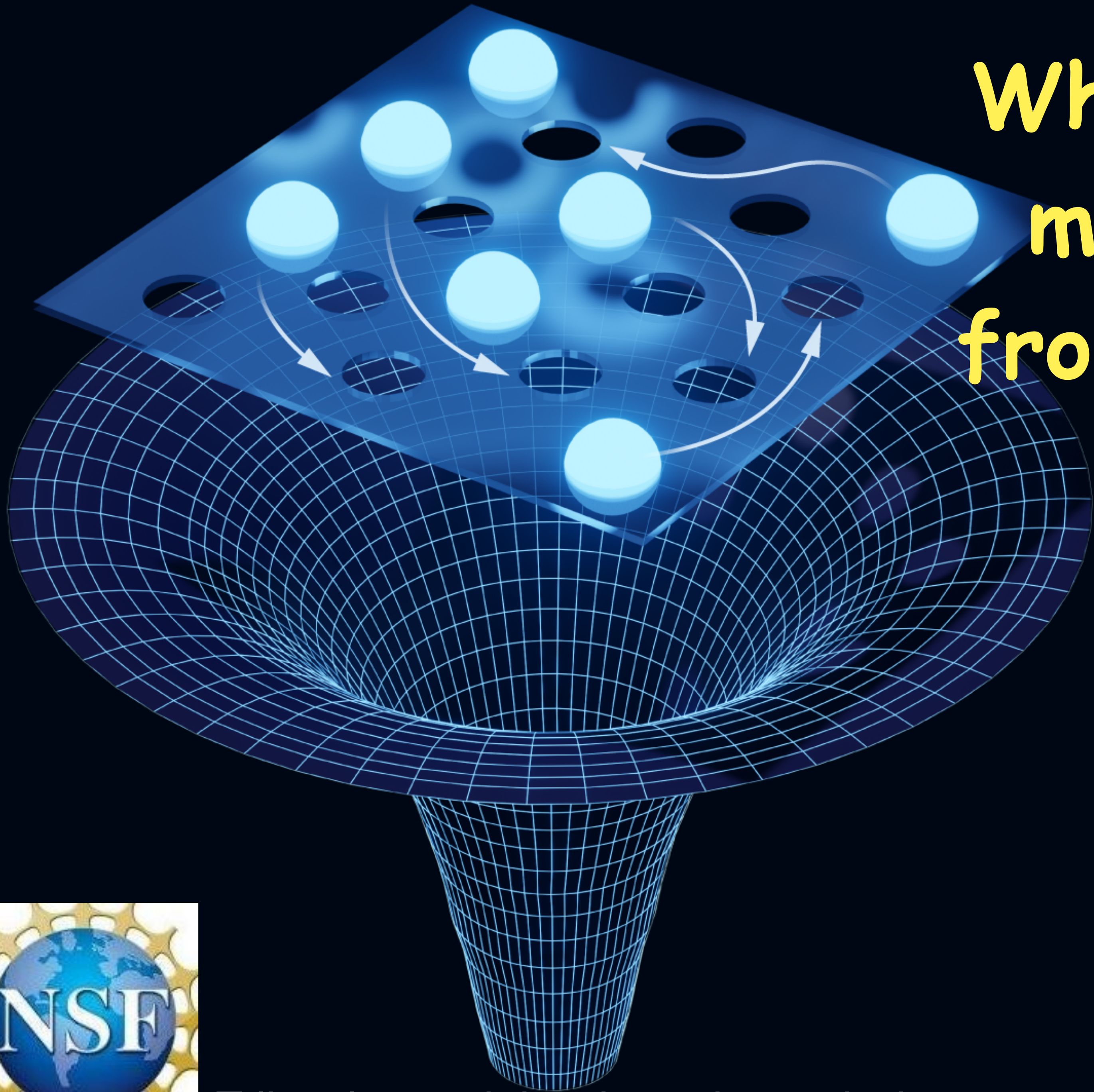


When nature entangles millions of particles: from quantum materials to black holes



Review articles:
arXiv:2304.13744, 2305.01001

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Foundations

by

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

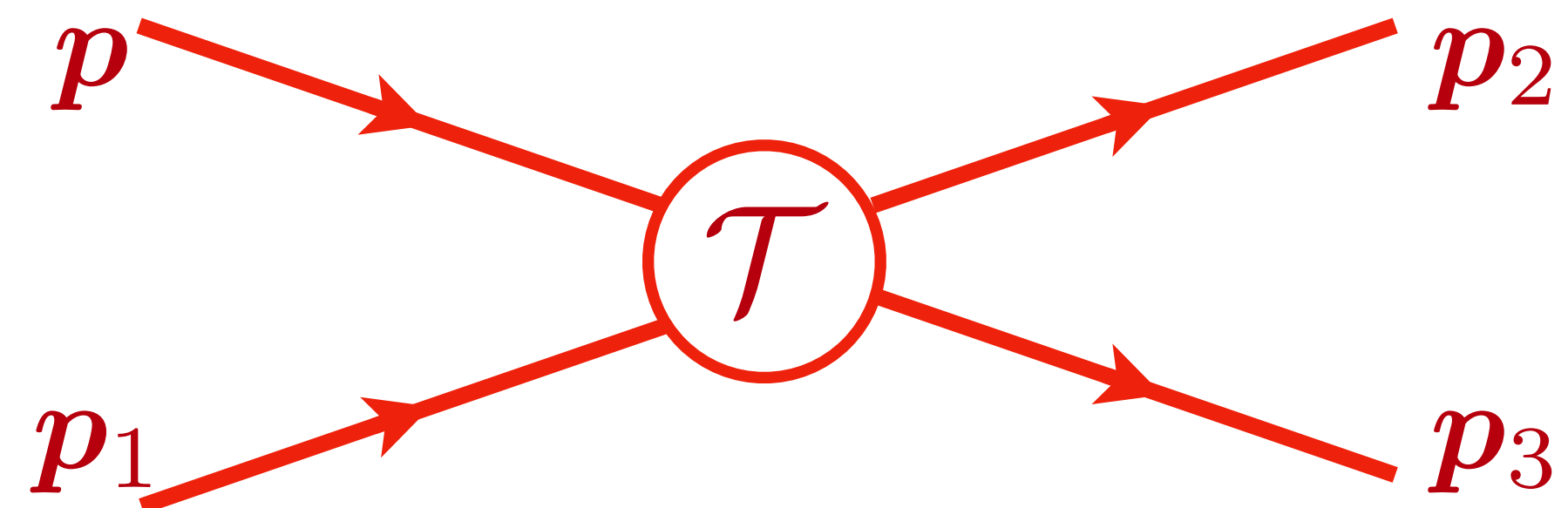
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Boltzmann equation (1872)

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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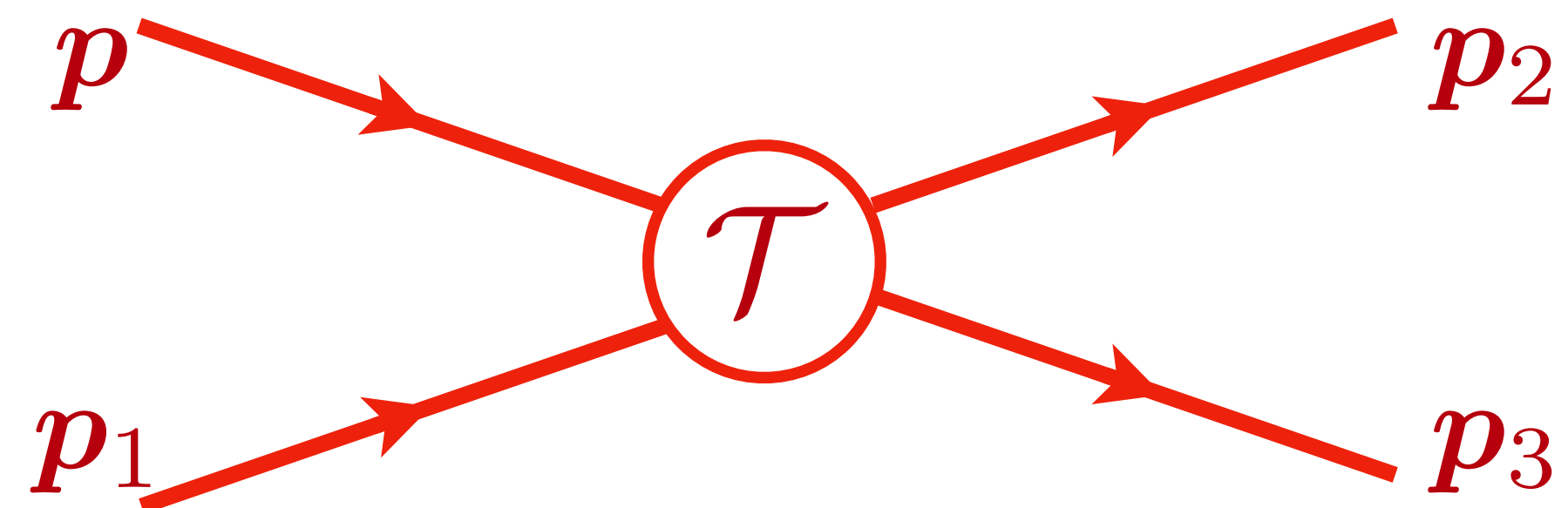
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Quantum Boltzmann equation (Landau)

Dense gas of electrons

Neglects quantum interference (entanglement)
between successive collisions

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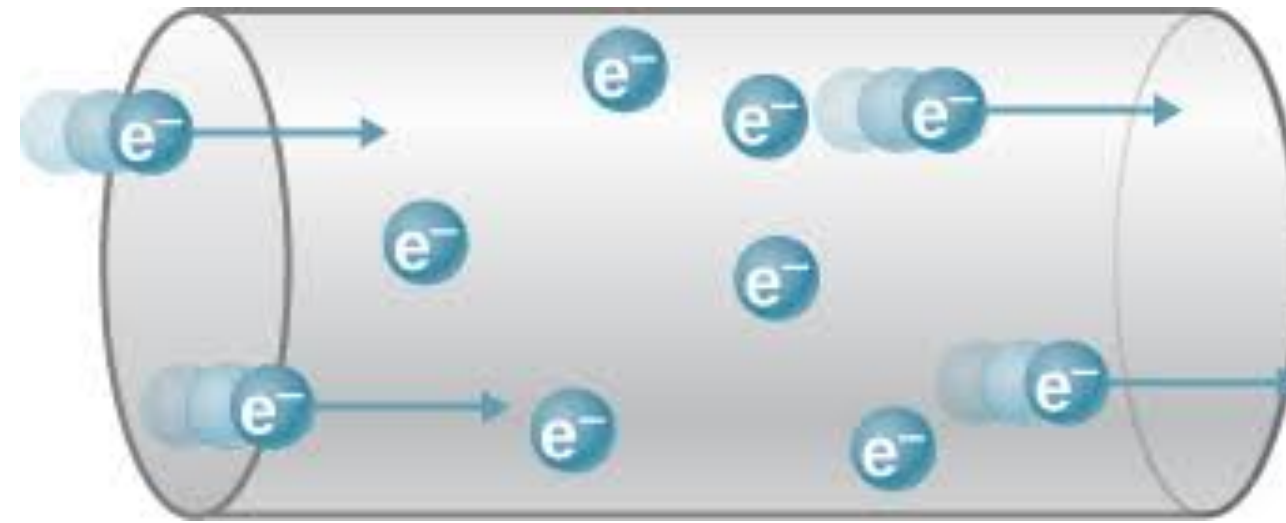


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Current flow with electrons in Copper



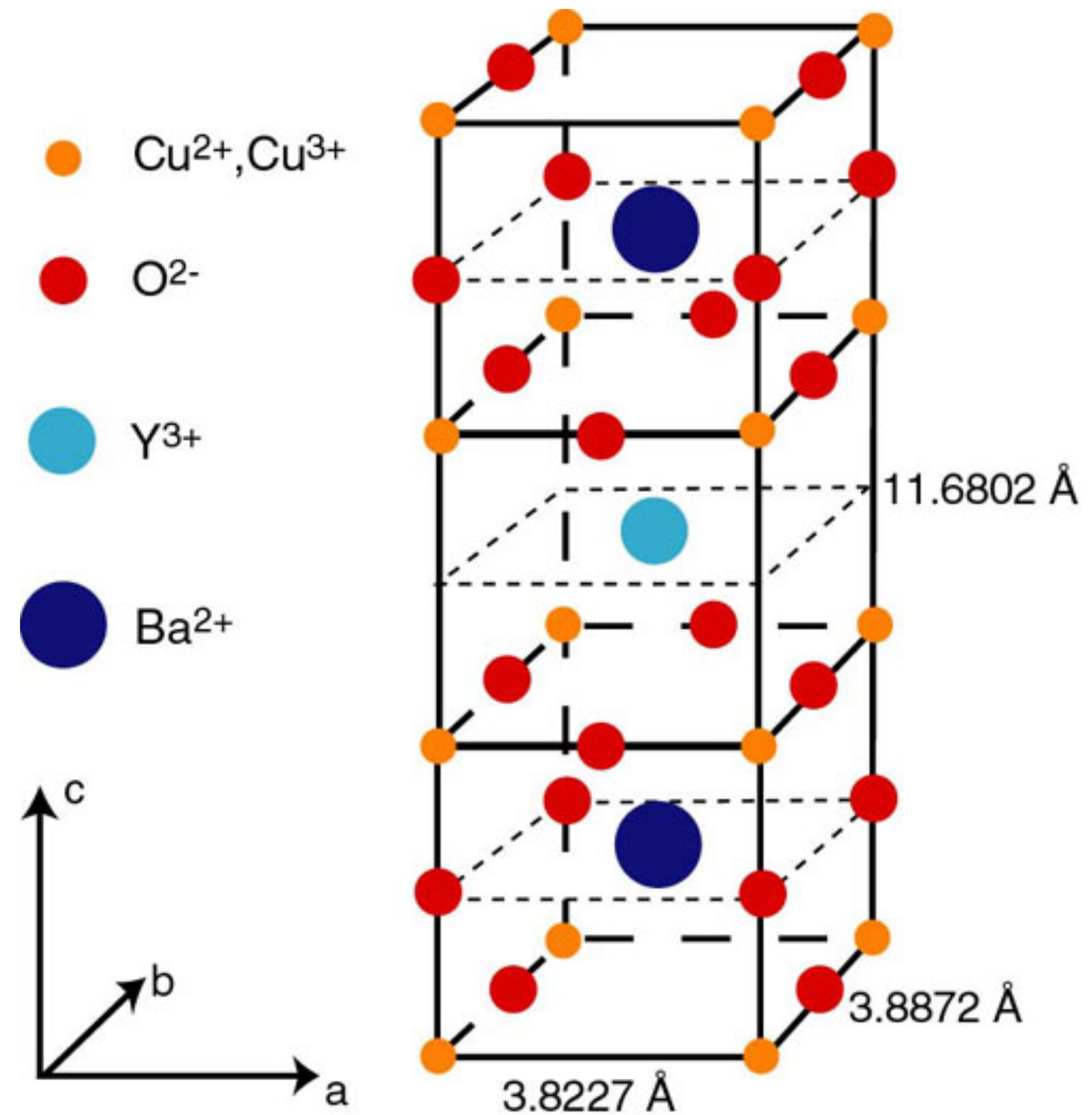
Flow of electrons described by Boltzmann equation \Rightarrow
typical scattering time $\tau \sim 1/T^2$, resistivity $\rho(T) = \rho(0) + AT^2$

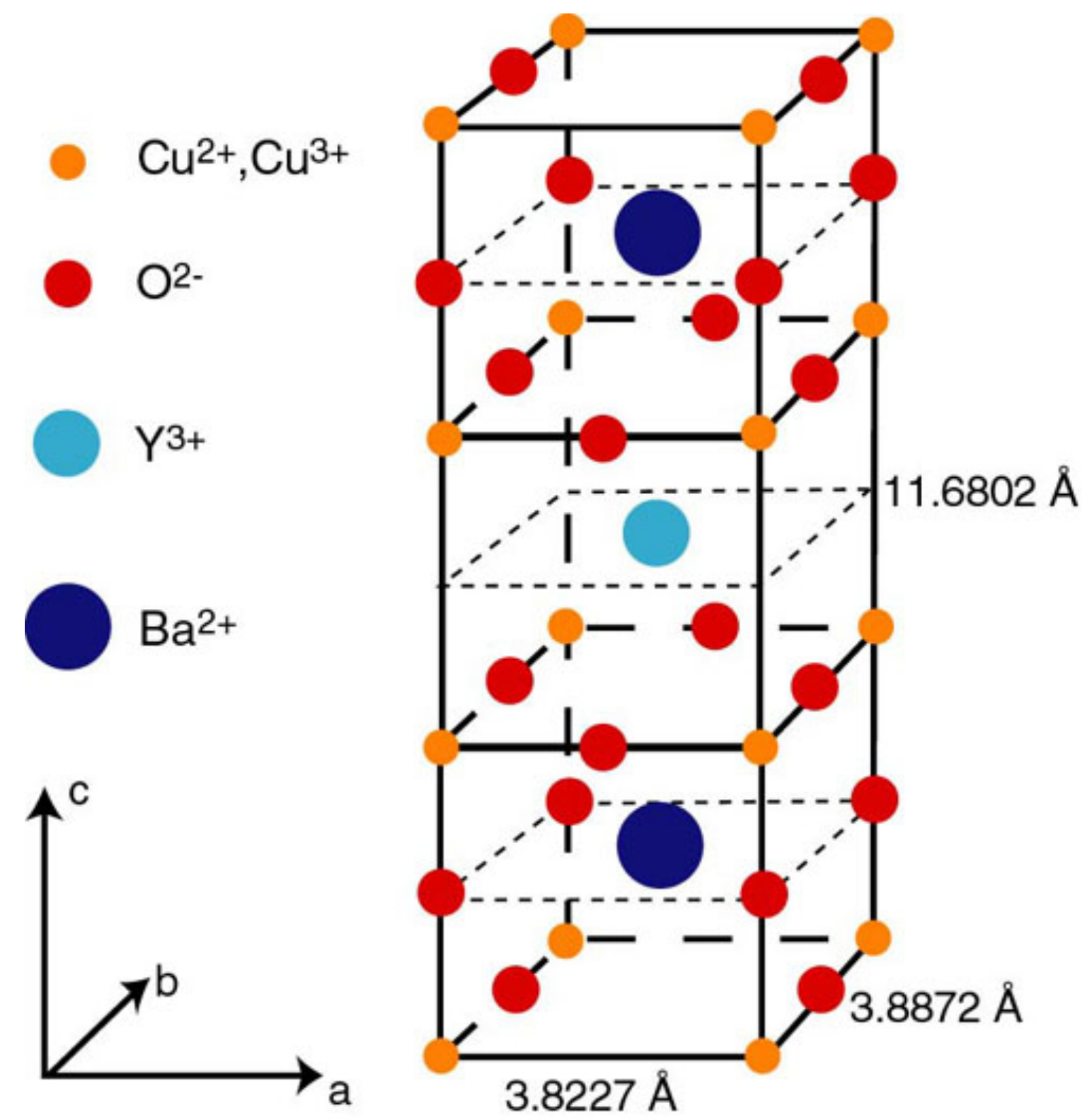
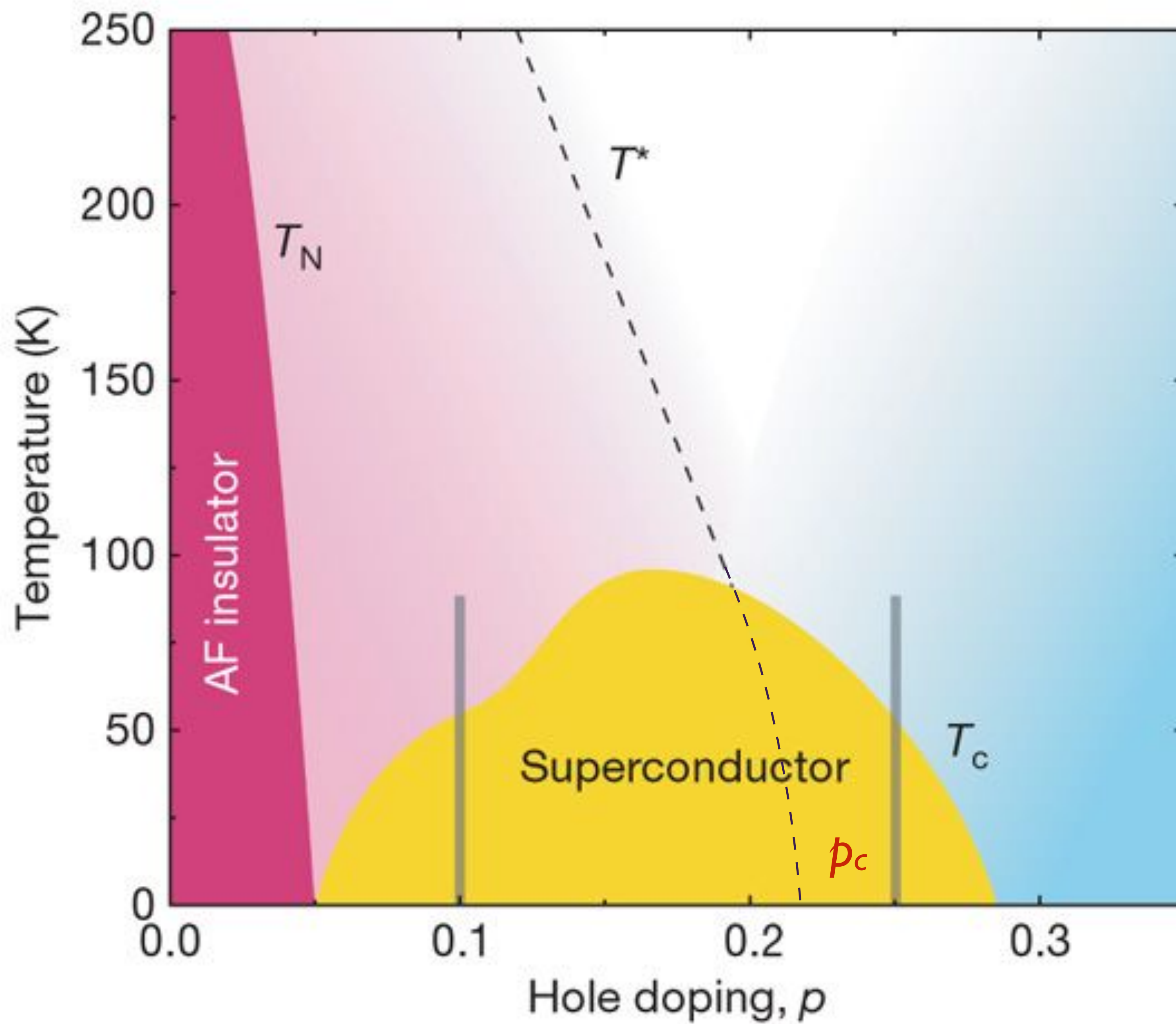
The time τ is much longer than a limiting ‘Planckian time’ $\frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$.

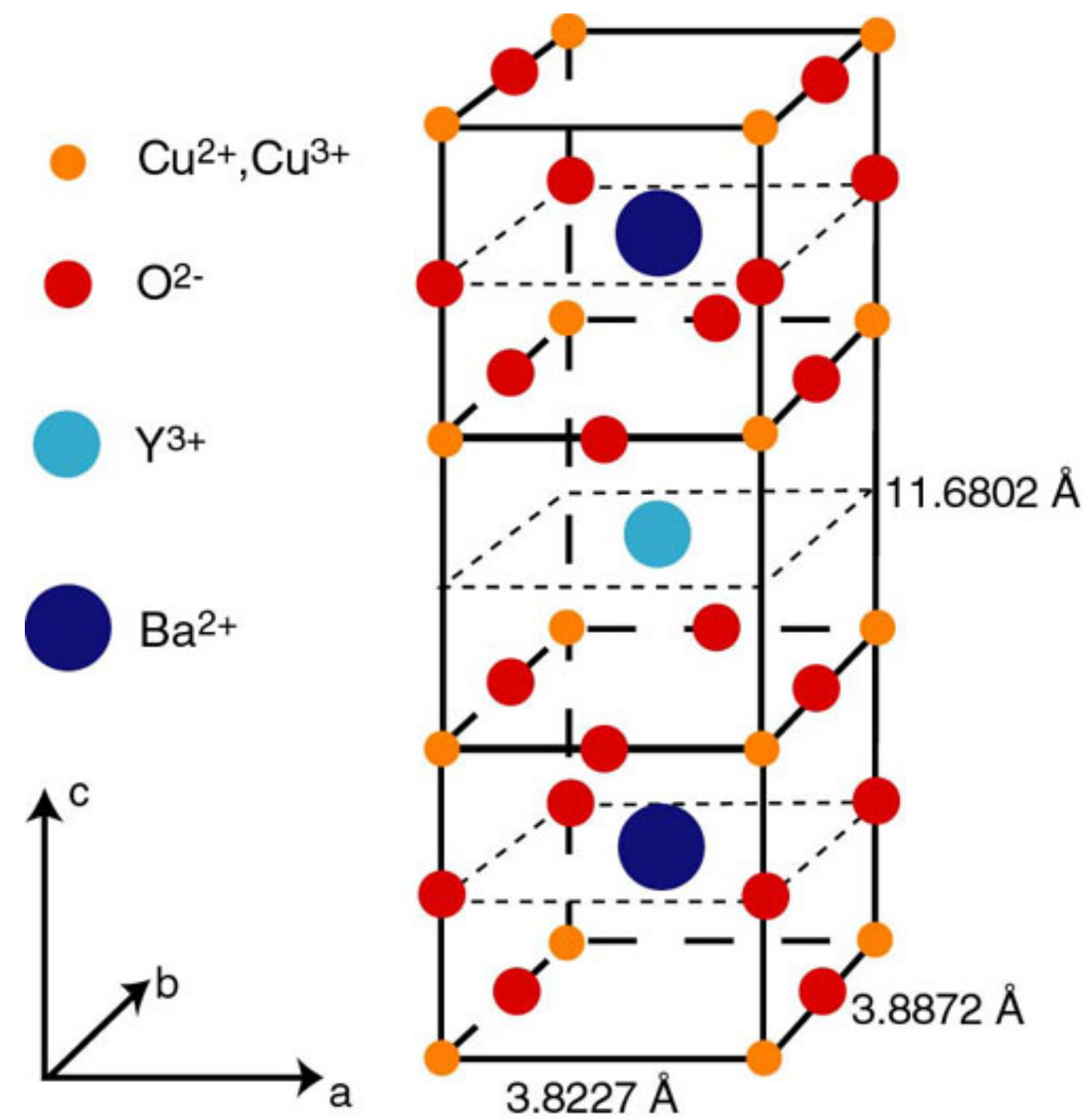
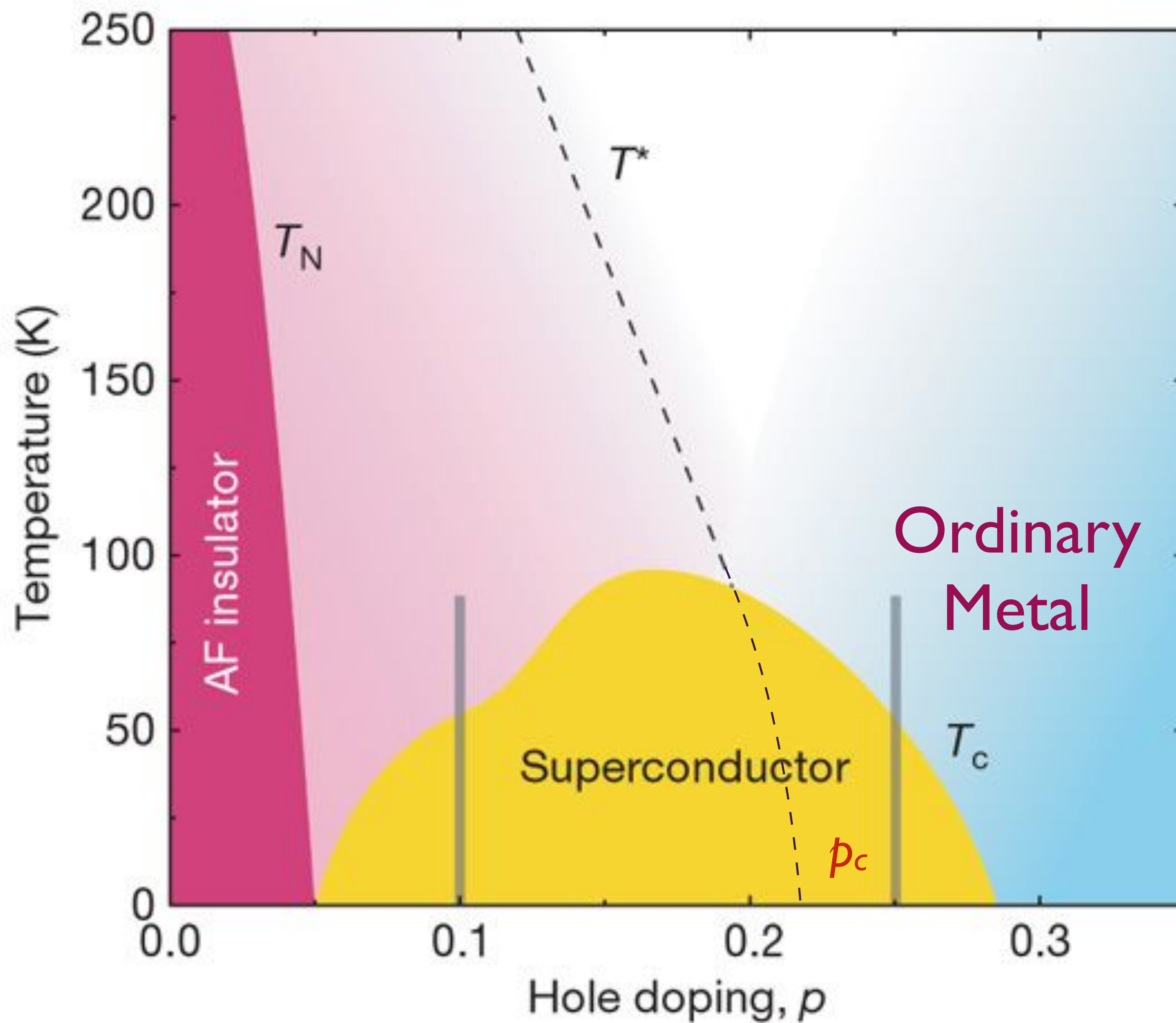
The long scattering time implies that individual electrons are well-defined.

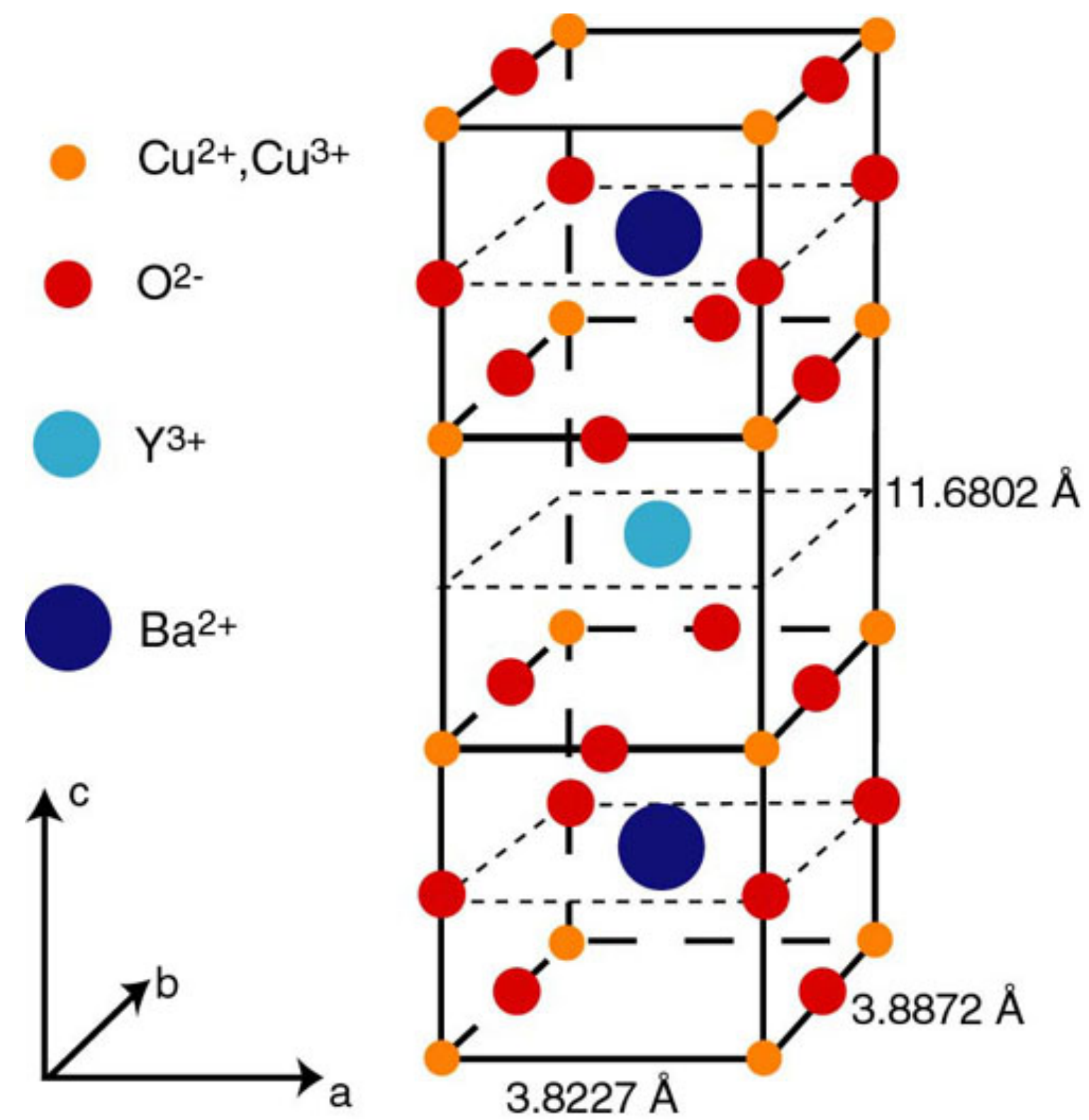
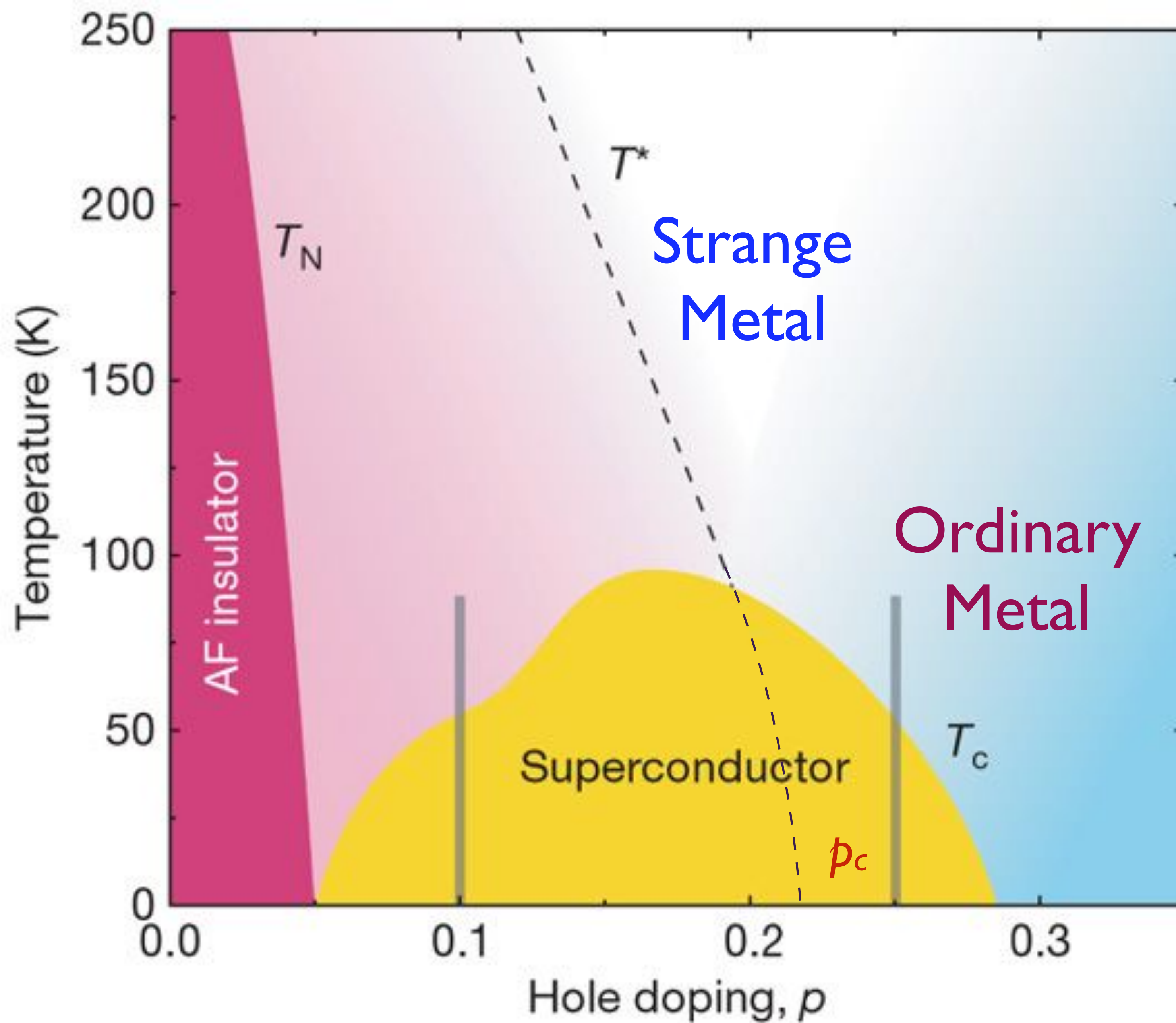
The motion of electrons is ‘ballistic’ or ‘integrable’
up to the long time τ , after which it is chaotic.

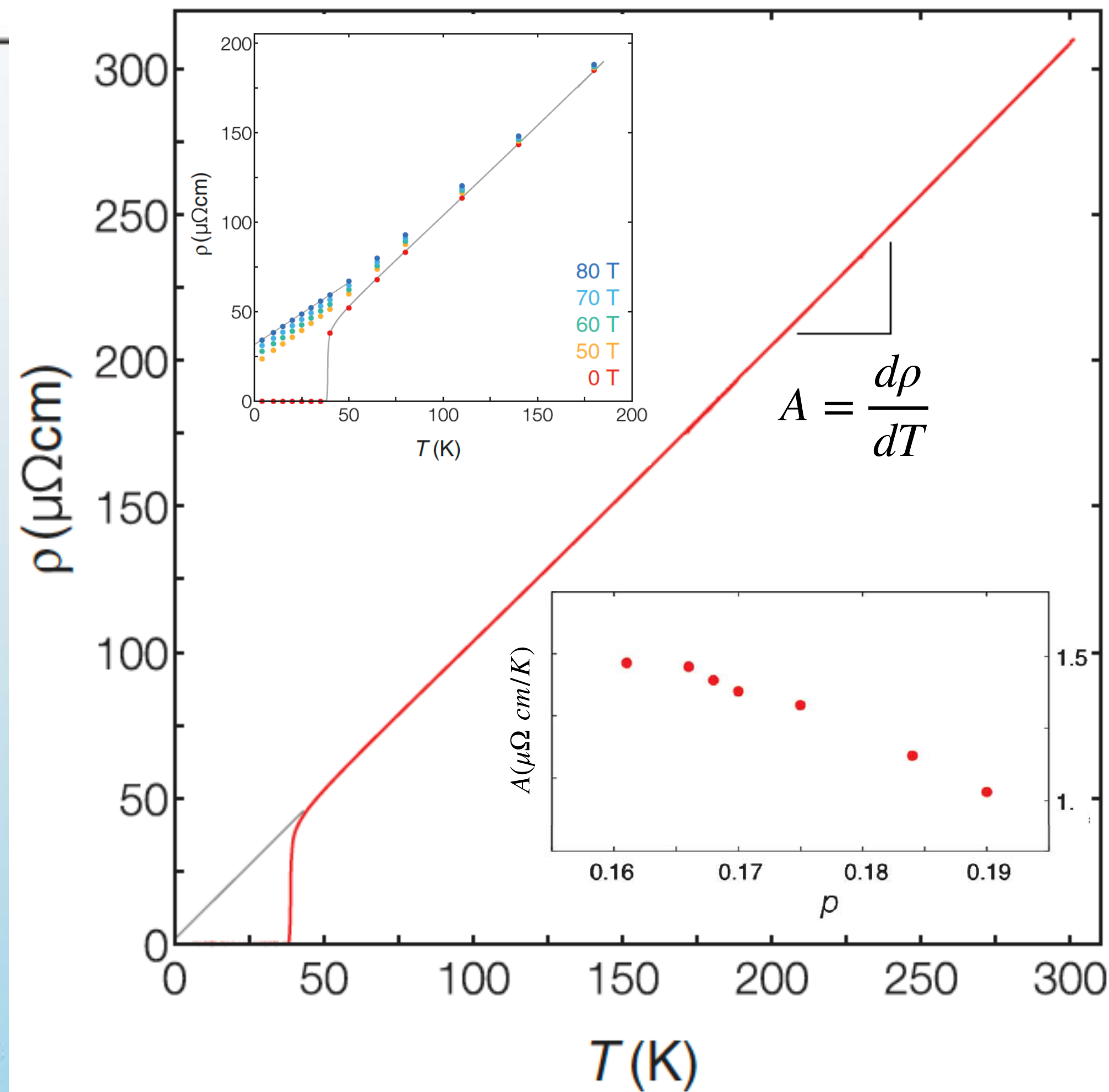
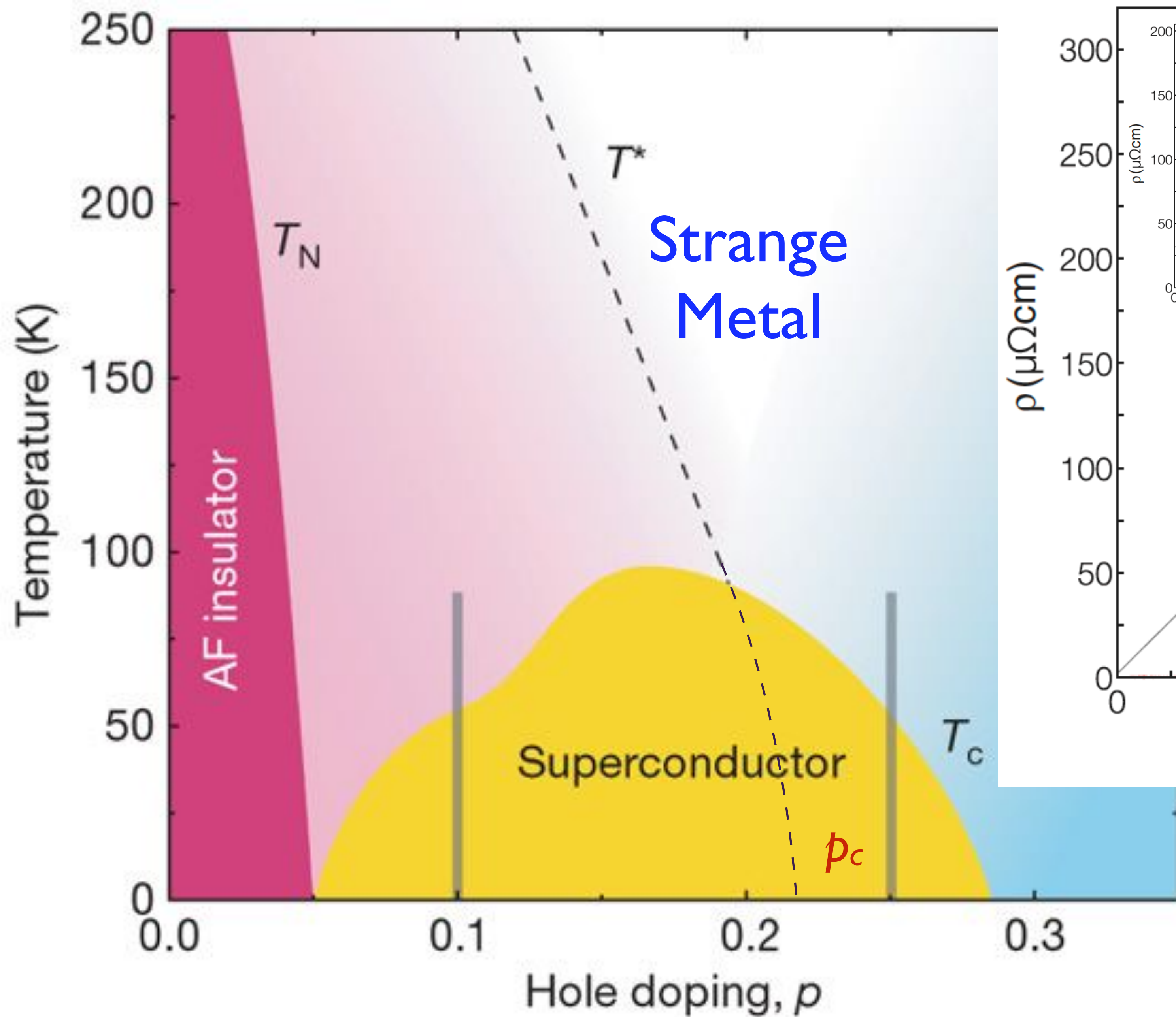
Cuprate high temperature superconductors









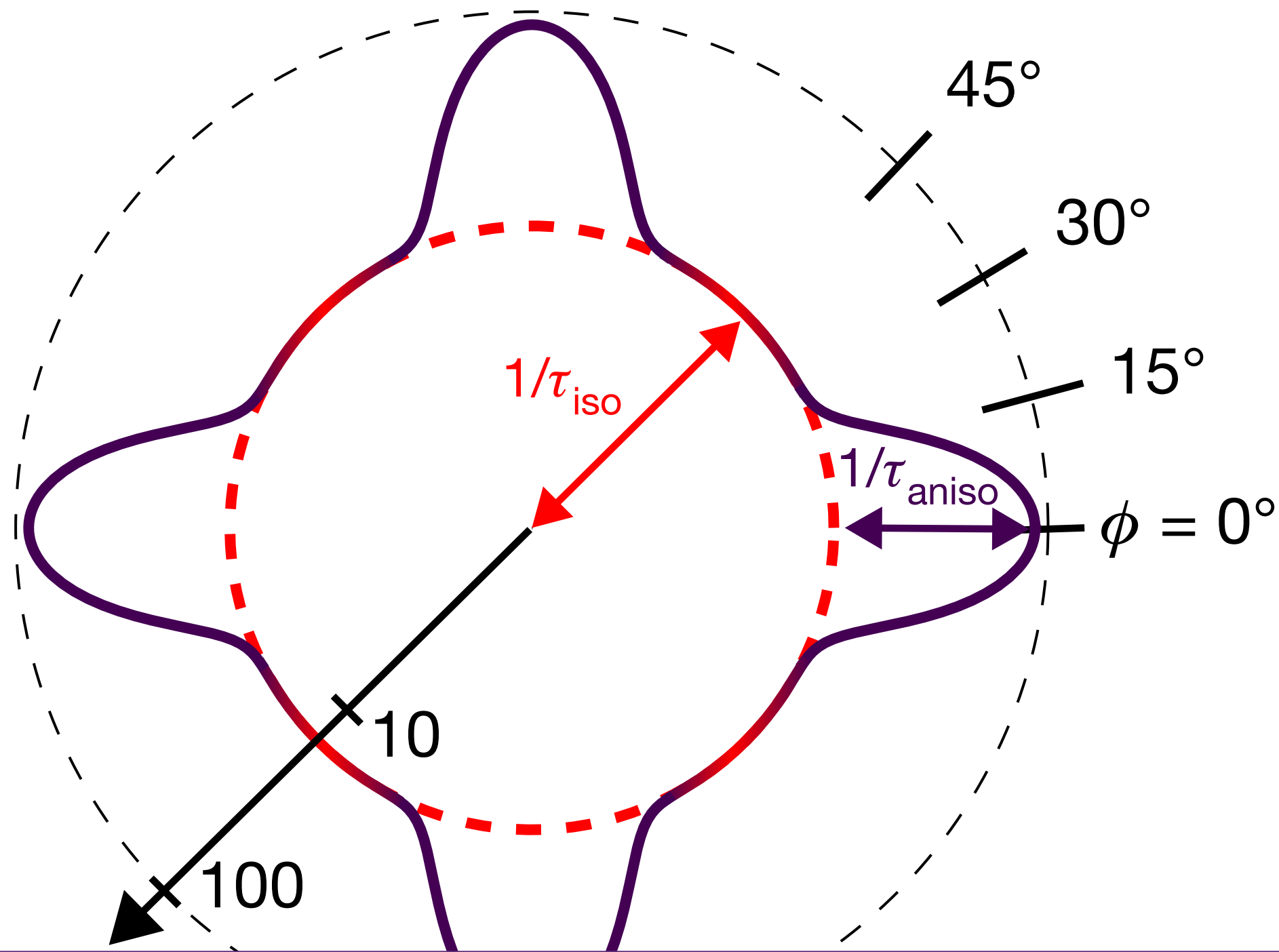


LSCO: Giraldo-Gallo et al. 2018

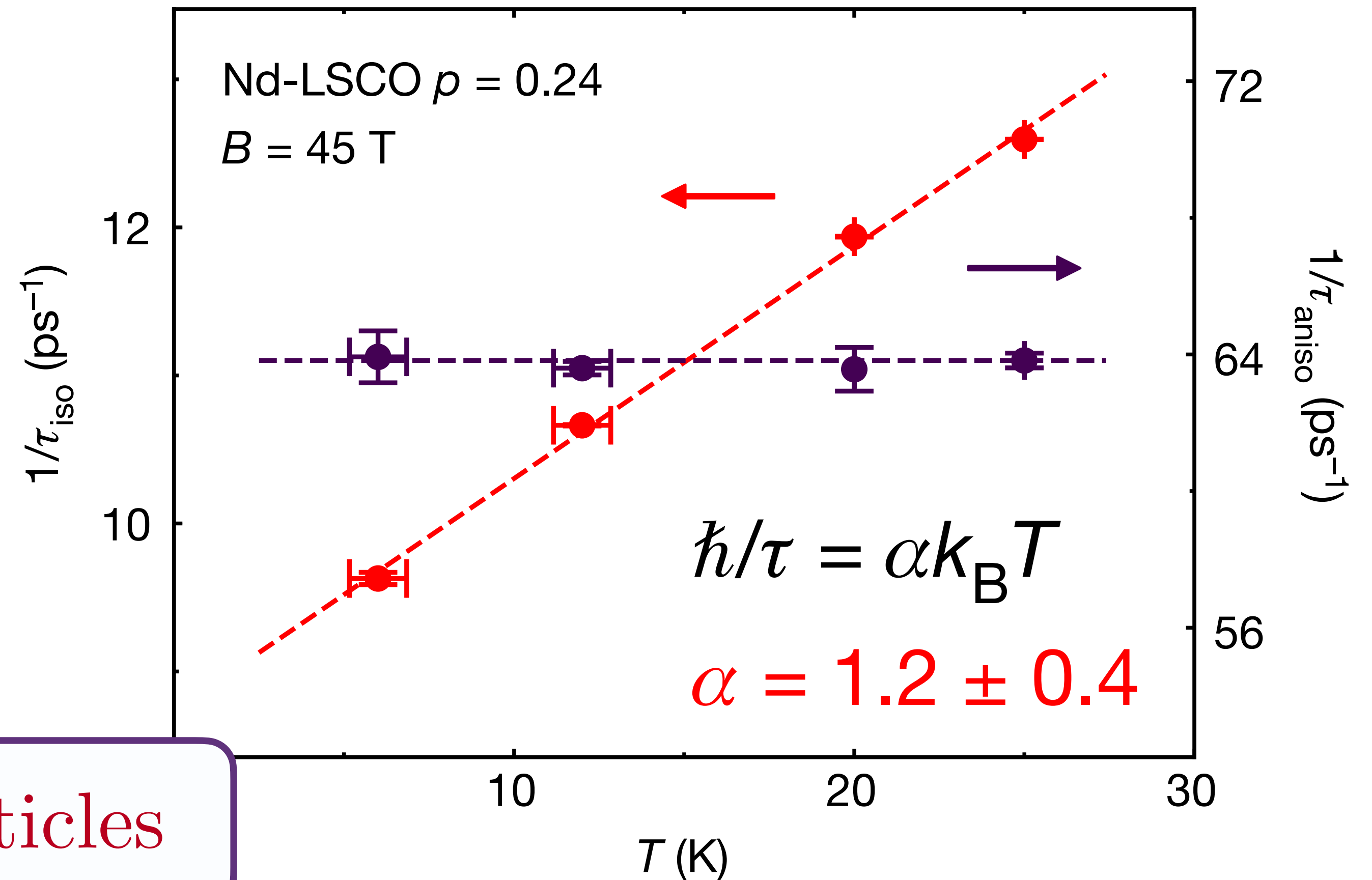
Linear-in temperature resistivity from an isotropic Planckian scattering rate

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

The SYK model

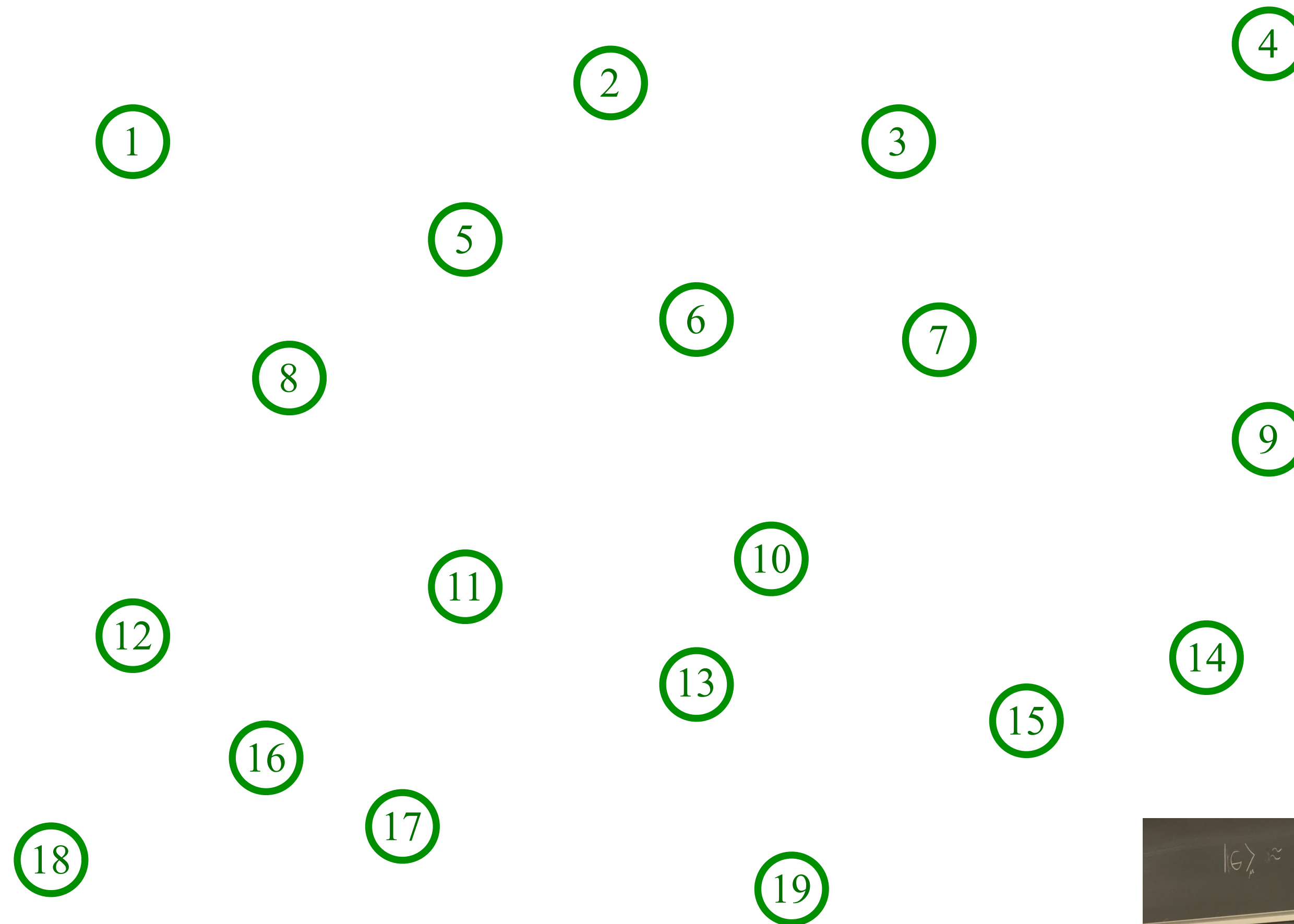
Sachdev, Ye (1993); Kitaev (2015)

A solvable model of multi-particle
quantum entanglement.

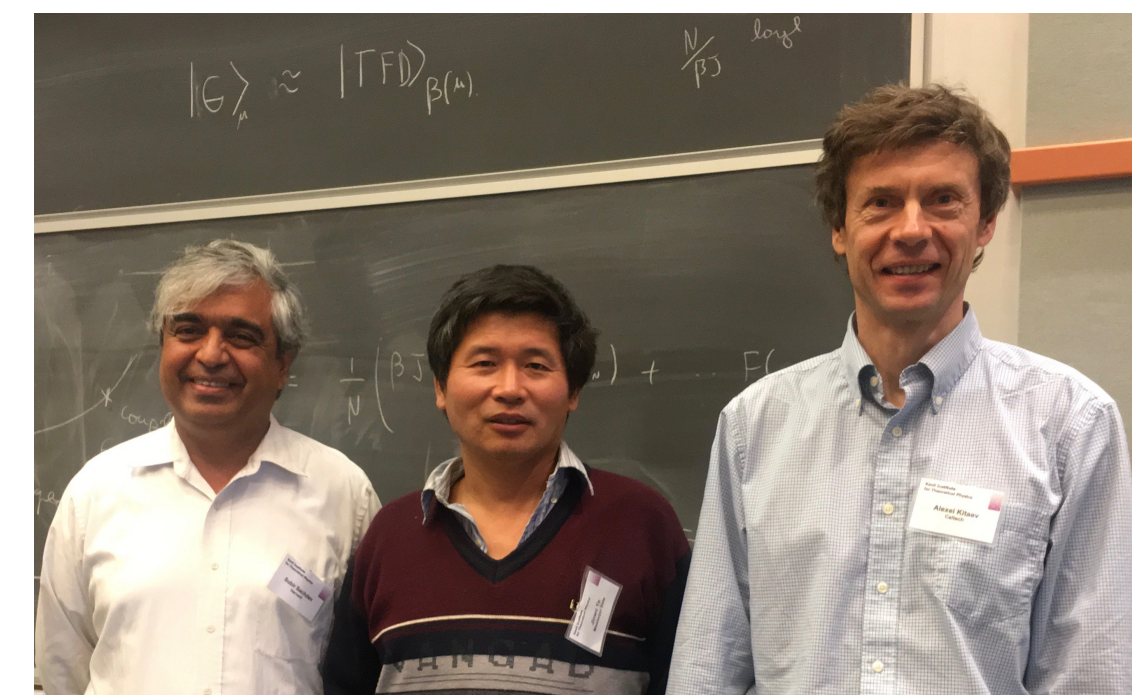
Yields a metal in which current is carried
not by individual electrons,
but by an entangled “quantum soup”

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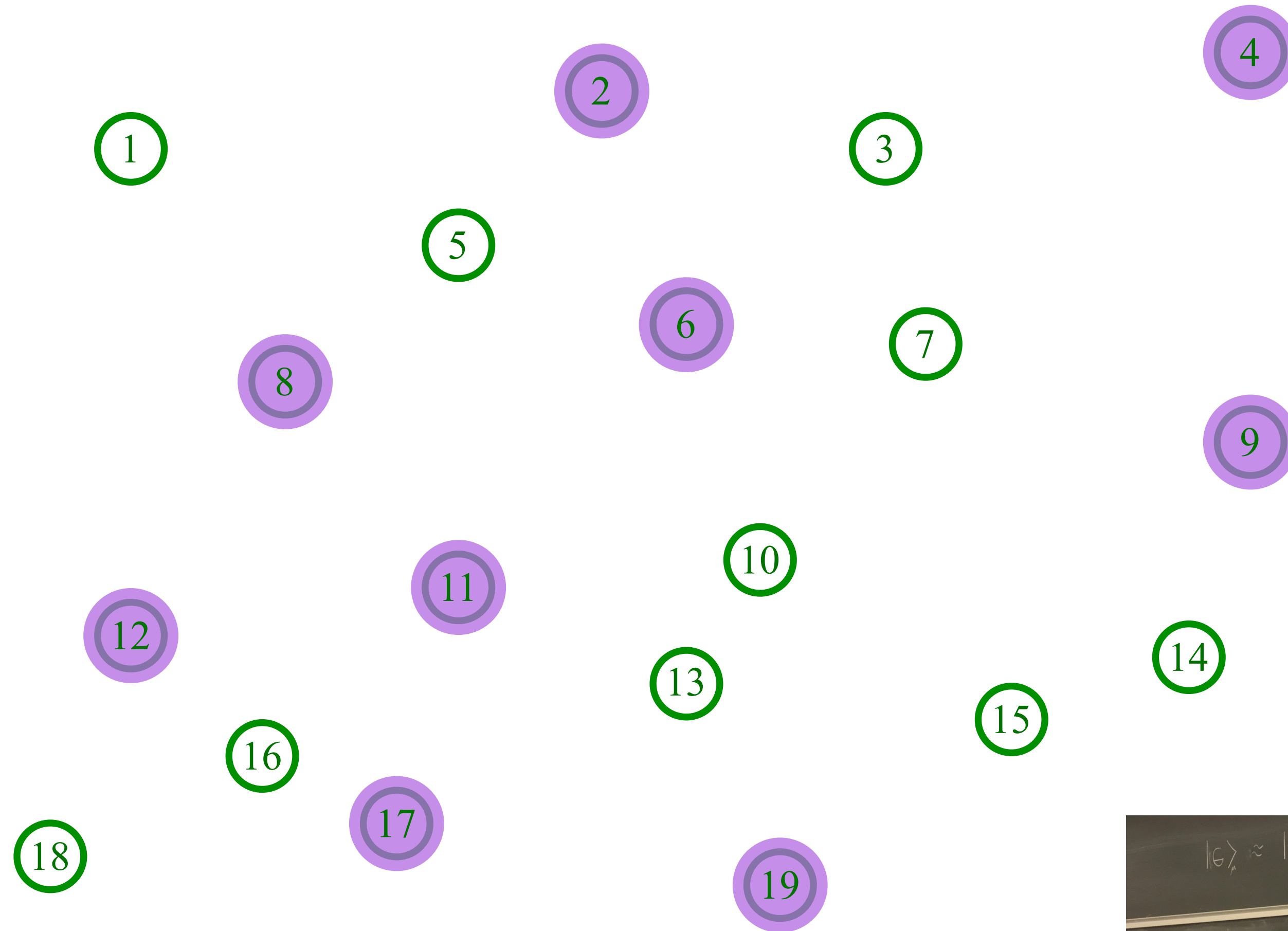


Pick a set of random positions

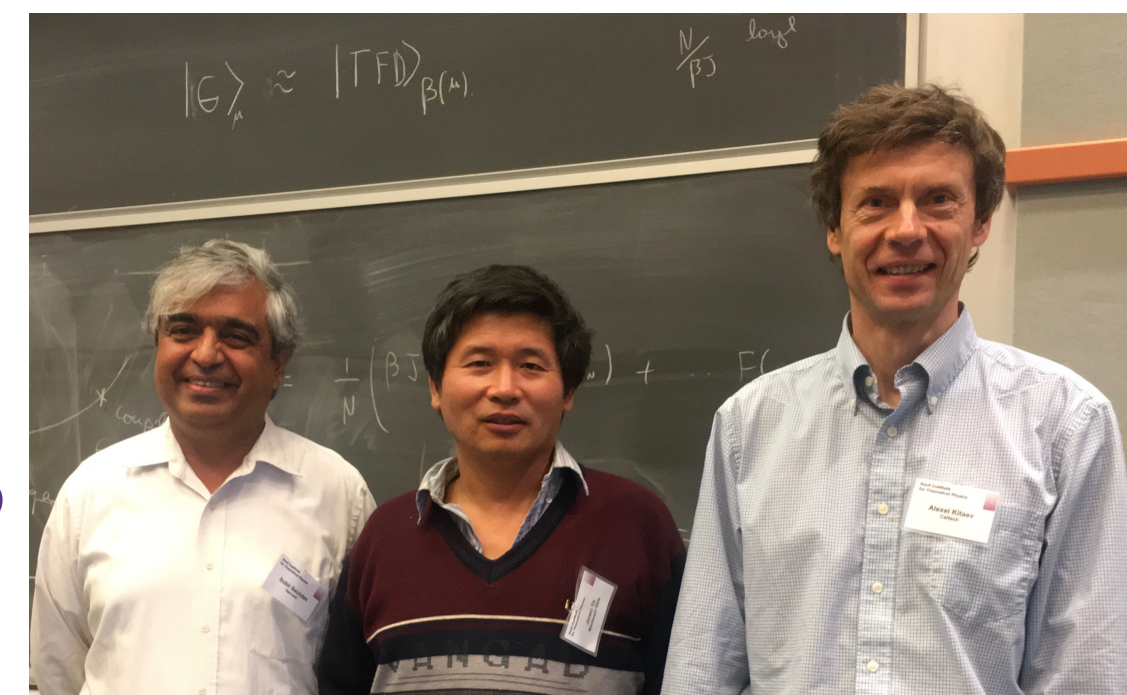


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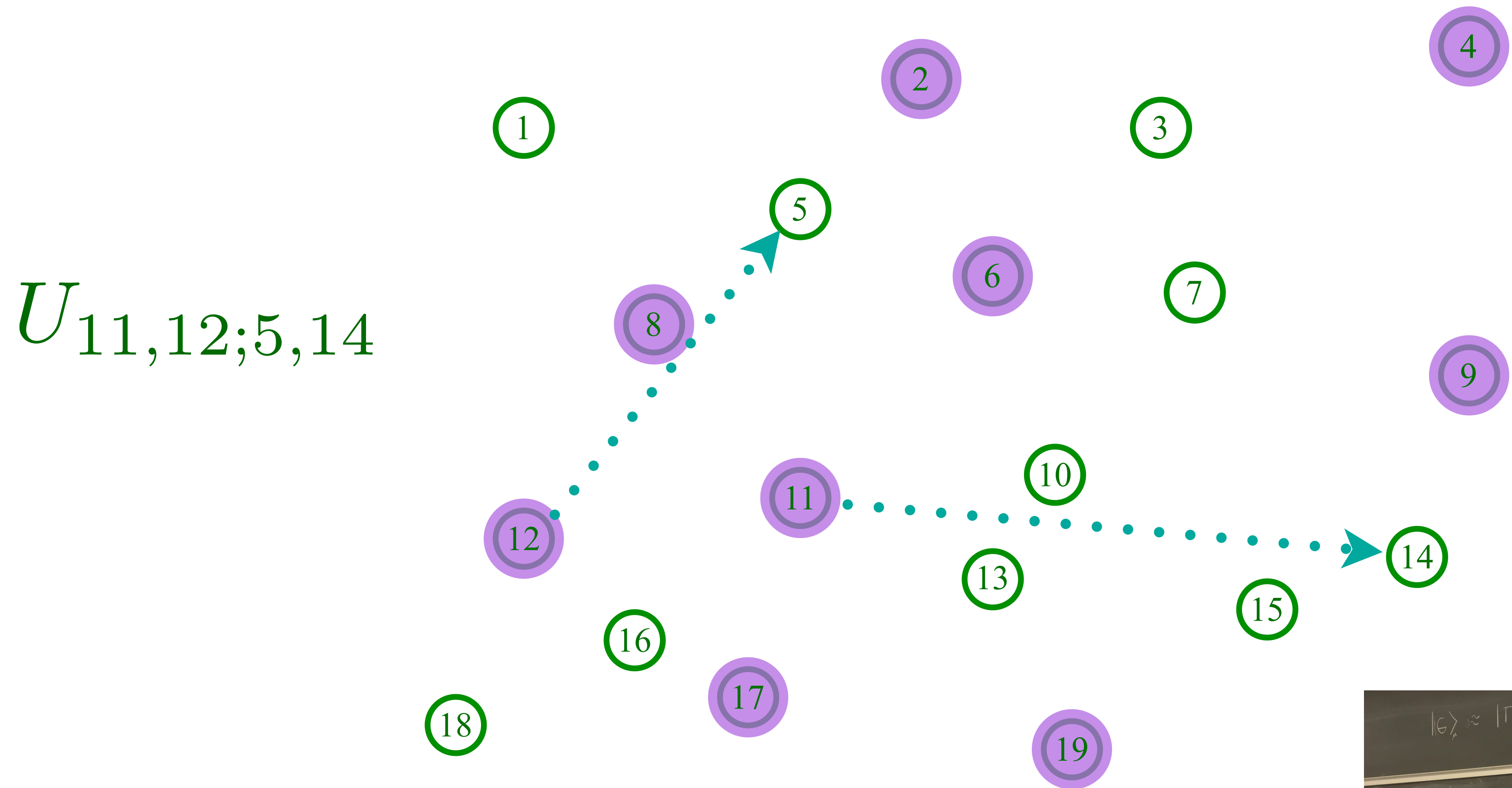


Place electrons randomly on some sites

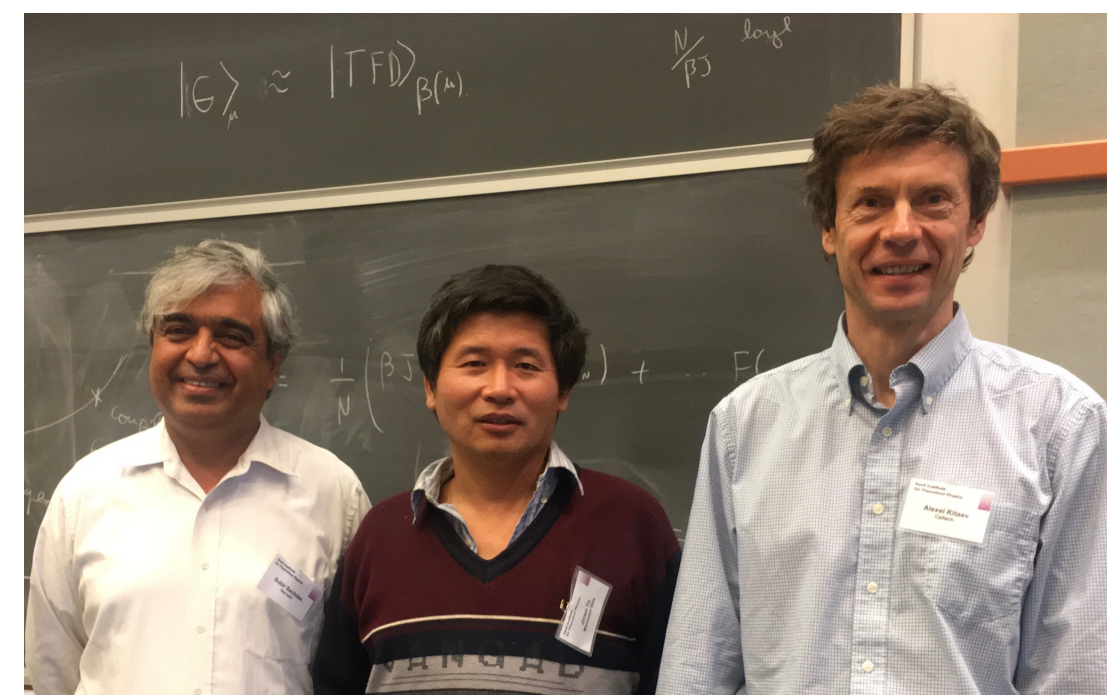


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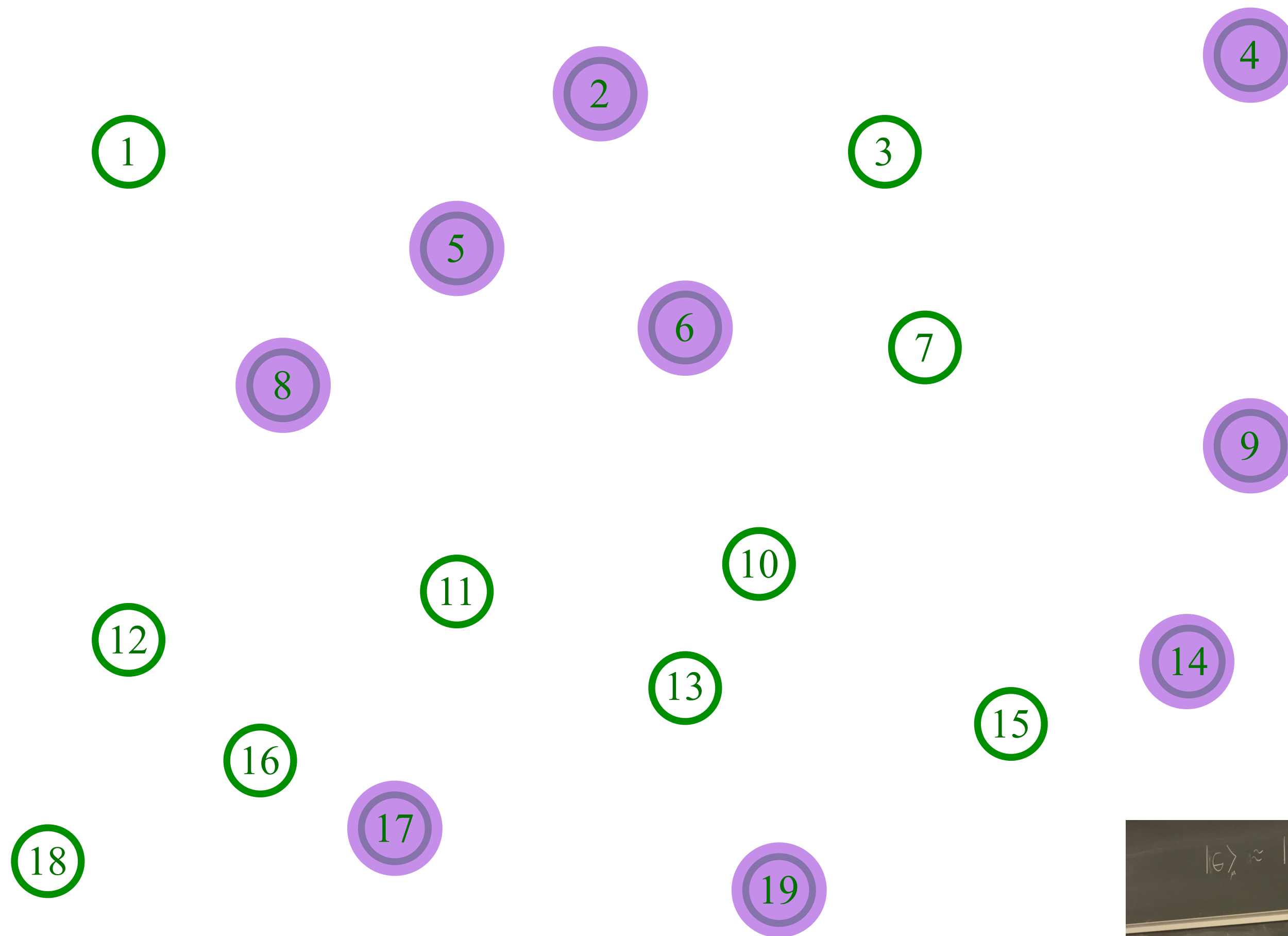
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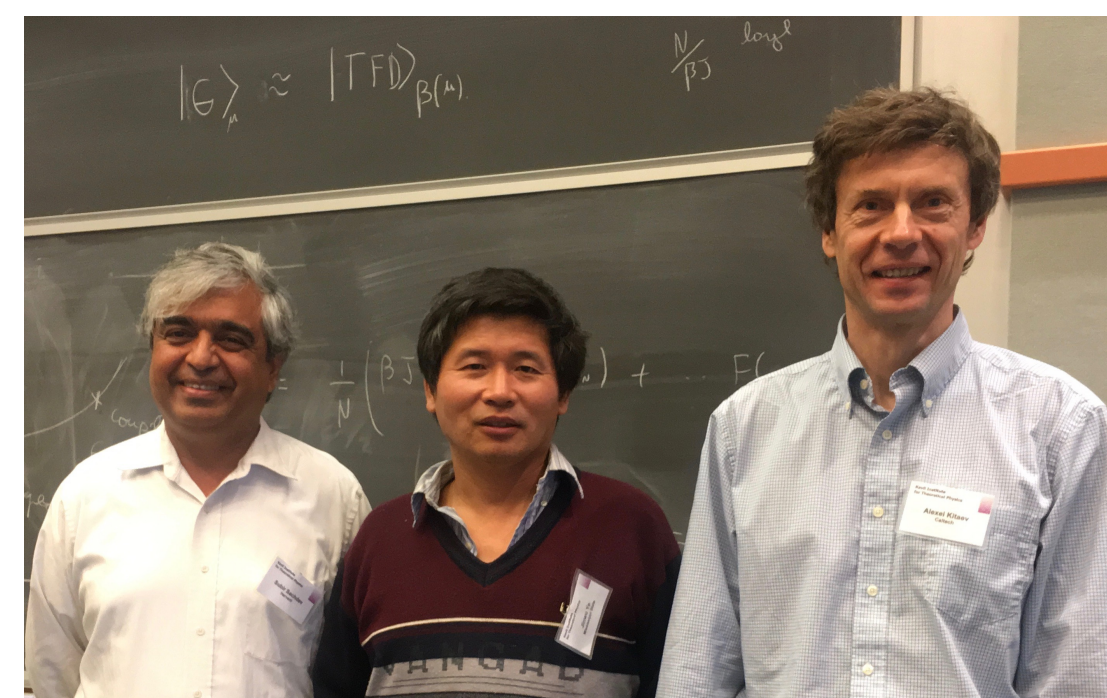
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$$U_{11,12;5,14}$$



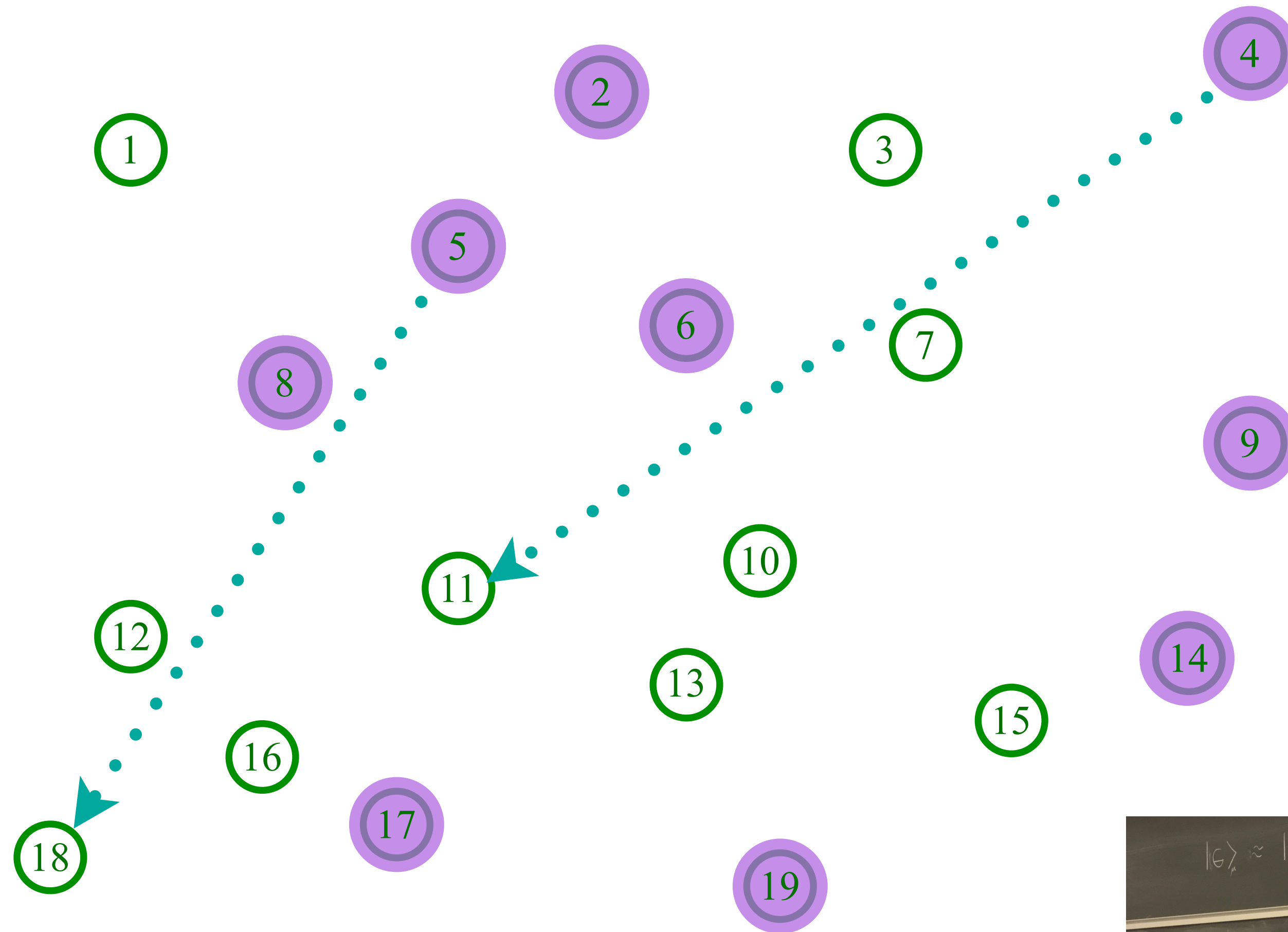
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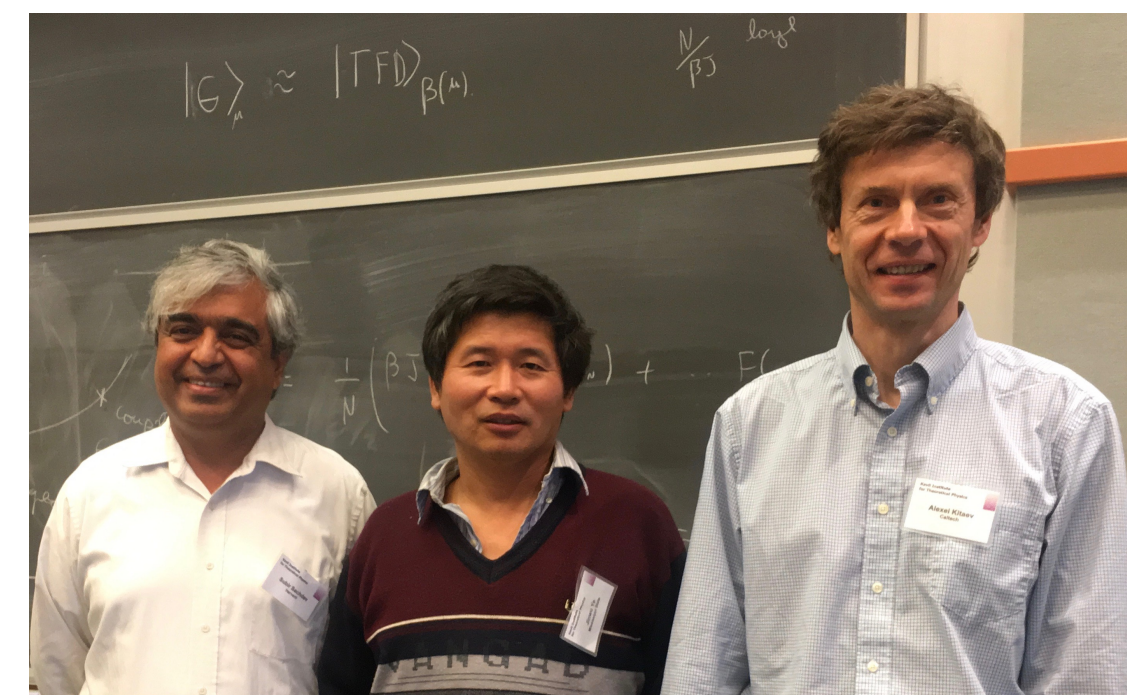
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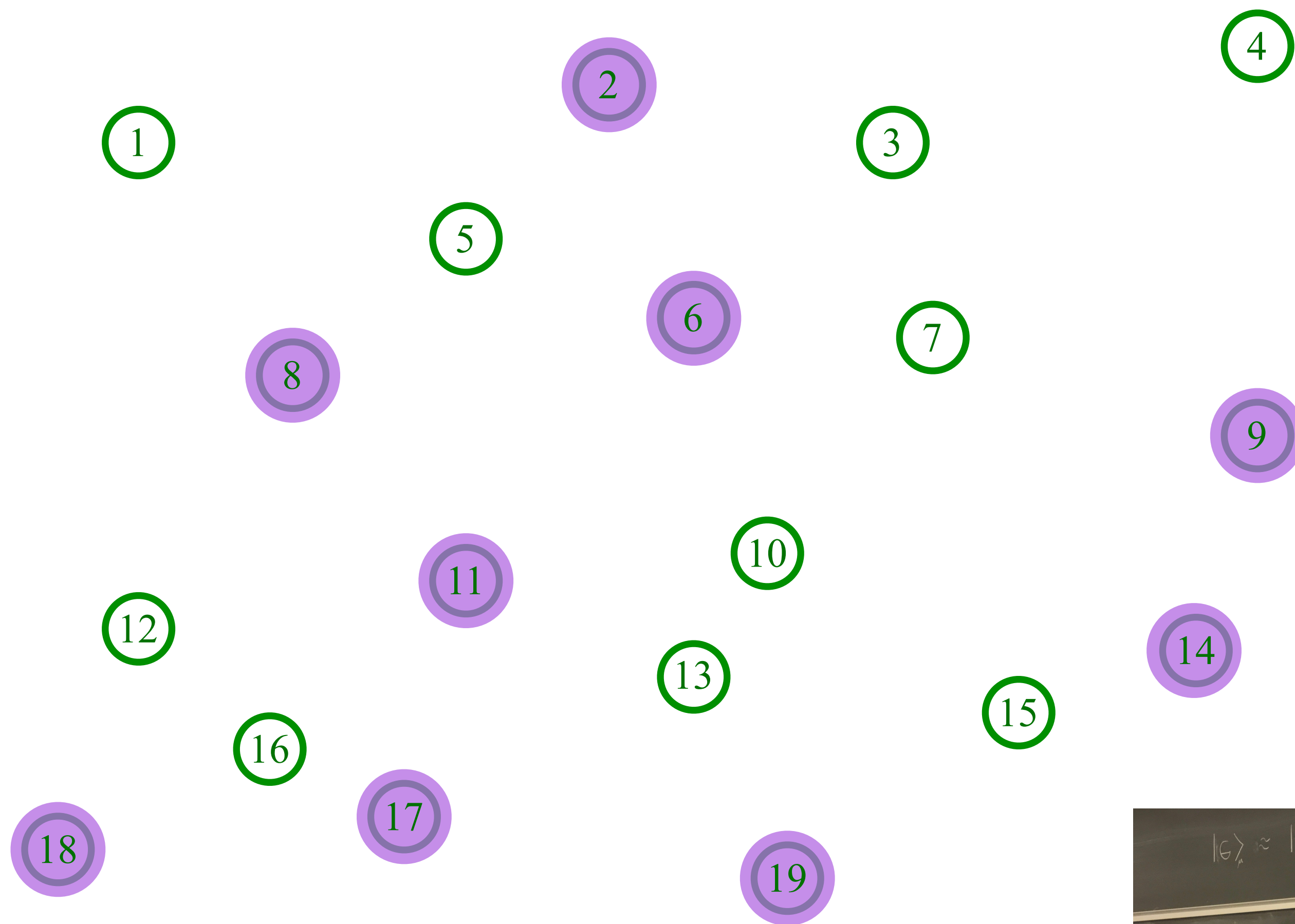
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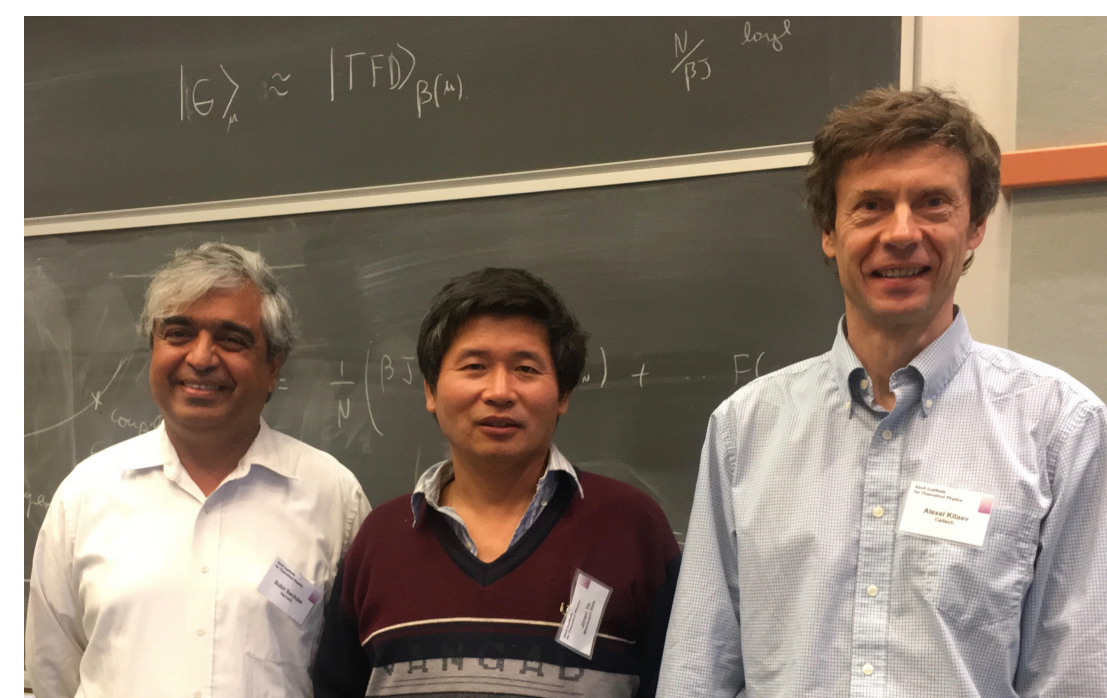
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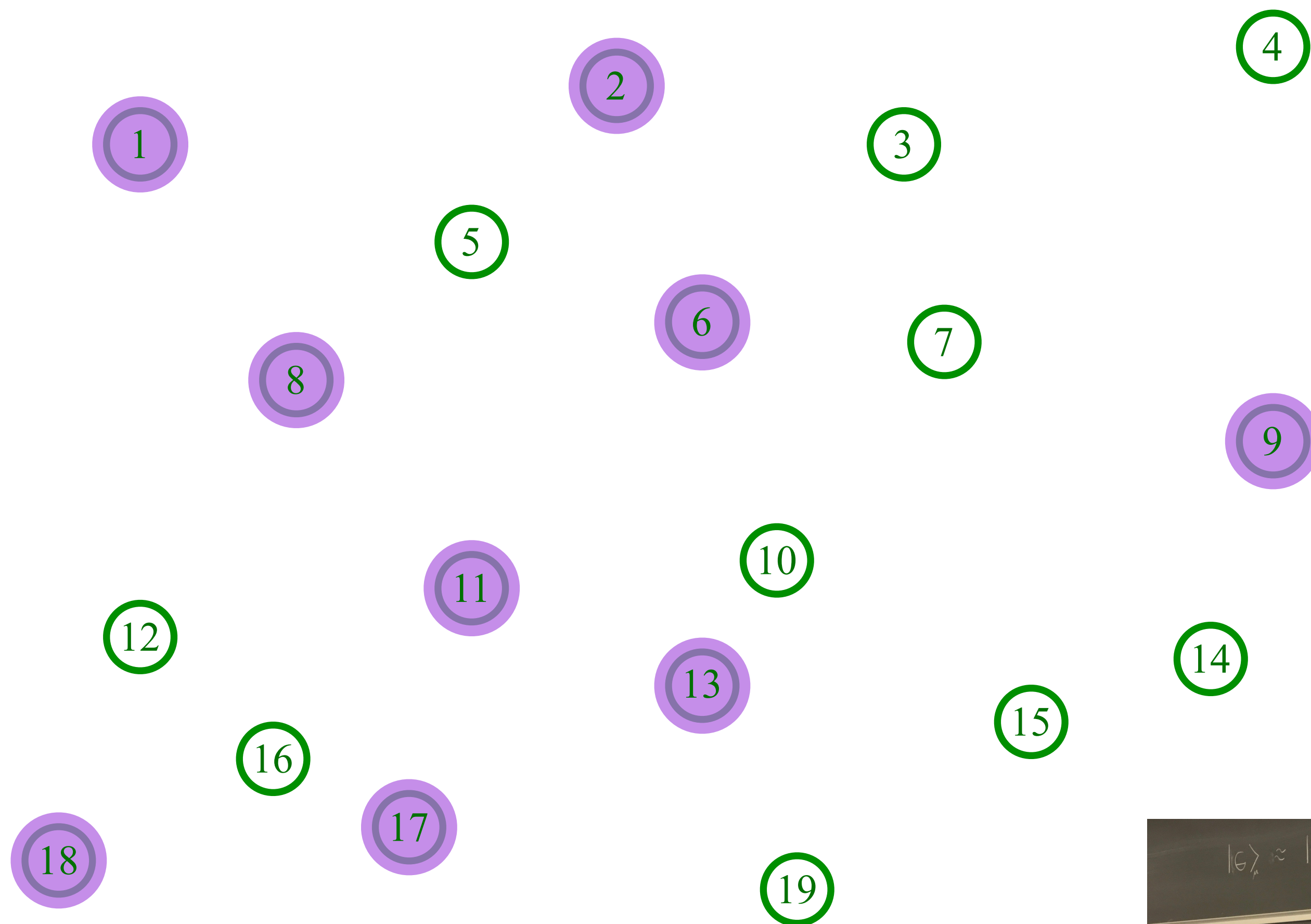
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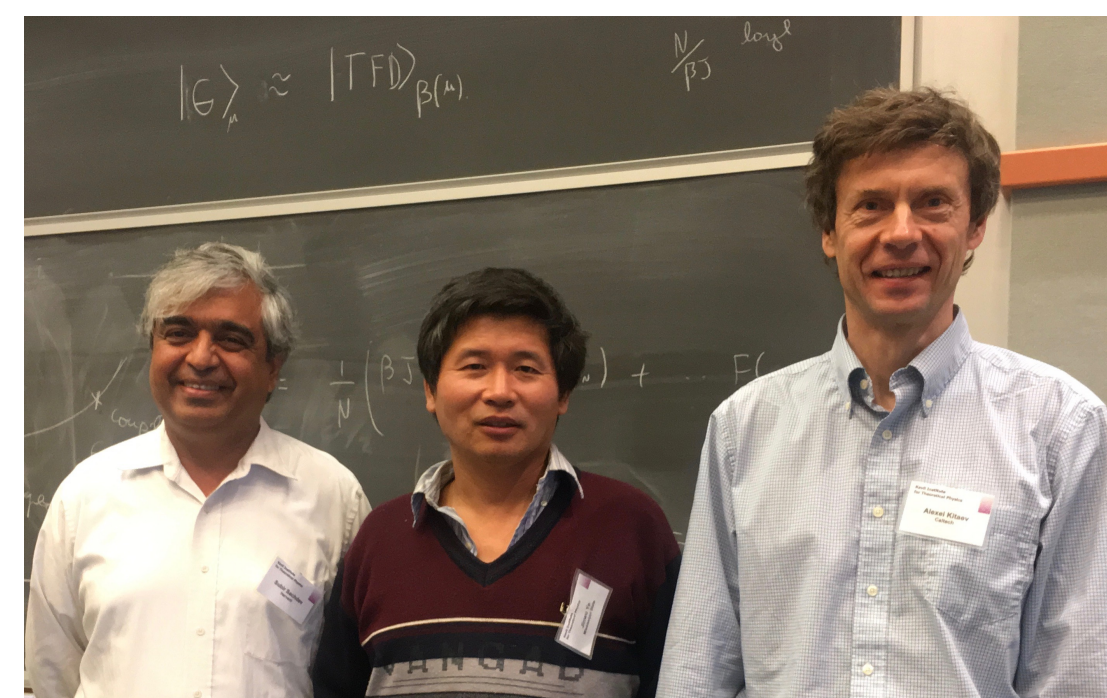
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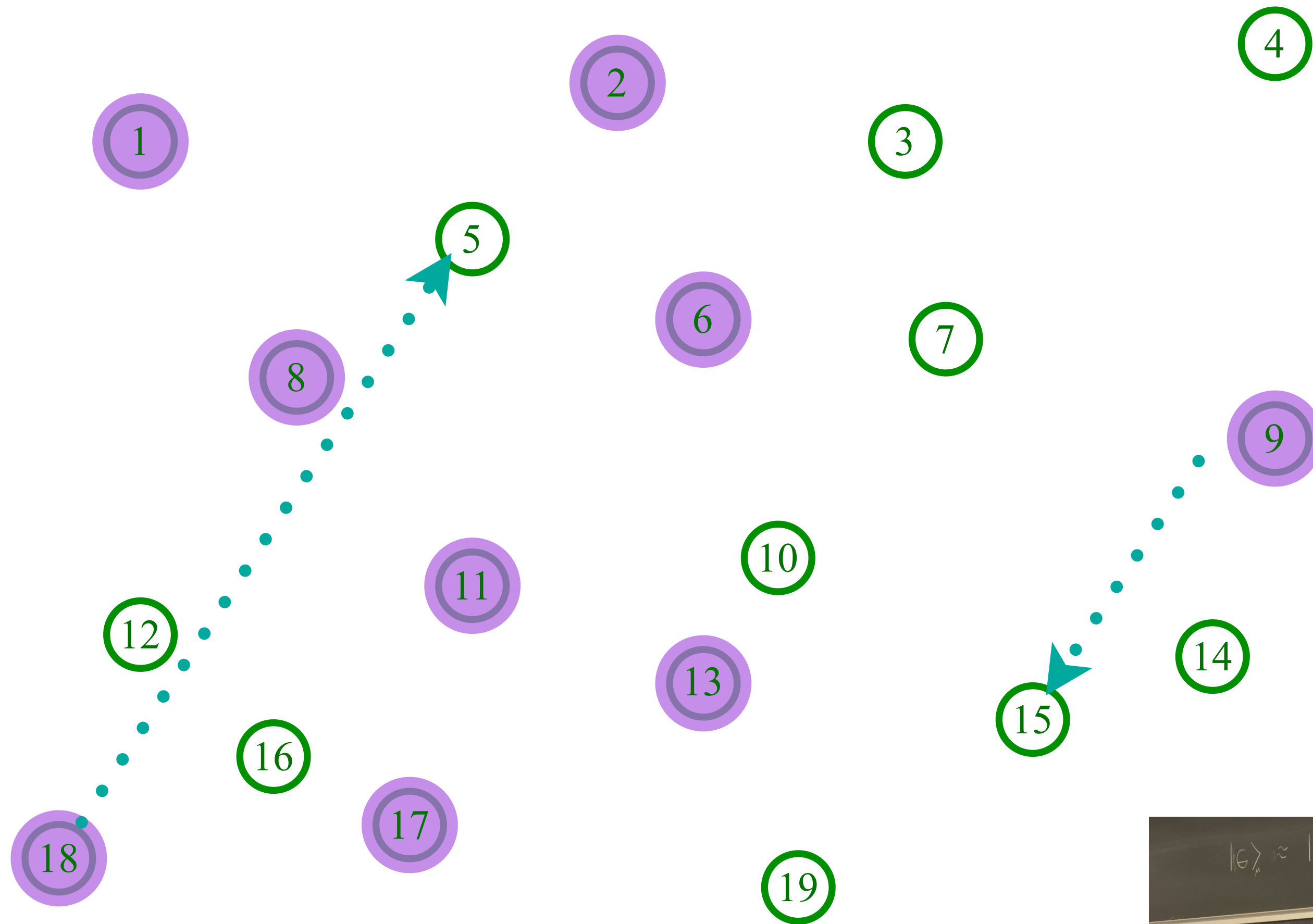
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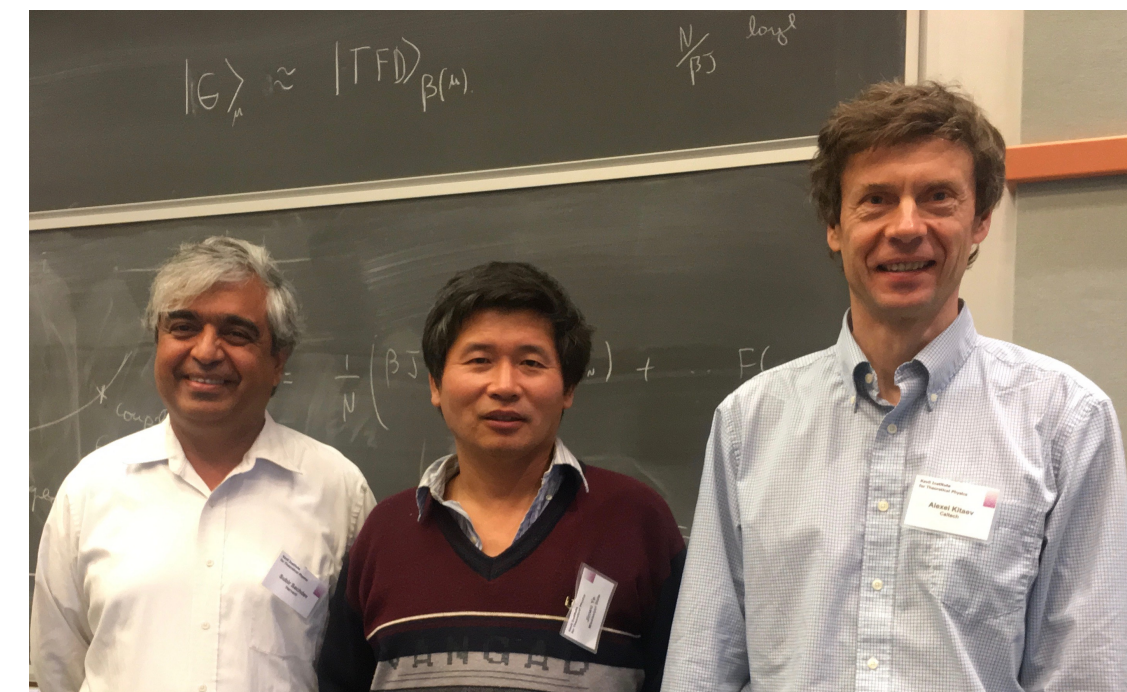
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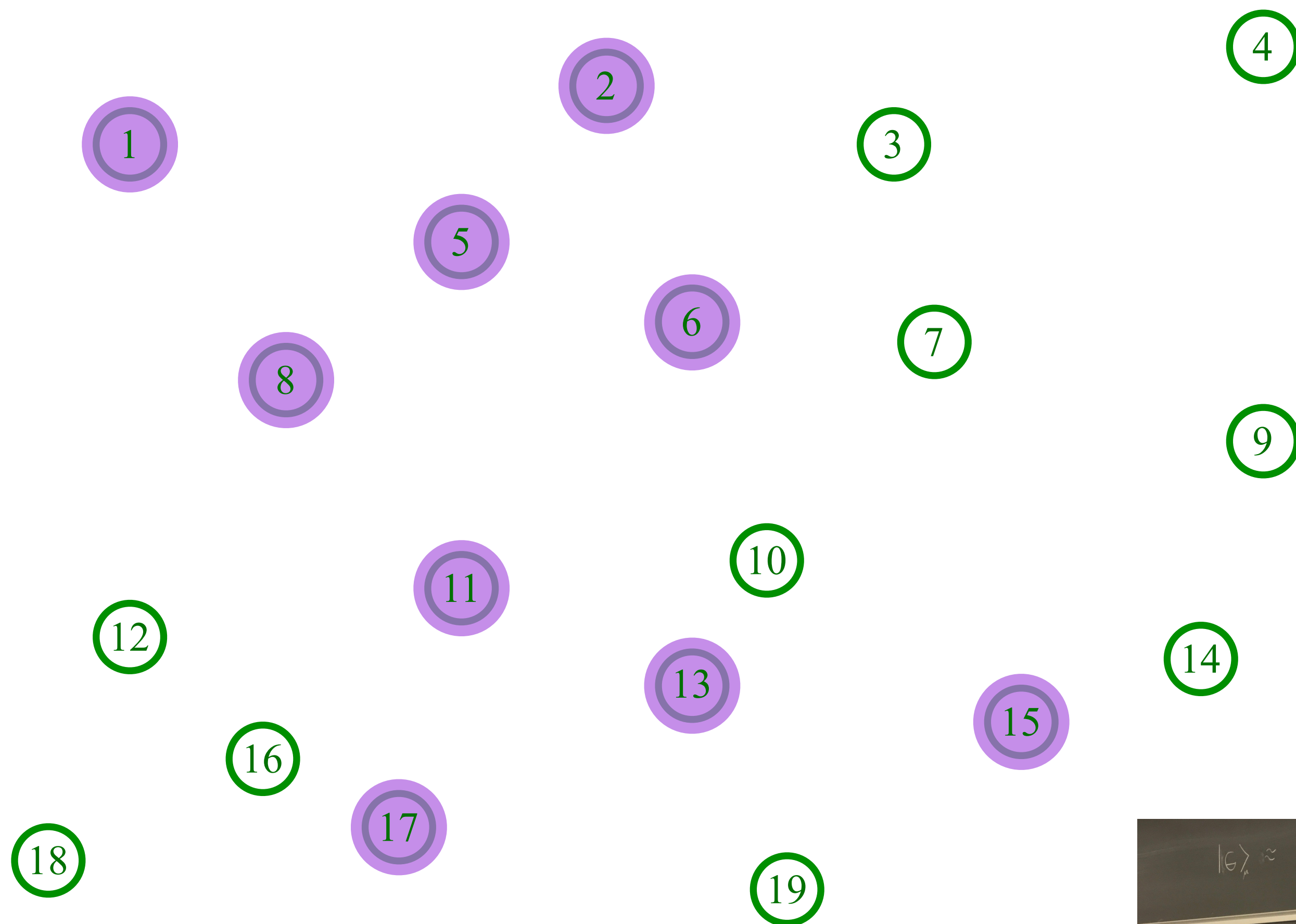
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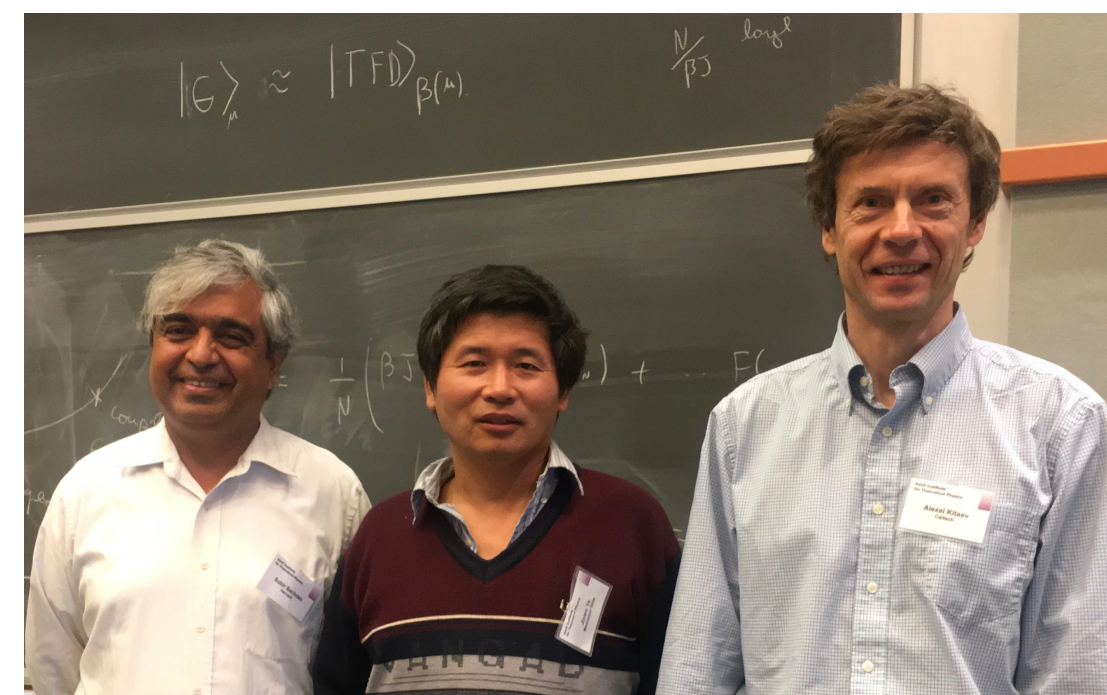
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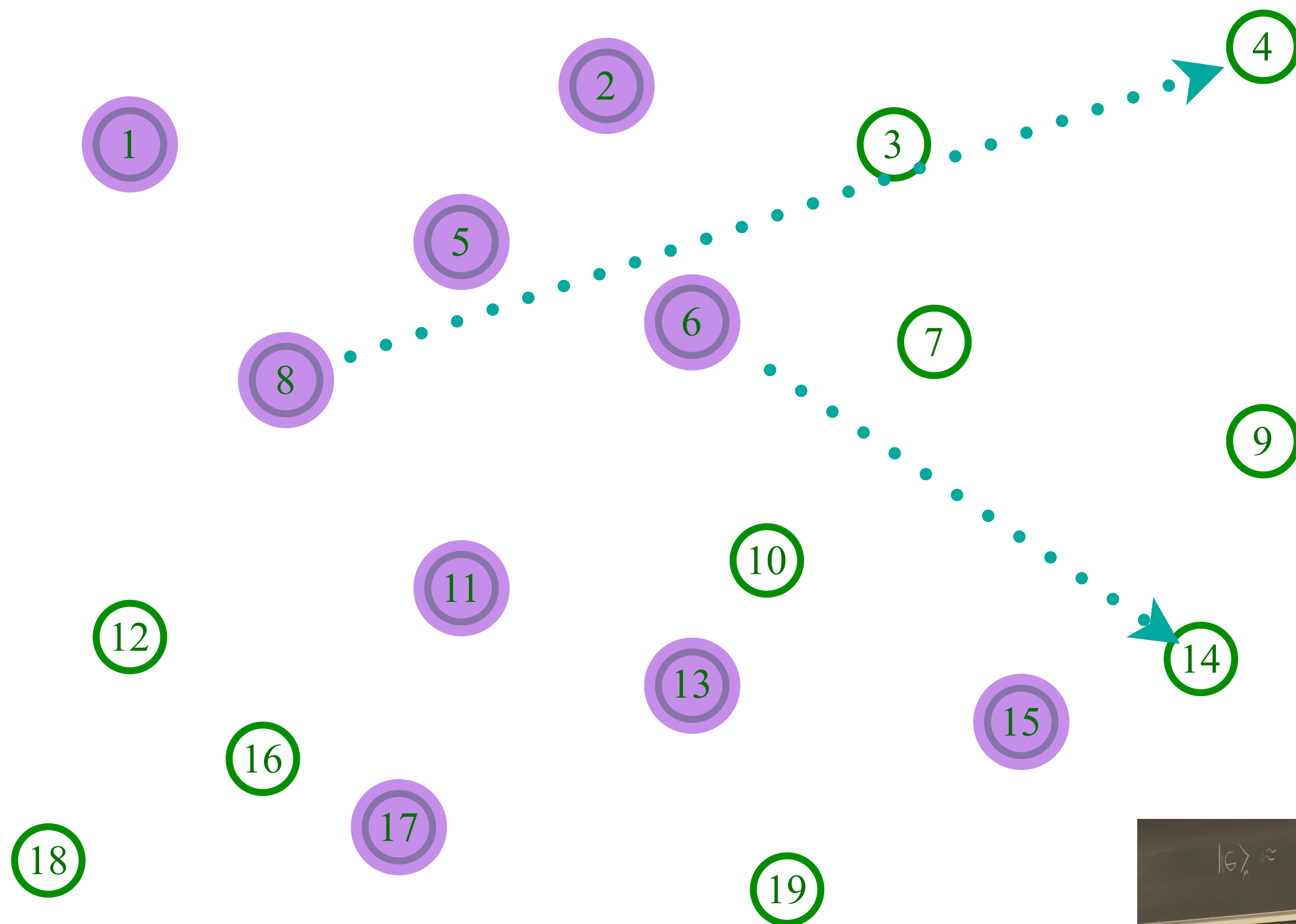
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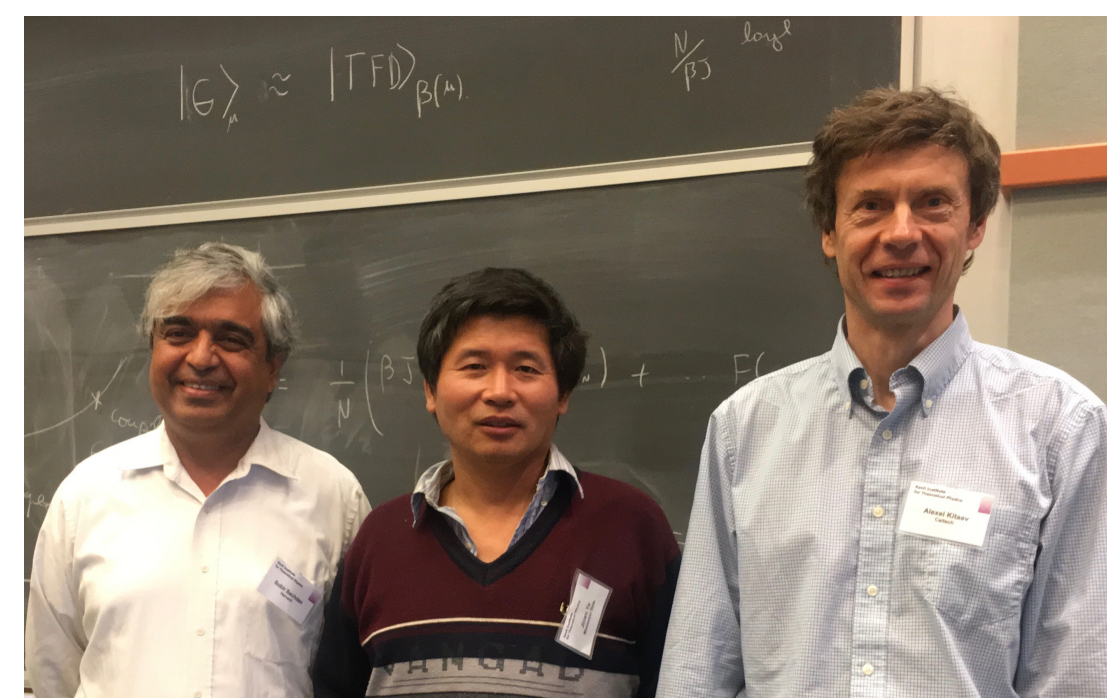
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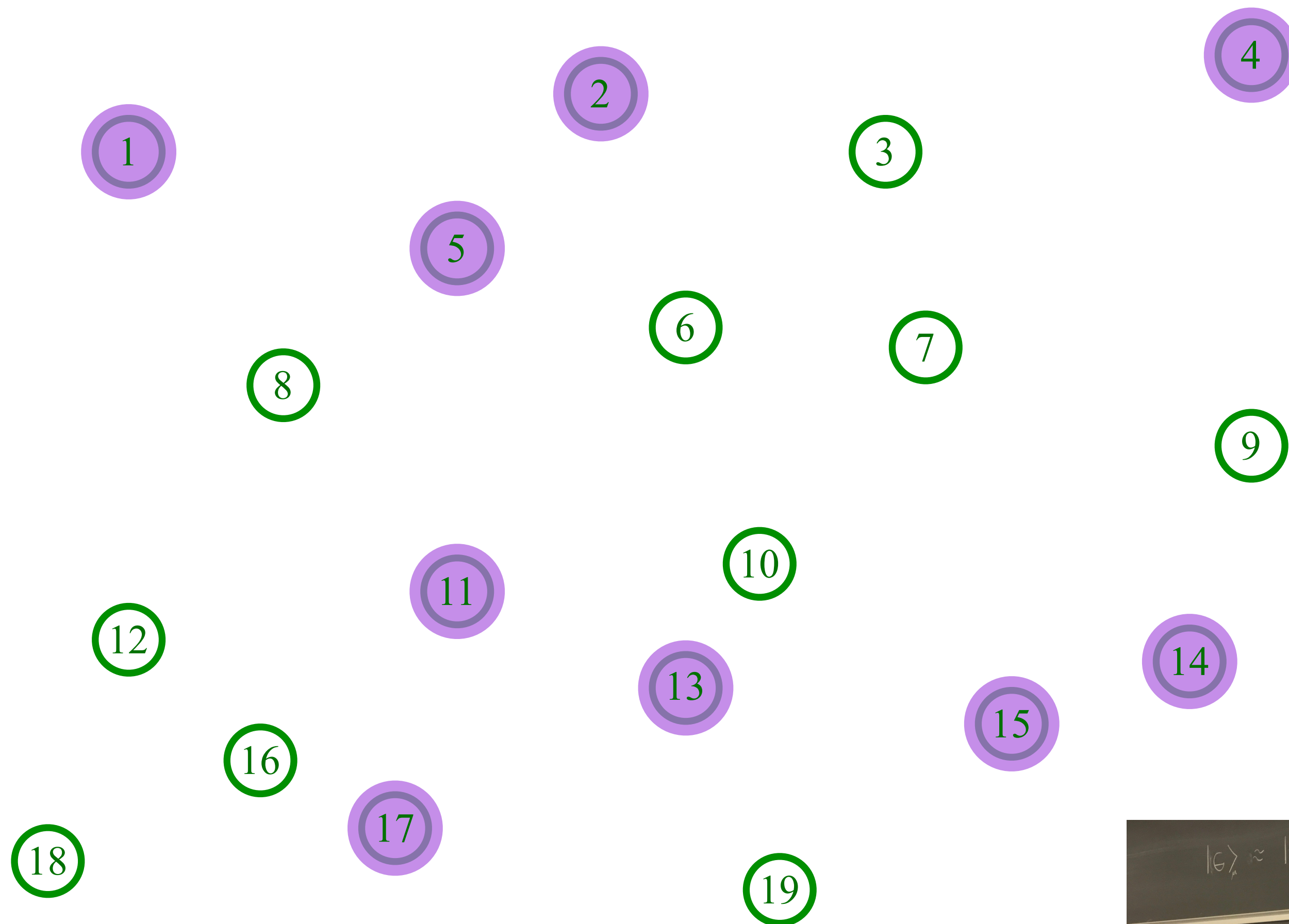
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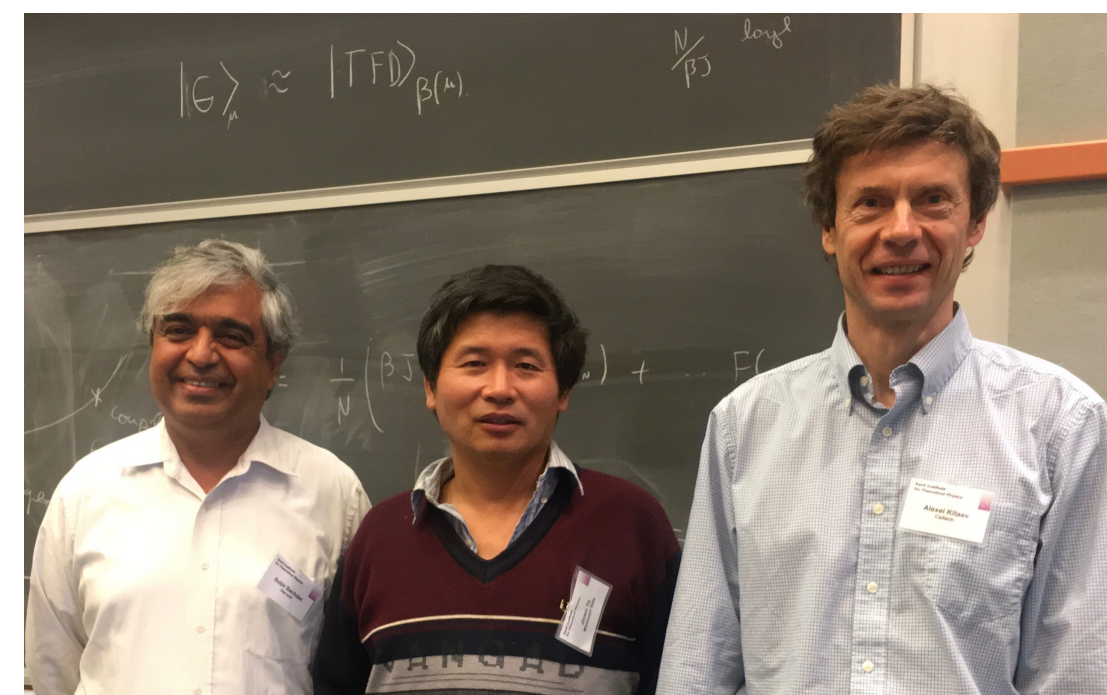
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The SYK model

(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))

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

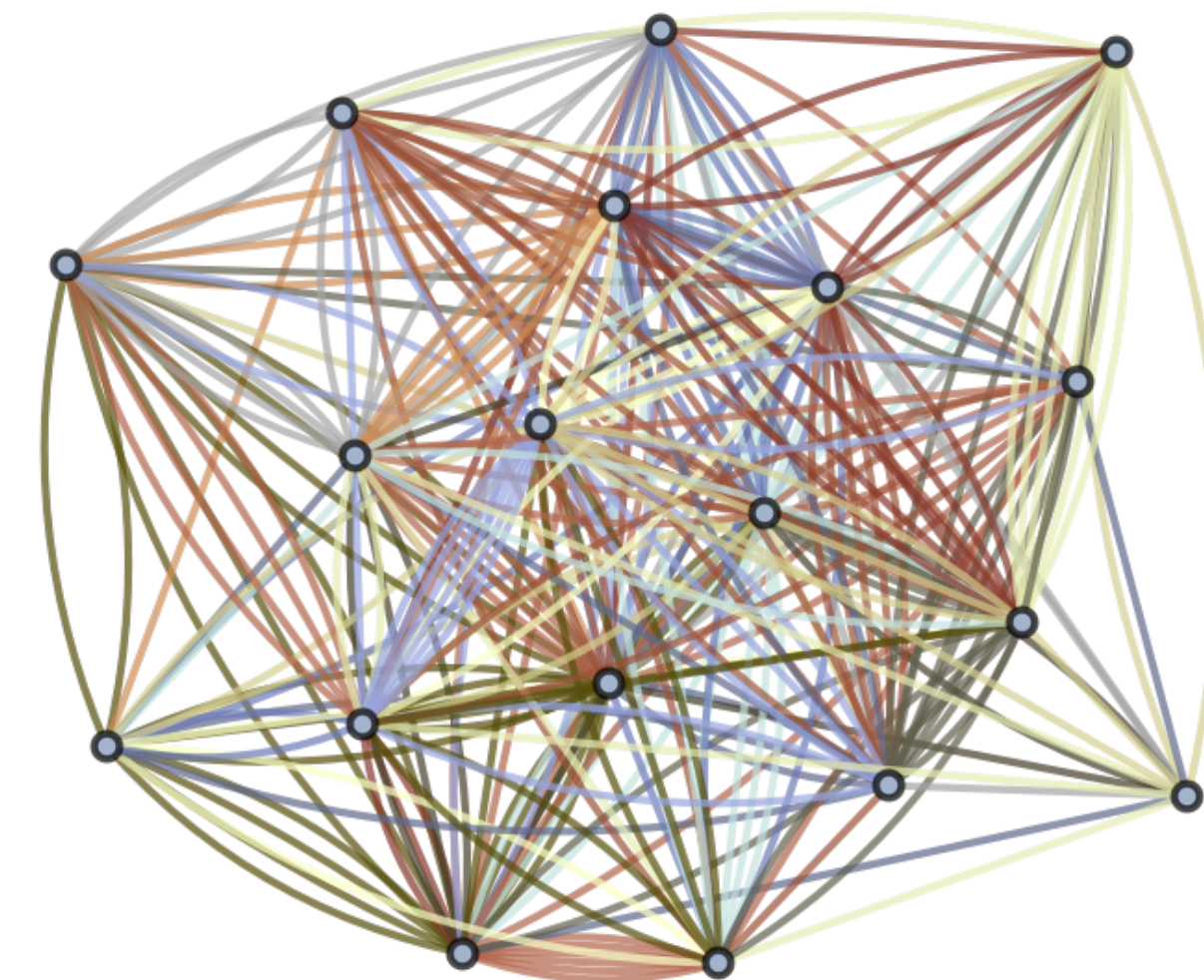
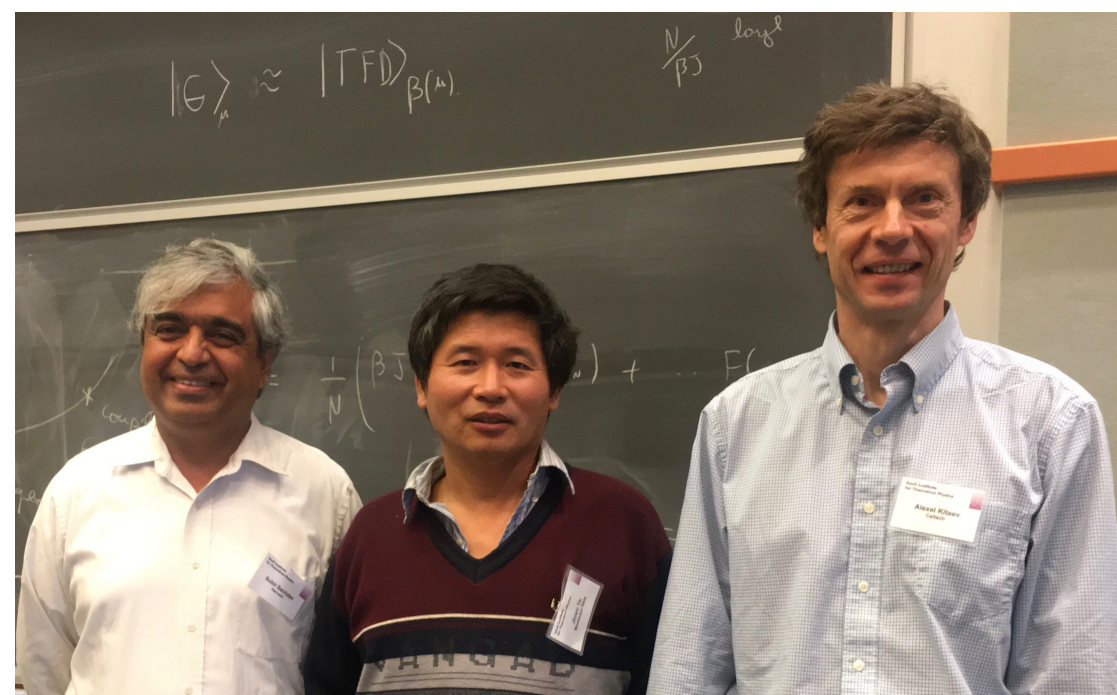
$$c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} + c_{\beta} c_{\alpha} = 0 \quad , \quad c_{\alpha} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} + c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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

$U_{\alpha\beta;\gamma\delta}$ 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.

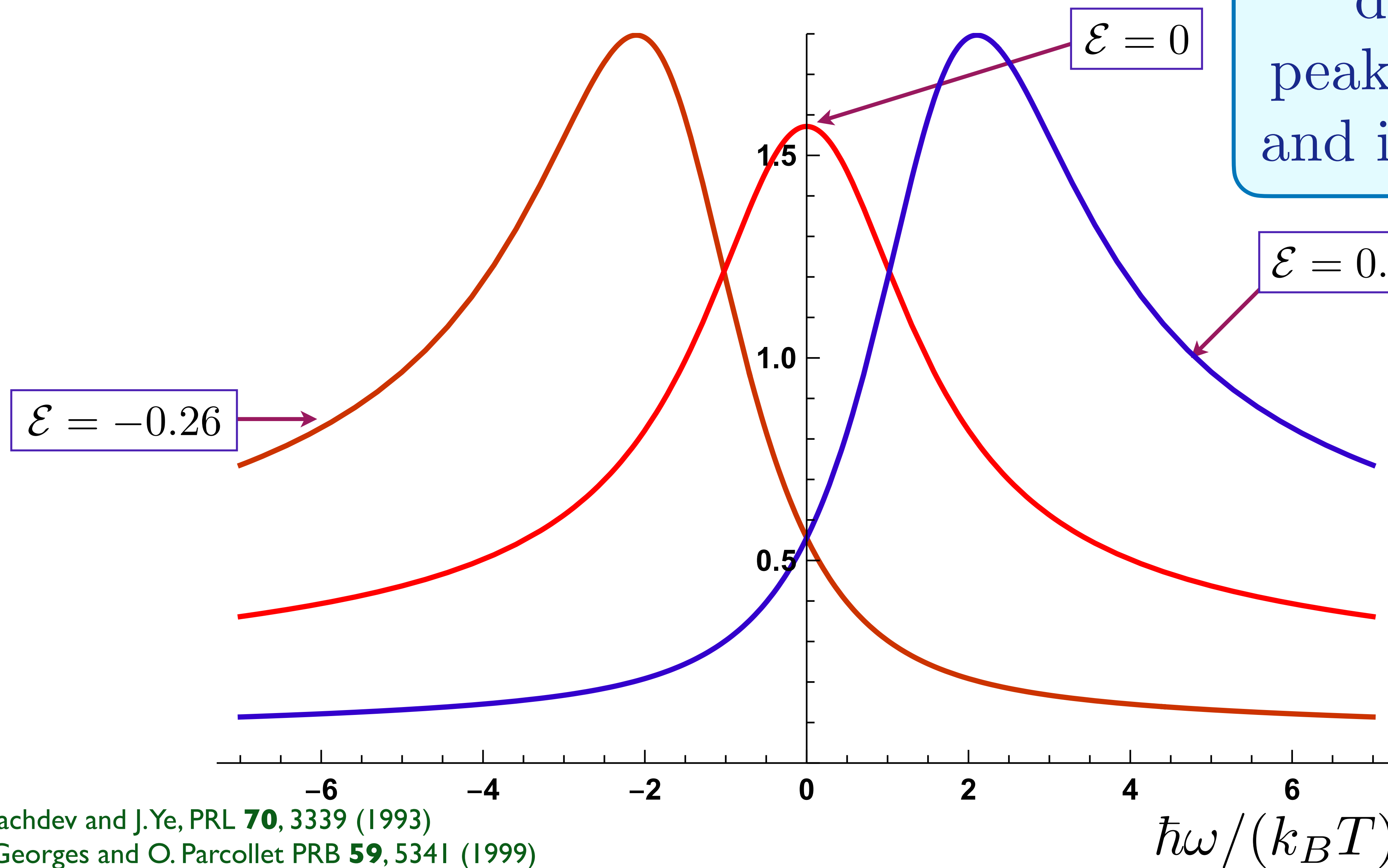
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The SYK model

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



Conformal ‘Planckian’
dynamics with
peak width $\sim k_B T/\hbar$
and independent of U

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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:

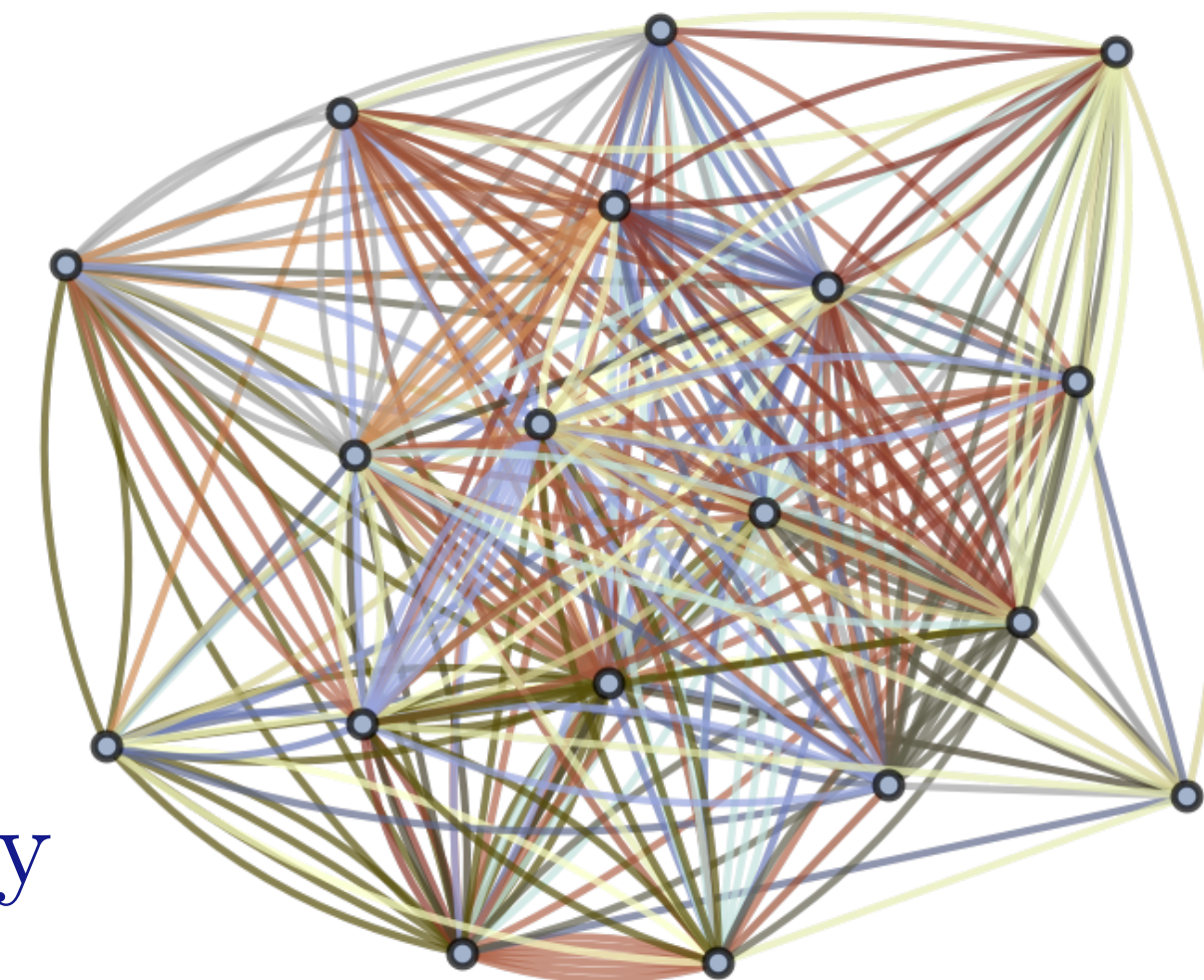
At frequencies $\ll U$, the path integral for is invariant under time reparameterization $f(\sigma)$

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

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

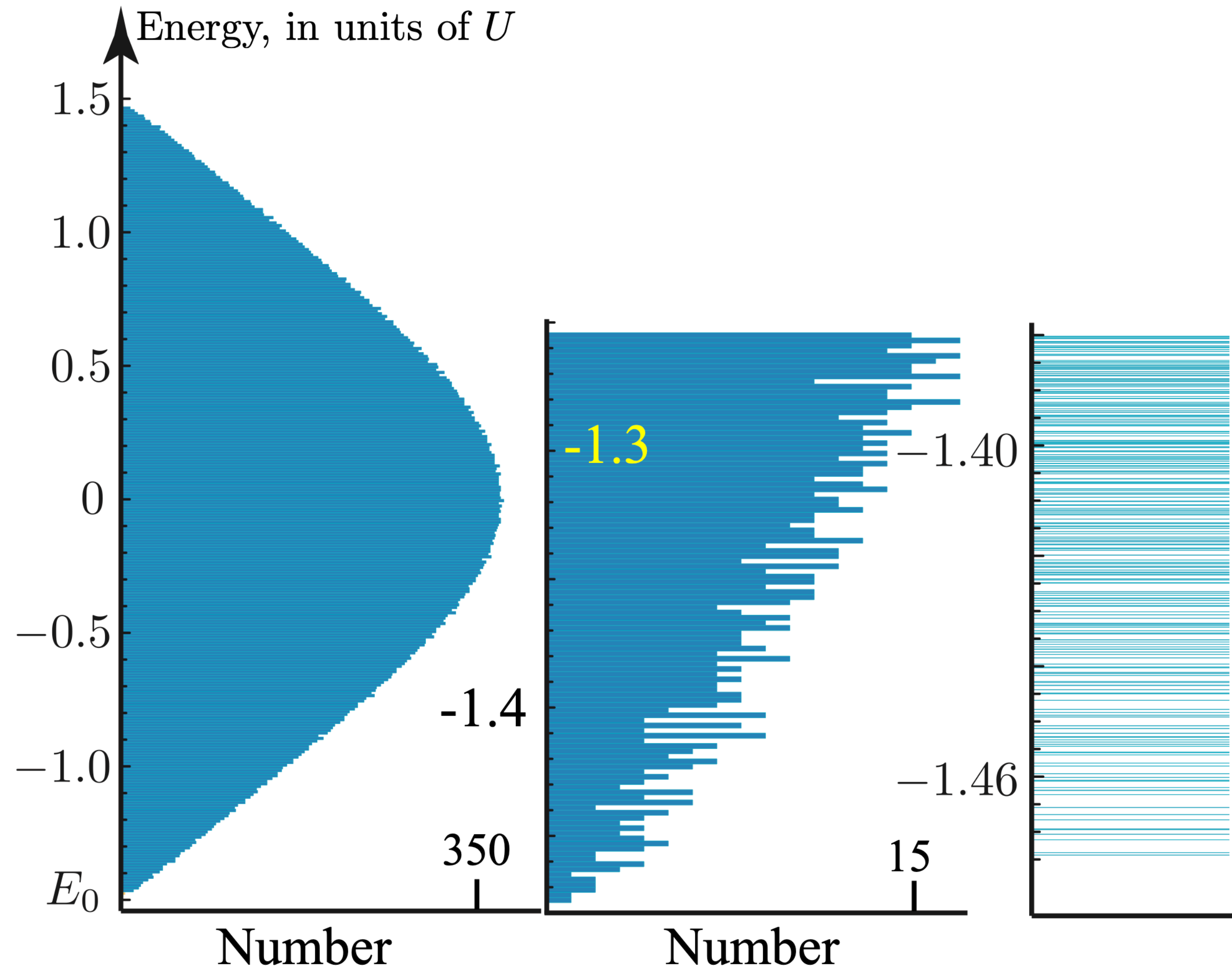
There is also an emergent $U(1)$ gauge symmetry. Hints that the low energy theory is quantum gravity+electromagnetism!

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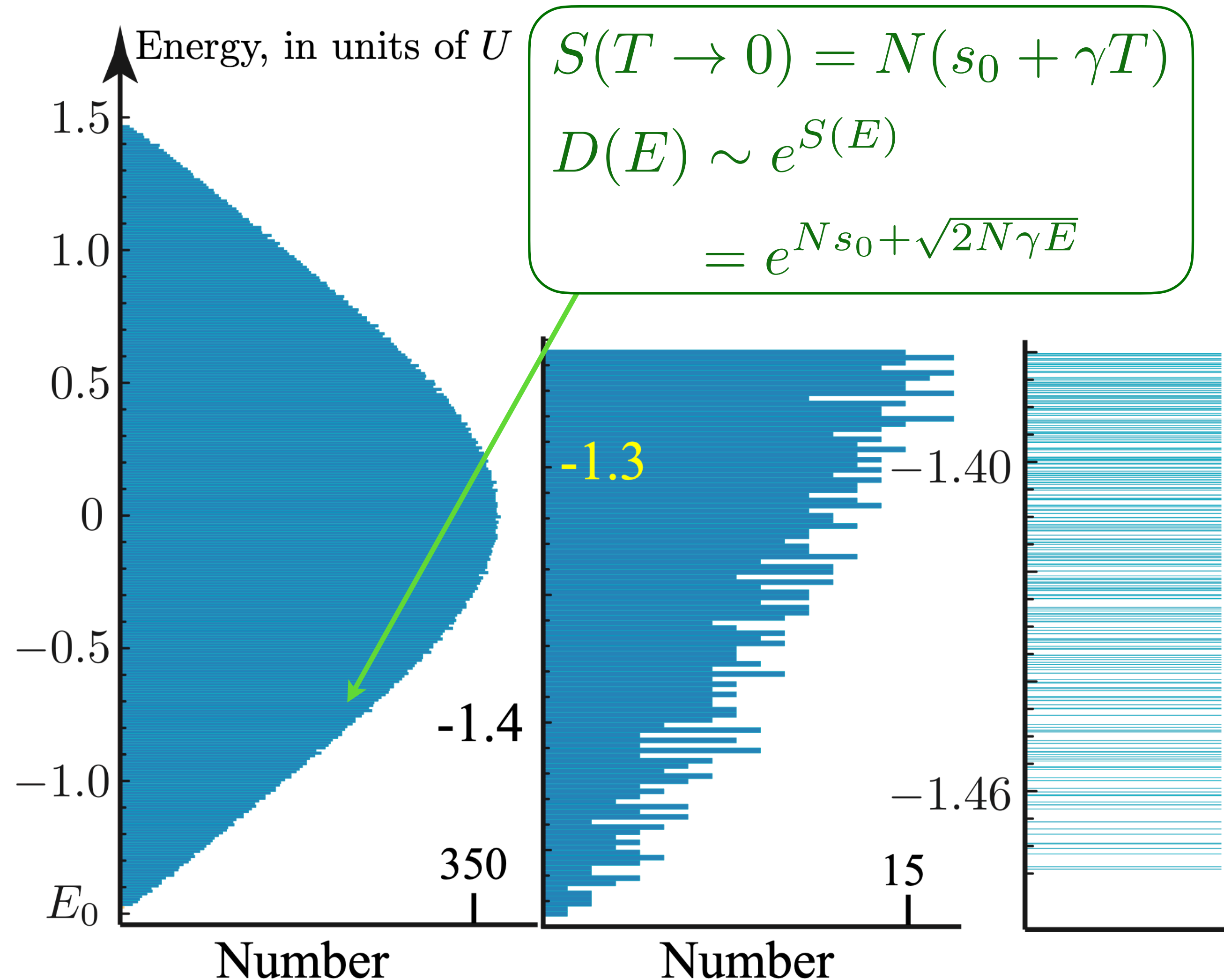
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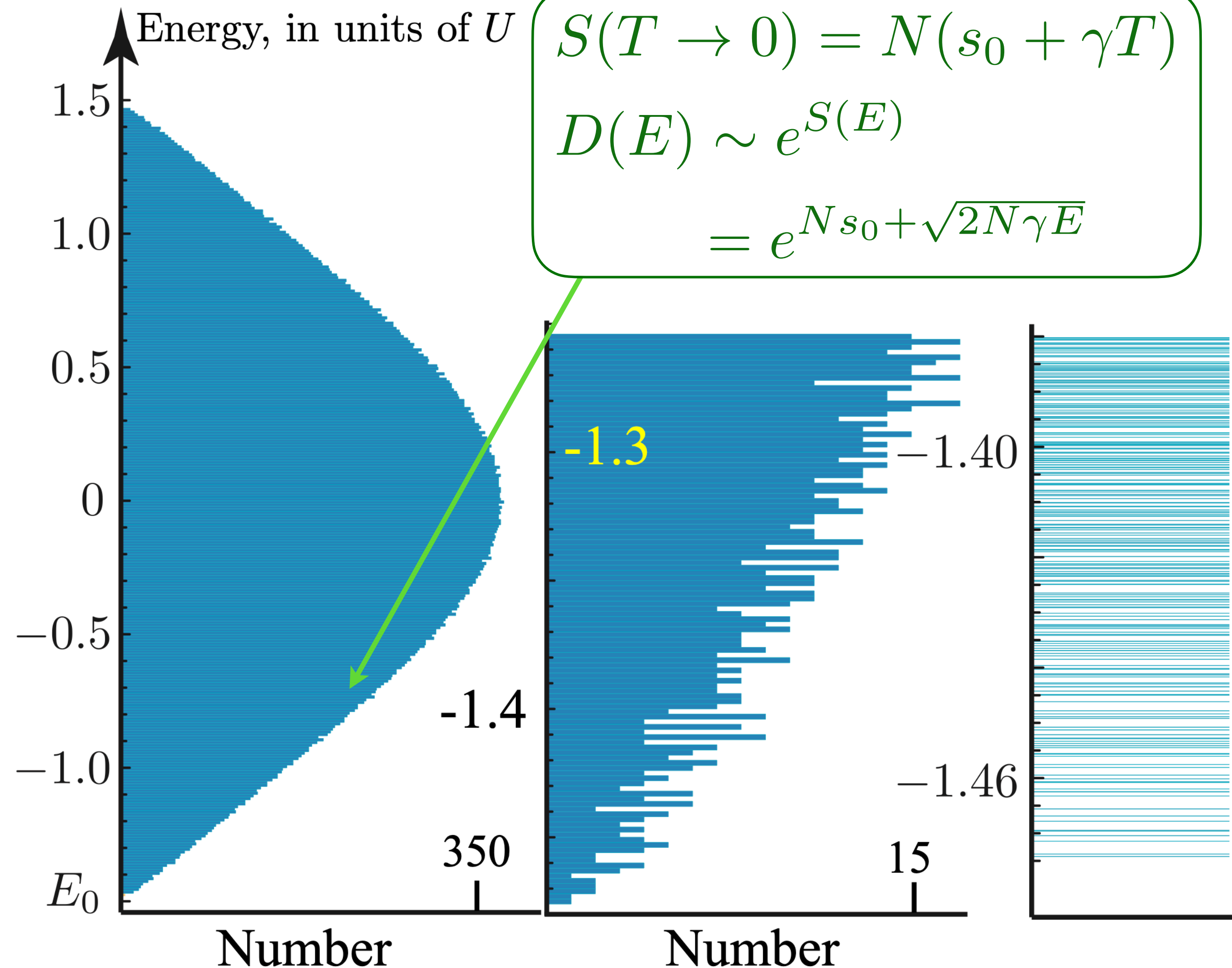
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Energy level spacing $\sim e^{-N s_0}$!

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

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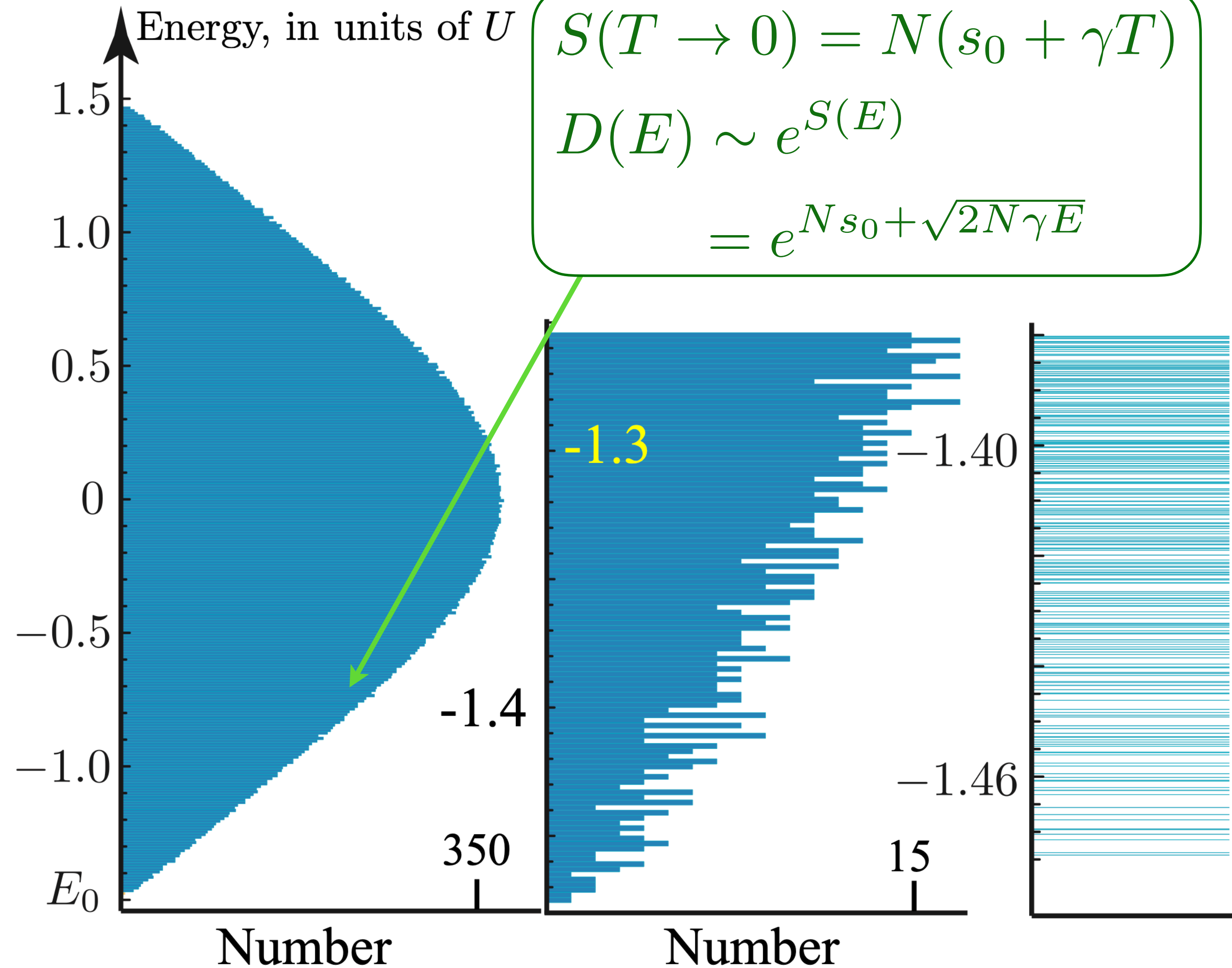
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Beyond Boltzmann

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

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

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

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

$$D(E) \sim N^{-1} \exp(N s_0) \sinh(\sqrt{2N\gamma E})$$

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

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

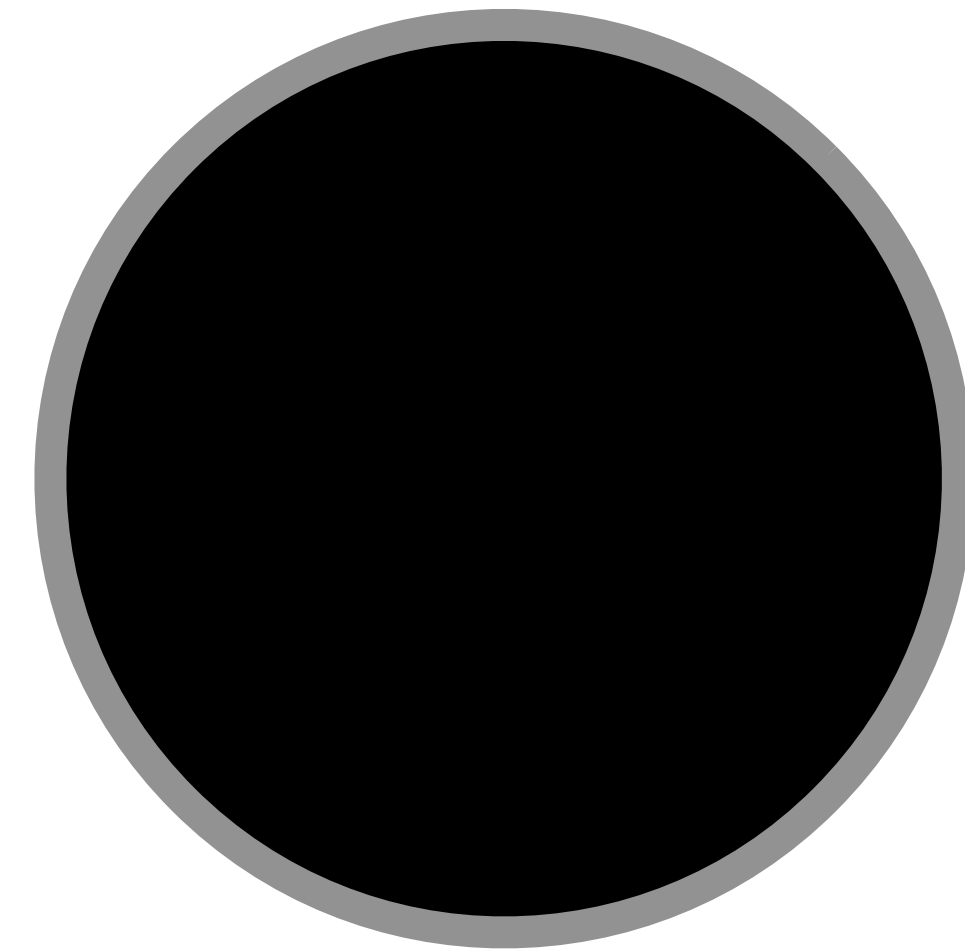
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**Quantum
black holes**

Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

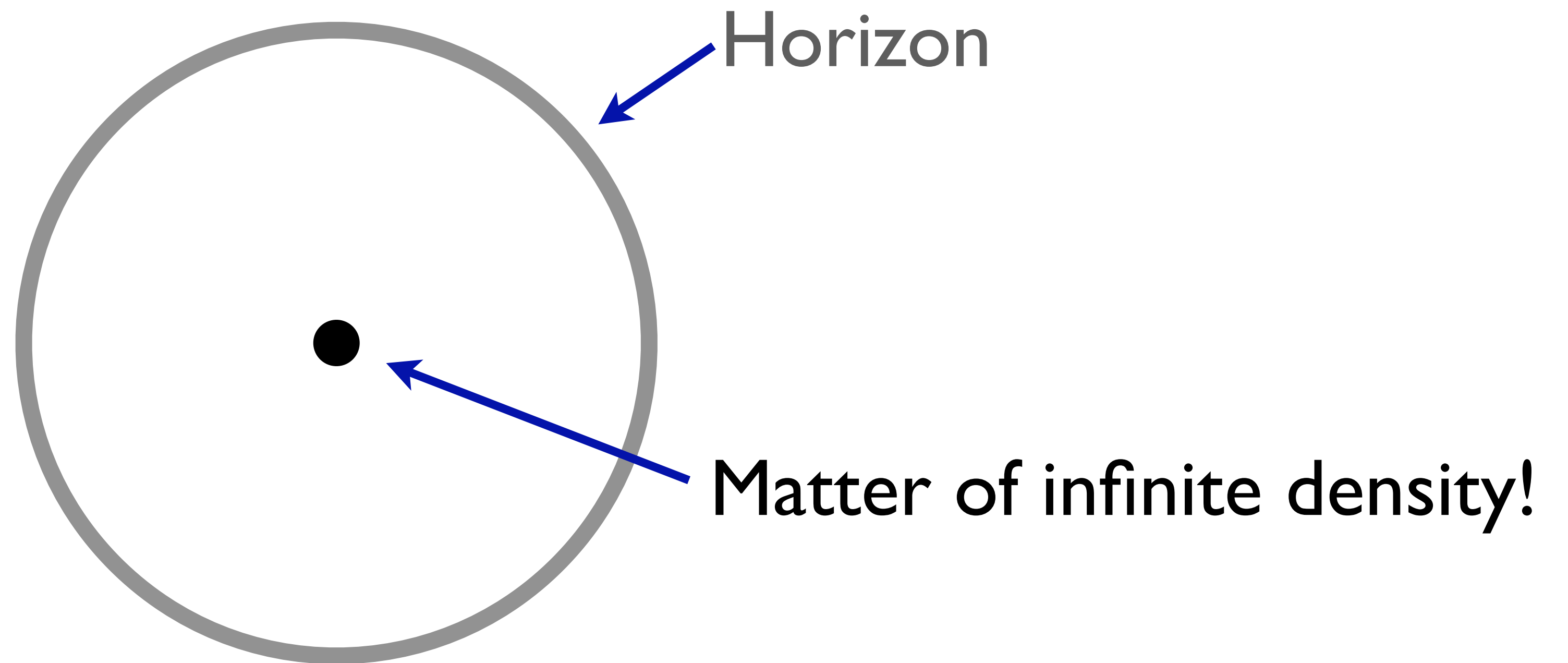
Horizon radius $R = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$



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

What is inside a black hole ???

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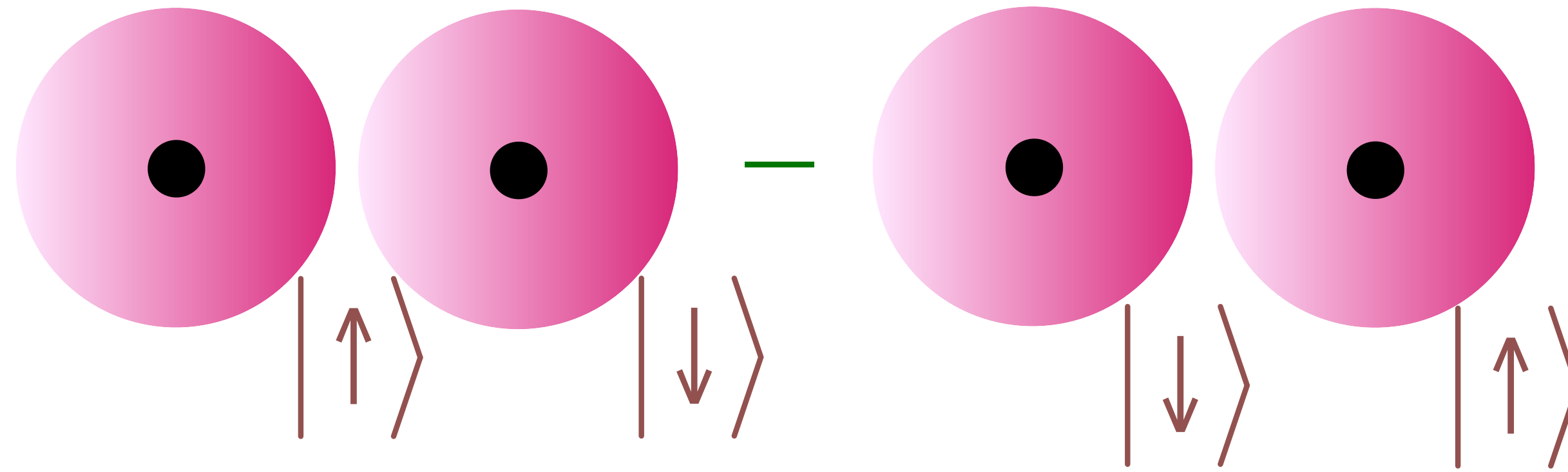
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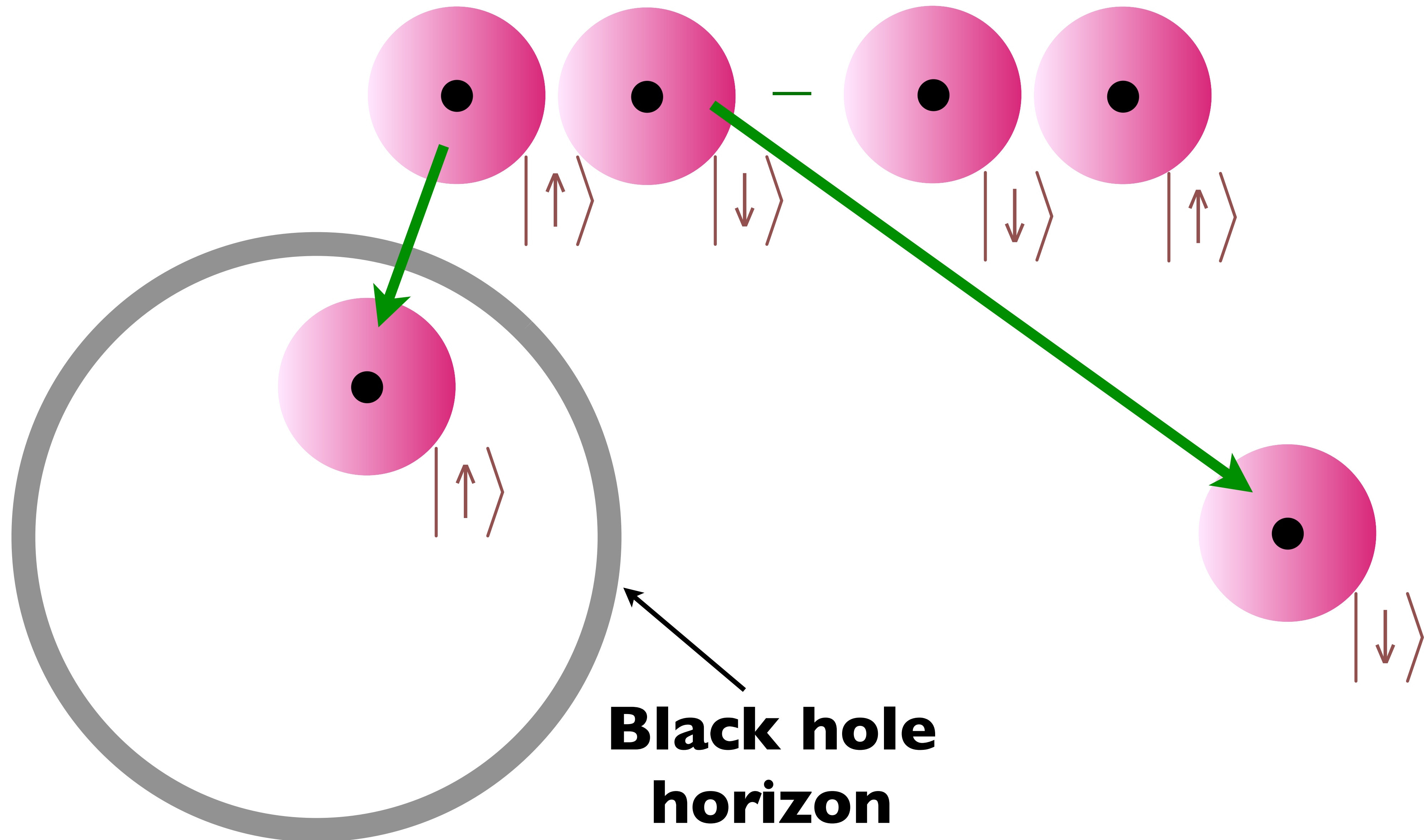
This singularity convinced many early on that black holes were unphysical solutions of Einstein's equations, and did not exist in our universe.

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

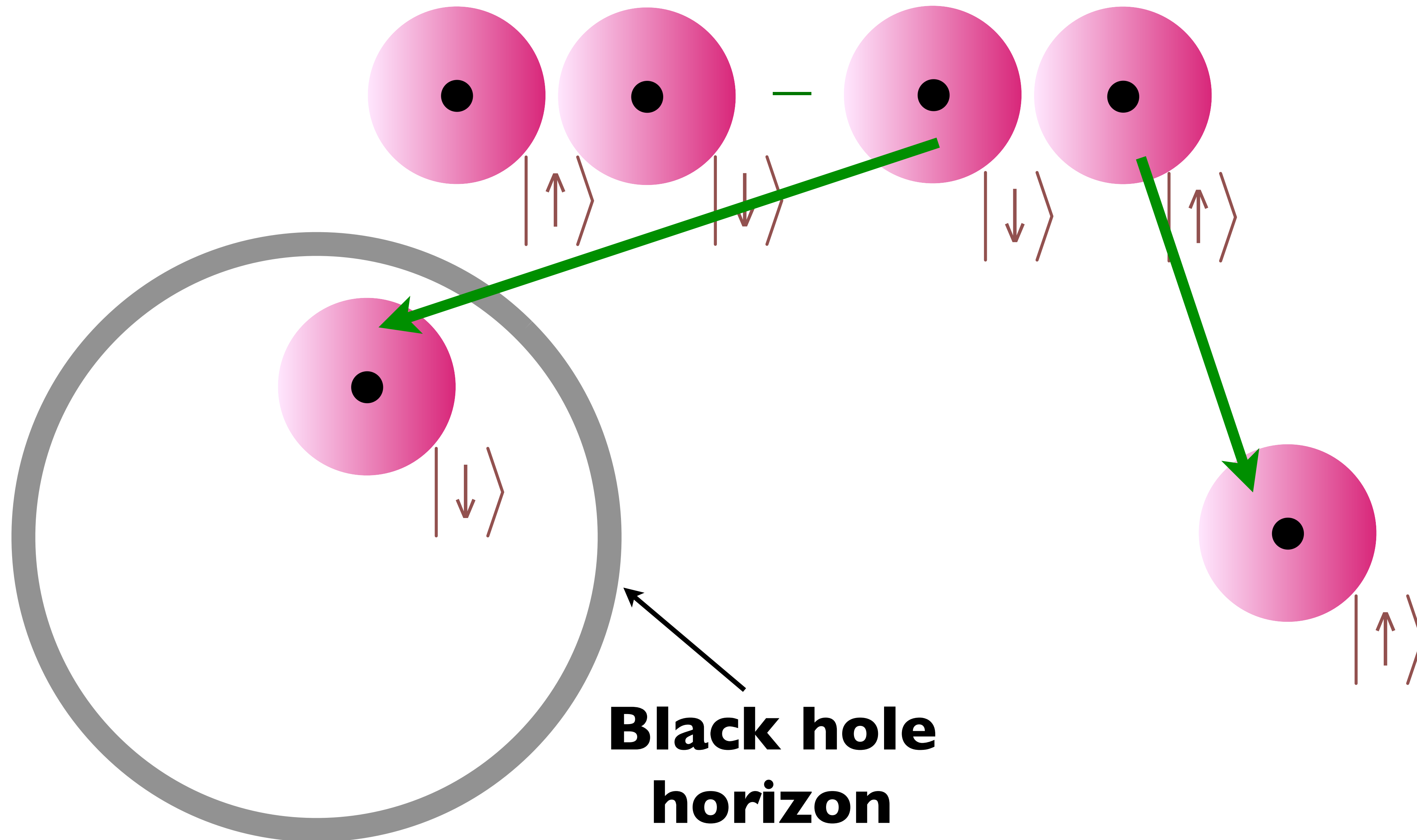
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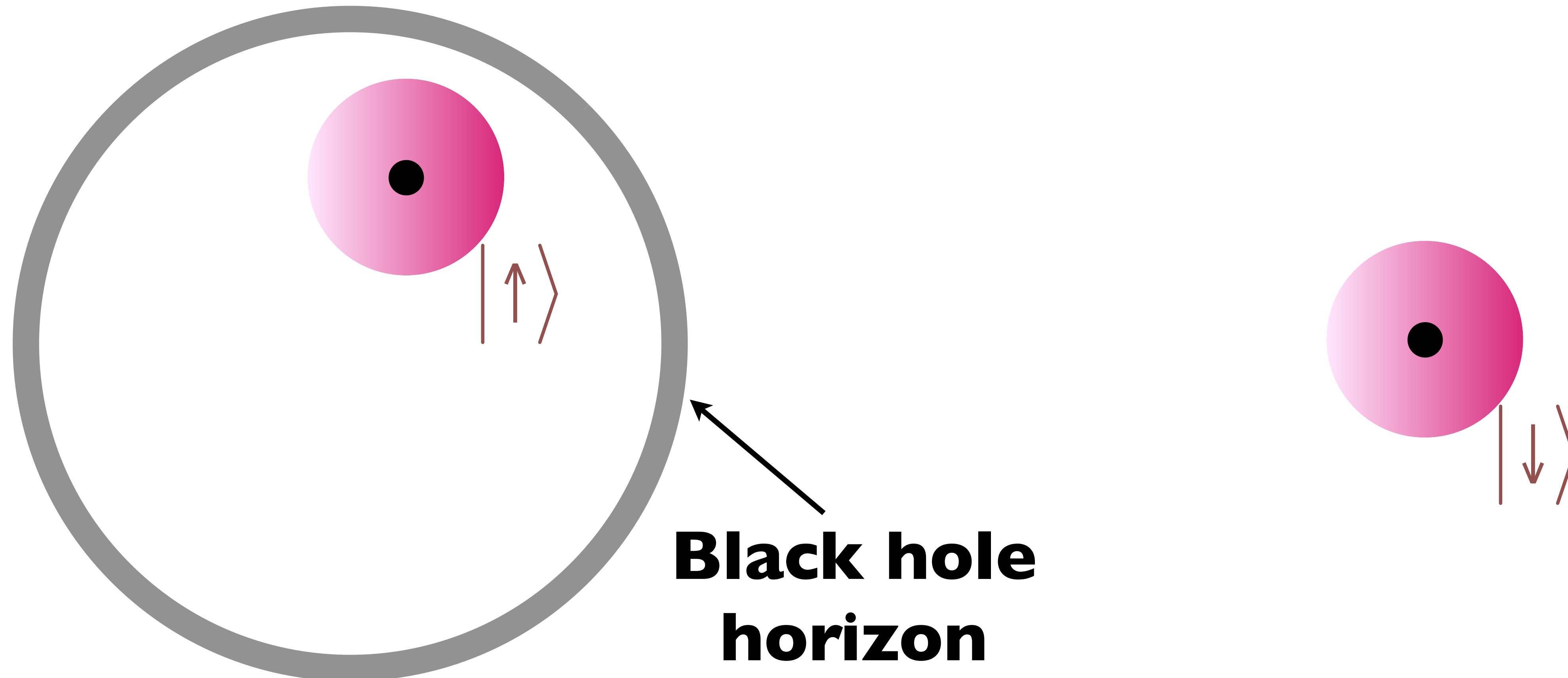
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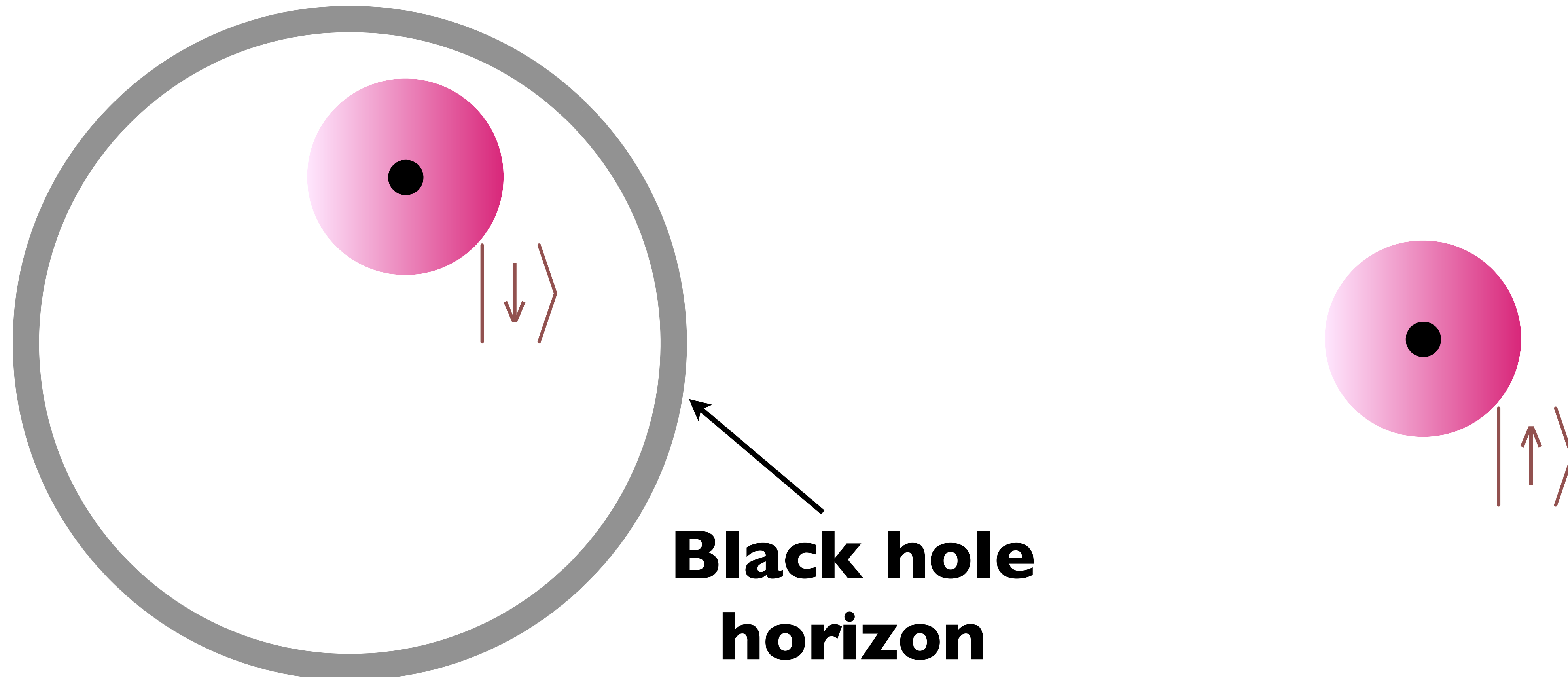
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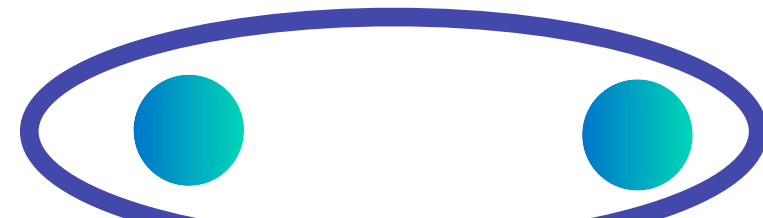
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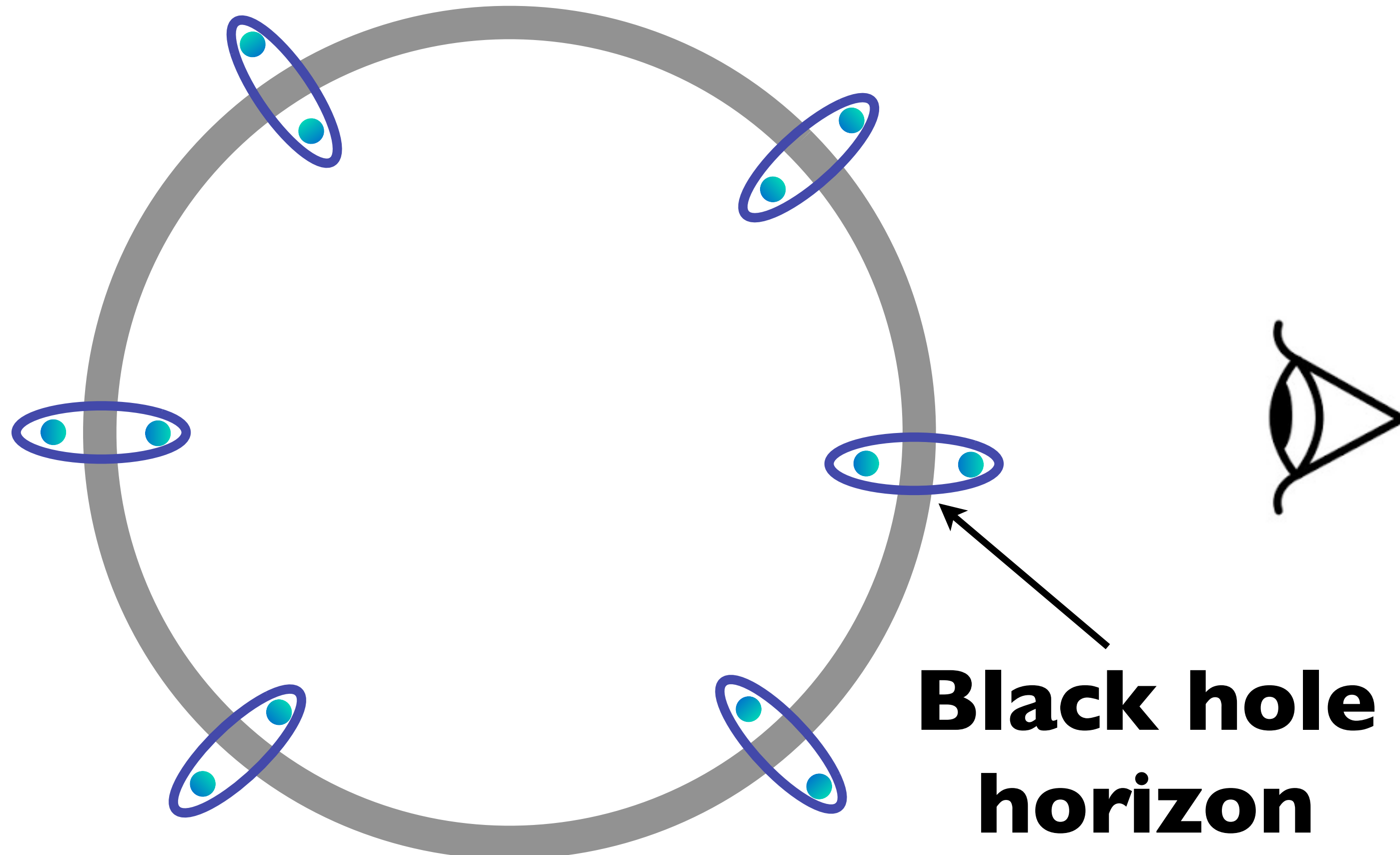
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Quantum Entanglement across a black hole horizon

Quantum entanglement
on the surface


$$= |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle$$



By computations *outside*
the black hole,
Hawking obtained

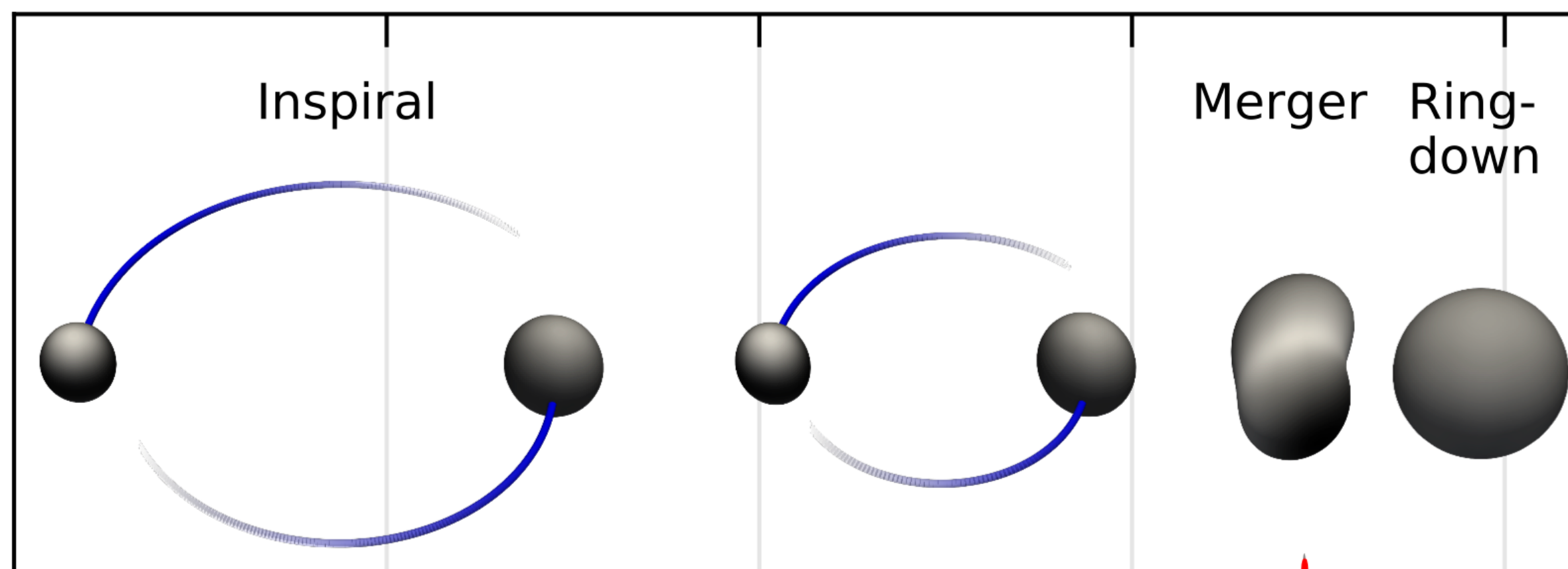
$$S = \frac{Ac^3}{4G\hbar}$$

where A is area of the
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All other systems have
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Quantum black holes

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

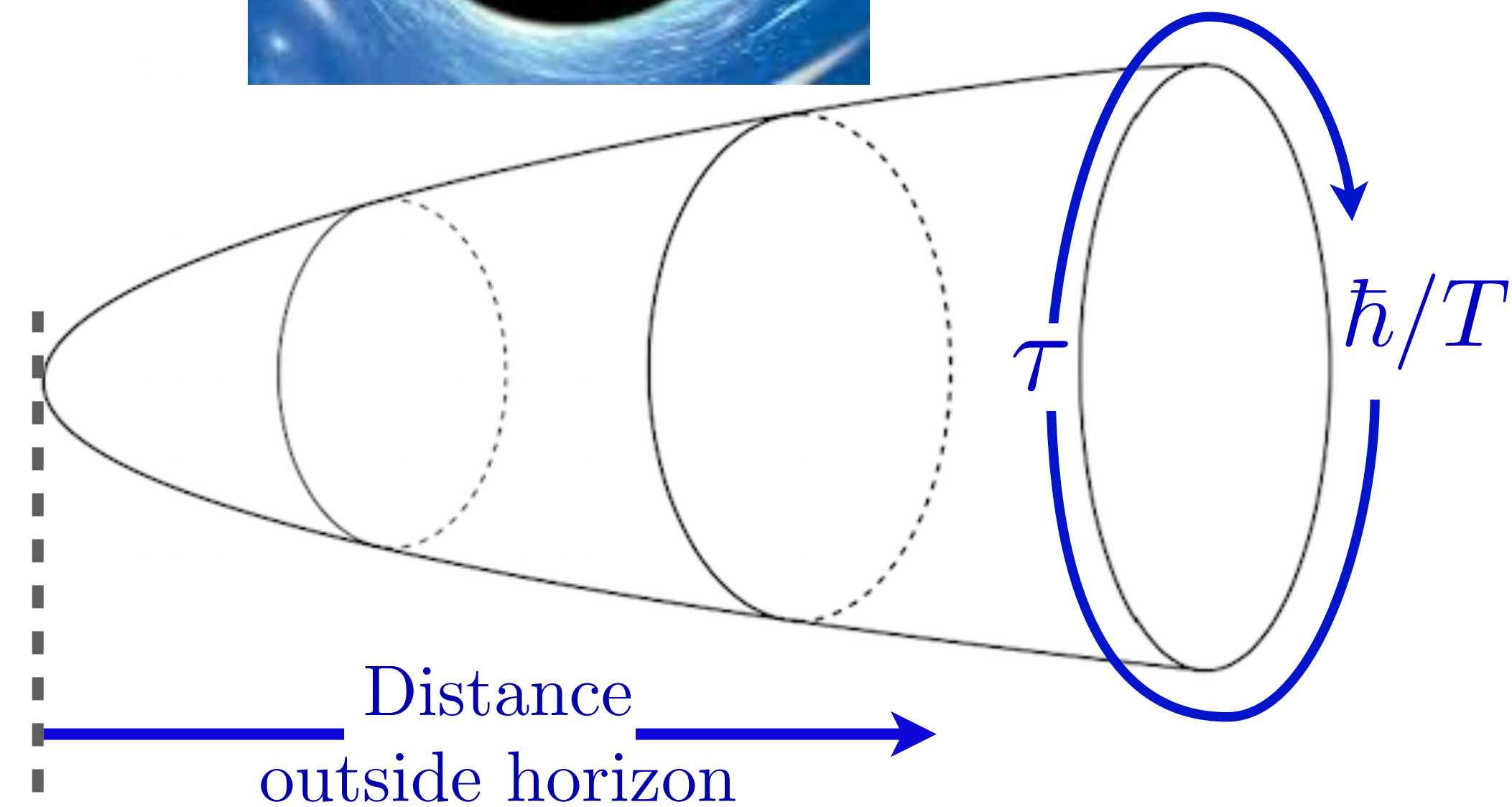
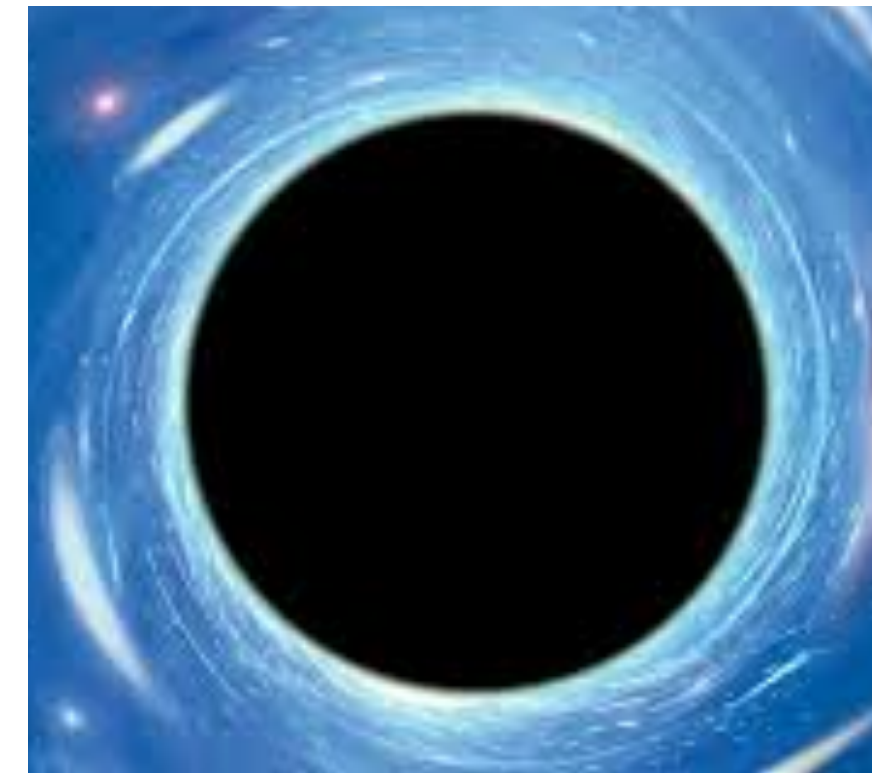


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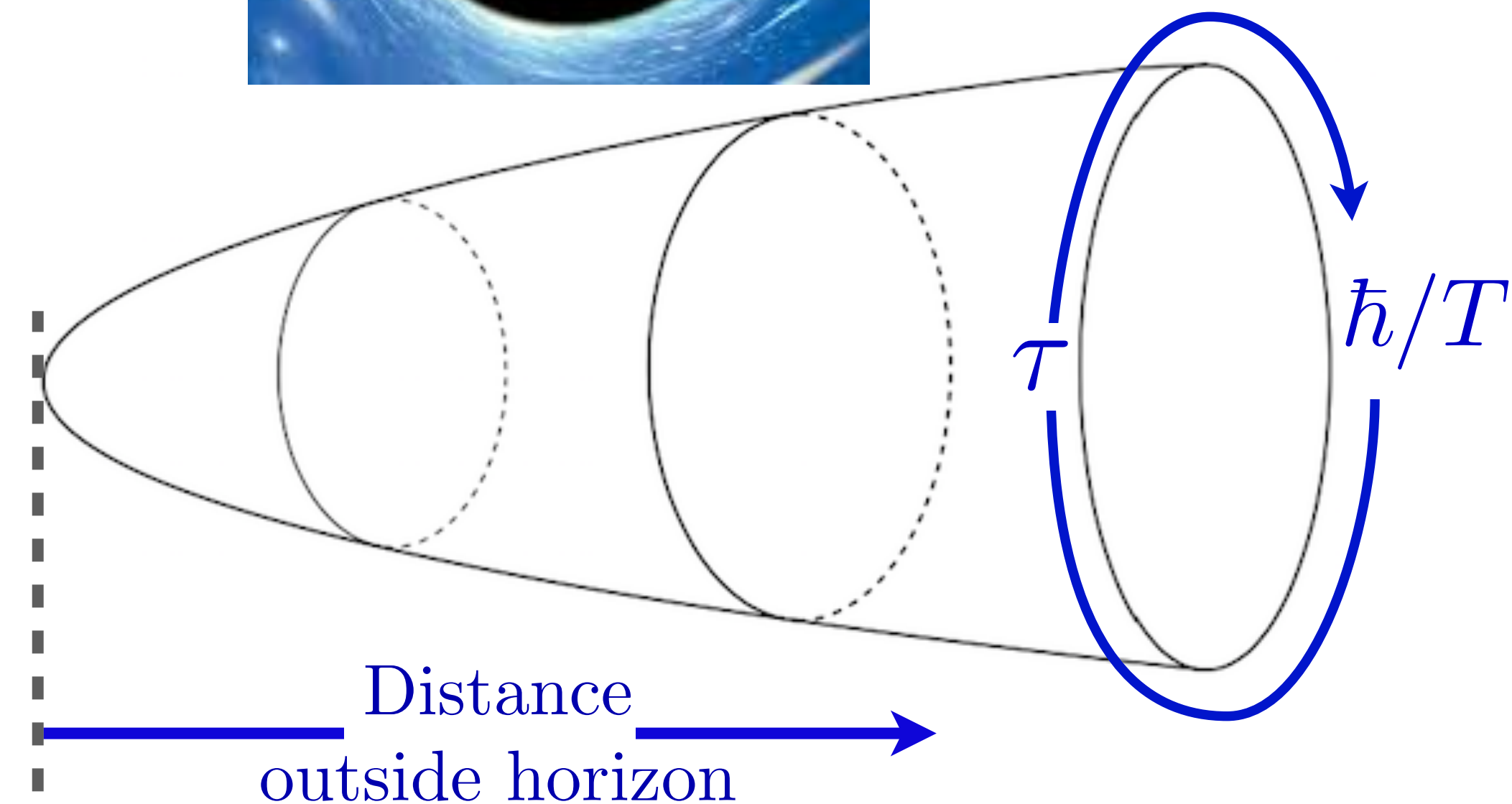
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Quantum Black Holes

Can we find a quantum theory for the collapsed matter at the center of the black hole, whose density of quantum states matches the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy, in accordance with Boltzmann's principles of statistical mechanics ?

From the SYK model
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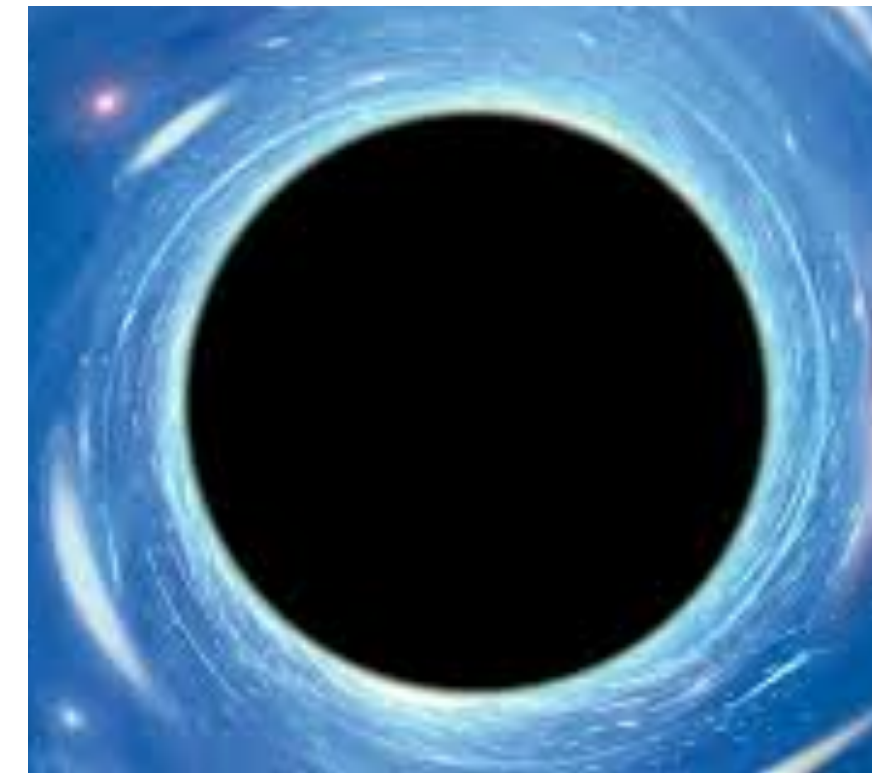
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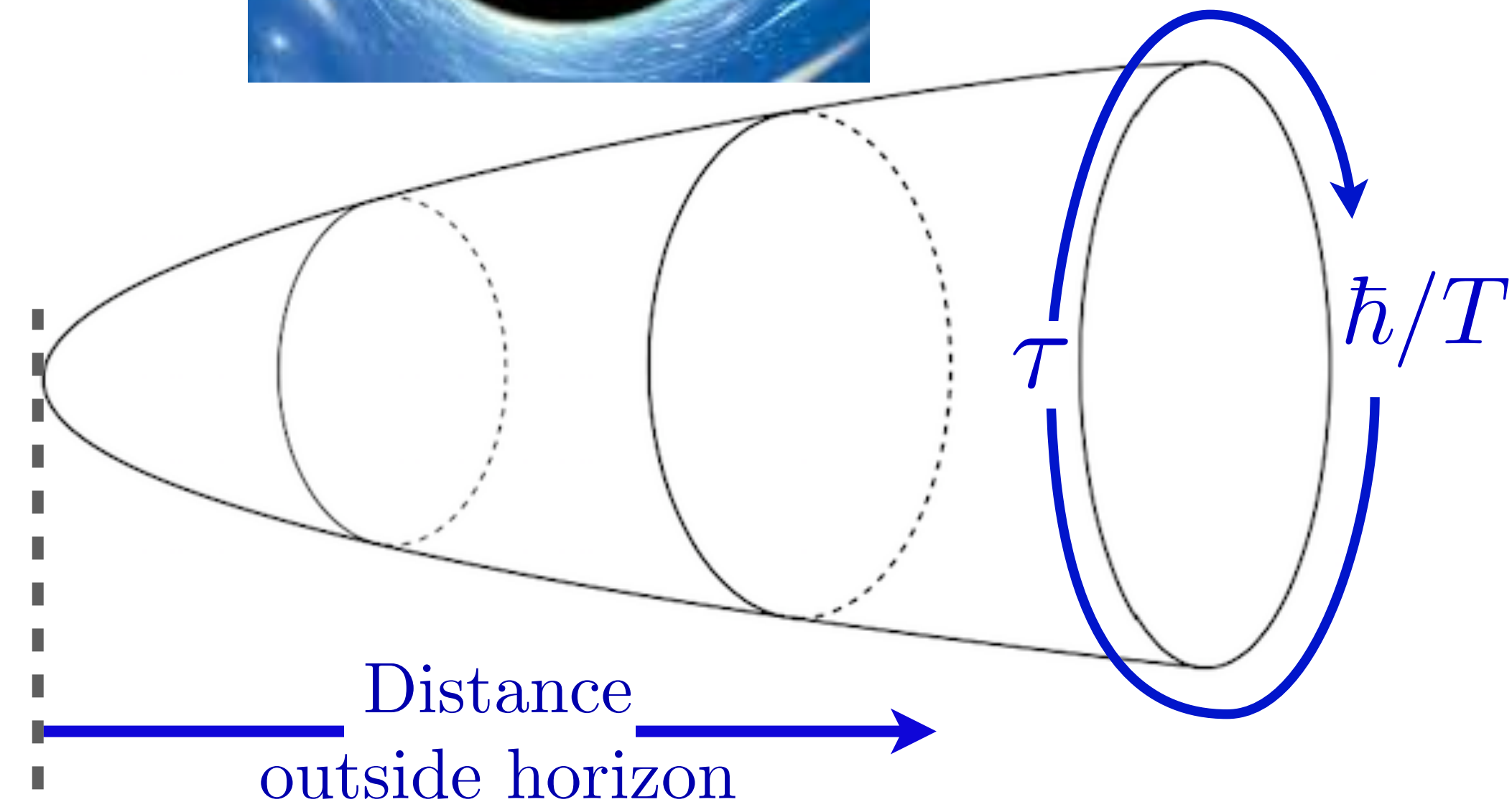
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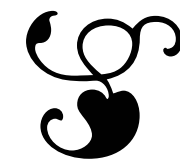


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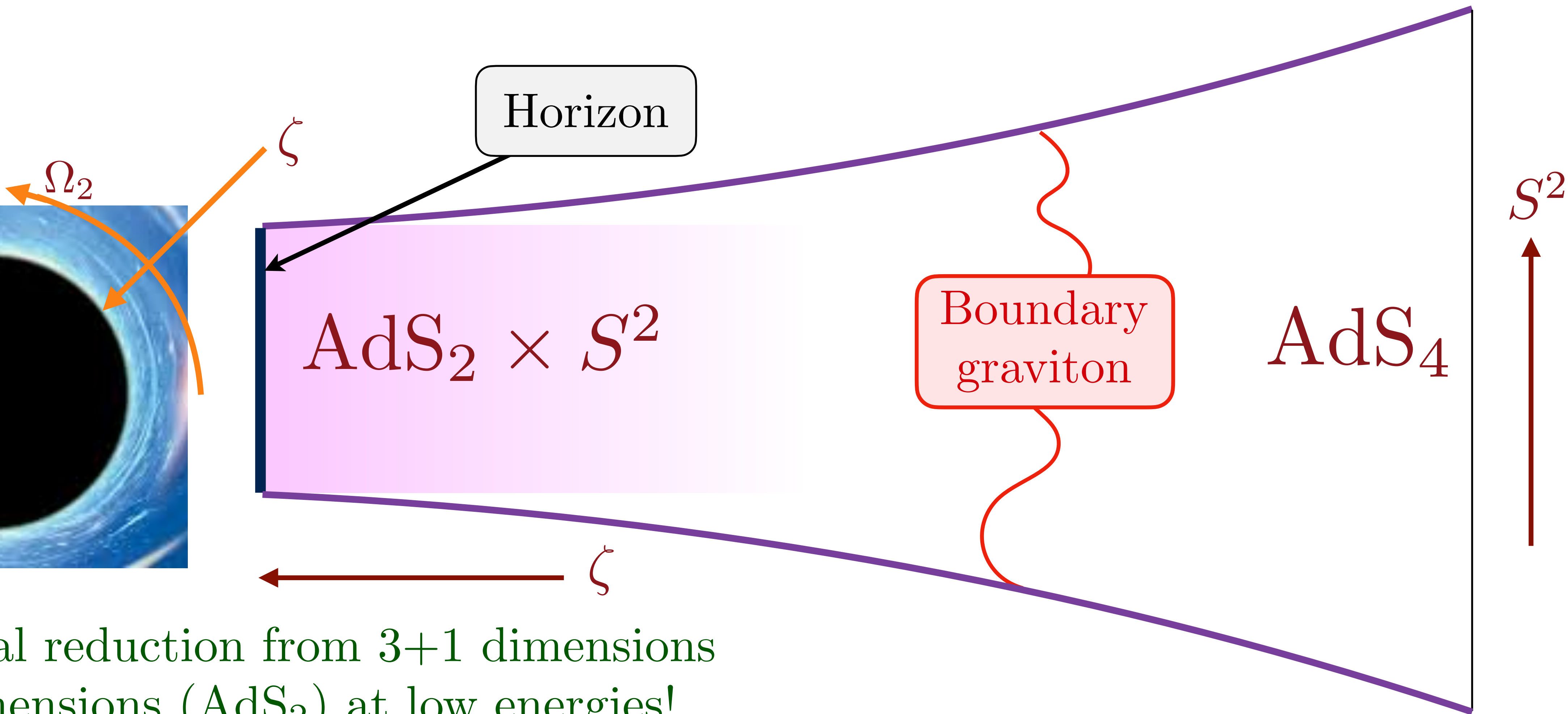
We show that there is a close correspondence between the physical properties of holographic metals near charged black holes in anti-de Sitter (AdS) space, and the fractionalized Fermi liquid phase of the lattice Anderson model. The latter phase has a “small” Fermi surface of conduction electrons, along with a spin liquid of local moments. This correspondence implies that certain mean-field gapless spin liquids are states of matter at nonzero density realizing the near-horizon, $\text{AdS}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ physics of Reissner-Nordström black holes.

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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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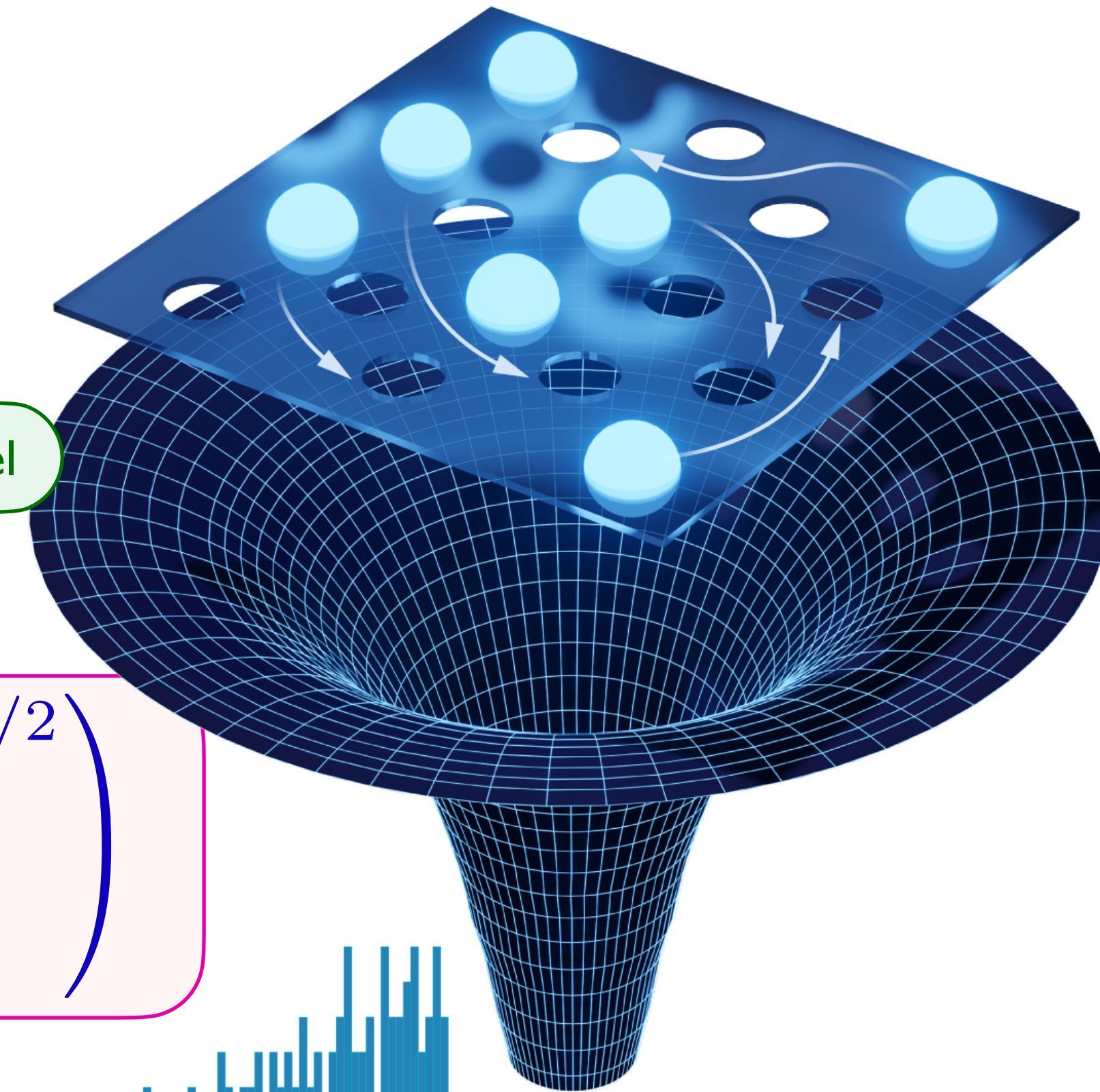
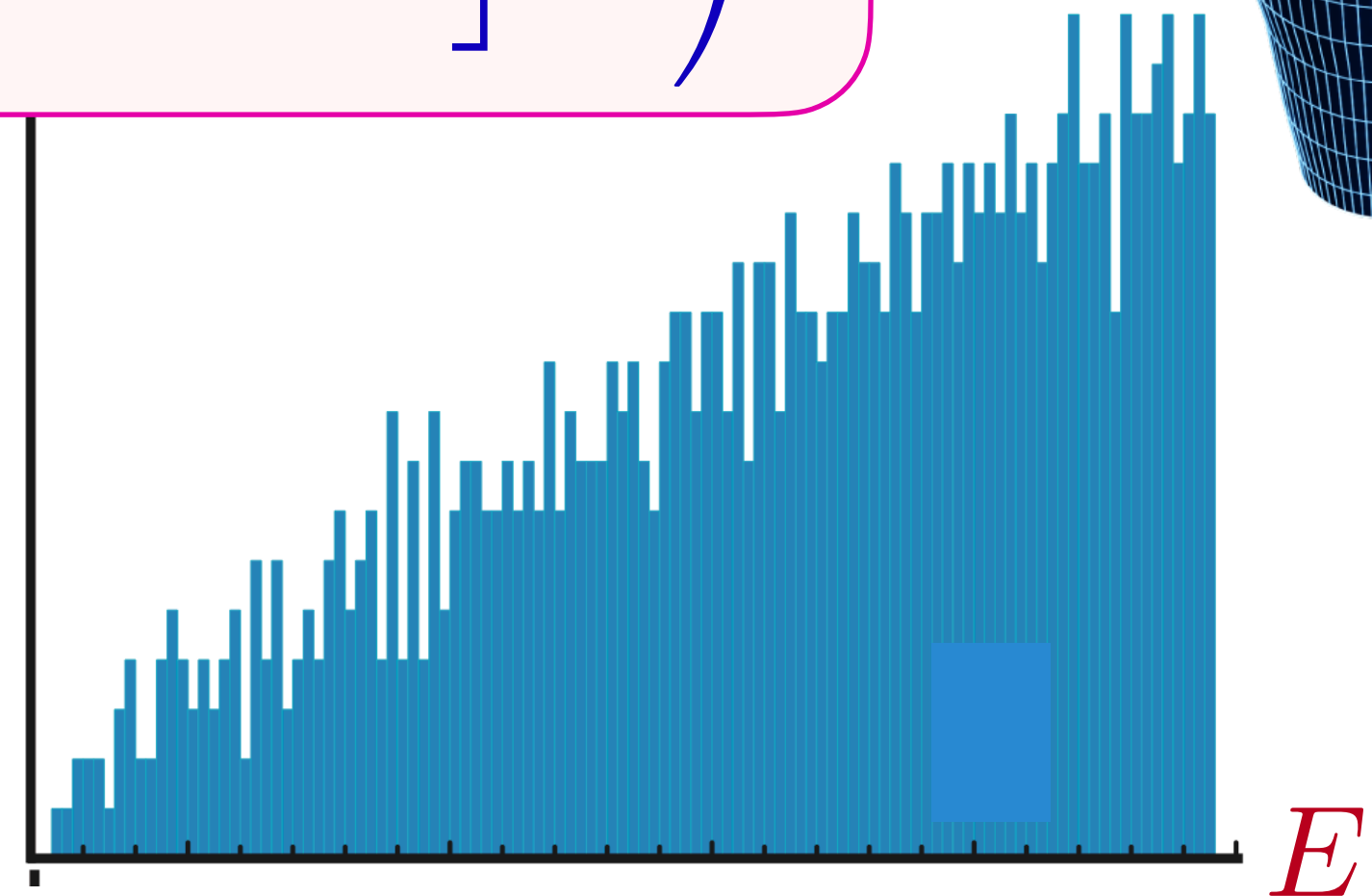
Bekenstein-Hawking

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.

$D(E)$

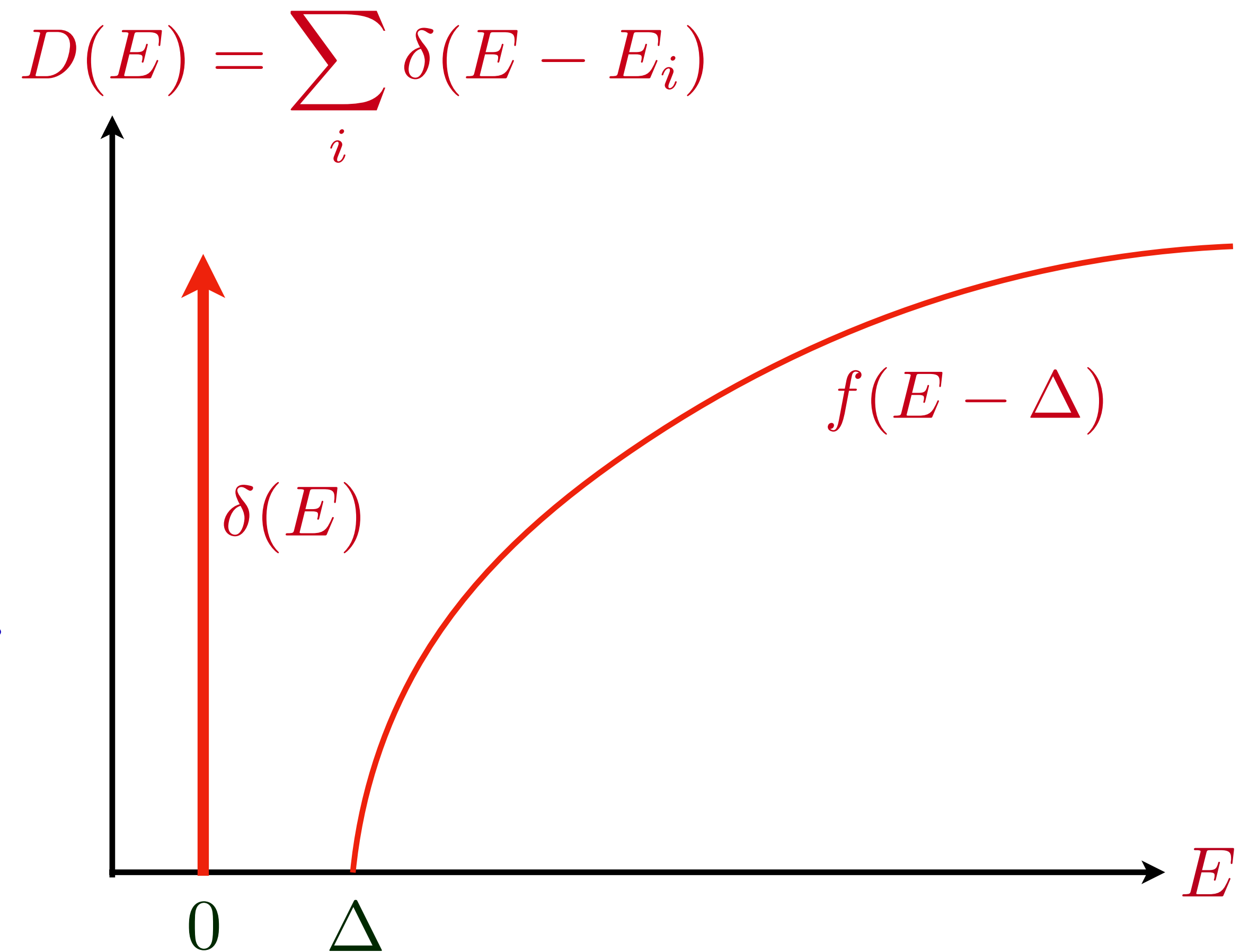


String theory of charged black holes

- With sufficient low energy supersymmetry, string theory yields:

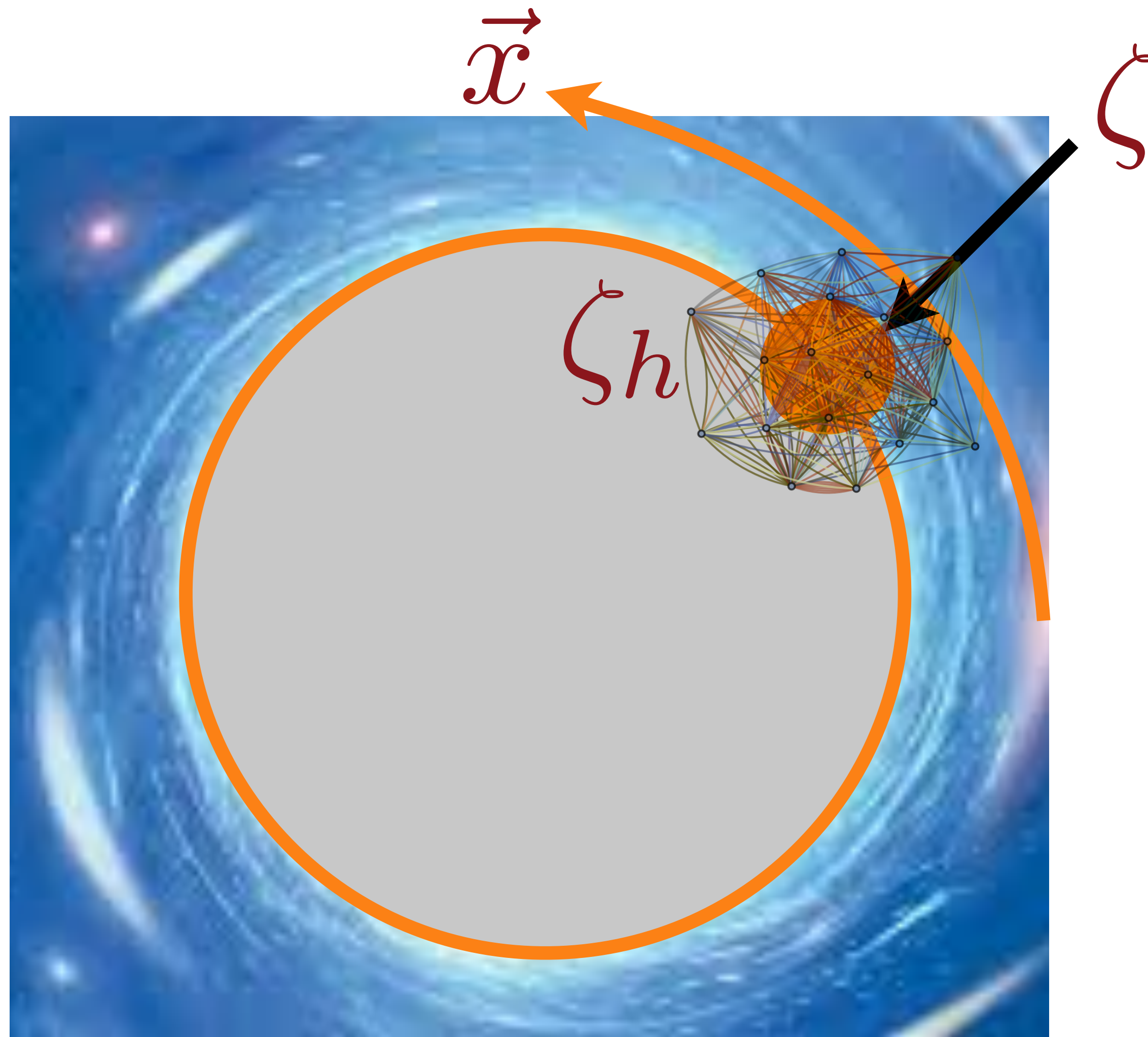
$$D(E) = \exp\left(\frac{A_0 c^3}{4\hbar G}\right) \delta(E) + \theta(E - \Delta) f(E - \Delta) + \dots$$

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



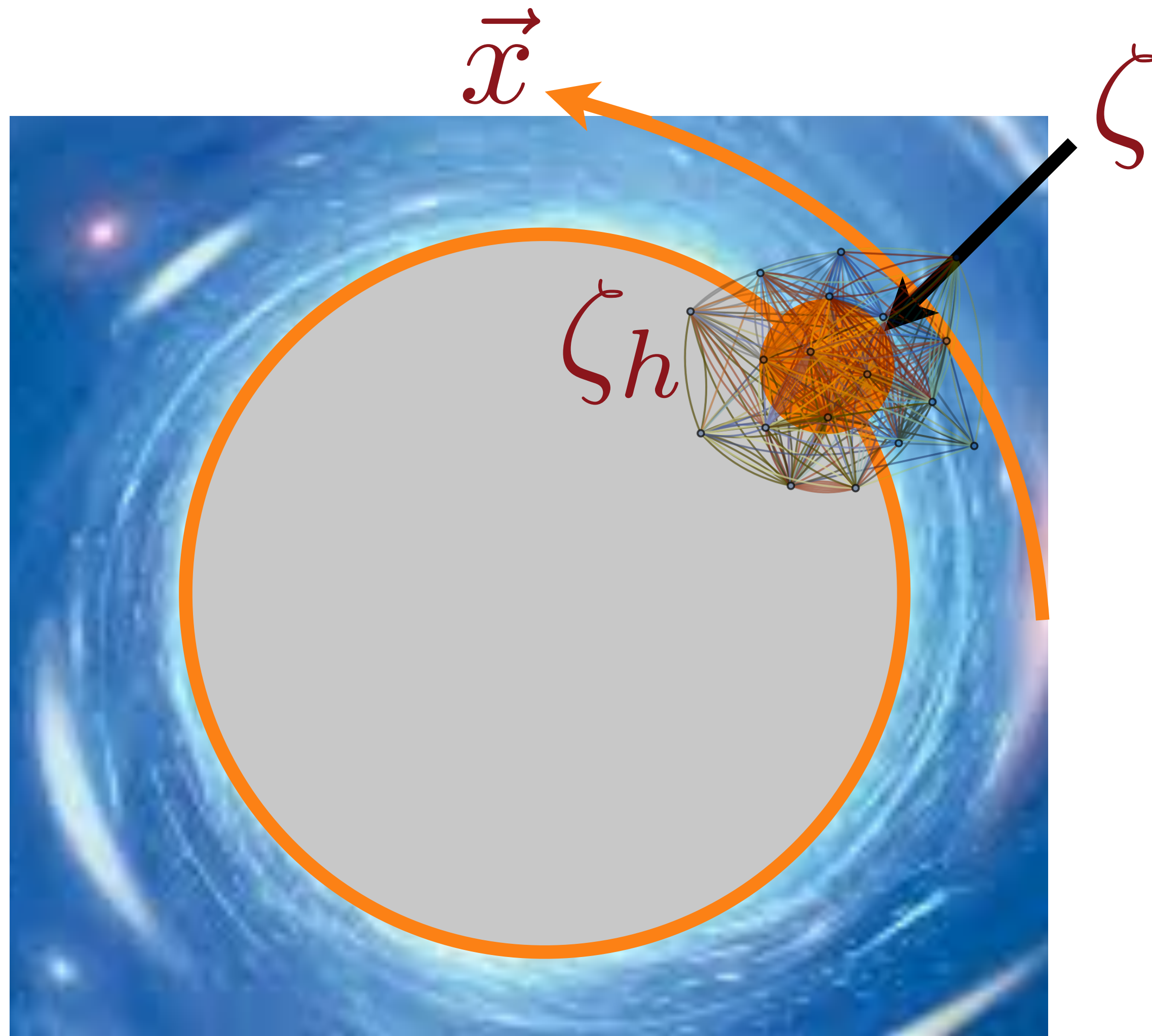
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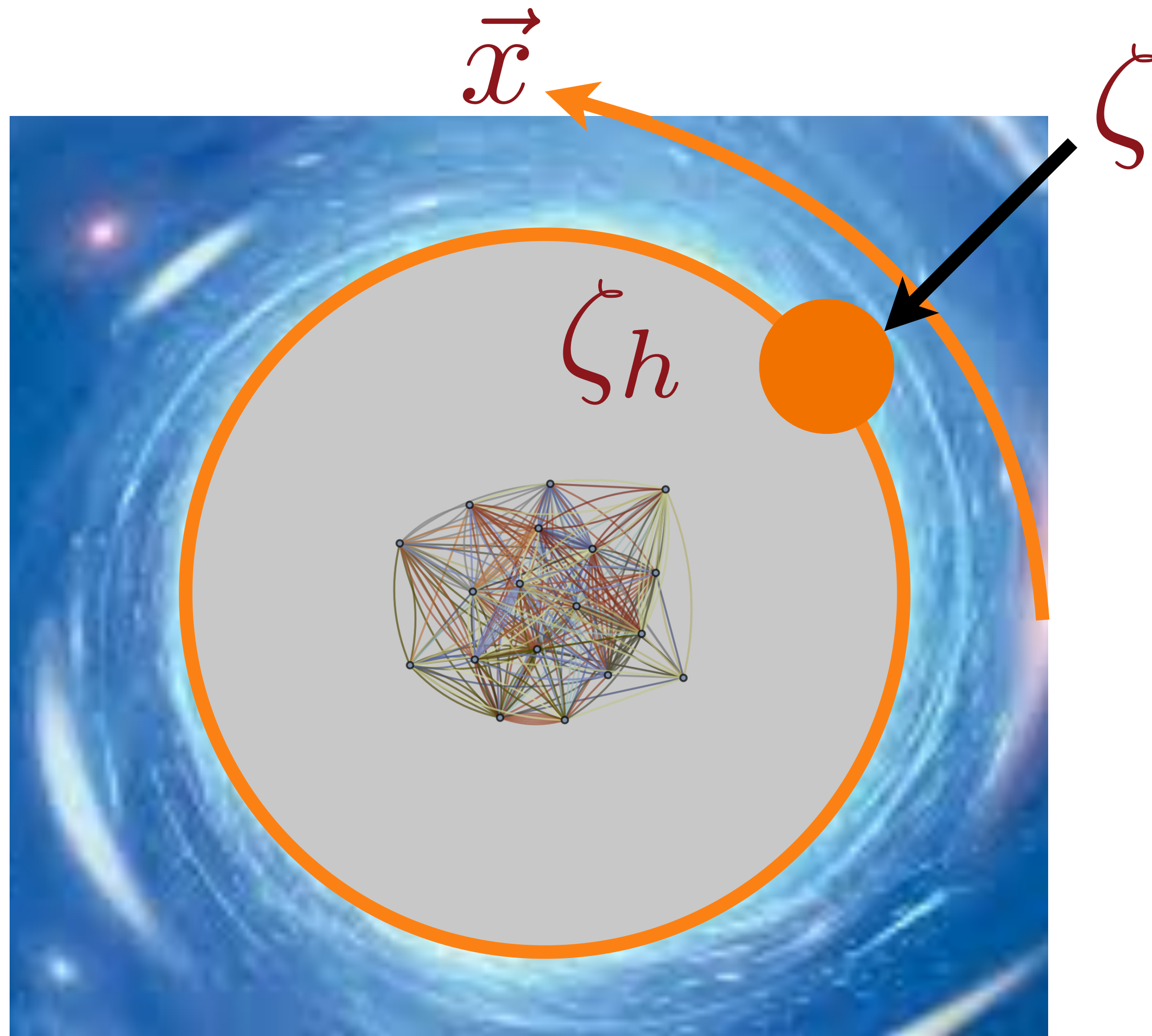
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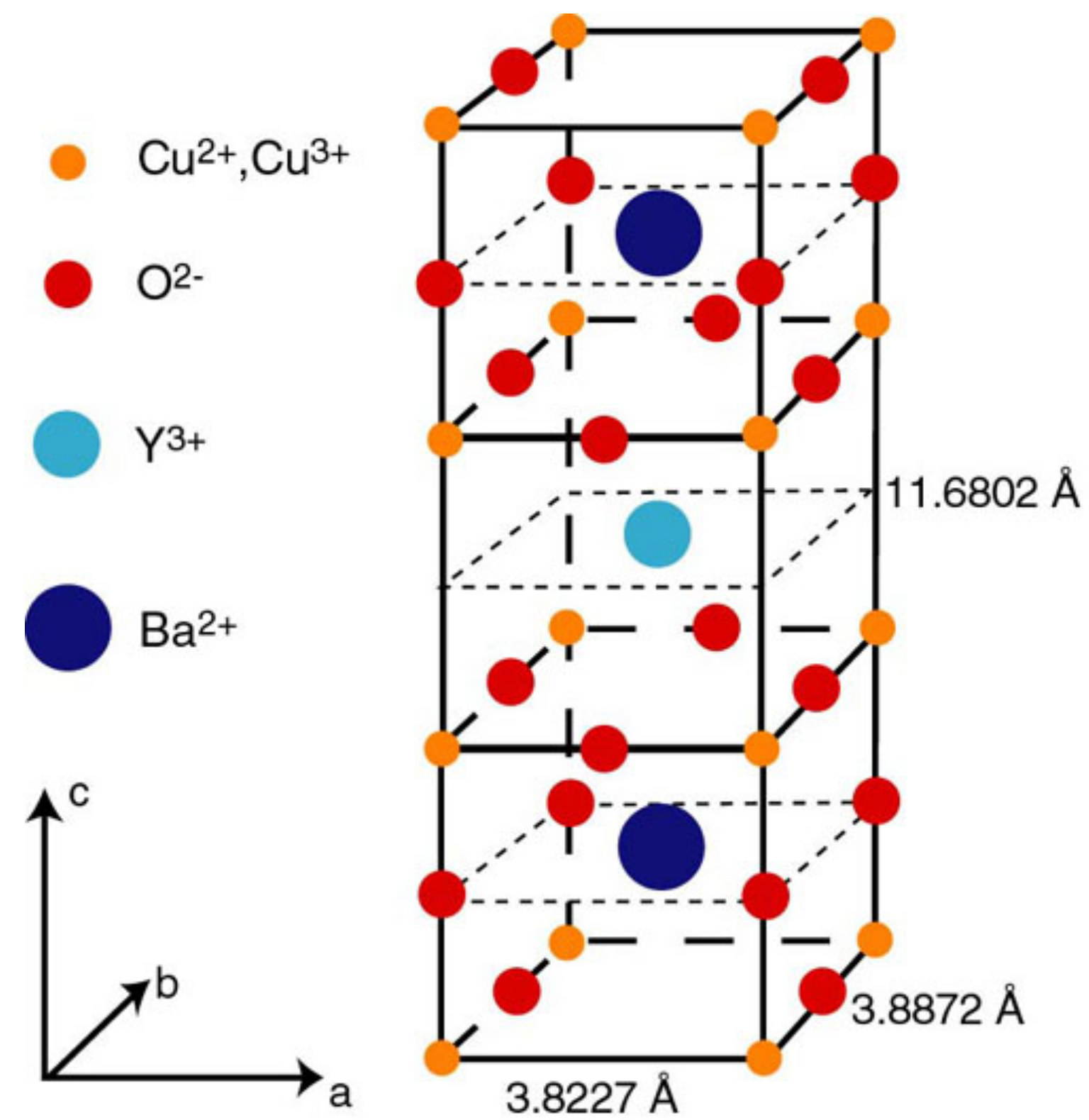
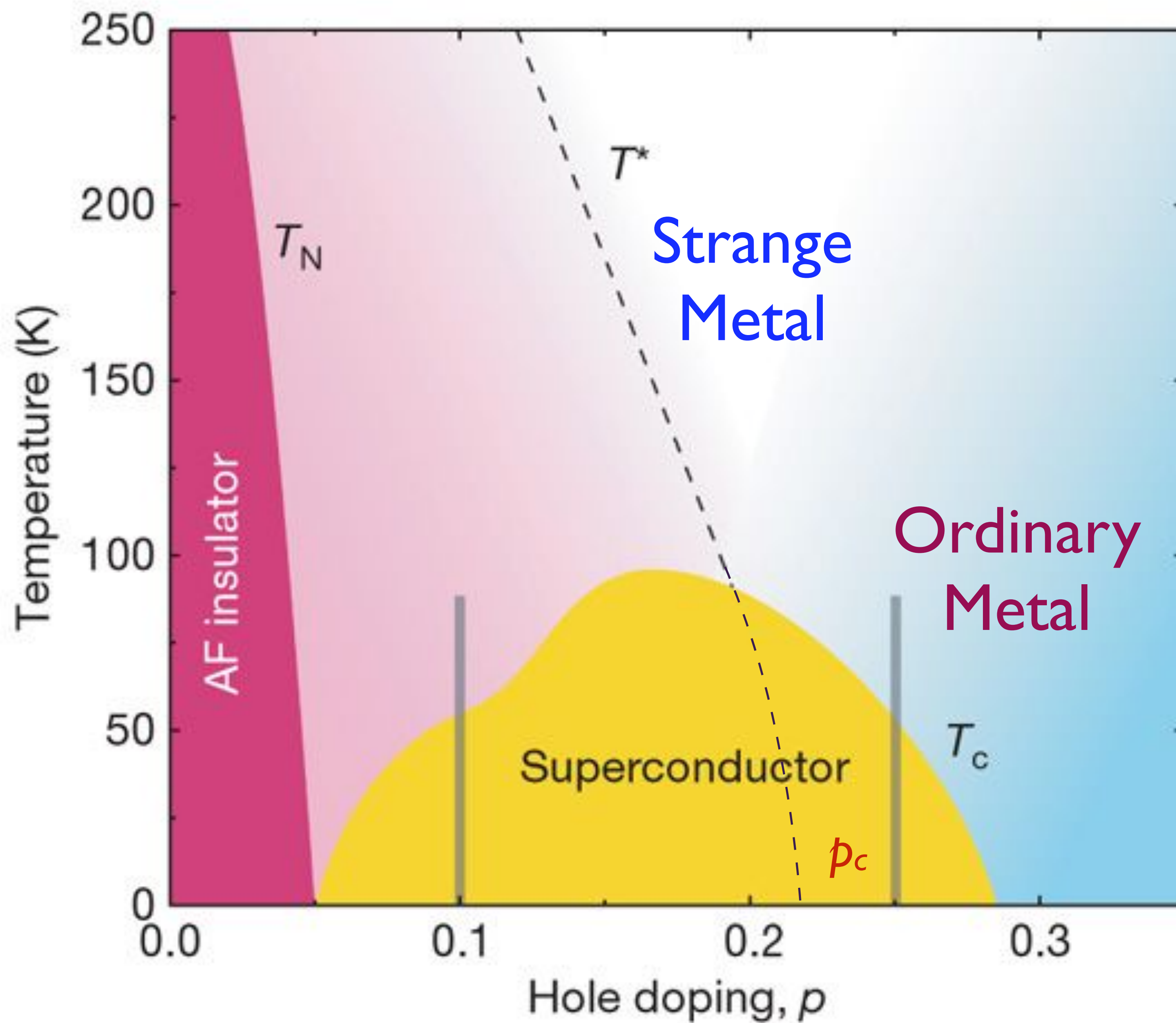
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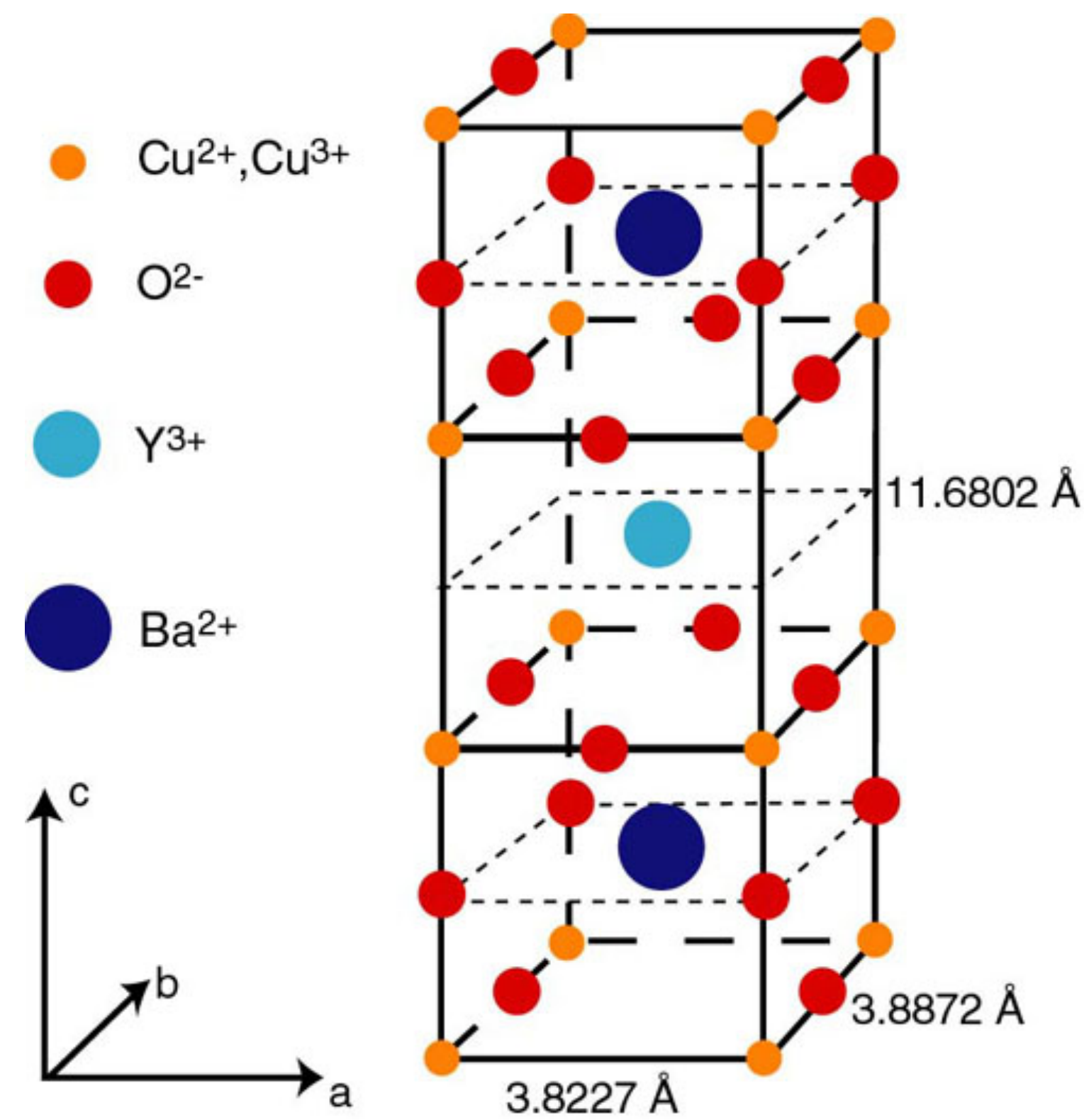
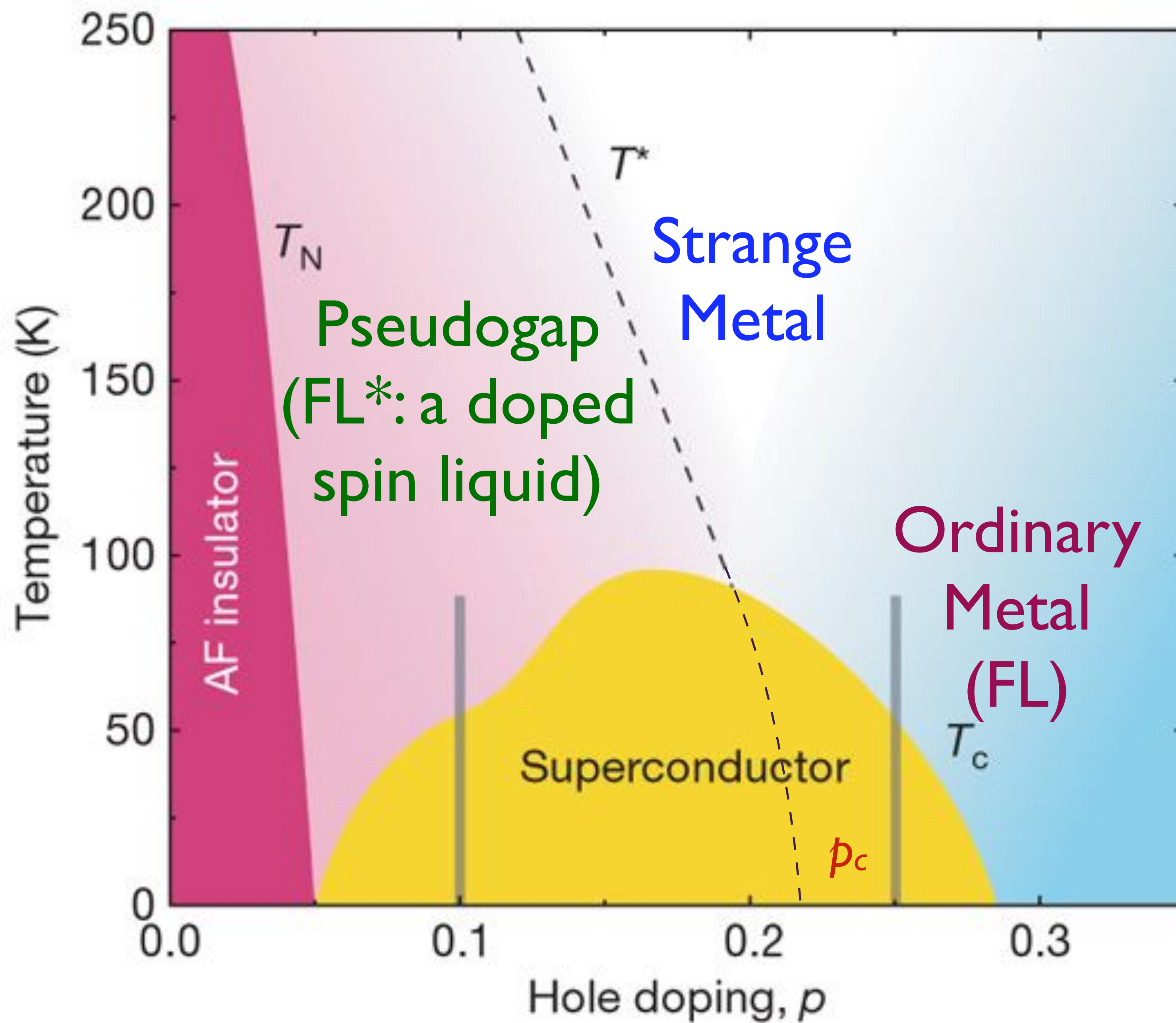
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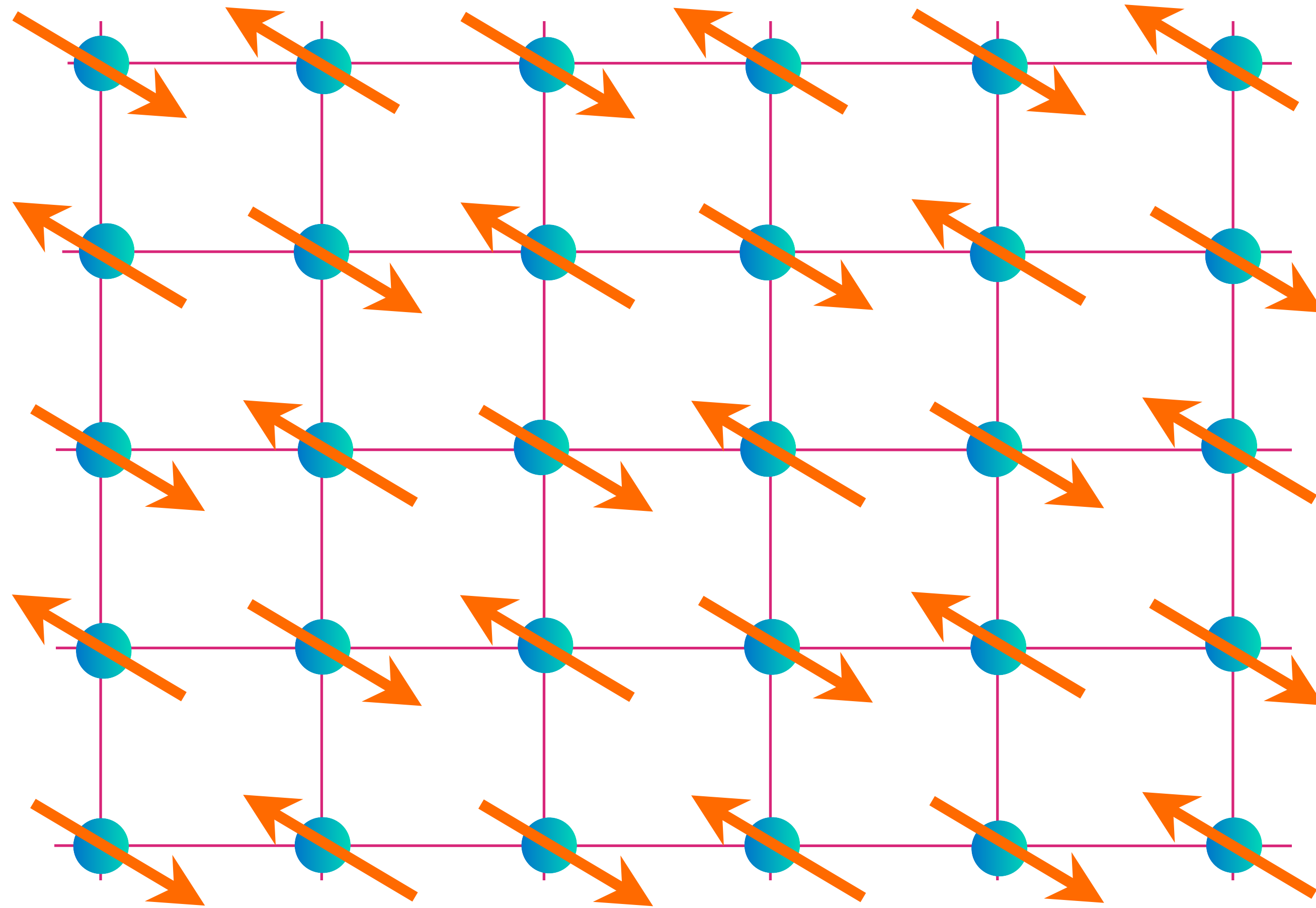
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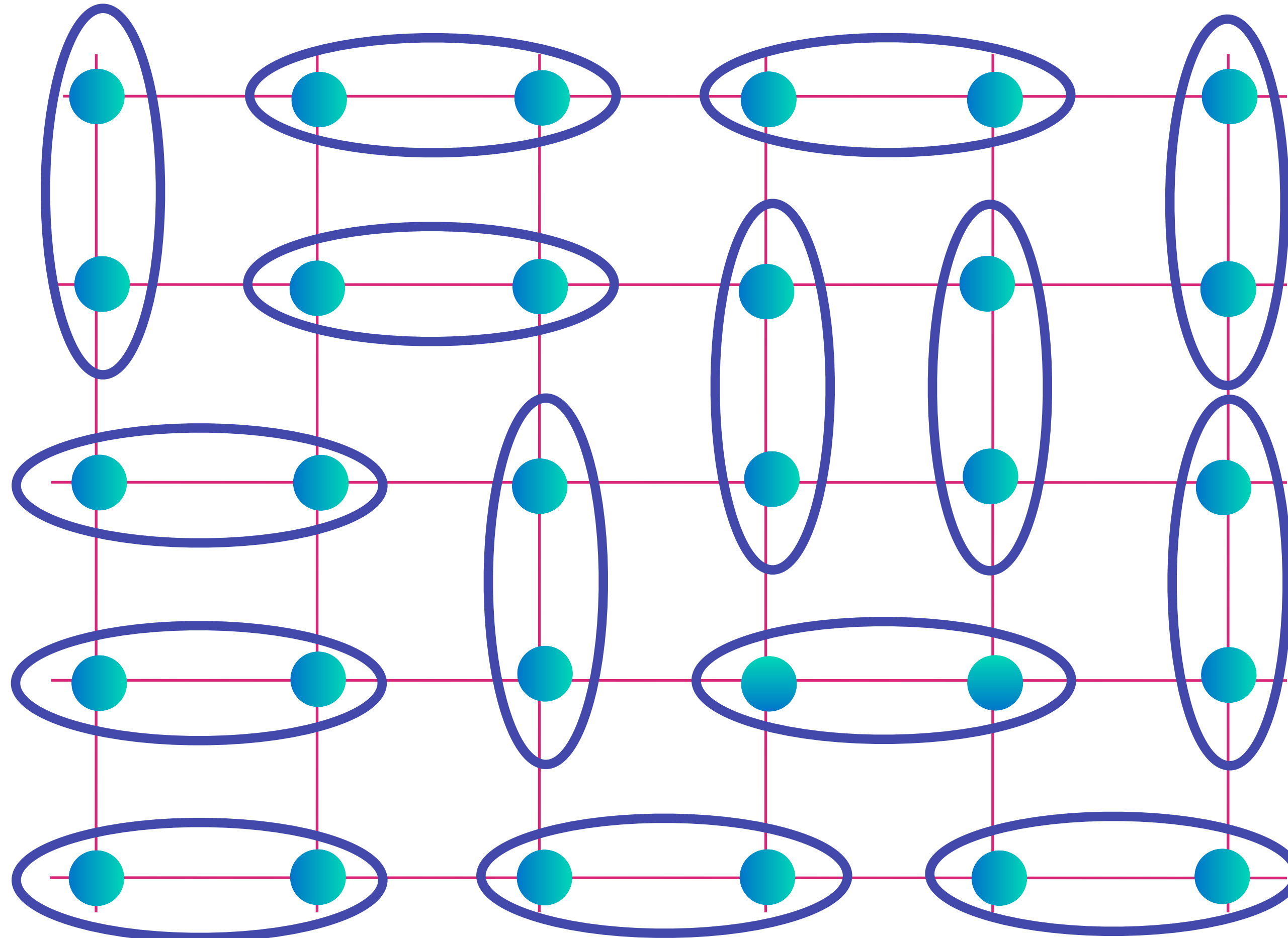
Antiferromagnetism

All nearest-neighbor pairs of electrons have opposite spins

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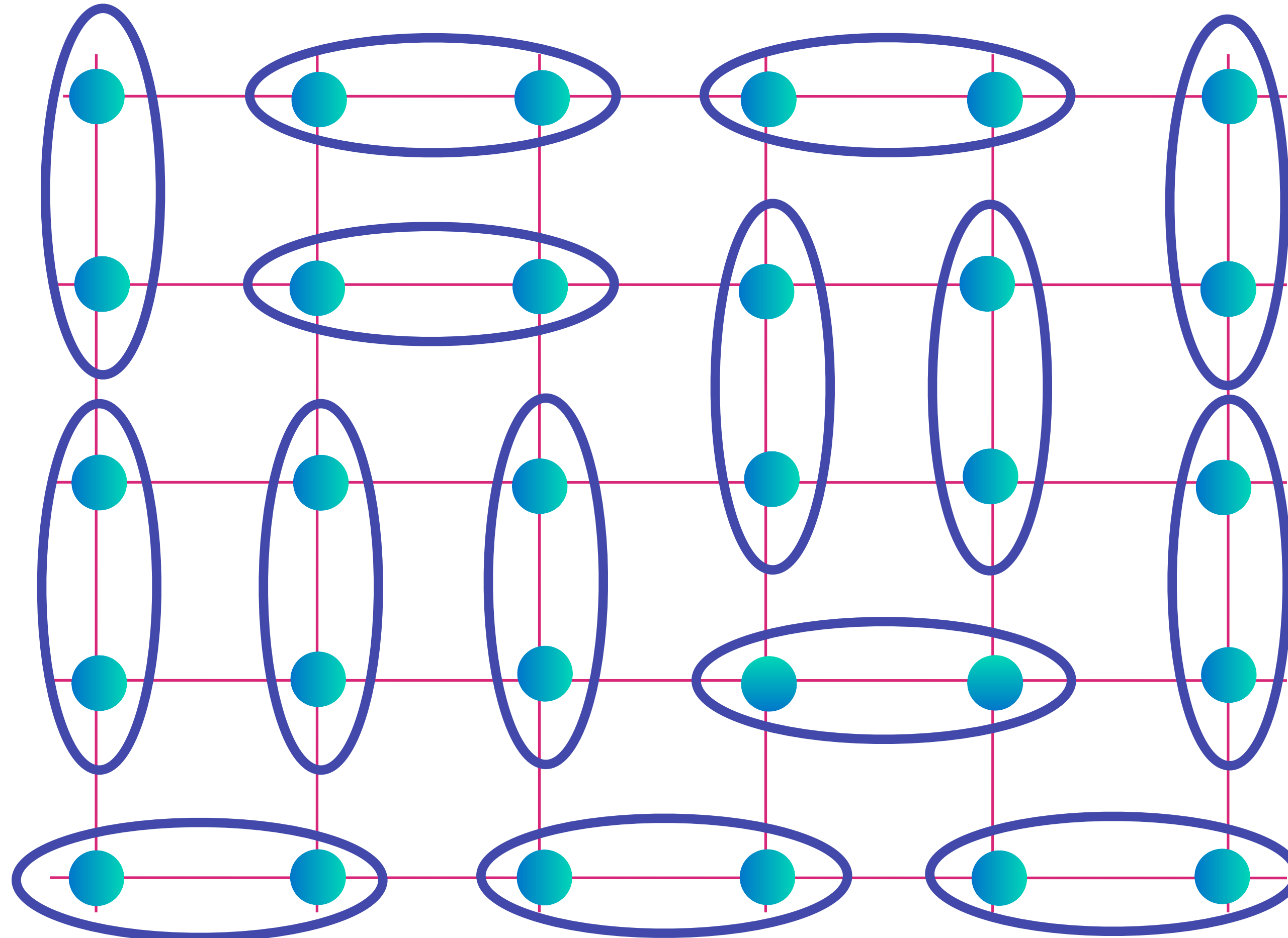
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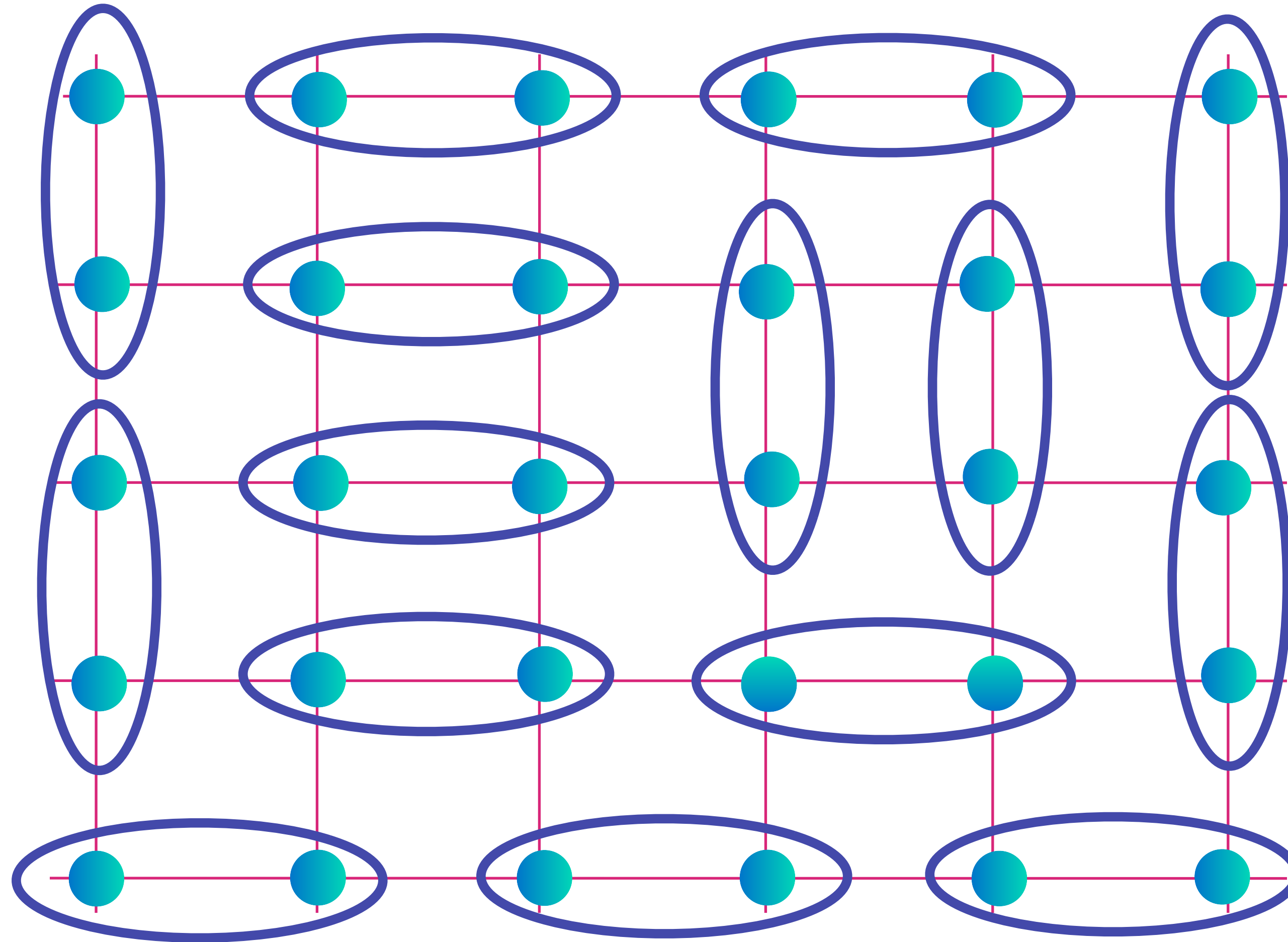
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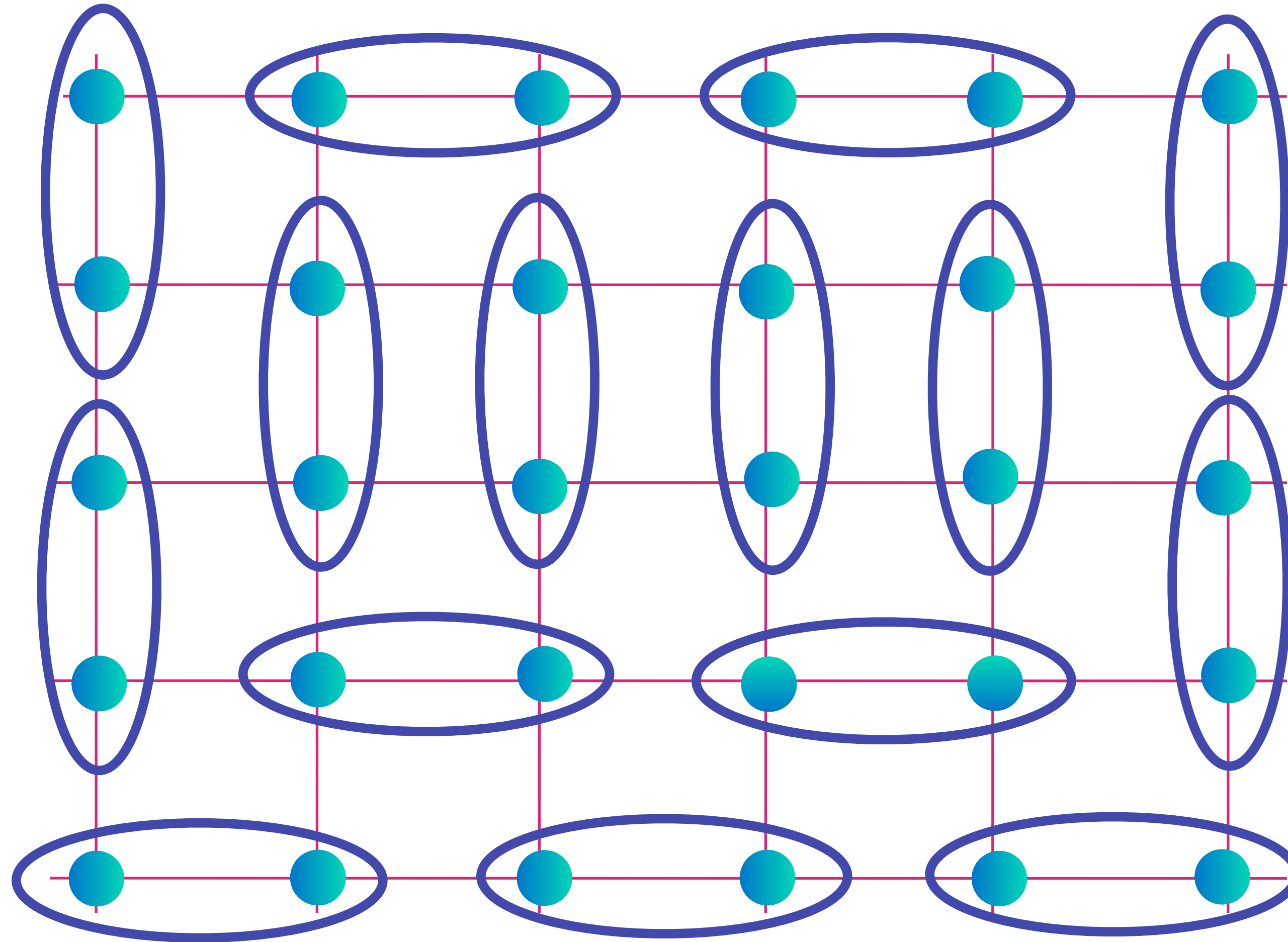


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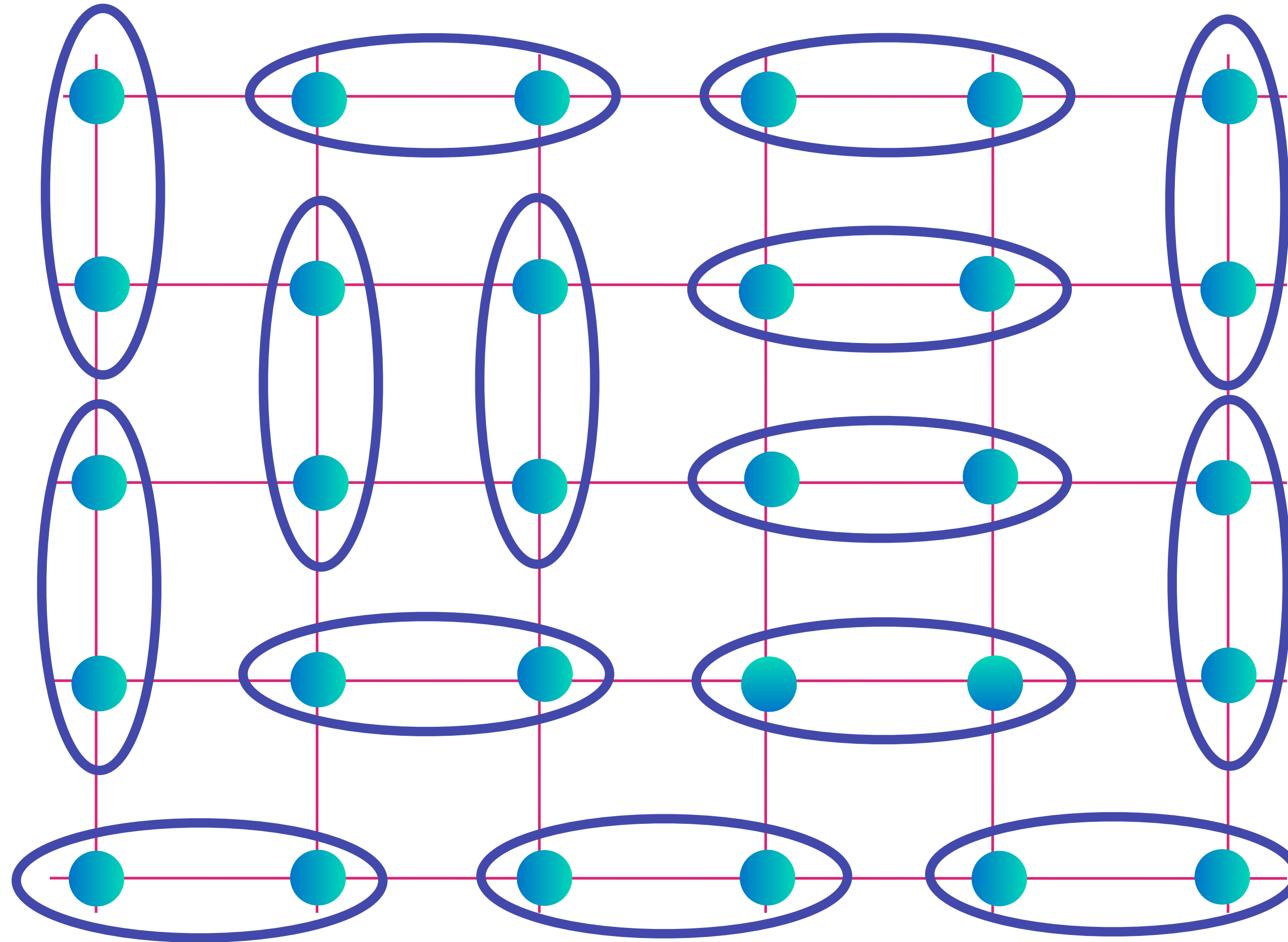
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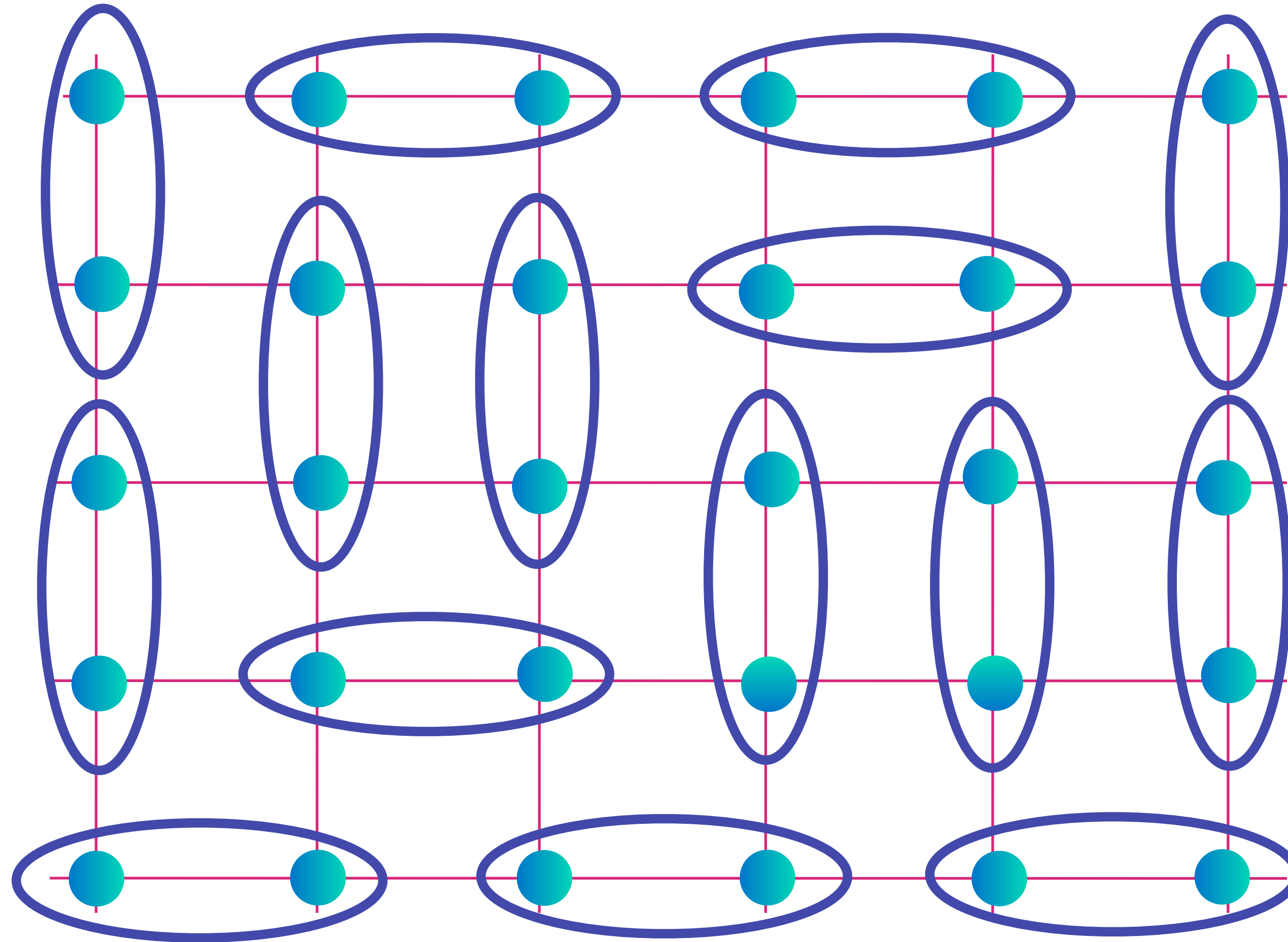
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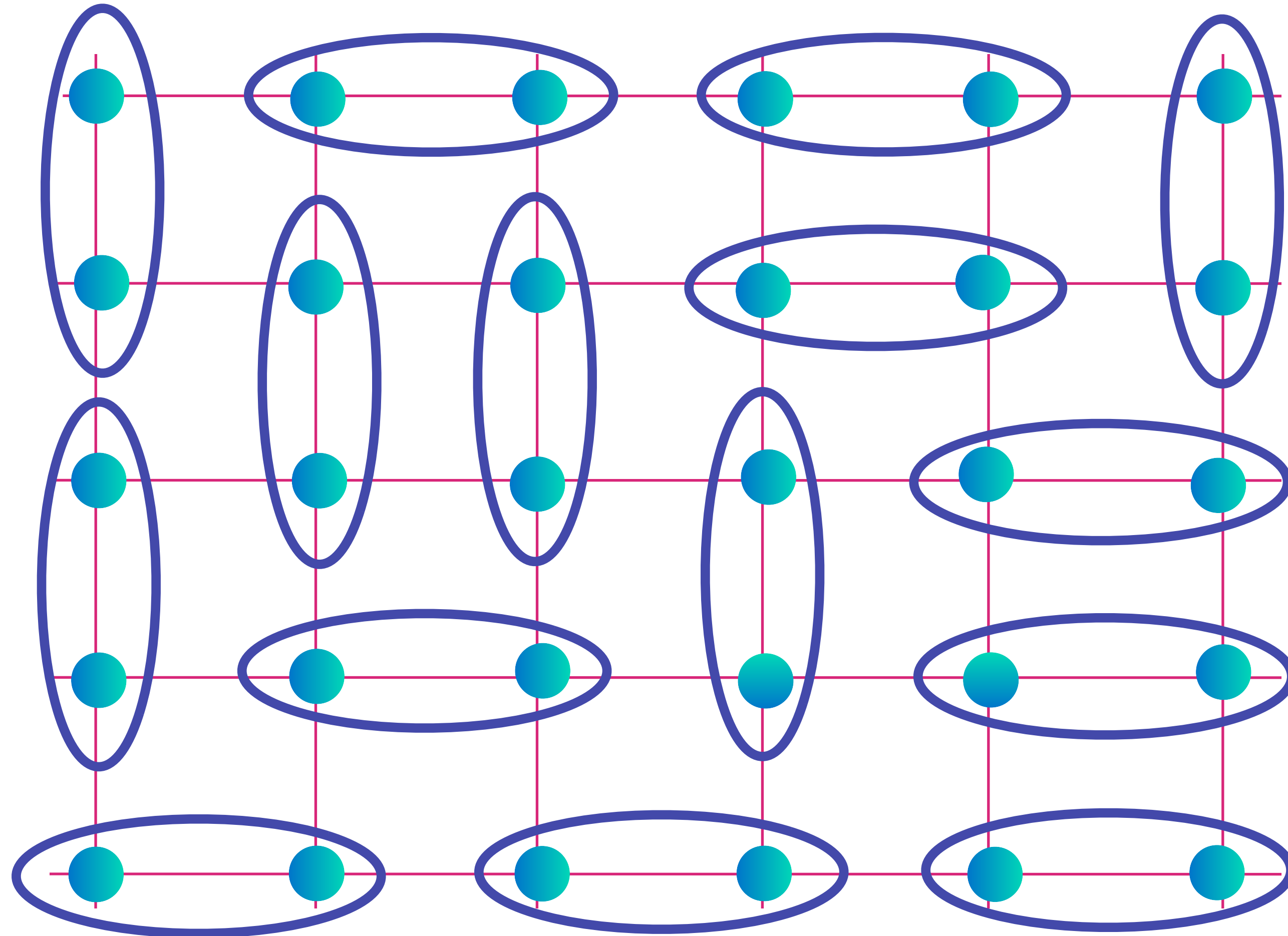
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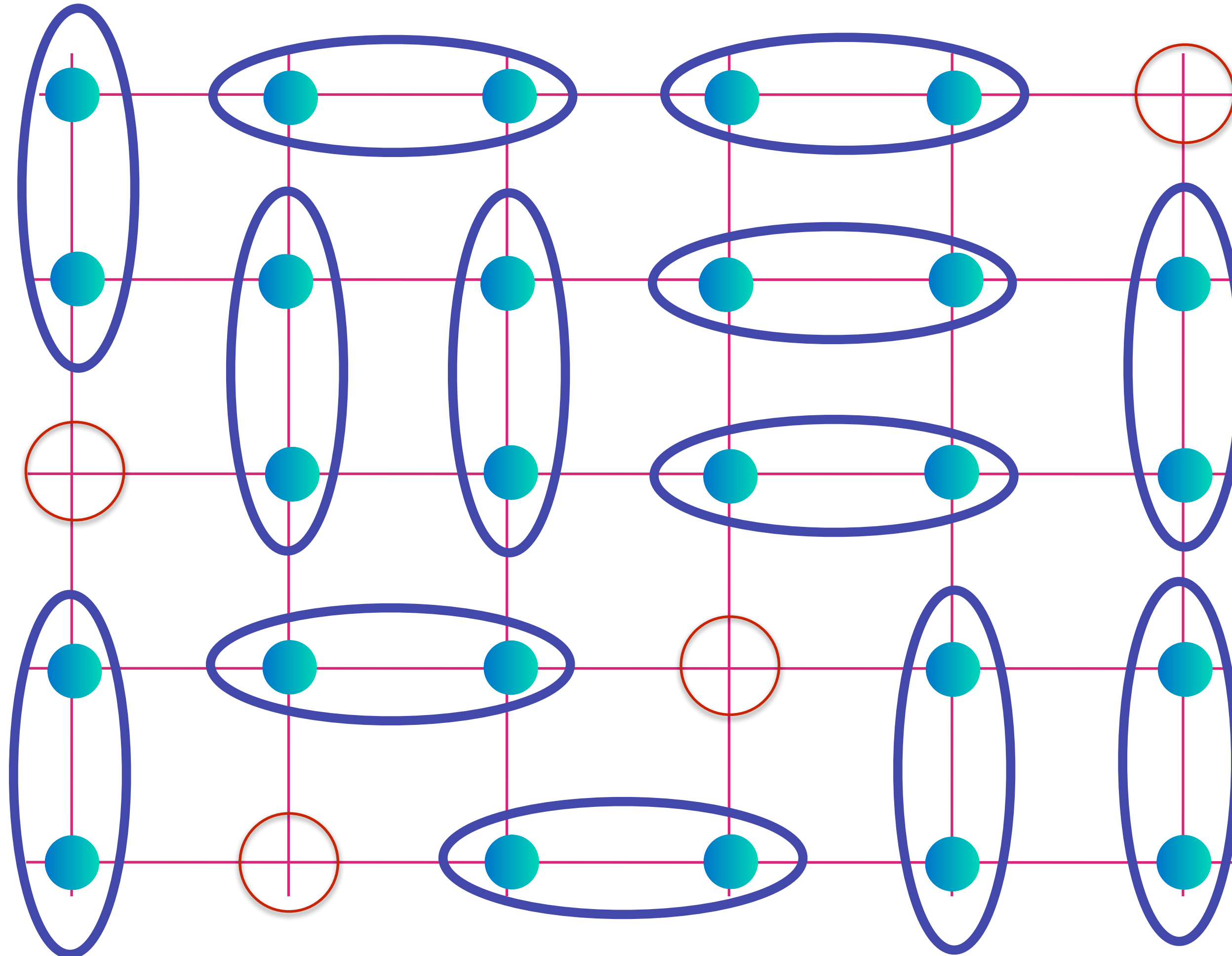
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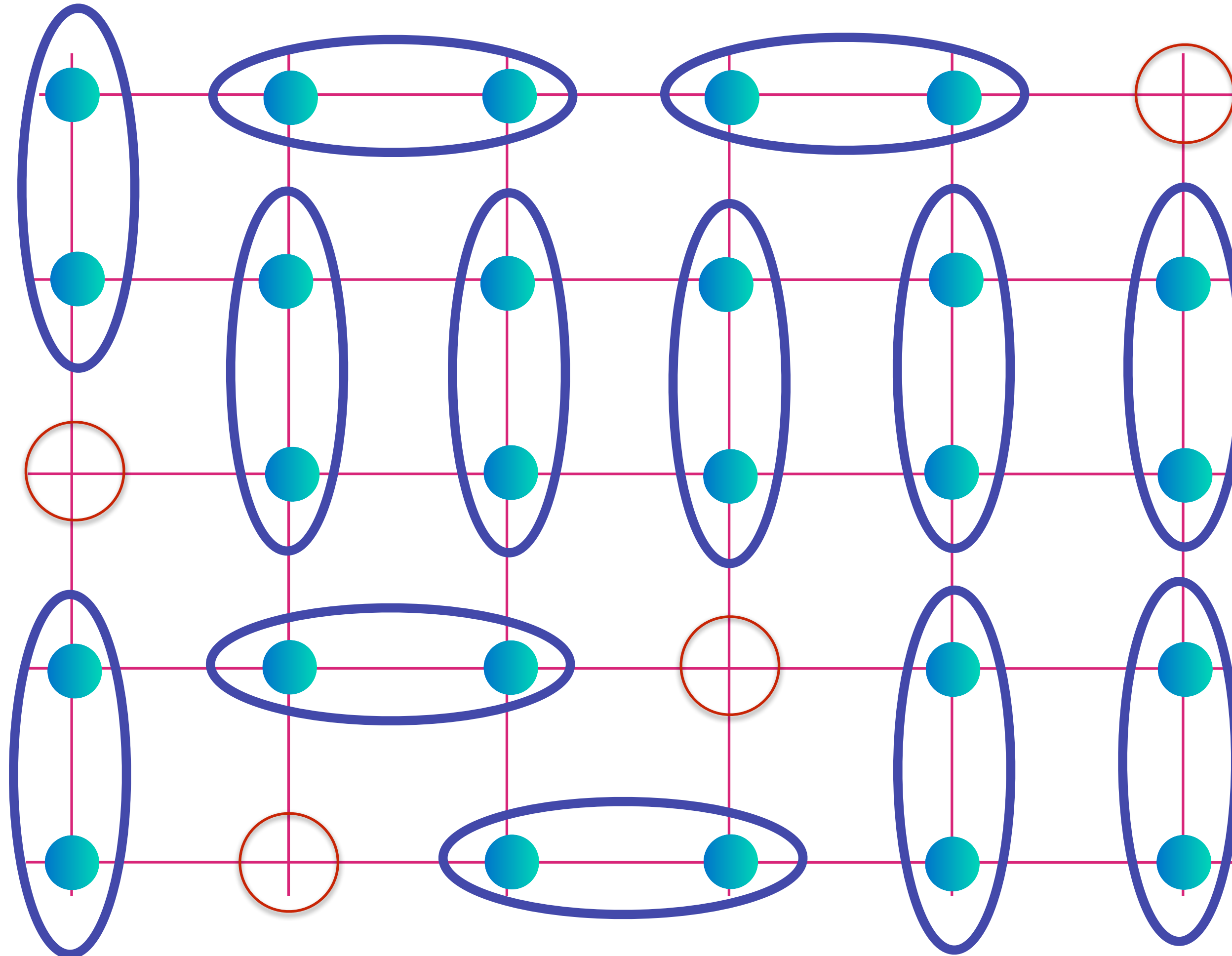
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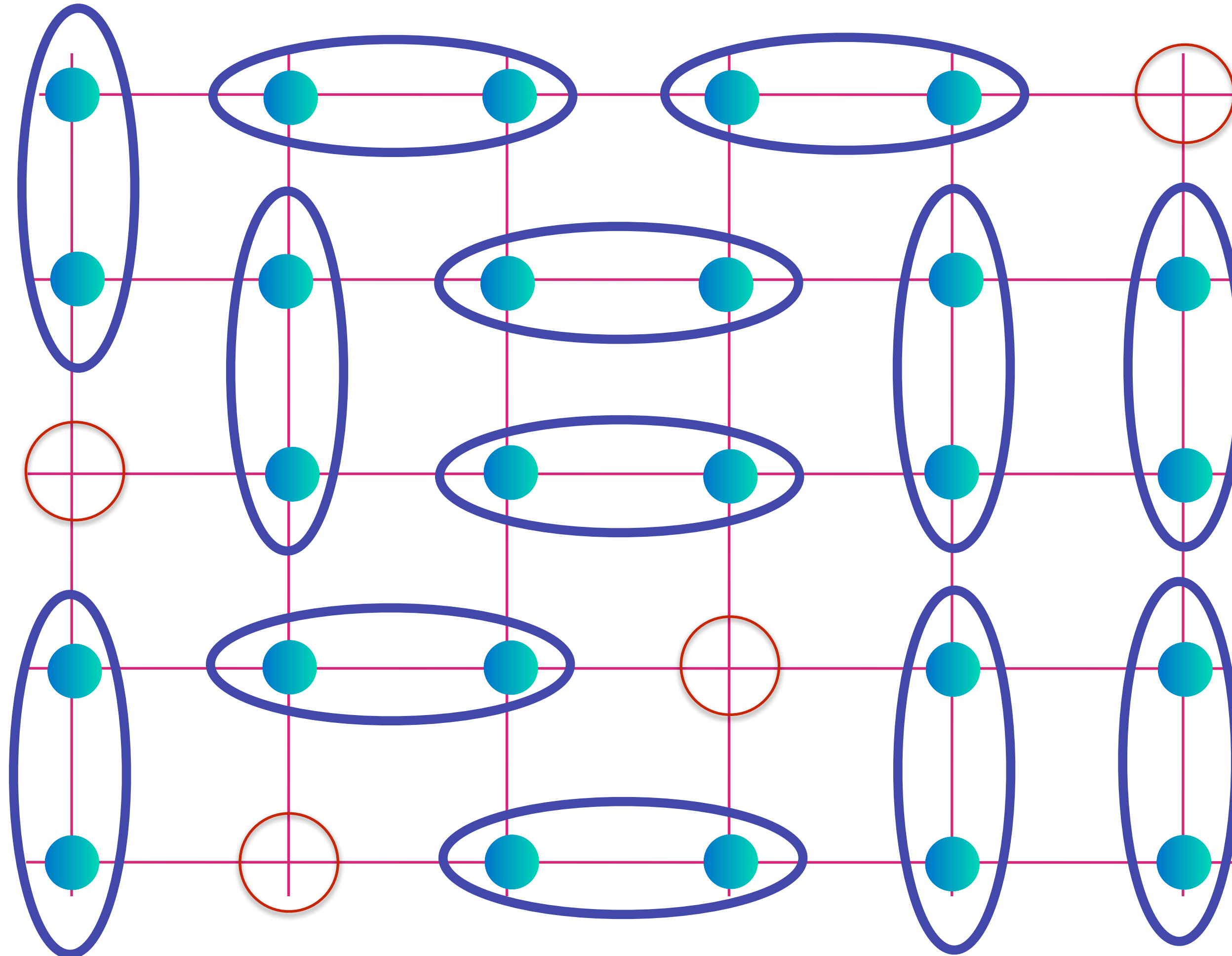
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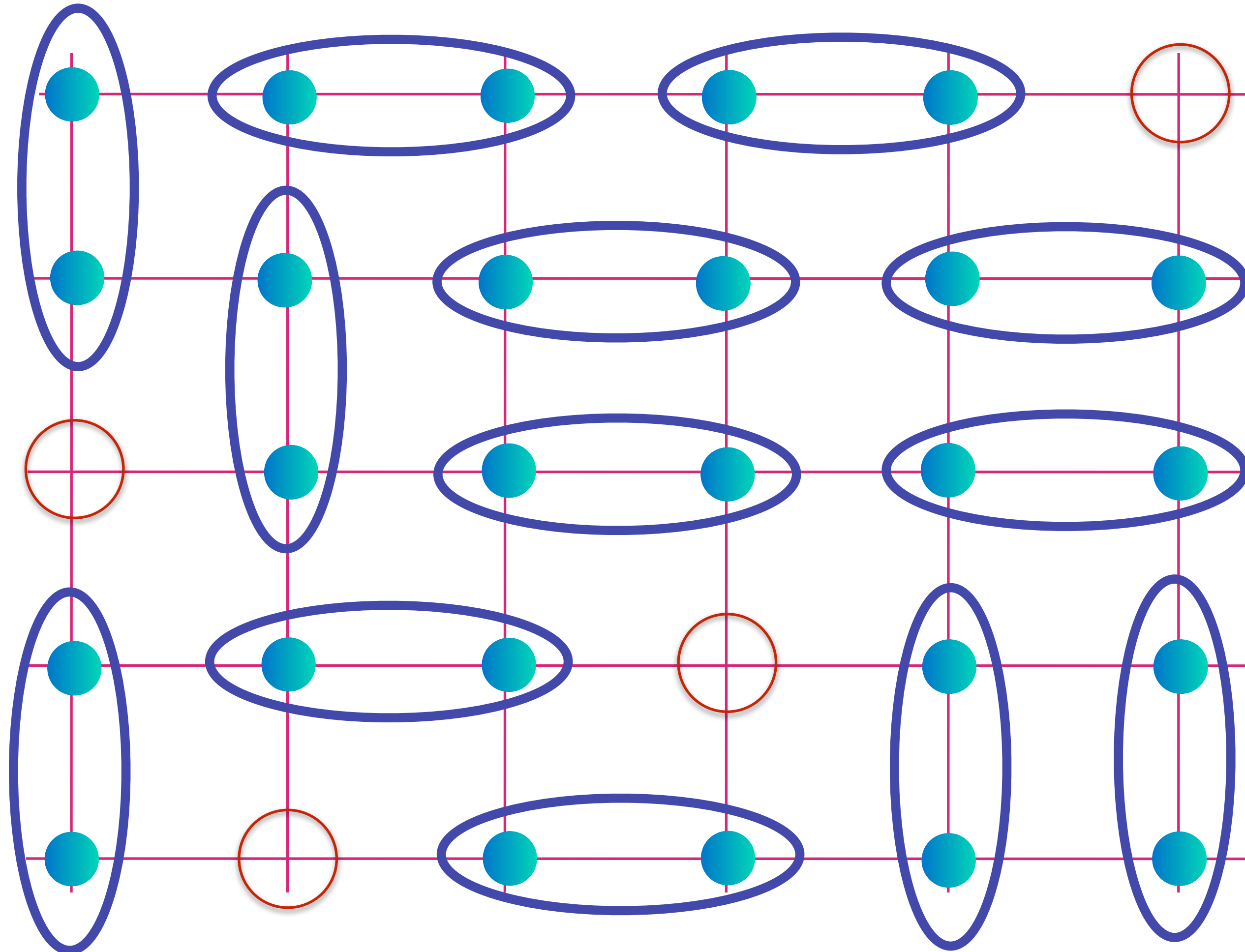
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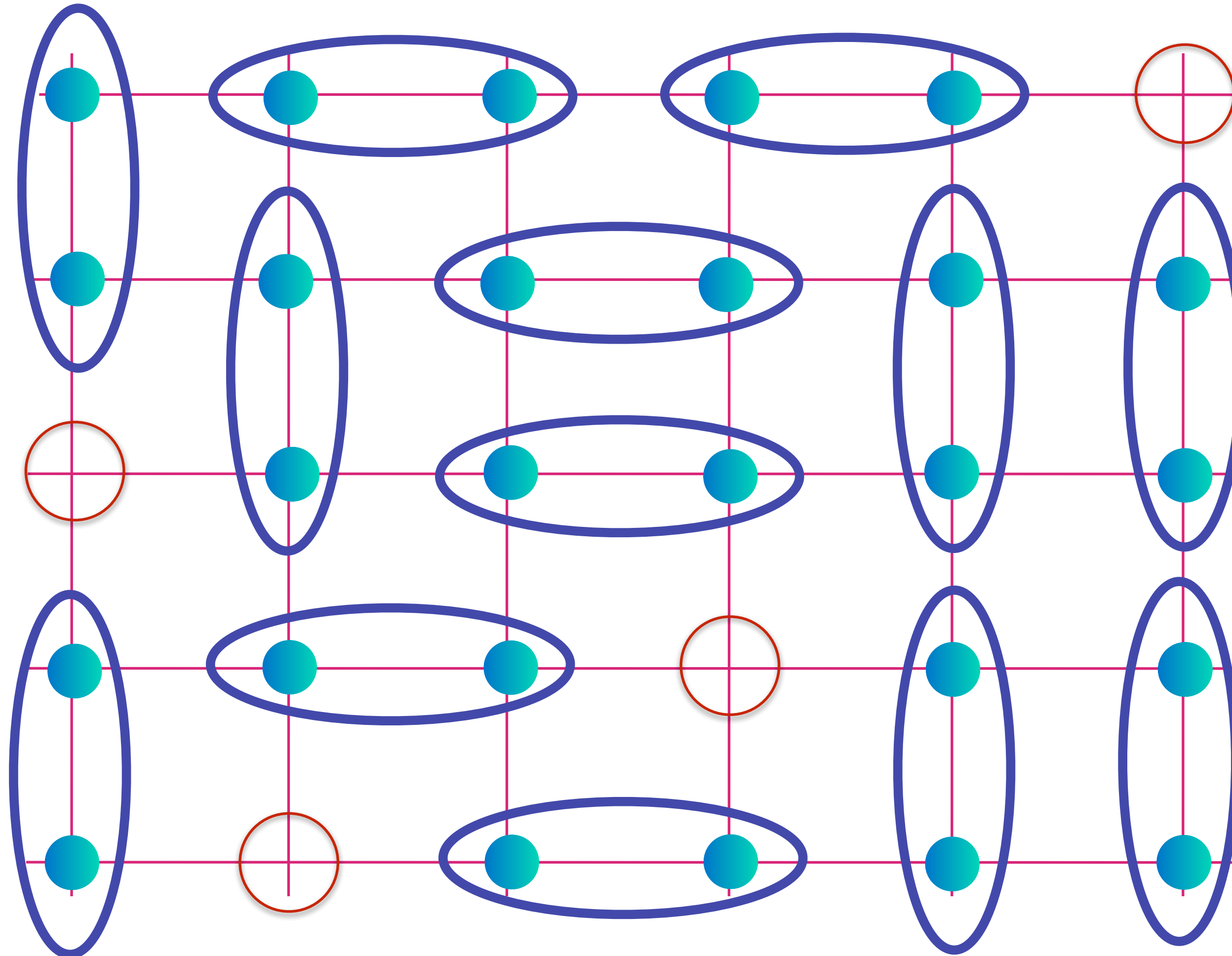
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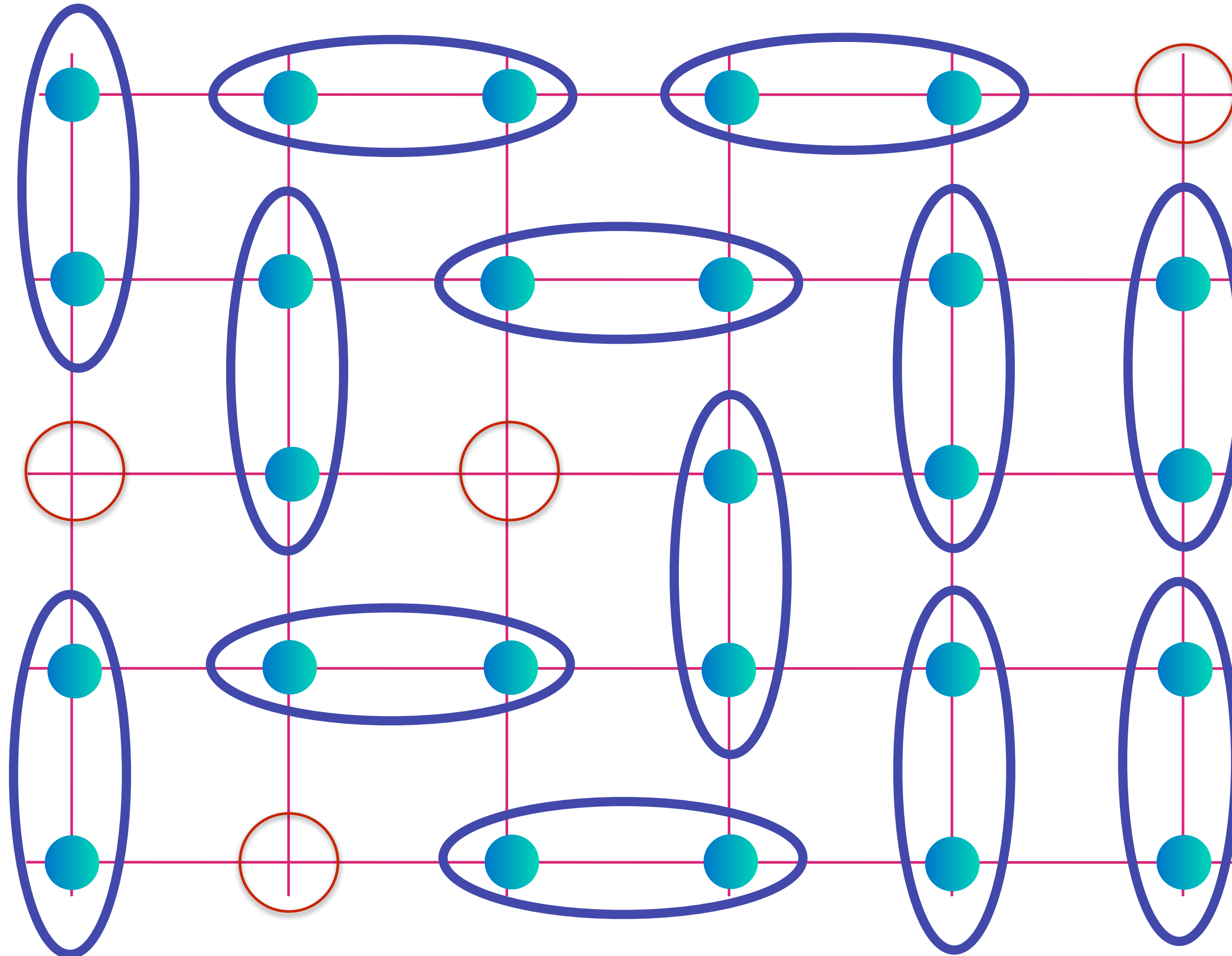
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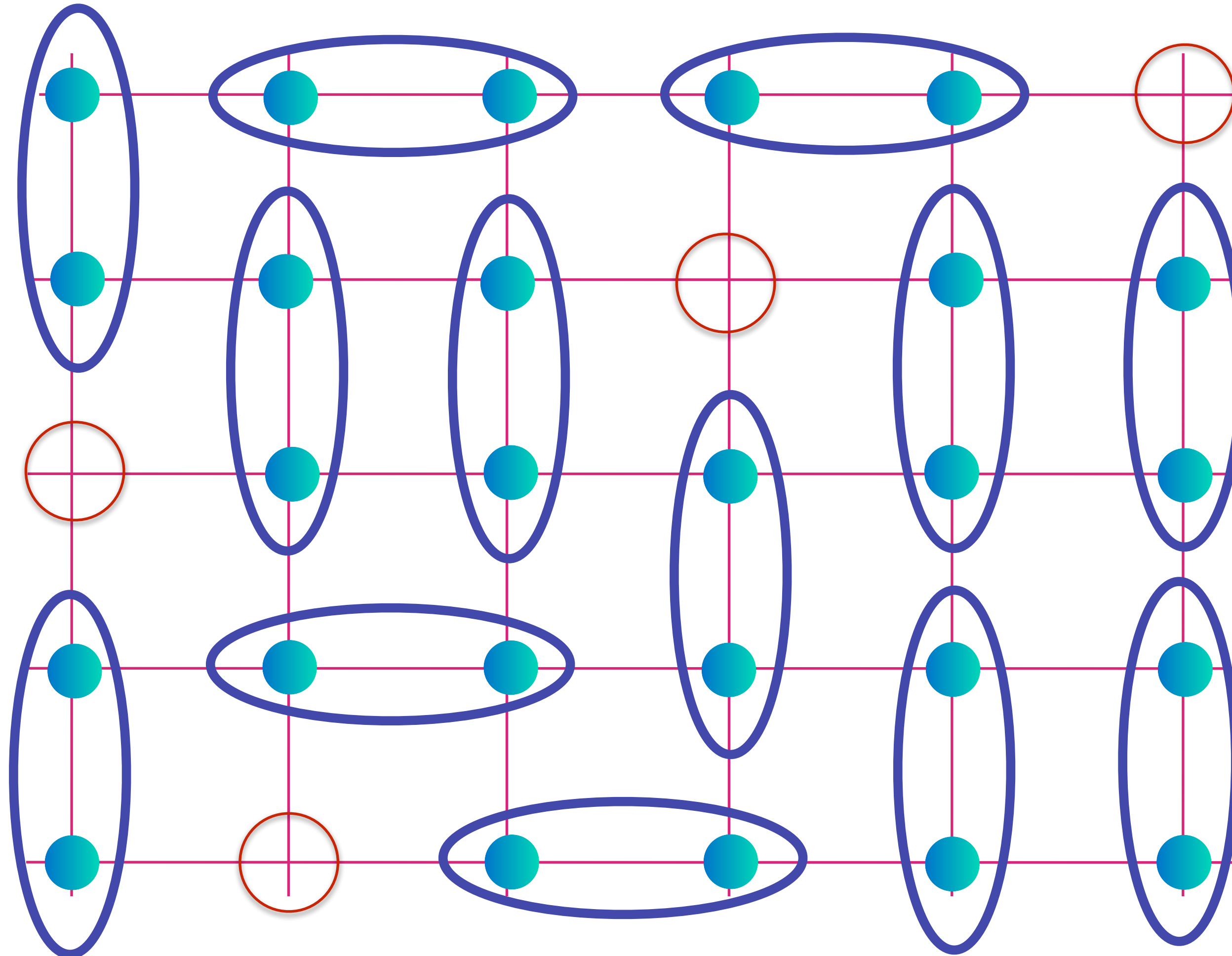
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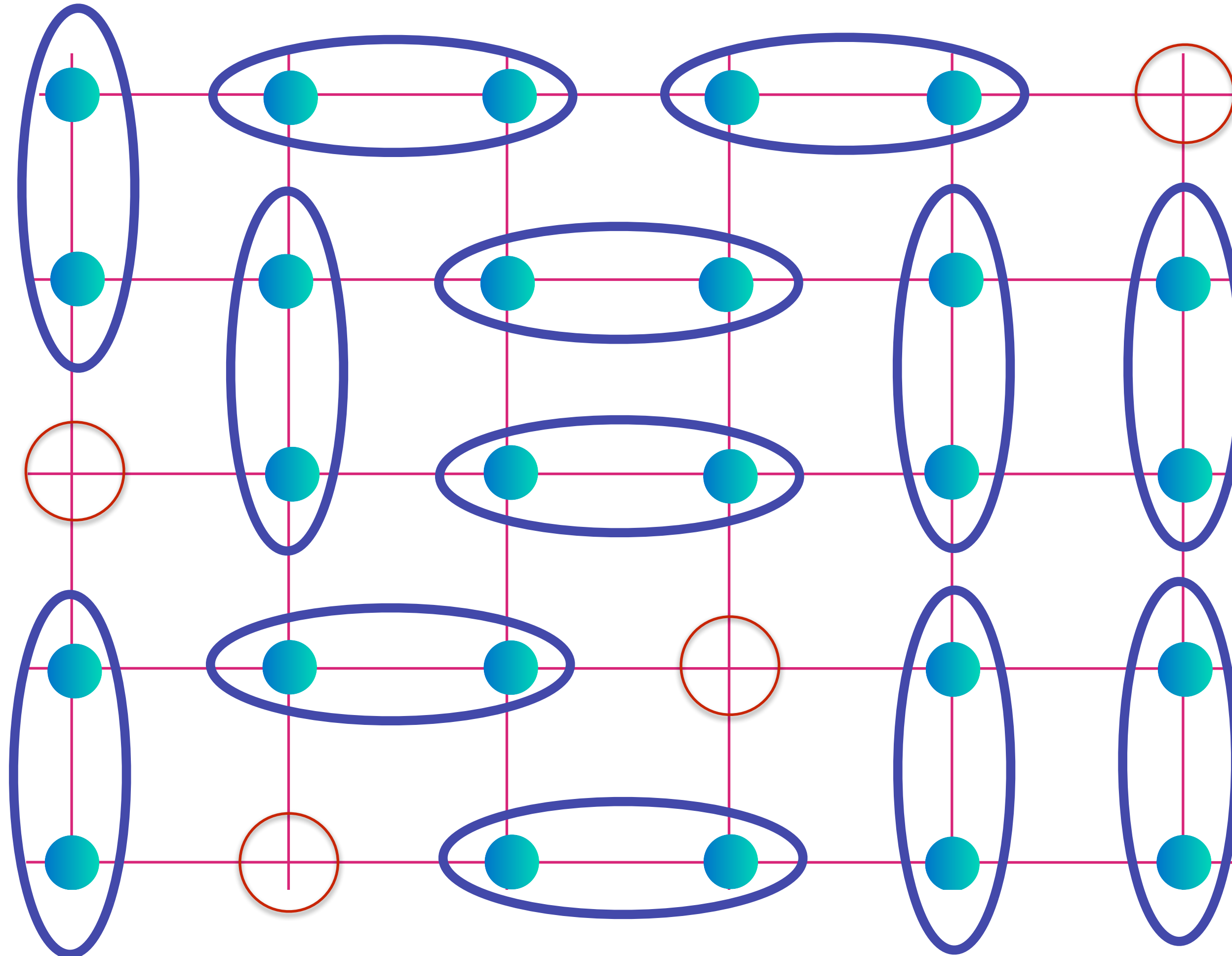
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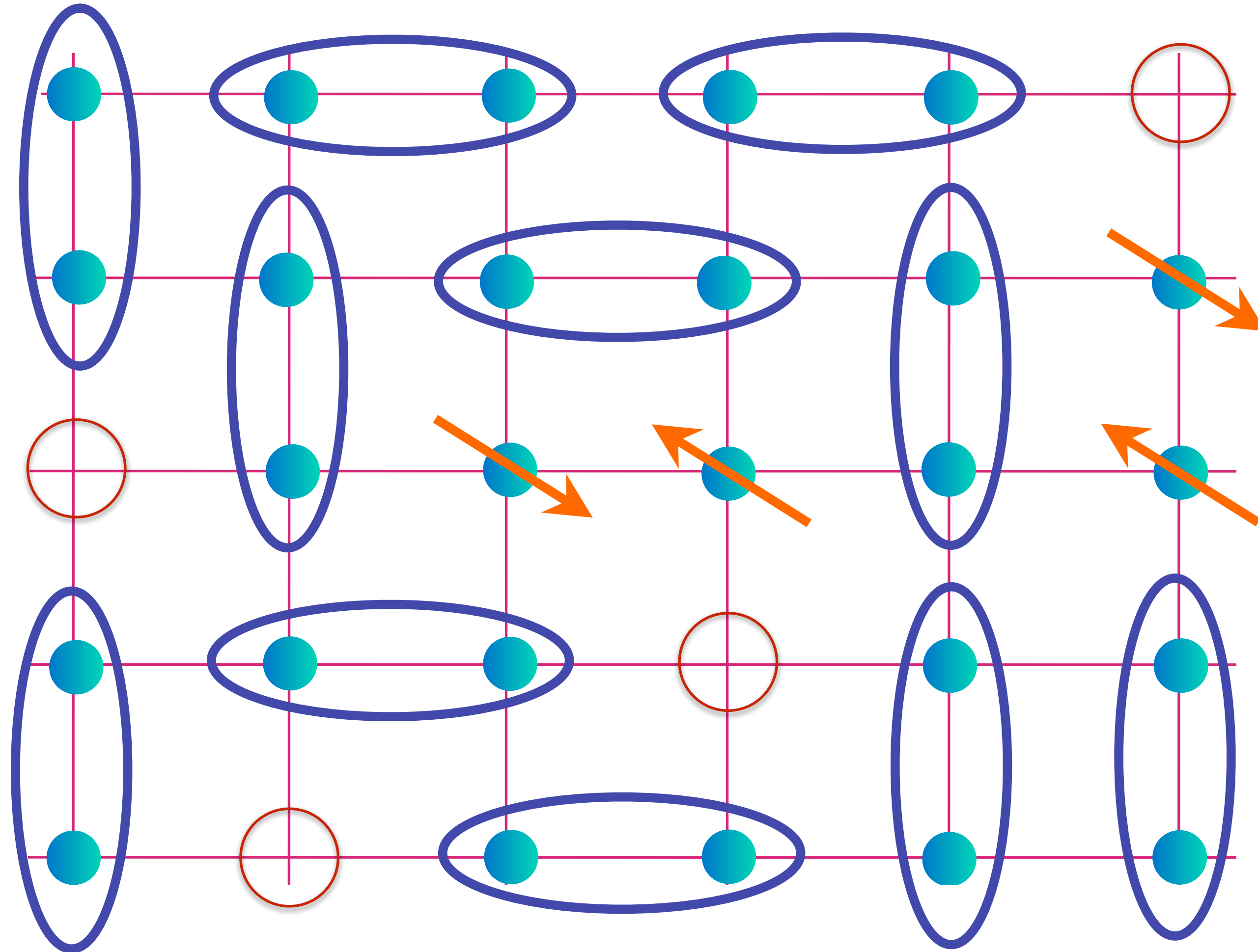
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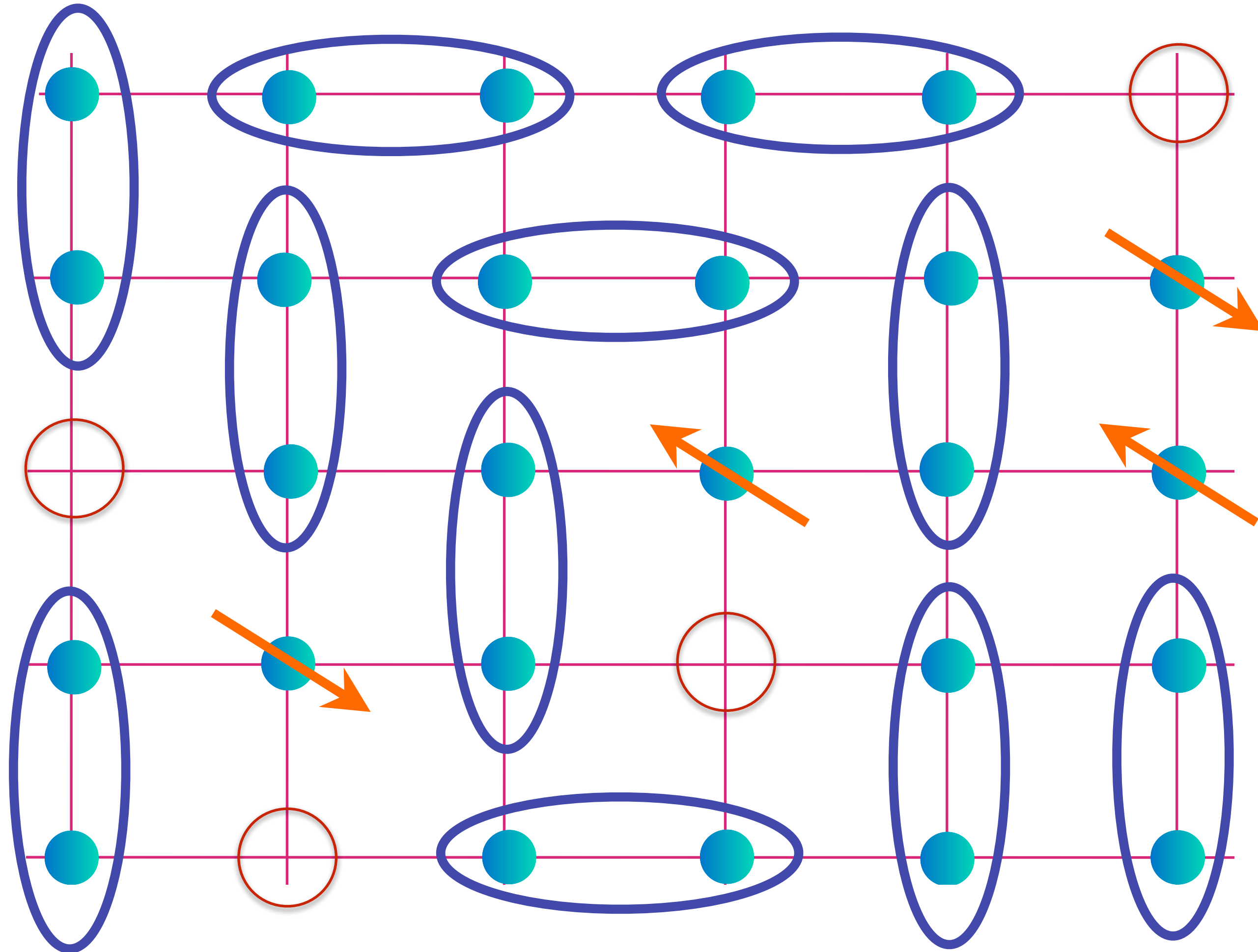
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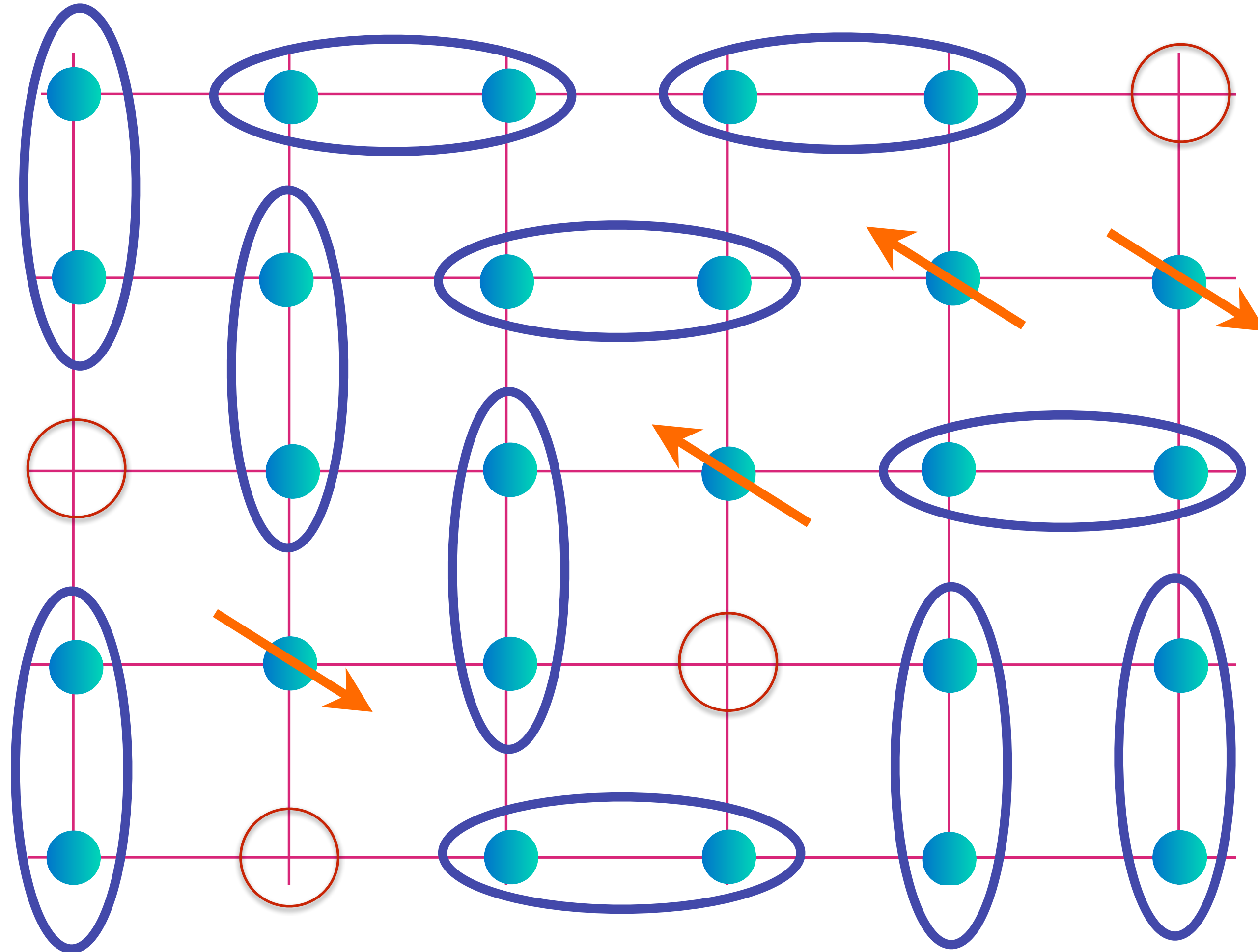
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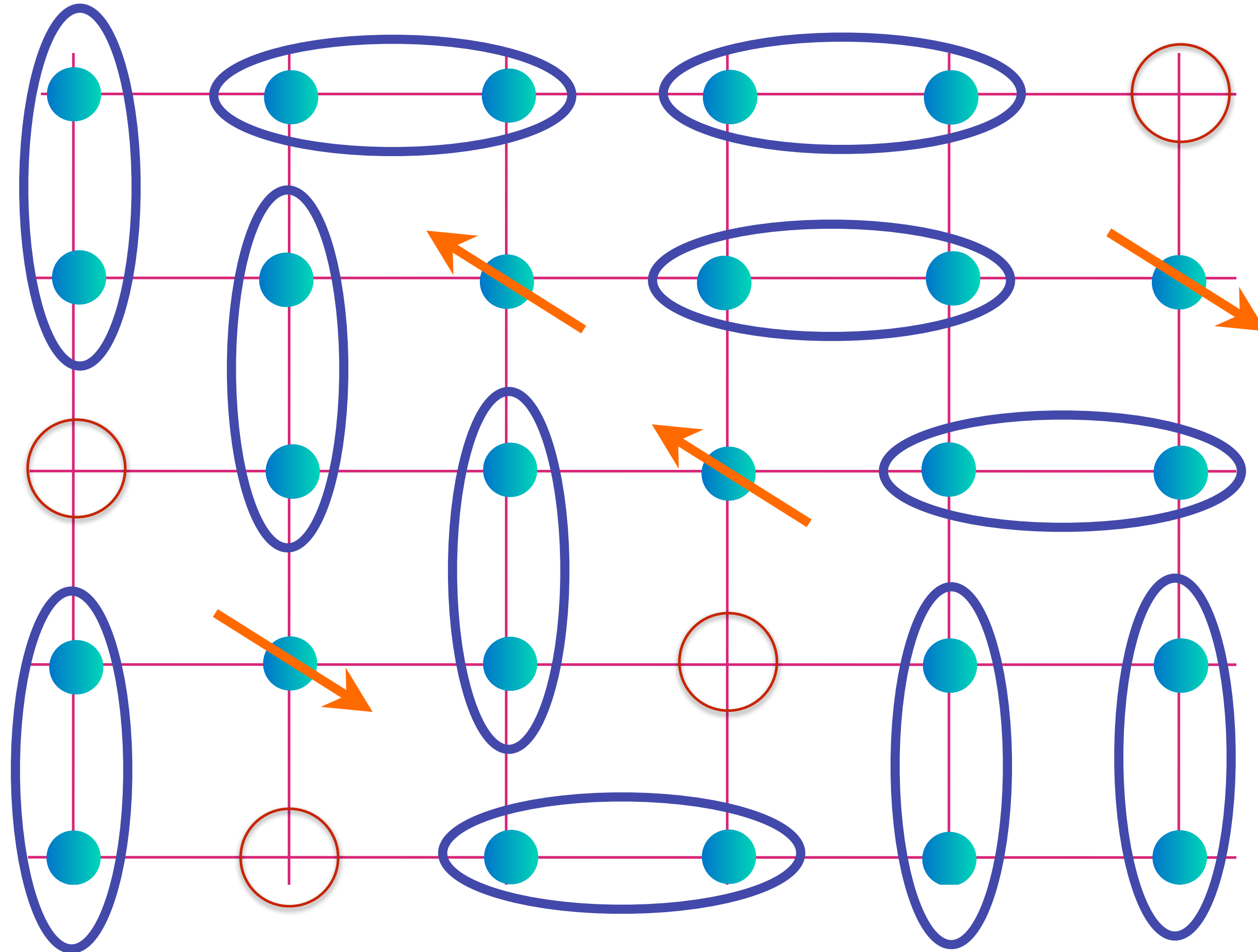
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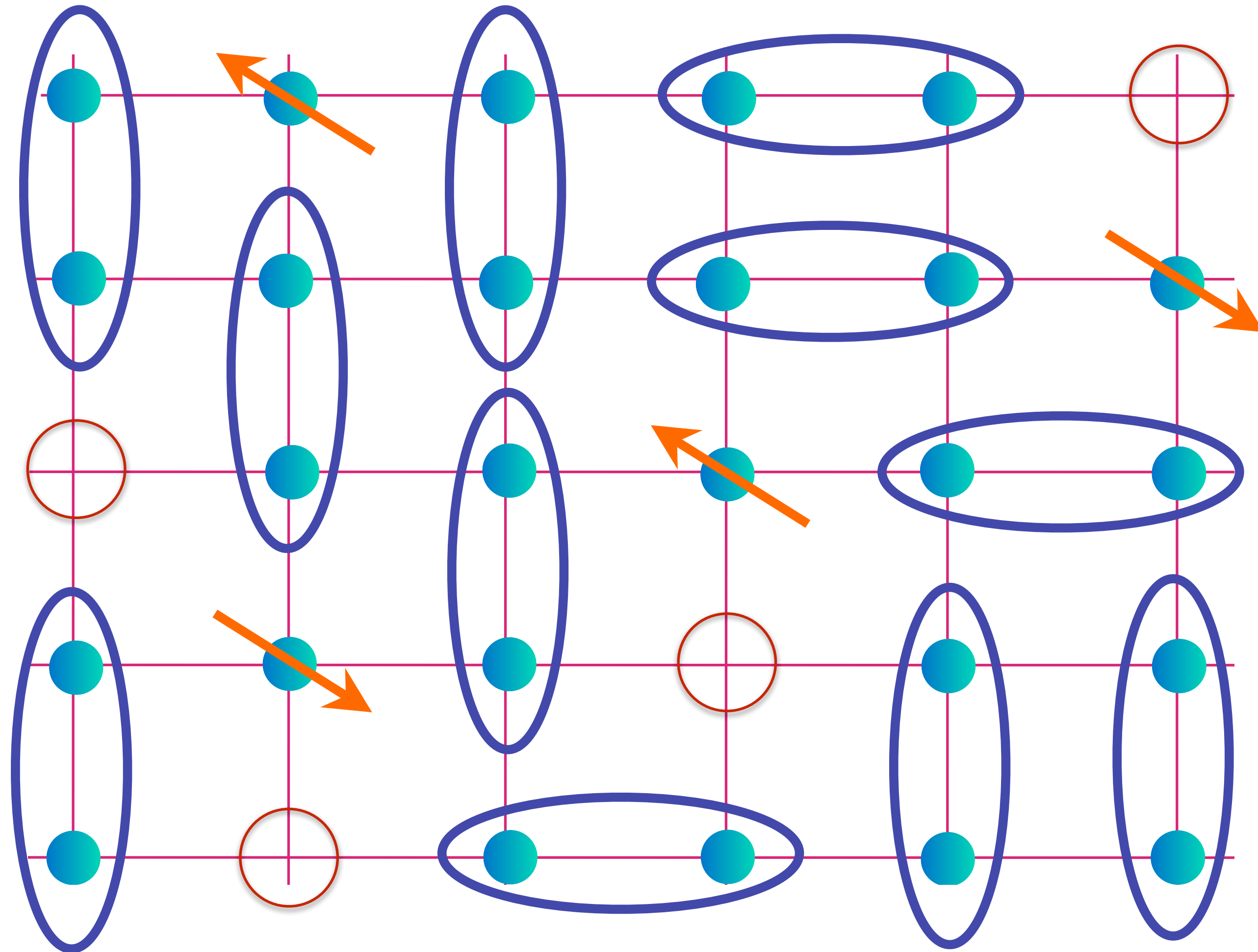
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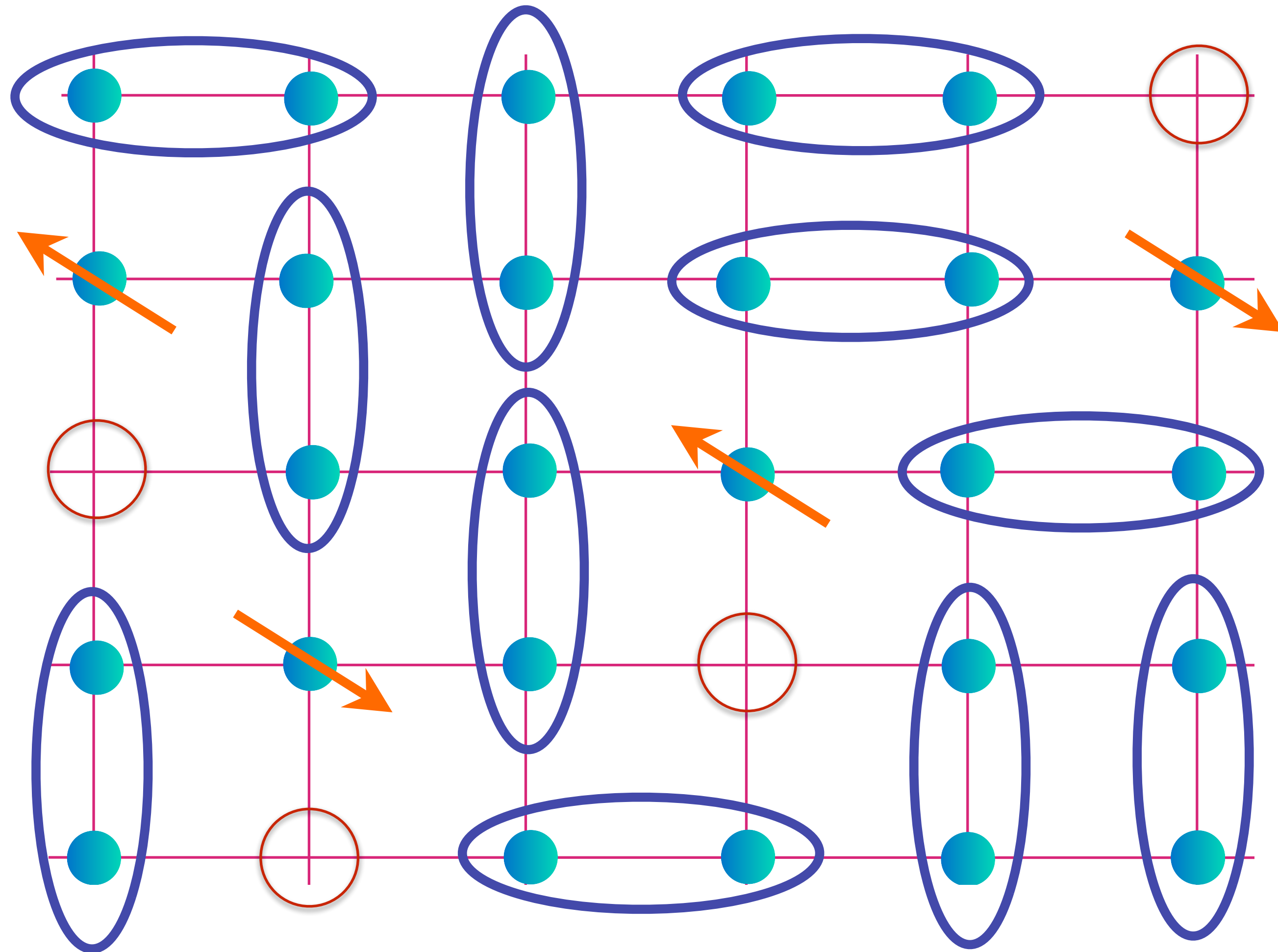
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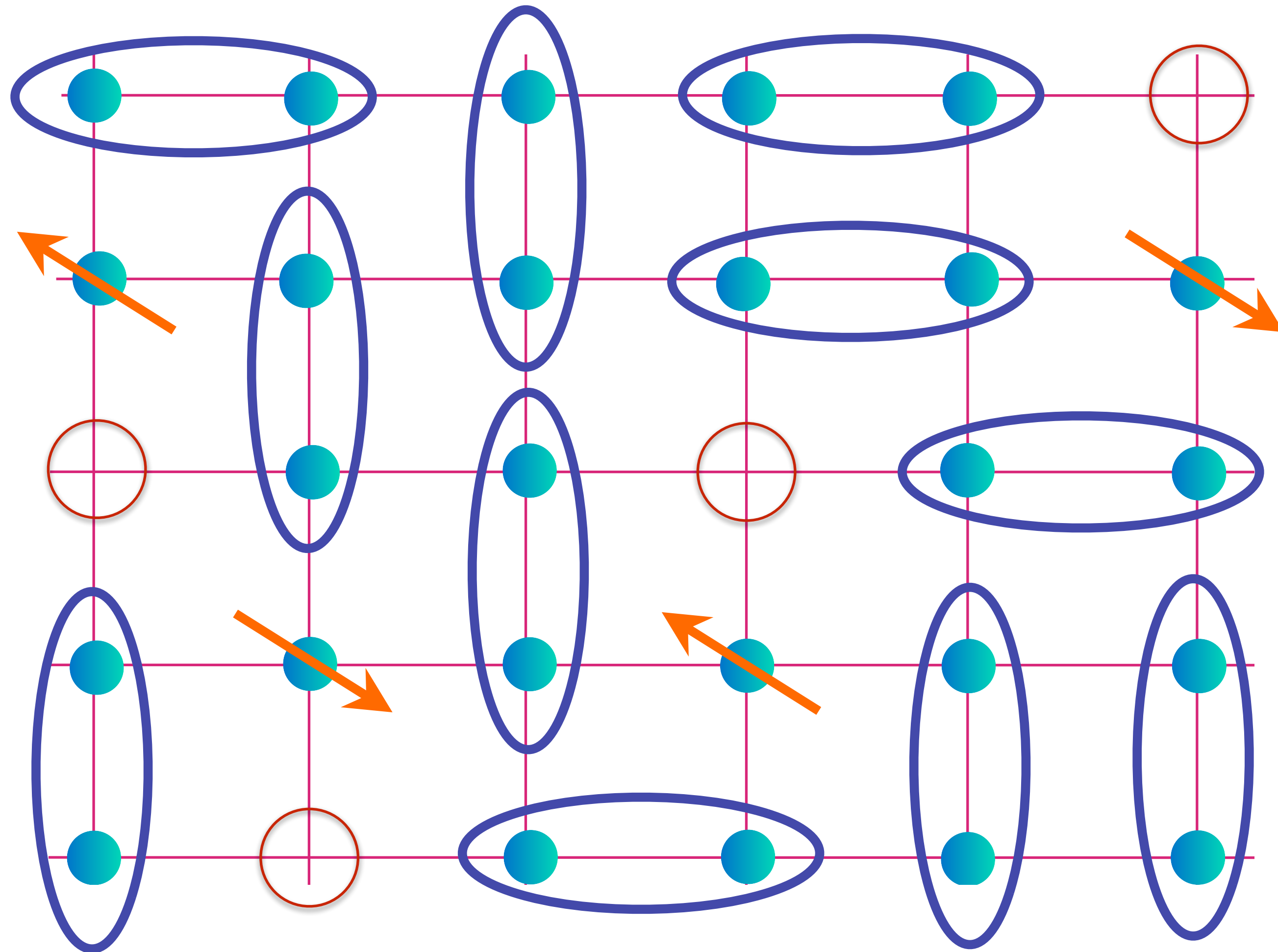
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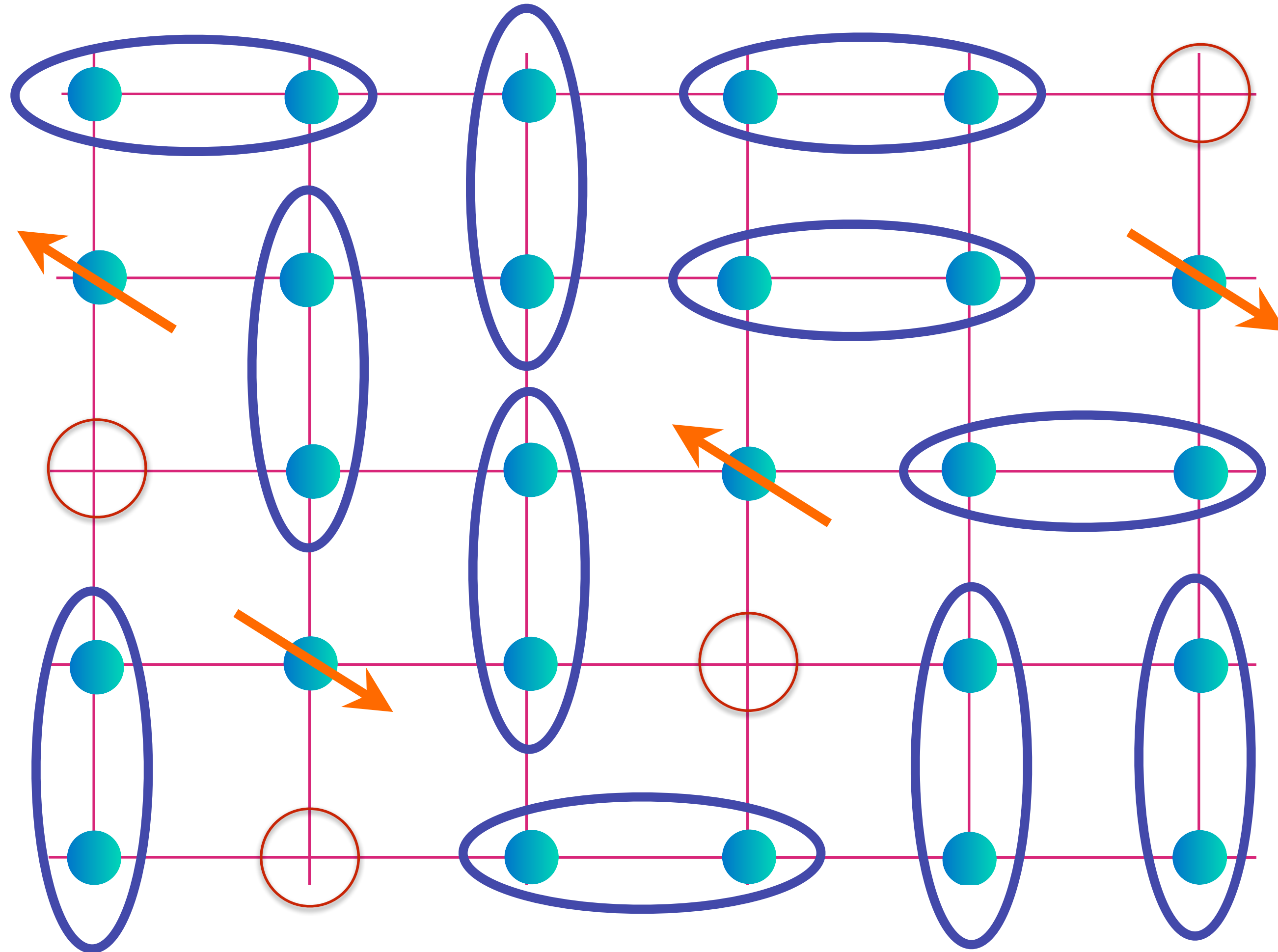
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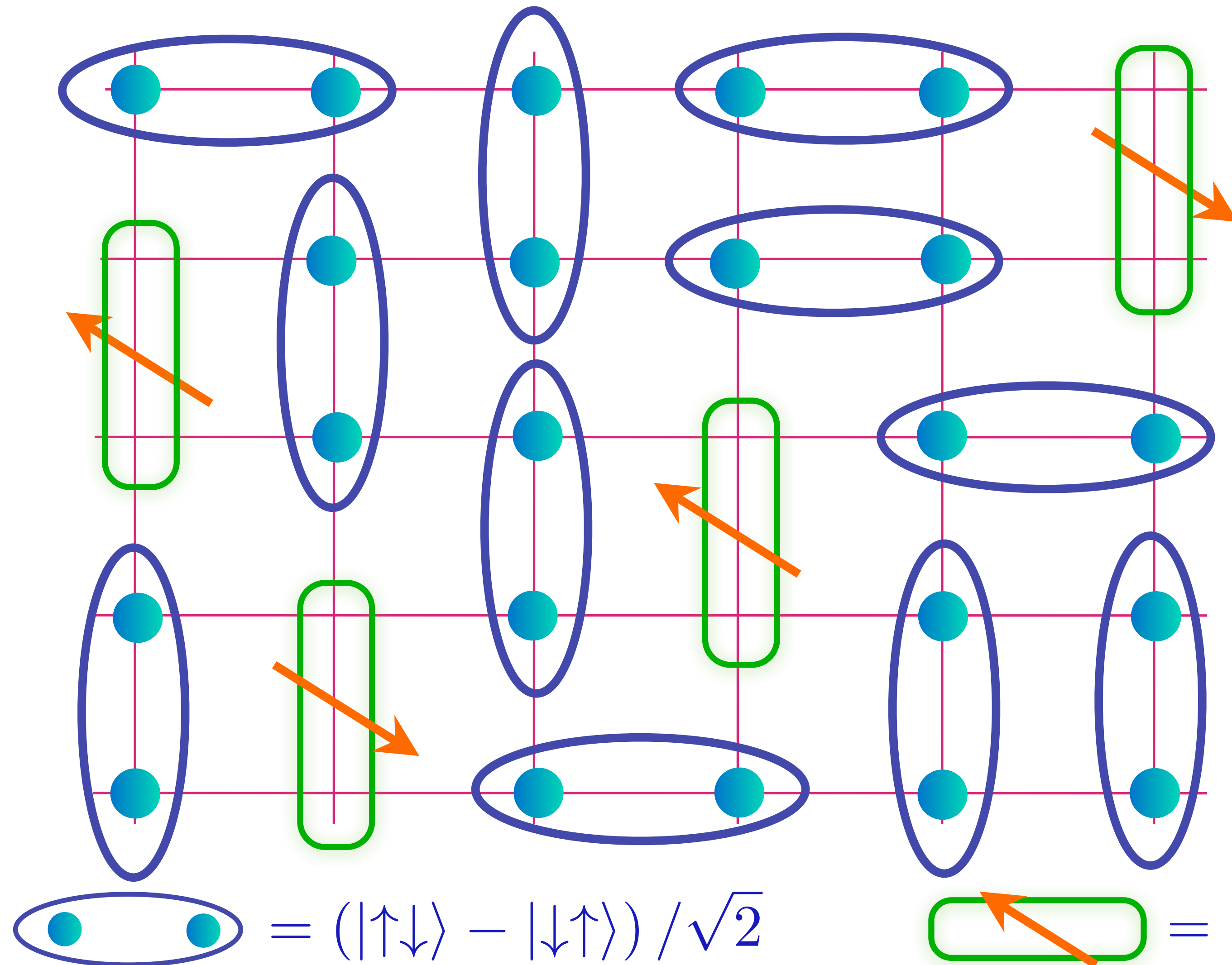
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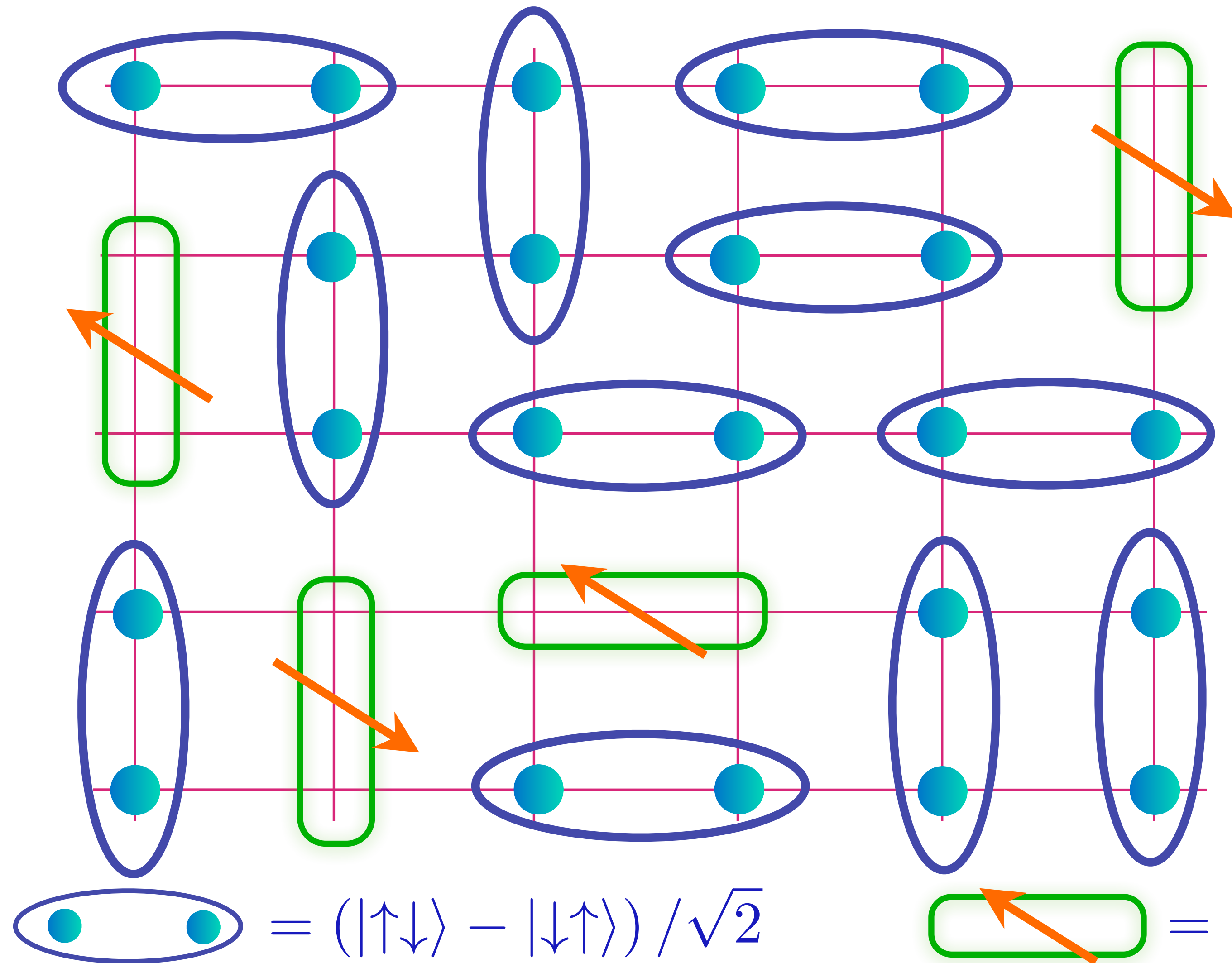
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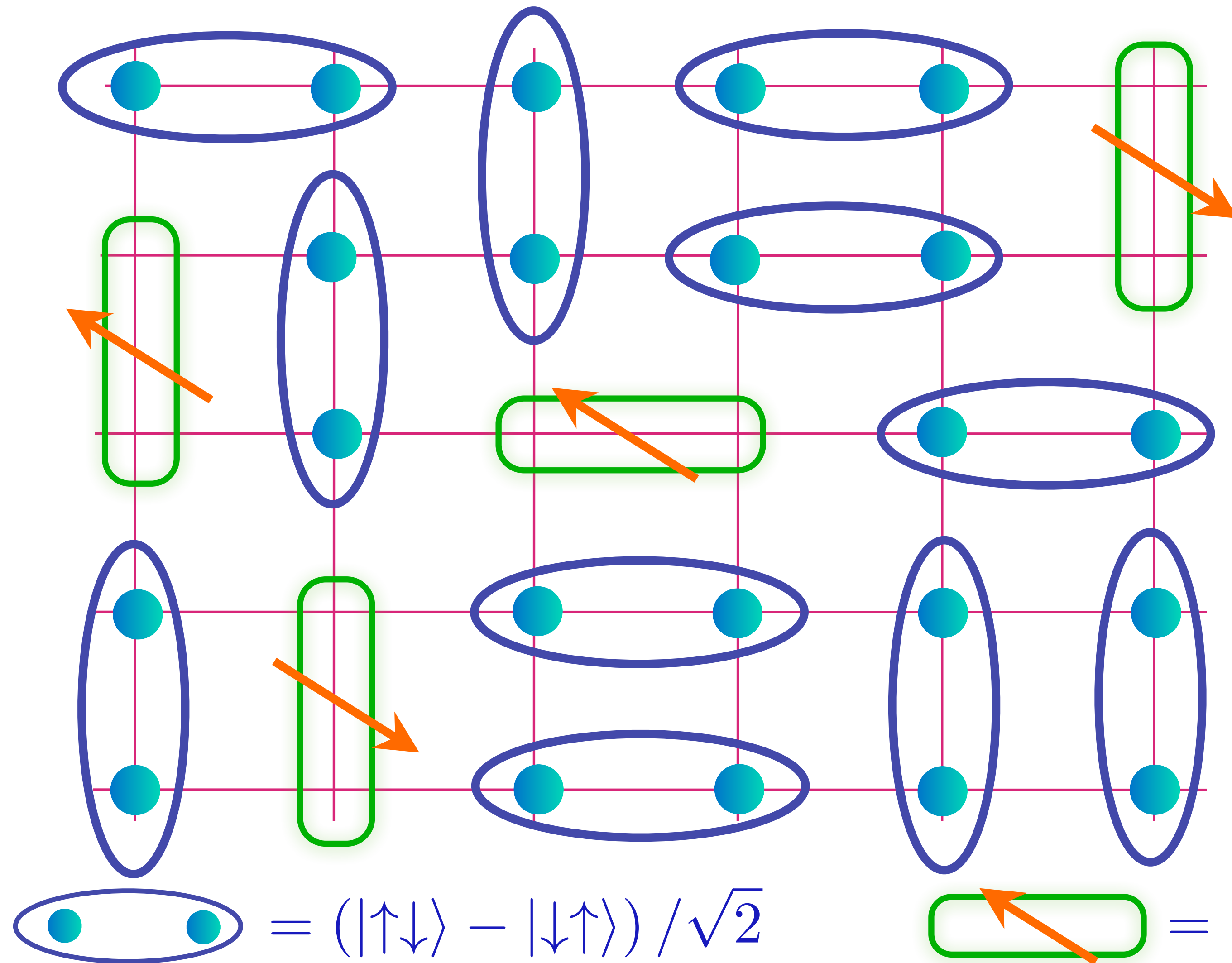
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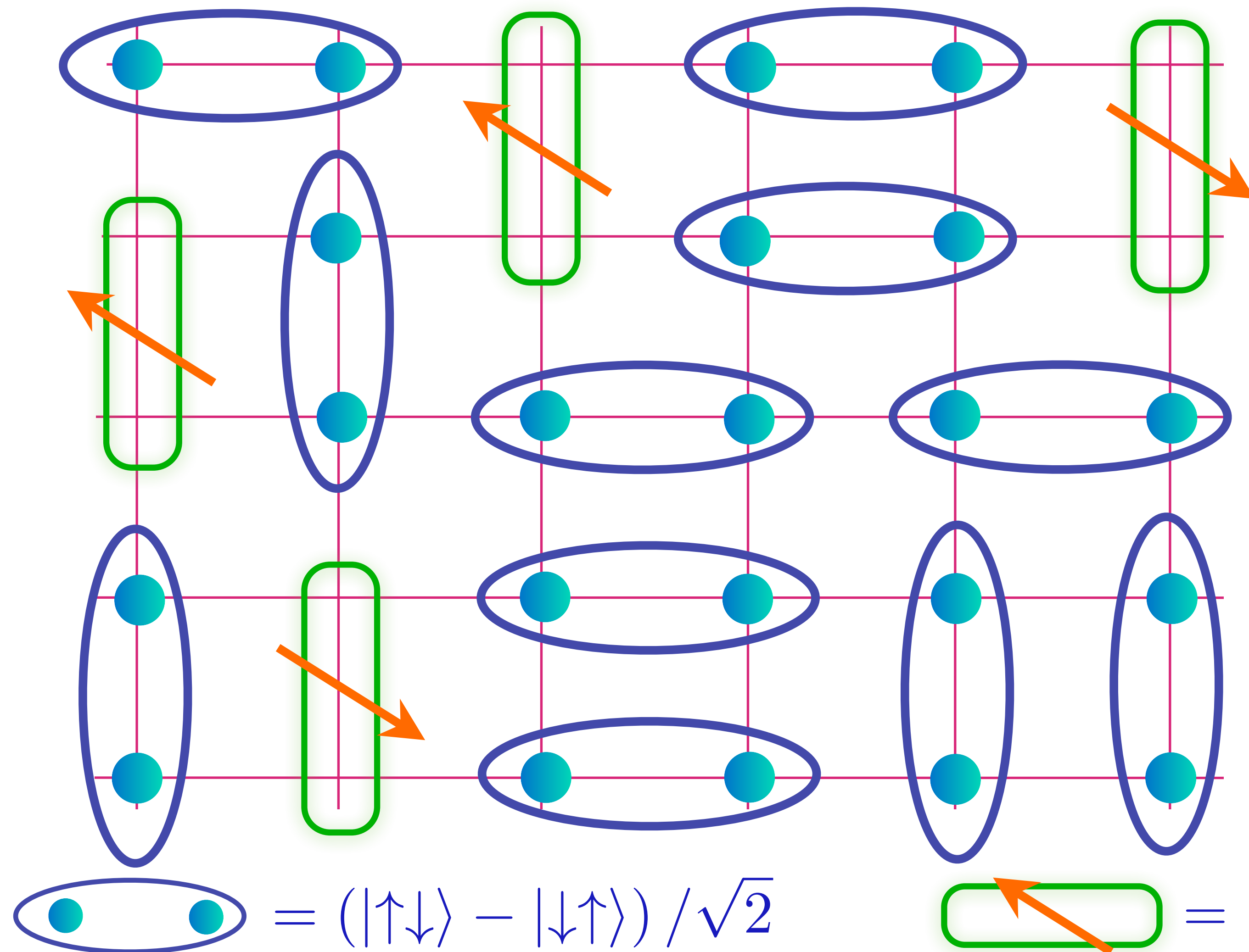
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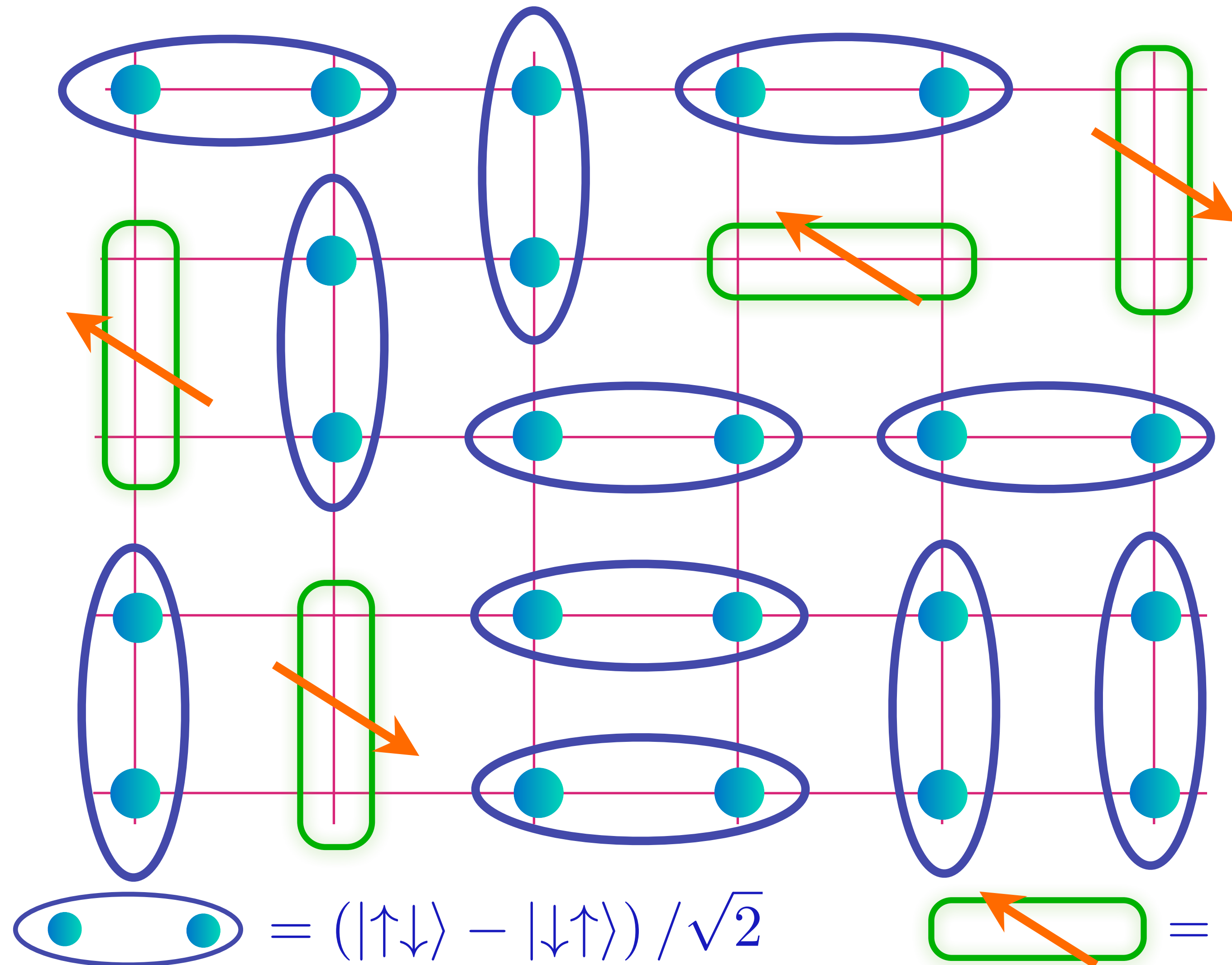
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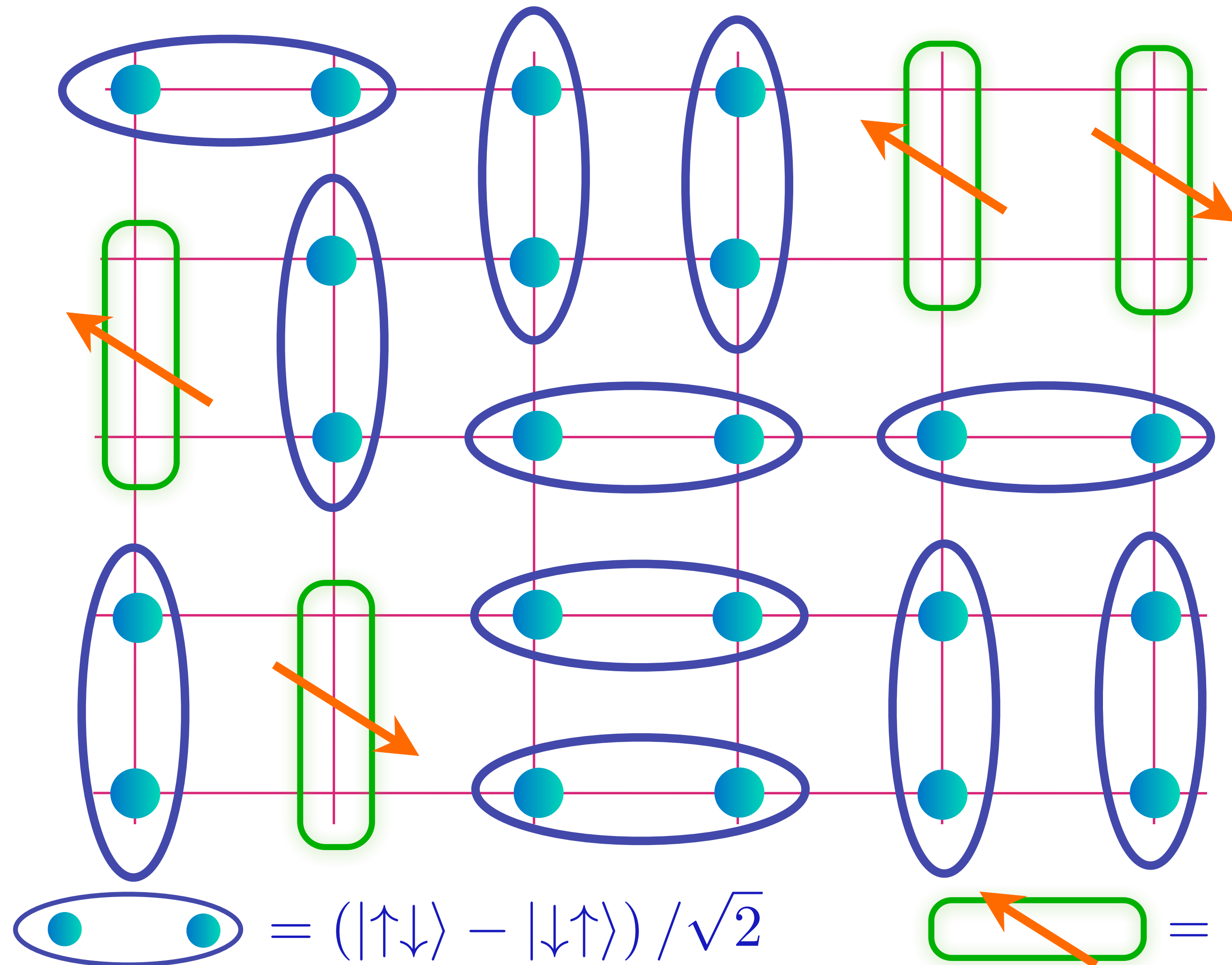
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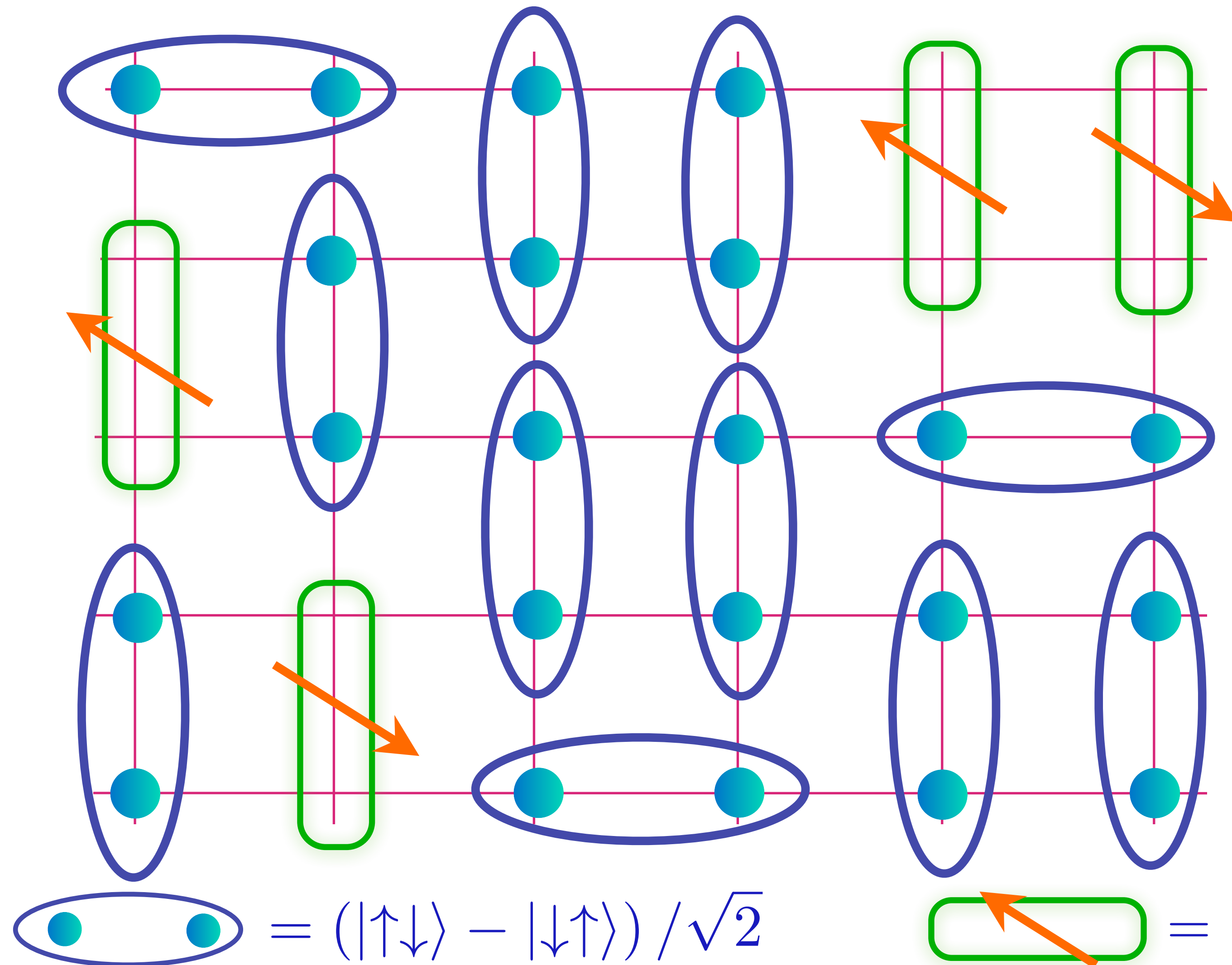
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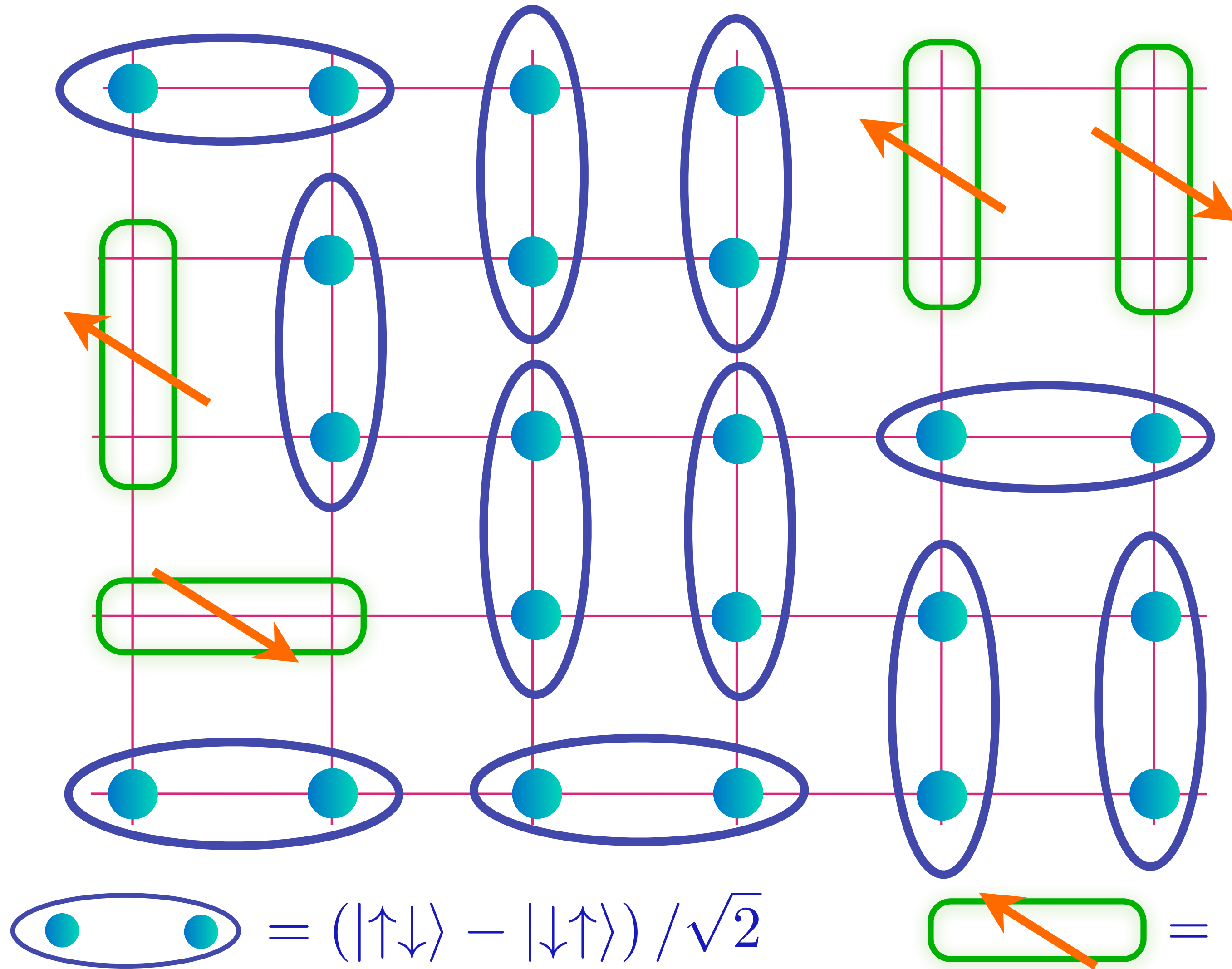
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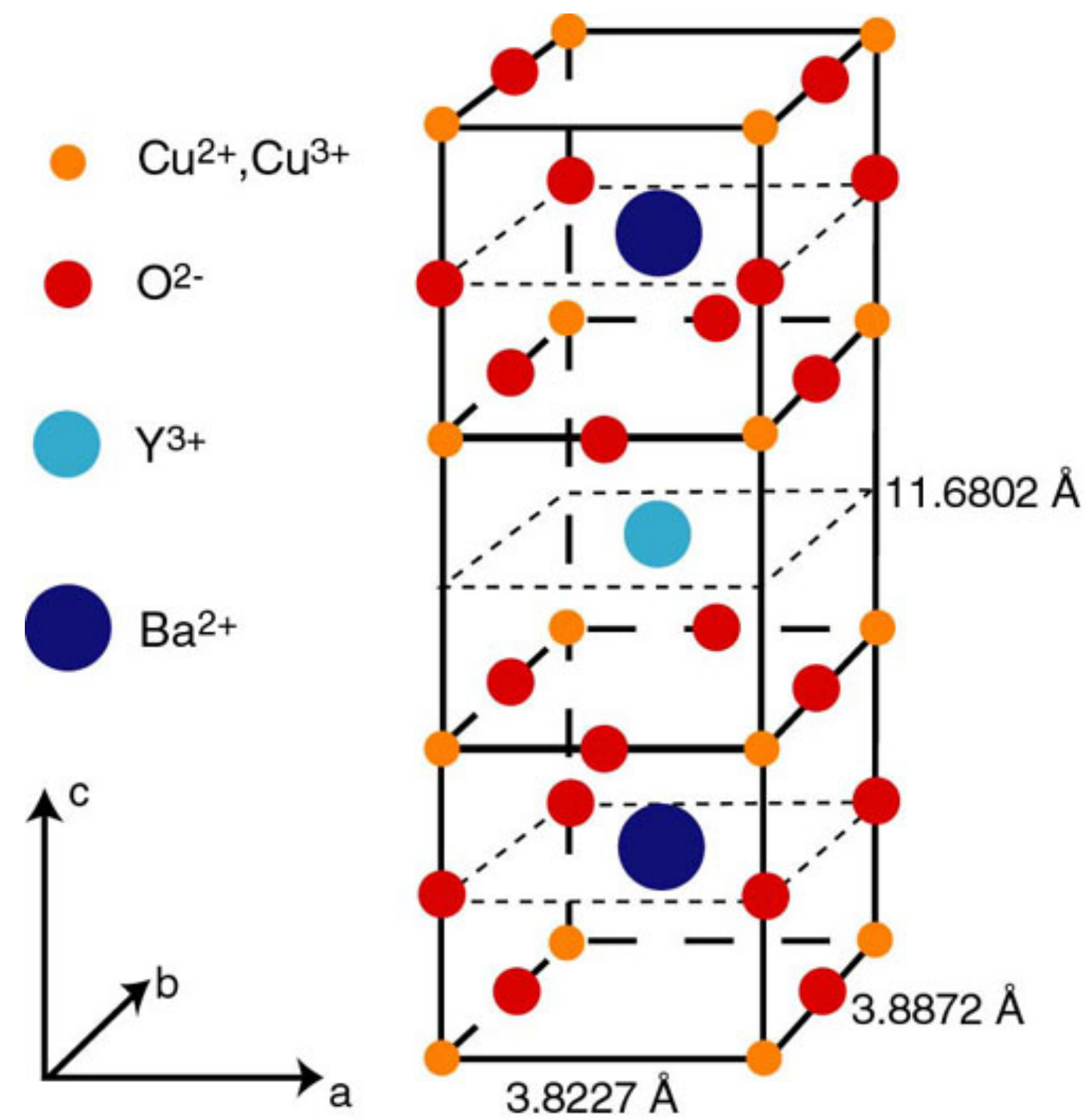
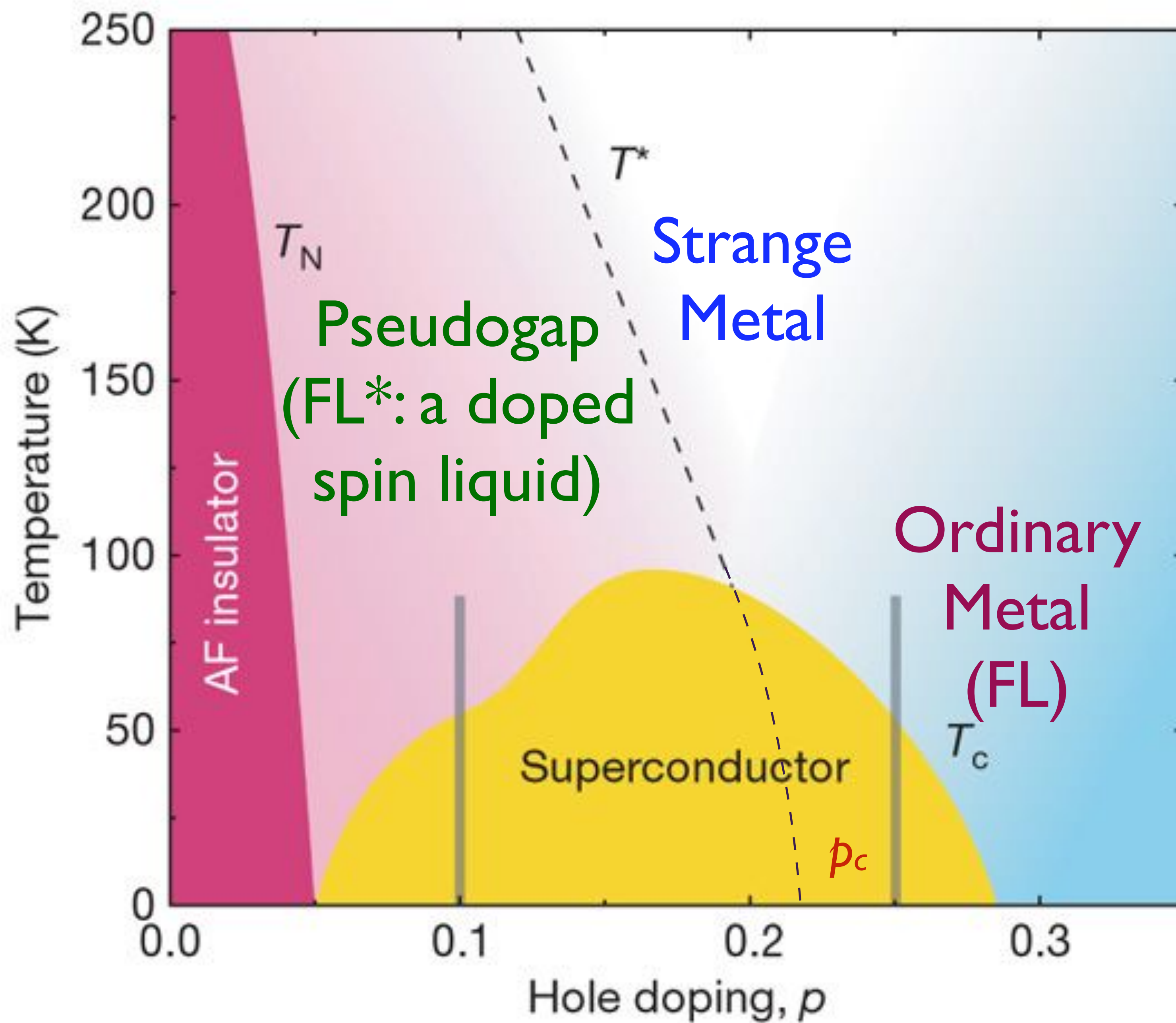
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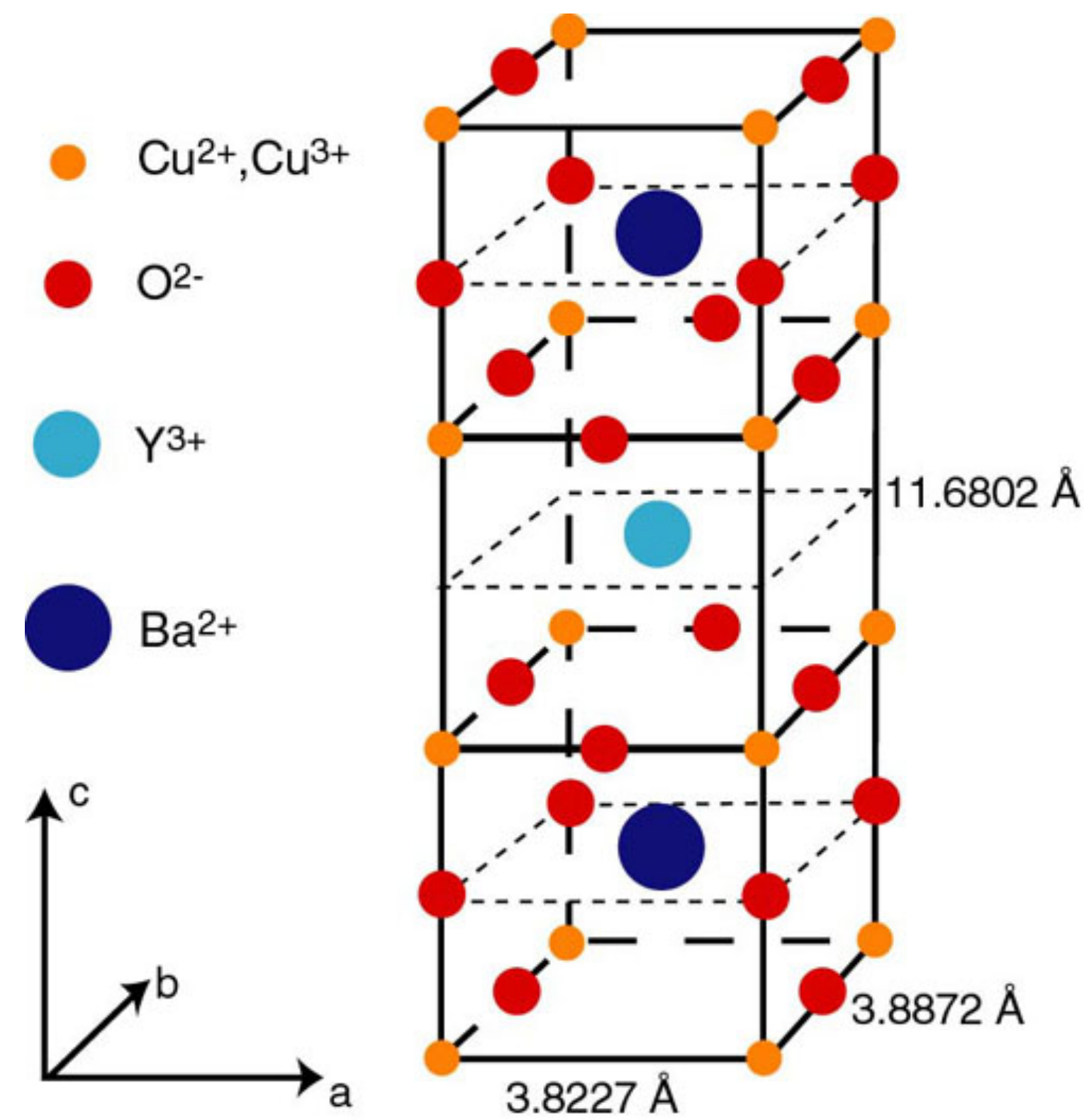
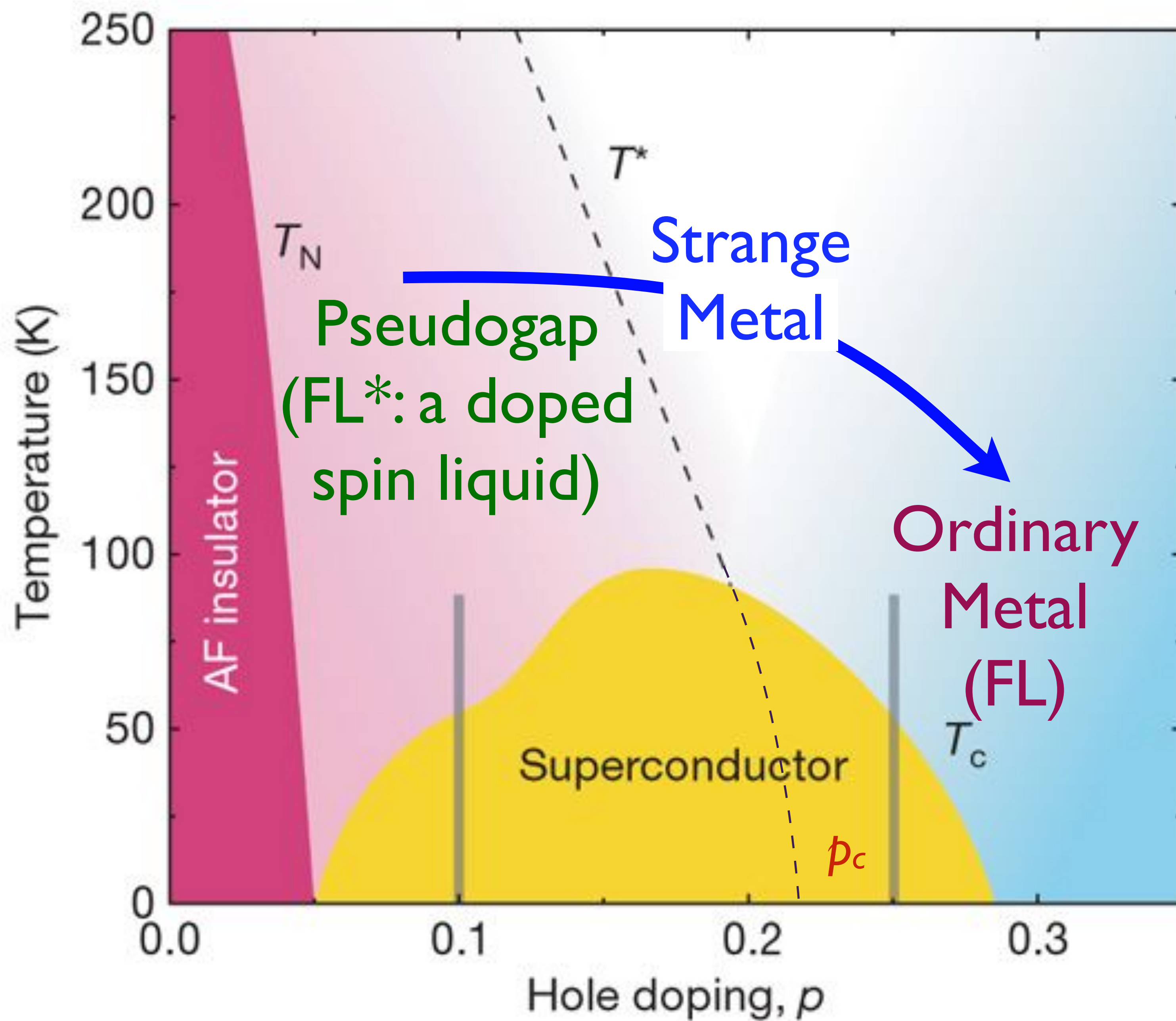
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Yukawa-SYK model

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu \sum_i \psi_i^\dagger \psi_i + \sum_\ell \frac{1}{2} (\pi_\ell^2 + \omega_0^2 \phi_\ell^2) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{ij\ell} g_{ij\ell} \psi_i^\dagger \psi_j \phi_\ell$$

with $g_{ij\ell}$ independent random numbers with zero mean. The large N equations for the Green's functions and self energies of the fermions (G, Σ) and bosons (D, Π) are

$$G(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma(i\omega_n)} \quad , \quad D(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{\omega_n^2 + \omega_0^2 - \Pi(i\omega_n)}$$
$$\Sigma(\tau) = g^2 G(\tau) D(\tau) \quad , \quad \Pi(\tau) = -g^2 G(\tau) G(-\tau)$$

Make the low frequency ansatz

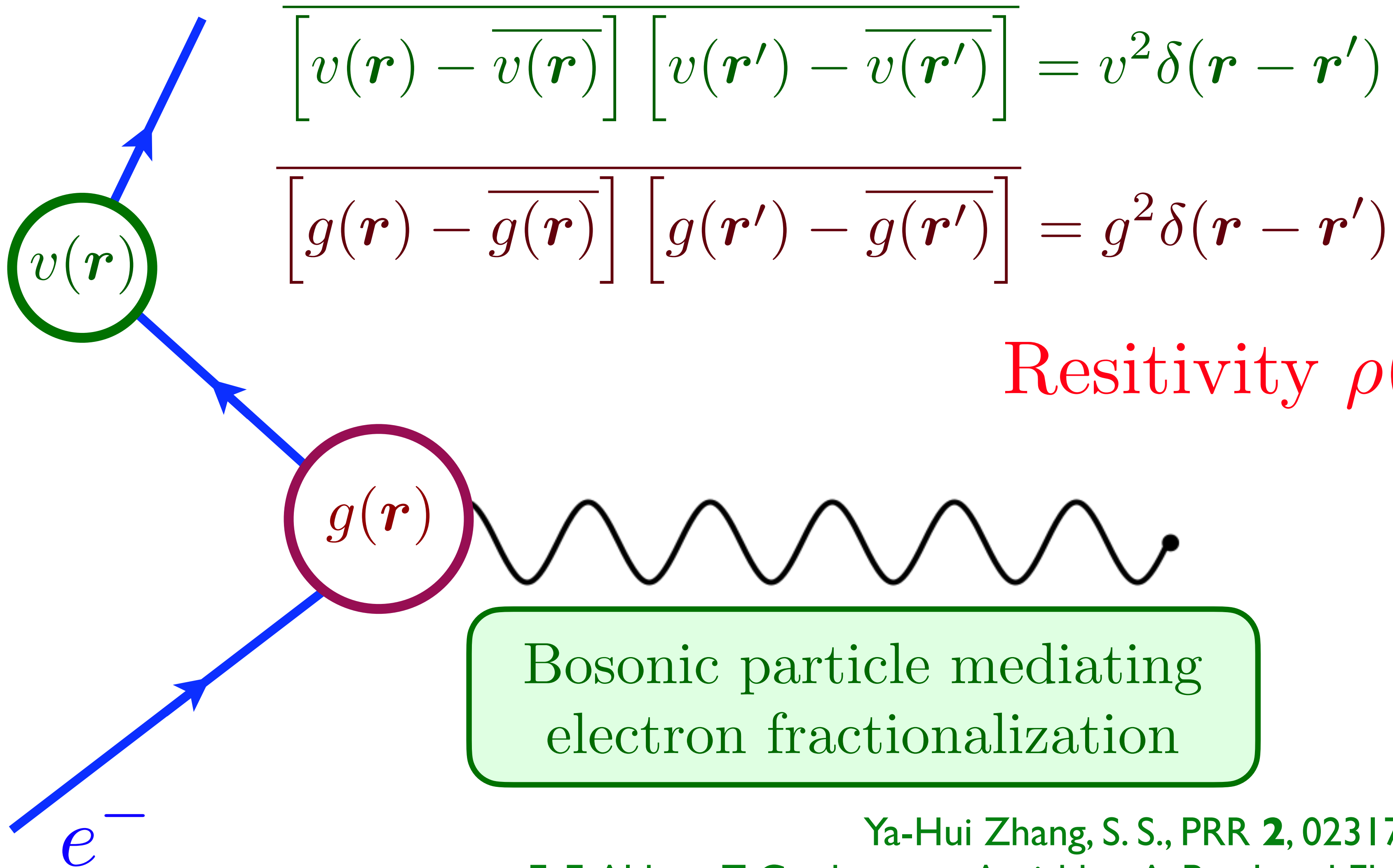
$$G(i\omega) \sim -i \operatorname{sgn}(\omega) |\omega|^{-(1-2\Delta)} \quad , \quad D(i\omega) \sim |\omega|^{1-4\Delta} \quad , \quad \frac{1}{4} < \Delta < \frac{1}{2}$$

A consistent solution exists for

$$\frac{4\Delta - 1}{2(2\Delta - 1)[\sec(2\pi\Delta) - 1]} = 1 \quad , \quad \Delta = 0.42037 \dots$$

I. Esterlis and J. Schmalian,
PRB **100**, 115132 (2019)
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PRL **124**, 017002 (2020)

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$$\overline{[v(\mathbf{r}) - \overline{v(\mathbf{r})}] [v(\mathbf{r}') - \overline{v(\mathbf{r}')}] = v^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

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Random interactions
as in SYK model

$$\text{Resistivity } \rho(T) \sim v^2 + g^2 T$$

Bosonic particle mediating
electron fractionalization



Ya-Hui Zhang, S. S., PRR **2**, 023172 (2020); PRB **102**, 155124 (2020)
 E. E. Aldape, T. Cookmeyer, Aavishkar A. Patel, and Ehud Altman, PRB **105**, 235111 (2022)
 Aavishkar Patel, Haoyu Guo, Ilya Esterlis, S.S. arXiv: 2203.04990, Science, to appear

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, RMP **94**, 041002 (2002)

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, Nat. Commun. **14**, 3033 (2023)

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)

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.

Summary

- SYK: a solvable toy model without particle-like excitations, exhibiting thermalization and many-body chaos in a time of order $\hbar/(k_B T)$, independent of microscopic energy scales.
- 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.

