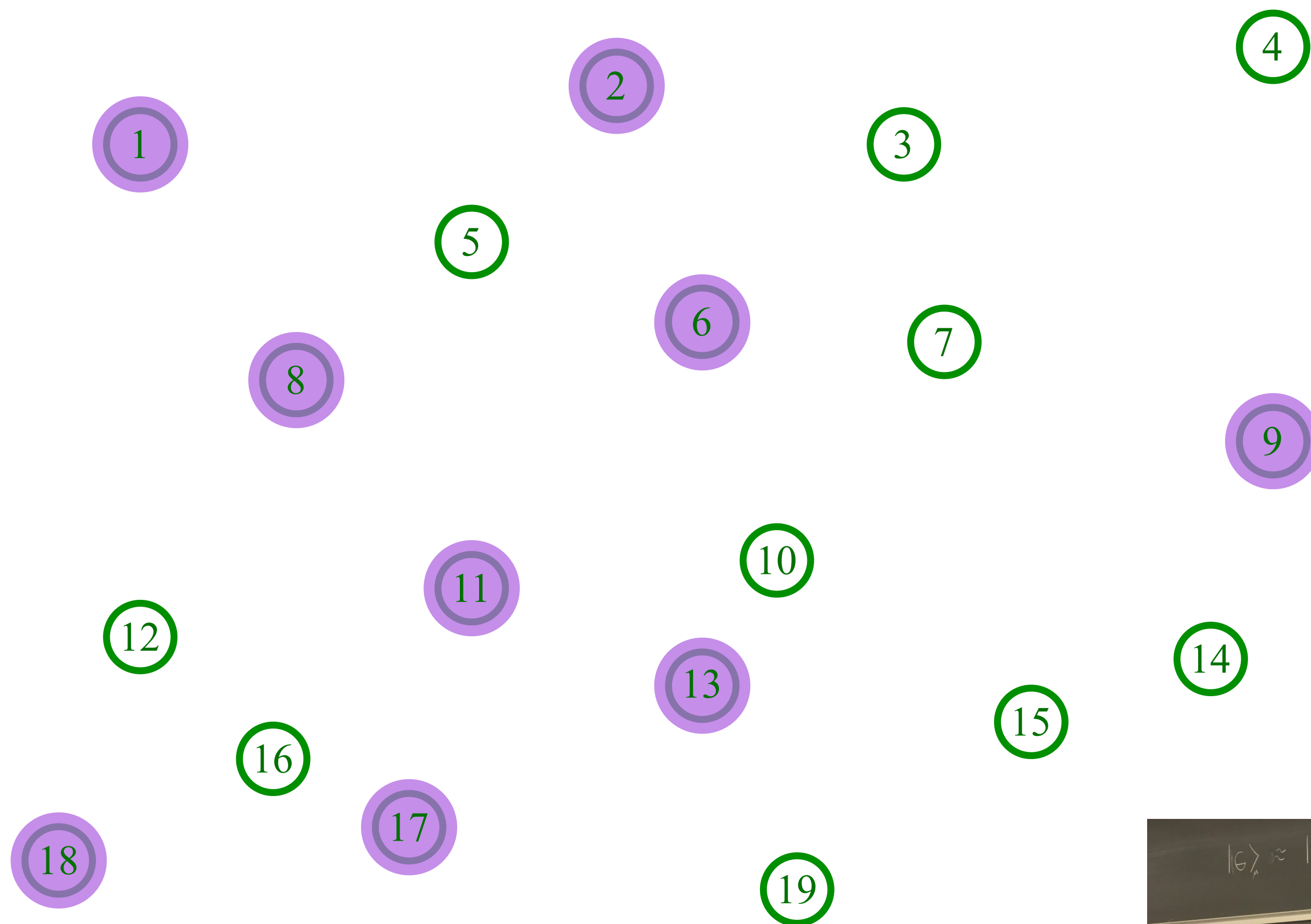
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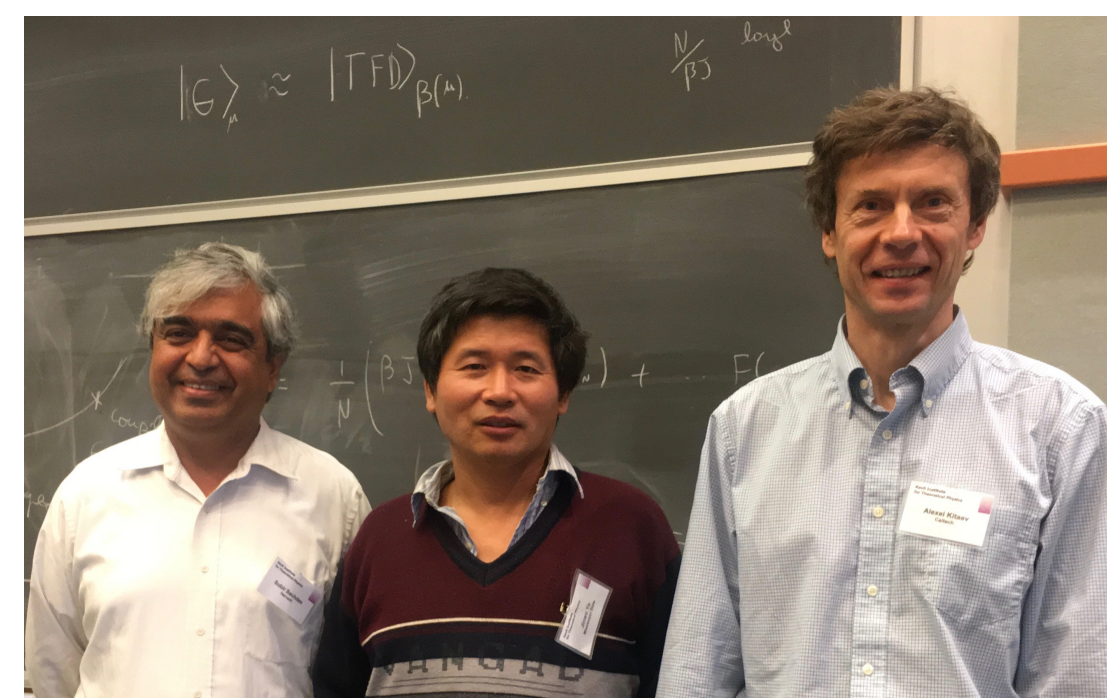
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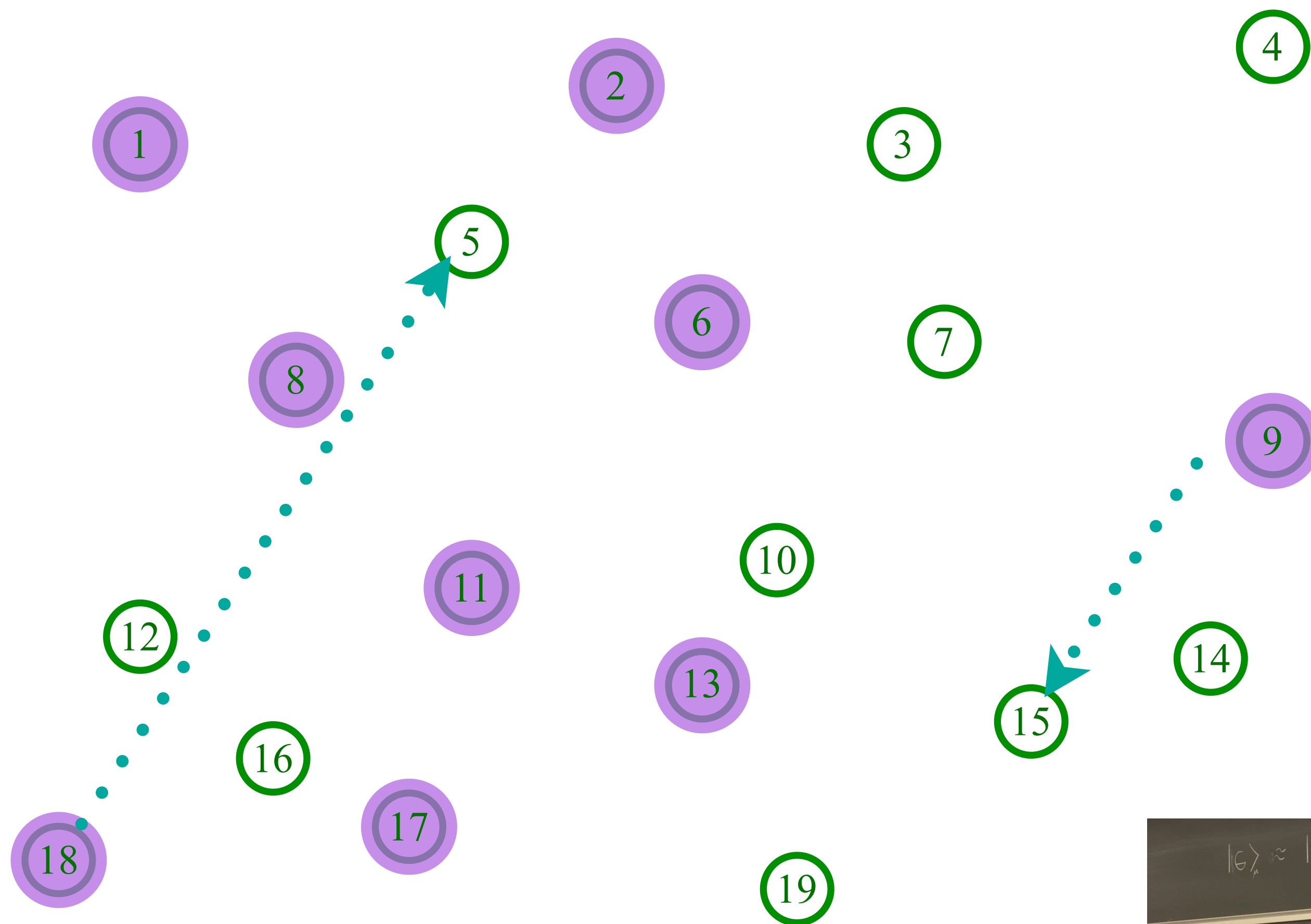
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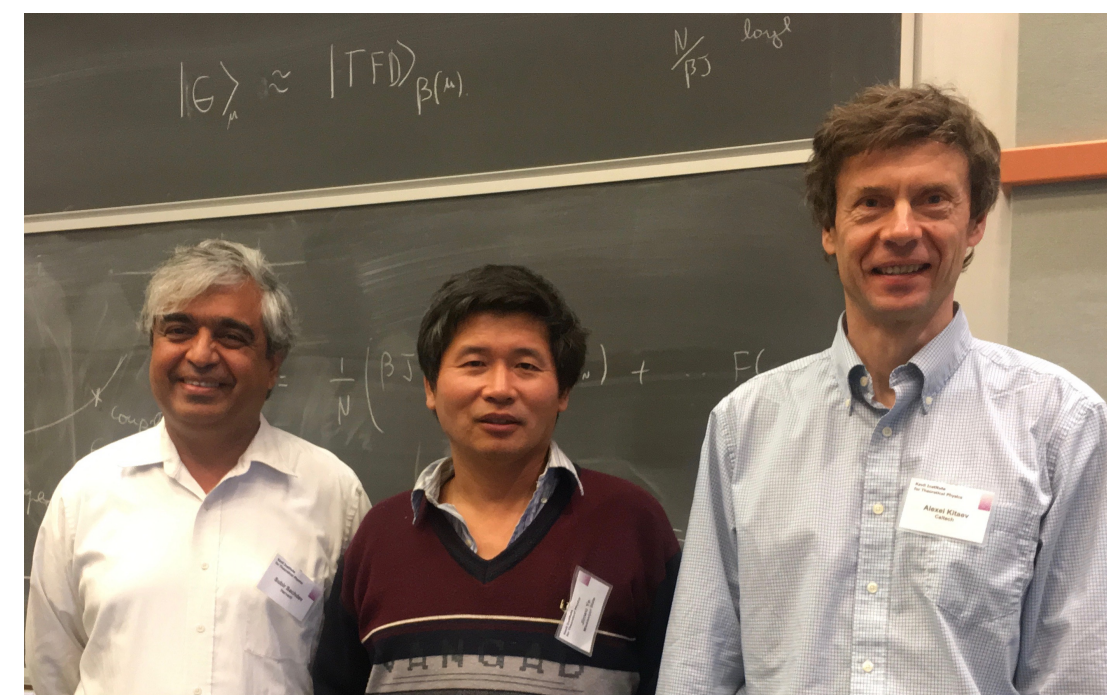
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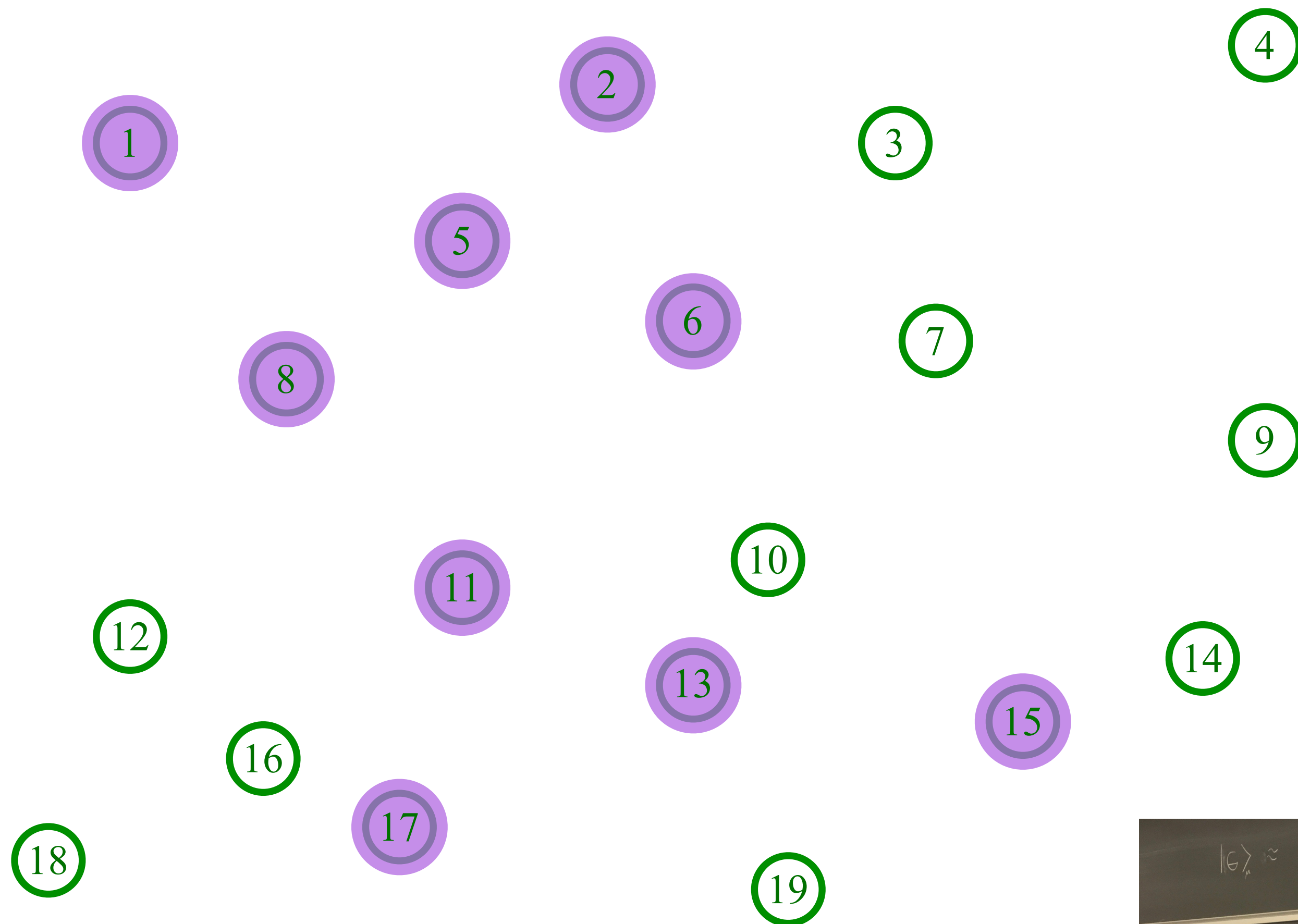
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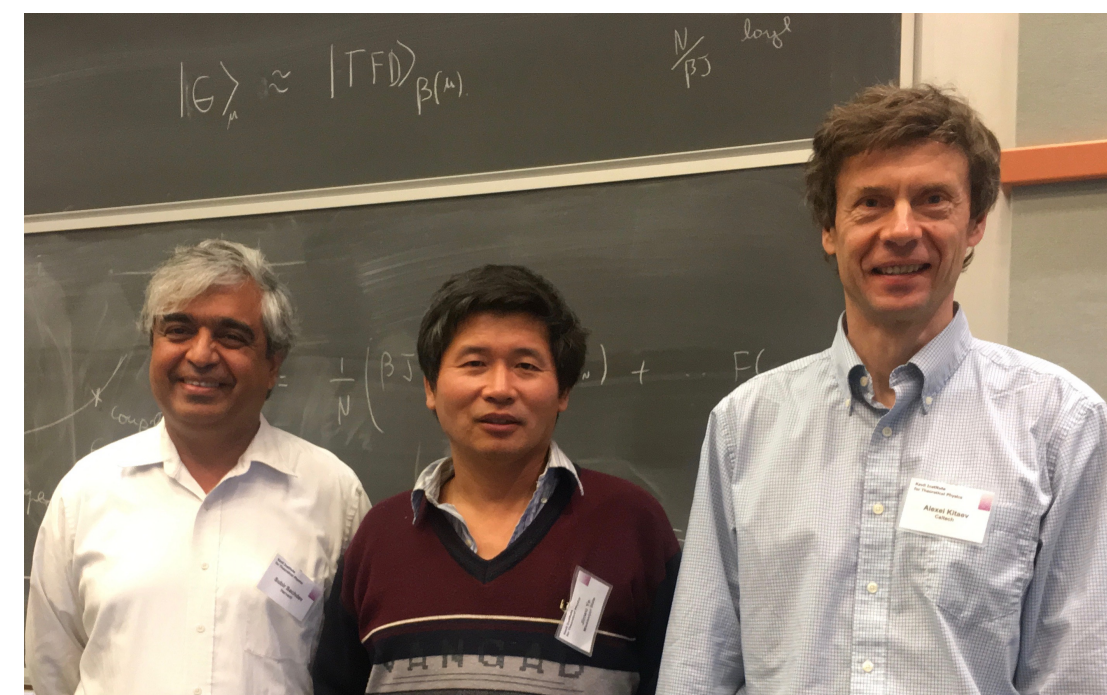
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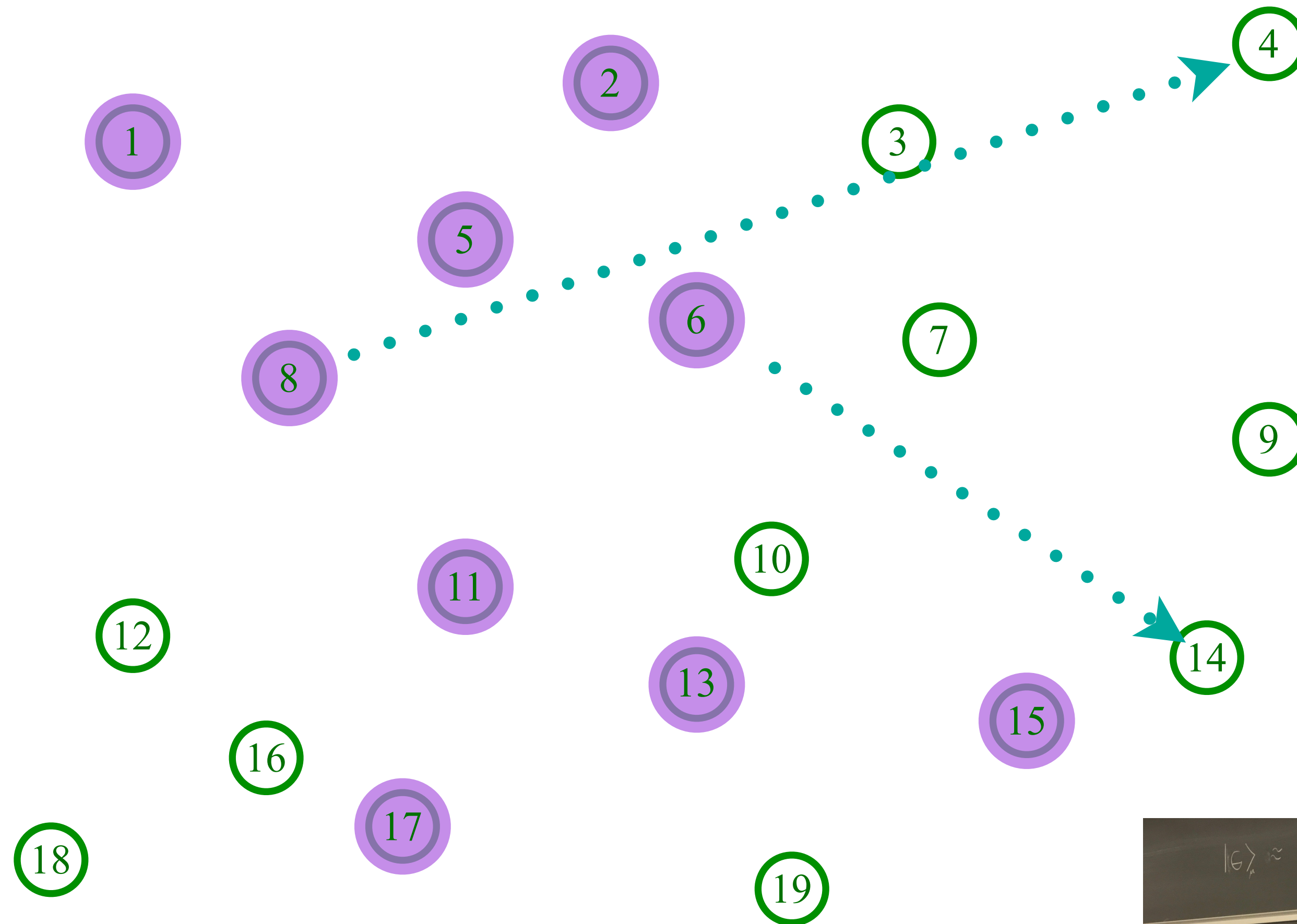
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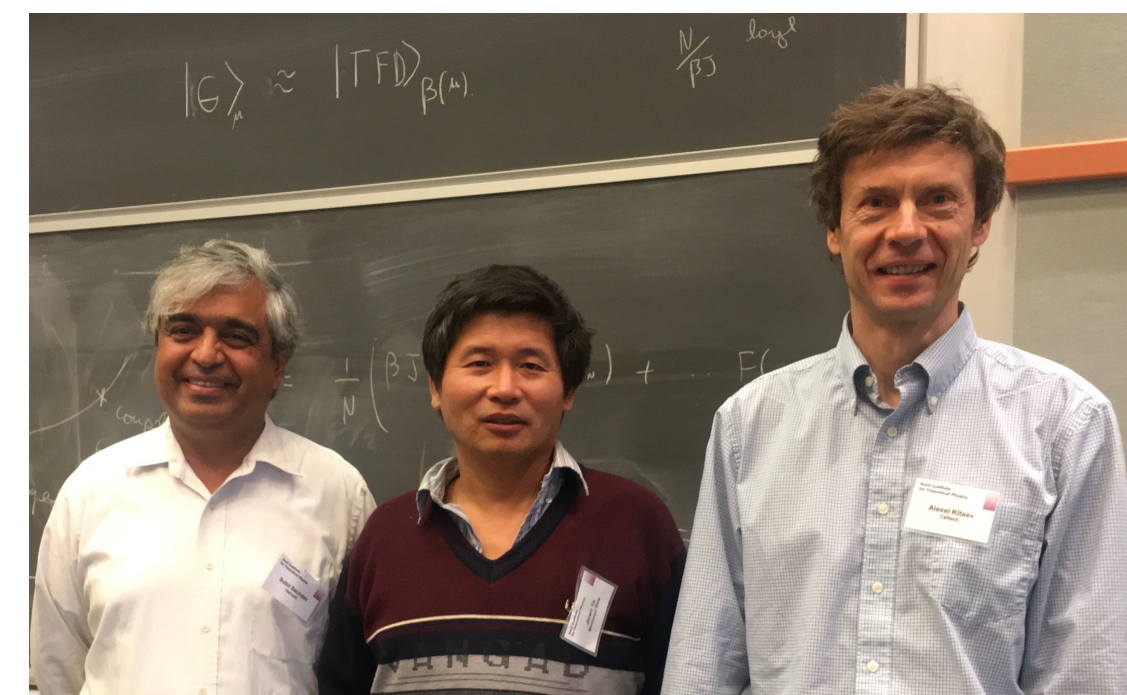
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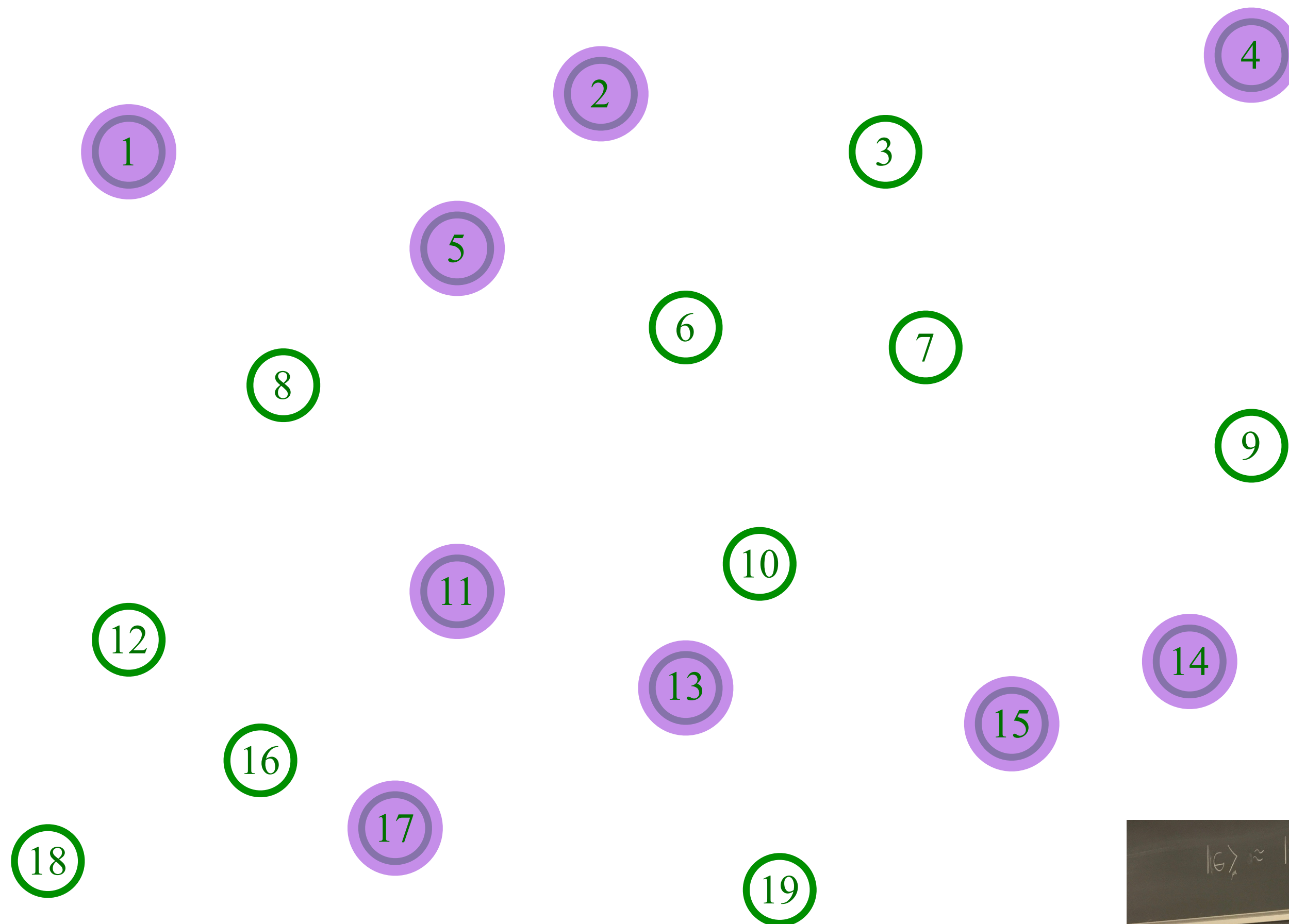
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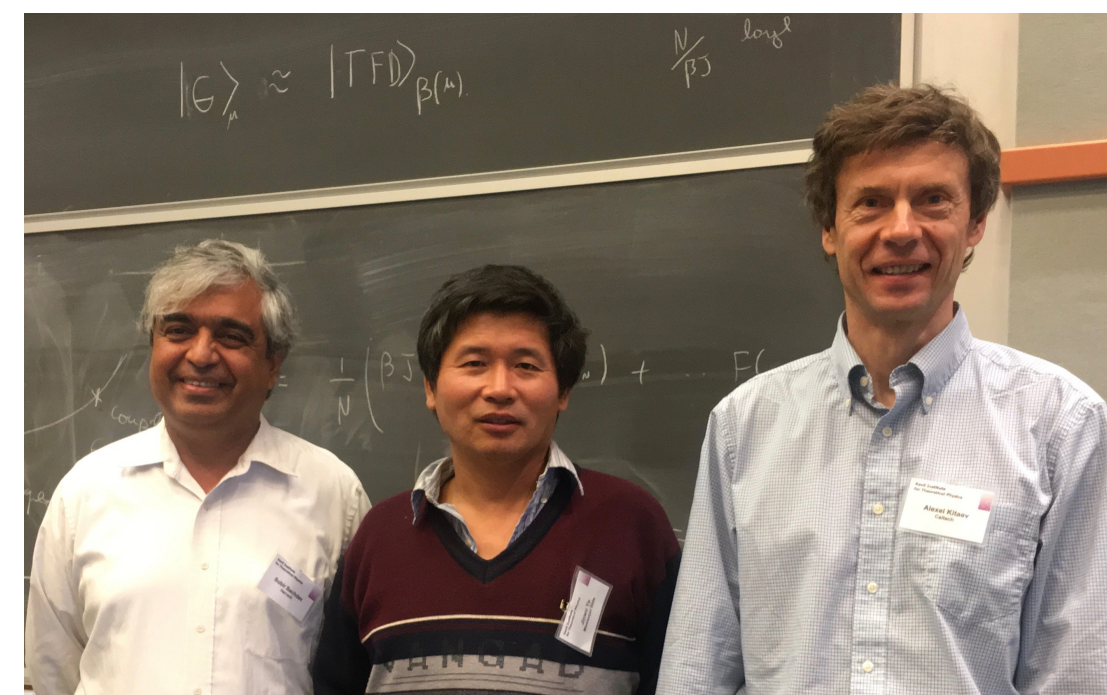
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The SYK model

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

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

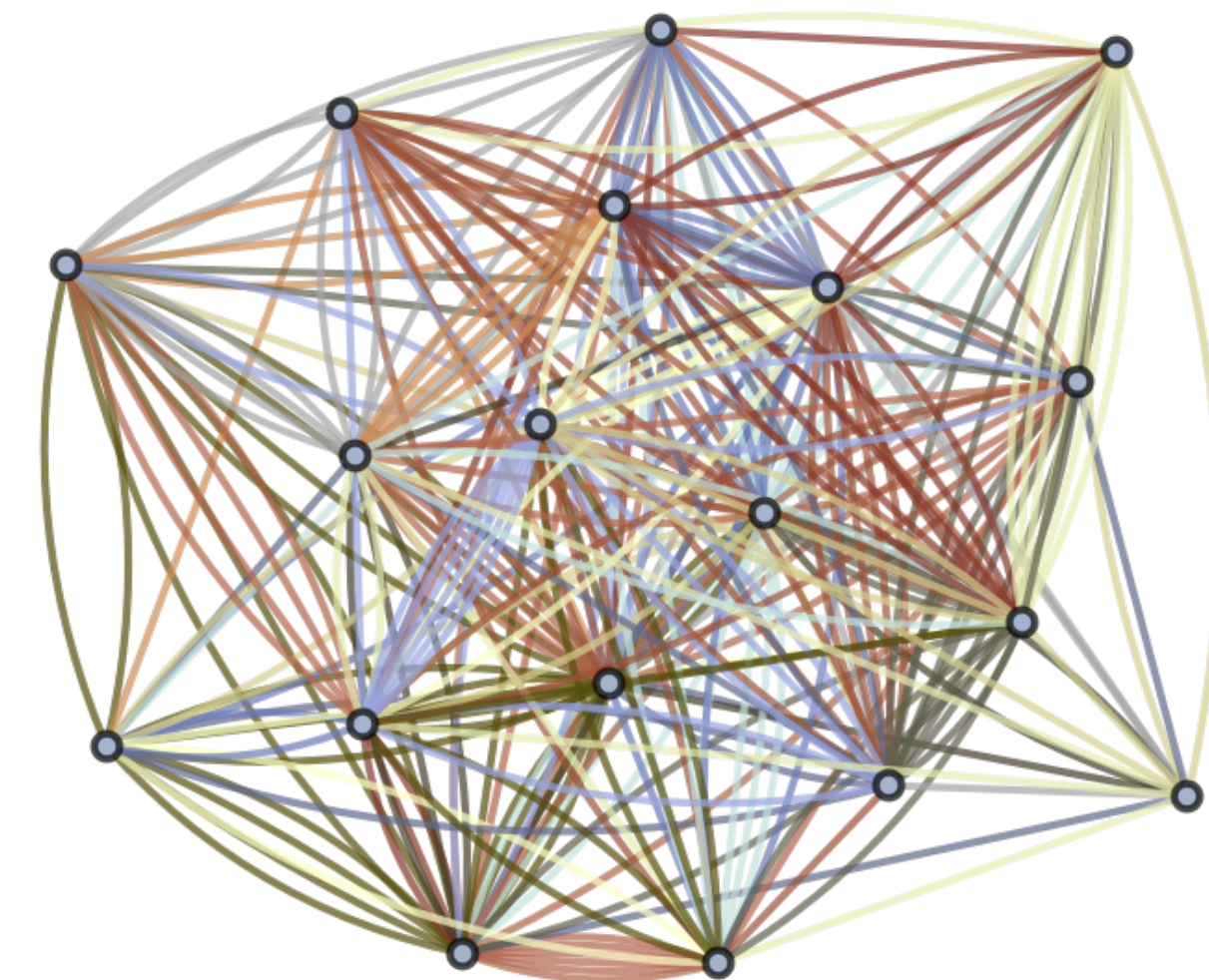
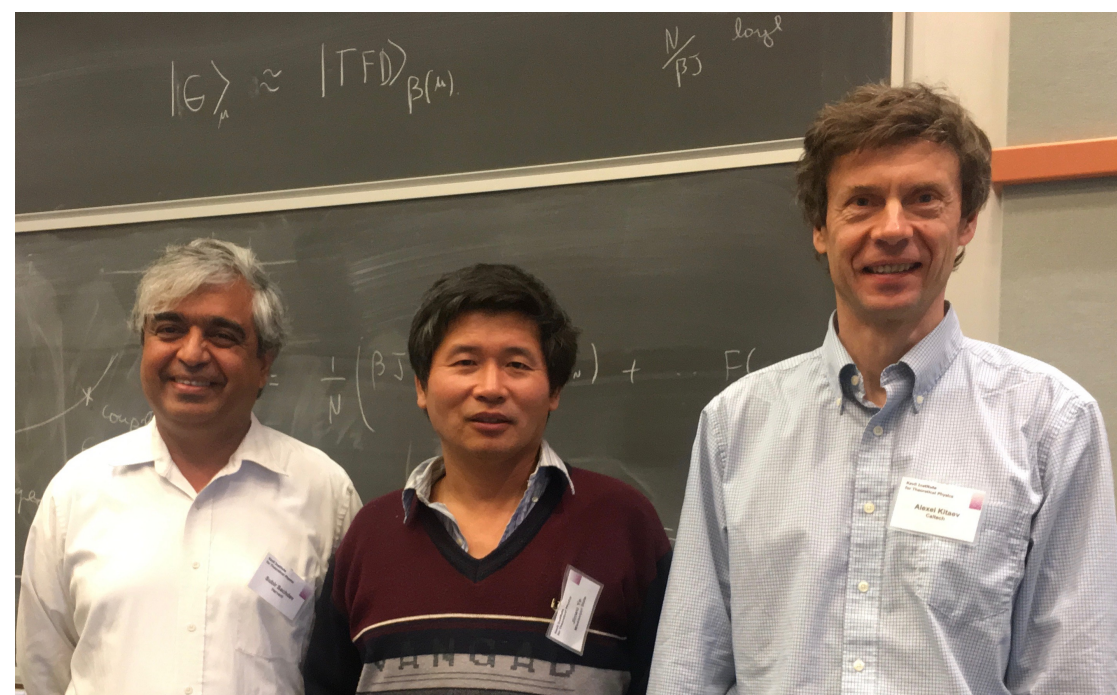
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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

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

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

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



The SYK model

The (averaged) partition function can be written as path integral over the bilocal fermion Green's function $G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}(\tau_1) c_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\tau_2)$

$$\overline{\mathcal{Z}} = \int \mathcal{D}G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \exp(-N S_{\text{eff}}[G])$$

The large N saddle point equation $\delta S_{\text{eff}}/\delta G = 0$ for $G(\tau_1, \tau_2) = G_s(\tau_1 - \tau_2)$ is

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

Time reparameterization symmetry:

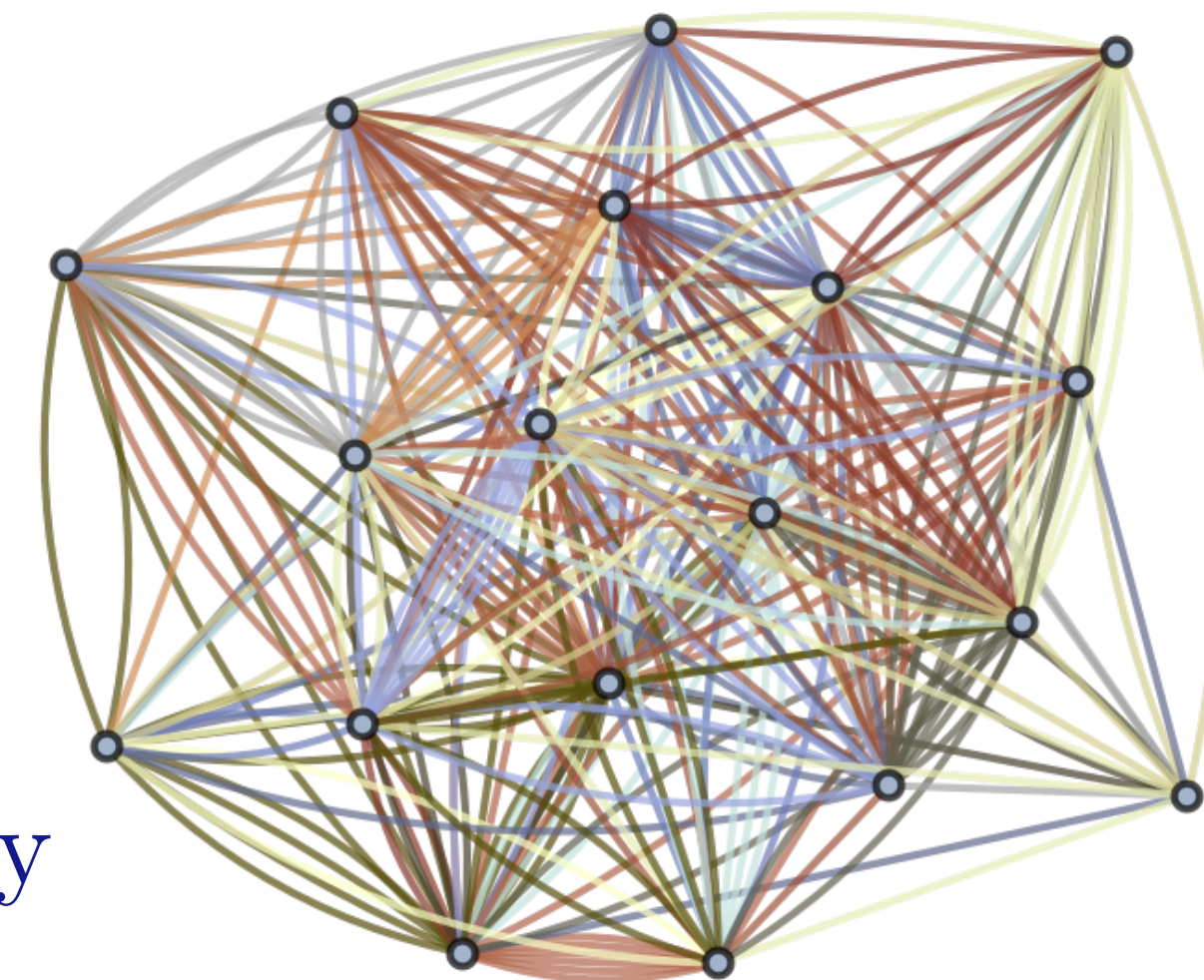
At frequencies $\ll U$, the path integral for is invariant under time reparameterization $f(\sigma)$

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

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) = [f'(\sigma_1) f'(\sigma_2)]^{-1/4} \tilde{G}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

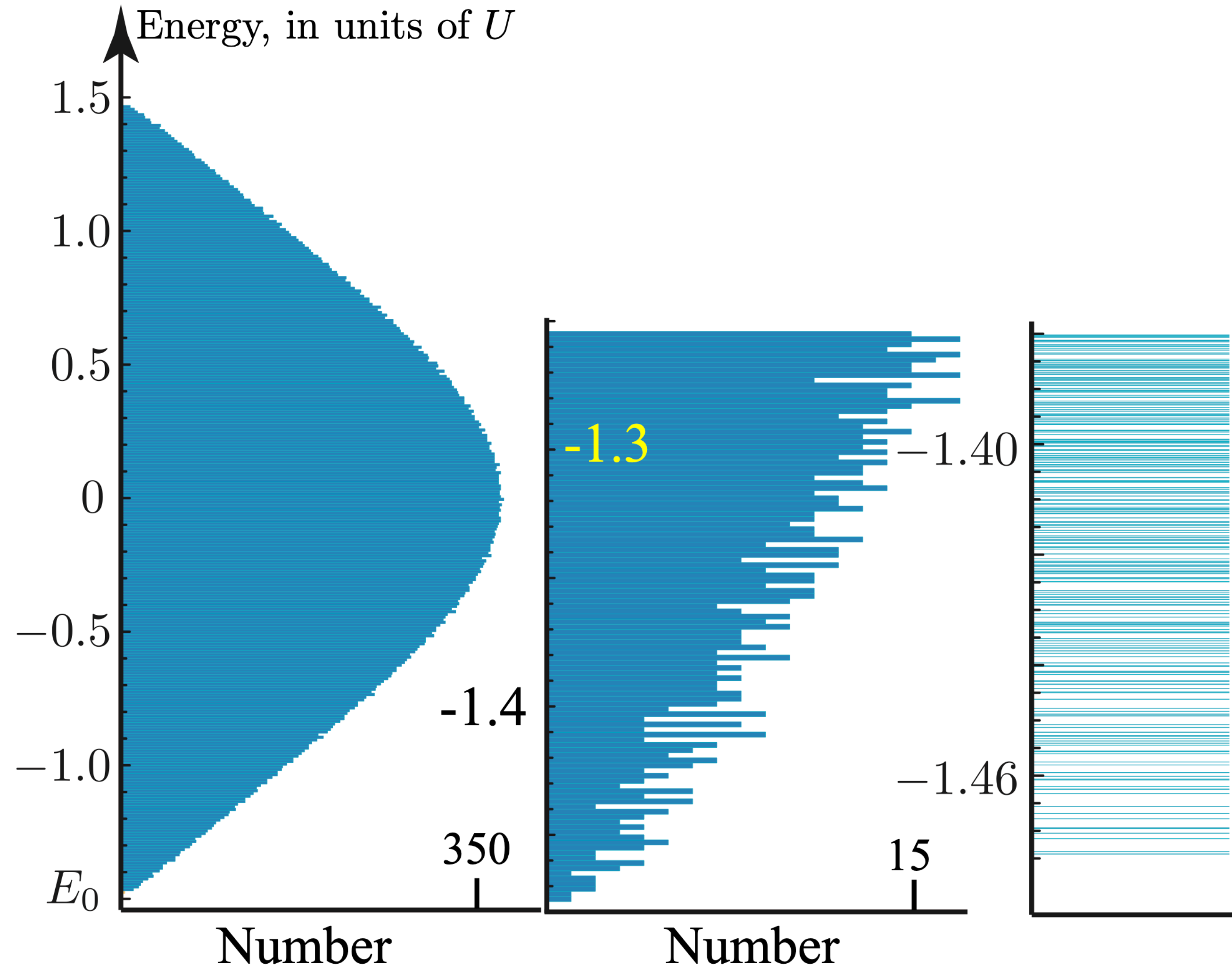
There is also an emergent U(1) gauge symmetry. Hints that the low energy theory is quantum gravity+electromagnetism!

A. Georges and O. Parcollet
PRB **59**, 5341 (1999)
A. Kitaev, 2015
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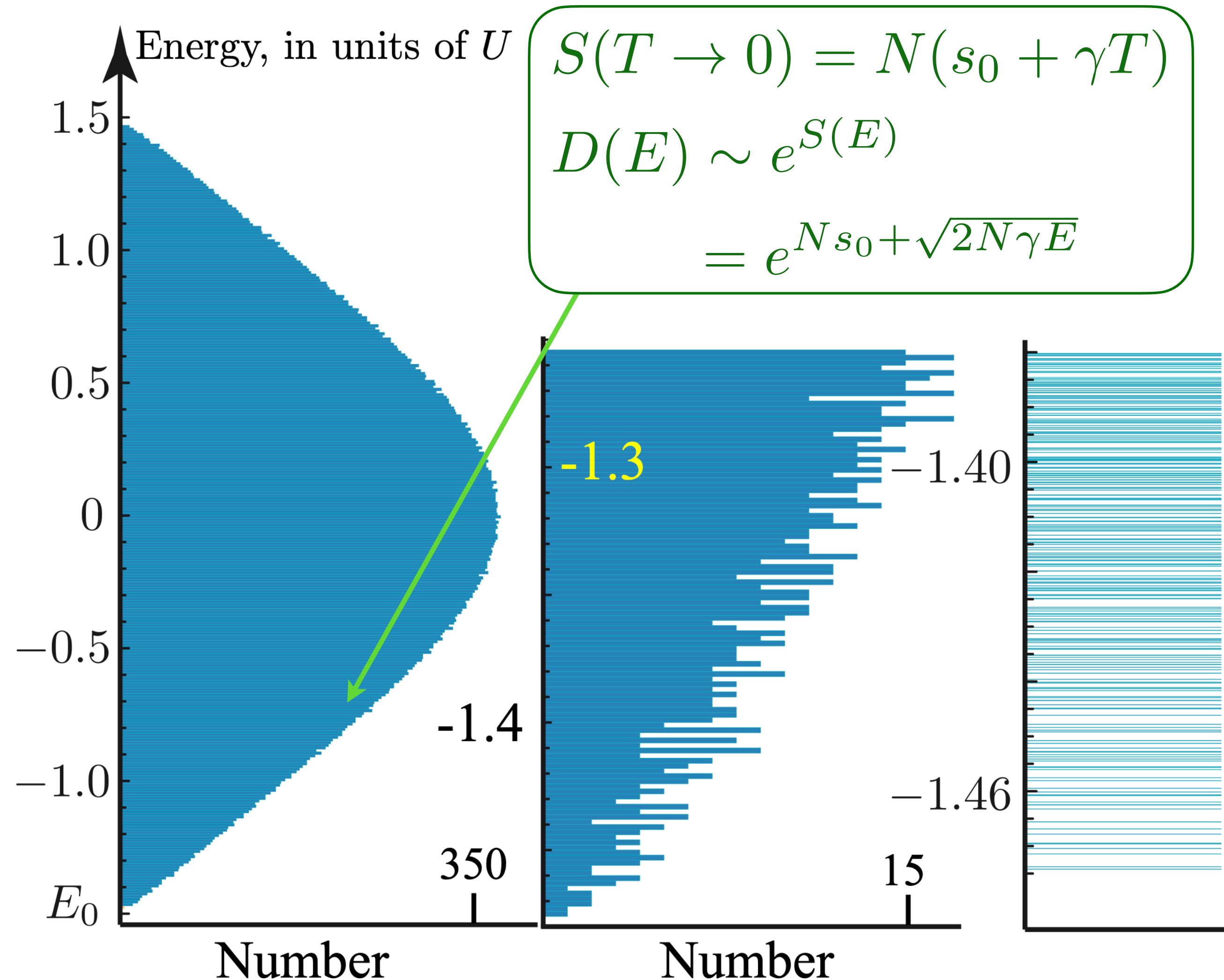
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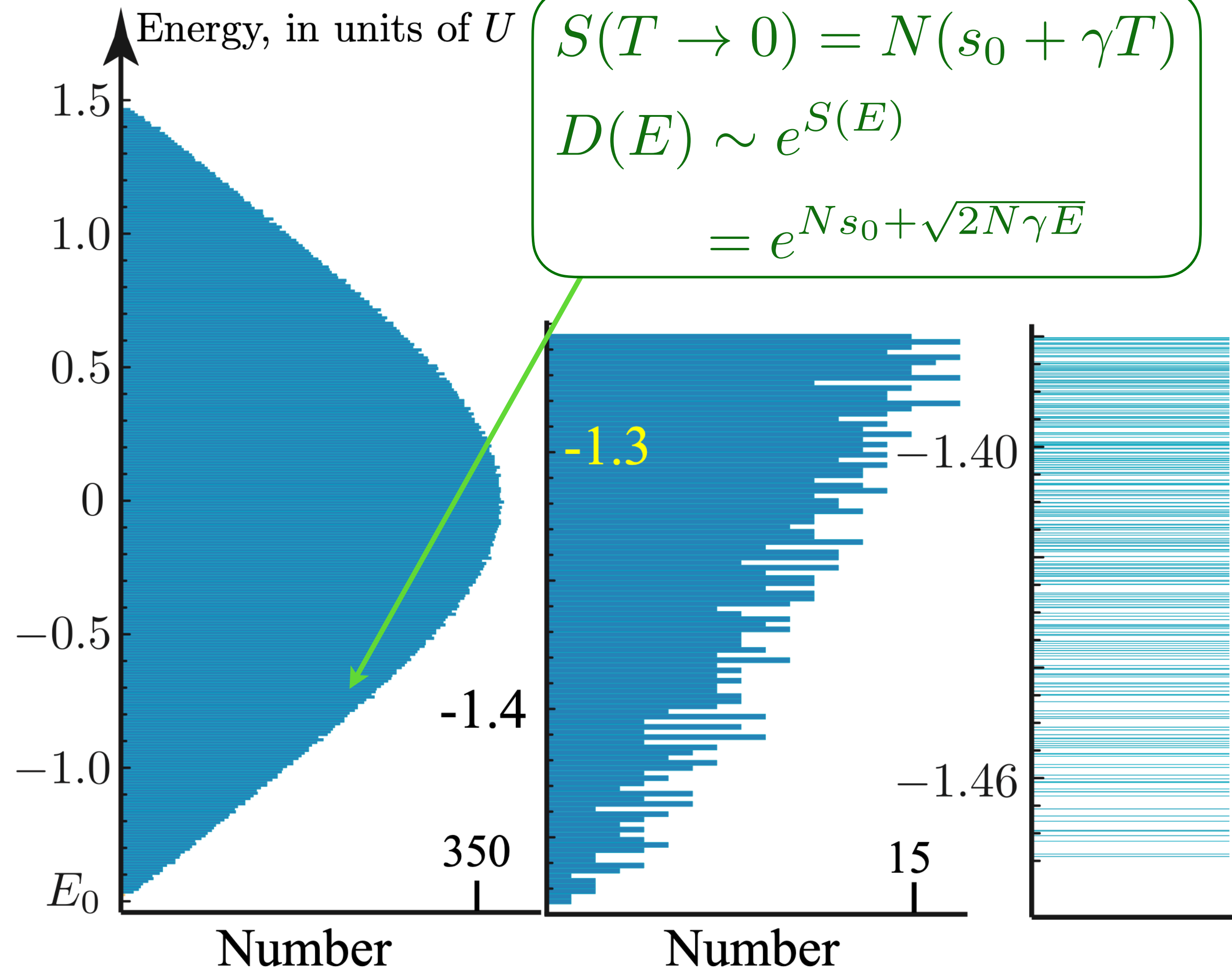
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$$S(T \rightarrow 0) = N(s_0 + \gamma T)$$

$$D(E) \sim e^{S(E)}$$

$$= e^{N s_0 + \sqrt{2N\gamma E}}$$

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

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

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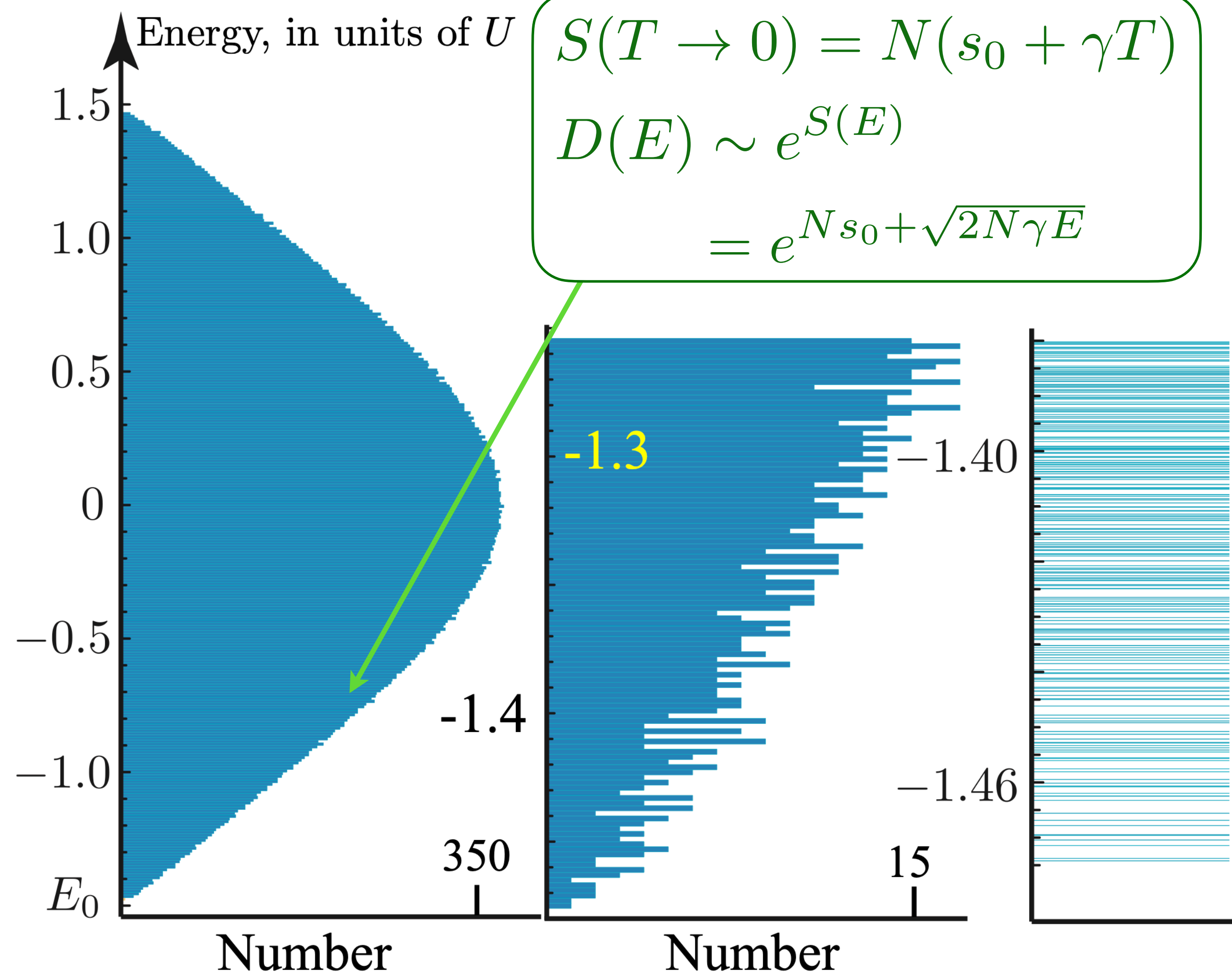
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Beyond Boltzmann

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J. S. Cotler et al., JHEP 05 (2017) 118

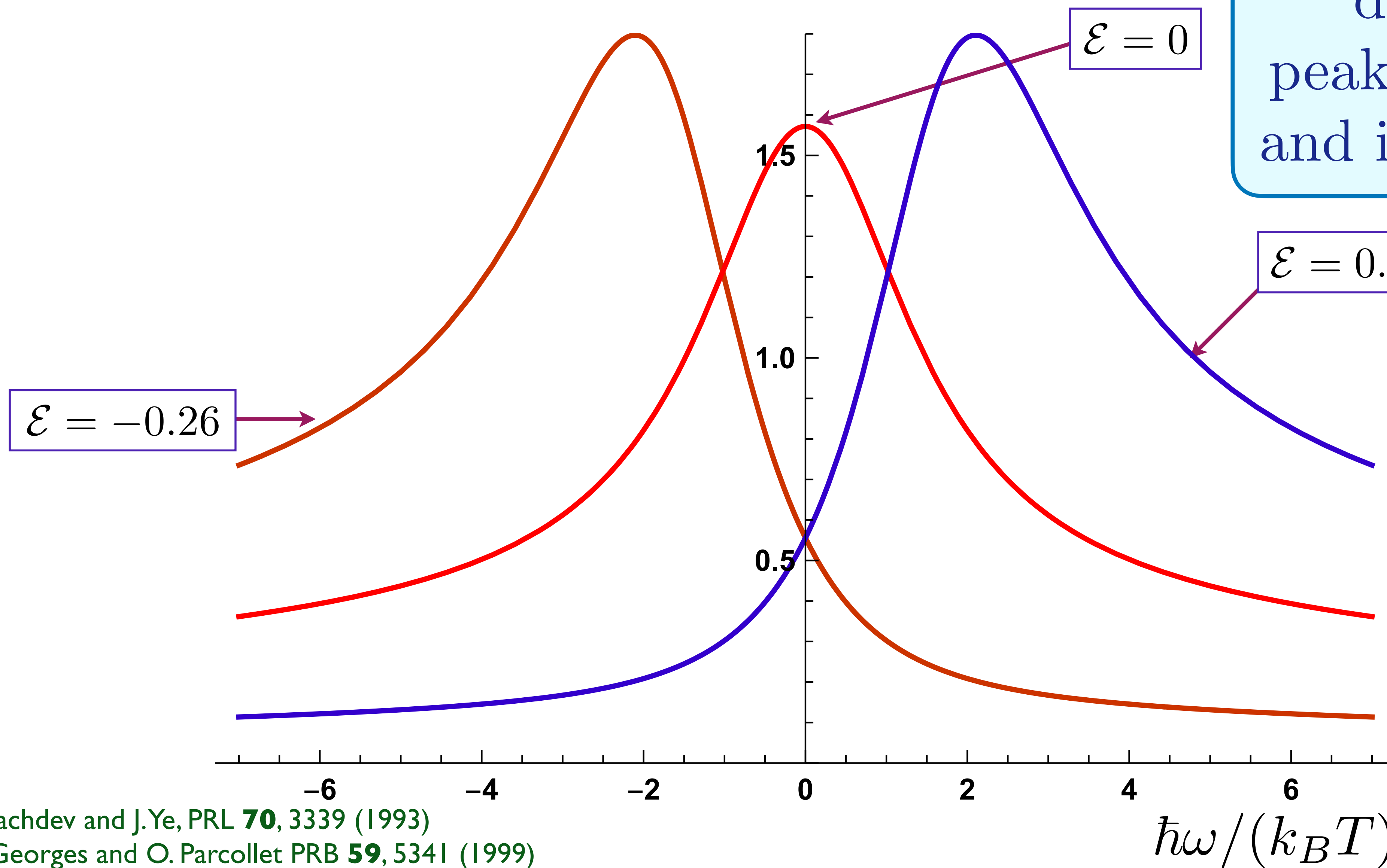
Yingfei Gu, A. Kitaev, S. Sachdev, and G. Tarnopolsky, JHEP 02 (2020) 157

Complex SYK model

(Numerics: G. Tarnopolsky)

The SYK model

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



Conformal ‘Planckian’
dynamics with
peak width $\sim k_B T/\hbar$
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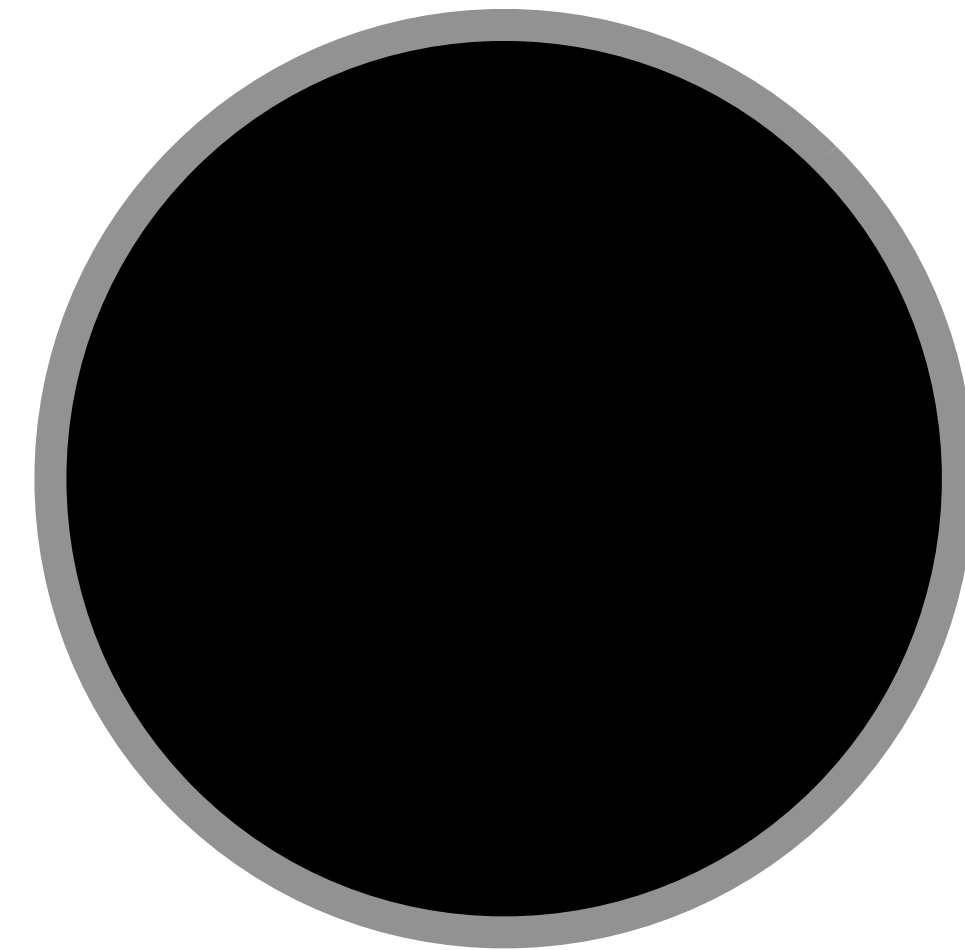
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**Quantum
black holes**

Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

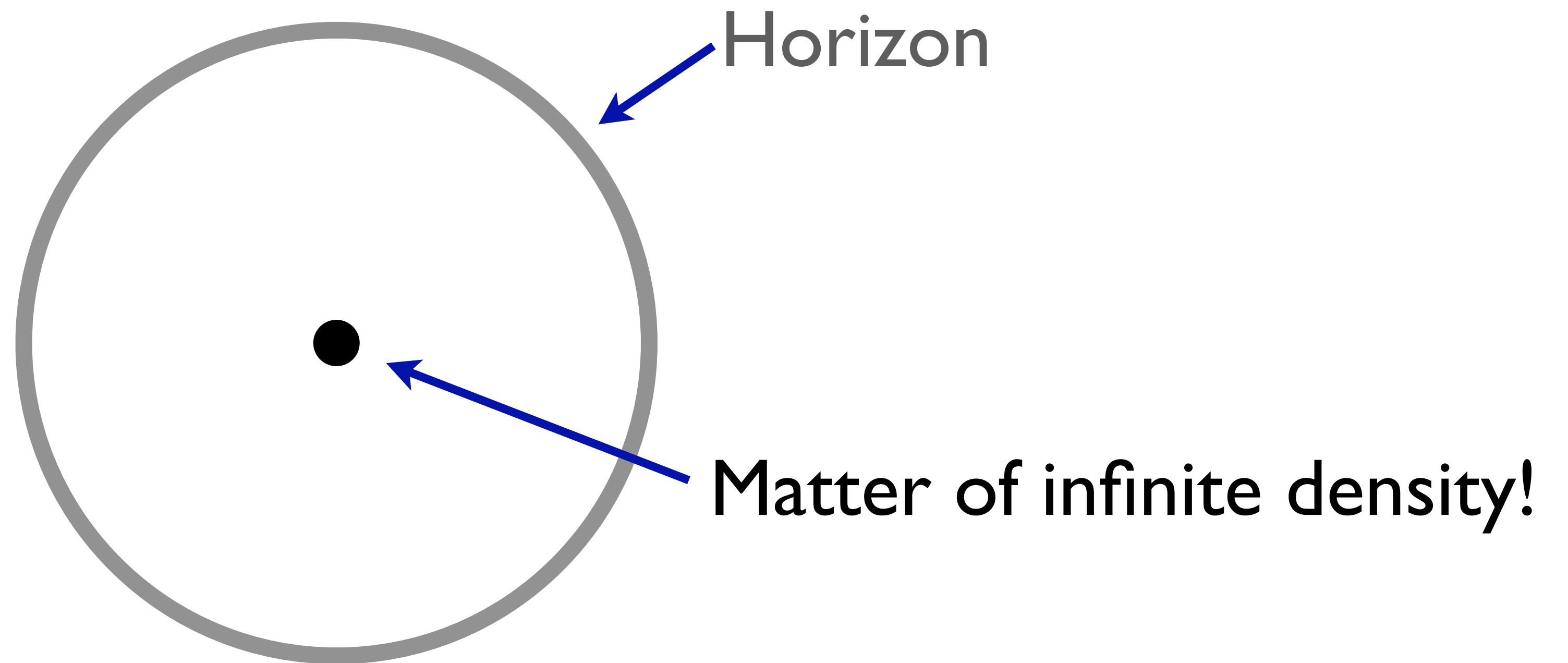
Horizon radius $R = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$



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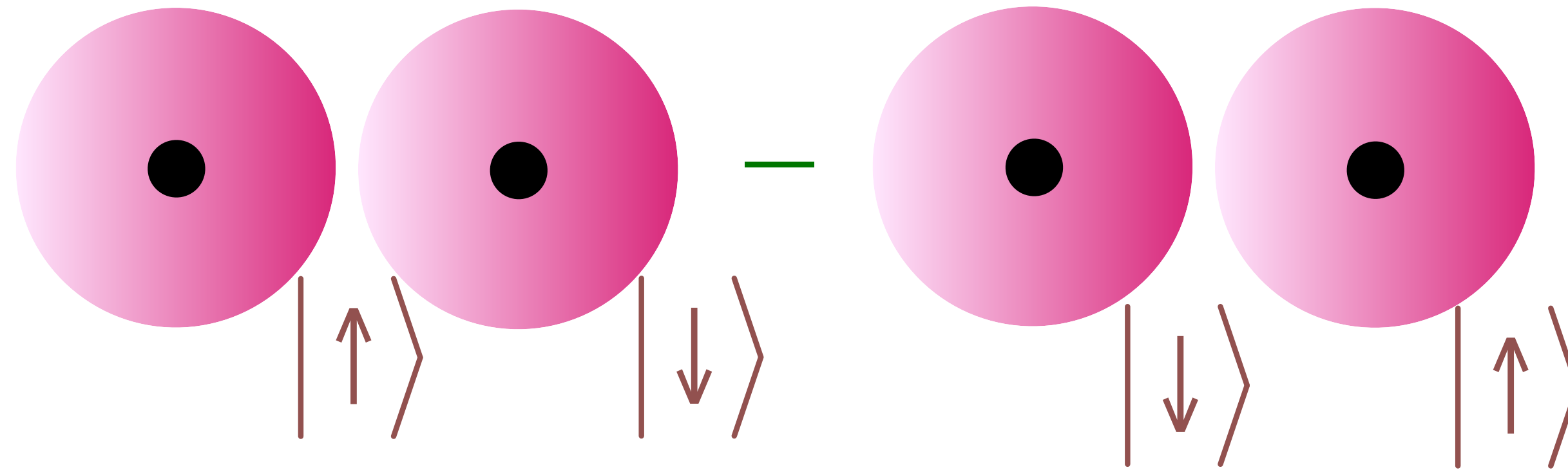
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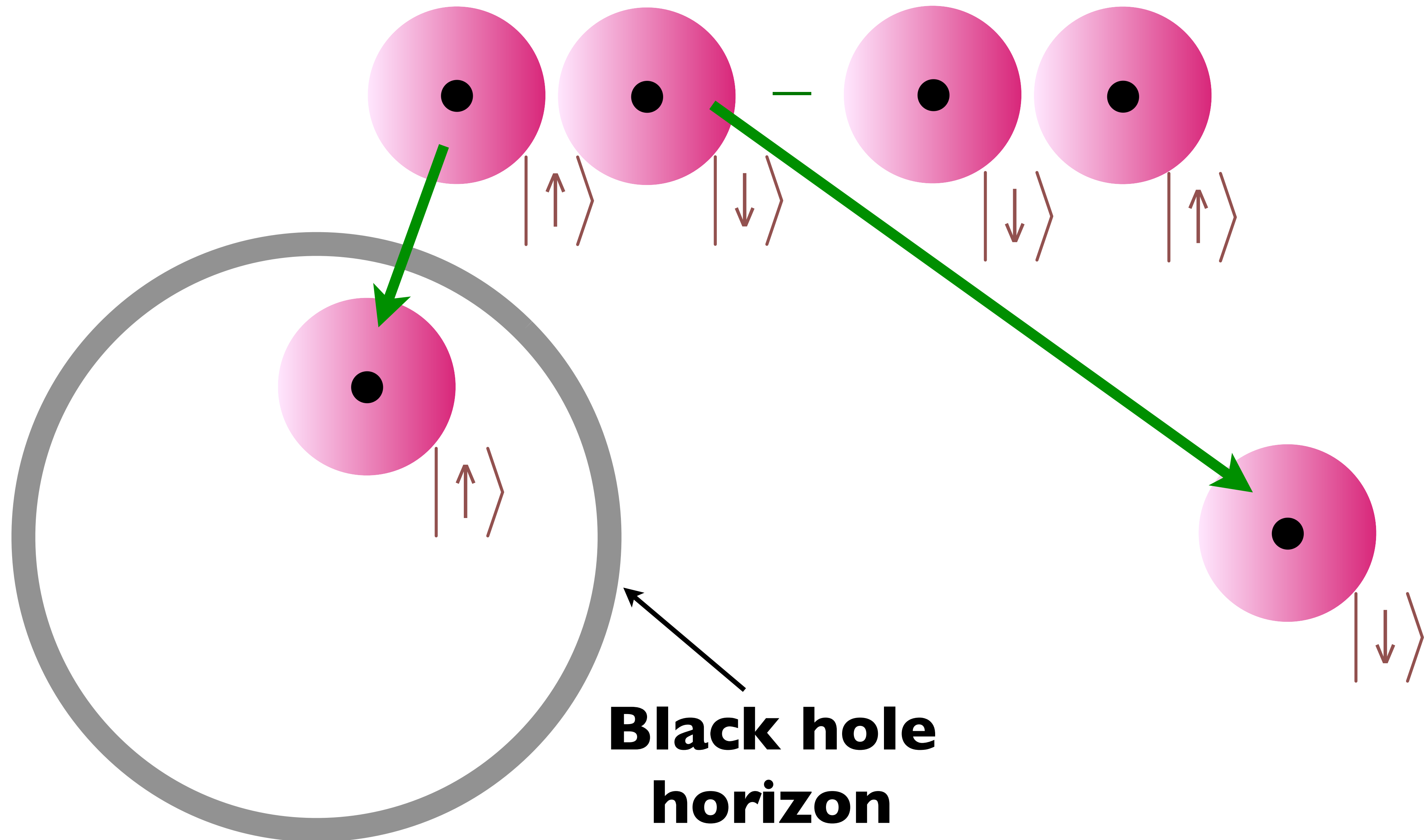
This singularity convinced many early on that black holes were unphysical solutions of Einstein's equations, and did not exist in our universe.

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

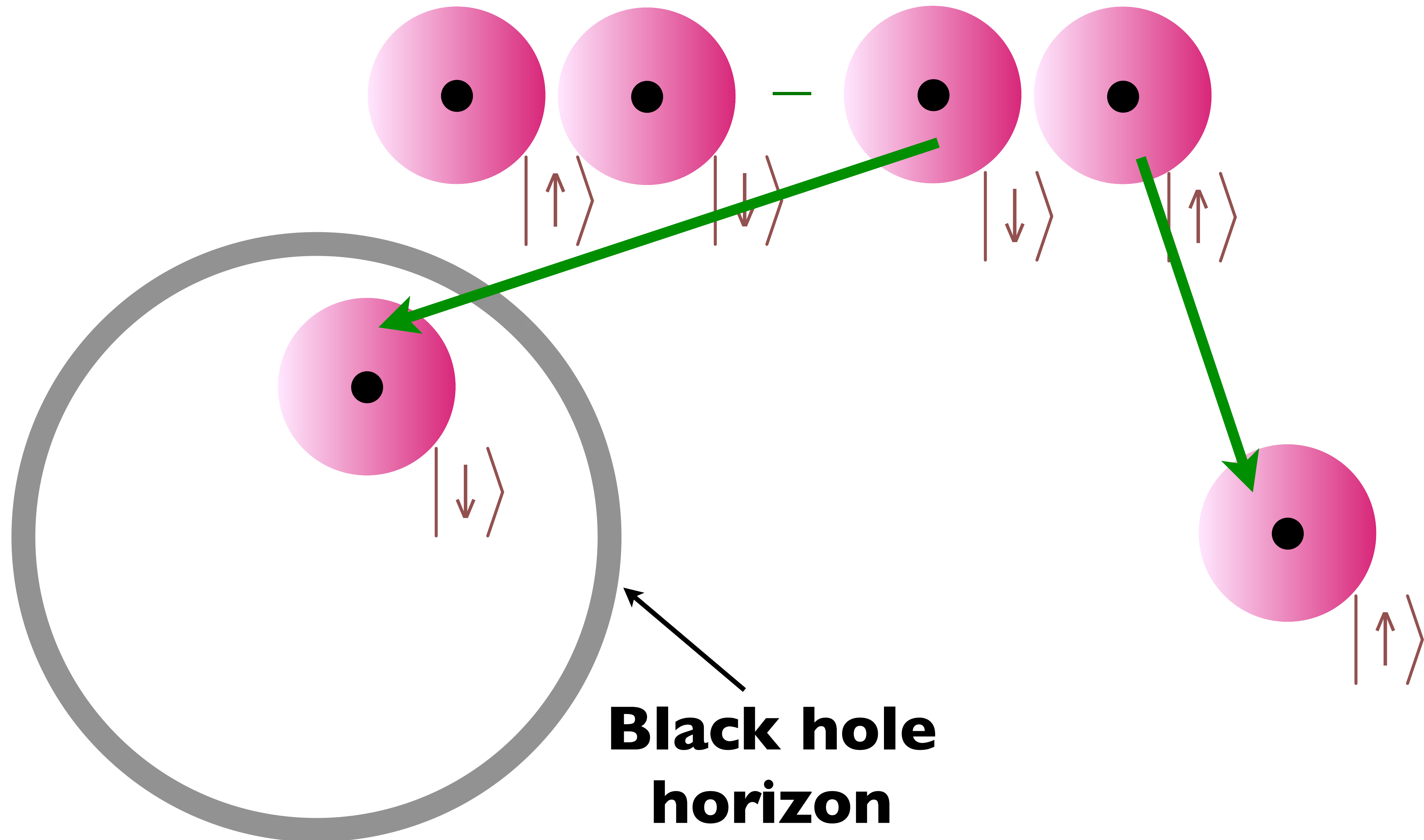
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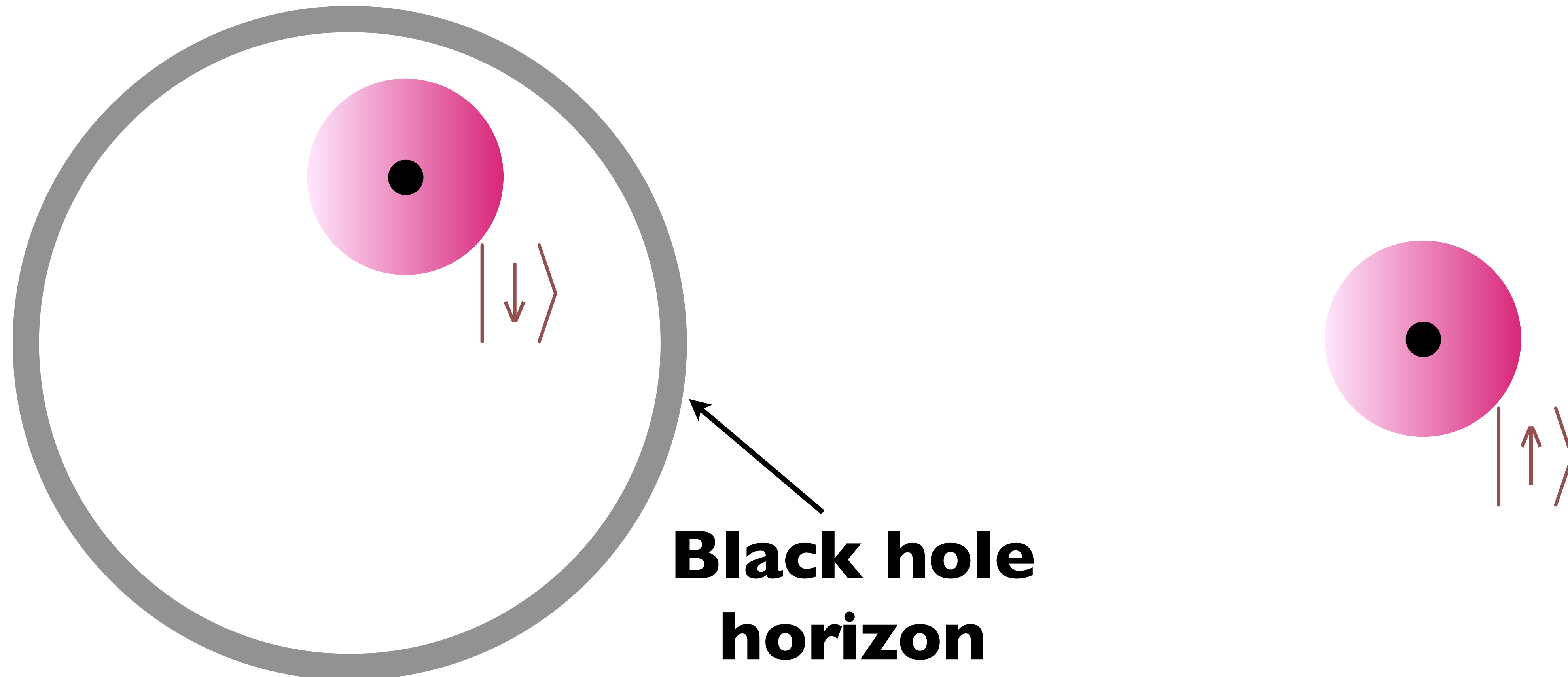


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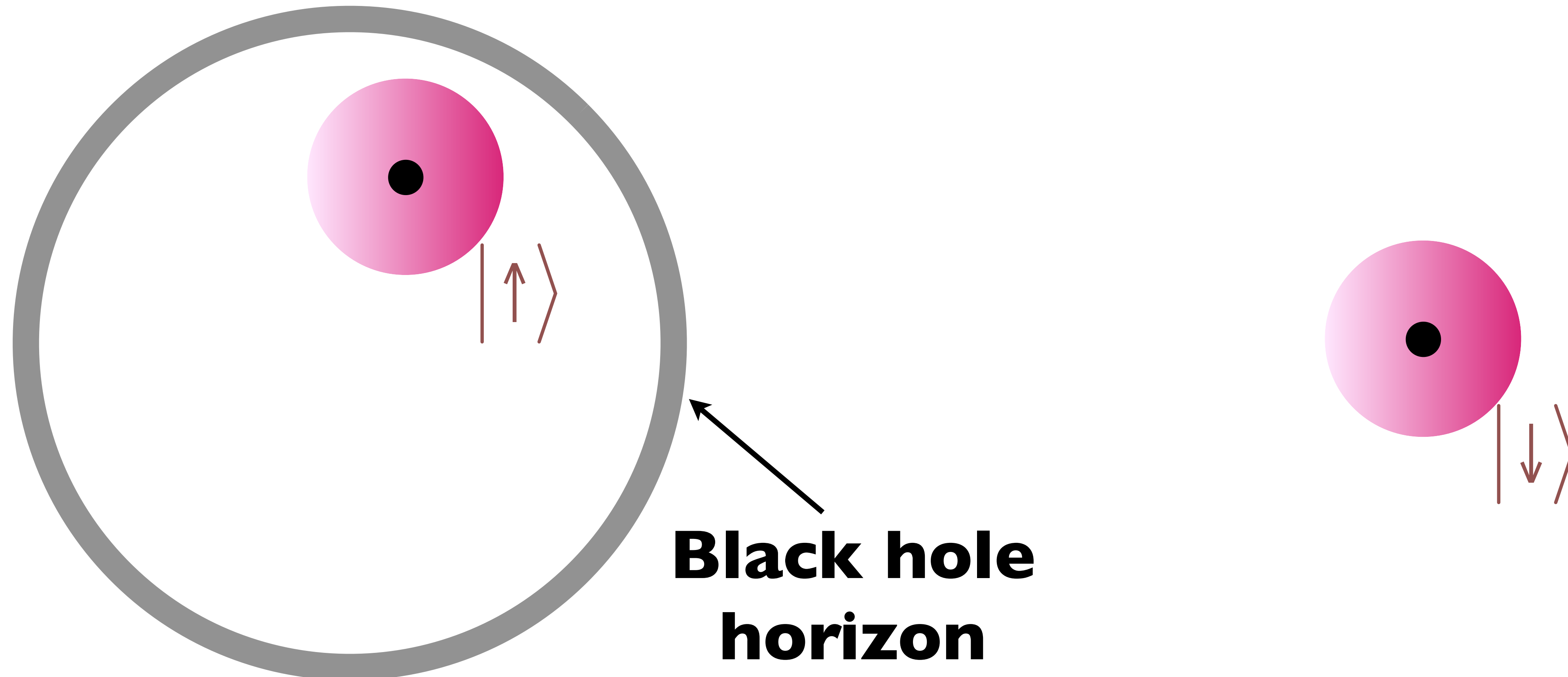
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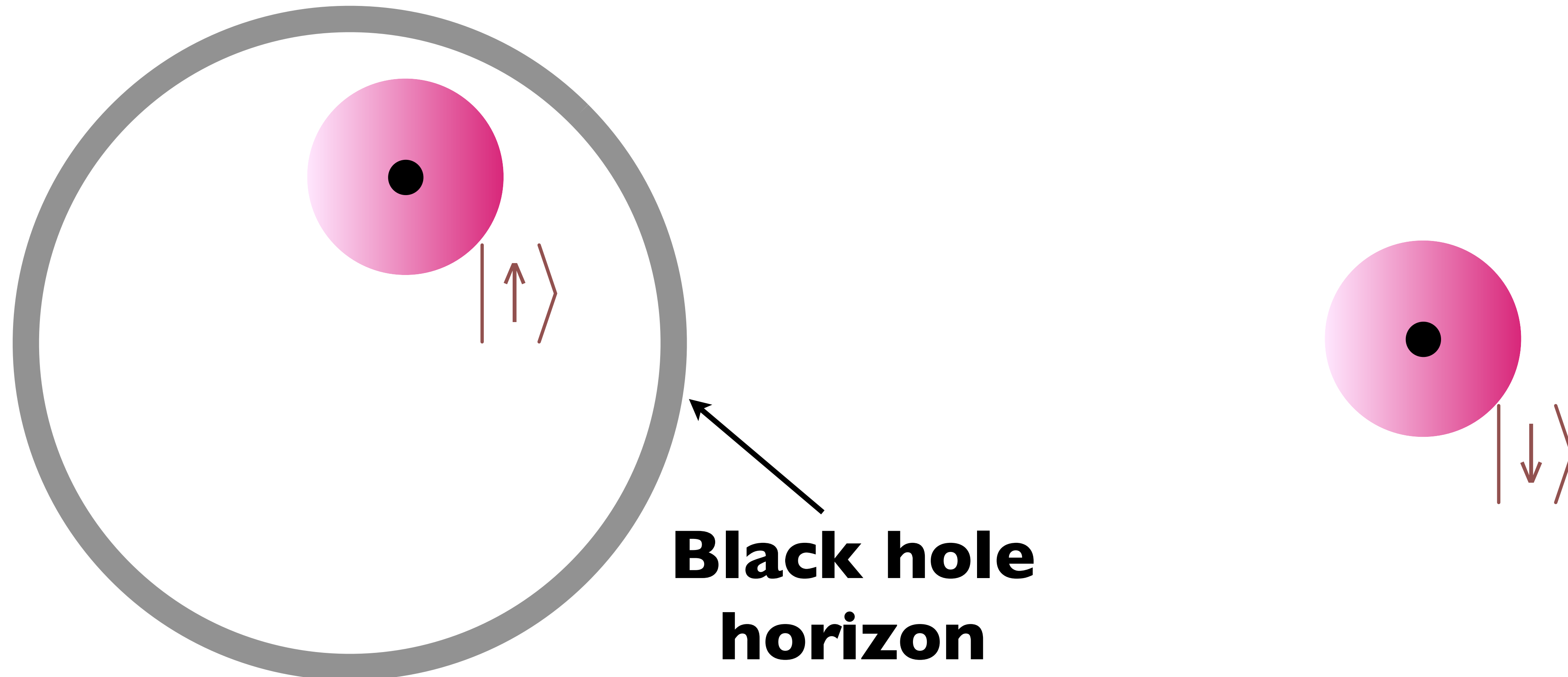
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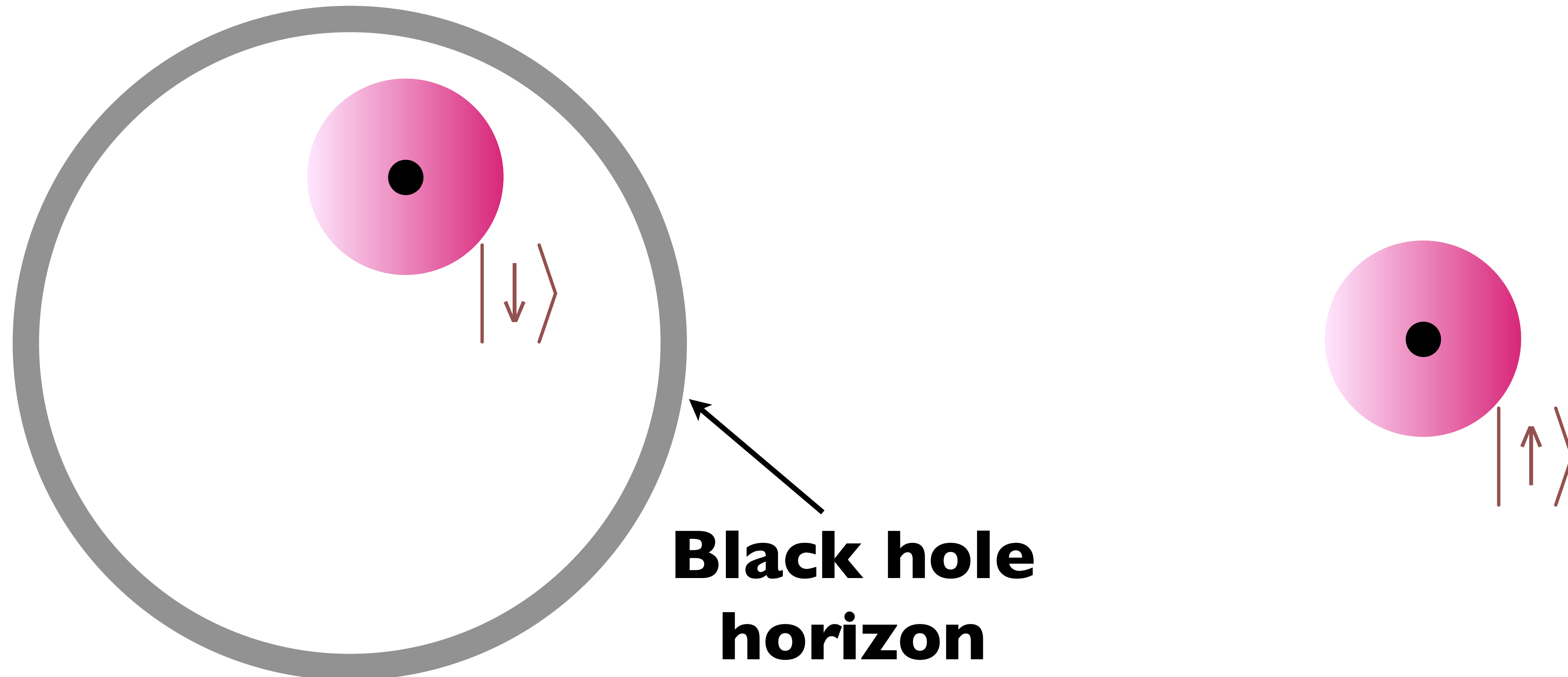
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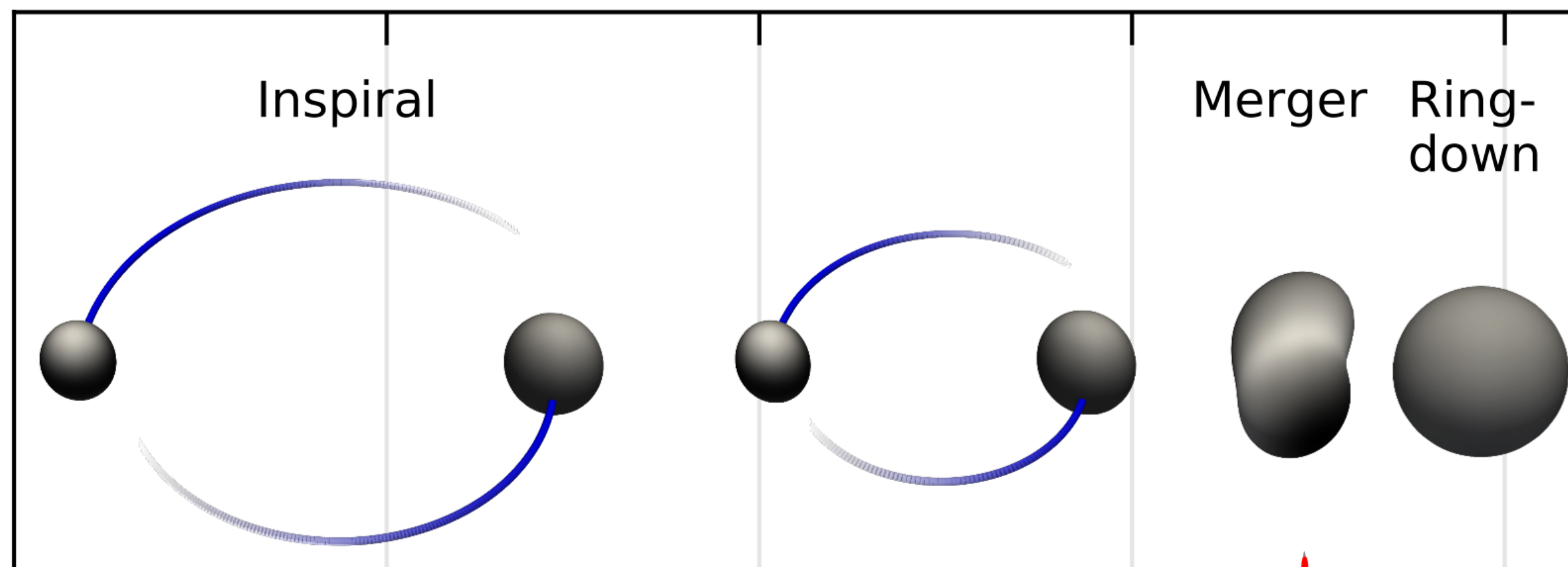
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Quantum black holes

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

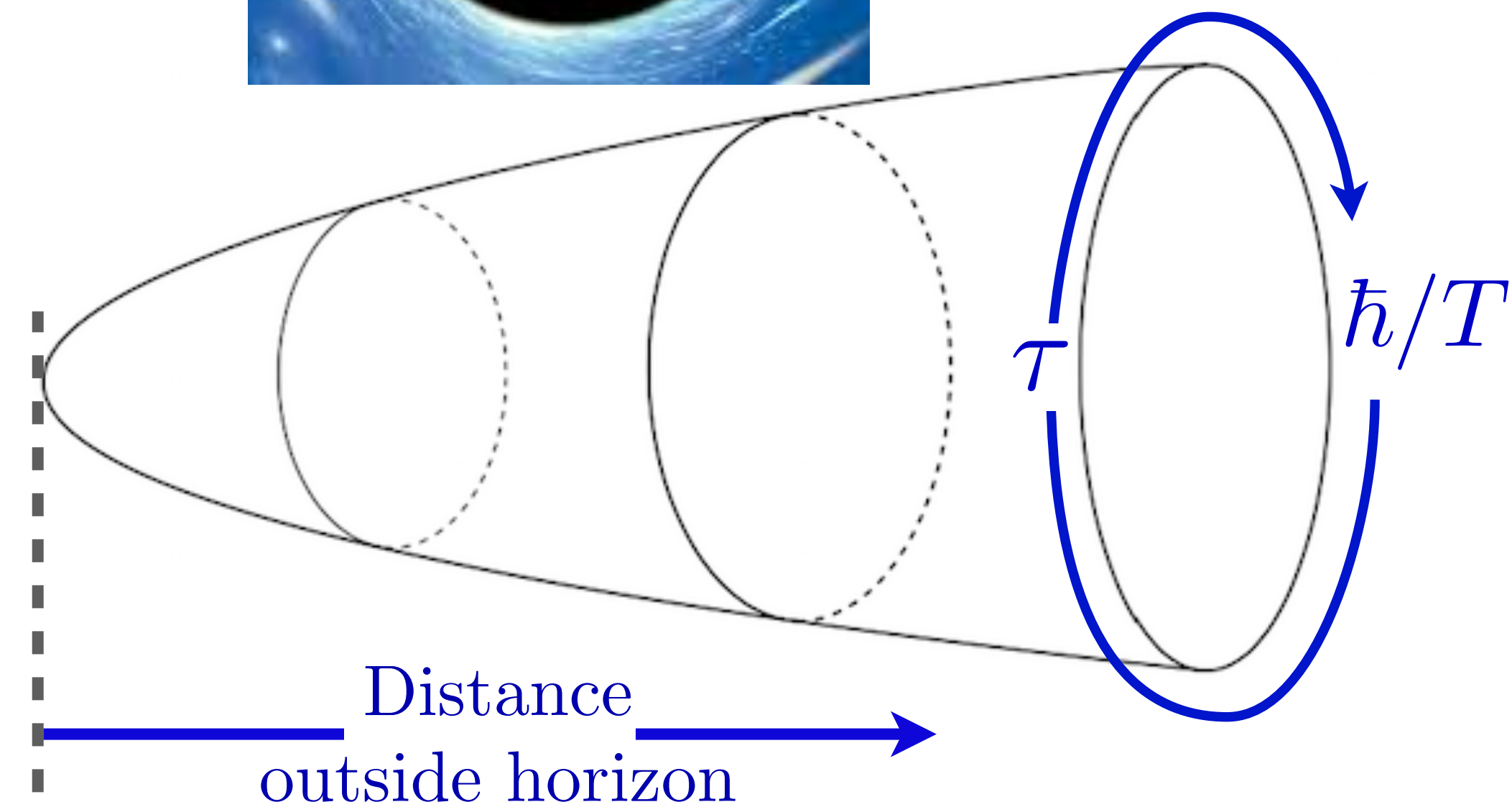


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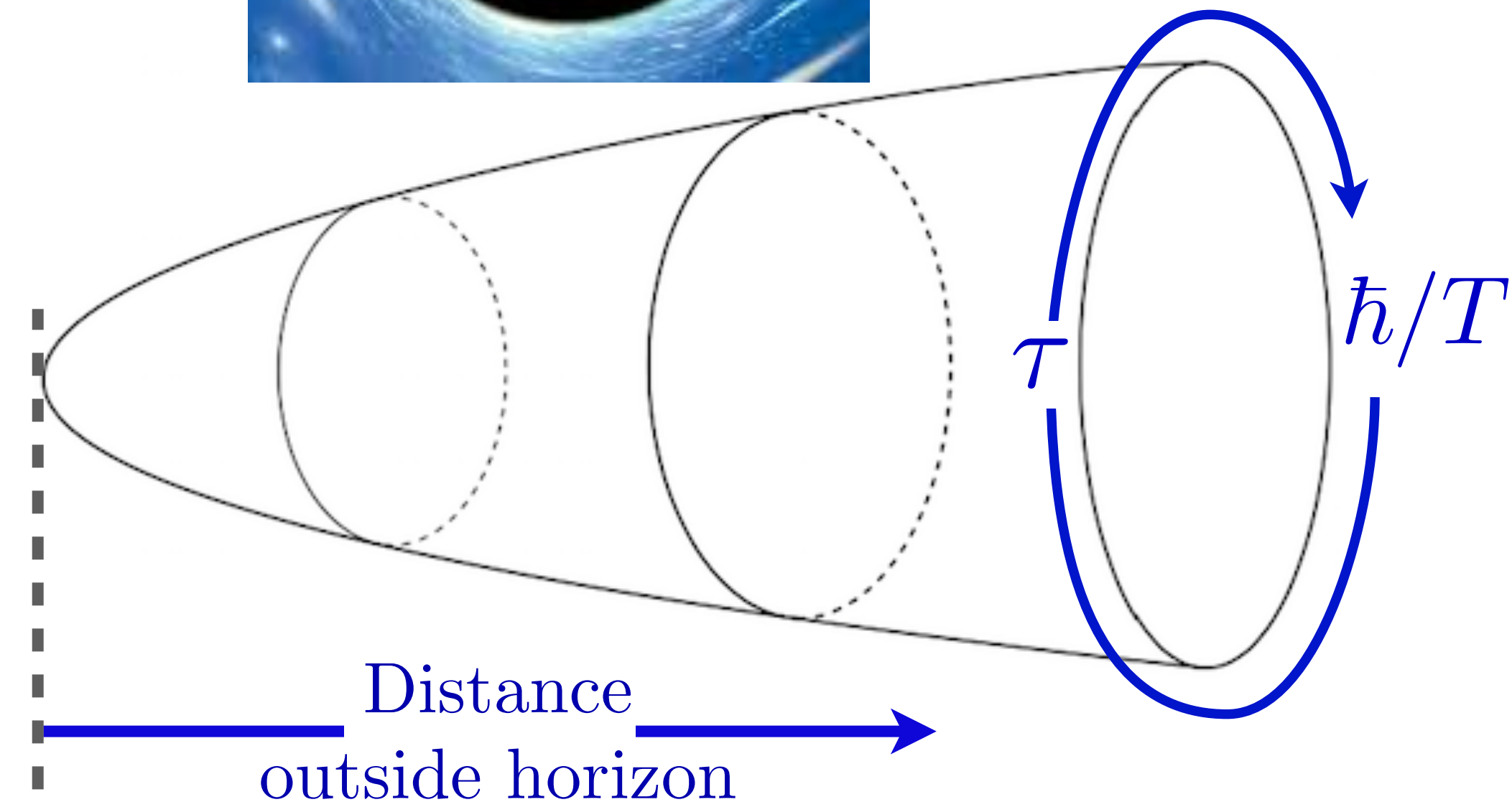
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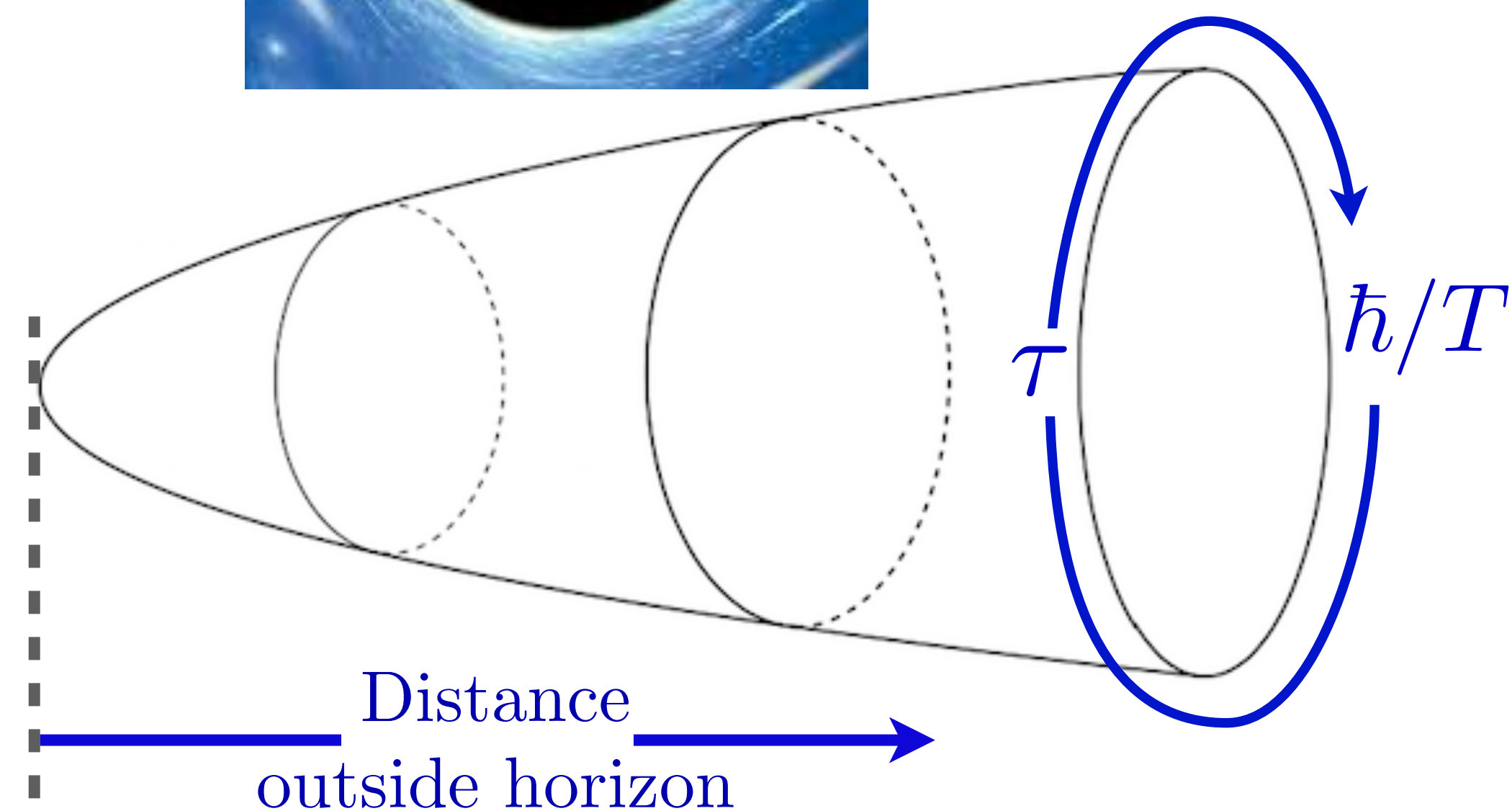


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Note the similarity to the large N entropy of the SYK model!
(along with other similarities)

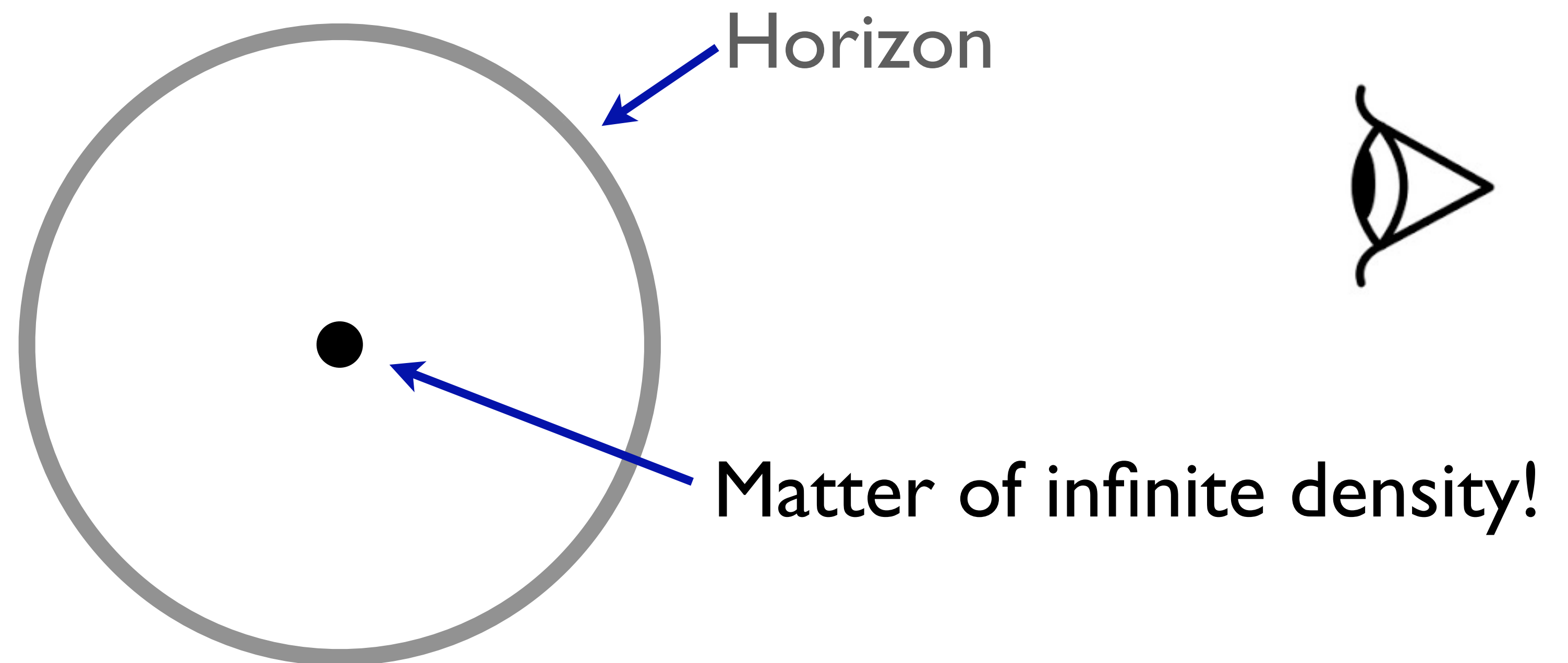
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This allowed Hawking to avoid the contradictions associated with the singularity at the center of the black hole.



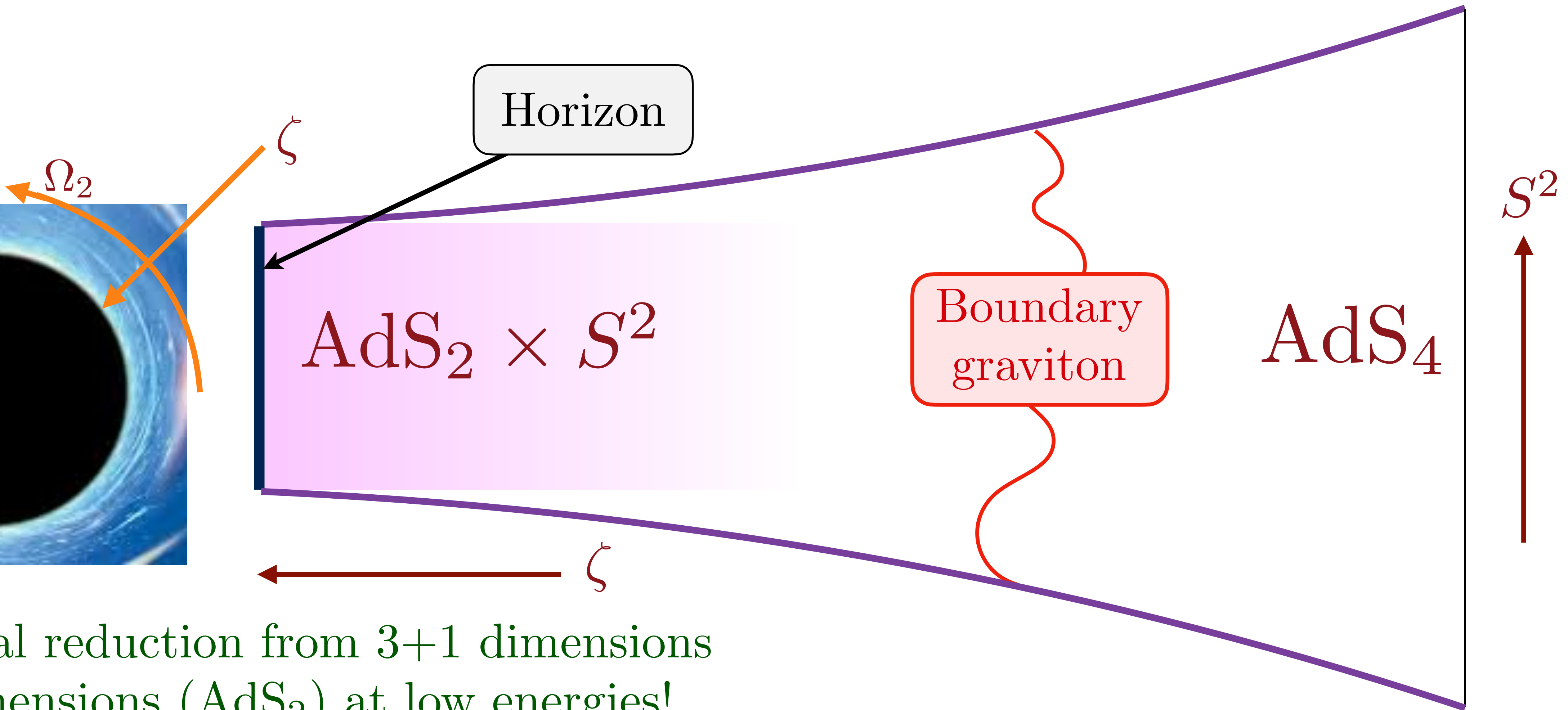
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From the SYK model
to a quantum theory of
charged black holes

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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Quantum simulation of charged black holes by the SYK model

- For generic charged black holes in 3+1 dimensions, the SYK model yields, in terms of $A_0 = 2GQ^2/c^4$ the horizon area at $T = 0$:

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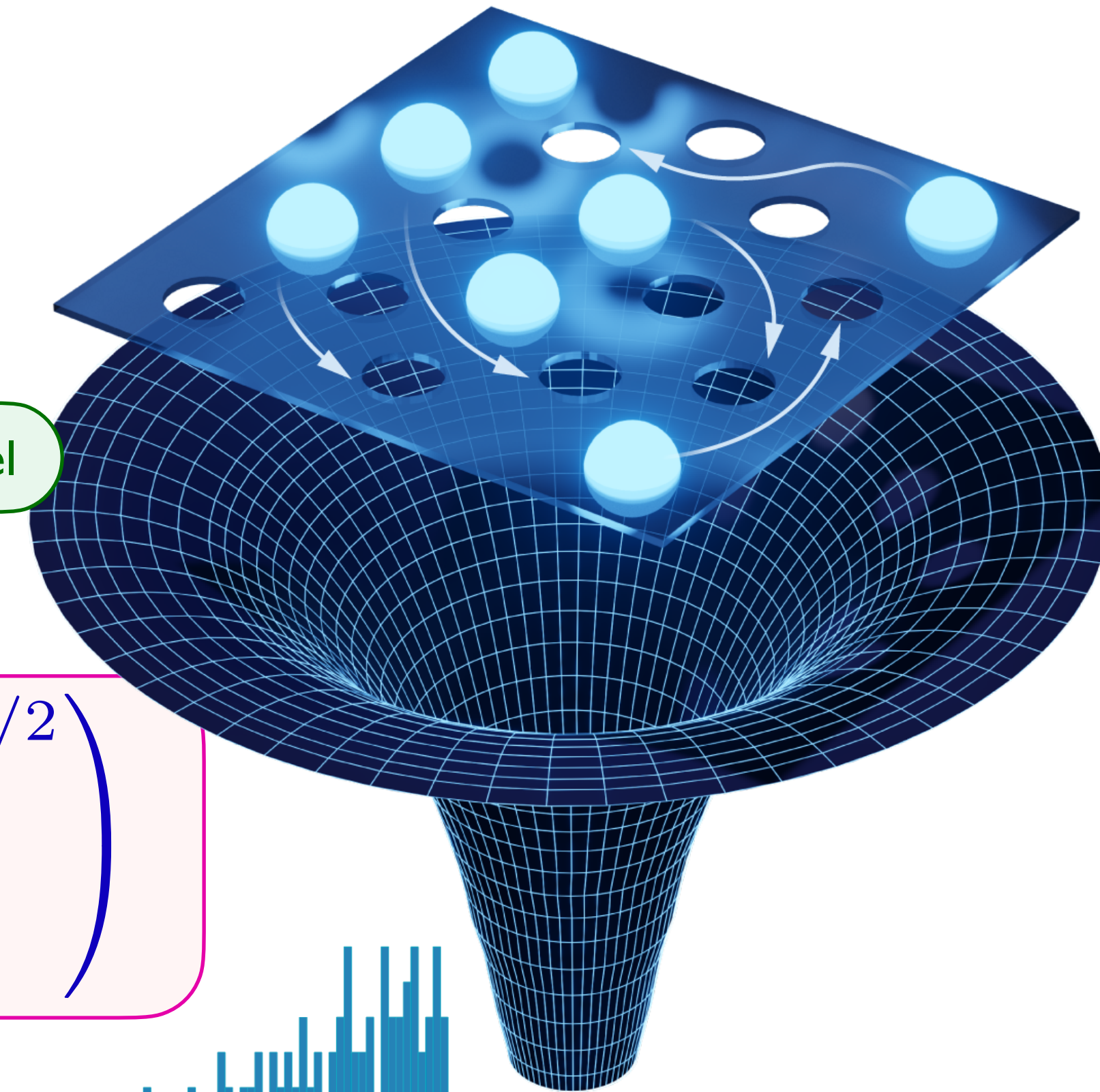
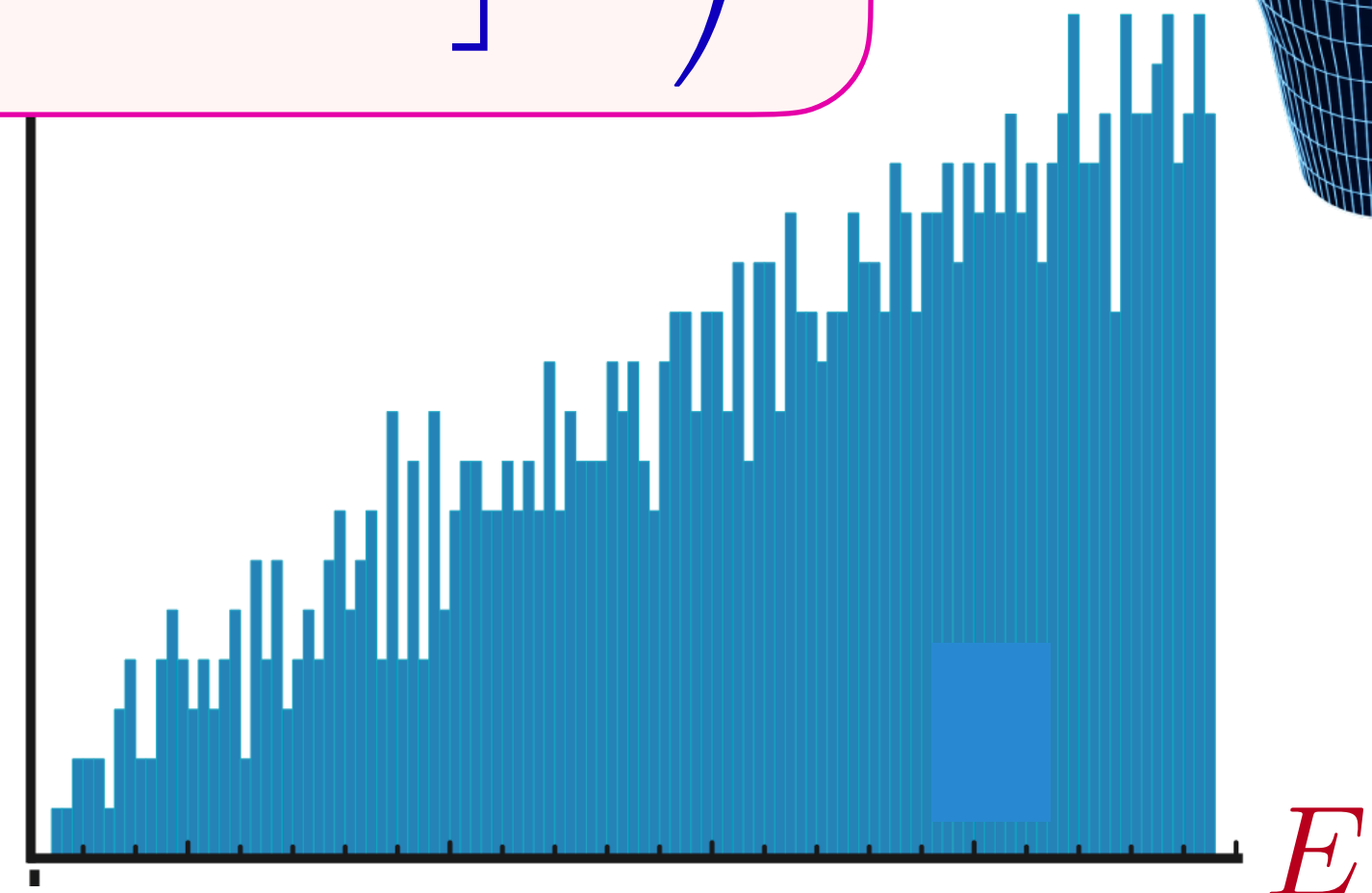
Bekenstein-Hawking

Developments from the SYK model

$$D(E) \sim \left(\frac{A_0 c^3}{\hbar G} \right)^{-347/90} \exp \left(\frac{A_0 c^3}{4\hbar G} \right) \sinh \left(\left[\frac{\sqrt{\pi} A_0^{3/2} c^2}{\hbar^2 G} E \right]^{1/2} \right)$$

There is no degeneracy, but an exponentially small level spacing down to the ground state.

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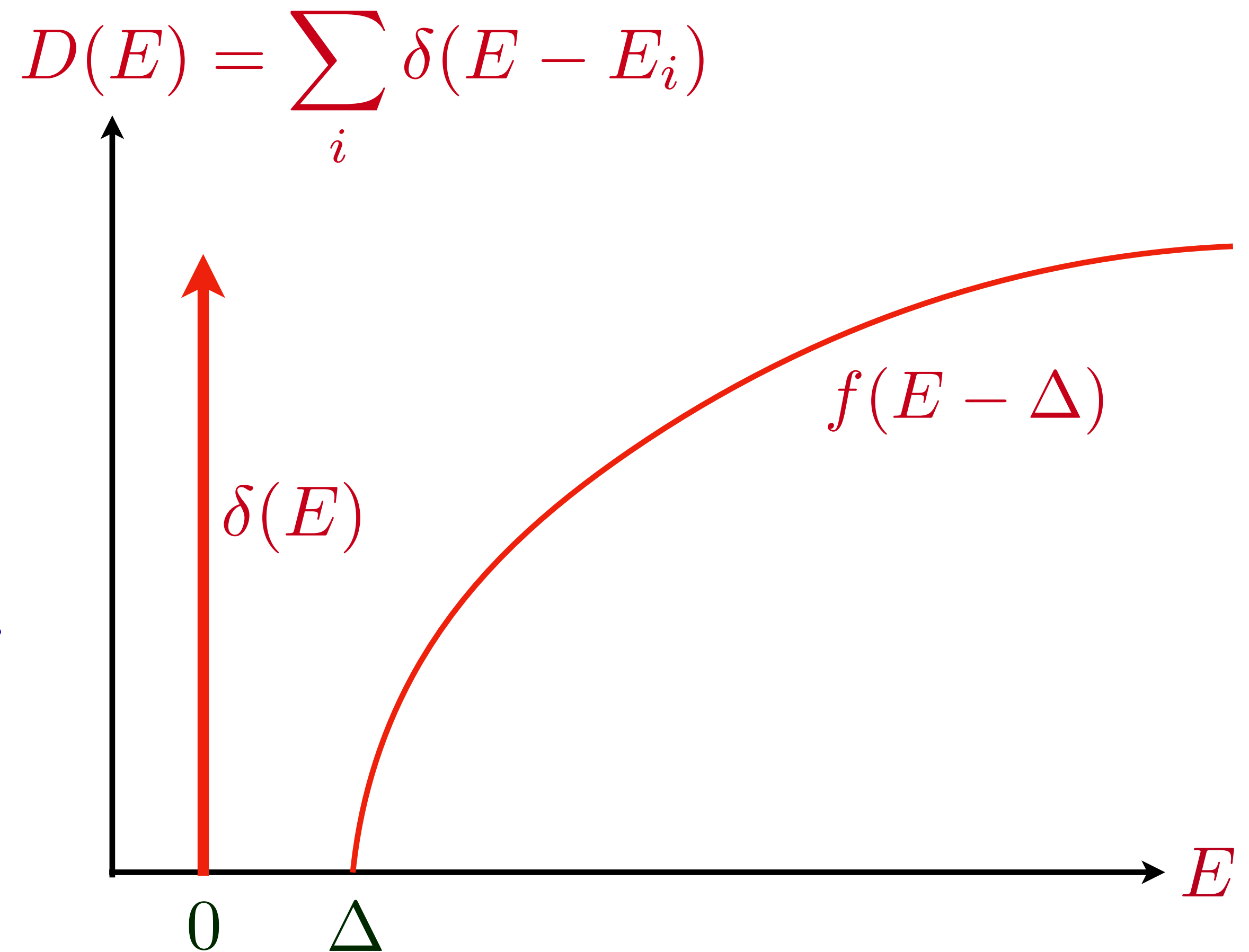


String theory of charged black holes

- With sufficient low energy supersymmetry, string theory yields:

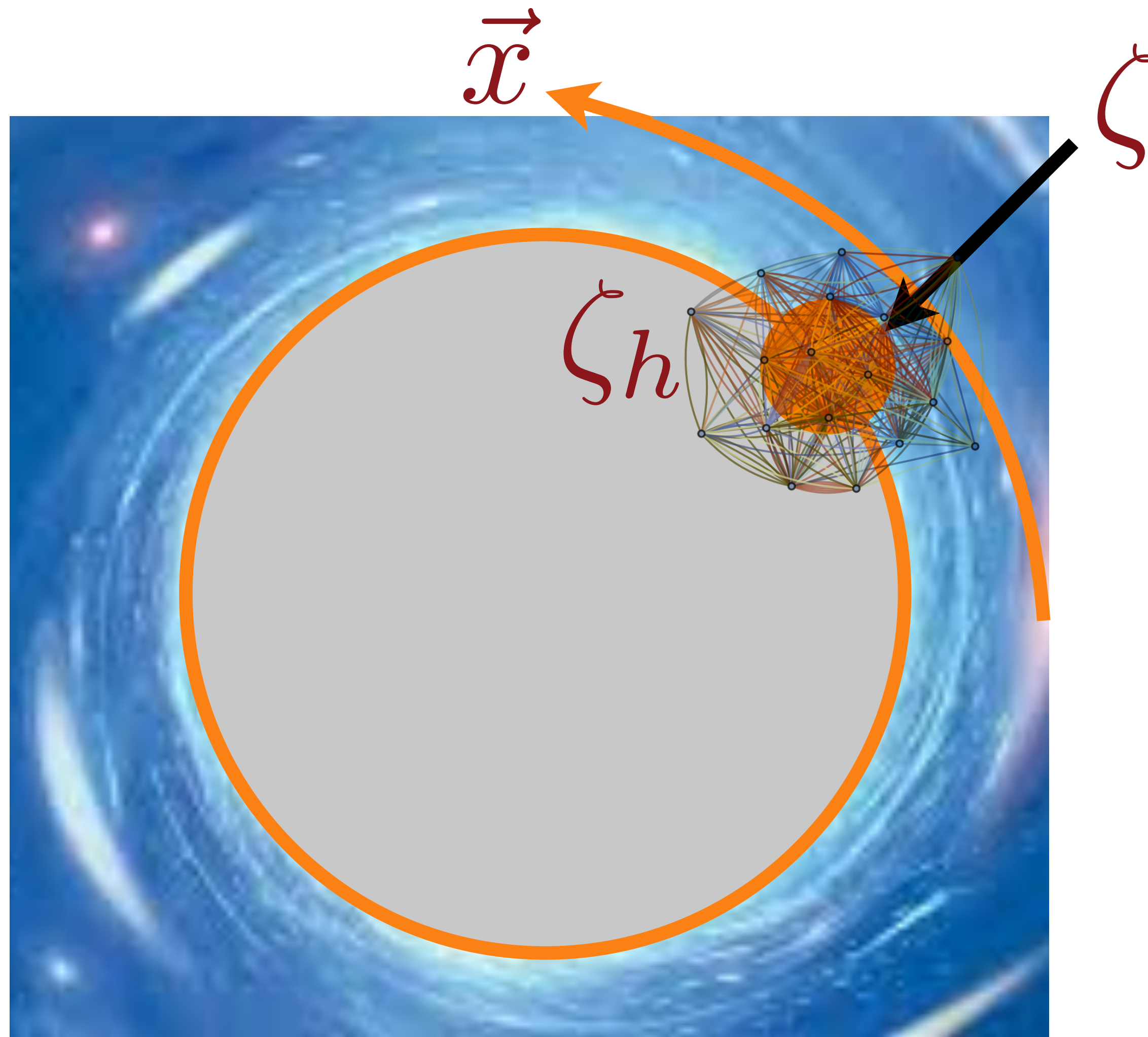
$$D(E) = \exp\left(\frac{A_0 c^3}{4\hbar G}\right) \delta(E) + \theta(E - \Delta) f(E - \Delta) + \dots$$

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



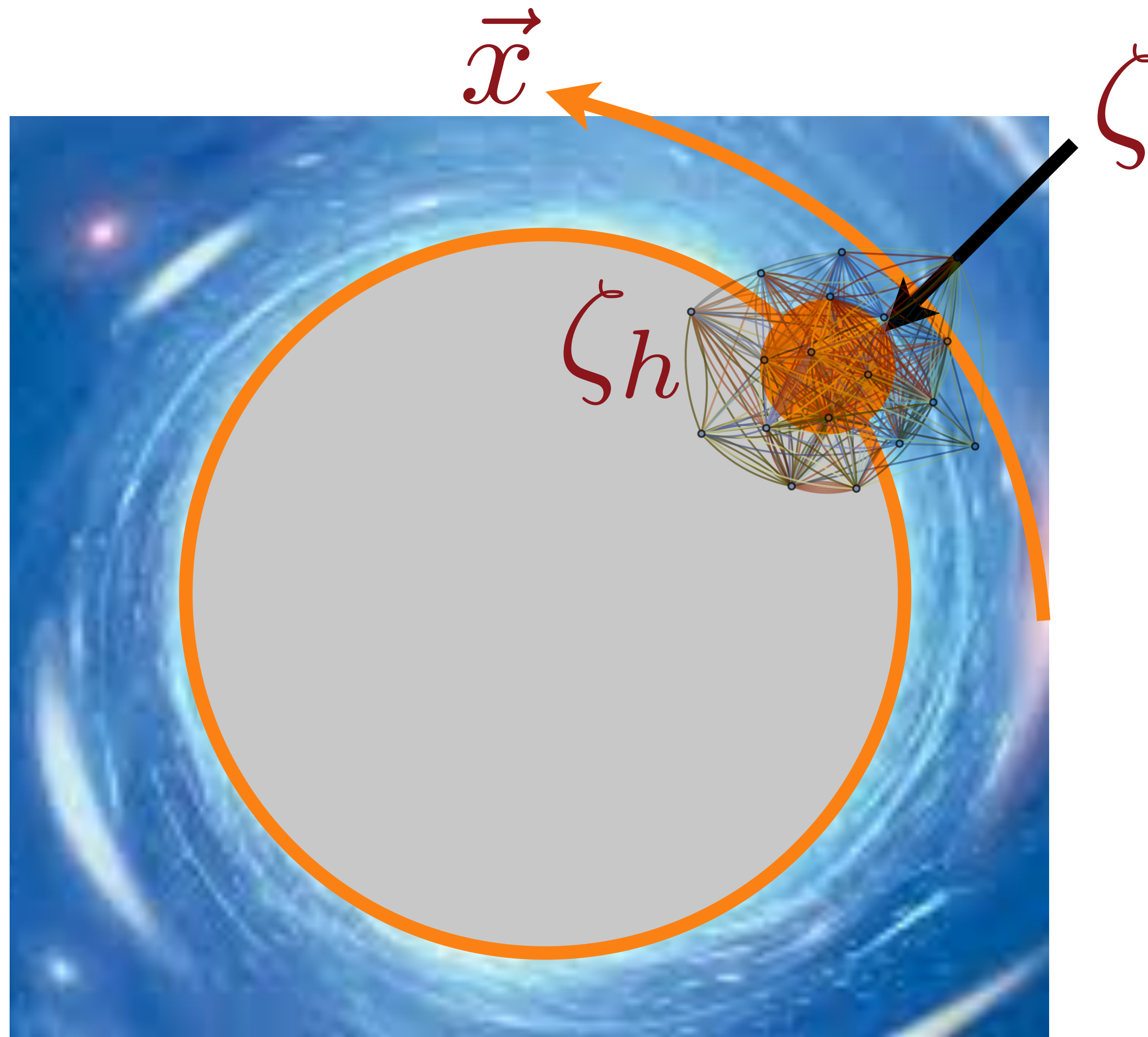
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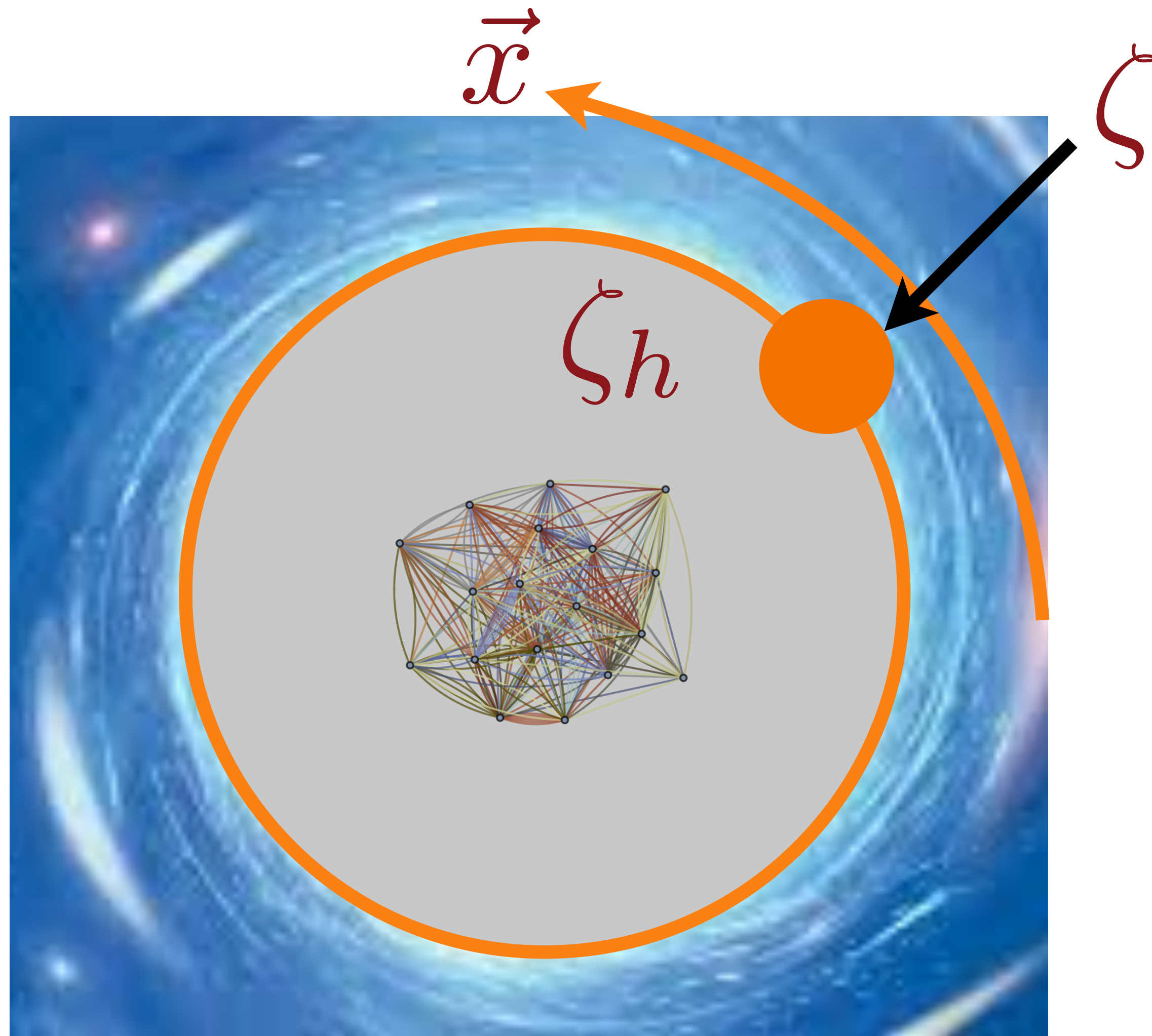
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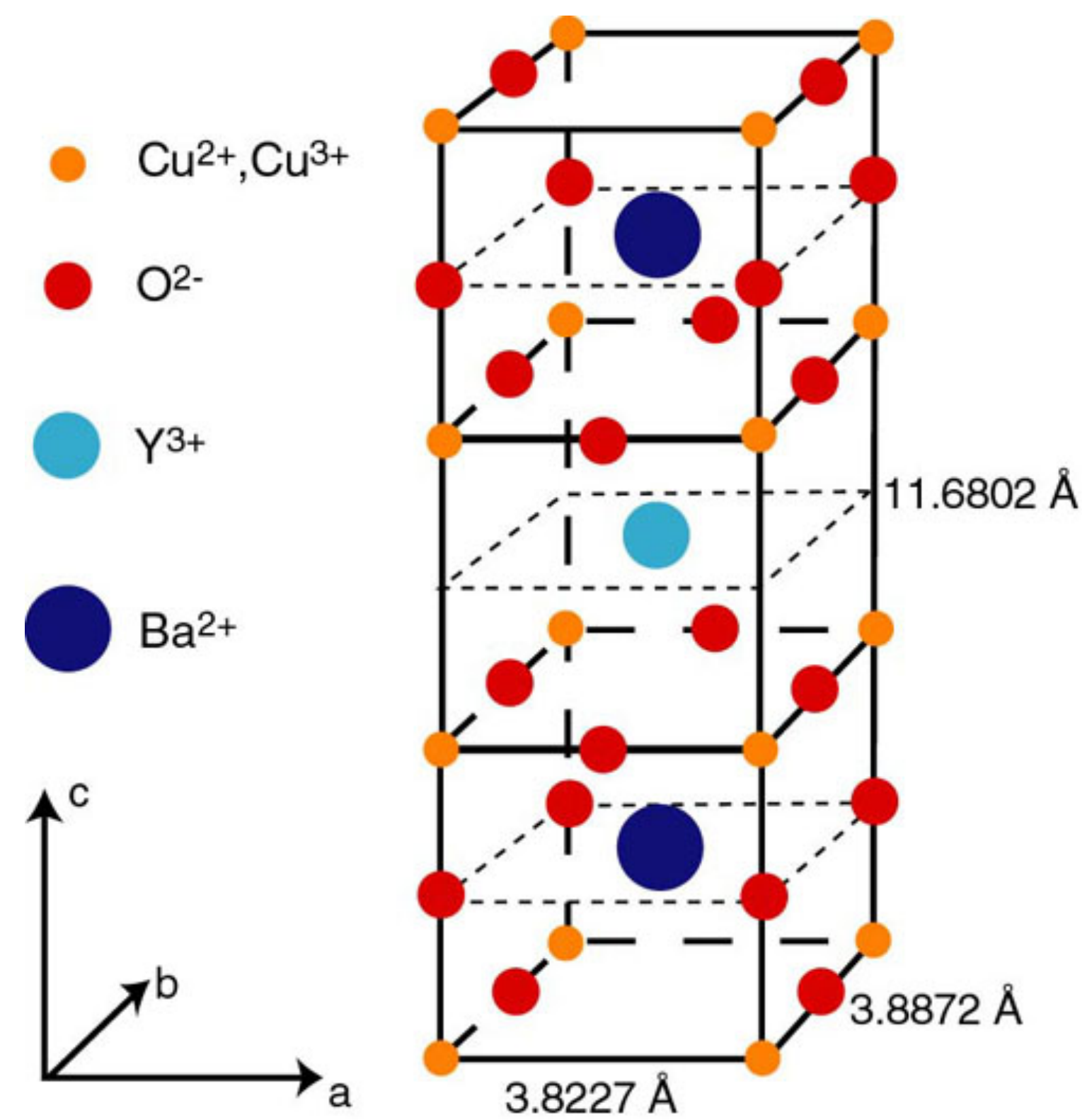
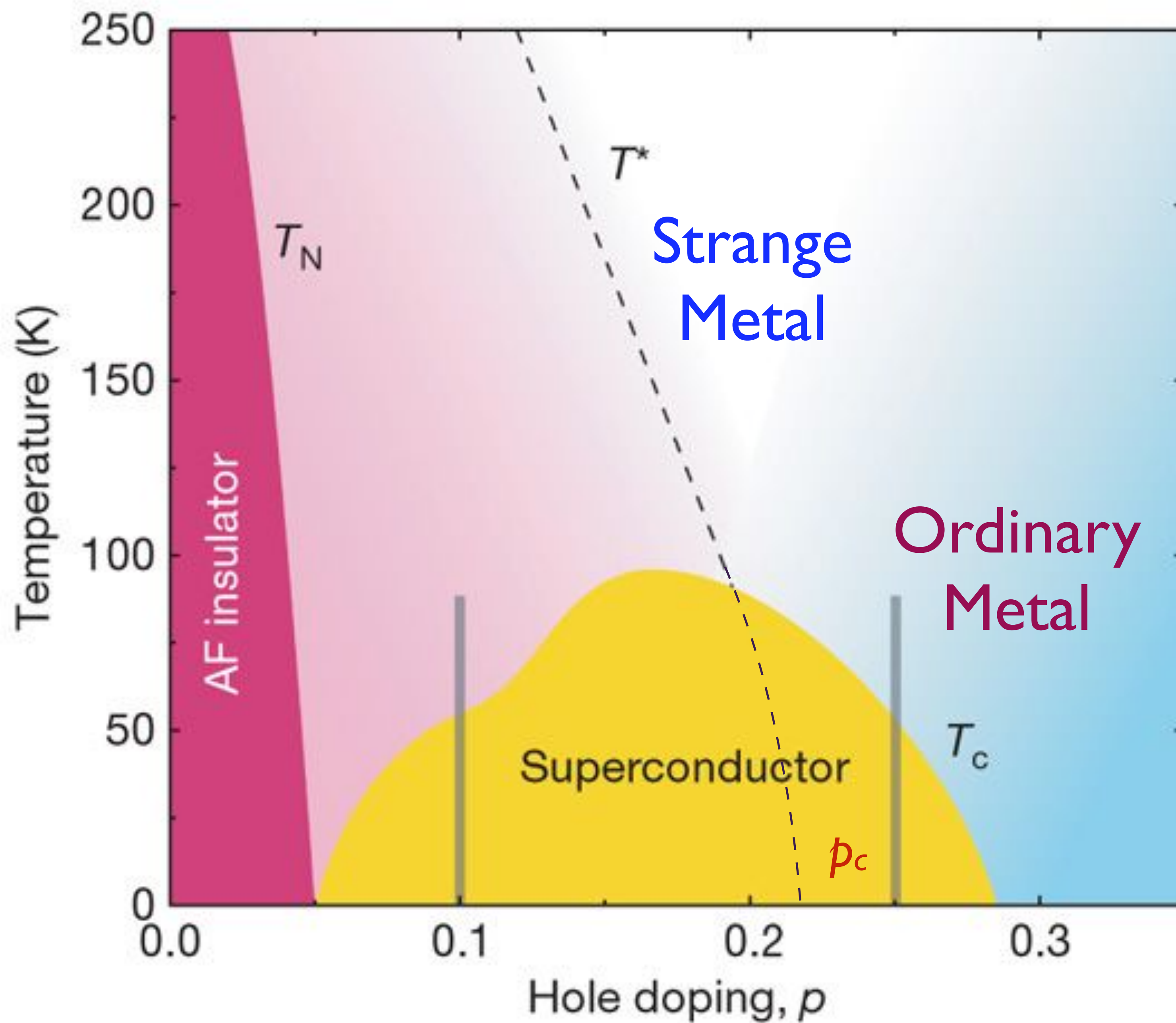
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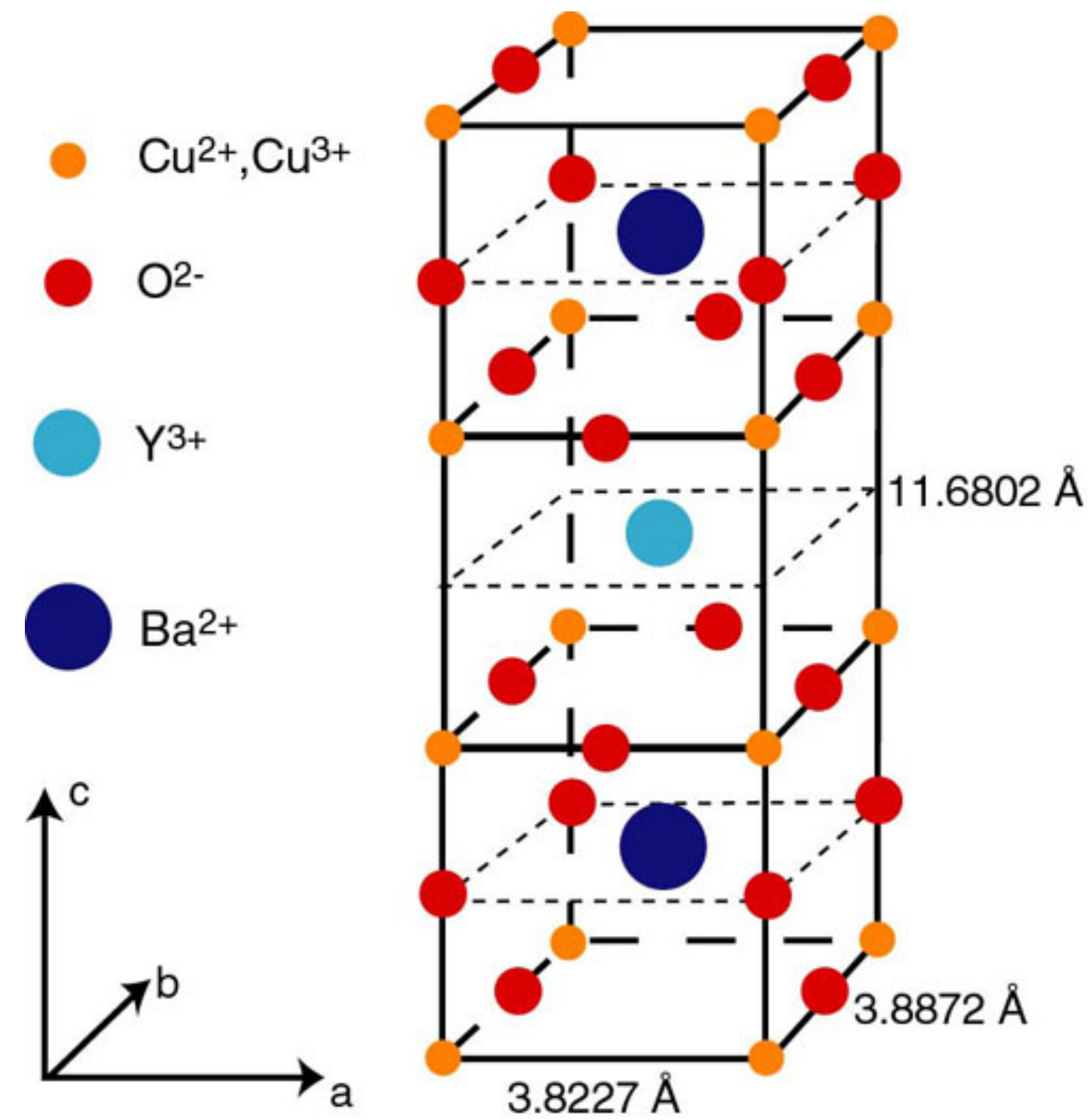
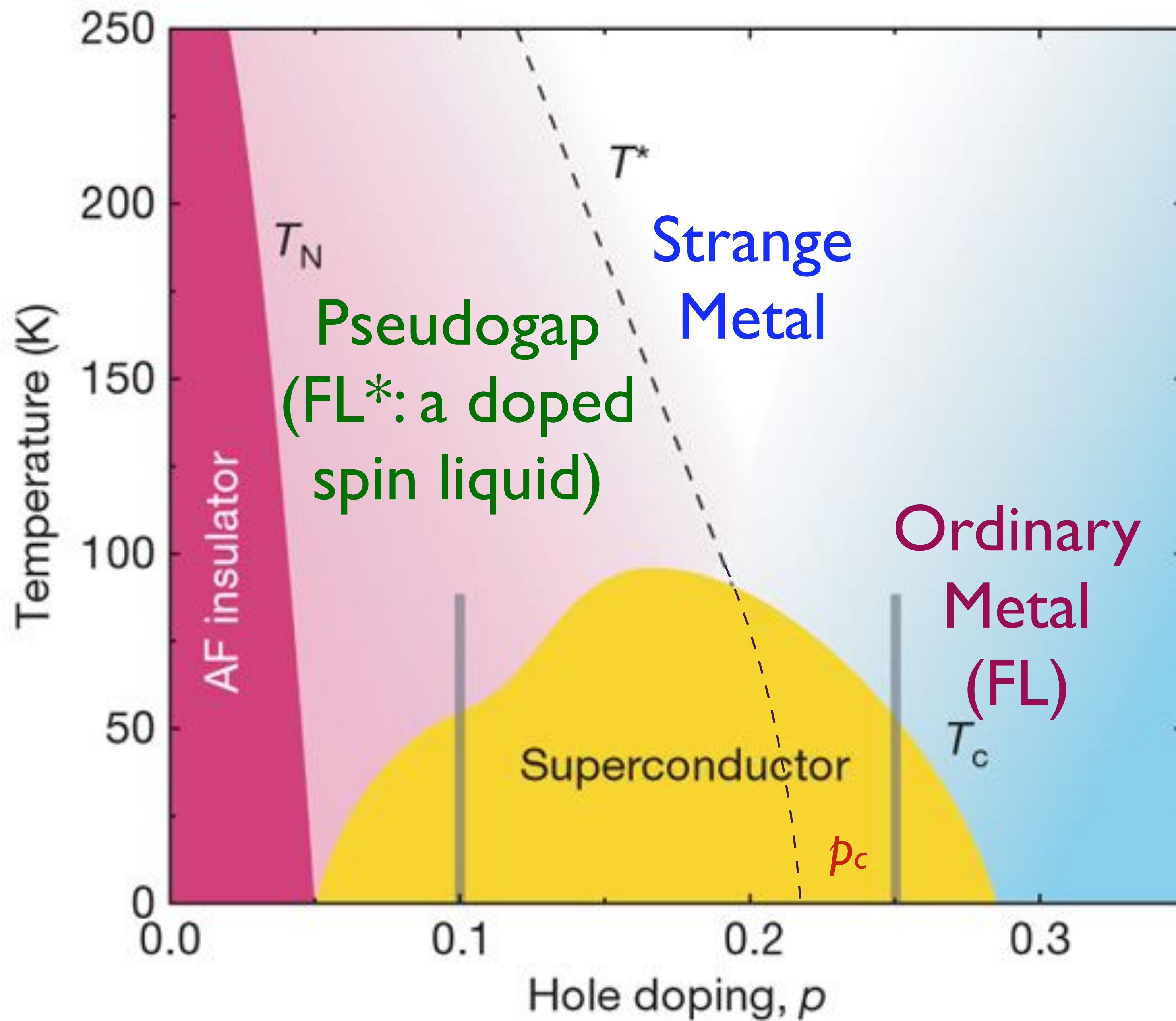
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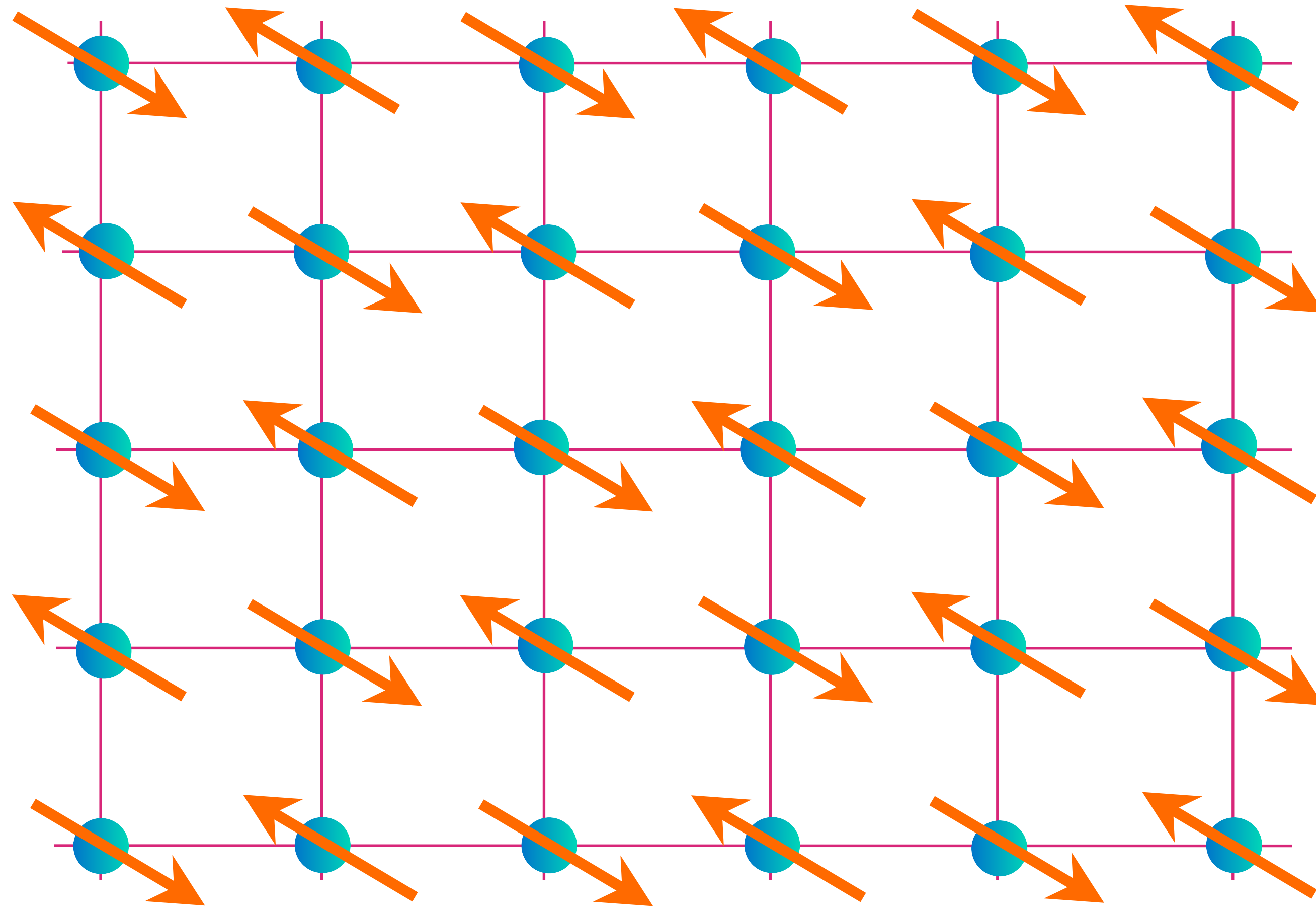
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The dance of electrons on Cu atoms in YBCO



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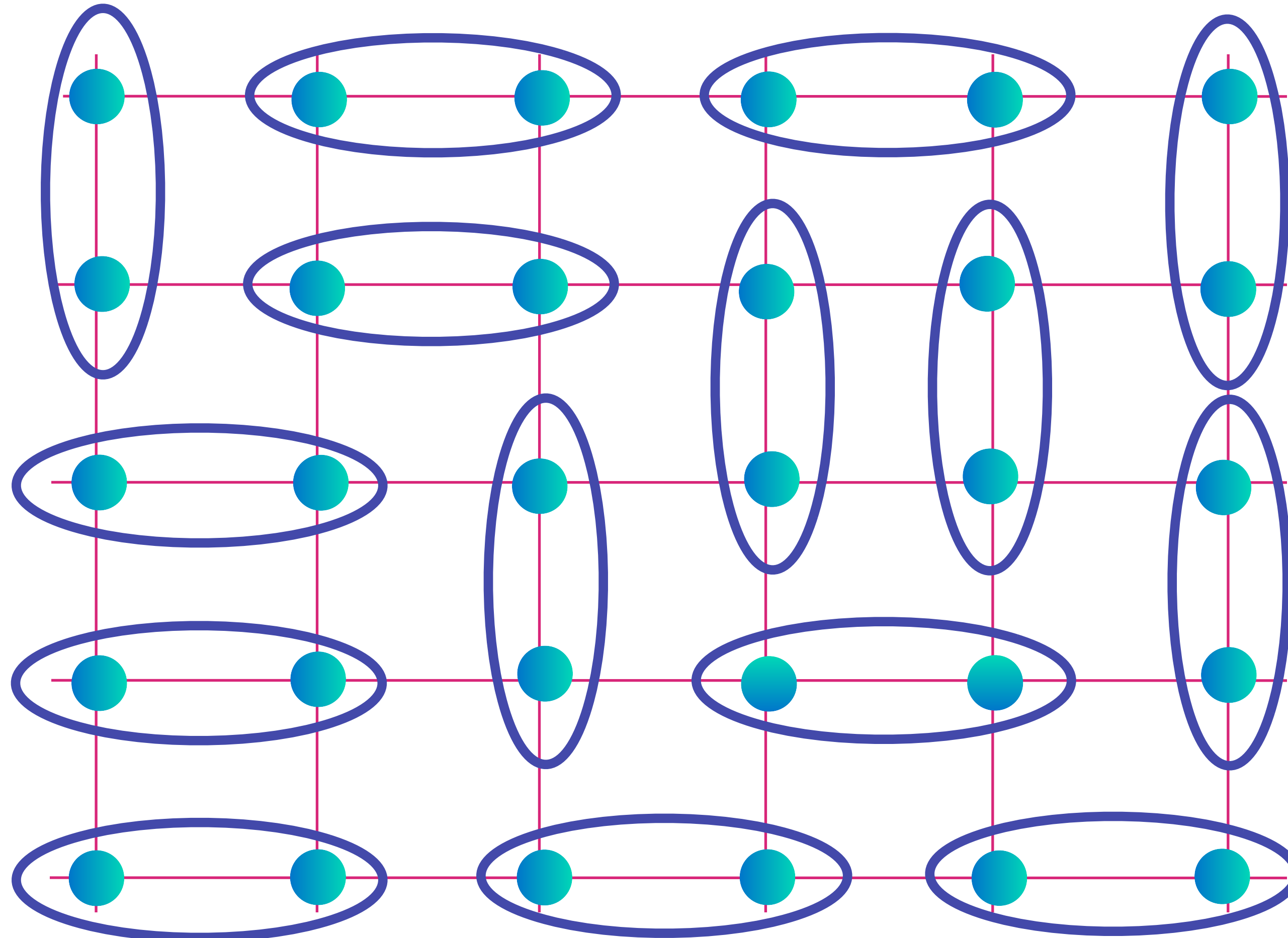
All nearest-neighbor pairs of electrons have opposite spins

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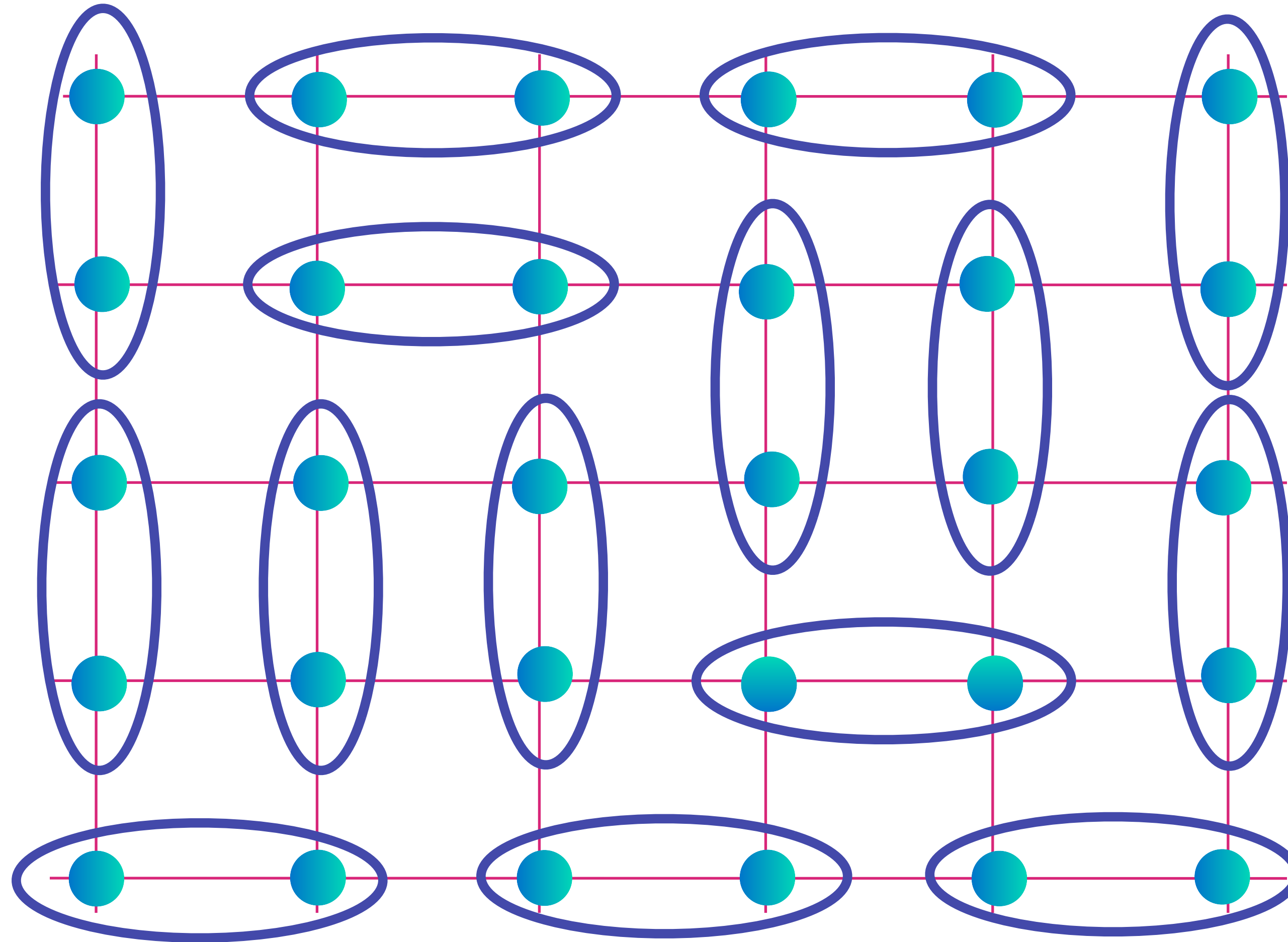
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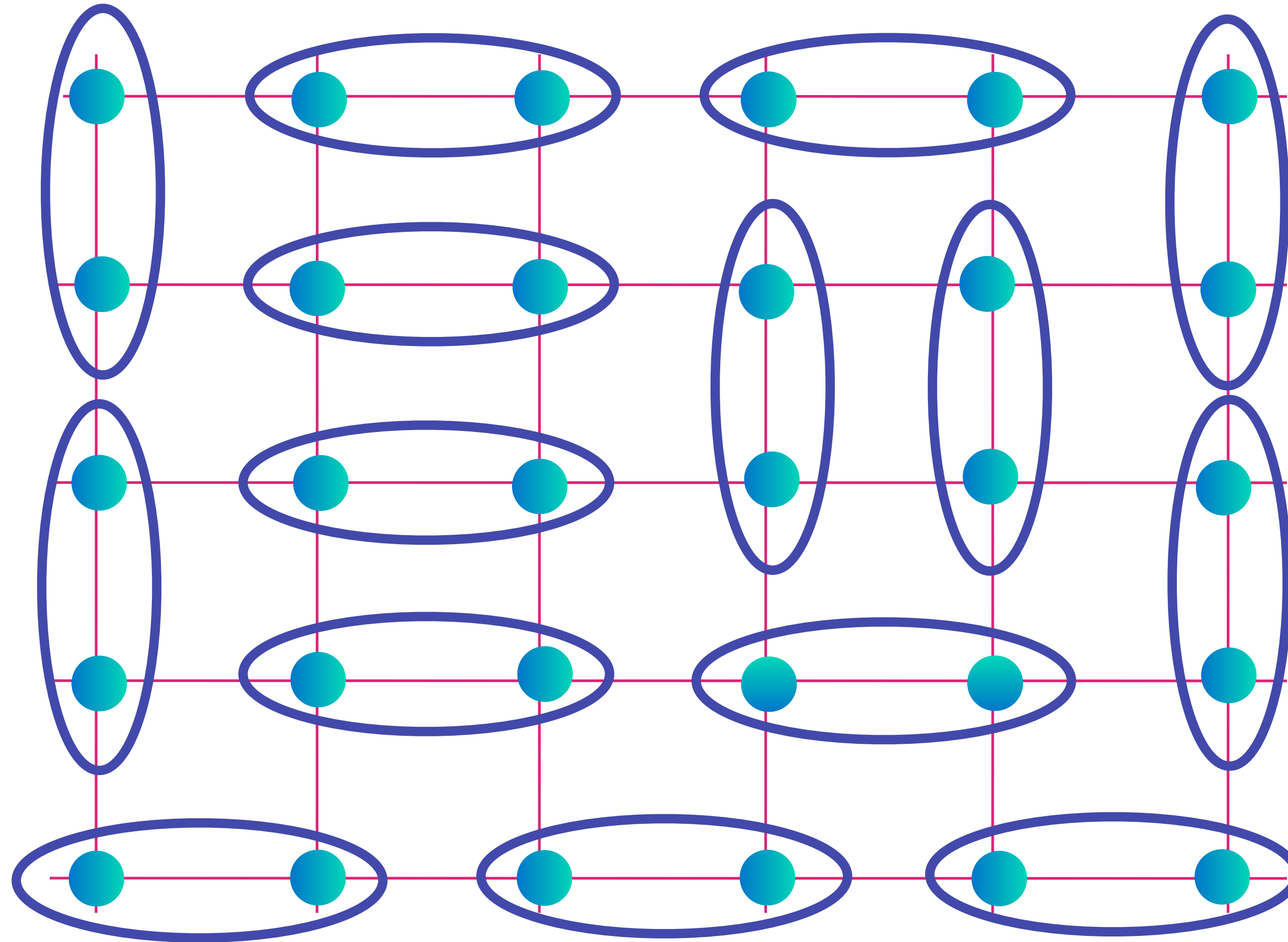
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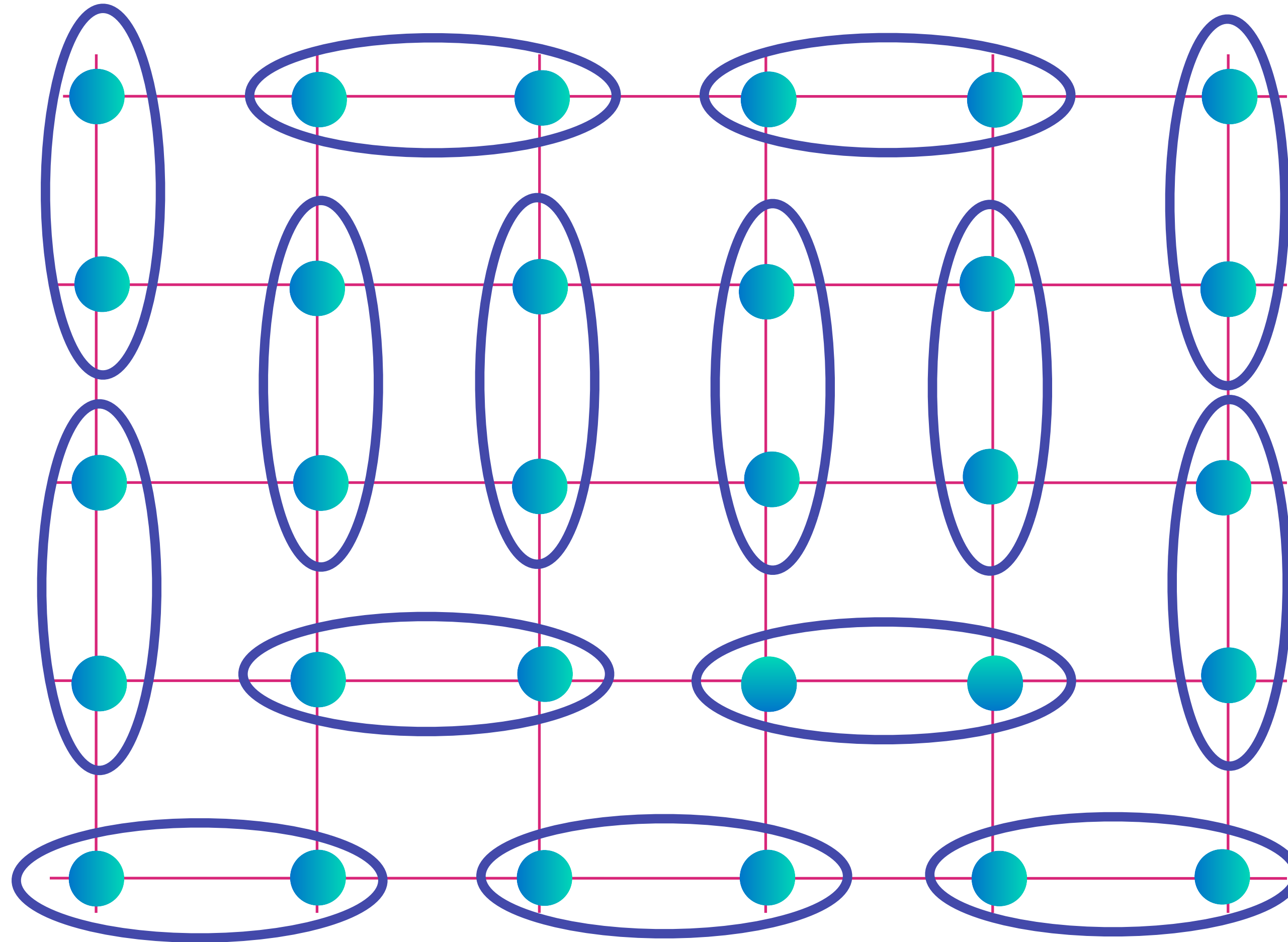


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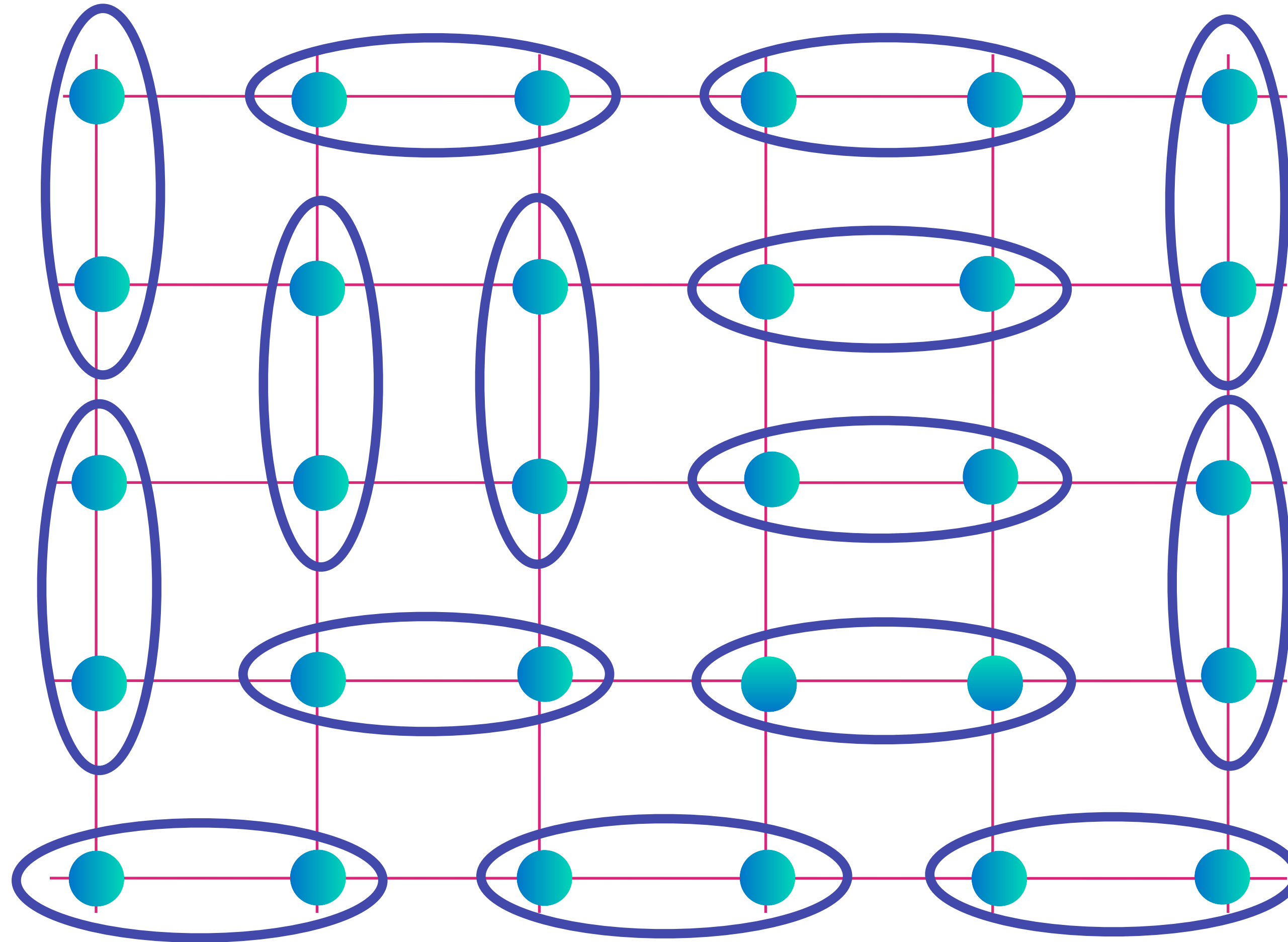
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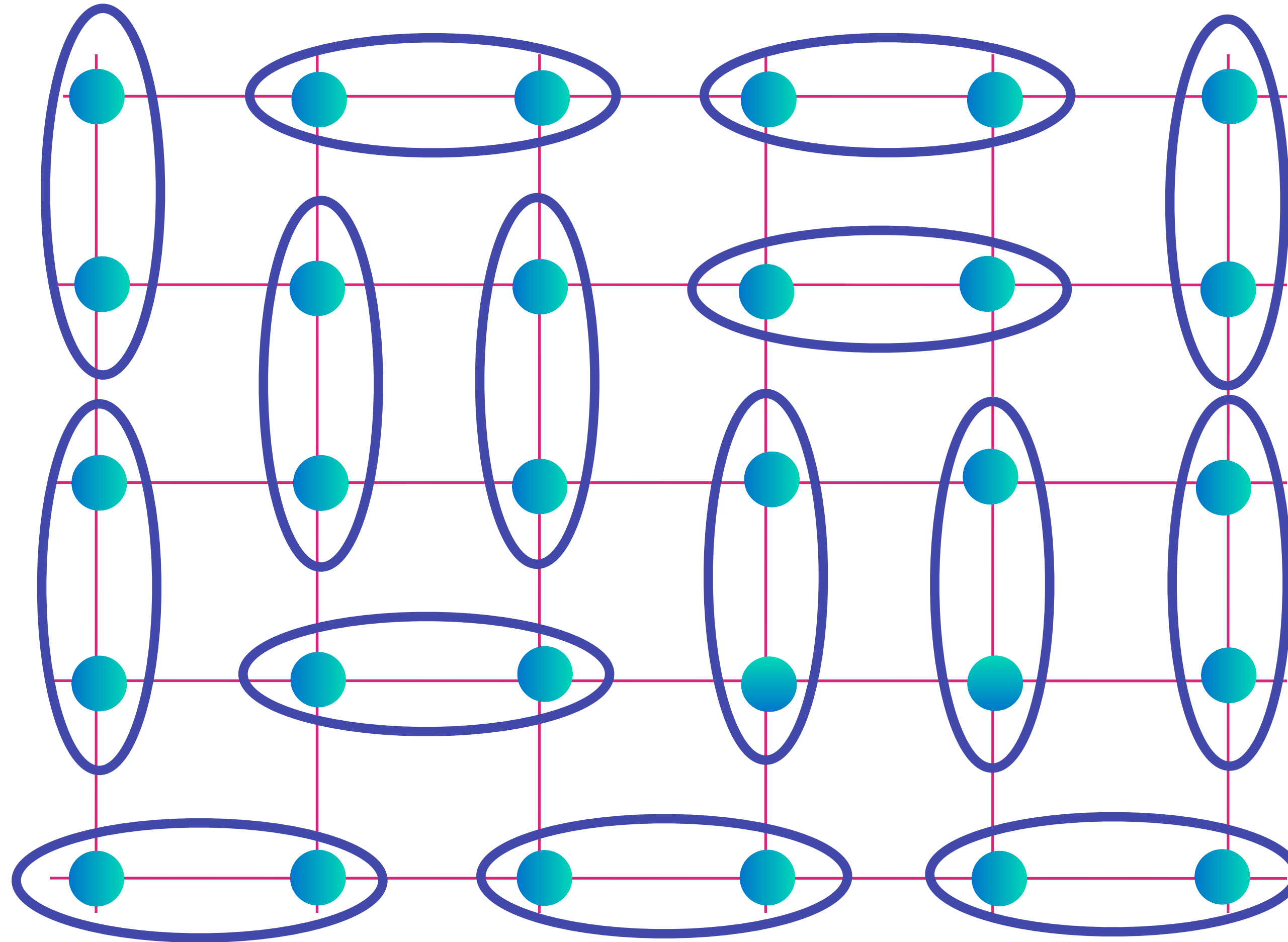


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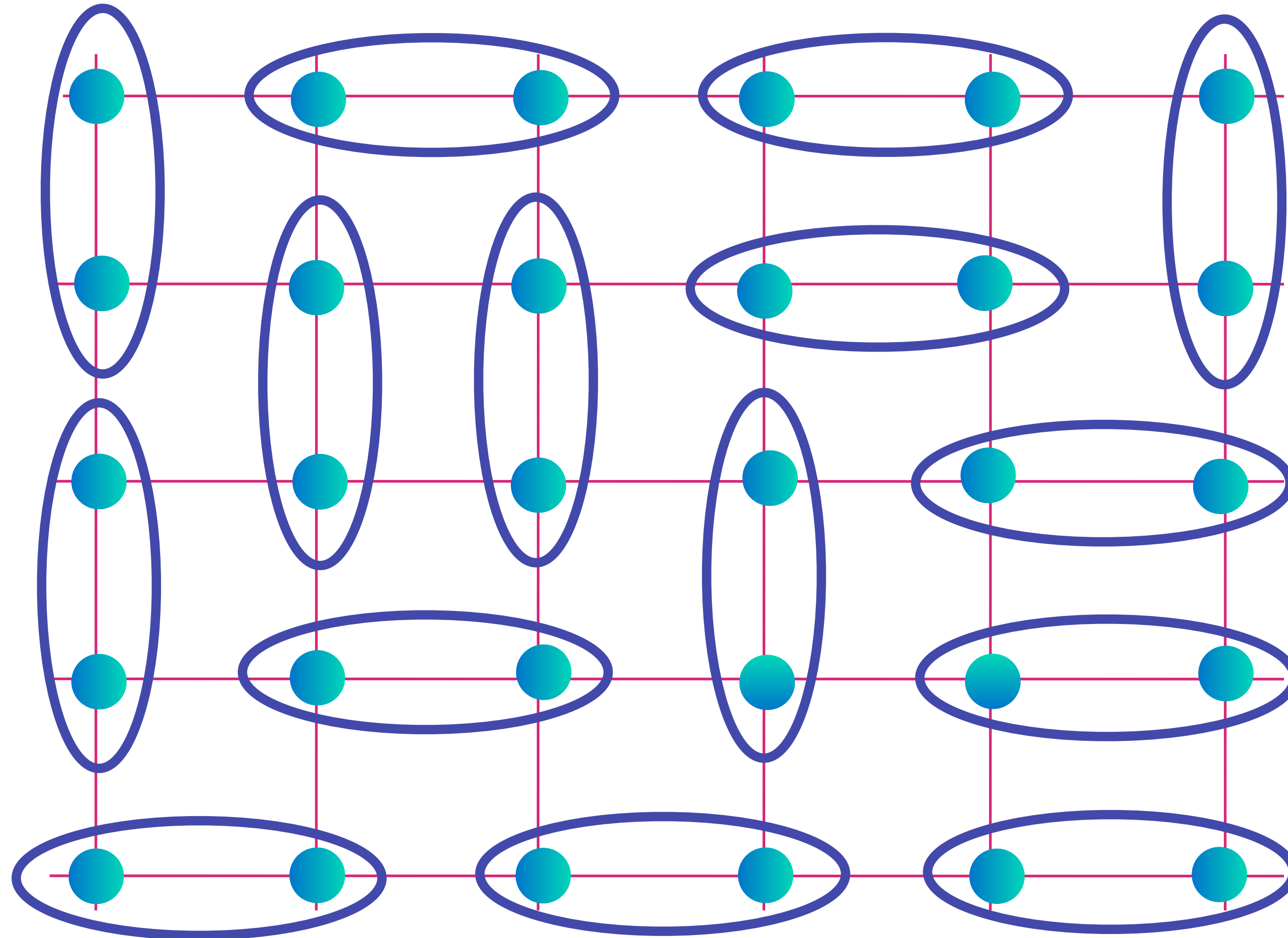
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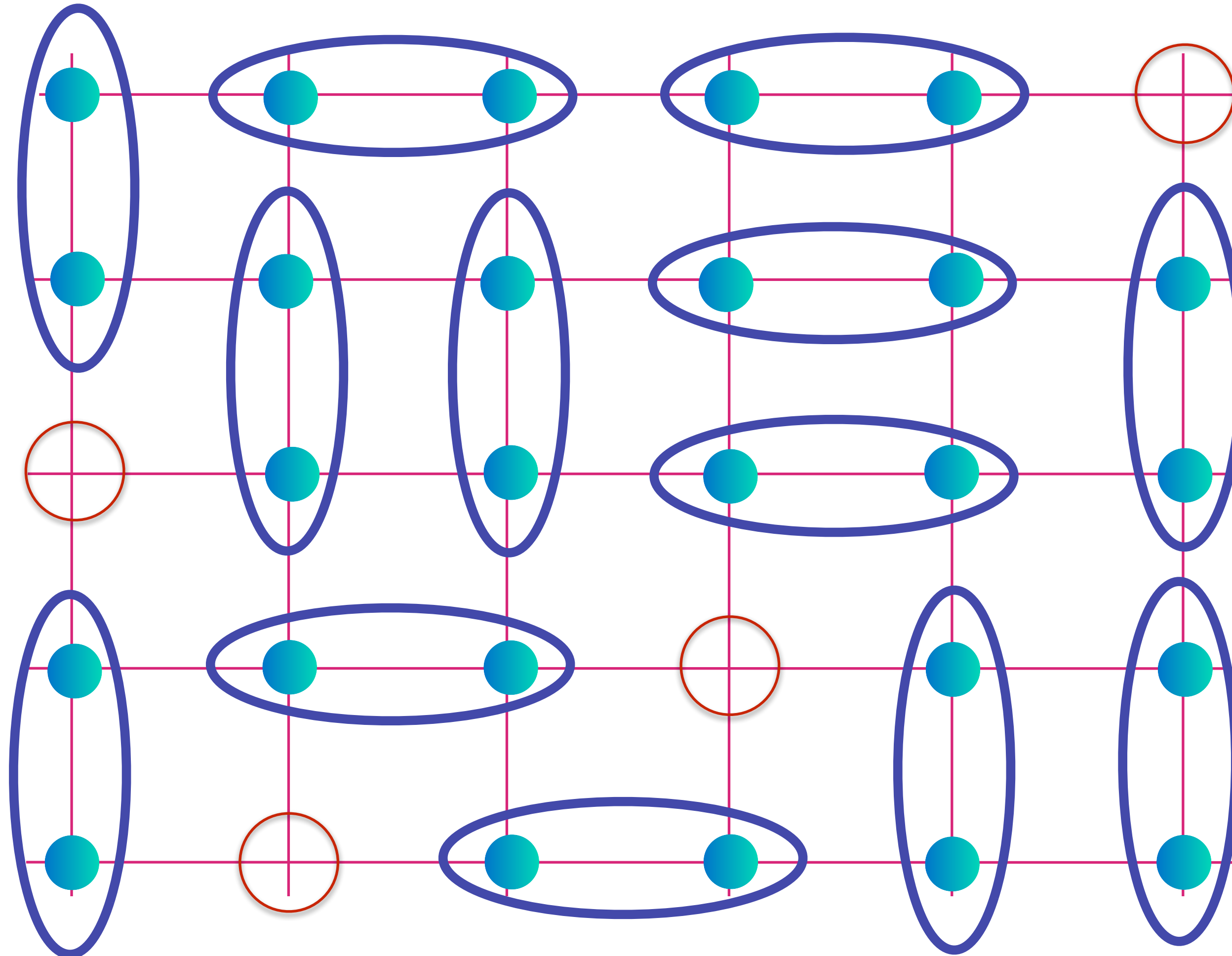
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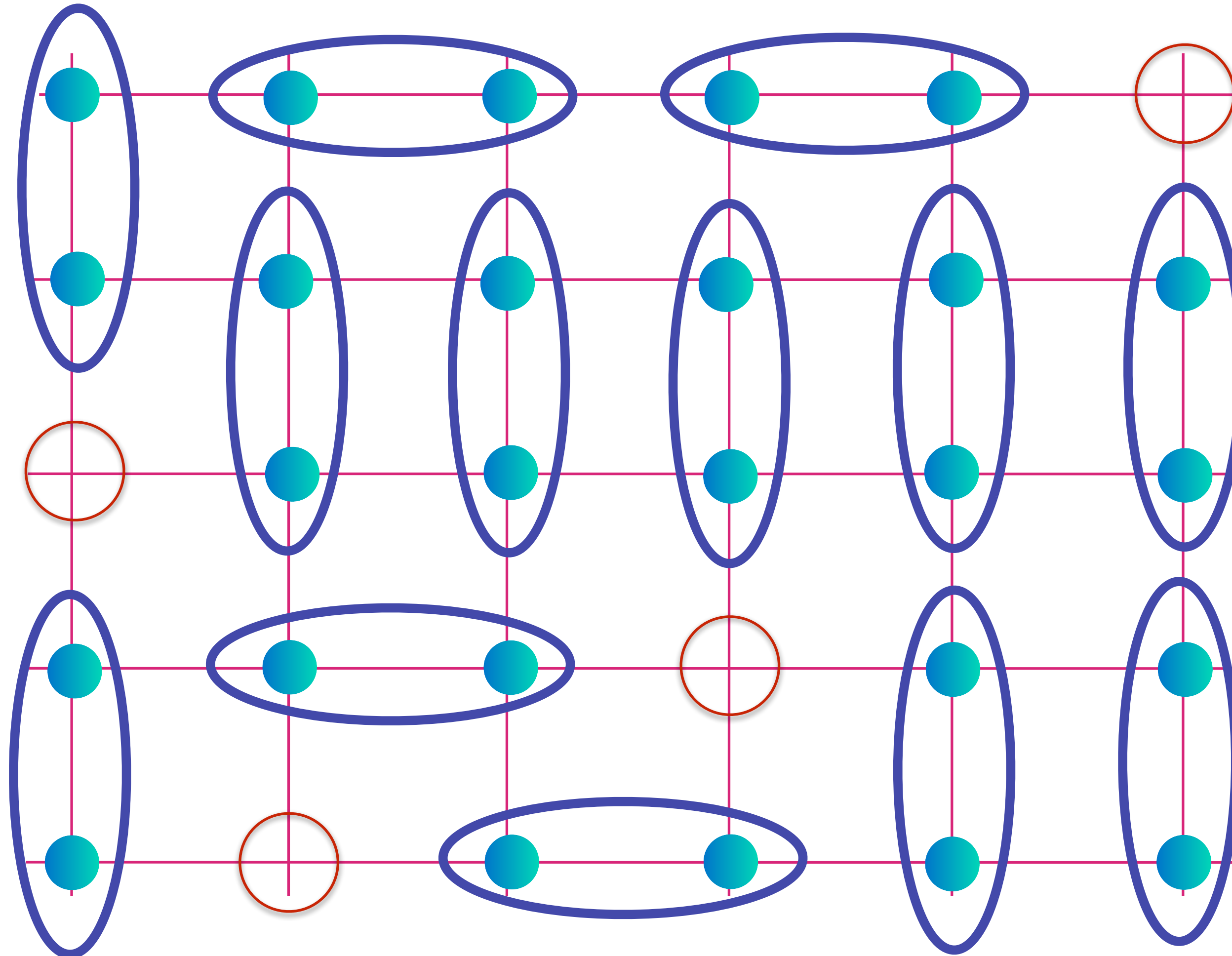
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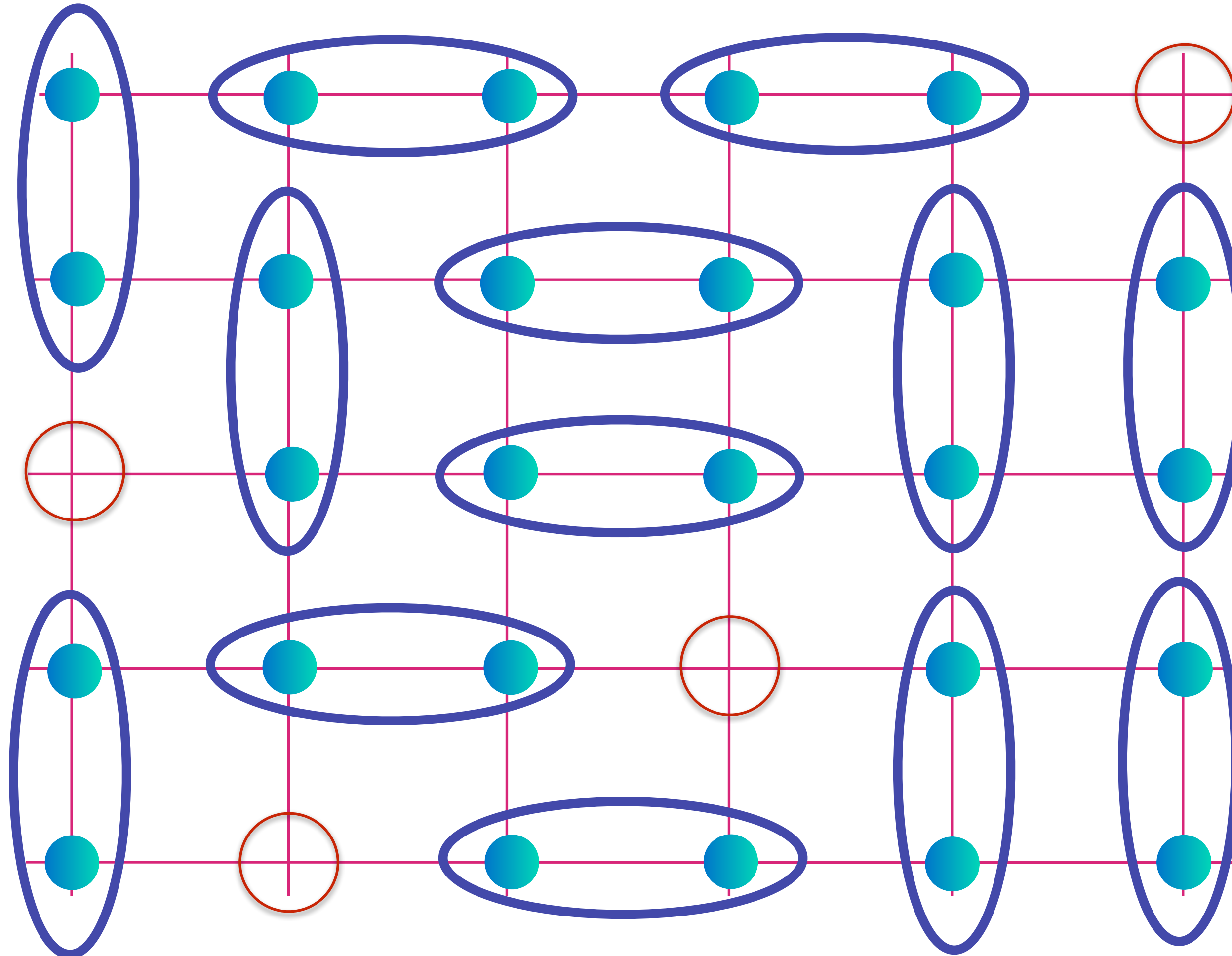
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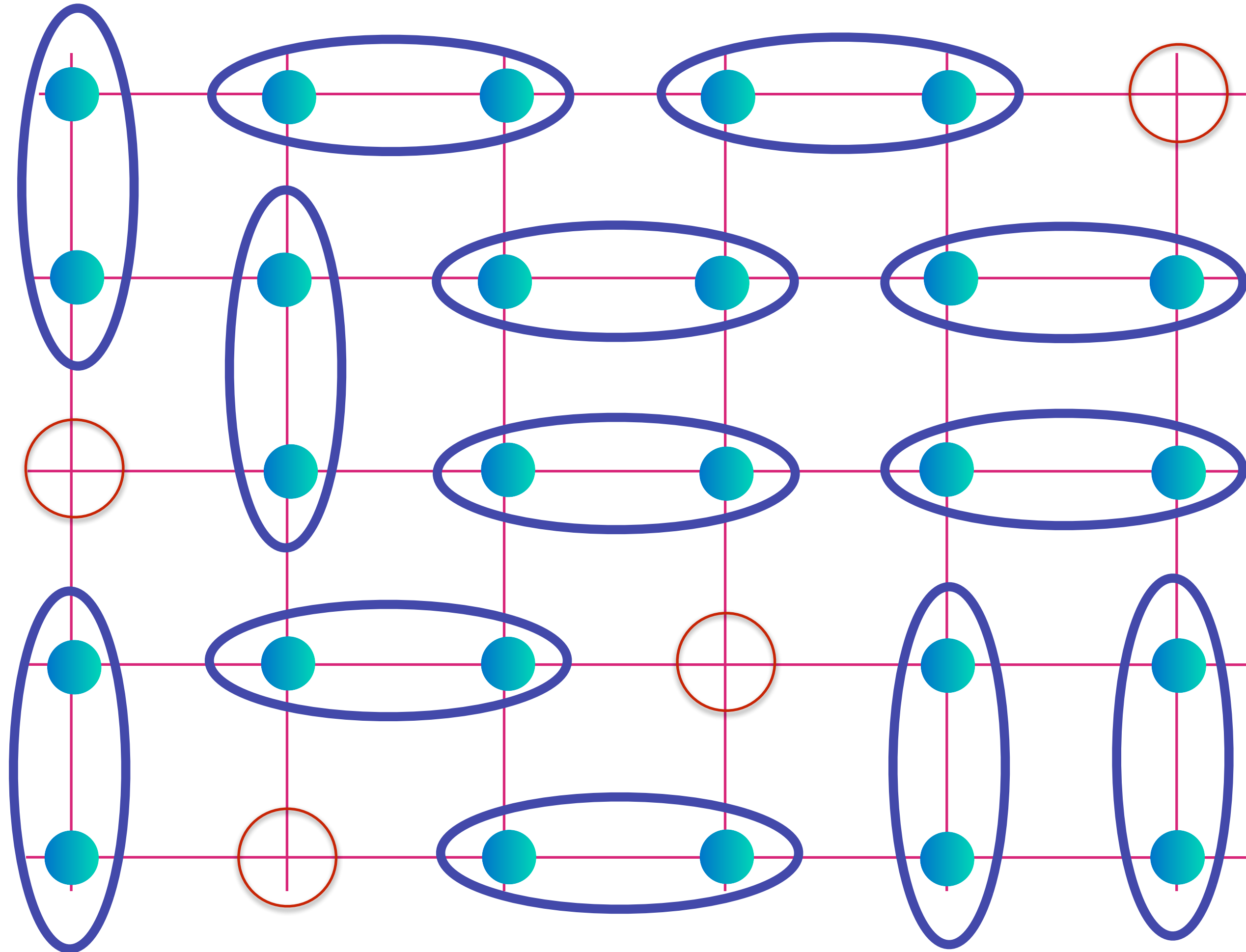
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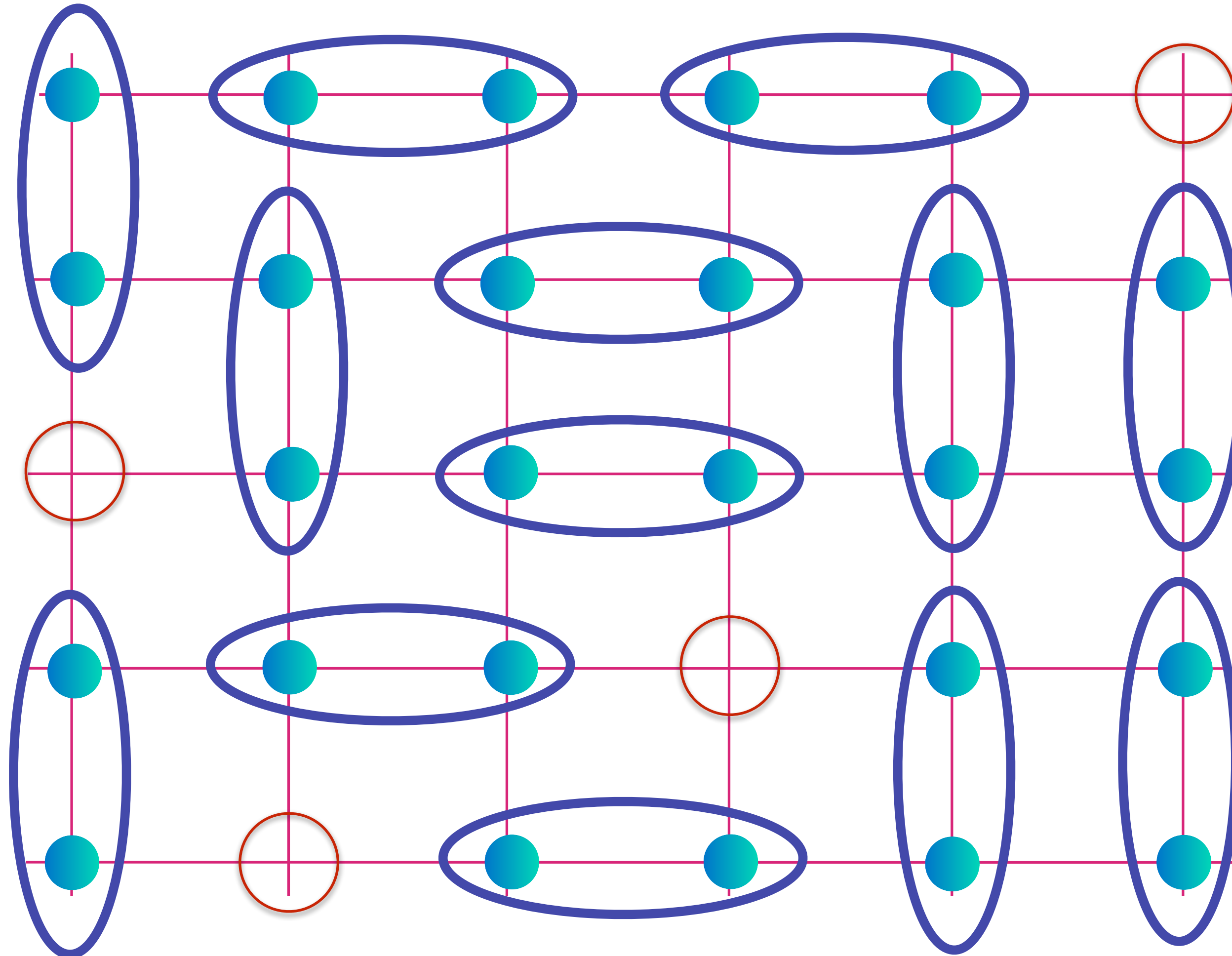
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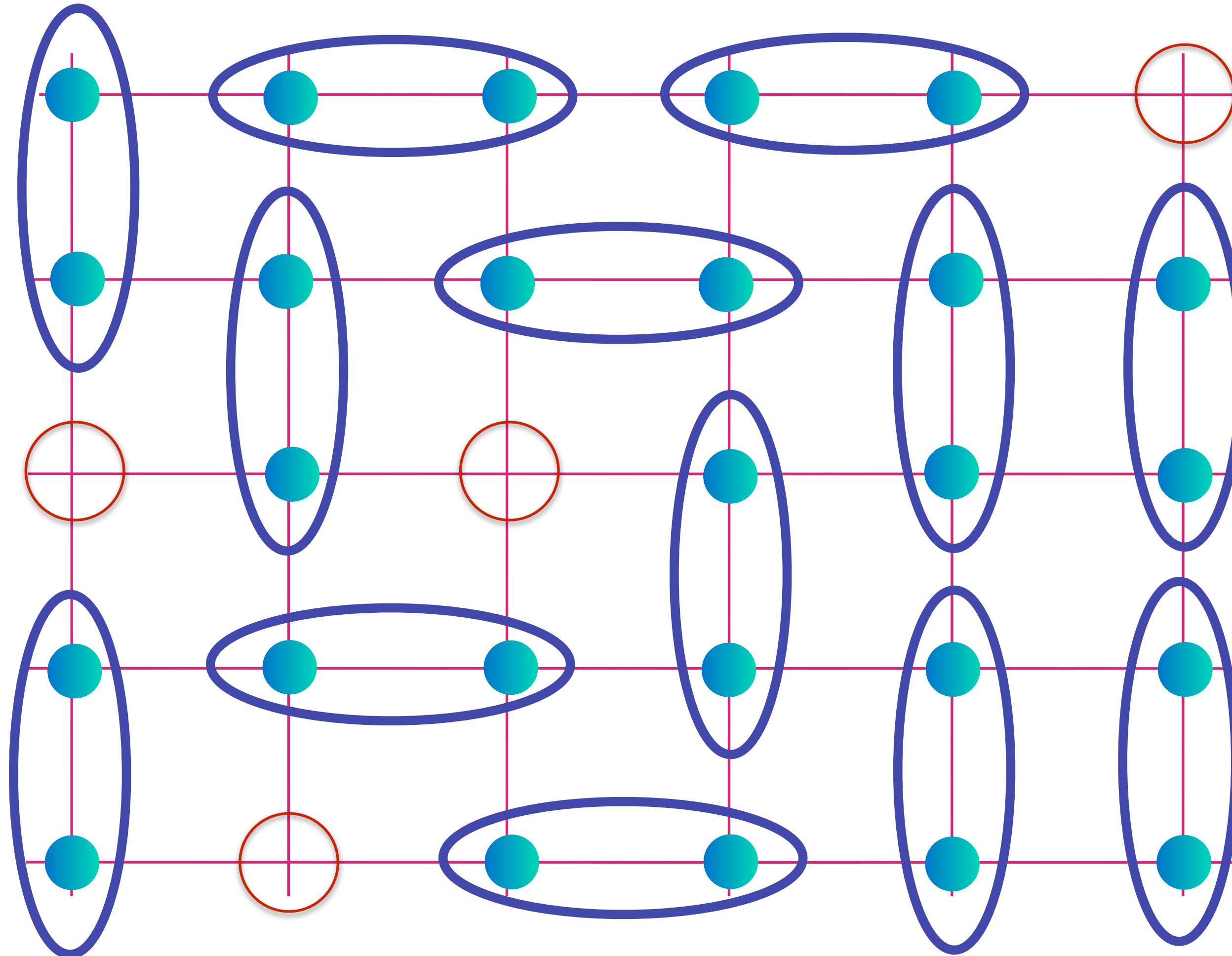
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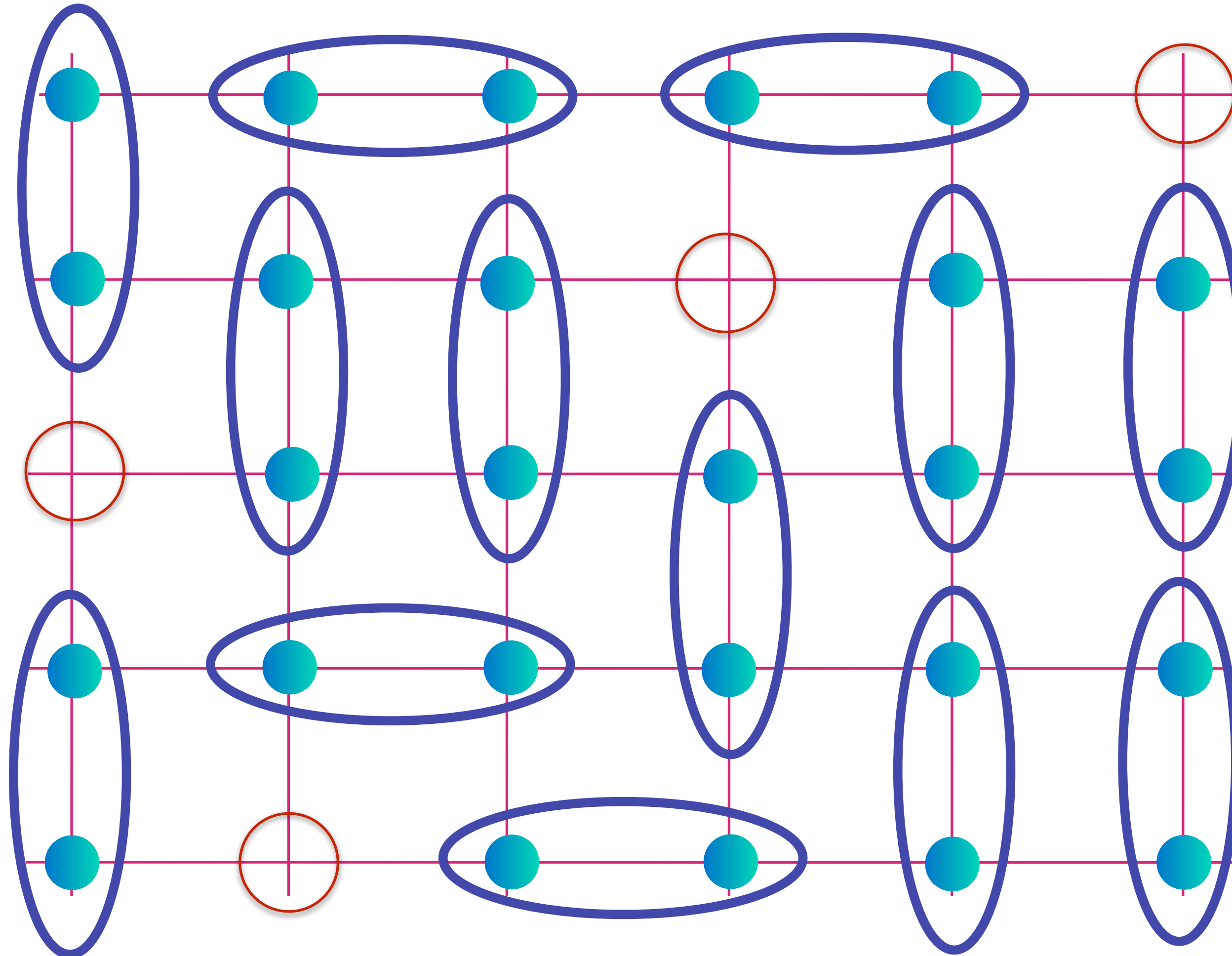
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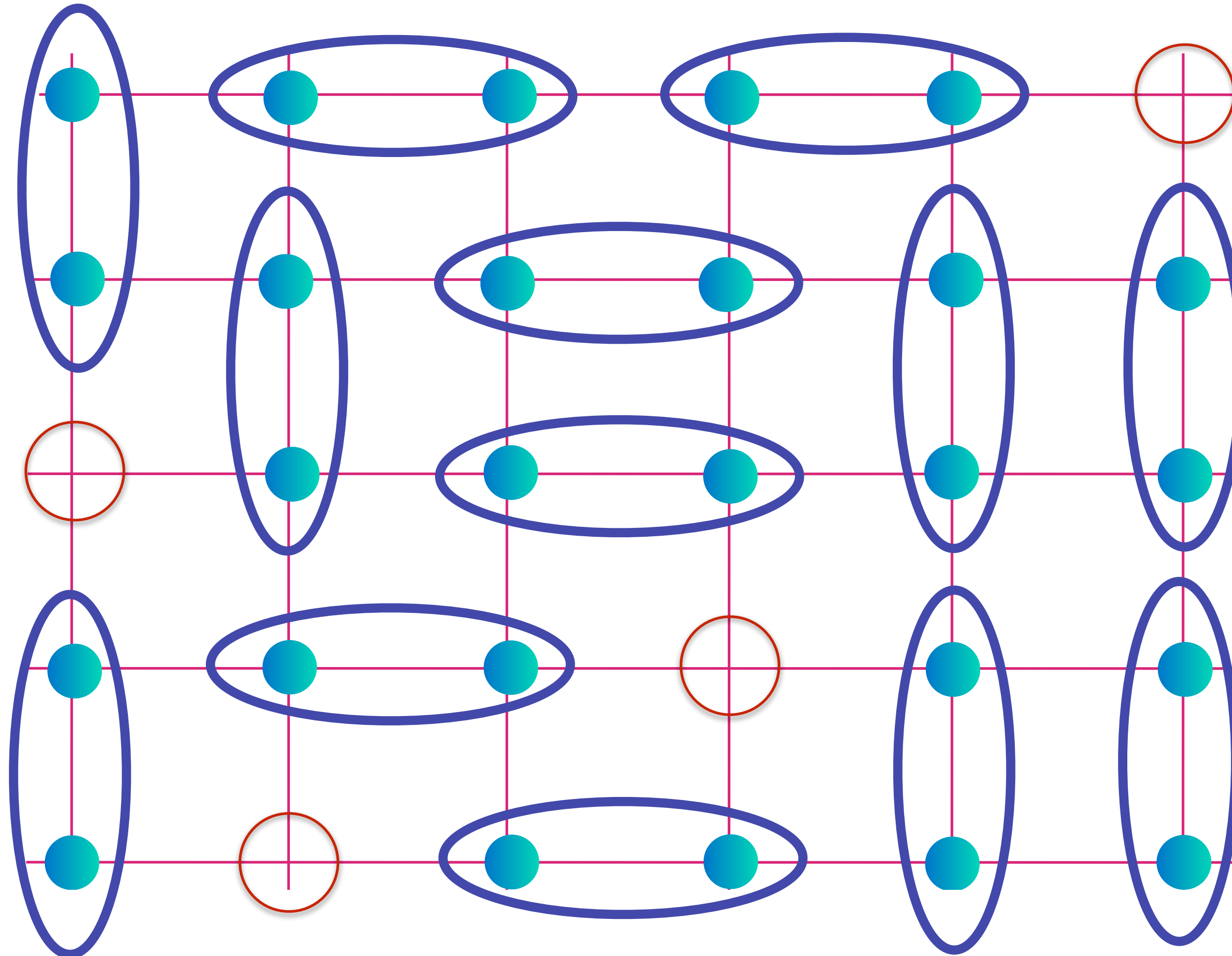
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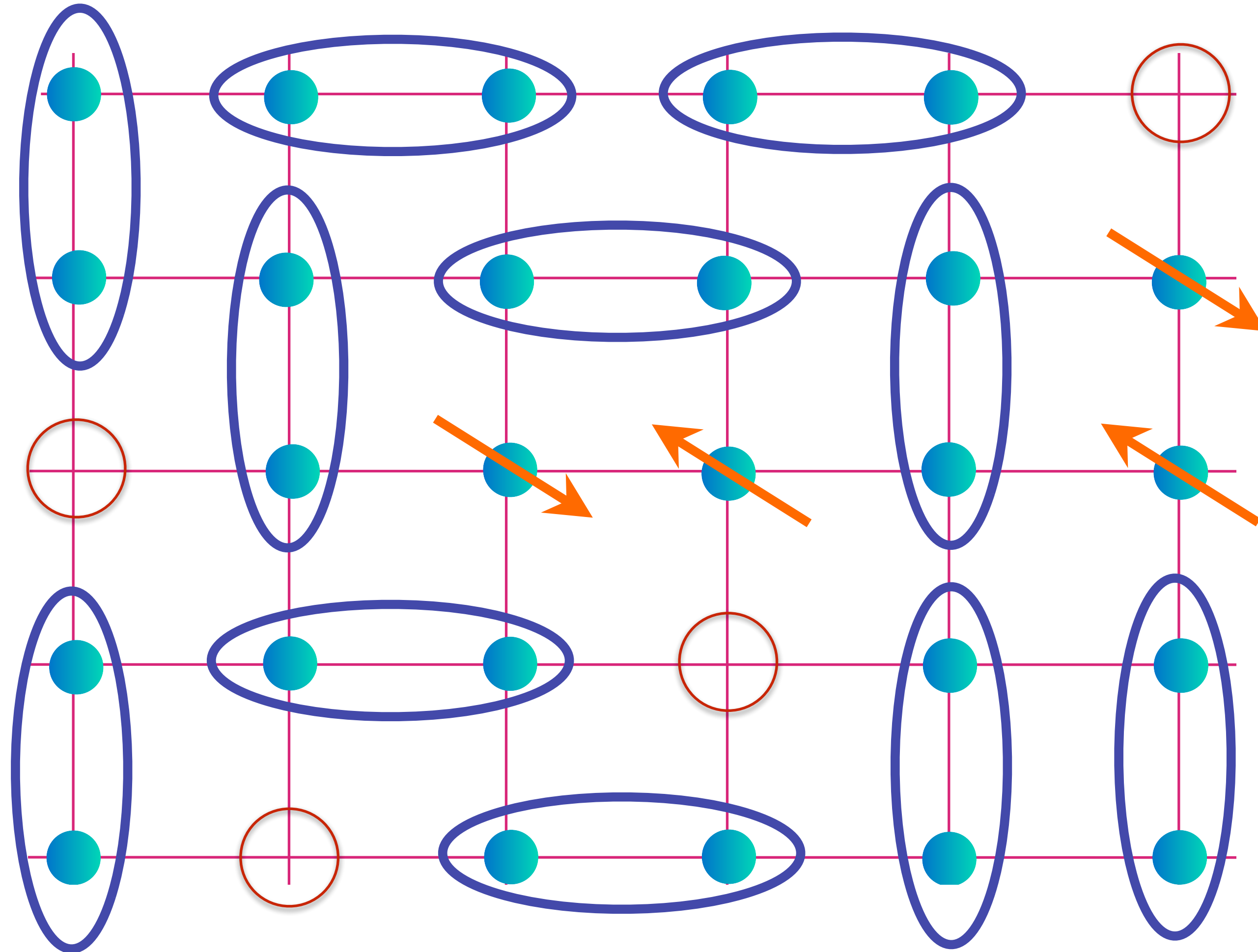
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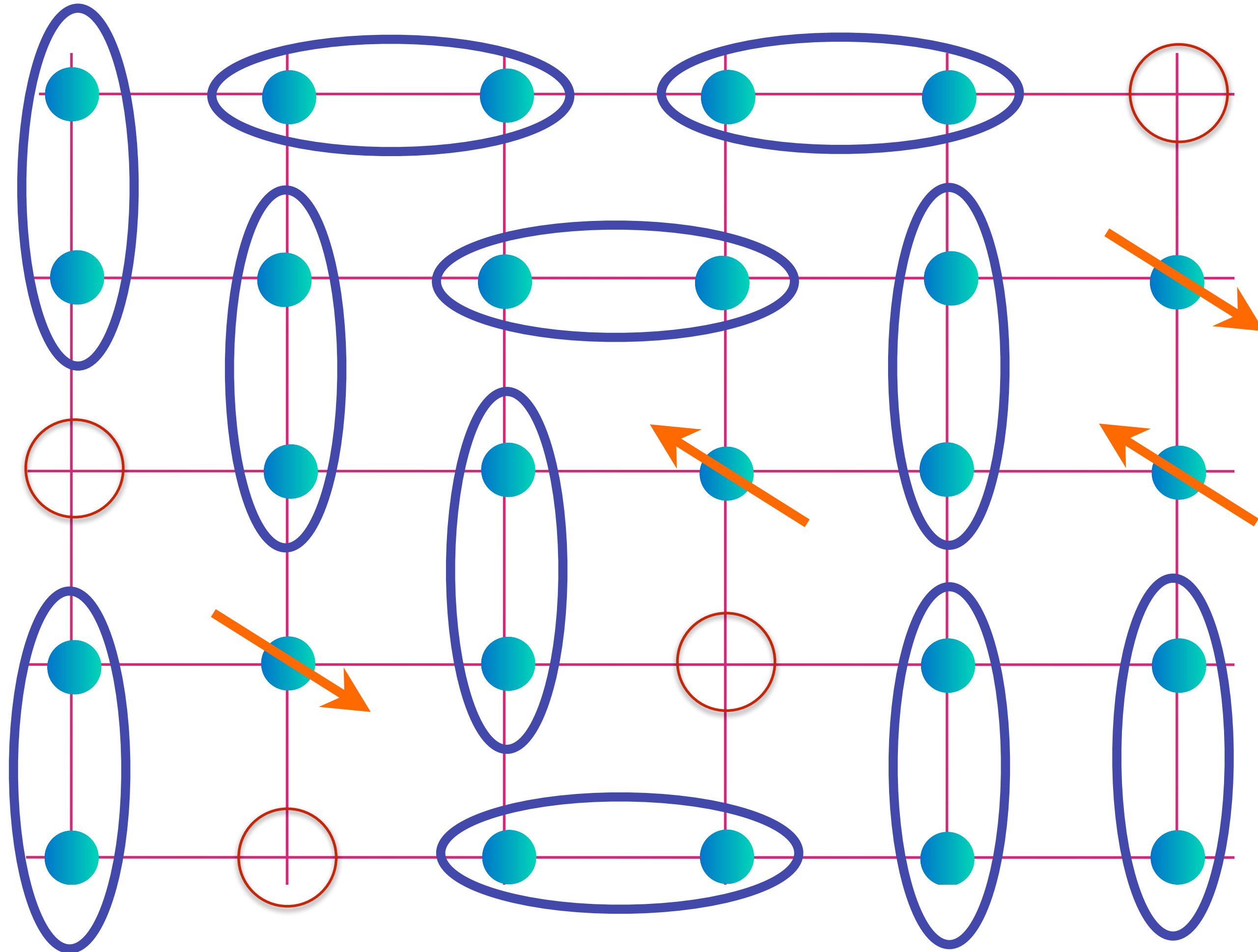
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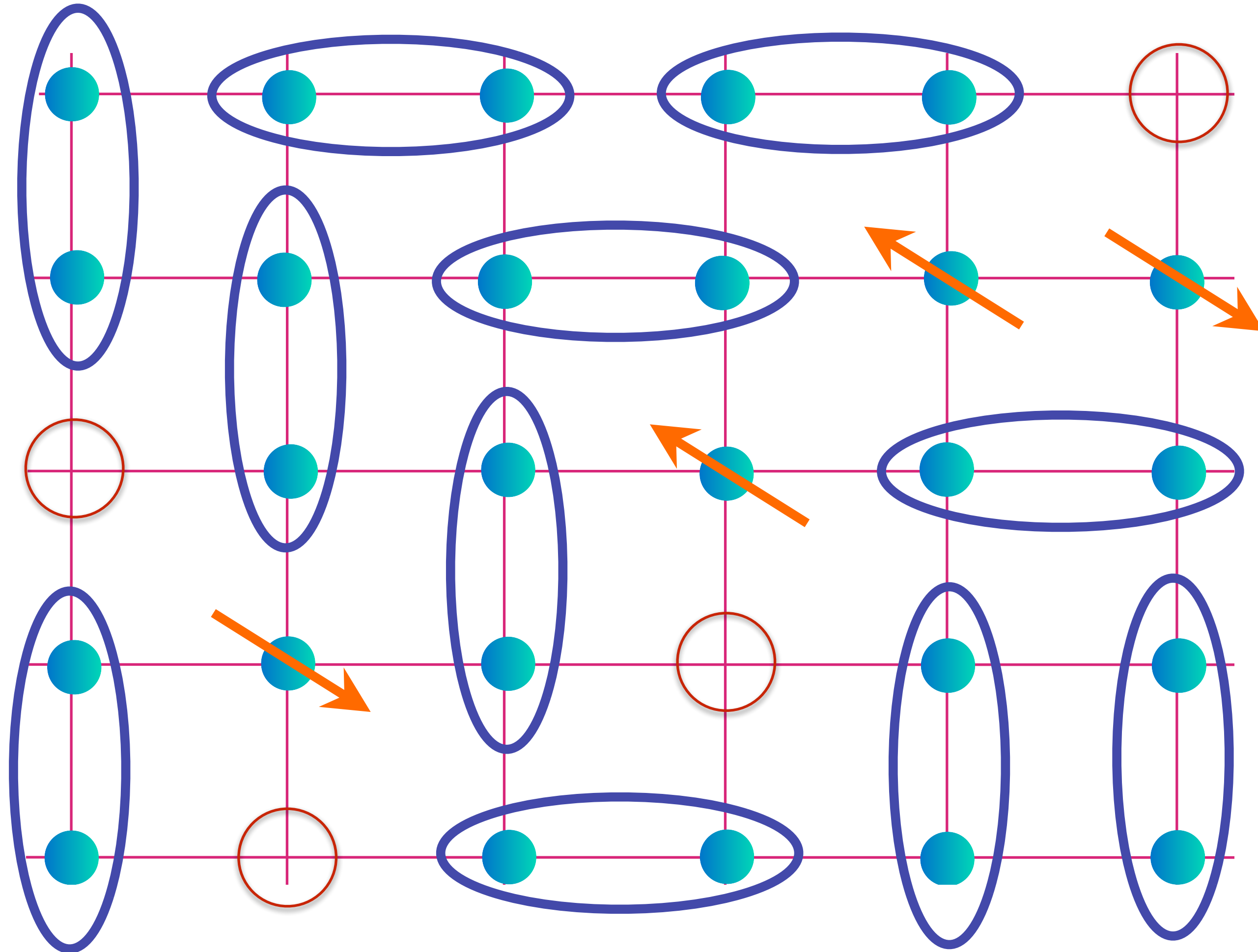
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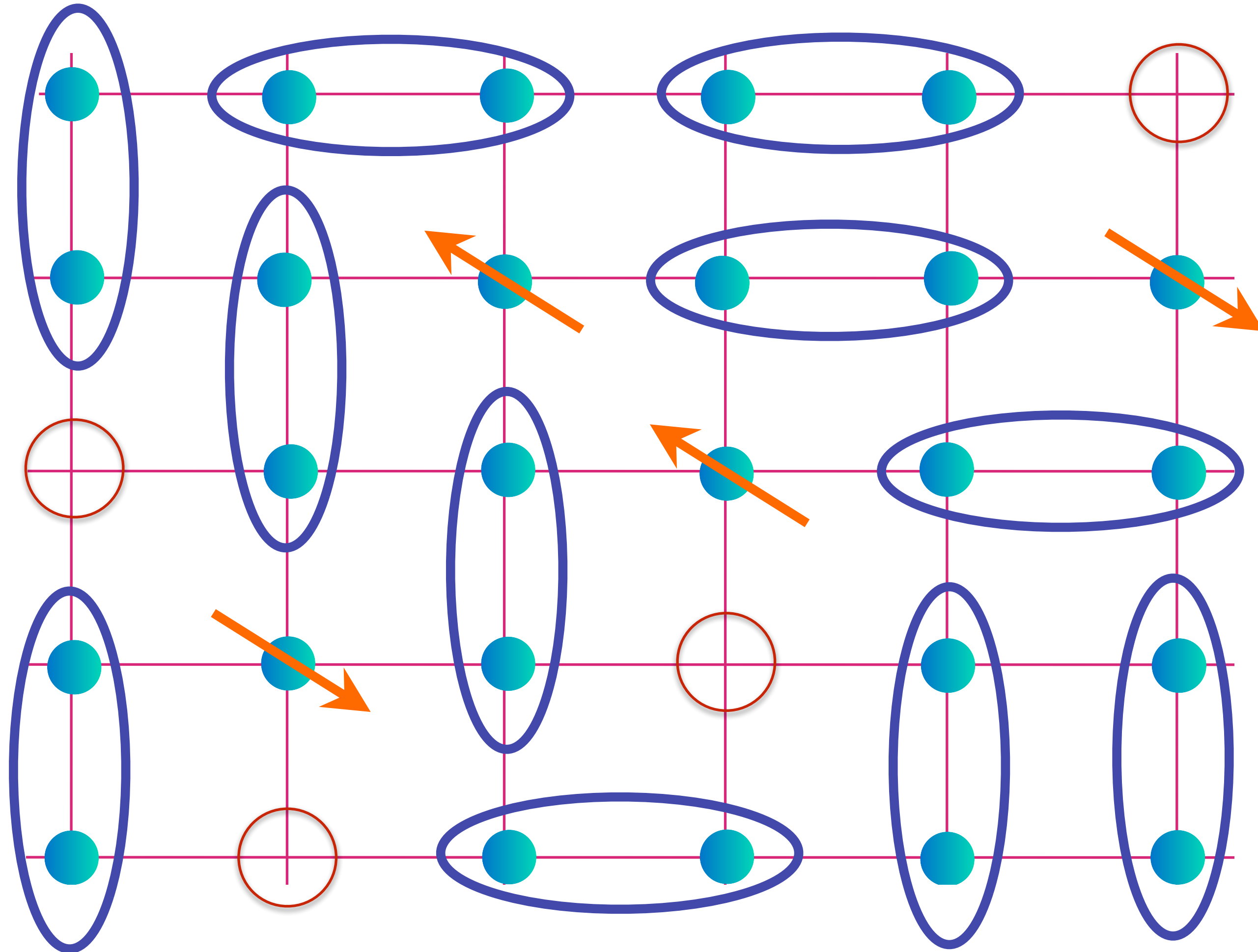
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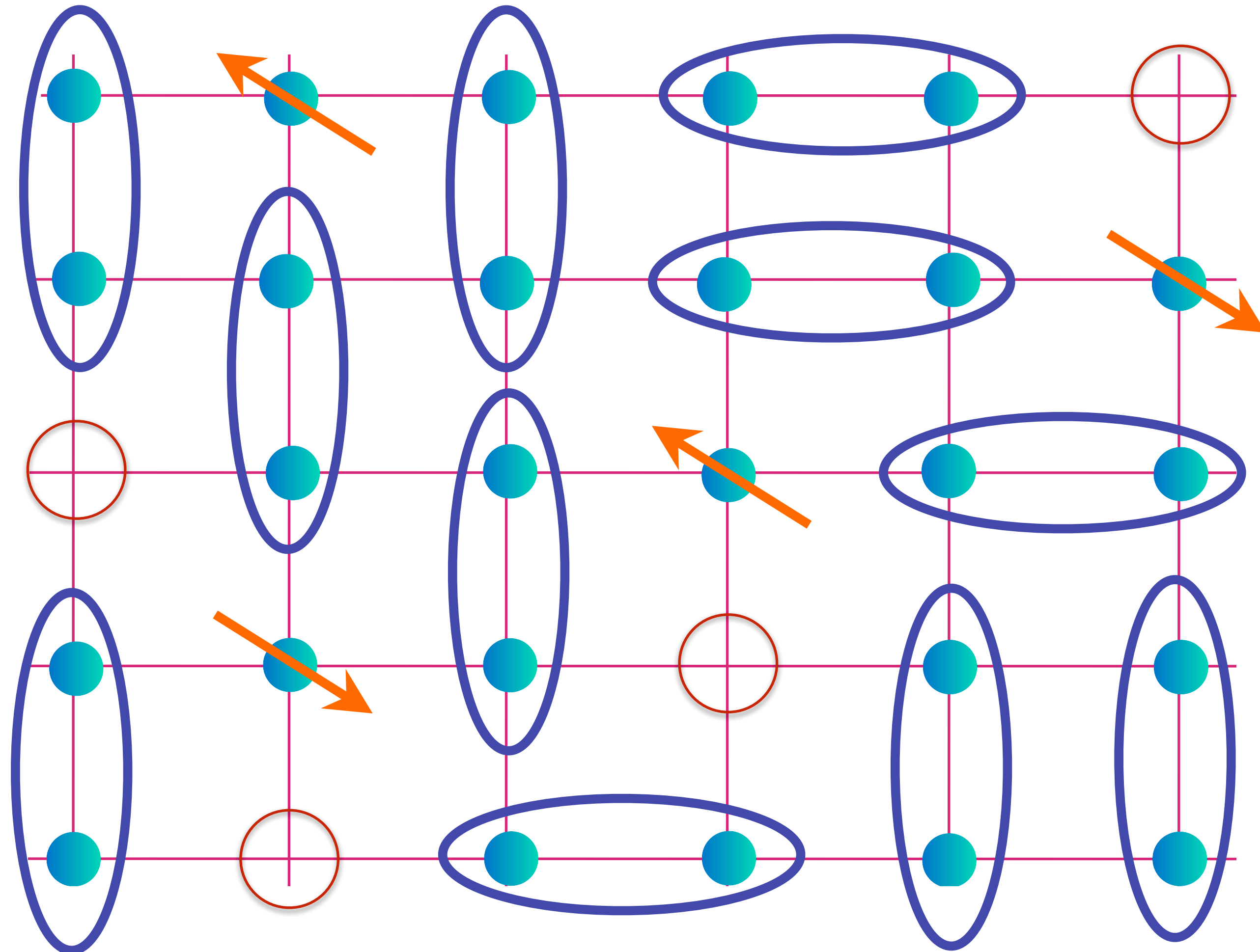
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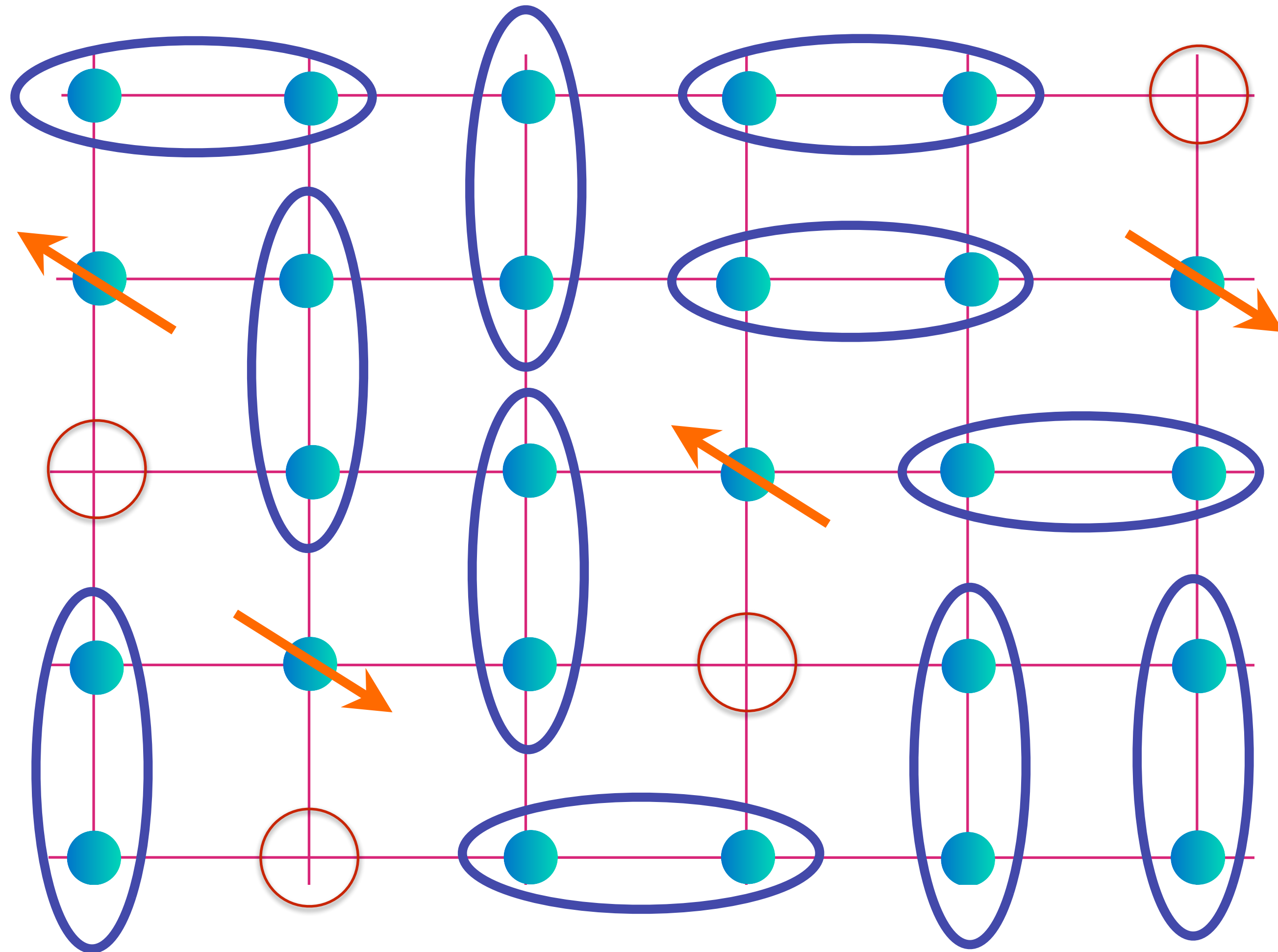
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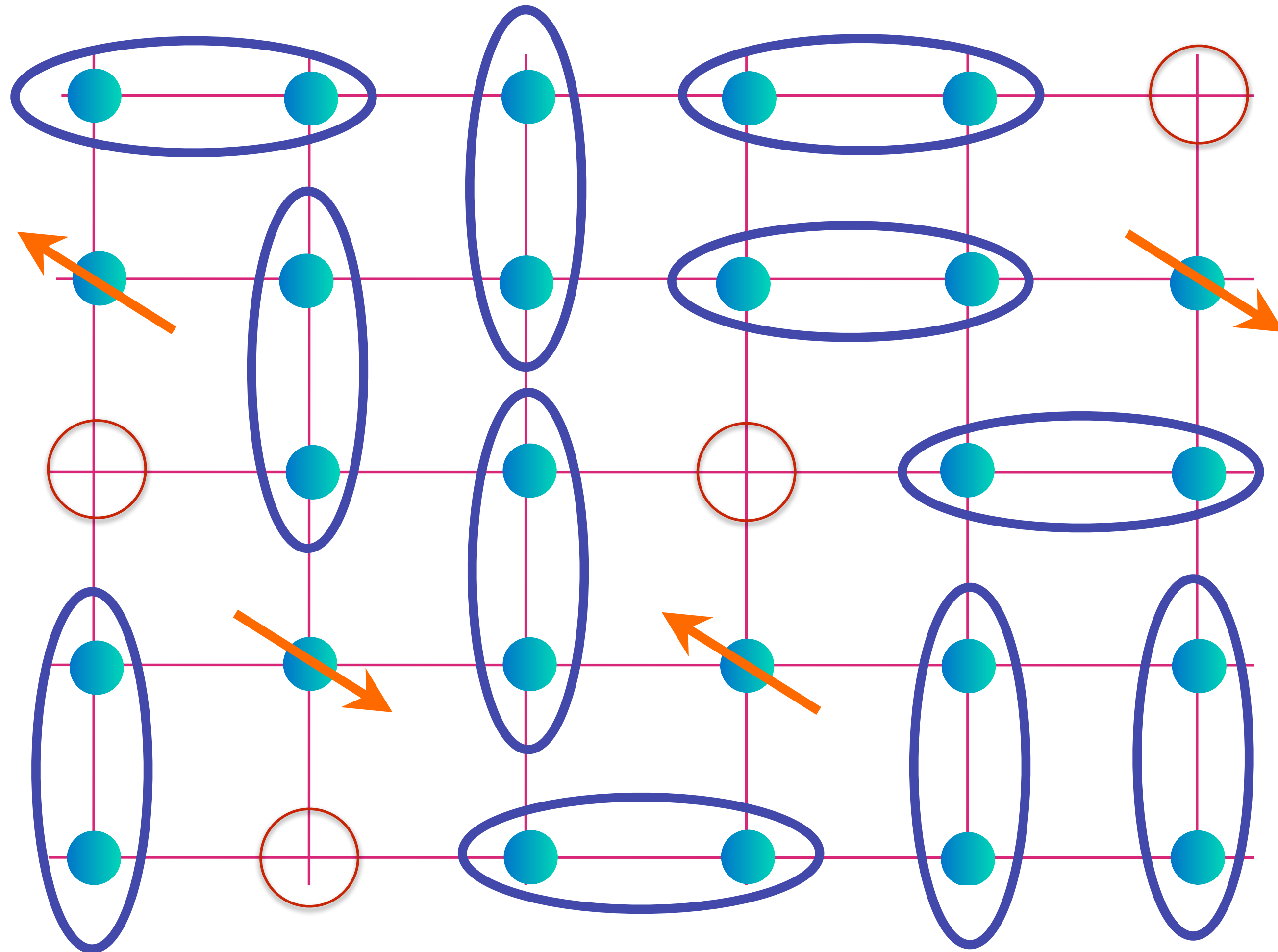
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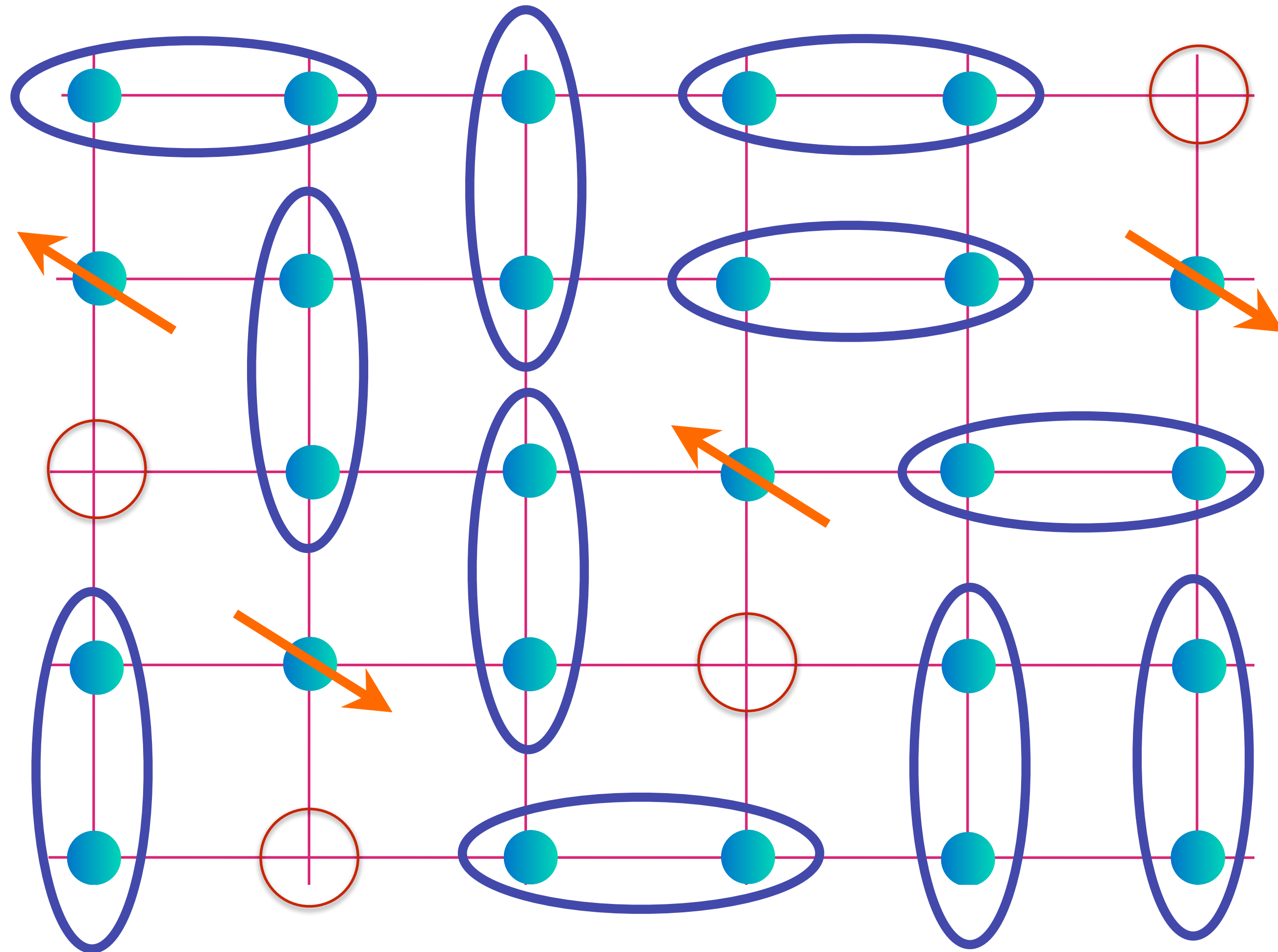
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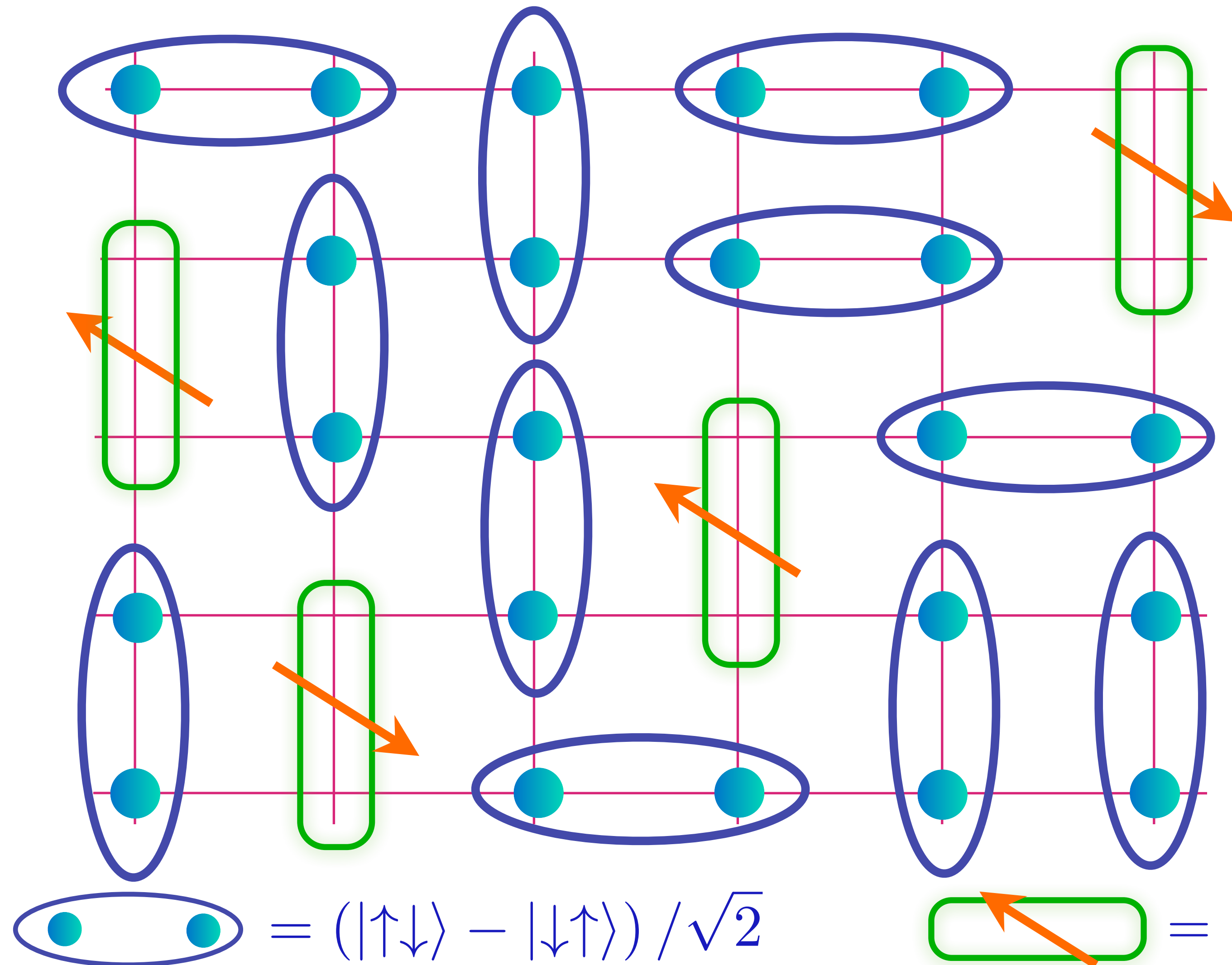
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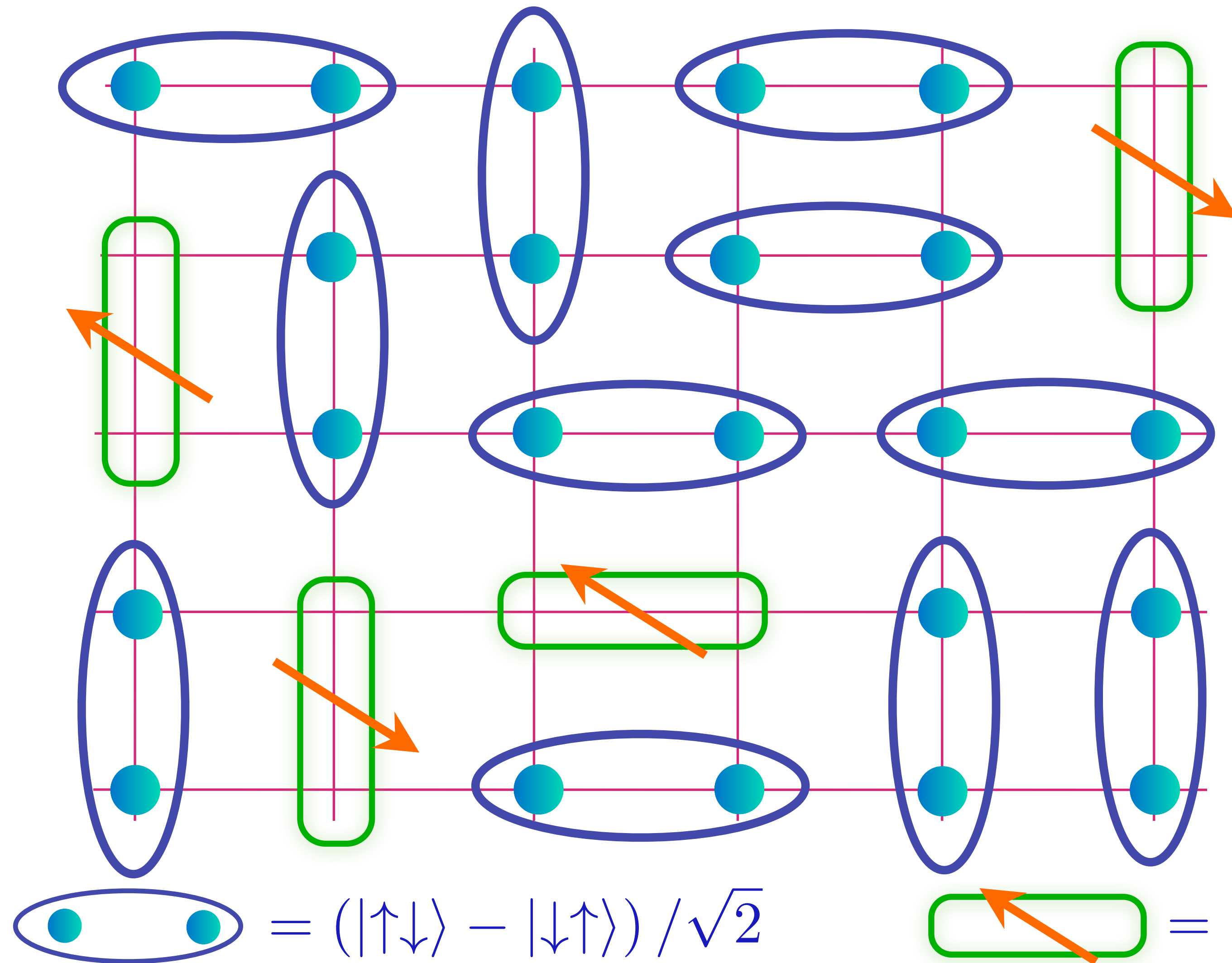
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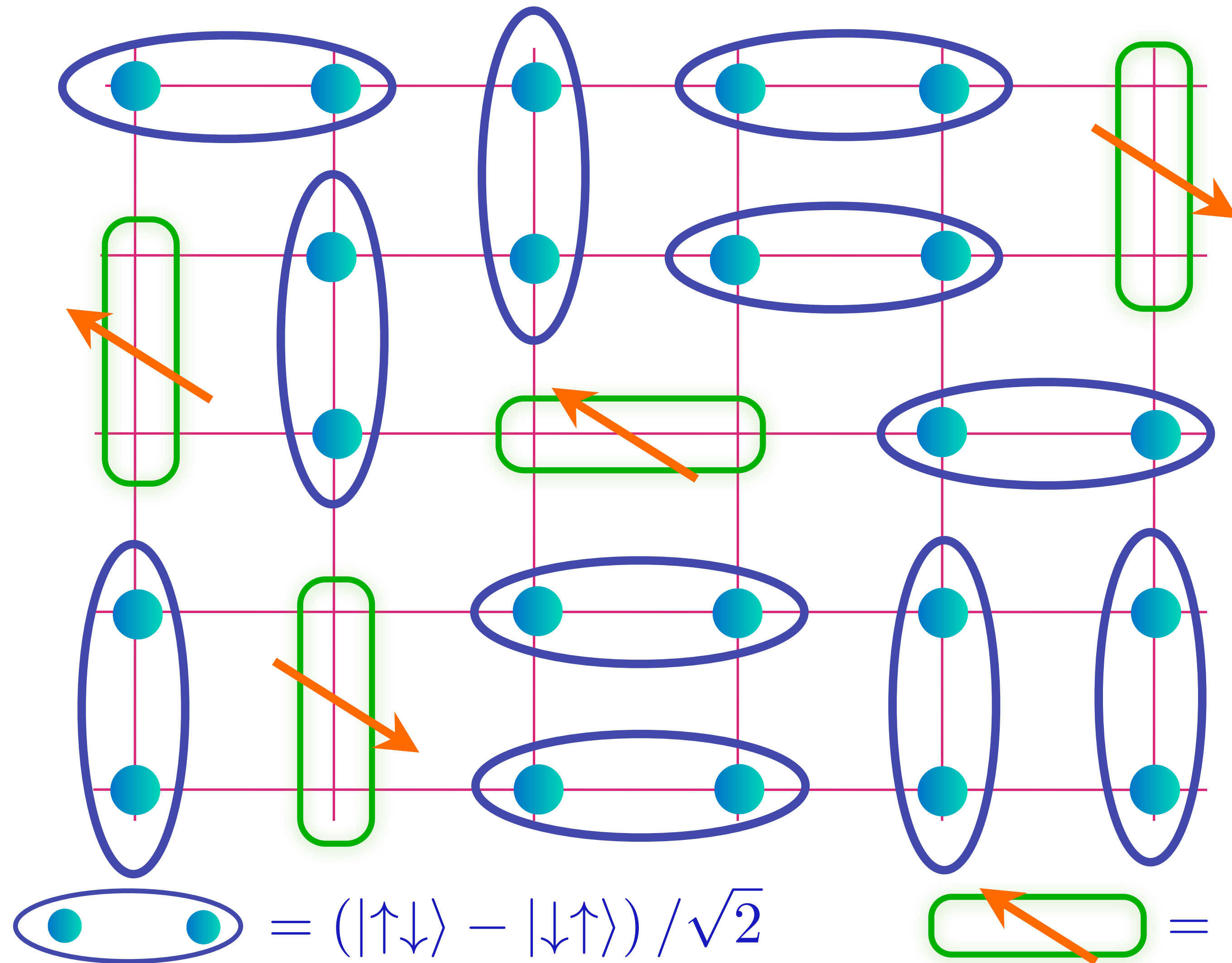
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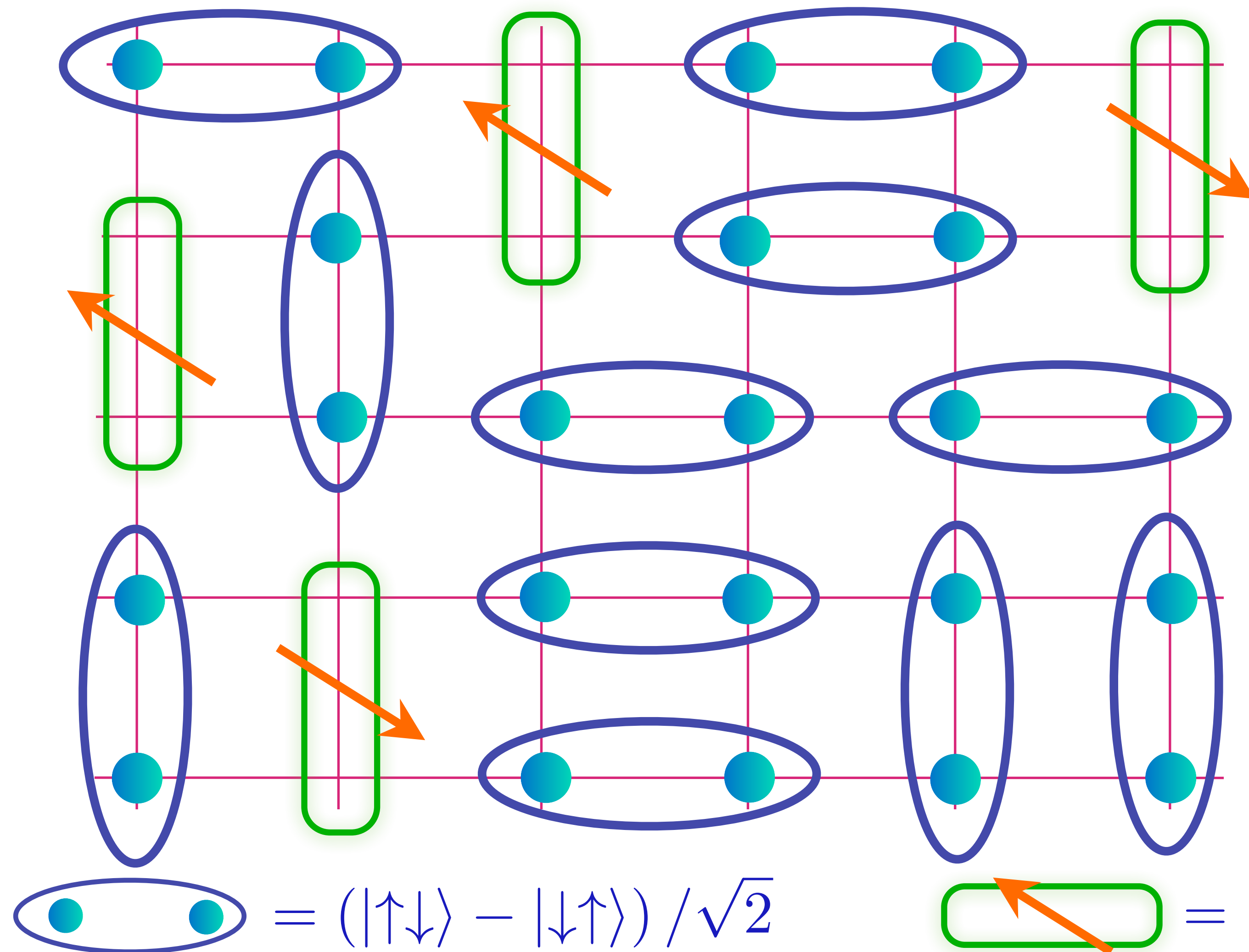
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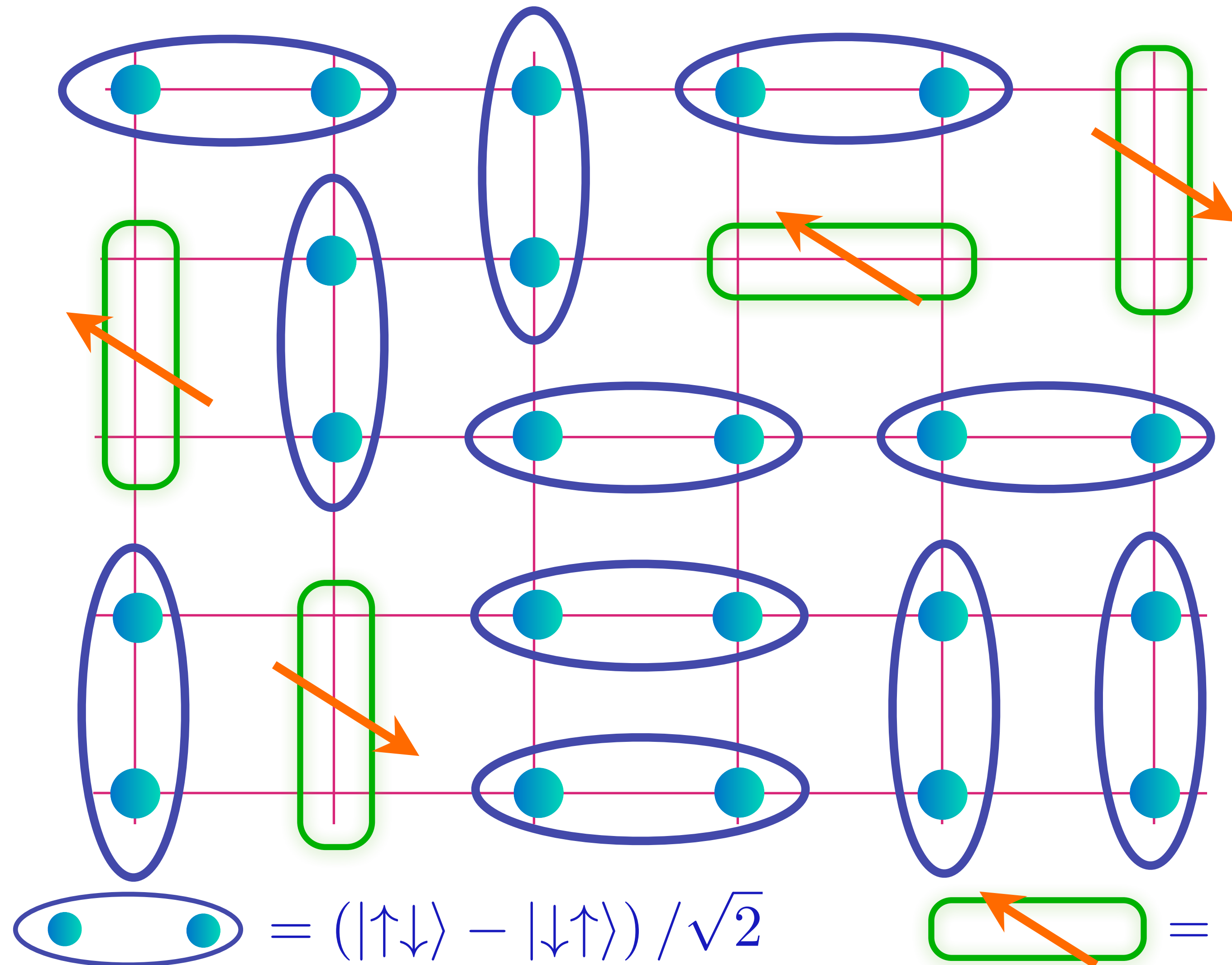
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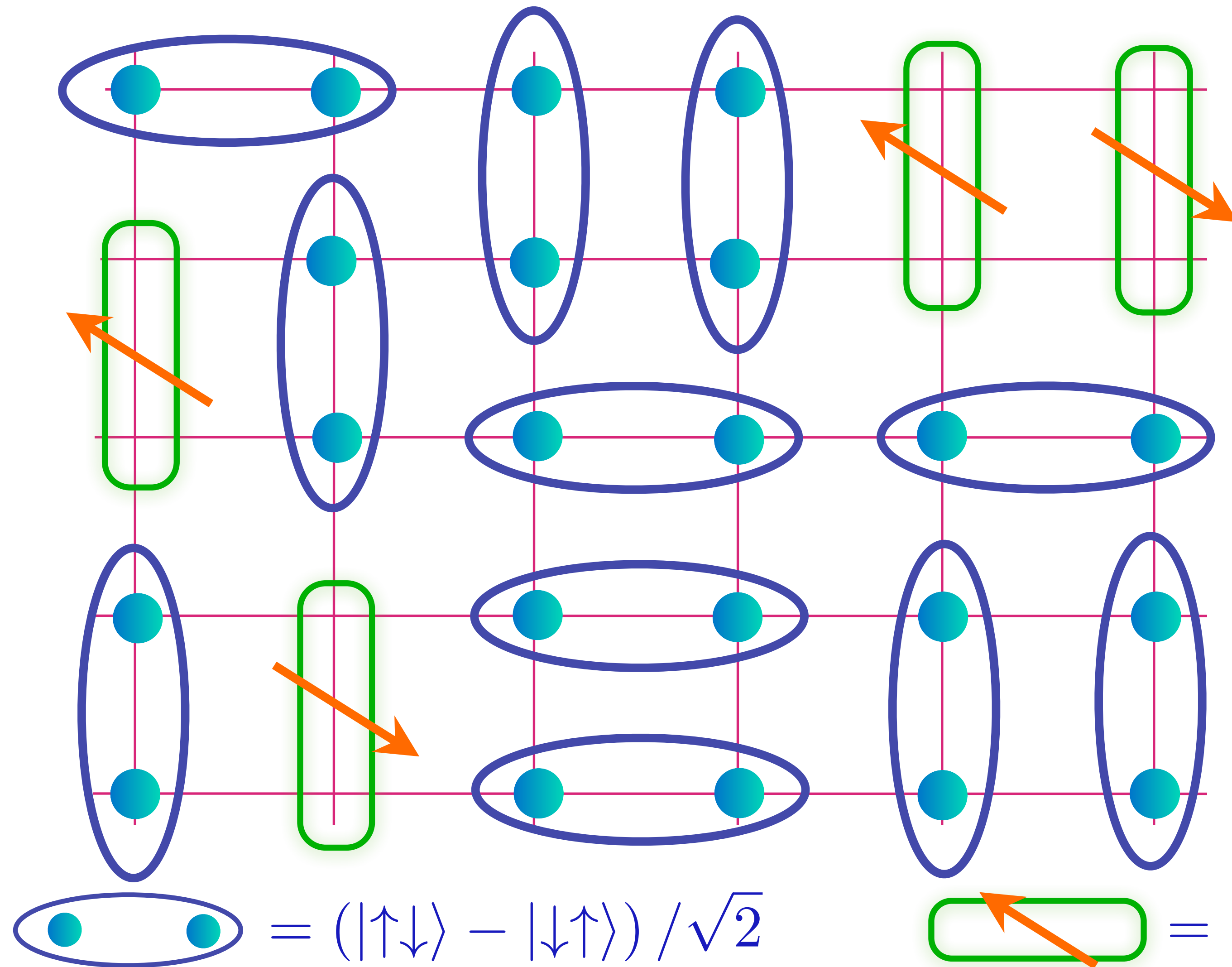
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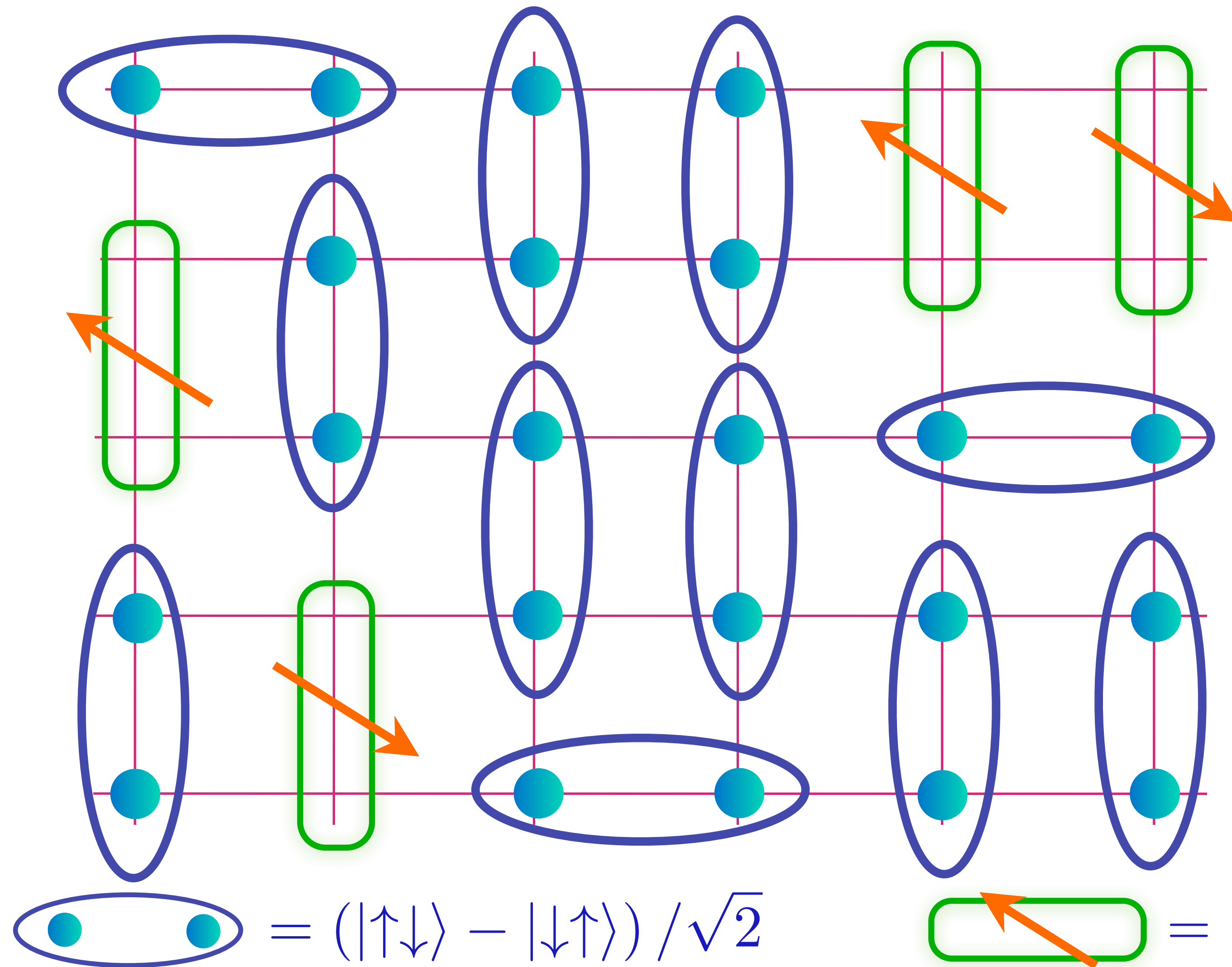
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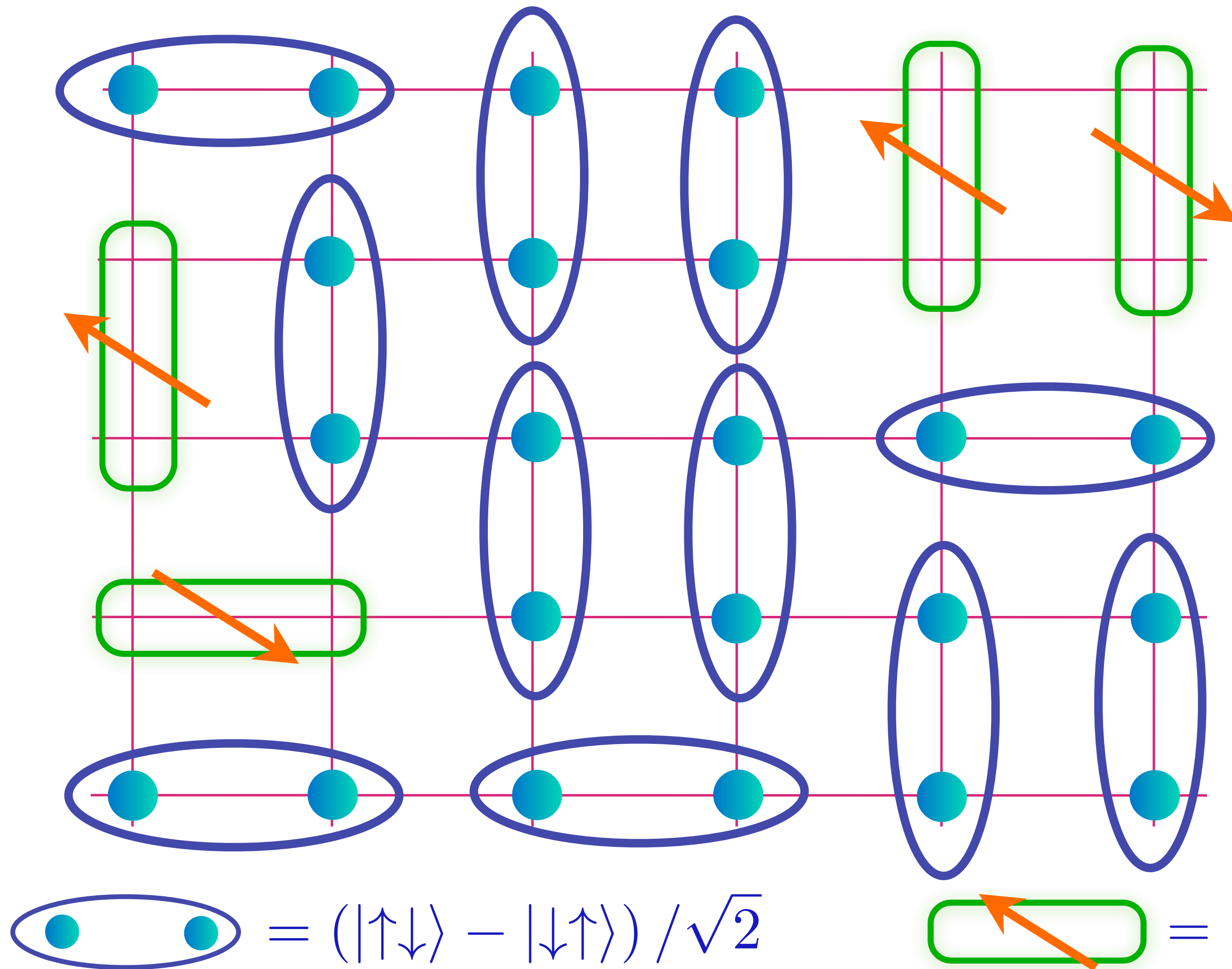
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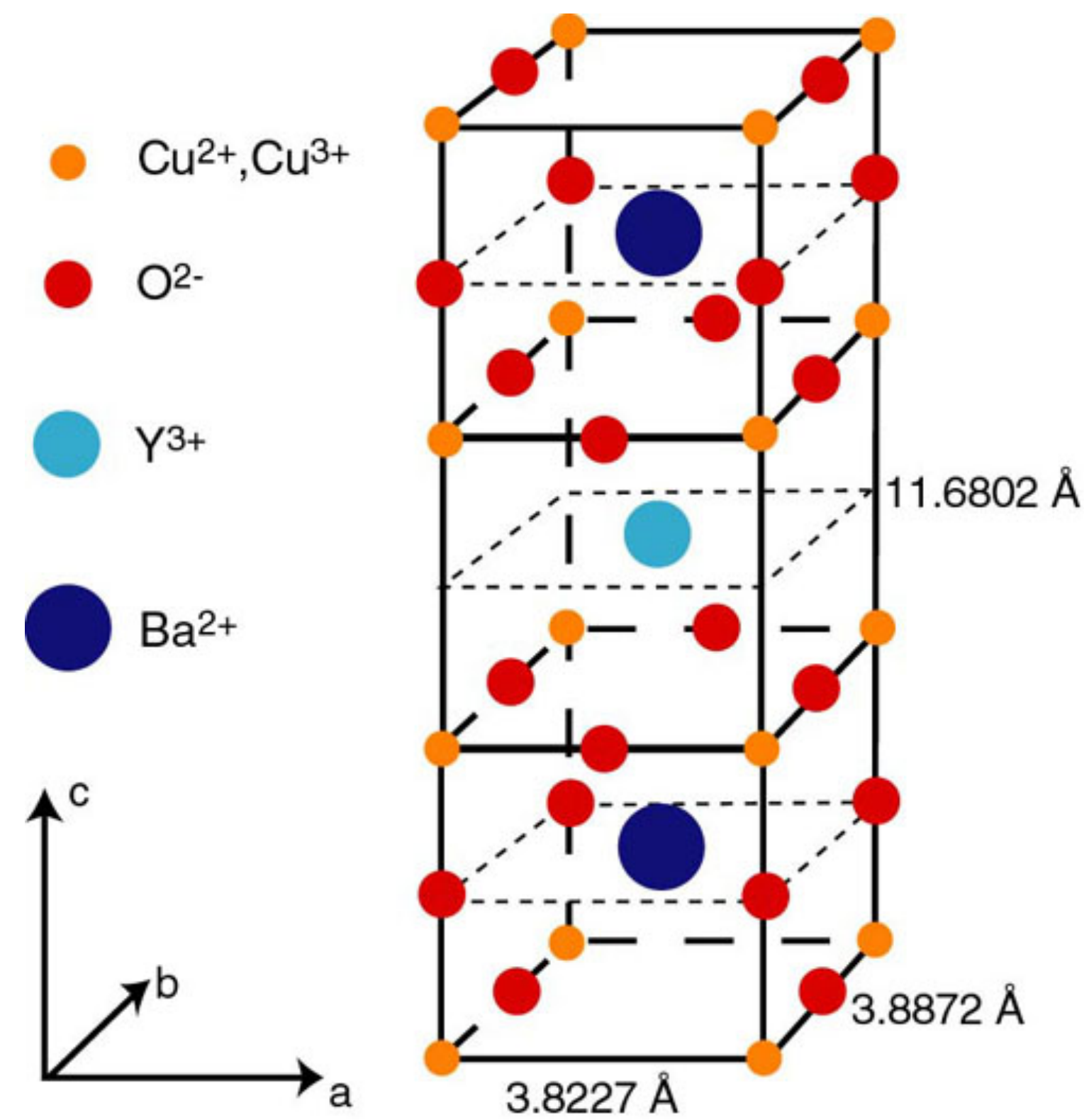
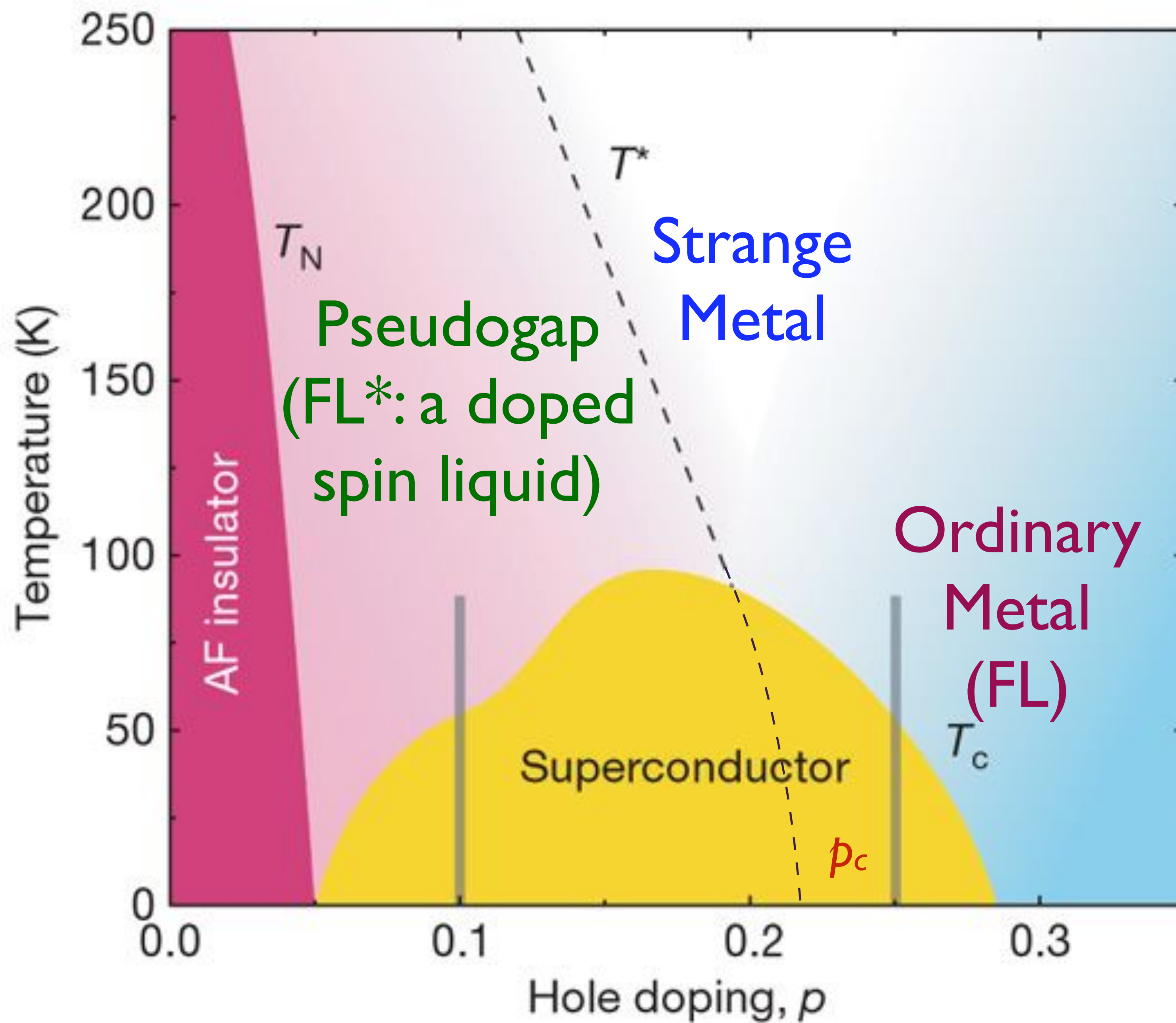
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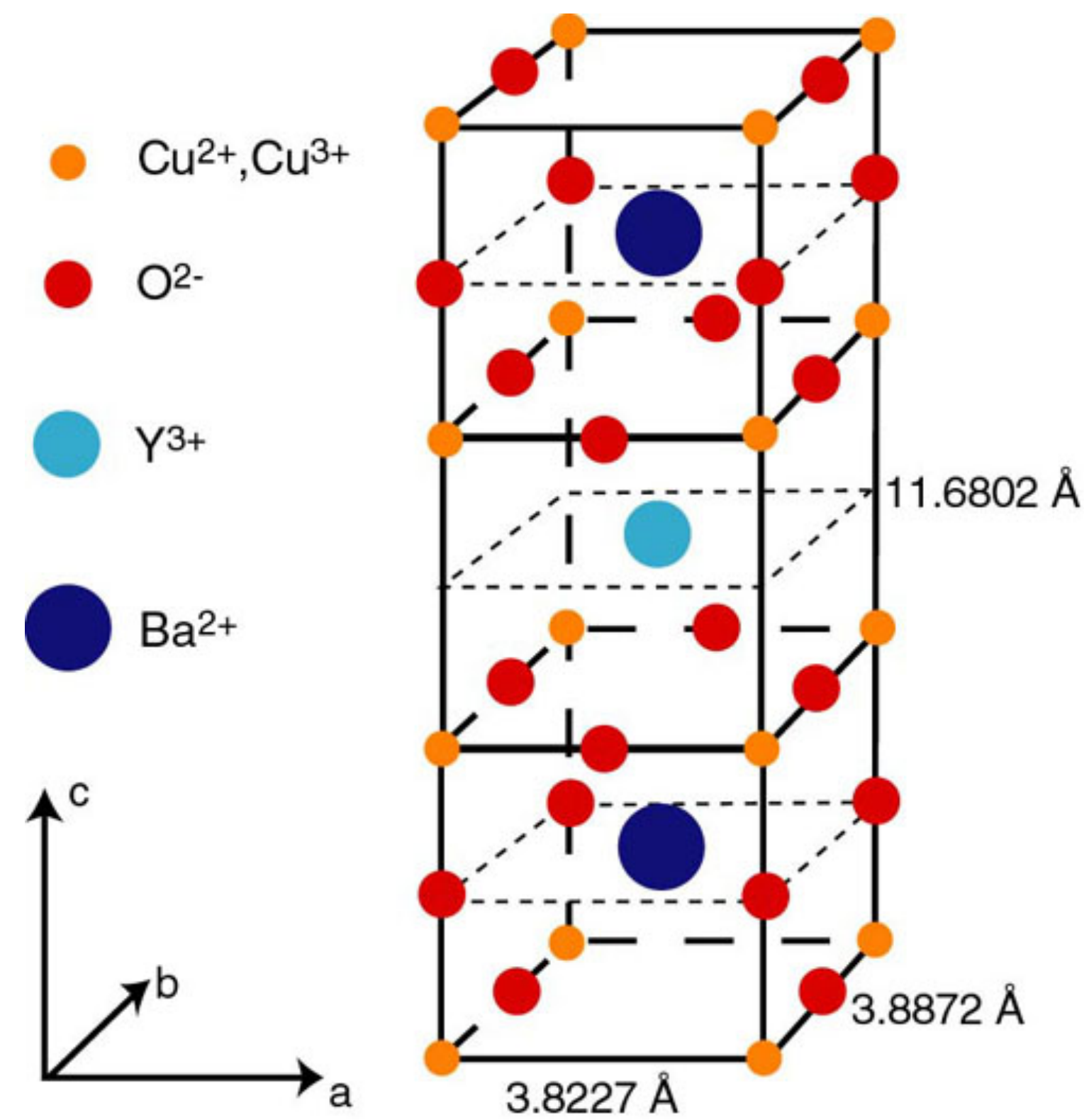
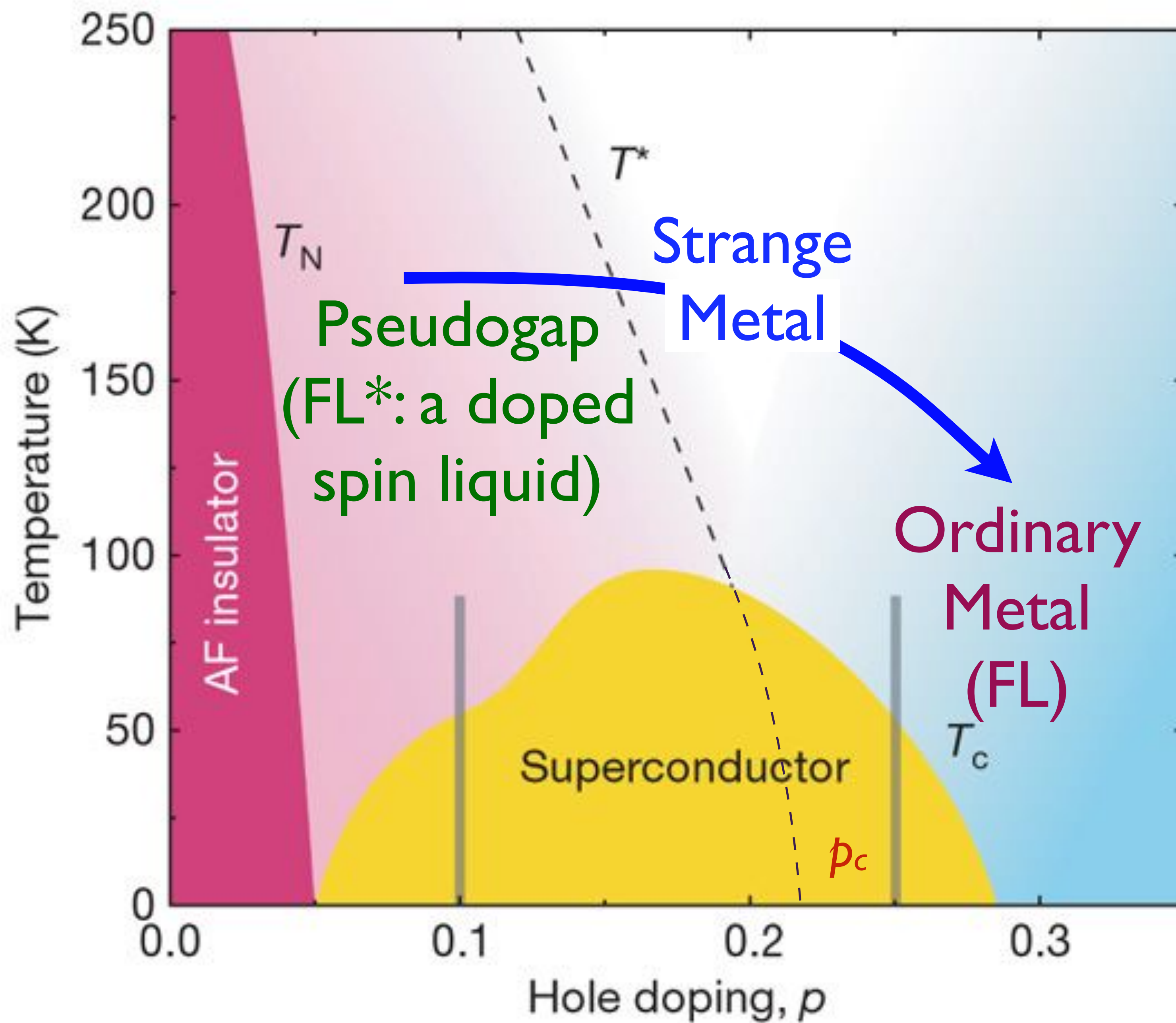
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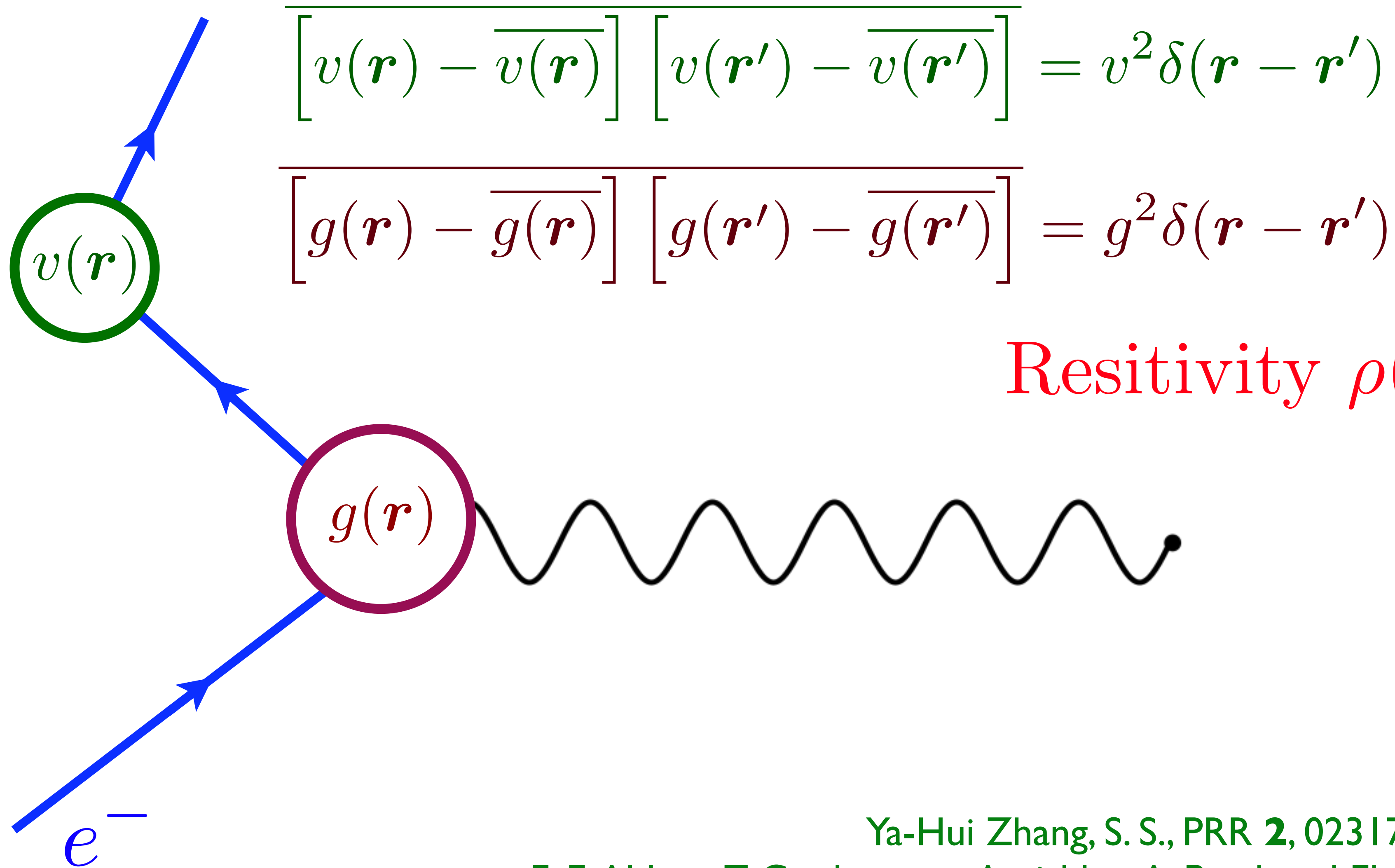
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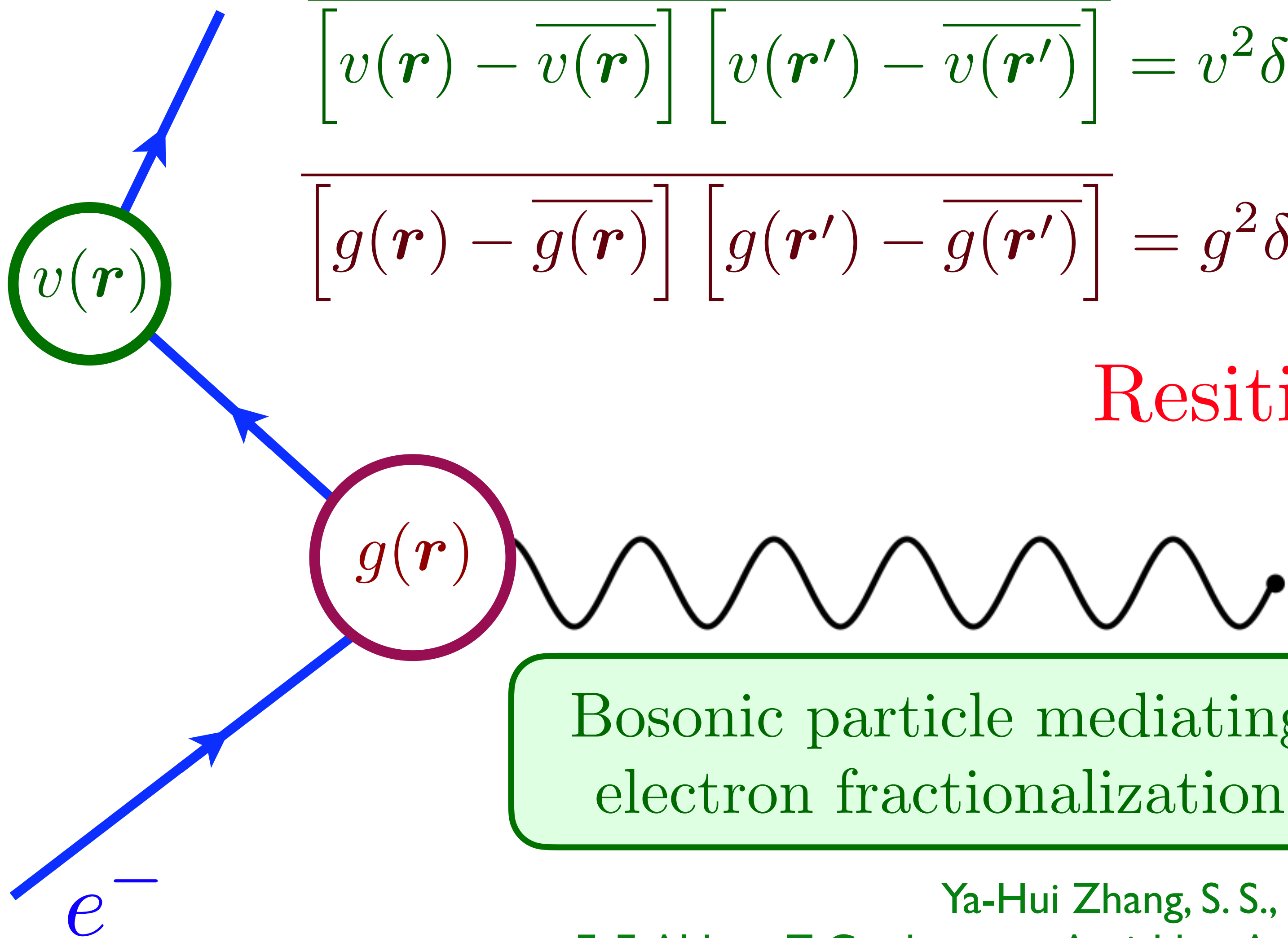
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Properties of a strange metal:

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

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- 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 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.