

# Quantum entanglement at all distances

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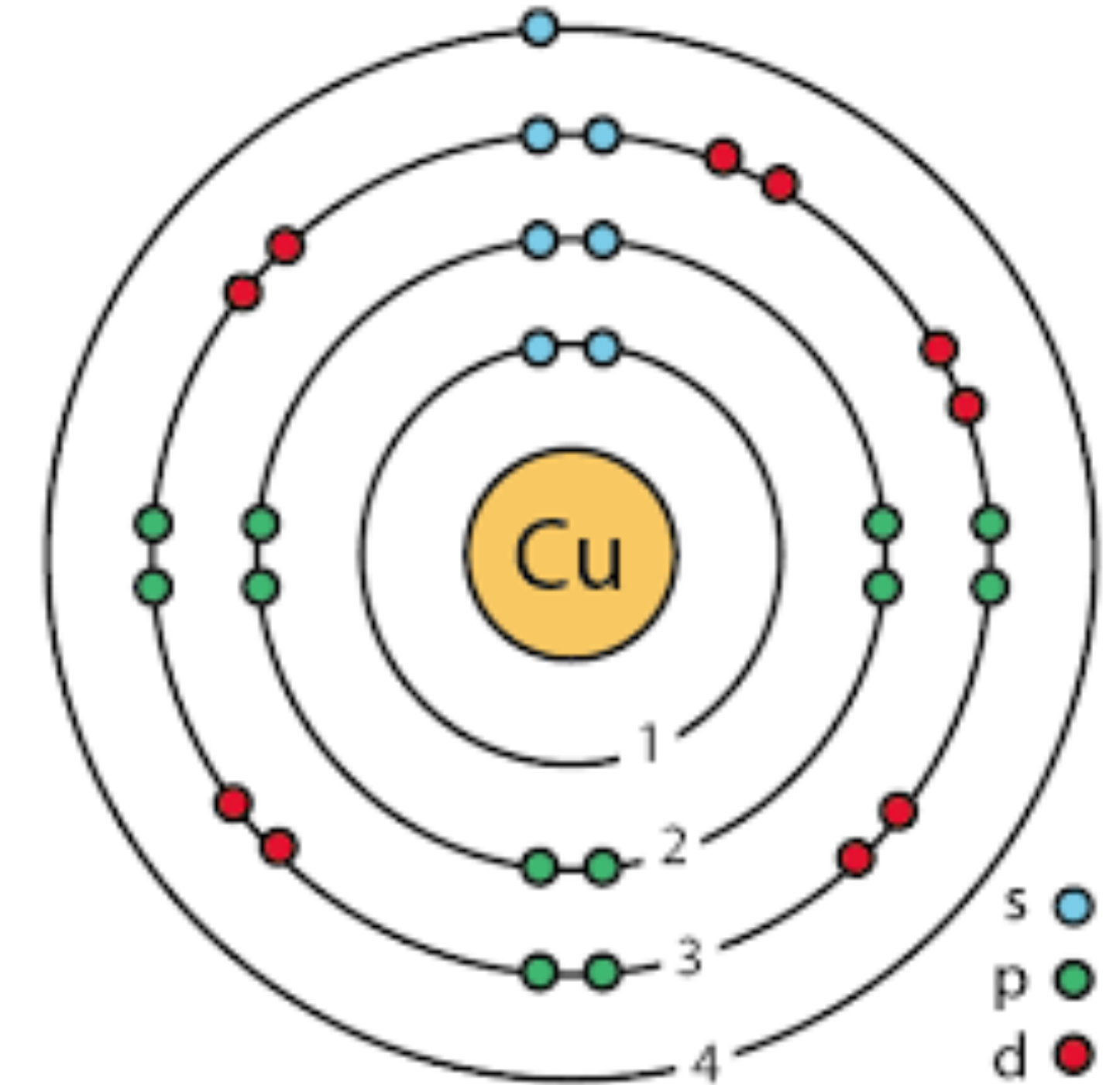
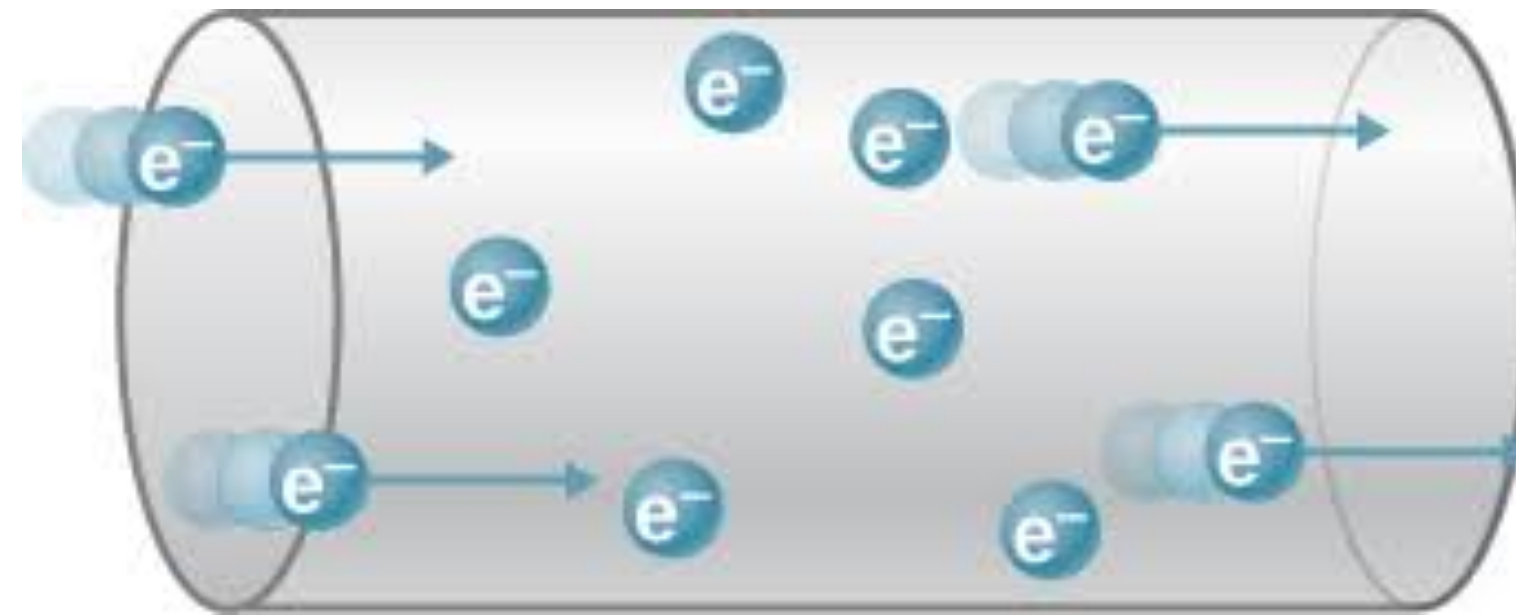


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Quantum theory of  
electrons:  
ordinary metals  
and  
strange metals

# Copper



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

# Statistical interpretation of entropy

$$S = k_B \log W$$

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



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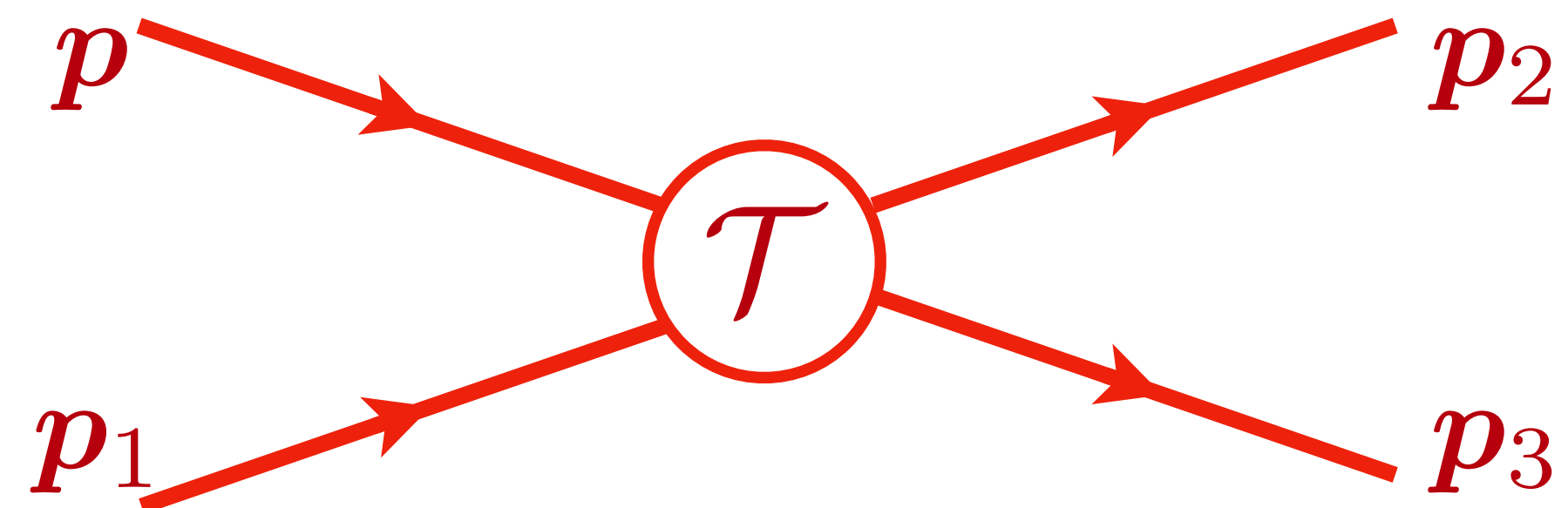
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# Boltzmann equation (1872)

## 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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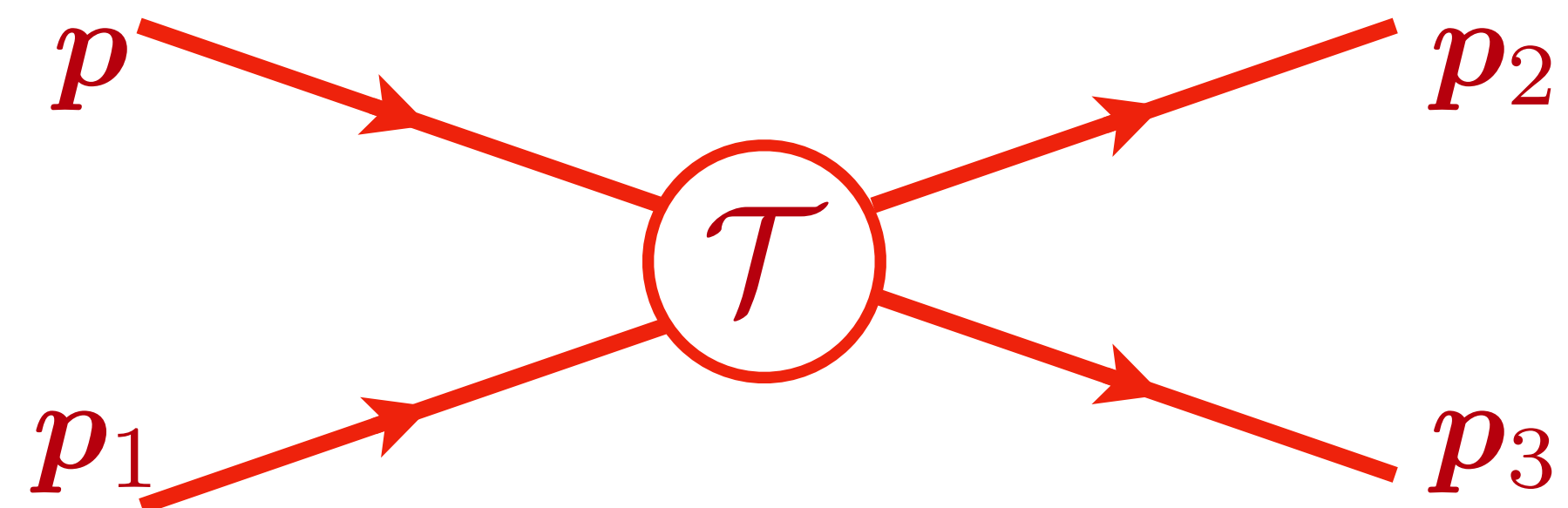
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# Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

## Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)  
between successive collisions

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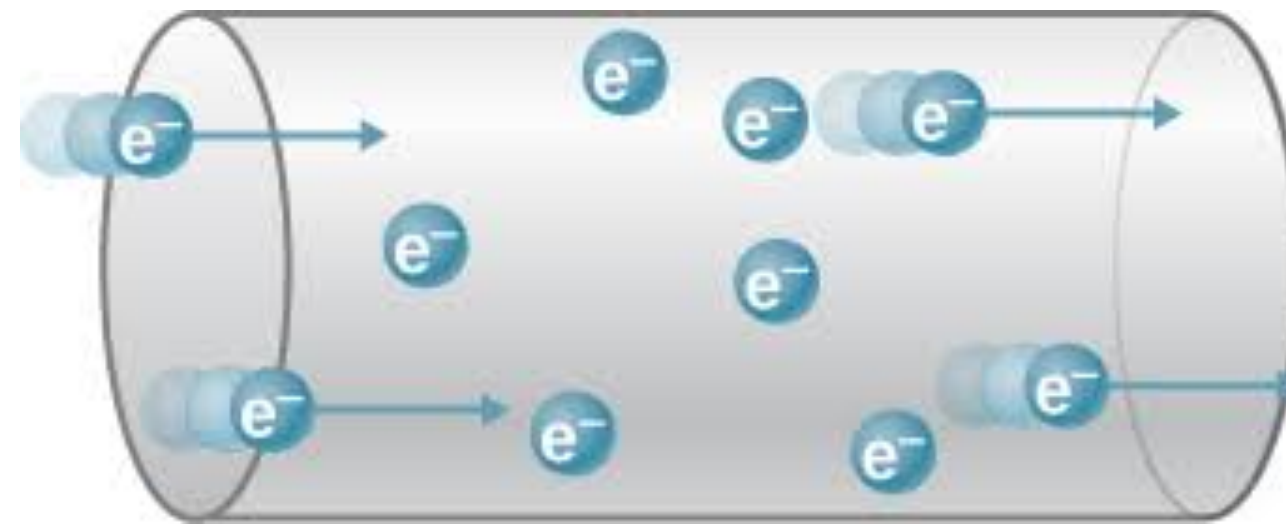


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## Current flow with electrons in Copper

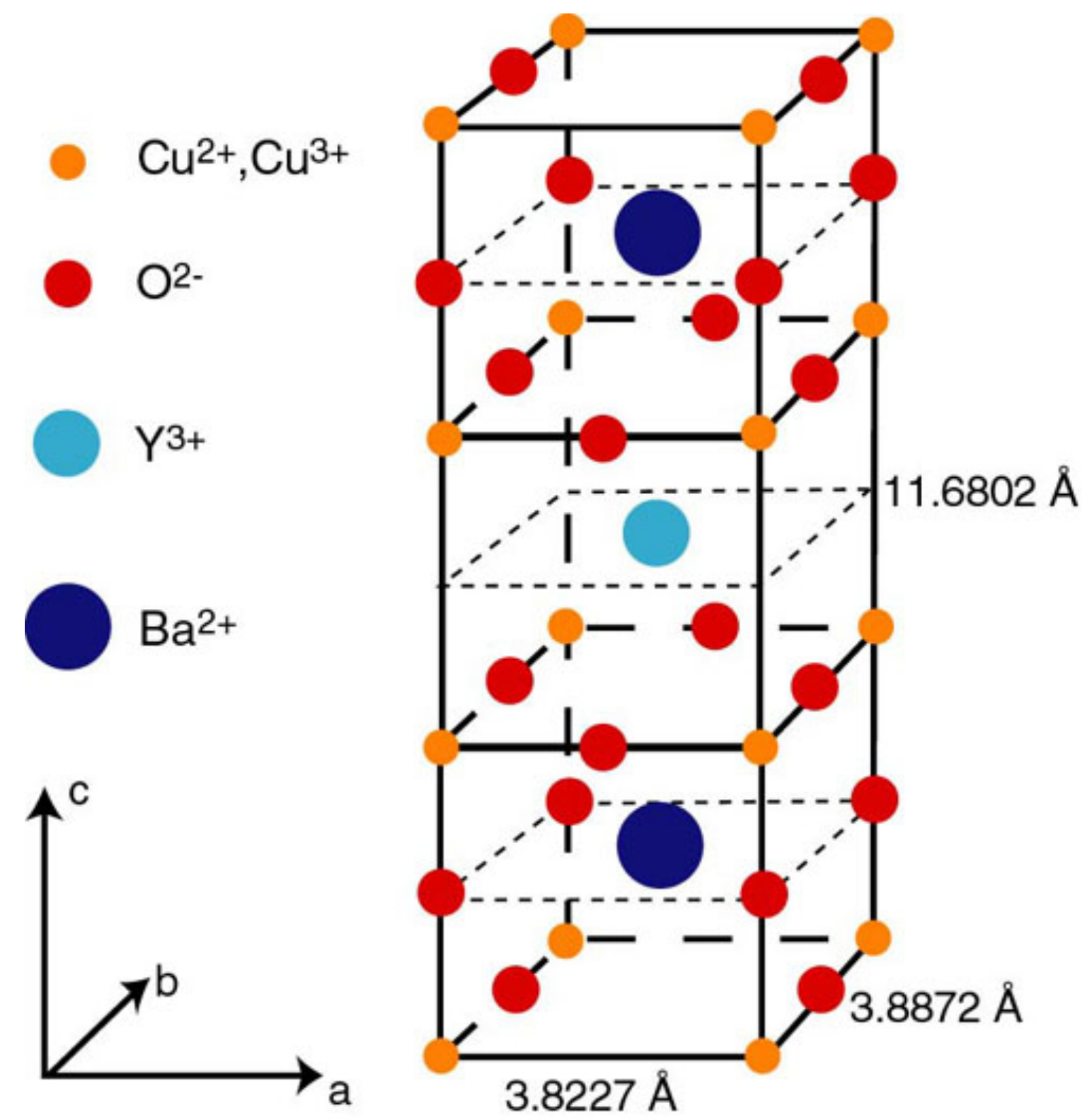
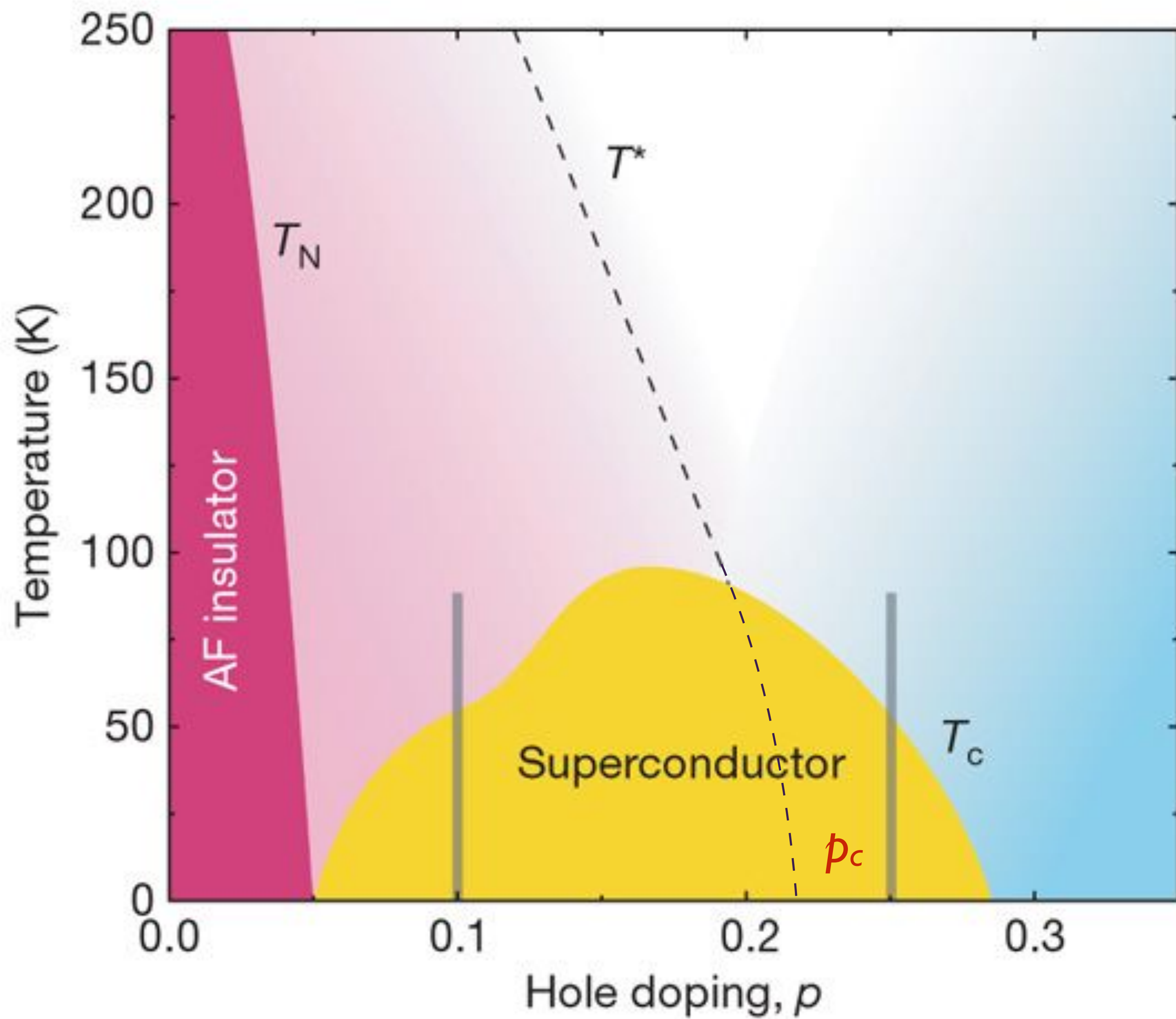


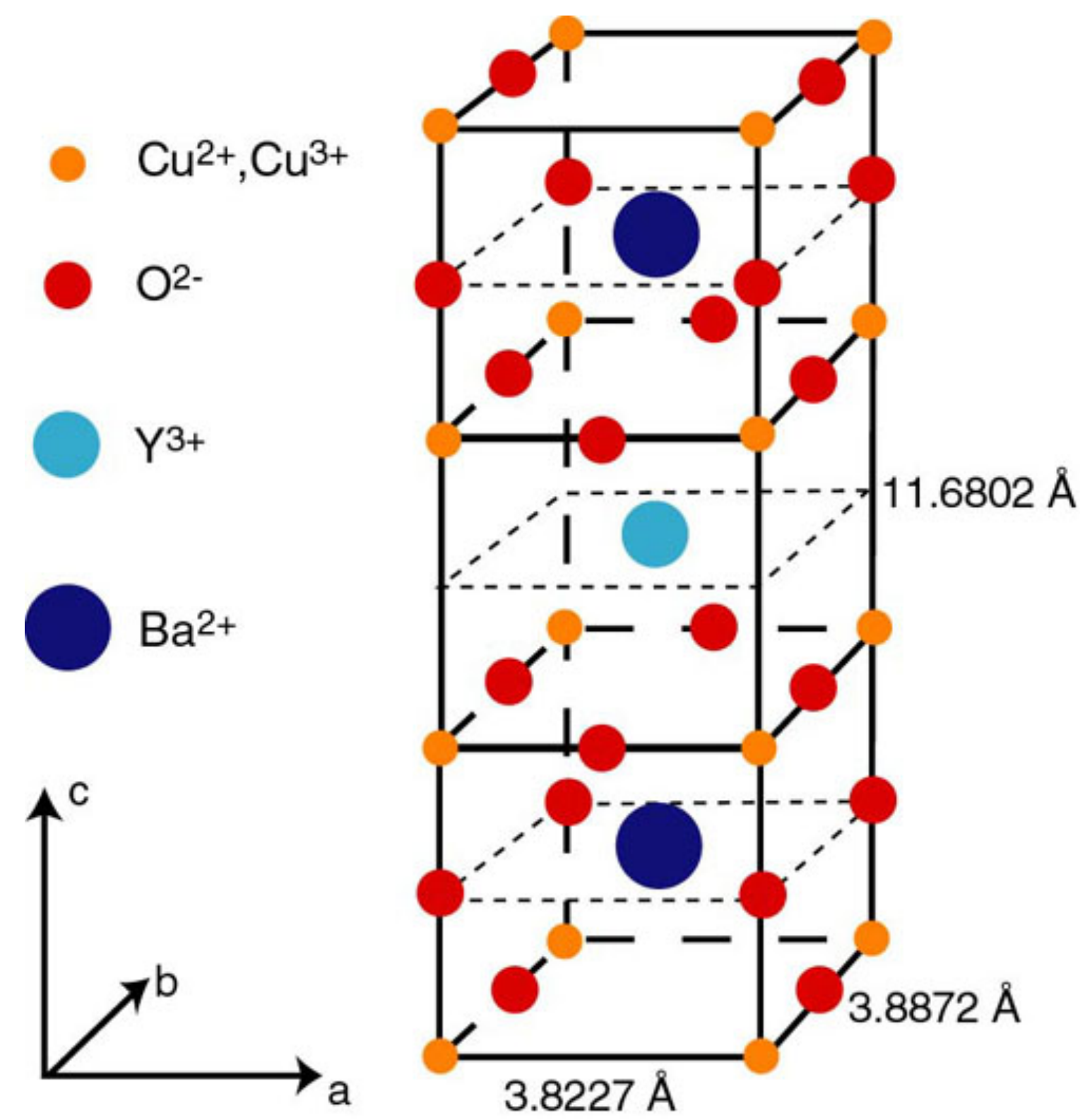
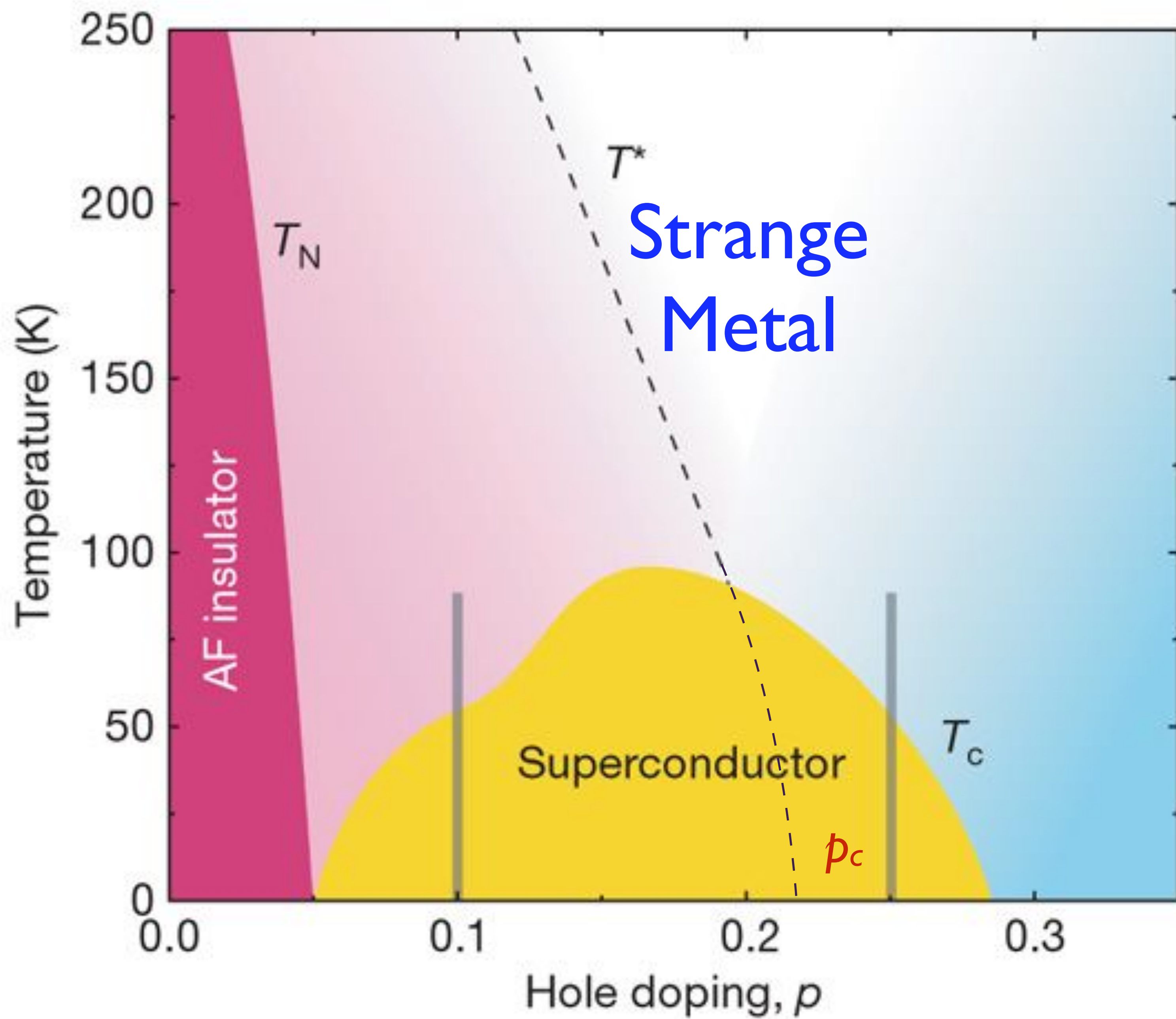
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation  $\Rightarrow$   
typical scattering time  $\tau \sim 1/T^2$ , resistivity  $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

The time  $\tau$  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.

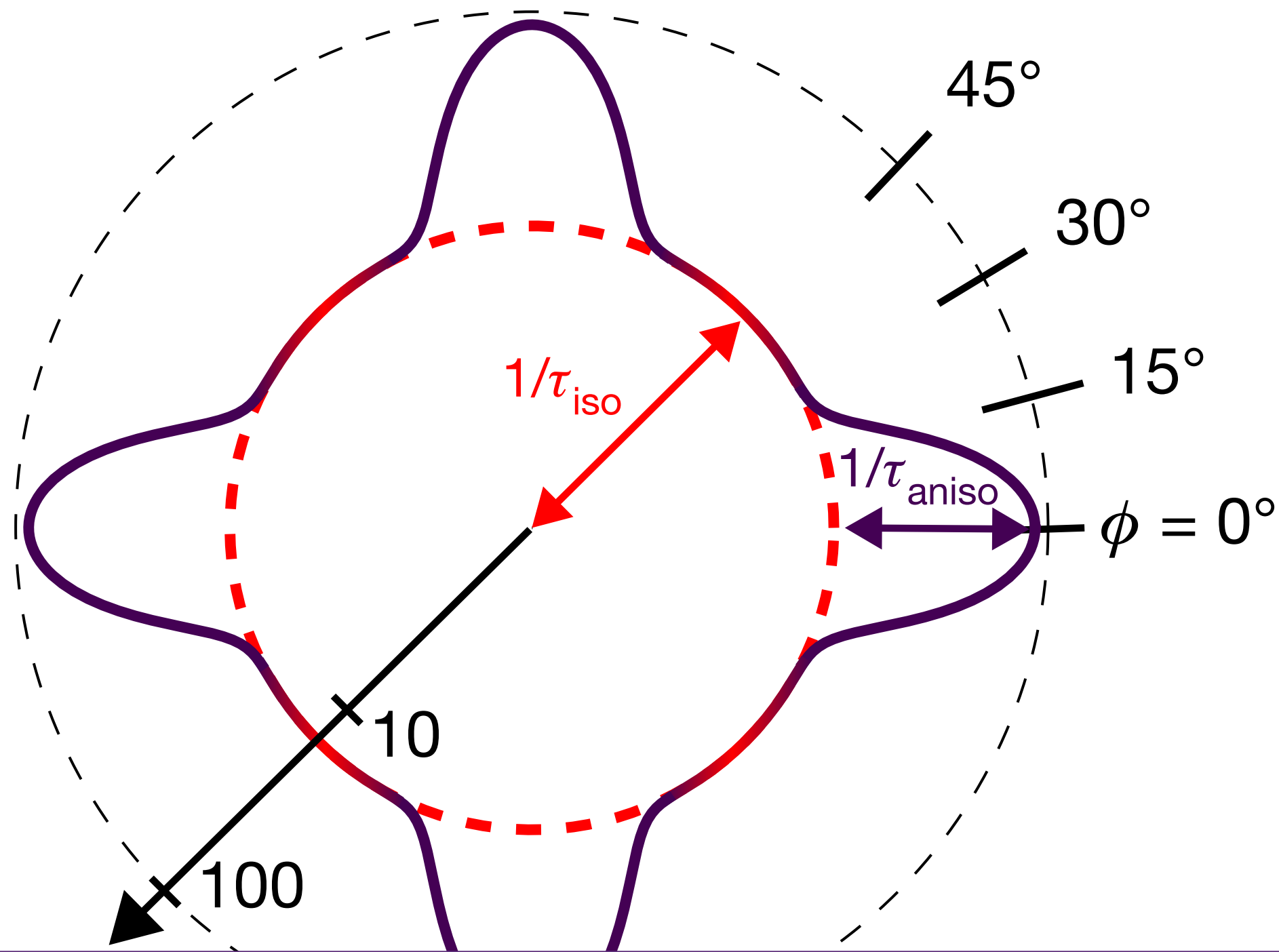




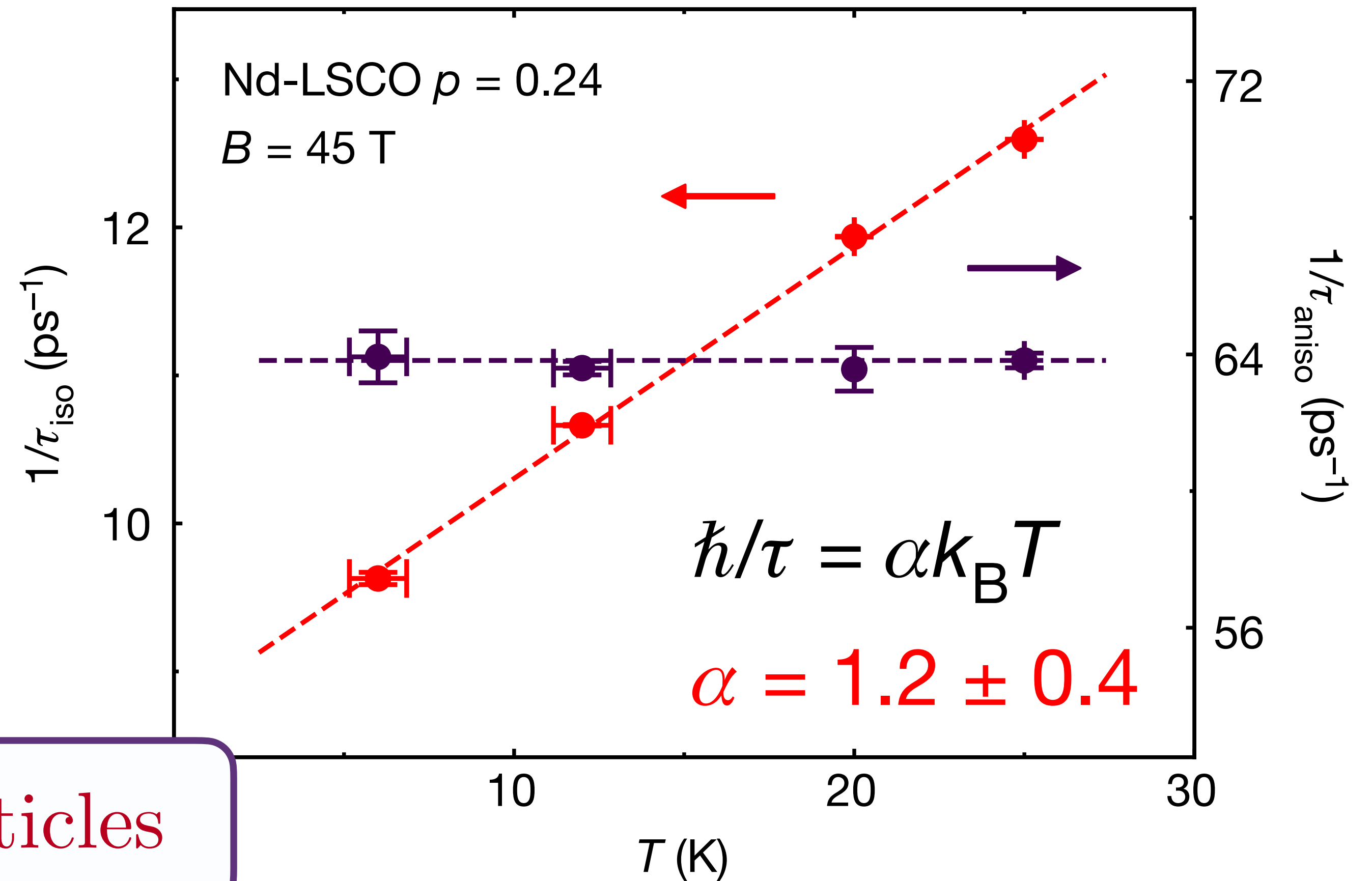
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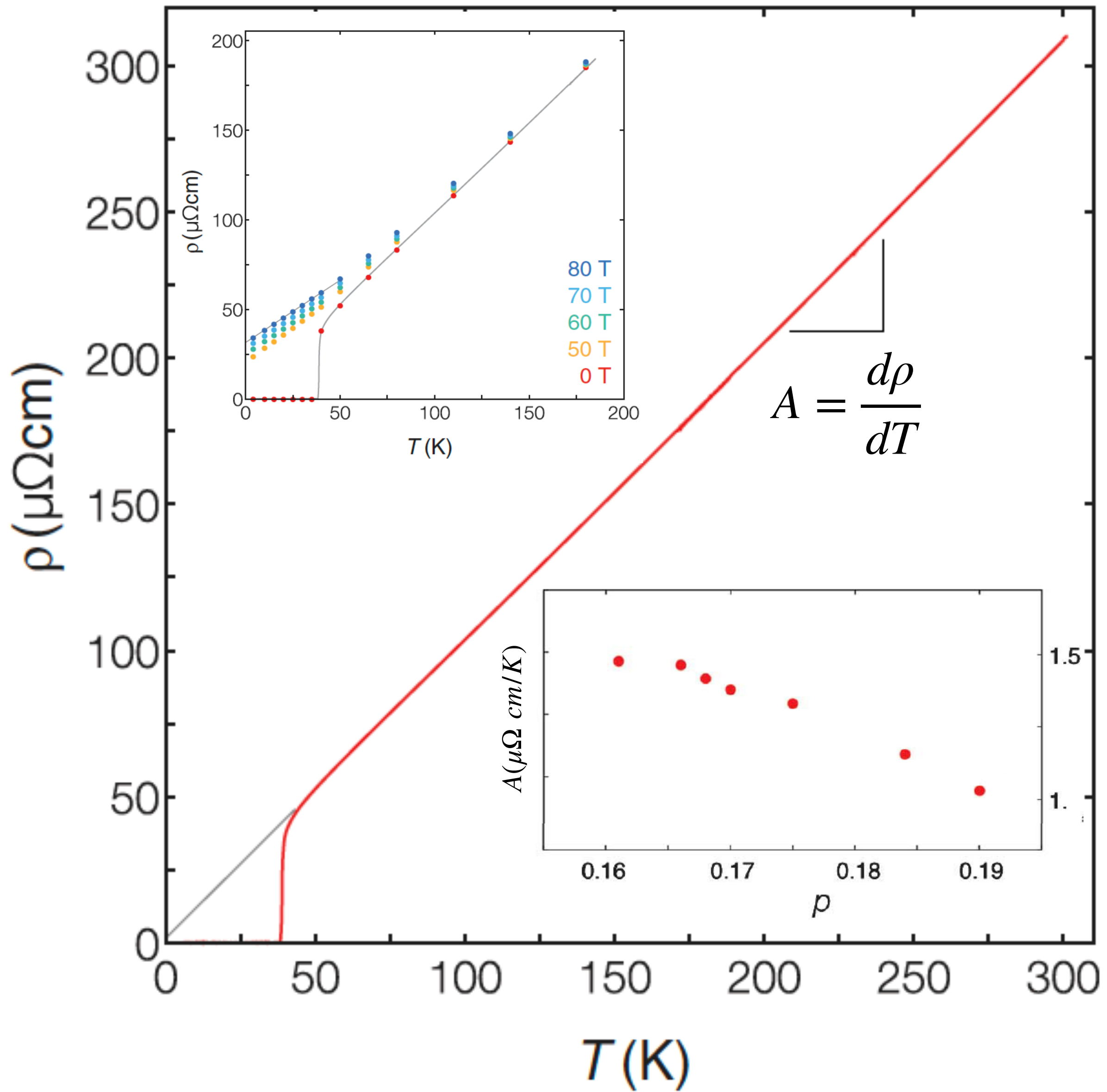
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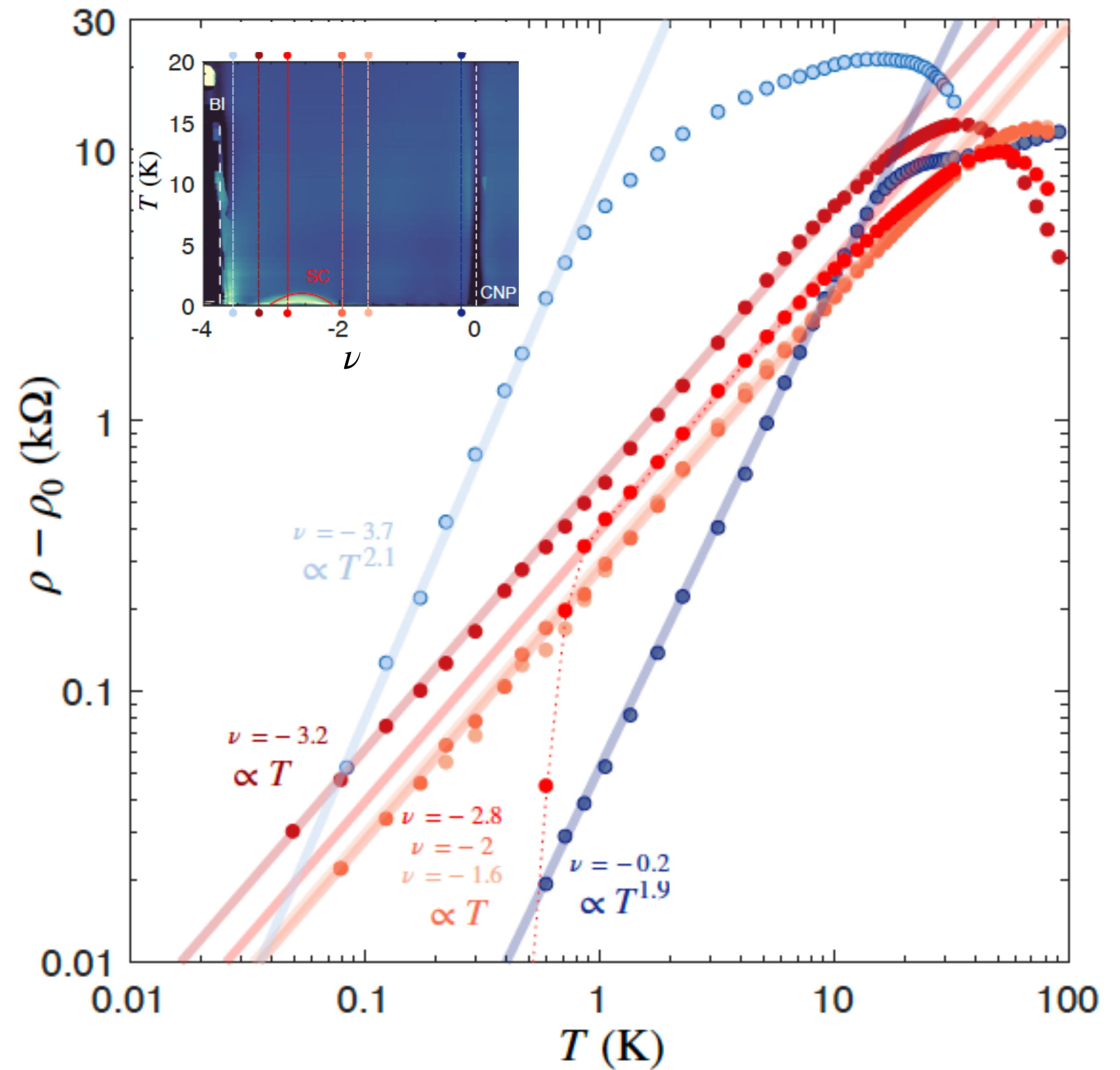


Current flow without quasiparticles





LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018



MATBG: Jaoui et al. 2021

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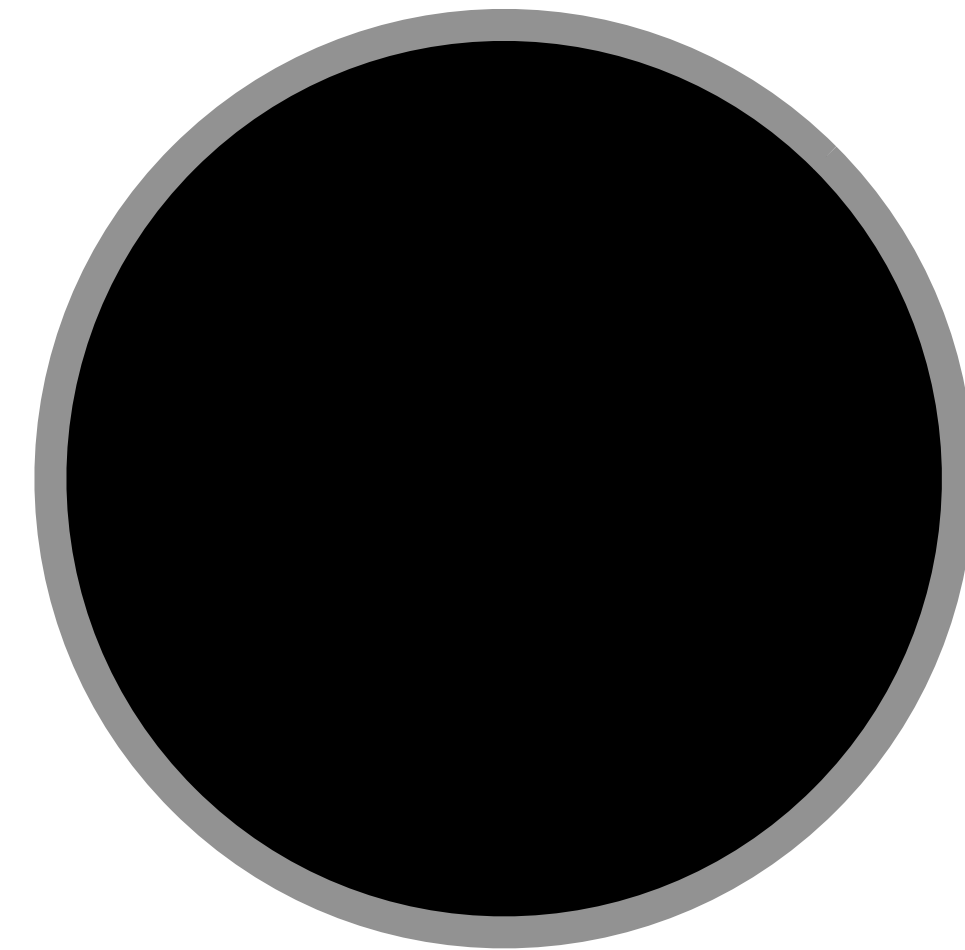
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**Complex  
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# Black Holes

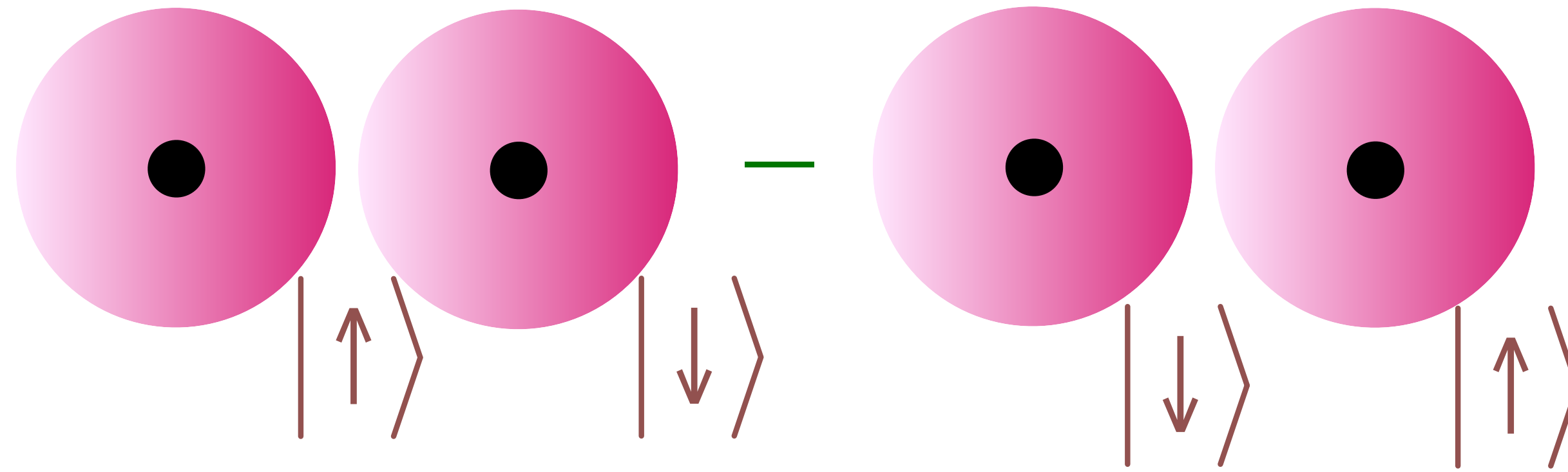
Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

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

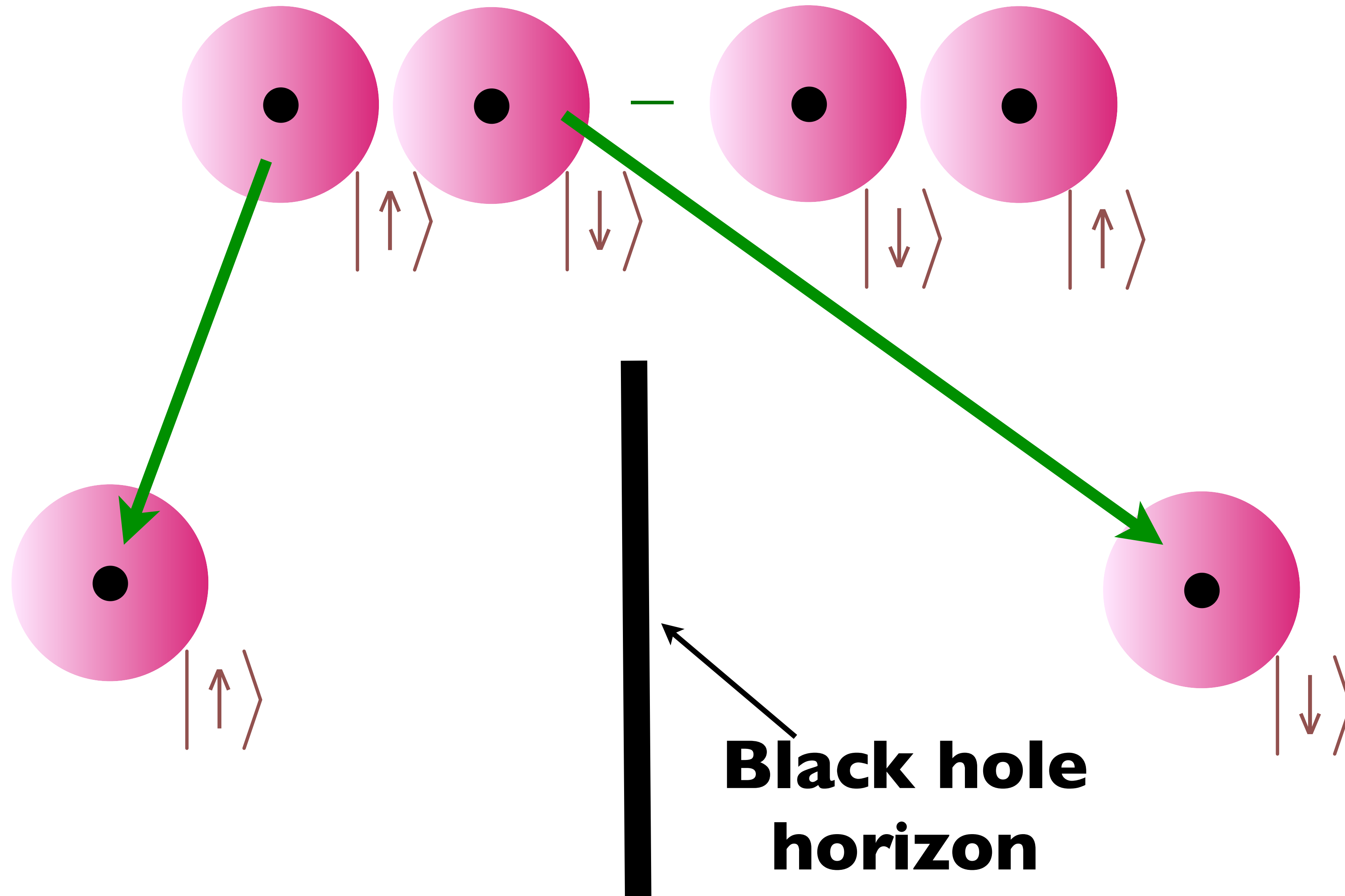


$G$  Newton's constant,  $c$  velocity of light,  $M$  mass of black hole  
For  $M = \text{earth's mass}$ ,  $R \approx 9 \text{ mm}$ !

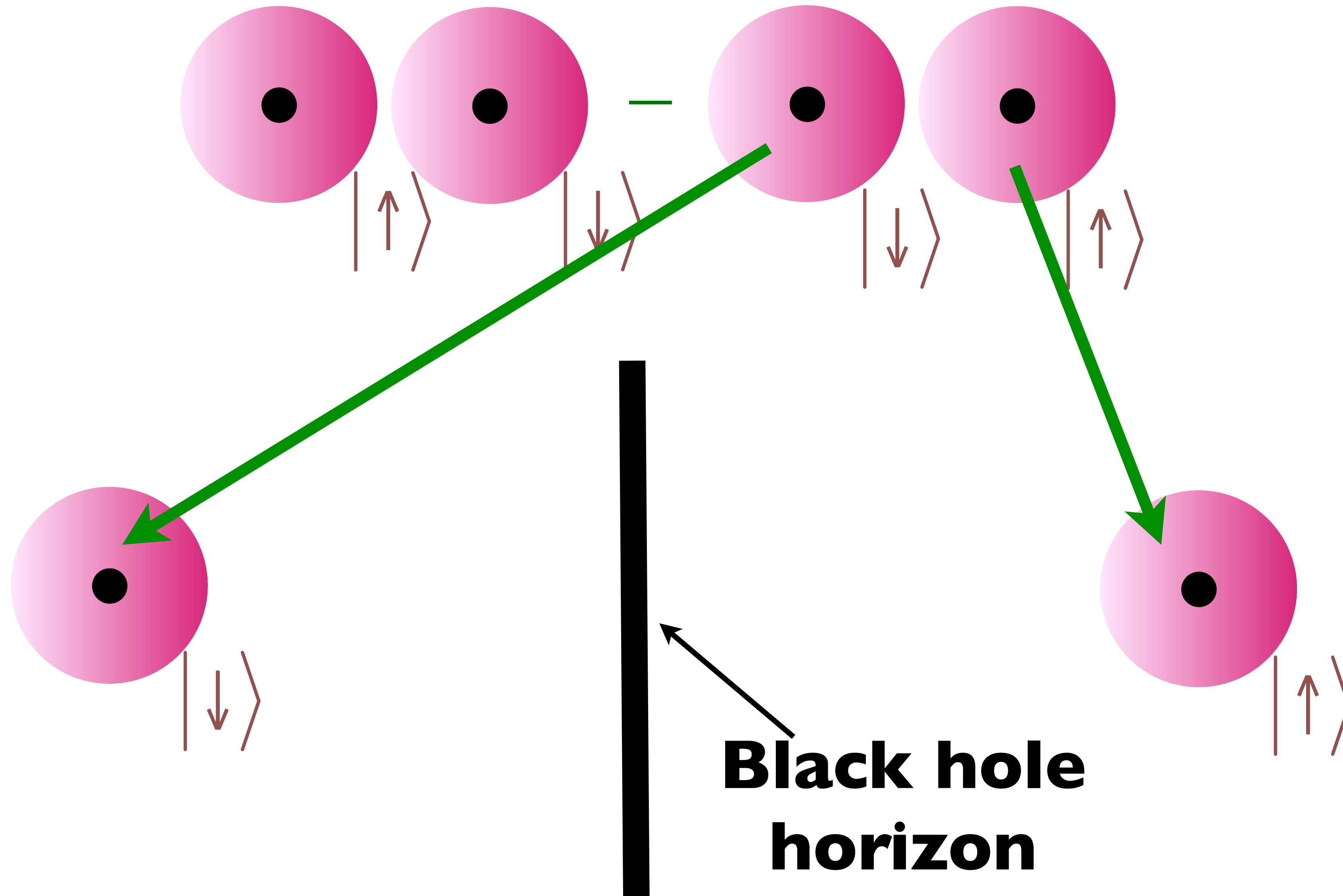
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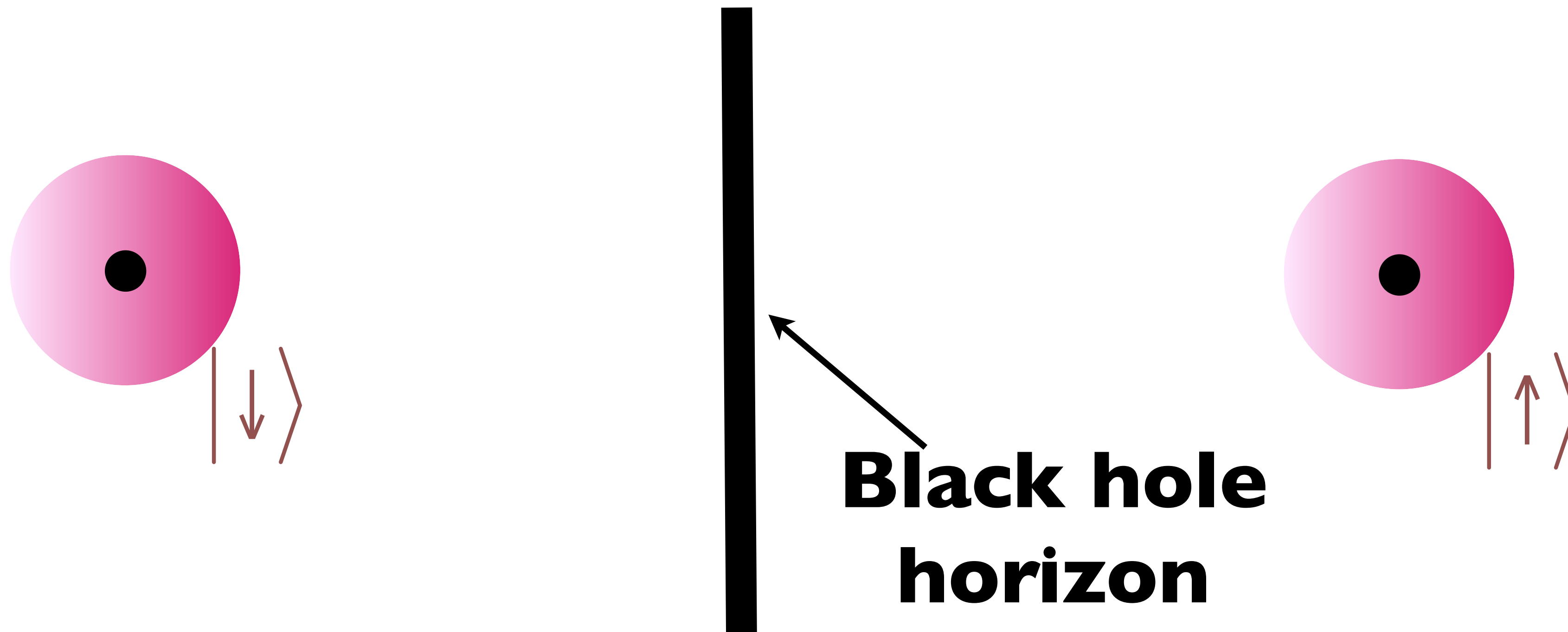


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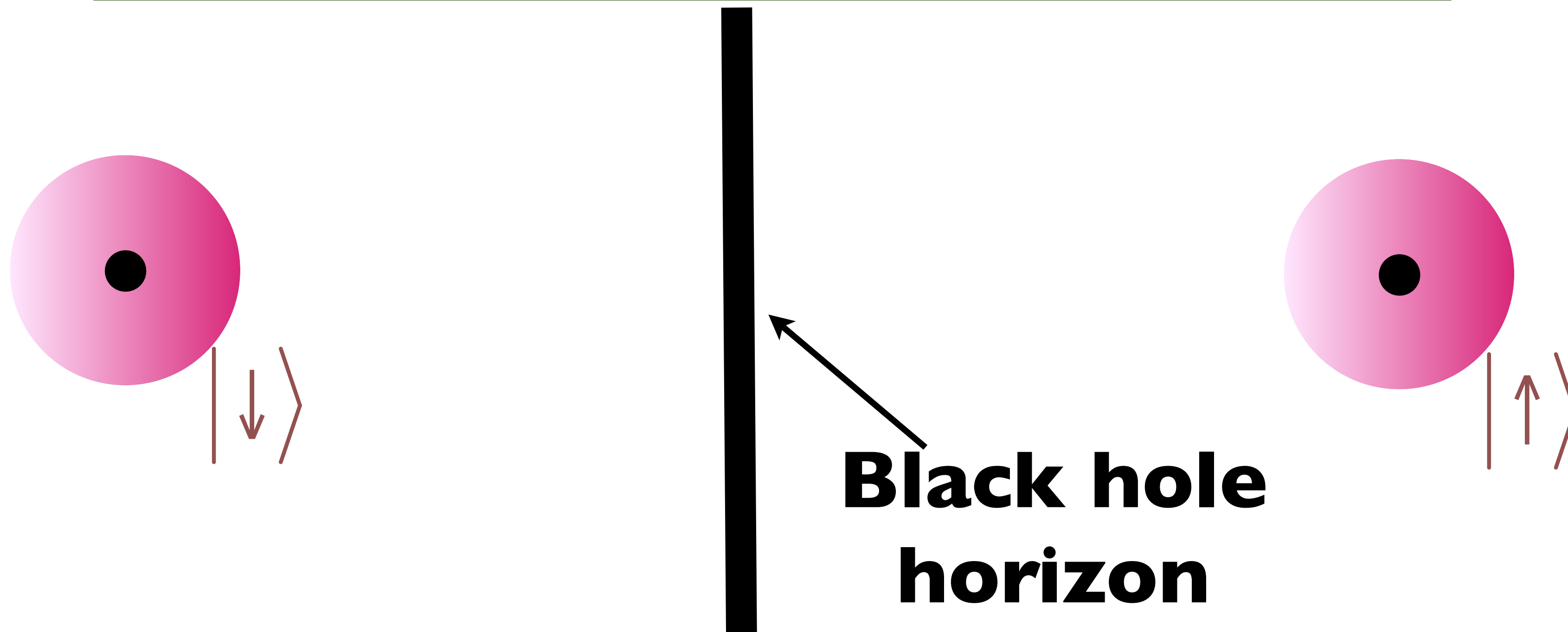
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There is quantum entanglement between the inside and outside of a black hole



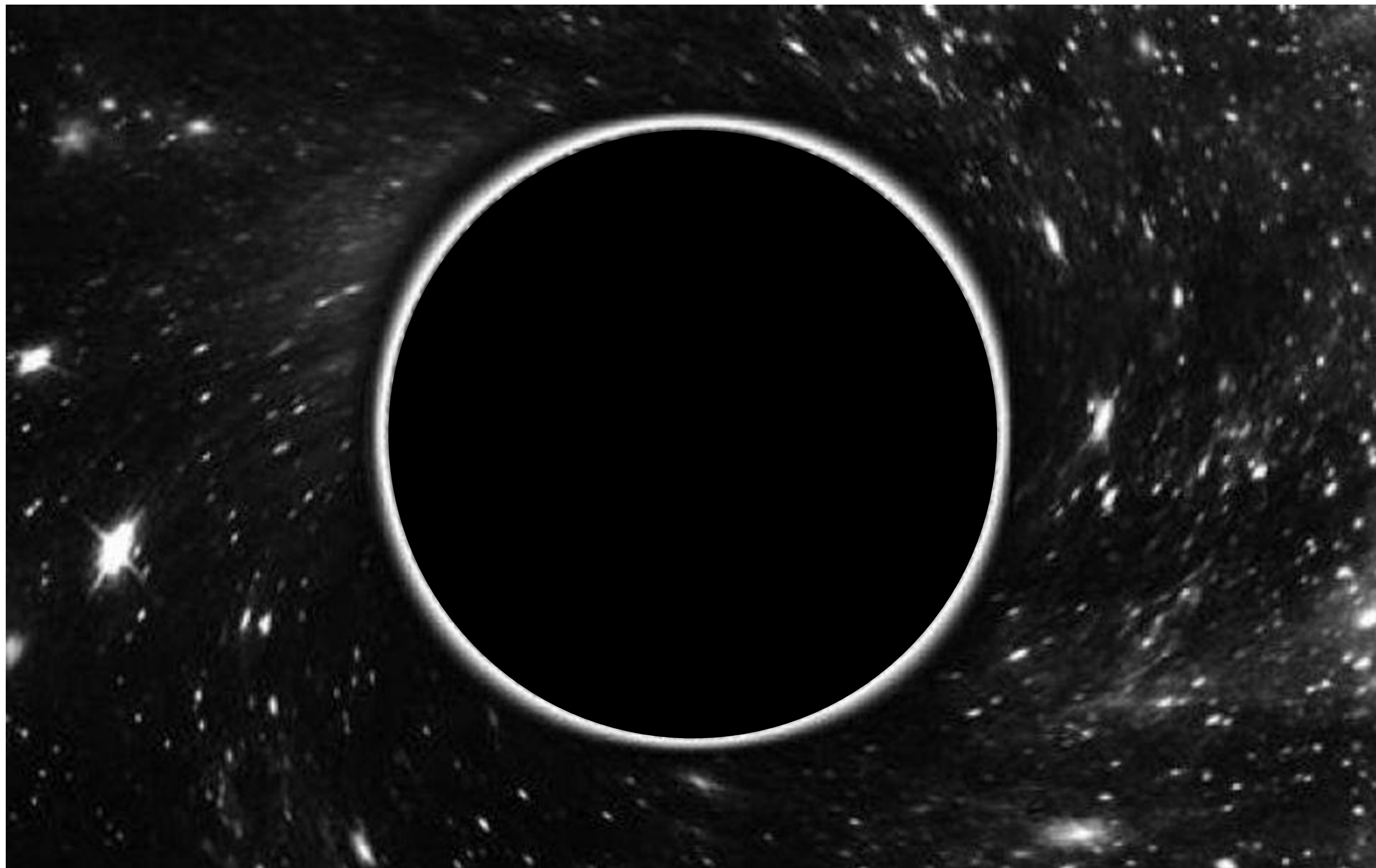
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Hawking (1975) used other arguments to show that black hole horizons have a temperature  
(The entanglement reasoning: to an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole cannot be known, and so the outside electron is in a random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



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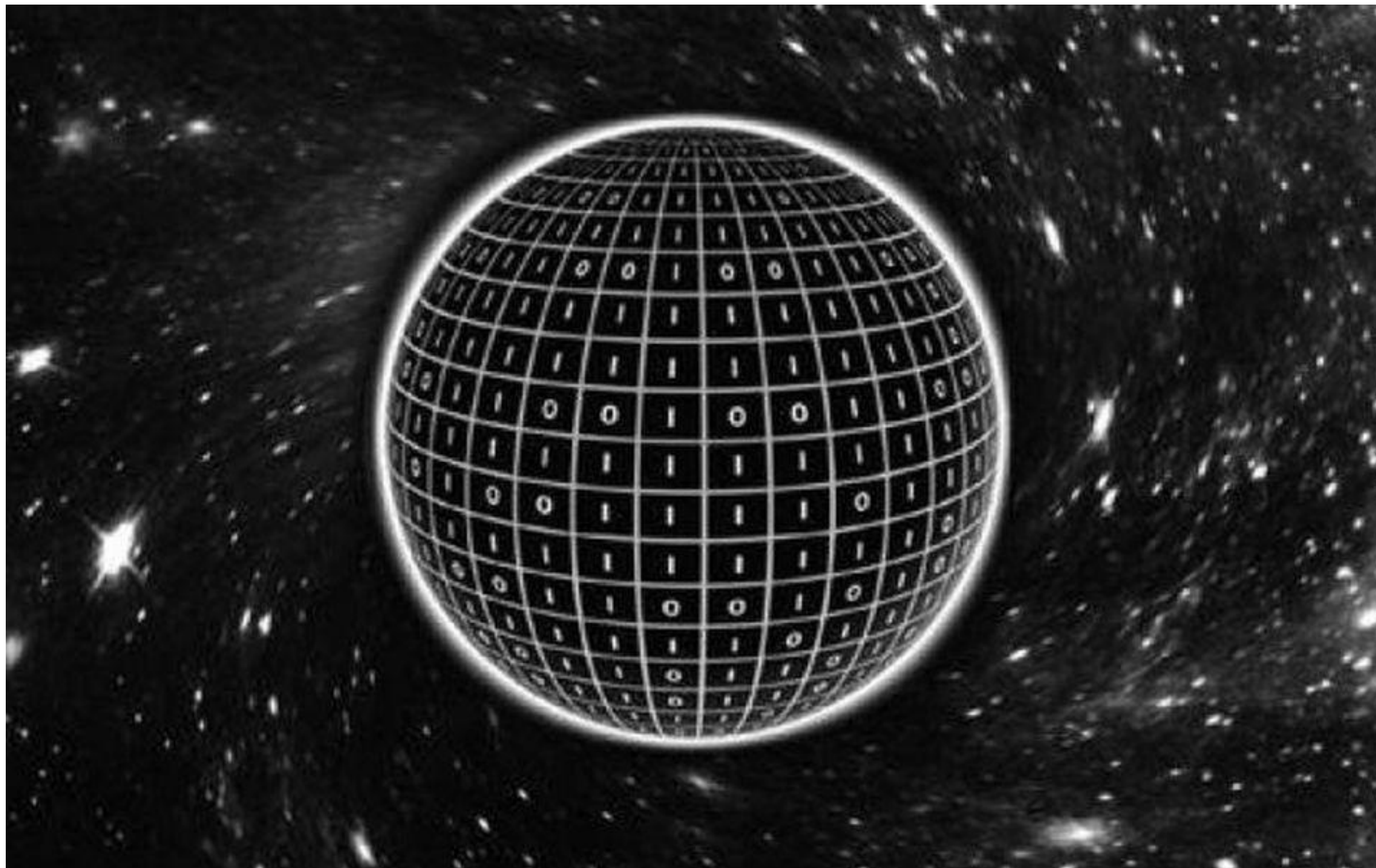


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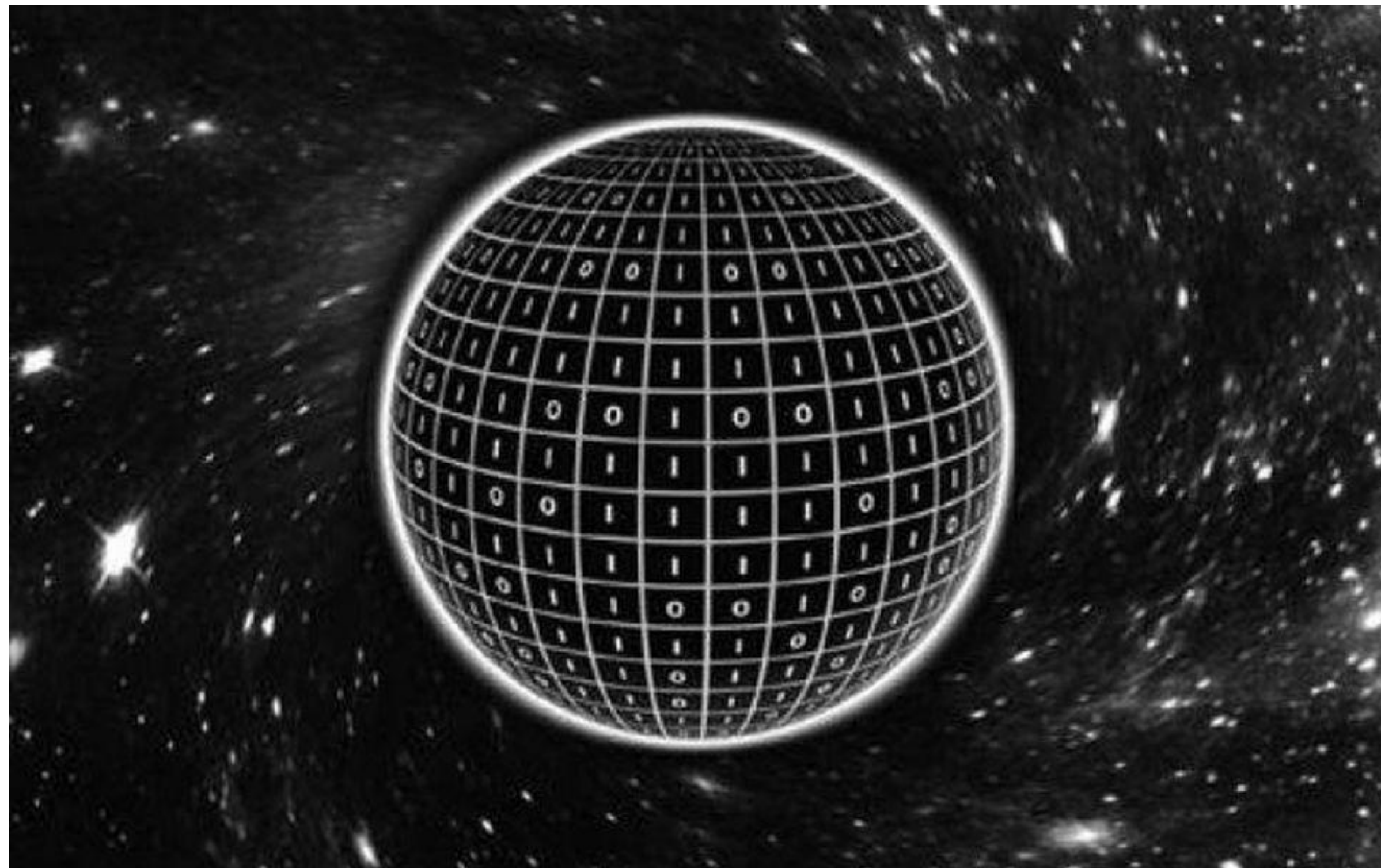
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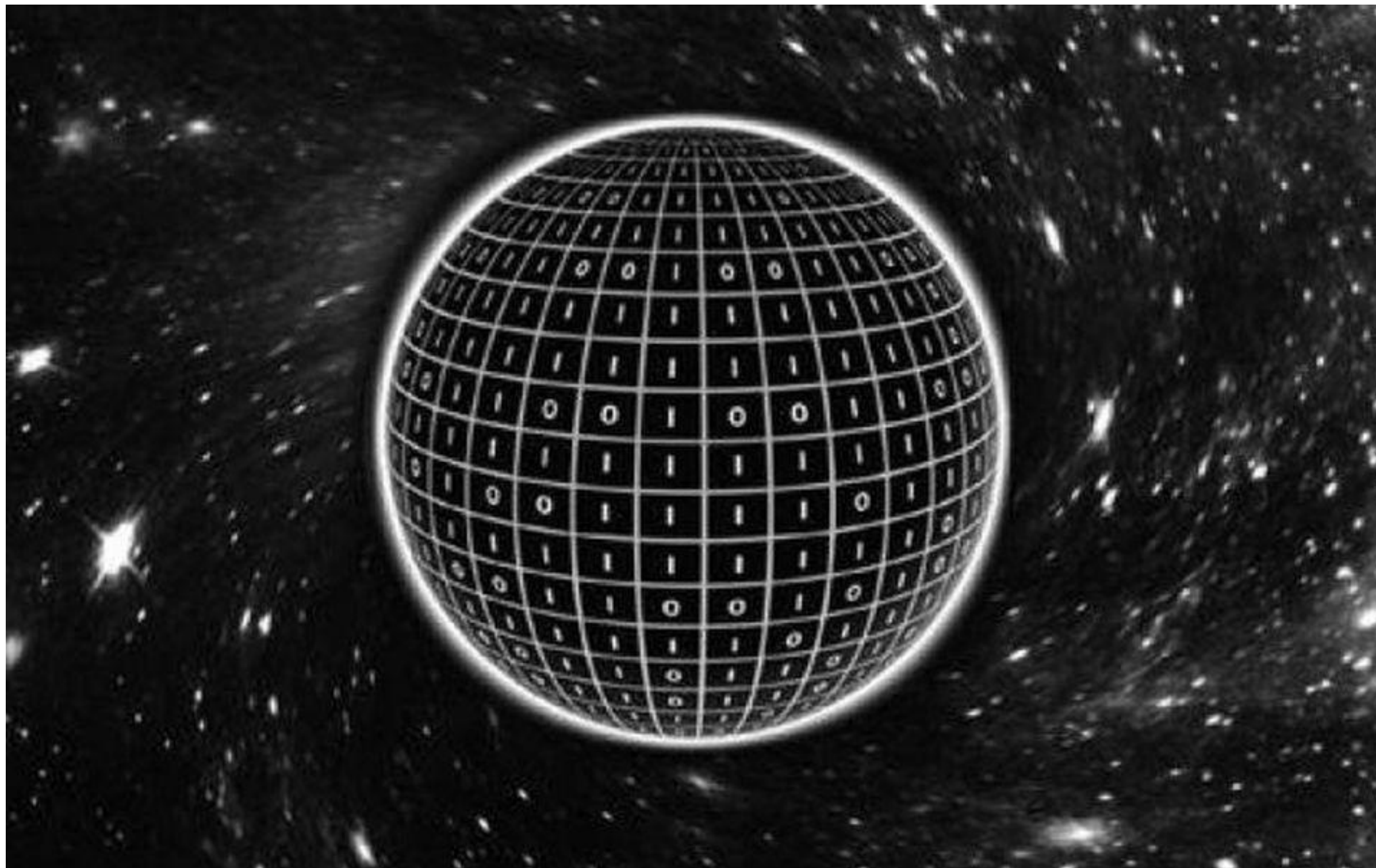
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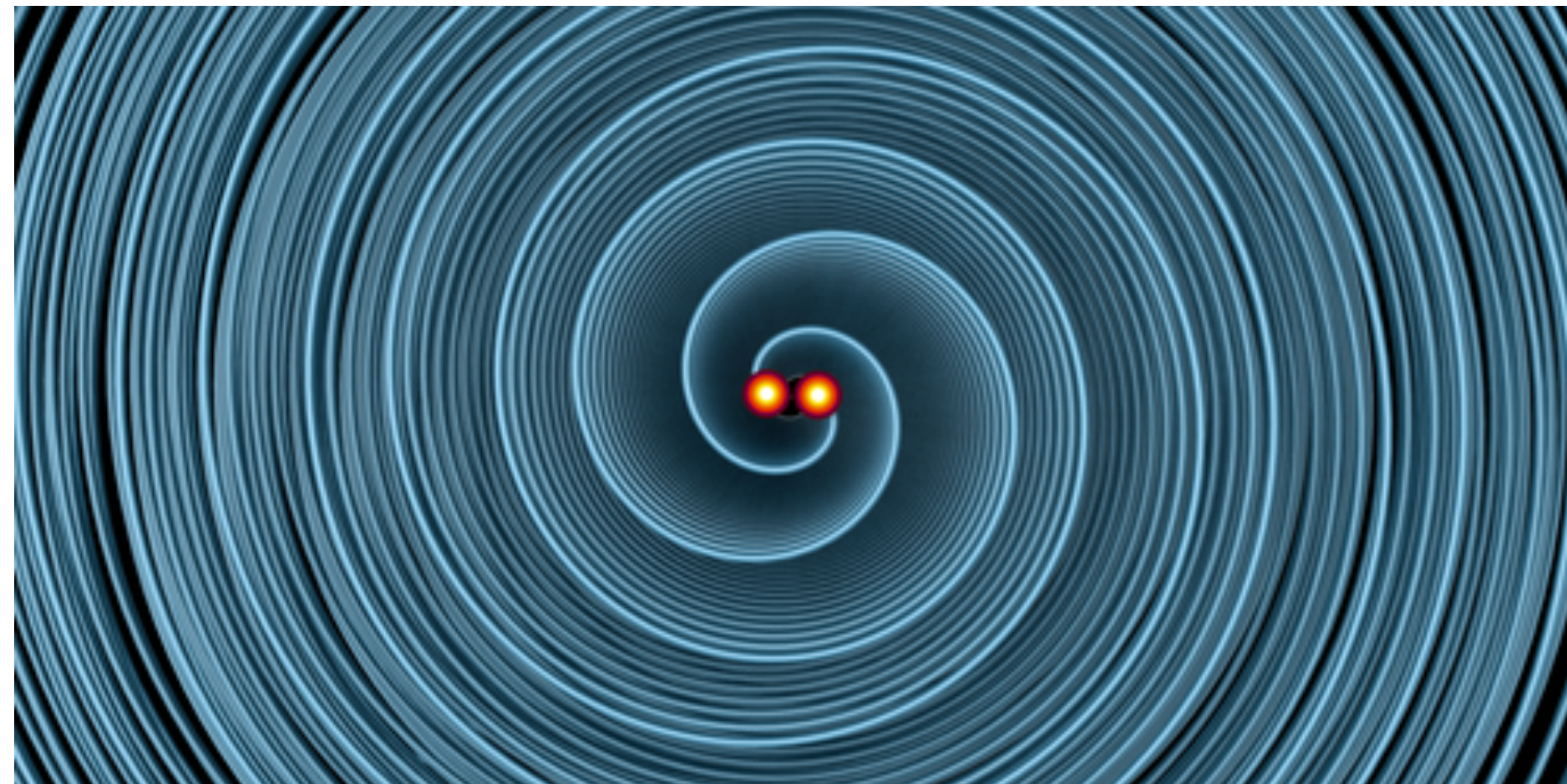
# Black Holes Obey Information-Emission Limits

## Limits

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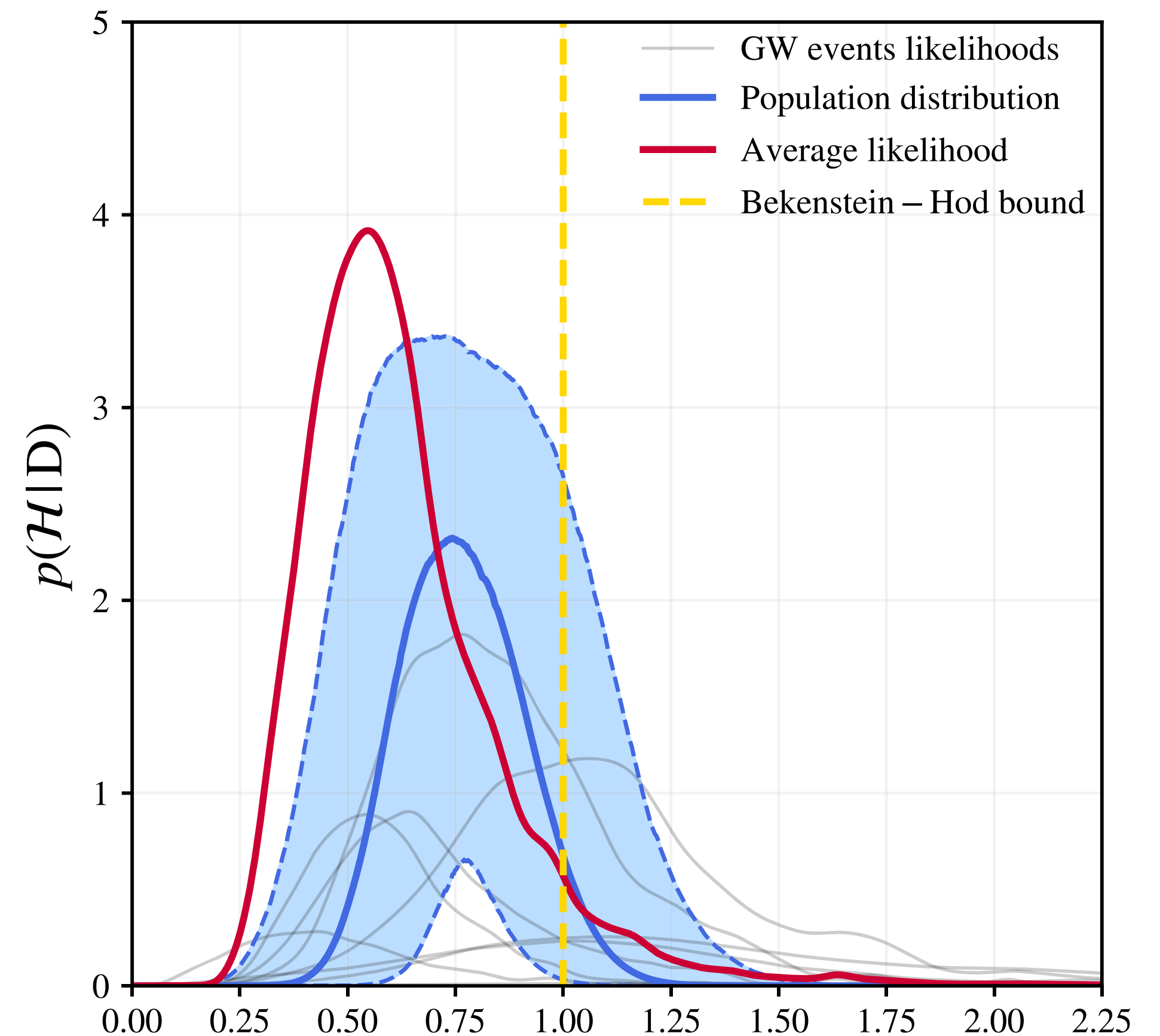
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An analysis of the gravitational waves emitted from black hole mergers confirms that black holes are the fastest known information dissipaters.



Gravity wave observations of 8 different black holes show a relaxation time

$$\tau \sim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$



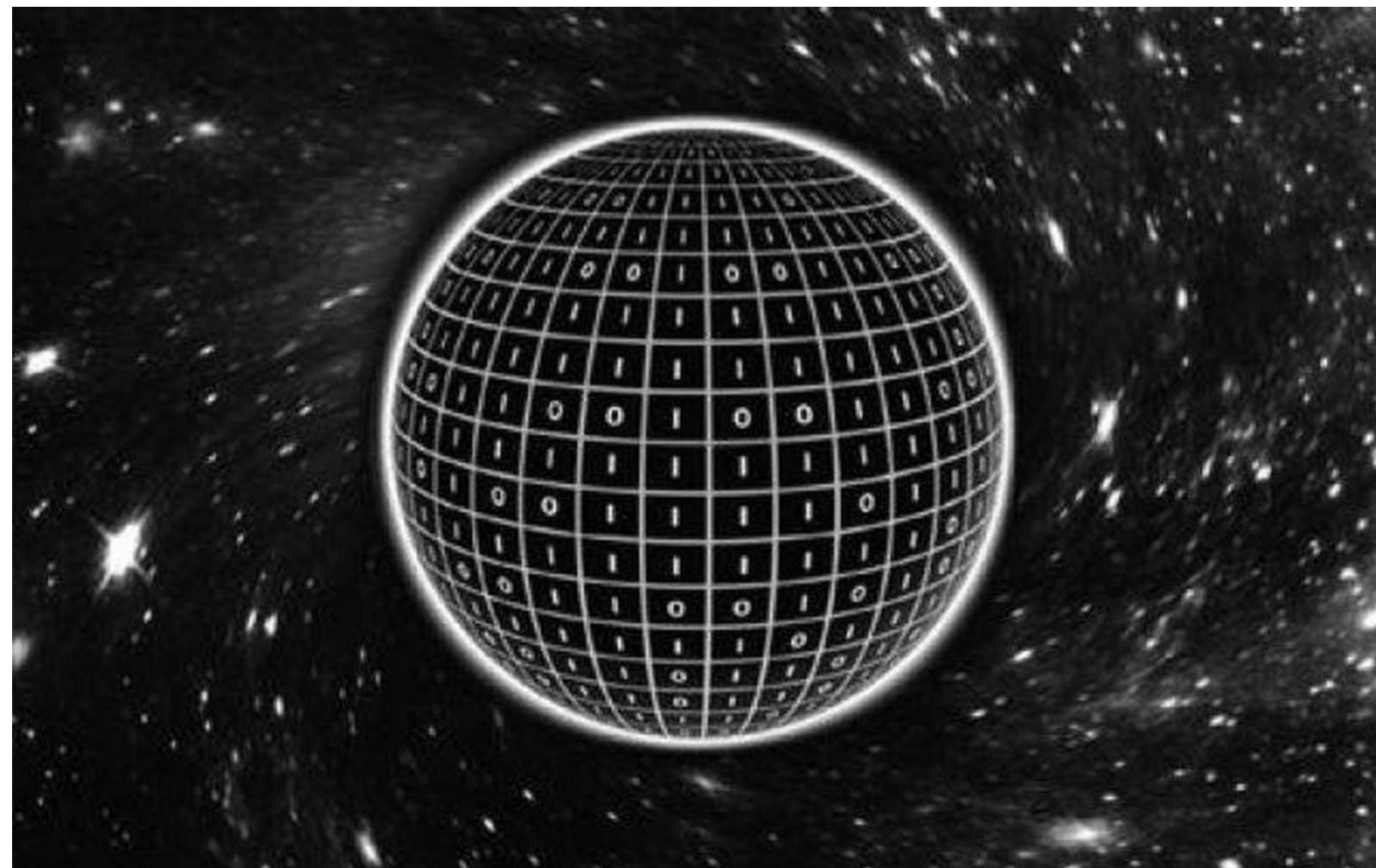
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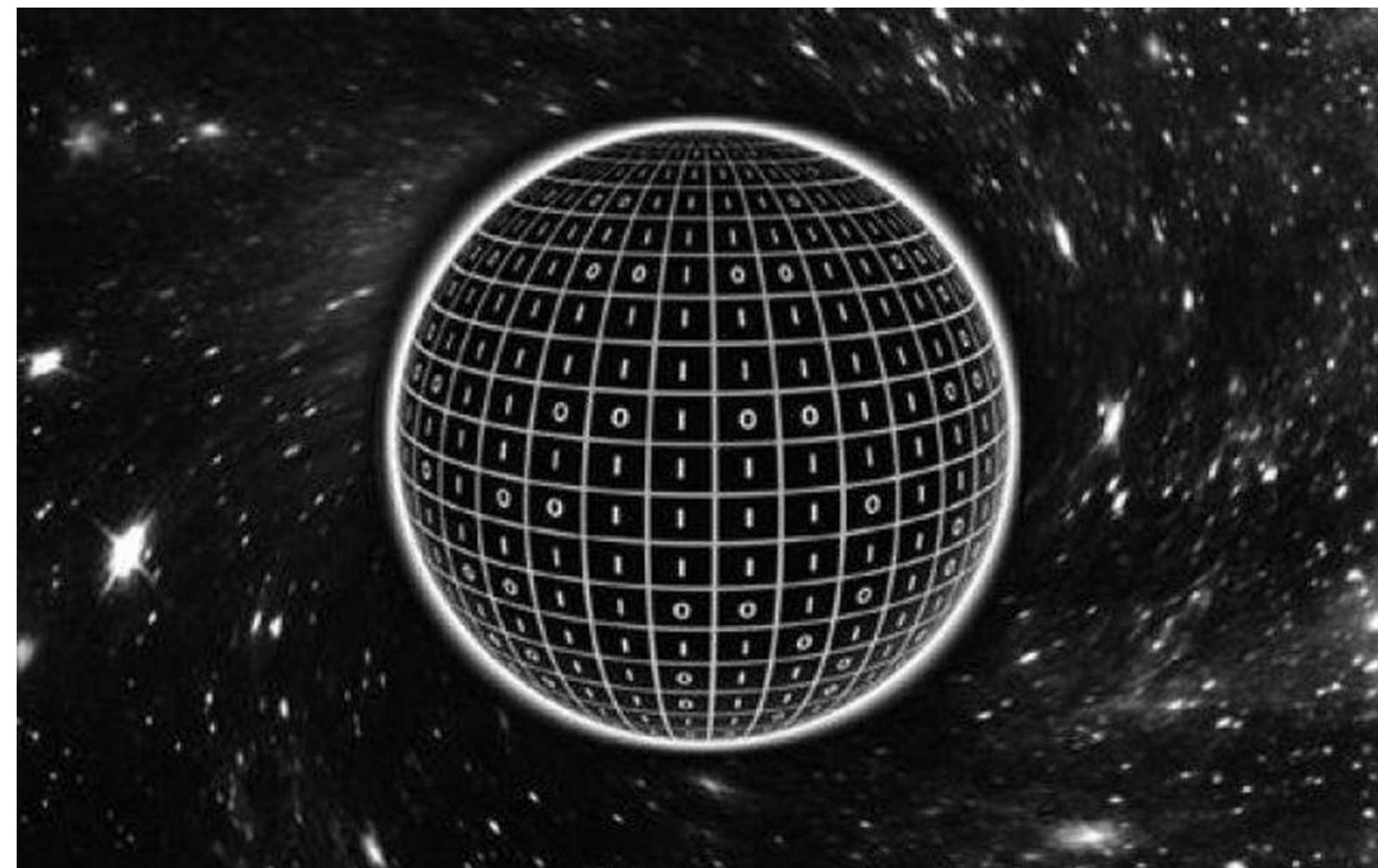
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# Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

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

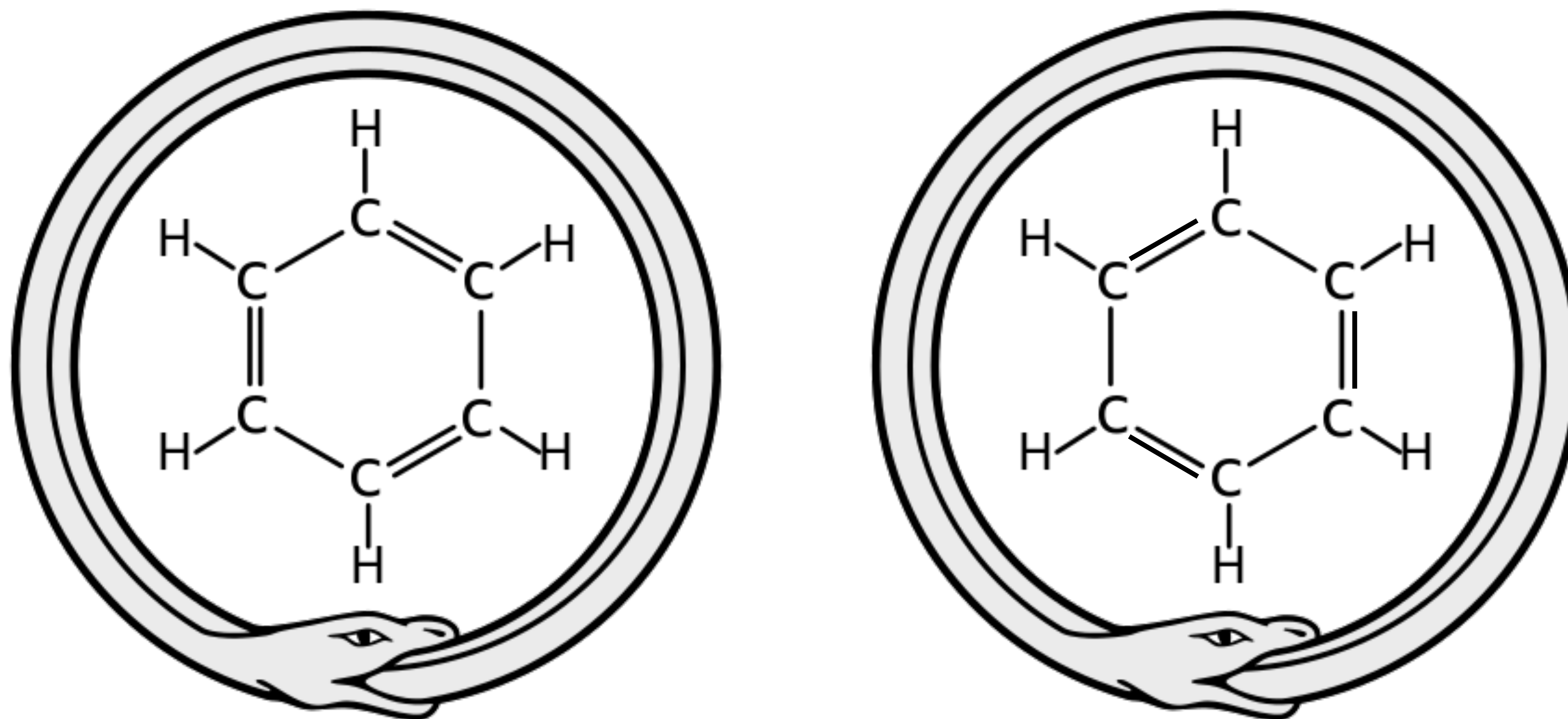
leading to a metal with no particle-like excitations



August Kekule, theory of the benzene molecule, 1865

# Kekule's dream

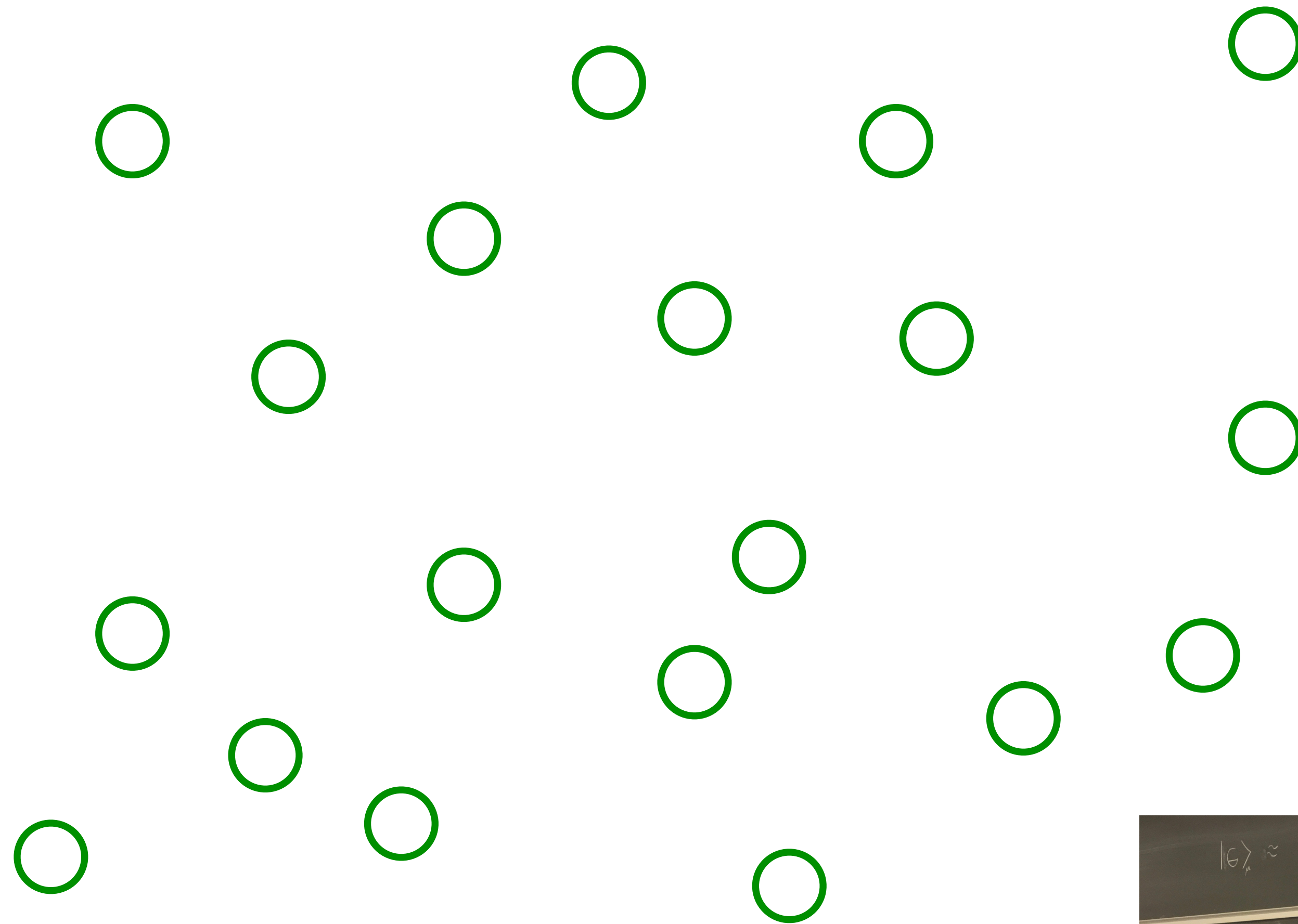
Kekulé spoke of the creation of the theory. He said that he had discovered the ring shape of the benzene molecule after having a reverie or day-dream of a snake seizing its own tail\*



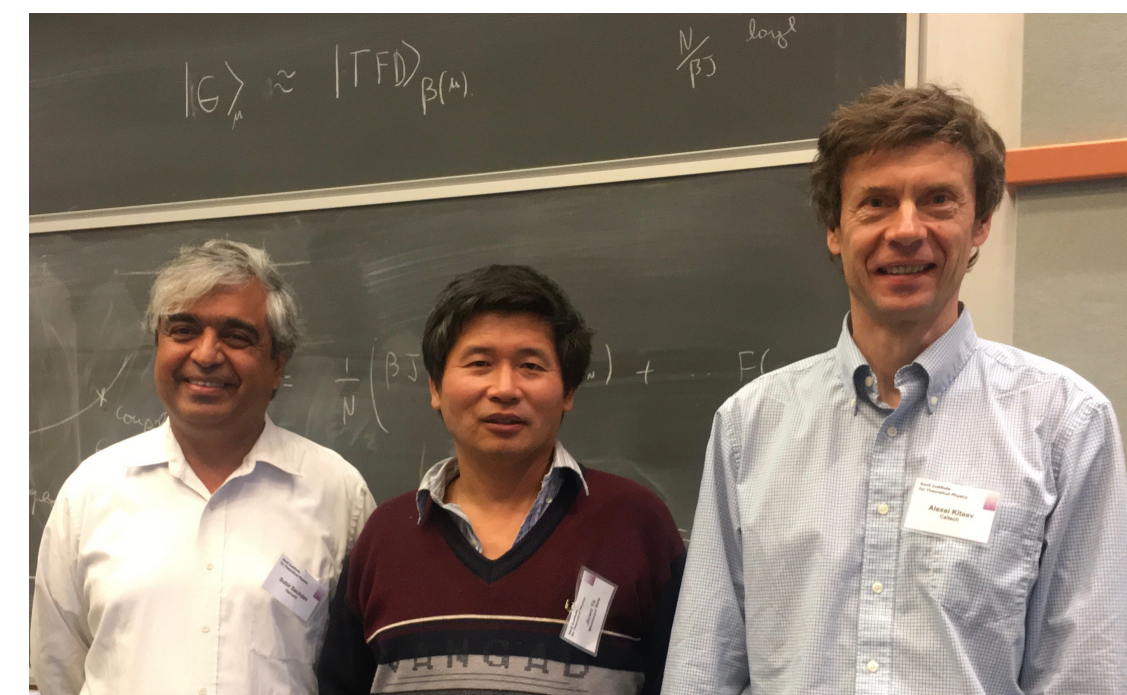


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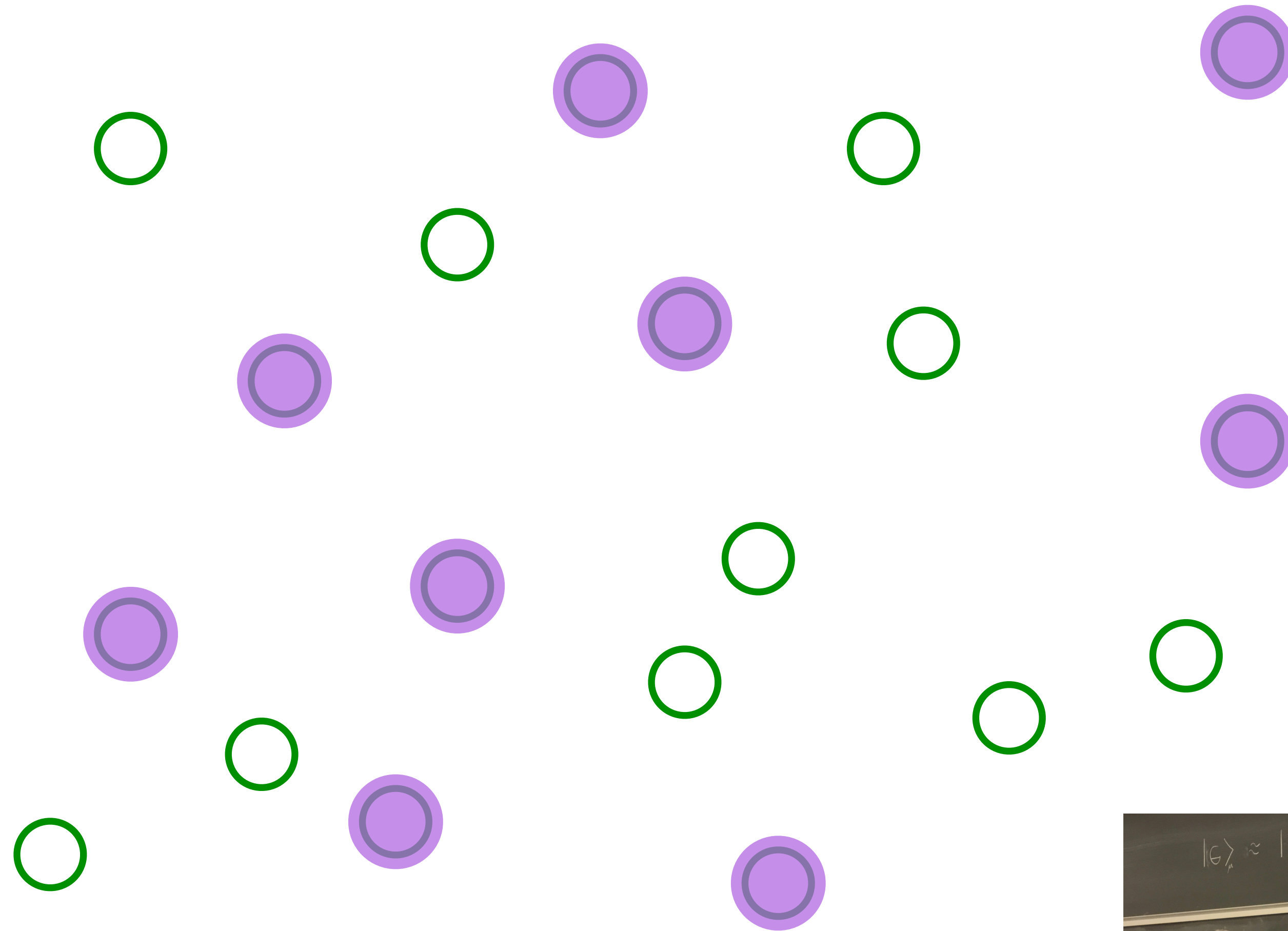


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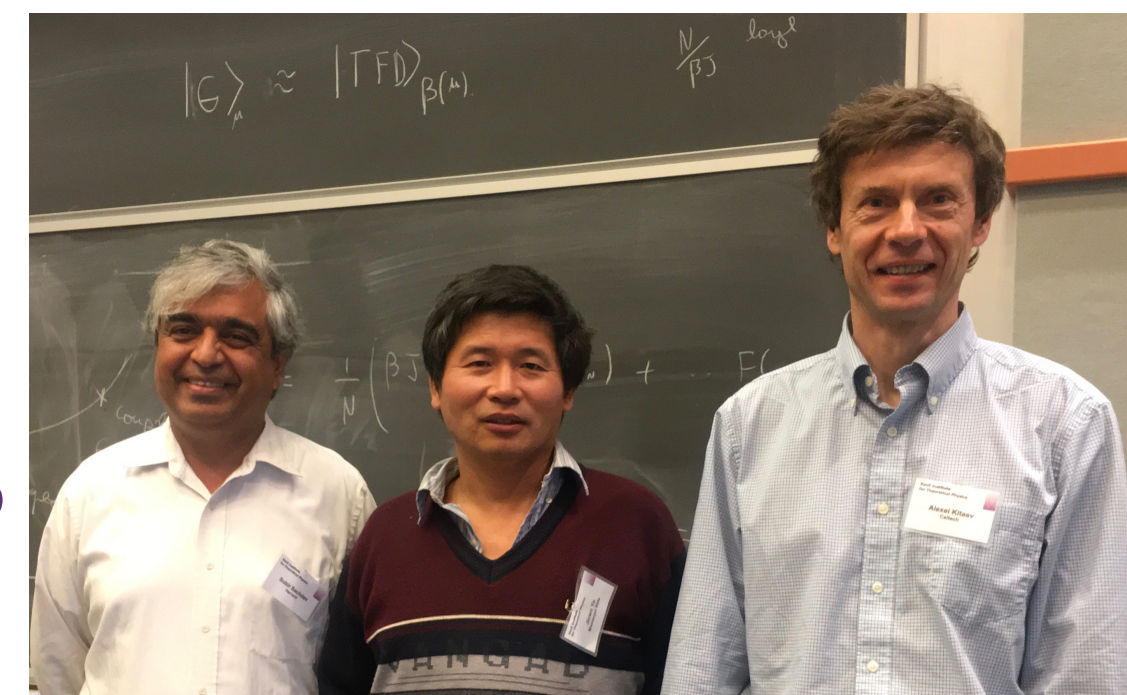


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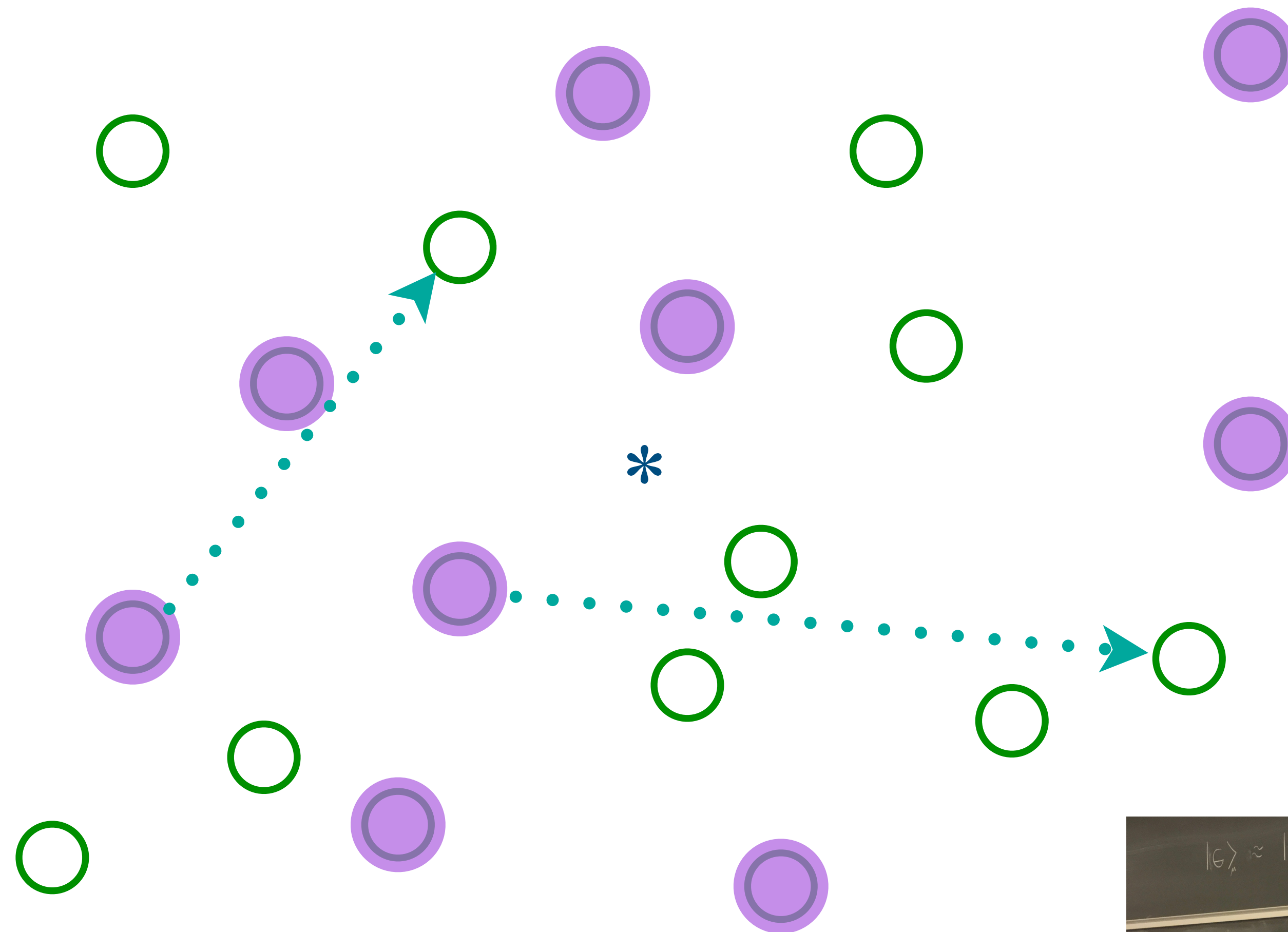


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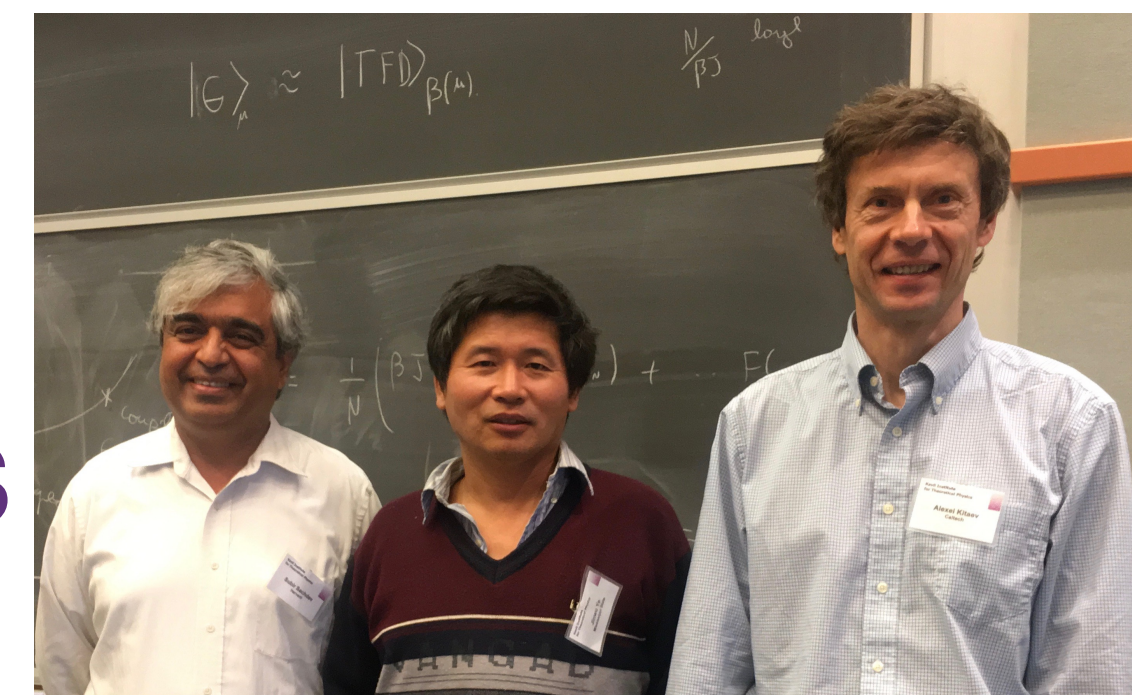


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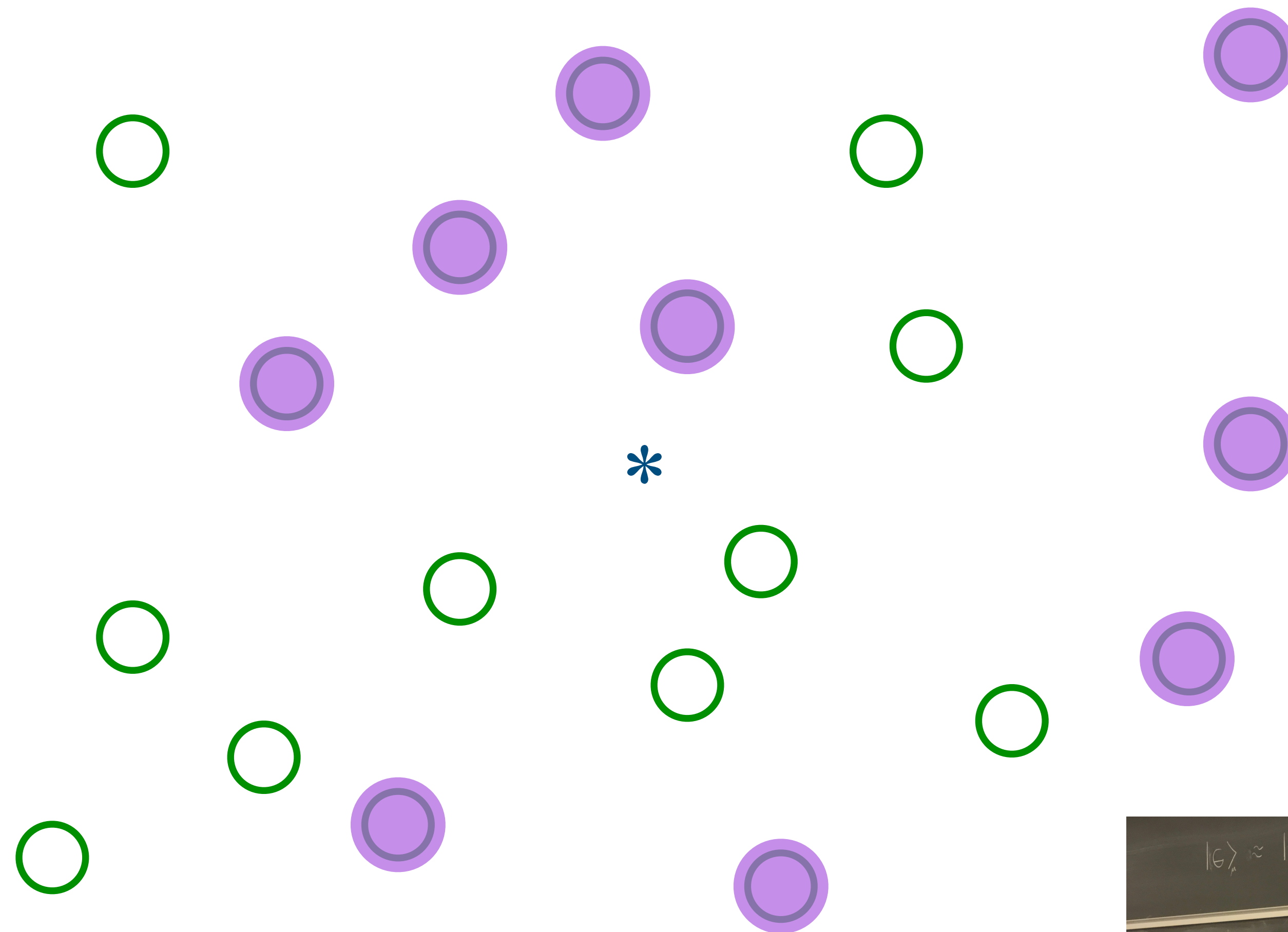


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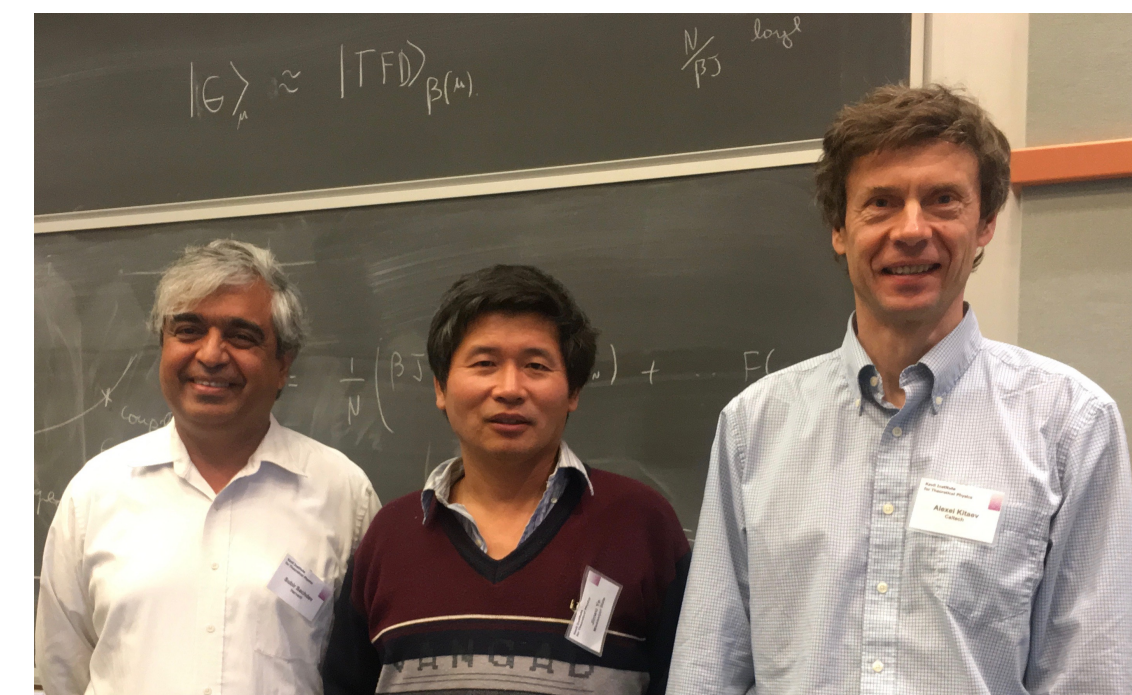


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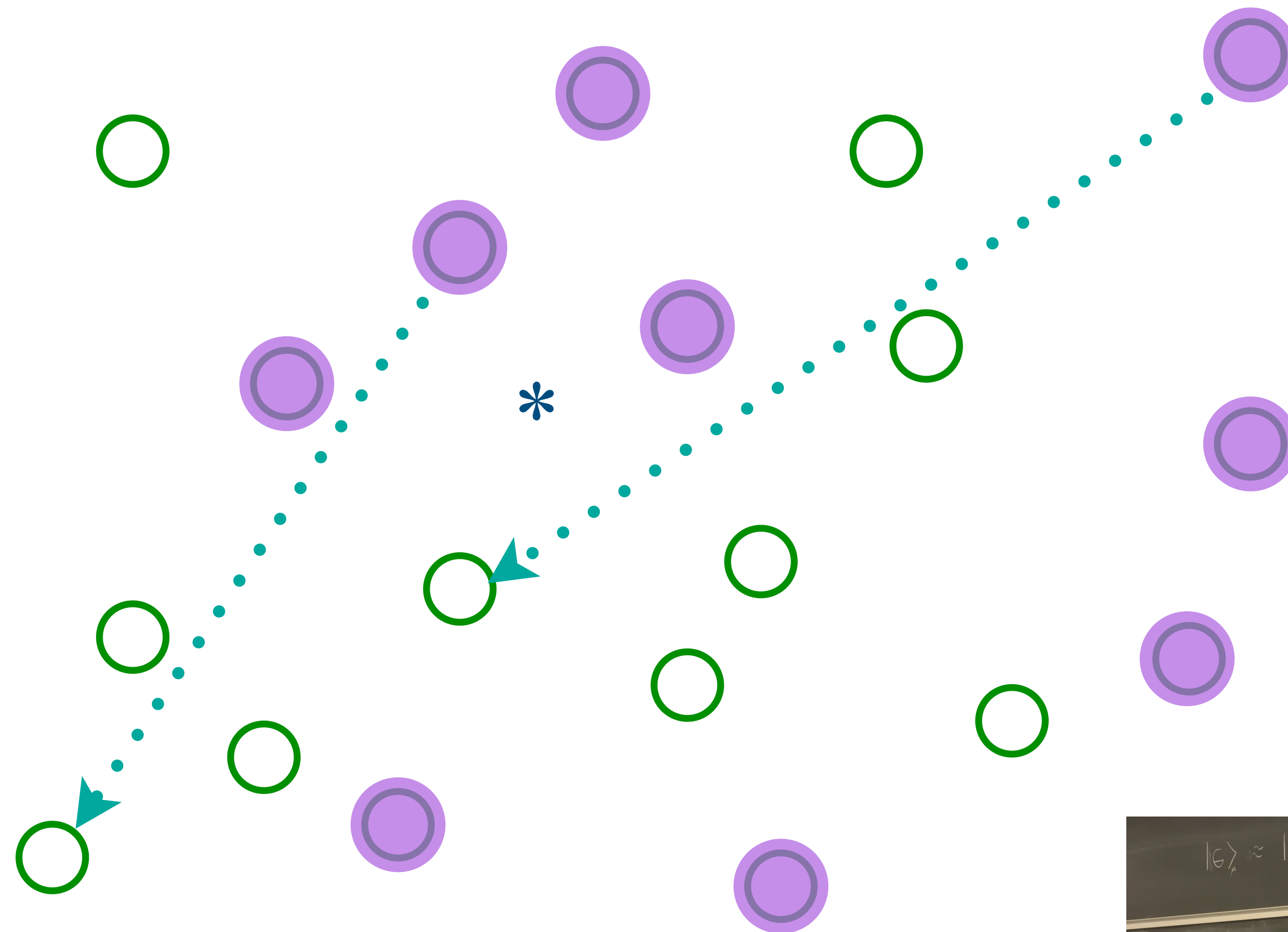


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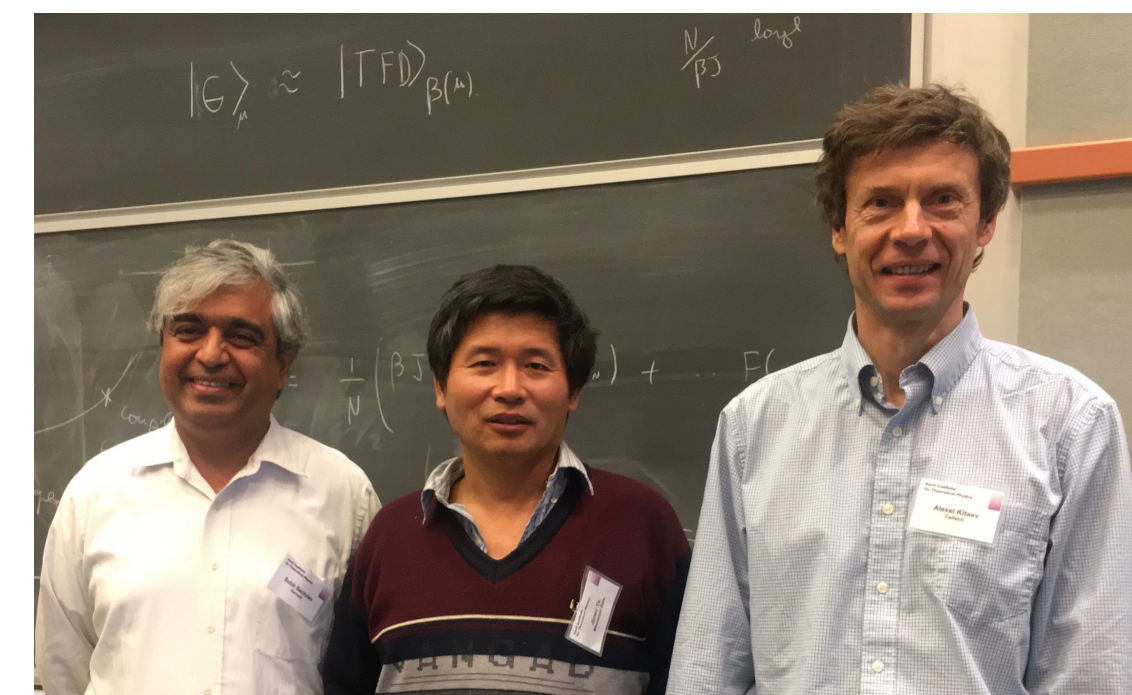


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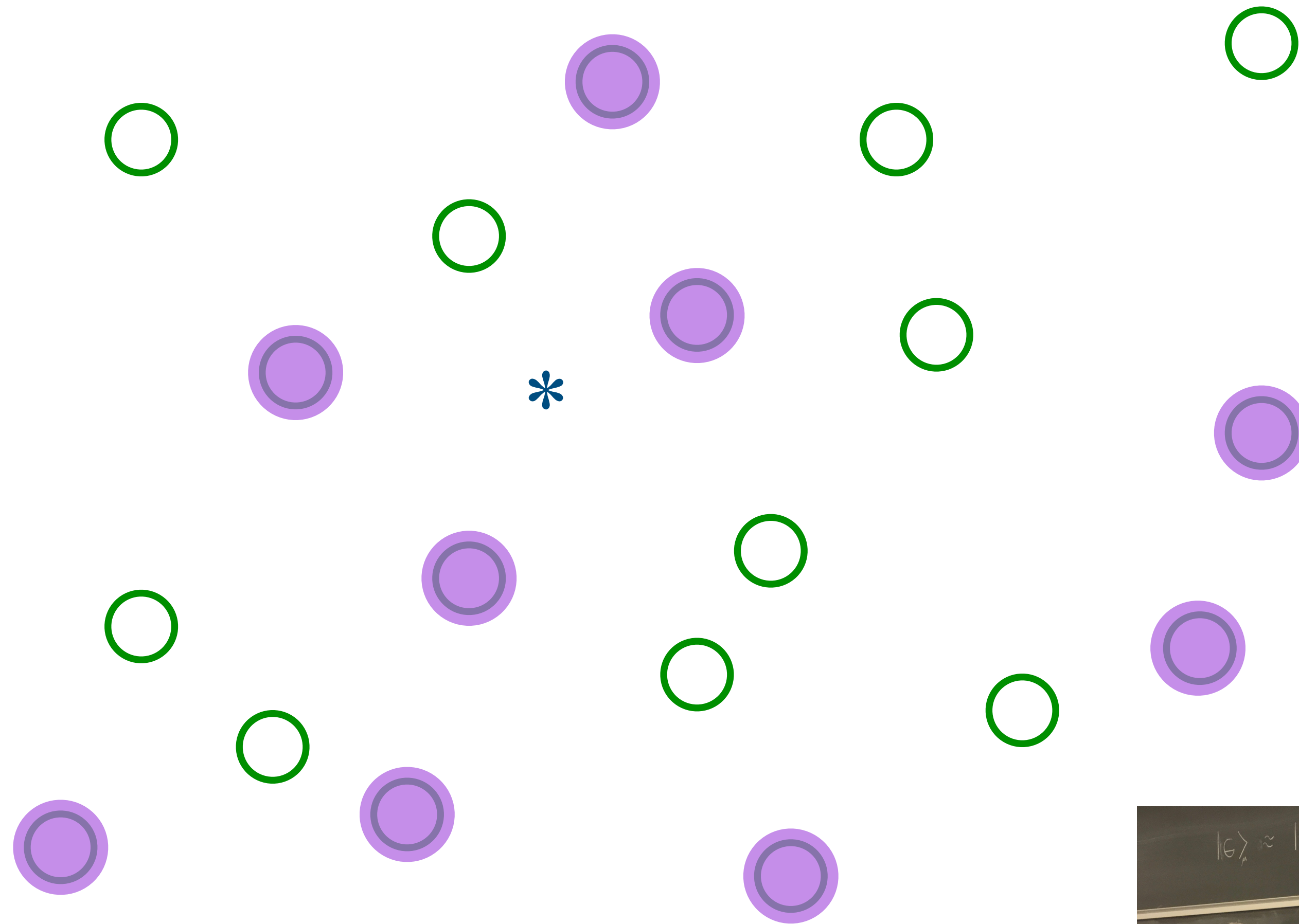


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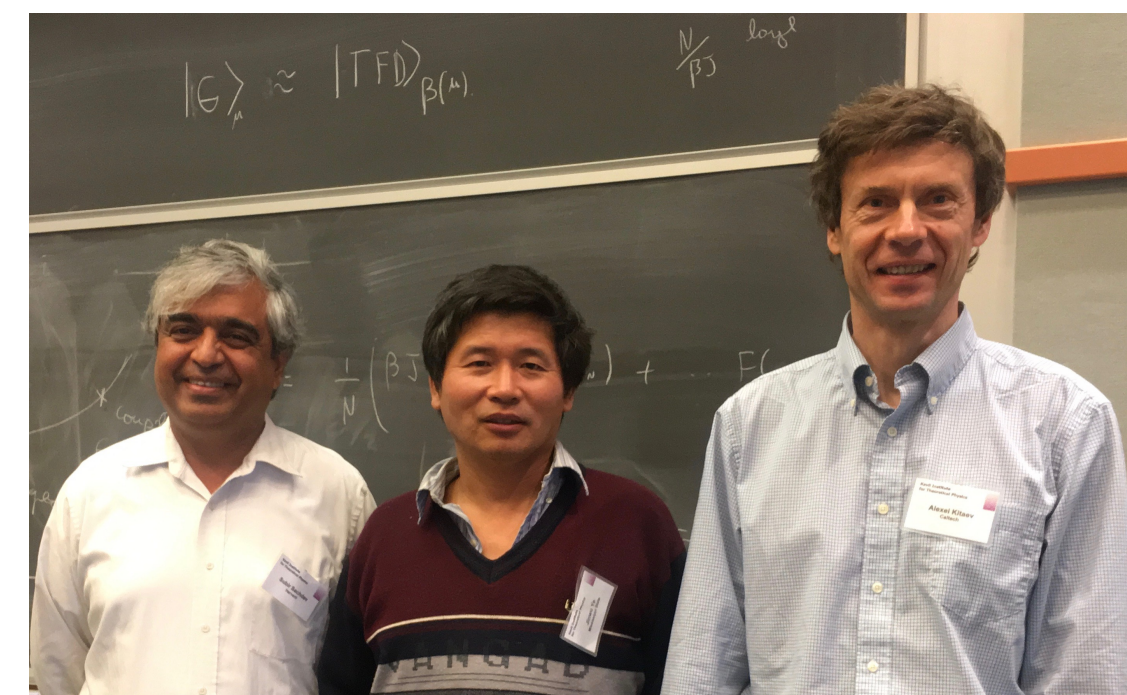


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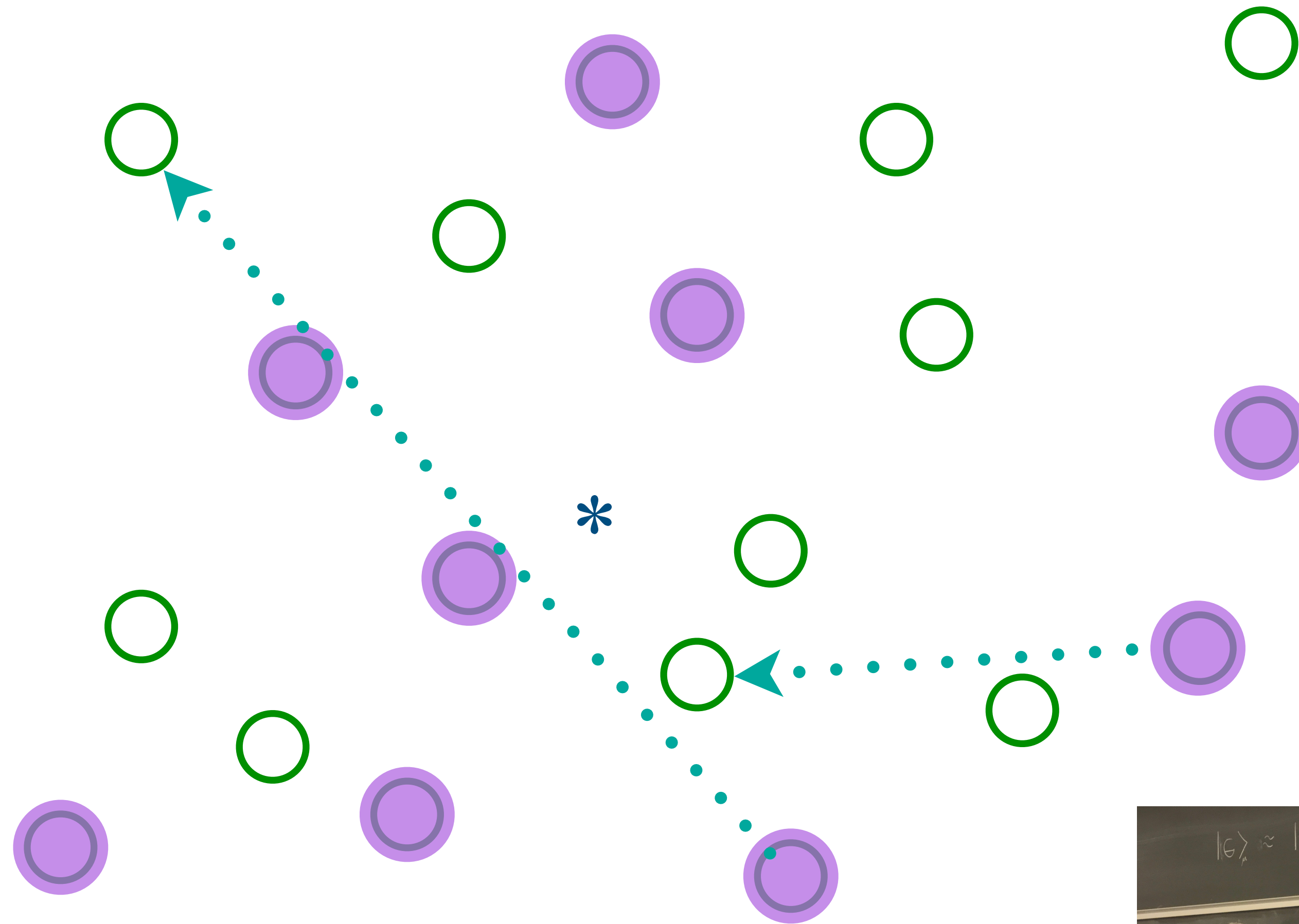


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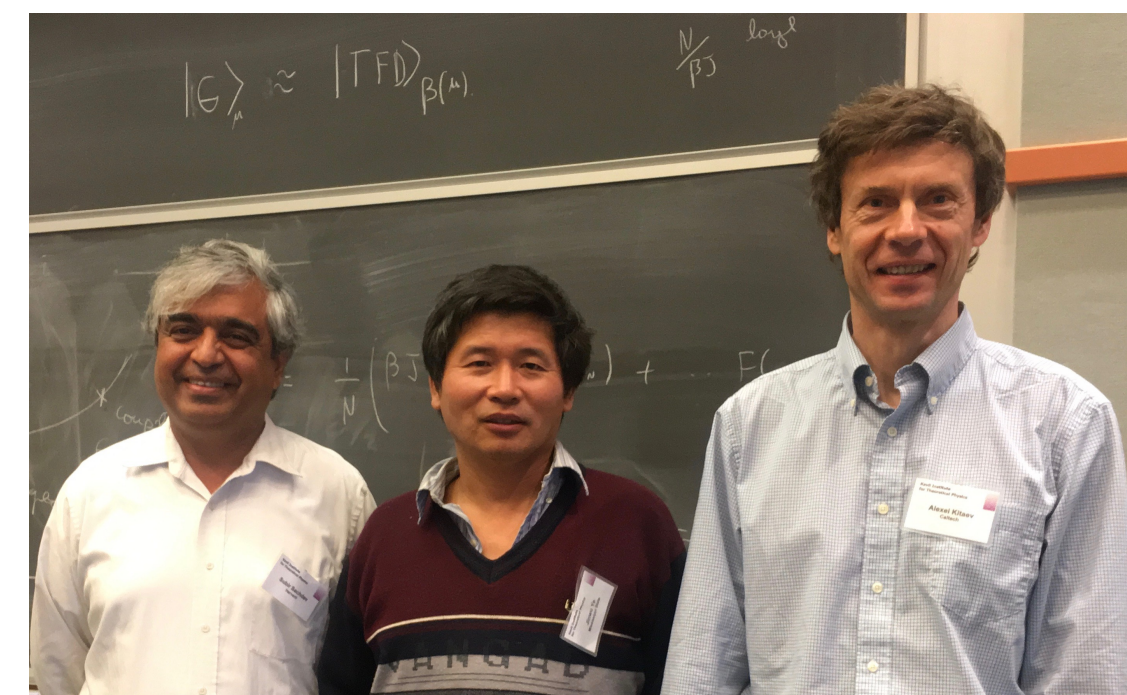


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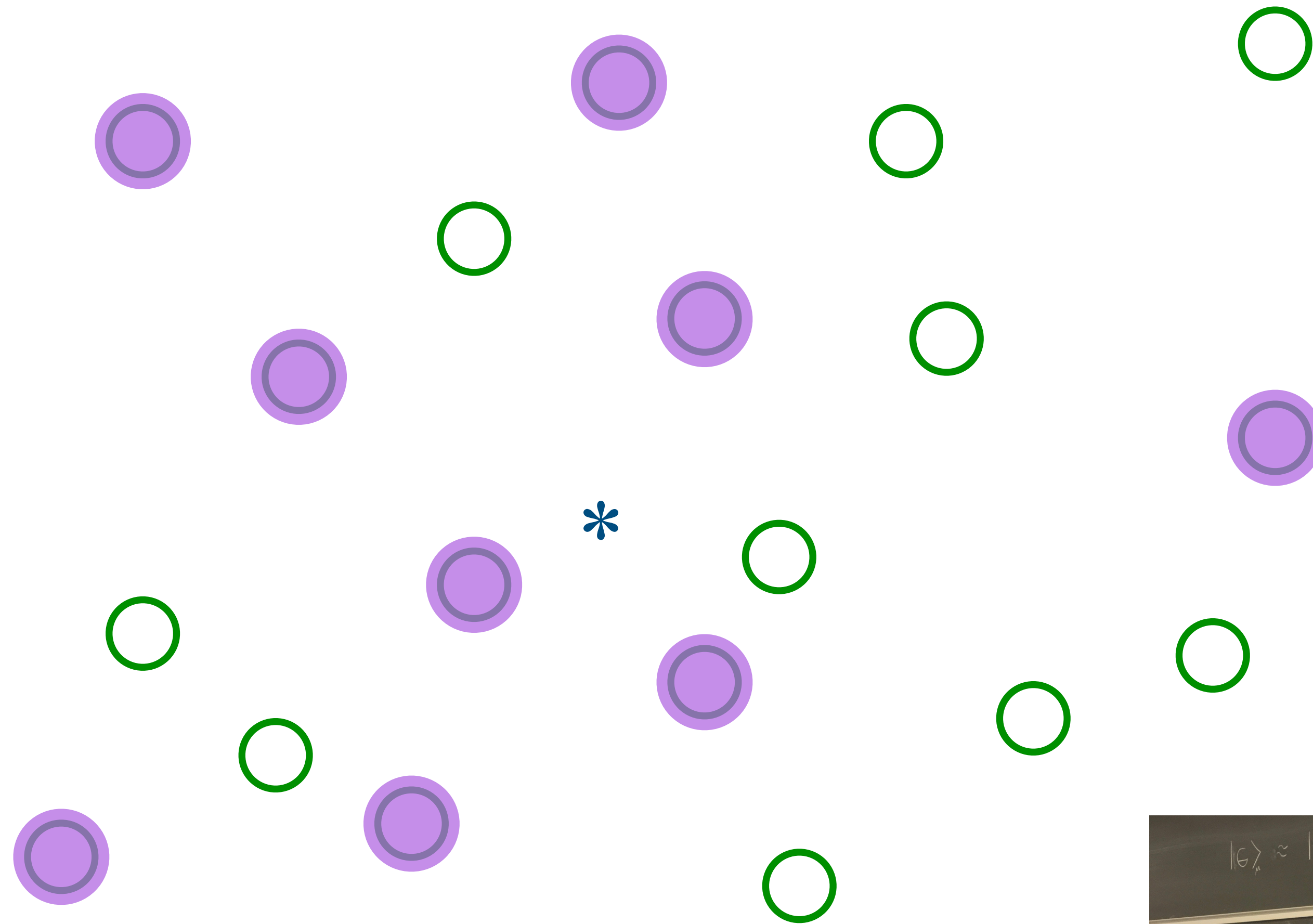


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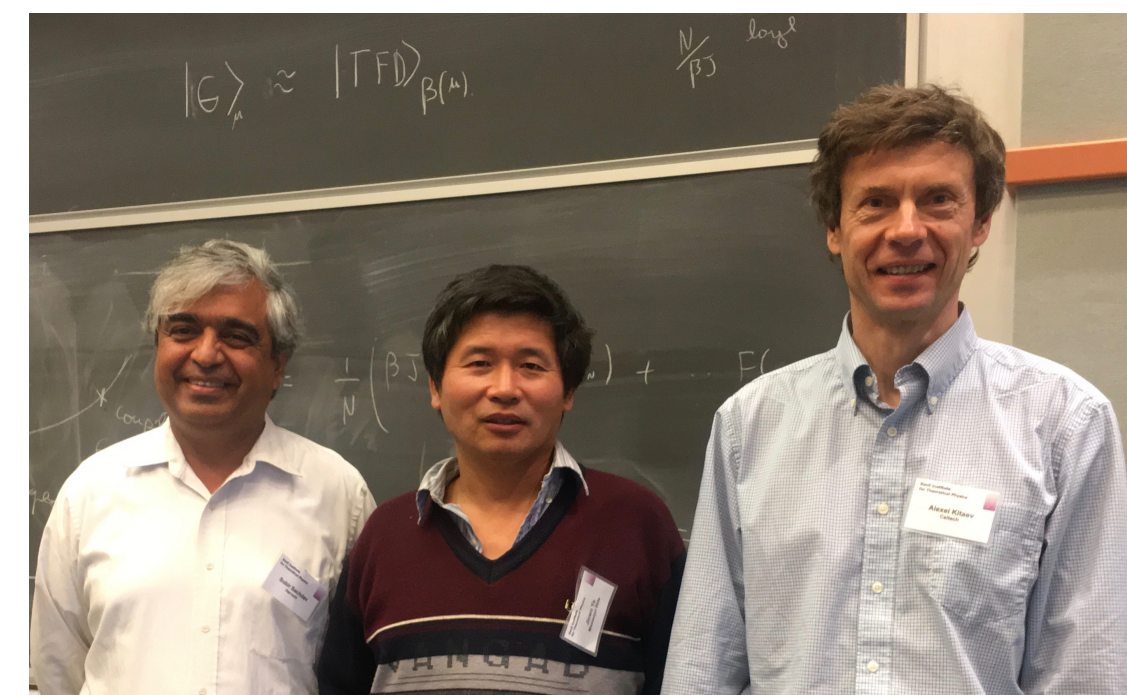


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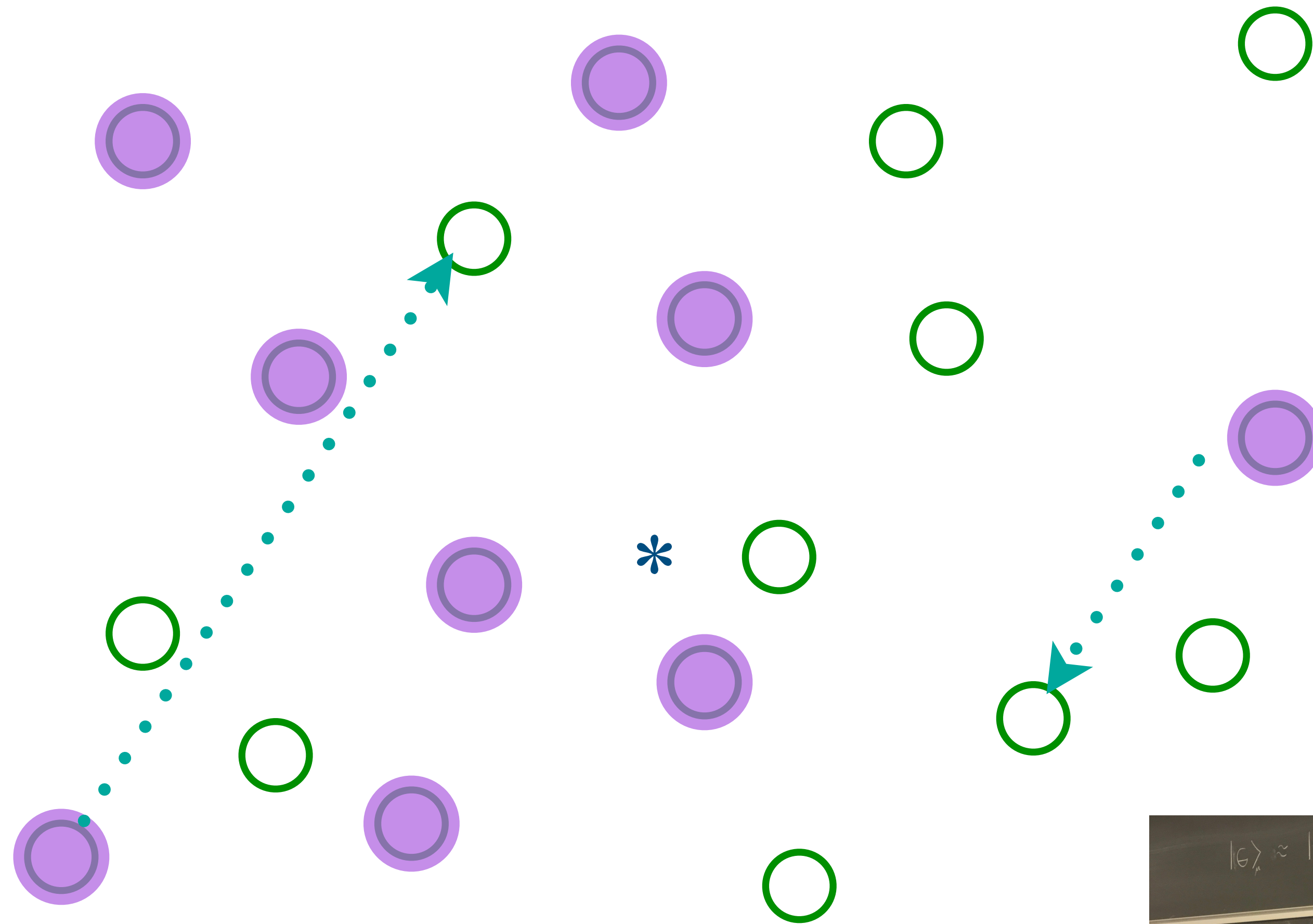


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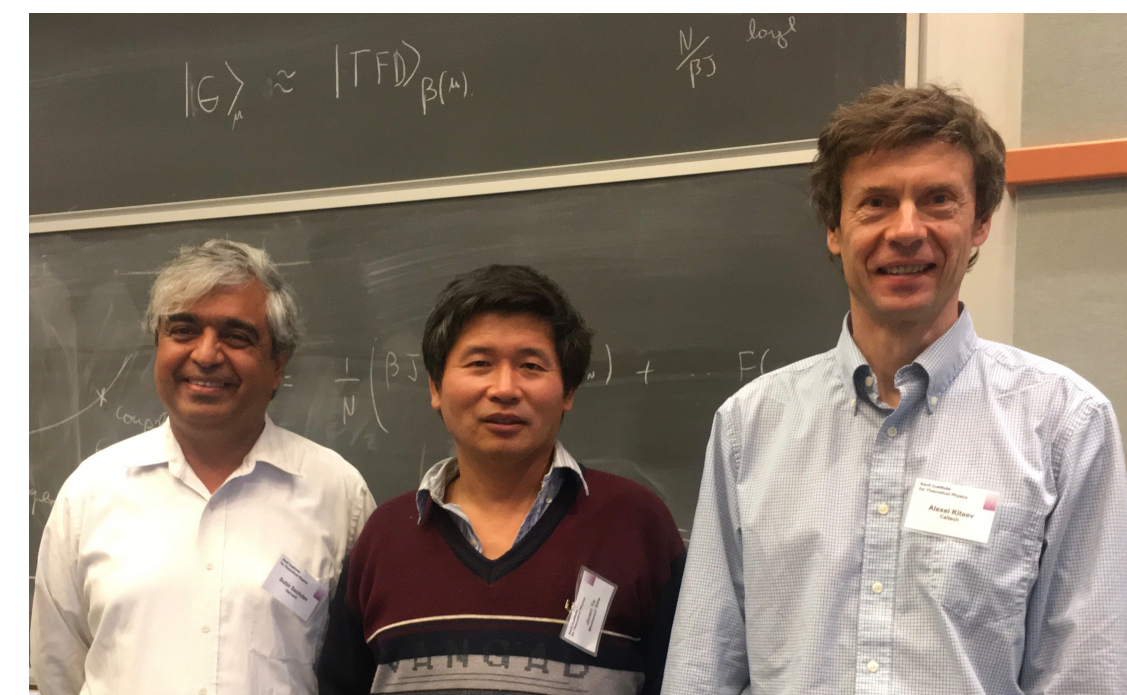


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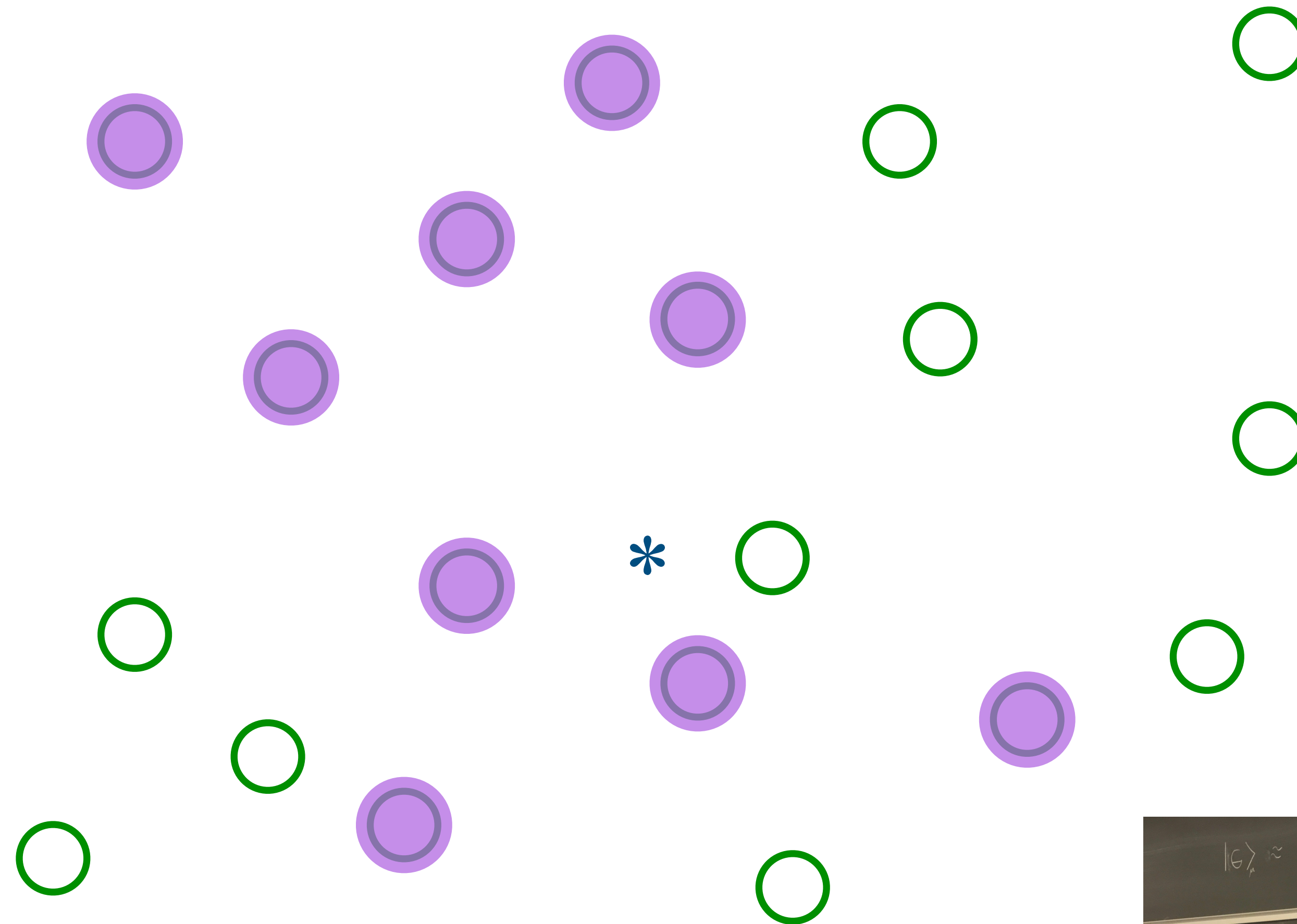


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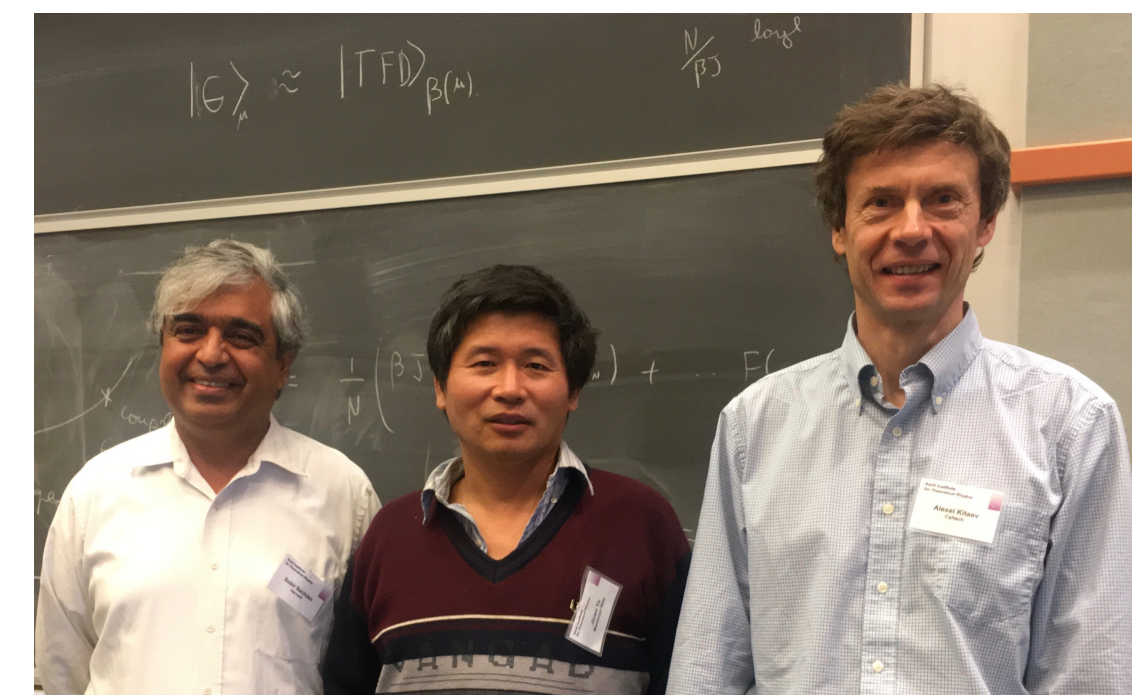


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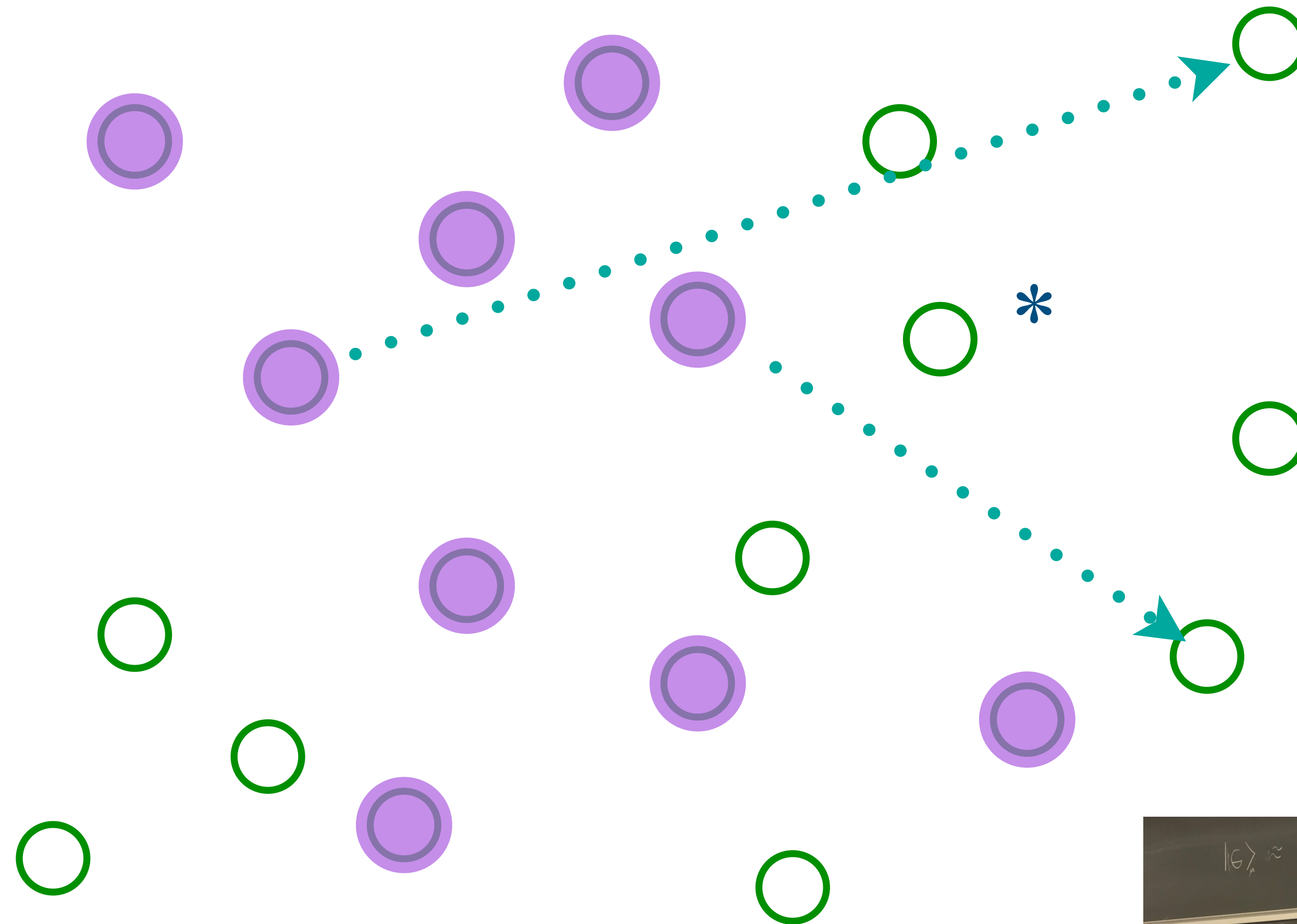


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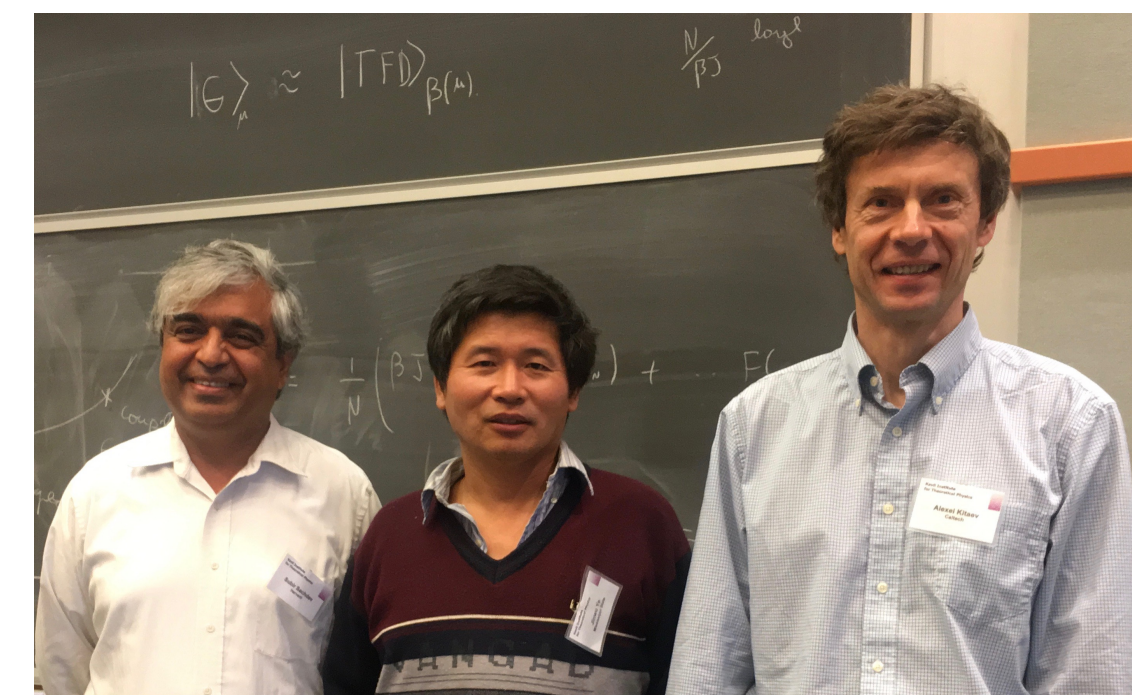


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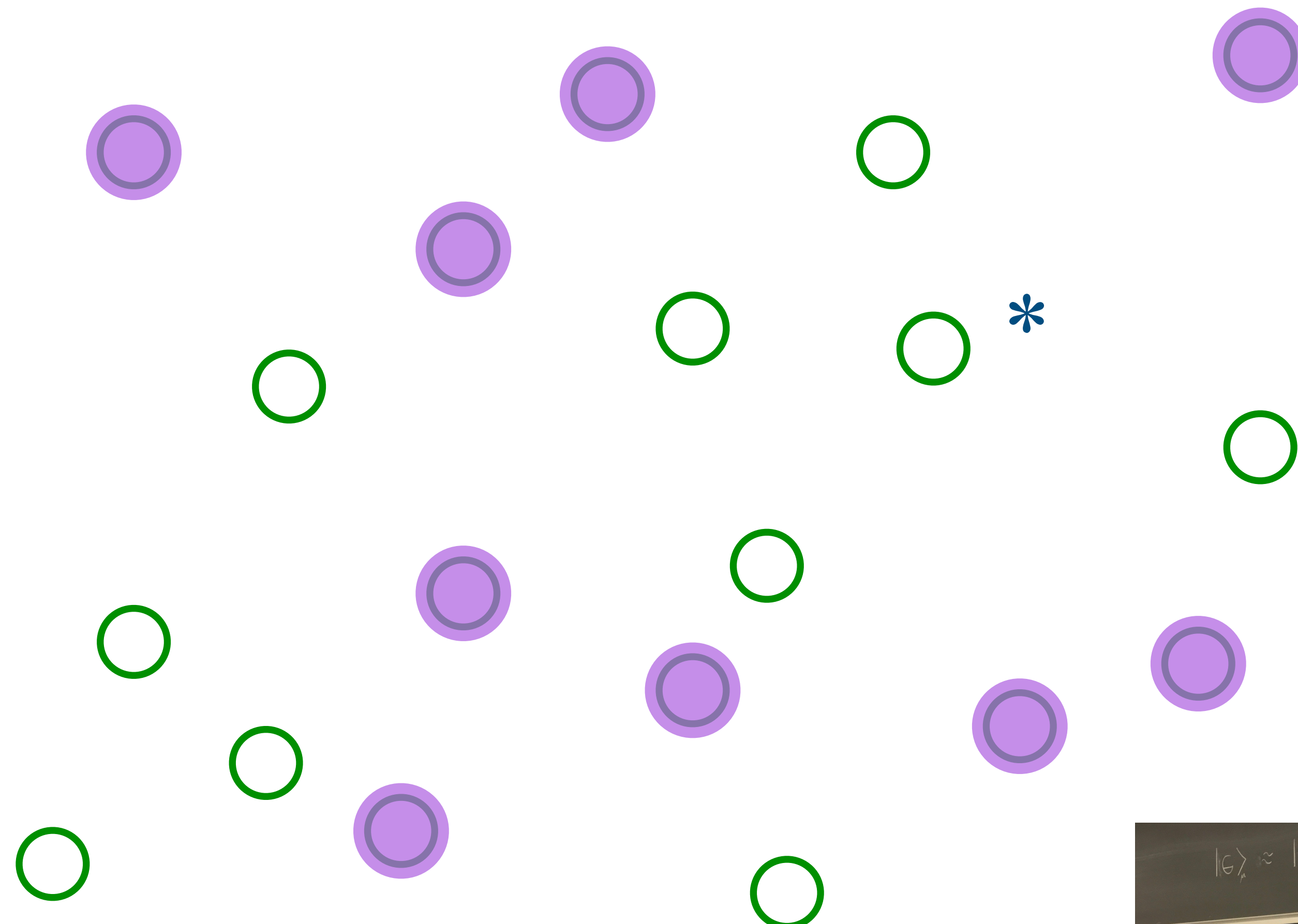


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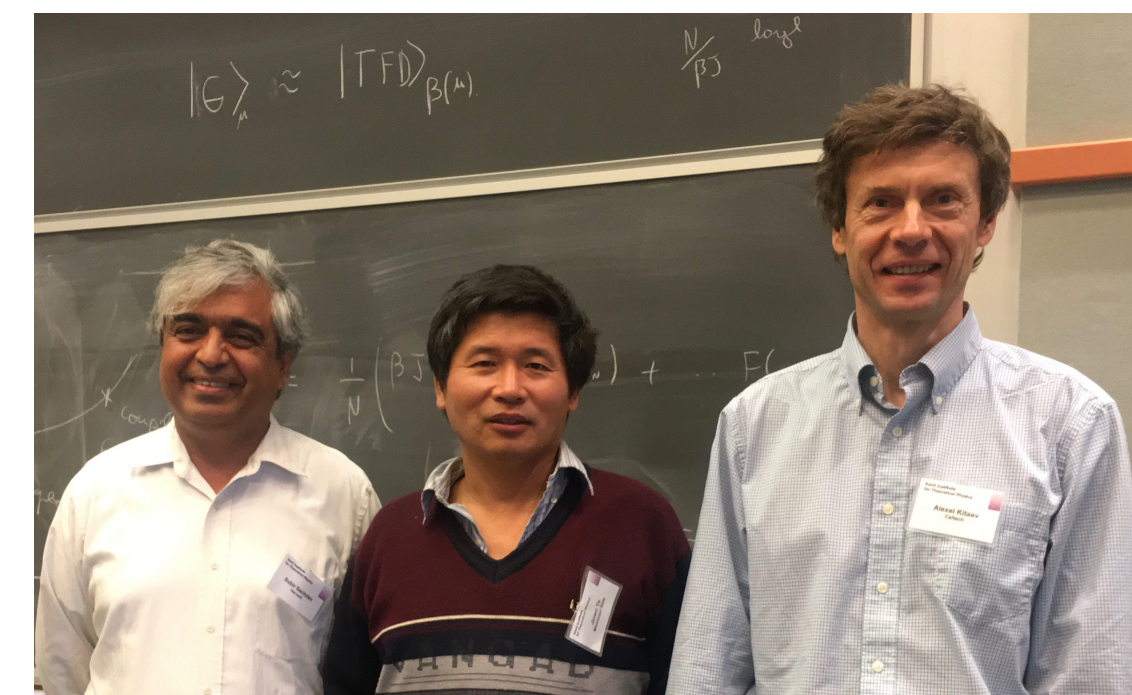


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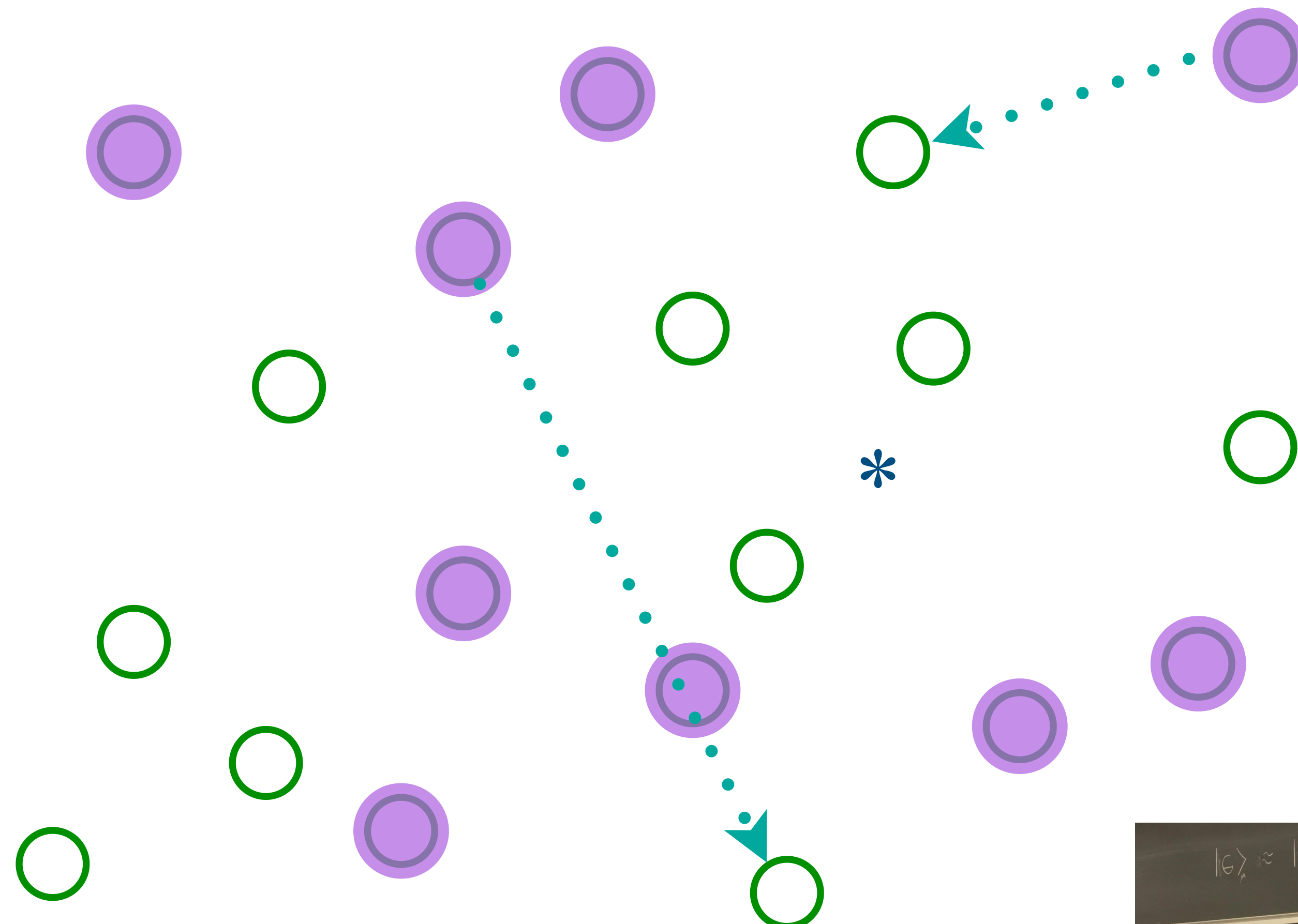


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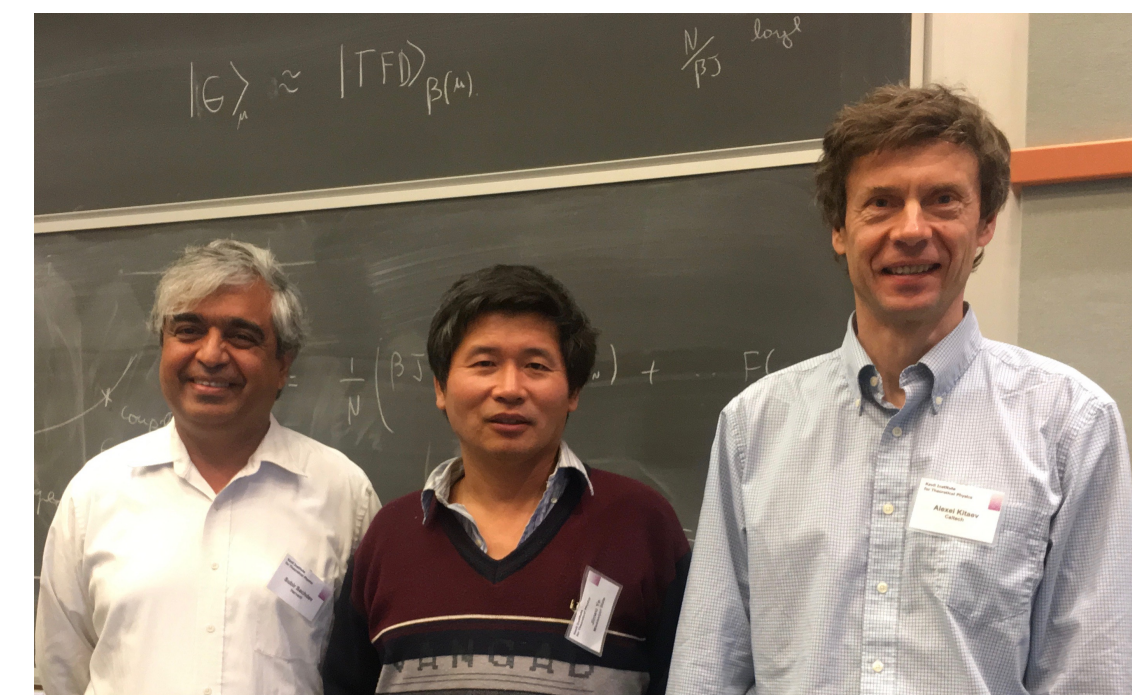


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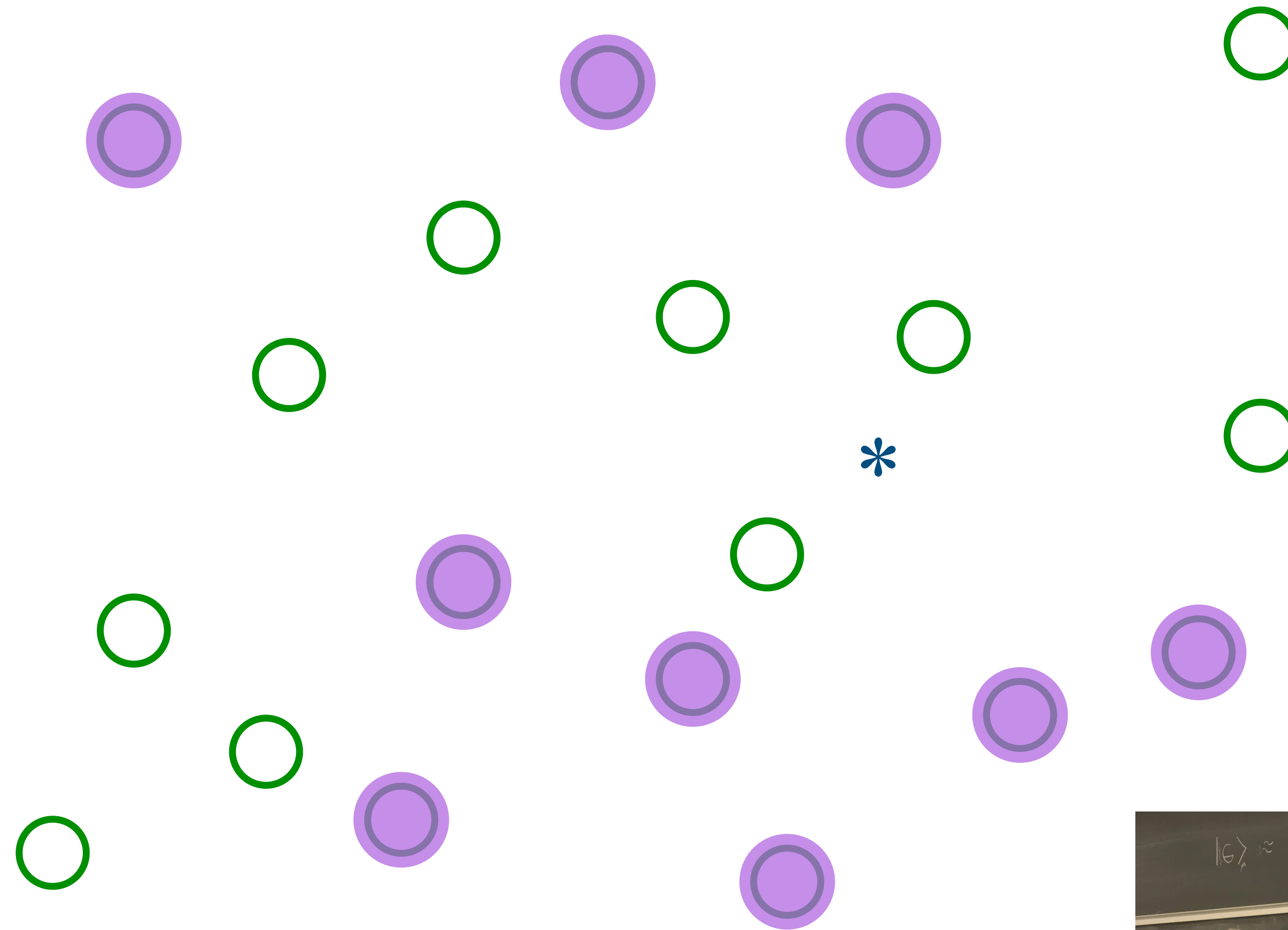


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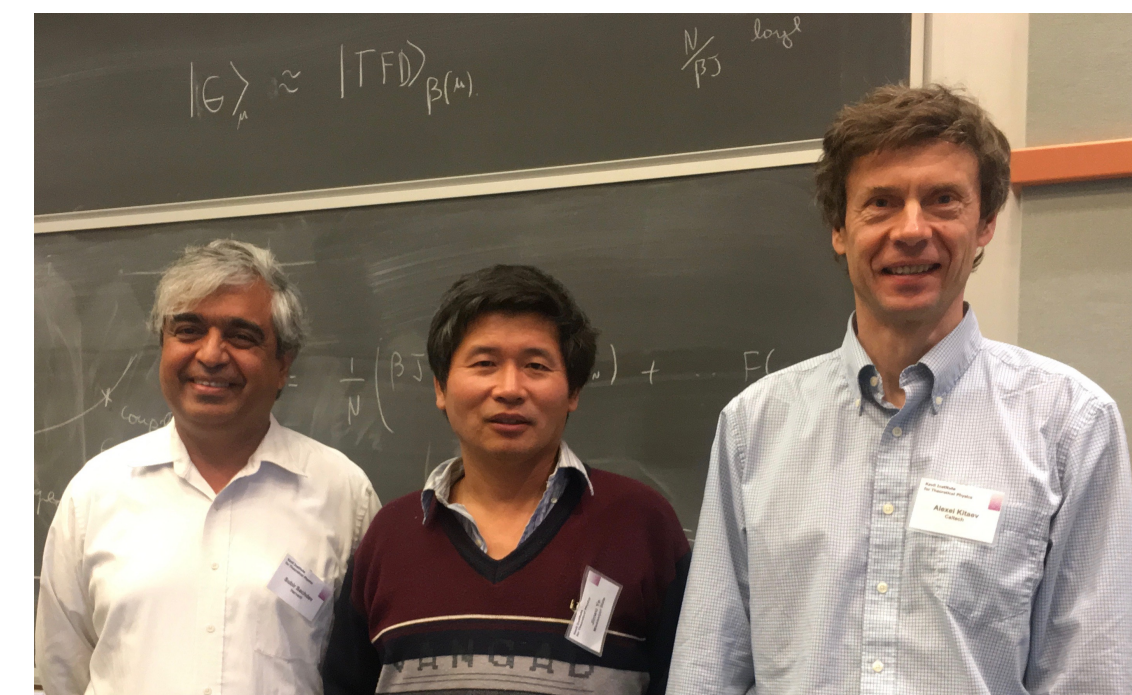


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# The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

(See also: the “2-Body Random Ensemble” in nuclear physics; did not obtain the large  $N$  limit;  
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$$H = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta=1}^N U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\gamma} c_{\delta} - \mu \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}$$

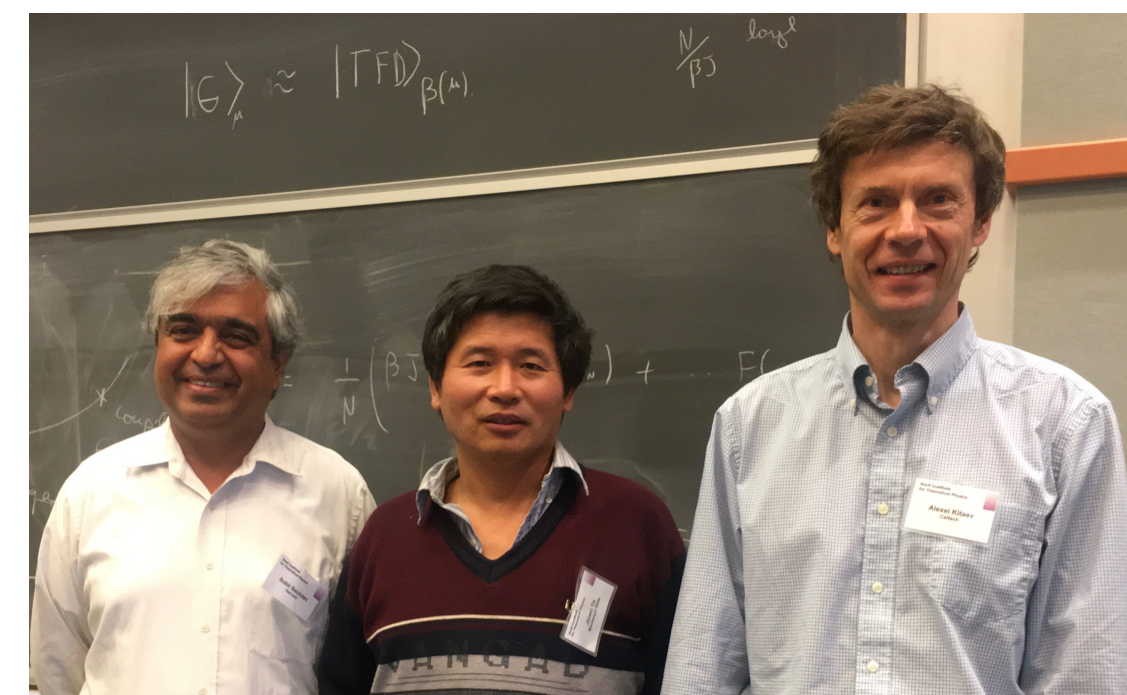
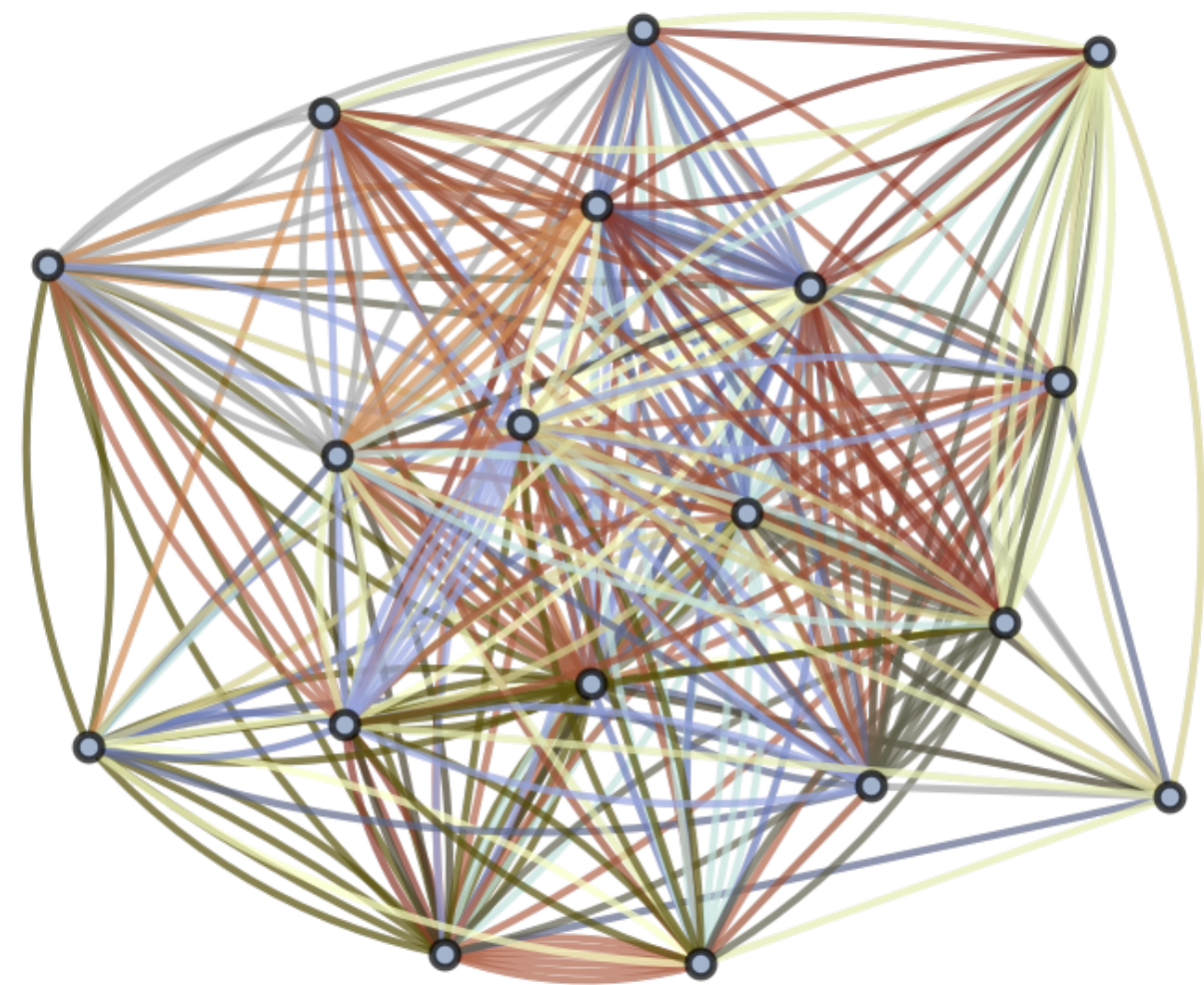
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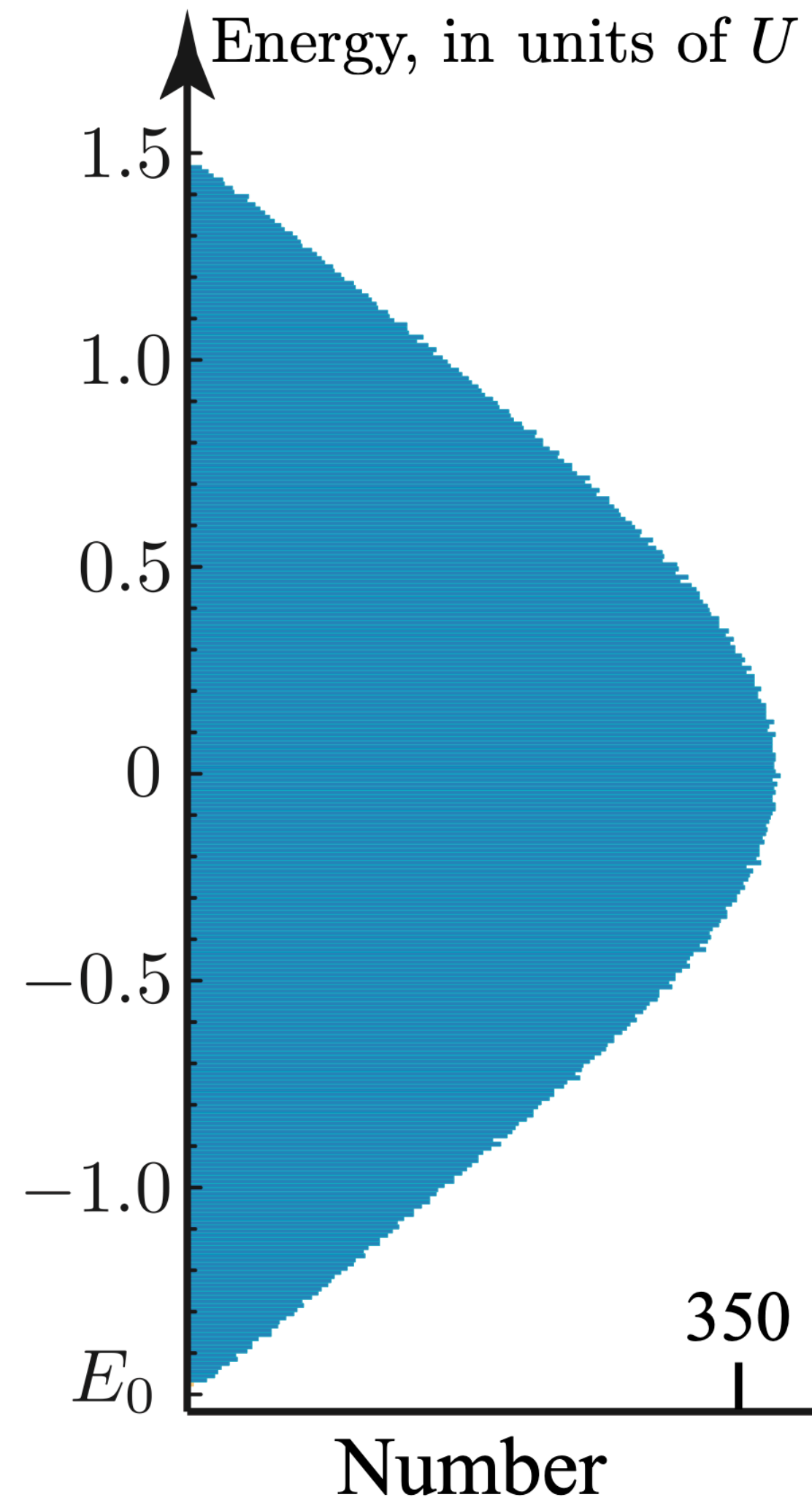
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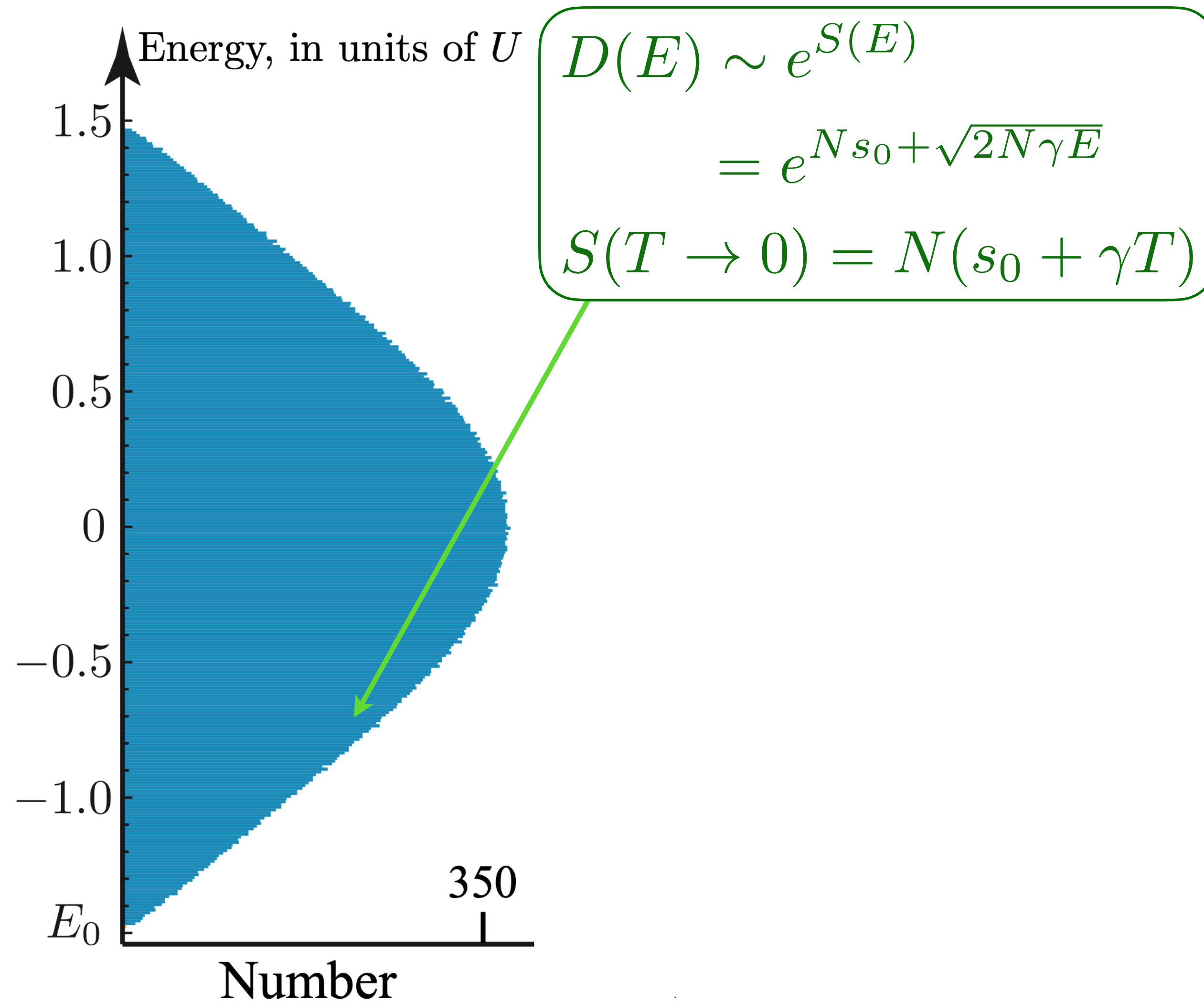
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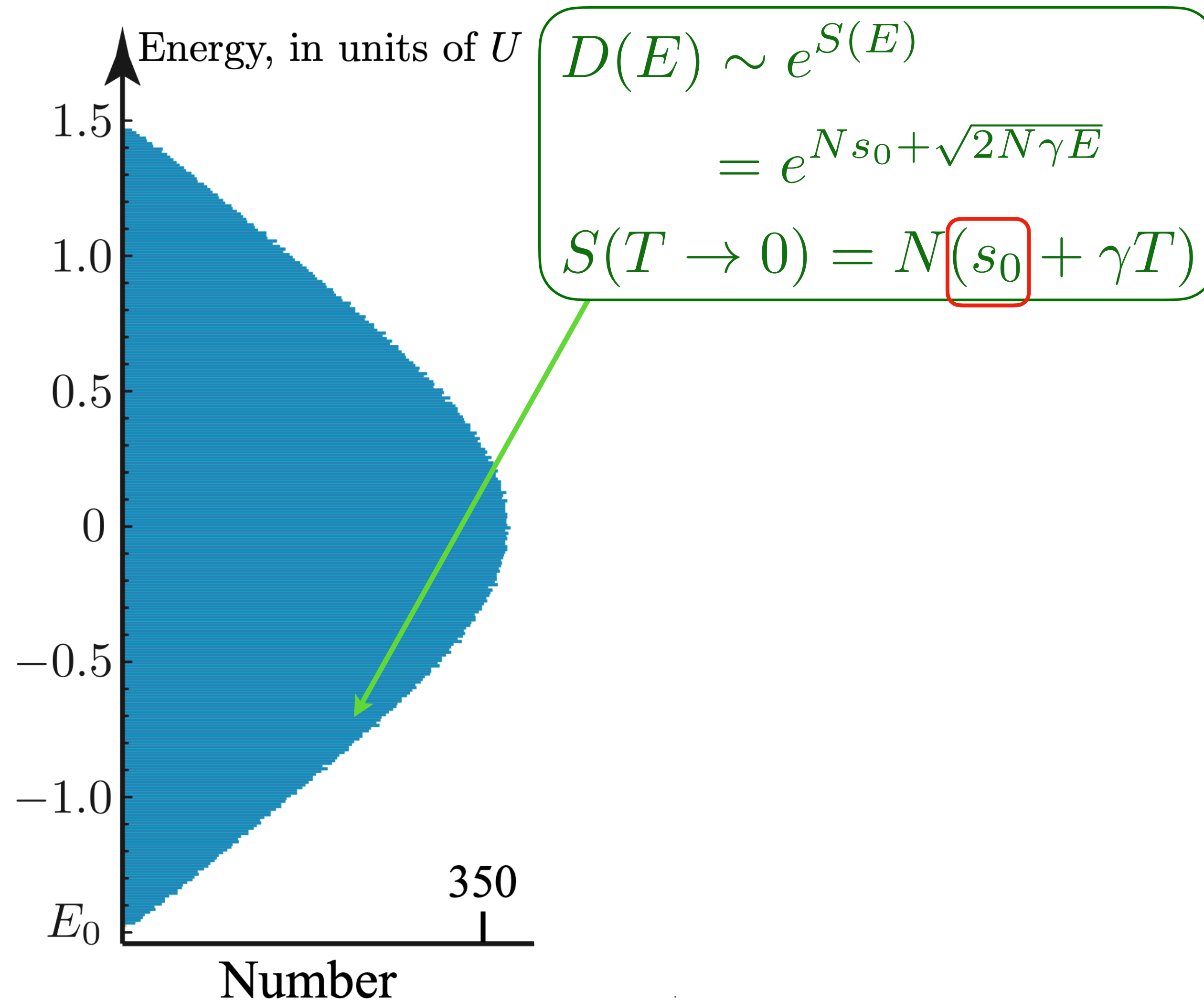
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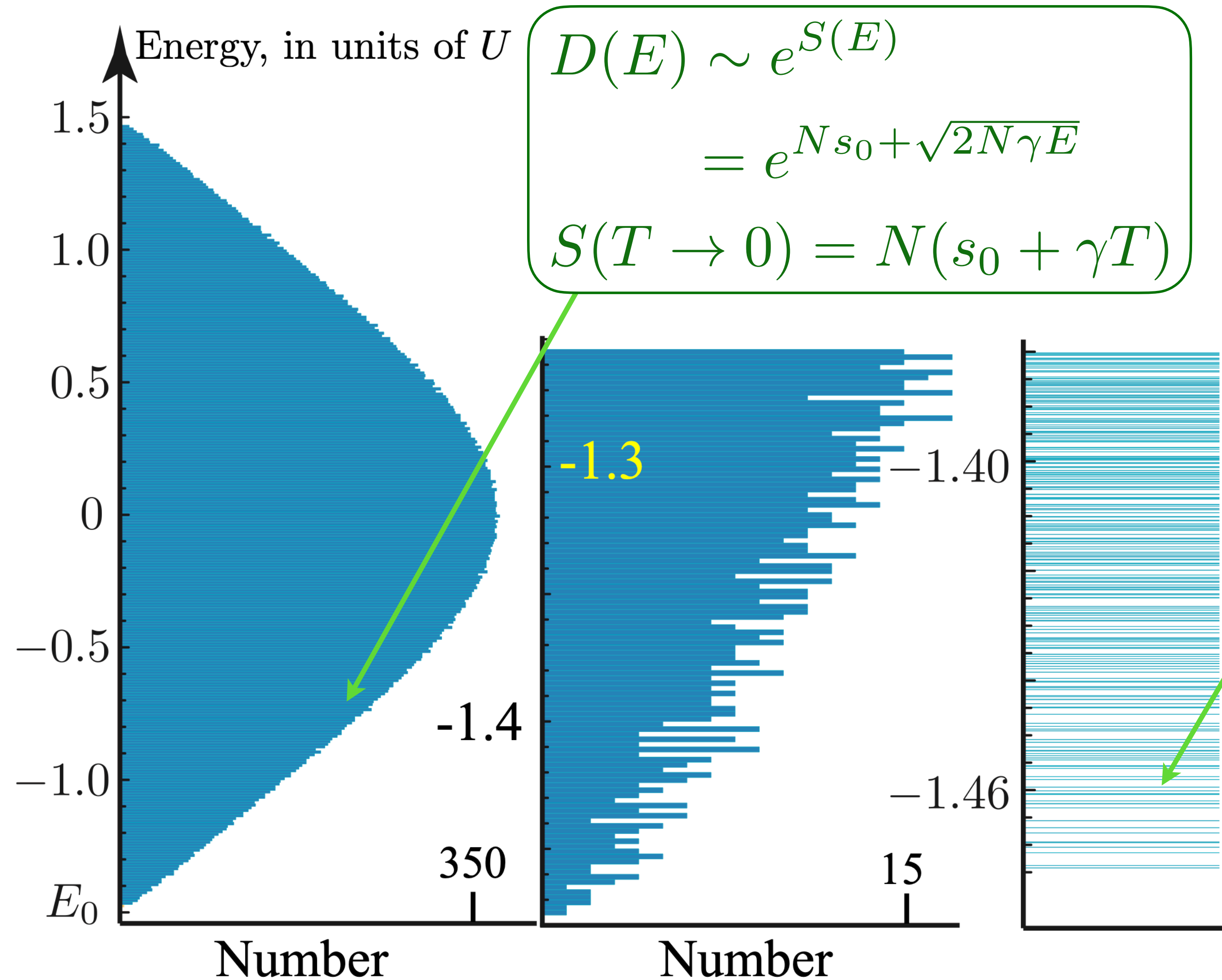
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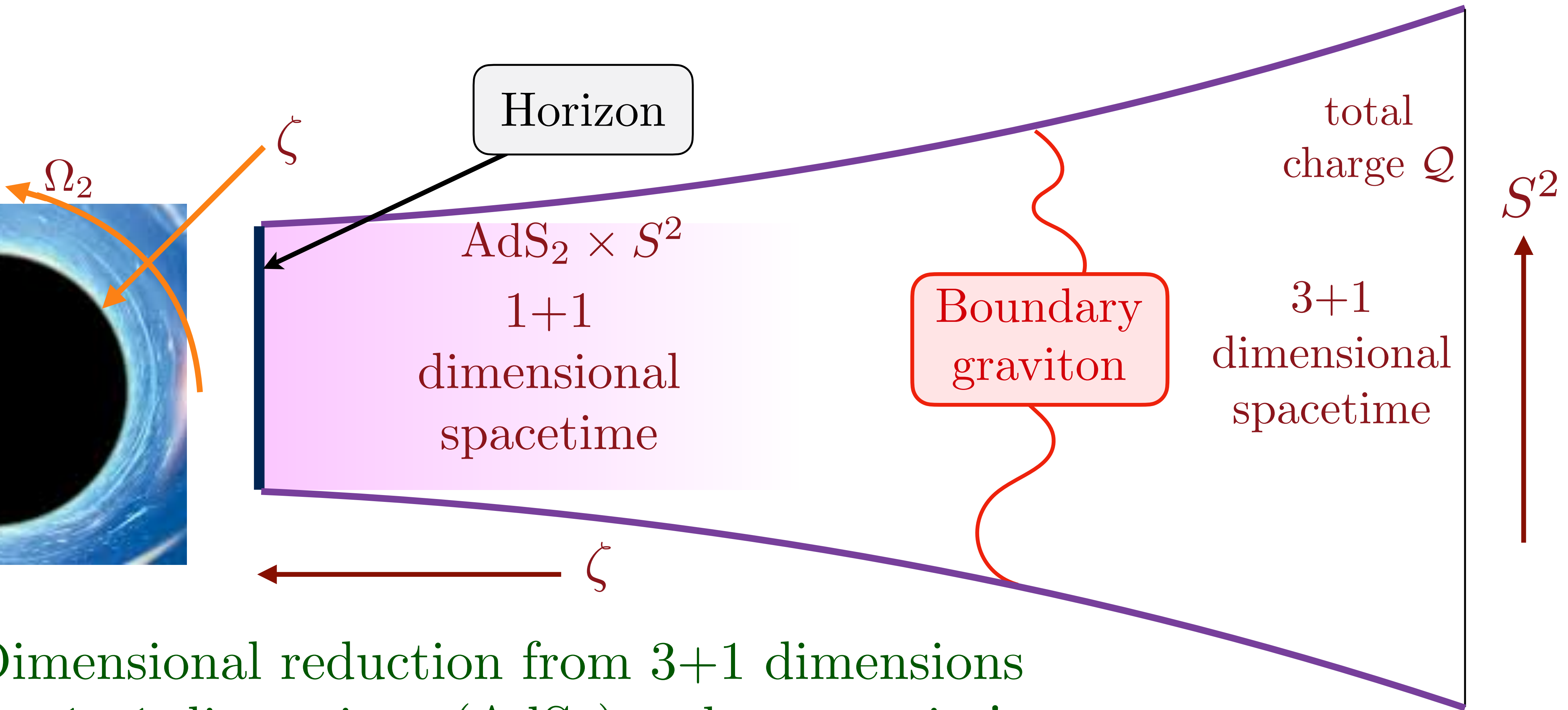
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## Universal Planckian time dynamics

- Observables have Planckian time scaling  
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Similar to: Einstein's general relativity is expressed in terms of curvature of spacetime  
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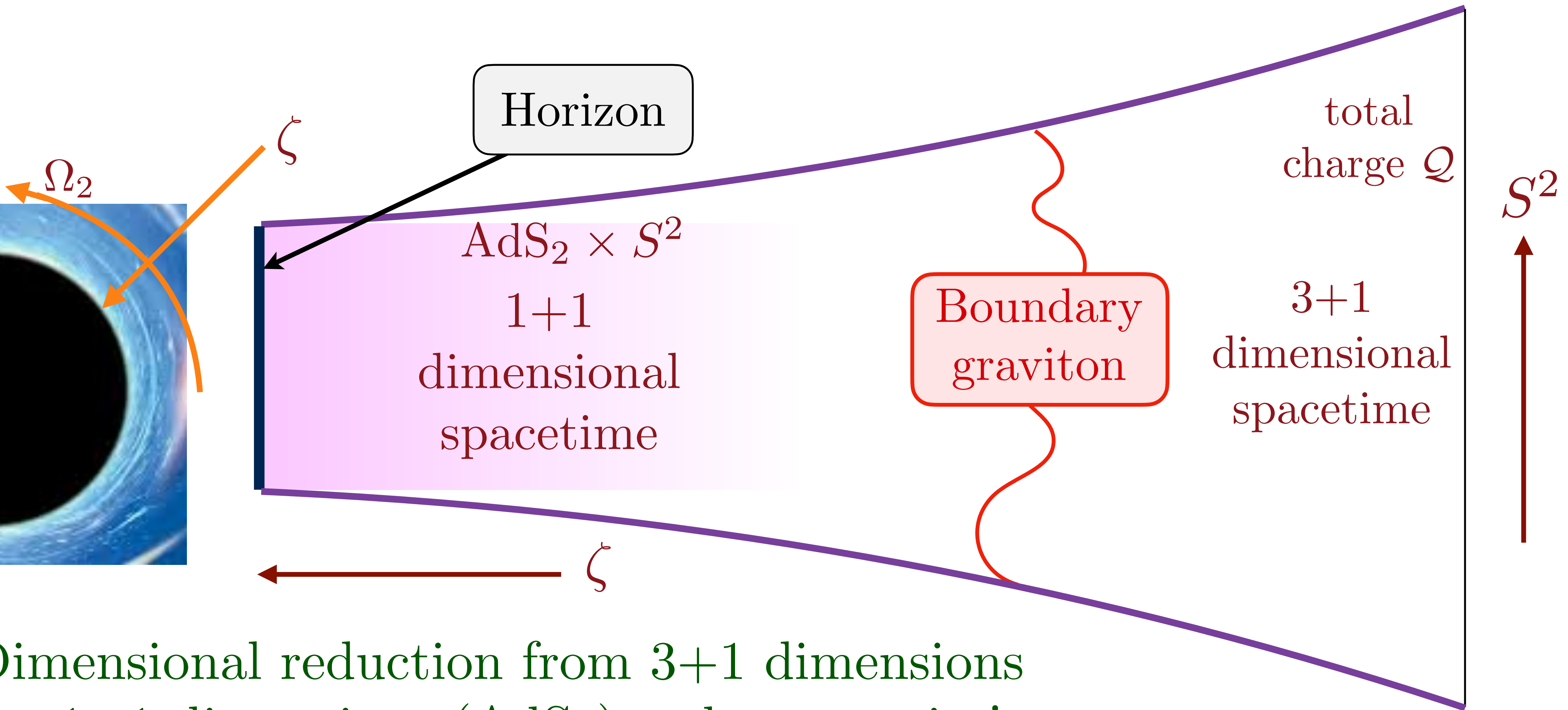
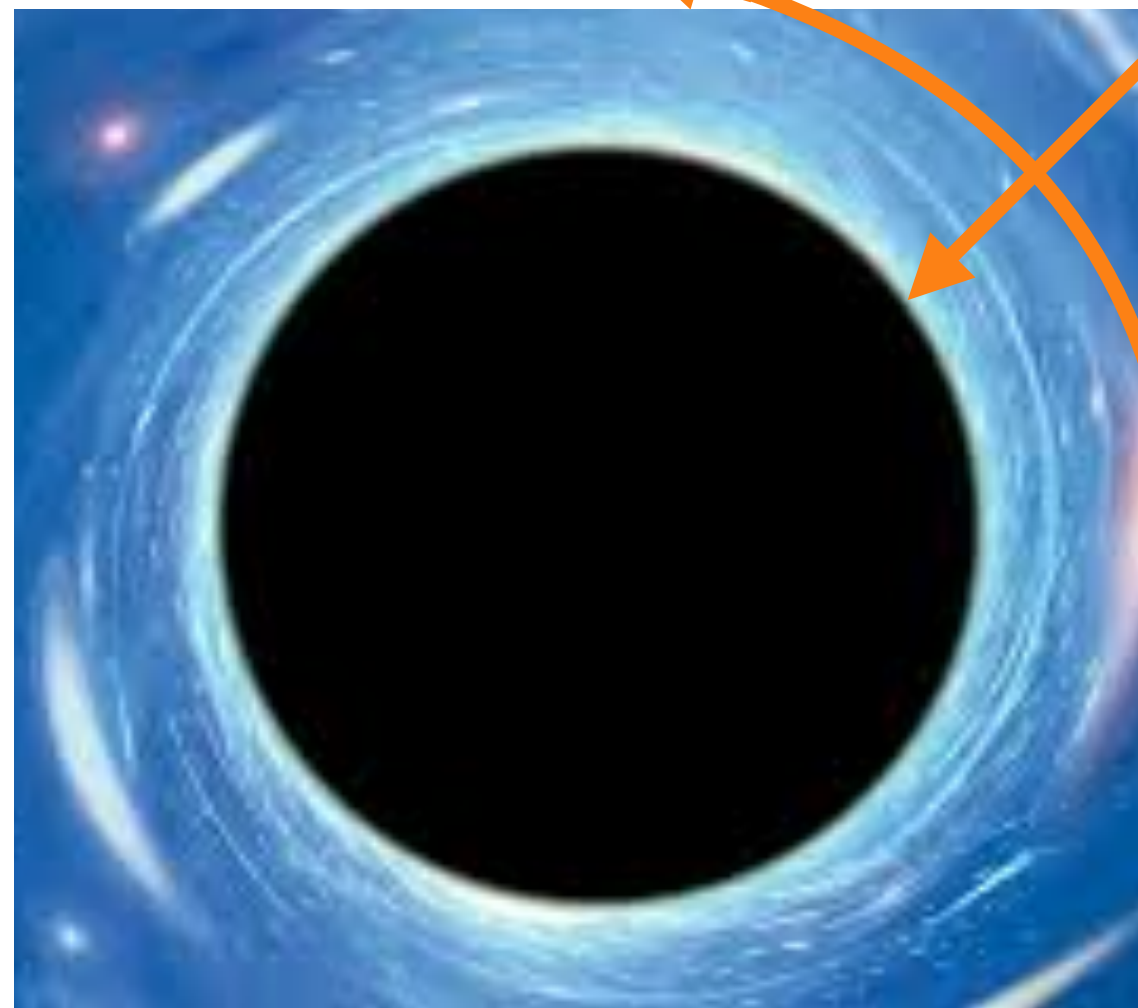
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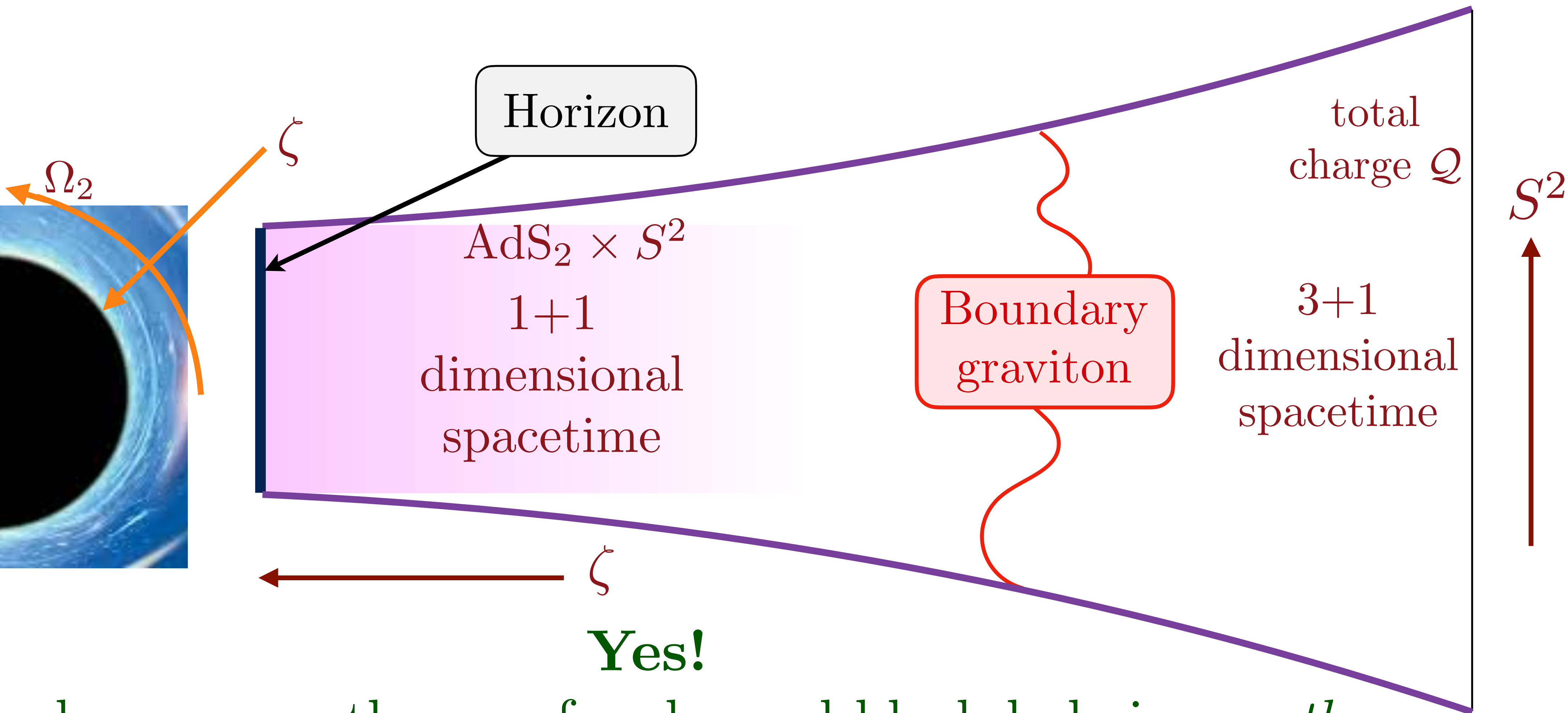
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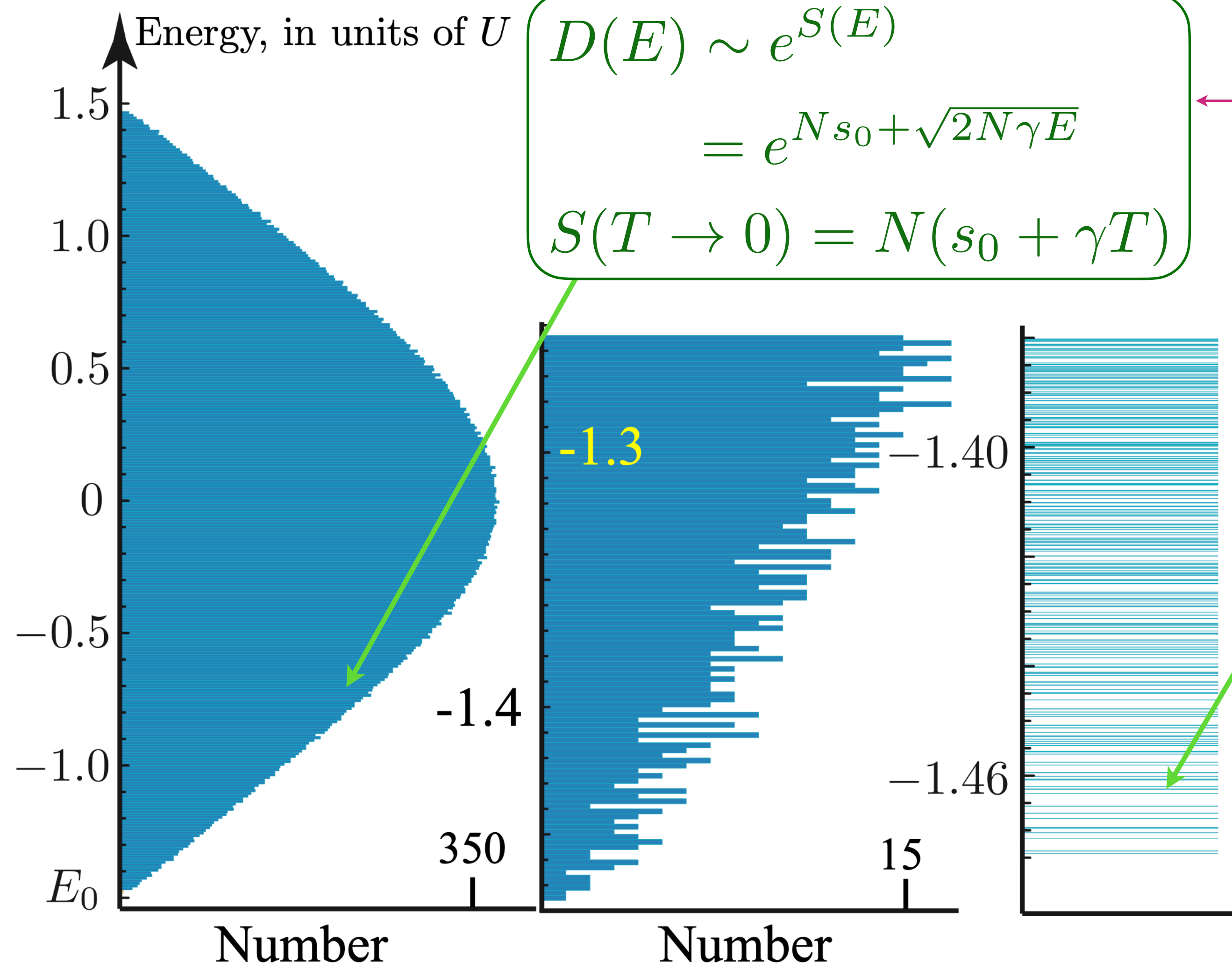
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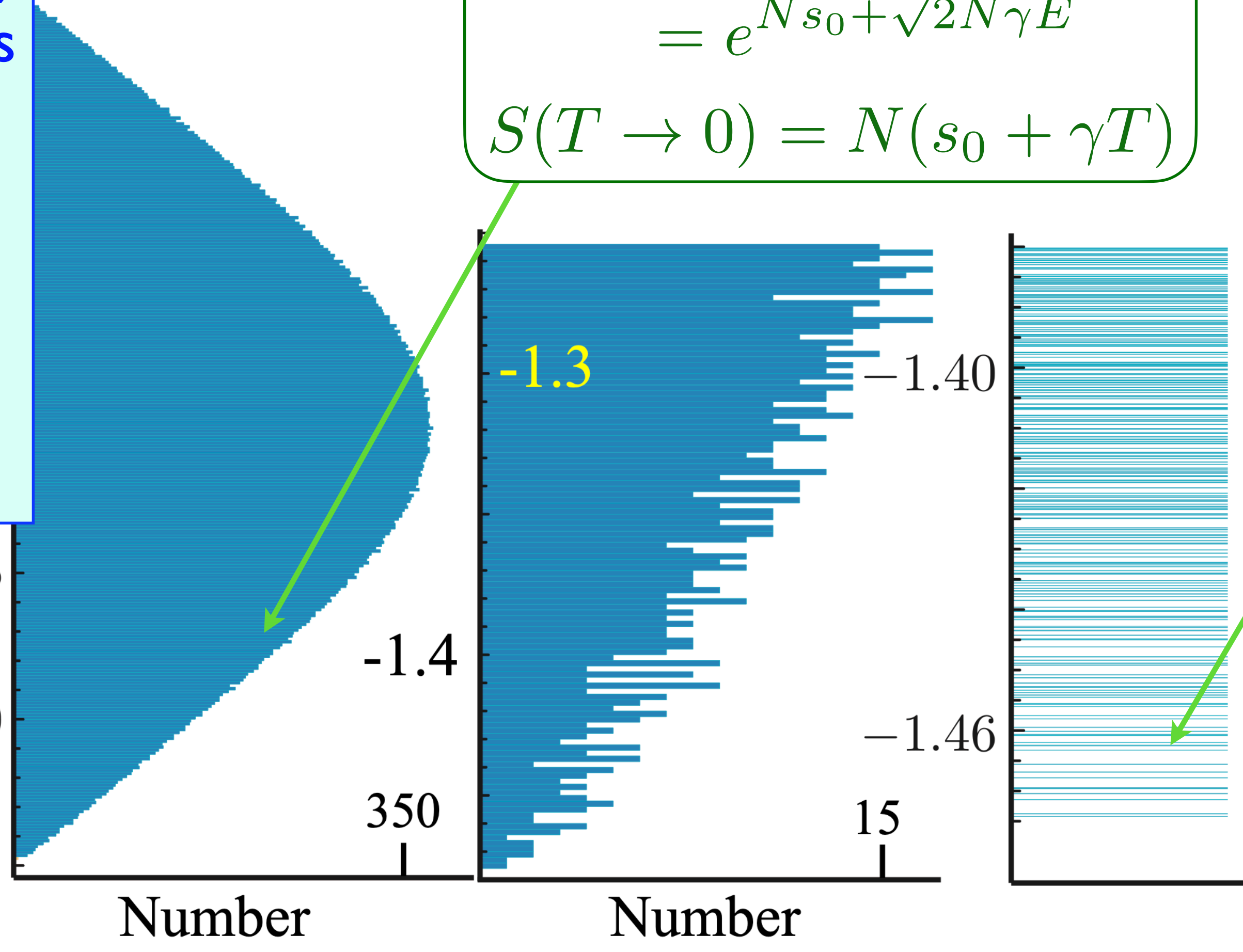
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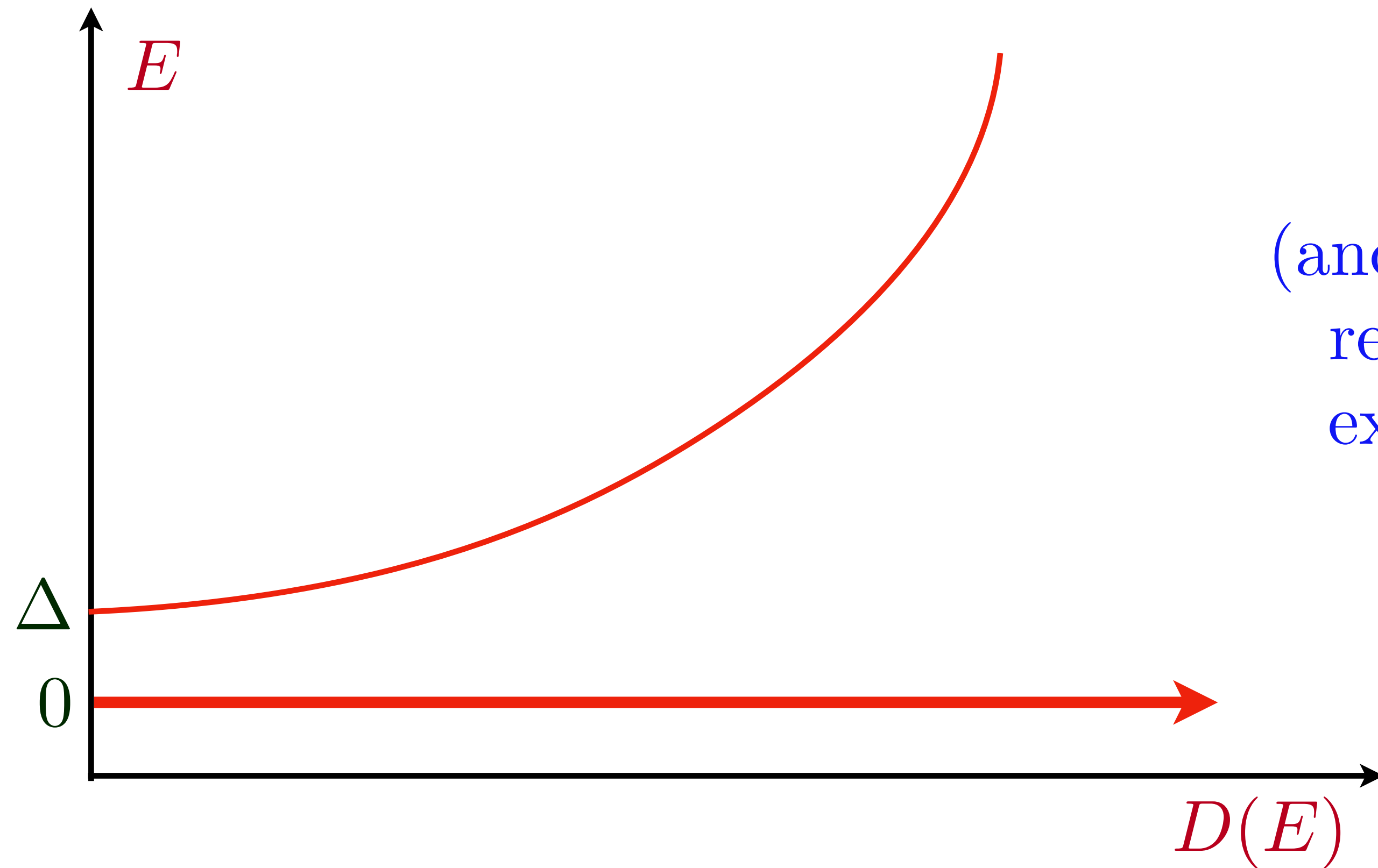
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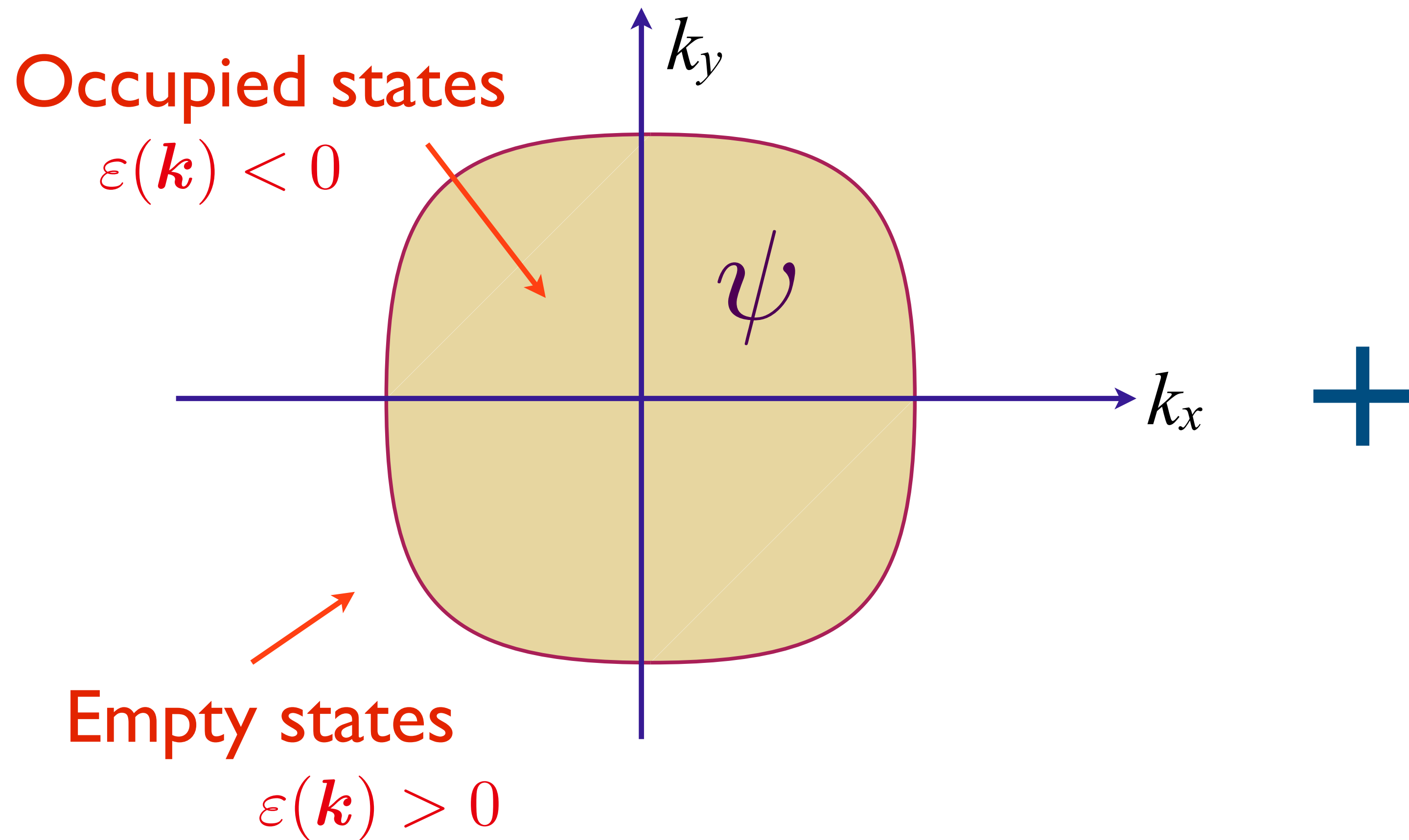


Black holes in string theory  
(and supersymmetric SYK models)  
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$$D(E) \sim \exp\left(\frac{A_0}{4G} + \dots\right) \delta(E) + f_{\text{reg}}(E - \Delta), \quad \Delta \sim R_h^{-1}$$

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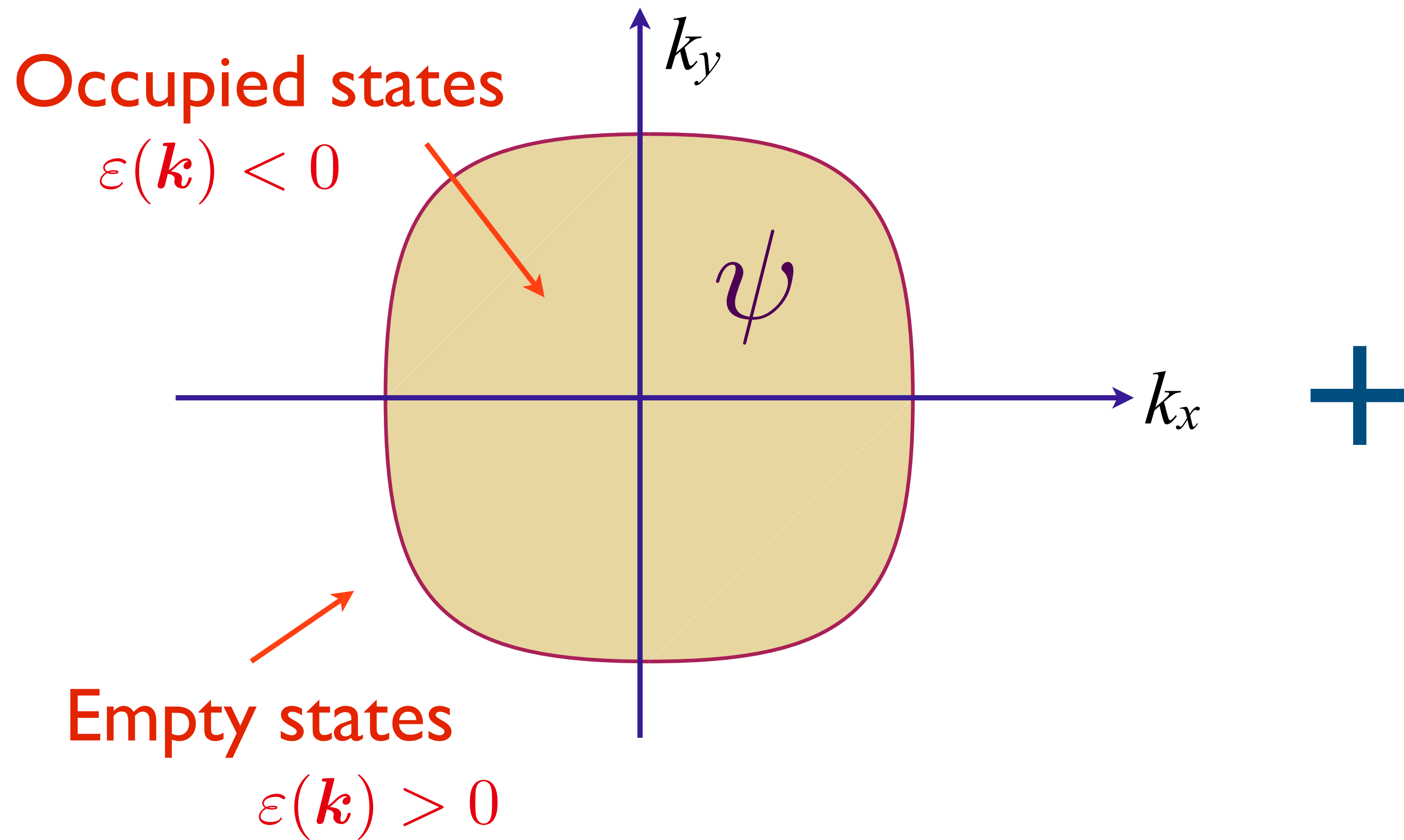


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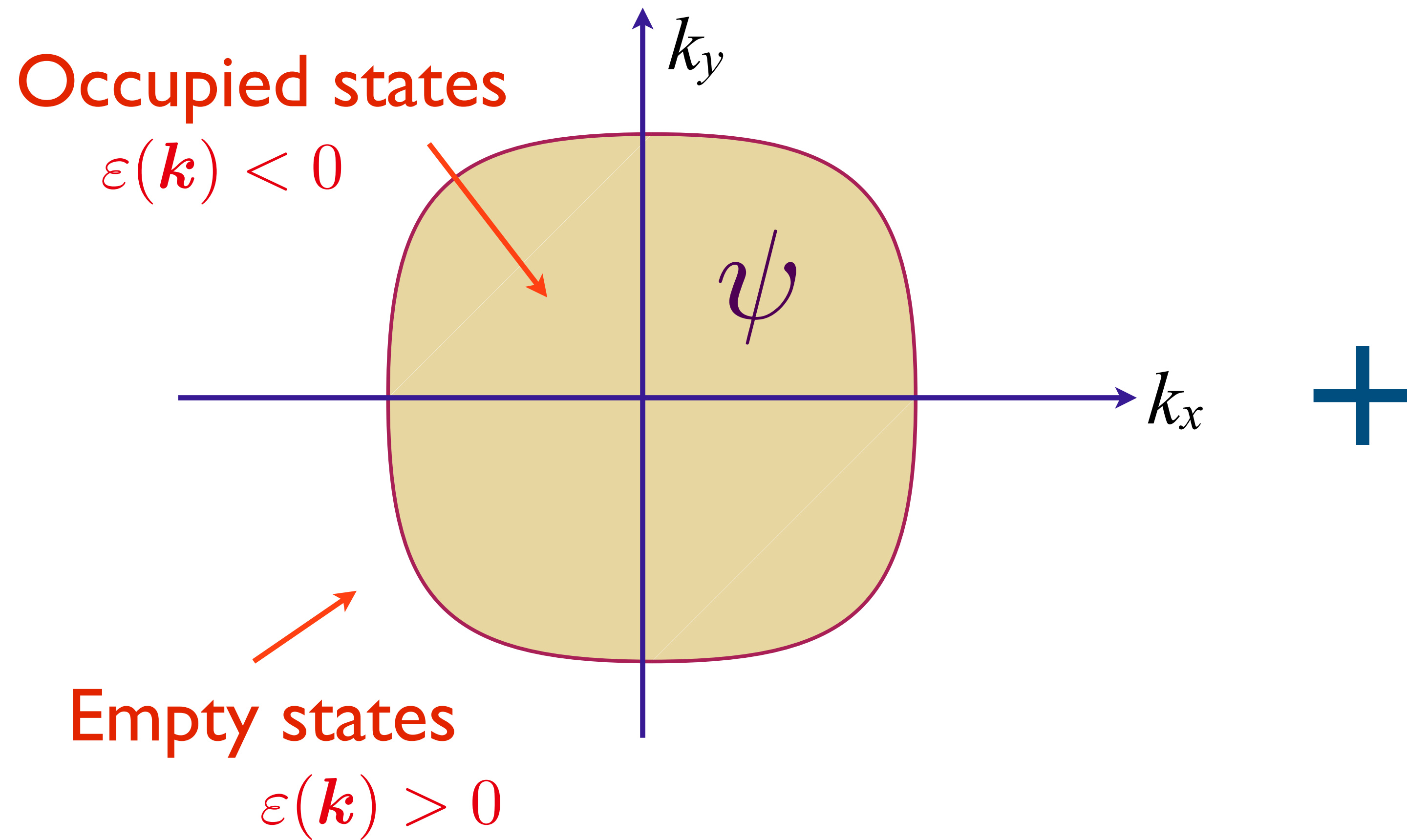
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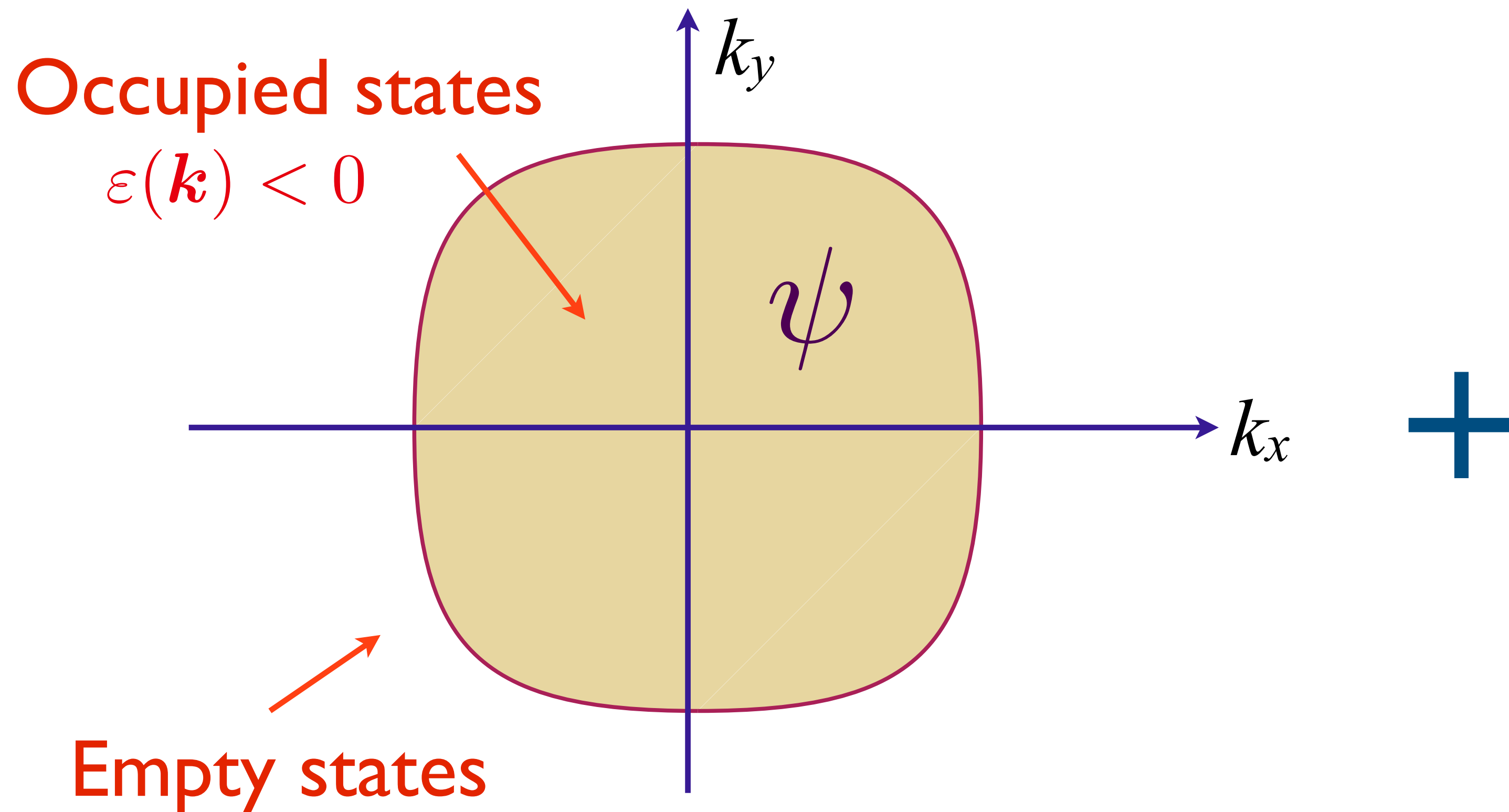
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