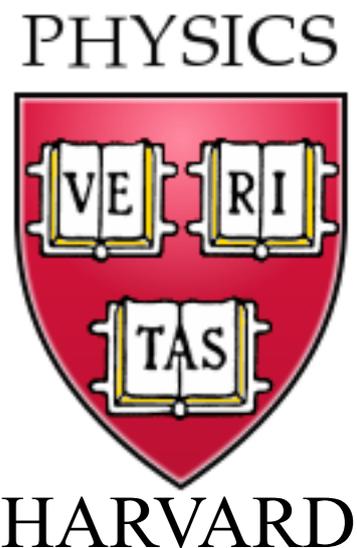


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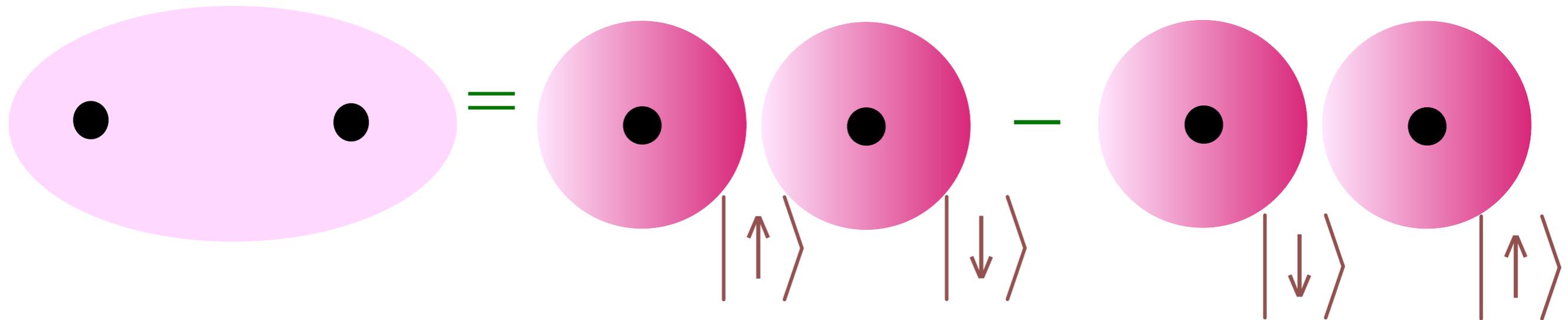
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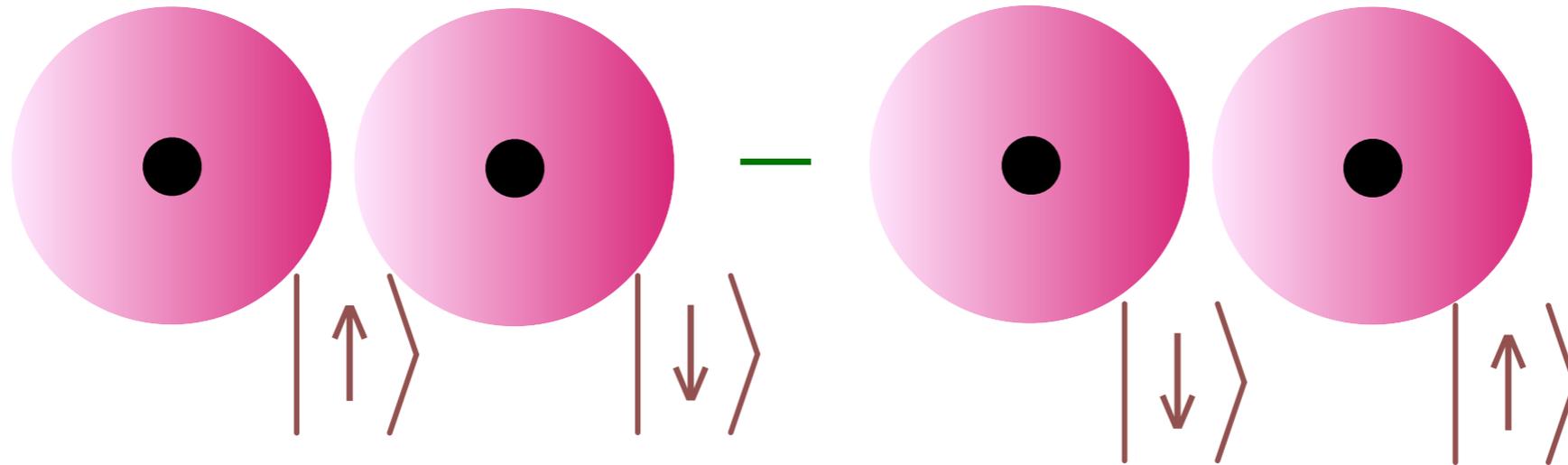
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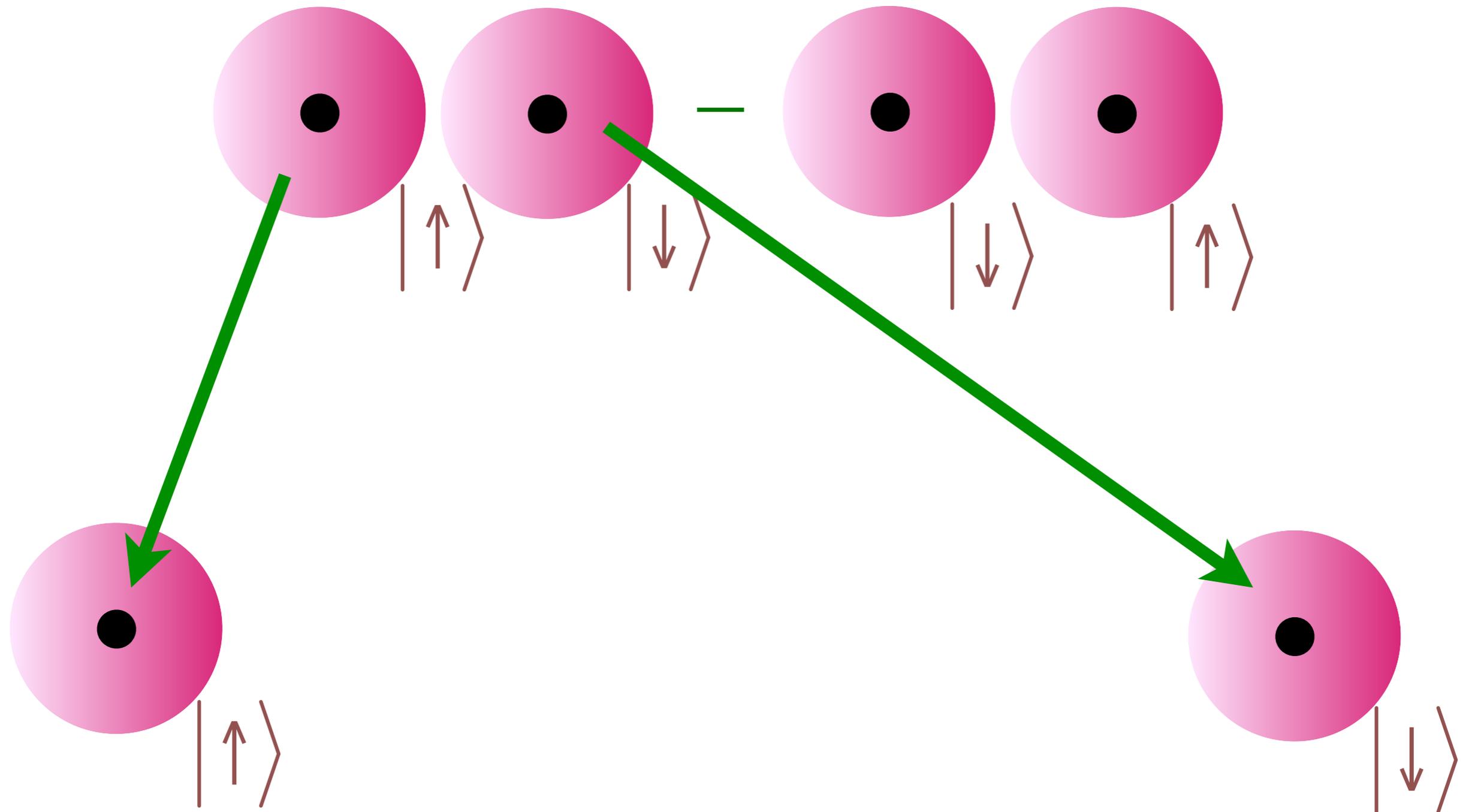
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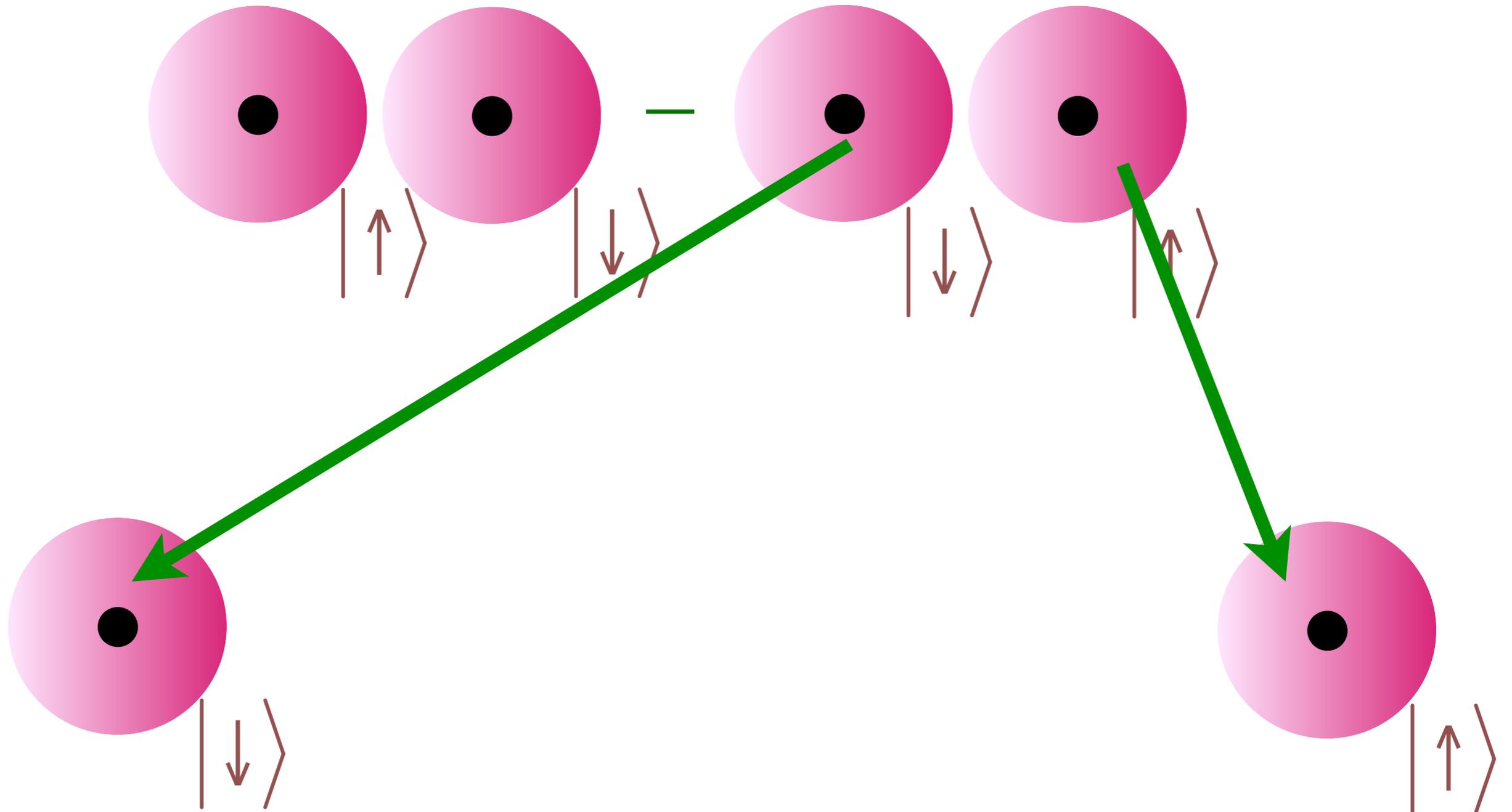
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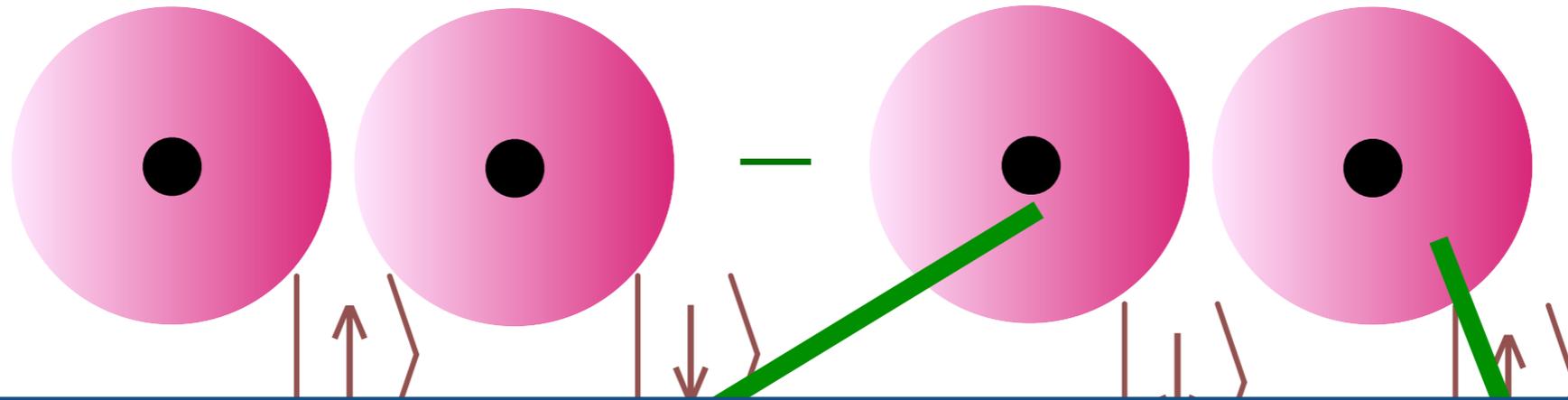
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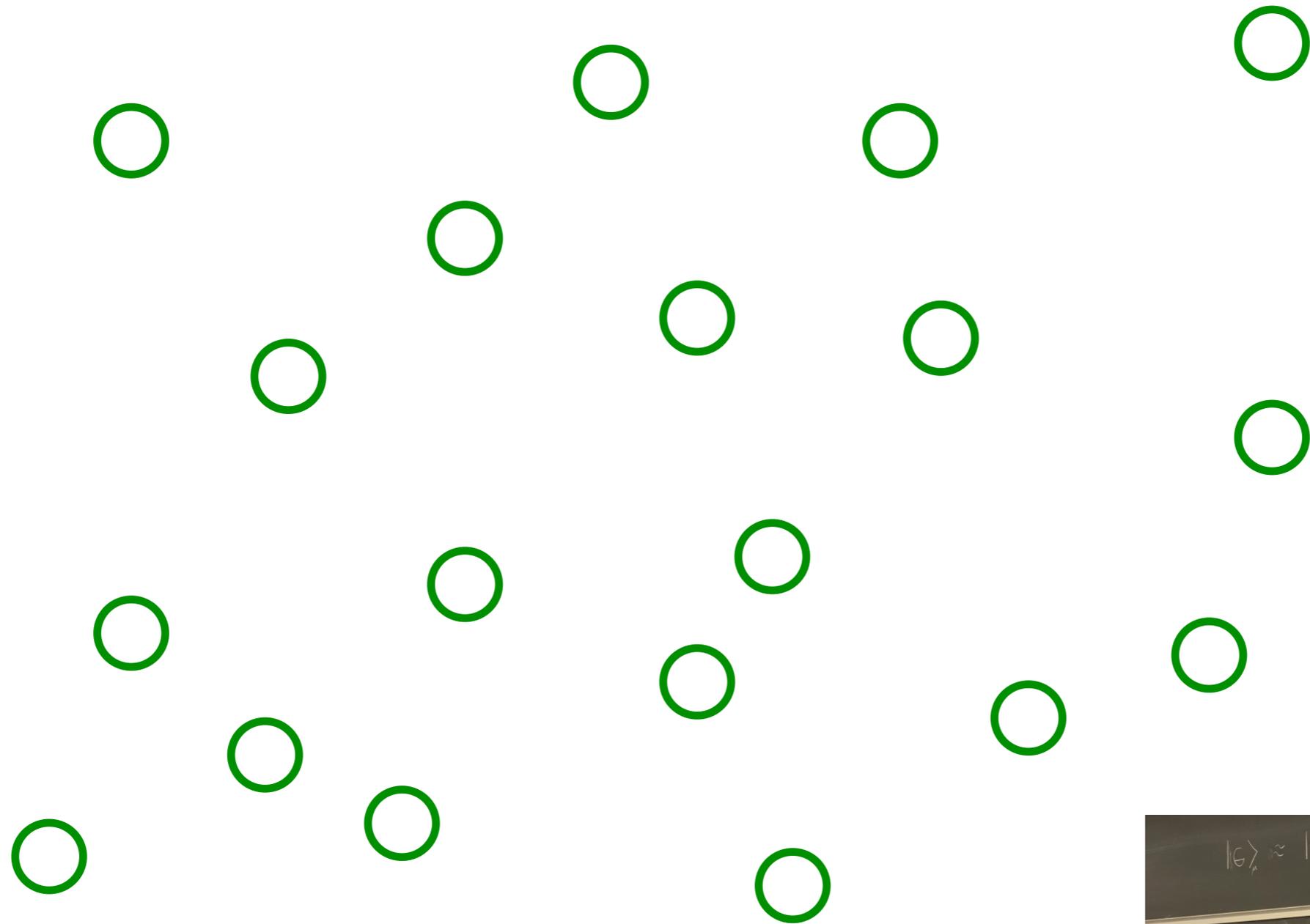


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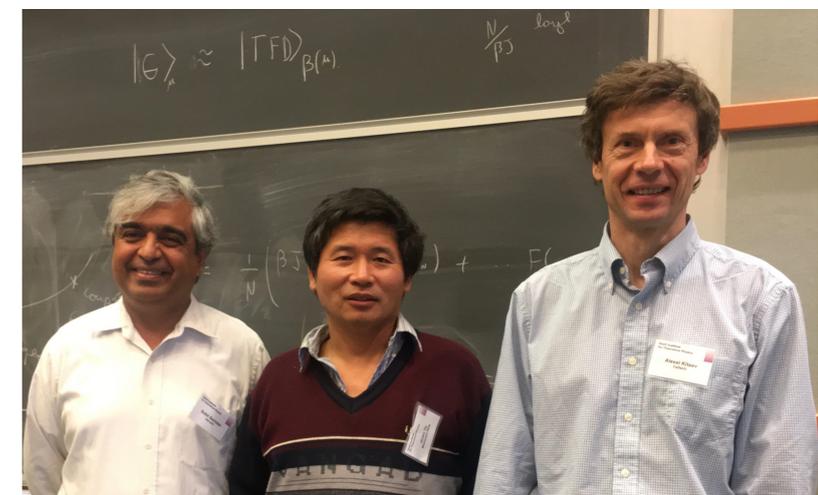
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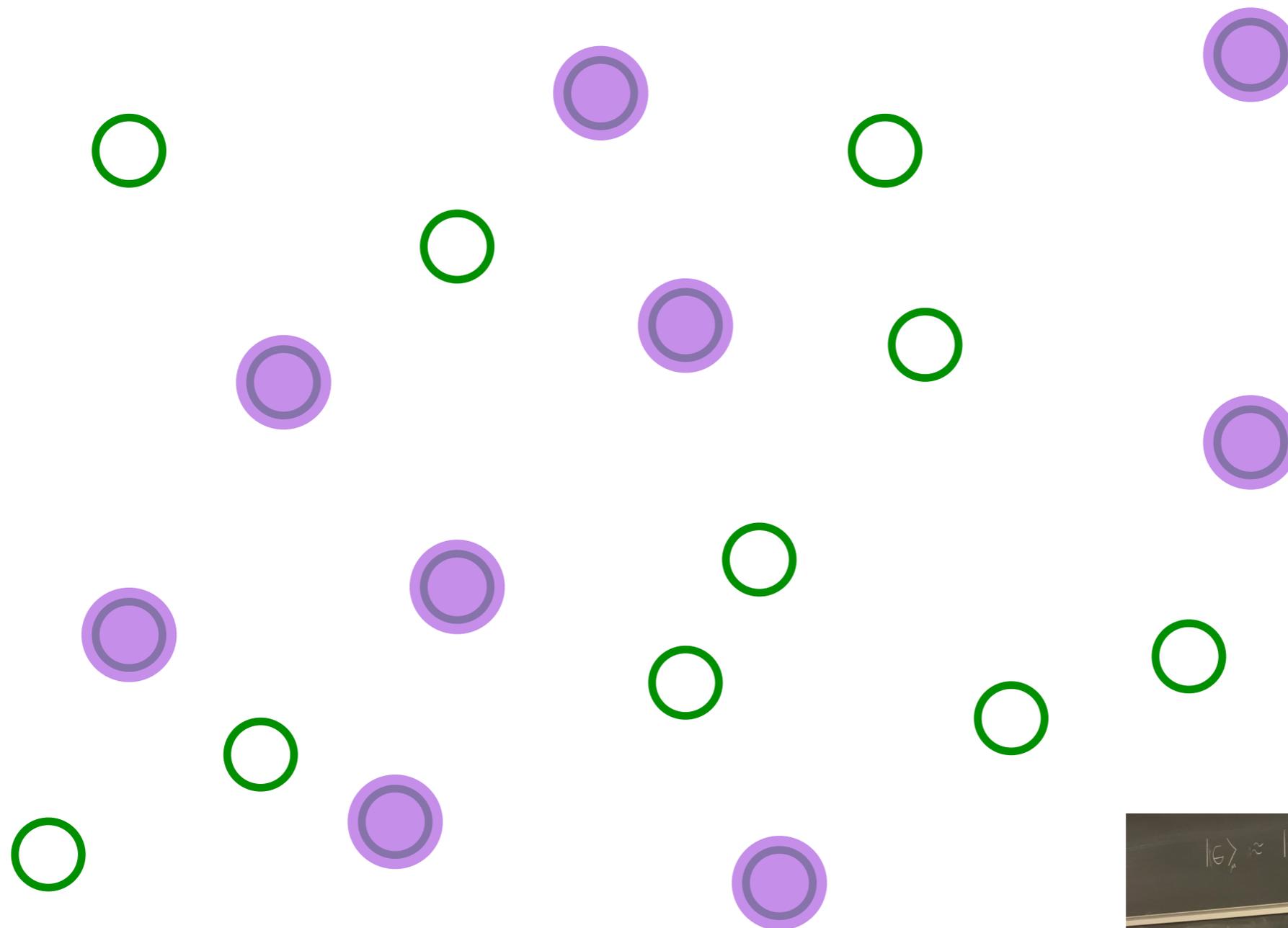
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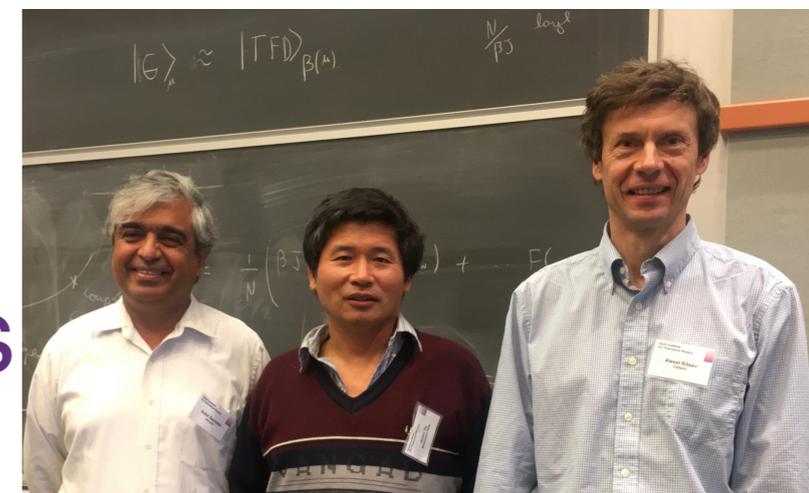
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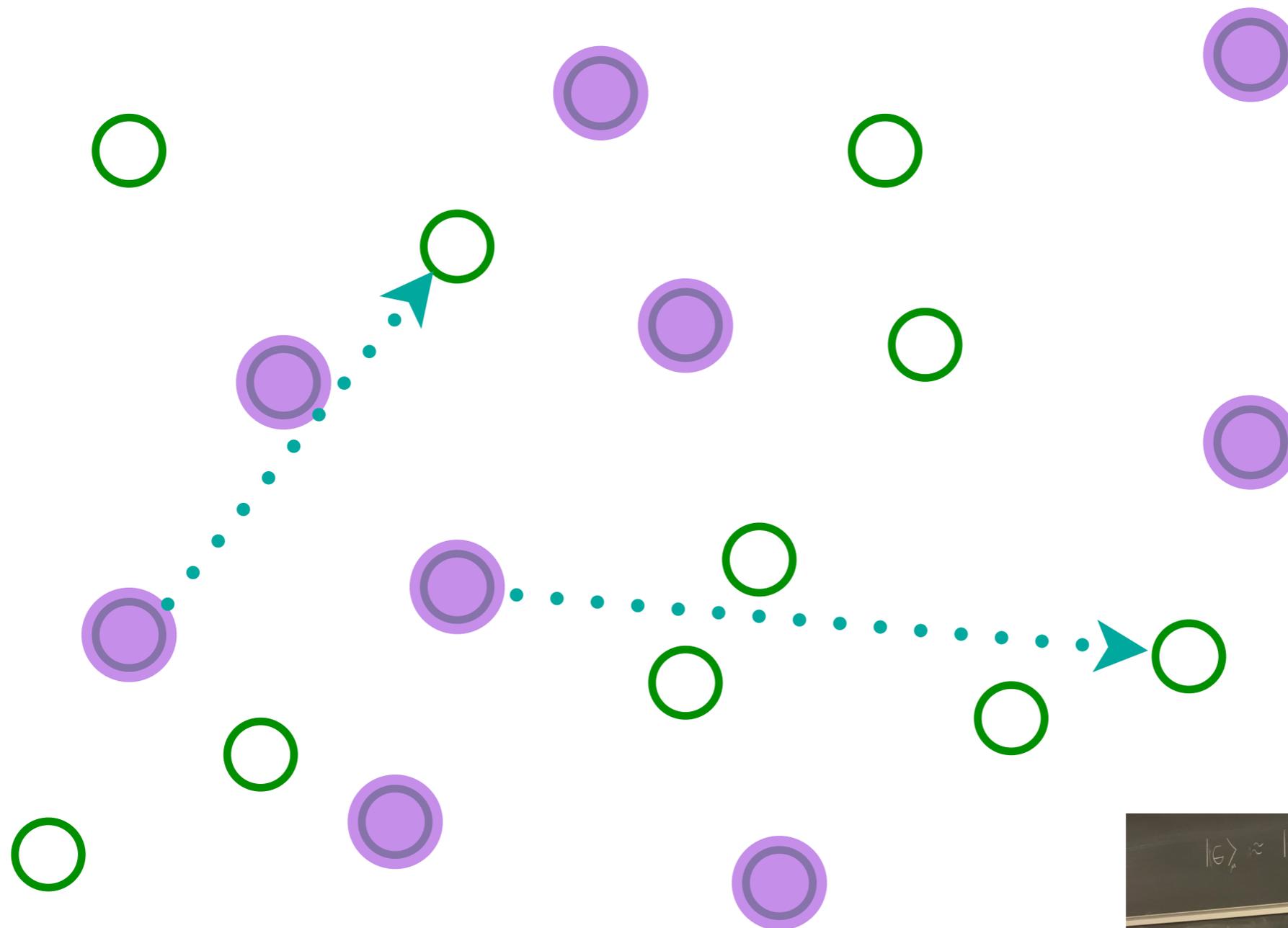
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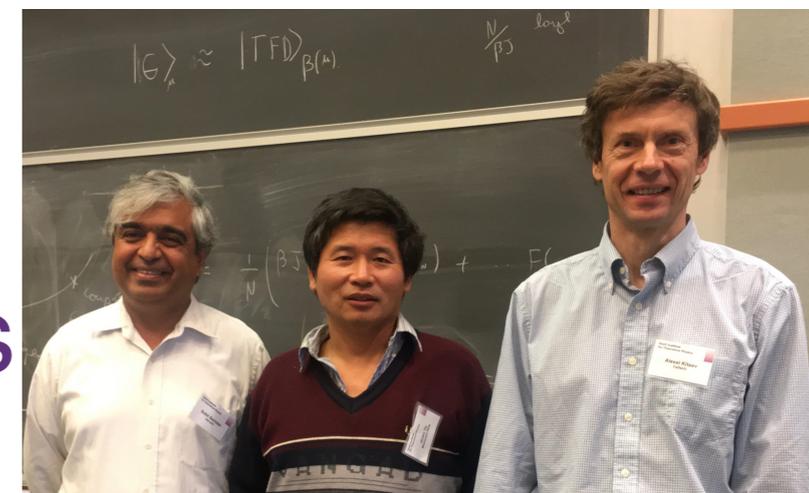
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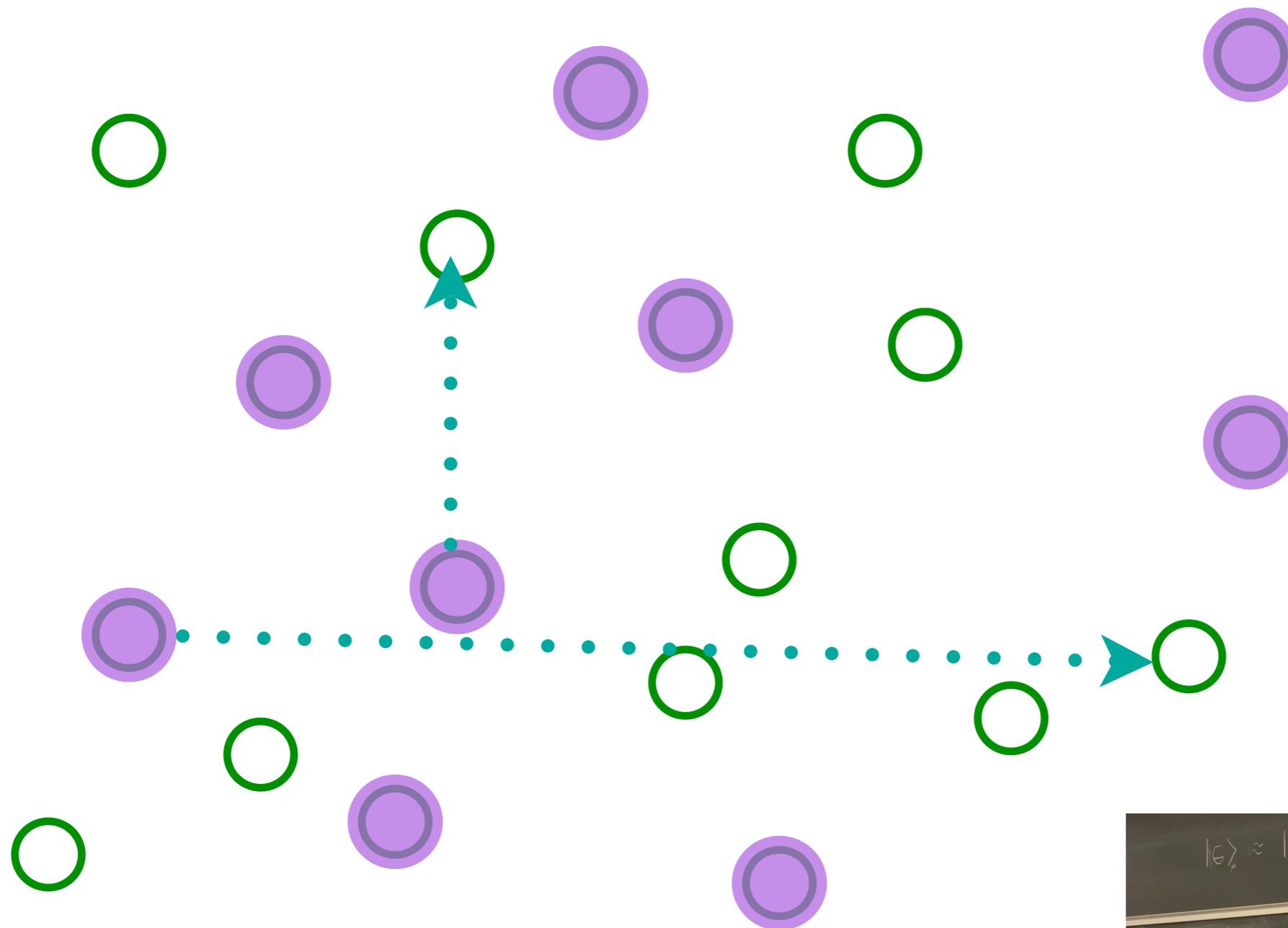
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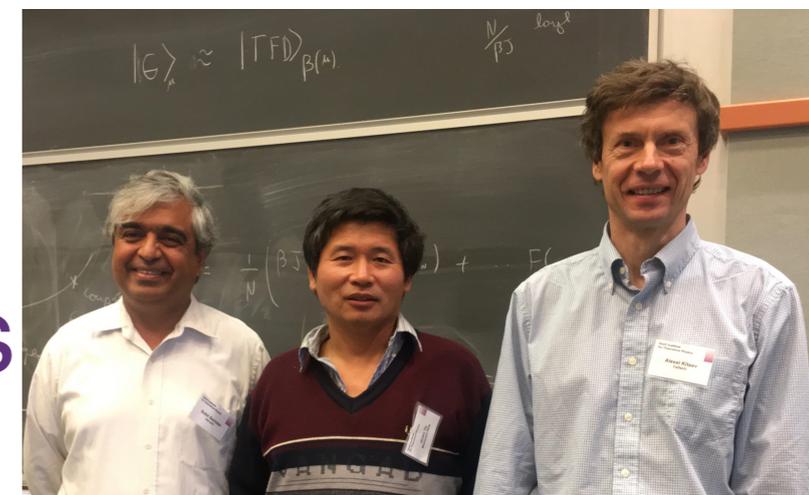
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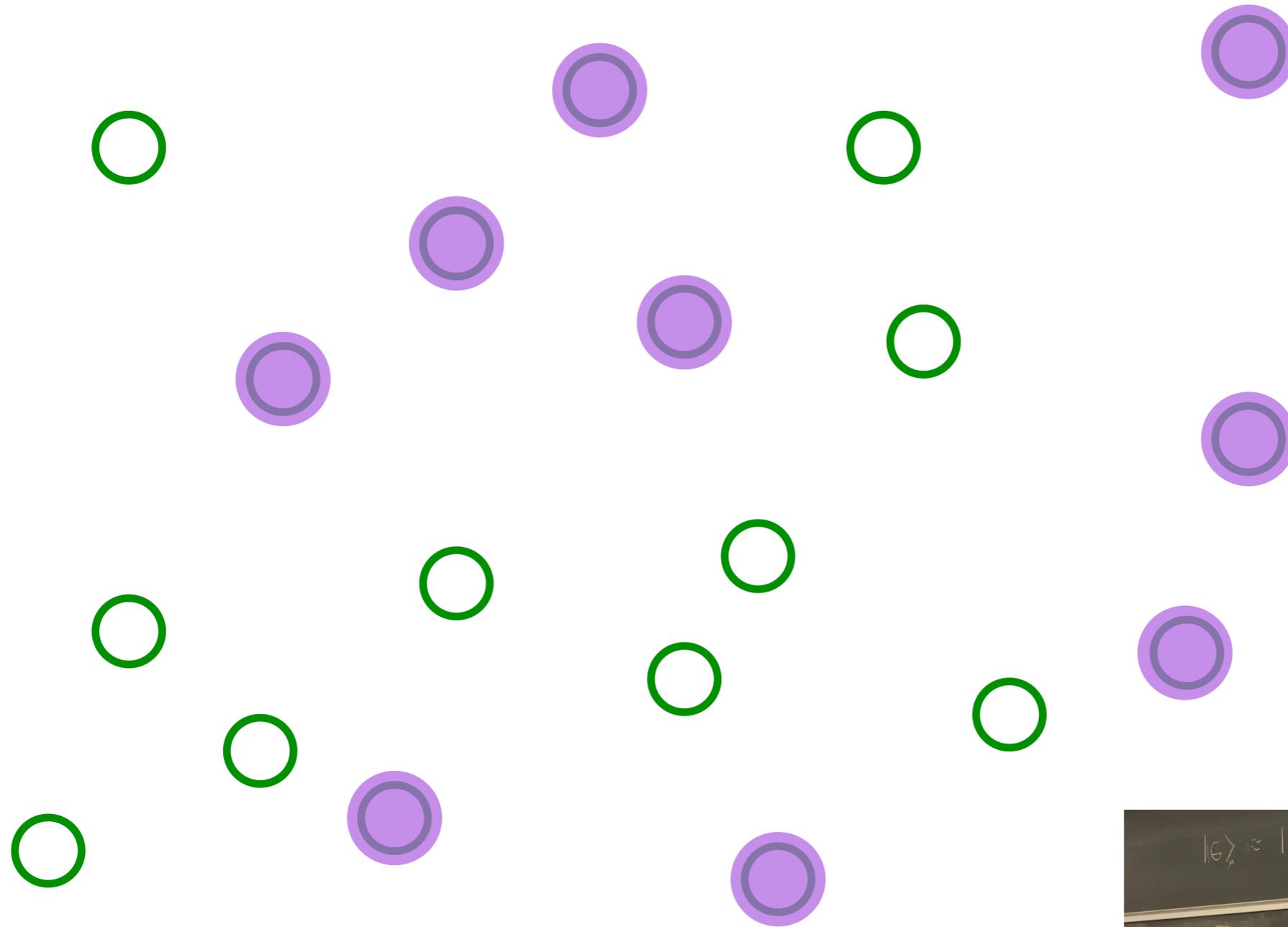
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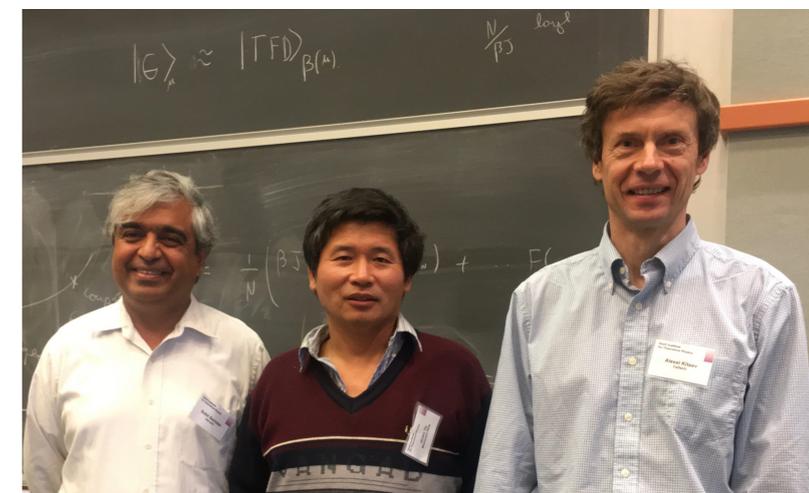
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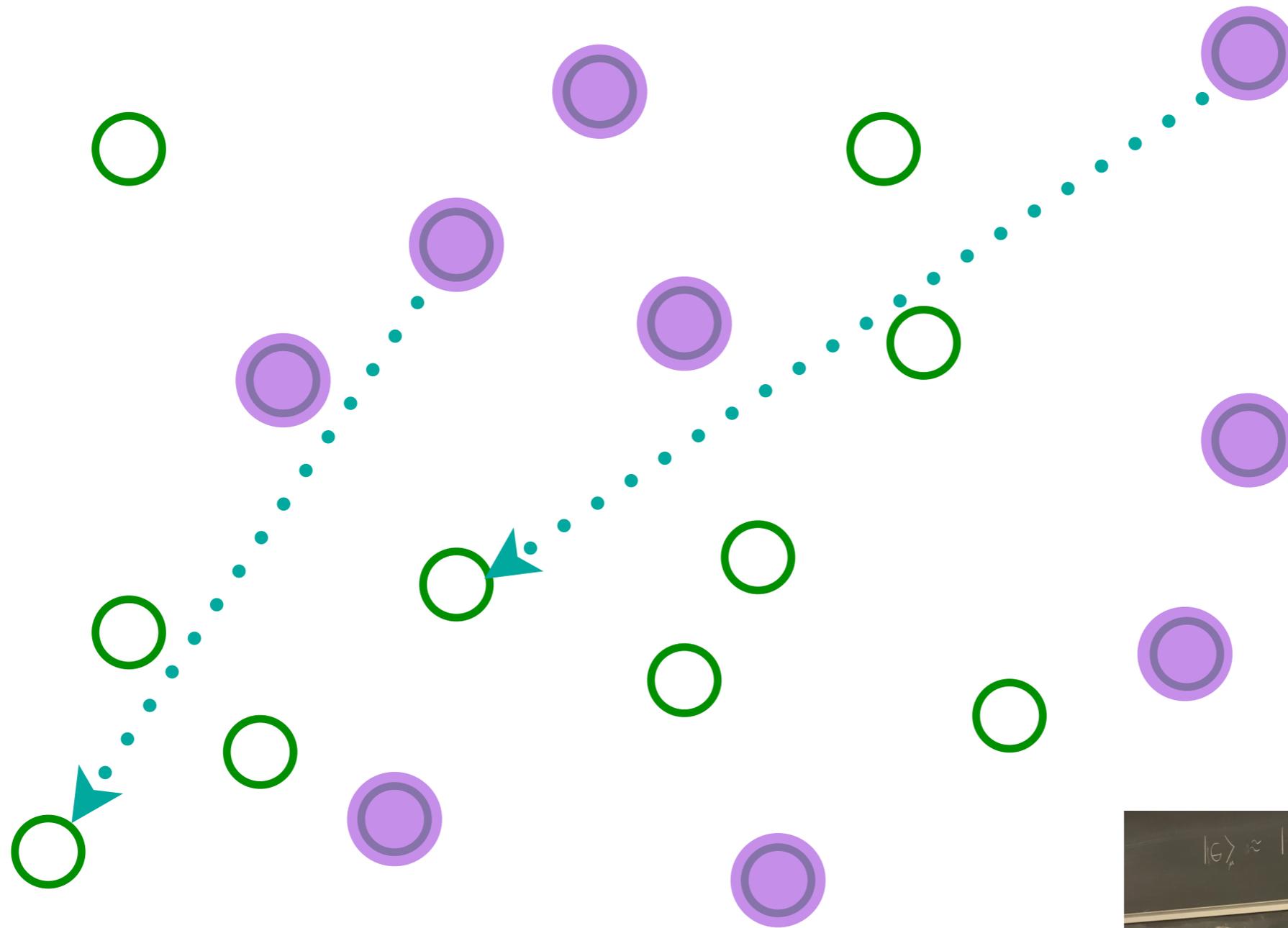
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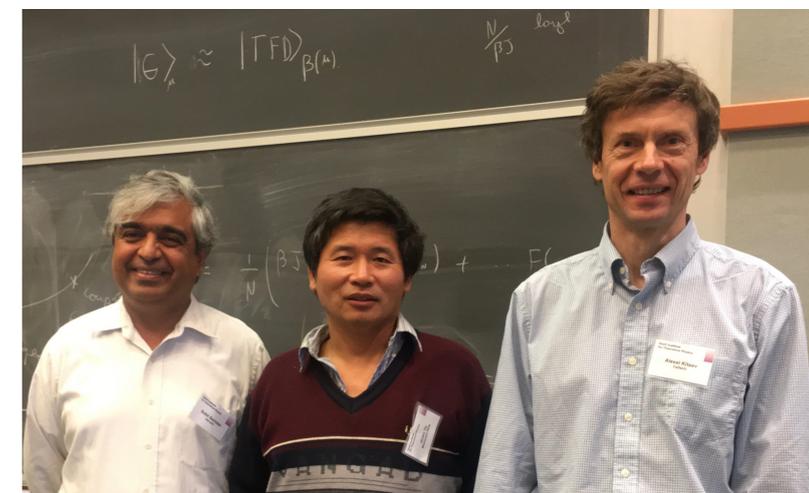
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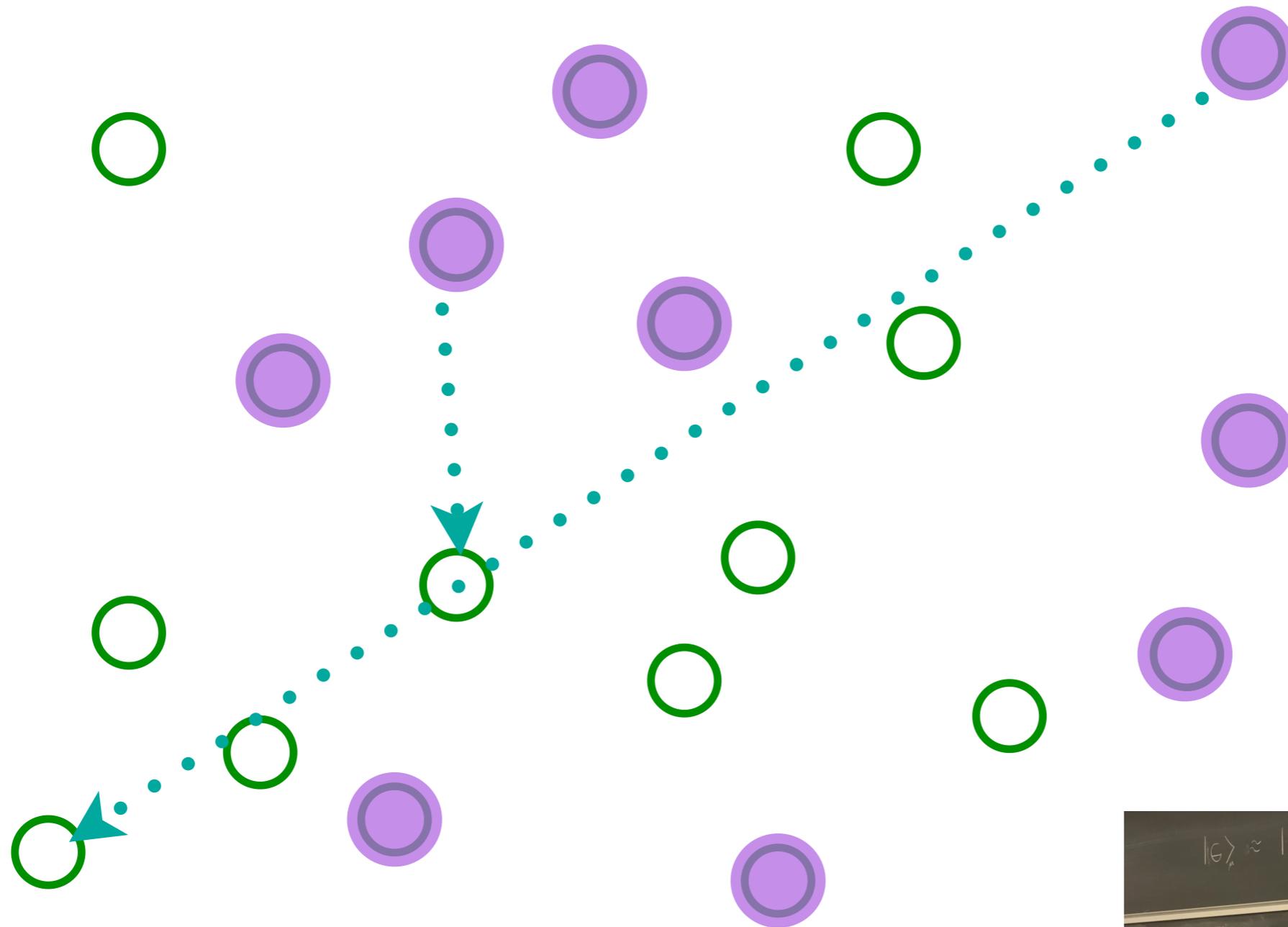
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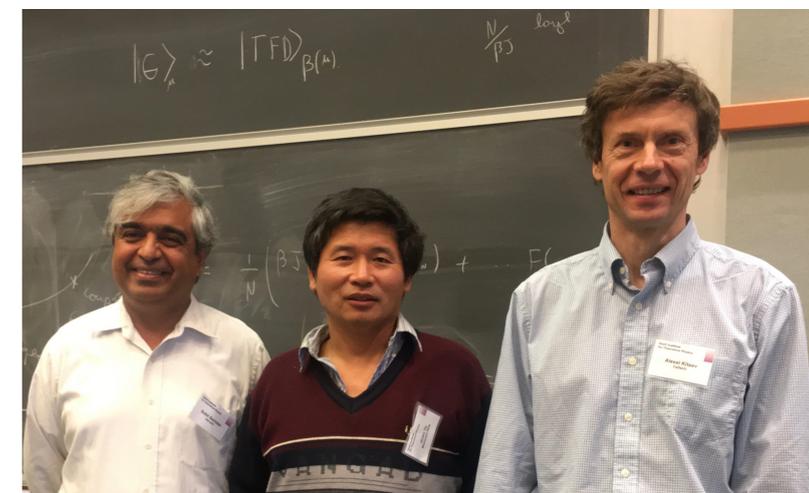
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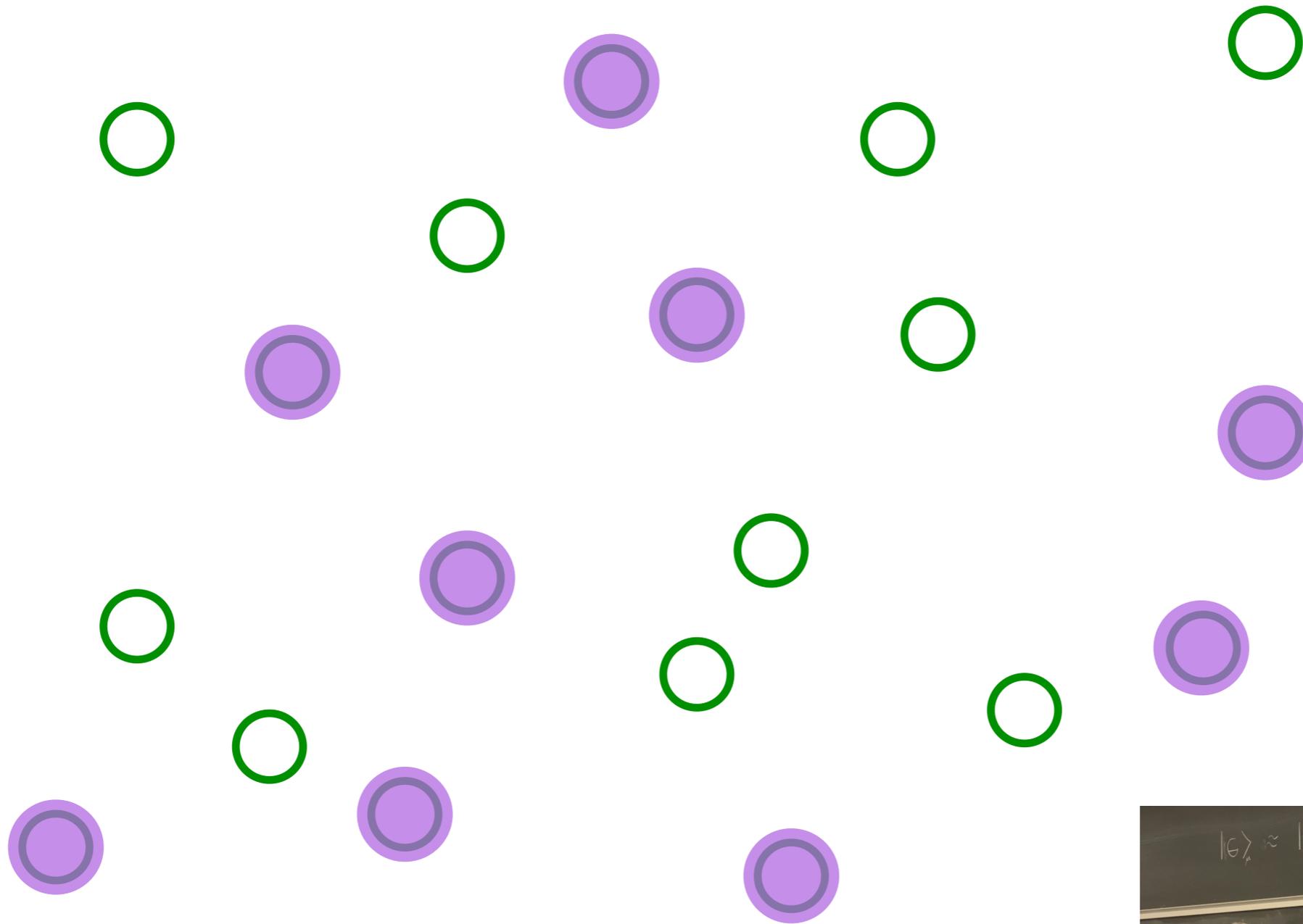
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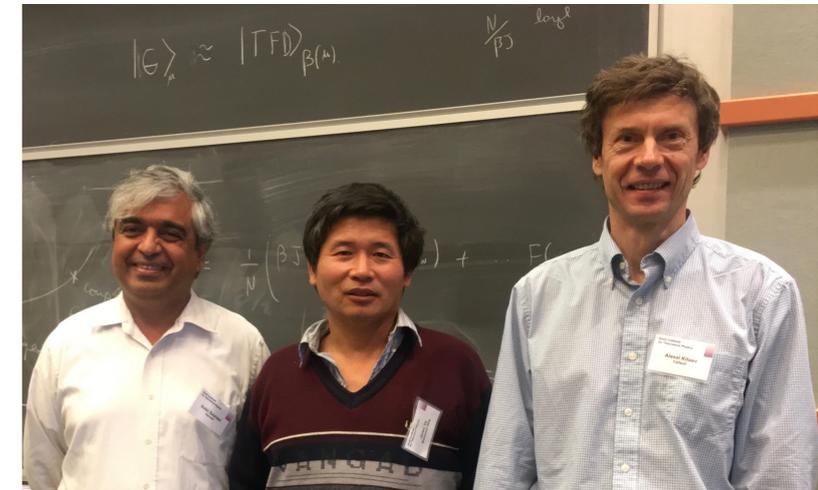
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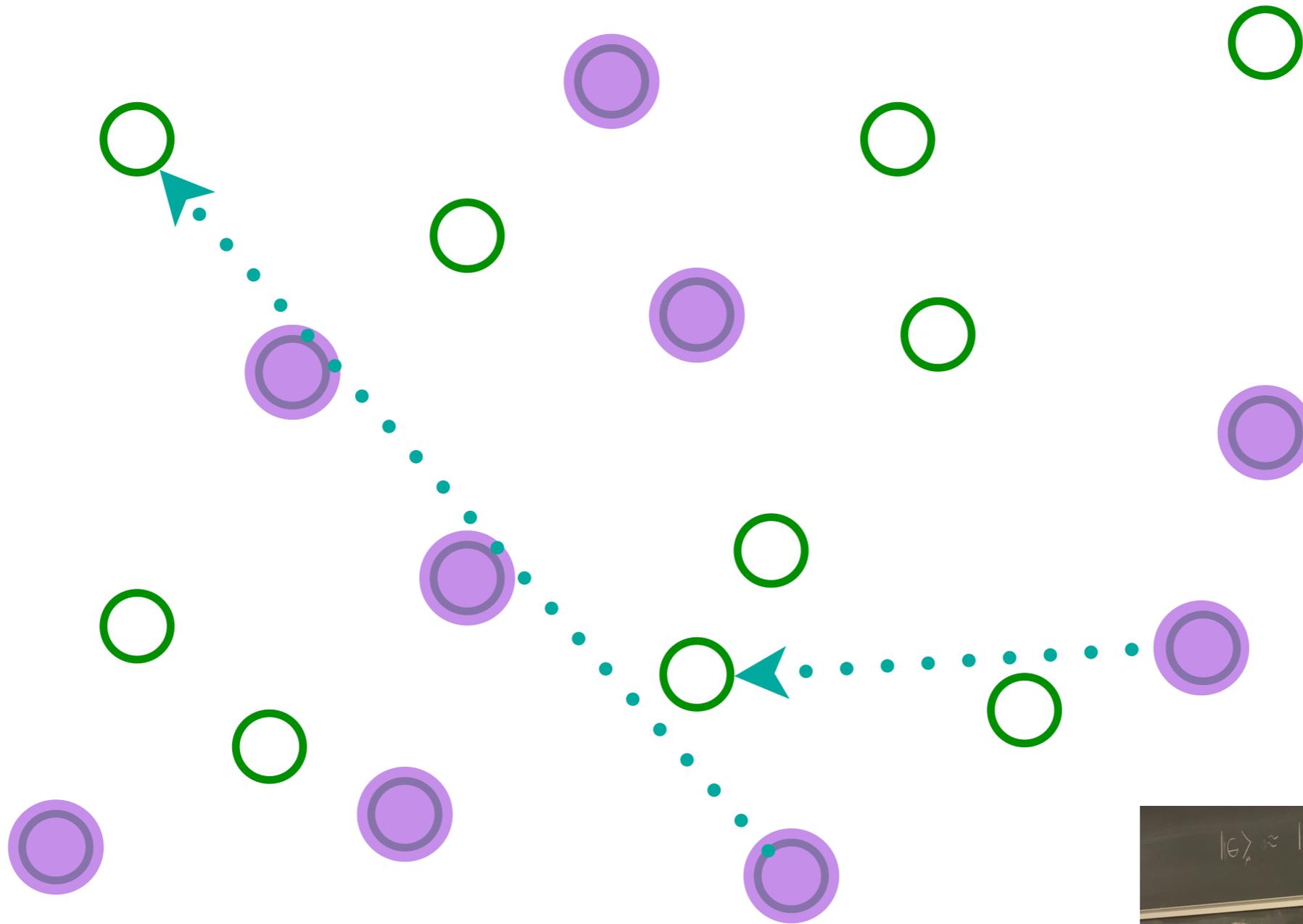
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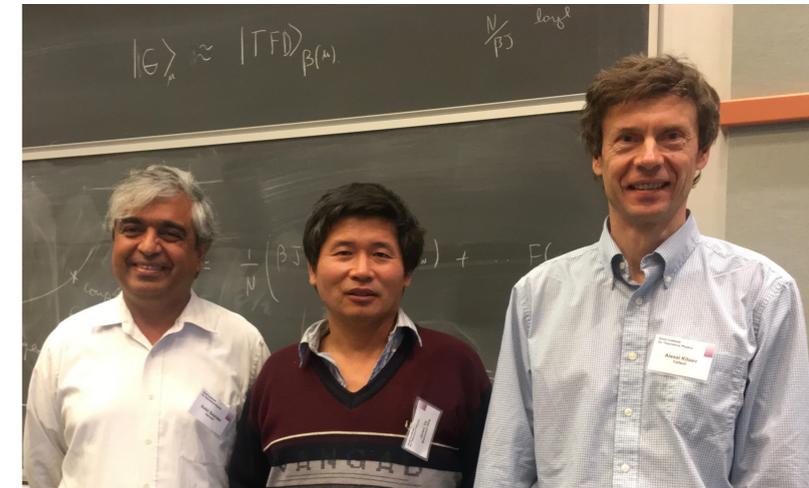
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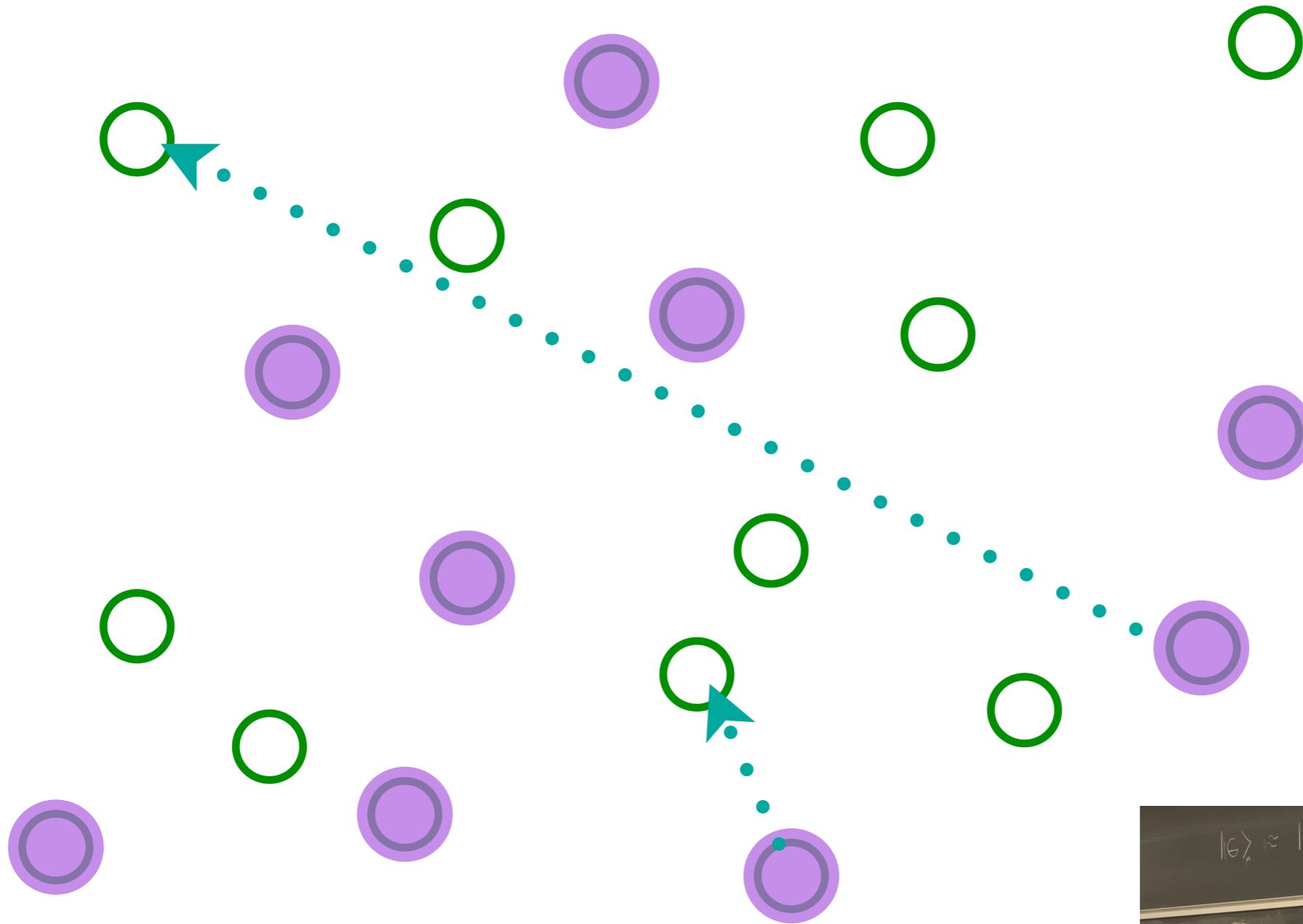
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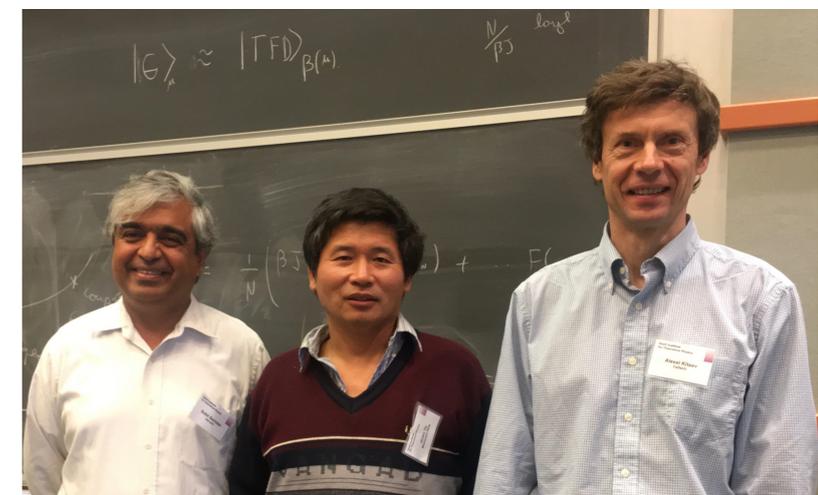
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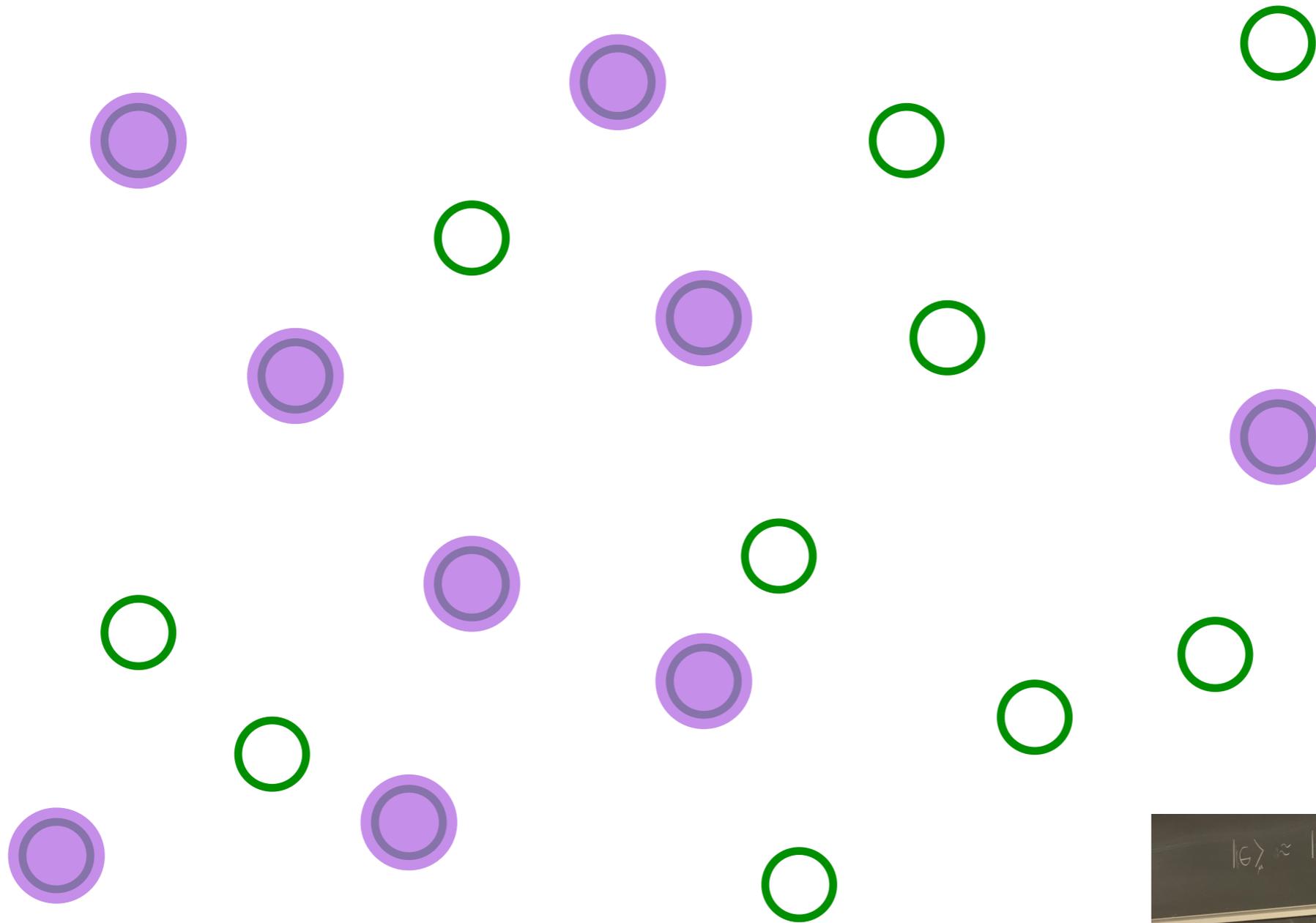
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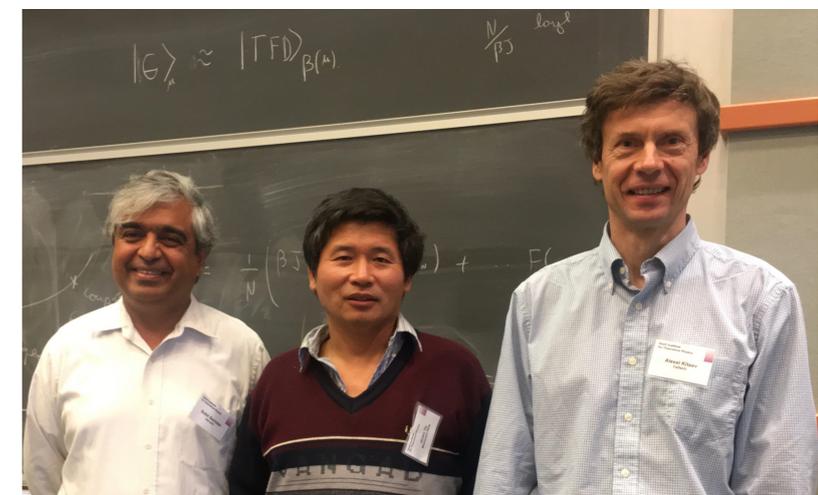
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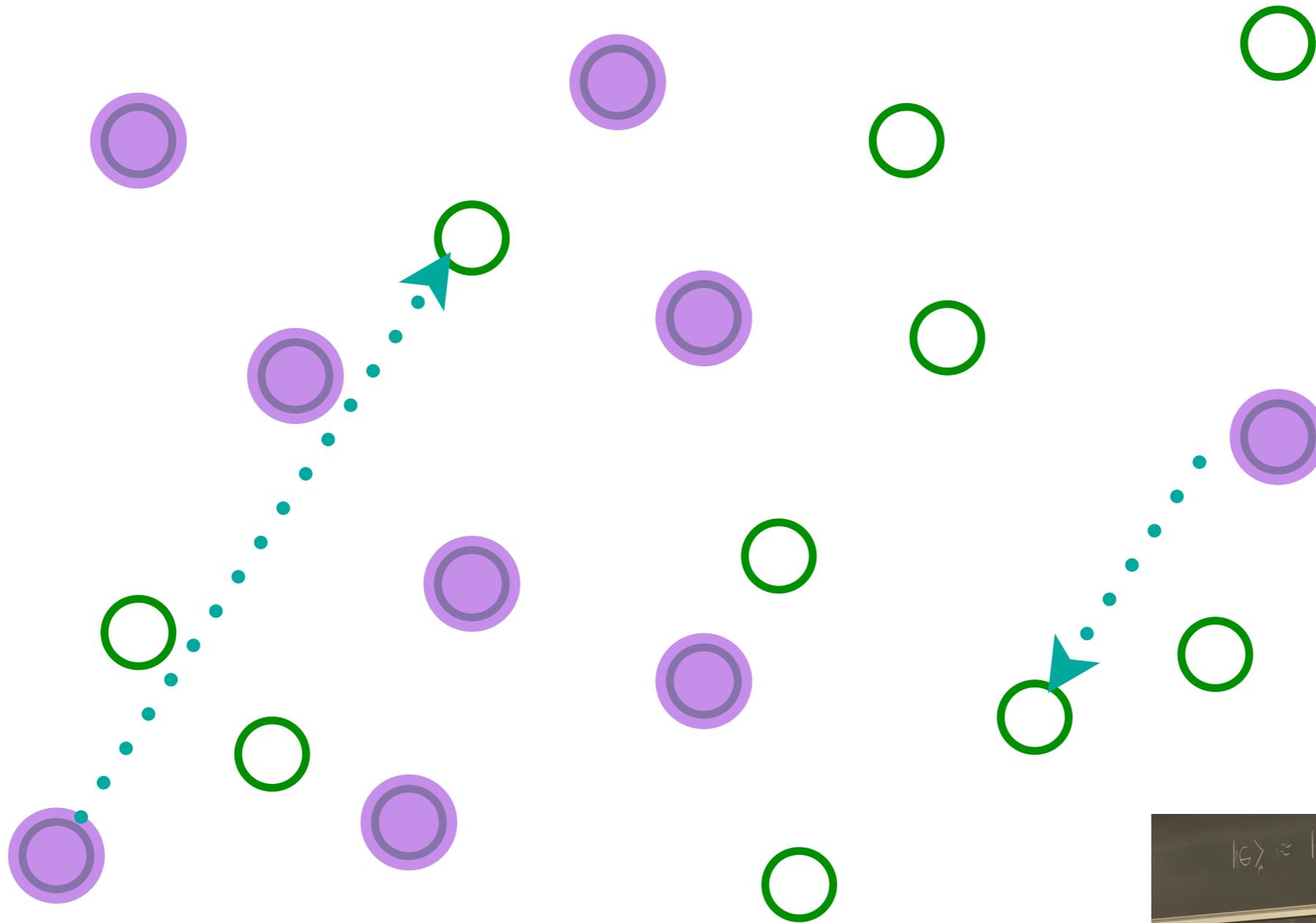
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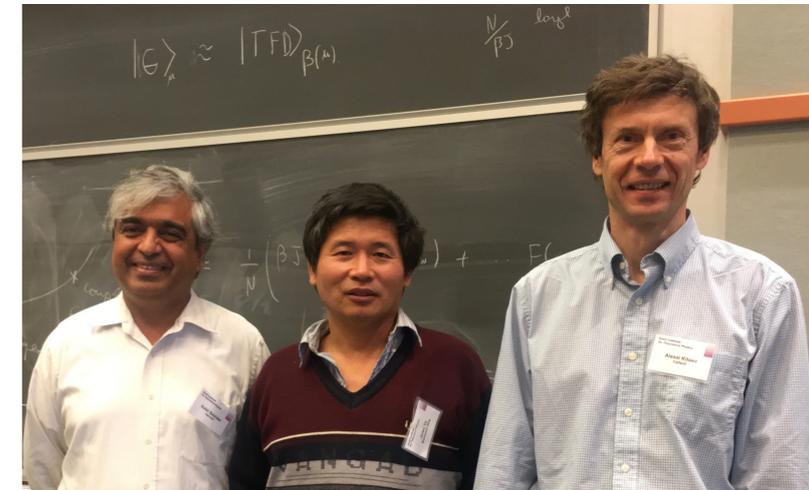
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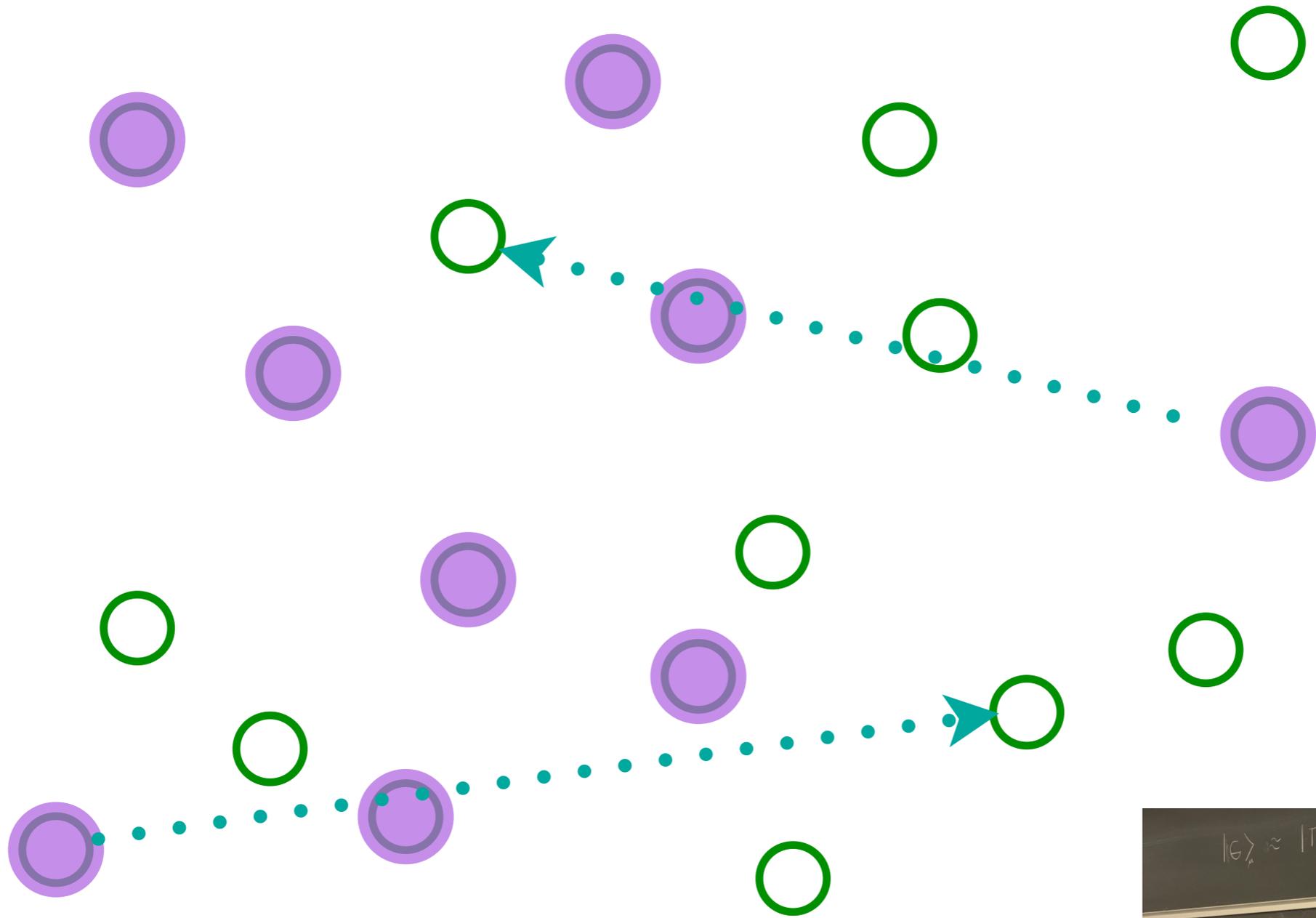
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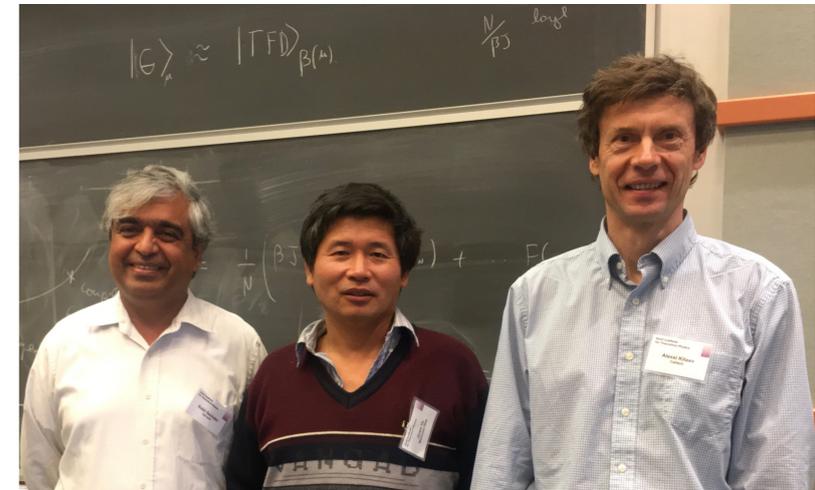
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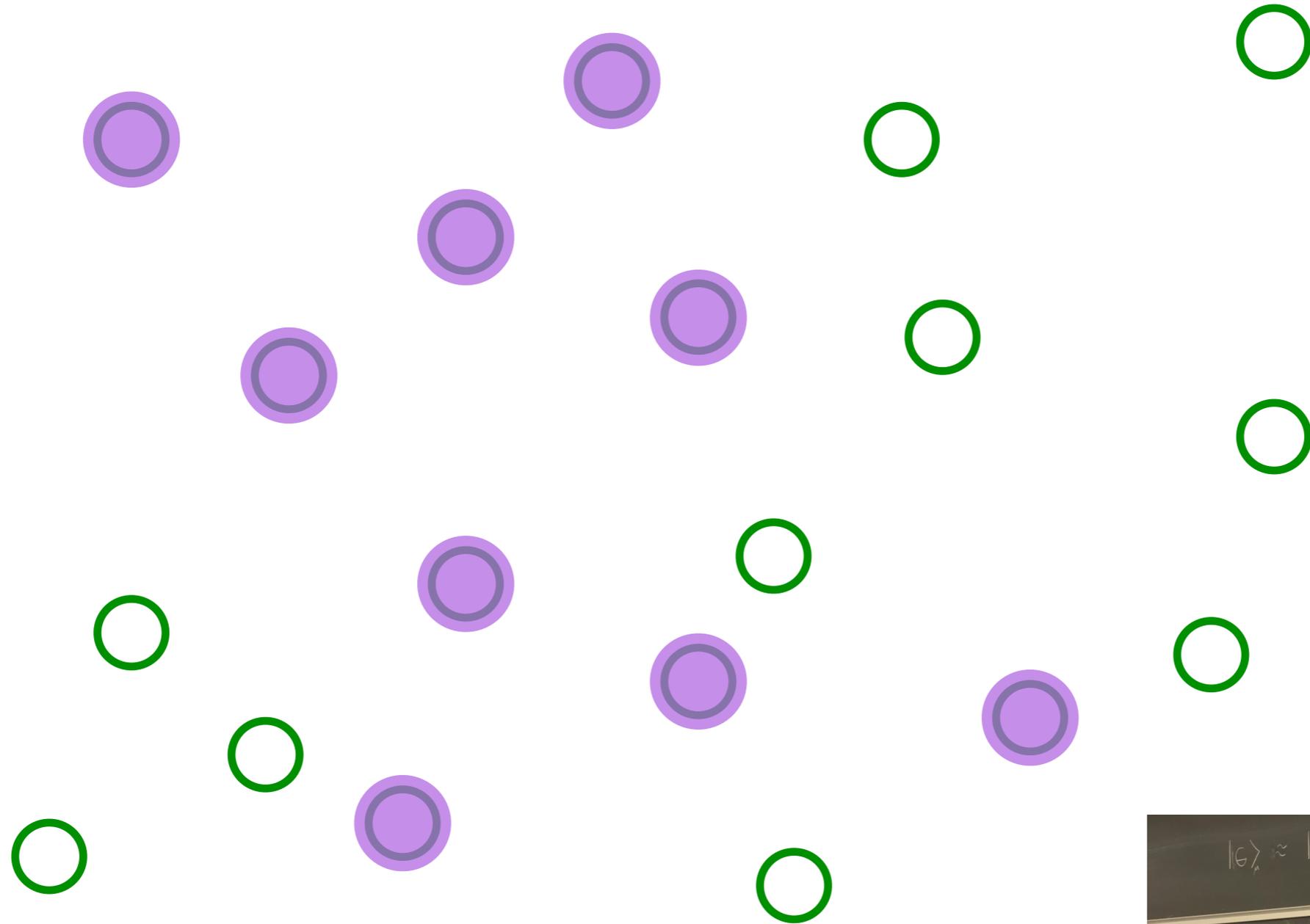
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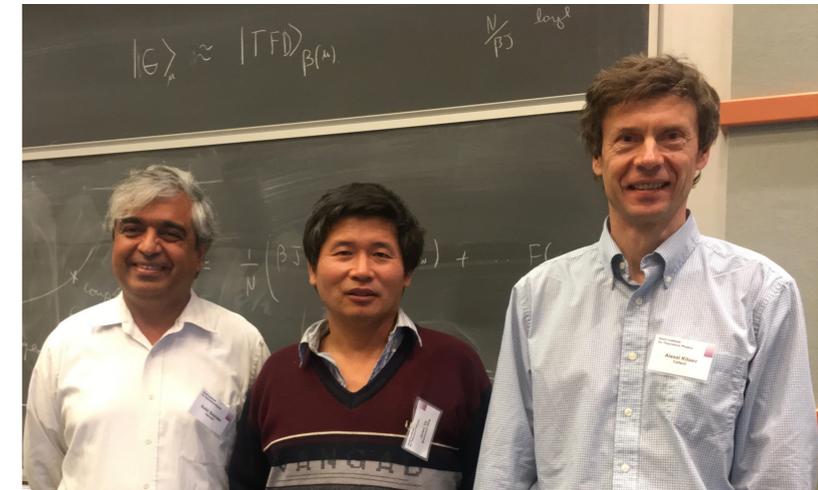
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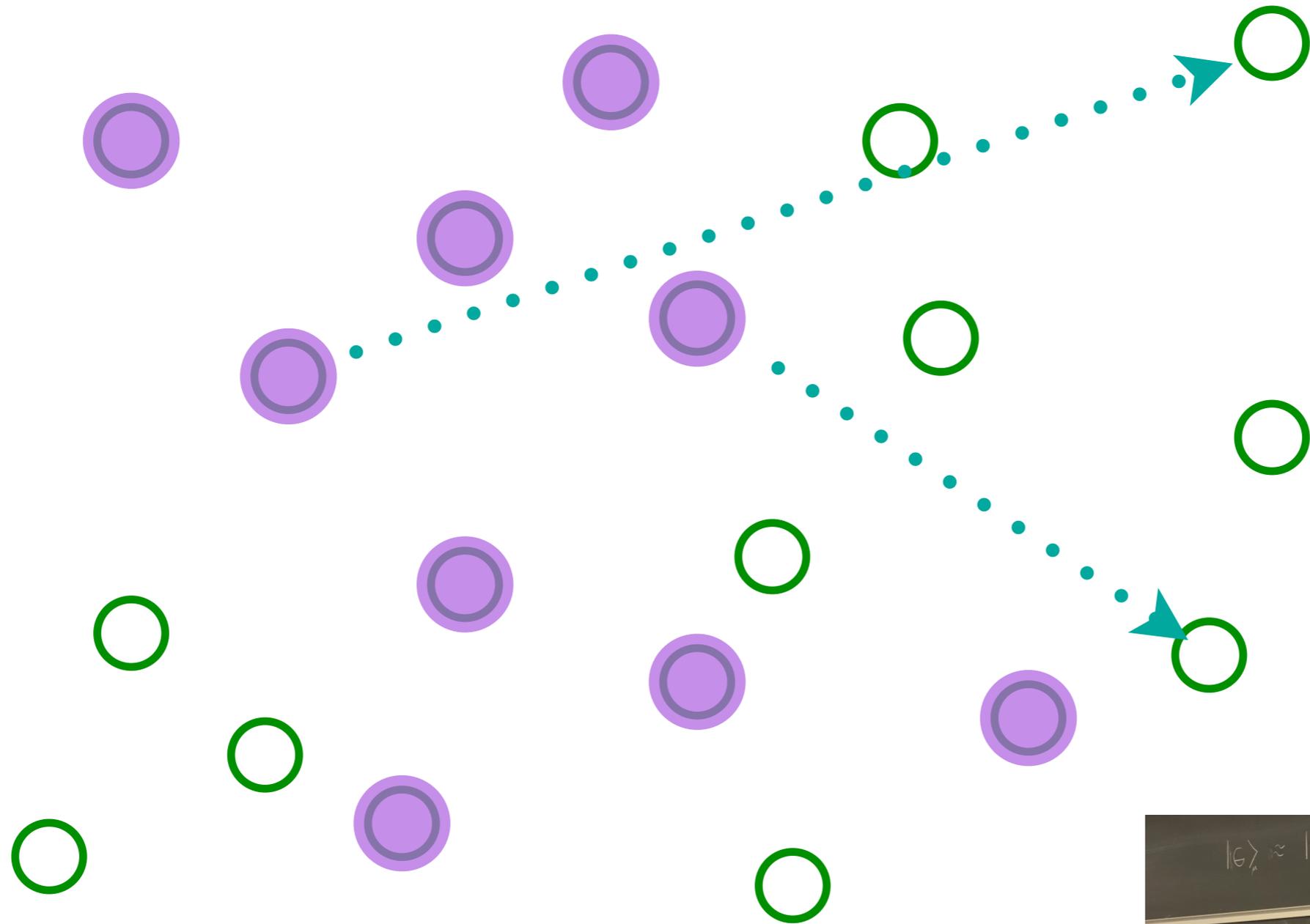
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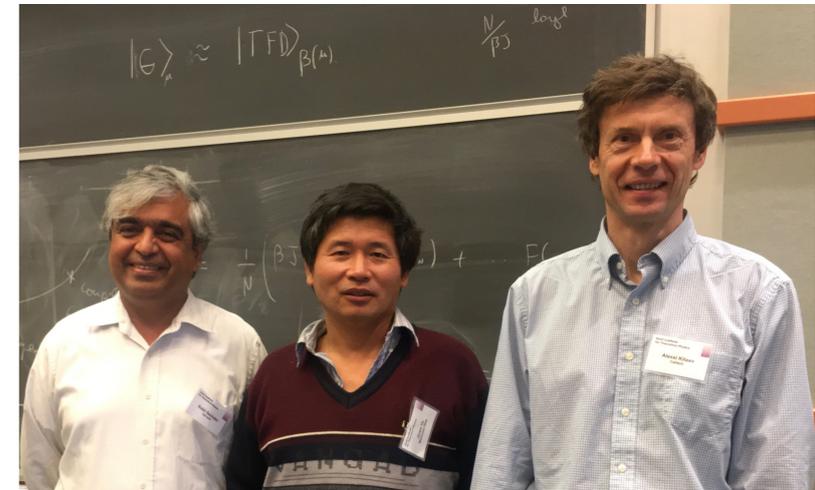
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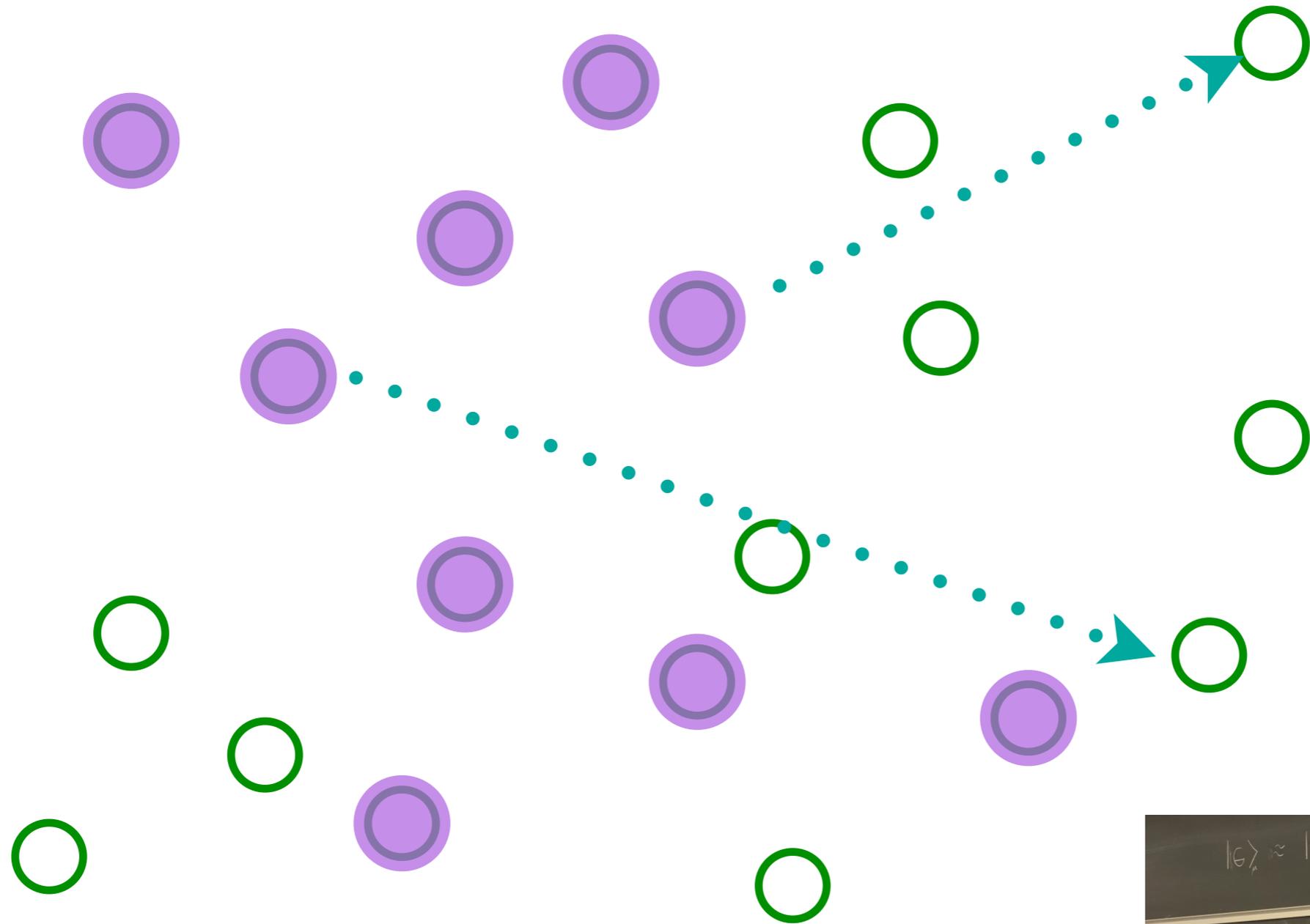
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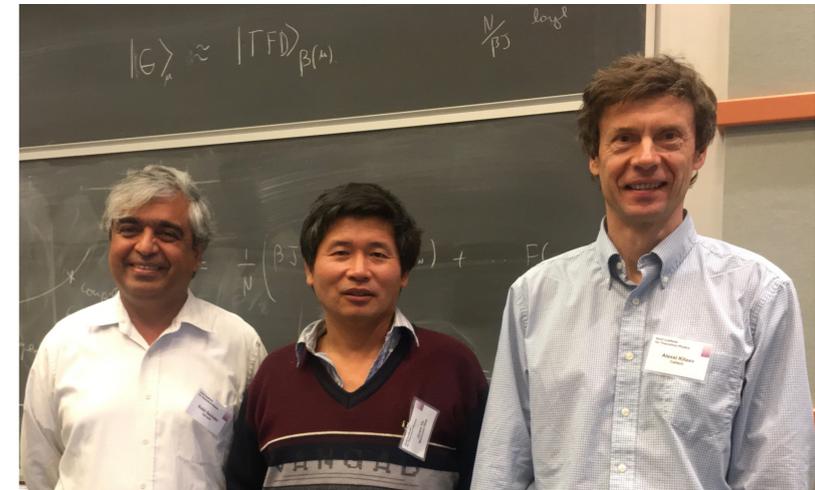
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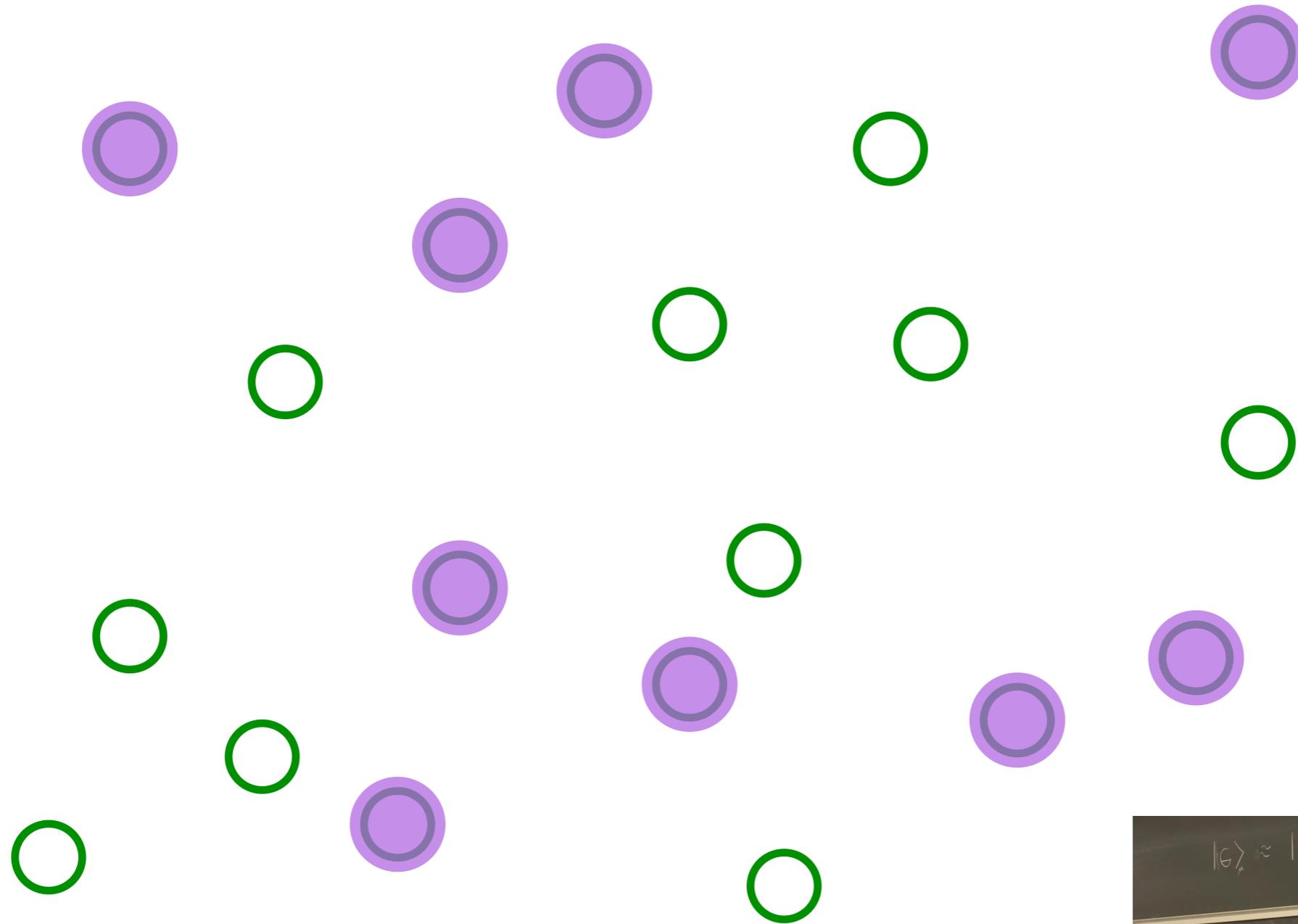
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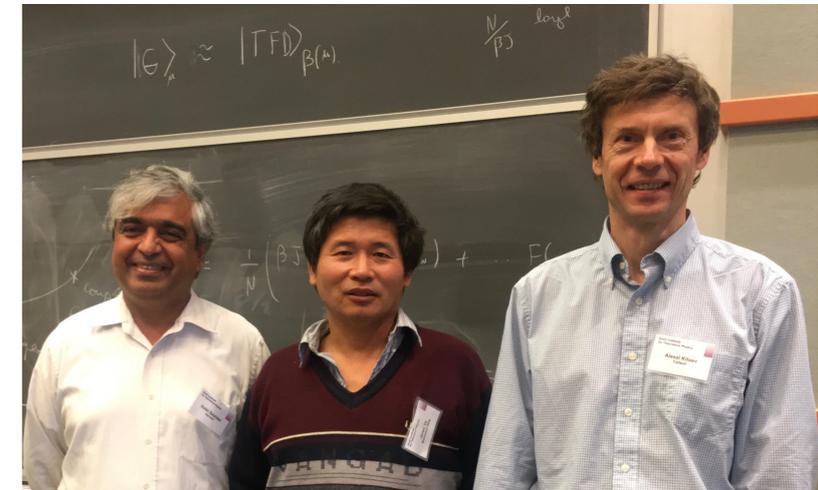
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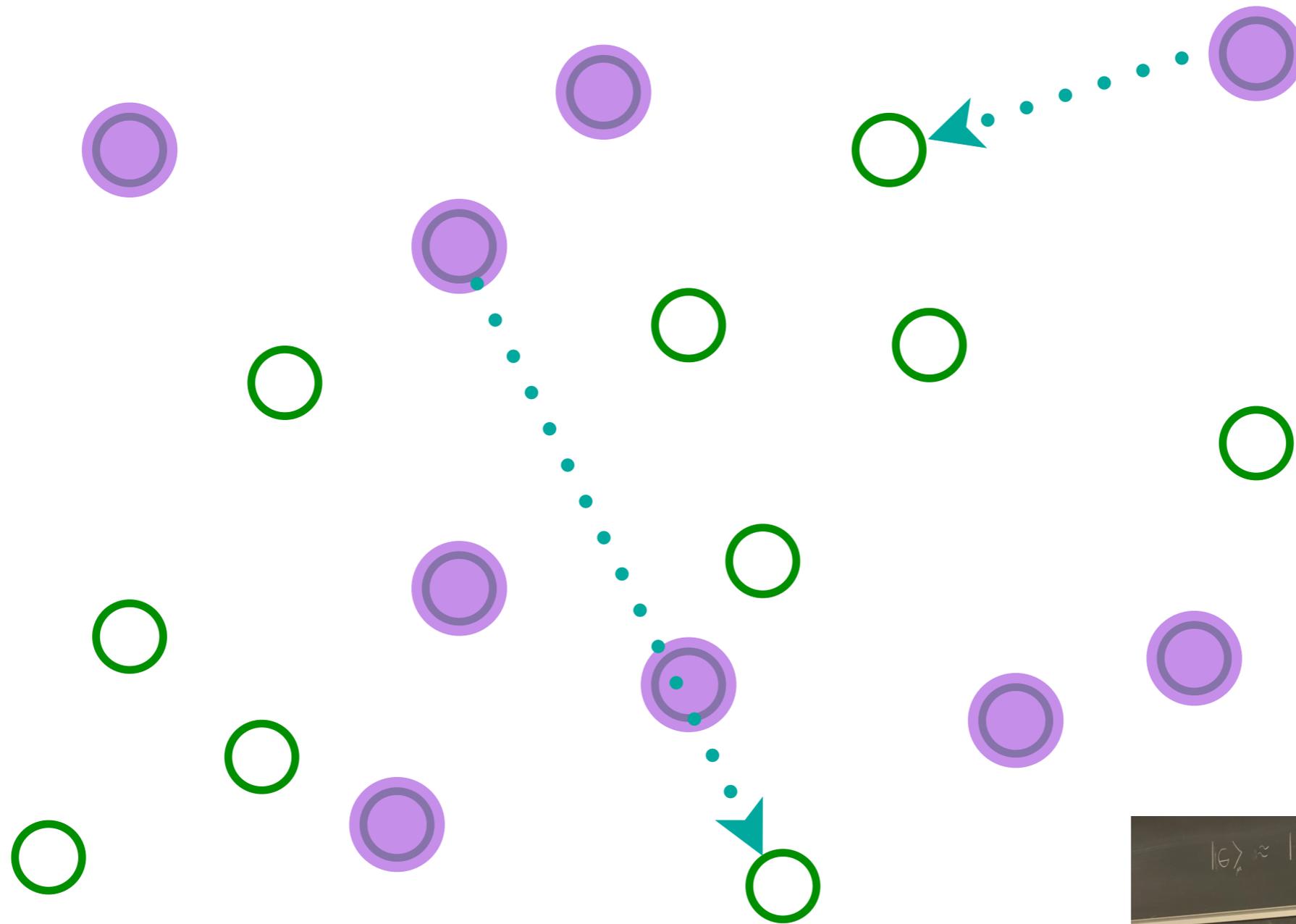
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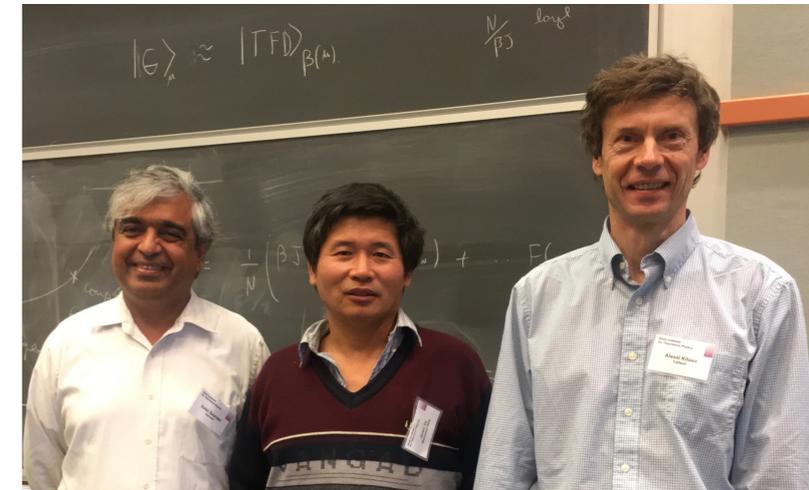
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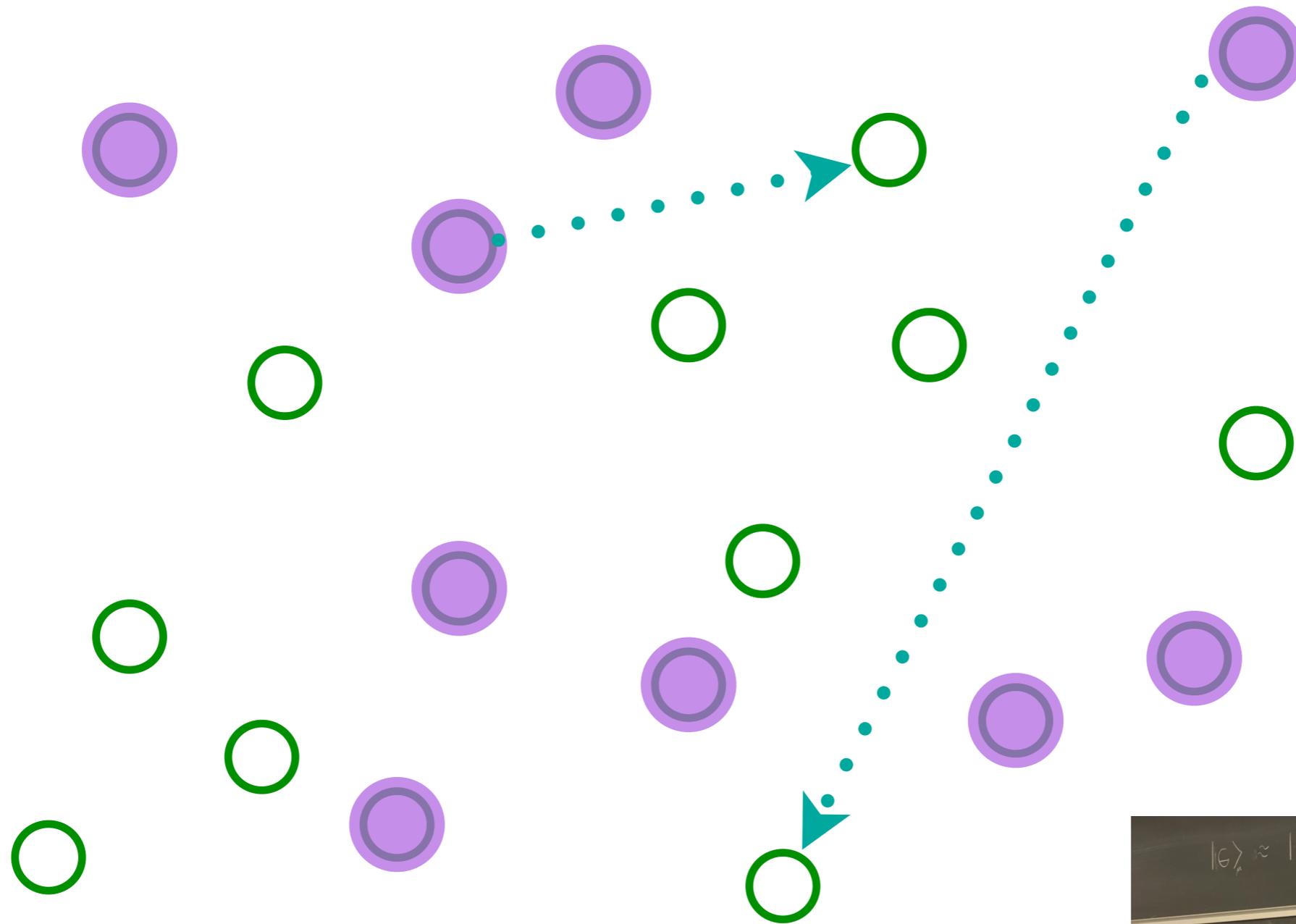
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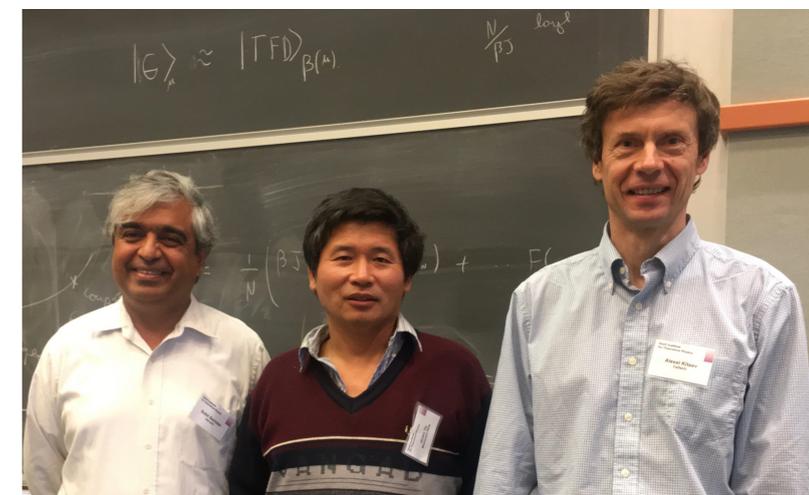
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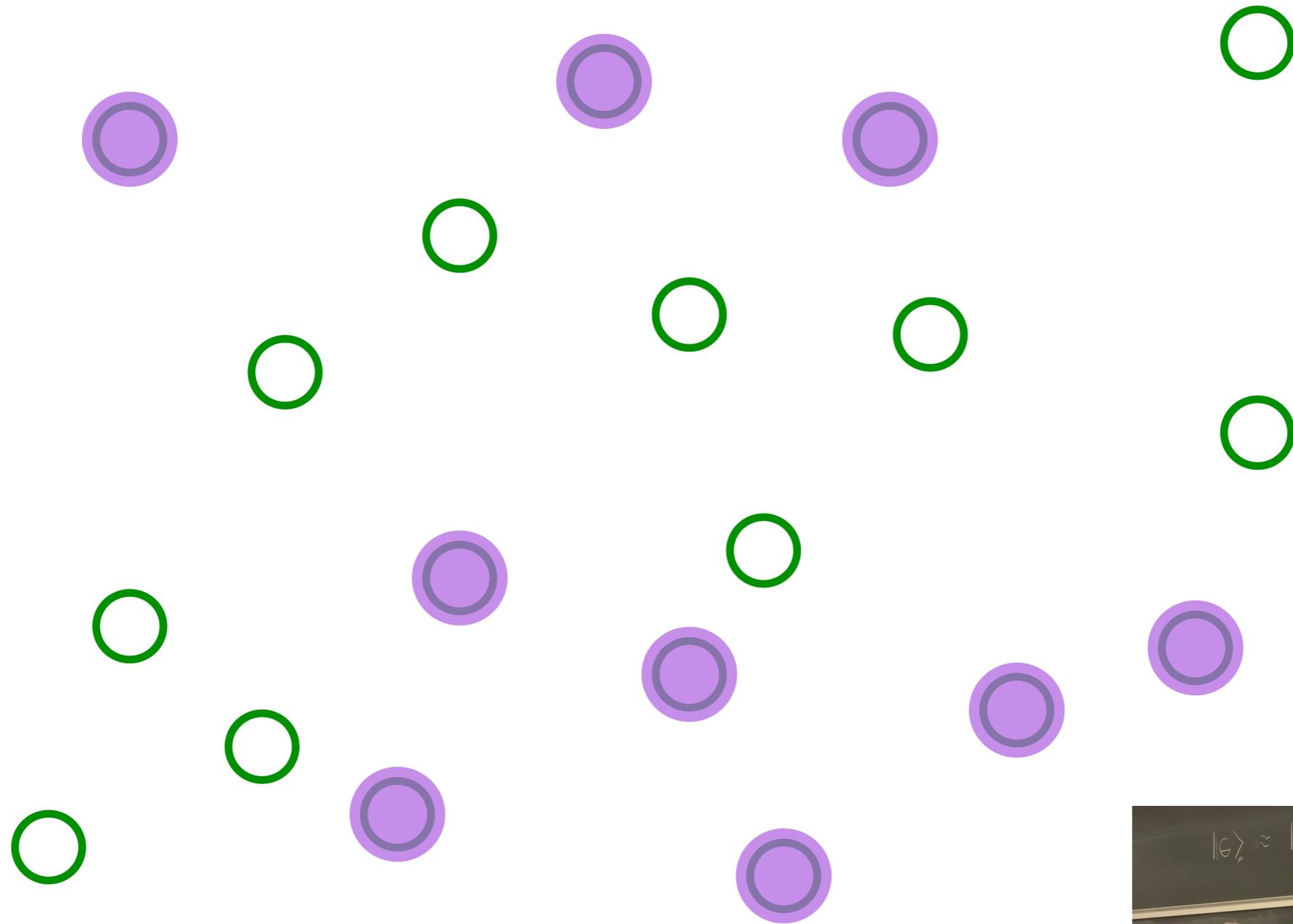
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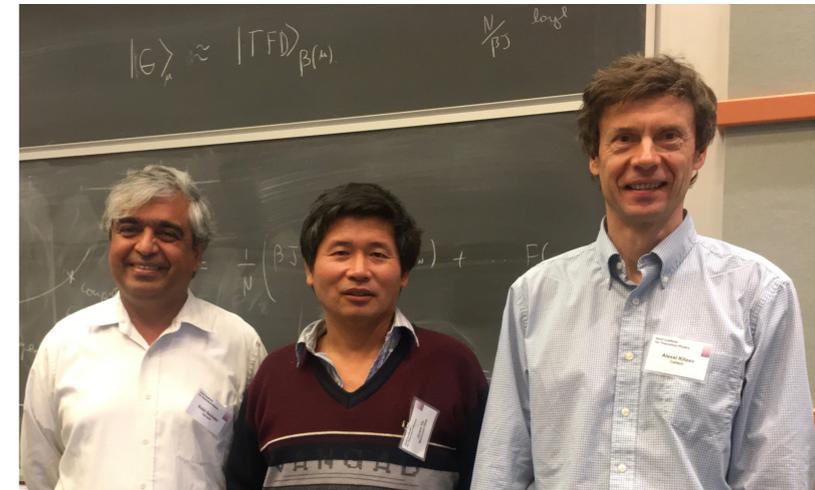
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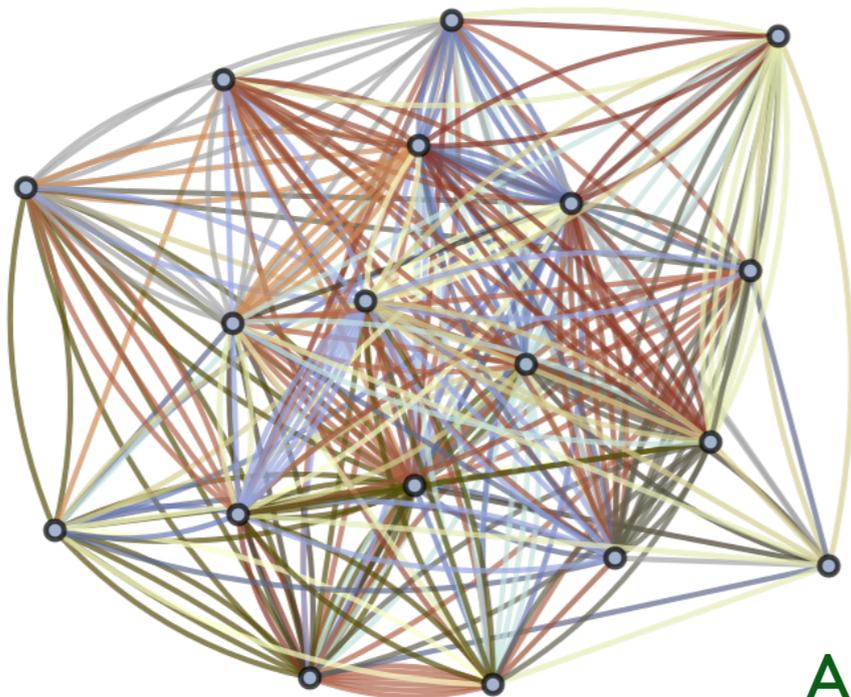
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$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N U_{ij;k\ell} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_\ell - \mu \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$$c_i c_j + c_j c_i = 0 \quad , \quad c_i c_j^\dagger + c_j^\dagger c_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i c_i^\dagger c_i$$

$U_{ij;k\ell}$  are independent random variables with  $\overline{U_{ij;k\ell}} = 0$  and  $\overline{|U_{ij;k\ell}|^2} = U^2$   
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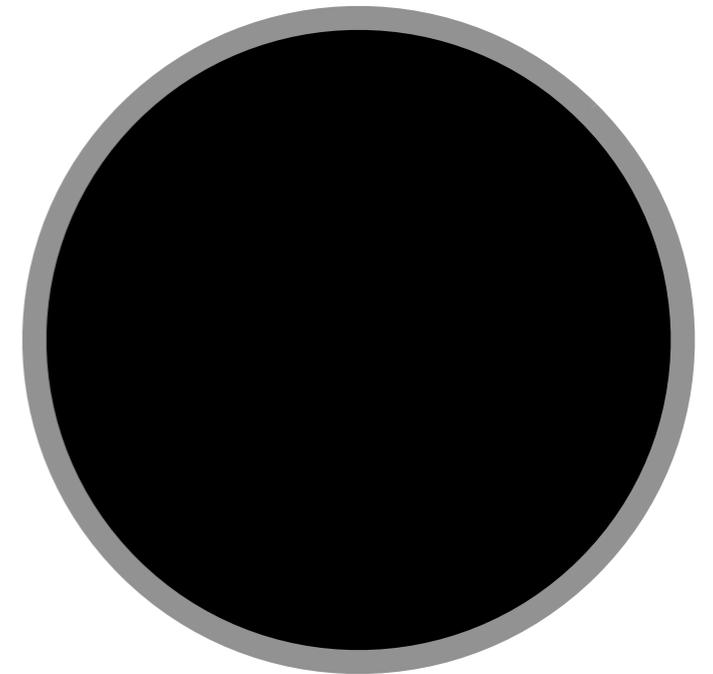
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# Black Holes

Objects so dense that light is gravitationally bound to them.

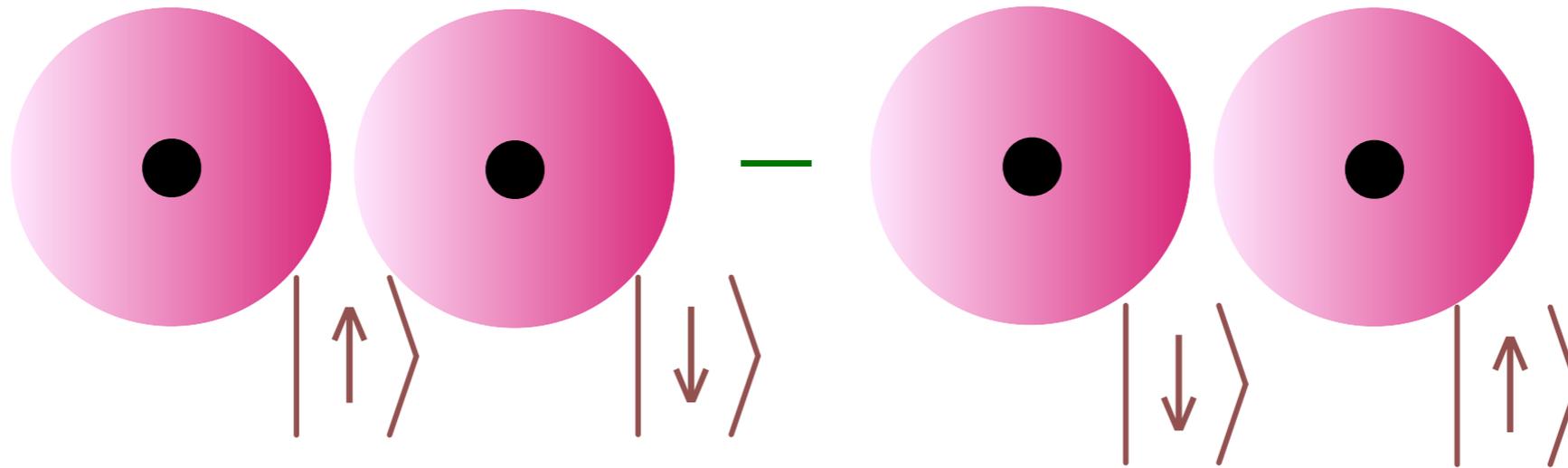
In Einstein's theory, the region inside the black hole **horizon** is disconnected from the rest of the universe.

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

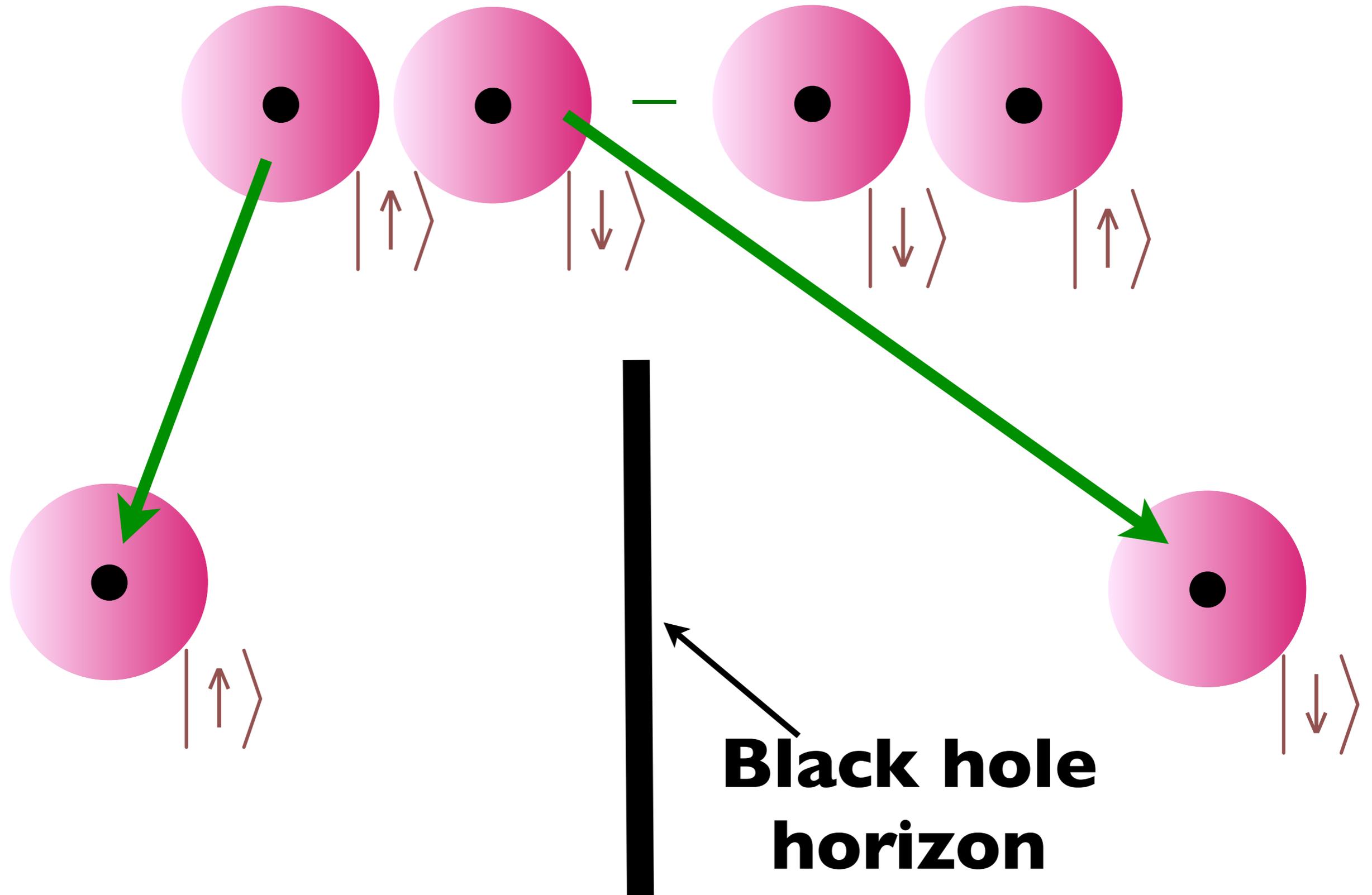


$G$  Newton's constant,  $c$  velocity of light,  $M$  mass of black hole

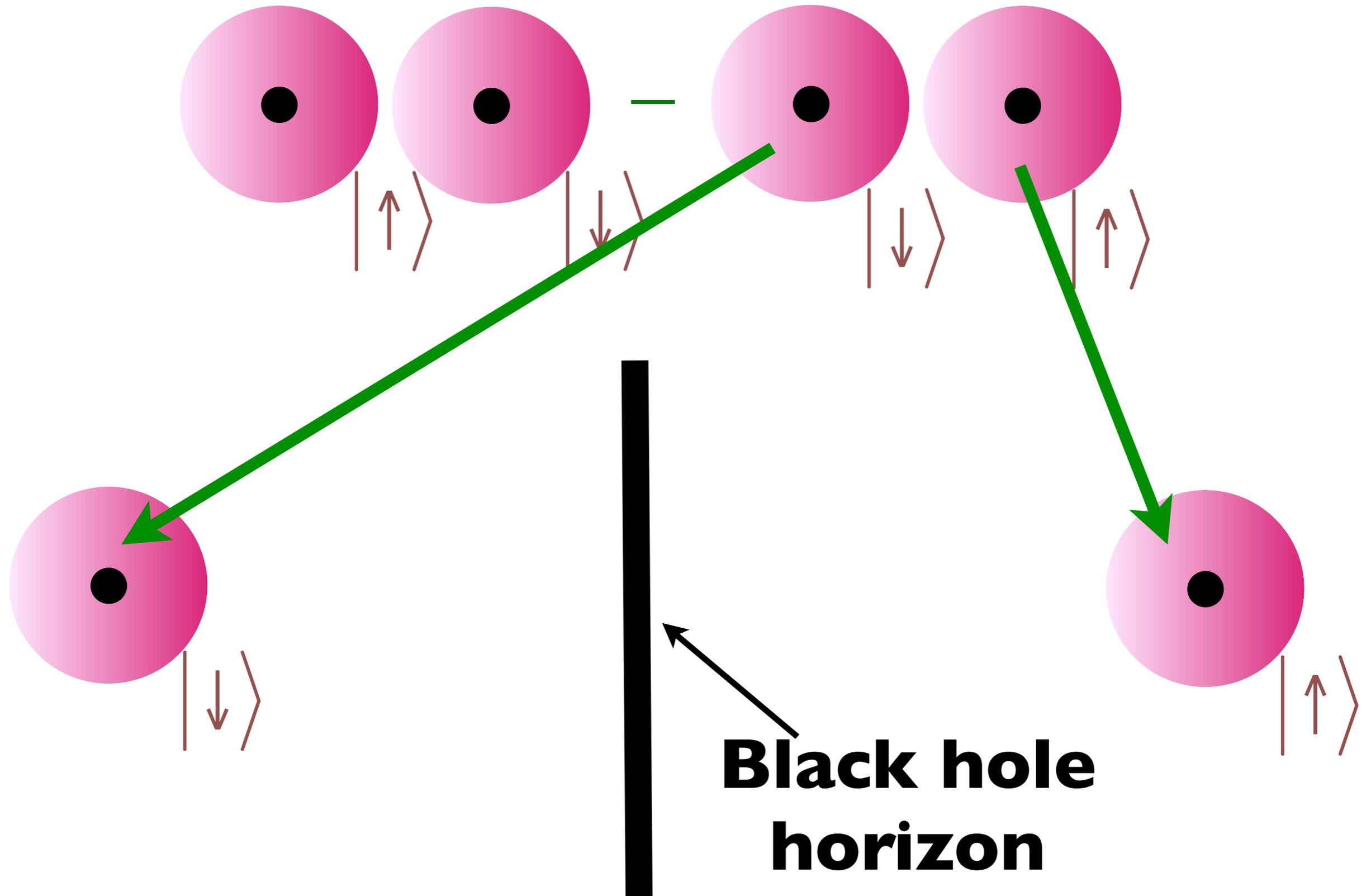
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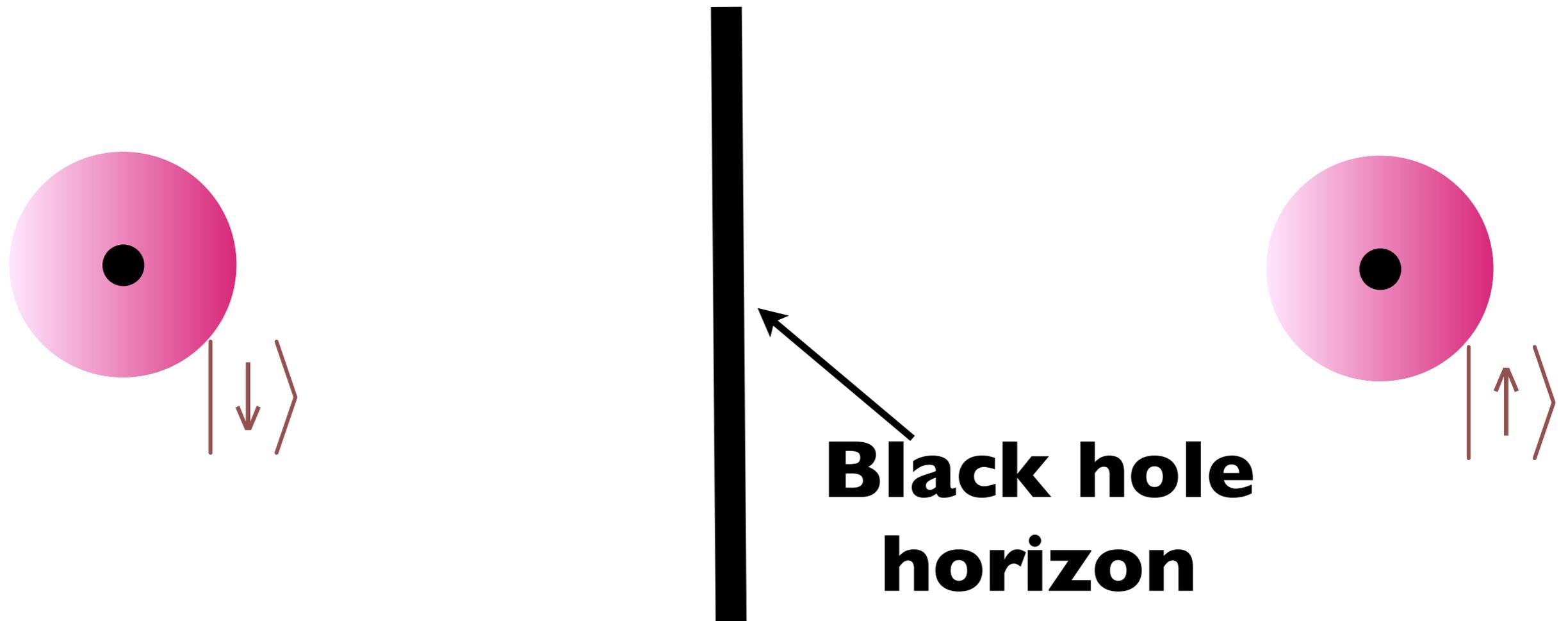


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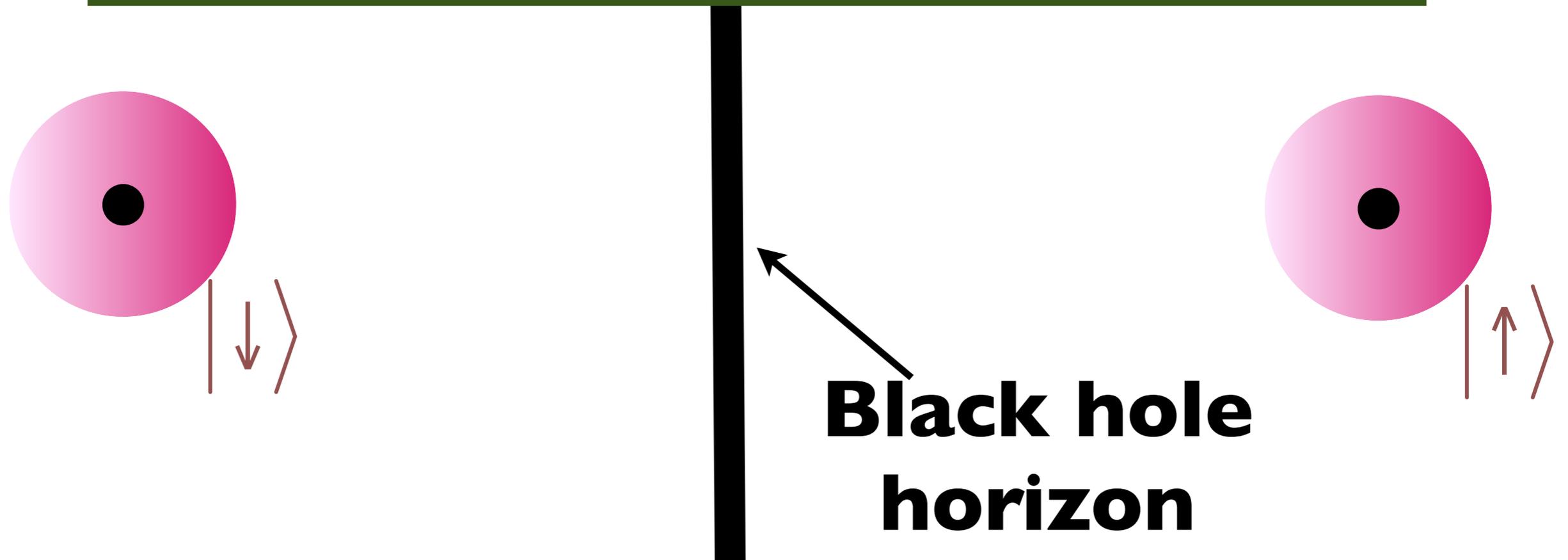
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There is quantum entanglement between the inside and outside of a black hole



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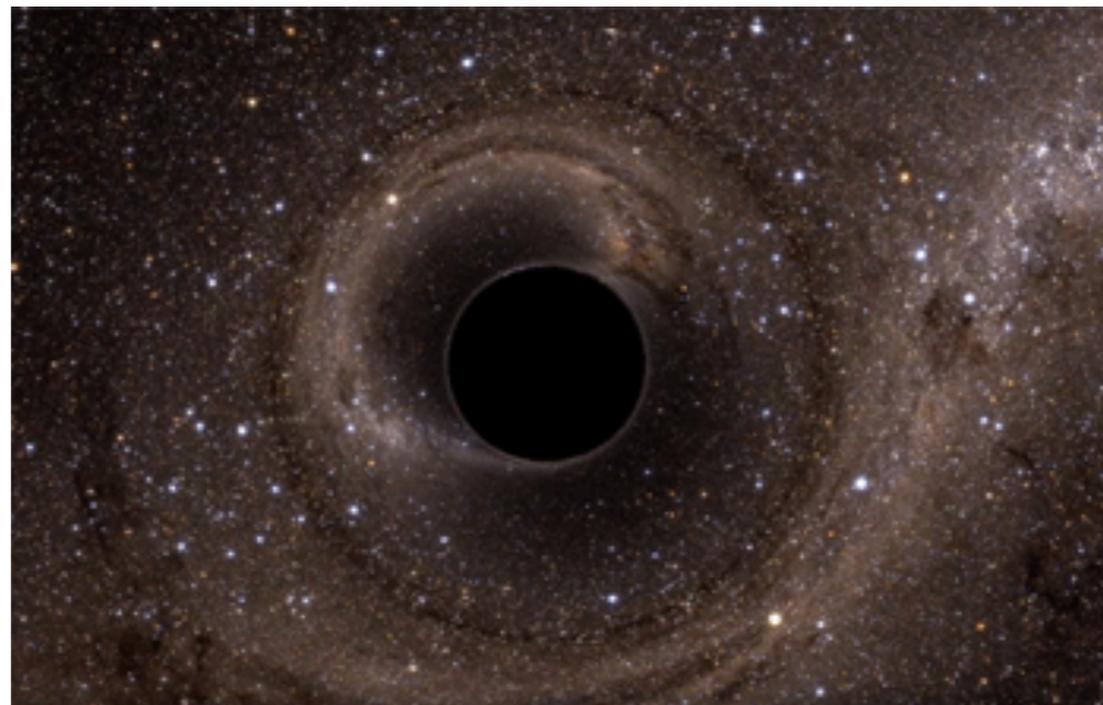
Hawking used this to show that black hole horizons have an entropy and a temperature (because to an outside observer, the state of the electron inside the black hole is an unknown)

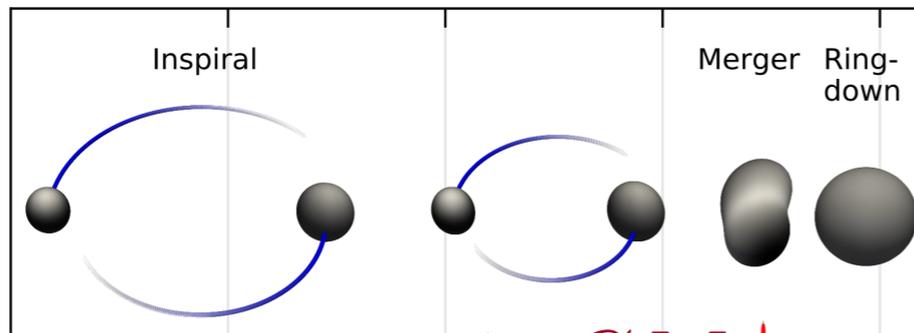
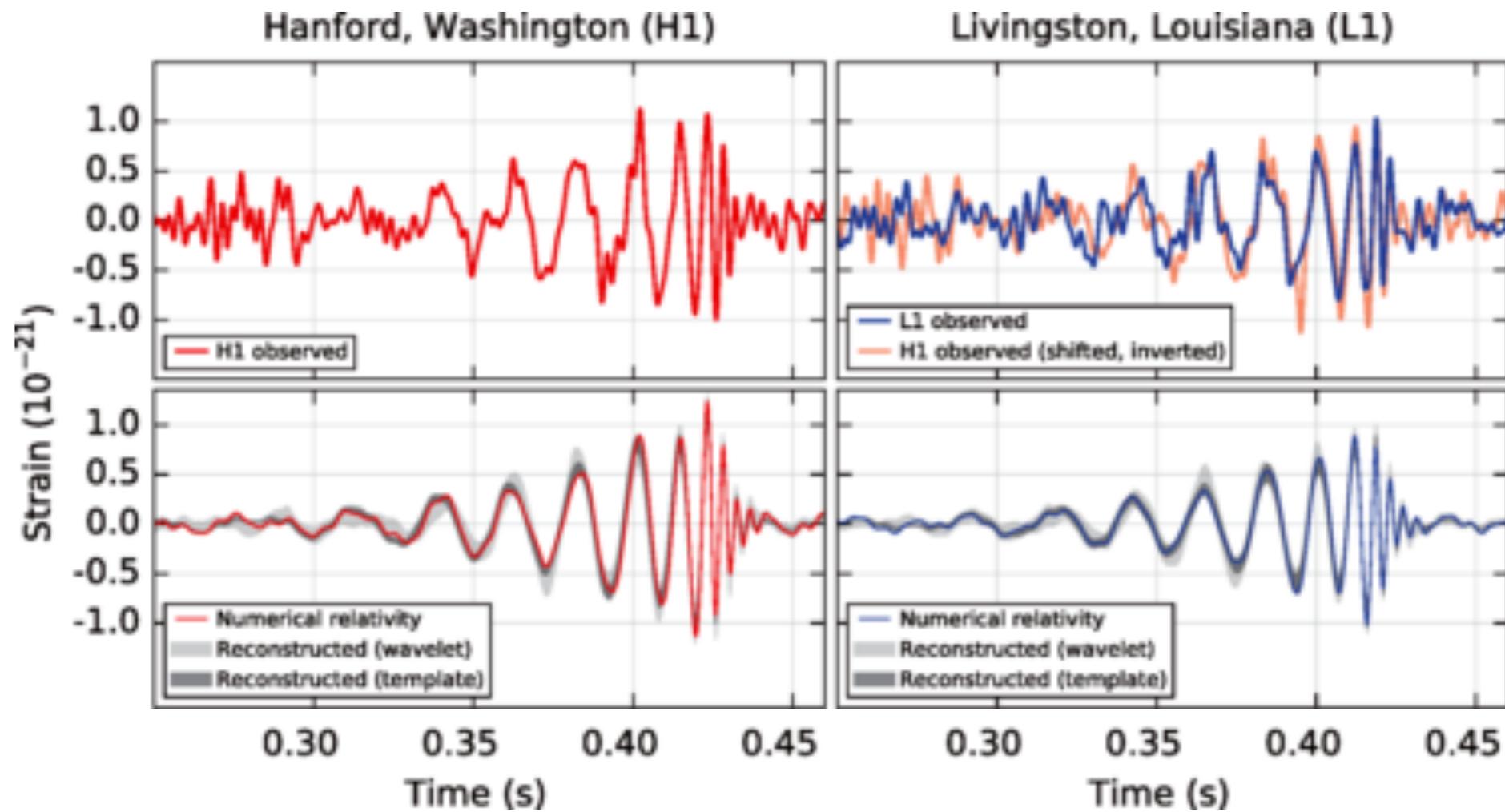


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- The ring-down time  $\frac{8\pi GM}{c^3} \sim 8$  milliseconds. Curiously, for essentially all types of black holes, the ring-down time equals

$$\frac{\hbar}{k_B T_H}$$

$\hbar$  Planck's constant,  $k_B$  Boltzmann's constant

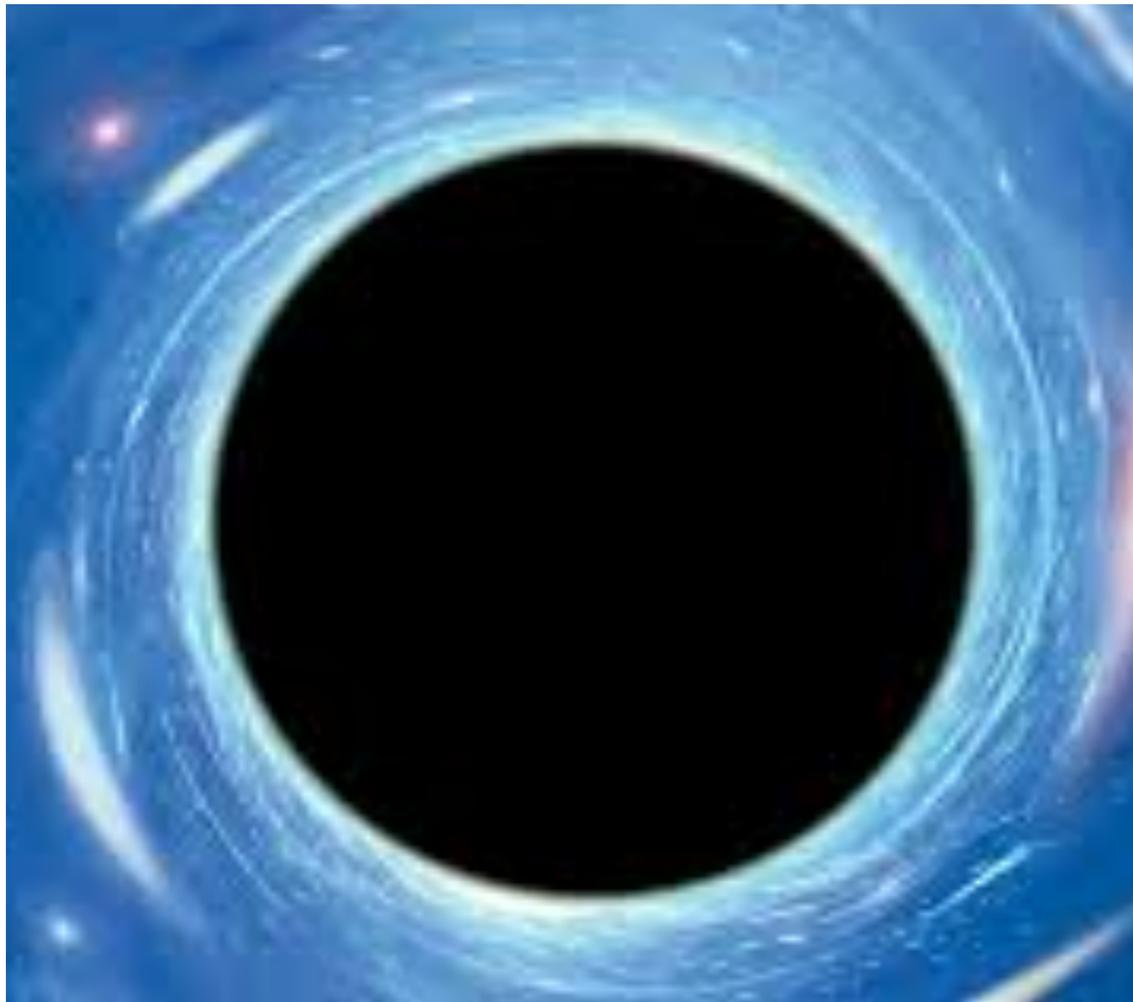
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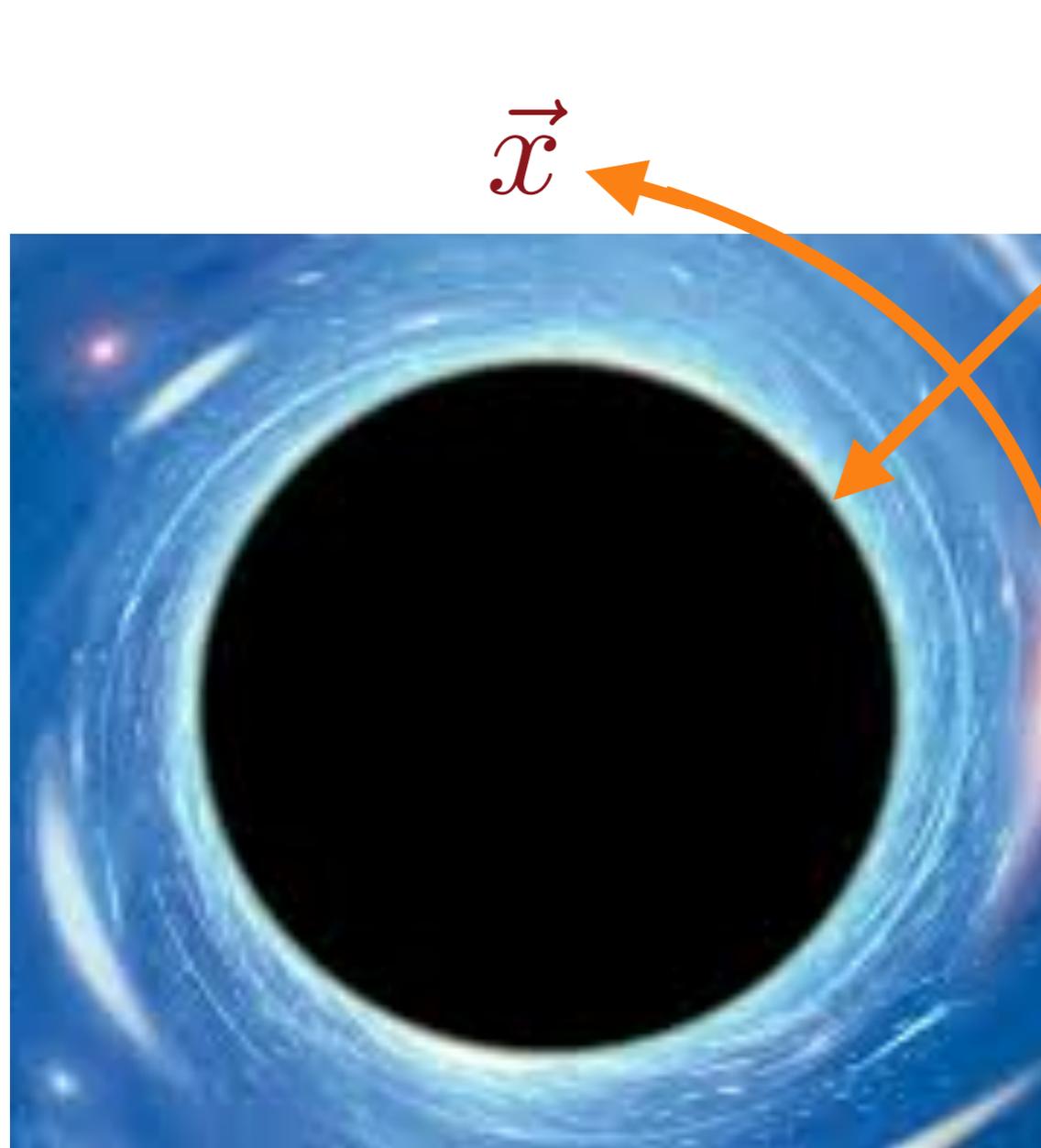


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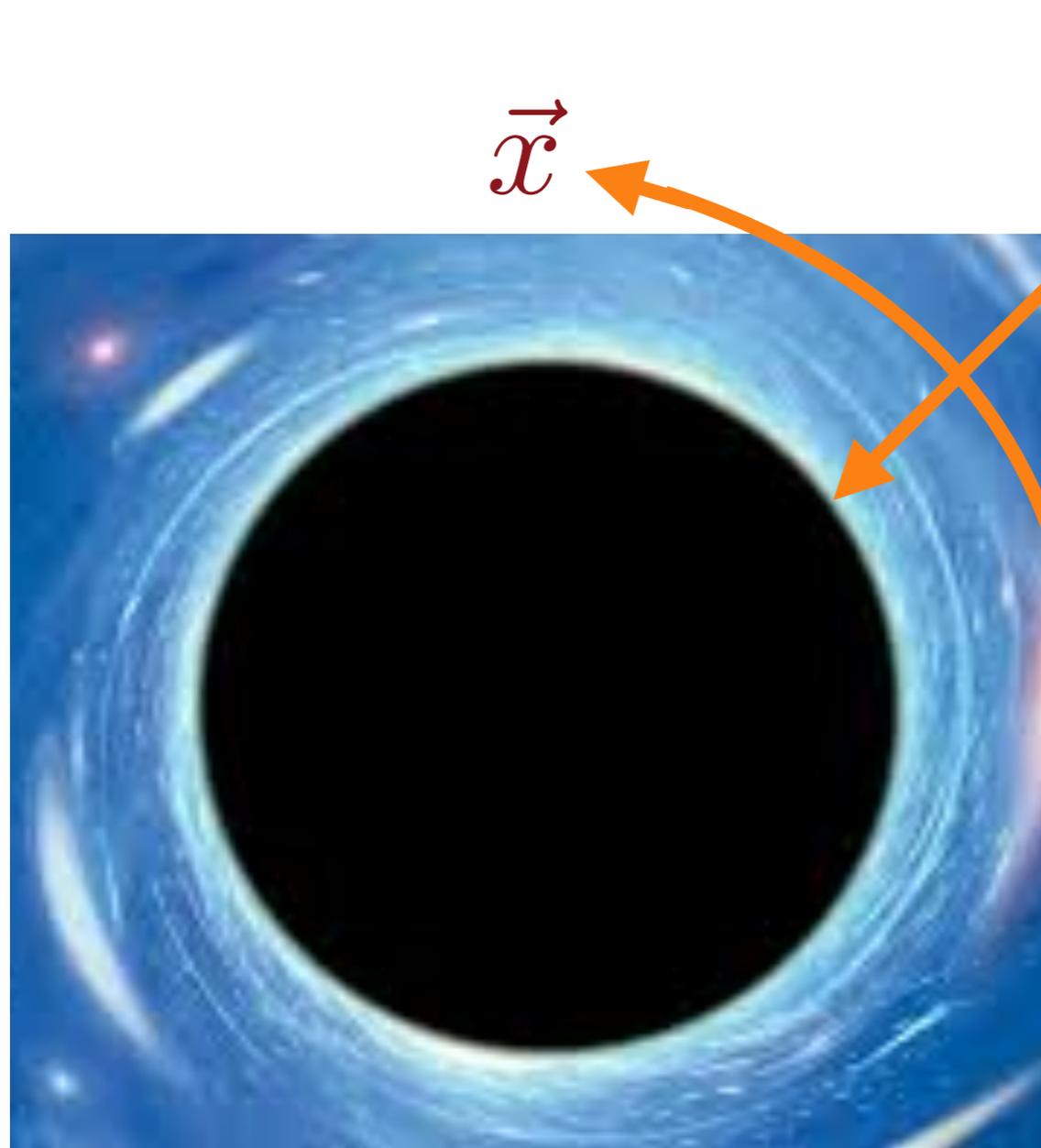
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Zooming into the near-horizon region of a charged black hole at low temperature, yields a gravitational theory in one space ( $\zeta$ ) and one time dimension



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Metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$

Ricci scalar in  $d+2$  dimensions,  $\mathcal{R}_{d+2}$

Cosmological constant  $\Lambda = -d(d+1)/L^2$

U(1) gauge field  $A_\mu$

Electromagnetic field  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

Boundary conditions at spatial infinity:

Metric  $\rightarrow \text{AdS}_{d+2}$

Electric field  $\rightarrow Q/(4\pi r^2)$



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Quantum gravity is 'defined' by the path integral

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\text{gravity}} = \int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}A \exp(-I_{EM}/\hbar)$$

This integral is evaluated exactly in a certain low temperature limit for charged black holes.

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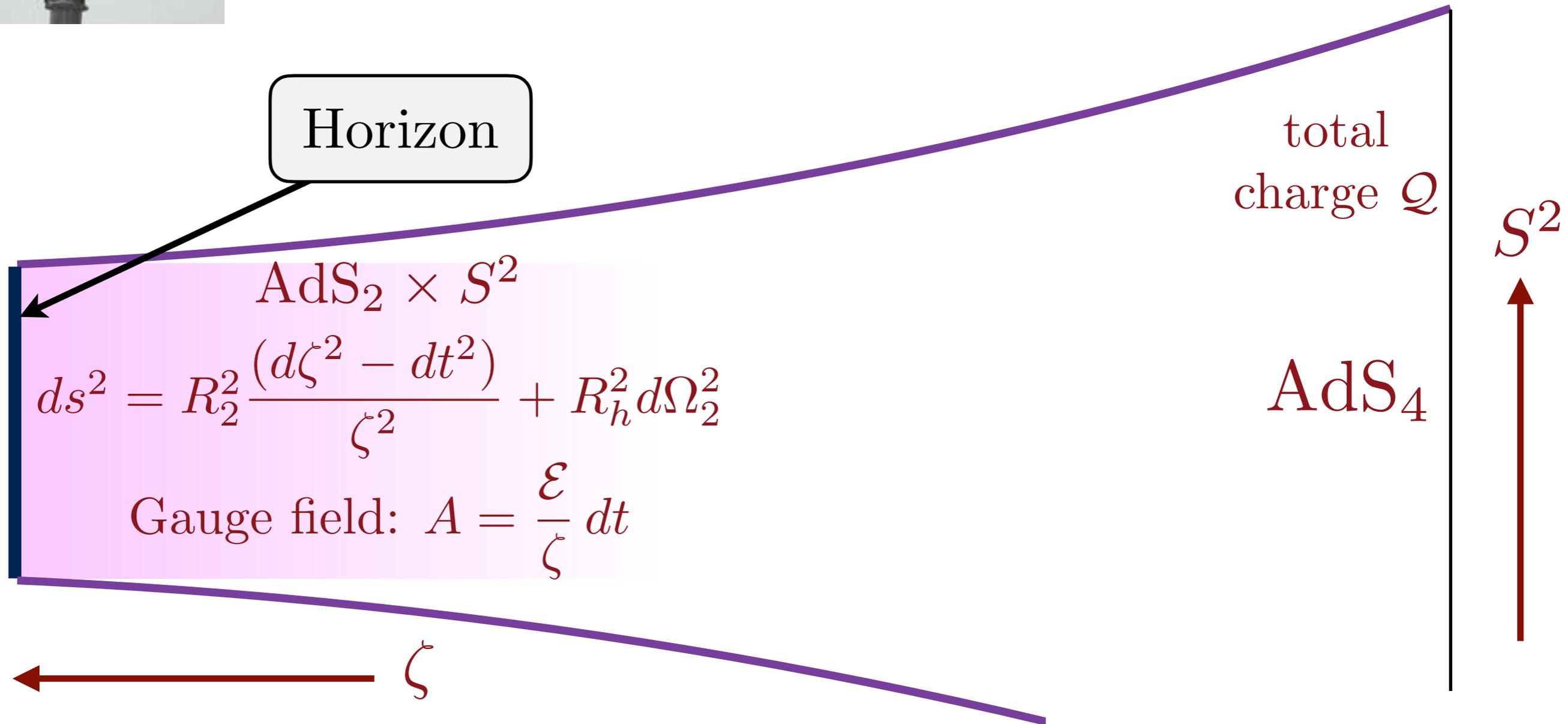
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Solution of Euler-Lagrange equations of the action  
of Einstein gravity and Maxwell electromagnetism

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- The entropy  $S_{BH}$ , the charge  $Q$ , and the dimensionless electric field  $\mathcal{E}$  obey the same thermodynamic relation as the SYK model

$$\frac{dS_{BH}}{dQ} = 2\pi\mathcal{E}$$

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Fluctuations about the path integral saddle

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$$\mathcal{S}_{2D\text{-gravity}}[f(\tau)] = -\frac{\gamma}{4\pi^2} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \{ \tan(\pi T f(\tau)), \tau \},$$

where  $f(\tau)$  is a monotonic map from  $[0, 1/T]$  to  $[0, 1/T]$ , and we have used the *Schwarzian*:

$$\{g, \tau\} \equiv \frac{d^3 g/d\tau^3}{dg/d\tau} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{d^2 g/d\tau^2}{dg/d\tau} \right)^2.$$

The defining property of the Schwarzian is its invariance under  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  transformations

$$\left\{ \frac{ag(\tau) + b}{cg(\tau) + d}, \tau \right\} = \{g(\tau), \tau\}$$

Remarkably, this path integral can be evaluated exactly, using the Duistermaat–Heckman formula (Stanford, Witten, arXiv:1703.04612).

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Complex multi-particle entanglement  
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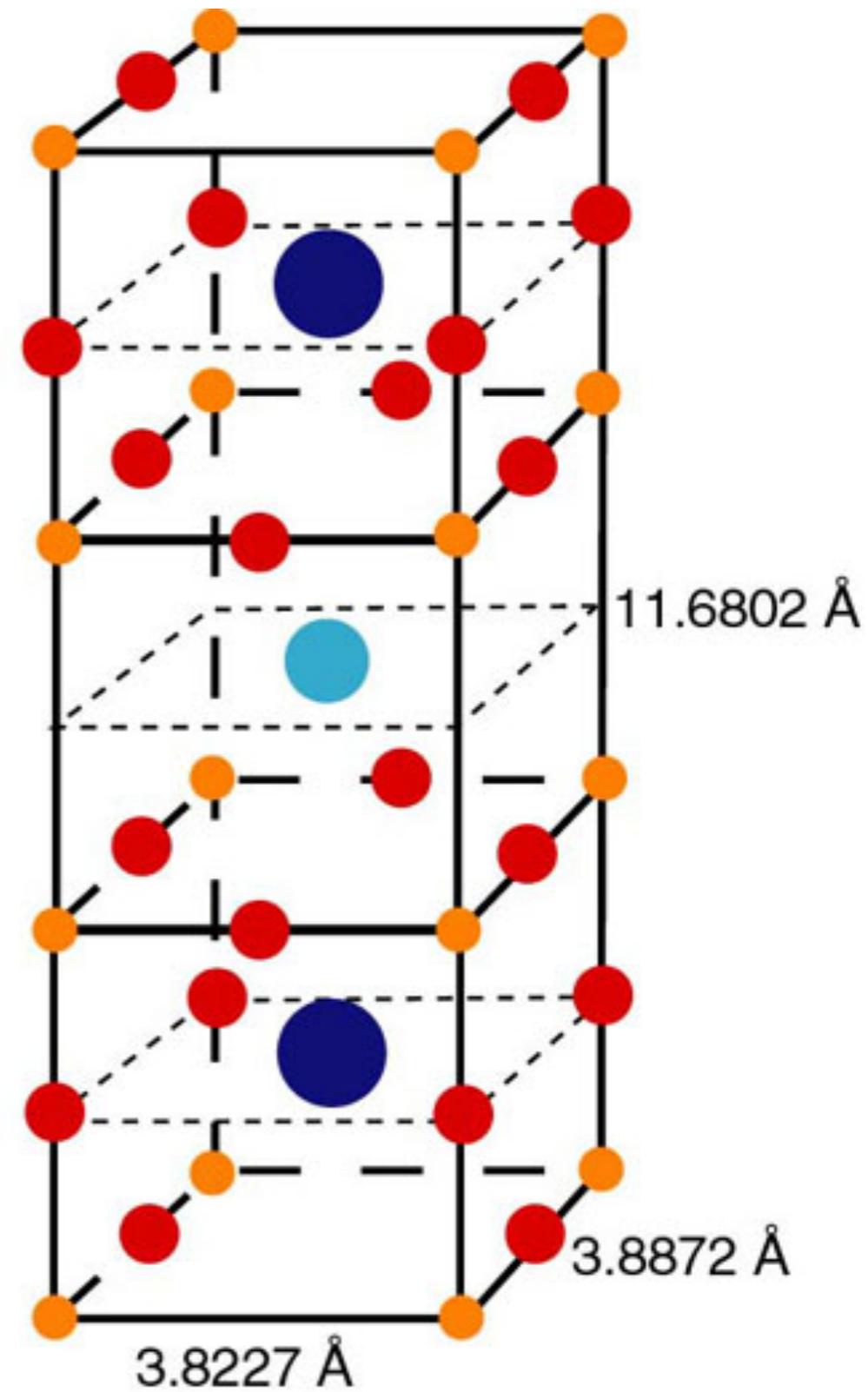
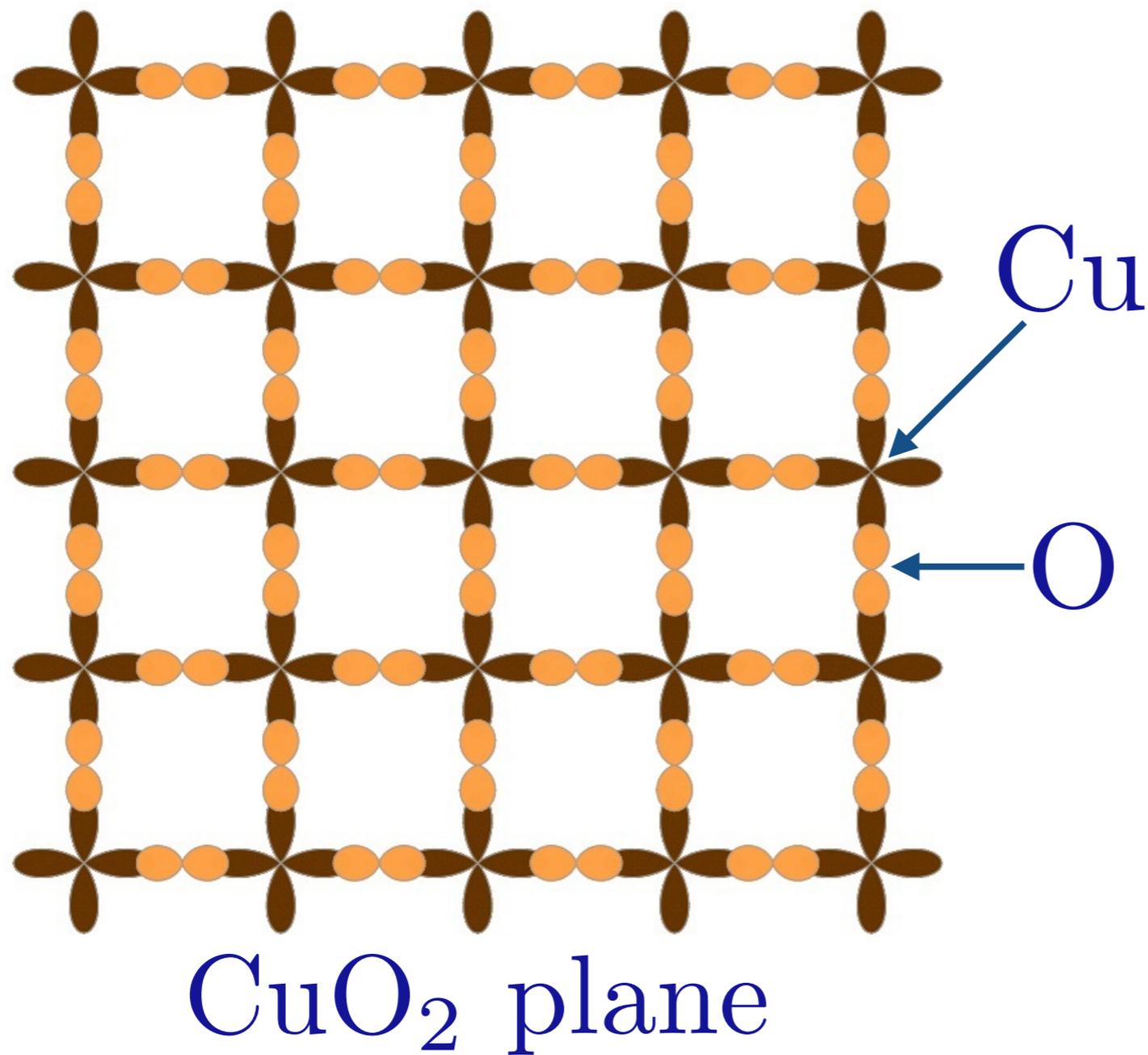
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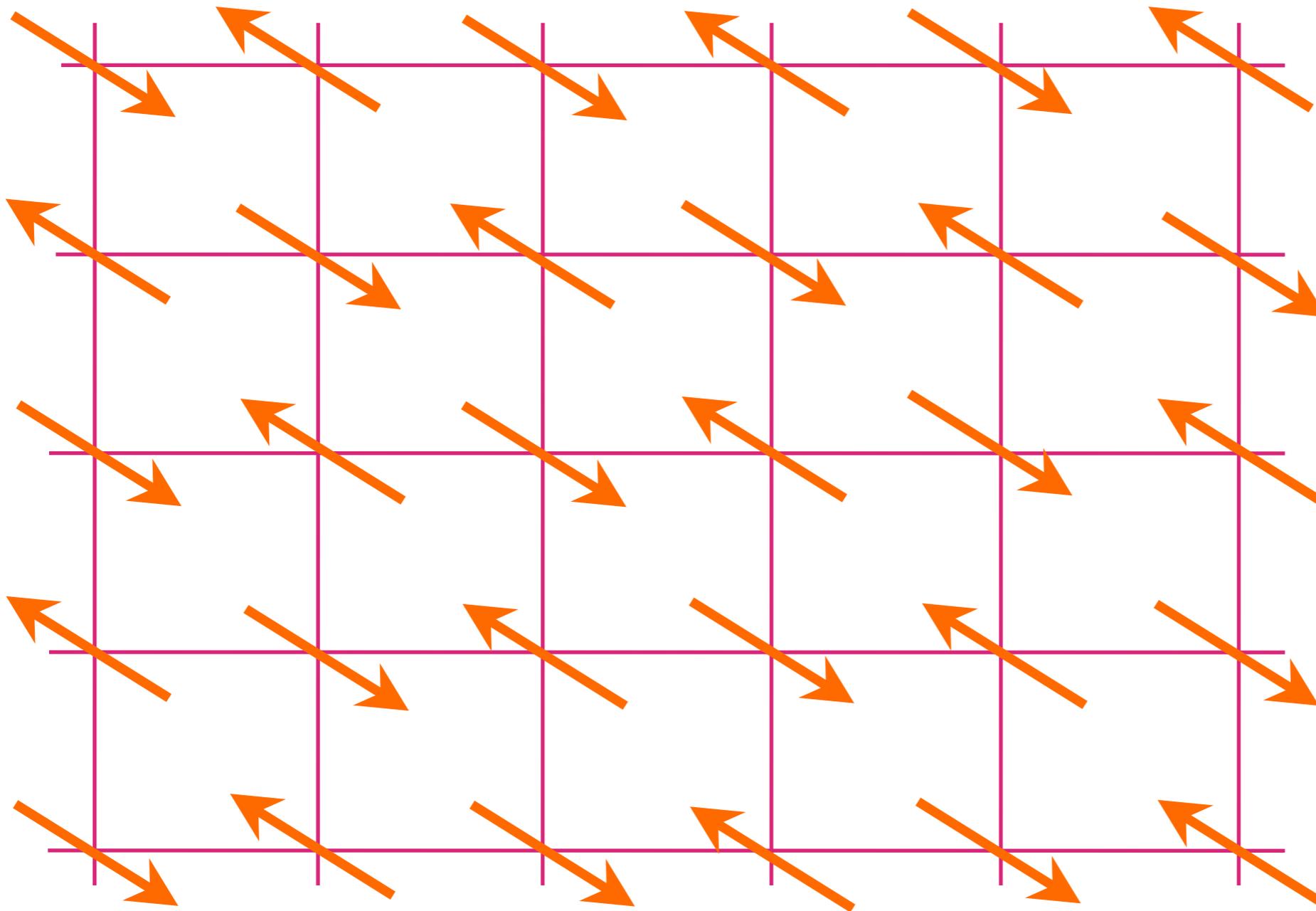
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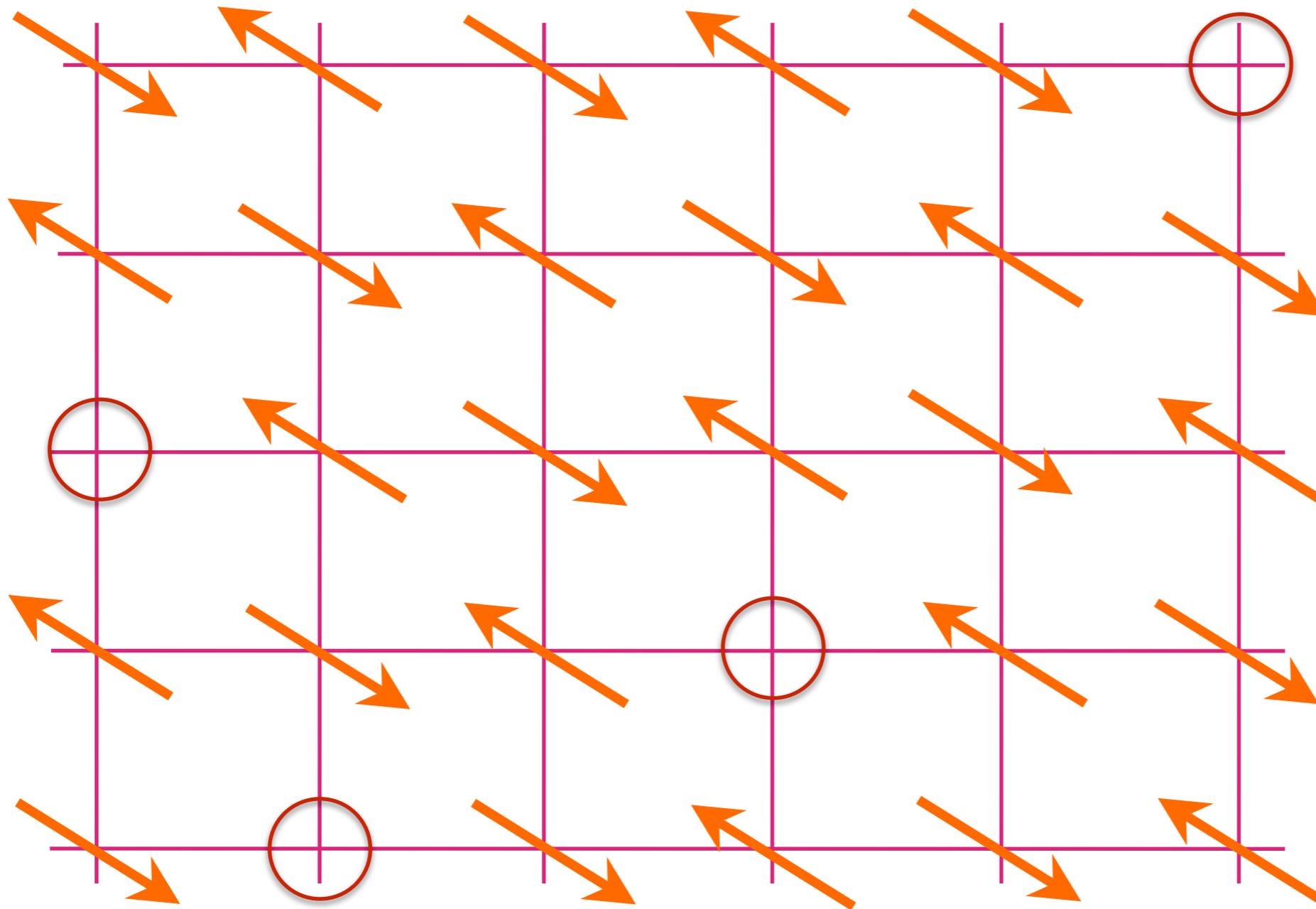
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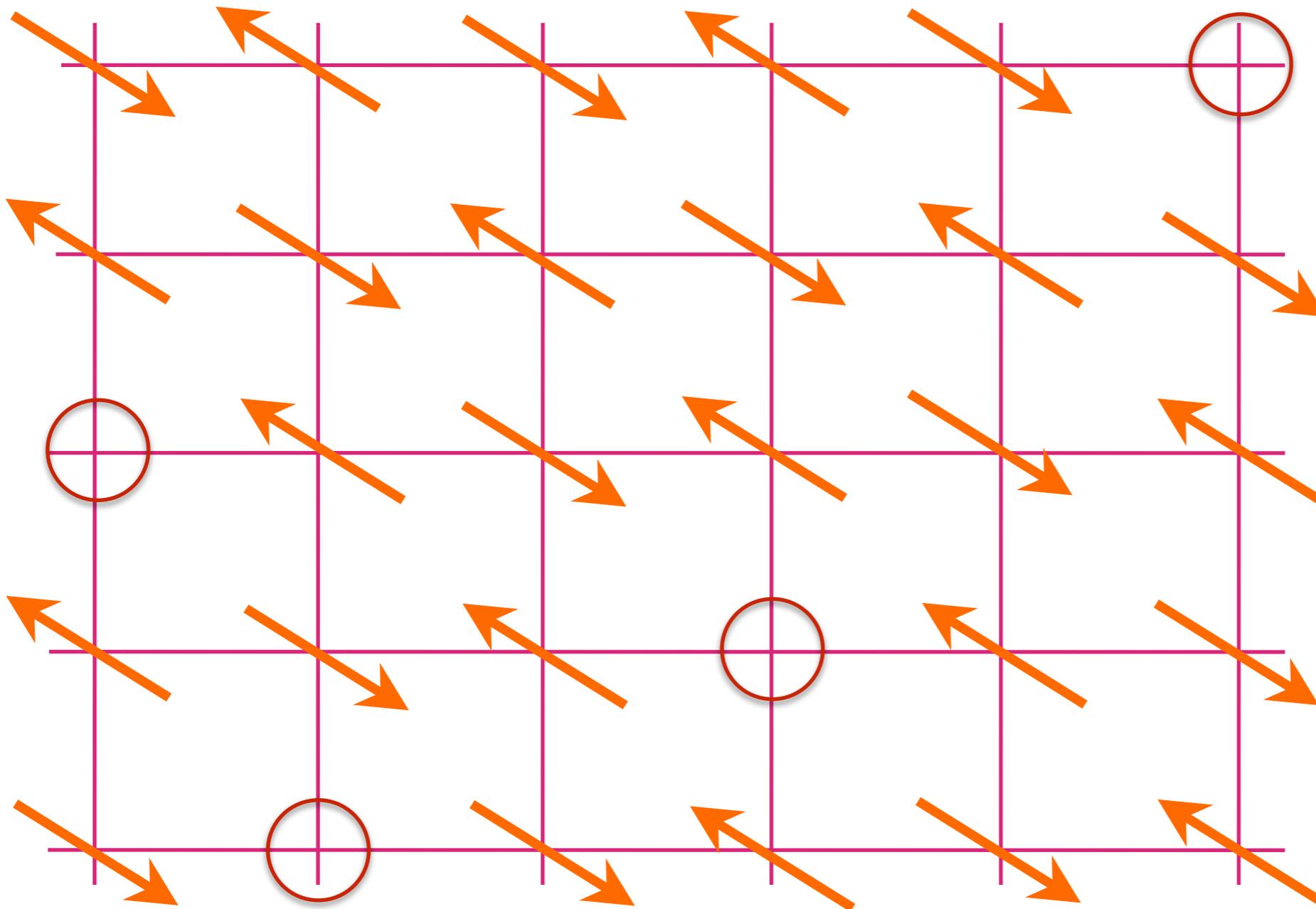
# Insulating antiferromagnet



# Antiferromagnet doped with hole density $p$

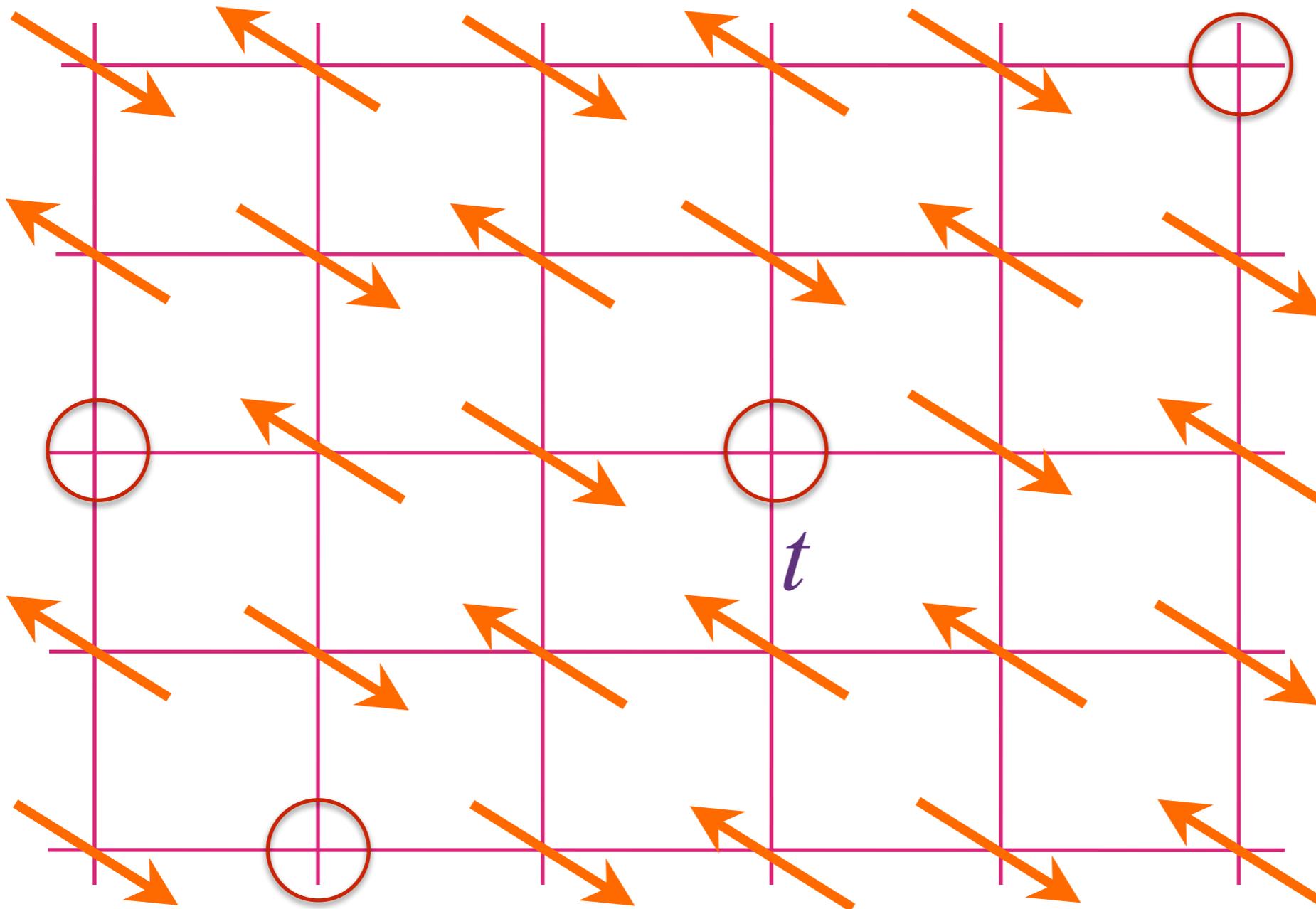


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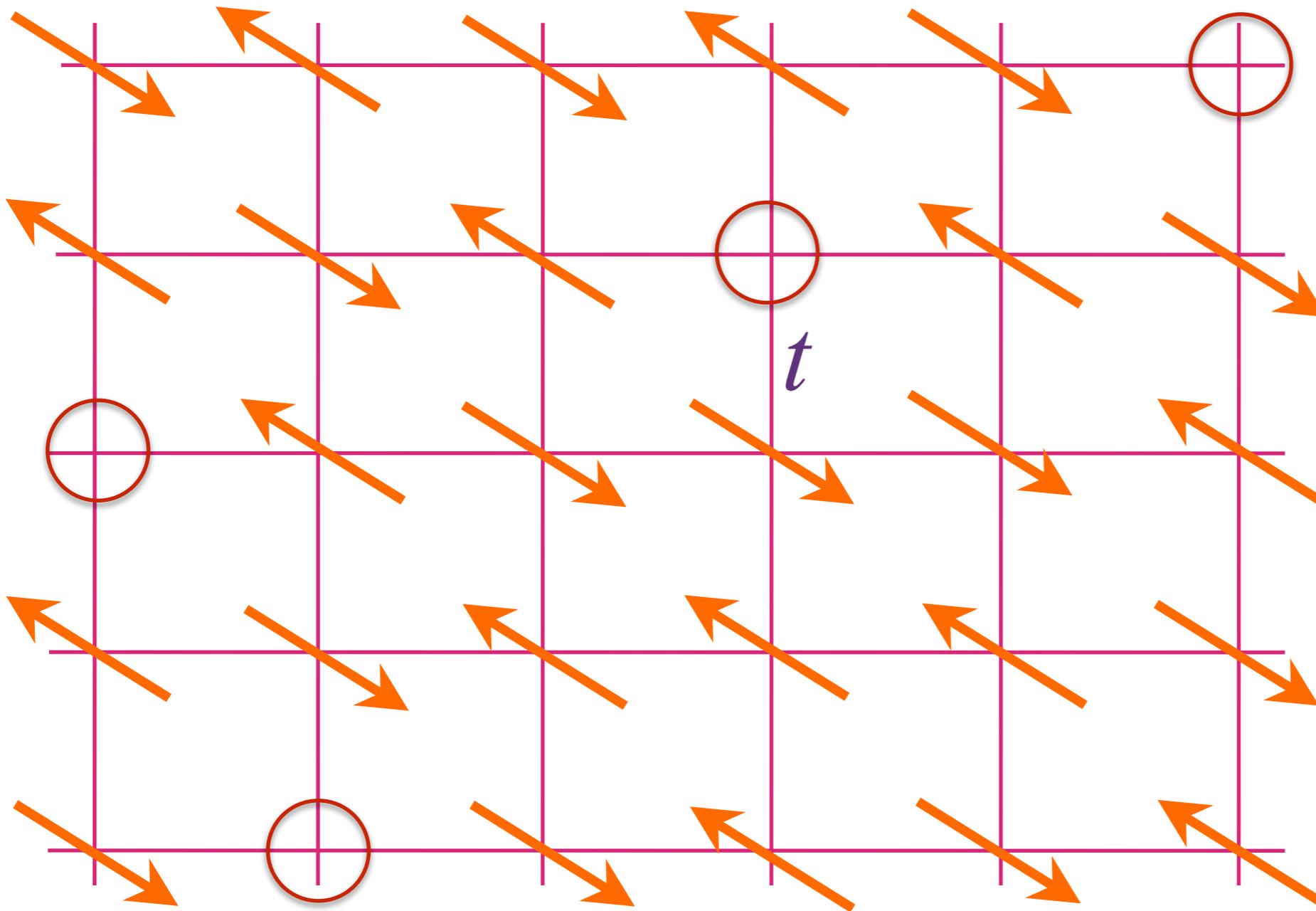
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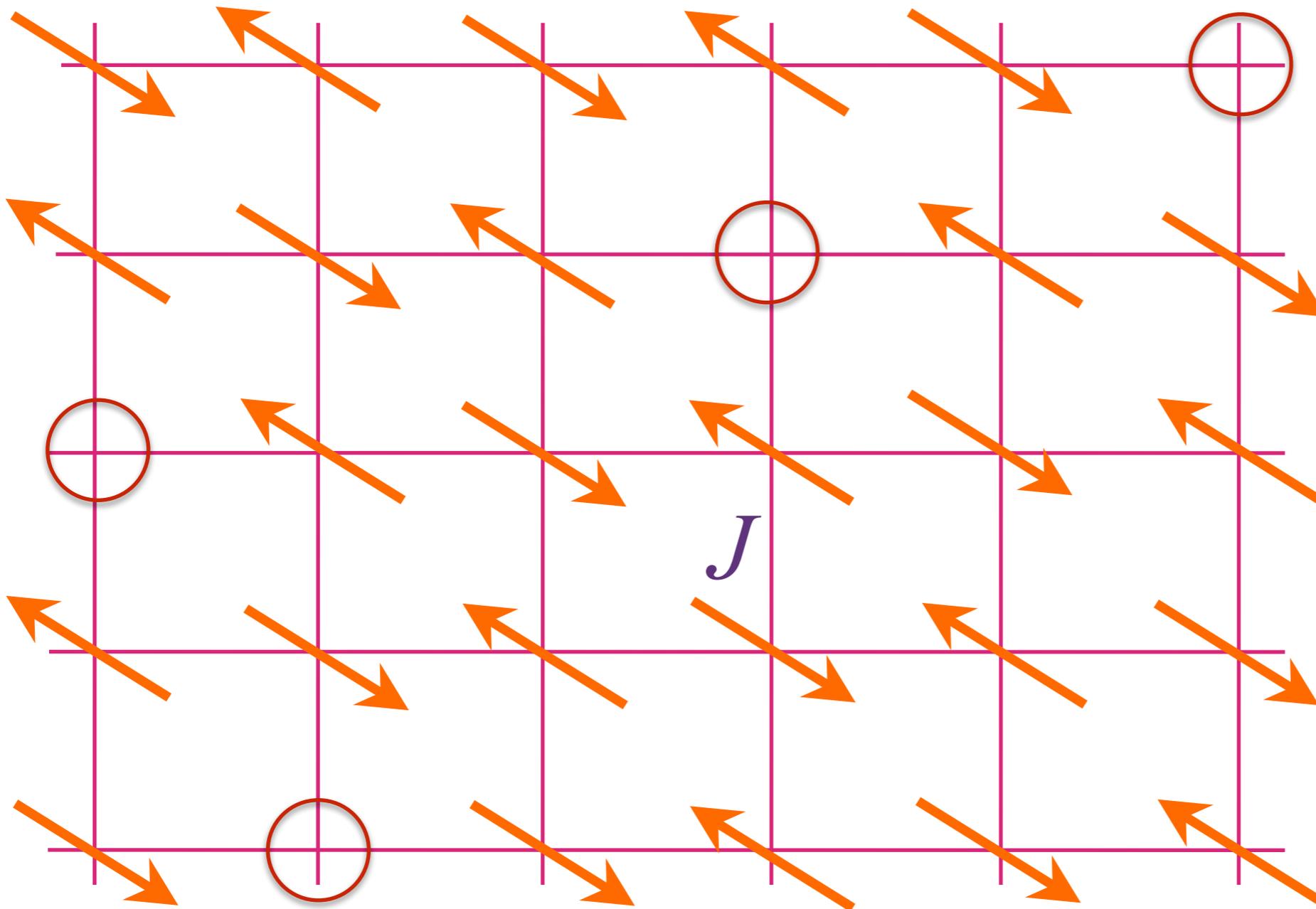
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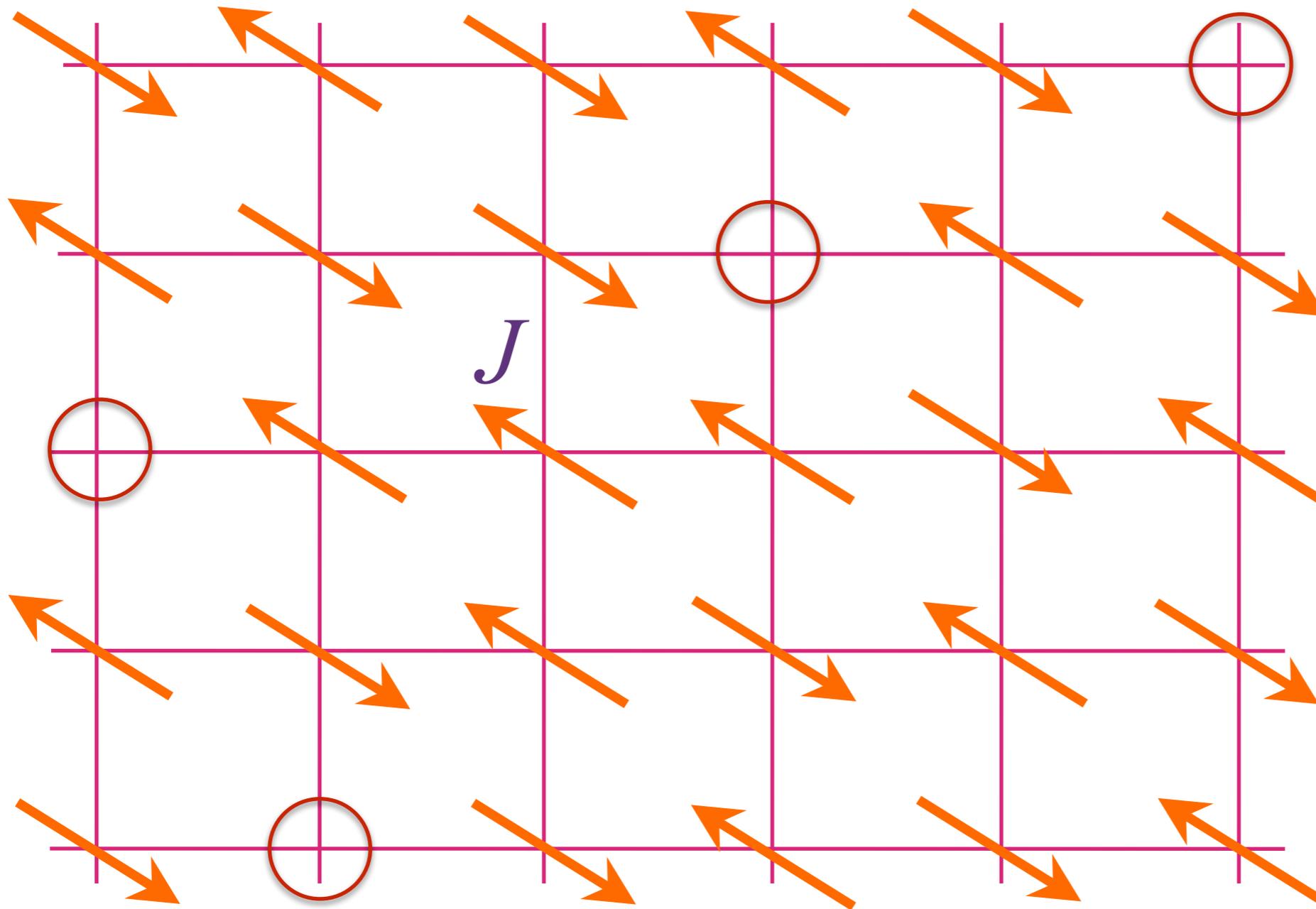
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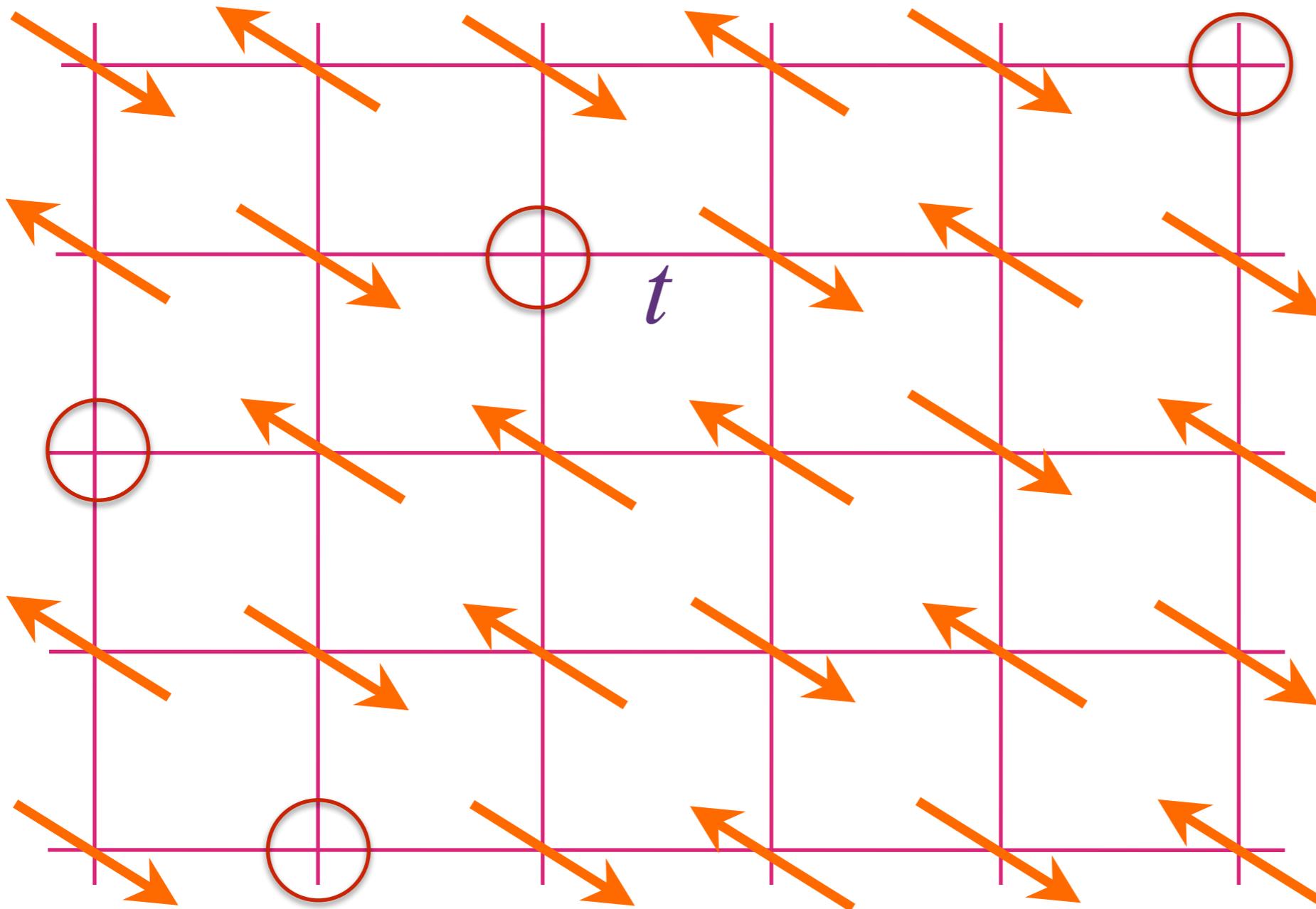
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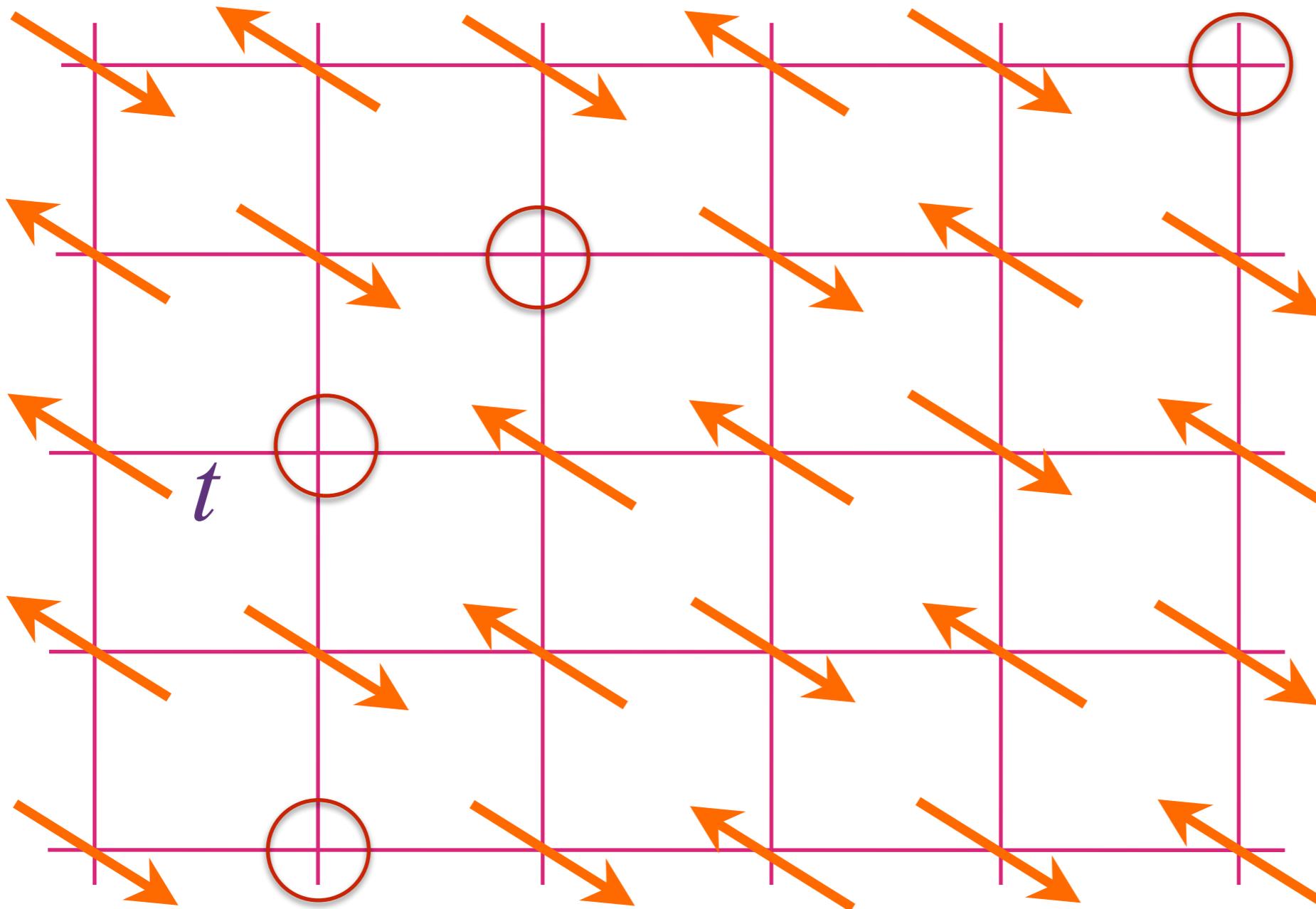
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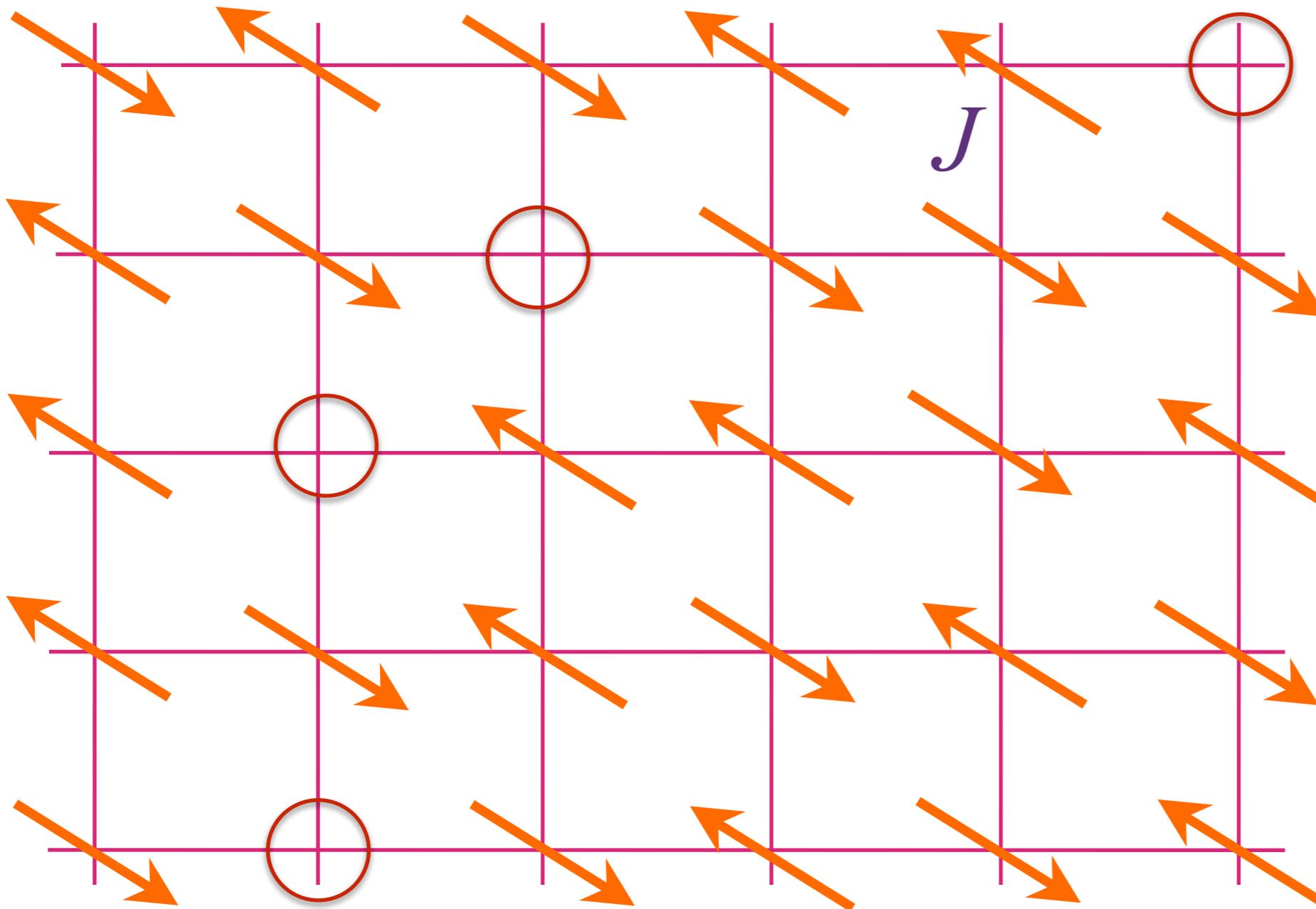
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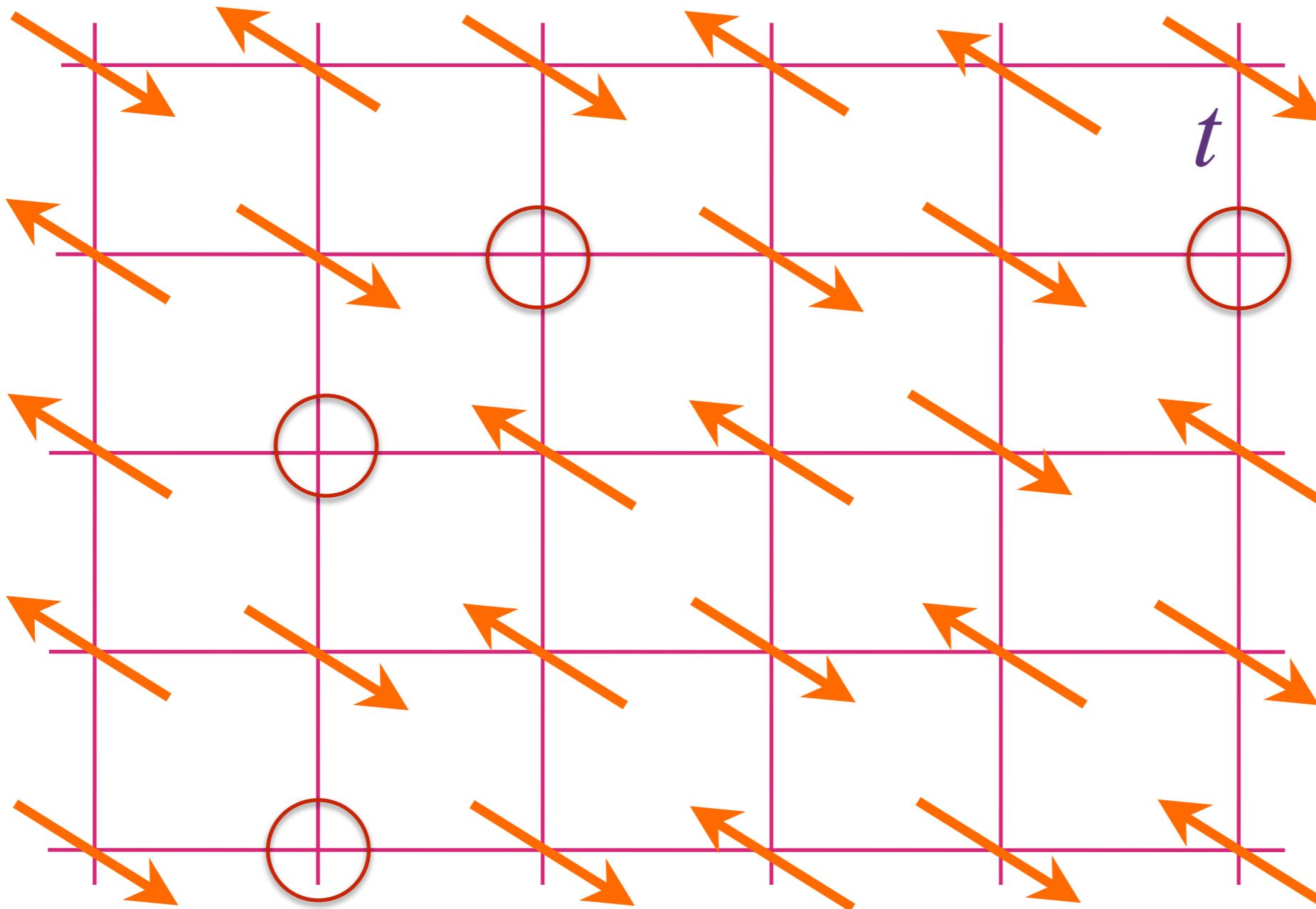
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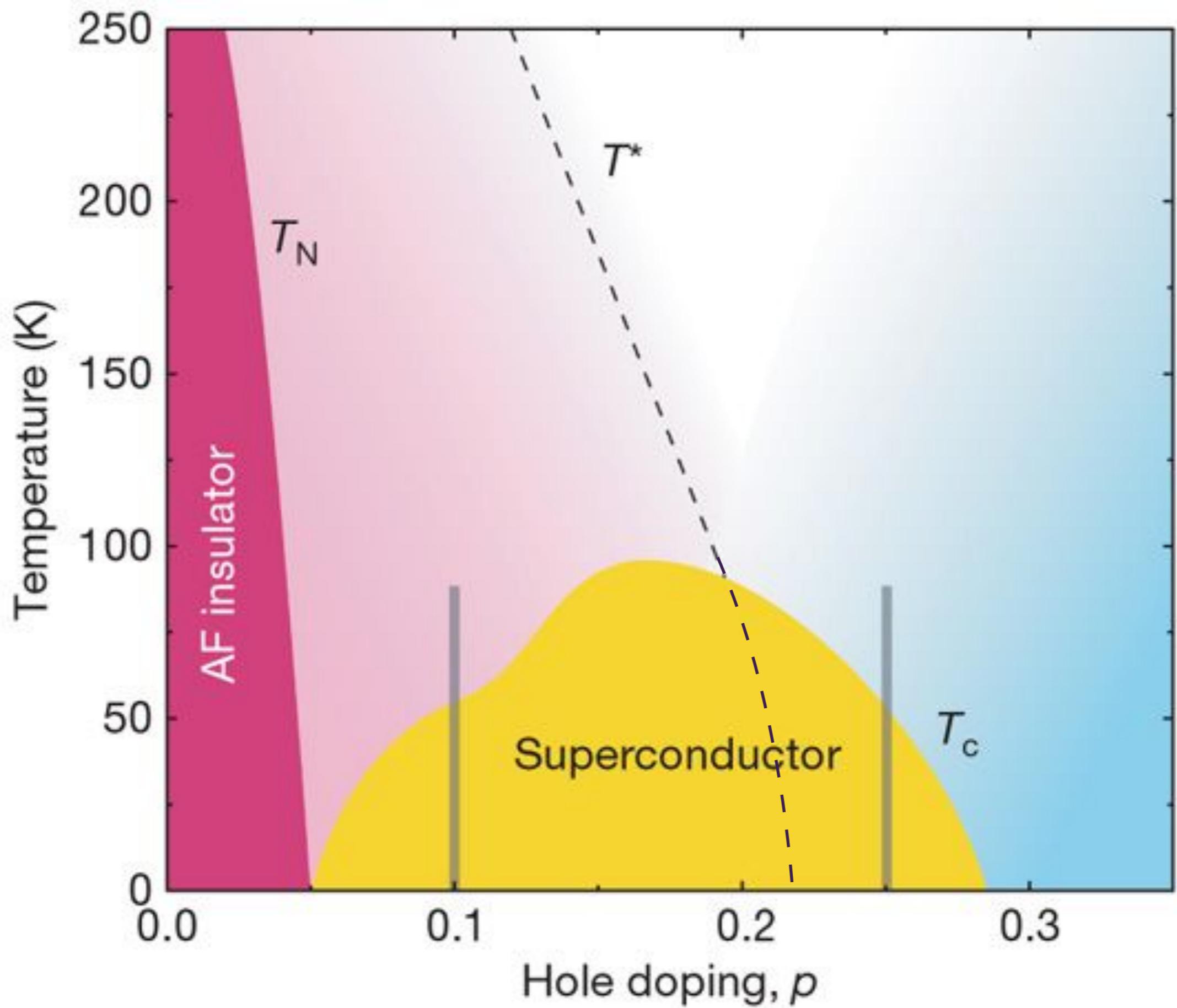


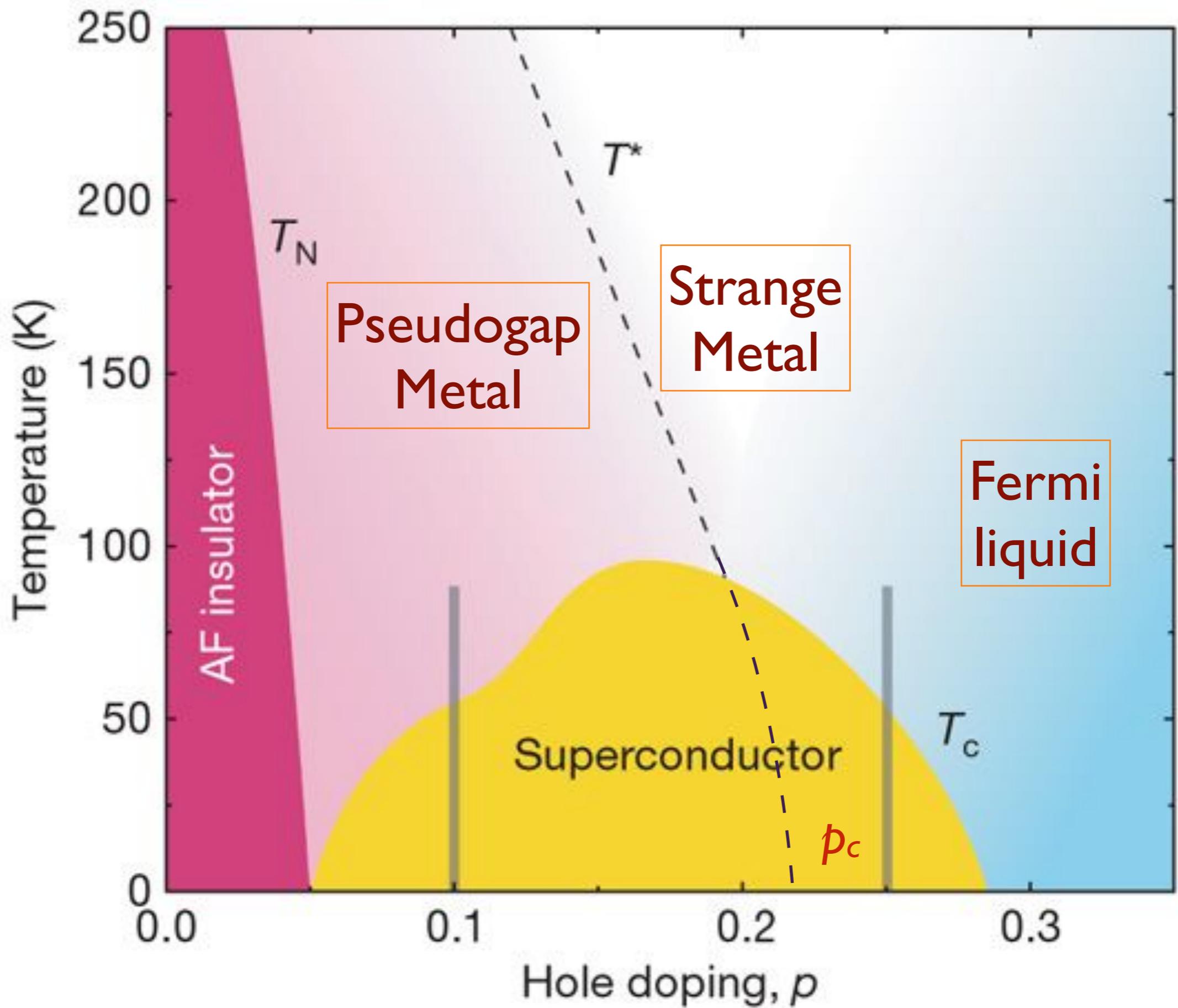
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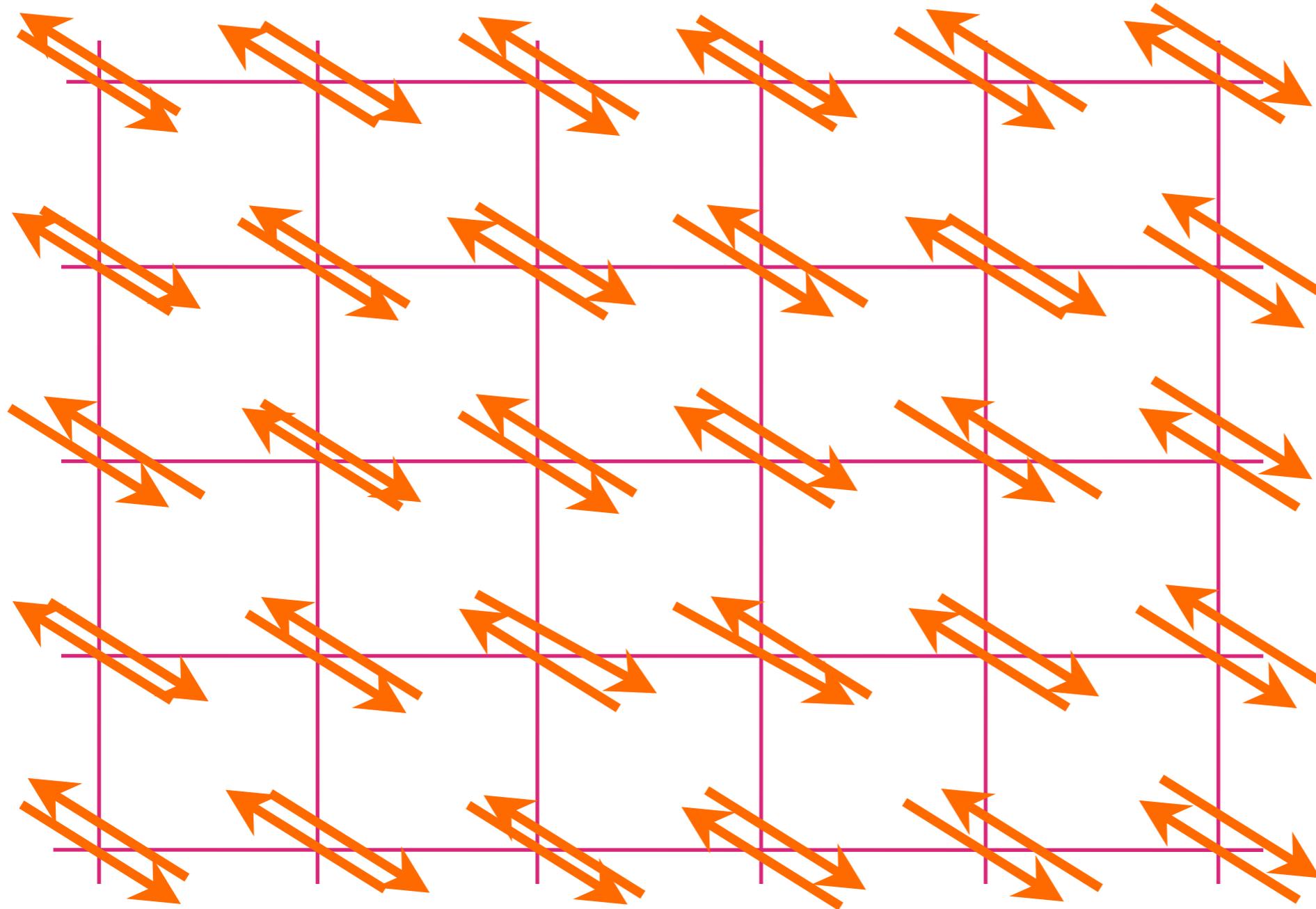


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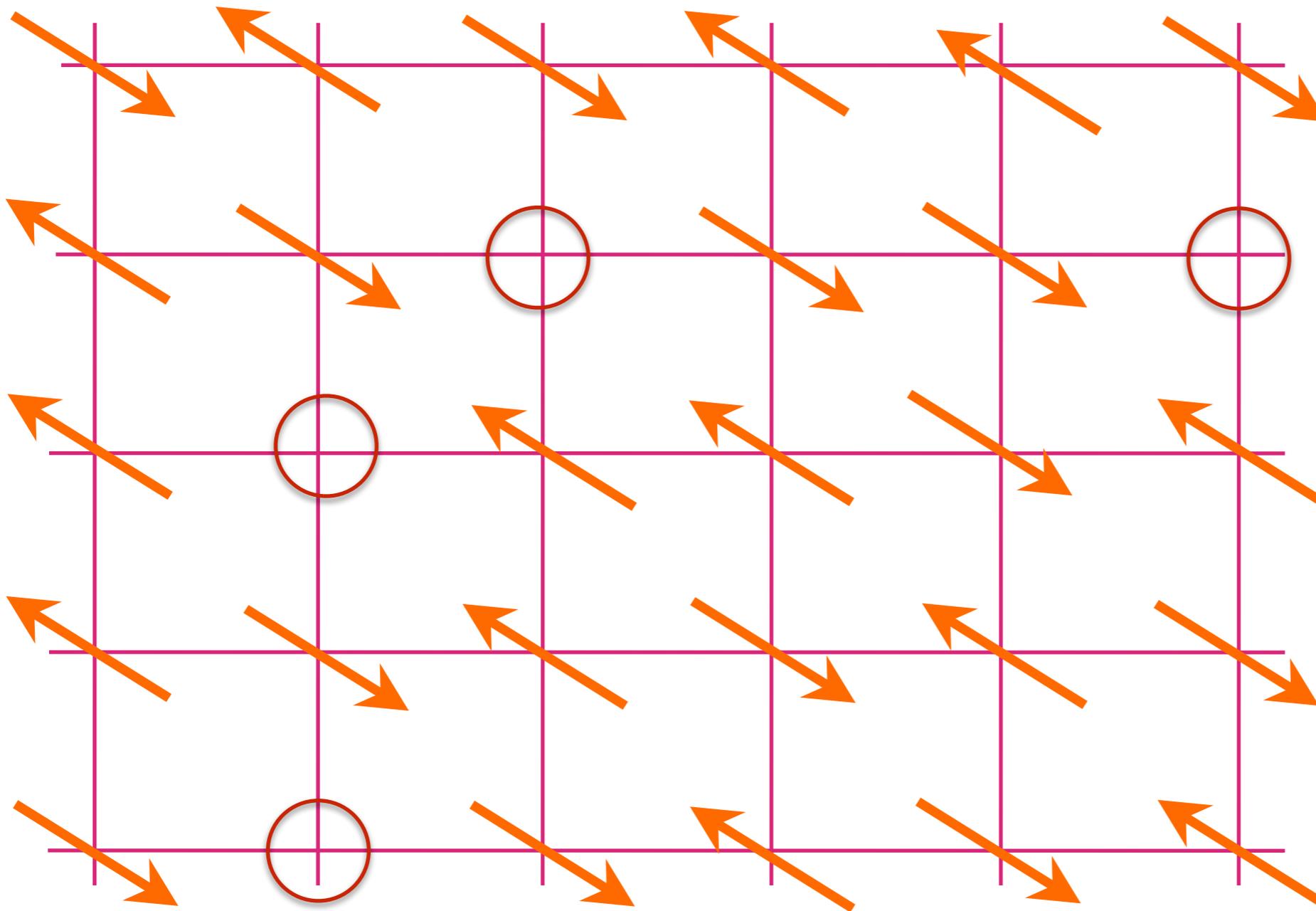


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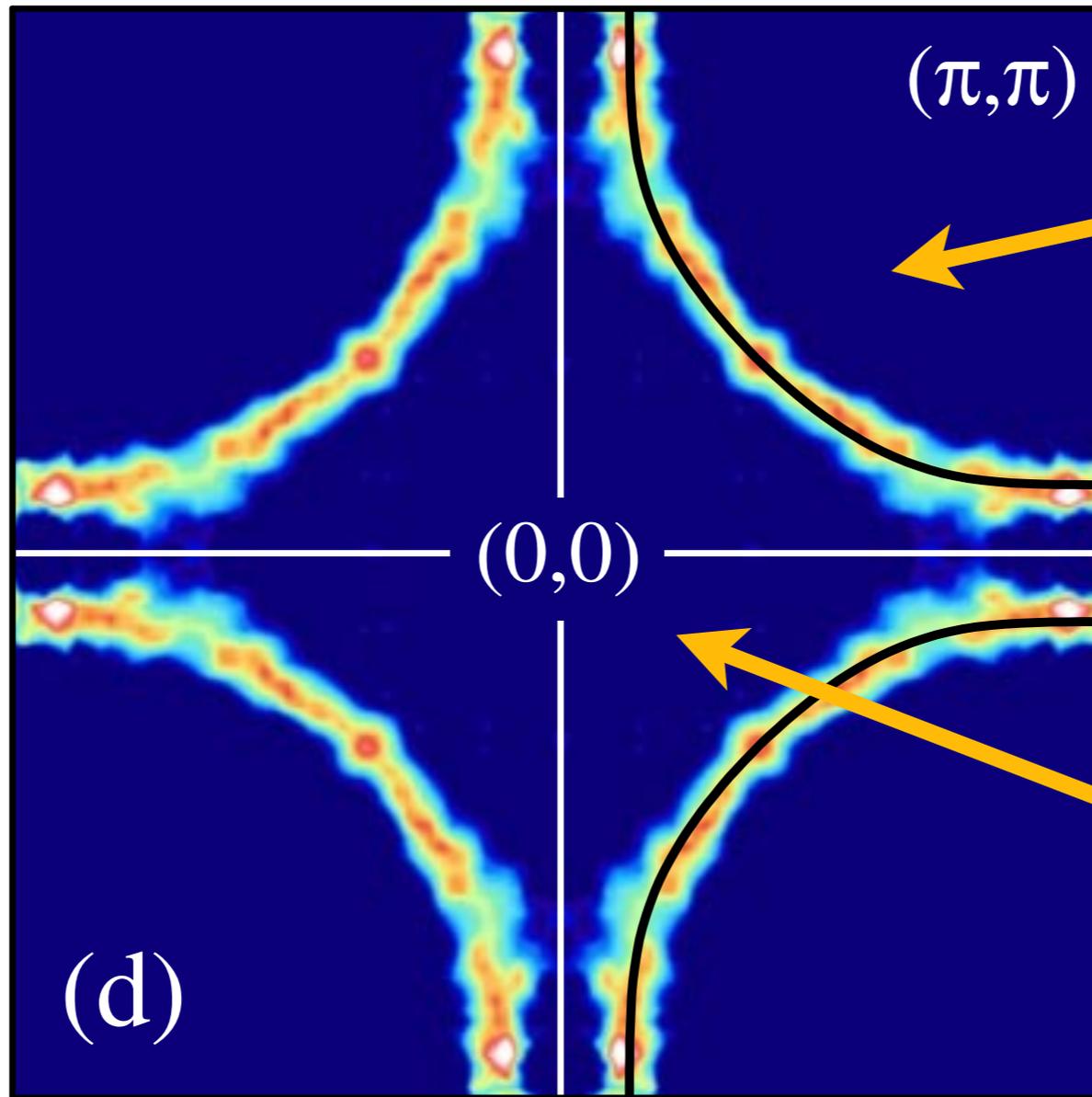
Filled  
Band

# Momentum-space view



$l-p$  mobile electrons =  
 $l+p$  mobile holes in a filled band

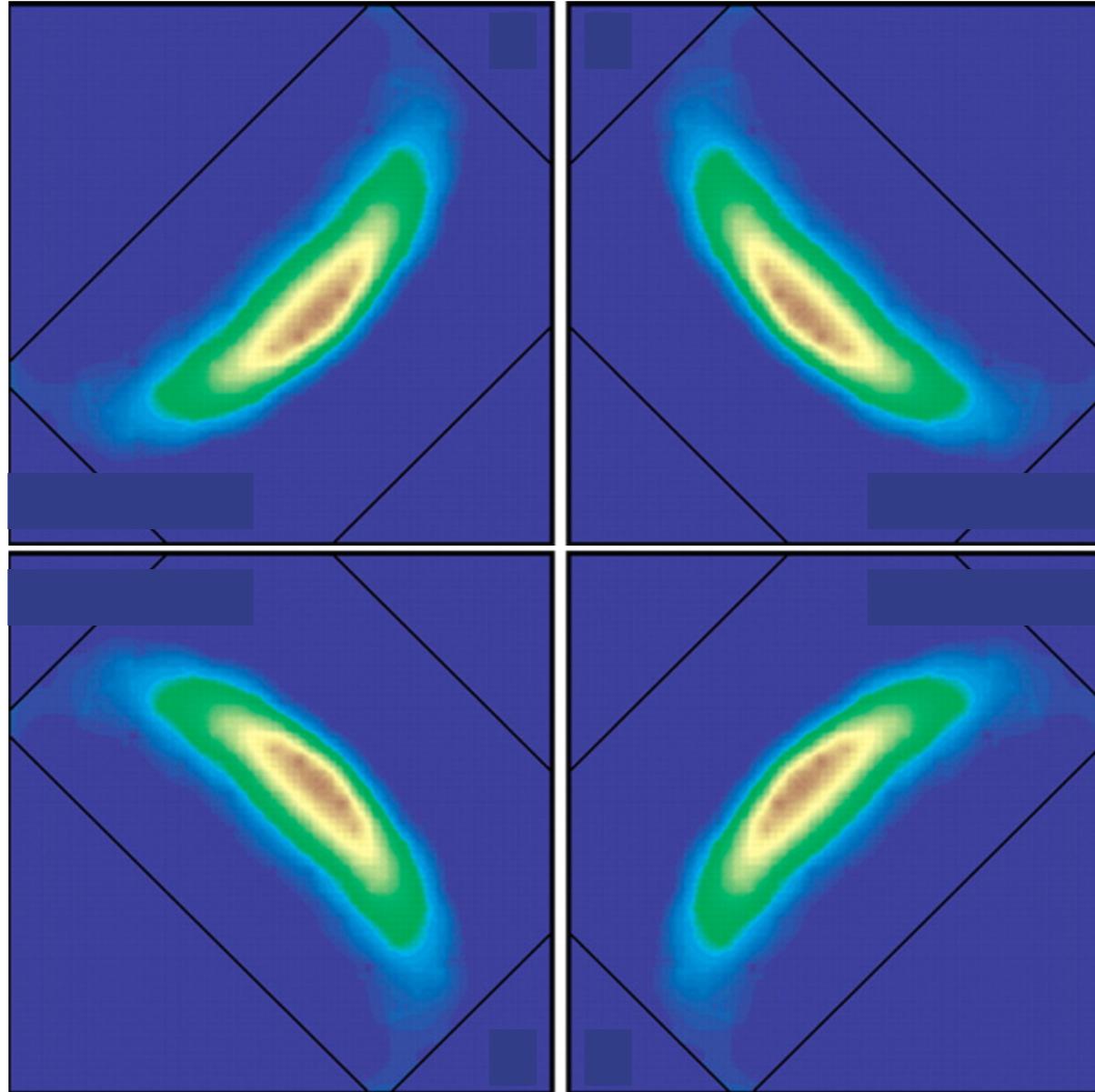
# Momentum-space view at large $p$



Overdoped  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{CuO}_{6+\delta}$   
 $T_c = 30\text{K}$

“*Large Fermi surface*”:  
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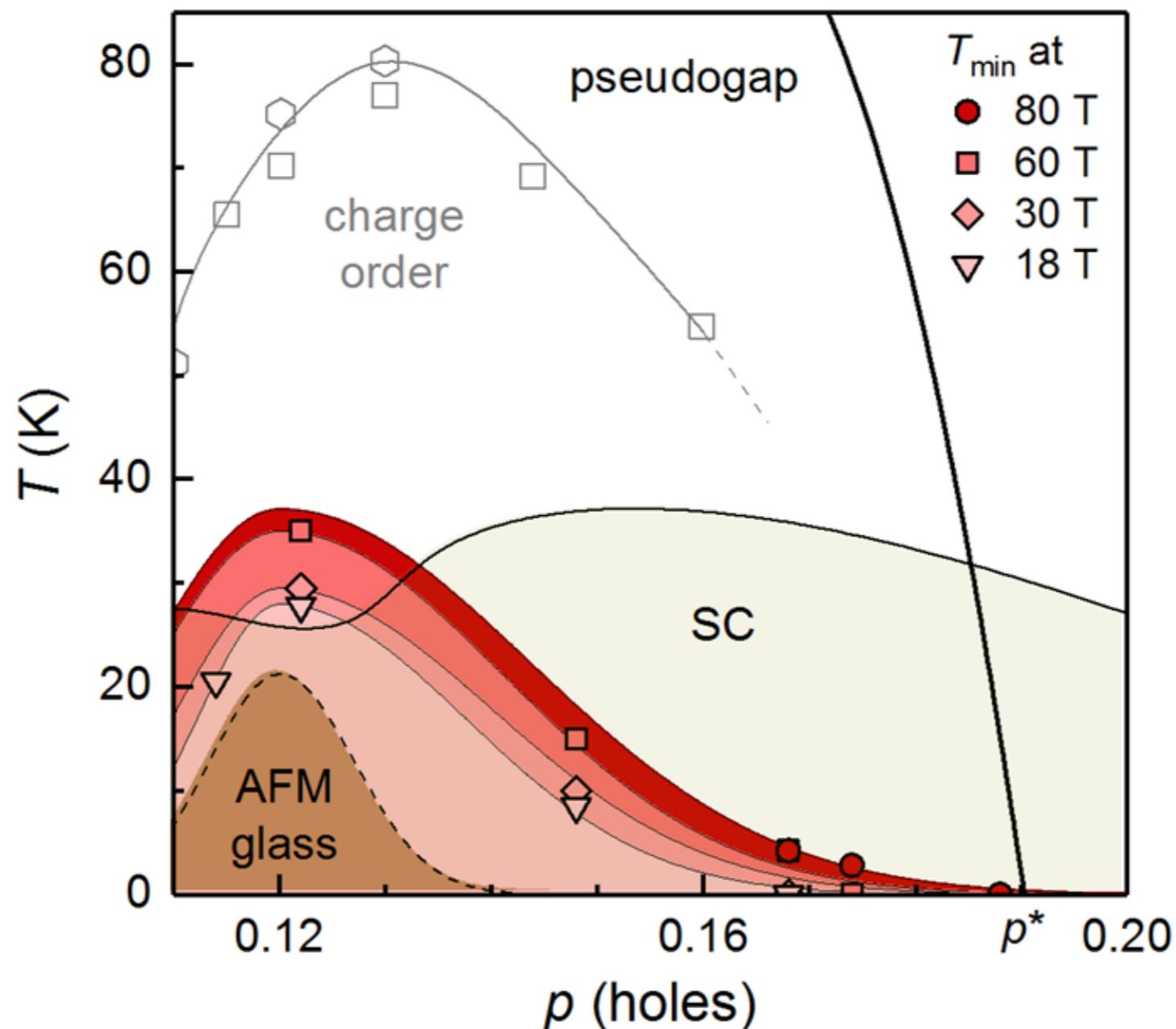
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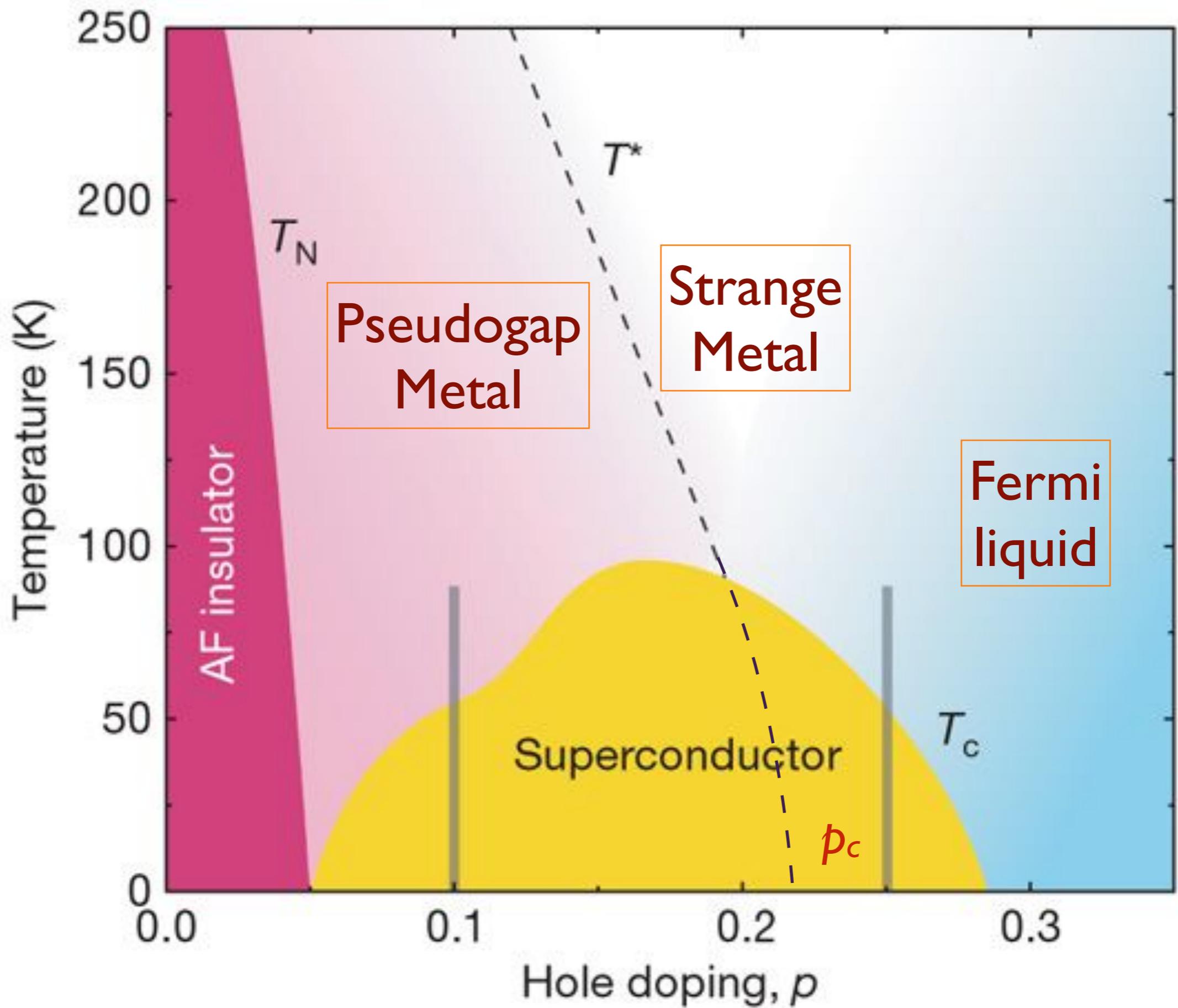
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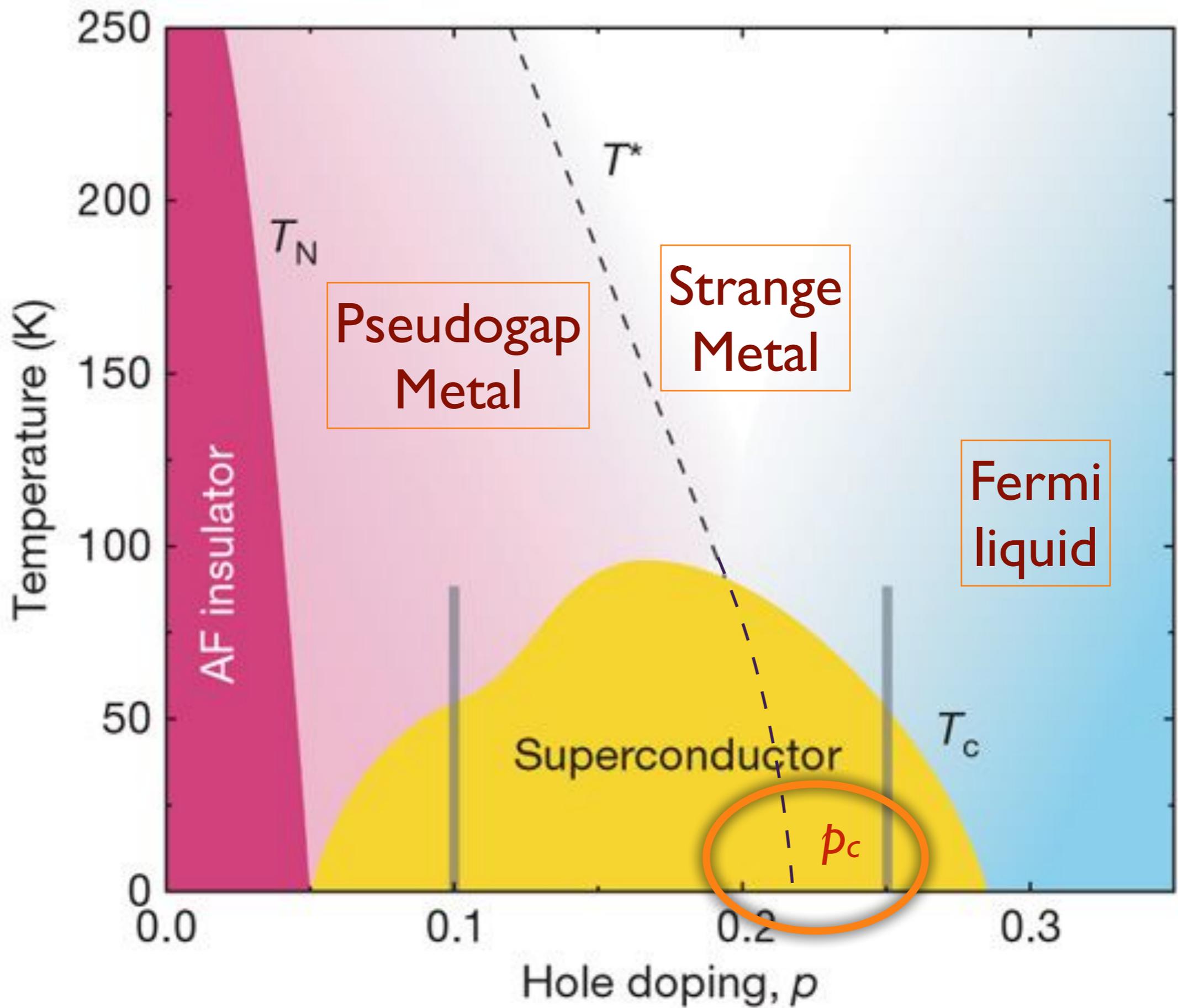
# Hidden magnetism at the pseudogap critical point of a high temperature superconductor

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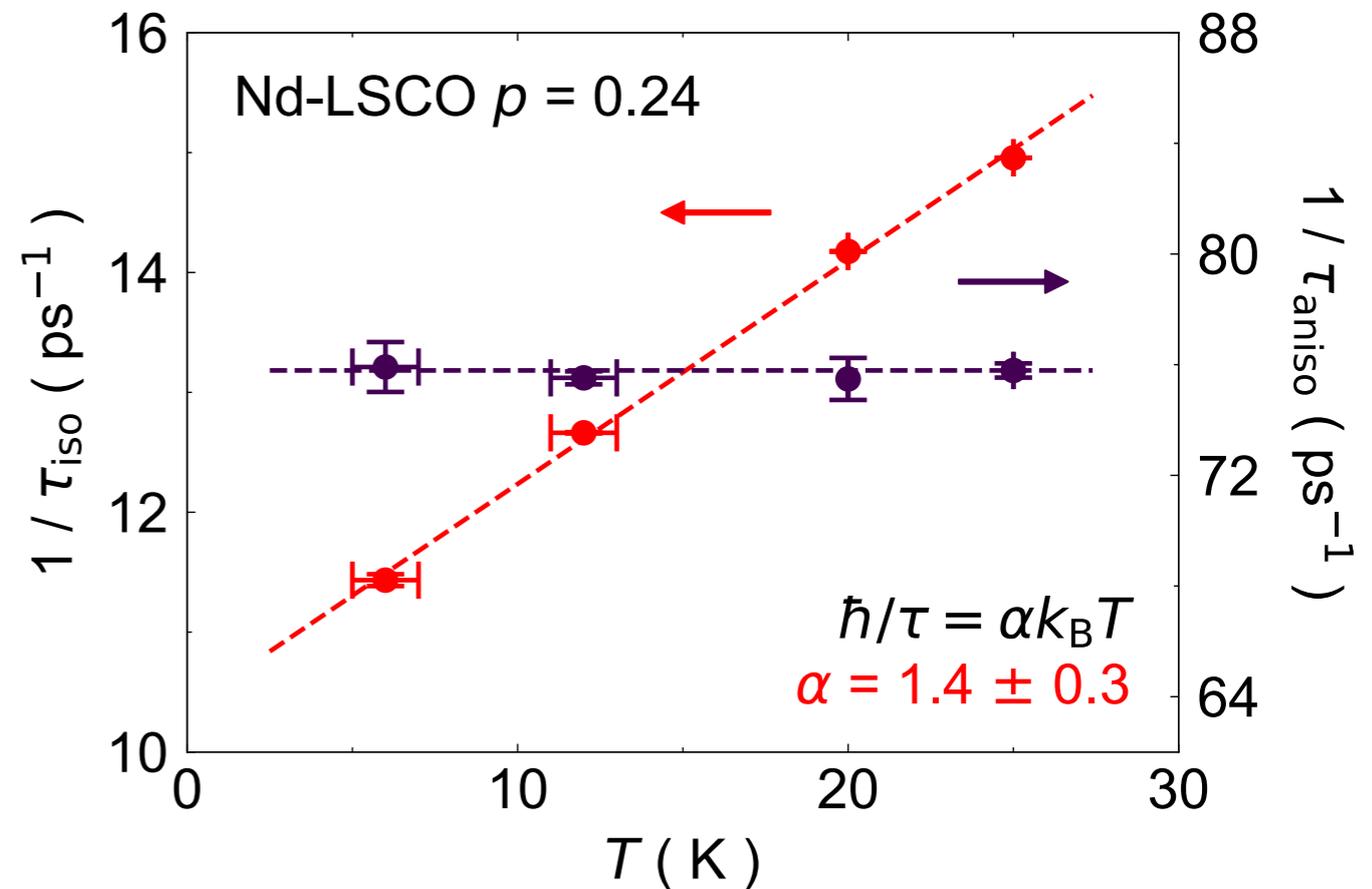
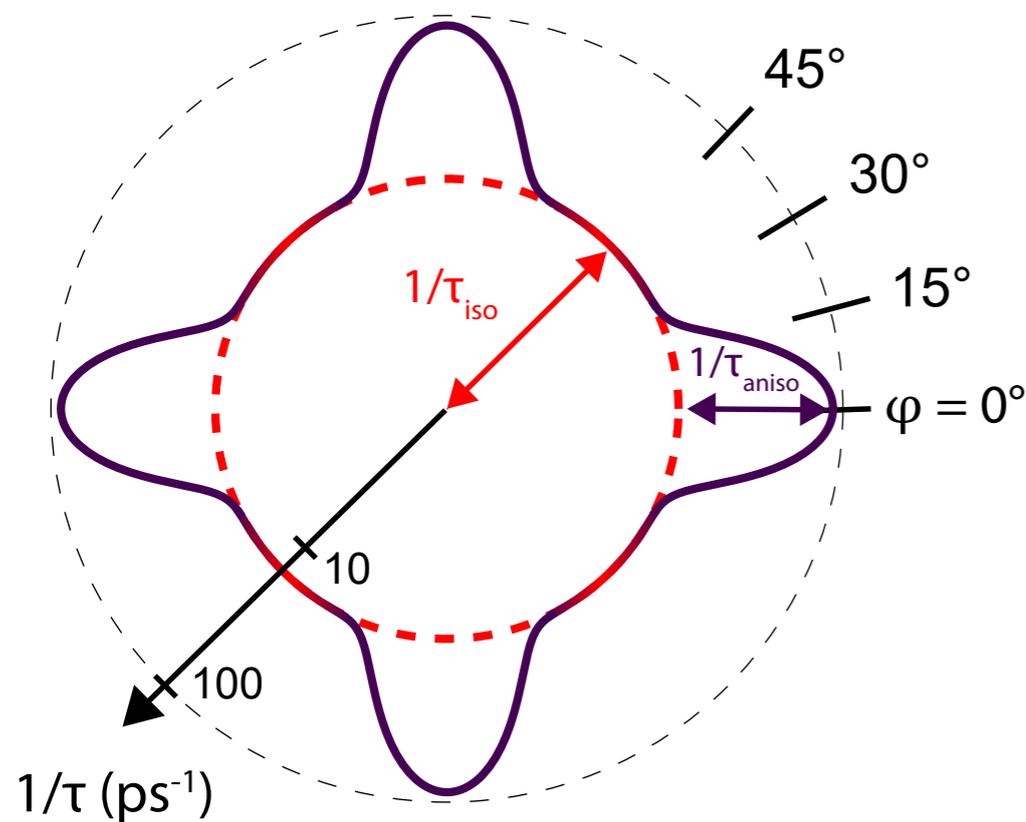




# Measurement of the Planckian Scattering Rate

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Angle-dependent magnetoresistance in Nd-LSCO near  $p = p_c \approx 0.23$ .



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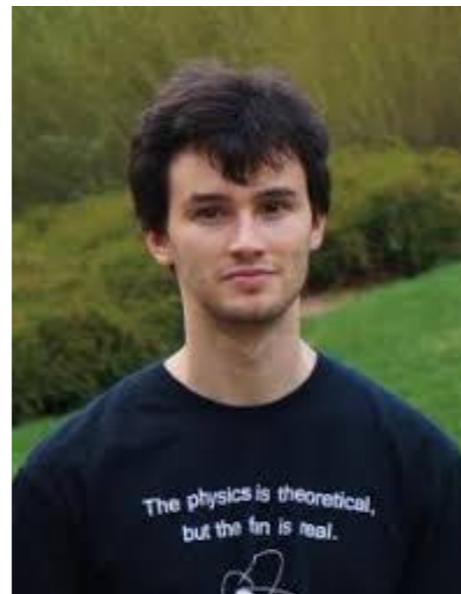
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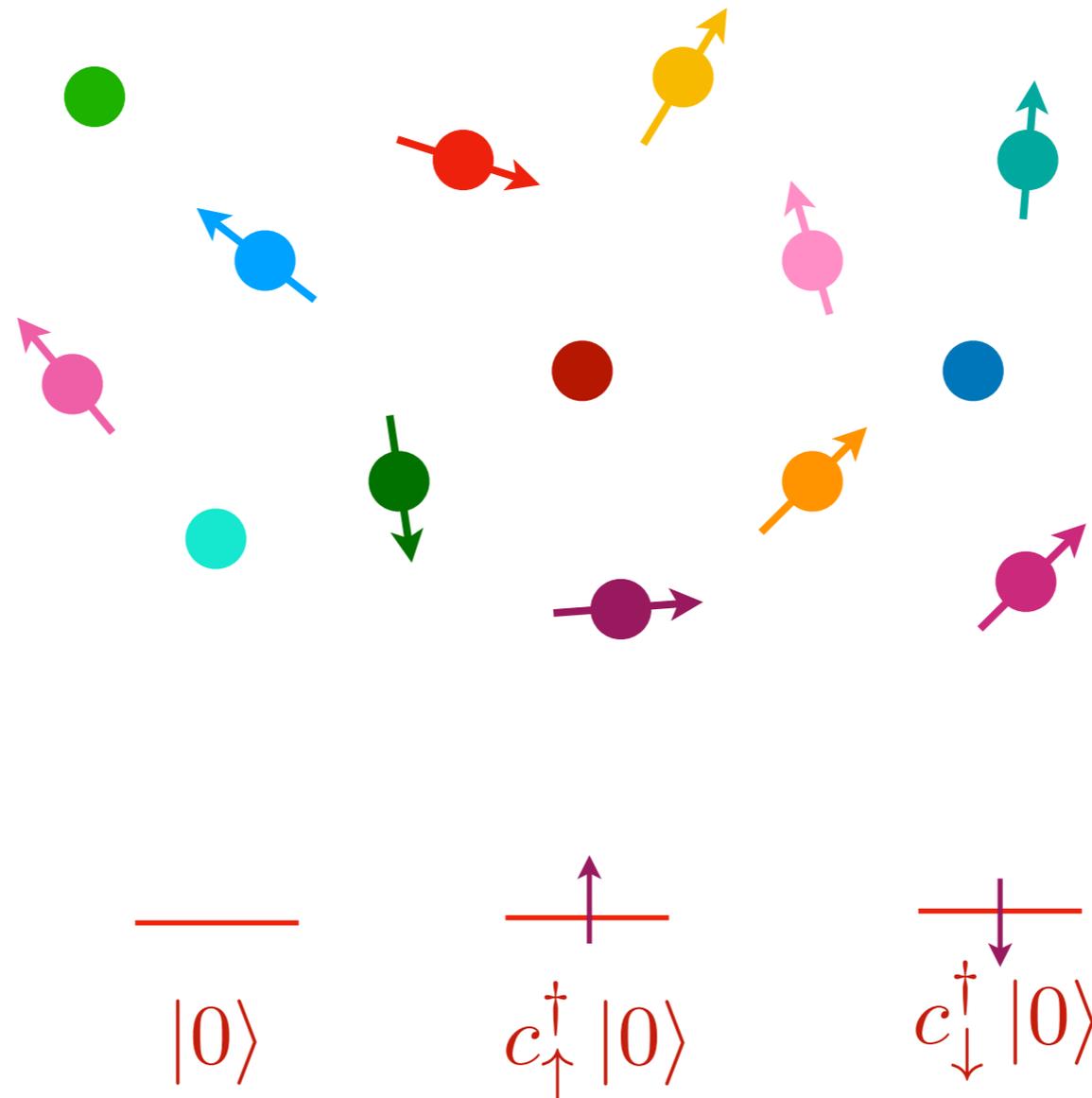
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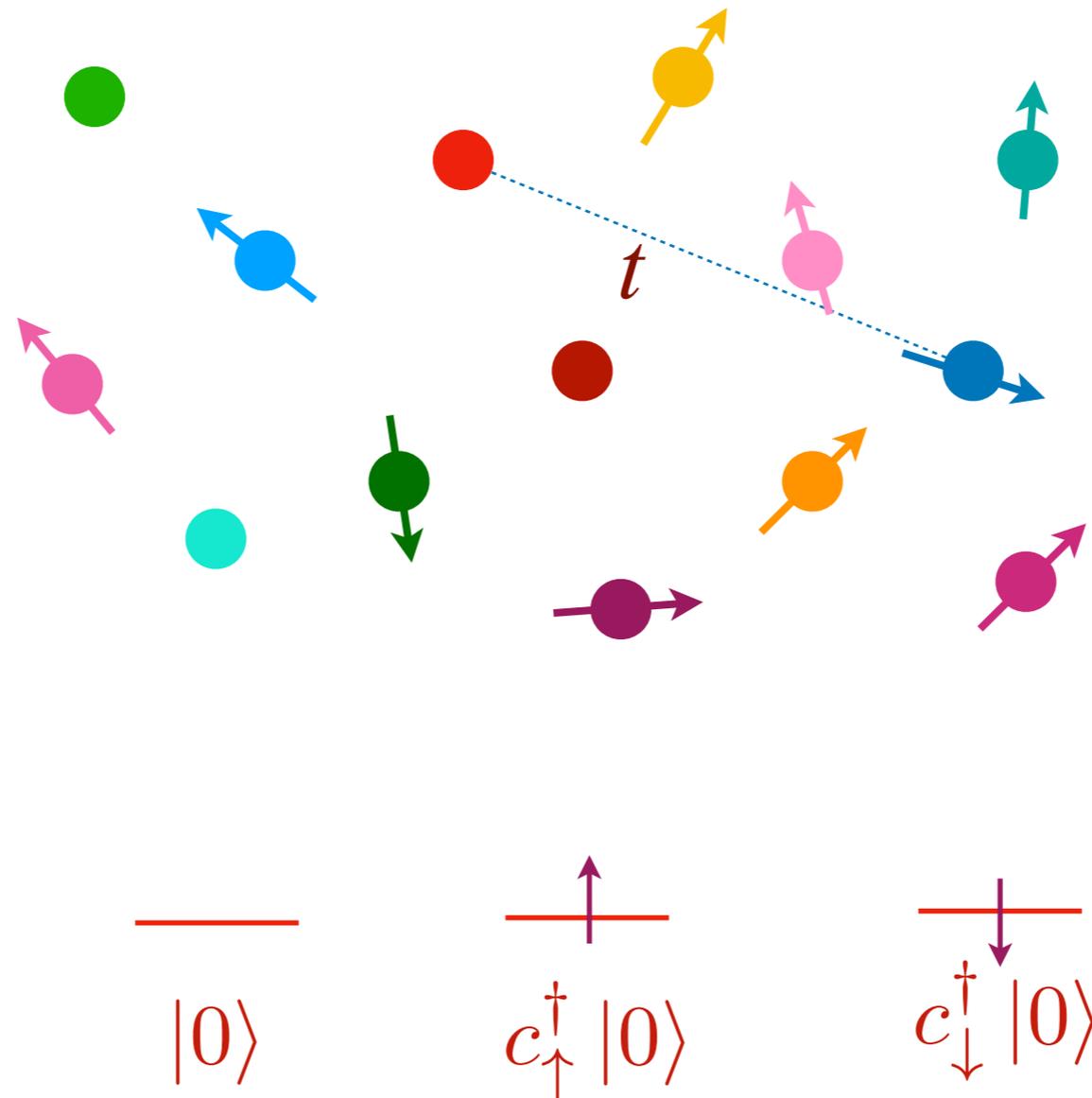
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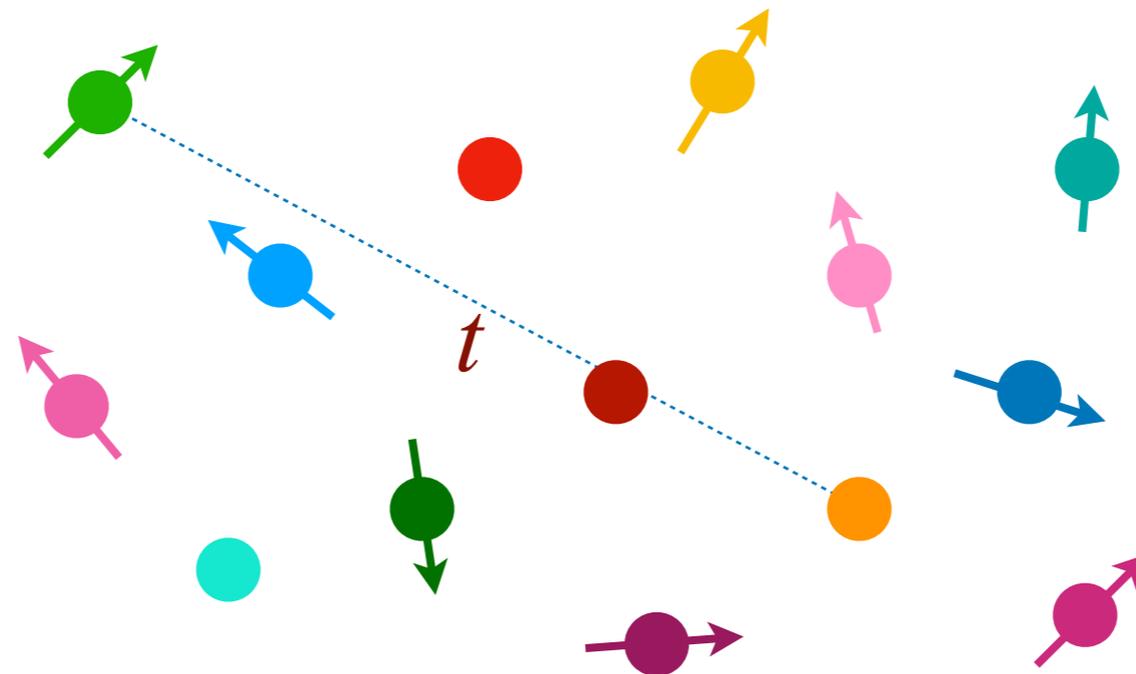
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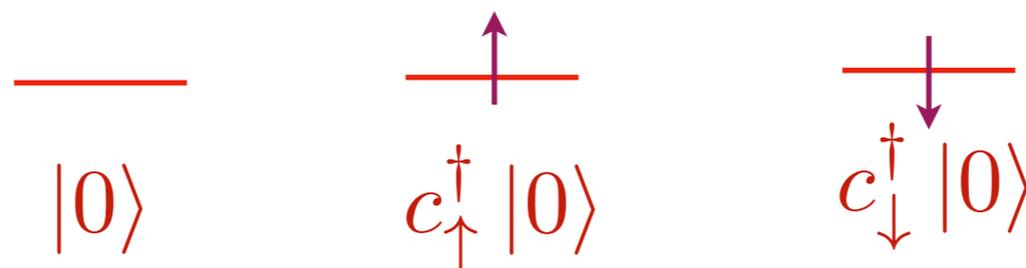
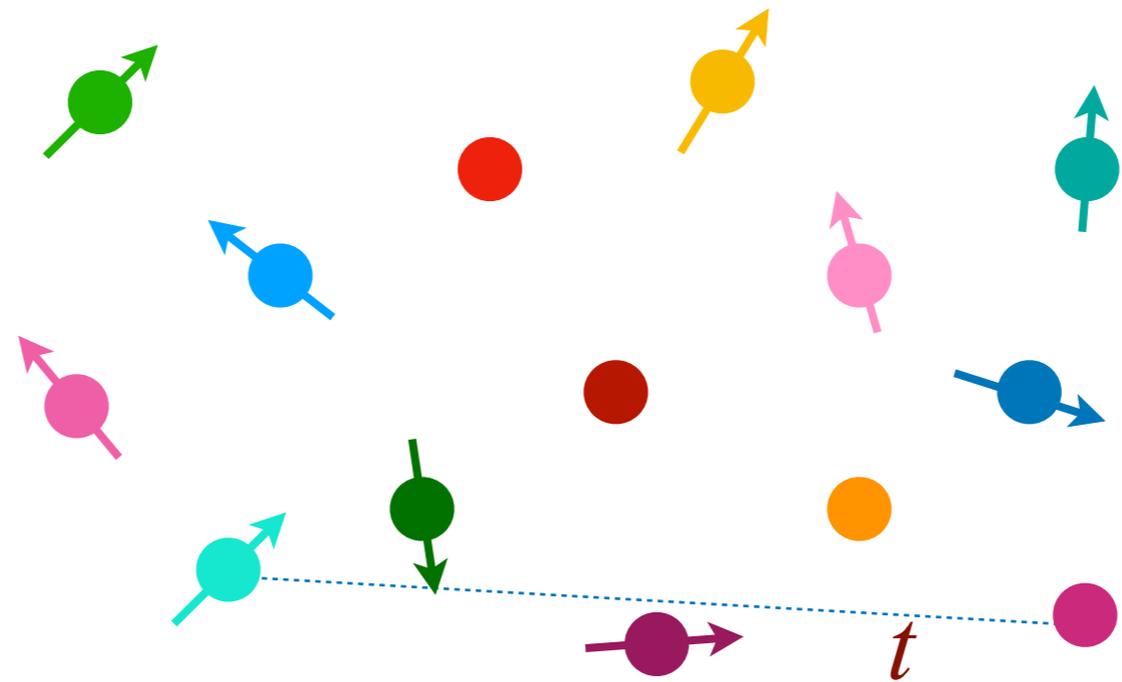
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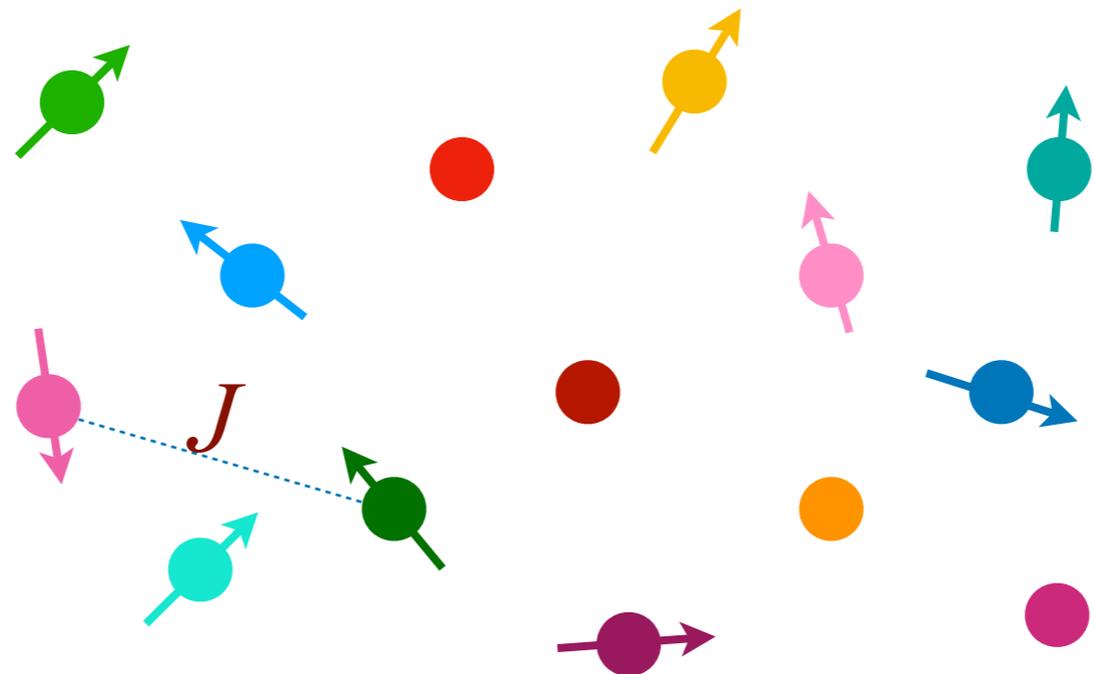
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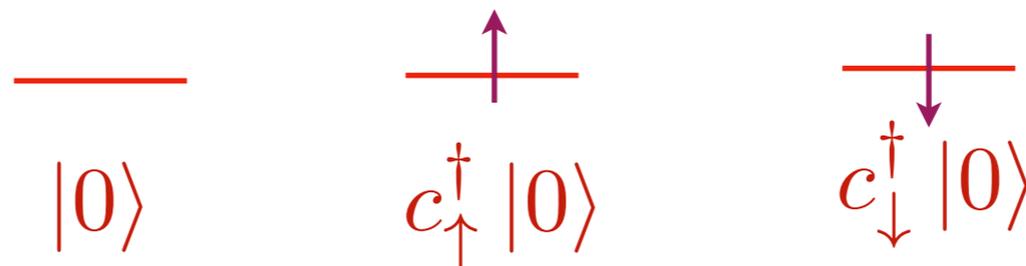
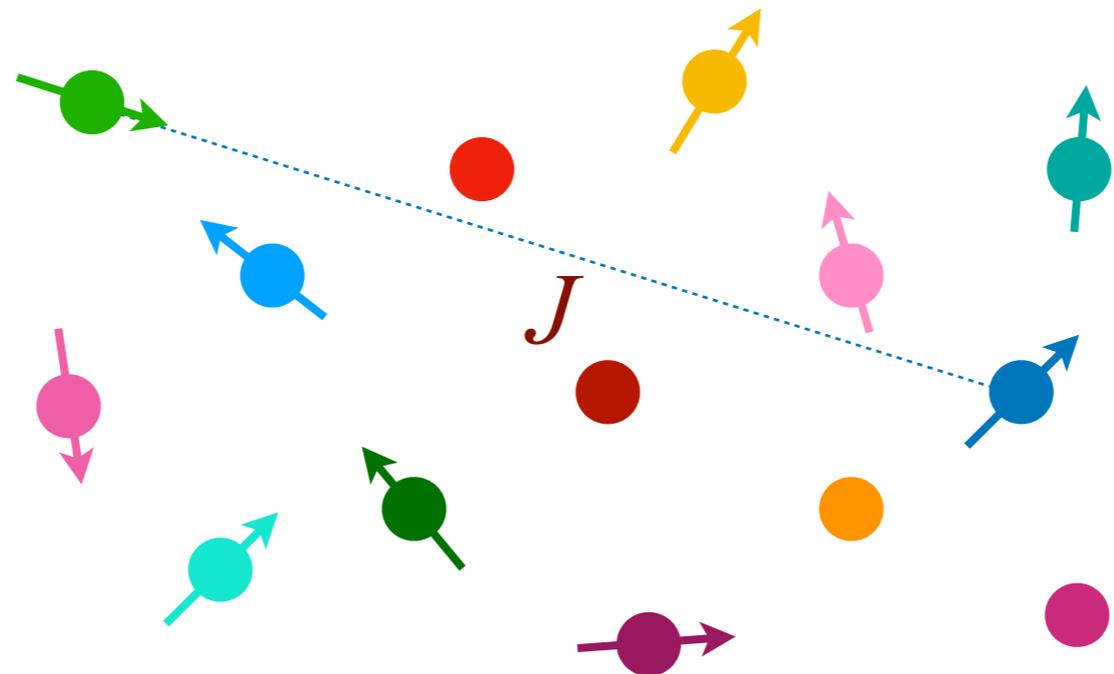
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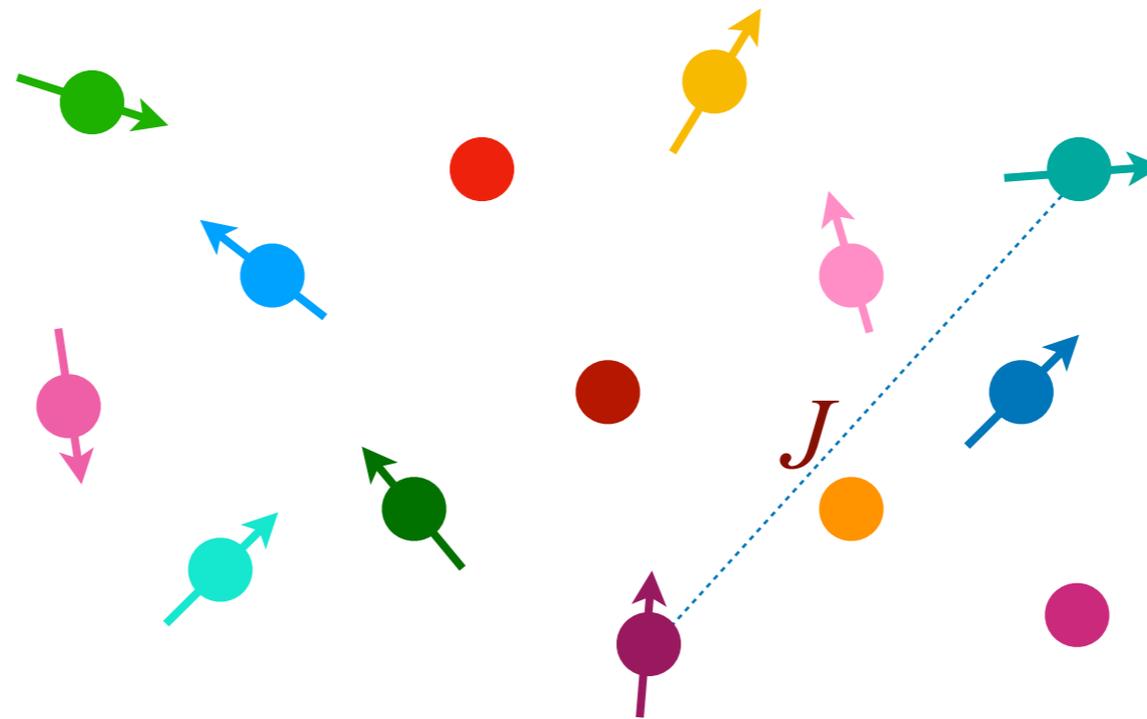
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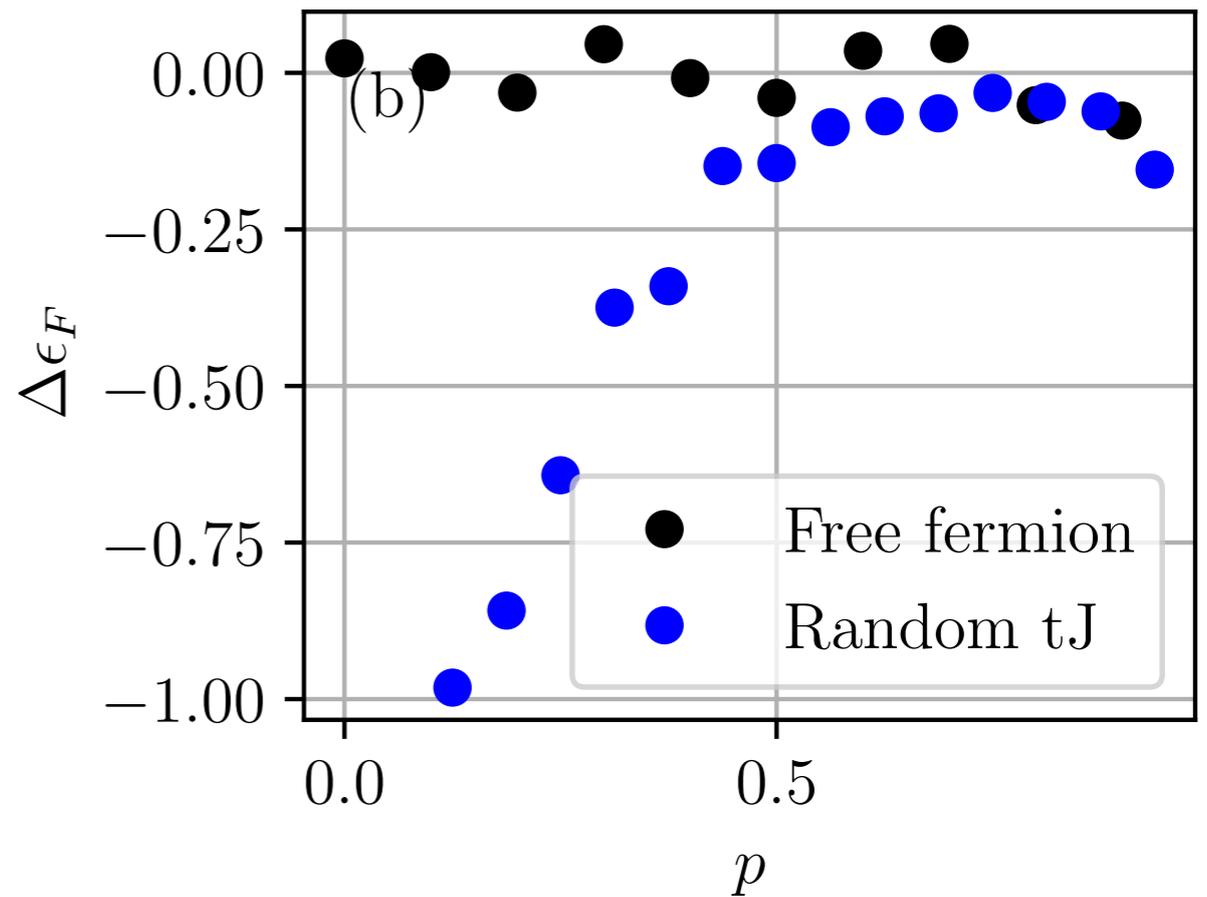
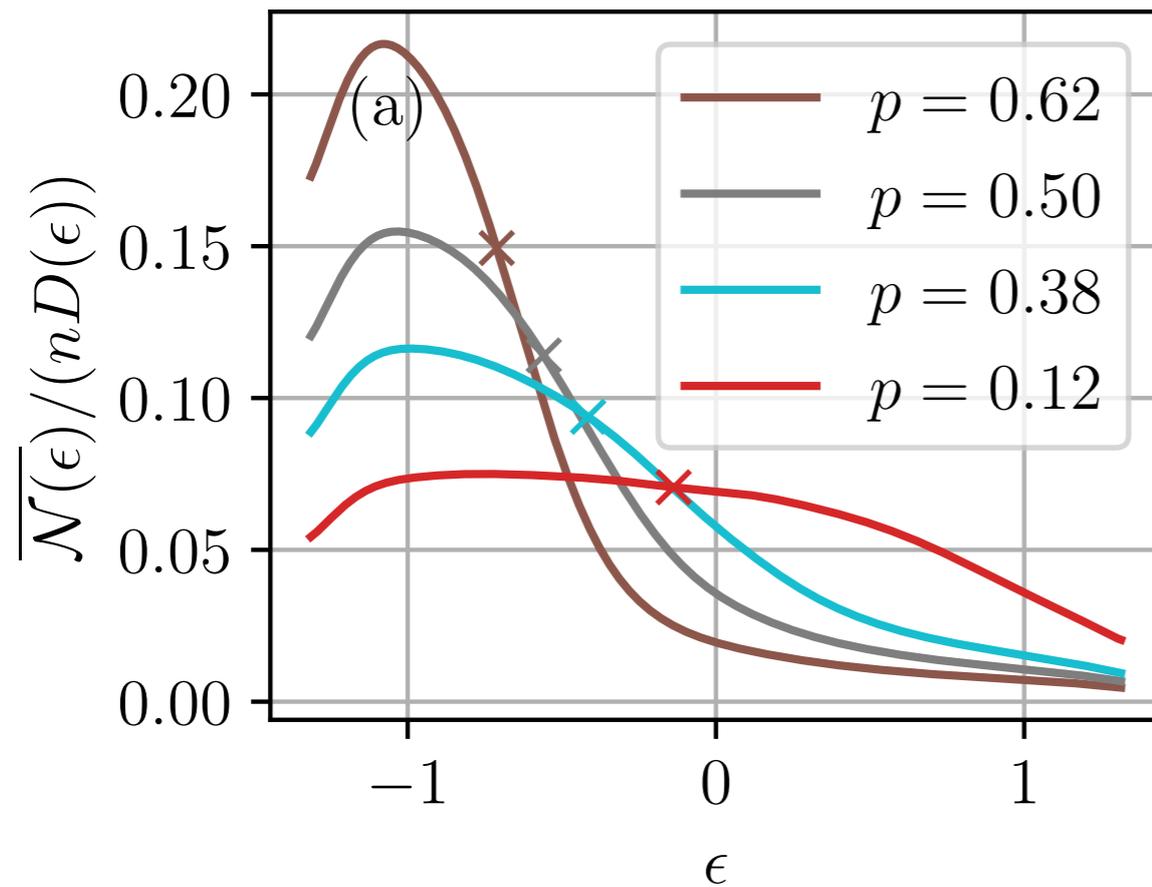


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# One particle energy distribution function



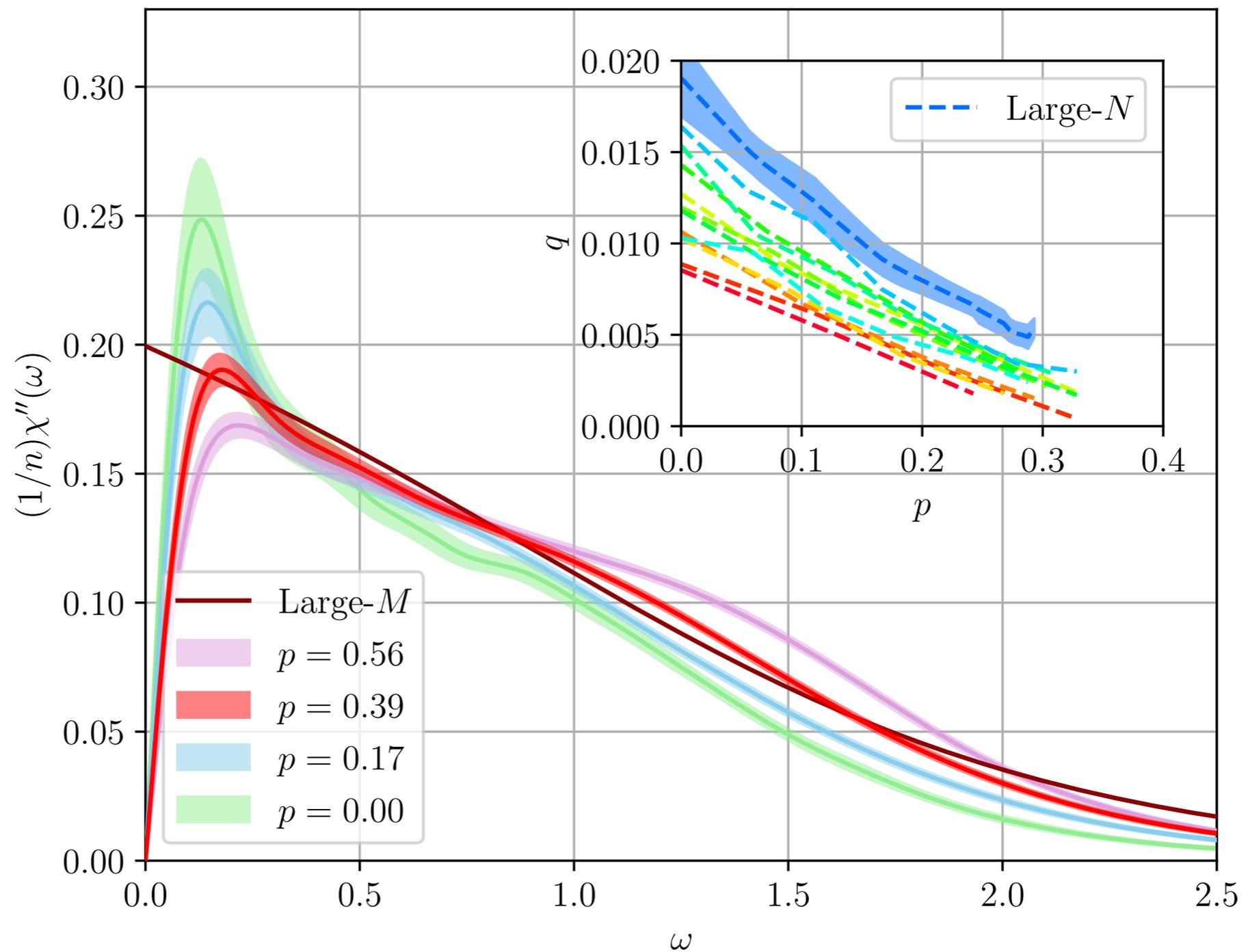
$$\mathcal{N}(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\lambda} \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\lambda}) \sum_{ij\sigma} \langle \lambda | i \rangle \langle c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} \rangle \langle j | \lambda \rangle$$

where  $|\lambda\rangle$  are one-particle eigenstates of the  $t_{ij}$ . In a Fermi liquid, the Luttinger identity implies that  $\mathcal{N}(\epsilon)$  has a discontinuity at the free particle Fermi energy  $\epsilon_F$ . ( $D(\epsilon)$  is the Wigner semi-circle density of states.)

Evidence for a “*Large Fermi surface*” for  $p > p_c \approx 0.4$

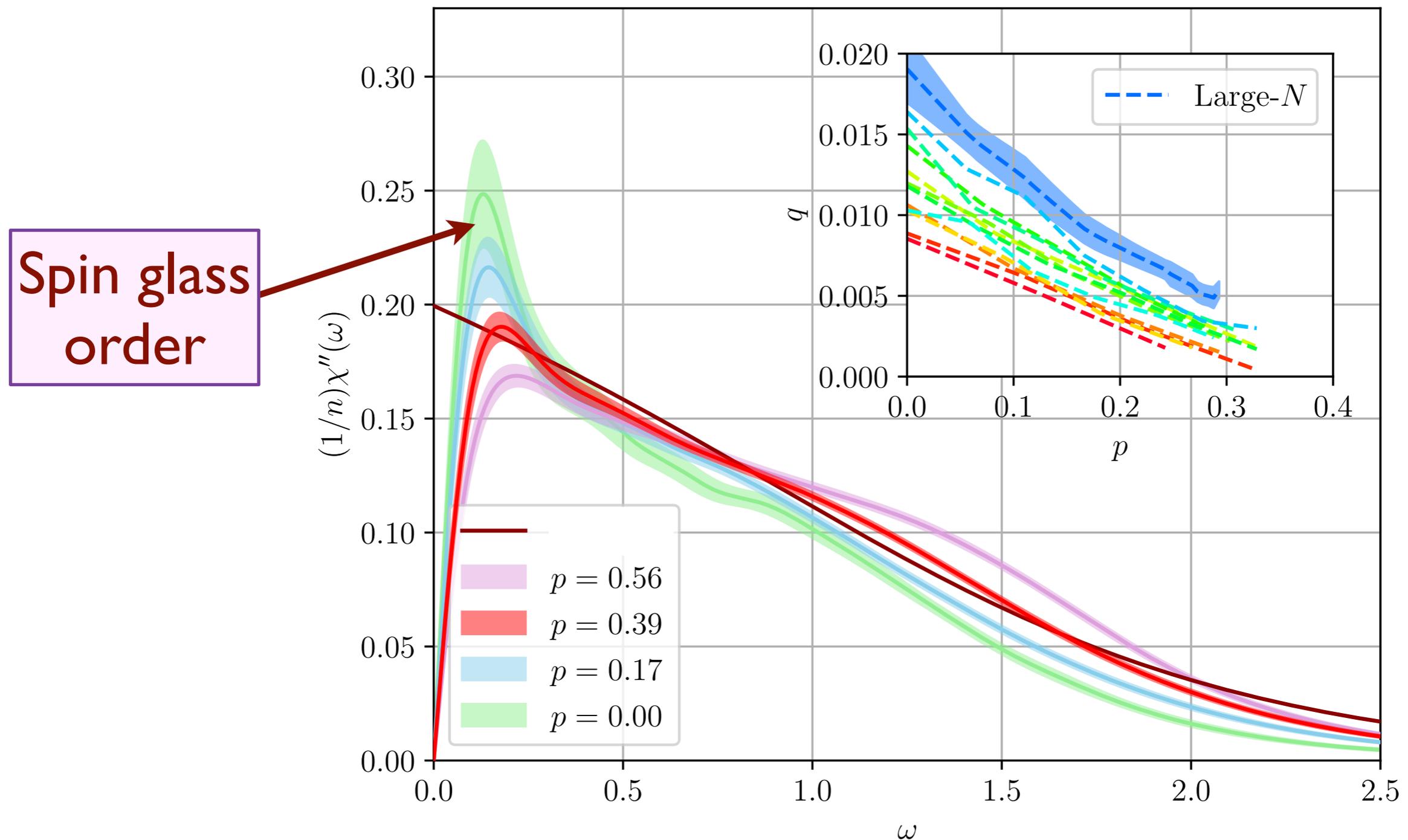
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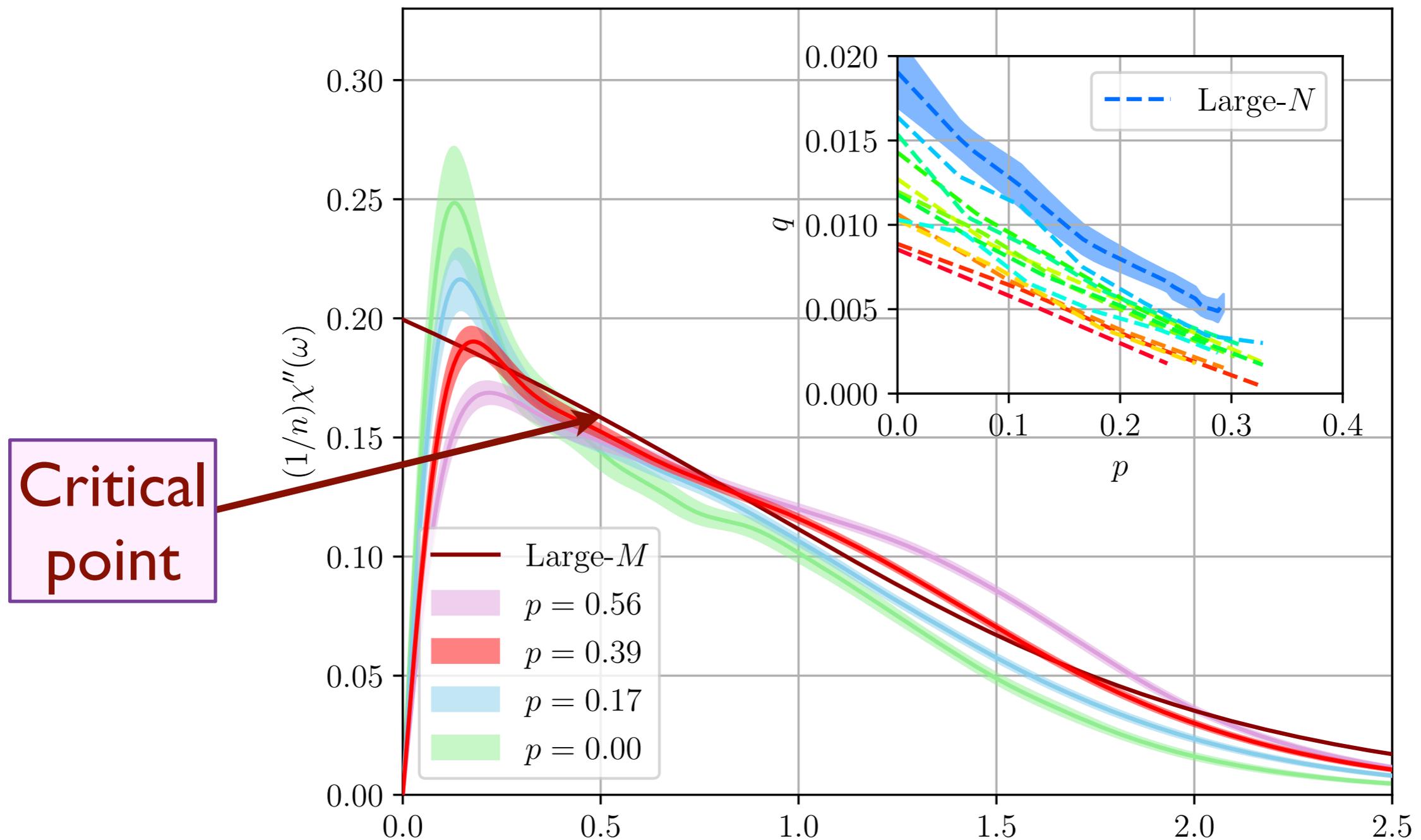
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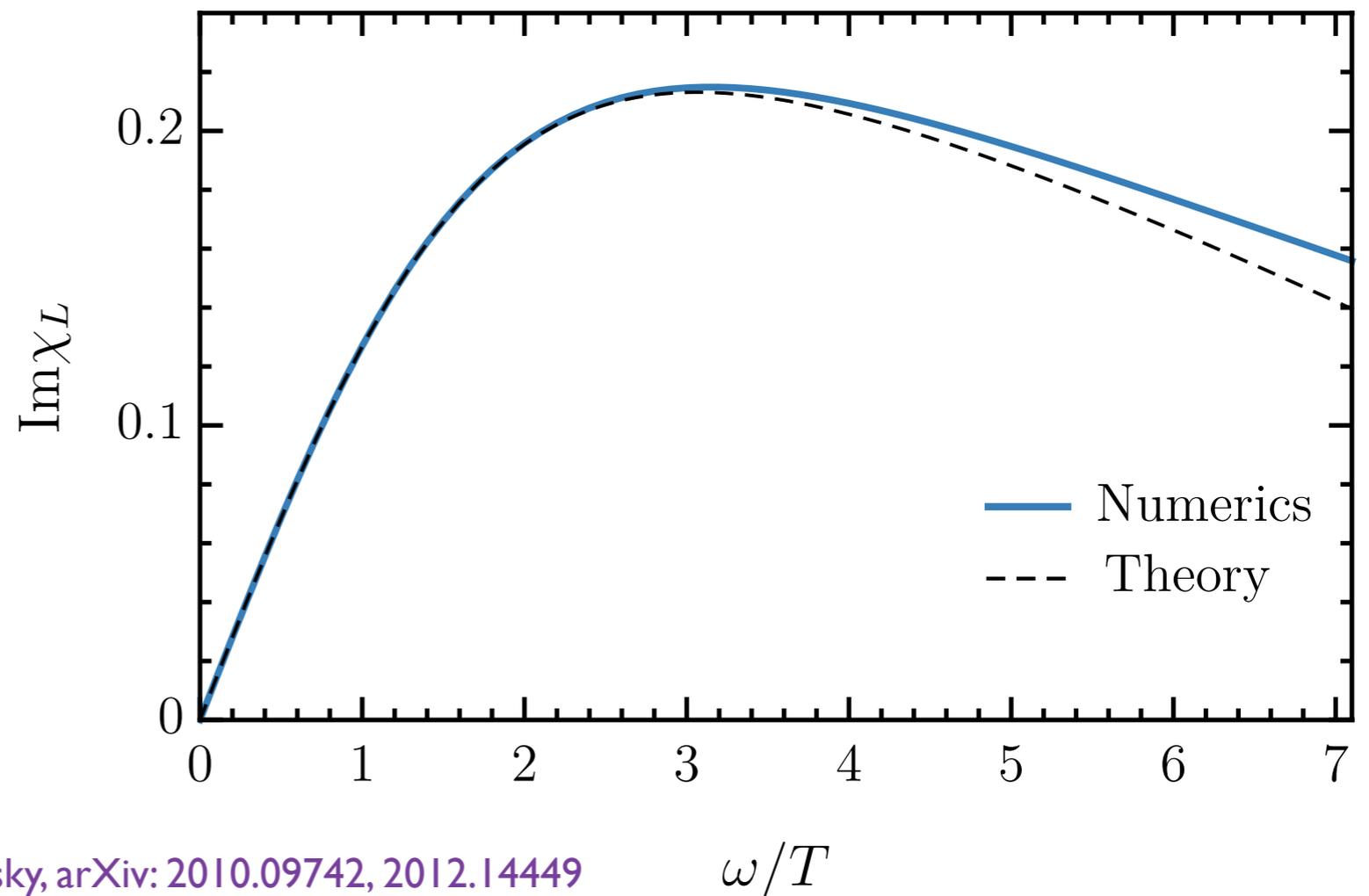
Critical spin susceptibility matches the SYK model!

$$\chi''(\omega) \sim \text{sgn}(\omega) [1 - C\gamma|\omega| + \dots]$$

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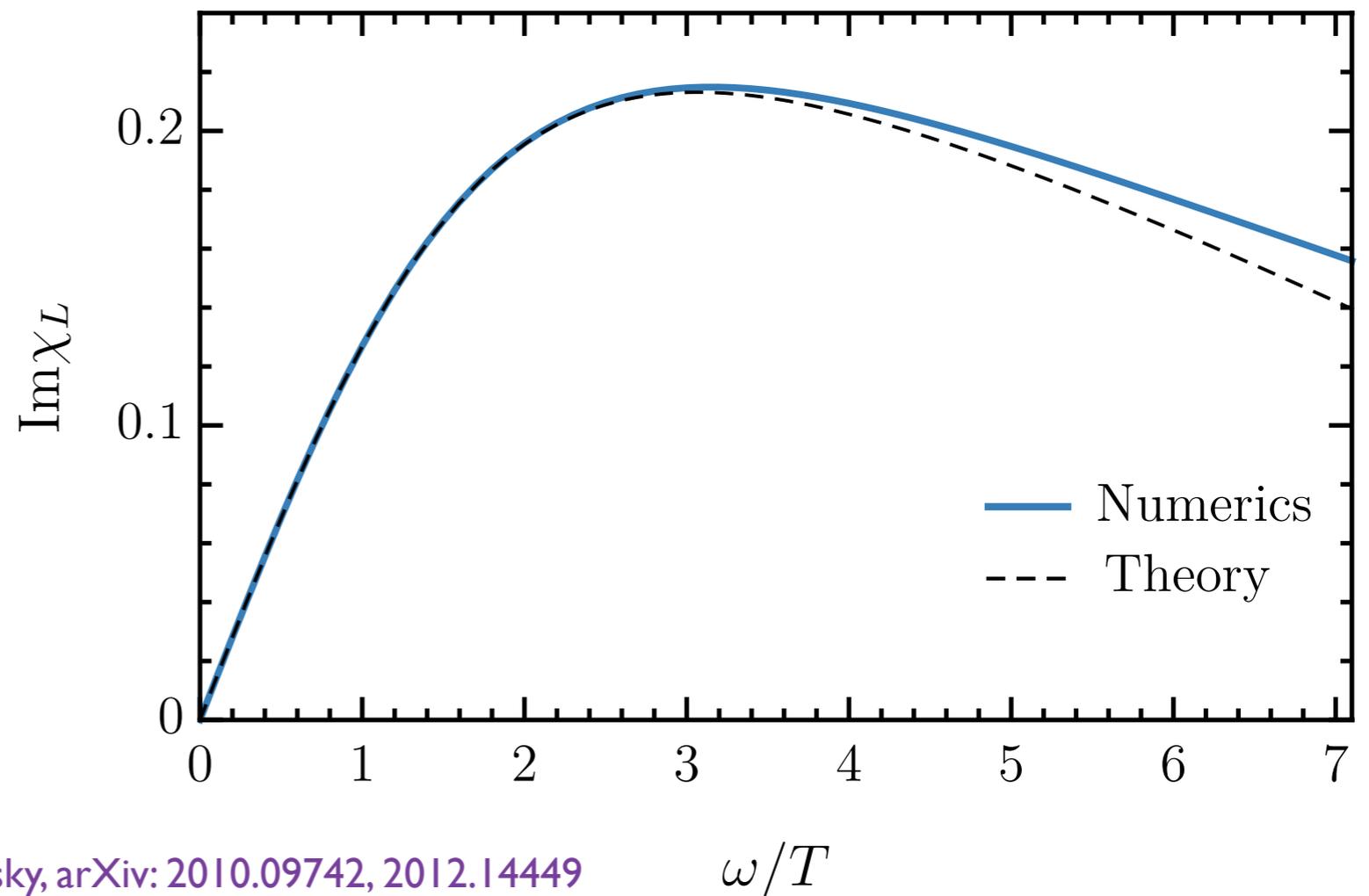
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Conformally (SL(2,R))  
invariant result with  
characteristic dissipative  
time  $\sim \hbar/(k_B T)$

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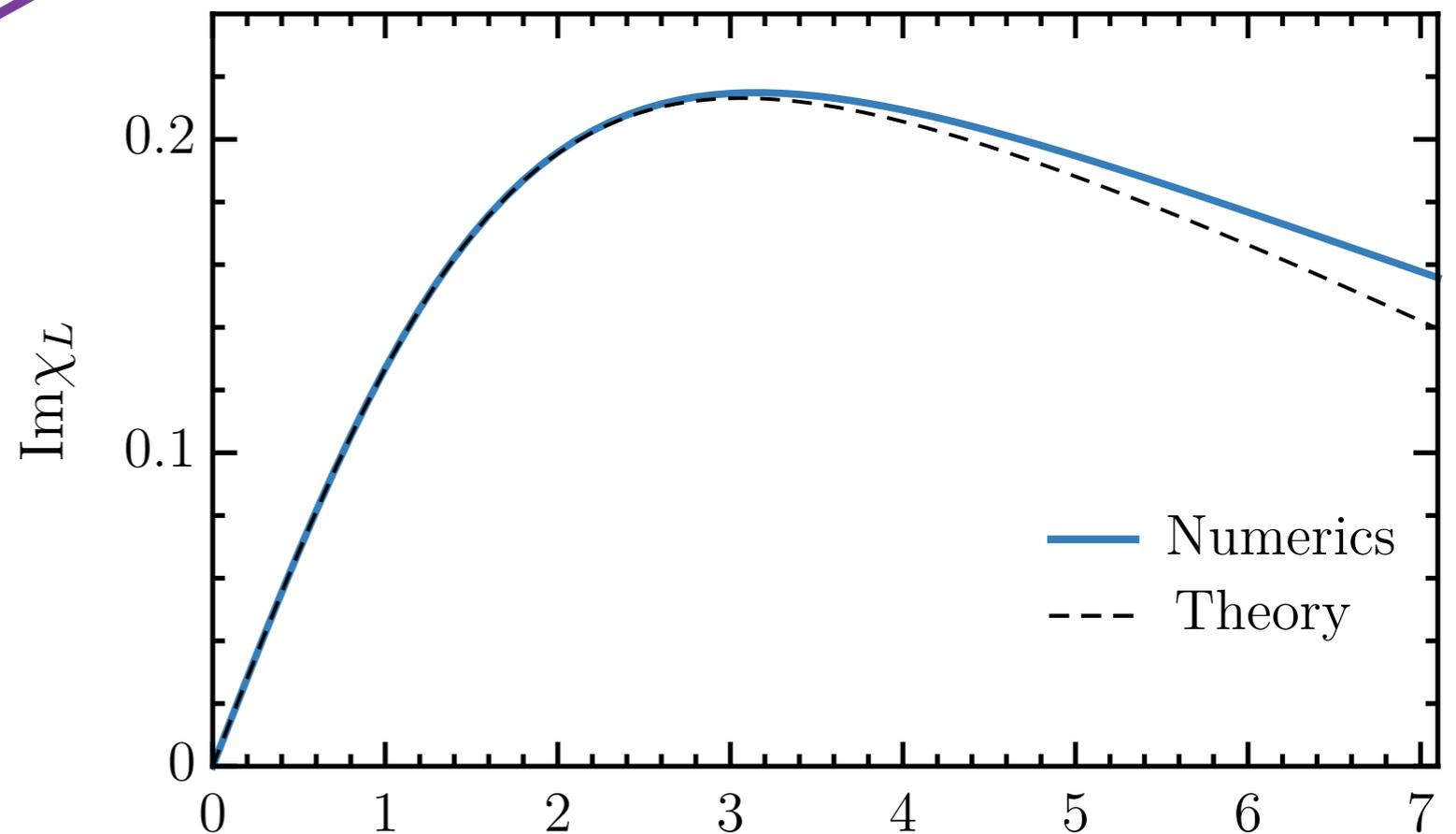


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- SYK criticality can be understood in a model in which the electron fractionalizes into spinons and holons: then both the  $t$  and  $J$  terms map onto 4-particle SYK terms.

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Complex multi-particle entanglement  
leads to quantum systems  
without quasiparticle excitations.

Many-body chaos and  
thermal equilibration  
in the shortest possible  
Planckian time  $\sim \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$ .